

# Study Dark Matter & Cosmic Neutrinos while Defending the Earth

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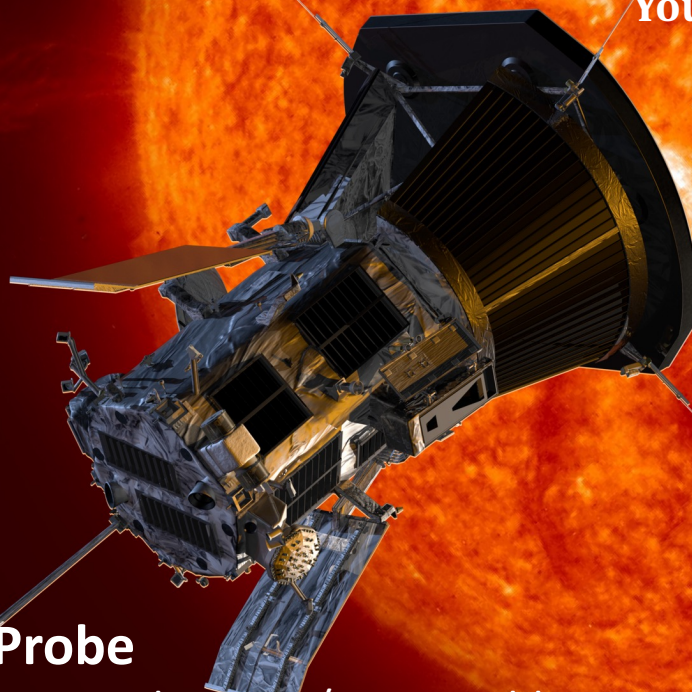
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## **Parker Solar Probe**

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• **<https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.07674>**

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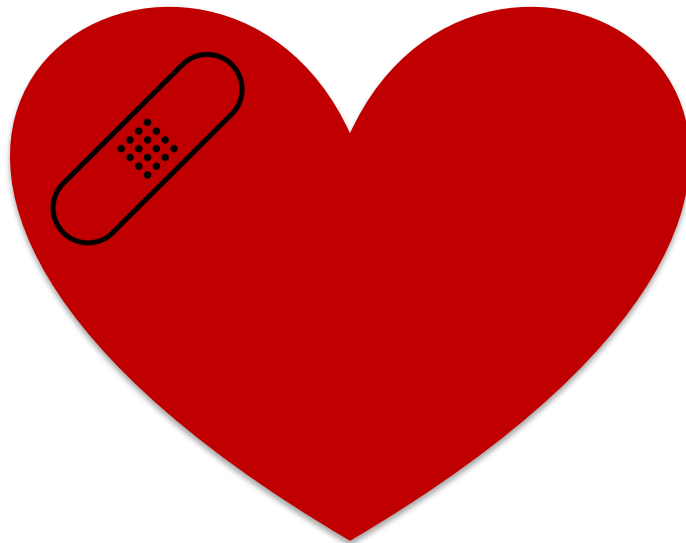
**Under review by Nature Astronomy**

**My outreach interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDX9XwLHBuM> (> 76K views!)**

**I will first have the mental-health discussion, as it is very important!**

# Hidden Sector of Diversity

- 1. Normalize the discussion of mental health**
- 2. Understand & support invisible disabilities**
- 3. Value neurodiversity**



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# Academia's Mental Health Crisis

- We are doing way worse than national average
- We cannot wait for a national outcry to improve this issue  
**“41% of graduate students scored as having moderate to severe anxiety on the GAD07 scale as compared to 6% of the general population”, see <https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.4089>, Evans et al.**
- **Many other studies support this.**
- It is not hard to improve it: implement useful changes

# My Definitions for Discussions

- **Invisible disabilities:** diagonalizable disabilities including ADHD, PTSD, autism, learning disabilities, chronic pain (often pre-existing; not visible)
- **Mental health issues:** general behavioral or mental pattern that causes distress or impairment of personal functioning
- **Neurodiversity:** variations in the human brain and cognition, for instance in sociability, learning, attention, mood, and other mental functions



# My journey

- I have **55 publications including research & white papers; roughly 1,400 citations**. But being different, I often feel like an outsider
- **Taiwan had serious child abuse issues in school, conducted by teachers & normalized in society**
- I overcame untreated invisible disabilities; but **without treating them & proper support, my life expectancy, personal functioning, and relationships were greatly impaired**
- It's not enough to treat them. **We also need understandings.**
- **I realized that I can be a unique voice in our community**

# Open-up is difficult, but very helpful!

- **I benefit from a senior/respected collaborator open-up about the personal struggles in social media**
- **It finally urged me to face my own invisible disabilities & I received medical treatments**
- **Life is so much better. I now have longer life expectancy & satisfaction (backed by studies!)**

# Aspen Mental Health Lunch

**The lunch is confidential**, but one can cover topics include

1. Utilize resource inc. HR, lab/school sources, etc.
2. Develop mentoring & group meeting plans
3. Increase representation of neurodiverse people;  
Reduce negative connotation/descriptions
4. Conflict resolution for neuro-diverse people
5. Co-learning with LGBTQIA community
6. Intersectionality: gender, racial, cultural discussions

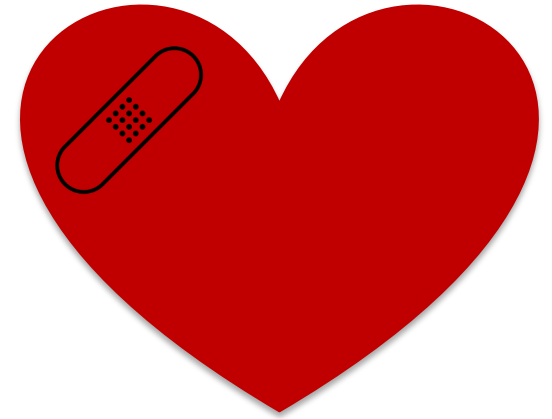
I am happy to be your guest host such a lunch in your department :)

# Important Efforts

1. A. Welsh, “Mental health for academics;” Slack channel
2. Assamagan, **Bitter**, Chen, Choi, Esquivel, Jepsen, Lewis, Muronga, Walkowicz, **Zhang**, **Snowmass Whitepaper**: “Building a Culture of Equitable Access and Success for Marginalized Members in Today's Particle Physics Community,” <https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.01849>  
Specifically discussed invisible disability!
3. S. Charley, “How to be human in physics,”  
looking for your stories to share.



# Let us all



- 1. Normalize the discussion of mental health**
- 2. Support & understand invisible disabilities**
- 3. Value neurodiversity**

**I encourage your own neuro-diverse ways to improve our community!**

- My vision is one day we can all open up about our struggles without the fear of discrimination**
- Follow mental-health science**
- Increase representation of people with invisible disabilities**
- Reduce nepotism & support independence: an academia for everyone**

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## We can also discuss & collaborate on ...

- Fixed-target searches for dark matter & long-lived particles (**FerMINI** & LongQuest) with [Pospelov et al.](#)
- LHC Forward Experiments: Forward Physics Facility, **FORMOSA** (a millicharge experiment I proposed), with [Feng et al.](#)
- Dark matter model building (dark sector QCD, Strongly Self-Interacting Dark Matter, SIMP/ELDER), with [Murayama](#), [Slatyer](#), [Perelstein et al.](#)
- Dark matter searches using neutron star / compact merger / multi-messenger astronomy, with [Profumo](#), [Sathyaprakash et al.](#)
- Neutrino physics (cosmic neutrino background) & neutrino BSM, with [Shoemaker et al.](#)
- Collaborating with **many awesome early-career collaborators.**

**Invisible disabilities cultivate diverse abilities**

# Planetary Defense & Space Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics

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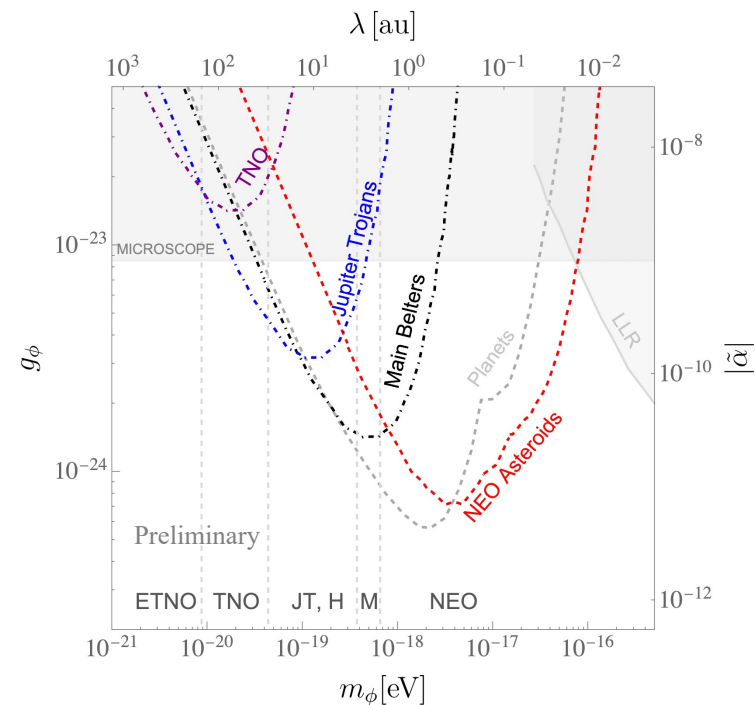
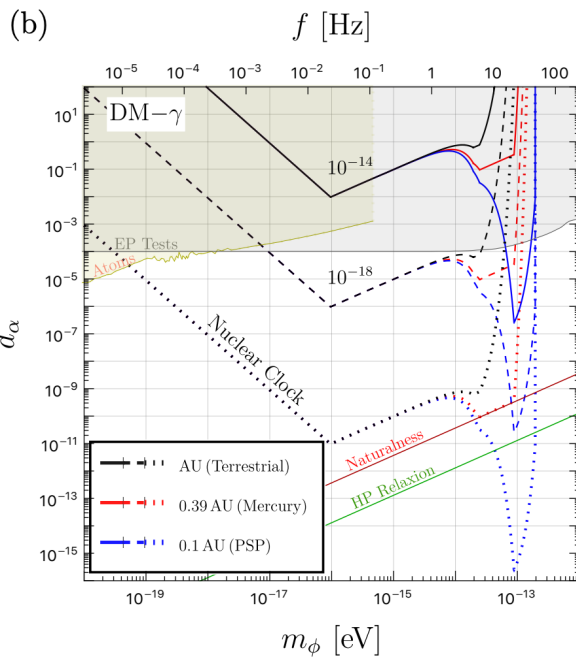
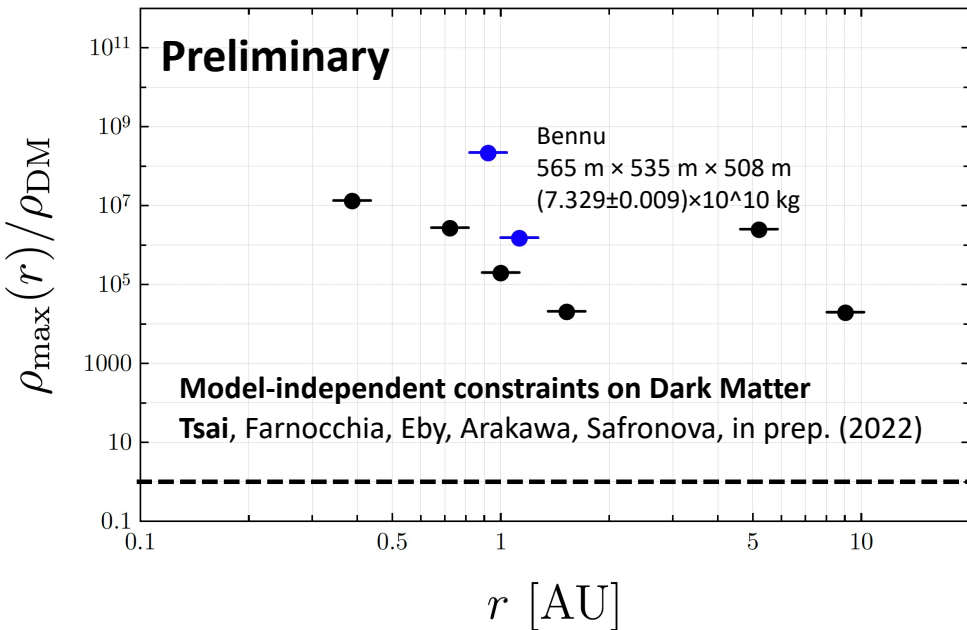
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## 5th-force Analysis

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## Ultralight DM & Quantum Sensor

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.07674>

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# Big Questions

- Can **planetary data** set meaningful constraints on **Dark matter?**  
**General Relativity?**  
**5th forces?**
- Can we use current or future **space quantum technologies** to study fundamental physics?



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# Answers

- Can **planetary data** set meaningful dark matter constraints?  
General Relativity?  
5th forces?  
**Yes! Many opportunities**
- Can we use current or future space quantum technology to study fundamental physics?  
**Yes, I will show you an example today.**
- **Robust analyses underway in collaboration with a NASA JPL planetary defense expert & an AMO expert**

# Outline

- Planetary Defense & Fifth Forces Studies
- Model-Independent Probes of **ANY** Dark Matter Candidates  
(especially purely gravitational dark matter!)
- Space Quantum Clocks & Ultralight Dark Matter
- New Projects & Visions for the Future

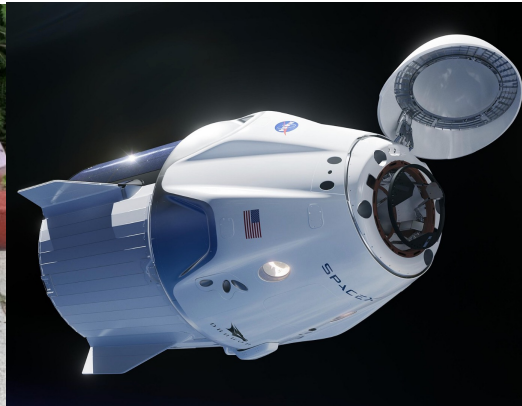
# Theme of this talk:

Bridging Planetary Science, Space/Quantum Technologies, and Fundamental Physics

**Many real-life applications & consequences!**



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**Self-driving Spacecraft!**

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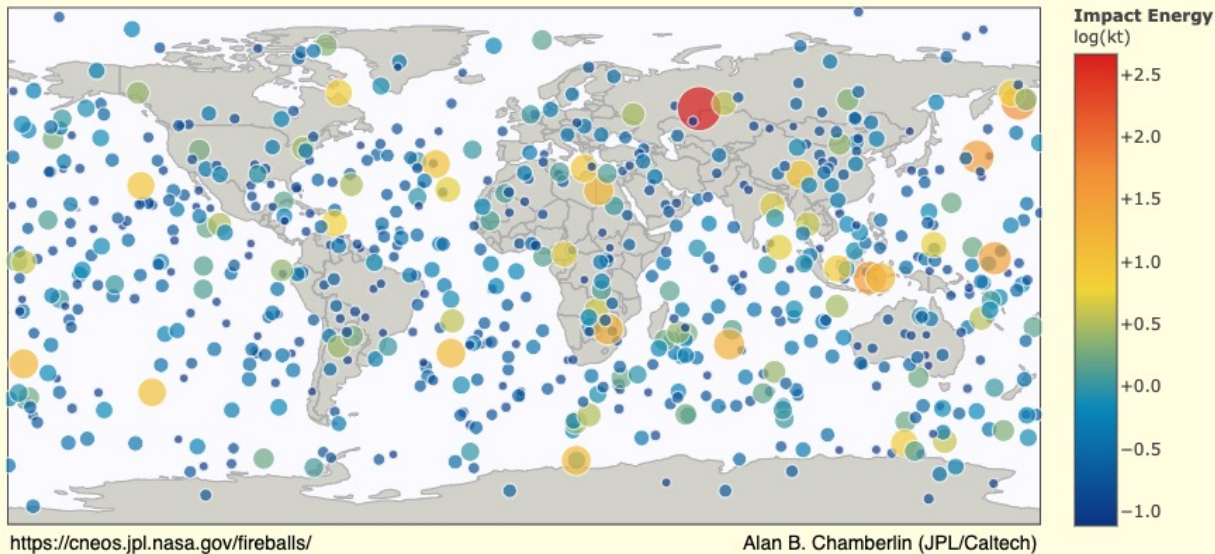


# Planetary Constraints: Dark Matter & Fifth Forces

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# Asteroids hitting the earth

Fireballs Reported by US Government Sensors  
(1988-Apr-15 to 2021-Jul-30)



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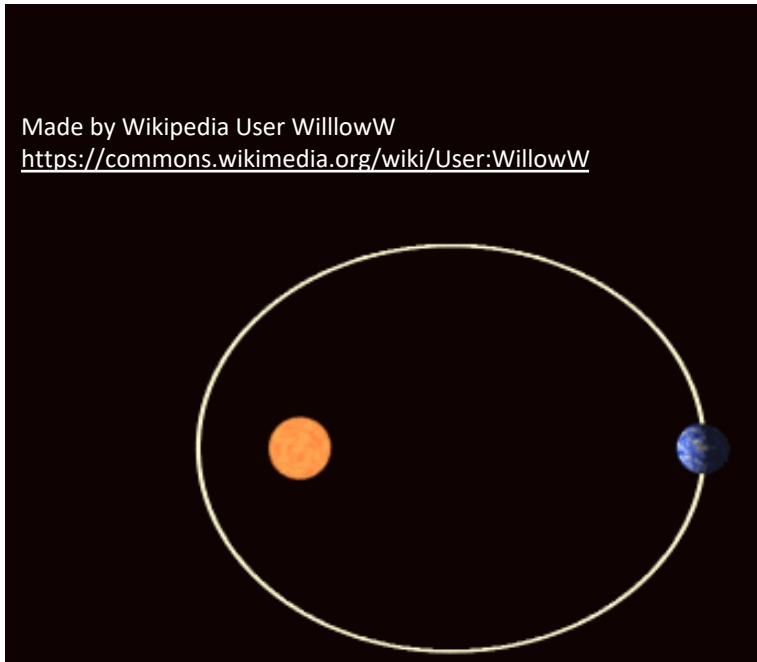


~ 65 million years ago

Tracking asteroids is extremely important  
e.g., unexpected 2013 Chelyabinsk meteor injured >1500 people  
Also, near-Earth asteroid search accidentally found 'Oumuamua

# Perihelion Precession: Einstein's Success

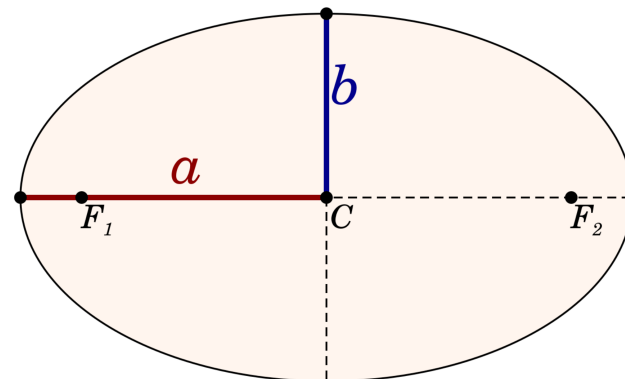
## Precession of Mercury's perihelion (closest point to the Sun)



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apsidal\\_precession#/media/File:Precession\\_Kepler\\_orbit\\_280frames\\_e0.6\\_smaller.gif](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apsidal_precession#/media/File:Precession_Kepler_orbit_280frames_e0.6_smaller.gif) under CC BY 3.0

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\varphi^2} + u - \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} = \boxed{\frac{3GM_{\odot}}{c^2}u^2}. \quad (\text{GR})$$

- Consider planar motion and fix  $\theta = \pi/2$ .
- Define inverse radius variable  $u \equiv 1/r = u(\varphi)$
- $a = \frac{L^2}{M_{\odot}(1-e^2)}$ ,  $a$  is the semi-major axis



M. W. Toews (CC0)

# Objects of interest

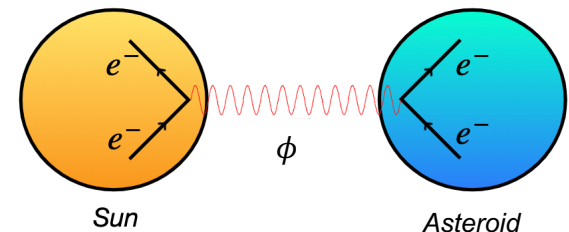
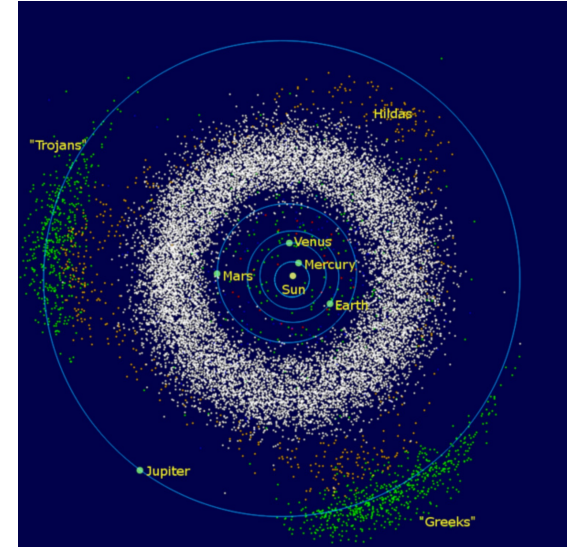
Minor Planets	$a$ [au]	$\sim$ Numbers
Near-Earth Object (NEO)	$< 1.3^*$	$> 25000$
Main-Belt Asteroid (M)	$\sim 2 - 3$	$\sim 1$ million
Hilda (H)	$3.7 - 4.2$	$> 4000$
Jupiter Trojan (JT)	$5.2$	$> 9800$
Trans-Neptunian Object (TNO)	$> 30$	$2700$
Extreme TNO (ETNO)	$> 150$	$12$

TABLE I. Targets for our future studies, for which exciting opportunities are provided by sheer numbers and observational programs, classified roughly based on their typical semi-major axes.

\*NEOs are defined as having perihelia  $a(1 - e) < 1.3$  au.

$$|\Delta\varphi_{\phi, A'}| \simeq \frac{2\pi}{1 + \frac{g^2}{4\pi G m_p^2}} \frac{g^2}{4\pi G m_p^2} \left( \frac{amc}{\hbar} \right)^2 (1 - e).$$

- **Tsai, Wu, Vagnozzi, Visinelli, [arXiv:2107.04038](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04038)**
- ***Can also probe dark matter, primordial black hole, etc***



Modified From Tanmay Poddar



# Ultralight Mediators & Fifth Forces

**Gauged  $U(1)_{EM}$**  (Standard Model)  $\rightarrow$  photons

**1. Gauged  $U(1)_{X's}$**  (hypothetical)  $\rightarrow$  “Dark” photons

- **X can be baryon number, lepton number, etc:**  
**Standard Model Global Symmetries**
- Motivated by baryogenesis (matter-anti matter asymmetry) & dark matter:

The ultralight mediators **CAN** but does not have to be dark matter

**2. Ultralight scalars coupled to Standard Model particles**

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi \subset (g_{\phi,p}\bar{p}p + g_{\phi,n}\bar{n}n + g_{\phi,e}\bar{e}e)\phi$$

# 5<sup>th</sup> force and Yukawa Potential

$$V(r) = \tilde{\alpha} \frac{GM_{\odot} M_*}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{\lambda}\right),$$

$$V(r) = \mp \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \frac{Q_{\odot} Q_*}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{mc^2}{\hbar c} r\right),$$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\varphi^2} + u - \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} = \frac{3GM_{\odot}}{c^2} u^2 + \tilde{\alpha} \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda u}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda u}},$$

**(fifth force)**

- Gauge boson, dark photon of  $U(1)_B$  or scalar coupled to baryon number
- $g$  is new physics coupling constant, and  $m$  is the mediator mass
- See, e.g., Poddar et al, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.02935>

# Precession (Analytical) at Low-Mass Limit

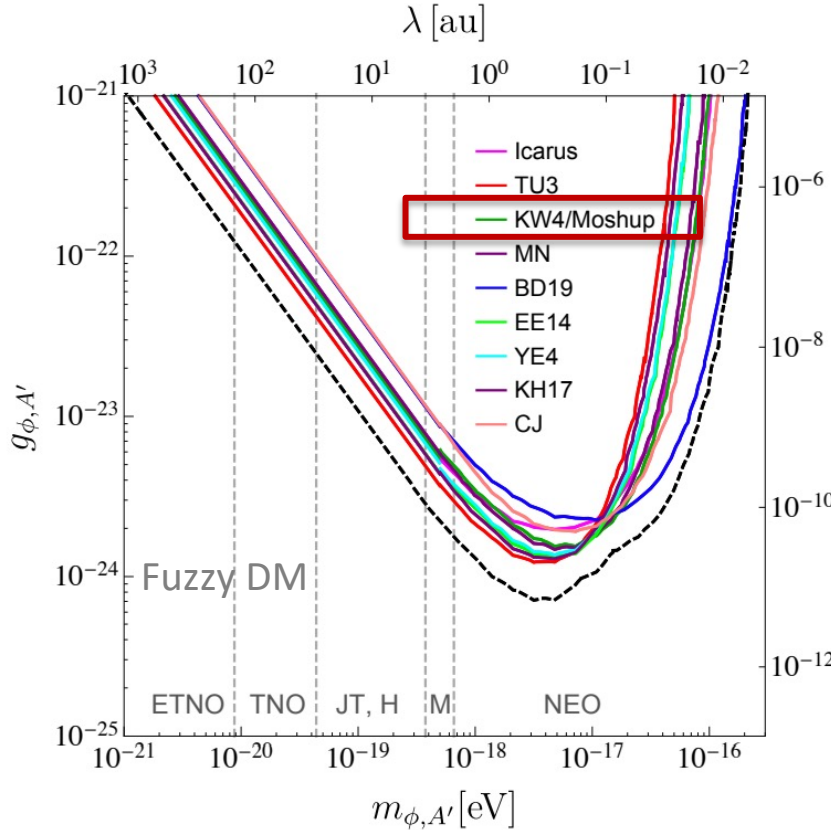
$$|\Delta\varphi_{\phi,A'}| \simeq \frac{2\pi}{1 + \frac{g^2}{4\pi G m_p^2}} \frac{g^2}{4\pi G m_p^2} \left(\frac{amc}{\hbar}\right)^2 (1 - e).$$

(fifth force)

- $m_p$  is proton mass
- for low mass,  $m \ll 1/\alpha$  (Natural Unit)
- The term gets larger with  $\alpha$
- That's why we should explore **objects further away from the Sun**:  
not just Mercury or other planets
- **Not depending on target celestial bodies' mass**

$$\Delta\varphi_0 = \frac{6\pi G M_\odot}{\alpha(1 - e^2)c^2} \left[ \frac{2 - \beta + 2\gamma}{3} \right] \quad \text{(GR)}$$

# Results for the new physics



$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\varphi^2} + u - \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} = \frac{3GM_{\odot}}{c^2} u^2 + \tilde{\alpha} \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda u}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda u}}, \quad (3)$$

## Recast

$$\sigma_{\beta} = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}, \quad \text{Verma, Margot, Greenberg, APJ '17}$$

## Optimal 2022 results,

$$\sigma_{\beta} \sim 2 \times 10^{-4},$$

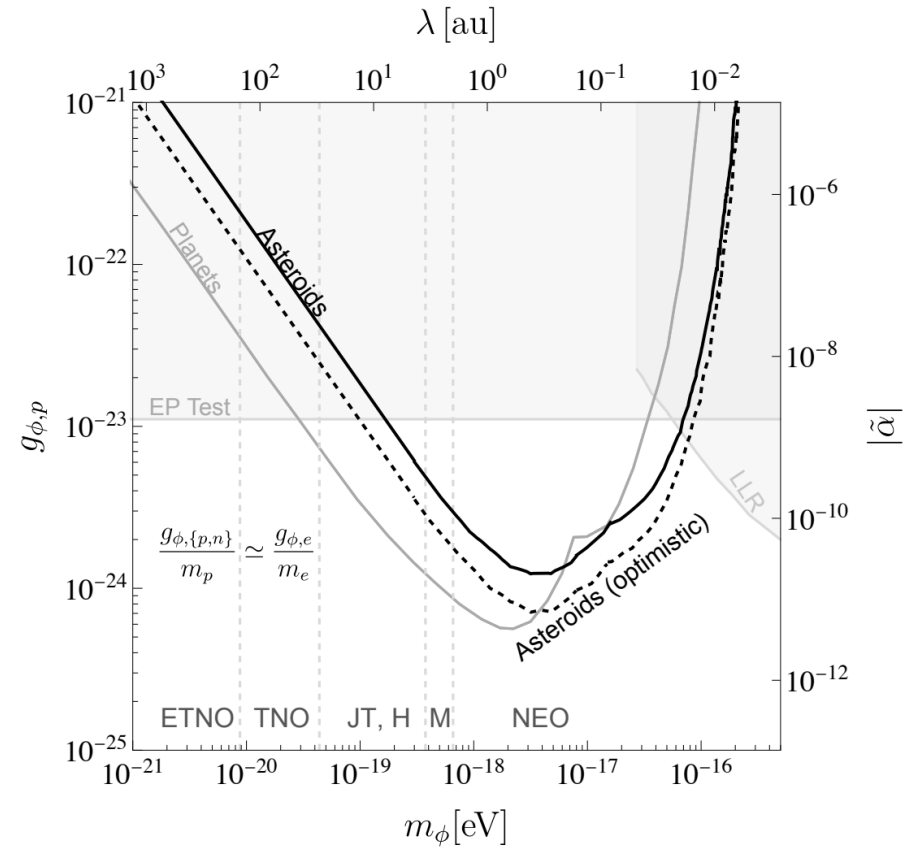
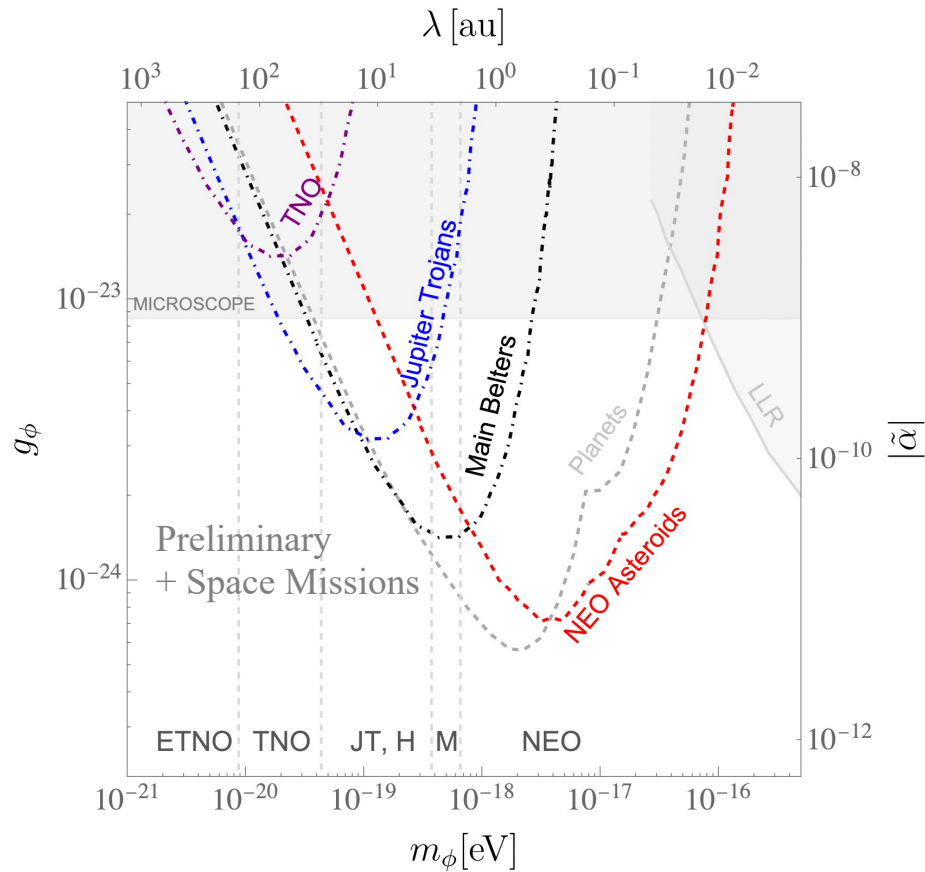
## Best reach:

**TU3, MN, BD19**

$$\Delta\varphi_{\phi, A'}^2 < \left| \frac{\partial \Delta\varphi_0}{\partial \beta} \right|^2 \sigma_{\beta}^2 + \left| \frac{\partial \Delta\varphi_0}{\partial J_2} \right|^2 \sigma_{J_2}^2 + 2\rho \left| \frac{\partial \Delta\varphi_0}{\partial \beta} \frac{\partial \Delta\varphi_0}{\partial J_2} \right| \sigma_{J_2} \sigma_{\beta}.$$

**Tsai, Wu, Vagnozzi, Visinelli, [arXiv:2107.04038](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04038)**

# Compilations of Various Probes



Tsai, Wu, Vagnozzi, Visinelli, [arXiv:2107.04038](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04038)

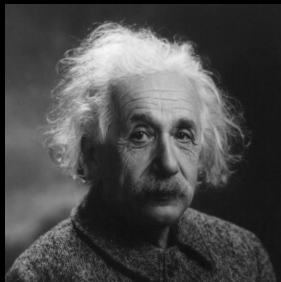
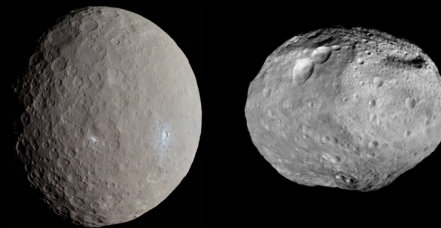
We are conducting a **detailed study** using **MONTE** with people from **JPL & ESA**

# Robust Analysis: High-fidelity force model

JPL Planetary Ephemerides DE441



Small-body  
perturbers



PPN formulation  
for relativity



Oblateness, ...

Dr. Davide Farnocchia's (NASA, JPL) slide

# Adding Fifth Forces or Dark Matter to the Force Model

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i)}{r_{ij}^3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2(\beta + \gamma)}{c^2} \sum_{l \neq i} \frac{\mu_l}{r_{il}} - \frac{2\beta - 1}{c^2} \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{\mu_k}{r_{jk}} \right. \\ + \gamma \left( \frac{\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i}{c} \right)^2 + (1 + \gamma) \left( \frac{\dot{\mathbf{r}}_j}{c} \right)^2 - \frac{2(1 + \gamma)}{c^2} \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j \\ \left. - \frac{3}{2c^2} \left[ \frac{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j}{r_{ij}} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2c^2} (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_j \right\} \\ + \frac{1}{c^2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j}{r_{ij}^3} \left\{ [\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j] \cdot [(2 + 2\gamma) \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - (1 + 2\gamma) \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j] \right\} (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - \dot{\mathbf{r}}_j) \\ + \frac{3 + 4\gamma}{2c^2} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mu_j \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_j}{r_{ij}}$$

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Fifth forces

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{A_0 \mathbf{e}^{-\frac{r}{r_0}}}{r^2} + \frac{A_0 \mathbf{e}^{-\frac{r}{r_0}}}{r r_0}$$



General dark matter



# Uncertainties?

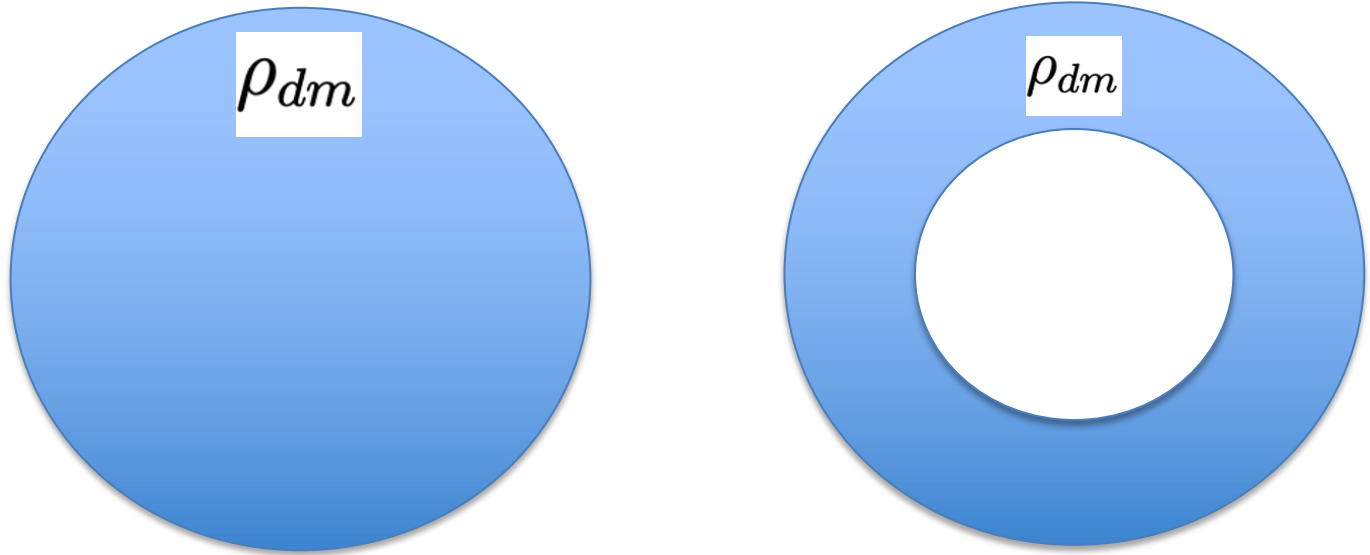
- Errors in planetary trajectories and masses
- Missing perturbers, errors in perturber masses & trajectories
- Higher order relativistic terms
- Higher order gravity terms
- Poynting-Robertson drag
- Simplifying assumptions in nongravitational force model (non-spherical effects, Yarkovsky, solar torque, physical parameter evolution, etc)
- Solar mass loss and solar wind
- Meteoroid impacts
- Spacecraft interaction
- Whatever else could be missing...



# Model-Independent Constraints on Dark Matter Preliminary Results

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# Dark Matter Profile & Planetary Precession



$$\Delta\theta_0 = -4\pi^2\rho_{dm}a^3(1 - e^2)^{1/2}/M_{\odot},$$

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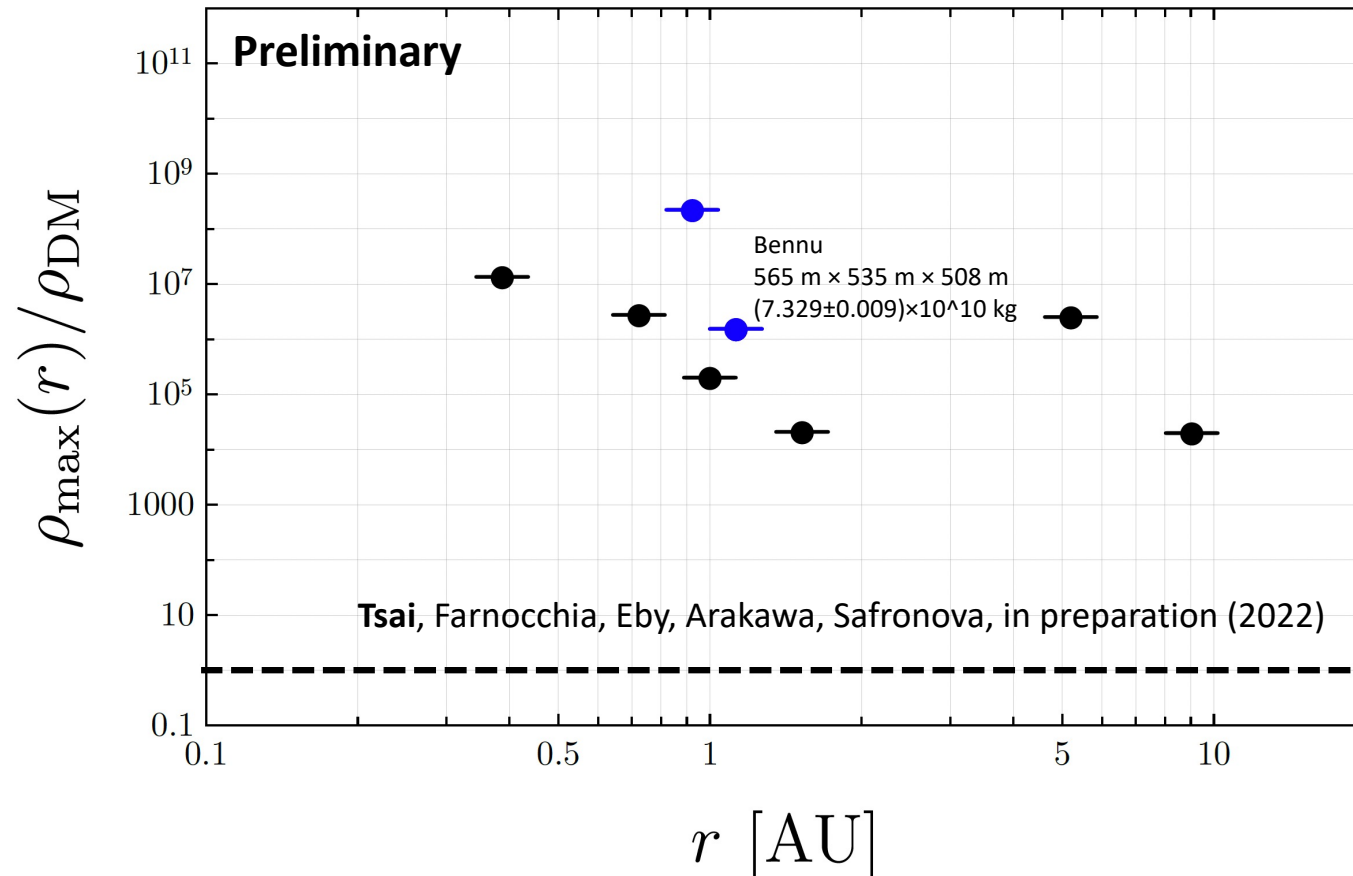
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Dark matter

$$F(r) = \frac{2\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 \left( \frac{2r_0^3}{r^2} - 2r \right) \hat{\mathbf{r}} \\ \simeq -\frac{4\pi}{3} Gm\rho_0 r \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

# New Project: New Model Independent Constraints!



**Preliminary! Will be out next week!**

**Improve the constraint with asteroid data! Model independent!**

Tsai, Farnocchia, Eby, Arakawa, Safronova, in preparation

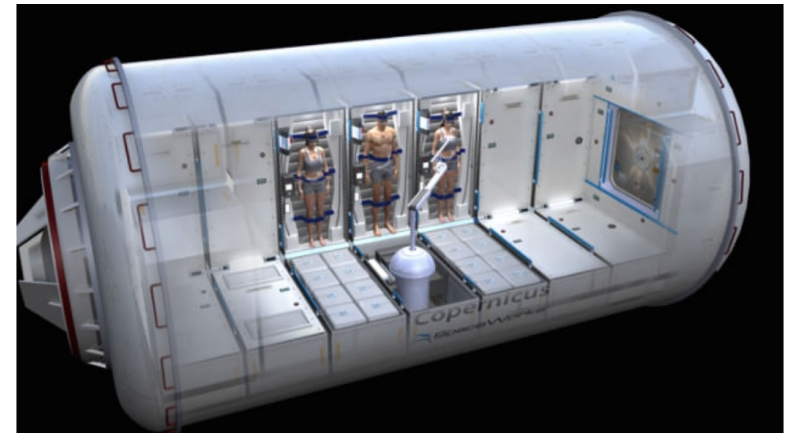
**Obtained preliminary results from NASA JPL code.**

# More on Space Missions & Quantum Sensors

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# Why Space Quantum Clocks?

## Auto-Navigating Spacecraft & Space Travel

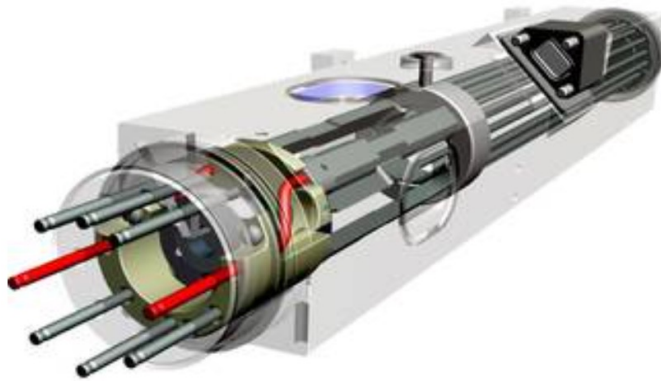


Exploring the deep space: **auto-driving Spacecraft;**  
**needs precision timing!!!**

**NASA Deep Space Atomic Clocks (current technology!) &**  
**Deep space and global navigation satellite system (GNSS)**

**Can we use the technology to study fundamental physics?**

# NASA DSAC & Parker Solar Probe



- **Deep Space Atomic Clock loses one second every 10 million years**, as proven in controlled tests on Earth.
- The clock has operated for more than **12 months in space**; demonstrated **long-term fractional frequency stability of  $3 \times 10^{-15}$**

**Burt, Prestage, Tjoelker, Enzer, Kuang, Murphy et al., Nature 595 (2021) 43.**

- Exceeds previous space clock performance by up to an order of magnitude



(1.0 m × 3.0 m × 2.3 m)

## Parker Solar Probe

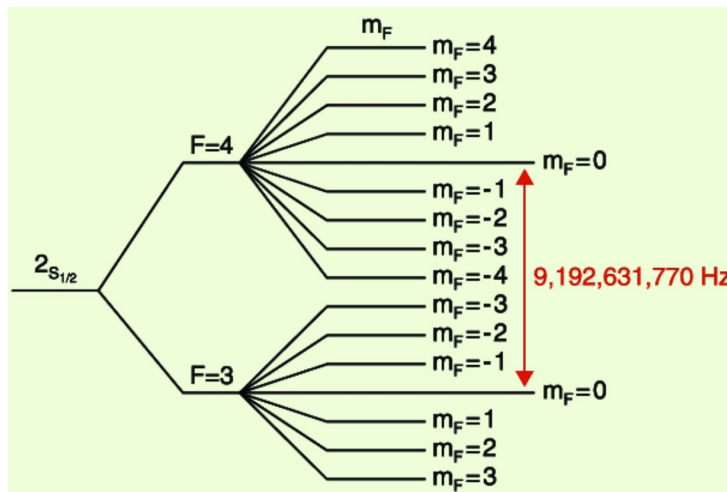
**Kasper, Klein, Lichko, Huang, Chen, Badman et al.,**

Parker solar probe enters the magnetically dominated solar corona, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2021)

- **Why don't we put a quantum clock on a solar probe?**  
**What can we do with that?**

# Atomic Clock & Caesium Standard

- Atomic clocks: used to measure the distance between objects by timing how long it takes a signal to travel from A to B.
- For space exploration, clocks must be extremely precise:
- **An error of even one second can mean the difference between landing on Mars or missing it by hundreds of thousands of miles.**



Definition of a second!

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/acloc.html>

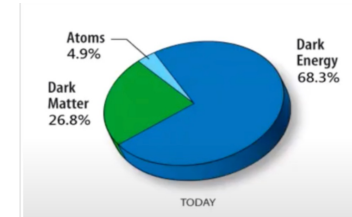
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# Wave-Like Particles as Dark Matter

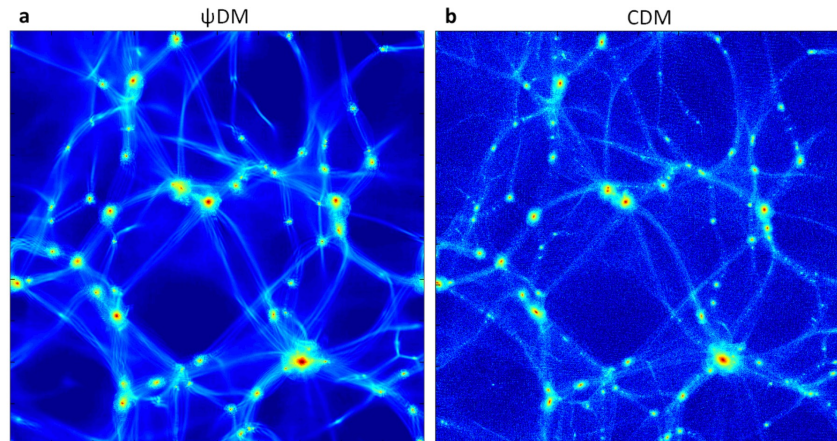
$$\lambda_{\text{dB}} \equiv \frac{2\pi}{mv}$$

$$N_{\text{dB}} \sim \left(\frac{34 \text{ eV}}{m}\right)^4 \left(\frac{250 \text{ km/s}}{v}\right)^3 \text{ in } \lambda_{\text{dB}}^3$$



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<https://physics.ucr.edu/image/dark-matter-dark-energy-pie-chart>

- For  $m \ll 30 \text{ eV}$ , the occupancy  $N_{\text{dB}}$  is so large that the particles are best described by classical waves
- like electromagnetism, a state with a large number of photons is described by the classical EM fields.



# Oscillation of Wave-like Scalars

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{3}a_\phi\phi^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_\phi\phi^4.$$

**Dark matter potential**

$$\phi(t, \vec{x}) = \phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t - \vec{k}_\phi \cdot \vec{x} + \dots).$$

**(Non-relativistic solutions)**

$$\omega \simeq m_\phi.$$

**Oscillation frequency  $\sim$  dark matter mass**

# Dark Matter Coupling

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa \phi \left( \underbrace{d_{m_e}}_{\text{Dark Matter}} m_e \bar{e}e + \underbrace{d_\alpha}_{\text{Electrons}} \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{d_g}_{\text{photons}} \frac{\beta_3}{2g_s} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} \right), \quad (1)$$

Electrons
photons
gluons

where  $e$  is the electron field,  $F^{\mu\nu}$  ( $G^{A\mu\nu}$ ) is the electromagnetic (QCD) field strength,  $g_s$  and  $\beta_3$  are the strong interaction coupling constant and beta function (respectively), and  $\kappa = \sqrt{4\pi}/M_P$  with  $M_P = 1.2 \times 10^{19}$  GeV.

# Atomic Physics Probe

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa\phi \left( d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e}e + \frac{d_\alpha}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{d_g \beta_3}{2g_s} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} \right), \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\phi) &\simeq \mu_0 (1 + d_{m_e} \kappa\phi), \quad \alpha(\phi) \simeq \alpha_0 (1 - d_\alpha \kappa\phi) \\ \alpha_s(\phi) &\simeq \alpha_{s,0} \left( 1 - \frac{2d_g \beta_3}{g_s} \kappa\phi \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mu = m_e/m_p$  is the electron-proton mass ratio, and the subscript  $_0$  denotes the central (time-independent) value of  $\mu$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\alpha_s$ .

# Atomic Probe Basics

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa \phi \left( d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e} e + \frac{d_\alpha}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{d_g \beta_3}{2g_s} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} \right), \quad (1)$$

Turning off  $d_{m_e}$  and  $d_g$  for demonstrations,

$f_A \propto \alpha^{\xi_A+2}$ ,  $f$  is the frequency of a (clock) transition.

$$\alpha = \alpha_0 (1 + d_\alpha \kappa \phi(t)).$$

$$\frac{\delta(f_A/f_B)}{f_A/f_B} \simeq (\xi_A - \xi_B) d_\alpha \kappa \phi(t).$$

- **Experimental observable!** See [arXiv:1405.2925](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.2925), Arvanitaki, Huang, Tilburg, PRD 15
- For example, if **A** is a **hyperfine microwave transition** and **B** is an **electronic optical transition**,  $\xi_A = 1$  and  $\xi_B = 0$ .
- Clock ( $\sim 10^{-15}$  for DSAC) stability translate to how well we can measure  $\frac{\delta(f_A/f_B)}{f_A/f_B}$

# Solar Bound-State Halo

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# Scalar DM Halo

Stable solution can be supported by external potential

$$V_{\text{ext}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{G m_\phi M_{\text{ext}}}{r} & \text{for } R_\star > R_{\text{ext}}, \\ -\frac{3 G m_\phi M_{\text{ext}}}{2 R_{\text{ext}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{r}{R_{\text{ext}}} \right)^2 \right] & \text{for } R_\star \leq R_{\text{ext}}, \end{cases}$$

$$\rho(r) \simeq \rho_\star \exp(-2r/R_\star), \quad \text{for } R_\star > R_{\text{ext}}$$

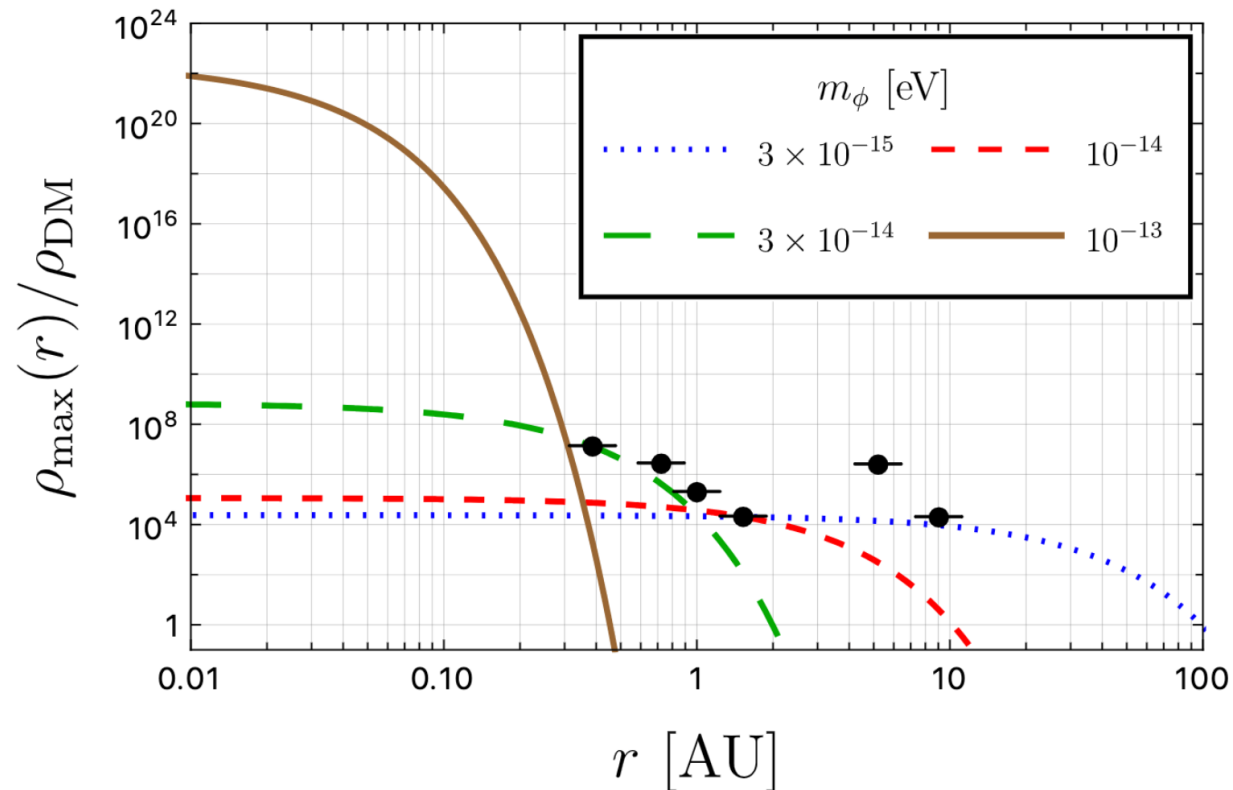
$$R_\star \simeq \frac{M_P^2}{M_{\text{ext}} m_\phi^2}, \quad \text{where } M_{\text{ext}} = M_\odot \text{ is the mass of the external host body;}$$

note that  $R_\star$  is independent of the total mass in the halo

$$v_\star = (m_\phi R_\star)^{-1},$$

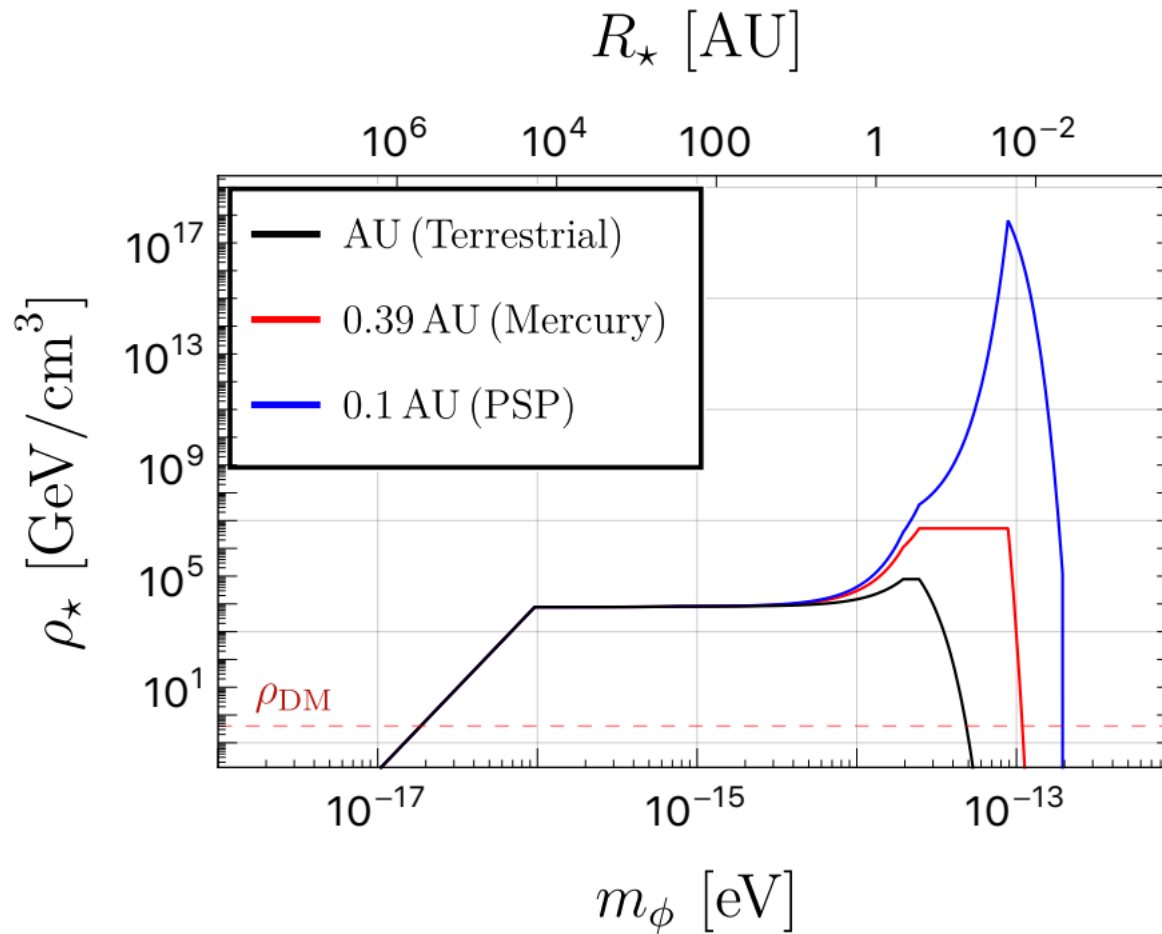
Banerjee, Budker, Eby, Flambaum, Kim, Matsedonskyi, and Perez, 1912.04295

# Dark matter in solar system? **Planetary constraint!**



- Black data points are **model-independent** constraints!
- Dark matter induce precessions to the planets  
Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn  
Pitjev, Pitjeva, 1306.5534, Astronomy Letters '13  
Tsai, Eby, Safronova, 2112.07674

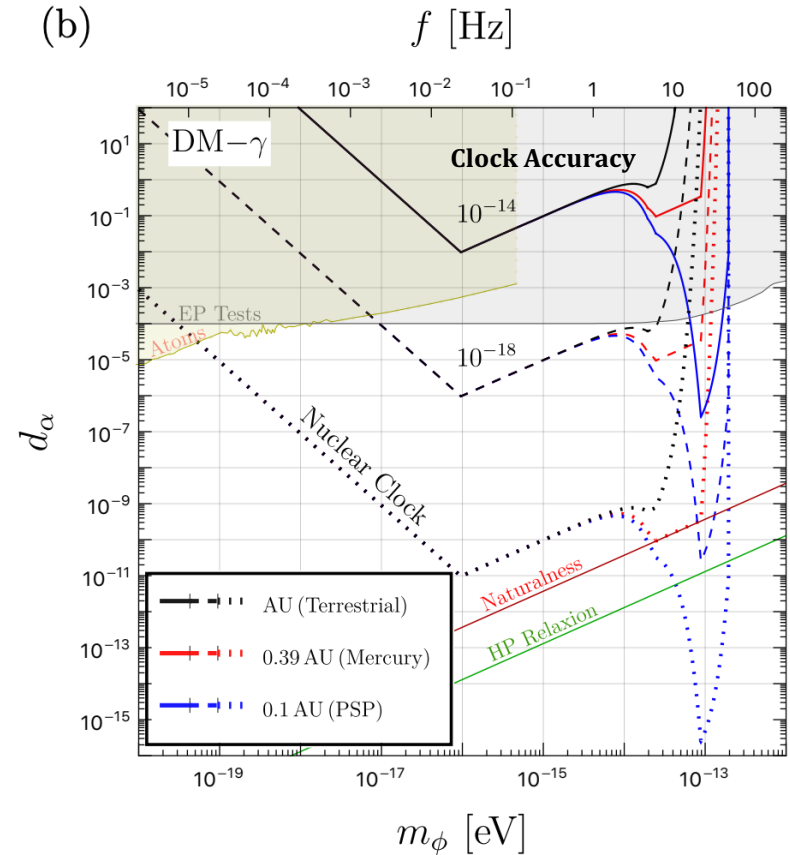
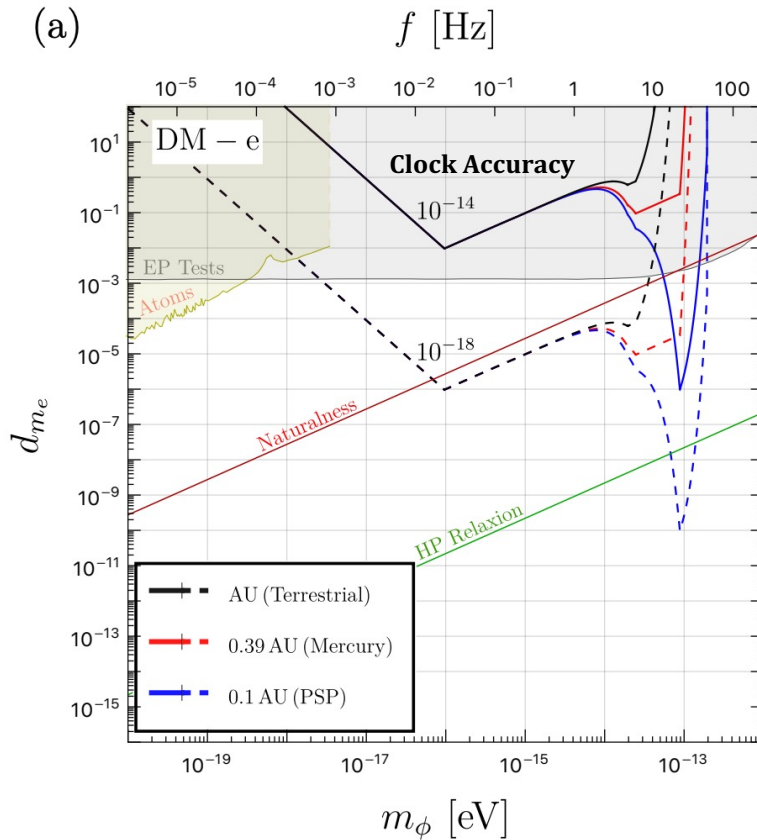
# Enhancement of the DM Density



**PSP: Parker Solar Probe**

**Tsai, Eby, Safronova, arXiv:2112.07674**

# Results



- Motivate **Specific Frequency Region!**
- Motivate **Nuclear Clocks!**
- **Tsai, Eby, Safronova, arXv:2112.07674**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa \phi \left( d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e} e + \frac{d_{\alpha}}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{d_g \beta_3}{2g_s} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} \right), \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{g_e^2 \Lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} \lesssim m_{\phi}^2, \quad \Lambda = 4\pi v_{EW} \simeq 3 \text{ TeV.}$$

Naturalness condition

# Relaxion Prediction

- For the Higgs portal-like theories, scalar couplings to matter are generated by mixing with the Higgs, and so can be parameterized by a relaxion  **$\phi$ -higgs mixing angle  $\sin\theta$** ;
- One has  $g_e = y_e \sin\theta$  and  $g_\gamma \sim (\alpha/4\pi v) \sin\theta$ , where  $y_e$  is the Higgs Yukawa coupling to the electron,  $v$  is the Electroweak vacuum expectation value.
- The green line is assuming maximum relaxion-higgs mixing, which is of order  **$g_e \sim y_e (m_\phi/m_H)$**
- see, e.g. , Banerjee, Budker, Eby, Kim, Perez , 1902.08212 for more discussions.

# Spatial Variation of Fundamental Constants

$$k_X \equiv c^2 \frac{\delta X}{X \delta U}. \quad X = \alpha, \mu, \text{ or } m_q/\Lambda_{QCD}.$$

$\delta U$ : change in gravitational potential .

$$\delta U/c^2 \simeq 3.3 \times 10^{-10}, \quad \text{Earth variation.}$$

$$\delta U/c^2 \sim 9 \times 10^{-8}, \quad \text{from Earth to Solar probe at 0.1 AU.}$$

- Achieve constraints on  $k_X$  that are a factor of  $\sim 300$  stronger!



# Space Mission & Telescopes



An artist's impression of the Lucy spacecraft performing a flyby of a Jupiter trojan.

NASA/SwRI and SSL/Peter Rubin -  
<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasa-selects-two-missions-to-explore-the-early-solar-system>

**Lucy** is a planned NASA space probe that will complete a 12-year journey to seven different **asteroids**. **Human landing?**



A photograph and rendering mix of the exterior of the Vera C. Rubin Observatory building on Cerro Pachón in Chile. Image credit: Rubin Obs./NSF/AURA

- Optical – **Vera Rubin Observatory**: increase the **number of solar-system objects by 5 times**.



— Gaia mapping the stars of the Milky Way

Optical – **GAIA** provides stellar reference for asteroid localization

# Exciting Research Directions for Discussions

1. **Asteroidal/Planetary Tracking Array**  
develop a tracking array to study **bosonic ultralight dark matter** (possible) and **gravitational wave** (difficult);
2. **Probing dark energy and cosmology-motivated modified-gravity theories**
- 3 **Consider non-gravitational dark matter-SM interactions**
  - Quantum technologies in Space: **Q-SEnSE** + **SpaceQ** meeting
  - See many relevant references in the backup slides



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## We can also discuss & collaborate on ...

- Fixed-target searches for dark matter & long-lived particles (**FerMINI** & LongQuest) with [Pospelov et al.](#)
- LHC Forward Experiments: Forward Physics Facility, **FORMOSA** (a millicharge experiment I proposed), with [Feng et al.](#)
- Dark matter model building (dark sector QCD, Strongly Self-Interacting Dark Matter, SIMP/ELDER), with [Murayama](#), [Slatyer](#), [Perelstein et al.](#)
- Dark matter searches using neutron star / compact merger / multi-messenger astronomy, with [Profumo](#), [Sathyaprakash et al.](#)
- Neutrino physics (cosmic neutrino background) & neutrino BSM, with [Shoemaker et al.](#)
- Collaborating with **many awesome early-career collaborators.**

**Invisible disabilities cultivate diverse abilities**

# Big Picture & Outlook

- Bridging **planetary science, space (quantum) technology, and fundamental physics**
- **Our result is exciting now and has significant potential given the future measurements:**  
**radar, optical, and space missions** will bring tremendous progress!
- **Atomic clocks on the moon, spacecraft, satellite, Asteroid Tracking Array, and Advanced Lunar Ranging:**  
**Many exciting projects forward!**  
Collaborating with NIST, NASA, ESA, etc people on proposals

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Let's protect the Earth & find dark matter;  
happy to discuss more

Thank you!

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My outreach interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDX9XwLHBuM> (> 76K views!)

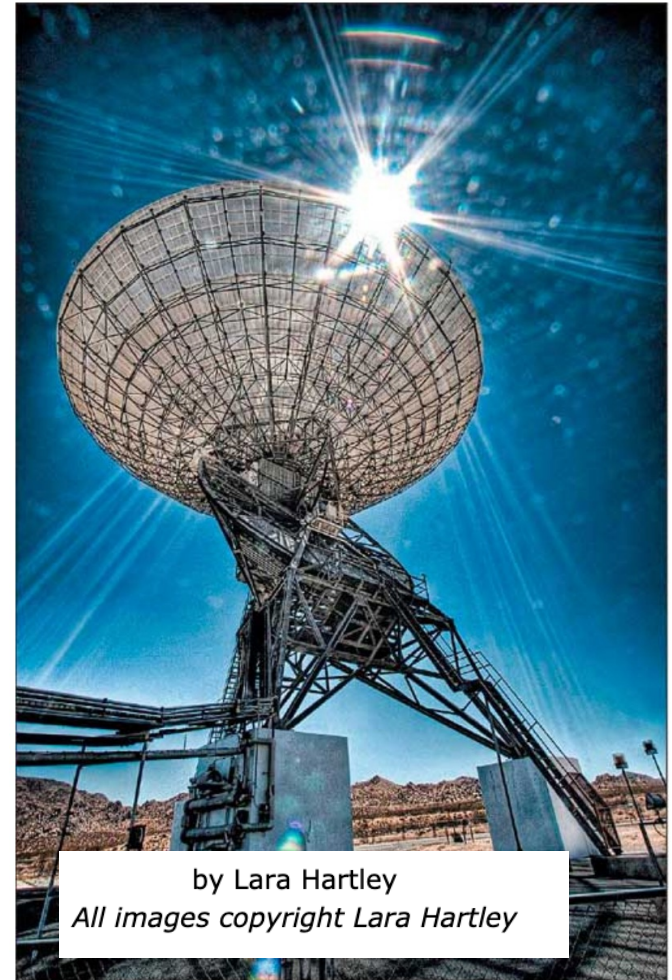
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# Radar Observations

- Radar – **Goldstone Observatory:**  
Provide very precise location and velocity information of the asteroids
- **Radar astronomy:**  
observing nearby astronomical objects by reflecting microwaves off target objects and analyzing the reflections.
- **Round-trip light time (RTLT):** The elapsed time taken by a signal travelling from the Earth to a spacecraft or other celestial body
- **Doppler shift:**



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Students can control the huge Echo radio telescope to collect data from objects in the universe at which the antenna is pointed.



# Asteroids



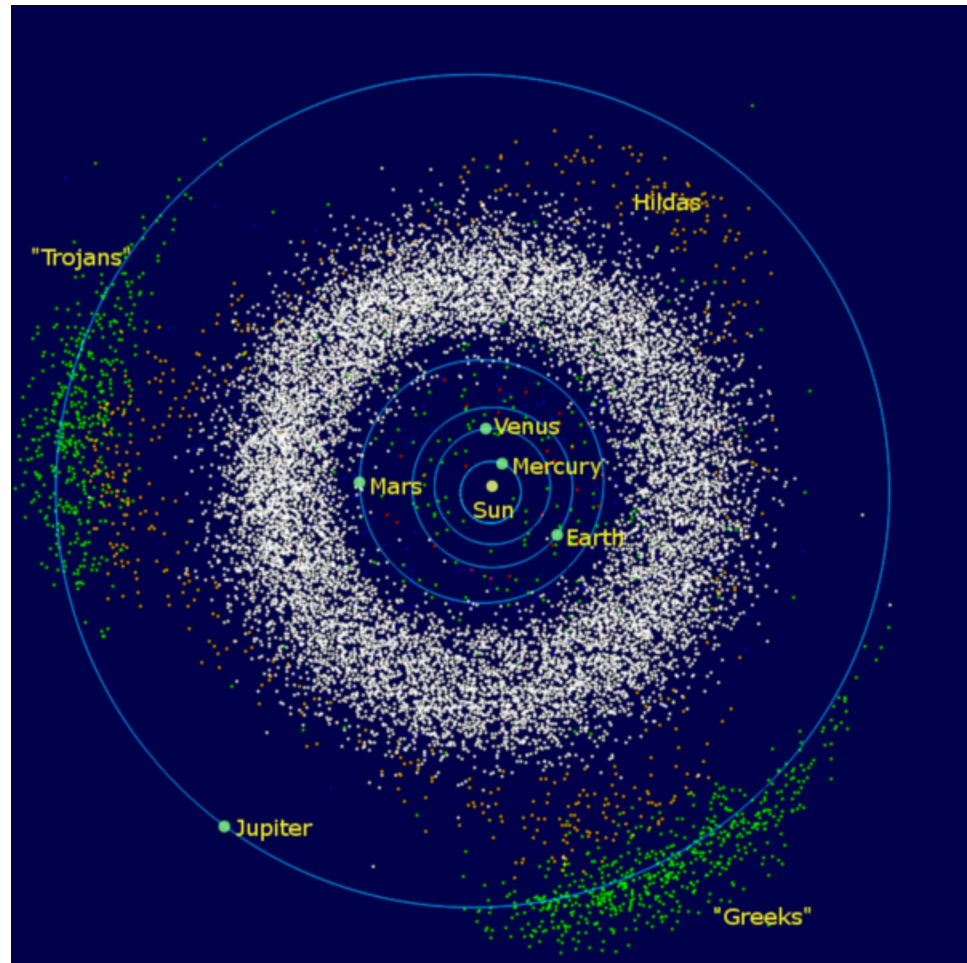
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"PROFESSOR MORIARTY STOOD BEFORE ME."

"Is he not the celebrated author of *The Dynamics of an Asteroid*, a book which ascends to such rarefied heights of pure mathematics that it is said that there was no man in the scientific press capable of criticizing it?

— *Sherlock Holmes, The Valley of Fear*

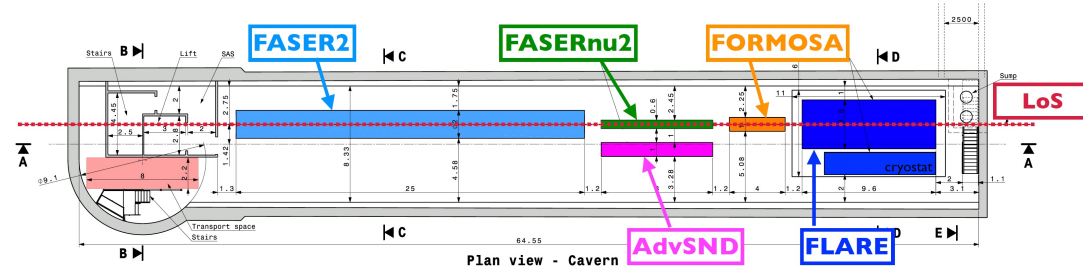
"The mor hazardous the asteroids,  
the better for fundamental Physics"  
-- Professor Moriarty (maybe)



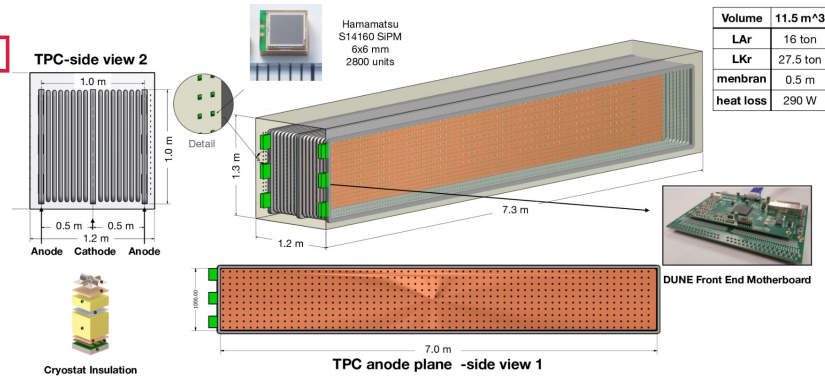
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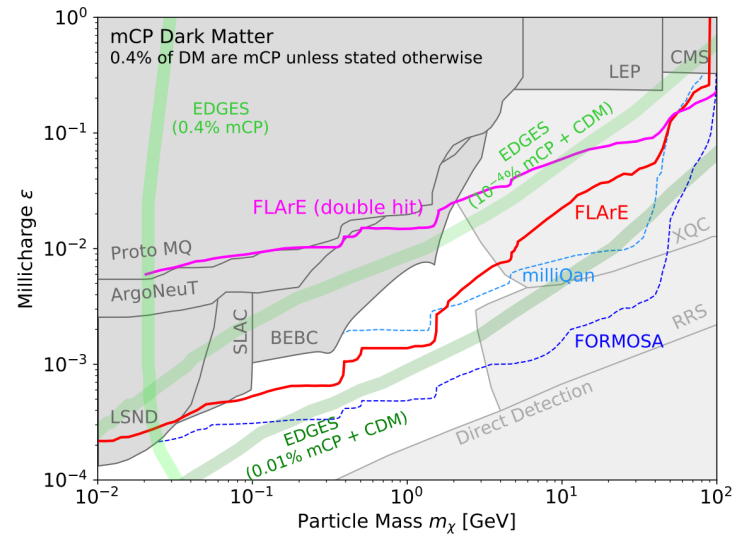
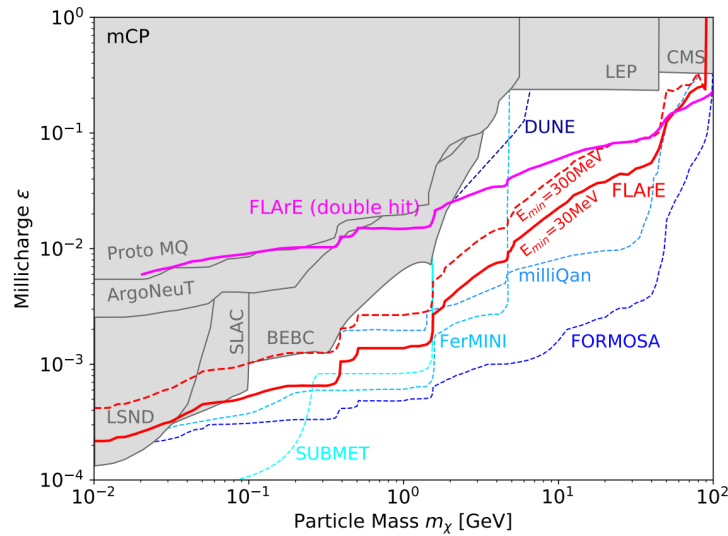
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FLArE Detector Preliminary Sketch



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Liquid Argon Detector lead by Diwan@BNL



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