

# The DAMNED Experiment

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# Dark Matter search - What we know about it ?

## Dark matter gravitational evidences

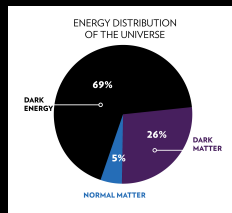
- Galaxy rotation curves
- Cosmic Microwave Background
- Gravitational lensing
- Structure formation

## Dark matter characteristics

- Cold ( $v \ll c$ )
- Virialized in the galaxy
- Forms a galactic halo
- Typical density  $\rho_{DM} = 0.4 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$

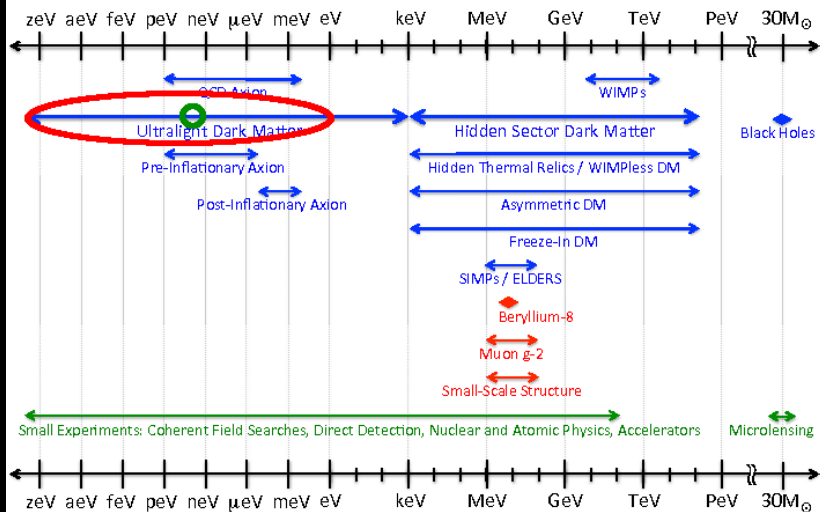
## Dark matter hopes

- DM interacts with standard model fields
- It will be detected and new physics will arise.



# Dark Matter search - Where are we looking ?

## Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques



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## Time-only variation of the fundamental constants

A fundamental constant  $X$  varies with  $\varphi(\vec{r},t)$  through a coupling constant  $d_X$

$$X_{(t)} = X_0 \left( 1 + d_X \frac{\sqrt{8\pi G \hbar \rho_{DM}}}{m_\varphi c^3} \sin(\omega_m t) \right)$$

- the fine structure constant  $\{\alpha, d_e\}$ ,
- the electron mass  $\{m_e, d_{m_e}\}$  and average quark mass  $\{m_q, d_{m_q}\}$ ,
- the QCD mass scale  $\{\Lambda_3, d_g\}$ .

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## Space-time separated clocks

Comparison of the same clocks at different space and/or time :

$$\frac{\delta(v_{A_1}/v_{A_2})}{(v_{A_1}/v_{A_2})_0} = (2d_e + d_{m_e}) \varphi(\vec{r}, t)$$

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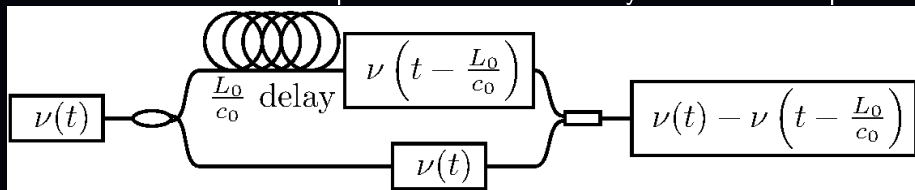
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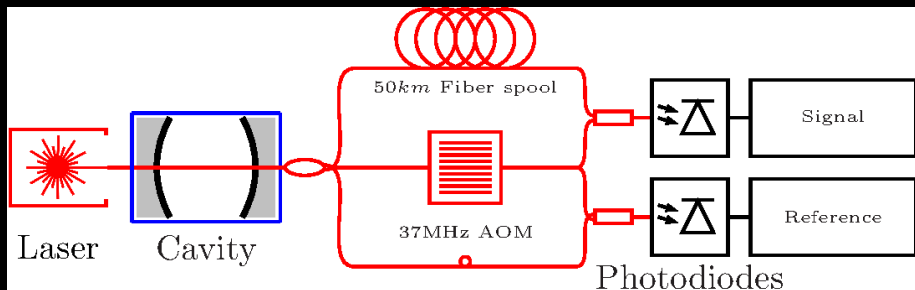
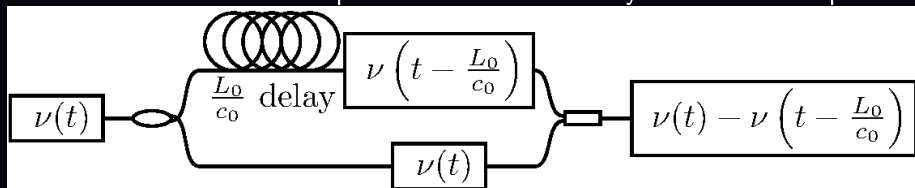
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✓ The spacer could be oscillating at mechanical resonance. It enhances ( $Q = 6 \times 10^4$ ) the sensitivity at the harmonics frequencies.

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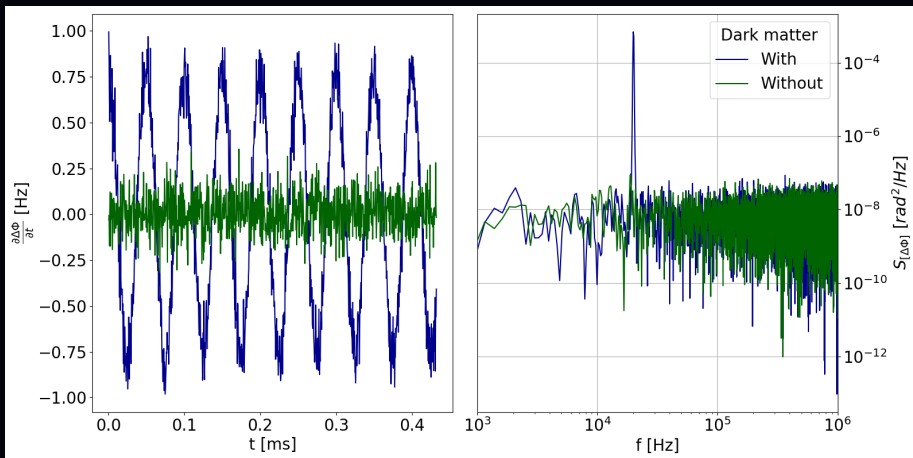
## Phase difference between the delayed and non delayed signals

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\Phi(t) = & \omega_0 T_0 + \omega_0 \int_{t-T_0}^t \left( \frac{\Delta T(t')}{T_0} + \frac{\Delta\omega(t')}{\omega_0} \right) dt' \\ & + \omega_0 T_0 \left( \frac{\delta T}{T_0} + \frac{\delta\omega}{\omega_0} \right) \sin\left(\omega_m t - \omega_m \frac{T_0}{2}\right) \text{sinc}\left(\omega_m \frac{T_0}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

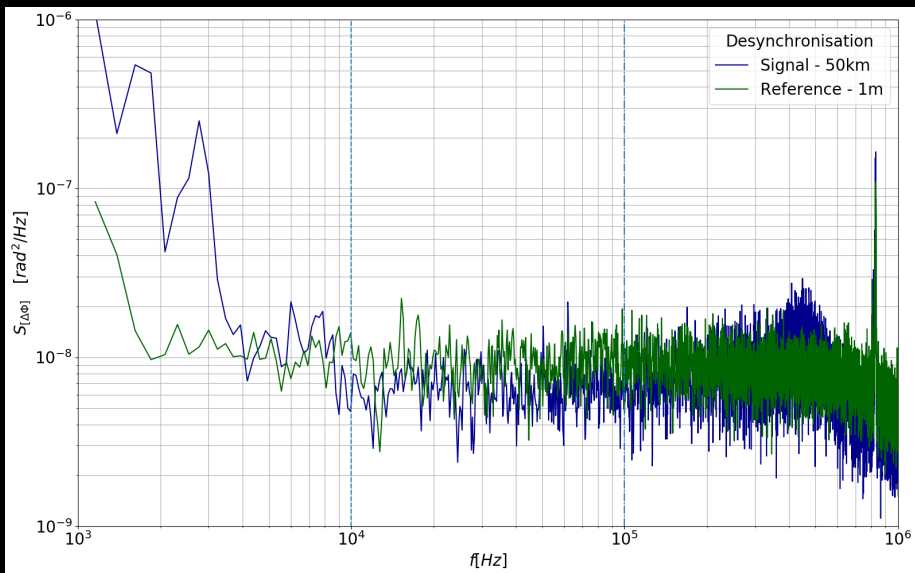


# Signal simulation

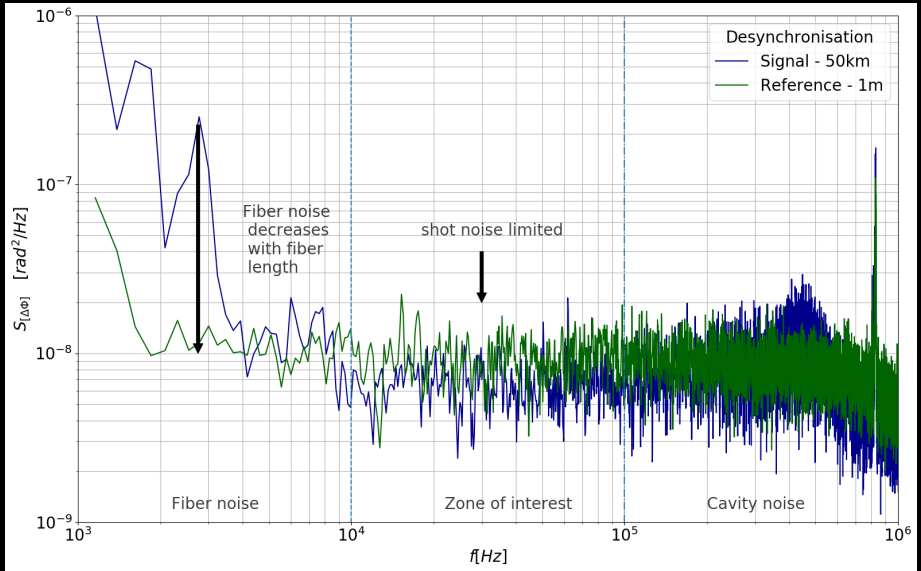
What are we expecting with/without dark matter on the experiment ?



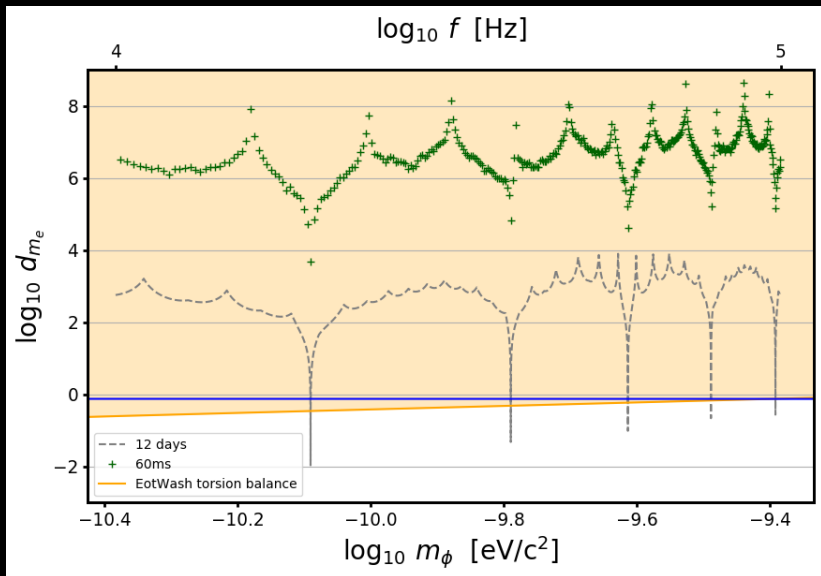
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Thank you for your attention

# Scalar field theory - General discussion

## Scalar field theory action

The theory relies on an action where  $\varphi(\vec{r},t)$  is the massive scalar field :

$$S = \int d^4x \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{c} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{R}{2\kappa} - \frac{2g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \varphi(\vec{r},t) \partial_\nu \varphi(\vec{r},t) + V(\varphi(\vec{r},t))}{2\kappa}}_{\text{General relativity + Scalar field}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{SM}[g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi_i]}_{\text{Standard Model}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{int}[g_{\mu\nu}, \varphi]}_{\text{Field interaction with Standard Model}} \right]$$

## Lagrangien of the scalar field interaction with Standard Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = \varphi(\vec{r},t) \left[ d_e \frac{e^2 c}{16\pi\hbar\alpha} F^2 - d_g \frac{\beta_3}{2g_3} (F^A)^2 - c^2 \sum_{k=e,u,d} (d_{m_k} + \gamma_{m_k} d_g) m_k \psi_k \psi_k \right]$$

The constants  $d_x$  characterize the interaction between the scalar field  $\varphi(\vec{r},t)$  and the different Standard Model sectors.

T. Damour et al. PRD 82,084033, A. Arvanitaki et al. PRD 91,015015 and Y.V. Stadnik et al. PRL 115,201301

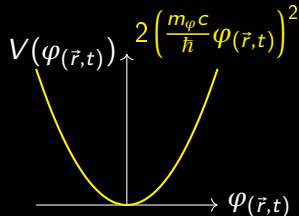


# Scalar field theory - Oscillating scalar field

How  $\varphi(\vec{r},t)$  varies with space-time ?

Deriving the field equation from the scalar field action with a quadratic potential, we get :

$$\square\varphi(\vec{r},t) + \left(\frac{m_\varphi c}{\hbar}\right)^2 \varphi(\vec{r},t) = 0$$



Full  $\varphi(\vec{r},t)$  solution

$$\varphi(t,\vec{r}) = \frac{\sqrt{8\pi G\hbar\rho_{DM}}}{m_\varphi c^3} \sin(\omega_m t - \vec{k}_m \cdot \vec{r}) - s_A \frac{GM_A}{c^2 r} e^{-r/\lambda_\varphi}$$

For more details and quadratic scalar field see : A. Hees et al. PRD 98,064051

Time varying  $\varphi(t)$

$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_0 \sin(2\pi f_m t)$$

# Cavity acoustic resonance induced by dark matter

## Cavity resonance

With the cavity length oscillation, one mirror is a mass on a spring.



## Dampened driven parametric harmonic oscillator

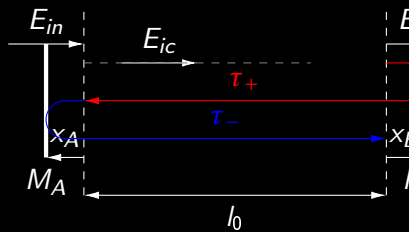
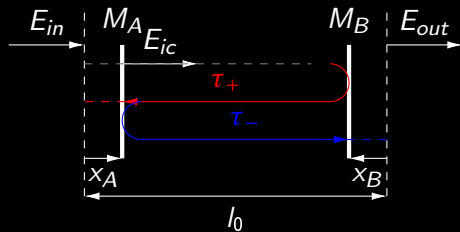
With  $\delta D$  the displacement induced by the resonant effect,

$$\underbrace{\frac{d^2 \delta D(t)}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 \delta D(t)}_{\text{Harmonic oscillator}} + \underbrace{\frac{\omega_0}{Q_0} \frac{d\delta D(t)}{dt}}_{\text{Damping}} = \underbrace{\frac{\delta L}{L_0} L_0 \omega_m^2 \sin(\omega_m t)}_{\text{Parametric driving force}}$$

## Solution

$$\delta D(t) = \frac{\delta L \omega_m^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega_m^2)^2 + \frac{\omega_0^2}{Q_0^2}} \left[ \left( \frac{\omega_0^2}{\omega_m^2} - 1 \right) \sin(\omega_m t) - \frac{\omega_0}{\omega_m Q_0} \cos(\omega_m t) \right]$$

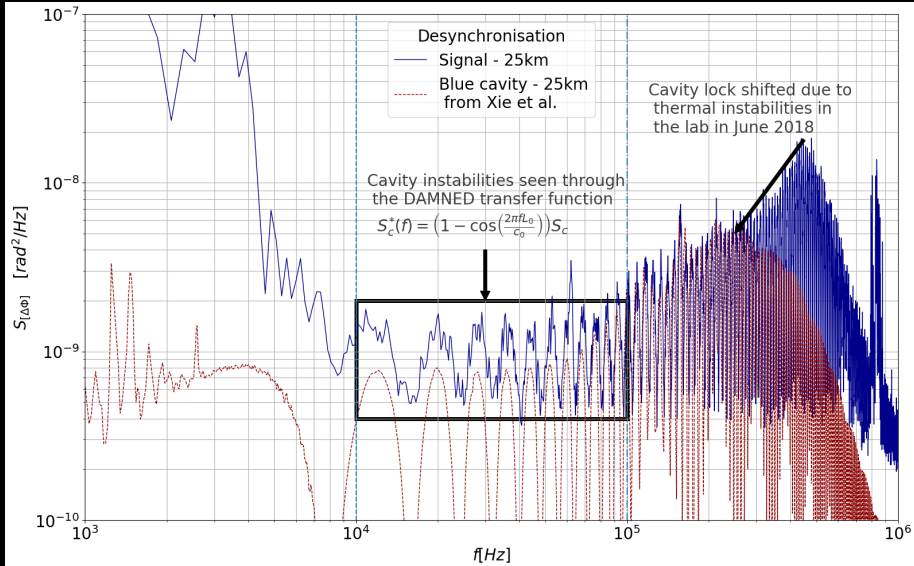
# Cavity finesse



## Phase in the cavity

$$\frac{\delta\omega}{\omega_0} = \frac{2\omega_m l_0 / cr^2 (1+r^2) \sin(\omega_m l_0 / c)}{r^4 - 2r^2 \cos(2\omega_m l_0 / c) + 1}$$

# DAMNED noise



X. Xie et al. Opt. Lett 42,1217