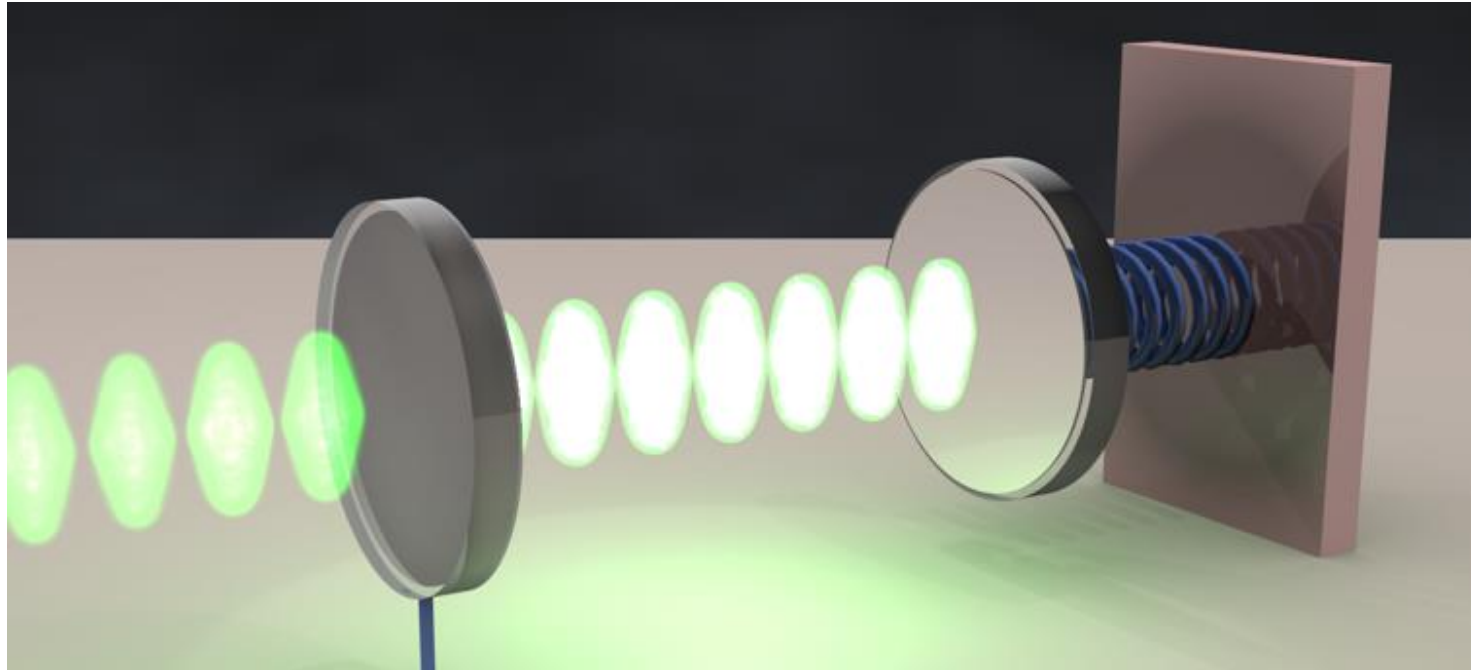
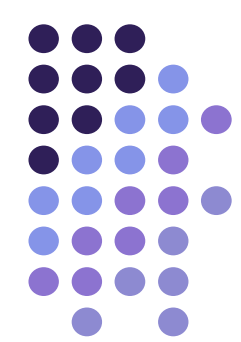




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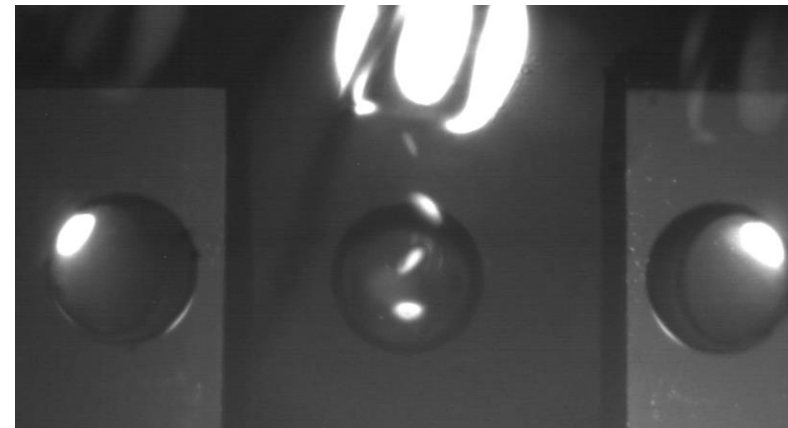
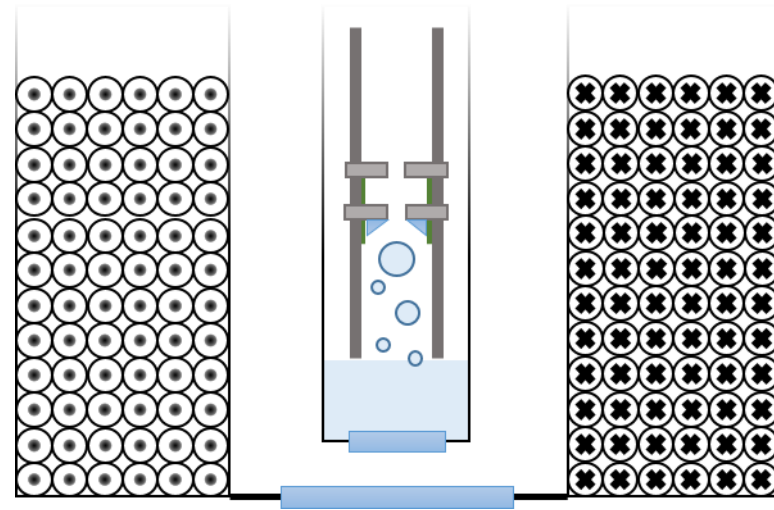
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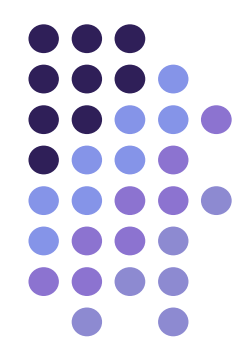


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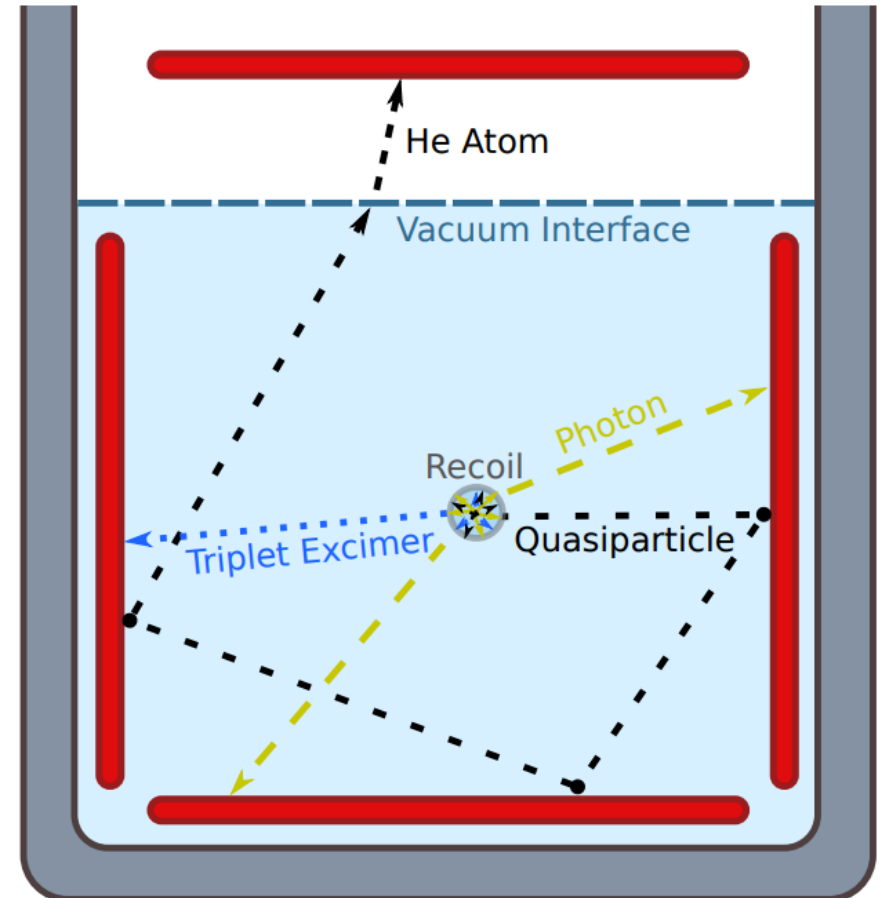
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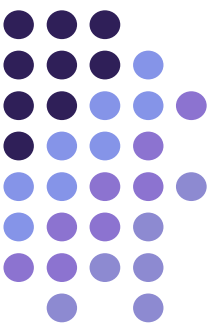


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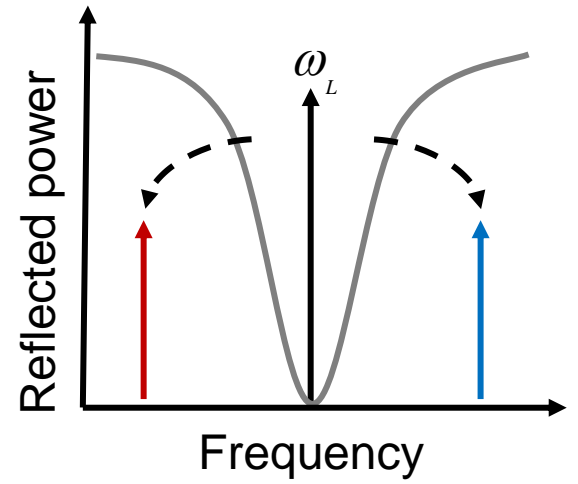
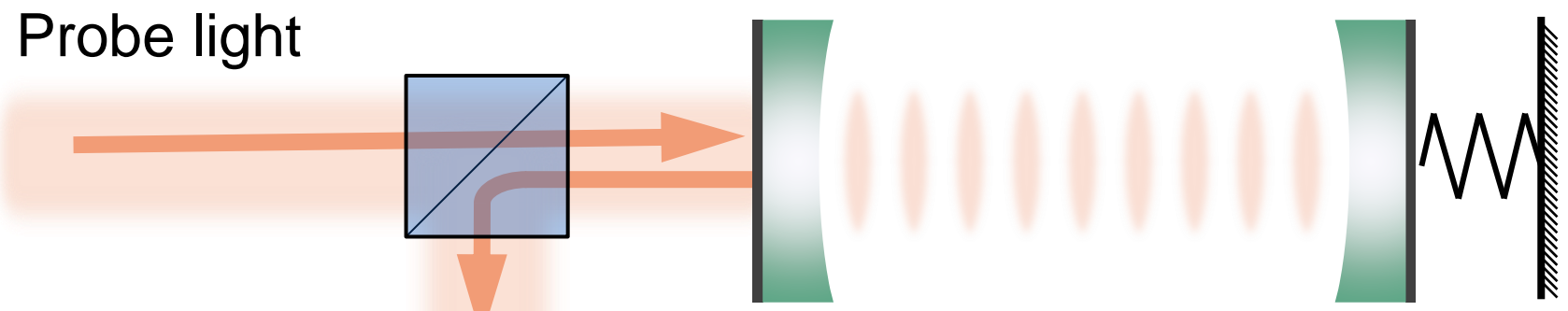


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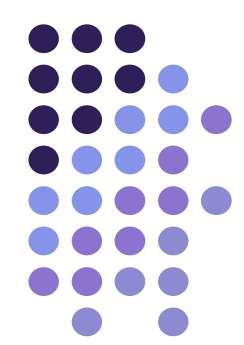
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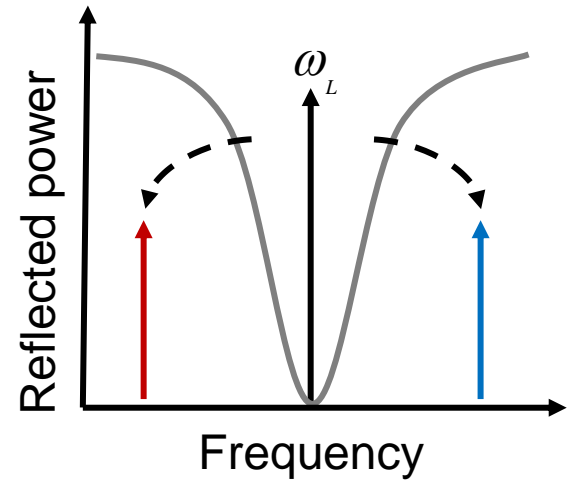
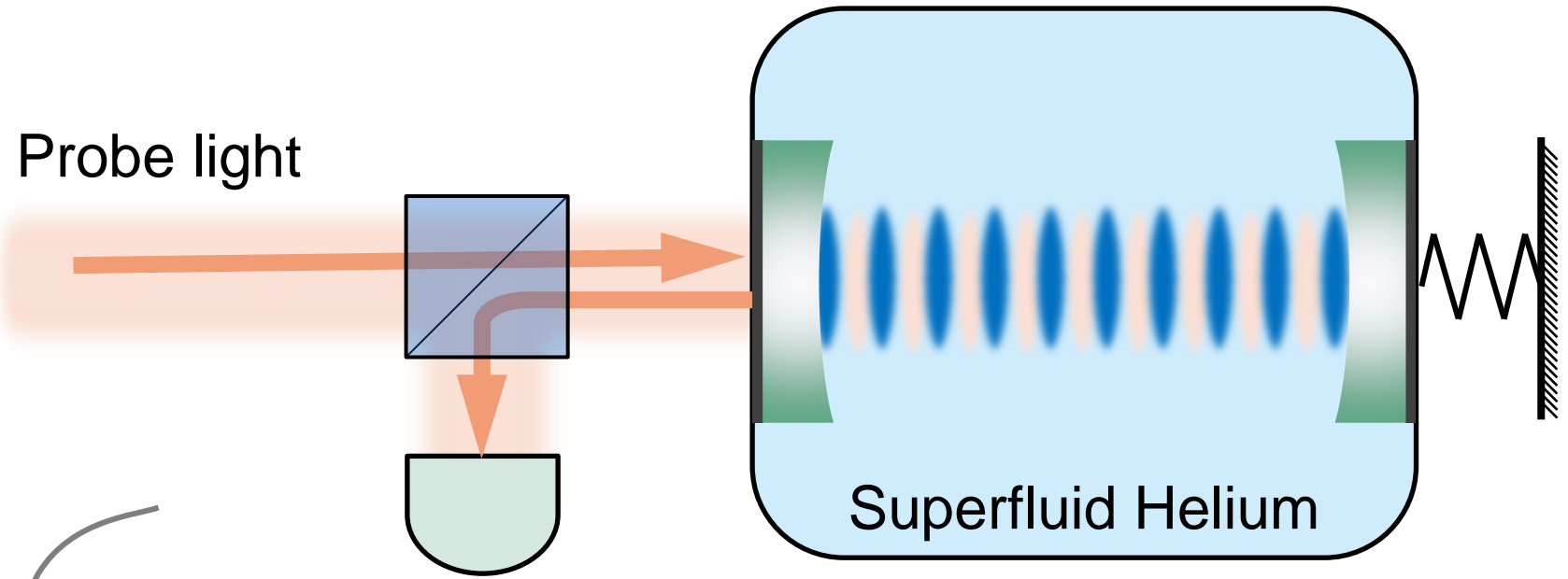
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Superfluid Optomechanics



Optomechanical interaction
Converts μeV phonons to eV photons



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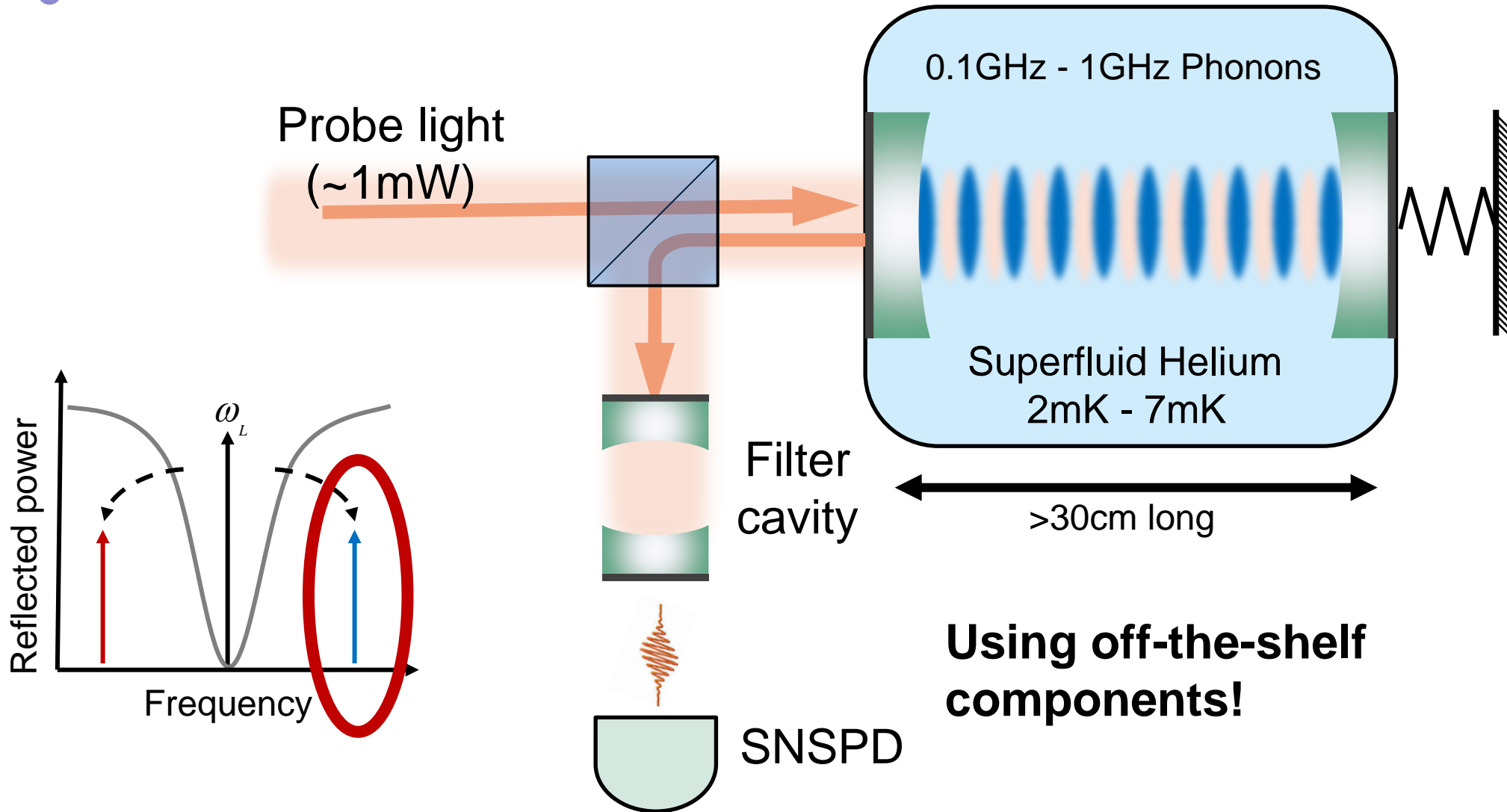


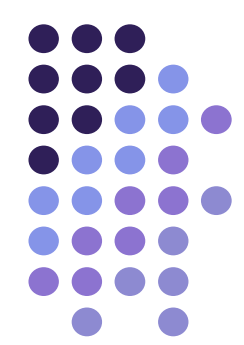
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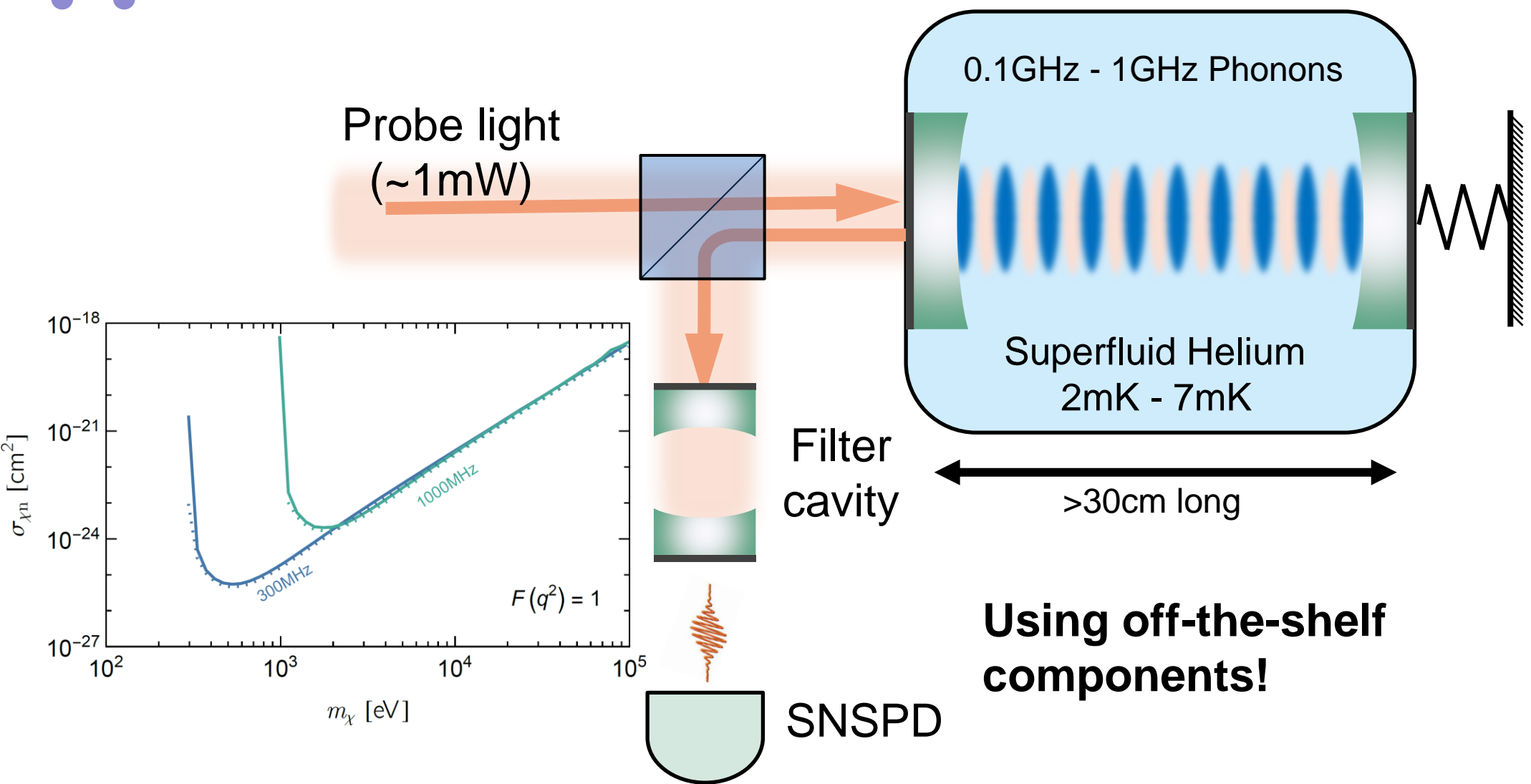
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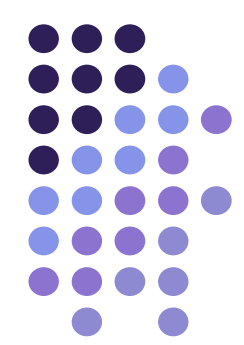
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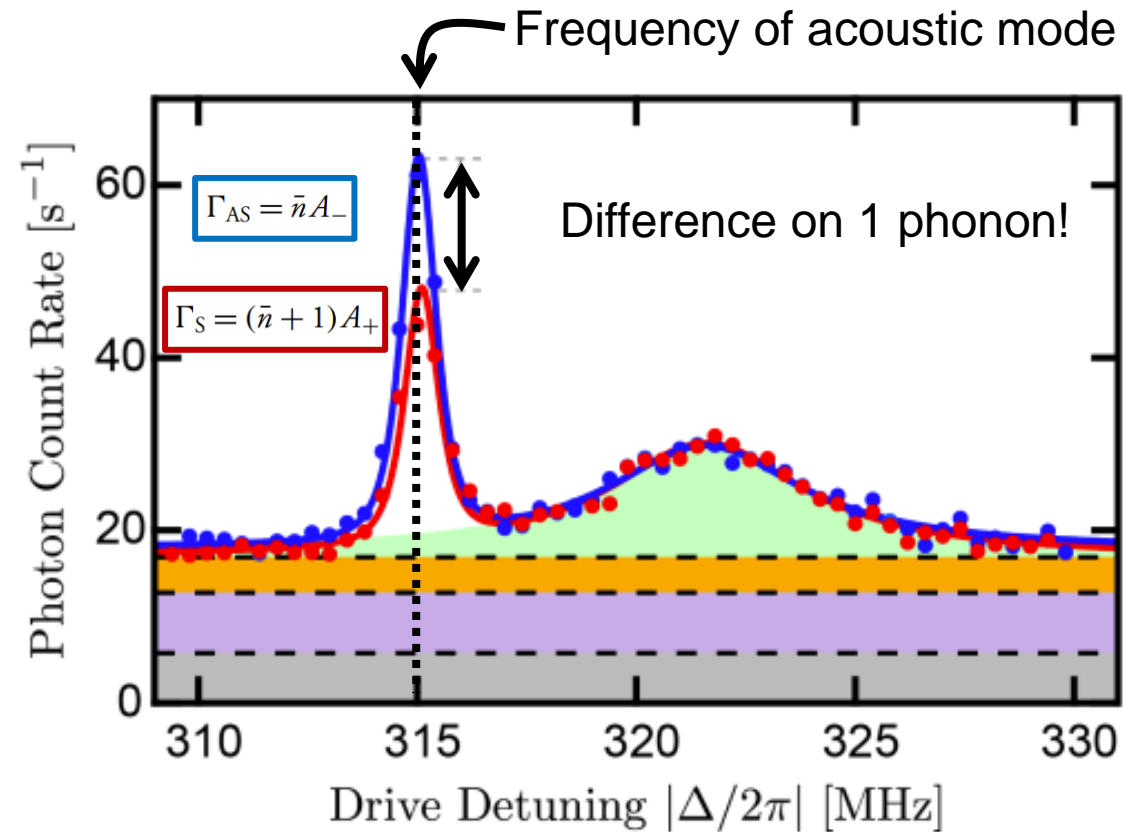
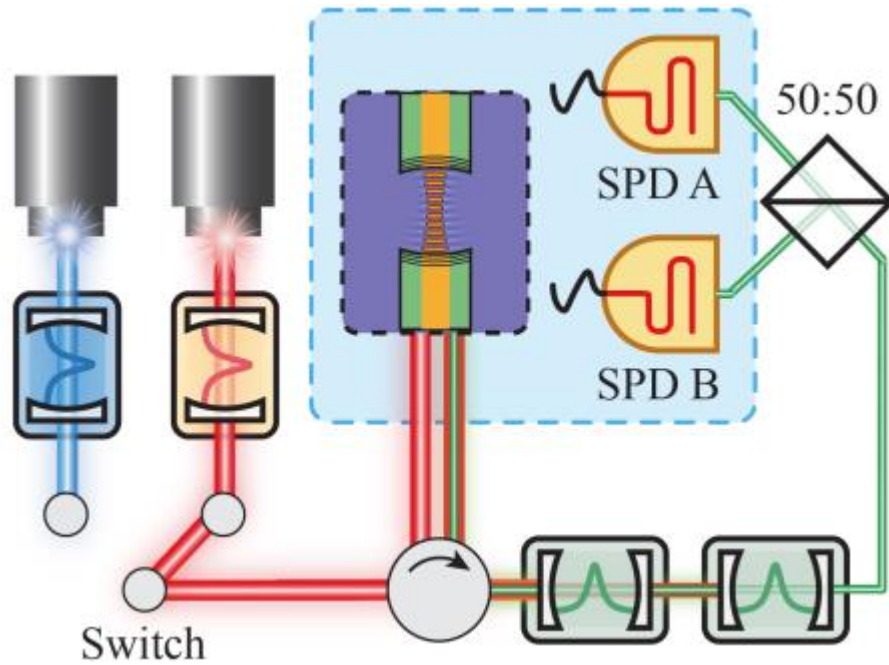
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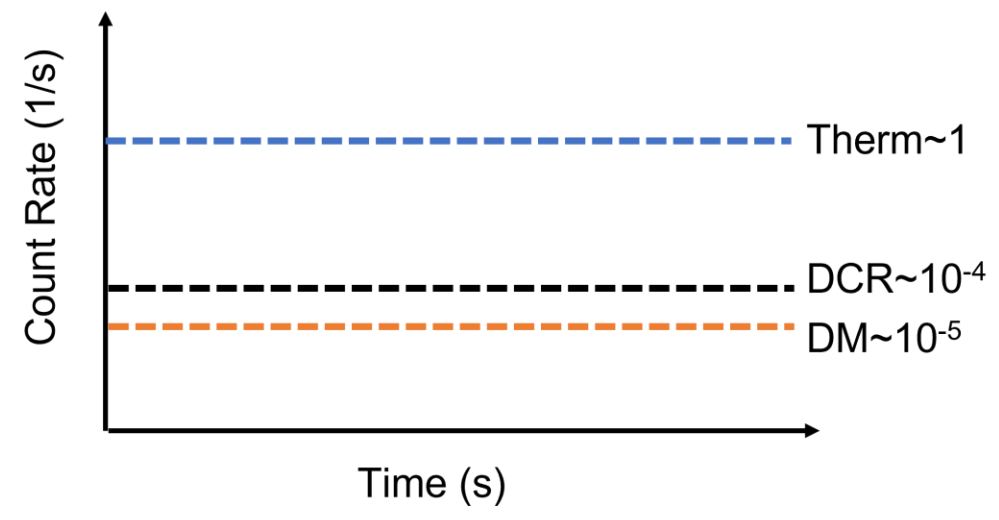
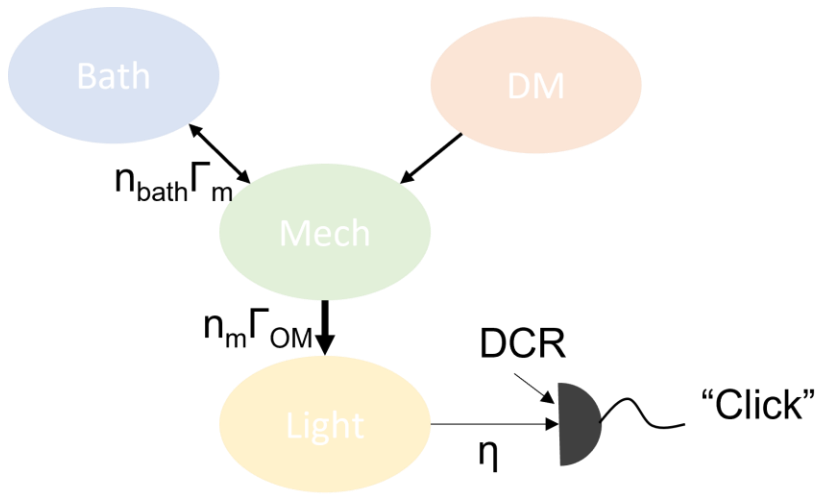
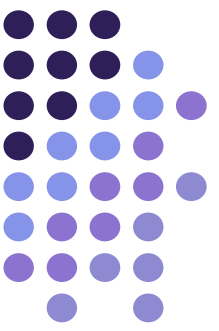


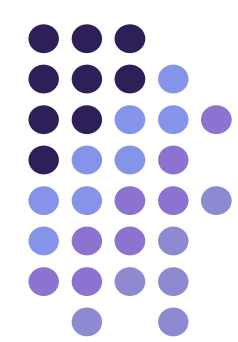


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Superfluid Optomechanics: Phonon Counting







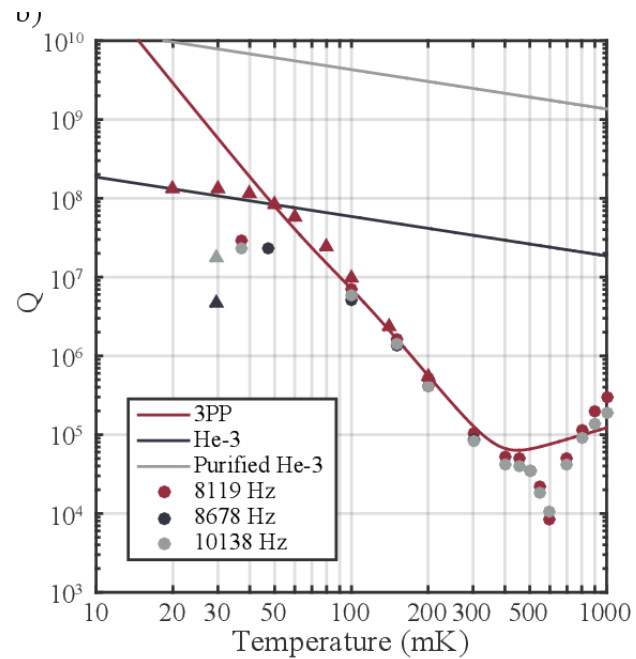
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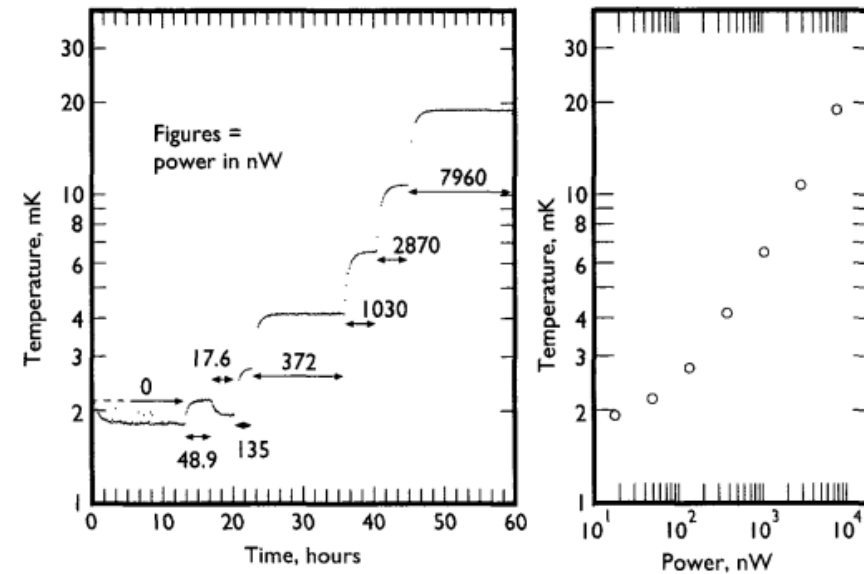
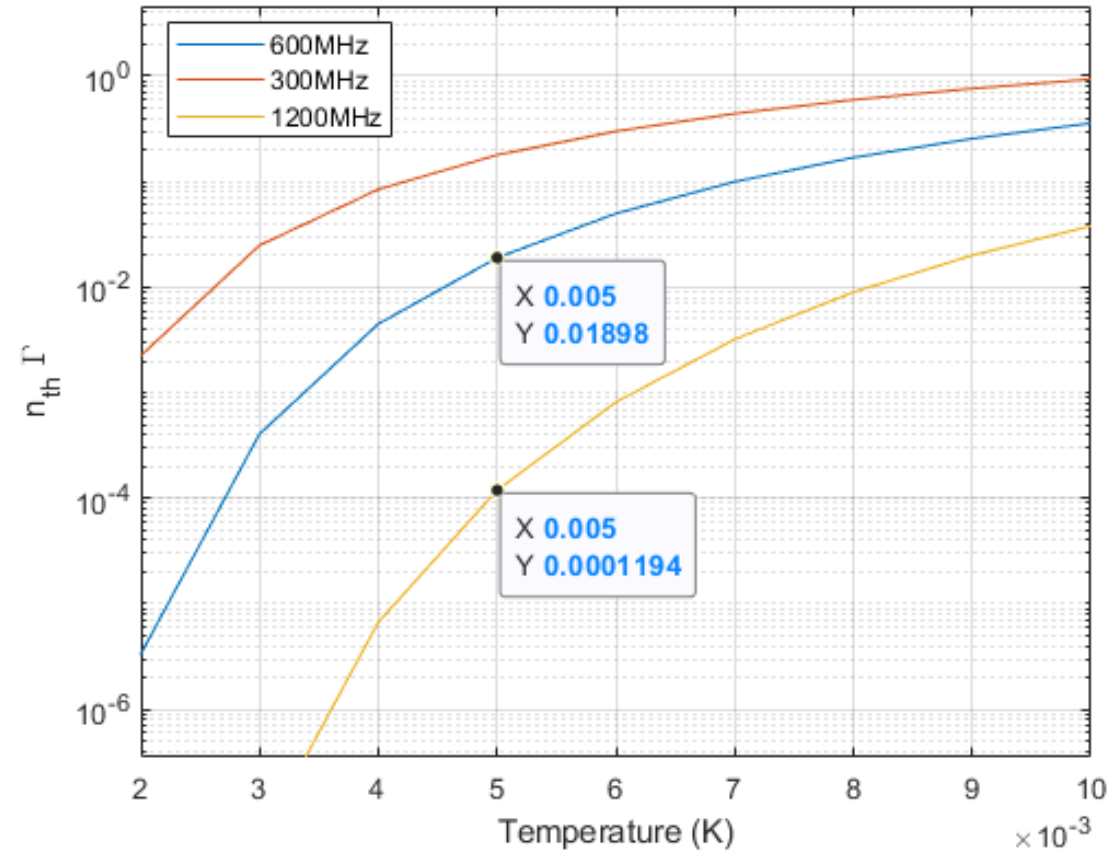
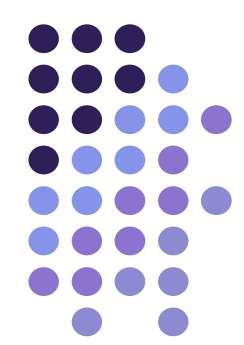
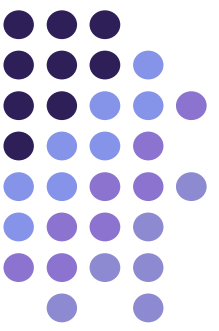


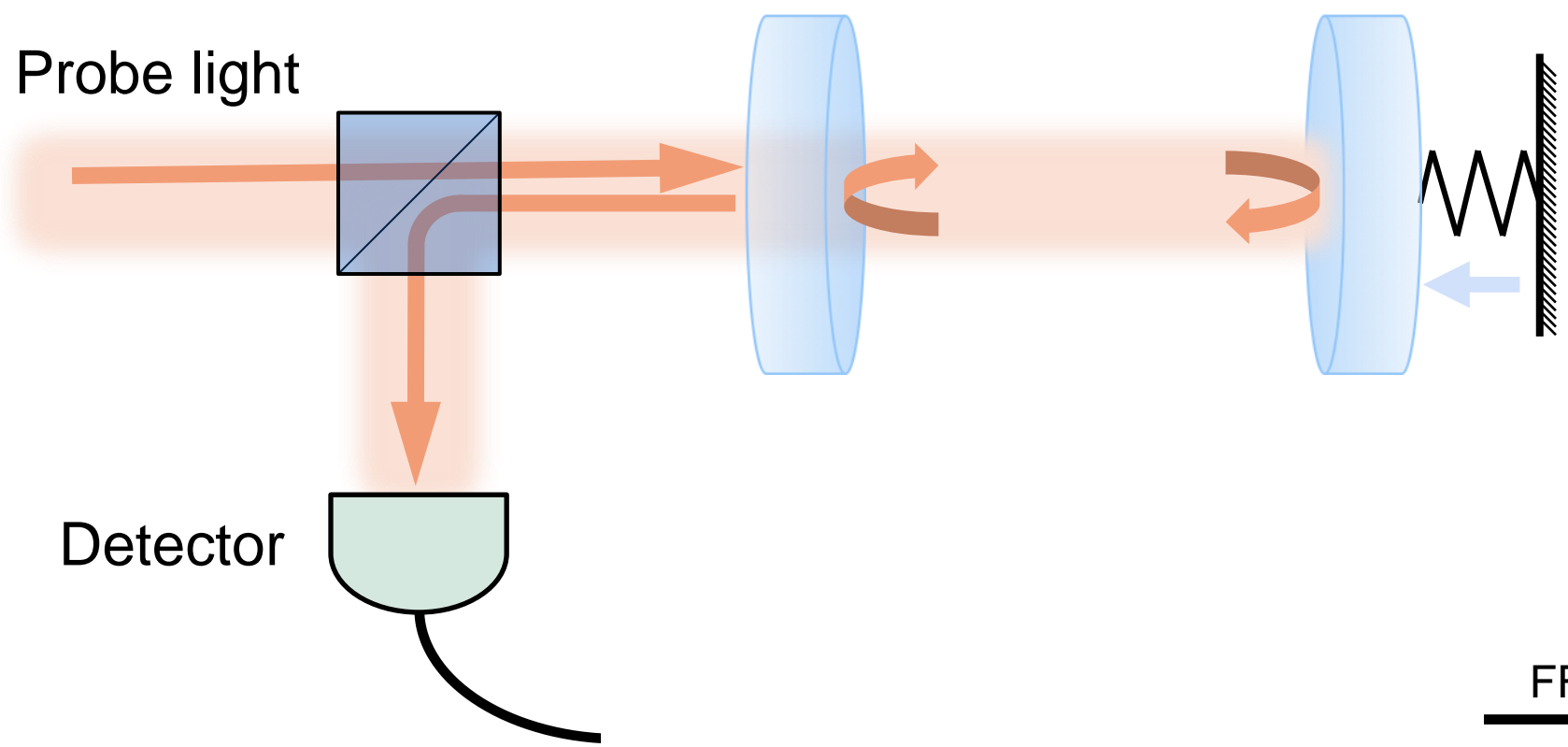
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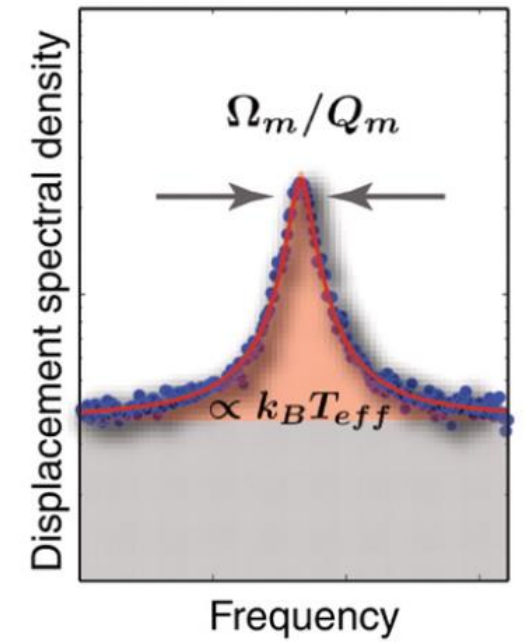


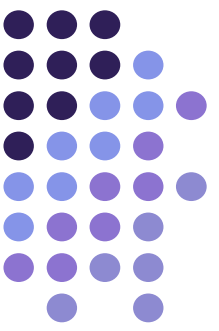
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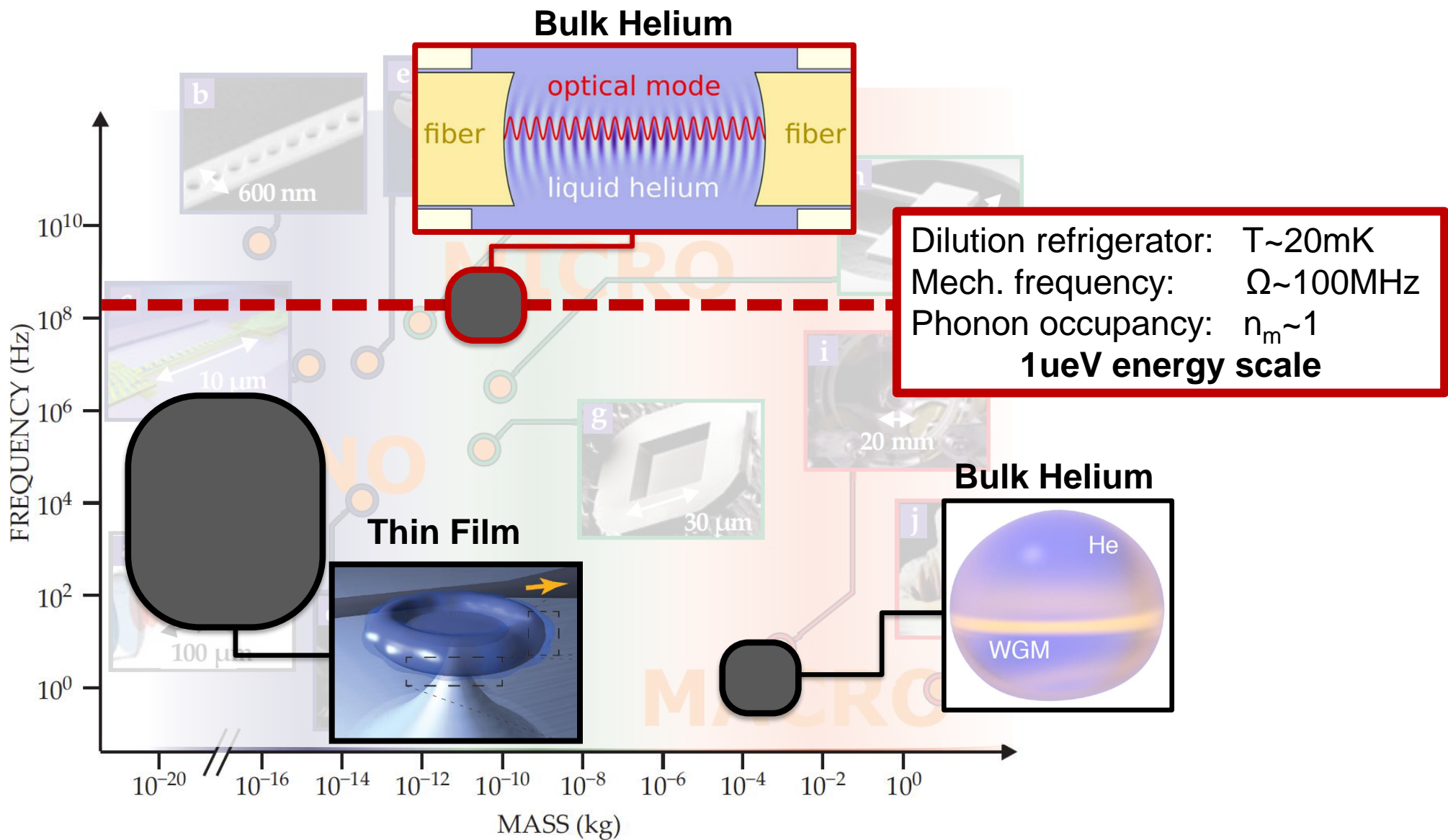
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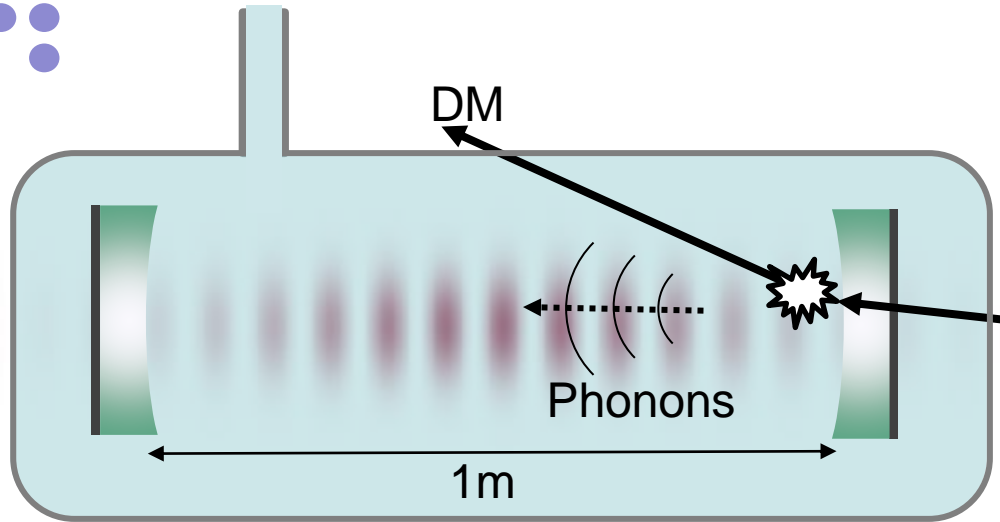




Superfluid Optomechanics



Optomechanical Detection of Dark Matter



Phonons modes (10^{-6} eV)

- Very different detection scheme.
- Capable of resolving thermal motion ($\sim \mu\text{eV}$).
- Distributed sensing throughout medium (compare to bolometers at the wall).
- Simultaneously measure multiple modes.

Questions/concerns:

- Can only observe specific modes (i.e. narrow energy band).
- What is the rate/cross-section and emission pattern?
- 2-phonon scattering generates non-classical state...!
- Cavity enhanced scattering (i.e. Purcell-like enhancement)?

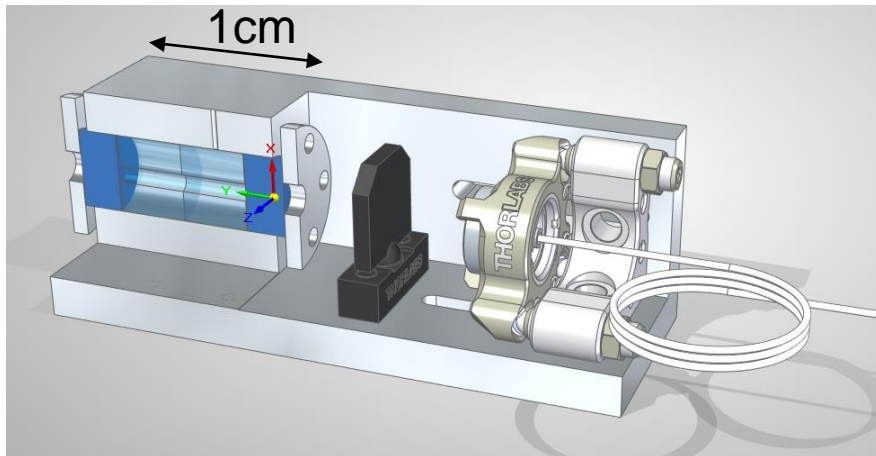
Could also optically detect

Helium Excimers (10eV)

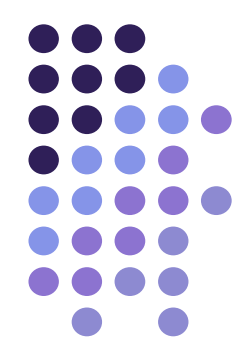
- Detect via fluorescence of long lived triplet state.

Rotons (10^{-3} eV)

- Detected via optical scattering.



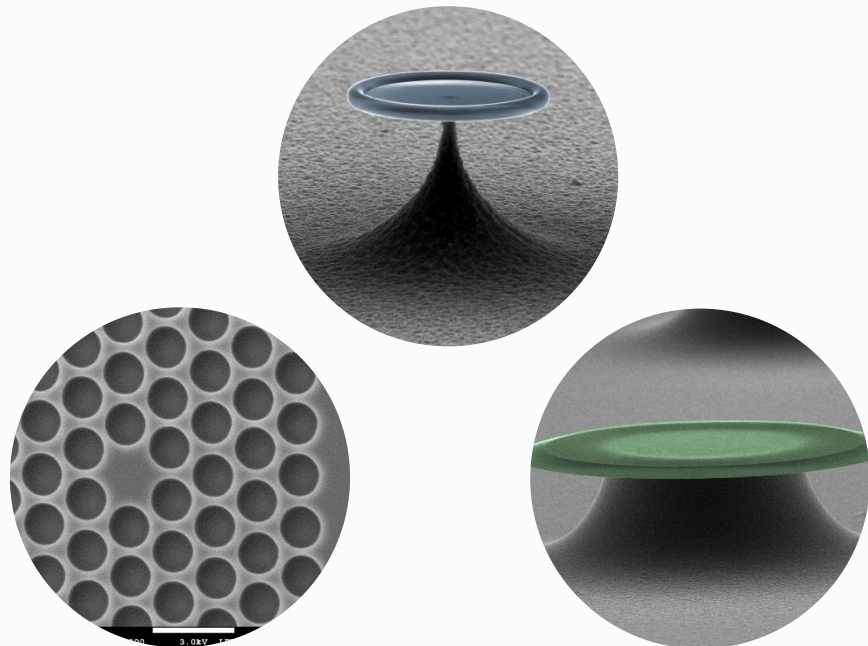
Design for macroscopic cavity filled with LHe



Superfluid Helium Optomechanics

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Thin films of superfluid Helium covering optical devices



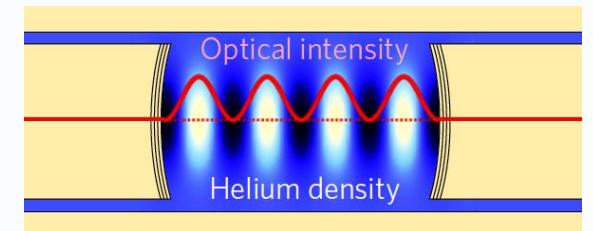
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Bulk superfluid Helium within optical device

Levitated droplet
~1cm

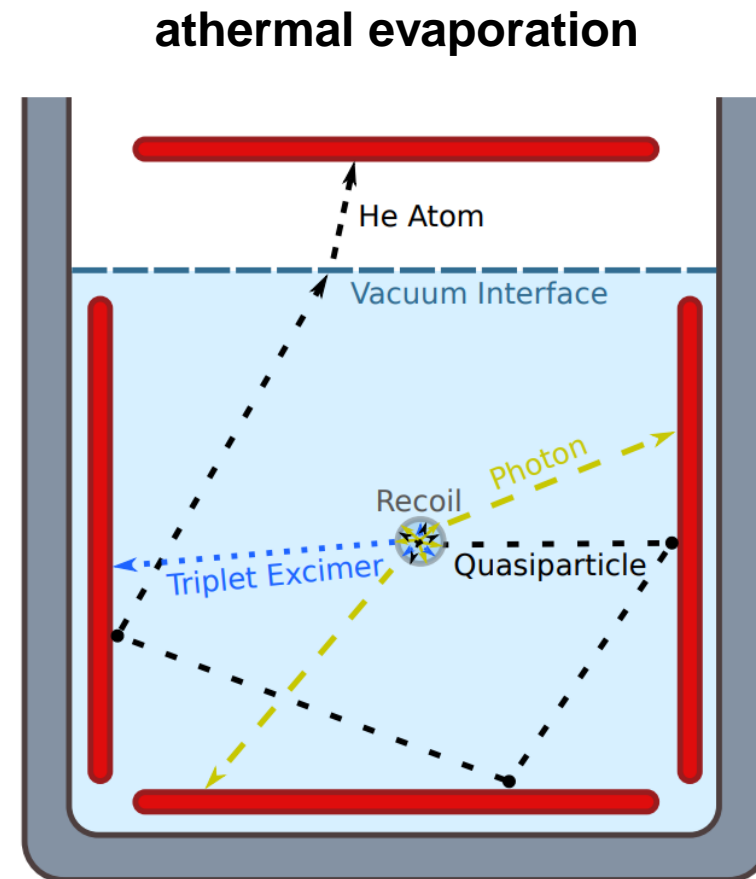


F-P cavity immersed
100um-10cm

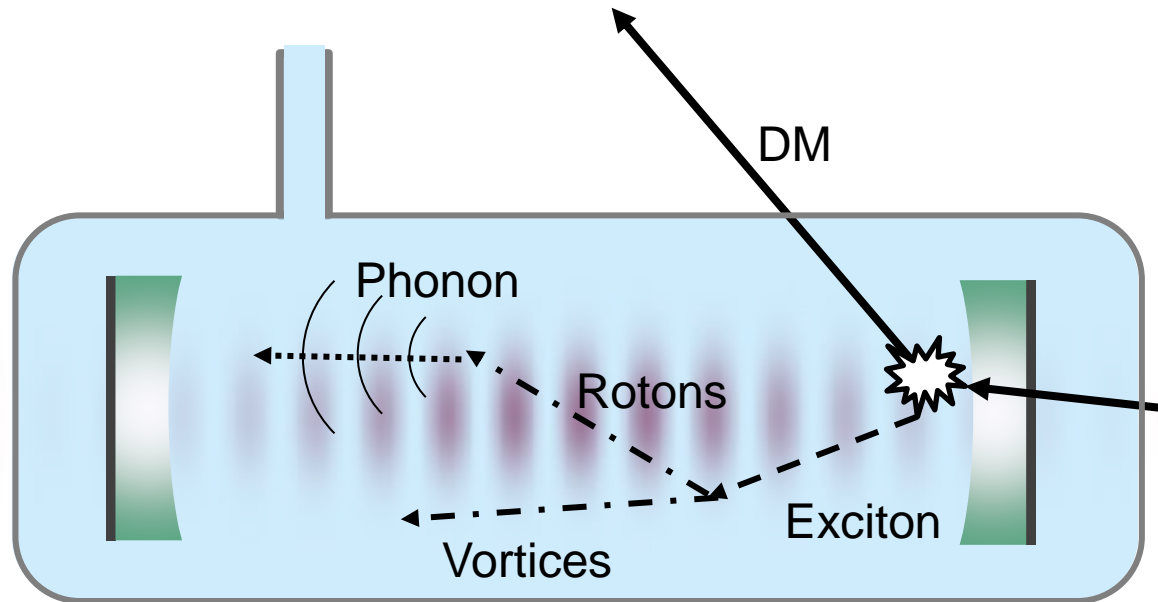
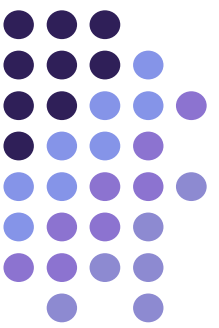


Helium as a target material

- Low nuclear mass → efficient transfer of KE
- Multiple signal channels → allows signal discrimination
- High radiopurity (no isotope) and freeze-out of impurities → low spurious signals
- A large band gap energy of 19eV → low spurious signals
- A liquid state down to 0K → reduce thermal noise
- Cheaper than Xenon by x10!



Optical Readout of DM events



As the energy dissipates it causes a “shower” of particles in the superfluid.

Helium Excimers (10eV)

- Ionizing radiation produces unstable He₂ molecules.
- 1 MeV recoil event creates about >10,000 He₂ molecules
- Detect via fluorescence of long lived triplet state.
- Enables location imaging.

Rotons (10⁻³ eV)

- Long lived quasi-particles.
- Detected via optical scattering.

Phonons modes (10⁻⁶ eV)

- Optomechanical based detection.
- Capable of resolving thermal motion (~ueV)
- Simultaneously measure multiple modes.

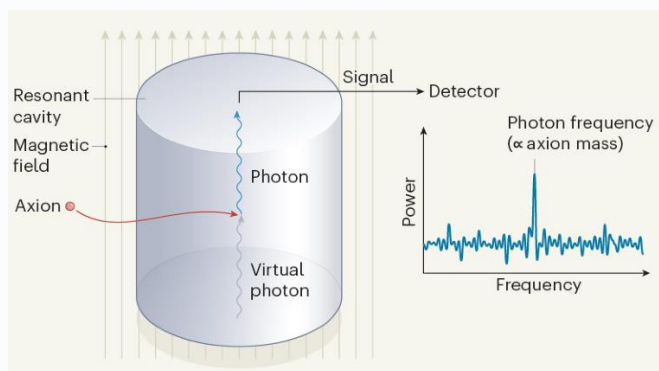
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ADMX (USA)

ORGAN (Australia)



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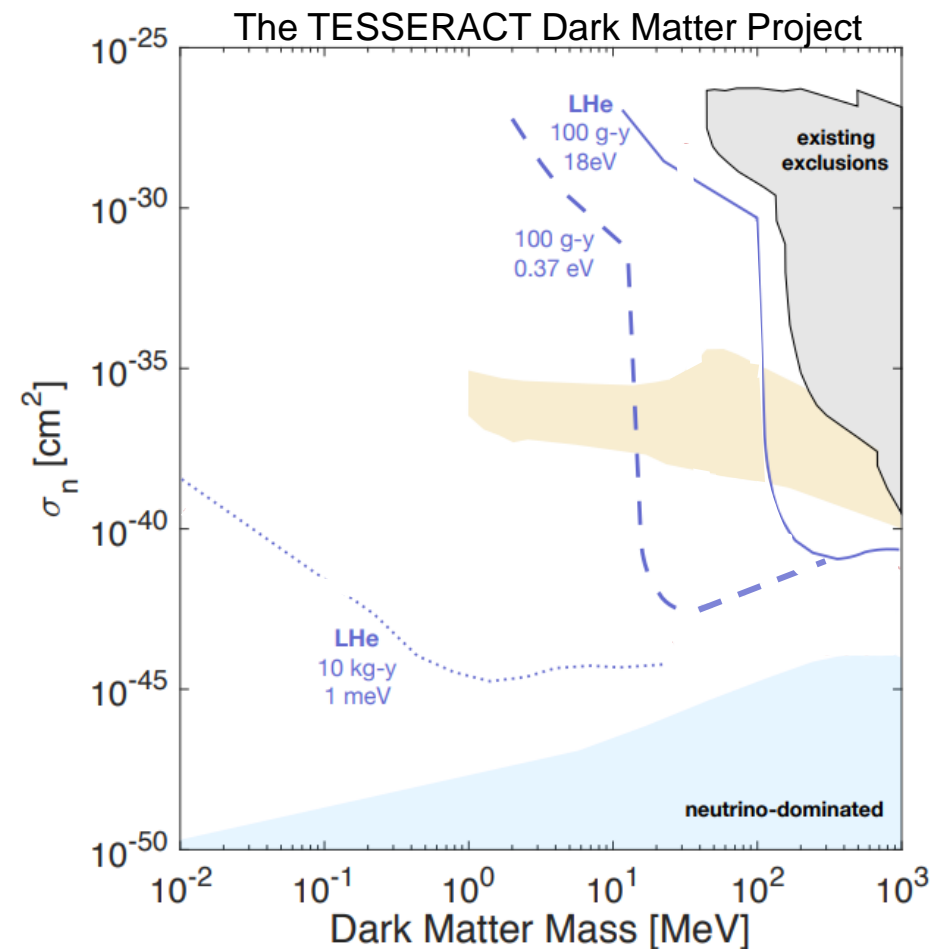
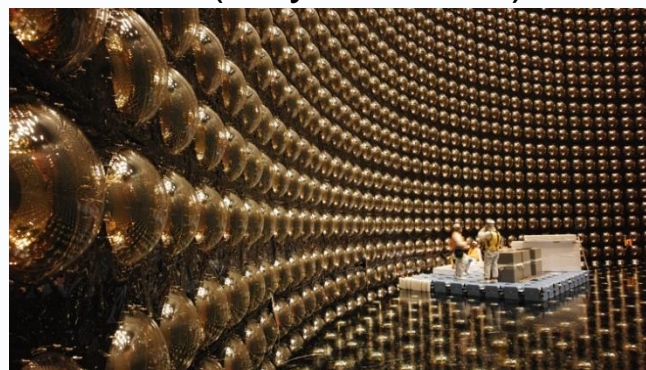
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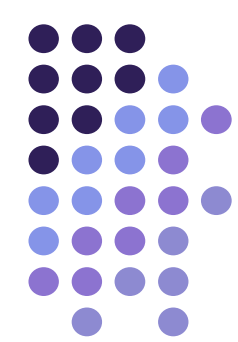
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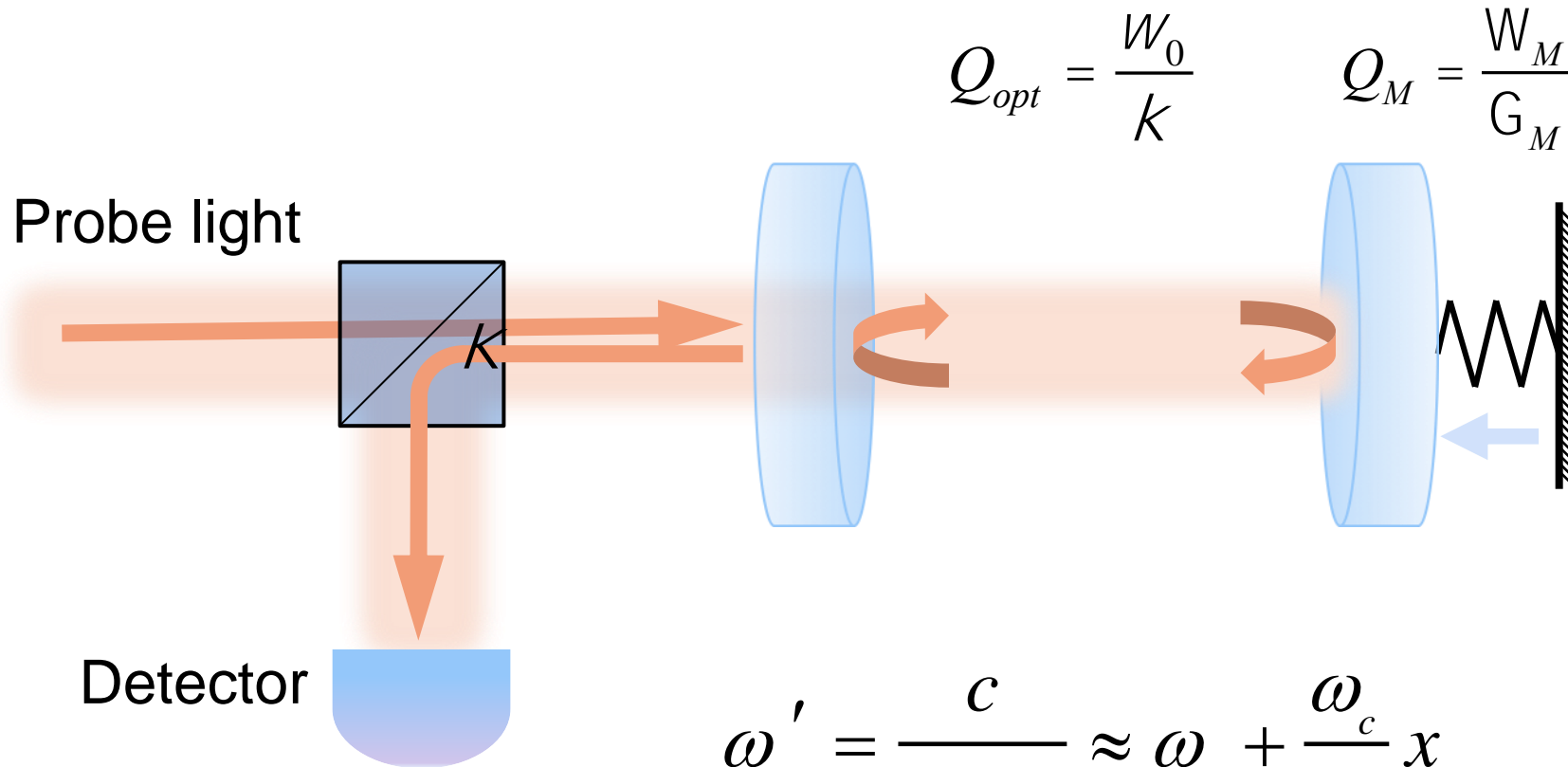
Super-Kamiokande (Japan)

SABRE (Italy/Australia)





Cavity Optomechanics



$$\omega'_c = \frac{c}{L+x} \approx \omega_c + \frac{\omega_c}{L} x$$

$$H_{cav} = \hbar(\omega_c + gx)a^\dagger a$$

$$g_{om} = -\frac{\partial W_0}{\partial x}$$

$$g_0 = g_{om} x_{ZPF}$$

Optomechanical Interaction

Linearize by taking $a = \alpha + \delta a$

$$H_{int} = \hbar g \alpha \left(\underbrace{\delta a^\dagger b^\dagger + \delta a b}_{\text{Optomechanical entanglement}} + \underbrace{\delta a^\dagger b + \delta a b^\dagger}_{\text{Optomechanical beam splitter}} \right)$$

Optomechanical entanglement

Optomechanical beam splitter

