



# **PHELEX:**

## **The Experiment on the Search for Dark Photons**

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## The aim of experiment: the search for Dark Matter as Hidden Photons

Virial theorem:

kinetic energy of gravitationally bound system of objects should be equal to  
– 0.5 of their potential energy

**Zwicky (1937)** – analyses of red shifts of the Coma Cluster of galaxies:  
surprisingly high mass-to-light ratio

To-day, according to a combination of all data: the dark matter accounts for  
about **84 %** of the matter content of the Universe

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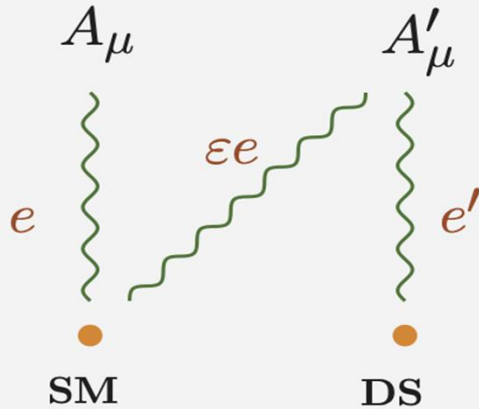
What if: dark photons?

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# The dark Photon



## Abstract

THE DARK PHOTON IS A NEW GAUGE BOSON whose existence has been conjectured. It is dark because it arises from a symmetry of a hypothetical dark sector comprising particles completely neutral under the Standard Model interactions. Dark though it is, this new gauge boson can be detected because of its kinetic mixing with the ordinary, visible photon. We review its physics from the theoretical and the experimental point of view. We discuss the difference between the massive and the massless case. We explain how the dark photon enters laboratory, astrophysical and cosmological observations as well as dark matter physics. We survey the current and future experimental limits on the parameters of the massless and massive dark photons together with the related bounds on milli-charged fermions.

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Linear Energy Density and the Flux of an Electric Field in Proca Tubes

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Axially symmetric particlelike solutions with the flux of a magnetic field in the non-Abelian Proca-Higgs theory

Phys. Rev. D 2021, 104, 116027

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Proca balls with angular momentum or flux of electric field

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arXiv:2112.06227v.2 [hep-th] 16 Feb 2022



# PHELEX – PHoton-Electron EXperiment

**multicathode counter technique as an extension of a method of a dish antenna to higher masses (energies)**

$$P = 2\alpha^2 \chi^2 \rho_{CDM} A_{dish}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle$$

$\theta$  – angle between electric field of a photon and the surface

$\chi$ - dimensionless parameter quantifying a kinetic mixing

(D.Horns, J.Jackel, A.Lindner, A.Lobanov, J.Redondo, A.Ringwald ,  
“Searching for wispy cold dark matter with a dish antenna” *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics*, vol.4. article 16, 2013)

**In our case: due to low reflectivity of the surface the photon gets absorbed and emits an electron**

$$P = R_{MCC} m_{\gamma'} / \eta$$

**Sensitivity:**

$$\chi = 2.9 \cdot 10^{-12} \left( \frac{R_{MCC}}{\eta \cdot 1Hz} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{m_{\gamma'}}{1eV} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{0.3 GeV / cm^3}{\rho_{CDM}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1m^2}{A_{dish}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2/3}}{\alpha} \right)$$

$$\rho_{CDM} \approx 0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$$

$$\rho_{\odot} = (0.43 \pm 0.06) \text{ GeV/cm}^3 \text{ (Salucci et al 2010)}$$

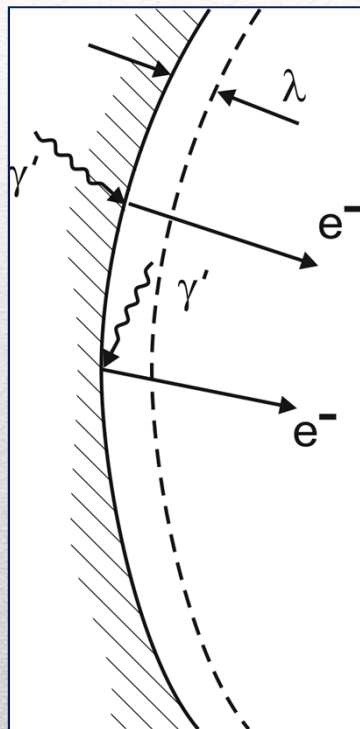
Galactic dark matter halo.

But locally, near the Sun?

Primordial Solar dark matter halo?

arXiv:2007.11016

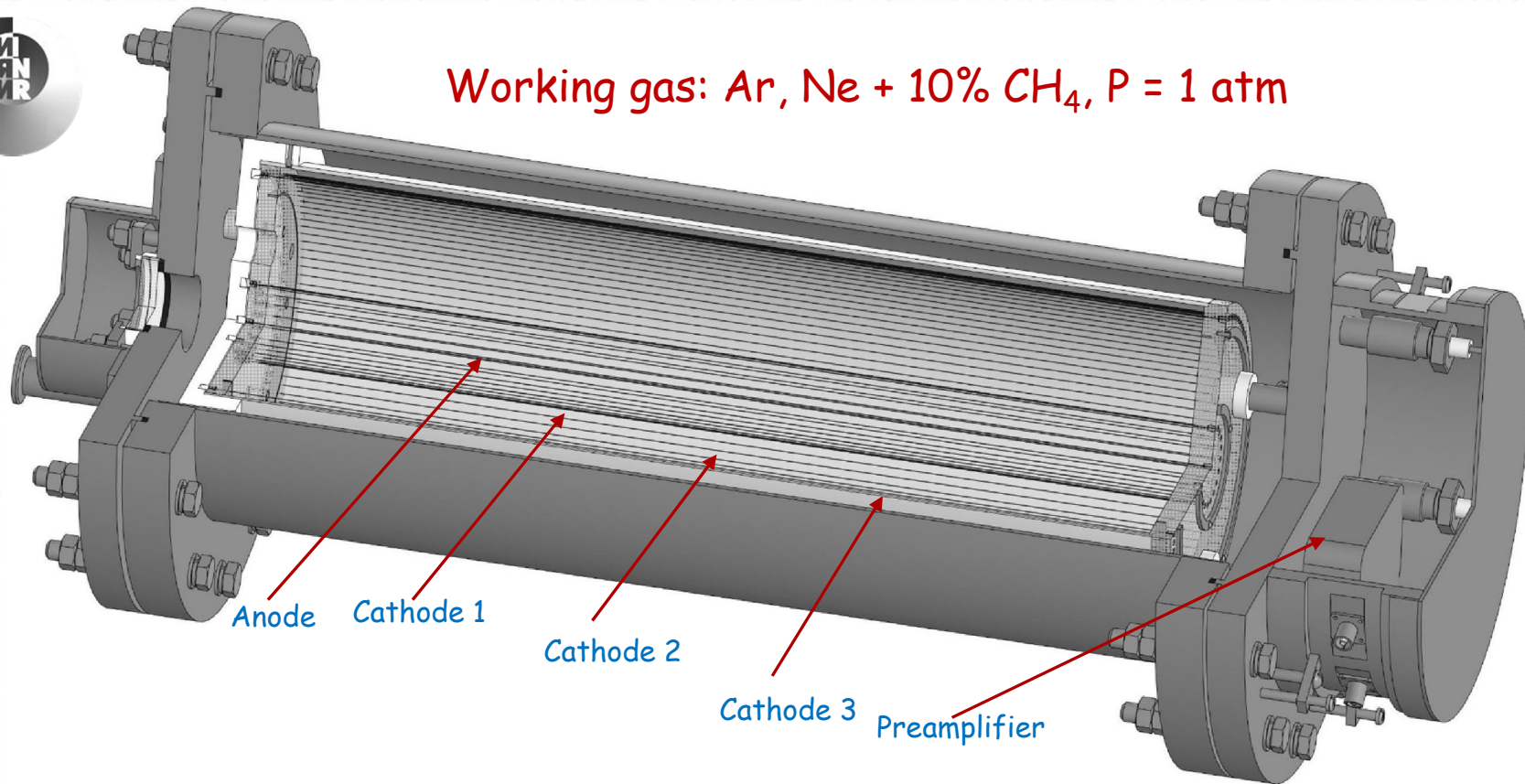
(N.B.Anderson, A.Partenheimer, and T.D.Wiser)







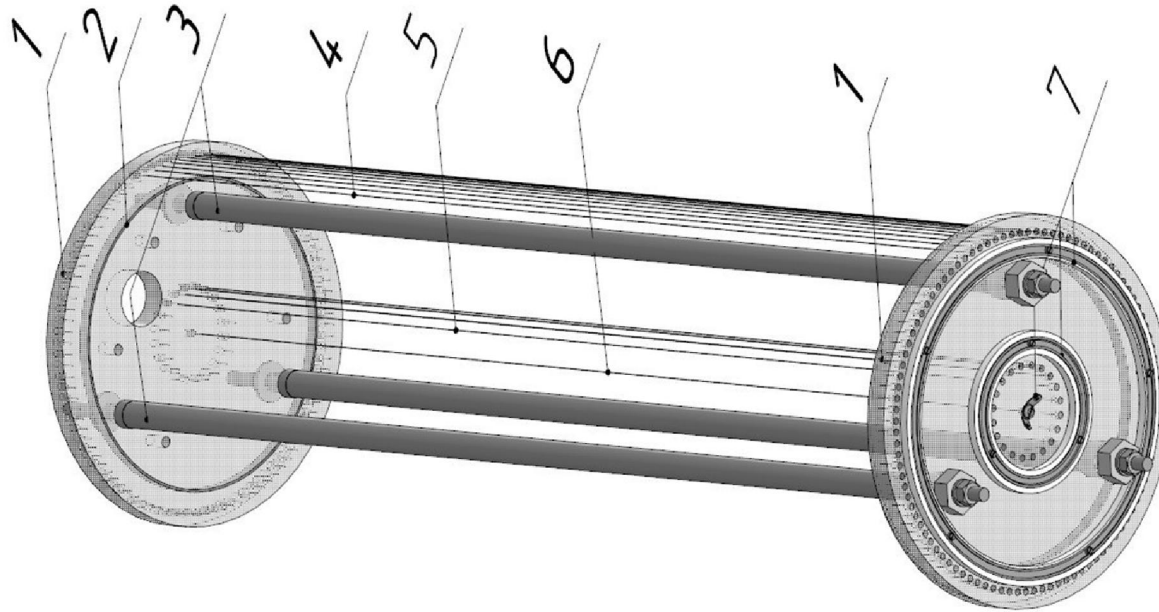
Working gas: Ar, Ne + 10% CH<sub>4</sub>, P = 1 atm



Multicathode counter, calibration from the end of the counter

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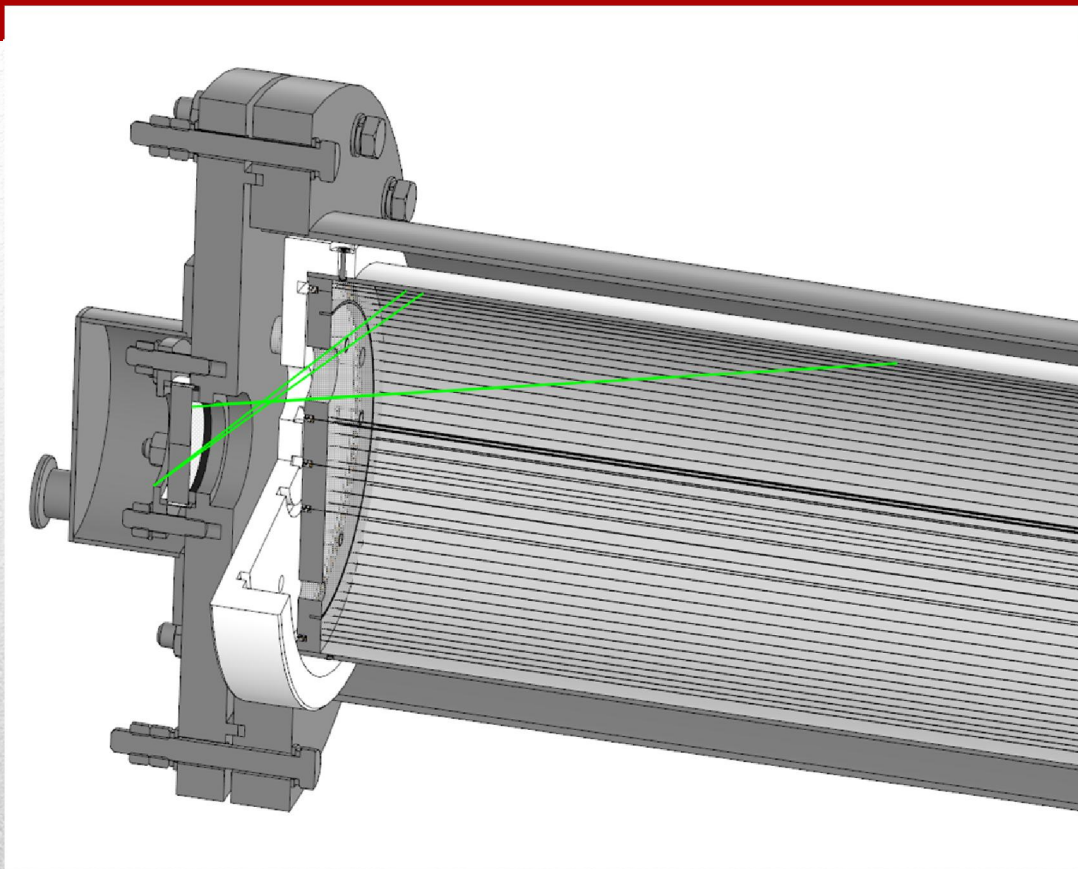


- 6. Anode
- 5. 1<sup>st</sup> cathode
- 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> cathode
- 3. Assembling rods

With auxiliary rods for tensioning cathode wires



Calibration by  
UV lamp



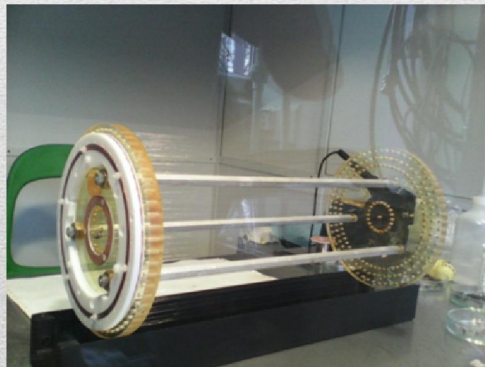
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## Multicathode counter: assembling and testing





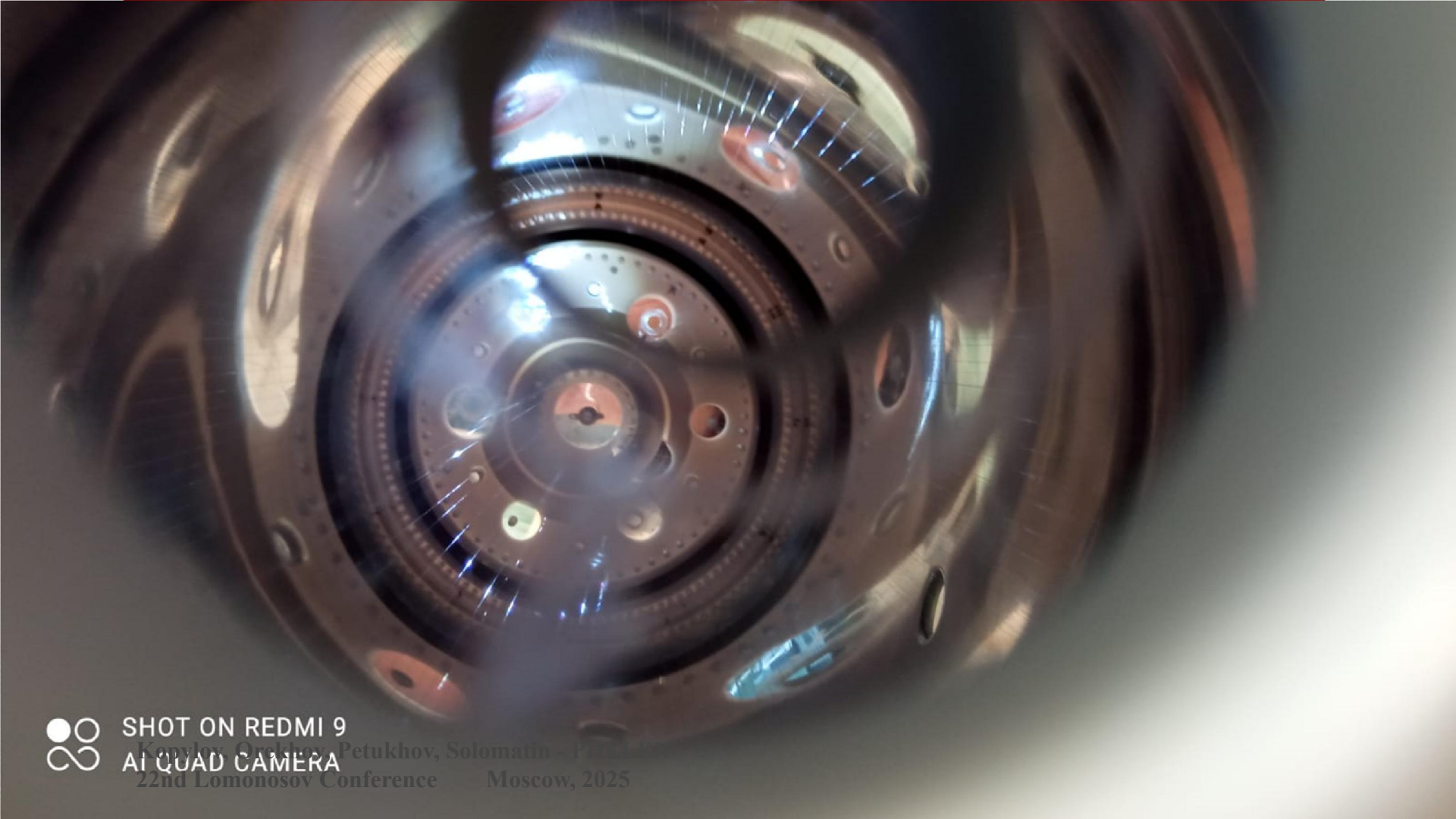


## Assembling the counter

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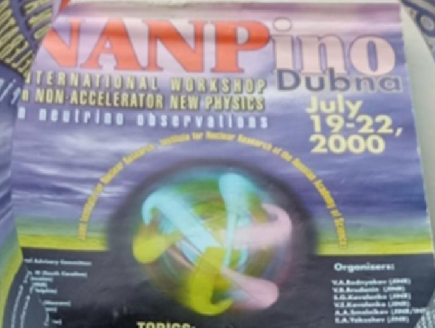


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$$\approx 8(p/h)^3 \quad T_v = 1.95 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}$$

In 1 cm<sup>3</sup>:  
 $\approx 150$  relic neutrinos  
 $\approx 500$  relic photons

Dark photons in the vicinity of  
 The Sun:  
 From 10 to 40 millions/cm<sup>3</sup> !

$$\rho_{\text{CDM}} \approx 0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$$

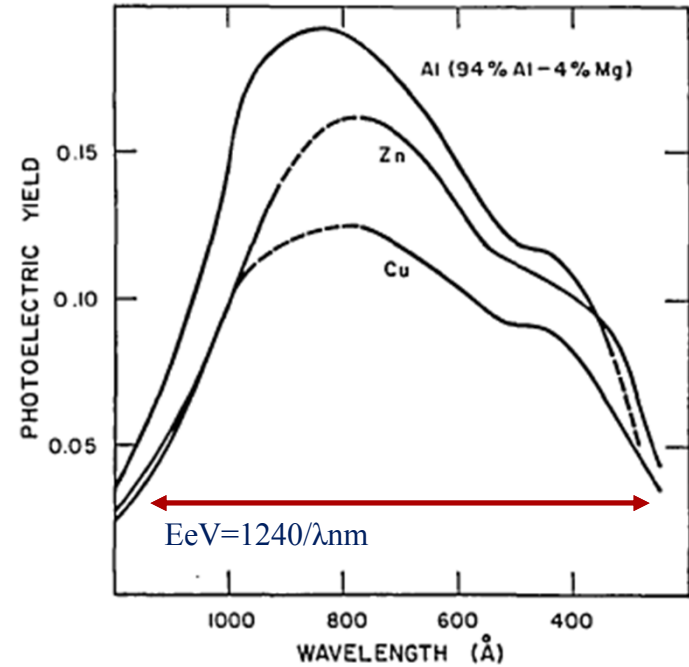


FIG. 4. Photoelectric yields of Al-Mg, Zn, and Cu.

Mass of Dark Photon  
 from 10 to 40 eV





**Galaxy SDSS J0946+1006 acts as a gravitational lens, helping astronomers see the signs of dark matter**

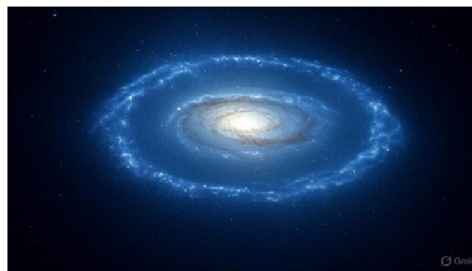
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An unusually dense galaxy could be the first clear evidence for the existence of an unconventional form of “sticky” dark matter, altering our understanding of this mysterious cosmic substance.

In the standard picture of cosmology, so-called cold dark matter only interacts with the rest of the universe through gravity, which causes it to bunch together in *invisible, puffy clouds* around galaxies. We can map these

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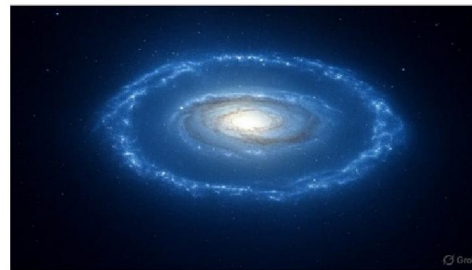
Астрономы из Портсмутского университета обнаружили в галактике SDSS J0946+1006 необычно плотное темное гало, которое может стать ключом к разгадке природы темной материи. Открытие указывает на возможное существование «липкой» темной материи, которая способна взаимодействовать сама с собой, что противоречит традиционным представлениям о ее поведении. Уникальная структура галактики, состоящей из трех объектов на расстоянии 3, 6 и 11 миллиардов световых лет, позволила ученым использовать гравитационное линзирование для точного анализа распределения массы.



Изображение сгенерировано Grok

В стандартной космологической модели темная материя считается «холодной» и взаимодействует с окружающим миром только через гравитацию, формируя рыхлые облака вокруг галактик. Однако плотность гало в SDSS

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# The overconcentrated dark halo in the strong lens SDSS J0946 + 1006 is a subhalo: evidence for self-interacting dark matter?

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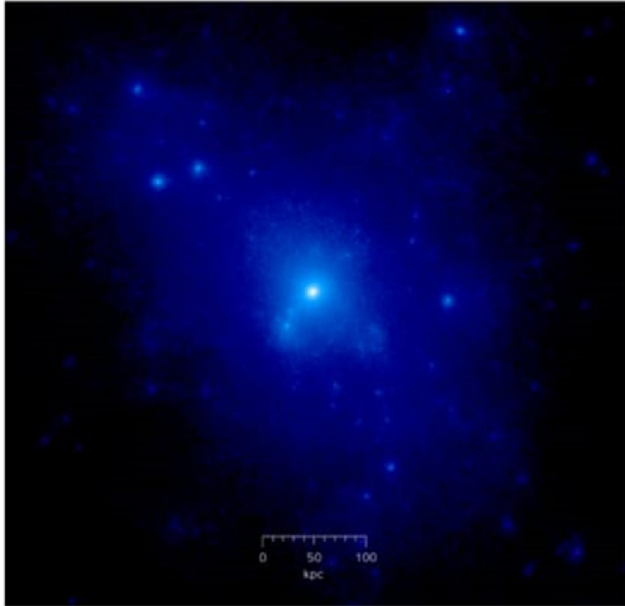
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Thomas E. Collett <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> *Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation (ICG), University of Portsmouth, Burnaby Rd, Portsmouth PO1 3FX, UK* <sup>2</sup> *Sydney Institute for Astronomy, School of Physics, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia* Accepted 2025 April 18. Received 2025 March 22; in original form 2024 November 13

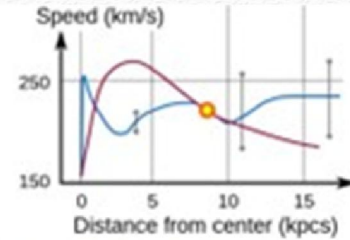
**ABSTRACT** The nature of dark matter is poorly constrained on subgalactic scales. Alternative models to cold dark matter, such as warm dark matter or self-interacting dark matter, could produce very different dark haloes on these scales. One of the few known dark haloes smaller than a galaxy was discovered in the triple source plane strong lens system J0946 + 1006. Previous studies have found that this structure is much more concentrated than expected in  $\Lambda$  cold dark matter ( $\Lambda$ CDM), but have assumed the dark halo is at the same redshift as the main deflector ( $z_{\text{main}} = 0.222$ ). In this paper, we fit for the redshift of this dark halo. We reconstruct the first two sources in the system using a forward modelling approach, allowing for additional complexity from multipole perturbations. We find that the perturber redshift is  $z_{\text{halo}} = 0.207 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.019$ , and lower bounds on the evidence strongly prefer a subhalo over a line-of-sight structure. Whilst modelling both background sources does not improve constraints on the redshift of the subhalo, it breaks important degeneracies affecting the reconstruction of multipole perturbations. We find that the subhalo is a more than 5  $\sigma$  outlier from the  $\sigma_{\text{CDM}} v_{\text{max}} - r_{\text{max}}$  relation and has a steep profile with an average slope of  $\gamma_{2D} = -1.81 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.11$  for radii between 0.75 and 1.25 kpc. This steep slope might indicate dark matter self-interactions causing the subhalo to undergo gravitational collapse; such collapsed haloes are expected to have  $\gamma_{2D} \approx -2$ .

**Key words:** gravitational lensing: strong – dark matter





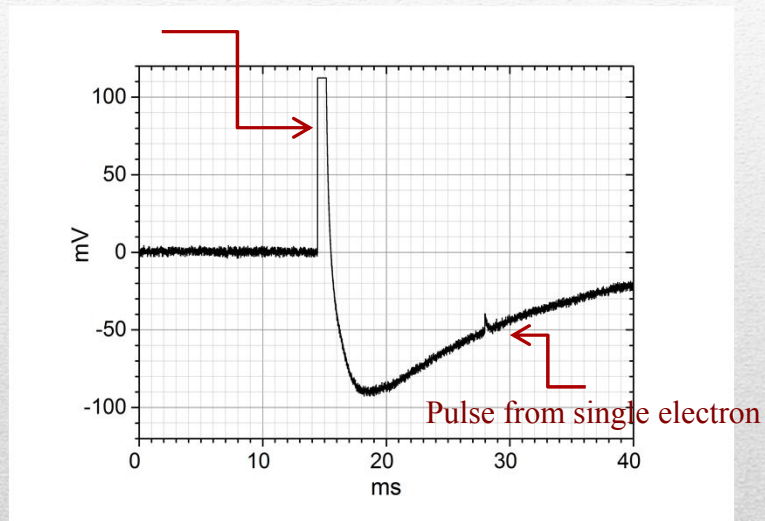
Simulated dark matter halo from a cosmological N-body simulation



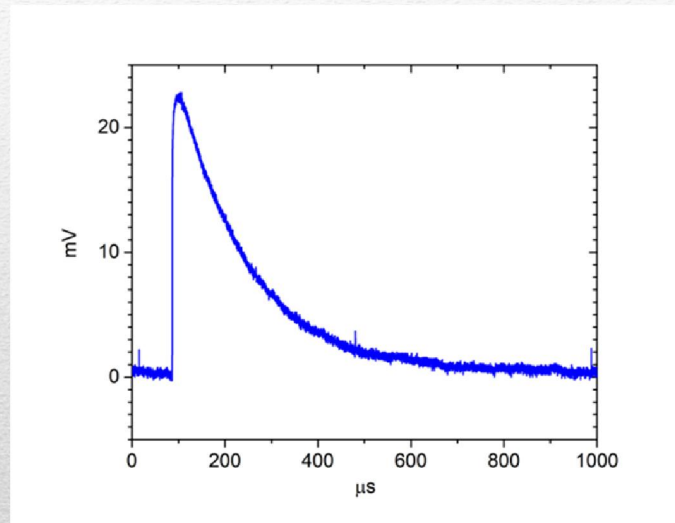
Galaxy rotation curve for the Milky Way. Vertical axis is speed of rotation about the galactic center. Horizontal axis is distance from the galactic center. The sun is marked with a yellow ball. The observed curve of speed of rotation is blue. The predicted curve based upon stellar mass and gas in the Milky Way is red. Scatter in observations roughly indicated by gray bars. The difference is due to dark matter or perhaps a modification of the law of gravity.<sup>[8][9][10]</sup>



Pulse from muon crossing the counter



The restored shape of the pulse



From muons at sea level:  $\approx 15$  pulses per second  $\rightarrow \approx 15\%$  dead time (10 ms per each pulse)

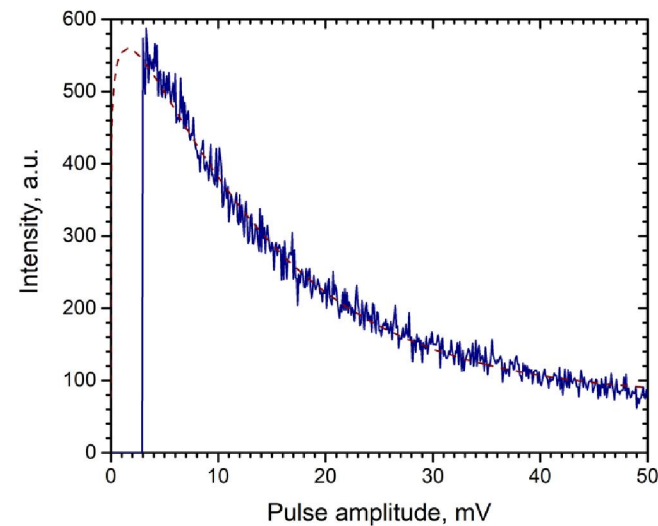
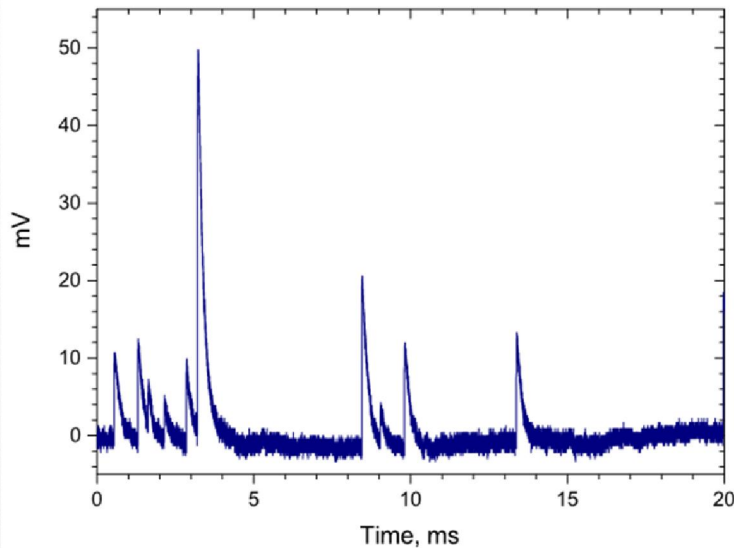




## Pulses from single electrons during calibration by UV light

Polya distribution

$$P(A) = C \left( \frac{A}{\bar{A}} \right)^{\theta} e^{-((1+\theta)\frac{A}{\bar{A}})}$$



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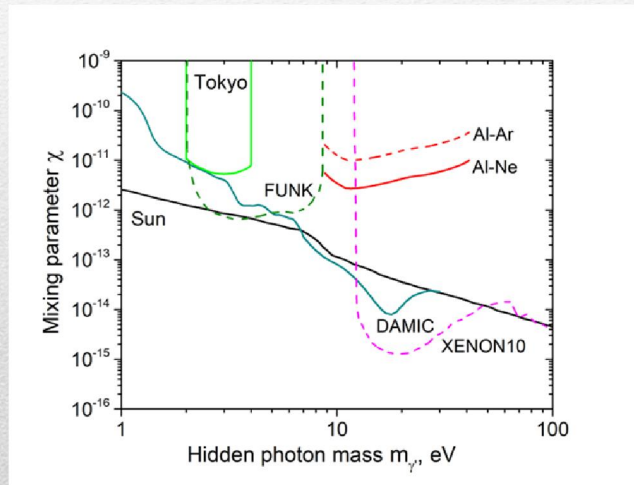
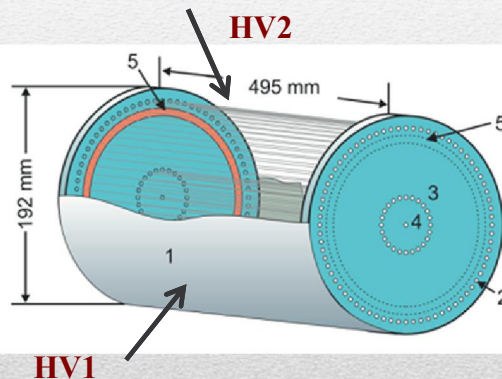
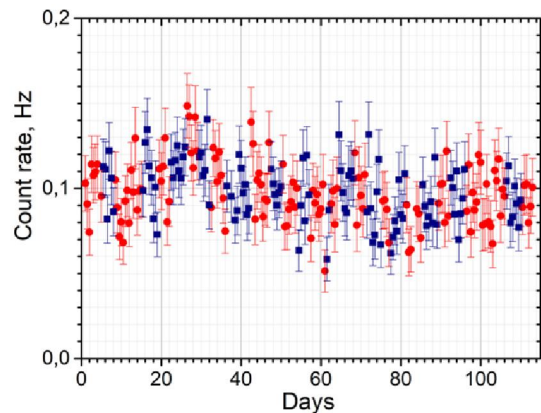
## Results of measurement

with gas mixture  $\text{Ar} + \text{CH}_4(10\%)$  и  $\text{Ne} + \text{CH}_4(10\%)$

Target - free electrons of a degenerate electron gas of a metal

**Result is included in compilation of the data**

**Review of Particle Physics in Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2020, 083C01 (2020).**

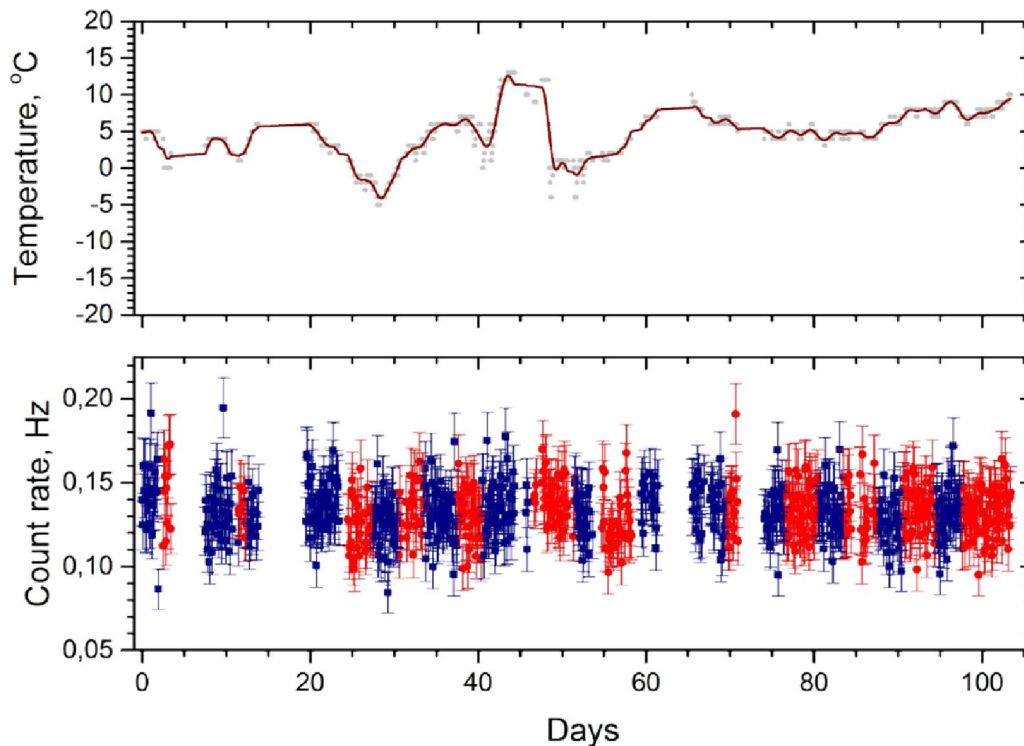


$R_1$  - red,  $R_2$  - blue

$$r_{\text{MCC}} = (-0.33 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Hz/cm}^2$$

• Target - valence electrons

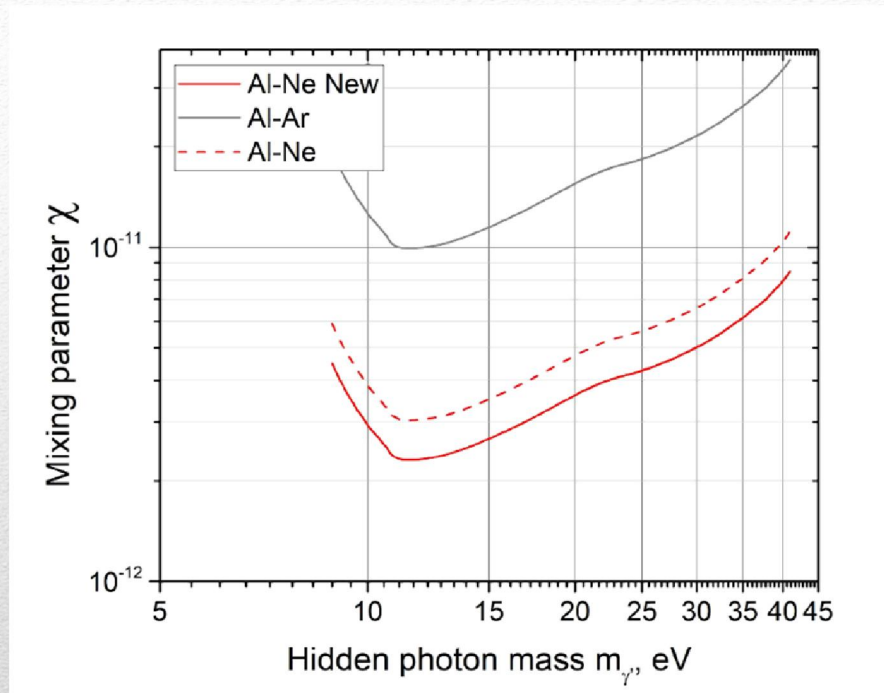




Red – configuration 1  
Blue – configuration 2

871 points;  
In previous  
measurements – 200  
points

## New measurements Al – (Ne + CH<sub>4</sub>(10%) 1 Bar)



### New result:

$C1-C2 = -0.00018 \pm 0.00101$  Hz

Then @ 95 C.L.

$$R_{MCC} = 1.646\sigma/\varepsilon = 0.00164/0.608 = 0.0027$$

$\varepsilon$  – efficiency of counting

### New upper limit

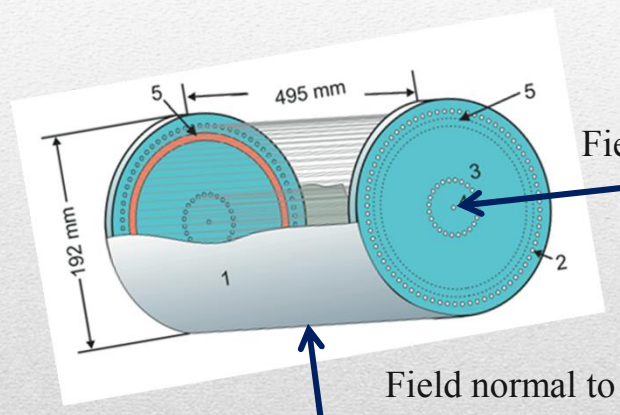
Result is included in compilation of the data by PDG

**Review of Particle Physics in Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2022, 083C01 (2022).**





# Directionality of the counting



$$P = 2\alpha^2 \chi^2 \rho_{CDM} A_{dish}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \cos^2 \theta$$

Field along the axes of the counter

$$\langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle = 0$$

Field normal to the axes of the counter

$$\langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\theta$  – angle between a field of a hidden photon and the surface

$\chi$ - dimensionless parameter quantifying a kinetic mixing

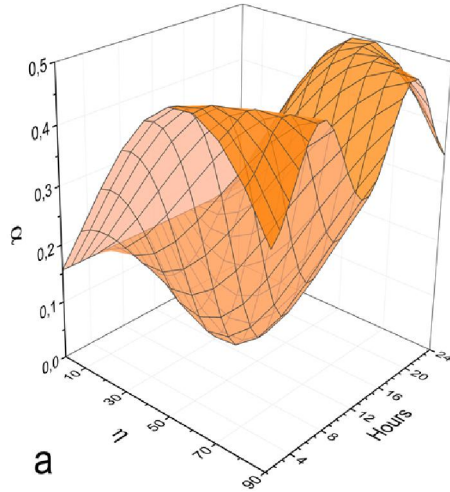
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- **By rotation of the counter – variation of the count rate**

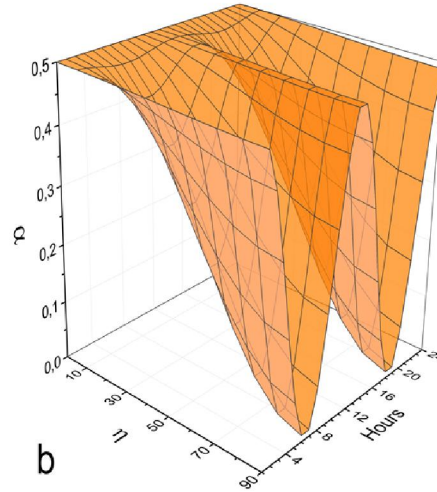
**If the surface is mirror-like!**  
**The counter with a matt surface – for the control measurements**



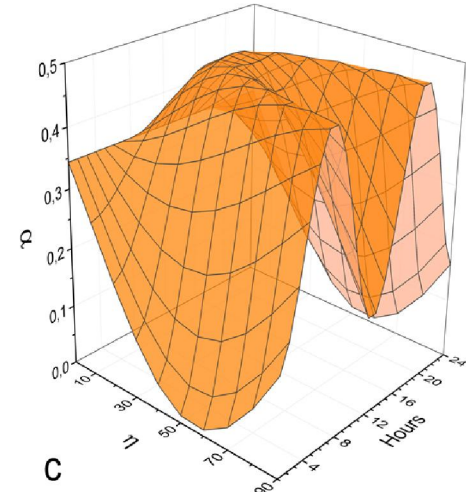
# Diurnal variations, Moscow, Russia $55^{\circ} 45' \text{ N}$



Vertical orientation

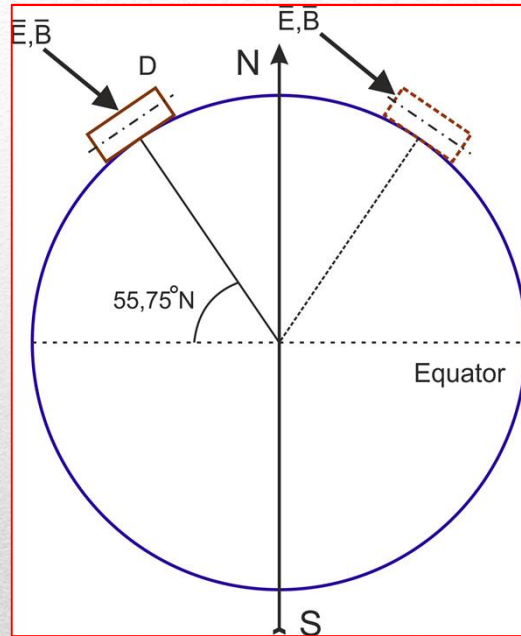


East-West orientation



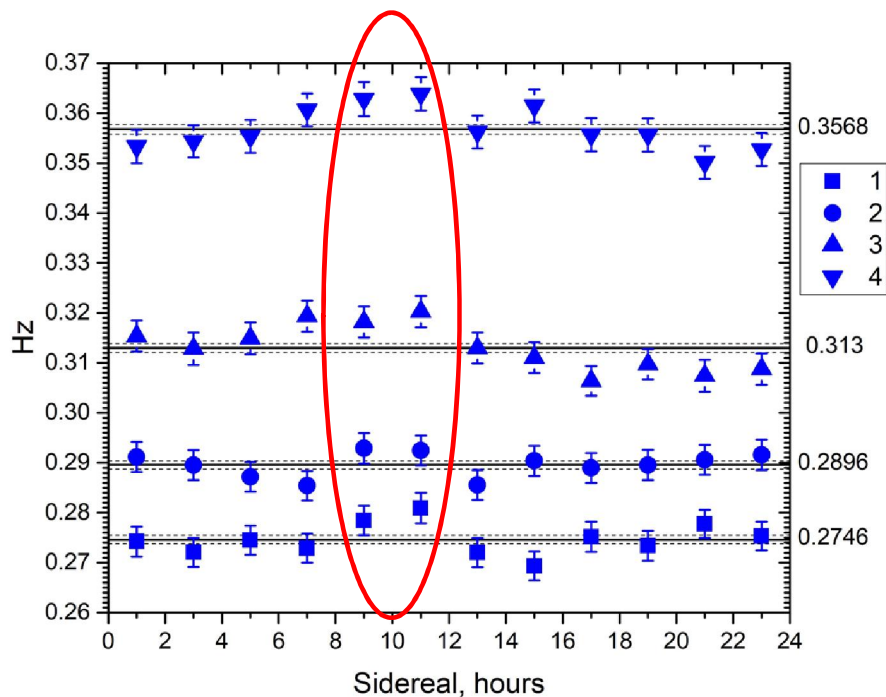
North-South orientation





The direction of the vector of E-field in case of the observation of one peak for the counter oriented along the meridian

**Left: for maximum and  
Right: for minimum of the  
count rate**



1<sup>st</sup> series of measurements  
in 2023 y  
(January – July)

Time of start-stop in each 4 Runs of  
measurements

1: 27.12.22 12:00 - 25.02.23 20:00

2: 25.02.23 22:00 - 15.04.23 16:00

3: 15.04.23 18:00 - 4.06.23 10:00

4: 4.06.23 12:00 - 24.07.23 10:00

## DIURNAL VARIATIONS IN SIDEREAL TIME (configuration 1)





$$p = 12 \prod_{i=1}^{2n} \left( 0,5 \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

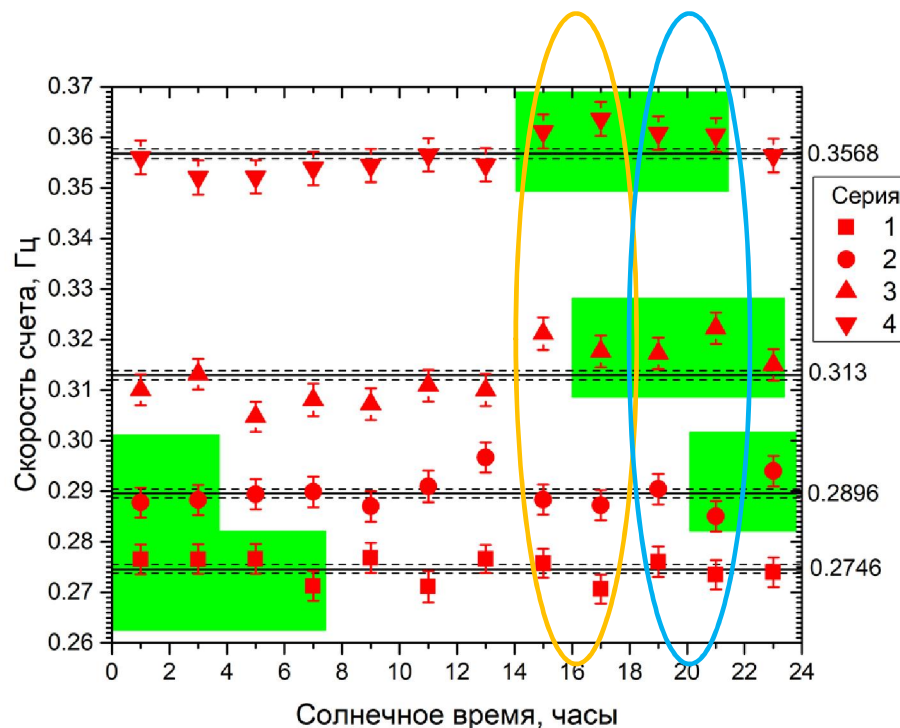
here:  $n$  - number of Runs,

$x_i$  - the deviation from an average value in  $\sigma$  for each 2h interval between 8-00 and 12-00 of sidereal time in each 4 Runs of measurements

For sidereal time  $p = 7.6 \times 10^{-10}$ ,  
Confidence level  $> 6 \sigma (1 \times 10^{-9})$ .

The possible interpretation:

in first half year of 2023 y the solar system has been moving through space where the vector of E-field of dark photons in the time interval between 8-00 and 12-00 of sidereal time was in the plane of Moscow meridian with an angle to the axes of the Earth between  $20^\circ$  and  $50^\circ$ .



$$p = 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

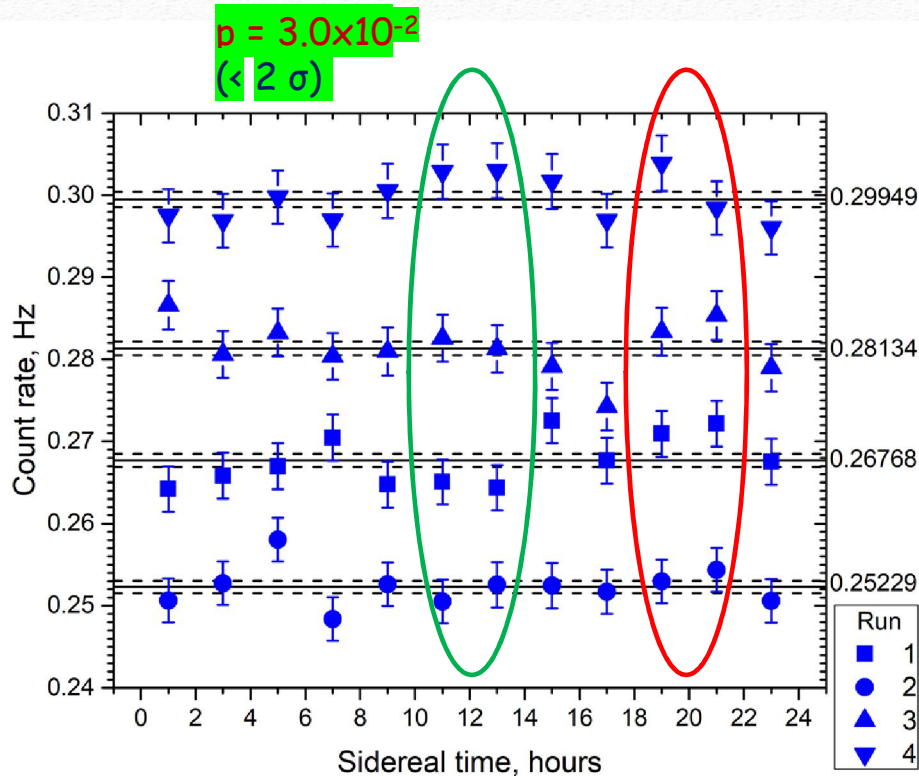
$$> 4 \sigma \quad (3.17 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$p = 5.05 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$> 4 \sigma \quad (3.17 \times 10^{-5})$$

## DIURNAL VARIATIONS IN SOLAR TIME





2<sup>nd</sup> series of measurements  
end of 2023 y –  
1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 y

Time of start-stop in each 4 Runs of  
measurements

- 1: 21.09.23 12:00 - 9.11.23 22:00
- 2: 10.11.23 00:00 - 29.12.23 22:00
- 3: 30.12.23 00:00 - 21.02.24 10:00
- 4: 21.02.24 12:00 - 3.04.24 8:00

## DIURNAL VARIATIONS IN SIDEREAL TIME (configuration 1)



$$p = 12 \prod_{i=1}^{2n} \left( 0,5 \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

here  $n$  - number of Runs,  
 $x_i$  - deviation from an average value in  $\sigma$  B in each 2h intervals  
between 18-00 and 22-00 of sidereal time in each 4 Runs of  
measurements.

For sidereal time  $p = 9.1 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  
Confidence level  $> 4 \sigma (3.17 \times 10^{-5})$ .

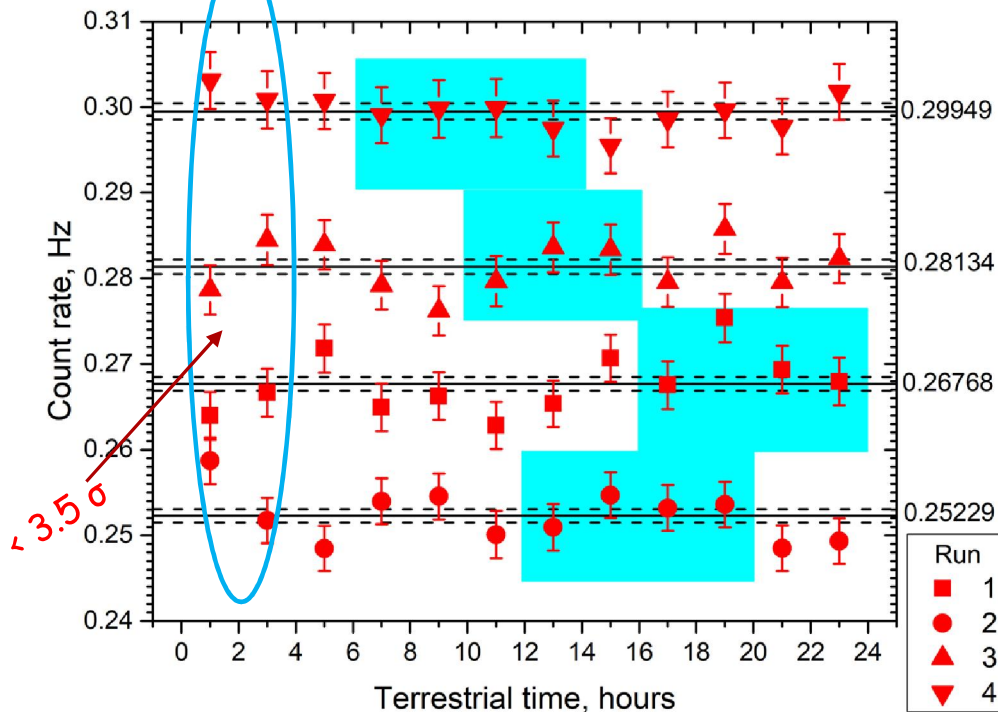
The possible interpretation:

Since September 2023 till March 2024 the solar system has been  
moving through space region, where the vector of E-field of dark  
photons between 18-00 and 22-00 of sidereal time was in the plane  
of Moscow meridian with an angle to the axes of the Earth between  
 $20^\circ$  and  $50^\circ$ .





## No similar effect has been observed in solar time



In solar time we have not observed any synchronous fluctuations  
In all 4 Runs which could be connected with any technogenic or other processes at the Sun or at the Earth

To get into the time interval between 18-00 and 22-00 of sidereal time the events should belong to the time intervals of solar time, colored in blue, which are regularly shifted in time

If  $C.L. < 3.5 \sigma$  - noise, if  $C.L. > 4 \sigma$  - Candidate for the effect

## DIURNAL VARIATION IN SOLAR TIME



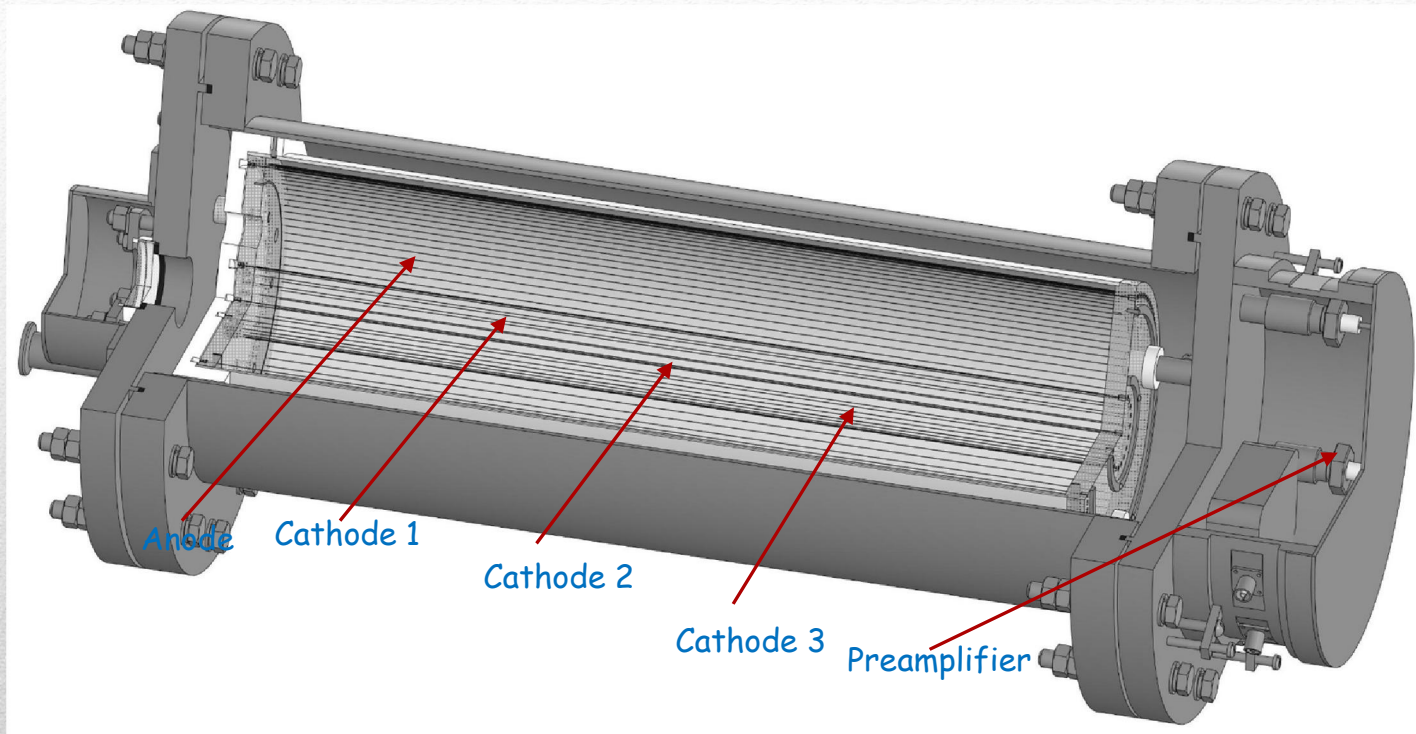
Present Status:  
Detector test  
in Troitsk,  
INR RAS  
Moscow







Working gas: Ar, Ne + 10% CH<sub>4</sub>, P = 1 atm

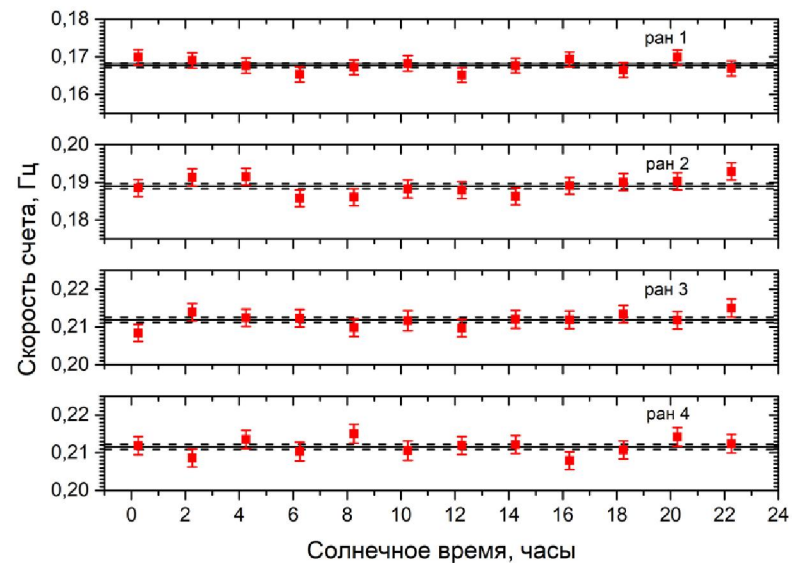
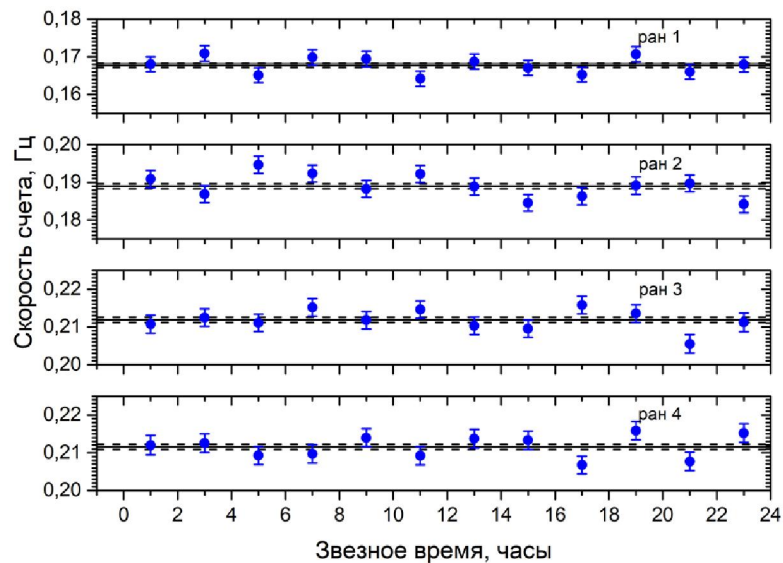


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Sidereal time

Fe-counter

Solar time



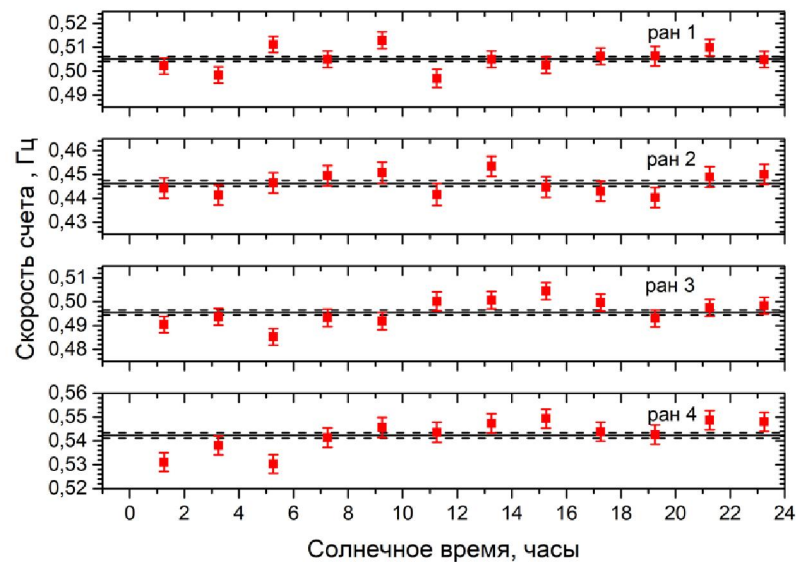
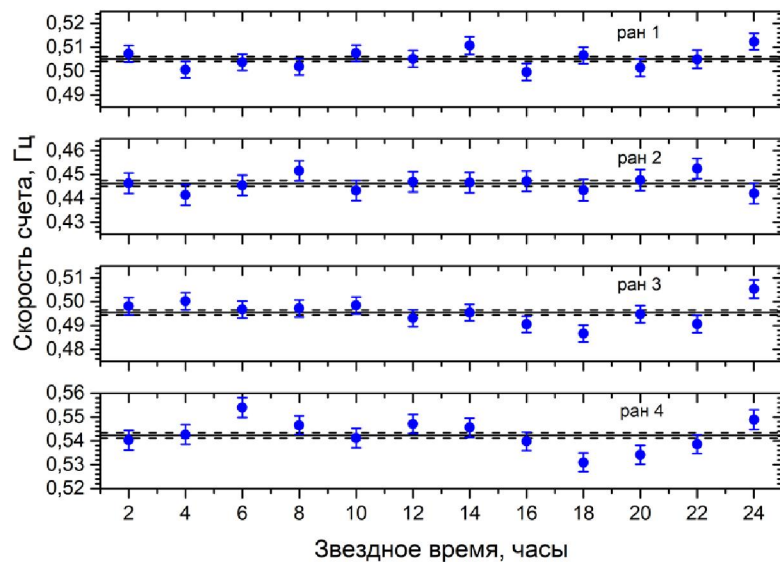
Diurnal variations of the count rate in 4 Runs  
each Run  $\approx$  60 days



Sidereal time

Al-counter

Solar time



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# Summary

**Method has shown its efficiency. The results are included in PDG**

Three experimental series were conducted, each consisting of 4 runs lasting approximately 60 days per run. One can expect an excess in the single electron count rate above the average level if the polarization vector of dark photons in the region traversed by the Sun forms an angle between  $20^\circ$  and  $50^\circ$  with the Earth's rotational axis. Such an effect was observed in the first series (significance  $6\sigma$ ) and the second series (significance  $4\sigma$ ). However, in the third series, which employed two identical detectors simultaneously, the effect was not observed on either detector. This result practically excludes the possibility that the effect observed earlier was purely instrumental. The results of the three series may be interpreted as a possible effect arising from the Sun's passage through regions of dark matter characterized by different orientations of the dark photon polarization vector.





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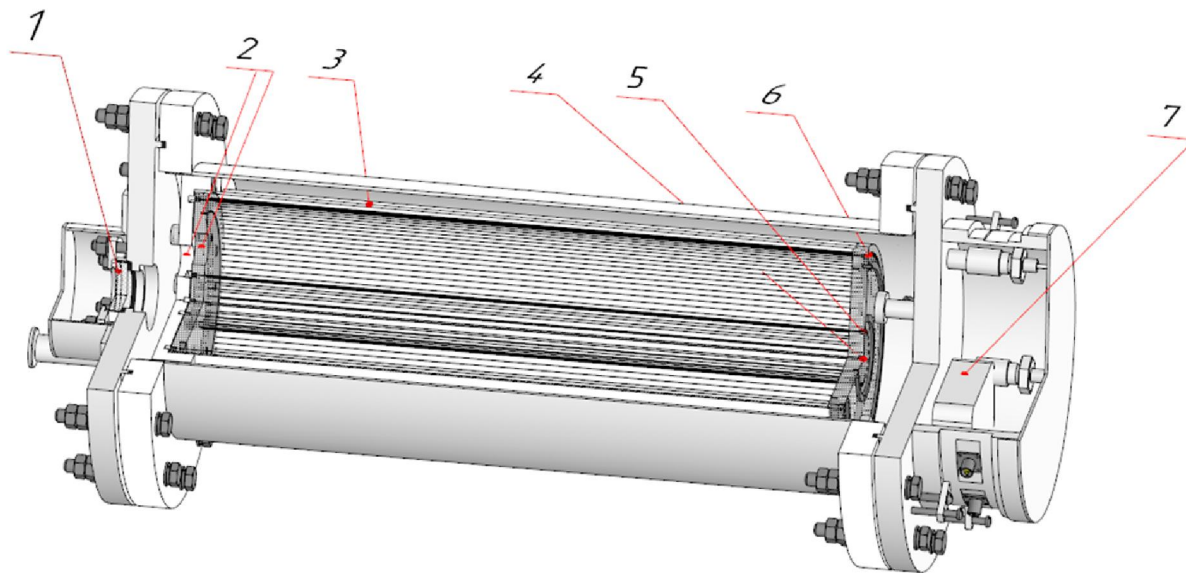
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Thank you for attention !

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2. Окна со смещением от центра
3. Сплошной катод 3
4. Анод
5. Нитяной катод 1
6. Нитяной катод 2
7. Предусилитель

Мультикатодный счетчик, калибровка с торца





Масса фотона  $\neq 0$   
Уравнения Прока  
Калибровка Лоренца X



$$B \neq \text{rot } A$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{div } B &\neq 0 \\ \text{div } E &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$



Продольная мода  
электрического  $E$  и  
магнитного  $B$  поля

Уравнения Прока:

$$\square \Phi - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \text{div} A + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) = -m^2 \Phi \quad (1)$$

$$\square A + \text{grad} \left( \text{div} A + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) = -m^2 A \quad (2)$$

Применяем к (1)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ , а к (2)  $-\text{div}$  и складываем, получаем:

$$2 \square \left( \text{div} A + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) = -m^2 \left( \text{div} A + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right)$$

Или:

$$\square \left( \text{div} A + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} m^2 \left( \text{div} A + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right)$$

Обозначим:

$$\chi = \left( \text{div} A + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right) \quad (3)$$

И тогда:

$$\square \chi = -\frac{1}{2} m^2 \chi \quad (4)$$

Проверяем подстановкой, что решением уравнения (4) является,

$$\chi = Y_0(r) e^{imr} \quad (5)$$

То есть стационарное локализованное решение, колеблющееся как  $e^{imr}$

Действительно, после подстановки имеем:

$$\Delta Y_0 + m^2 Y_0 = -\frac{1}{2} m^2 Y_0$$

Или:

$$\Delta Y_0 = -\frac{3}{2} m^2 Y_0 \quad (6)$$

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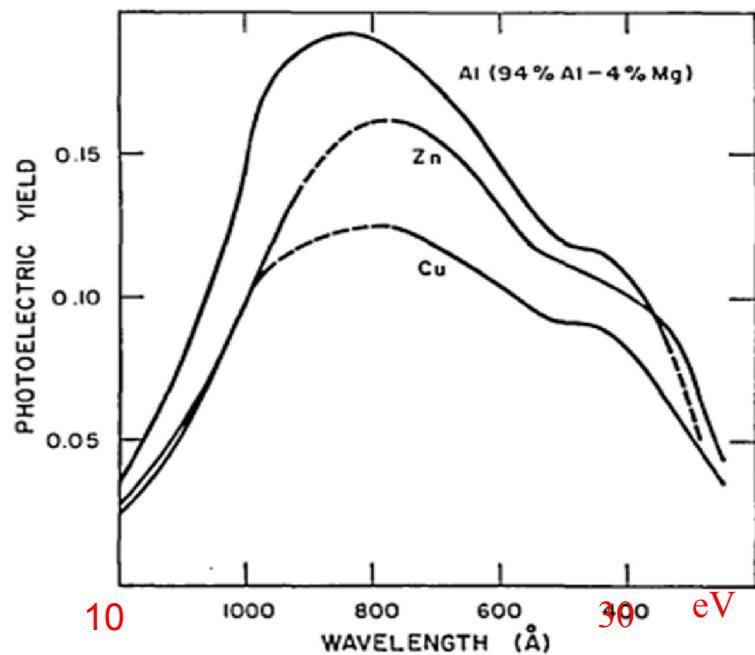


FIG. 4. Photoelectric yields of Al-Mg, Zn, and Cu.

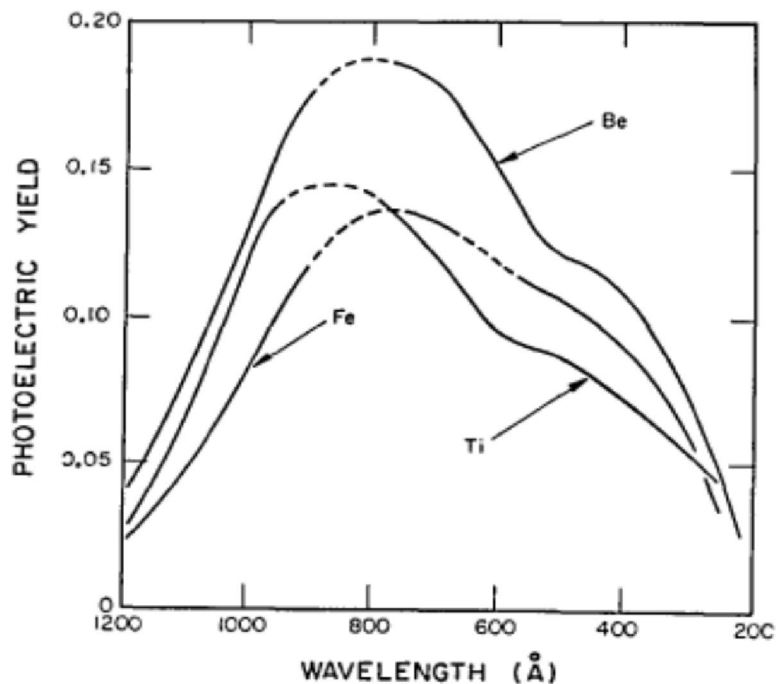


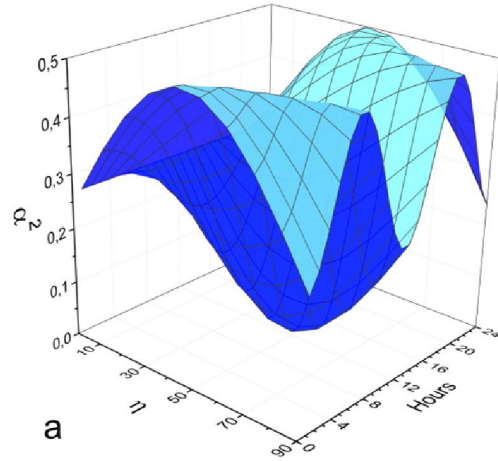
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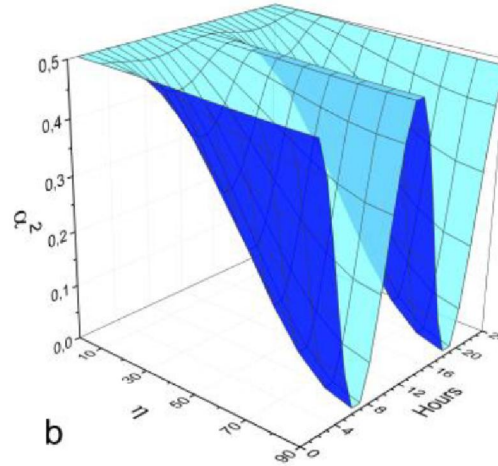


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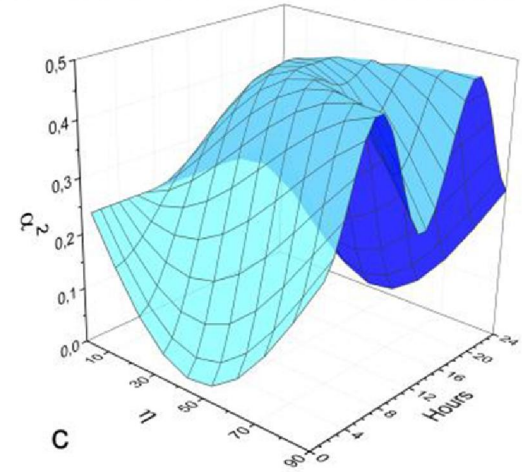
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Vertical orientation



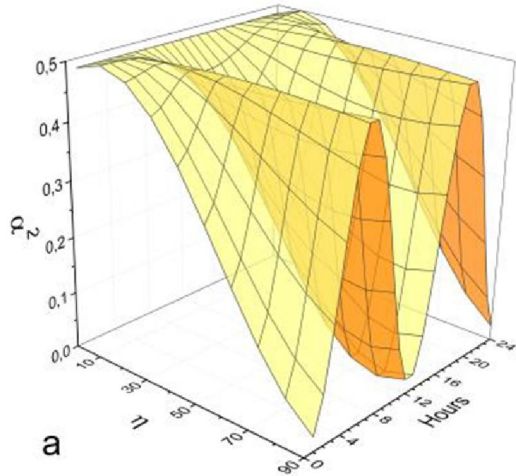
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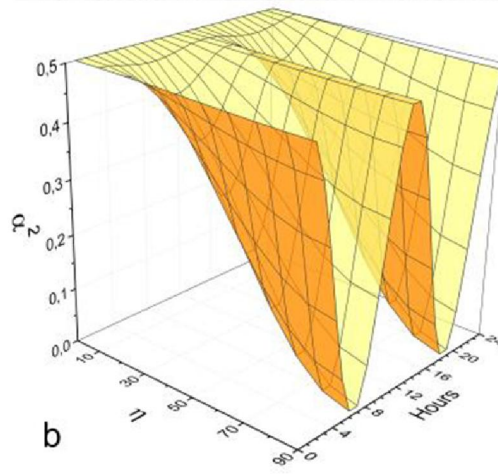
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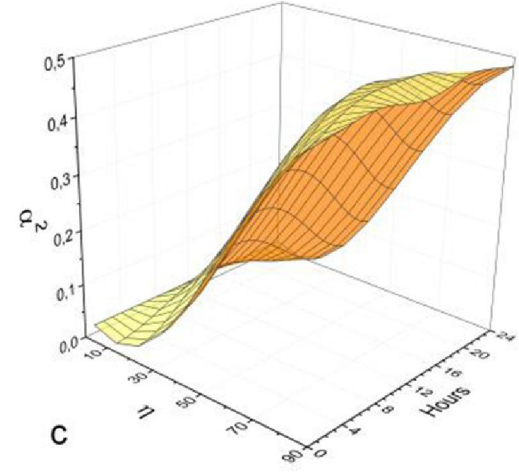
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East-West orientation

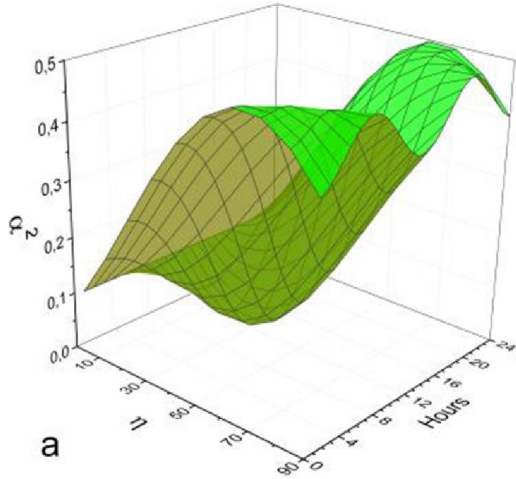


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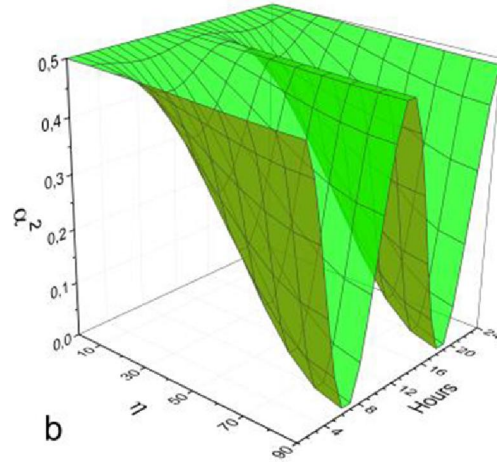




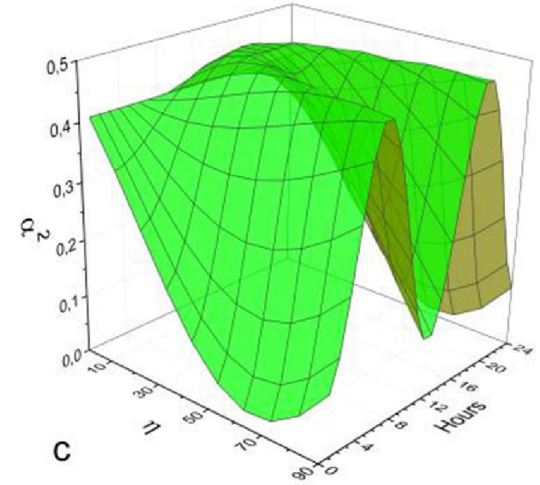
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Vertical orientation



East-West orientation



North-South orientation



$$p = 12 \prod_{i=1}^{2n} \left( 0,5 \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)$$

Эффект  $> 6 \sigma$  плюс эффект  $> 4 \sigma$   
это хороший знак!

Однако! Для получения доказательной базы еще нужно:

- Провести измерения с двумя детекторами

- (1) оба ориентированы вдоль меридиана

- (2) один - вдоль меридиана, другой - вдоль параллели

- Эффект не должен наблюдаться во второй конфигурации

- Провести измерения с детектором, расположенным на той же широте, но на другой долготе - должен наблюдаться эффект со сдвигом по времени, соответствующим разности долгот

Например: г. Томск с широтой  $56.495^\circ$  и 4 часами разницы с Москвой. Эффект наблюдаемый в Москве должен запаздывать на 4 часа относительно Томска.

Провести измерения с детекторами с другим материалом катода





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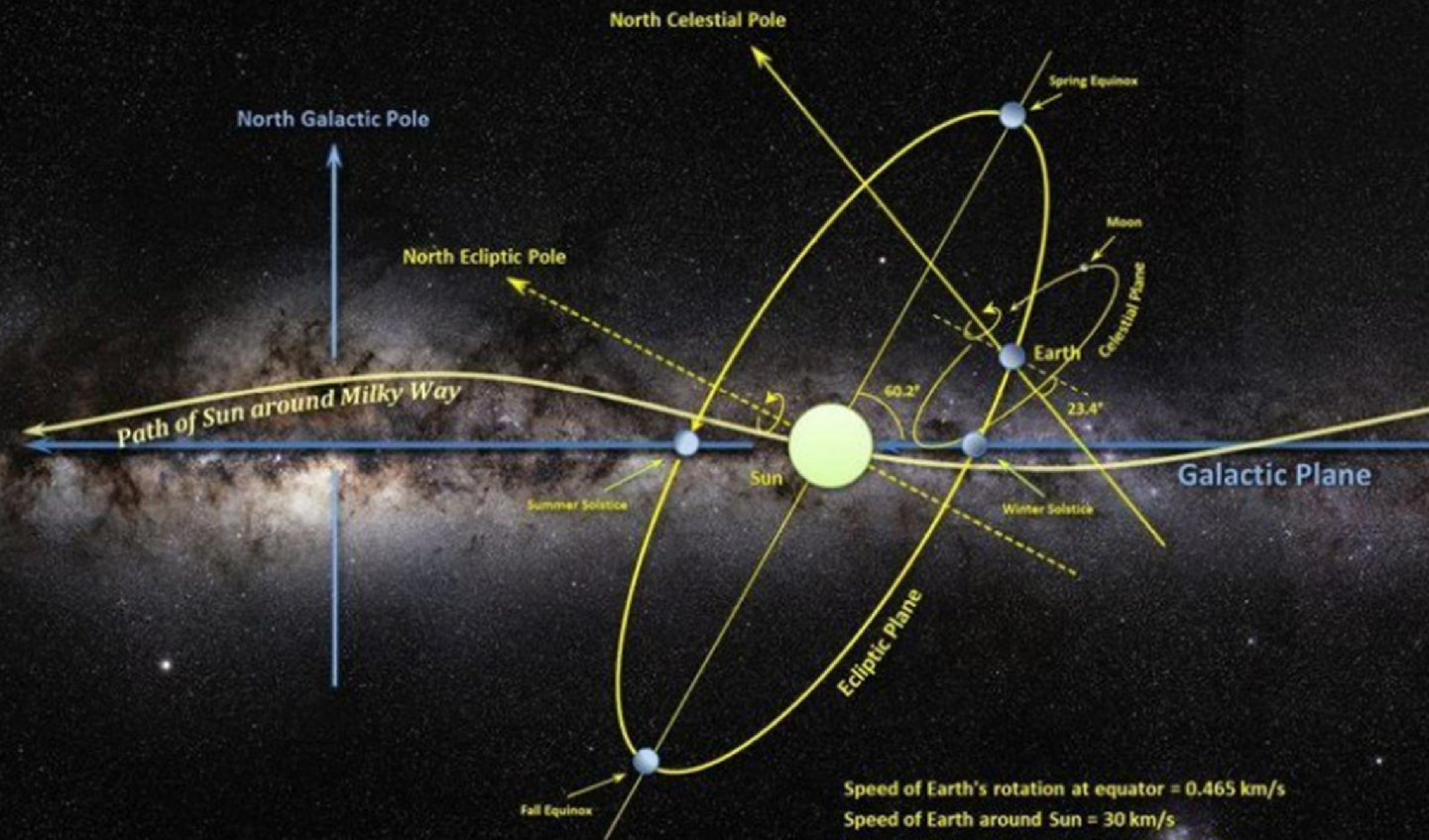
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# MOTION OF EARTH AND SUN AROUND THE MILKY WAY



Speed of Earth's rotation at equator = 0.465 km/s

Speed of Earth around Sun = 30 km/s

Speed of Sun around Milky Way = 230 km/s

Sun is approximately 26,000 light years from Galactic Center

*Diagram Not to Scale*

## Search for Dark Photon Dark Matter: Dark E-Field Radio Pilot Experiment

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## Dark photon limits: a cookbook

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The dark photon is a massive hypothetical particle that interacts with the Standard Model by kinetically mixing with the visible photon. For small values of the mixing parameter, dark photons can evade cosmological bounds to be a viable dark matter candidate. Due to the similarities with the electromagnetic signals generated by axions, several bounds on dark photon signals are simply reinterpretations of historical bounds set by axion haloscopes. However, the dark photon has a property that the axion does not: an intrinsic polarisation. Due to the rotation of the Earth, accurately accounting for this polarisation is nontrivial, and highly experiment-dependent. We show that if one does account for this polarisation, and the rotation of the Earth, experimental sensitivity to the dark photon's kinetic mixing parameter can be improved by over an order of magnitude. We detail the strategies that would need to be taken to properly optimise a dark photon search. These include judiciously choosing the location and orientation of the experiment, as well as strategically timing any repeated measurements. We also point out that several well-known searches for axions employ techniques for testing signals that preclude their ability to set exclusion limits on dark photons, and hence should not be reinterpreted as such. 

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