

# The status and prospects of the Q & A experiment with some applications



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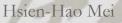
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- Suspension and PDH

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• Magnet with lock-in

- Wave-plate and Rotation nature
- FPI and intrinsic birefringence
- Signal after lock-in detection
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### Motivation Q(ED) & A(xion) experiment

- (i) QED
- (ii) (Pseudo)scalar-Photon Interaction
- Bottom Up Approach: Markus Ahlers's talk Pecci & Quinn: PRL 38 1440 (1977) Weinberg: PRL 40 233 (1978) Wilczek: PRL 40 279 (1978) Kim: PRL 43 103 (1979) Dine *et al.*: PLB 104 1999 (1981) Shifman *el al.*: NPB 166 493 (1980)
- Top Down Approach: Joseph Conlon's talk String
- Phenomenological Study Approach From analysis of EPs (1973-1977) The status and prospects of the Q & A experiment with some applications

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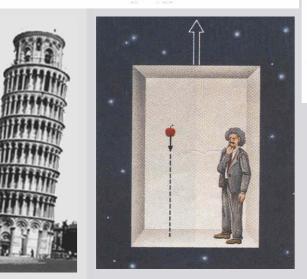
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Equivalence Principles and Electromagnetism\*

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The implications of the weak equivalence principles are investigated in detail for electromagnetic systems in a general framework. In particular, I show that the universality of free-fall trajectories {Galileo weak equivalence principle (WEP[I])} does not imply the validity of the Einstein equivalence principle (EEP). However, WEP[I] plus the universality of free-fall rotation states (WEP[II]) does imply EEP. To test WEP[II] and EEP, I suggest that Eötvös-type experiments on polarized bodies be performed.

Named as "Axion" after 1978

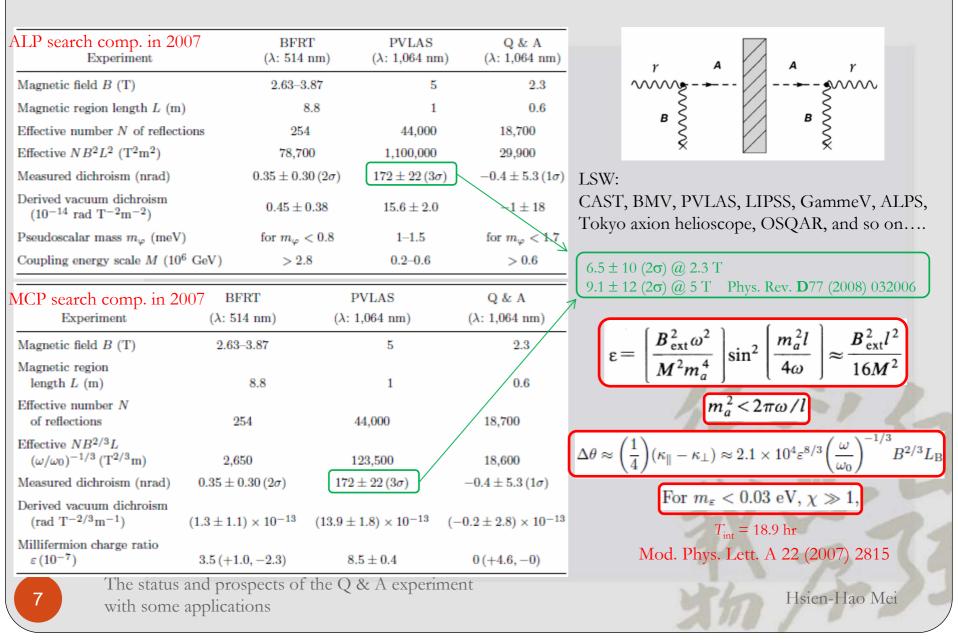
 $L_{I} = -(1/16\pi)\phi F_{ij}F_{kl}e^{ijkl}$  $F \equiv A_{j,i} - A_{i,j} e^{0123} = 1$ 

Modified Maxwell Equations  $\rightarrow$  Polarization Rotation in EM Propagaton Constraints from CMB polarization observation  $\rightarrow$  Ni's talk tomorrow

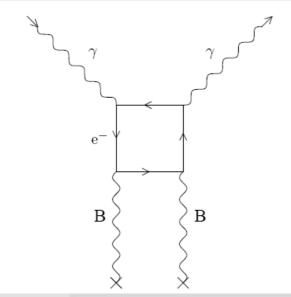
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#### Birefringence vs. Primakoff Dichroism effect $\varepsilon \cong \tan \varepsilon = \frac{\Delta \varsigma}{2} \sin 2\theta_m$ $\theta = \omega_m t$ Polarization Dichroism В Rotation $e^{-}$ Delbruck $\frac{B_{\rm ext}^2 l^2}{16M^2}$ $\frac{m_a^2 l}{4\omega}$ $\frac{B_{\rm ext}^2\omega^2}{M^2m_a^4}$ **ALPs:** $sin^2$ $m_a^2 < 2\pi\omega/l$ $\epsilon =$ scattering В B В В $\mathbf{E}_{i, \prime \prime} = \mathbf{E}_{i} \cos \theta_{m}$ $E_{o, //} = exp(-\zeta_{//})E_{i, //}$ θ<sub>m</sub>=ω<sub>m</sub>t <u>E</u>i → X y · 2a $\mathbf{E}_{i,\perp} = \mathbf{E}_i \sin \theta_m$ $\mathbf{E}_{0,\perp} = \exp(-\varsigma_{\perp})\mathbf{E}_{i,\perp}$ $\Delta \varsigma = \varsigma_{//-} \varsigma_{\perp} \ll 1$ 2b $\frac{1}{2}\sin 2\theta = \psi_0 \sin 2\theta$ $\delta = 2\pi \frac{L}{\lambda} \Delta n$ $\Delta n \equiv n_{\parallel} - n_{\perp}$ Ľχ $2E_{y,max}$ α Ellipticity **.** X Birefringence Phase retardation **E**(t) $\psi = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{B_{\text{ext}}^2 \omega^2}{M^2 m_a^4} \right] \left[ \frac{m_a^2 l}{2\omega} - \sin \right]$ $\frac{m_a^2 l}{2\omega}$ ALPs: $(B_{\rm ext}m_a)^2 l^3$ $96\omega M^2$ $2E_{x,max}$ The status and prospects of the Q & A experiment Hsien-Hao Mei with some applications

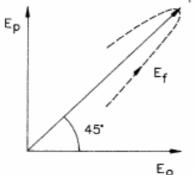
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#### Quantum electrodynamics (QED)



#### Cotton-Mouton effect (CME)

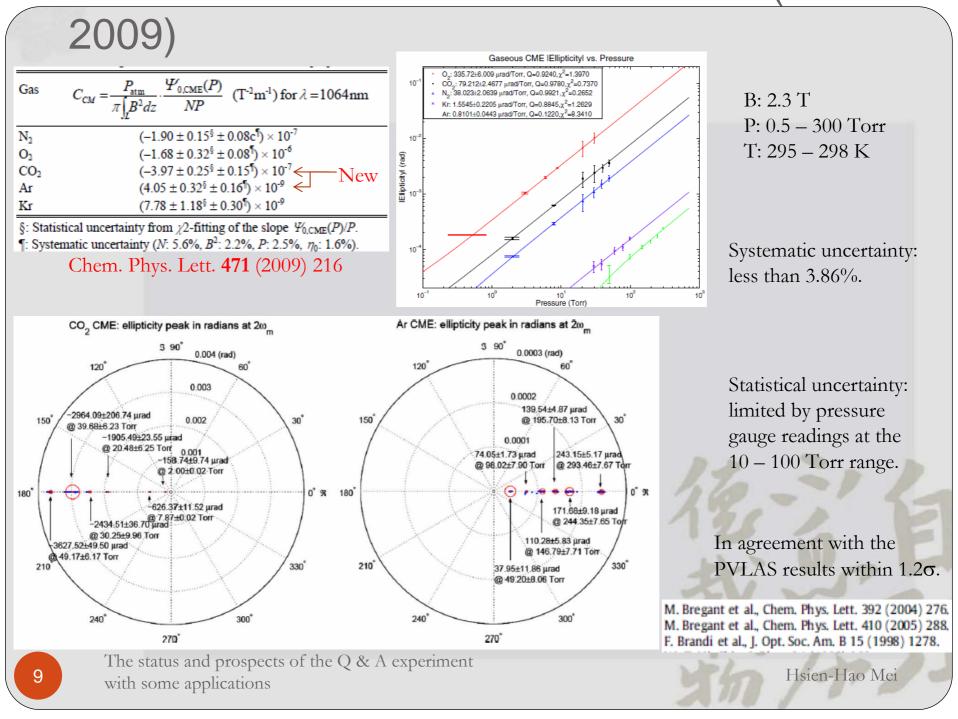


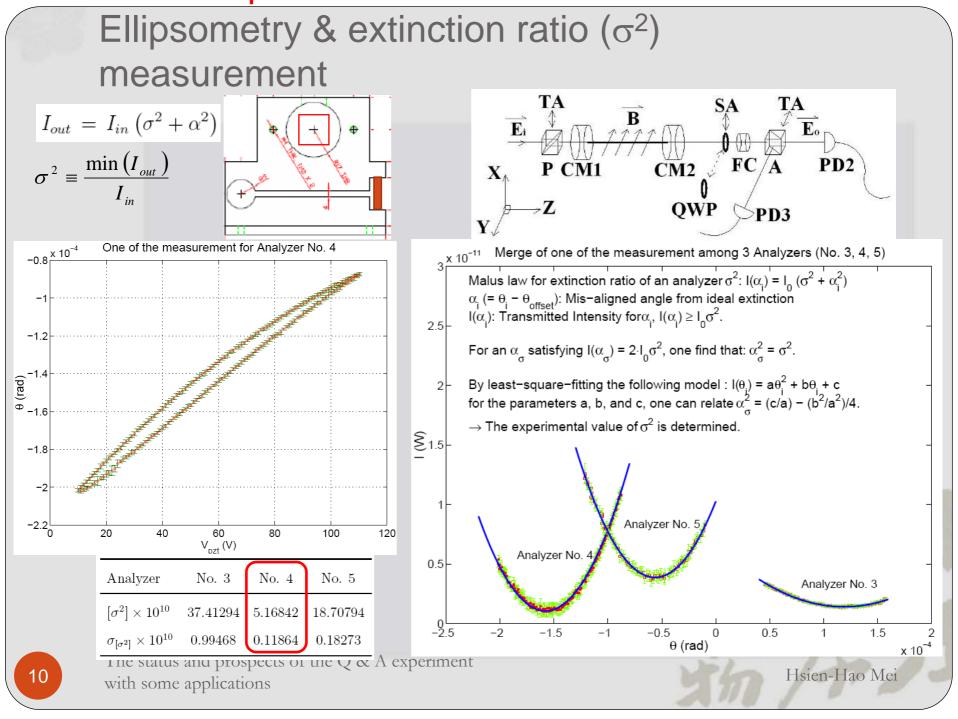
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Euler and Heisenberg (1936):

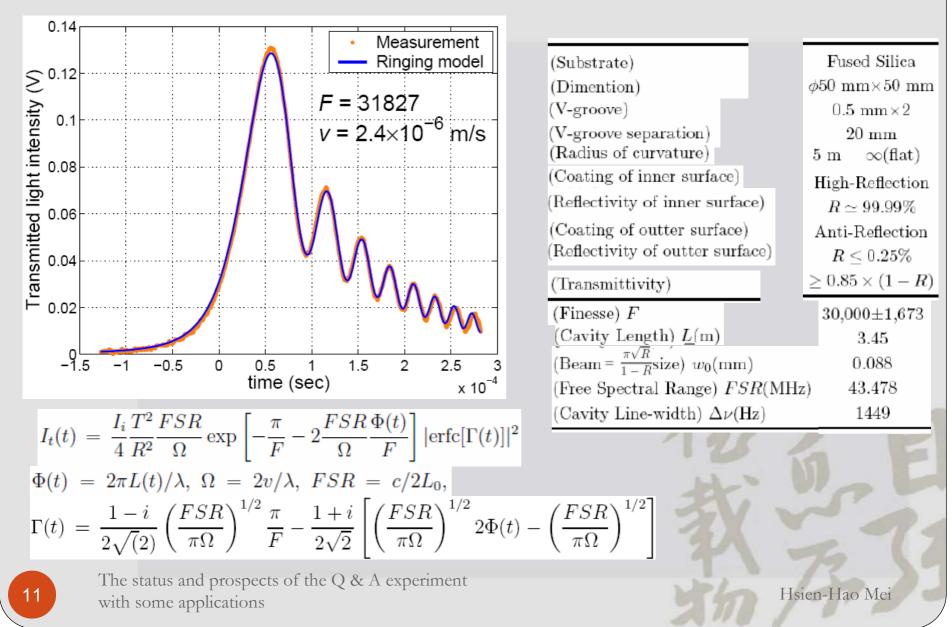
$$\begin{split} L_{eff} &= \frac{2\alpha^2}{45(4\pi)^2 m_e^4} [(\mathbf{E}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2) + 7(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B})^2] \\ \Delta n_{QED} &= \frac{\alpha}{30\pi B_c^2} B_{ext}^2 \\ B_c &= \frac{m_e^2 c^2}{e\hbar} = 4.42 \times 10^9 \text{ T} \\ \Delta n_{QED} \ll 1; \quad \Delta n_{QED} \propto B_{ext}^2 \\ \Delta n_{QED,u} &= \Delta n_{QED} |_{B=1\,\mathrm{T}} \simeq 4 \times 10^{-24} \\ \mathrm{CME \ of \ nitrogen:} \quad \Delta n_u = -2.66 \times 10^{-13} \end{split}$$
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$$\Delta n \equiv n_{\parallel} - n_{\perp} = \Delta n_u (B/1\,\mathrm{T})^2 (P/1\,\mathrm{atm}) \\ \psi &= \Delta n_u \left(\frac{2F}{\lambda}\right) \left[ \int_{L_B} \left(\frac{B_T(L)}{1(T)}\right)^2 dL \right] \left(\frac{P_{gas}}{P_{atm}}\right) \end{split}$$

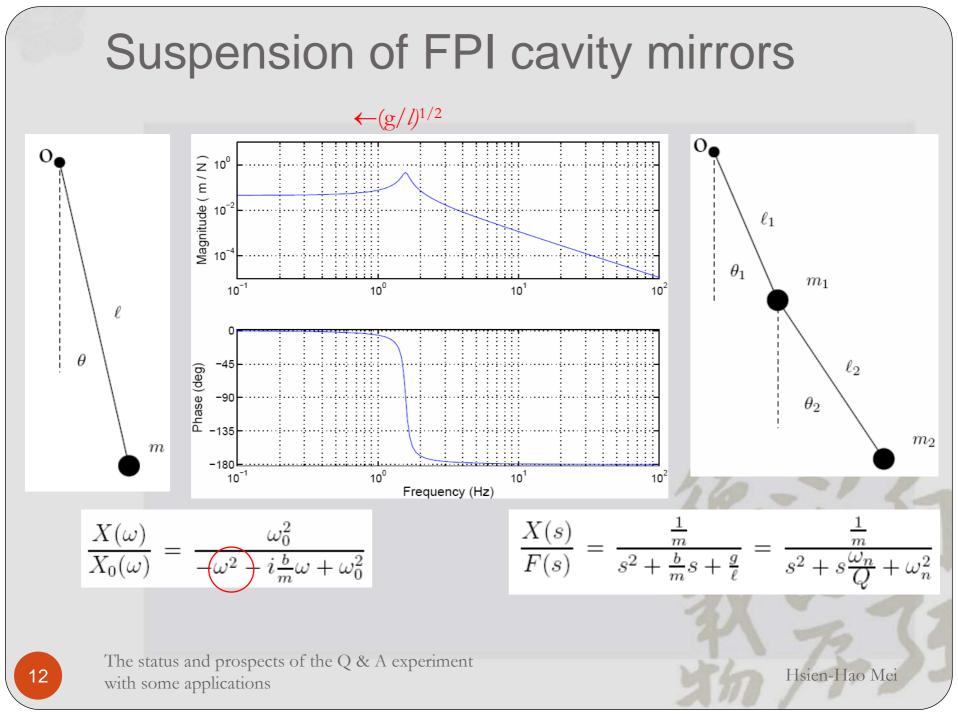
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#### Fabry-Perot Interferometer (FPI) Specs (General Optics)



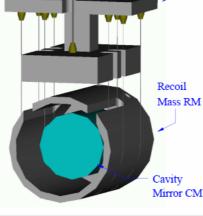


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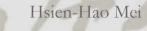


X-pendulum: Designed by TAMA Collaboration Simulate simple pendulum with long wire Resonance: 0.24 Hz & 0.29 Hz (2-dimention) Displacement: 80 µm (no damping)  $\rightarrow$ 3 µm (eddy current) ≈ 6 FSR Double pendulum: Intermidiate mass (IM) Cavity mirror (CM), Recoil mass (RM) Main Resonance: 1.53 Hz & 4 Hz Isolation ratio by (X-pendulum): 27 & 72

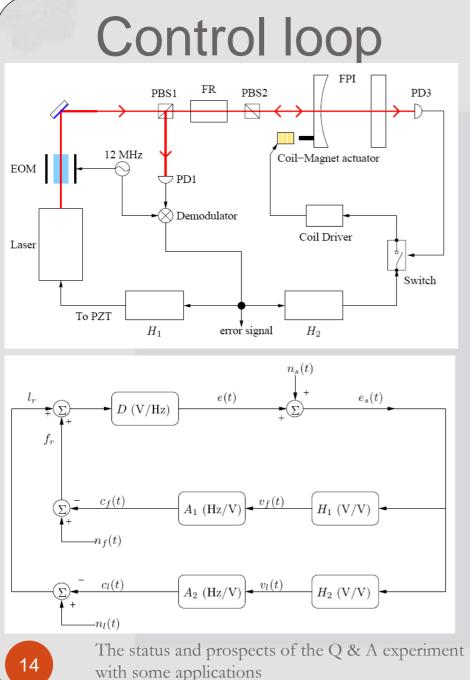
#### Pitch Yaw Tungsten Wires Intermediate Mass IM

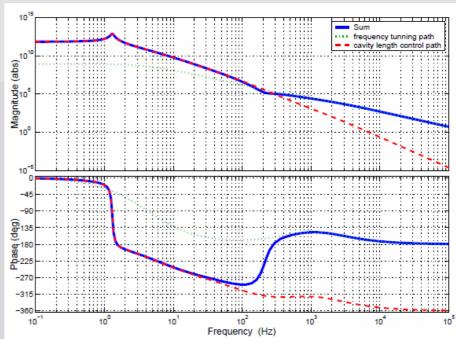






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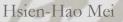


Nd-YAG single mode laser ( $\lambda = 1064 \text{ nm}, P = 600 \text{ mW}$ ) Pound-Drever-Hall locking ( $\rightarrow$  D. Tanner's talk: resonant enhanced  $\gamma$  reg.) Laser frequency  $H_1A_1$ : Dynamic range  $\pm 200 \text{ MHz}$ Control band width 13 kHz FPI cavity length  $H_2A_2$ : Dynamic range  $\pm 1 \text{ mm}$ Control band width 220 Hz Best performance:  $H_1A_1 >> H_2A_2$ Hsien-Hao Mei

#### Lasing of the system (Film)



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#### Magnet with motor

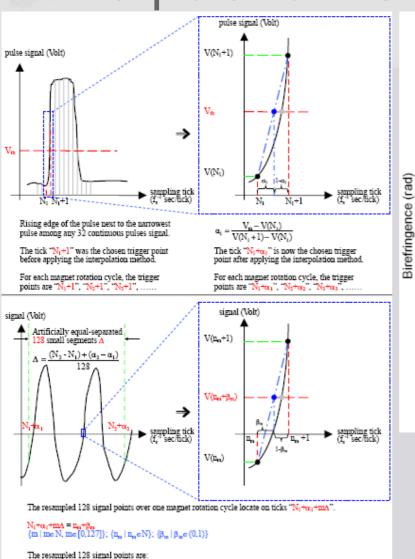
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|--|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| $B_T$ (T)  |                              | $\geq 2.0$        |                          |
| $\frac{B_A}{B_T}$  |                              | $\leq 0.1\%$      |                          |
| Leakage of $B_T$ or $B_A$  | ()                           |                   |                          |
| at 10 mm away from   | magnet (T)                   | $\leq 10^{-4}$    |                          |
| Length L $(mm)$  |                              | 600               |                          |
| Height H (mm)  |                              | 1100              |                          |
| Axial free diameter $\phi$   | (mm)                         | 25.4              |                          |
| Rotating Speed (rev/   | s)                           | 0-10              | _                        |
| Model  | BSM100B-4250                 |                   |                          |
| Torgue cont. stall   | 23 Nm                        |                   |                          |
| Rated Speed  | 1200 RPM                     |                   |                          |
| Current Cont. Stall  | 12  A rms                    |                   |                          |
| Peak Current   | $33 \mathrm{A} \mathrm{rms}$ |                   |                          |
|  | 1                            | C 1 0 0           |                          |

Transverse magnetic field vs. Position ■ 2004 measurement (Factory).  $\int B^2 dL = \sum_{i=1}^{N} B_i^2 \Delta L = 2.7205 (T^2m)$ . 2008 measurement (Laboratory).  $\int B^2 dL = \sum_{i=1}^{N} B_i^2 \Delta L = 2.5315 (T^2m)$ . 2.5 Transverse magnetic field B (Tesla) 0.5 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.8 ĭ.1 1.2 1.6 1.7 1.9 Position (m) (Position = 0 denotes surface of CM,; Position = 3.45 denotes surface of CM,) Photo-receiver beam spliter fe. Aluminum Donut Steering Mirror 633 nm Laser

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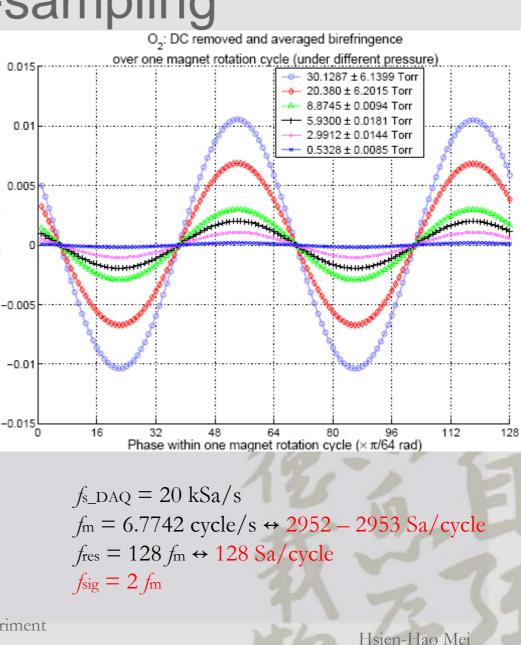
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#### Interpolation re-sampling

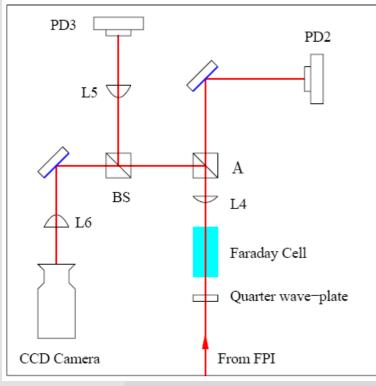


 $V(\underline{N_1+\alpha_1+m\Delta}) = V(\underline{n_m+\beta_m}) = V(\underline{n_m})(1-\beta_m)+V(\underline{n_m+1})\beta_m$ 

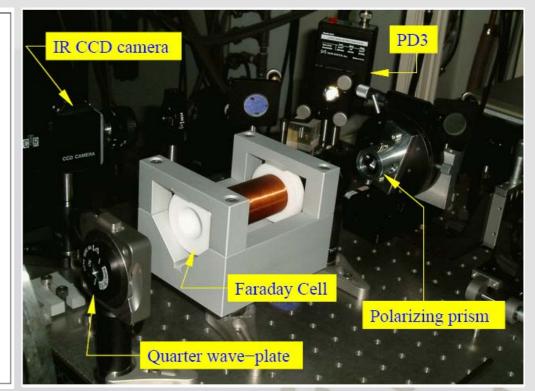
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### **Detection bench elements**



FC (Faraday Cell): modulation depth  $\eta_0 = I_{FC} \times 0.019 \text{ rad/A}$ A (Analyzer): extinction ratio  $\sigma^2 = 92.87 \text{ dB}$ resolution (roll) = 174.5 µrad



QWP (Quarter wave plate): resolution (roll) = 200 µrad VWP (Variable wave plate): resolution (roll) = 3.5 mrad resolution (tilt for retardation) = 6.28 mrad enhanced by vFocus 9852 mount for tilt: 615 µrad

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# Wave-plate-like & Rotation-like nature

$$J_{\Pi P}(\frac{\beta}{2}, 9) = J_{R}(9) \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\frac{\beta}{2}} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-i\frac{\beta}{2}} \end{bmatrix} J_{R}(-9)$$

$$J_{\Pi P}(\frac{\beta}{2}, 9) \begin{bmatrix} J_{\Pi P}(N\frac{\beta}{2}, 9) = \cos N\frac{\beta}{2}I_{2} + i\sin N\frac{\beta}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\beta & \sin 2\beta\\ \sin 2\beta & -\cos 2\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_{DIC}(\frac{\xi}{2}, 9) = J_{\Pi P}(-i\frac{\xi}{2}, 9)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{R}(\varphi) \end{bmatrix}^{N} = J_{R}(N\varphi)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{R}(\varphi) \end{bmatrix}^{N} = J_{R}(N\varphi) \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\beta & \sin 2\beta\\ \sin 2\beta & -\cos 2\beta \end{bmatrix} + O(N^{2}\delta^{2}) + \cdots$$

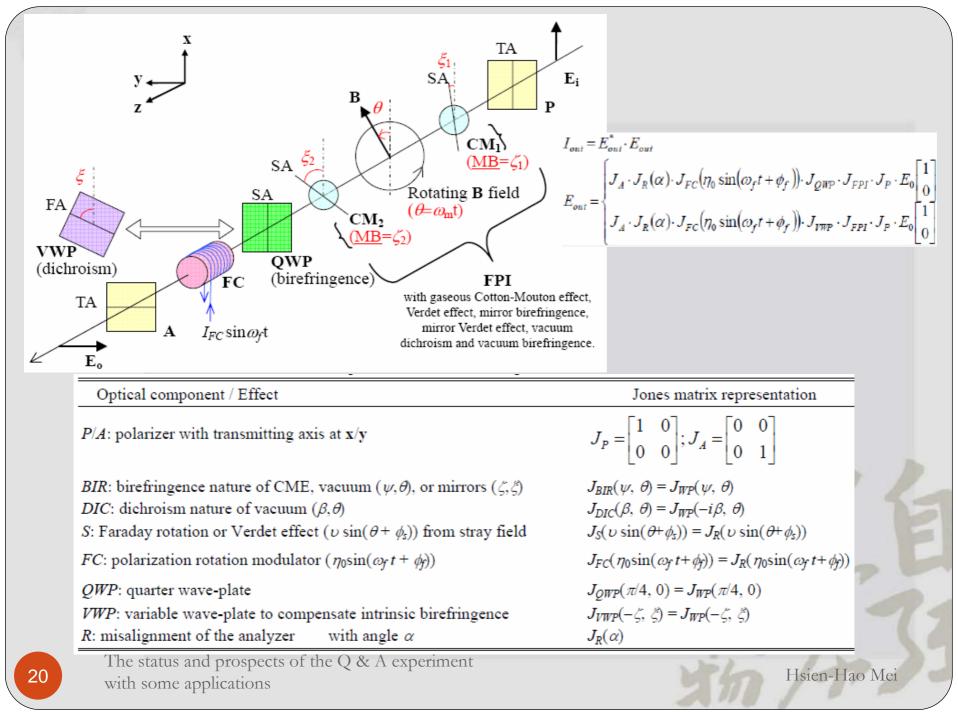
$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{\Pi P}(\frac{\beta}{2}, 9) \end{bmatrix}^{N} = I_{2} + iN\frac{\beta}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\beta & \sin 2\beta\\ \sin 2\beta & -\cos 2\beta \end{bmatrix} + O(N^{2}\delta^{2}) + \cdots$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{R}(\varphi) \end{bmatrix}^{N} = I_{2} + iN\varphi \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1\\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + O(N^{2}\varphi^{2}) + \cdots$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{\Pi P}(\frac{\beta}{2}, 9) \cdot J_{R}(\varphi) \end{bmatrix}^{N} \equiv I_{2} + iN\frac{\beta}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\beta & \sin 2\beta\\ \sin 2\beta & -\cos 2\beta \end{bmatrix} + iN\varphi \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1\\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} J_{R}(\varphi) \cdot J_{\Pi P}(\frac{\beta}{2}, 9) \end{bmatrix}^{N}$$

$$N\delta < 1 \text{ and } N\varphi < 1$$

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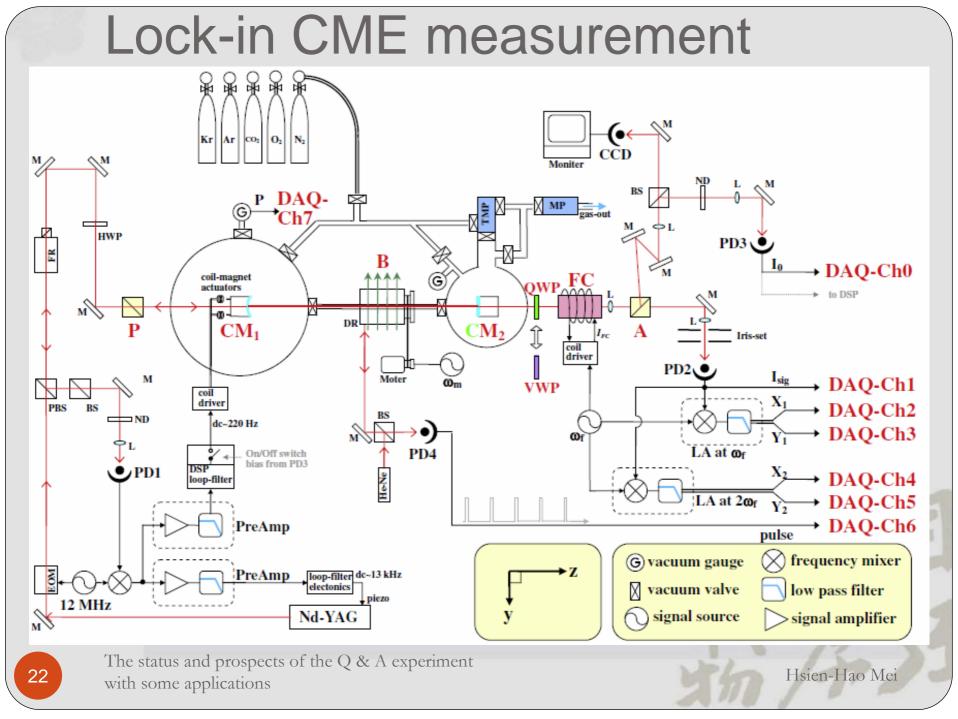


#### **Detected** intensity

Table 2. Detected  $I_{out}$  components at major frequencies preserved to  $\rho^3$  where  $\rho^n$  denotes for combinations of the products generated from  $\psi_0$ ,  $\beta_0$ ,  $\zeta_0$ ,  $\upsilon_0$ ,  $\upsilon_2$ , and  $\upsilon_{M2}$  to order *n*.

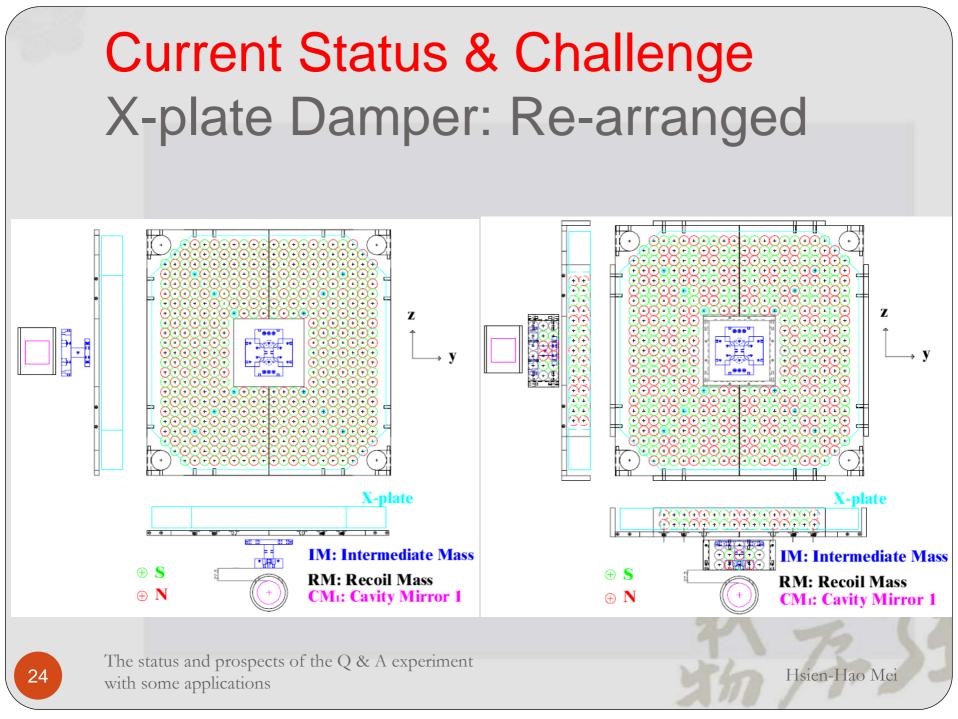
| com                                    | sinatons of the products generated from $\varphi_0, \varphi_0, \varphi_0, \varphi_0, \varphi_2$ , and $\varphi_{M2}$ to order $n$ .   |                        |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Iout                                   | Birefringence detection at PD2 with QWP   |                        |
| I <sub>dc</sub>                        | $I_0 \left[ \sigma_{ext}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \eta_0^2 + N^2 \left( \psi_0^2 + \beta_0^2 + \psi_0^2 + \psi_0^2 + \psi_2^2 \right) + \psi_M^2 + \psi_{M2}^2 \right] + \left( \alpha + N \zeta_0 \sin 2\xi \right)^2 \right]$             |                        |
| $I_{\omega_f \pm \omega_m}$            | $I_0\eta_0 (N\upsilon_0 + \upsilon_M) \begin{bmatrix} \pm N\zeta_0 \cos 2\xi \cos((\omega_f \pm \omega_m)t + (\phi_f \pm \phi_s)) \\ \mp \frac{1}{2}N\psi_0 \cos((\omega_f \pm \omega_m)t + (\phi_f \mp \phi_s)) \end{bmatrix}$           | Tek JL 🖬 Trigid M Post |
| $I_{\omega_f \pm 2\omega_m}$ $I_0 I_0$ |   | hand.                  |
| $I_{\omega_f}$                         | $-2I_0\eta_0(\alpha + N\zeta_0\sin 2\xi)\sin(\omega_f t + \phi_f) > 0$  | 3*<br>CHT 500V M 100-  |
| $I_{2\omega_f}$                        | $-\frac{1}{2}I_0\eta_0^2 \Big[\cos(2\omega_f t + 2\phi_f)\Big]$   | CH3 200mV              |
| Iout                                   | Dichroism detection at PD2 with VWP   |                        |
| I <sub>dc</sub>                        | $I_0 \left[ \sigma_{ext}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \eta_0^2 + N^2 \left( \psi_0^2 + \beta_0^2 + \psi_0^2 + \psi_0^2 + \psi_2^2 \right) + \psi_M^2 + \psi_{M2}^2 \right] \right]$   |                        |
| $I_{\omega_f^{\pm}\omega_m}$           | $I_0\eta_0 (N\upsilon_0 + \upsilon_M) \begin{bmatrix} \mp \cos((\omega_f \pm \omega_m)t + (\phi_f \pm \phi_s)) \\ \mp \frac{1}{2}N\beta_0 \cos((\omega_f \pm \omega_m)t + (\phi_f \mp \phi_s)) \end{bmatrix}$                             | 6 -                    |
| $I_{\omega_f \pm 2\omega_m}$           | $I_0 \eta_0 \begin{bmatrix} \mp N\beta_0 \sqrt{1 + 4\alpha^2} \cos((\omega_f \pm 2\omega_m)t + (\phi_f \pm \tan^{-1} 2\alpha)) \\ \mp (N\upsilon_2 + \upsilon_{M2}) \cos((\omega_f \pm 2\omega_m)t + (\phi_f \pm 2\phi_s)) \end{bmatrix}$ | どん                     |
| $I_{\omega_f}$                         | $\frac{-2I_0\eta_0\alpha\sin(\omega_f t + \phi_f)}{0} > 0$  | El                     |
| I <sub>2wf</sub>                       | $-\frac{1}{2}I_0\eta_0^2 \Big[\cos(2\omega_f t + 2\phi_f)\Big]$   | 2                      |
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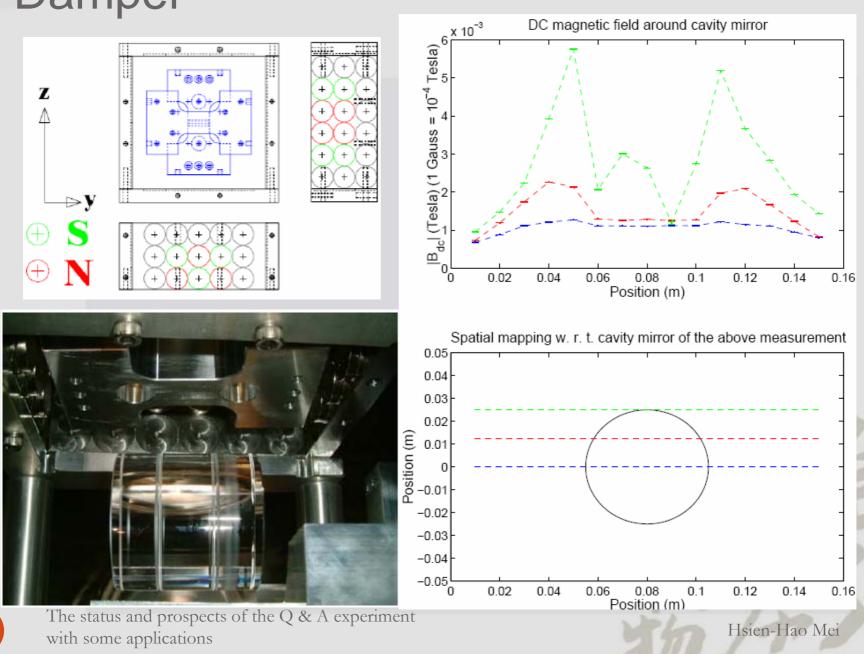


#### Lock-in detection

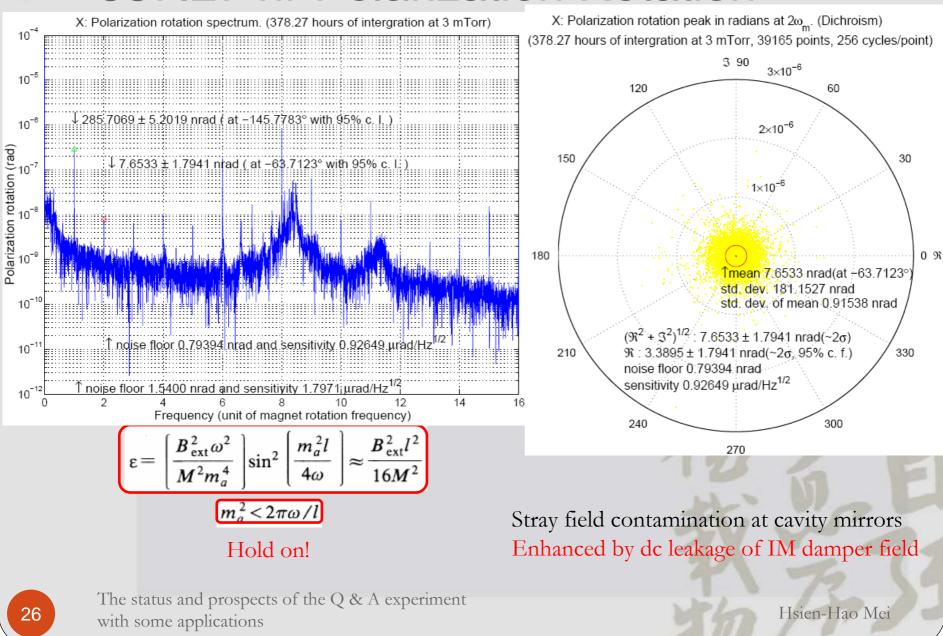
| Source  | Channel                                     | Birefringence   | Birefringence detection lock-in amplified signal  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| LA <sub>1</sub>   | <i>X</i> <sub>1</sub>                       | $\kappa_{\rm LA} \cdot I_0 \eta_0 \left[ N \psi_0 \sin 2\omega_m t - N \zeta_0 \left[ N \beta_0 \sin 2\omega_m t - N \zeta_0 \right] \right] + (N \psi_0 \sin 2\omega_m t) $  | $\frac{\ln(2\omega_m t + 2\xi) + (N\upsilon_2 + \upsilon_{M2})\cos 2\xi\sin(2\omega_m t + 2\phi_s)}{\log + \upsilon_M)\cos 2\xi\left[\cos(\omega_m t + \phi_s) - \frac{1}{2}N\psi_0\cos(\omega_m t - \phi_s)\right]}$ |  |  |
| LA <sub>1</sub>   | $Y_1$                                       | 0   |   |  |  |
| LA <sub>2</sub>   | $X_2$                                       | 0   |   |  |  |
| LA <sub>2</sub>   | <i>Y</i> <sub>2</sub>                       | $\kappa_{ m LA} \cdot rac{1}{4} I_0 \eta_0^2$  |   |  |  |
| Source  | Channel                                     | Dichroism detection lock-in amplified signal  |   |  |  |
| LA <sub>1</sub>   | <i>X</i> <sub>1</sub>                       | $\kappa_{\text{LA}} \cdot I_0 \eta_0 \left[ \frac{N\beta_0 \sqrt{1 - 4\alpha^2} \sin(2\omega_m t + \tan^{-1} 2\alpha)}{+ (N\upsilon_0 + \upsilon_M) [\sin(\omega_m t + \phi_s) - \frac{1}{2}N\beta_0 \sin(\omega_m t - \phi_s)]} \right]$ |   |  |  |
| LA <sub>1</sub>   | $Y_1$                                       | 0   |   |  |  |
| $LA_2$  | $X_2$                                       | 0   |   |  |  |
| $LA_2$  | <i>Y</i> <sub>2</sub>                       | $\kappa_{\rm LA} \cdot \frac{1}{4} I_0 \eta_0^2$  |   |  |  |
|   |   |   |   |  |  |
| $\psi(t) = \frac{\eta}{2}$  | $\frac{Y_0}{4} \cdot \frac{X_1(t)}{Y_2(t)}$ |   | Gas $C_{CM} = \frac{P_{\text{atm}}}{\pi \int_{L} B^2 dz} \cdot \frac{\Psi_{0,CME}(P)}{NP}  (\text{T}^{-2}\text{m}^{-1}) \text{ for } \lambda = 1064 \text{ nm}$   |  |  |
| - ( )   |   |   | $N_2$ (-1.90 ± 0.15 <sup>§</sup> ± 0.08c <sup>§</sup> ) × 10 <sup>-7</sup>  |  |  |
| $\Psi(\omega) = \mathcal{F}(\psi(t))$   |   |   | O <sub>2</sub> $(-1.68 \pm 0.32^{\circ} \pm 0.08^{\circ}) \times 10^{-6}$   |  |  |
| $\Psi_0 = \Psi(2\omega_m) = N\psi_0 \text{ (or } N\beta_0 \text{ for dichroism detection)}$ |   | <i>w.</i> (or <i>NB</i> , for dichroism detection)  | CO <sub>2</sub> $(-3.97 \pm 0.25^{\circ} \pm 0.15^{\circ}) \times 10^{-7}$<br>Ar $(4.05 \pm 0.32^{\circ} \pm 0.16^{\circ}) \times 10^{-9}$  |  |  |
| 10-1  | (200m) 11                                   | $\varphi_0(011, p_0$ for the model indeceed on )  | Kr $(7.78 \pm 1.18^{\circ} \pm 0.30^{\circ}) \times 10^{-9}$  |  |  |
|   |   |   | <ul> <li>§: Statistical uncertainty from χ2-fitting of the slope Ψ<sub>0,CME</sub>(P)/P.</li> <li>¶: Systematic uncertainty (N: 5.6%, B<sup>2</sup>: 2.2%, P: 2.5%, η<sub>0</sub>: 1.6%).</li> </ul>                  |  |  |
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#### Damper



#### 387.27 hr Polarization Rotation



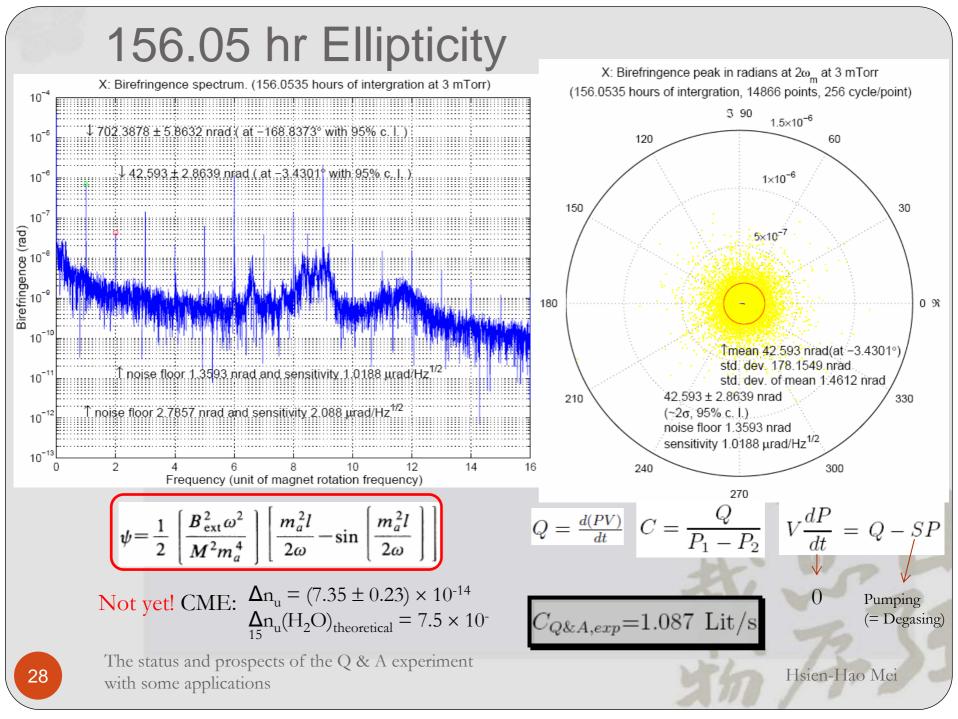
#### design



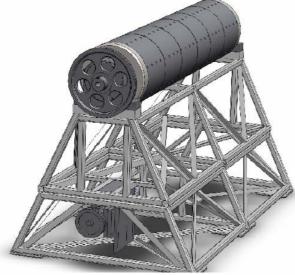
DC magnetic field measured at cavity mirror position:  $B_{CM} = 41.71 \ \mu T \rightarrow 100 \text{ times smaller than 5 mT leakage} \rightarrow B_{EARTH} = 31.63 \ \mu T$  as a comparison using the same probe

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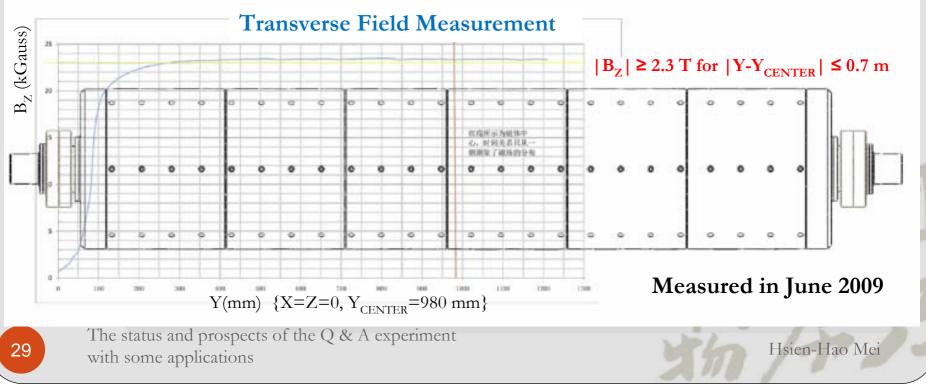
#### 1.8 m new magnet ready for shipping:



Main specs for design: B = 2.3 T L = 1.8 m  $\omega_m/2\pi = 600 \text{ rpm}$ 

Main body lies on its supporting structure.

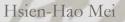




#### Operation test for 600 rpm (film)



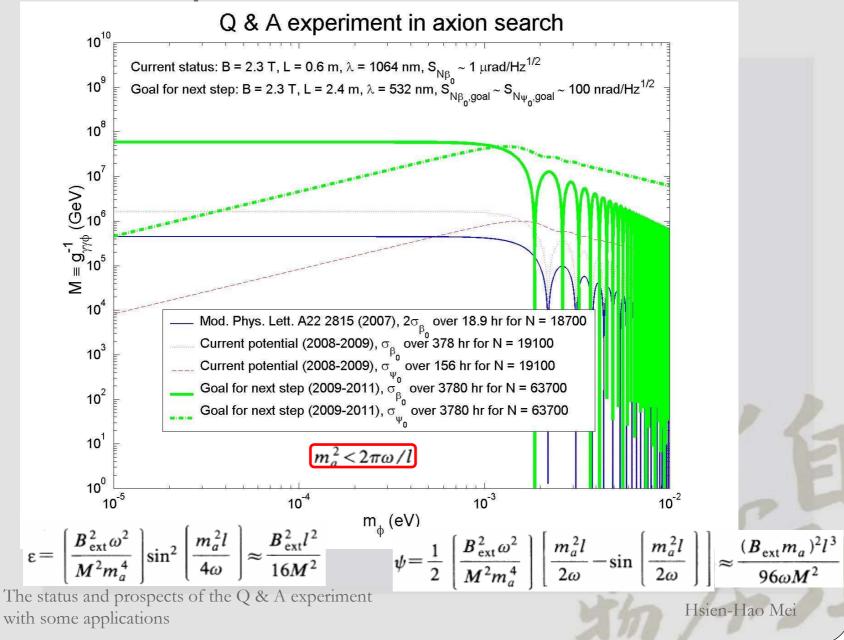
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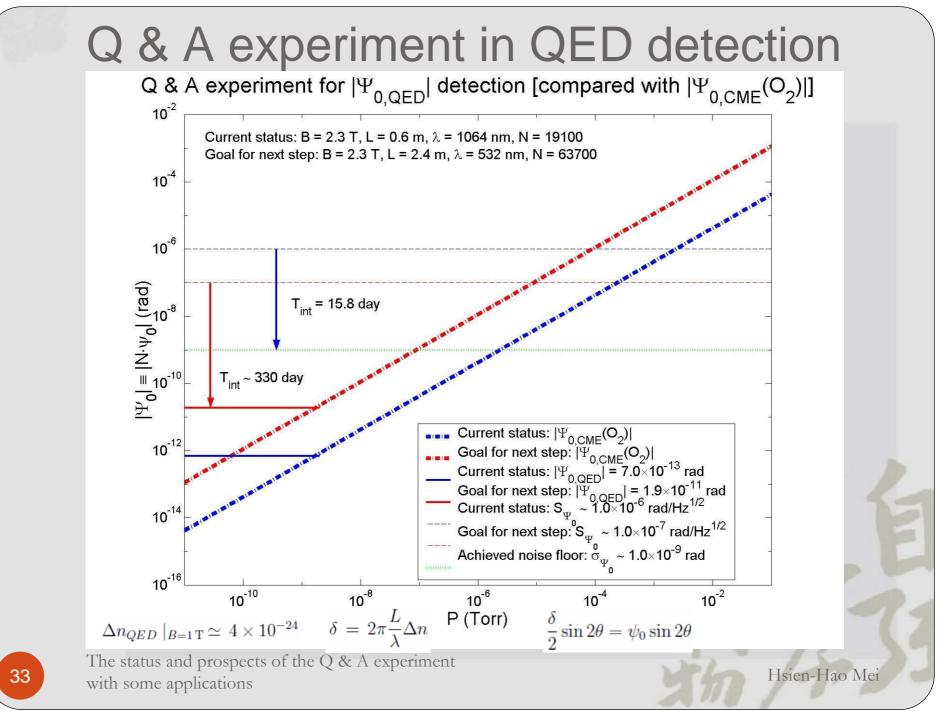


#### Prospects Q & A experiment from now on:

|   | achieved   | implementing   | next stage   |
|---|--|--|--|
| Length of cavity (L <sub>FP</sub> )   | 3.5 m  | 7 m  | 7 m  |
| Length of magnetic active zone (L)  | 0.6 m  | 2.4 m  | <b>4.2</b> m   |
| Laser wavelength ( $\lambda$ ; together with optics)  | 1064 nm  | 532 nm   | 532 nm   |
| Finesse of cavity mirrors (F)   | 30000  | <b>10</b> <sup>5</sup>                                       | 10 <sup>5</sup>                                      |
| Number of passage ( $\mathbf{N} = 2\mathbf{F}/\pi$ )  | 19100  | 63700  | 63700  |
| Magnet's rotational modulation ( $f_{\rm m} = \omega/2\pi$ )  | 7 rps  | <b>10 rps</b>  | <b>20 rps</b>  |
| Sensitivity $(\mathbf{S}_{N\psi_0} \text{ or } \mathbf{S}_{N\beta_0})$  | ~ 1 $\mu rad/Hz^{1/2}$ from the 378 hr integration | <b>10 nrad/Hz</b> <sup>1/2</sup><br>↓ Mirrors' birefringence | 2 nrad/Hz <sup>1/2</sup><br>shot noise limit @ 0.1 W |
| Integration time $(\mathbf{T}_{tin})$   | 387 hr (~ 16 d)                                    | $1000 \text{ hr} (\sim 42$                                   | $1000 \text{ hr} (\sim 42$                           |
| Noise floor after $T_{int}$ ( $N\sigma_{\psi_0}$ or $N\sigma_{\beta_0}$ )   | ~ 0.8 nrad<br>(~ $10^3 \times N\psi_{0,QED}$ )     | 5.3 prad<br>(28%×Nψ <sub>0,QE</sub>                          | <b>1.1 prad</b><br>(3.3%×N $\psi_{0,QE}$             |
| QED effect in ellipticity $(N\psi_{0,QED} \propto NB^{2}I_{\lambda})$   | 0.72 prad  | 19.1 prad  | 33.4 prad  |
| ALPs coupling scale ( $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{g}_{\phi\gamma\gamma}^{-1} \sim -\mathbf{BL}/(4\sqrt{\sigma_{\alpha}})$ | 1.6×10 <sup>6</sup> GeV                            | 1.5×10 <sup>8</sup> GeV                                      | 2.6×10 <sup>8</sup> GeV                              |
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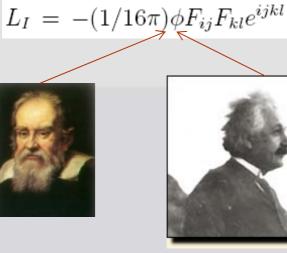
#### Q & A experiment in ALPs search

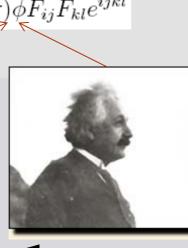


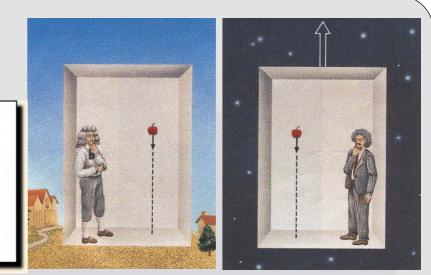


#### Summary & Outlook

- Q & A experiment searches for QED or (pseudo)scalar predictions through ellipsometer-measured birefringence and dichroism.
- Cavity mirrors are suspended for seismic noise isolation.
- Magnetic field shielding around cavity mirrors is improved.
- Sensitivity in polarization rotation and in ellipticity detection are both around 1  $\mu$ rad/Hz<sup>1/2</sup> with a 78% duty cycle within 48 days.
- A new magnet with B = 2.3 T and L = 1.8 m is already made for enhancing the physical effects. A copy will be added in the next stage.
- A 7 m FPI with  $F \sim 10^5$  cavity using 532 nm mirrors is under construction.
- We are currently aiming at 10 nrad/Hz<sup>1/2</sup> sensitivity.
- With these improvement and upgrading of vacuum, <u>QED</u>
   Birefringence would be <u>measured to 28 % in about 50 days</u>.







## Thank you very



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