

# Magnéto-optique du vide quantique

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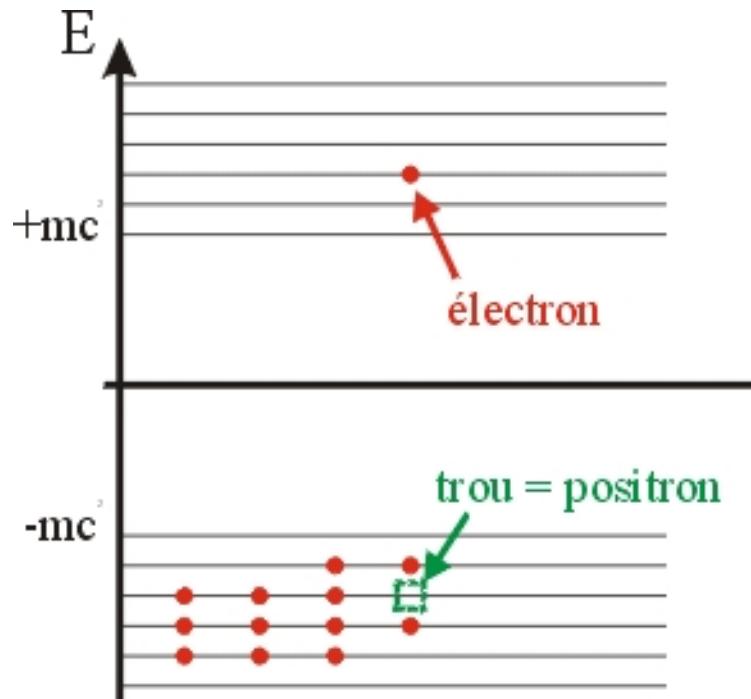
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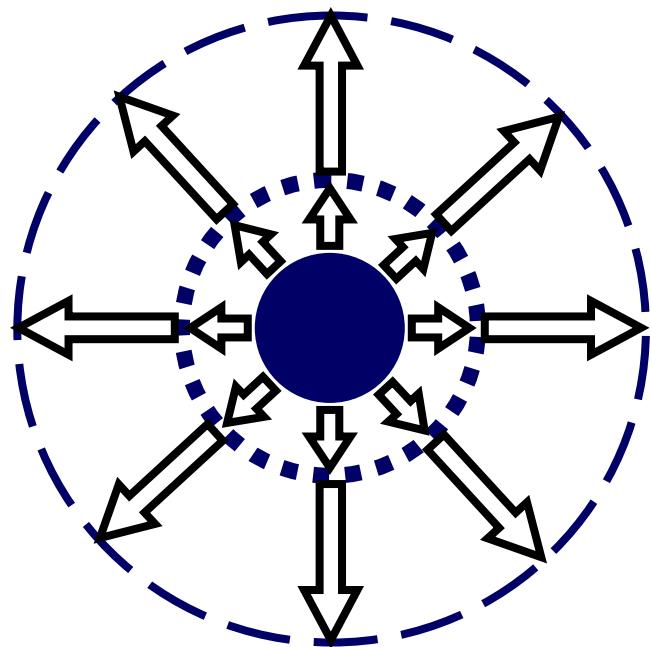
# Le modèle de Dirac du Vide Quantique : 1934



« Previously, people have thought of the vacuum as a region of space that is completely empty, a region of space that does not contain anything at all. Now we must adopt a new picture. We may say that the vacuum is a region of space where we have the lowest possible energy. Now, to get the lowest energy we must fill up all the states of negative energy [...] Thus we must set up a new picture of the vacuum in which all the negative energy states are occupied and all the positive energy states are unoccupied. »

P.A.M. Dirac

# L'expansion de l'univers s'accélère !!!



L'existence de la densité d'énergie du vide pourrait expliquer ce phénomène mais sa valeur est au moins  $10^{50}$  fois trop grande !

## Propagation de la lumière dans le vide quantique

Le vide est invariant par Lorentz et CPT, donc

$$L = \frac{1}{2}F + aF^2 + bG^2 + \dots \quad \text{où} \quad F = (\epsilon_0 E^2 - \mu_0^{-1} B^2); \quad G = \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0^{-1}} (\vec{E} \bullet \vec{B})$$

**1935-1936 Kochel, Euler, Heisenberg**

$$\frac{b}{a} = 7$$

H.Euler et K.Kochel, *Naturwiss.* **23** (1935); W.Heisenberg et H.Euler, *Z. Phys.* **38** (1936) 714

**... en présence de  $B_0$ :**  $n_{par} \neq n_{per}$

$$\Delta n = (b - 4a) \mu_0^{-1} B_0^2$$

$$\Delta n = n_{par} - n_{per}$$

$$\Delta n = 4 \times 10^{-24} B_0^2$$

avec  $B_0$  en Tesla

Z.Bialynicka-Birula et I.Bialynicki-Birula, *Phys. Rev. D* **2** (1970) 2341

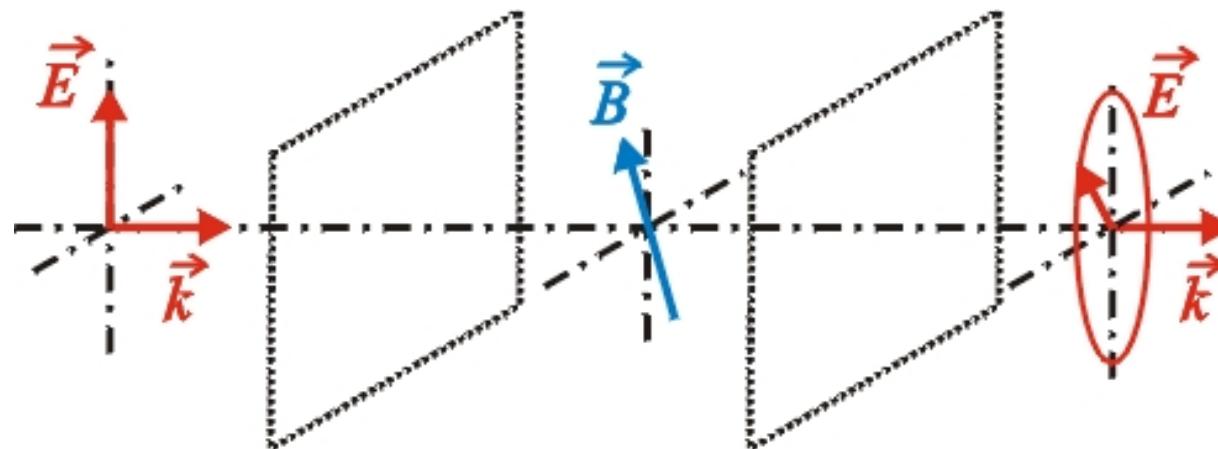
# Le vide quantique est un milieu optique non linéaire

## Biréfringence magnétique du vide

ou *effet Cotton-Mouton* : connu depuis 1901 dans les milieux standards

J.Kerr, *Br. Assoc. Rep.* (1901) 568;

A.Cotton et H.Mouton, *Ct. R. hebd. Séanc Acad. Sci. Paris* **141** (1905) 317,  
349; *ibid.* **142** (1906) 203; *ibid.* **145** (1907) 229

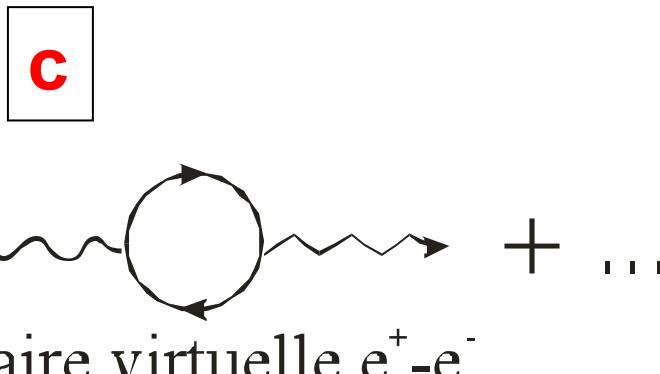


$$\Delta n (\text{vide}) \approx 10^{-8} \Delta n (\text{hélium STP})$$

C.Rizzo, A.Rizzo, D.M.Bishop, *Int. Rev. Phys. Chem.* **16** (1997) 81

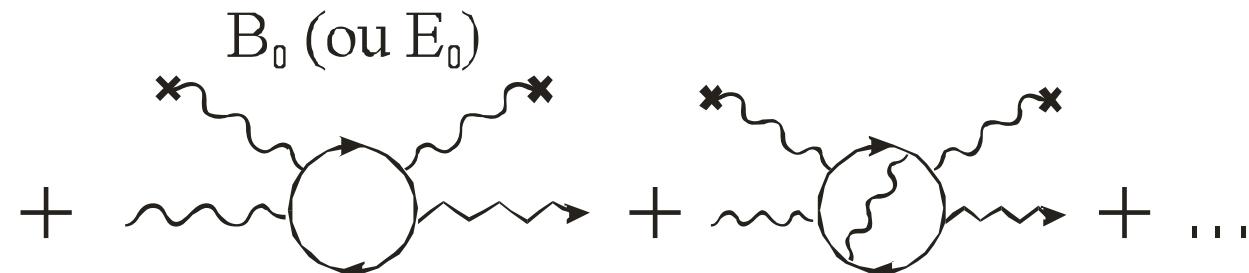
## Propagation dans le vide :

$$\text{Photon réel} = \text{Photon nu} + \text{Paire virtuelle } e^+e^- + \dots$$



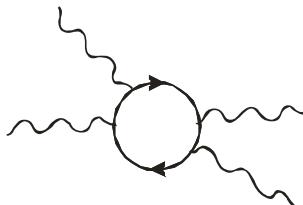
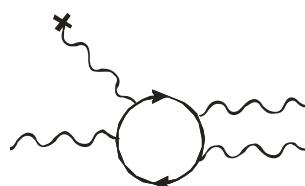
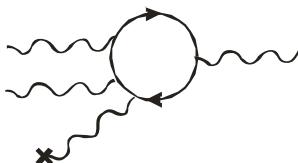
## Propagation dans le vide en présence d'un champ

$$B_0 \text{ (ou } E_0) + \text{Paire virtuelle } e^+e^- + \dots$$

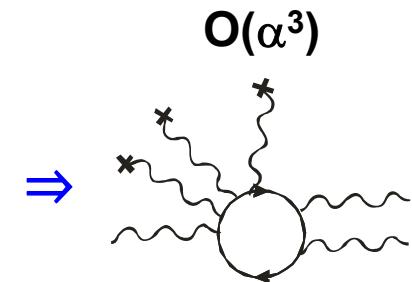


$O(\alpha^2)$

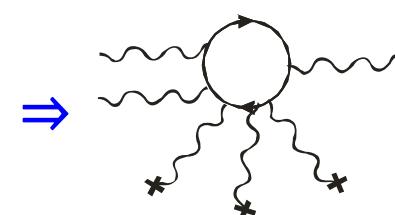
$O(\alpha^3)$   
1,5 % du terme d' $O(\alpha^2)$

$O(\alpha^2)$ **Collisions photon-photon**A.L.Hughes et G.E.M.Jauncey, *Phys. Rev.* **36** (1930) 773R.Karplus et M.Neuman, *Phys. Rev.* **83** (1951) 776**Mélange à quatre ondes**D.Bernard et al, *Eur. Phys. J. D* **10** (2000) 141 => Expérience au LULI, École Polytechnique $O(\alpha^2)$ **Photon splitting****Génération de subharmoniques**S.L.Adler et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **25** (1970) 1061**Génération d'harmoniques**Y.I.Ding et A.E.Kaplan, *Int. J. Nonlin. Opt. Phys.* **1** (1992) 51

= 0 !



= 0 !



## $\phi$ Particule bosonique de faible masse $m$ , neutre, sans spin

$\phi$  matière noire ? Ça depend !

S'il y a un couplage avec deux photons,  $L$  peut s'écrire :

(Constante de couplage  $g = 1/M$ )

Particule pseudoscalaire (comme les *axions* de Peccei et Quinn)

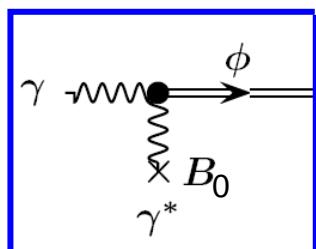
R. Peccei et H.R.Quinn, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **38** (1977) 1440

$$L_{ps} = 1/M \phi G$$

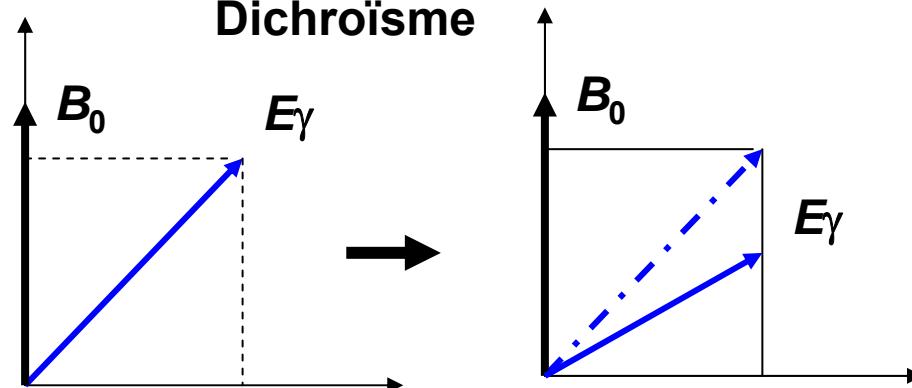
Particule scalaire

$$L_s = 1/M \phi F$$

## Particule réelle



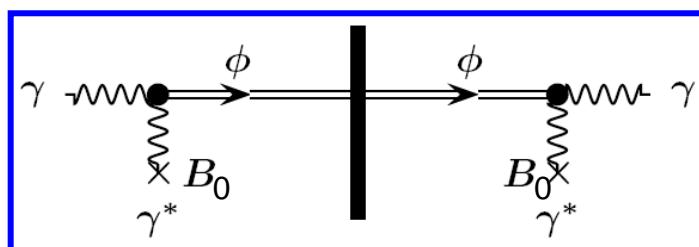
## Dichroïsme



Cas « Pseudoscalaire »

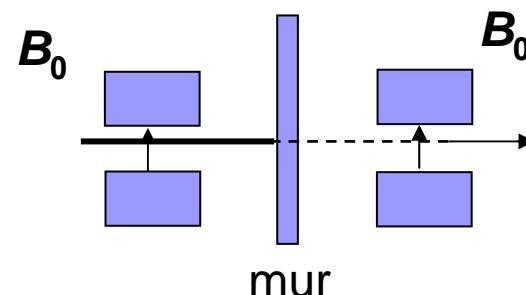
## Effets « $B_0 L$ »

L.Maiani, R.Petronzio et E.Zavattini, *Phys. Lett. B* **175** (1986) 359



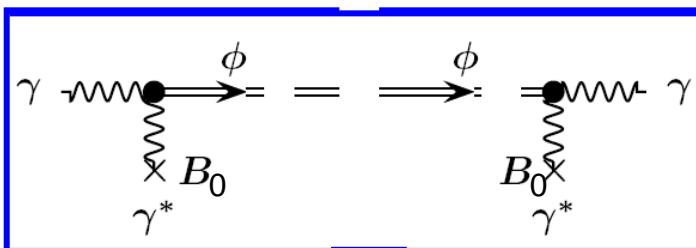
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## Photorégénération



K. Van Bibber *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **59** (1987) 759

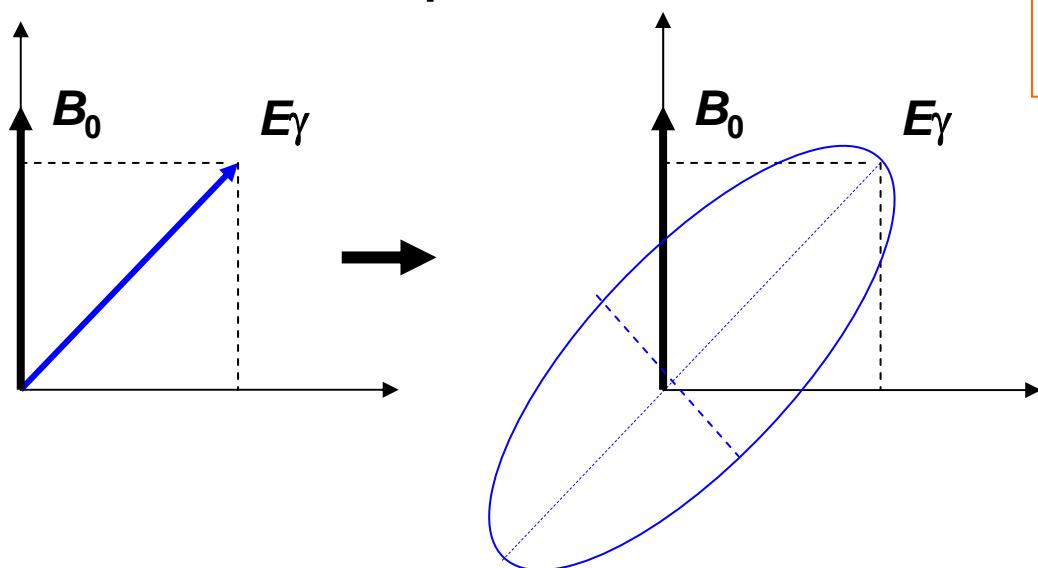
## Particule virtuelle



$\Delta n > 0 \Rightarrow$  Pseudoscalaire

$\Delta n < 0 \Rightarrow$  Scalaire

### Ellipticité



L.Maiani, R.Petronzio et E.Zavattini, *Phys. Lett. B* **175** (1986) 359

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Photorégénération des PBFM.
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## Expériences avec un interféromètre de Michelson-Morley

- 1889 – 1898 : Morley, Boston, USA,  
 $B_0 = 0,165 \text{ T}$ ,  $\Delta n < 10^{-8}$

- 1930-1940 : Farr et Banwell,  
 Nouvelle Zelande,  
 $B_0 = 2 \text{ T}$ ,  $\Delta n < 10^{-9}$

E.Morley, H.Eddy et D.C.Miller, *Bul. Western Reserve U.*  
**1** (1898) 50  
 C.C.Farr et C.J.Banwell, *Proc. Roy. Soc. London A.*137  
 (1932) 275  
 C.J.Banwell et C.C.Farr, *Proc. Roy. Soc. London A.*175  
 (1940) 1

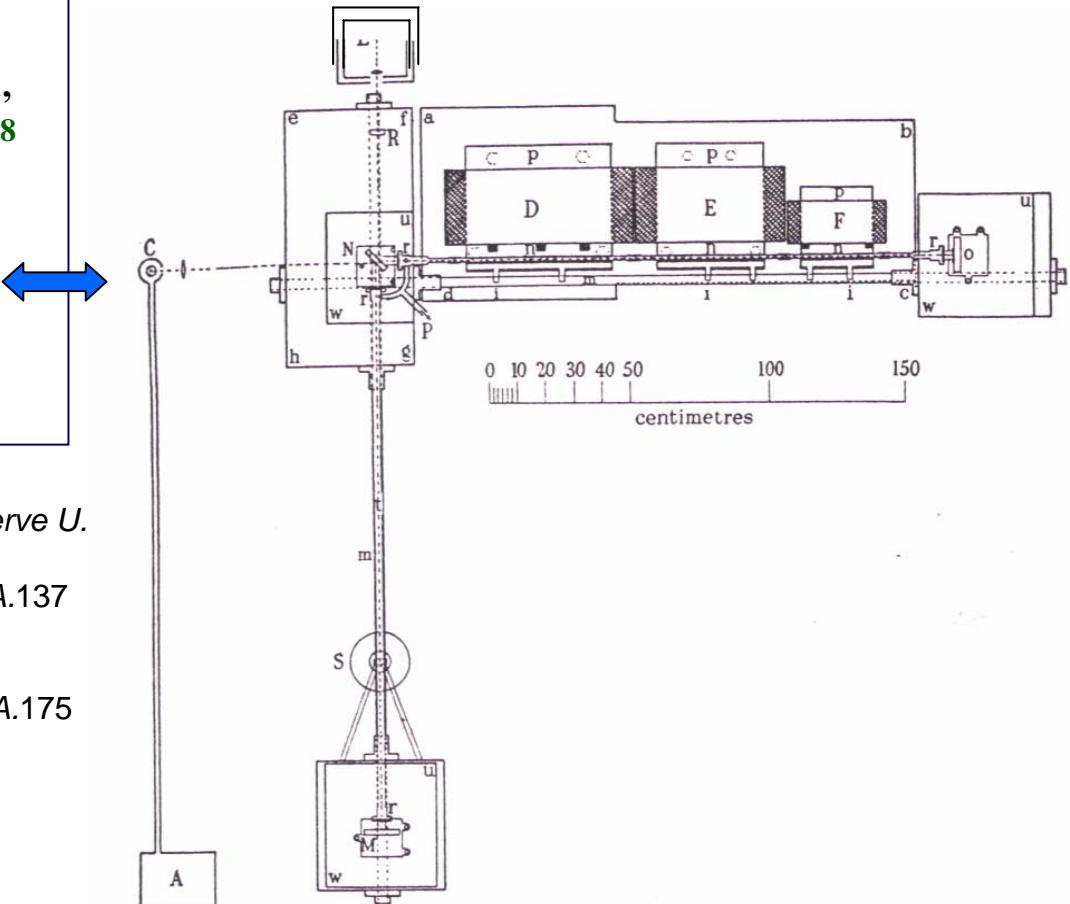


FIGURE 1

*In modern physics there have been developed two complementary – and apparently mutually contradictory – modes of description of radiation processes and of the motion of molecules, atoms, electrons and protons. How far can the parallelism in description of photons (light quanta) and members of the second group of entities be carried ?*

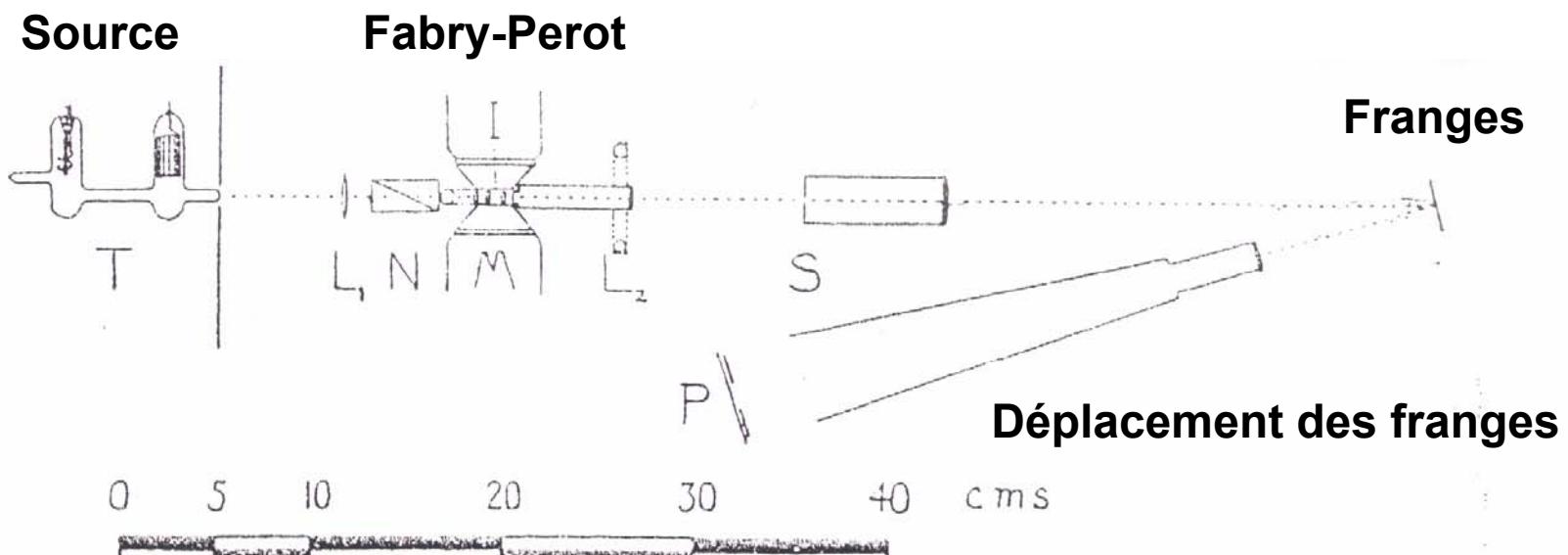


FIG. 1.

W.H.Watson, Roy. Soc. Proc. London A **125**, 345 (1929)

Lumière

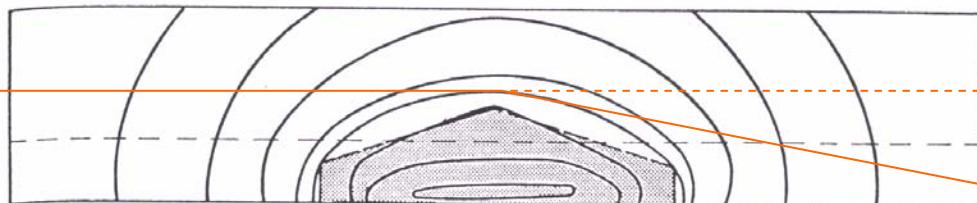


FIGURE 5. Plot of magnetic field in central vertical plane of 30 mm gap; lines of force normal to plane of diagram. Contours of constant strength (in succession, starting with outermost) at 900, 2000, 3700, 5700, 6500, 7500, 8500 and 9000 Oe. Shaded area indicates to scale the shape of the pole-faces, which are 10 cm long. Broken line indicates mean light path.

Angle de déviation

$$< 5 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ rad}$$

R.V. Jones  
Proc. Roy. Soc. London A **260**, 47 (1961)

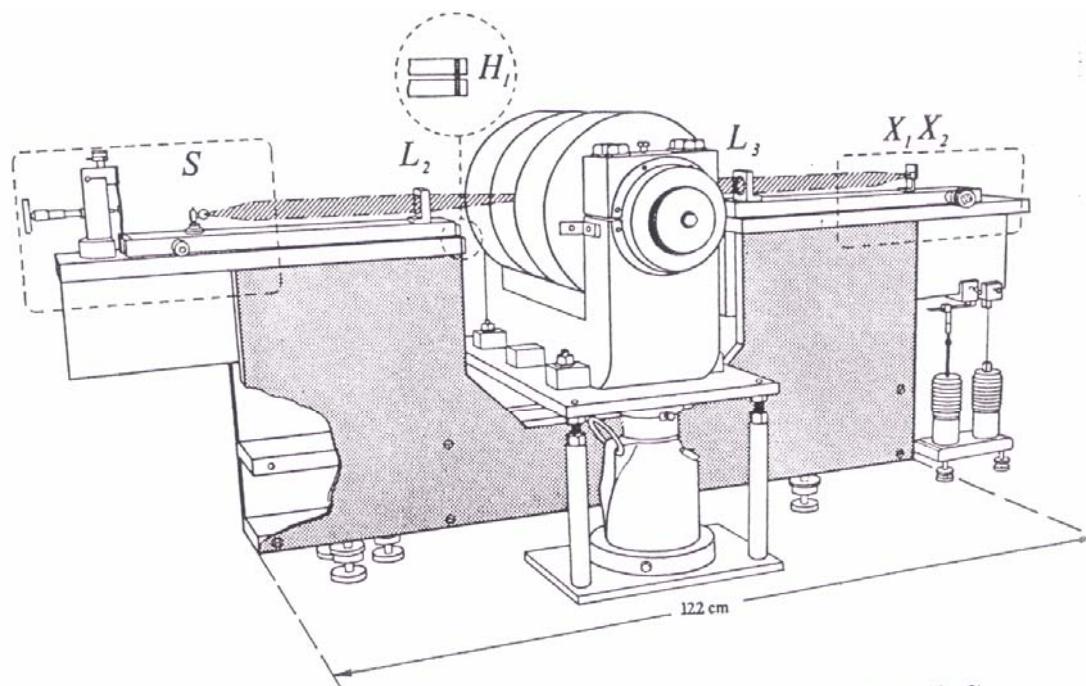


FIGURE 2. General disposition of base, magnet, and light path (shown hatched). Details in cartouches shown in figures 3 and 4.

## EXPERIMENTAL METHOD TO DETECT THE VACUUM BIREFRINGENCE INDUCED BY A MAGNETIC FIELD

E. IACOPINI and E. ZAVATTINI

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

Volume 85B, number 1

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30 July 1979

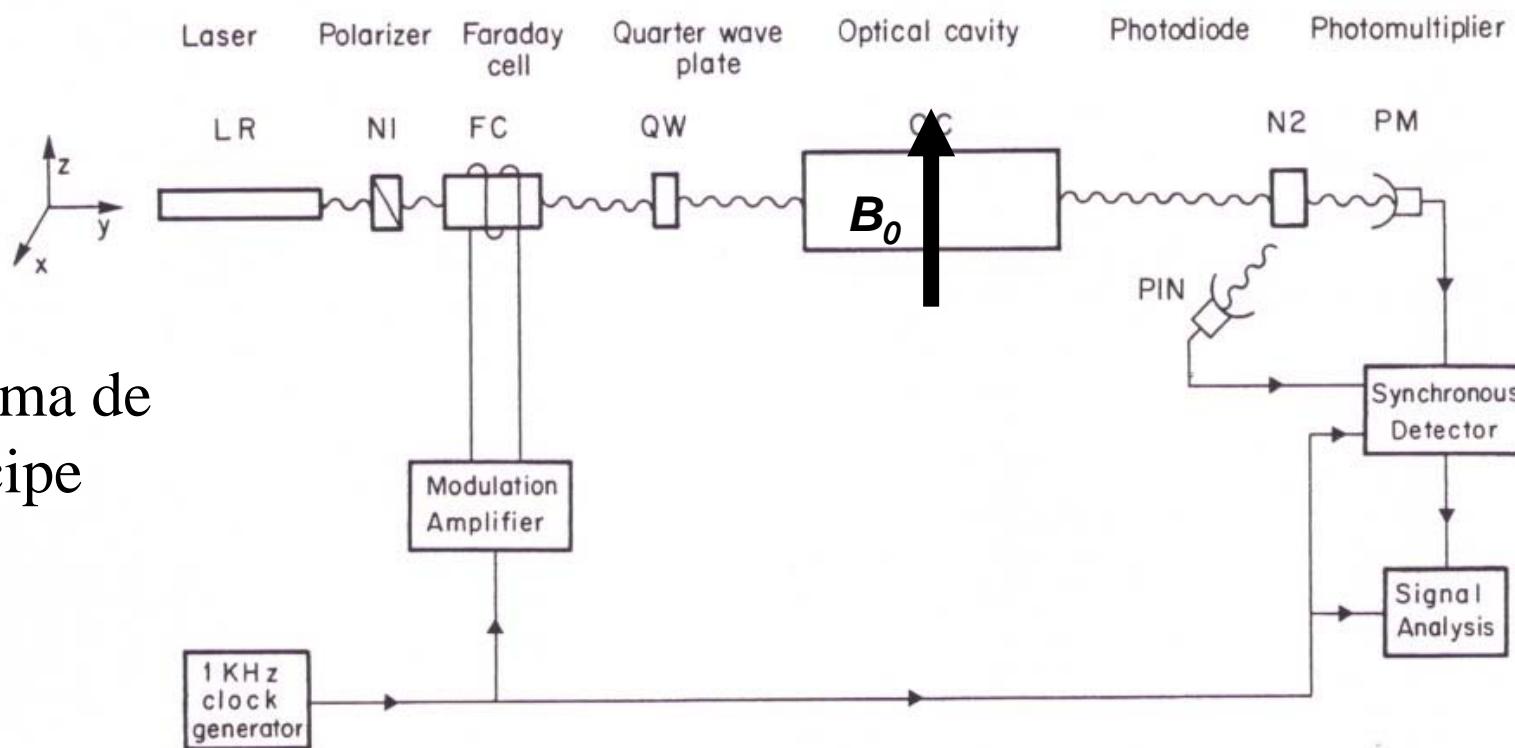


Schéma de principe

Fig. 3. Principle elements of the experimental apparatus.

# Brookhaven-Rochester-Fermilab-Trieste collaboration : 1988-1993

**A.C.Melissinos, E.Zavattini et al.**

Expérience montée aux  
Brookhaven National Laboratories  
Upton, NY, USA

**Cavité optique « multipass » :**  
**500 passages dans le champ**

$$B_0 L \approx 16 \text{ Tm}$$

$$B_0^2 L \approx 35 \text{ T}^2\text{m}$$

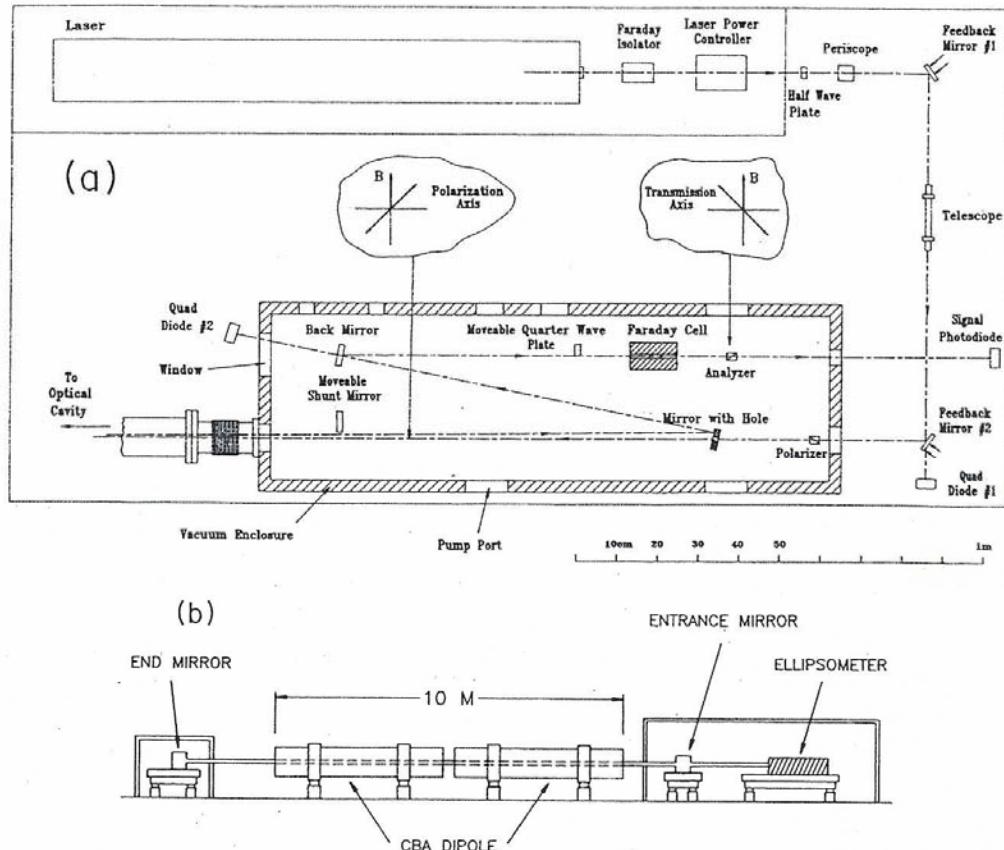


FIG. 4. (a) Schematic view of the ellipsometer; the volume inside the hatched area is evacuated. (b) Layout of the experiment and of the superconducting magnets.

TABLE II. Best sensitivities achieved with the feedback system operating.

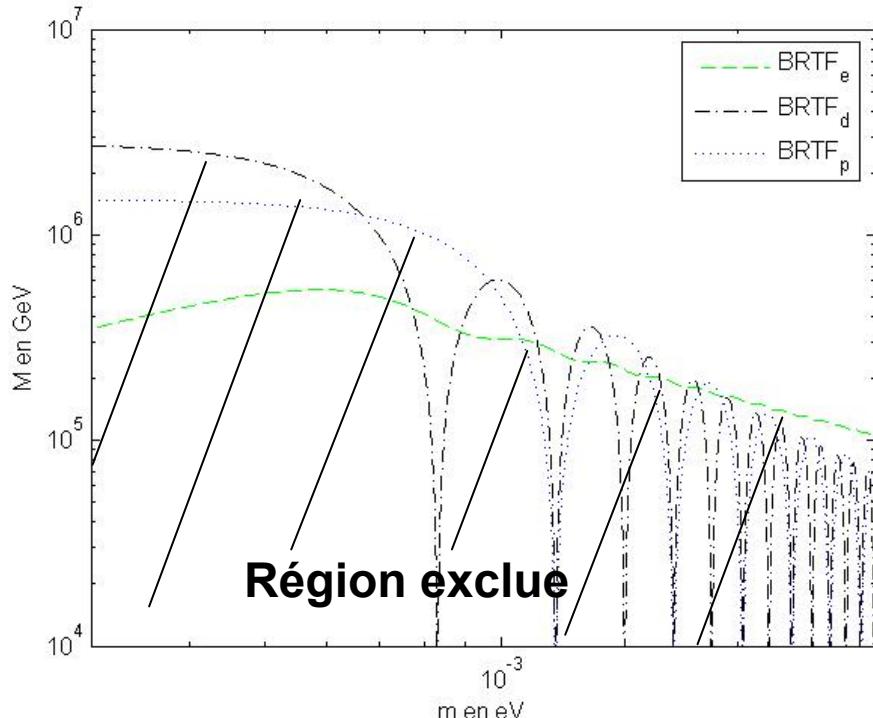
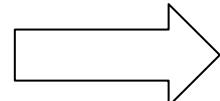
Number of reflections	Rotation or ellipticity	Number of averages	Measured rms noise level (rad)	Achieved sensitivity (rad/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ )
Shunt	Rotation	48	$4.3 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-9}$
Shunt	Ellipticity	25	$2.0 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-8}$
34	Rotation	66	$1.6 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-8}$
34	Ellipticity	25	$2.0 \times 10^{-9}$	
254	Rotation	40	$4.2 \times 10^{-10}$	$6.7 \times 10^{-8}$
578	Ellipticity	13	$5.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-6}$

Ellipticité <  $2.0 \times 10^{-9}$

$$\Delta n < 2.8 \times 10^{-19} T^{-2}$$

Mesures de :

Ellipticité  
Dichroïsme  
Photorégénération



## Proposal

**Measurement of the Magnetically-Induced QED Birefringence of the Vacuum  
and An Improved Laboratory Search for Axions**

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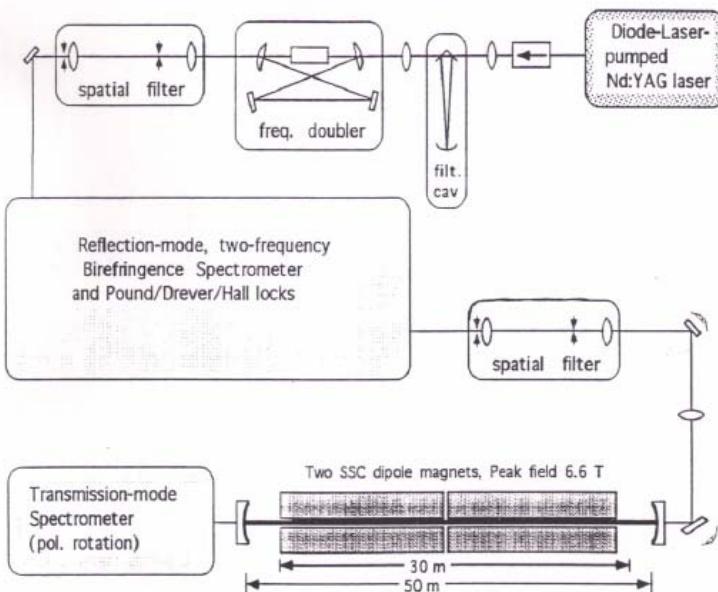
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## Proposition d'expérience au FERMILAB (Chicago, USA) :

**Pas acceptée !**

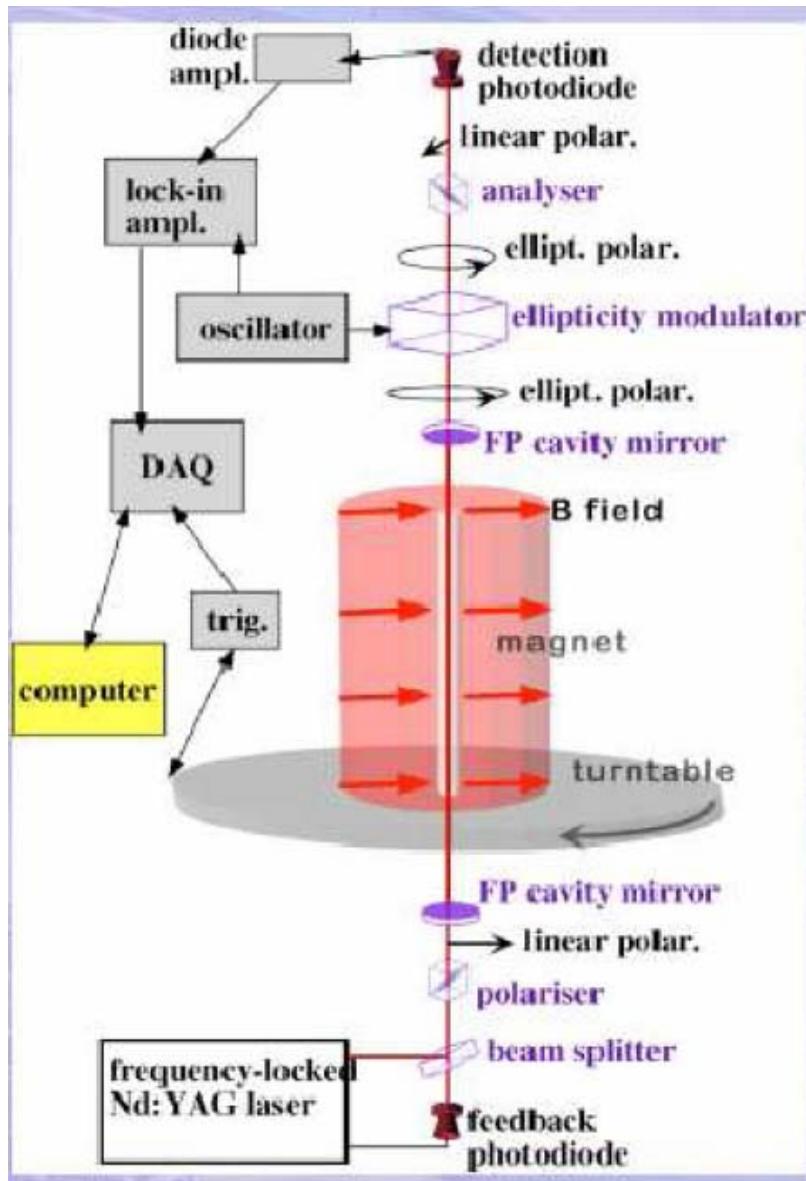


## Aimant du SSC

J.L.Hall, J.Ye, L-S.Ma, *Phys. Rev. A* **62** (2000) 013815

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## Expérience *Polarizzazione del Vuoto con LASer* (PVLAS) : 1992 – en cours

E.Zavattini et al.

$$B_0^2 L = 25 \text{ T}^2\text{m}$$

$$B_0 L = 5 \text{ Tm}$$

Finesse de la cavité = 70 000  
fréquence de modulation 0.6 Hz  
Sensibilité =  $10^{-7} \text{ } 1/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

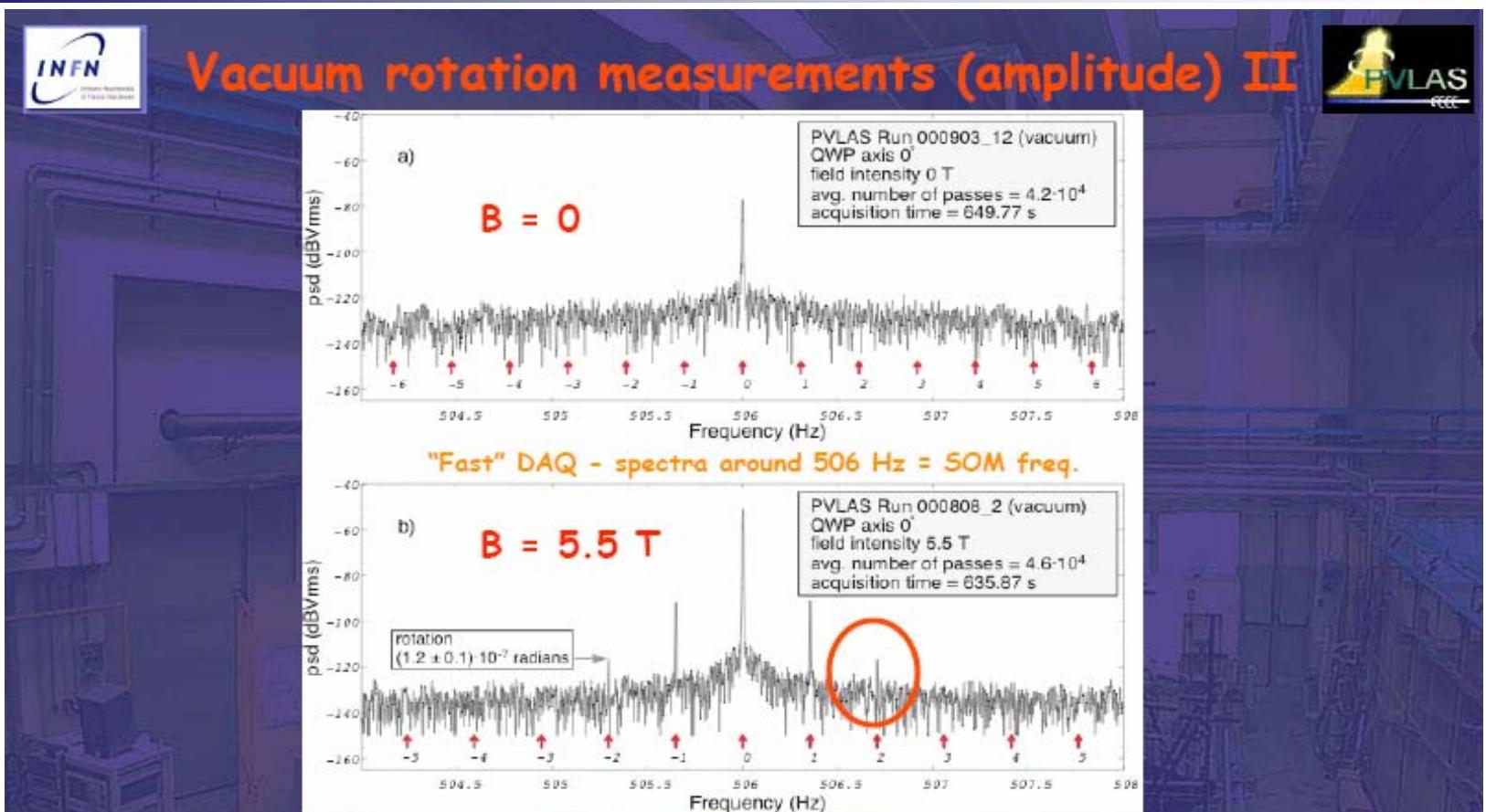
Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro, INFN,  
Vénétie, Italie

D.Bakalov, et al., *Quantum Semiclass. Opt.* **10** (1998) 239



## PVLAS hall at LNL





- Signal observed in Vacuo with  $B \neq 0$  and cavity present
- Data clusters in polar plane change sign under a QWP axis exchange
- The average rotation vector lies along the physical axis

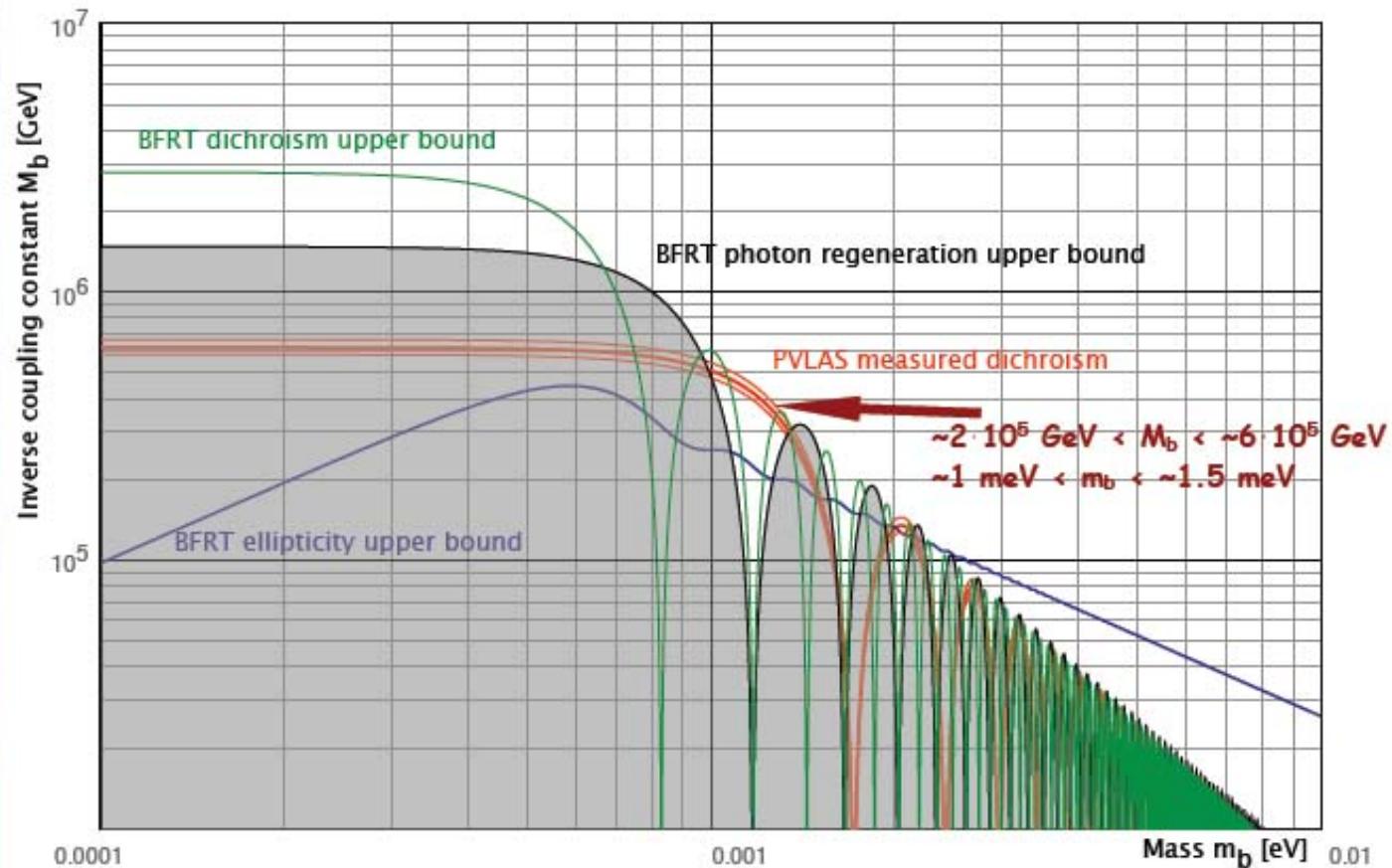
The signal corresponds to a "true" rotation (dichroism) with amplitude  $(3.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-12}$  rad/pass



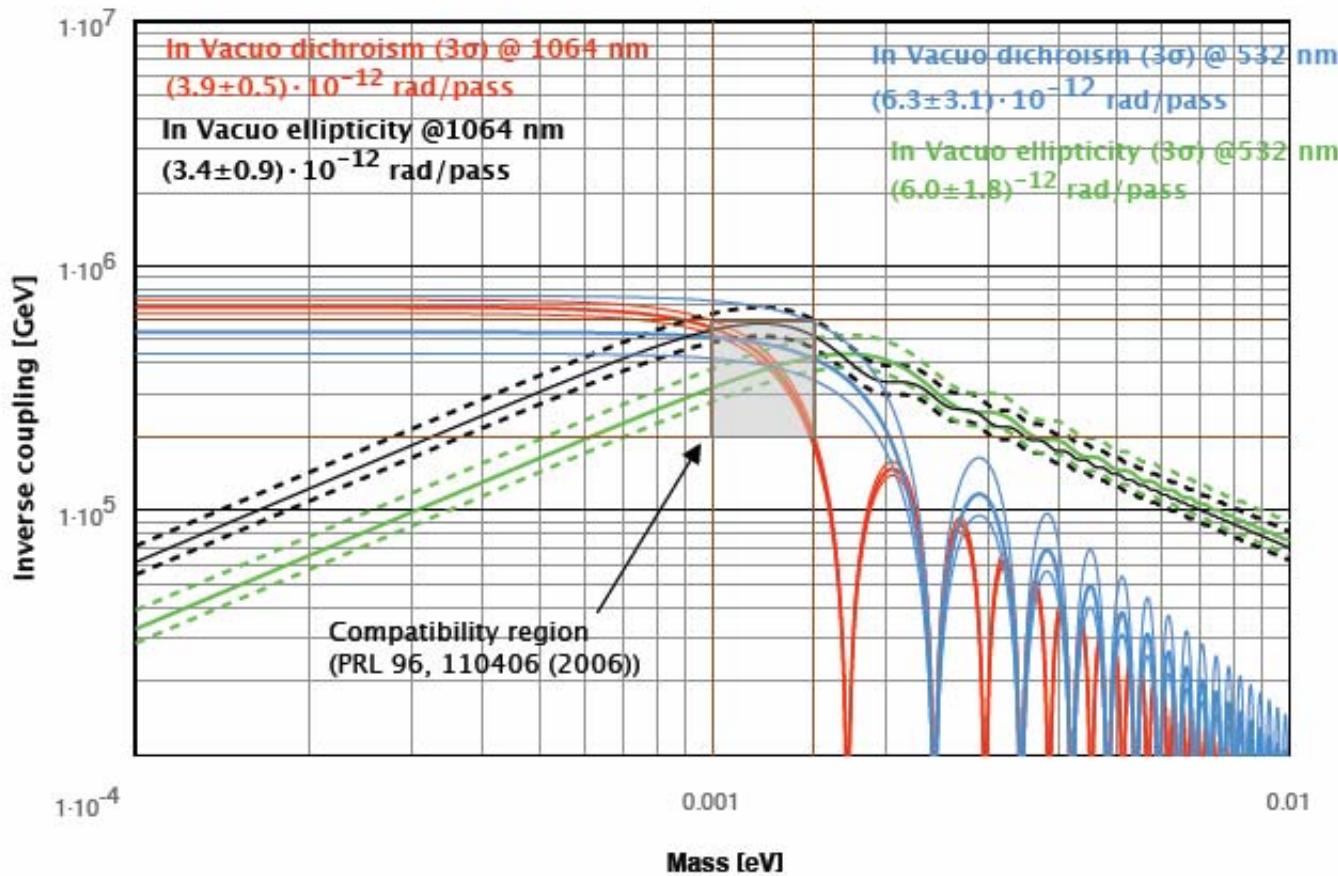
## BFRT and PVLAS results on the $m_b$ - $M_b$ plane



E.Zavattini, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **96** (2006) 110406



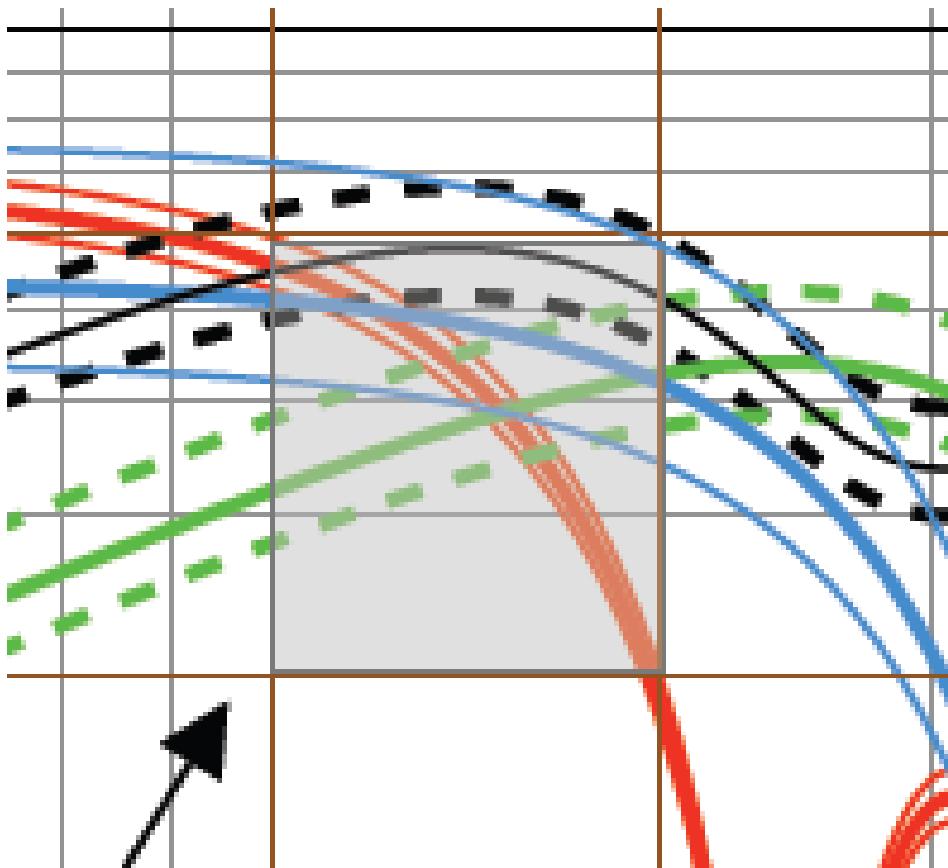
# Global view

PVLAS Summary plot with  $B = 5.5$  T

Zoom : quatre mesures indépendantes



Même région du plan m-M



Scalaire or  
Pseudoscalaire ?

Dichroïsme  $> 0$

Pseudoscalaire !?

Biréfringence :  $\Delta n < 0$

Scalaire !?

M. Karuza, PhD Thesis (2007)

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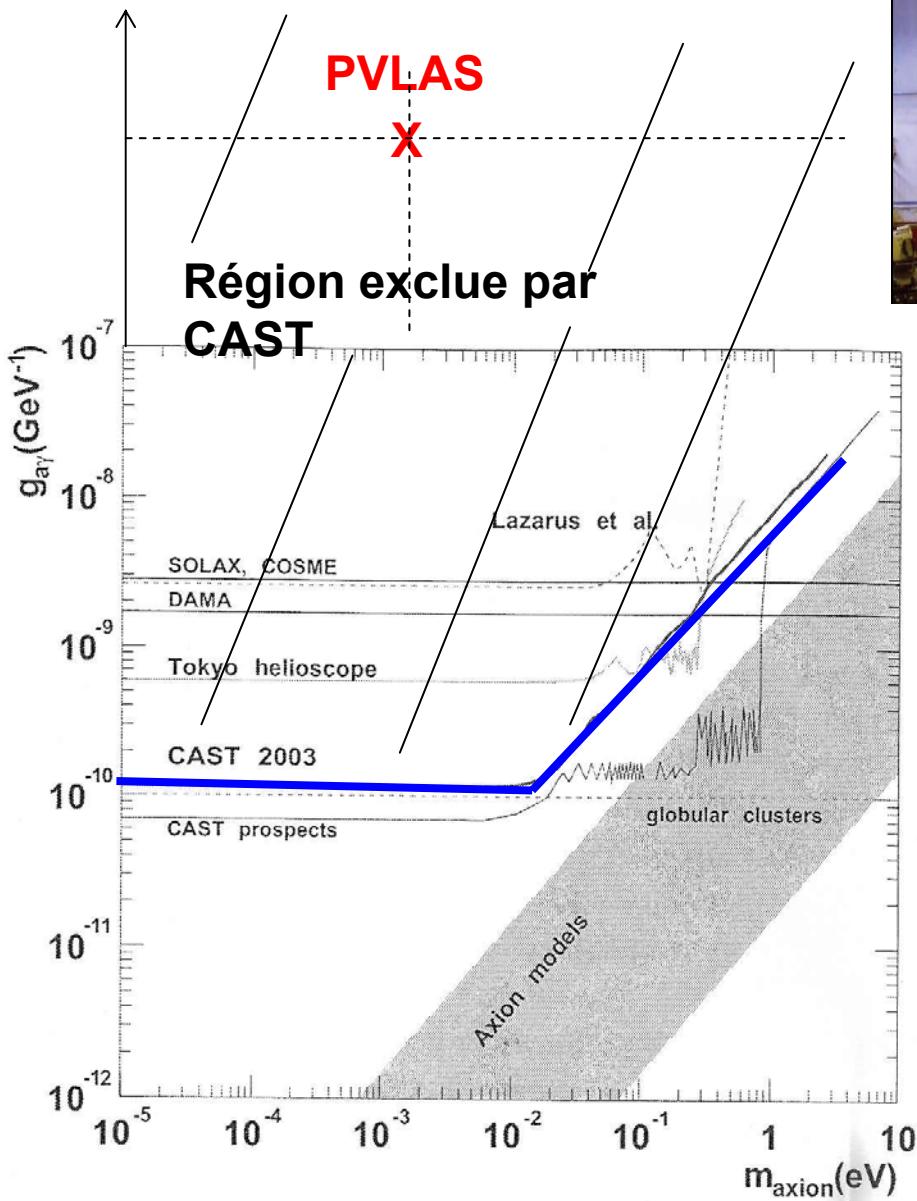
## NEWS & VIEWS

PARTICLE PHYSICS

# The first axion?

Steve Lamoreaux

For almost 30 years, the hunt has been on for a ghostly particle proposed to plug a gap in the standard model of particle physics. The detection of a tiny optical effect might be the first positive sighting.

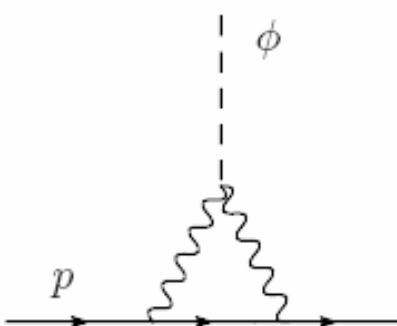


# CAST

## Cern Axion Solar Telescope

K.Zioutas, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **94** (2005) 121301

## Scalar ?



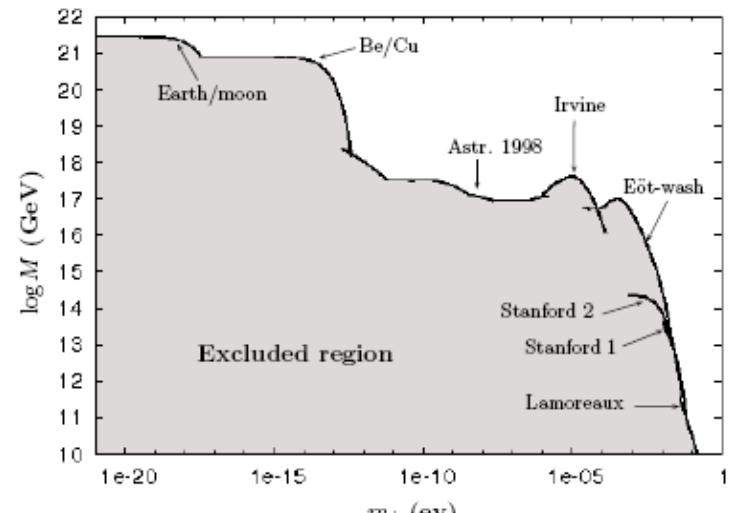
$$y = 4 \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{m_p}{M} \log \frac{\Lambda}{m_p}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = y \phi \bar{\Psi} \Psi$$

$\Psi$  is the proton field and  $y$  the Yukawa coupling

$$V(r) \simeq G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{G m_p^2} y^2 \left( \frac{Z}{A} \right)_1 \left( \frac{Z}{A} \right)_2 e^{-m_\phi r} \right]$$

**Force non newtonienne !**



Light scalars coupled to photons and non-newtonian forces

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**Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 131802 (2007)**

~~AXION~~~~SCALAR~~

## Nouvelles théories ? :

The existence of a massive paraphoton which would couple with the standard photon and with the axionlike particle

E.Masso et J.Redondo, J. of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, **9** (2005) 015

The photon-initiated real or virtual production of pairs of low mass millicharged particles

H. Gies, J. Jaeckel and A. Ringwald, Phys. Rev. Lett., **97** (2006) 140402

The existence of an ultralight pseudo-scalar particle interacting with two photons and a scalar boson together with the existence of a low scale phase transition in the theory

R. N. Mohapatra and Salah Nasri, Phys. Rev. Lett., **98** (2007) 050402

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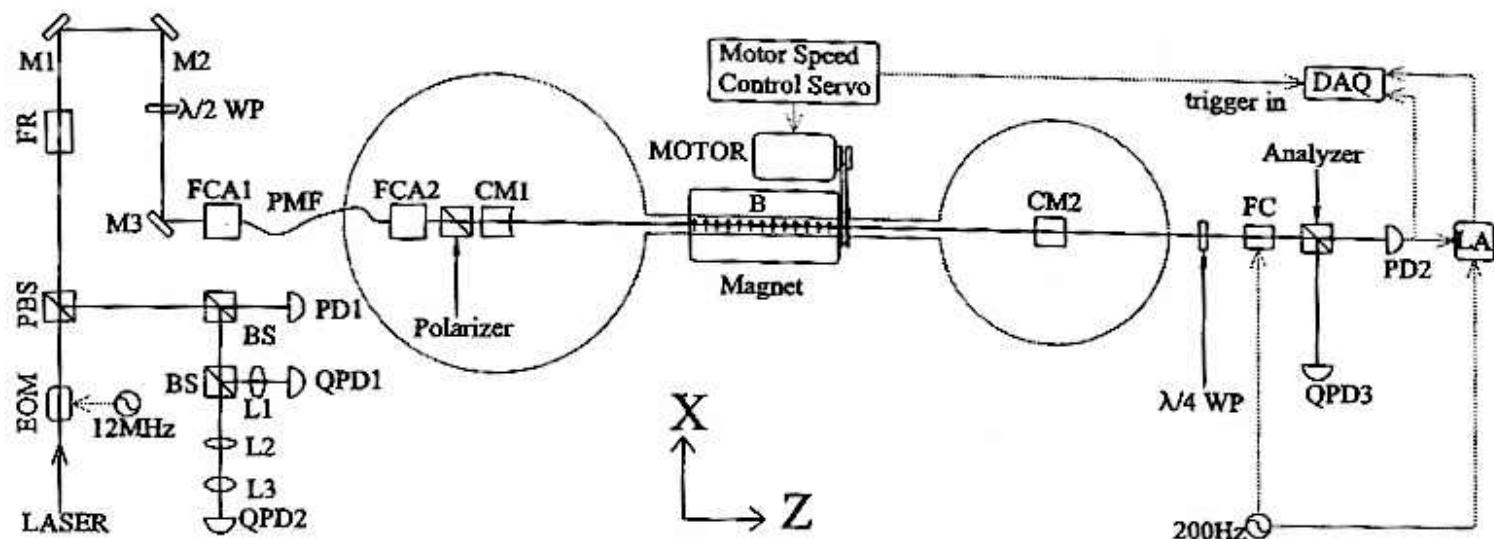
## Nouvelles expériences !!

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## Depuis 1994 Q&A (Quantum electrodynamics test & search for Axion)

Pr. Ni (University of Taiwan)



**Figure 1.** Experimental Setup. EOM electro-optical modulator;  $\lambda/2$  WP half-wave plate;  $\lambda/4$  WP quarter-wave plate; L1, L2, L3 lenses; M1, M2, M3 reflection mirrors; PBS polarizing beam splitter; BS beam splitter; FR Faraday rotator; FCA1, FCA2 fibre coupler assemblies; PMF polarization maintaining fibre; CM1, CM2 cavity mirrors; B magnetic field; PD1, PD2 photodetectors; QPD1, QPD2, QPD3 quadrant photodiodes ; FC Faraday cell; DAQ data acquisition system; LA lock-in amplifier.

Résultats préliminaires sur arXiv → “Presque” en contradiction avec PVLAS

hep-ex/0611050

Niveau de confiance ?  $\approx 1\sigma$

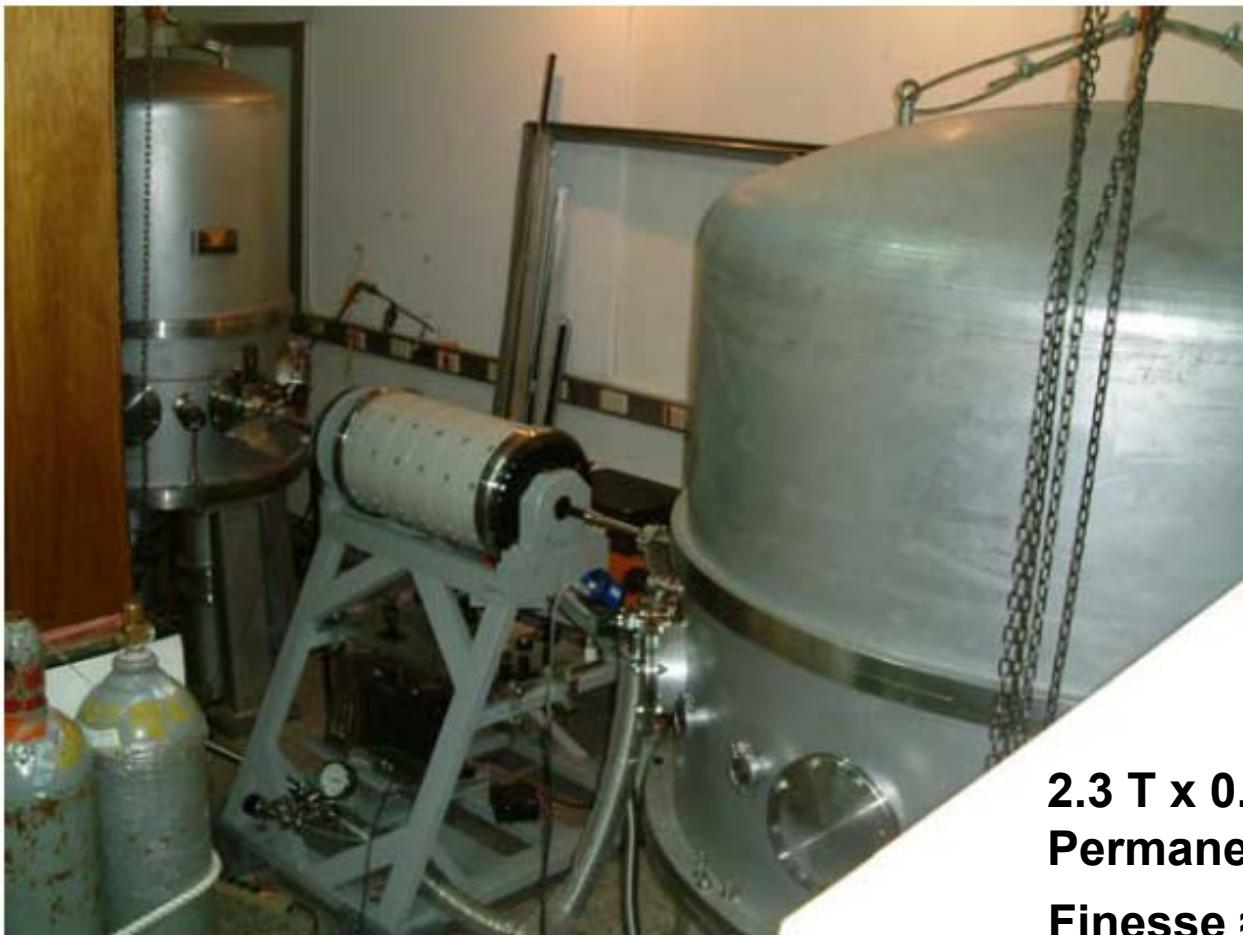


Fig. 3. A picture of experimental apparatus.

**2.3 T x 0.6 m aimant  
Permanent tournant  
Finesse  $\approx 30\ 000$   
Sensibilité =  $10^{-6}\ 1/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$**

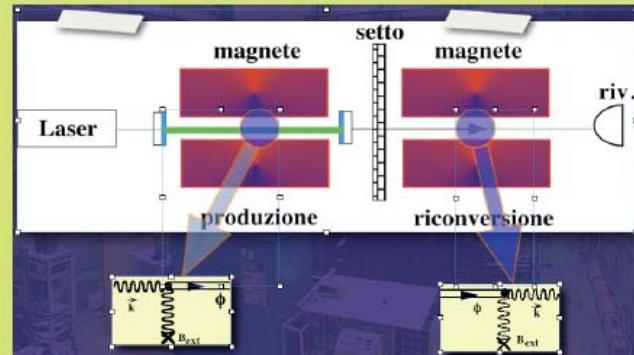
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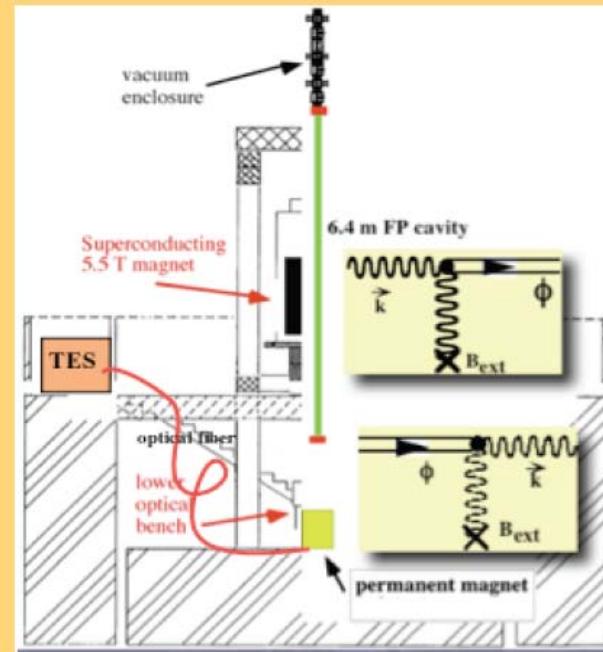


## Photon regeneration test at PVLAS

- Principle of a photon regeneration experiment



- Implementation at PVLAS with
  - 50 cm 2.2 T permanent magnet
  - TES detector





## Axion-Like Particle Search at DESY

The ALPS Project (Proposal)

*DESY, Laser Zentrum Hannover, Sternwarte Bergedorf*

[http://www.sns.ias.edu/~axions/talks/Axel\\_Lindner.pdf](http://www.sns.ias.edu/~axions/talks/Axel_Lindner.pdf)



Aimants de HERA

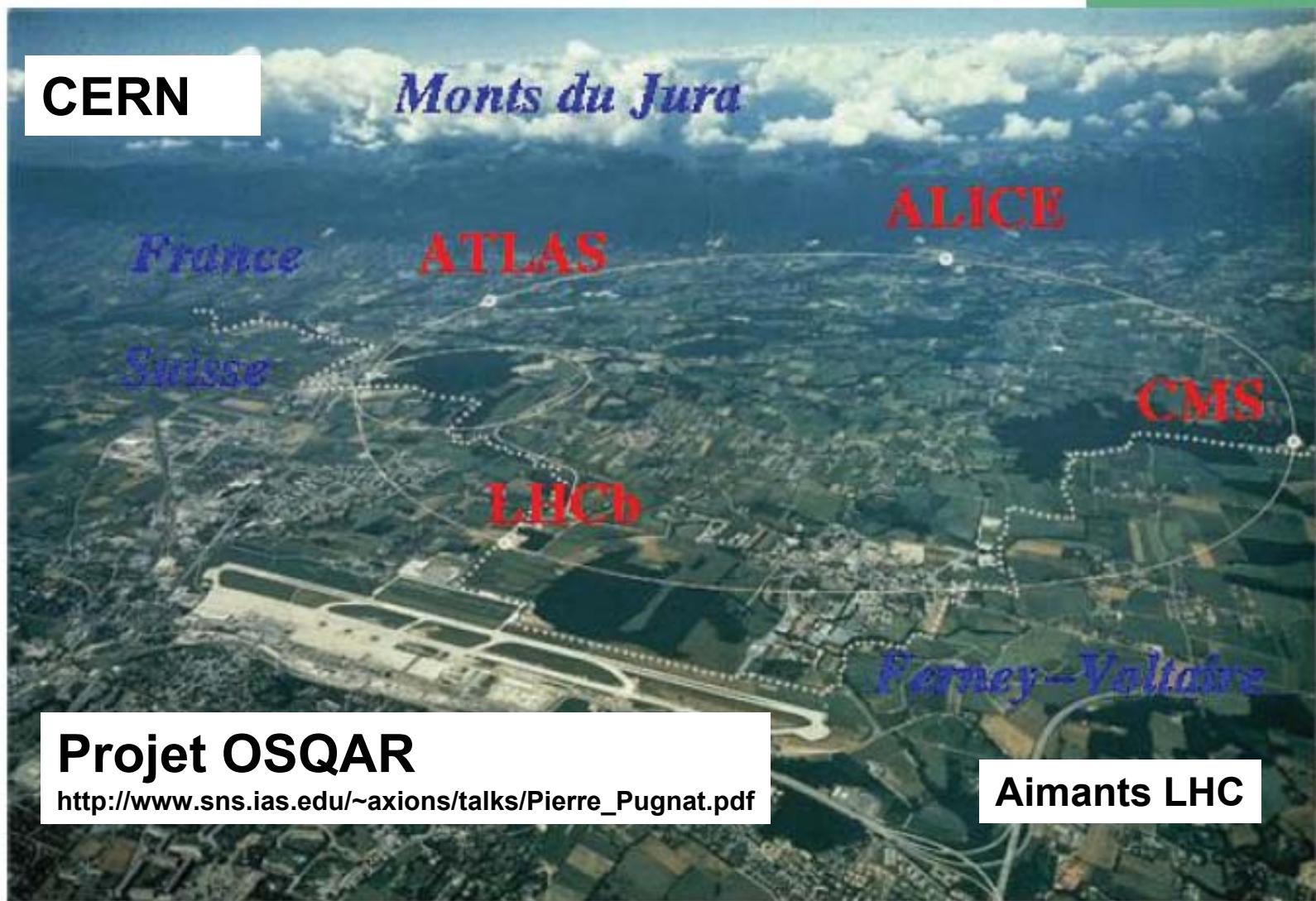
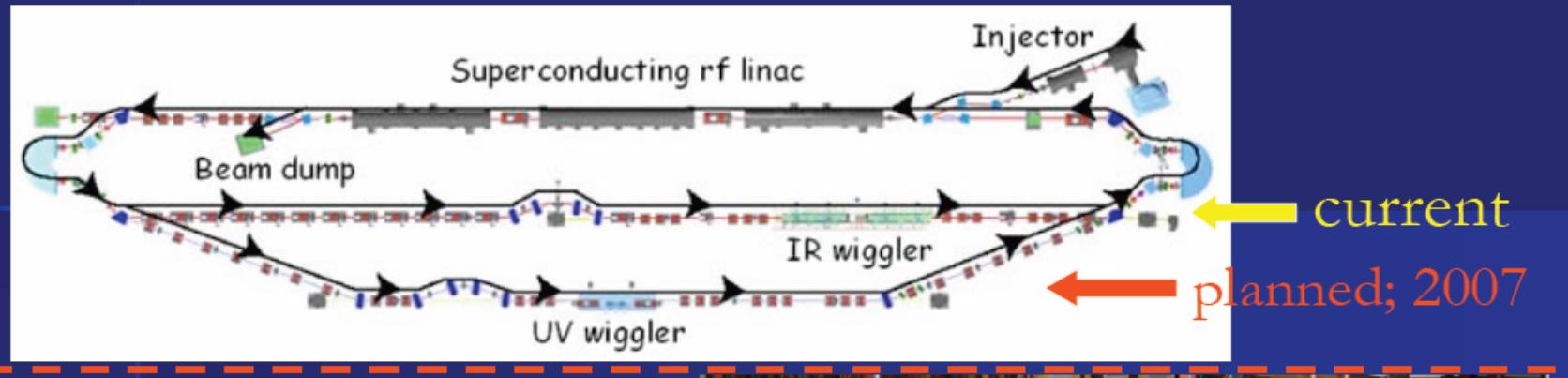


figure 1 : Vue générale du site du CERN où le LHC est en construction. La ligne pointillée représente le passage de la frontière entre la France et la Suisse. En arrière plan, se devinent les monts du Jura ; au premier plan, on voit l'aéroport de Genève-Cointrin. Le cercle indique l'emplacement du tunnel dans lequel est installé l'accélérateur de particules.

## JLAB FEL: regeneration experiment



## LIPSS Project: A Search for Photon Regeneration at Optical Frequencies

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# Collisions photon-photon au Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

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## Using high-power lasers for detection of elastic photon-photon scattering

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The properties of four-wave interaction via the nonlinear quantum vacuum is investigated. The effect of the quantum vacuum is to generate photons with new frequencies and wave vectors, due to elastic photon-photon scattering. An expression for the number of generated photons is derived and using state-of-the-art laser data it is found that the number of photons can reach detectable levels. In particular, the prospect of using the high repetition Astra Gemini system at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory is discussed. The problem of noise sources is reviewed, and it is found that the noise level can be reduced well below the signal level. Thus, detection of elastic photon-photon scattering may for the first time be achieved.

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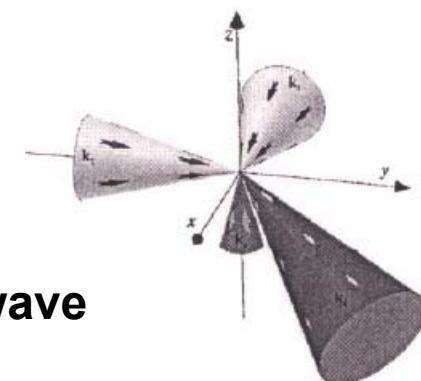


FIG. 1: Configuration of the incoming laser beams and the direction of the scattered wave for the suggested three-dimensional configuration of wave vectors, which satisfies the matching conditions (5).

## Light diffraction by a strong standing electromagnetic wave

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## Nouveau schéma avec des lasers femto

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### Ultrafast resonant polarization interferometry: Towards the first direct detection of vacuum polarization

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Vacuum polarization, an effect originally predicted nearly 70 years ago, is still yet to be directly detected despite significant experimental effort. Previous attempts have made use of large liquid-helium cooled electromagnets which inadvertently generate spurious signals that mask the desired signal. We present an approach for the ultrasensitive detection of optical birefringence that can be usefully applied to a laboratory detection of vacuum polarization. The technique has a predicted birefringence measurement sensitivity of  $\Delta n \sim 10^{-20}$  in a 1 s measurement. When combined with the extreme polarizing fields achievable in this design we predict that a vacuum polarization signal will be seen in a measurement of just a few days in duration.

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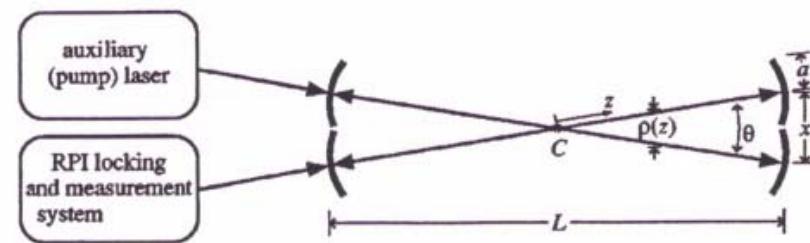


FIG. 2. Measurement scheme for optically induced birefringence.

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