





# Towards Probing Ultralight Dark Matter Couplings with Acetylene Spectroscopy

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### 1) From UDM couplings to SM to frequency variations of AMO resonances

2) Potential from infrared precision measurements with  $^{12}C_2H_2$ -Modelisation and measurement of a  $^{12}C_2H_2$  transition at 1.55  $\mu m$ -Constraints on UDM couplings to SM

3) Potential from frequency measurements of a MW acetylene clock
-Acetylene MW transitions with enhanced sensitivity to μ-variation
-Molecular theory and metrological performances of a MW clock
-Constraints from frequency measurements of a MW acetylene clock

## 4) Conclusion



### 1) Variation of fundamental constants from precision measurements

• Why Acetylene?



## Objectives

### - State-of-the-art molecular theory and precision measurements

Global Hamiltonian models : Herman and Perry, PCCP 15, 9970 (2013); Lyulin and Perevalov, JQSRT 177, 59 (2016) Ab-initio theory : Chubb *et al*, JQSRT 204, 42 (2018) Instrumentations for high-resolution spectroscopy; spectroscopic data; molecular databases HITRAN, GEISA, ... Cold molecules research : Aiello *et al*, Nat. Commun. 13, 7016 (2022)

- Search for variability of fundamental constants; understand nature of dark matter Uzan, Living Rev. Relativity 14, 2 (2011) Safronova *et al*, Rev. Mod. Phys. 90, 025008 (2018)

# Applications of the acetylene molecular theory and spectroscopy

- Atmospheric science Whitby and Altwicker, Atmos. Environ. 12, 1289 (1978)

- Astrophysics

Didriche and Herman, Chem. Phys. Lett. 496, 1 (2010)

### - Frequency metrology

Recommandation Comité Consultatif des Longueurs 1, 2009; Riehle et al, Metrologia 55, 188 (2018)

#### - Probe variations of fundamental constants Constantin, Vibrational Spectroscopy 85, 228 (2016)

### - Photonic-molecular integration

Tharpa *et al*, Opt. Lett. 31, 2489 (2006); Takiguchi *et al*, Opt. Lett. 36, 1254 (2011) Zektzer *et al*, Laser Photonics Rev. 14, 1900414 (2020)

Fundamental Constants and Ultralight Dark Matter



- The Standard Model and the General Relativity : FC are free parameters of the theory Uzan, C. R. Physique 16, 576 (2015)
- CODATA 2018 recommended values of fundamental constants

https://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Constants/index.html

- Variability from couplings to cosmology and to local fields
- UDM: sub-eV scalar field  $\phi(t) = \phi_0 \cos(\omega_{\phi} t)$ ; pulsation  $\omega_{\phi} \cong \frac{m_{\phi} c^2}{\hbar}$ ; amplitude  $\phi_0 = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi G \rho_{DM}}{\omega_{\phi}^2 c^2}}$
- Galactic halo model :  $\rho_{DM} = 0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^{-3}$ ;  $v \approx 230 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$ ;  $\sigma_v \approx 10^{-3}c$ ;  $\tau_c = 10^{-4}/\omega_{\phi}$

Arvanitaki et al, PRD 91, 015015 (2015); Stadnik et al, PRL 115, 201301 (2015); Freese et al, RMP 85,1561 (2013)

=> DM-field induced variation of fundamental constants

- fermion X=(e,u,d,s) masses :  $m_X(\phi) = m_X \left(1 + d_{m_X} \cdot \phi / \sqrt{c\hbar/8\pi G}\right)$ 

- fine structure constant :  $\alpha(\phi) = \alpha \left(1 + d_{\alpha} \cdot \phi / \sqrt{c\hbar/8\pi G}\right)$ 

- QCD scale parameter :  $\Lambda_{QCD}(\phi) = \Lambda_{QCD} \left( 1 + d_g \cdot \phi / \sqrt{c\hbar/8\pi G} \right)$ 

-  $\mu(m_e, \Lambda_{QCD}, m_X) = m_p/m_e$  :  $\mu(\phi) = \mu \left(1 - \left(d_{m_e} + d_g + 0.036d_{\widehat{m}}\right) \cdot \phi/\sqrt{c\hbar/8\pi G}\right)$ Damour and Donoghue, PRD 82, 084033 (2010)

• Variability of fundamental constants and AMO physics



=> Sensitivity of atomic, molecular and optical cavity resonance frequency:

$$\frac{\Delta f_{C,A,M}}{f_{C,A,M}} = Q_{\alpha}^{C,A,M} \frac{\Delta \alpha}{\alpha} + Q_{\mu}^{C,A,M} \frac{\Delta \mu}{\mu} + Q_{q}^{C,A,M} \frac{\Delta(\widehat{m}/\Lambda_{QCD})}{\widehat{m}/\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

• atomic optical transition  $f_{A,opt} = C_{A,opt} \frac{\alpha^2 m_e c^2}{4\pi\hbar} \cdot F_{opt}(\alpha)$ 

• atomic hyperfine transition  $f_{A,HF} = C_{A,HF} \frac{\alpha^2 m_e c^2}{4\pi\hbar} \left( g_i \left( m_q / \Lambda_{QCD} \right) \times m_e / m_p \right) \cdot F_{HF}(\alpha)$ 

- vibrational molecular transition :  $f_{vib} = C_{vib} \frac{\alpha^2 m_e c^2}{4\pi\hbar} \sqrt{m_e/m_p}$
- rotational molecular transition :  $f_{rot} = C_{rot} \frac{\alpha^2 m_e c^2}{4\pi\hbar} m_e / m_p$

• optical cavity resonance : 
$$f_C = C_C \frac{\alpha m_e c^2}{\hbar} \cdot F_C(\alpha, m_X, \Lambda_{QCD})$$

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### Searches for UDM with atoms and molecules

#### => Atomic clocks comparisons

- oscillations from scalar fields of Rb/Cs clocks

Hees et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 061301 (2016)



#### => Atomic clocks/cavity comparisons

- Sr clock/cavity network comparison by GPS

Wcislo et al, Sci. Adv. 4, eaau4869 (2018)



- Sr clock/cavity/H maser comparisons

Kennedy et al, 125, 201302 (2020)



#### => Spectroscopy experiments

- Cs polarization spectroscopy



### - I<sub>2</sub> Doppler/Doppler-free spectroscopy





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## 2) Potential from infrared precision measurements with ${}^{12}C_2H_2$

### • Acetylene molecular theory

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#### Fundamental vibrational modes

←● ● ←	$\mathbf{v}_1$	$3401.15 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	Symmetric
			CH stretching
	V2	$1982.68 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	Symmetric CC
			stretching
	<b>V</b> 3	$3313.20 \text{ cm}^{-1}$	Antisymmetric
			CH stretching
	V4	608.99 cm <sup>-1</sup>	Trans-bending
••••	$v_5$	729.21 cm <sup>-1</sup>	Cis-bending

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$$(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4^{l_4}, v_5^{l_5})$$
  

$$k = l_4 + l_5; J$$
  

$$N_s = v_1 + v_2 + v_3$$
  

$$N_r = 5v_1 + 3v_2 + 5v_3 + v_4 + v_5$$



Hermann, Mol. Phys. 105, 2217 (2007)

#### Effective Hamiltonian

Vibrational term :  $G_v[v] = \sum_s \omega_s (v_s + g_s/2) + \sum_{s \le s'} x_{ss'} (v_s + g_s/2) (v_{s'} + g_{s'}/2) + \sum_{k \le k'} g_{kk'} l_k l_{k'}$ Rotational term :  $F_r(J,k) = B[v] (J(J+1) - k^2) - D[v] (J(J+1) - k^2)^2 + H[v] (J(J+1) - k^2)^3$ Hamiltonian matrix :

$$\begin{pmatrix} E[110(l^{1}l^{1})^{2}, J] + \frac{\rho_{45}}{4}J(J+1)(J(J+1)-2) & \frac{q_{4}+q_{5}}{2}\sqrt{J(J+1)(J(J+1)-2)} & 0 \\ \frac{q_{4}+q_{5}}{2}\sqrt{J(J+1)(J(J+1)-2)} & E[110(l^{1}l^{1})^{0}, J] + r_{45} & W \\ 0 & W & E[10l(0^{0}0^{0})^{0}, J] \end{pmatrix}$$

Unperturbed energy levels:

$$E[110(1^{1}1^{1})^{2}, J] = (v_{2} + g_{45}) + (B_{2} + \gamma^{45})(J(J+1) - 4) - (D_{2} + \delta^{45})(J(J+1) - 4)^{2} + (H_{2} + h^{45})(J(J+1) - 4)^{3}$$

$$E[110(1^{1}1^{1})^{0}, J] = (v_{2} - g_{45}) + (B_{2} - \gamma^{45})J(J+1) - (D_{2} - \delta^{45})(J(J+1))^{2} + (H_{2} - h^{45})(J(J+1))^{3}$$

$$E[101(0^{0}0^{0})^{0}, J] = v_{1} + B_{1}J(J+1) - D_{1}(J(J+1))^{2} + H_{1}(J(J+1))^{3}$$

$$E[000(0^{0}0^{0})^{0}, J] = B_{0}J(J+1) - D_{0}(J(J+1))^{2} + H_{0}(J(J+1))^{3}$$

#### Keppler et al, JMS 175, 411 (1996)

#### High-resolution spectroscopy



Jacquinet-Husson et al, JMS 327, 31 (2016)

#### • Sensitivity of the parameters to a variation of µ

Constant	Value (GHz)	K <sub>A</sub>	Constant	Value (GHz)	K <sub>A</sub>	and the second
B <sub>0</sub>	35.274974565(42)	-0.9974937(4)	X <sub>14</sub>	-416.1(42)	- 1	sensitivity coefficient
D <sub>0</sub> (×10 <sup>6</sup> )	48.77824(39)	- 2.01457(5)	<b>X</b> <sub>15</sub>	-315.4(48)	- 1	$K = d \ln A/d \ln \mu$
H <sub>0</sub> (×10 <sup>12</sup> )	57(18)	- 3	<b>X</b> <sub>22</sub>	-223.4(21)	- 1	$\mathbf{R}_A = \mathbf{u} \prod \mathcal{U} \mathbf{u} \prod \boldsymbol{\mu}$
α <sub>1</sub> (×10 <sup>3</sup> )	206.986(33)	- 1.5	<b>x</b> <sub>23</sub>	-184.7(33)	- 1	
α <sub>2</sub> (×10 <sup>3</sup> )	185.308(39)	- 1.5	<b>x</b> <sub>24</sub>	-381.6(30)	- 1	
α <sub>3</sub> (×10 <sup>3</sup> )	176.332(33)	- 1.5	<b>x</b> <sub>25</sub>	-45.9(22)	- 1	
α <sub>4</sub> (×10 <sup>3</sup> )	-40.5780(26)	- 1.5	<b>X</b> <sub>33</sub>	-828.3(36)	- 1	
$\alpha_{5}$ (×10 <sup>3</sup> )	-66.9159(12)	- 1.5	<b>X</b> <sub>34</sub>	-300.4(42)	- 1	
γ <sup>44</sup> (×10 <sup>4</sup> )	-19.720(33)	- 2	<b>X</b> 35	-280.0(48)	- 1	
$\gamma^{55}$ (×10 <sup>4</sup> )	-32.954(15)	- 2	<b>X</b> 44	103.7(16)	- 1	
$\gamma^{45}$ (×10 <sup>4</sup> )	-67.641(12)	- 2	<b>X</b> 45	-66.9(30)	- 1	
β <sub>1</sub> (×10 <sup>8</sup> )	-42.45(27)	- 2.5	<b>X</b> 55	-71.2(16)	- 1	
β <sub>2</sub> (×10 <sup>8</sup> )	5.93(44)	- 2.5	<b>g</b> <sub>44</sub>	23.42939(27)	- 1	
β <sub>3</sub> (×10 <sup>8</sup> )	-40.99(40)	<b>-</b> 2.5	<b>g</b> <sub>45</sub>	198.00315(24)	- 1	
β <sub>4</sub> (×10 <sup>8</sup> )	103.13(23)	<del>-</del> 2.5	<b>9</b> 55	104.21008(19)	- 1	
$\beta_5 (\times 10^8)$	77.76(18)	<b>-</b> 2.5	<b>r</b> <sub>45</sub>	-187.03212(33)	- 1	
$\delta^{44}$ (×10 <sup>10</sup> )	-517(18)	- 3	r <sub>J45</sub> (×10 <sup>4</sup> )	58.565(19)	- 2	
$\delta^{45}$ (×10 <sup>10</sup> )	-1184(22)	- 3	ρ <sub>45</sub> (×10 <sup>8</sup> )	-52.79(90)	- 2	
$\delta^{55}$ (×10 <sup>10</sup> )	-446(17)	- 3	q <sub>04</sub> (×10 <sup>3</sup> )	-157.3485(36)	<del>-</del> 1.5	
B <sub>1</sub>	34.8877668(57)	-0.991972(1)	q <sub>05</sub> (×10 <sup>3</sup> )	-139.7165(36)	<del>-</del> 1.5	
D <sub>1</sub> (×10 <sup>6</sup> )	47.8852(39)	- 2.0061(2)	q <sub>44</sub> (×10 <sup>5</sup> )	53.45(33)	- 2	
B <sub>2</sub>	35.002840(20)	-0.993256(1)	q <sub>45</sub> (×10 <sup>5</sup> )	-237.3(1.3)	- 2	
D <sub>2</sub> (×10 <sup>6</sup> )	48.107(60)	- 2.0277(36)	q <sub>54</sub> (×10 <sup>5</sup> )	-330.1(1.4)	- 2	
V <sub>1</sub>	196576.8494(18)	- 0.47159(9)	q <sub>55</sub> (×10 <sup>5</sup> )	-113.86(36)	- 2	
V <sub>2</sub>	198922.7020(21)	- 0.48114(7)	q <sub>J4</sub> (×10 <sup>8</sup> )	117.82(19)	<del>-</del> 2.5	
<b>X</b> <sub>11</sub>	-743.8(66)	- 1	q <sub>J5</sub> (×10 <sup>8</sup> )	115.351(69)	<b>-</b> 2.5	
<b>x</b> <sub>12</sub>	-350.2(39)	- 1	W	193.87198(96)	- 1	
<b>X</b> <sub>13</sub>	-3223(16)	- 1	W <sub>J</sub> (×10 <sup>5</sup> )	-101.93(60)	- 2	
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Dependence on molecular structure parameters => sensitivity to  $\mu$ -variation Constantin, Vibrational Spectr. 85, 228 (2016)

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-Hamiltonian approach to calculate sensitivity to µ-variation of <sup>12</sup>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> reference transitions

Constantin, Vibrational Spectr. 85, 228 (2016)

Prediction of acetylene frequency in function of  $\mu$  & derivative of simulated data

=>Sensitivity of reference transition P(16) of the  $v_1+v_3$  band of  ${}^{12}C_2H_2$  :  $K_{\mu}$ =-0.468



• Principle of the experiment





• Sensitivity coefficients :  $Q_{\alpha}^{L} \cong 1$ ;  $Q_{\mu}^{L} \cong 0$ ;  $Q_{\alpha}^{mol} = 2$ ;  $Q_{\mu}^{mol} = -0.47$ Pašteka *et al*, PRL 122, 160801 (2019); Constantin, Vibrational Spectr. 85, 228 (2016)

• Response functions  $h^L$ ,  $h^{mol}$  with high-frequency cutoffs

-frequency cutoffs : linewidth of the molecular line, delay in propagation of sound in the ULE spacer, ...

- Towards a network spectrometer
- REFIMEVE network :

1542 nm laser locked to ULE cavity/H maser
phase-stabilized fiber link

Cantin et al, New J. Phys. 23, 053027 (2021)



=> fractional stability  $<10^{-15} (\tau/1s)^{-1/2}$ => fractional uncertainty  $<10^{-14}$ 

#### => Signal to PhLAM almost continuously at 194,400,084,500.000(25) kHz

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- Broadband tuning with optical modulators
   -LiNbO<sub>3</sub> photonic platform
- Fast data acquisition at 1 Gsa/s level -fast DAQ and data storage
- Low-noise absorption detection -differential detection, noise-eater implementation,...

=> compact/robust molecular spectrometer => integration into the optical fiber network Constantin, Proc. IFCS-EFTF 2023 Paper Id 7354

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- Estimated sensitivity of the experiment
- Exp. A : recording a Doppler-free molecular line with  $\delta f/f=10^{-14} (\tau/1s)^{-1/2}$
- Exp. B : recording a linear absorption molecular line with  $\delta f/f=10^{-12} (\tau/1s)^{-1/2}$
- High-frequency cutoffs in the response of the experimental setup
- Sound propagation in ULE spacer  $f_{c1}$ =27 kHz
- Molecular transition sub-Doppler  $f_{c2A}$ =100 kHz and linear absorption  $f_{c2B}$ =4 GHz linewidths



=>improved limits on Compton frequencies domain by one order of magnitude

=>potential to improve the state-of-the-art constraints at low frequencies by averaging





### 2) Potential from frequency measurements of a MW acetylene clock

#### • Principle of the proposed experiment

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Measurement of a MW transition with enhanced sensitivity coefficient to µ-variation Constantin, Proc. CLEO-Europe/EQEC paper ED-1.4 (2023)



• <sup>12</sup>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> low energy levels and rovibrational interactions

Vibrational energy:  $v_4^{14}$ ,  $v_5^{15}$ 

+  $\sum_{i,j=4}^{5} x_{ij} \left( v_i + \frac{d_i}{2} \right) \left( v_j + \frac{d_j}{2} \right) +$ 

 $\sum_{i,j=4}^{5} g_{ij} \left( l_i + \frac{d_i}{2} \right) \left( l_j + \frac{d_j}{2} \right) + \dots$ 

 $\omega_i \sim 1/\sqrt{\mu}$ ;  $x_{ij} \sim 1/\mu$ ;  $g_{ij} \sim 1/\mu$ , ...

 $E_V/hc = \sum_{i=4}^5 \omega_i \left( v_i + \frac{d_i}{2} \right)$ 

### Université de Lille Phi AM Yu et al, Ap. J. 705, 786 (2009) 1500 $e/f,(0^{0},2^{2}),^{1}\Delta_{0}$ $= e,(0^{0},2^{0}), \overset{1}{\Sigma}_{g}^{+}/f,(1^{1},1^{1}), \overset{1}{\Sigma}_{u}^{-u}$ $= f,(1^{1},1^{1}), \overset{1}{\Sigma}_{u}^{-u}$ $= e,(1^{1},1^{1}), \overset{1}{\Sigma}_{u}^{+}$ 1450-1350-1300energy/hc (cm<sup>-1</sup> $= \overset{e,(2^{0},0^{0}), \overset{1}{\Sigma}_{g}^{+}}{\overset{e/f,(2^{2},0^{0}), \overset{1}{\Delta}_{\alpha}}}$ e/f,(0<sup>°</sup>,1<sup>1</sup>),<sup>1</sup>П,, 700-

 $= e,(0^{0},0^{0}), {}^{1}\Sigma_{g}^{+}$ 

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• <sup>12</sup>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> low energy levels and rovibrational interactions

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### •MW transitions with enhanced sensitivity to µ-variation



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• Systematic frequency shifts of a <sup>12</sup>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> microwave line



# Transition $(v_4^{l_4}, v_5^{l_5}, J, sym) = (2^0, 0^0, 38, e^1 \Sigma_g^+) \rightarrow (1^1, 1^{-1}, 37, e^1 \Sigma_u^+)$ at 10363 MHz

Systematic effect		value	unc.
Cavity pulling		44 kHz	0.22 Hz
$f_{mol} - f_{mol,0}$	$=(f_{cav}-f_m)$	$_{lol}) \times (Q_{cav}/Q_{cav})$	$(2_{mol})^2$
param.:	$\alpha_{\rm T}$ = 5 x 10^(	-6)/°C	
uncertainty:	Δ <b>T=1</b> °C ( <i>f</i>	$c_{av} - f_{mol}) =$	$= \Delta v / 10$
Viennet <i>et al ,</i> IEEE	TIM 21, 204	(1972)	
Pressure shift		246 Hz	0.19 Hz
extrapolation mea	as. v4+v5 ban	d at high T and	d low p
param.:	Т=624 К; р=0	.24 Pa; no J-d	ependence
uncertainty:	ΔT=1 K		
Dhyne <i>et al ,</i> JQSR	T 112, 969 (20	)11)	
Zeeman shift		28 Hz	86 mHz
extrapolation mea	as. MVCD v4&	v5 band; eval	. M=J states
param.:	B=48 μT		
uncertainty:	$\Delta B$ =0.15 $\mu T$		
Tam <i>et al ,</i> J. Chem	n. Phys. 104 <i>,</i> 1	.813 (1996)	

### Sensitivity to variations of fundamental constants





• Sensitivity coefficients :  $Q_{\alpha}^{Cs} = 2.83$ ;  $Q_{\mu}^{Cs} = -1$ ;  $Q_{q}^{Cs} = 0.002$ ;  $Q_{\alpha}^{mol} = 0$ ;  $Q_{\mu}^{mol} = 109$ ;  $Q_{q}^{mol} = 0$ 



### Conclusion



- Accurate theory for modeling frequency & frequency shifts of <sup>12</sup>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> transitions
- > Accurate determination of sensitivity coefficients to  $\mu$ -variation
- Enhanced sensitivity coefficients for MW transitions between near-resonant levels
- > Development of spectrometers at 194 THz using the REFIMEVE network with precision at levels of  $(\delta f/f)^{\text{Doppler-free}} = 10^{-14} (\tau/1s)^{-1/2}$  and  $(\delta f/f)^{\text{Doppler}} = 10^{-12} (\tau/1s)^{-1/2}$
- > Microwave molecular clock with  $(\delta f/f)^A = 2.1 \times 10^{-10} (\tau/1s)^{-1/2}$  and  $(\delta f/f)^B = 2.9 \times 10^{-11}$
- Potential to improve constraints on UDM couplings to SM particles

Thank you for your attention !

