



# BREAD: Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection

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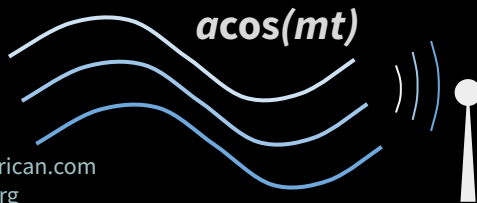
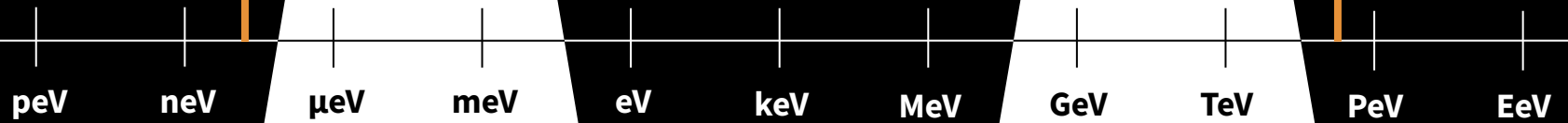
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## Axion

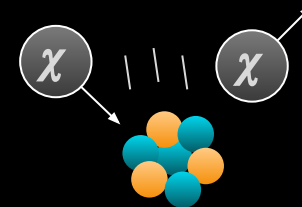
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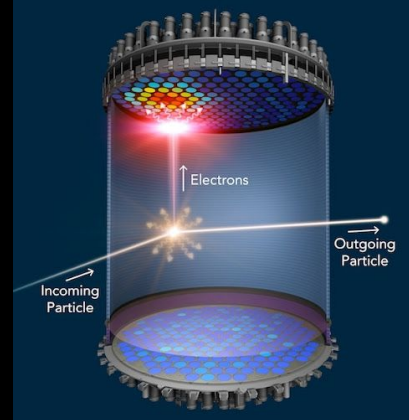
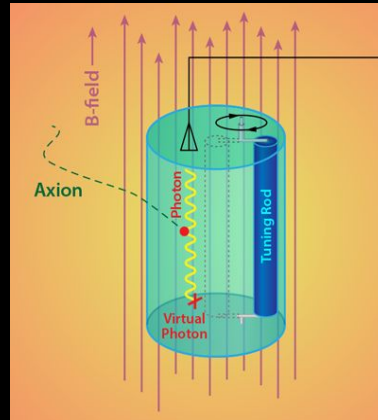
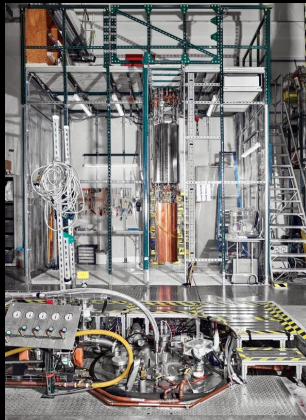
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e.g. LZ, LHC  
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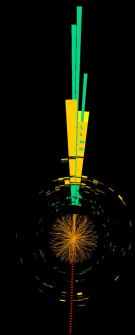
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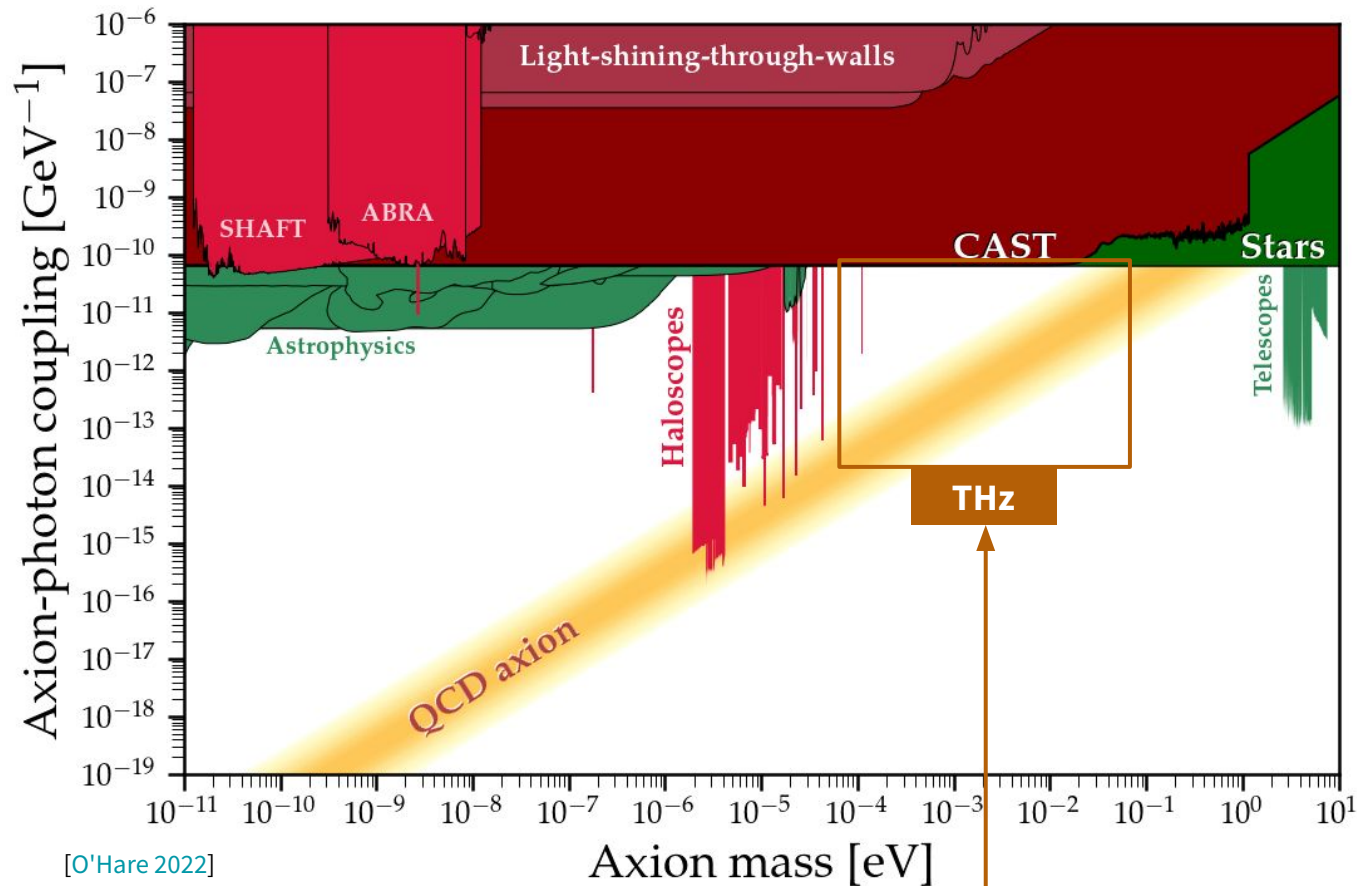
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# The milli-eV/terahertz axion search problem



**Problem 1: Desire broadband** but cavity haloscopes narrowband  $\Delta m/m \ll 1$

**Problem 2: Desire high mass** but scan rate\*  $R \sim f^{-14/3}$  impractical for  $m > 50 \mu\text{eV}$

**NEED CREATIVITY TO OVERCOME BOTH LONGSTANDING OBSTACLES**

# Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection

🎉 Proposal paper on the cover of PRL & Editors' Suggestion 🎉

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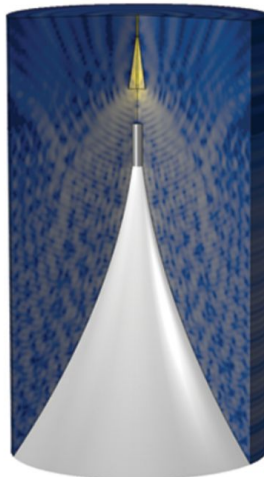
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ON THE COVER

Broadband Solenoidal Haloscope for  
Terahertz Axion Detection

March 28, 2022

Simulation of the full electric field inside the conceptual design of the  
Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection (BREAD).

Selected for an Editors' Suggestion.

Jesse Liu et al.

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 131801 \(2022\)](#)

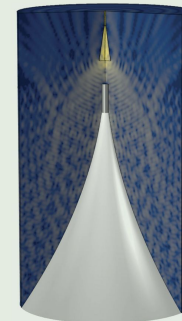
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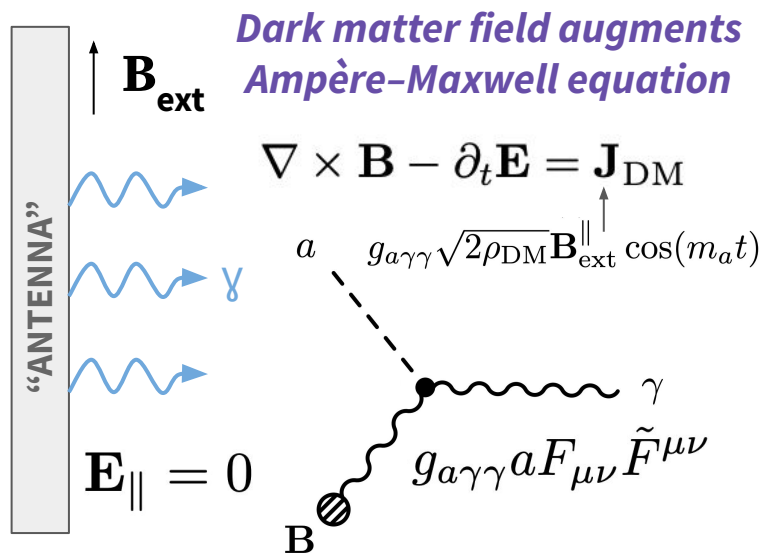
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# Step 1: convert DM to photons

## a) Oscillating axion field makes conductor emit photons



**INHERENTLY BROADBAND**

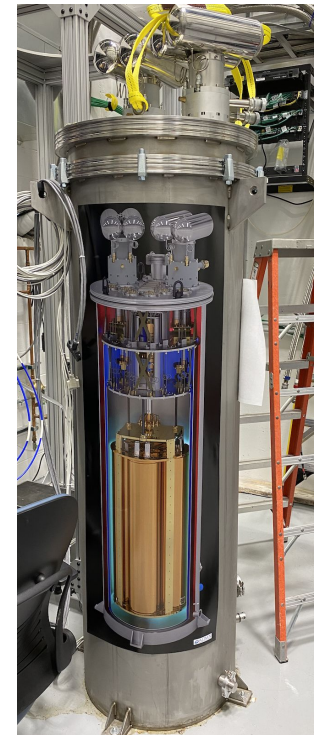
**No tuning to unknown DM mass**

Concept proposed in Horns et al [1212.2970]

## b) Make cylindrical to embed in standard solenoids & cryostats

→ Fridge for ADMX science at FNAL  
(Photo by Kristin Dona)

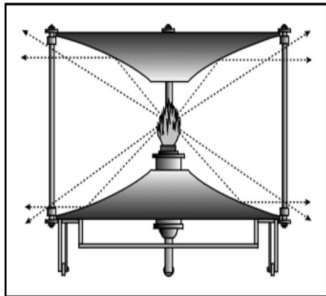
↓ Solenoids for Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
[hopkinsmedicine.org](http://hopkinsmedicine.org)



See also [Mark Bird \(2020\)](#)  
“Ultra-High Field Solenoids and Axion Detection”

# Step 2: collect photons

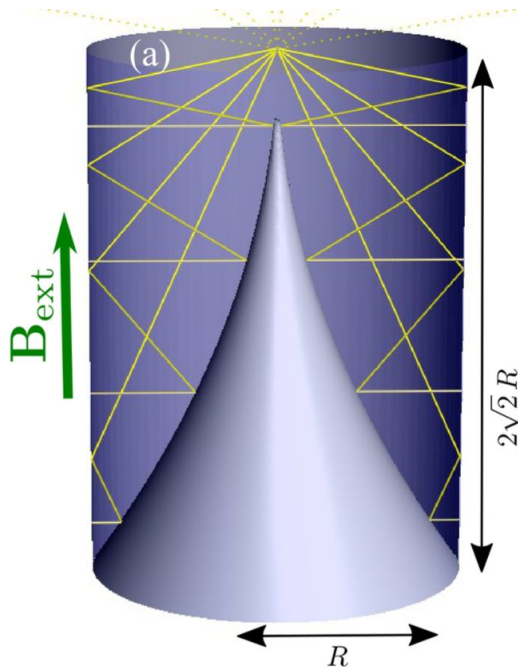
## Historical inspiration



### Inverse of 19th century lighthouse Bordier-Marcet 1811

Cylindrically symmetric  
co-parallel rays from  
point source  
[uslhs.org](http://uslhs.org)

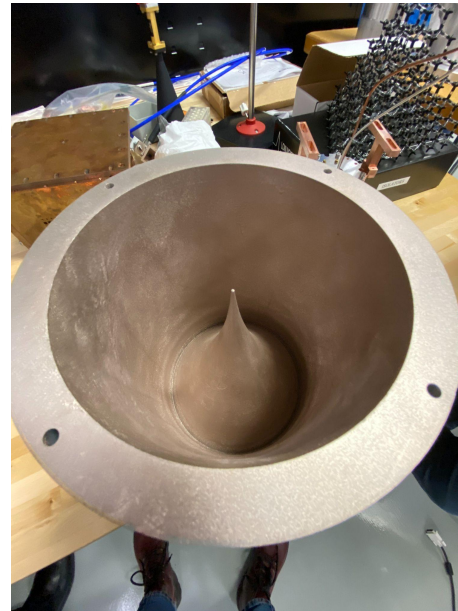
## Novel parabolic reflector design focuses photons



Ray tracing simulation

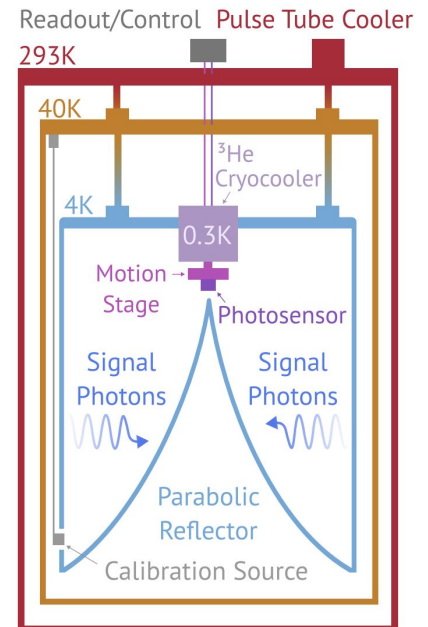
Kate Azar, Matthew Malaker, Gabe Hoshino (summer students)  
led detailed simulation studies  
JL, Dona et al [[2111.12103](#)]

## 3D-printed prototype @ FNAL



Gabe Hoshino led in situ  
measurements with antenna

## Proposed dark photon pilot design



Status: iterating reflector  
design with engineers

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# Step 3: detect photons

gentec-eo.com

gentec-eo

THZ5B-BL-DA-DO

THz detector for power measurements up to 45  $\mu$ W.

HOME > PRODUCTS > POWER MEASUREMENT > THZ5B-BL-DA-DO



**Commercial bolometers**

irlabs.com

Bolometer  
SYSTEMS



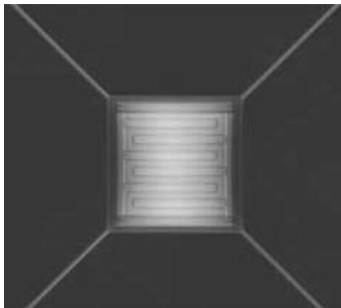
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Lower noise is better ↓

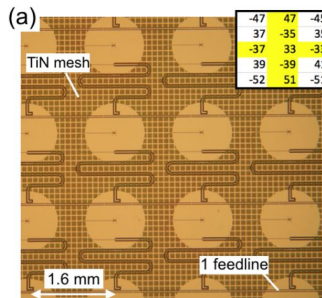
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GENTEC [97]	[0.4, 120]	293	$1 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$\pi 2.5^2$
IR LABS [98]	[0.24, 248]	1.6	$5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.5^2$
KID/TES [99, 100]	[0.2, 125]	0.3	$2 \cdot 10^{-19}$	$0.2^2$
QCDet [101, 102]	[2, 125]	0.015	$\frac{\text{DCR}}{\text{Hz}} = 4$	$0.06^2$
SNSPD [103, 104]	[124, 830]	0.3	$\frac{\text{DCR}}{\text{Hz}} = 10^{-4}$	$0.4^2$

JL, Dona et al [2111.12103]



**Transition  
Edge Sensor**

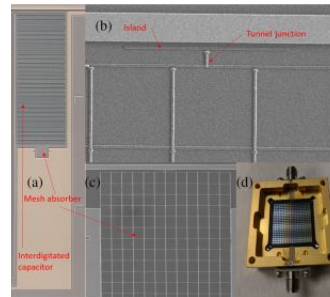
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**Kinetic Inductance  
Detector**

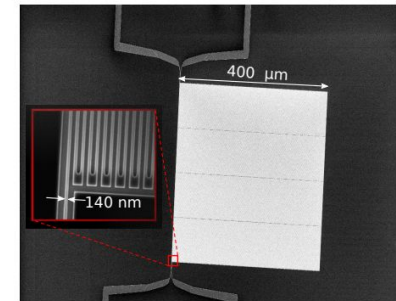
Baselmans et al [A&A 2017]

**Established technology** for astronomy/CMB



**Quantum Capacitance  
Detector**

Echternach et al [JATIS 2021]



**Superconducting Nanowire  
Single Photon Detector**

Hochberg et al [1903.05101]

**Emerging technology** for infrared photon counting

# BREAD roadmap to flagship next-gen axion experiment

BREAD	Pilot	Stage 1	Stage 2a	Stage 2b
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Dark photon $A'$	✓	✓	✓	✓
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$\epsilon_s$	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
$\Delta t$ [days]	10	10	1000	1000
NEP [W Hz <sup>-1/2</sup> ]	10 <sup>-14</sup>	10 <sup>-18</sup>	10 <sup>-20</sup>	10 <sup>-22</sup>
Coupling sensitivity (SNR = 5)				
$ g_{a\gamma\gamma}/g_{a\gamma\gamma}^{\text{KSVZ}} $	—	280	9.0	0.90
$ g_{a\gamma\gamma}/g_{a\gamma\gamma}^{\text{DFSZ}} $	—	740	23	2.3
$\kappa/10^{-14}$	8400	22	0.7	0.07

Submitted to the Proceedings of the US Community Study  
on the Future of Particle Physics (Snowmass 2021)

2203.14923 (JL contributing author)

## Snowmass 2021 White Paper Axion Dark Matter

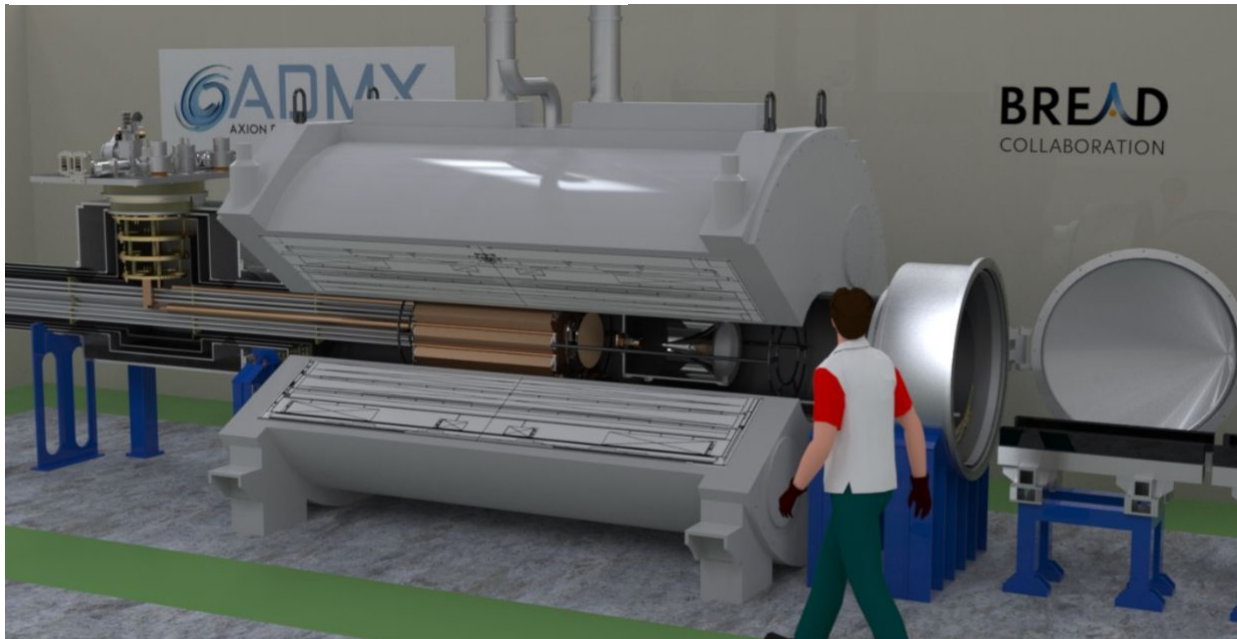
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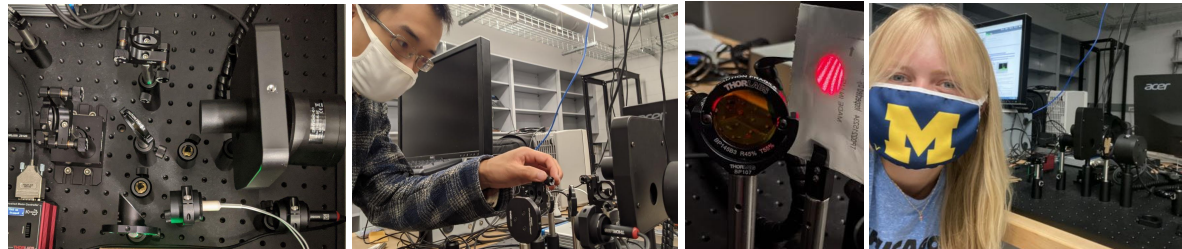


# Hands on 1: build spectrometer to characterize optics

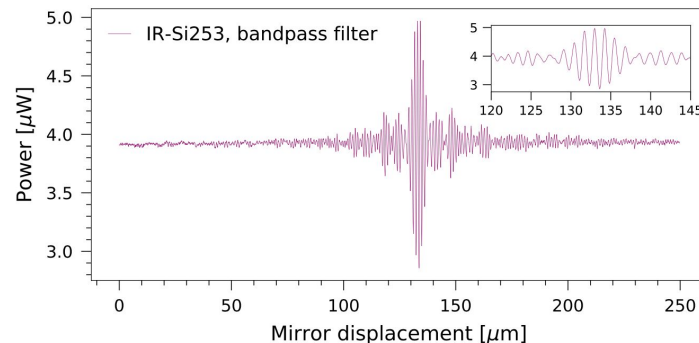
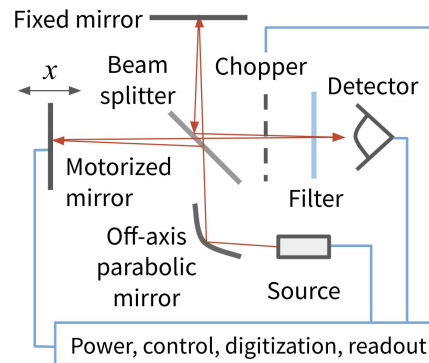
**JANUARY 2020**  
Hardware arrival  
& assembly



**AUGUST**  
Laser  
alignment



**OCTOBER**  
Begin  
measurements



**APRIL 2021**  
Dona, JL et al  
[2104.07157 \(JINST\)](#)

PAPER

Design and performance of a terahertz Fourier transform spectrometer for axion dark matter experiments

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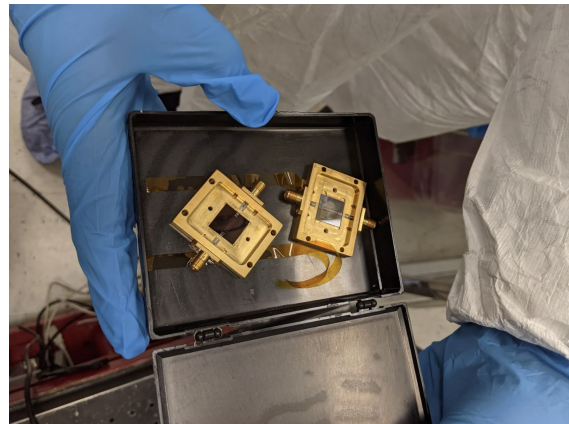
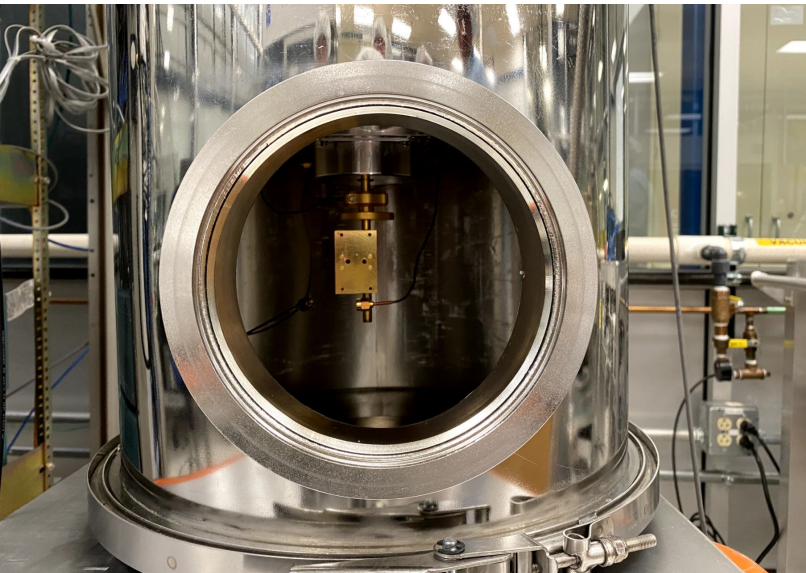
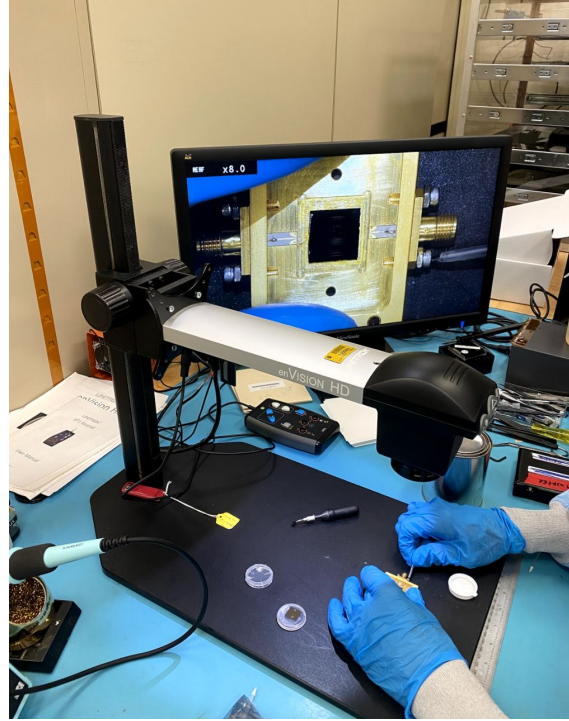
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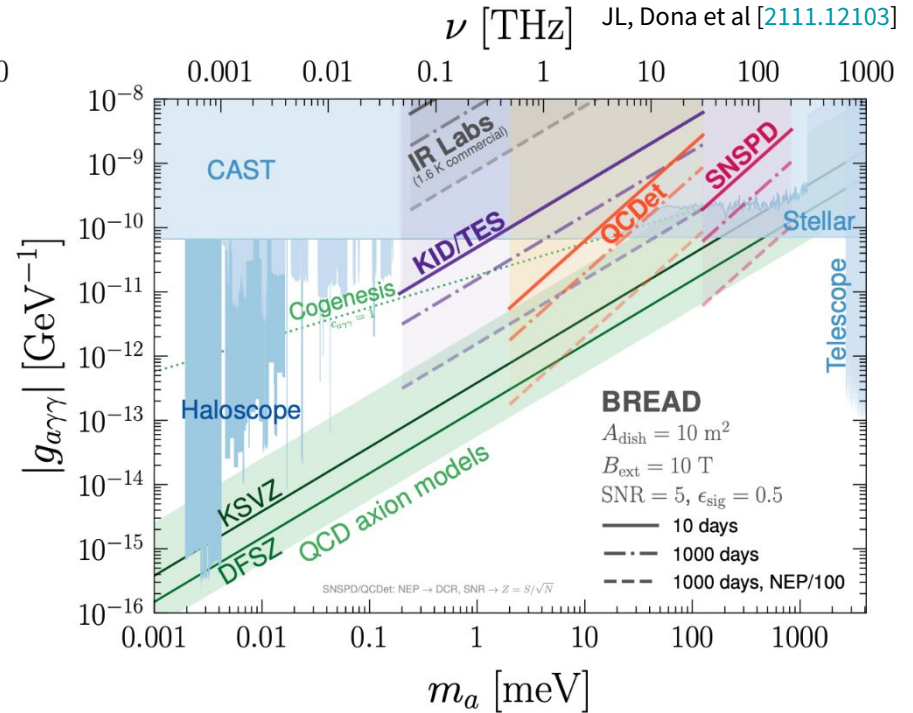
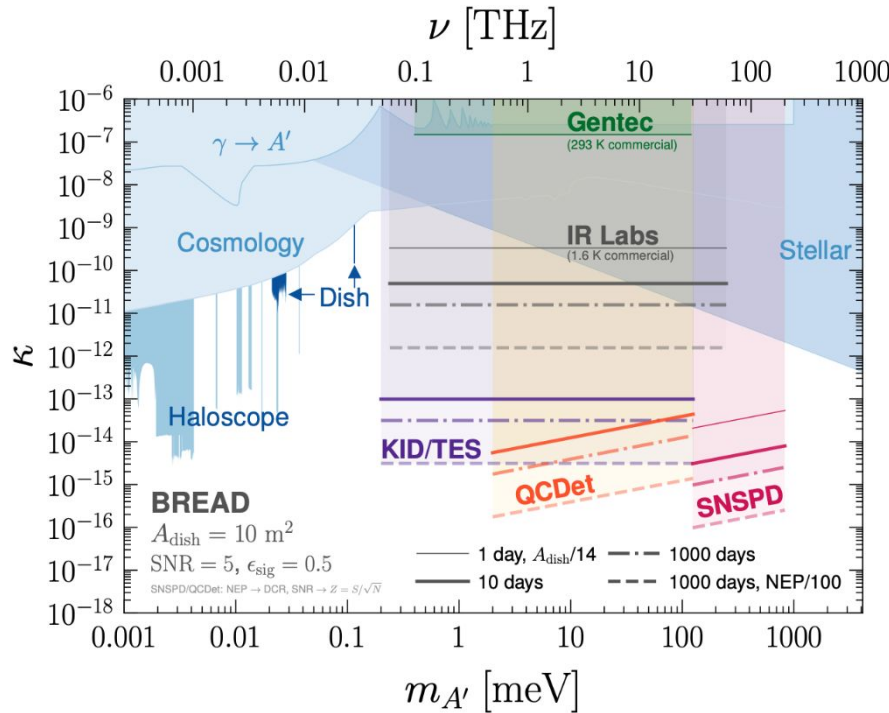


# Hands on 2: quantum photosensor testing @ Fermilab





# Sensitivity: concept → pilot → full science program



## DARK PHOTON (VECTOR)

Preparing “sourdough starter” pilot  
 Near term ~3 years proof of principle

## AXION (PSEUDOSCALAR)

Need high-field magnet & sensor R&D  
 Longer term ~5-10 year timescale

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$$\left\{ \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{10^{-12}} \right)^2 \right\} = \left\{ \frac{3.0}{\text{GeV}^2} \left( \frac{m_a}{\text{meV}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{10 \text{ T}}{B_{\text{ext}}} \right)^2 \right\} \left( \frac{\text{hour}}{\Delta t} \right)^{1/2} \frac{10 \text{ m}^2}{A_{\text{dish}}} \frac{Z}{5} \frac{0.5}{\epsilon_s} \left( \frac{\text{DCR}}{10^{-2} \text{ Hz}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{\rho_{\text{DM}}}$$

# Innovation at interdisciplinary interfaces

## ASTRONOMY

Origins of habitability & life



## QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

Information & sensing

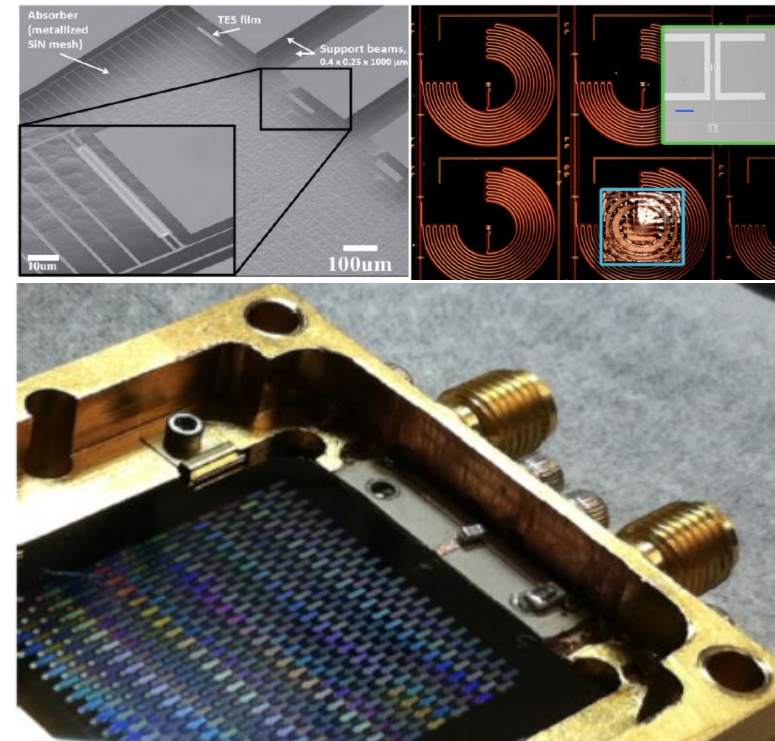
**ORIGINS** Space Telescope | From first stars to life

**HOW DOES THE UNIVERSE WORK?**  
How do galaxies form stars, make metals, and grow their central supermassive black holes from reionization to today?  
Using sensitive spectroscopic capabilities of a cold telescope in the infrared, Origins will measure properties of star-formation and growing black holes in galaxies across all epochs in the Universe.

**HOW DID WE GET HERE?**  
How do the conditions for habitability develop during the process of planet formation?  
With sensitive and high-resolution far-IR spectroscopy Origins will illuminate the path of water and its abundance to determine the availability of water for habitable planets.

**ARE WE ALONE?**  
Do planets orbiting M-dwarf stars support life?  
By obtaining precise mid-infrared transmission and emission spectra, Origins will assess the habitability of nearby exoplanets and search for signs of life.

**SCIENCE DRIVERS FOR MISSION DESIGN**



**“Think *Inside*, Think *Outside* the box.  
Make connections to other fields”**  
NSF Program Director at Snowmass Oct 2020

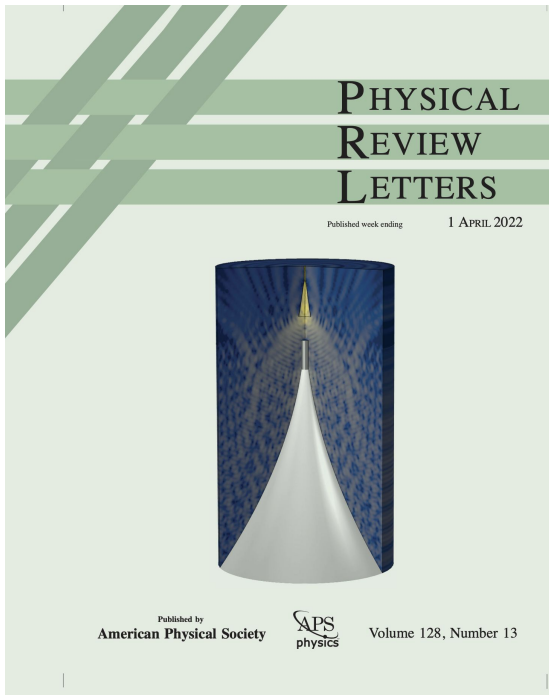
**“Synergies between particle and astroparticle  
physics should be strengthened”**  
European Strategy Update Jun 2020

## SUMMARY

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# Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection



### Multidecade discovery reach

Target meV–eV axion & dark photon dark matter

### Unique geometry

Practical for standard solenoids & fridges

### Preparing sensor testing

At Fermilab for near-term pilot – see Kristin Dona’s [poster](#)

### Interdisciplinary synergies

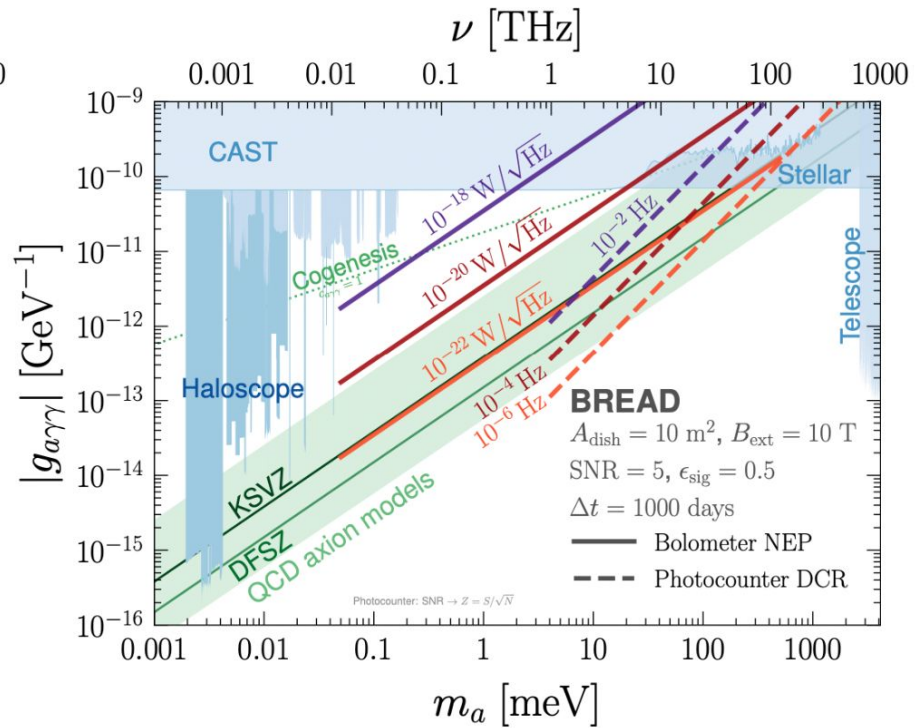
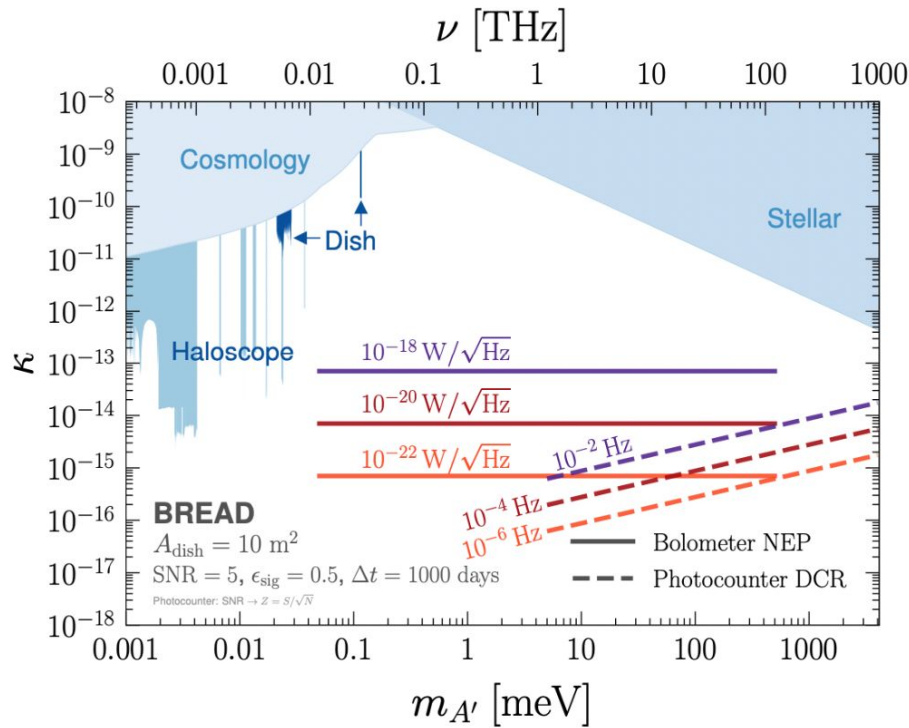
Across HEP, astronomy & quantum technology

### Welcoming friendly community 😊

Early stages with much room for individual creativity

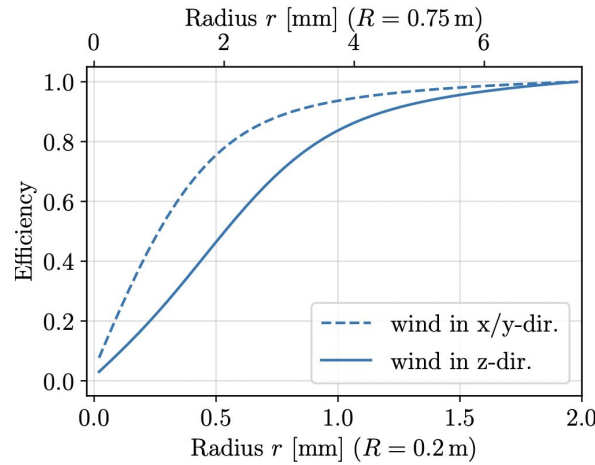
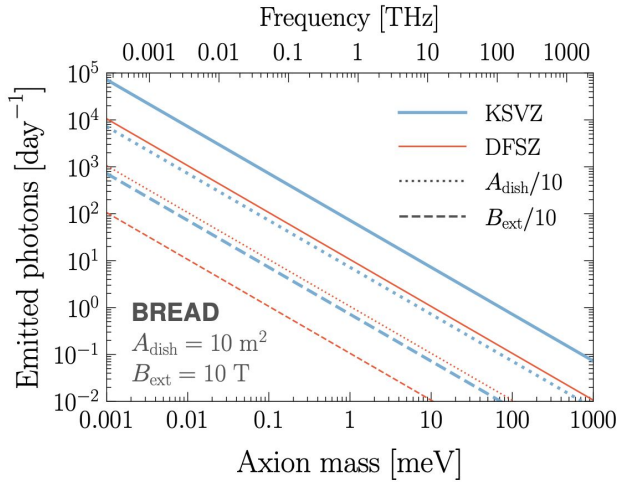
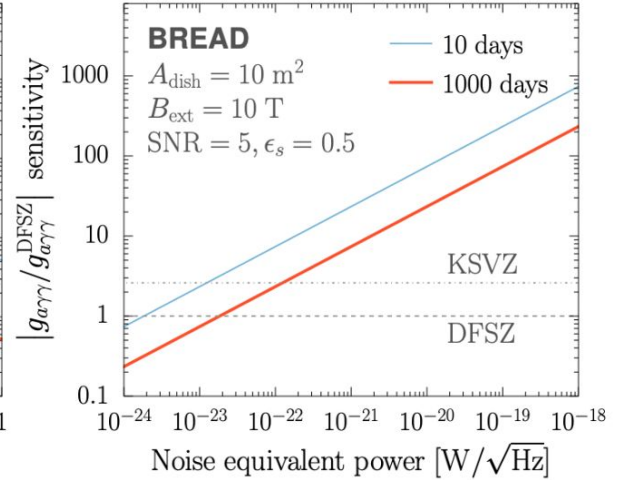
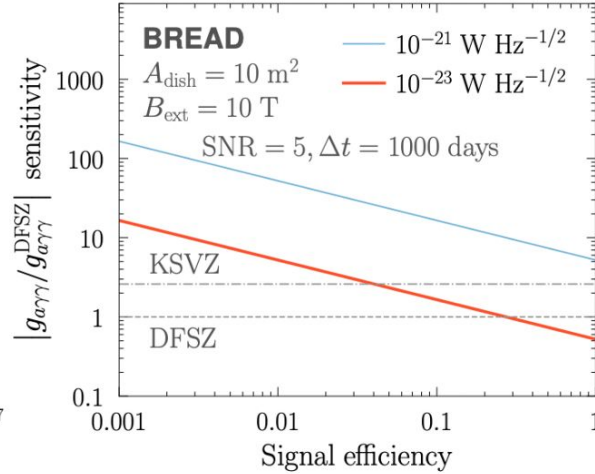
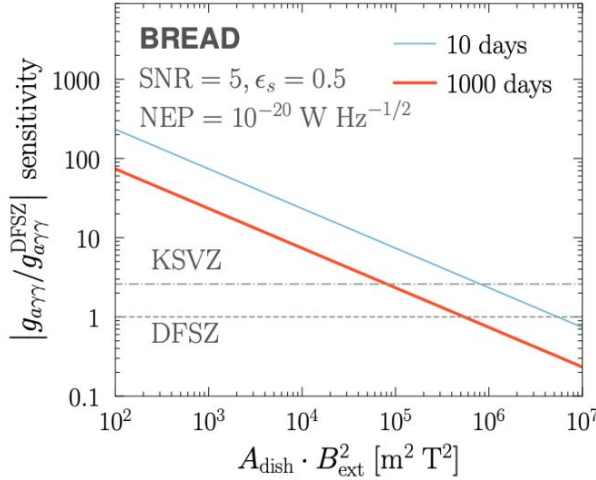
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# BREAD generic sensitivity





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