

“Experimental approaches in the search for low mass axion-like particles”

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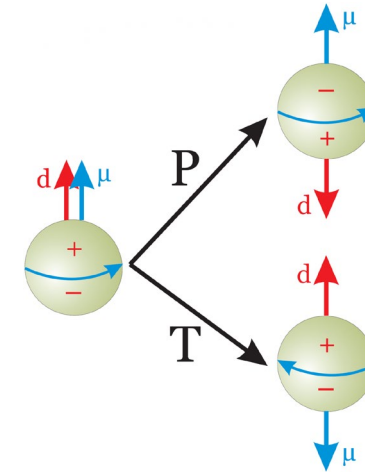


- The axion is the most convincing solution of the strong CP problem
- WISPs (weakly interacting slim particles) are a possible solution of DM problem
- The ALPS can solve some astrophysical problem
 - Transparency of the universe at Ultra High Energy photons
 - Anomalous stellar cooling
- Different experimental techniques targeting at different mass ranges

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \theta \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m e^{i\theta' \gamma_5}) \psi$$

Strong CP problem:

- Unavoidable (in case of 6 massive quarks) θ term
- Prediction $\rightarrow d_N = (5.2 \cdot 10^{-16} e \cdot cm) \bar{\theta}$
- Measurement $\rightarrow d_N < 10^{-26} e \cdot cm$

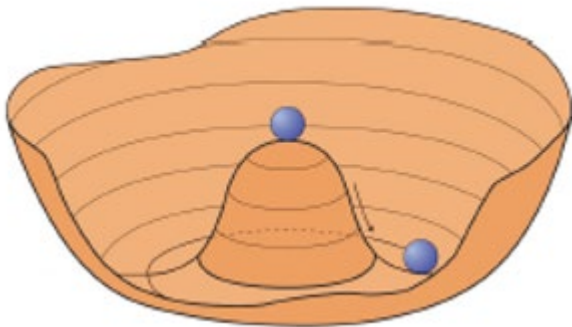


Peccei-Quinn mechanism (1977):

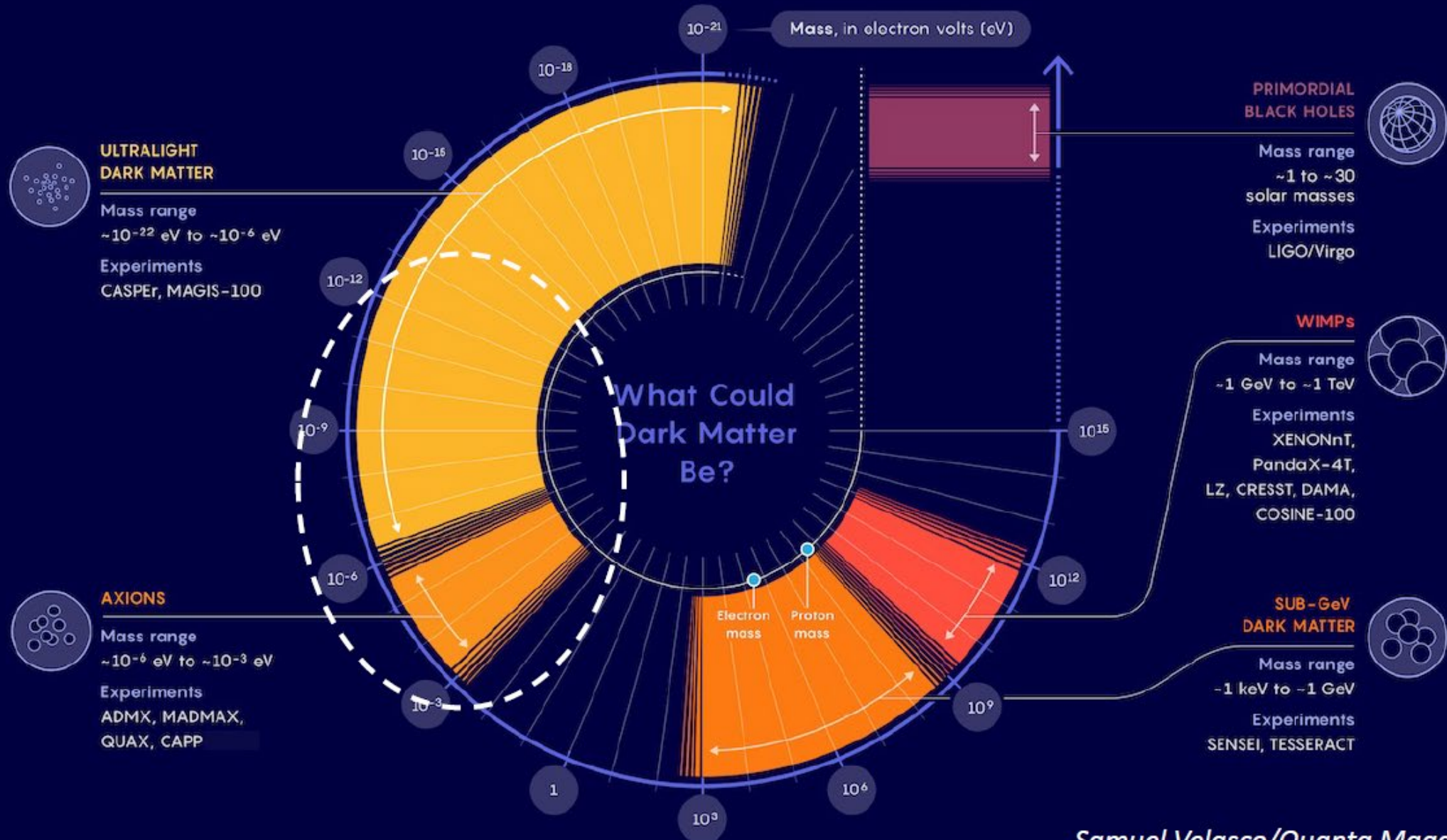
- New scalar field to cancel out the θ term:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \left(\theta - \frac{a}{f_a} \right) \frac{\alpha_s}{32\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

- Spontaneous breaking of the $U(1) \rightarrow a = \theta \cdot f_a$
- The axion is the pseudoscalar Nambu_Goldstone boson \rightarrow relation between mass and coupling

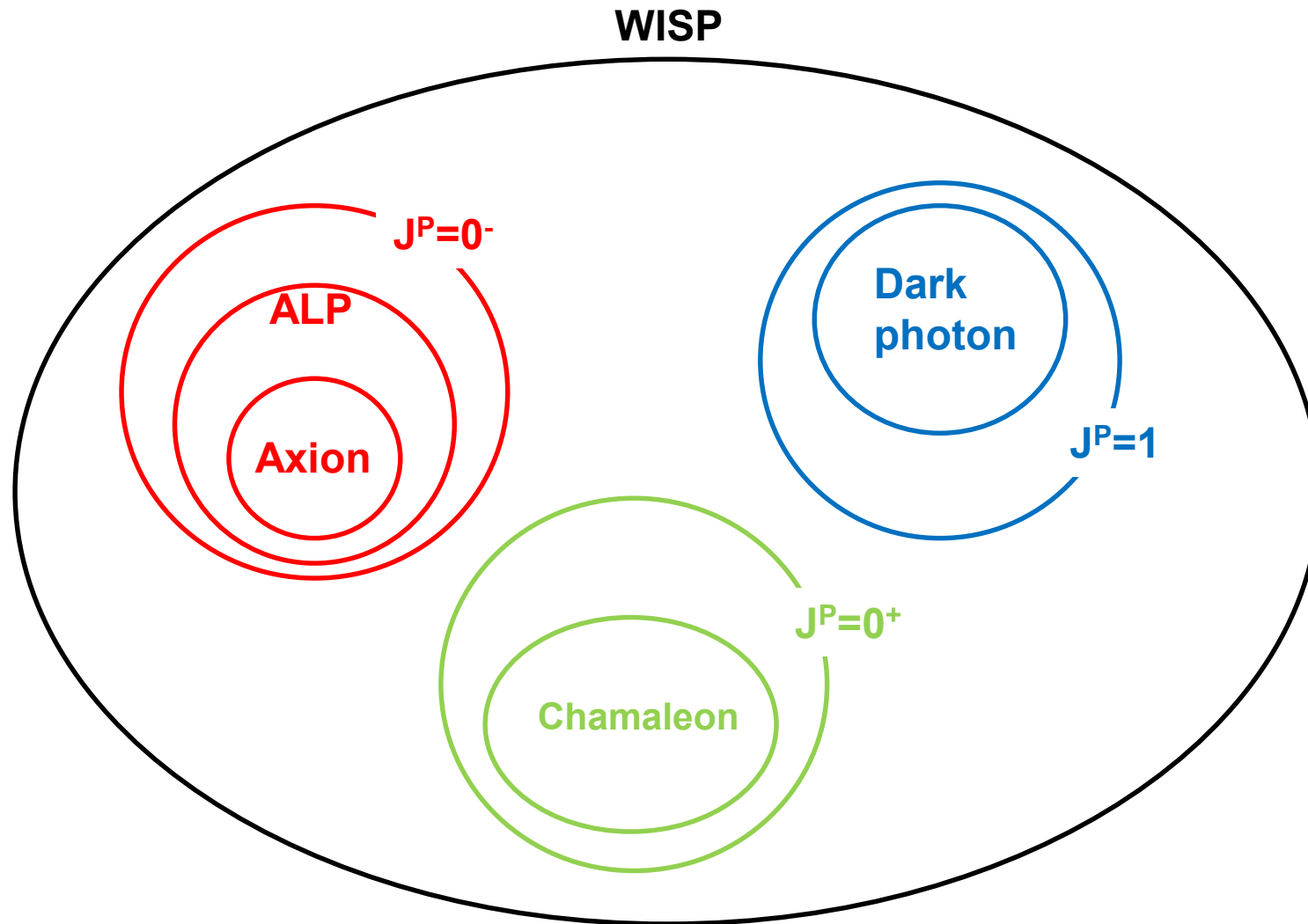


Dark matter candidates



Samuel Velasco/Quanta Magazine

- WISP: Weakly Interacting Slim Particle



- Pseudo-scalar

- Axion: solution of strong CP problem
- Axion-like particle (ALP): generic axion no relation between mass and coupling

- Scalar

- Chamaleon: dark energy

- Vector

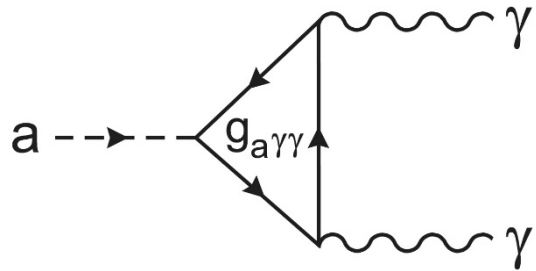
- Dark photon: new interaction

How to detect axions ?

$$\mathcal{L} = i\frac{g_d}{2}a (\bar{N}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma^5 N) F^{\mu\nu} + i\frac{g_{aNN}}{2m_N}\partial_\mu a (\bar{N}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 N) + i\frac{g_{aee}}{2m_e}\partial_\mu a (\bar{e}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 e) + g_{a\gamma\gamma}aE\cdot B$$

	Photons	Fermions	nEDMs
Lagrangian	$g_{a\gamma\gamma}a\vec{E}\cdot\vec{B}$	$g_{aff}\vec{\nabla}a\cdot\hat{S}$	$g_{EDM}a\hat{S}\cdot\vec{E}$
Observable	Photon	Spin preces.	Oscillating EDM
Detection	Power Spectrum, photon counter, resonator in magnetic field	Magnetometer, NMR...	NMR, polarimeter...
Examples	ADMX, CAPP, MADMAX, ...	GNOME QUAX, ARIADNE, ...	CASPER, srEDM, ..

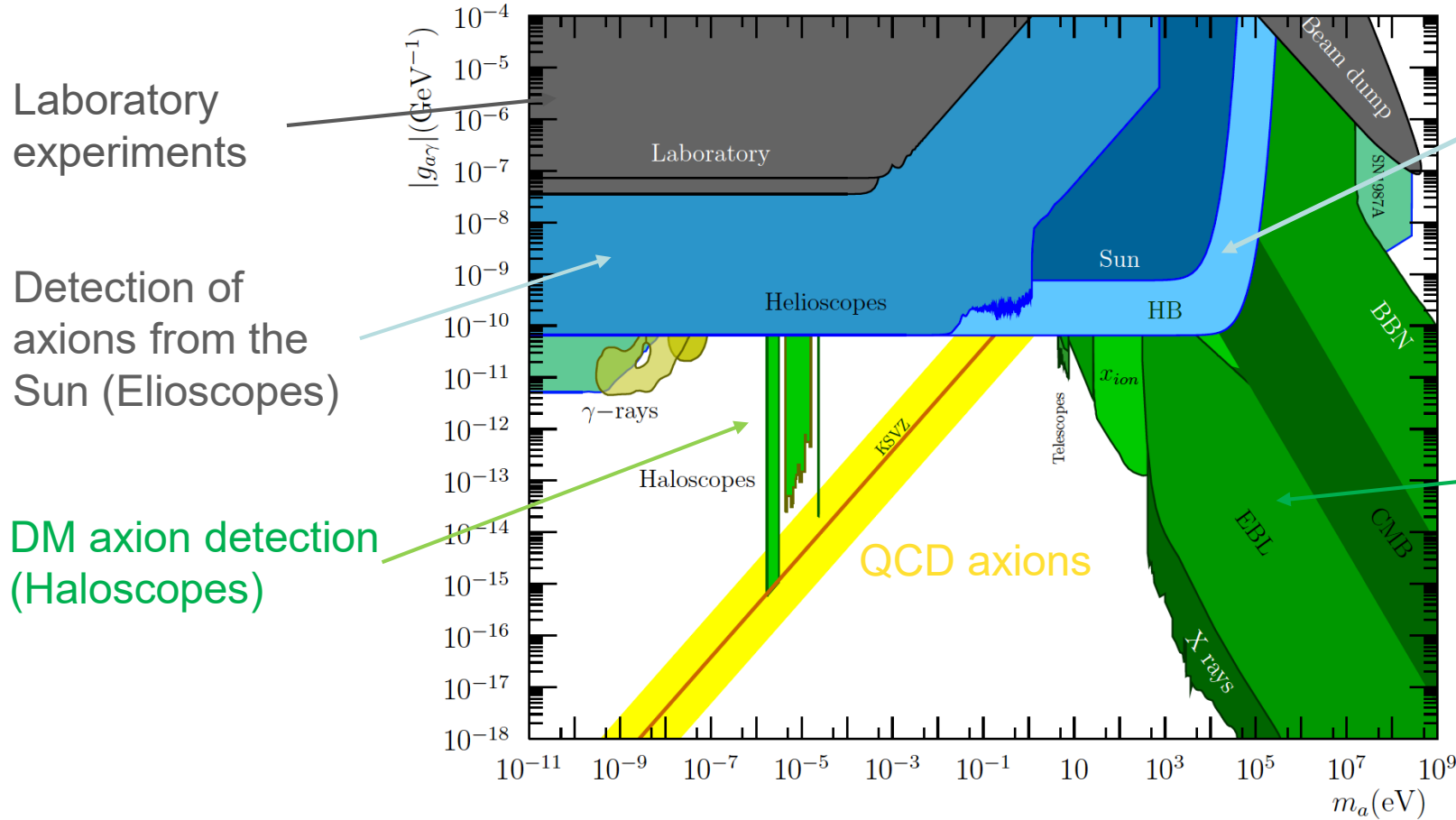
- Most common search with EM interaction



$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi f_a} \left(\frac{E}{N} - 1.92(4) \right)$$

- Coupling inversely proportional to U(1) breaking scale
- The effective coupling is model dependent:
 - $E/N=0$ in KSVZ, $E/N=8/3$ DFSZ model

Limits



Stellar physics:
 Primakoff process in stars $\gamma Ze \rightarrow a Ze$.
 Constraints on stellar lifetime or energy-loss rates: Sun, HB.

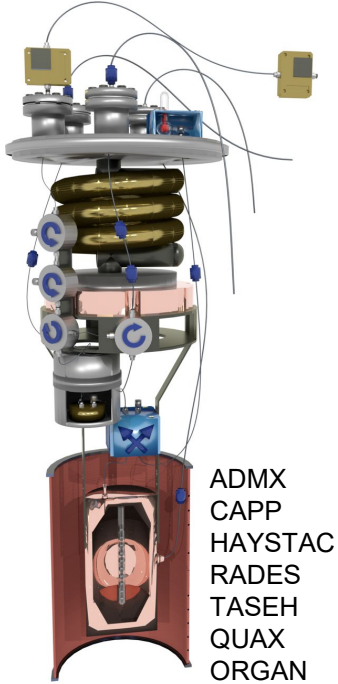
Cosmology:
 No DM $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays seen in the visible region from galaxies with telescopes. Similar searches with X-rays and extragalactic background light (EBL) or H ionization.

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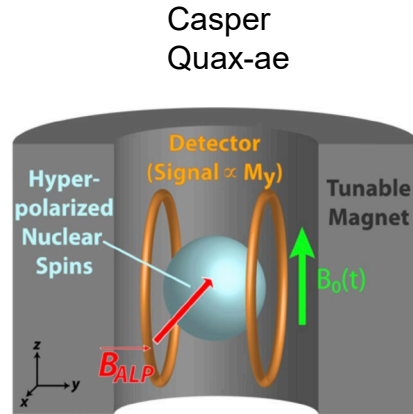
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Experimental searches

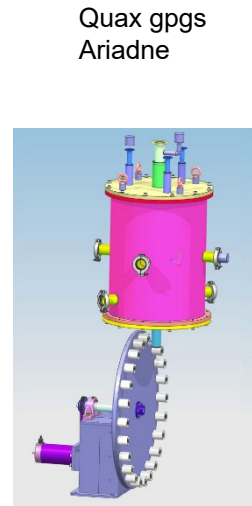
Haloscopes



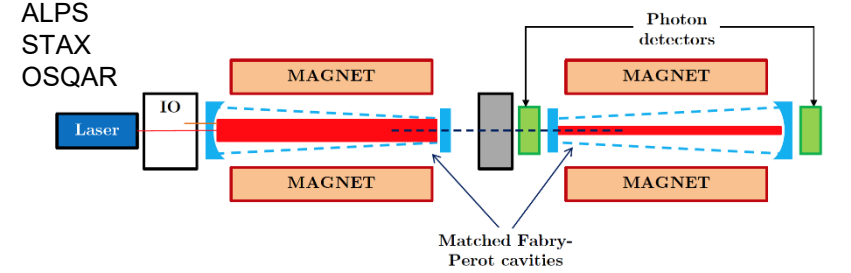
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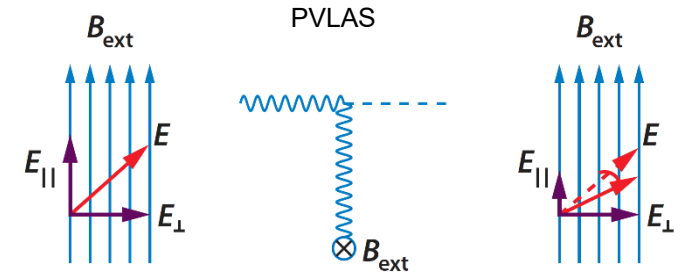
Fifth force experiments



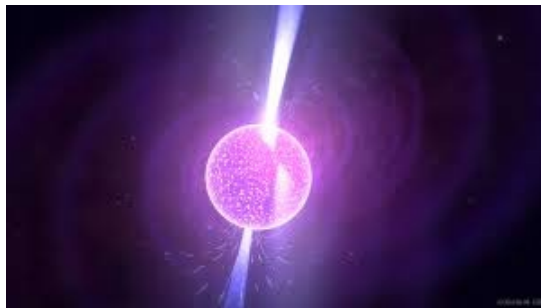
Light shining through wall experiments



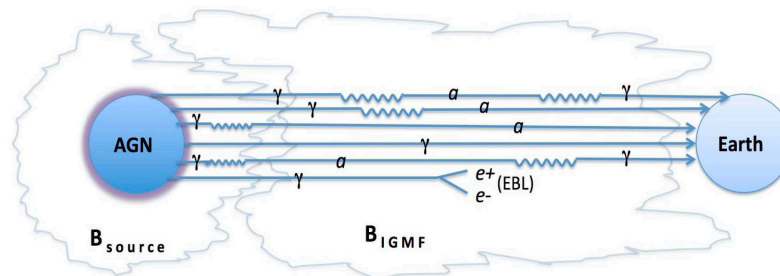
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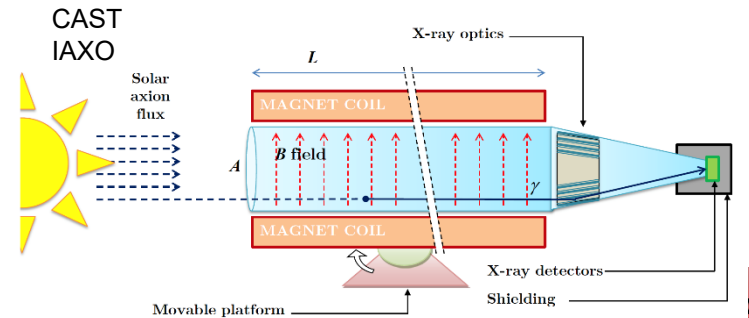
Stars



Gamma ray transparency

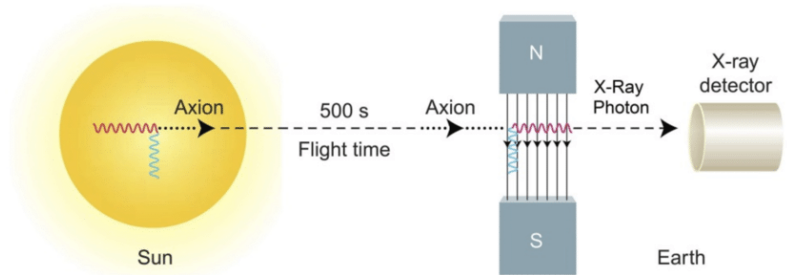
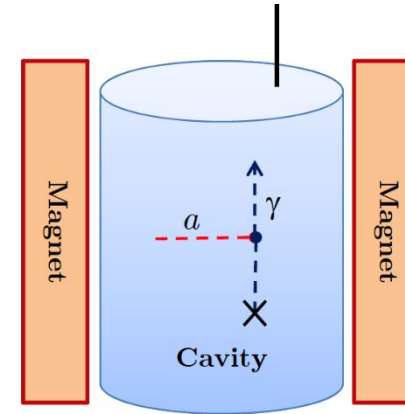


Helioscopes



• Haloscope

- Axions in galactic halo
- Based in microwave resonators (RF cavities)
- ADMX, HAYSTAC, CAPP, ...

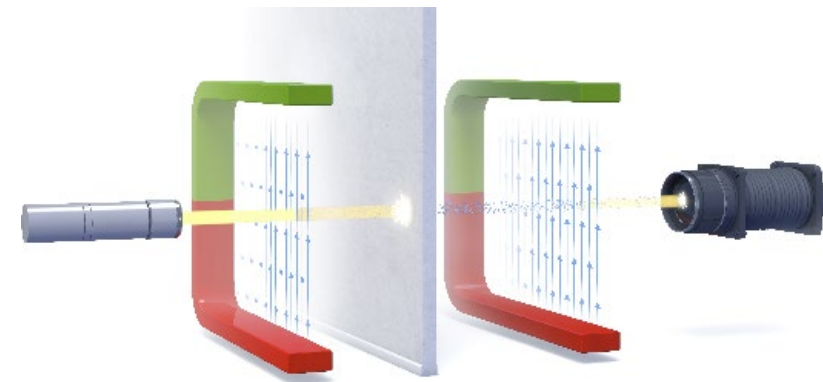


• Helioscope

- Axions produced in the solar core
- CAST, IAXO, ...

• Photon regeneration

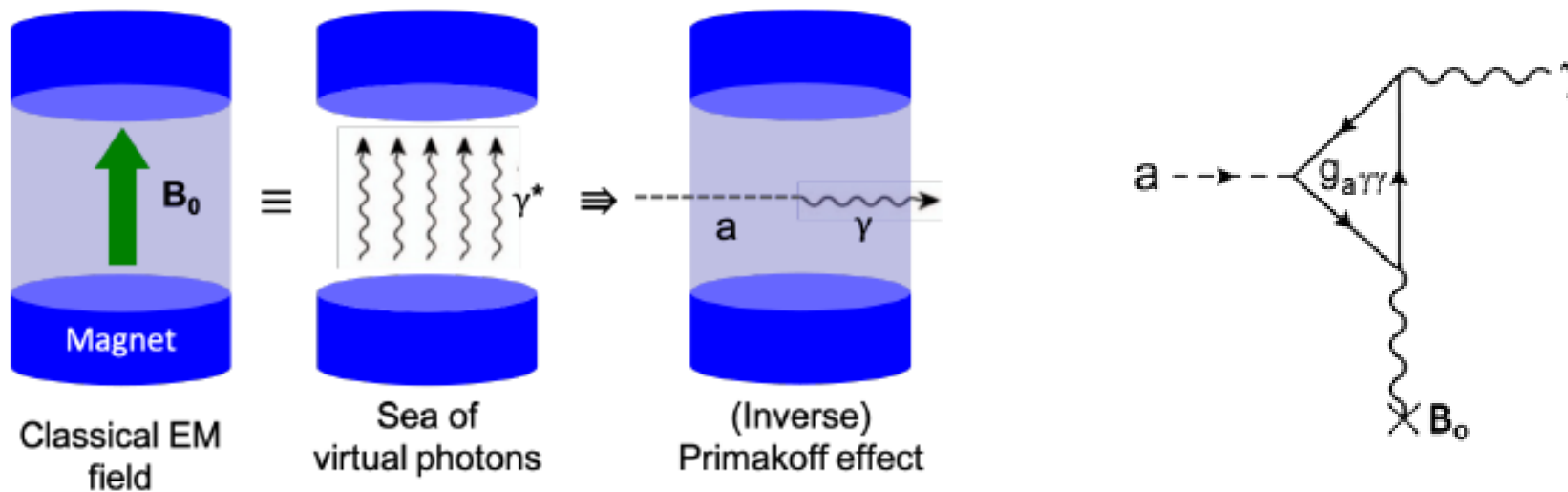
- Light Shining Through Wall
- Axions produced at the lab
- ALPS, OSQAR, ...



- The axion field modifies the Maxwell's equations
 - The axions allow to turn virtual photons from a magnetic field in real photons
 - Resonant cavity modes are excited by axion field

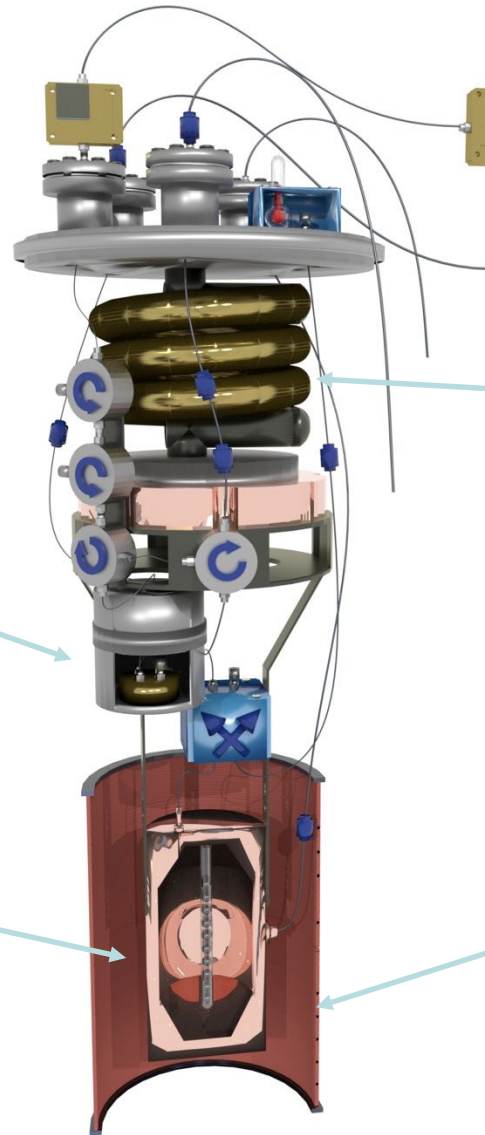
$$P_{\text{sig}} = \left(g_{\gamma}^2 \frac{\alpha^2}{\pi^2} \frac{\hbar^3 c^3 \rho_a}{\Lambda^4} \right) \times \left(\frac{\beta}{1 + \beta} \omega_c \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_0^2 V C_{mnl} Q_L \right)$$

- β antenna coupling to cavity
- V cavity volume
- C_{mnl} mode factor (0.6 for TM_{010})
- Q_L cavity «loaded» quality factor

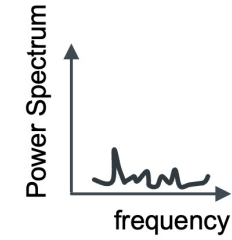


Modern haloscope

- Cryogenic
 - Lowering thermal noise
- High magnetic field
 - Increase rate production
- Quantum noise limited amplifiers
 - Minimal noise added
- High Q resonator (tunable)
 - Increase photons in cavity



Room Temperature Amplifiers



Dilution Refrigerator $T < 100$ mK

Cryogenic Amplifier (noise at SQL)

Resonant cavity

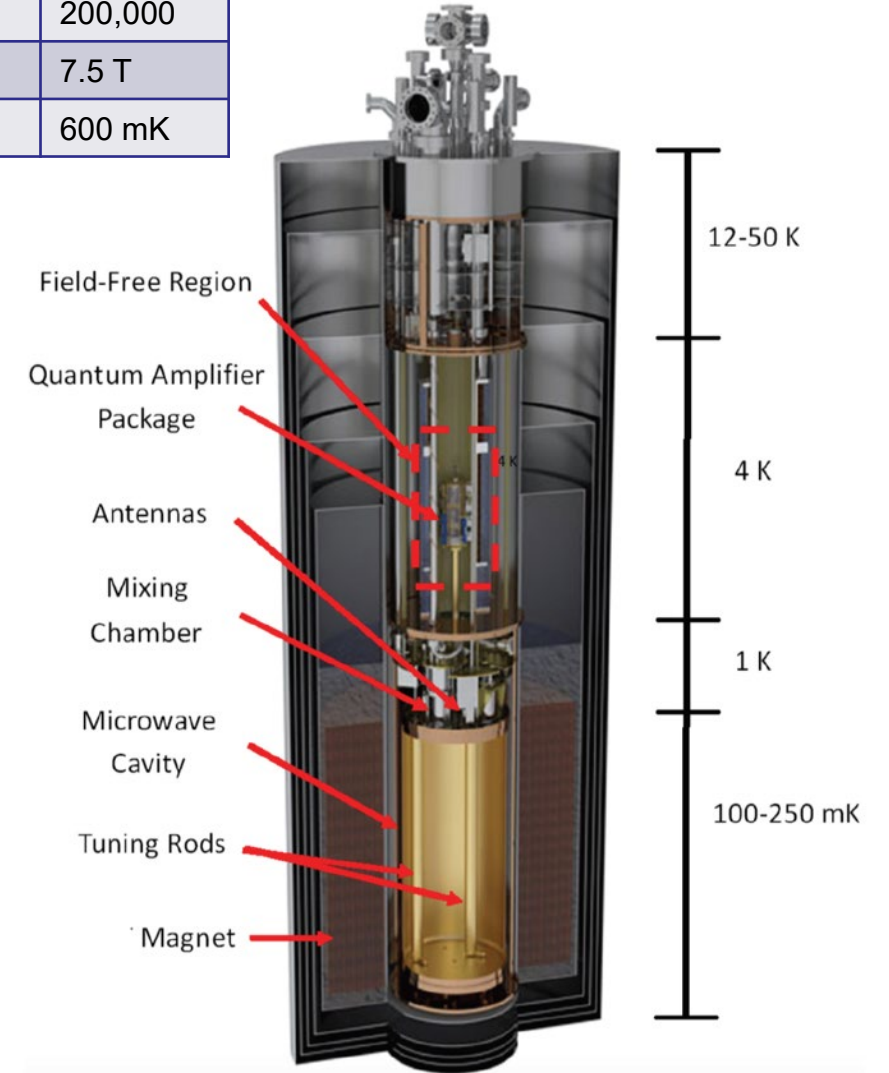
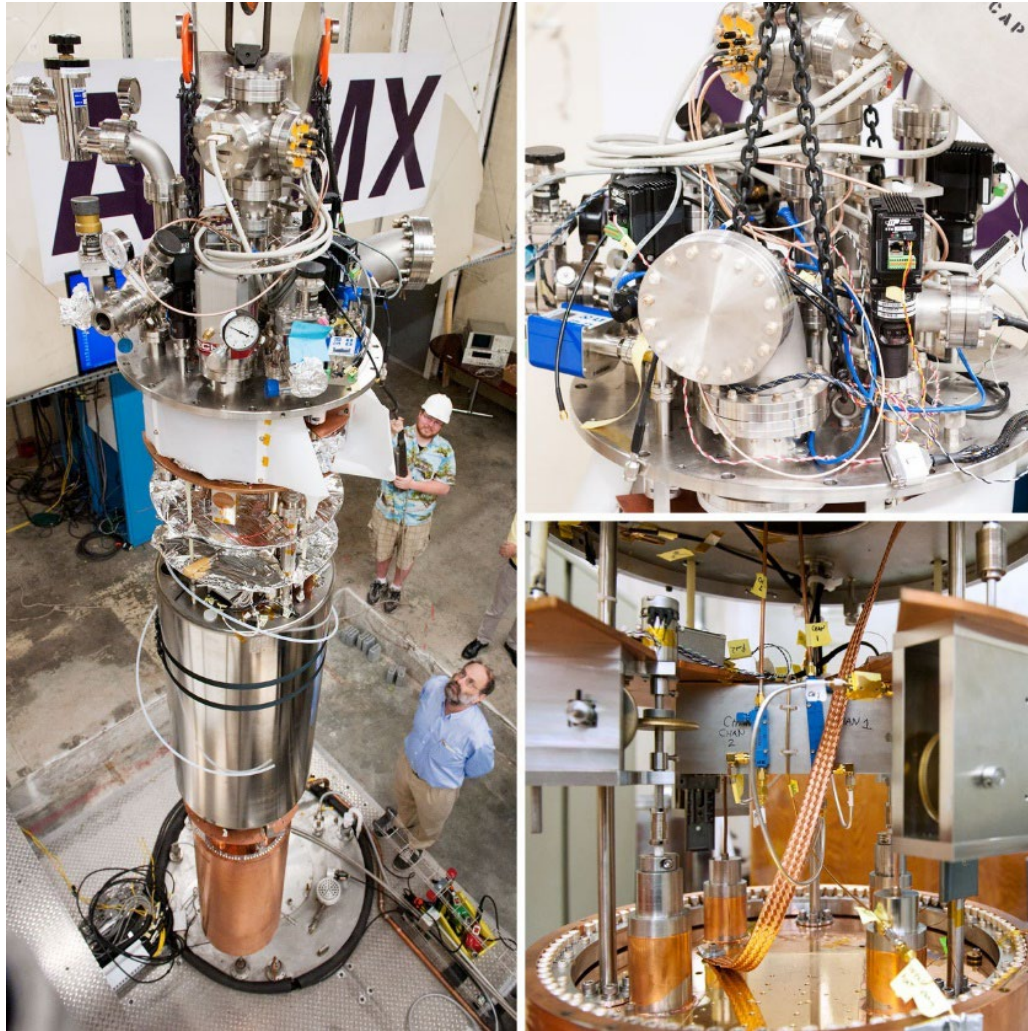
SC magnet (~ 10 T)

ADMX – Axion Dark Matter Experiment

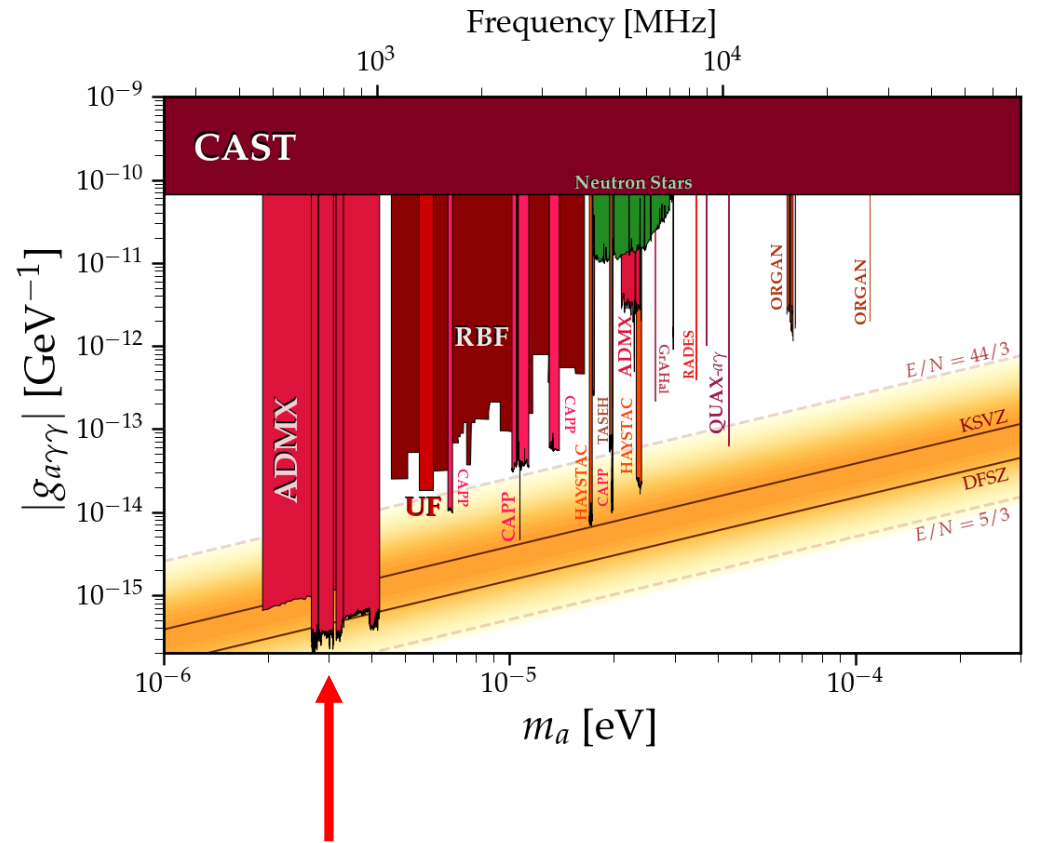
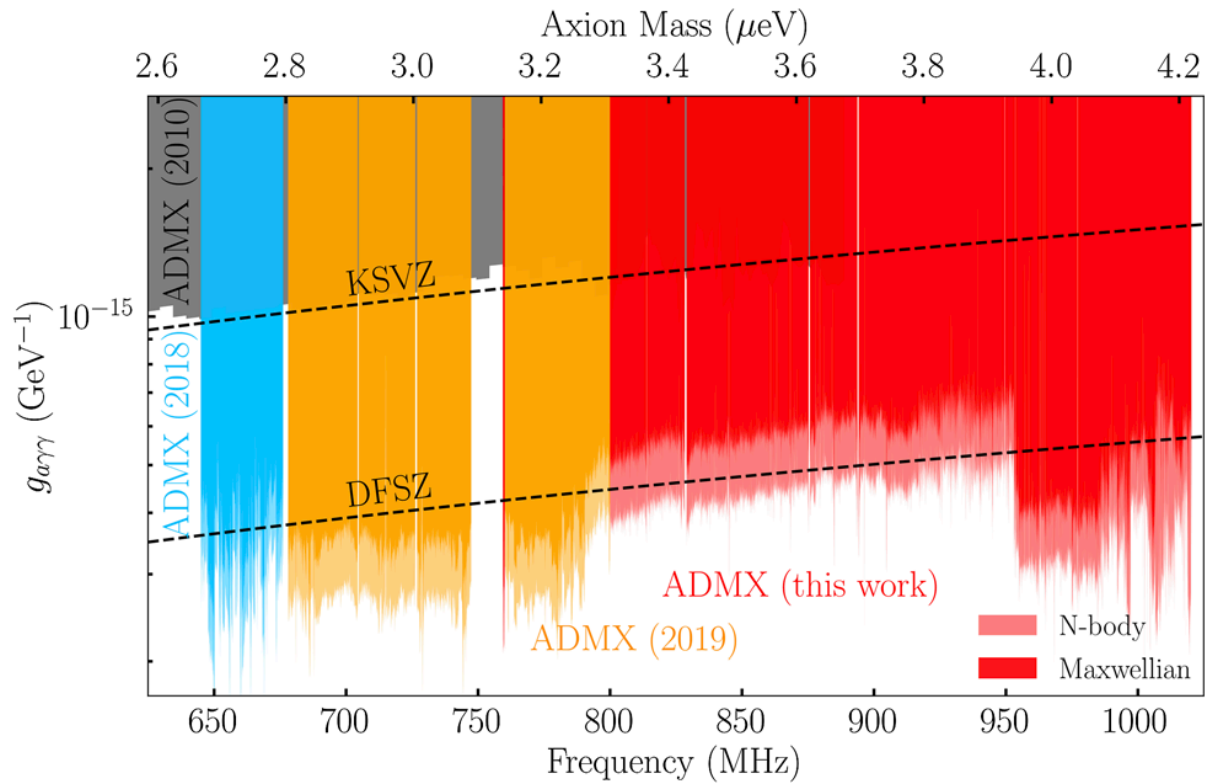


ADMX	800 MHz
Volume	136 L
Q_0	200,000
B	7.5 T
T_{noise}	600 mK

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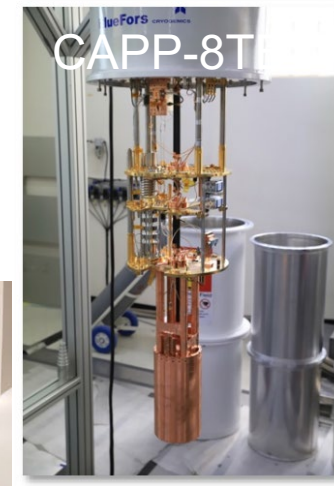
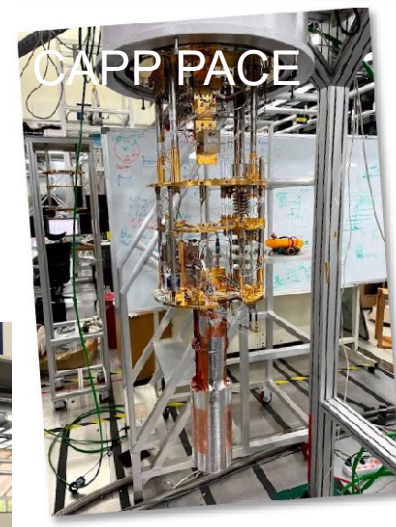
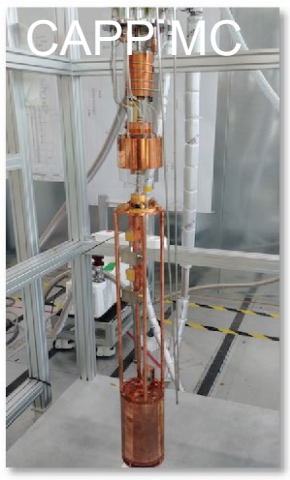


ADMX recent results



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South Korea



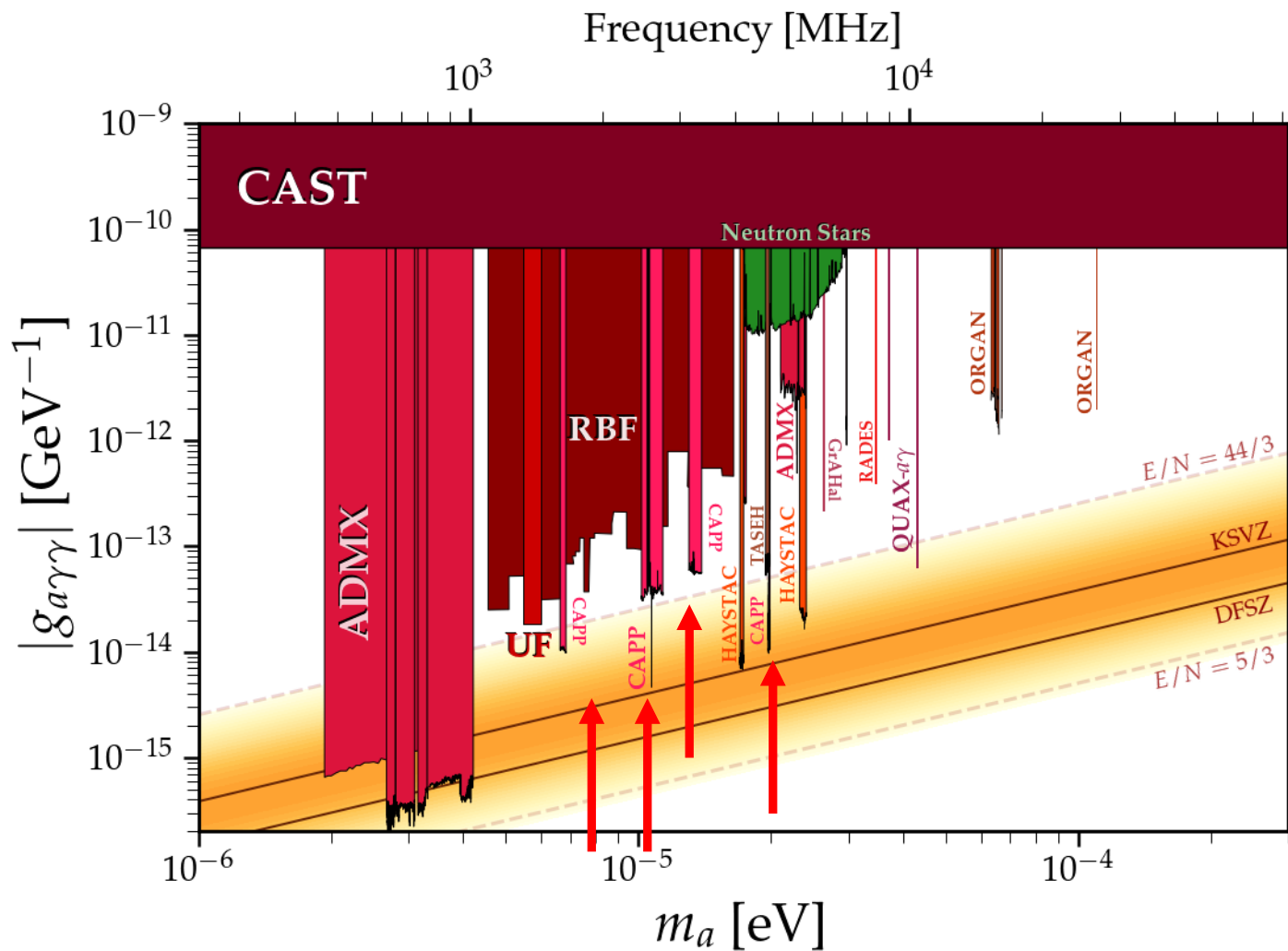
CAPP 12T	1.1 GHz
Volume	37 L
Q_0	90,000
B	12 T
T_{noise}	120 mK

CAPP 8T	1.6 GHz
Volume	3.47 L
Q_0	90,000
B	8 T
T_{noise}	900 mK

PACE	2.2 GHz
Volume	1.12 L
Q_0	90,000
B	7.2 T
T_{noise}	200 mK

CAPP MC	3.2 GHz
Volume	0.65 L
Q_0	60,000
B	8 T
T_{noise}	3.8 K

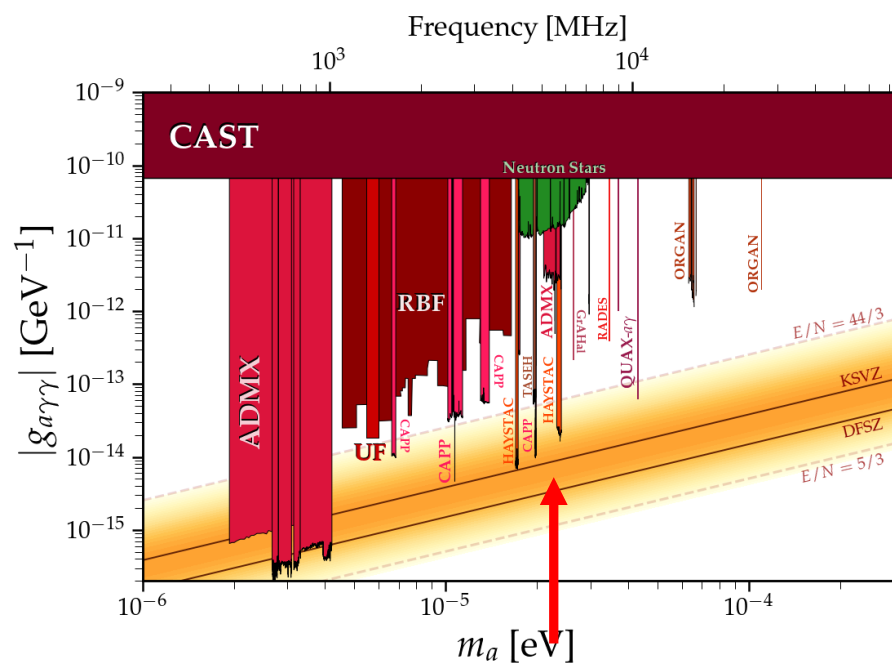
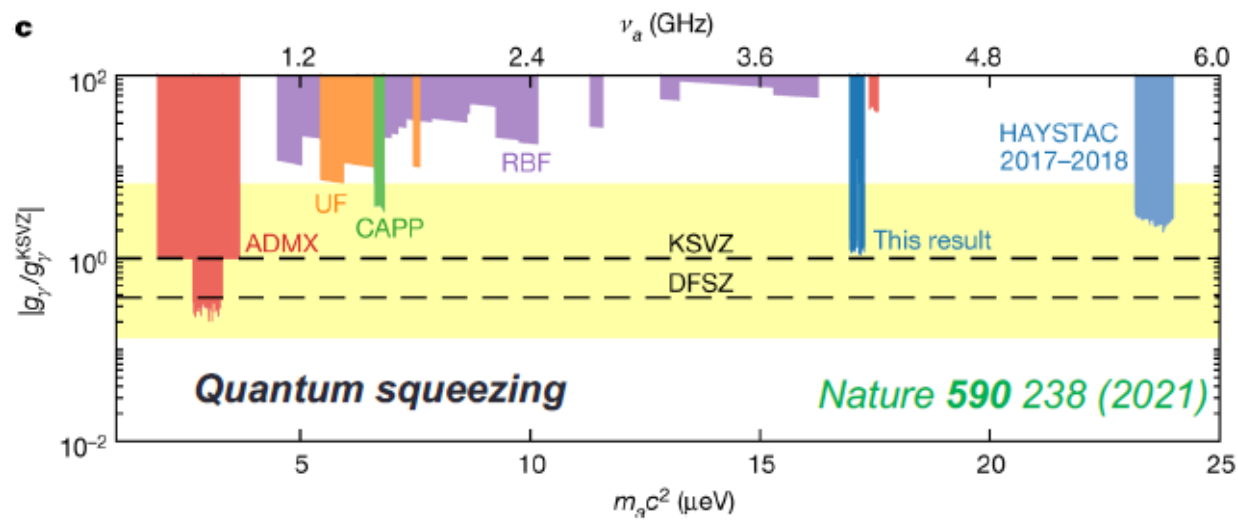
CAPP 18T	4.79 GHz
Volume	1 L
Q_0	70,000
B	18 T
T_{noise}	500 mK



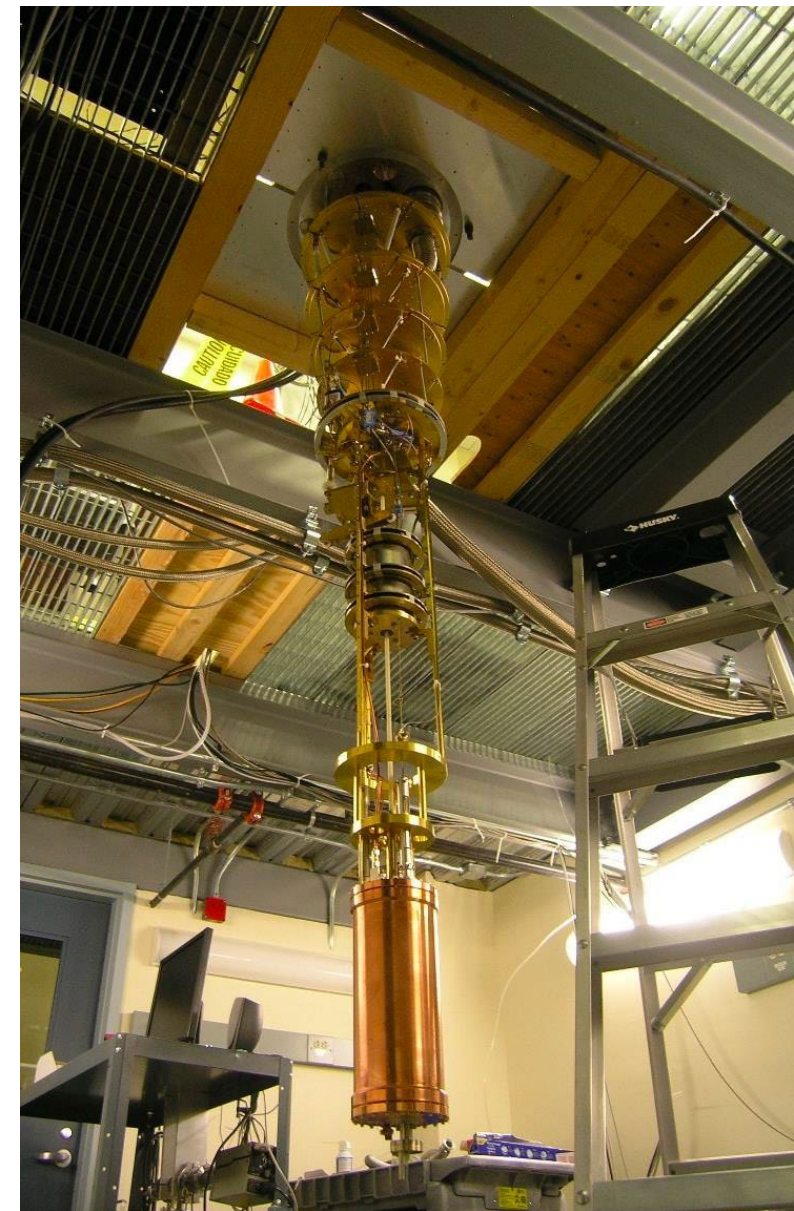
- SC cavity
- Pizza cavity
- 18 T magnet
- JPA
- ...

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Yale's Wright Lab



HAYSTAC	5 GHz
Volume	1.5 L
Q_L	30,000
B	8 T
T_{noise}	120 mK

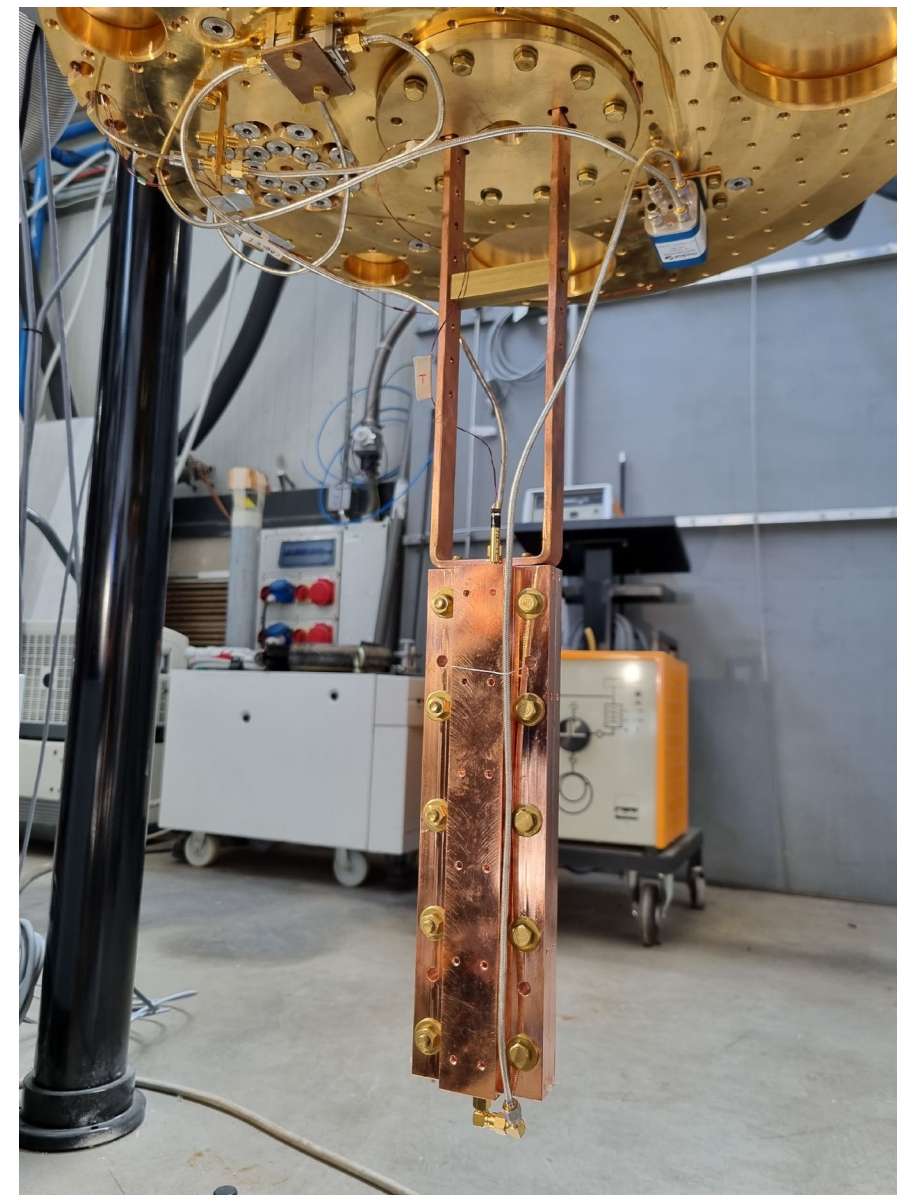
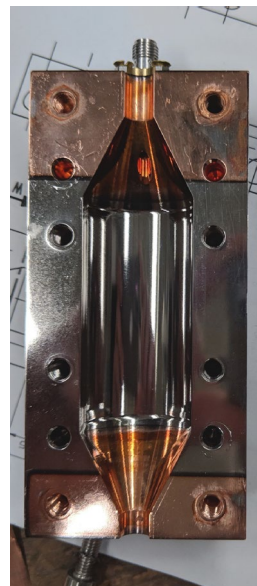


Upgrade (2023 -> 2025)

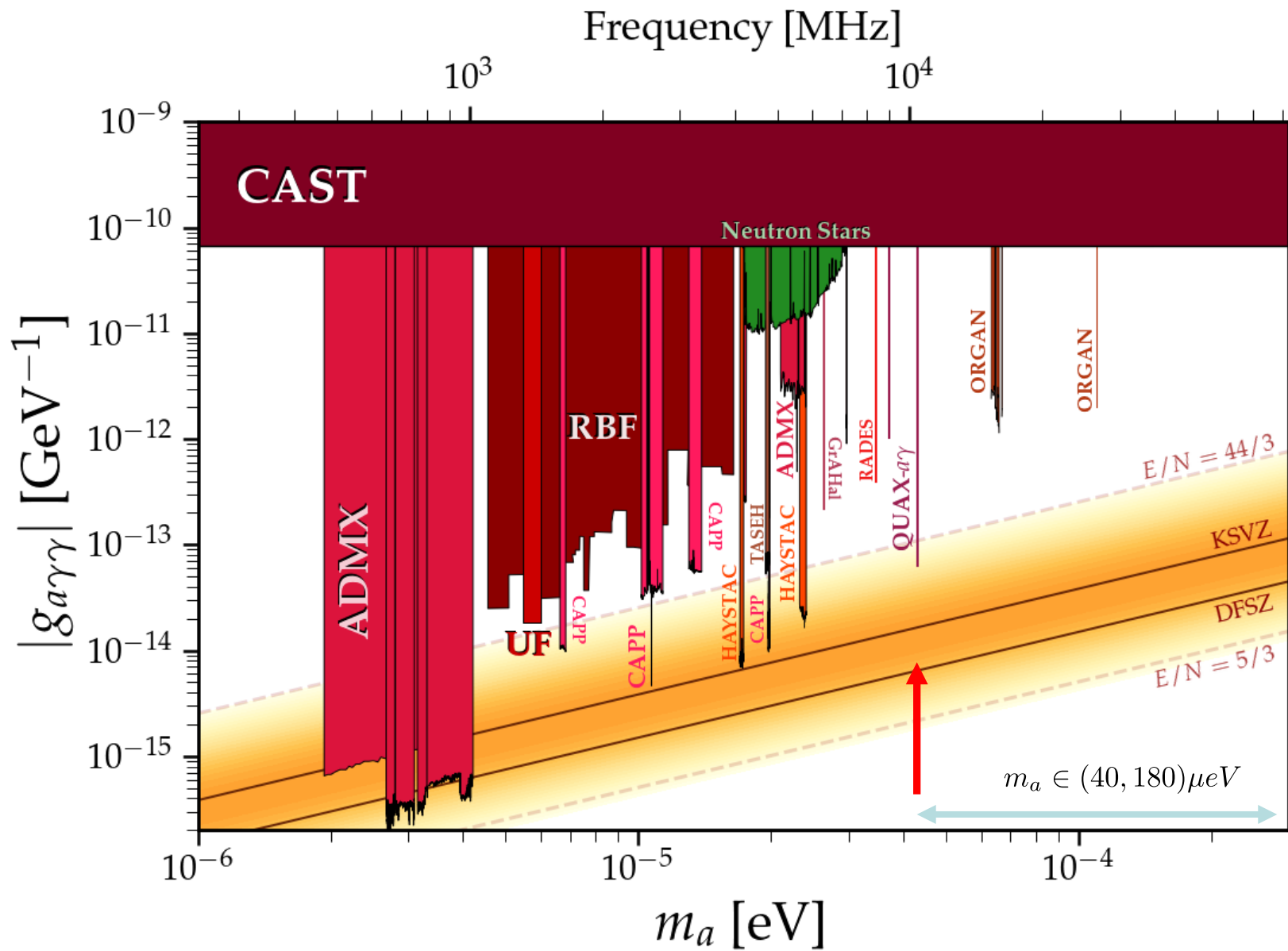
- LNF
 - Superconducting cavity $Q_0 > 2 \times 10^5$
 - $B = 9\text{T}$
 - Multicavity
- LNL
 - Dielectric cavity $Q_0 > 10^6$
 - $B = 14\text{T}$
 - Single cavity

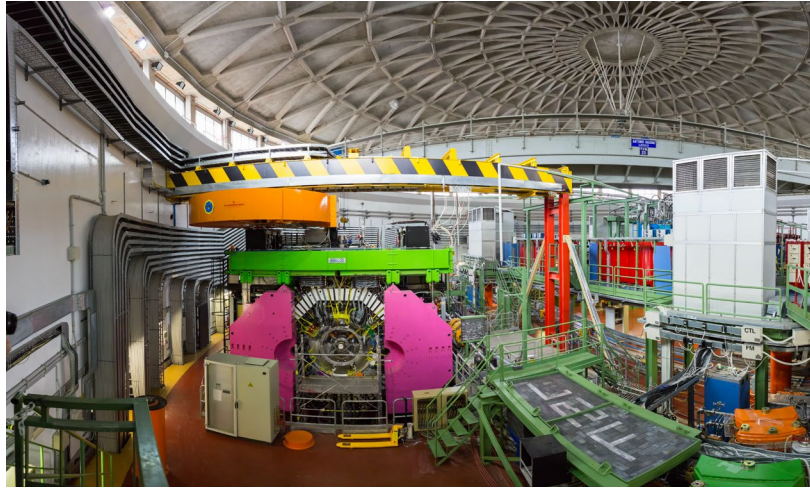
QUAX - LNL	10 GHz
Volume	0.08 L
Q_0	80,000
B	8 T
T_{noise}	1 K

QUAX - LNF	8.5 GHz
Volume	0.14 L
Q_0	100,000
B	9 T
T_{noise}	5 K

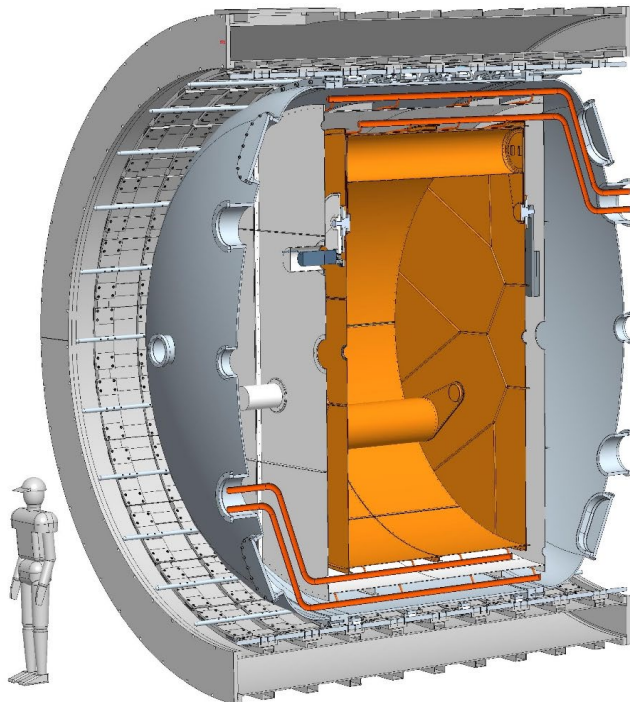


Quax results and future





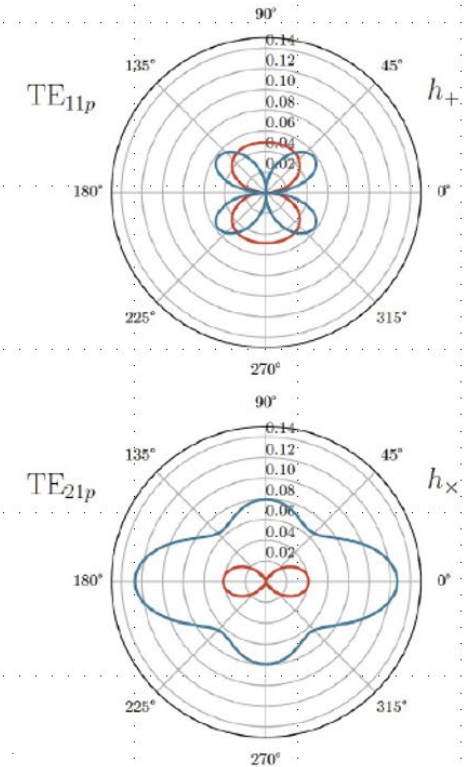
- Search of galactic axions in the mass range $0.5-1.5 \mu\text{eV}$
- Large volume RF cavity (4 m^3)
- Moderate magnetic field (1.1 T)
- Copper cavity $Q=500000$
- $T=4.5 \text{ K}$



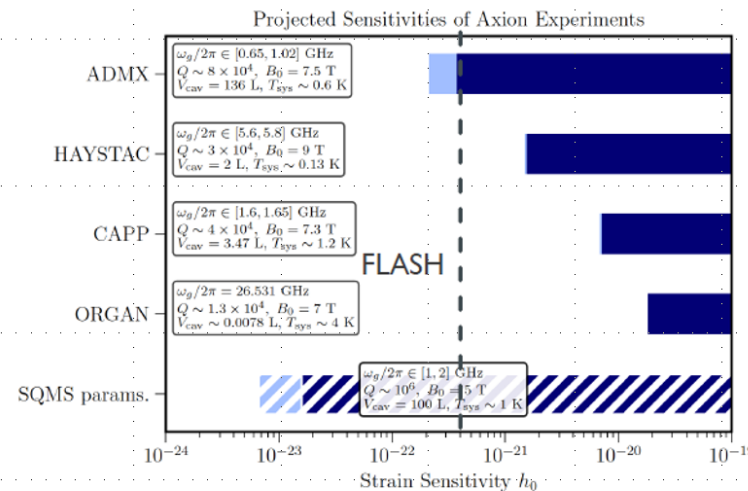
FLASH: sensitivity to High Frequency Gravitational Waves

Mode	Resonant Frequency [MHz]	Q factor (@4°K)
TE ₁₁₁	150.4	711e3
TE ₁₁₂	263.5	871e3
TE ₂₁₁	186.9	735e3
TE ₂₁₂	285.9	817e3

— $p = 1$ — $p = 2$

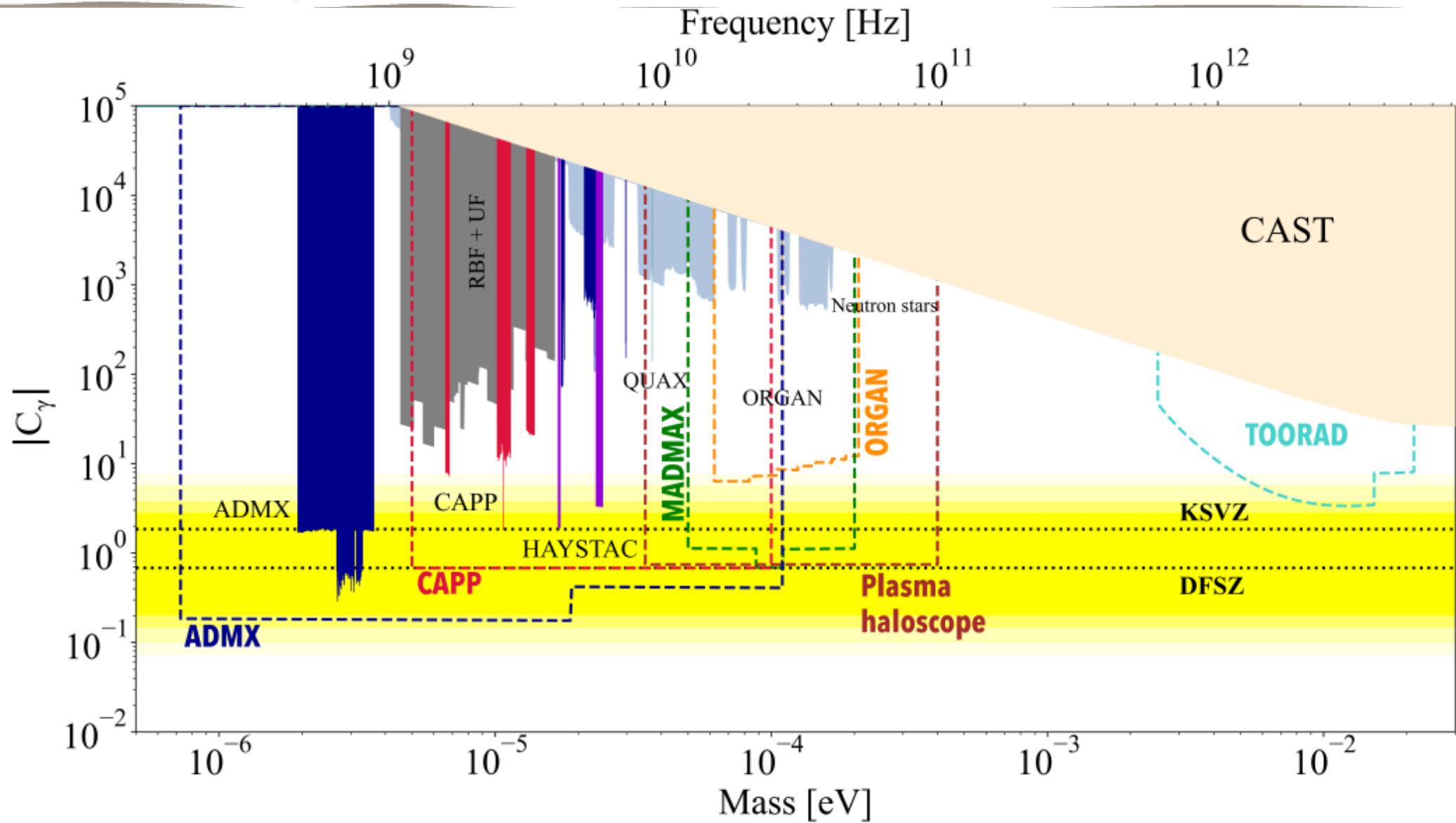


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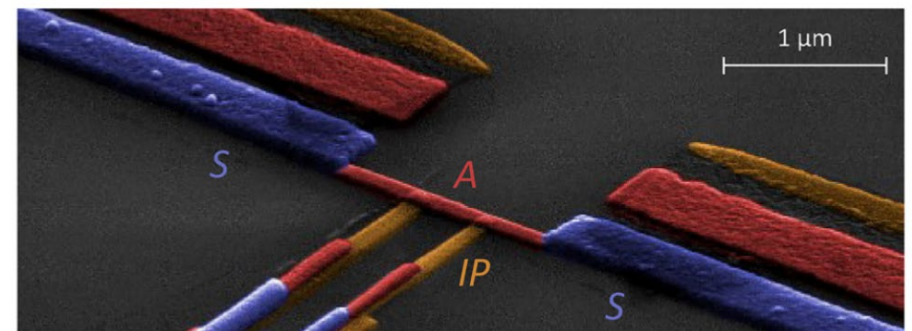
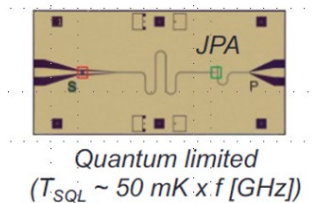
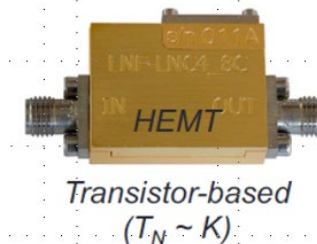
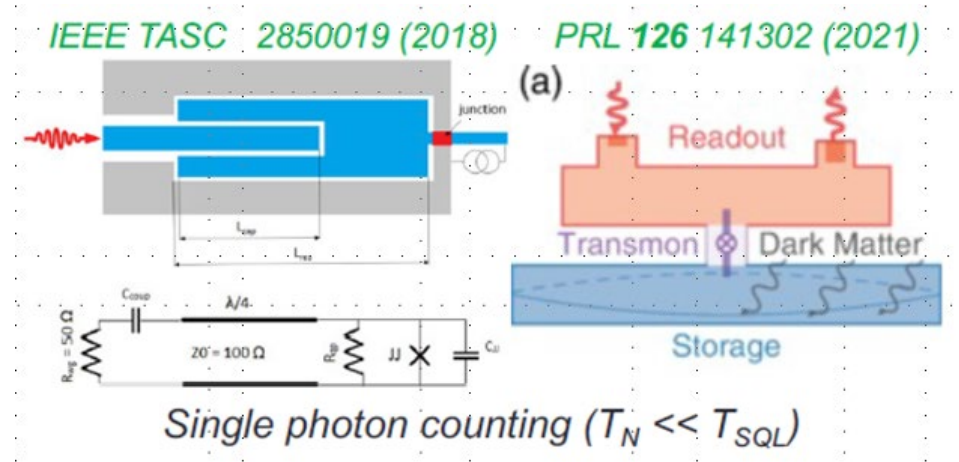


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Haloscopes: present and future

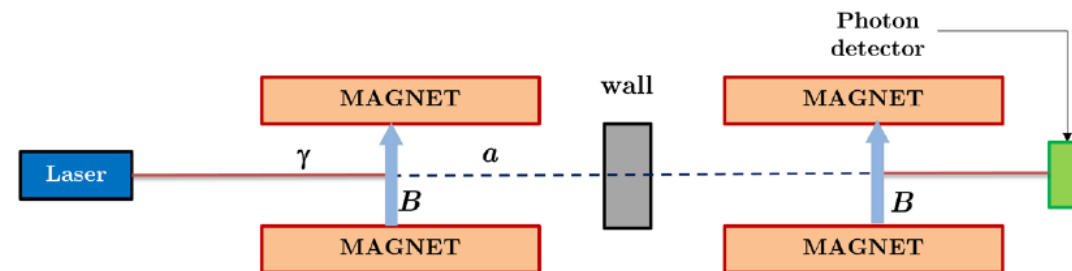


- Several techniques under investigation
 - HEMT
 - JPA
 - TWPA
 - Transmons
 - Nano-TES
- Power detection with amplifiers vs single photon detector

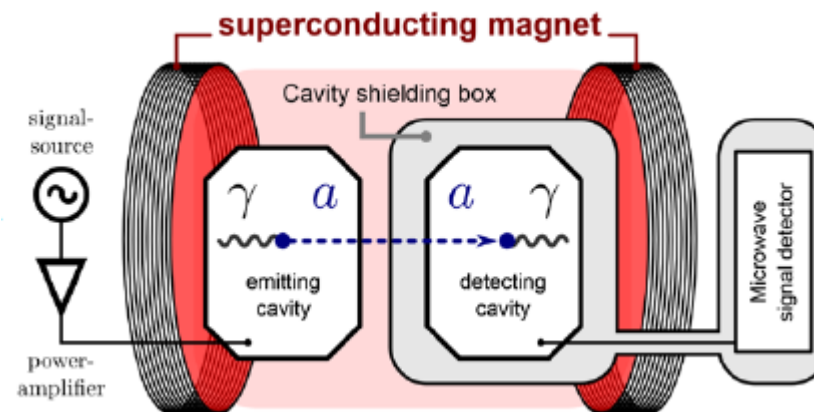


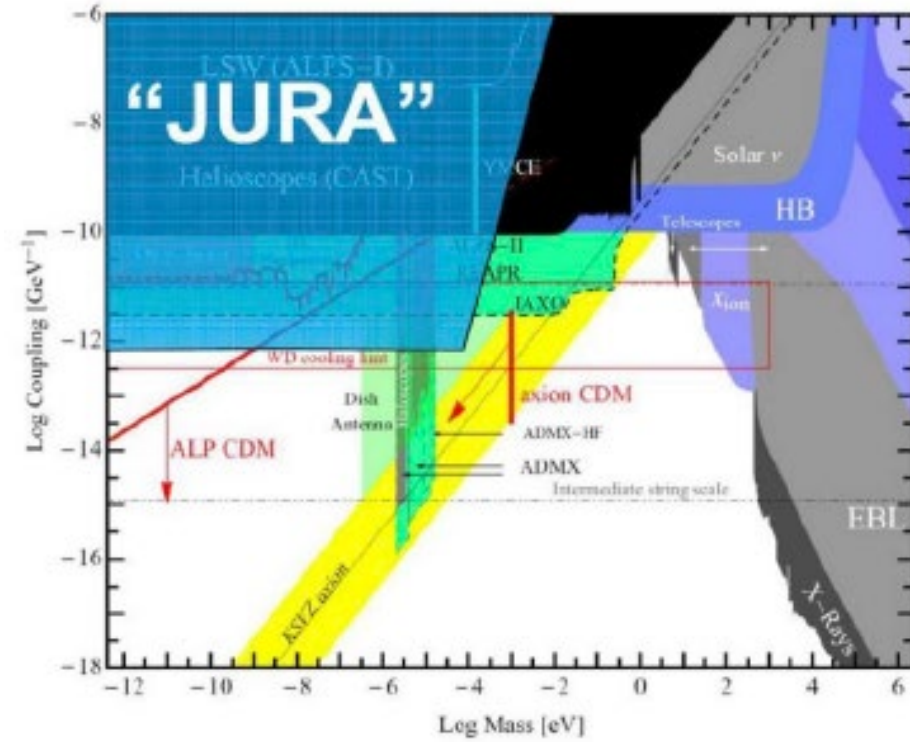
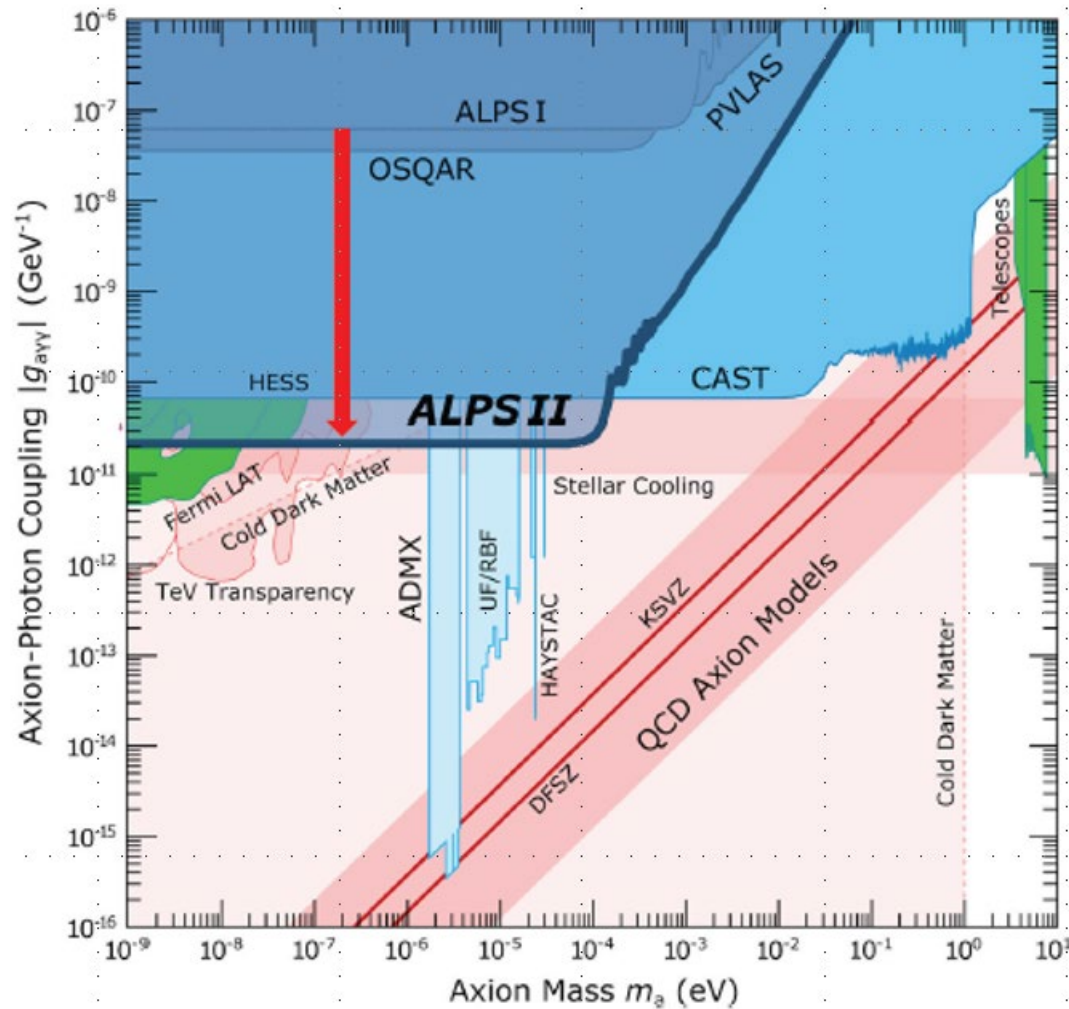
Light Shining Through Wall

- ALPs are produced in the production cavity and seen in the regeneration cavity
- No cosmological assumption
- Reduction of uncertainty (better noise control)
- Can be done at various light frequencies
- Two process \rightarrow fourth power of coupling
- OSQAR, CROWS, ALPS, ALPSII,...



$$P(\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma) \sim \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma} B L}{2} \right)^4 \beta_P \beta_R$$





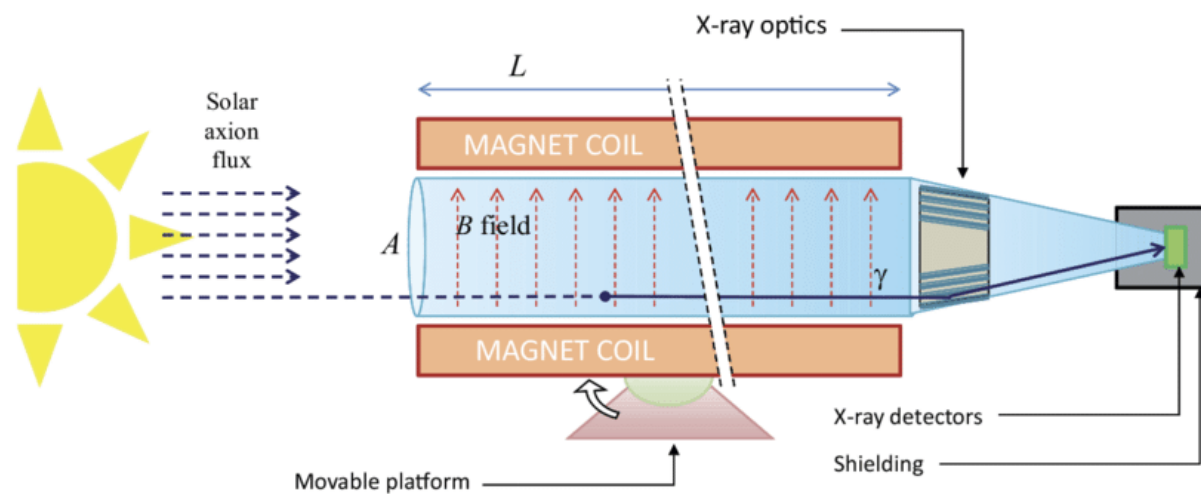
Parameter	Sensitivity	ALPS II	JURA	Rel. sensitivity JURA / ALPS II
Magnet aperture		50 mm	100 mm	
Magnetic field B	$g_{ay} \sim B^{-1}$	5.3 T	13 T	2.5
Magnetic length L	$g_{ay} \sim L^{-1}$	189 m	960 m	5.1
Effective laser power P	$g_{ay} \sim P^{-1/4}$	0.15 MW	2.5 MW	2.0
Power-built up Q (behind the wall)	$g_{ay} \sim Q^{-1/4}$	40,000	100,000	1.3
Detector noise DC	$g_{ay} \sim DC^{1/8}$	10^{-4} 1/s	10^{-6} 1/s	1.8
Total sens. increase				56

Table 1: comparison of experimental parameters of ALPS II at DESY and the JURA proposal.

- The stars are the main axions producer
 - Inverse Primakoff scattering
 - Solar axions convert in a strong magnetic field into X-rays
 - CAST completed in 2015

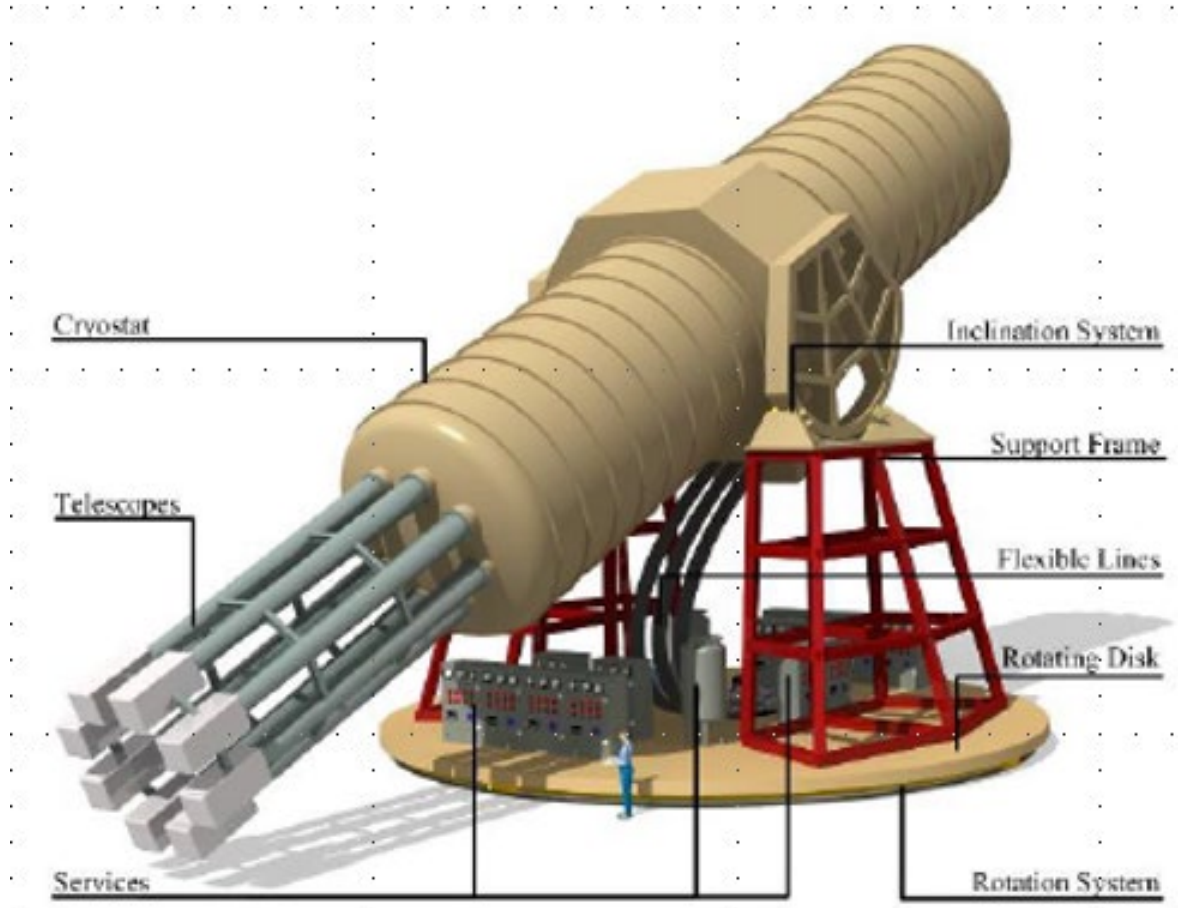
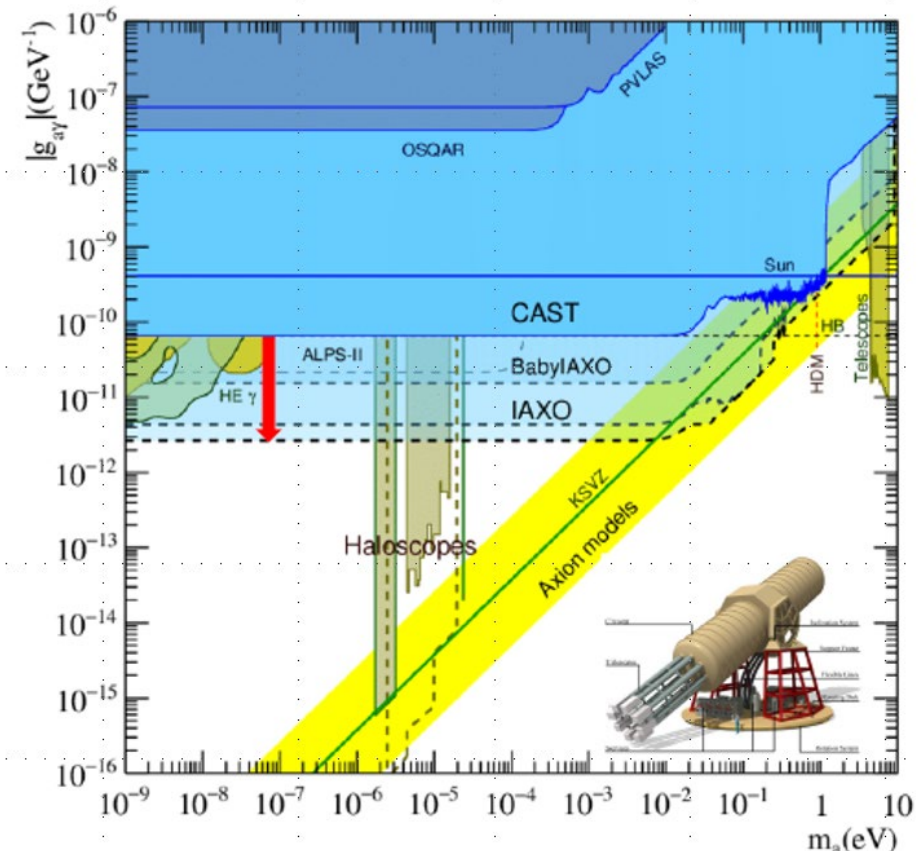


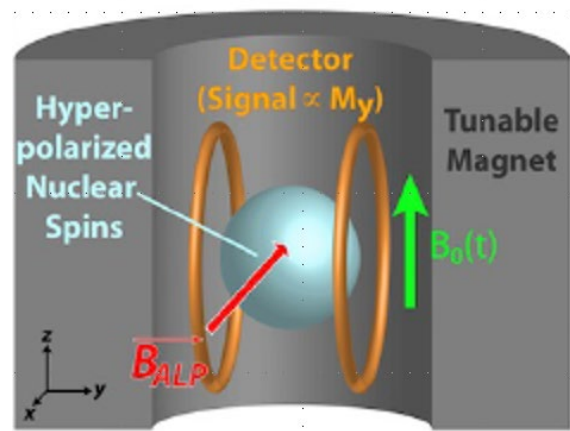
$$P_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0}{q} \right) \sin \left(\frac{qL}{2} \right), \quad q = \frac{m_a^2}{2E_a}$$



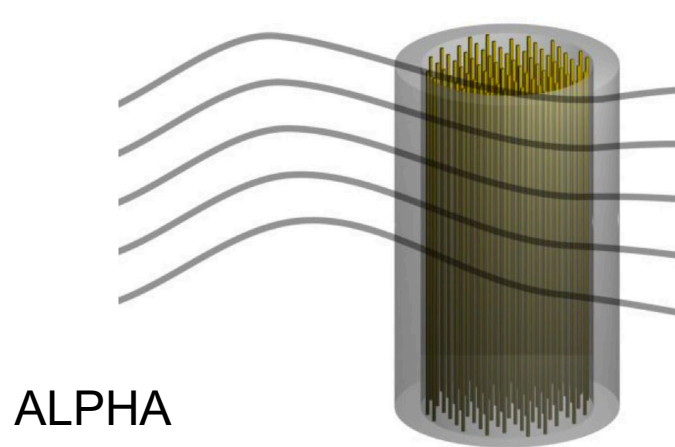
Baby-IAXO and IAXO

- International Axions Observatory
- Large toroidal 8-coil magnet (5.4 T), L=20 m
- 8 bores: 600 mm each
- 8 x-rays telescopes
- Goal: coupling below 10^{-12}
- Baby-IAXO: 4T/10 m

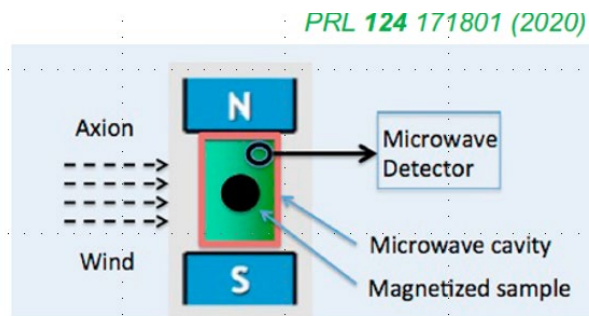




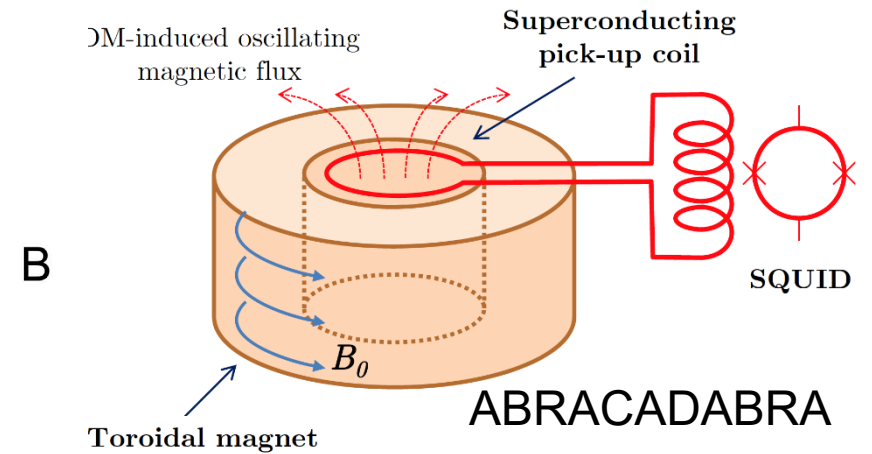
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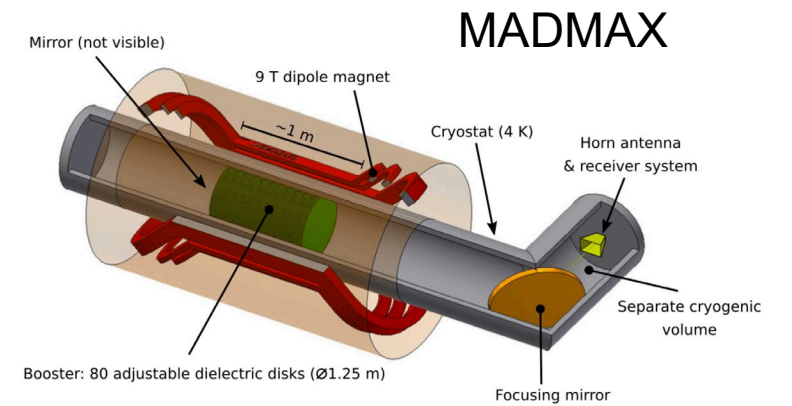


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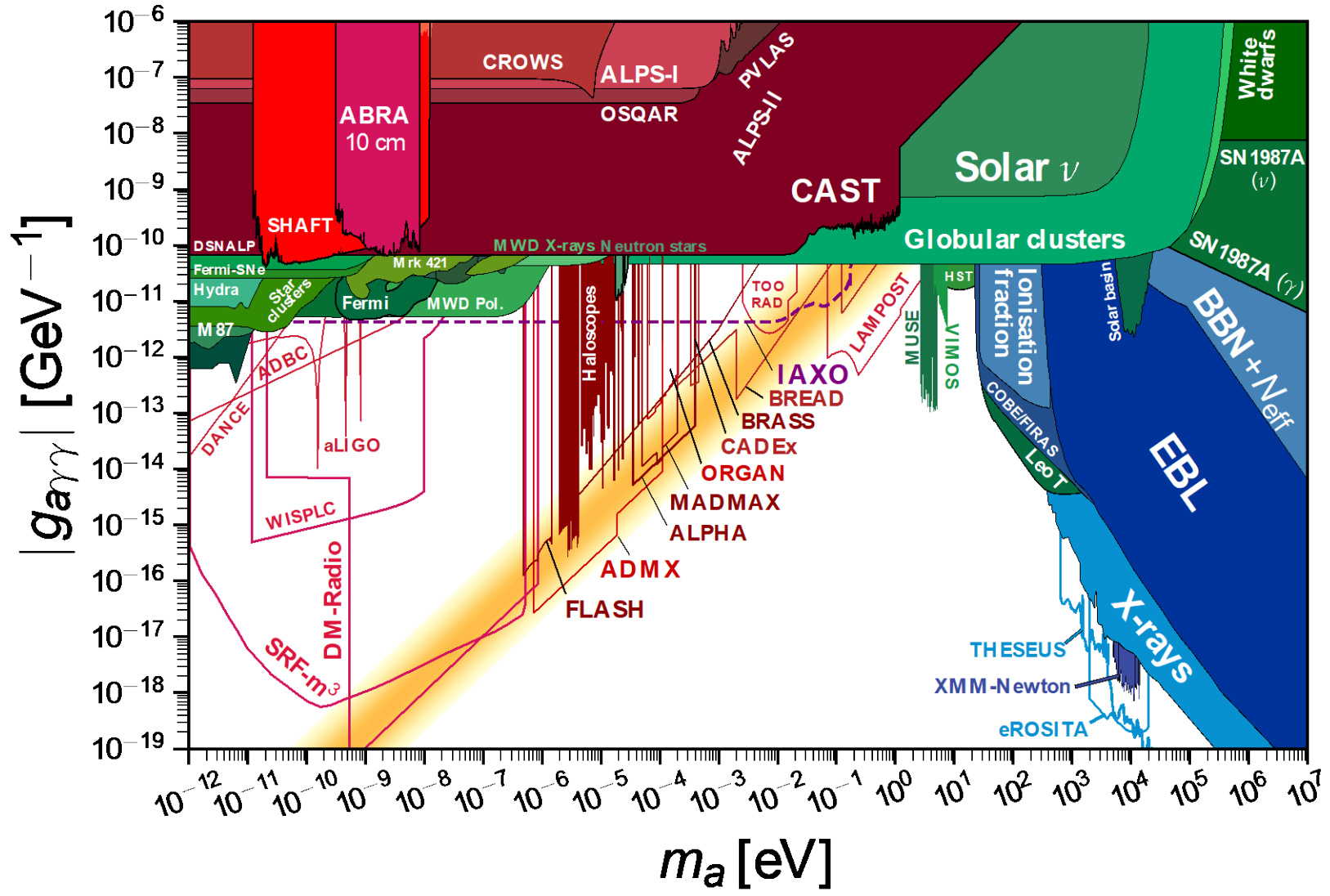
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MADMAX

Axion DM searches in the future



- QCD axions are introduced to solve the strong CP problem
 - Axions and ALPS are believable candidates for dark matter
- Experimentally challenging
 - Very weak coupling
 - Unconstrained mass (ALPS)
- Different experimental techniques
 - only few covered in this talk
 - Several innovative technologies involved
- Exciting future
 - In the next years a substantial portion of the parameter space will be covered