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# MADMAX

## Towards a Dielectric Axion Haloscope

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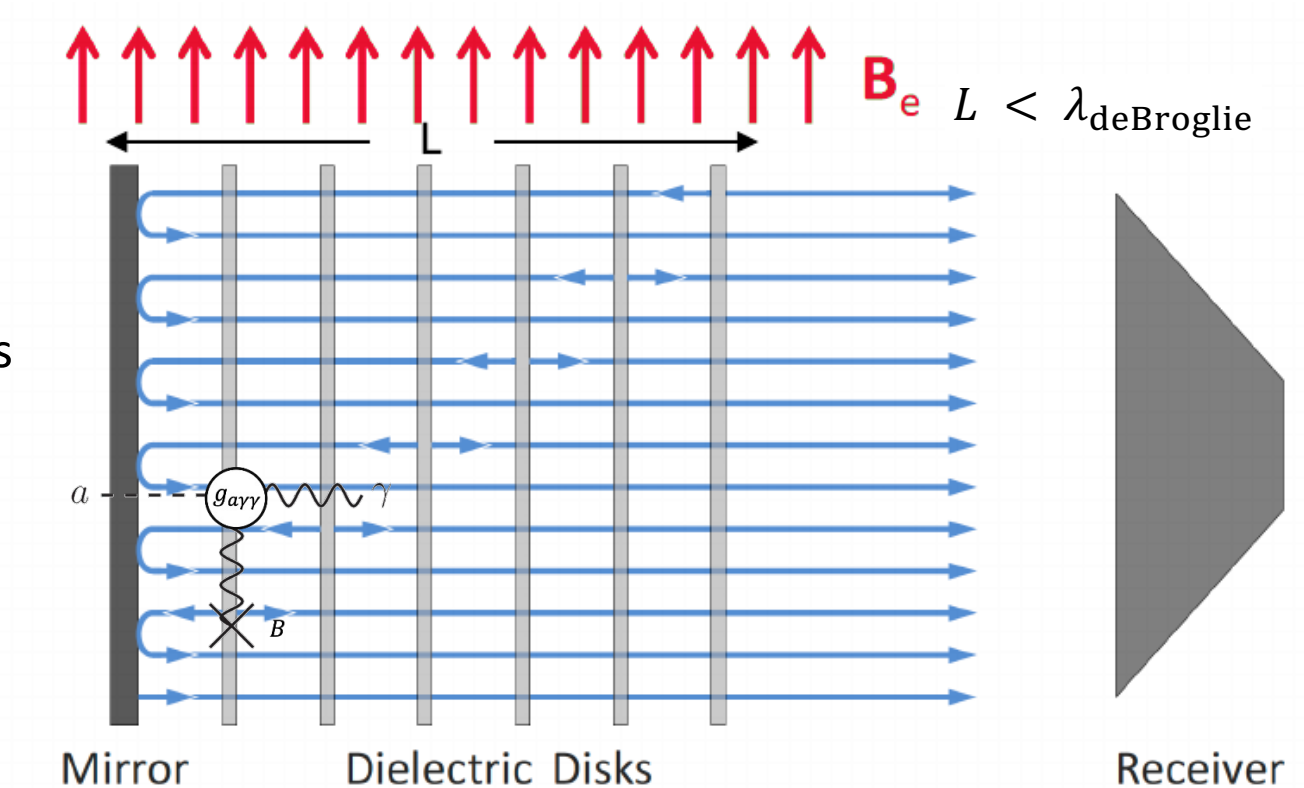


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## MADMAX:

- Tunable in frequency coverage:  
~10-100 GHz
- Boost emitted power through:
  - coherent emission from multiple interfaces
  - constructive interference effects
- Coupling to  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$  scales with:
  - external field,  $\propto B$
  - conversion surface,  $\propto A^{0.5}$



$$g_{a\gamma} = 2.04(3) \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\text{SNR}}{5}} \frac{400}{\sqrt{\beta^2}} \sqrt{\frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{A}} \sqrt{\frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{8 \text{ K}}} \frac{10 \text{ T}}{B_e} \sqrt{\frac{0.8}{\eta}} \left( \frac{1.3 \text{ days}}{\Delta t} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{300 \text{ MeV}^2}{\rho_0}} \left( \frac{m_a}{100 \mu\text{eV}} \right)^{5/4}$$

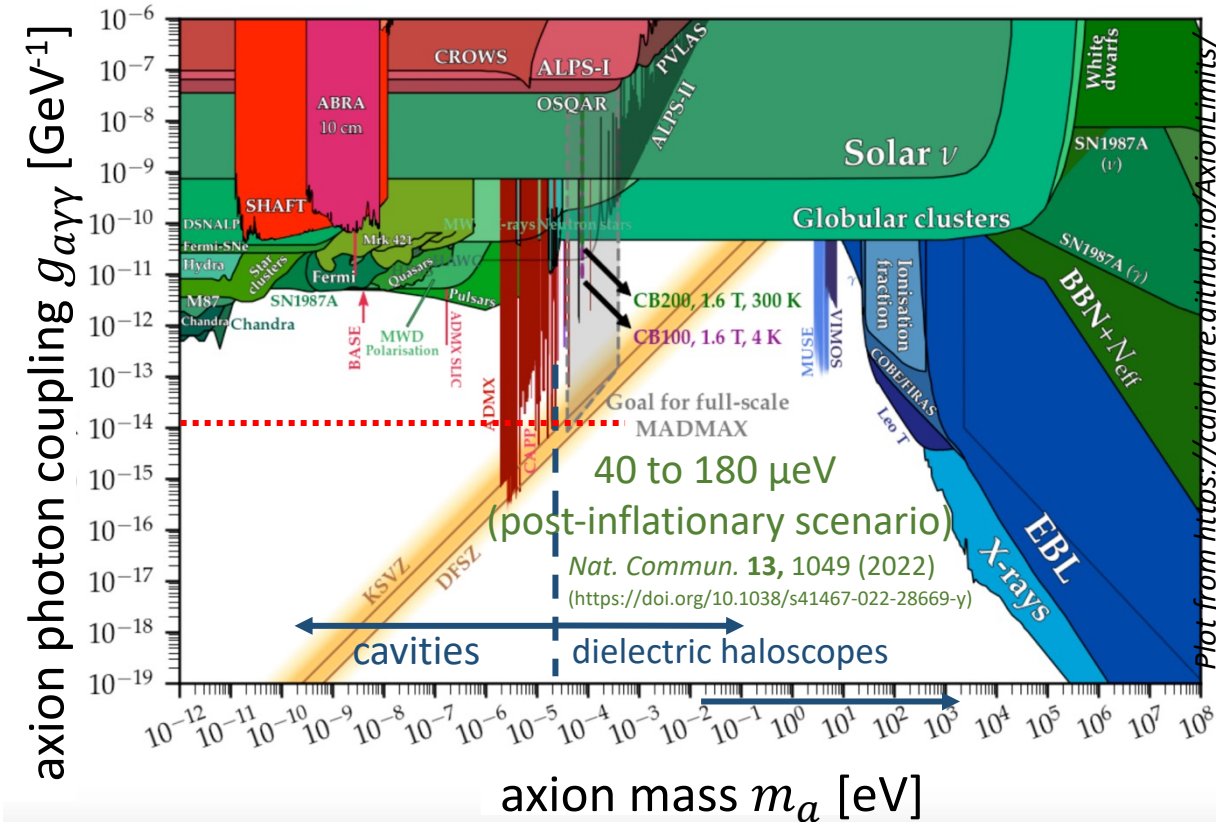
# Open Dielectric Haloscope

## MADMAX:

- Tunable in frequency coverage:  
 $\sim 10\text{-}100\text{ GHz}$
- Corresponding to axion mass:  
 $40\text{-}400\text{ }\mu\text{eV}$
- Coupling to  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$  scales with:
  - external field,  $\propto B$
  - conversion surface,  $\propto A^{0.5}$

Power boost factor:  $\beta^2 = \frac{P_{\text{total}}}{P_{\text{mirror}}}$

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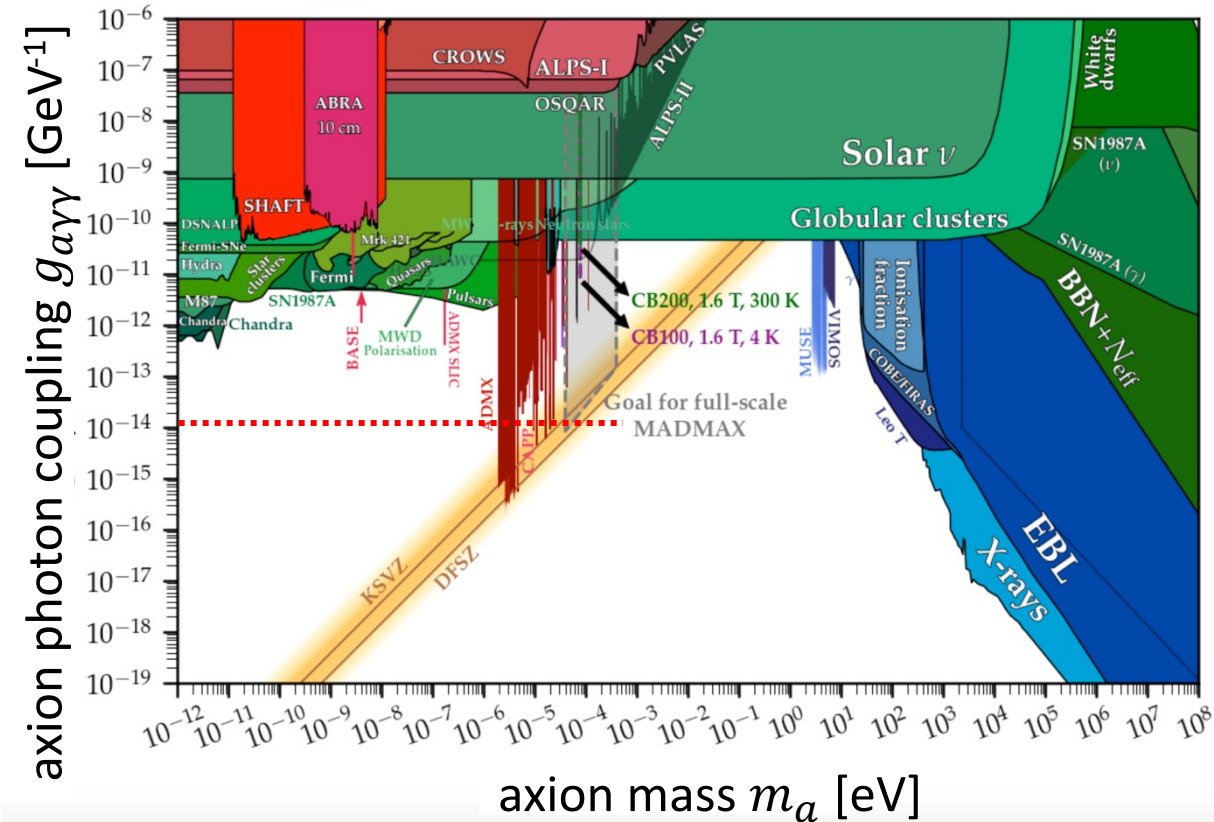
## MADMAX

### baseline design

$$\left. \begin{aligned} N_{\text{disc}} &= 80 \\ A_{\text{disc}} &= 1.2 \text{ m}^2 \\ B_{\parallel} &= 9 \text{ T} \\ T_{\text{sys}} &= 8 \text{ K} \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow$$

### Feasibility studies on prototype systems

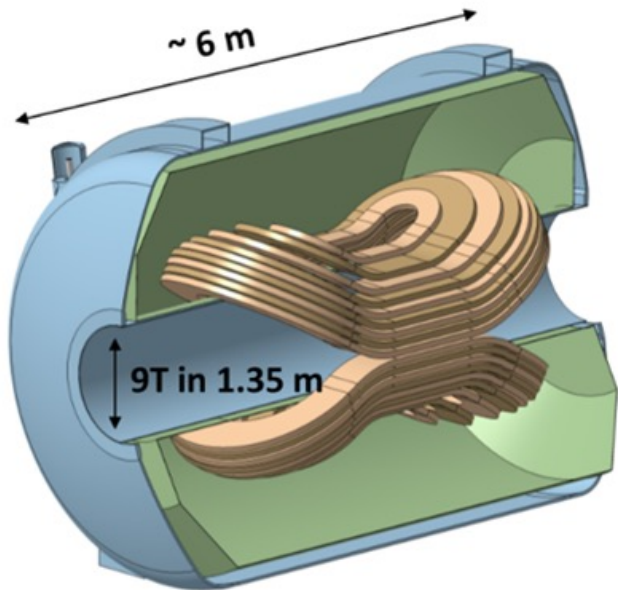
Disk tiling, flatness  
alignment, ...  
Checked with MACQU  
Require prototype  
tests in a cryostat



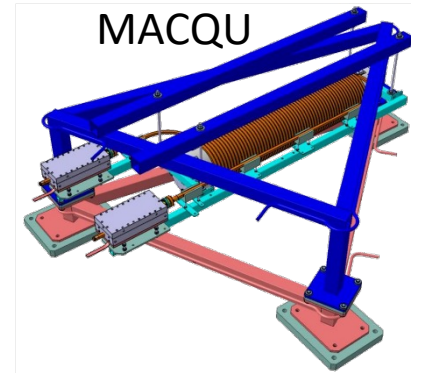
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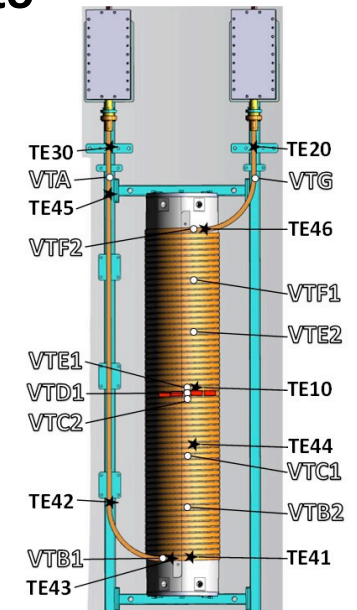
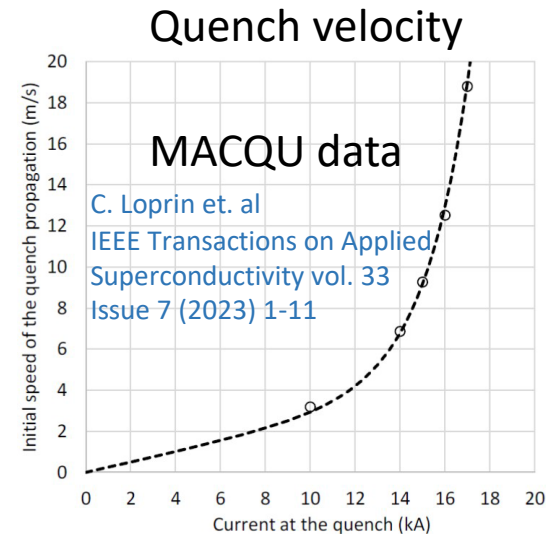
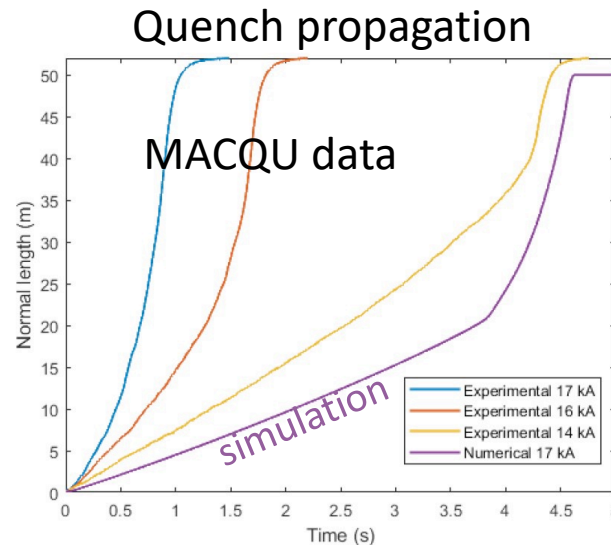
# MADMAX Magnet Update



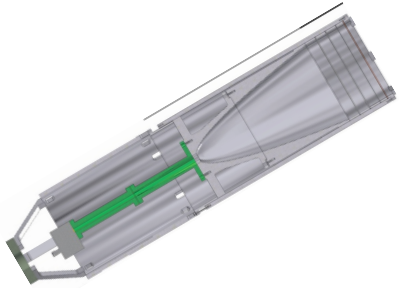
- Dipole Magnet most critical item for full-size MADMAX
- Design for 9 T large bore conceptually very well advanced
- **Novel conductor: cable in copper conduit**  
→ **production is feasible**
- Quench propagation velocity was measured in dedicated setup: **MA**dmax **C**oil for **Q**uench **U**nderstanding  
→ Main project risk mitigated: **Quench propagation according to requirements for safe operation**



Development in innovation partnership



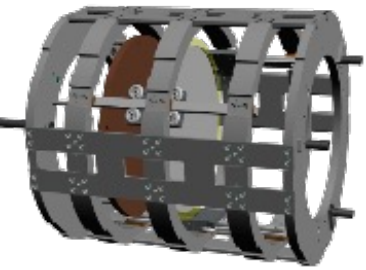
# Staged Prototype Program



## Closed Boosters (CB):

Ø = 100 mm (**CB100**), 3  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  disks

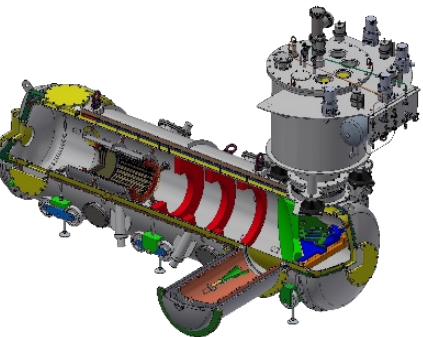
Ø = 200 mm (**CB200**), 3  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  disks



## Open Boosters (OB):

Ø = 200 mm (**OB200**), 2  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  disks

Ø = 300 mm (**OB300**), 3 disks ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  &  $\text{LaAlO}_3$ )



Large bore (Ø = 760 mm ) cryostat allows operation of all prototypes  
Fits into the 1600 mm warm bore of MORPURGO magnet at CERN

## Aim:

First ALP run at ~19 GHz with system “easy to simulate”  
Increase ALP sensitivity & understand scaling issues

→ Understanding readout chain and RF behaviour

Technical test of components (motors, interferometer, ..)

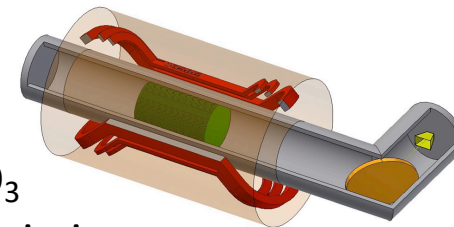
Proof-of-concept for MADMAX

→ Establish boost factor calibration in an OB

## GOAL

### MADMAX

- Many disks with large Ø → **tilled**  $\text{LaAlO}_3$
- Boost dish antenna emission

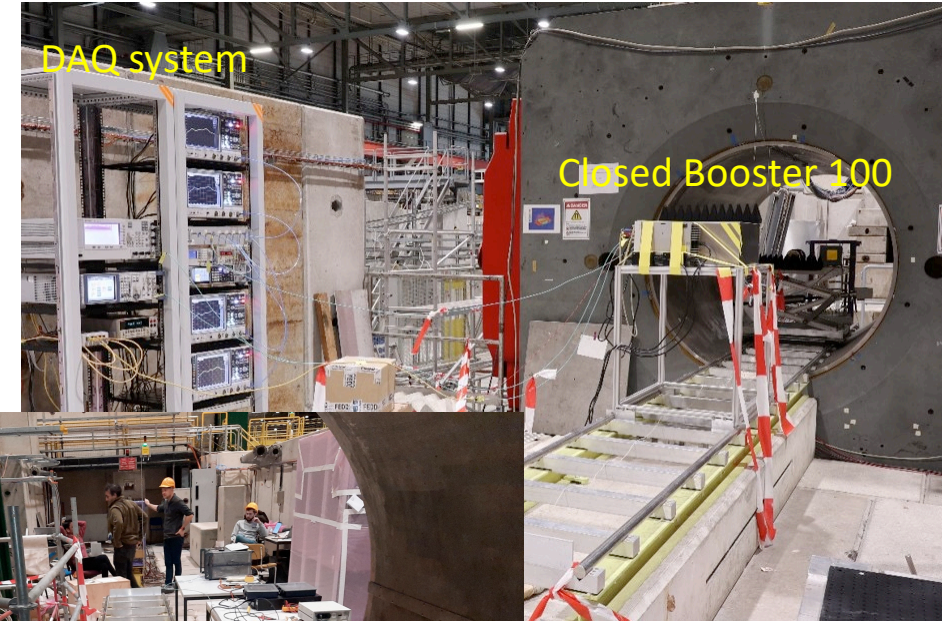
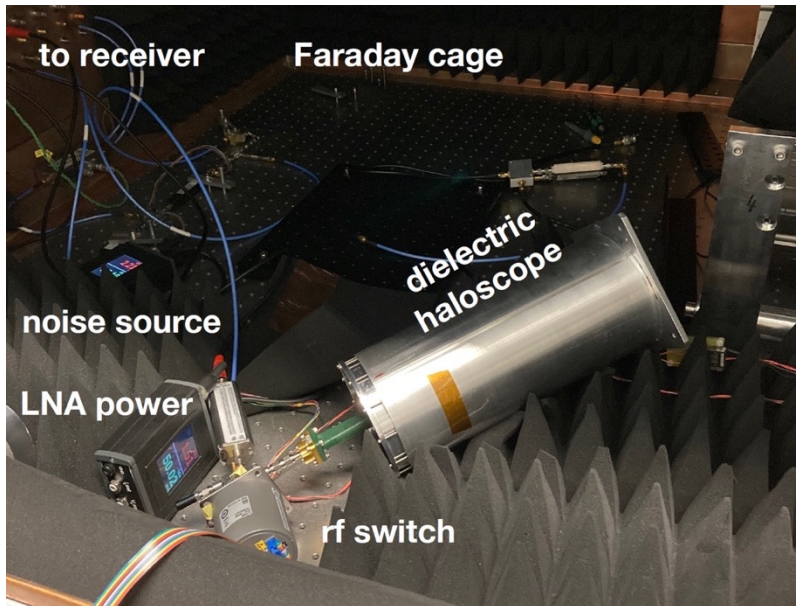
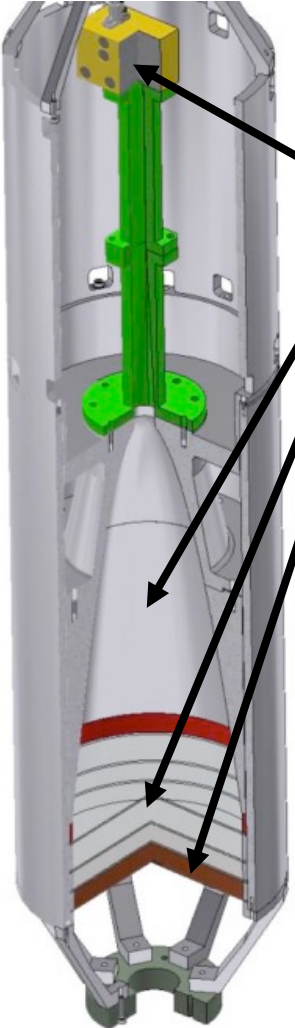




# CB100: First ALP Search

Simple closed system to understand RF behaviour

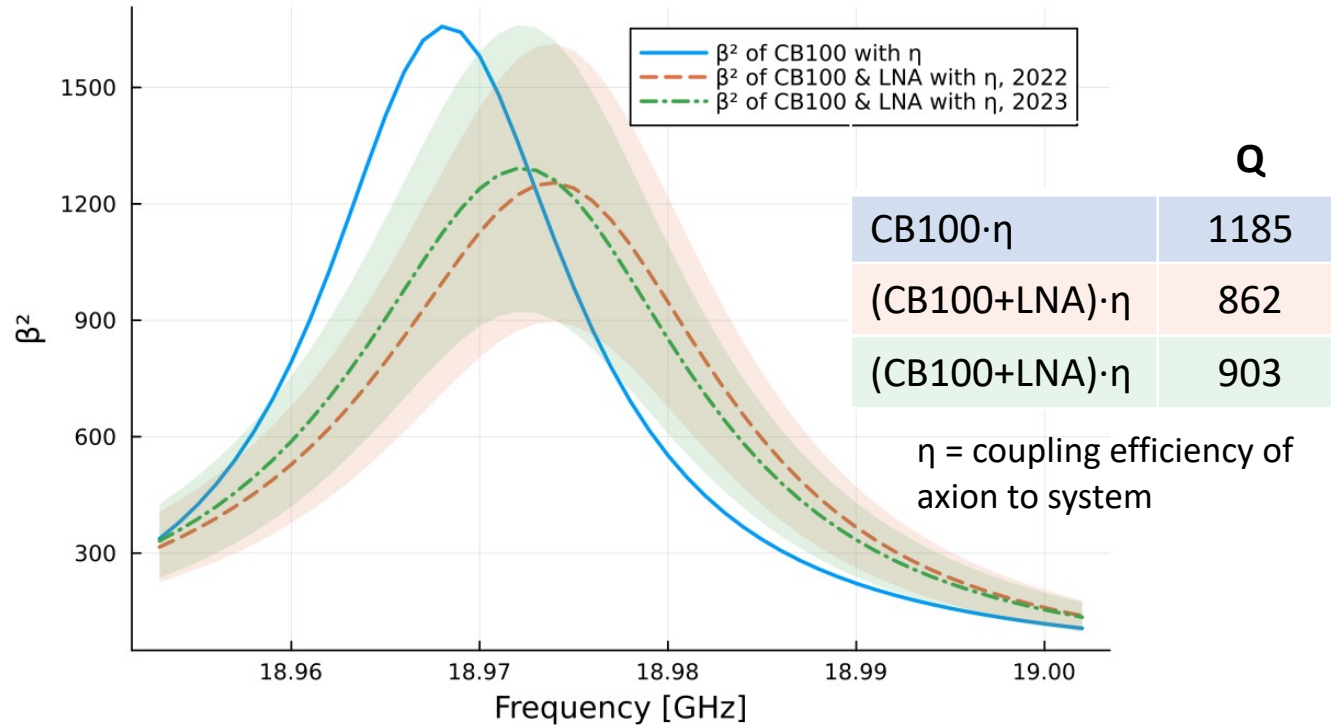
- Receiver
- Parabolic taper
- 3x Ø100 mm disks (fixed distances)
- Copper mirror



Tested in  
MORPURGO  
@ CERN  
in 2022 and 2023

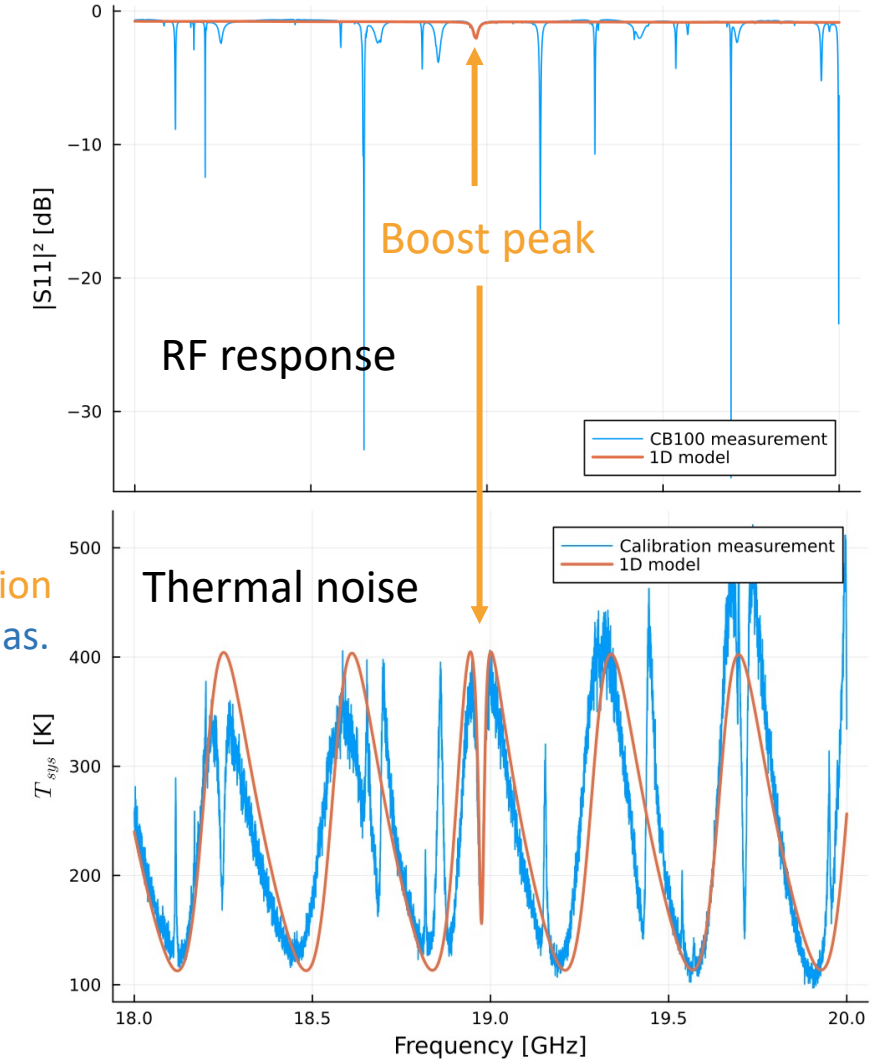
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Boost factor extracted from model tuned to data →



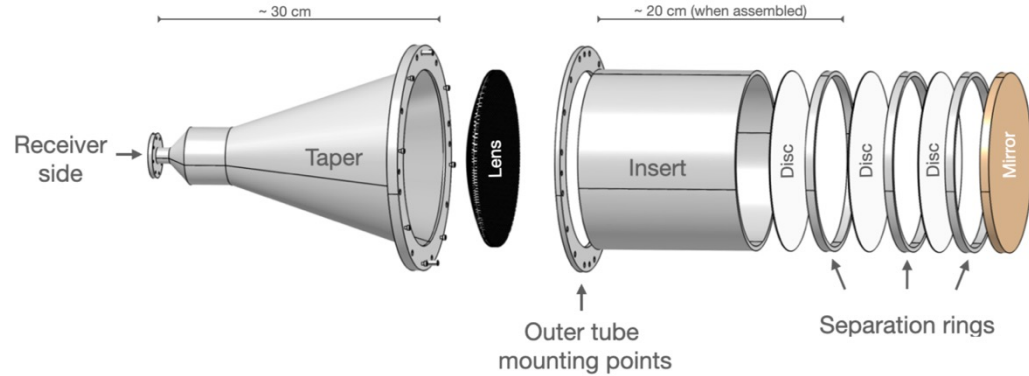
ADS simulation  
2GHz SA meas.

Consistent Boost factor in 2022 and 2023  
Different LNA matching impedance: 25 Ohm (2022), 30 Ohm (2023)  
→ Data analysis ongoing





# CB200: Understanding Scaling

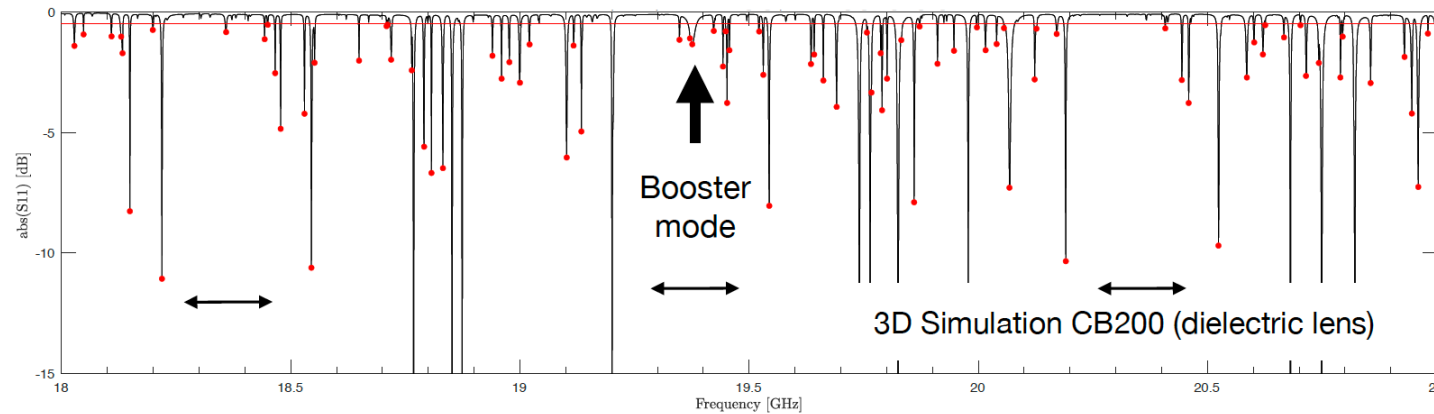
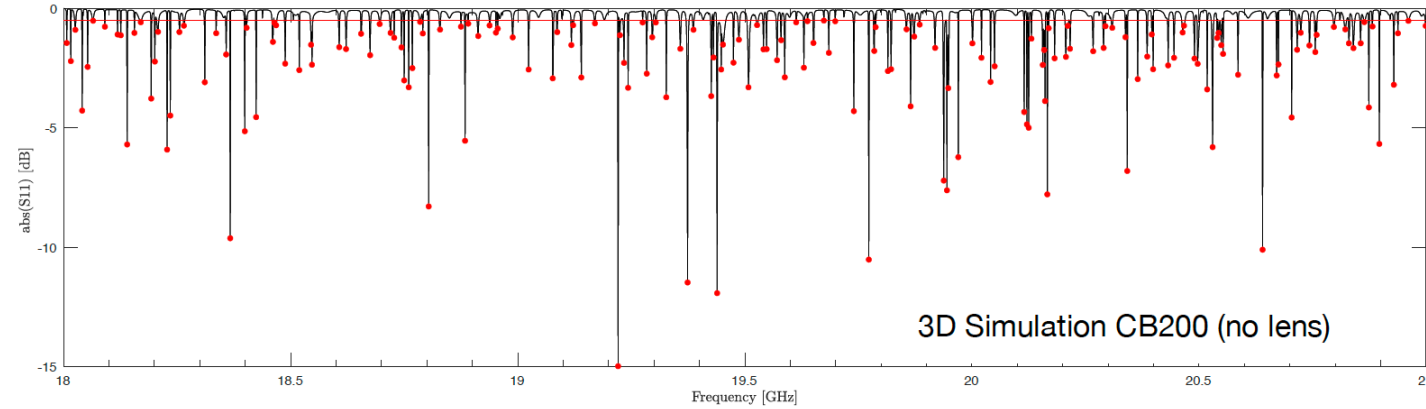


- Coupling to  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$  scales with:
  - conversion surface,  $\propto A^{0.5}$

Larger dimensions increase the number of allowed modes

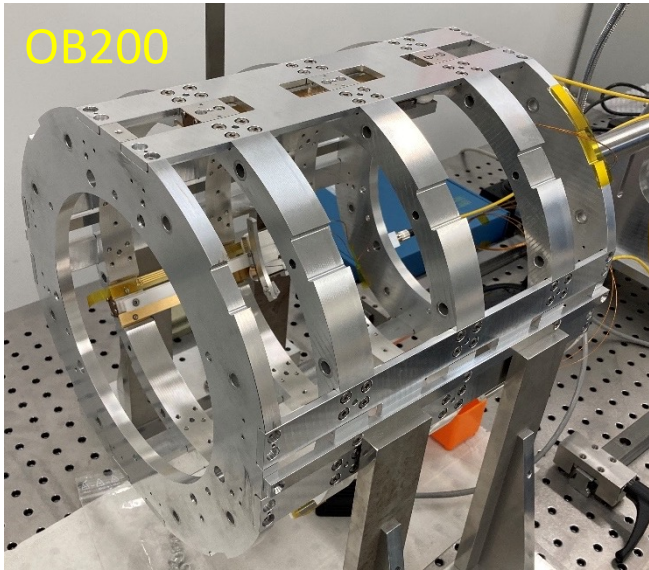
➔ Learn to deal with overmoded systems relevant for OB

➔ Using a dielectric lens (Rexolite) decreases coupling of unwanted modes and allows for "quiet" regions in the spectrum

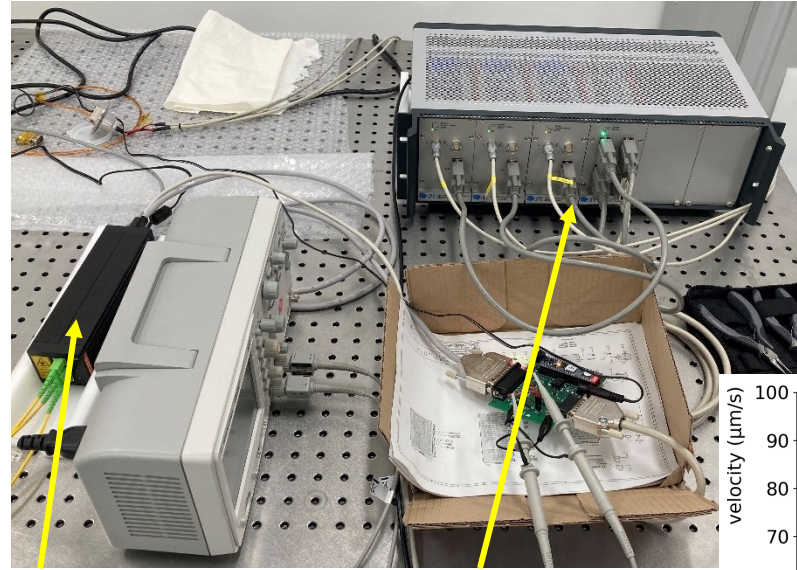




# OB200: Technical Feasibility



OB200



Laser interferometer

Piezo controllers

Mechanical demonstrator with:

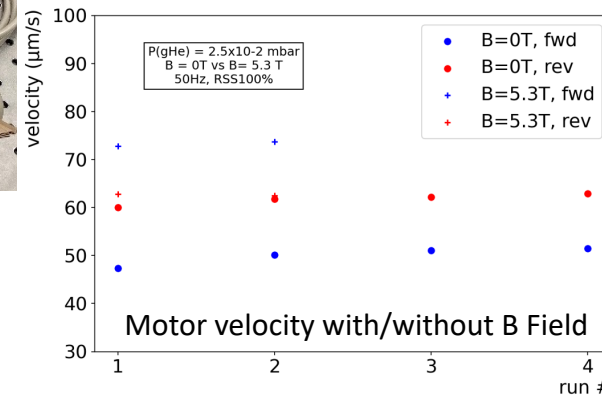
- One 200 mm sapphire disk in titanium ring + mirror
- Three JPE piezo motors on self-built carriages
- Piezo controller system for driving a disk with three motors
- attocube interferometer for displacement measurement



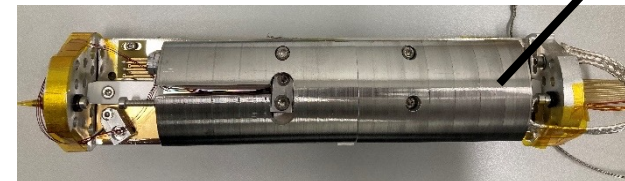
→ Successfully tested at CERN cryolab and at MORPURGO

Successful piezo motor tests  
in cryogenics & inside ALPS II magnet  
→ Motor works in 5.3 T field and at 5 K

[arxiv:2305.12808](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.12808)



Single motor test rig



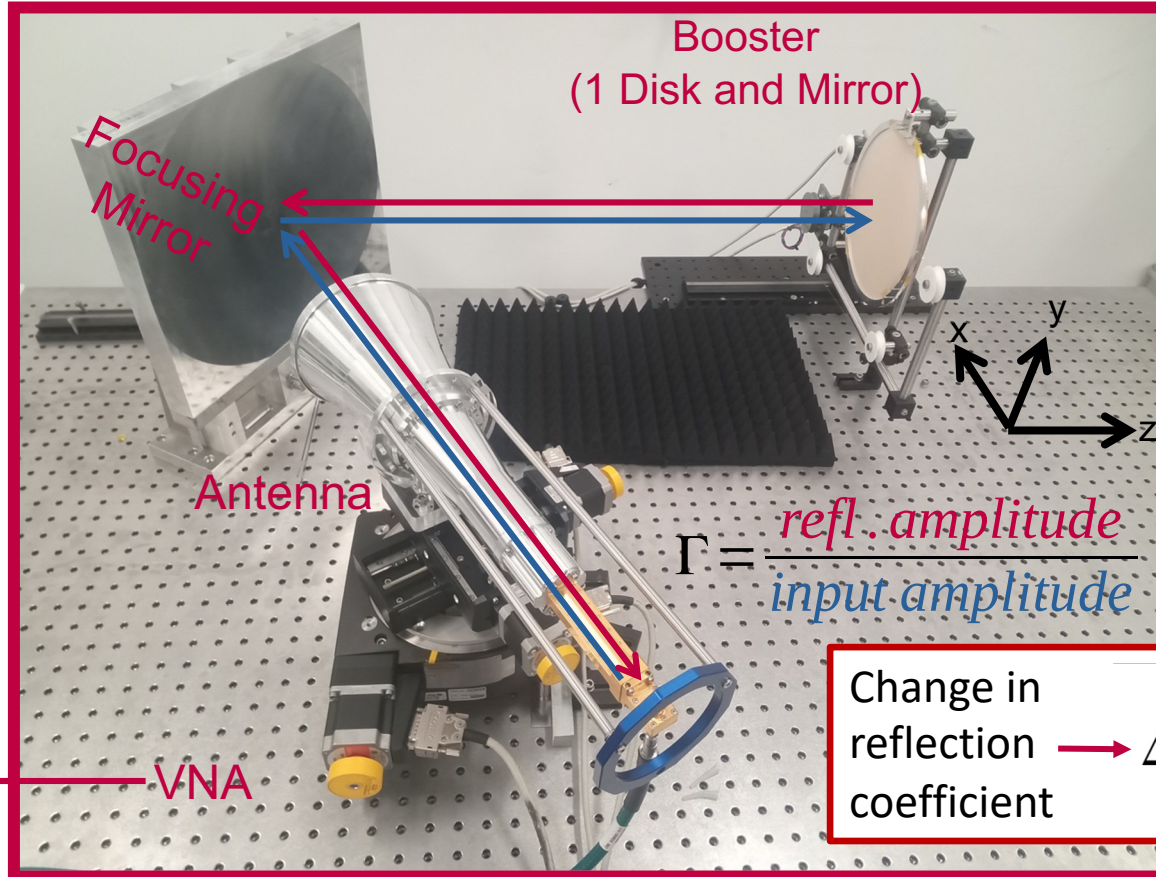
ALPS II magnet test stand





# Open Booster Calibration

Boost factor determined using Bead Pull Method (non-resonant perturbation theory) + reciprocity theorem

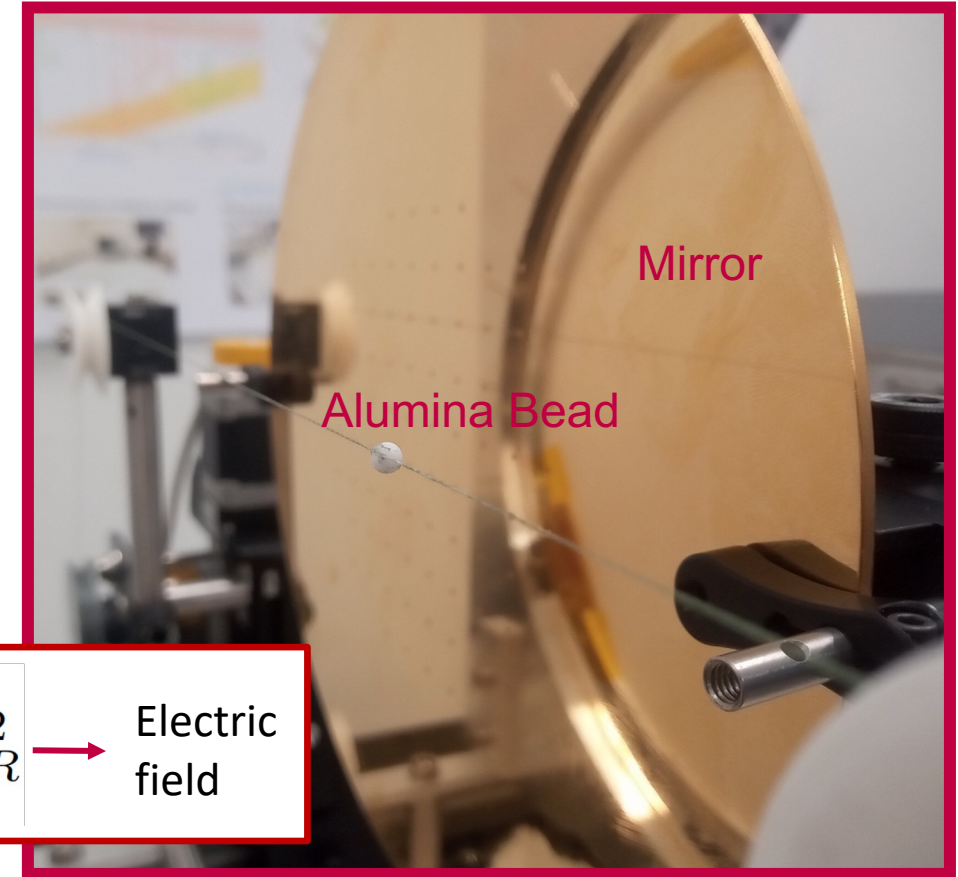


Bead properties

Change in  
reflection  
coefficient

$$\Delta\Gamma = \frac{\alpha_e \omega}{4P_{\text{in}}} E_R^2$$

Electric  
field



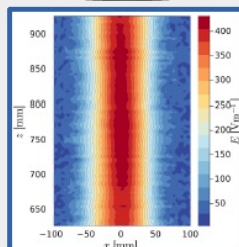
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### Introduction

- The aim is to measure the potential axion signal power of a dielectric haloscope
- This is possible via the reciprocity approach<sup>1</sup>
- Reflection-induced field  $E_R$  needs to be integrated over magnetized volume:

$$P_{sig} = \frac{g_{ayy}^2}{16P_{in}} \left| \int_{V_e} dV E_R \cdot \dot{a} B_e \right|^2$$

<sup>1</sup>Axion haloscope signal power from reciprocity  
J.E. JCAP04(2023)064

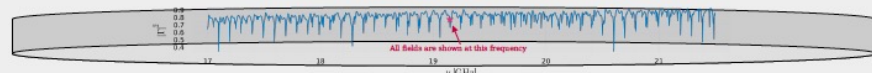
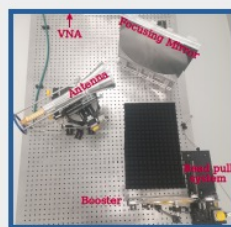


Gaussian beam after focusing mirror.  
Measured without booster.

### Setup and Method

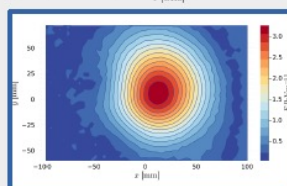
- Booster with 1 disk and mirror
- Focusing mirror and horn antenna
- VNA measures reflection coefficient  $\Gamma$
- $E_R$  is determined by comparing  $\Gamma$  with and without the presence of a dielectric bead:

$$E_R^2 = \frac{4P_{in}}{\alpha_e \omega} \Delta \Gamma$$

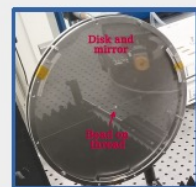


### Field distribution

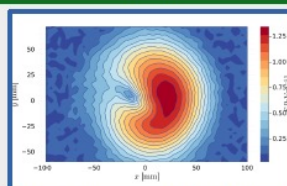
- $E_e$  is a superposition of a Gaussian beam and higher order modes caused by antenna reflections
- Time gating can be used to isolate the different components



Full electric field between disk and mirror.  
No time gating.



Alumina  
R = 1.5 mm  
ε = 9.7



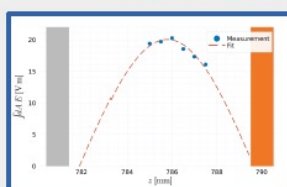
Non-Gaussian component of electric field  
obtained by time gating.



### Integration

$$P_{sig} \sim \left| \int dz \int dA E_R \right|^2$$

- Bead is moved in xyz to determine  $E_e(x, y, z)$
- To integrate in xy, field is summed up
- Integration in z involves a fit to the observed standing wave



Transversely integrated electric field over z.

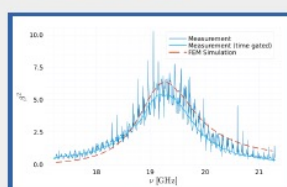
### Signal power

- Signal power can now be calculated
- Boost factor is  $P_{sig}$  normalized to ideal power of single mirror  $P_0$ :

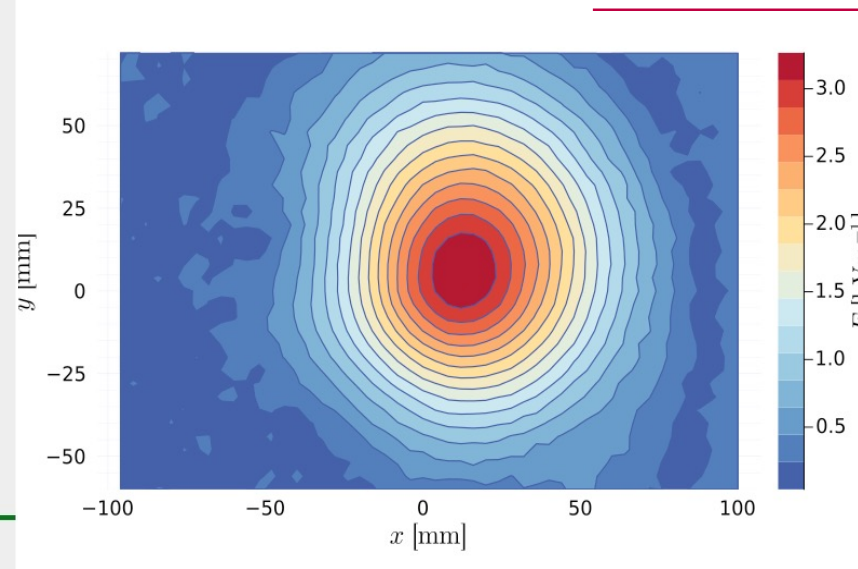
$$\beta^2 = \frac{P_{sig}}{P_0}$$

- Boost factor matches FEM simulation
- Measurement also includes effects that currently are not simulated, like higher order modes

This shows the power and validity of the reciprocity approach!



Measured and simulated boost factor. Antenna reflections are not included in the simulation and can be removed from measurement by time gating.



Change in  
reflection  
coefficient

$$\Delta \Gamma = \frac{\alpha_e \omega}{4P_{in}} E_R^2$$

Electric  
field



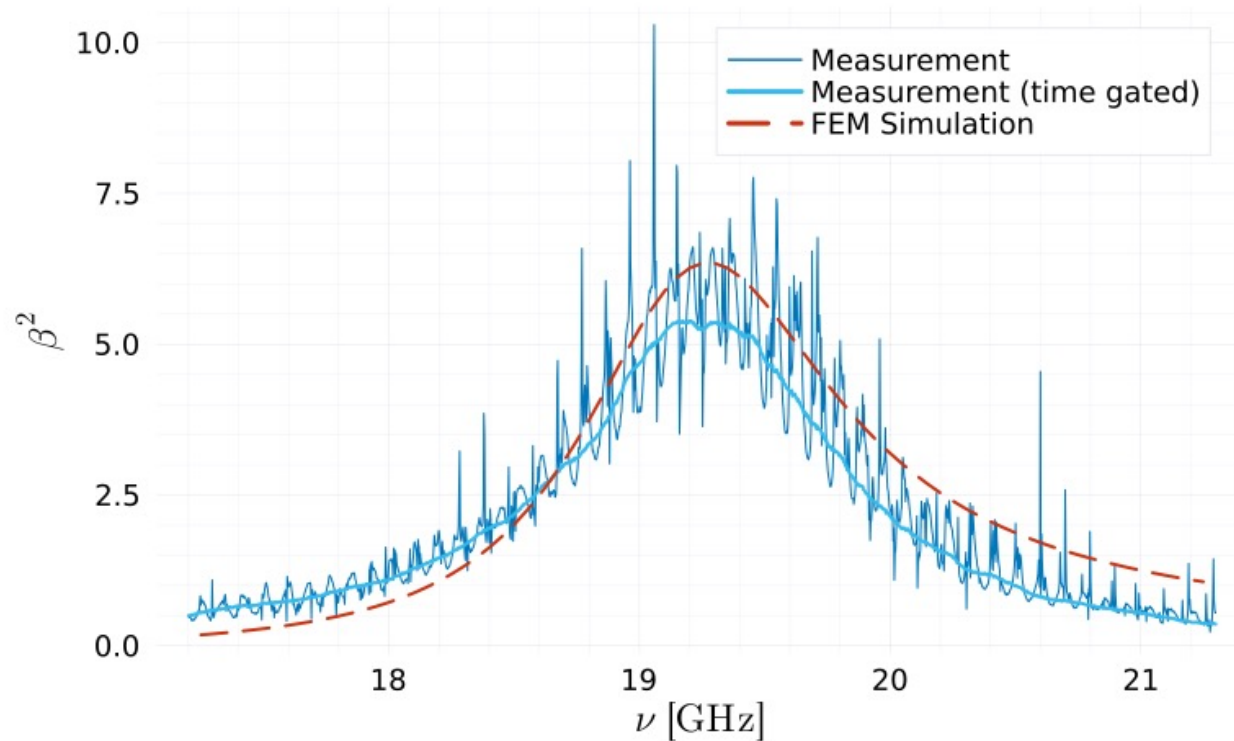
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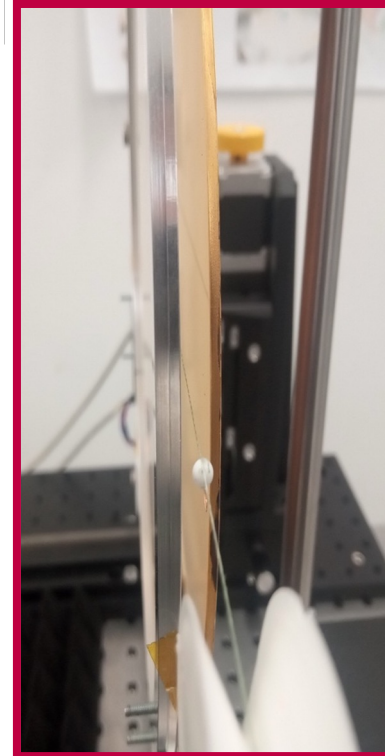
# Signal Power

$$\beta^2 = \frac{P_{\text{sig}}}{P_0}$$

$$P_{\text{sig}} = \frac{g_{a\gamma}^2}{16P_{\text{in}}} \left| \int_{V_a} dV \mathbf{E}_R \cdot \dot{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{B}_e \right|^2$$



Single disk “low” boost factor

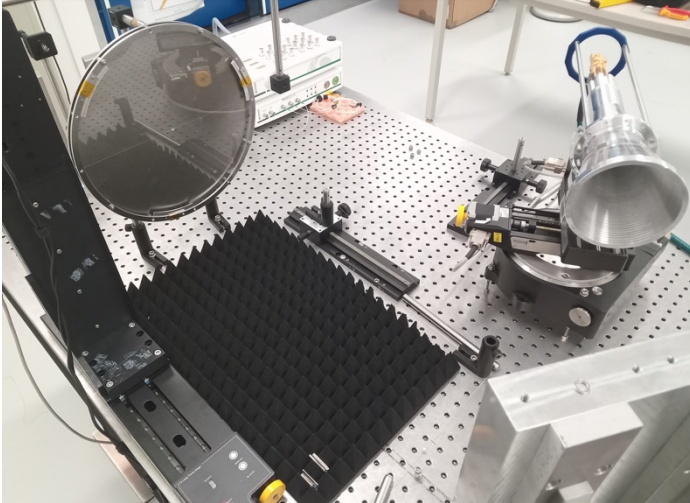


- Measure max. E-field between disk and mirror
- Calculate signal power
- Includes effects currently not simulated:
  - Antenna coupling
  - Transverse field perturbations

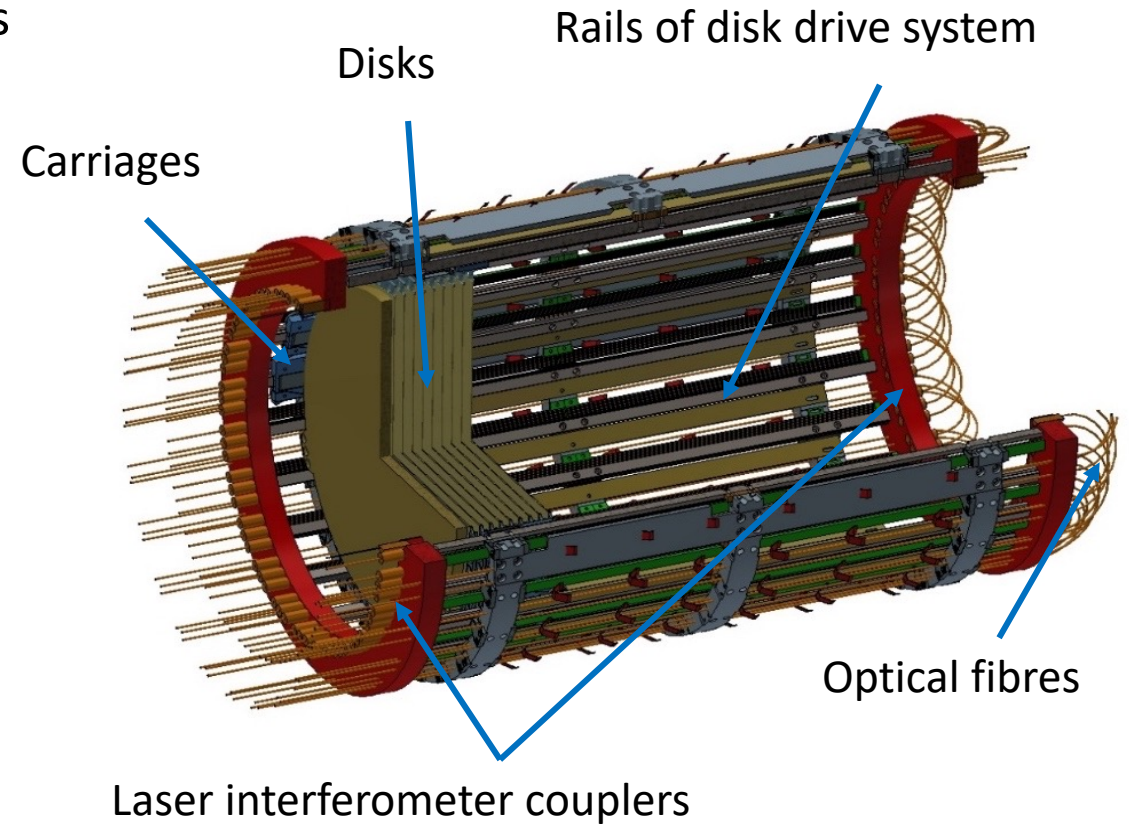
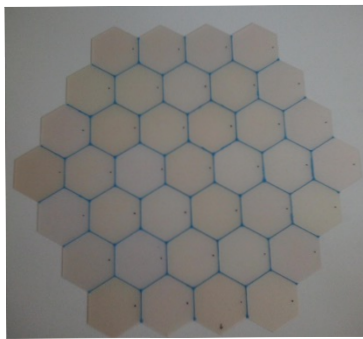
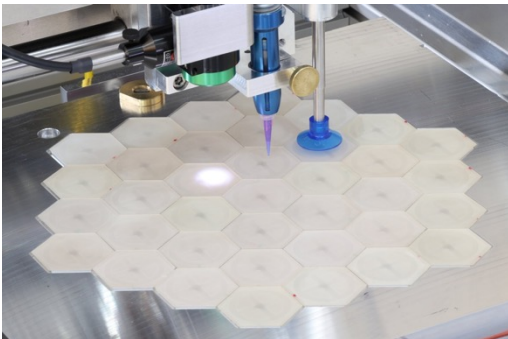
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# OB300: work in progress

- Calibration of boost factor with 3 x  $\varnothing = 300$  mm disks



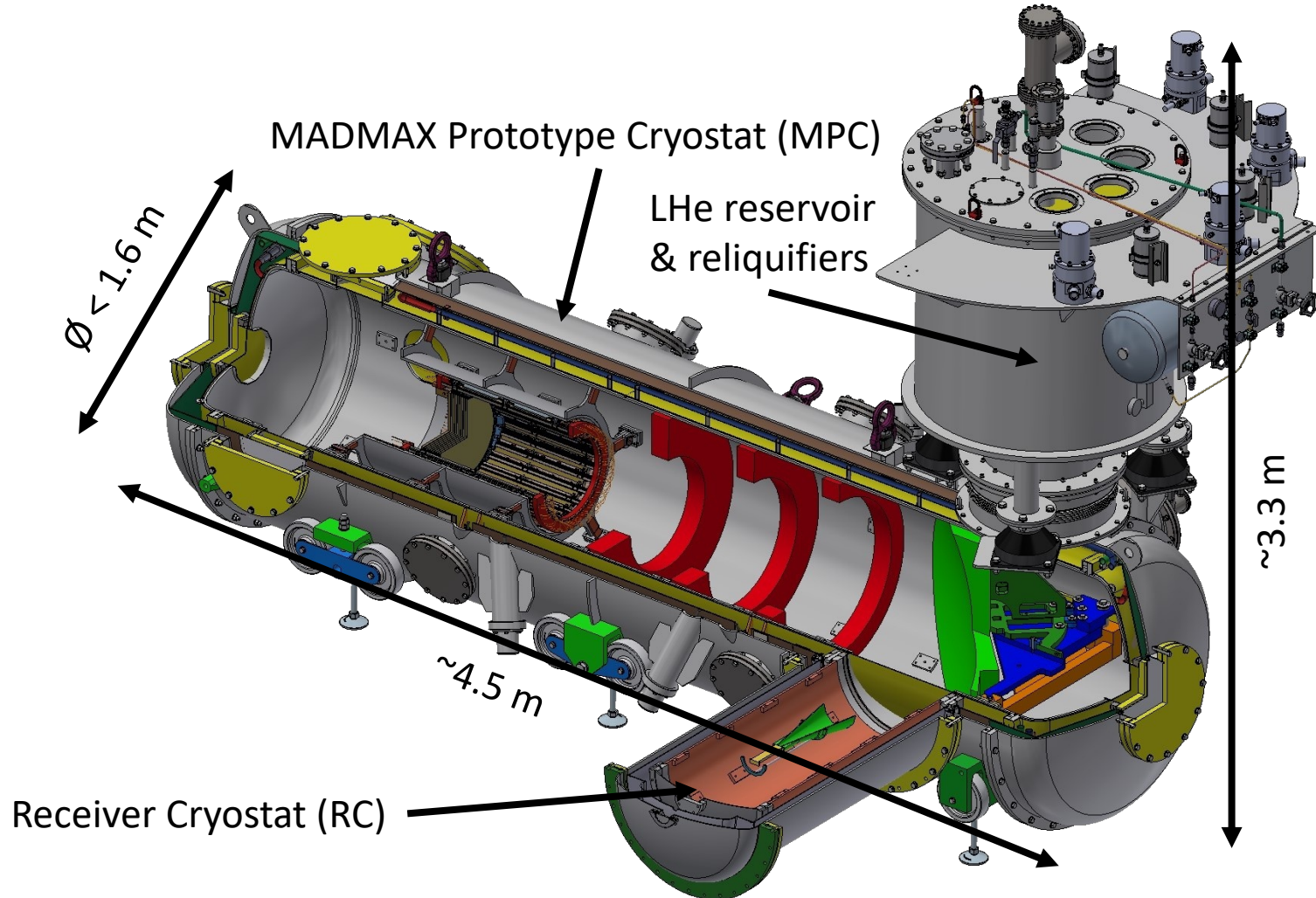
- Tiling of  $\varnothing = 300$  mm  $\text{LaAlO}_3$  disks



- Building mechanical structure for OB300

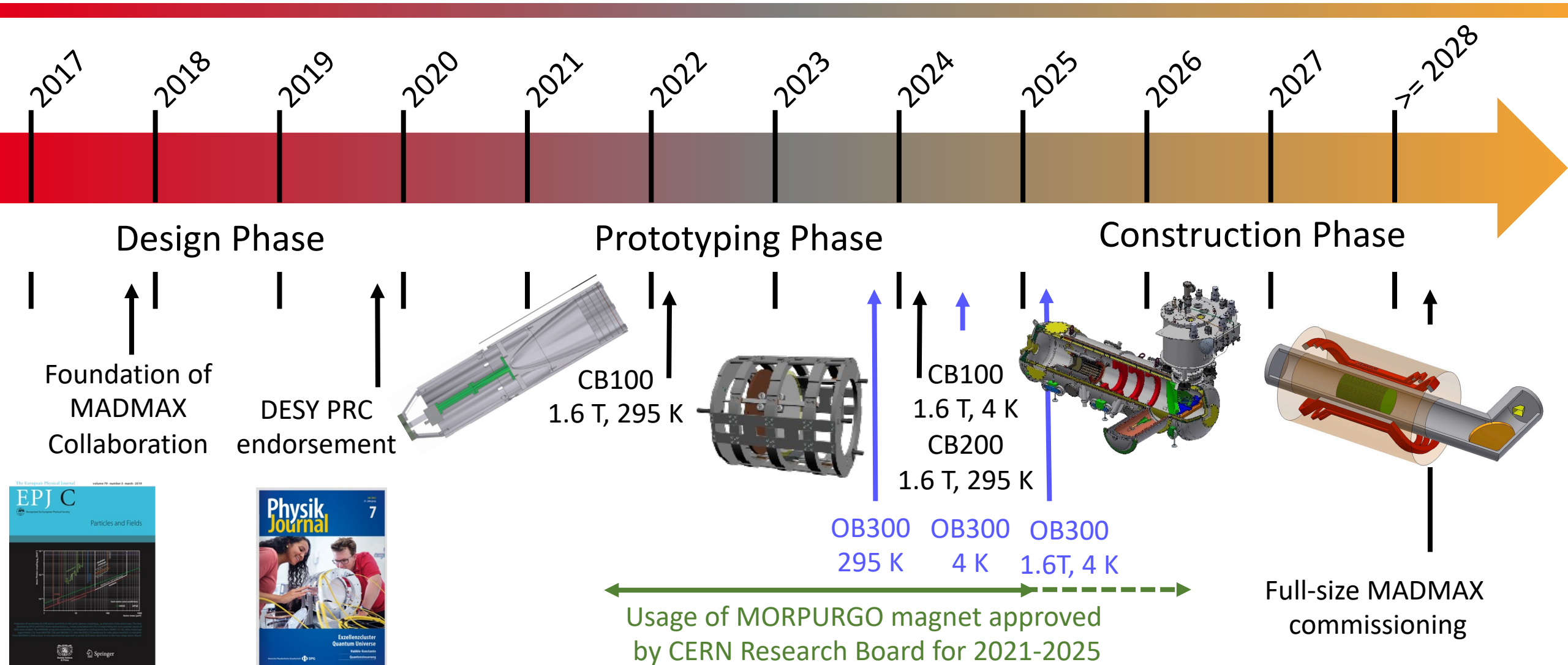


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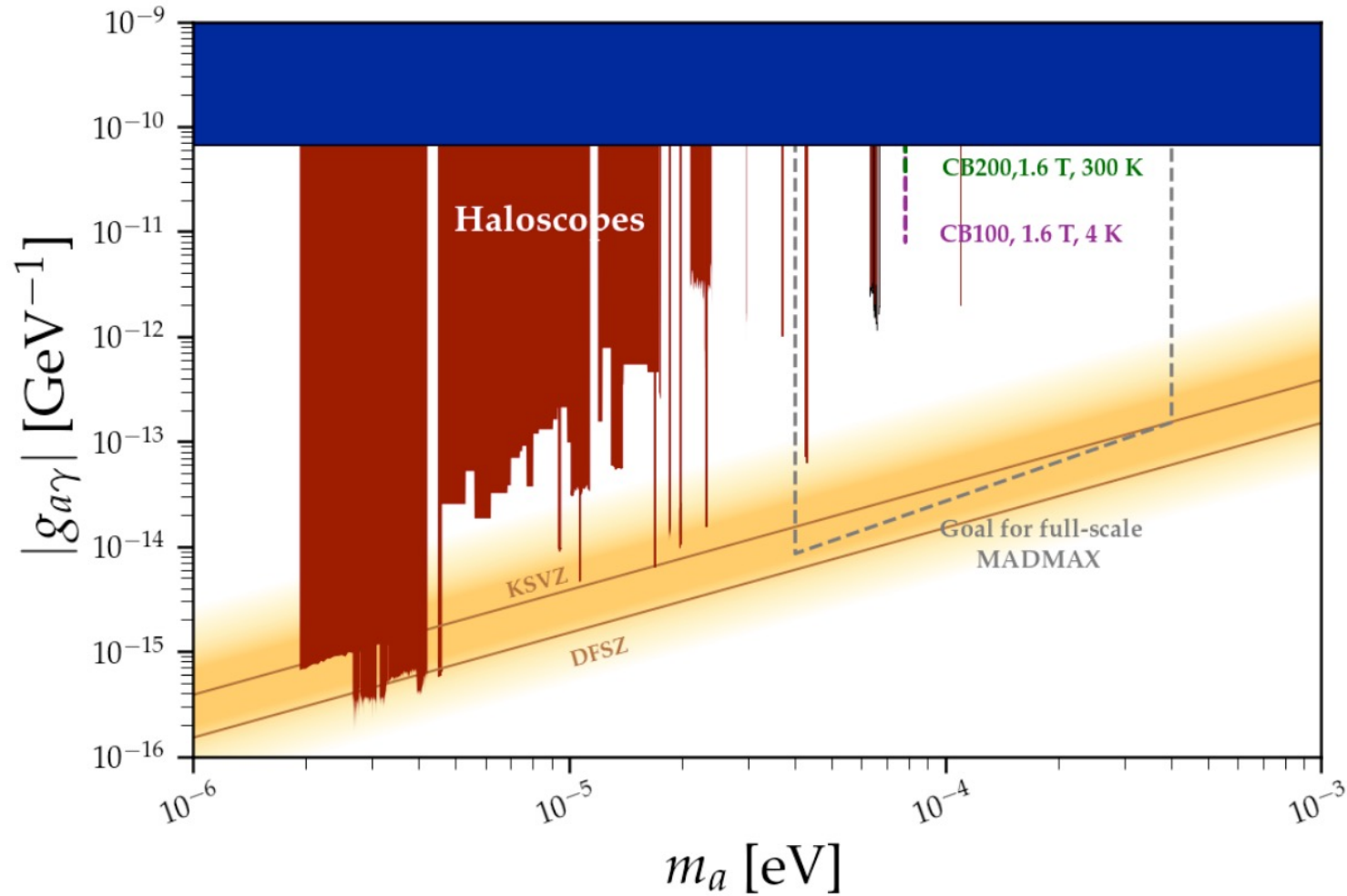
- Manufactured by Bilfinger Noell GmbH
- Two vacuum vessels:
  - inner (4 K) cooled via LHe circulating through double-wall
  - outer (isolation vacuum)
- Closed-loop system with 4 cryocoolers for reliquification of LHe
  - ➔ during operation: 50 l LHe
- Delivery expected beginning of 2024
- Commissioning with OB300 in Hamburg mid 2024

# MADMAX Staged Program

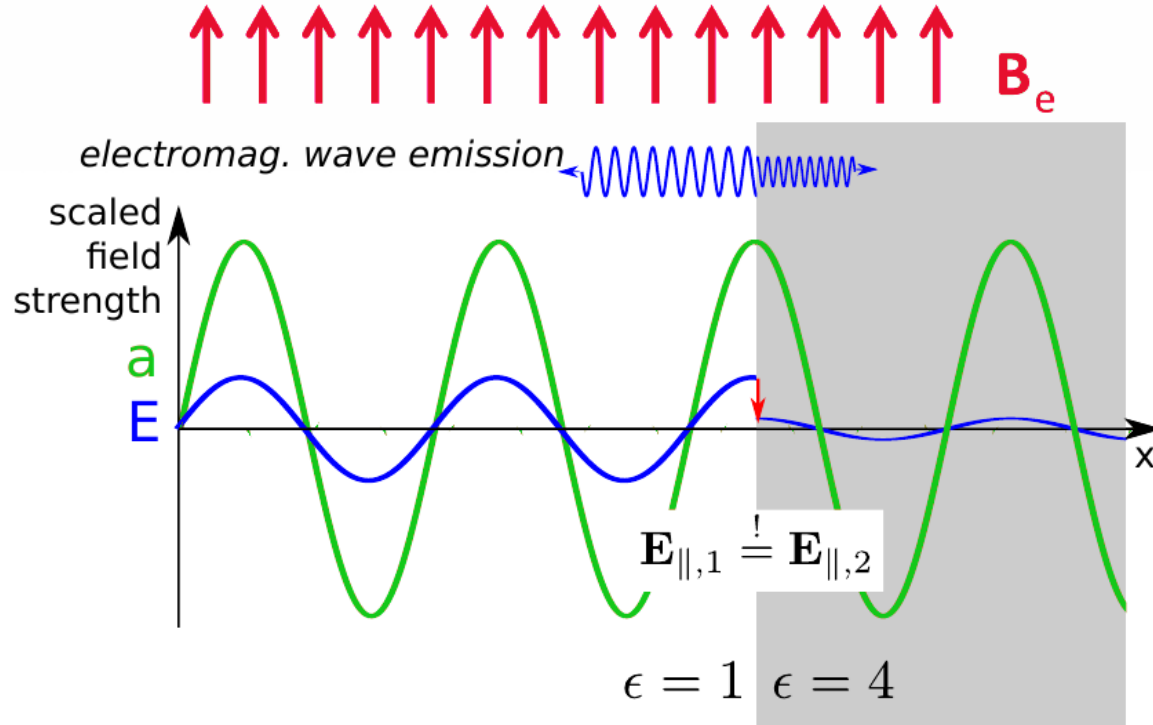


# BACKUP

# Coverage



# Dielectric Haloscope



In an external magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_e$  the axion field  $a(t)$  sources an oscillating electric field  $\mathbf{E}_a$

$$\mathbf{E}_a \cdot \epsilon \sim 10^{-12} \text{ V/m for } B_e = 10 \text{ T}$$

$\mathbf{E}_a$  is different in materials with different  $\epsilon$

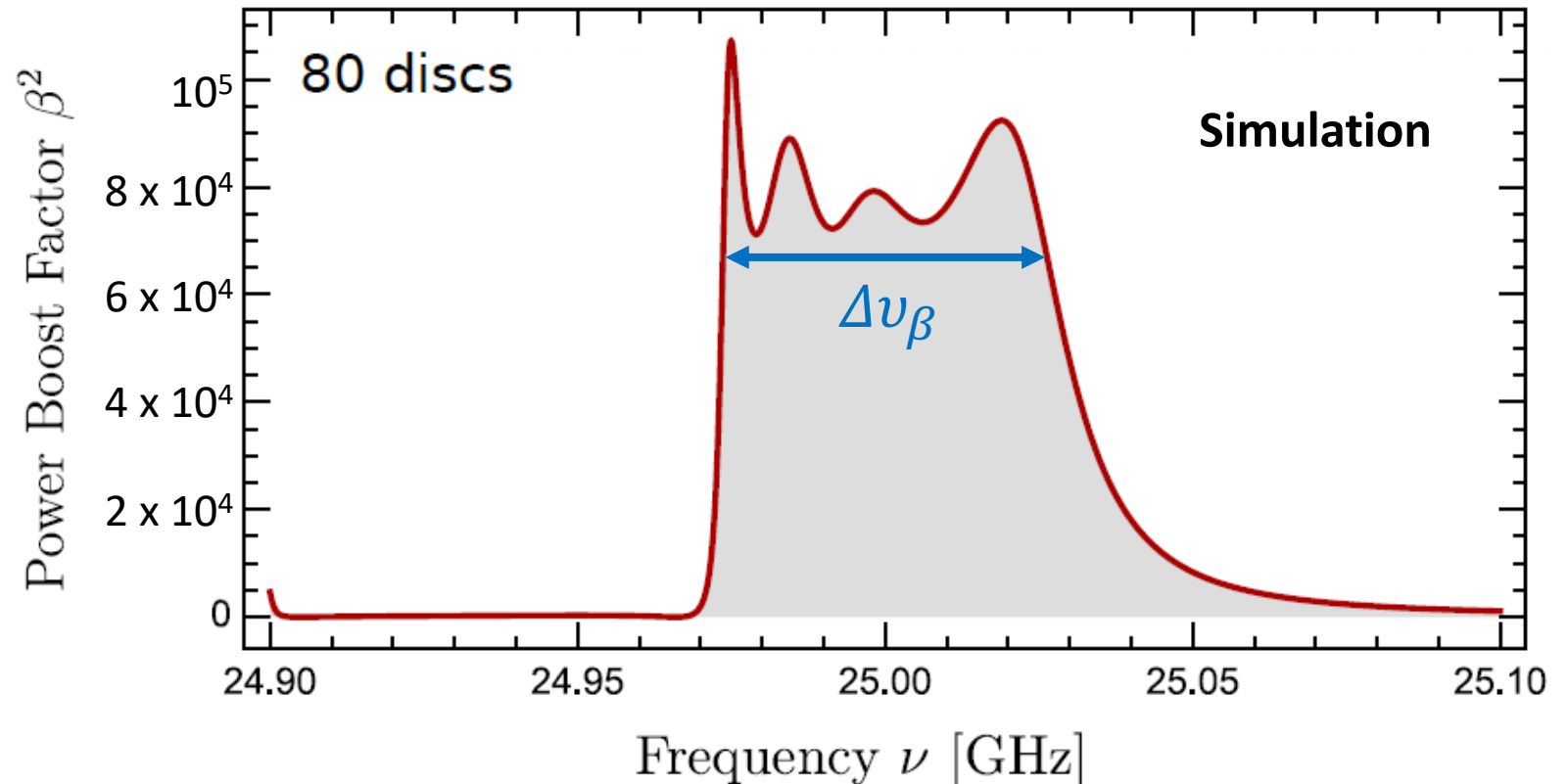
At the surface,  $E_{||}$  must be continuous  
→ Emission of electromagnetic waves

Power emitted from a single surface:  $P/A = 2.2 \cdot 10^{-27} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} C_{a\gamma} \left( \frac{B}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2$   $\mathcal{O}(C_{a\gamma}) = 1$



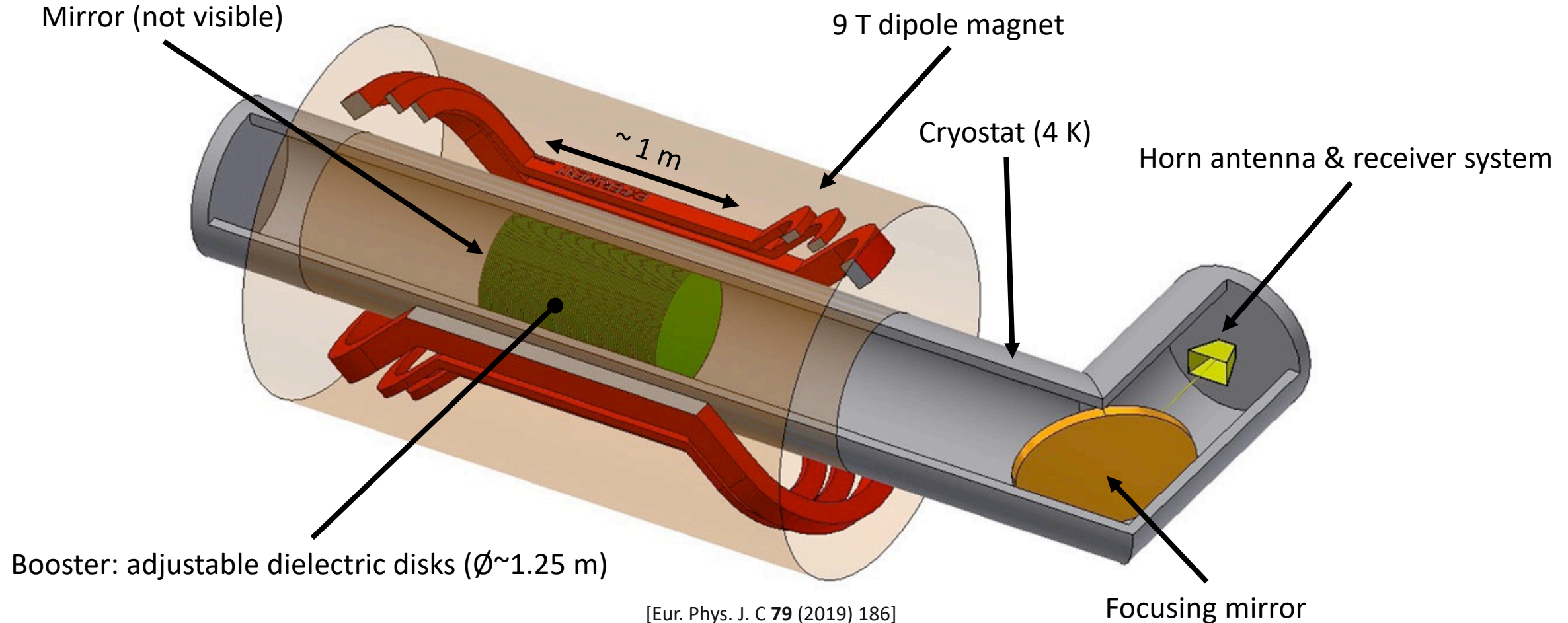
# Dielectric Haloscope

- In perfect world (1D simulation):  
 $|\beta^2| > 10^4$  achievable  
with 80 disks and  $\varepsilon = 24$
- Non-uniform disk spacing  
of  $\sim \lambda/2$  can achieve  
broadband response
- Tuning of sensitive  
frequency range by  
adjusting disk spacing
- Area law:  $\beta^2 \Delta\nu_\beta \sim \text{const.}$



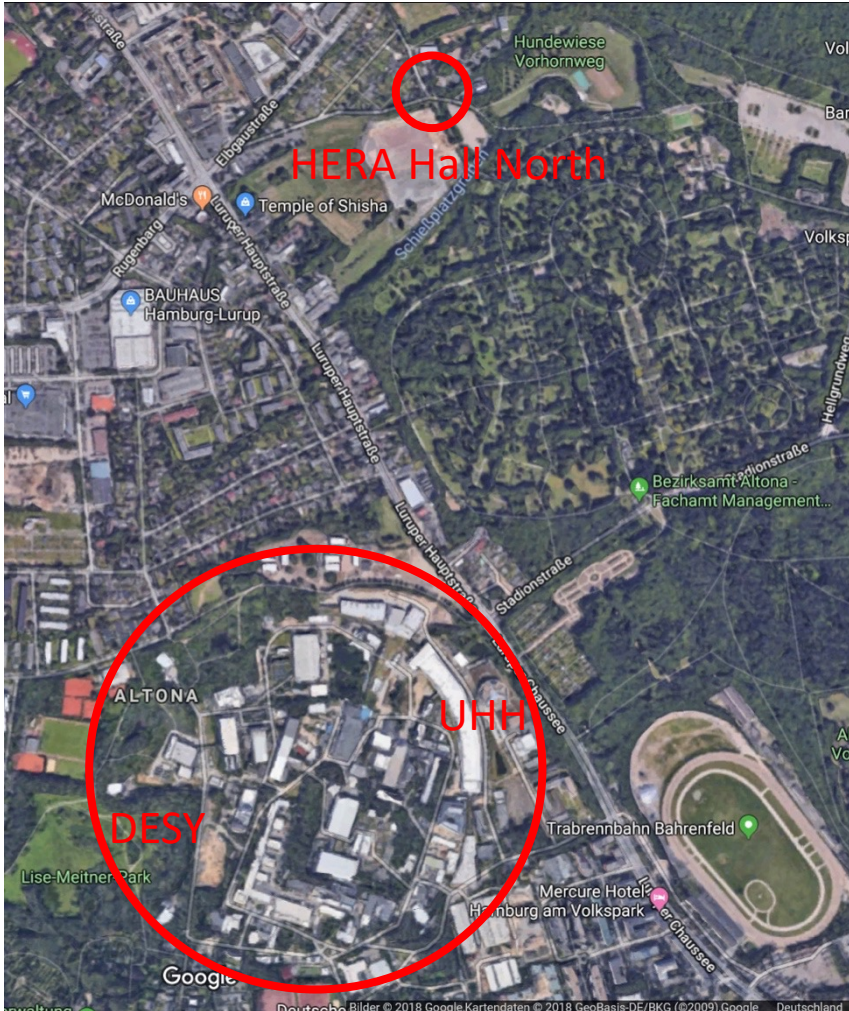
# The MADMAX Experiment

## Magnetized Disk and Mirror Axion eXperiment





# Designated Experimental Site



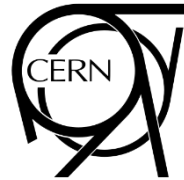
- MADMAX to be operated at HERA Hall North
- Make use of DESY infrastructure  
→ Cryoplatform to be operational in 2025
- Benefit: re-use H1 yoke as magnetic shielding



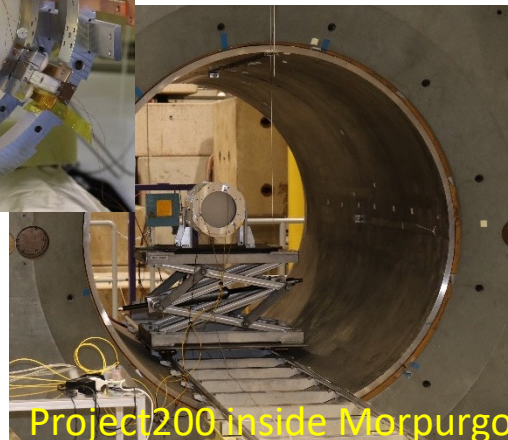
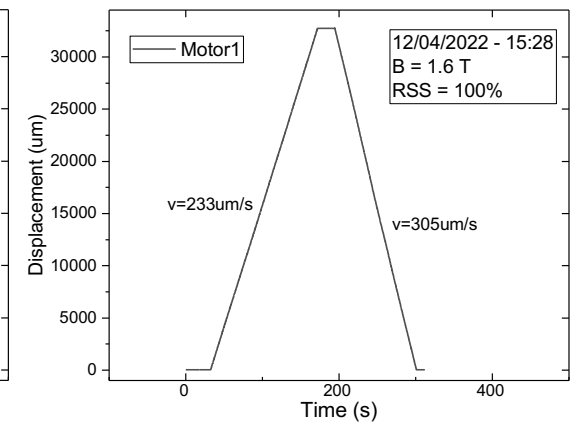
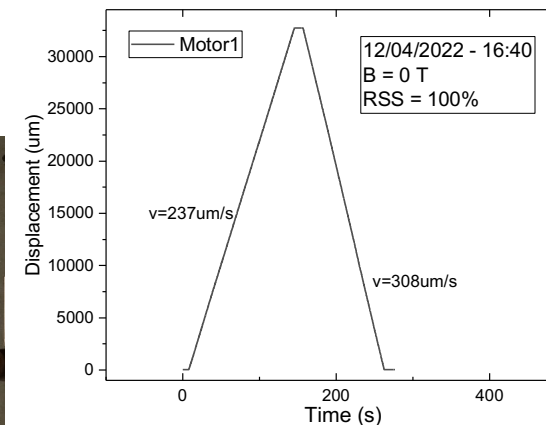


# Testing the Disk Drive

- Project200 successfully tested at CERN Cryolab and in CERN's Morpurgo magnet
- All three **piezo motors work at cryogenic temperatures and in 1.6 T field** (at RT)
- Attocube laser interferometer works at cryogenic temperatures
- Project200 backbone structure **keeps optics alignment during cool-down**
- A disk can be moved with three motors using the laser interferometer feedback

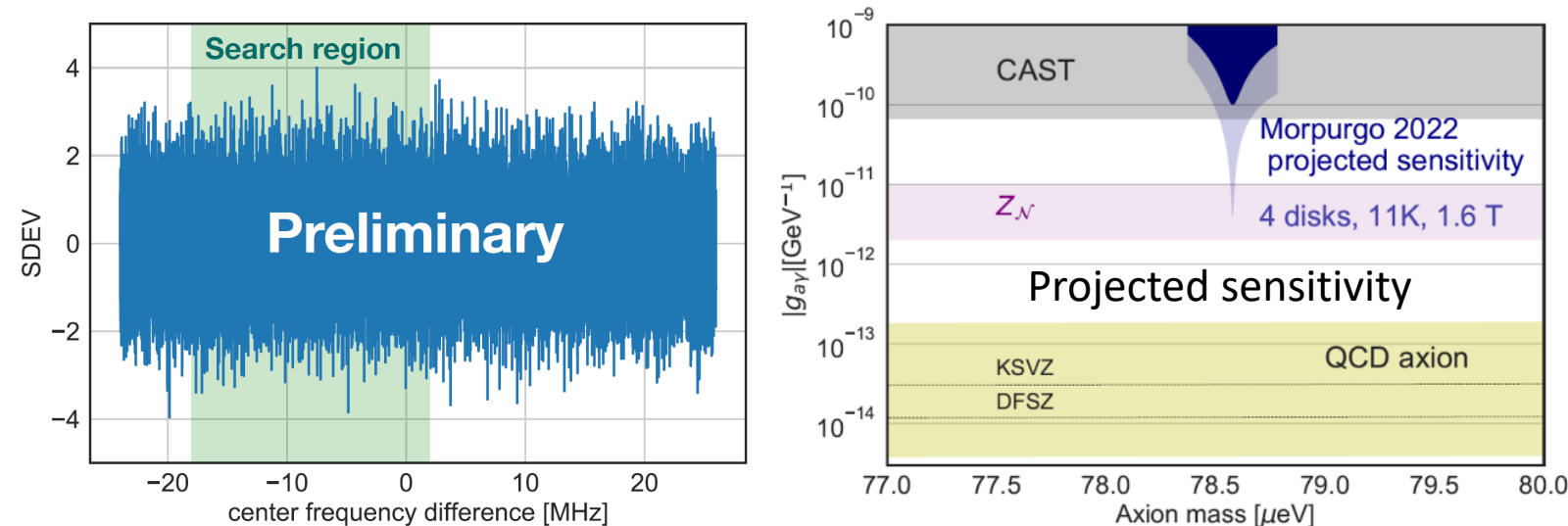


No difference in disk velocity with/without B field



# Axion Like Particle Search

- Opportunity to perform ALP search in CERN's Morpurgo magnet (1.6 T) was used in Mar/Apr 2022
- In total 10 h at 1.6 T with  $\sim 200$  K noise temperature
- Sensitivity not dominated by RFI in CERN North Hall
- Possibilities for an upgrade allowing to cool the setup to  $< 10$  K in Morpurgo currently in preparation

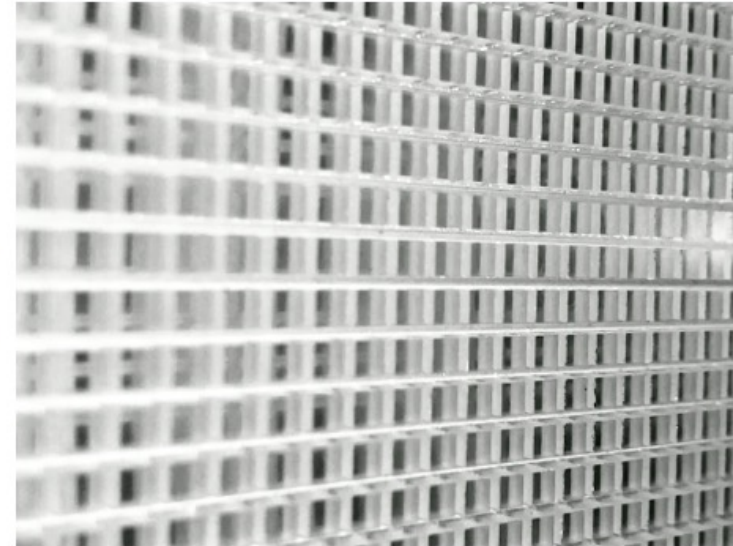
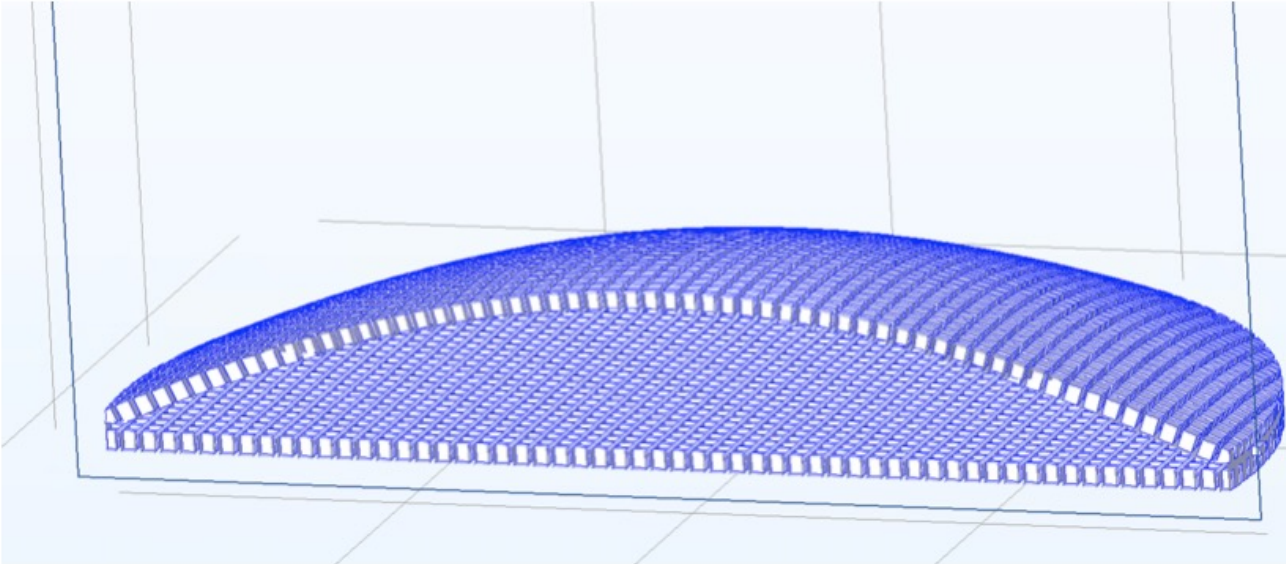




# Dielectric Lens

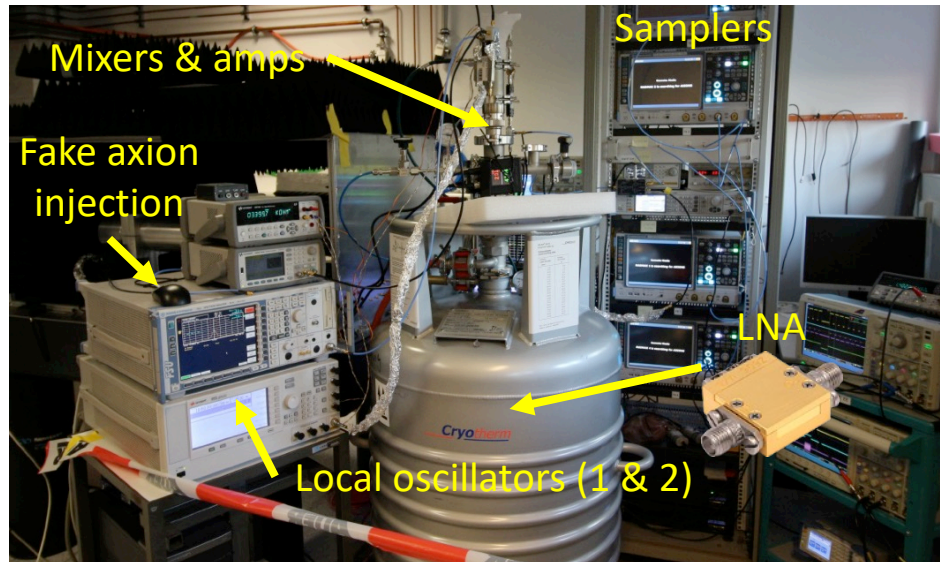
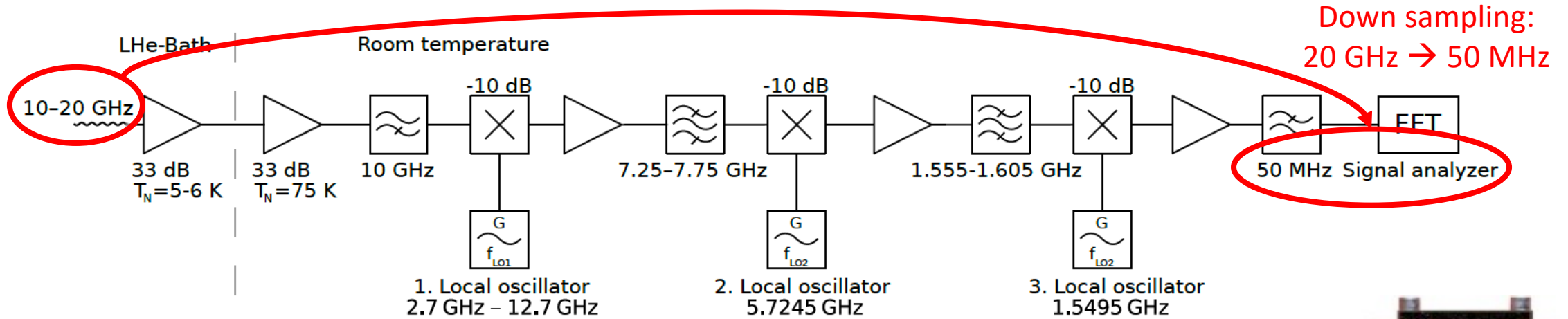
Rexolite: dielectric constant = **2.53** and low loss

3d-printed and designed to mitigate reflection for our range of interest of ~18 to 20 GHz.



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# Receiver Chain



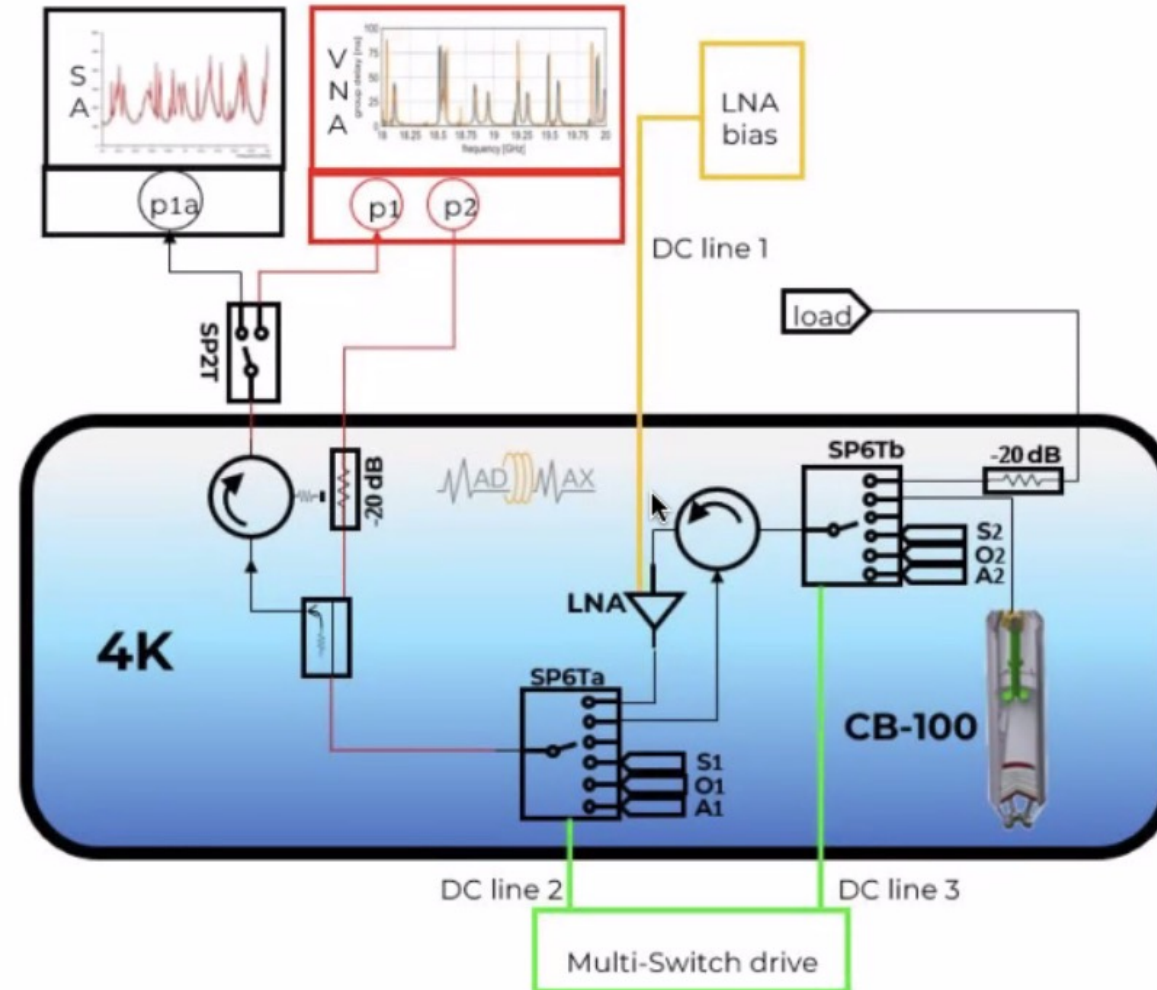
- Receiver chain with low-noise amplifier and three mixing stages
- Amplifiers for high frequencies developed: TWPAs for  $< 30$  GHz

Test setup at MPP with 4 samplers and fake axion injection:  
Detection of  $1.2 \times 10^{-22}$  W signal within few days



Low-noise cryogenic amplifier  
(noise temperature 5 to 6 K)

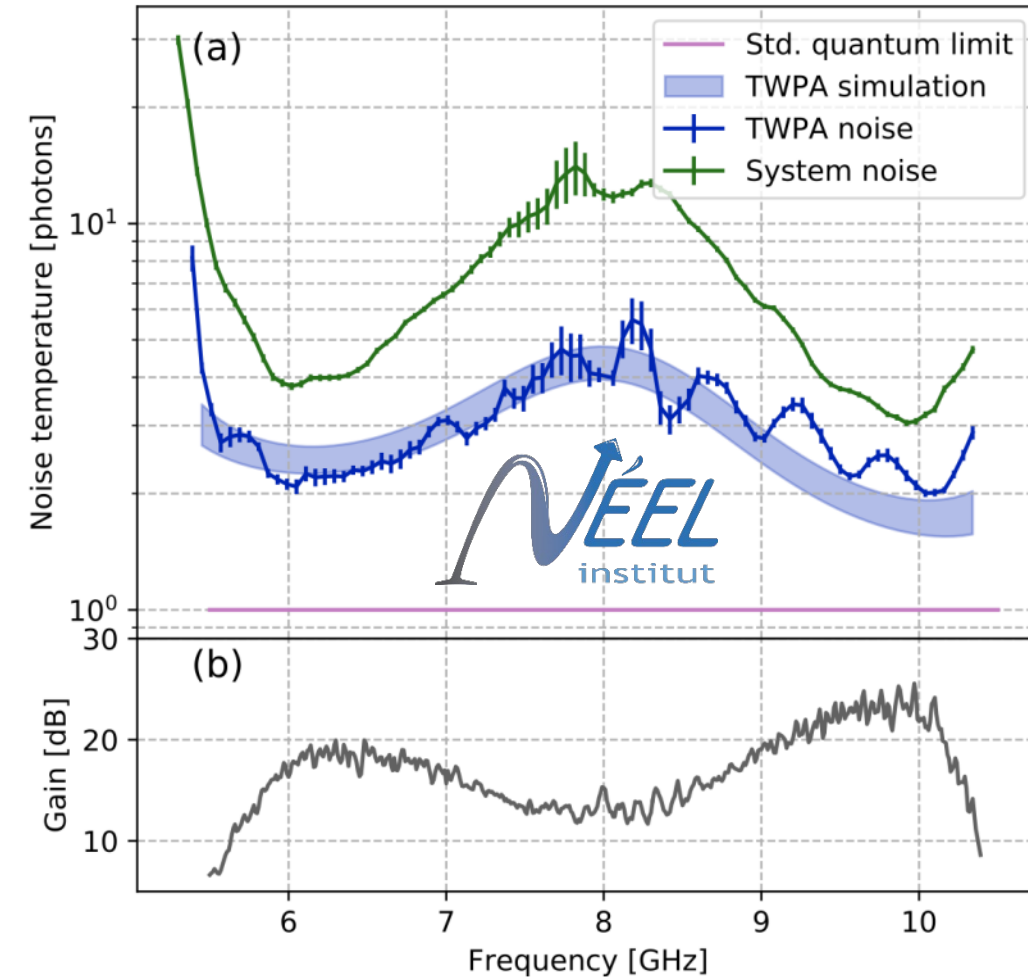
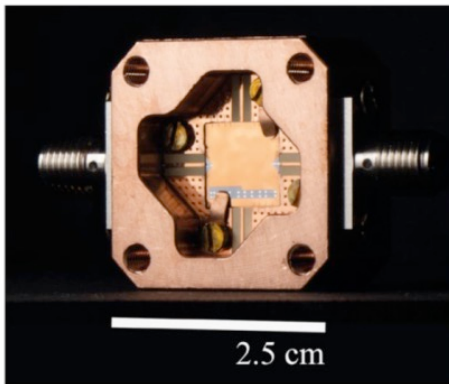
# Cold Calibration Idea



Simulation still missing

# Quantum-limited Amplifier

- Traveling wave parametric amplifier (TWPA)
- **First 10 GHz TWPA** produced (PRX 10, 021021)
- Added noise: 1 K above quantum limit (20 dB gain @ 10 GHz)
- Future development to 30 GHz



[Reversed Kerr TWPA arXiv:2101.05815]



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