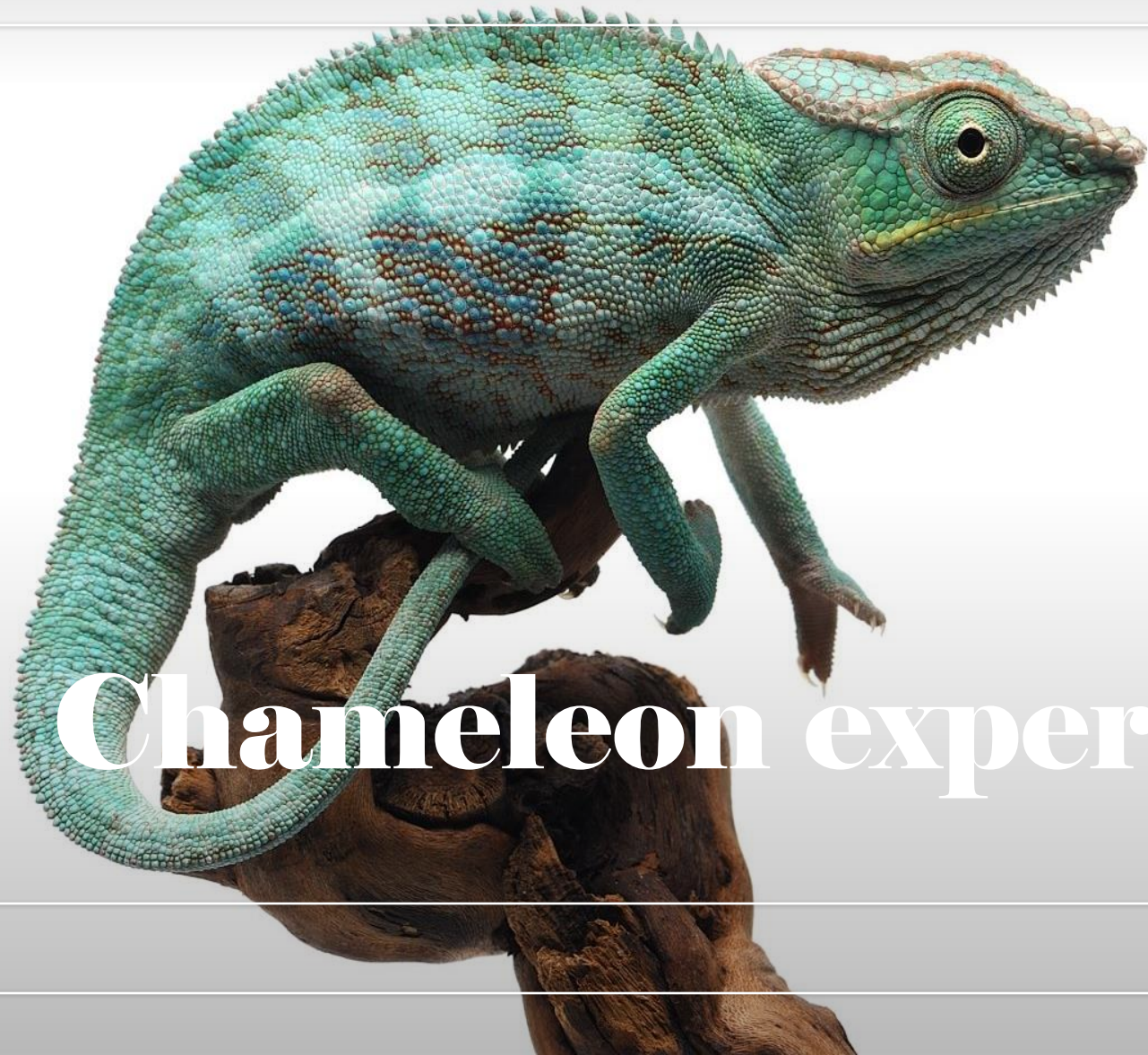


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# Chameleon experiments

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# Chameleons

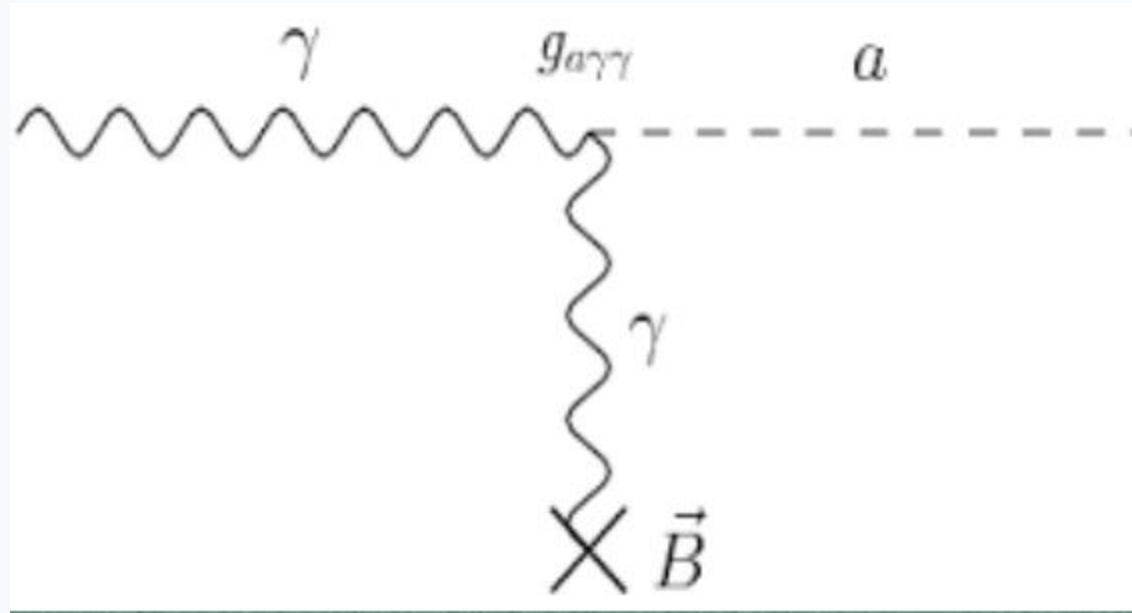
$$V_{eff}(\phi) = \Lambda^4 \left( 1 + \frac{\Lambda^n}{\phi^n} \right) + \rho_m e^{\frac{\beta_m \phi}{M_{Pl}}} + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} e^{\frac{\beta_\gamma \phi}{M_{Pl}}}$$

$$m = \left( n(n+1) \frac{\Lambda^{n+4}}{\phi_{min}^{n+2}} \right)^{1/2}$$

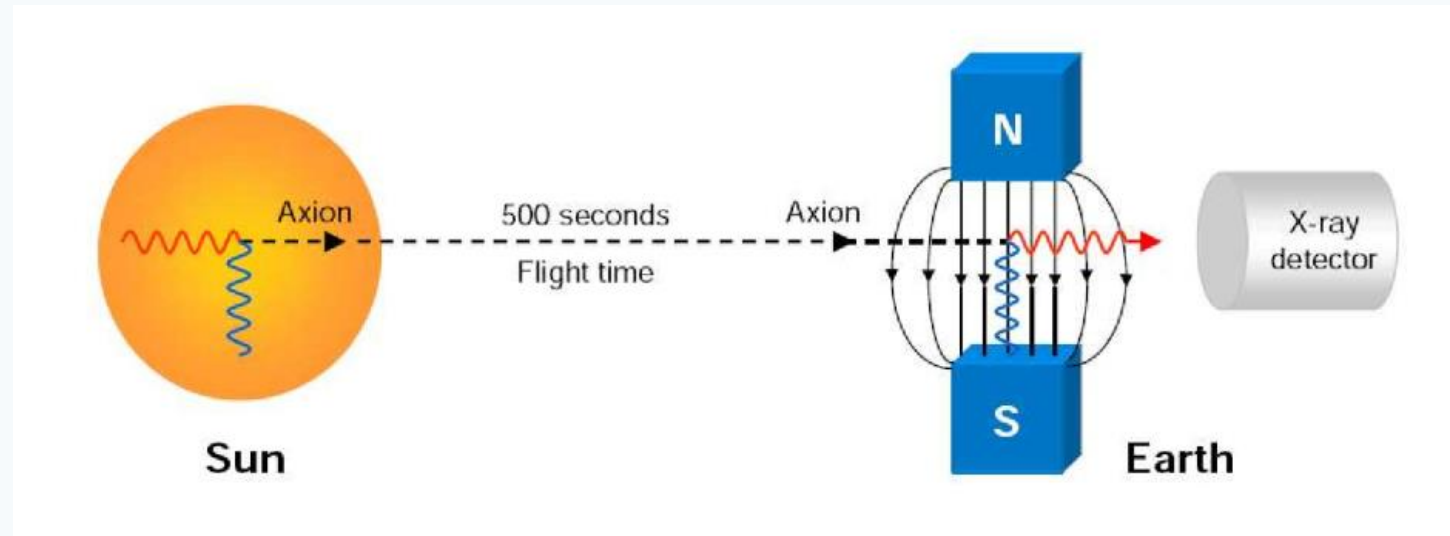
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# Primakoff effect

- Axion
- Chameleon
- ...



## CAST is searching for solar \_\_\_\_\_ using the inverse Primakoff effect



Photons in the sun are converted to \_\_\_\_\_ via the Primakoff effect

Back-conversion of \_\_\_\_\_ into x-ray photons in a strong magnetic field via the inverse Primakoff effect

*P. Sikivie, PRL 51, 1415-1417 (1983)*

# Production (in tachocline)



Solar evolution constrains the total exotica flux to less than 10%

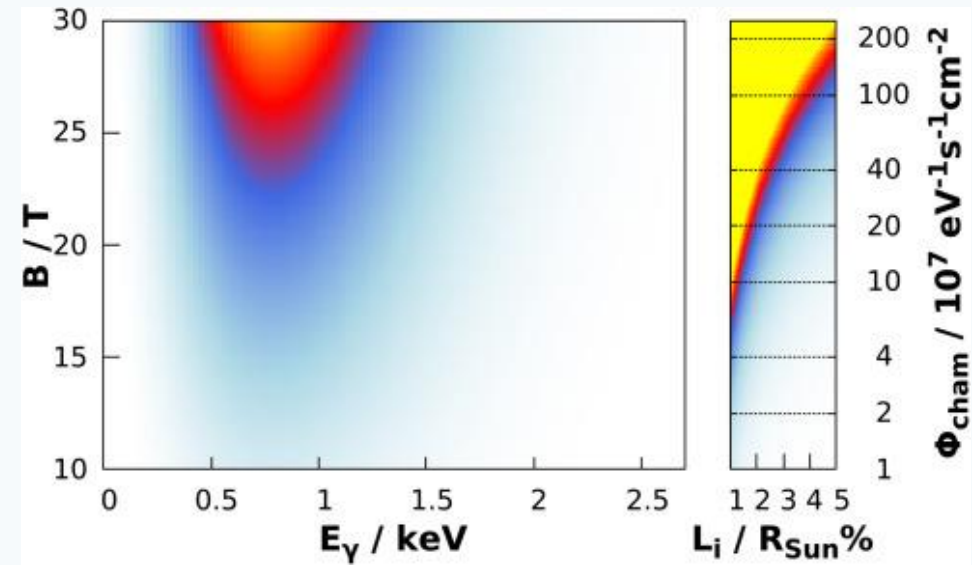
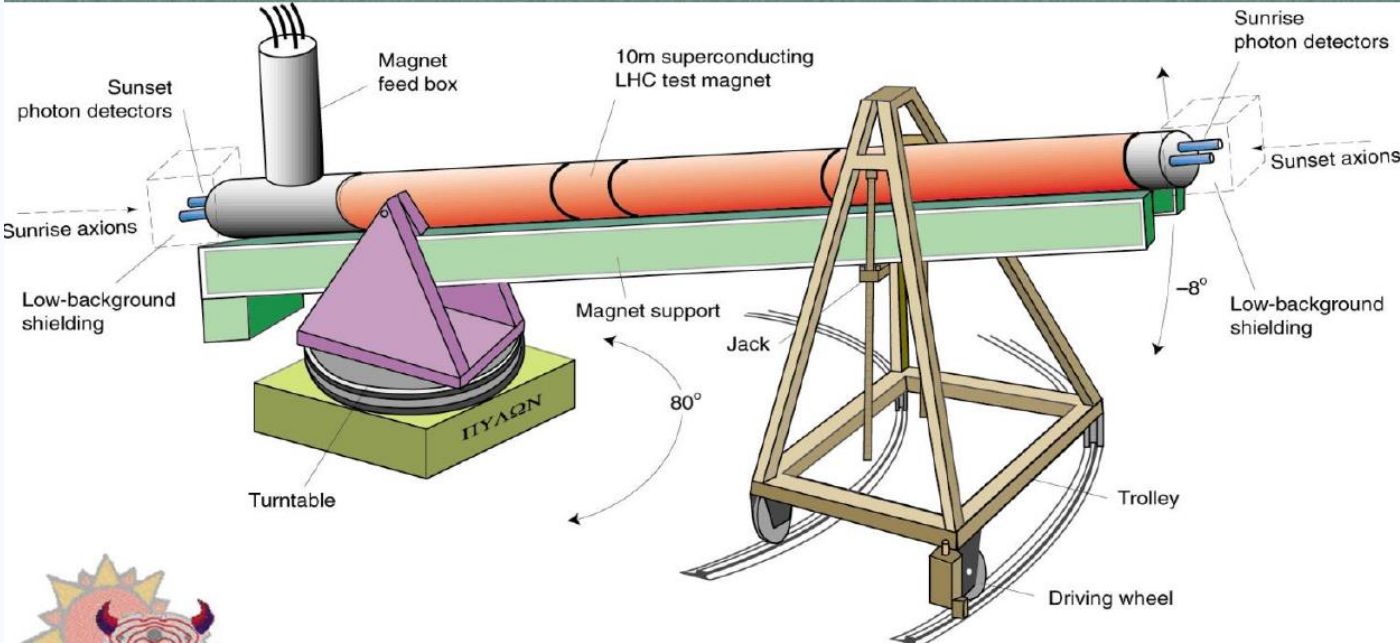


Fig. 3. A calculation of the chameleon flux at Earth. The interaction region length is taken in its uncertainty interval from 1% to 5% of solar radius. For a given pair of energy and field values in the left plot, the corresponding colour in the right plot provides the range of fluxes for various interaction region lengths.

# Magnet

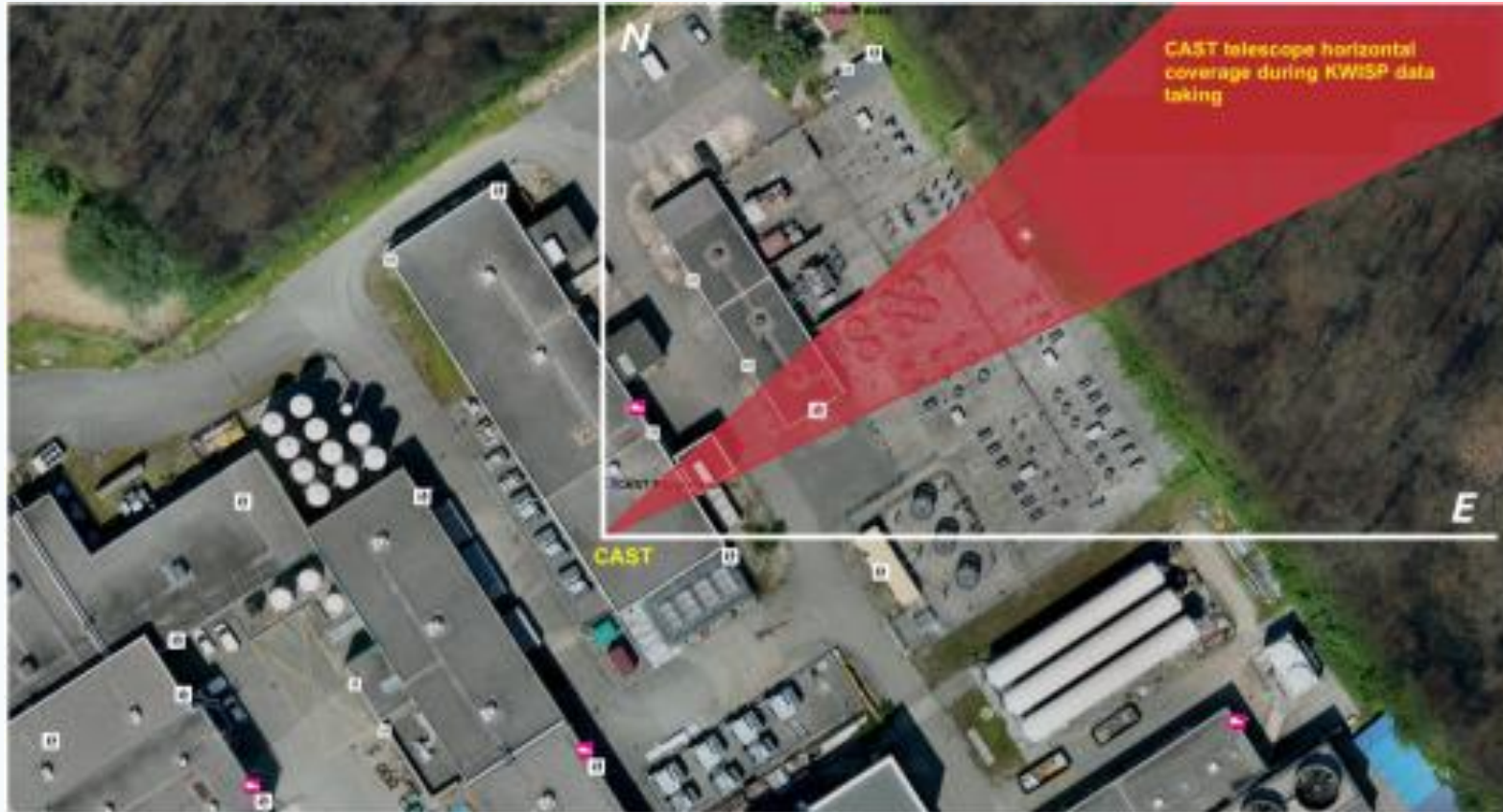


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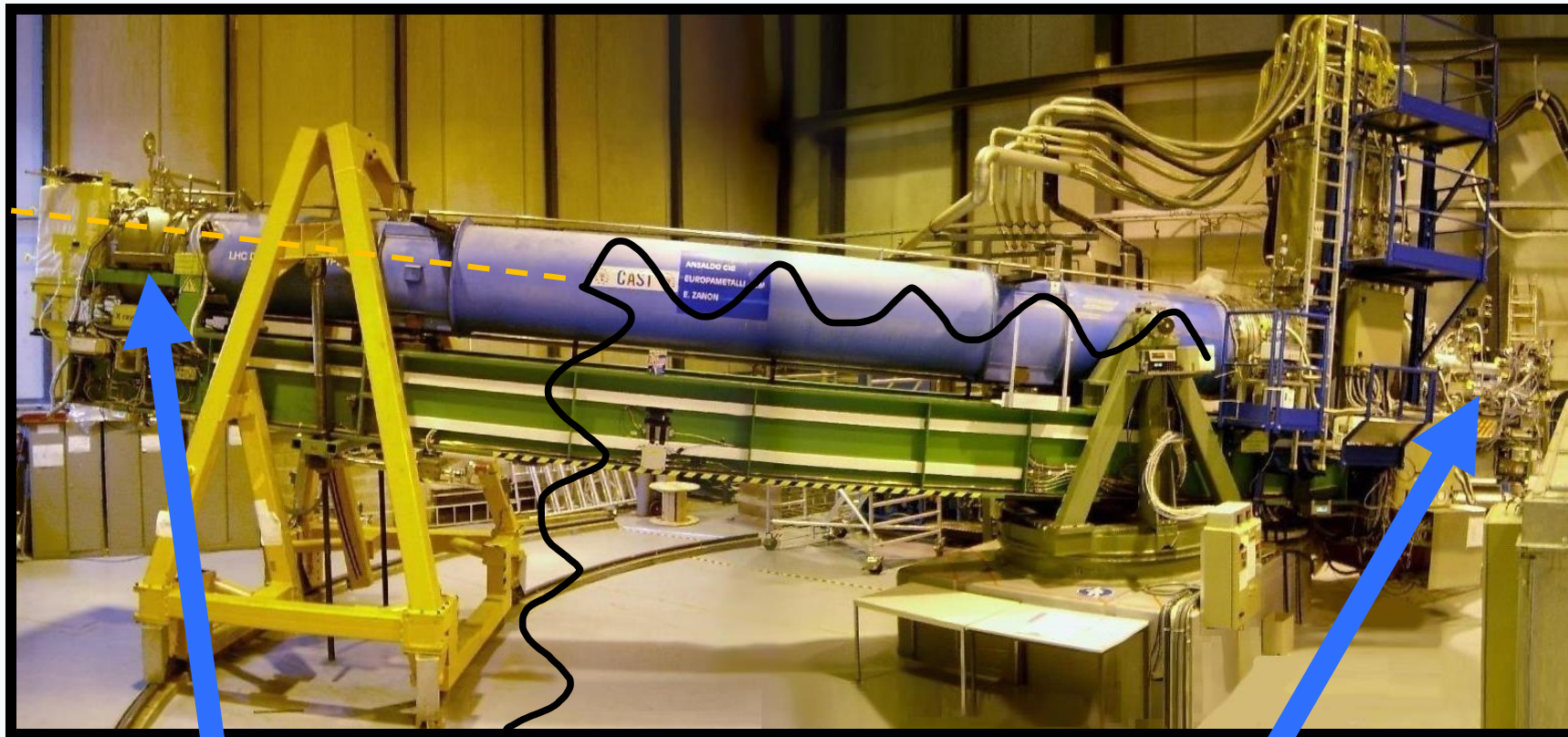
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# Arrival at Earth





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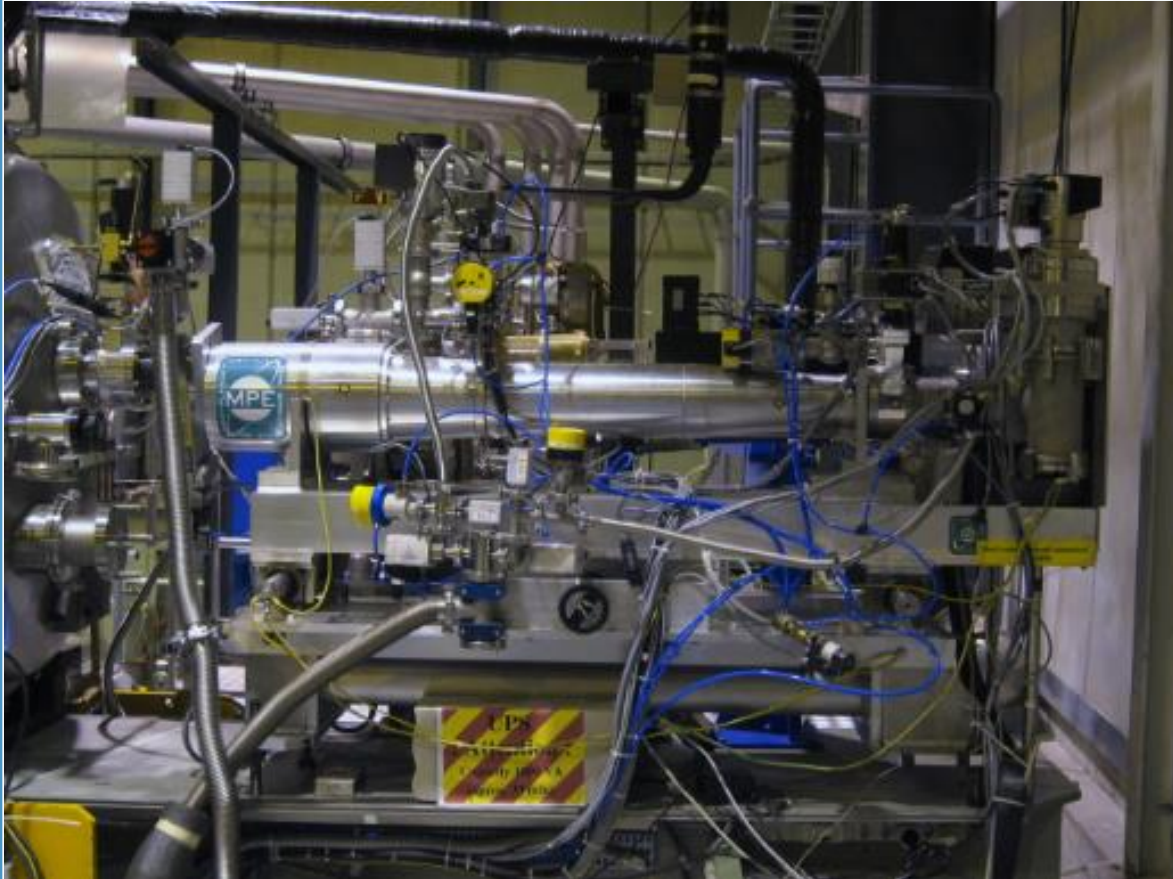
**Sunset detectors**

2 MicroMegas  
Detectors

**Sunrise detectors**

Up to 2013: MicroMegas, CCD & MPE XRT  
Since 2014: MicroMegas & LLNL XRT,  
InGrid & MPE XRT, KWISP

# Telescope

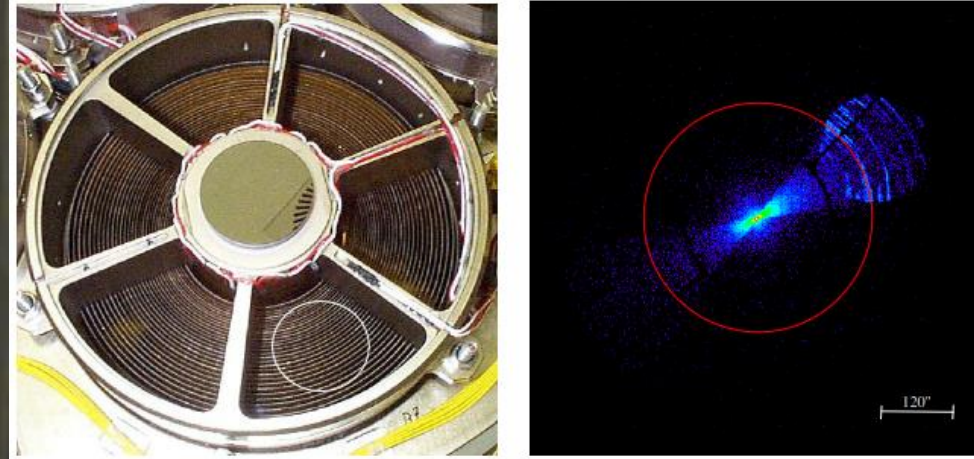


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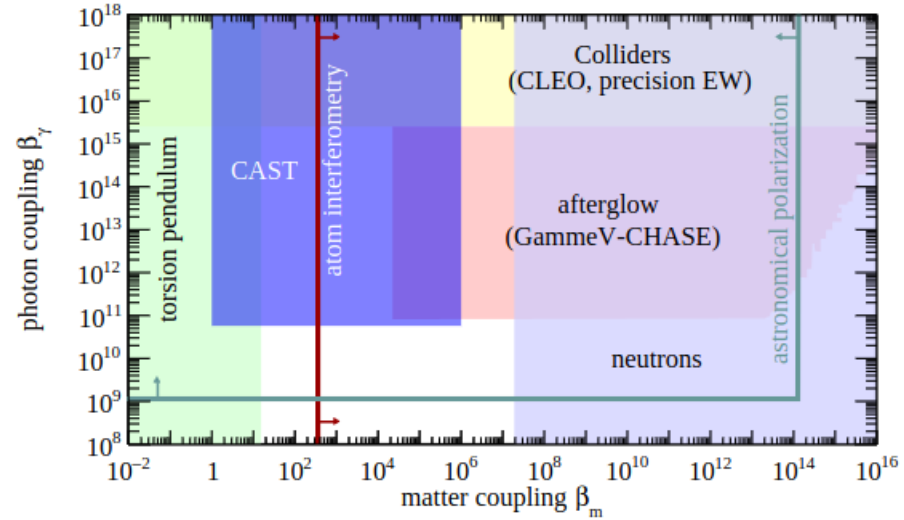
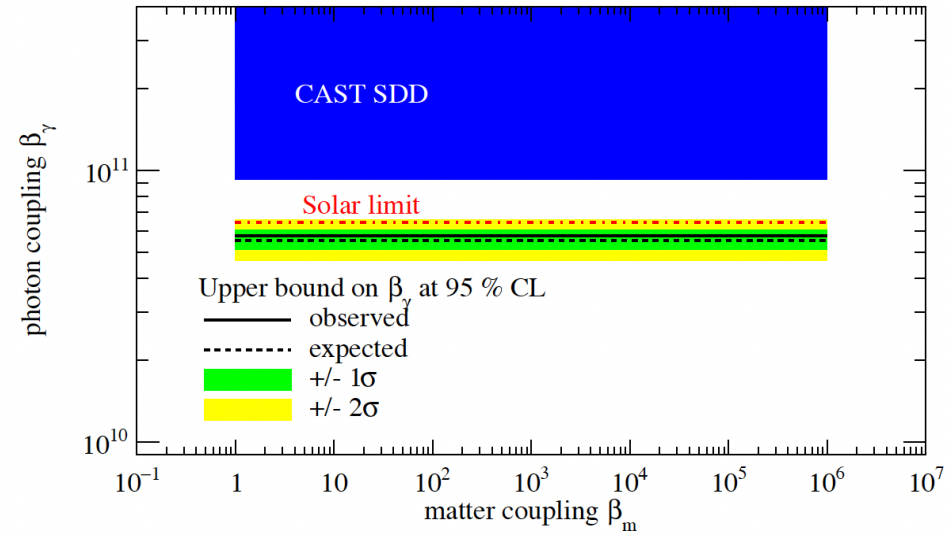
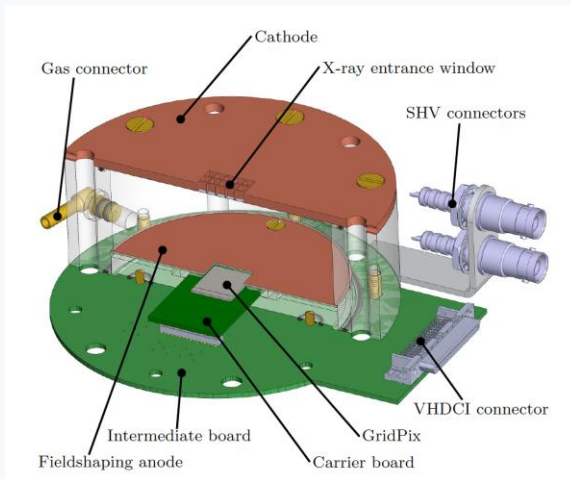
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# Photon coupling

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with a GridPix detector at CAST



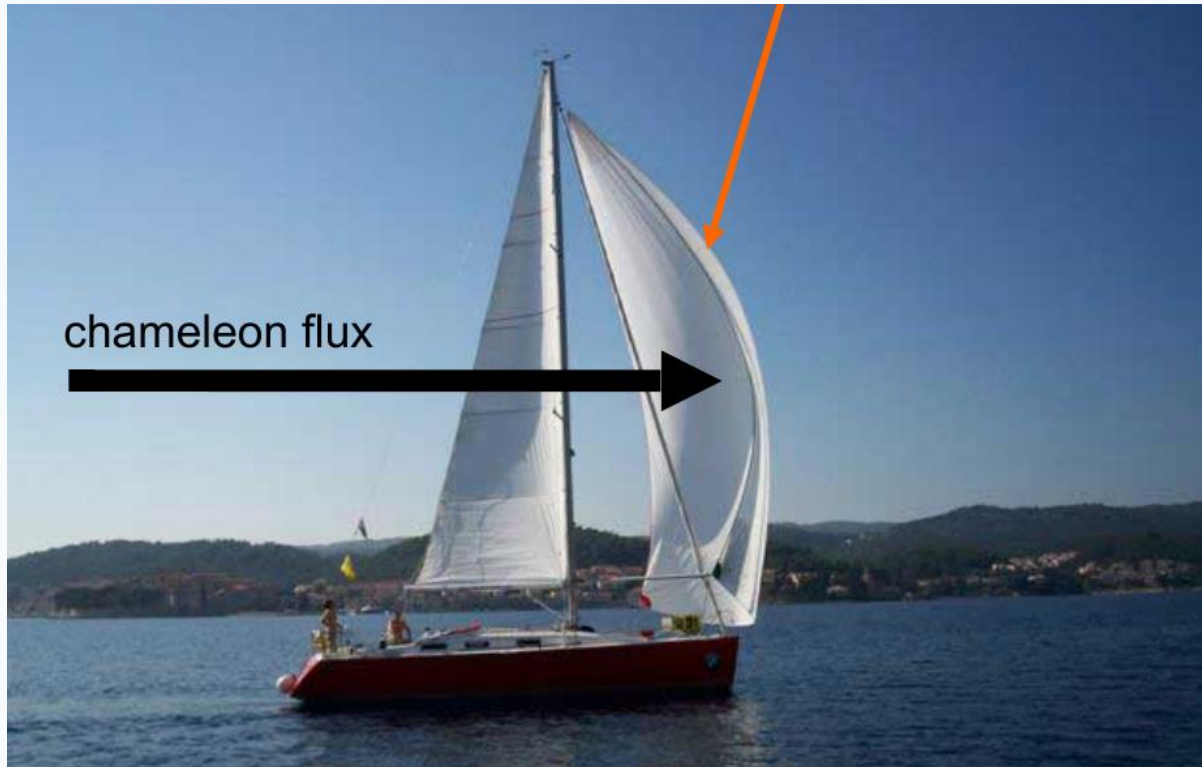
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*Giovanni Cantatore and Marin Karuza in front of the CAST magnet, holding the heart of the KWISP force sensor: nanomembranes to detect the direct coupling of exotic particles to matter.*

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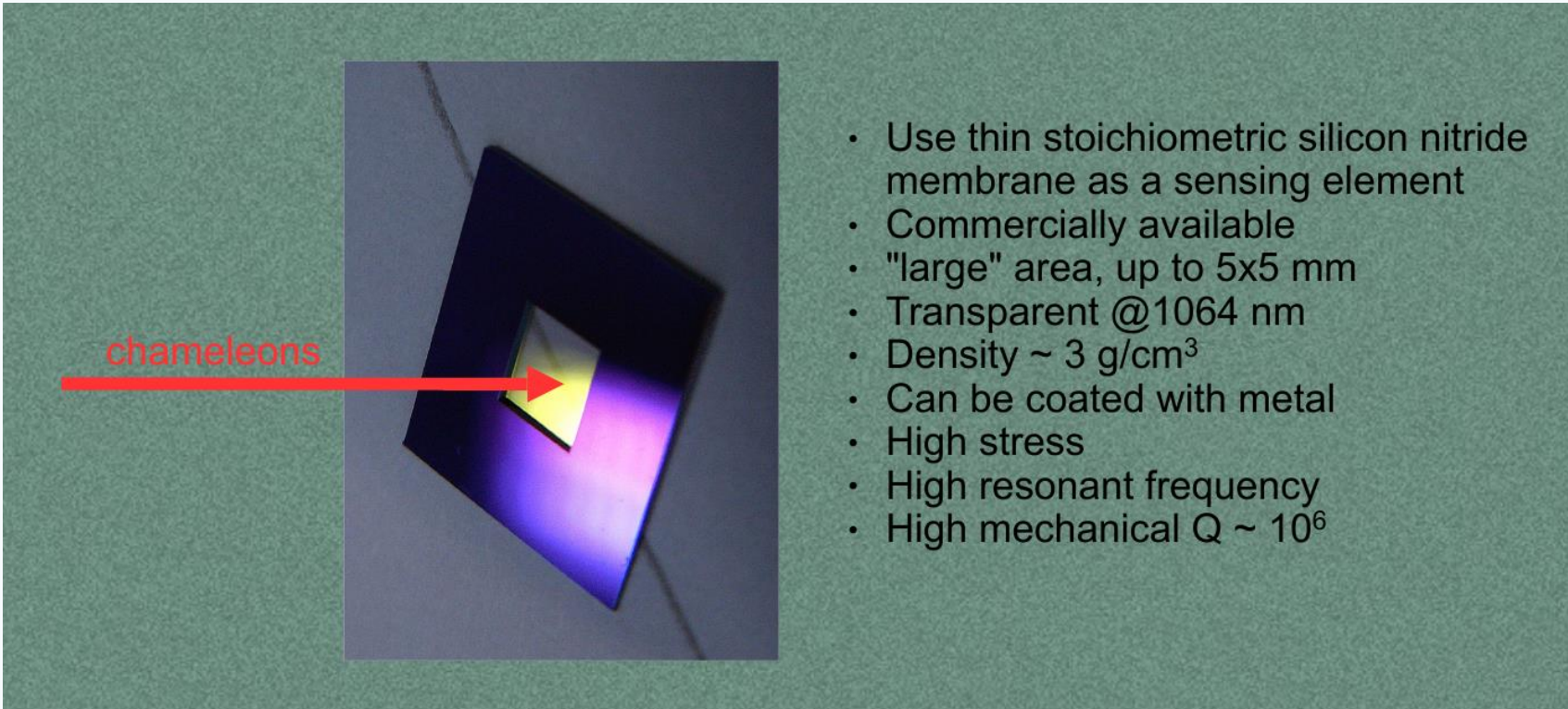
# Detection



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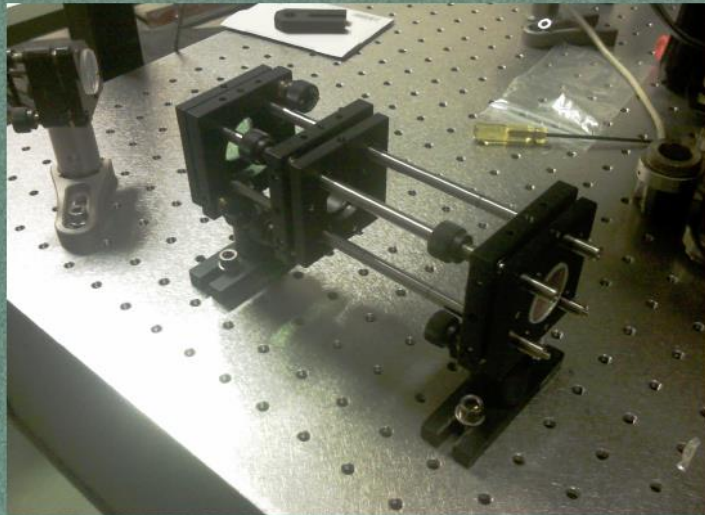
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# Sensing element



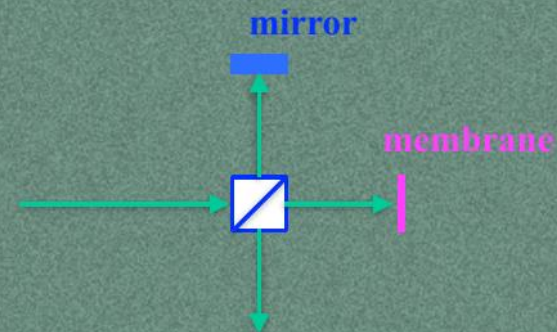
- Use thin stoichiometric silicon nitride membrane as a sensing element
- Commercially available
- "large" area, up to 5x5 mm
- Transparent @1064 nm
- Density  $\sim 3 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Can be coated with metal
- High stress
- High resonant frequency
- High mechanical Q  $\sim 10^6$

# Sensing strategy

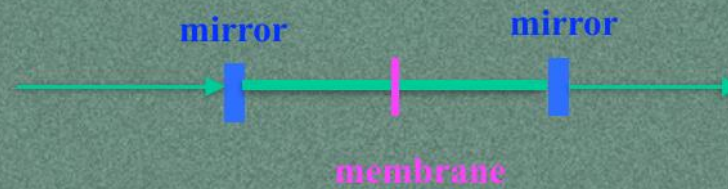


## Information on membrane position

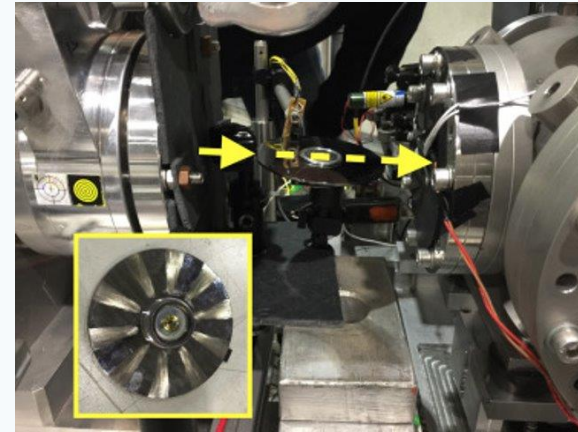
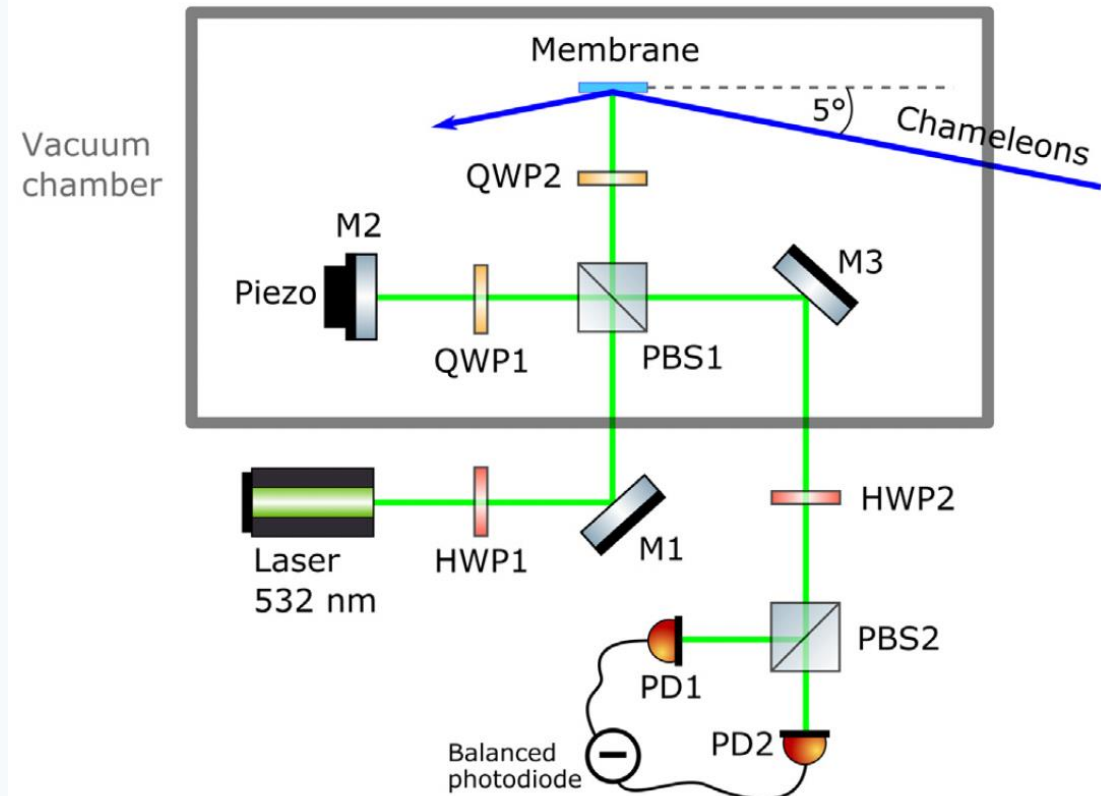
- Michelson interferometer



- Fabry – Perot cavity



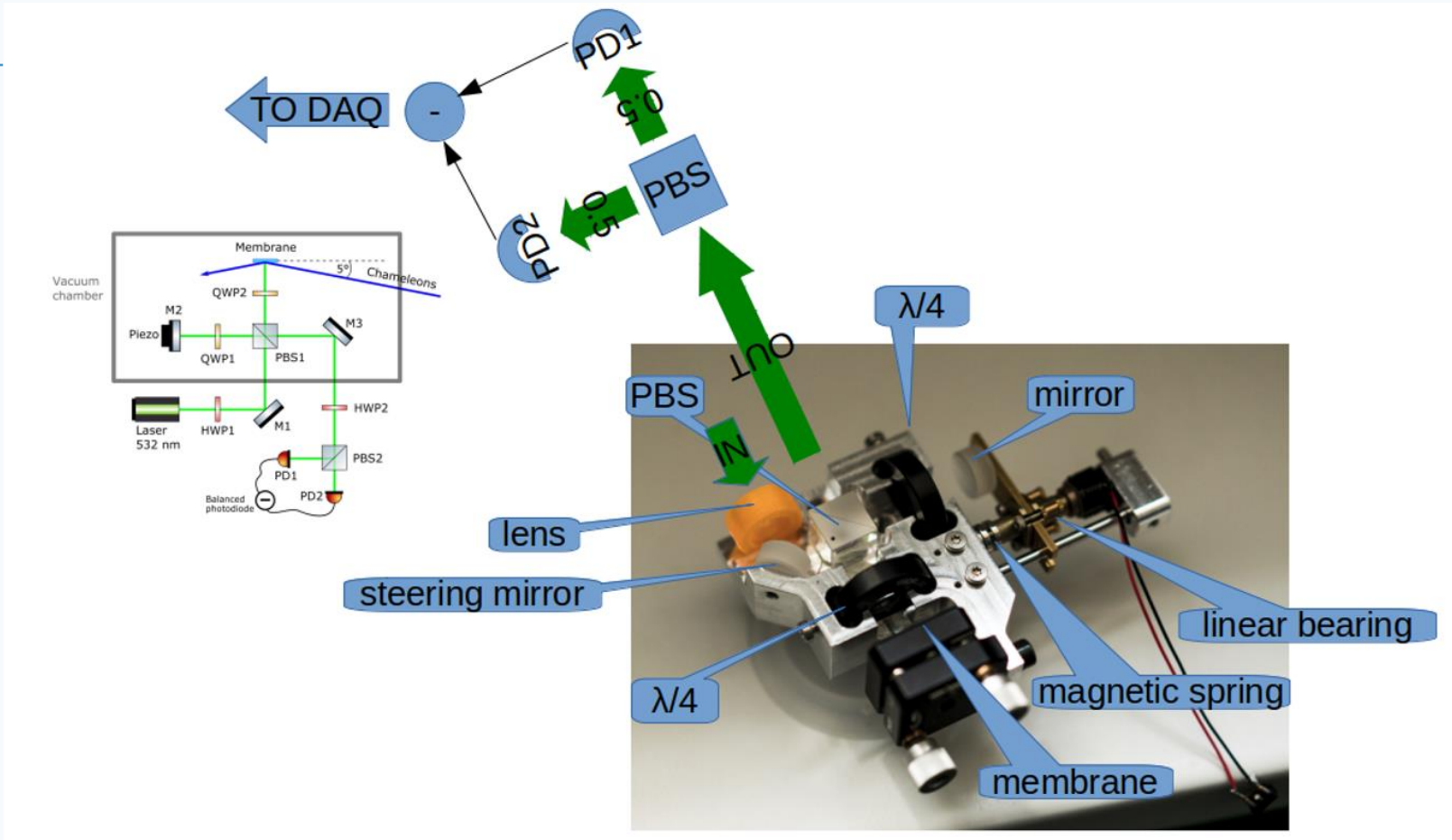
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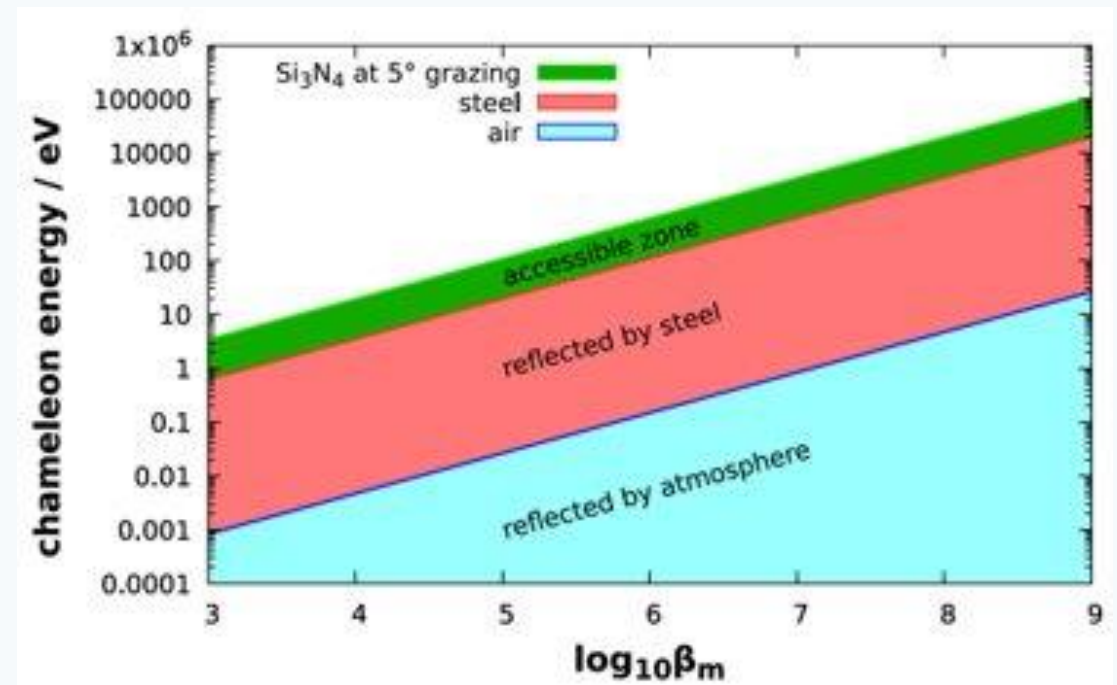
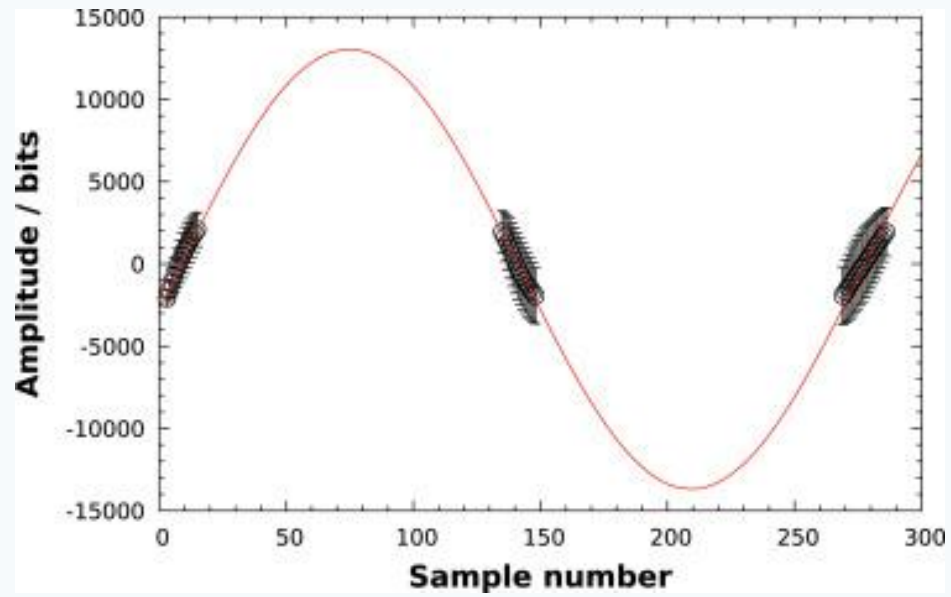
## First results on the search for chameleons with the KWISP detector at CAST

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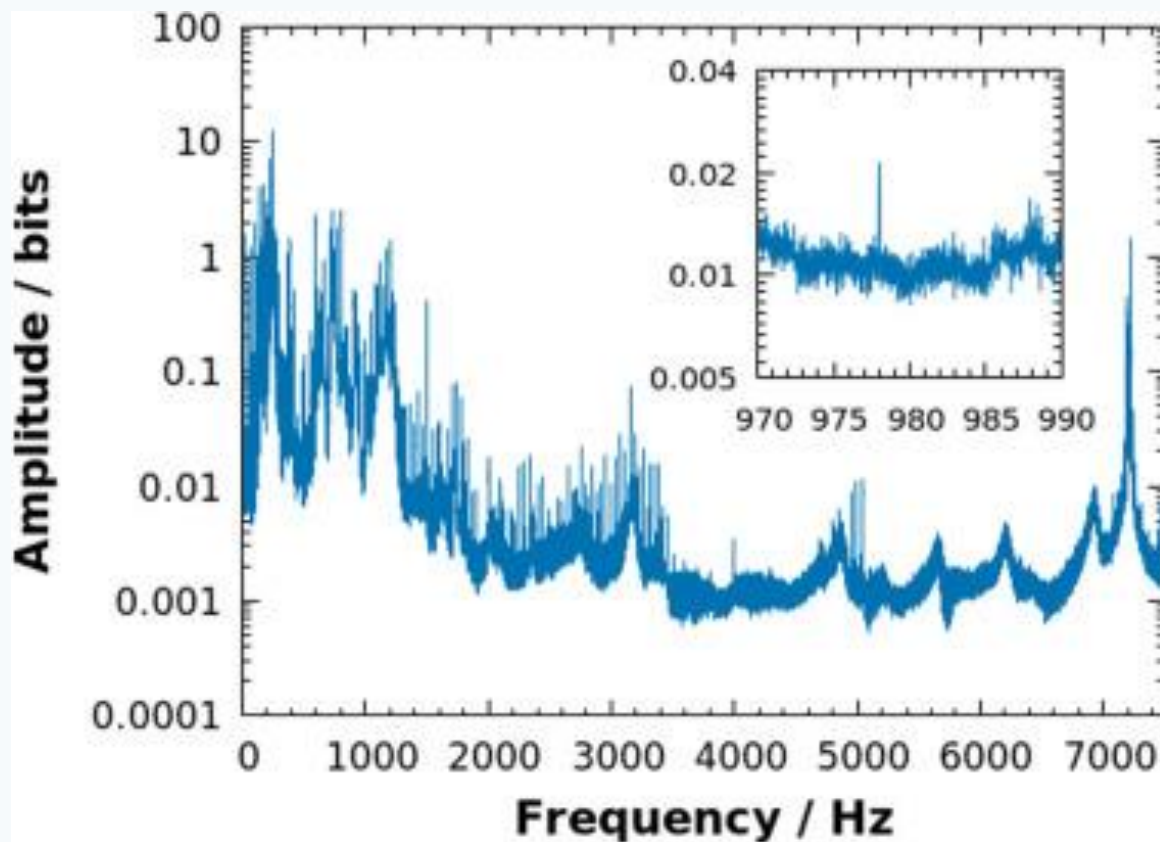




# Calibration



# Measurements



# Force sensitivity

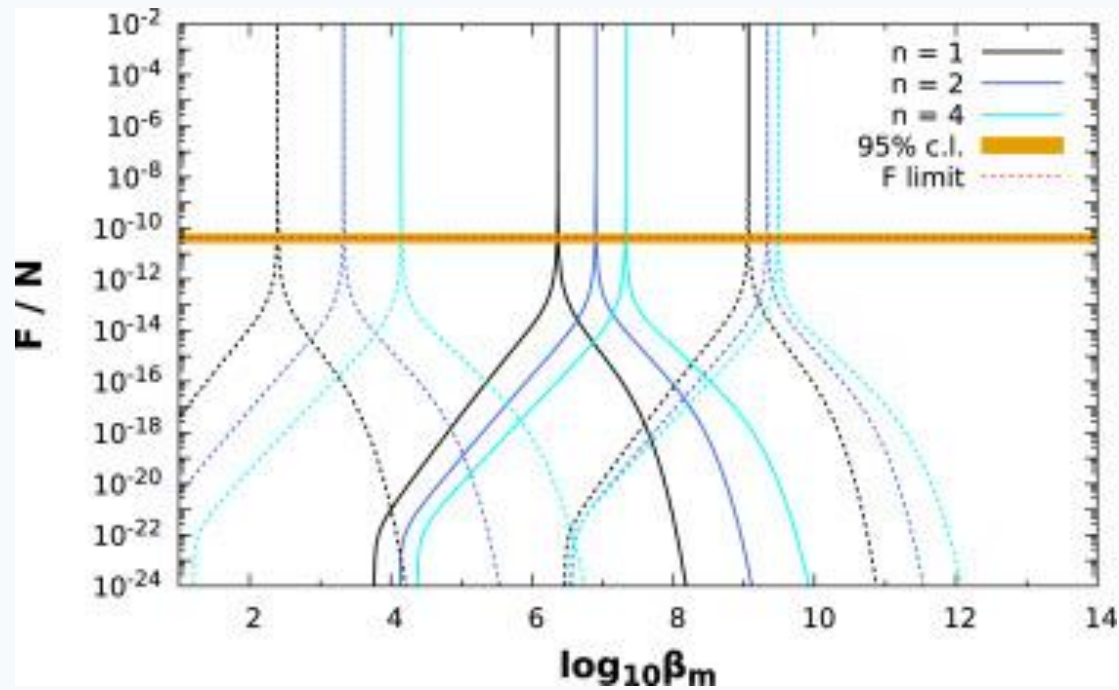
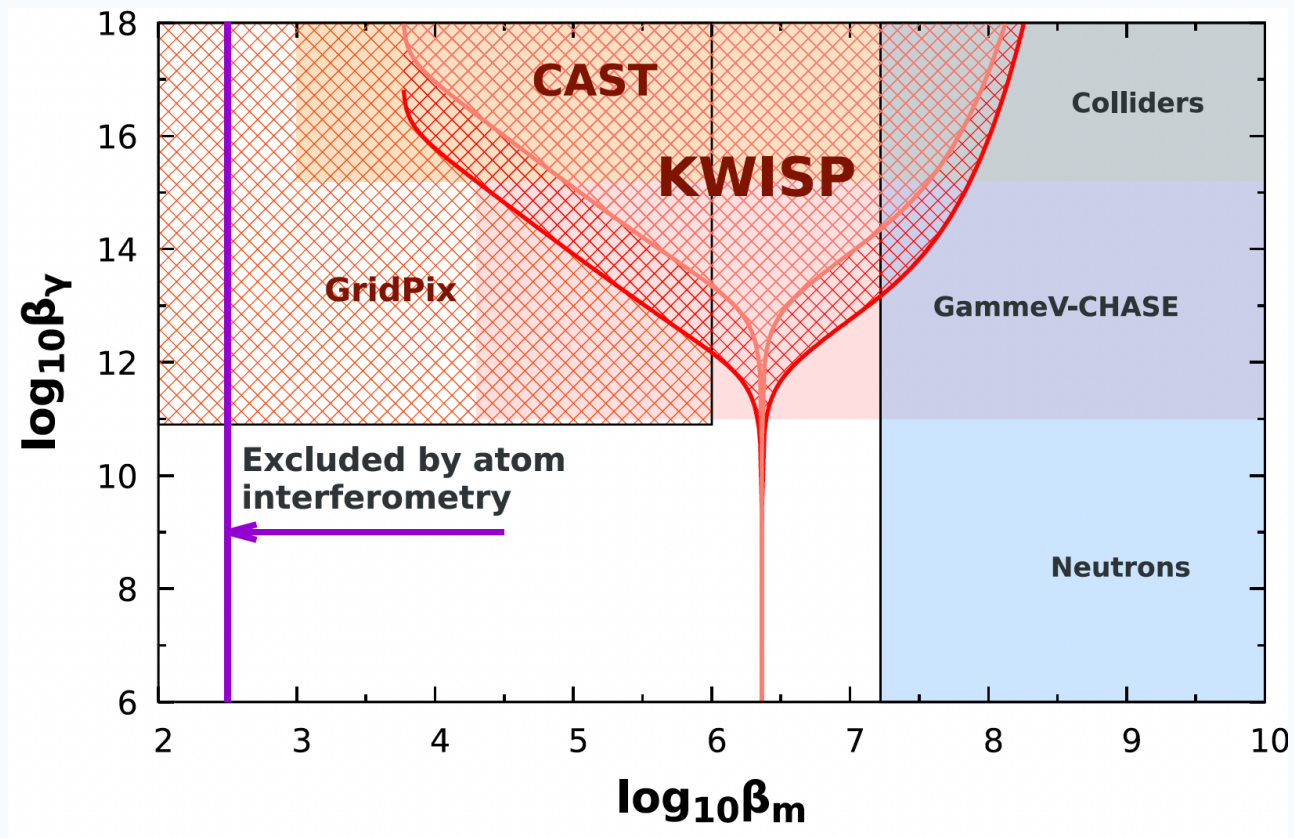
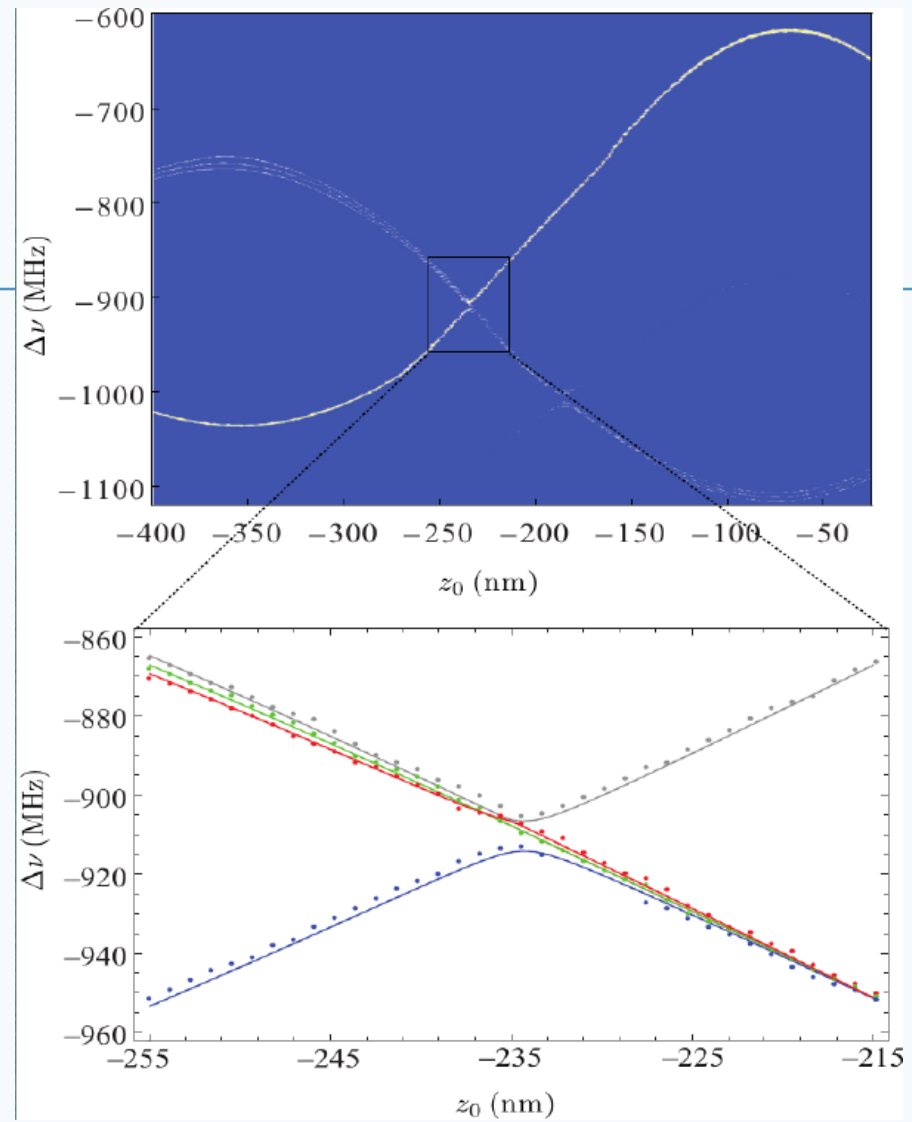
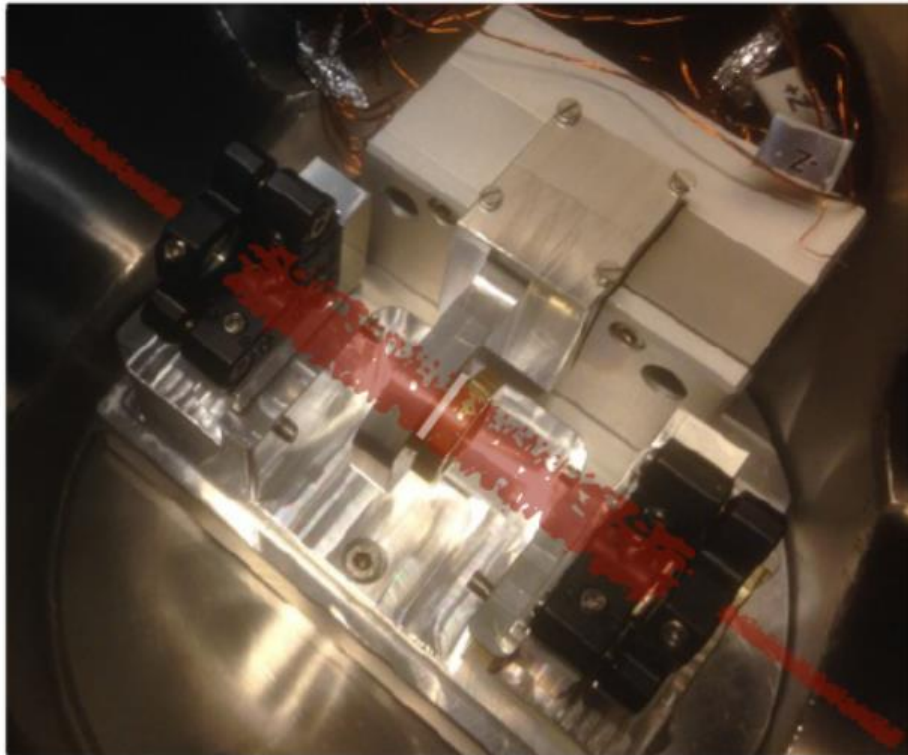


Fig. 11. Expected force at the sensor calculated from the solar chameleon flux assuming  $\beta_\gamma = 10^{10.32}$ , interaction zone length  $L_i = 0.05 \cdot R_{Sun}$  and detector parameters. Solid lines correspond to a dark energy scale  $\Lambda = 2.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$  eV, dashed ones to  $\Lambda = 1 \cdot 10^{-5}$  eV, and dotted lines to  $\Lambda = 0.1$  eV. The interaction zone length is an upper limit according to current Solar models. The flux and consequently the expected force are scaled accordingly for values down to  $L_i = 0.01 \cdot R_{Sun}$  while the resonance peak is arbitrarily limited to  $F = 10^{-2}$  N by the axis scale. The orange band represents 95% confidence interval centred at the average force value shown by the red dashed line.

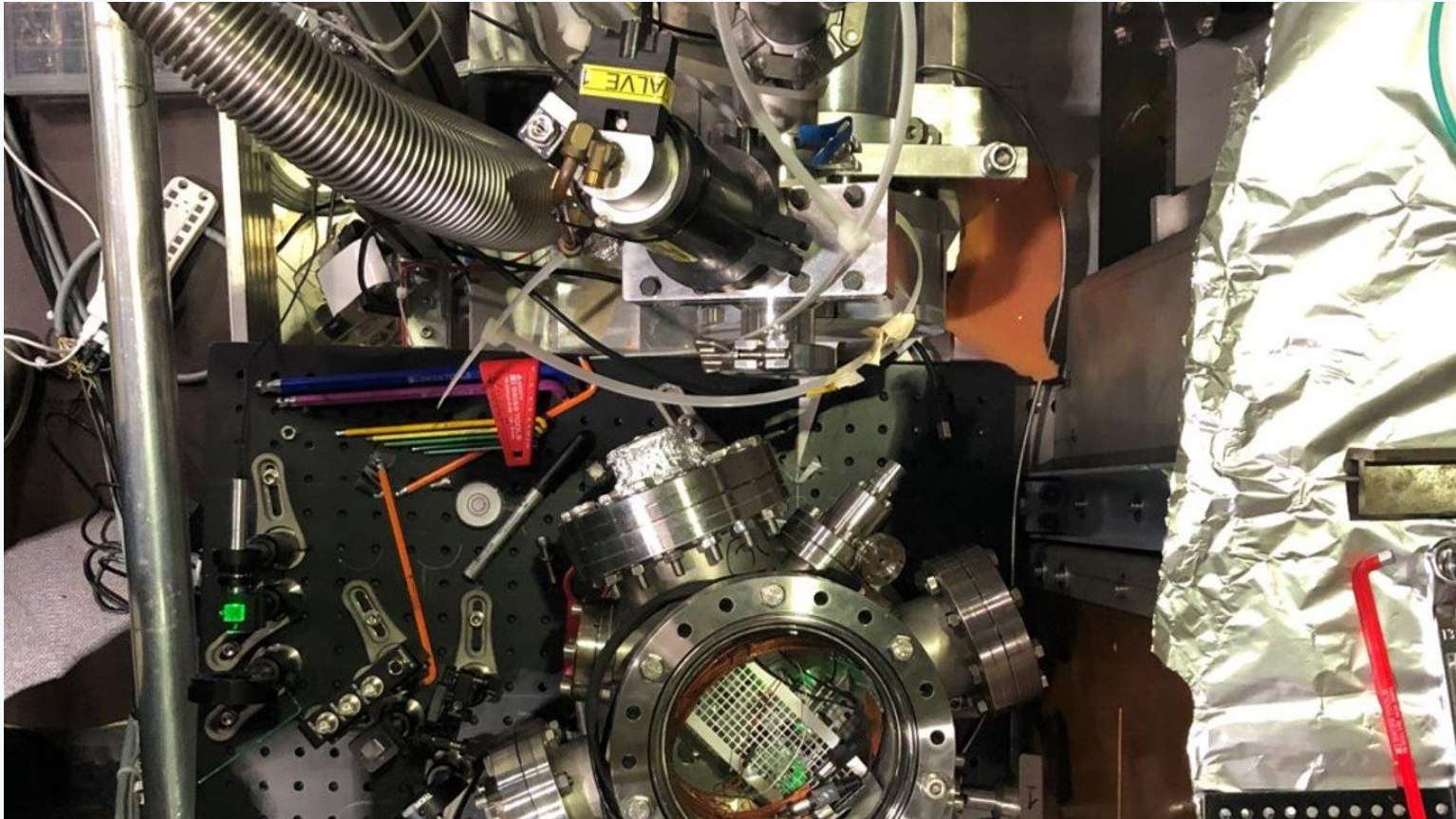
# KWISP - results



# Sensing strategy



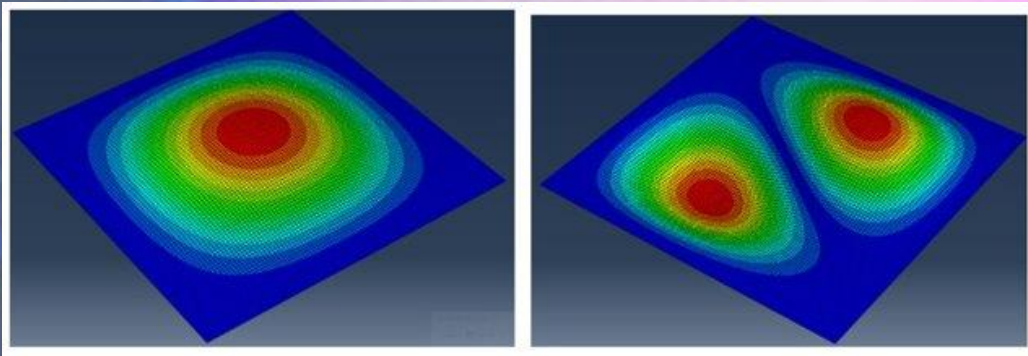
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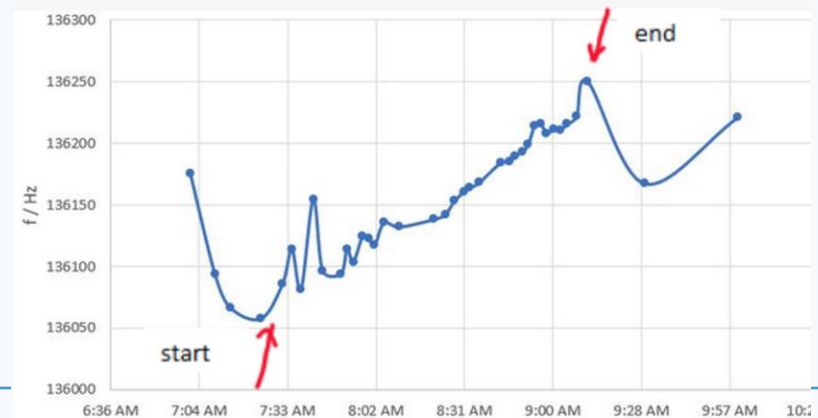
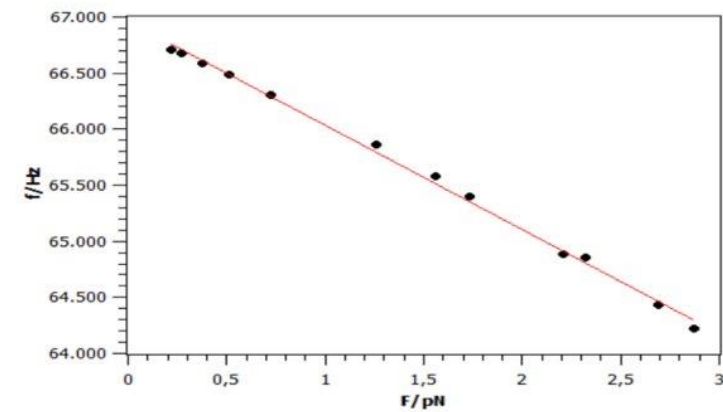
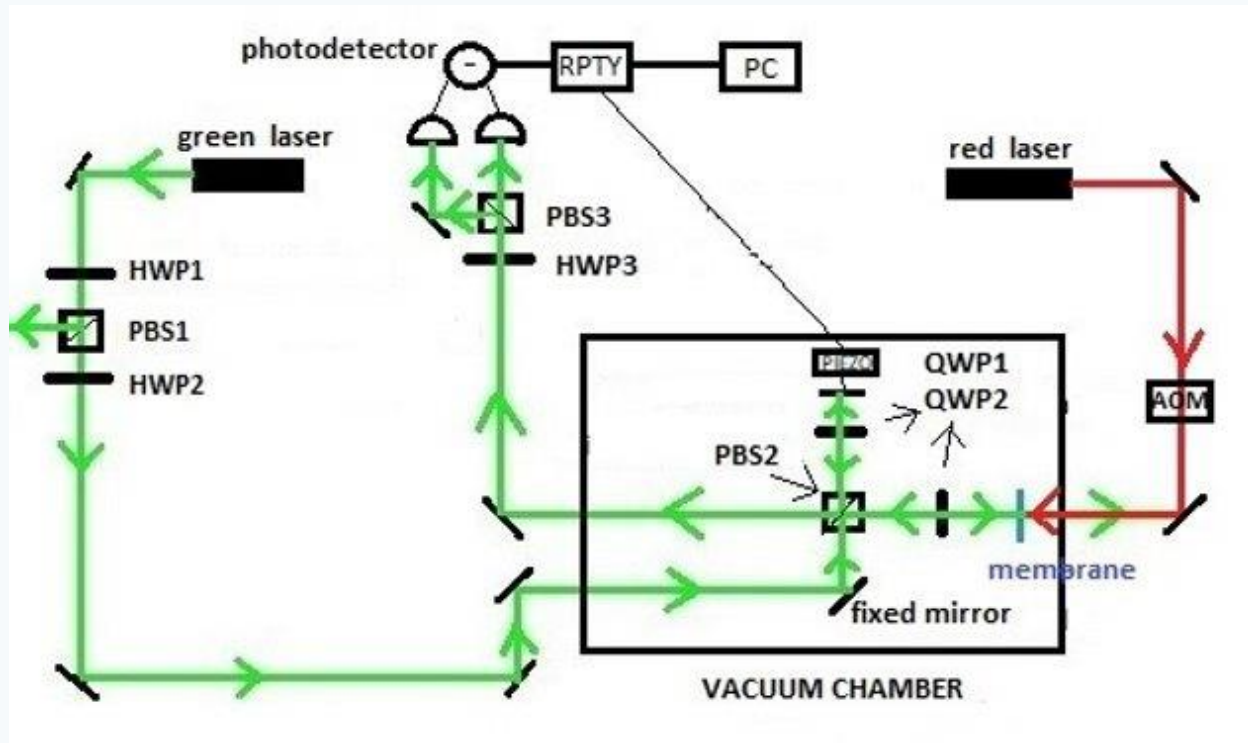
# Membranes are special



- oscillations thermally excited ( $F$  – white noise)
- Brownian motion



# Sensing element



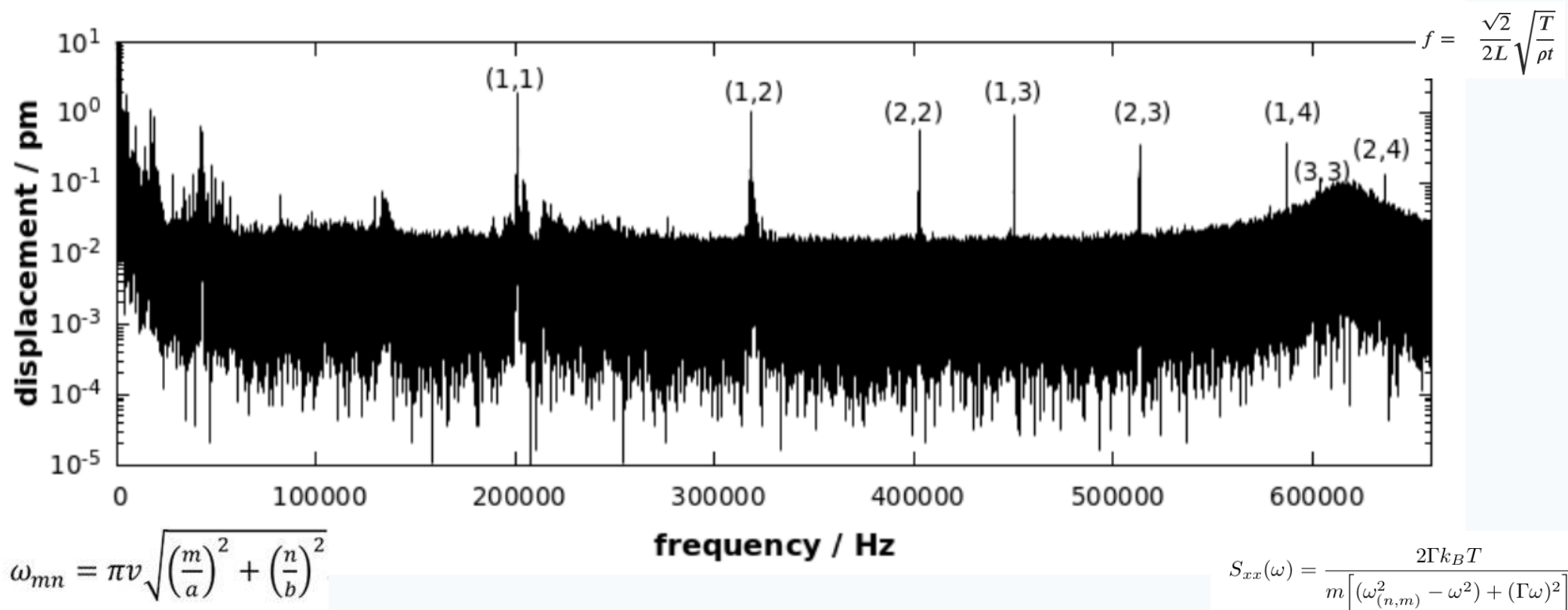
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## Dark matter induced Brownian motion

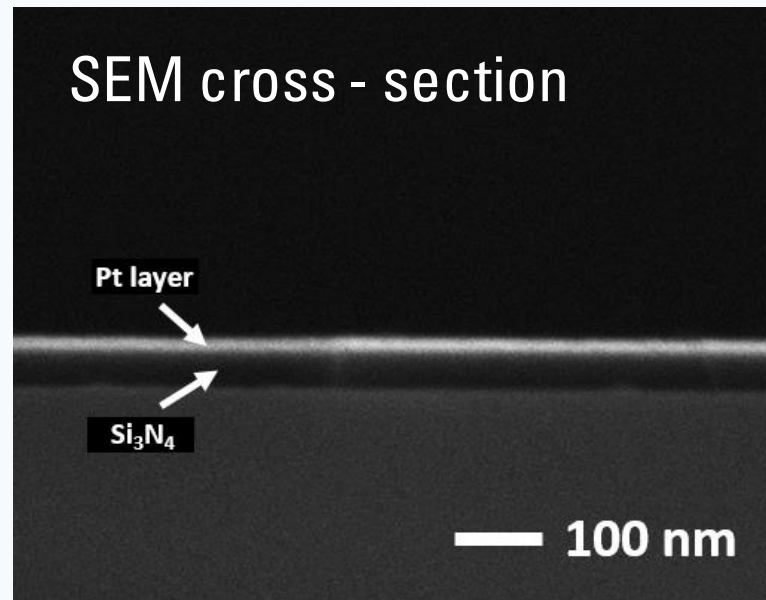
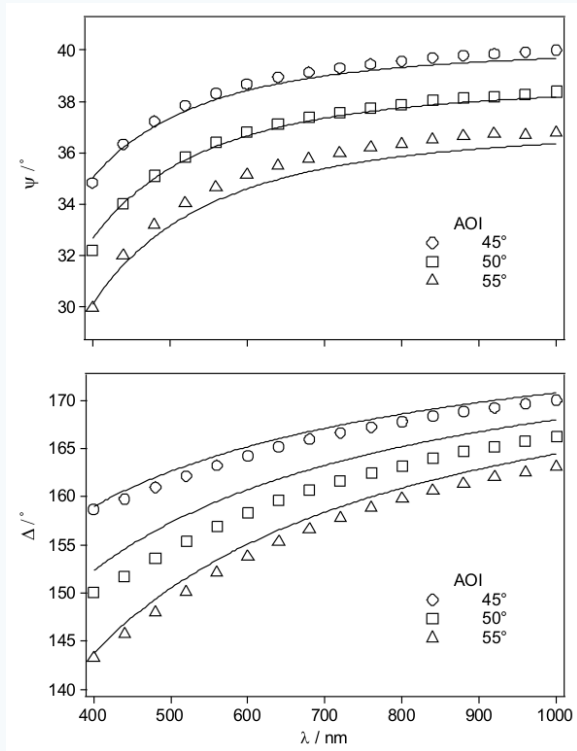
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$$m\ddot{x} + D\dot{x} + kx = F \sin(\omega t)$$



# Step ahead

## Ellipsometry 45 nm + 13 Pt



- different thickness from nominal

# Experiments

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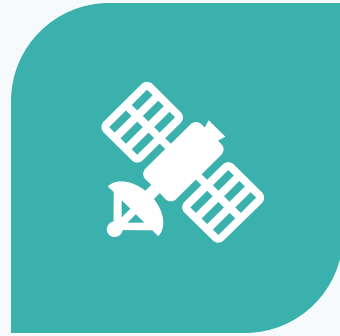
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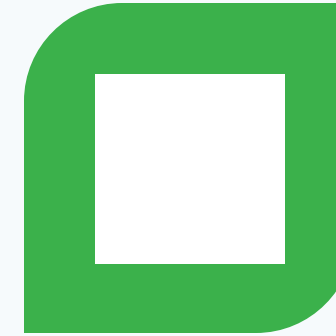
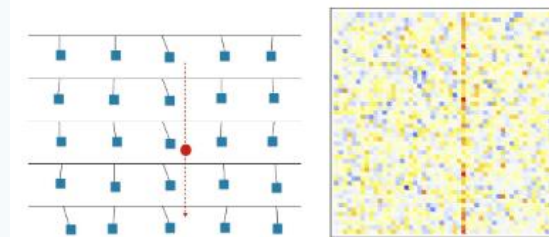


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