

SEARCH FOR AXION DARK MATTER

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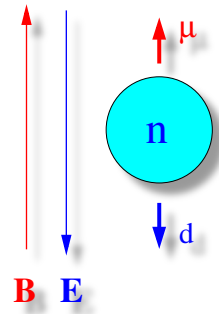
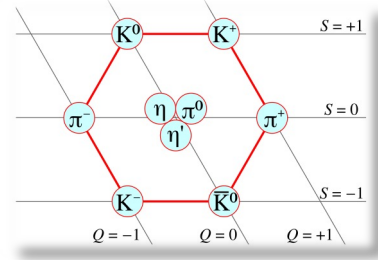
Axion Properties

Axions

$U(1)_A$
problem

$$M_{\eta'} = 958 \text{ MeV} \gg M_\eta$$

S.Weinberg $U(1)$ problem PRD 11 (1975)



Phys Rev Lett 82, n.5 (1999) p.904

$$d_n < 2.9 \times 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$$

$$\theta < 10^{-10}$$

Strong
CP
problem

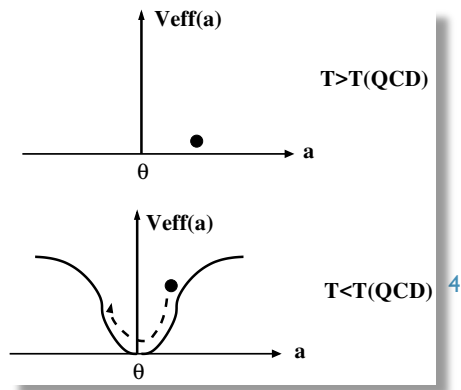
$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD}^{CP} = \theta_{QCD} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}_a^{\mu\nu}$$

Axions

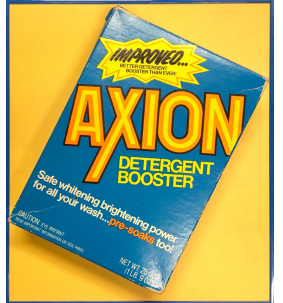
$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD}^{CP} = \left(\theta - \frac{a}{f_a} \right) \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}_a^{\mu\nu}$$

Axion
Dark
Matter

Misalignment
mechanism



R.D.Peccei and H.R.Quinn, Phys. Rev. Lett. 38, 1440 (1977); Phys. Rev. D 16, 1791 (1977).
S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. Lett. 40, 223 (1978).
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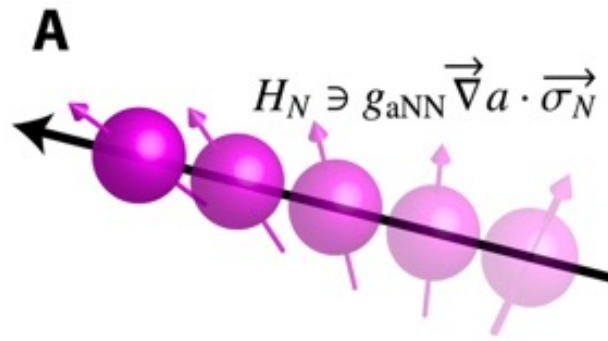
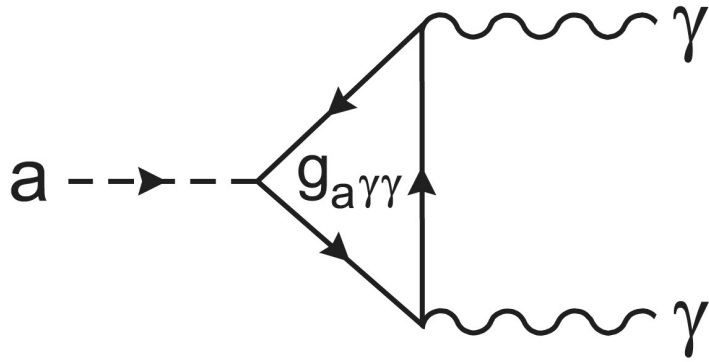


Axion Mass

$$m_a = 5.70(7) \left(\frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right) \mu\text{eV} \simeq \frac{m_\pi f_\pi}{f_a}$$

f_a PQ breaking energy scale

If $f_a \sim f_{\text{ew}} = 100 \text{ GeV}$, as in original PQ model, then $m_a \sim 100 \text{ keV}$ and $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ a) \sim 10^{-5}$
NA62 measurement $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X^0) < 5 \times 10^{-11}$



Axion Interaction with Matter

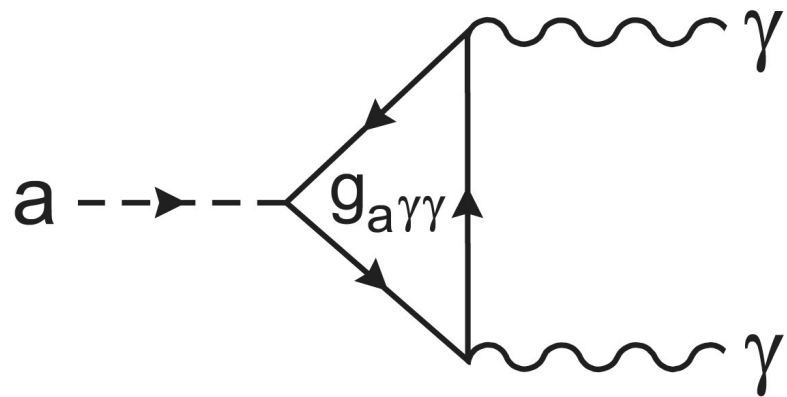
$$\mathcal{L} = i\frac{g_d}{2}a(\bar{N}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma^5 N)F^{\mu\nu} + i\frac{g_{aNN}}{2m_N}\partial_\mu a(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 N) + i\frac{g_{aee}}{2m_e}\partial_\mu a(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 e) + g_{a\gamma\gamma}aE\cdot B$$

Casper Electric
Experiment
(time-varying EDM)

Casper Wind
Experiment

Quax-ae Experiment

Helioscopes
Haloscopes
LSW



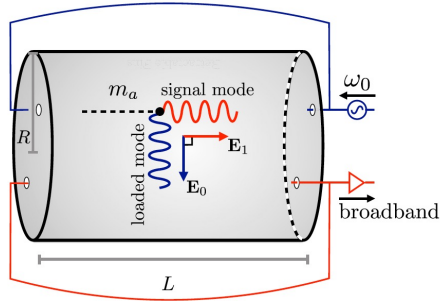
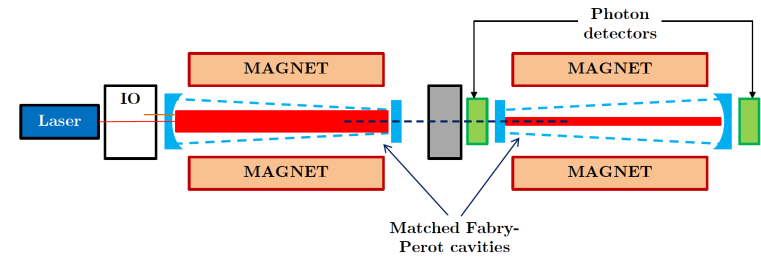
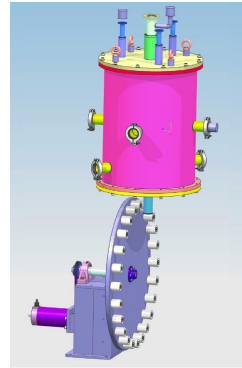
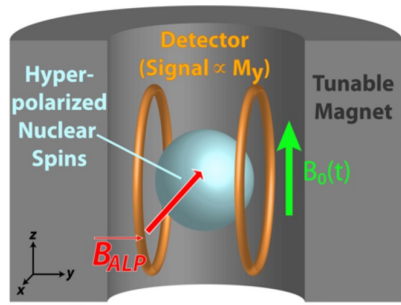
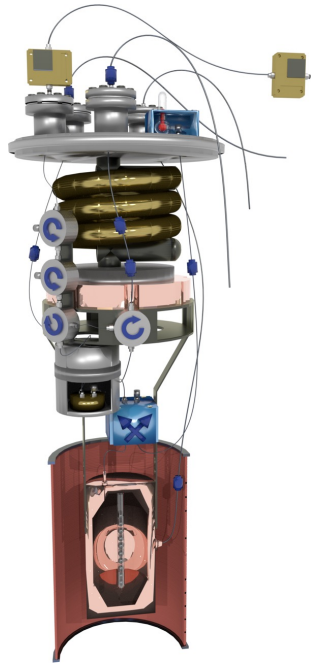
Light axion are stable particles

$$\Gamma_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 m_a^3}{64\pi} = 1.1 \times 10^{-24} \text{ s}^{-1} \left(\frac{m_a}{\text{eV}} \right)^5$$

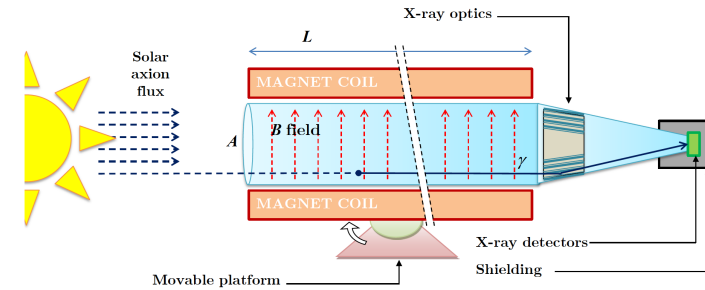
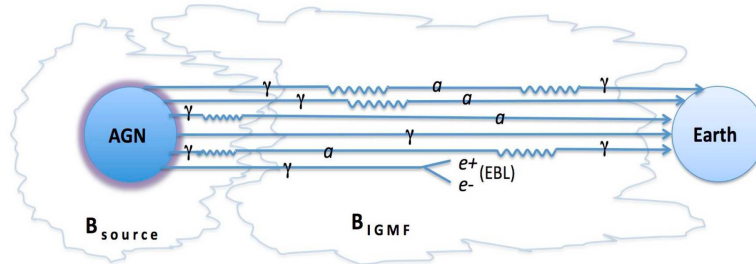
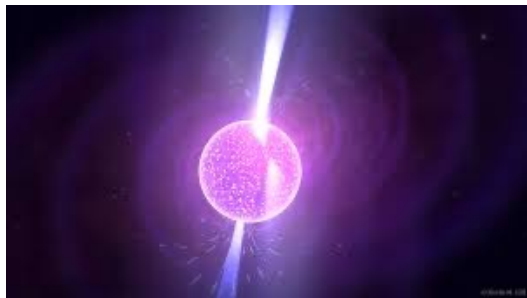
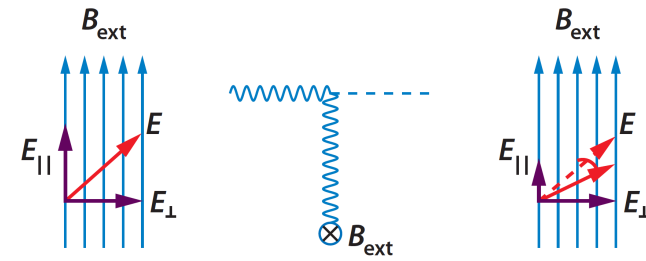
$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi f_a} \left(\frac{E}{N} - 1.92(4) \right)$$

The effective coupling is model dependent:
 E/N=0 KSVZ model
 E/N=8/3 DSFZ model

Axion Lifetime



EXPERIMENTS

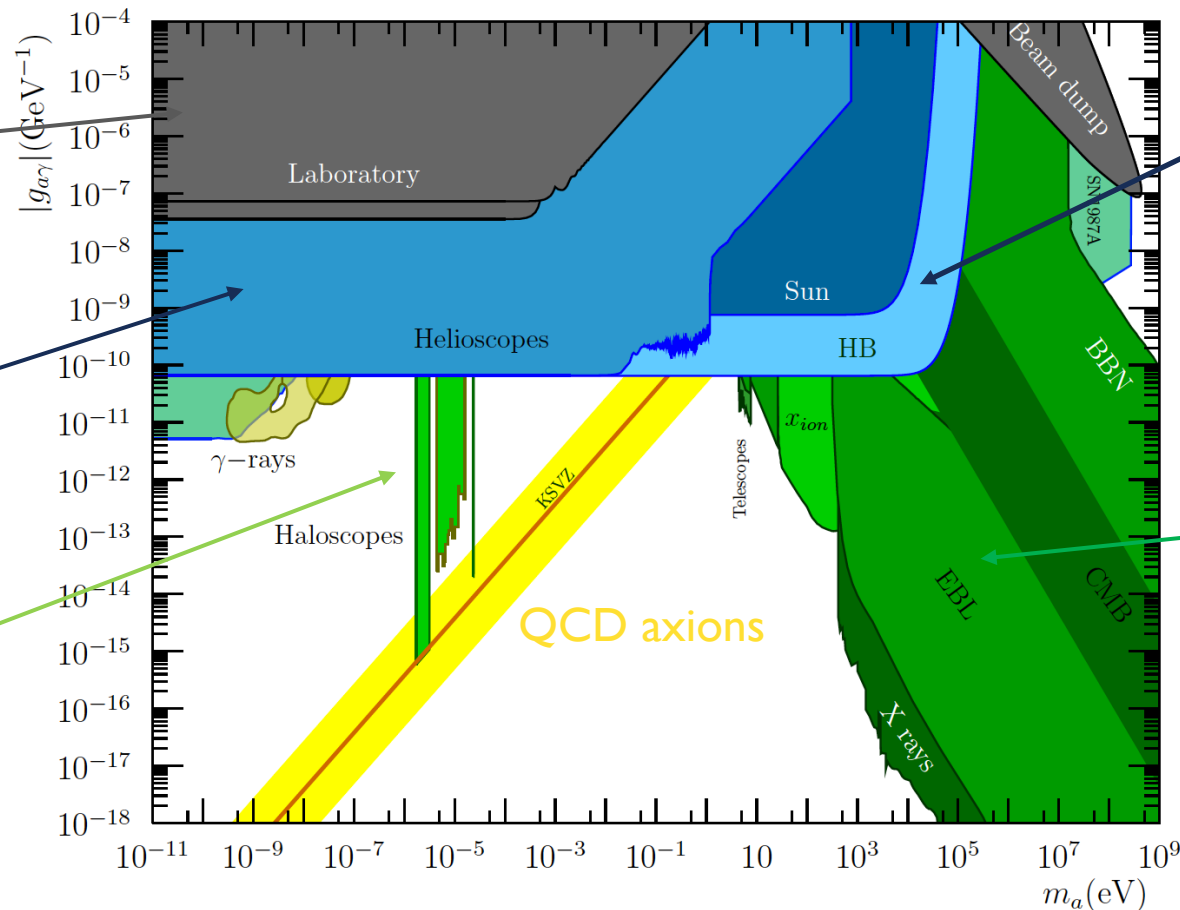


Limits

Laboratory experiments

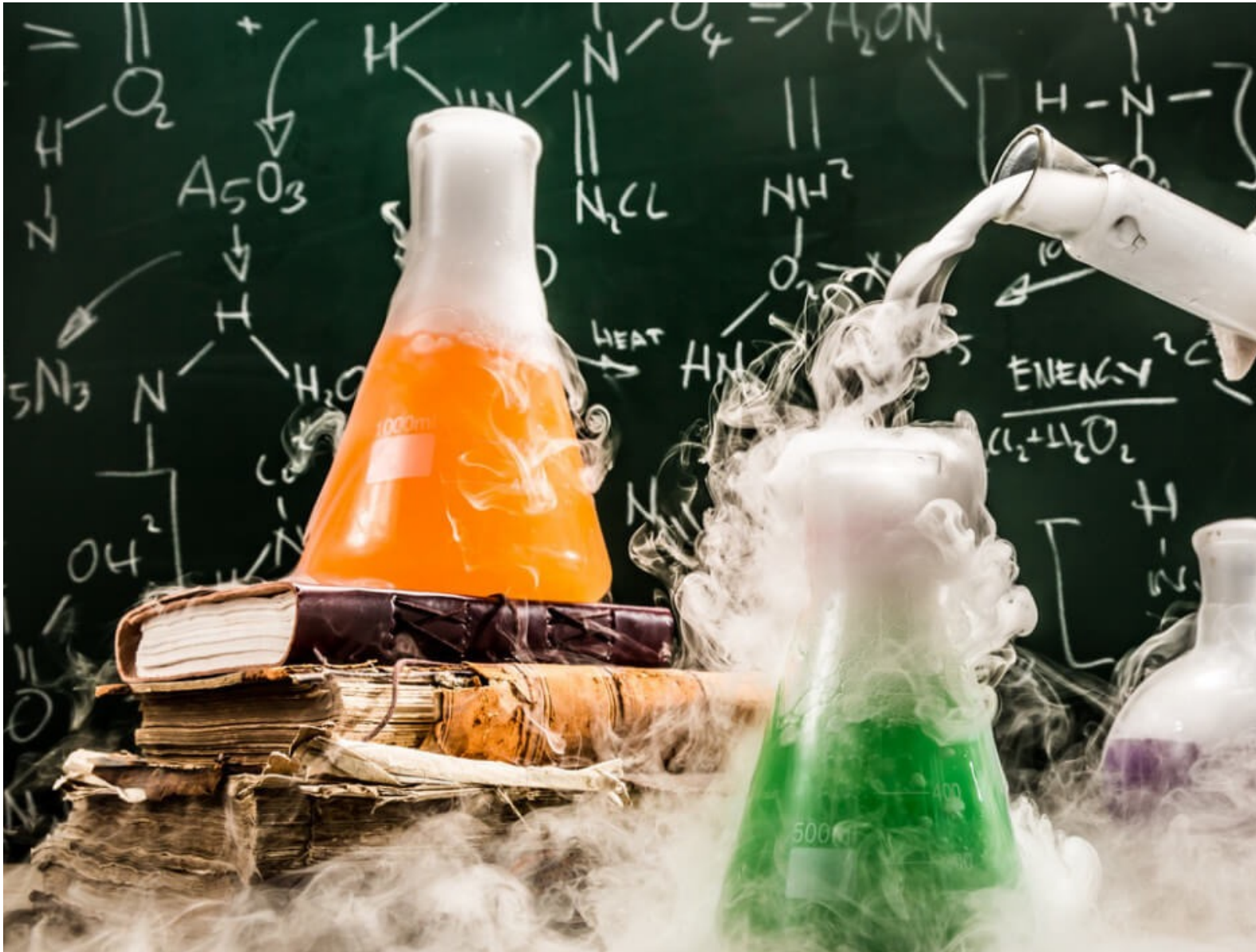
Detection of axions from the Sun (Helioscopes)

DM axion detection (Haloscopes)



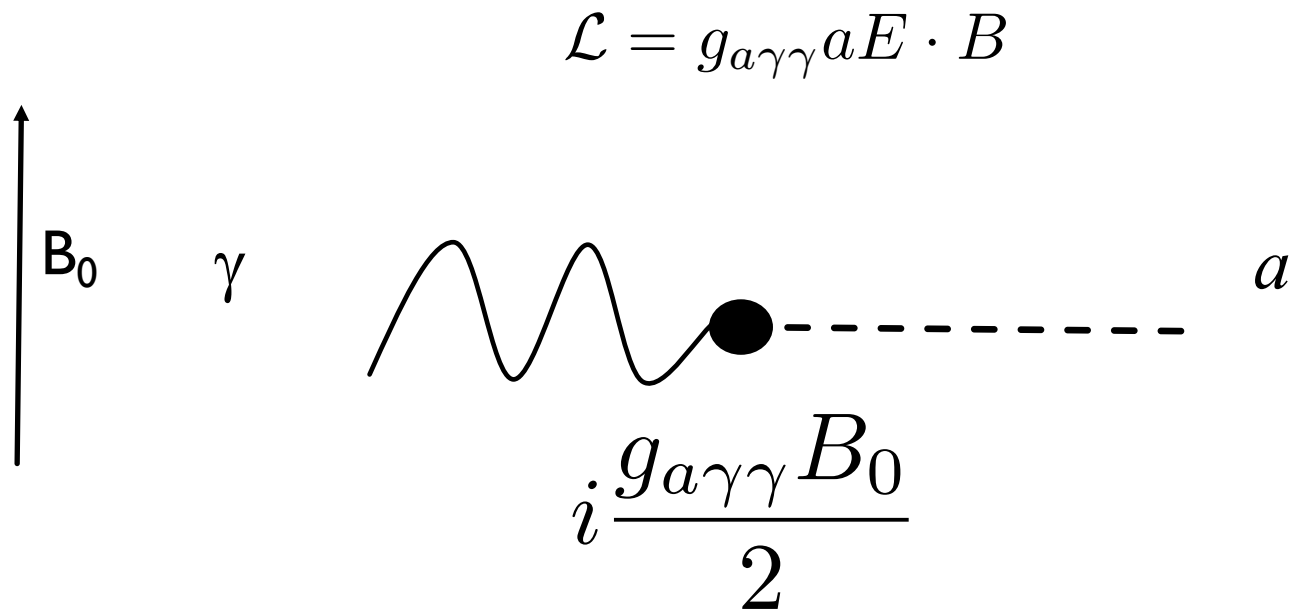
Stellar physics:
Primakoff process in stars $\gamma Ze \rightarrow a Ze$.
Constraints on stellar lifetime or energy-loss rates: Sun, HB.

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.

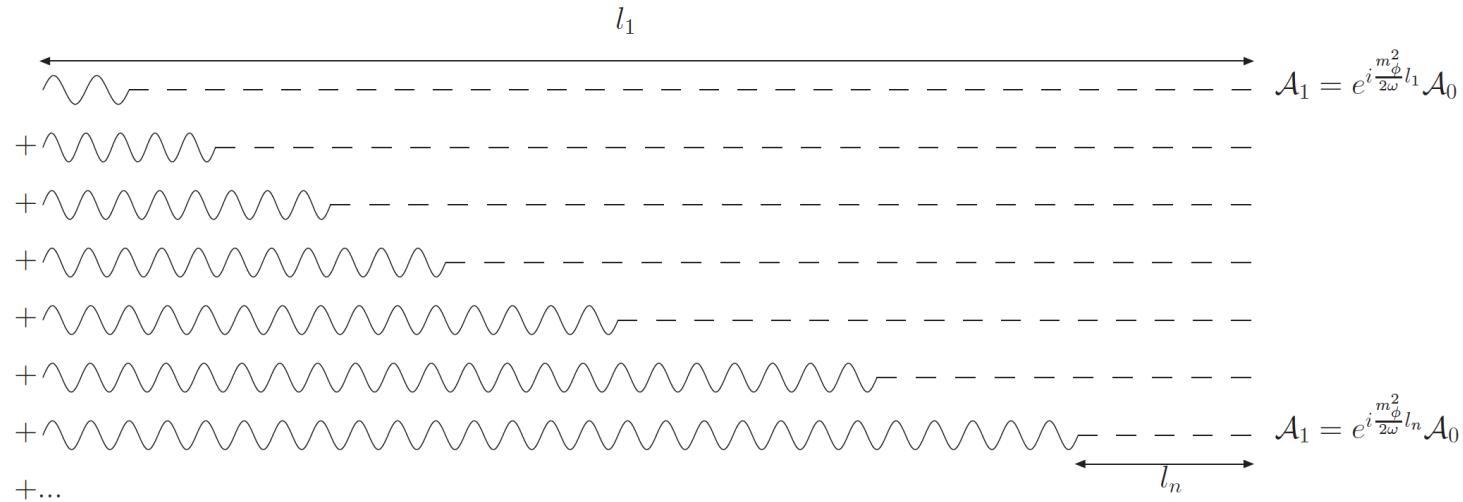


LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

Photon Conversion in a Magnetic Field



Coherent Axion Production



Coherence condition

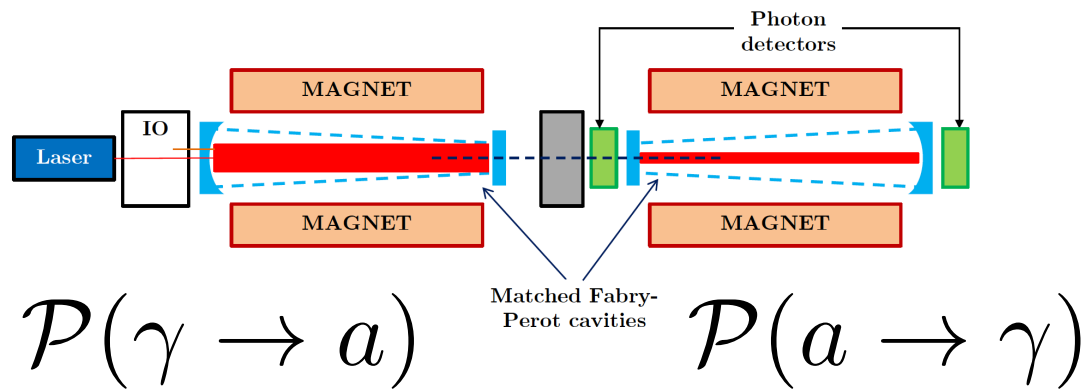
$$m_a \ll \sqrt{\frac{4\omega}{L}}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\gamma \rightarrow a) = i \int_0^L dz \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0}{2} e^{i(k_a - k_\gamma)z} = i \int_0^L dz \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0}{2} e^{i \frac{m_a^2}{2\omega} z} \quad k_a - k_\gamma = \sqrt{\omega^2 - m_a^2} - \omega \simeq \frac{m_a^2}{2\omega}$$

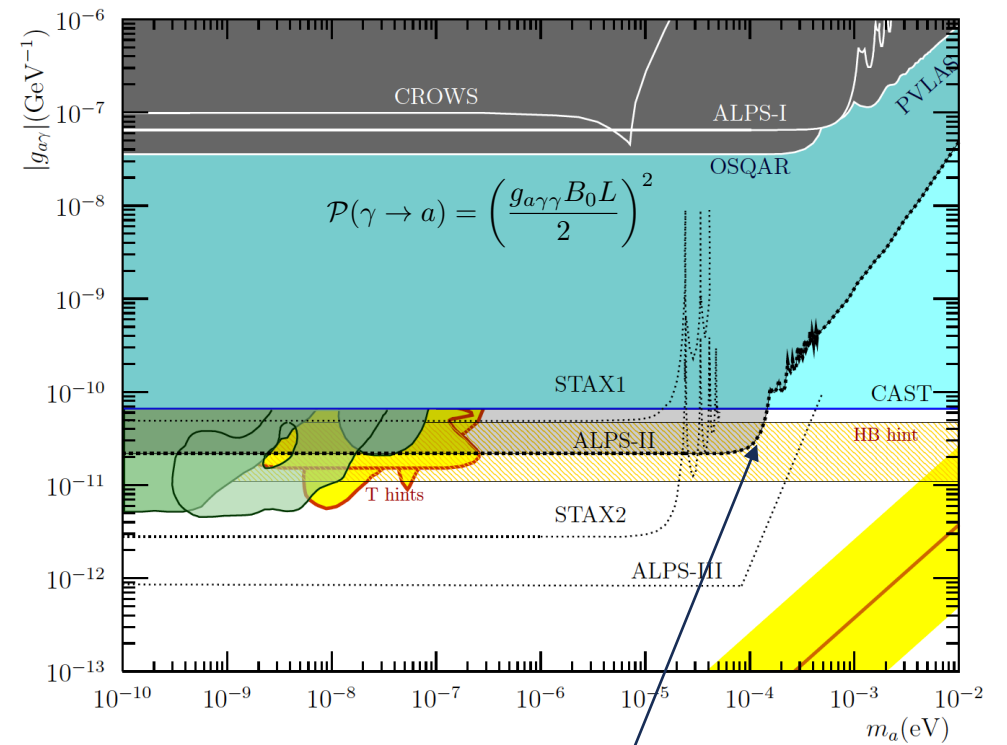
Conversion probability

$$\mathcal{P}(\gamma \rightarrow a) = |\mathcal{A}|^2 = 4 \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 \omega^2}{m_a^4} \sin^2 \left(\frac{m_a^2 L}{4\omega} \right)$$

Light-shining-through Wall Experiments

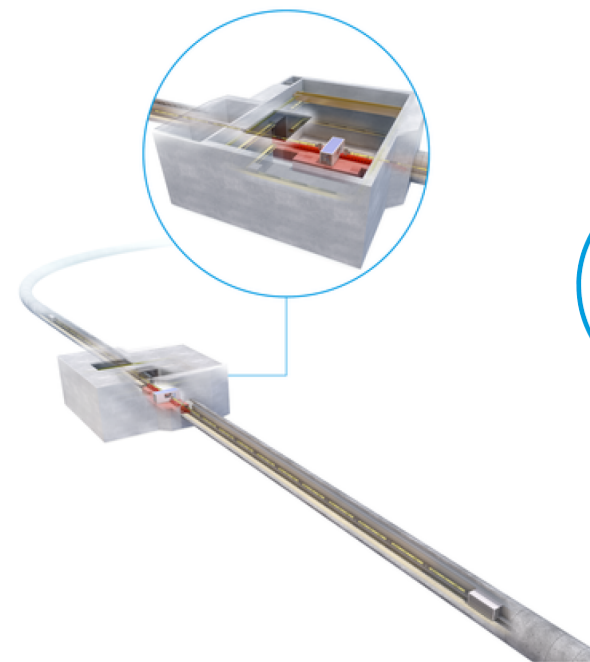
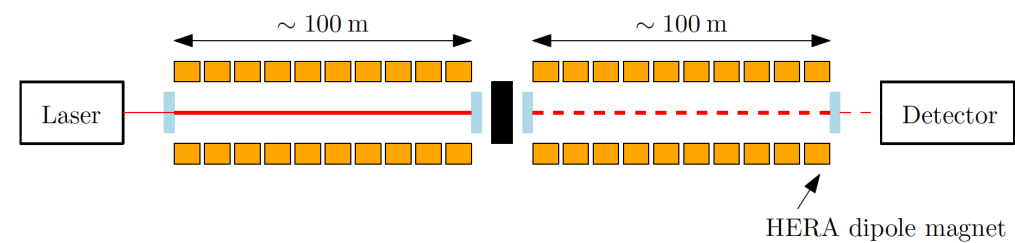


Experiment	status	B(T)	L(m)	P(W)	$G_{a\gamma\gamma}$ (GeV ⁻¹)
ALPS-I	done	5	4.3	4	5×10^{-8}
OSQAR	done	9	14.3	18.5	3.5×10^{-8}
ALPS-II	ongoing	5	100	30	2×10^{-11}

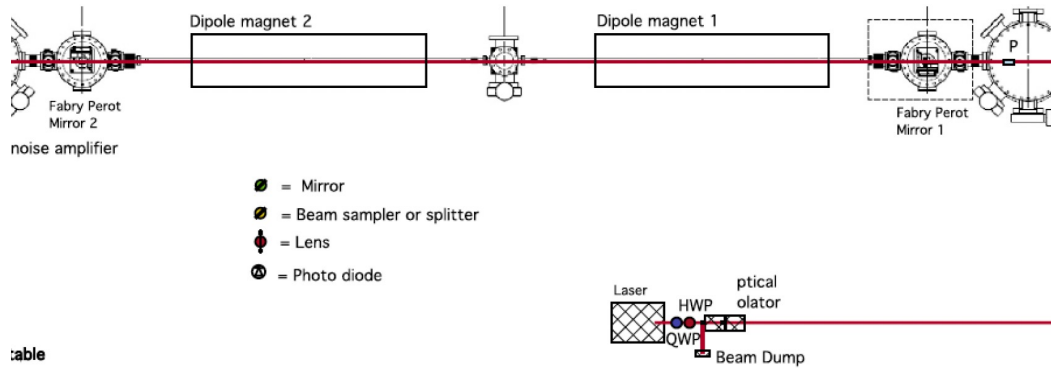


Decoherence point

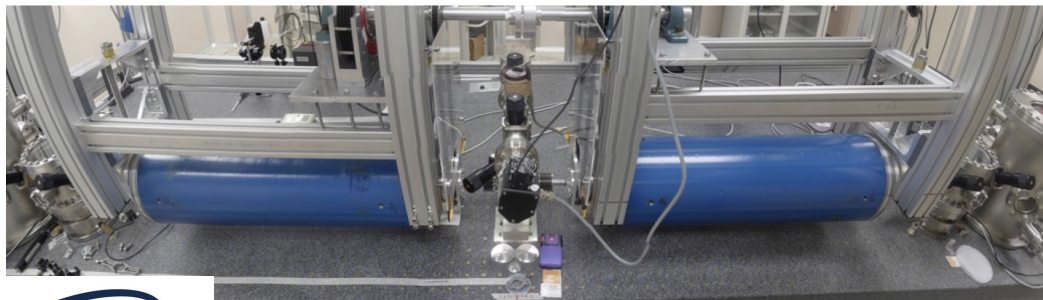
ALPS-II



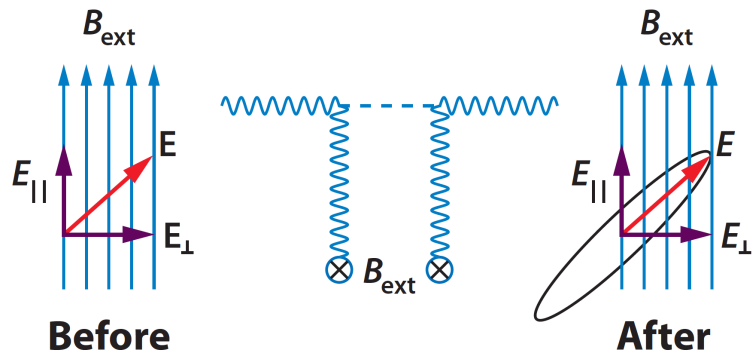
Polarization Experiments - PVLAS



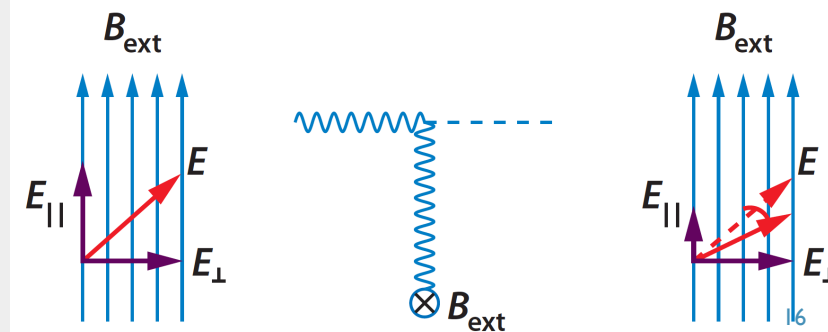
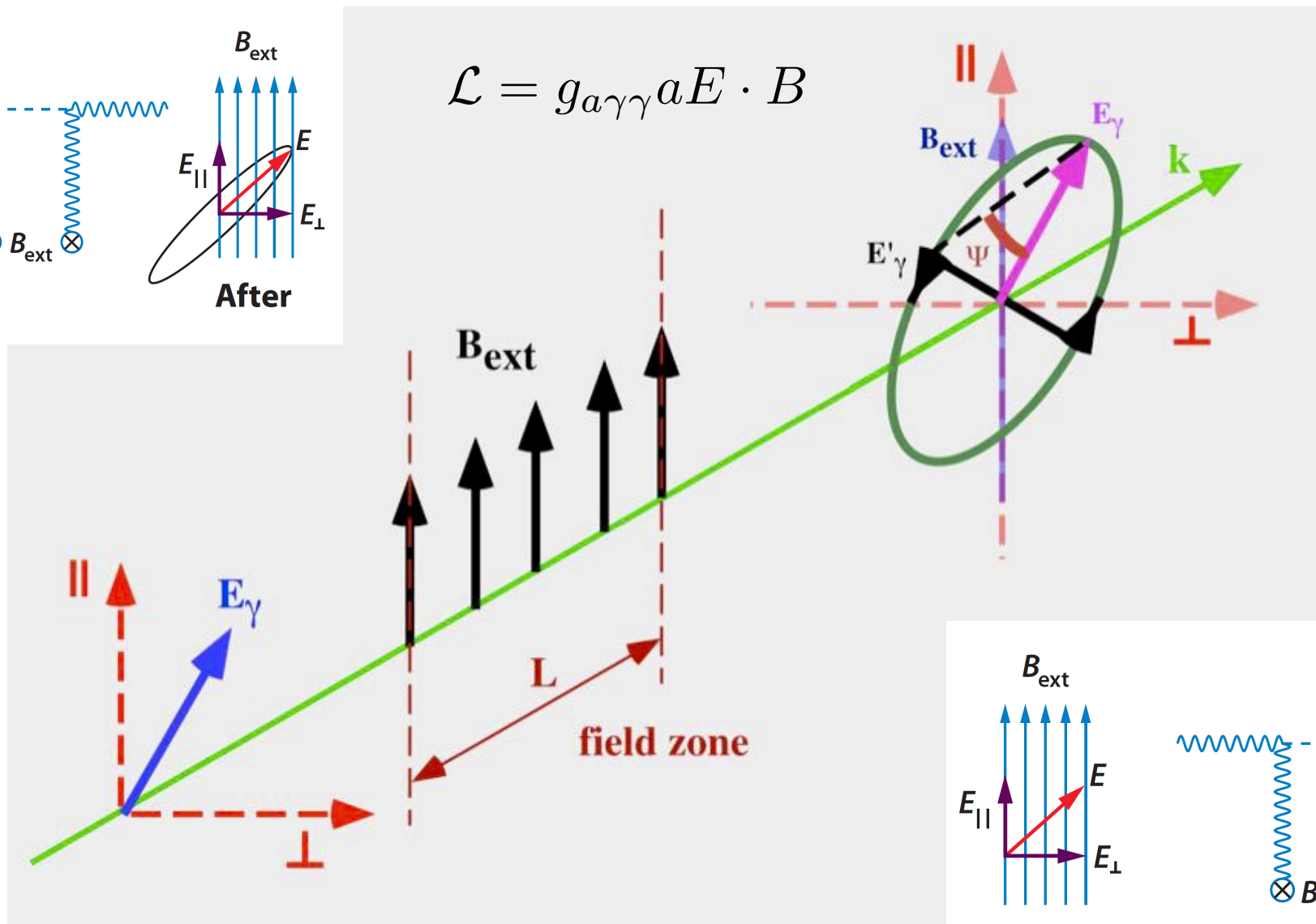
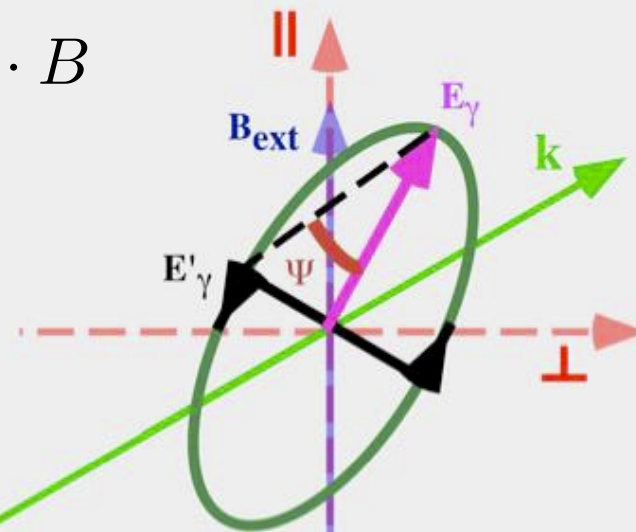
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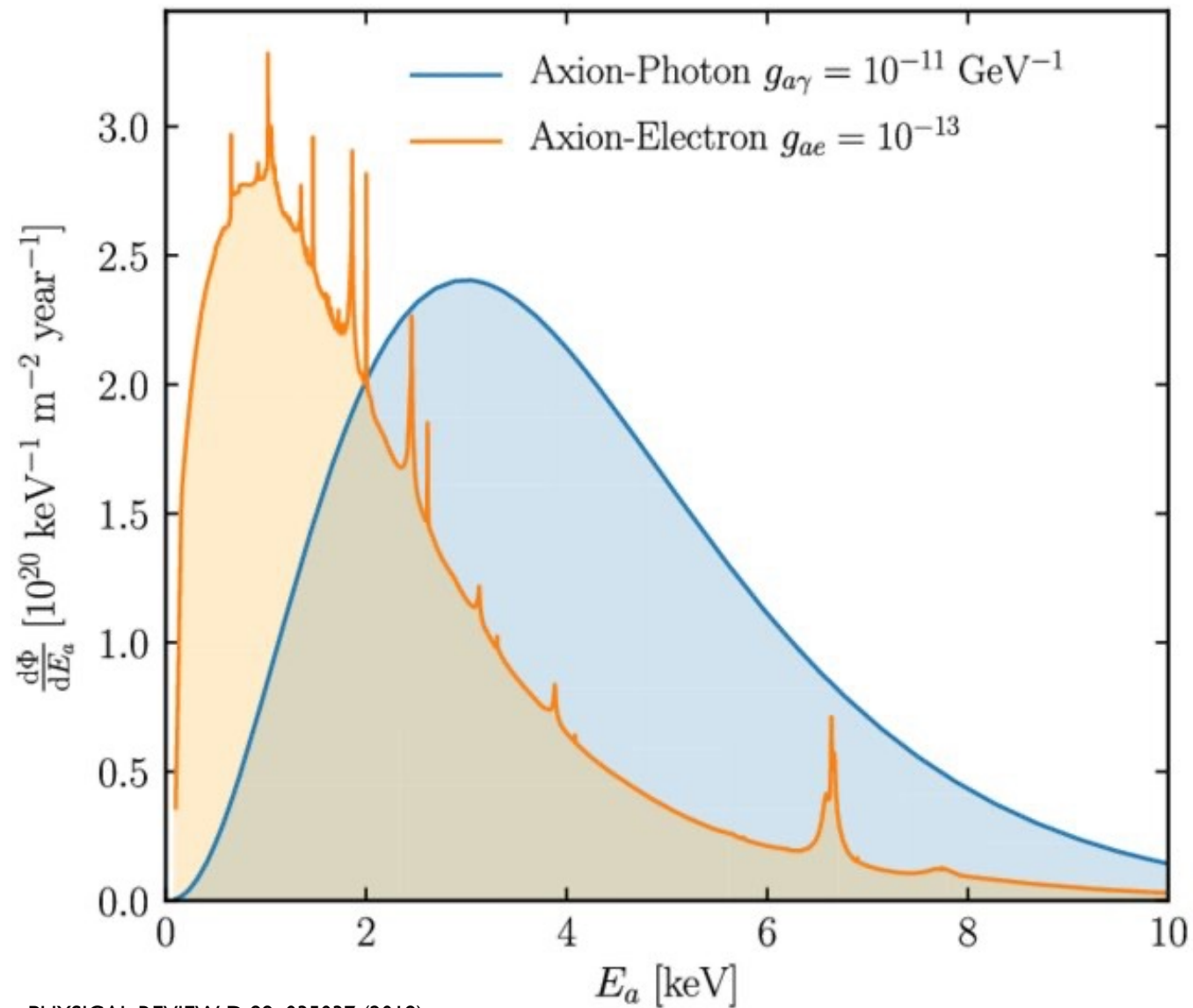


- PVLAS aims at the direct measurement of the small polarisation changes undergone by a linearly polarised laser beam traversing a dipole magnetic field in vacuum.

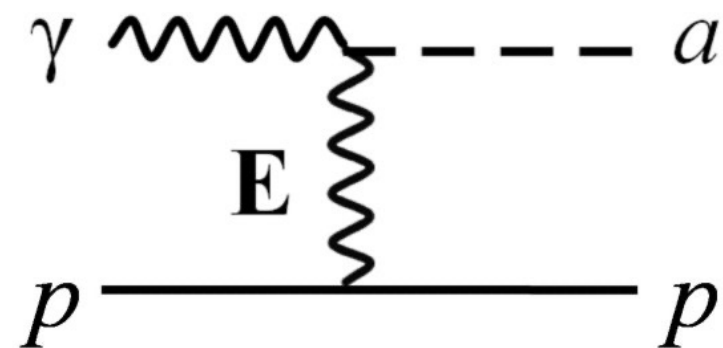
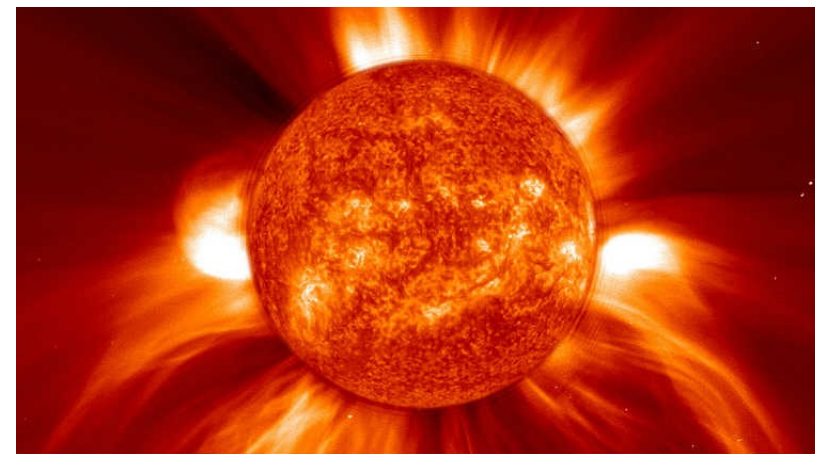


$$\mathcal{L} = g a \gamma \gamma a E \cdot B$$





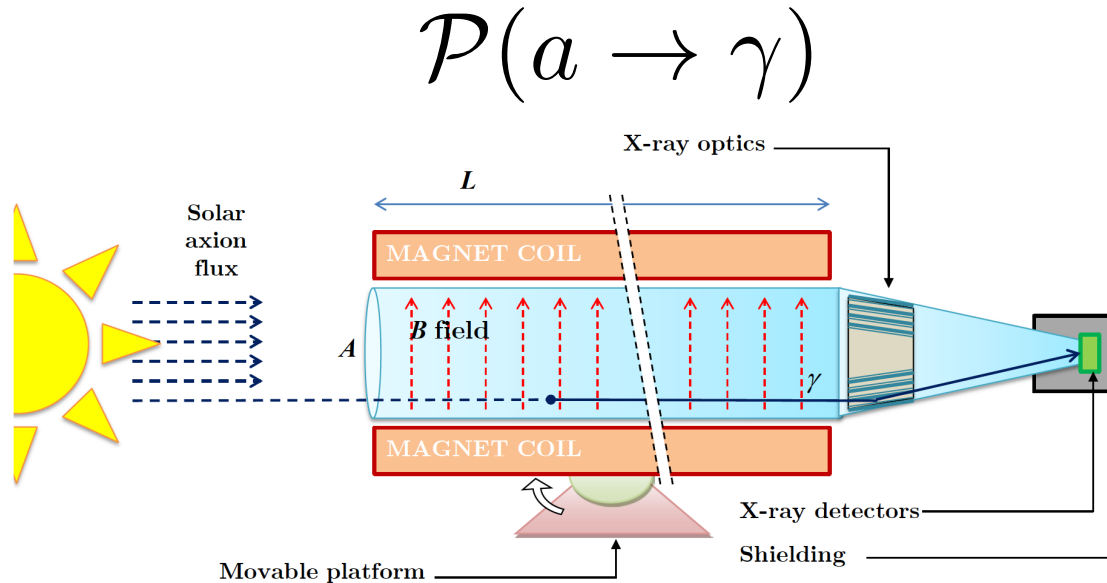
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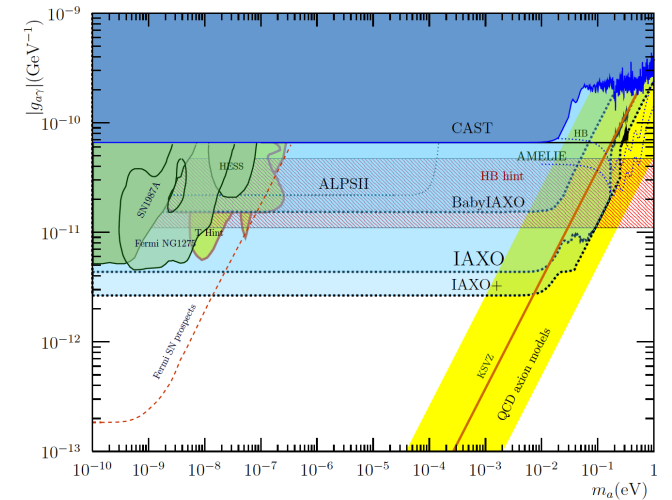
Helioscopes

$$\mathcal{P}(\gamma \rightarrow a)$$

Axion produced in the core of the Sun from Primakoff conversion with typical energy few keV.



$$\mathcal{P}(a \rightarrow \gamma)$$



Experiment	status	B(T)	L(m)	A(cm ²)	G _{aγγ} (GeV ⁻¹)
BNL	done	2.2	1.8	130	36 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
SUMICO	done	4	2.5	18	6 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
CAST	done	9	9.3	30	6.6 × 10 ⁻¹¹
IAXO	In design	2.5	22	2.3 × 10 ⁴	4 × 10 ⁻¹²

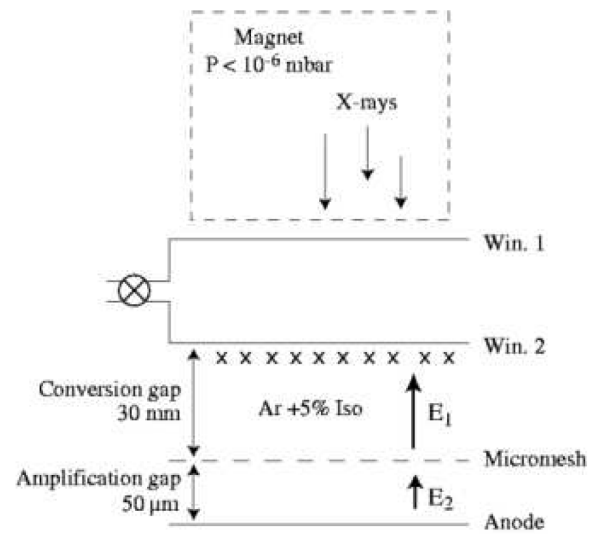
$$\mathcal{P}(a \rightarrow \gamma) = \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0 L}{2} \right)^2$$

Sikivie Phys. Rev. D 32,11 (1985)

CAST - CERN Axion Solar Telescope

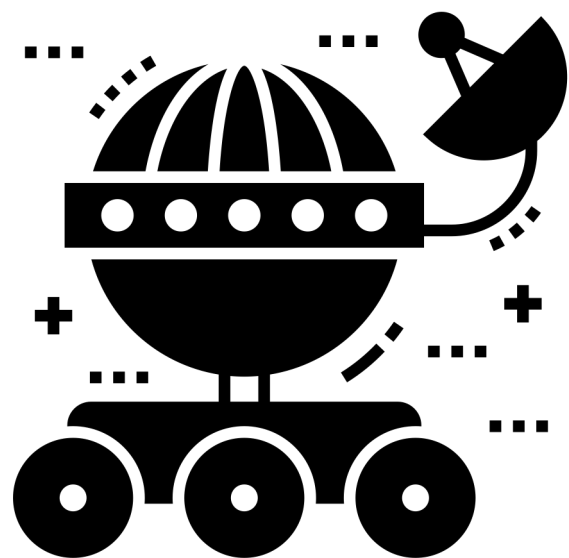


Micromegas low-background X-ray detector built with radiopure material. 10^{-3} counts/h



Giomataris et al arXiv:physics/0702190





SEARCH FOR AXION DARK MATTER

AXION DM

Local Dark Matter density

$$\rho \simeq 0.3 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$$

Axion density

$$n_a \simeq 3 \times 10^{12} \left(\frac{100 \mu\text{eV}}{m_a} \right) 1/\text{cm}^3$$

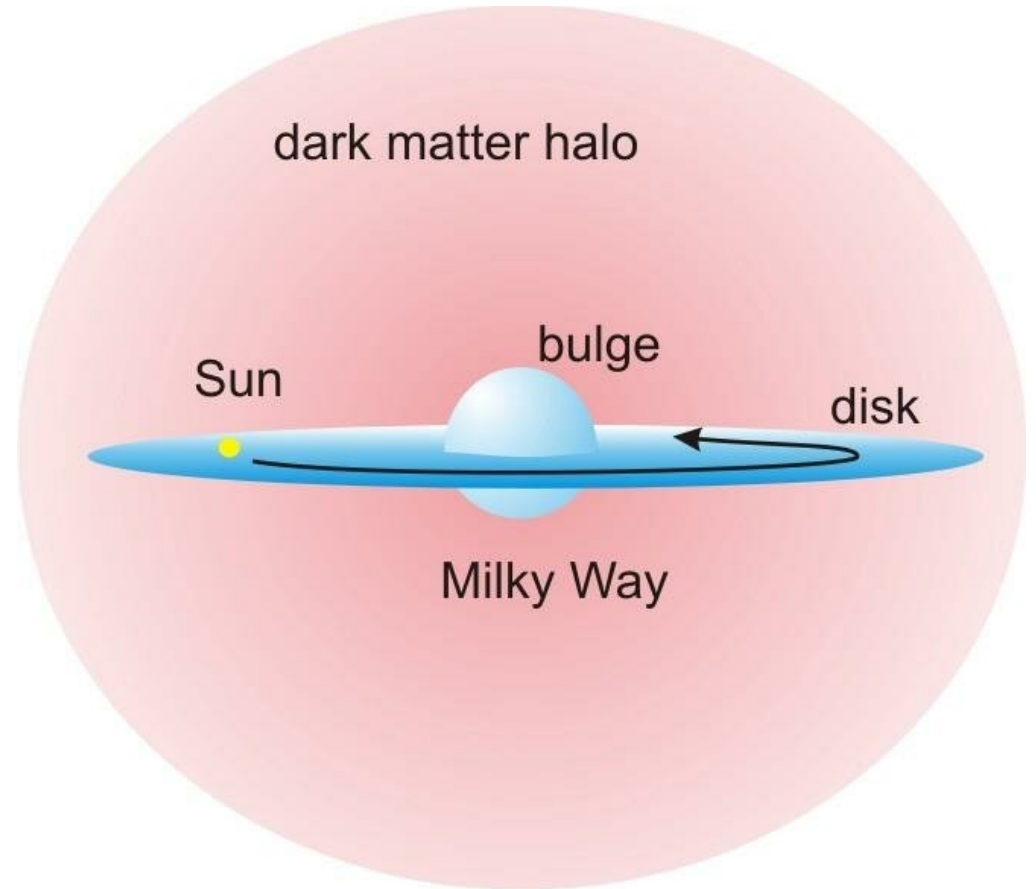
Axion-Earth relative speed

$$\beta_a \sim 10^{-3}$$

Axion as a classical field

$$a = a_0 \cos(\omega t - kx) \quad a_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2\rho_{DM}}{m_a^2}}$$

$$\hbar\omega \simeq m_a c^2$$



Sikivie's Haloscope

$$\nabla^2 E - \partial_t^2 E = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0 \partial_t^2 a$$

Solving the equation inside a cylindrical resonant cavity, the signal power is

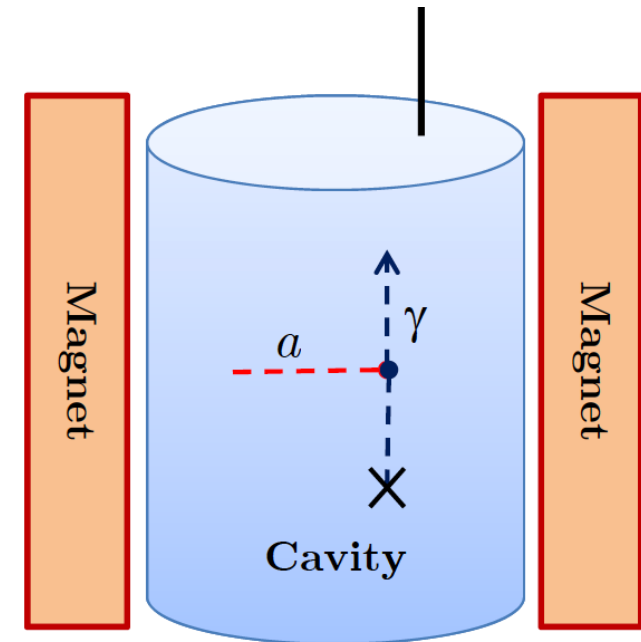
$$P_{\text{sig}} = \left(g_{\gamma}^2 \frac{\alpha^2 \hbar^3 c^3 \rho_a}{\pi^2 \Lambda^4} \right) \times \left(\frac{\beta}{1 + \beta} \omega_c \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_0^2 V C_{mnl} Q_L \right)$$

β antenna coupling to cavity

V cavity volume

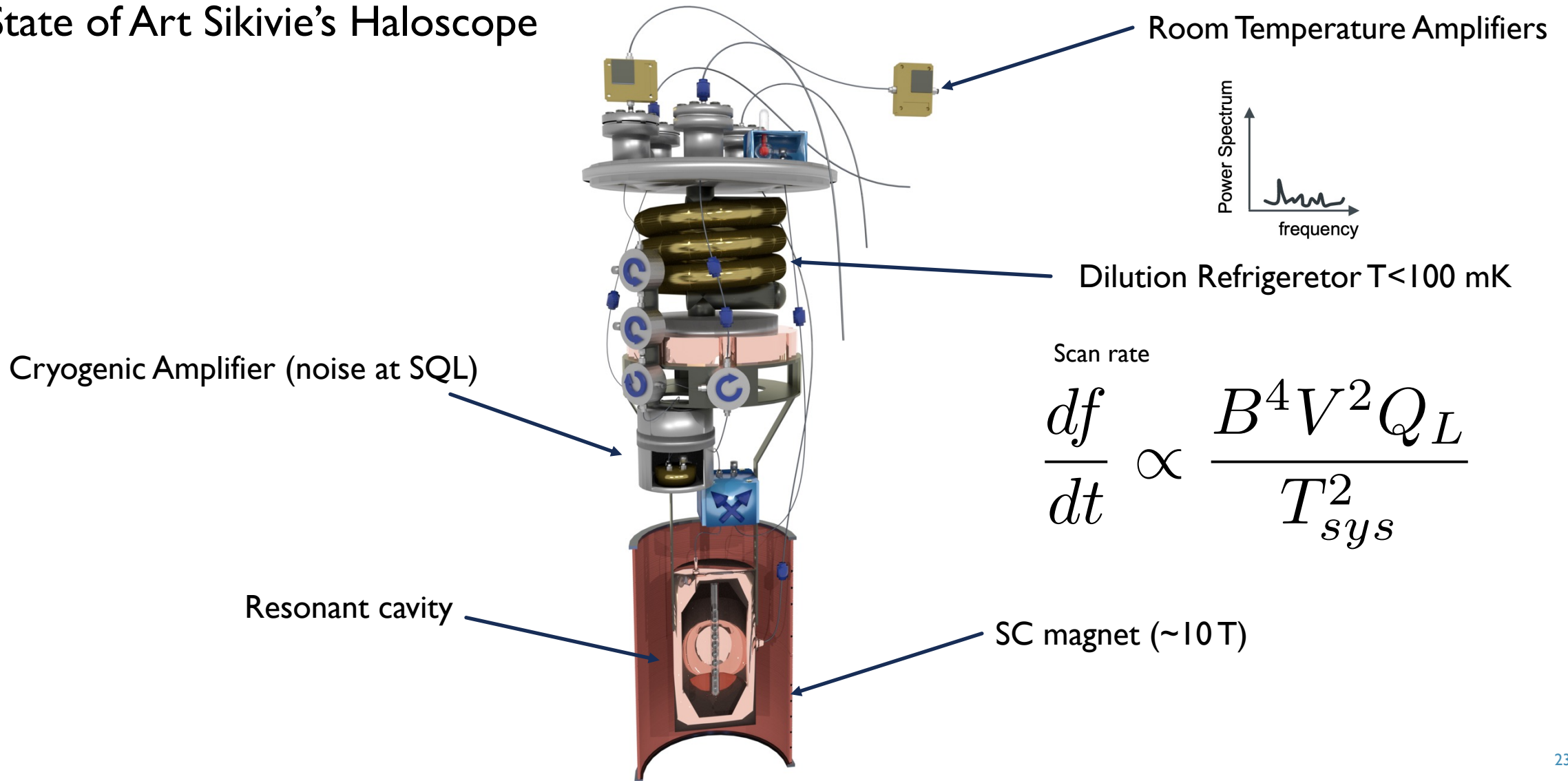
C_{mnl} mode dependent factor about 0.6 for TM010

Q_L cavity "loaded" quality factor



Sikivie Phys. Rev. D 32,11 (1985)

State of Art Sikivie's Haloscope



Signal Sensitivity

$$P_{noise} = k_B T \Delta\nu \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1} \times 4 \text{ K} \times 10^4 \text{ Hz} \sim 6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ W}$$

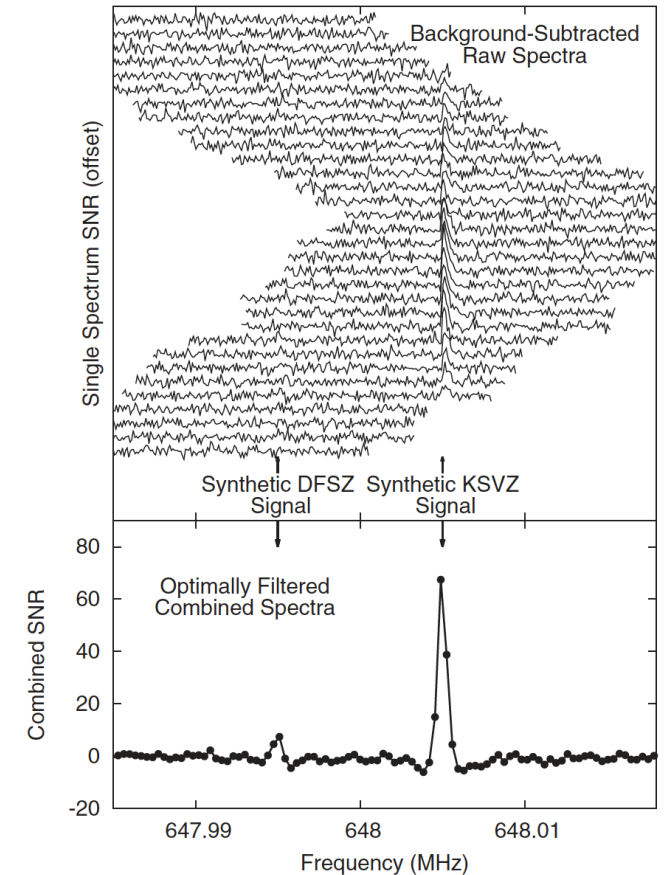
$$SNR = \frac{P_{sig}}{k_B T_{sys}} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\Delta\nu_a}}$$

τ integration time
 $\Delta\nu_a$ axion bandwidth
 $T_{sys} = T + T_{noise}$

Typical signal power 10^{-22} W

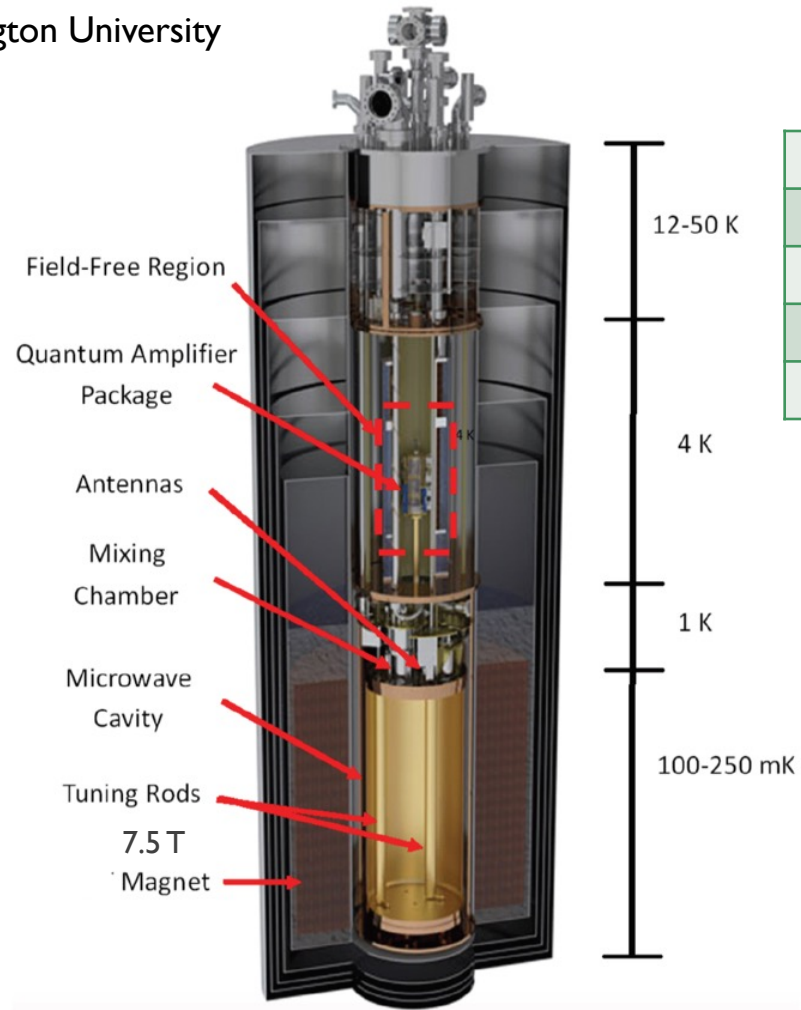
Average on several samples for a time (SNR=1):

$$\tau \sim 10^8 \tau_a$$

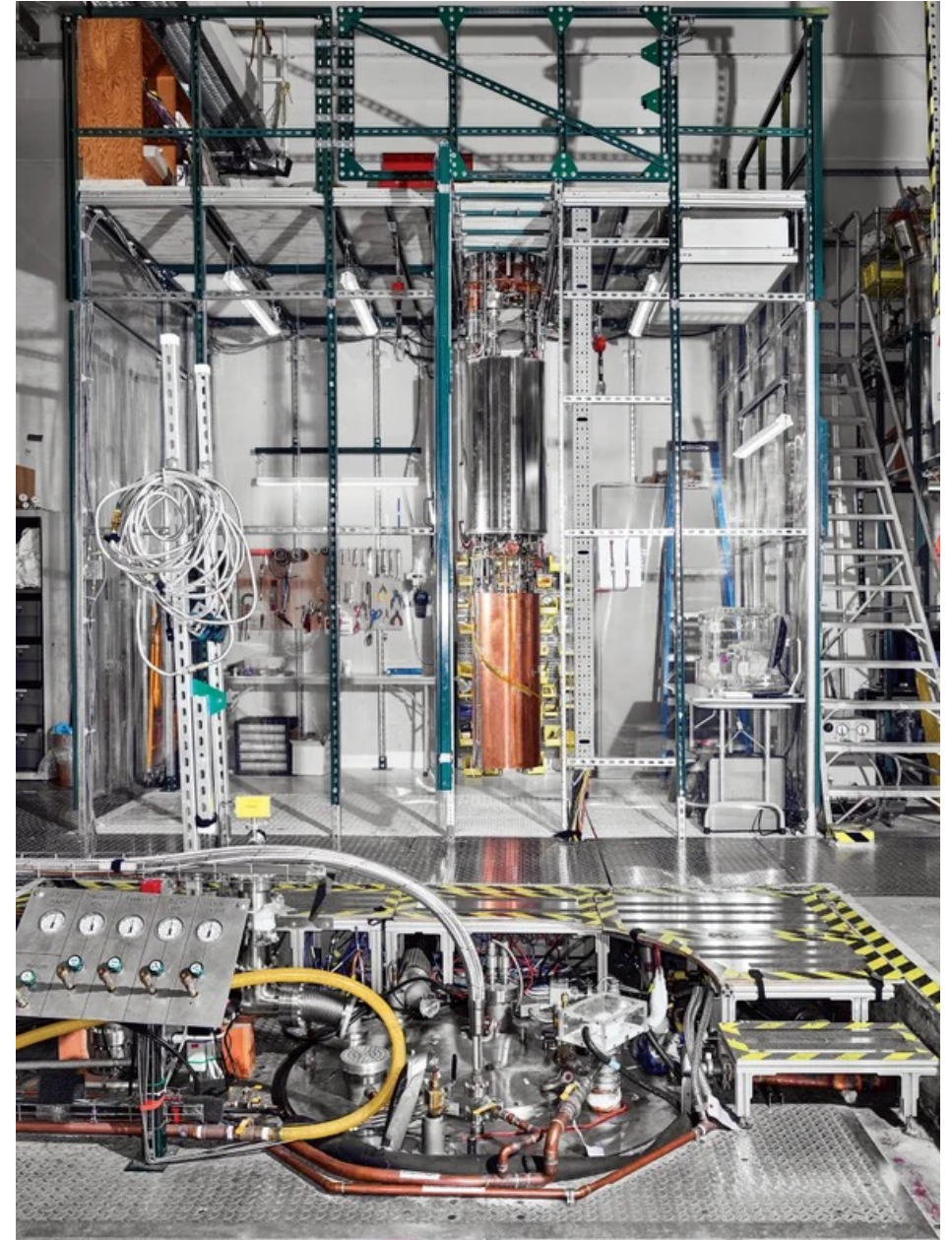


ADMX – Axion Dark Matter Experiment

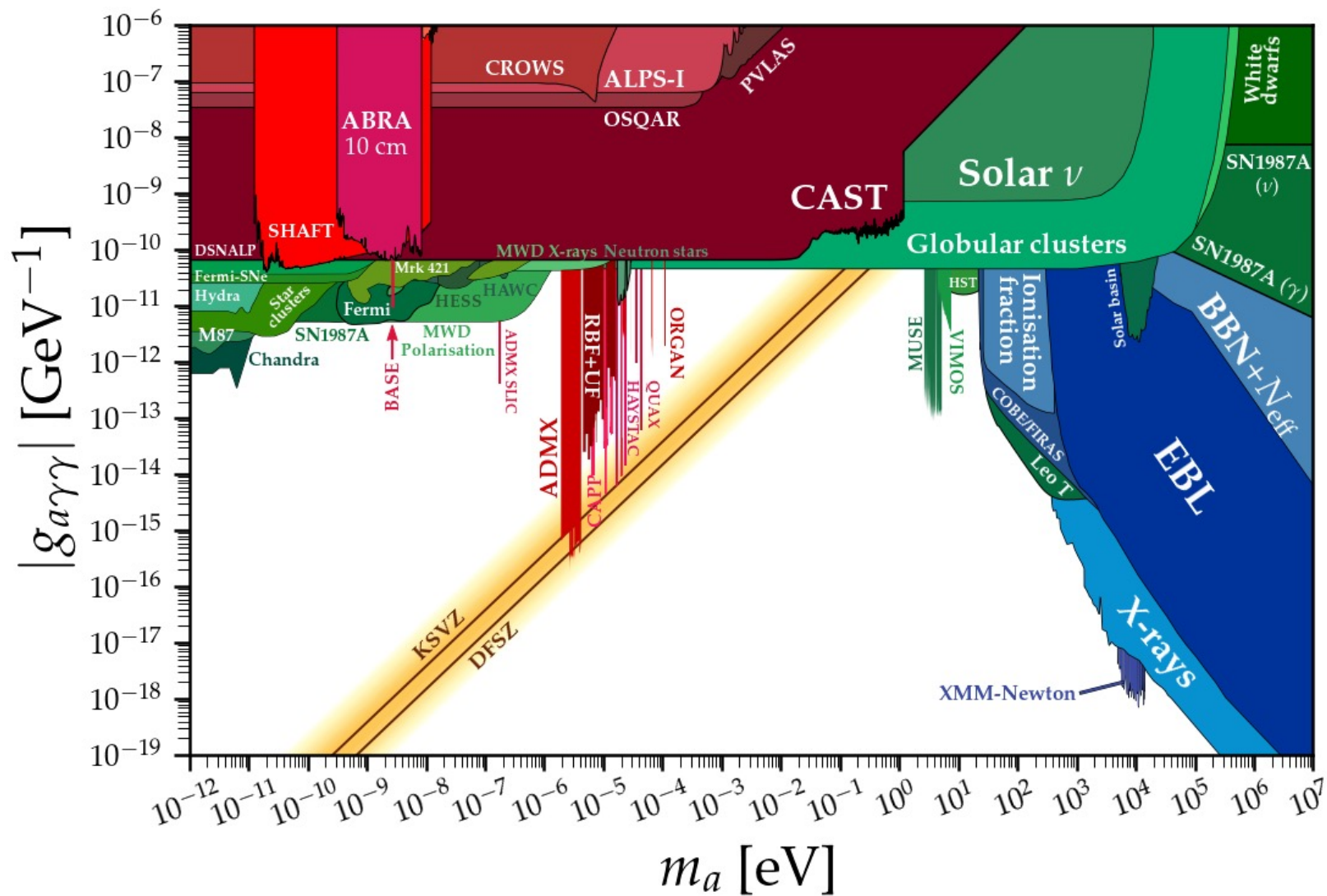
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ADMX	800 MHz
Volume	136 L
Q_0	200,000
B	7.5 T
T_{noise}	600 mK



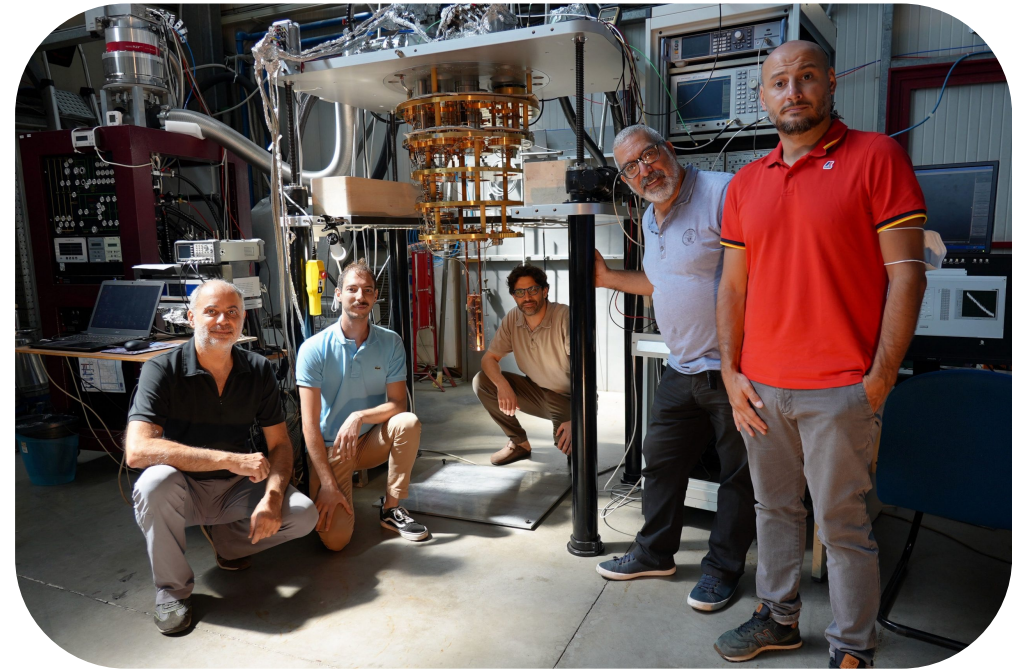
Axion DM Searches Now



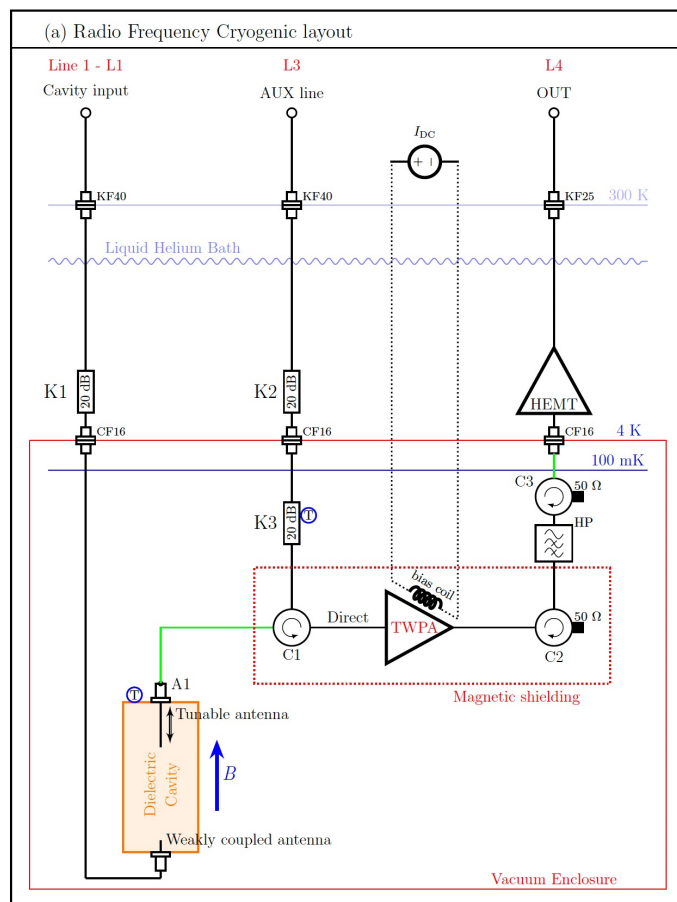
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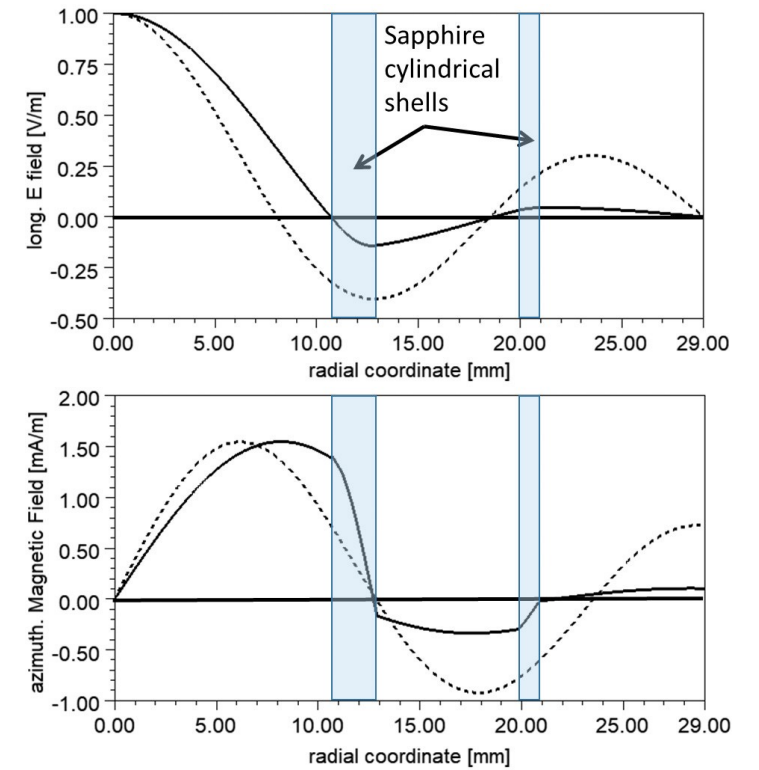
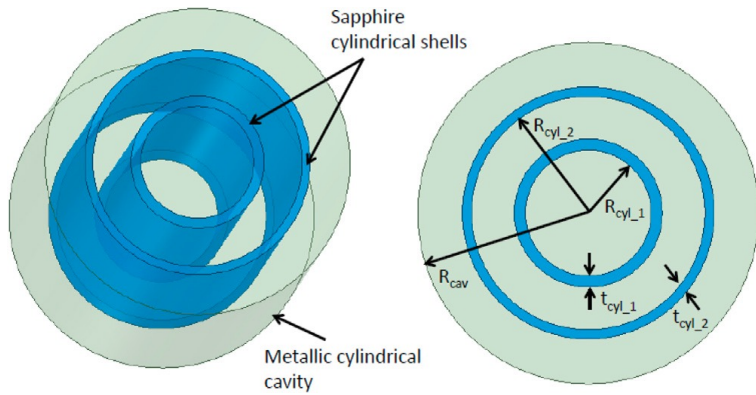
The LNL Haloscope



- $B=8\text{ T}$
- Dilution Refrigerator
- $T_{\text{cavity}}=110\text{ mK}$
- TWPA
- $T_{\text{noise}}=2\text{ K}$
- Dielectric Cavity
- Sapphire tuner
- $Q=2.5 \times 10^5$
- $VC_{030}=0.034\text{ L}$



Search for galactic axions with a traveling wave parametric amplifier
 PHYSICAL REVIEW D 108, 062005, arXiv:2304.7505 (2023)

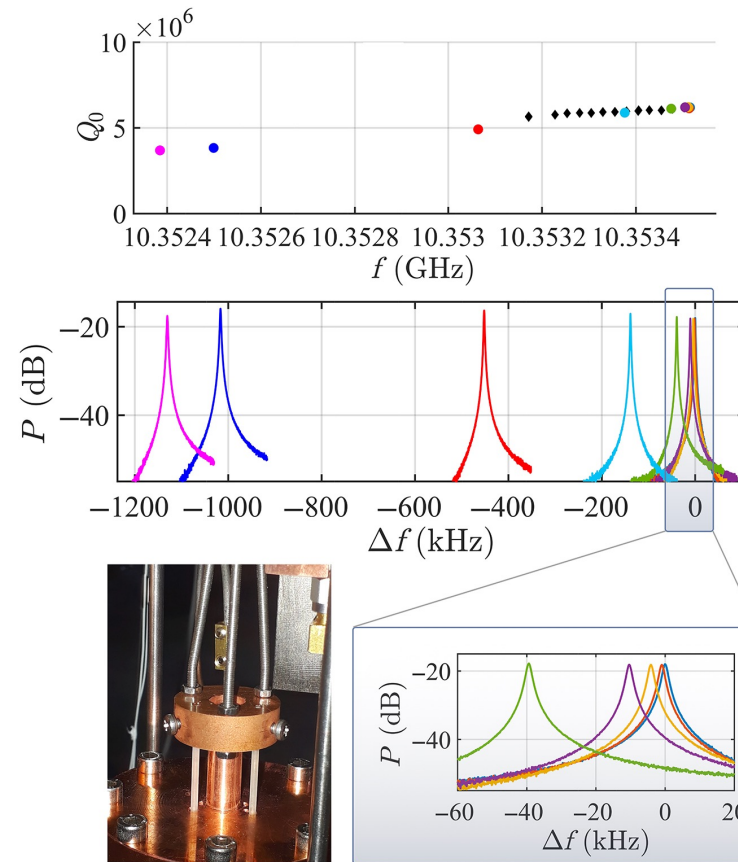
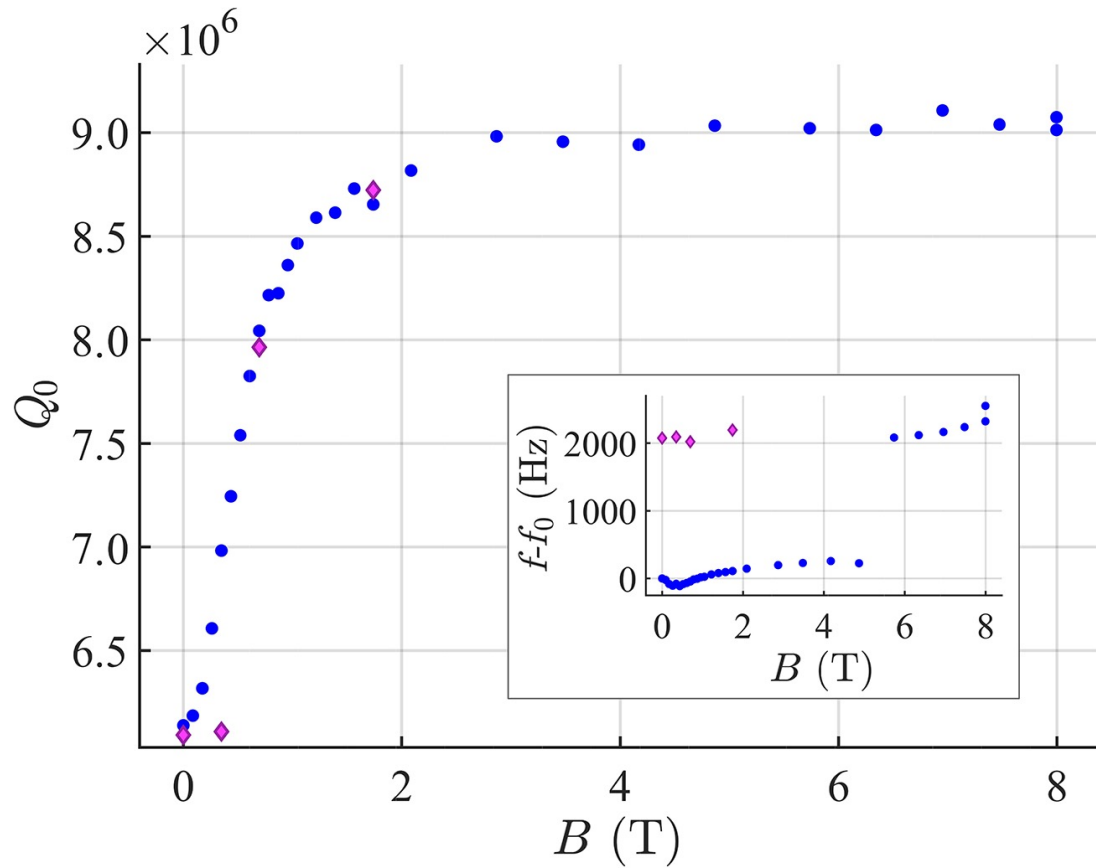


High Quality Factor Resonator with Hollow Dielectric Cylinders

- Nuclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research, A 985 (2021) 164641

High-Q Microwave Dielectric Resonator for Axion Dark-Matter Haloscopes

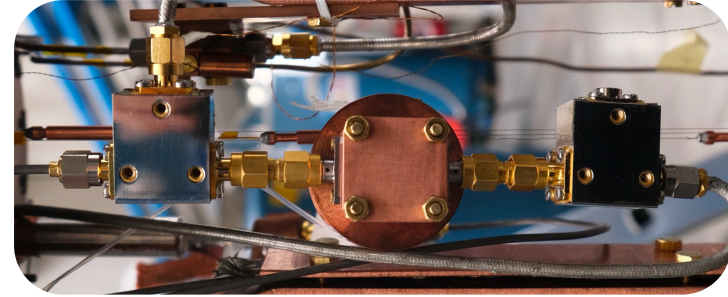
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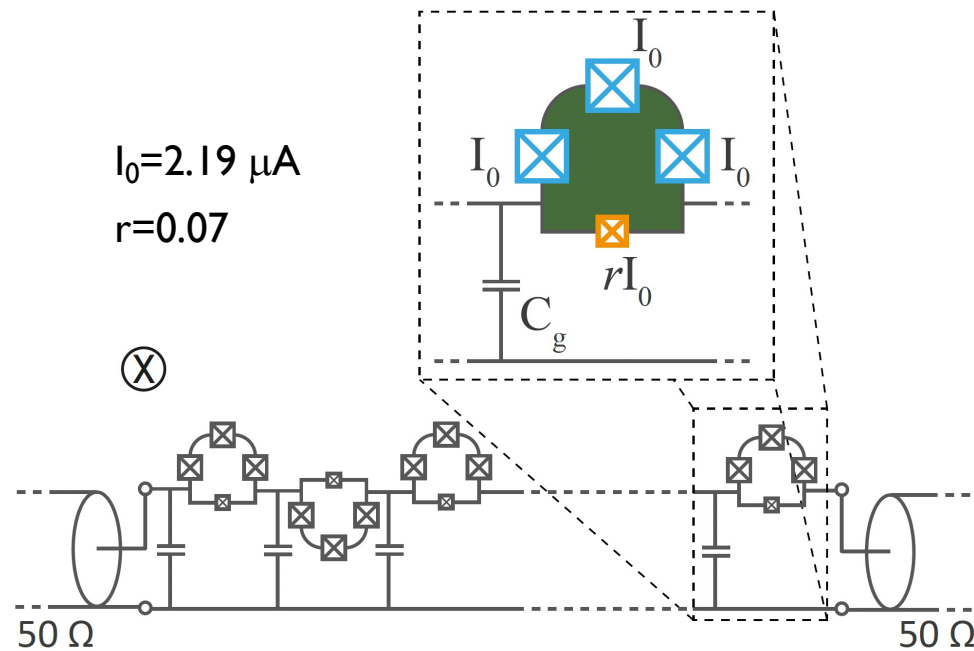
Reversed Kerr TWPA



6 mm transmission line composed by 700 cells made of superconducting nonlinear asymmetric inductive elements (SNAIL)



(b)



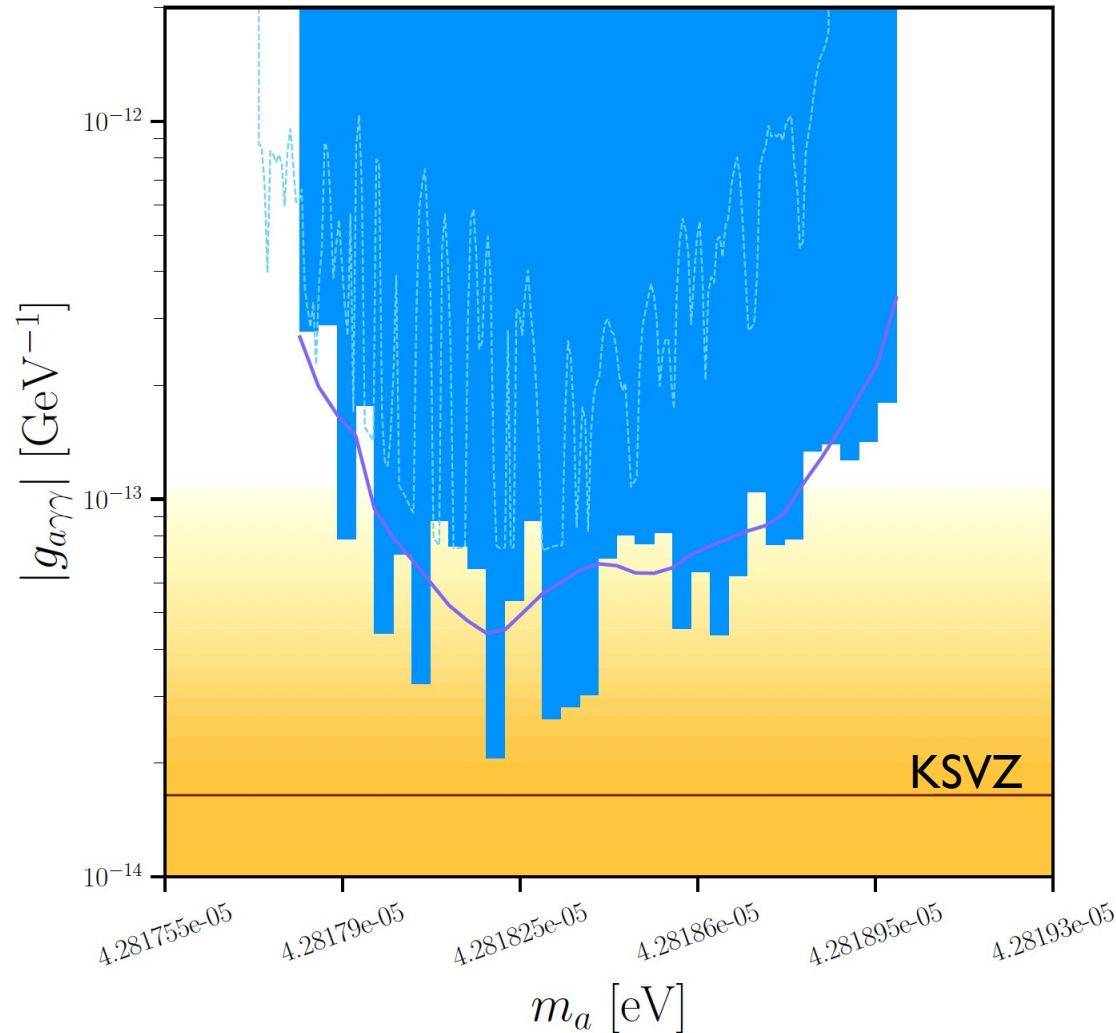
$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(z, t) = & \frac{1}{2} [A_p(z) e^{i(k_p z - \omega_p t)} + A_s(z) e^{i(k_s z - \omega_s t)} \\
 & + A_i(z) e^{i(k_i z - \omega_i t)} + \text{c.c.}],
 \end{aligned}$$

Pump Signal
Idler

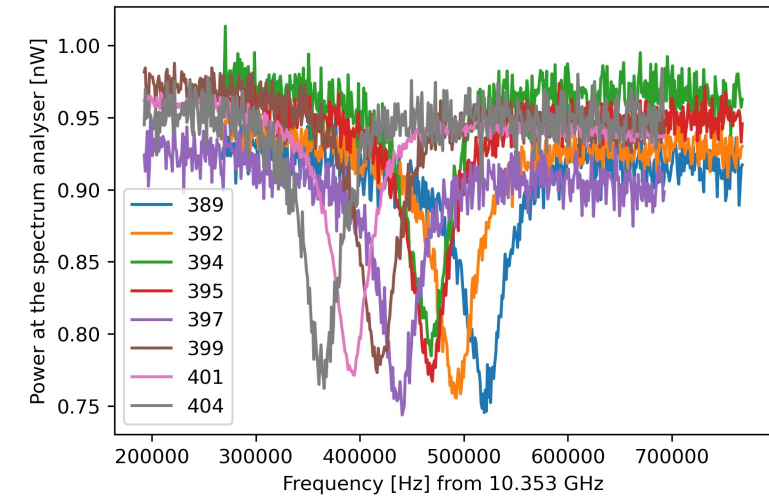
$$\omega_s + \omega_i = 2\omega_p$$

A. Ranadive et al. Kerr reversal in josephson meta-material and traveling wave parametric amplification. Nature Communications, 13(1):1737, Apr 2022.

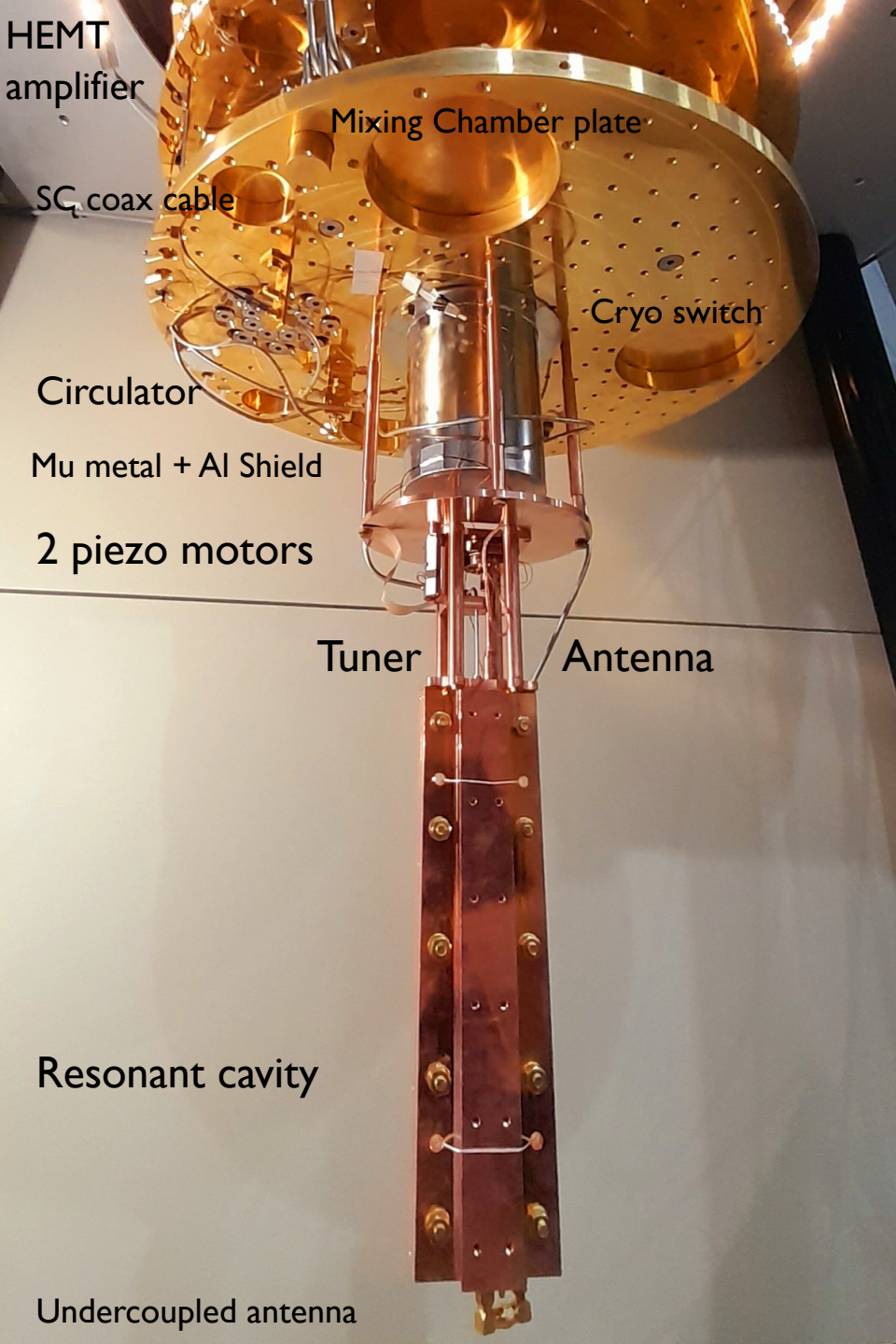
Result of LNL Axion Search in 2022



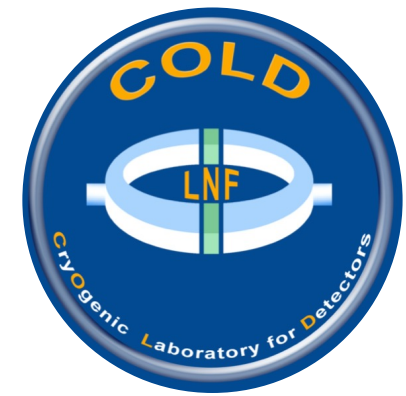
RUN n	$\nu_c - 10.353$ GHz (Hz)	Cavity Q_L	β	Ref Peak (a.u.)
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392	494 100	240 000	23.8	185
394	468 800	245 000	24.2	186
395	468 800	245 000	24.2	187
397	439 800	245 000	22.7	175
399	418 500	245 000	22.6	191
401	393 100	250 000	22.5	186
404	365 400	255 000	23.5	193



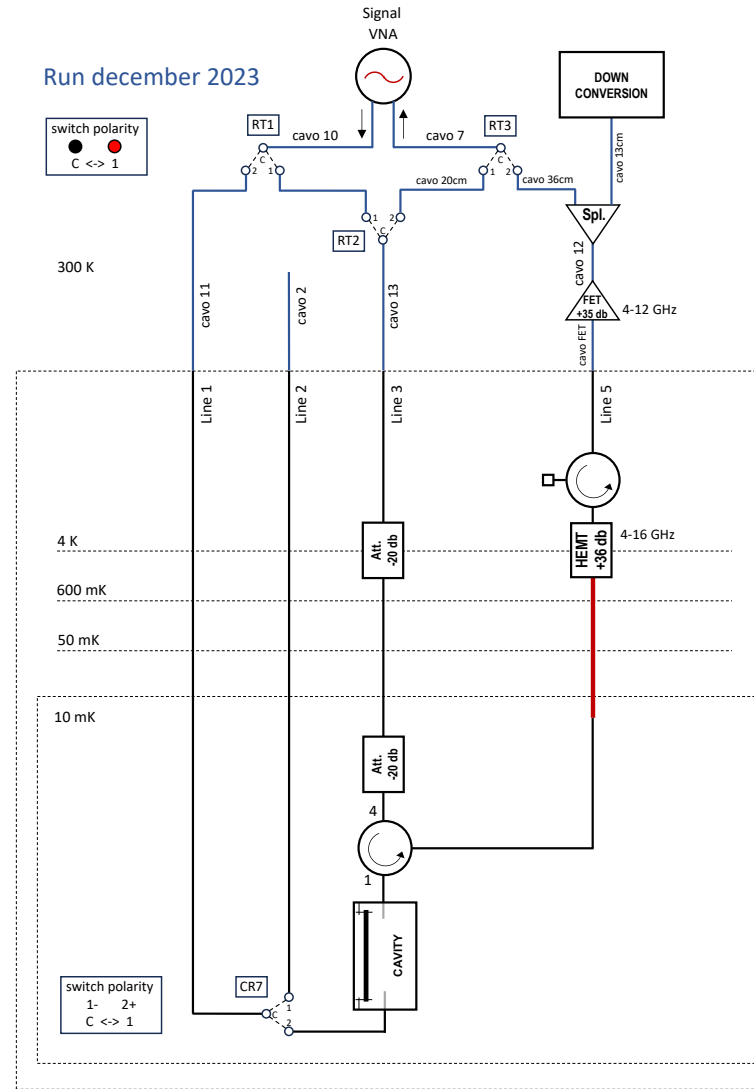
Scanning rate:
About 10h Run → 0.3 MHz/day



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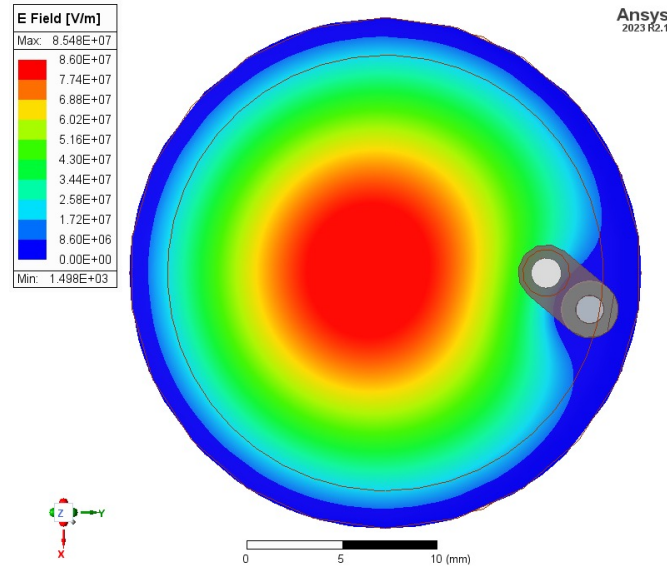
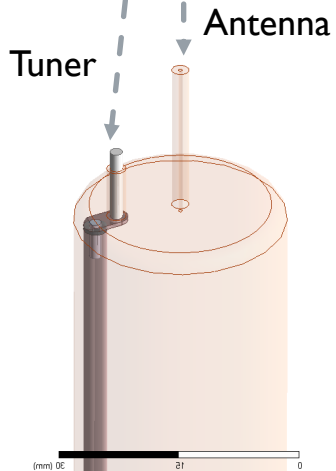
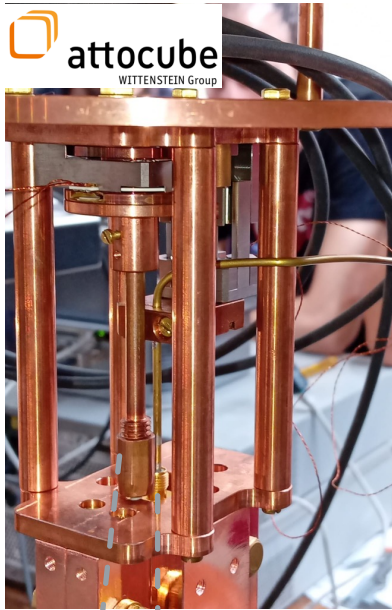
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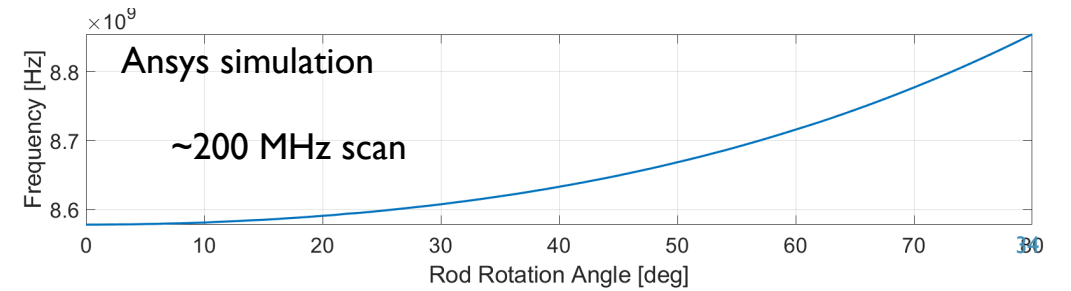
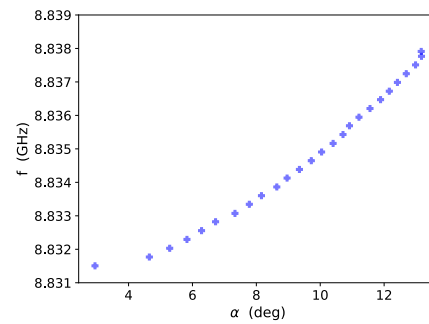
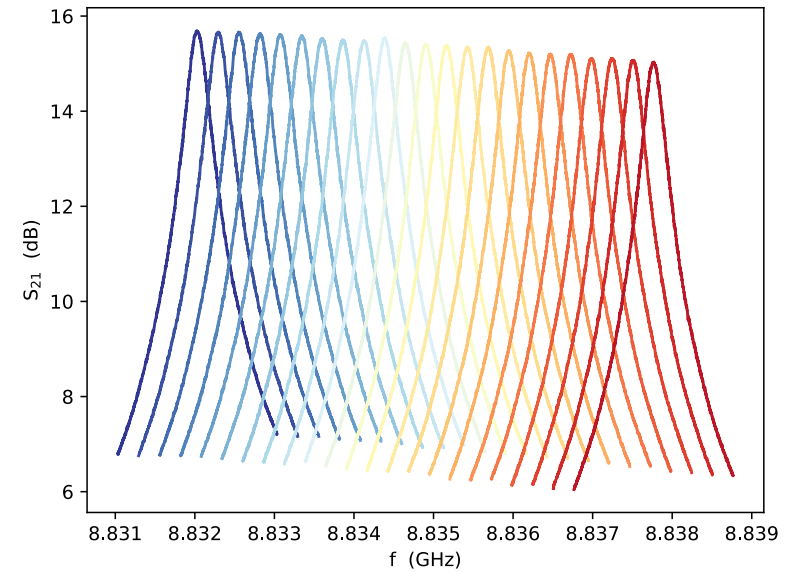
- Cavity temperature 30 mK
- Magnetic Field $B=8$ T
- Frequency 8.8 GHz
- Copper cavity $Q_0=50,000$ with tuner
- HEMT amplifier
- T_{noise} 4K
- 2 weeks data taking
- 6 MHz scan

arXiv: arXiv:2404.19063

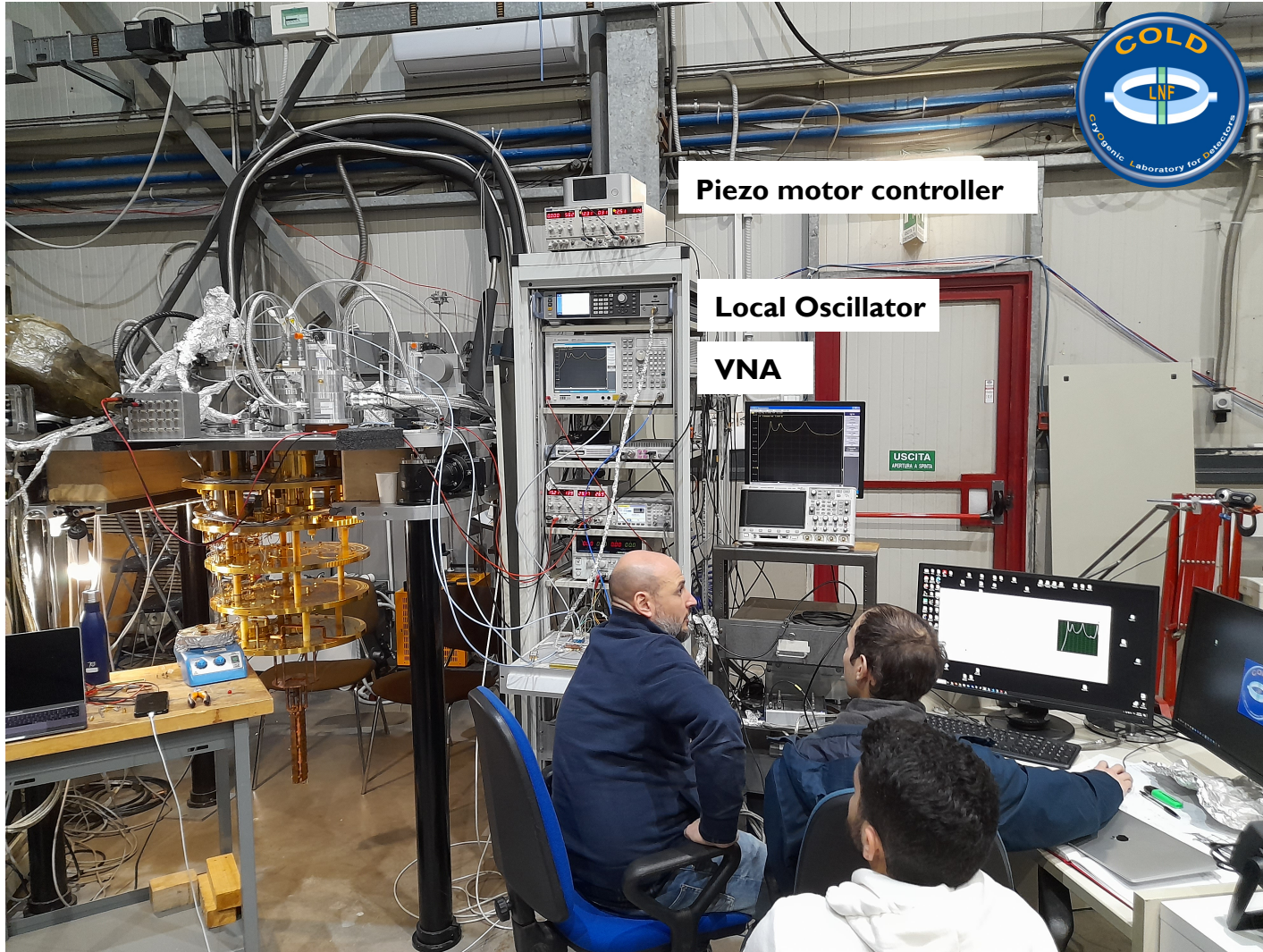
Cavity Tuning



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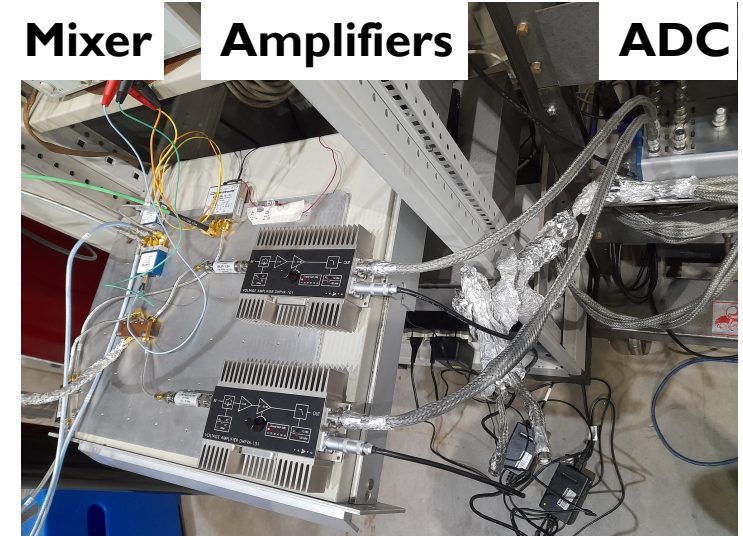
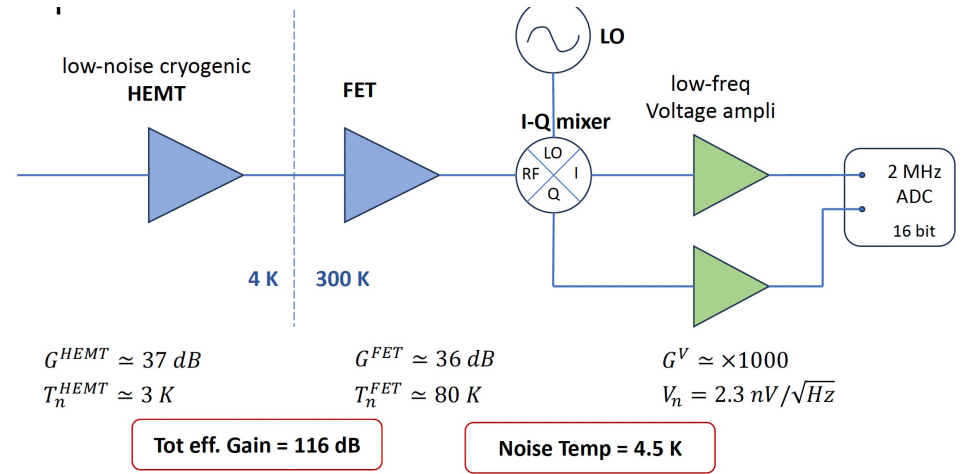
Acquisition Chain



Piezo motor controller

Local Oscillator

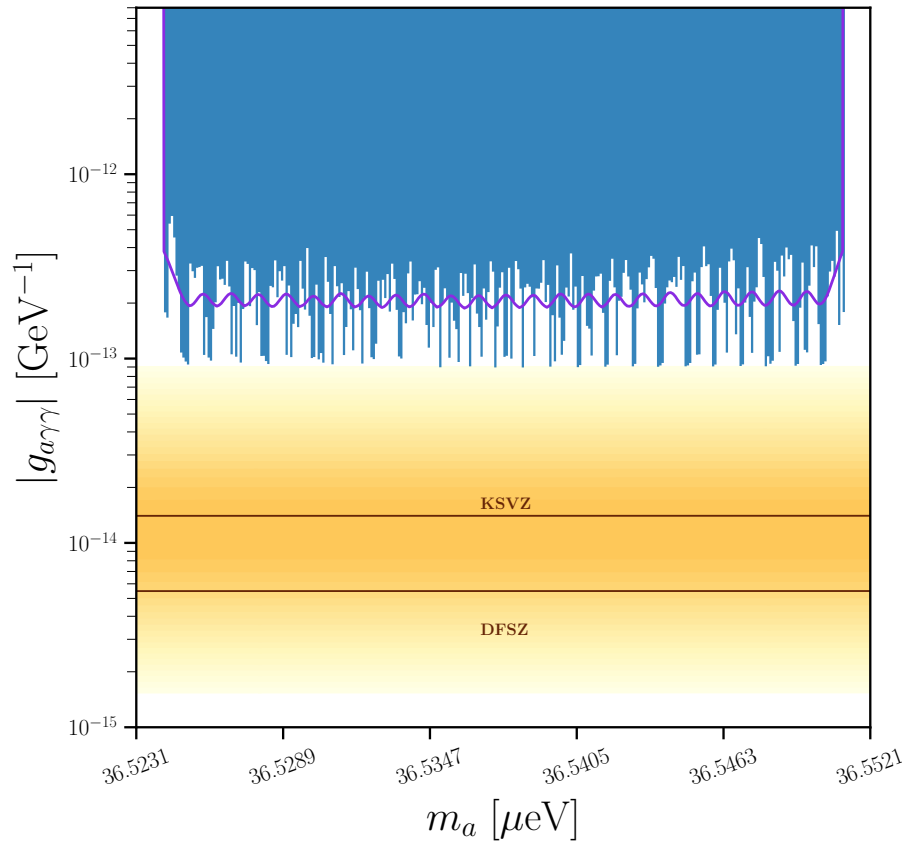
VNA





Result of LNF Axion Search in 2023

- 24 runs, 1 hour each, 250 kHz of frequency steps
- Average exclusion 90% c.l. about $g_{a\gamma\gamma} = 2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
- Preprint on arXiv: arXiv:2404.19063



ν_c [GHz]	Q_L	β
8.83176900	32345	0.5206
8.83203080	32228	0.519
8.83229550	32273	0.5082
8.83255580	32332	0.5141
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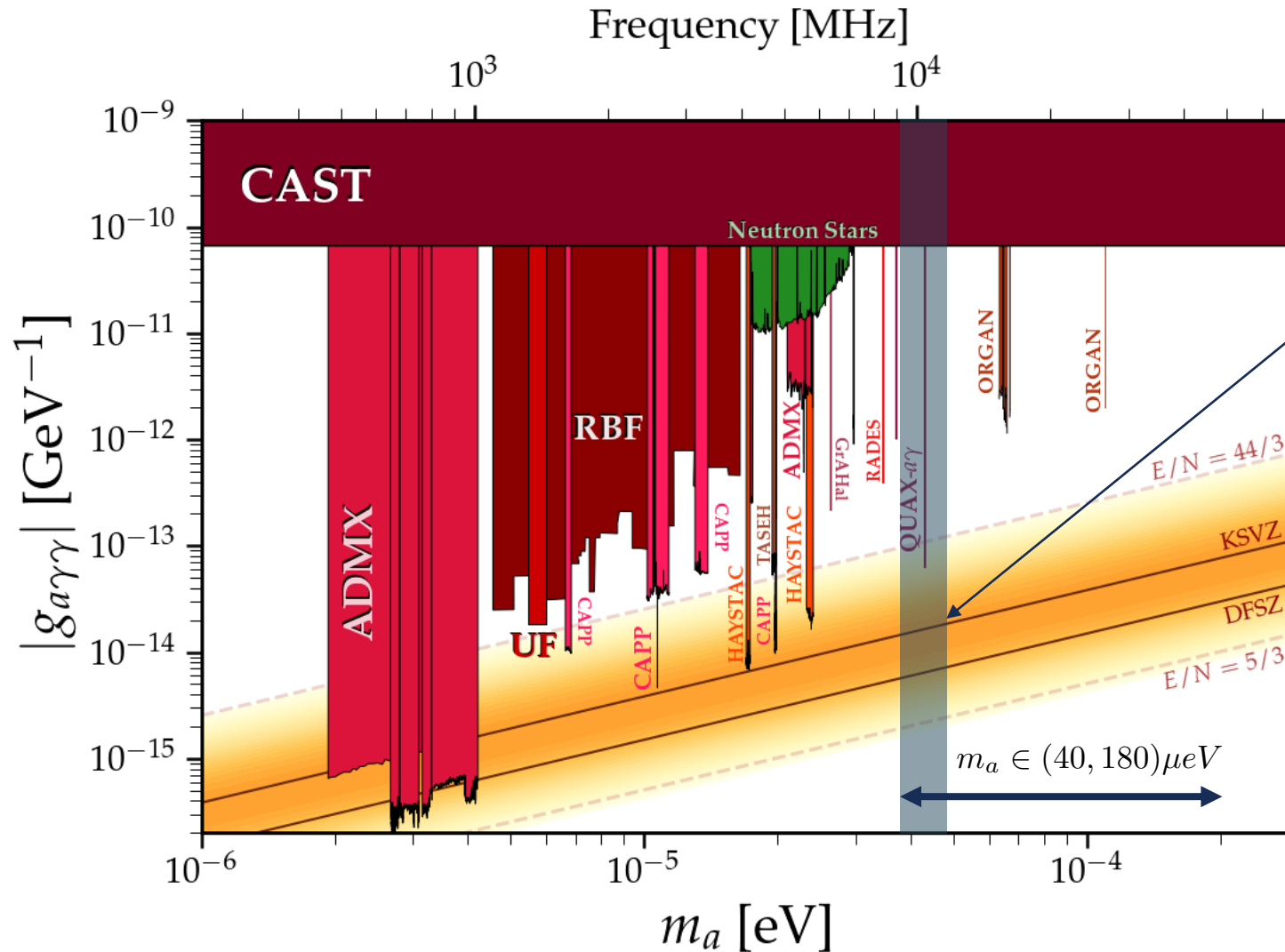
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- Superconducting cavity
- $Q_0 > 2 \times 10^5$
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- Single cavity



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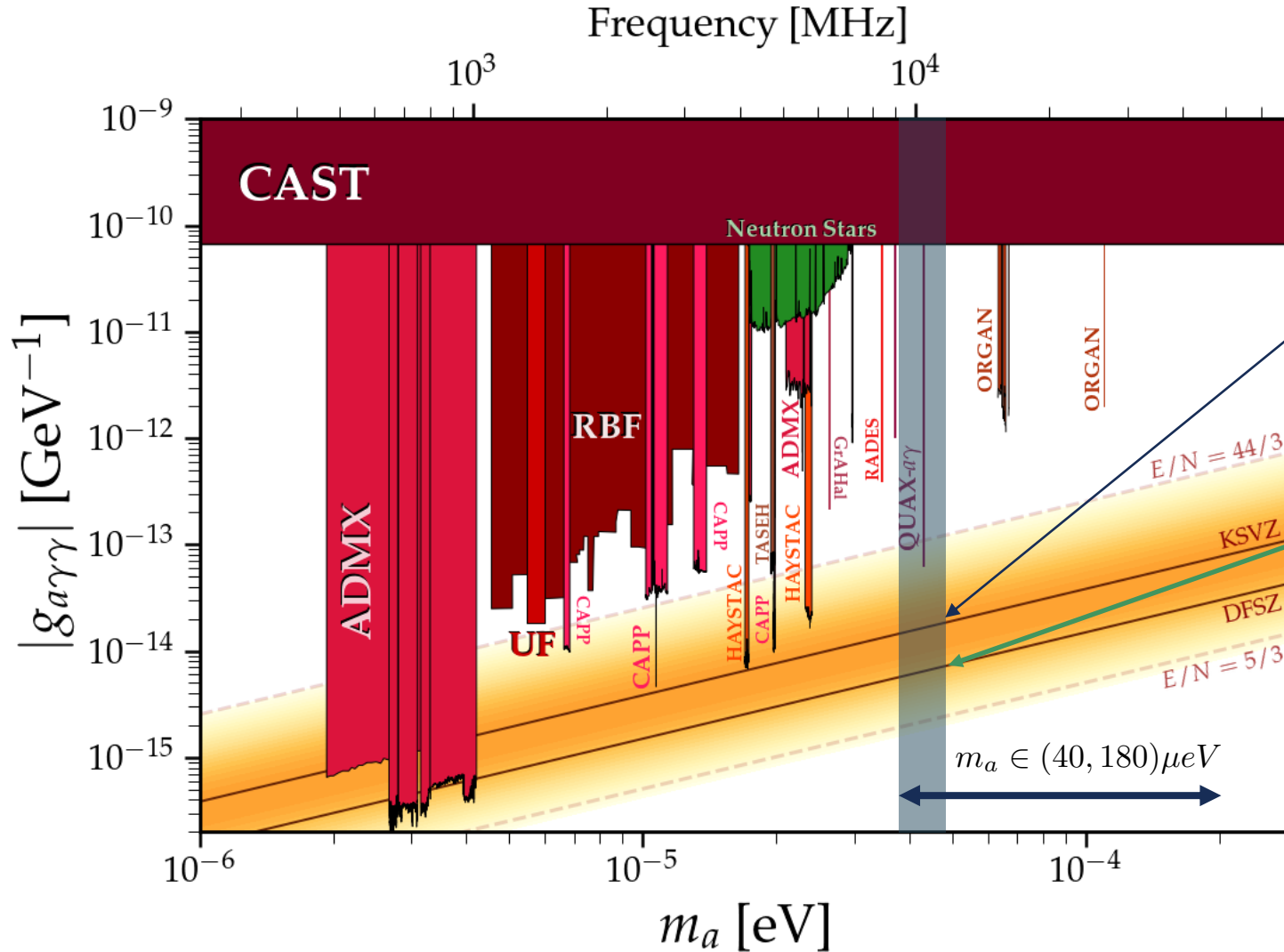
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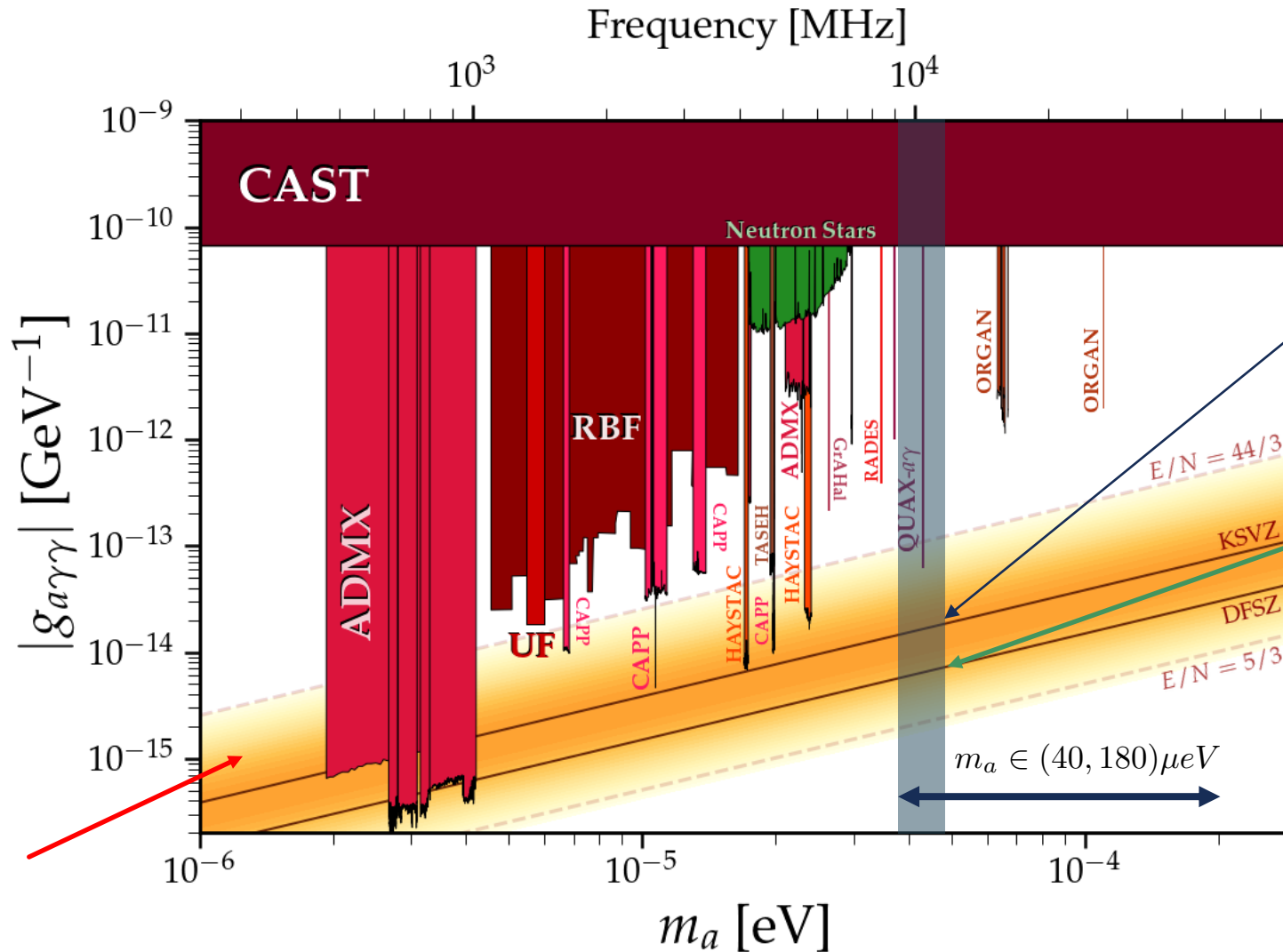
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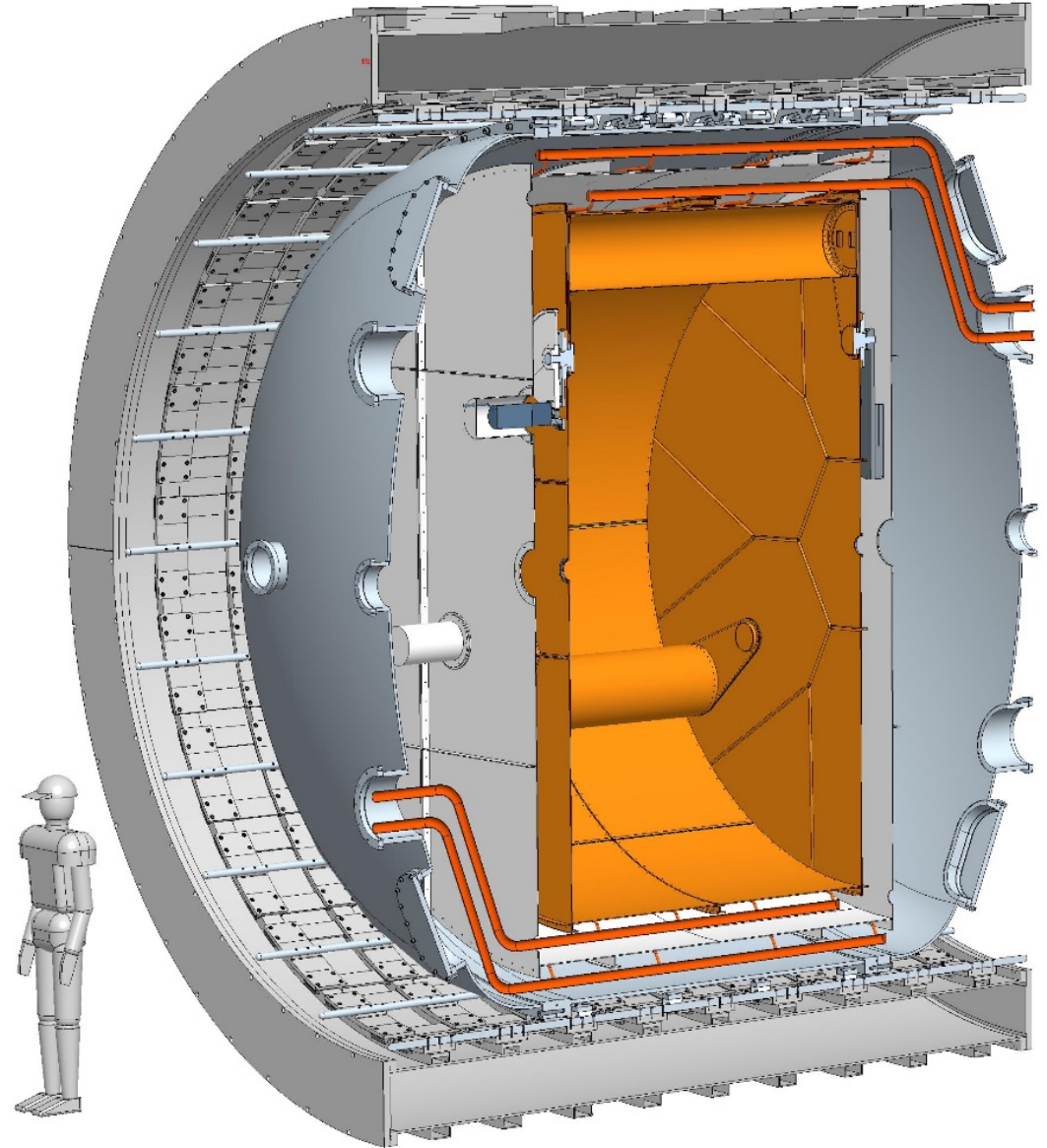
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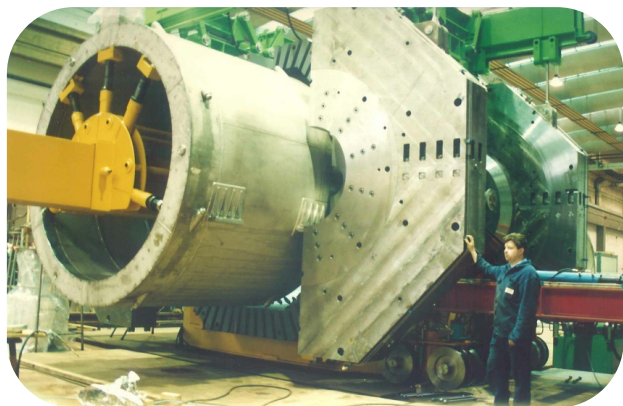
FLASH FINUDA MAGNET FOR LIGHT AXION SEARCH

GALACTIC AXION SEARCH AT
100 MHz (0.5-1.5 μeV)



Large Superconducting Magnets at LNF

FINUDA → FLASH



B(T)	1.1
I(A)	2845
R(m)	1.4
L(m)	2.2



KLOE → KLASH



B(T)	0.6
I(A)	2300
R(m)	2.43
L(m)	4.4



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The KLASH – Letter of Intent

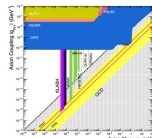
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KLASH

Conceptual Design Report



Full Length Article

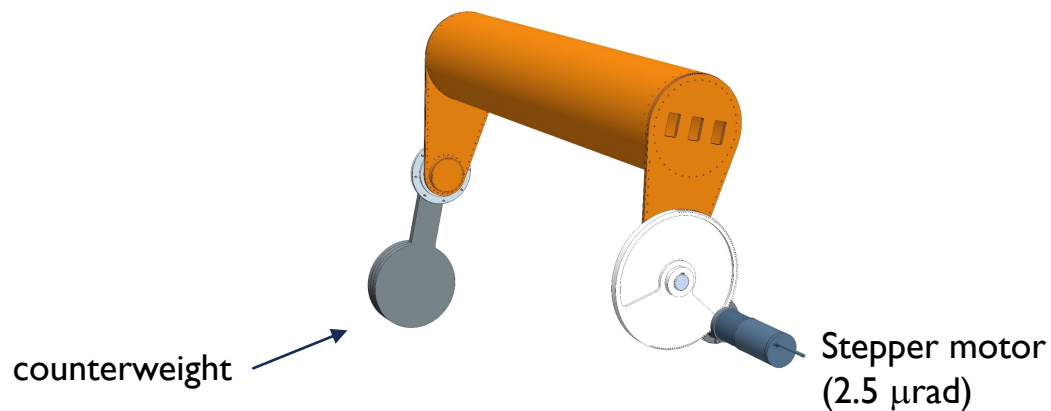
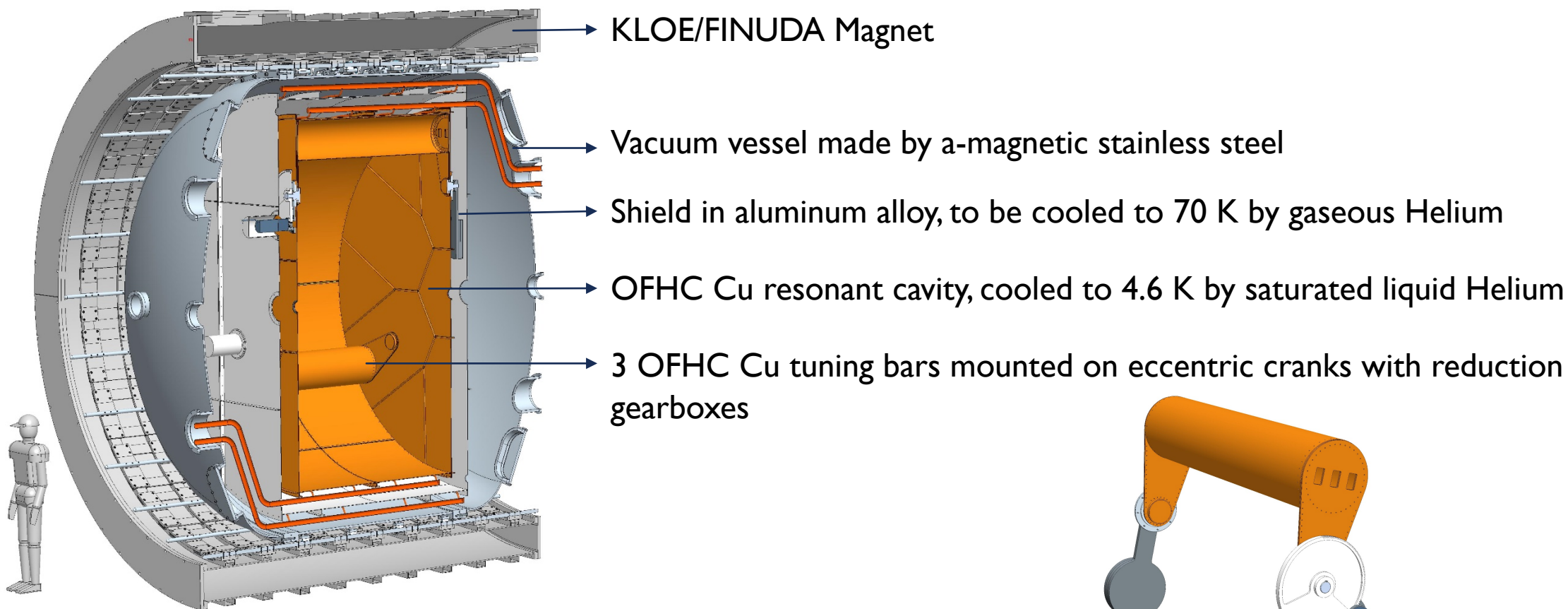
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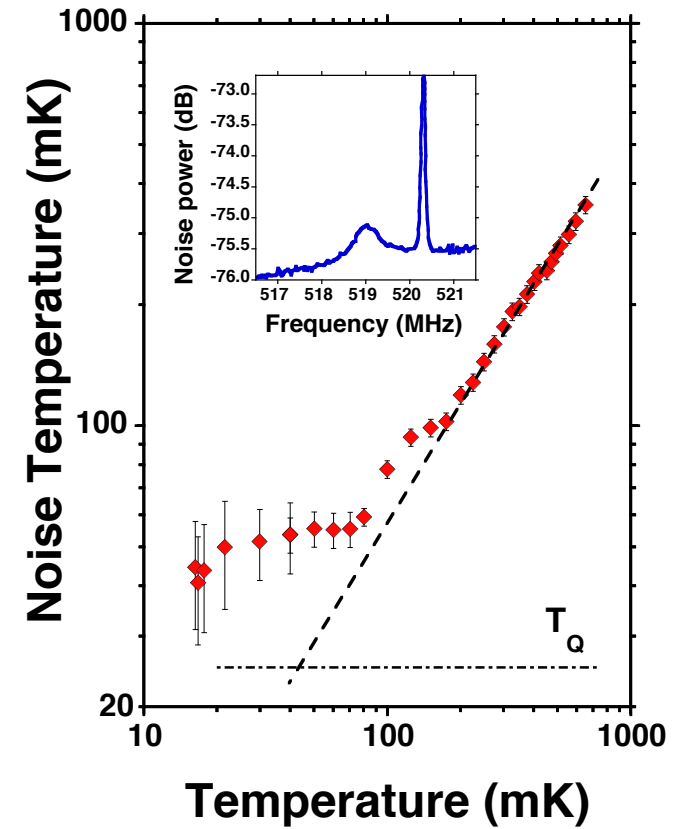
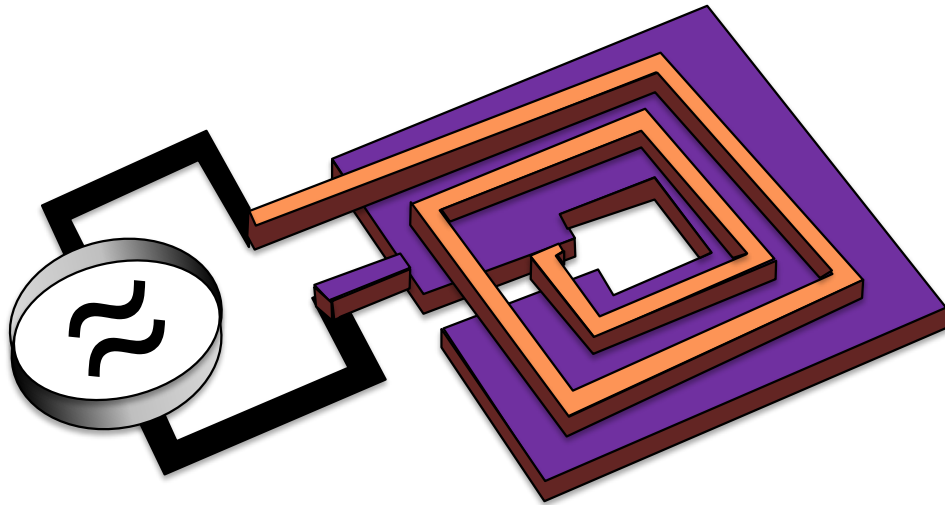
THE F(K)LASH Cryostat and Resonant Cavity



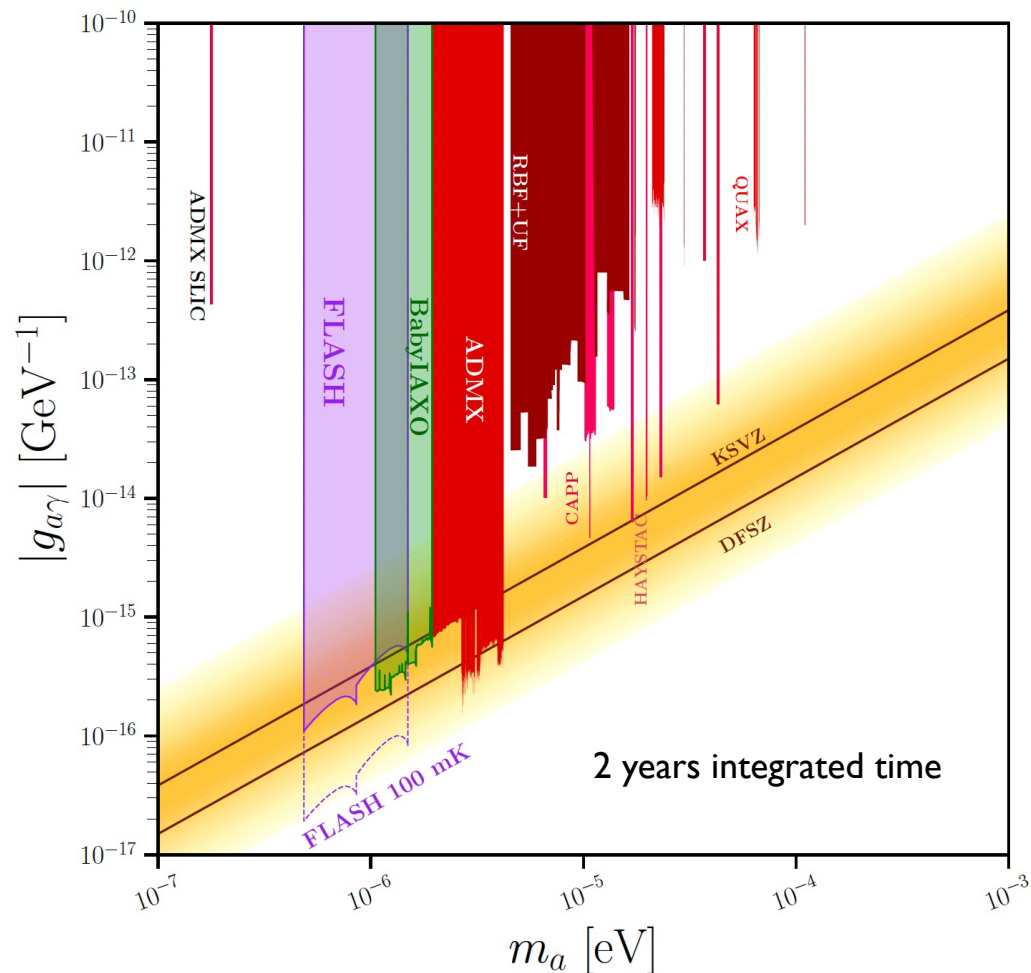
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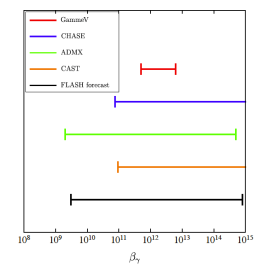
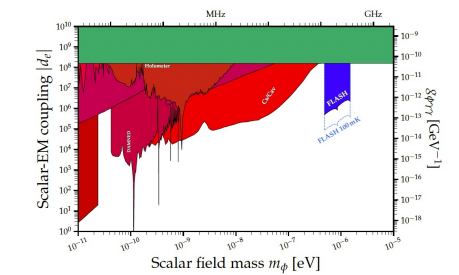
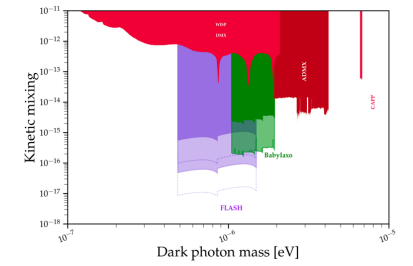
Microstrip SQUID amplifier provides large gain, low added noise and wide tunability.



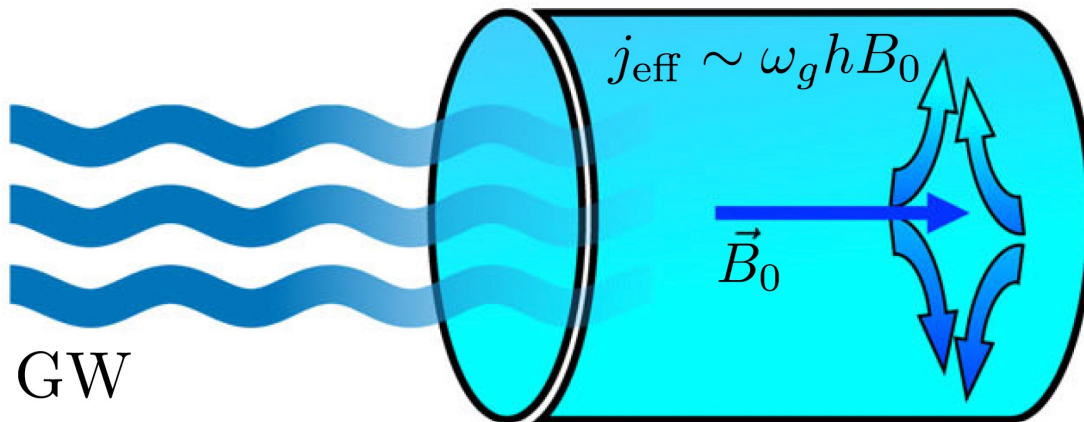
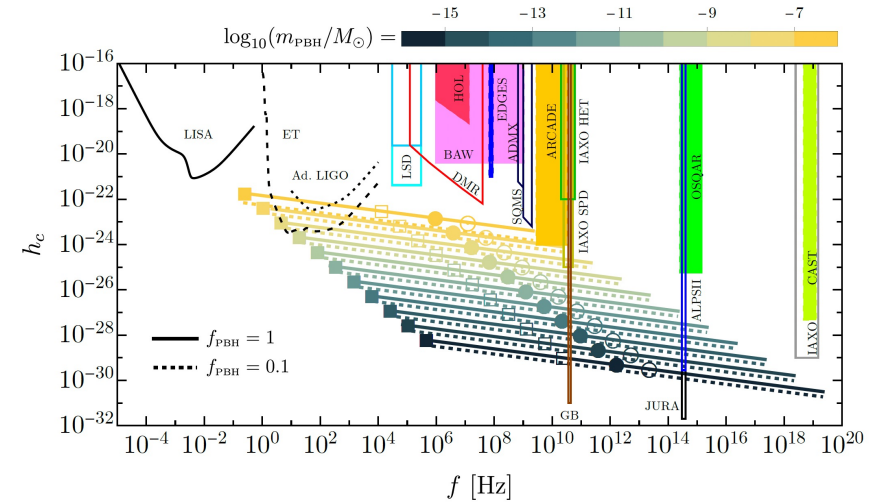
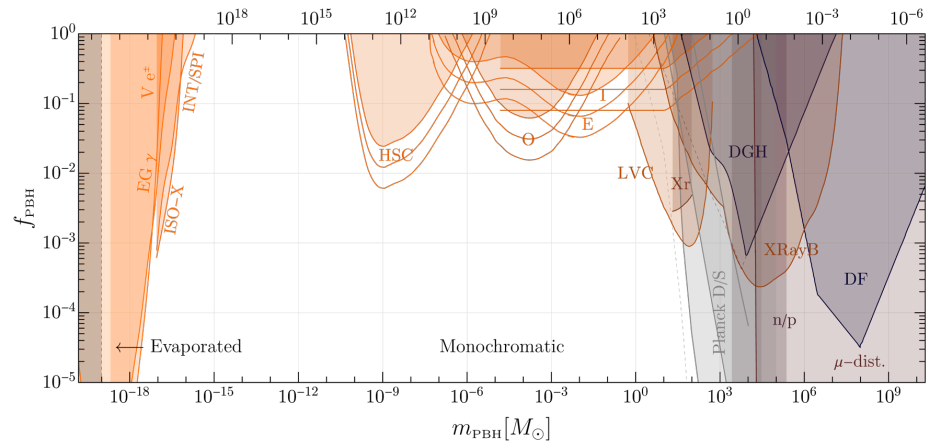
Sensitivity to AXIONS and ALPS



Parameter	Value
ν_c [MHz]	150
m_a [μeV]	0.62
$g_{a\gamma\gamma}^{\text{KSVZ}}$ [GeV ⁻¹]	2.45×10^{-16}
Q_L	1.4×10^5
C_{010}	0.53
B_{max} [T]	1.1
β	2
τ [min]	5
T_{sys} [K]	4.9
P_{sig} [W]	0.9×10^{-22}
Scan rate [Hz s ⁻¹]	8
m_a [μeV]	0.49 - 1.49
$g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ 90% c.l. [GeV ⁻¹]	$(1.25 - 6.06) \times 10^{-16}$



Light Primordial Black Hole Dark Matter with Ultra-high-frequency Gravitational Waves



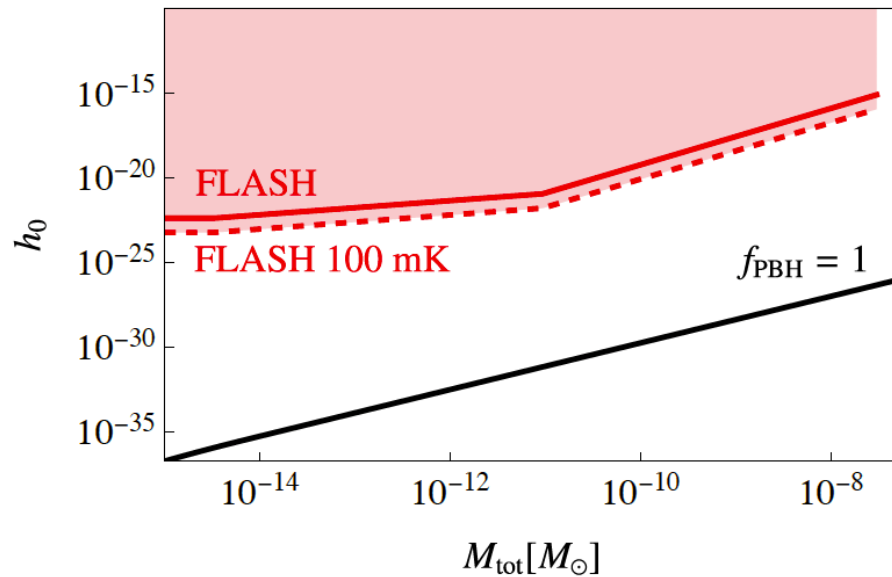
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FLASH Sensitivity to HFGW

Sensitivity limited also by short duration time of the HFGW from PBHs. Gain 1 or 2 order of magnitudes wrt GHz cavities:

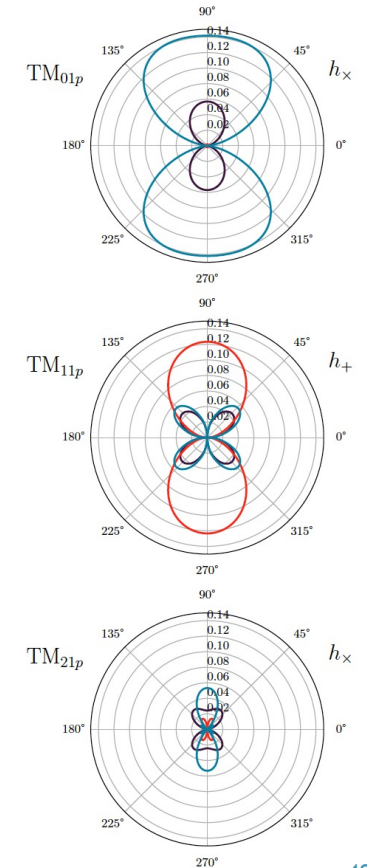
- Signal power scales as Radius²
- Q factor effective as long as Ncycles~Q



$$t_{int} \simeq 2.72 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ s} \times \left(\frac{M_c}{10^{-5} M_\odot} \right)^{-5/3} \left(\frac{\nu}{200 \text{ MHz}} \right)^{-8/3} \left(\frac{10^6}{Q} \right)$$

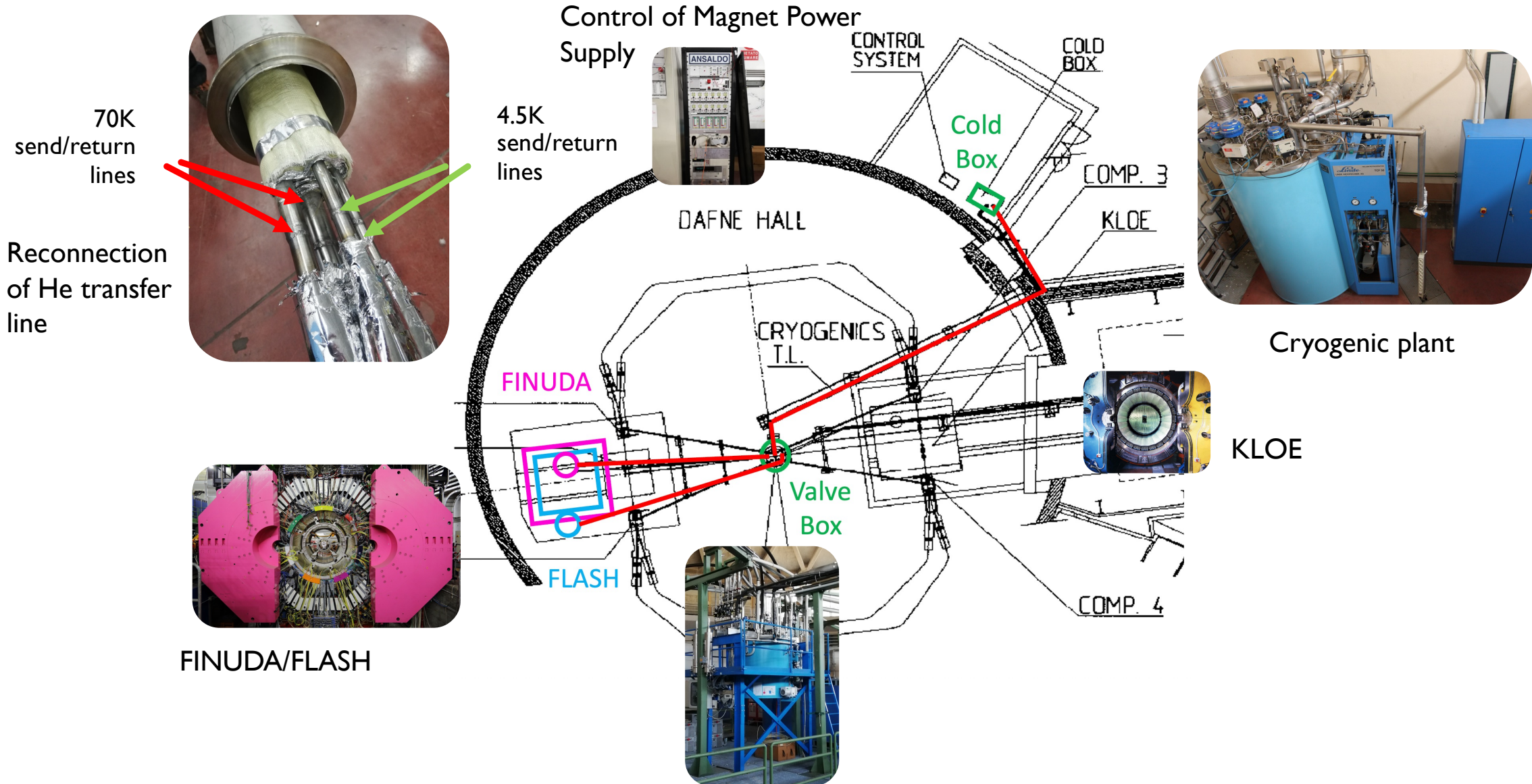
Mode	Resonant Frequency [MHz]	Q factor (@4°K)
TM010	109.5	626e3
TM011	166.1	526e3
TM012	272.3	752e3
TM110	174.4	790e3
TM111	214.5	598e3
TM112	304.7	712e3
TM210	233.7	915e3
TM211	264.9	664e3
TM212	342.1	755e3

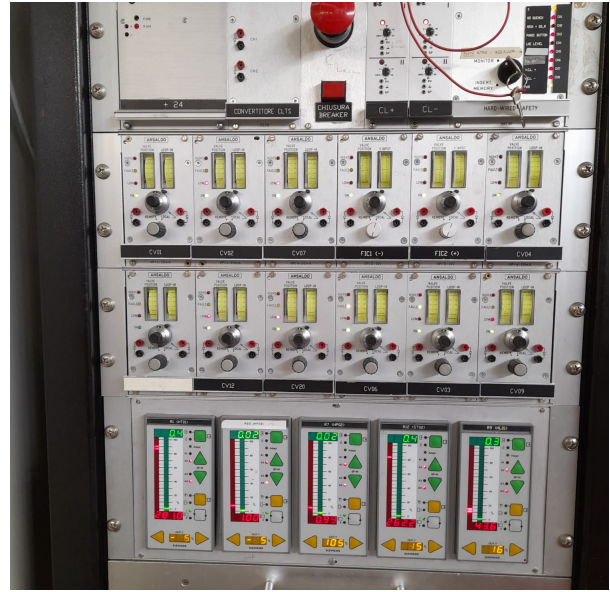
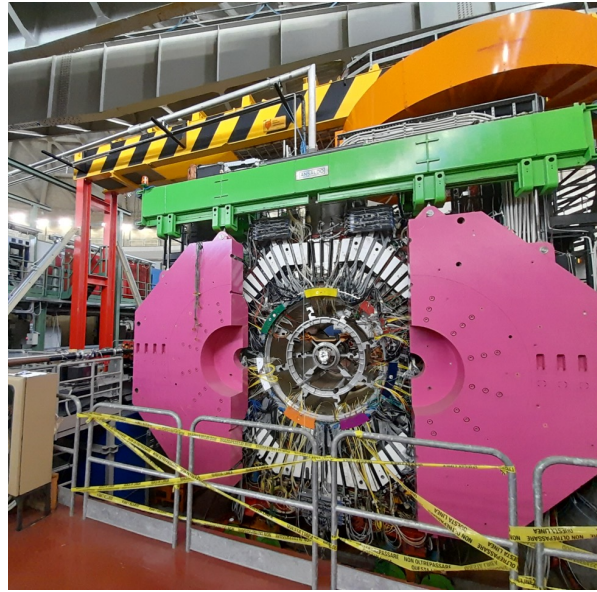
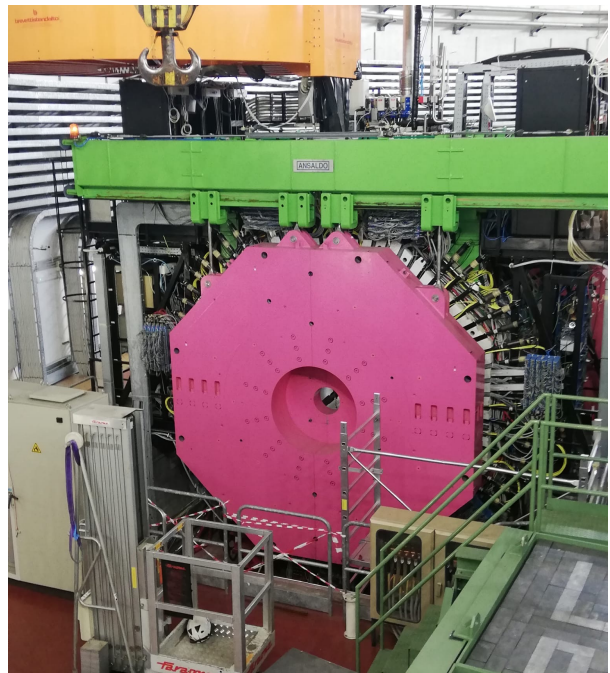
— $p = 0$ — $p = 1$ — $p = 2$



Synergistic with research with BAW detectors for HFGW!

Commissioning of the FINUDA Magnet - Last Operated in 2007!





Successful Test of the Finuda Magnet



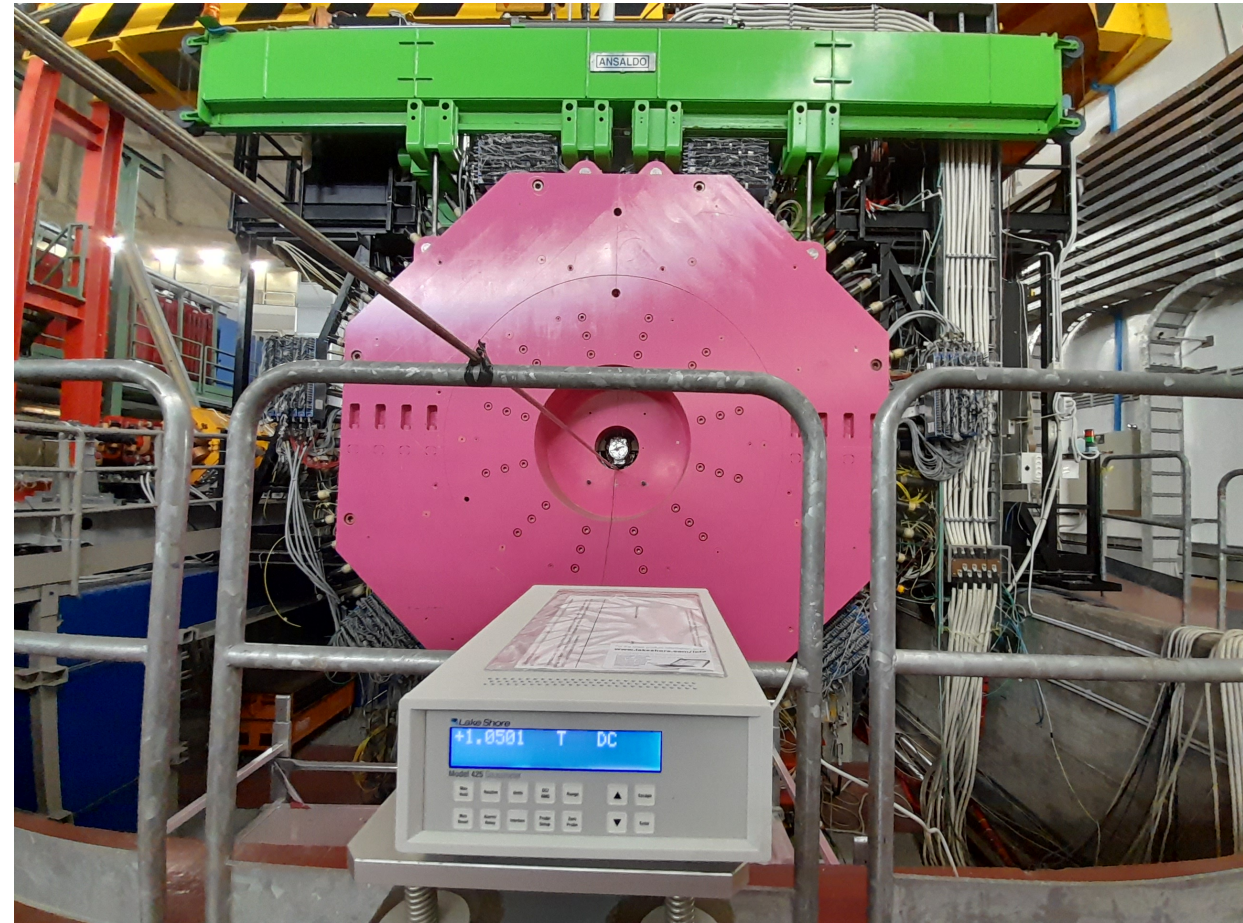
After a series of operations, the cryogenic plant was finally put back into operation. On Jan the 19th 2024, FINUDA was cooled down to 4 K and energized with a current of 2706 A, generating a magnetic field of 1.05 T.

Next steps:

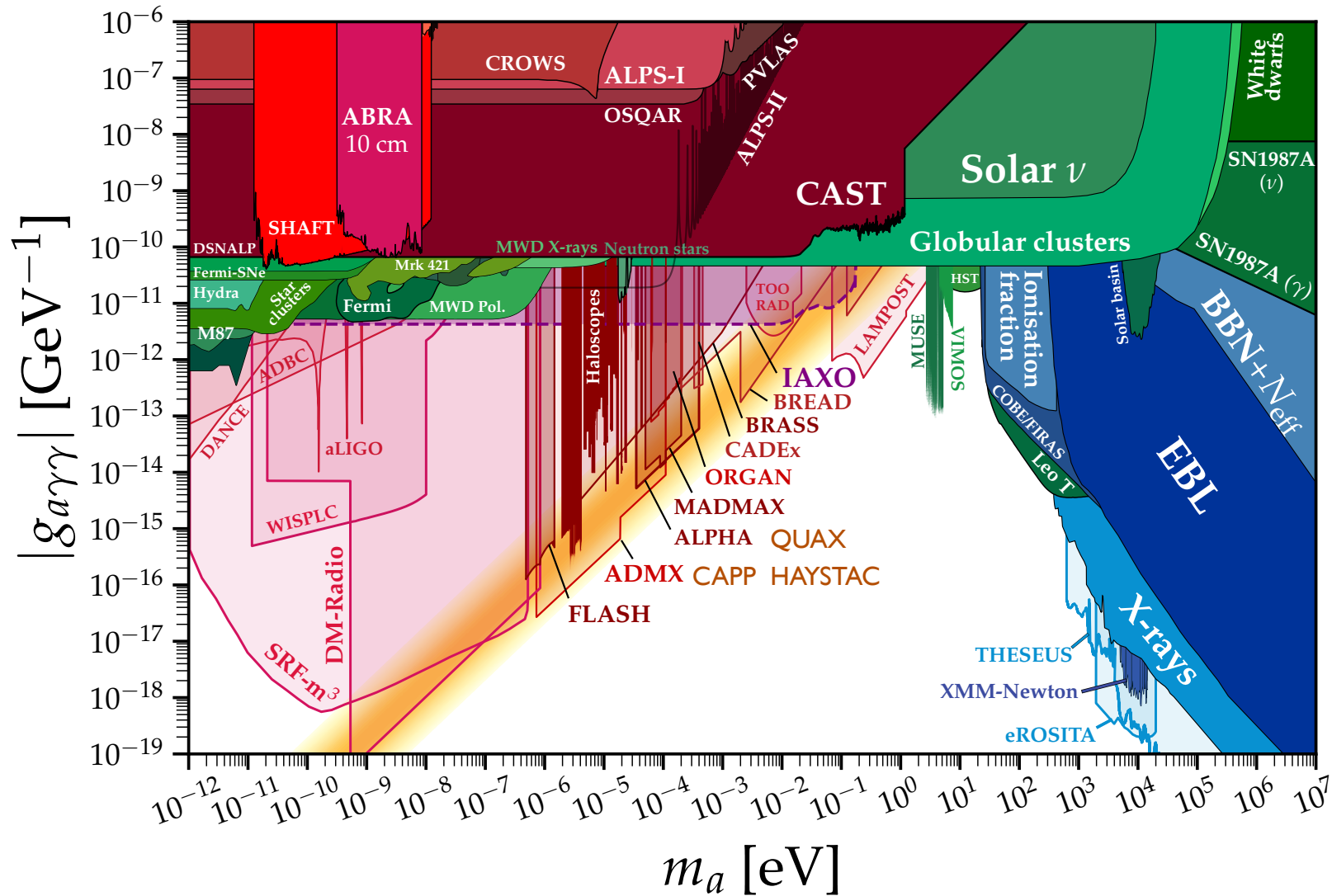
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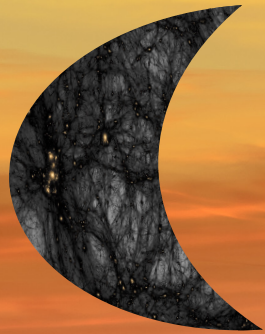
Set up the FLASH Collaboration:

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Global Effort to Probe the Full QCD-Axion Band in the Next 10 Years





DARK SECTOR AT LNF

