

First axion and dark photon dark matter searches with MADMAX



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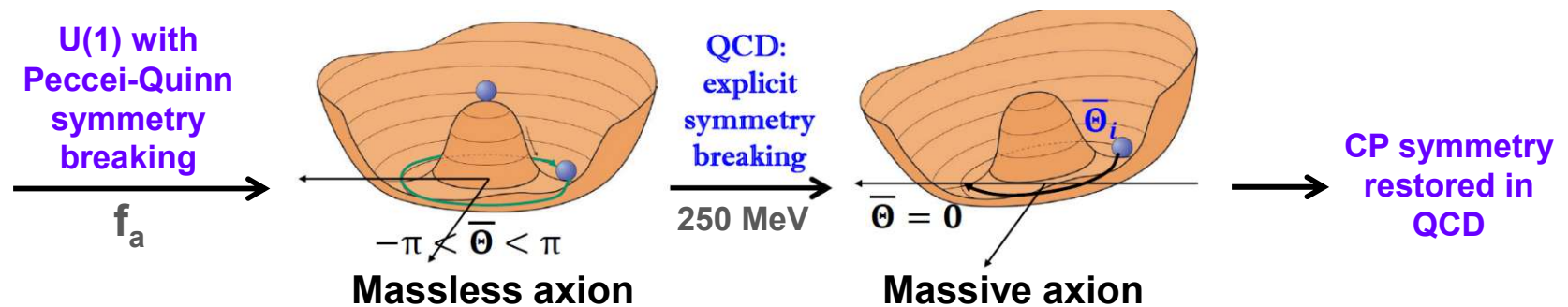
1. Scientific context
2. MADMAX, a dielectric haloscope
3. Dark matter searches with MADMAX prototypes
4. Towards final MADMAX
5. Conclusions

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Axion Motivation

□ Preferred solution to the strong CP problem

- **Problem** : Why no CP violation observed in the strong interaction ?
 - A CP violating parameter (Θ) exists in the QCD Lagrangian ...
 - ... but is constrained, using neutron electric dipole moment measurement, to be $|\Theta| < 10^{-10}$
 - ➔ Why is $|\Theta|$ so small ?
- **Solution**: new global U(1) symmetry *(Peccei-Quinn, 77)* spont. broken at scale f_a [$f_a \gg f_{\text{EWSB}}$]
 $O(10^{11})$ eV
 - Can occur before or after inflation
 - Axion is the pseudo-goldstone boson of this U(1) symmetry *(Weinberg-Wilczek, 78)*
 - Non-thermal massive axion production at $T \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

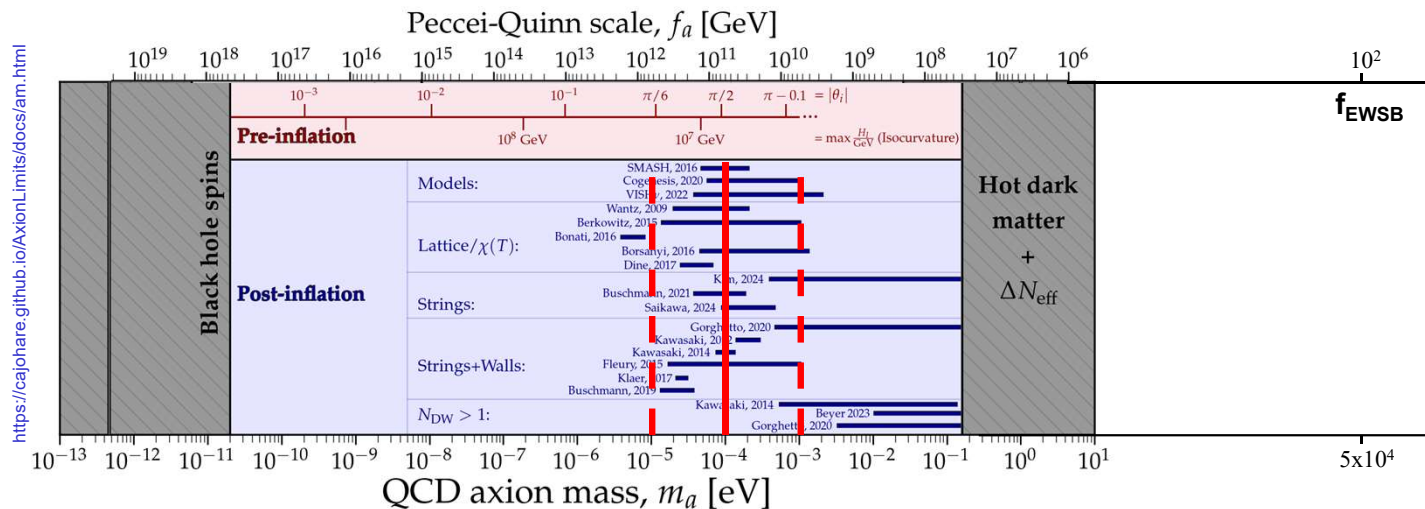


Axion Dark Matter

□ Main characteristics

- Axion properties depends only on f_a
 - Tiny mass: $m_a \approx m_\pi f_\pi / f_a < eV$
 - Weakly interacting: $g_a \propto 1 / f_a$
 - Long-lived: $\tau_{\text{axion}} \approx t_{\text{Universe}} (20 \text{ eV}/m_a)^5$

- Dark matter candidate (*Preskill et al, 83*)
 - m_a can be computed in post-inflationary scenario

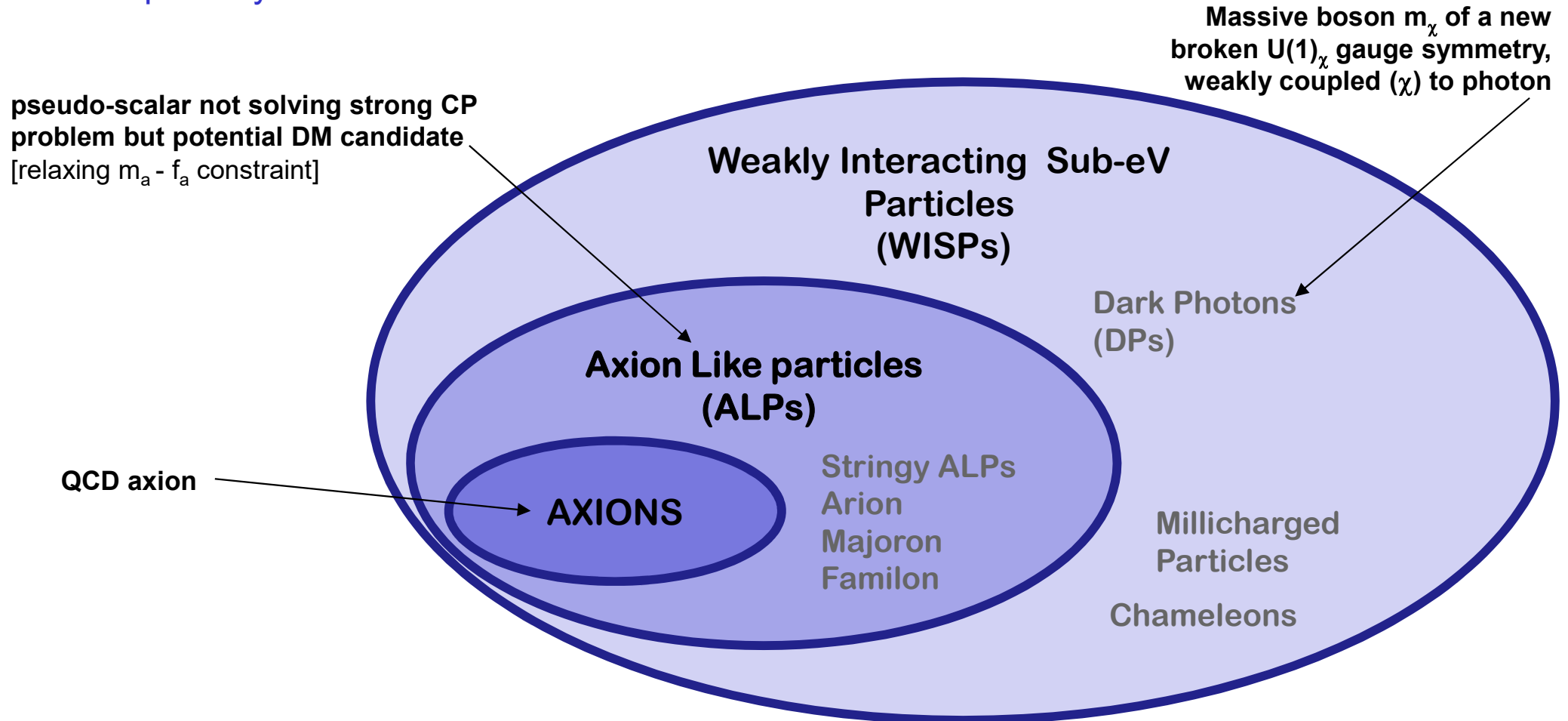


Axion very well motivated dark matter candidate for $m_a \approx O(100) \mu\text{eV}$

Wave-like Dark Matter

Other related very light dark matter candidates

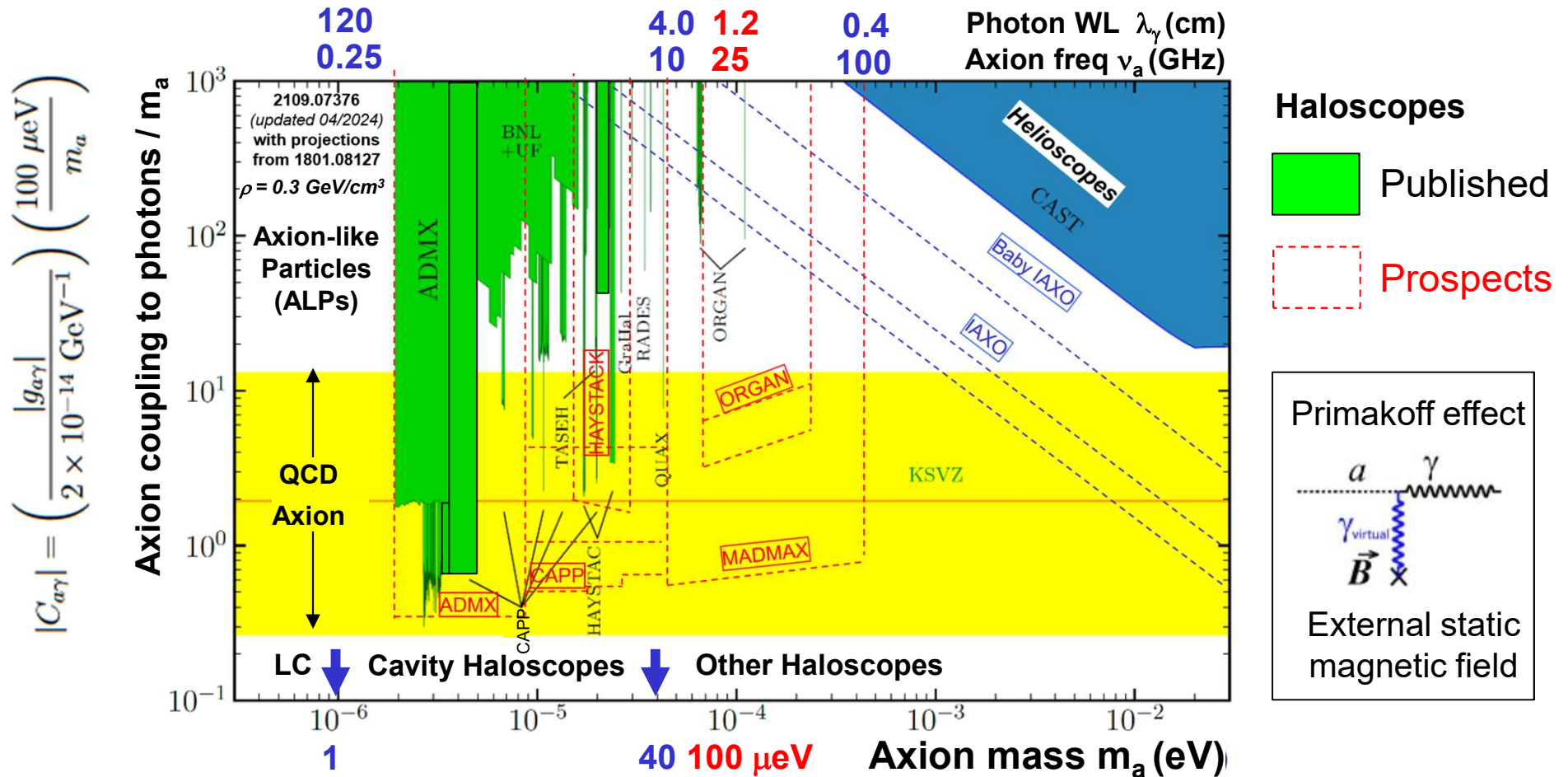
- Inspired by axion dark matter “success”



Courtesy of I. Irastorza (ISSAP2024)

Direct detection of DM axions

□ **Haloscope** (using $a\text{-}\gamma$ coupling) main way to search for DM axion



MADMAX one of the few exp. sensitive to $m_a = O(100) \mu\text{eV}$

MADMAX

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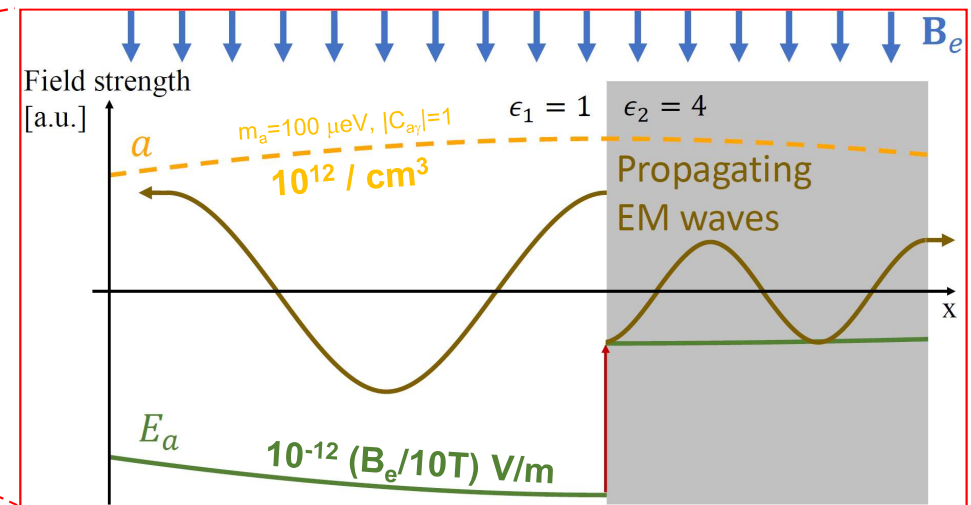
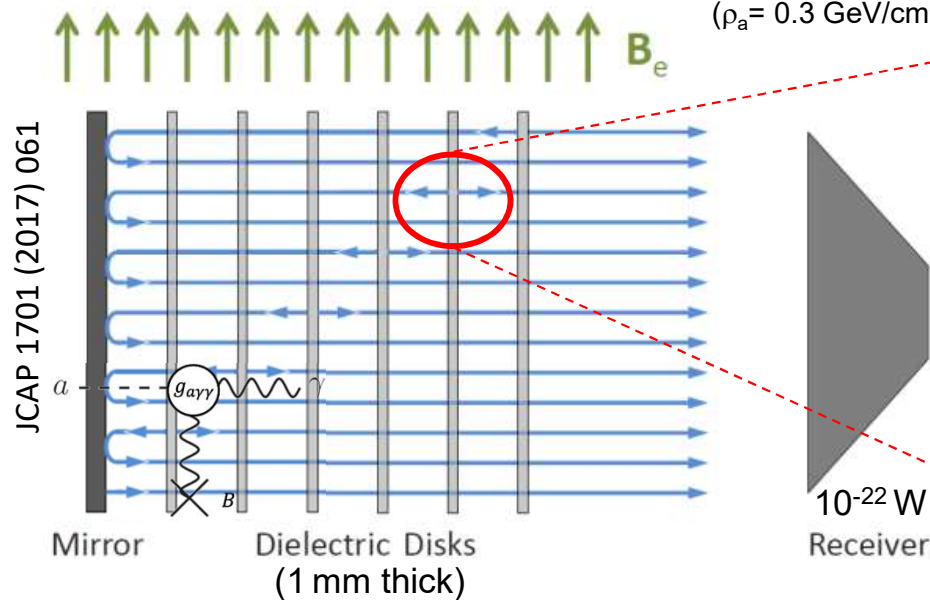
Principles of dielectric haloscope

- Constructive interference of coherent EM waves emitted at the disk surface + resonant enhancement (*~leaky resonator cavities*): **boost factor β^2** ($\propto \epsilon, N_{\text{disk}}$) **wrt mirror only**

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$$\beta^2 = \frac{P_{\text{mirror+disks}}}{P_{\text{mirror}}}$$

($\rho_a = 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$)



MADMAX

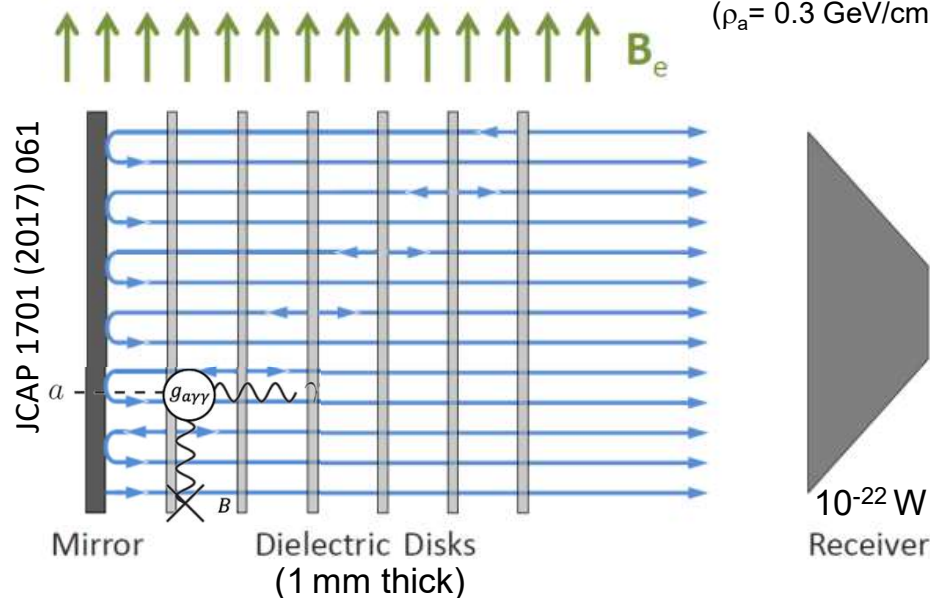
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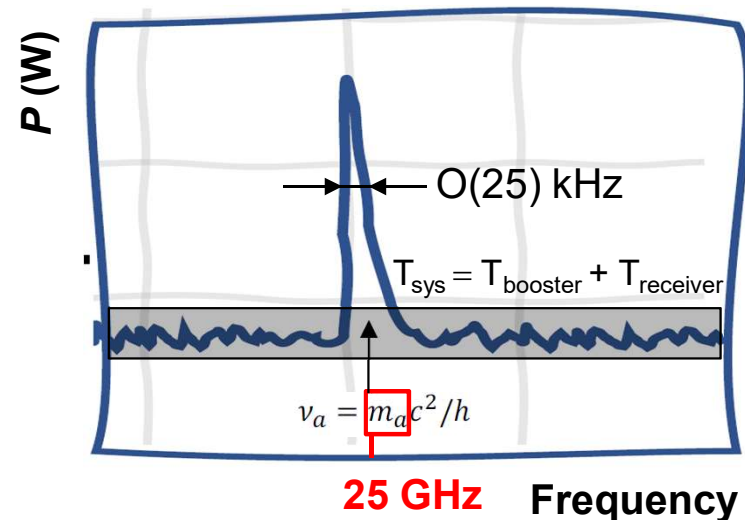
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MADMAX

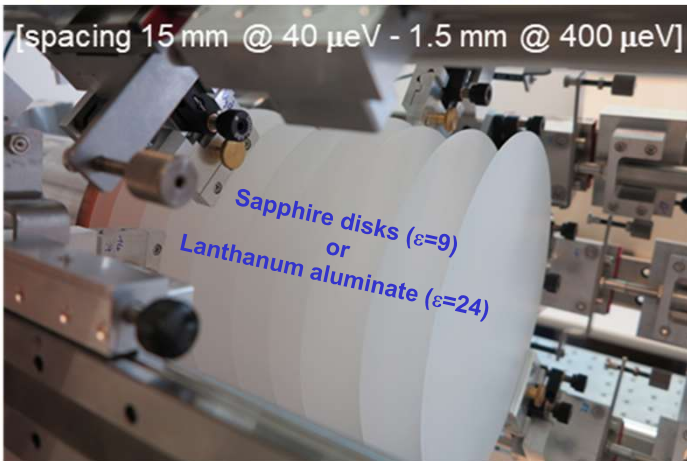
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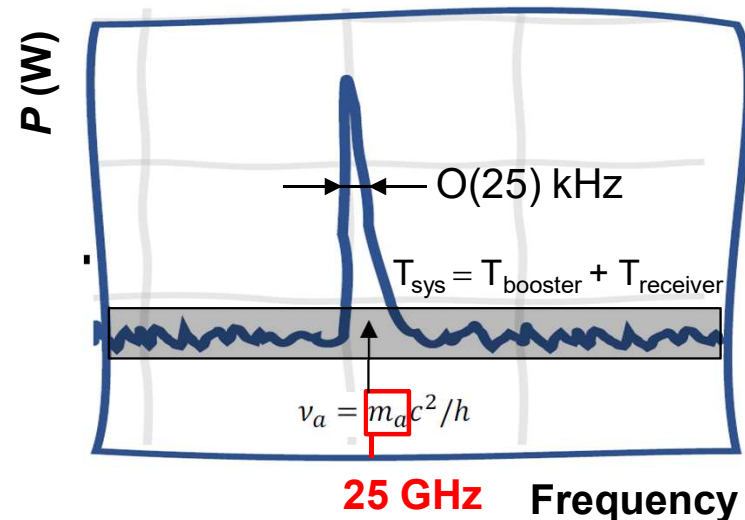
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- Axion mass **scan**: by **moving discs** with piezo motors (μm prec.) at 4K under 10 T (50 MHz step)

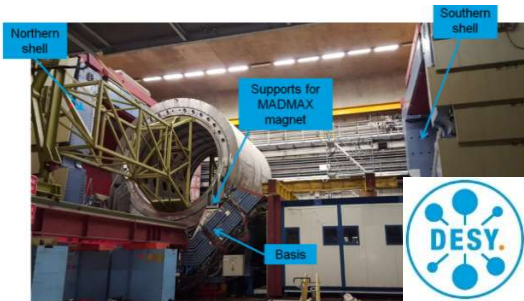
MADMAX exploits a new concept to cover an uncharted phase space

MADMAX

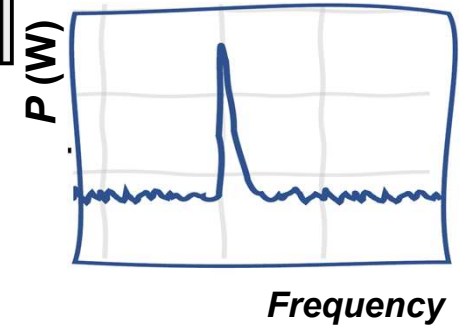
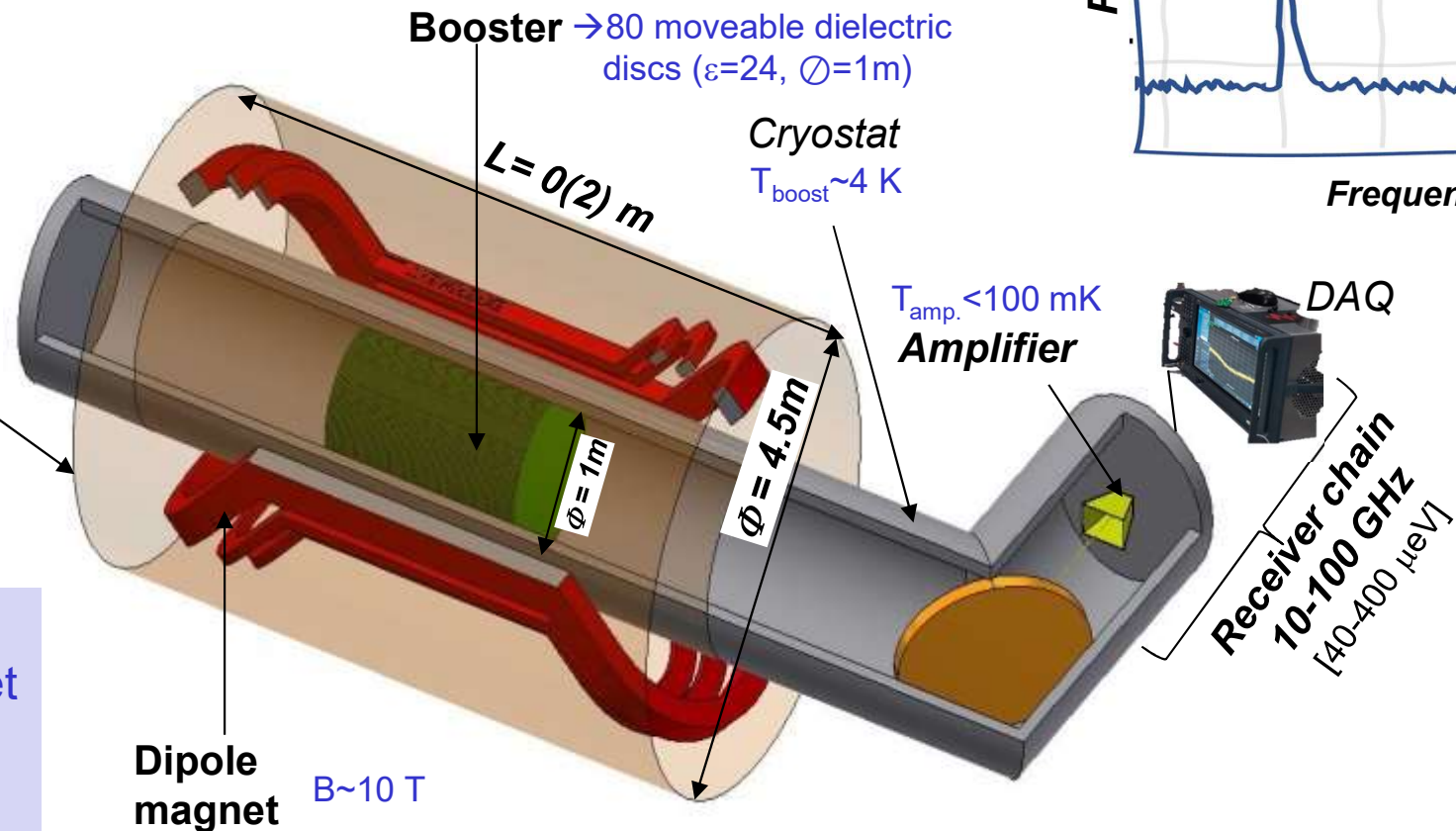
Formed in 2017. 11 institutes, ~50 people



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Experiment location: HERA
in former H1 iron yoke



3 main challenges :

- High field dipole magnet
- Receiver (10's GHz)
- Booster (cold, B field)

Prototyping phase since 2020 to validate the concept

Prototype boosters

□ Gradually building the final 'open' booster

- Disks (*sapphire*): good planarity ($<10 \mu\text{m}$), controlled thickness ($1000 \pm 10 \mu\text{m}$), moveable (*piezo motors*)
- Receiver chain: low noise amplifier (*HEMT*) + Spectrum Analyser or custom-made board

Name	Goal	Booster	Disks	Test
CB100	RF studies +	Closed	3, fixed $\phi = 100 \text{ mm}$	<u>2022</u> , <u>23</u> , <u>24</u>
CB200	First ALP searches	Closed	3, fixed $\phi = 200 \text{ mm}$	<u>24</u>
OB300v1	Scan DP* @ $80 \mu\text{eV}$	Open	3, fixed $\phi = 300 \text{ mm}$	<u>23-24</u>
OB200	Piezo-motor + mechanics	Open	1, moveable $\phi = 200 \text{ mm}$	<u>2022</u> , <u>22</u>
OB300v2 (in prep.)	Scan ALP @ $80 \mu\text{eV}$	Open	3-20, moveable $\phi = 300 \text{ mm}$	<u>26-28</u>

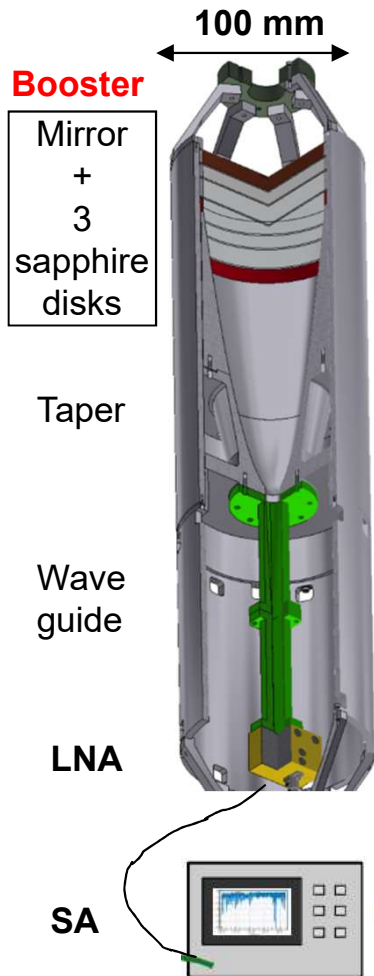
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*Dark Photon

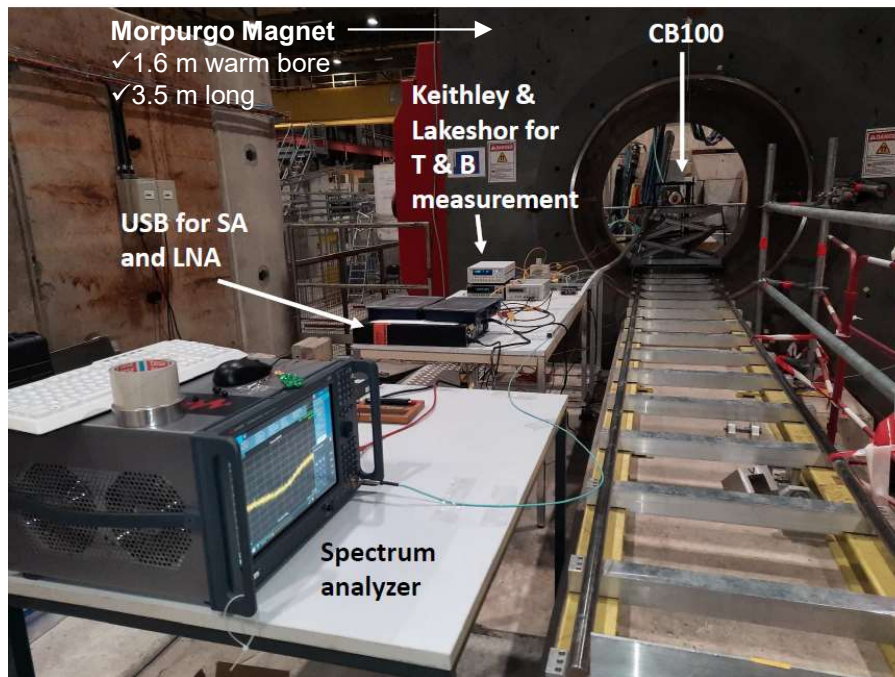
- Set-up: prototype cryostats (*G10, stainless-steel*) + CERN Morpurgo dipole magnet (1.6 T)

Preparatory work

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CB100	Closed	3, fixed $\phi = 100$ mm	2022, 23



- CERN refurbished the area and the magnet for MADMAX
- Checked that no RF interference (RFI) with CERN environment
- Checked stability of data taking @19 GHz, 1.6 T: $t_{\text{Live}} \propto 1/\sigma_{\text{Noise}}^2$
- Calibrated @10% receiver chain power: $P \propto T_{\text{sys}} = f(\Gamma_{\text{RC}}, G, \nu)$

→ Validated that CERN environment suited for prototype tests

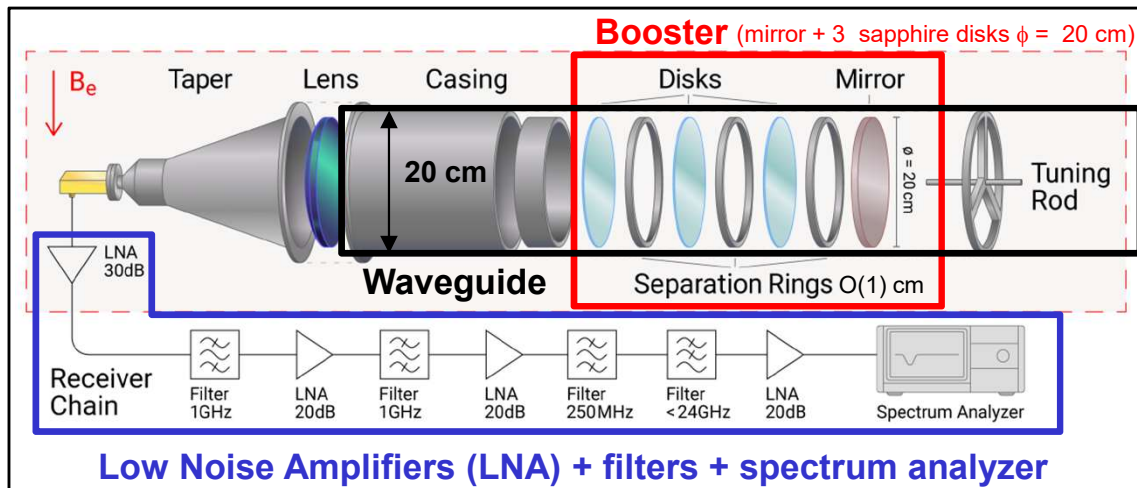
Physics set-up (1/3)

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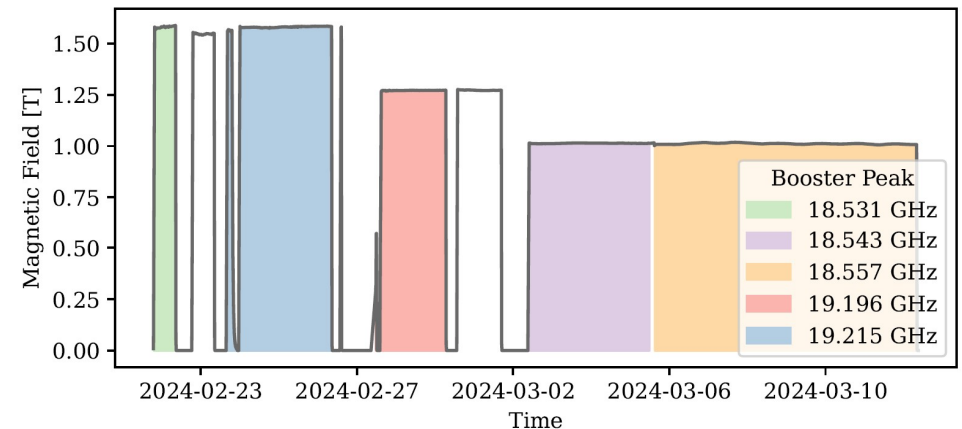
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CB200	Closed	3, fixed $\phi = 200$ mm	<u>2024</u>

- Before going to CERN, prepared **5 disk configurations** with different β_{peak}^2 frequency
- Configurations obtained by changing manually the disk distances (*separation rings, tuning rod*)

Booster

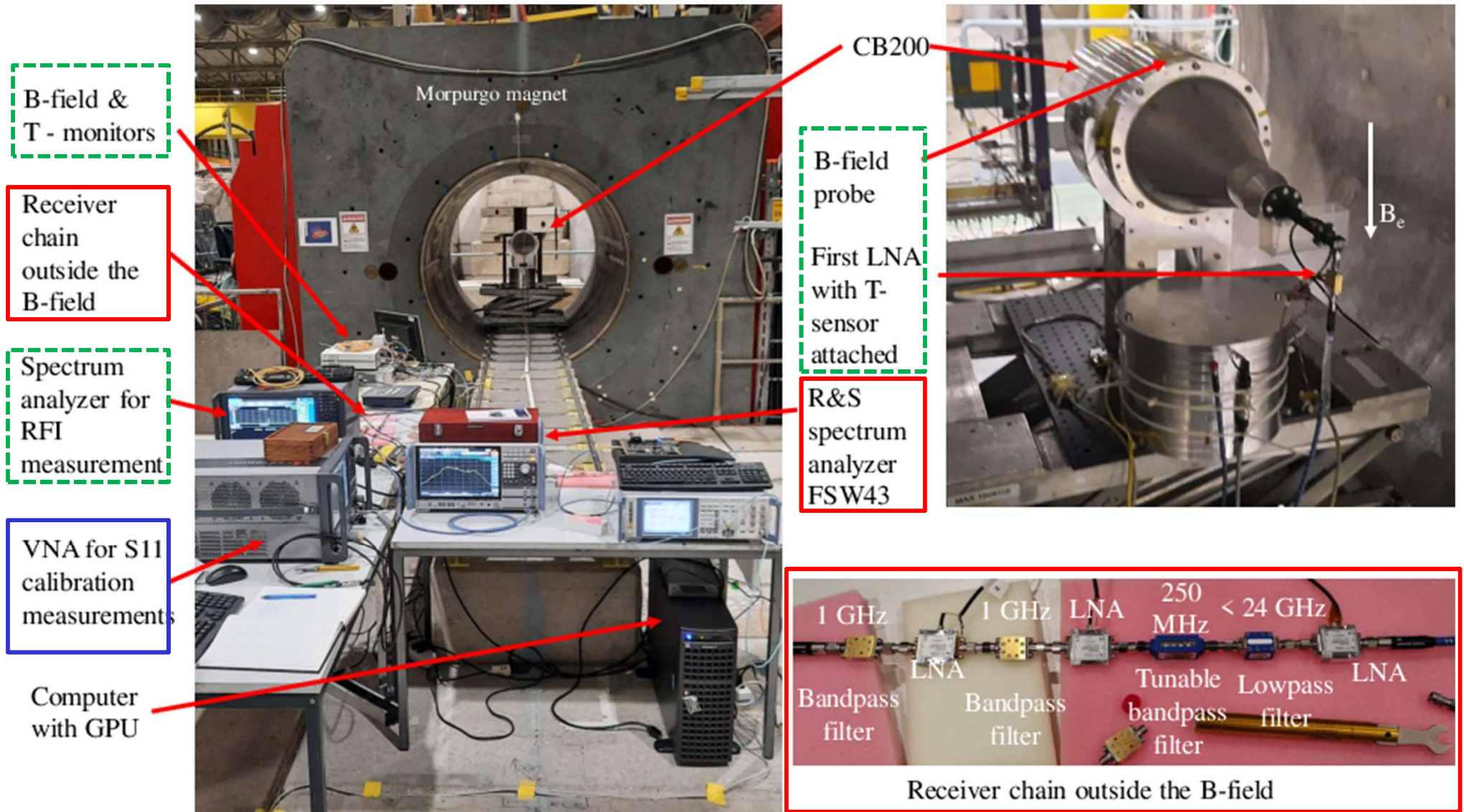


B field



14.5-day physics run @18.5, 19.2 GHz and under $B = 1 - 1.6$ T

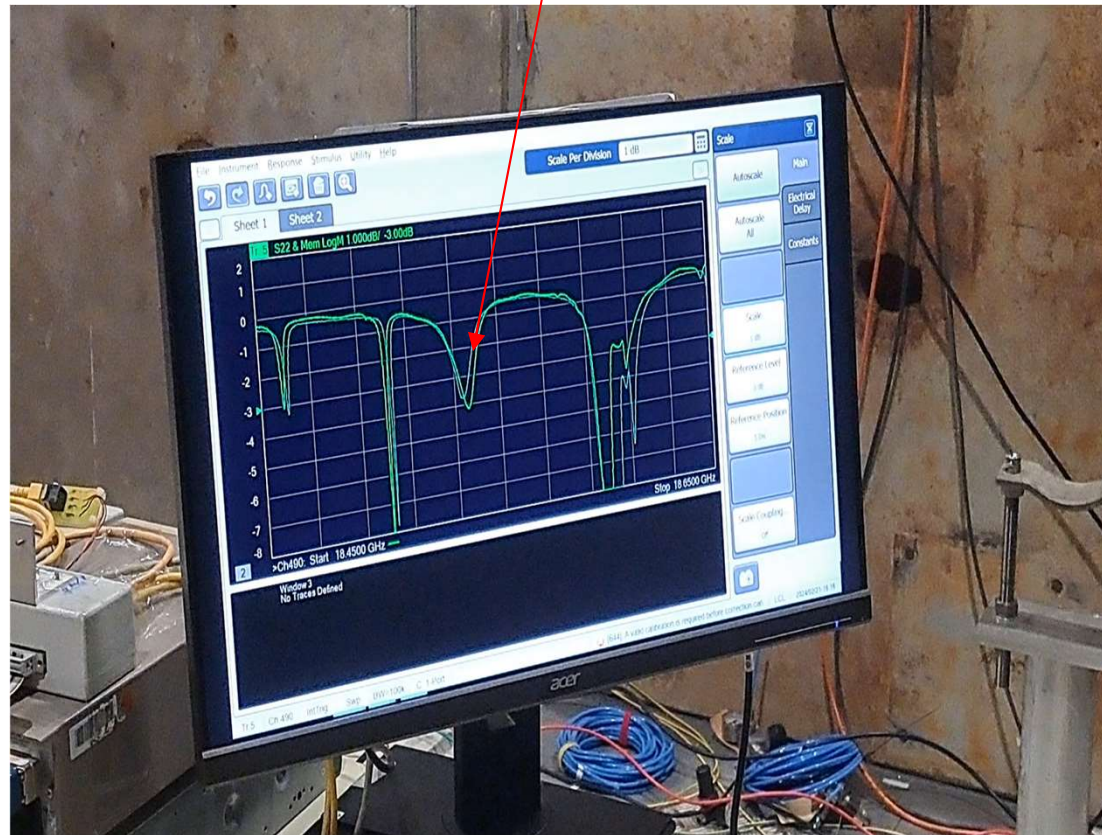
Physics set-up (2/3)



Physics set-up (3/3)

□ Setting-up the configuration at CERN

- Reproducing the configuration prepared in advance using the VNA

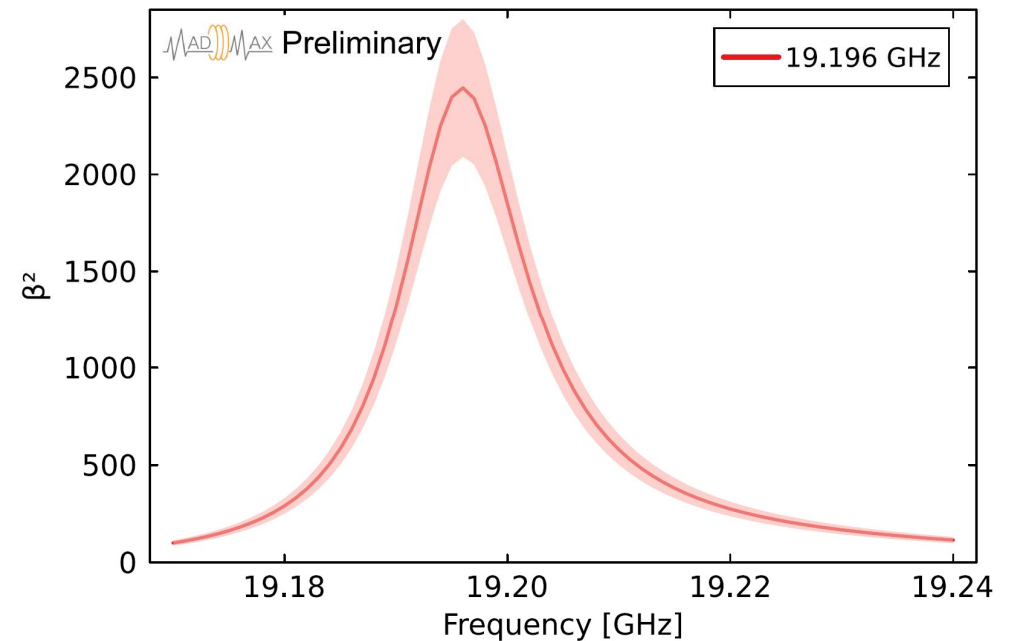
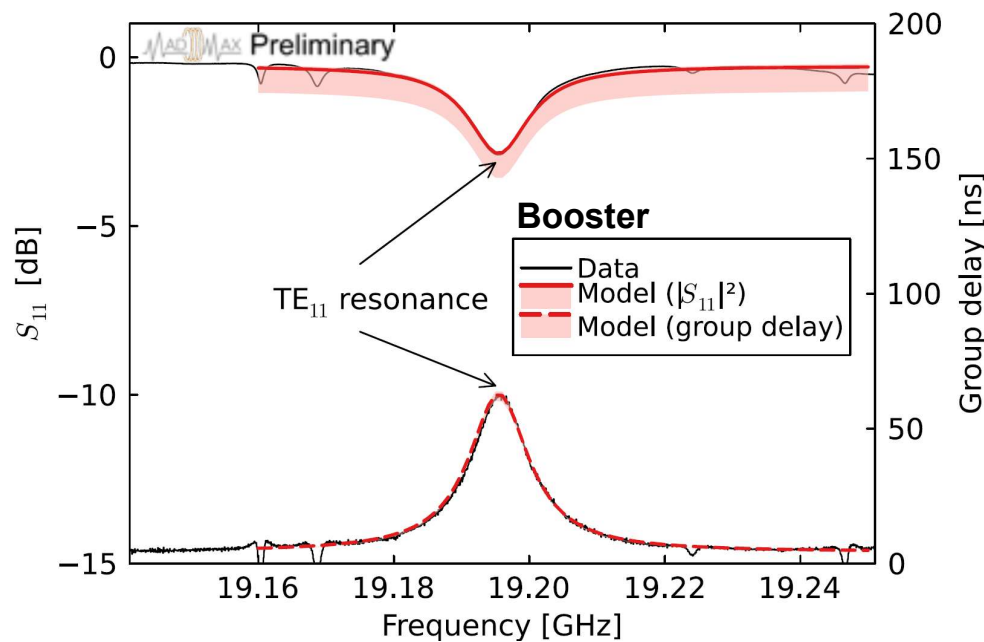


Boost factor (1/2)

□ Modelling the boost factor

- **Booster 1D model** obtained by fitting VNA reflectivity measurements
 - ✓ 3D effects taken into account and corrected for
- **Receiver model** obtained by fitting standard calibration measurements (short, open, load)
- **Booster + receiver model** obtained by fitting system noise measurements in [18, 20] GHz
- This procedure allows to determine systematics uncertainties from fit parameters

noise diode

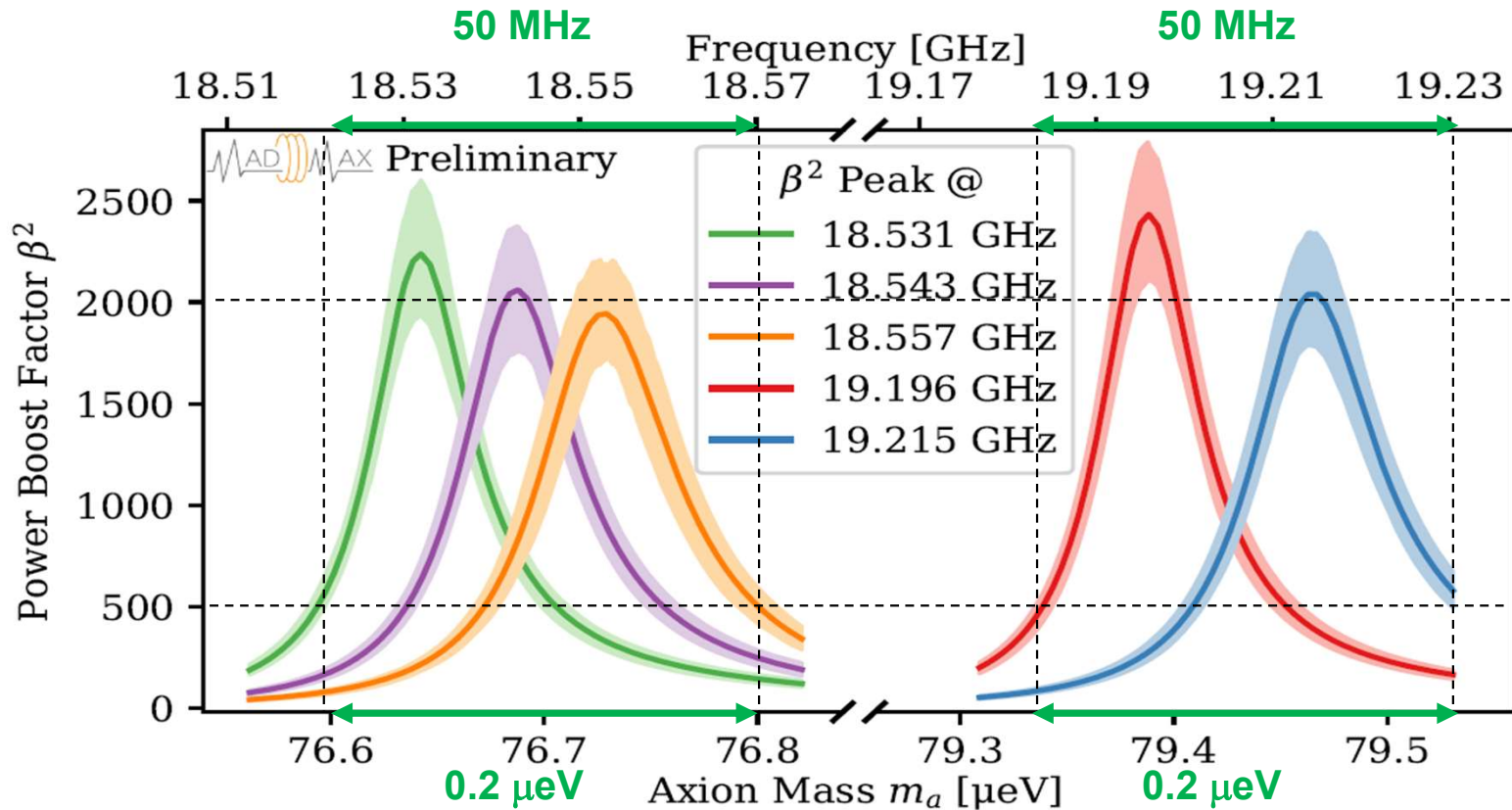


Boost factor curves determined at 15%

Boost factor (2/2)

□ Computing the boost factor for all configurations

- $\beta^2_{\text{peak}} \approx 0(2000)$ and scan 100 MHz with $\beta^2 > 500$

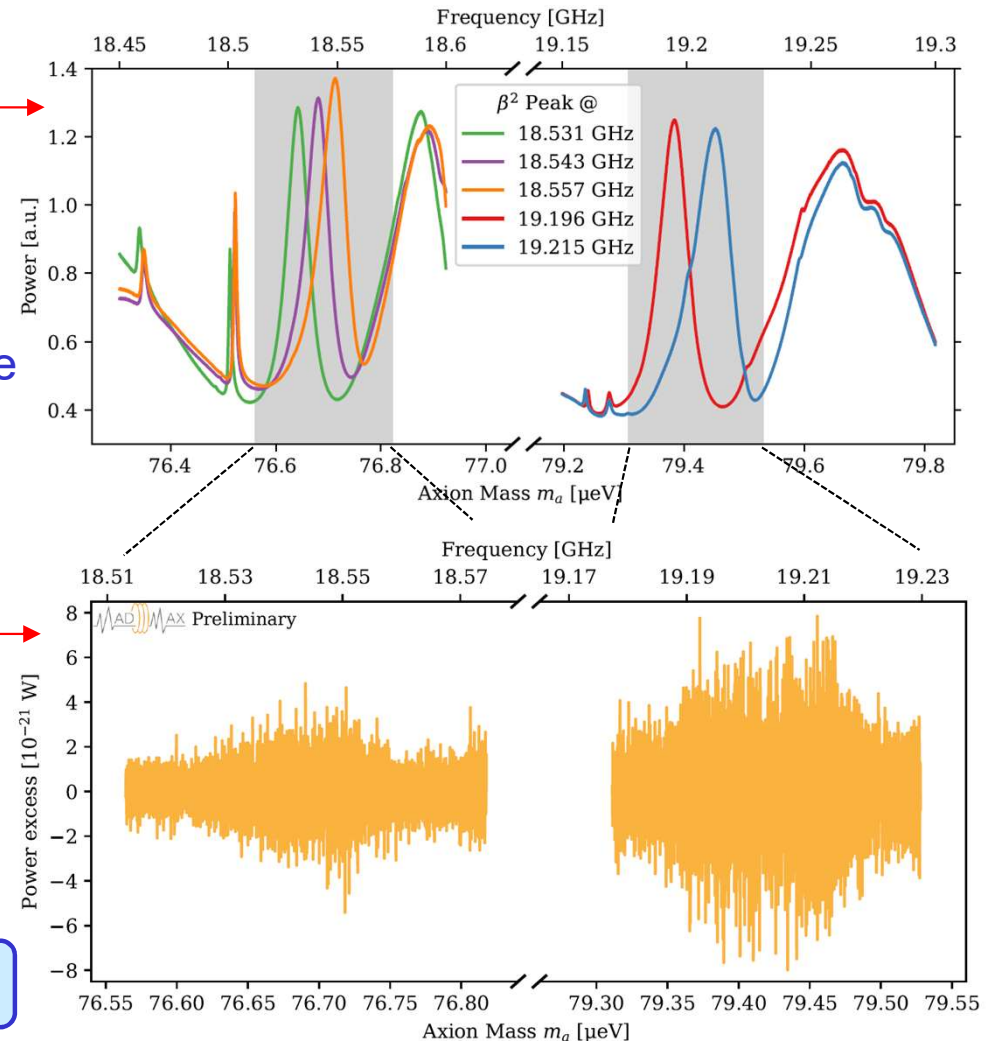


Demonstrating the scanning capacity of MADMAX booster

Data analysis (1/2)

Power spectra data analysis (based on HAYSTACK procedure, PRD 96 (2017) 123008)

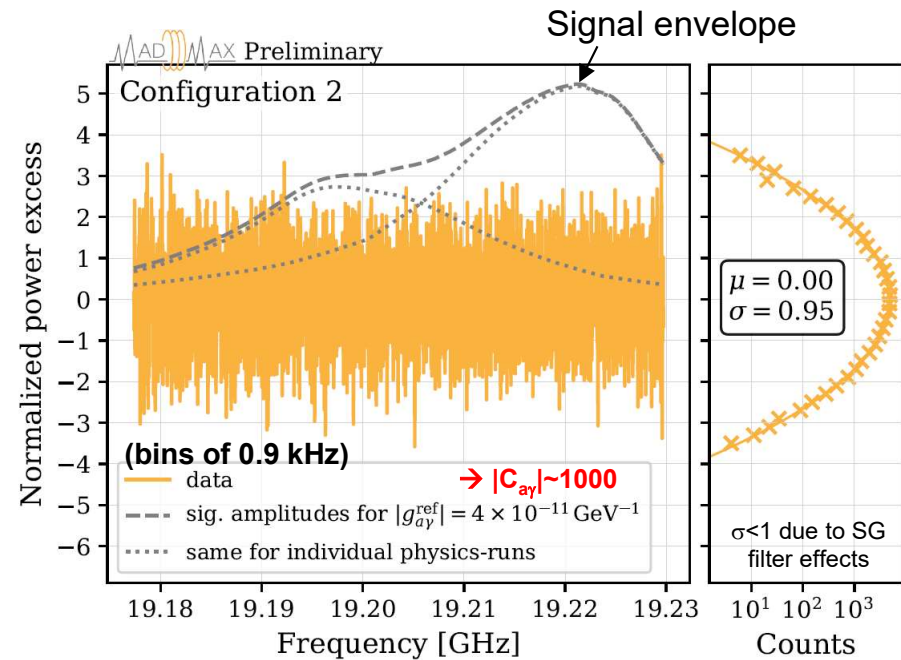
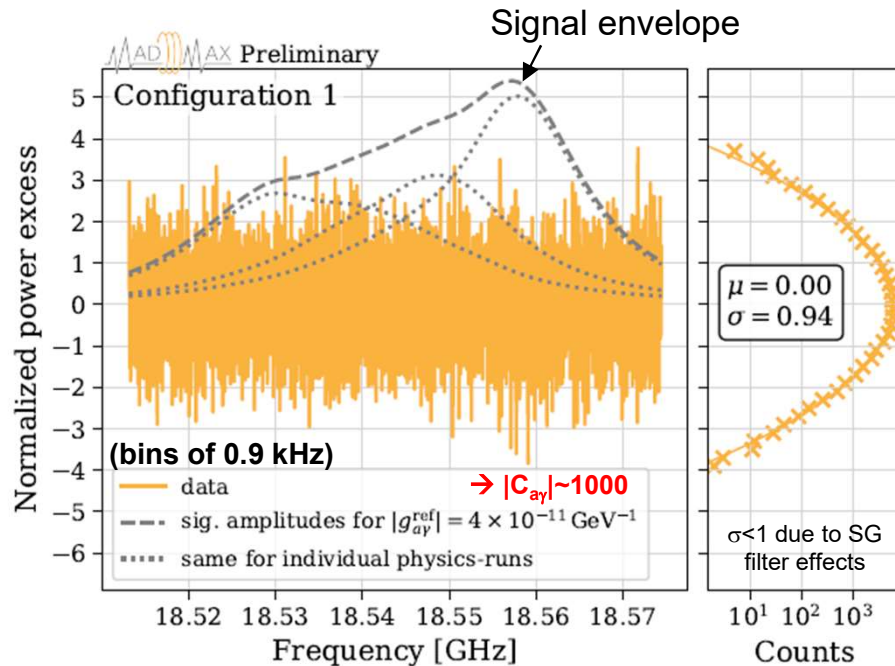
- Acquire raw power spectra (vs frequency) (one 15' physics run for each configuration \rightarrow \sim 1400 runs with bins of 0.9 kHz)
- Filter power spectra (Savitsky-Golay filter) to remove system noise (booster+receiver) "baseline" \rightarrow residuals
- Combine residual spectra optimizing SNR / bin (using power calibration to W) & cross-correlating with axion line shape (signal is present in \sim 50 neighboring bins)



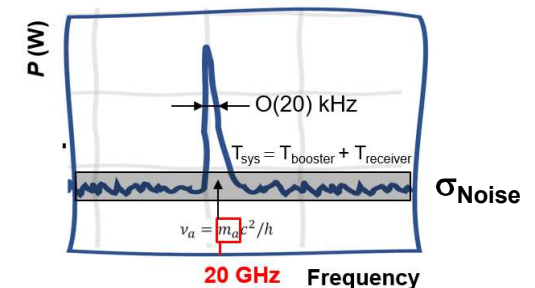
Sensitive to signal power of $O(10^{-21}$ W)

Data analysis (2/2)

- Normalize by thermal noise $\sigma_{\text{Noise}} (\propto T_{\text{sys}}) \rightarrow$ normalized power excess vs frequency



- No excess over Gaussian white noise \rightarrow limits on axion-photon coupling $|g_{a\gamma}|$ for each frequency bin
- Impact of systematics on limit 5-10% (dominated by boost factor)

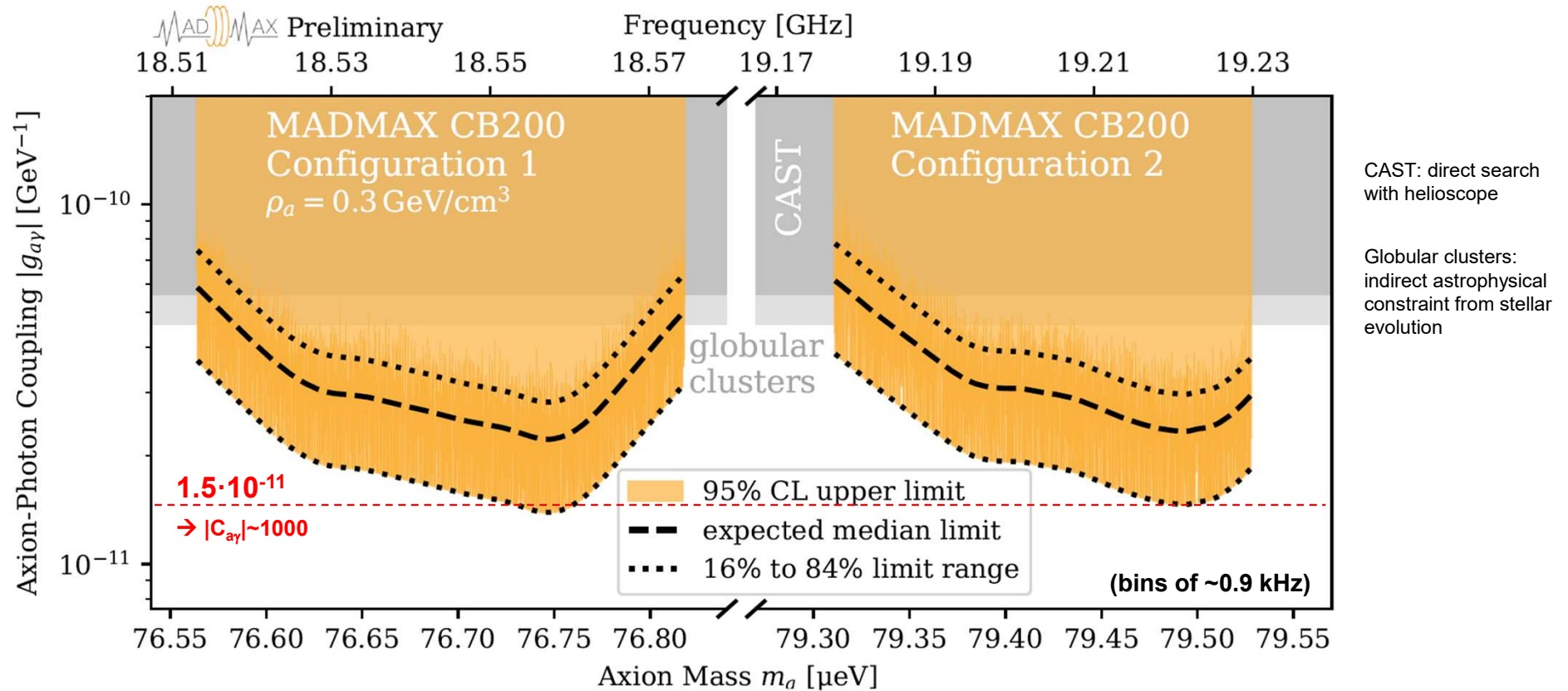


Axion search

arXiv:2409.11777
(submitted to PRL)

□ Setting limits in the $|g_{a\gamma}| - m_a$ plane

- Limits on $|g_{a\gamma}|$ better than existing constraints by up to factor 3
- Modest set-up with only 2 weeks data → confirm **substantial potential** of MADMAX scan



First dark matter axion search with dielectric haloscope

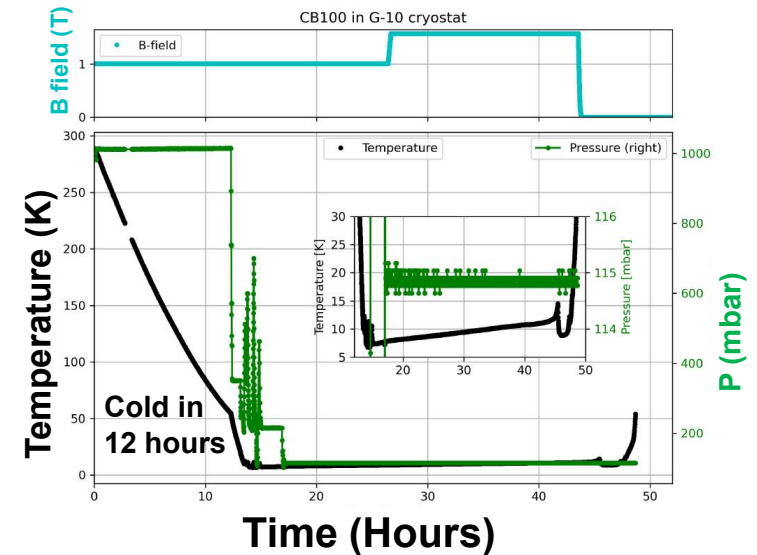
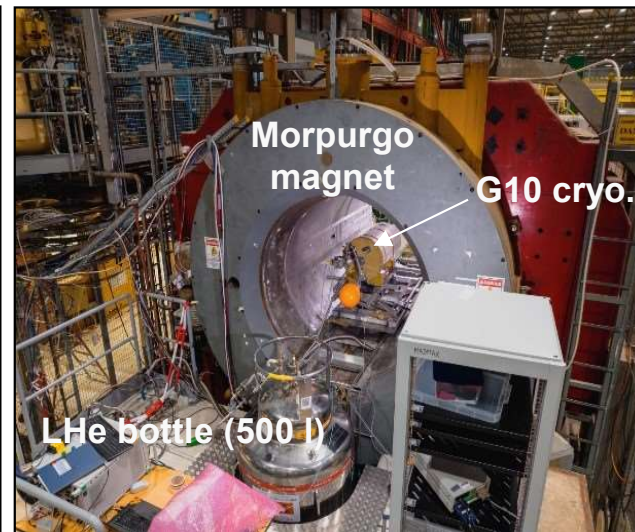
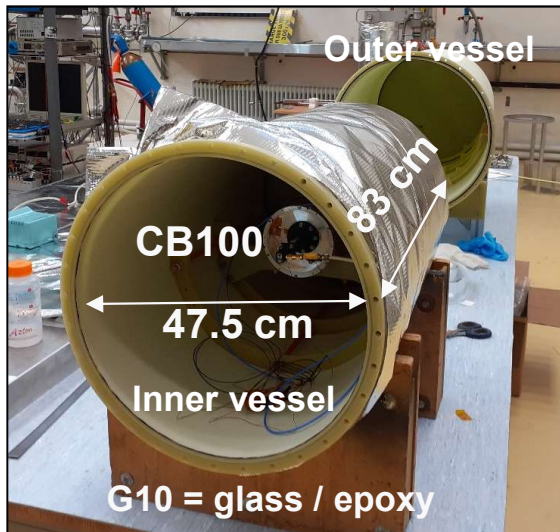
Axion search (at cold !)

Room Temp.
Cold (10 K)
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Prospects

Name	Booster	Disks	Test @CERN
CB100	Closed	3, fixed $\phi = 100$ mm	<u>2024</u>

- Developed low-cost cryostat in G10 with CERN cryolab: 25 hours below 10 K
- Established and validated receiver chain calibration procedure **at cold**

arXiv:2412.12818
(accepted by JINST)



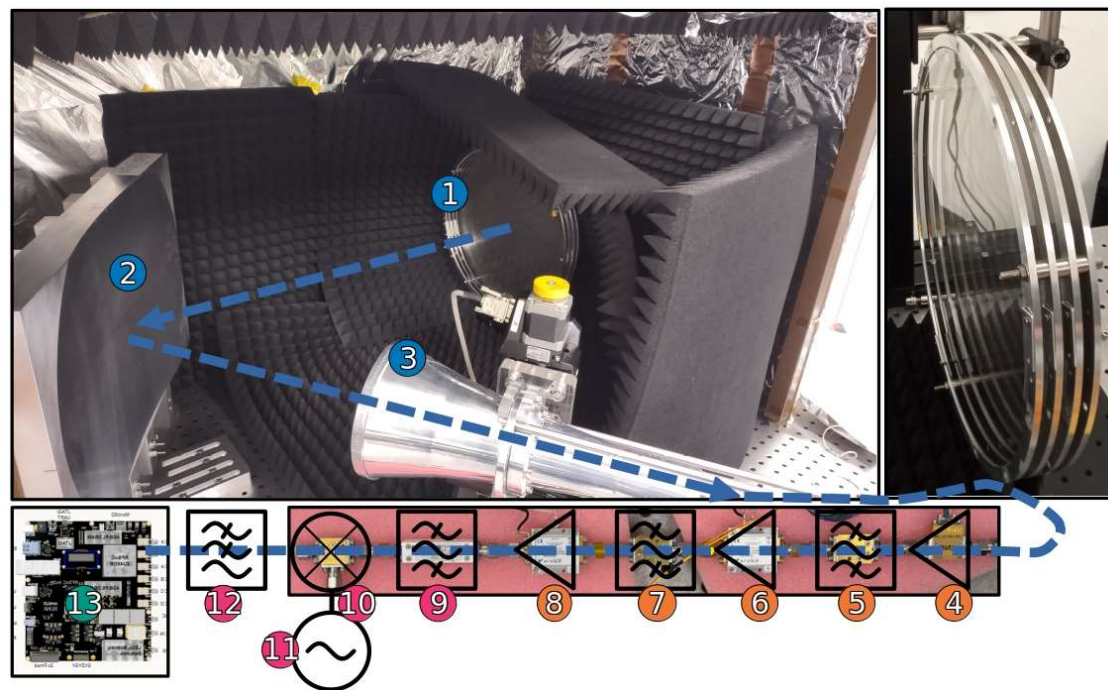
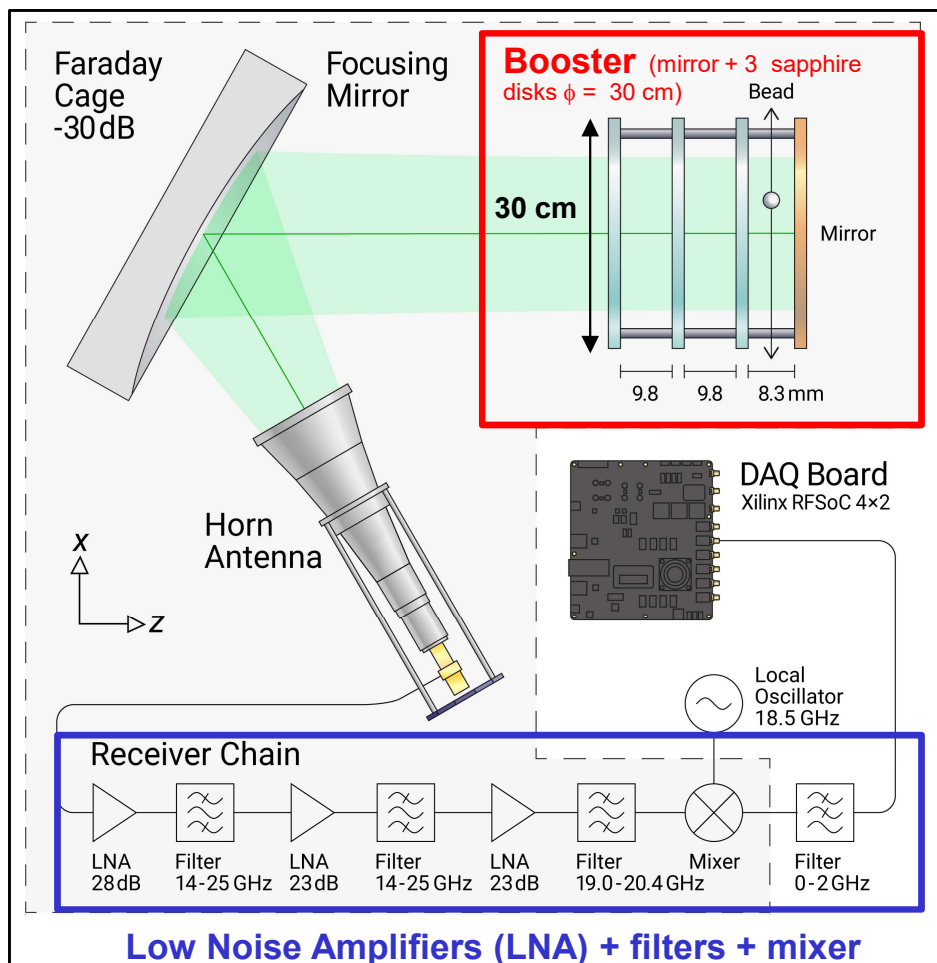
First operation of a dielectric haloscope at cold under B field

[2 analysis papers in preparation]

Dark Photon search

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Name	Booster	Disks	Test @DESY
OB300v1	Open	3, fixed $\phi = 300$ mm	2023-24



Boost Factor (1/2)

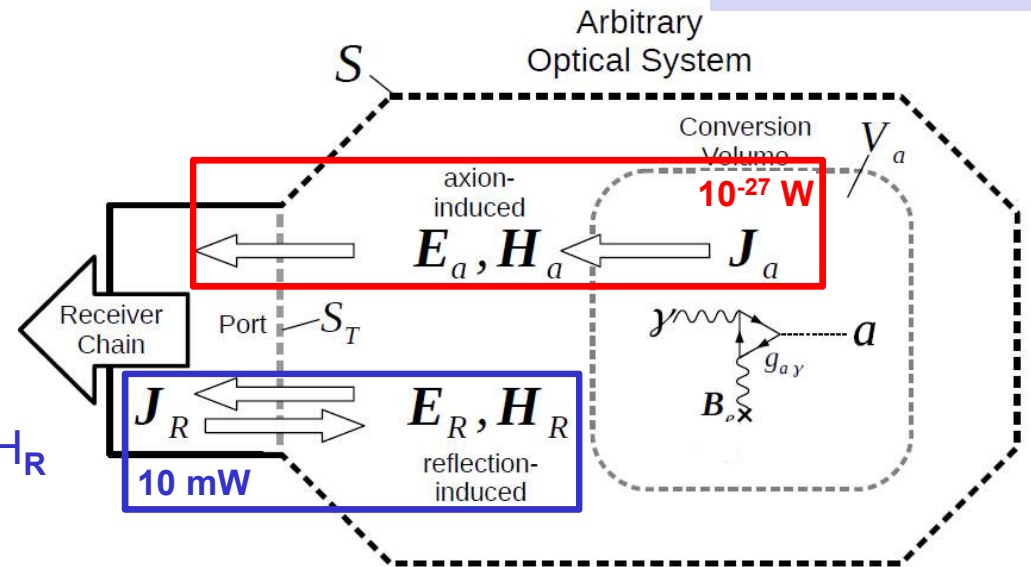
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□ Reciprocity approach

- Lorentz reciprocity theorem relates EM fields

J_a = effective current density from axion in B-field, sourcing **axion-induced** fields E_a, H_a

J_R = current density from external injected signal, sourcing **reflection-induced** fields E_R, H_R



- System response to **reflection measurement** gives direct access to β^2

$$P_{\text{sig}} = \frac{g_{a\gamma}^2}{16P_{\text{in}}} \left| \int_{V_a} dV \mathbf{E}_R \cdot \dot{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{B}_e \right|^2 \propto \beta^2 \xrightarrow{\text{Vertical } \mathbf{B}_e} P_{\text{sig}} = \frac{\omega_a^2 g_{a\gamma}^2 a_0^2 B_e^2}{16P_{\text{in}}} \left| \int dV E_R \right|^2$$

Dark Photon (DP) **mixing** with the photon (χ) and **unpolarized**.
DP fraction with polarisation aligned with the receiver system (α)

$$P_{\text{sig}} = \frac{\omega_\chi^2 (\chi \alpha \epsilon_0 E_\chi)^2}{16P_{\text{in}}} \left| \int dV E_R \right|^2$$

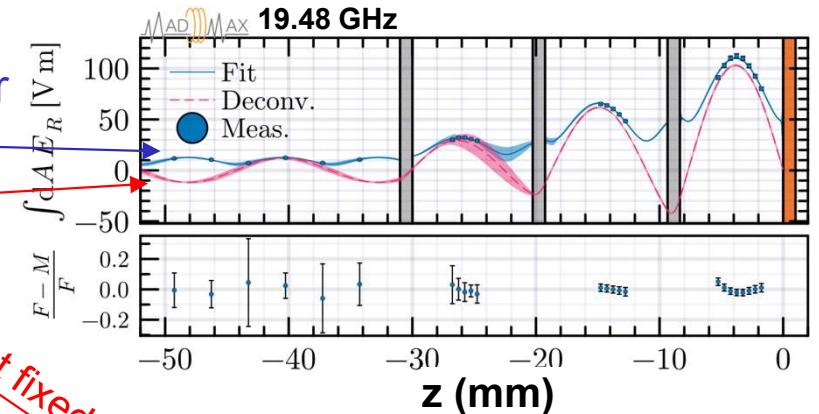
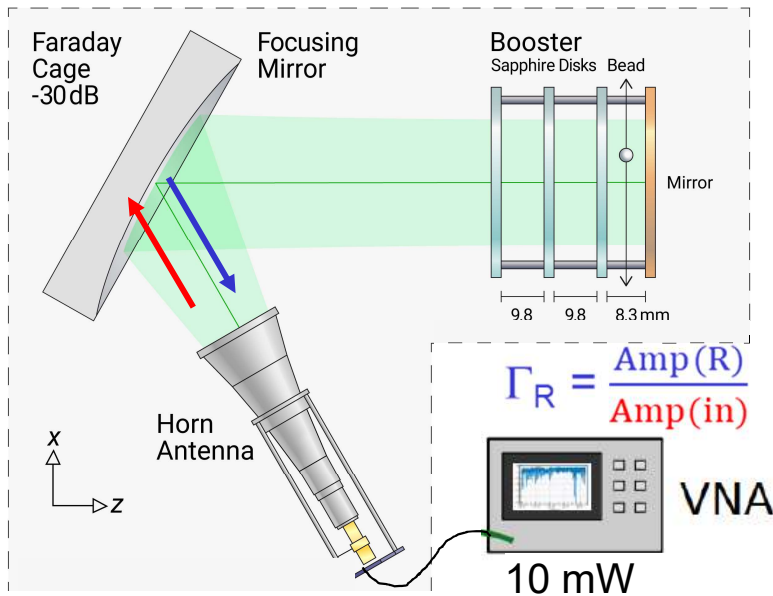
E_R 3D map in the booster needed to measure in-situ β^2

Boost Factor (2/2)

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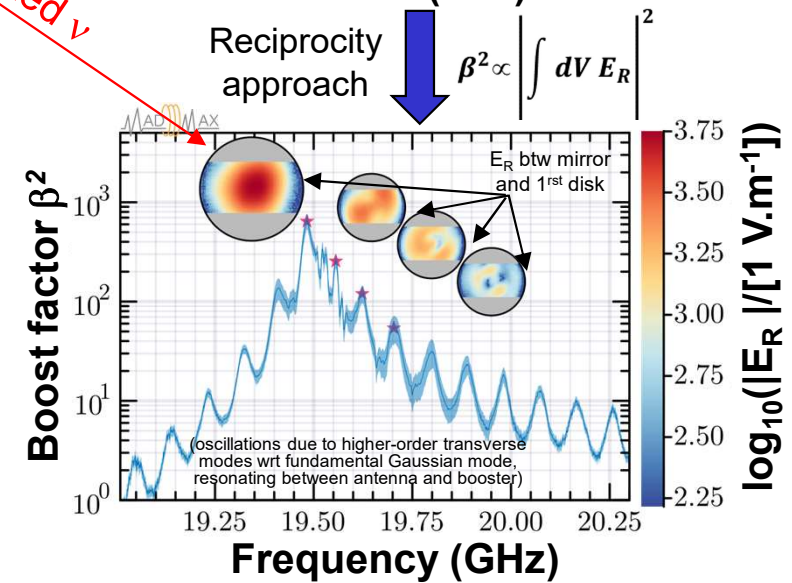
Developed a bead-pull method to measure E_R

- Put 1.5 mm radius bead in booster volume \rightarrow 3D scan
- VNA to send signal and measure reflected amplitude for each bead position $\rightarrow E_R \propto \sqrt{\Delta\Gamma_R(v, x, y, z)}$
- Deconvolute bead's response $\rightarrow E_R(z, v)$
- Correct for receiver chain mismatch and finite domain measurement $\rightarrow \beta^2(v)$



vs z

2D map at fixed v



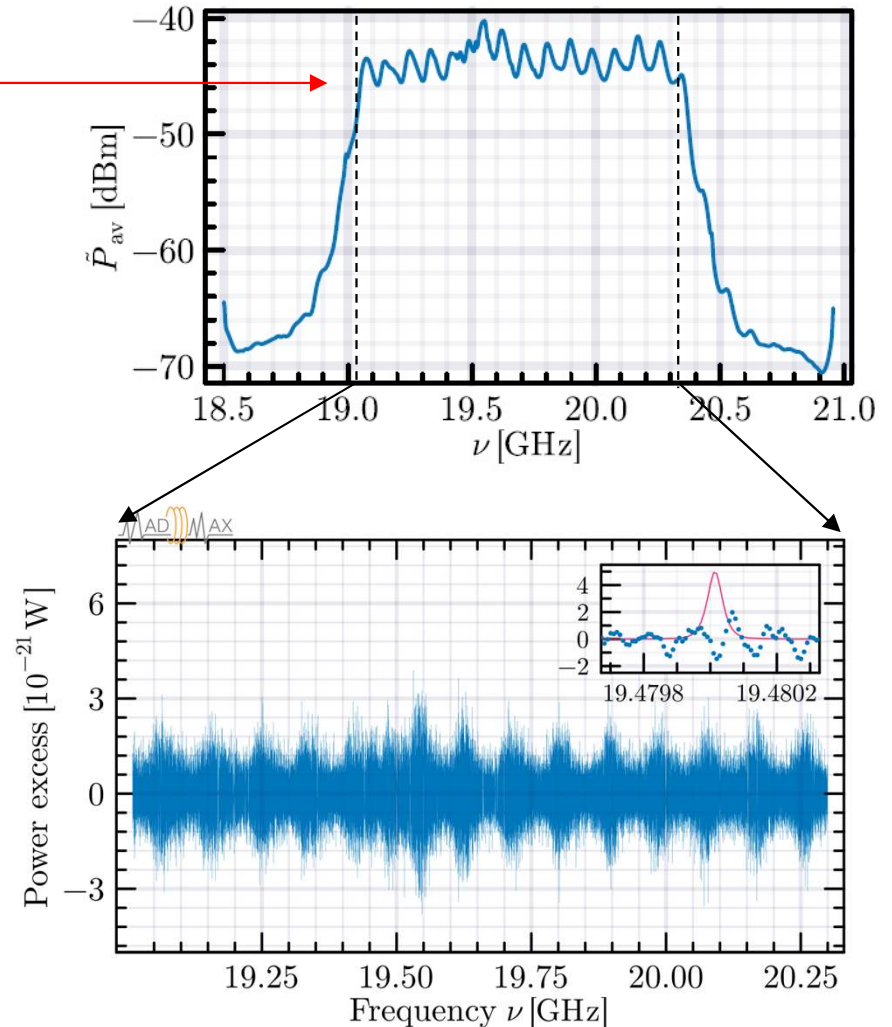
In-situ measurement of β^2 at 15% level $\rightarrow \beta_{\text{peak}}^2 = 600$ over 1.3 GHz

Data analysis

❑ Power spectra data analysis *(based on HAYSTACK procedure. PRD 96 (2017) 123008)*

- **Acquire** raw power spectra (vs frequency)
 (one 10' physics run for each configuration → ~2400 runs with bins of 9 kHz)
- **Filter** power spectra (Savitsky-Golay filter) to remove system noise (booster+receiver) “baseline” → residuals
- **Combine** residual spectra optimizing SNR / bin →
 (using power calibration to W) & **cross-correlating** with axion line shape (signal is present in ~ 5 neighboring bins)

Sensitive to signal power of $O(10^{-21} \text{ W})$

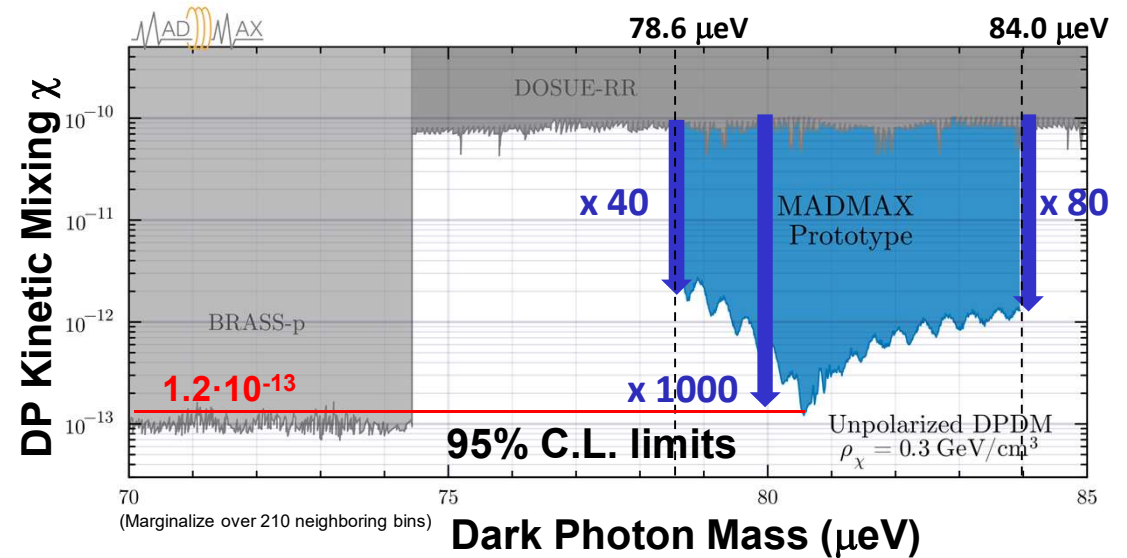
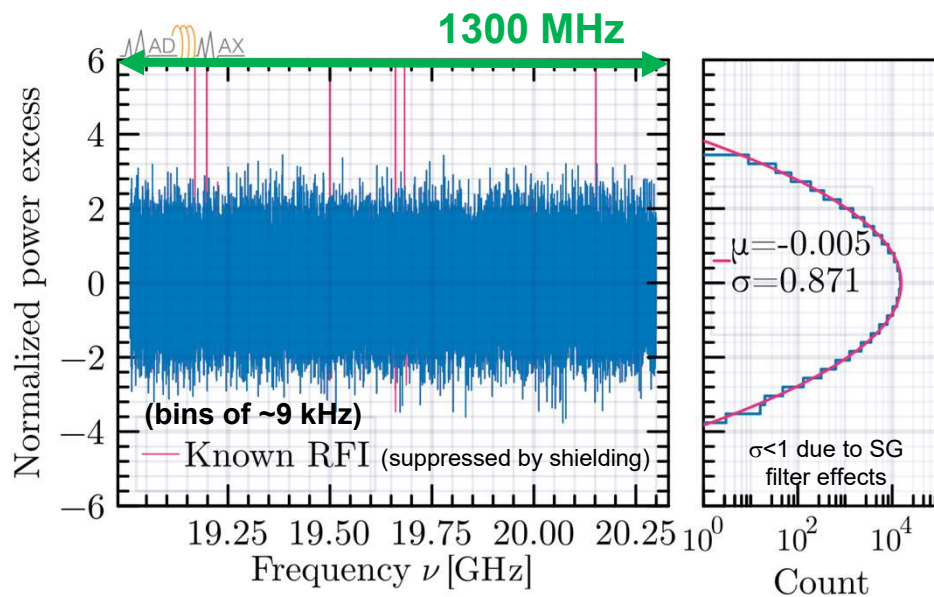


Dark Photon search

arXiv:2408.02368
(submitted to PRL)

□ Setting limits in the $\chi - m_\chi$ plane

- No signals of unknown origin detected
- ✓ Set 95% CL **limit** on unpolarized Dark Photon ($\alpha=1/3$)
- ✓ World best limits in 5 μeV interval, **1-3 order of magnitude** below previous limits
- Modest system confirm **substantial potential** of MADMAX concept (broadband)

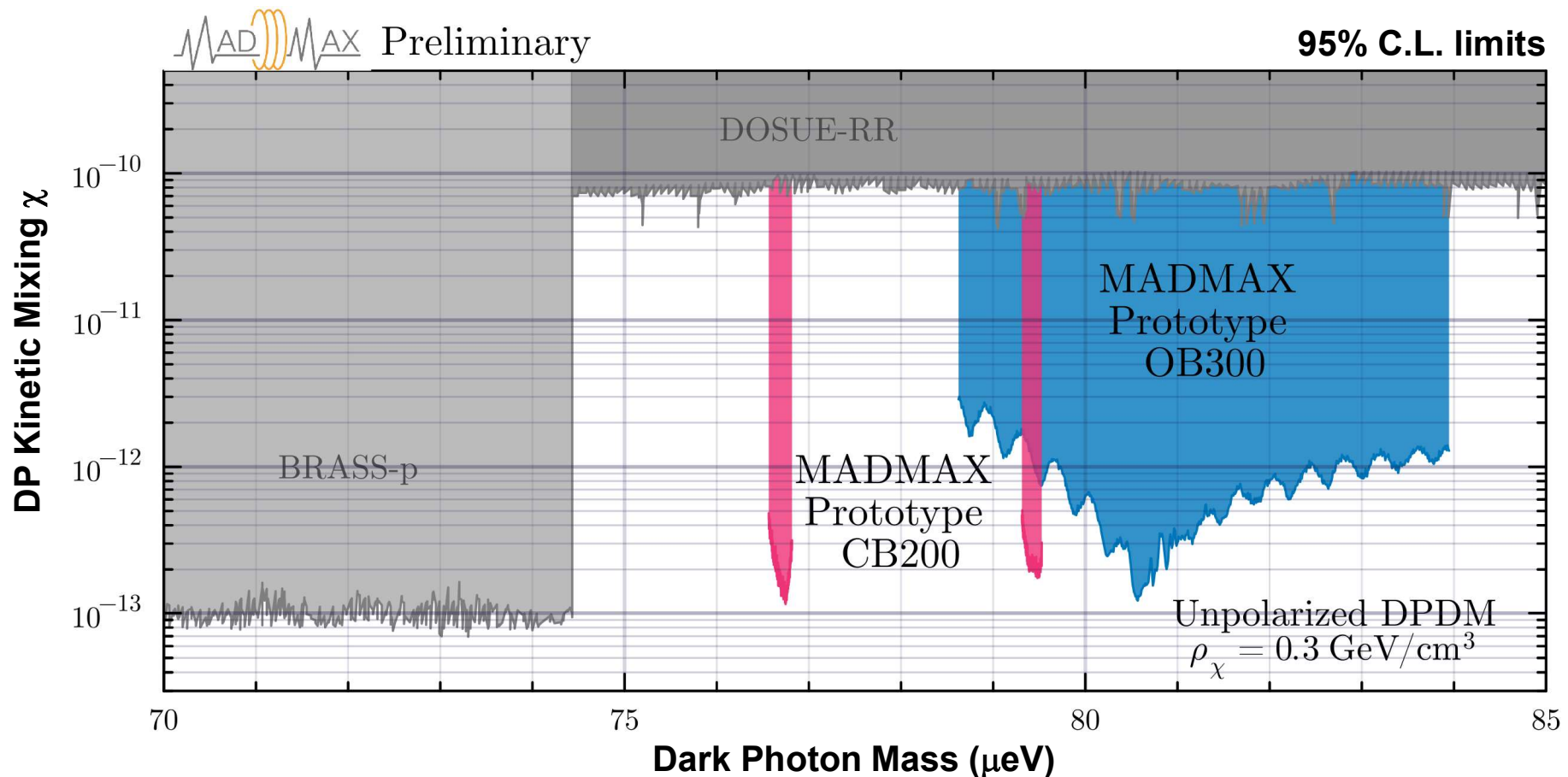


→ First dark matter DP search with MADMAX prototype

Overall Dark Photon search

□ Setting limits in the $\chi - m_\chi$ plane

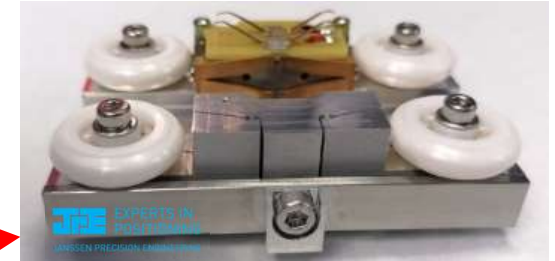
- Reinterpreting the axion search as dark photon search extends the excluded region



Tuneable booster (1/3)

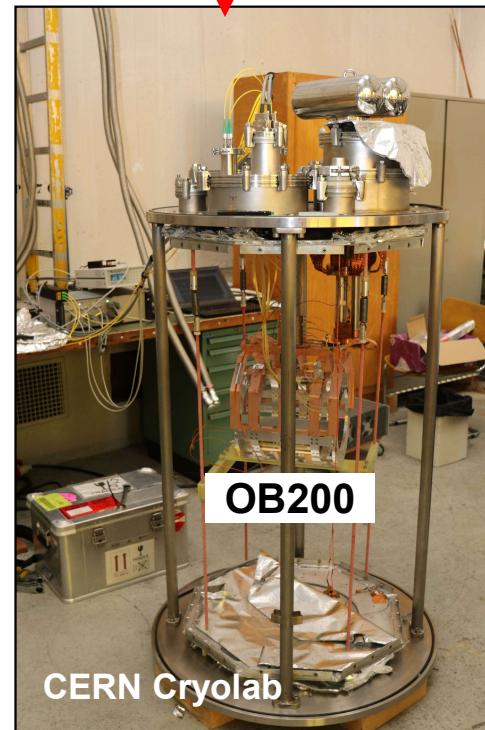
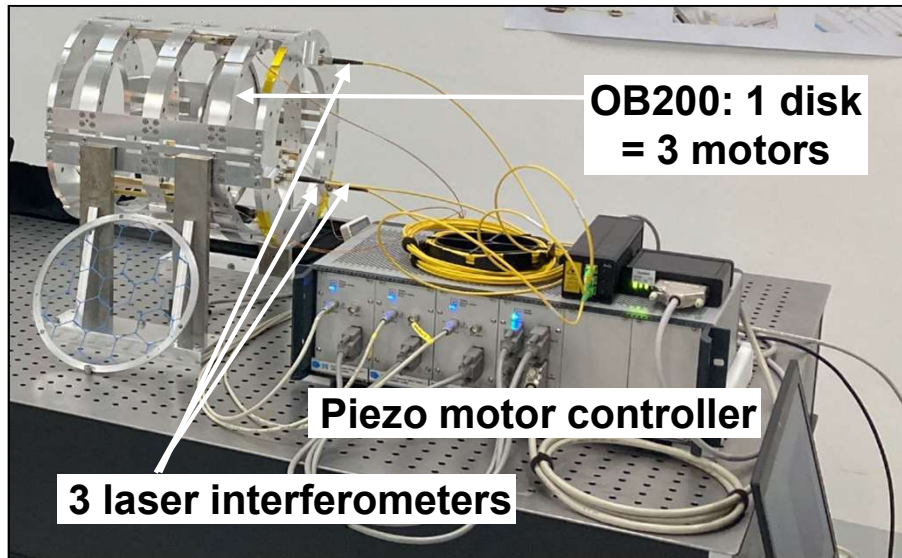
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OB200	Open	1, moveable $\phi = 200$ mm	2022, 22



- 2021: Successful test of 1 piezo motor at 5 K and 5.3 T (ALP magnet in DESY)
- 2022: OB200 proto tested in the lab, in a CERN cryostat (4 K) ... and in 1.6 T at CERN

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Tuneable booster (2/3)

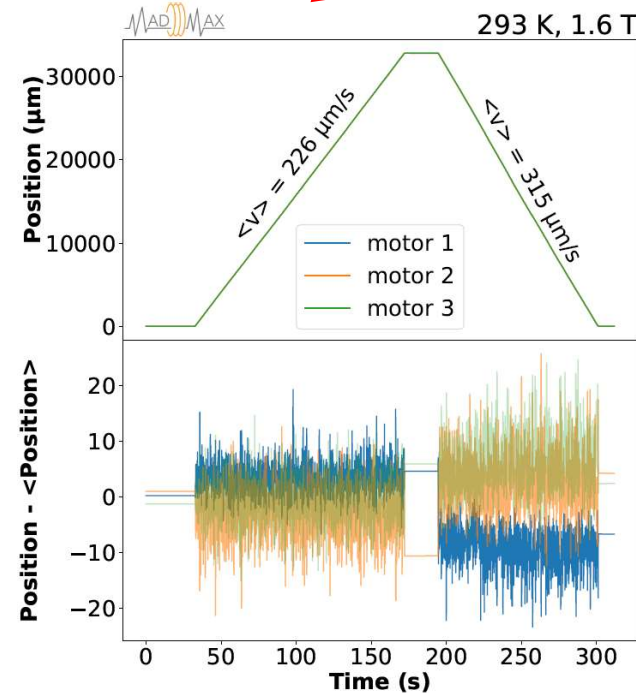
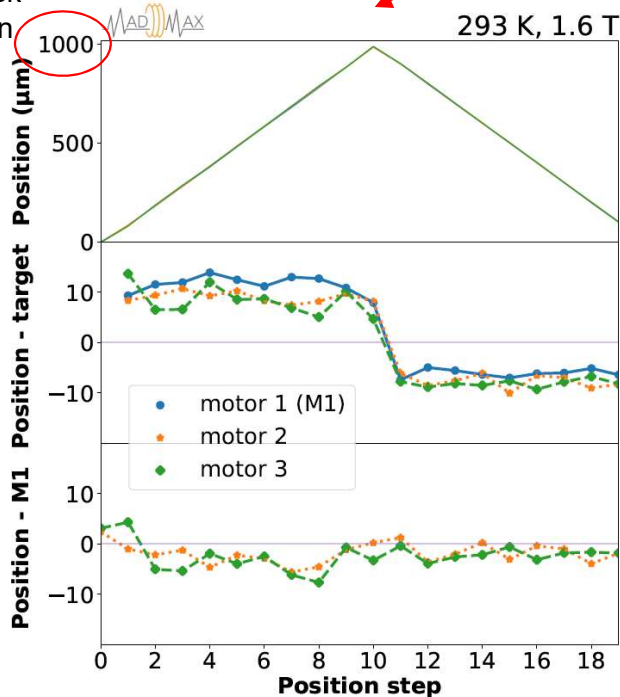
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Typical move for the 80th disk when changing configuration in final MADMAX

Motors positioned at 10 μm



Disk speed >225 $\mu\text{m/s}$

Very similar to the results obtained without Bfield

Tuneable booster (3/3)

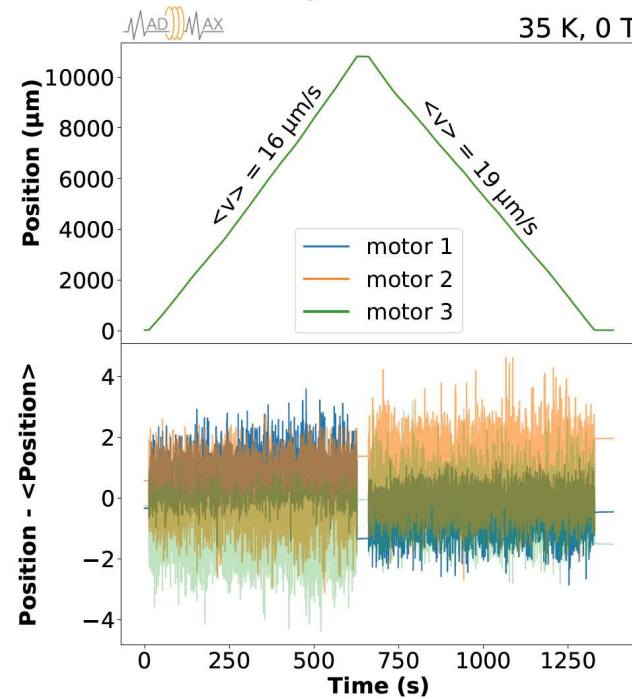
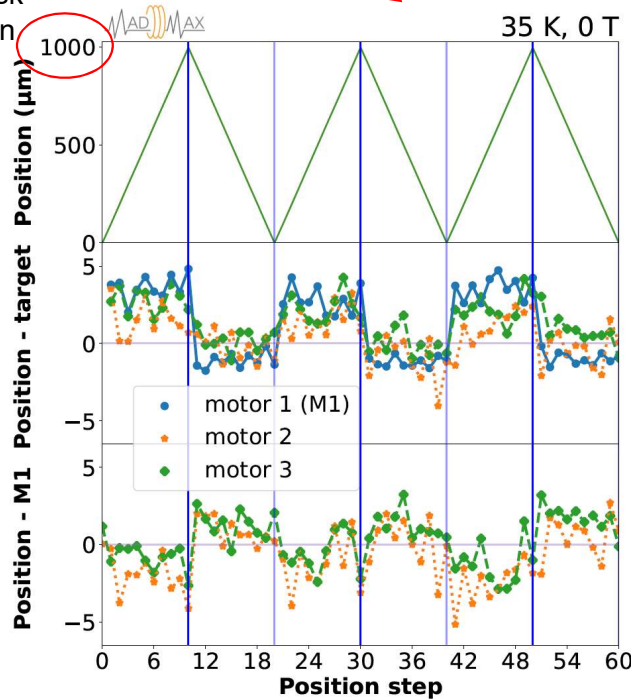
Room Temp.
Cold (10 K)
Bfield
Prospects

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Name	Booster	Disks	Test @CERN
OB200	Open	1, moveable $\phi = 200$ mm	2022, 22

Typical move for the 80th disk when changing configuration in final MADMAX

Motors positioned at 5 μ m



Disk speed >15 μ m/s

~1min for the 80th disk
→ ~1 hour to change disk configuration

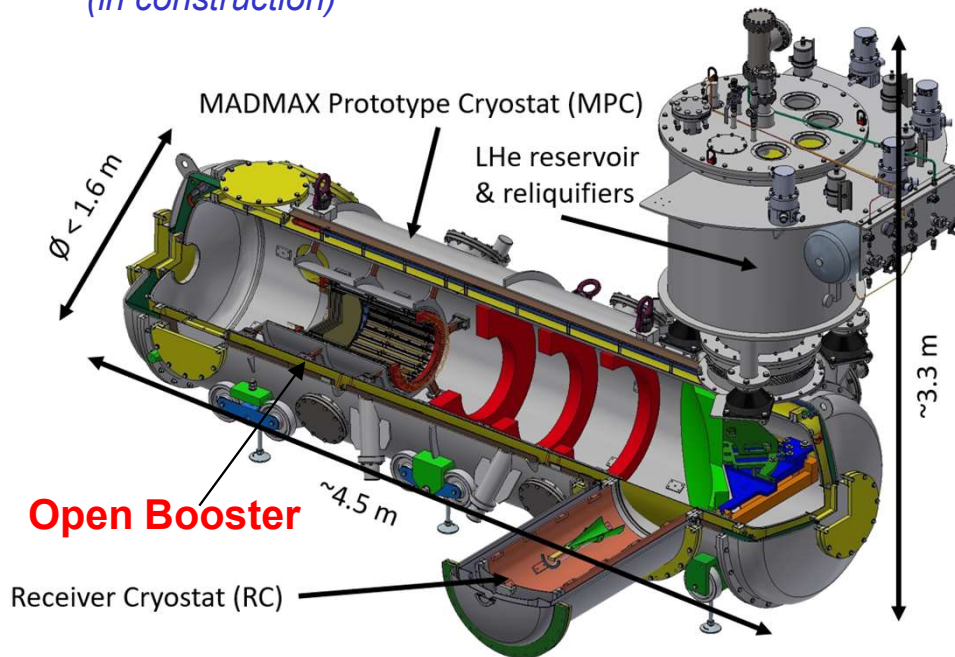
→ Precisely move the disk at cold and in B-field
→ Validate booster mechanics

Final prototype (1/2)

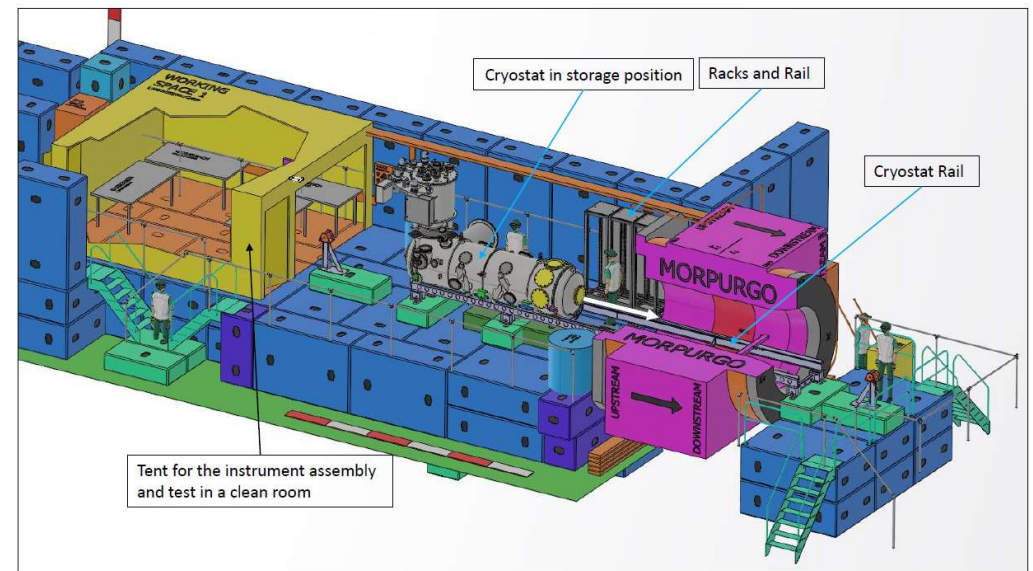
Room Temp.
Cold (10 K)
Bfield
Prospects

Name	Booster	Disks	Test @CERN
OB300v2 (in prep.)	Open	3-20, <i>moveable</i> $\phi = 300 \text{ mm}$	<u>2026-28</u>

❑ Booster inserted in stainless steel cryostat
(in construction)



❑ Test area at CERN (*ready*)



Final prototype (2/2)

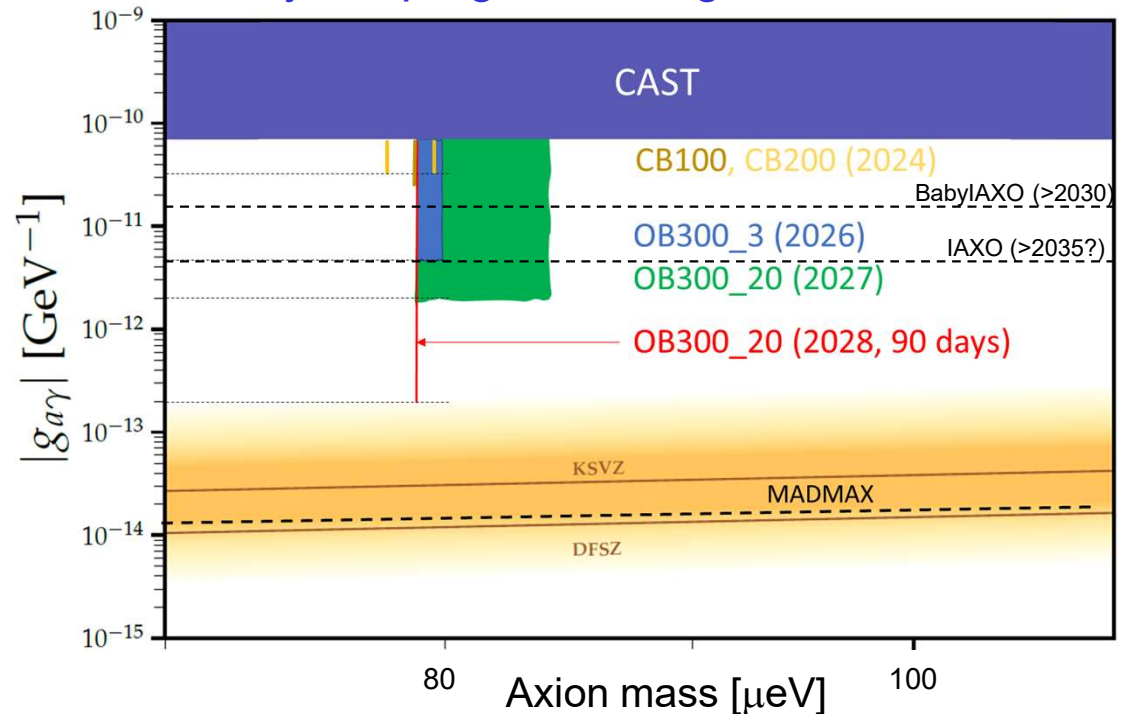
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- ❑ Physics program during LHC shutdown



Long runs at cold with moving disks in 2026-28
→ scan axion masses

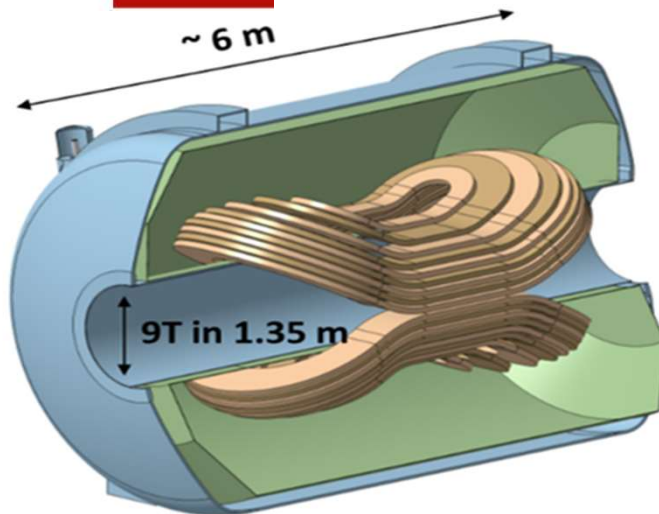
ANR obtained (HALOX)
1 postdoc position will be open at CPPM in Sep. 2025

Towards final MADMAX

□ Dipole Magnet

- Design completed: 2x9 skateboard coils with novel copper CICC conductor

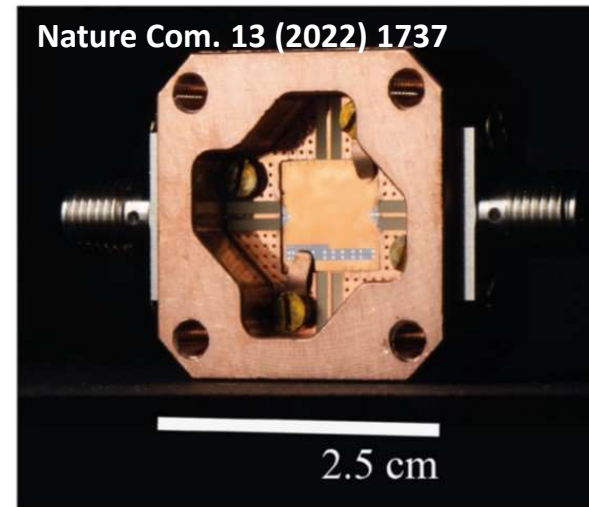
[NbTi with Cu jacket @ 1.8K]



- Demonstrated that coils will be safe in terms of quench protection *IEEE TAS 33 (2023) 1*
- Budget secured for a demonstrator coil → expected in 2027

□ Receiver Chain

- For now use classic low noise amplifier HEMT (G=33 dB, 4K added noise) below 40 GHz
- Josephson Junction being developed to further minimize noise (*quantum limit*)



TWPA prototype with $G > 20$ dB and 1K added noise at 10 GHz

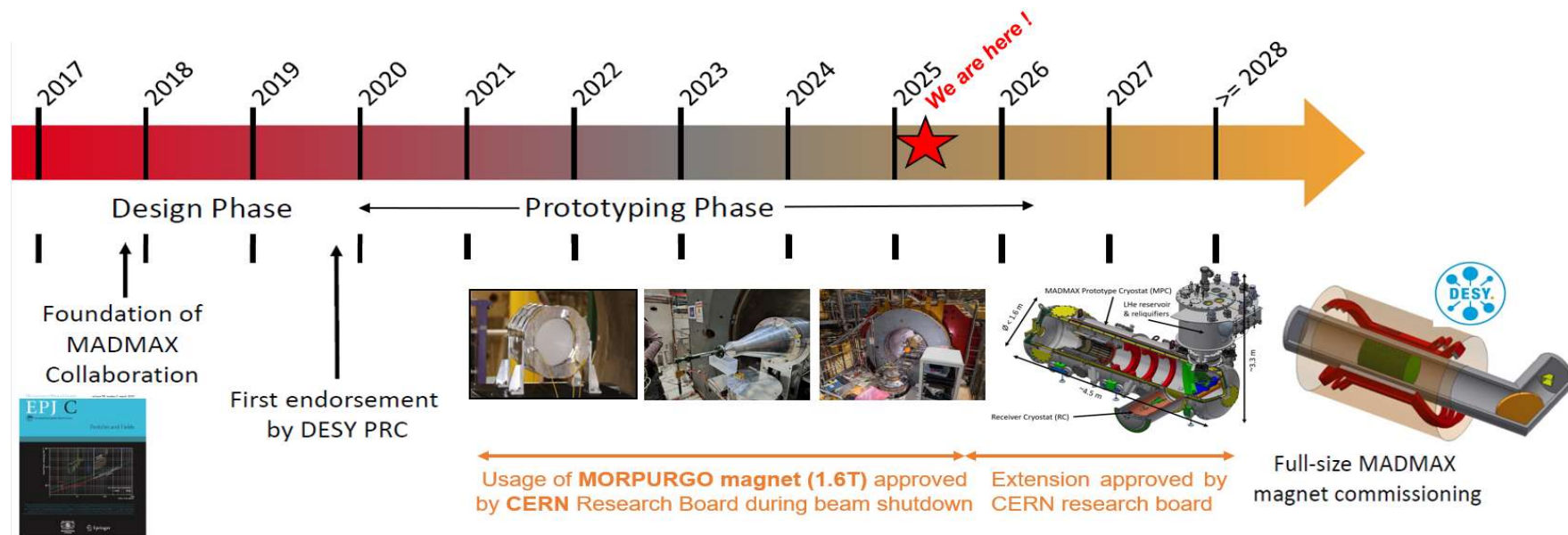
- **Next:** >40 GHz technology to be developed

Conclusions

❑ MADMAX: dielectric haloscope for dark matter axion search $\sim 100 \mu\text{eV}$

- Prototyping phase in 2020-2028 to validate the concept

- ✓ Validated mechanics at cold, under B_{Field} → JINST 18 (2023) P08011 JINST 19 (2024) T11002
- ✓ Established method to measure in situ boost factor → JCAP 04 (2023) 064 JCAP 04 (2024) 005
- ✓ Performed first DM searches → axion and dark photon world best limits for mass $\sim 80 \mu\text{eV}$ → arXiv:2408.02368 (submitted to PRL) arXiv:2409.11777 (submitted to PRL)
- ✓ First booster tests at cold and under B-field → arXiv:2412.12818 (accepted by JINST) 2 papers at work
- Final prototype tests during LHC Long Shutdown 3 at CERN



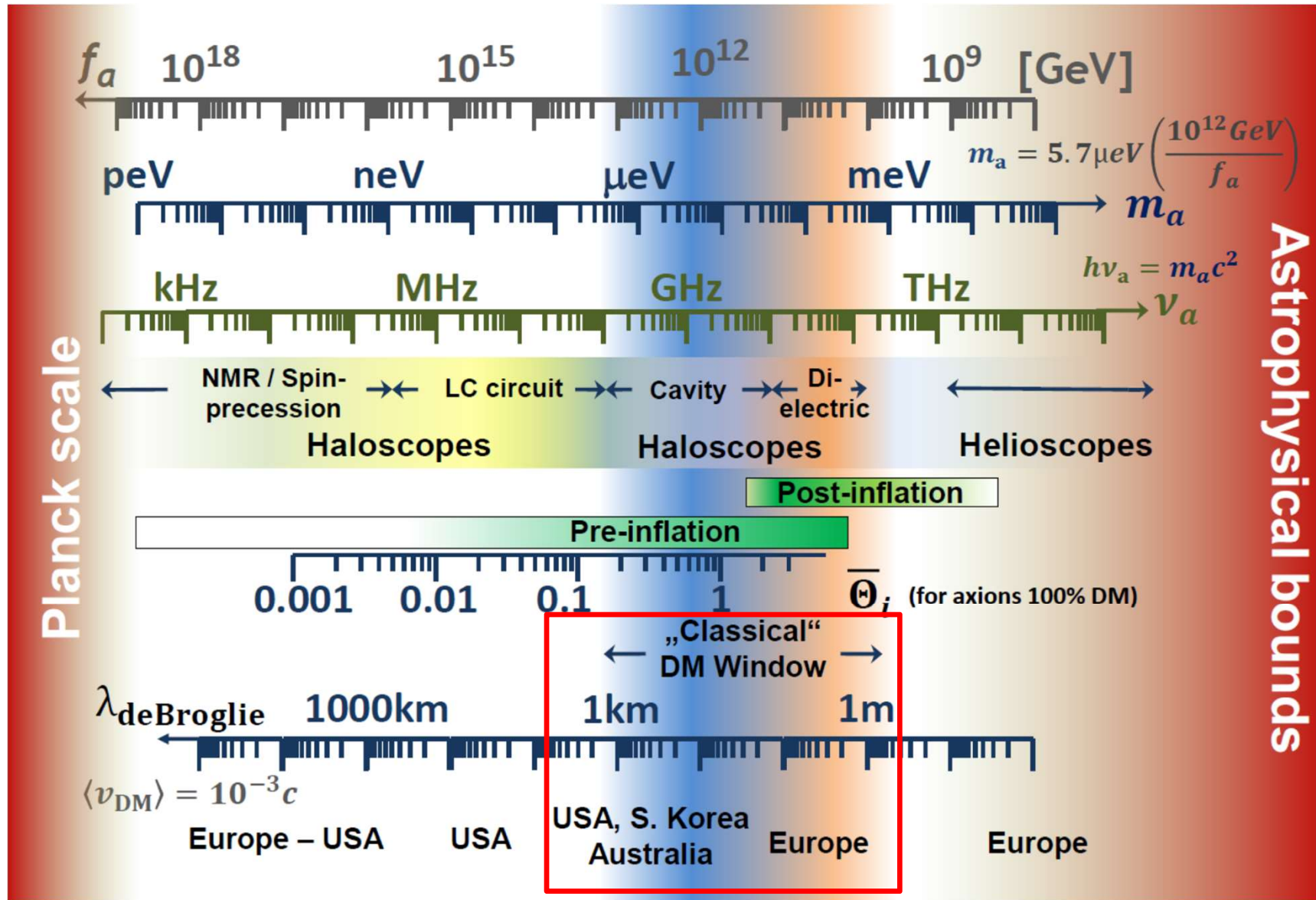
BACKUP



Axion scales

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Vacuum Realignment

Vacuum realignment (VR)

Ratio of VR axion density over total DM density

$$\frac{\Omega_{A,VR}}{\Omega_{DM}} \approx \theta_i^2 F \left(\frac{f_A}{9 \times 10^{11} \text{GeV}} \right)^{7/6}$$
$$\approx \theta_i^2 F \left(\frac{6 \mu\text{eV}}{m_A} \right)^{7/6}$$

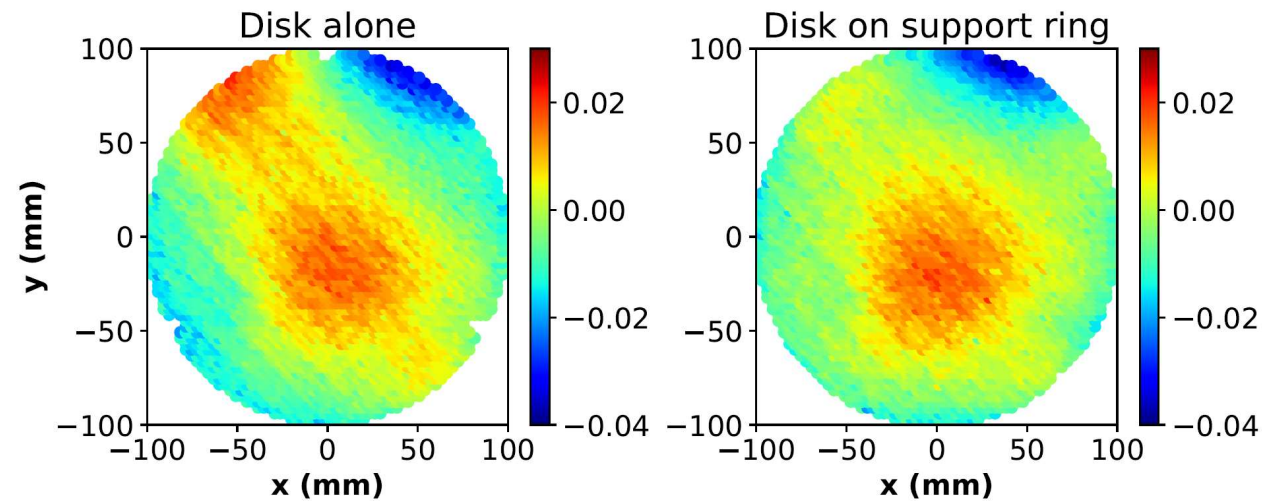
O(1) factor accounting for anharmonicities in the axion potential (calculable in principle – QCD effects)

For $\theta_i \sim 1$ a $\sim 6 \mu\text{eV}$ axion would fill the needed DM axion via VR mechanism

Note the approx. inversely proportional relation between $\Omega \sim 1/m_A$. Contrary to thermal relics.

Disk planarity

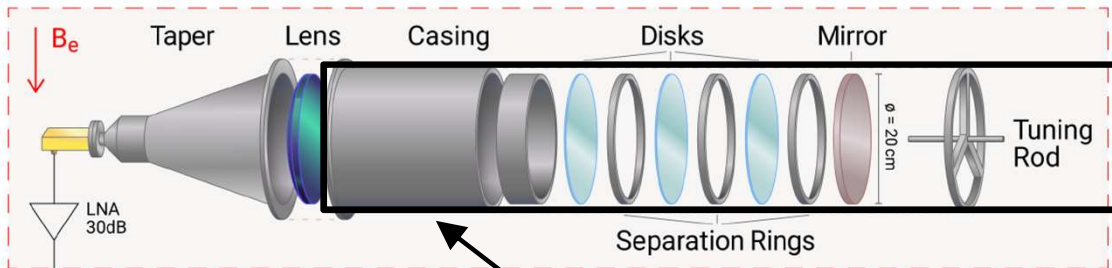
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(arXiv:2407.10716)



RMS < 10 μ m

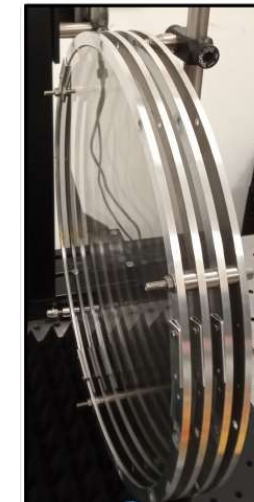
Closed vs open booster

Closed booster



- Booster enclosed in cylindrical waveguide, ensuring fixed boundary conditions
- Fundamental mode (cylindrical TE₁₁ mode) dominant and coupled to receiver (lens) → simplifies RF response modelling
- 1D model enough to extract boost factor, with 1D→3D correction (field overlap with axion field)
- Difficult to insert bead for boost factor measurement with bead-pull method

Open booster

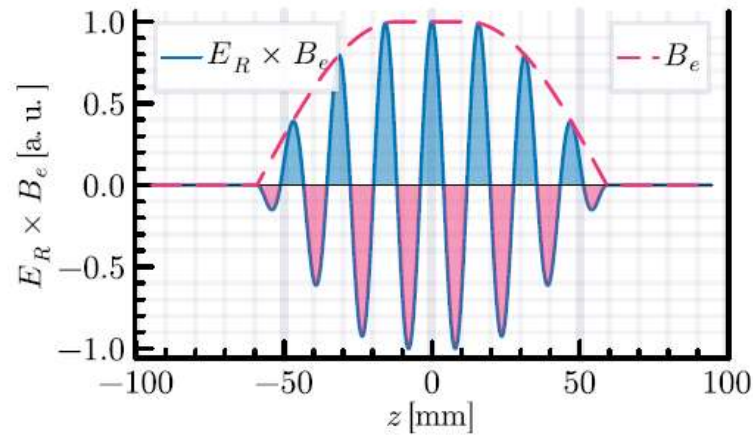


- Free space outside disks
- Higher-order transverse modes wrt fundamental Gaussian mode can propagate and resonate
- Easy to insert bead for boost factor measurement with bead-pull method

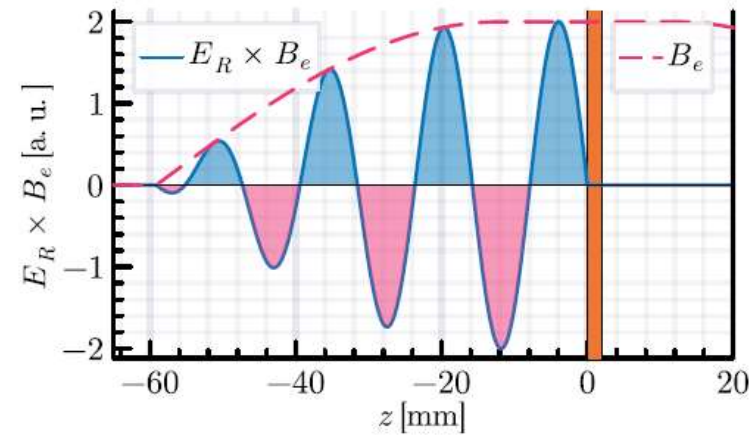
Boost factor

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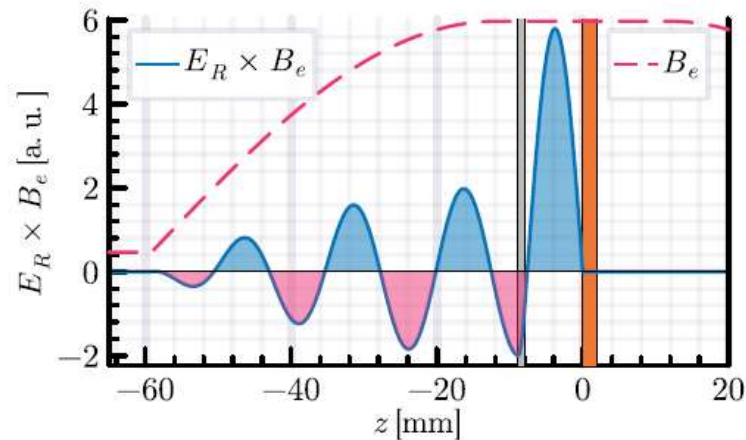
Travelling wave



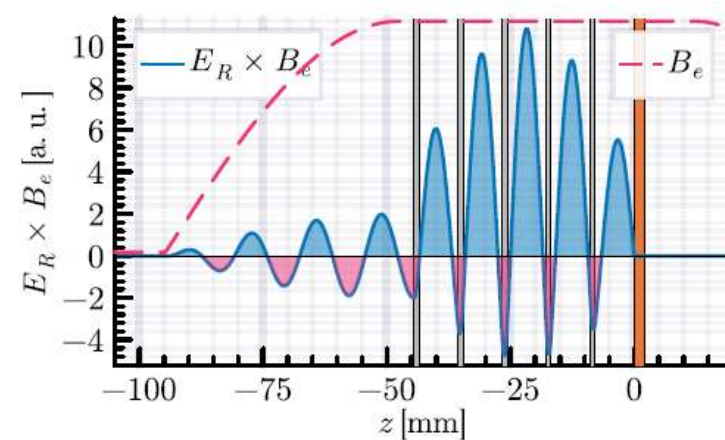
One mirror \rightarrow standing wave



One mirror + one disk

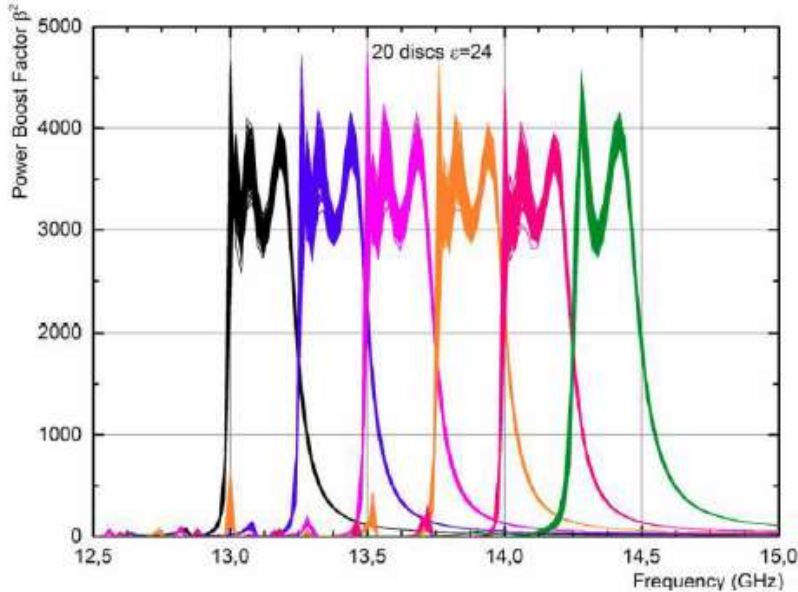


One mirror + disks \cong MADMAX



Boost factor

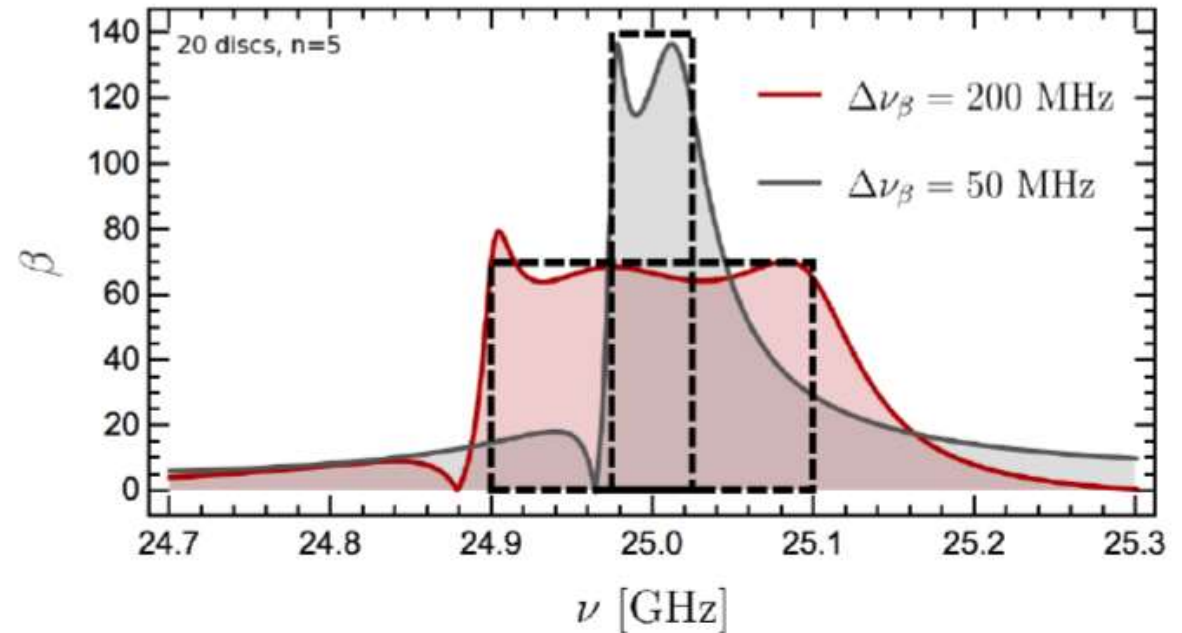
Tuning of sensitive frequency range
by adjusting disc spacing



Area law: $\beta^2 \Delta\nu_\beta \sim \text{const.}$

→ broad-band scan for search

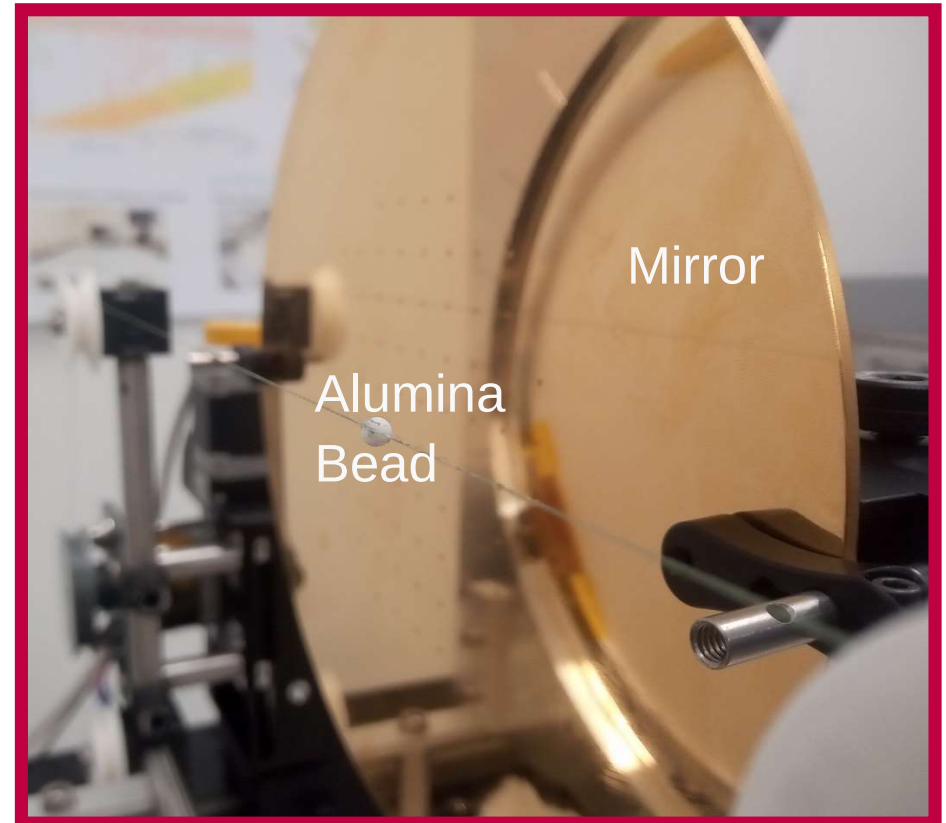
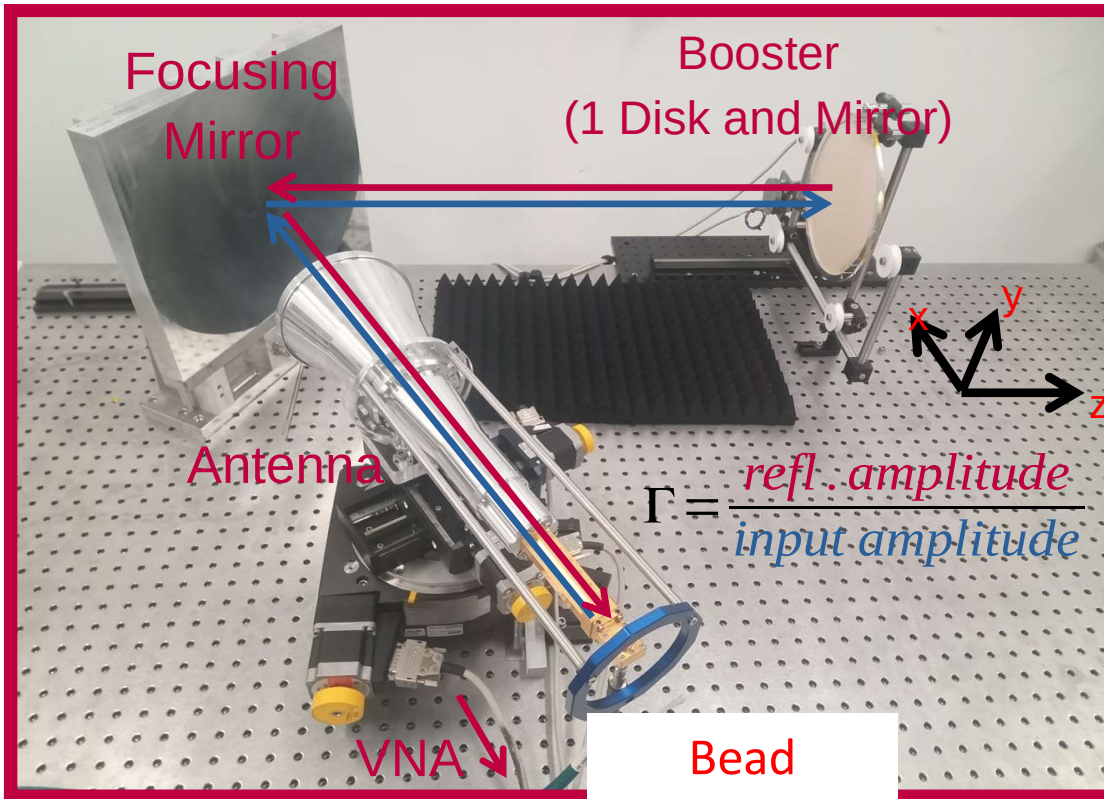
→ narrow-band to confirm possible signals



→ MADMAX versatility

Bead-pull method (1/2)

Boost factor determined using Bead Pull Method (non-resonant perturbation theory)
 + Lorentz reciprocity theorem **JCAP 04 (2023) 064**



Change in reflection coefficient

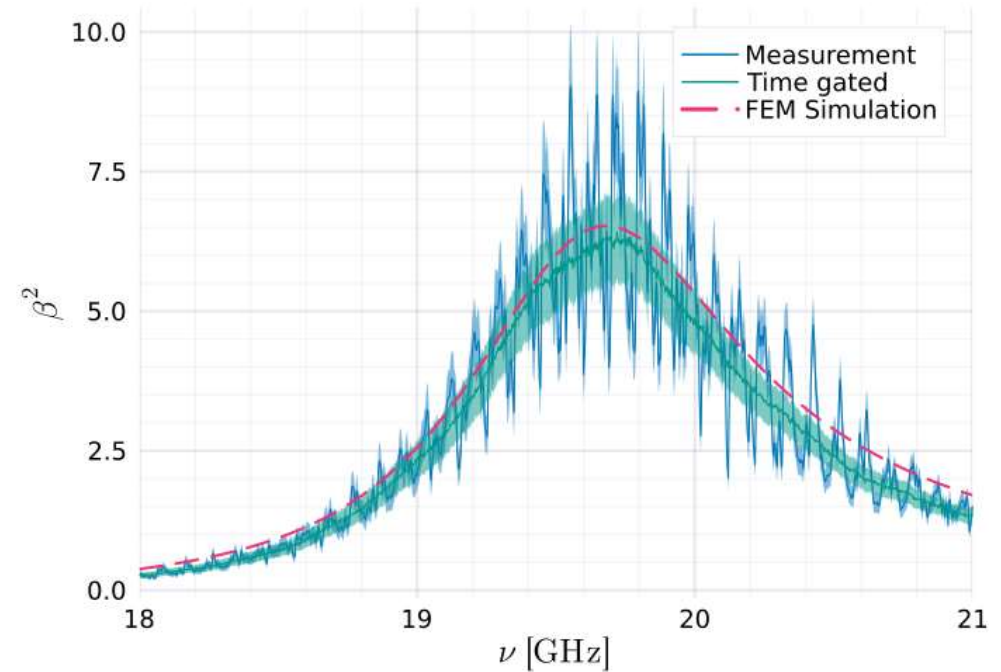
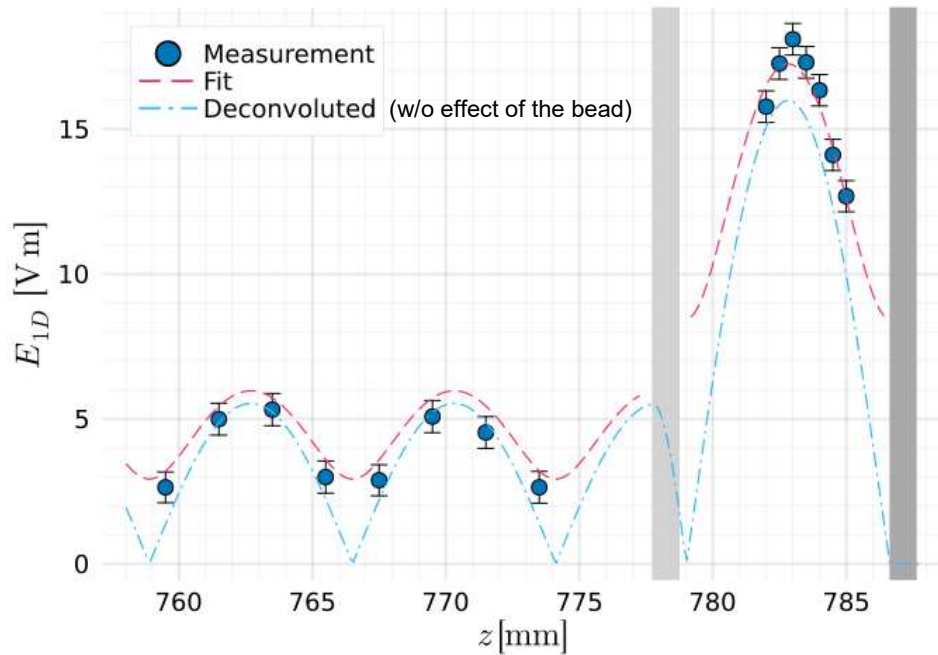
$$\Delta\Gamma = \frac{\alpha_e \omega}{4P_{\text{in}}} E_R^2 \rightarrow \text{E field}$$

$$P_{\text{sig}} = \frac{g_{a\gamma}^2}{16P_{\text{in}}} \left| \int_{V_a} dV \mathbf{E}_R \cdot \dot{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{B}_e \right|^2 \rightarrow \beta^2 = \frac{P_{\text{sig}}}{P_0}$$

Bead-pull method (2/2)

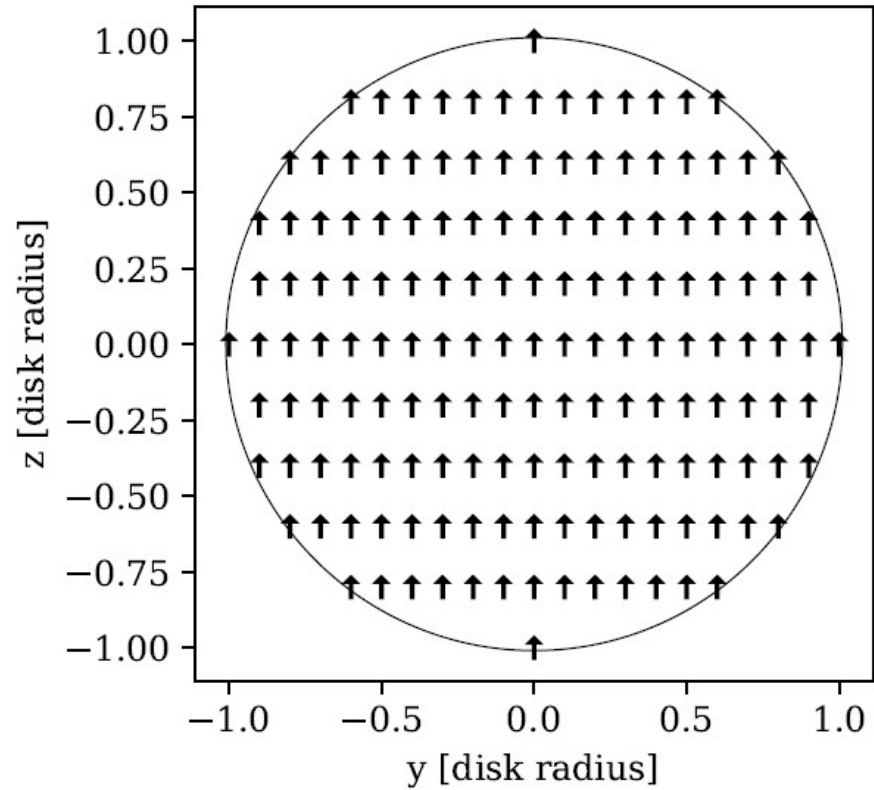
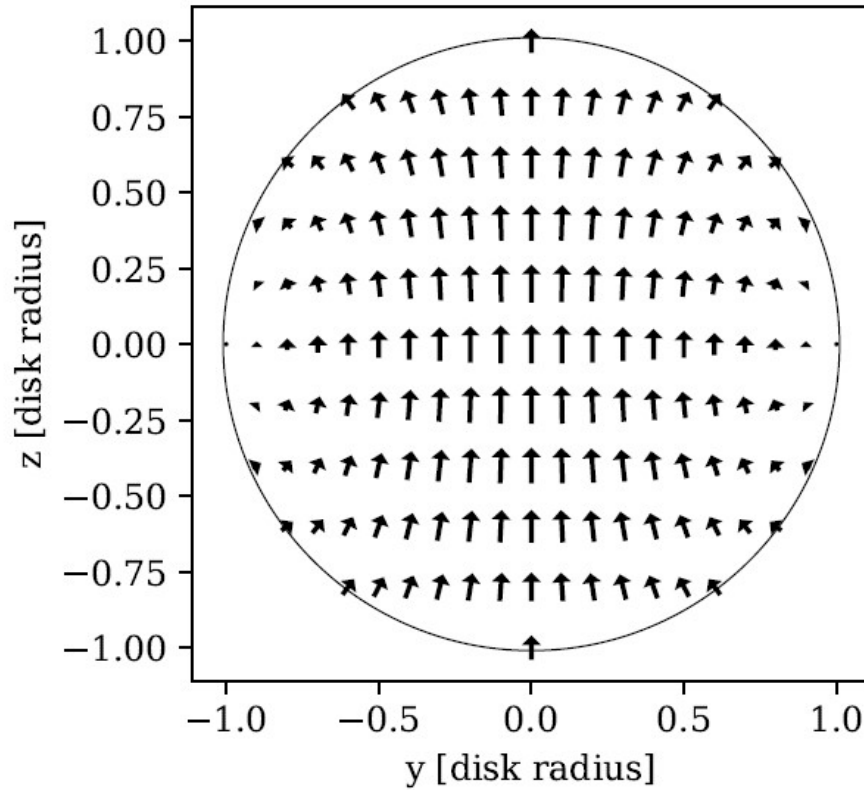
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Test with a single disk and non-optimized set-up



[time gating allows to filter out antenna-booster resonances]

TE11 \rightarrow Axion in CB



Form factor $\cong 84\%$

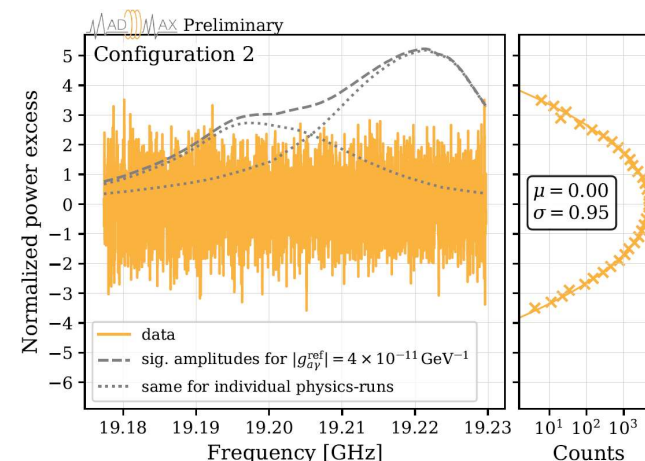
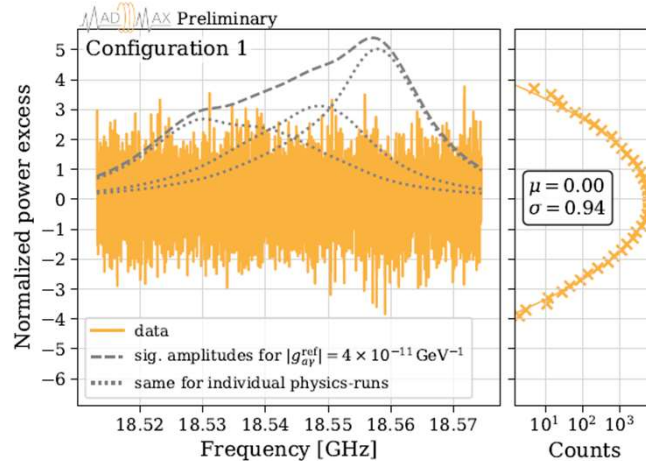
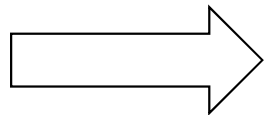
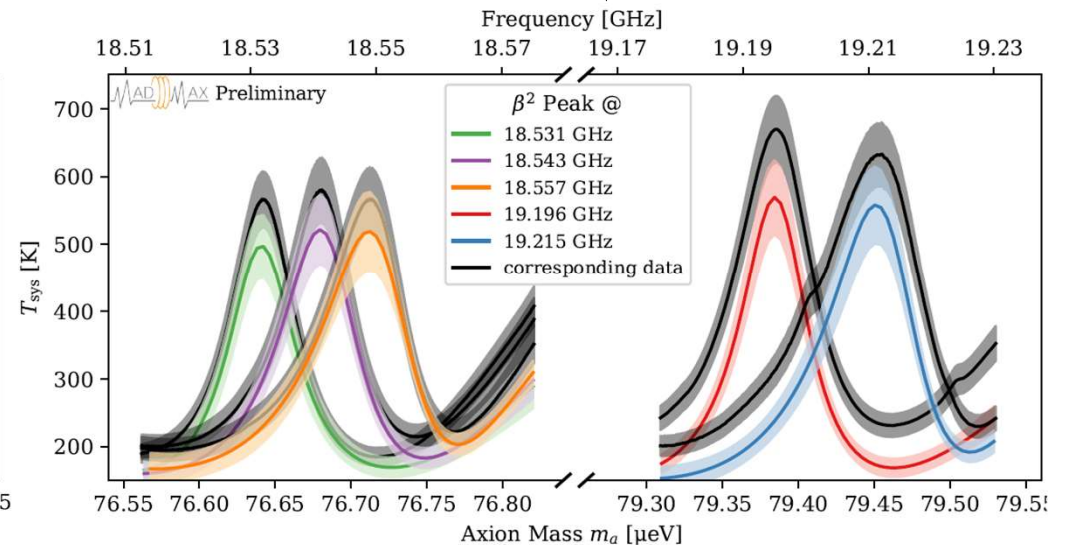
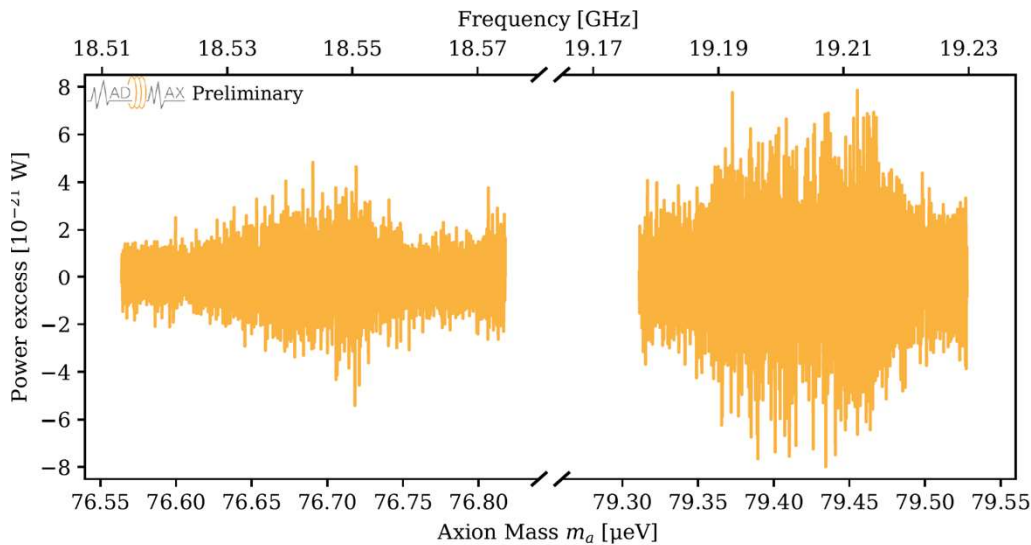
Grand spectrum

Fluctuations of power from thermal radiations / [standard deviation = $k_B \cdot T_{\text{sys}} \cdot \text{sqrt}(\Delta\nu/t)$]

$$P = k_B \cdot T_{\text{sys}} \cdot \Delta\nu$$

T_{sys} = system noise temperature

$k_B = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{J/K}$
 $\Delta\nu$ = frequency bin size
 t = measurement time



MADMAX sensitivity

□ Axion-photon coupling $|g_{a\gamma}|$

$$\begin{aligned} |g_{a\gamma}| &= 4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 10^3}{\beta^2}} \sqrt{\frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{300 \text{ K}}} \\ &\times \left(\frac{0.1 \text{ m}}{r}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ T}}{B_e}\right) \left(\frac{1.3 \text{ days}}{\Delta t}\right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{\text{SNR}}{5}} \\ &\times \left(\frac{m_a}{80 \mu\text{eV}}\right)^{5/4} \sqrt{\frac{0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{\rho_a}}, \end{aligned}$$

□ Dark Photon kinetic mixing angle with photon, χ

- Assuming unpolarized Dark Photon:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi &= 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \left(\frac{640}{\beta^2}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{707 \text{ cm}^2}{A}\right)^{1/2} \\ &\times \left(\frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{240 \text{ K}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{11.7 \text{ d}}{\Delta t}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\text{SNR}}{5}\right)^{1/2} \\ &\times \left(\frac{0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{\rho_\chi}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\Delta\nu_\chi}{20 \text{ kHz}}\right)^{1/4}, \end{aligned}$$

Systematics impact on $|g_{a\gamma}|$

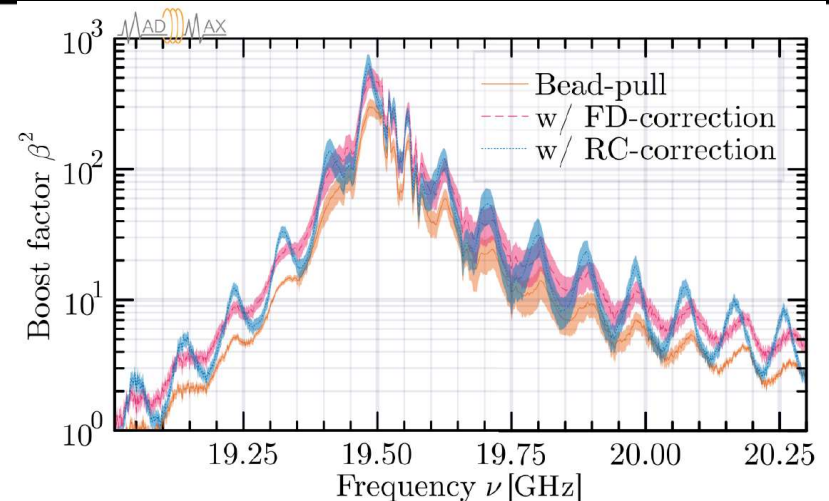
□ Axion-photon coupling $|g_{a\gamma}|$

Effect	Uncertainty in $ g_{a\gamma} $
Y-factor power calibration (configuration dependent)	3% to 5%
Receiver chain power stability	< 2%
Axion field – TE ₁₁ overlap	6%
Boost factor determination	< 5%
Frequency stability of TE ₁₁ mode	< 2%
Total	5% to 10%

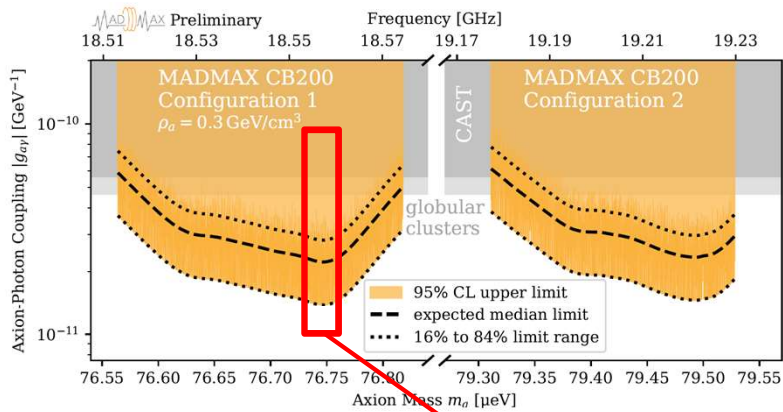
boost factor

□ Dark Photon kinetic mixing angle with photon, χ

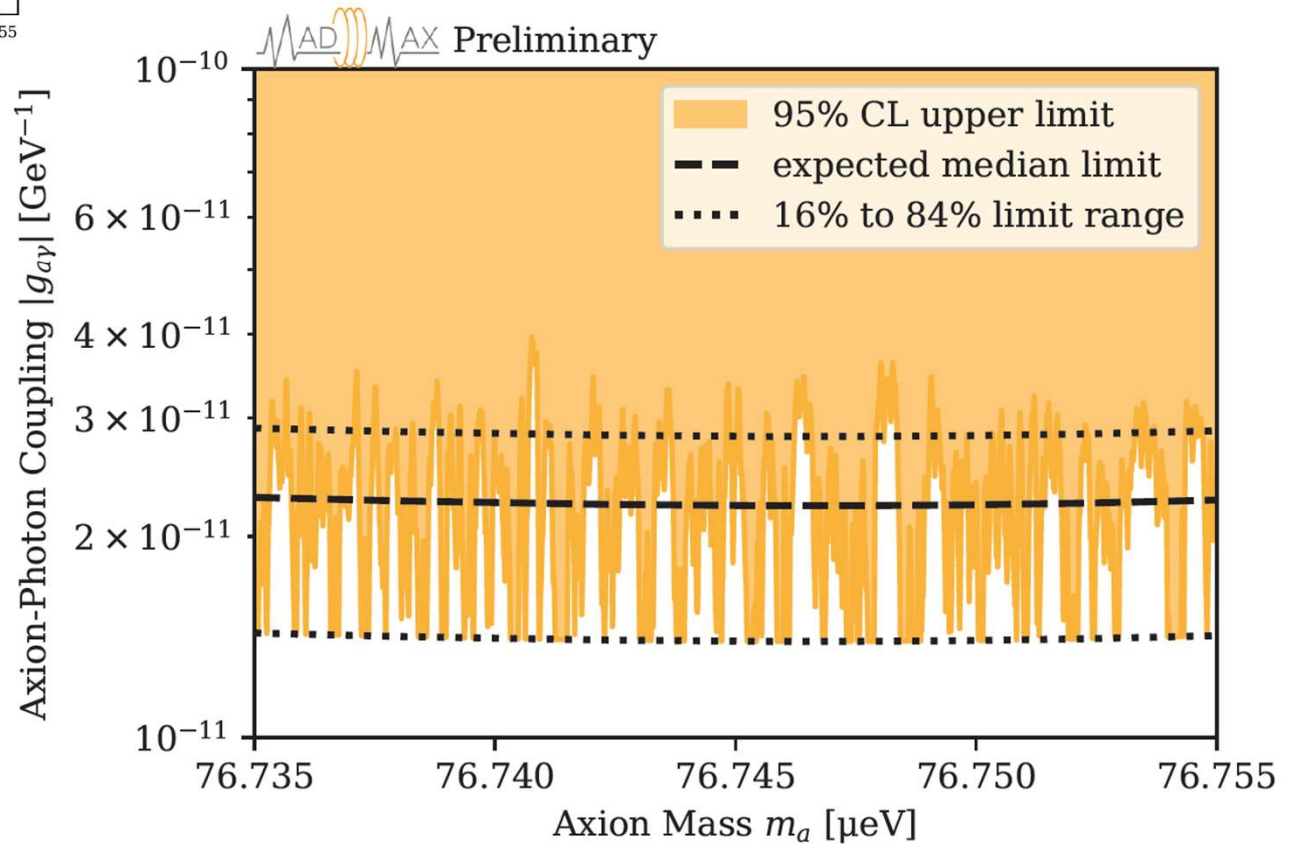
Effect	Uncertainty on χ
Boost factor determination (frequency dependent)	
Bead-pull measurements	2 to 17%
Bead pull finite domain correction (FD)	5%
Receiver chain impedance mismatch (RC)	<1%
Y-factor calibration	4%
Power stability	3%
Frequency stability	2%
Line shape discretization (9 kHz bin)	4%
Total	9 to 19%



Axion limit



Zoom
(bins of $\sim 0.9 \text{ kHz}$)



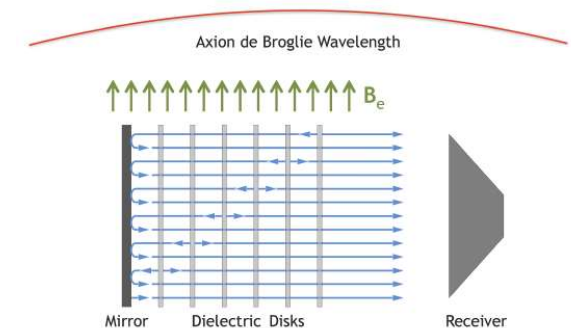
Directionality with MADMAX

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- « Search / Discovery » mode = MADMAX with 80 disks

As DM is highly non-relativistic ($v_a \sim 10^{-3}$), the associated De Broglie wavelength is large, i.e. larger than the detector with 80 disks

$$\lambda_{\text{dB}} = \frac{2\pi}{m_a v_a} = 12.4 \text{ m} \left(\frac{100 \mu\text{eV}}{m_a} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-3}}{v_a} \right)$$



- Velocity effects only important for haloscopes with a size $> \sim 20\%$ of de Broglie wavelength
 - Can be safely neglected for setup with 80 disks \rightarrow Good (no model dependence of boost factor)
 - Annual modulations could be detected for sufficiently long measurements
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- « Axion telescope » mode \rightarrow directionally sensitive to axion velocity
 - \rightarrow Effects come from axion velocity in direction perpendicular to the disks (\rightarrow change in phase over the haloscope)
 - \rightarrow need increased length of the device: $O(1)$ effect if haloscope length similar to De Broglie wavelength
 - \rightarrow Use the same disks but increase separation between disks: from $\lambda/2 \rightarrow 3\lambda/2, 5\lambda/2$
 - \rightarrow Increase the number of disks