

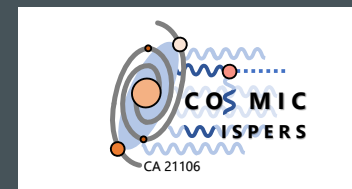
# REVIEW OF AXION PROGRAM AT LNF AND LNL

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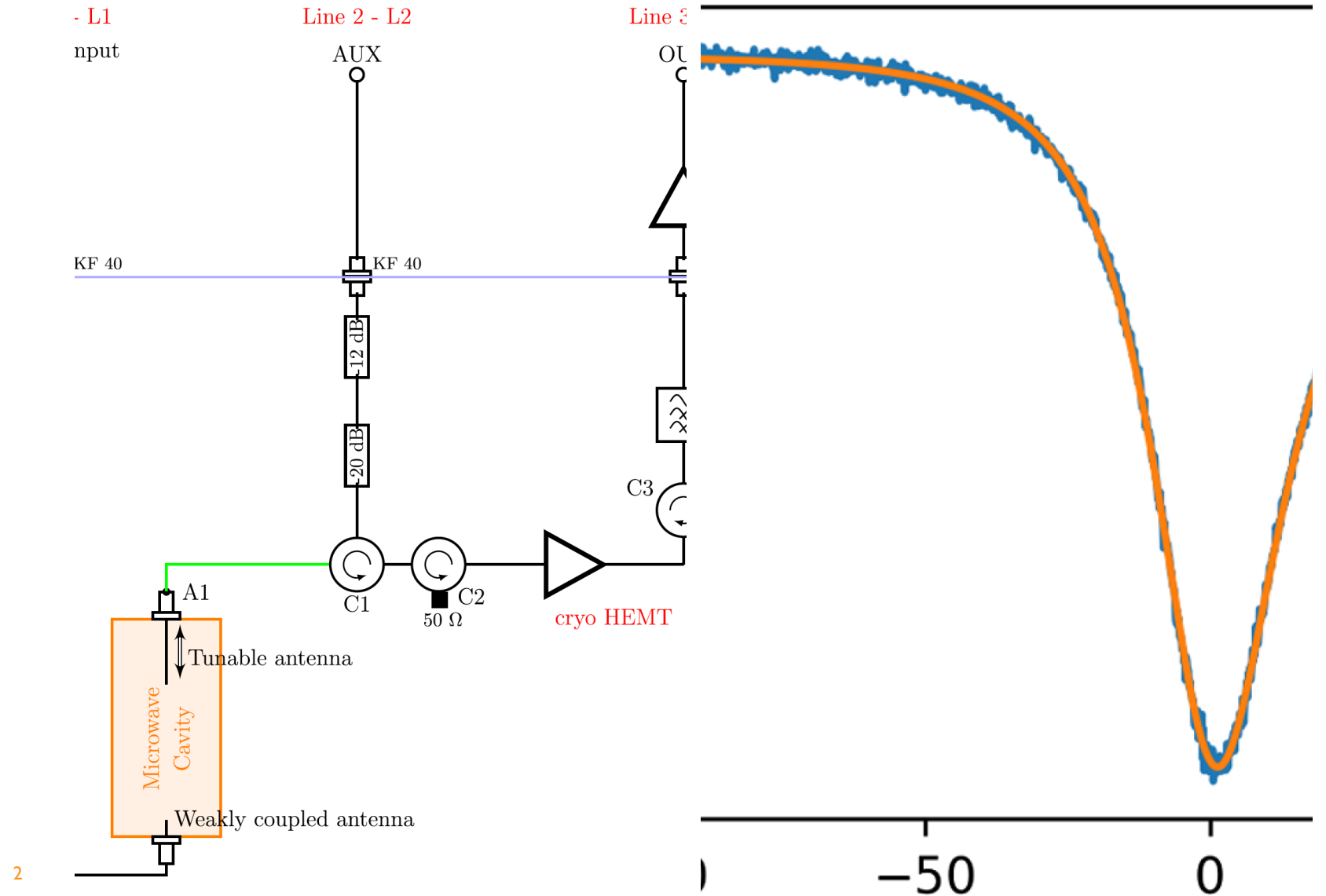
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# OUTLINE

- Sikivie Haloscope
- QUAX
  - Quax-ae
  - Quax- $\gamma$
  - Quax program 2023-2025
- Signal amplification and microwave photon counters
- Search for lighter axions with FLASH
- Conclusion



# Sikivie Haloscope

In presence of a strong magnetic field, cavity modes are excited by a resonant axion field

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

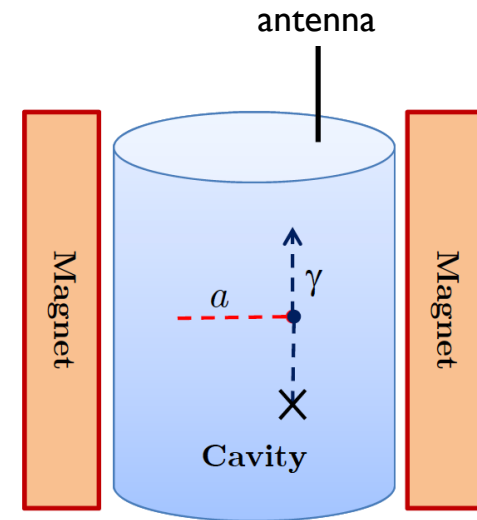
$$P_{\text{sig}} = \left( g_\gamma^2 \frac{\alpha^2 \hbar^3 c^3 \rho_a}{\pi^2 \Lambda^4} \right) \times \left( \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta} \omega_c \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_0^2 V C_{mnl} Q_L \right)$$

$\beta$  antenna coupling to cavity

$C_{mnl}$  mode dependent factor about 0.6 for TM010

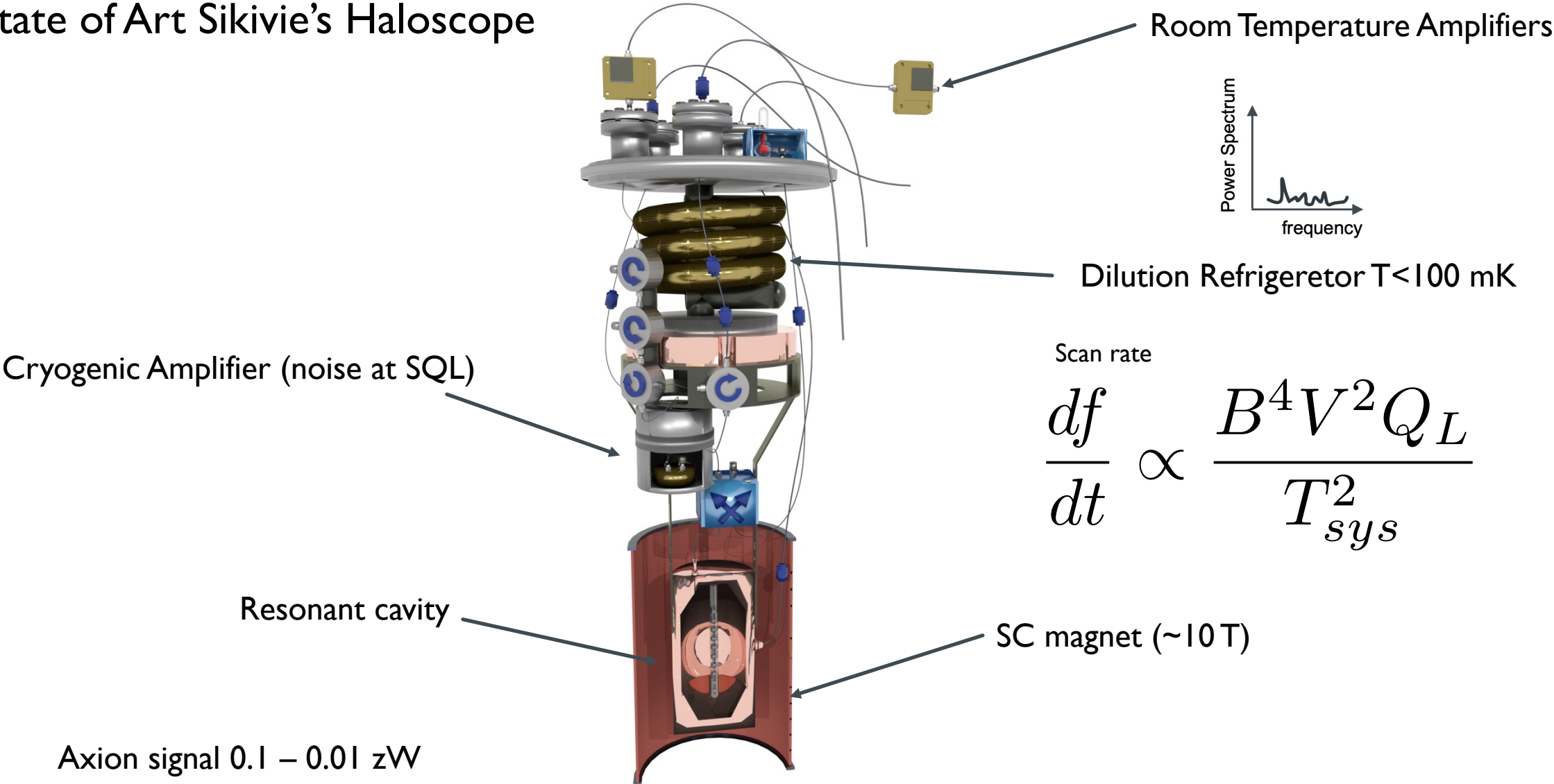
$V$  cavity volume

$Q_L$  cavity “loaded” quality factor



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

# State of Art Sikivie's Haloscope



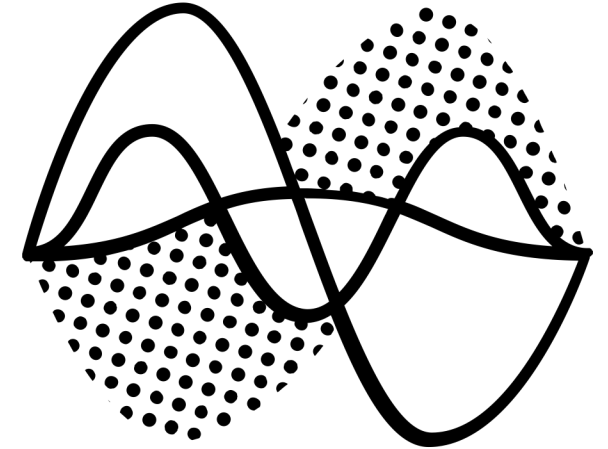
Scan rate

$$\frac{df}{dt} \propto \frac{B^4 V^2 Q_L}{T_{sys}^2}$$

Axion signal 0.1 – 0.01 zW

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# QUAX LIMITS ON AXIONS



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# QUAX



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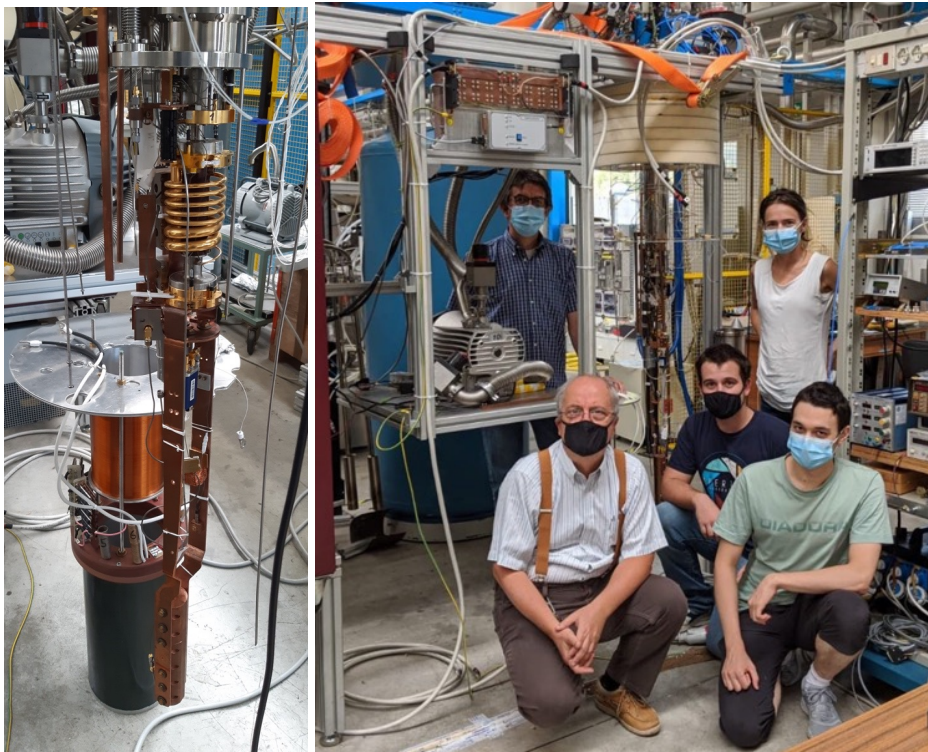


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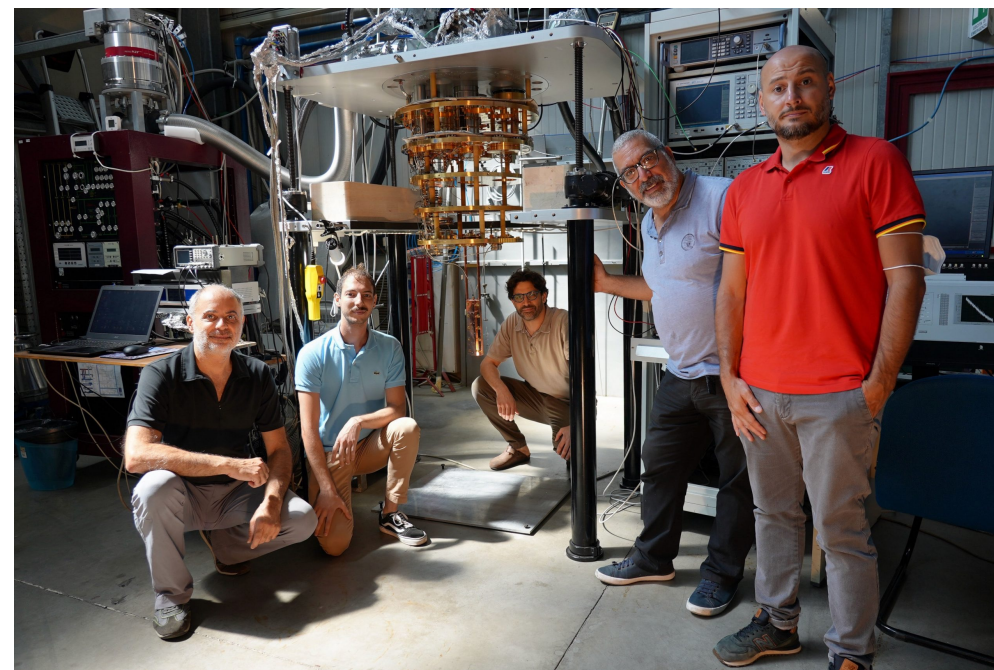
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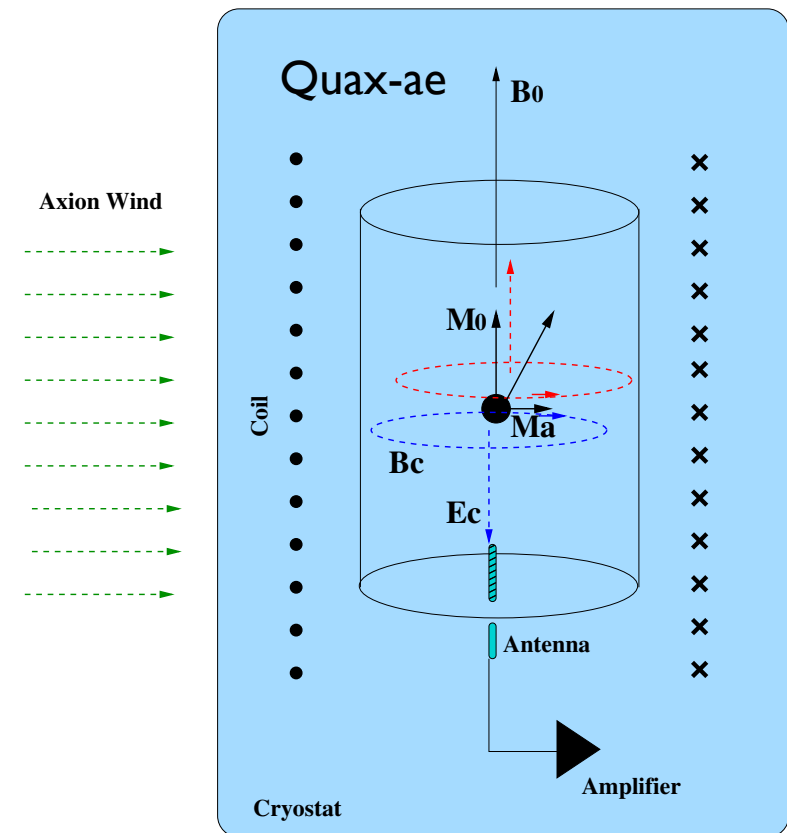
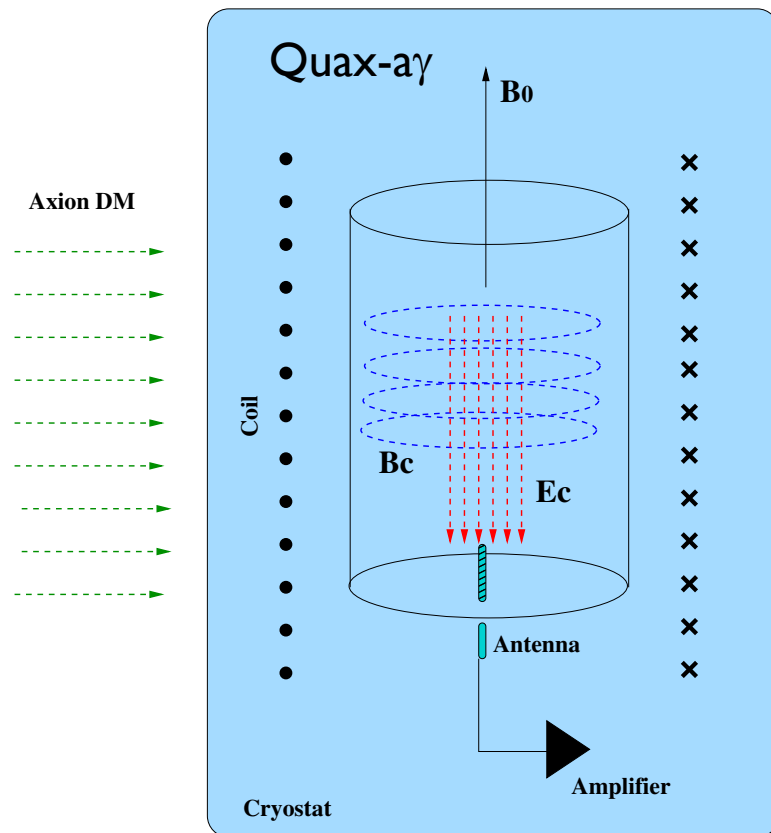


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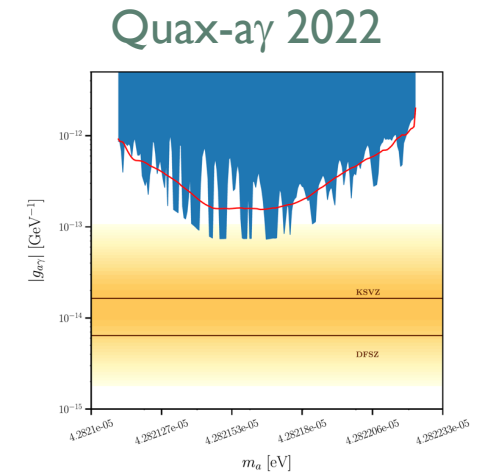
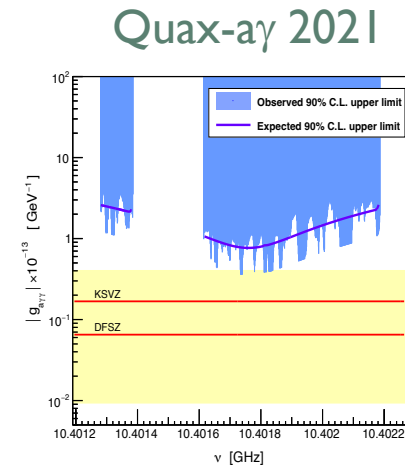
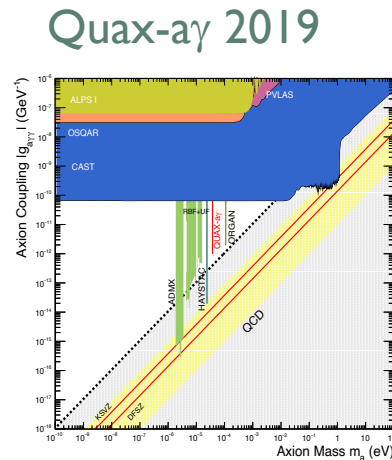
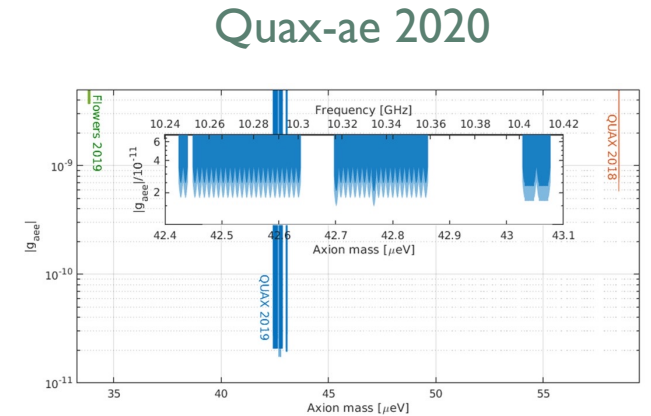
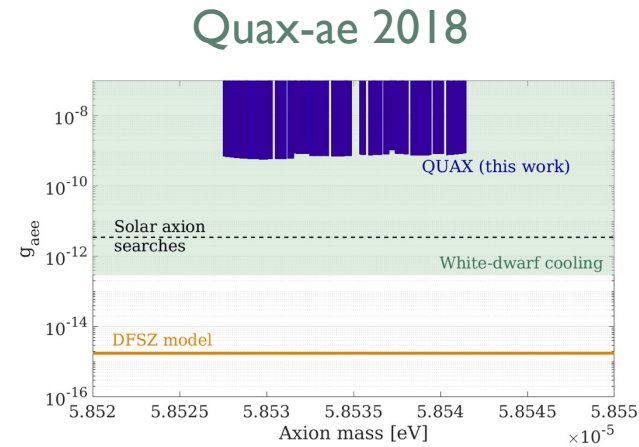
# QUAX: Quest for Axions

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



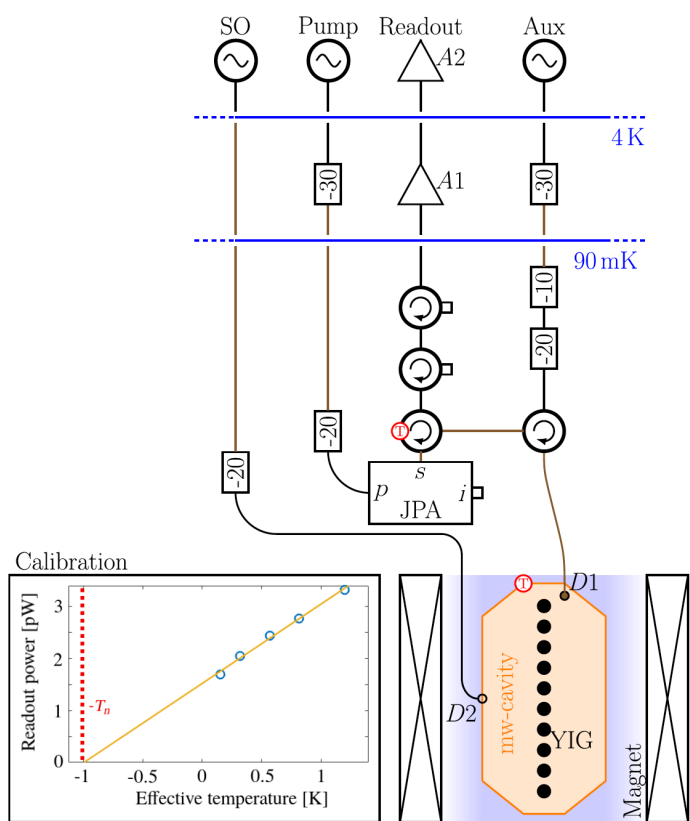
# QUAX RESULTS 2018-2022

- QUAX-ae result with Ferromagnetic Axion Haloscope at  $m_a = 58$  meV, EPJC (2018) 78:703.
- QUAX- $\gamma$  Result with Superconductive Resonant Cavity at  $m_a = 37.5$  meV, Phys. Rev. D **99**, 101101(R) (2019).
- QUAX-ae with Quantum-Limited Ferromagnetic Haloscope, Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 171801 (2020).
- Search for Invisible Axion Dark Matter of mass  $m_a = 43$  meV with the QUAX- $\gamma$  Experiment, Phys. Rev. D **103**, 102004 (2021).
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# QUAX-ae Result with Quantum-Limited Ferromagnetic Haloscope

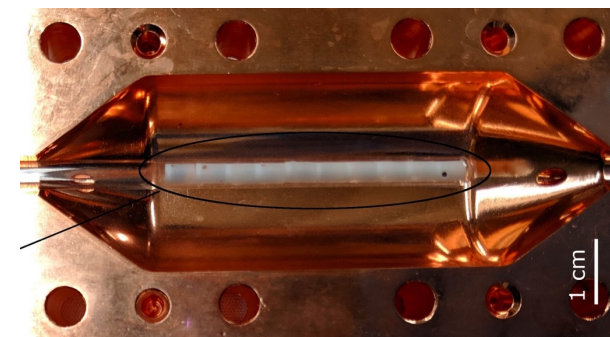
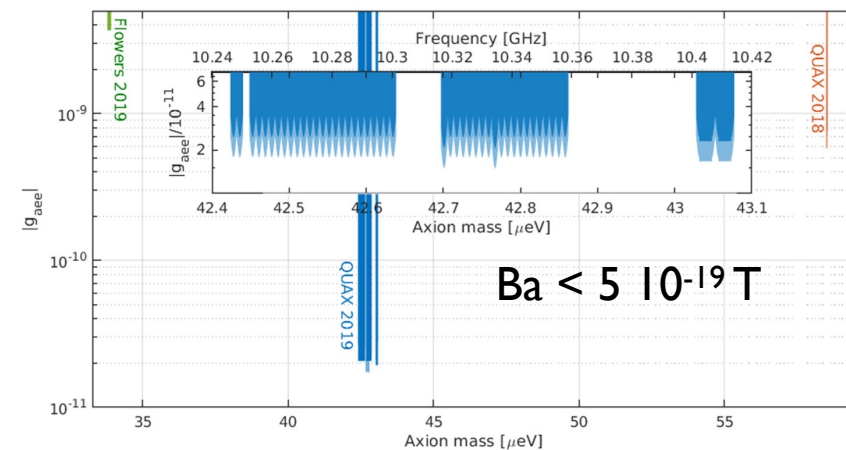


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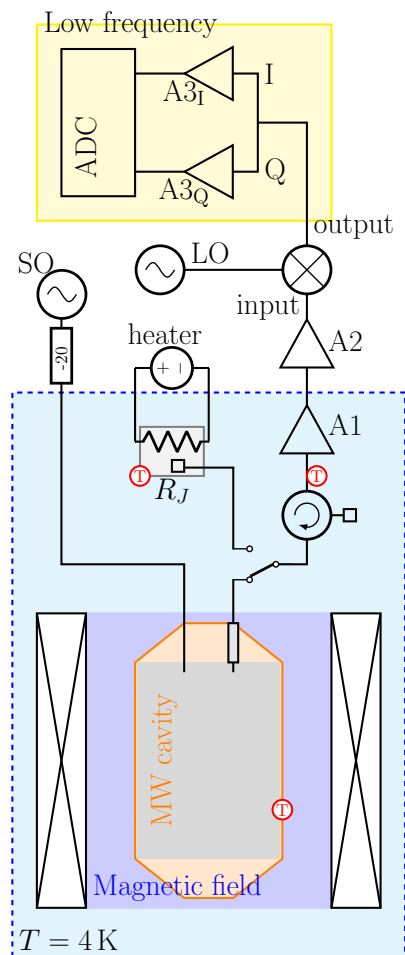
## Experimental Setup

B [T]	0.5
N. of GaYIG Sphere (diameter =2.1 mm)	10
$n_s$ [spin/m <sup>3</sup> ]	$2.1 \times 10^{28}$
$\tau_{\min}$ [ $\mu$ s]	0.1
Frequency [GHz]	10.7
Cu-cavity Q (mode TM110)	50,000
$T_{\text{cavity}}$ [mK]	90
T amplifier [K] (JPA)	0.5-1

Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 171801 (2020)

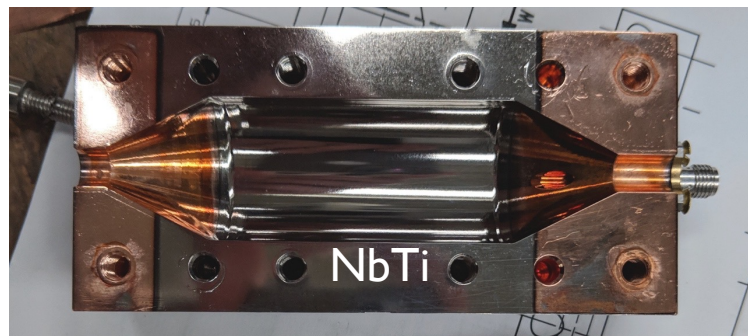


# QUAX- $\gamma$ Result with Superconductive Resonant Cavity at $m_a = 37.5 \mu\text{eV}$

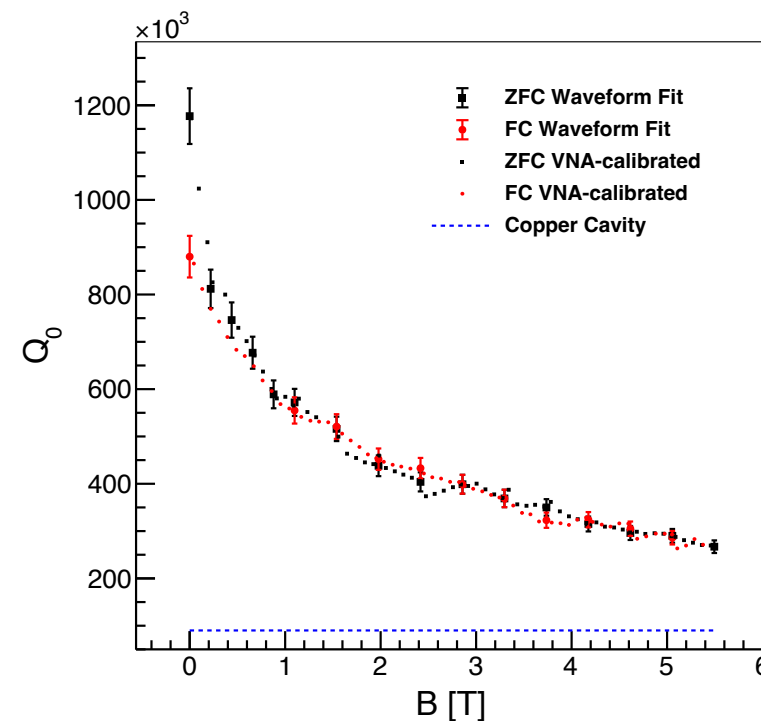


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Experimental Setup	
B [T]	2
Frequency [GHz]	9
NbTi cavity Q - TM010	400,000
Volume $\times C_{010}$ [L]	0.021
$T_{\text{cavity}}$ [K]	5.0
$T_{\text{amplifier}}$ [K] (HEMT)	11

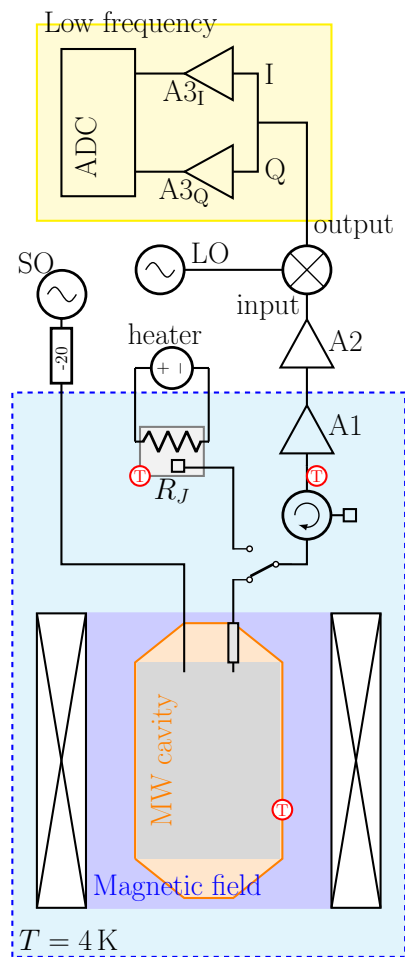


$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} < 1.03 \times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$



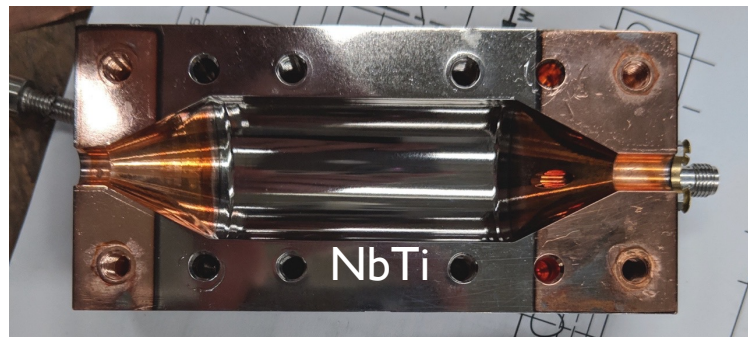
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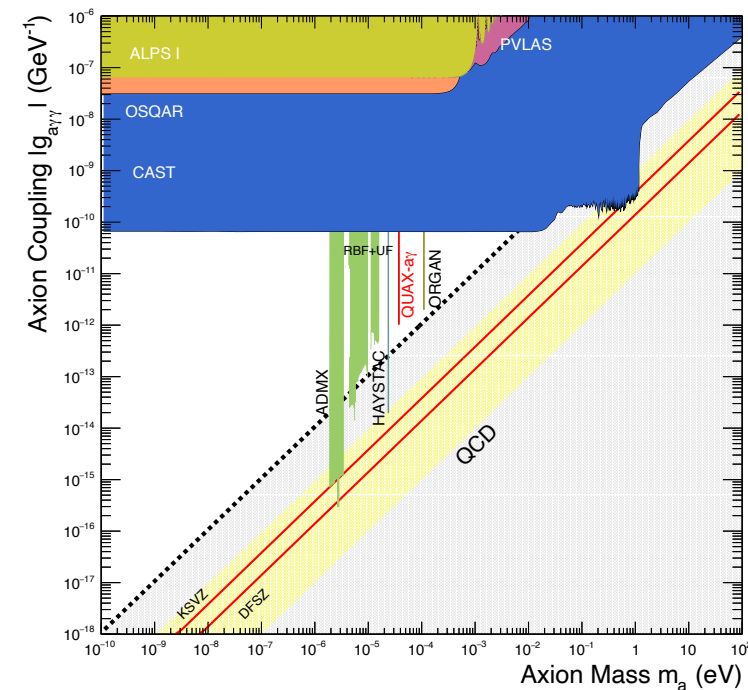


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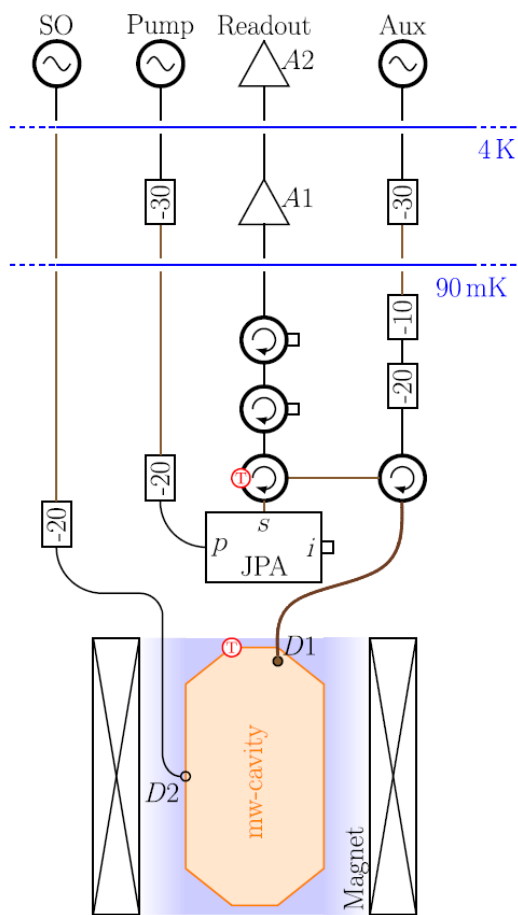


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# QUAX – Sensitivity to QCD Axions

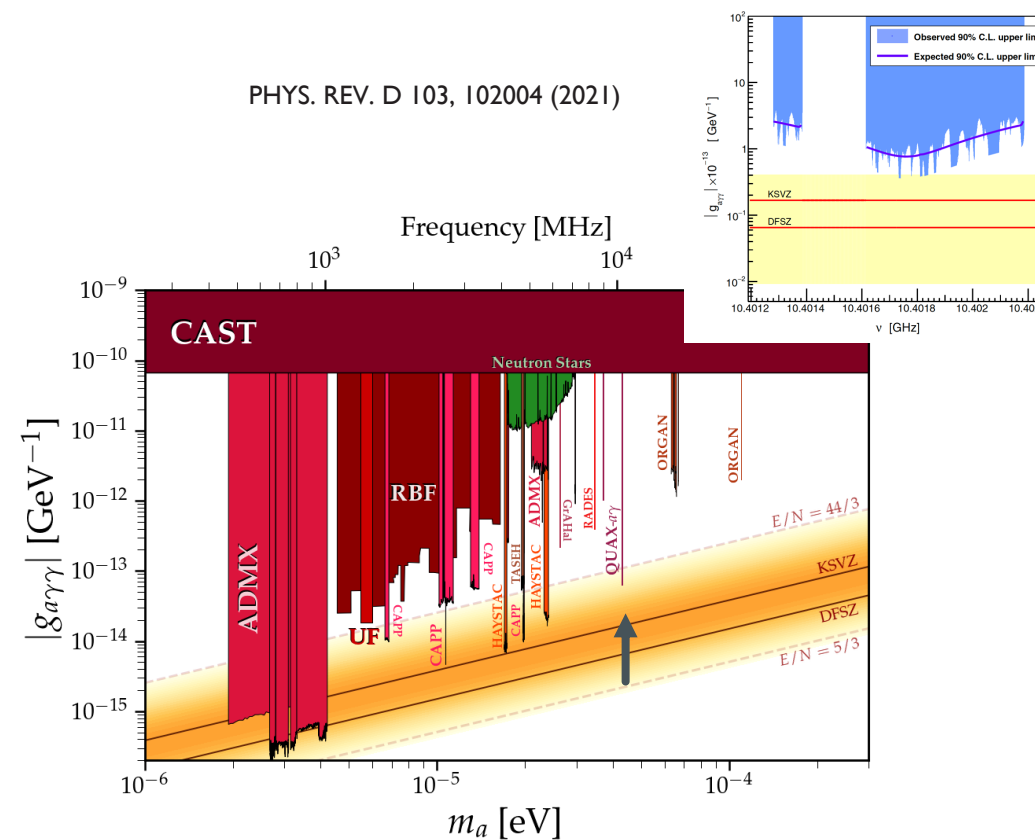


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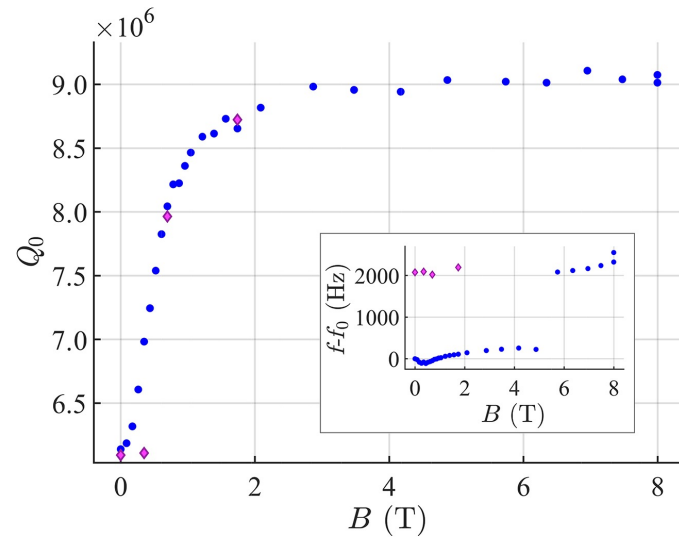
B [T]	8
Frequency [GHz]	10
Cu cavity Q - TM010	80,000
Volume×C <sub>010</sub> [L]	0.055
T <sub>cavity</sub> [mK]	90
T amplifier [K] (JPA)	1

N Roch et al. PRL 108, 147701 (2012)



<https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/docs/ap.html>

# QUAX- $\gamma$ Result with Dielectric Resonant Cavity



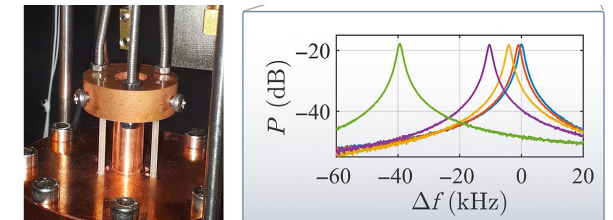
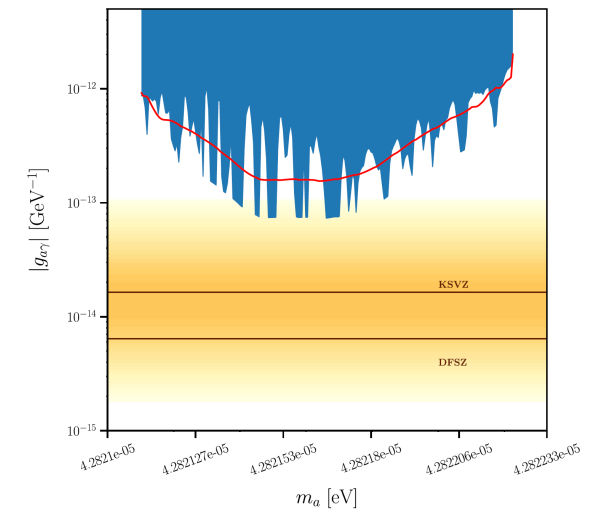
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Experimental Setup	
B [T]	8
Frequency [GHz]	10
Dielectric cavity $Q_L$ - TM030	300,000
Volume $\times C_{030}$ [L]	0.036
$T_{\text{cavity}}$ [K]	4.5
$T_{\text{amplifier}}$ [K] (HEMT)	11

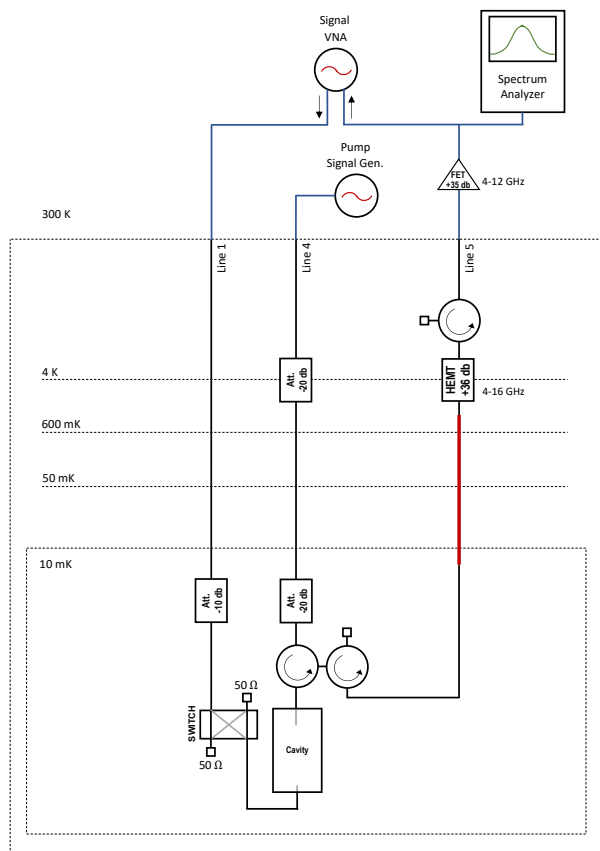
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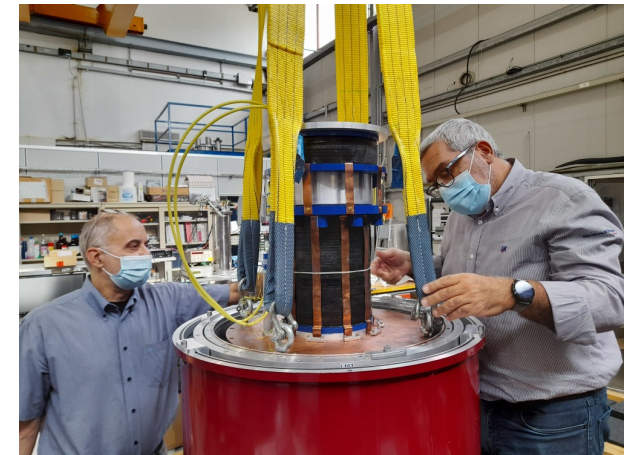
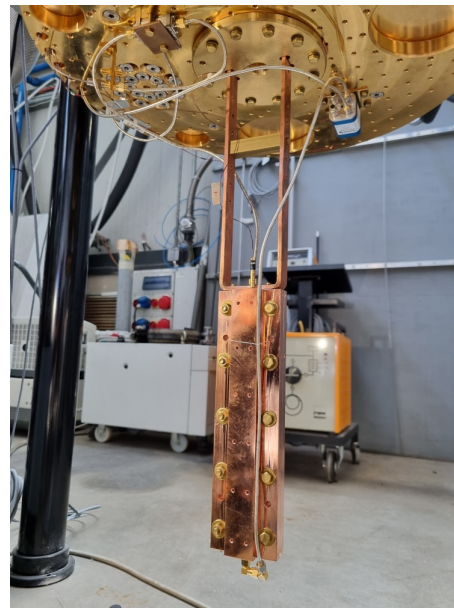


Tuning with sapphire rods

# QUAX – New Haloscope at LNF



Frequency	8.5 GHz
Volume	0.14 L
$Q_0$	100,000
B	9 T
$T_{\text{cavity}}$	20 mK



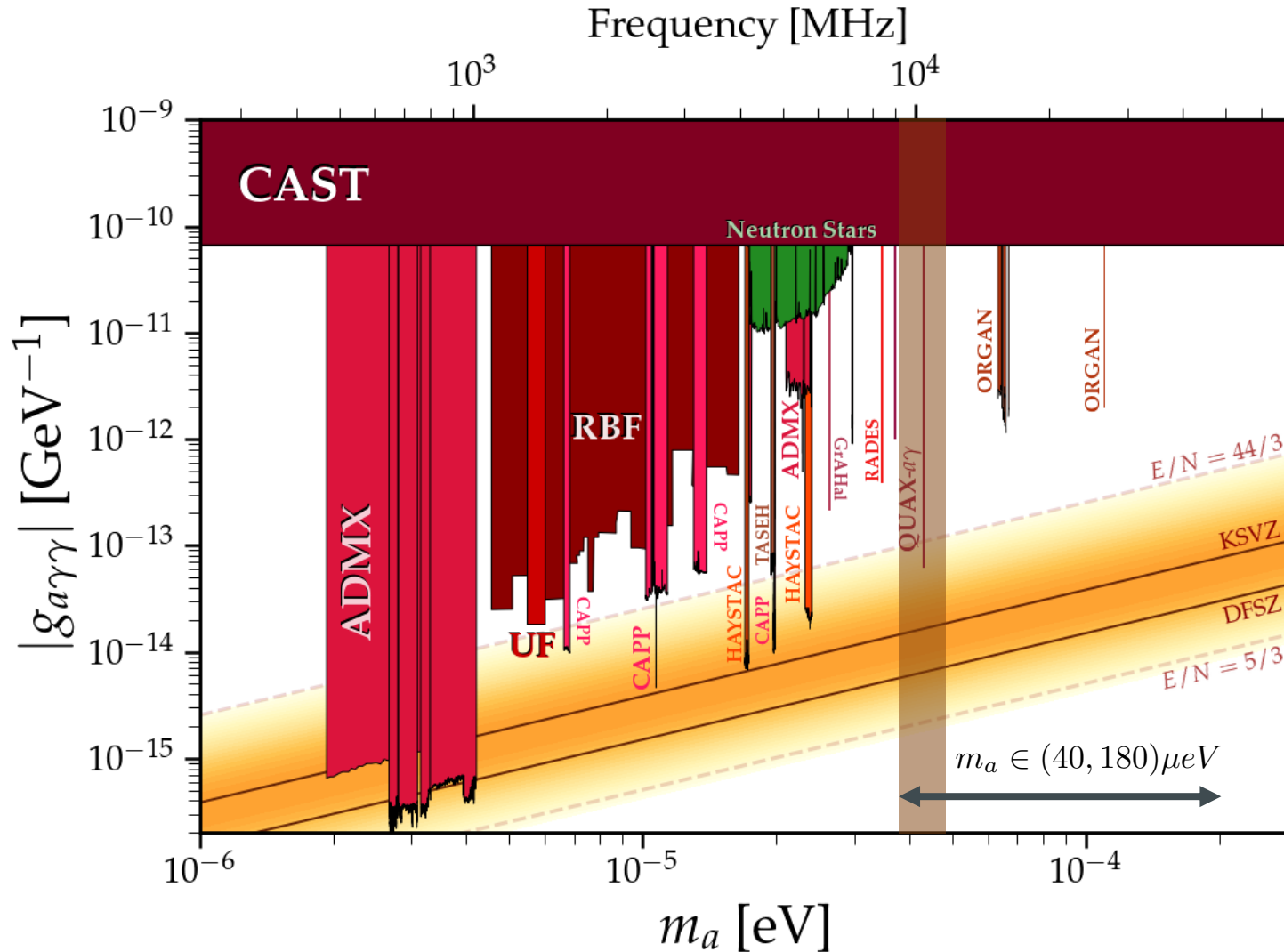
# QUAX LNF&LNL 2023-2025

## LNF:

- Superconducting cavity
- $Q_0 > 2 \times 10^5$
- $B=9T$
- Multicavity

## LNL:

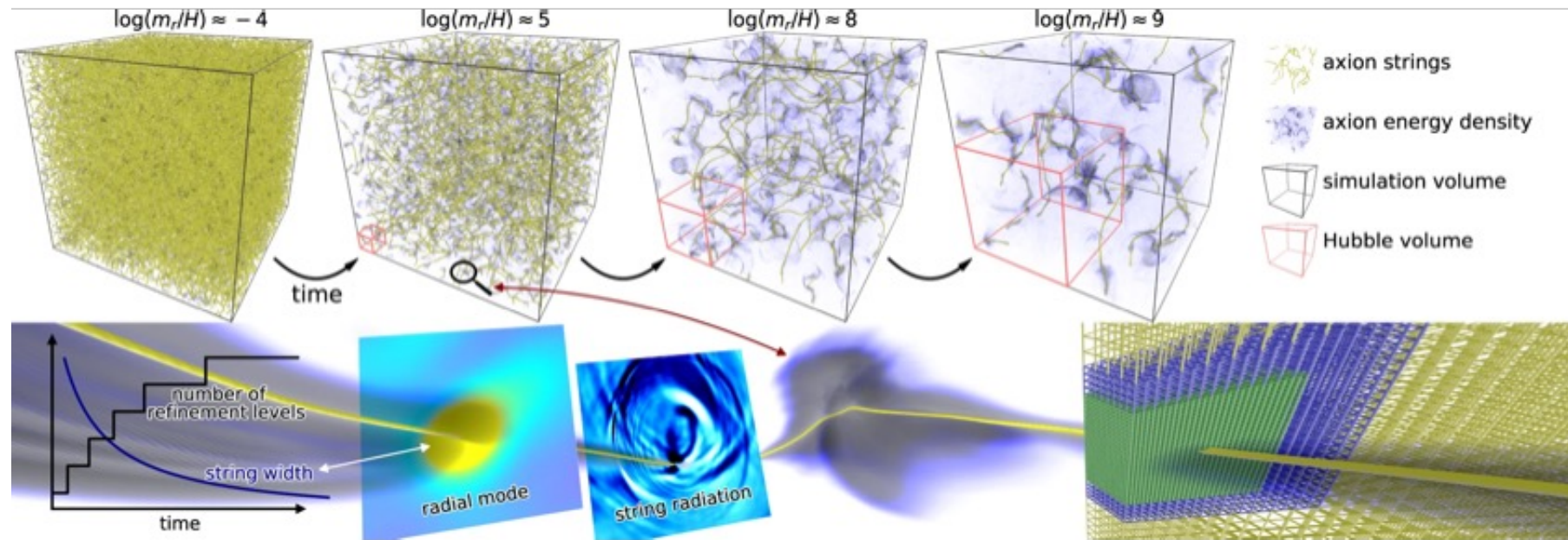
- Dielectric cavity  $Q_0 > 10^6$
- $B=14T$
- Single cavity



# Axions DM From Axion Strings

Simulation of axion-string formation and decays in post inflationary scenarios

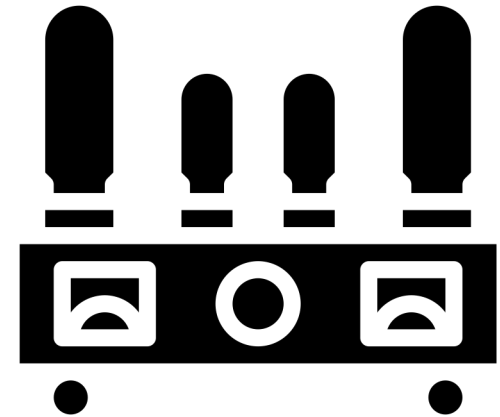
$$m_a \in (40, 180) \mu eV$$





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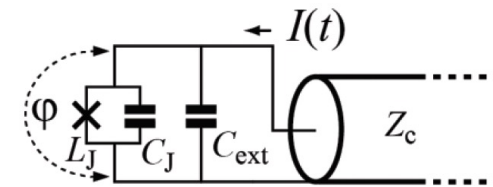
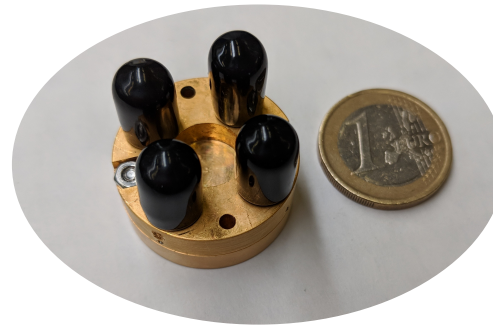
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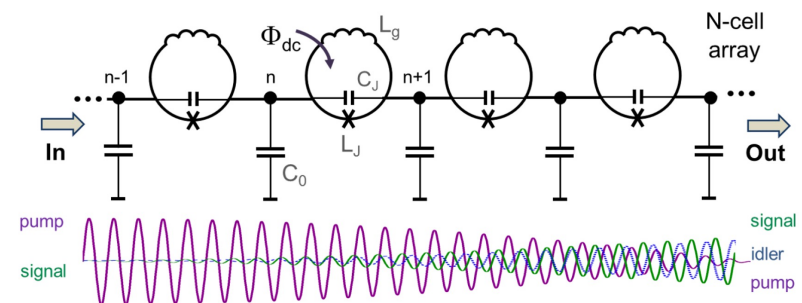
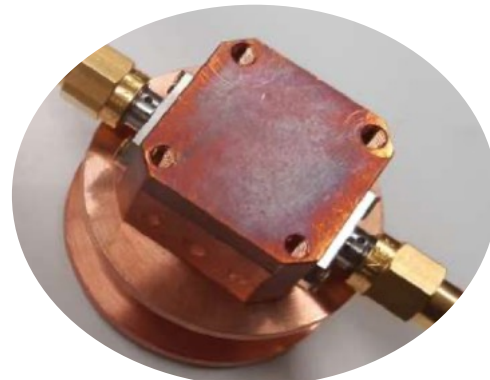
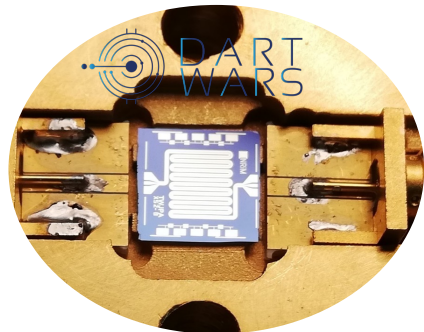
# Quantum Limited Amplifiers

## Josephson Parametric Amplifiers



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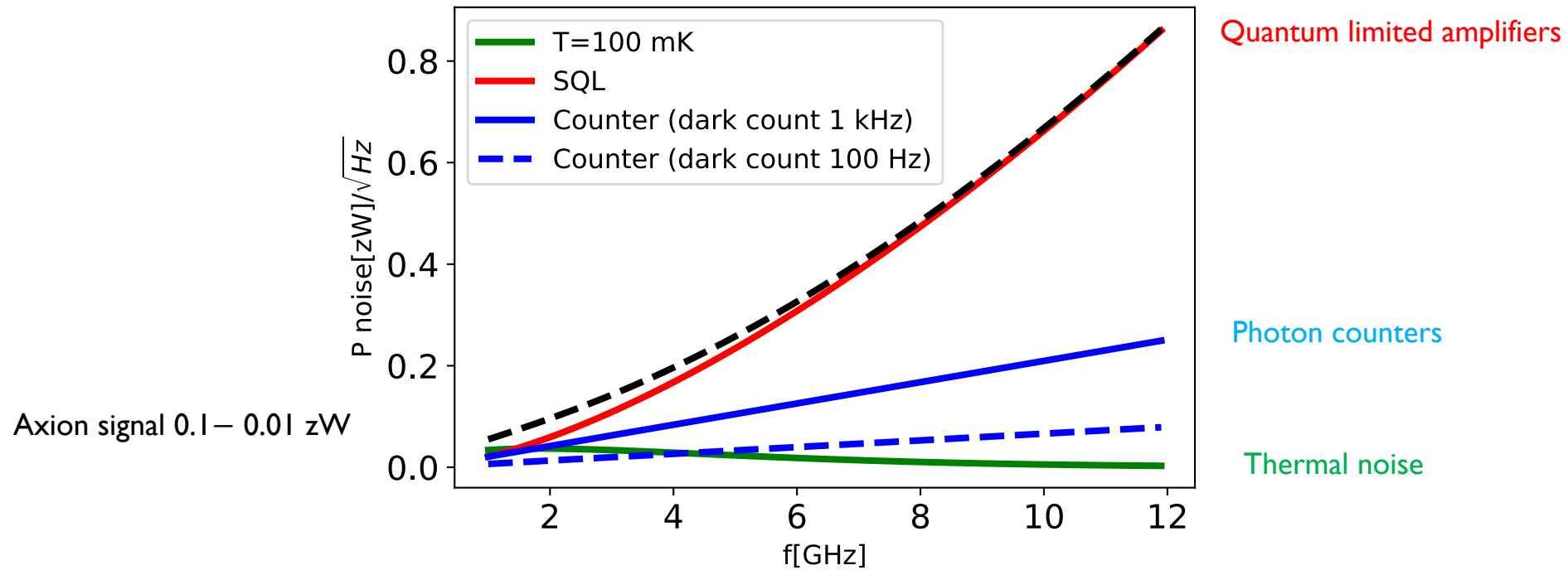
## Josephson Traveling Wave Parametric Amplifiers



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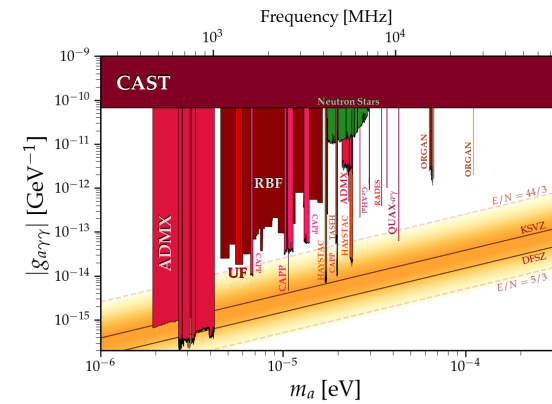
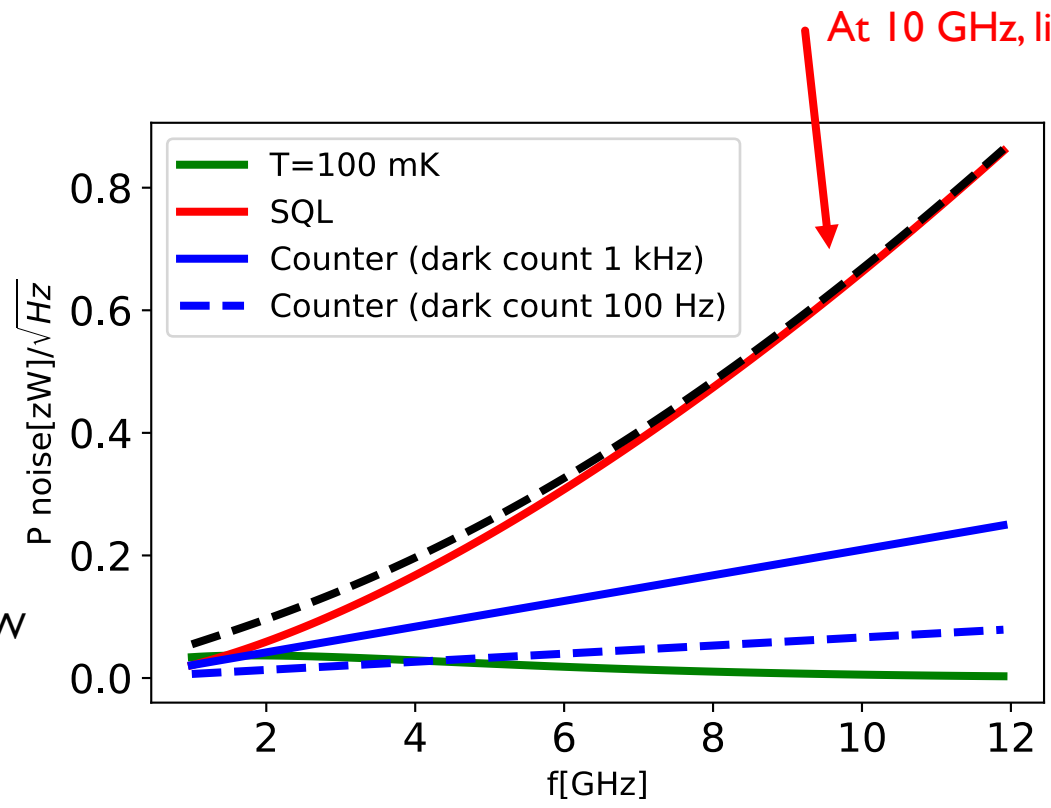
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# Noise In Haloscopes



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Axion signal 0.1 – 0.01 zW

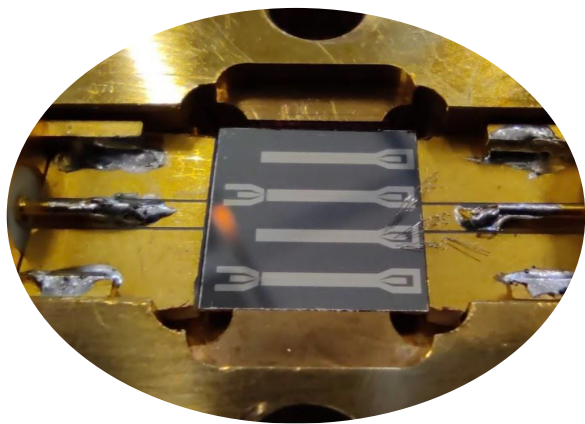


Photon counters

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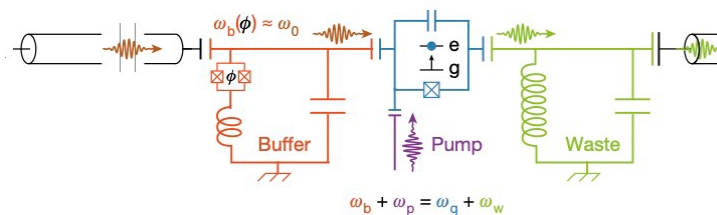
# Single Microwave Photon Counters

Single Josephson Junction



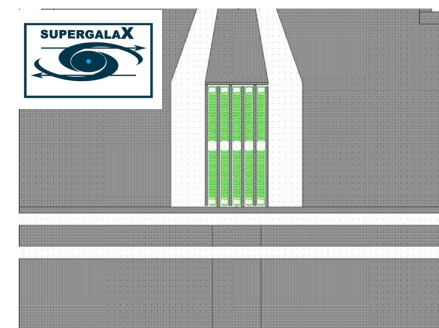
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Superconducting Qubits



R. Lescanne et al, Phys. Rev. X 10, 021038 (2020)

Array of Superconducting Qubits



# SUPERGALAX: microwave photon detection with coherent quantum network of superconducting qubits

## FET OPEN SUPERGALAX

CNR (IT, PI, exp)

INRIM (IT, exp)

INFN (IT, axion exp)

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RUHR-UNIVERSITAET BOCHUM (DE theory)

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (UK, theory)

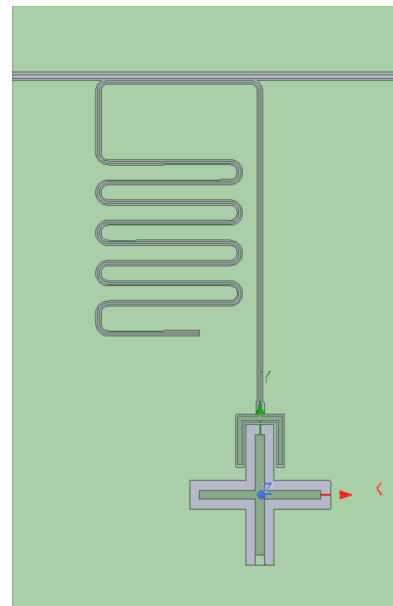


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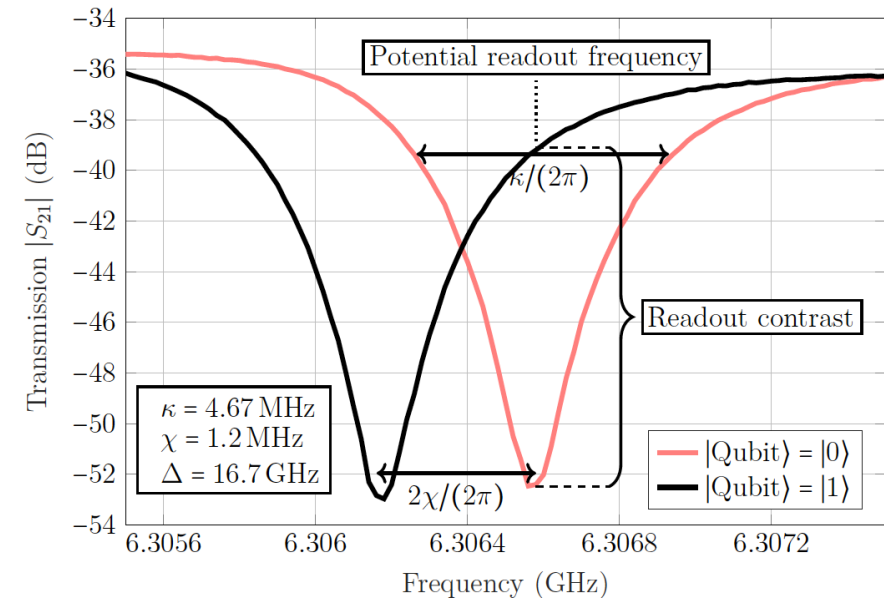
## Qubit-Resonator System

A spin flip shifts the resonator resonance

$$H = \hbar [\omega'_r + \chi \sigma^z] b^\dagger b + \frac{\hbar}{2} \omega'_{01} \sigma^z$$

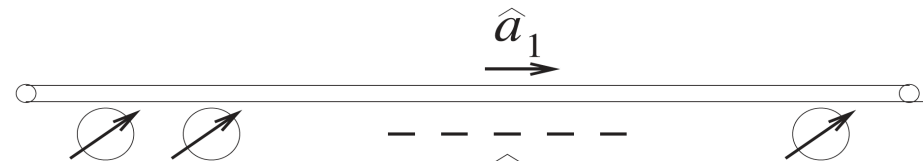


## AC Stark Shift



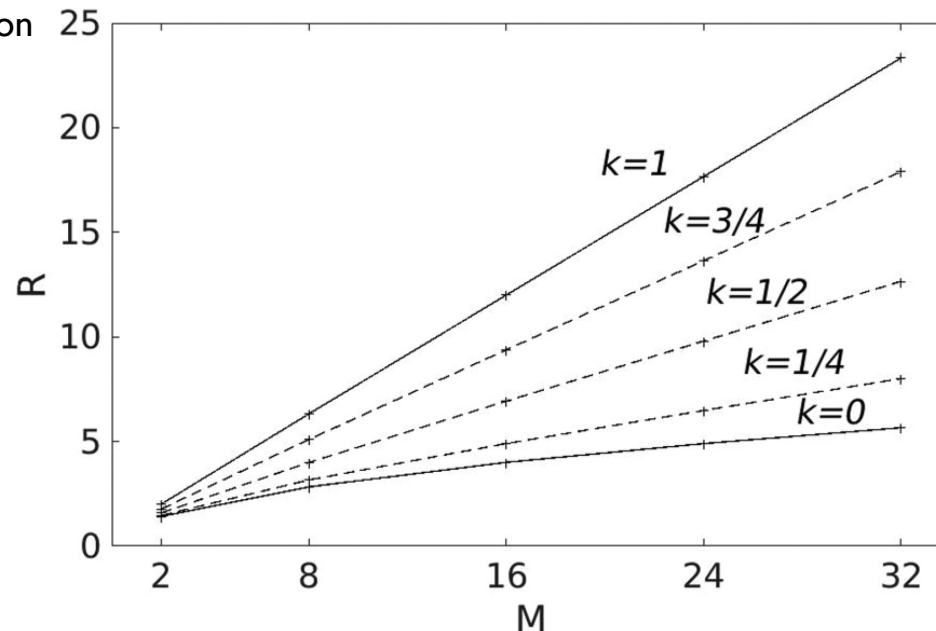
# Heisenberg Limit In Microwave Photon Detection by Qubit Array

Input signal in a waveguide with M qubits



Dispersive qubit–photon interaction  
Evolution in presence of noise

$k=1$  correlated state  
 $k=0$  uncorrelated state



↑↑↑↑↑↑ SNR ~ M  
Correlated state Heisenberg limit

Limit of strong ferromagnetic qubit-qubit coupling, when the array represents a “giant spin”.

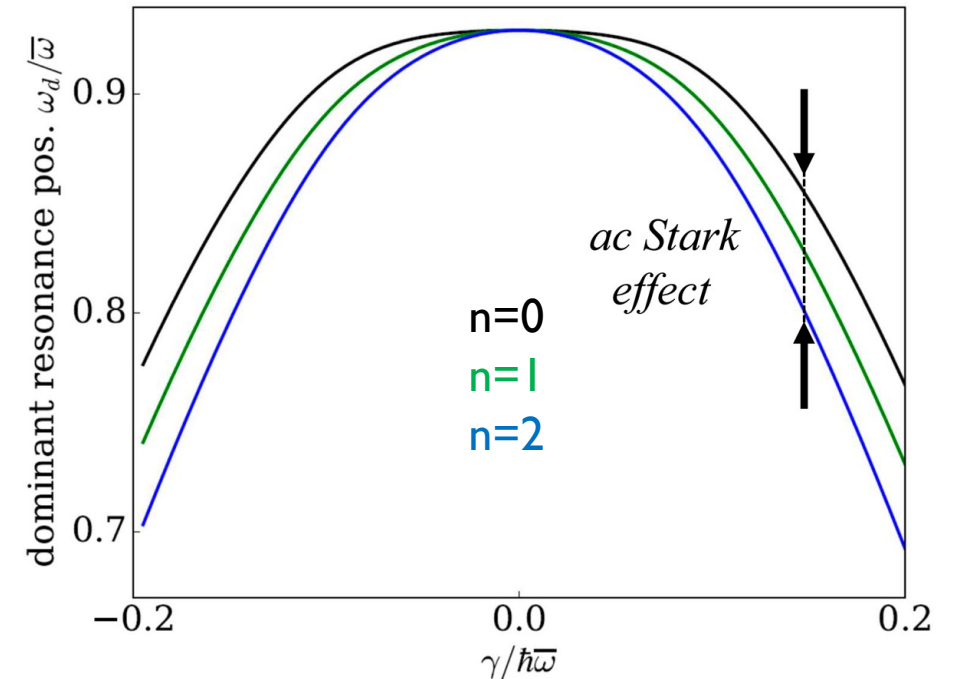
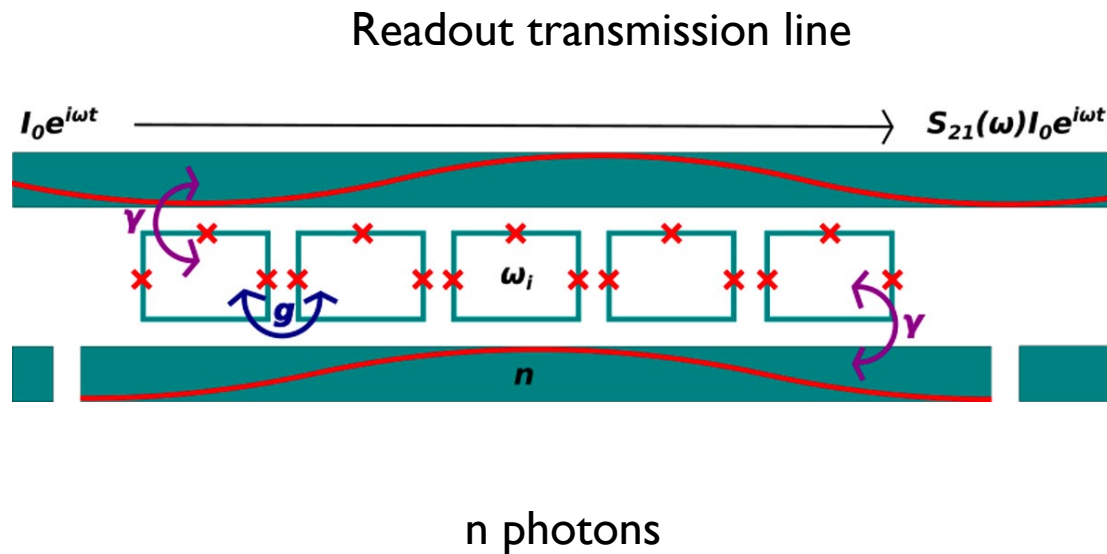
↑↓↑↓↑↓ SNR ~ √M  
Uncorrelated state Standard Quantum Limit

# Collective AC Stark Effect



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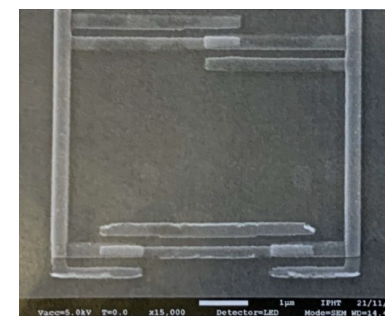
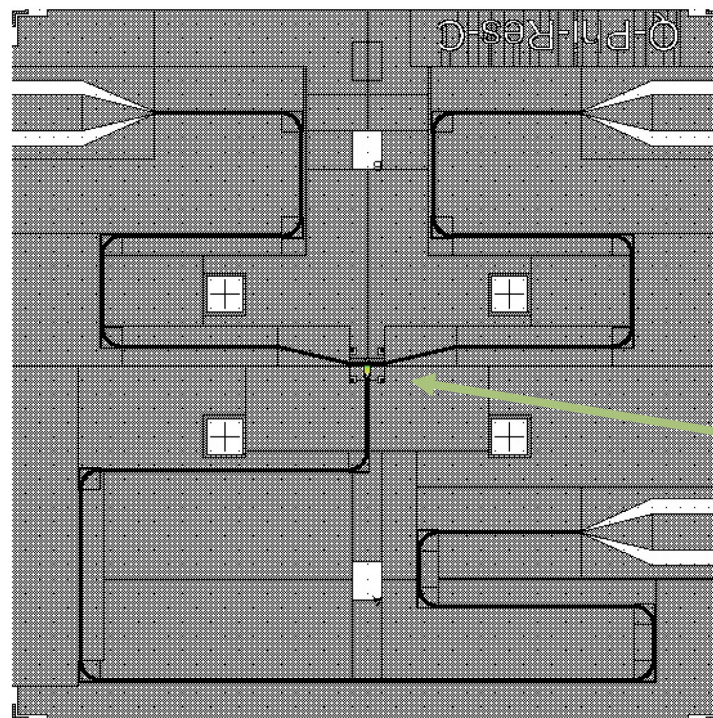
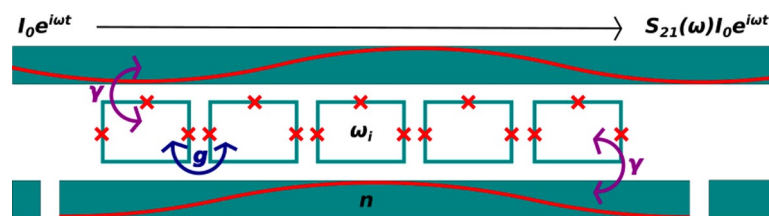
Theoretical study of an interacting superconducting qubit array



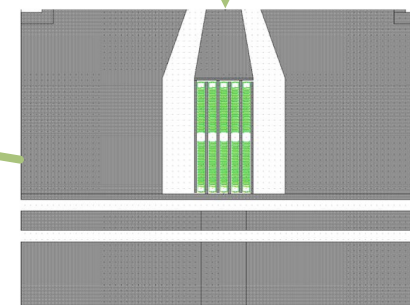
In the presence of a weak nonresonant microwave photons the positions of dominant resonances depend on the number of photons, i.e., the collective ac Stark effect.



# 10 Flux-Qubits Three-Ports Device



Flux qubit



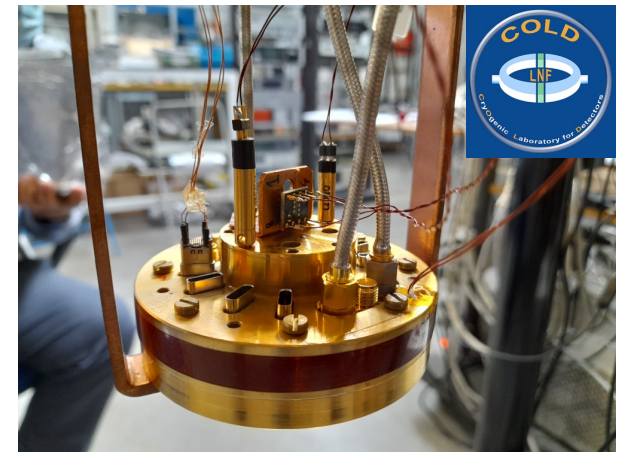
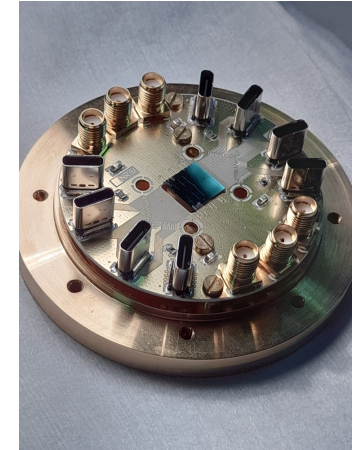
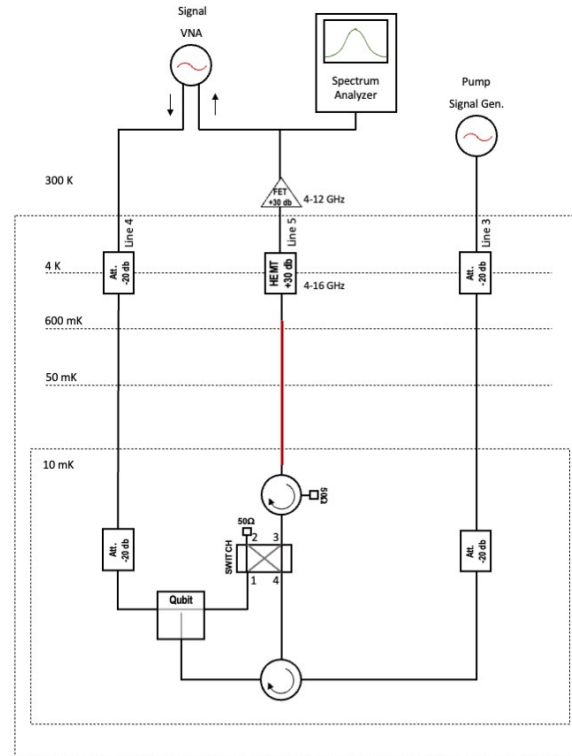
10 C-shunted flux Qubits

Three-ports device

# Three-Ports Device Characterization at LNF



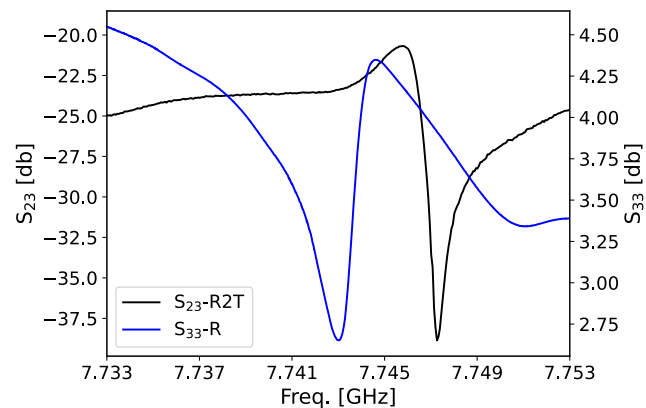
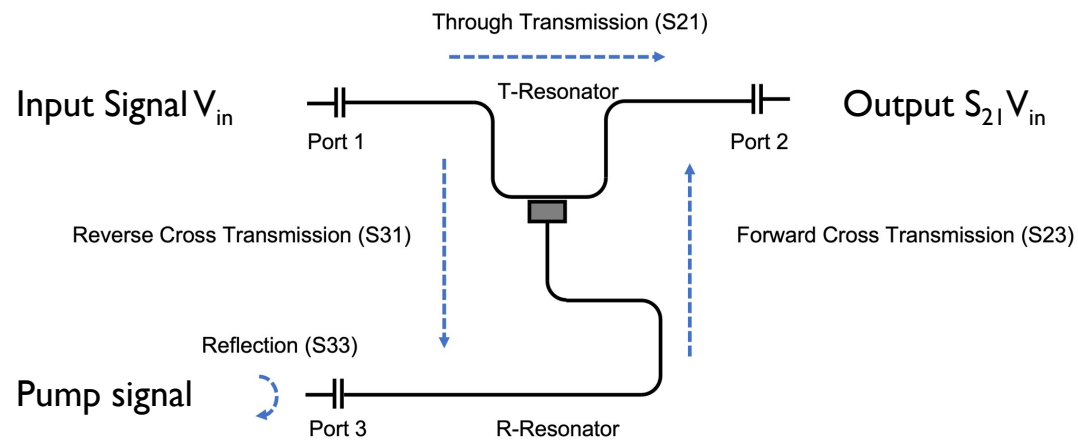
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CNR-SPIN





INFN-LNF  
CNR-SPIN

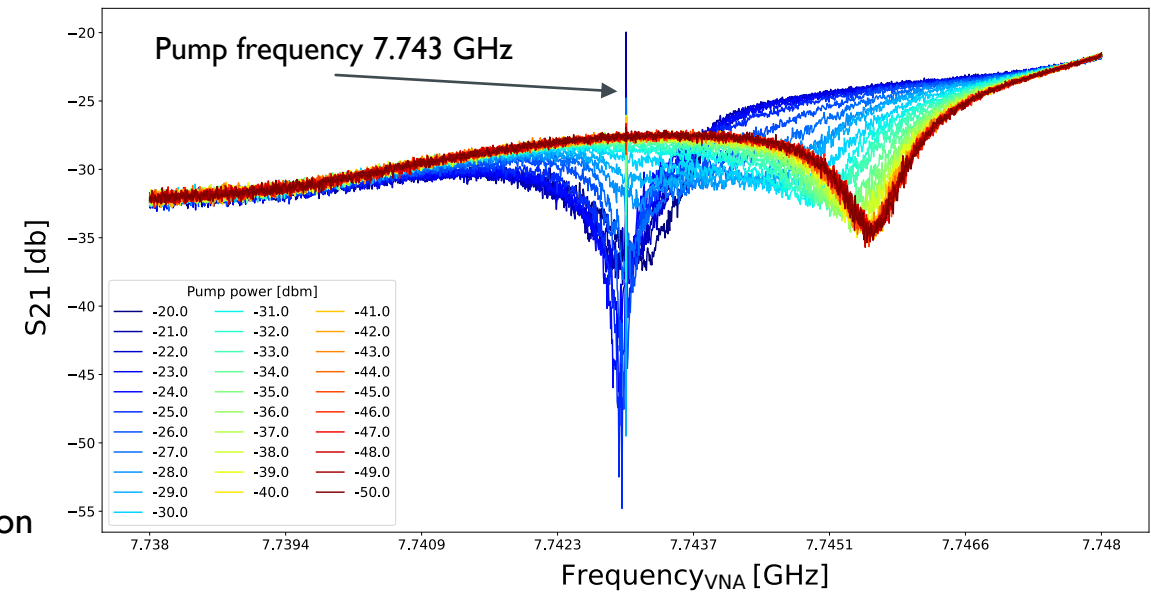
# Observation of AC Stark Shift in the 3-Ports Device



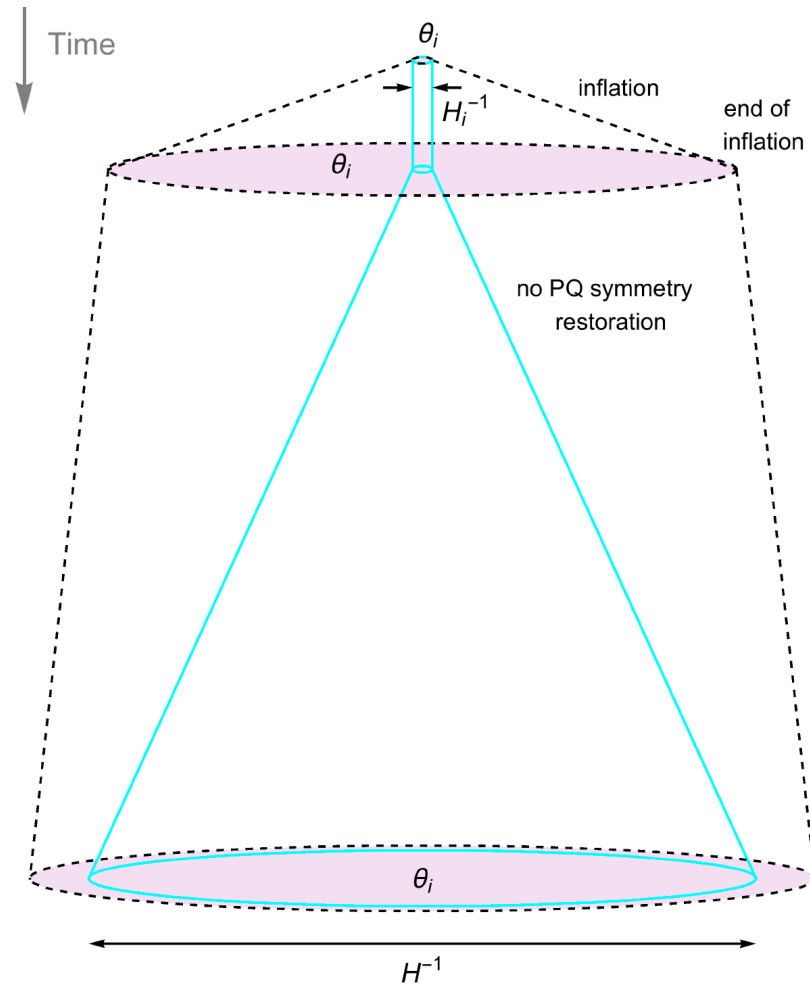
Pump signal Cross-Transmission

Pump signal reflection

Input Signal Through-Transmission



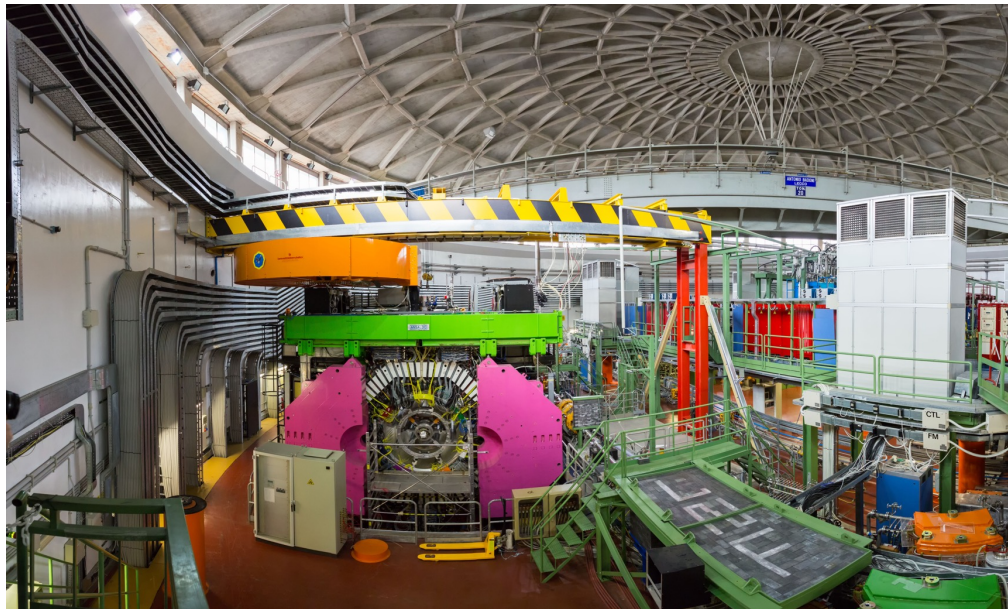
Work in progress to optimize the device for single photon detection



# LIGHTER AXIONS

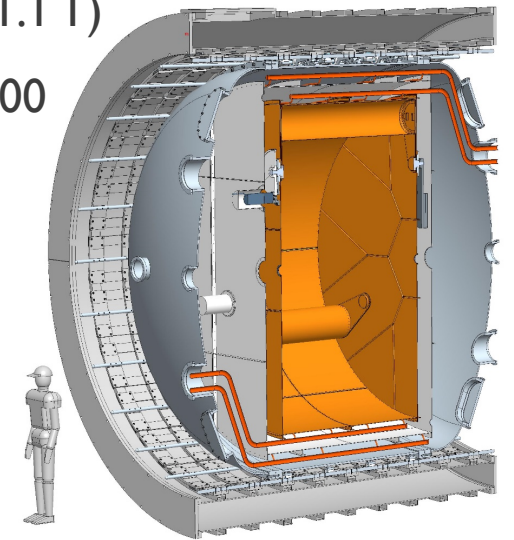
# FLASH (PREVIOUSLY KLASH): Finuda Magnet for Light Axion Search at 100-300 MHz

Recycling of the 1.1 T, 3 m diameter, magnet of FINUDA experiment for a haloscope operating at 100 to 300 MHz



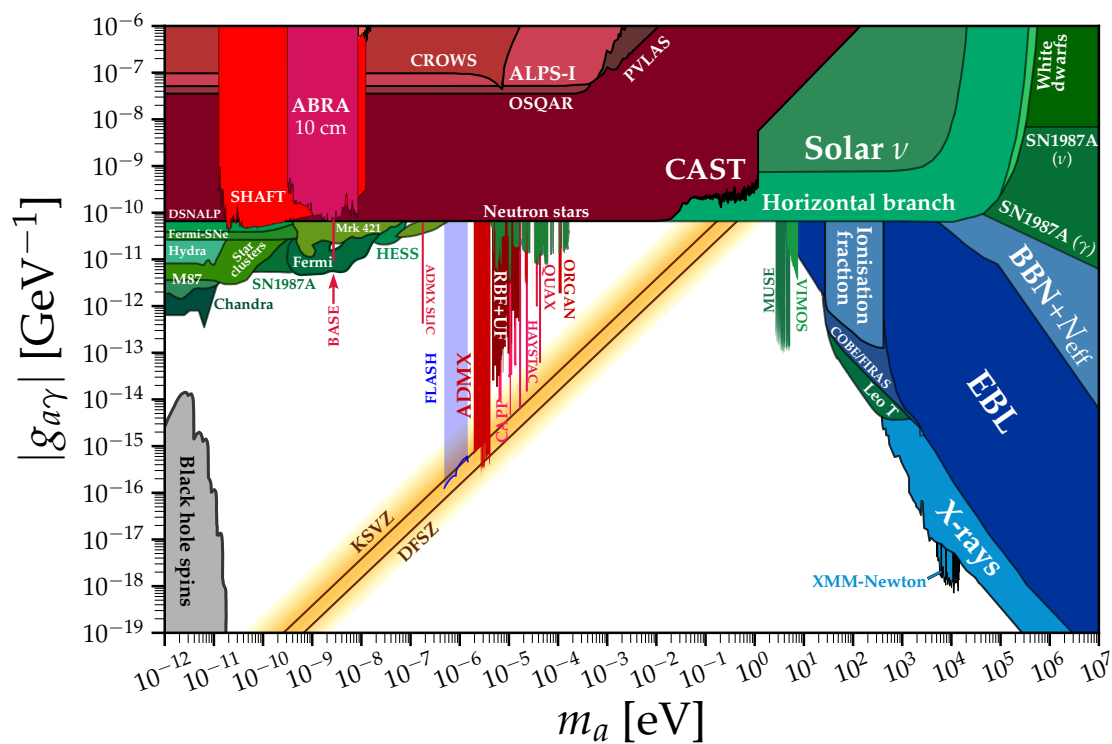
Magnet test foreseen in 2023

- Search of galactic axions in the mass range 0.5-1.5  $\mu\text{eV}$
- Large volume RF Cavity (4 m<sup>3</sup>)
- Moderate magnetic field (1.1 T)
- Copper rf cavity  $Q \sim 500,000$
- T 4.5 K

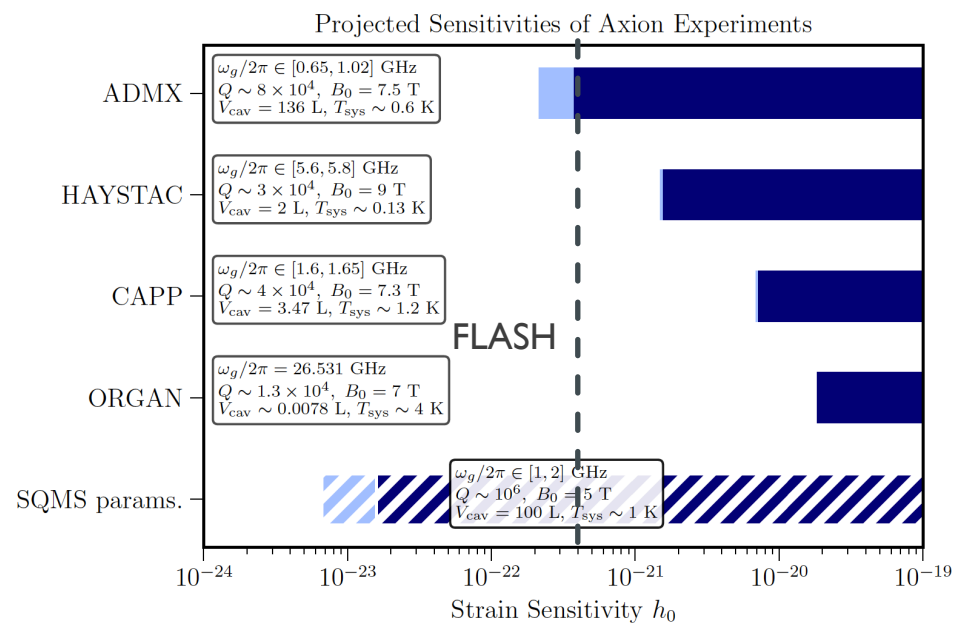


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# FLASH Sensitivity to QCD Axions and HFGW



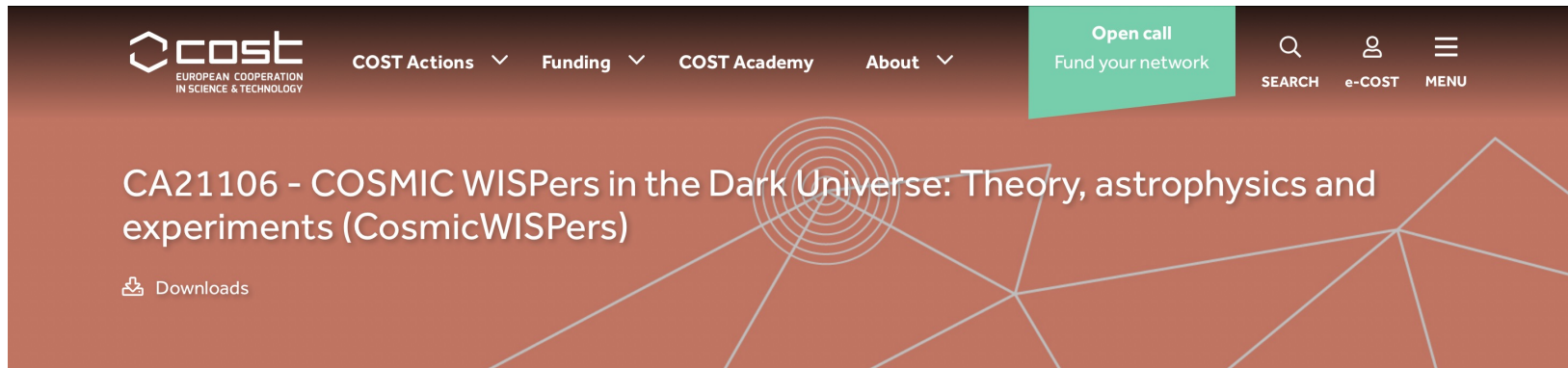
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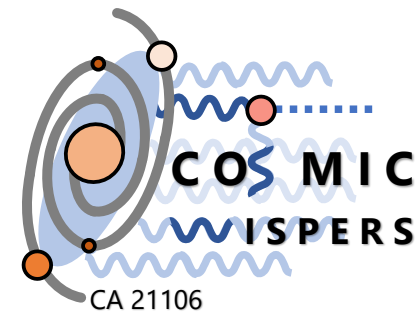
A. Berlin et al. Phys. Rev. D 105, 116011

# Conclusion

- QUAX reached the sensitivity to QCD axions in 2021
- A second Haloscope was put in operation this year at LNF
- The two Haloscopes will probe a 1 GHz wide region at 10 GHz to look for KSVZ axions (2023-2025)
- This mass region is strongly motivated in post-inflationary scenario
- Experience gained in superconducting quantum devices
- Thinking also to lighter axions with a large haloscope



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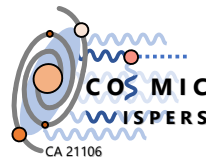


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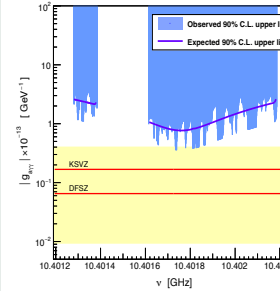


## COLD - Cryogenic Laboratory for Detectors

- Axion Experiments
- Superconducting Quantum Devices
- Superconducting Cavities
- Magnetic Measurements

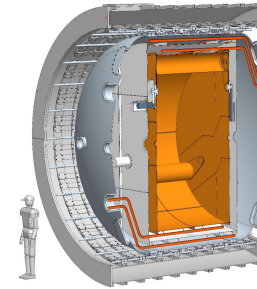


## EXPERIMENTS



### QUAX – QUest for AXions

Search for galactic axions with Sikivie's Haloscopes at 10 GHz (Ongoing experiments at LNL and LNF).



### (K)FLASH

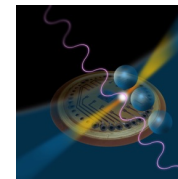
Search for galactic axions with a Sikivie's Haloscope at 100 MHz (Design Study).

## Superconducting Devices



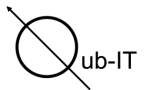
**DART WARS**

**DART WARS** (Detector Array Readout with Travelling Wave Amplifiers)  
Development of wide band quantum amplifiers for multi-channel detector readout



**SIMP** (Single Microwave Photon detectors)  
Development of single-microwave photon detector

**Qub-IT** Quantum Sensing with superconducting qubits



**Supergalax FET H2020 Project**  
SC-qubits array photon-detector for axion experiments



**SQMS USA DOE Project**  
Superconducting Quantum Materials and Systems