

Searching for Ultralight Dark Matter with Light

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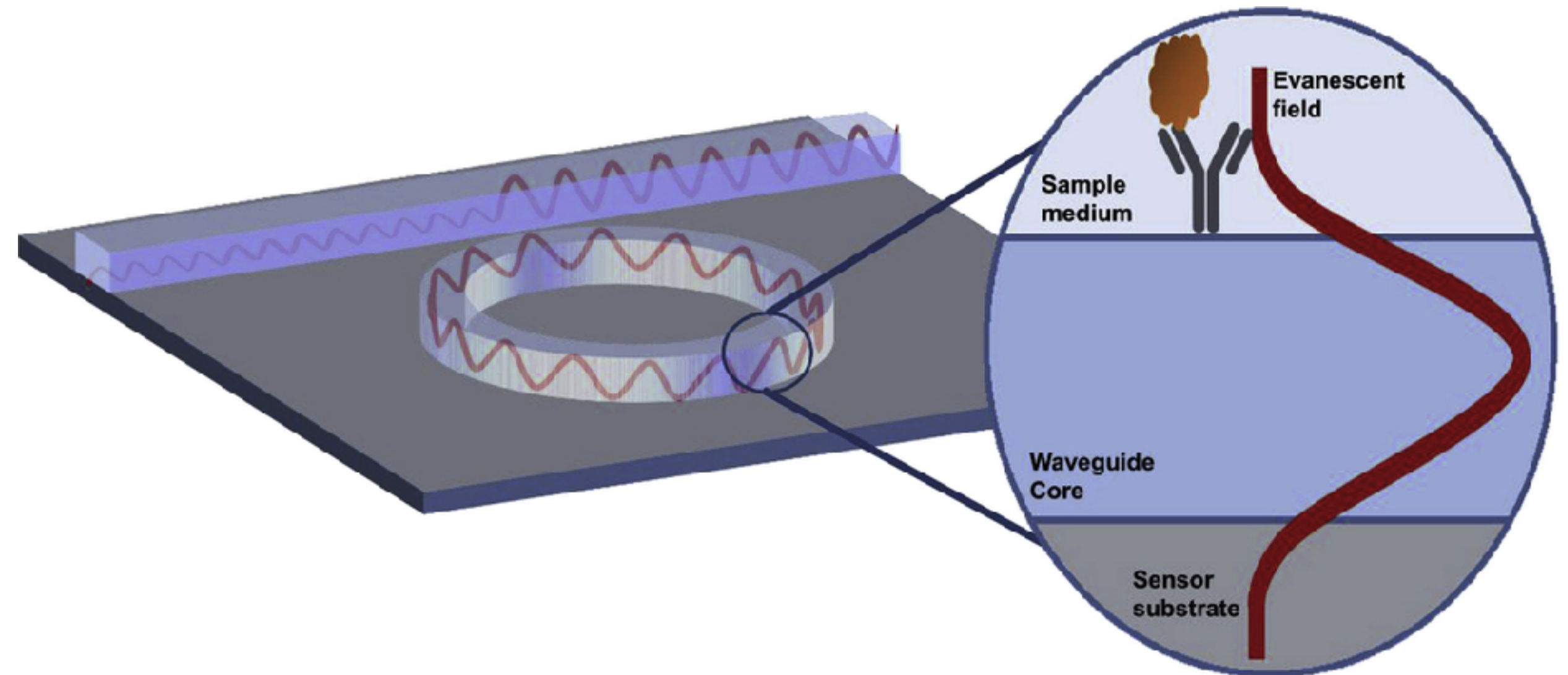
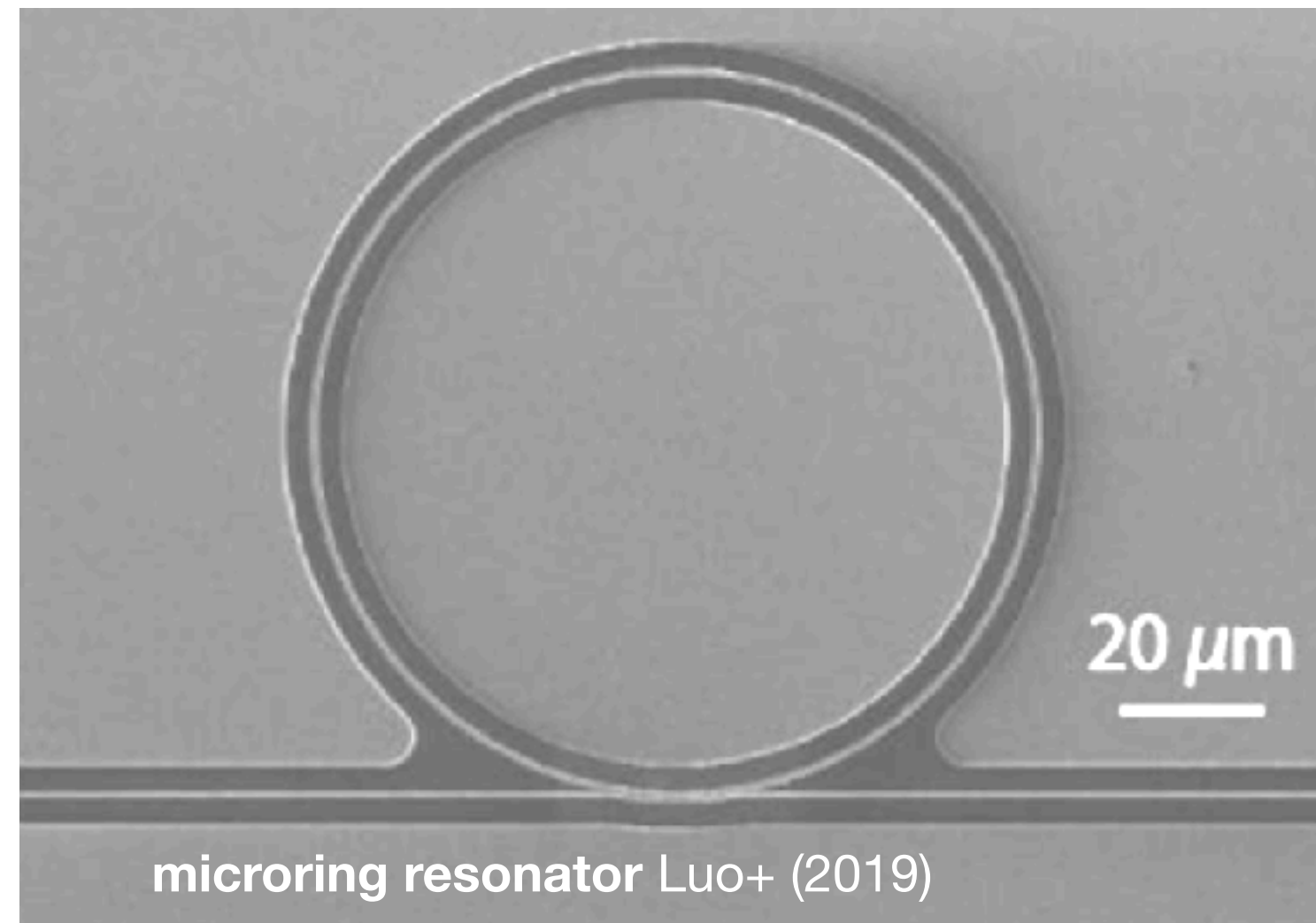
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eV and Sub-eV Dark Matter

- ◆ de Broglie wavelength $\frac{h}{mv} \sim 1 \text{ mm} \times \frac{\text{eV}}{m} \frac{10^{-3} c}{v}$
- ◆ Local number density $\frac{\rho}{m} \sim 10^8 / \text{cm}^3$
- ◆ Example: axion or axion-like particles $-\frac{g}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$
dark photon $-\frac{1}{2} \epsilon F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$

Searches at Optical Frequency

Optical Cavity: eV



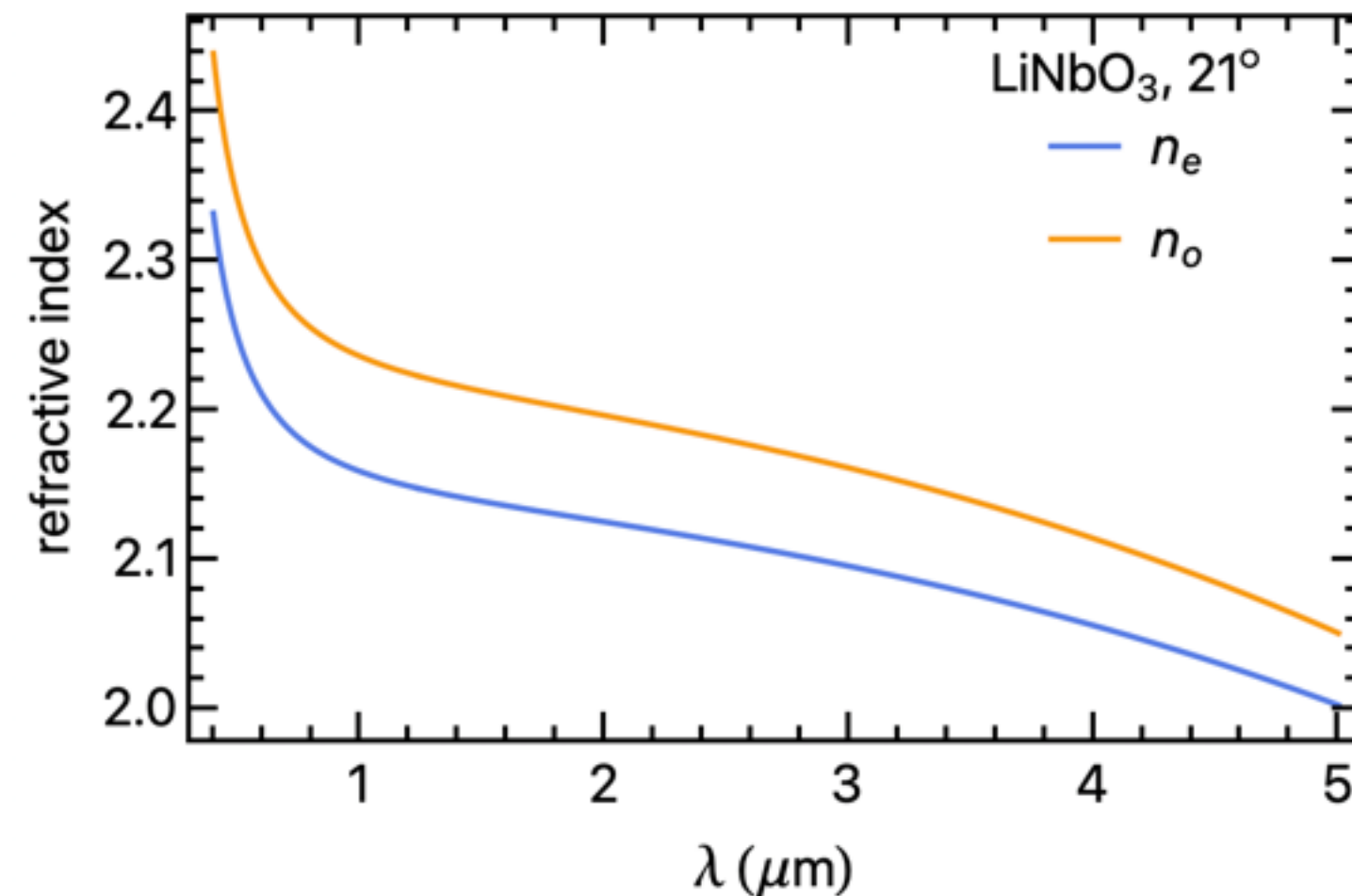
$Q \sim 10^7$
can be mass produced

Dark Photon Dark Matter Search w. Optical Cavities

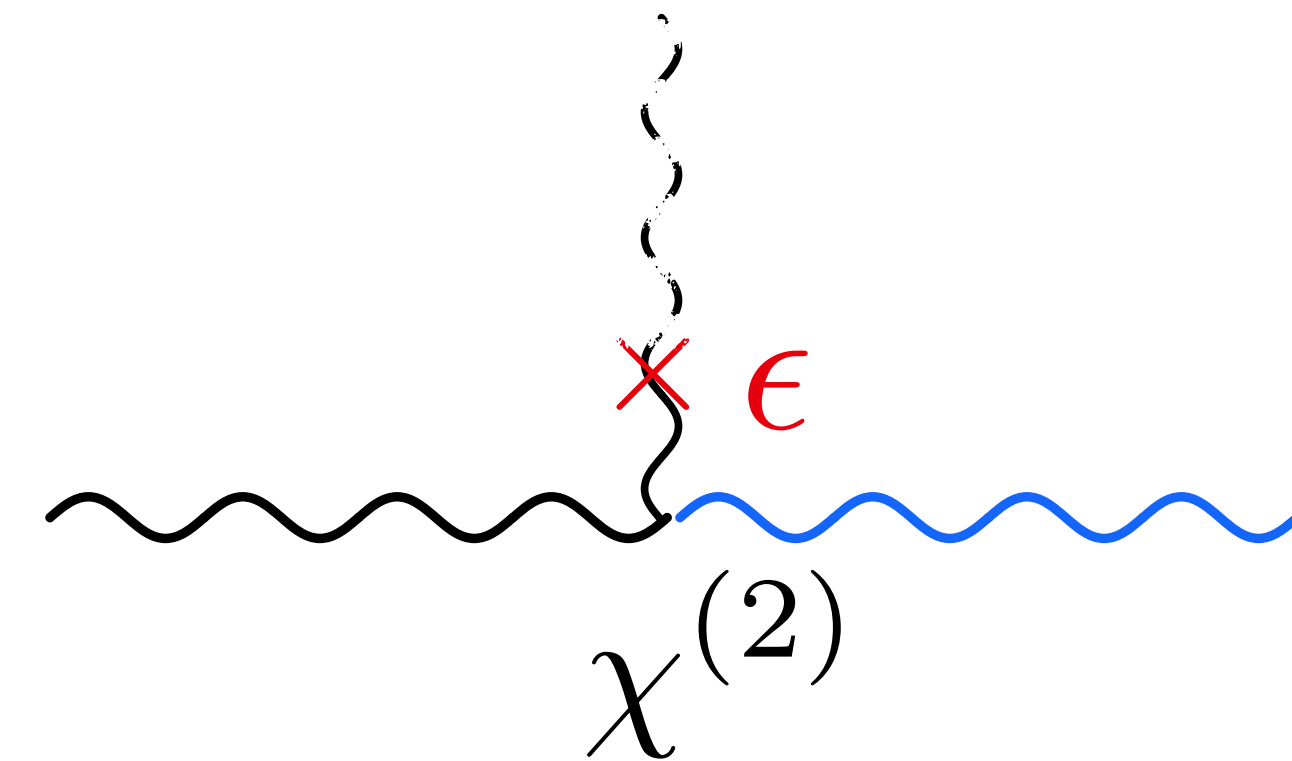
Nikita Blinov, Roni Harnik, Ryan Janish, Neil Sinclair

$$\int d\mathbf{x} 2\chi_{ijk}^{(2)} E_i E_j E_k \supset \epsilon \int d\mathbf{x} 2\chi_{ijk}^{(2)} (E'_i E_j E_k + E_i E'_j E_k + E_i E_j E'_k)$$

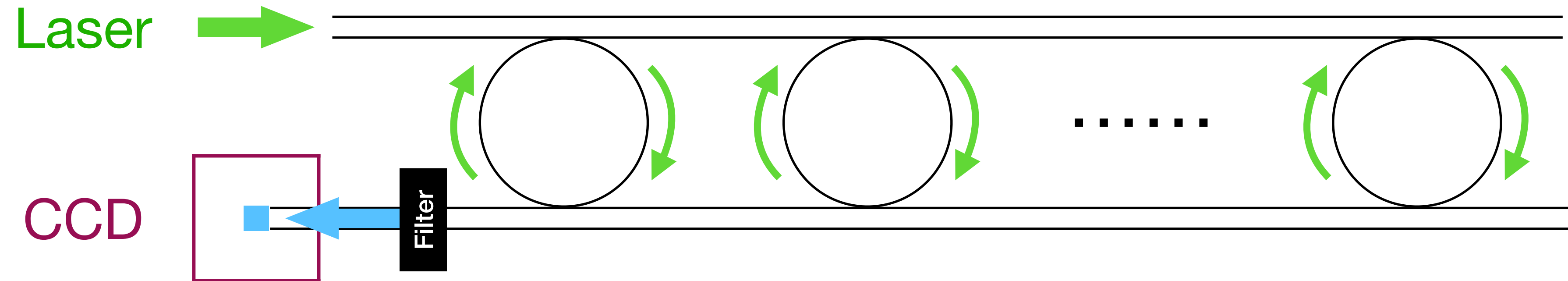
Birefringence



Non-linear susceptibility,
e.g. Lithium Niobate



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Signal photons can be resonantly produced if frequency and momentum match.

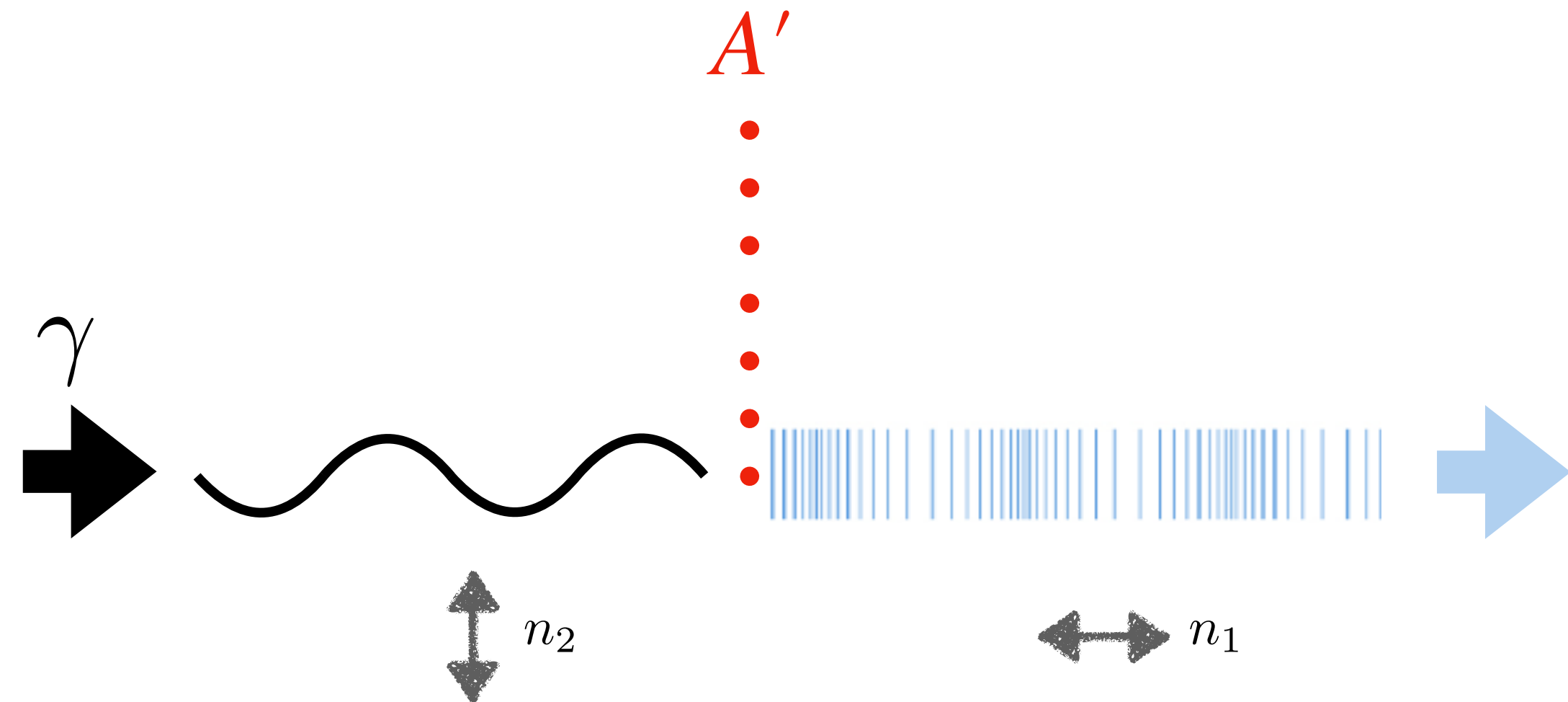
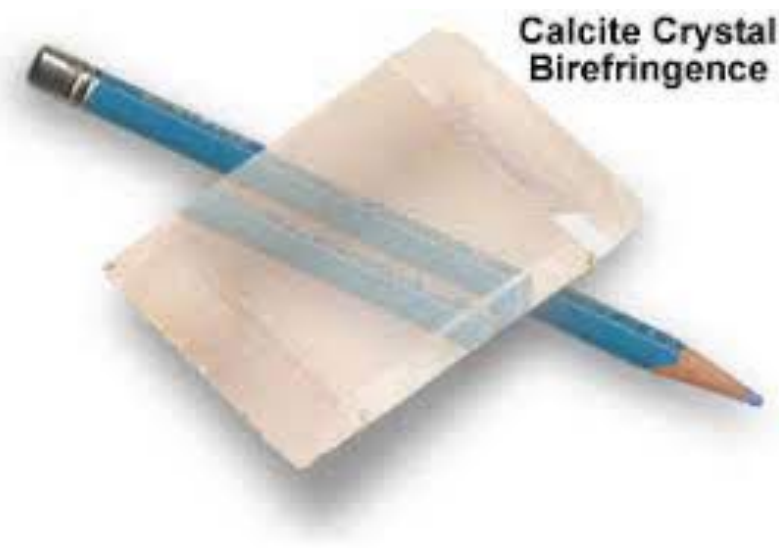
$$\omega_p + \omega_d = \omega_s$$

$$k_p + k_d = k_s, \text{ but } k_d \approx 0$$

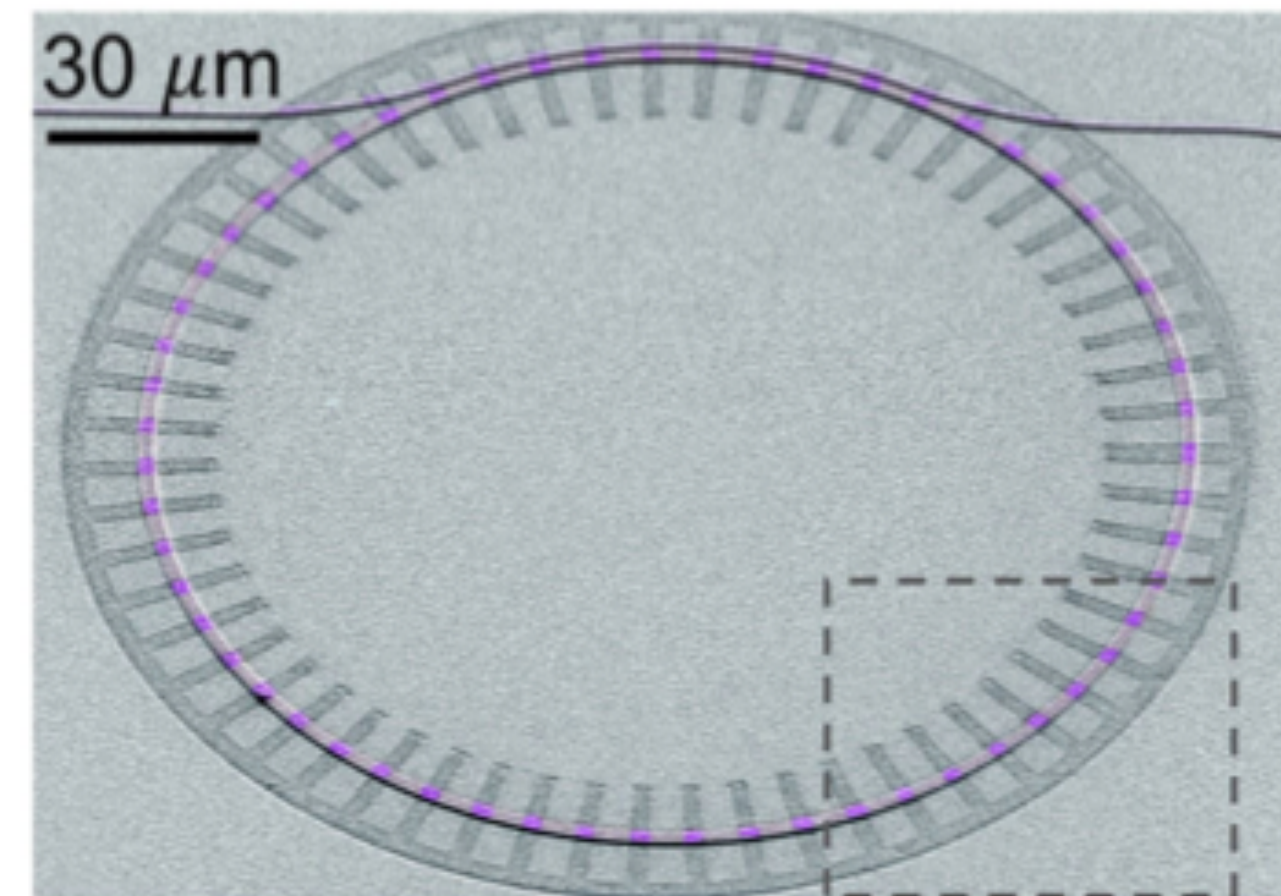
$$k_{p,s} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = n\omega_{p,s}$$

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- Through **birefringence**



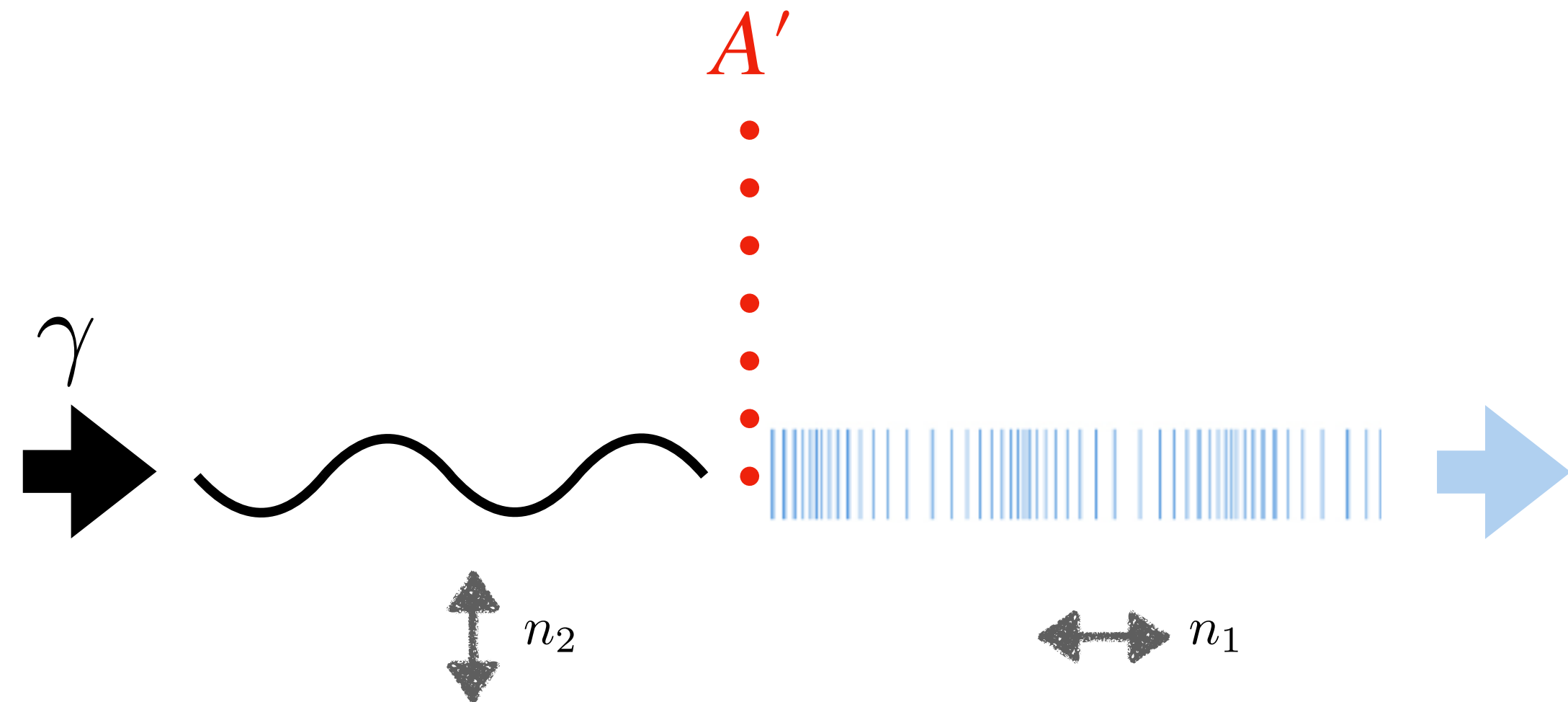
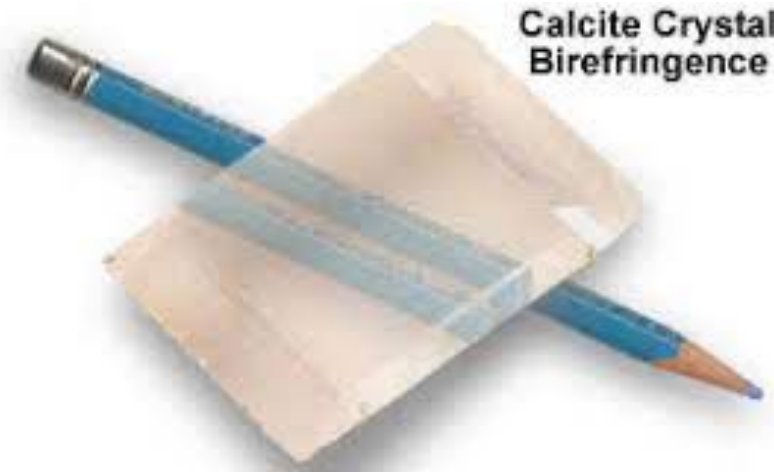
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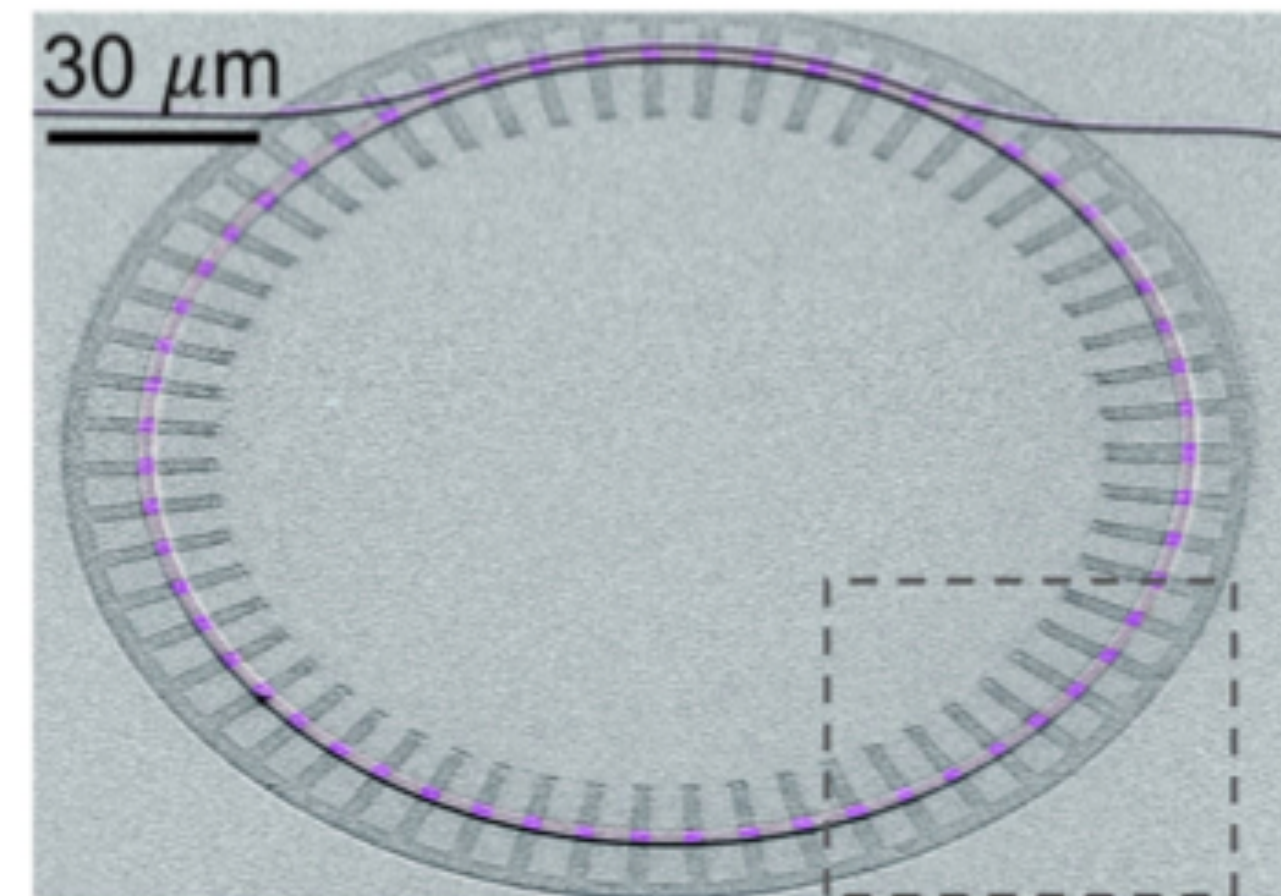
$$\chi_{xxxy}^{(2)}$$



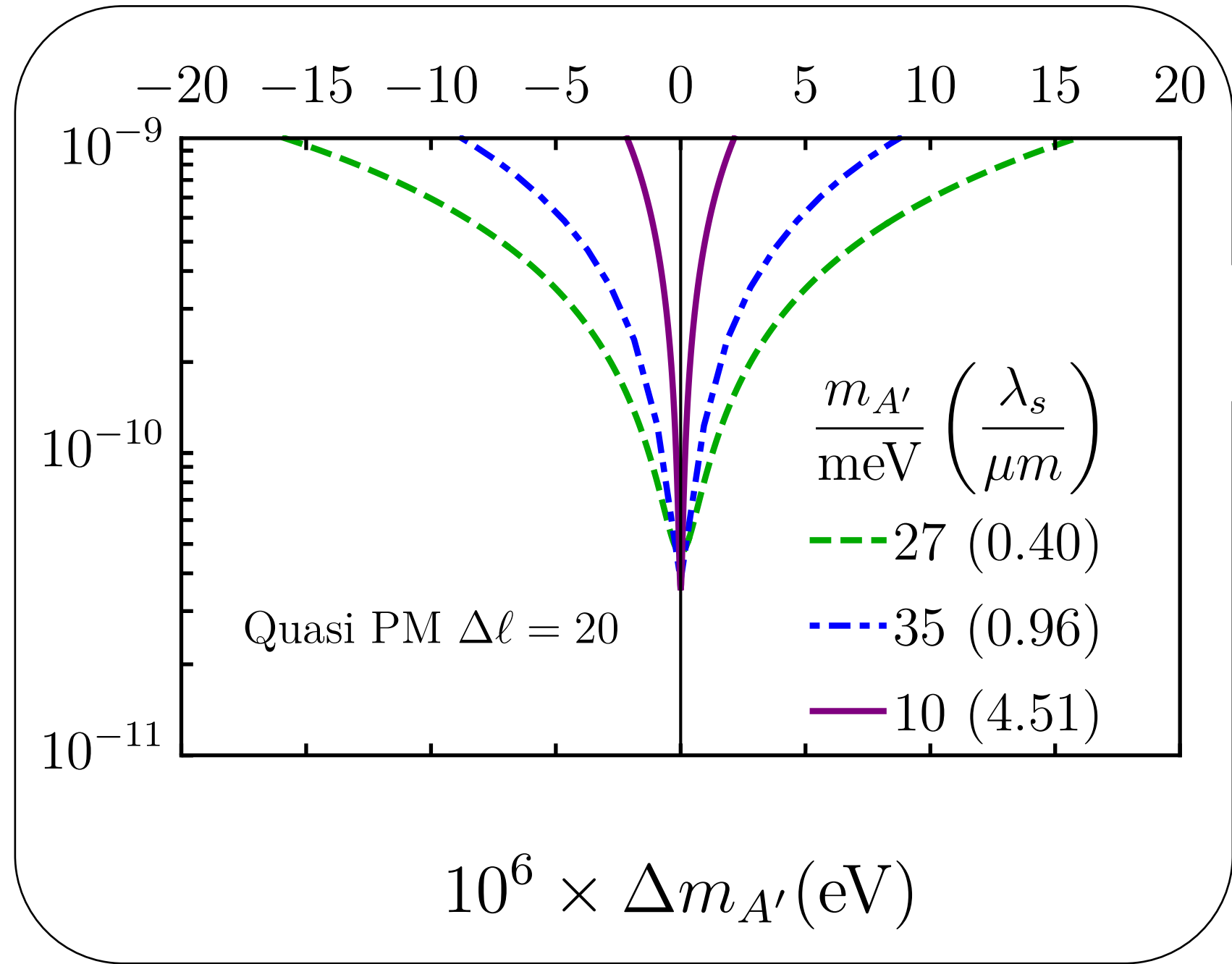
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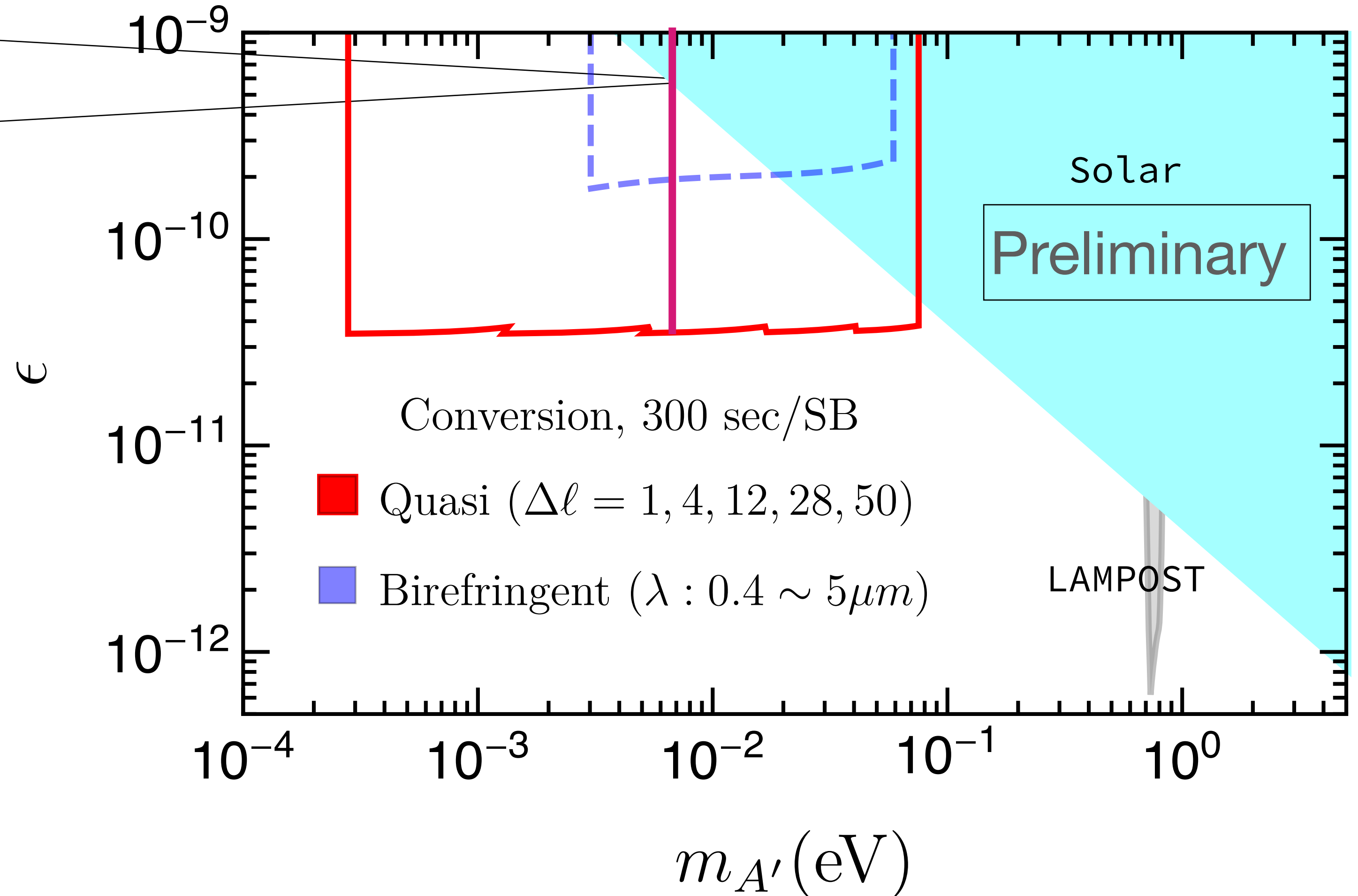
$$\varepsilon = \text{diag}(n_e^2, n_o^2, n_o^2)$$



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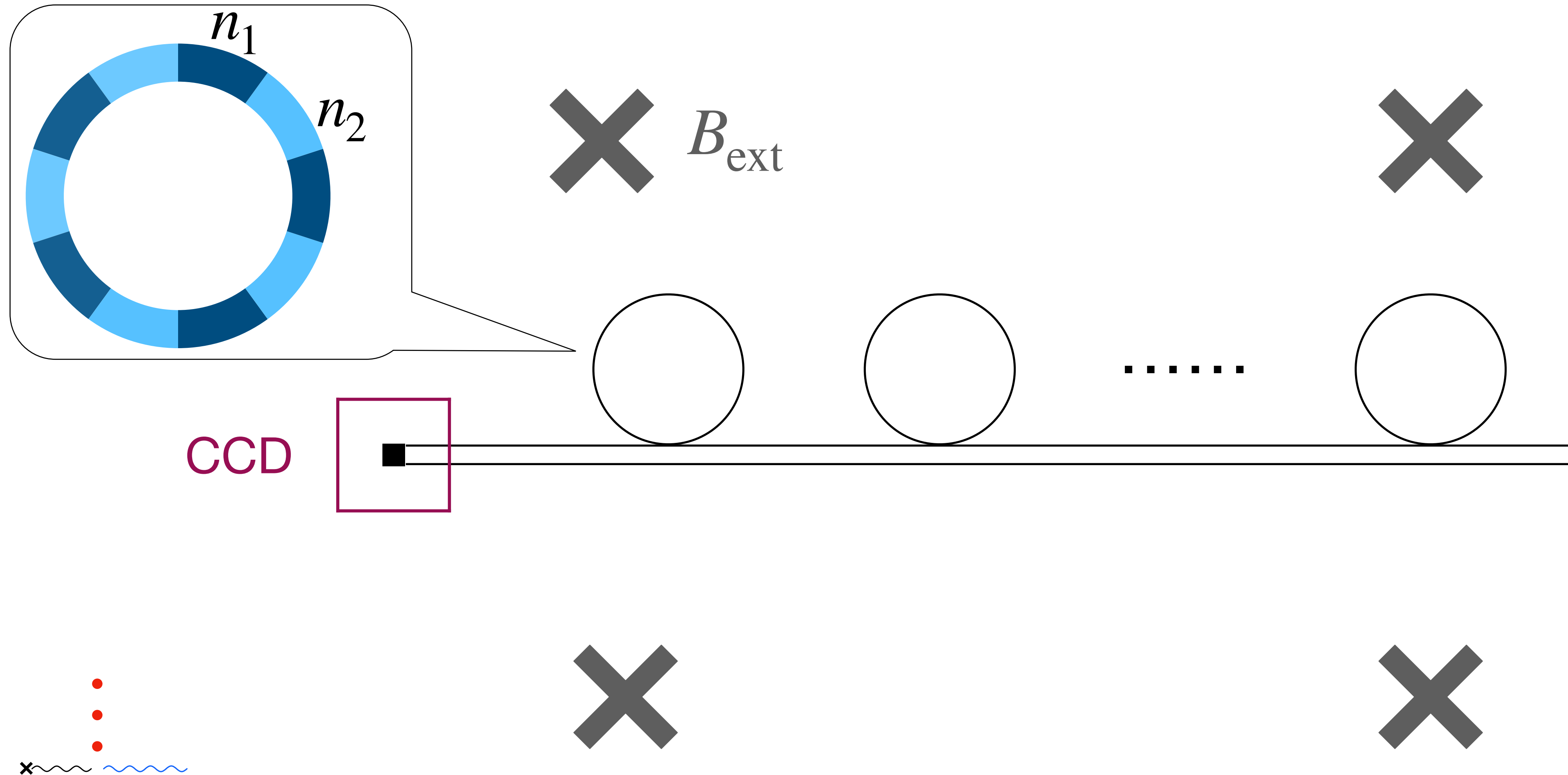


$$\Gamma_{\text{DPDM}} \sim \frac{10^{-1}}{\text{sec}} \left(\frac{N}{10^3} \right) \left(\frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right) \left(\frac{P_{\text{pump}}}{1 \text{ W}} \right) \left(\frac{L}{100 \mu\text{m}} \right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{F}_p}{10^3} \right) \left(\frac{Q_s}{10^6} \right) \left(\frac{\epsilon}{10^{-9}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\chi^{(2)}}{10 \text{ pm/V}} \right)^2$$



$$\Gamma_{\text{dark count}} = 10^{-4} \text{ day}^{-1}, t_{\text{int}} = 300 \text{ sec}$$

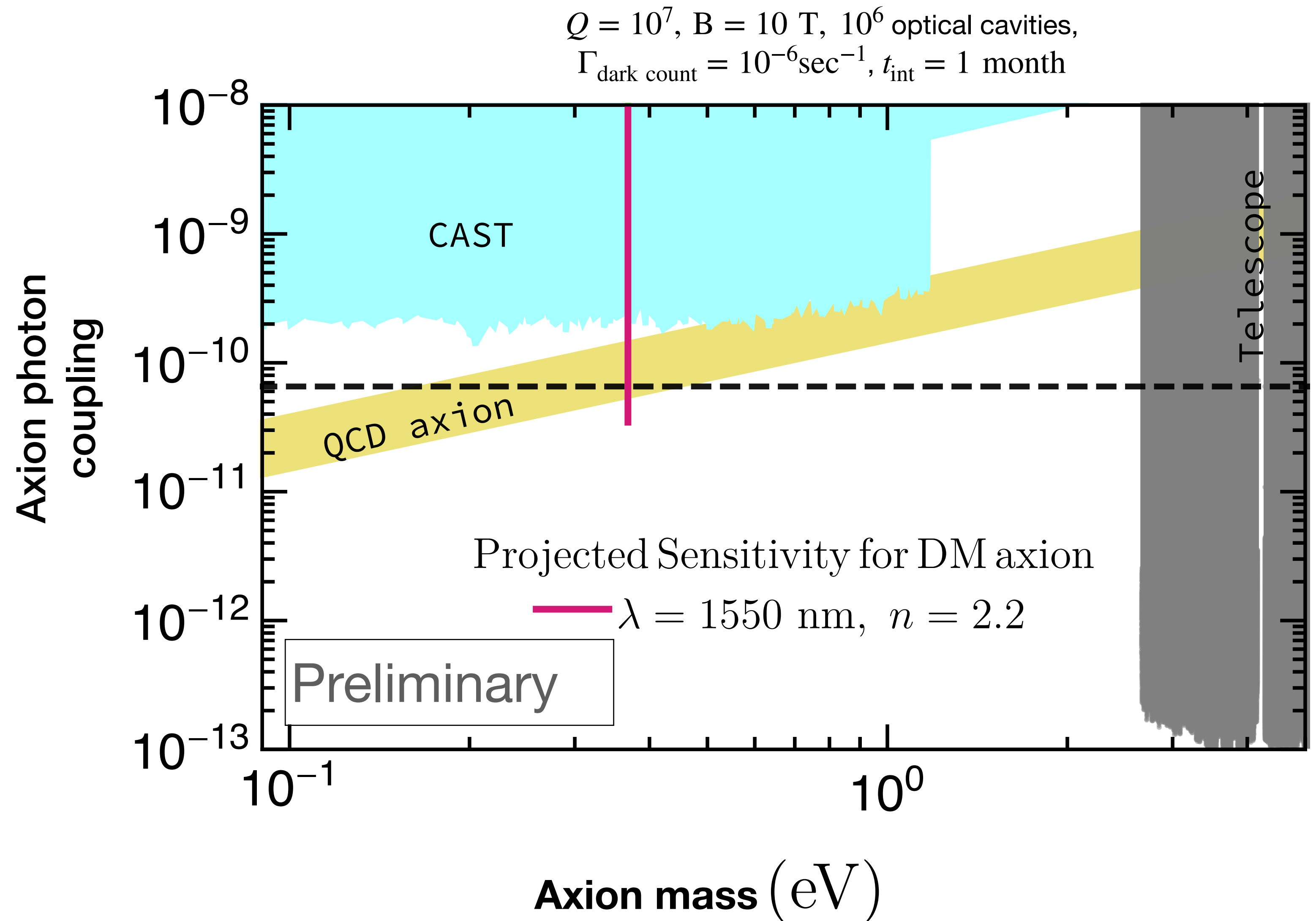
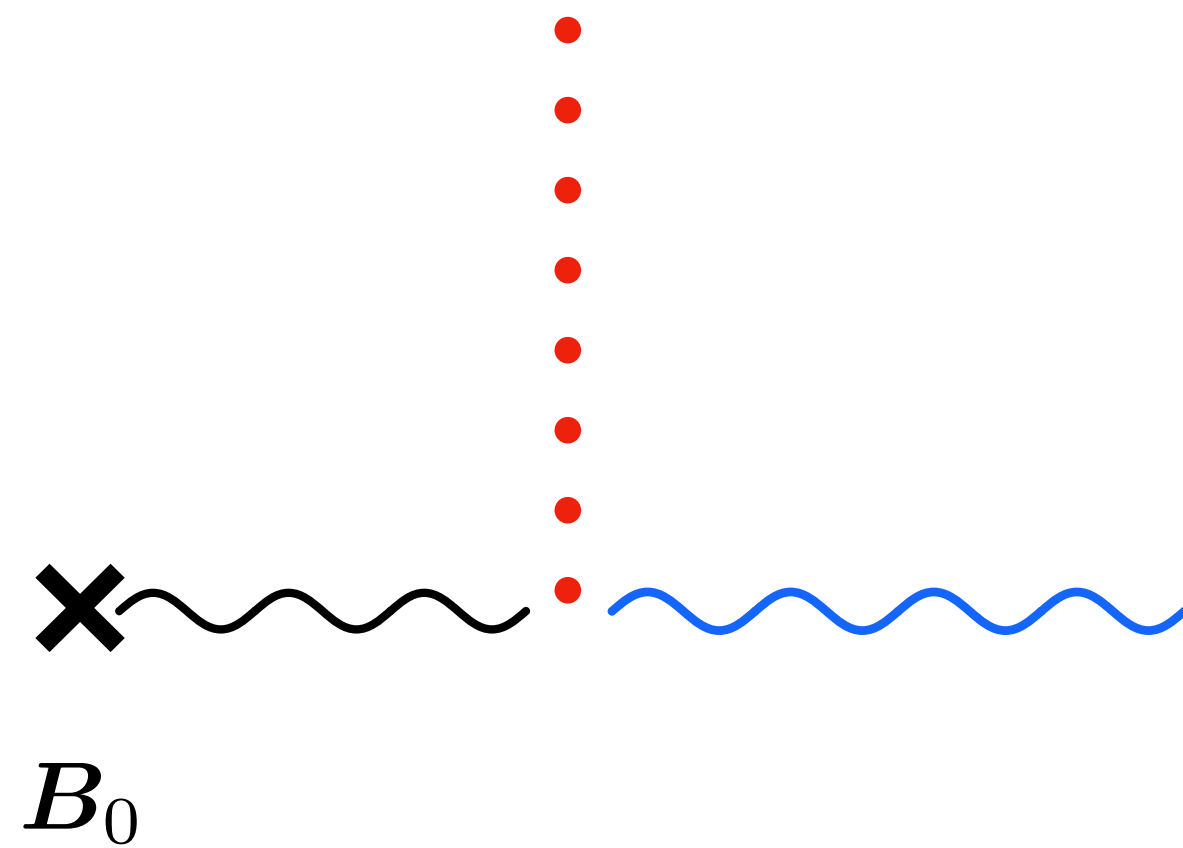
Axion Dark Matter Searches with Optical Cavities



Signal photons can be resonantly produced if frequency and momentum match.

DM Axion Searches with Optical Cavities

- through large B field + periodic structure



Summary

- ♦ Optical cavities \Rightarrow ultralight dark matter \lesssim eV
- ♦ Technologies of phase matching and mass production are quite mature in photonics.
- ♦ Exciting time to apply this technology to particle physics!

