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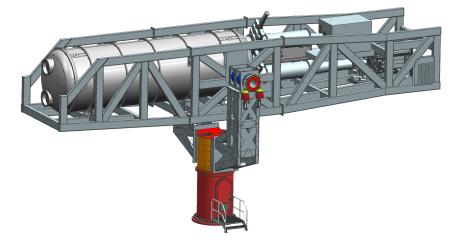
Reviving the HERA infrastructure with ALPS II, BabylAXO, MADMAX

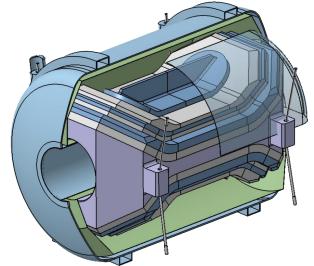
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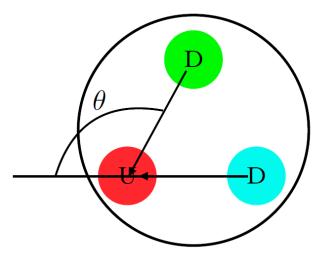
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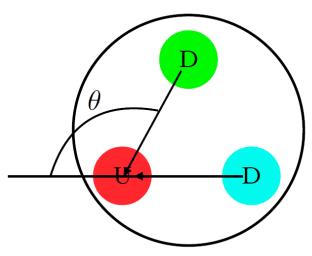


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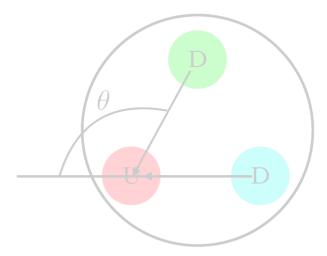
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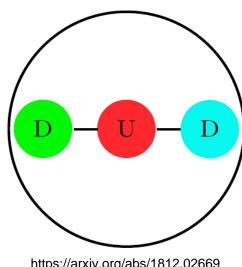
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Saving CP symmetry in QCD and more

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There might be more couplings to Standard Model constituents.

These couplings depend on the BSM models incorporating an "invisible axion".

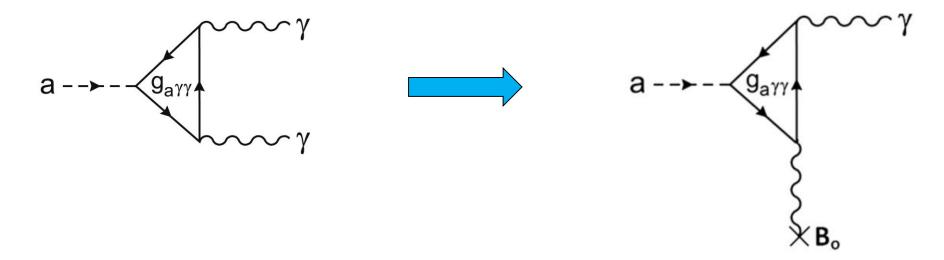
Traditional benchmarks:

- DFSZ (Dine, Fischler, Srednicki, Zhitniskii):
 axions couple to fermions. E/N = 8/3
- KSVZ (Kim, Shifman, Vainshetein, Zakharov):
 axions couple to BSM quarks only. E/N = 0

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Nucleon coupling (axial vector)	$\mathcal{L}_{aN} = \frac{C_N}{2f_a} \overline{\Psi}_N \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_N \partial_\mu a \qquad \text{a} $
Electron coupling (optional)	$\mathcal{L}_{ae} = \frac{C_e}{2f_a} \overline{\Psi}_e \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_e \partial_\mu a \qquad \qquad \text{ae}$

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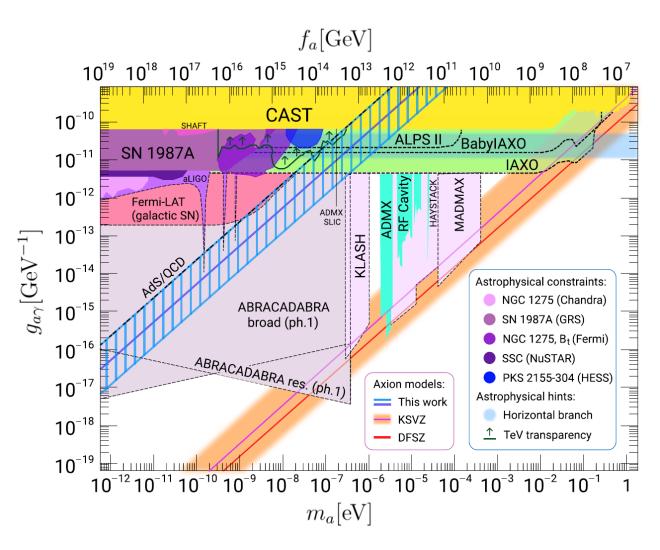
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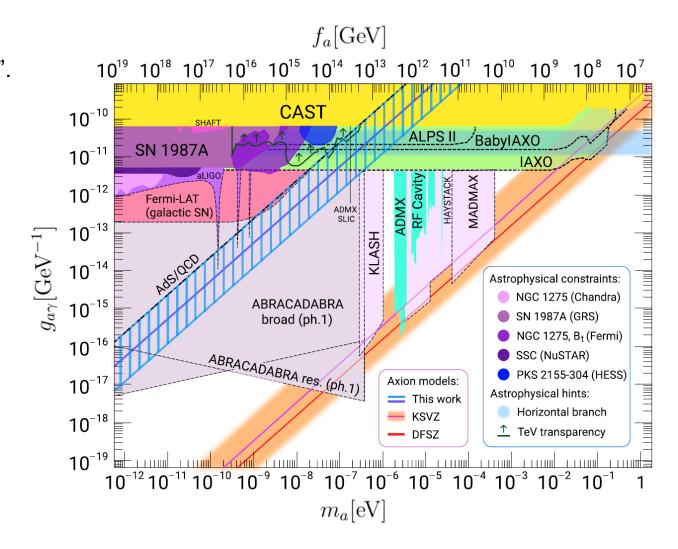
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Be aware of model dependencies when comparing axion searches looking for different couplings.

There might be axion-like-particles (ALPs) as motivated by string theories for example. Such particles are not related to QCD-CP.

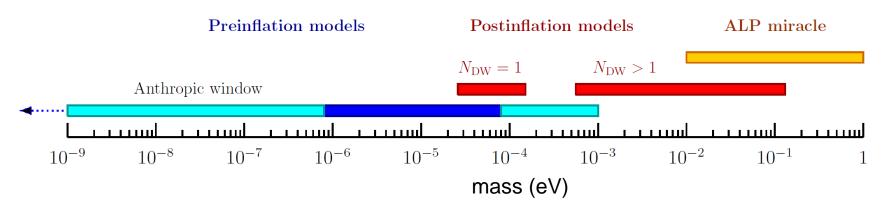


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and Dark Matter

Lightweight axions are perfect dark matter candidates.

- DM axions originate from the PQ phase transition in the early universe (non-thermal generation).
- They come with a huge number density and behave like an axion field.
- Different cosmology models predict different axion mass ranges where axions could make up all of the DM.



Igor G. Irastorza, Javier Redondo, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics, Volume 102, 2018,

DM axion searches "only" probe [(axion exists) AND (DM is made out of axions)]

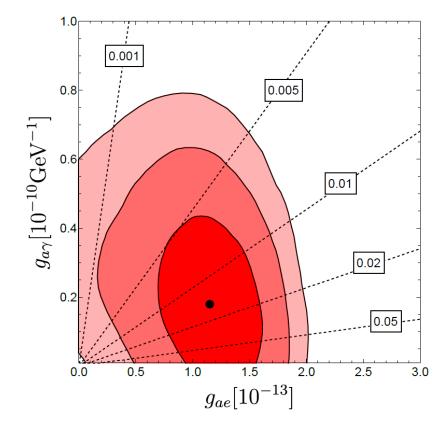
Thus DM search limits don't tell about the existence of axions.

Axions /ALPs

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Lightweight axions / ALPs might explain

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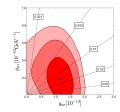
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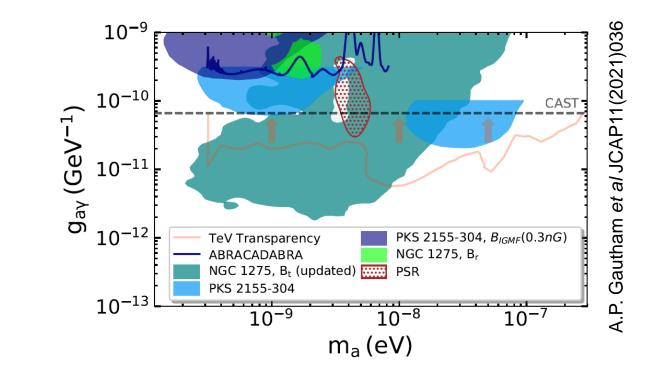
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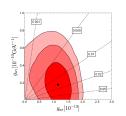
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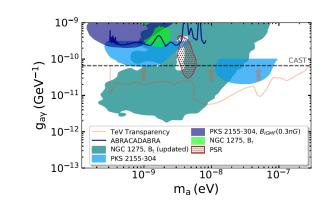
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- features in high energy photon spectra
- hints for a too large TeV photon transparency.





All these effects hint at photon couplings $g_{ayy} = 10^{-12}$ to 10^{-10} 1/GeV.

Complement DM axion searches with other approaches!

Axion searches

With and without the dark matter paradigm

If axions are dark matter, their number density at earth would be extremely large:

- $n_a \approx 3.10^{13} \cdot (10 \mu eV / m_a) cm^{-3}$.
- Dark matter axions originate from a phase transition.
- In general, searches for dark matter axions are significantly more sensitive than other approaches and target f_a up to 10⁹ TeV (10⁻⁷· M_{Planck}).
- "Two Nobel prizes or none".

Experiments relying on other axion production mechanisms:

- Axion production: couplings to SM constituents are suppressed by 1/ f_a and hence extremely weak.
 - Flux of solar axions: $flux_{Primakoff} \approx 1.8 \cdot 10^{13} \cdot (10^5 \, \text{TeV} / f_a)^2 \, \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \approx 0.02 \cdot (10^5 \, \text{TeV} / f_a)^2 \cdot [\text{solar neutrino flux}]$ corresponding roughly to $0.1 \cdot (10^5 \, \text{TeV} / f_a)^2 \, \text{W·m}^{-2} \approx 10^{-4} \cdot (10^5 \, \text{TeV} / f_a)^2 \cdot [\text{solar constant}]$
- Target: BSM energy scales up to f_a = 10⁵ TeV.

Disclaimer:

In the following I will not distinguish anymore between the QCD-axion and ALPs, but use both as synonyms.

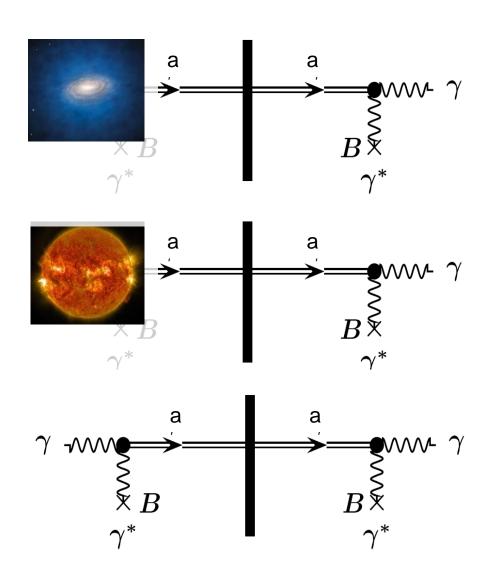
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Axion/ALP photon mixing in magnetic fields

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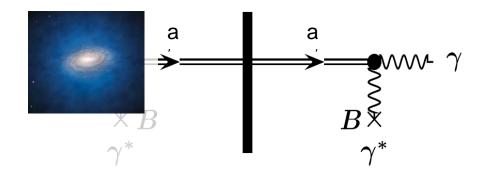
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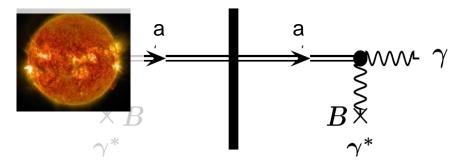
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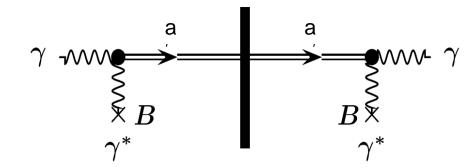
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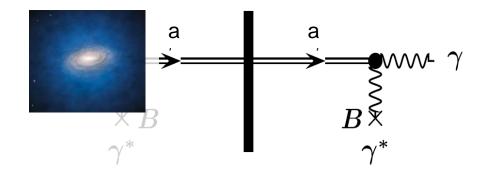
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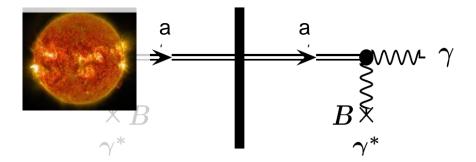
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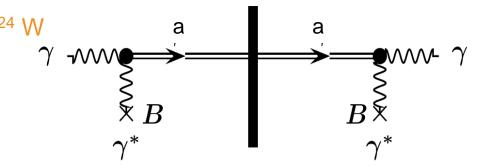
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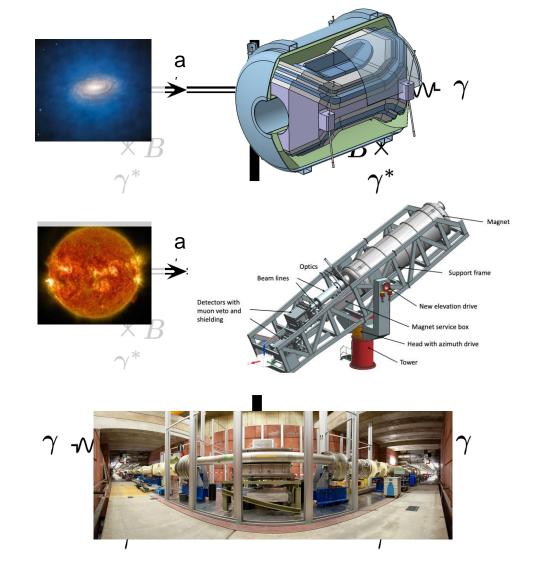
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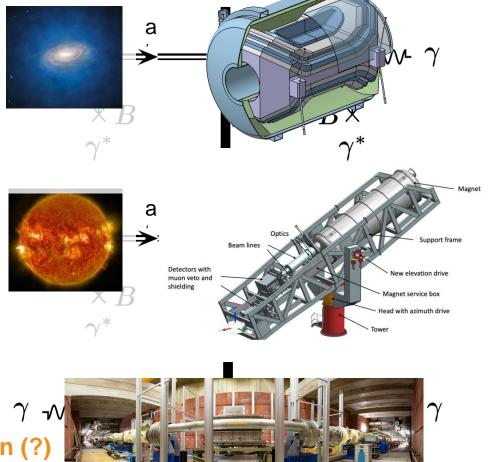
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1st science run soon (?)



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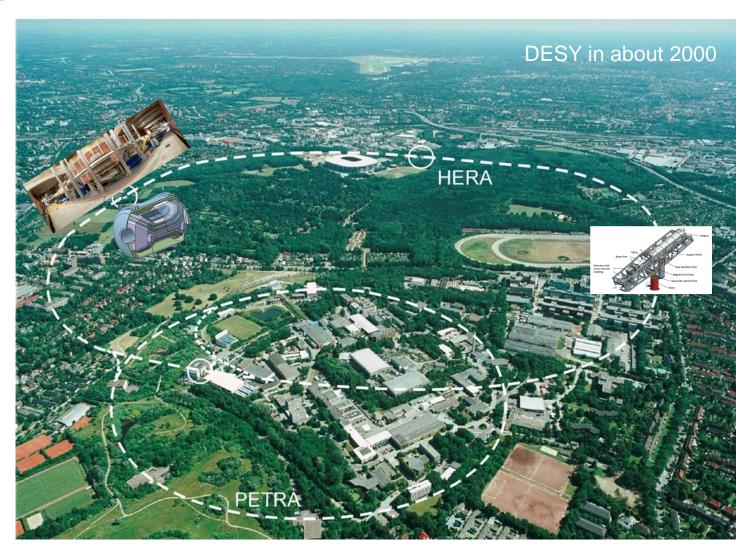
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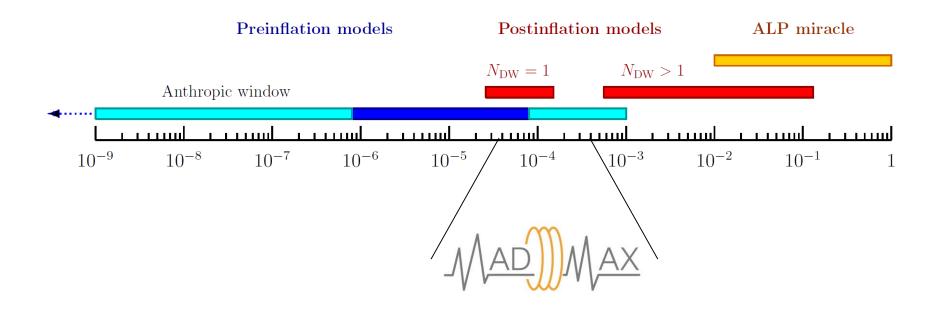
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Direct dark matter search

Physics goal: look for axion dark matter in the mass range predicted by

- postinflation models (PQ symmetry breaking after inflation),
- high mass region of preinflation models.



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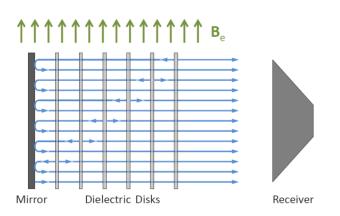


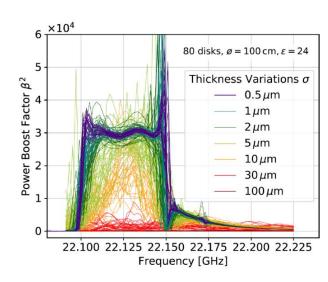
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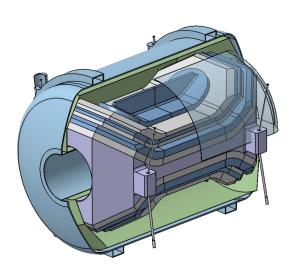
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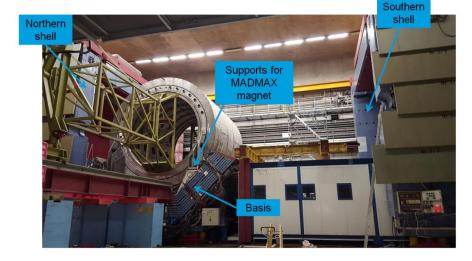
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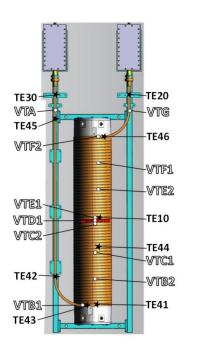
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Overfield (B _{peak} /B ₀)	11.8 %	
FoM	94.4 T ² m ²	
H+ / H- (Z = 0.0 m)	-0.9 % / 5.0 %	
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Volume	4.435 m³	
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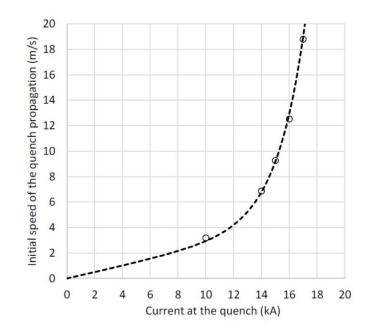
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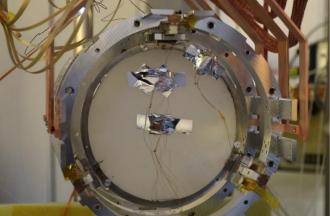
Quench can be detected in 0.1 to 1 s. Main risk of the project fully mitigated!

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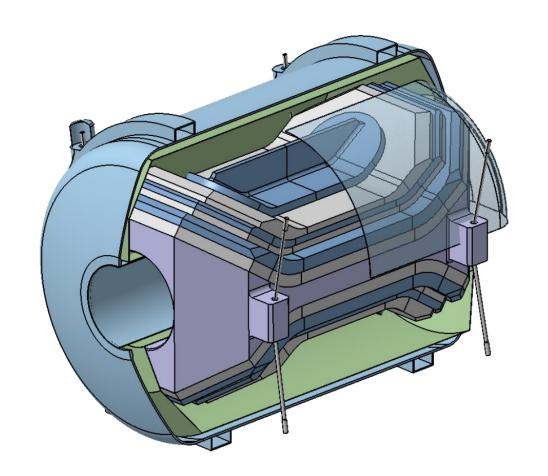
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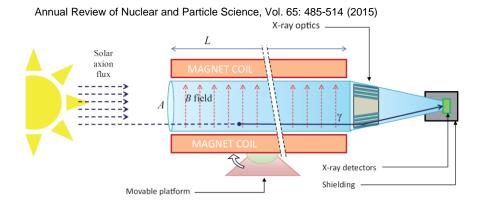
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Looking for solar axions

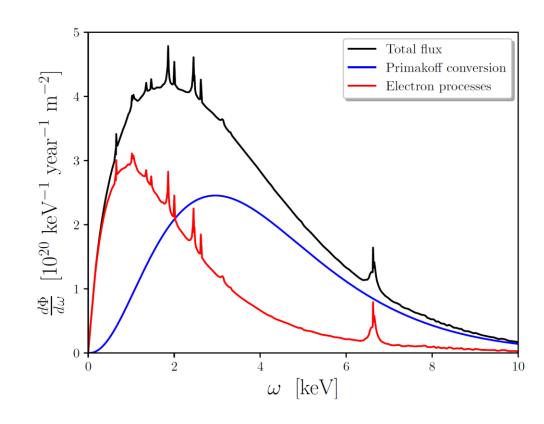


Solar axions produced via

- the Primakoff effect (axion-photon coupling),
- axion-electron coupling,
- axion-nucleon coupling (14.4 keV from ⁵⁷Fe).

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Experiments need to track the sun!



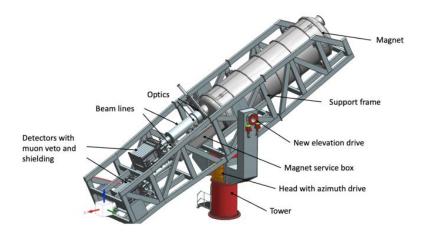
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Baby: the prototype **VXO**



For details see:

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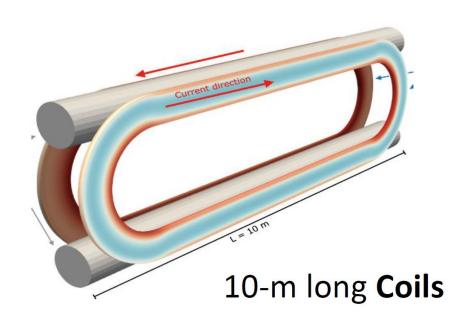
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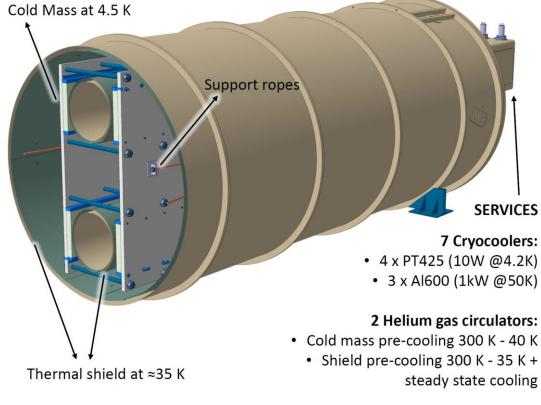
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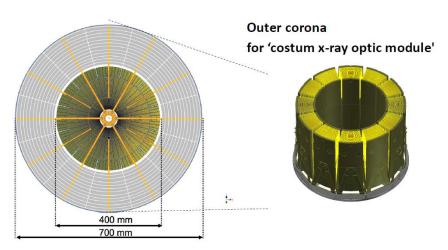


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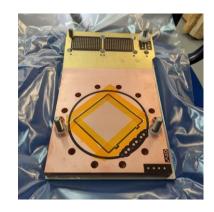


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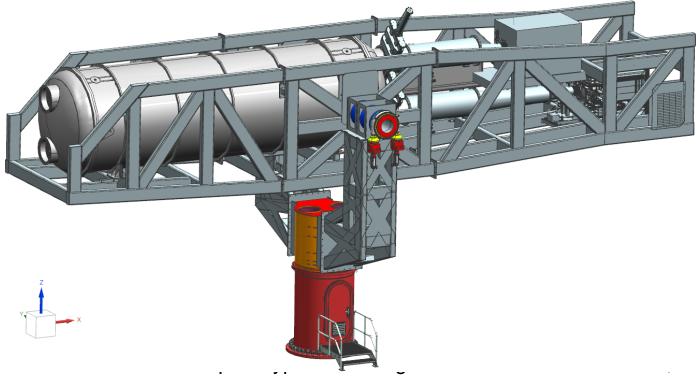
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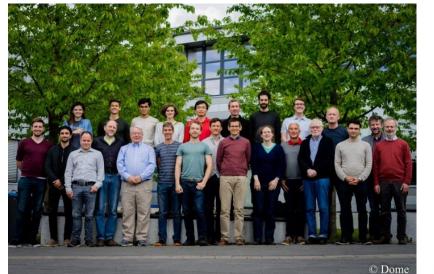
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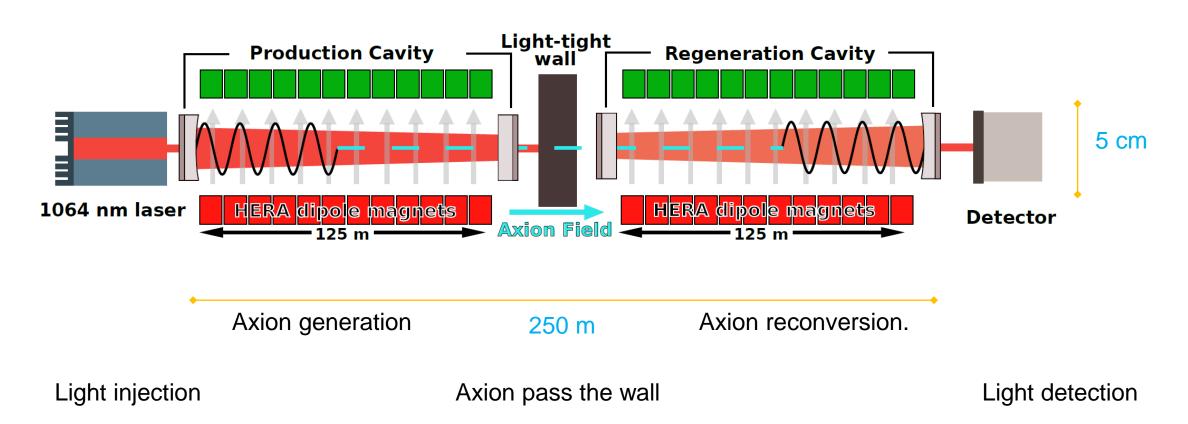




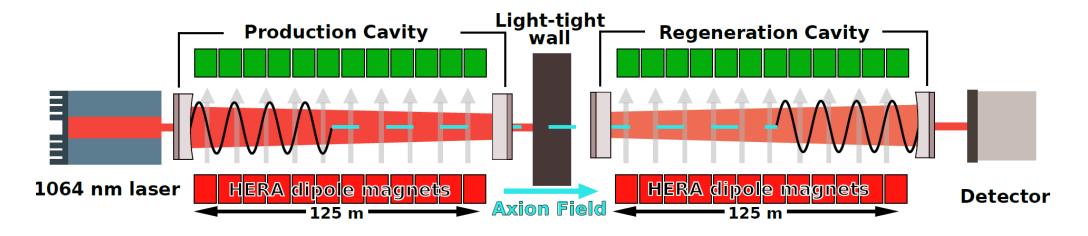
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Light-through-a-wall

Probing axion-photon couplings model independently.



Exploiting mode matched optical cavities



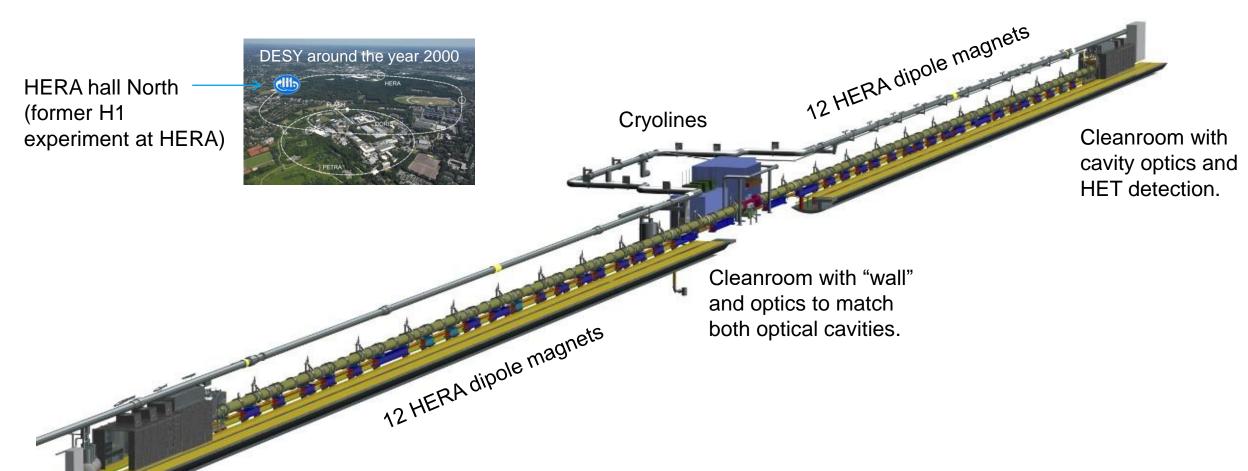
$$P_{\gamma \to \phi \to \gamma} = \frac{1}{16} \cdot \mathcal{F}_{PC} \mathcal{F}_{RC} \cdot (g_{a\gamma\gamma} B l)^{4} = 6 \cdot 10^{-38} \cdot \mathcal{F}_{PC} \mathcal{F}_{RC} \cdot \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{10^{-10} GeV^{-1}} \frac{B}{1 T} \frac{l}{10m}\right)^{4}$$

$$= 10^{-25}$$
5,000 40,000 0.2 5.3 10.56

30 W cw Laser 1064 nm: 3·10⁻⁵ Photonen / s (5·10⁻²⁴ W).

Motivated by astrophysics

Constructed in a straight section of the HERA tunnel



Cleanroom with

high power laser.

Status of autumn 2020



Demounting HERA: mid 2018 to mid 2019



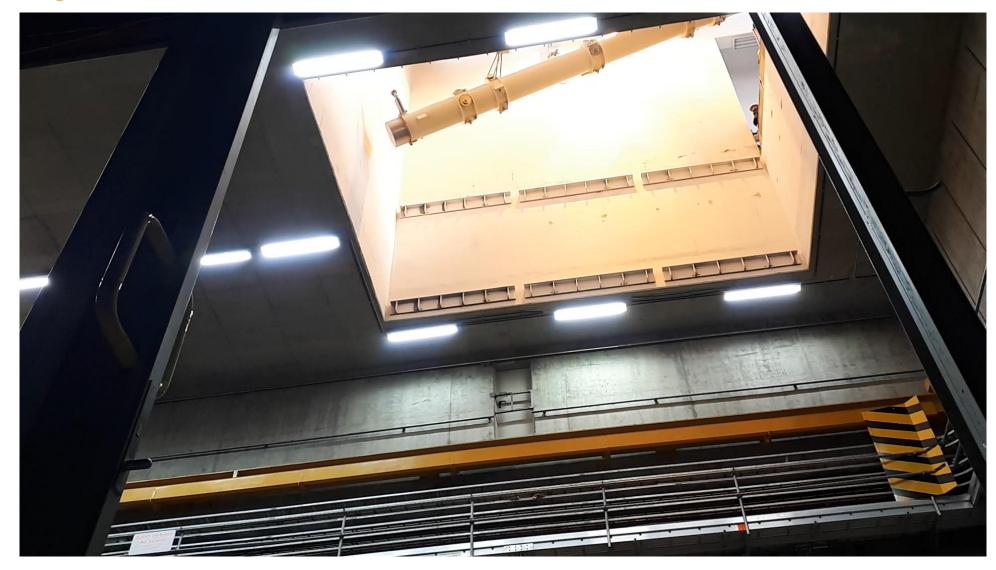


Foundations for the optics

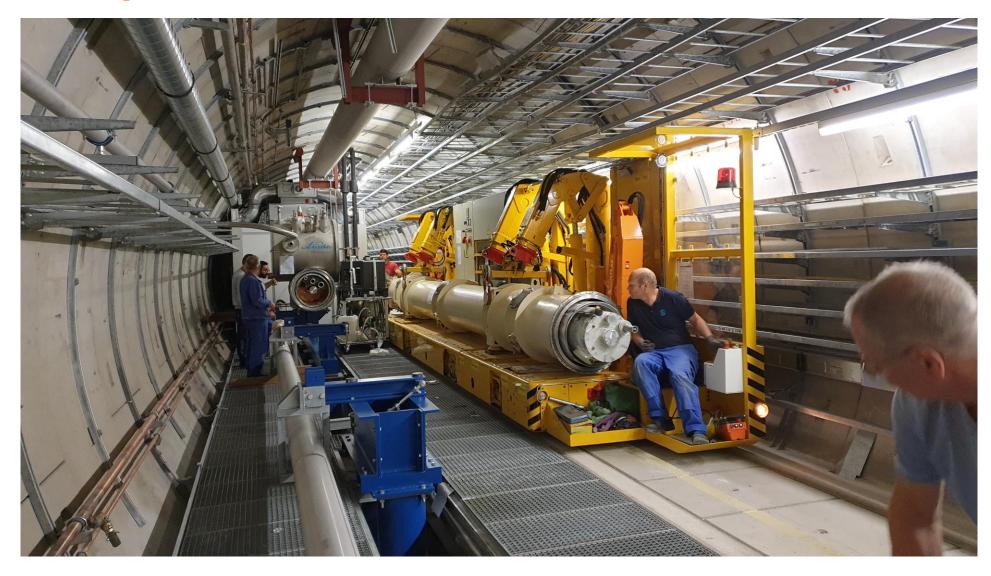




Magnets into the tunnel



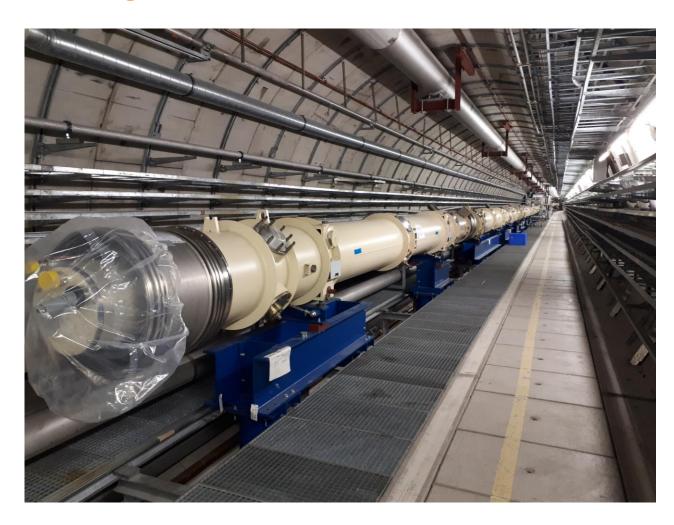












22 October 2020: last magnets installed!



Joachim Mnich, Director for particle physics (now at CERN) Wim Leemans, Director for accelerators

Technologies

 12+12 superconducting dipole magnets built for the former HERA proton accelerator, needed to straighten the cold mass.

 Extremely low 1064 nm photon flux detection: heterodyne sensing and superconducting transition edge sensor (TES)

 Optics: long baseline precisions interferometry based on GEO600 and aLIGO experience.

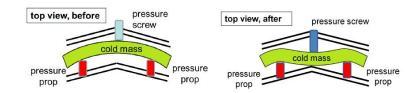
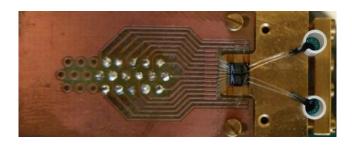


Figure 9: Schematics of straightening. Left: Before applying the deforming force, Right: The deformation forces the pipe to develop two 'camel humps,' exaggerated in the figure for better illustration. This deformation yields the largest achievable horizontal aperture.

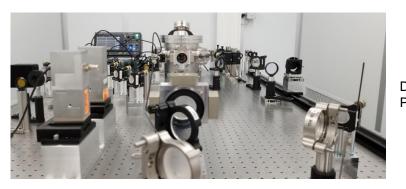


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Figure 10: Outer pressure prop parts (left) and prop inserted into the cryostat (right).



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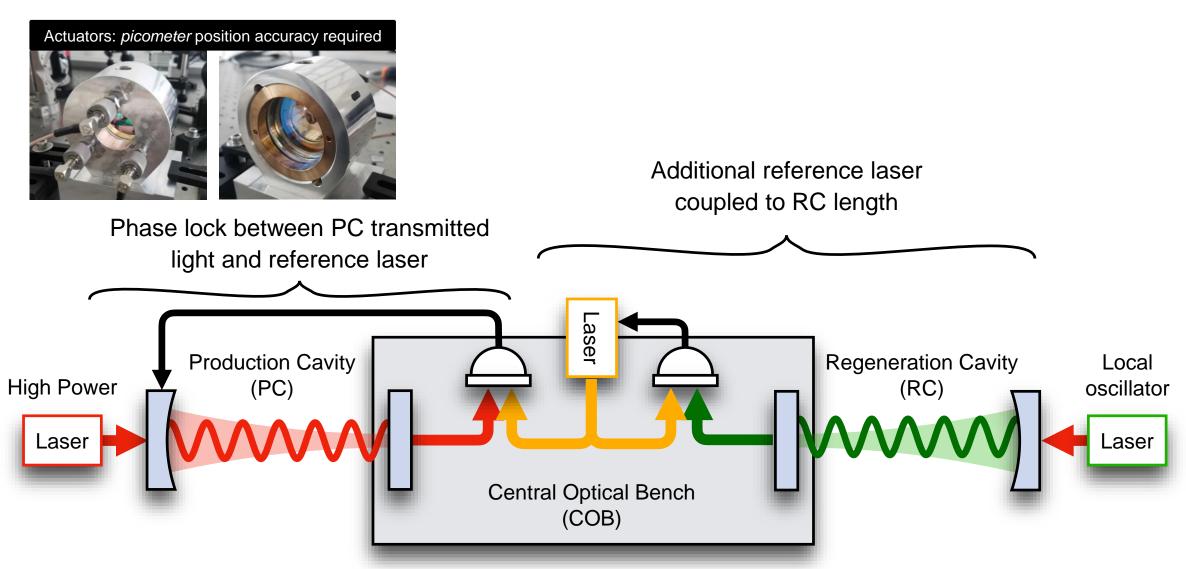
Design of the ALPS II optical system, Phys.Dark Univ. 35 (2022), 100968

Optics requirements for the first full science run

RC resonant enhancement (β _{RC})	> 10 000
RC absolute length changes (∆L _{RC})	~ 15 µm
RC linewidth (HWHM)	15 Hz
PC circulating power	> 150 kW
PC relative power noise (RMS)	< 0.1%
Axion Coupling to RC (η)	> 90%
Coherence $(\eta_{\Delta f})$	> 95%
Dynamic phase noise (Δφ)	< 0.2 rad
Static frequency offset (∆f)	< 1.5 Hz
Spatial overlap (η_T)	> 95%
Angular alignment (Δθ)	< 5.7 µrad
Transversal shift (∆x)	< 1.2 mm
Detector sensitivity > 2×10 ⁻²⁴ W	for 20 days
Environmental temperature conditions	< 0.1 K
Stray light mitigation < 1 photo	on / 10 days

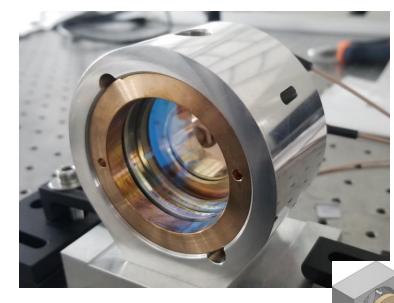
15 Hz out of 3·10¹⁴ Hz

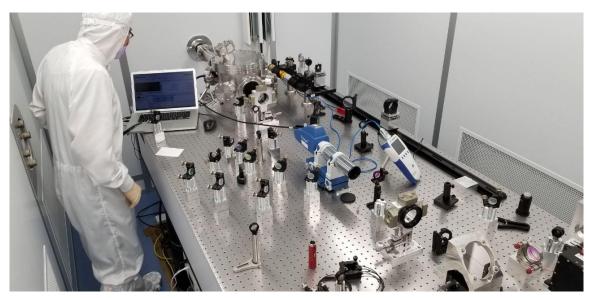
Optics "locking" scheme to overcome seismic noise



Optics



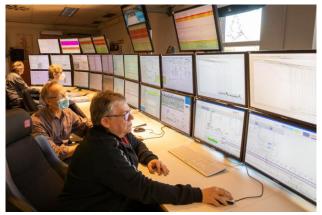


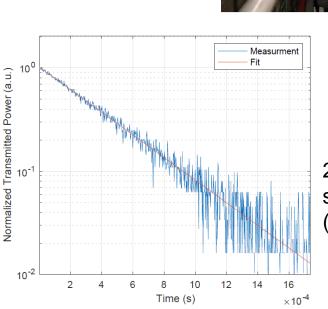




Recent milestones

- Spring 2021:
 Start of optics installation.
- June 2021:
 Lock of 250 m long optical resonator,
 characterization of optics and seismic noise studies.
- September 2021: all magnets aligned and connected.
- December 2021: magnet string reaches operation temperature of 4 K.
- March 2022: magnet string reaches full operation current of 5.7 kA.
- May 2022: regeneration cavity test-installation and -lock.
- Late 2022: first science run (hopefully)!





250 m cavity storage time (prel. mirrors)

Outline

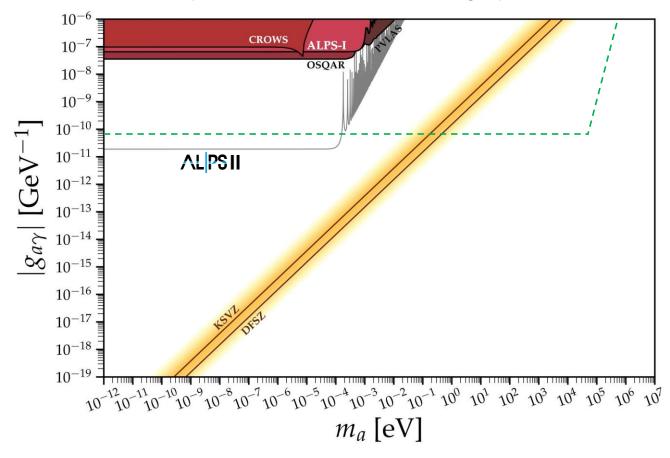
- Axions:
 - A very brief motivation.
 - Three kinds of experiments.
- Axions @ DESY:
 - MADMAX
 - (Baby)IAXO
 - ALPS II
- Conclusions

Axion searches at DESY

In context

ALPS II, model independent searches:

• Improve sensitivity on axion-photon coupling by a factor of \approx 1,000, going beyond astrophysics limits.



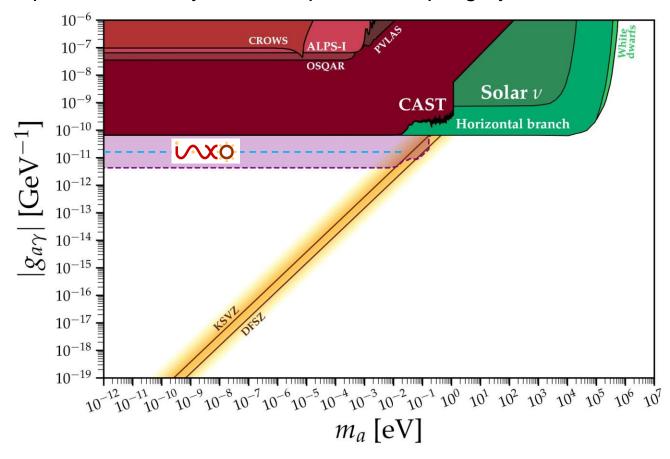
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Axion searches at DESY

In context

IAXO, solar axion searches:

Improve sensitivity on axion-photon coupling by a factor of ≈ 15 (BabylAXO ≈ 4).



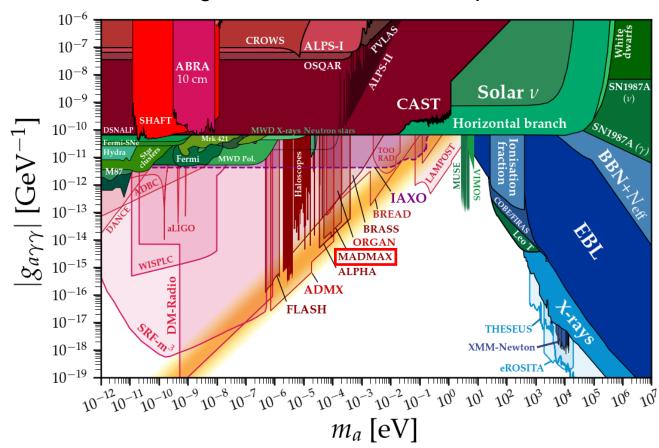
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Axion searches at DESY

In context

MADMAX, dark matter axion searches:

Probe the mass region between 40 and 400 μeV.



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Instead of a summary

A dream

AL PS II, first data taking in 2022:

Determine the axion-photon coupling model-independently.

, first data taking of BabylAXO in 2026?

- Determine the absolute solar axion flux using the ALPS II result.
 - Does axion-photon couplings differ in vacuum and dense plasmas?
- Measure the axion-electron and axion-nucleon couplings.

AX, first data taking in 2028 ?

- Axions make up the dark matter in our universe.
- Precisely measure the axion mass and the dark matter velocity distribution.

