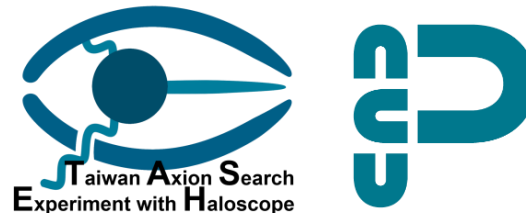


# Search for Dark Matter Axion with TASEH

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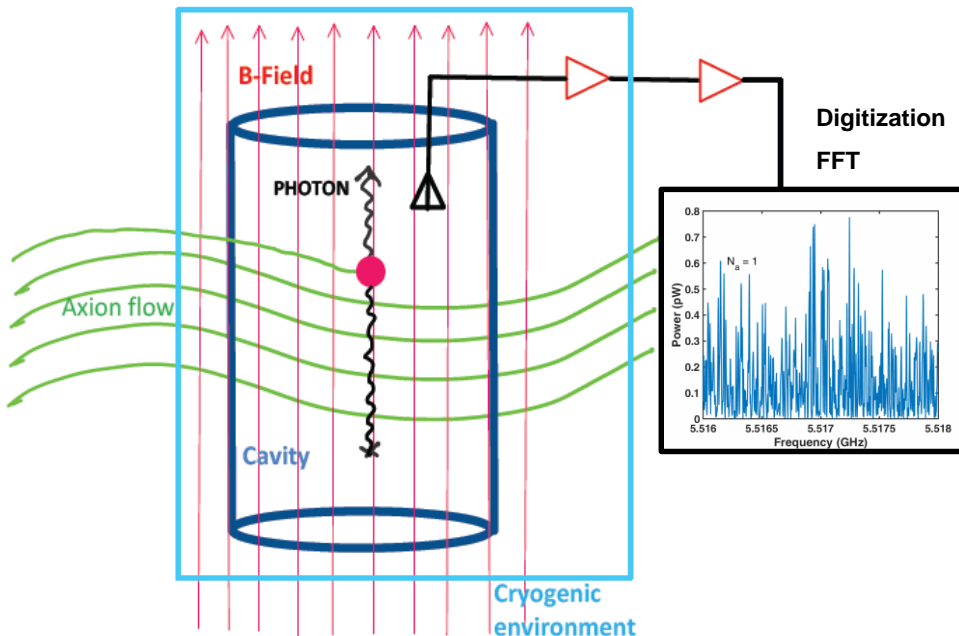
# Outline

- First results of Taiwan Axion Search Experiment with Haloscope (TASEH)
- TASEH ongoing development
  - Conic shell cavity
  - JPA
  - Gain and noise calibration from heated cavity
- Conclusion

# Axion Haloscope Search

Axion search via tunable cavity:

- $E \cdot B$  inverse Primakoff coupling
- Listening to extremely weak radio signal (tuning and averaging)



P. Sikivie, *PRL* **51**, 1415 (1983); *PRD* **32**, 2988 (1985)

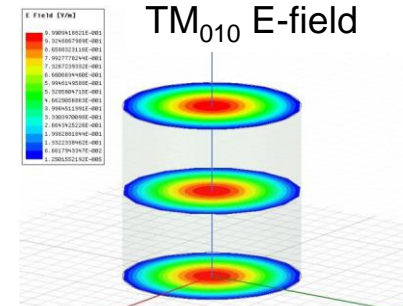
$$1 \mu\text{eV} < m_a < 1 \text{ meV}$$

$$0.25 \text{ GHz} < \omega_a/2\pi < 250 \text{ GHz}$$

Signal power

$$P_s = \left( \frac{\hbar^2 c^5}{\mu_0} \right) \eta g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \left( \frac{\rho_a}{m_a} \right) C_n B_0^2 V Q$$

$$\text{Form factor } C_n = \frac{\left( \int d^3x \vec{E}_n \cdot \vec{B} \right)^2}{B_0^2 V \int d^3x \epsilon |\vec{E}_n|^2}$$



High form factor mode for uniform B-field

Noise power

$$P_N = k_B T_{\text{sys}} \Delta f$$

$$\sigma_{P_N} = P_N / \sqrt{N_{\text{ave}}}$$

$$= k_B T_{\text{sys}} \sqrt{\Delta f / t_{\text{ave}}}$$

Detection signal-to-noise ratio

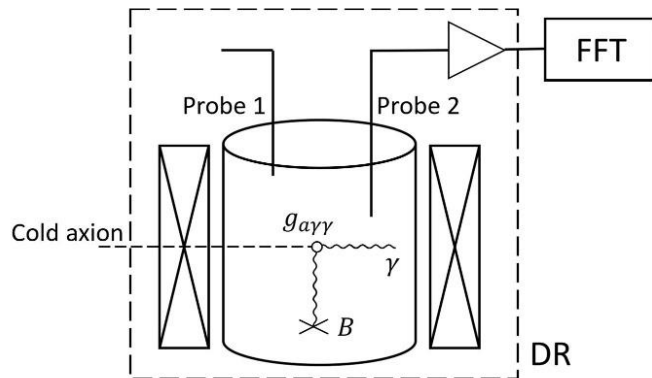
$$\Sigma = P_s / \sigma_{P_N} \propto \sqrt{t_{\text{ave}}} / T_{\text{sys}}$$

# Taiwan Axion Search Experiment with Haloscope TASEH



Collaboration launched in Year 2020

Axion haloscope detection



$$10 \mu\text{eV} < m_a < 25 \mu\text{eV}$$

$$2.5 \text{ GHz} < \omega_a/2\pi < 6 \text{ GHz}$$

Setup for the first physics experiment



Existing cryostat and magnet in NCU

Bluefors DR:

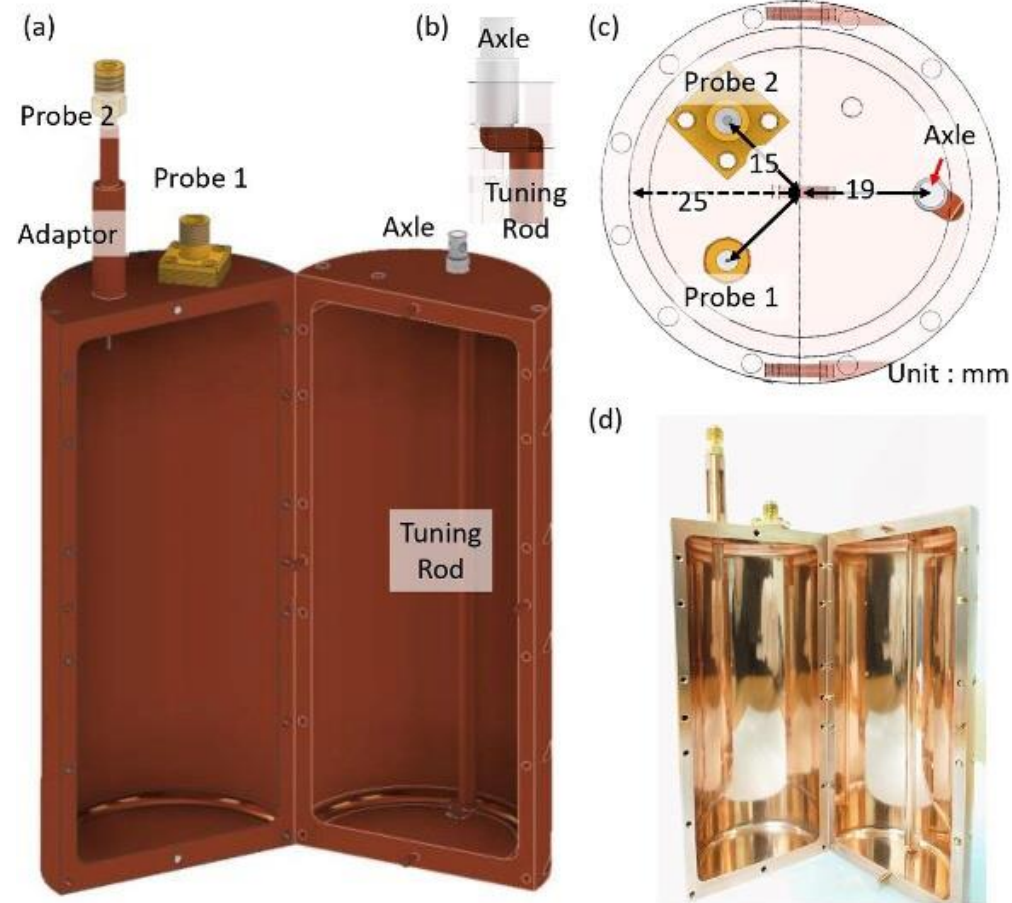
- base: 27 mK

AMI magnet:

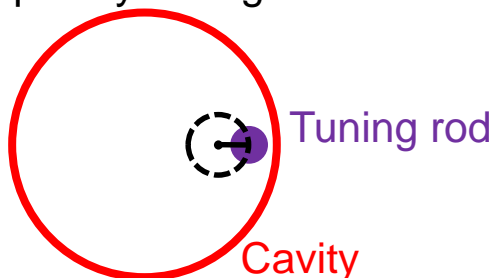
- field: 8 T
- bore: 6.8 mm

# Cavity Detector

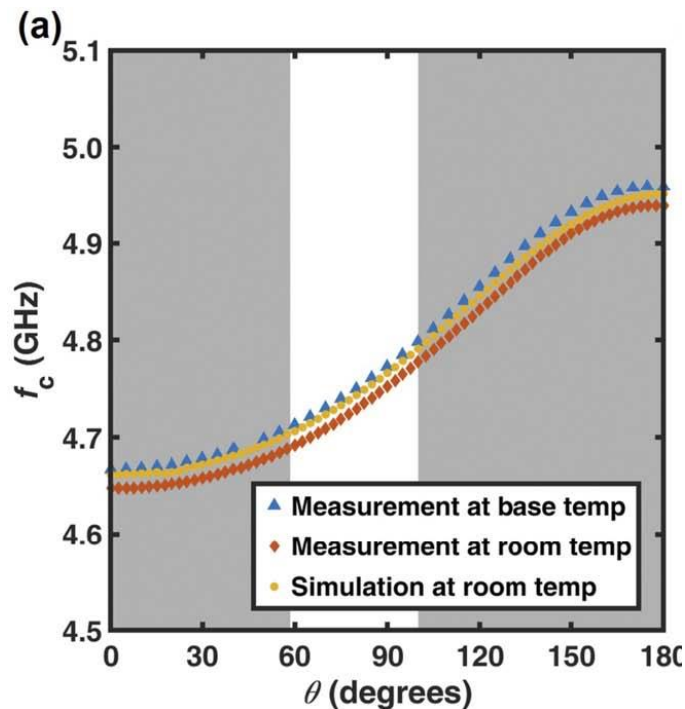
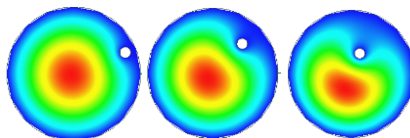
- OFHC copper, split cavity
- Volume  $V$ :  $\sim 0.234$  L
- High quality  $Q$ :  $\sim 62000$
- Large form factor  $C_{010}$ :  $\sim 0.62$
- Tunable frequency  $f_c$ : 4.65 – 4.95 GHz
- Tunable coupling  $\beta_2$ : 0.5 – 3
- Signal power  $P_s$ :  $\sim 1.4 \times 10^{-24}$  W (KSVZ)



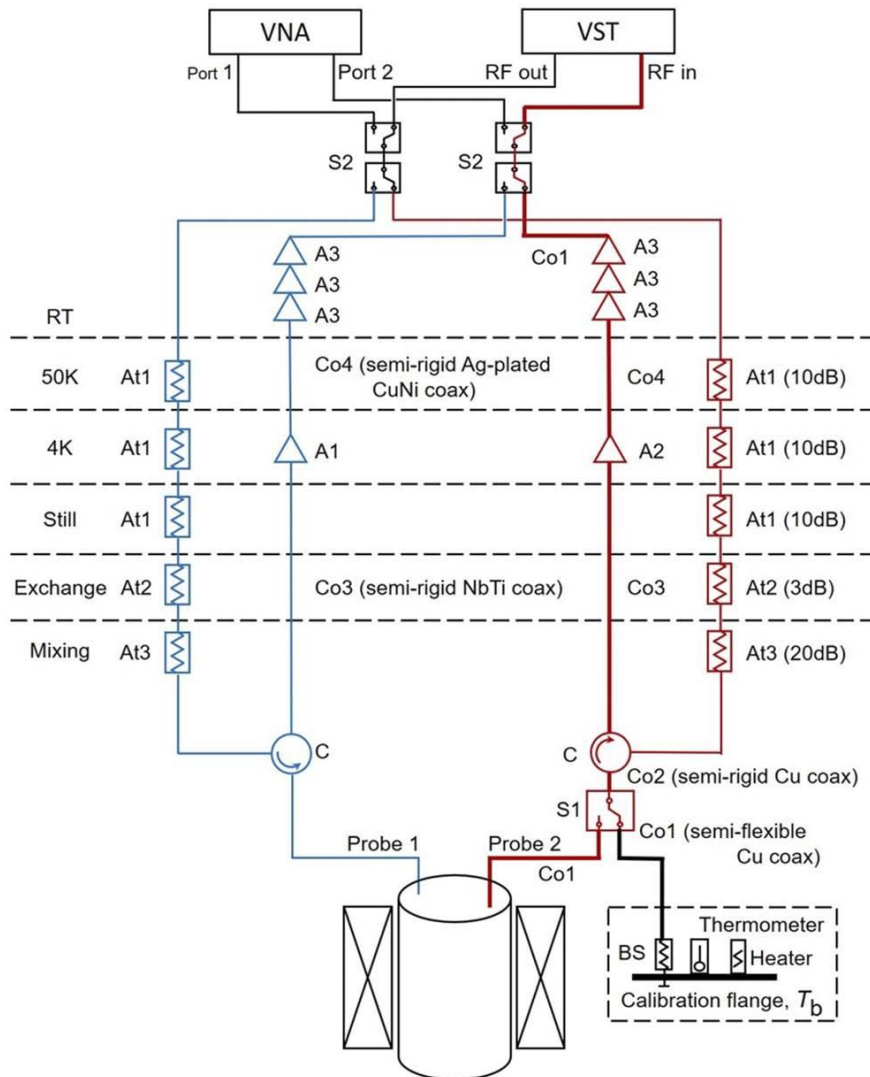
Frequency tuning mechanism



TM<sub>010</sub> mode pattern



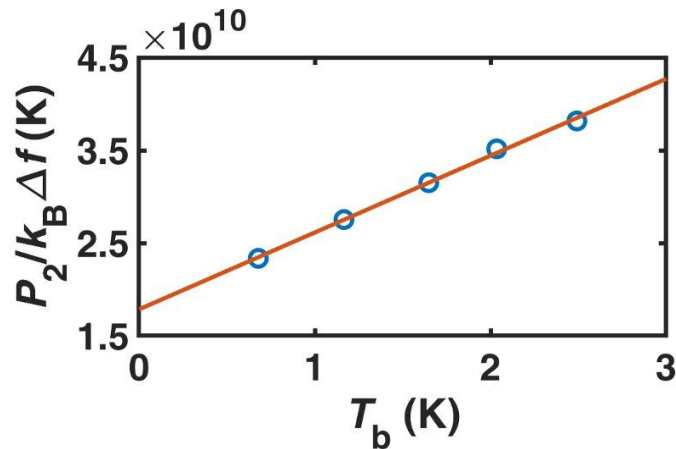
# Signal Receiver Wiring



- Probe 2 for readout (strong coupling)
- Probe 1 for test signal (weak coupling)
- Two readouts to characterize cavity
- First-stage amplifier: HEMT
- Separate noise source for readout 2 calibration

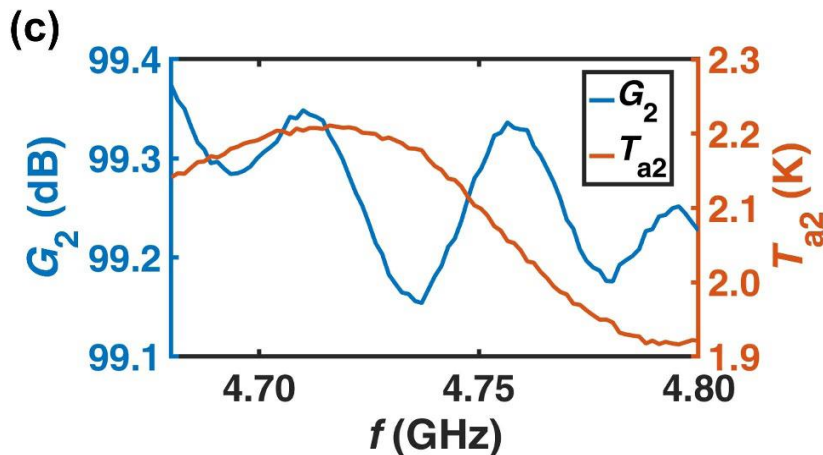
# Gain Calibration and Noise Performance

Y-factor method



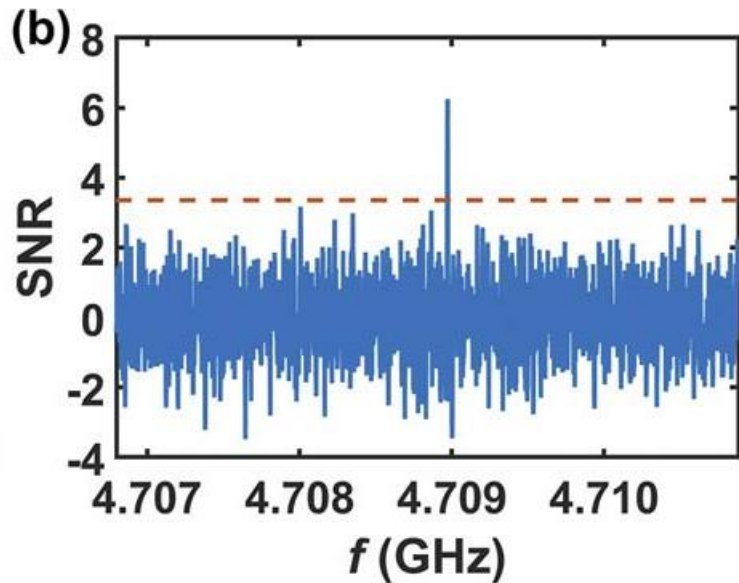
$$P_2 = G_2 k_B (\tilde{T}_b + T_{a2}) \Delta f$$

$$\tilde{T}_b = \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B} \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T_b) - 1}}_{\text{thermal}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{\text{vacuum}} \right)$$



- $G_2$ : ~ 100 dB
- $T_{\text{sys}}$ : ~ 2.3 K
- ~ 10 times higher than quantum limit
- Dominated by HEMT amplifier

# Synthetic Signal Test



- Inject synthetic signal to verify the procedures of data acquisition and physics analysis.
- Test signal power corresponding to  $g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \approx 20g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma}^{\text{KSVZ}}$ .
- The test signal was found at 4.708970 GHz with SNR = 6.12.



# Experimental Benchmark Parameters

$B_0$	8 T
$V$	0.234 L
$C_{010}$	0.614 – 0.630
$Q_0$	58000 – 65000
$T_{\text{sys}}$	2.1 – 2.4 K
$\beta_2$	1.9 – 2.3
$\Delta f_s$	95 – 115 kHz
$\Delta t$	32 – 42 min
$N_{\text{step}}$	837
$f_{\text{lo}}$	4.70750 GHz
$f_{\text{hi}}$	4.79815 GHz

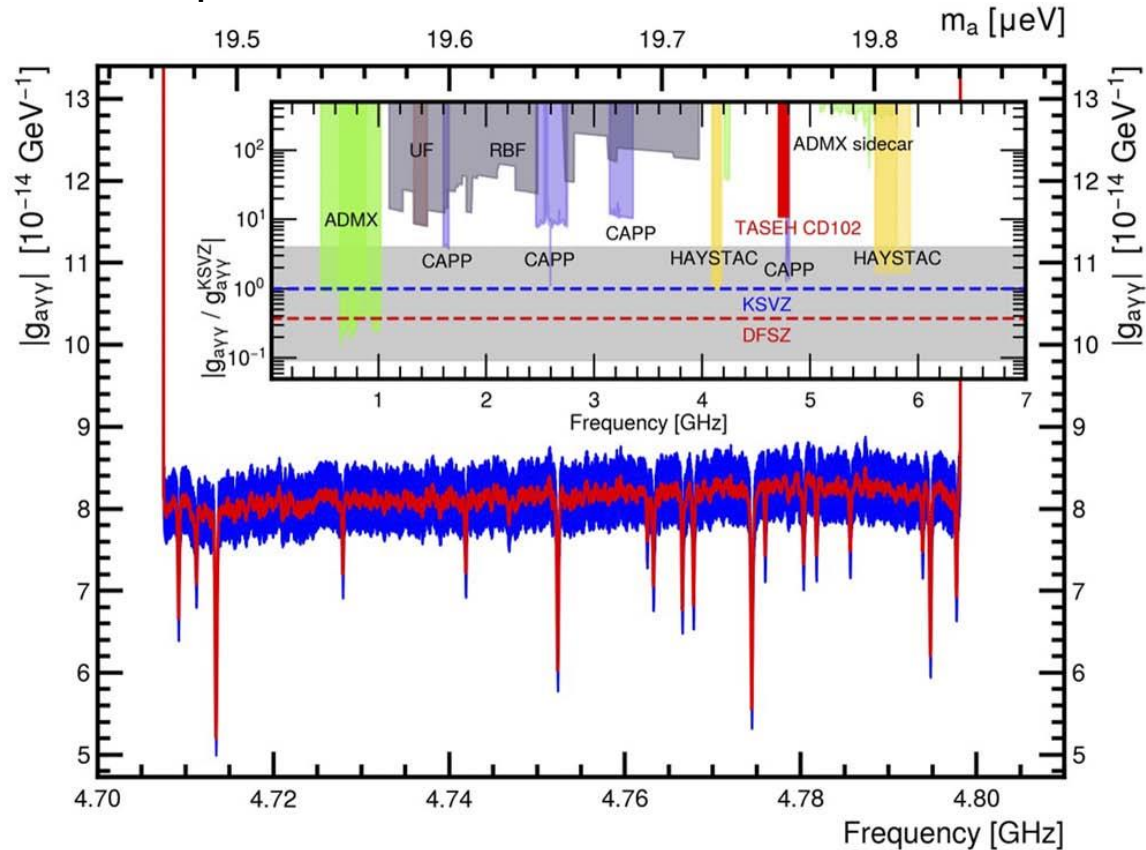
## Operation parameters

- Maximize search rate with fixed sensitivity
- Cover search range continuously
- Reach ~ 10 times KSVZ sensitivity

# TASEH First Results

Search exclusion plot

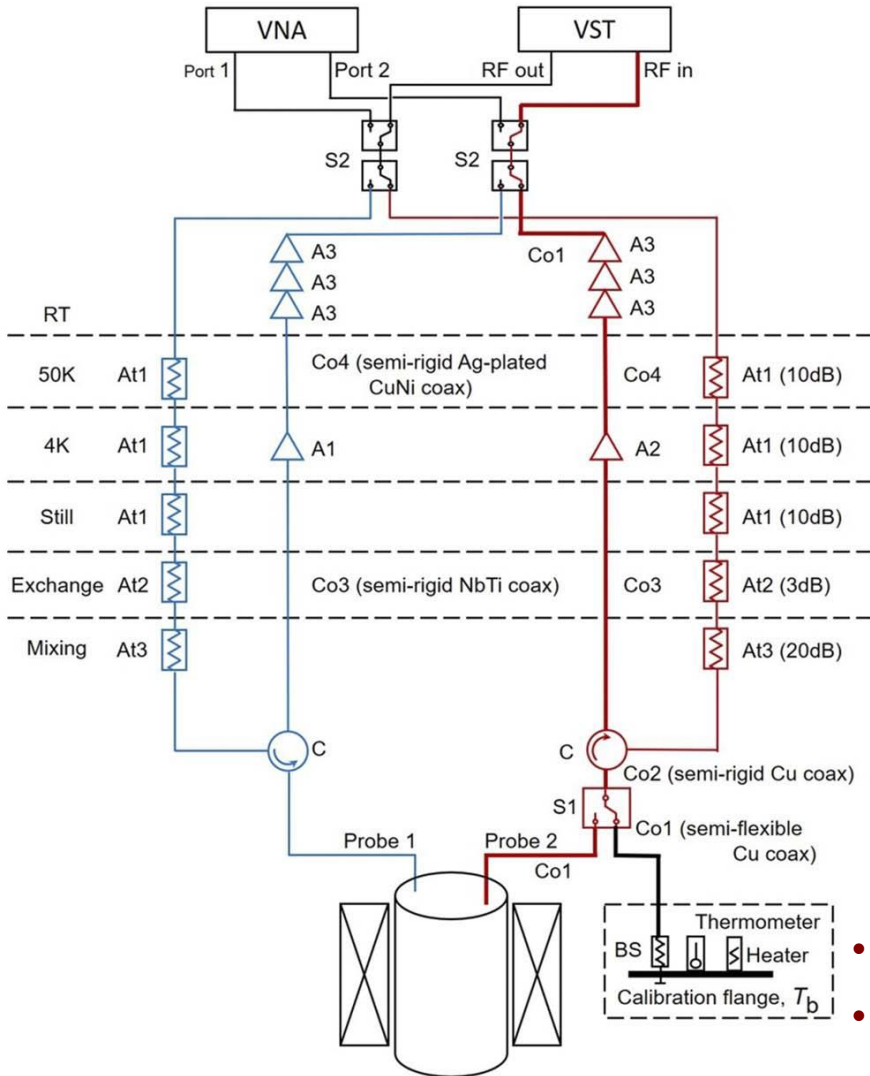
TASEH collaboration, *PRL* **129**, 111802 (2022)



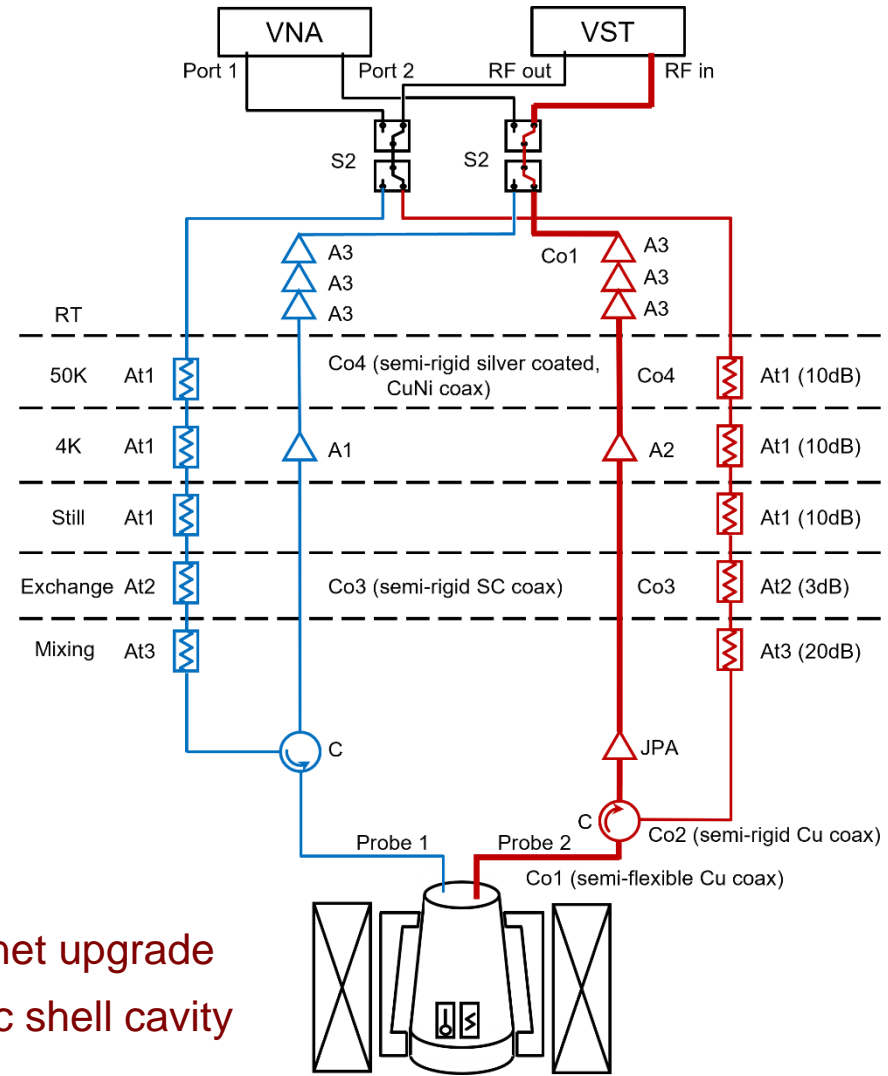
- ~ 1 month data taking in the end of Year 2021
- 19.4687 – 19.8436  $\mu\text{eV}$  (4.707 50 and 4.798 15 GHz, ~ 90 MHz search range)
- Excludes models with the axion-two-photon coupling  $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \geq 8.1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$  (~ 11 times above QCD KSVZ model limit) at 95% C.L.
- First-hand experience of operating axion haloscope

# Haloscope Upgrade

## Existing

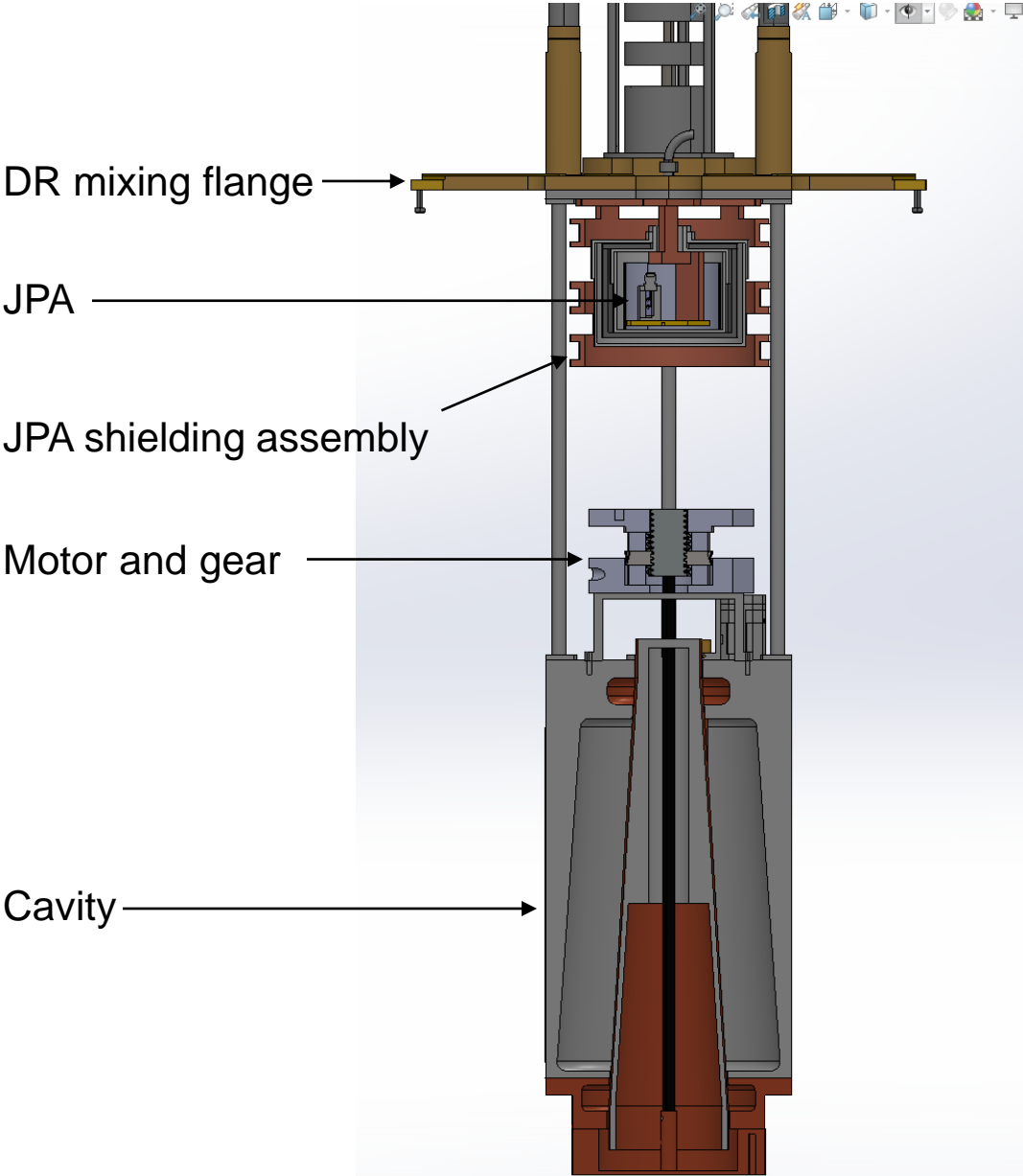


## Upgrade

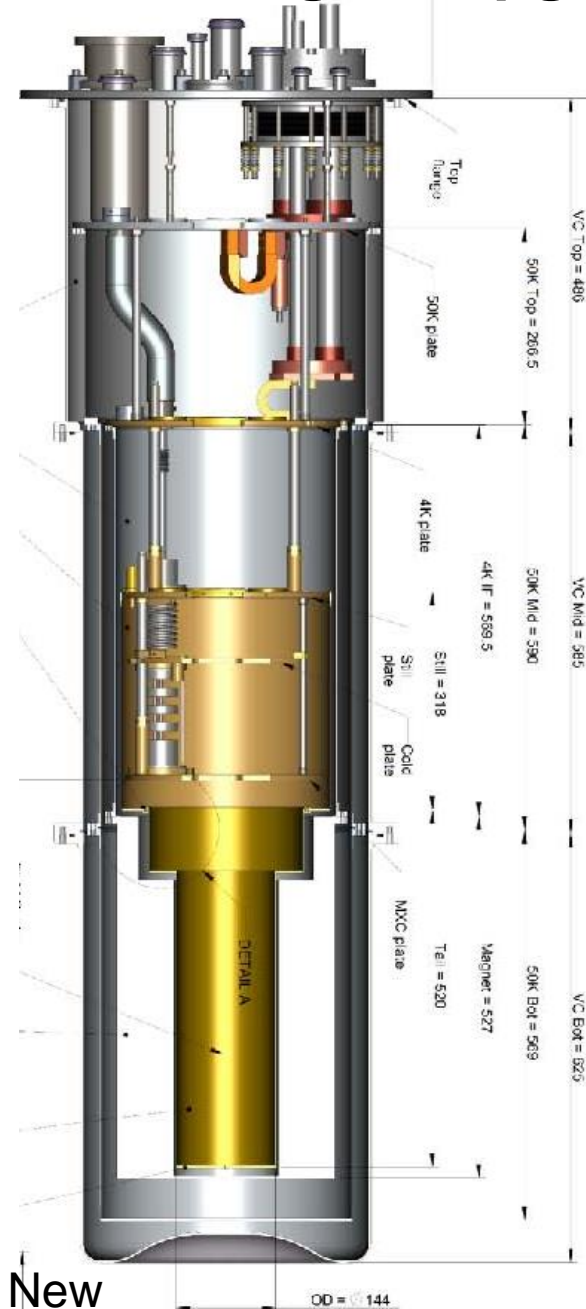
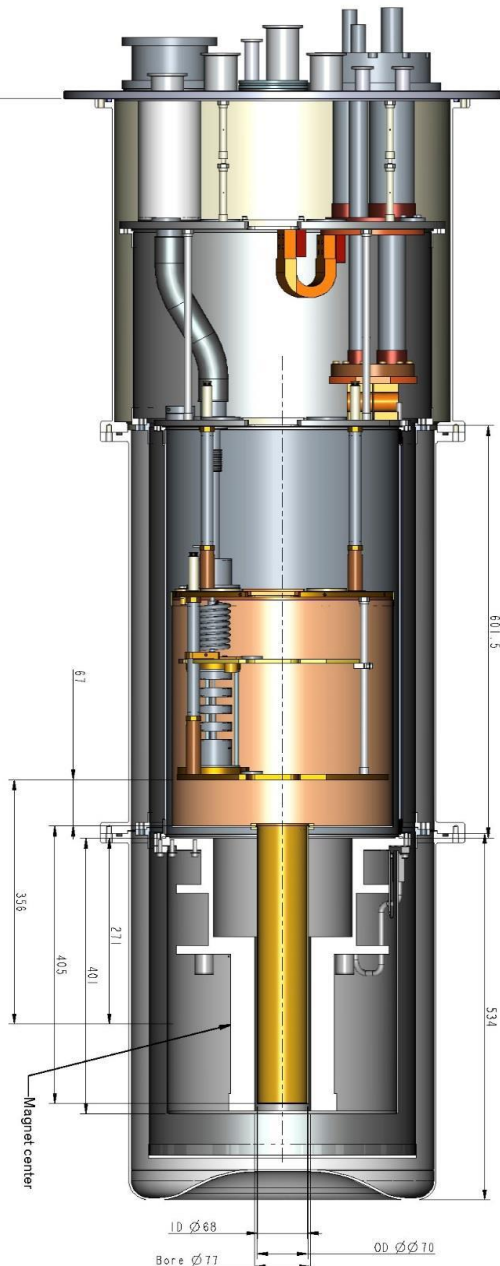


- Magnet upgrade
- Conic shell cavity
- JPA
- Cavity for noise calibration

# Layout



# New DR and Magnet Upgrade

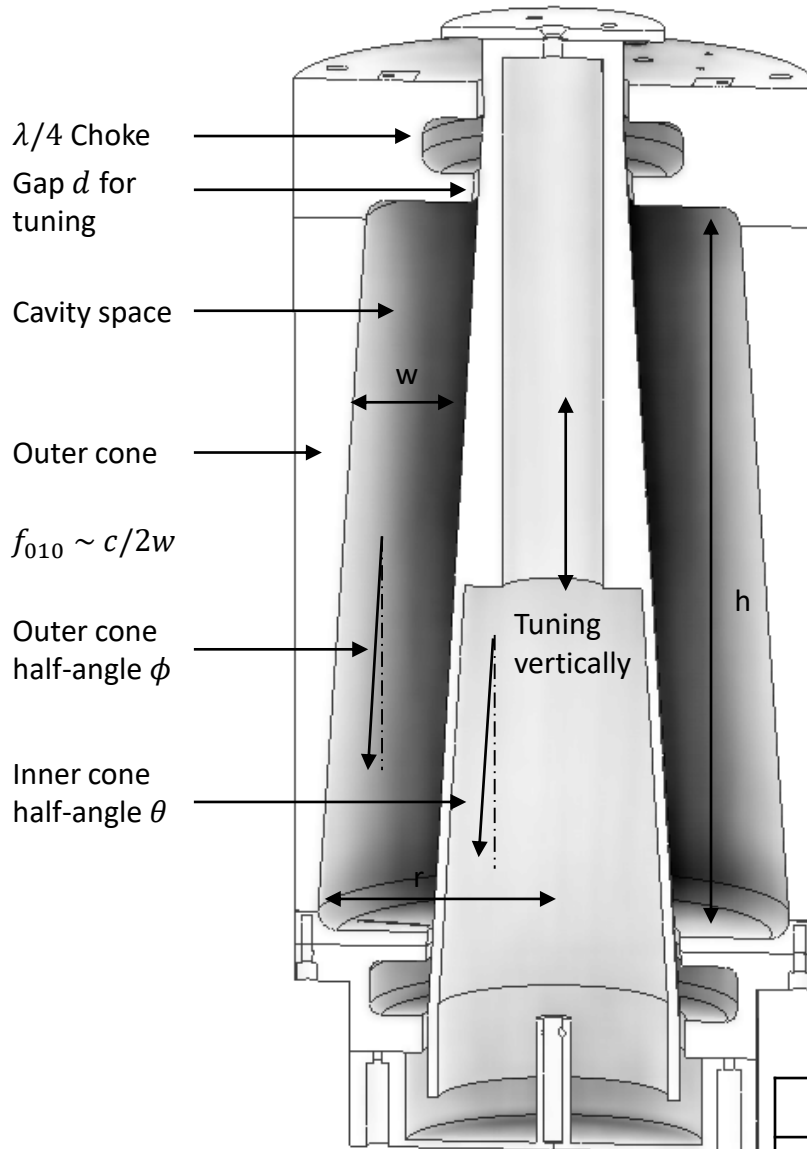


Magnet parameter	Old	New
$B_0$ (T)	8	9
Bore diameter (mm)	68	142
Length (mm)	400	400
Within 30% reduction (mm)	170	250
Inductance (H)	12	93

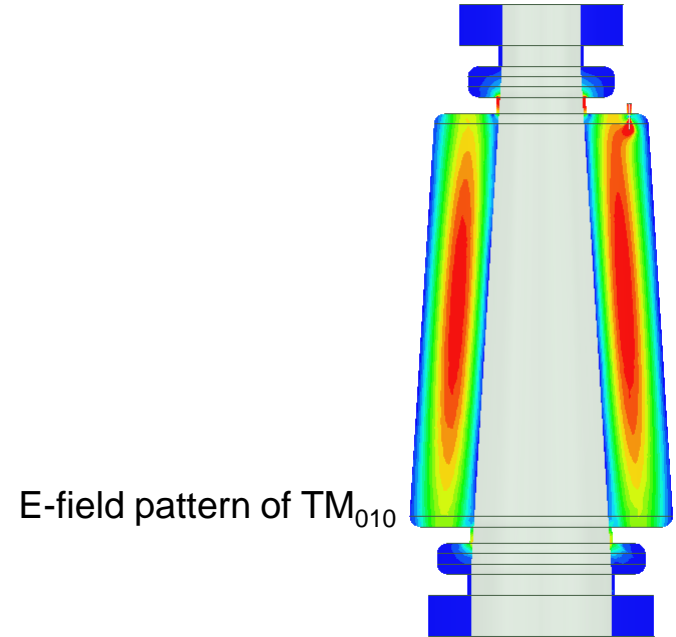
# Conic Shell Cavity

Ref: C. Kuo, *JCAP* **2021**, 02 018 (2021)

Design model (assisted by HFSS simulation)

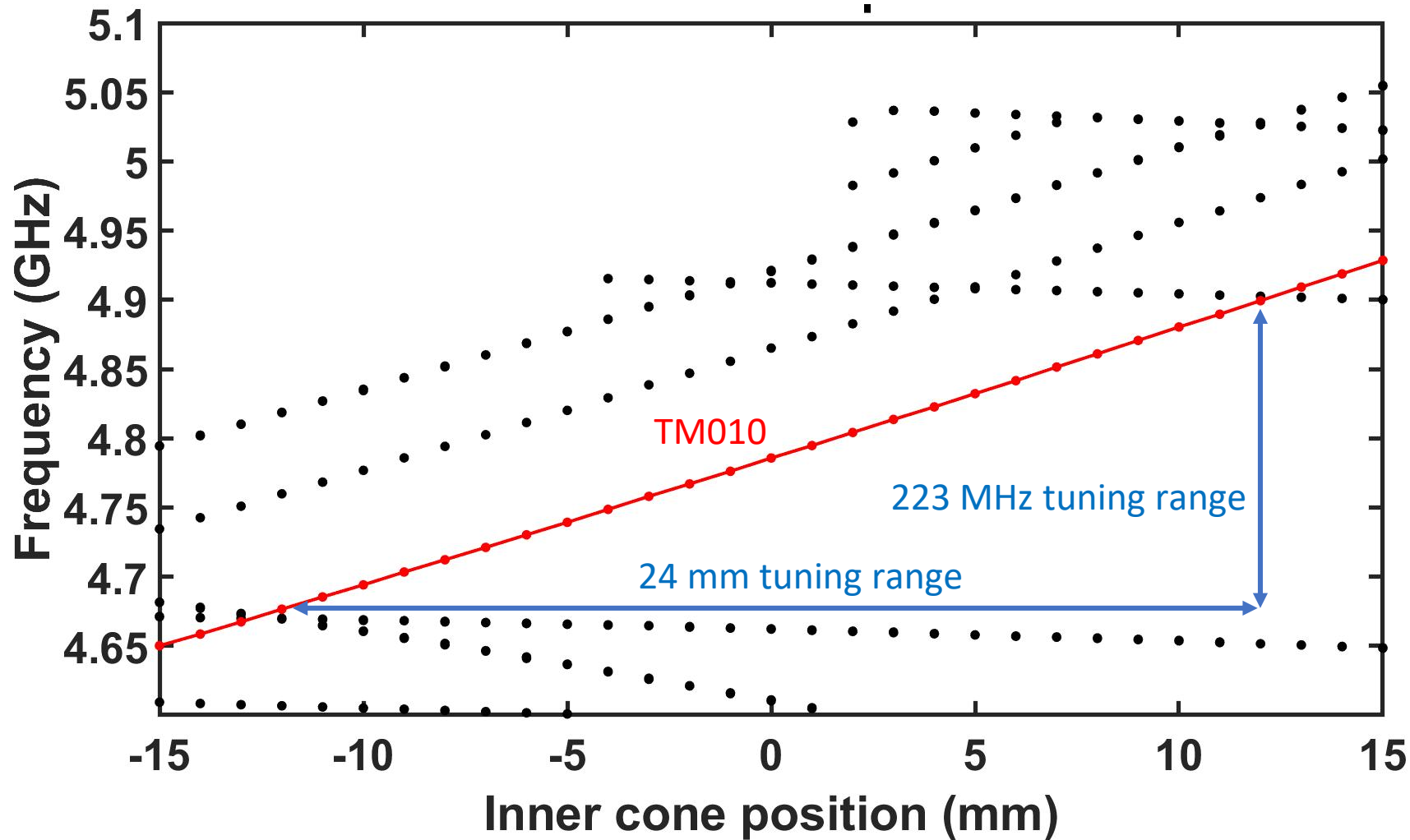


- $TM_{010}$  mode exists in cavity between two cones
- Maximize available space in magnet bore
- $f_{TM_{010}} \sim 4.75$  GHz
- Frequency tuning via inner position and different angles of cones
- TE modes are away from zero tuning
- $\lambda/4$  RF choke to reduce radiation loss from gap

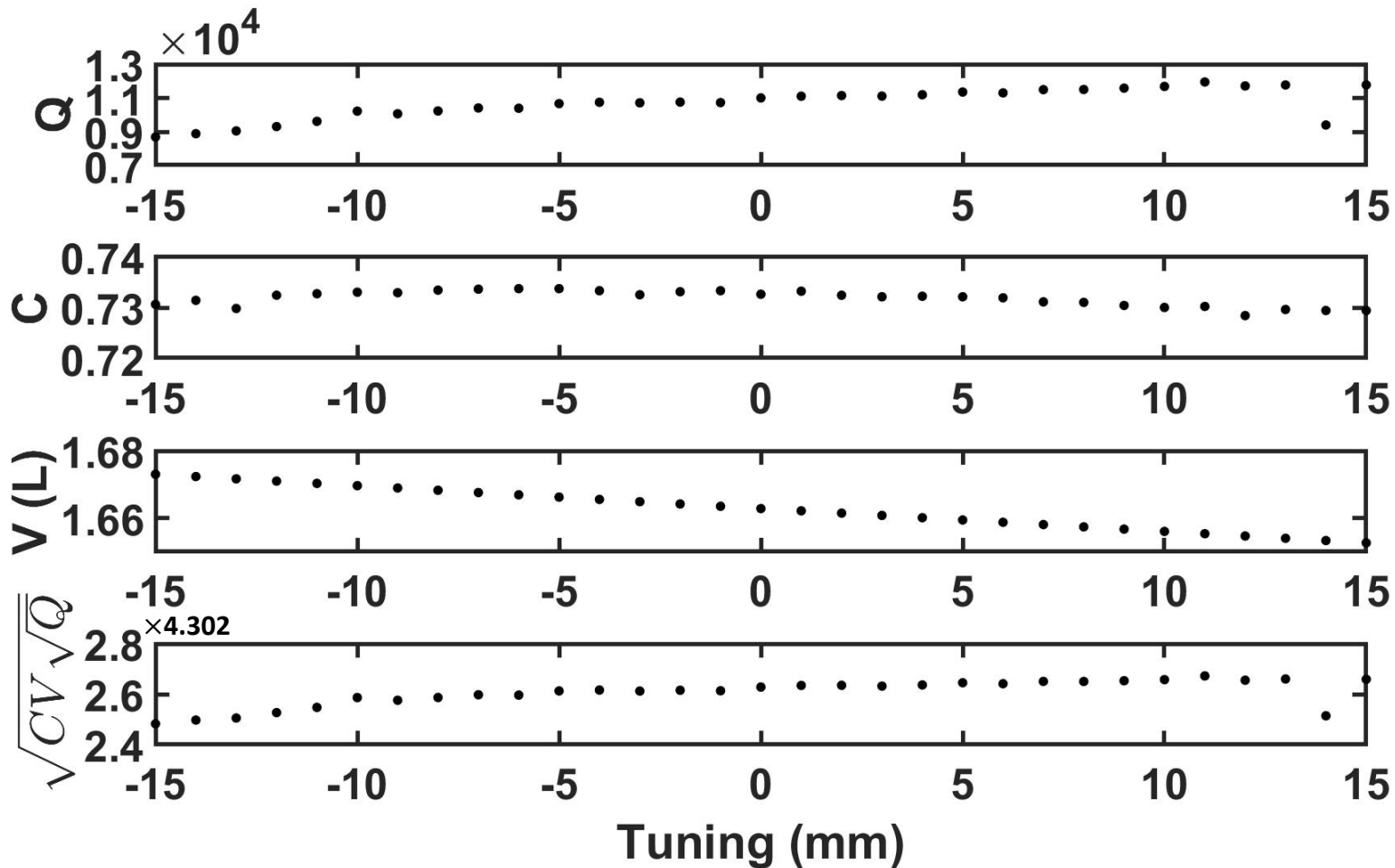


Material	R	w	h	$f_{TM_{010}}$	$\theta$	$\phi$	$d$
Cu coated s.s.	64 (mm)	31.35 (mm)	200 (mm)	4.785 (GHz)	3.5 (deg)	3.55 (deg)	1.5 (mm)

# Mode Map Simulation



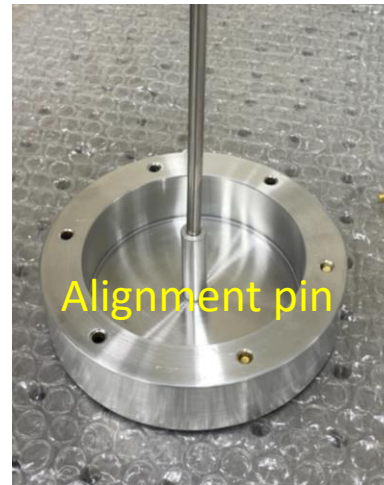
# Form Factor and Expected Cavity Performance



- Volume  $V \sim 1.66$  L, form factor  $C_{010}$ :  $\sim 0.73$
- Intrinsic quality factor  $Q \sim 42000$  is expected for Cu cavity at cryogenic temperature
- $\sim 2.6$  sensitivity improvement refer to the 1st results



# Fabrication of Test Cavity

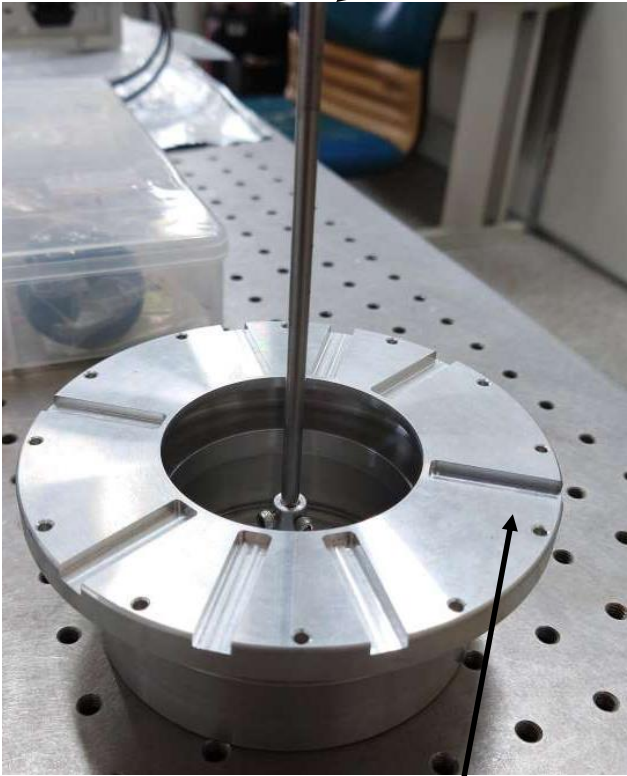
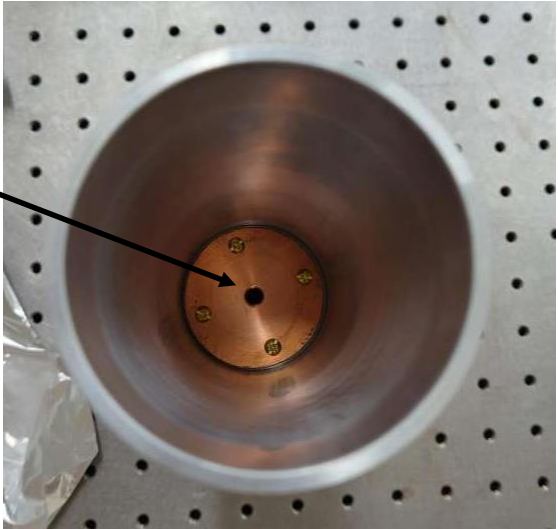


- Aluminum
- Whole weight ~ 6 kg
- Inner cone weight ~ 1 kg

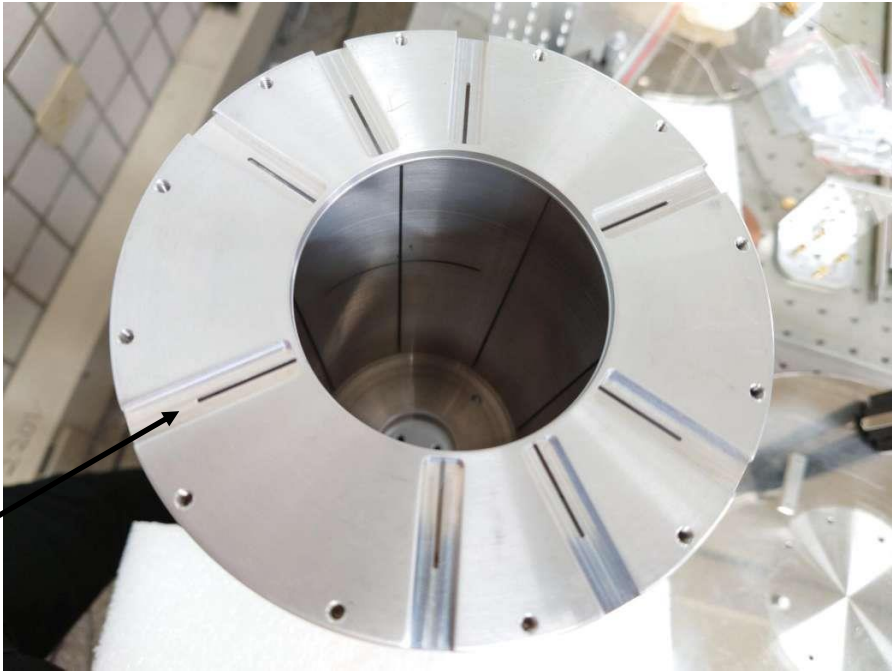
Material	R	w	h	$f_{TM010}$	$\theta$	$\phi$	$d$
6061 Al alloy	64 (mm)	31.35 (mm)	200 (mm)	4.855 (GHz)	3.5 (deg)	3.95 (deg)	1.5 (mm)

# Details

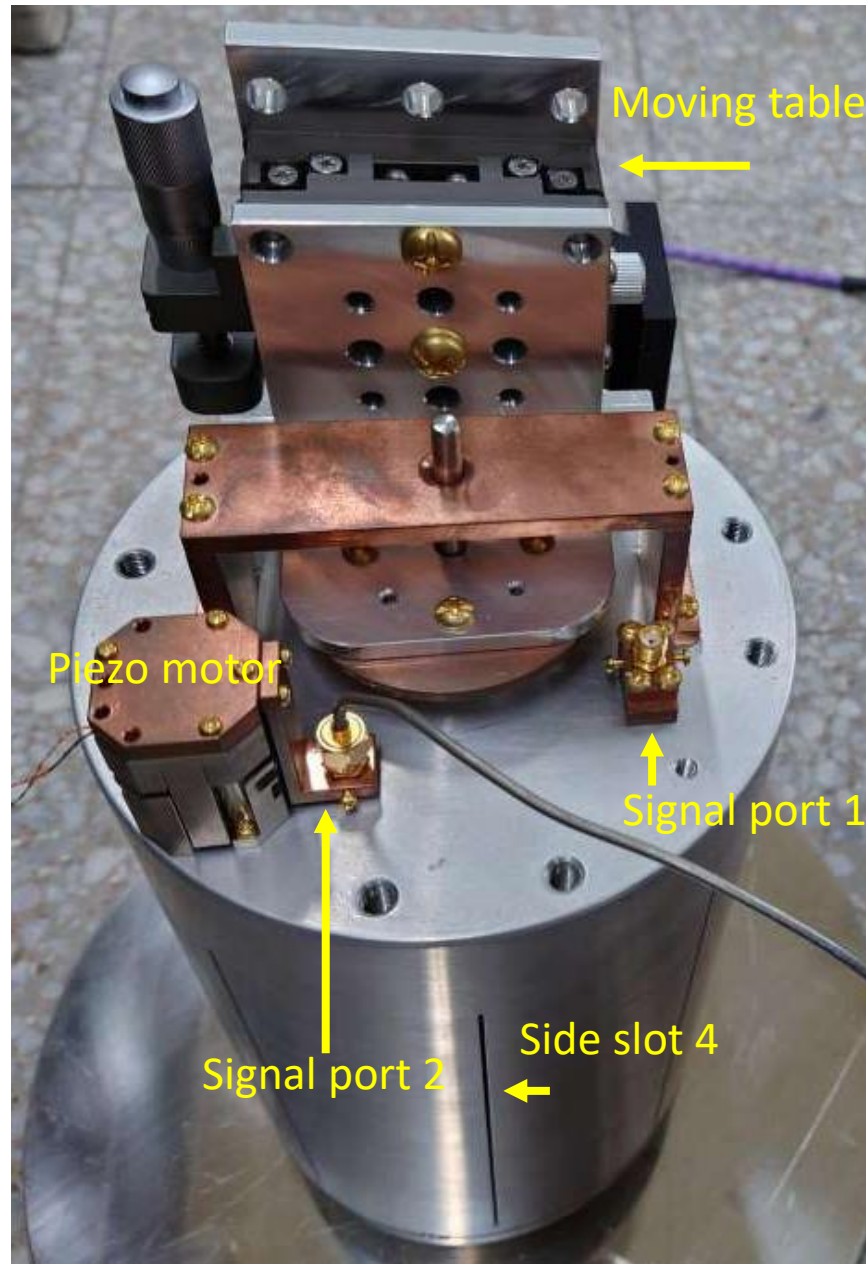
Inner cone alignment



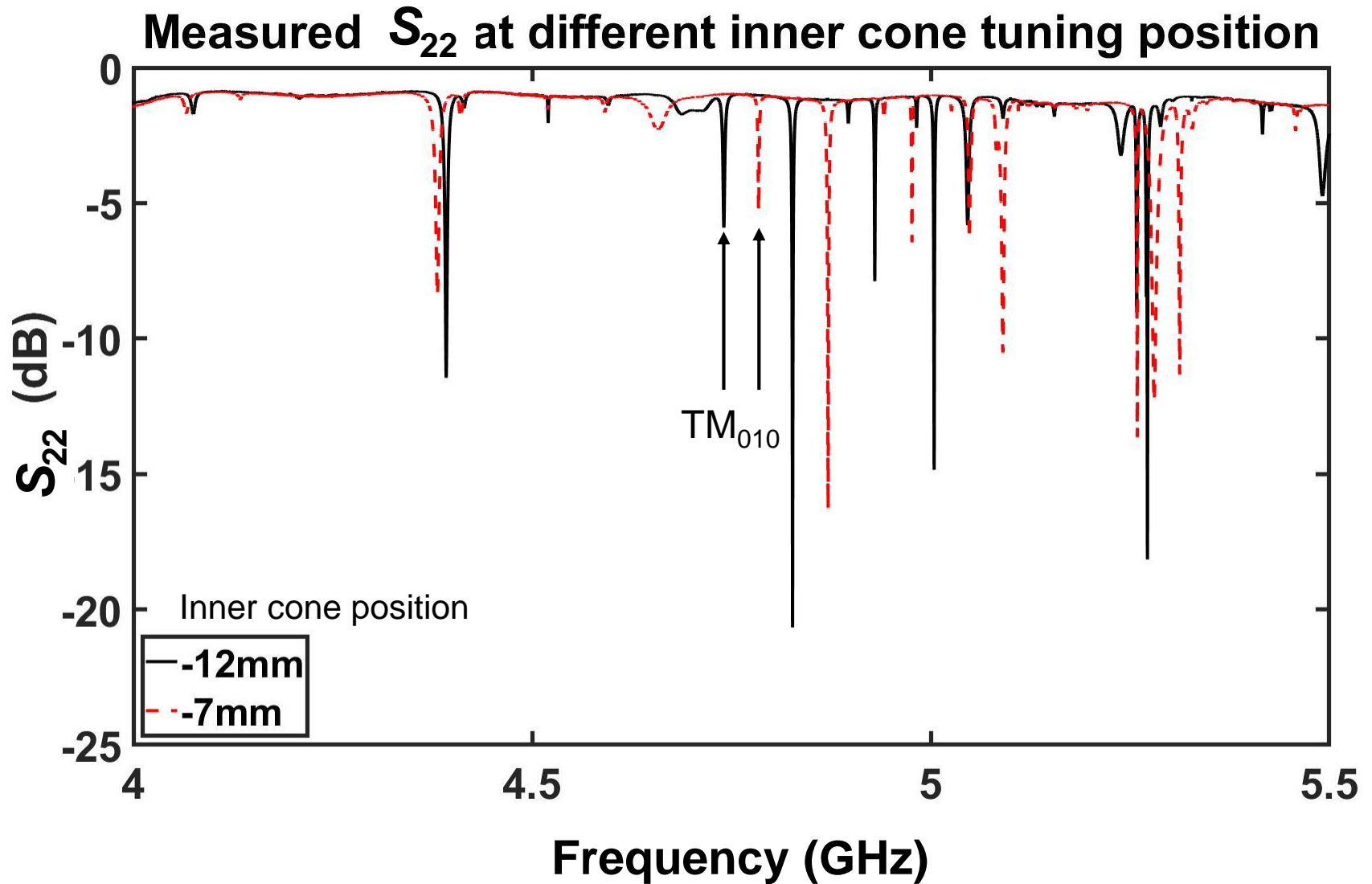
Bottom slot 4



# Top View

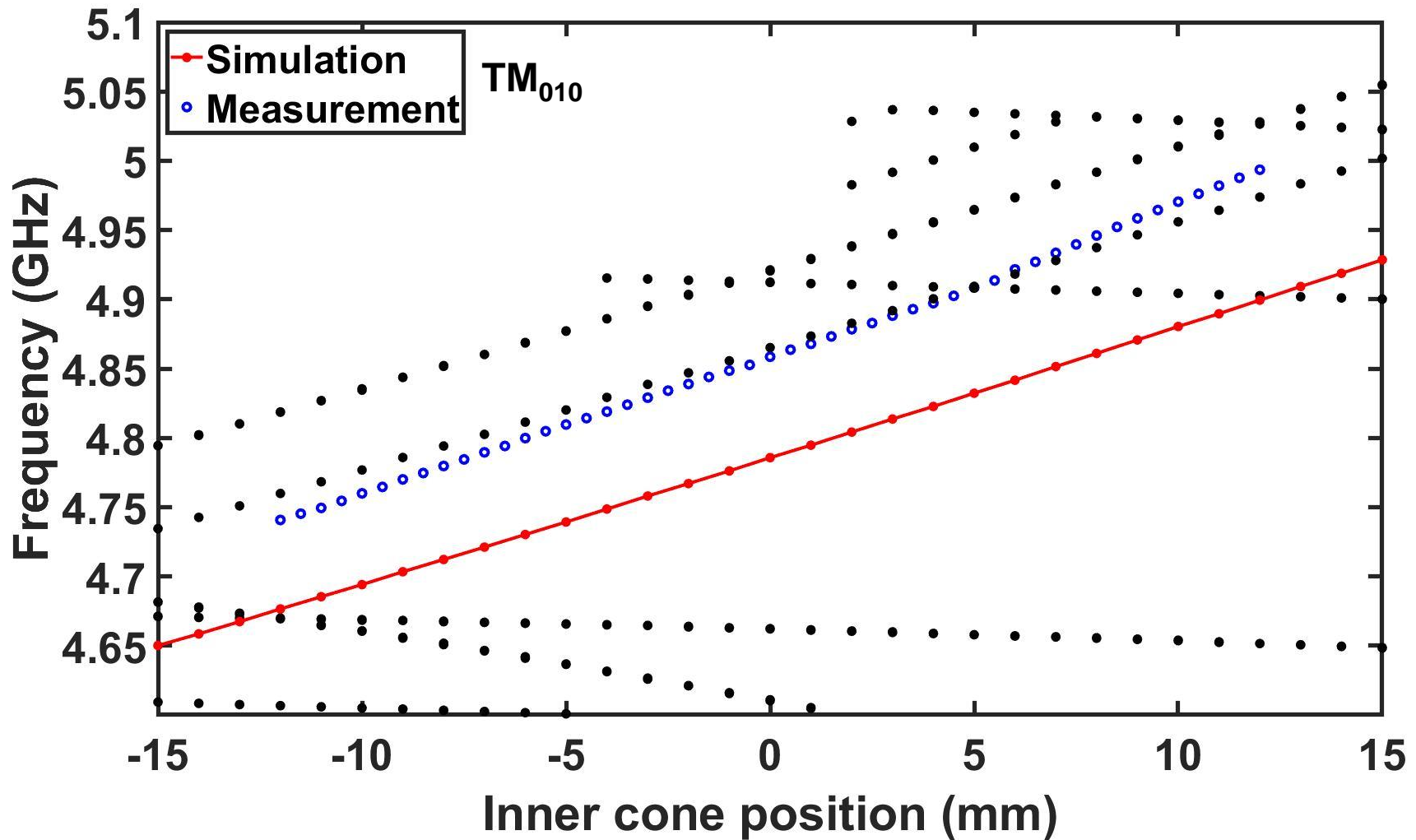


# Scattering Matrix Measurement



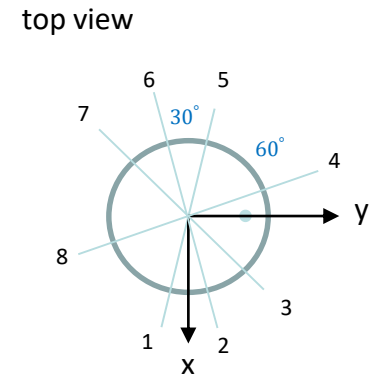
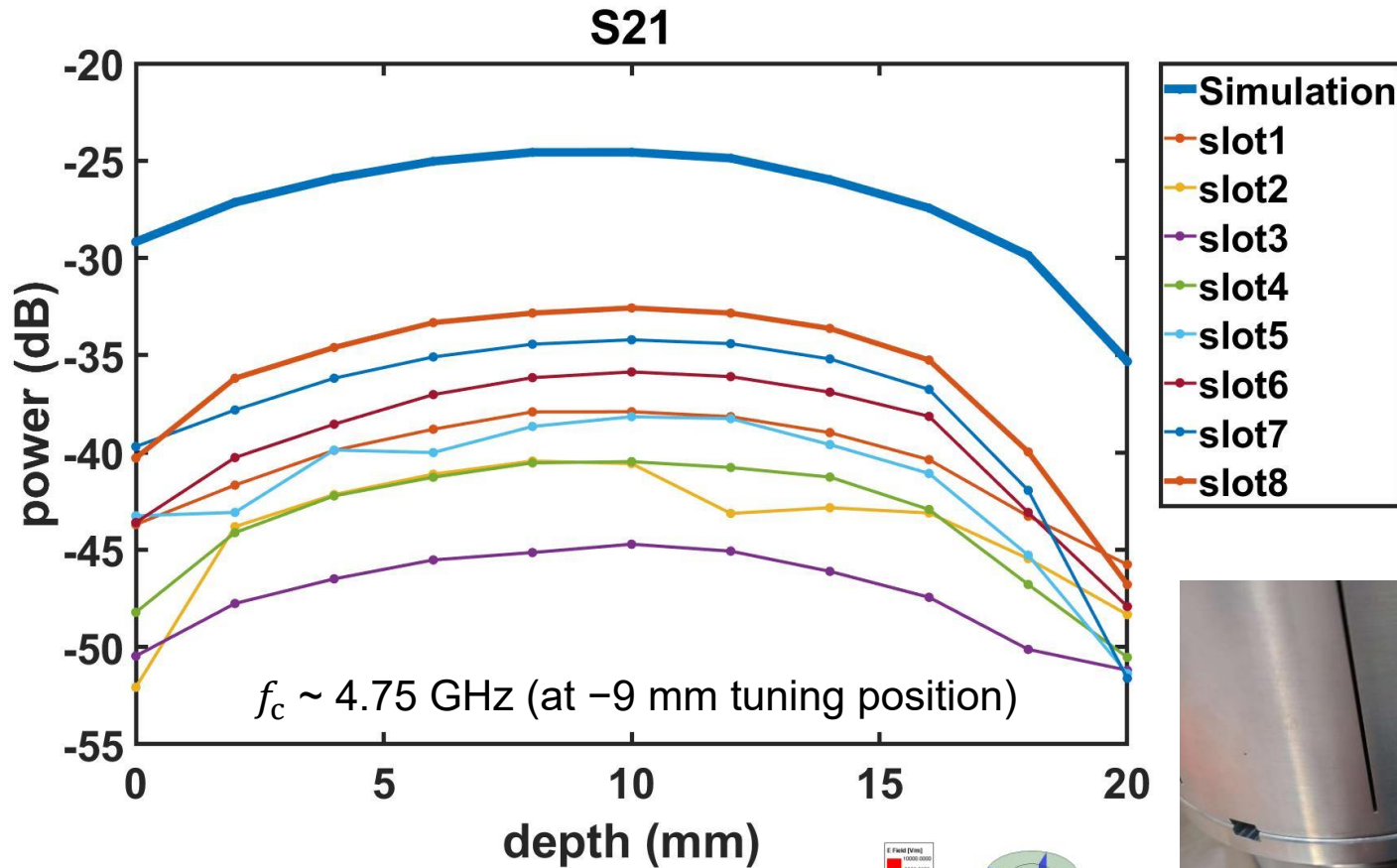
- $TM_{010}$  mode is identified.

# Mode Map

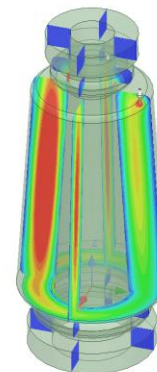


- Frequency tuning has nearly identical tuning range as design
- ~ 70 MHz off from design

# E-Field Distribution Measurement via Bottom Slots

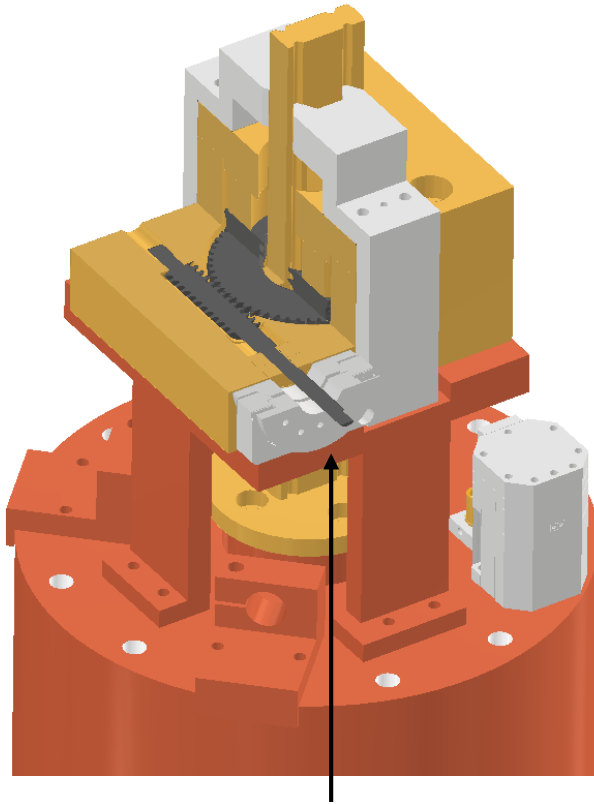


- TM<sub>010</sub> is confirmed.
- Angular dependence of field strength possibly due to inner cone offset.

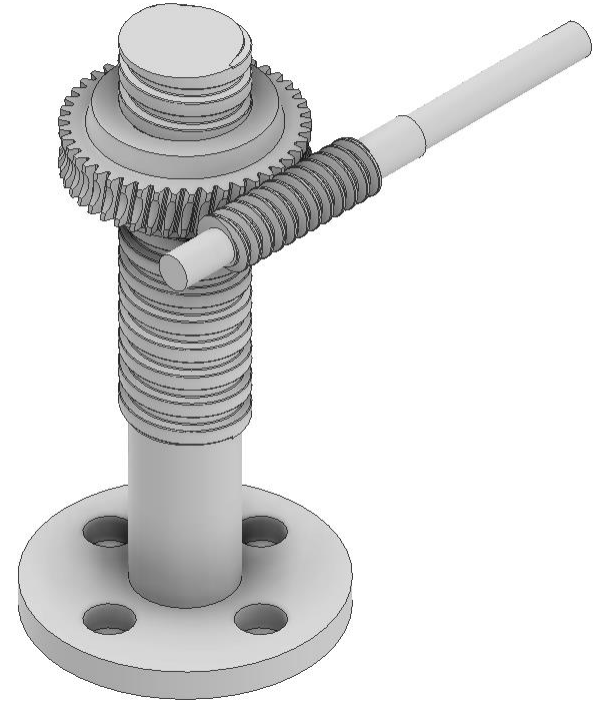


Shift of 0.2 mm along y axis

# Preliminary Gear Design



Attocube rotation motor



- Gear: 5 mm pitch / 45 teeth
- Motor output normal force: 2 N
- Lift weight: 50 kg
- Cavity tuning: 0.93 MHz/mm
- Frequency tuning 150 kHz, 0.15 mm tuning position, 1.4 turn, slow operation

# Work Items

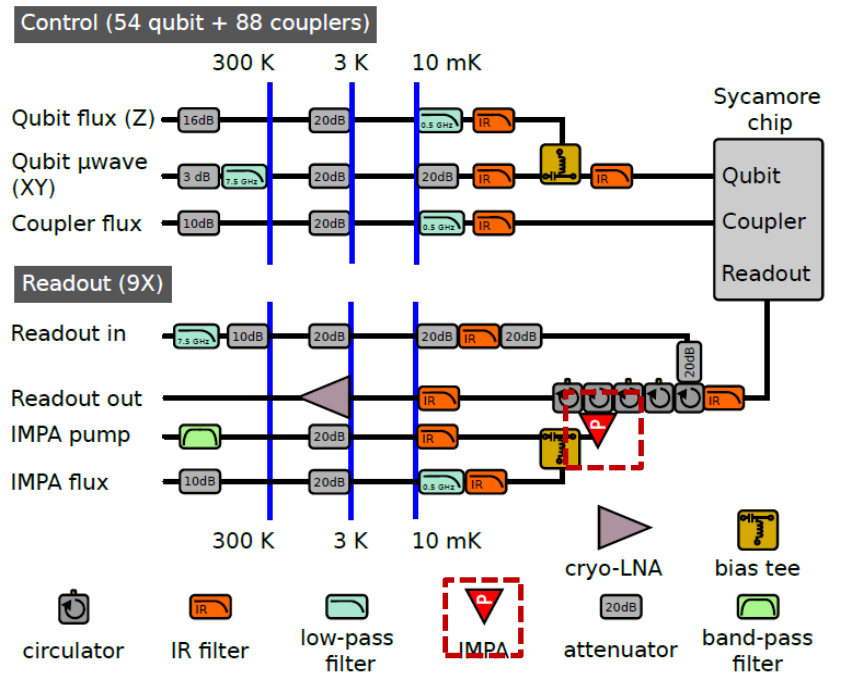
- Copper-coated stainless steel cavity
  - Electrical and thermal conductivity
- Alignment of inner and outer cones
- Gear box:
  - Design
  - Material
  - Coating
- Heating by motor and gear box



# Josephson Parametric Amplifier (JPA)

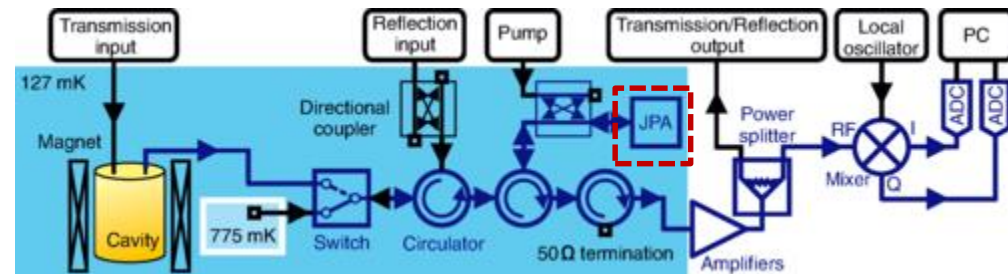
JPAs reach quantum-limited performance (added noise of half photon) in 1-10 GHz band

## Superconducting qubit readout



F. Arute *et al.*, *Nature* **574**, 505 (2019)

## Axion dark matter search (HAYSTAC)



B. Brubaker *et al.*, *PRL* **118**, 061302 (2017)

# JPA Variety

- Current-driven JPA (quantum limited noise, narrowband)
- Flux-driven JPA (quantum limited noise, narrowband)
  - Good noise performance
  - Simple design and easy operation
  - Decent frequency tunability
- Lumped-element JPA (quantum limited noise, wider band)
- Impedance-transformed JPA (quantum limited noise, wideband)
- Travelling-wave JPA (more noisy, ultra wideband)

# Device Layout and Fabrication

Via all-ebeam lithography process developed by Chii-Dong Chen in ASloP

- One ebeam writing/lithography
- Depositions in single vacuum
- Cross-junction fabrication
- Oxidation parameters

$$P_{O_2} \sim 38 \text{ mTorr}, t_{O_2} \sim 30 \text{ min}$$

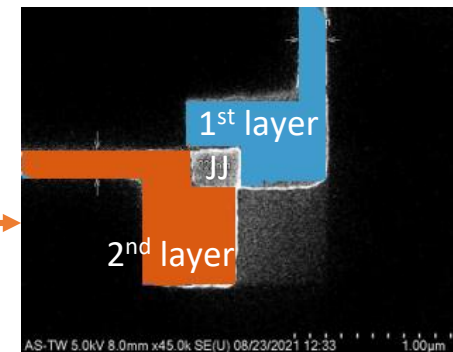
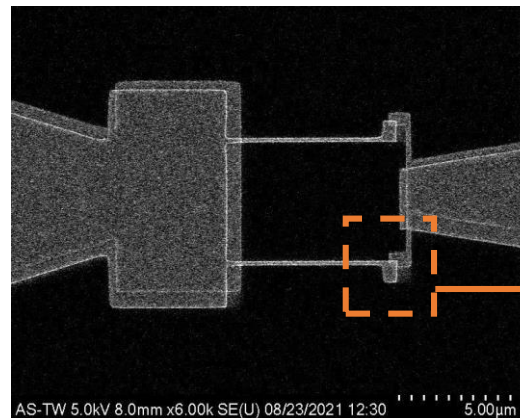
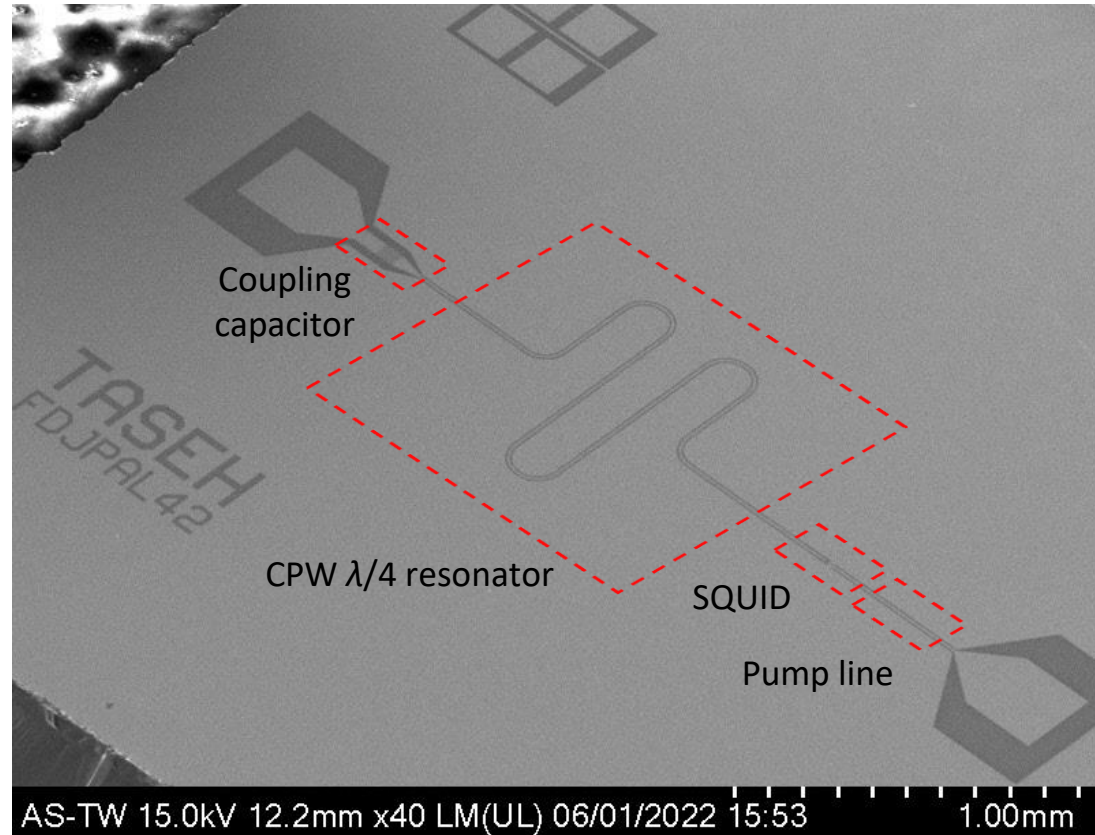
$$R_{\square} \sim 50 \Omega \mu\text{m}^2$$

- Junction parameters

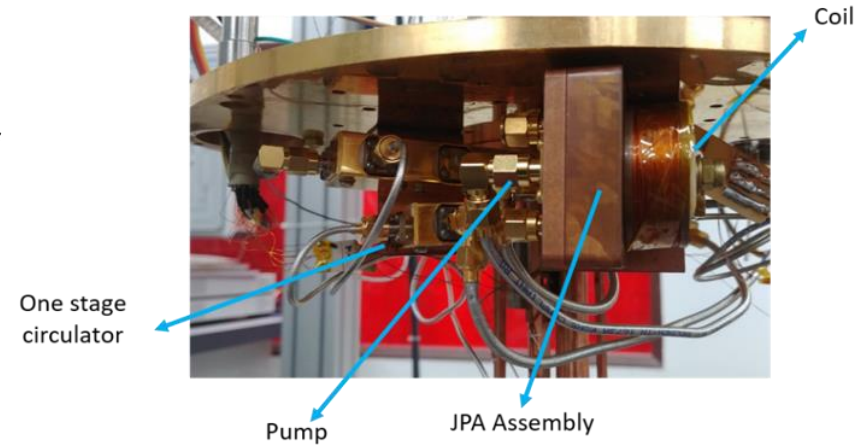
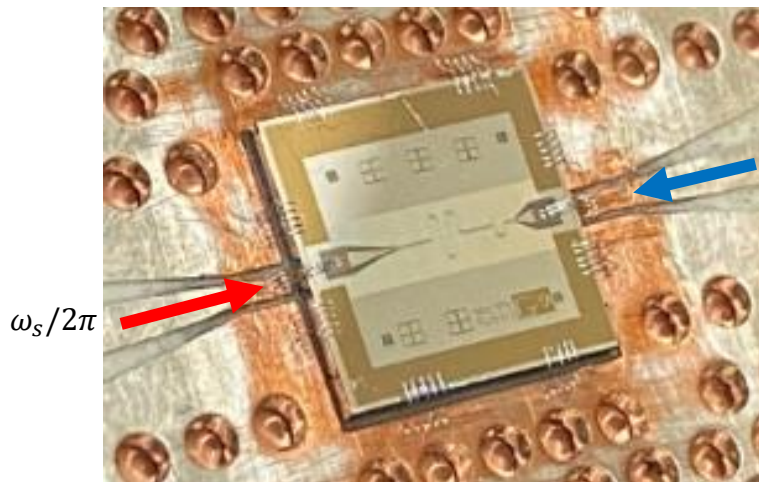
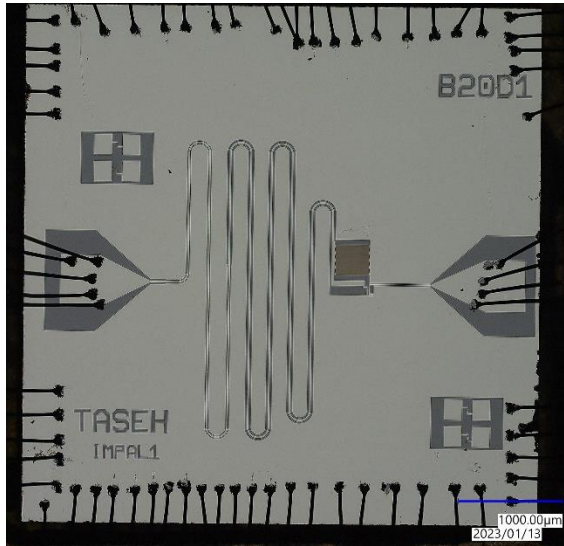
$$A_J \sim 0.3 \mu\text{m} \times 0.2 \mu\text{m}$$

$$R_{sq} = R_{\square} / 2A_J \sim 420 \Omega$$

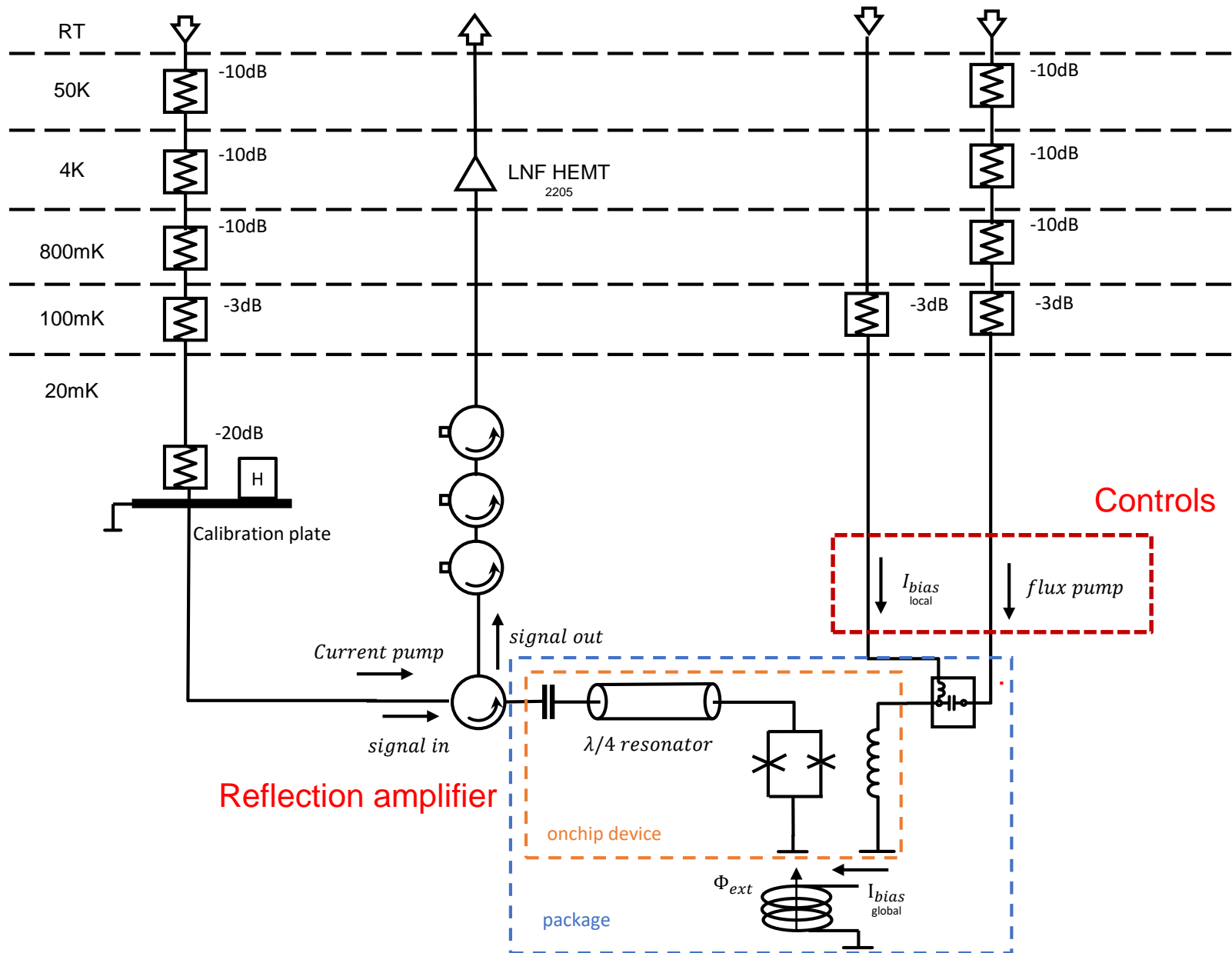
$$R_{tj} \sim 400 \Omega$$



# Device Packaging and Wiring

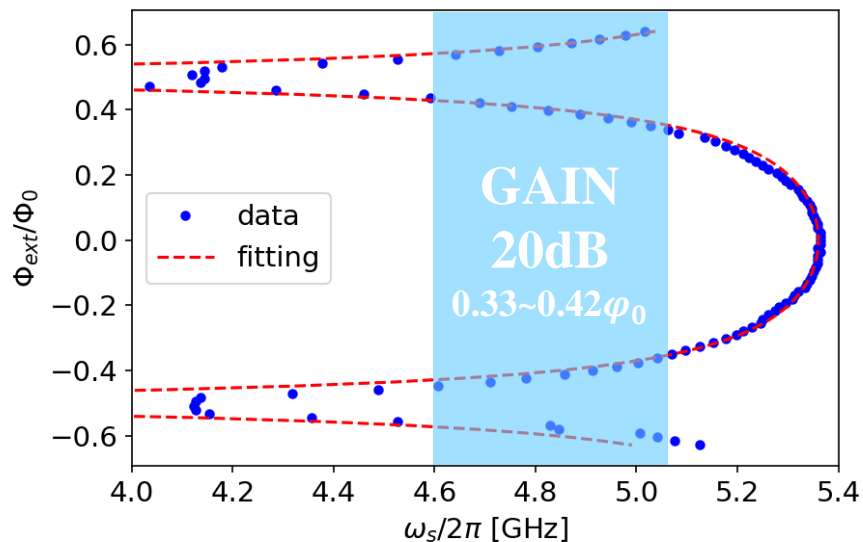


# Cryogenic Wiring

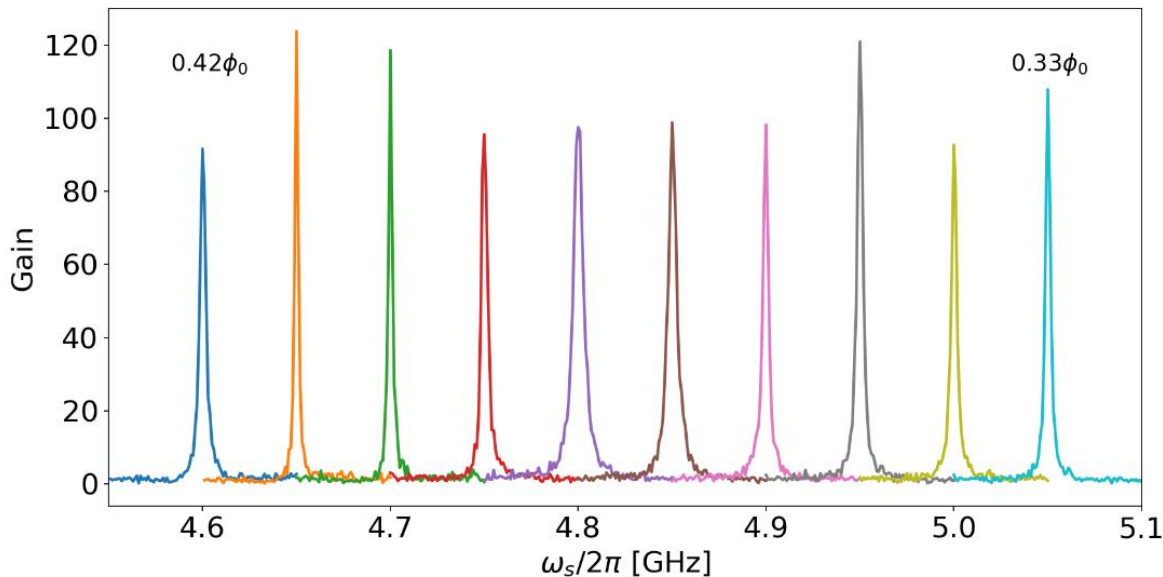
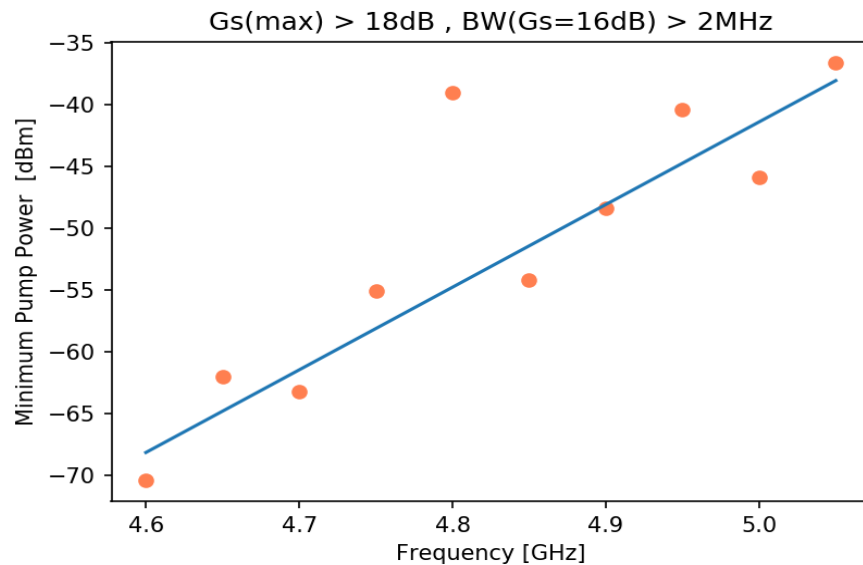


# Amplifier Operation (Phase Insensitive)

Pump off



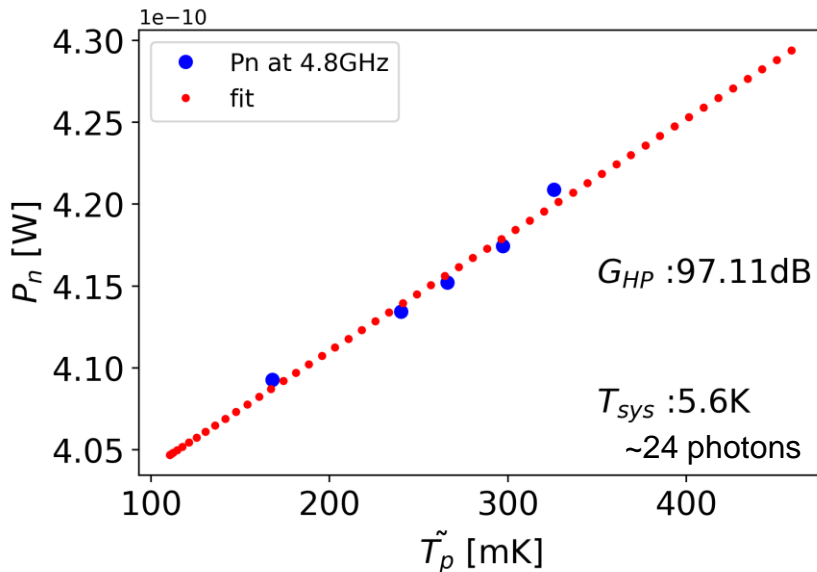
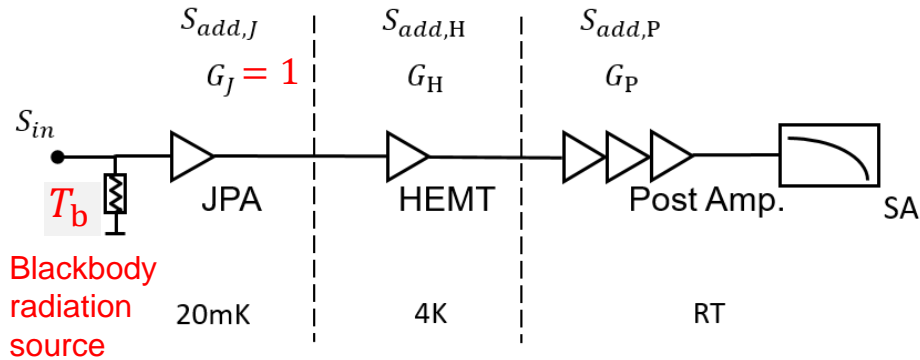
Pump on,  $\omega_p = 2\omega_r$  ( $2\omega$  pumping)



- Resonance frequency tuning via flux
- Gain-bandwidth product 40 MHz
- Tunability  
 $0.42 - 0.38\Phi_0$   
4.60 – 5.05 GHz

# Gain and Noise Calibration

Y-factor method to characterize system noise with JPA pump off



$$P_n = G k_B (\tilde{T}_b + T_a) \Delta f$$

$$\tilde{T}_b = \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B} \left( \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T_b) - 1} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

thermal                      vacuum

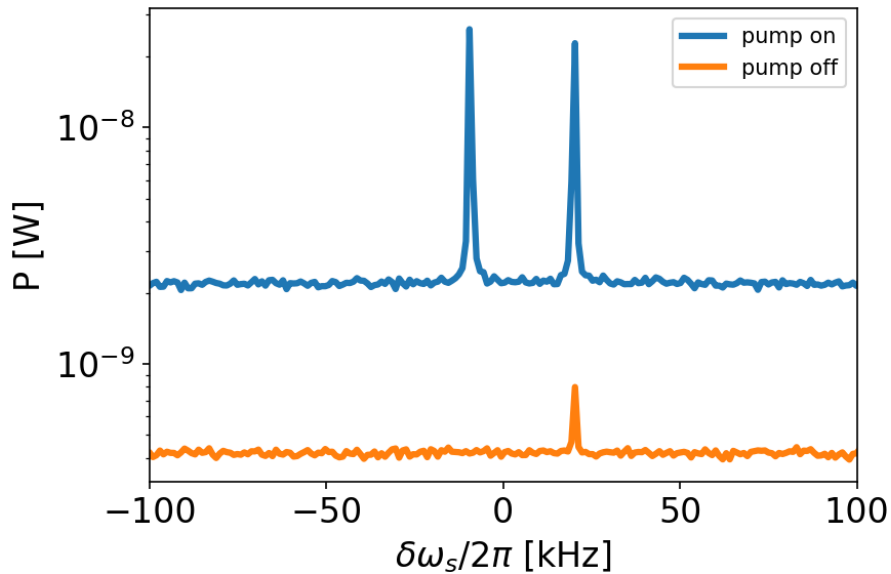
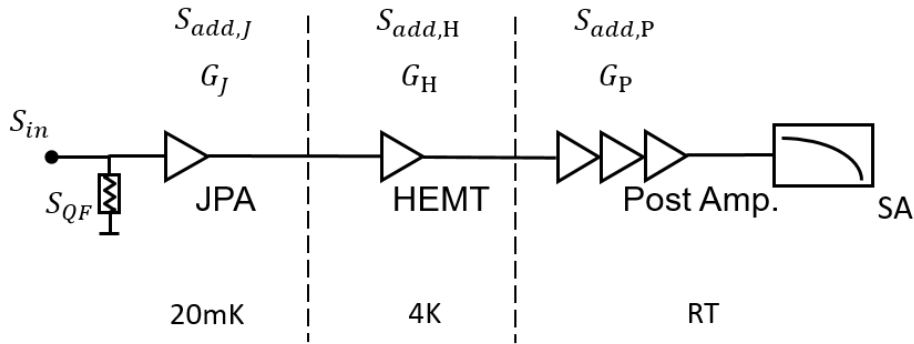
For  $\omega \sim 5$  GHz,

$\tilde{T}_b \approx 0.12$  K, as  $T_b \ll 0.12$  K

$\tilde{T}_b \approx T_b$ , as  $T_b \gg 0.12$  K

# Noise Performance

## Signal-to-noise improvement method



- $G_{\text{JPA}} \sim 65.2 = 18.1 \text{ dB}$
- SNR improvement  $\beta \sim 13.5$
- Reduce detection time by a factor of  $\beta^2 \sim 182$
- $T_{\text{sys,on}} = T_{\text{sys,off}} / \beta \sim 0.41 \text{ K}$  ( $T_{\text{sys,off}} \sim 5.6 \text{ K}$ )
- $T_{\text{JPAA}} = T_{\text{sys,on}} - T_q/2 - T_{\text{sys,off}}/G_{\text{JPA}} \sim 0.21 \text{ K}$

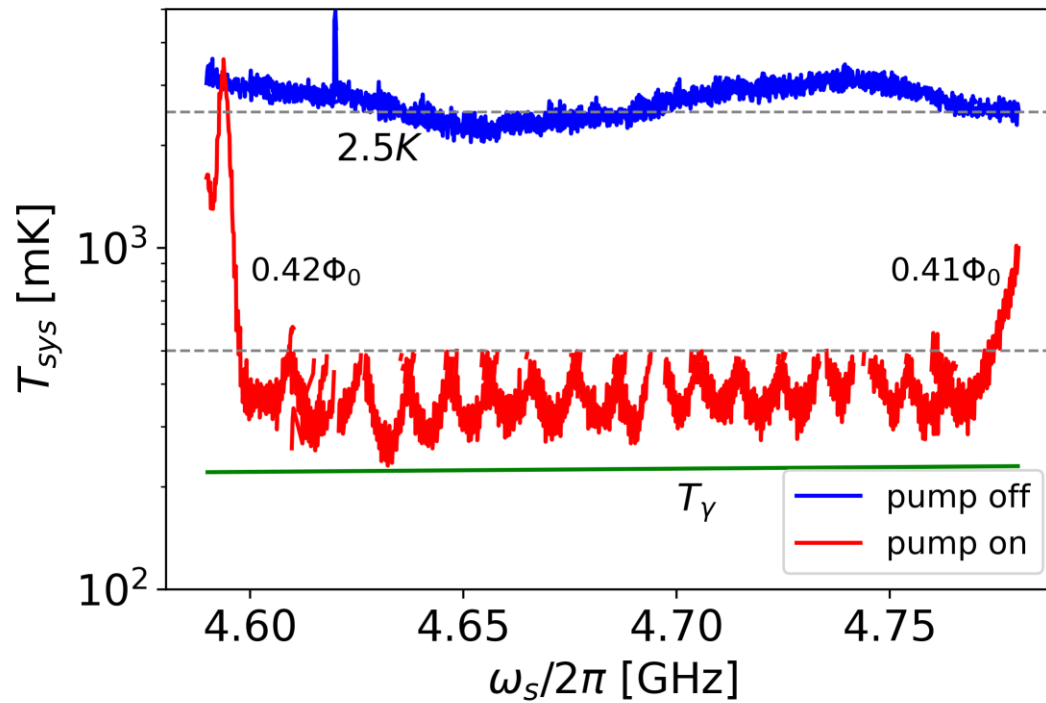
$$P_{\text{s,off}} = 0.368 \text{ nW} \quad P_{\text{s,on}} = 24.0 \text{ nW}$$

$$P_{\text{n,off}} = 0.430 \text{ nW} \quad P_{\text{n,on}} = 2.07 \text{ nW}$$

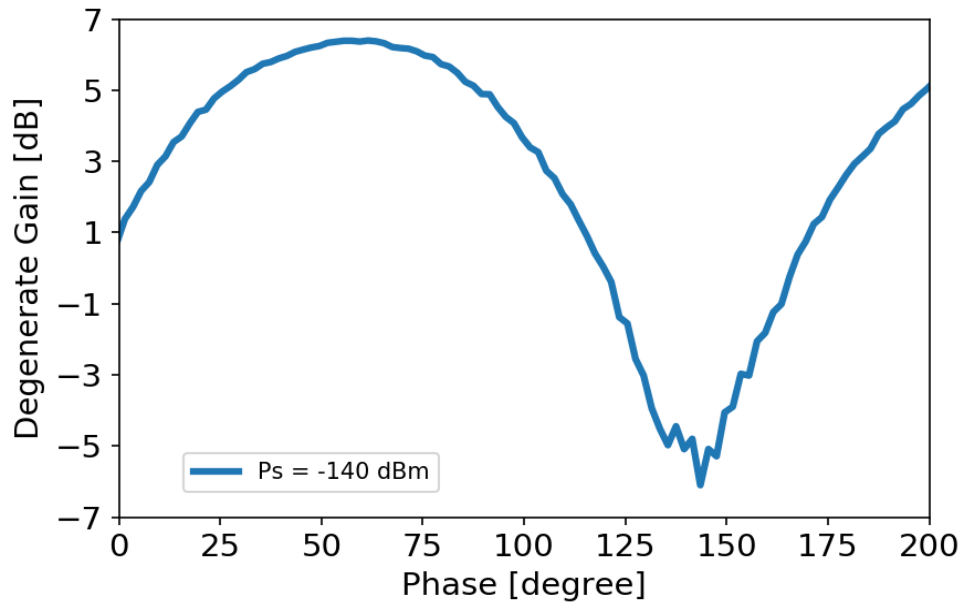


# Noise Performance vs. Operation Frequency

Consistent noise performance over frequency tuning



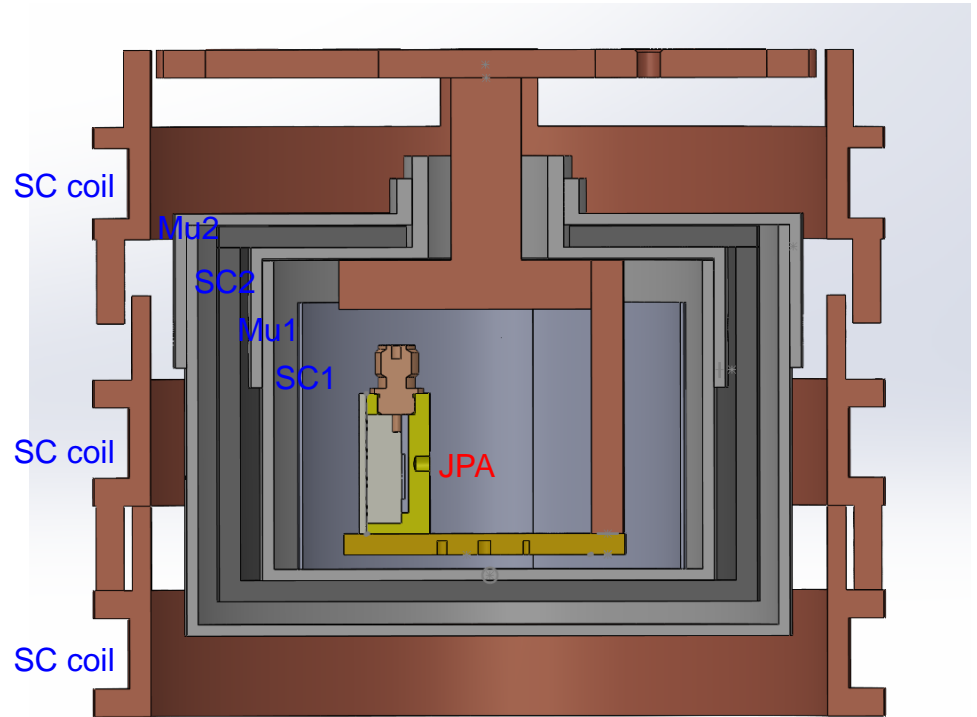
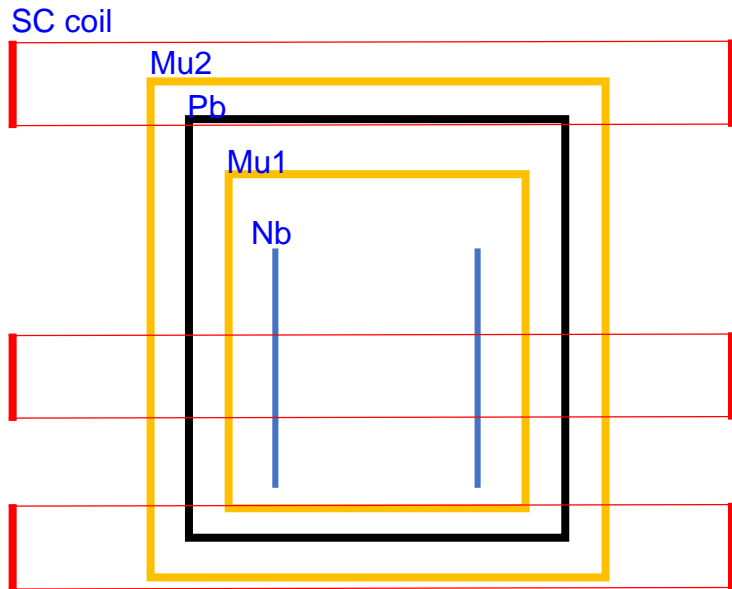
# Degenerate Mode Operation



- Gain depends on phase of signal (relative to phase of pump)
- Maximum deamplification  $G_Q \sim -6.5$  dB
- $\sqrt{G_I} \cdot \sqrt{G_Q} = 1$
- Precursor of squeezed vacuum state

# Static Magnetic Field Shielding

## Multilayer shielding

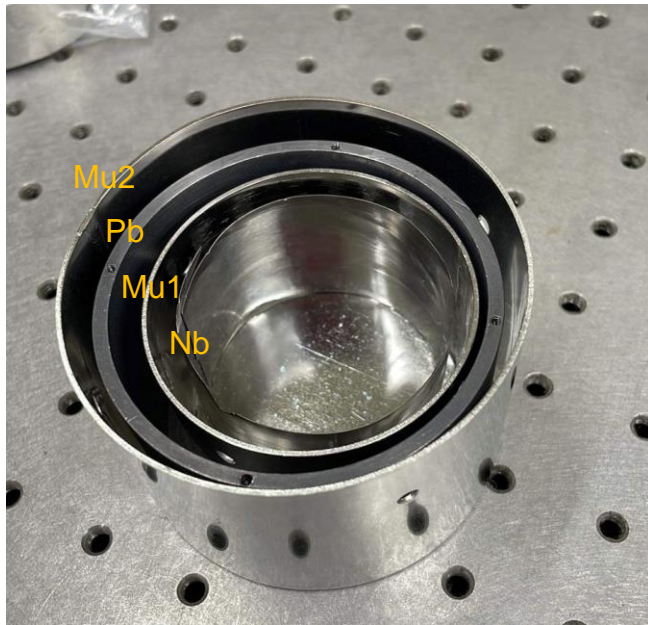


Goal: field reduced by a factor of 1000

Layer	Material	OD/ID (mm)
SC1	Nb	65.2/62.0
Mu1	A4K	68.4/65.2
SC2	Pb	77.4/71.4
Mu2	A4K	89.8/86.3

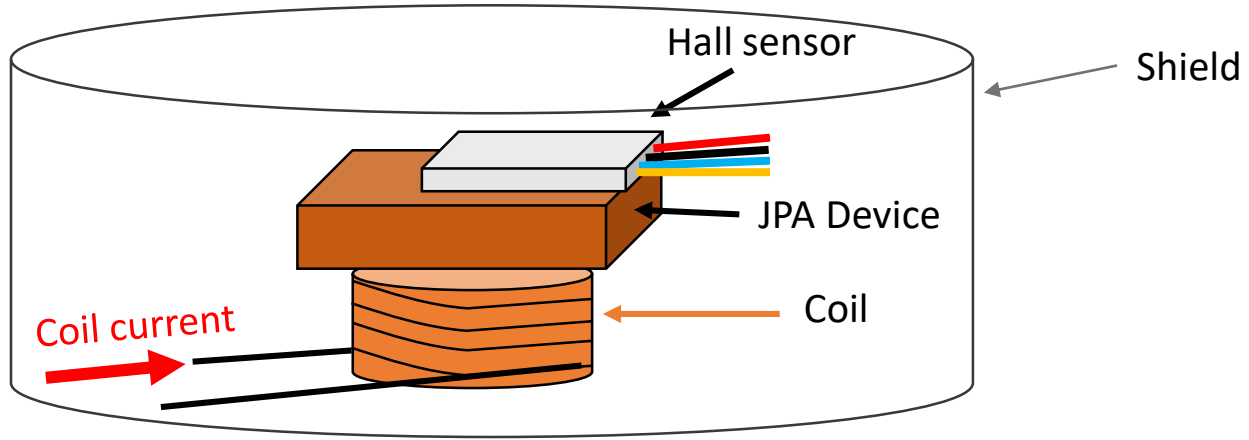
# Shielding Set

Multilayer shielding



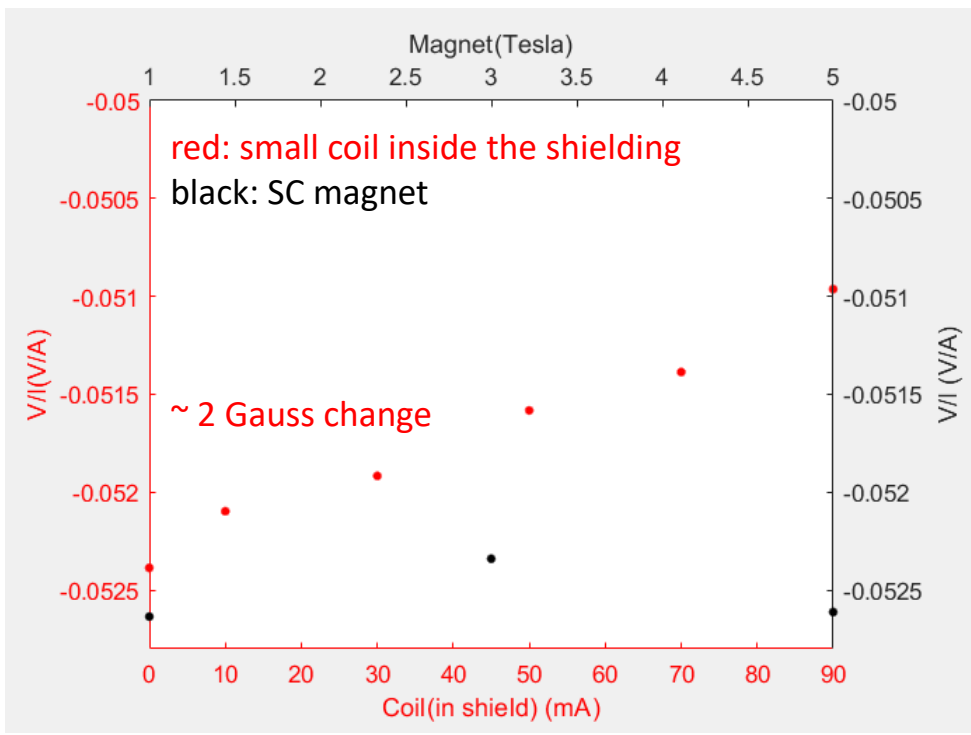
# Shielding Effect

## Setup

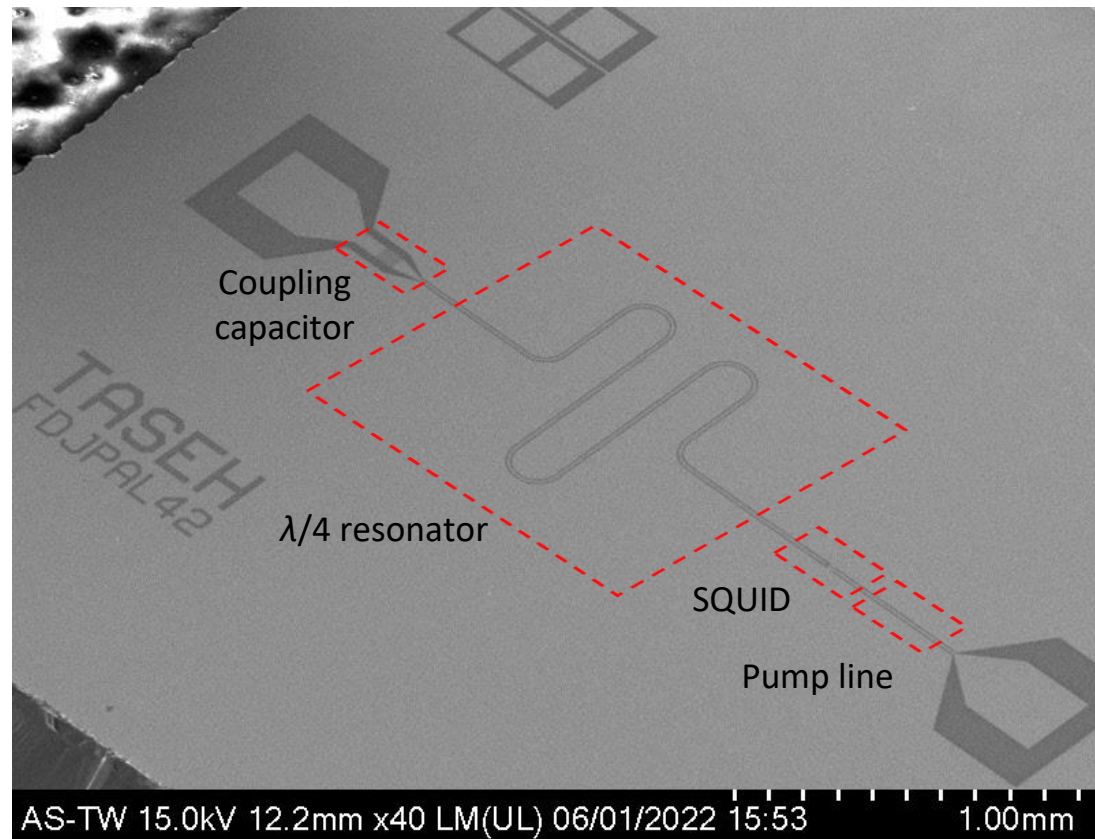


Hall sensor calibrated sensitivity:  
1200 gauss/(V/I)

1~5 T from SC magnet in z-direction



# JPA Performance Summary



Type	FDJPA
Gain	20 dB
Bandwidth	~ 5 MHz
Central frequency	4.60 – 5.05 GHz
Added noise	~ 210 mK
1dB compression	-135 dBm
Deamplification	-6.5 dB
Pump power	-65 – -40 dBm

Reasonable for axion haloscope application

# Expected Performance of Upgrade Setup

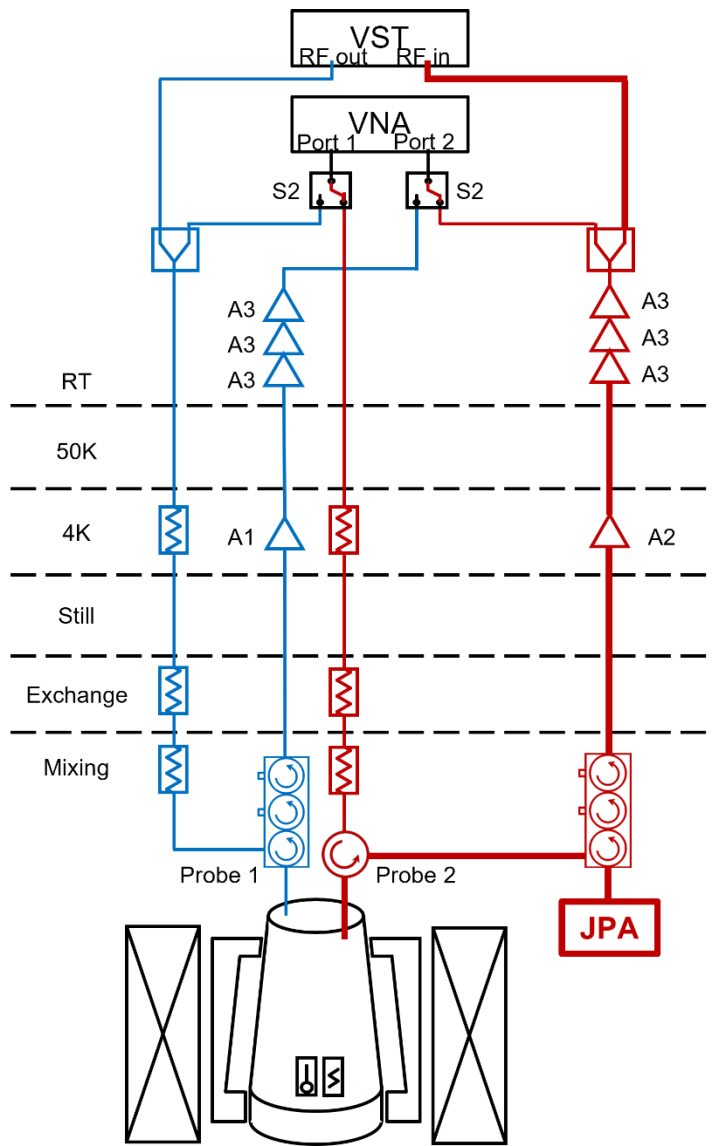
- Magnet upgrade
- Large conic shell cavity design
- JPA

## Improvement

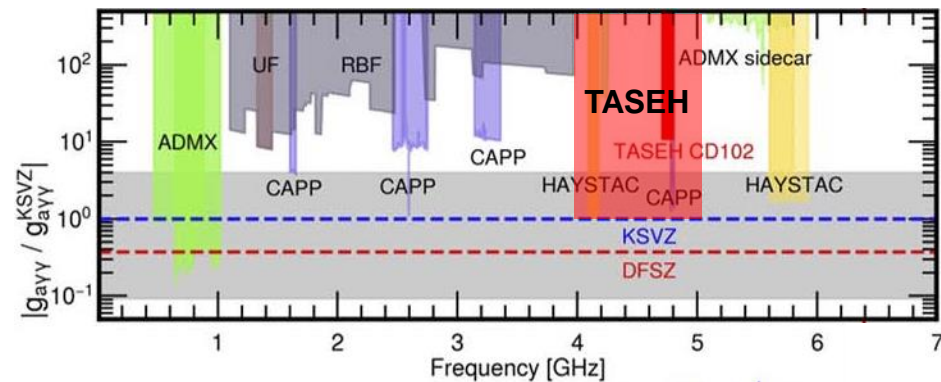
Haloscope performance	1 <sup>st</sup> results	Planned goal
$B_0$ (T)	8	9
$V$ (L)	0.23	1.66
$C_{010}$	0.62	0.73
$Q_0$	62000	42000
$T_{\text{sys}}$ (K)	2.2	0.3
$g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ (GeV <sup>-1</sup> )	$8.1 \times 10^{-14}$	$9.0 \times 10^{-15}$
Refer to KSVZ	11	1.2

# Planned Search Goal

Upgrade haloscope scheme:



Search exclusion plot

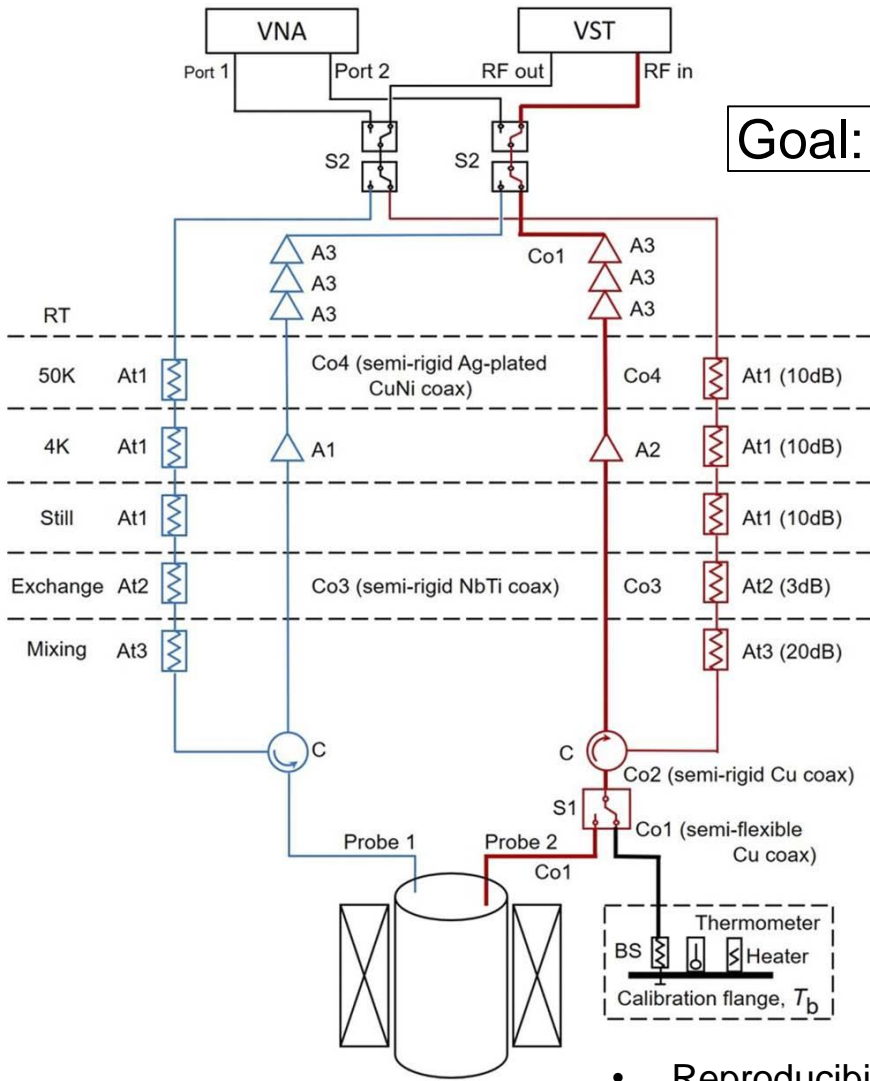


- Improve SNR by 8 – 10 times with magnet + cavity + readout upgrade, improve detection limit by ~ 3 times
- Reach QCD benchmark model
- Search 4 – 5 GHz axion via several cavities with similar design

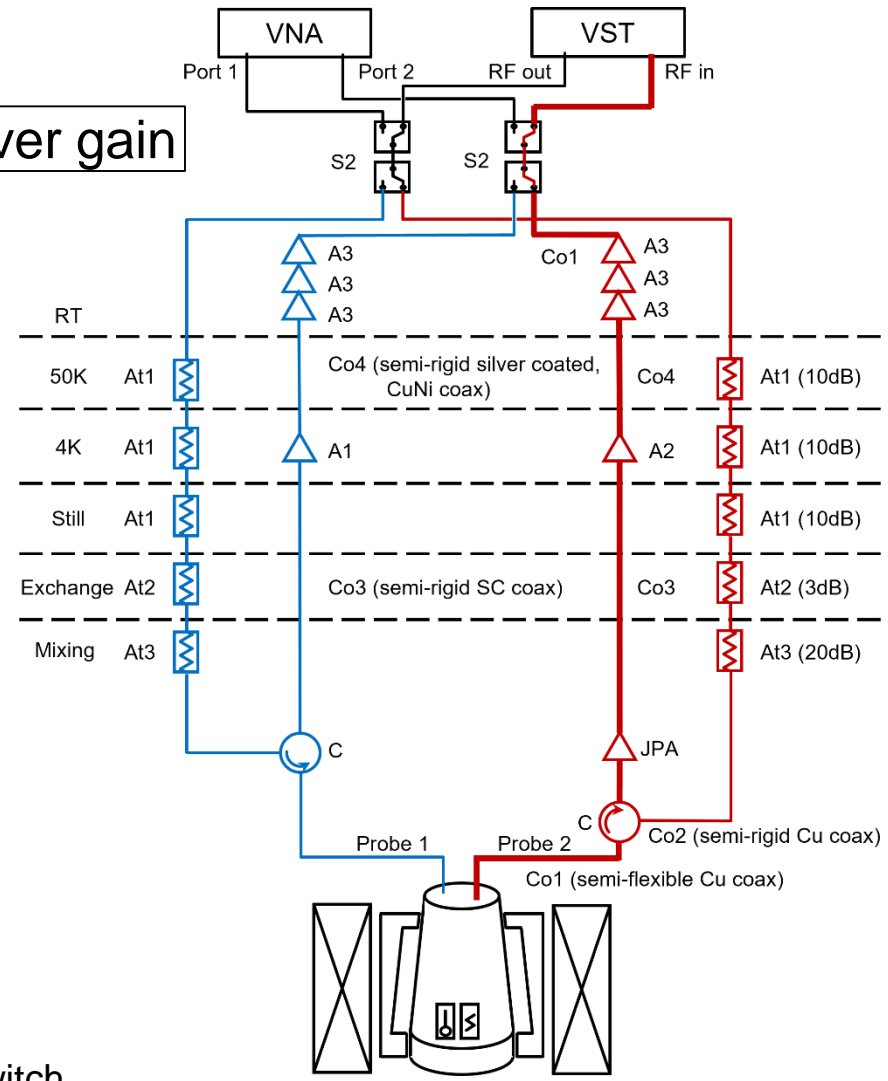


# Cavity as Noise Source for Receiver Calibration

## Original calibration setup

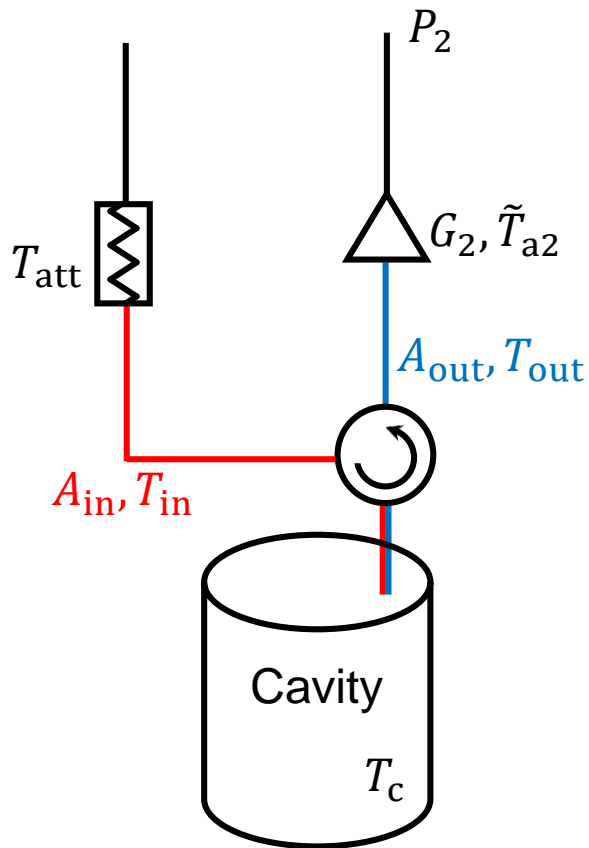


## Cavity calibration setup



- Reproducibility of switch
- Similarity of different lines

# Noise Power in Readout



No loss

$$P_2 = k_B \Delta f G \{ |S_{22}|^2 \tilde{T}_{att} + |S_{20}|^2 \tilde{T}_c + \tilde{T}_{a2} \}$$

$$\tilde{T}_i = \frac{\hbar \omega}{k_B} \left( \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar \omega / k_B T_i) - 1} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$|S_{22}|^2 = \frac{(\kappa_0 - \kappa_2)^2 + 4\Delta^2}{(\kappa_0 + \kappa_2)^2 + 4\Delta^2}$$

$$\Delta = \omega - \omega_c$$

$$|S_{20}|^2 = \frac{4\kappa_0 \kappa_2}{(\kappa_0 + \kappa_2)^2 + 4\Delta^2}$$

With cable loss

$$P_2 = k_B \Delta f G_2 \{ A_{out} \{ |S_{22}|^2 [A_{in} \tilde{T}_{att} + (1 - A_{in}) \tilde{T}_{in}] + |S_{20}|^2 \tilde{T}_c \} + (1 - A_{out}) \tilde{T}_{out} + \tilde{T}_{a2} \}$$

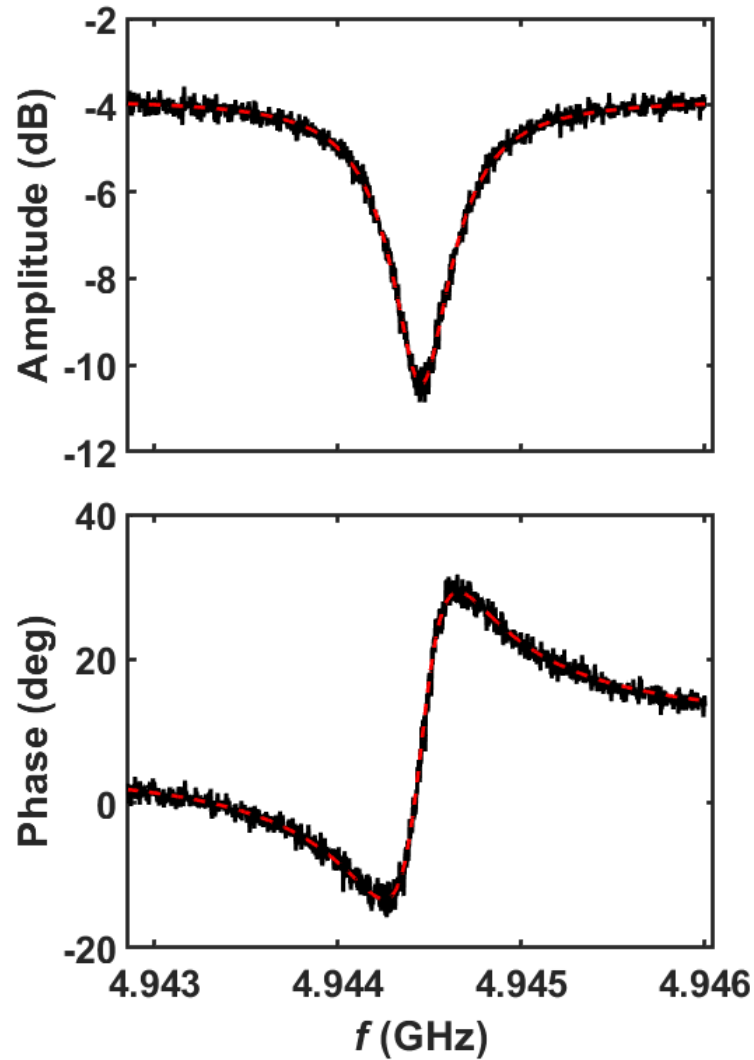
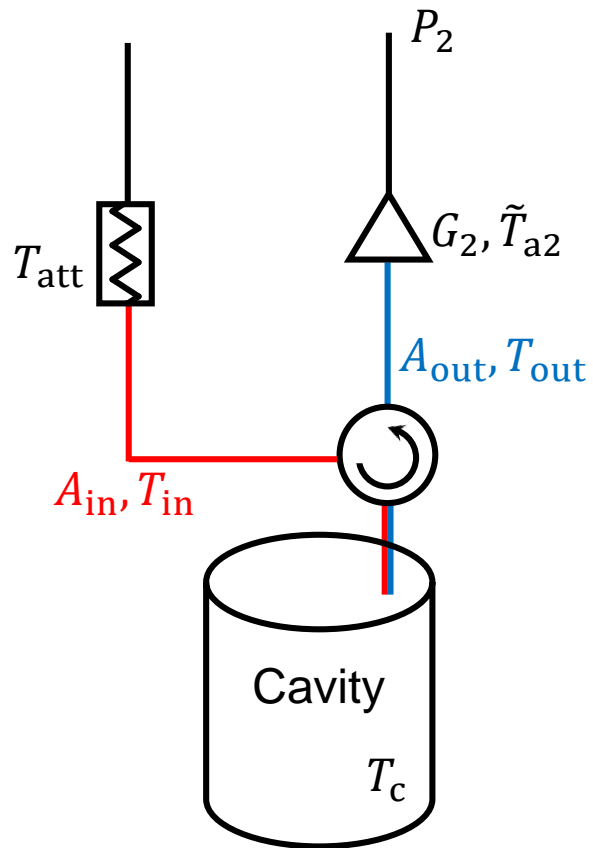
Simplified

$$P_2 = k_B \Delta f G'_2 \{ \{ |S_{22}|^2 [A_{in} \tilde{T}_{att} + (1 - A_{in}) \tilde{T}_{in}] + |S_{20}|^2 \tilde{T}_c \} + \tilde{T}'_{a2} \}$$

$$G'_2 = G_2 A_{out}$$

$$\tilde{T}'_{a2} = (1 - A_{out}) \tilde{T}_{out} + \tilde{T}_a$$

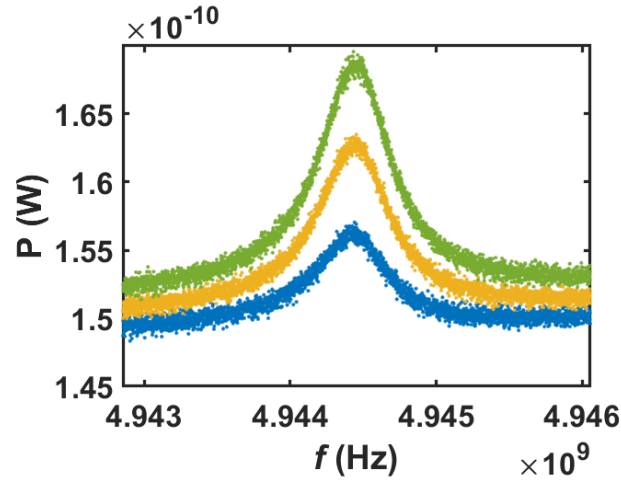
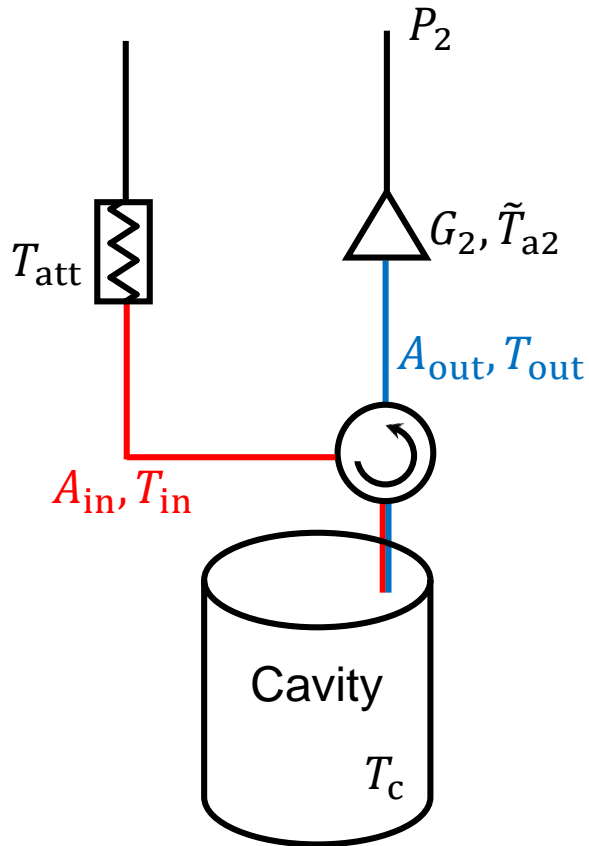
# $S_{22}$ Measurement



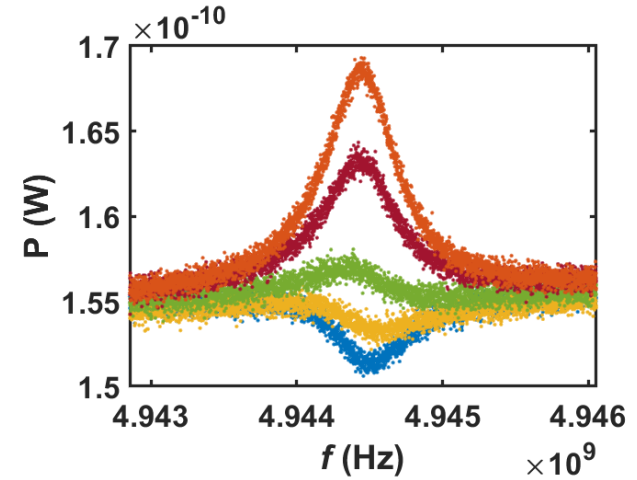
$f_c = 4.9445$  GHz  
 $\kappa_2/2\pi = 156$  kHz  
 $\kappa_0/2\pi = 432$  kHz

$$\frac{V_2^-}{V_2^+} \equiv S_{22} = \frac{\kappa_0 - \kappa_2 + i2(\omega - \omega_c)}{\kappa_0 + \kappa_2 + i2(\omega - \omega_c)}$$

# Noise vs. Temperatures



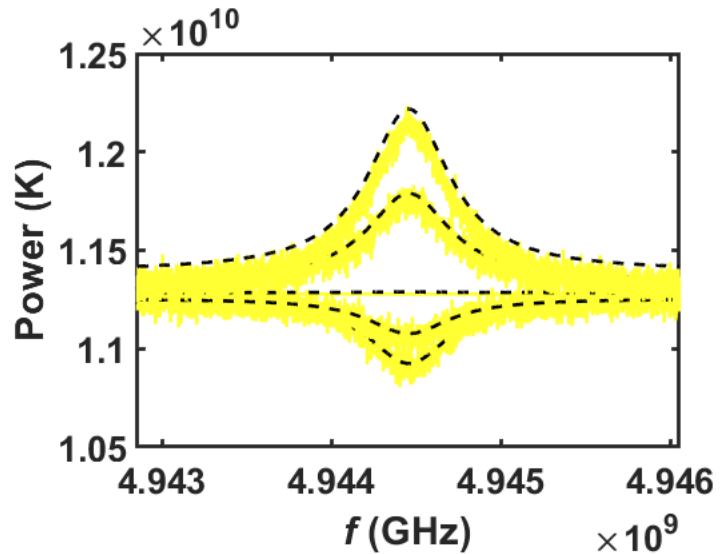
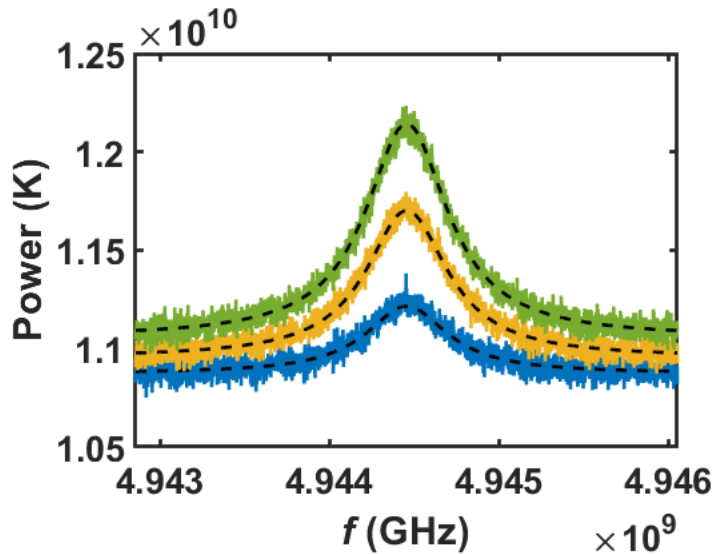
Tatt (mK)	Tc (mK)
147	910
108	646
83	348



Tatt (mK)	Tc (mK)
341	909
339	648
<b>336</b>	<b>338</b>
332	202
342	78

- Vary  $T_{att}$  and  $T_c$  and measure noise power
- Excess noise at cavity resonance frequency as  $T_c > T_{att}$
- Frequency dependence of noise comes from gain
- Other sets of data normalized by data of  $T_c \approx T_{att}$

# Gain and Noise Calibration



$$P_2 = k_B \Delta f G'_2 \left\{ |S_{22}|^2 [A_{\text{in}} \tilde{T}_{\text{att}} + (1 - A_{\text{in}}) \tilde{T}_{\text{in}}] + |S_{20}|^2 \tilde{T}_{\text{c}} \right\} + \tilde{T}'_{\text{a}2}$$

$$G'_2 = 93.1 \text{ dB}, \quad \tilde{T}'_{\text{a}2} = 5.12 \text{ K}, \quad A_{\text{in}} = 0.83$$

- Estimate  $T_{\text{in}} \equiv \frac{T_{\text{att}} + T_{\text{c}}}{2}$
- Fit the 1<sup>st</sup> set of data
- Obtain fitting parameters  $G'_2$ ,  $\tilde{T}'_{\text{a}2}$ ,  $A_{\text{in}}$
- Use fitting result and plot expected power on the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of data
- Model is reasonable; heated cavity can be used for gain/noise calibration

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# Summary

- First results of TASEH
  - 19.4687 – 19.8436  $\mu\text{eV}$  (4.707 50 and 4.798 15 GHz,  $\sim 90$  MHz search range)
  - Excludes models with the axion-two-photon coupling  $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \geq 8.1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$  ( $\sim 11$  times above QCD KSVZ model limit)
- TASEH ongoing development
  - Cone-shell cavity design: under development
  - JPA: ready
  - Gain and noise calibration via heated cavity: ready

**Thank you for listening.  
Comment/question?**