



# Current Status and Future Plans of the Axion Dark Matter eXperiment

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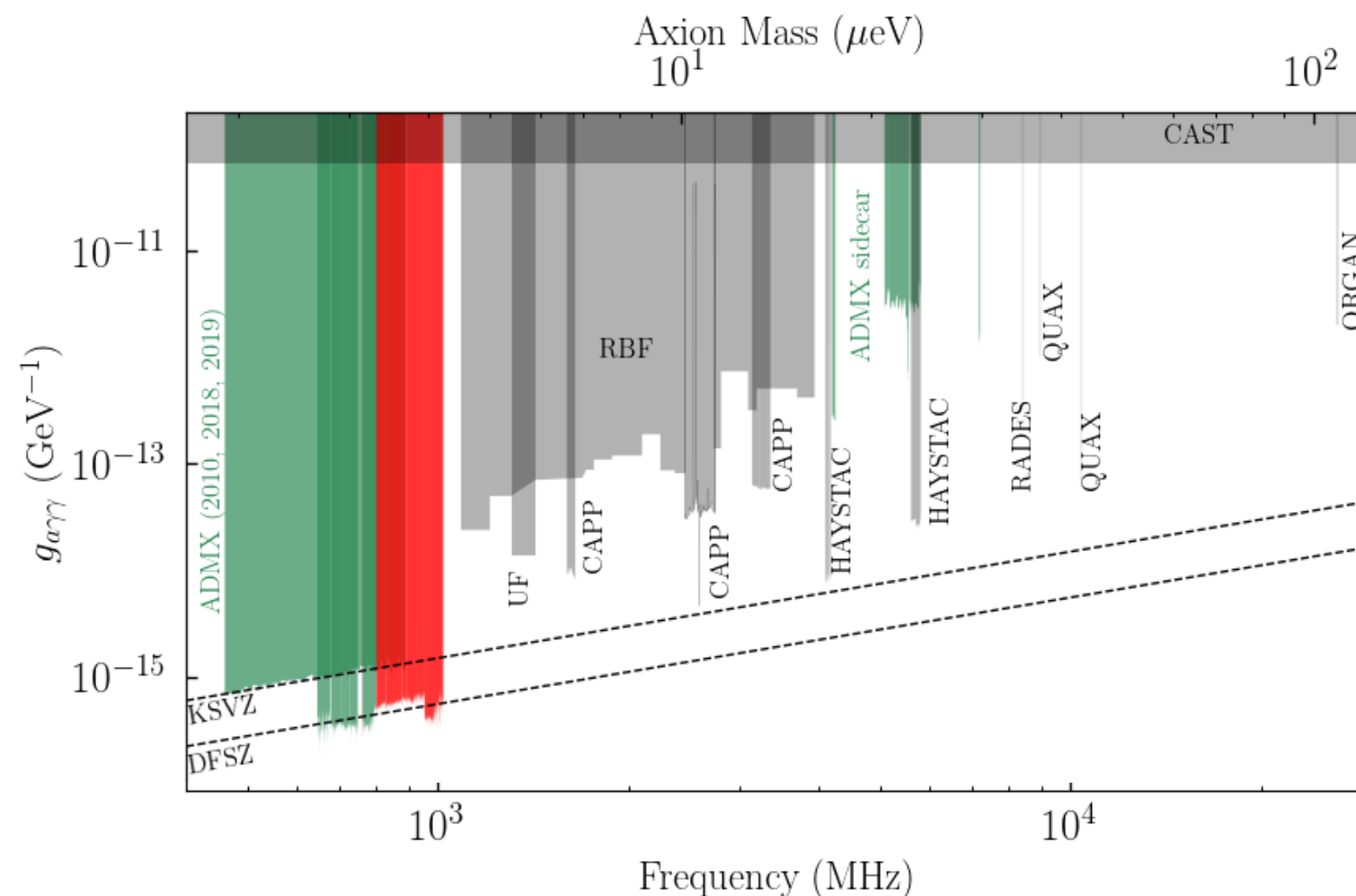




# QCD Axions as Dark Matter

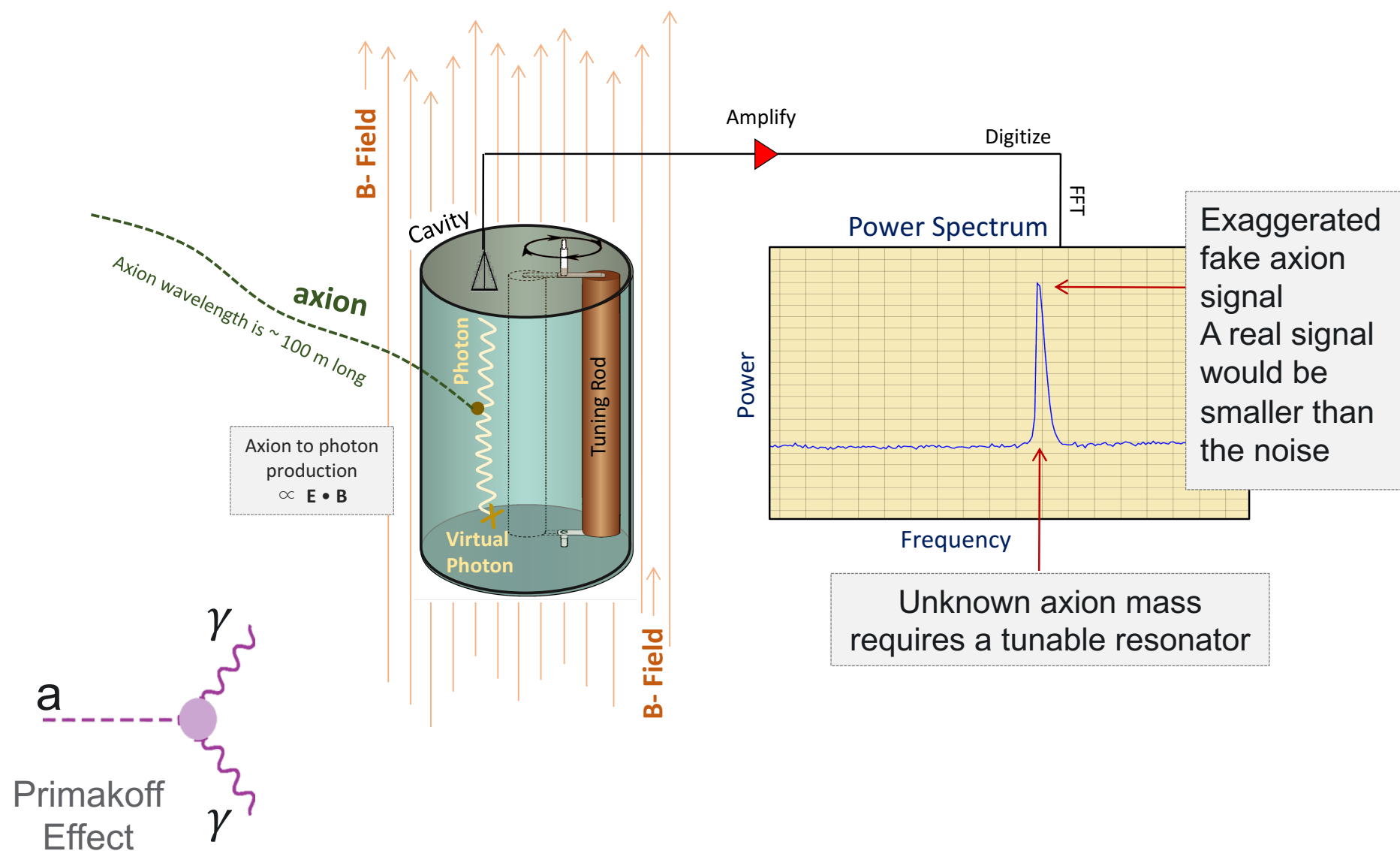
- We don't know what the dark matter is
- But we know it has certain properties:
  - Cold
  - Feebly interacting
  - Stable
  - Non-baryonic
- Axions with certain properties could make up dark matter
  - They arise from the Peccei-Quinn mechanism
  - Pseudo-scalar boson
  - Small mass
  - Long wavelength

Axion parameter space circa 2021



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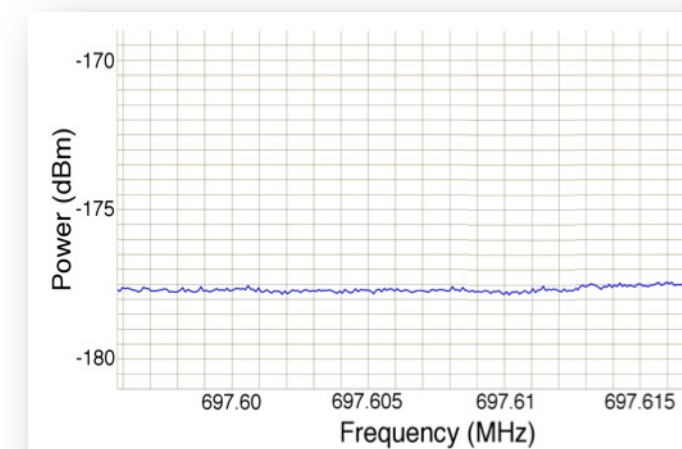
# Searching for Axions with a Haloscope



Tunable Microwave Cavity



Typical Data





# The Axion Dark Matter eXperiment



ADMX Site: Center for Experimental Nuclear Physics and Astrophysics  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA



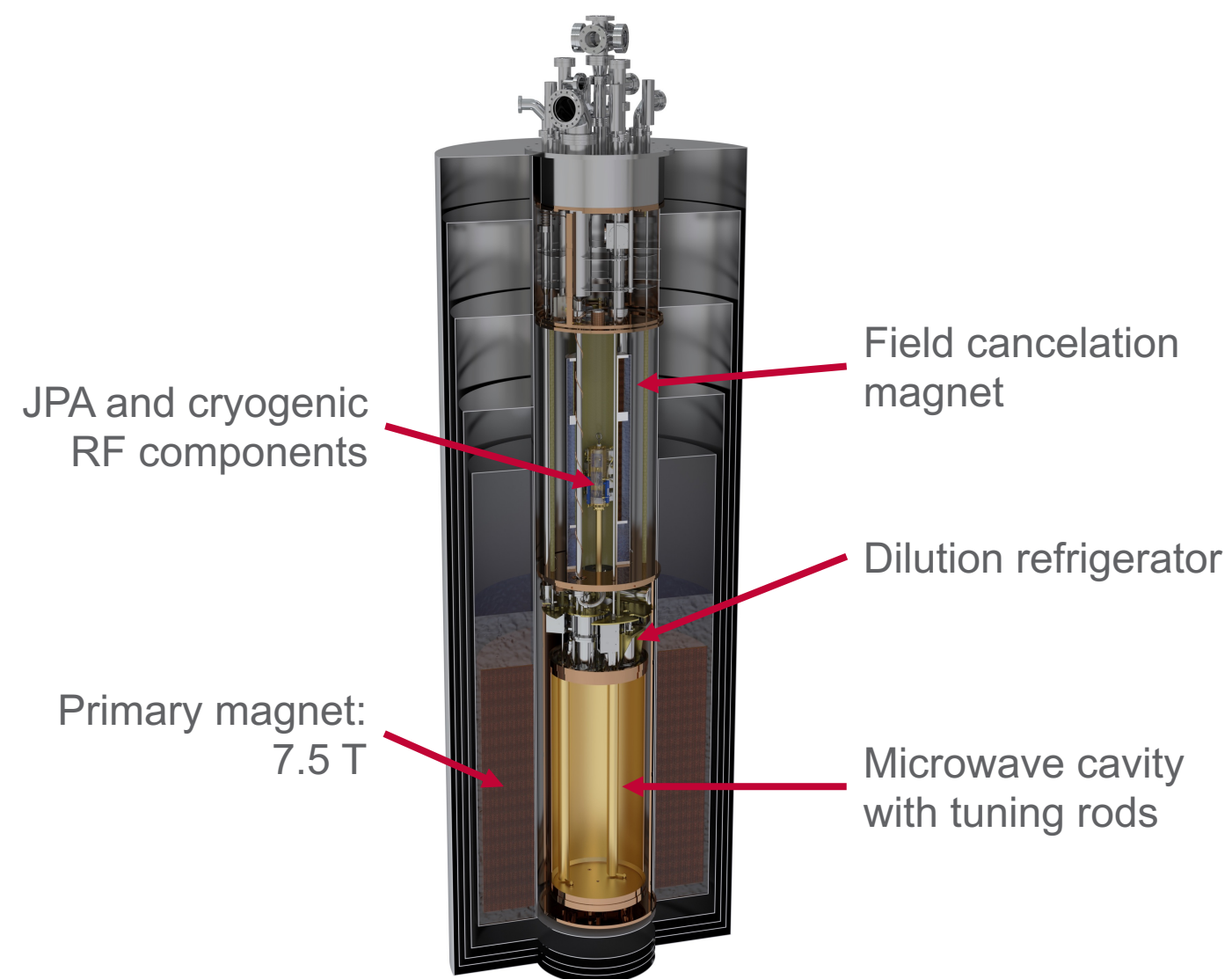
ADMX insert extraction ca. 2015



ADMX Experiment Site – Image: Mark Stone, UW

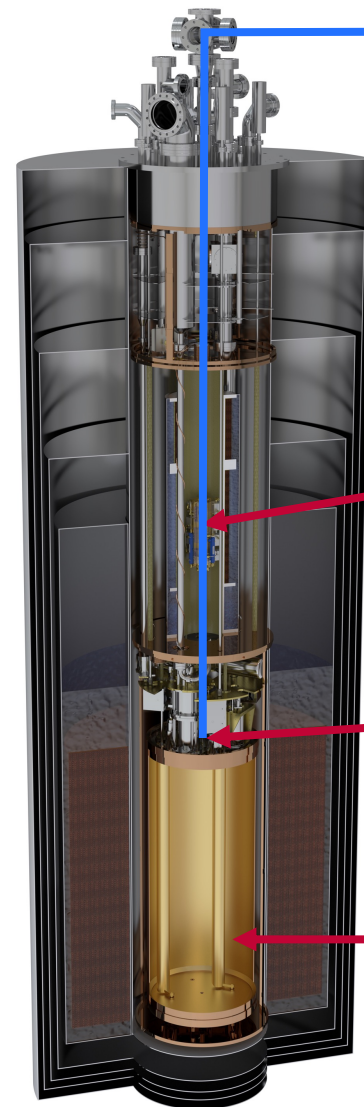


# Inside ADMX





# Listening for Axions with ADMX

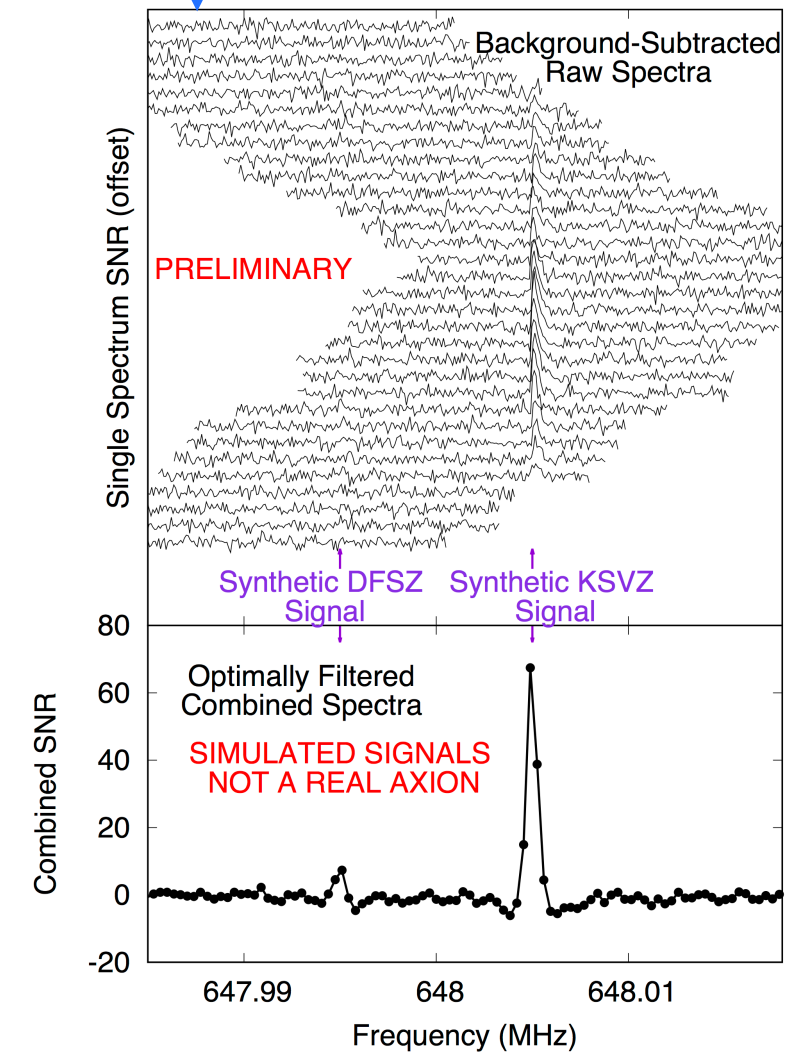


④ Signal is read out with room-temperature RF signal processing

③ Signal is amplified by the JPA

② Antenna reads the signal from the TM010 mode

① Tuning rods adjust resonant frequency

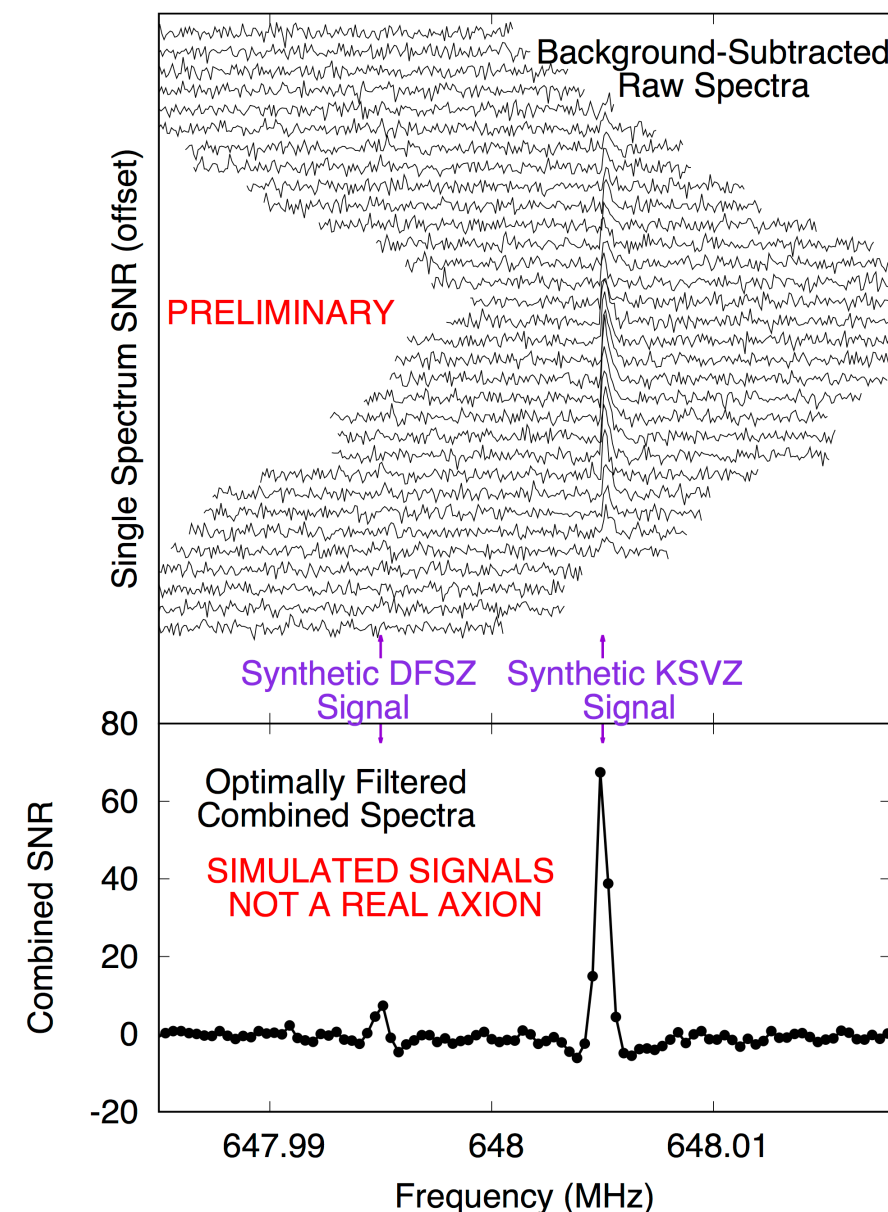




# How to be Sure we Found an Axion

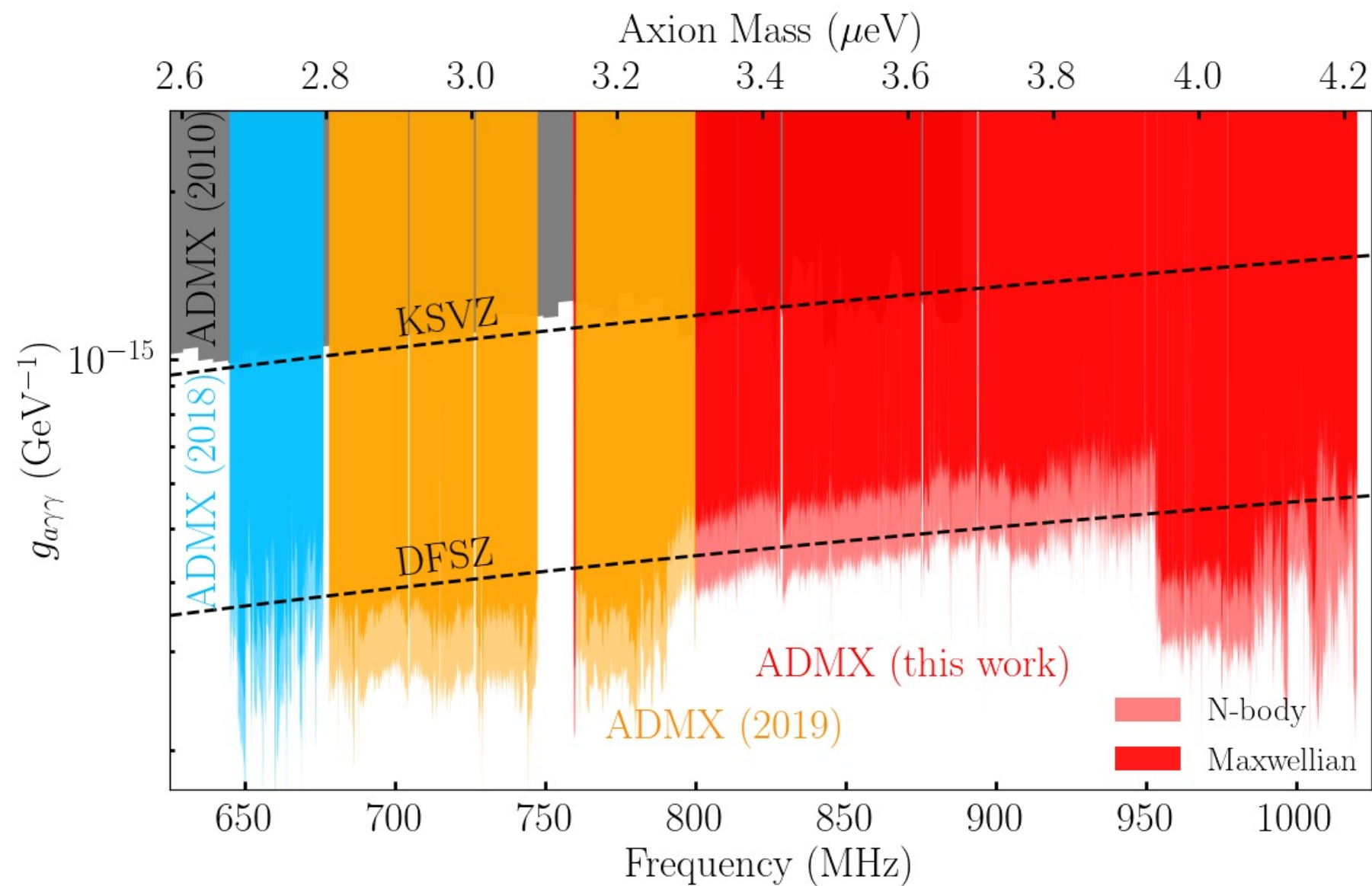
A persistent signal must:

- Not be from the synthetic signal source
- Not be ambient RF interference: measure with an external receiver
- Appear in every spectrum at the same frequency
- Be enhanced on resonance
- Be suppressed in modes that do not couple to the axion
- Scale as  $B^2$





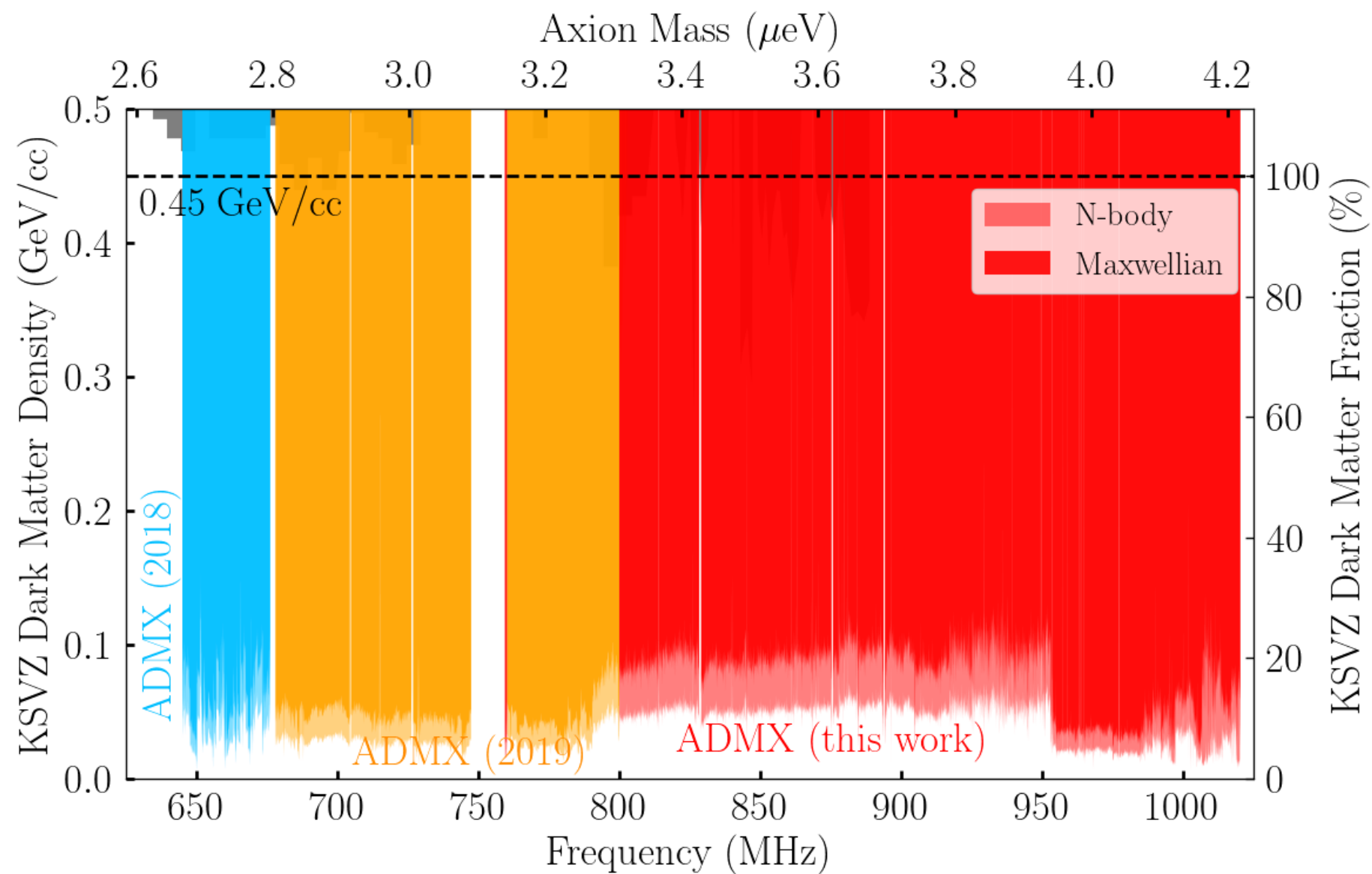
# Axion Limits through 2021



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# Alternate View: KSVZ Dark Matter Density

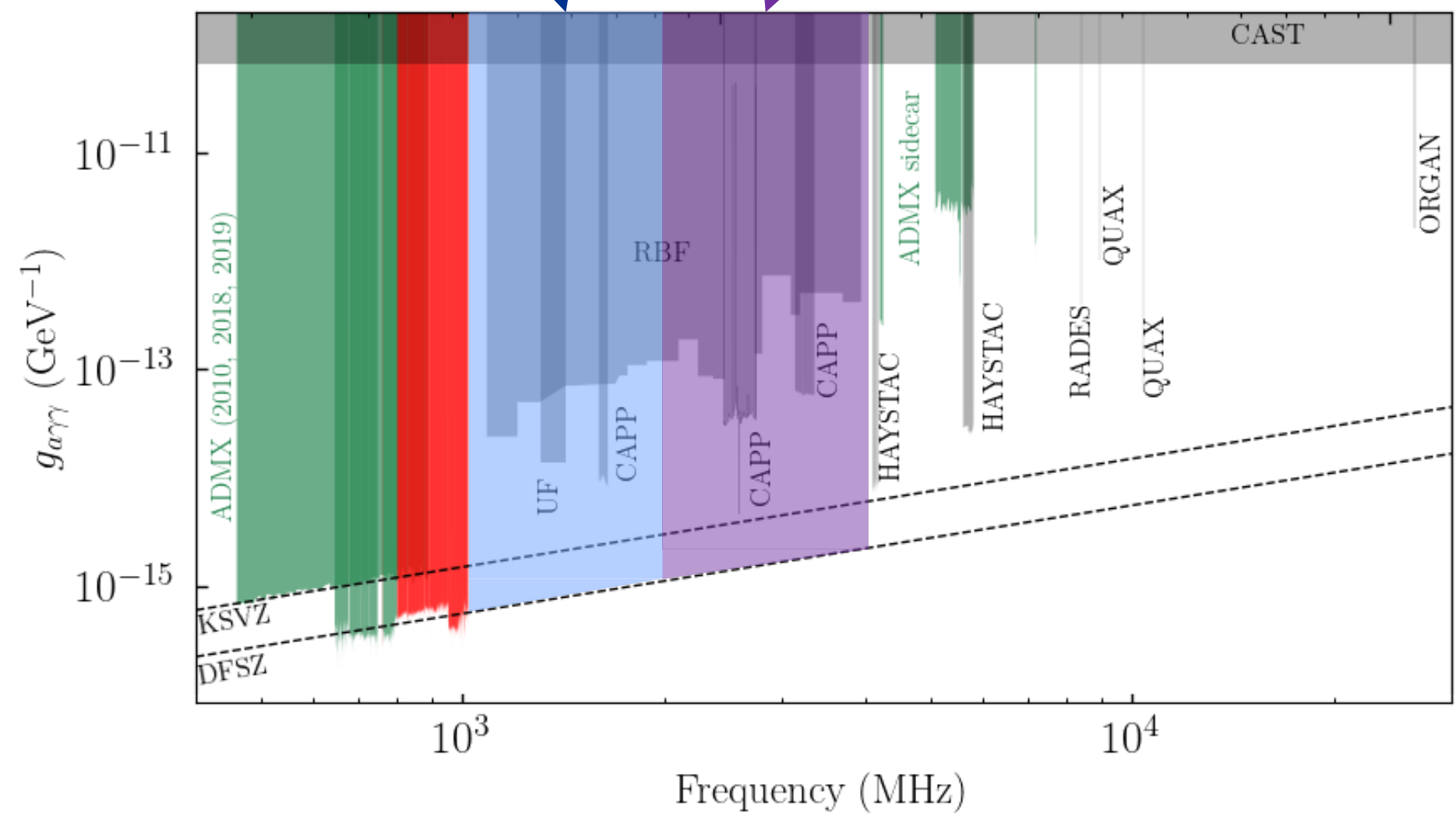


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# Future Phases of ADMX

Completion of ADMX-G2

New program: ADMX-EFR





# Pursuing Higher Frequencies

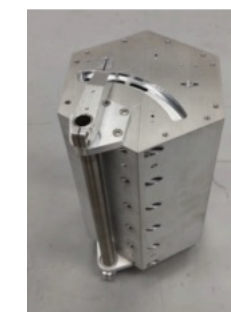
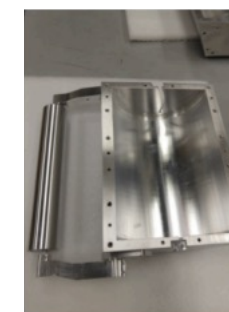
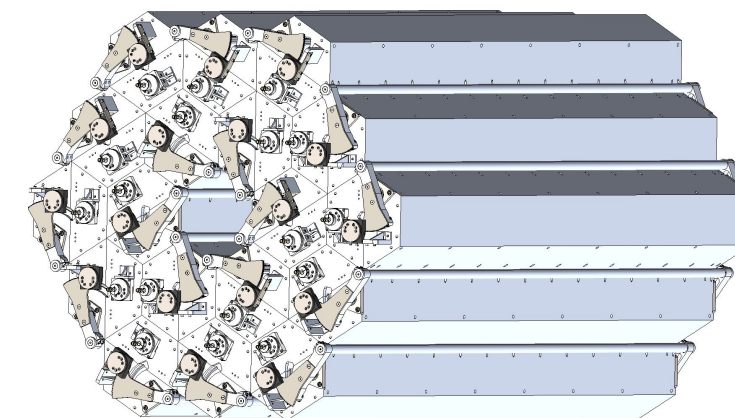
Scan rate for a cavity haloscope

$$\frac{df}{dt} \propto f^2 \text{SNR}^{-2} Q_L V^2 B^4$$

- As the resonant frequency of the cavity goes up
  - Volume decreases:  $V \propto \frac{1}{f^3}$
  - Quality factor decreases:  $Q_L \propto \frac{1}{f^{2/3}}$
  - Noise power increases:  $T \propto f$
- How do we maintain a reasonable scan speed?

# Overcoming Challenges for Higher Frequencies

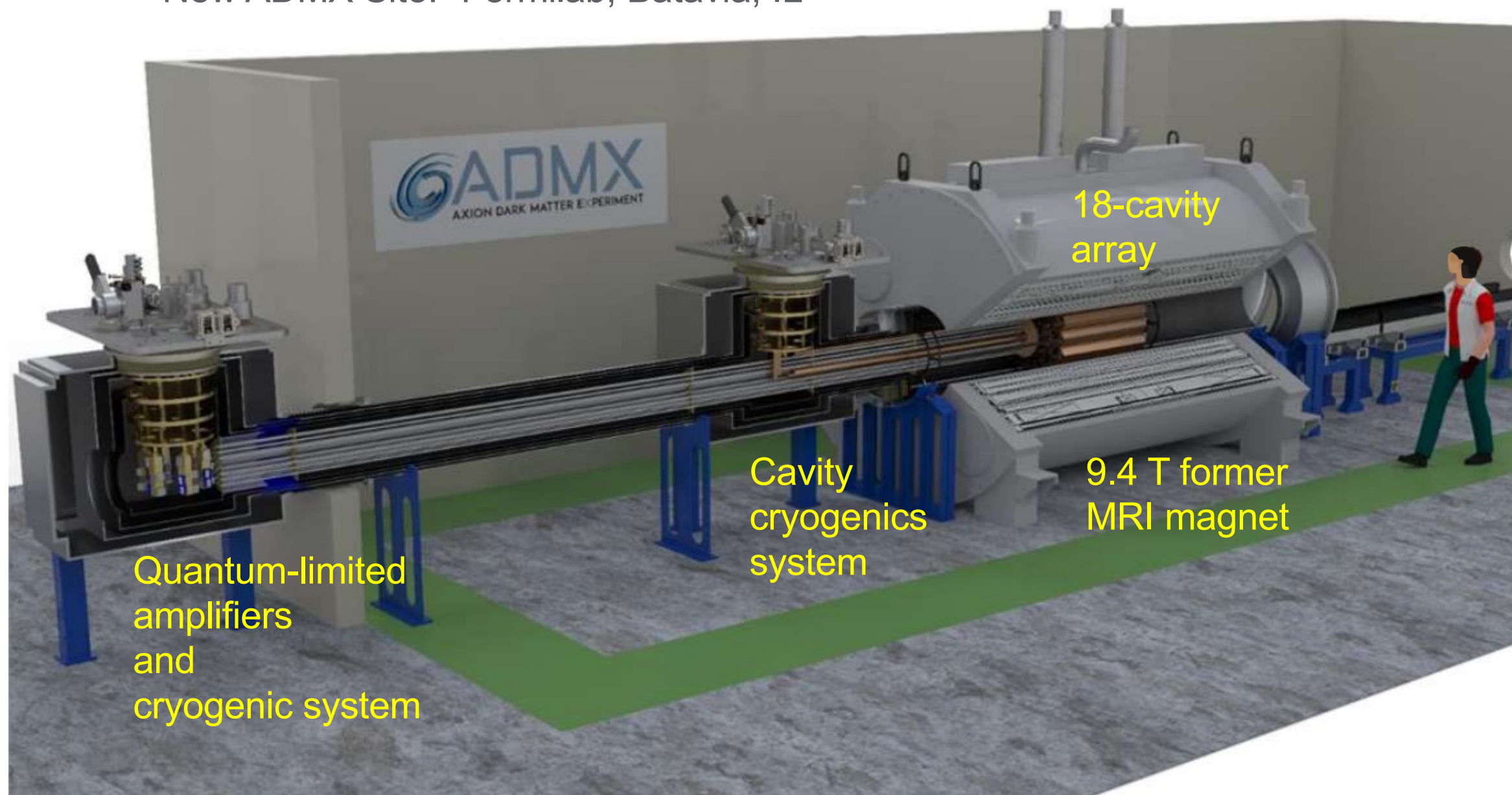
- Increase the magnetic field: **new main magnet**
- Increase volume: **multiple cavities**
- Increase the quality factor: **superconducting films**
- Minimize system noise: **squeezed states**





# ADMX Extended Frequency Range: 2-4 GHz

New ADMX Site: Fermilab, Batavia, IL





# Summary

- ADMX is taking data at DFSZ sensitivity
- Future iterations of ADMX will move up in frequency
- Multiple avenues of R&D work make the search for higher-mass axions promising





# ADMX Collaboration



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