

Searching for WISPs in the lab ALPS II @ DESY

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A brief primer on

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- **Weakly**
- **Interacting**
- **Slim**
- **Particle**
- **Searches**

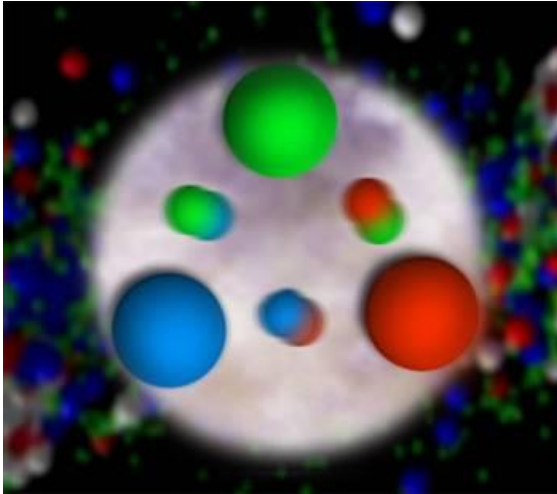


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- **Why should one look for WISPs**
- **Indications for WISPs**
- **Searches**
- **Photons-through-a-wall**
- **Summary**

There might be physics beyond the SM

- > Why does the static electromagnetic dipole moment of the neutron vanish?



Why do the wave functions of the three quarks *exactly* cancel out any observable static charge distribution in the neutron?

<http://www.lbl.gov/Science-Articles/Archive/sabl/2006/Oct/3.html>

- > This is related to a fundamental property of QCD:

QCD allows for CP violation, if the quarks have non-zero masses.
Why does QCD nevertheless conserve CP?

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A “fine-tuning” problem!

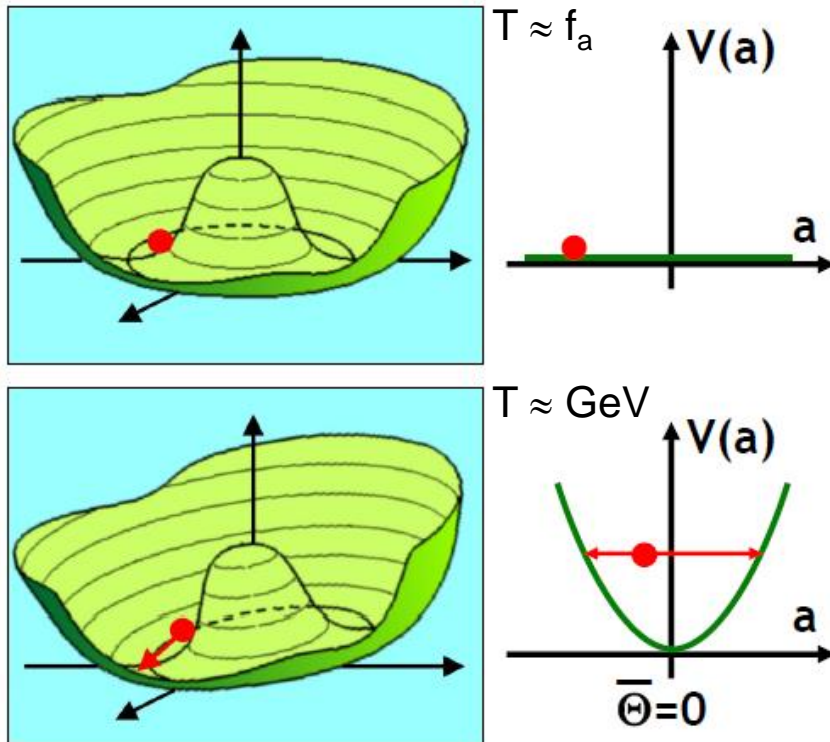


The first WISP: introducing the axion

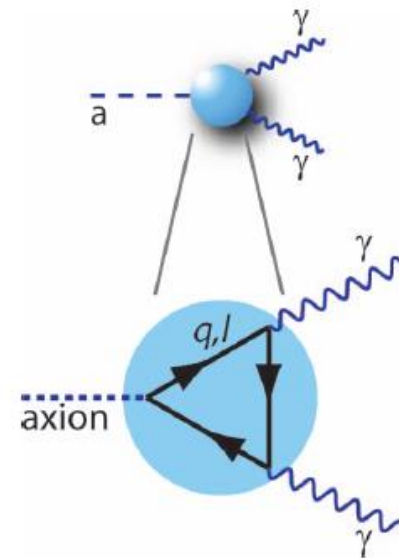
➤ CP-conservation in QCD:

A dynamic explanation predicts the axion, which couples very weakly to two photons.

Peccei-Quinn 1977

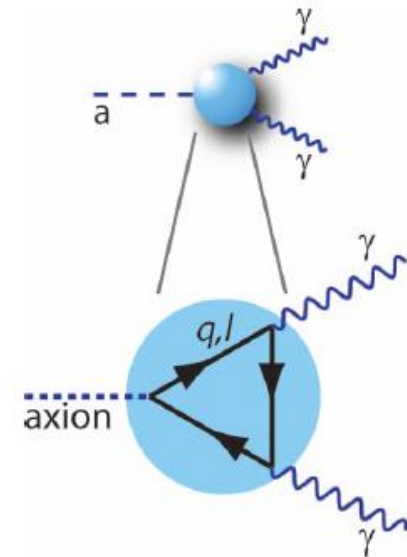


Wilczek and Weinberg 1978



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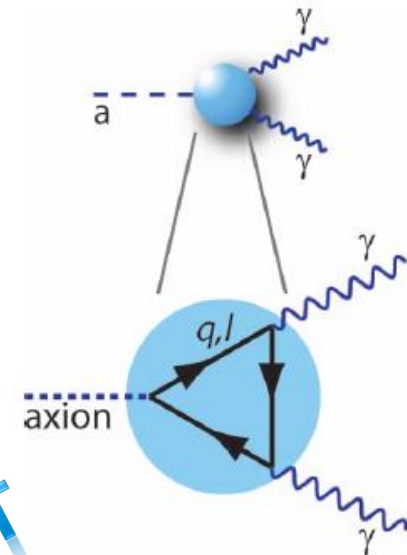
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NON-THERMAL ORIGIN
FROM VACUUM RE-ALIGNMENT



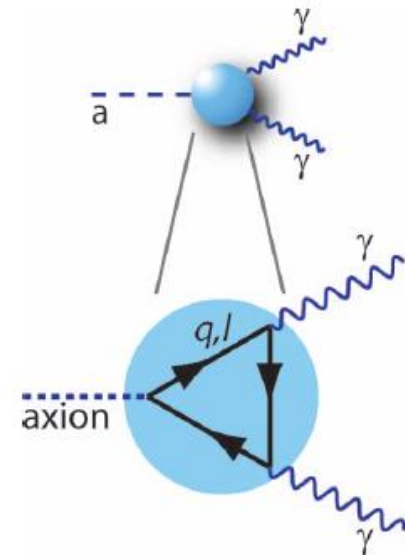
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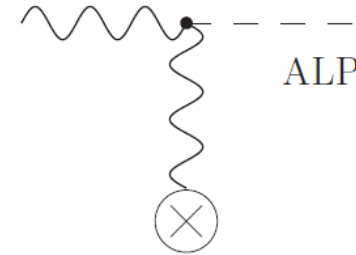
**VERY LIGHTWEIGHT
COLD DARK MATTER!**



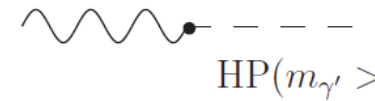
More general: WISPy particles

Weakly Interacting Slim Particles (WISPs):

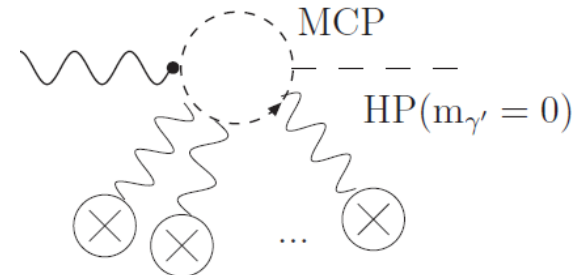
- > Axions and **axion-like particles**
ALPs, pseudoscalar or scalar bosons,
 m and g are **not related** by an f .



- > Hidden photons (neutral vector bosons)



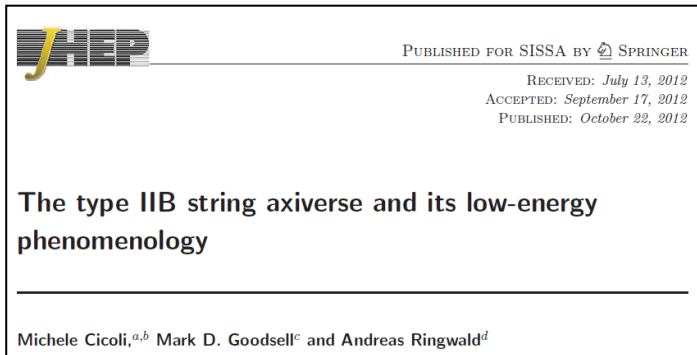
- > Mini-charged particles



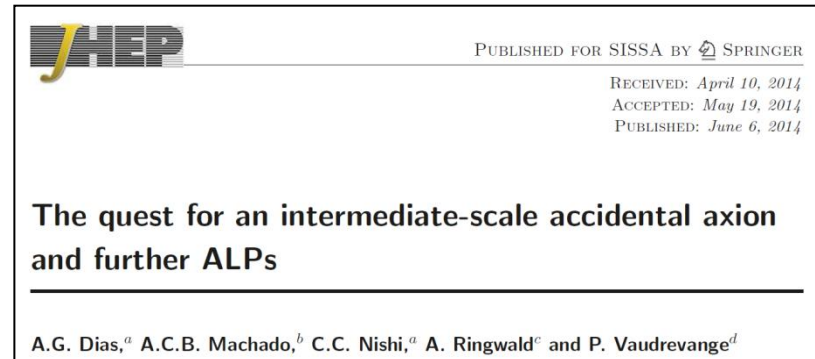
- > Chameleons (self-shielding scalars), massive gravity scalars

Such WISPs are expected by theory

- Axions, ALPs and other WISPs occur naturally in string theory inspired extensions of the standard model as components of a “hidden sector”.

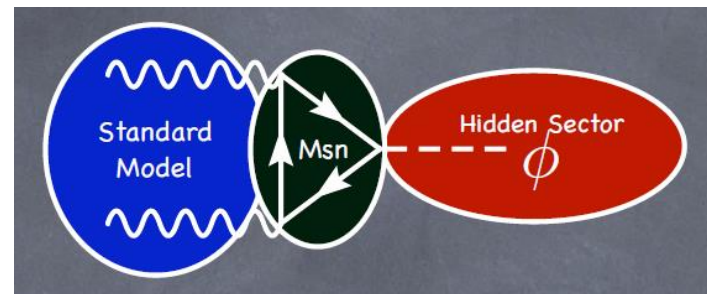


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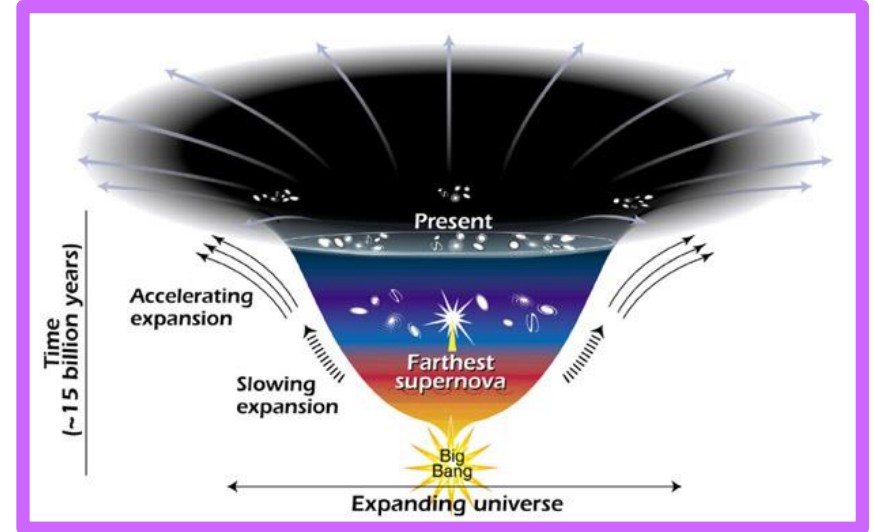
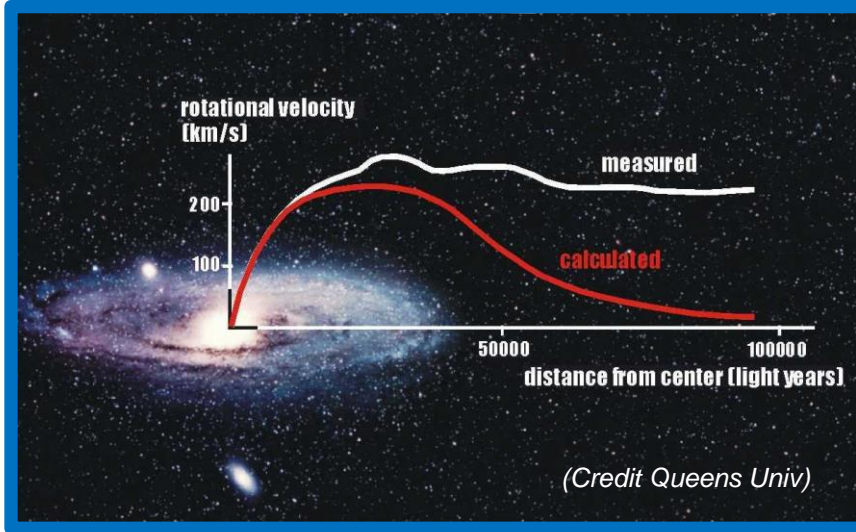
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- Their weak interaction might be related to very heavy messenger particles.
Thus WISPs may open up a window to particle physics at highest energies.

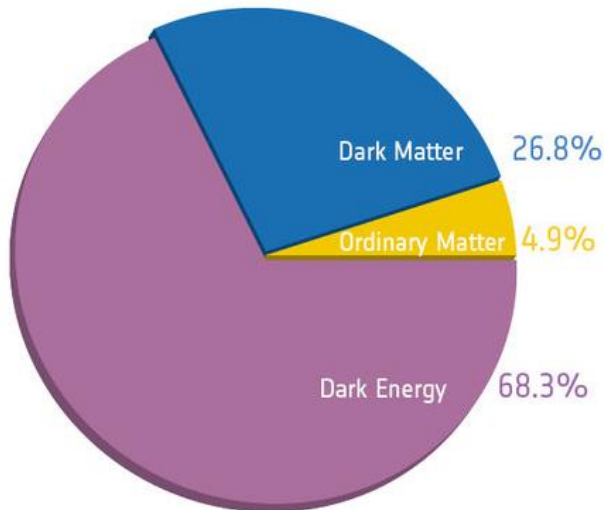


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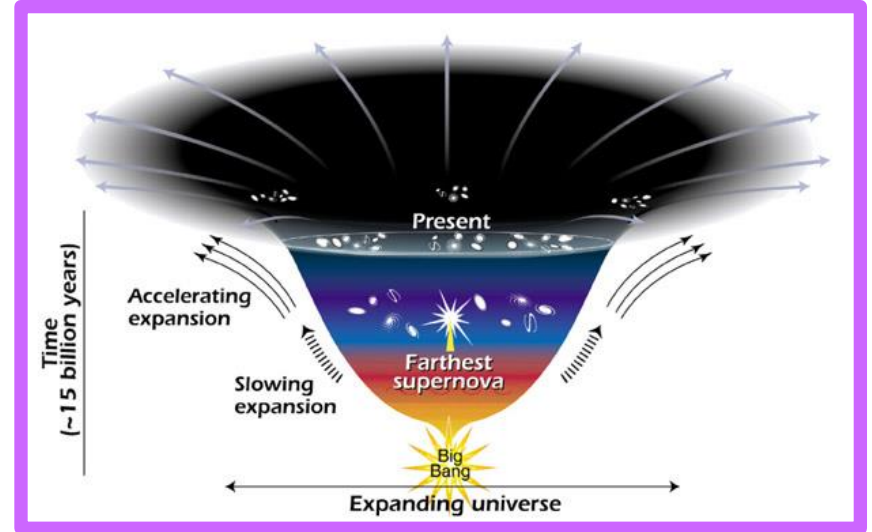
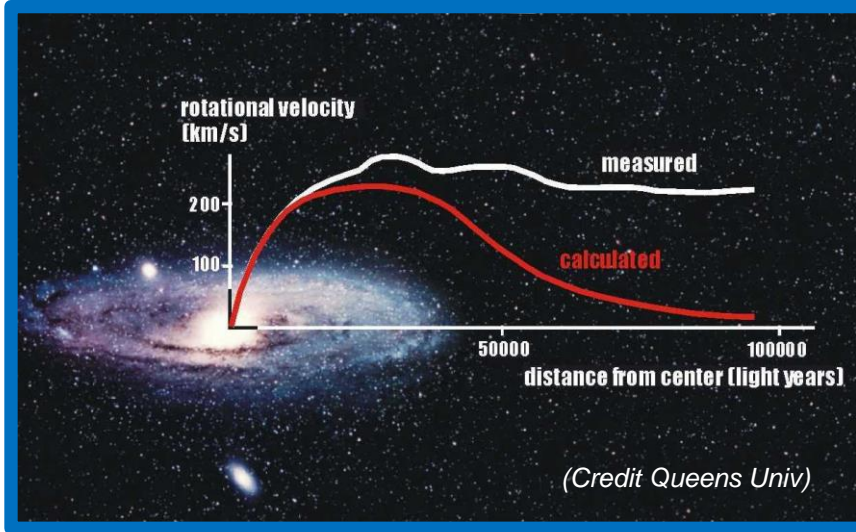
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Even if one neglects dark energy:
85% of the matter is of unknown constituents.

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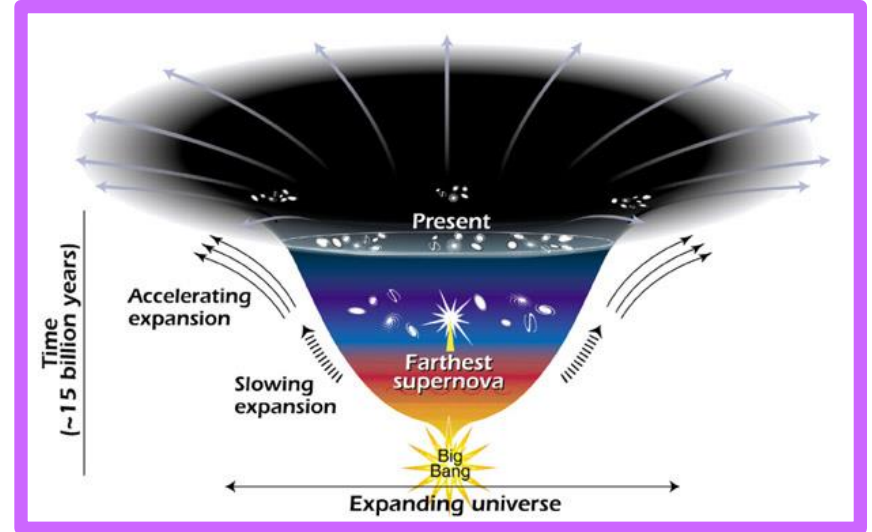
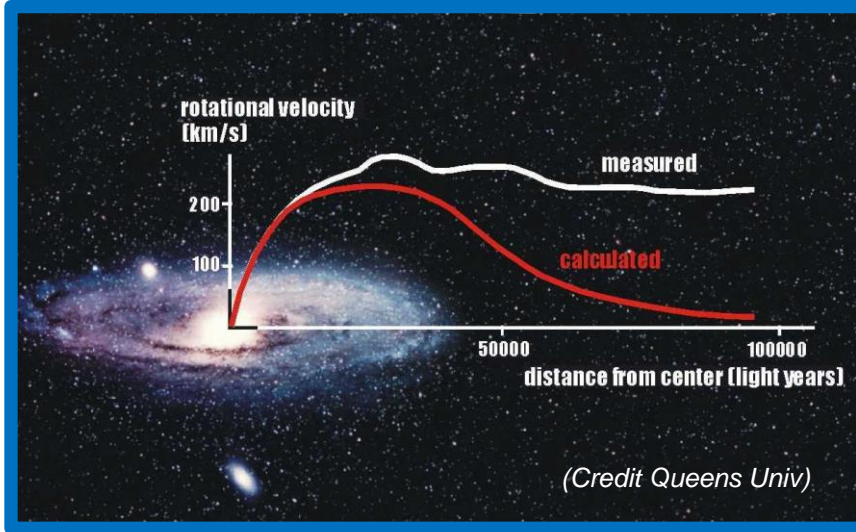


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- Stable on cosmological times
- Non-relativistic

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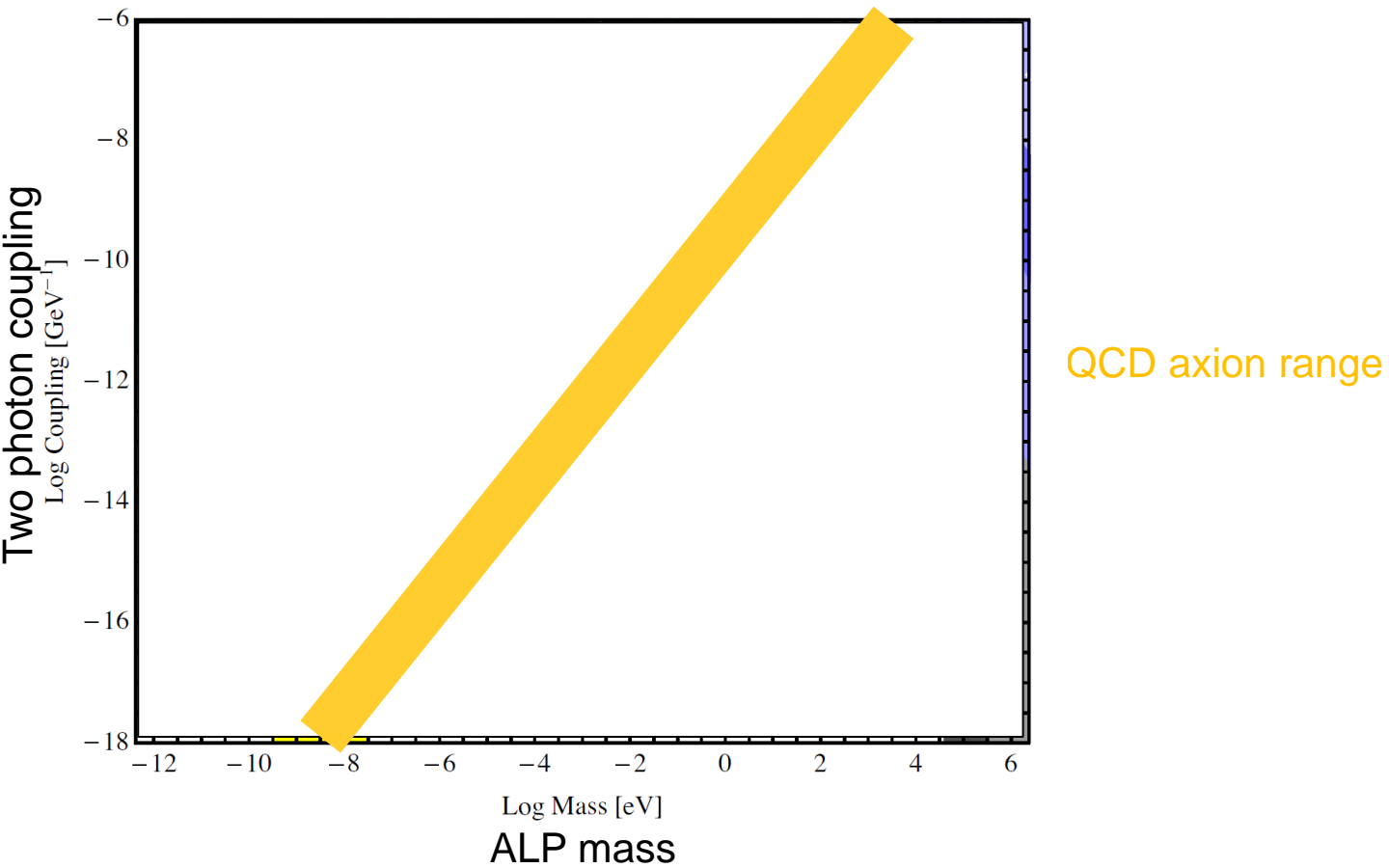
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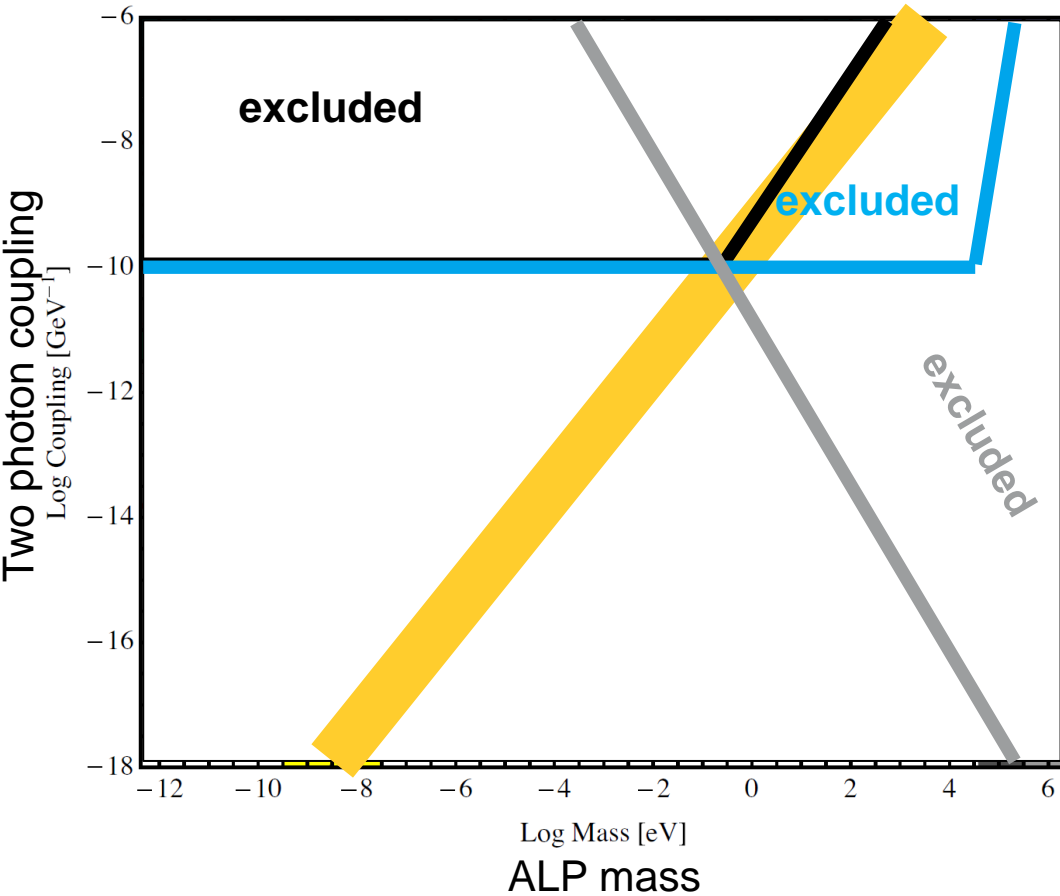
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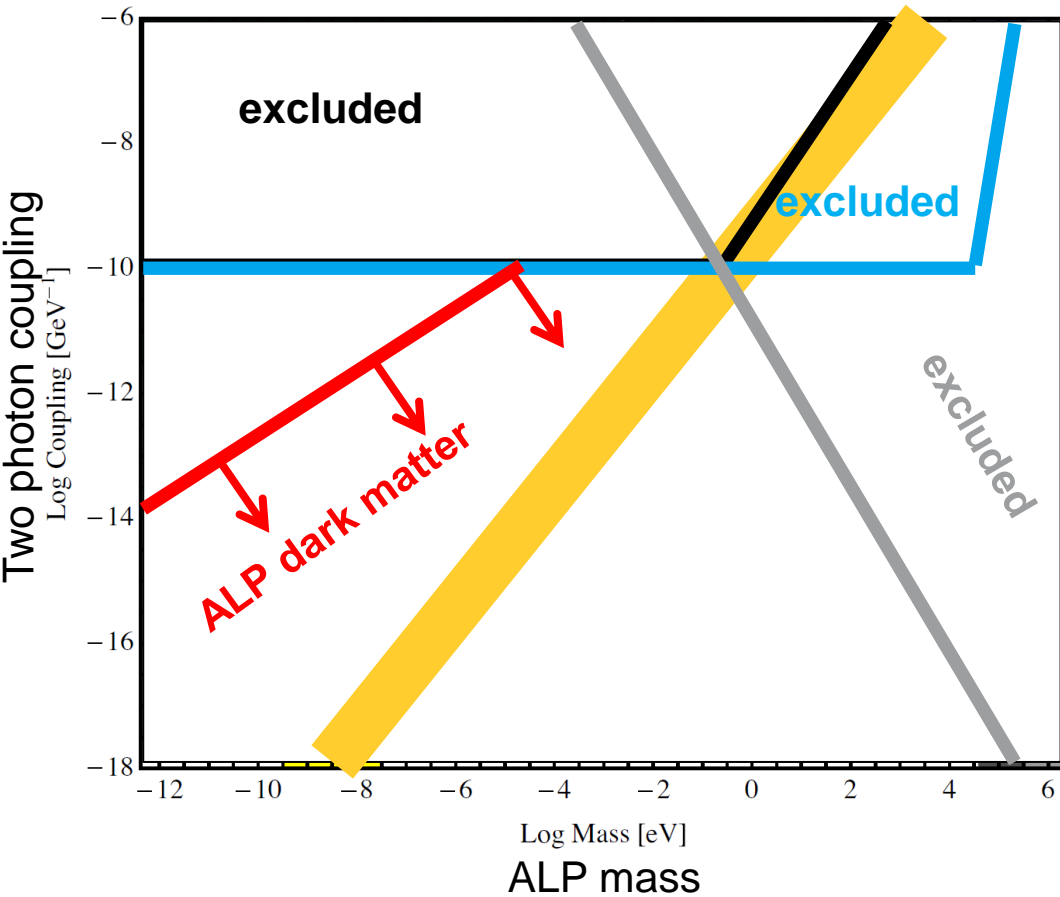
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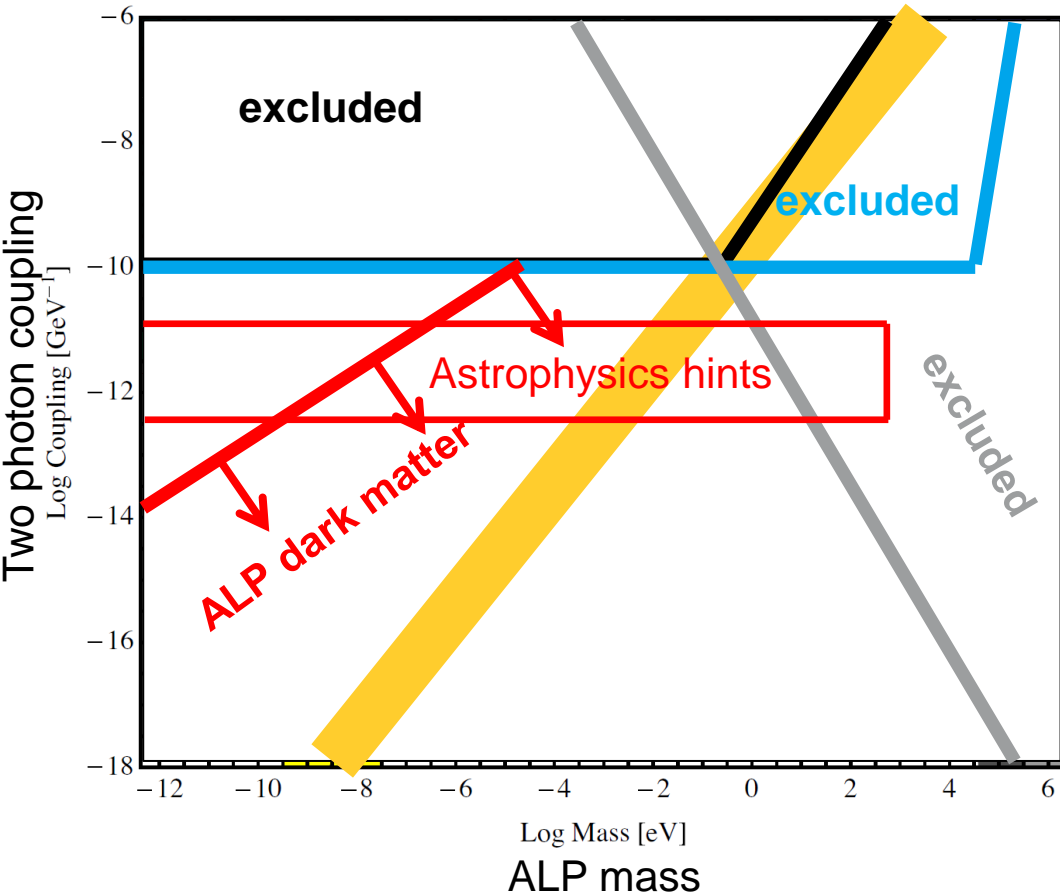
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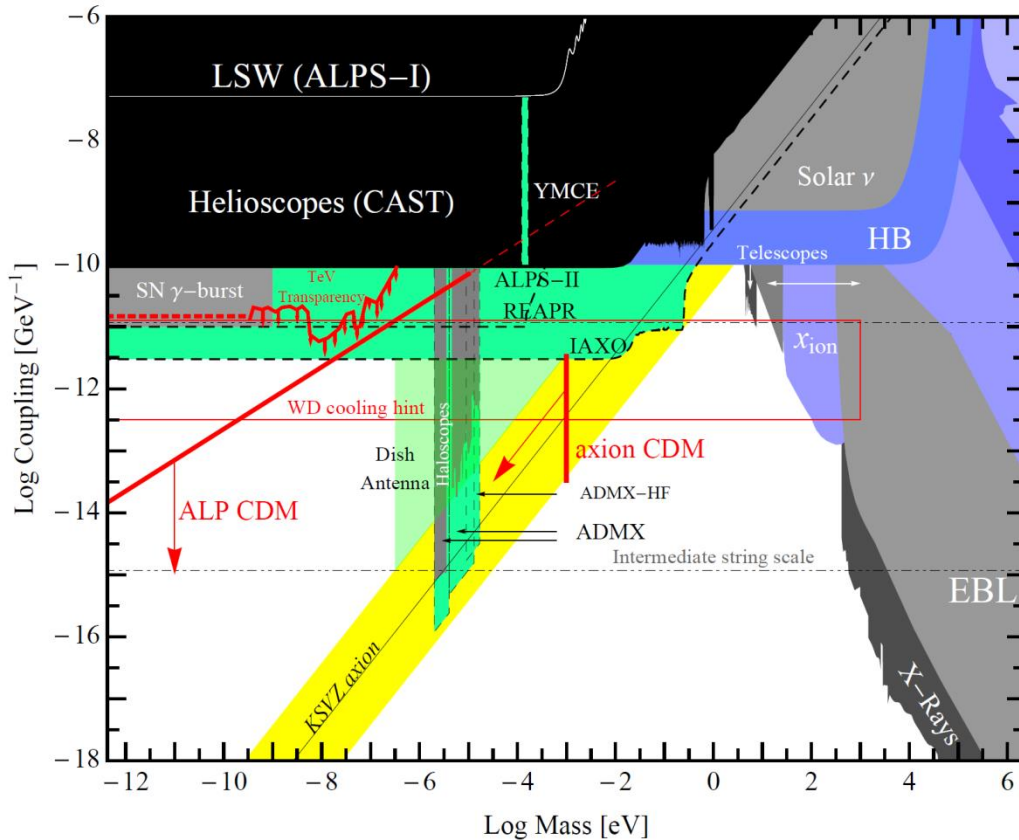
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Sensitivity of next generation WISP exp.

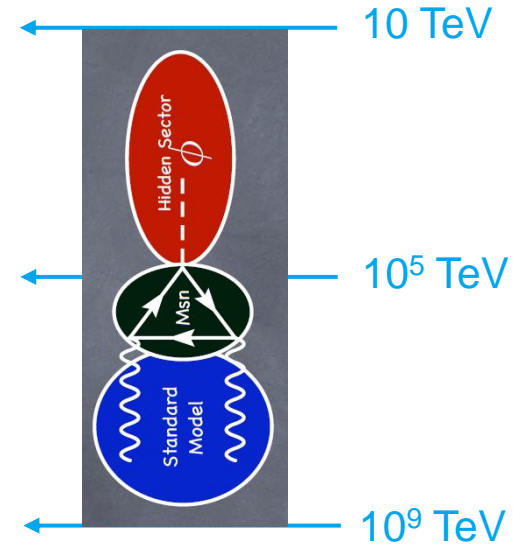
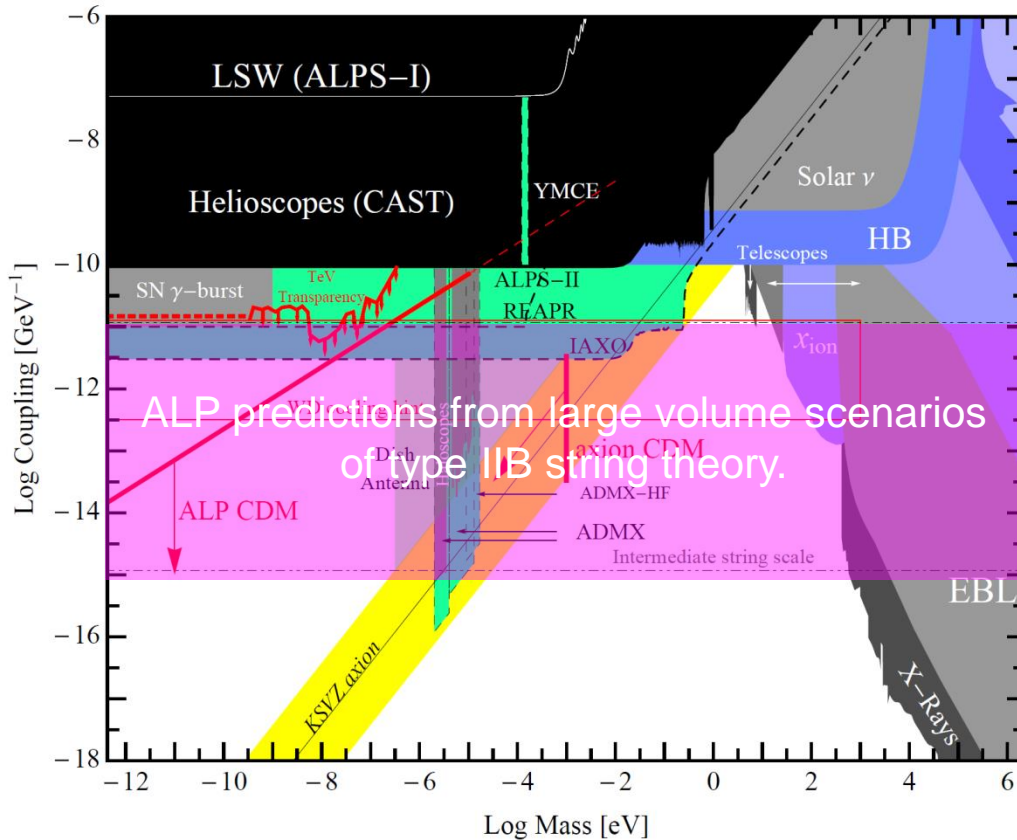
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This can be probed by the next generation of experiments.



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Energy scale of "new physics"

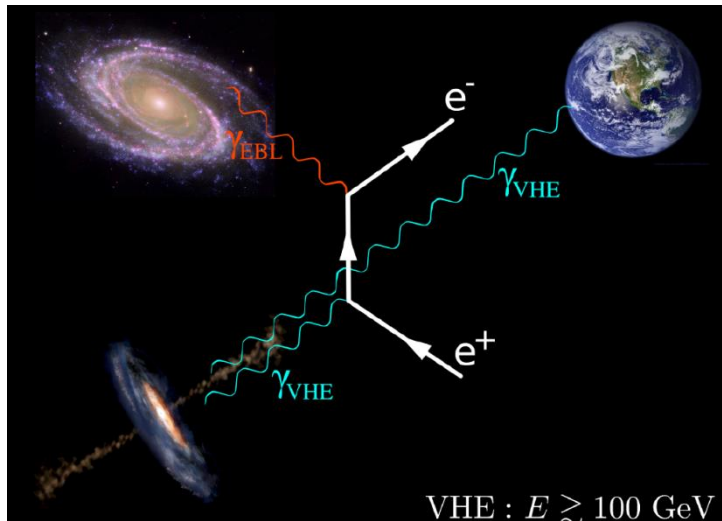
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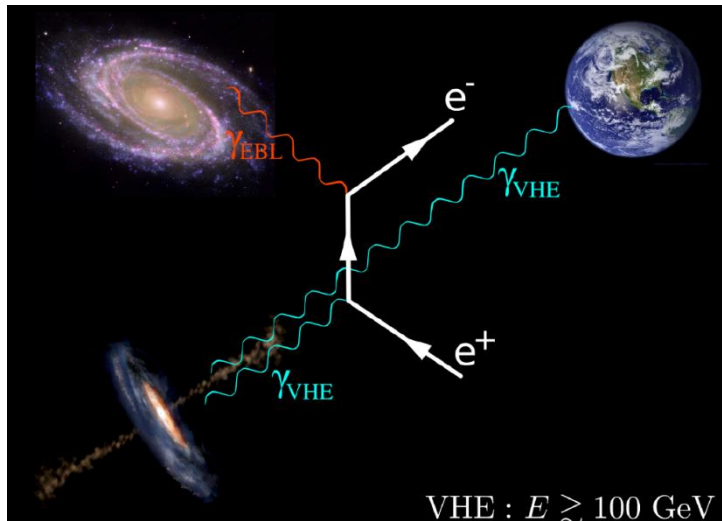
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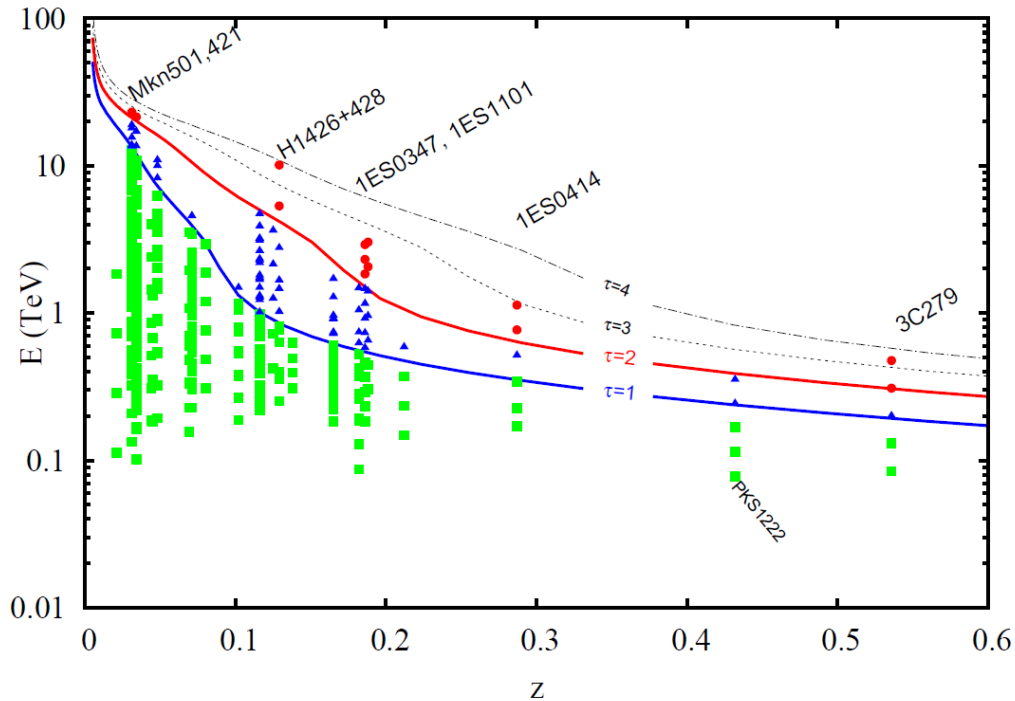
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However:

- The expected propagation of TeV photons seems to be in conflict with observations:



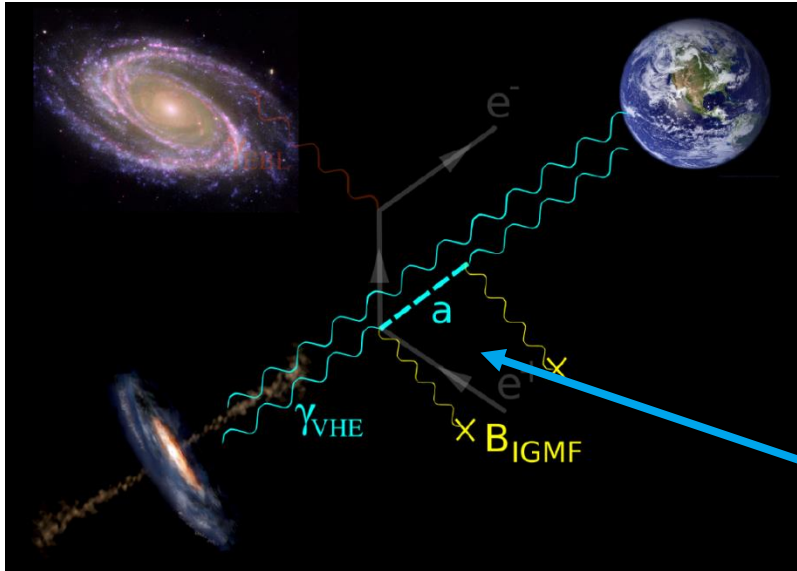
D. Horns, M. Meyer, JCAP 1202 (2012) 033

- If physics beyond the SM is involved, it shows up around the MeV scale!



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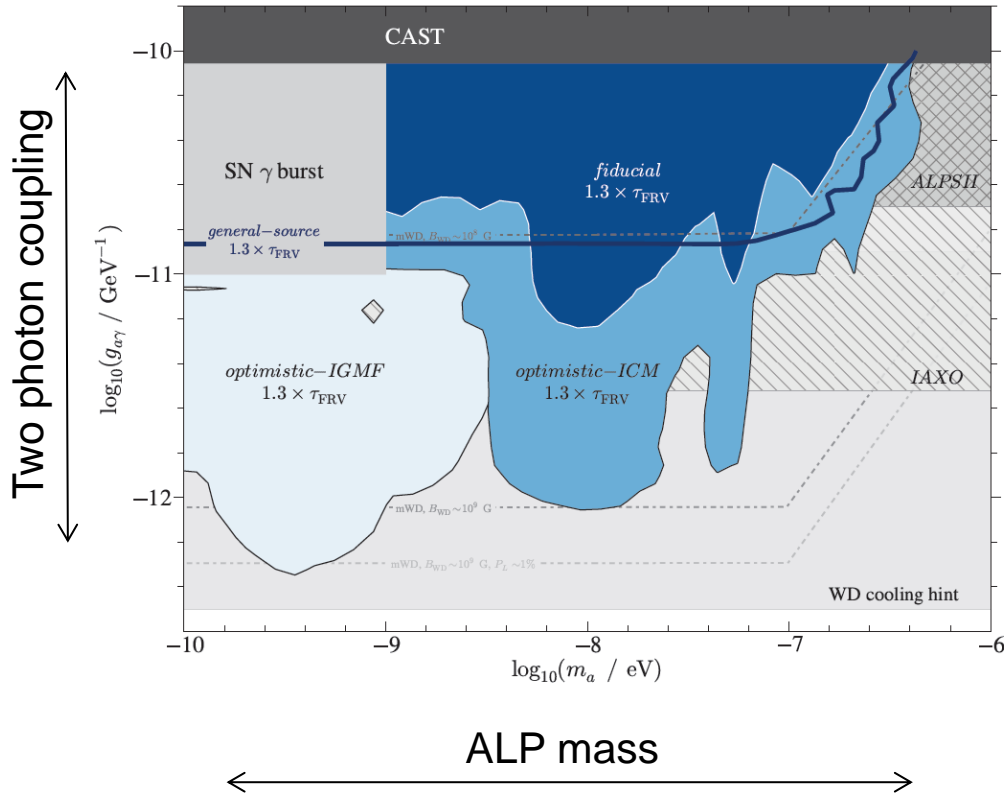


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TeV photons may “hide” as ALPs:
compare the ALPS II experiment at DESY!

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significance above 3.5σ

$g_{a\gamma} \approx 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$, $m_a < 10^{-7} \text{ eV}$
have to be probed!

M. Meyer, D. Horns, M. Raue,
arXiv:1302.1208 [astro-ph.HE], Phys. Rev. D 87, 035027 (2013)



ALPs and cosmic TeV photons

- > New analysis including blazar spectra recorded by FERMI:

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Breaks in gamma-ray spectra of distant blazars and transparency of the Universe¹⁾

G. I. Rubtsov, S. V. Troitsky²⁾

Institute for Nuclear Research of the RAS, 117312 Moscow, Russia

arXiv:1406.0239 [astro-ph.HE]

- > Significance about 12σ !

“While detailed tests of these scenarios versus our results will be presented elsewhere, our preliminary considerations thus favour the ALP conversion / reversion scenario for the explanation of the effect we observe.”



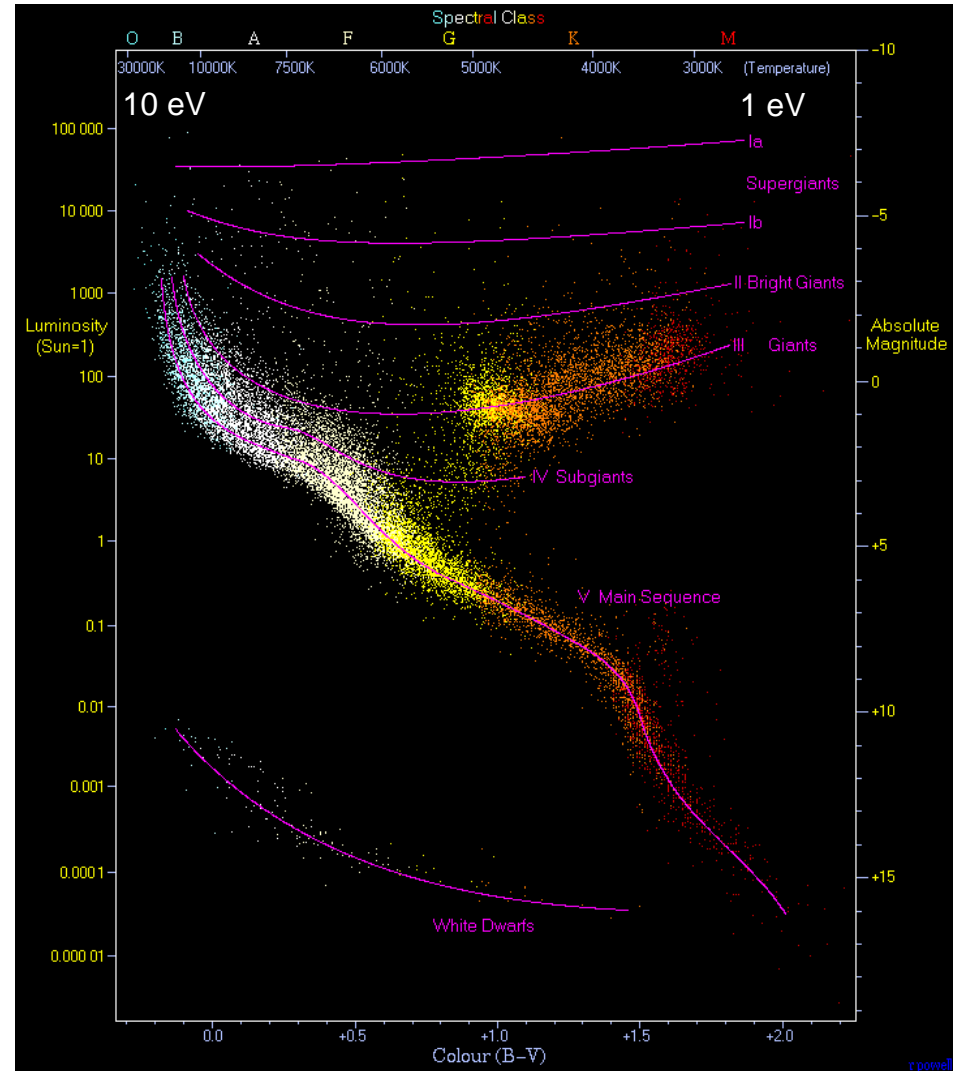
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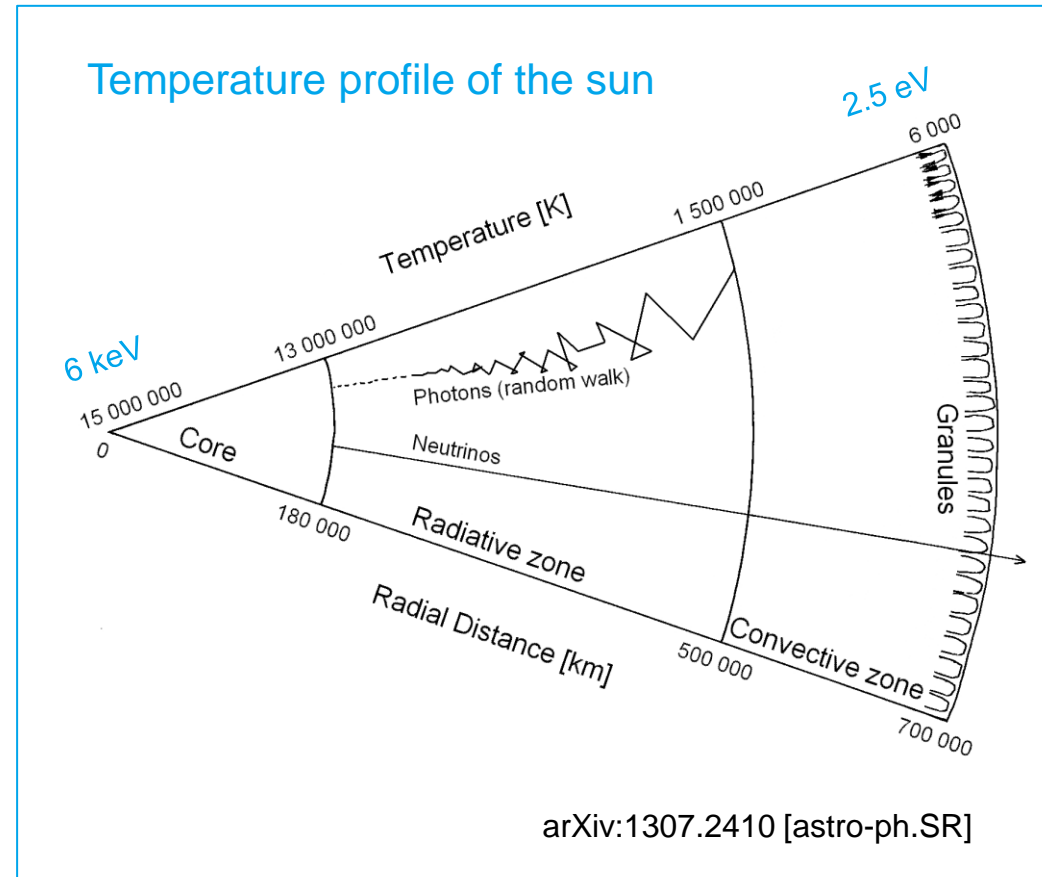
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More (vague) hints for ALPs?

- > Additional energy losses beyond SM physics in globular cluster stars and white dwarfs?
- > Indications for a Cosmic ALP background (CAB)?

Phenomenon	ALP mass [eV]	ALP- γ coupl. [GeV ⁻¹]	Reference
TeV transparency	$< 10^{-7}$	$> 10^{-11}$	arXiv:1302.1208 [astro-ph.HE]
Globular cluster stars (HB)	$< 10^4$	$\approx 5 \cdot 10^{-11}$	arXiv:1406.6053 [astro-ph.SR]
CAB (Coma Cluster)	$< 10^{-13}$	10^{-12} to 10^{-13}	arXiv:1406.5188 [hep-ph]
White dwarfs	$< 10^{-2}$	$(g_{ae} \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-13})$	arXiv:1304.7652 [astro-ph.SR]

- > There are allowed regions in parameter space where an ALP can simultaneously explain the gamma ray transparency, the cooling of HB stars, and the soft X-ray excess from Coma and be a subdominant contribution to CDM.

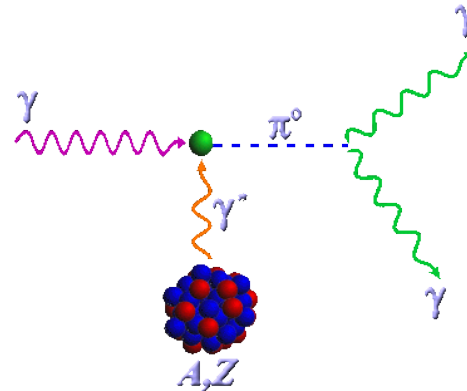


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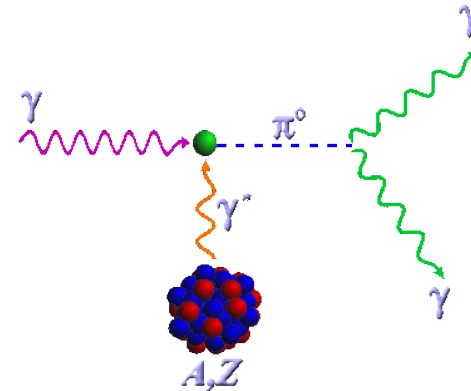
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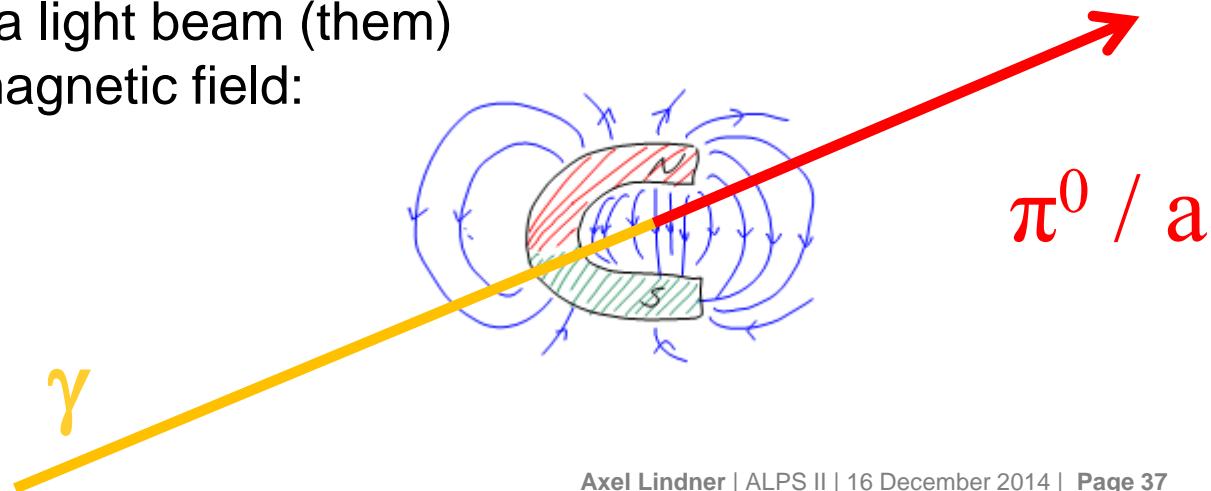
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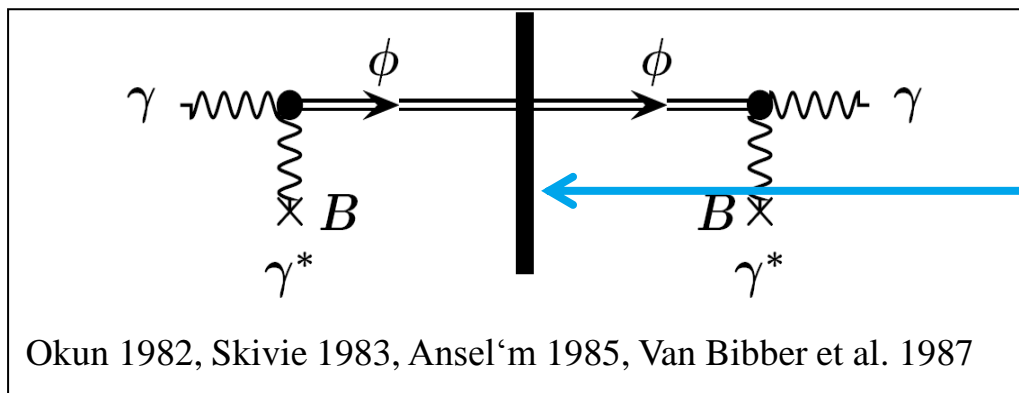


> Axions could be produced (detected) by sending a light beam (them) through a magnetic field:



Basics of WISP experiments (I)

- Basic idea: due to their very weak interaction WISPs may traverse any wall opaque to Standard Model constituents (except ν and gravitons).
 - WISP could transfer energy out of a shielded environment
 - WISP could convert back into detectable photons behind a shielding.
- “Light-shining-through-a-wall” (LSW)

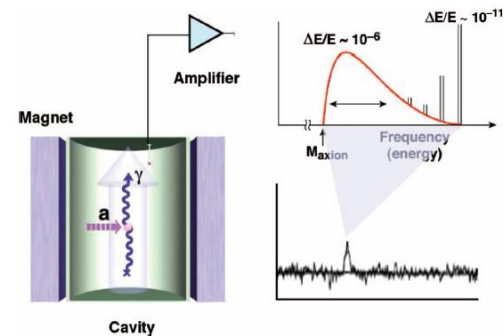
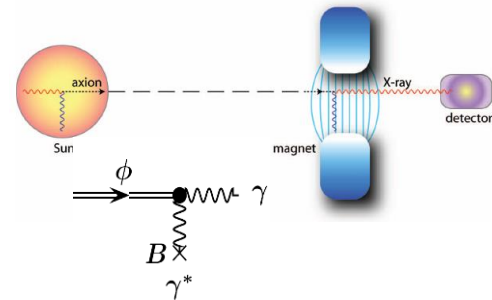
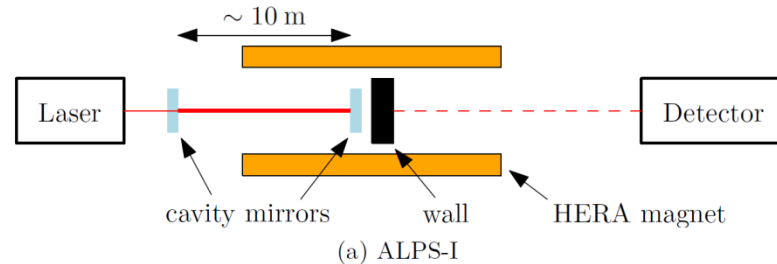


steel wall, cryostat,
earth's atmosphere,
stellar body,
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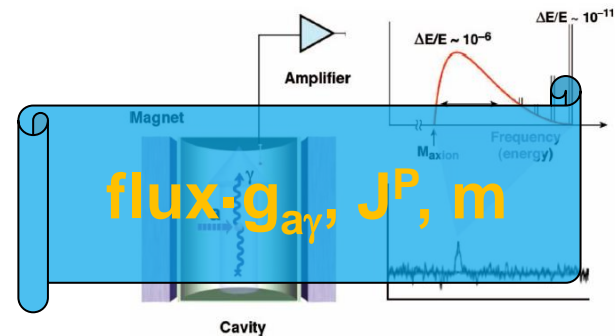
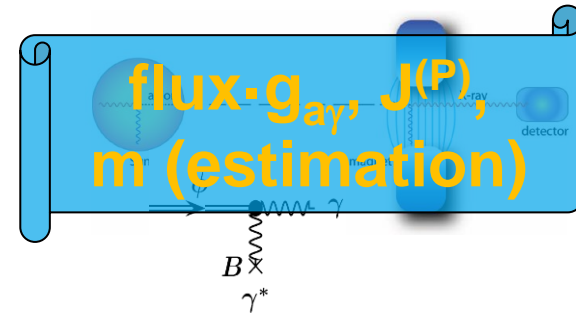
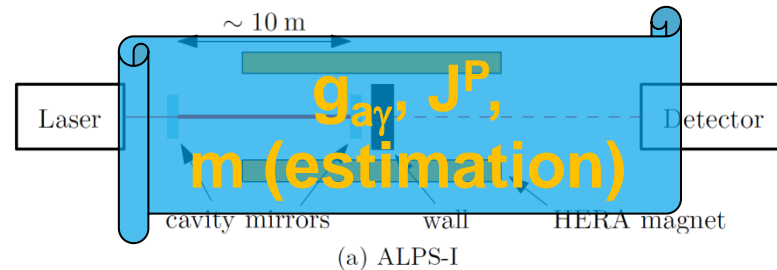
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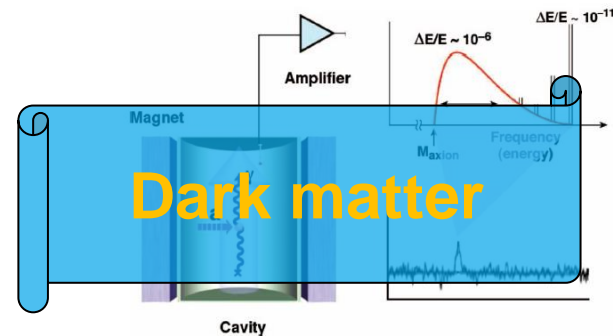
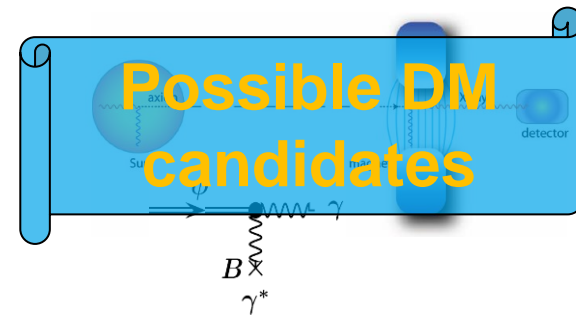
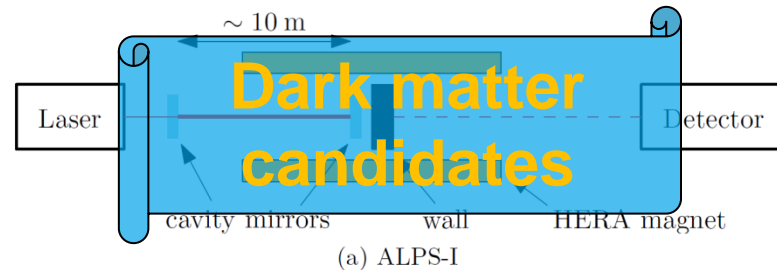
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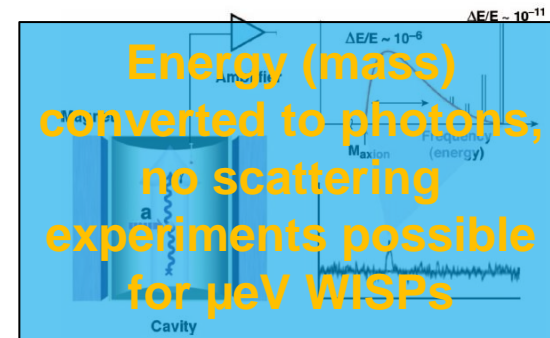
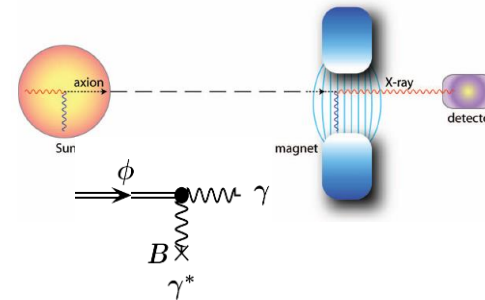
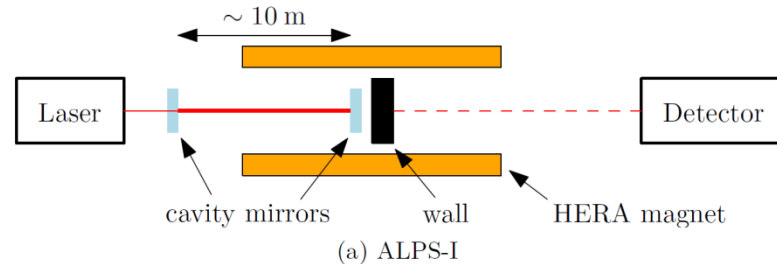
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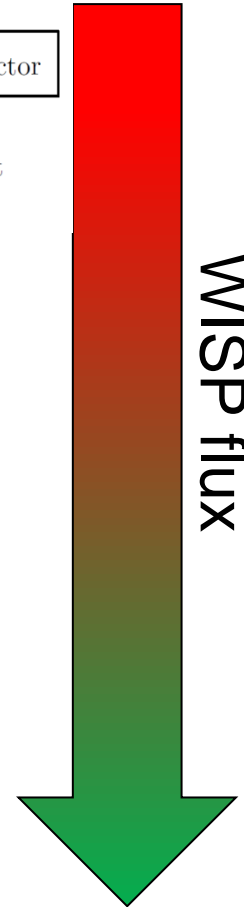
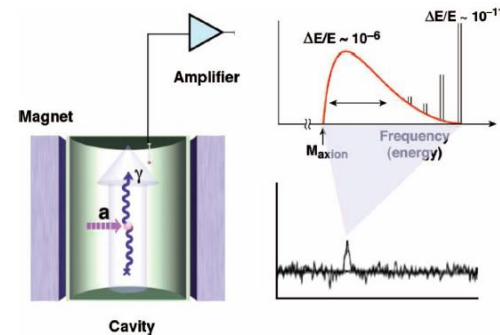
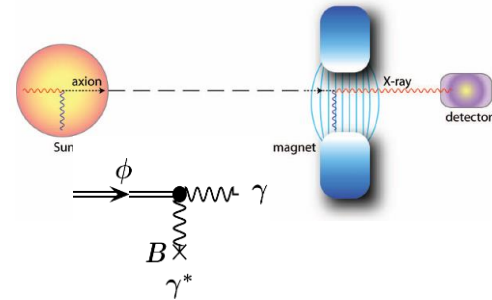
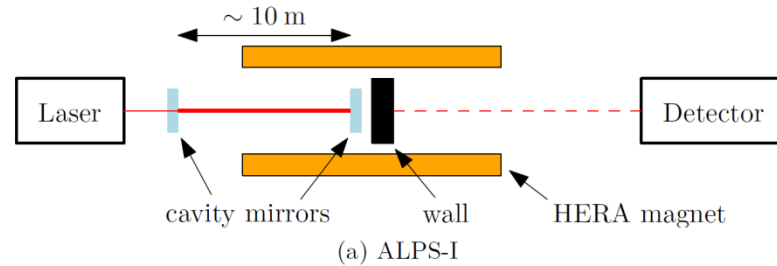
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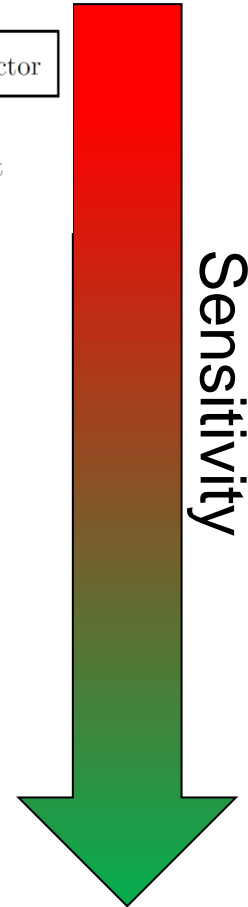
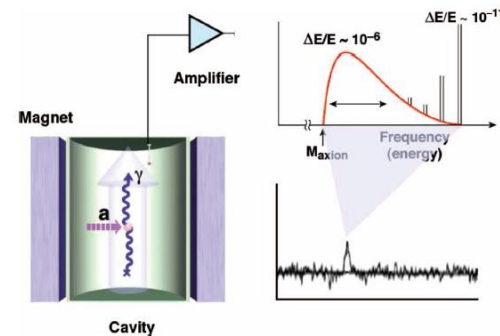
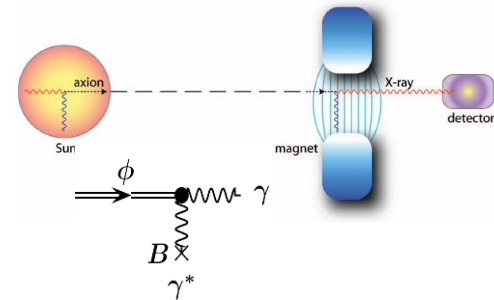
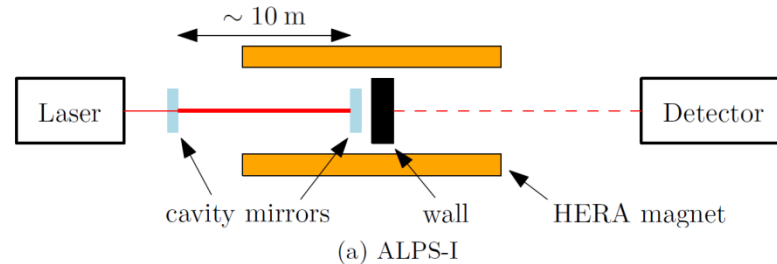
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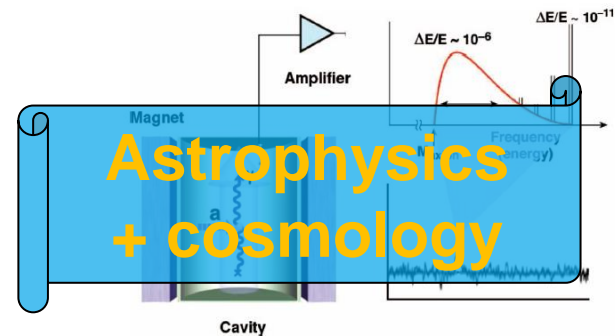
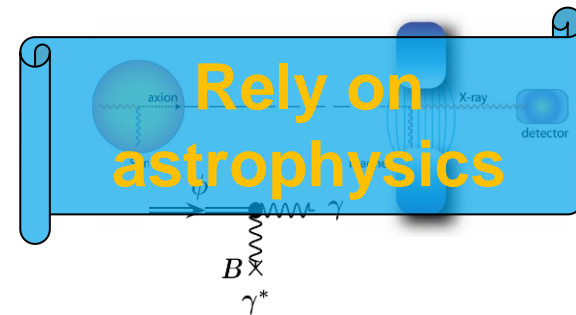
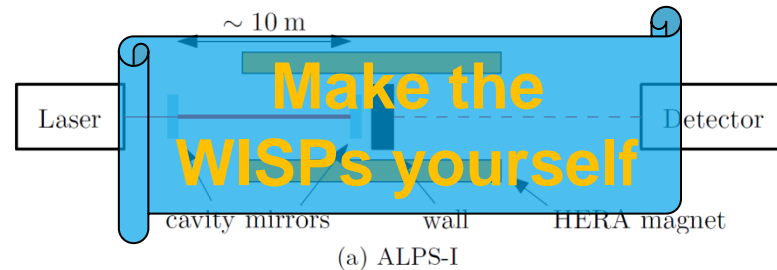
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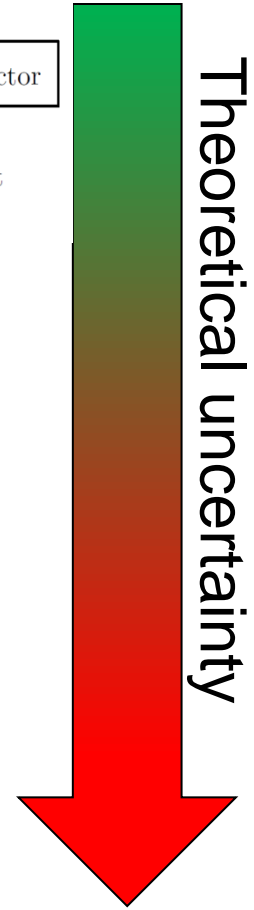
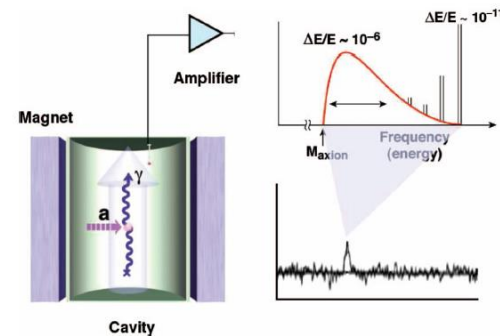
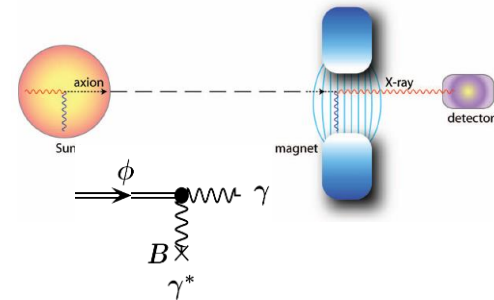
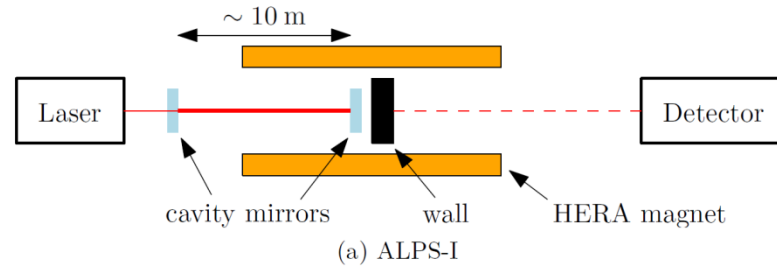
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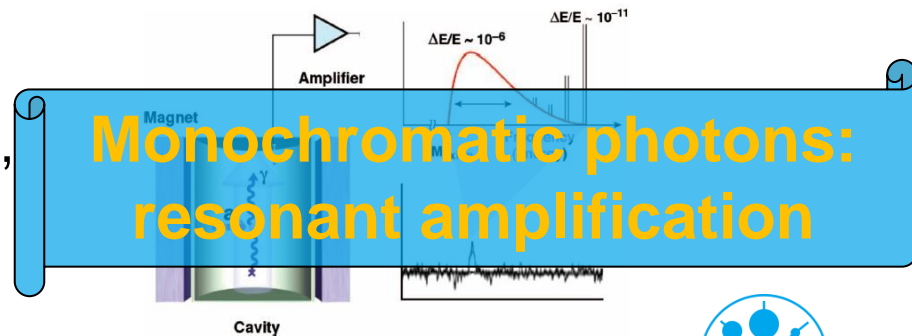
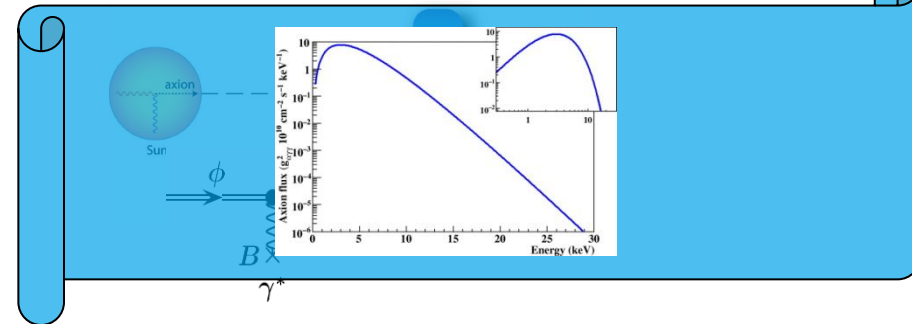
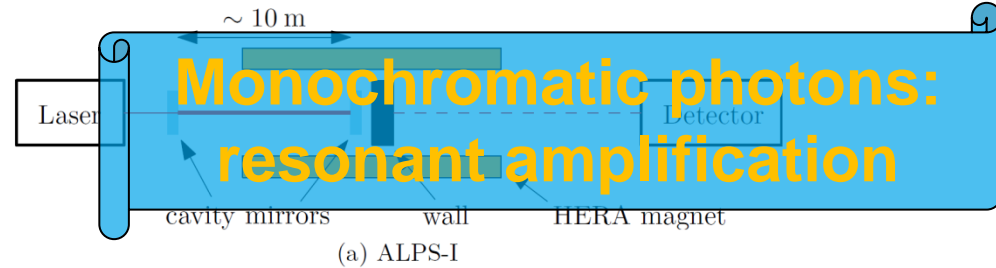
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ALPS I at DESY in Hamburg

Any Light Particle Search @ DESY: ALPS I



Approved in 2007, concluded in 2010

(PLB Vol. 689 (2010), 149, or <http://arxiv.org/abs/1004.1313>)

> Unfortunately, no light was shining through the wall!



> The most sensitive WISP search experiment in the laboratory (nearly).

2013: CERN microwave experiment

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First results of the CERN Resonant Weakly Interacting sub-eV Particle Search (CROWS)

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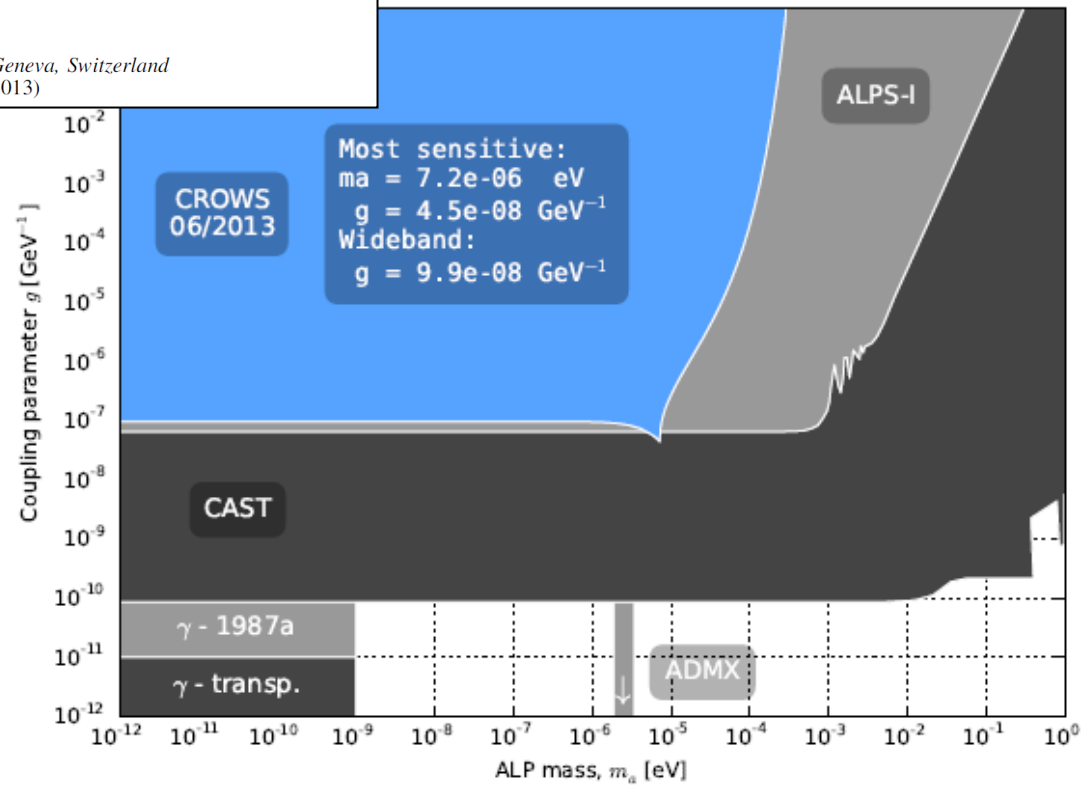
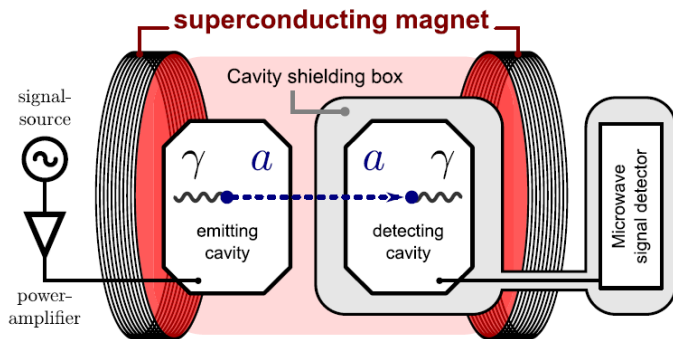
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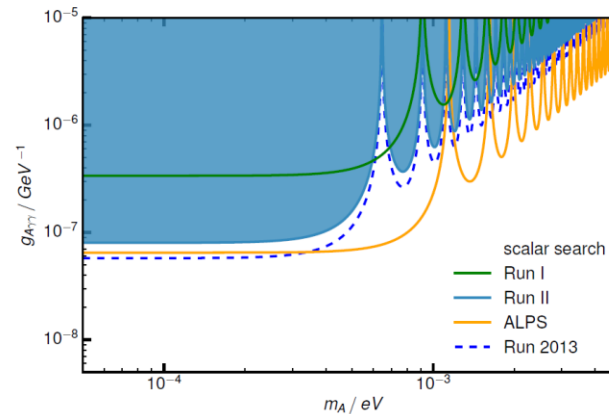
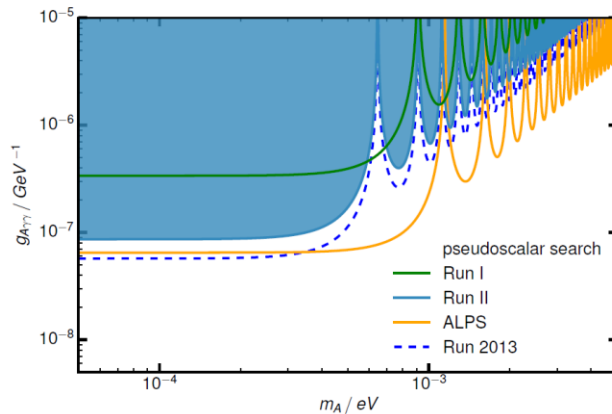
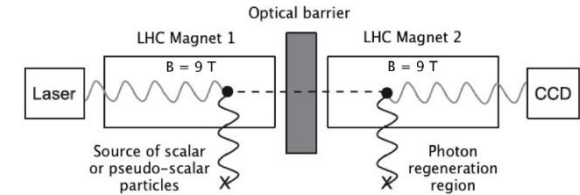


2014: OSQAR at CERN

Latest Results of the OSQAR Photon Regeneration Experiment for Axion-Like Particle Search

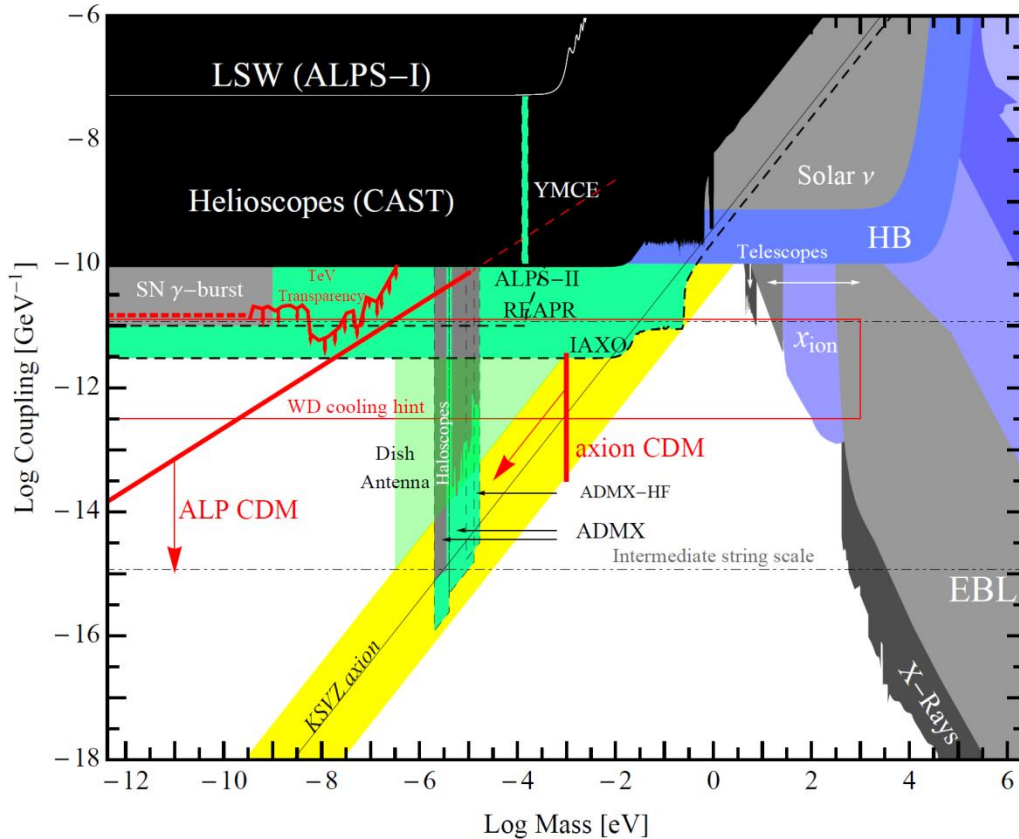
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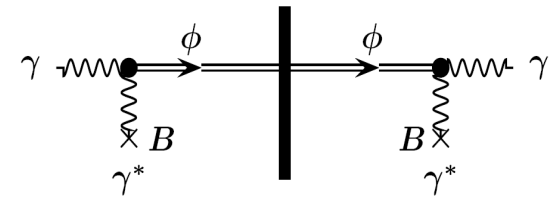


- With **two LHC dipoles** OSQAR has surpassed the ALPS I sensitivity.
- No evidence for axion-like particles has been found (as expected from other exclusion limits).

The LSW challenge



← Improve the sensitivity by three orders of magnitude! ←



Note:
the experiment measures g^4 !

Hence the sensitivity of the experiment is to be increased by 10^{12} !

Prospects for ALPS II @ DESY



- Laser with optical cavity to recycle laser power, switch from 532 nm to 1064 nm, increase effective power from 1 to 150 kW.
- Magnet: upgrade to 10+10 **straightened** HERA dipoles instead of $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}$ used for ALPS I.
- **Regeneration cavity** to increase WISP-photon conversions, single photon counter (**superconducting transition edge sensor**).

All set up in a clean environment!

The ALPS II reach

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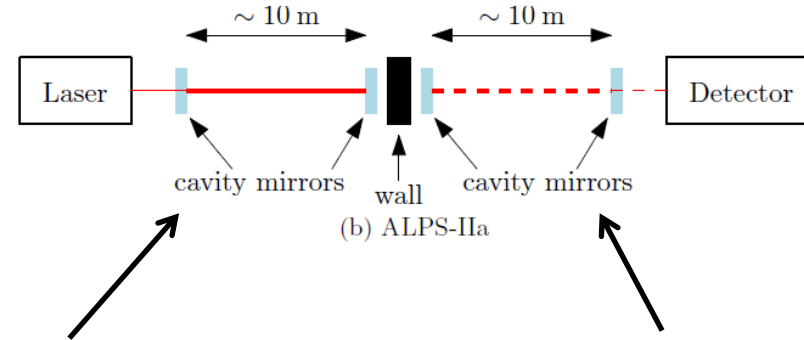
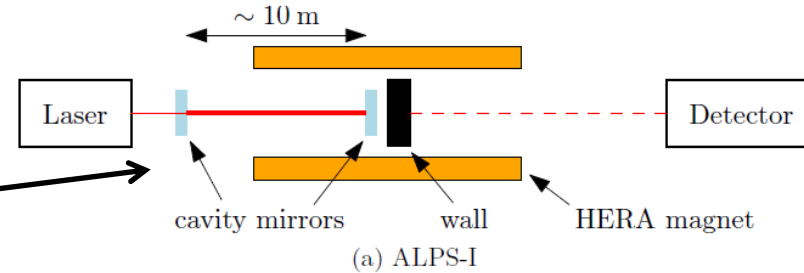
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ALPS II essentials: laser & optics

ALPS I:
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> ALPS IIa



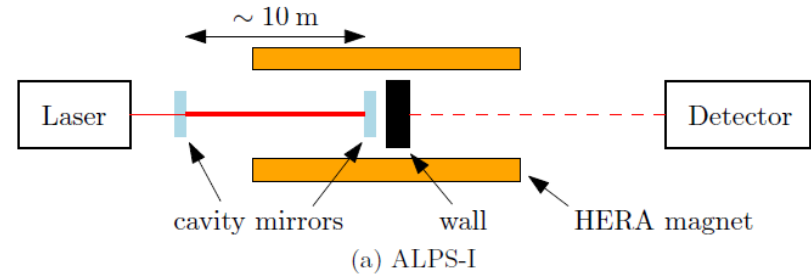
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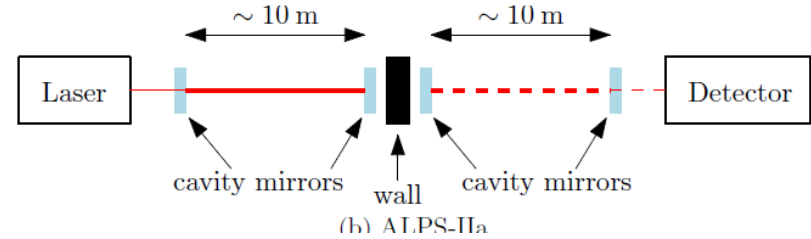
First realization of a 23 year old proposal!

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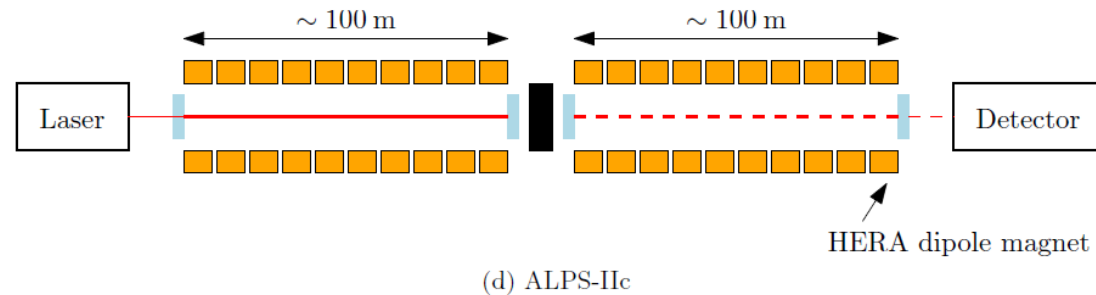
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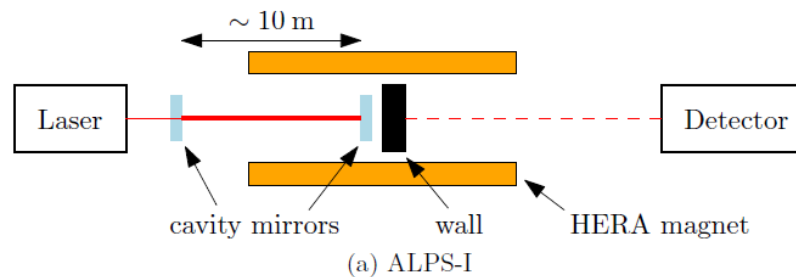


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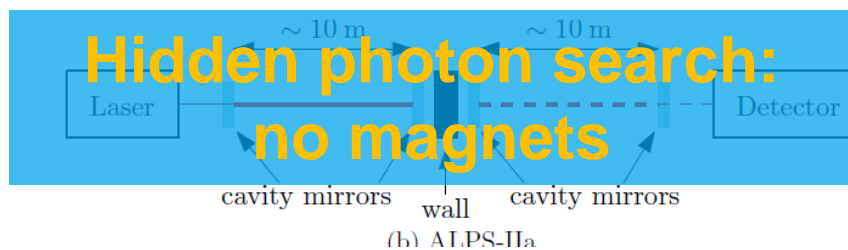


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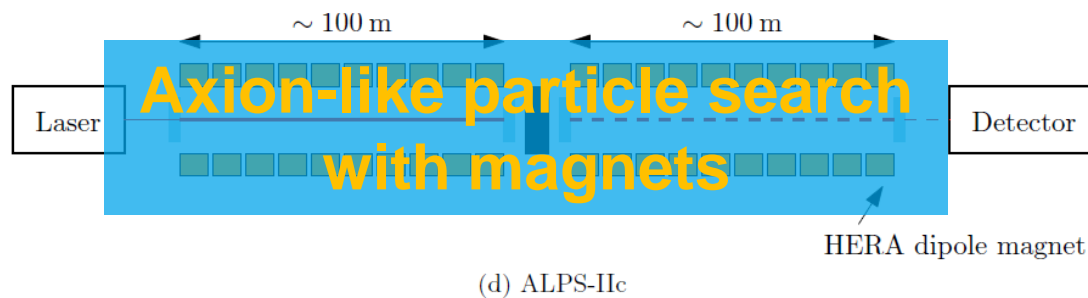
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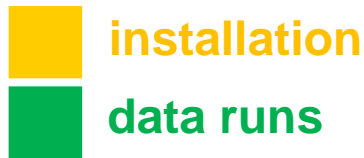
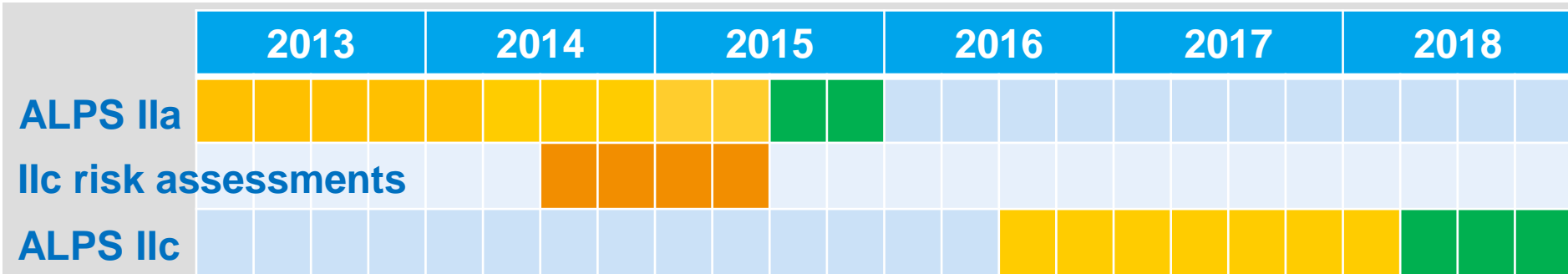
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ALPS II schedule (rough)



↑
 Closure of the LINAC tunnel
 of the European XFEL project
 under construction at DESY.



ALPS IIc in 2018
in the HERA tunnel



The collaboration: PhDs and postdocs

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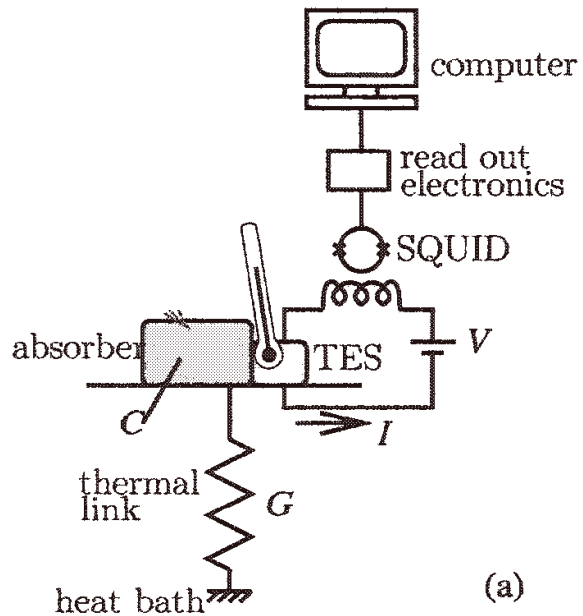
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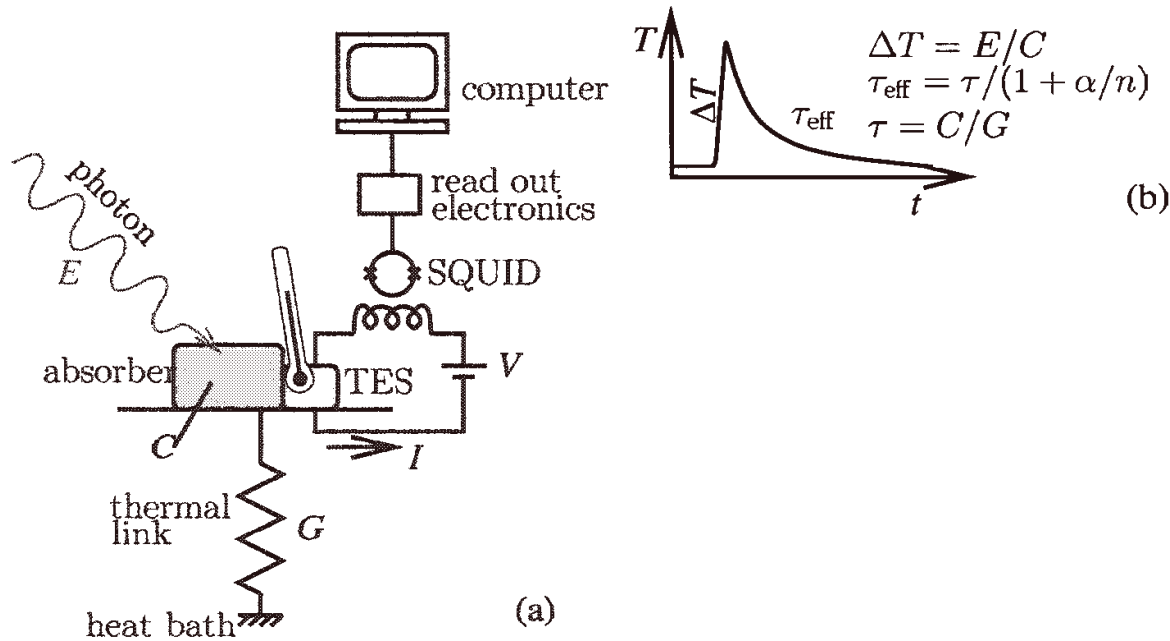
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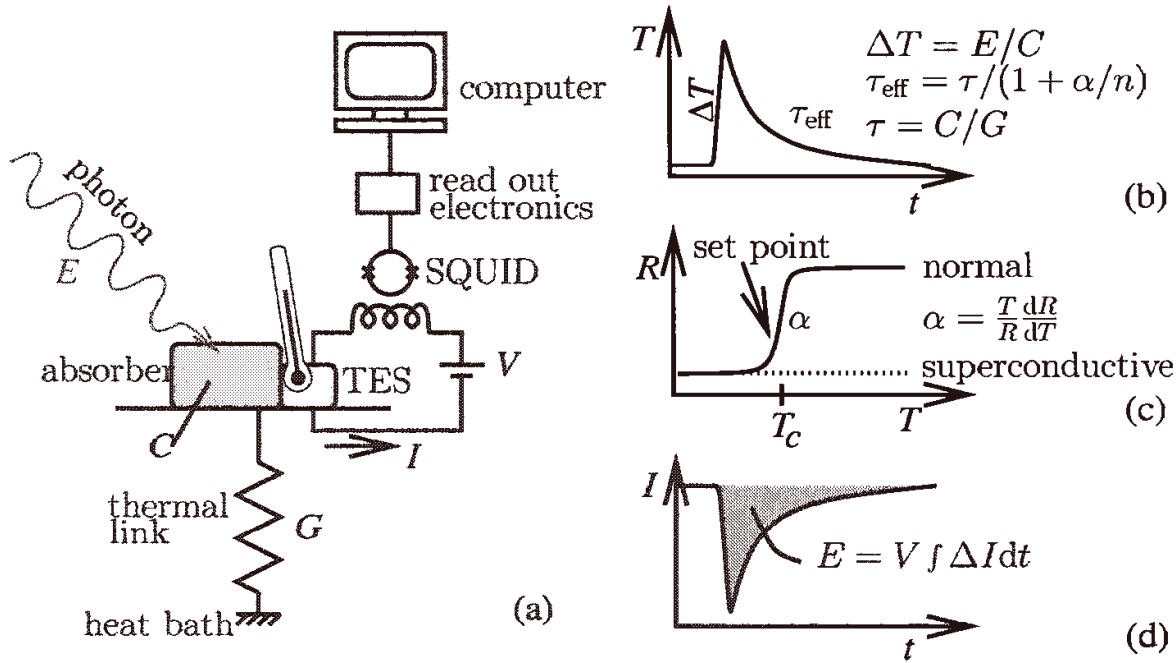
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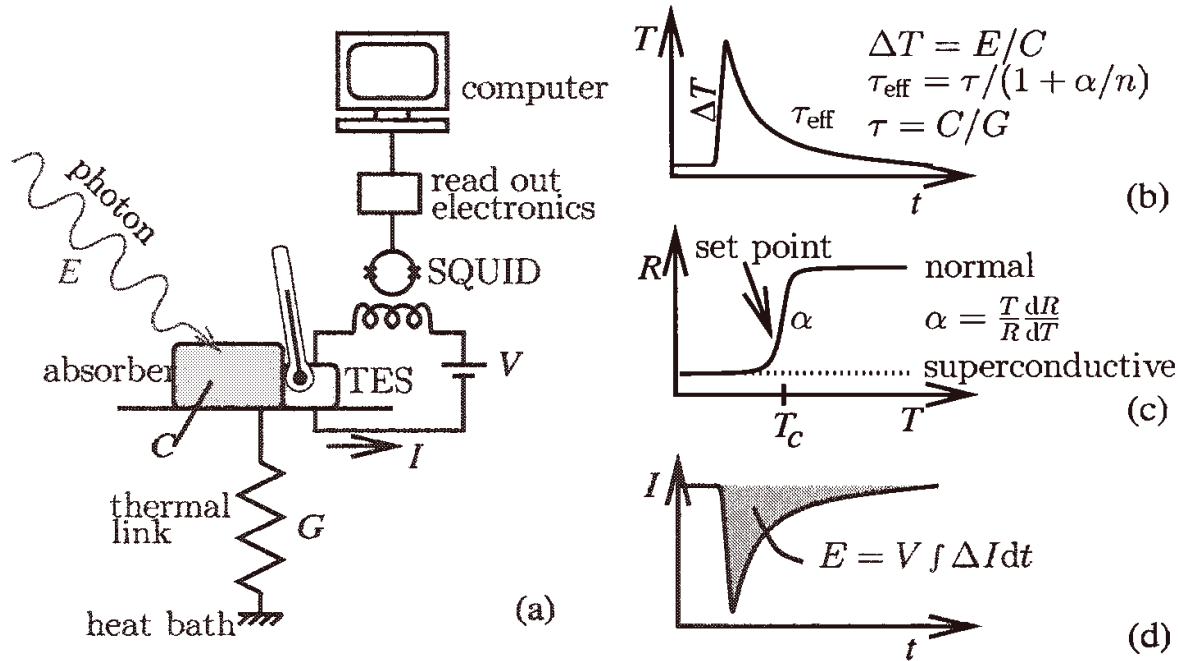
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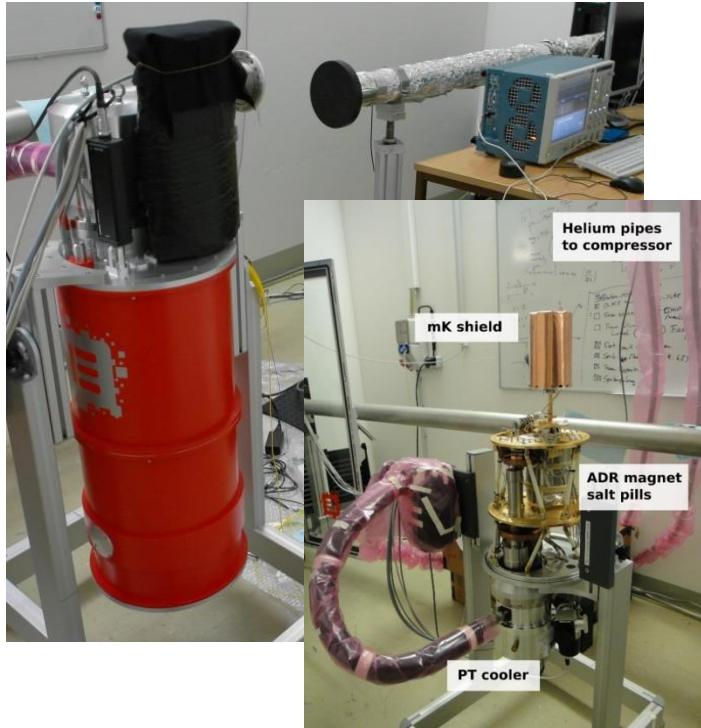
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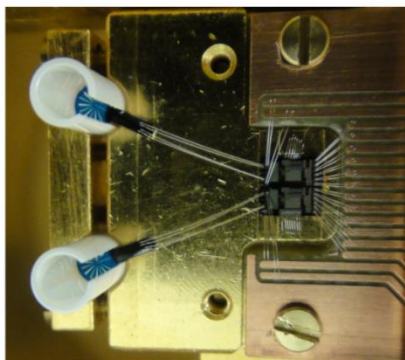
- > Expectation: very high quantum efficiency, also at 1064 nm, very low noise.

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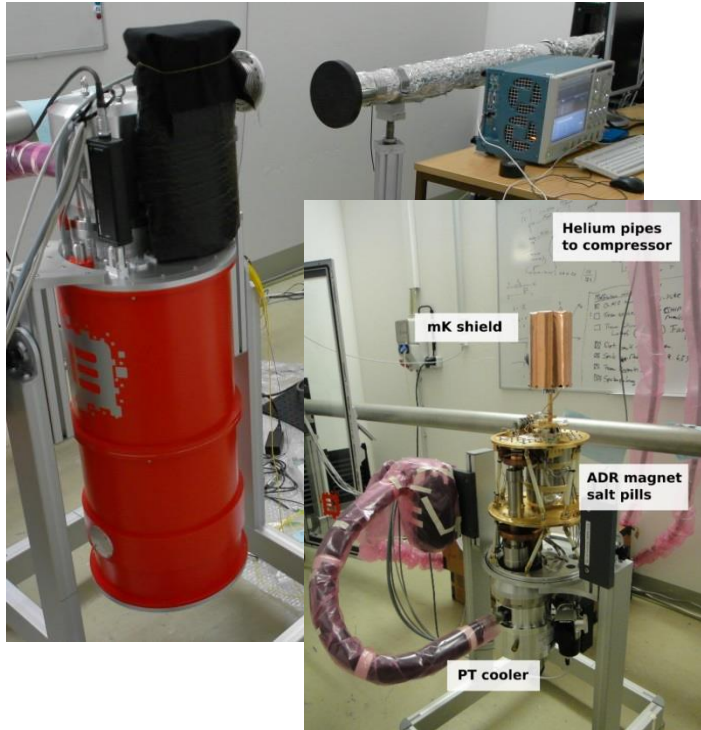
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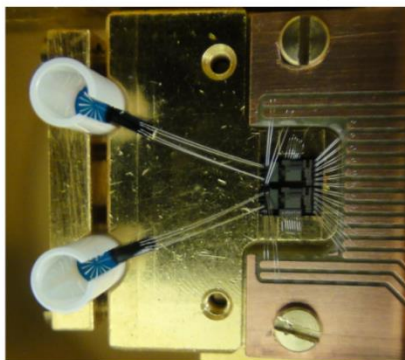
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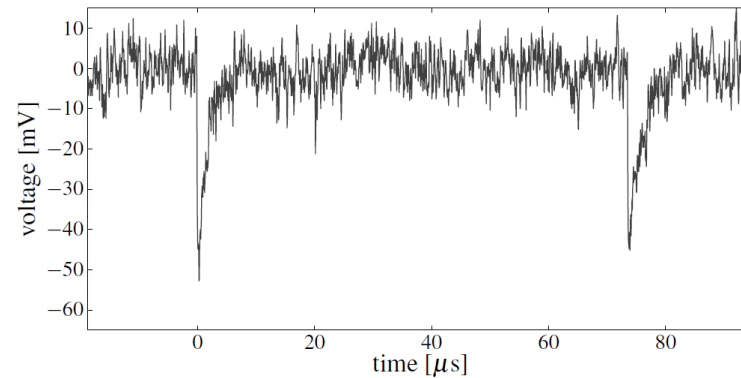
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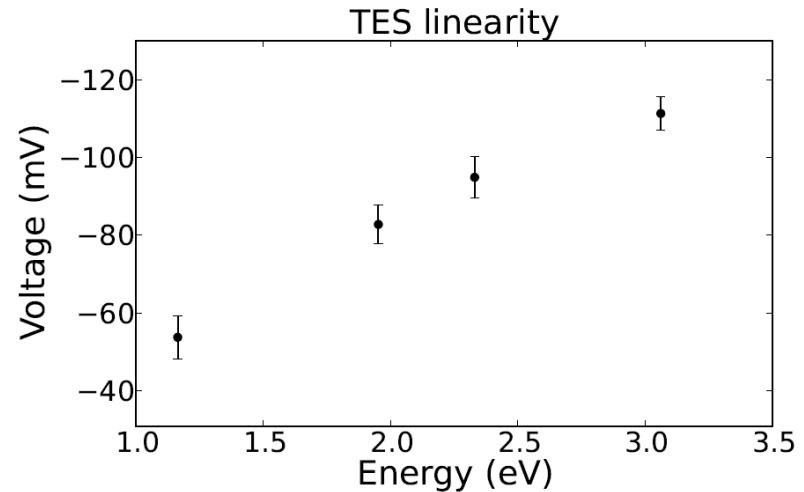


- Single 1066 nm photon pulses!
- Energy resolution $\approx 8\%$.
- Dark background 10^{-4} counts/second.
- Ongoing: background studies, optimize fibers, minimize background from ambient thermal photons.

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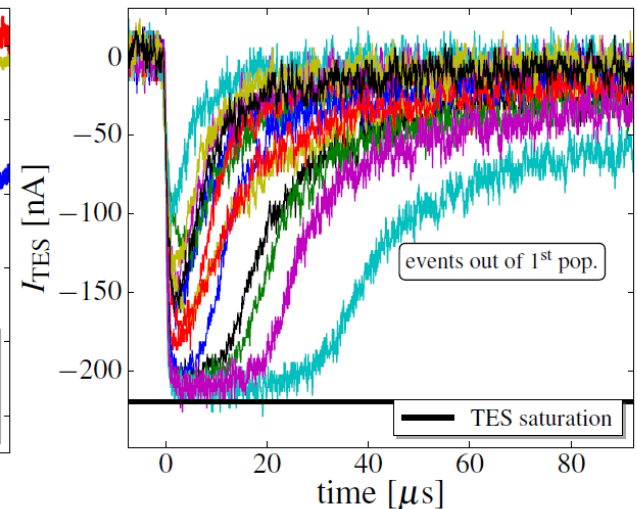
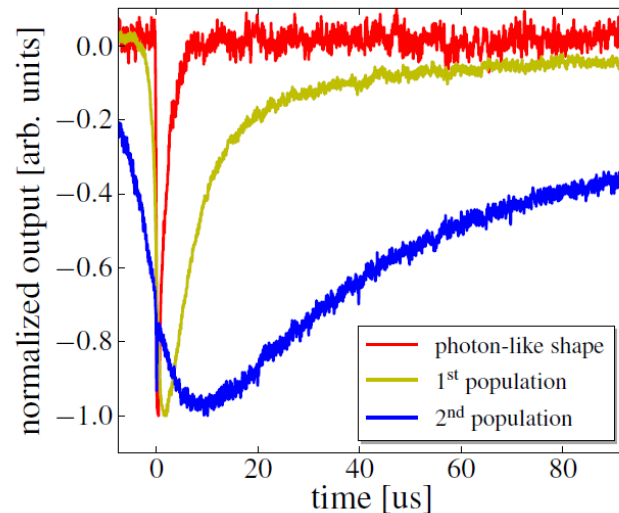
- > The TES is linear and shows some saturation at higher energies as expected. The absolute energy resolution stays constant!



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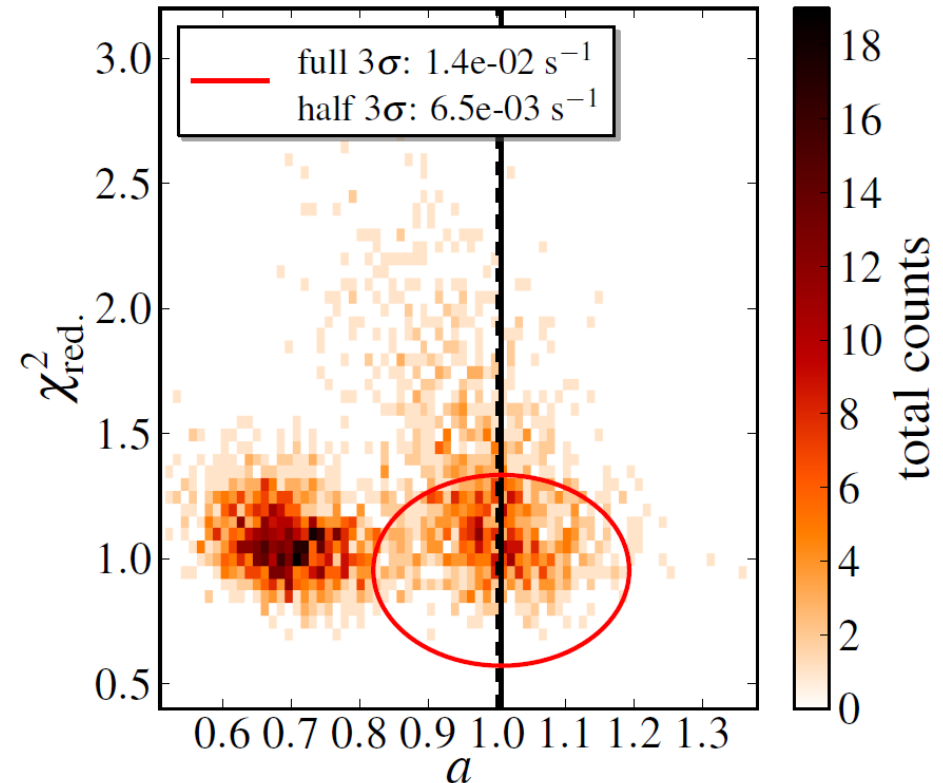
- There is an intrinsic background most likely related to radioactivity and cosmic rays depositing energy in the silicon substrate around the TES.
- The total background rate is about 0.01 Hz, but the rate of photon-like events is only (0.00010 ± 0.00002) Hz.
- Is this the “ultimate noise limit” of the ALPS TES?



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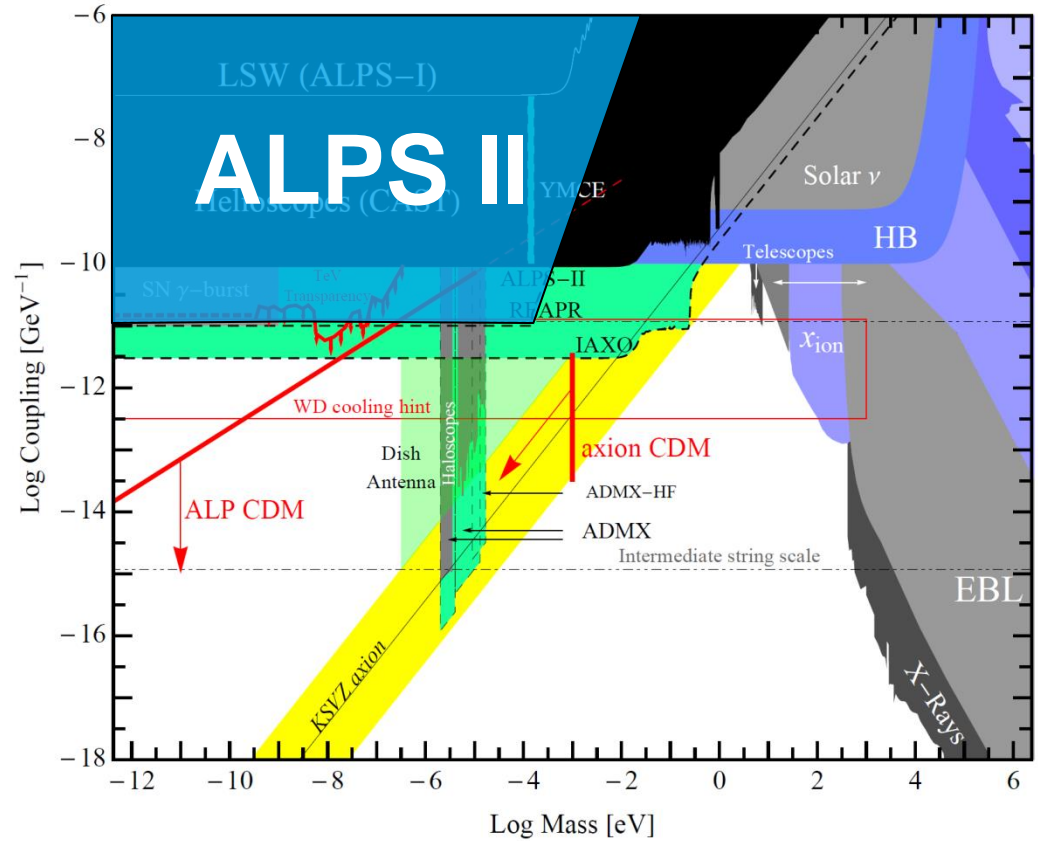
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- When the TES is coupled via an optical fiber to a dark room-temperature environment, background 1064 nm “photons” are registered at a rate of (0.0086 ± 0.0011) Hz. (using a set-up with an efficiency of 23%).
- Most likely this is caused by a pile up of black-body photons with longer wavelengths.



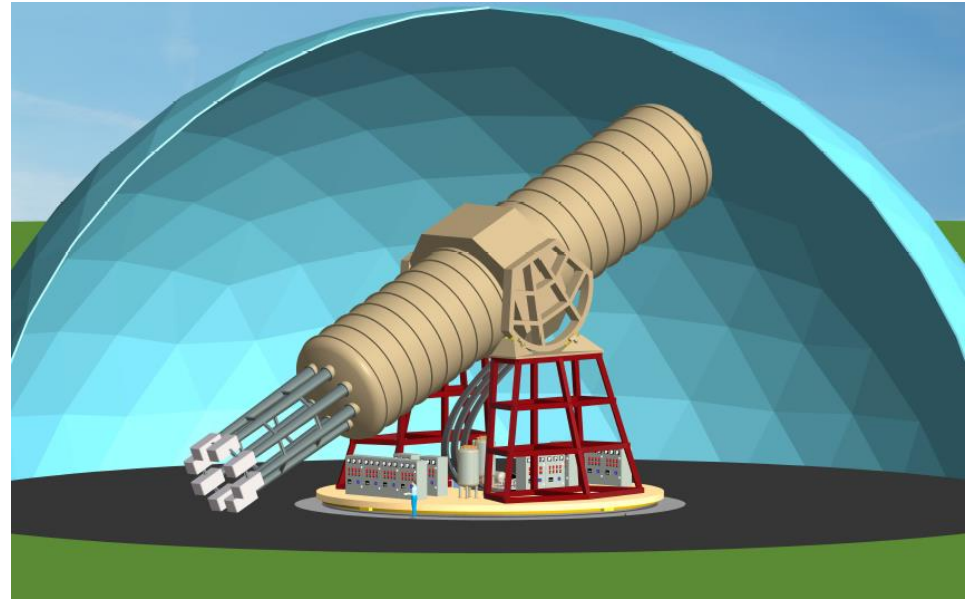
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- Well beyond current limits.
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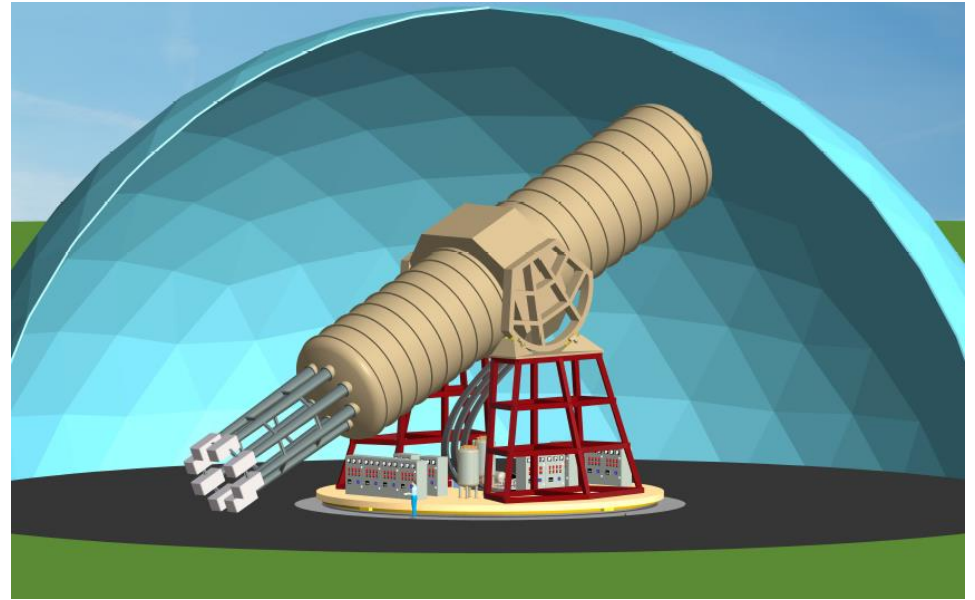
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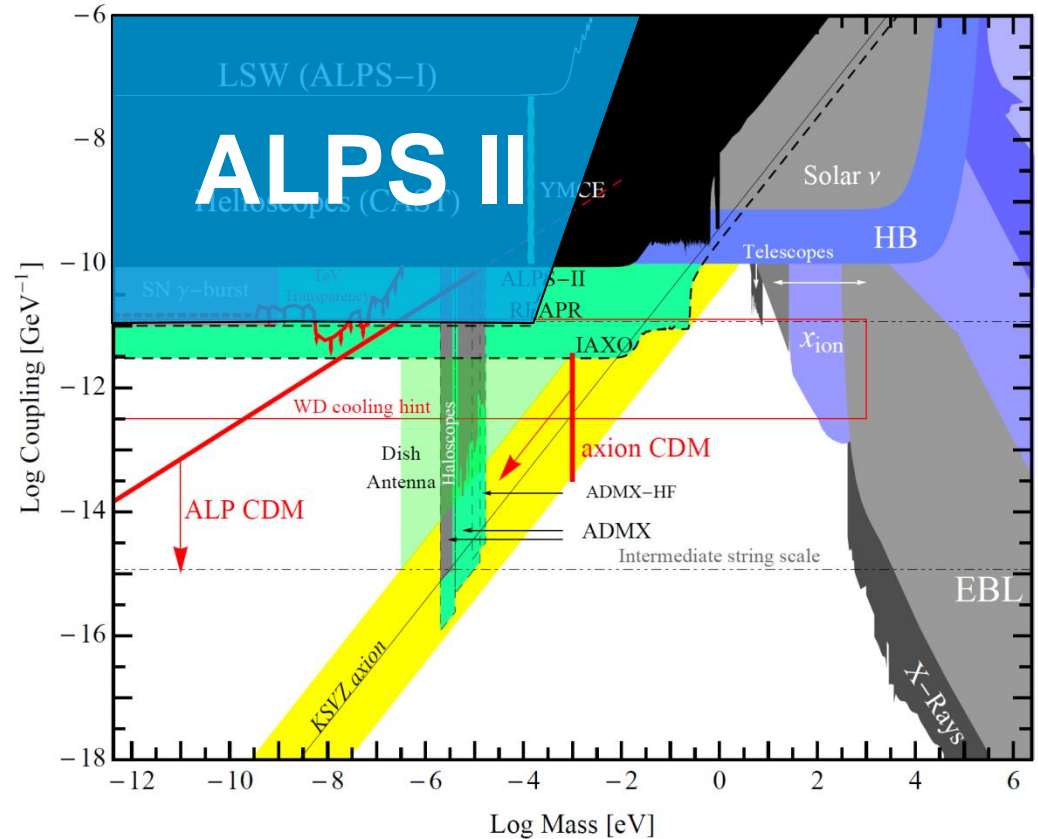


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- Aim for data taking in 2018, likely before IAXO.
- QCD axions not in reach.
- Able to probe hints from astrophysics.



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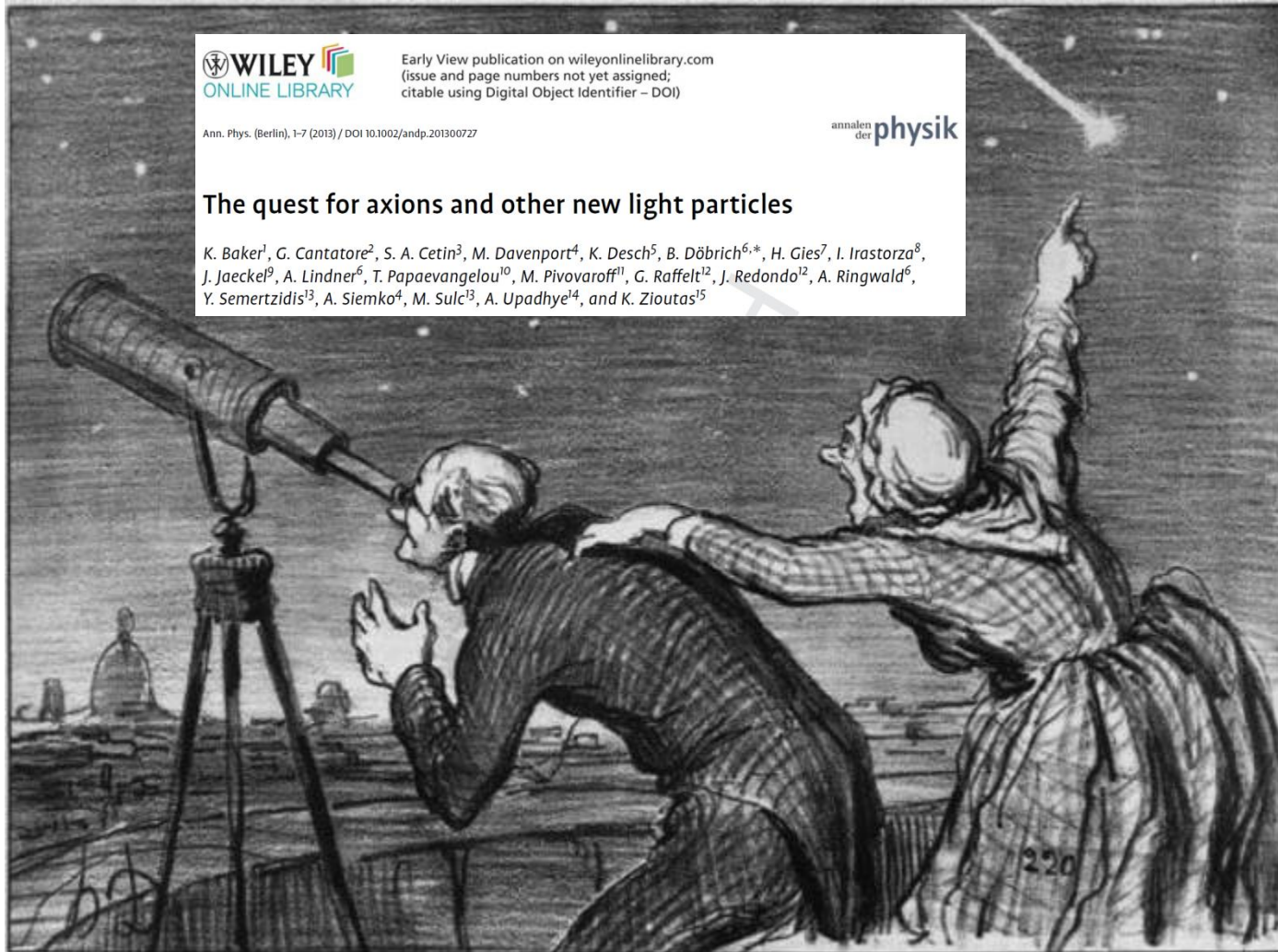
- > Astrophysics might hint at the existence of axion-like particles.
 - Especially high energy cosmic photons from extragalactic sources could pin down a clear evidence for ALPs.
- > ALPS II could search for these axion-like particles and other WISPs.
 - We aim for detecting one infrared photon within an hour.
- > A detection of WISPs at ALPS II
 - would give insight into elementary physics at the 10^{10} GeV scale,
 - could be crucial to understand Dark Matter,
 - might point to an understanding of Dark Energy and
 - would provide a strong boost for solar physics with IAXO.
- > Looking for WISPs
in the lab, from the sun and as components of the dark matter halo
nicely complements experiments at the energy frontier and other
accelerator based efforts.



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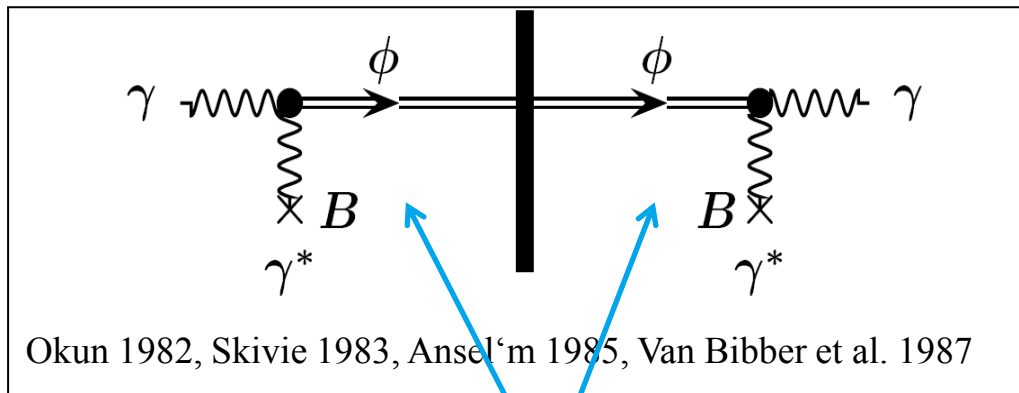


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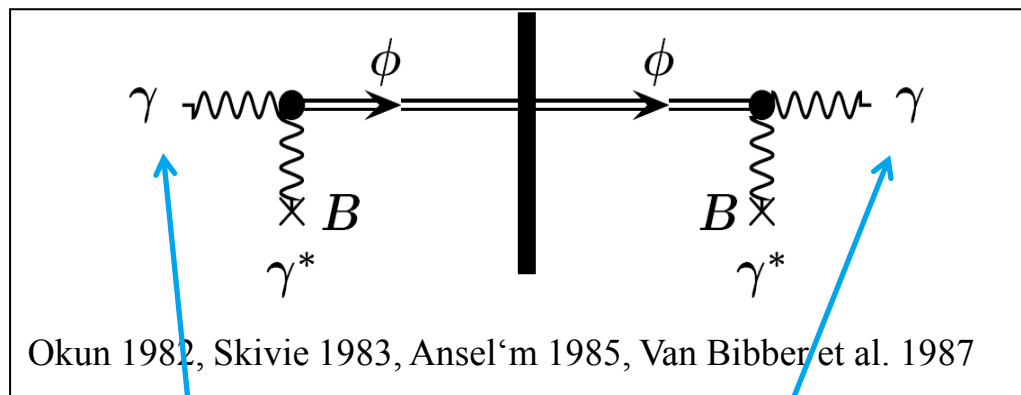
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Real WISPs are produced!

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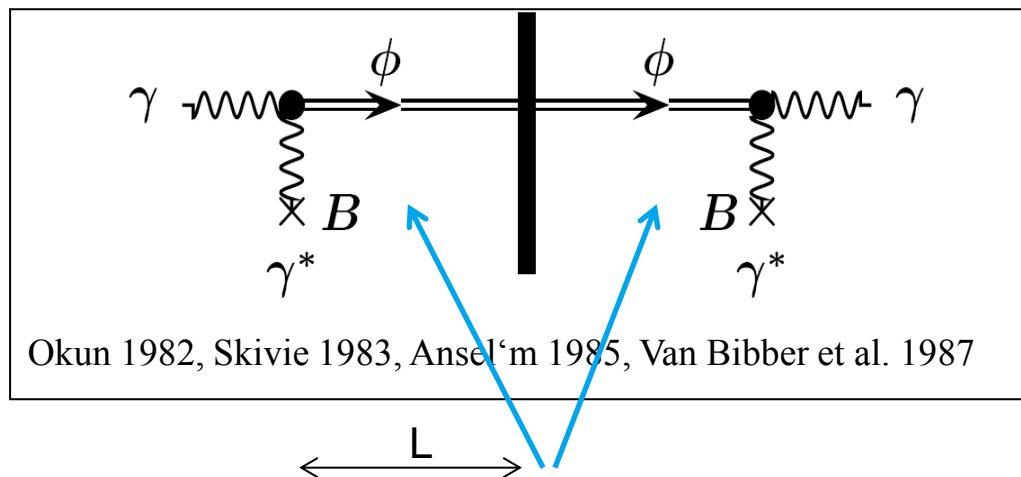
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ALPS IIa in HERA-WEST



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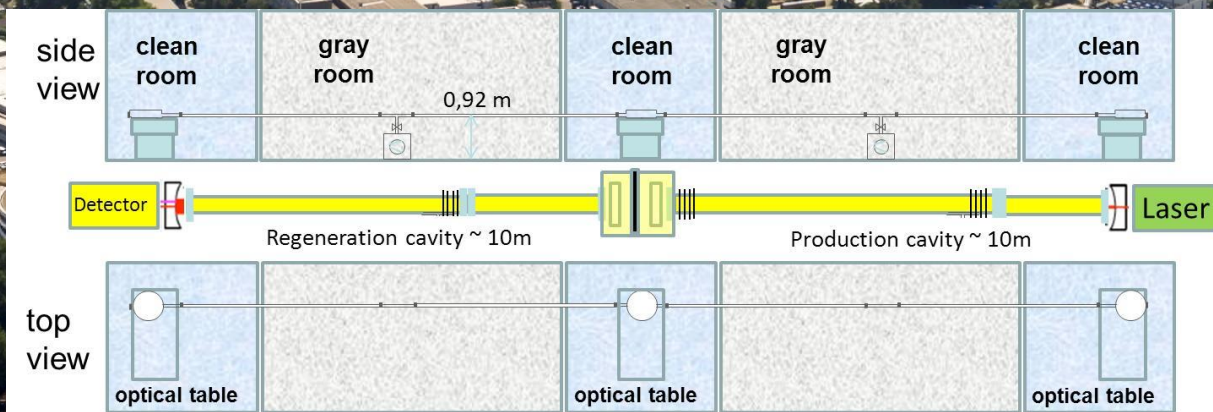
The Klystron gallery
in HERA-West
in September 2010



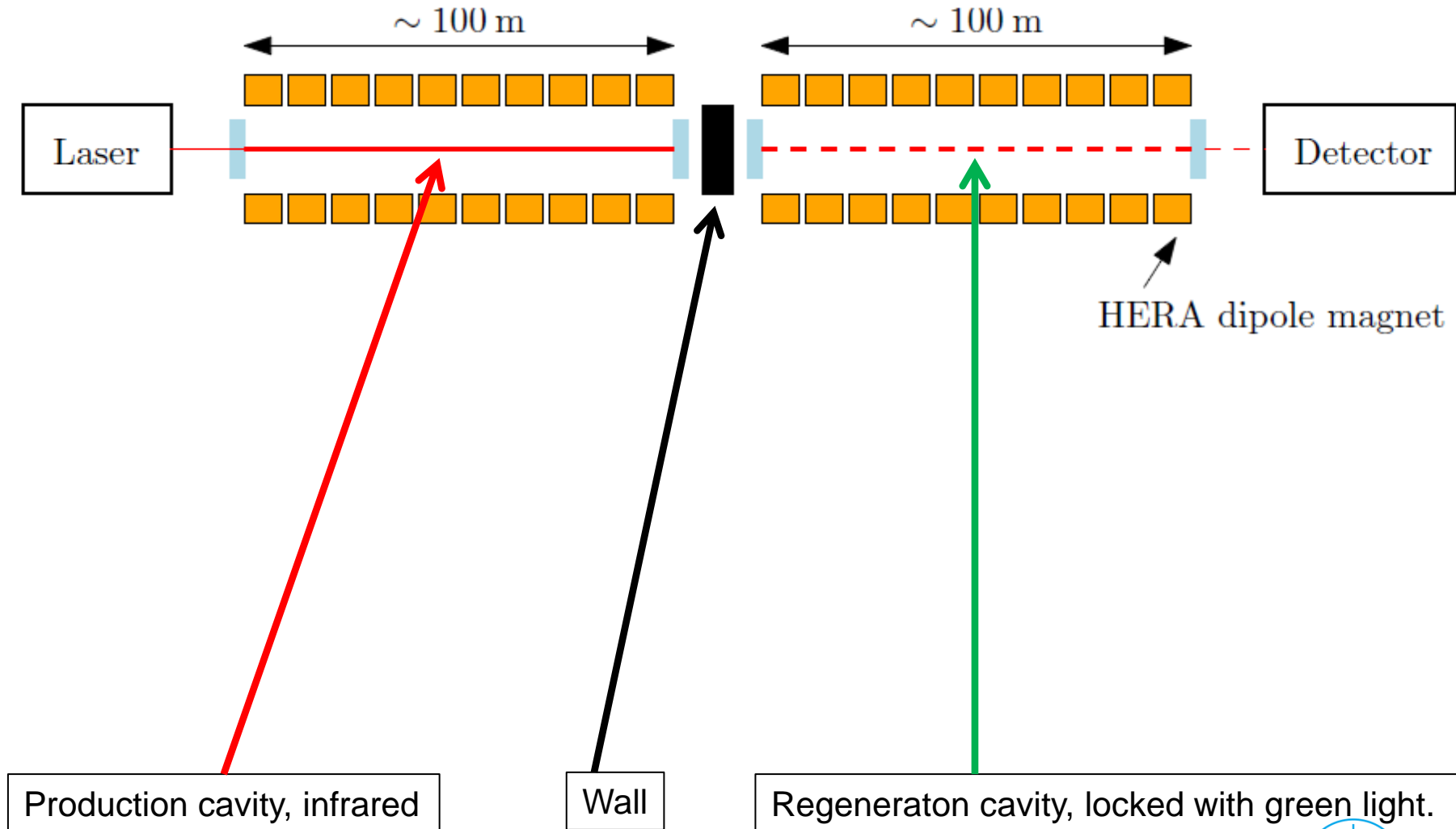
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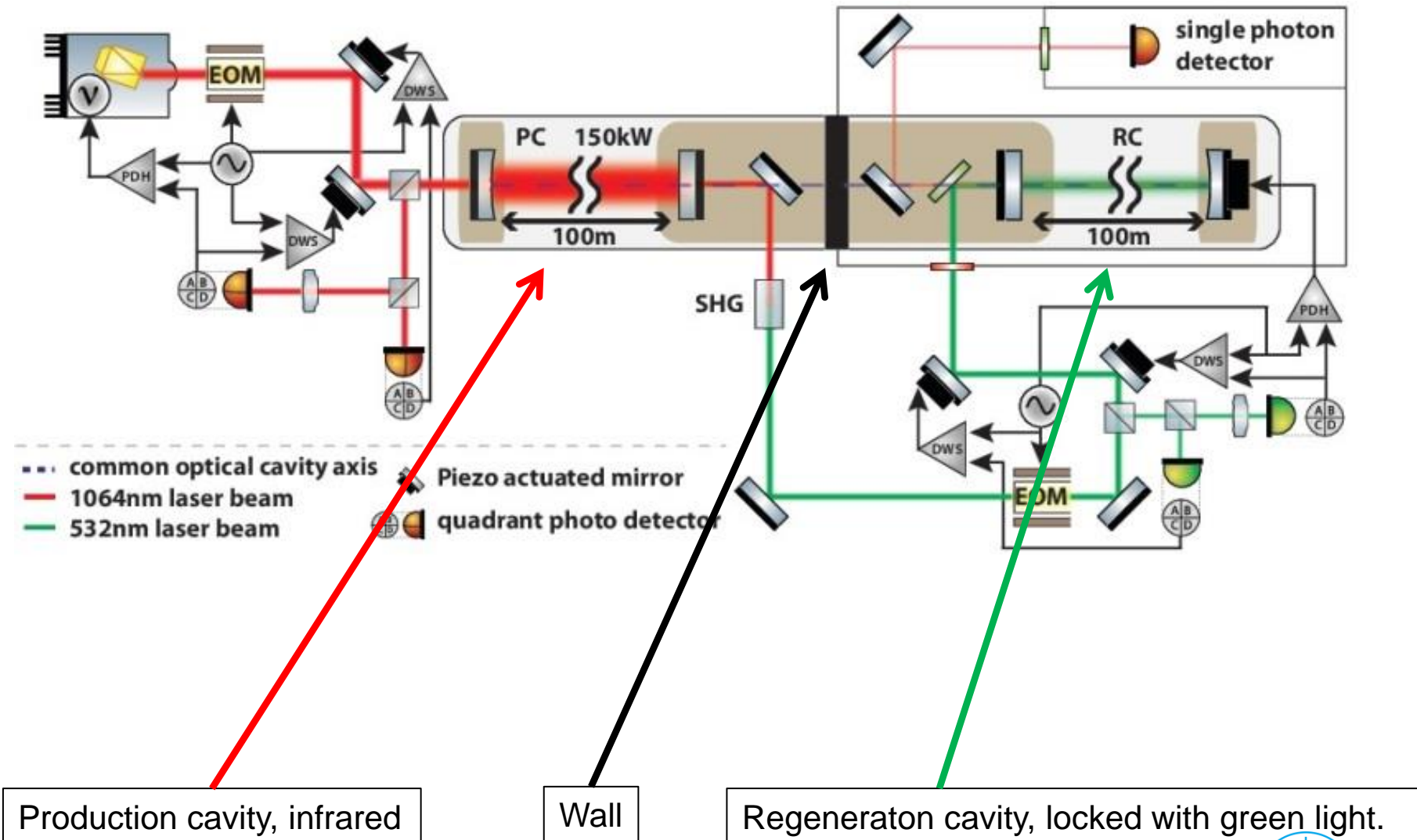
Since 2012: the ALPS IIa laboratory in HERA-West



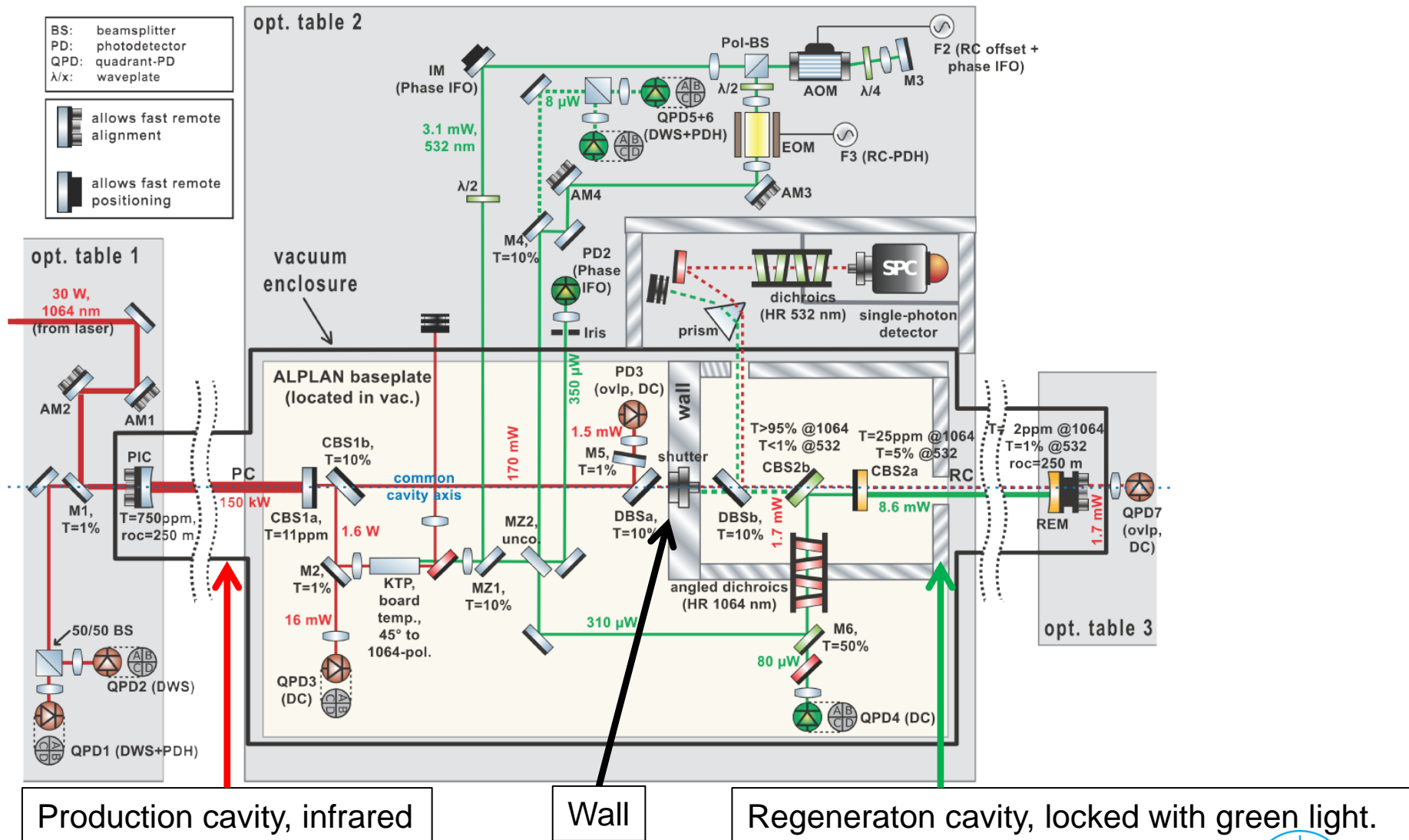
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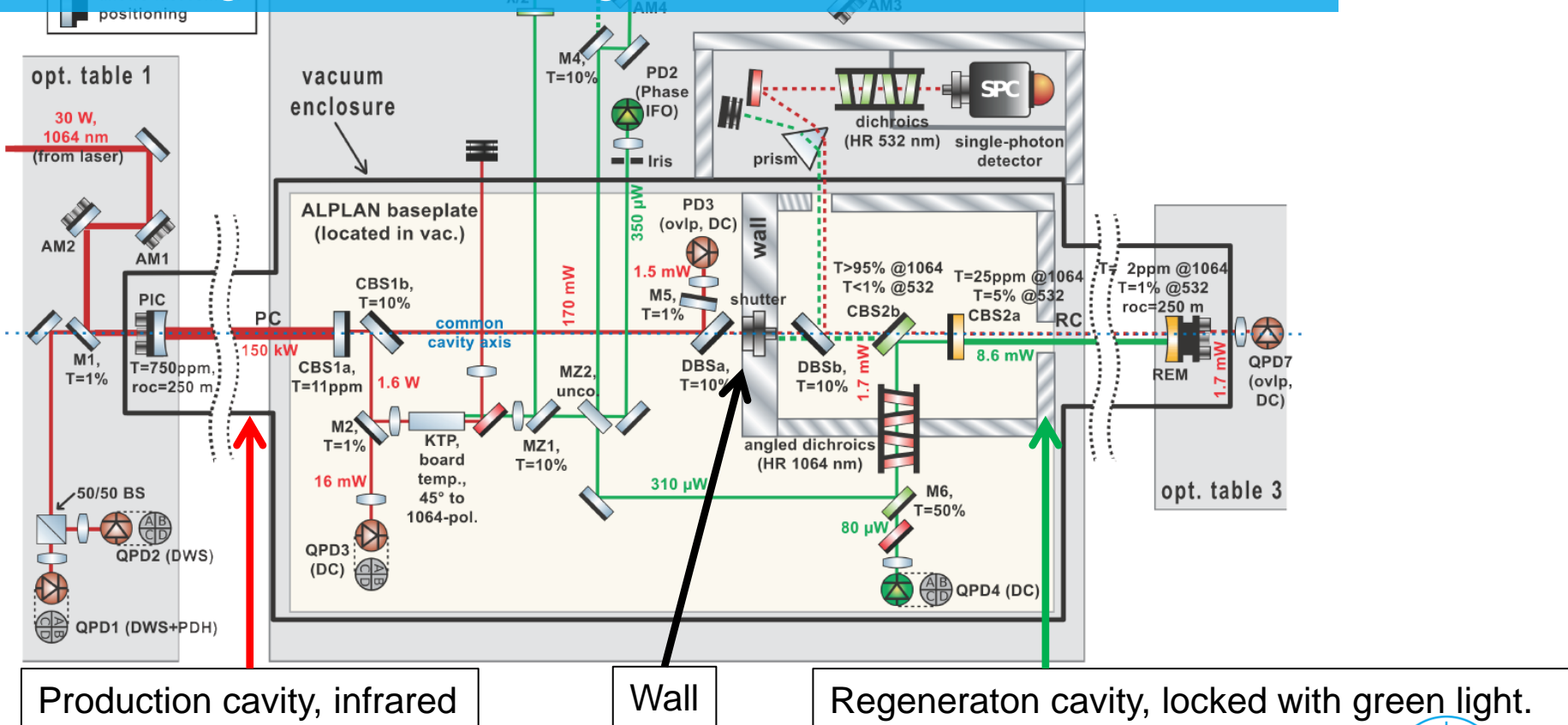


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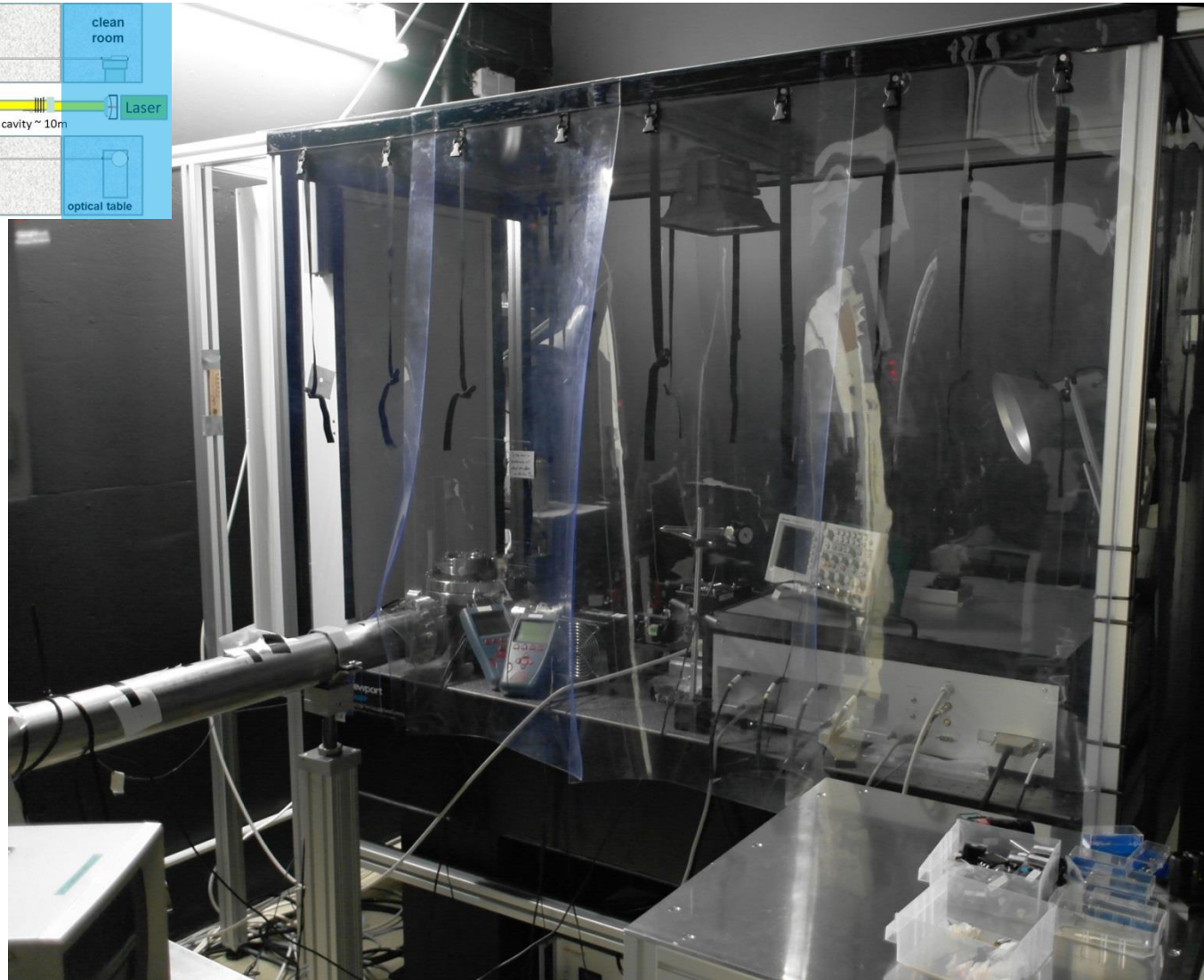
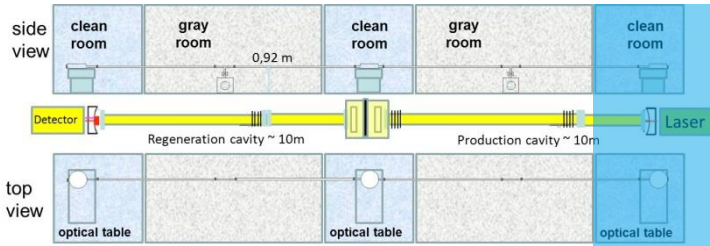


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- Optical design based on well established techniques used in the field of gravitational wave detectors.
- Several prototype stages to test / demonstrate new challenges and mitigate risk before large investments.

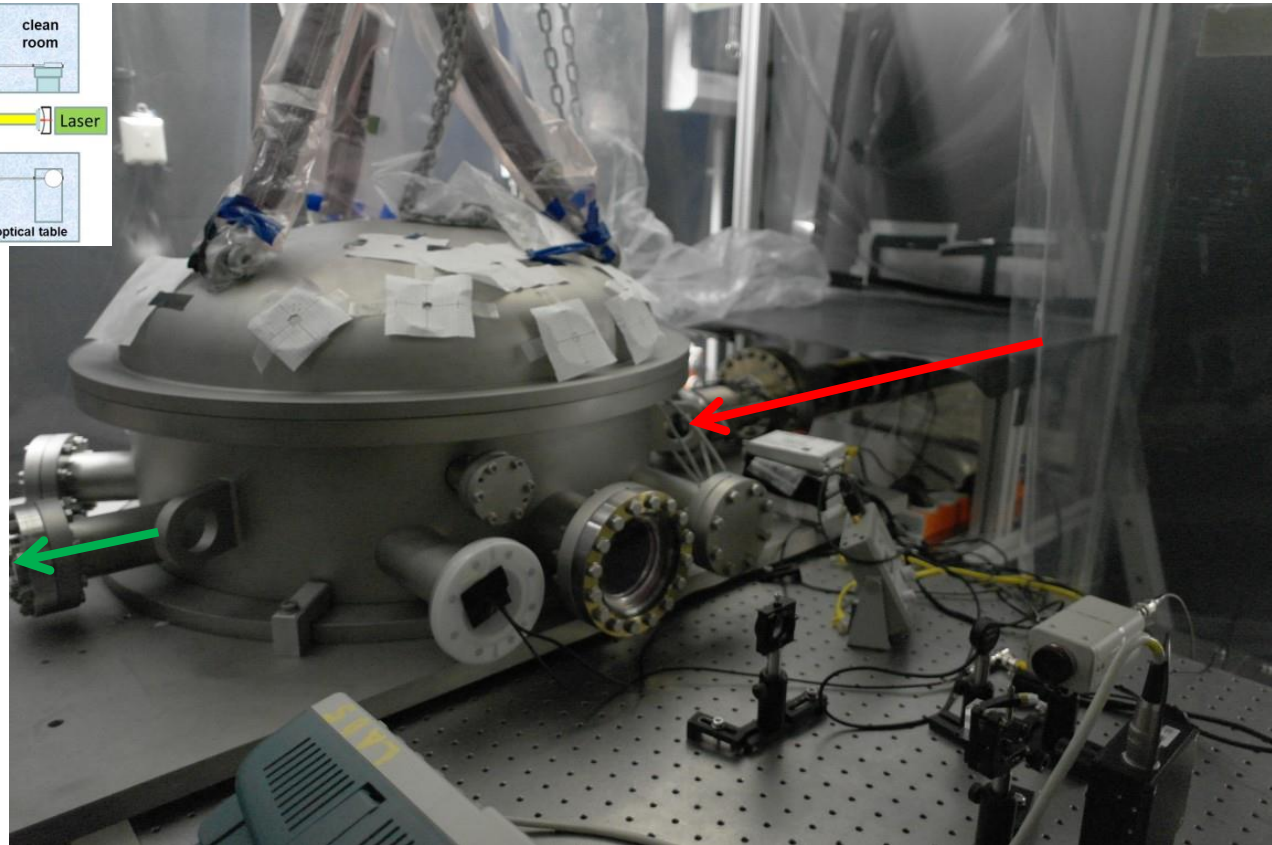
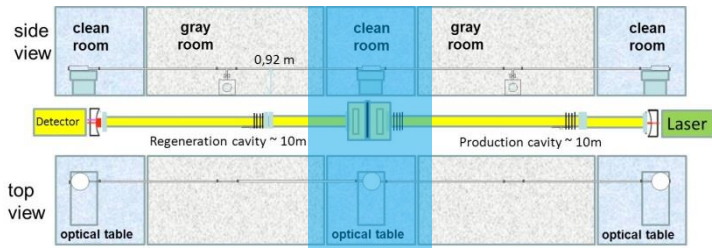


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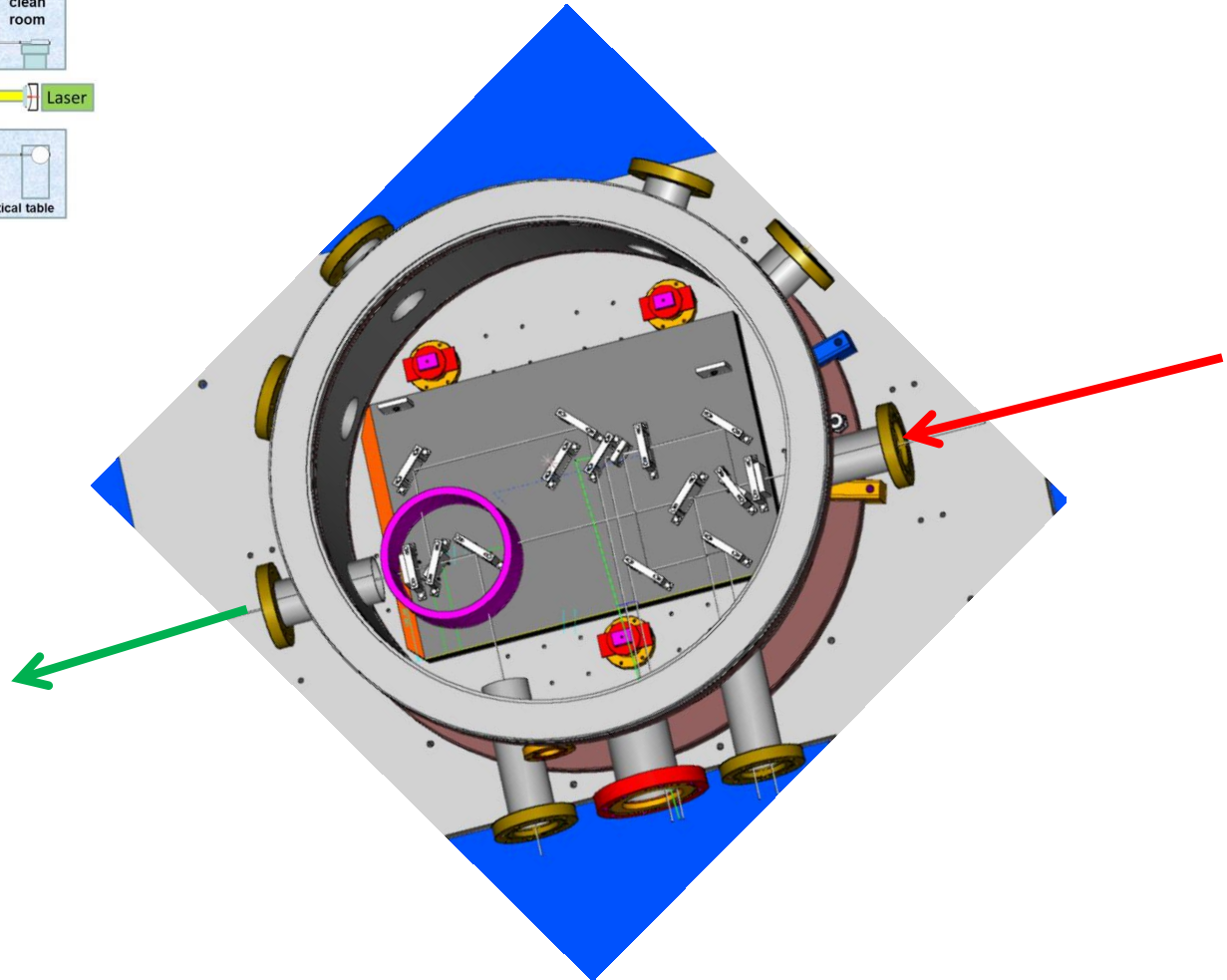
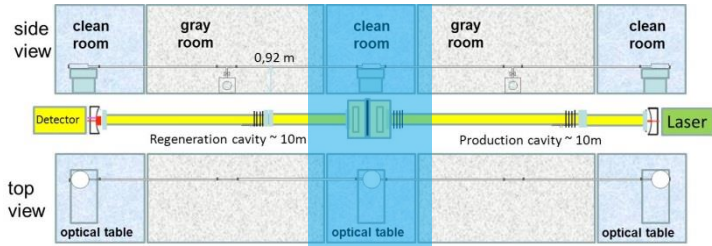


The laser has been developed for LIGO:
35 W, 1064 nm, $M^2 < 1.1$
based on
2 W NPRO by
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(Nd:YAG (neodymium-doped yttrium aluminium garnet))

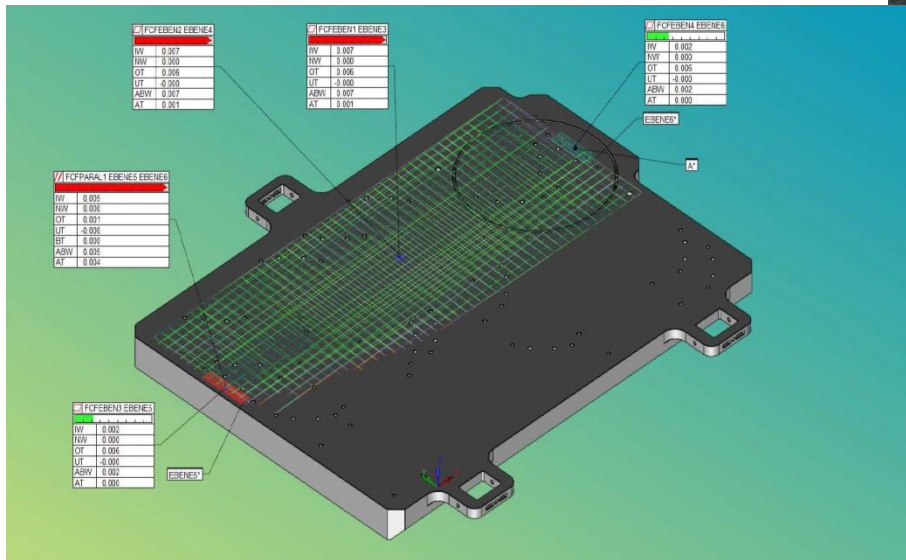
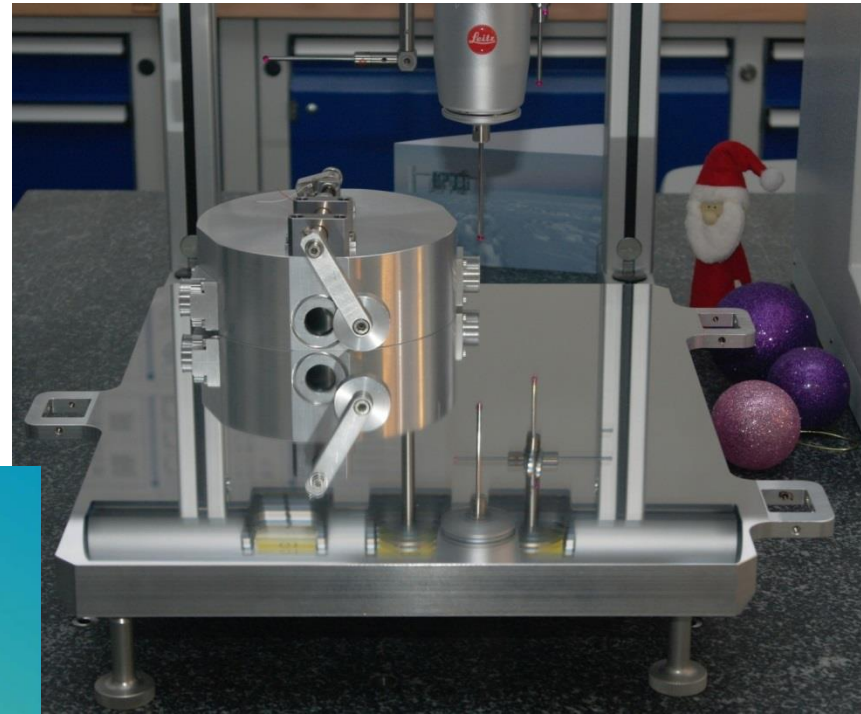
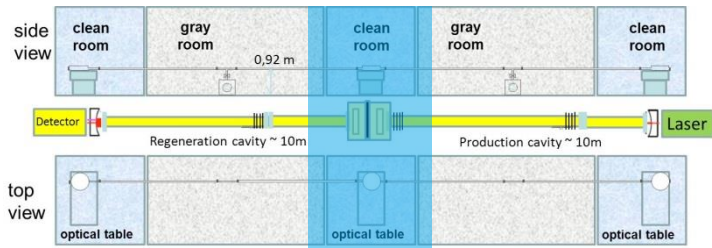
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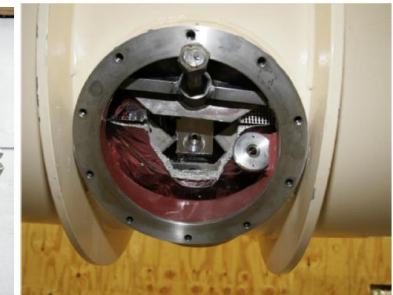
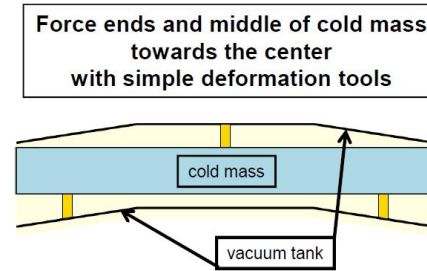


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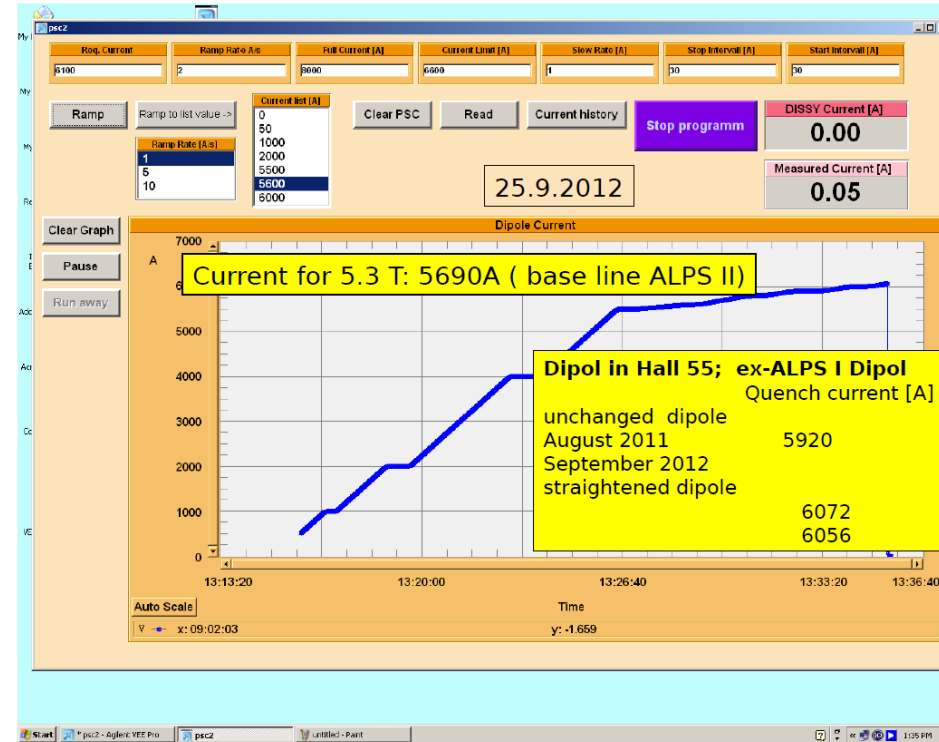
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- > Already the first test in 2012 was successful.
- > The straightening method was refined and tested in 2014 again.
- > Test of a second HERA dipole is moving forward (if capacities of infrastructure groups allow).



Beyond ALPS II

> Rough estimation with some crucial parameters:

Exp.	Photon flux (1/s)	Photon E (eV)	B (T)	L (m)	B·L (Tm)	PB reg.cav.	Sens. (rel.)	Mass reach (eV)
ALPS I	$3.5 \cdot 10^{21}$	2.3	5.0	4.4	22	1	0.0003	0.001
ALPS II	$1 \cdot 10^{24}$	1.2	5.3	106	468	40,000	1	0.0002
“ALPS III”	$3 \cdot 10^{25}$	1.2	13	400	5200	100,000	27	0.0001
European XFEL	$< 10^{18}$	$1 \cdot 10^4$	5.3	106	562	1	0.001	0.01
PW laser	10^{20} 1/pulse	2.3	10^6	10^{-5}	10	1	0.0003	0.5

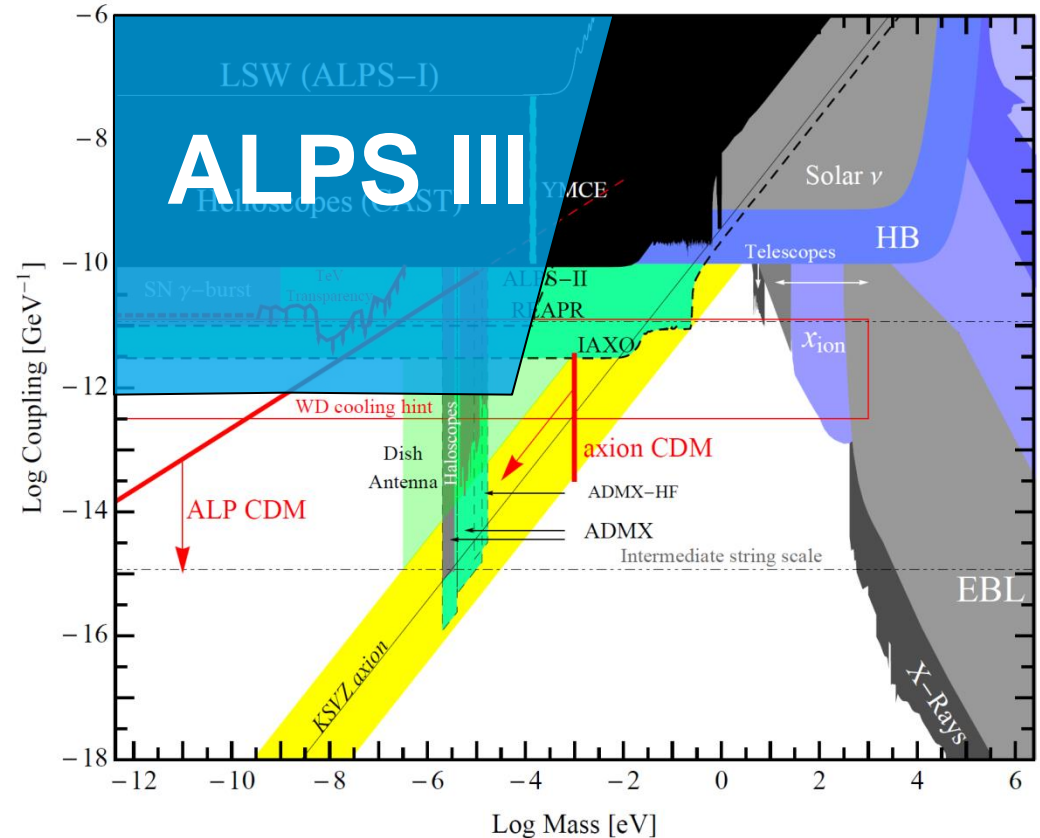


“ALPS III” sensitivity

- With a multi - 10 M€ project one could even probe well beyond the IAXO reach.

However:

- It is to be shown first that ALPS II can be realized.
- Magnets as being developed for an LHC energy upgrade are essential.
- The physics case cannot be forecasted at present (beyond probing uncharted territory).



WISP physics is fascinating!

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TITELTHEMA: JENSEITS DES STANDARDMODELLS

Ultraleichten Teilchen auf der Spur

Bisherige Ansätze bei der Suche nach neuen Teilchen, vor allem den Bestandteilen der Dunklen Materie, blieben bislang erfolglos. Physiker setzen daher auf unkonventionelle Strategien. Mit auf den ersten Blick erstaunlich einfach wirkenden Experimenten wollen sie ultraleichte Axionen und deren Verwandte aufspüren.

Von Joerg Jaeckel, Axel Lindner und Andreas Ringwald

Tm Juli 2012 eroberten die Physiker die Schlagzeilen. Am CERN bei Genf, genauer am Teilchenbeschleuniger LHC

besonders schwere Teilchen nachweisen kann. Sogar über den Bau noch größerer Maschinen wird nun nachgedacht.

It hat: nämlich auch Teilchen der so genannten Materie nachzuweisen. Möglicherweise sorgen erst in Energien, die der Beschleuniger ab 2015 erreichen für den Durchbruch. Daneben lassen theoretische Fortschritte aber auch die Suche in entzerrter Richtung sehr viel versprechend erscheinen, nämlich nach extrem leichten Teilchen.

vor der Entdeckung des Higgs war klar, dass das Standardmodell die uns umgebende Materie auf einer fundamentalen Ebene und höchst präzise beschreibt. Bis heute haben Experimente kein solches Teilchen beobachtet. Ein Experiment am CERN hat in diesem Jahr ein solches Teilchen nachgewiesen. Dies ist ein großer Schritt in der Suche nach der Dunklen Materie. Über die Teilchen, aus denen die Dunkle Materie besteht, wissen wir fast nichts. Sie sind vermutlich aus dem Standardmodell entstanden. Sie sind aus dem Universum wegzudenken. Dank ihrer

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