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# PBC Technology Working Group Report

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## Technology Working group

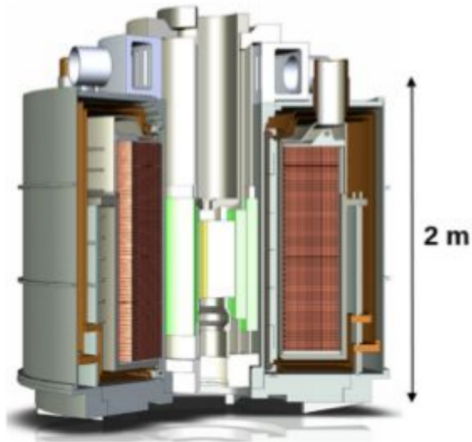
- Exploration and evaluation of possible technological contributions of CERN to non-accelerator projects
- Survey of suitable experimental initiatives and their connection to and potential benefit to and from CERN
- Description of identified initiatives and how their relation to the unique CERN expertise is facilitated

### OUTLINE OF TALK

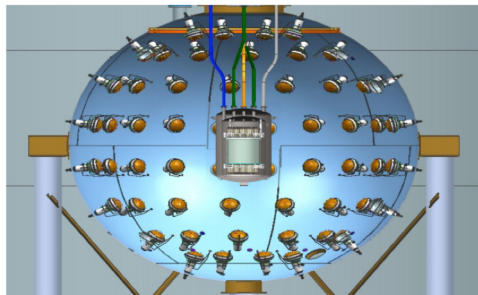
- Experiments/Initiatives within the Technology WG
- Updates on progress since January 2019:
  - GrAHal (Grenoble Axion Haloscope)
  - DarkSide
  - OSQAR – BabyJURA (Backup slides)
  - Carbon Nano Tubes
  - a-KWISP
  - STAX
- **Emphasis will be on VMB@CERN (Vacuum Magnetic Birefringence @ CERN)**

# Initiatives integrated in the Technology W.G.

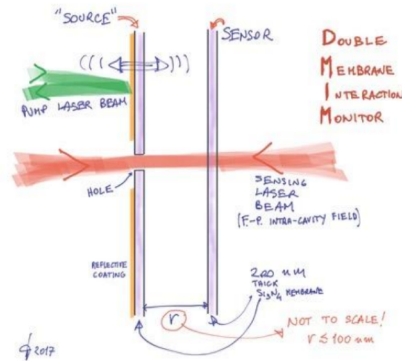
## 1) Haloscope LNCMI-Grenoble



## 2) DarkSide

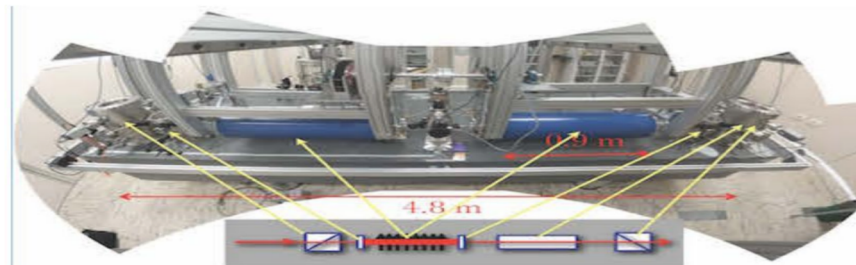
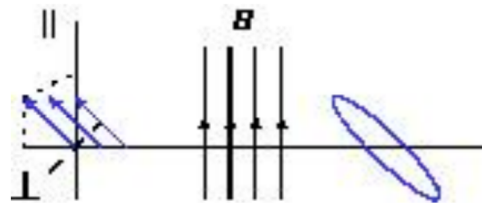


## 3) aKWISP

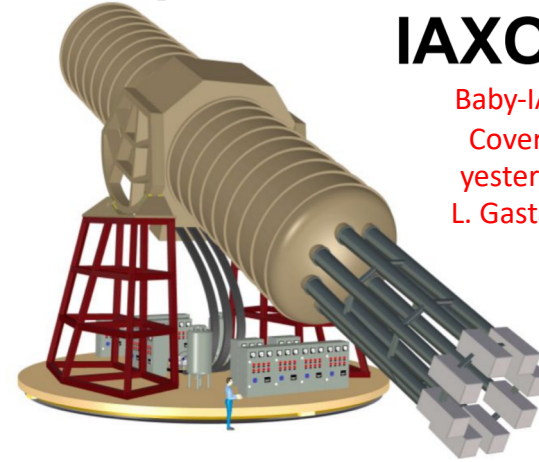


## 4) VMB@CERN

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## 5) Helioscope IAXO

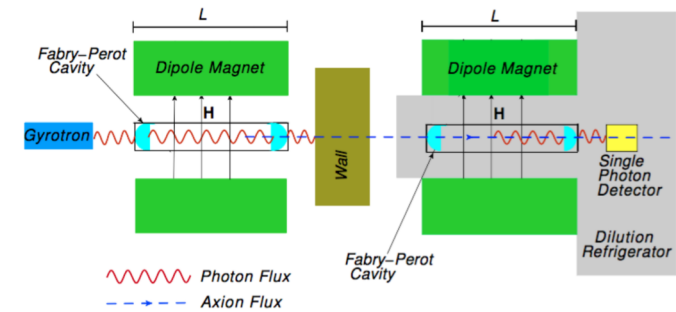


Baby-IAXO  
Covered  
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L. Gastaldo

## 6) JURA (LSW combining ALPS-III and OSQAR+)

Covered  
Jan. 2019

## 7) LSW-STAX



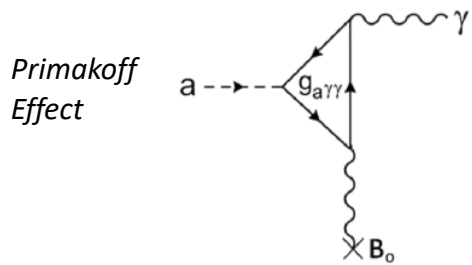
Microwaves

## 8) CNT Based DM Detector PTOLEMY (CNB)

# GrAHal : Grenoble Axion Haloscope for Dark Matter search & explore the ultra-low energy frontier of cosmic particles (1-100 $\mu\text{eV}$ )

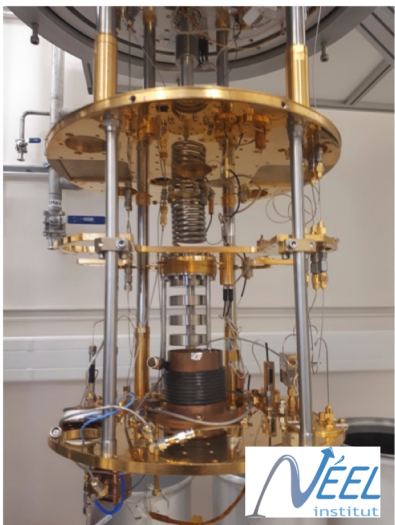
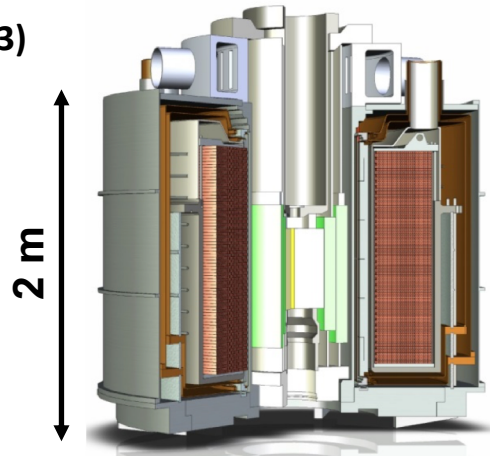
R. Ballou, P. Camus, T. Grenet, S. Kramer, P. Pugnât, J. Quevillon, N. Roch, C. Smith, CNRS-Grenoble, Univ. Grenoble-Alpes

## Axion & ALPs Haloscope (Sikivie 1983)

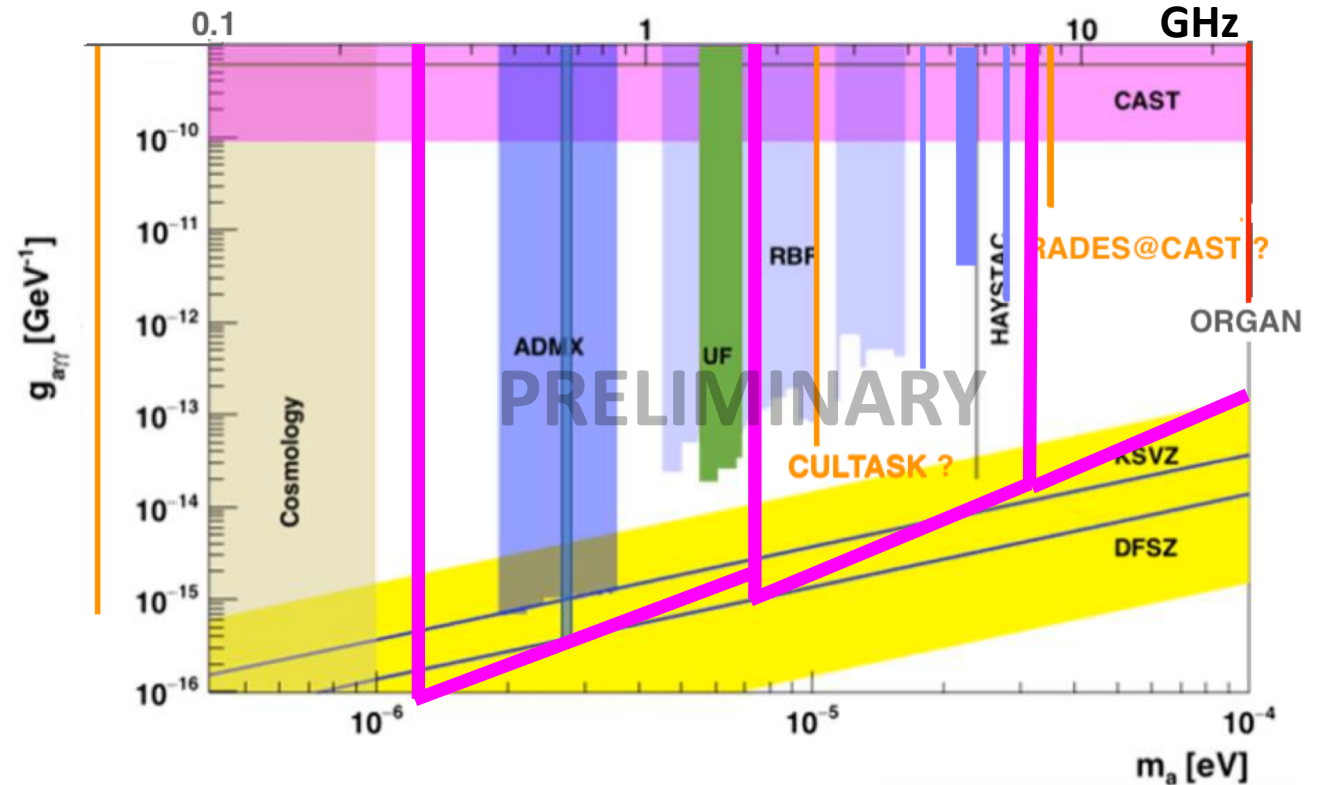


$$P \propto g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 V < 10^{-21} \text{ W}$$

$\Rightarrow$  RF cavities (0.3-30 GHz) at 20 mK & quantum amplifiers SQUID & JPA (IN) in strong magnetic field (LNCMI)



Dilution fridge



- Grenoble Hybride Magnet (Equipex LaSUP, LNCMI)

. 43 T/34 mm, 40 T/50 mm, 27 T/170 mm, 9 T/800 mm

<https://indico.desy.de/indico/event/13889/contribution/11/material/slides/0.pdf>

<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2315130/files/fulltext.pdf>

- 2020-2024: 1<sup>st</sup> experimental runs at 20 mK in smaller superconducting magnets (LANEF, Néel Institut) in 16-20 T/50 mm & 14 T/70 mm

# Aria Project – isotope cryogenic separation

In Sulcis - Iglesiente, Sardinia. Monte Sinni mine  
Deplete underground Ar (Uar) from  $^{39}\text{Ar}$

## Seruci-0: pilot distilling column 27 m high

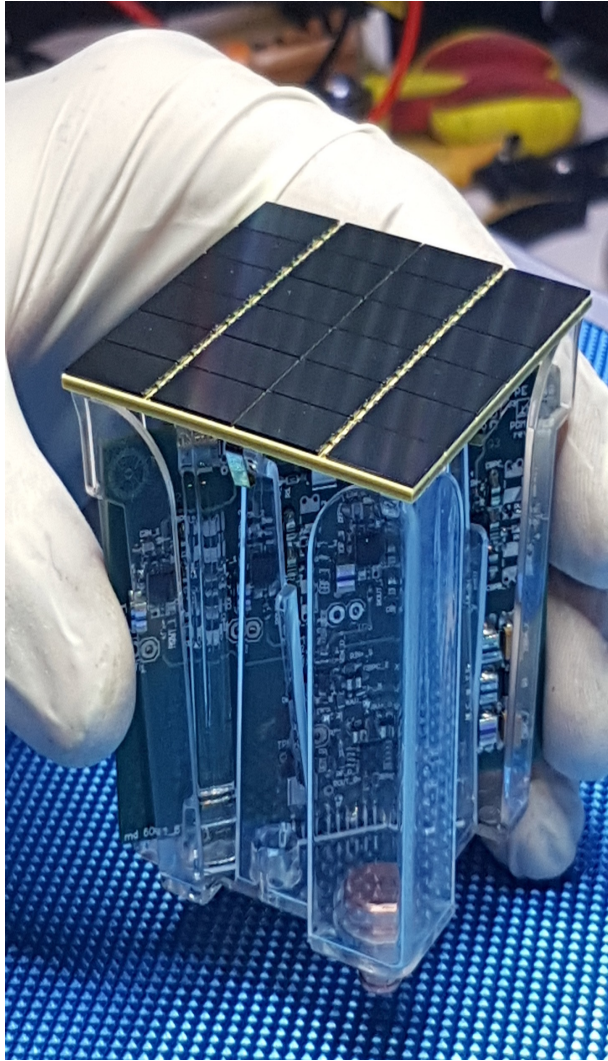
- Commissioned, June 2019
- I, II and III runs, Jul - Aug 2019
- IV runs, Oct 2019
- $\text{N}_2$  in column
- Next test TBD

## Seruci-1: 350 high distillation column

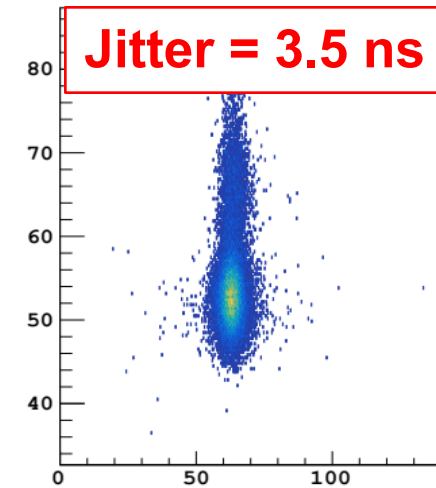
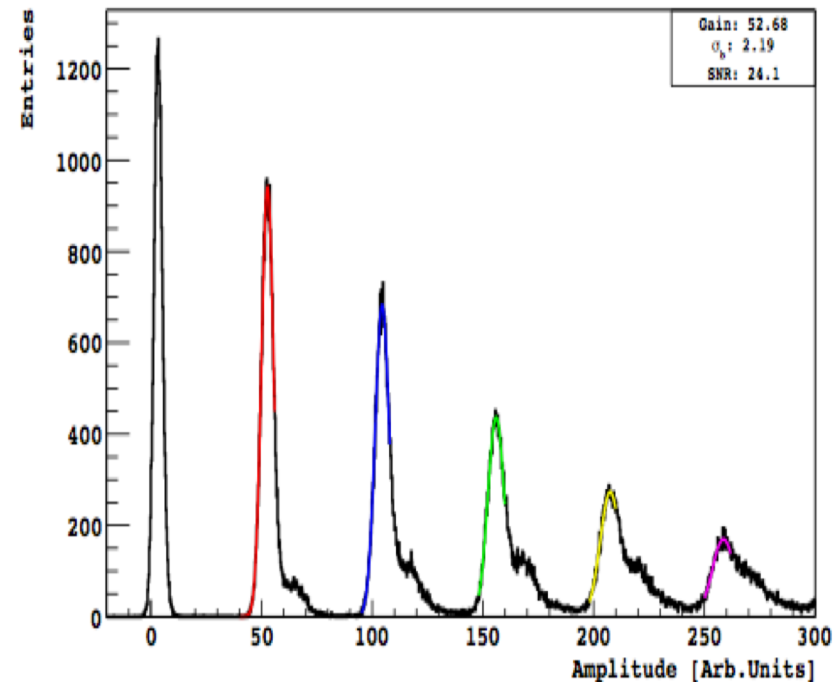
- 7 platforms installed into the Shaft
- 2 modules will be installed next months



# Cryogenic photosensor



- Custom cryogenic photosensors based on Silicon Photomultipliers designed by FBK and produced by LFoundry
- True replacement of 3" cryogenic PMTs: single channels unit with 25 cm<sup>2</sup> active surface
- 45% Photon Detection Efficiency, 0.1 Hz/mm<sup>2</sup> Dark Noise Rate at 87 K
- Single photon sensitivity with very large separation of single photon peak from baseline (see next slide, SNR~14)

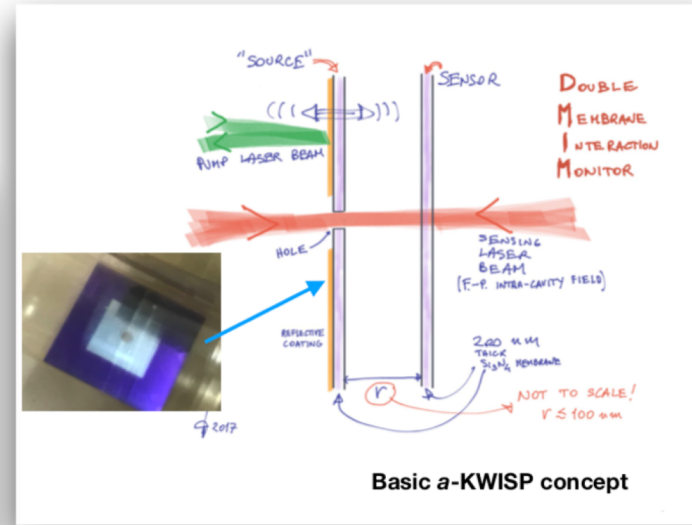
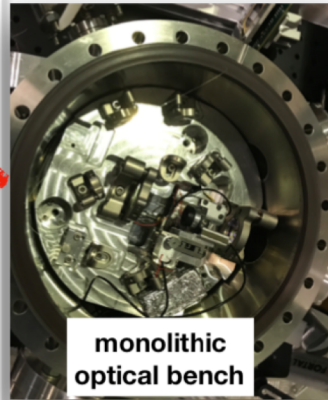


# advanced-KWISP update

- Recent technical advances (KWISP 3.0 at CAST)

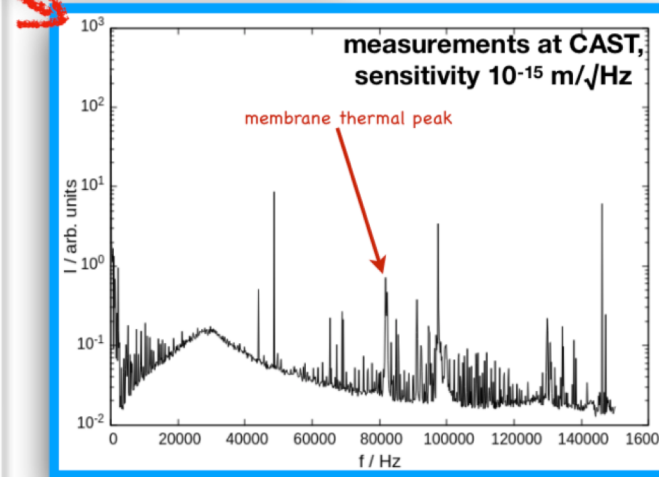
- compact, monolithic optical bench**

- successful vibration isolation: KWISP 3.0 is taking data at CAST in a "hostile" noise environment
- ready for cooling, feasibility study programmed at CAST



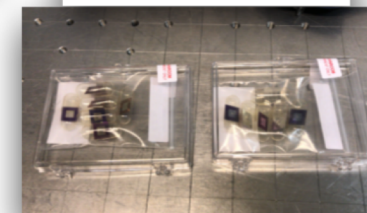
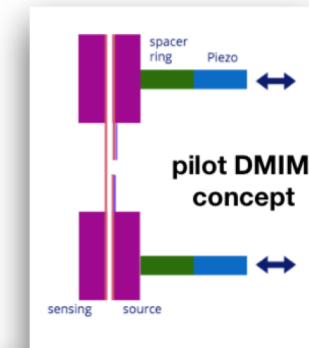
- custom membrane coatings**

- control quality factor, stiffness and electrical properties
- characteristics tested in the lab with KWISP 1.5



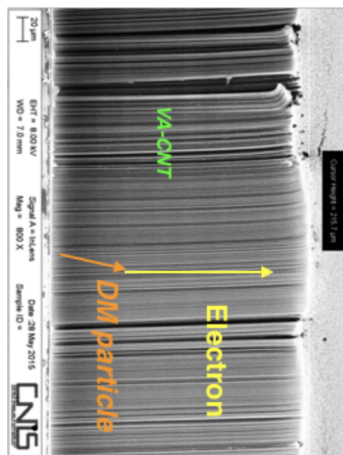
- Next steps**

- assemble pilot DMIM**
- cryostat feasibility study (programmed at CAST)**



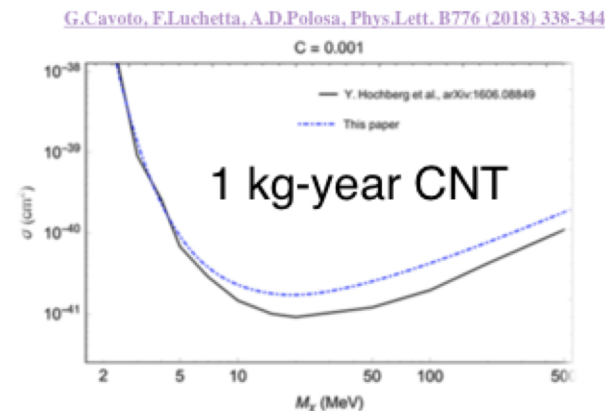
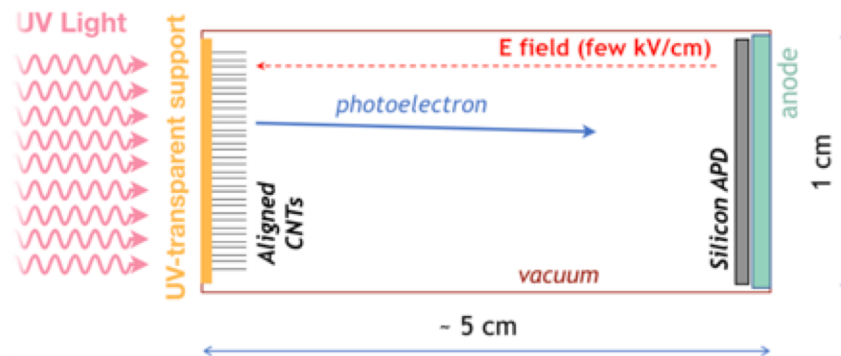
# CNT detector for UV & dark PMT

arXiv:1911.01122



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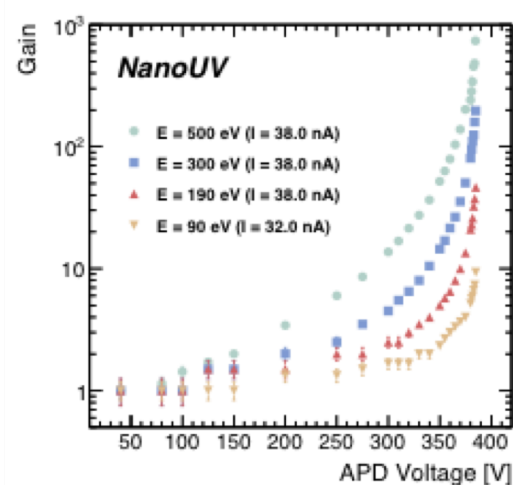
- ▶ **NanoUV - ATTRACT** funded (F.Pandolfi); High QE, low noise detector for UV light



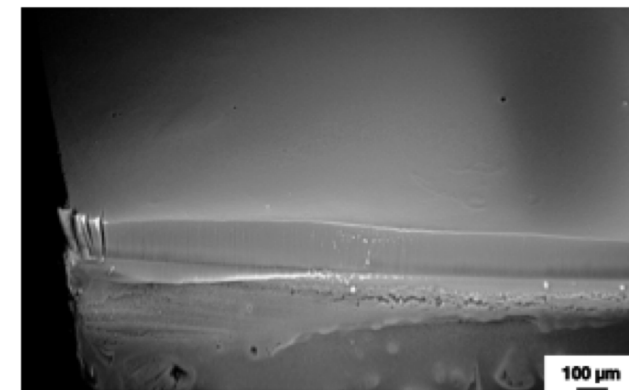
First step towards a **dark PMT**:

anisotropic photocathode filters electron scattered by DM when aligned with CNT

**Si APD tested with 500 eV electrons**



**CNT on fused silica successfully synthesized**





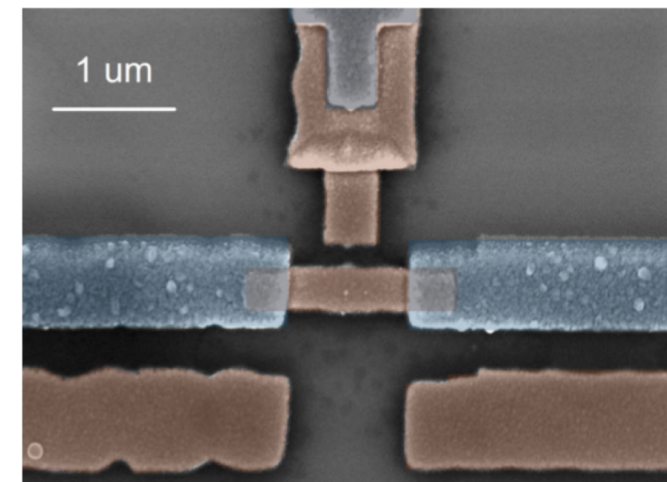
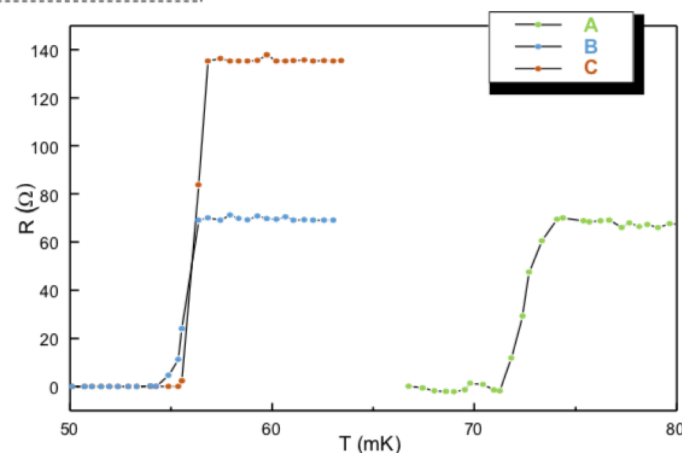
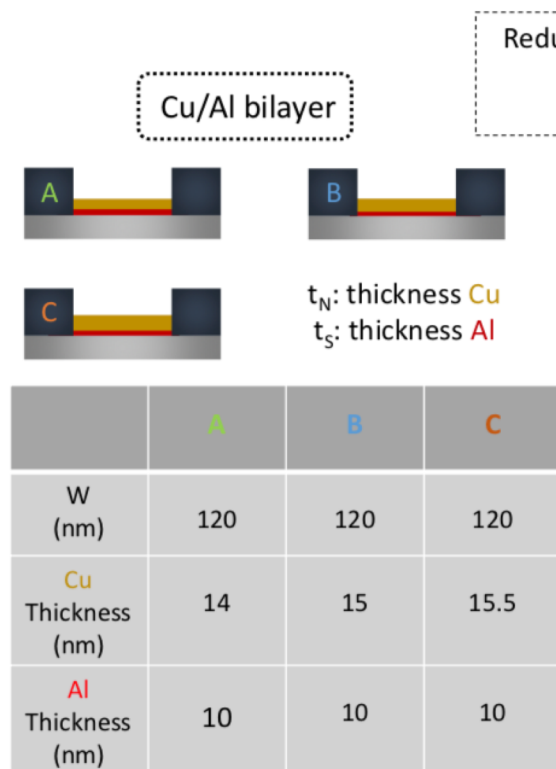
# STAX 2019 Activities

Bilayer Cu-Al (10 nm), with tuning of  $T_c \sim 50$  mK

**Reduce  $T_c$  to improve microwave energy resolution**

Submitted to Journal of Low Temperature Physics JLTP-D-19-00189

$T_c$  suppression by vertical inverse proximity effect



Above 15 nm the decrease in transition temperature saturates

# VMB@CERN

# Physics

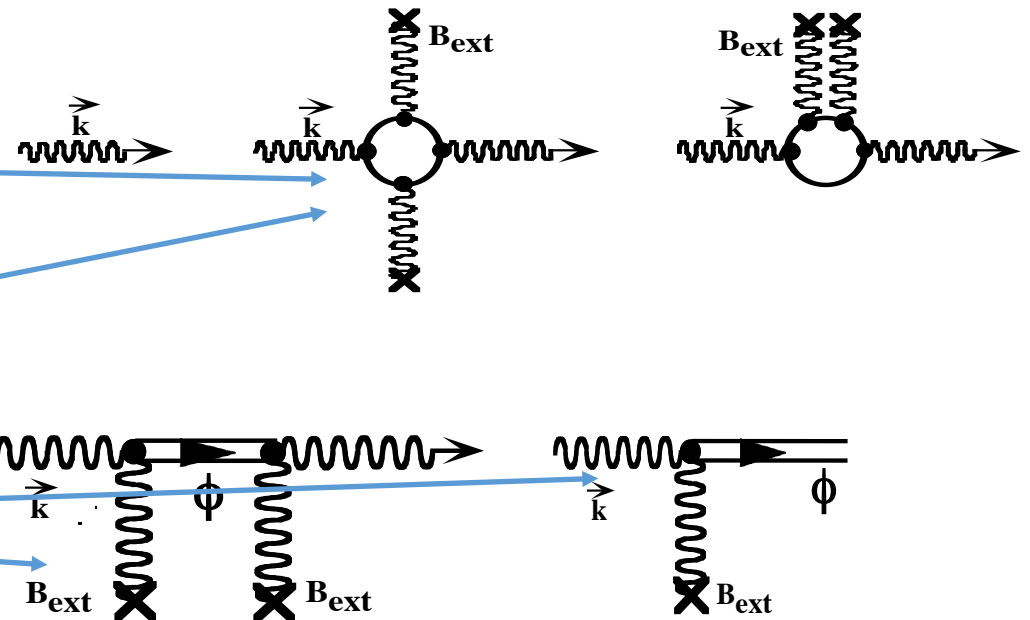
- **Light-by-light interaction**

- Velocity of light in an external field

- First order in LbL
- Radiative corrections

- Existence of:

- Millicharged particles
- Axion-like particles
- ...



- Light by light interaction in vacuum at low energies has been predicted but never observed yet.

- **Leads to  $n > 1$  for the index of refraction in an external field.**

- **Manifestation of quantum vacuum at a macroscopic level**

# Vacuum magnetic birefringence and dichroism

H. Euler and B. Kockel (1935) determined an effective Lagrangian density describing electromagnetic interactions in the presence of the virtual electron-positron sea discussed a few years before by Dirac.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EK}} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \left( \frac{\mathbf{E}^2}{c^2} - \mathbf{B}^2 \right) + \frac{A_e}{\mu_0} \left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{E}^2}{c^2} - \mathbf{B}^2 \right)^2 + 7 \left( \frac{\vec{\mathbf{E}}}{c} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{B}} \right)^2 \right] + \dots$$

$$A_e = \frac{2}{45\mu_0} \frac{\hbar^3}{m_e^4 c^5} \alpha^2 = 1.32 \times 10^{-24} \text{ T}^{-2}$$

H Euler and B Kockel, *Naturwissenschaften* **23**, 246 (1935)

W Heisenberg and H Euler, *Z. Phys.* **98**, 714 (1936)

H Euler, *Ann. Phys.* **26**, 398 (1936)

V Weisskopf, *Mat.-Fis. Med. Dan. Vidensk. Selsk.* **14**. 6 (1936)

J. Schwinger, *Phys. Rev.*, **82**, 664 (1951)

**Predicts vacuum magnetic birefringence but no dichroism**

$$\Rightarrow \Delta n_B = 3A_e B^2 \quad \Delta \kappa_B \simeq 0$$

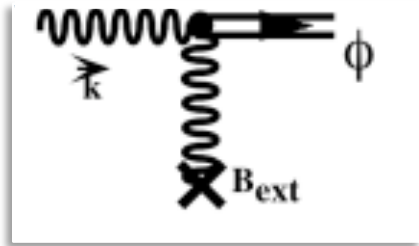
# Axion-Like Particles (ALPs)

Extra terms can be added to the effective Lagrangian to include contributions from hypothetical neutral light particles weakly interacting with two photons

$g_a, g_s$  coupling constants

$$\mathcal{L}_a = g_a \phi_a \vec{E}_\gamma \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{Ext}} \quad \text{pseudoscalar} \quad \mathcal{L}_s = g_s \phi_s \vec{B}_\gamma \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{Ext}} \quad \text{scalar}$$

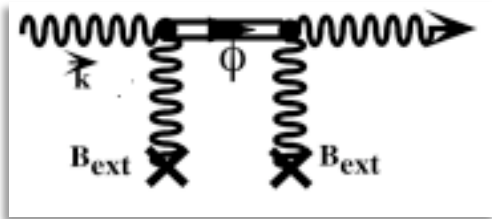
both interactions are polarisation dependent



$$x = \frac{L m_{a,s}^2}{4\omega}$$

**Dichroism**

$$|\Delta\kappa^{(\text{ALP})}| = \kappa_{\parallel}^a = \kappa_{\perp}^s = \frac{2}{\omega L} \left( \frac{g_{a,s} B_{\text{ext}} L}{4} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^2$$



**Birefringence**

$$|\Delta n^{(\text{ALP})}| = n_{\parallel}^a - 1 = n_{\perp}^s - 1 = \frac{g_{a,s}^2 B_{\text{ext}}^2}{2m_{a,s}^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} \right)$$

Maiani L, Petronzio R, Zavattini E, Phys. Lett B 173, 359 (1986)

Raffelt G and Stodolsky L Phys. Rev. D 37, 1237 (1988)

$$1 \text{ T} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^3 c^3}{e^4 \mu_0}} = 195 \text{ eV}^2, \quad 1 \text{ m} = \frac{e}{\hbar c} = 5.06 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}^{-1}$$

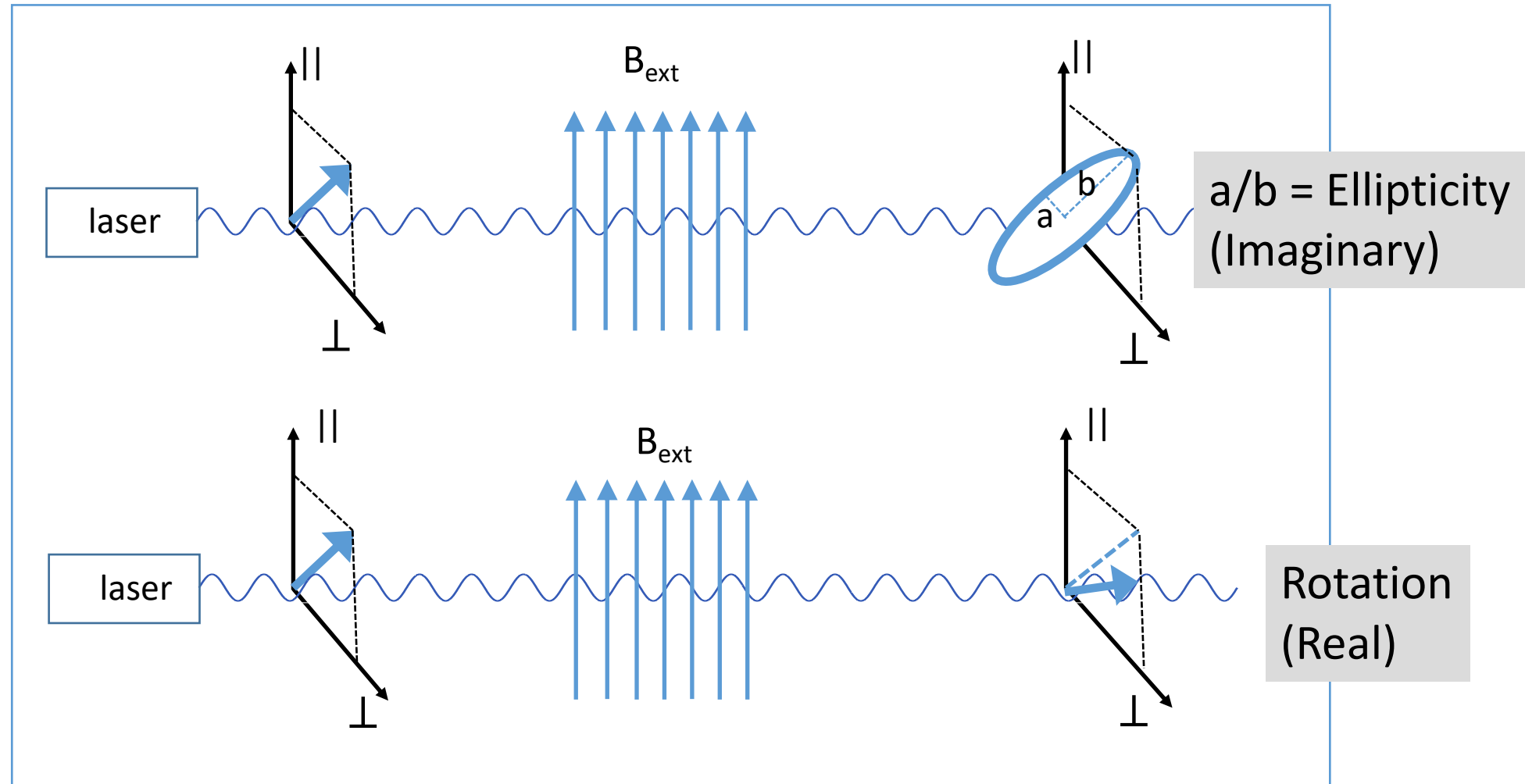
# Measurable quantities

Birefringence  $\Delta n$

- QED
- ALPs, MCPs

Dichroism  $\Delta \kappa$

- ALPs, MCPs



Both  $\Delta n$  and  $\Delta \kappa$  are defined with sign

# Key ingredients to measuring VMB

$$\Psi = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} L_{\text{eff}} \Delta n \sin 2\vartheta = N \left( \frac{\pi}{\lambda} L_{\text{Mag}} \Delta n \right) \sin 2\vartheta$$

Optical path multiplier

Single pass ellipticity

- **Strong magnetic field**

- maximize  $B^2L$  to maximize the optical path difference  $\mathcal{D}_n = \Delta n L_{\text{Mag}}$
- At  $B = 9 \text{ T} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_n = 3A_e B^2 L \approx 5 \times 10^{-21} \text{ m}$

- **Long optical path**  $L_{\text{eff}} = N L_{\text{Mag}}$ ;  $N = 2\mathcal{F}/\pi$

- Fabry-Perot resonator

- **Modulate the induced ellipticity**

- modulate the field or the polarization

# General scheme: field modulation

$\psi$  = single pass ellipticity  
 $\eta$  = carrier ellipticity (either static or modulated)  
 $N$  = number of equivalent passes  
 $\vartheta$  = angle between field and polarisation

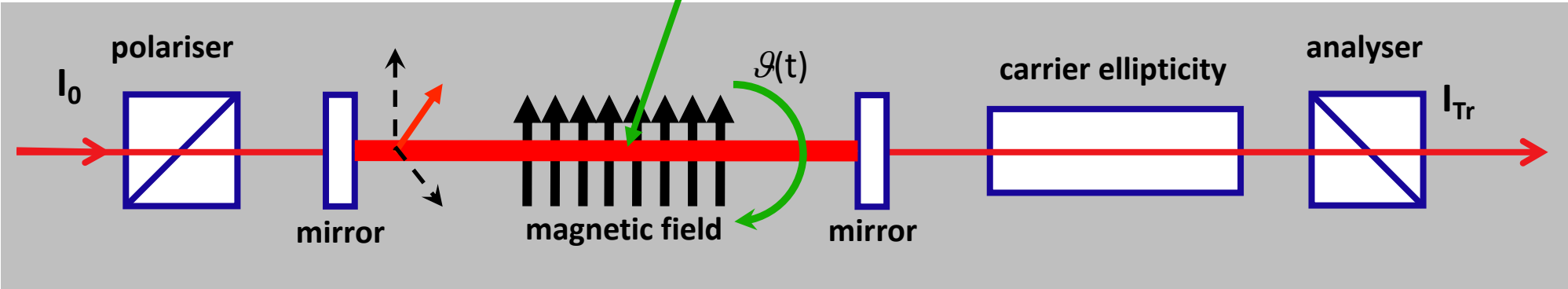
Small ellipticities add up algebraically

$$I_{\text{out}} \simeq I_0 |i\eta(t) + iN\psi \sin 2\vartheta(t)|^2$$

$$= I_0 \left[ \eta^2(t) + \underbrace{2\eta(t)N\psi \sin 2\vartheta(t)}_{\text{signal}} \right]$$

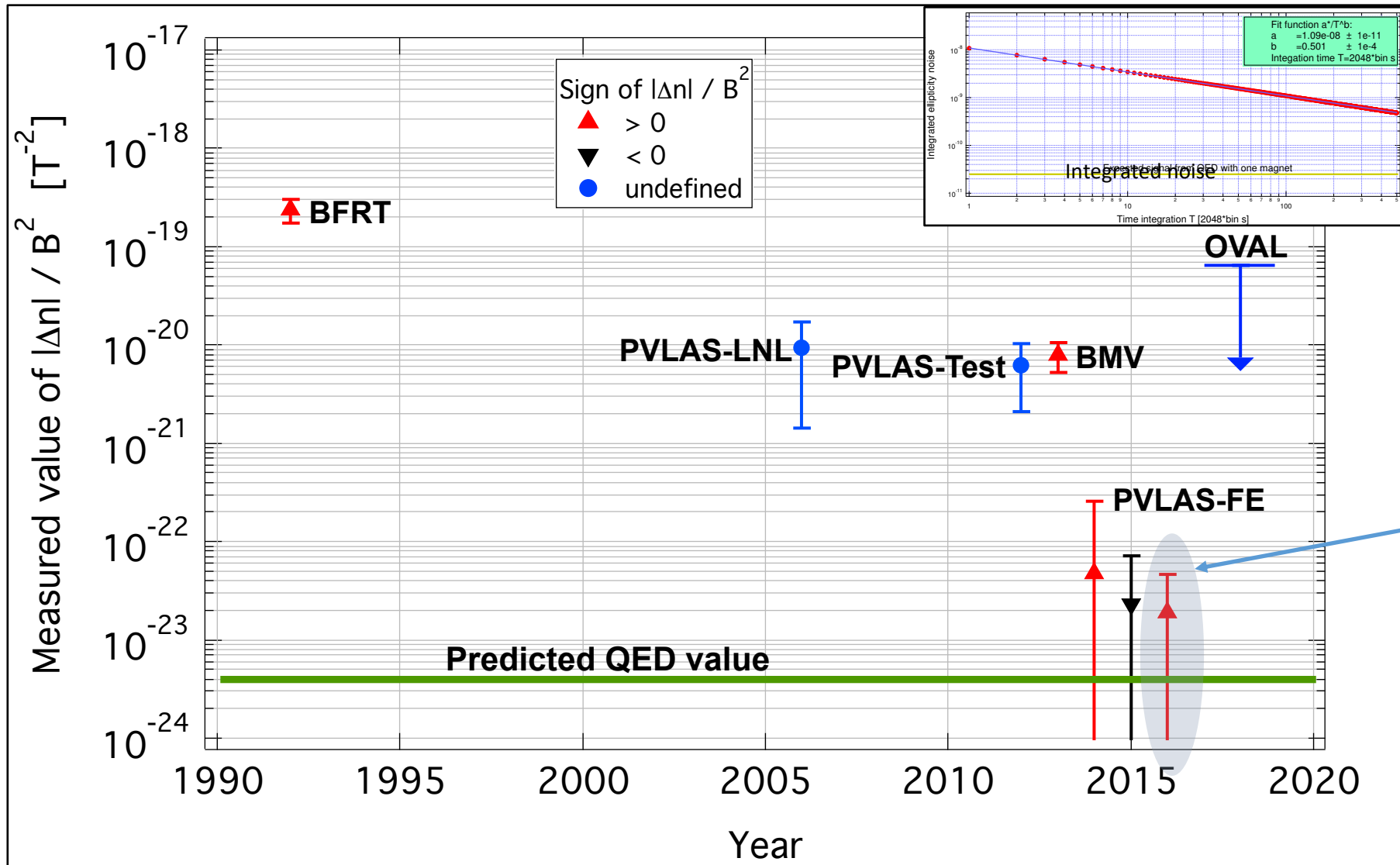
carrier ellipticity

The output intensity is linear in the ellipticity  $\psi$ .





# Timeline of VMB results



- 2016 PVLAS point corresponds to an integration  $T \approx 5 \cdot 10^6$  s.
- Uncertainties are  $1\sigma$ .
- The use of permanent magnets allowed detailed debugging.
- **Optical path difference**  
 $\Delta n L_{\text{Mag}} = (1.1 \pm 1.6) \cdot 10^{-22}$  m
- **PVLAS cannot overcome the gap by integrating longer.**

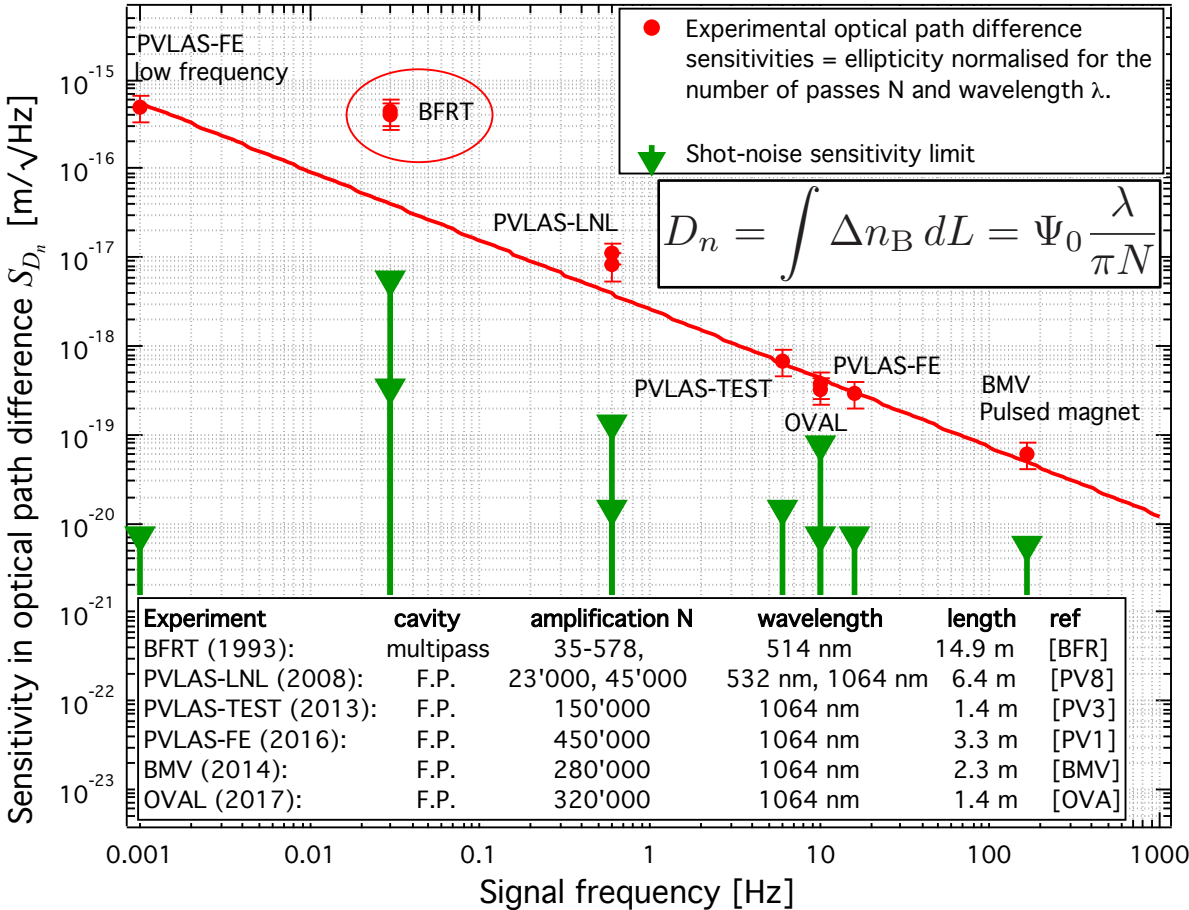
A. Ejlli, PhD Thesis, University of Ferrara, 2017, unpublished

F. Della Valle *et al.* (PVLAS collaboration), Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 24 (2016)

G. Zavattini, PBC – CERN, November 2019

# Limiting noise

Sensitivity in optical path difference  $\mathcal{D}_n$  between two perpendicular polarizations. All are well above their respective shot-noise.



BFR: R. Cameron et al. PRD, **47** (1993) 3707  
 PVLAS-LNL: M. Bregant et al. PRD, **78** (2008) 032006  
 PVLAS-TEST: F. Della Valle et al. NJP, **15** (2013) 053026  
 PVLAS-FE: F. Della Valle et al. EPJC, **76:24** (2016) 1  
 BMV: A. Cadène et al. EPJD, **68:16** (2014) 1



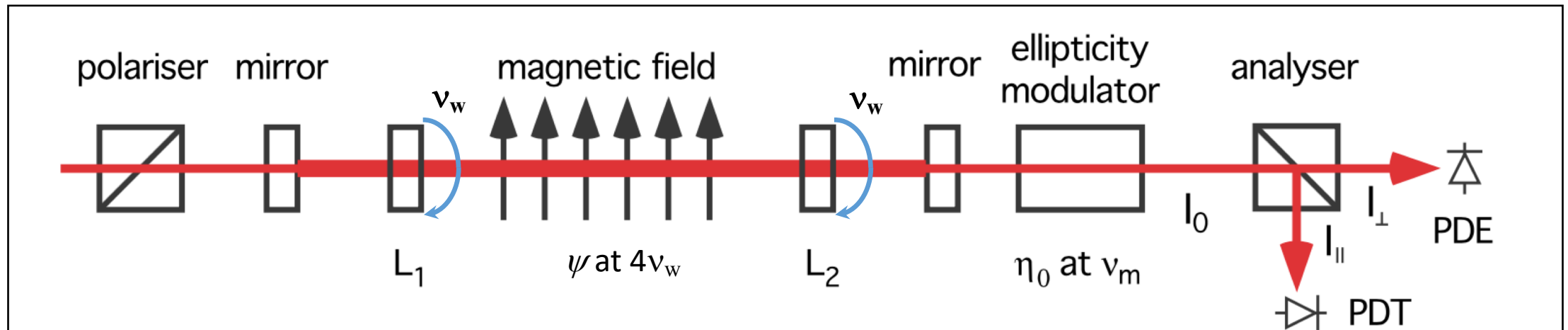
With a very high finesse, the sensitivity in  $\mathcal{D}_n$  does not depend on the finesse. The noise originates from mirrors. It is amplified by  $N$  just like a signal

# Starting point for VMB@CERN

- 1) Highest possible  $B^2L$  with field always ON
  - 2) Separate modulation of effect from magnetic field
  - 3) Assume the intrinsic noise curve in  $\mathcal{D}_n$
- Increase  $B^2L$ : Static superconductor field
    - 1 LHC magnet has  $B^2L \approx 1200 \text{ T}^2\text{m}$ .
    - 1 HERA magnet has  $B^2L \approx 250 \text{ T}^2\text{m}$
  - Modulation of effect
    - Cannot be done with superconductor magnets above  $\approx 0.1 \text{ Hz}$ . Intrinsic noise dominates.
    - **Rotate the polarisation inside the magnetic field**
    - **... But must be kept fixed on the mirrors.**

# Polarization modulation scheme

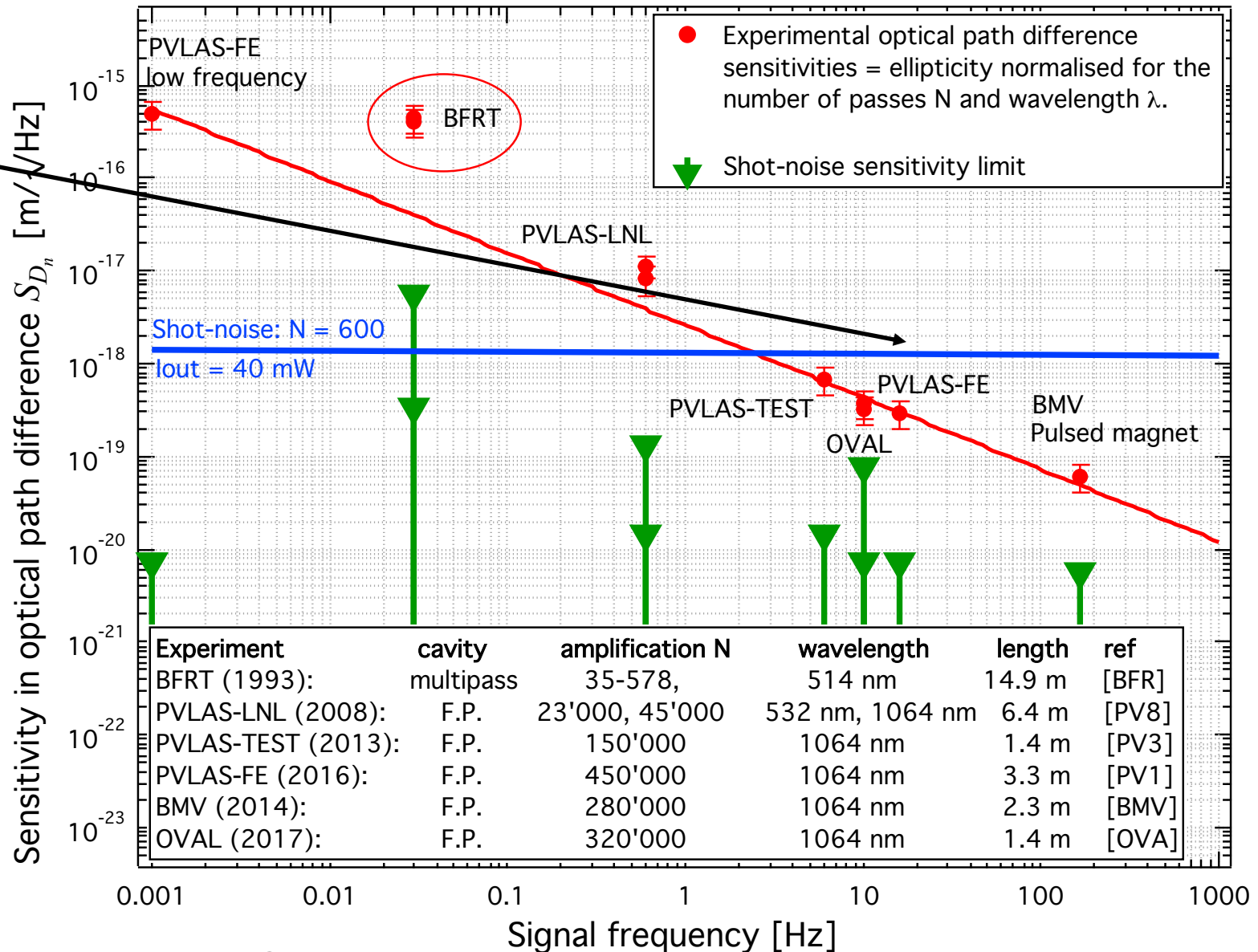
- Rotate polarization inside the magnet
- Fix polarization on mirrors to avoid mirror birefringence signal
- Insert two co-rotating half wave plates with a fixed relative angle  $\Delta\phi$ 
  - Total losses  $\leq 0.4\%$  (commercial). Maybe 10 times lower is possible.
  - Maximum  $N \approx 600$  (with  $\leq 0.4\%$  losses). Maybe  $\times 10$  ?
  - $N = 600 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{F} = 1000$



- Systematic effects must be studied during the first 2 years of the project (in local labs)

# Optical path difference sensitivity

- VMB can be reached at SNR = 1 in  $\approx 12$  hrs with sensitivity  $10^{-18}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- Not limited by cavity noise above  $\approx 3$  Hz
- Possible parameters:  
N = 600,  $I_{\text{out}} = 40$  mW at shot noise
- Parameter space (N,  $I_{\text{out}}$ , freq) needs to be explored
- sensitivity needs demonstration



# VMB@CERN Letter of Intent

EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH



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## Letter of Intent to measure Vacuum Magnetic Birefringence: the VMB@CERN experiment

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- Polarisation scheme was presented at the PBC open meeting in November 2017
- VMB@CERN coagulated within the PBC from PVLAS, OSQAR and independently from Q&A
- Why at CERN? With the LHC magnets, CERN has the highest  $B^2L$
- December 2018: presented Lol to SPSC
- January 2019: assigned referees from SPSC
- April 2019: first meeting with SPSC referees
- **September 2019: funded testing phase by INFN for 2020. Approved also for 2021 depending on CERN iter.**
- **October 2019: presented to the SPSC with a positive feedback**

# Present VMB@CERN collaboration

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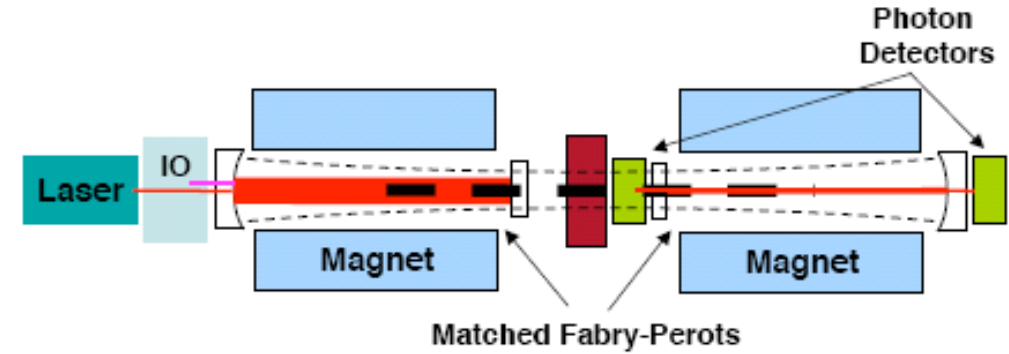
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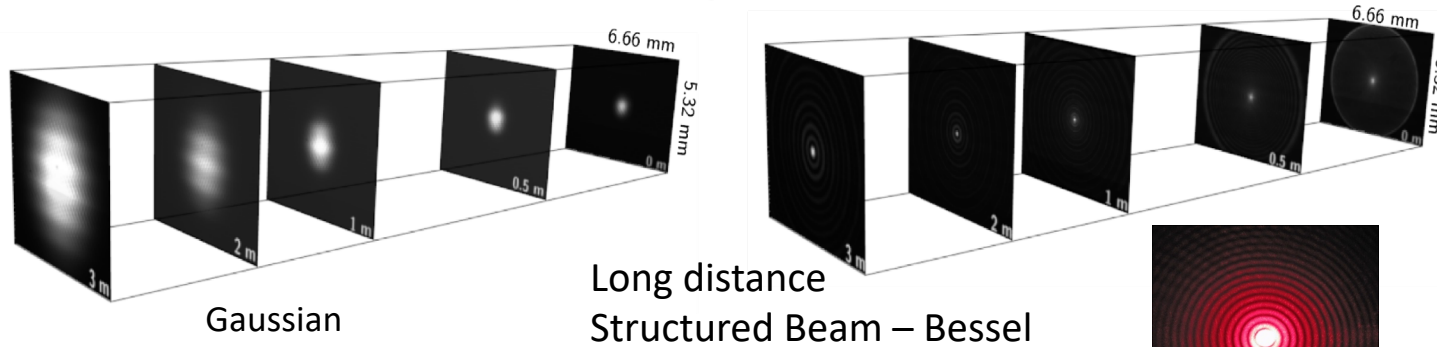
# From OSQAR & ALPS toward Baby-JURA & JURA

- Exploiting the unique opportunity offered by LHC/FCC sc. dipole magnets
  - Use **up to** 15+15 LHC dipoles, 9 T, 14.3 m, 50 mm dia.
  - Use 16 T FCC sc. dipoles to be built
- Synergy with VMB@CERN & ALPS-II for the development of long fabry-Perot cavities and optical schemes
- Synergy with OSQAR for the development of low divergent optical beam

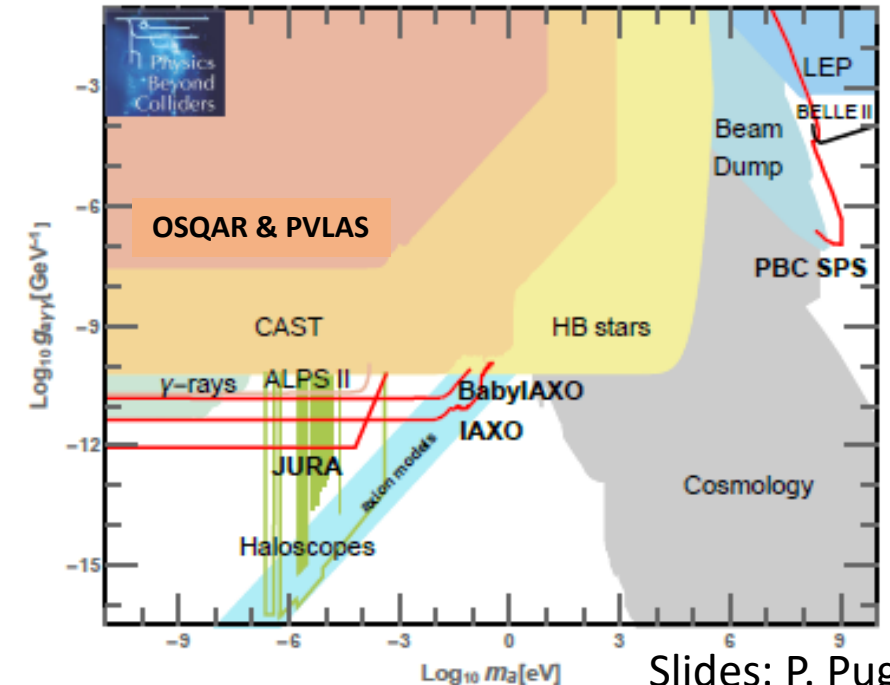


P. Sikivie et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. **98**, 172002 (2007)

Experimental comparison of divergence of the Gaussian and the Bessel beam



Beam diameter	3 m distance	100 m distance
Gaussian	0.8 mm	240 mm
SB	0.01 mm	1.4 mm



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# Transition Edge Sensors

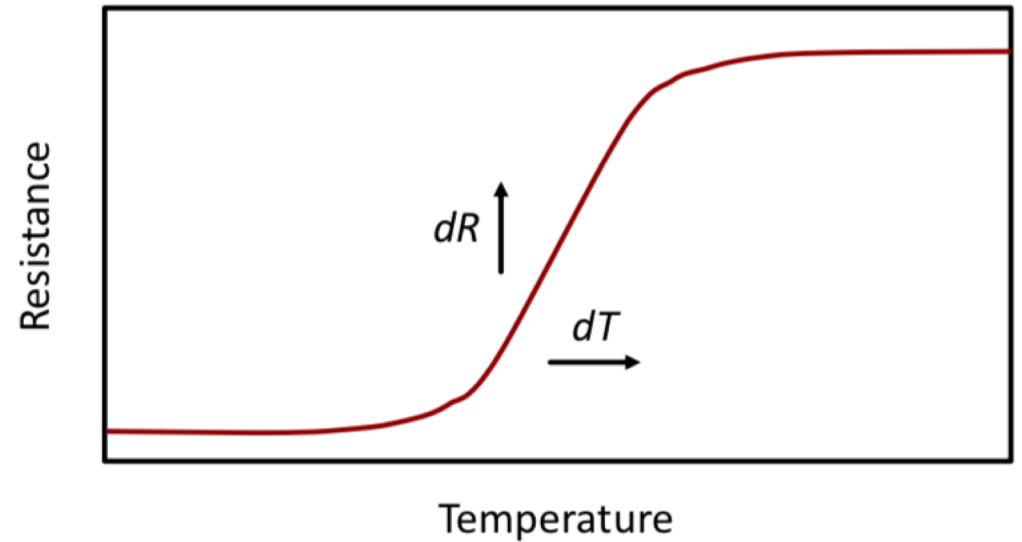
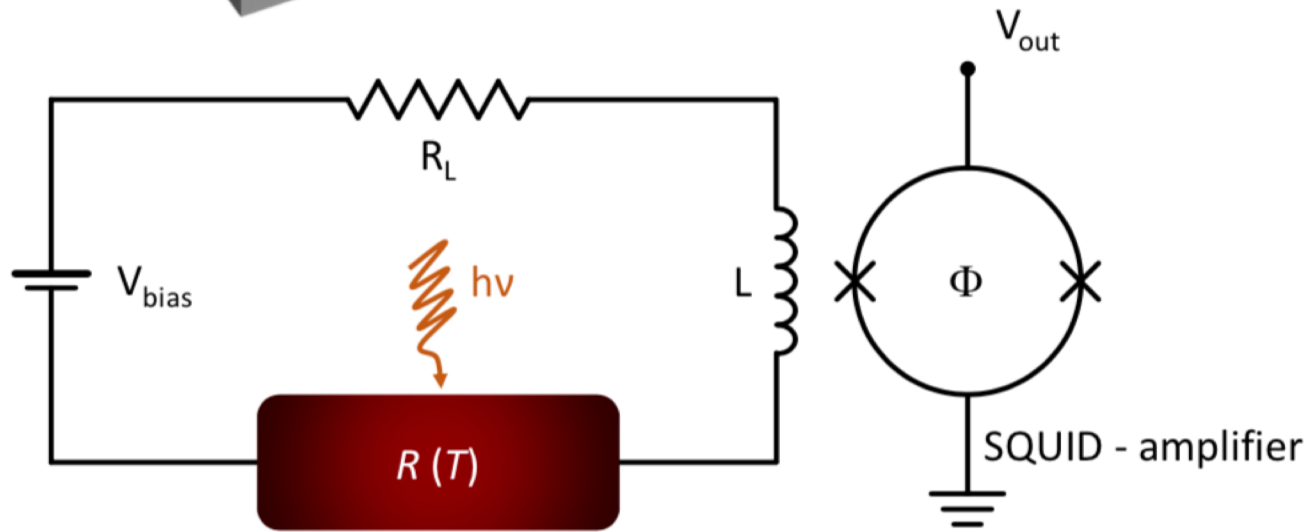
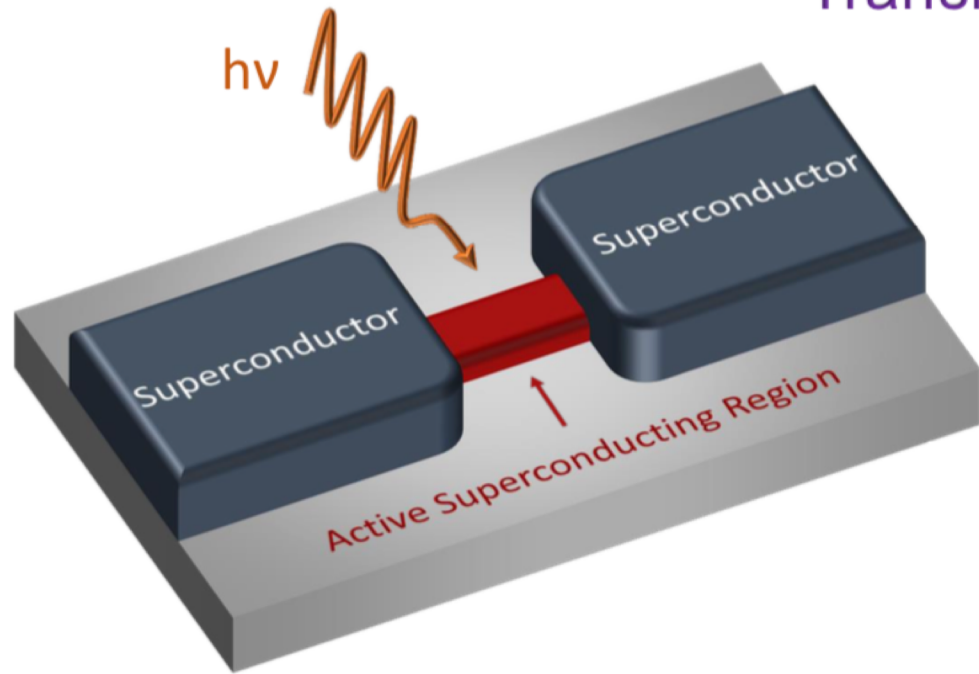


Figure of merit:  $\alpha = \frac{T}{R} \frac{dR}{dT}$

$R$  - resistance of active region

$T$  - temperature of active region

Energy resolution:  $\Delta E \cong 2.35 \sqrt{2k_B T^2 \frac{C}{\alpha}}$

$k_B$  - Boltzmann constant

Heat capacity:  $C = \gamma V_{Active} T$

$\gamma$  - Sommerfeld coefficient

$V_{Active}$  - active region volume

# Transition Edge Sensors: Critical Temperature

For axions detection:  $T_{C,Active} \sim 20\text{mK}$

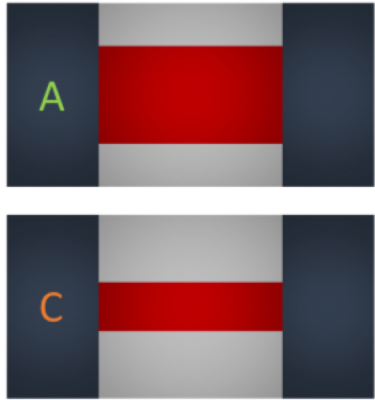
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$T_C$  suppression by spatial confinement

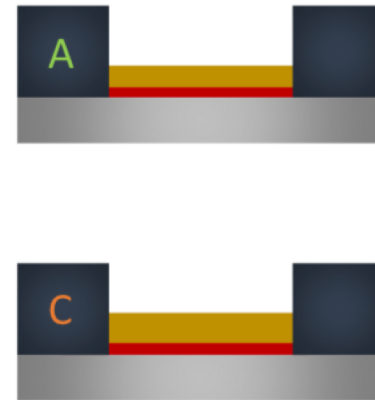
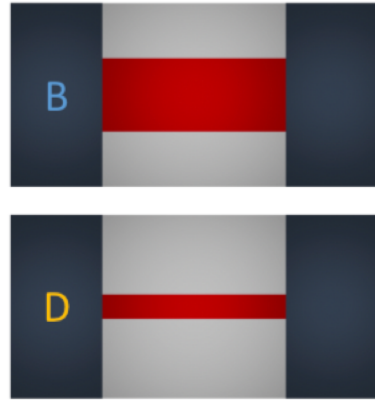
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$T_C$  suppression by vertical inverse proximity effect

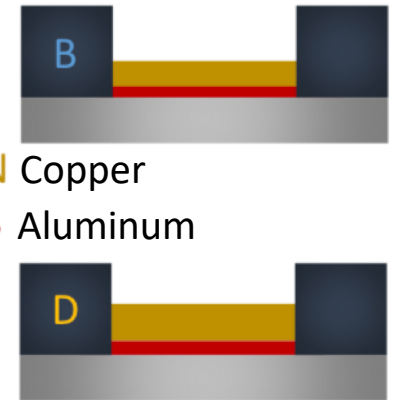
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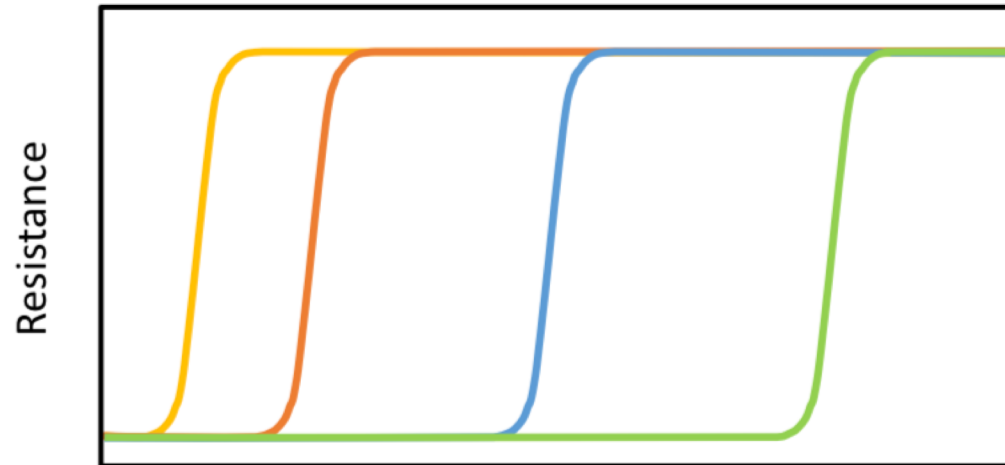
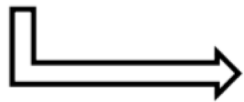
Change width  $W$



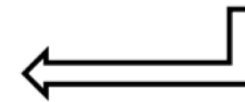
$t_N$ : thickness N Copper  
 $t_S$ : thickness S Aluminum



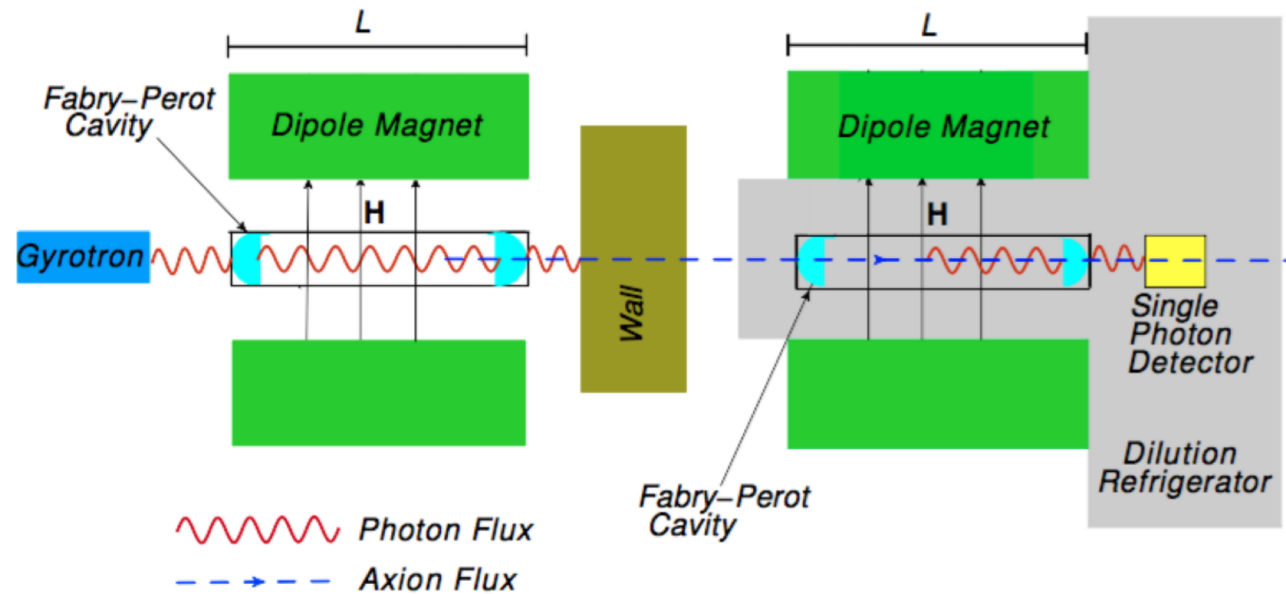
Reduction of the wire section:  
constant thickness  $t$   
smaller width  $W$



Bilayer:  
Normal metal  
Superconductor



Temperature



# STAX

Development of a microwave TES single photon detector

LSW - experiment with **microwaves**