# Towards search for 100 µeV axions and axion dark matter with high-frequency microwaves

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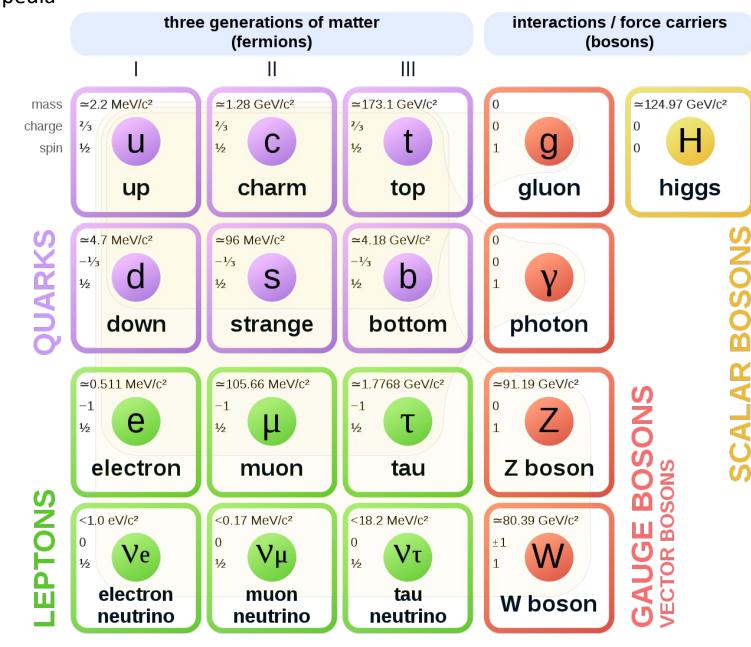
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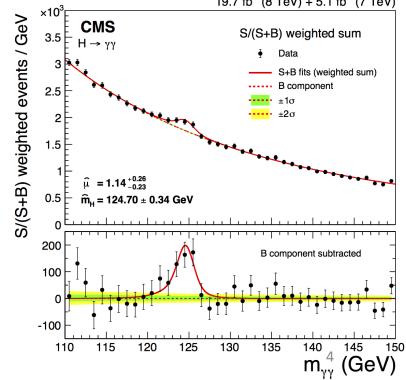
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#### From wikipedia Standard Model of Elementary Particles







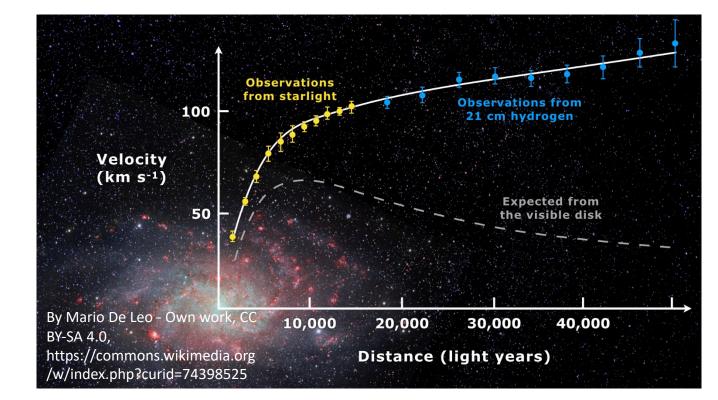
### Clear need for new physics: e.g. Dark Matter (DM)



#### Neutrino?

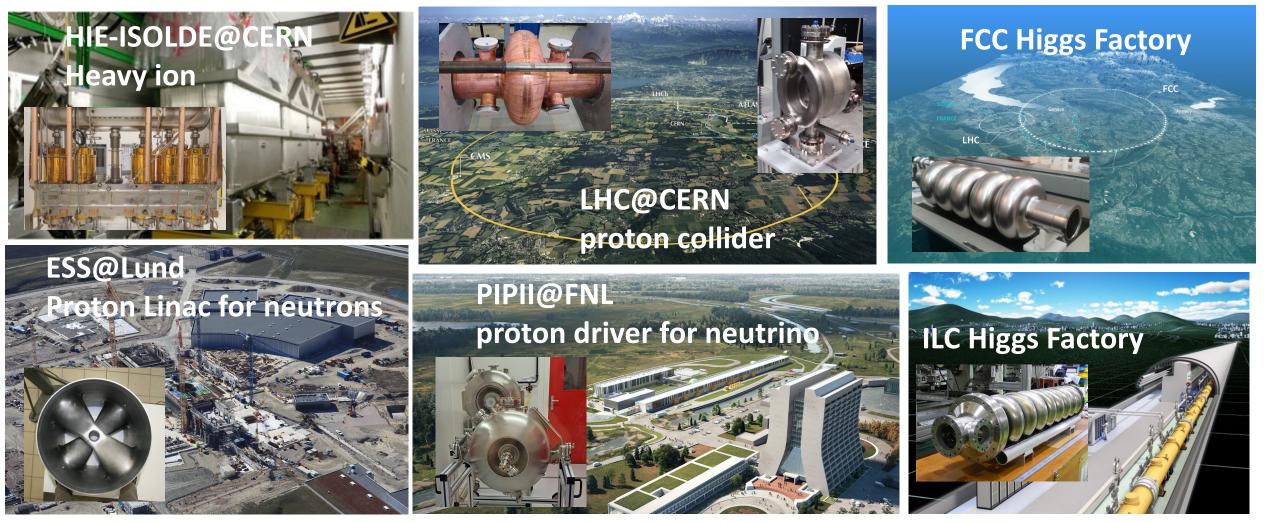
#### **Dark astrophysical objects**?

Modified gravity?<sup>van Dokkum, et</sup> al. Nature **555**, 629–632 (2018) Primordial black holes?

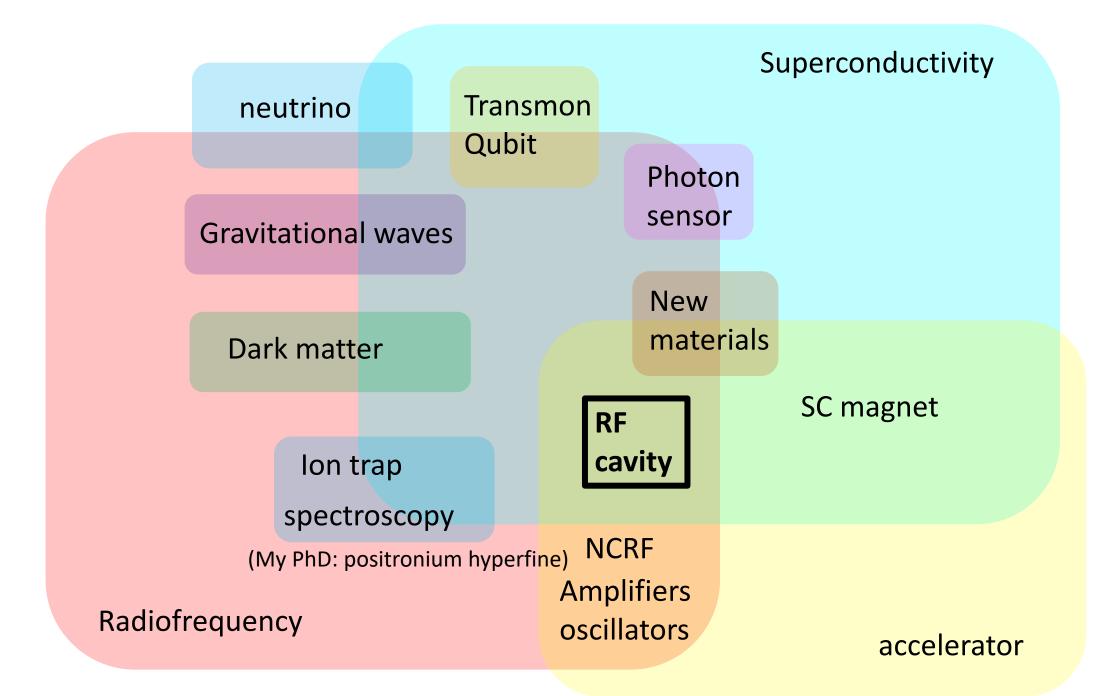


✓ Hypothetical new particles linked to intrinsic issues in the Standard Model?

#### My main business: Radio Frequency cavities for accelerators



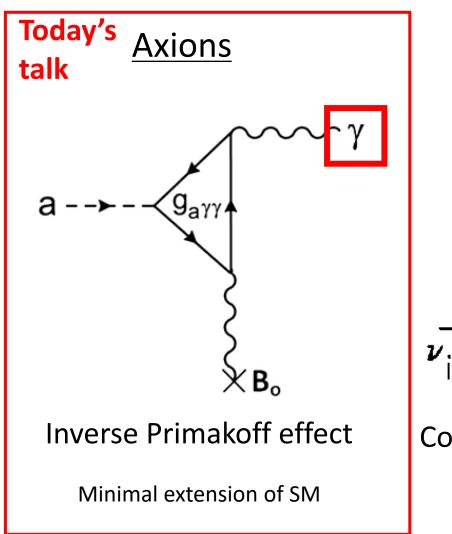
Pros: any present and future accelerators would include superconducting RF cavities Cons: Timeline (decades?) costs (>>BEUR?) still no promise for *new physics* → Can't we directly make use of RF for discovery?



### Microwave photons may address fundamental physics

**Neutrinos** 

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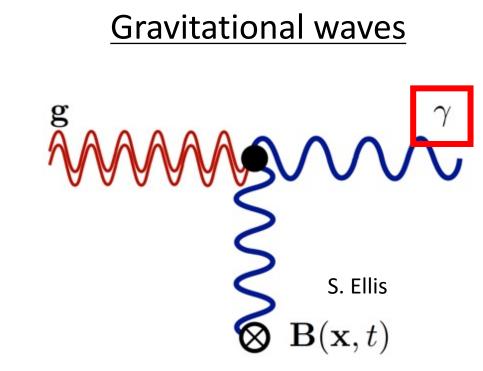


Cosmic neutrino background

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Extension of SM and/or SM



#### Inverse Gertsenshtein effect

Solution of general relativity

#### Axions: a byproduct to cancel the strong CP

Quantum Chromodynamics (theory of strong force)

$$L_{QCD} \supset -\frac{1}{4} G^{a}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu a} + \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \,\theta G^{a}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu a}$$

This term generates electric dipole moment in neutron

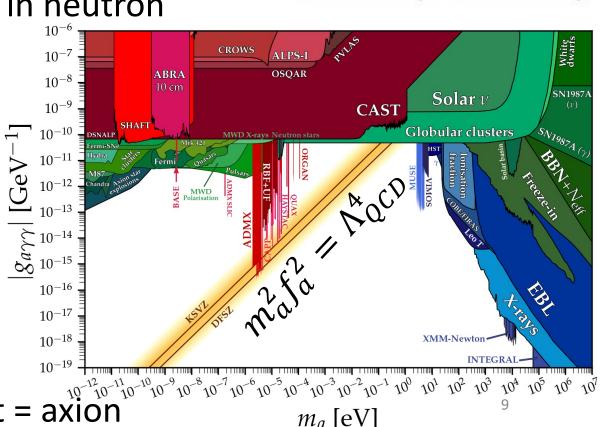
- Theory:  $d_n \sim 4.5 \times 10^{-15} \theta$  ecm
- Experiment:  $|d_n| < 2.9 \times 10^{-29}$  ecm  $\rightarrow |\theta| < 0.7 \times 10^{-11} \ll 1$

Naturalness without anthropic solution

Introduce a new global chiral U(1) field a

$$\frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \left(\theta + \frac{a}{F_a}\right) G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu a} \to 0 \text{ (after SSB)}$$

SSB  $\rightarrow$  A pNG boson appears as a byproduct = axion

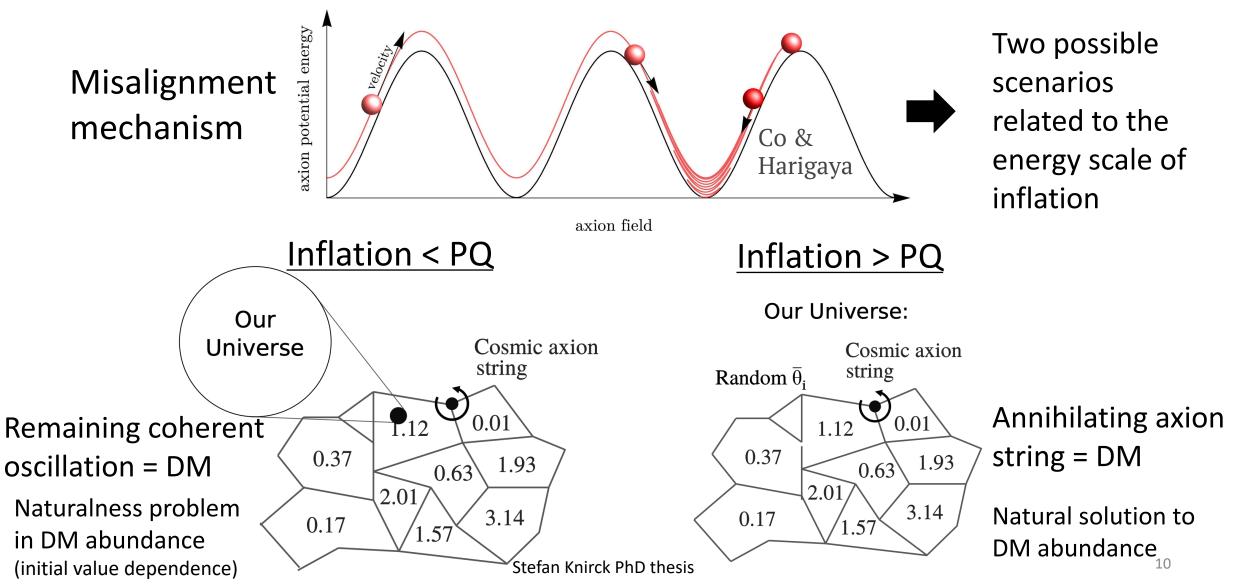


symmetry breaking

-axion (NG boson)

### Axion as dark matter

Axion loses kinetic energy *non-thermally* by coherent oscillation in the PQ potential



#### Three ways to study dark matter candidates

Production in lab

Signal from astrophysics

DM from galaxy halo



→ Common techniques: particle detection, reconstruction, PID, etc



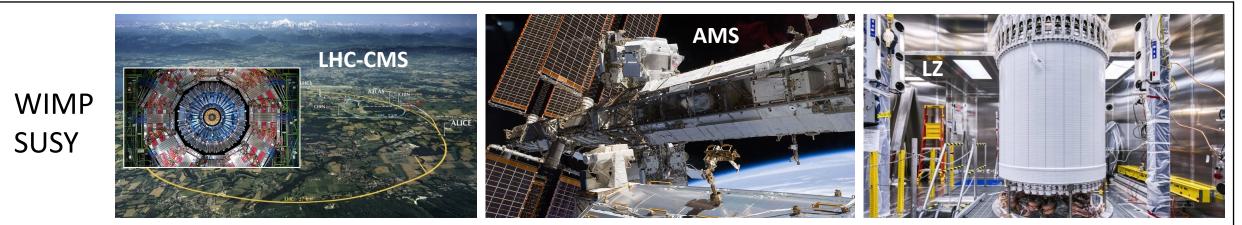
full knowledge in source uncertainty in astrophysical models Uncertainty in cosmological models → Common techniques: magnets & photon science 11

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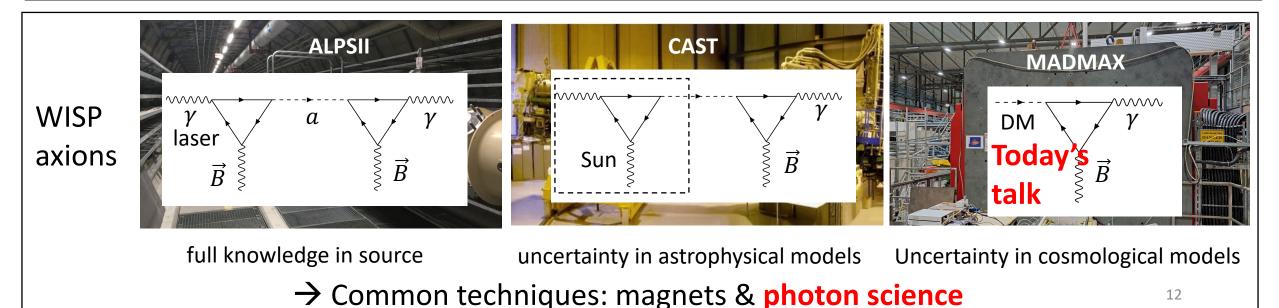
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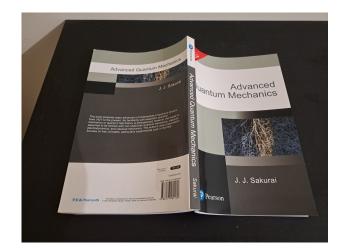
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## De Broglie wavelength $\lambda_B$ vs density of DM $ar{n}$

- We are moving in the galaxy halo of dark matter with speed of 220 km/s  $\rightarrow \beta \sim 0.07\%$
- Galaxy halo of dark matter density  $\rho \sim 0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

https://www.symmetrymagazine.org/article/wimps-in-the-dark-matter -wind Artwork by Sandbox Studio, Chicago with Corinne Mucha



$$E_{cl}^{2} = \frac{\overline{n}}{\lambda} \gg \frac{1}{\lambda^{4}} \sim \langle 0 | \widehat{E} \cdot \widehat{E} | 0 \rangle$$

 $\bar{n} \sim \frac{0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{1 \text{ TeV}} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ 

 $\rightarrow \overline{n} \ll \frac{1}{\lambda^3}$ 

WIMP:  $m \sim 1$  TeV (?)

 $\lambda_B \sim \frac{196 \text{ MeVfm}}{0.7 \text{ GeV}} = 0.3 \text{ fm}$ 

WIMP behaves as a particle <u>Axions:  $m \sim 10 \ \mu eV$ </u>

$$A_B \sim \frac{2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ eVm}}{7 \text{ neV}} = 28 \text{ cm}$$

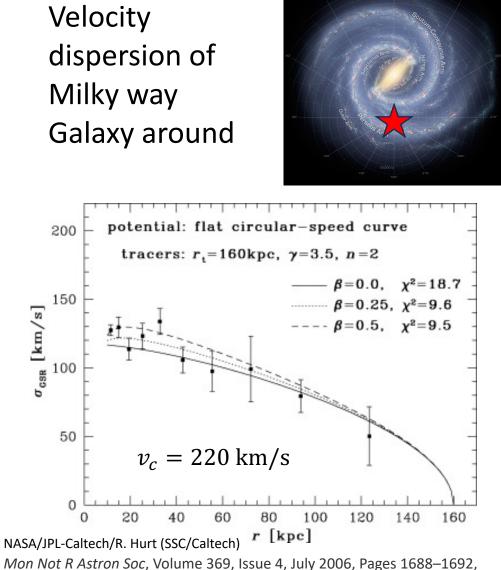
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DM Axions behave

as a wave

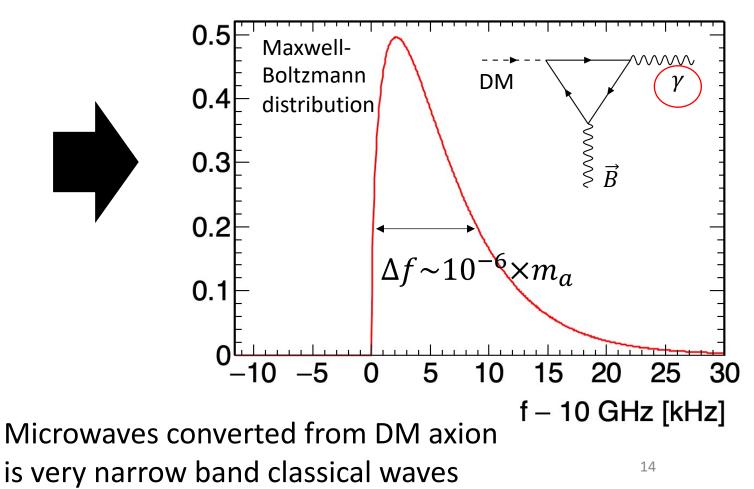
#### Standard model of dark matter axion distribution function

Velocity dispersion of Milky way

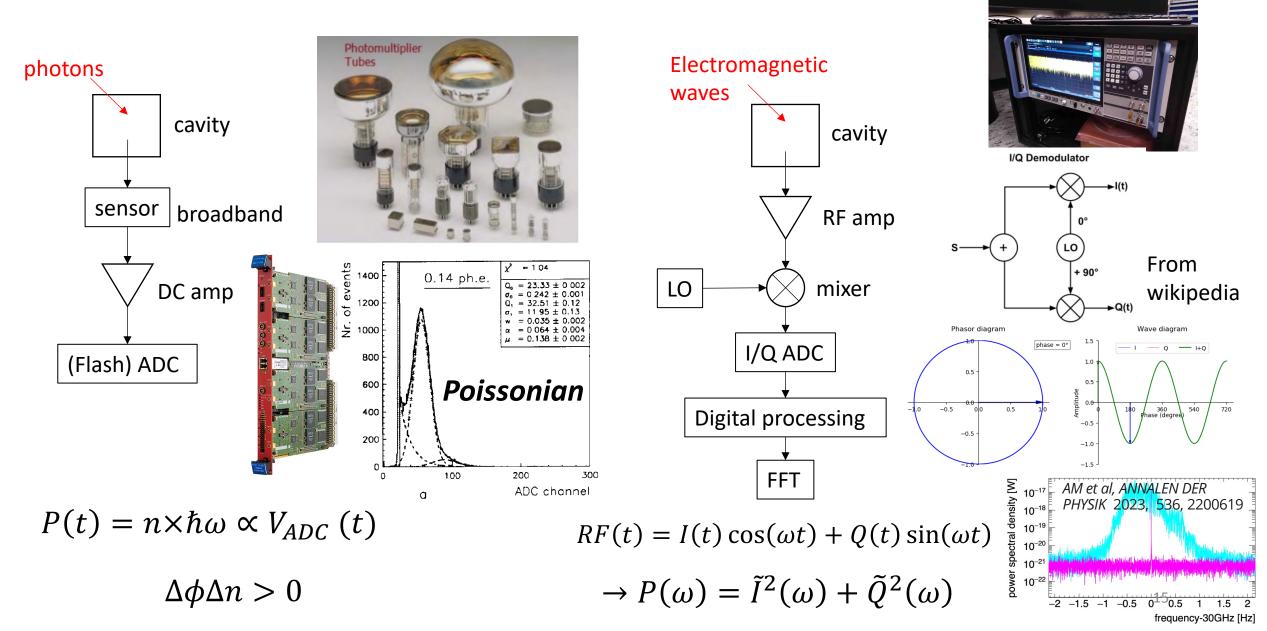


 $f(\omega) = P_0 \theta(\omega - m_a) 2\omega_0^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\omega - m_a}{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\omega - m_a}{\omega_0}\right)$ 

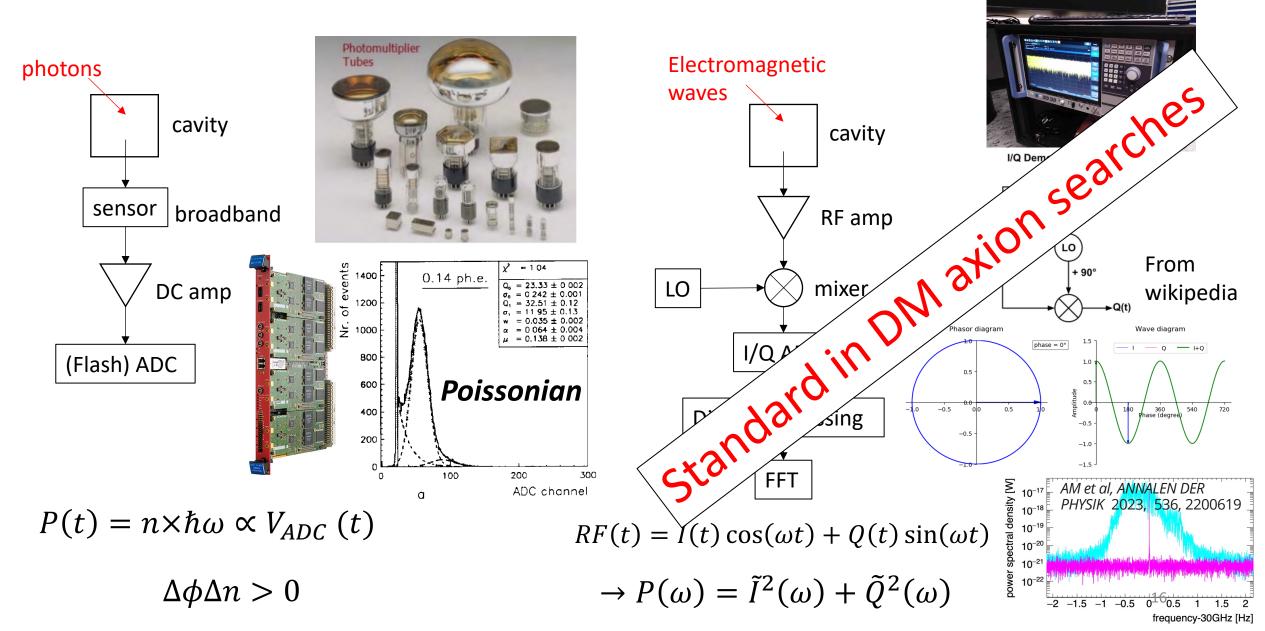
If  $m_a = 10 \text{ GHz}$ 



## Photon (energy) detection vs wave detection



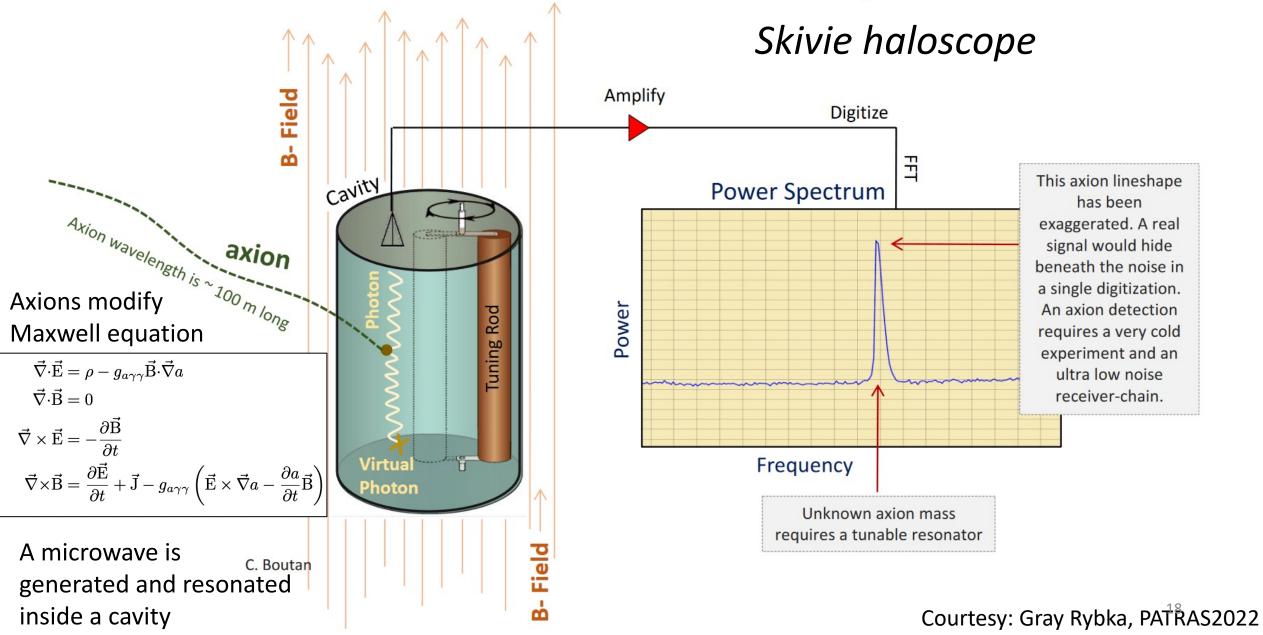
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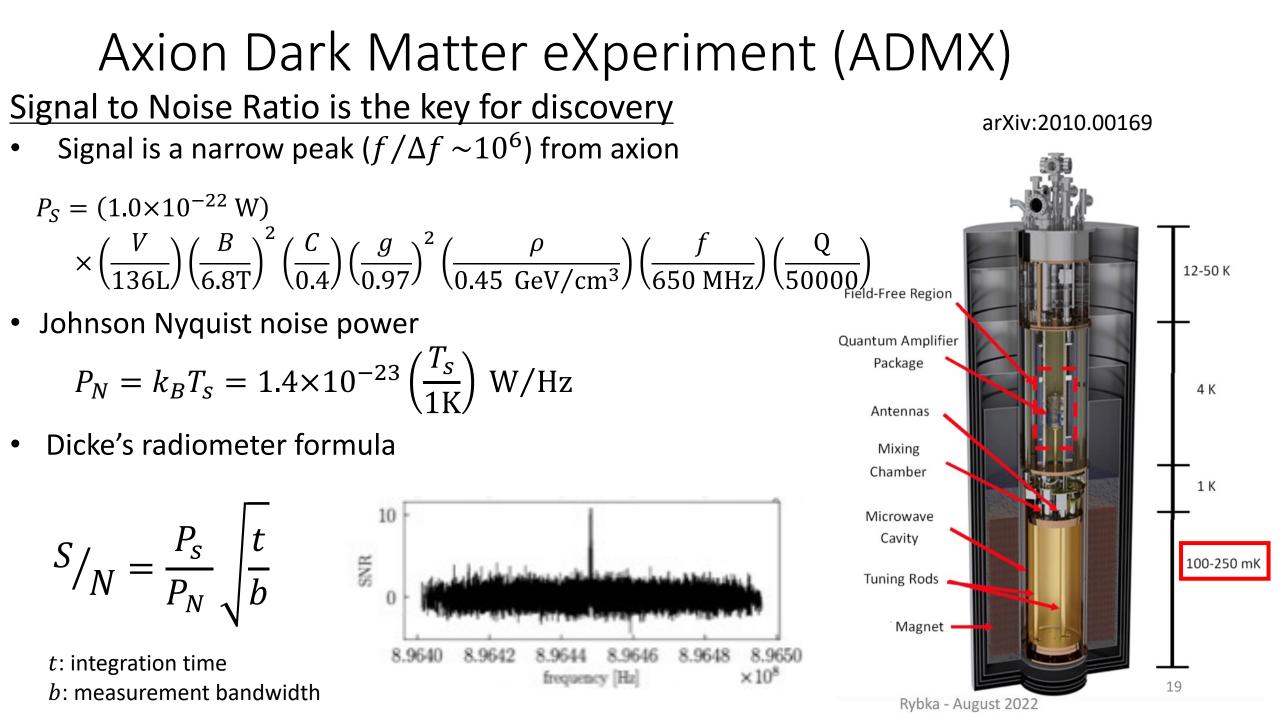


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## Classical electrodynamics is the mean to hunt axions





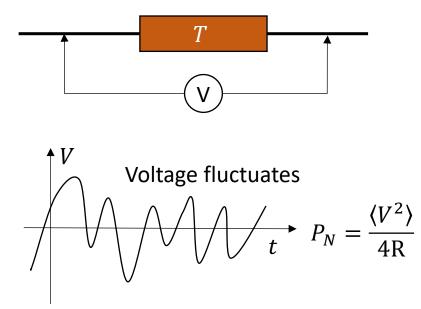
### Jonsson Nyquist Noise

J. B. Johnson Phys Rev 32 97 (1928): Experimental discovery of the relation H. Nyquist Phys Rev 32 110 (1928): Thermodynamics + statistical mechanics of bosonic modes

$$\langle V^2 \rangle \Delta \nu \sim 4R \Delta \nu \frac{h\nu}{e^{h\nu/k_BT} - 1} \xrightarrow{h\nu \ll k_BT} 4Rk_BT \Delta \nu$$
  
Rayleigh Jeans

Noise power spectral density  $P_N = \frac{\langle V^2 \rangle}{4R\Delta\nu} \sim k_B T$ 

Any conductor at temperature T

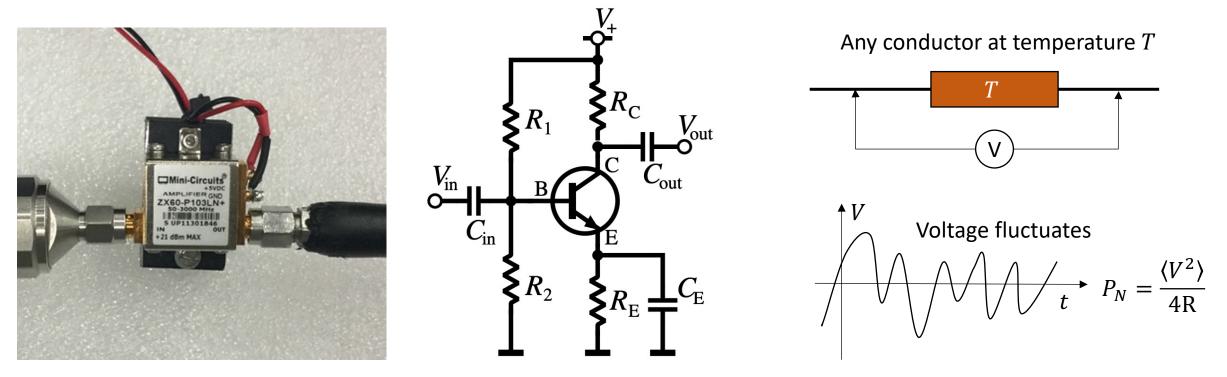


 $\rightarrow$  "Blackbody radiation" of electromagnetic waves inside a 1D conductor

Quantum mechanical derivation H. B. Callen and T. A. Welton Phys Rev 1 34 (1951)

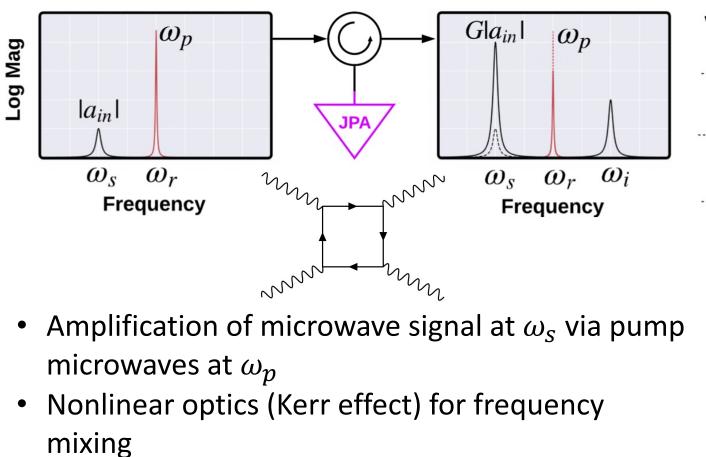
$$P_{N} = \left(\frac{h\nu}{2} + \frac{h\nu}{e^{h\nu/k_{B}T} - 1}\right) \qquad [W/Hz] \qquad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{Cooling down reveals} \\ \text{fundamental noise floor} \\ P_{SQL} = h\nu : \text{standard quantum limit} \\ \text{Ex} h \times 1 \text{ GHz} = 6.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ W/Hz} \end{array}$$

## Classical: amplifier based on transistors



- Amplification of microwaves (typically  $> \times 100$ ) via electron or hole current in the transistors
- Noise sources
  - Resistance' thermal noise
  - Shot noise of currents (dominating)
- $\rightarrow$  The effective noise temperature is always limited by a certain value
- $\rightarrow$  One cannot reach standard quantum limit by cooling down  $k_B T_{SQL} = h\nu < k_B T_S \otimes I_1$

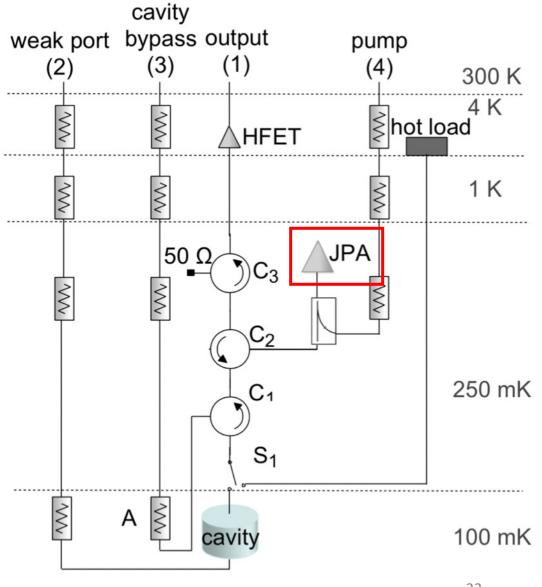
### Semi-classical: Parametric Amplifier (in ADMX)



• No real electron/hole current

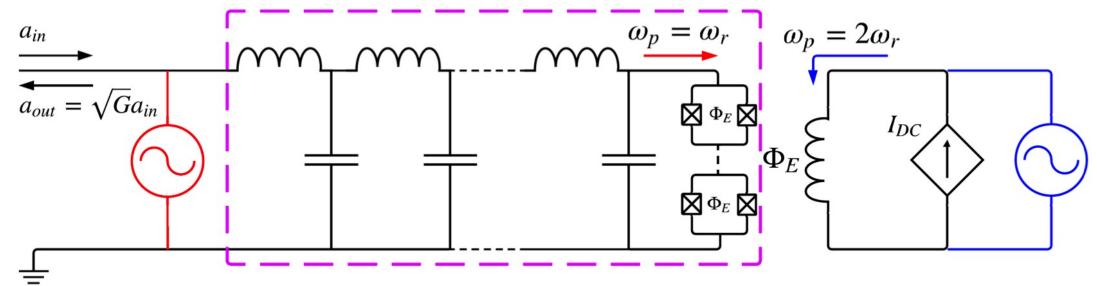
 $\rightarrow$  Free from the noise source of transistors

 $\rightarrow$  One can reach  $k_B T_{SQL} = h\nu$  by cooling down

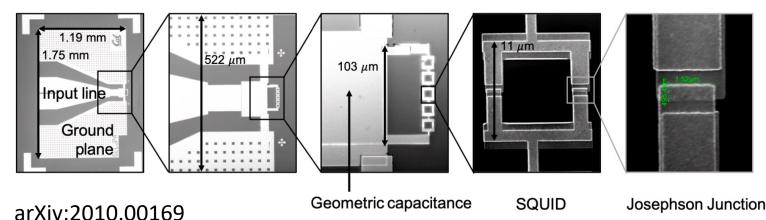


arXiv:2010.00169

Implementation: Josephson Parametric Amplifier



$$L_J = \frac{L_{J0}}{\sqrt{1 - (I/I_0)^2}} = L_{J0} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} (I/I_0)^2 + \dots \right)$$

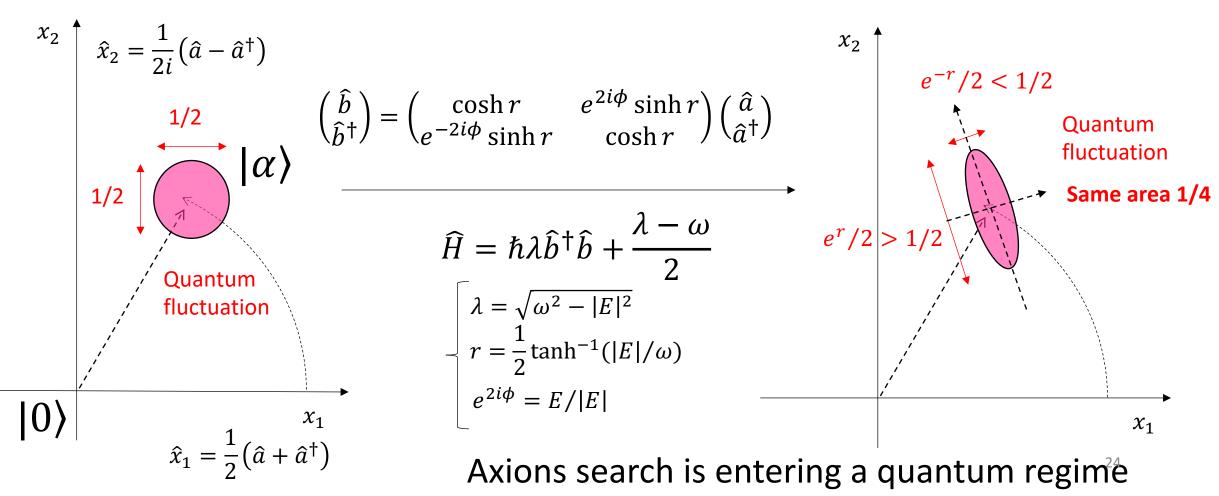


- The nonlinearity is induced from Josephson junctions inside SQUID
- Although SQUID is a superconducting quantum device, microwave's behavior is classical (→ semi-classical)

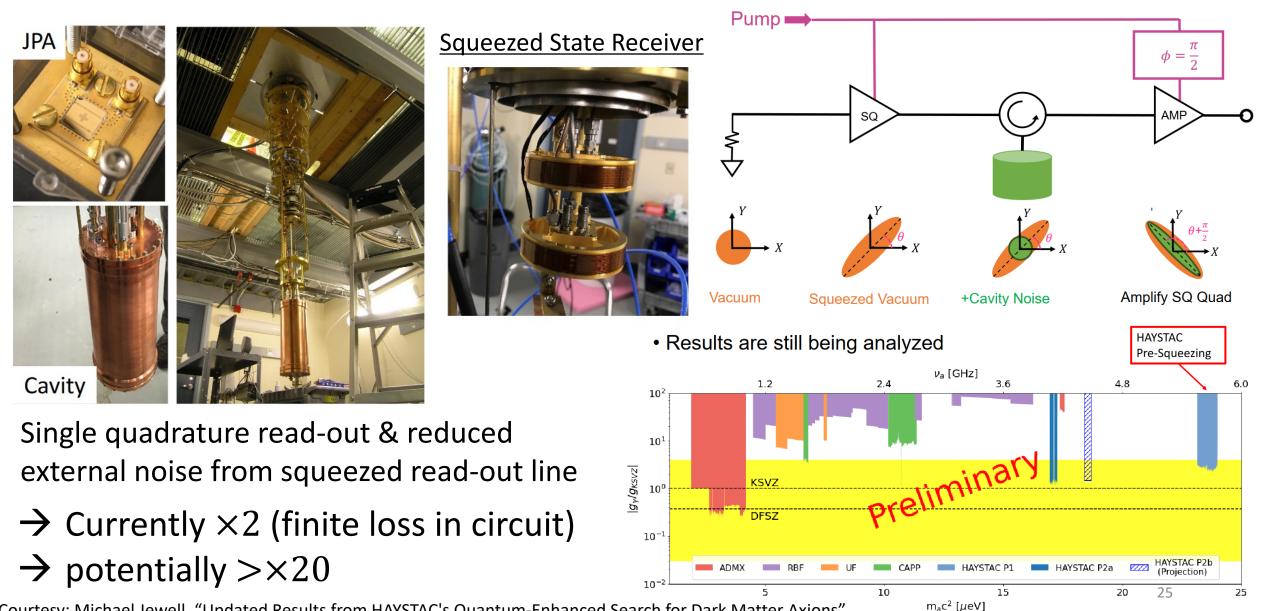
#### Another use of JPA: Squeezed state (not in ADMX)

$$\widehat{H} = \left(\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega + \hbar\left(\frac{E^{*}}{2}\widehat{a}^{2} + \frac{E}{2}\widehat{a}^{\dagger 2}\right)$$

Nonlinear term added by parametric oscillation

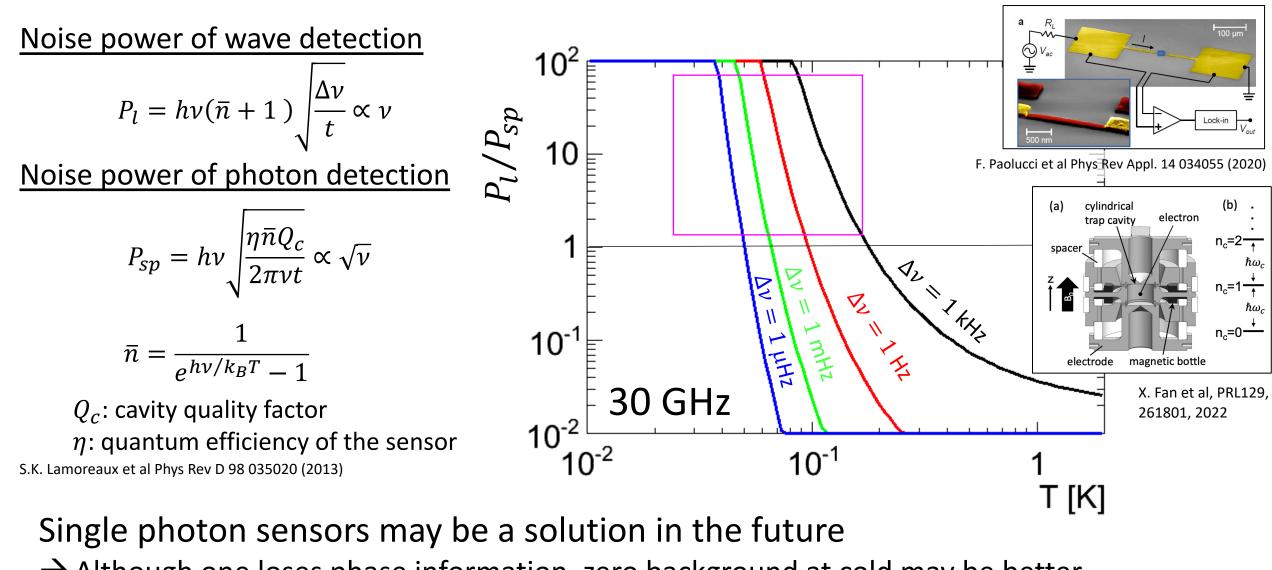


#### HAYSTAC reduces one of the noises via squeezing



Courtesy: Michael Jewell, "Updated Results from HAYSTAC's Quantum-Enhanced Search for Dark Matter Axions"

#### Single photon sensors (?)



→ Although one loses phase information, zero background at cold may be better
 → Lower noise in higher frequency → where is the cross-over? 10 GHz? 100 GHz??

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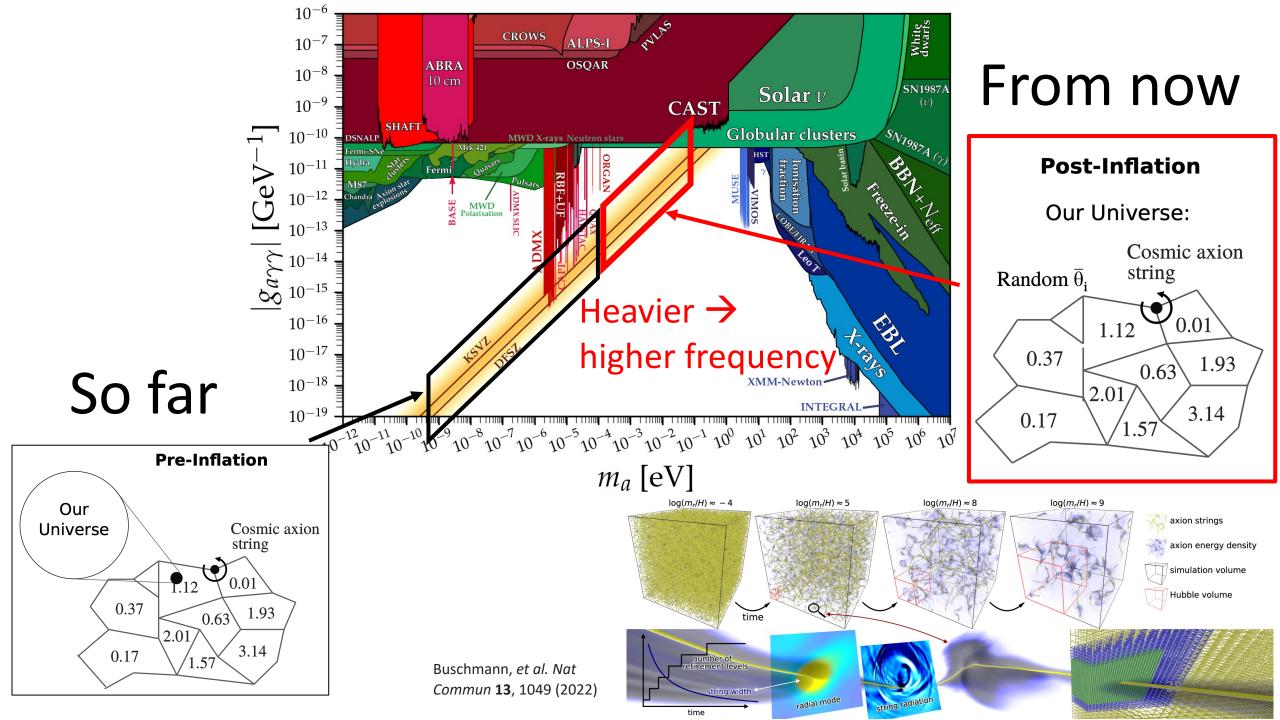
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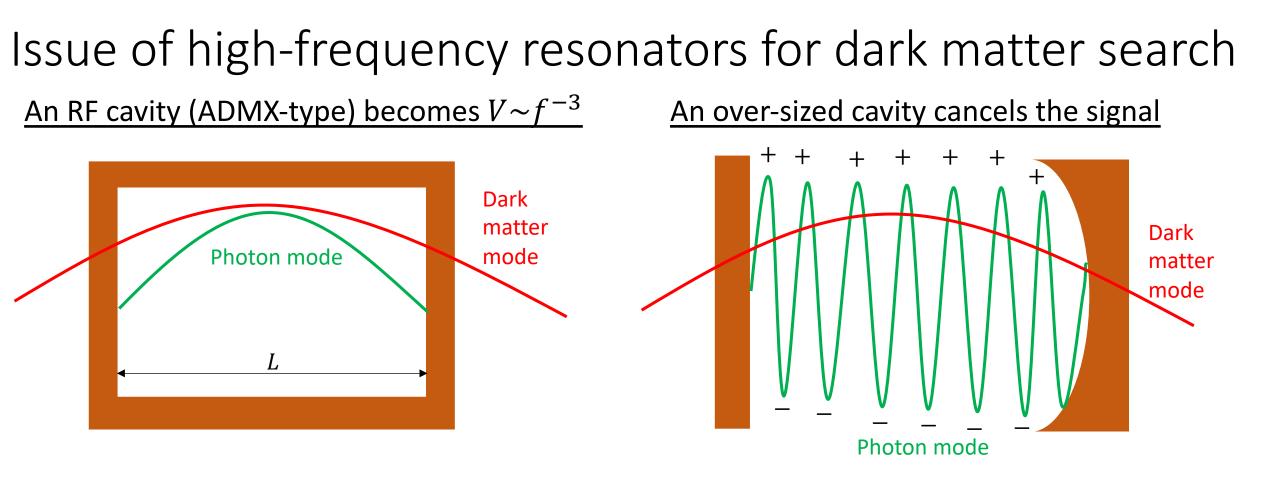
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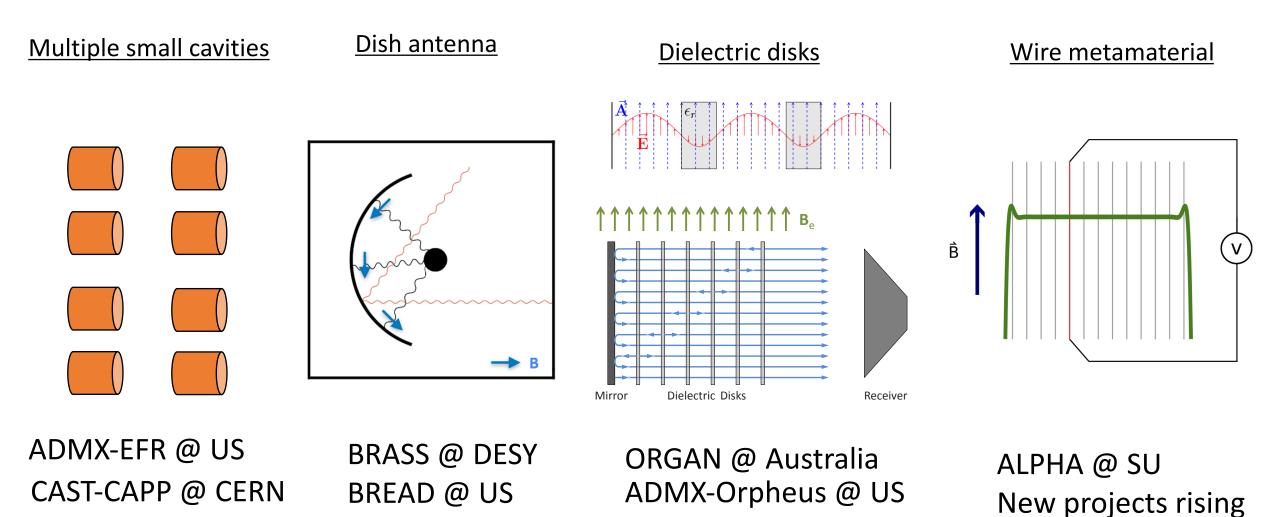


Signal:  $\propto VQ$ The signal is lost by higher frequency The dark matter is cold  $\rightarrow$  De Broglie wavelength is long

Spatial integral is cancelled!

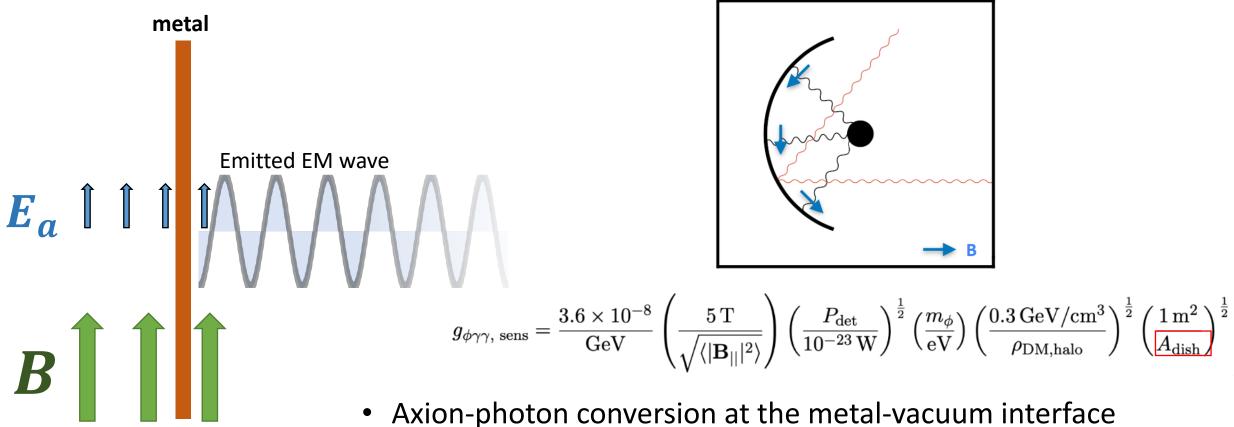
→ We have needed an idea to keep the resonator size reasonable with high frequency without having polarity changes

## Four ideas toward heavier axion dark matter



MADMAX @ DESY

#### Dish antenna: mismatch between metal and vacuum



- Horns et al, arXiv:1212.2970, JCAP04(2013)016
- Signal enhancement by larger area
- Challenge: parallel B-field on the large area of a metal surface

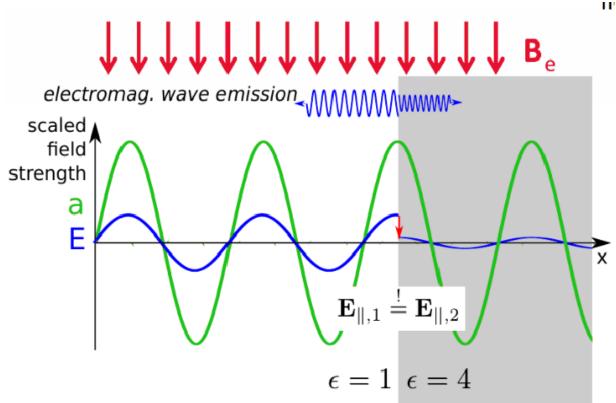
Courtesy: Le Hoang Nguyen, "Development, Calibration and Current Status of the BRASS-p Experiment" Courtesy: Stefan Knirck, "BREAD: Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection"

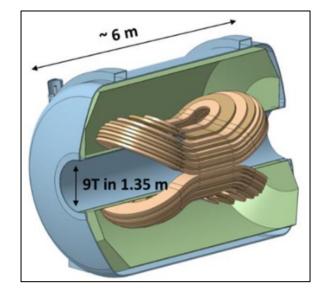
### BRASS-p (DESY) & BREAD (Fermilab) ext m Parabolic 2 Mirror 2 $\frac{2}{2}$ Averaged horizontal field Rstrength is approx 0.9 Tesla

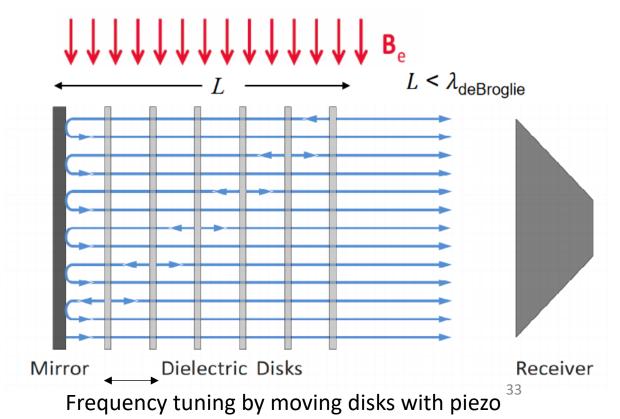
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### MADMAX: multiple dielectric dishes

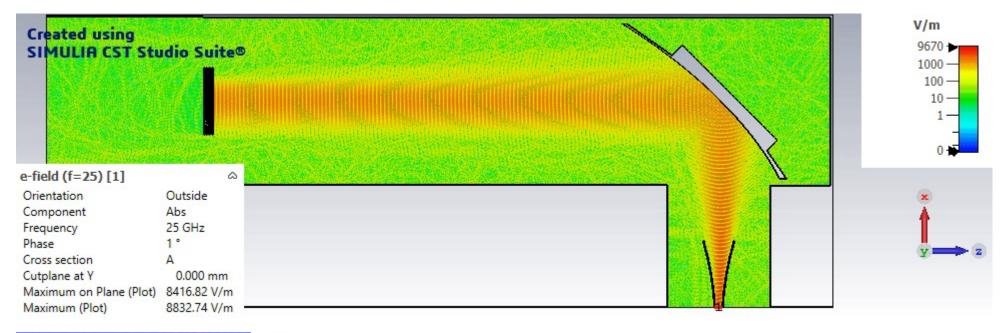
- Enhance the coherent microwave signal generated at the dielectric-vacuum surface (**transparent dish antenna**)
- Many disks to *boost* the signal
- Dipole magnet is mandatory

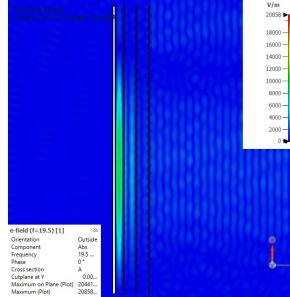






## Booster resonance + whole standing wave





- The resonance inside the booster
- Standing-wave in the whole structure
- White noise resonates (Rayleigh Jeans)
  - Interference to the booster peak
- Very challenging subject in microwave engineering!
  - Enormous mesh in FEM (scale >>>> wavelength)

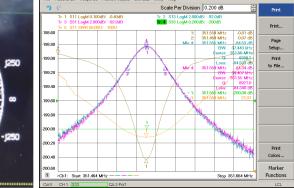
## Boost $\beta$ in dielectric disks $\neq$ resonance Q in a cavity

Resonant cavity search including plasma haloscope

$$P_{S} = (1.0 \times 10^{-22} \text{ W}) \times \left(\frac{V}{136 \text{L}}\right) \left(\frac{B}{6.8 \text{T}}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{C}{0.4}\right) \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{0.97}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{\rho}{0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^{3}}\right) \left(\frac{f}{650 \text{ MHz}}\right) \left(\frac{Q}{50000}\right)$$







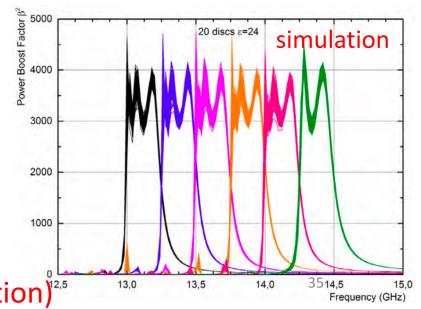
Q: microwave propery in a cavity → In-situ measurement observable

**Dielectric-disk haloscope:** 

$$P_S = (2.2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ W}) \times \left(\frac{A}{1 \text{ m}^2}\right) \beta^2 \left(\frac{B}{10 \text{ T}}\right)^2 C_{a\gamma}^2$$

 $\beta$  is defined uniquely for axion interaction not for microwaves  $\rightarrow$  Not a direct observable of microwave measurement

# → Indirect calibration and reconstruction via microwave measurements and noise resonance (fitting data with simulation)<sup>2.5</sup>





## Direct measurement of boost factor

JCAP04(2024)005

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FEM Simulation

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Reconstruct

boost factor

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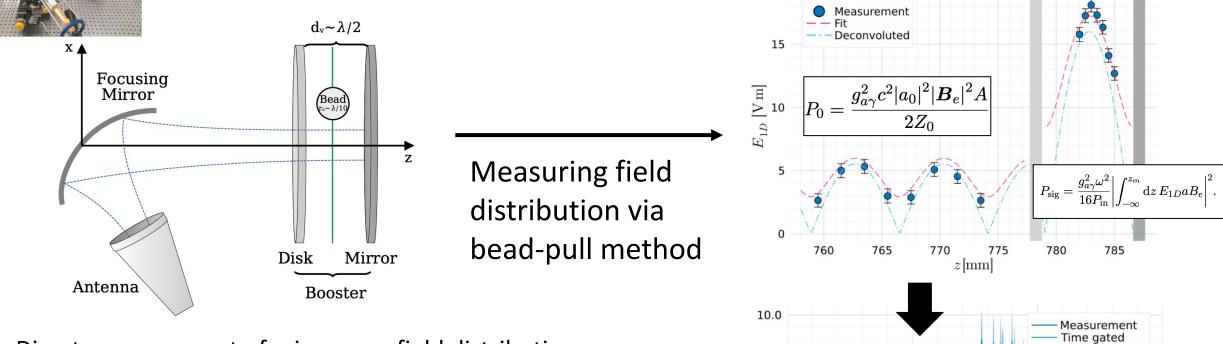
 $\nu \,[{\rm GHz}]$ 

7.5

2.5

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<sup>2</sup>θ 5.0



- Direct measurement of microwave field distributions gave • consistent results with simulations (Lorentz reciprocity)
- Calibration of boost factor for physics run (to be published): •
  - Modeling the system with parameters ٠
  - Fitting reflection data and noise resonance to determine • parameters
  - Calculate boost factor (model dependent) ٠
  - was confirmed with this bead-pull method ۲

#### Prototype experiment at CERN NA

### MADMAX at the forefront of the search for axions

The MADMAX experiment at CERN's North Area probes dark matter candidates with two new prototypes

13 MAY, 2024 | By Chetna Krishna

https://home.cern/news/news/experiments /madmax-forefront-search-axions

- First physics papers are being prepared
- Dark photon at room temperature, dark photon at cold, axion at room temperature, axion at cold, ...



#### Stay tuned :-)

Another approach: axion-plasmon mixing in a cavity

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 $\epsilon = 0$  gives and resonance inside a plasma

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}\mathbf{B}_{e}a}{\epsilon} = -g_{a\gamma}\mathbf{B}_{e}a \left(1 - \frac{\omega_{p}^{2}}{\omega_{a}^{2} - i\omega_{a}\Gamma}\right)^{-1}$$

At the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = \omega_a$ 

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{n_e e^2}{m_e \epsilon_0}} \quad \text{In the Drude model}$$

Drude model **e**<sup>-</sup> Ε,Ι

From wiki

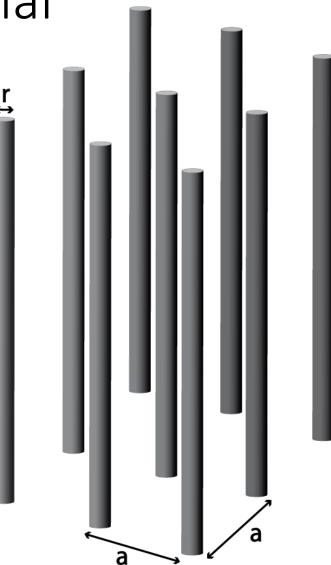
## Cavity filled with 1D wire metamaterial

Free electrons inside wires behave as 1D plasma

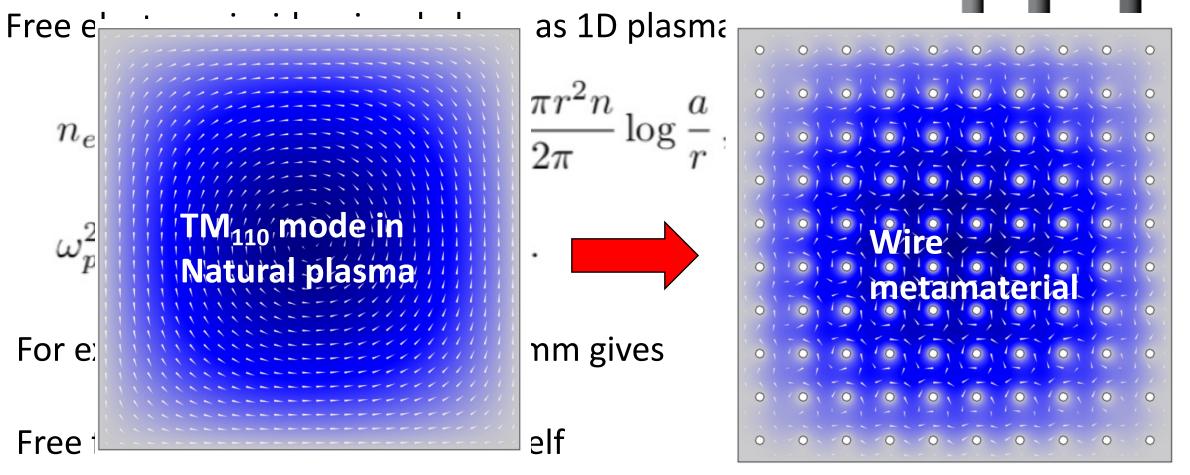
$$\begin{split} n_e &= n \frac{\pi r^2}{a^2} \quad ; \quad m_{eff} = \frac{e^2 \pi r^2 n}{2\pi} \log \frac{a}{r} \\ \omega_p^2 &= \frac{n_e e^2}{m_{eff}} = \frac{2\pi}{a^2 \log(a/r)} \; . \end{split}$$

For example, r = 0.5 mm, a = 5 mm gives  $\omega_p/2\pi \sim 16 \text{ GHz}$ Free from the size of the cavity itself

Changing the spacing a tunes the plasma frequency



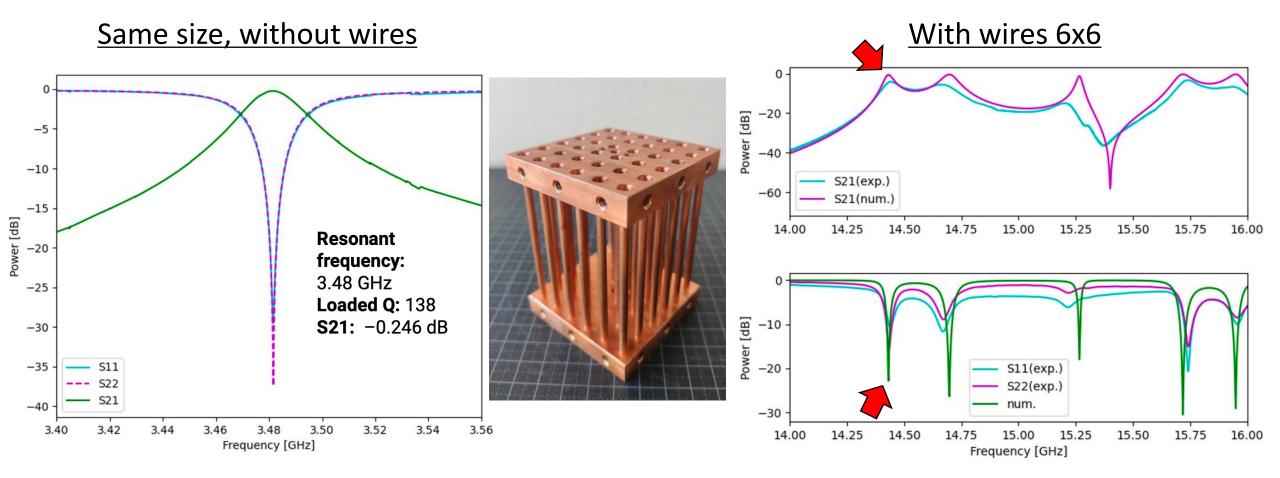
### Cavity filled with 1D wire metamaterial



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Changing the spacing *a* tunes the plasma frequency

#### Prototype wire-filled cavities



Courtesy of Gagandeep Kaur

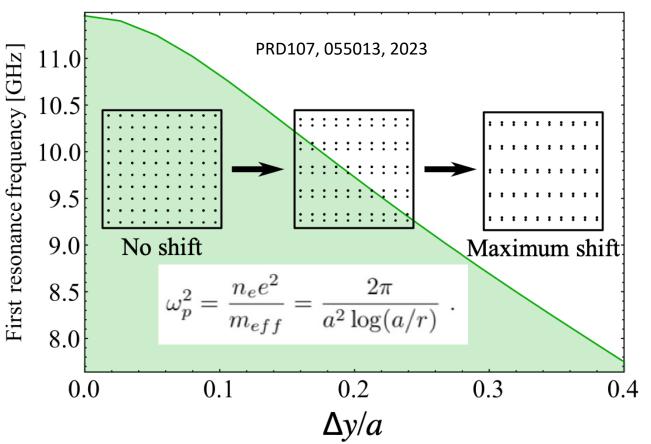
Resonance frequency of the lowest TM mode

3.48 GHz → 14.4 GHz

With the artificial plasma by the wire metamaterial

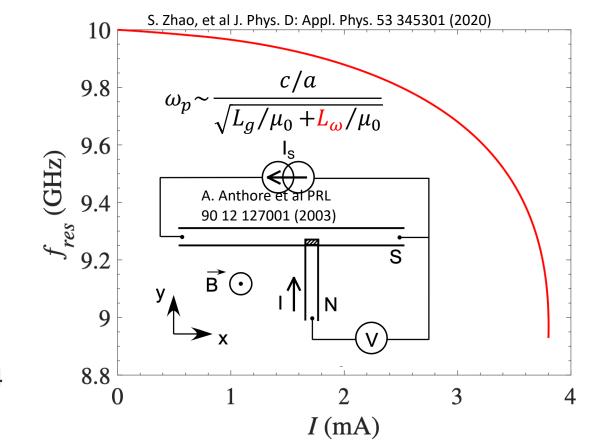
#### Frequency tuning

#### **Baseline: mechanical tuning**



- Copper wires
- Prototyping phase
- First physics run in a few years

#### Non-mechanical tuning via kinetic inductance



- Superconducting wires + DC current
- Basic R&D for proof-of-principle
- Preliminary studies to be published

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- Microwaves are alternative mean to address new physics
  - Scientific complementarity and technical synergy with accelerator-driven experiments
  - Axion can solve both strong CP problem and dark matter mystery
  - Relatively high-mass dark matter axions may be free from naturalness problems
  - Dark matter axions are treated as classical waves not particles
- Recent dark matter axions searches (< 10 GHz) profit from state-of-the-art microwave detector technology
  - ADMX reached SQL via JPA
  - HAYSTAC introduced phase-sensitive operation of JPA to overcome SQL via squeezing
  - Potential in single photon counting (wave  $\rightarrow$  particle)
- One research direction is toward higher frequency
  - Challenge in keeping volume constant while increasing the frequency
  - BRASS/BREAD gives sensitivity proportional to surface area
  - MADMAX boosts the sensitivity via dielectric disks; 1<sup>st</sup> physics results to be published
  - ALPHA employs artificial plasma frequency via wire metamaterial; R&D on-going towards physics run

# backup

#### Blackbody radiation

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1}$$

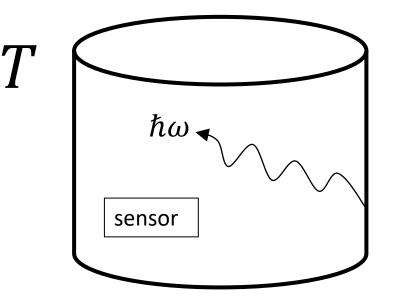
$$\hat{\rho}_{th} = \frac{1}{1+\bar{n}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\bar{n}}{1+\bar{n}}\right)^n |n\rangle \langle n|$$

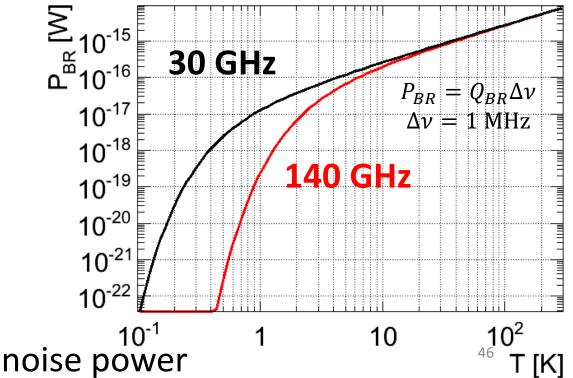
#### Noise power spectral density

$$Q_{BR} = \frac{1}{2} \Omega A \frac{2h\nu^3}{\exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T}\right) - 1}$$
 [W/Hz]

Solid angle 
$$\Omega$$
 [st]  
Sensor area  $A$  [ $m^2$ ]  $\rightarrow$  Usually,  $\Omega A \sim \lambda^2$ 

Cooling down the system can decrease the noise power

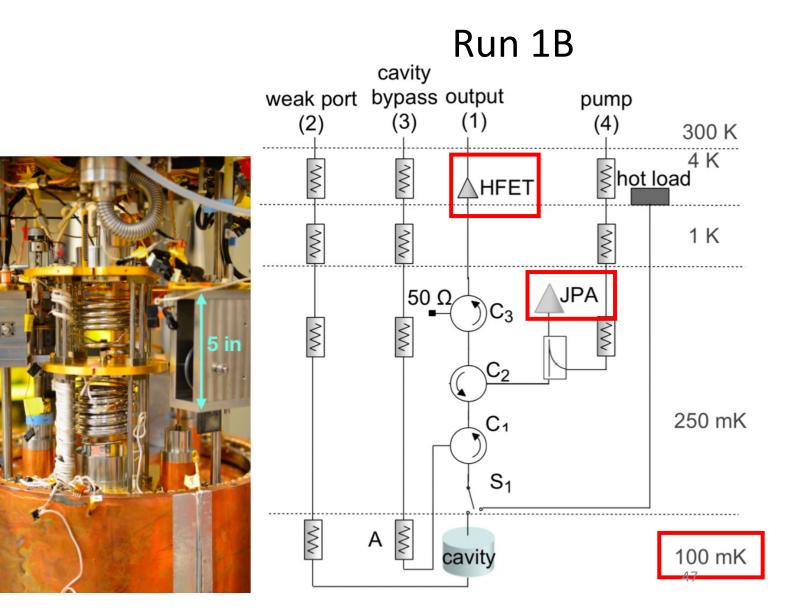




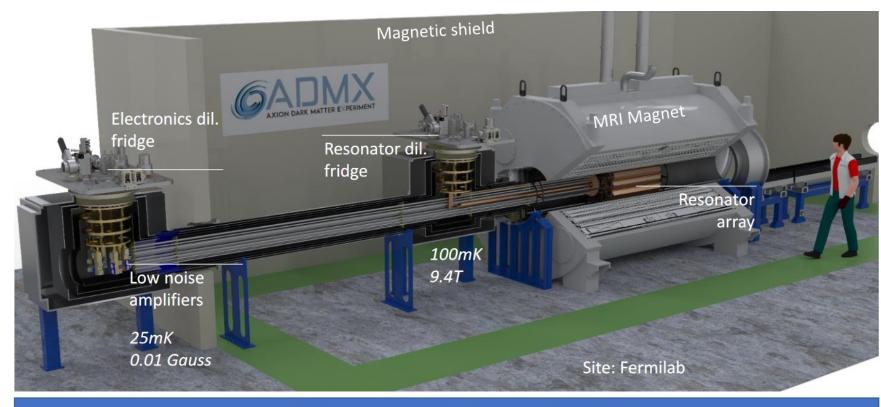
# ADMX again: $T_{SQL} = h\nu/k_B \sim 40 \text{ mK}$

With a dilution refrigerator, the noise level is approaching to the quantum limit

- → Quantum devices
   have been
   developed and
   implemented
- ➔ Toward quantum microwave optics of coherent signals



## ADMX (Washington University → Fermilab)



 $\sim 5~ imes$  scan speed of current ADMX

#### Challenge: phase lock of all the cavities (S. Knirck)

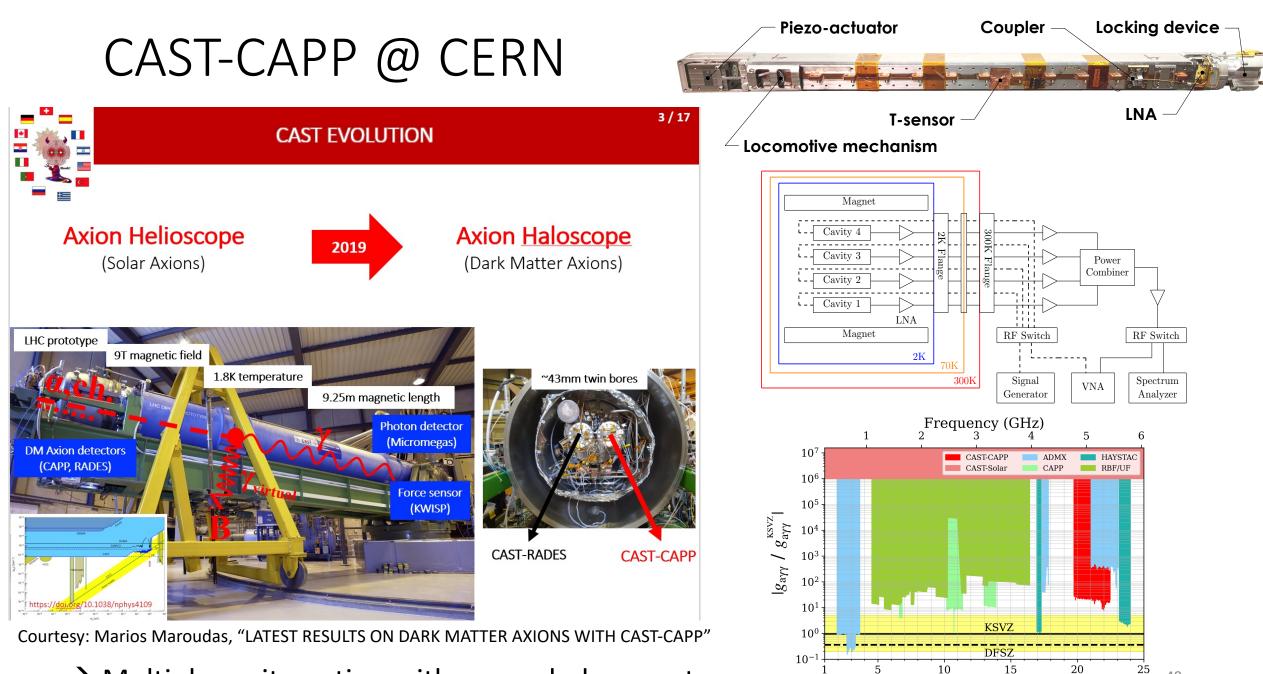
Courtesy: Gray Rybka, "Current Status and Future Plans of ADMX"

Multiple cavities to address heavier axions

**ADMX-EFR** 







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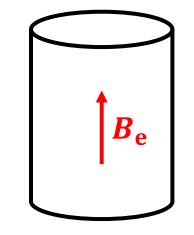
 $m_{\rm a}c^2$  (µeV)

 $\rightarrow$  Multiple cavity option with a recycled magnet

Natural plasma (ionized gas, free e<sup>-</sup> in metal, etc) in a cylinder

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_t + B_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}; \quad \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_t + E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}; \quad \mathbf{B}_e = B_e \hat{\mathbf{z}},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\nabla}_t + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} \times (\mathbf{B}_t + B_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = -i\omega \left( \mathbf{E}_t + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_z E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) - i\omega g_{a\gamma} a B_e \hat{\mathbf{z}} , \\ \left( \boldsymbol{\nabla}_t + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) \times \left( \mathbf{E}_t + E_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) = i\omega \left( \mathbf{B}_t + B_z \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right) .$$



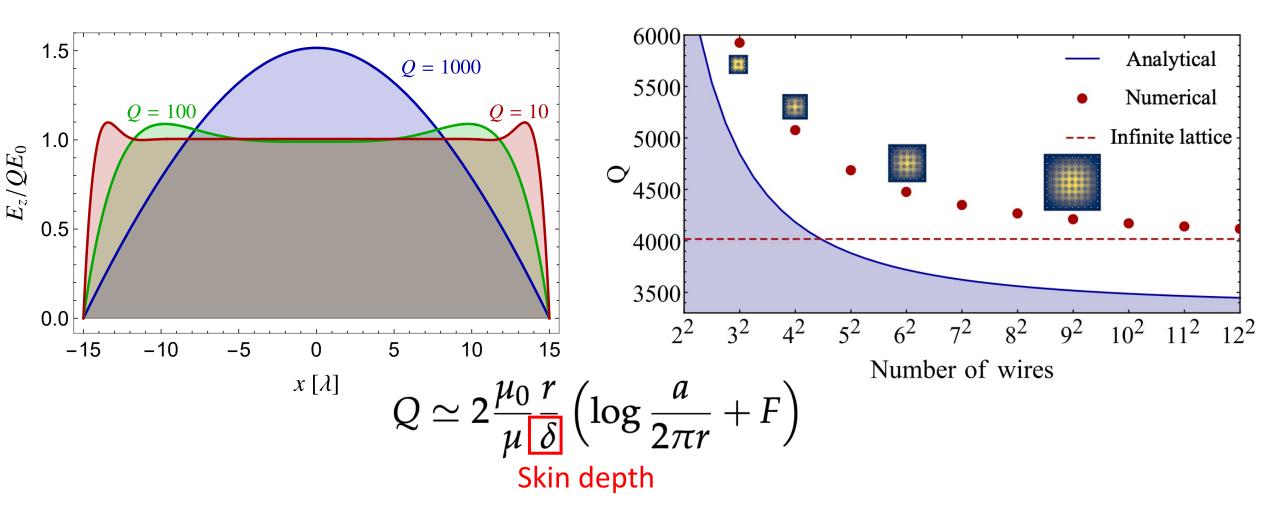
$$\frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - k^2} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_z}{\partial^2 r} + r \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} \right) + r^2 \omega^2 \epsilon_z E_z + r^2 \omega^2 g_{a\gamma} B_{\rm e} a = 0 \,,$$

<u>Transverse magnetic mode (TM modes) couples to axions at higher frequency</u> However, *natural* plasma is

- Not suitable in a cryogenic environment
- $\omega_p$  is not tunable to scan m<sub>a</sub>

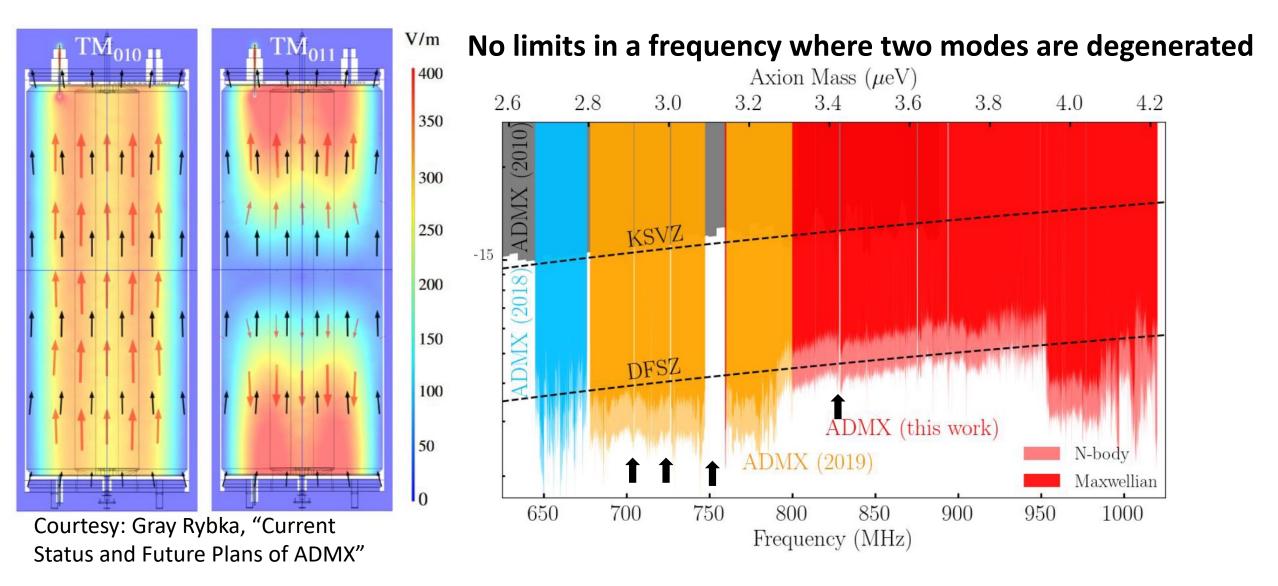
-  $\rightarrow$  Artificial plasma by metamaterial<sub>50</sub>

#### Influence of cavity quality factor



- Denser wires  $\rightarrow$  Lower Q dominated by wire loss  $\rightarrow$  uniform distribution
- Higher  $Q \rightarrow$  Simpler cavity like behavior

#### One important lesson from ADMX



#### The same and much severer issues in plasma haloscope