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a quantum  
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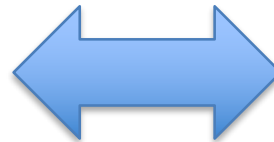
Precision measurement =>  
Phase, Frequency, Energy, Time



Technology: High-Q -> Narrow Line Width Systems:  
Low Noise Techniques Classical and Quantum (SQL)



New Tests of  
Fundamental Physics

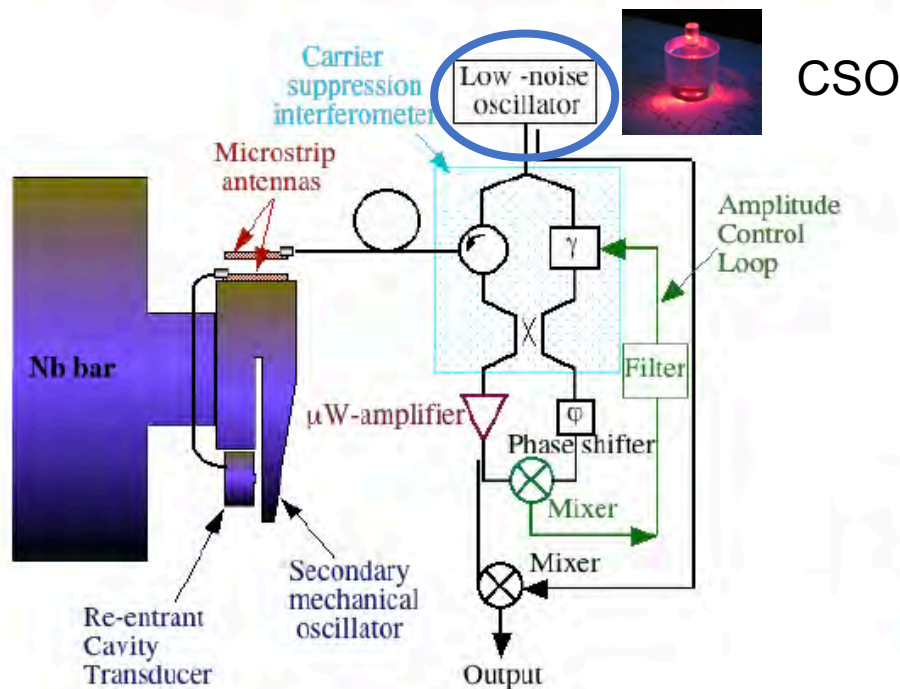


Applications: Sensors,  
Clocks, Radar etc.

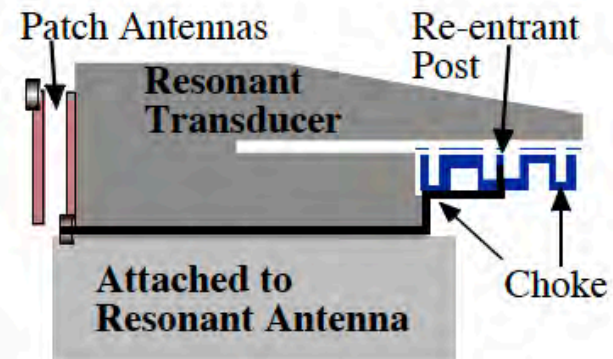
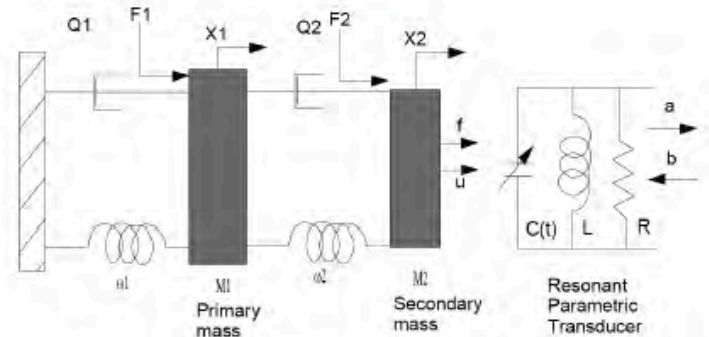
# A Short History of My Attempt to Measure Nothing with Precision Measurement

## Re-entrant Parametric Transducers

### Microwave Readout with Automatic Carrier Suppression



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# CARRIER SUPPRESSION INTERFEROMETER

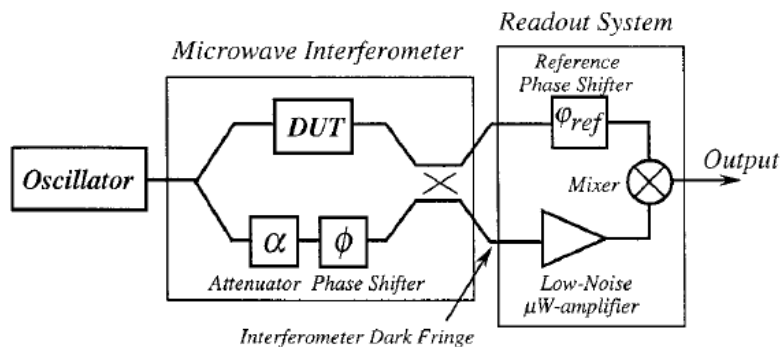
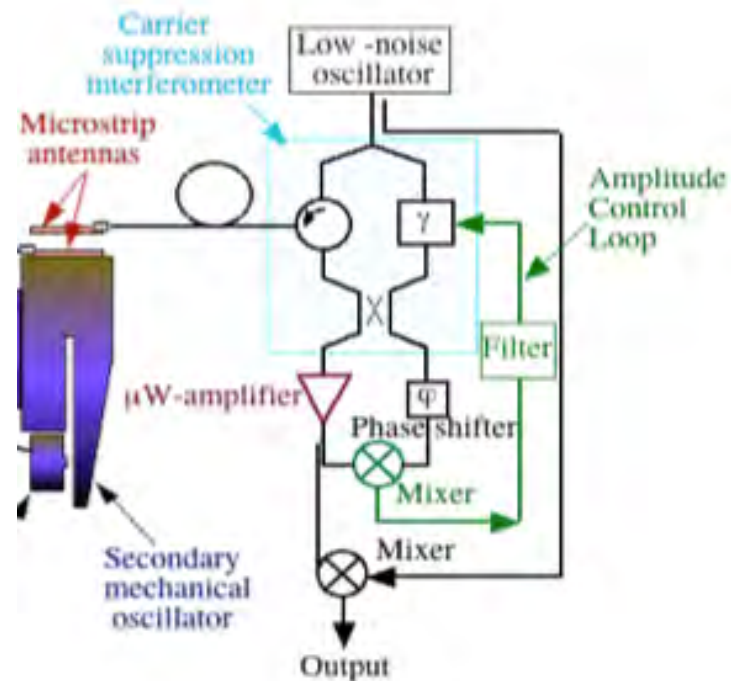


Fig. 1. Interferometric noise measurement system.



## Microwave Interferometry: Application to Precision Measurements and Noise Reduction Techniques

Eugene N. Ivanov, M. E. Tobar, *Member, IEEE*, and R. A. Woode

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi}^{n/f(1)}(f) = \mathcal{L}_{AM}^{n/f(1)}(f) = \frac{k_B T_{RS}}{P_{inp} L_{DUT}}, \quad (1)$$

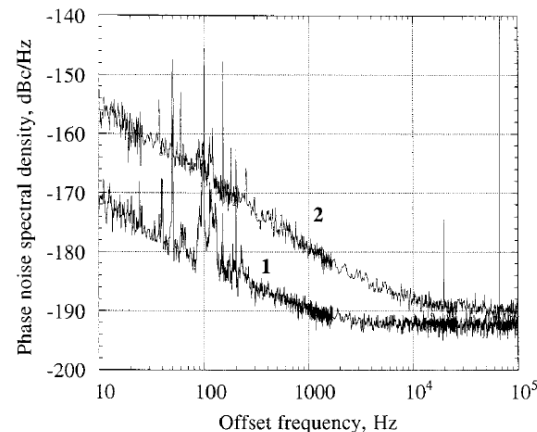


Fig. 2. The phase noise floor of interferometric noise measurement system (curve 1), phase noise of 6 microwave isolators connected in series (curve 2). Input power is 20 dBm, carrier frequency 9 GHz.

## **Microwave phase detection at the level of $10^{-11}$ rad**

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We report on a noise measurement system with the highest spectral resolution ever achieved in the microwave domain. It is capable of detecting the phase fluctuations in rms amplitude of  $2 \times 10^{-11}$  rad/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at Fourier frequencies above a few kilohertz. Such precision allows the study of intrinsic fluctuations in various microwave components and materials, as well as precise tests of fundamental physics. Employing this system we discovered a previously unknown phenomenon of down-conversion of pump oscillator phase noise into the low-frequency voltage fluctuations.

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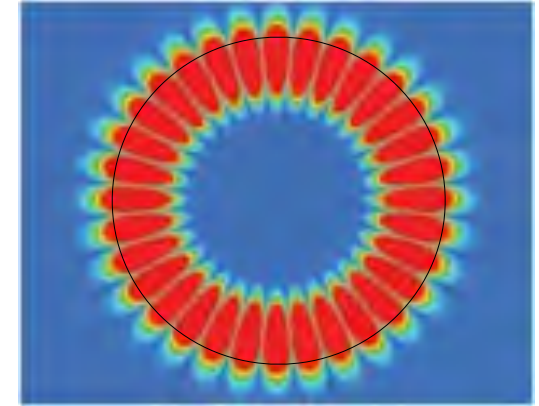
## Sapphire Loaded Cavity (SLC) Resonators



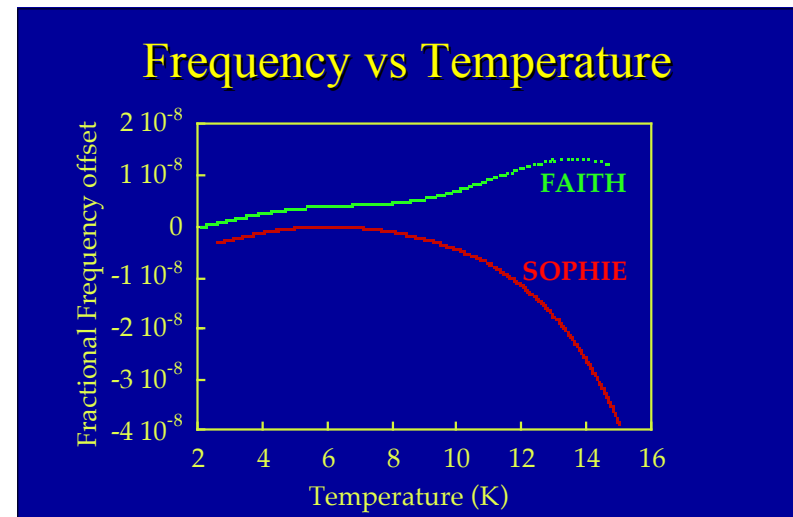
### Key features

### Very high Q-factors at WG- modes

Temperature	Q-factor (10 GHz)
300 K	$2 \cdot 10^5$
77 K	$3 \cdot 10^7$
4.2 K	$4 \cdot 10^9$



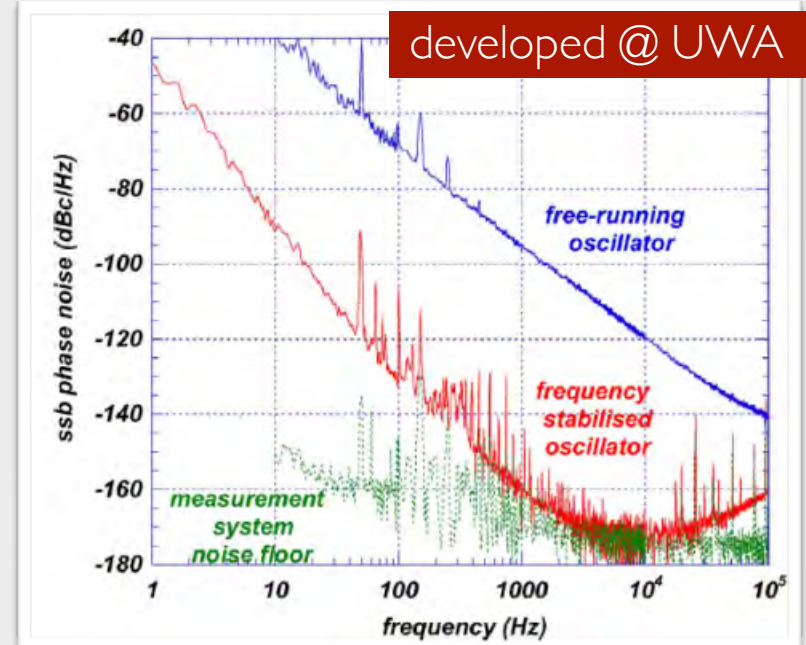
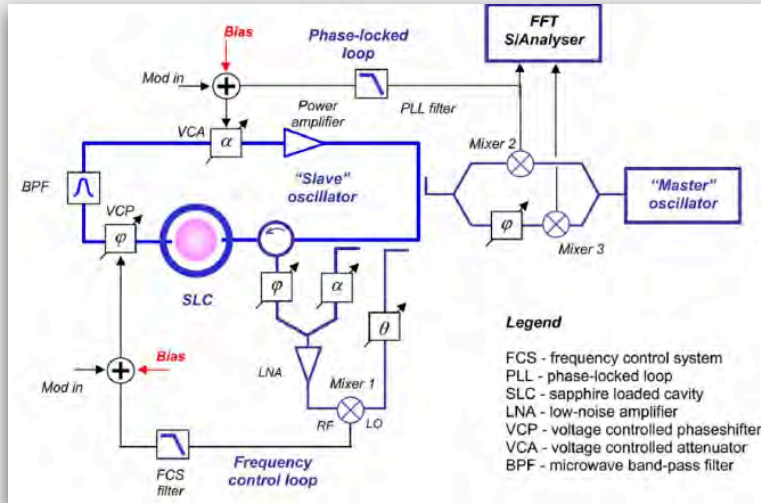
Electric field density plot  
( $H_{16,1,1}$  - mode)



### Frequency-temperature turning points

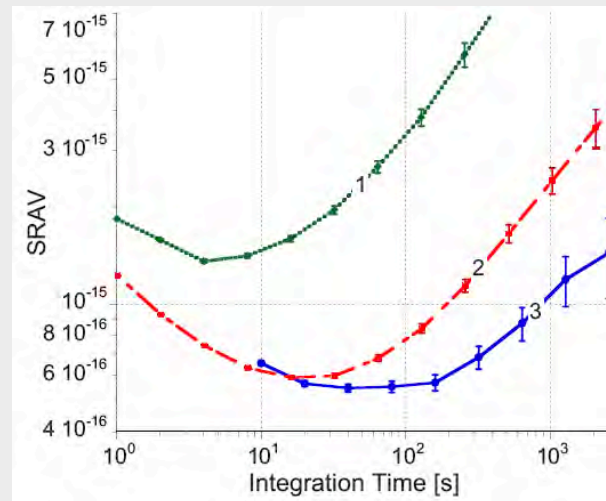
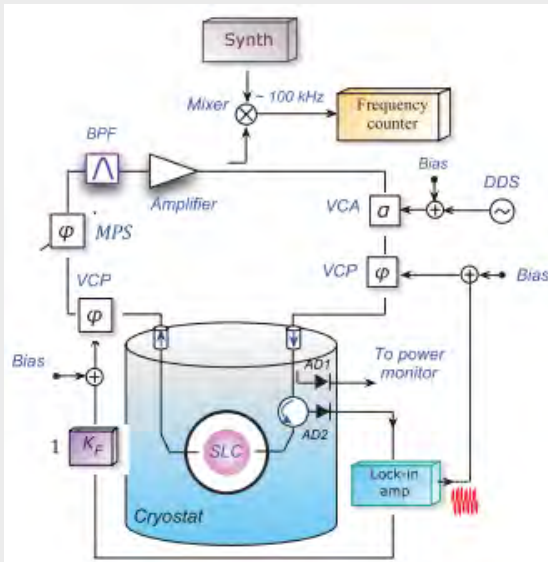
# Microwave Oscillators

Room temperature oscillator with interferometric signal processing



Cryogenic Sapphire Oscillators

developed @ UWA



approaching  $10^{-16}$

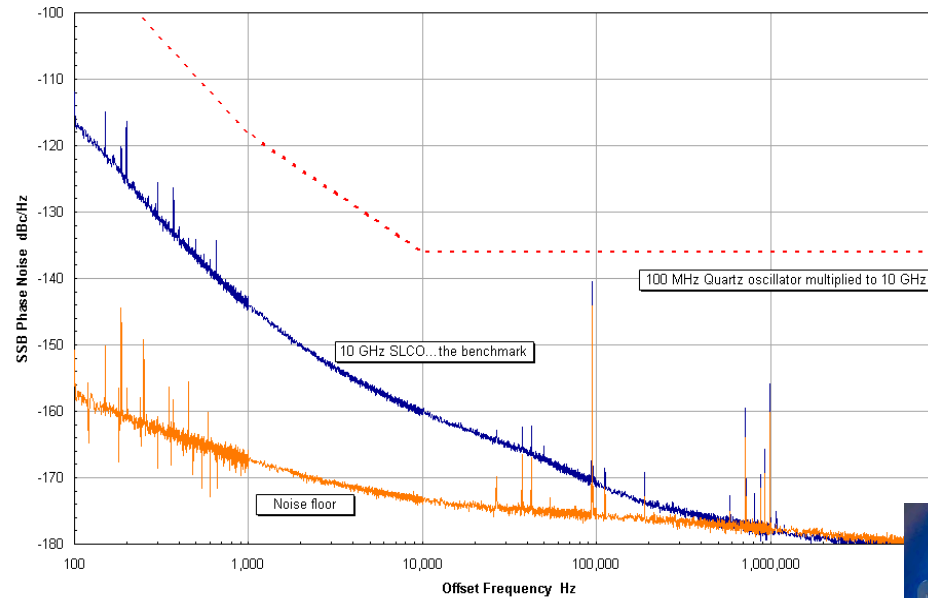


# Microwave Oscillators



Lowest phase and amplitude noise  
Exceptional spectral purity  
Low spurious content  
Low vibrational sensitivity  
Unequalled short-term stability.

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SAPPHIRE LOADED CAVITY OSCILLATORS

Compact low noise oscillator: Defence Radar Applications





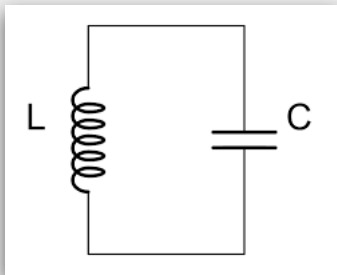
# Oscillator/Clock Zoo

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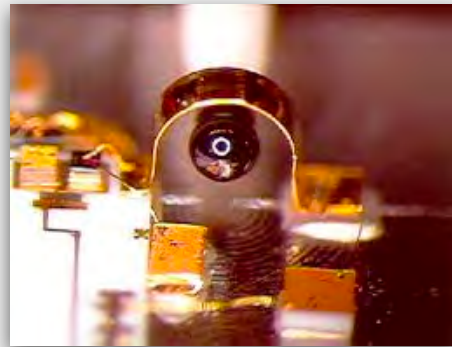
Atoms



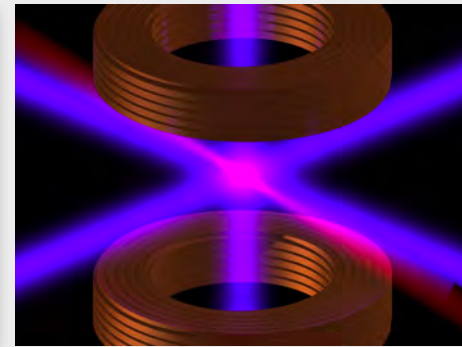
LC-circuits



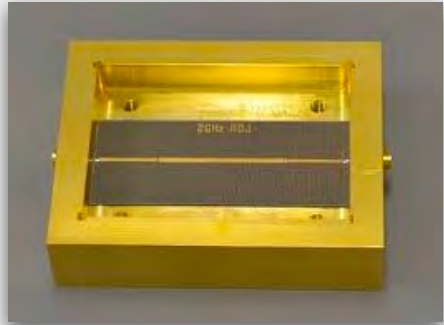
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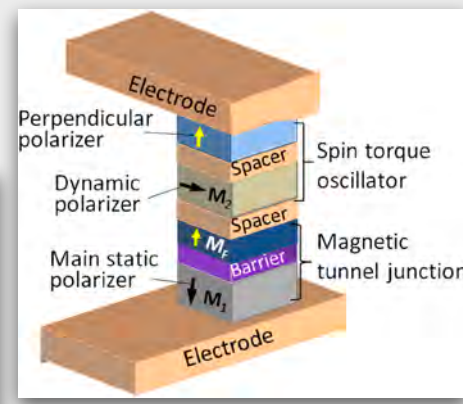
Electron transitions



Metallic Cavities



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Spin-Torque



Nuclear transitions



Dielectric Cavities



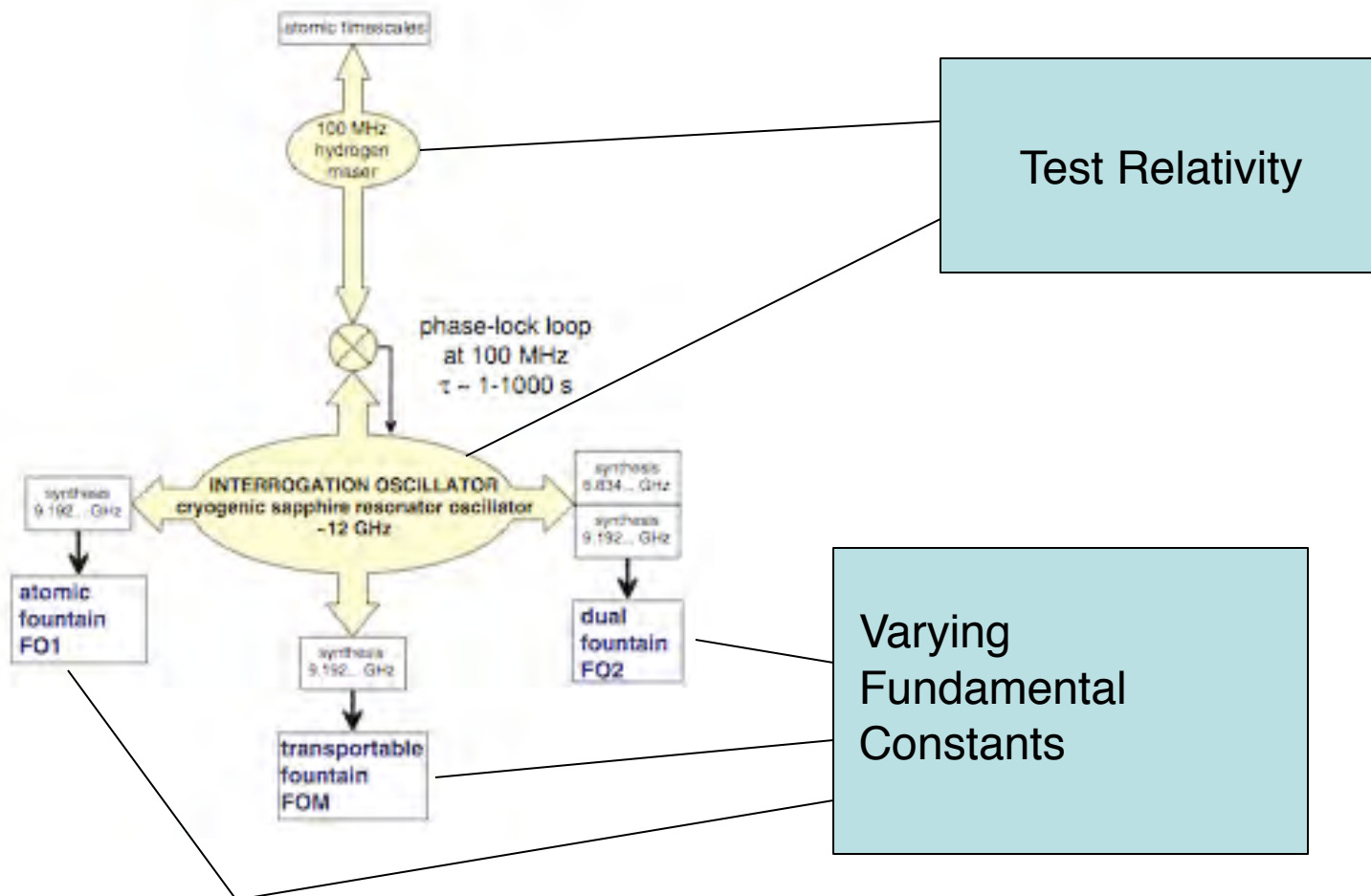
Structures

# Collaboration with SYRTE at Paris Observatory



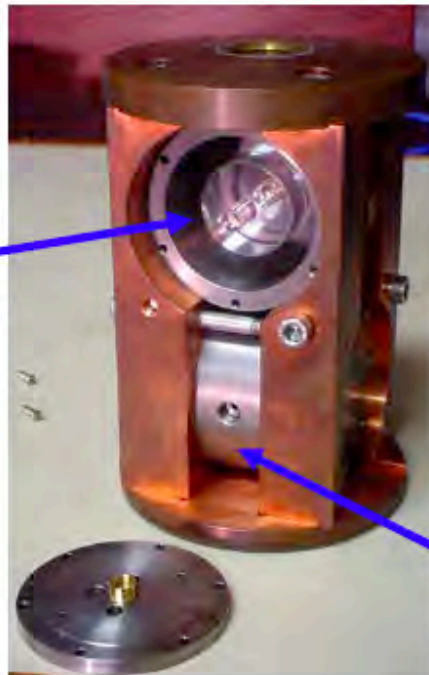
Long term operation of CSO -> 5.5 yrs  
76% Duty cycle since August 2003

Before 2003 with less duty cycle

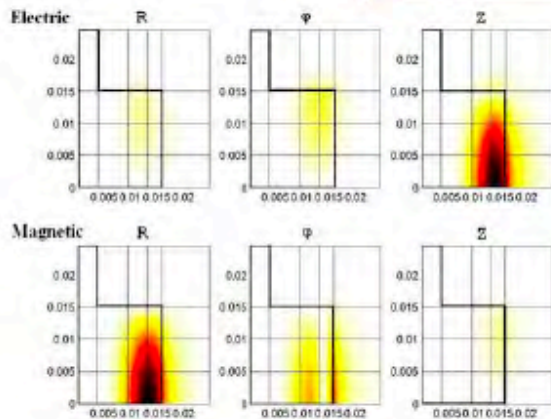


# Experiment: Resonators

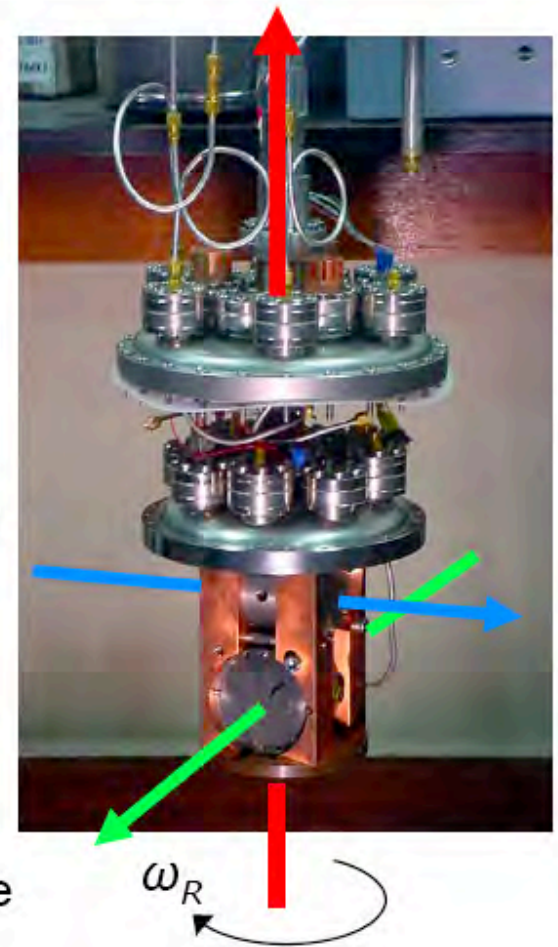
Cylindrical  
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Superconducting  
Niobium Cavity

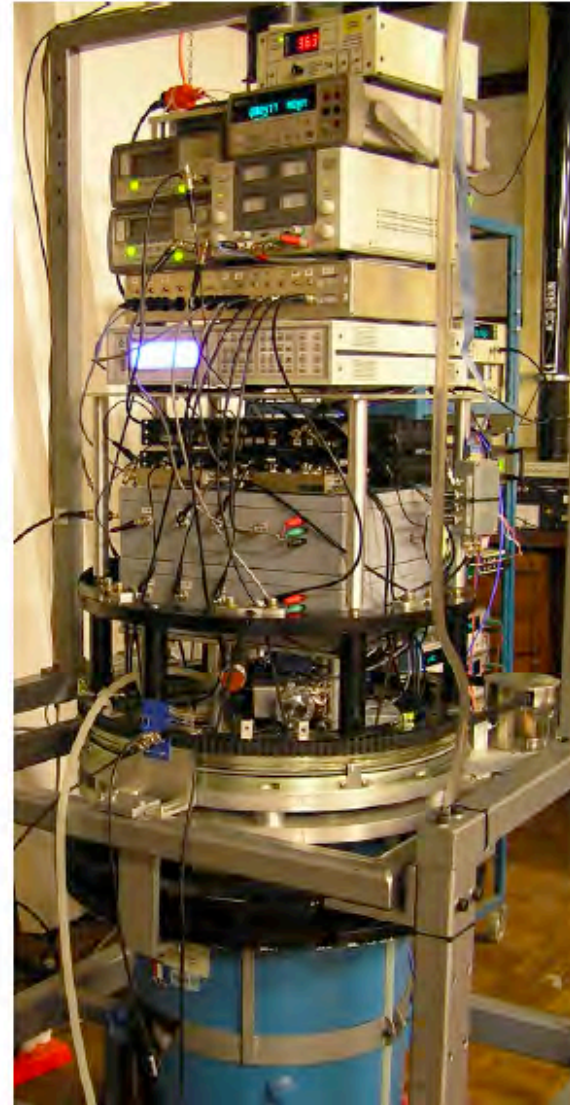
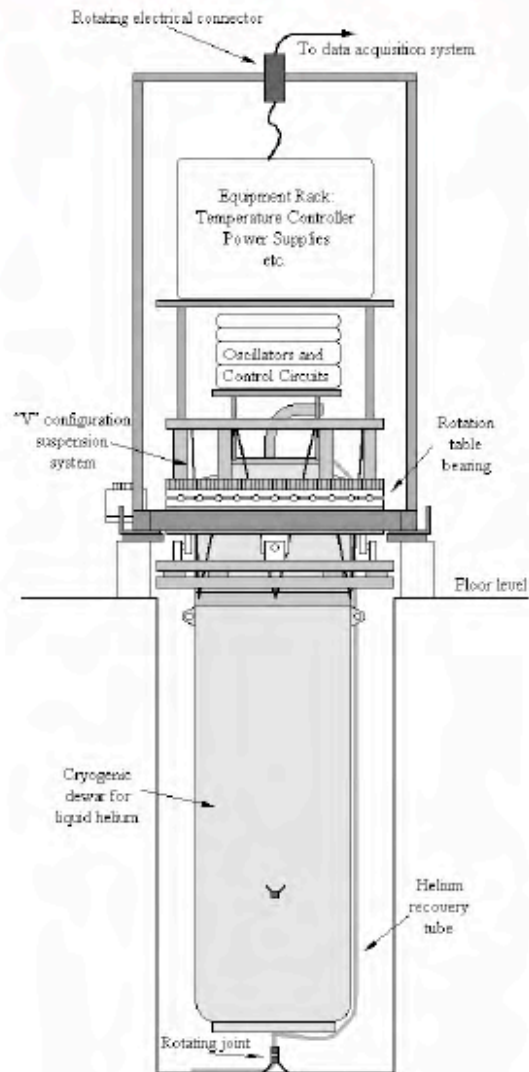


Operate the E8,1,1 mode  
Frequency  $\sim 10\text{GHz}$   
 $Q \sim 1 \times 10^8$





# Experiment: Rotation system





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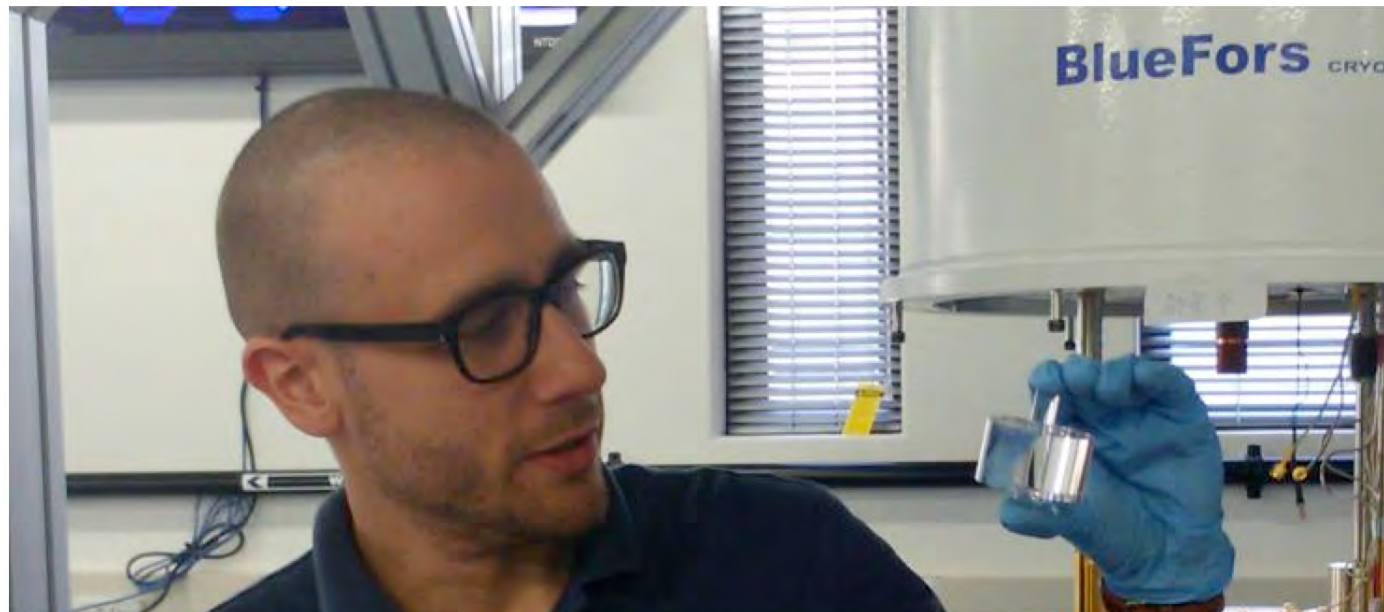
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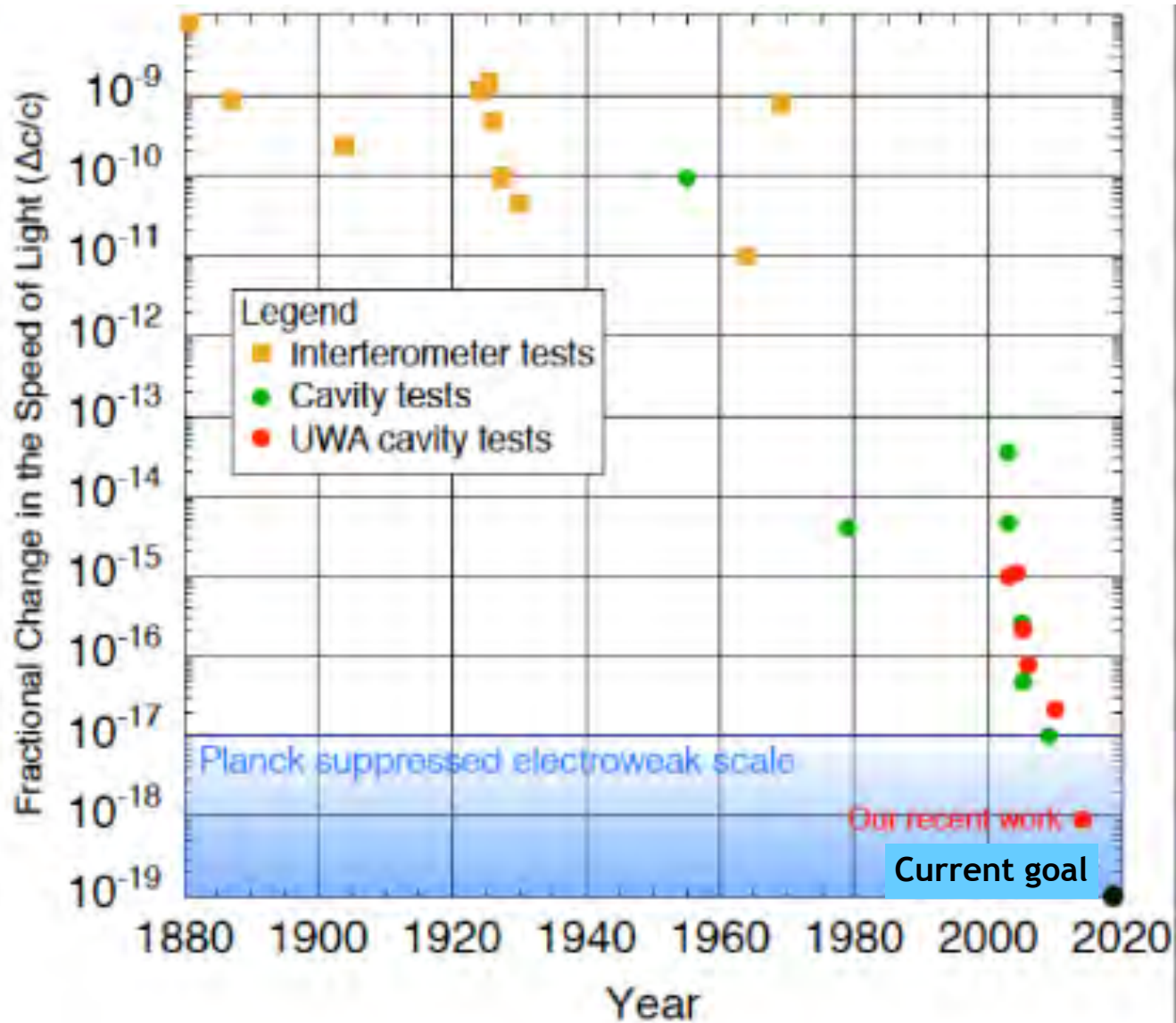
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experiments allows us to set comprehensive simultaneous bounds on nine boost and rotation



Planck energy suppressed by the energy scale of electroweak unification (100 GeV) dimensionless ratio of  $\sim 8 \times 10^{18}$



# Next Generation of Phonon Tests of Lorentz Invariance Using Quartz BAW Resonators

Maxim Goryachev, Zeyu Kuang, Eugene N. Ivanov, Philipp Haslinger, Holger Müller, and Michael E. Tobar<sup>✉</sup>, *Fellow, IEEE*

**Abstract**—We demonstrate technological improvements in phonon sector tests of the Lorentz invariance that implement quartz bulk acoustic wave oscillators. In this experiment, room temperature oscillators with state-of-the-art phase noise are continuously compared on a platform that rotates at a rate of order of a cycle per second. The discussion is focused on improvements in noise measurement techniques, data acquisition, and data processing. Preliminary results of the second generation of such tests are given, and indicate that standard model extension coefficients in the matter sector can be measured at a precision of order  $10^{-16}$  GeV after taking a year's worth of data. This is equivalent to an improvement of two orders of magnitude over the prior acoustic phonon sector experiment.

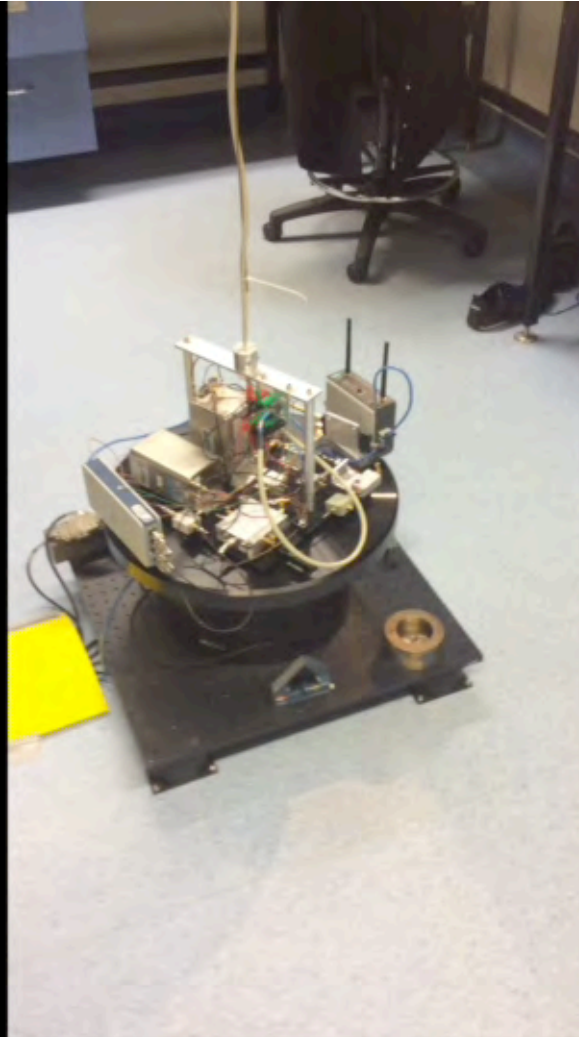
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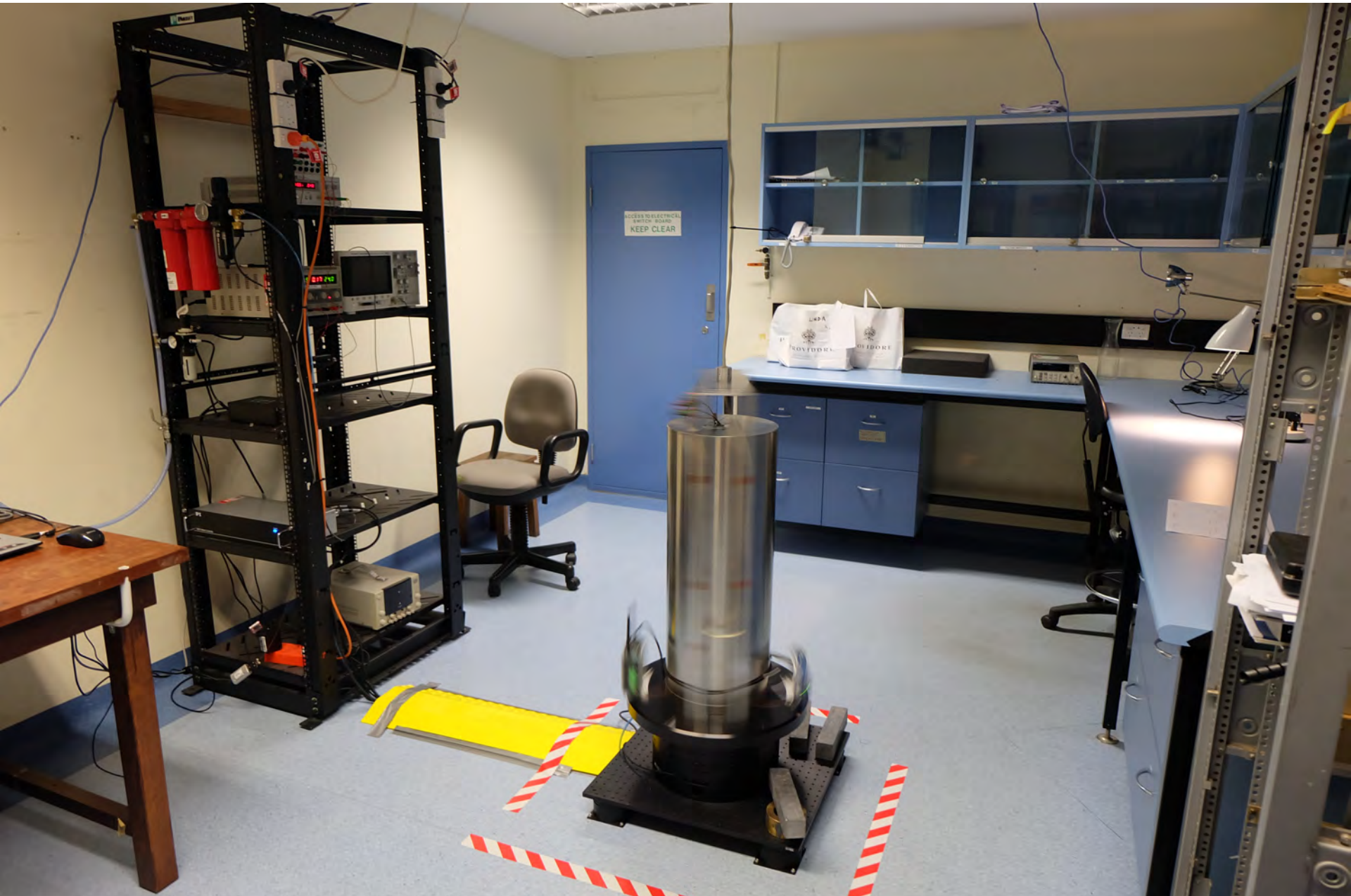
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# Rotating Quartz Oscillators





# Rotating Bulk Acoustic Wave Oscillators



# Trying to Enter the Game to Search for the Axion

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## Microwave cavity hidden sector photon threshold crossing

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Hidden sector photons are a weakly interacting slim particle arising from an additional  $U(1)$  gauge symmetry predicted by many standard model extensions. We present and demonstrate a new experimental method using a single microwave cavity to search for hidden sector photons. Only photons with a great enough energy are able to oscillate into hidden sector photons of a particular mass. If our cavity is driven on resonance and tuned over the corresponding threshold frequency, an observed drop in the circulating power signifies the creation of hidden sector photons. This approach avoids the problems of microwave leakage and frequency matching inherent in photon regeneration techniques.

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### Keywords:

Low energy particle physics  
Light shining through walls experiments  
Tests of quantum interference  
Microwave cavities

most generation of experimental searches, would have been ruled out had included work at very low regeneration rates where on average the cavity contains less than one photon. In this Letter we report on a demonstration experiment using a microwave cavity driven with extremely low power, to show that resonant amplification works also in this regime. In accordance with standard quantum mechanics this is a demonstration that interference also works at the level of less than one quantum. As an additional benefit this experiment shows that thermal photons inside the cavity cause no adverse effects.

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# Frequency Metrology in Paraphoton Detection

New alternative to Light Shining through a Wall

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## Hidden sector photon coupling of resonant cavities

Stephen R. Parker,<sup>1,\*</sup> Gray Rybka,<sup>2</sup> and Michael E. Tobar<sup>1</sup>

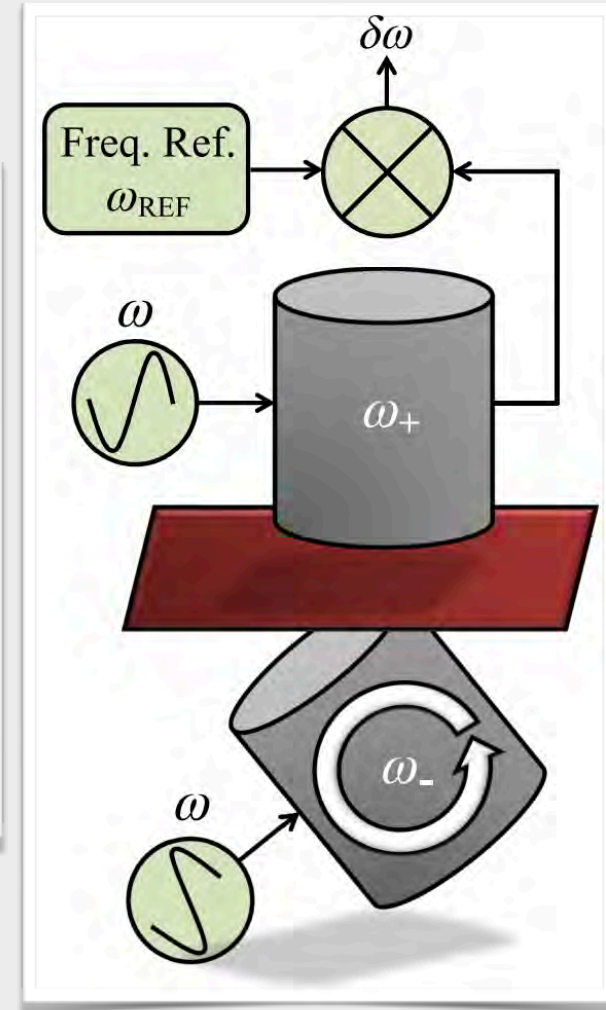
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Many beyond the standard model theories introduce light paraphotons, a hypothetical spin-1 field that kinetically mixes with photons. Microwave cavity experiments have traditionally searched for paraphotons via transmission of power from an actively driven cavity to a passive receiver cavity, with the two cavities separated by a barrier that is impenetrable to photons. We extend this measurement technique to account for two-way coupling between the cavities and show that the presence of a paraphoton field can alter the resonant frequencies of the coupled cavity pair. We propose an experiment that exploits this effect and uses measurements of a cavity's resonant frequency to constrain the paraphoton-photon mixing parameter  $\chi$ . We show that such an experiment can improve the sensitivity to  $\chi$  over existing experiments for paraphoton masses less than the resonant frequency of the cavity, and that it can eliminate some of the most common systematics for resonant cavity experiments.

coupled mode system



$$\omega_{\pm} \approx \omega_0 \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x^2}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2Q_1 Q_2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{m_{\gamma}^2 \chi^2}{\omega_0^2} - \frac{m_{\gamma}^4 \chi^2 G_S}{\omega_0^4} \right) \pm \left( \frac{1}{Q_1 Q_2} + x^2 + \frac{2m_{\gamma}^2 x^2 \chi^2}{\omega_0^2} - \frac{2m_{\gamma}^4 x^2 \chi^2 G_S}{\omega_0^4} + \frac{m_{\gamma}^8 \chi^4 G}{\omega_0^8} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

Paraphoton coupling to the 2nd cavity modulate resonance frequency

# Trying to Enter the Game to Search for the Axion

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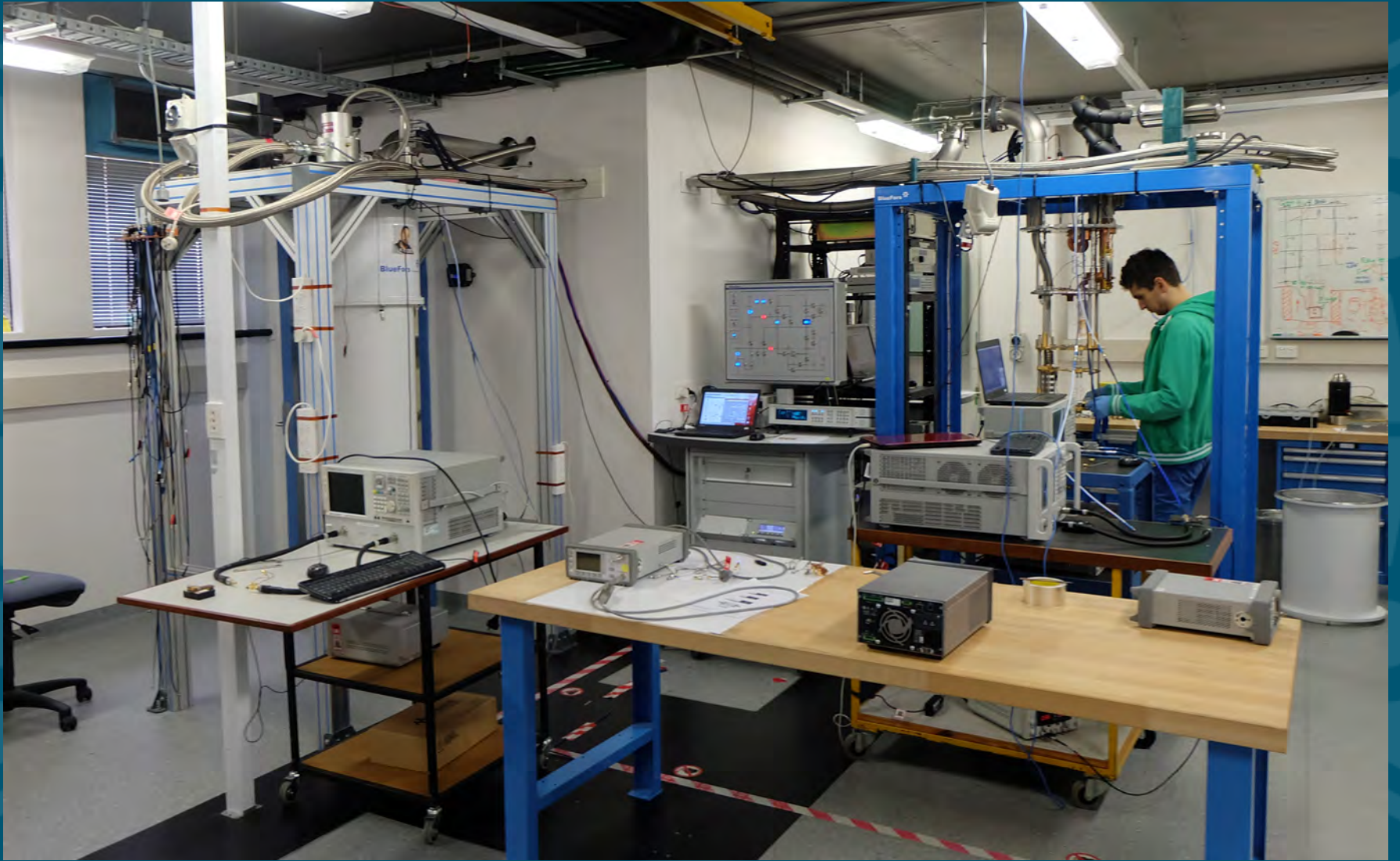
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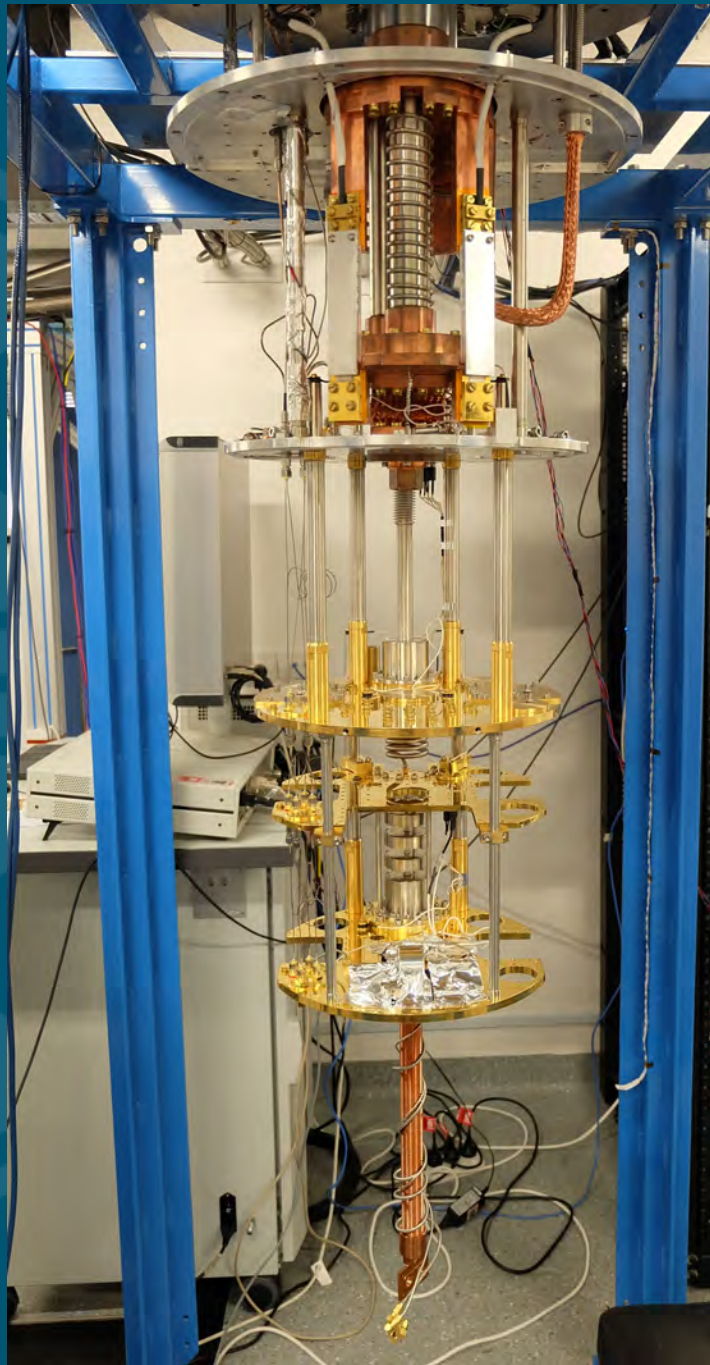
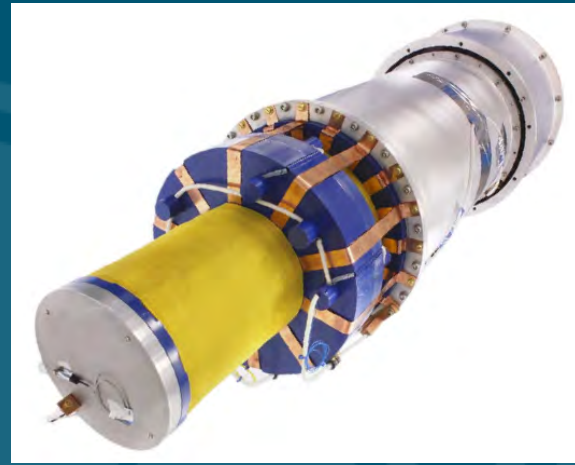
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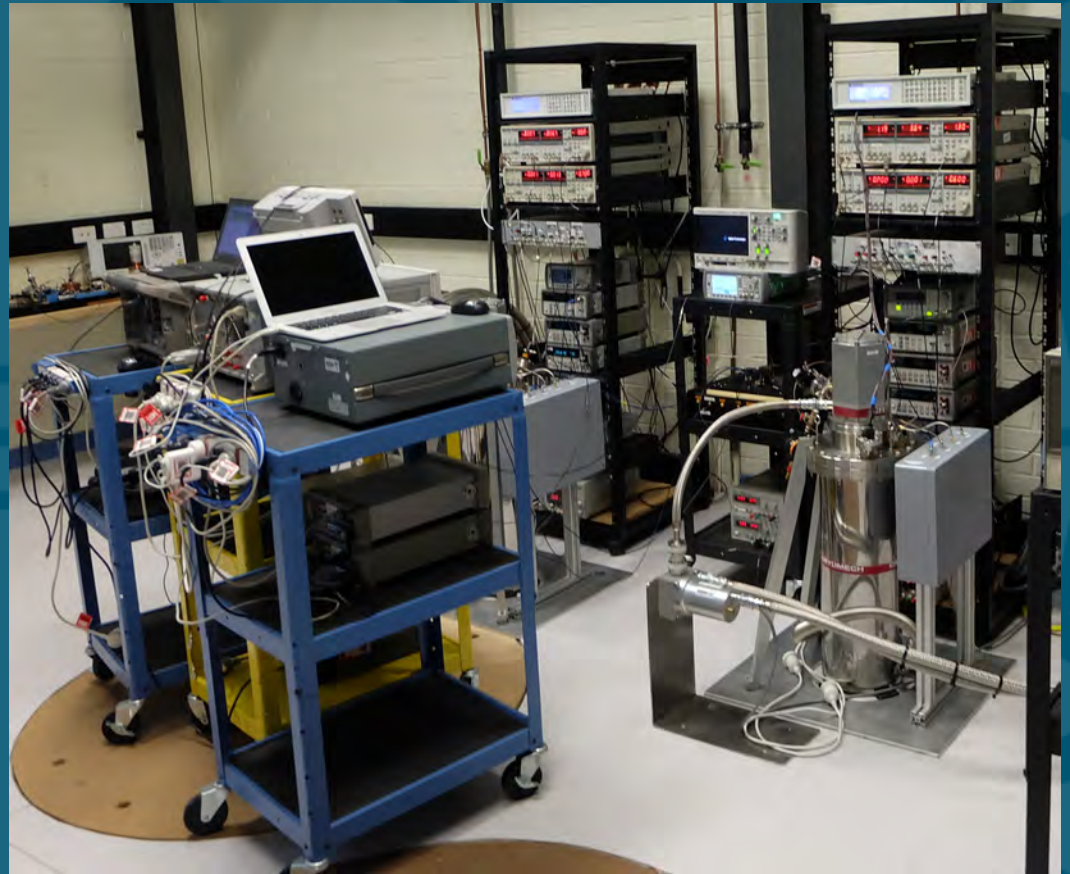




# 7 T Magnet (10 cm bore)









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DP160103999 Finding the dark matter axion Prof Michael Tobar The University of Western Australia

DP170102672 High Mass Dark Matter Axion Halos Prof Michael Tobar The University of Western Australia

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**Indicative funding by calendar year**

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$4,650,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,550,000.00	\$4,550,000.00	\$4,550,000.00	\$4,600,000.00

## PARTICLE PHYSICS DID NOT GET THIER CENTRE RENEWED: New Plan for Centre of Excellence on Dark matter Particle Physics

LE180100042 Australian Dark Matter Detector for High Mass Axions Prof Michael Tobar The University of Western Australia

## Funded Biggest BlueFors DilFridge 14 T Magnet: Arrive June 2019

DP190100071 Precision Low Energy Experiments to Search for New Physics Prof Michael Tobar The University of Western Australia

**FUNDED: \$530,000 Gray Rybka ADMX, Frank Wilczek**

PROJECT ID: CE200100008

First Investigator: Prof Elisabetta Barberio

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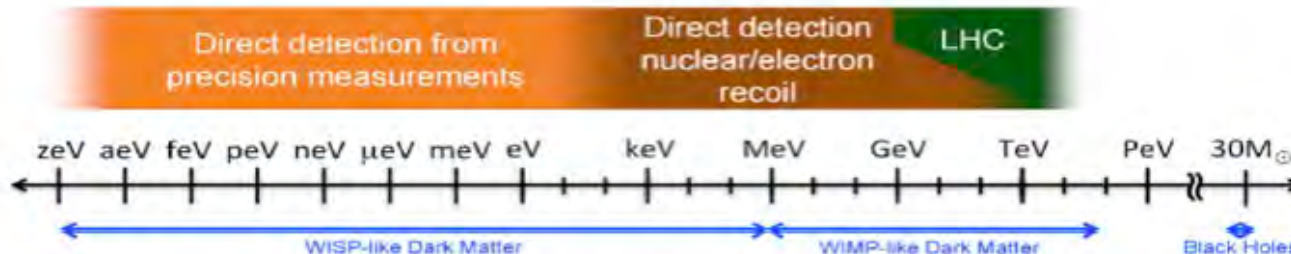
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Applying \$43 M AUD 7 Years

\$2.8 M for Axion Wisp

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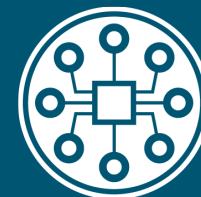
# The ORGAN Experiment:



McGillivray Organ at UWA



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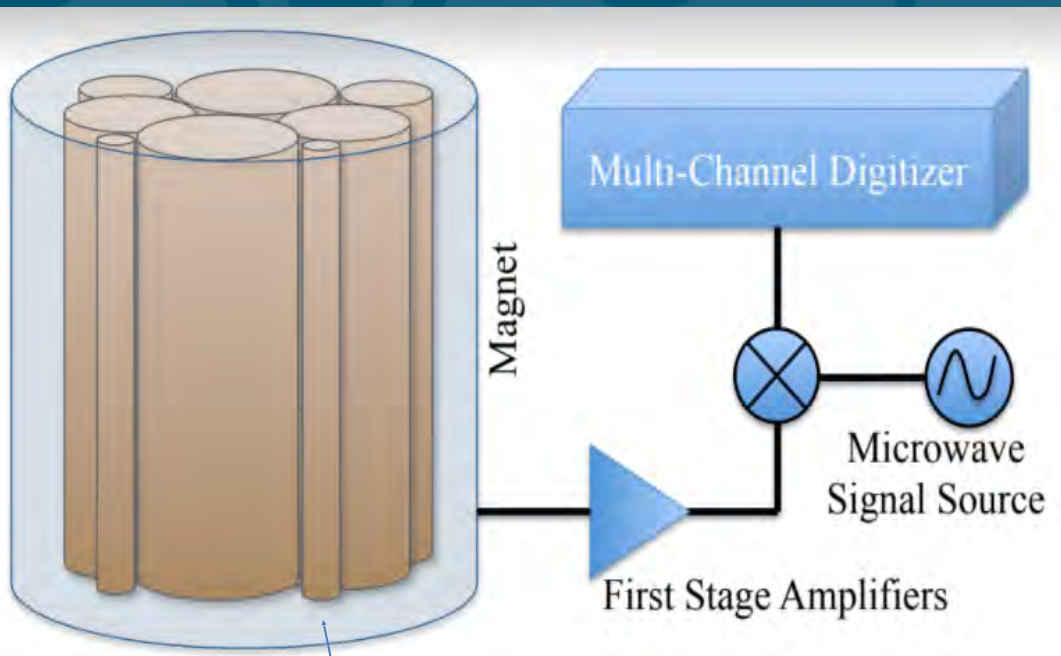


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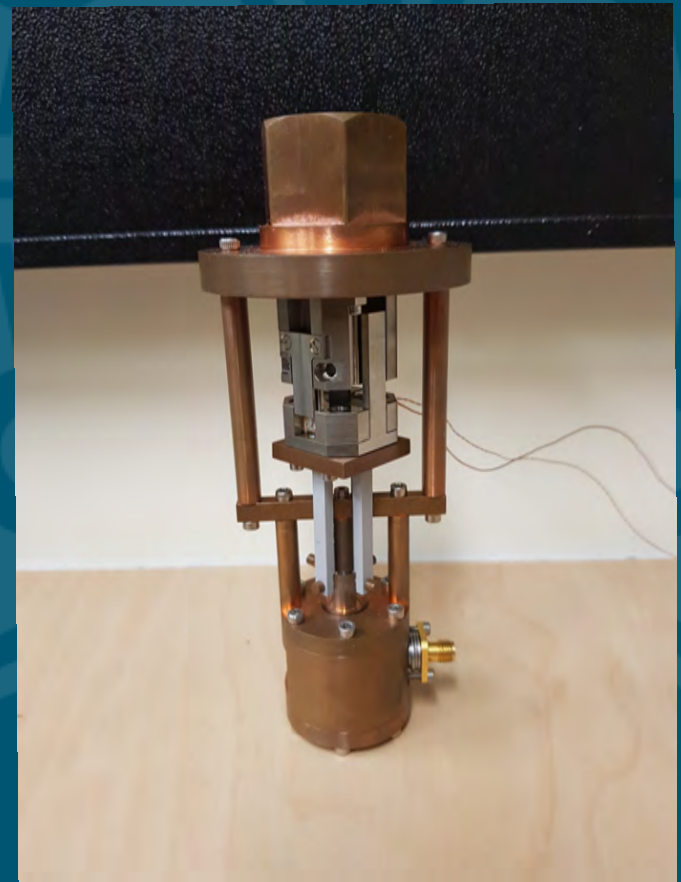


# What is ORGAN?

- High frequency/high mass axion haloscope
- Oscillating Resonant Group AxioN Experiment
- Designed to probe promising high mass

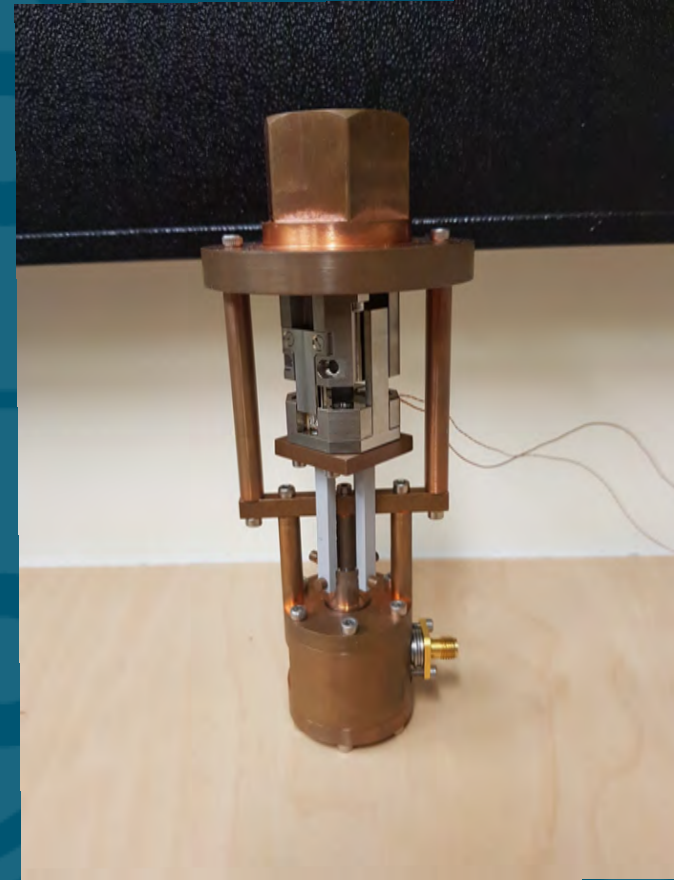


Multiple cylindrical resonators to scan over multiple frequencies



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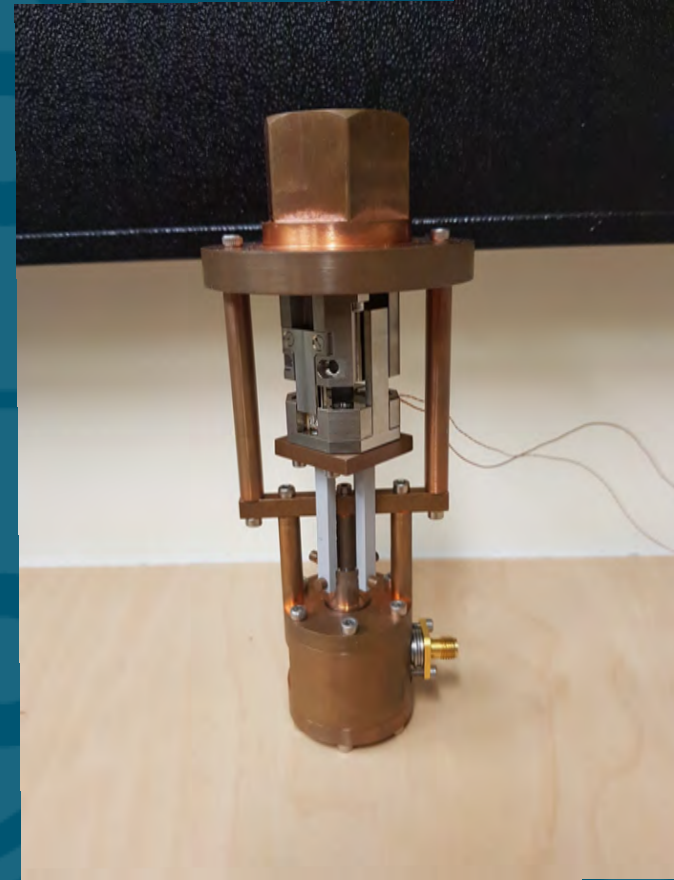
- ORGAN compared to ADMX:
  - 15 - 50 GHz rather than ~1 GHz
  - 14 T smaller bore magnet rather than ~8 T custom magnet
- Been in construction/design phase
- Hosted at UWA
- Part of EQUUS CoE program!



# Who is ORGAN?

- Key UWA Personnel:

- Michael Tobar
- Ben McAllister
- Maxim Goryachev
- Jeremy Bourhill
- Eugene Ivanov
- Graeme Flower
- Catriona Thomson

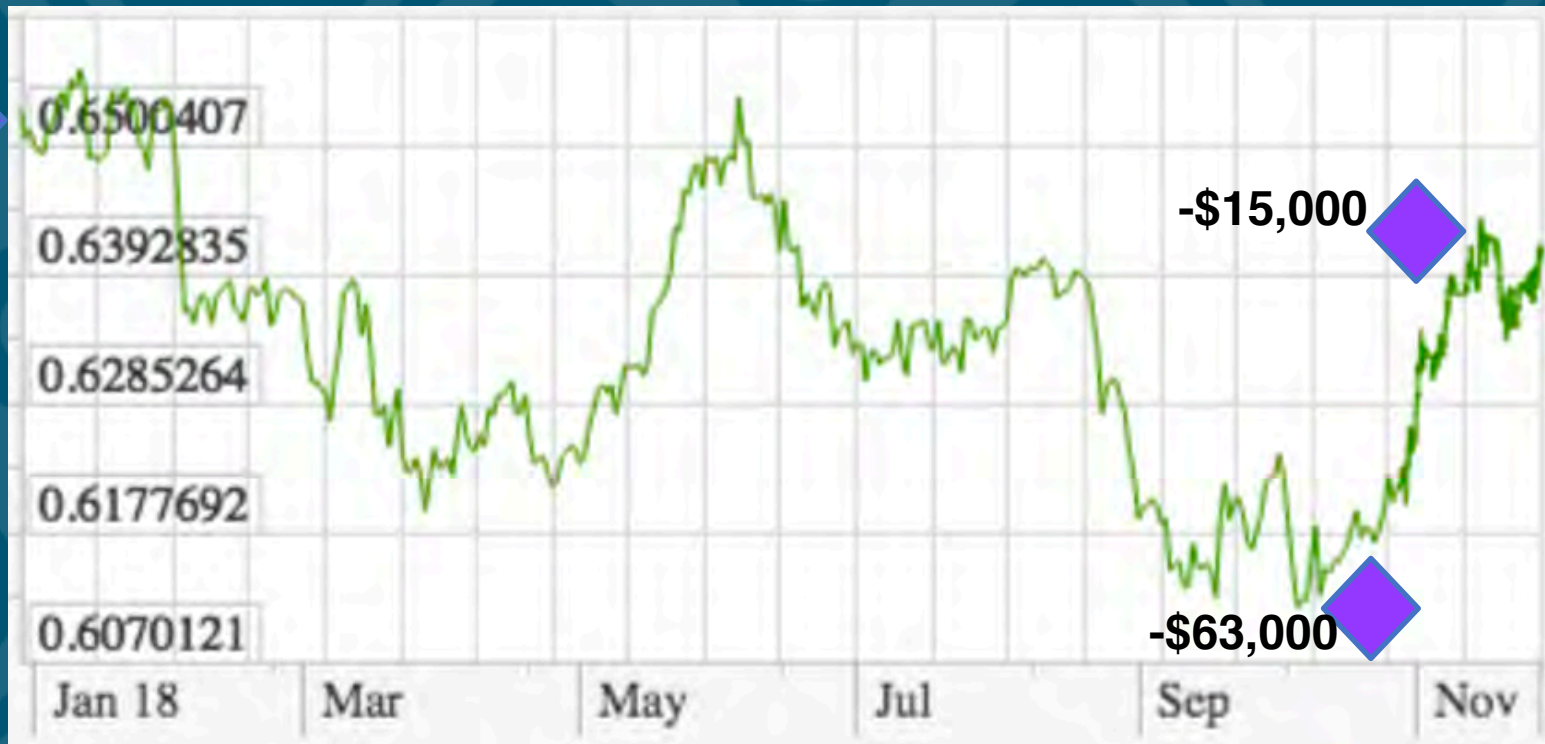




# EQuS Collaborators

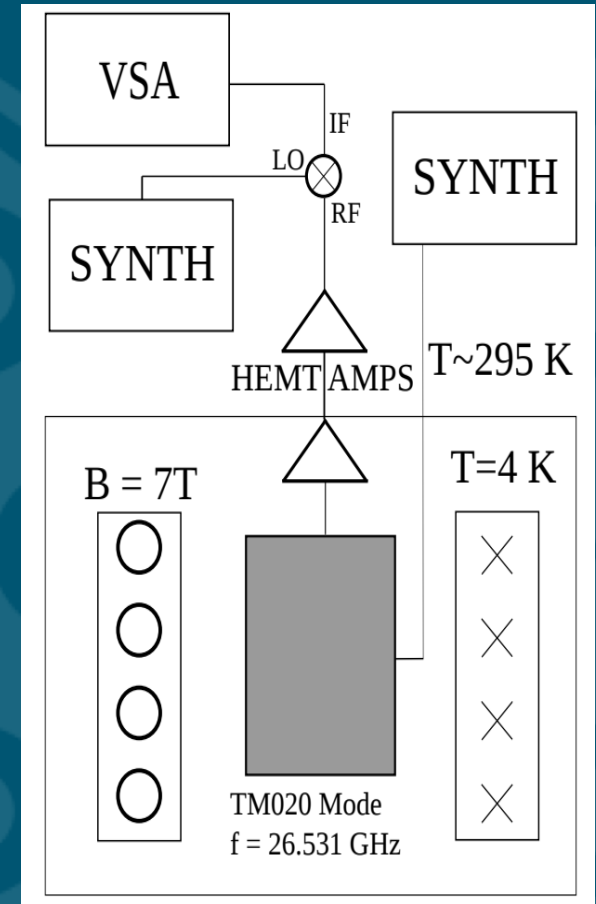
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9	Prof Jason Twamley	Chief Investigator	Macquarie University	Macquarie University
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11	Prof Andrew Doherty	Chief Investigator	The University of Sydney	The University of Sydney

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# When is ORGAN?

- **Now!**
- **Has been in development**
- **Path-finding run complete**
- **Time-line of long term operation:**
  - **Narrow search (26 - 27 GHz)**
  - **Wider search in 5 GHz chunks**



First Experiment



# First run complete



$TM_{020}$  mode

sampling frequency of the digitizer is 1GHz, the 26.54GHz

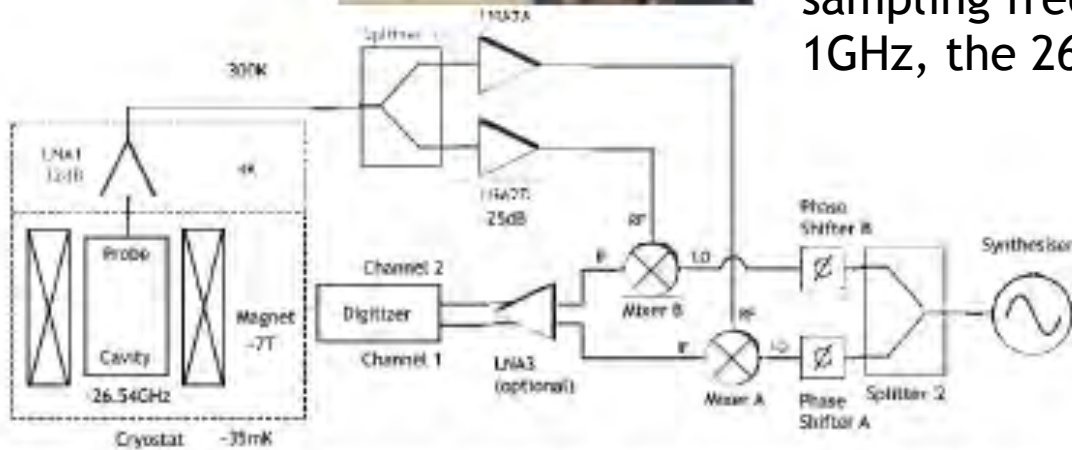
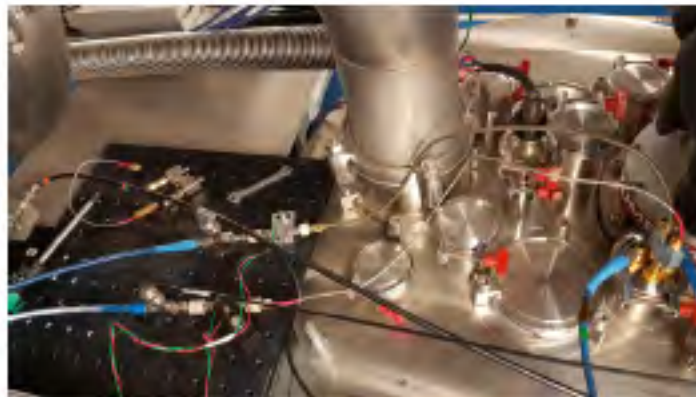
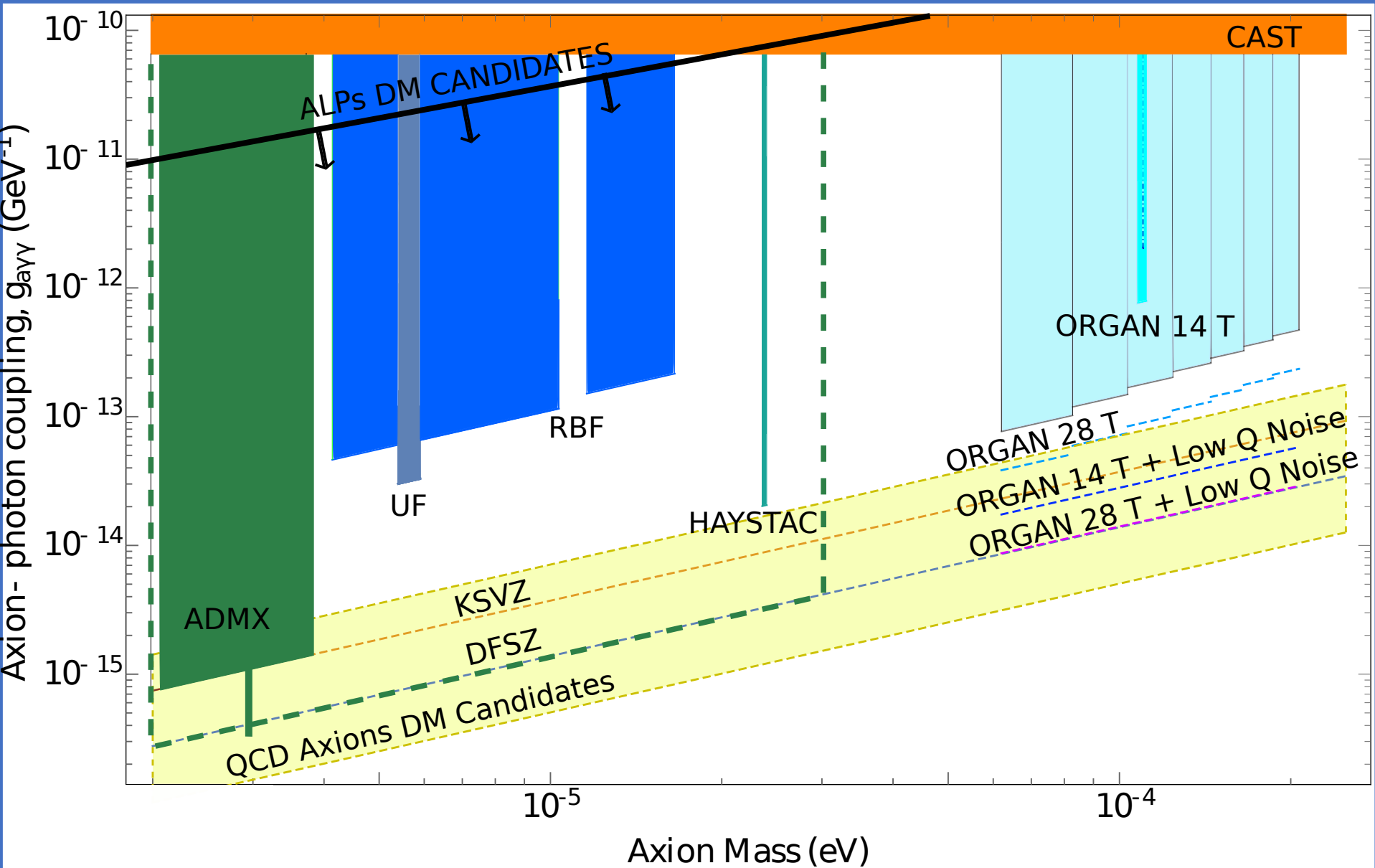


Figure 3.1: **ORGAN configuration.** The copper microwave cavity being used in the initial experiment (top) and a current ORGAN hardware diagram (bottom).



# Where is ORGAN?



# High Mass Haloscopes: Problems

- Signal power in axion haloscope

$$P_a \propto g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B^2 C V Q \frac{\mathcal{P}_a}{m_a}$$

- Shows half of the problem
- High frequency:
  - Low volume for cavities
  - Lossier materials → Lower quality factor
  - Inverse dependence on axion mass
- SQL increases with frequency for amplifiers
- This is a big issue in the community



# Form Factor

- Signal power in axion haloscope

$$P_a \propto g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B^2 C V Q \frac{\mathcal{P}_a}{m_a}$$

$$C = \frac{\left| \int dV_c \vec{E}_c \cdot \vec{\hat{z}} \right|^2}{V \int dV_c \epsilon_r |E_c|^2}$$

- Geometric integral
- Means we can only use specific modes

# ORGAN Phase I and II: Resonator Design

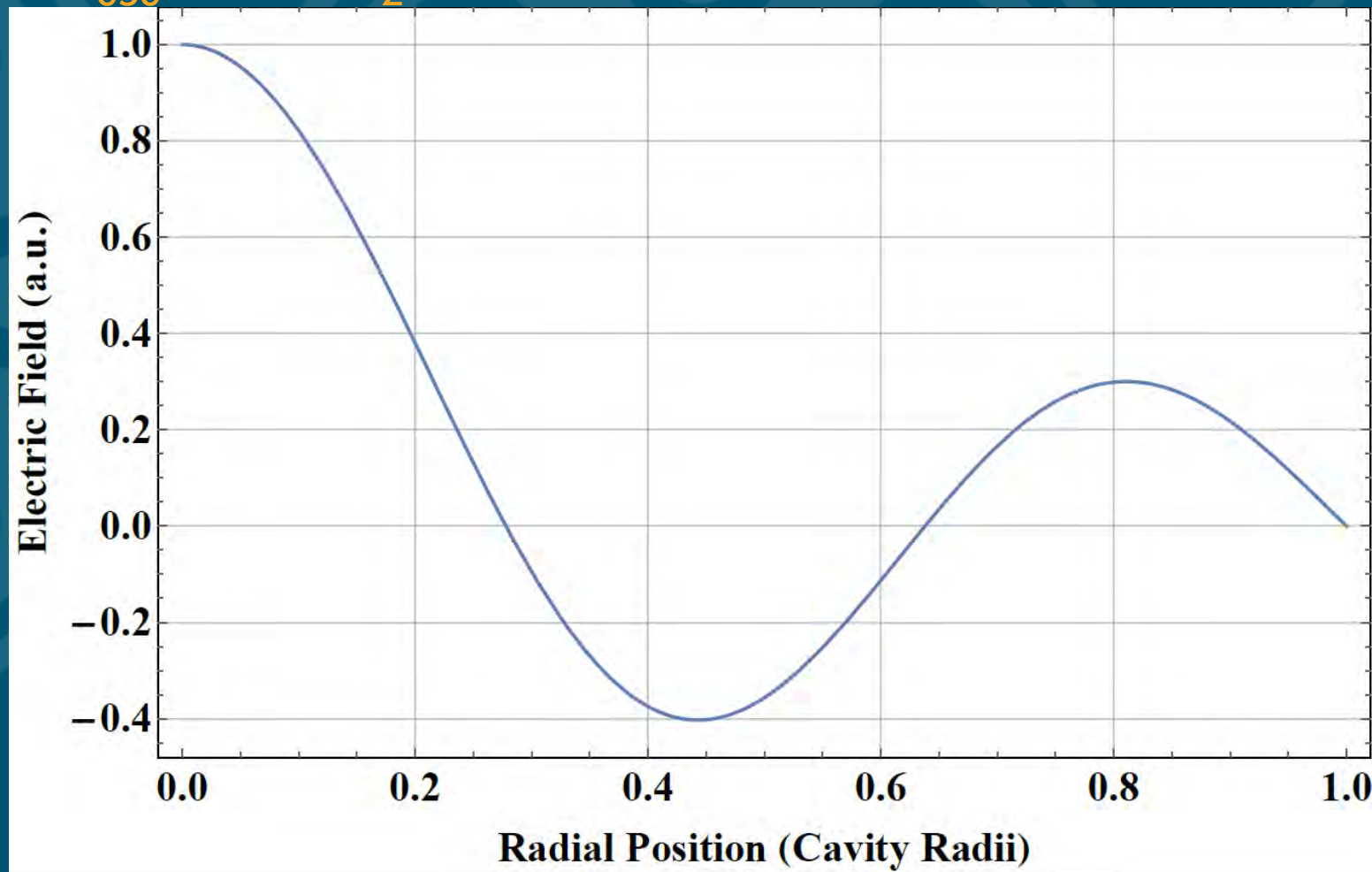
- Think about ways to boost C, for example

$$C = \frac{\left| \int dV_c \vec{E}_c \cdot \hat{z} \right|^2}{V \int dV_c \epsilon_r |E_c|^2}$$

- Dielectric materials suppress electric field
- Reduce the electric field where there are out of phase field lobes
- We can Apply this to TM modes → Dielectric Rings
- Tuning mechanisms naturally included

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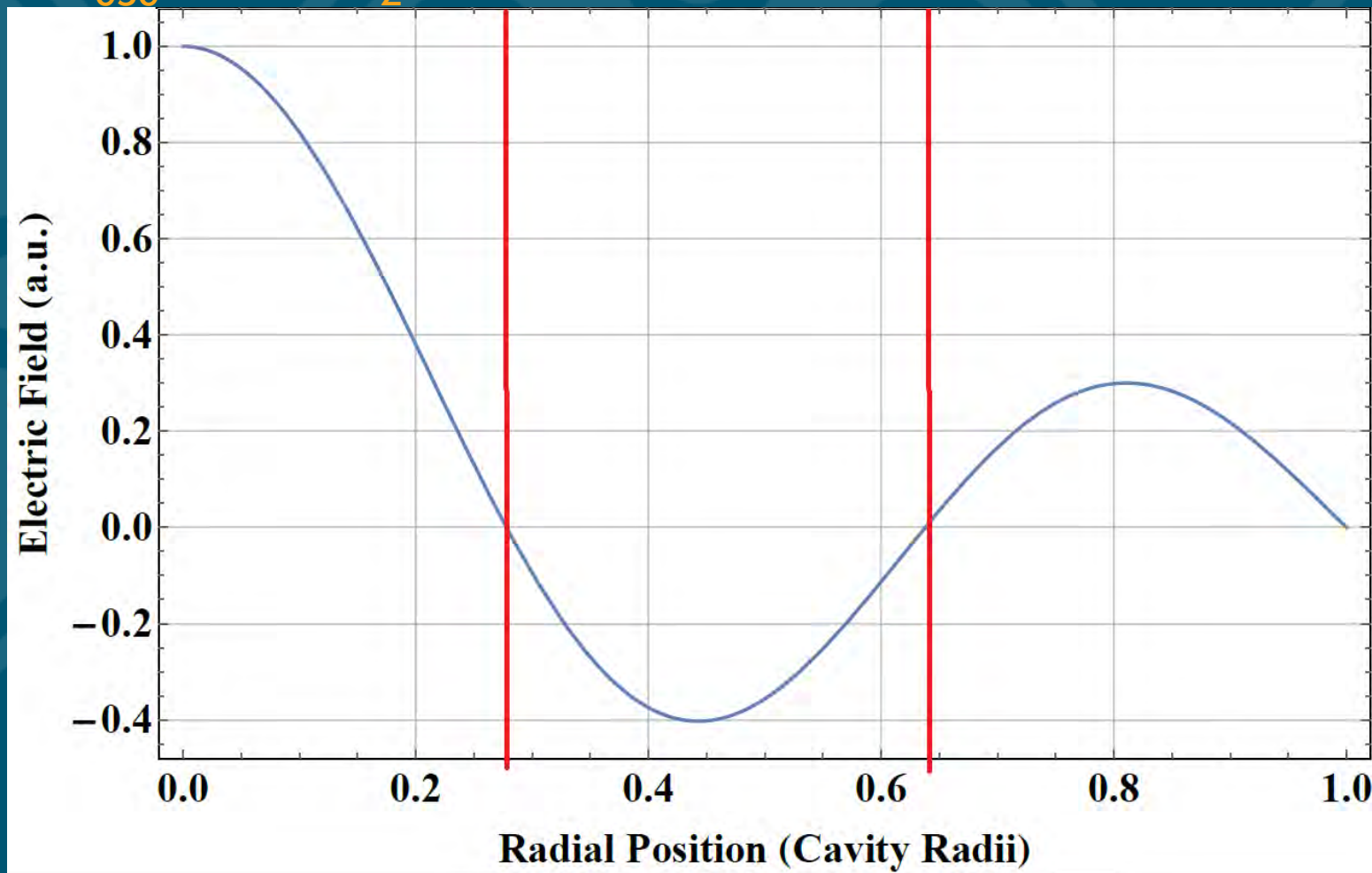
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- We can calculate where these things need to go
- E-field looks like:

$$\vec{E}_c(r) = E_0 e^{i\omega t} J_0\left(\frac{\zeta_{0,n}}{R} r\right) \hat{z}$$

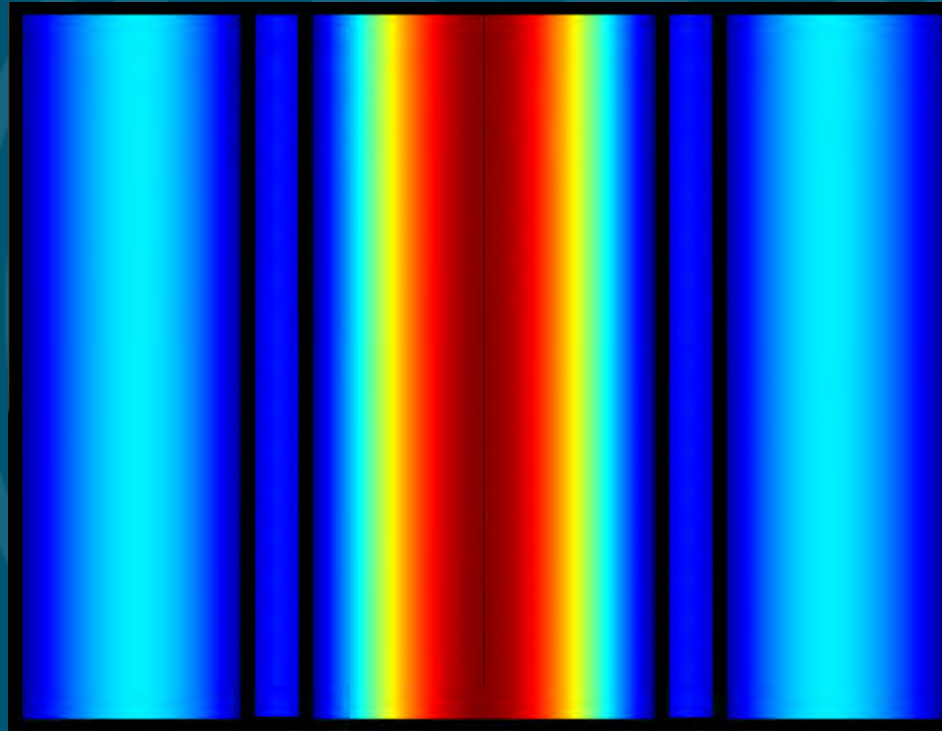
- So, required thickness and location:

$$\frac{\zeta_{0,2} - \zeta_{0,1}}{\zeta_{0,3} \sqrt{\epsilon_r}} R$$

$$r = \frac{\zeta_{0,1}}{\zeta_{0,3}} R$$

# ORGAN Phase I and II: Resonator Design

- If we do it right, we get this

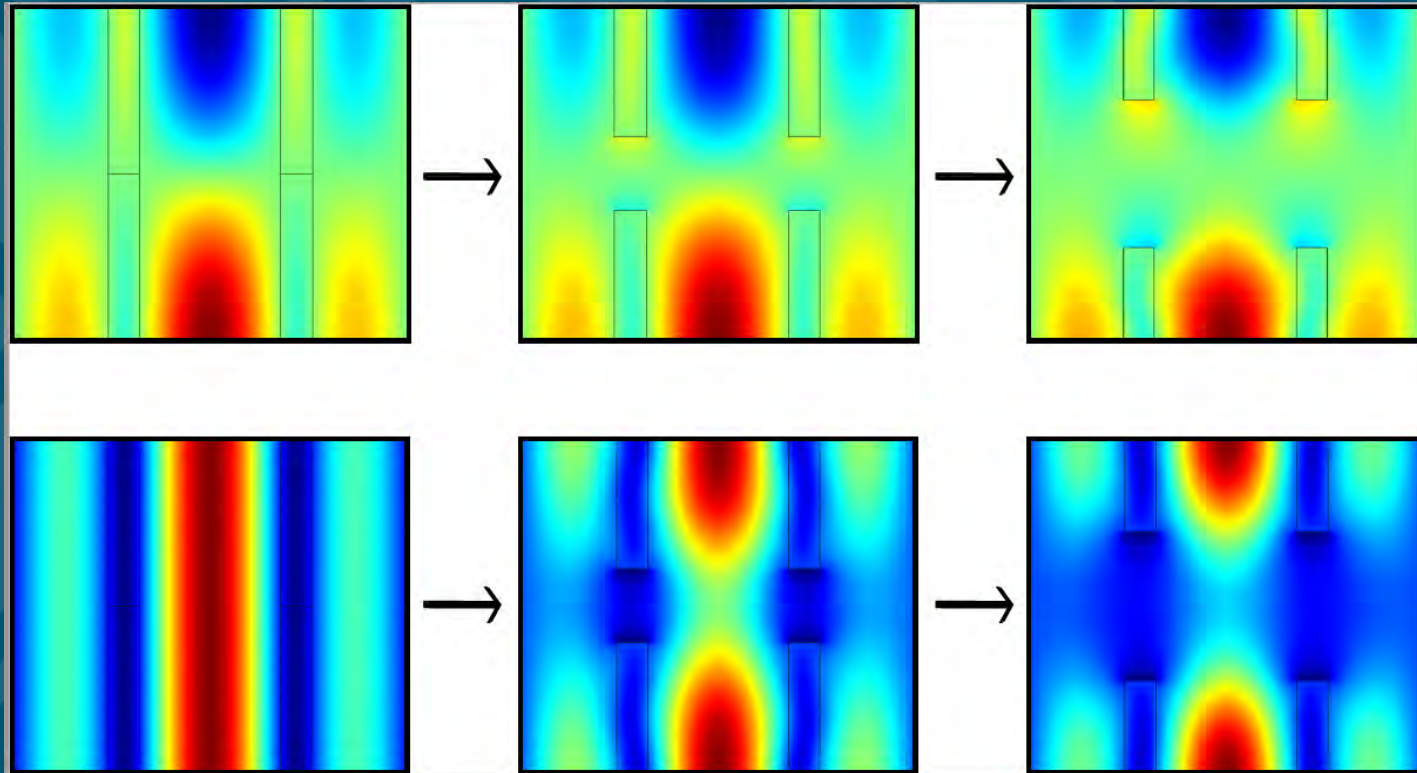


- Finite element simulations → Form factor  $\sim 0.45$ , improved from 0.053
- Can use higher order modes and maintain  $C$  while boosting  $V$



# ORGAN Phase I and II: Resonator Design

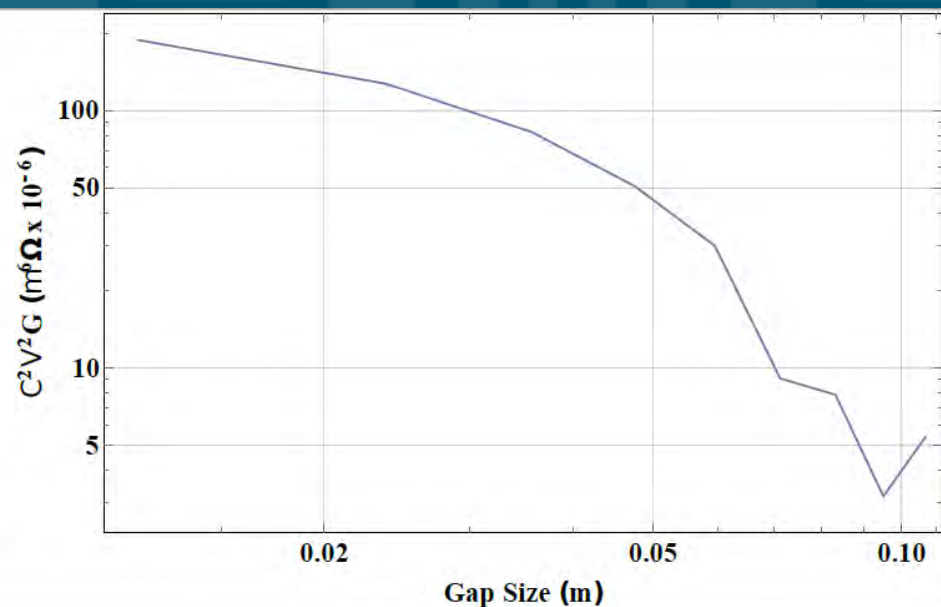
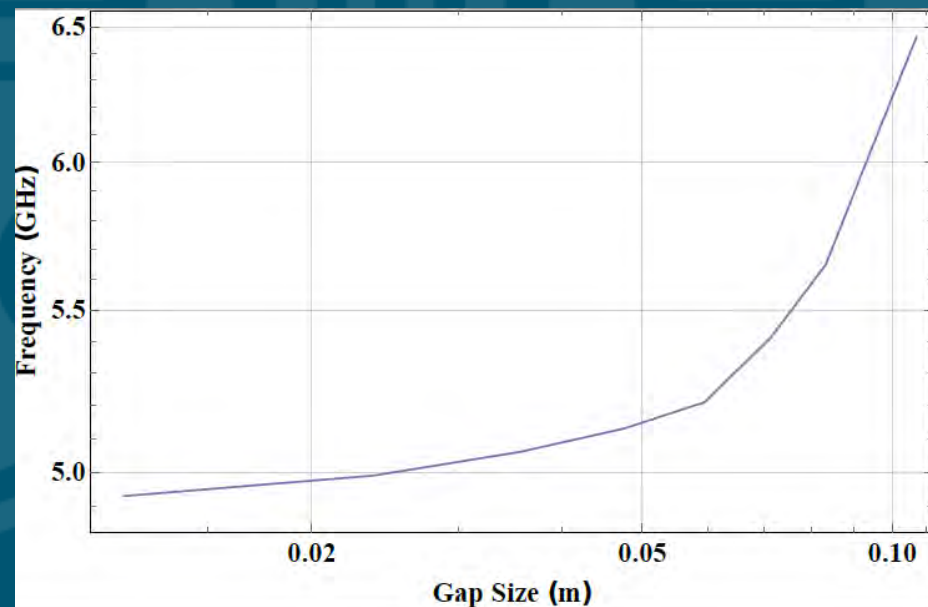
- Even better, we can tune this structure



- $TM_{030}$  and  $TM_{031}$  modes
- Axial “super-modes”

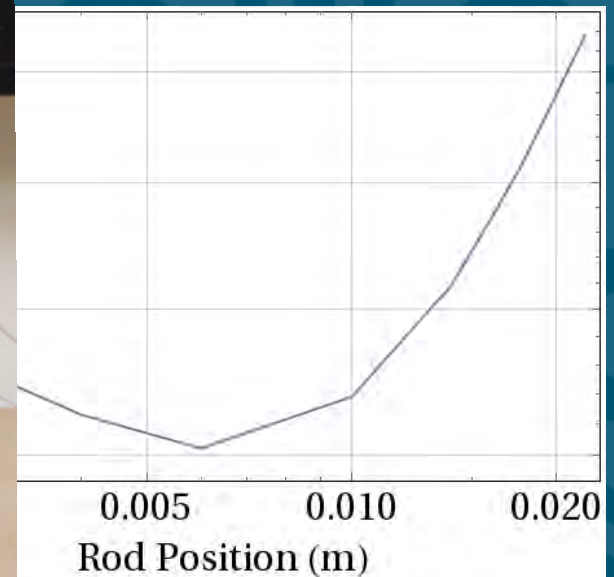
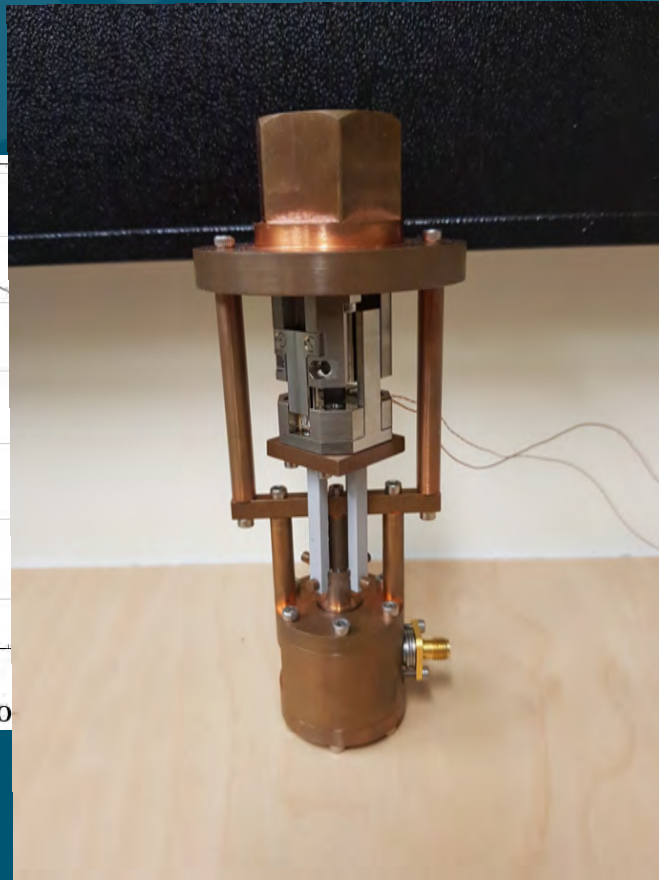
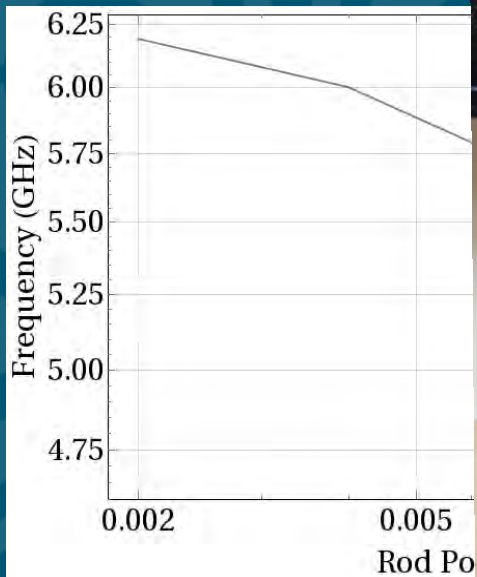
# ORGAN Phase I and II: Resonator Design

- Most sensitive “symmetric super-mode” retains sensitivity as the gap increases
- Frequency tuning greater than 20% of central frequency



# ORGAN Phase I and II: Resonator Design

- We can compare this with an “ADMX-style” tuning rod structure at the same frequency





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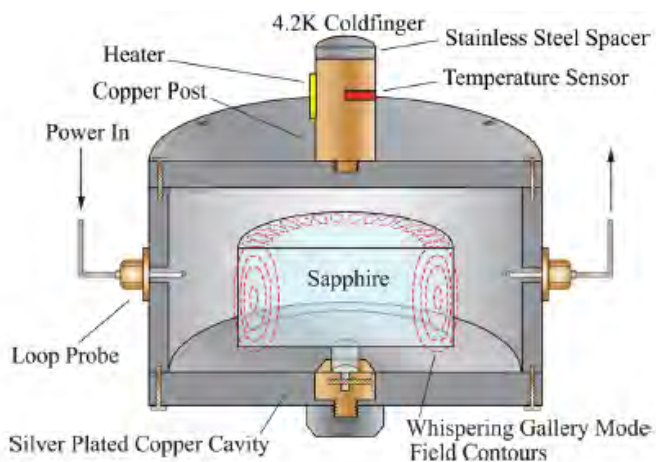
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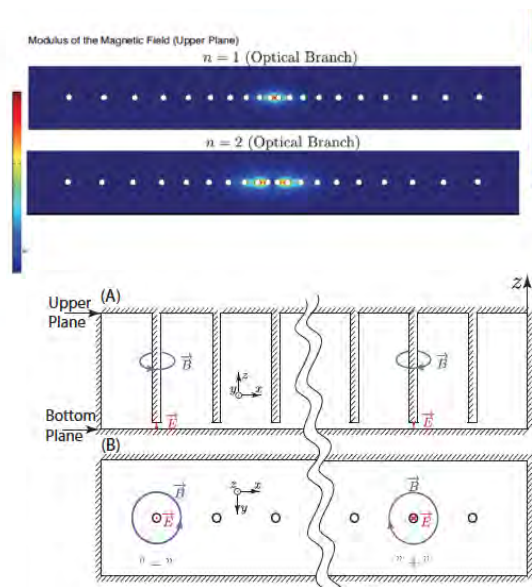
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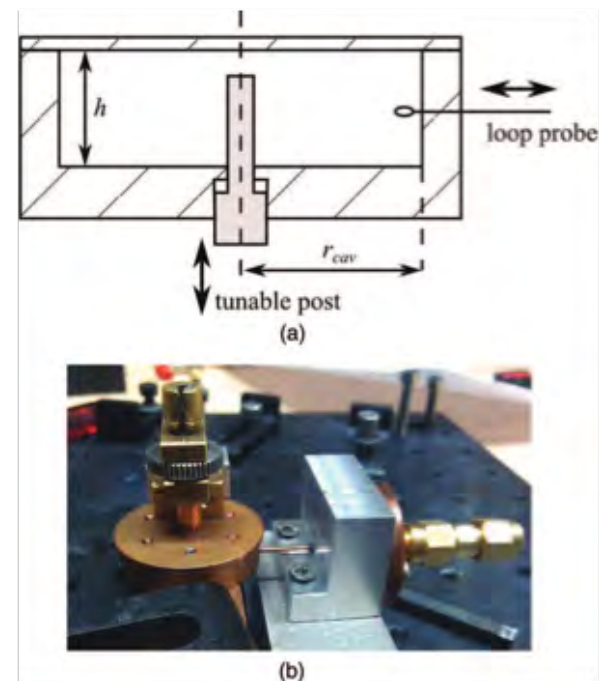
## WG Modes



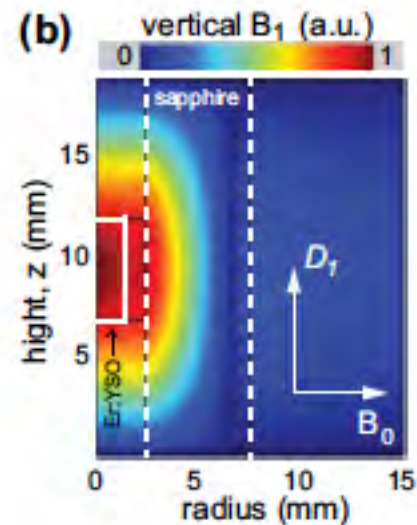
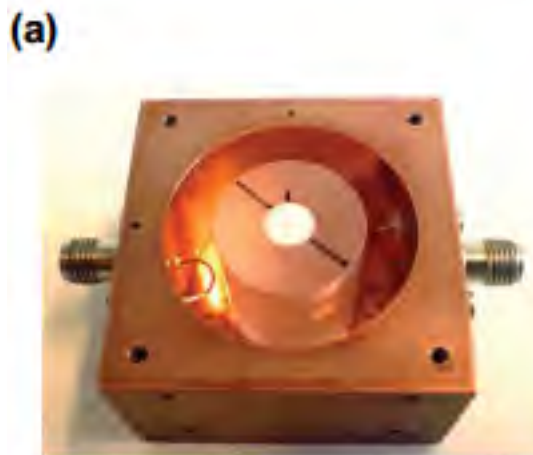
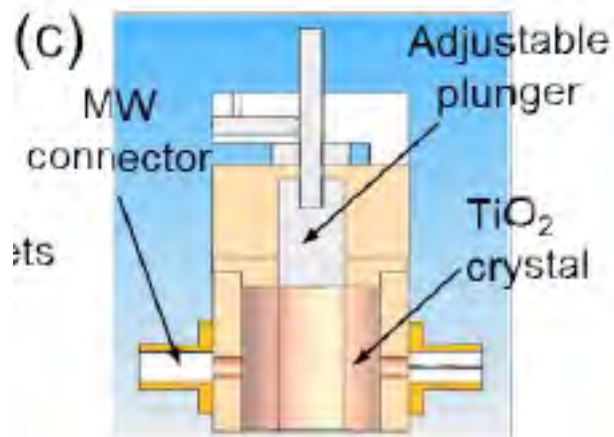
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## Reentrant



## TE + TM Cylindrical modes



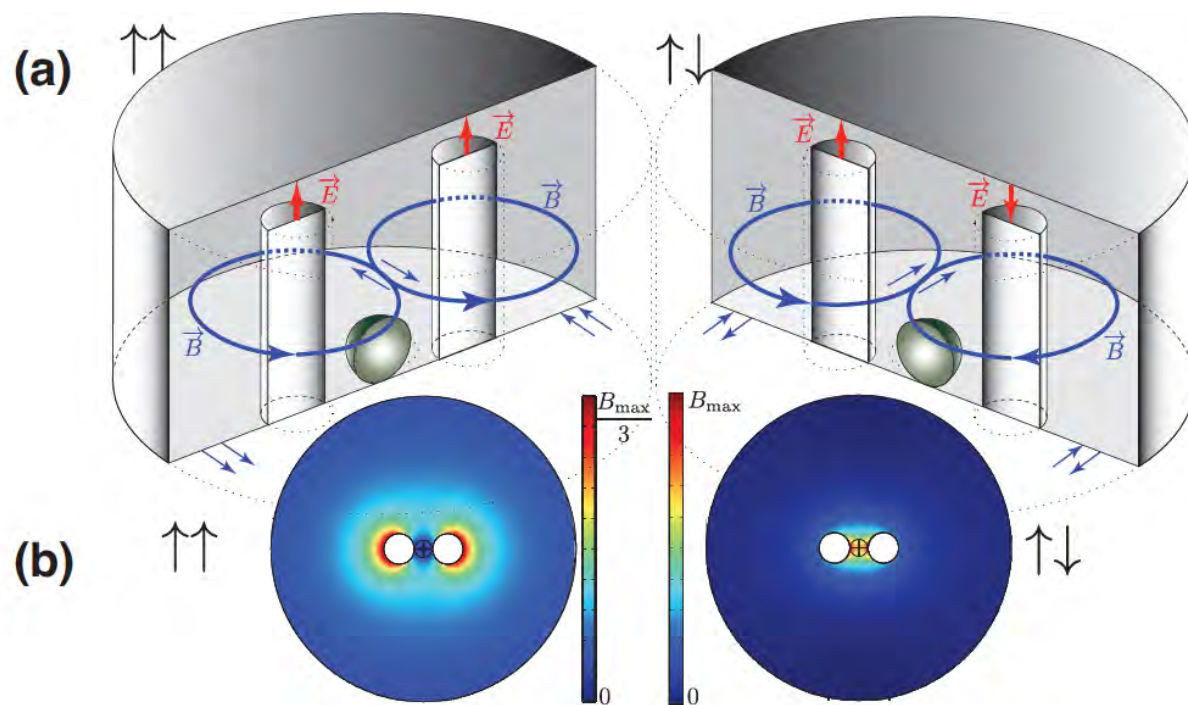


# High-Cooperativity Cavity QED with Magnons at Microwave Frequencies

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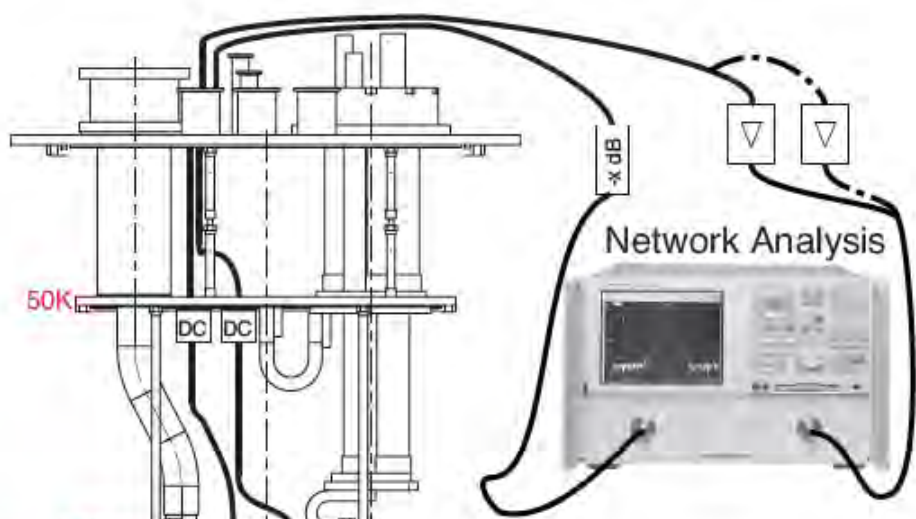
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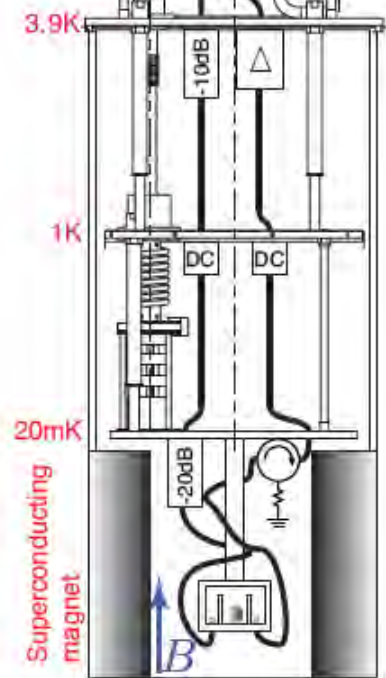
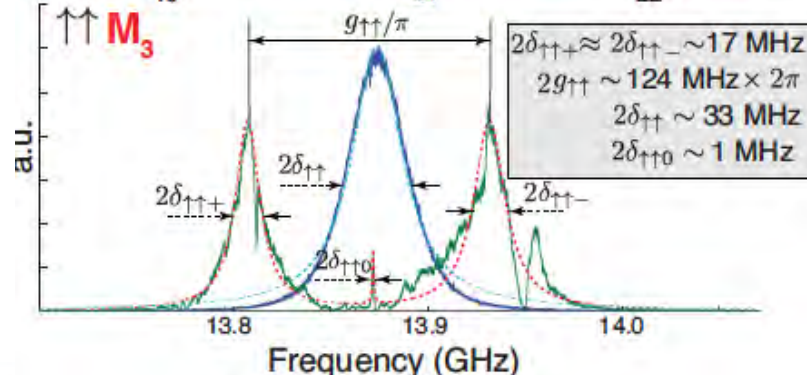
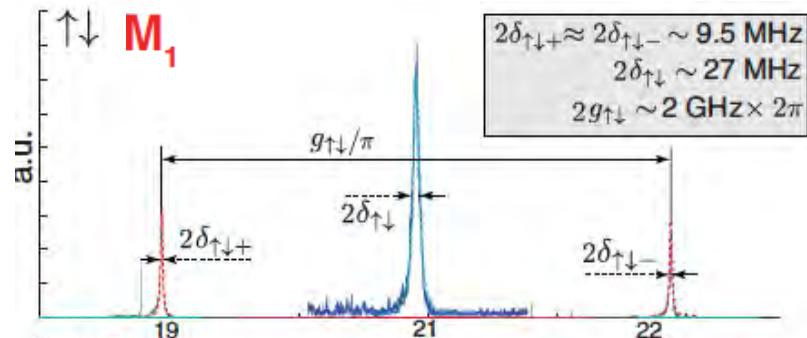


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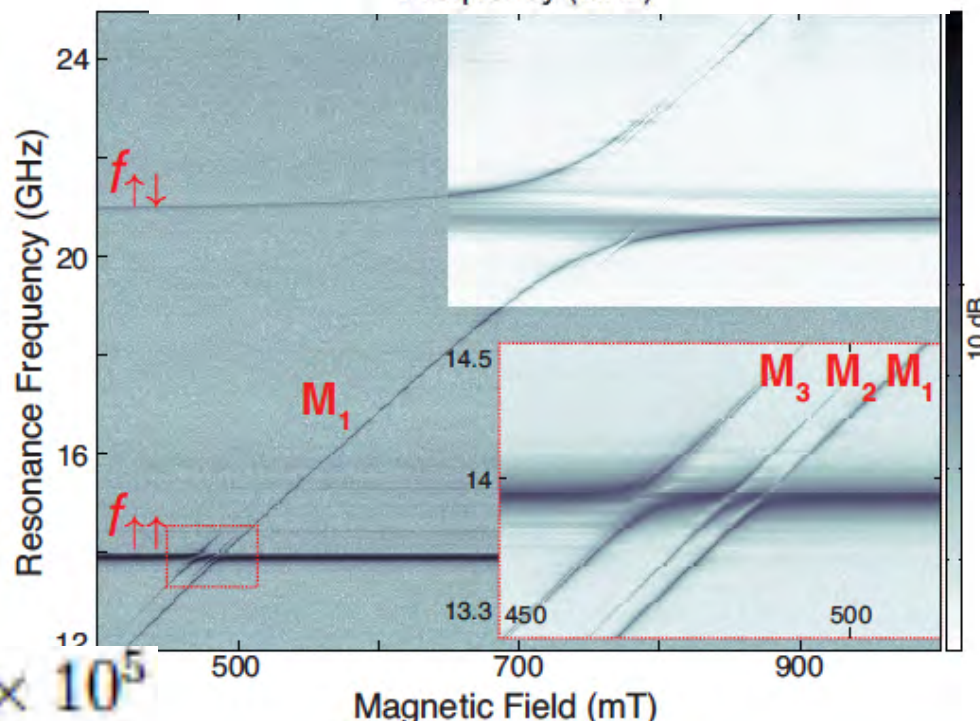




# Magnons



- Amplifier
- Attenuator
- DC Block
- Isolator



spin cooperativities  $\frac{g_{\uparrow x}^2}{(\pi)^2 \gamma M \gamma_{\uparrow x}}$   
 dark and bright  $1.6 \times 10^3$  and  $1.3 \times 10^5$

# Axion Wind Detection with an Improved Ferromagnetic Haloscope

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(Submitted on 23 Nov 2018)

With the axion being a prime candidate for dark matter, there has been some recent interest in direct detection through a so called 'Ferromagnetic haloscope.' Such devices exploit the coupling between axions and electrons in the form of collective spin excitations of magnetic materials with readout through a microwave cavity. Here, we present a new, more general, theoretical treatment of such experiments in a Hamiltonian framework with coupled magnons and photons. In particular, this opens up the possibility of operating this experiment in the dispersive regime which allows easy searching of the axion mass parameter space. This experiment is implemented in a cryogenic setup, and initial results are presented setting first laboratory limits on the axion-electron coupling strength of  $g_{a\gamma\gamma} > 3.7 \times 10^{-9}$  in the range  $33.79\mu\text{eV} < m_a < 33.94\mu\text{eV}$  with 95% confidence. Future improvements and requirements to reach the DFSZ axion model are further discussed.

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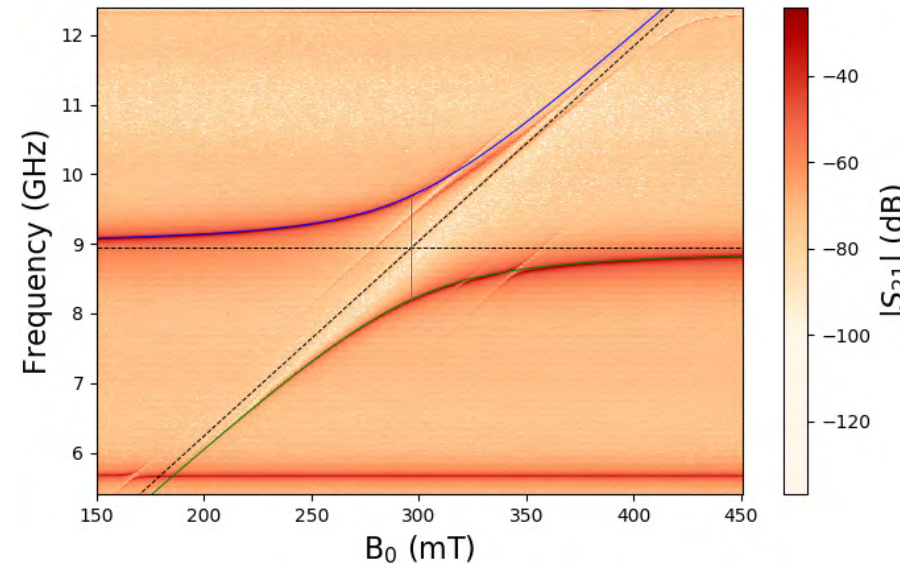
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# Cavity-Magnon polaritons

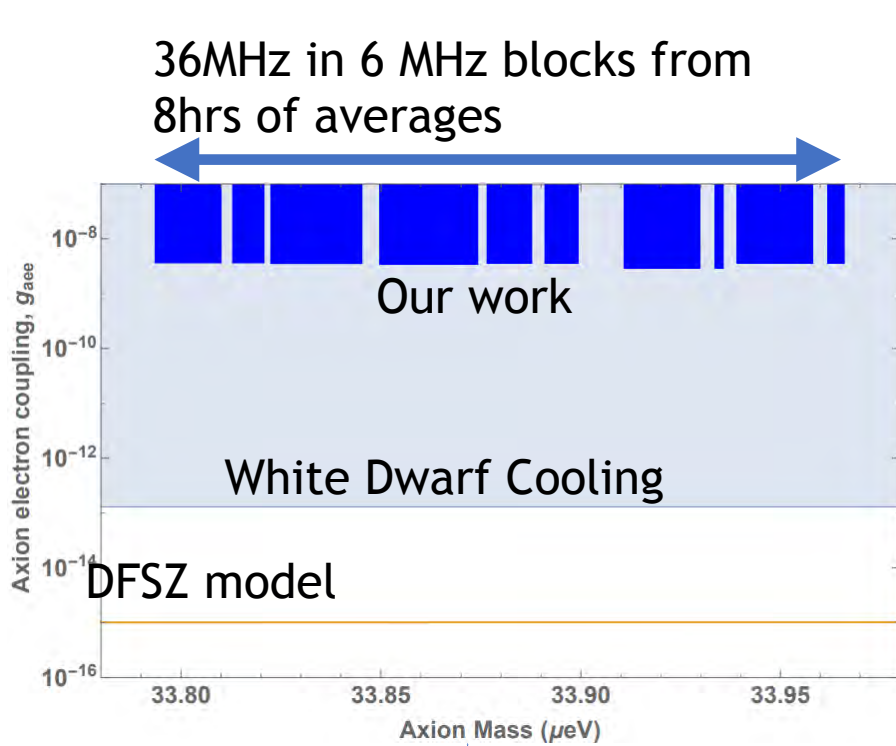
$$\frac{H}{\hbar} = \underbrace{\omega_c a^\dagger a}_{\text{Photons}} + \underbrace{\omega_m b^\dagger b}_{\text{Magnons}} + \underbrace{g_{cm}(a^\dagger + a)(b^\dagger + b)}_{\text{Interaction}}$$



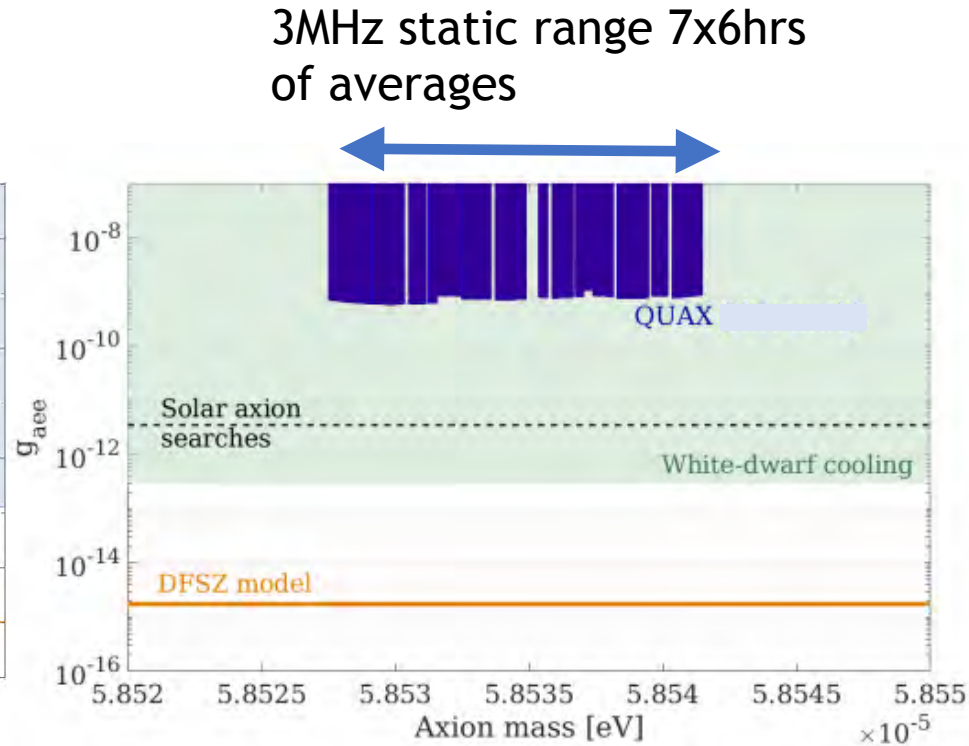
$$\omega_{\pm} = \frac{\omega_c + \omega_m}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_m - \omega_c}{2}\right)^2 + g_{cm}^2}$$



# First results



Centred at  
8.2GHz



Centred at  
14GHz

# Axion Detection with Precision Frequency Metrology



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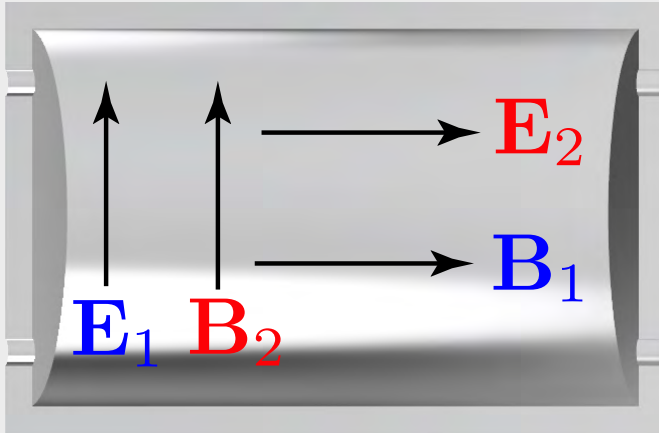
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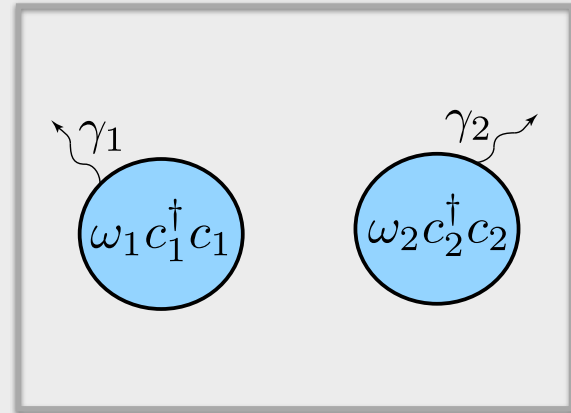
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# System for Axion Detection

photonic cavity with two mutually orthogonal modes



optical or microwave



Axion Electrodynamics

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_a^2 a^2 - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma\gamma}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Hamiltonian Density

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{EM}} + \mathcal{H}_a + \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{EM}} = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} [\mathbf{E}^2 + c^2 \mathbf{B}^2]$$

normal ED

$$\mathcal{H}_a = \frac{\phi^2}{2m_a} + V(\theta)$$

axion

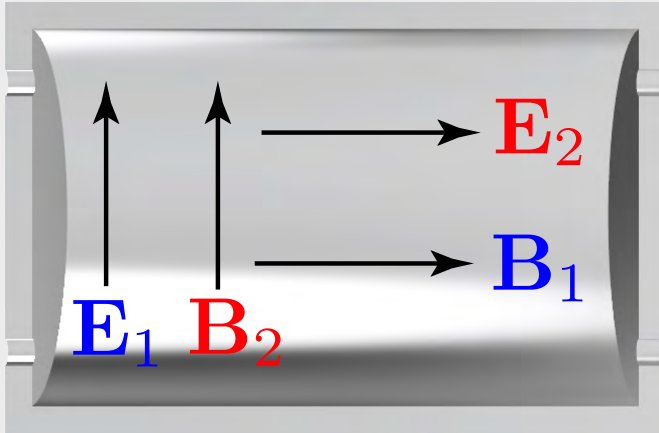
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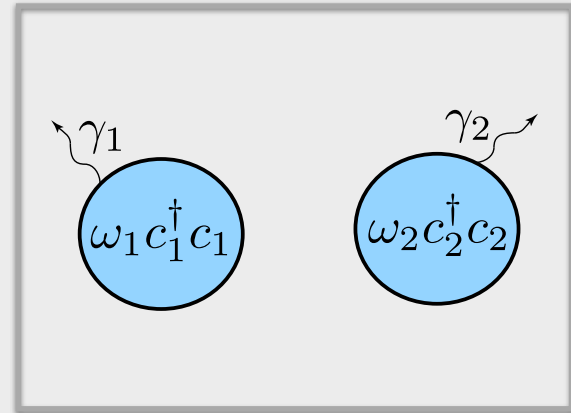


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axion

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interaction

# Axion Mediated Mode-Mode Interaction

based on axion Electrodynamics we derive axion induced coupling between two cavity modes

$$H_{\text{int}} = i\hbar g_{\text{eff}} \theta \left[ \xi_{-} (c_1 c_2^{\dagger} - c_1^{\dagger} c_2) + \xi_{+} (c_1^{\dagger} c_2^{\dagger} - c_1 c_2) \right]$$

Dimensionless Orthogonality Form Factors

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_1 V_2}} \int_V d^3 r (\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_2),$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_1 V_2}} \int_V d^3 r (\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1).$$

$$\xi_{\pm} = \xi_1 \pm \xi_2$$

Rotating Wave Approximation

allows optical search at  
microwaves and mm-wave

allows microwave search at  
mm-wave

**Axion UpConversion**

$$\omega_a = \omega_2 - \omega_1$$

$$H_U = i\hbar g_{\text{eff}} \xi_{-} (a^* c_1 c_2^{\dagger} - a c_1^{\dagger} c_2)$$

beam splitter

**Axion DownConversion**

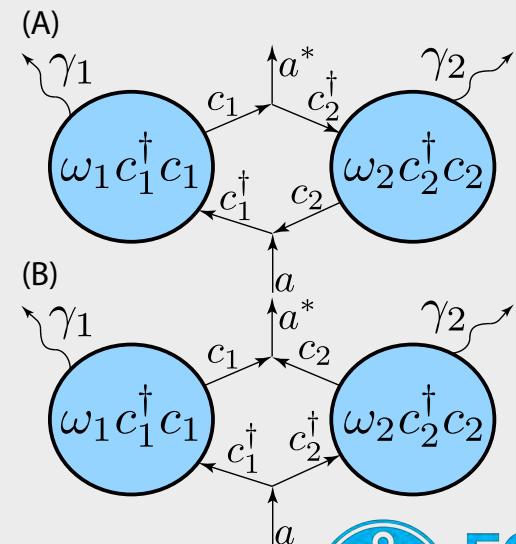
$$\omega_a = \omega_2 + \omega_1$$

$$H_D = i\hbar g_{\text{eff}} \xi_{+} (a c_1^{\dagger} c_2^{\dagger} - a^* c_1 c_2)$$

parametric amplification

Effective Coupling

$$g_{\text{eff}} = \frac{g_a \gamma \gamma}{2} \sqrt{\omega_1 \omega_2}$$



# Axion Mediated Mode-Mode Interaction

$$H_U = i\hbar g_{\text{eff}} \xi_- (a^* c_1 c_2^\dagger - a c_1^\dagger c_2)$$

beam splitter

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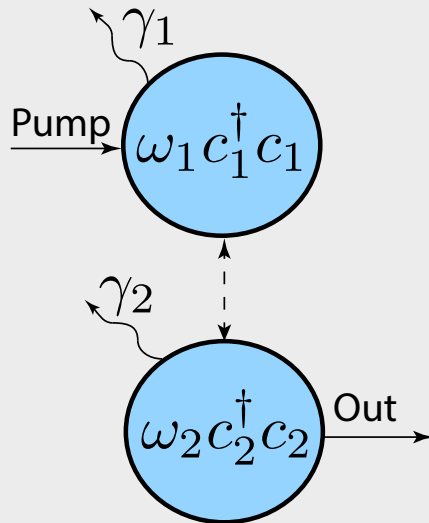
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Power Detection



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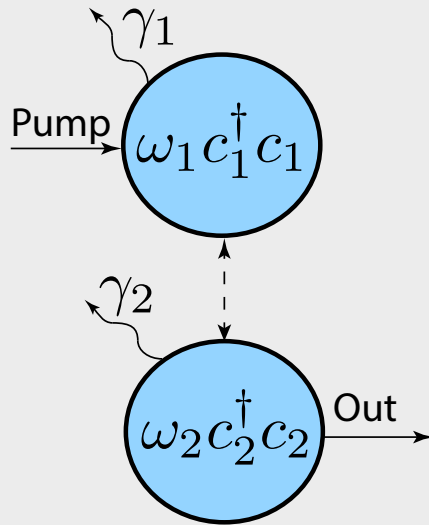
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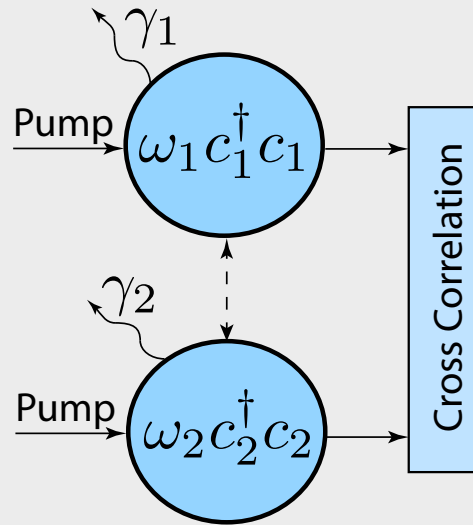
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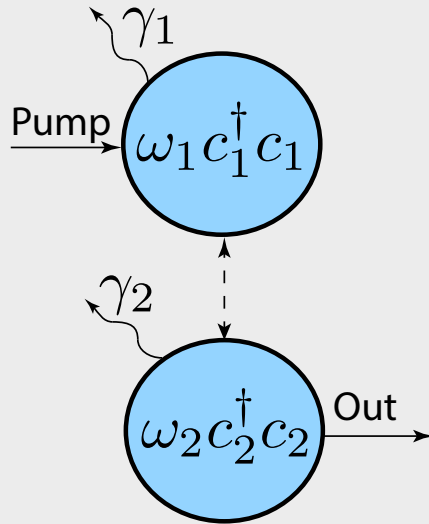
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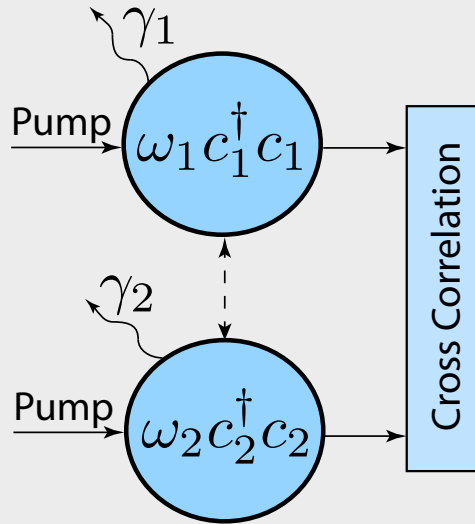
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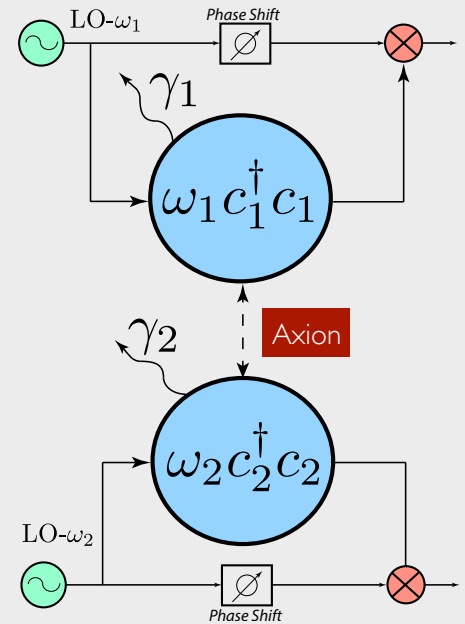


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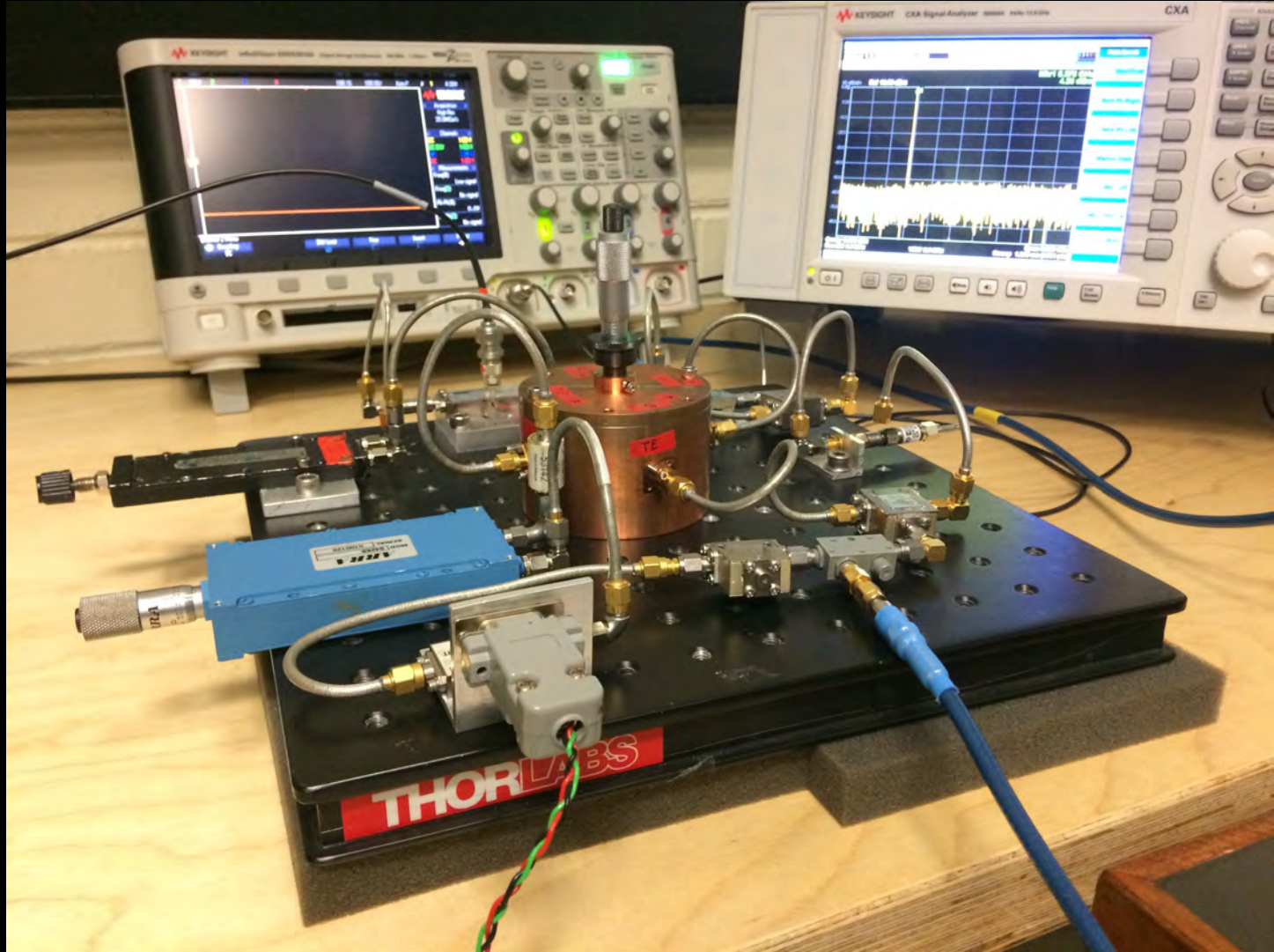
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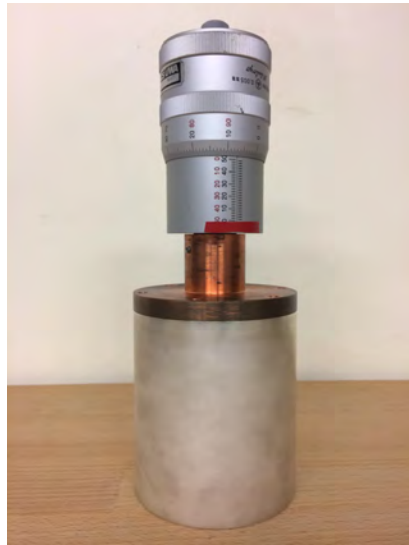
Eigenfrequency Shift







# Design of Cavity



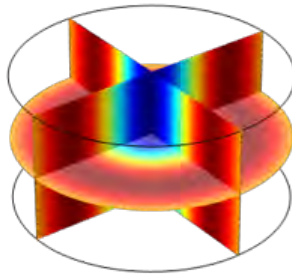
$$\omega_{\text{TM}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\zeta_{m,n}}{R}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{L}\right)^2} c \quad \omega_{\text{TE}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\zeta'_{m,n}}{R}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{L}\right)^2} c$$

## FREQUENCY DOMAIN AND TUNABILITY

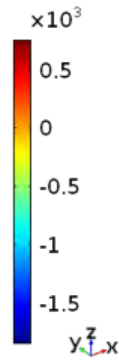
- Tunable cavity height (lid attached to micrometer)
- TM<sub>020</sub> mode frequency fixed by cavity radius

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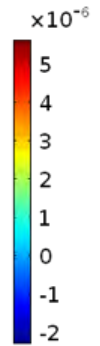
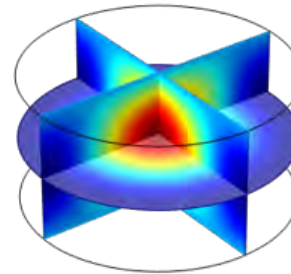
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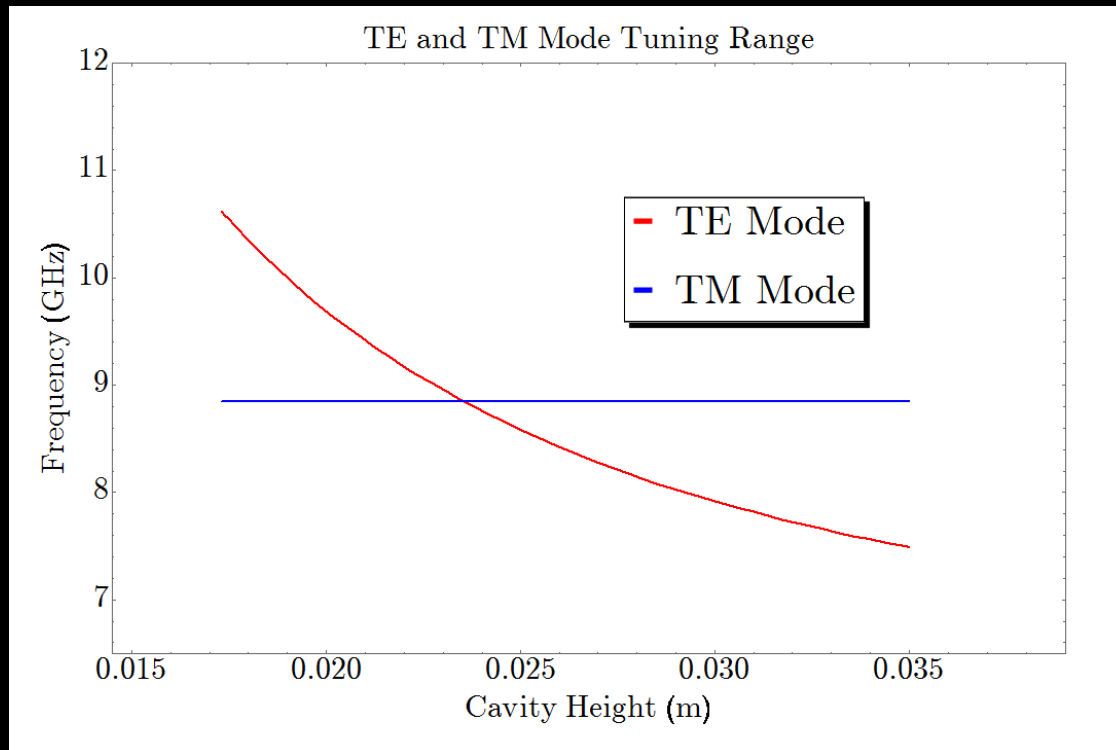
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**TE<sub>011</sub>**

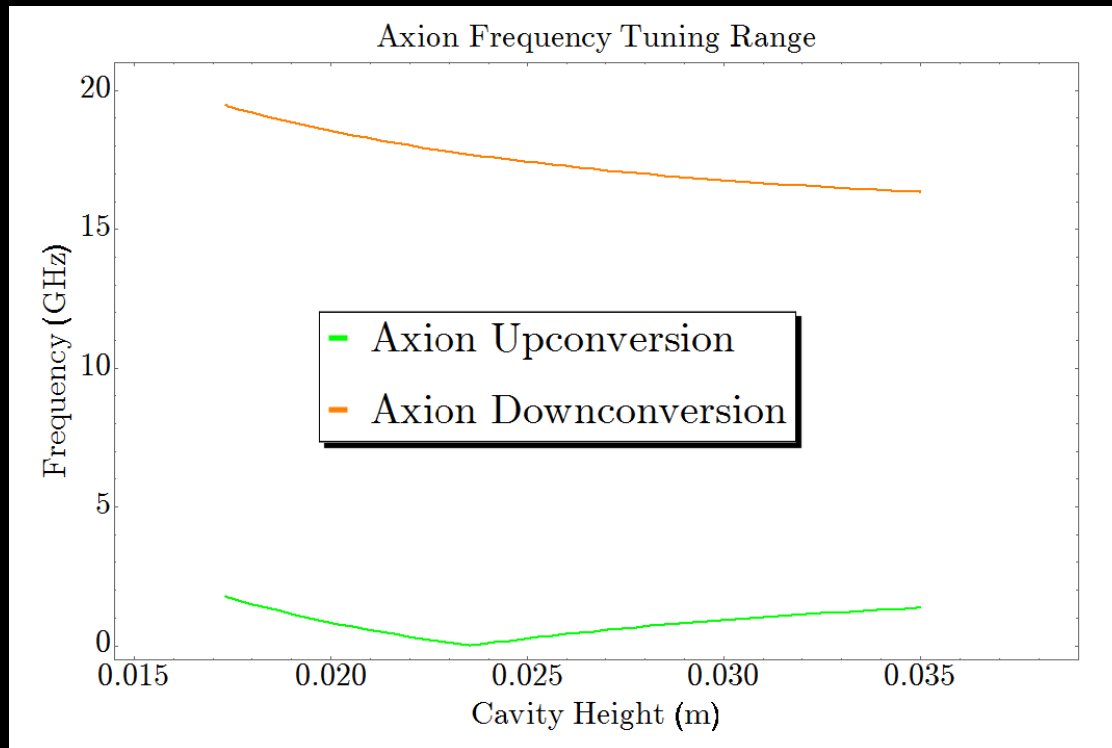


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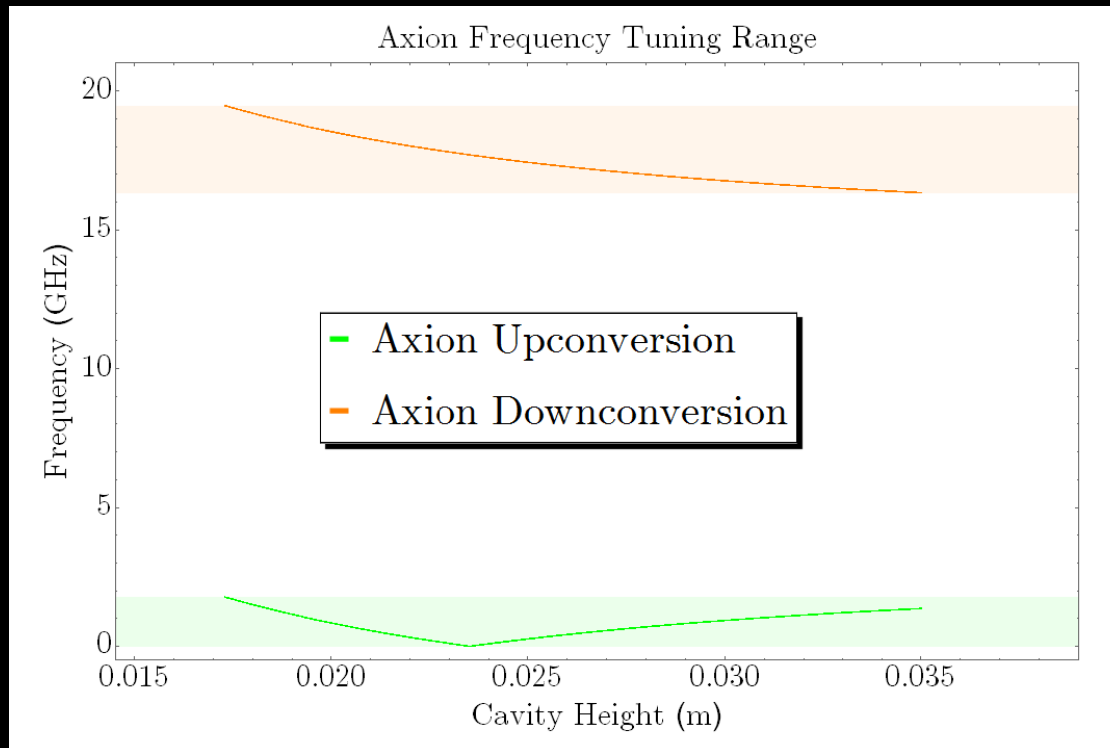




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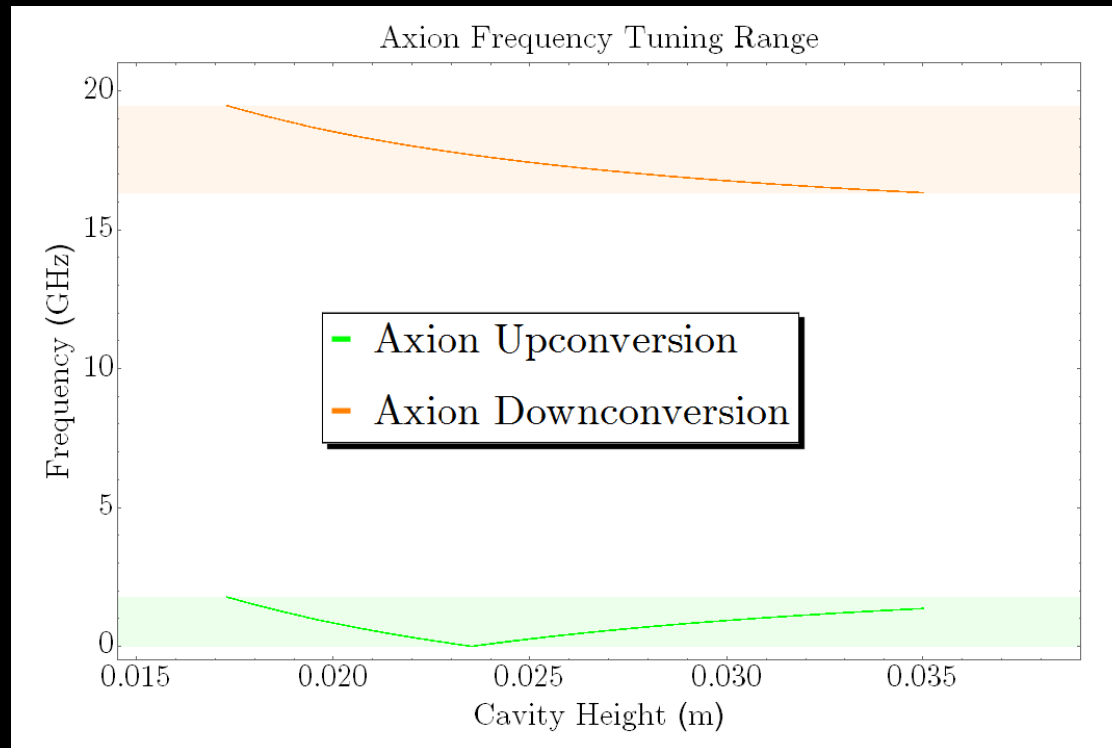
# Frequency Space



**16.3 – 19.5  
GHz**

**DC – 1.77  
GHz**

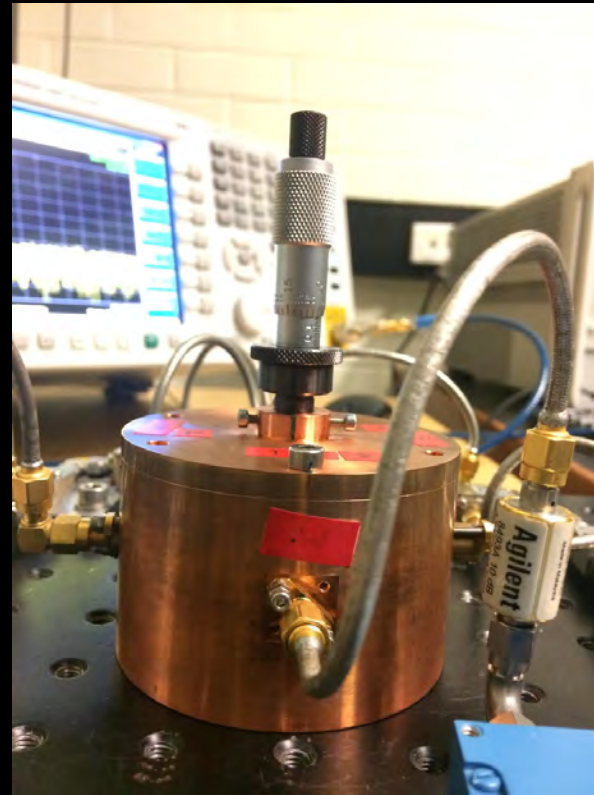
# Frequency Space



**67.5 – 80.47  
 $\mu\text{eV}$**

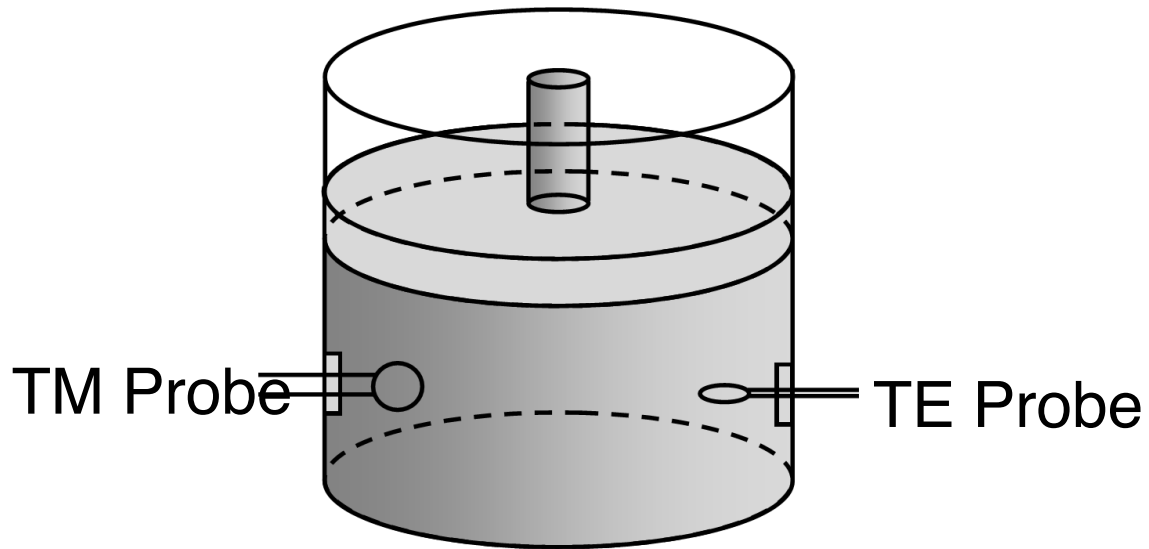
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# Coupling to the Fields





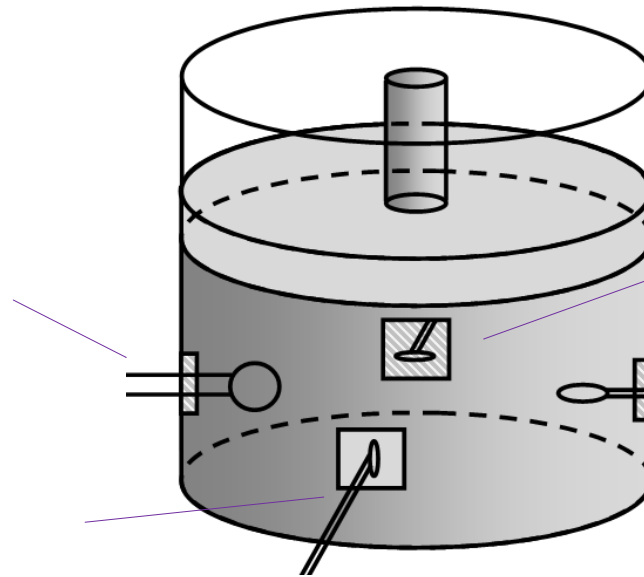
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TM Probe  
Strongly  
Coupled

TM Probe  
Weakly  
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TE Probe  
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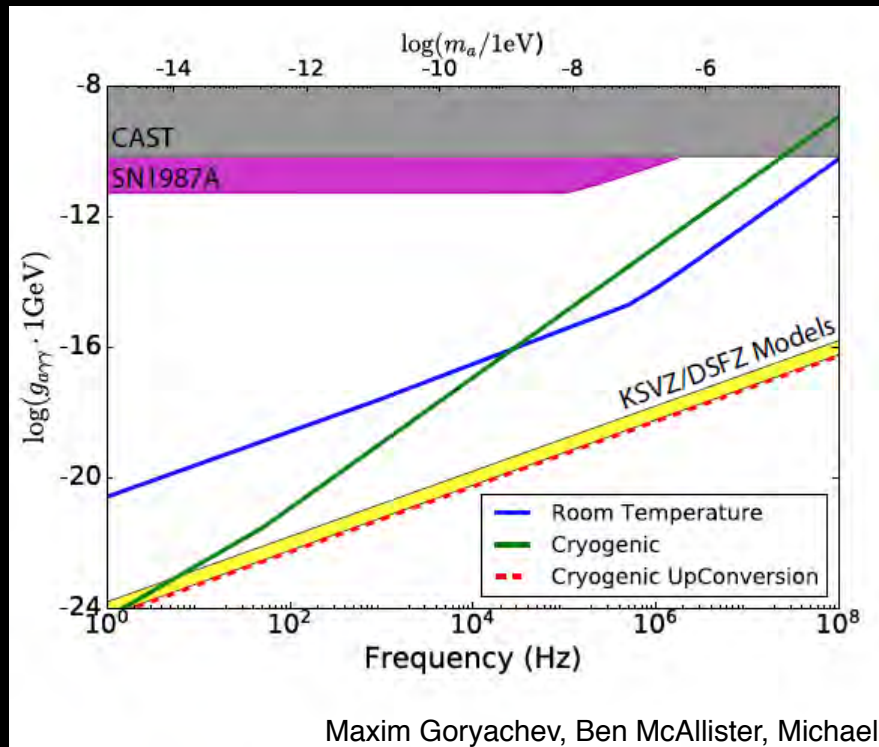
TE Probe  
Weakly  
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# Quality Factor

- $Q \sim 15,000$  for two probe copper cavity
- Most significant loss is from cavity wall surface resistance
- $Q \sim 10,000$  for two probe cavity after silver coating
- **Silver coating** provides a theoretically superior quality factor (smaller surface resistance)
- However, silver coating **deteriorated** the quality factor due to introducing impurities/asymmetry (poor silver coating application)
- $Q \sim 10,000$  for four probe copper cavity

# Theoretical Sensitivity Limits

Sensitivity of the degenerate/broadband mode

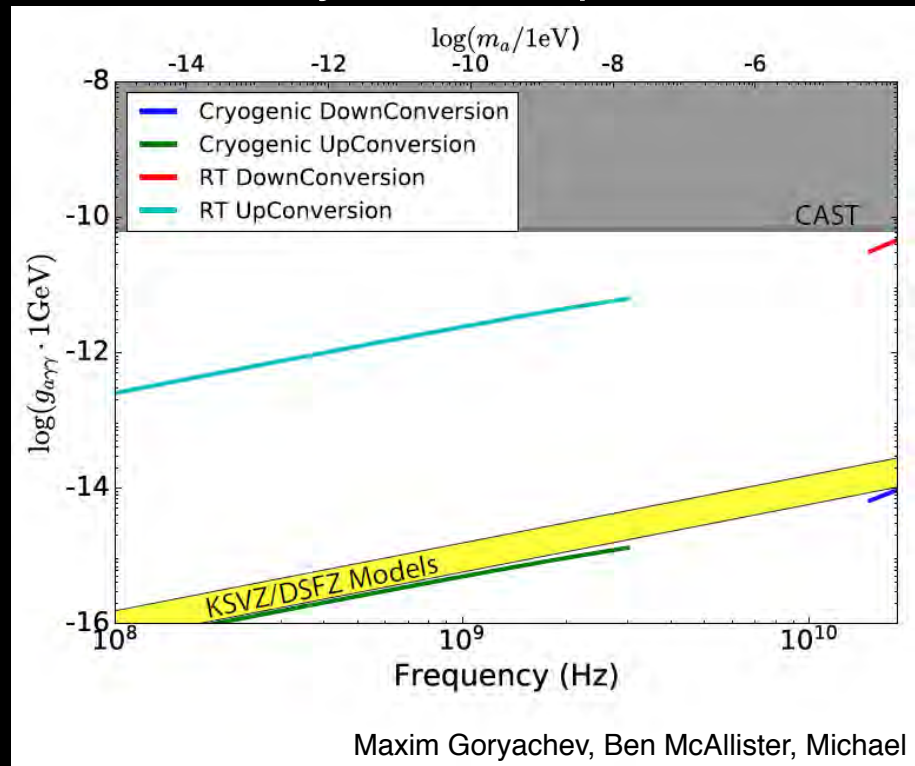


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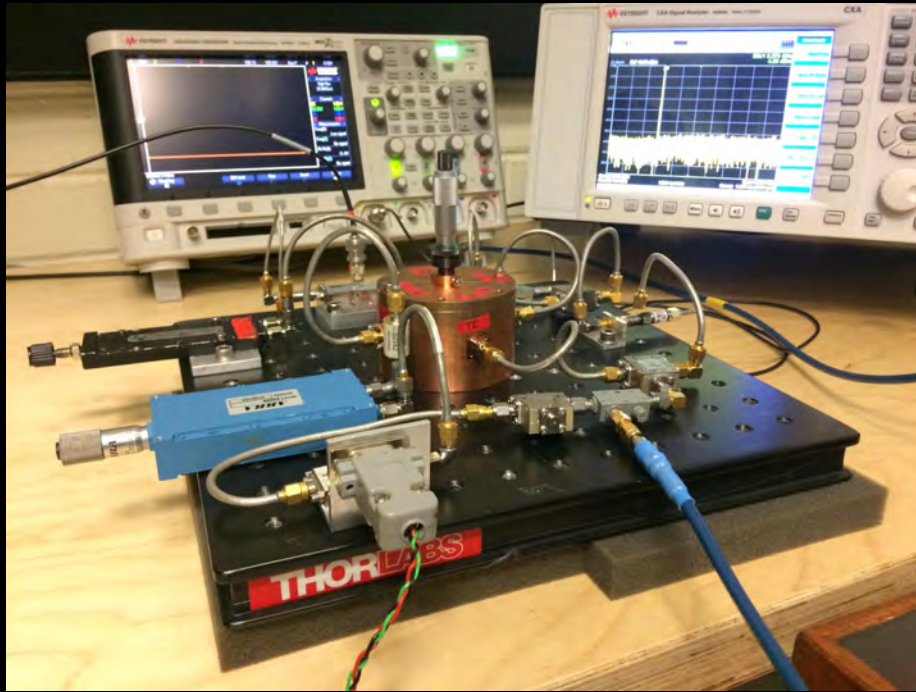


# Theoretical Sensitivity Limits

## Sensitivity of the loop oscillator

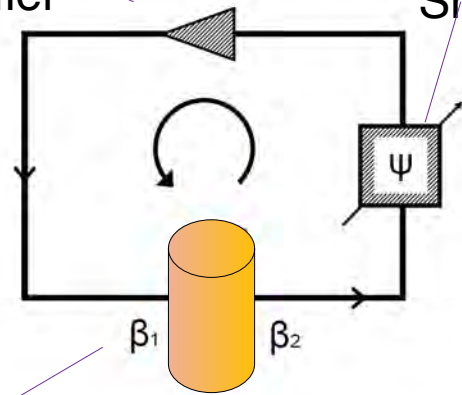


# Free Running Loop Oscillator



Low Noise  
Amplifier

Phase  
Shifter

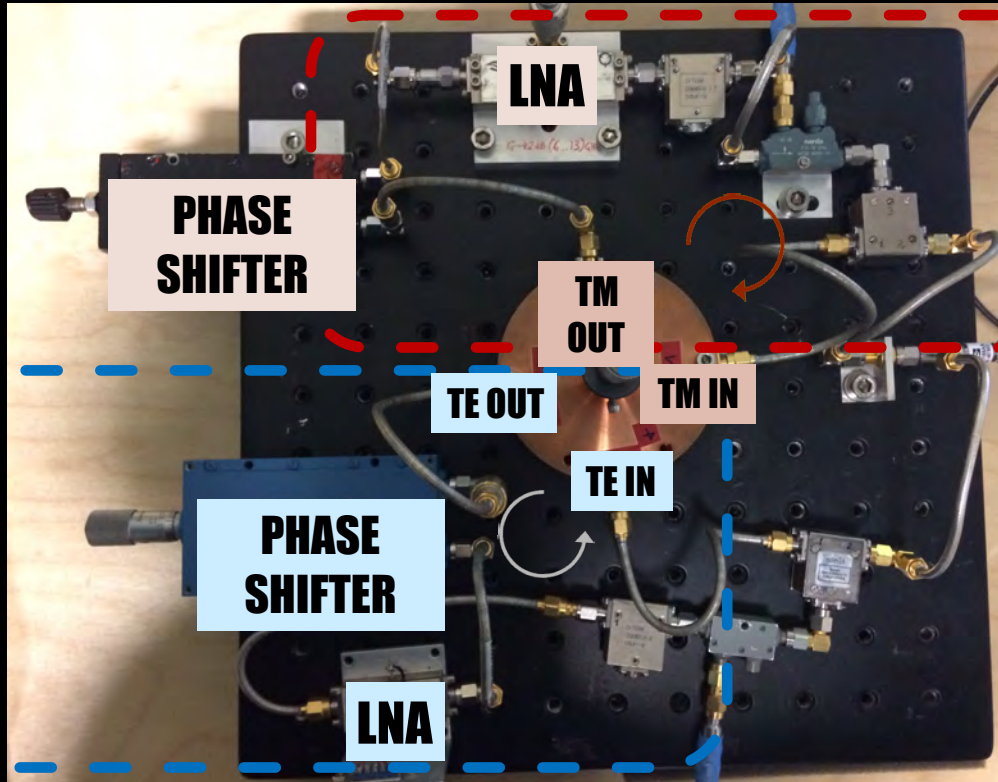


$\beta$  : Probe  
couplings

# Free Running Loop Oscillator

**TE  
MODE**

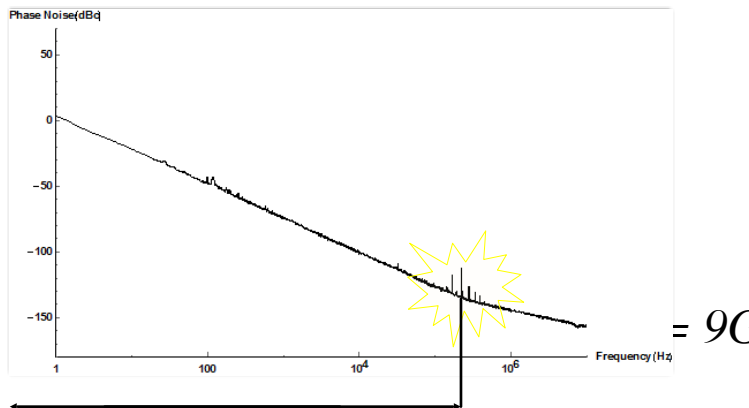
**LOOP 1**



**LOOP 2**

**TM  
MODE**

# Searching for Axion in Fourier Spectrum of Phase Noise



$$f = 400 \text{ MHz}$$

$$TE = 9 \text{ GHz}$$

$$TE = 8 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\omega_a = \omega_1 \pm \omega_2 + 2\pi f$$

$$2\pi f \ll \omega_1$$

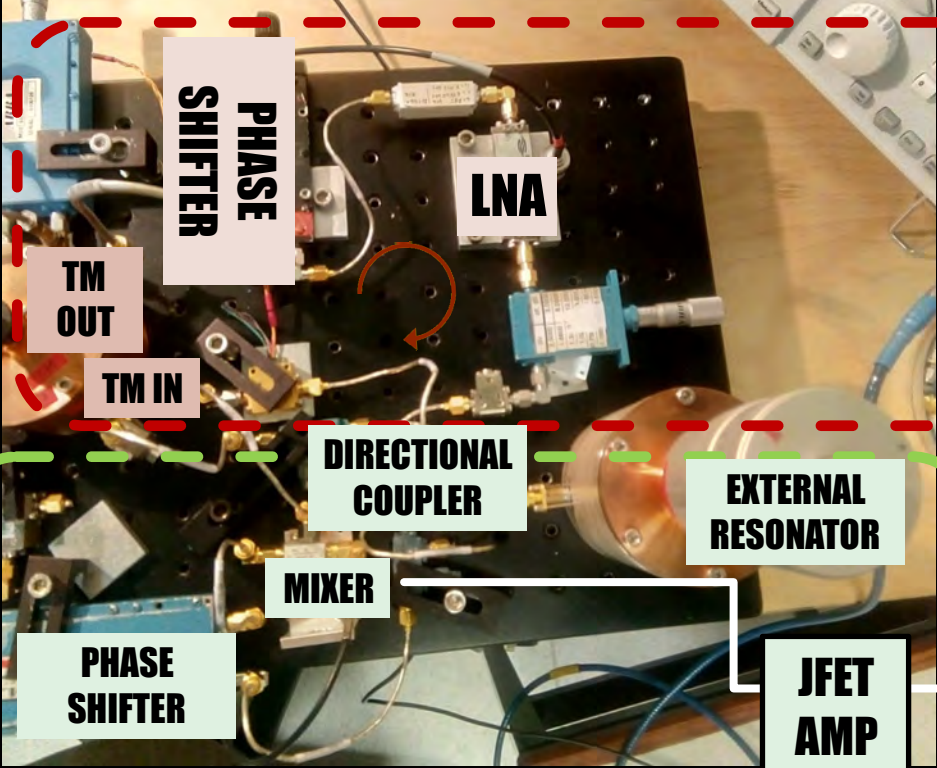
$$f_a = 9 \pm 8 + 0.4 \text{ GHz}$$

$$= 17.4 \text{ GHz or } 1.4 \text{ GHz}$$



# Phase Noise Detection FREQUENCY DISCRIMINATOR

**TM  
MODE**

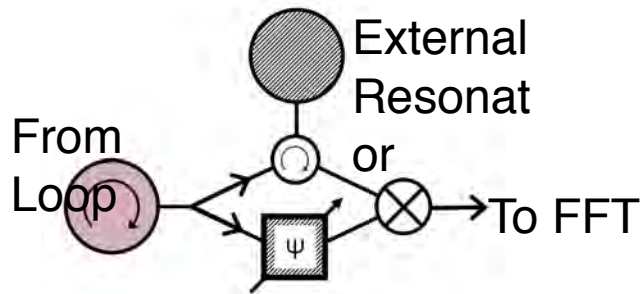


**FREQUENCY  
DISCRIMINATOR**



# Voltage Noise Detection

## FREQUENCY DISCRIMINATOR



- External resonator **phase** fluctuations into **frequency** fluctuations
- Frequency discriminator turns **frequency** fluctuations into **voltage** fluctuations when phase across the mixer is set to quadrature
- Contains noise of loop, external resonator and tunable cavity

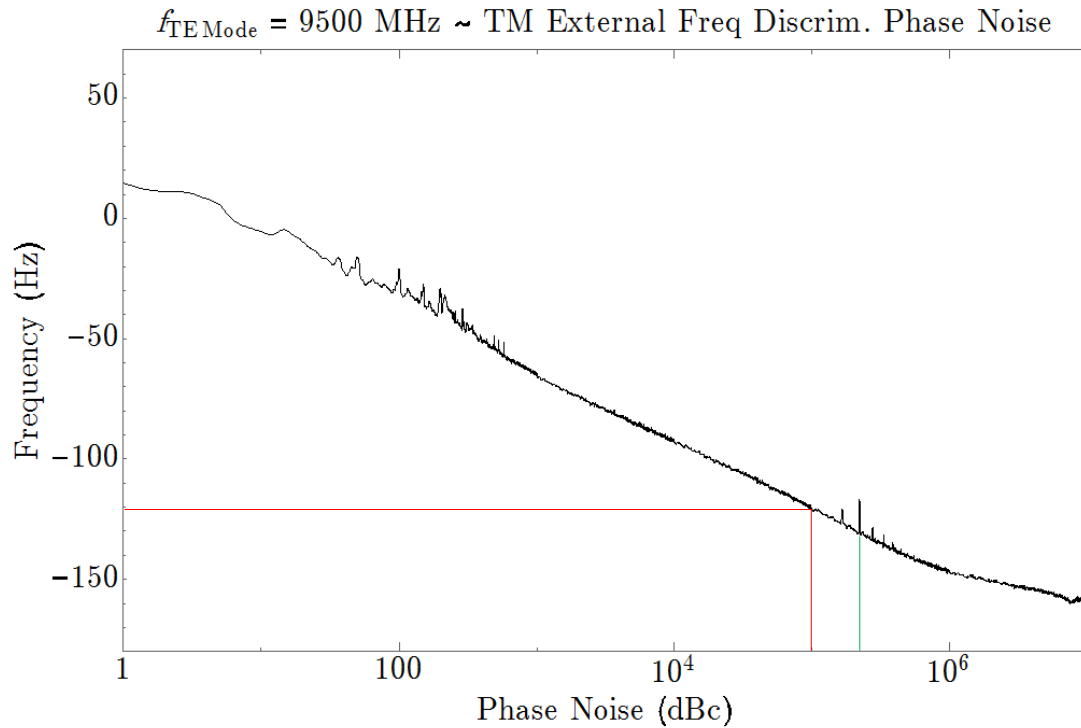
## FREQUENCY DISCRIMINATOR



FFT can produce a voltage density

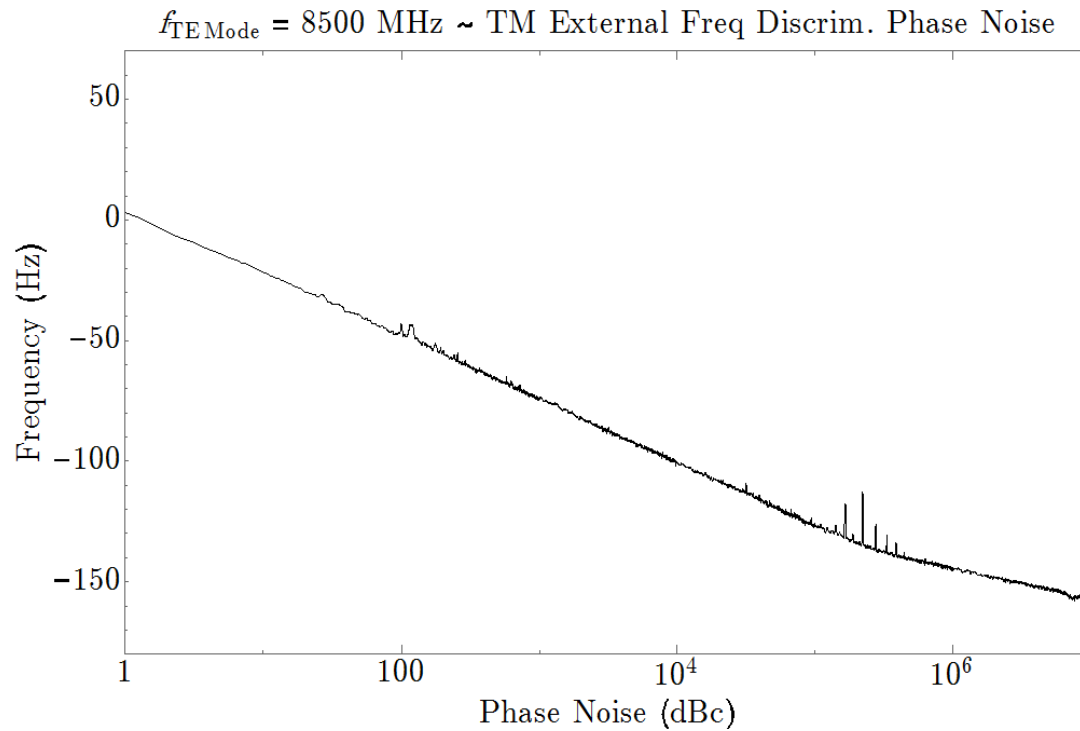
**TE = 9.5 GHz**

# Initial Phase Noise Data



# Initial Phase Noise Data

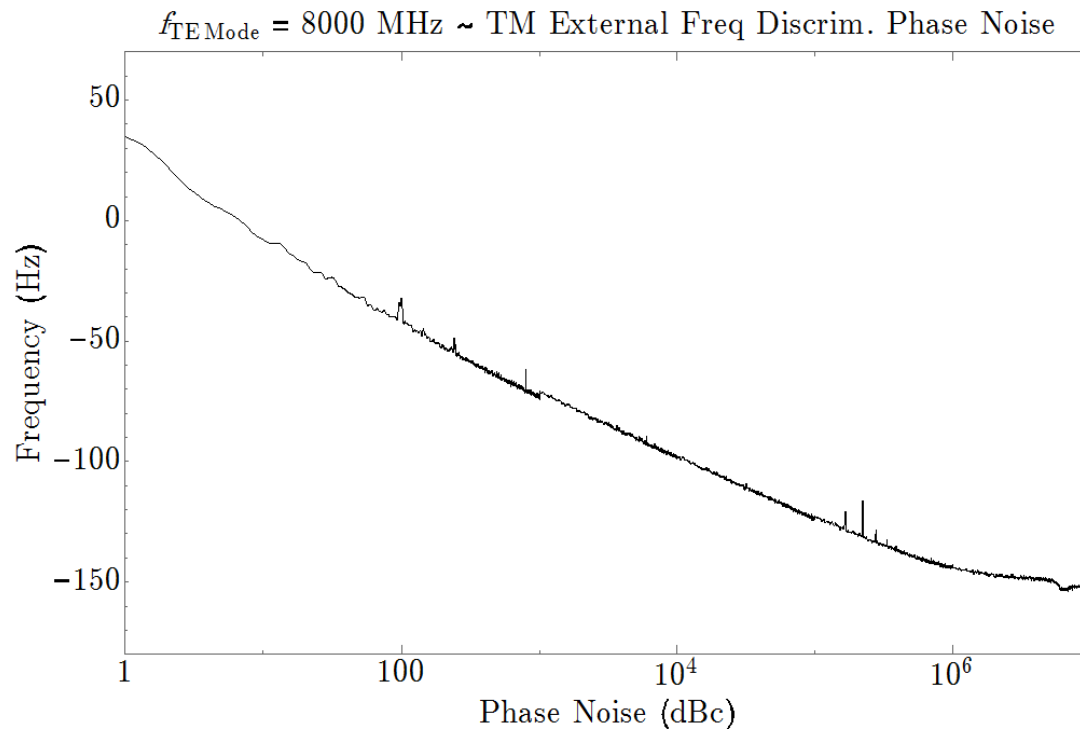
**TE = 8.5 GHz**





# Initial Phase Noise Data

**TE = 8 GHz**



# Modified Axion Electrodynamics

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f + g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla} a$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} - g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \left( \vec{B} \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} a \times \vec{E} \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M}$$



## Vector Identities

$$\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla} a = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (a \vec{B}) + a(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} a \times \vec{E} = (\vec{\nabla} \times (a \vec{E})) - a(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

## Modified Gauss' Law and Ampere's Law

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_f + g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (a \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} - g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \left( \frac{\partial (a \vec{B})}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times (a \vec{E}) \right)$$

# Reformulate Modified Electrodynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D}_a &= \rho_f \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}_a &= \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}_a}{\partial t} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

Similar to Standard  
Model Extension  
Modifications for  
Lorentz Invariance  
Violations

## Modification in the Constitutive Relations

$$\vec{D}_a = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} + \vec{P}_a$$

$$\vec{P}_a = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \epsilon_0 (c \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{H}_a = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} - \vec{M} - \vec{M}_a$$

$$\vec{M}_a = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\vec{E}}{c}$$



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## Two Applications of Axion Electrodynamics

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$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \kappa a \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\kappa$  is a coupling constant. The resulting equations are

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \tilde{\rho} - \kappa \nabla a \cdot \mathbf{B}, \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t, \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \partial \mathbf{E} / \partial t + \tilde{\mathbf{j}} + \kappa (\dot{a} \mathbf{B} + \nabla a \times \mathbf{E}), \quad (5)$$

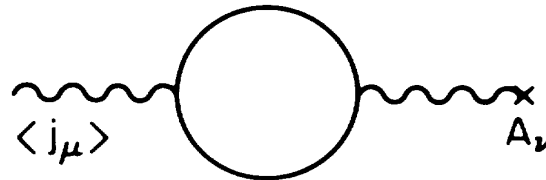
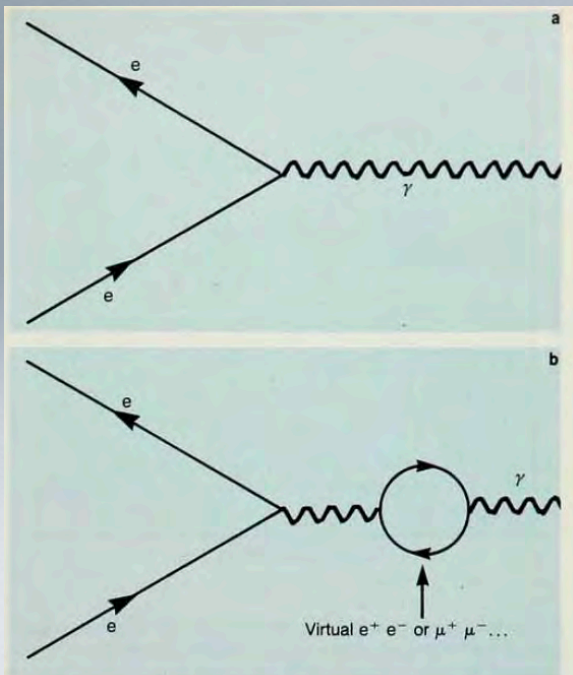


FIG. 3. Expectation of the current in a background field is derived from the vacuum polarization.

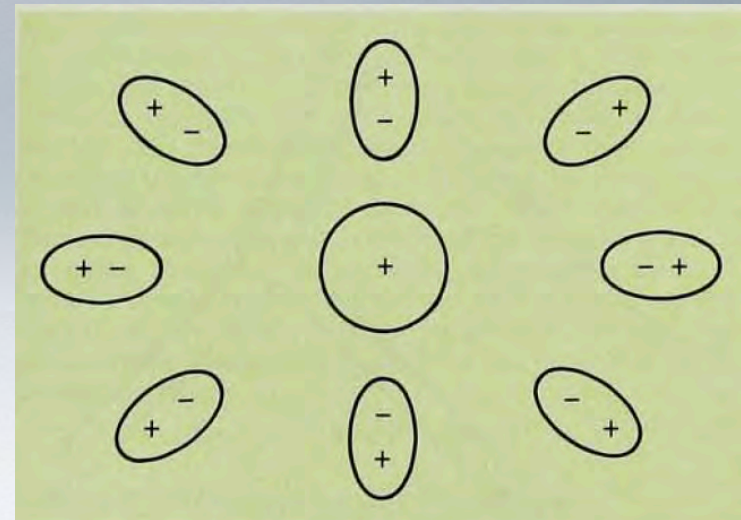
# UNIFICATION OF COUPLINGS

Recent high-precision experimental results support the predictions of the minimal supersymmetric SU(5) model that unifies electromagnetism and the weak and strong interactions.

Savas Dimopoulos, Stuart A. Raby and Frank Wilczek



Empty space is a dielectric medium in quantum field theory and can screen charge. These Feynman diagrams represent the interaction between a bare charge and a photon (a) and the effect of virtual particles coming between the photon and the charge (b). **Figure 5**



**Dielectric screening** occurs when a charge in a dielectric medium polarizes the molecules around it. This cloud of polarization partially hides, or screens, the central charge. **Figure 4**



Asymptotically

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# Global representation of the fine structure constant and its variation

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$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\Phi_e}{\Phi_\phi}}$$

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## Abstract

The fine structure constant,  $\alpha$ , is shown to be proportional to the ratio of the quanta of electric and magnetic force associated with the electron. This provides a new representation, which is global across all unit systems. Consequently, a variation in  $\alpha$  was shown to occur due to a differential change in the fraction of the quanta of electric and magnetic force, while a variation in  $\hbar c$  was shown to manifest due to the common mode change. The representation is discussed with respect to the running of the fine structure constant at high energies (small distances), and a putative temporal drift. It is shown that the running of the fine structure constant is due to equal components of electric screening (polarization of vacuum) and magnetic anti-screening (magnetization of vacuum), which cause the perceived quantum of electric charge to increase at small distances, while the magnetic flux quantum decreases. This introduces the concept of the 'bare magnetic flux quanta' as well as the 'bare electric charge'. With regard to temporal drift, it is confirmed that it is impossible to determine which fundamental constant is varying if  $\alpha$  varies.

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## Signals for Lorentz violation in electrodynamics

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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \partial_0 \vec{D} &= 0, & \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} &= 0, & \begin{pmatrix} \vec{D} \\ \vec{H} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \kappa_{DE} & \kappa_{DB} \\ \kappa_{HE} & 1 + \kappa_{HB} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \partial_0 \vec{B} &= 0, & \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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## New methods of testing Lorentz violation in electrodynamics

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_0 (\tilde{\epsilon}_r + \kappa_{DE}) & \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \kappa_{DB} \\ \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \kappa_{HE} & \mu_0^{-1} (\tilde{\mu}_r^{-1} + \kappa_{HB}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \sim \kappa_{DB} \quad \kappa_{HE}$$

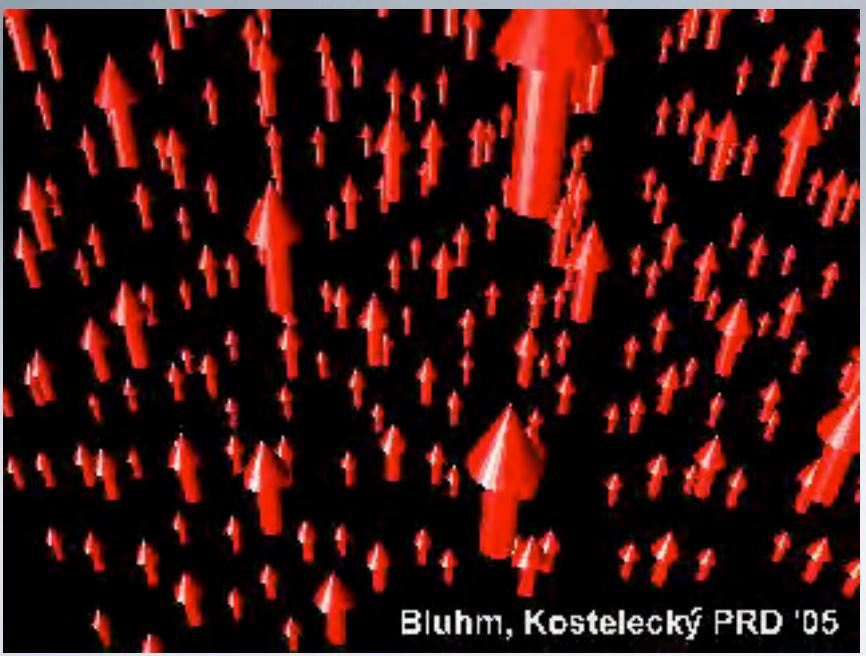
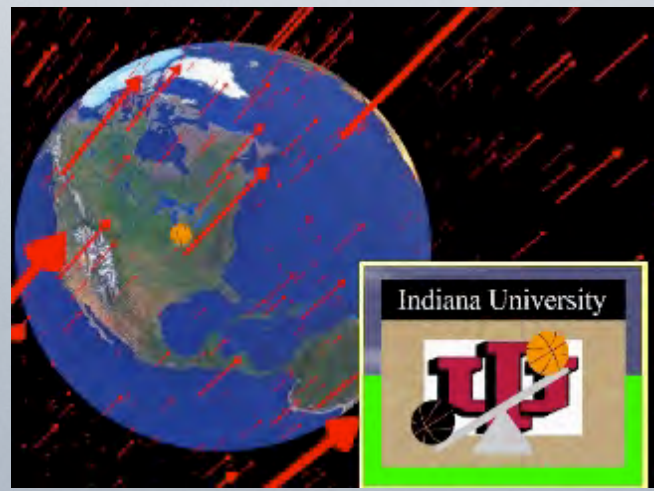
Axion Interaction similar to odd parity Lorentz Invariance Violation



# Sidereal Modulations of Constant Background Fields



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Axion is similar to an oscillating odd parity background SME Lorentz invariance violation field.

Cannot shield against these type of violations -> Source Terms.

Oscillating Background Fields Create EM Radiation

# Axion Induced Vacuum Bound Charges and Currents

Vacuum Bound Charge

$$\rho_a = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (a\vec{B})$$

Vacuum Polarization Current

$$\vec{P}_a = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \epsilon_0 (c\vec{B}) \quad \vec{J}_a = \frac{\partial \vec{P}_a}{\partial t} \quad \vec{J}_a = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \frac{\partial (a\vec{B})}{\partial t}$$

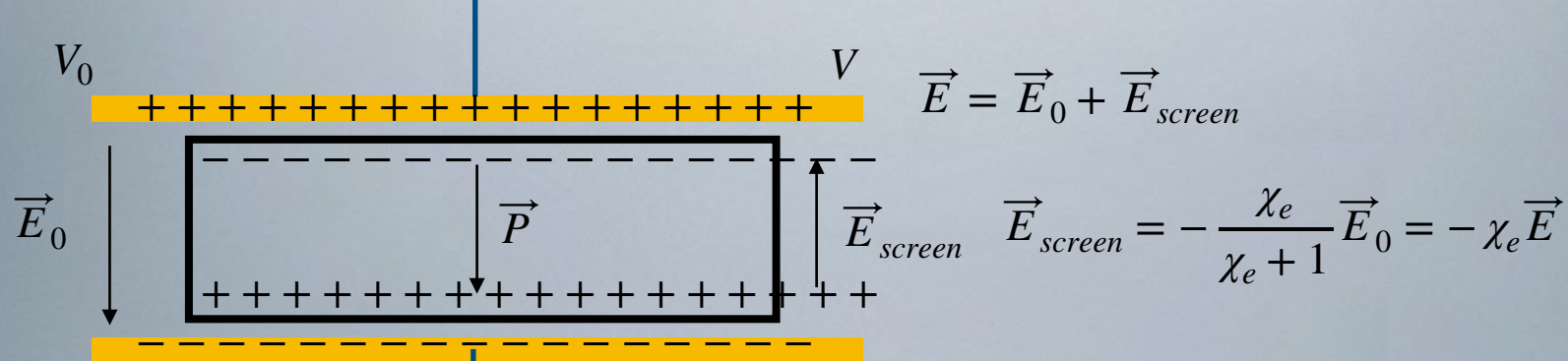
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_a = -\frac{\partial \rho_a}{\partial t}$$

Satisfies the Continuity Equation



# Consider a Capacitor with Linear Dielectric

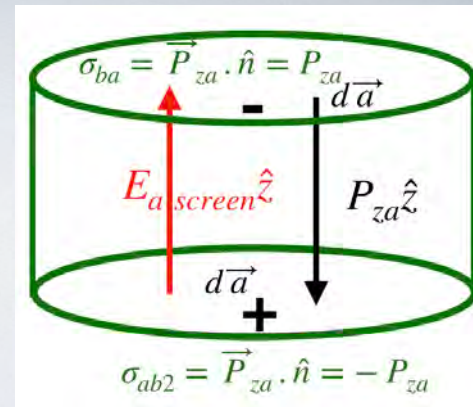
$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} \quad \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E} = -\epsilon_0 \vec{E}_{screen}$$



## Axion Electrodynamics

$$\vec{P}_a = -\epsilon_0 (g_{a\gamma\gamma} ac \vec{B}) \quad \vec{E}_{a\ screen} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} ac \vec{B} \quad (V/m)$$

Note if  $\vec{E}_{a\ screen} = 0$  then  $\vec{P}_a = 0$   $\vec{J}_a = \frac{\partial \vec{P}_a}{\partial t} = 0$



# Electromotive Force

$$\vec{E} = 0 \quad \vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 \quad a(t) = a_0 \cos[\omega_a t]$$

$$\vec{f}_a = \frac{\vec{F}_a}{q_a} = -\vec{E}_{a \text{ screen}} = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} a_0 c \vec{B}_0 \cos[\omega_a t] \text{ V/m}$$

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## A new method for the detectability of oscillating $\theta$

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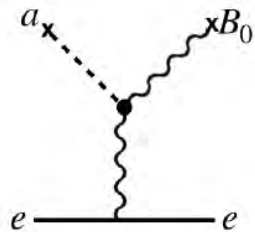


FIG. 2: Feynman diagram showing the Primakoff effect of the axion interacting with the DC  $\vec{B}$ -field to create an oscillating vacuum polarization, which in turn interacts with an electron [17].

$$\vec{F}_a = \frac{e\alpha_{em}g_\gamma}{\pi m_a^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\dot{\theta}\vec{B})$$

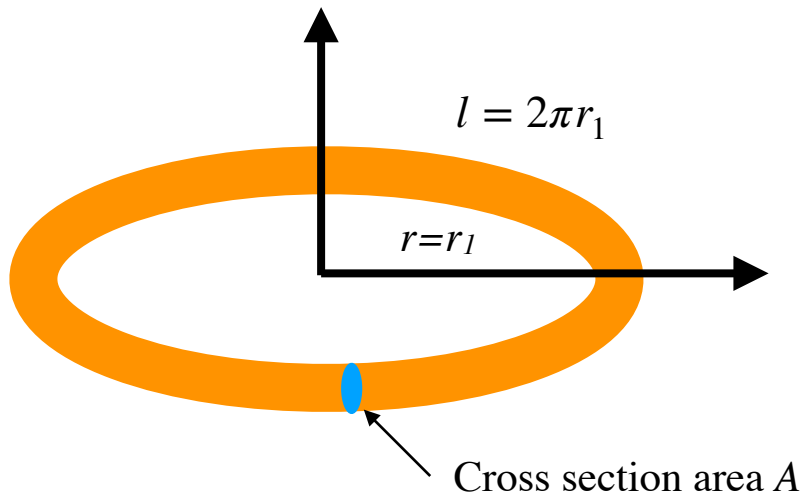
$$\vec{F}_a(t) = eg_{a\gamma\gamma} a_0 (cB_0) \cos(\omega_a) \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{F}_a(t) = -q_a g_{a\gamma\gamma} a_0 (cB_0) \cos(\omega_a) \hat{z}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E} = & \oint_C [\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}] \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} \\ & + \frac{1}{q} \oint_C \text{Effective chemical forces} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} \\ & + \frac{1}{q} \oint_C \text{Effective thermal forces} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell}, \\ & + \frac{1}{q} \oint_C \text{Effective axion forces} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{E} = 0 \quad \vec{B} = B_0 \vec{\theta}$$



$$\vec{P}_a = -\epsilon_0 g_{a\gamma\gamma} a_0 (cB_0) e^{-j\omega_a t} \vec{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{P}_a}{dt} = j\omega_a \epsilon_0 g_{a\gamma\gamma} a_0 (cB_0) e^{-j\omega_a t} \vec{\theta}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{P}_a \neq 0$$

$$\vec{f}_a = \frac{\vec{F}_a}{q_a} = -\vec{E}_{a \text{ screen}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \vec{P}_a$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \oint_P \vec{f}_a \cdot d\vec{l} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \oint_P \vec{P}_a \cdot d\vec{l}$$

**COULD NOT DO THIS IN NORMAL ELECTRODYNAMICS**

$$\vec{I} = A \frac{d\vec{P}_a}{dt} = j\omega_a \epsilon_0 g_{a\gamma\gamma} a_0 cB_0 A e^{-j\omega_a t} \vec{\theta}$$

$$V = \mathcal{E} = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} a_0 cB_0 l e^{-j\omega_a t}$$

$$\frac{V}{I} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{l}{A} \frac{1}{j\omega_a}$$

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## **Lorentz-violating electrostatics and magnetostatics**

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The static limit of Lorentz-violating electrodynamics in vacuum and in media is investigated. Features of the general solutions include the need for unconventional boundary conditions and the mixing of electrostatic and magnetostatic effects. Explicit solutions are provided for some simple cases. Electromagnetostatics experiments show promise for improving existing sensitivities to parity-odd coefficients for Lorentz violation in the photon sector.

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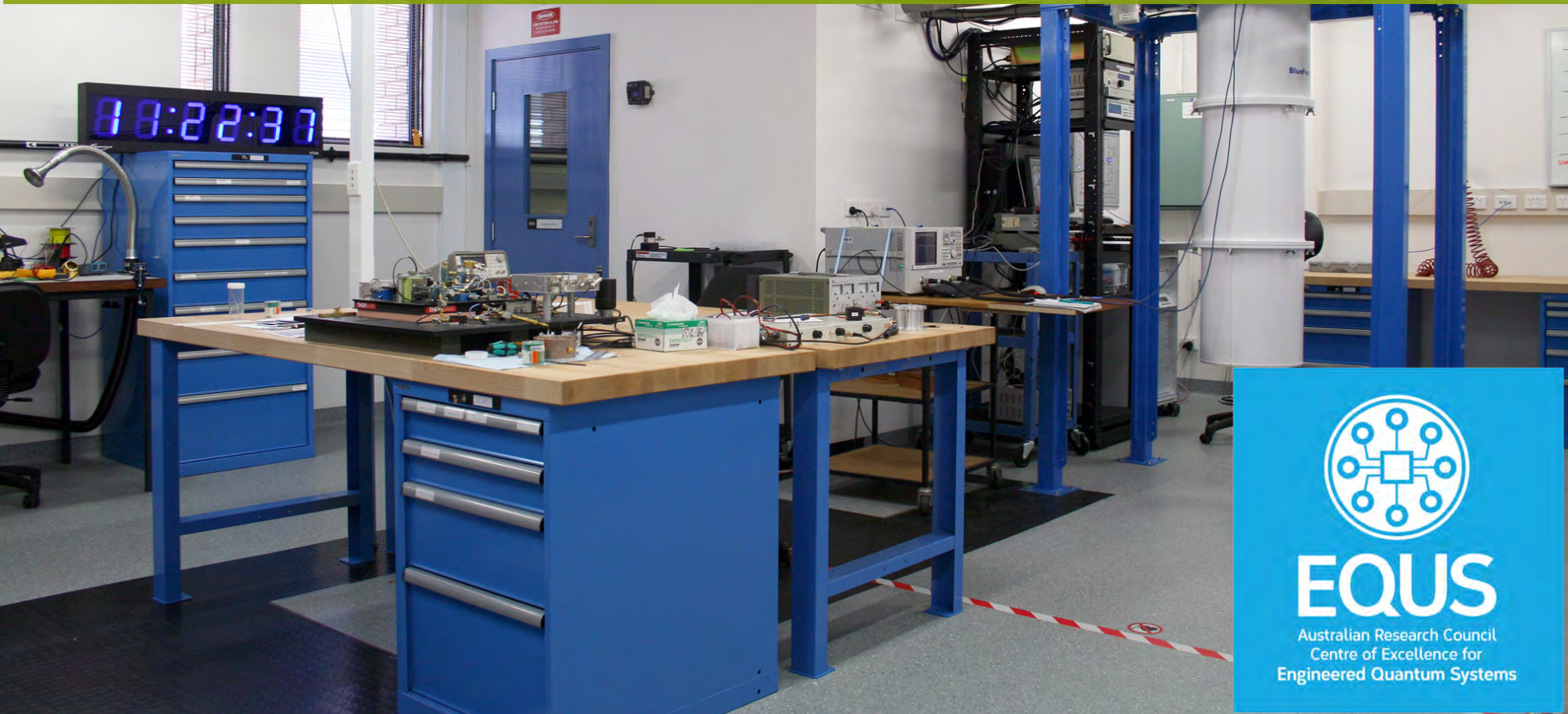


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# Broadband Electric-field Axion Sensing Technique (BEAST)

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# BEAST: First Limits

Higher resolution search was conducted around 5 kHz, with the minimal spectral resolution of 4.5 mHz (increasing at higher frequencies)

All sharp peaks greater than 4.4 standard deviations from the mean originating from the SQUID were able to be excluded, due to a similar signal appearing in the flux line

Using this data, we may place the 95 % confidence exclusion limits on axion-photon coupling

