

Introduction to and laboratory-based searches for axions and axion-like particles

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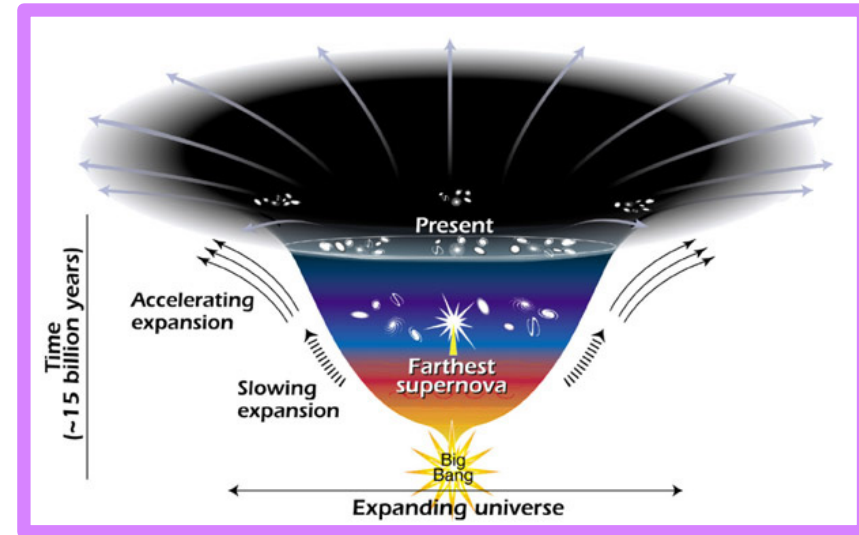
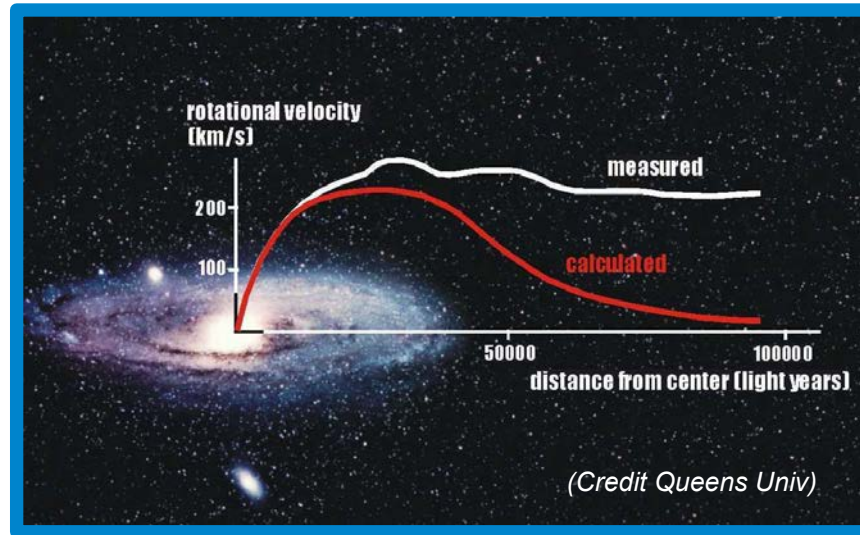
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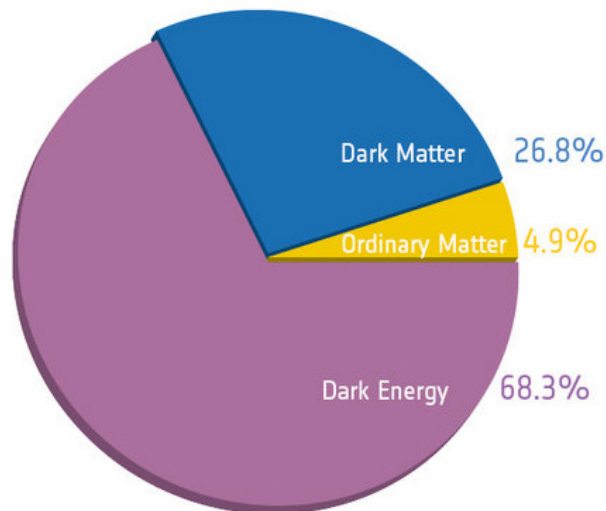


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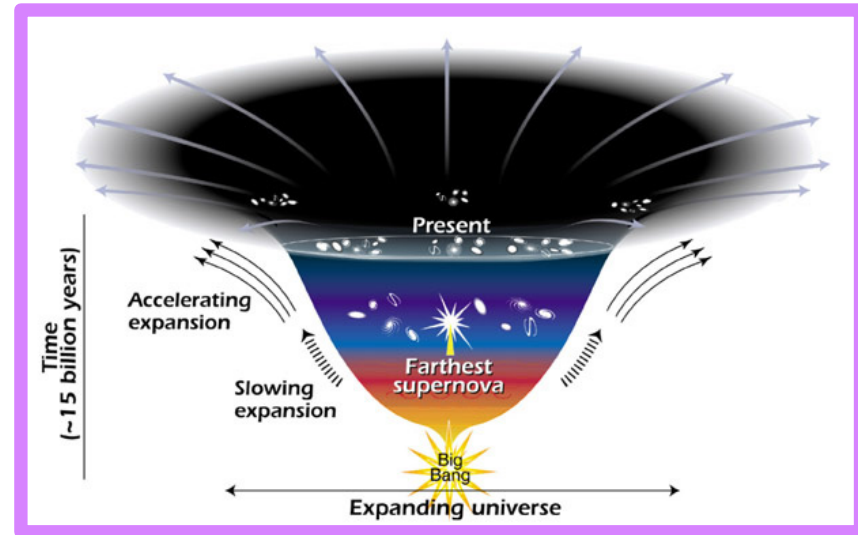
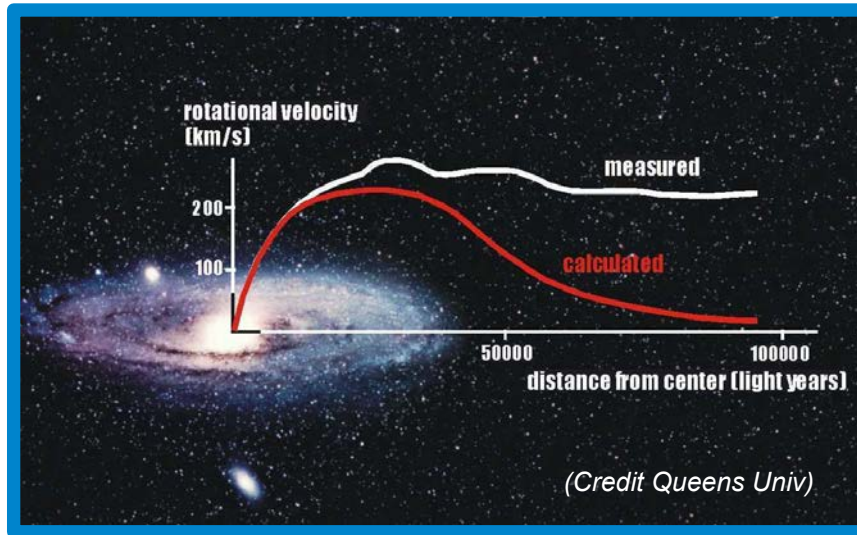
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Even if one neglects dark energy:
85% of the matter is of unknown constituents.

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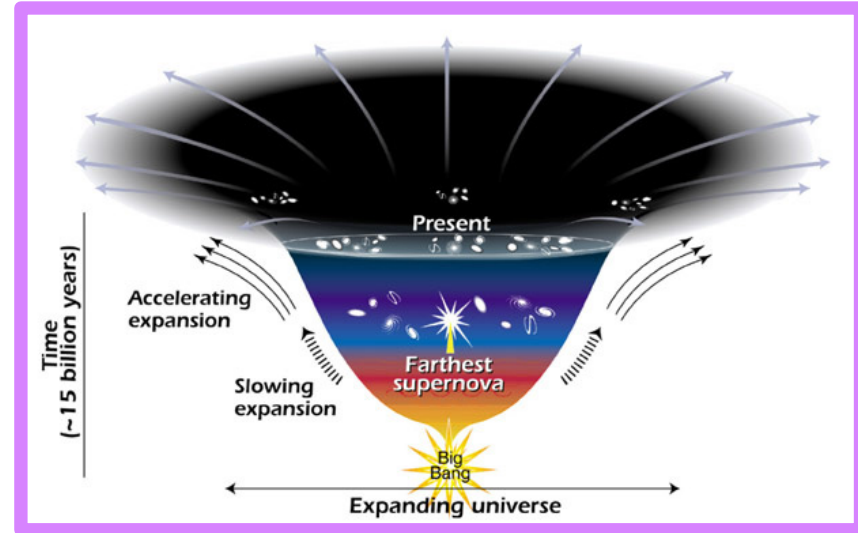
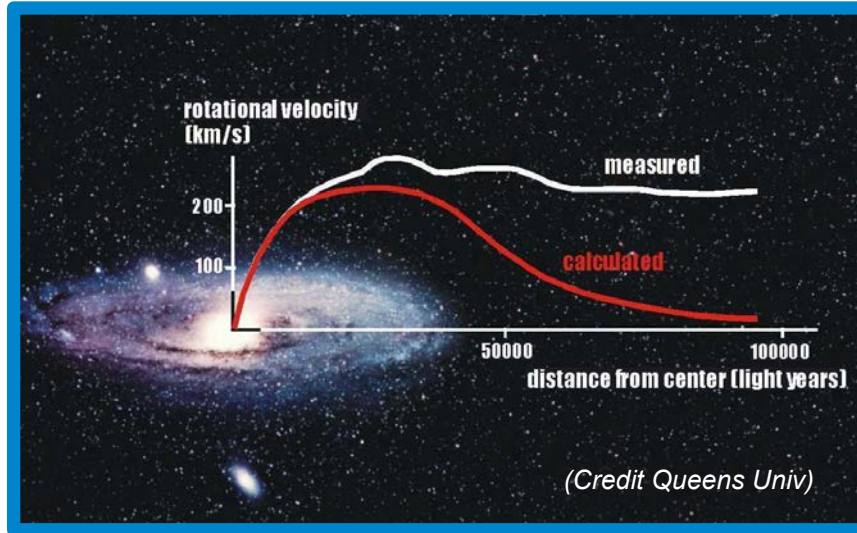


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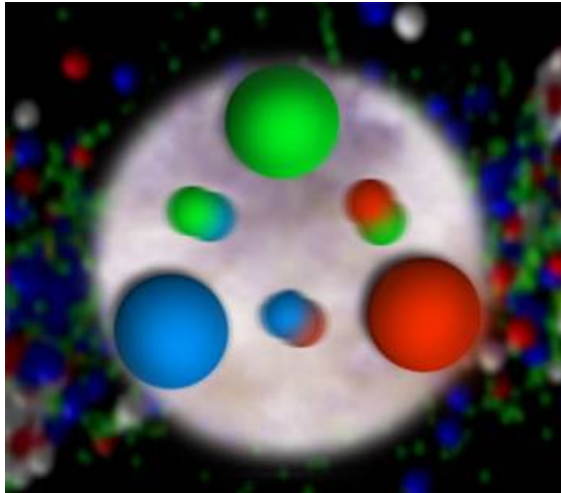
- Extremely lightweight scalar particle

**NO HINT ON MASS OF
DM CONSTITUENTS!**

There might be physics beyond the SM

> CP-conservation in QCD:

why does the static electromagnetic dipole moment of the neutron vanish?



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

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

Why does QCD conserve CP?

In principle QCD would allow for CP violation parameterized by an overall phase φ of the quark mass matrix.

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> CP-conservation in QCD:

F. Wilczek at “Vistas in Axion Physics”, Seattle, 26 April 2012

(see http://www.int.washington.edu/talks/WorkShops/int_12_50W/People/Wilczek_F/Wilczek.pdf)

*The overall phase of the quark mass matrix is physically meaningful.
In the minimal standard model, this phase is a free parameter, theoretically.
Experimentally it is very small.
This is the most striking unnaturality of the standard model, aside from the
cosmological term.
It does not seem susceptible of anthropic “explanation”.*

In QCD a free parameter ϑ could have any value between 0 and 2π .

Experimentally, $\vartheta < 10^{-9}$.

> A “fine-tuning” problem!



Physics beyond the standard model

> STRONG EVIDENCE FROM COSMOLOGY

- No clue on energy scale of BSM physics from DM.

> HINTS FROM PARTICLE PHYSICS

- Fine-tuning issues not only at the TeV-scale!



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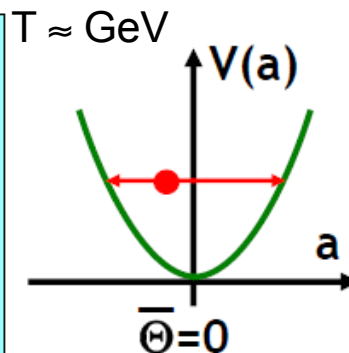
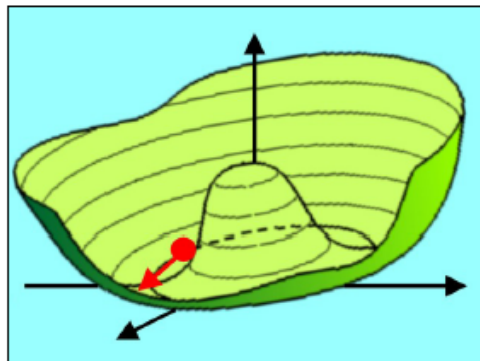
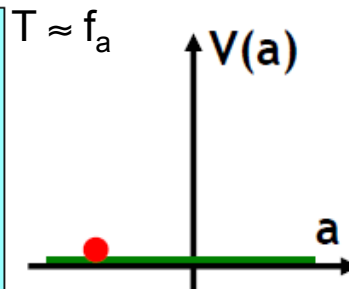
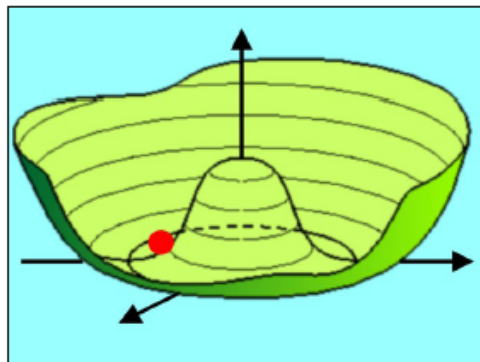


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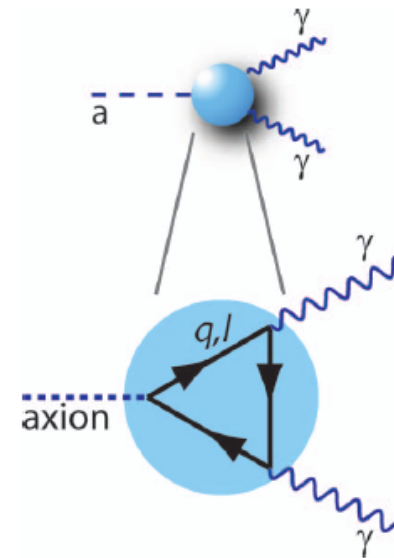
➤ CP-conservation in QCD:

A dynamic explanation for $\bar{\theta} < 10^{-9}$ predicts the axion, which couples very weakly to two photons.

Peccei-Quinn 1977



Wilczek and Weinberg 1978

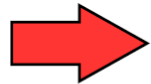


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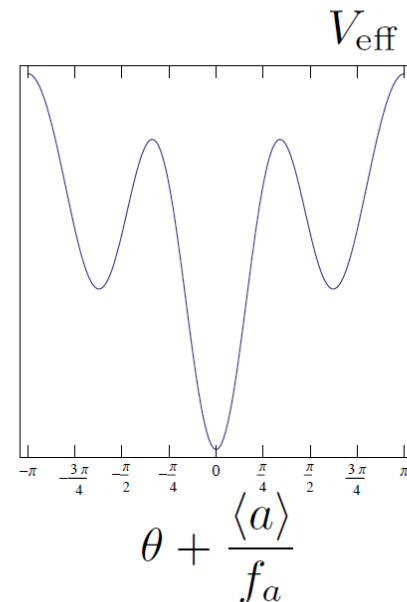
Massless Goldstone Boson: the axion

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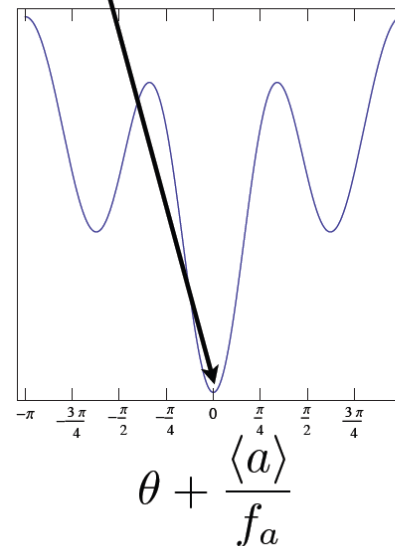
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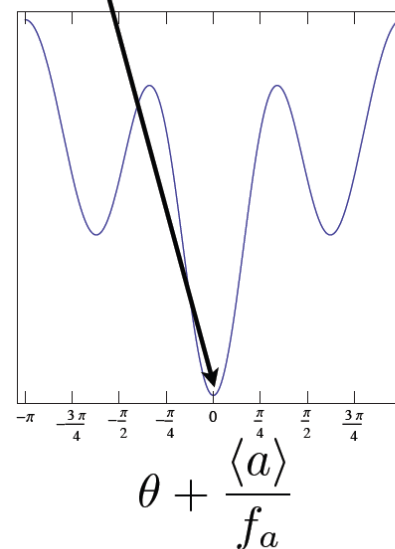
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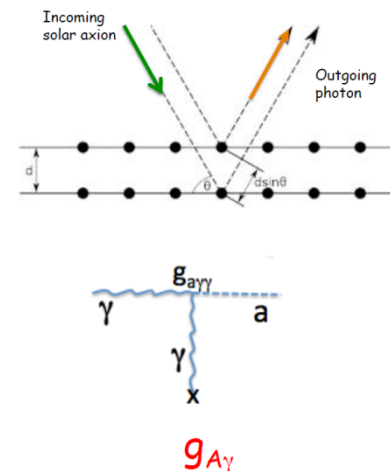
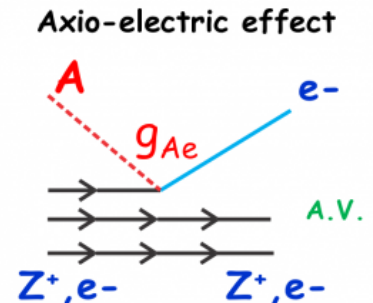
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(for example exploited by EDELWEISS).
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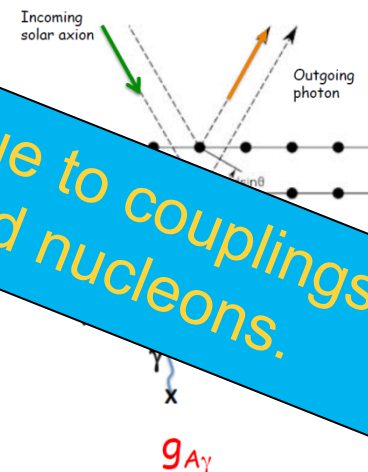
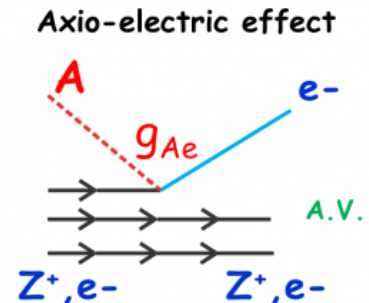
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Results often model-dependent due to couplings of axions and ALPs to electrons and nucleons.



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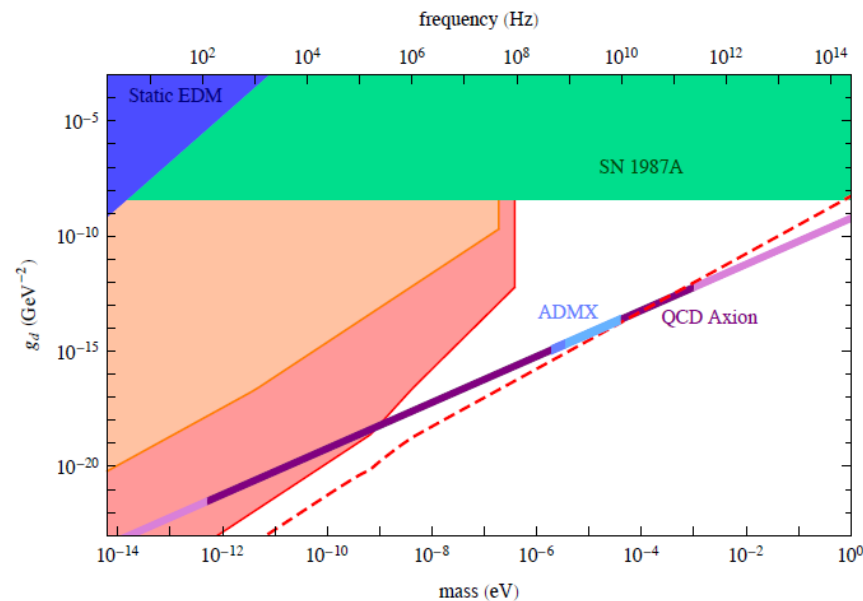
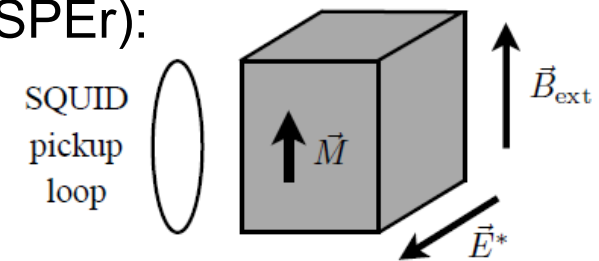
> Axion-induced effects in atoms, molecules, and nuclei:

Y. V. Stadnik and V. V. Flambaum, PHYSICAL REVIEW D 89, 043522 (2014)

> Cosmic Axion Spin Precession Experiment (CASPER):

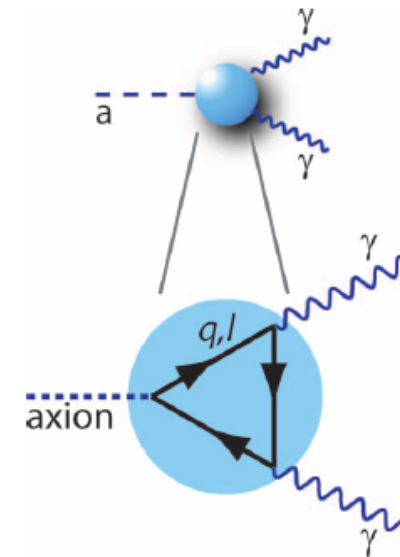
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- Dark Matter axions induce a nucleon EDM of 10^{-34} e·cm oscillating at $m_a c^2/h$.
- This oscillation is brought into resonance with oscillating moments induced by B and E fields in the laboratory.
- Pathfinder experiment needed!



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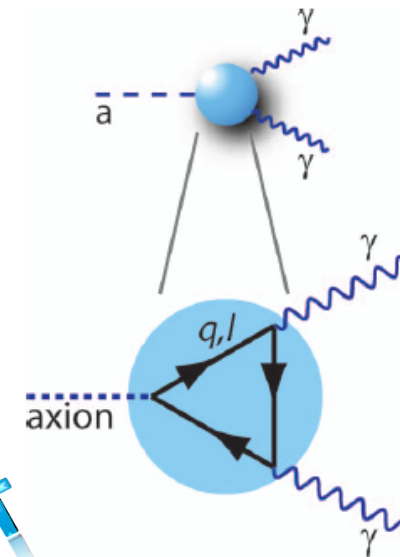
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NON-THERMAL ORIGIN
FROM VACUUM RE-ALIGNMENT



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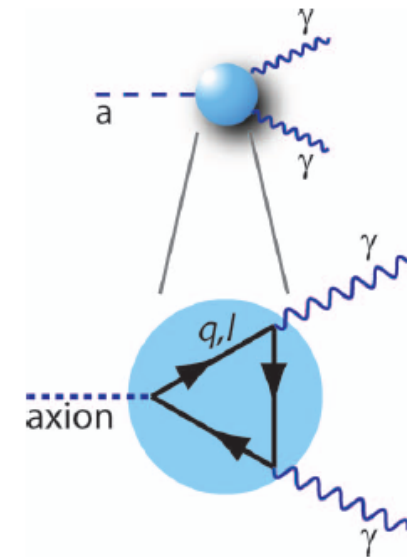
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VERY LIGHTWEIGHT
COLD DARK MATTER!



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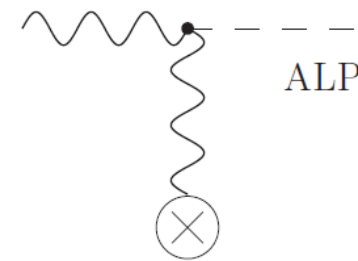


More general: WISPy particles

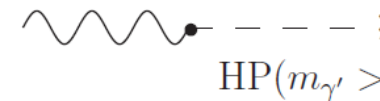
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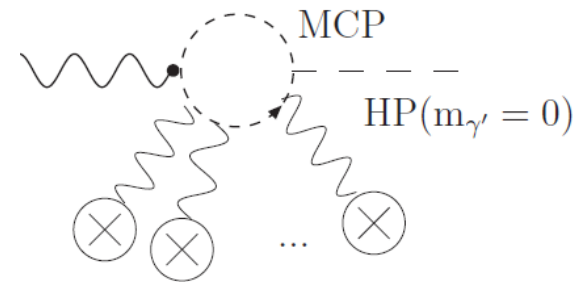
ALPs, pseudoscalar or scalar bosons,
 m and g are **not related** by an f .



> Hidden photons (neutral vector bosons)



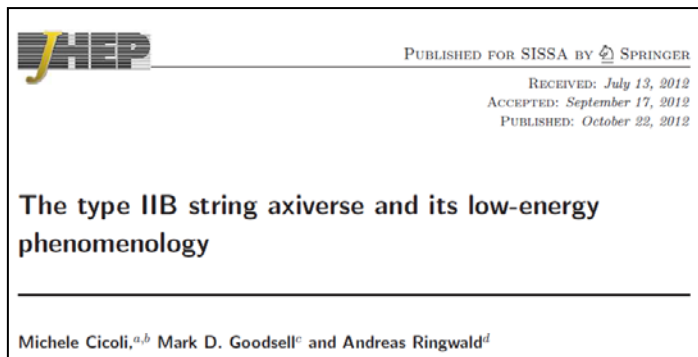
> Mini-charged particles



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

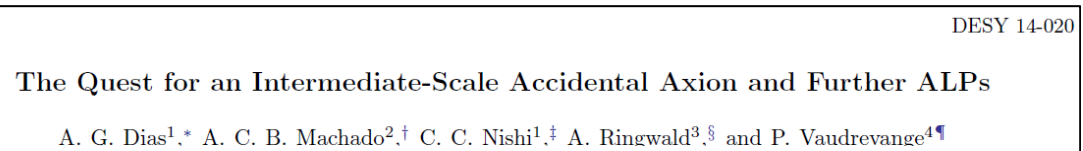
Such WISPs are expected by theory

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



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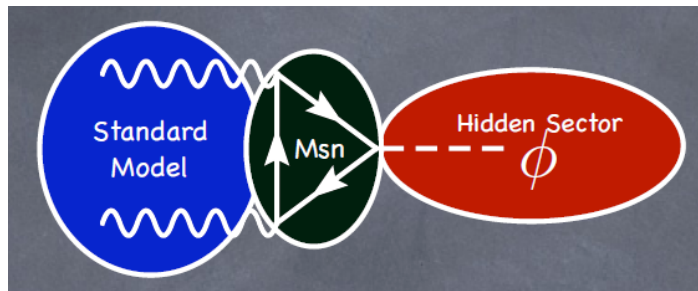
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- > Their weak interaction might be related to very heavy messenger particles.

Thus WISPs may open up a window to particle physics at highest energies.



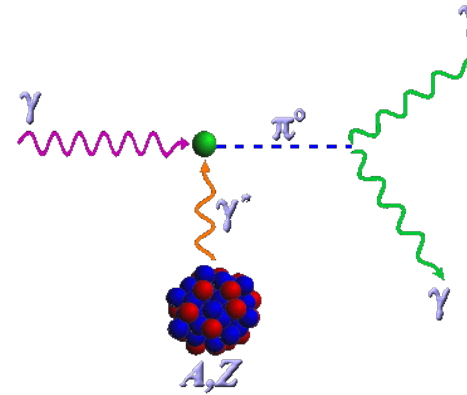
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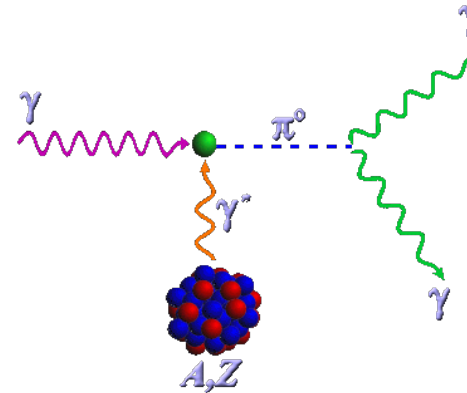
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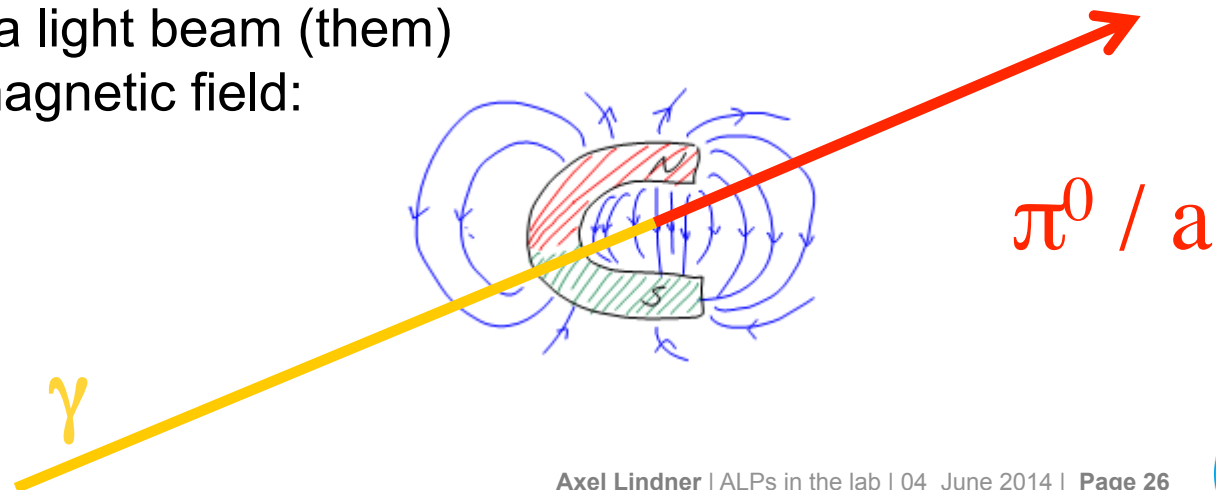
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> Axions could be produced (detected) by sending a light beam (them) through a magnetic field:



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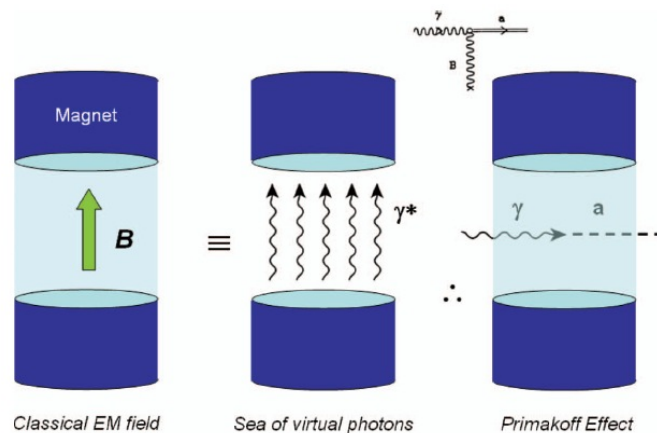
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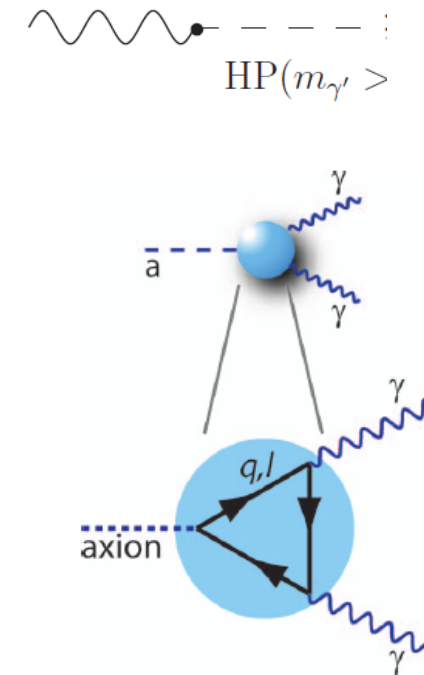
- > kinetic mixing (hidden photons)
- > the Primakoff effect (axion-like particles)

- photon + (virtual) photon \rightarrow ALP
- ALP + (virtual) photon \rightarrow photon

A virtual photon can be provided by an electromagnetic field.



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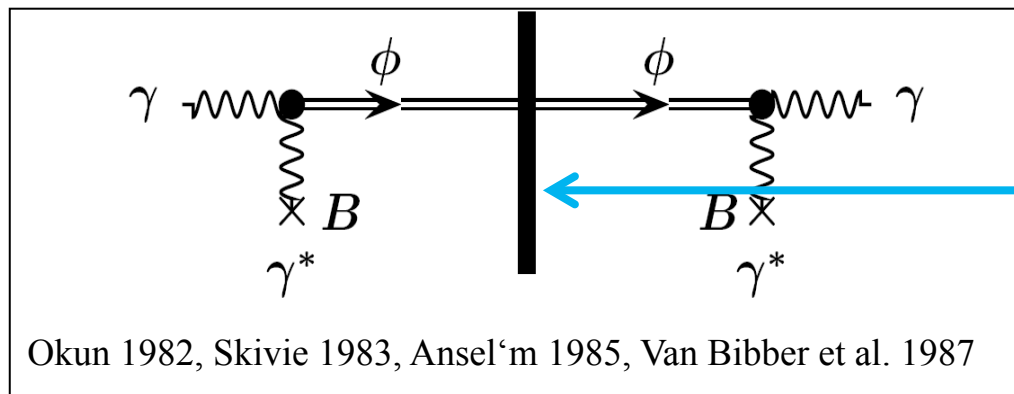


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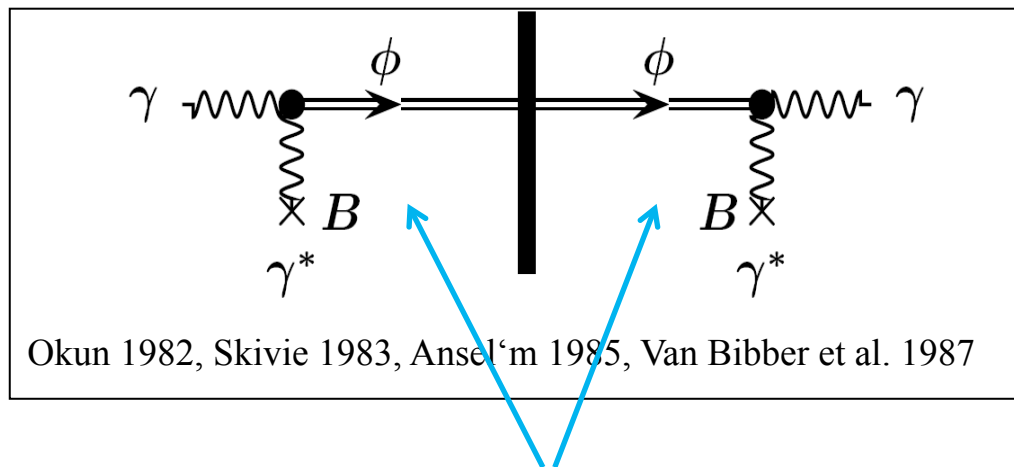
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steel wall, cryostat,
earth's atmosphere,
stellar body,
intergalactic background light,
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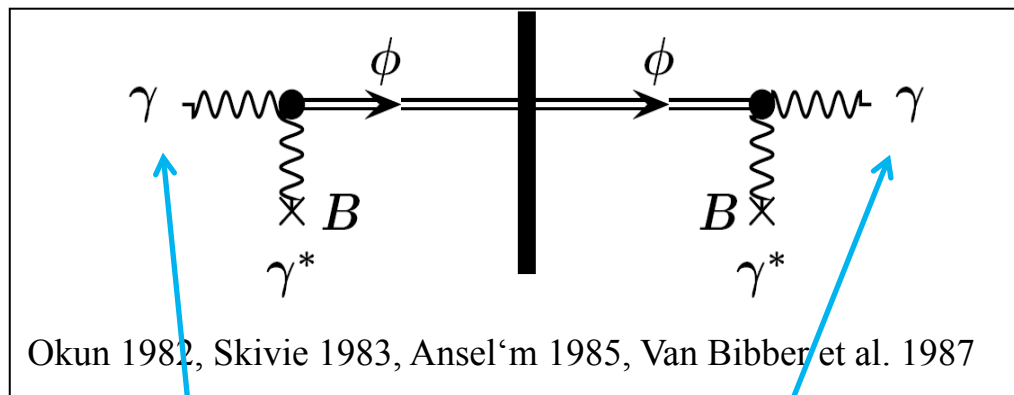
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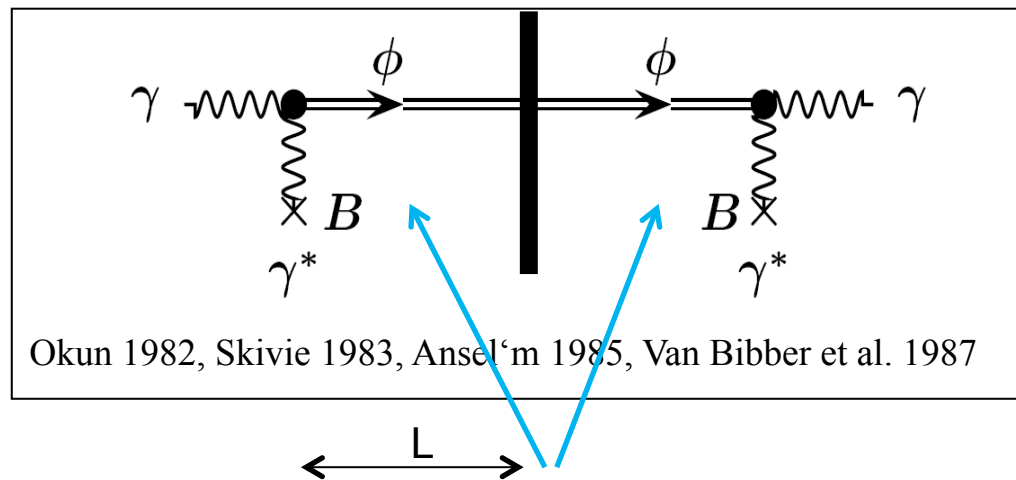
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The primary and the regenerated photons have exactly the same properties (energy, polarization).

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Coherent production and regeneration: $P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi} \propto (B \cdot L)^2$

ALPs in LSW experiments

- > The production (and re-conversion) of WISPs takes place in a coherent fashion.

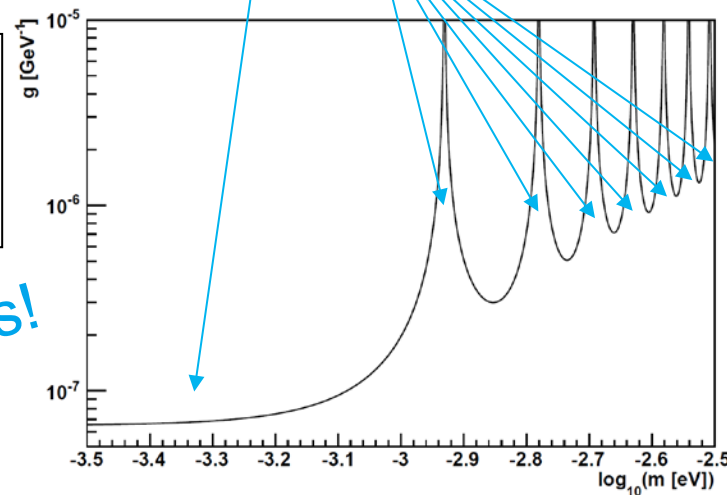
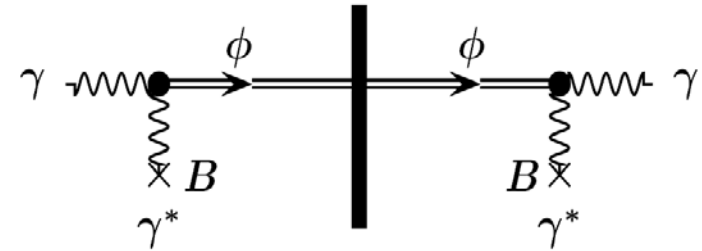
With: $q = p_\gamma - p_\phi \approx \frac{1}{2} \cdot m^2 / \omega$
 l : length of B field

$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi}(B, \ell, q) = \frac{1}{4} (g B \ell)^2 F(q\ell) \quad F(q\ell) = \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}q\ell\right)}{\frac{1}{2}q\ell} \right]^2$$

With $P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi} = P_{\phi \rightarrow \gamma} = P^{1/2}$: $g = (P)^{1/4} \cdot 2 \cdot / (L \cdot B) / F^{1/2}$

$P =$
 (photon flux behind wall) /
 (flux before wall)

Relativistic ALPs / axions!

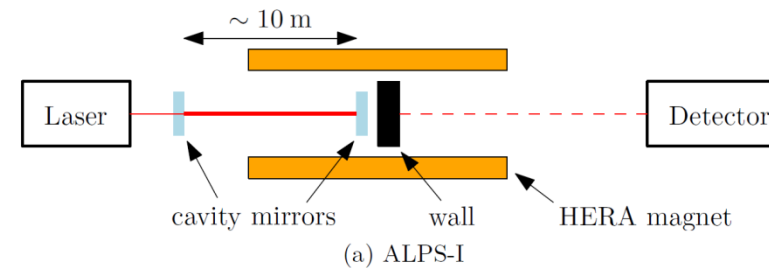


Example:
 the ALPS I
 experiment
 with 2.3 eV
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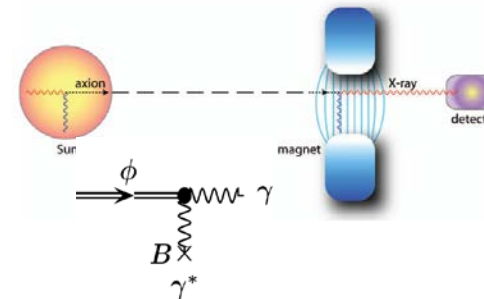
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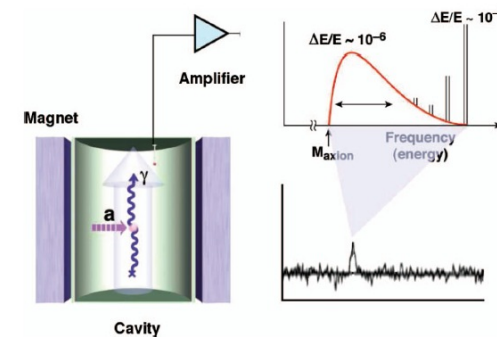
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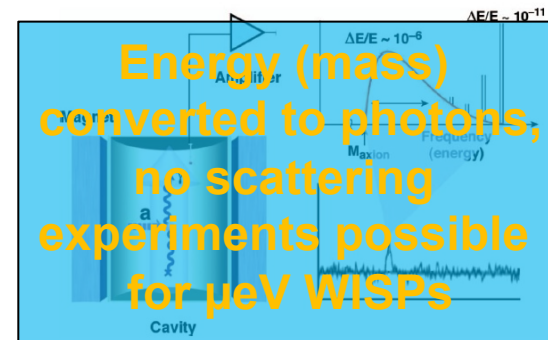
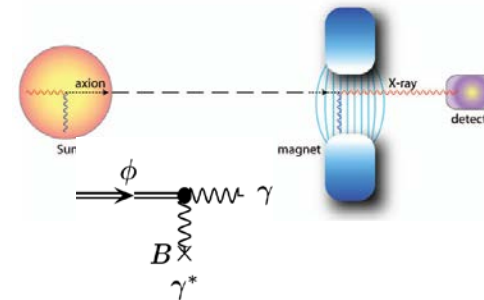
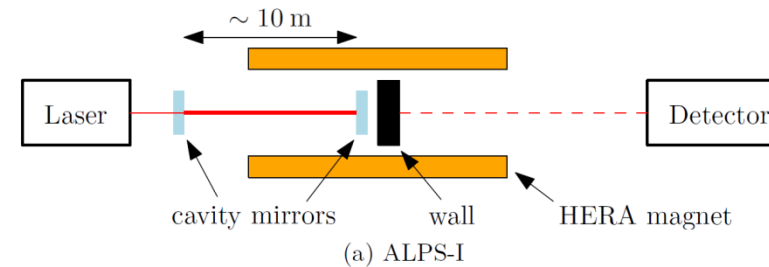
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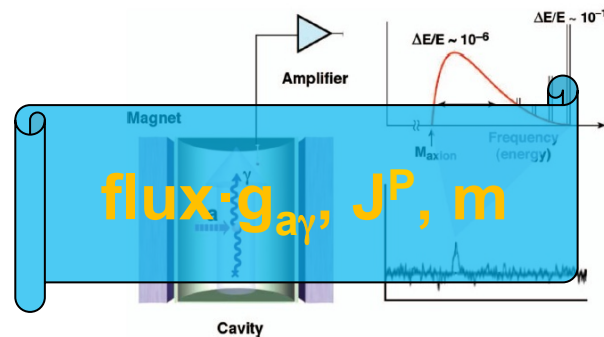
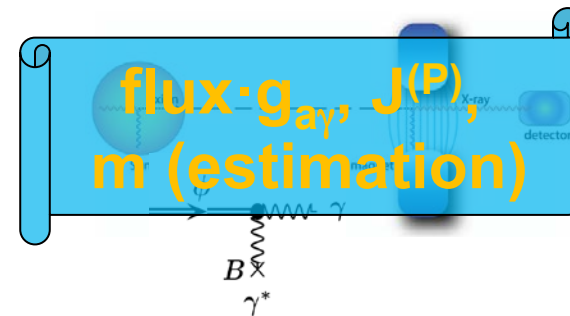
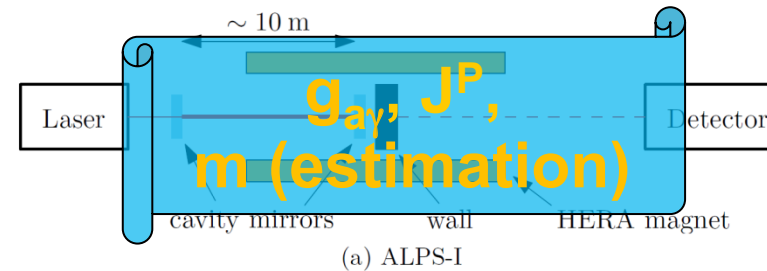
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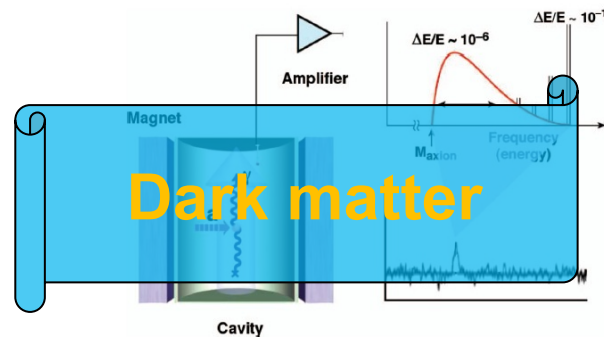
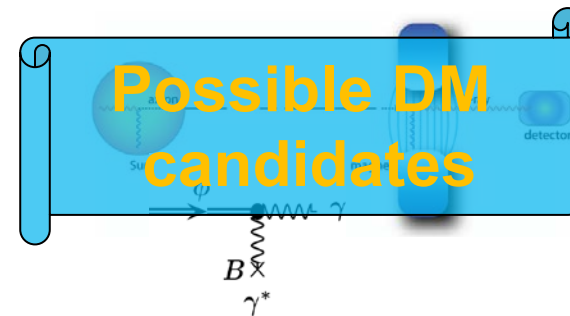
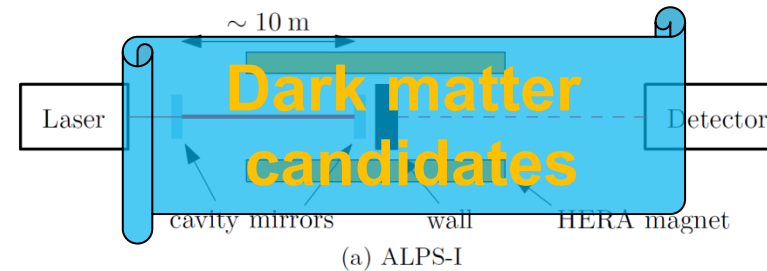
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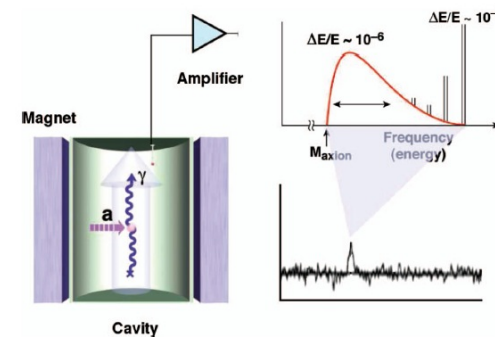
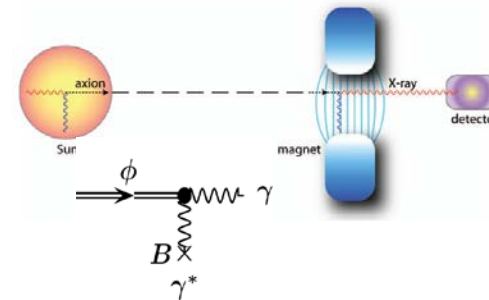
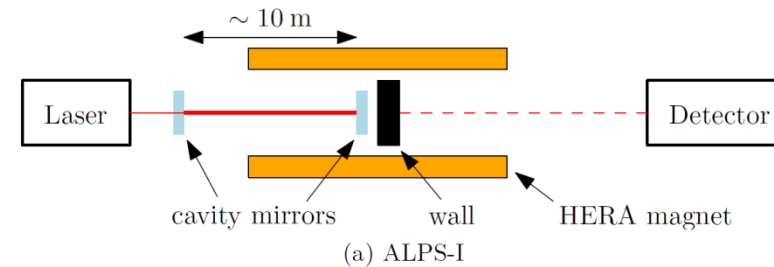
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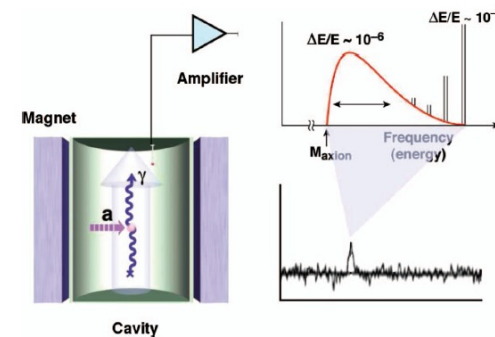
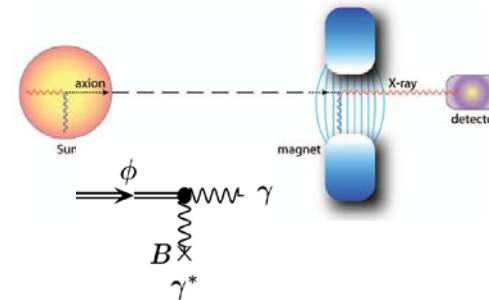
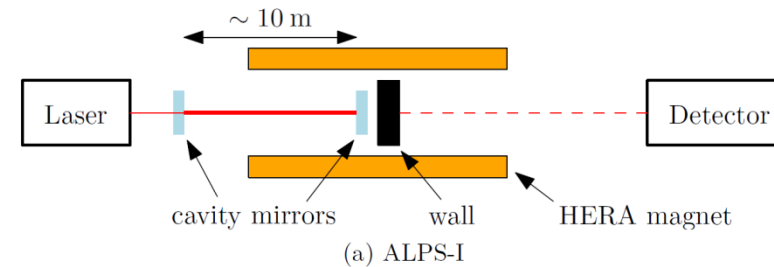
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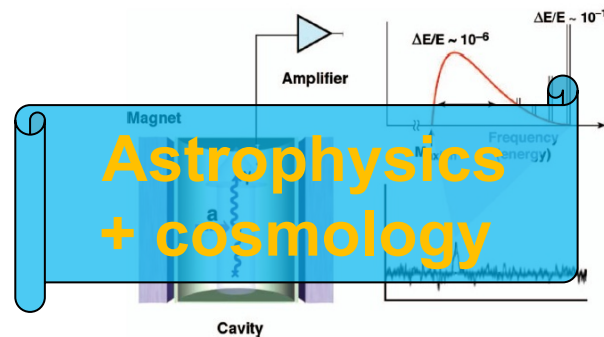
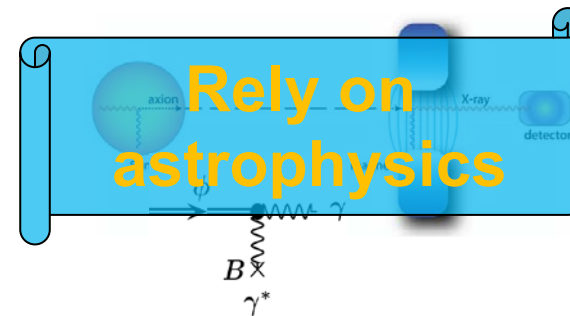
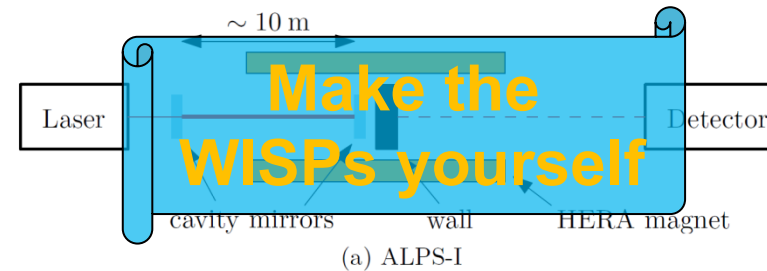
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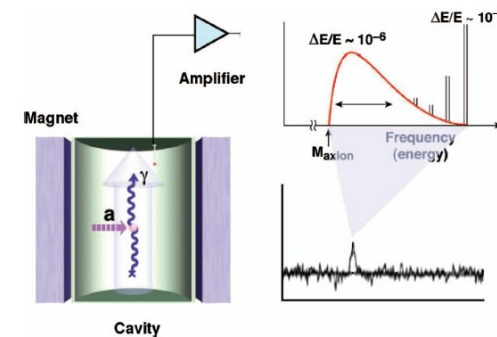
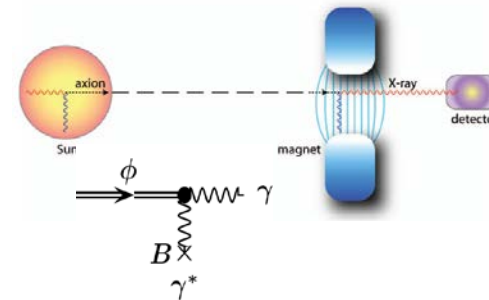
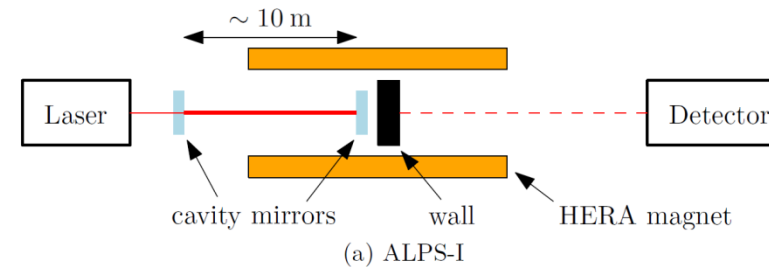
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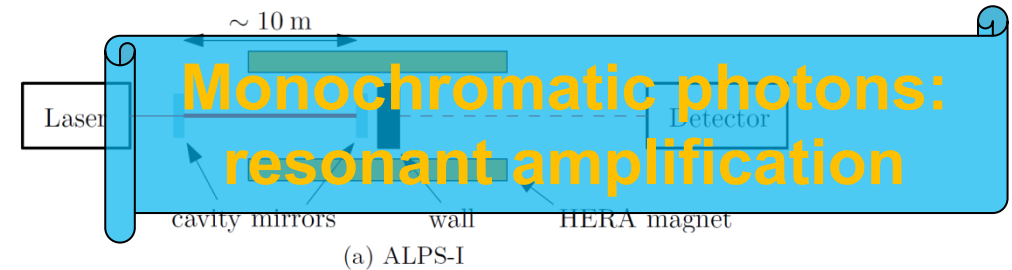
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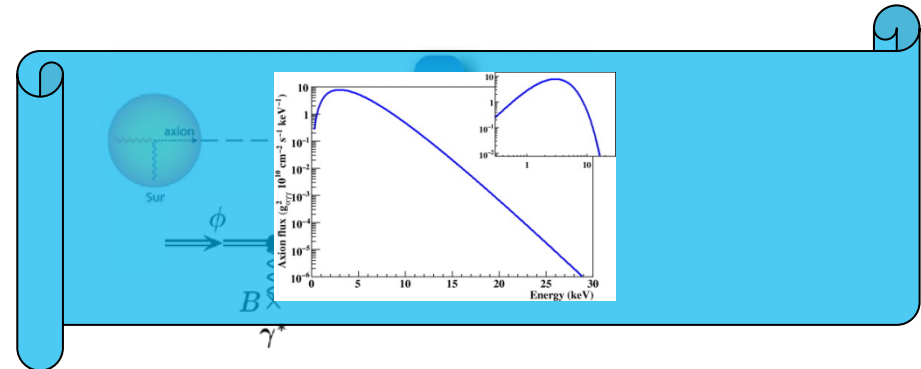
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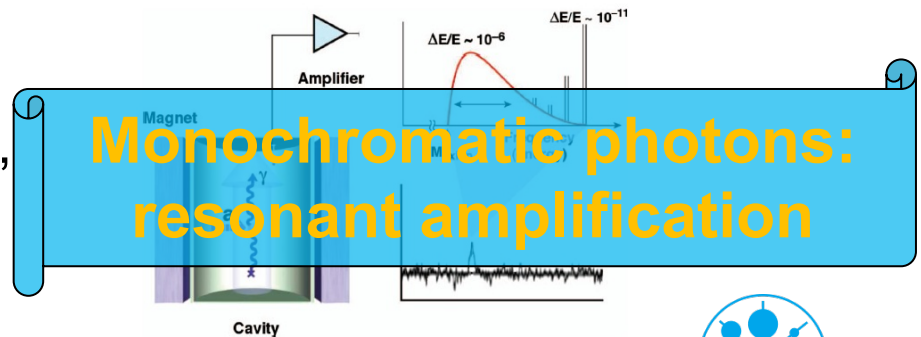
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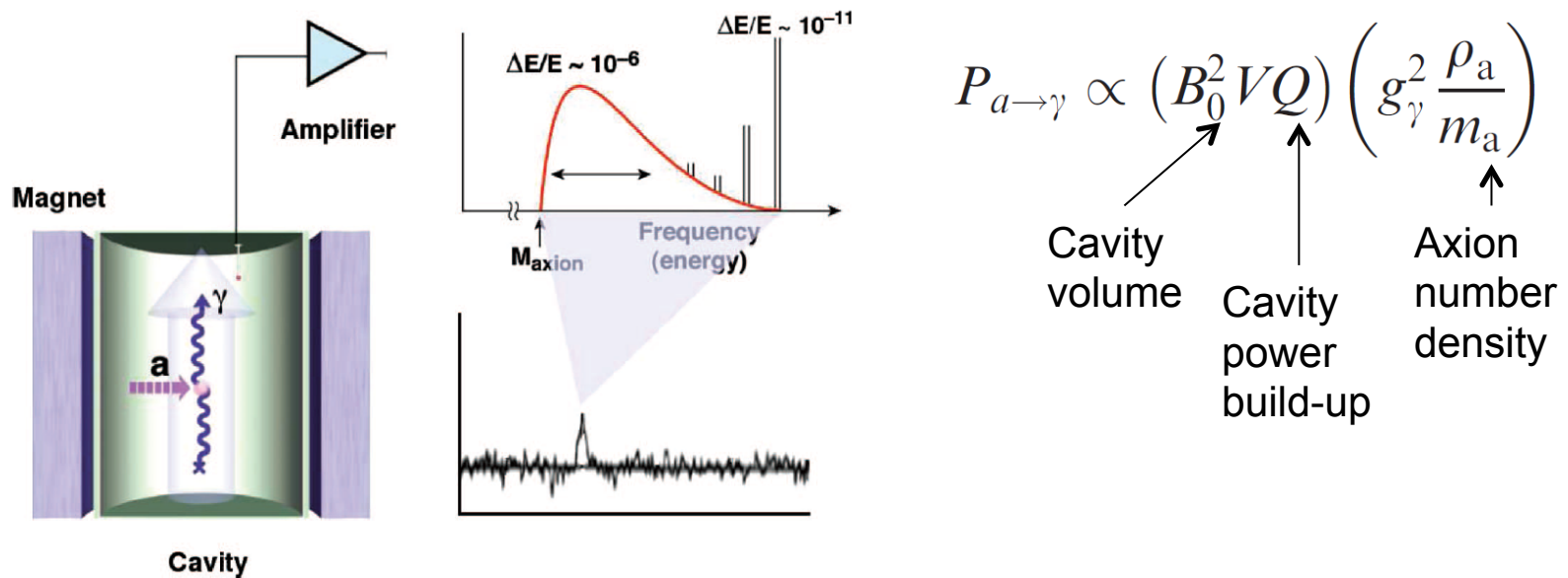


The Dark Matter case: ALPs at rest

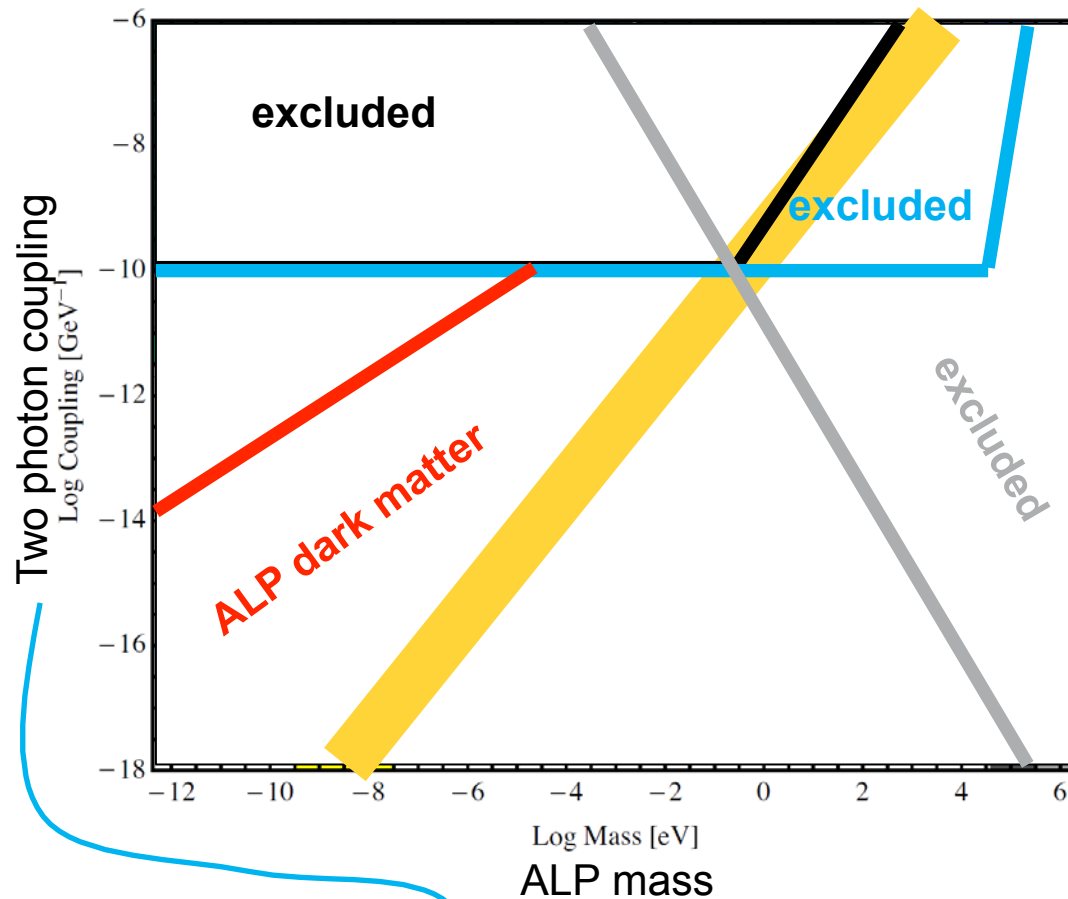
- > Cold Dark Matter: ALPs / axions move at non-relativistic speeds.

P. Sikivie, Experimental Tests of the "Invisible" Axion,
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- > When converting to photons, the photon energy is given by the WISP rest mass + an $O(10^{-6})$ correction.



The big picture: ALPs



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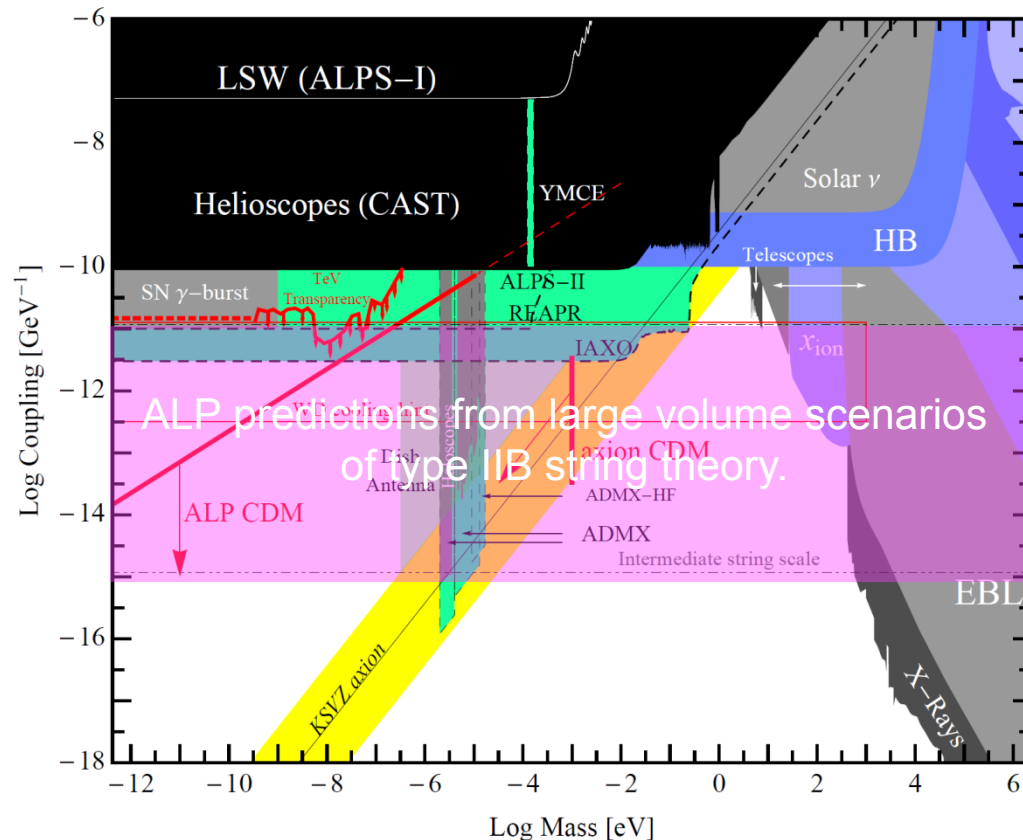
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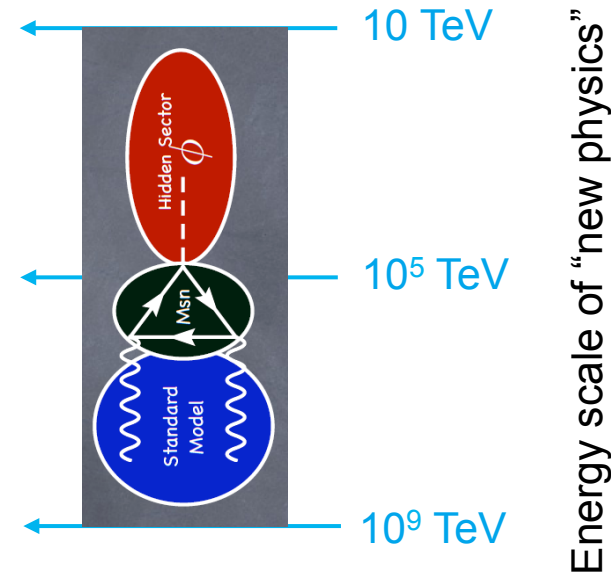
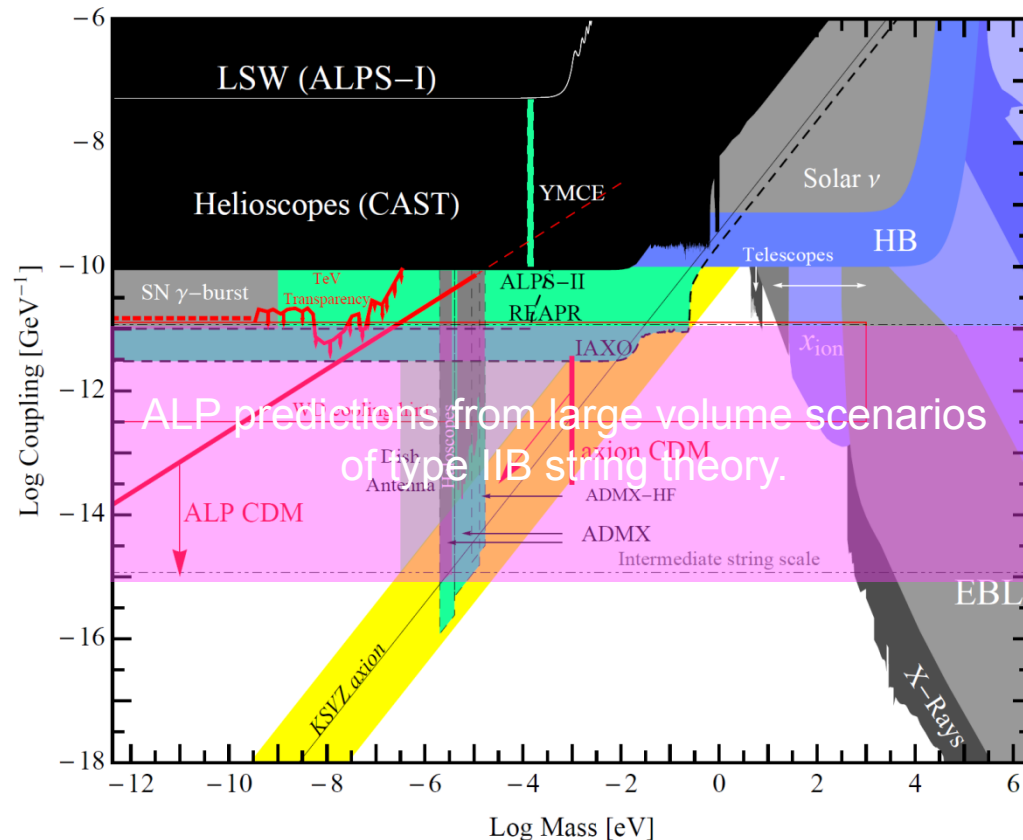
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- Indications for a WISPy world?
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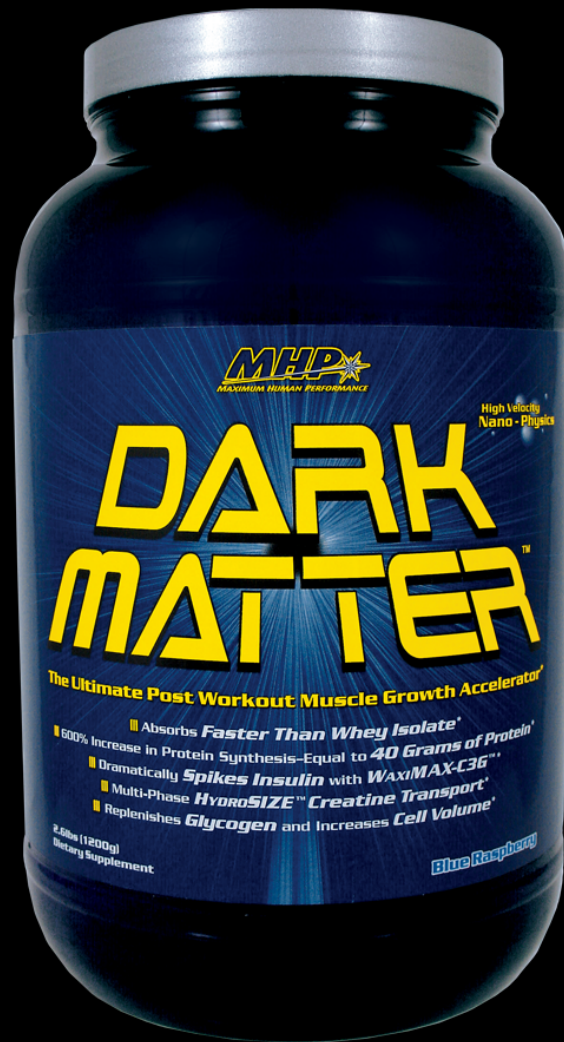
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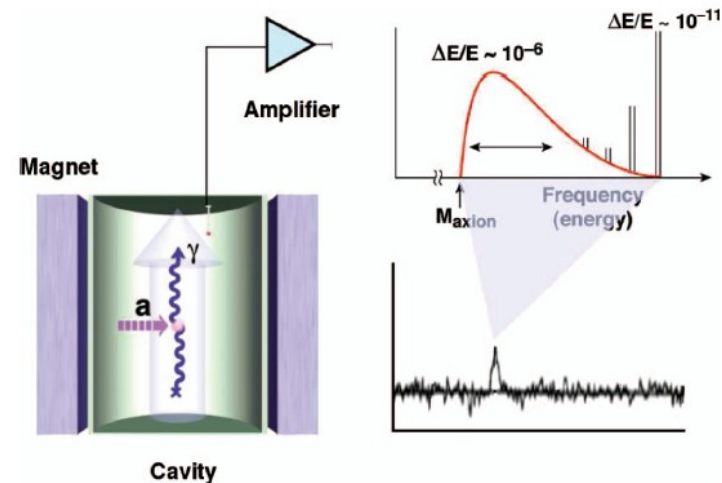


Haloscopes



Searches for WISPy cold dark matter

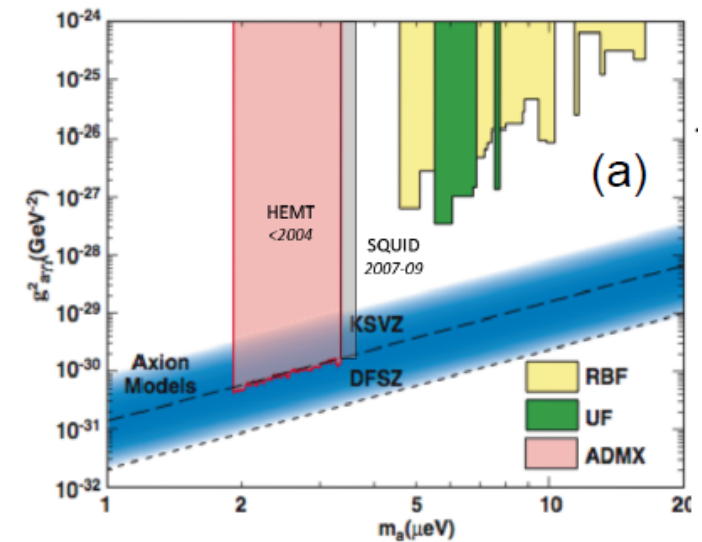
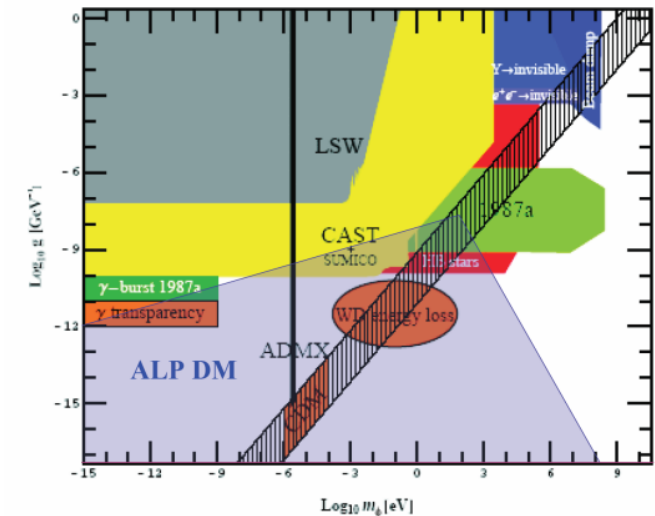
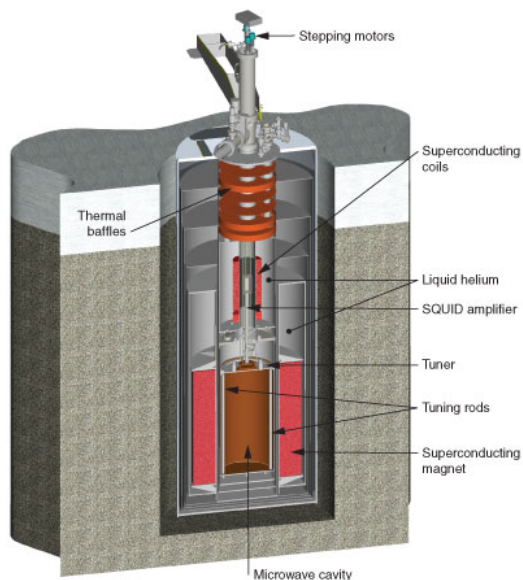
- Due to their low mass WISPy cold dark matter can not be detected by recoil techniques.
 - WISPy dark matter particles have to convert into photons in a thoroughly shielded environment.
 - The mass of the dark matter particle determines the energy to be detected. For axions it is in the microwave range.
 - The resonance frequency of the cavity is to be tuned to the WISP mass to be probed.
- This is a very time consuming process!



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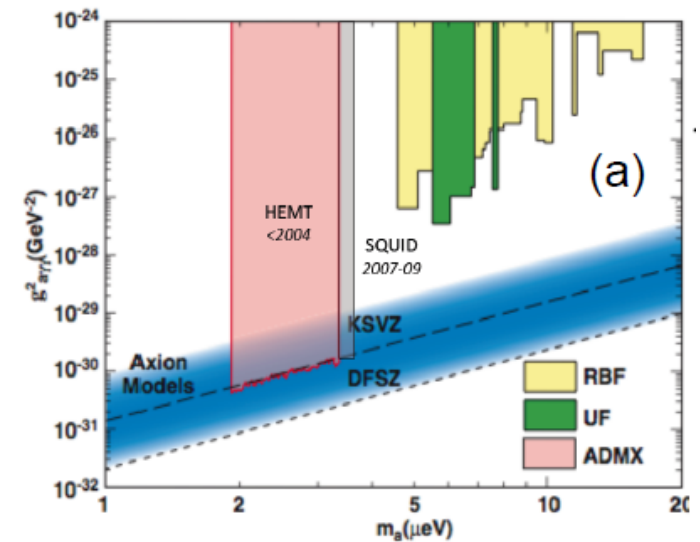
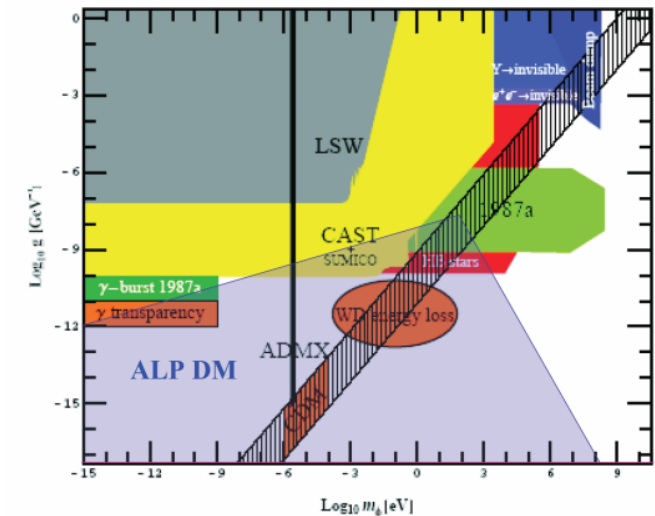
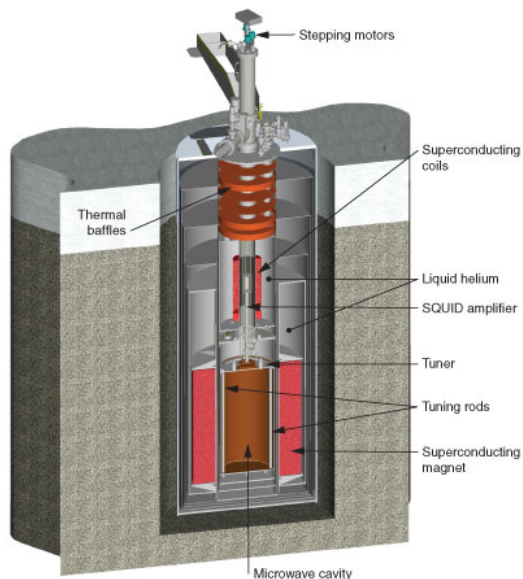
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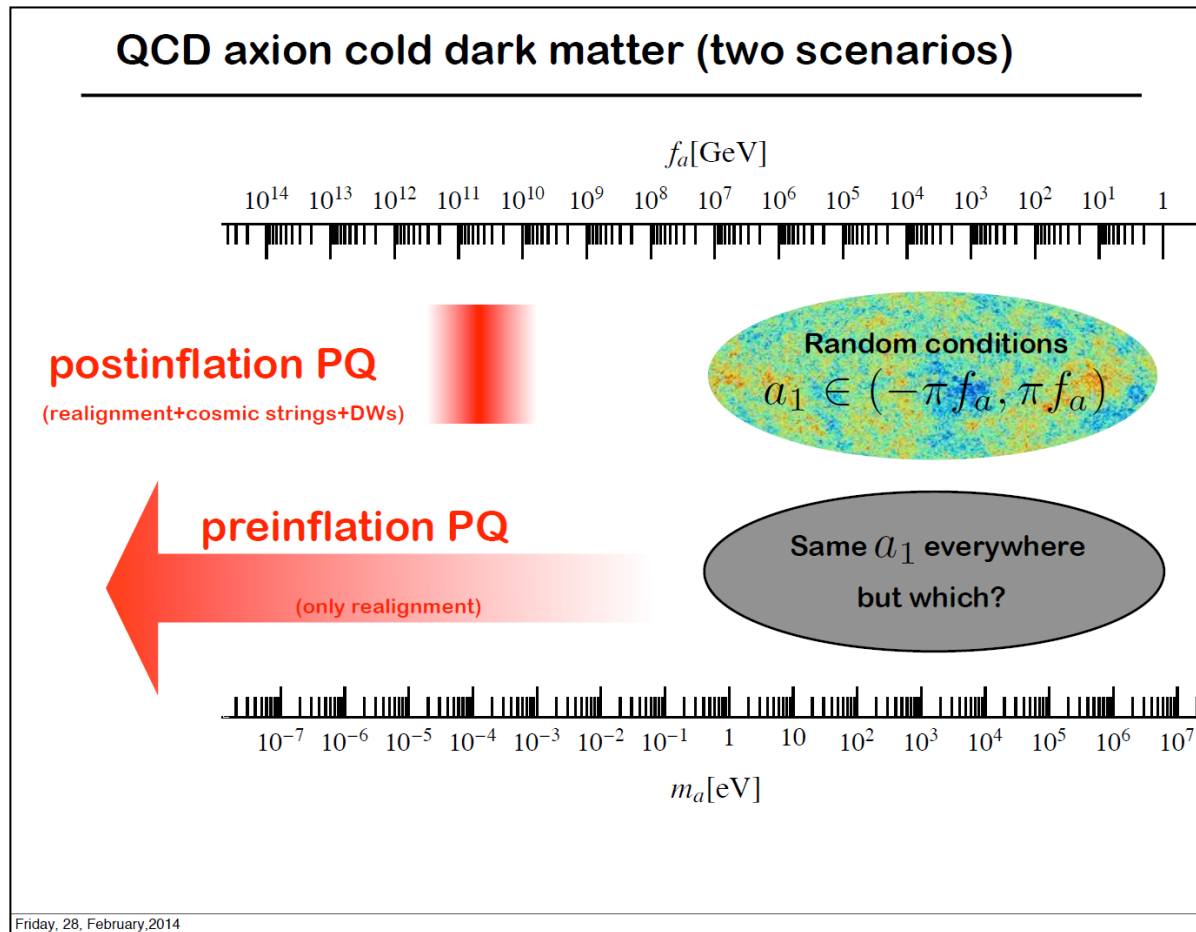


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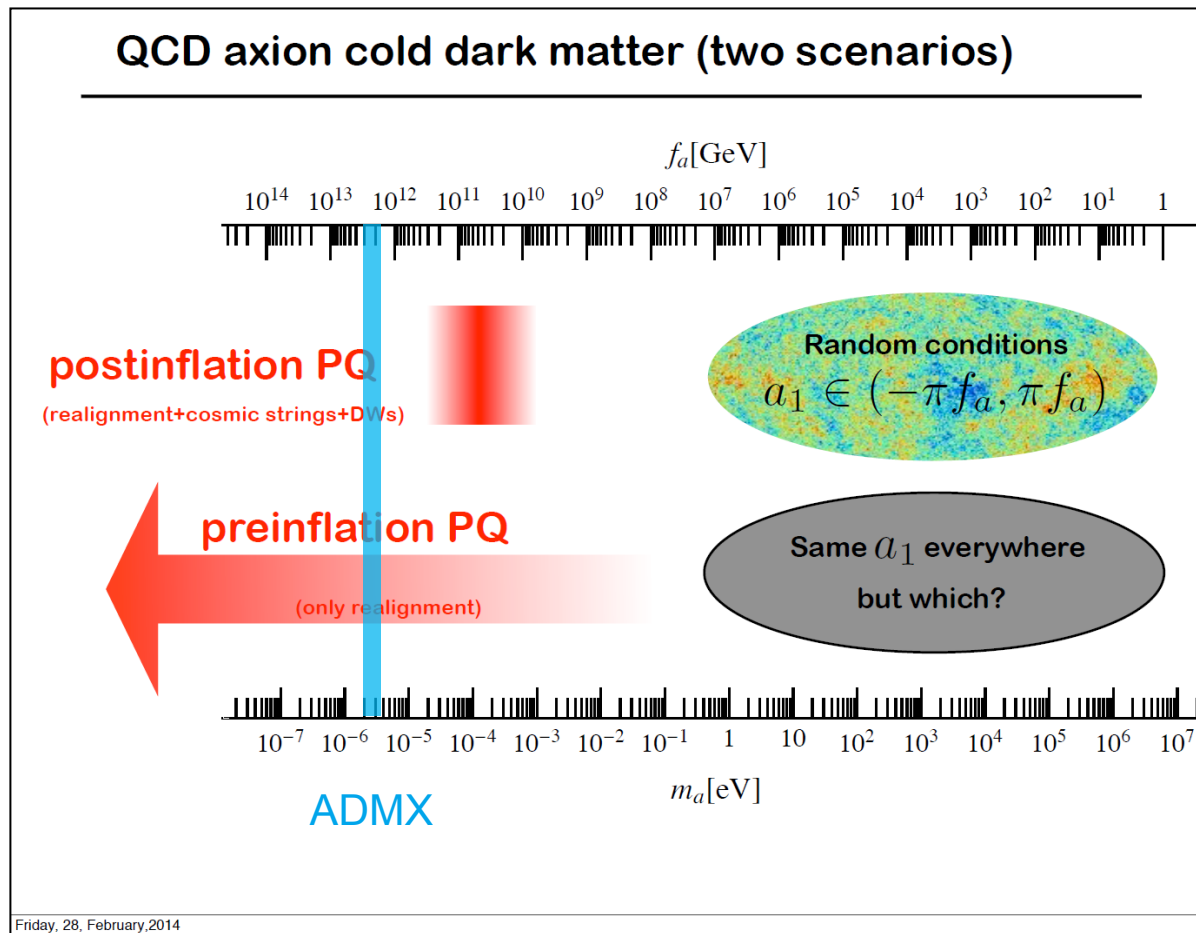


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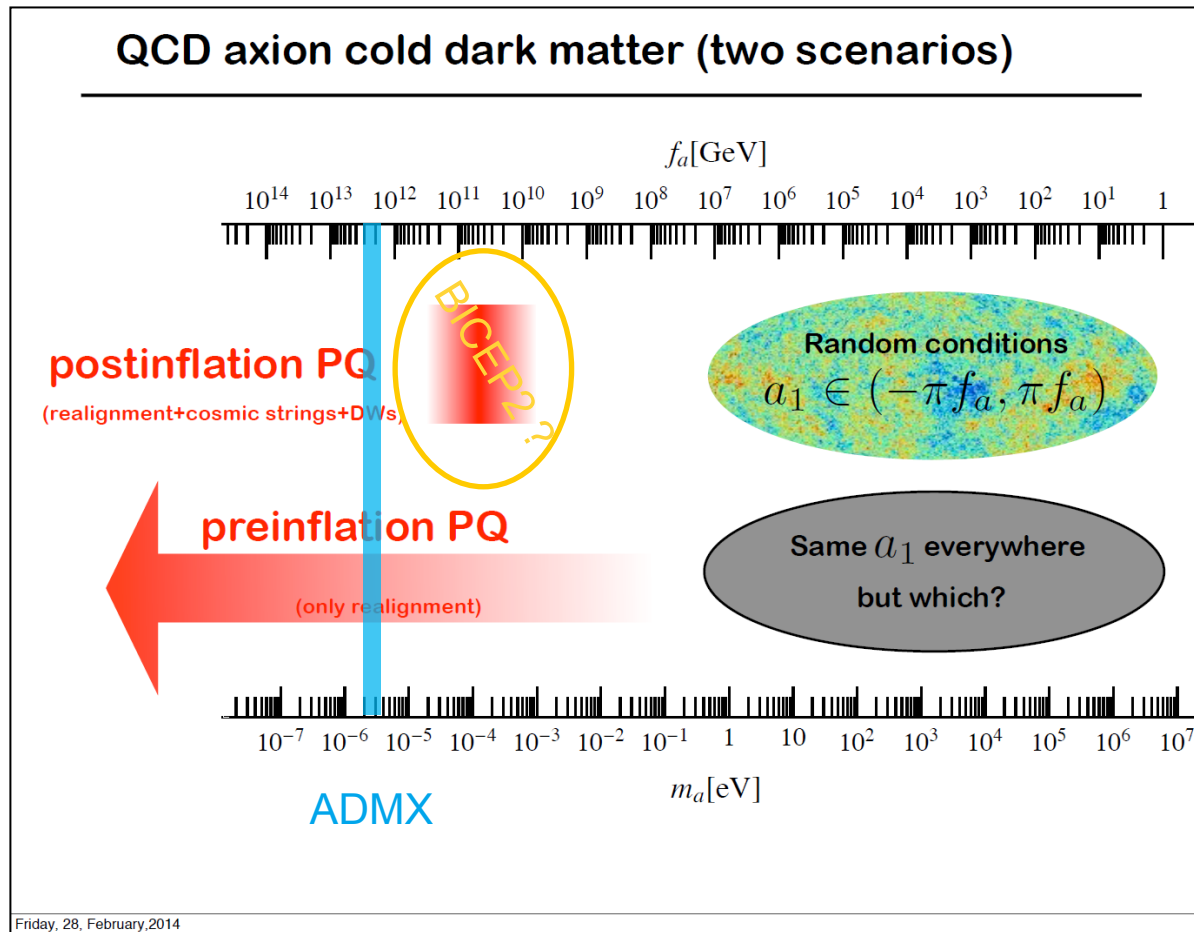
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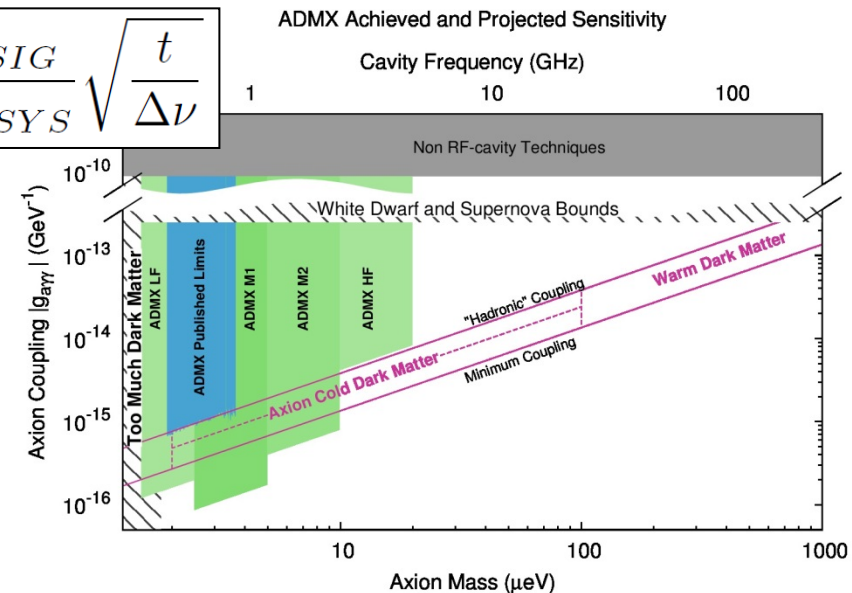


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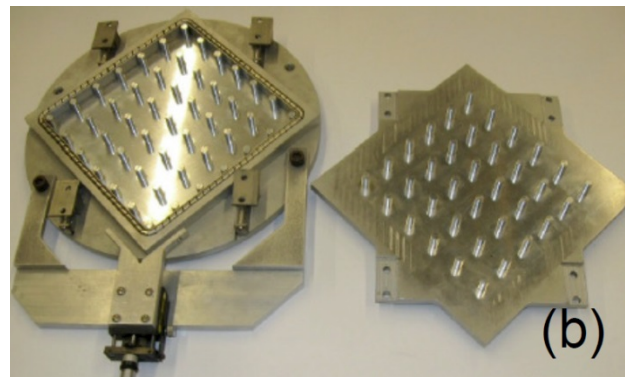
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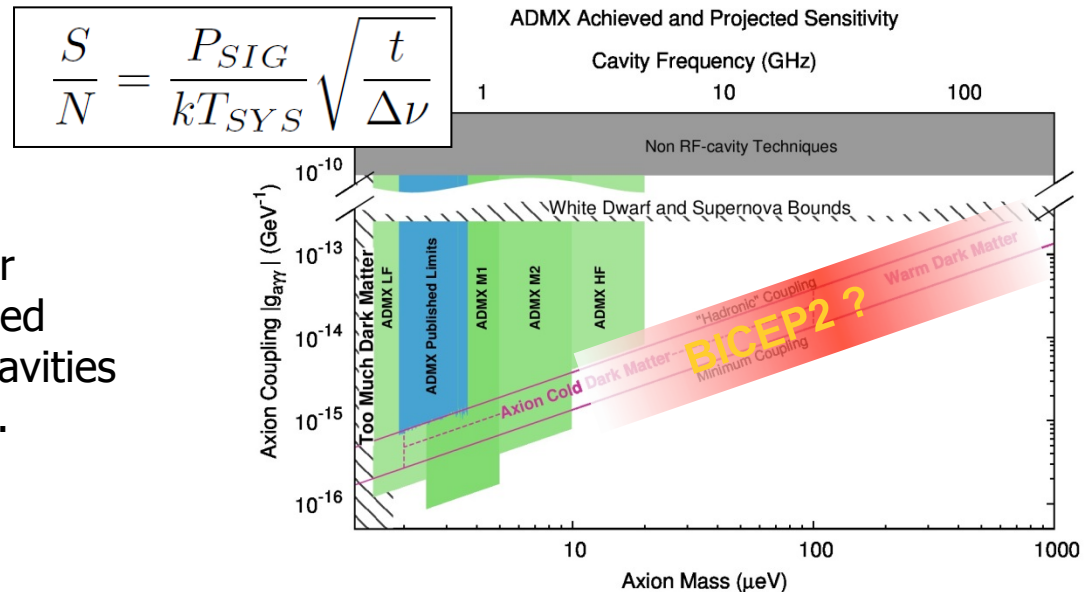
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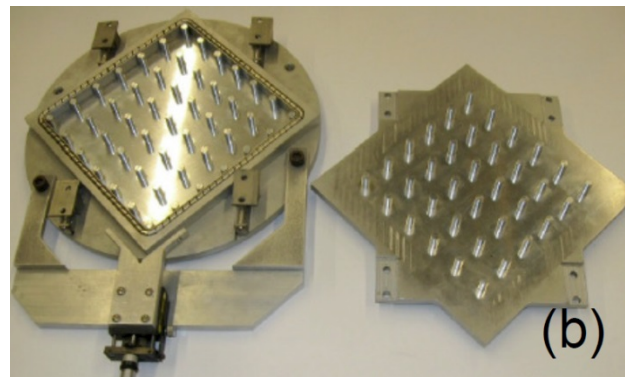
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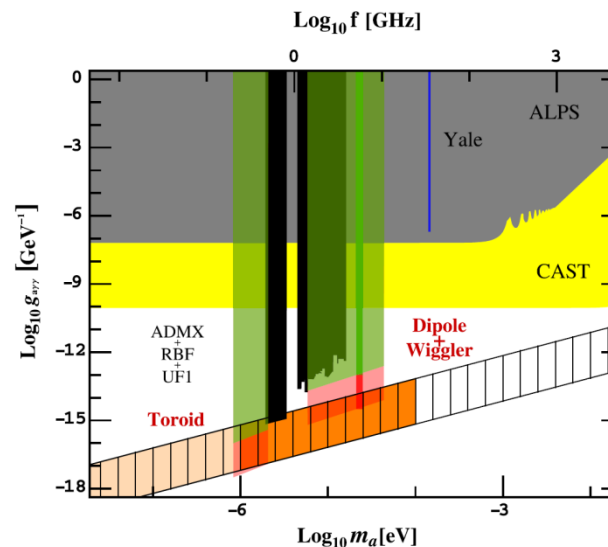
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- > No really promising ideas on how to reach a sensitivity to probe DM axions,
- > but ALP DM could be found!



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- Option 2: approaches to new broad-band searches

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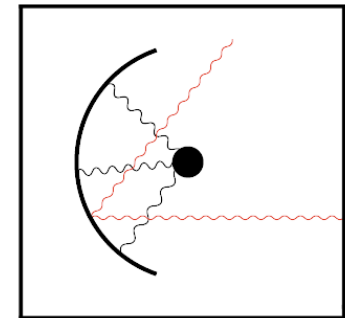
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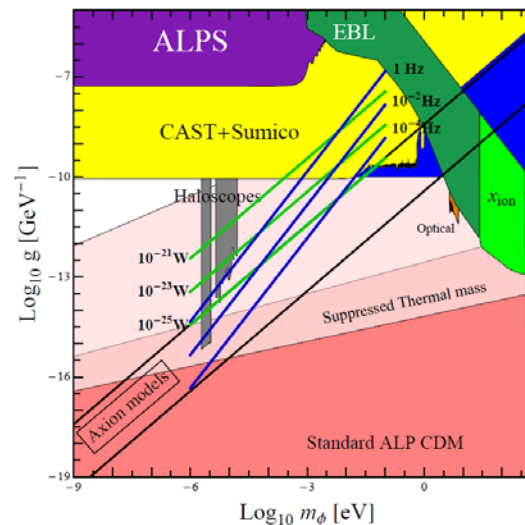
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- If the axion wave function encounters a sharp magnetic boundary, a (tiny) electromagnetic wave is reflected.
- This wave is emitted perpendicular to a reflecting surface (assuming a very slow moving axion).
- This emission can be concentrated onto a photon detector.
- With dish sizes of 1m² in a 5T field competitive sensitivities can be reached.



$$g_{\phi\gamma\gamma, \text{ sens}} = \frac{4.6 \times 10^{-6}}{\text{GeV}} \left(\frac{5 \text{ T}}{\sqrt{\langle |B_{\parallel}|^2 \rangle}} \right) \left(\frac{R_{\gamma, \text{det}}}{1 \text{ Hz}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{m_{\phi}}{\text{eV}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{\rho_{\text{DM, halo}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{A_{\text{dish}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

> A tuning of cavities to a specific axion mass is not required!



D. Horns et al.,
JCAP04 (2013) 016

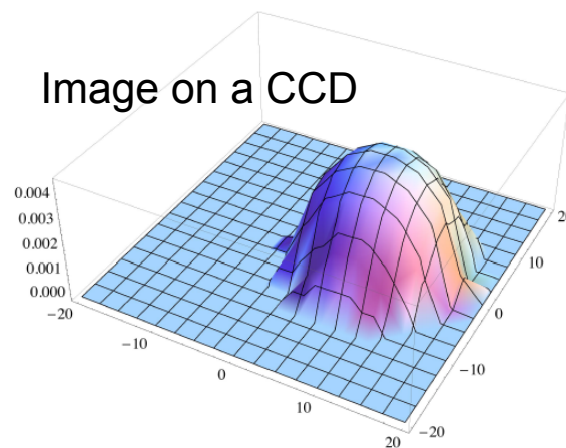
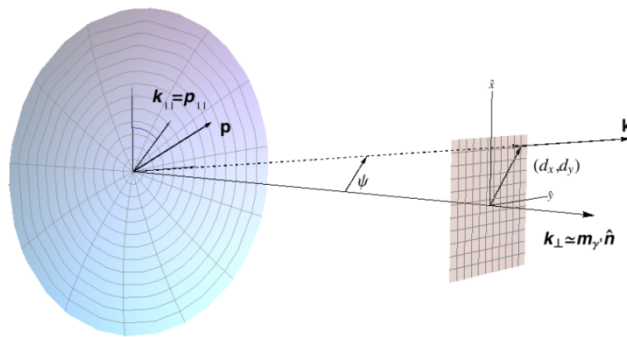


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- This “dish antenna” approach even allows to measure the axion DM velocity distribution with respect to the dish.

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For some theory:

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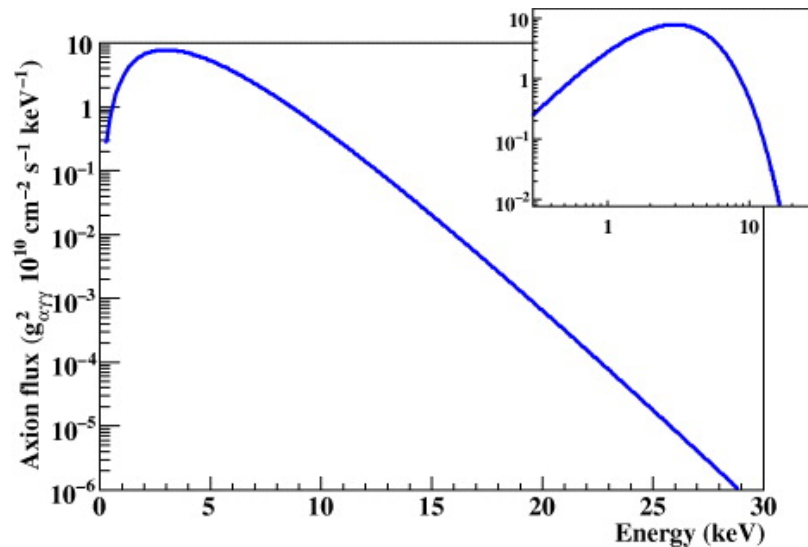
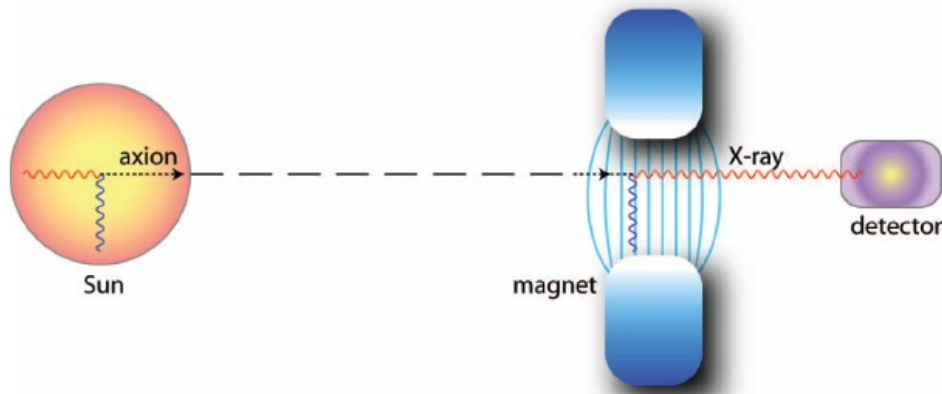
Helioscopes



<http://middleboop.blogspot.de/2011/02/vessels-helioscope.html>

CAST: the dominating helioscope

- LHC prototype magnet pointing to the sun.



Axions or ALPs from the center of the sun would come with X-ray energies.

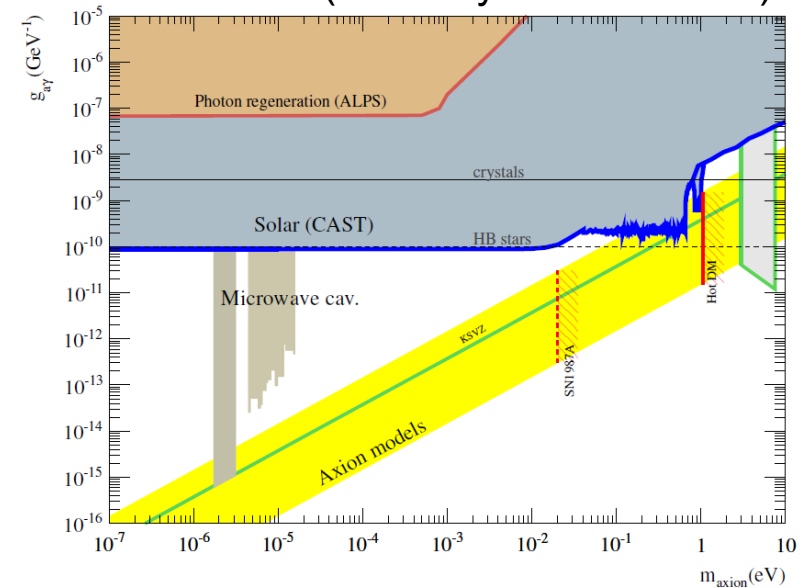
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- Most sensitive experiment searching for axion-like particles.

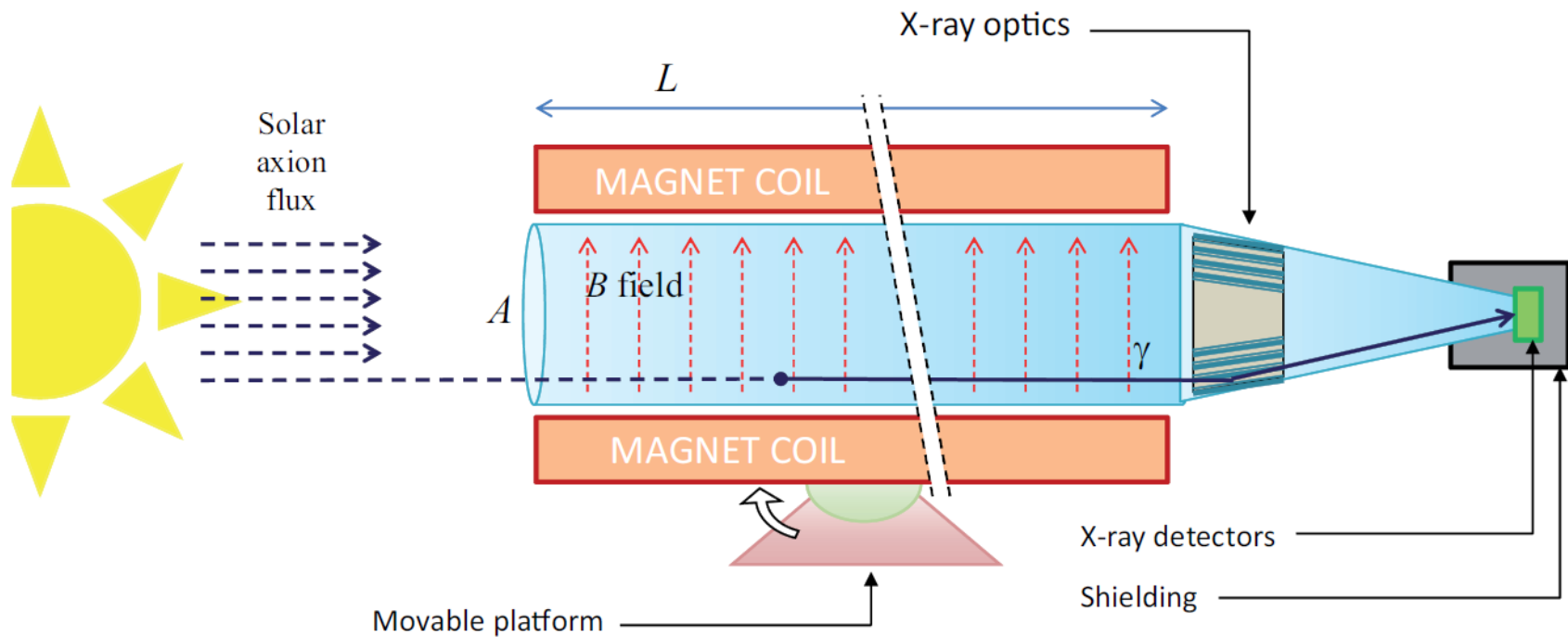
- Unfortunately no hints for WISPs yet.
- If an ALP is found, it would be compatible with known solar physics!

- However, CAST relies on astrophysics:

- CAST has to assume ALP production in the sun.

IAXO proposal

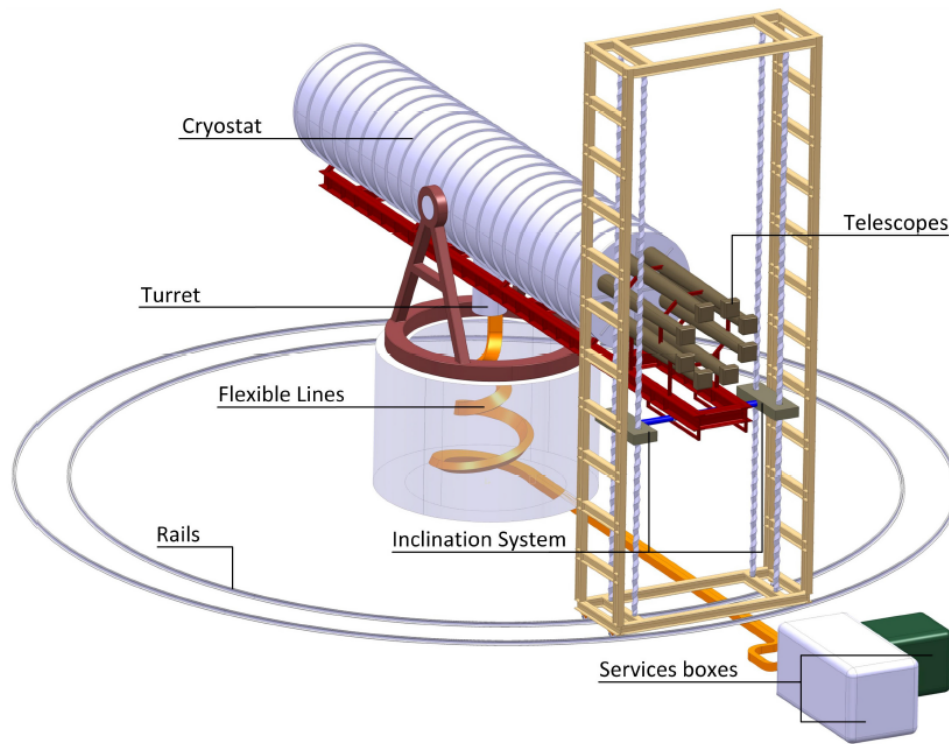
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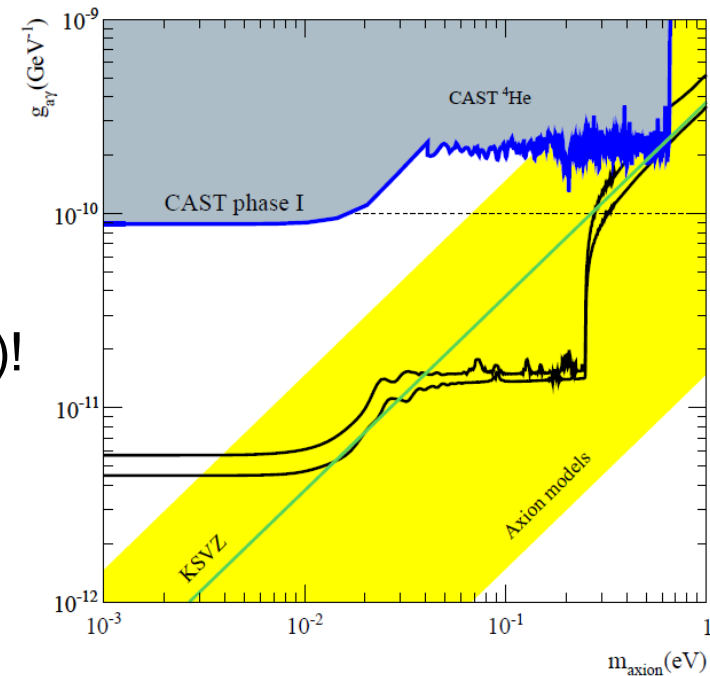
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- Use of toroid magnet similar to ATLAS
- X-ray optics similar to satellite experiments.



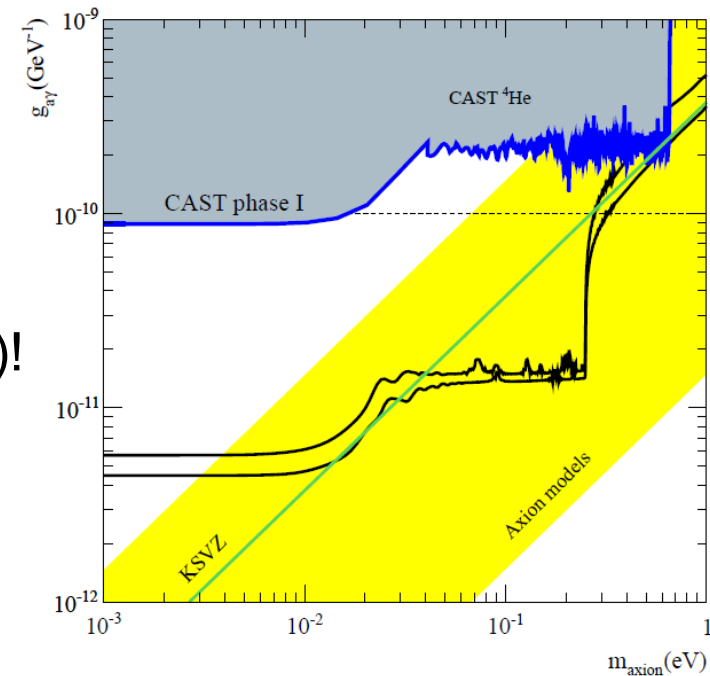
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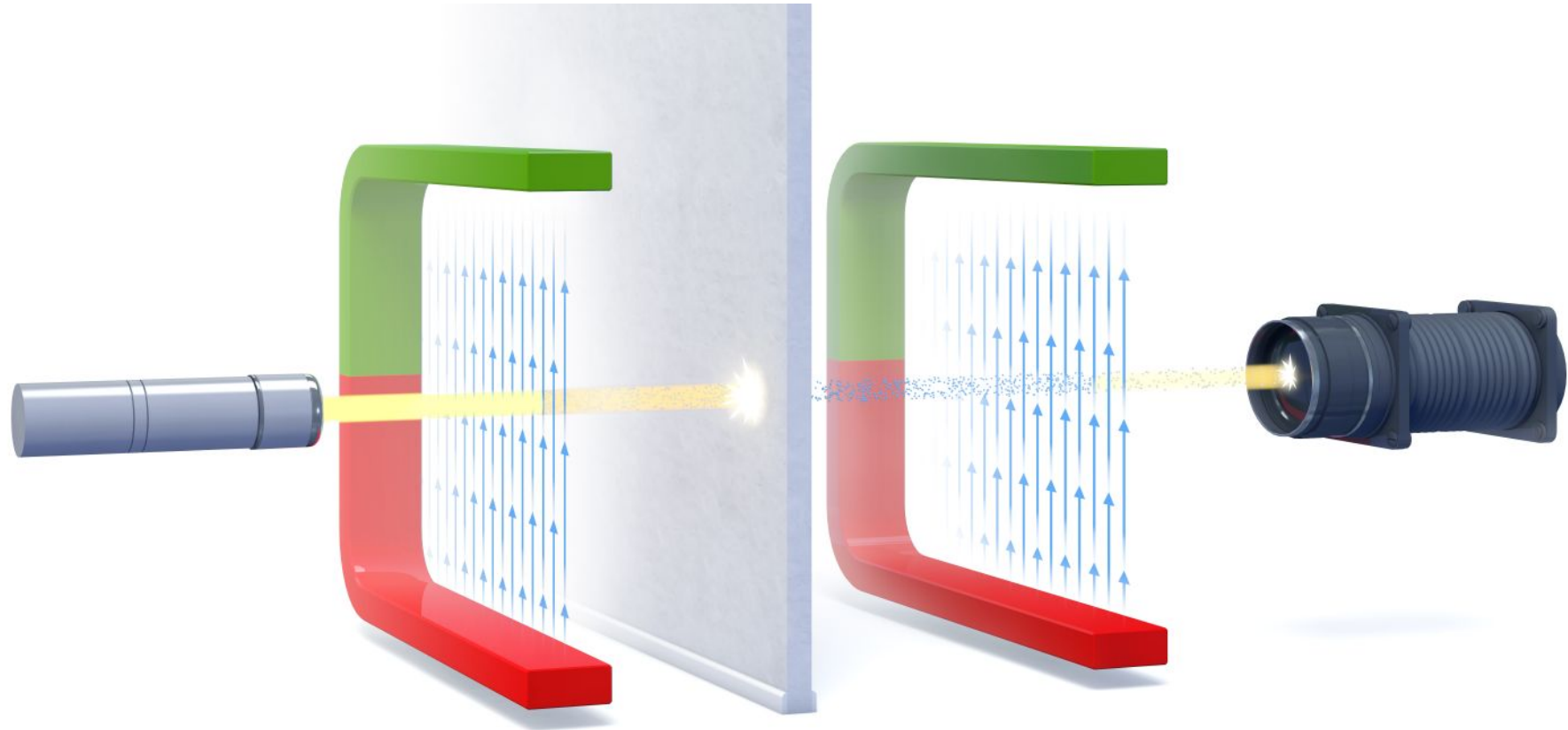
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- > However, DM axions are out of reach.

BICEP2 ?

Laboratory experiments



ALPS @ DESY in Hamburg



ALPS I at DESY in Hamburg

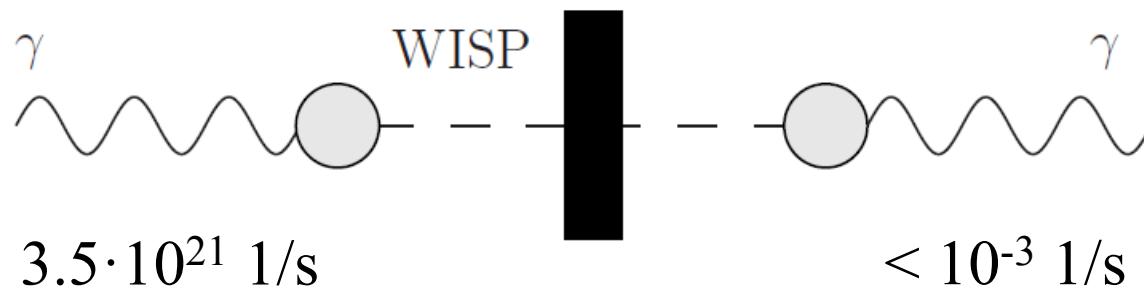
Any Light Particle Search @ DESY: ALPS I concluded in 2010



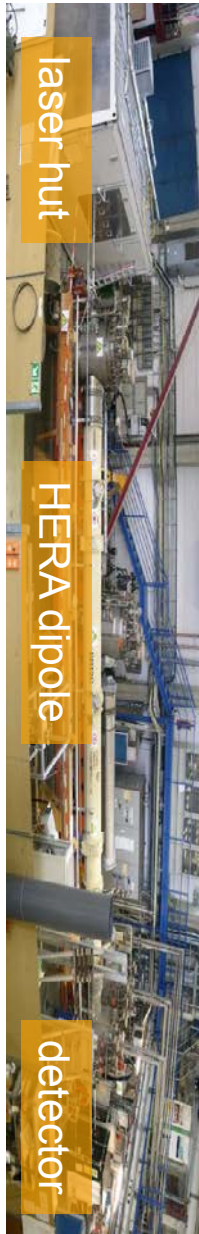
ALPS I results

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

- > The most sensitivity WISP search experiment in the laboratory (still).
- > Unfortunately, no light was shining through the wall!



Prospects for ALPS II @ DESY



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

All set up in a clean environment!

The ALPS II reach

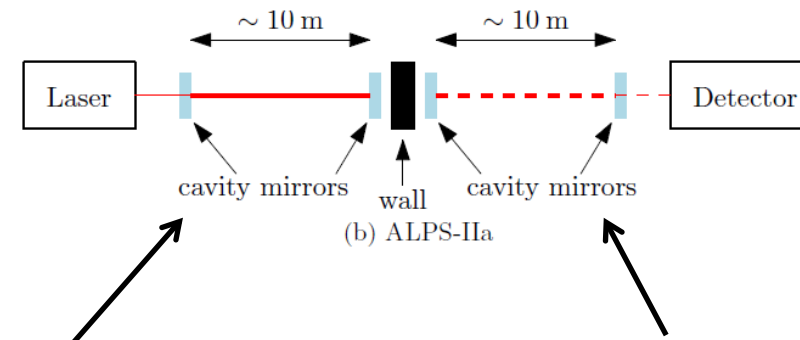
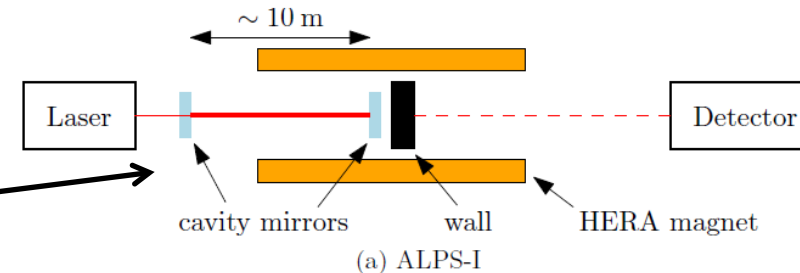
Parameter	Scaling	ALPS-I	ALPS-IIc	Sens. gain
Effective laser power P_{laser}	$g_{a\gamma} \propto P_{\text{laser}}^{-1/4}$	1 kW	150 kW	3.5
Rel. photon number flux n_γ	$g_{a\gamma} \propto n_\gamma^{-1/4}$	1 (532 nm)	2 (1064 nm)	1.2
Power built up in RC P_{RC}	$g_{a\gamma} \propto P_{\text{reg}}^{-1/4}$	1	40,000	14
BL (before& after the wall)	$g_{a\gamma} \propto (BL)^{-1}$	22 Tm	468 Tm	21
Detector efficiency QE	$g_{a\gamma} \propto QE^{-1/4}$	0.9	0.75	0.96
Detector noise DC	$g_{a\gamma} \propto DC^{1/8}$	0.0018 s^{-1}	0.000001 s^{-1}	2.6
Combined improvements				3082

**Three orders of magnitude gain
in ALP coupling and two orders
of magnitude in HP mixing!**

ALPS II essentials: laser & optics

ALPS I:
basis of success was
the optical resonator in
front of the wall.

> ALPS IIa



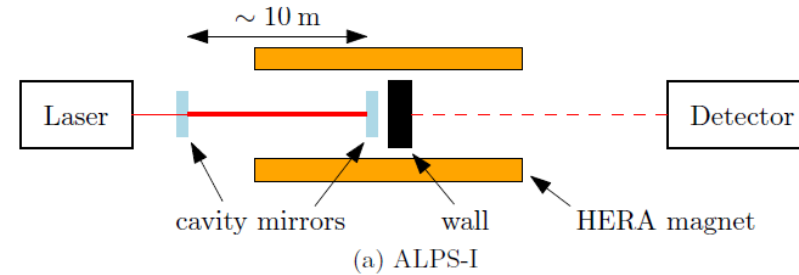
Optical resonator to
increase effective
light flux by
recycling the laser
power

Optical resonator to
increase the conversion
probability
 $\text{WISP} \rightarrow \gamma$

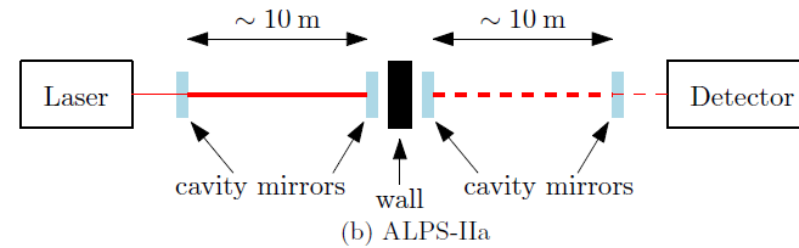
First realization of a 23 year old proposal!

ALPS II will be realized in stages

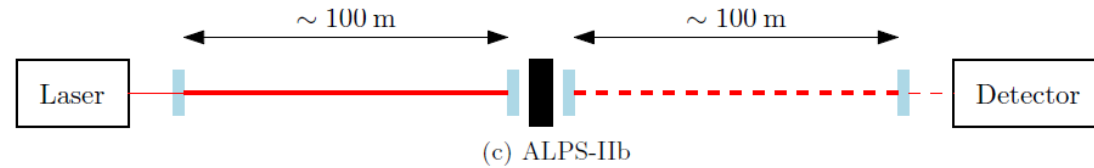
ALPS I



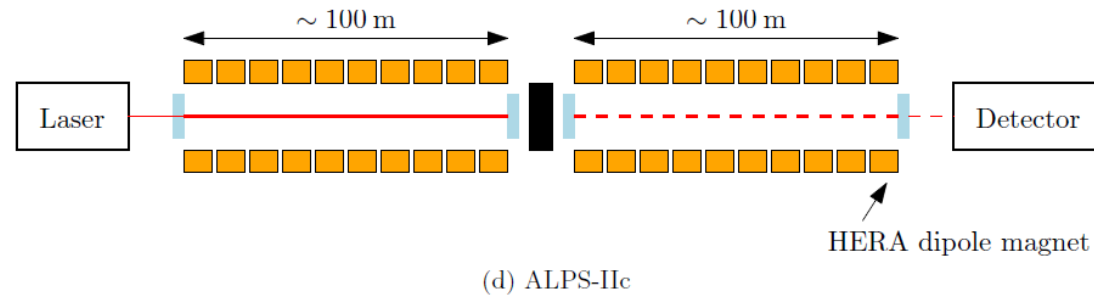
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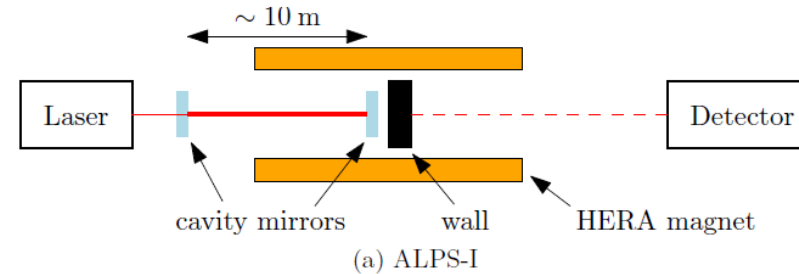


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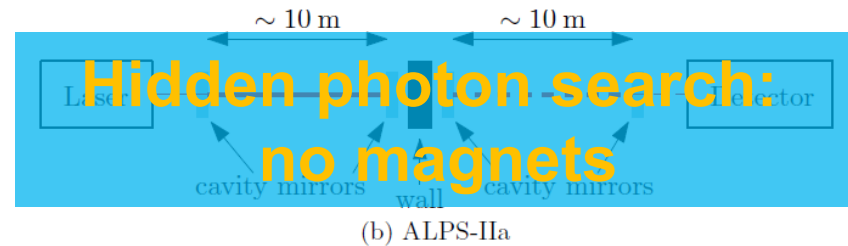


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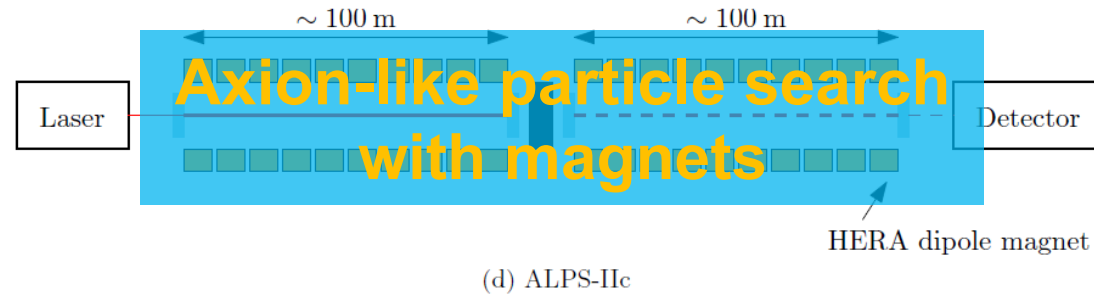
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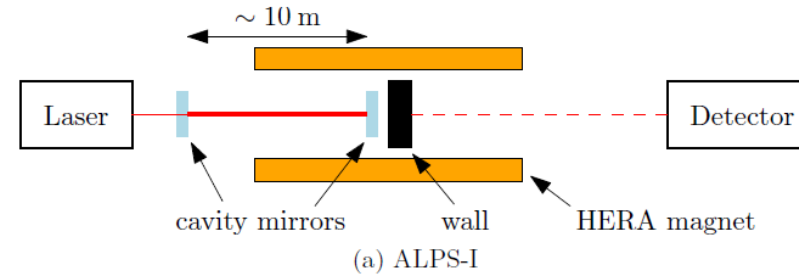


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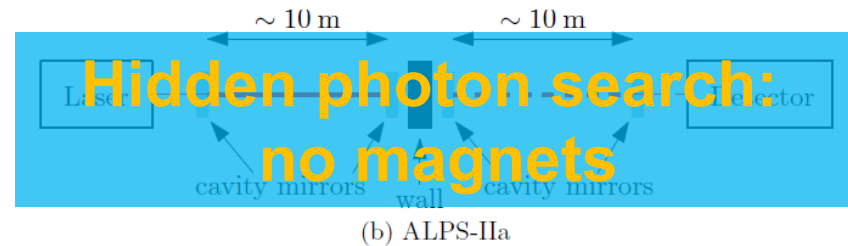


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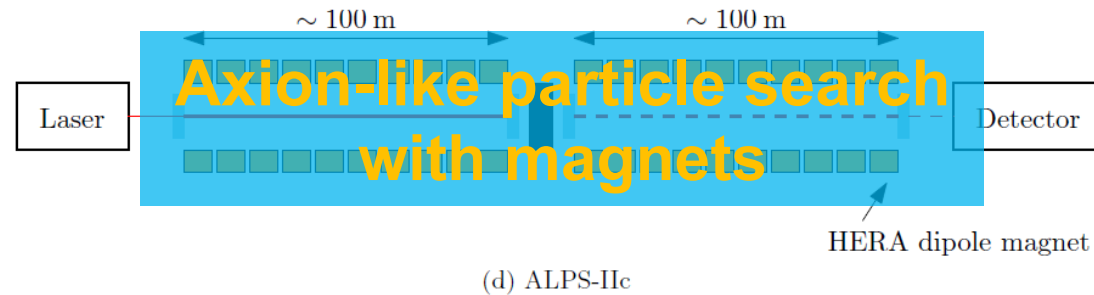
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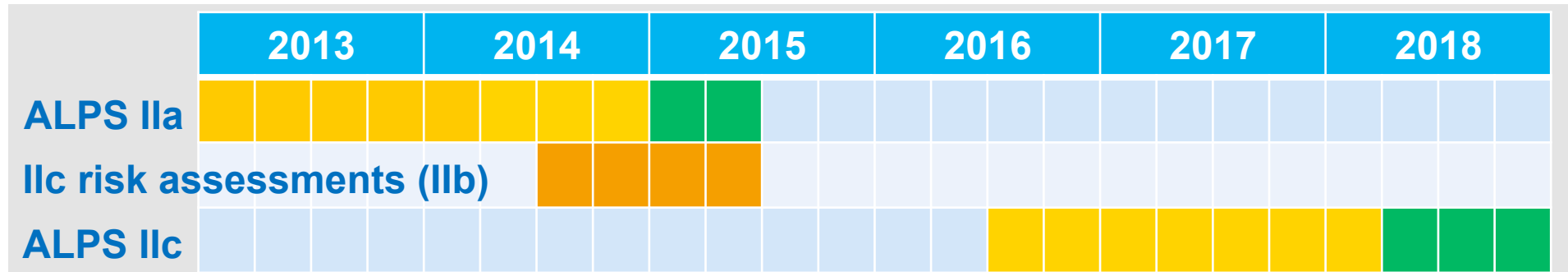
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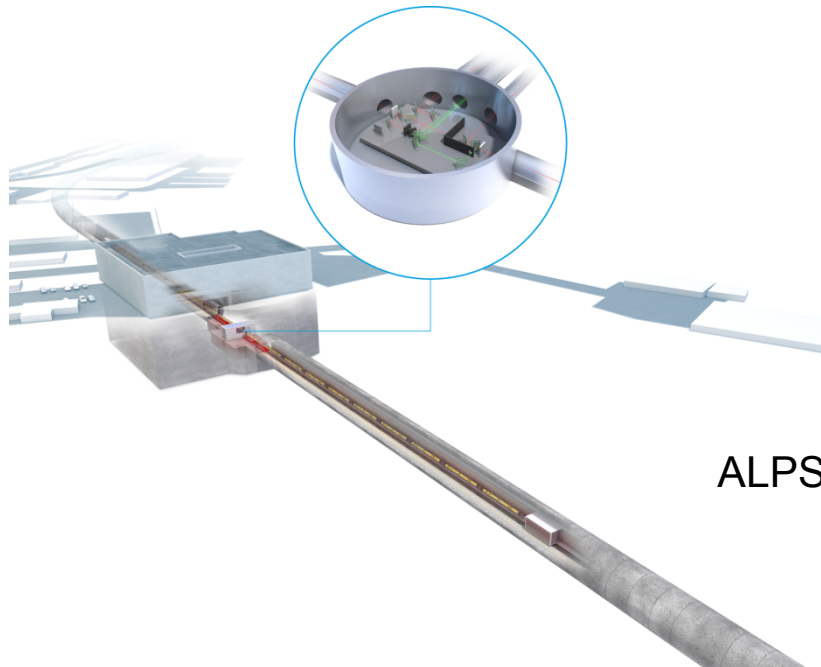
> ALPS IIc



ALPS II schedule (rough)



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



ALPS IIc in 2018 in the HERA tunnel

The collaboration: PhDs and postdocs

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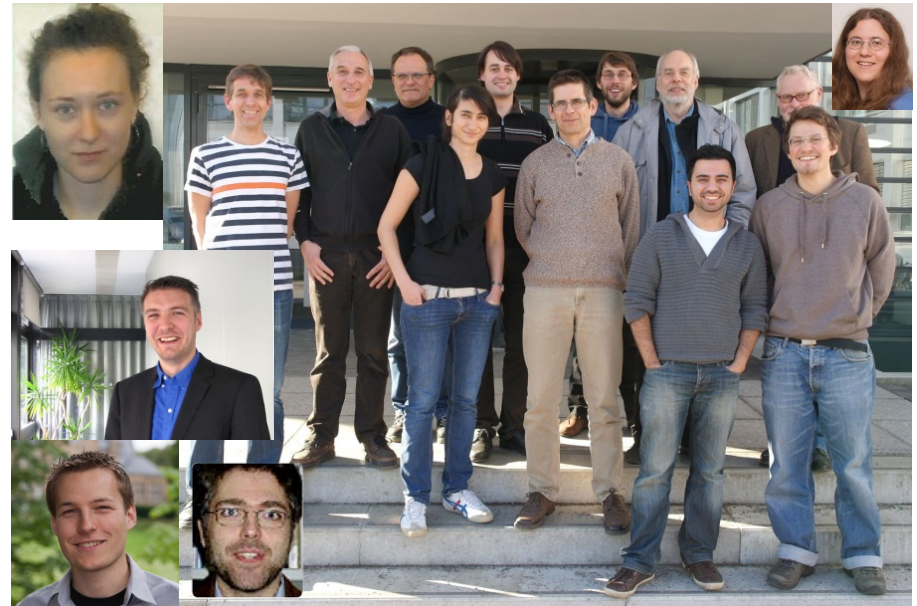
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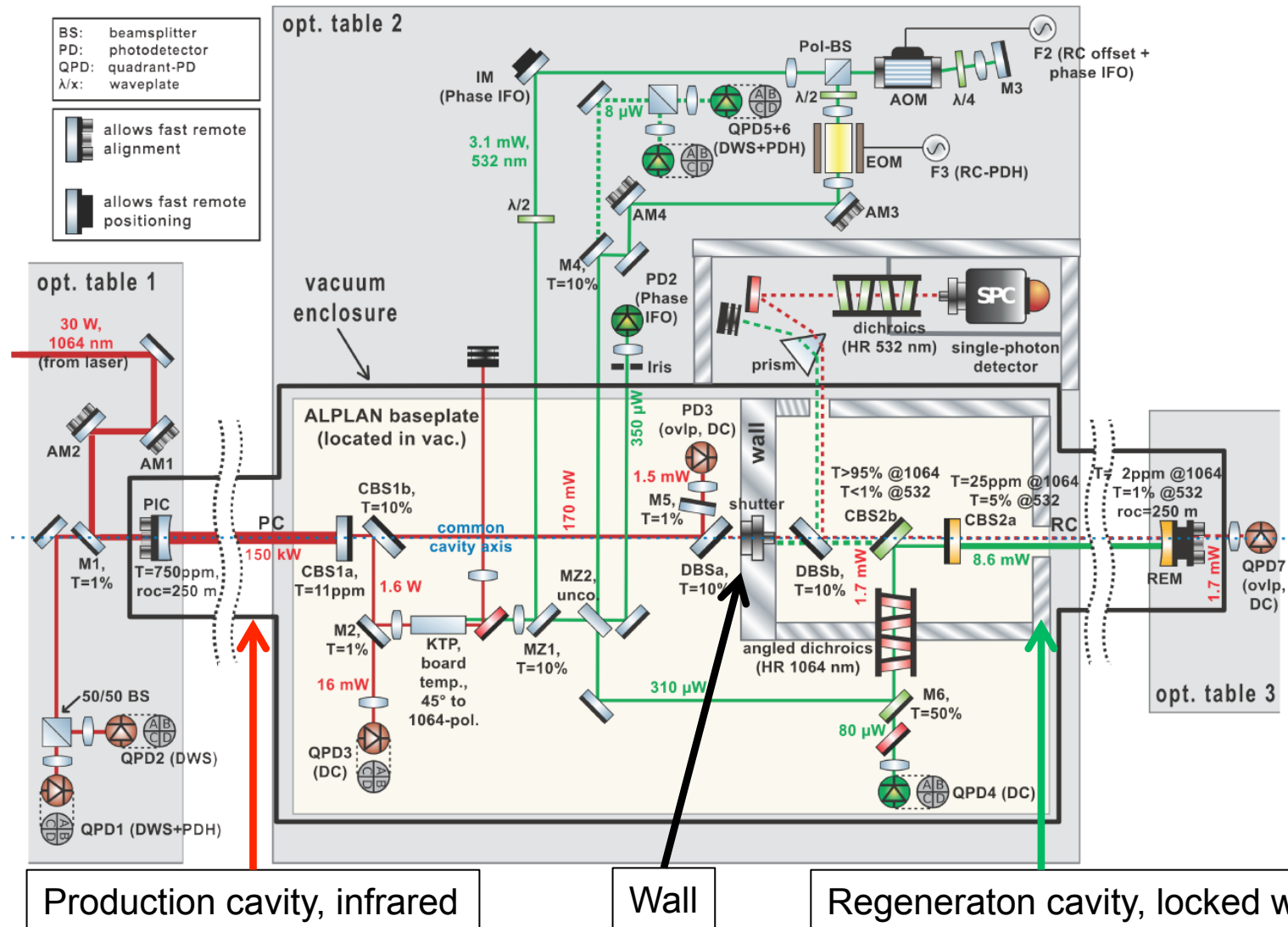
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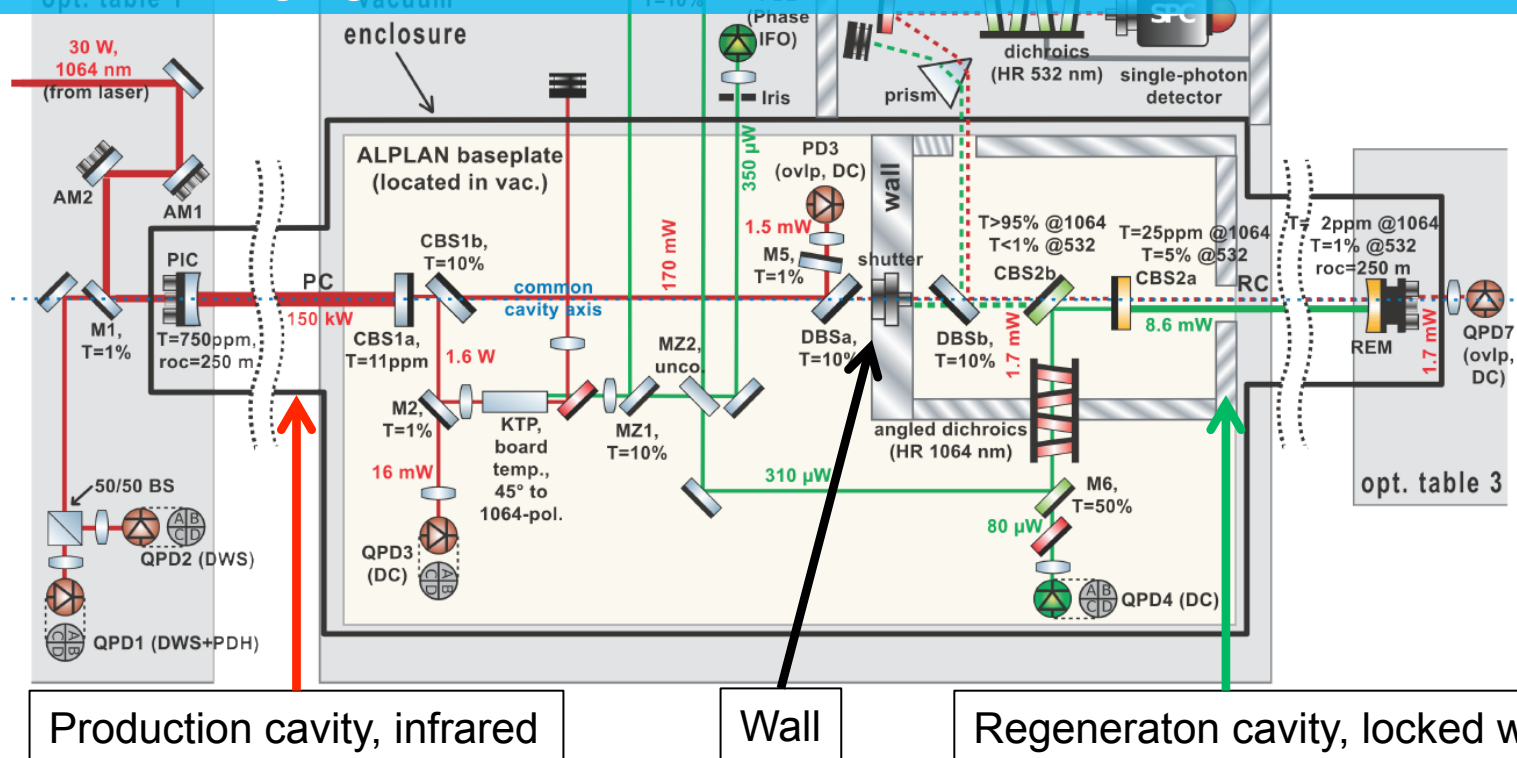


ALPS II essentials: laser & optics

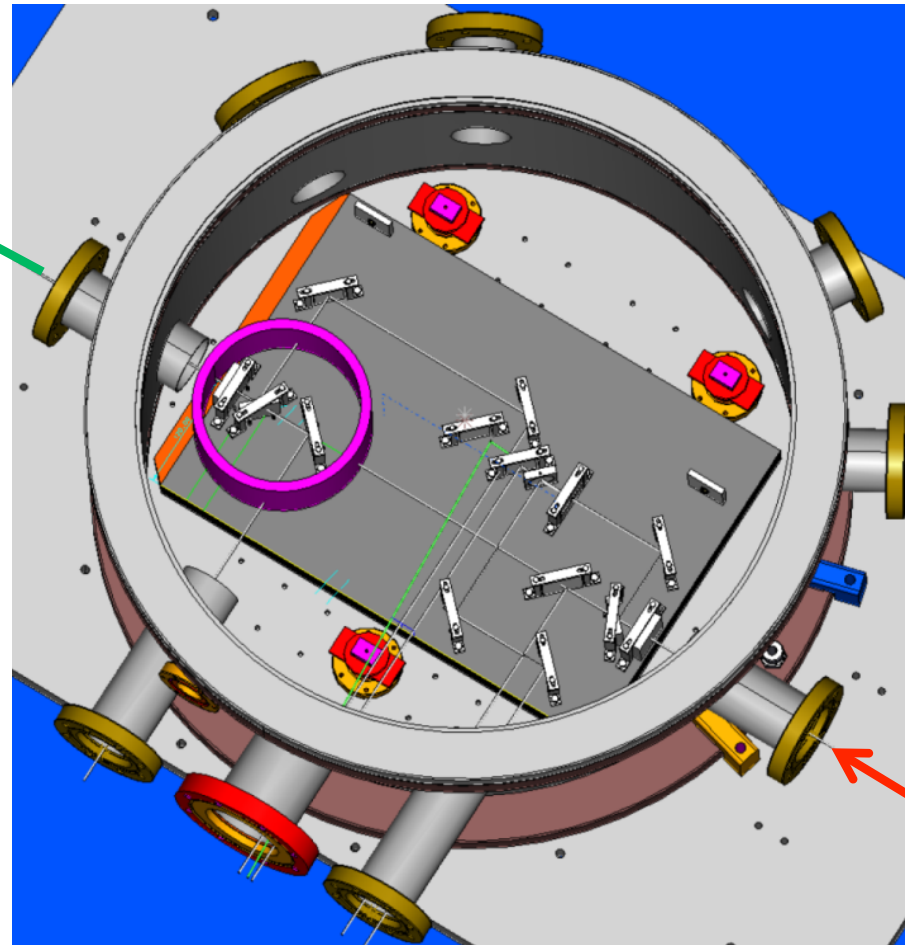
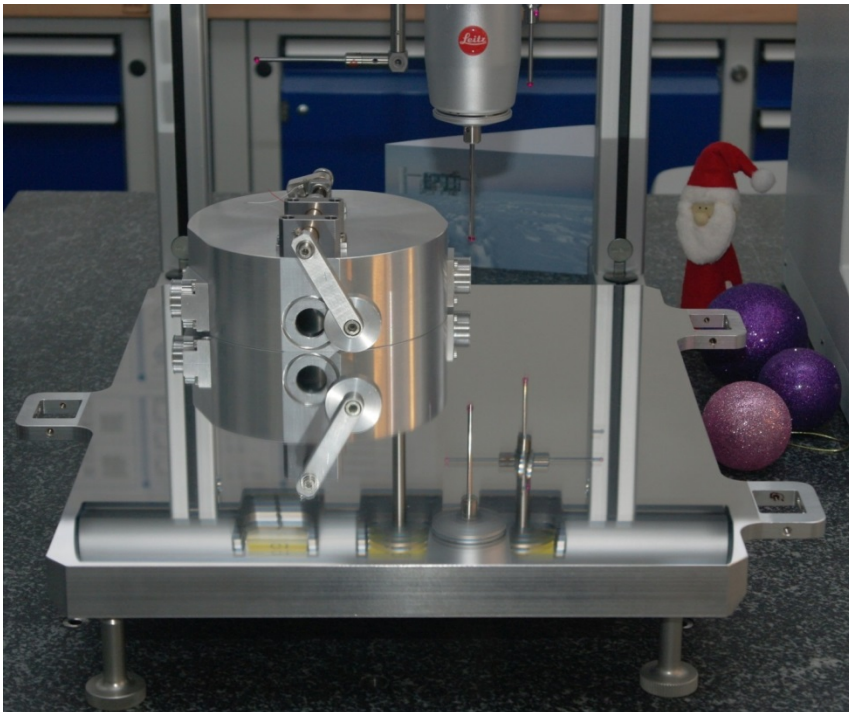


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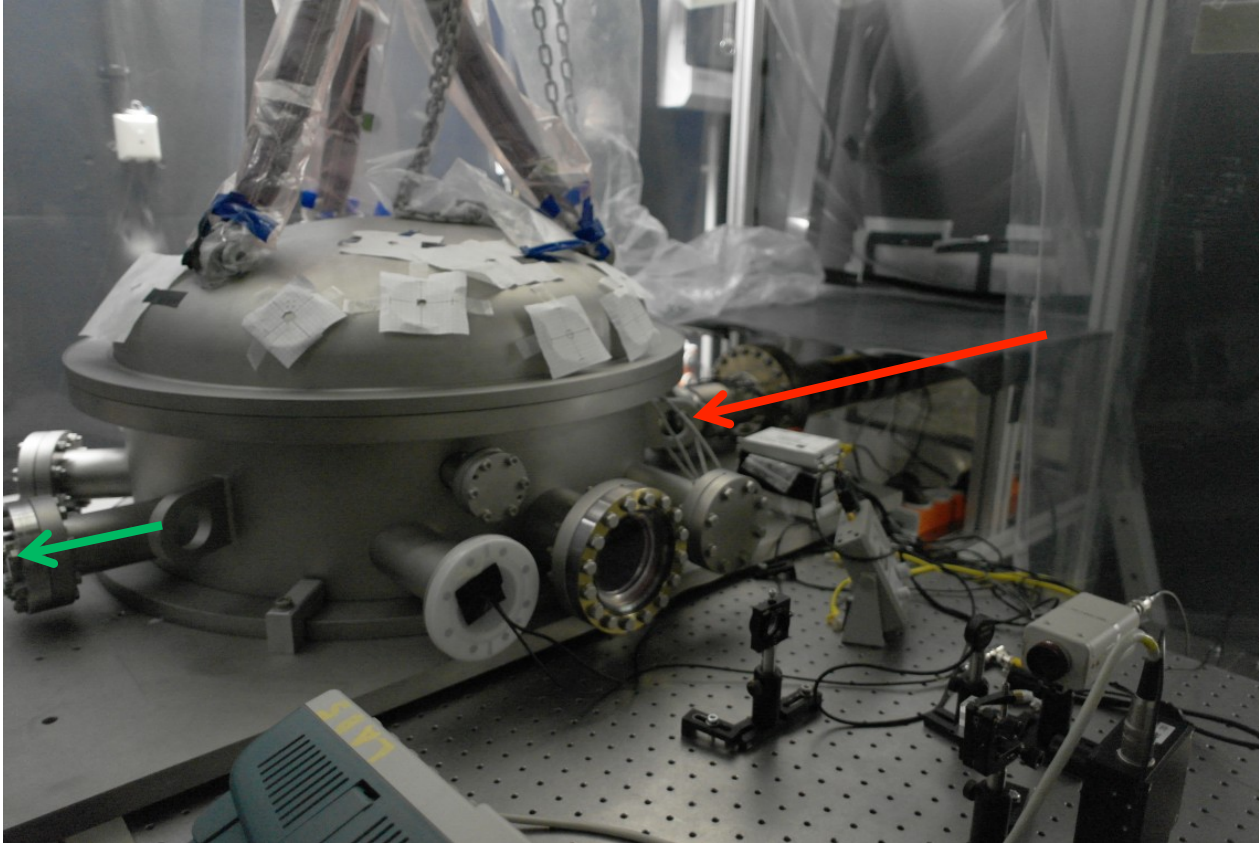
- > Optical design based on well established techniques used in the field of gravitational wave detectors.
- > Several prototype stages to test / demonstrate new challenges and mitigate risk before large investments.
- > Encouraging first results!



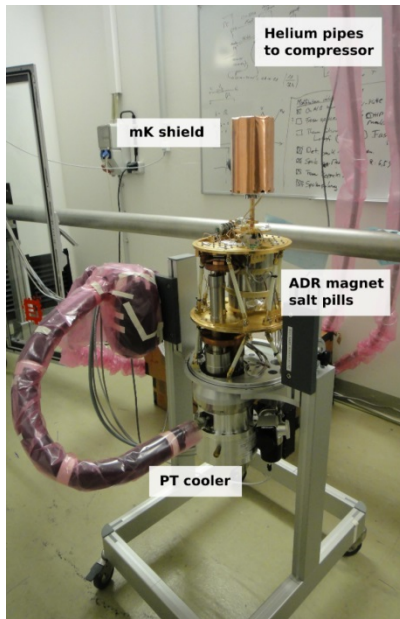
The central optics breadboard



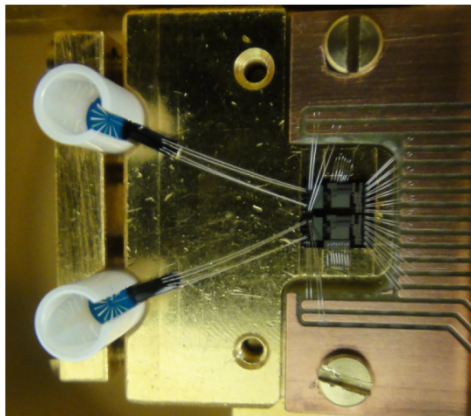
The big vacuum tank



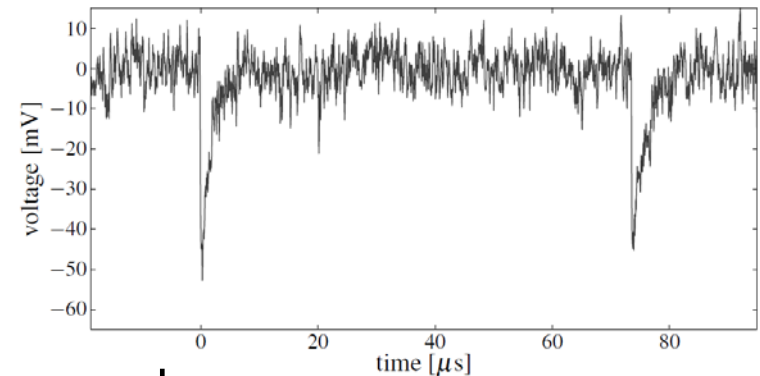
ALPS II: Transition Edge Sensor (TES)



module with two channels
(scale $\sim 3\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm}$)

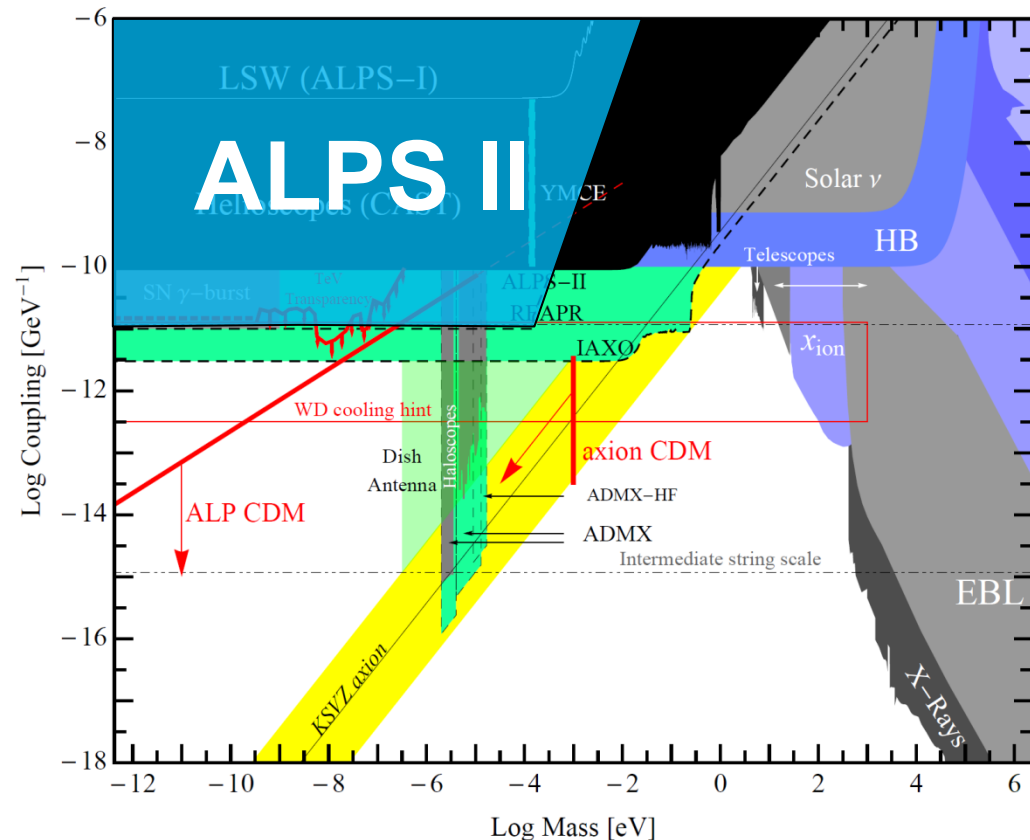


- > High quantum efficiency at 1064 nm, very low noise.
- > Tungsten film kept at the transition to superconductivity.
- > Sensor size $25\mu\text{m} \times 25\mu\text{m} \times 20\text{nm}$.
- > To be operate around 100 mK.
- > Single 1066 nm photon pulses!
- > Energy resolution $\approx 8\%$.
- > Background 10^{-4} counts/second.
- > Pulse shape well understood.
- > Ongoing: background studies, optimize fibers.
Try to minimize background from ambient thermal photons.



ALPS II sensitivity

- Well beyond current limits.
- Less sensitive than IAXO (but much cheaper).
- Aim for data taking in 2018.
- QCD axions not in reach.
- Sensitive to Dark Matter axion-like particles.



Beyond ALPS II

➤ Rough estimation with some crucial parameters:

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

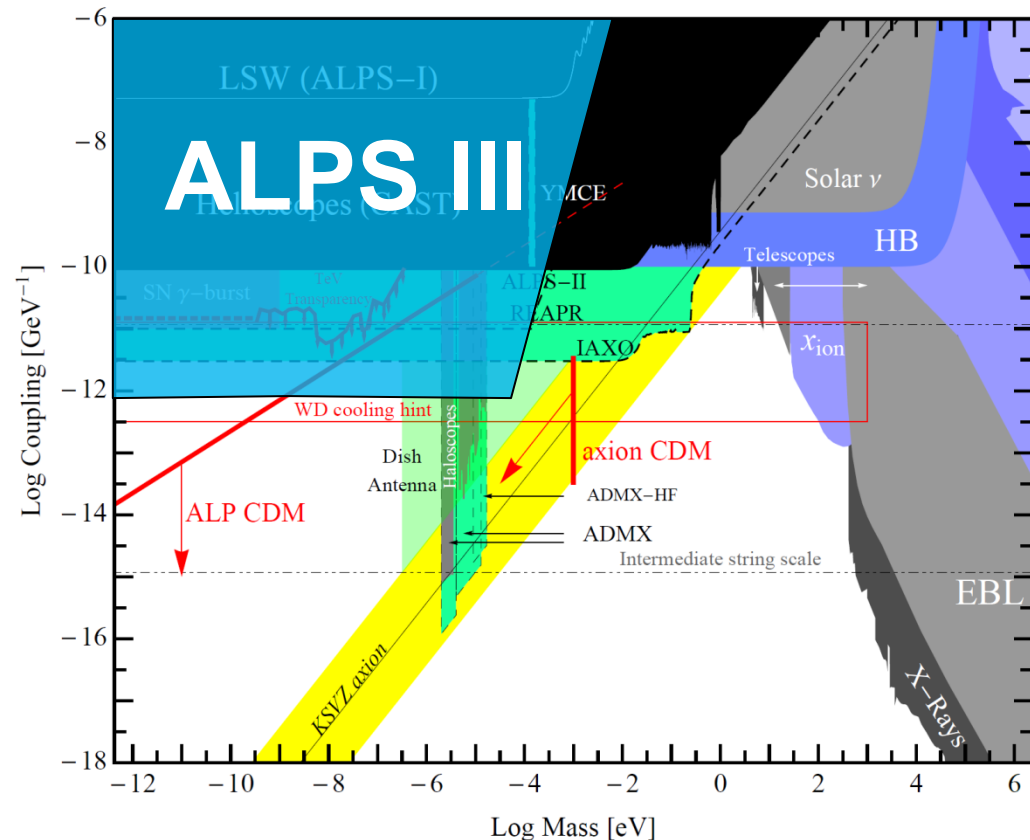


“ALPS III” sensitivity

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

However:

- It is to be shown first that ALPS II can be realized.
- Magnets as being developed for the LHC energy upgrade are essential.
- “ALPS III” not before 2025.



Outline

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- A little bit of theory
- Basics of WISP experiments
- Exemplary experiments
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- Summary

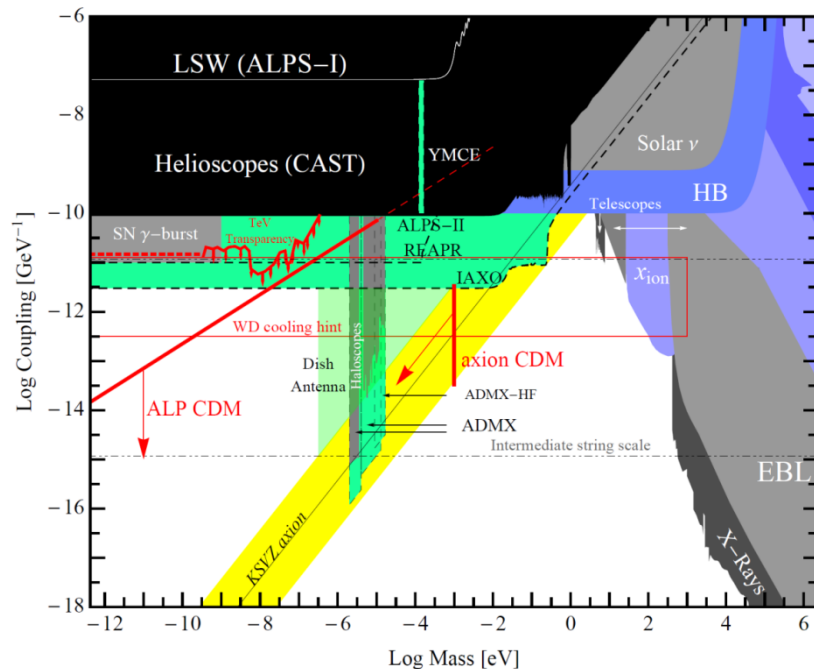


Indications for a WISP world?

Do white dwarfs (WDs) cool too fast?

- The luminosity distribution of WDs as well as <http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.7652>
- the pulsation changes in individual WDs suggest <http://arxiv.org/abs/1205.6180>
- and extra cooling mechanism.

This could be the emission of axions or ALPs coupling to electrons.



Indications for a WISP world?

Is there a cosmic axion background radiation (CABR)?

PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO JCAP

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1312.3947>

Soft X-ray Excess in the Coma Cluster from a Cosmic Axion Background

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- > A relativistic CAB is well motivated from compactifications of string theory to four dimensions.
- > A CAB is compatible with CMBR measurements (ΔN_{eff}).
- > Such ALPs may convert into soft X-ray photons in the magnetic fields of clusters of galaxies and explain the observed soft X-ray excess.
- > It is difficult to explain the excess with conventional astrophysics (warm gas, inverse Compton scattering of the CMB).
- > In the CABR scenario:

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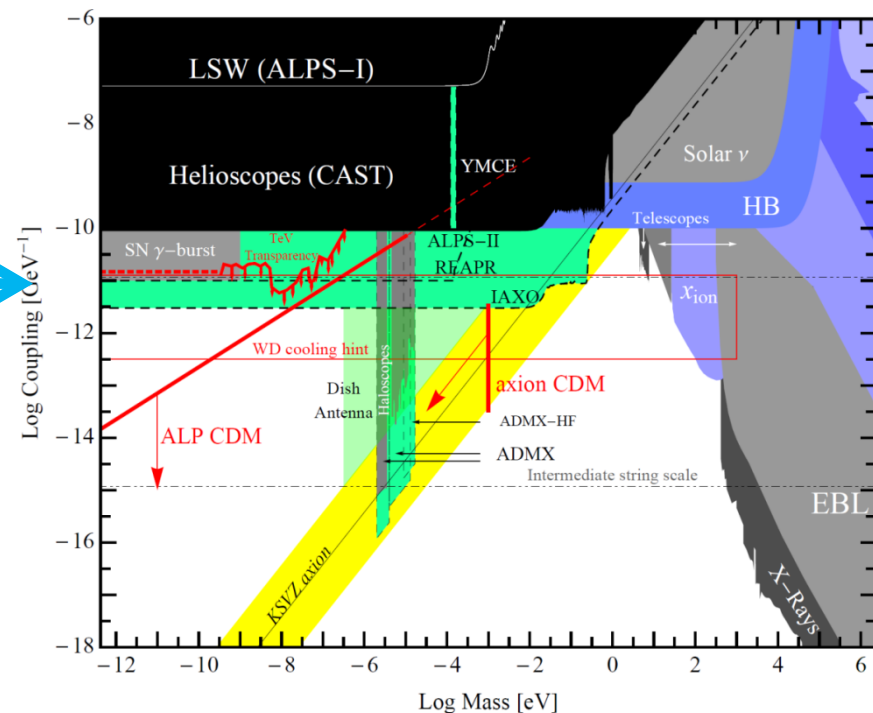
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*More to come in
the next talks!*

The first axion institute!

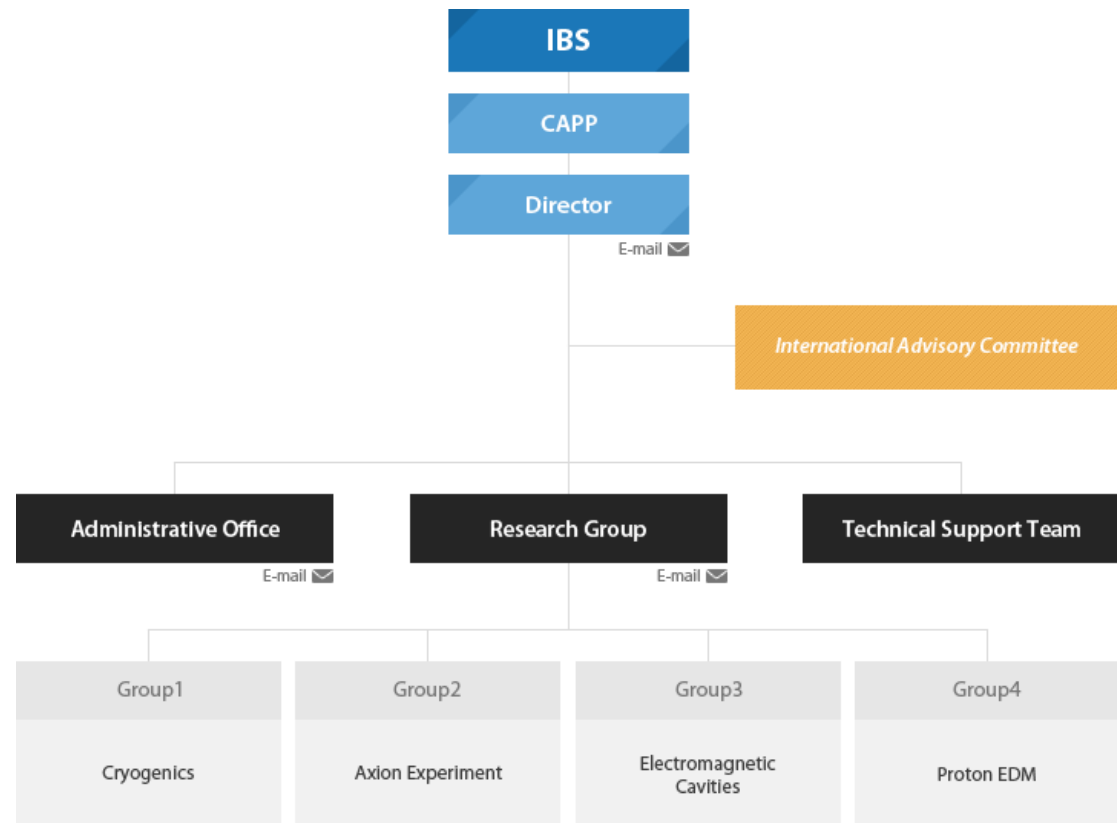
- > The Center for Axion and Precision Physics Research (CAPP) is funded by the Institute for Basic Science in Korea.

http://capp.ibs.re.kr/html/capp_en/

- > Director: Y. Semertzidis

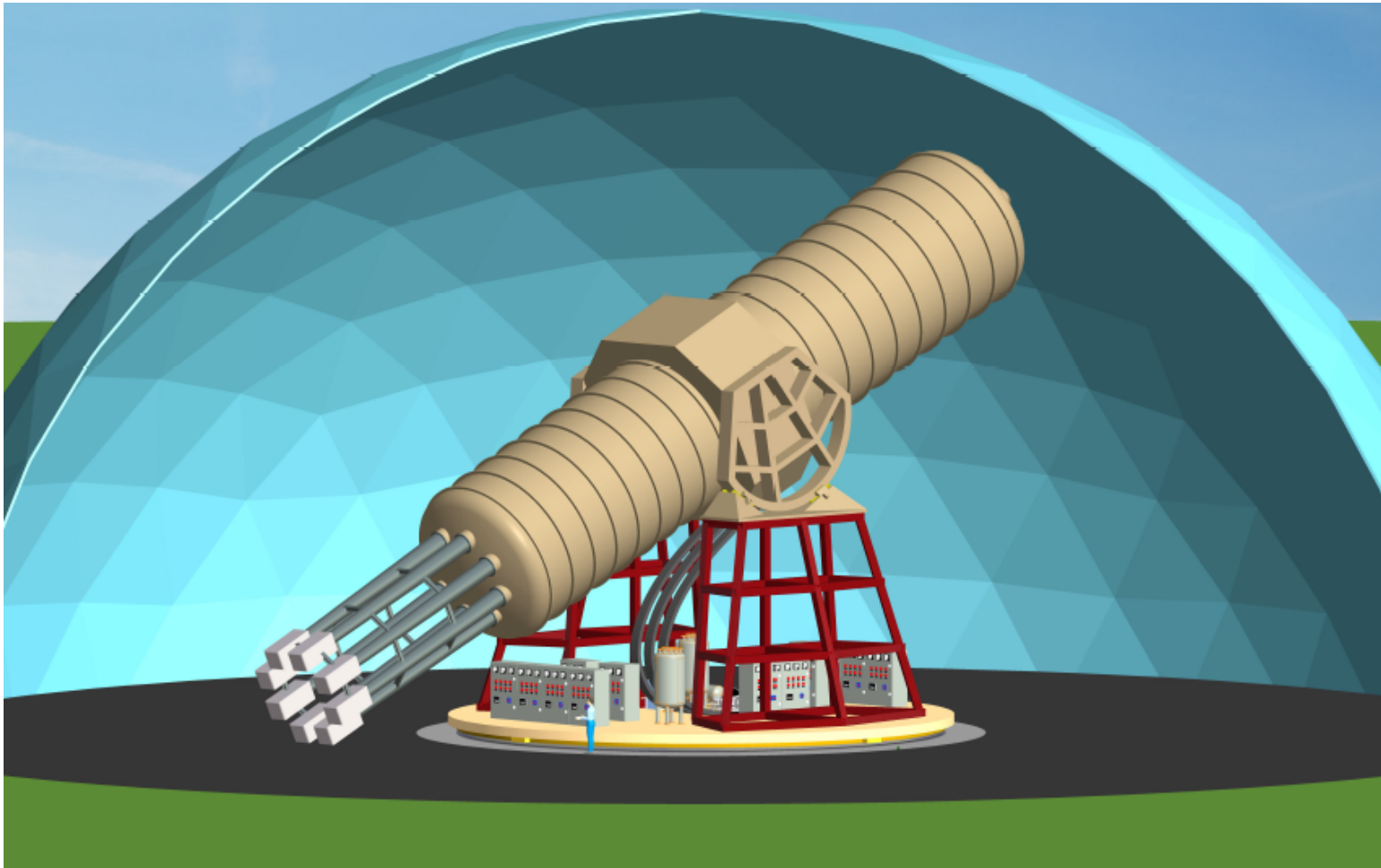
- > Resources dedicated to axion searches!

- > CAPP is very open to new ideas and proposals for experiments!



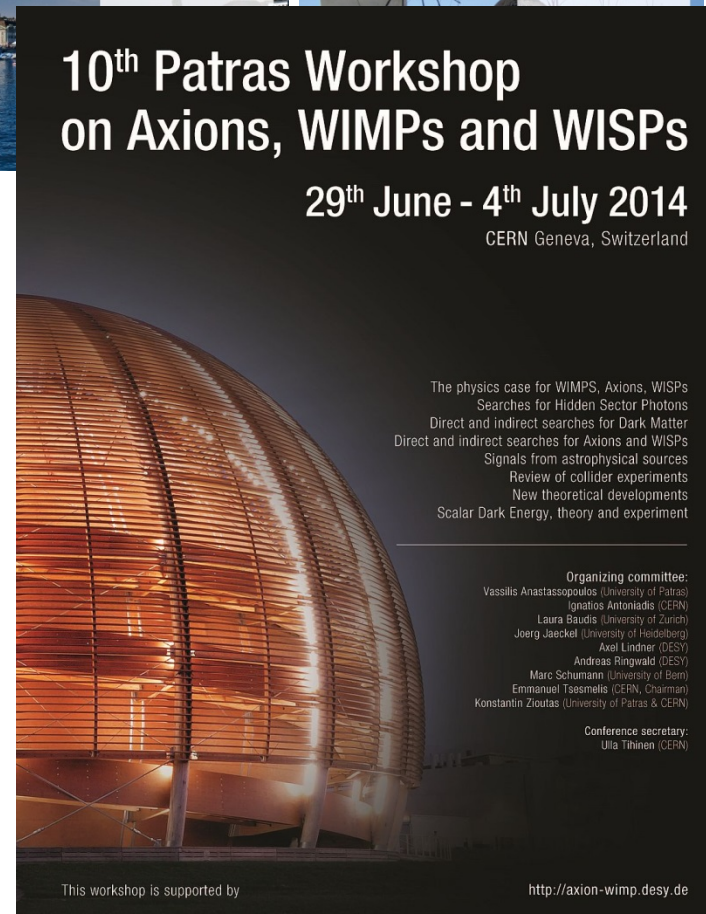
The first “global” axion effort?

> The International **AX**ion **O**bservatory



“Patras” workshop series <http://axion-wimp.desy.de/>

➤ Workshop on WIMPs and WISPs!



Summary

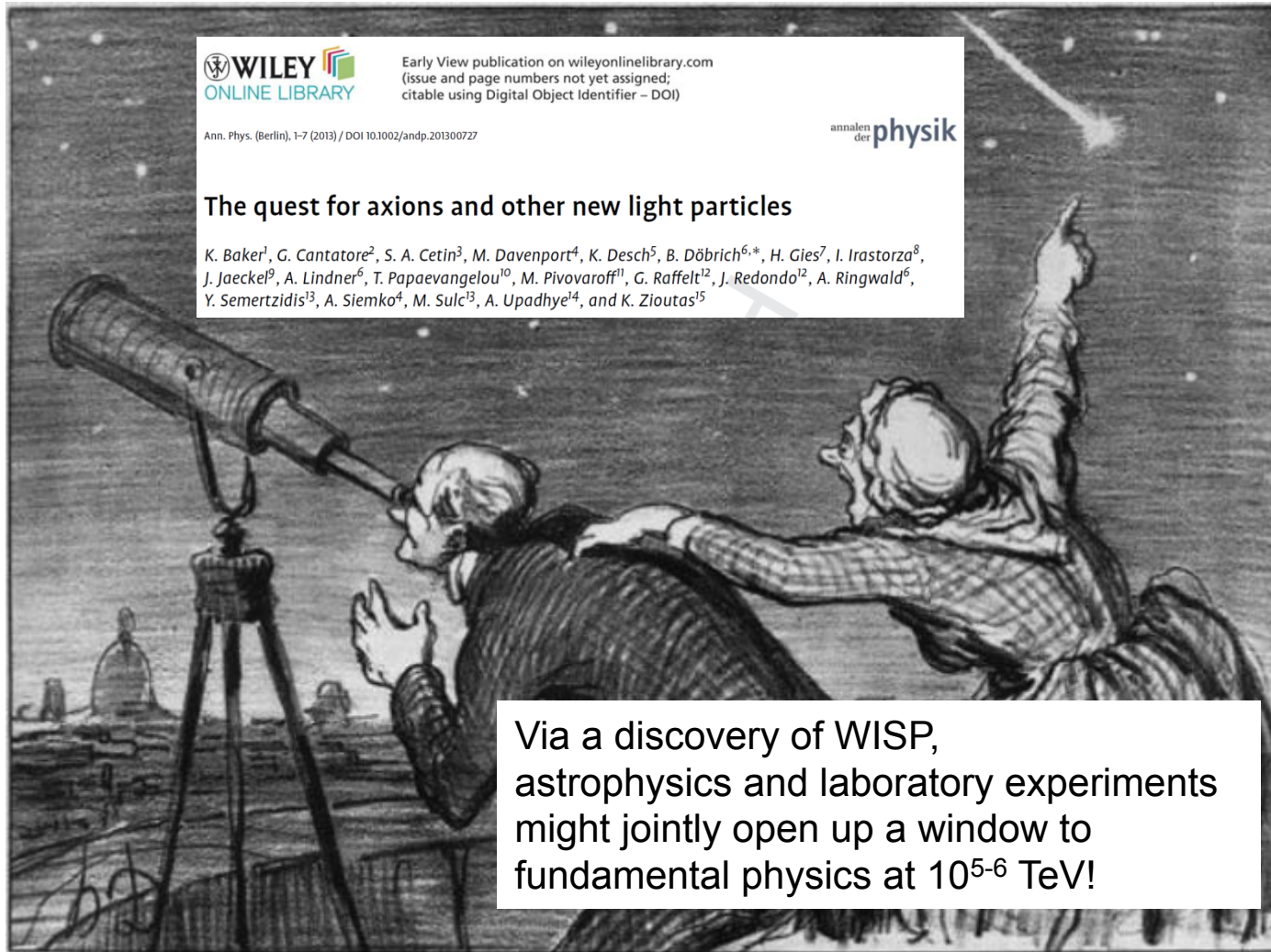
- > The axion “invented” to explain the CP-conservation in QCD is also a perfect and extremely lightweight cold dark matter candidate.
 - It can be searched for in dedicated dark matter experiments.
 - Helioscopes as well as purely laboratory experiments will – in the foreseeable future – not provide sufficient sensitivities to probe the parameter region of dark matter axions.
- > In addition to axions theory predicts axion-like particles (ALPs) as well as other Weakly Interacting Slim Particles (WISPs).
 - Such ALPs and other WISPs might also constitute the dark matter.
- > There may be hints for ALPs from astrophysics with couplings $5 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{GeV}^{-1} < g_{\gamma\gamma} < 5 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{GeV}^{-1}$.
- > Couplings down to $2 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{GeV}^{-1}$ will be probed by ALPS II in ≈ 2018 .
- > IAXO or a possible ALPS III might in future go down to 10^{-12}GeV^{-1} .
- > **The next decade could see “low energy BSM physics” jointly discovered by astro(particle)physics and in the laboratory!**



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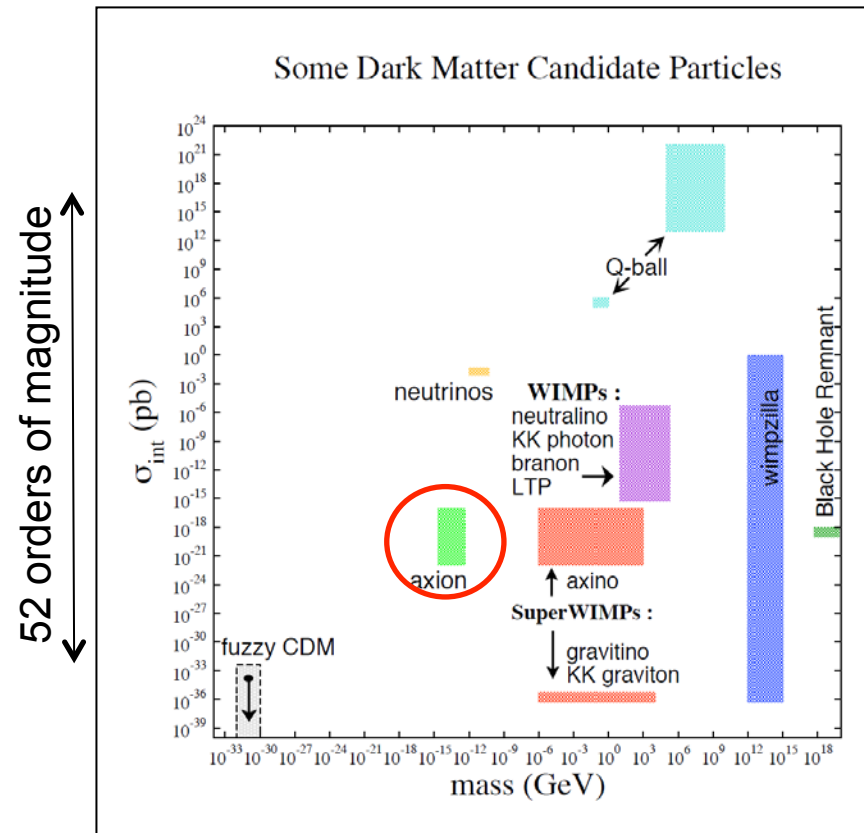
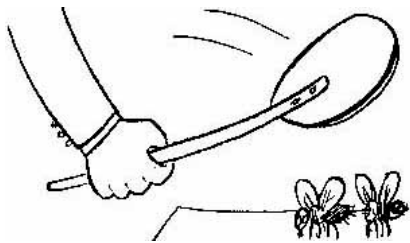


Backup slides



Axions are perfect cold DM candidates

- Axions with μeV mass are perfect cold dark matter candidates.
- They would interact extremely weakly with SM constituents.
- Similar to SUSY-WIMPs axions would solve two puzzles in one go:
 - Dark matter
 - CP conservation in QCD.

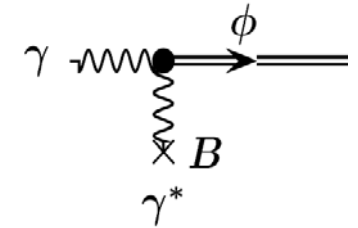


H. Baer, presentation at 5th Patras Workshop on Axions, WIMPs and WISPs, 2009



ALPs in LSW experiments arXiv:1011.3741 [hep-ph]

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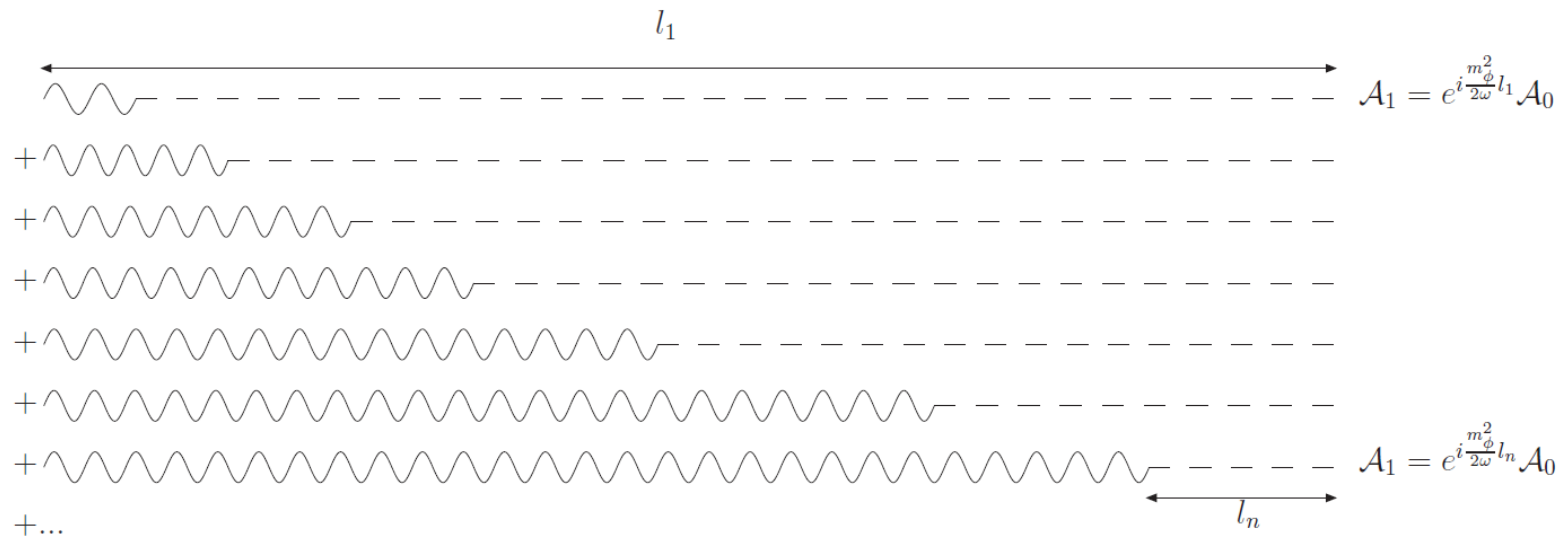


> ALPs may be produced via $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g}{4} \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -g \phi \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$.

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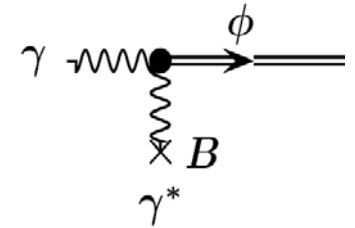
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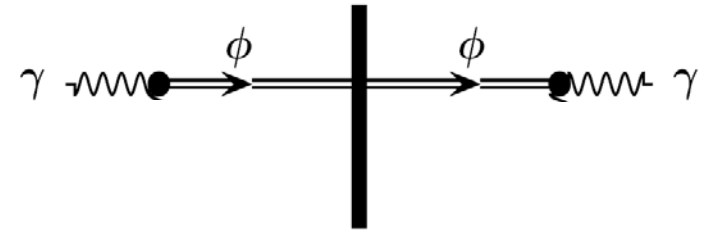
$$\mathcal{A}(\gamma \rightarrow \phi) = i \int_0^L \frac{g B_{\text{ext}}}{2} e^{i \frac{m_\phi^2}{2\omega} l} dl = i \frac{g B_{\text{ext}} \omega}{m_\phi^2} \left(1 - e^{i \frac{m_\phi^2}{2\omega} L} \right)$$

> There are interference effects! The probability to produce an ALP is:

$$P(\gamma \rightarrow \phi) = |\mathcal{A}|^2 = 4 \frac{g^2 B_{\text{ext}}^2 \omega^2}{m_\phi^4} \sin^2 \left(\frac{m_\phi^2 L}{4\omega} \right).$$

Hidden photons in LSW experiments

- > The production (and re-conversion) of WISPs takes place in a coherent fashion.

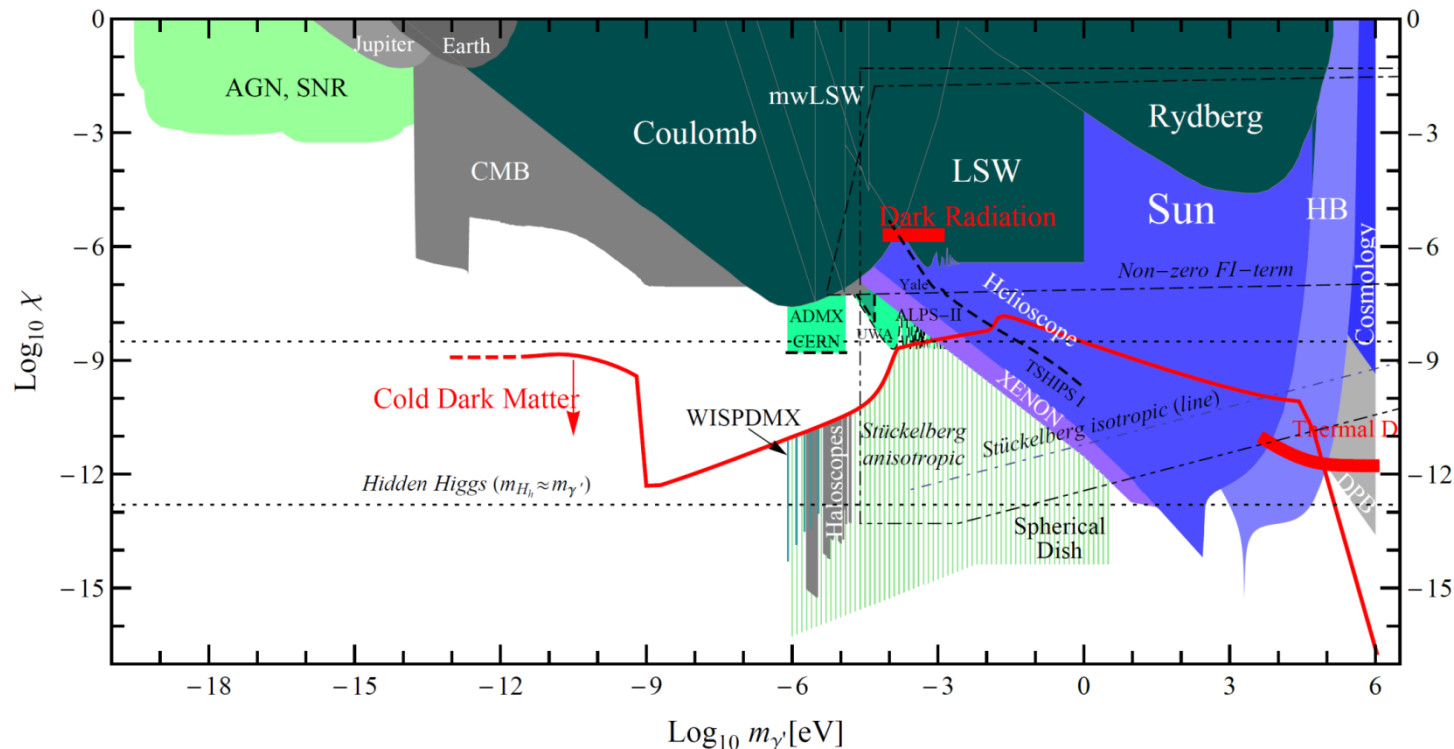


$$P(\gamma \leftrightarrow \gamma') \simeq 4\chi^2 \frac{m_{\gamma'}^4}{\left(m_{\gamma'}^2 + 2\omega^2(n-1)\right)^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{m_{\gamma'}^2 + 2\omega^2(n-1)}{4\omega} L \right)$$

With $P_{\gamma \rightarrow \gamma'} = P_{\gamma' \rightarrow \gamma} = P^{1/2}$: $\chi = (P)^{1/4}$

$P =$
 (photon flux behind wall) /
 (flux before wall)

The big picture: hidden photons



DOI: [10.1016/j.dark.2012.10.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dark.2012.10.008)
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Excluded by WISP experiments, helioscopes and WIMP dark matter search

Excluded by astronomy

Excluded by astrophysics and cosmology

Dark radiation in the CMB epoch

Hidden photons as dark matter

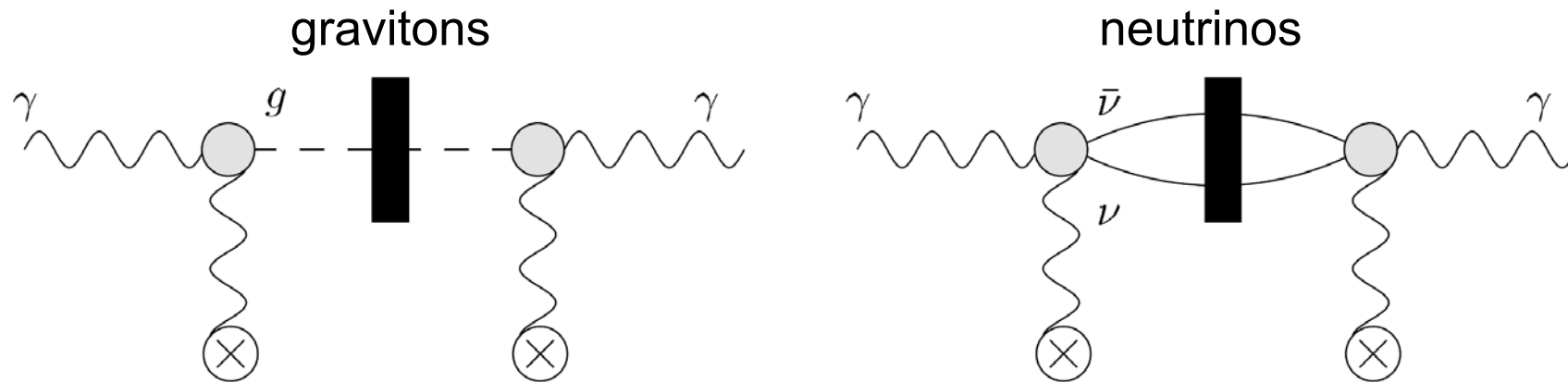
Sensitivity of next generation WISP exp.



Standard model background

arXiv:1011.3741 [hep-ph] (J. Redondo, A. Ringwald):

> Light-shining-through a wall mediated by

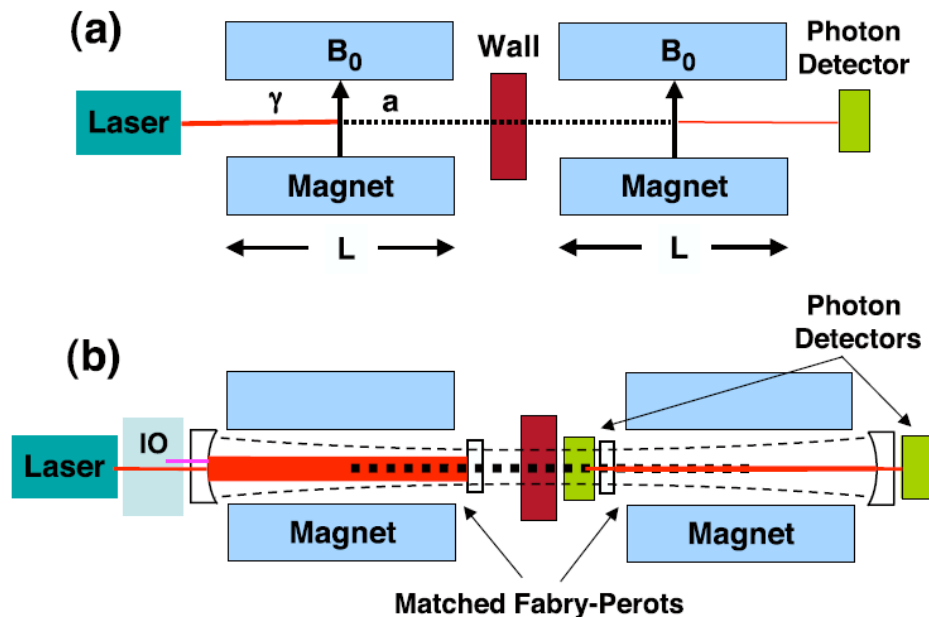


$$P(\gamma \rightarrow g \rightarrow \gamma) \simeq 10^{-83} \left(\frac{B}{T} \right)^4 \left(\frac{L}{\text{m}} \right)^4$$

> Negligible!

Resonant regeneration

> From one-way experiments to resonant set-ups:



mono-energetic light only!

2007: <http://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevLett.98.172002>

> Generation in a cavity before the wall: “recycle photons” to enhance the effective photon flux.

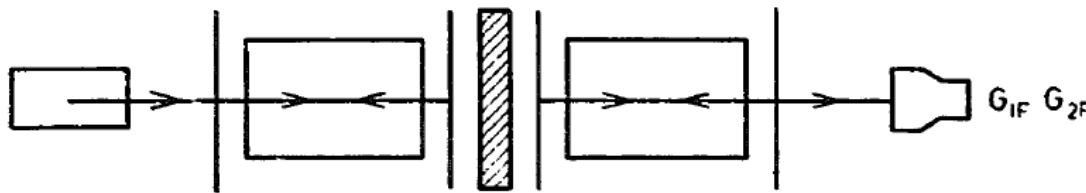
Regeneration in a cavity behind the wall: Increase back-conversion probability of WISPs into photons.

Resonant regeneration

- > Already proposed in 1991!

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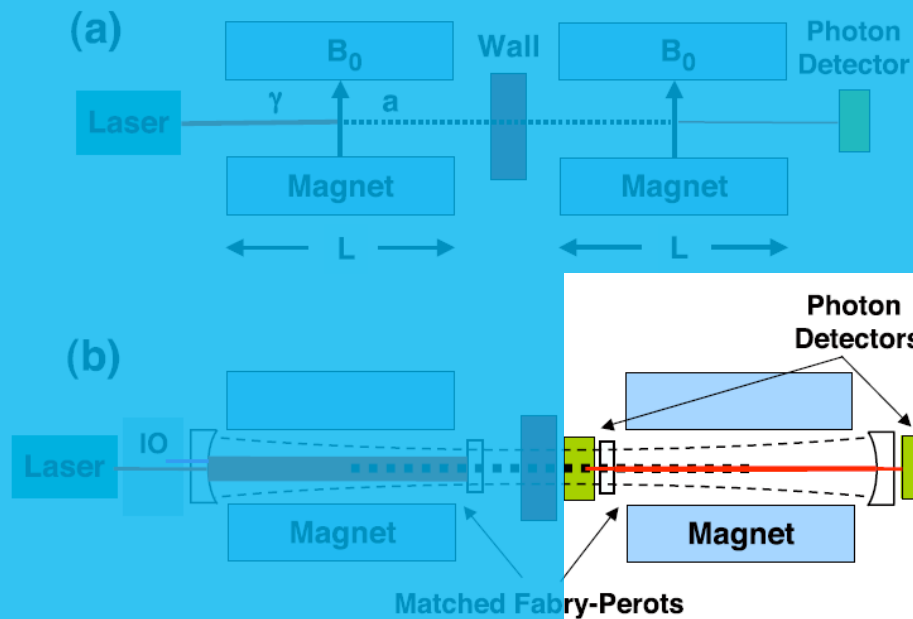
$$\frac{N_{\gamma \text{ out}}}{N_{\gamma \text{ in}}} = \frac{\Omega^2}{\Omega^2 - m_a^2} \left(\frac{g^2 B_1 B_2 L_1 L_2}{4} \right)^2 |F_1(q)|^2 |F_2(q)|^2 |G_1|^2 |G_2|^2$$

with $|G|^2$ = power build-up Q in a cavity

- > With Q up to 10^5 : very large sensitivity improvements possible.

Resonant regeneration in haloscopes

> From one-way experiments to resonant set-ups:



2007: <http://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevLett.98.172002>

> Generation in a cavity before the wall: "recycle photons" to enhance the effective photon flux.

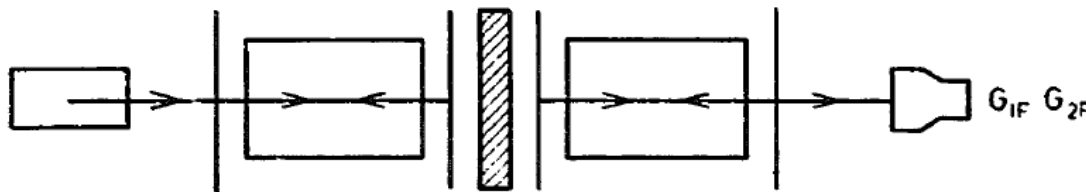
Regeneration in a cavity behind the wall:
Increase back-conversion probability of WISPs into photons.

Resonant regeneration

- > Already proposed in 1991!

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The number of photons produced is extremely small. One might therefore wonder whether it is allowed to make this calculation using classical fields, surpassing a proper quantum-mechanical treatment. In such a treatment however, the proper states to use are not the eigenstates of particle number, but coherent states. The amplitude of coherent states is a solution to the classical equations of motion, whether or not the particle number is macroscopically large. In this sense it is allowed to consider here classical fields only.

- > Purcell effect (1940-ties):
spontaneous emission rates change inside a resonating cavity.

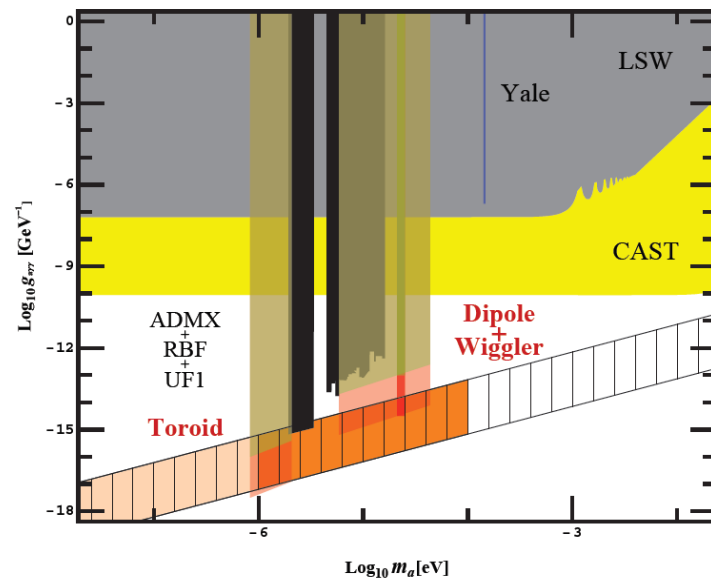
Exploit the possibilities of other magnets

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Prospects for searching axionlike particle dark matter with dipole, toroidal, and wiggler magnets

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Experiments with toroid (IAXO), dipole and wiggler magnets could complement ADMX (using a solenoid).

Options with Tore Supra

- > Use large magnetic volume equipped with microwave cavities to search for dark matter ALPs and axions.

Experiment	B (T)	V (m ³)	B ² ·V (T ² m ³)
ADMX	8	1	64
Tore Supra	4	35	560

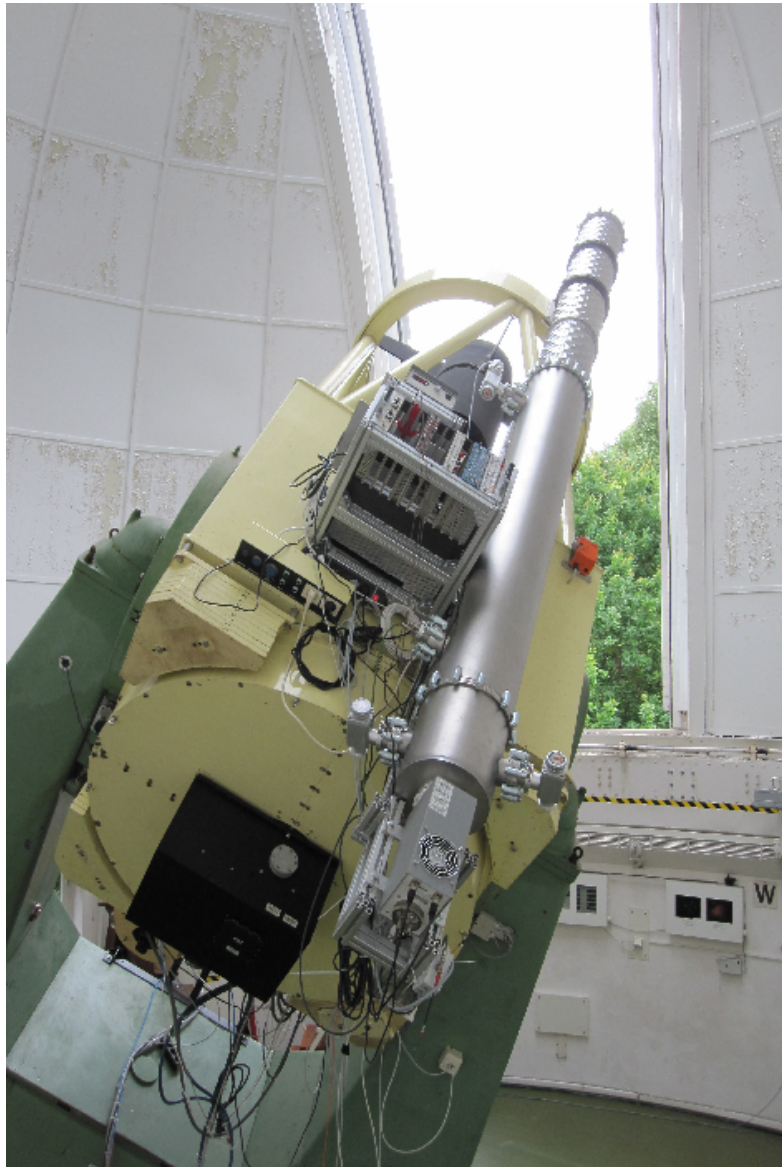
- > However, Tore Supra cannot be (easily) cooled down to a few K.

- > Questions

- Is the electromagnetic noise within the magnet tolerable?
- Is it possible to use the magnet as a cavity at its fundamental resonance at about 145 MHz (0.6 μ eV)? What is the Q value here?
- Is it possible to assemble a number of smaller cavities inside the magnet?
- Does a broad spectral range search for dark matter make sense (Q=1)?

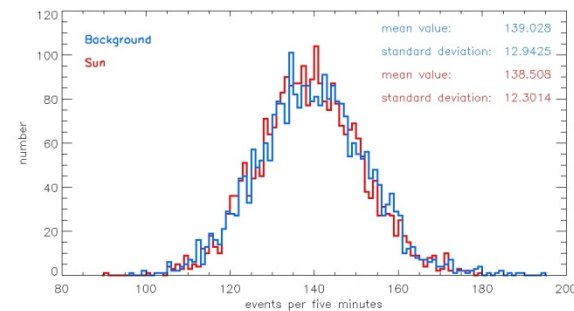
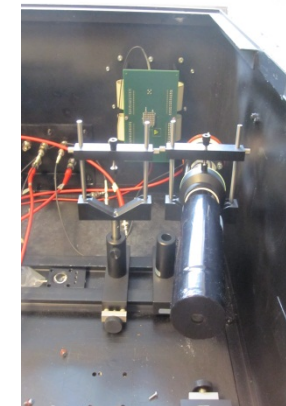
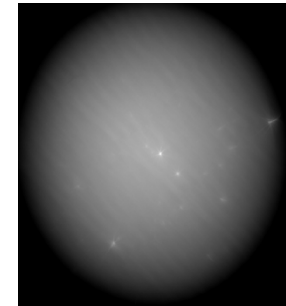


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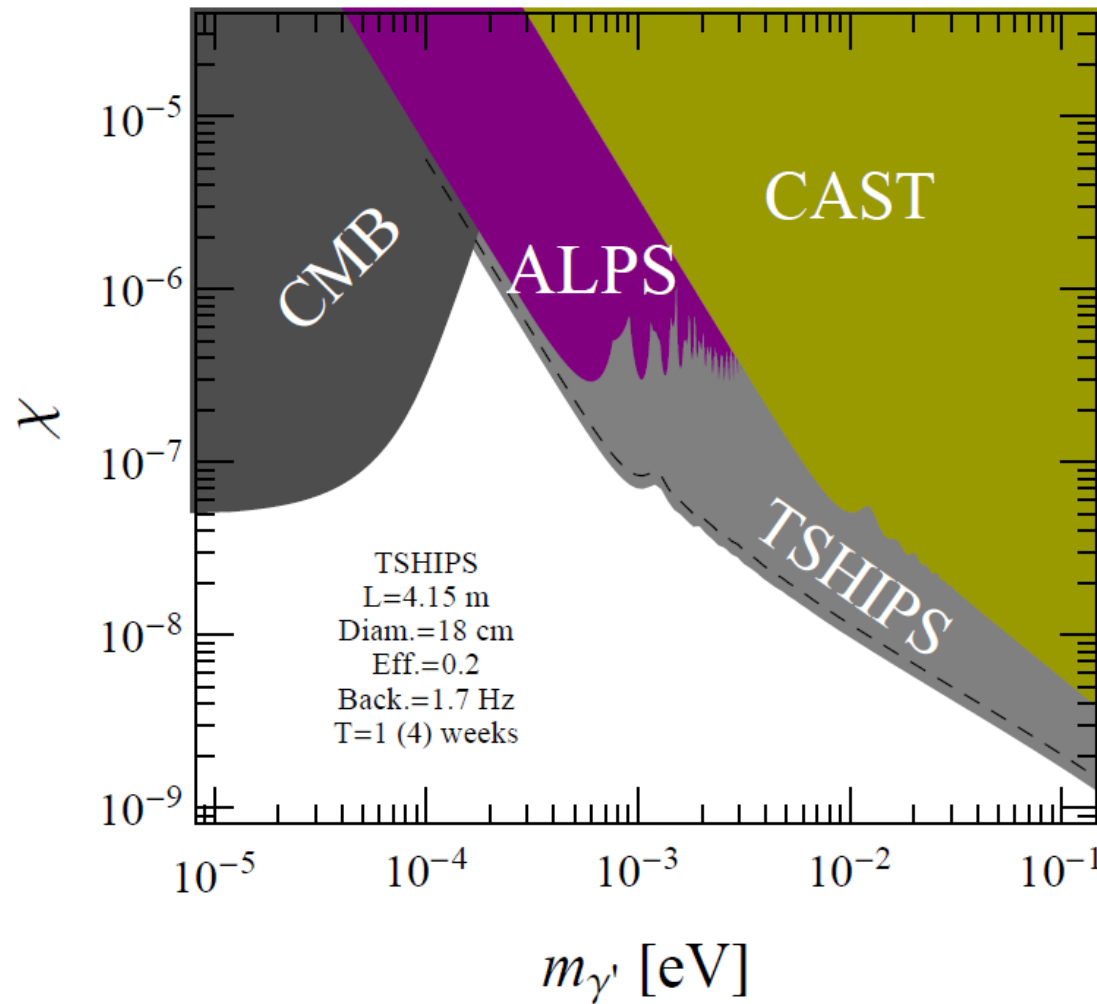


- > Light collected via a 20 cm Fresnel lens:
- > Low noise PM:
(ET Enterprises 9893/350B)
- > Data taking since March 2013: 250 h of sun + background data each,

but no hint for an excess (yet).



TSHIPS-I potential

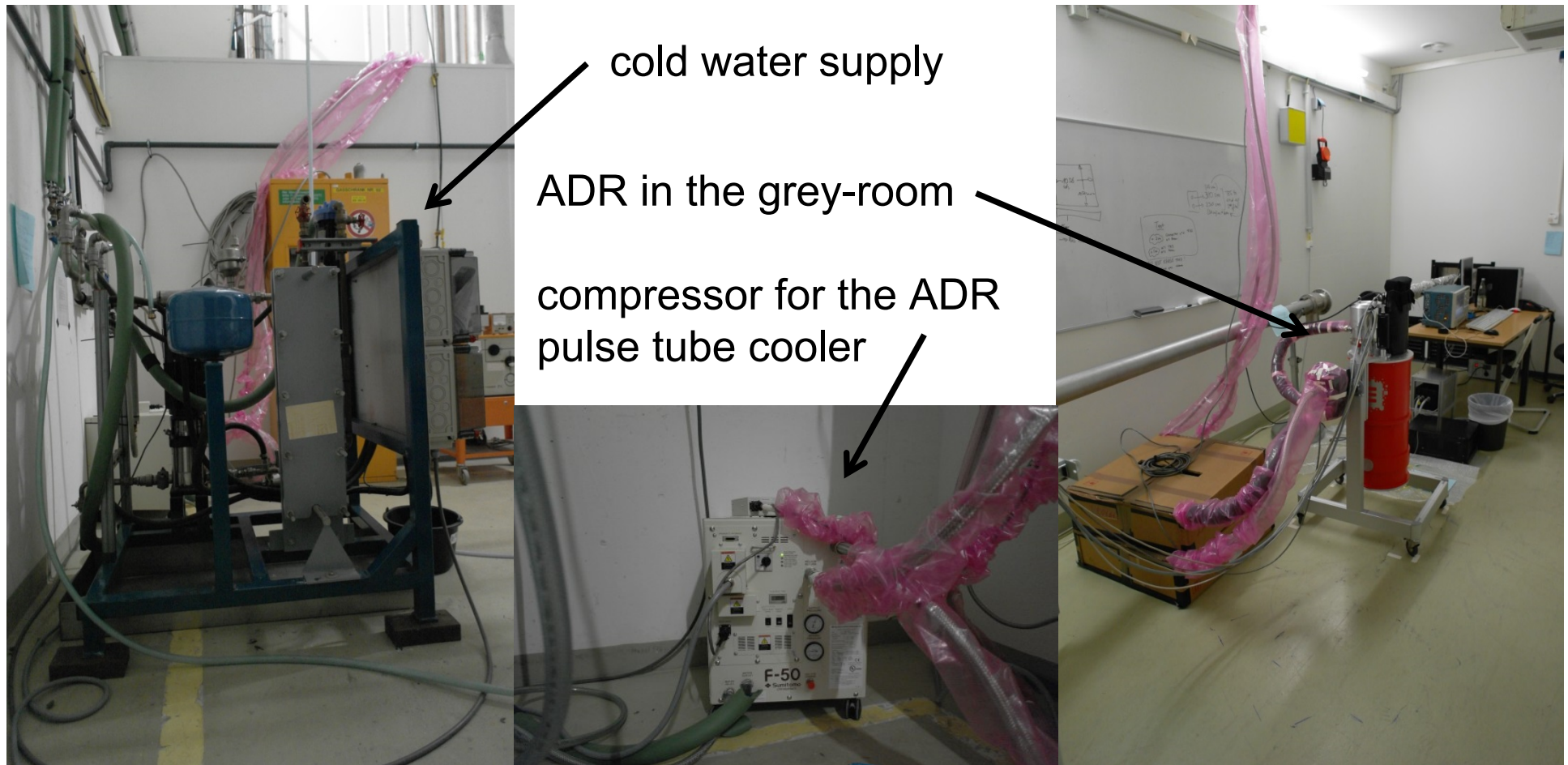


Significant improvement
compared to present
experimental
sensitivities!

Search for hidden photons,
hence no magnets required!

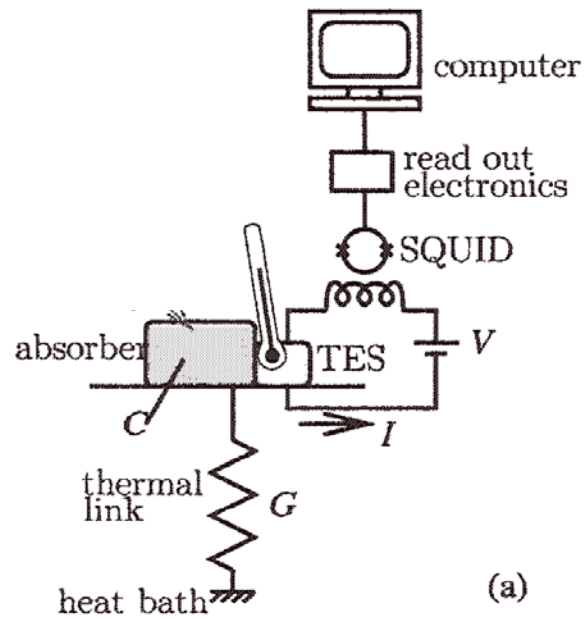
ALPS II detector

The studies of the Transition Edge Sensors proceed.



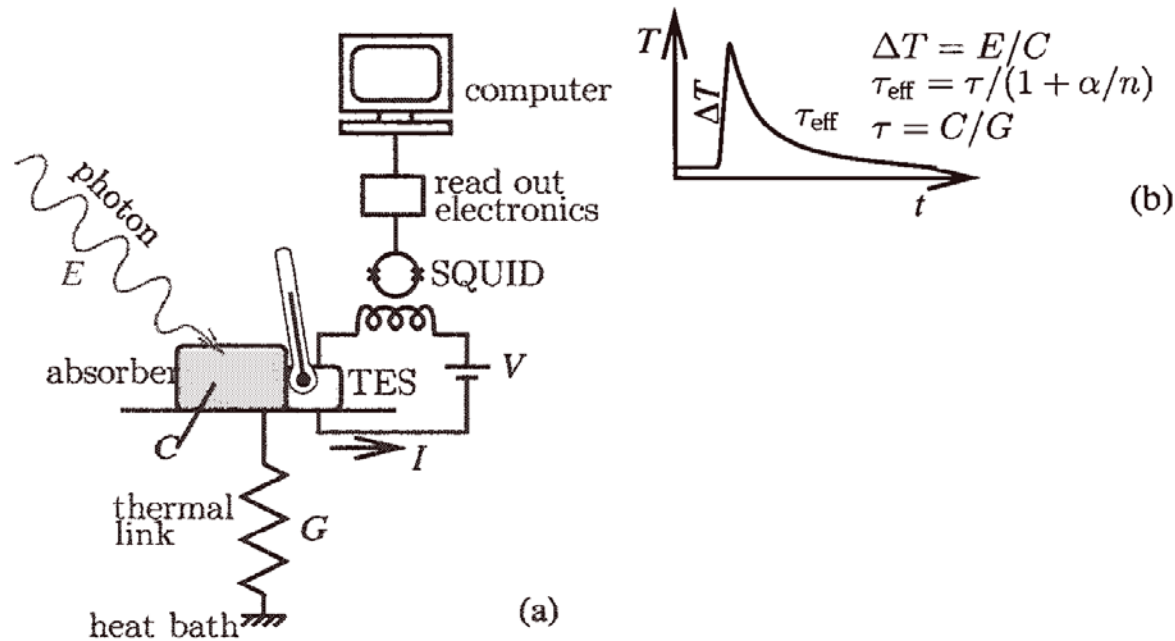
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Transition Edge Sensor (TES)



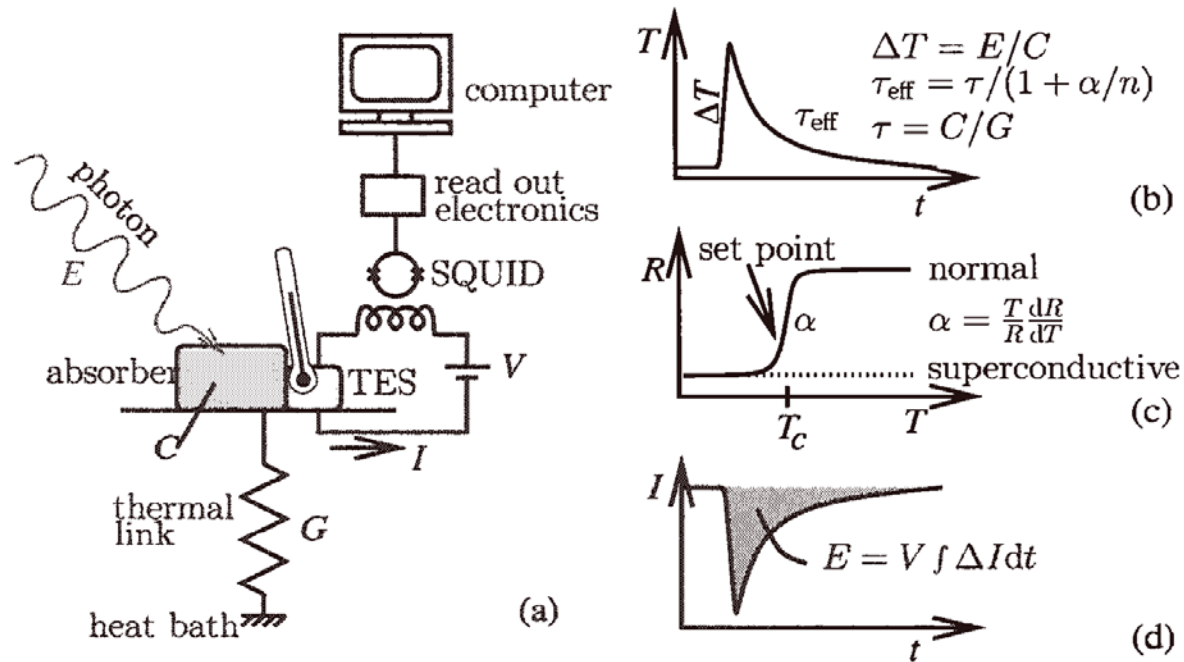
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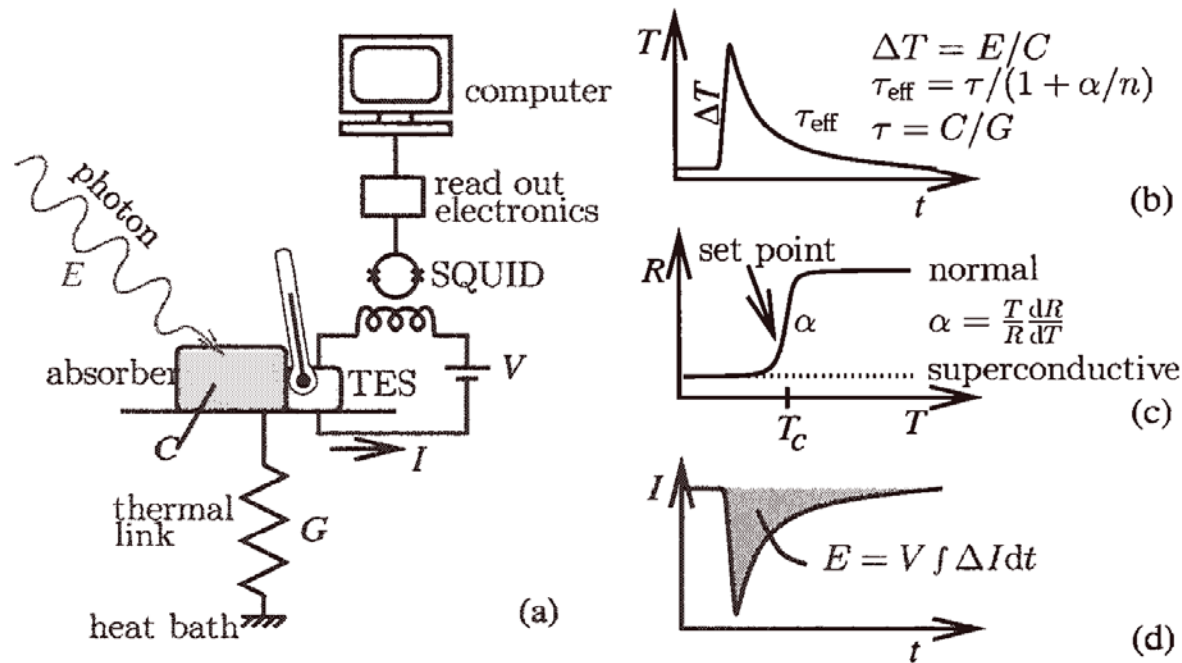
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ALPS II detector

Transition Edge Sensor (TES)



- > Very high quantum efficiency, also at 1064 nm, very low noise.
- > Tungsten film.
- > Sensor size $25\mu\text{m} \times 25\mu\text{m} \times 20\text{nm}$.
- > To be operate around 100 mK.

ALPS II essentials: magnets

The aperture of the magnets determines the lengths of the optical cavities:

- > The laser beam diverges and clipping is to be avoided to not spoil the power built-up in the cavities.

Eff. dipole aperture		Max. # of dipoles		B·L (Tm)	
		HERA	LHC	HERA	LHC
35 mm	(HERA)	2·4		187	
40 mm	(LHC)	2·6	2·4	281	514
50 mm	(HERA almost straight)	2·10		468	
55 mm	(HERA straight)	2·12		562	

HERA dipoles are competitive with LHC dipoles, if one could get them straight!

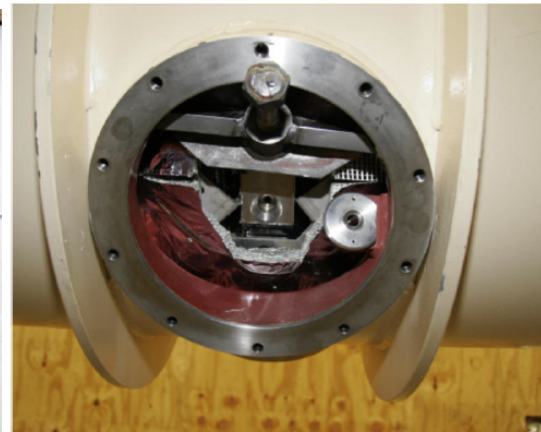
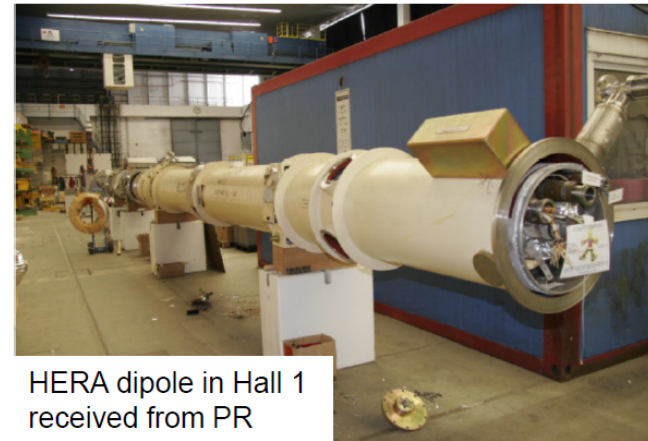
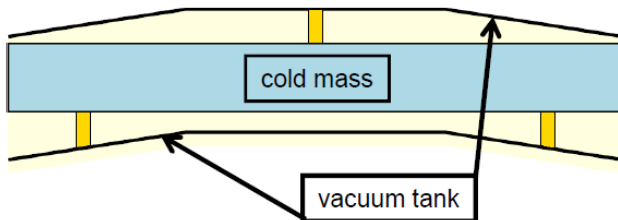
- > Challenge:
develop (cheap) straightening procedure for HERA dipole magnets!



ALPS II essentials: magnets

Inexpensive method to increase the aperture of the vacuum pipe in the HERA dipole

Force ends and middle of cold mass towards the center with simple deformation tools



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ALPS II essentials: magnets

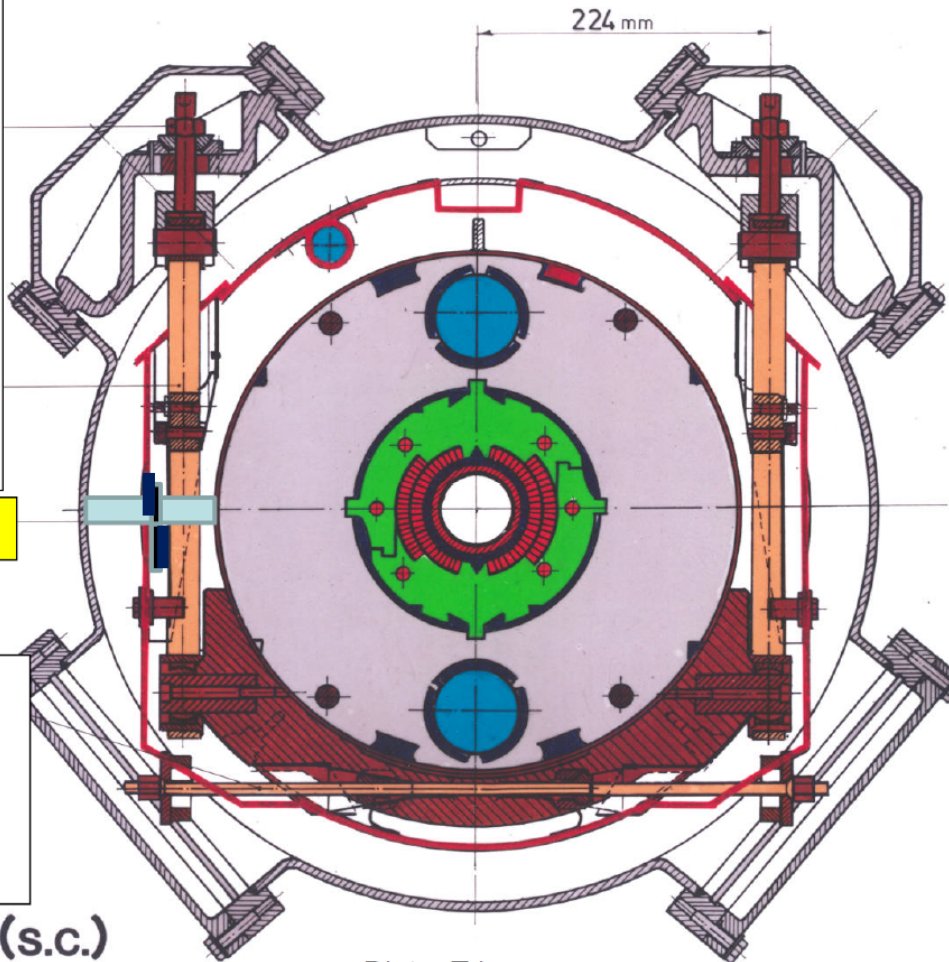
The deformation of the yoke is elastic. Therefore the force must be maintained also during cryogenic operation of the dipole.

So, the deformation tools are replaced by **pressure props** with a sufficiently low heat flow to the 4K helium vessel.

pressure prop

The outer pressure props have to follow the length change of the helium vessel during cool down and warm-up.

Dipole Magnet (s.c.)



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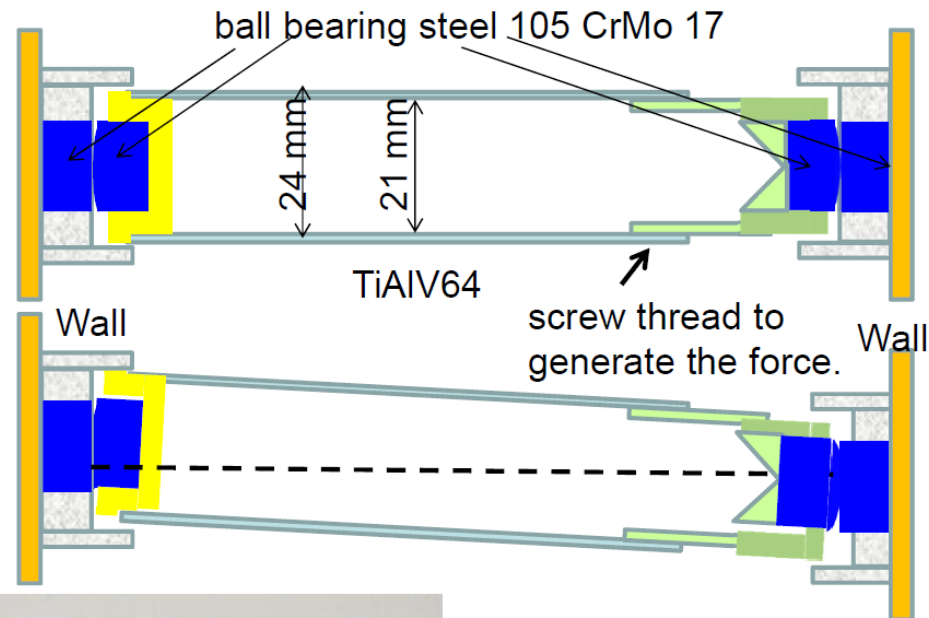
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ALPS II essentials: magnets

The problem to follow the shrinkage of the cold mass was solved by using the section of a sphere, which rolls with the motion of the cold mass.

Low heat flow
pressure prop

The distance between warm and cold wall does not change during roll except for a thermal shrinkage of the pressure prop



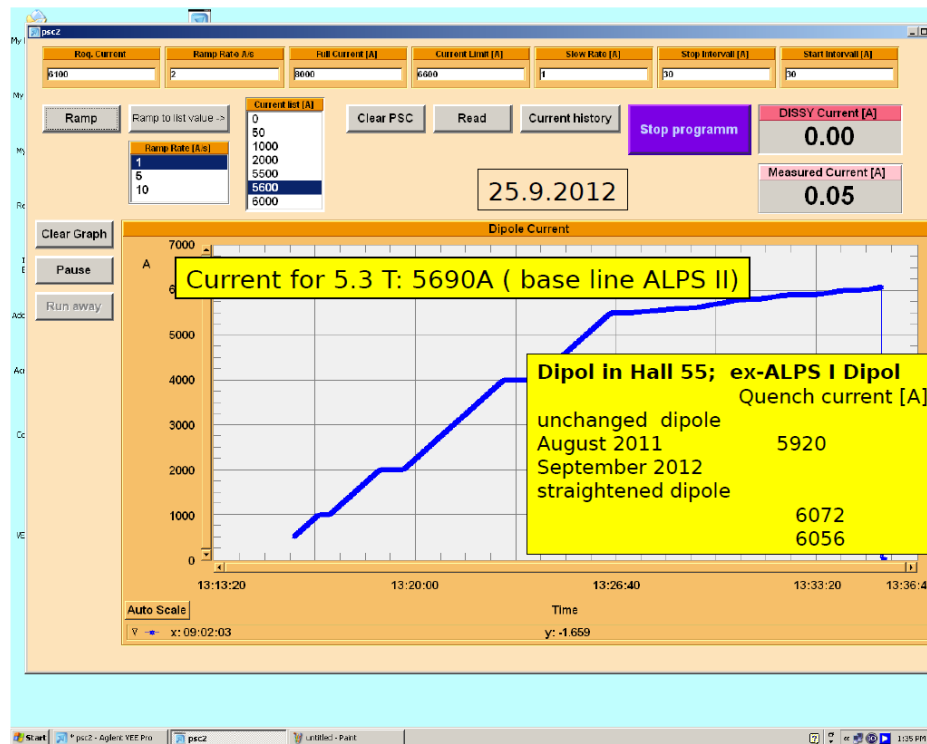
The prototype was tested at liquid nitrogen temperature in vacuum

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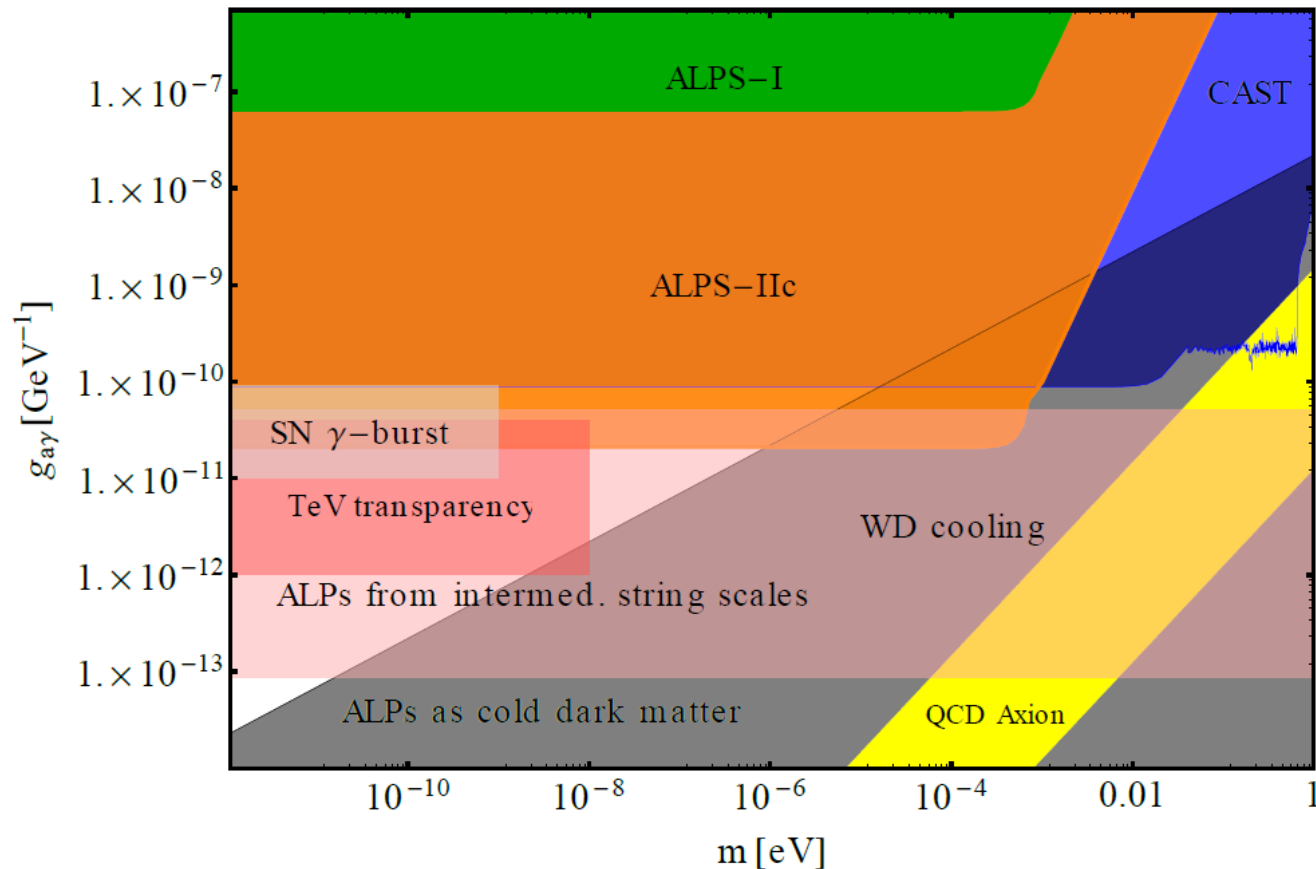
Status of magnets

- Already the first test of the straightening procedure in September 2012 was very successful!



- The straightening procedure for the HERA dipoles has been revised. A simpler and more robust method will be tested soon.

Sketch of the ALPS II sensitivity



- > ALPS IIc will surpass present day direct and indirect limits.
- > ALPS IIc will probe the parameter region proposed by astrophysics phenomena and theory (strings, dark matter).



Beyond ALPS II

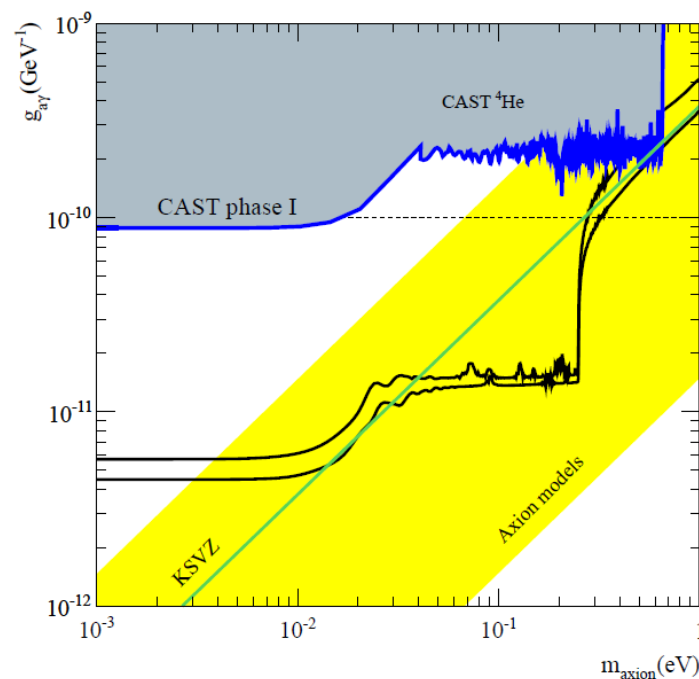
- On the longer run one could strive for an “ALPS III”:
 - New dipoles based on developments for LHC energy upgrade: $B = 13\text{T}$, aperture 100 mm: gain in $B \cdot L$ by a factor of about 10.
 - Increasing the cw laser power to a few MW.
 - Reach for ALP couplings down to $10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$!
 - However, only light ALPs with masses below 0.1 meV could be searched for!

$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi}(B, \ell, q) = \frac{1}{4} (g B \ell)^2 F(q\ell) \quad F(q\ell) = \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}q\ell\right)}{\frac{1}{2}q\ell} \right]^2$$



ALPS and IAXO

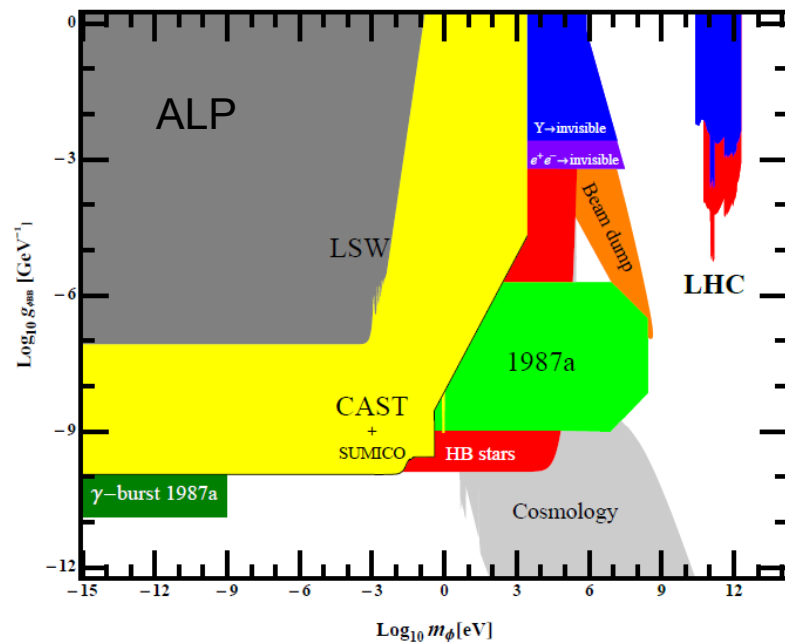
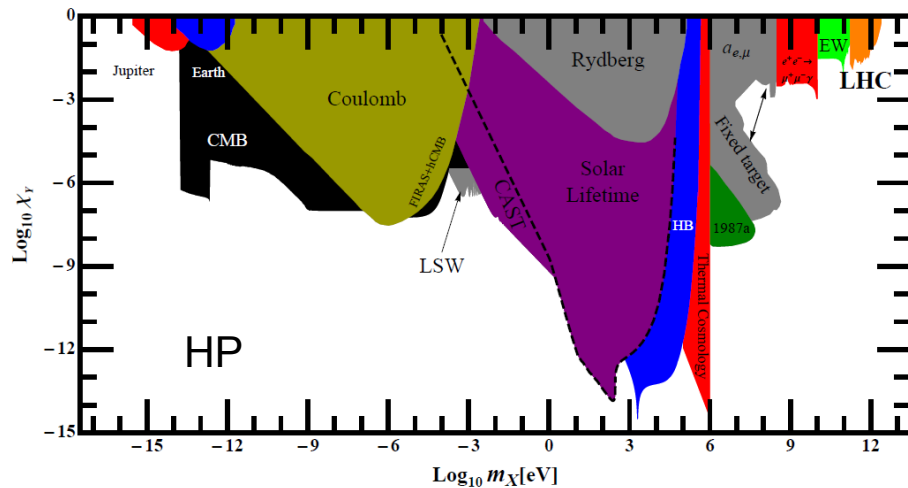
- The International Axion Observatory: could be ready in 2020.
- ALPS II aims for data taking in 2018. ← ALPS I 2007-2010
- An “ALPS III” need considerable R&D and might be ready in 2025.



← ALPS II (but $m < 0.2\text{meV}$) 2018

← “ALPS III” dream (but $m < 0.1\text{meV}$) 2025?

WI(S)P searches at LHC



IPPP/12/94; DCPT/12/188;

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LHC probes the hidden sector

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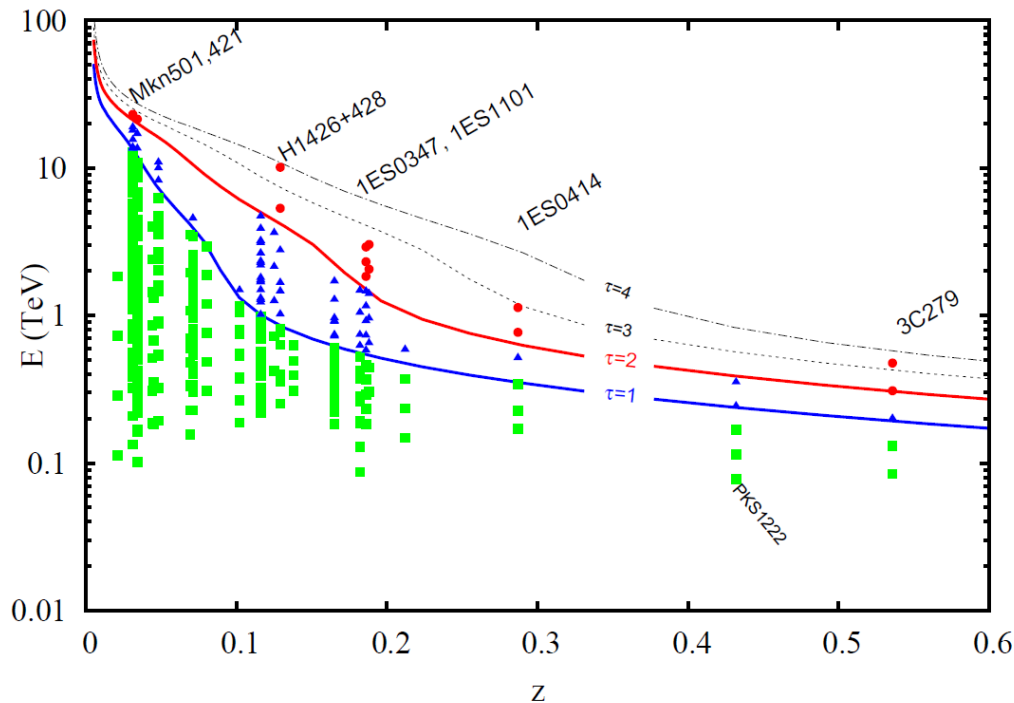
- > LHC can probe couplings much weaker than the typical values of the visible sector.
- > However, there is hardly any sensitivity for lightweight particles, which are of cosmological relevance.



Indications for a WISP world?

> Puzzles from astrophysics:

... but this seems to be in conflict with observations.



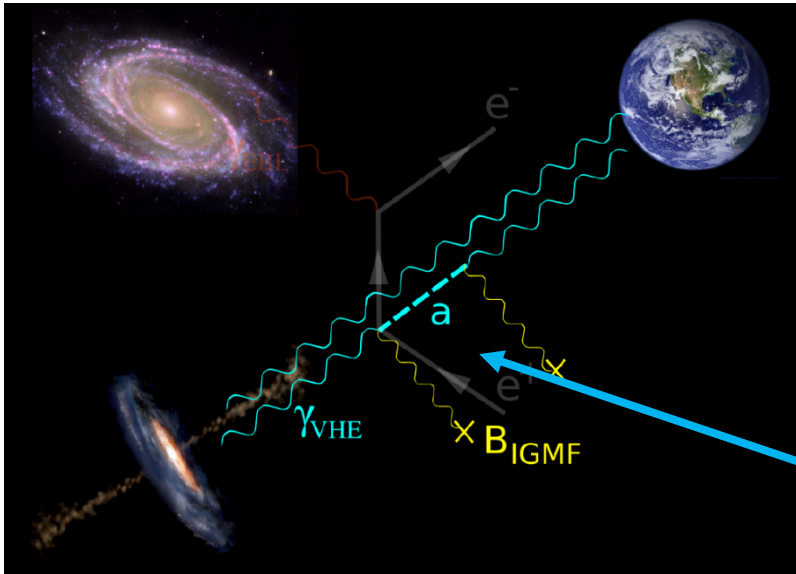
D. Horns, M. Meyer, JCAP 1202 (2012) 033

> If physics beyond the SM is involved, it happens below the MeV scale!



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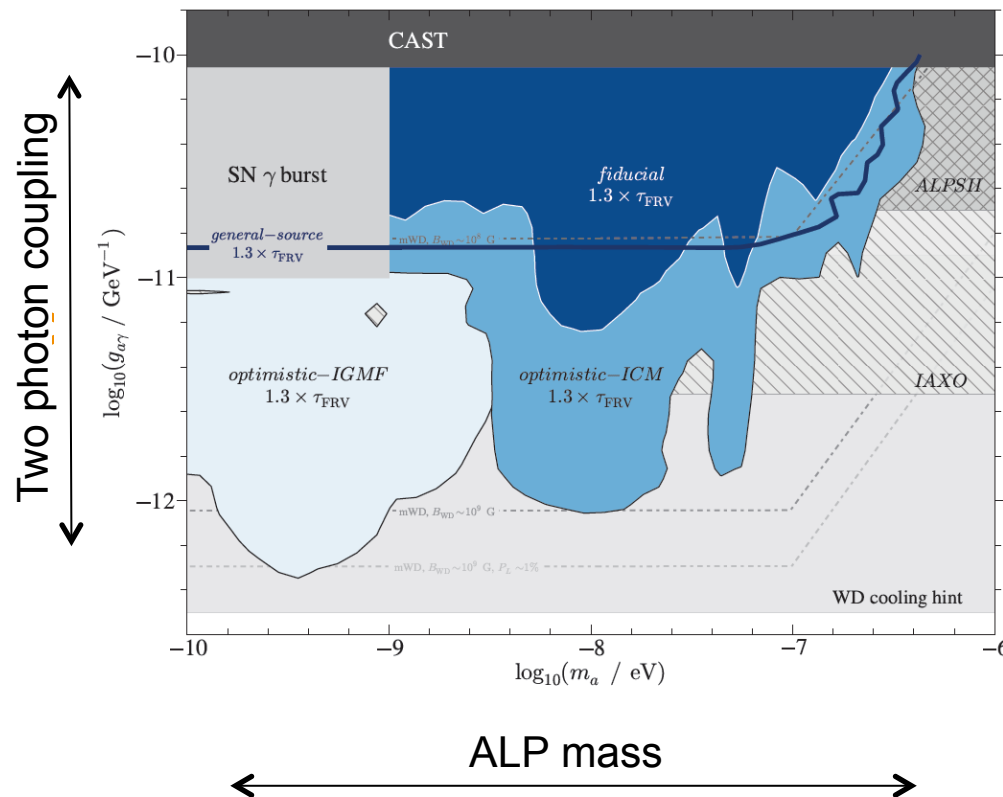


M. Meyer, 7th Patras Workshop on Axions, WIMPs and WISPs, 2011

TeV photons may “hide”
as ALPs:
LSW in the Universe!

ALPs and cosmic TeV photons

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significance above 3.5σ

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

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



Unexplained physics phenomena

might hint at Weakly Interacting Slim Particles (WISPs).

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CMBR neutrino number	★	HP, Chameleon (?)
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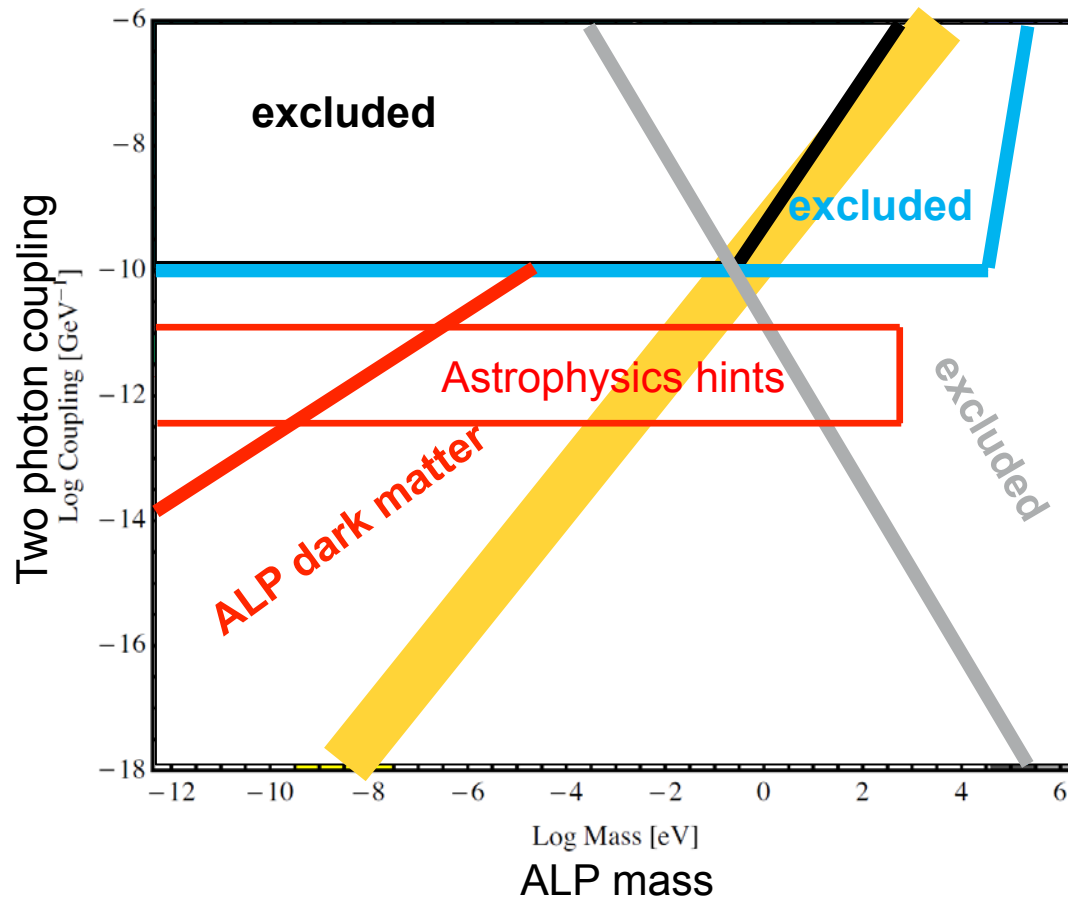
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The big picture: ALPs



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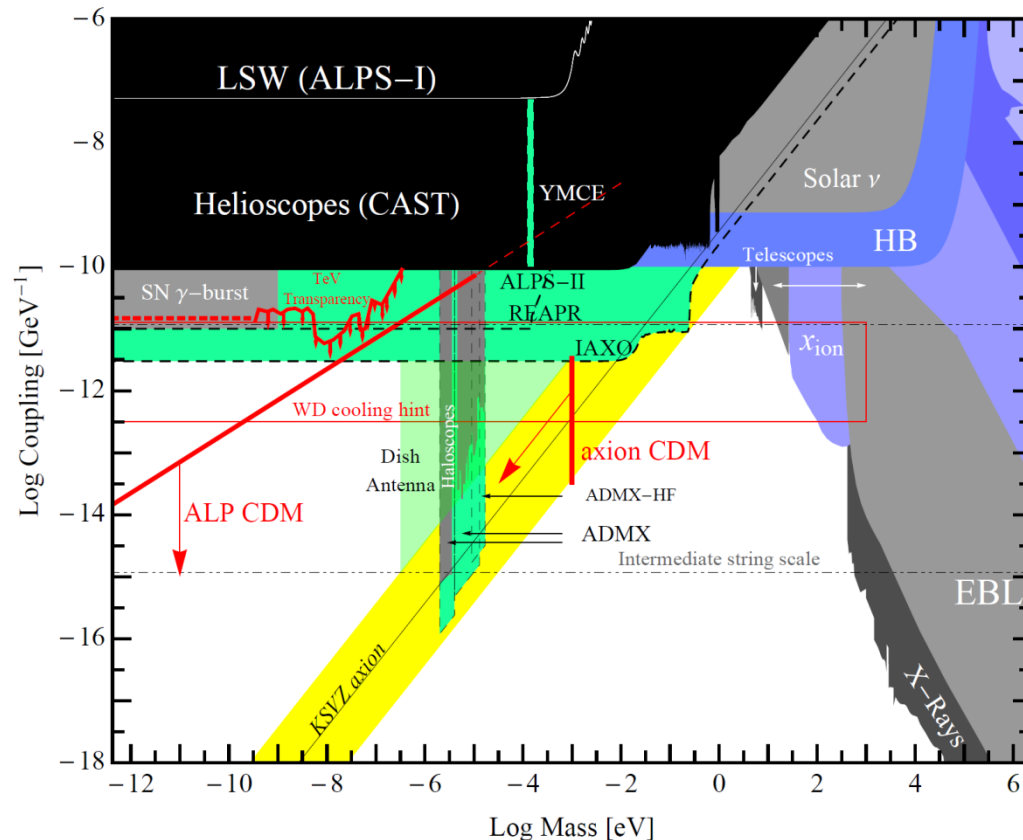
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The big picture: ALPs



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Sensitivity of next generation WISP exp.

Particular interesting:

➤ ALP-photon couplings around 10^{-11}GeV^{-1} , masses below 1 meV.

This can be probed by the next generation of experiments.



Physics beyond the standard model



<http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archivo:Universum.jpg>



Input to the discussion on the future European strategy on particle physics:

- In searches for WISPs as a Dark Matter component a variety of new experimental approaches have recently emerged and deserve serious attention, as they may yield an experimental program complementary to and competitive with the leading US Axion Dark Matter search eXperiment (ADMX).
- In searches for WISPs emitted by the sun the proposal for an International AXion Observatory (IAXO) stands out as a larger scale follow-up of the successful CAST helioscope at CERN.
- In purely laboratory based WISP searches the proposal for Any Light Particle Search (ALPS II) at DESY offers leading prospects for this technique worldwide.

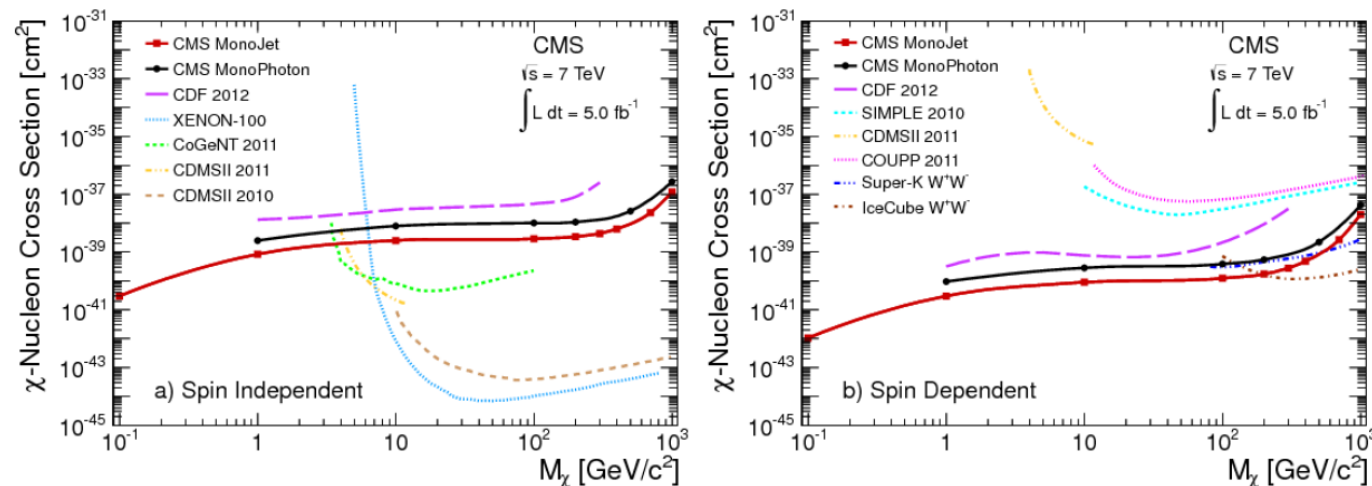
Although significant challenges remain, the rewards of exploring the low-energy frontier of particle physics could be enormous. Looking through the low-energy window may reveal fundamental insights on the underlying structure of nature and shed light on such important mysteries as the origin of Dark Matter and Dark Energy.



Dark Matter WIMPs

Model Independent (Direct Detection) Limits at the LHC

Model independent limits on the direct detection cross section



- LHC limits on SD and SI interactions are comparable
SD, SI are properties of non-relativistic operators
no enhancement of SI due to coherent scattering with nucleus
- strong limits on light dark matter as observable recoil energy does not depend on dark matter mass

