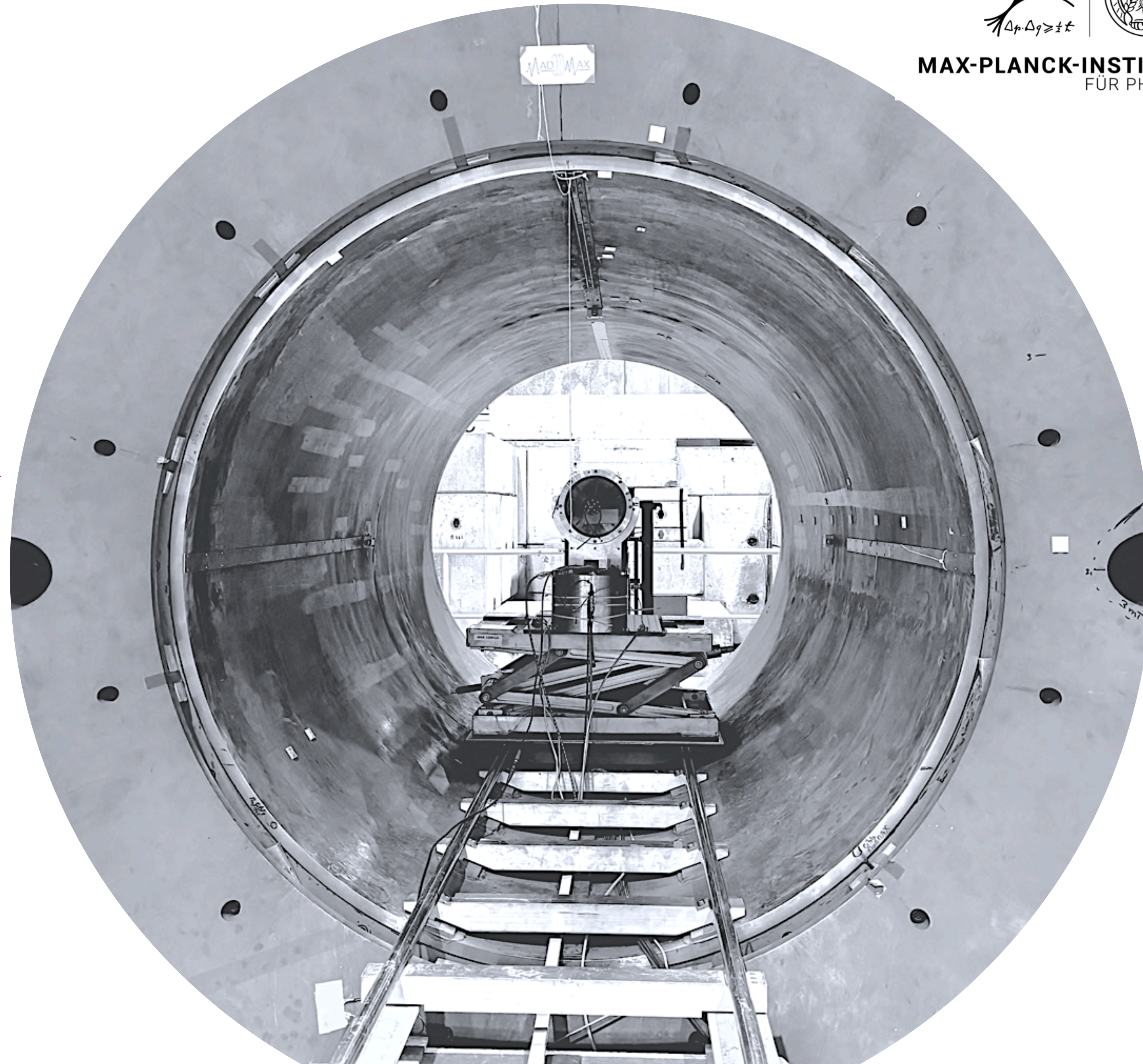


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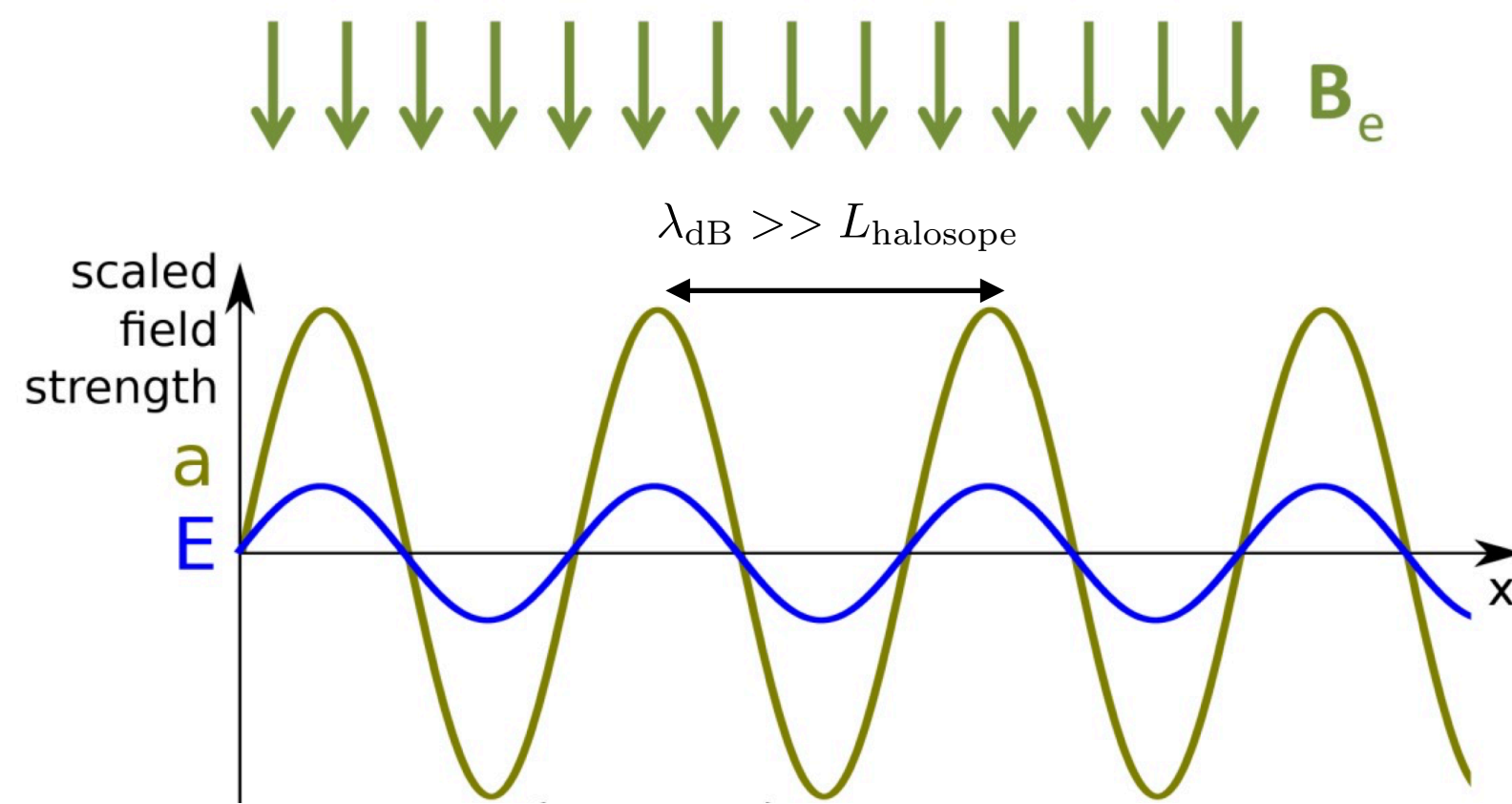
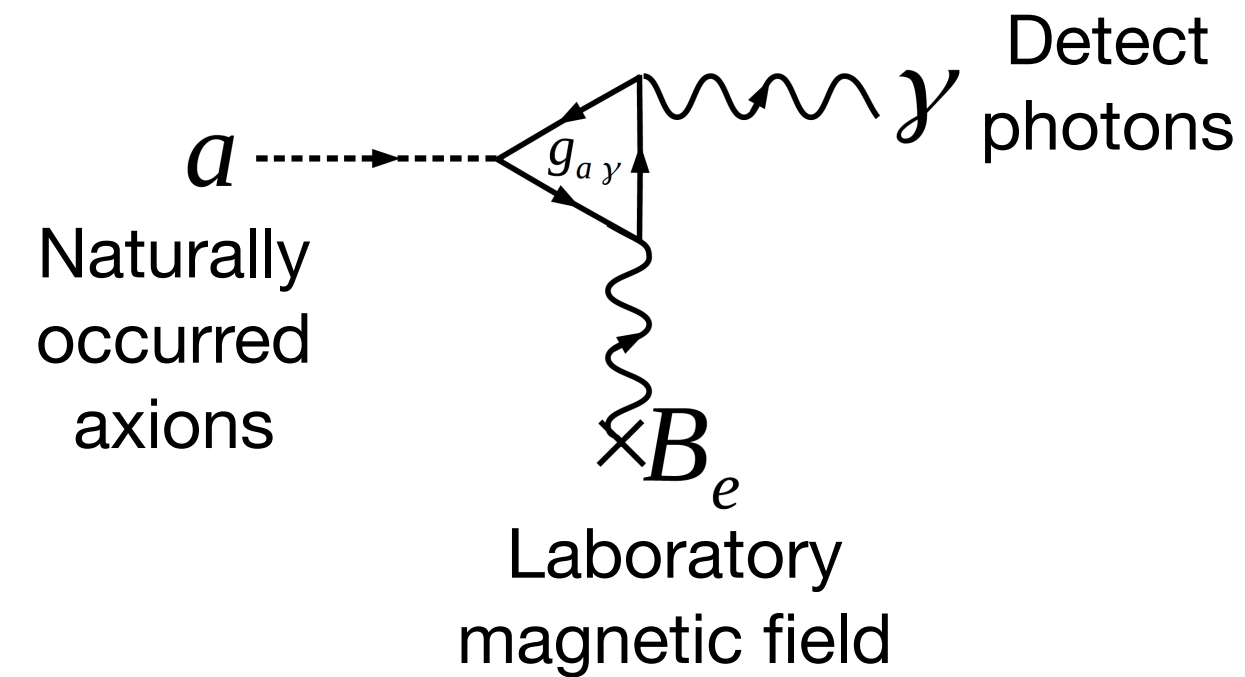
Dielectric Haloscope Experiment

- ▶ Principle
- ▶ Prototype preparation
- ▶ Physics runs
- ▶ News



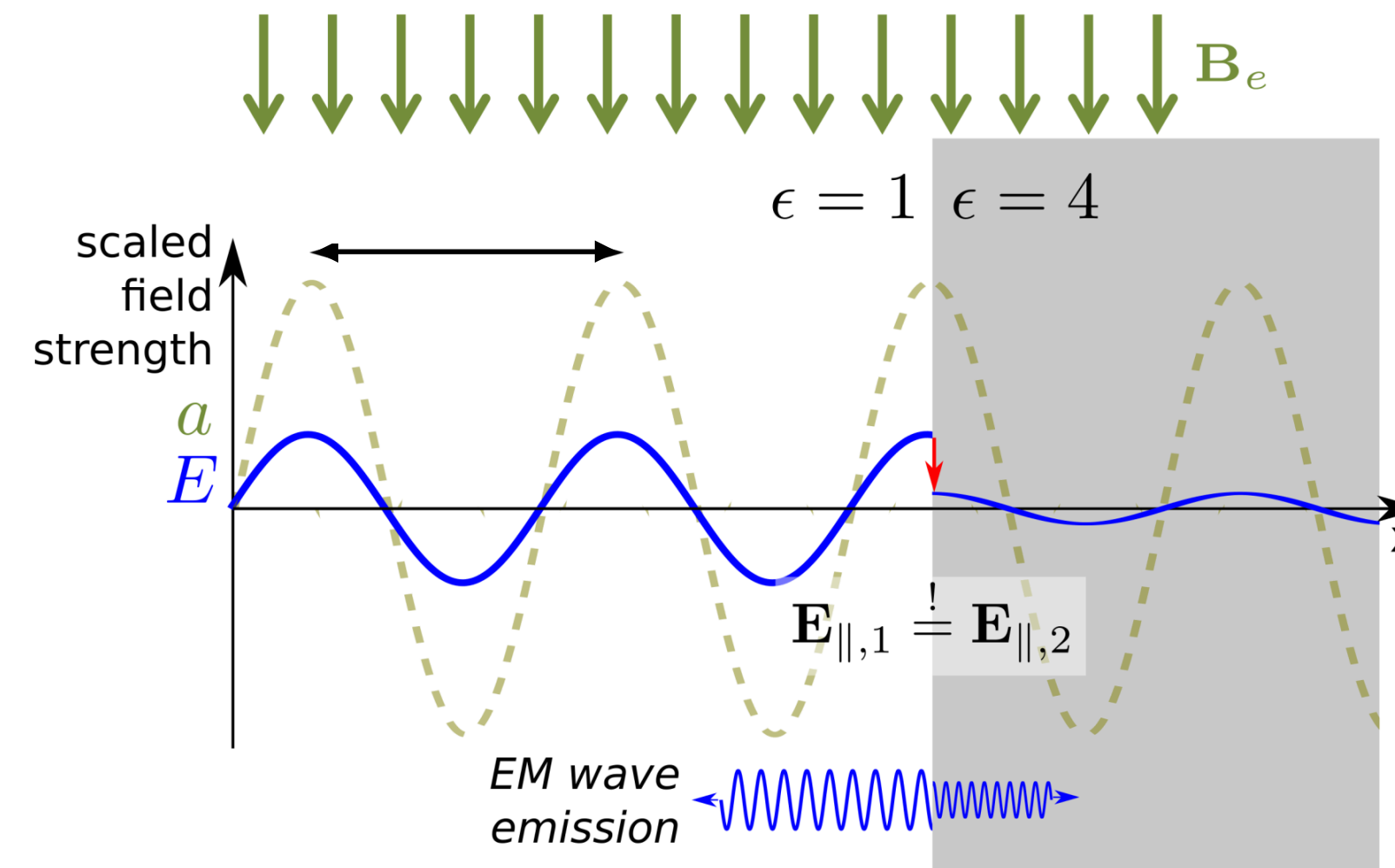
QCD axion detection principle

Axion to photon conversion by **Primakoff effect**



Axions as a scalar classical field: $a(x, t)$

$$\text{Axion-induced electric field: } \vec{E}_a = -\frac{g_{a\gamma} \vec{B}_e}{\epsilon} a_0 \cos(m_a t)$$

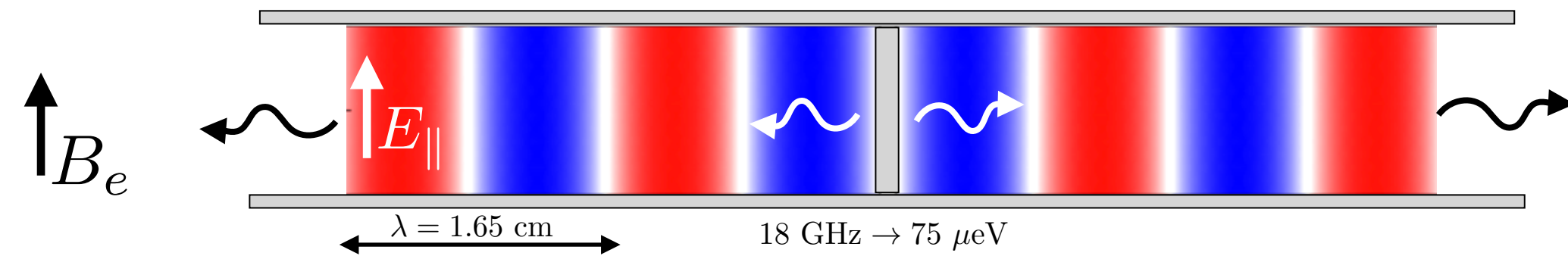


Emission of EM waves at the discontinuity

Dielectric haloscope principle

The 2D toy haloscope

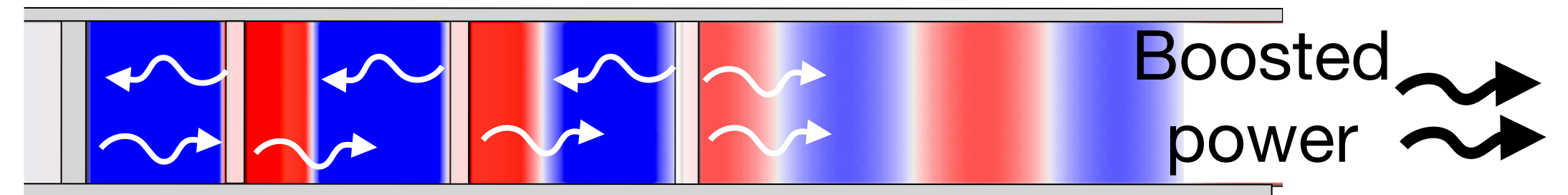
Emission from a perfect mirror



Tiny output power even for a high B-field and a large mirror:

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Emission from a booster



Shown: perfect mirror and 3 discs \times 1 mm; $\epsilon_r = 9.35$

Output power boosted relative to the mirror emission:

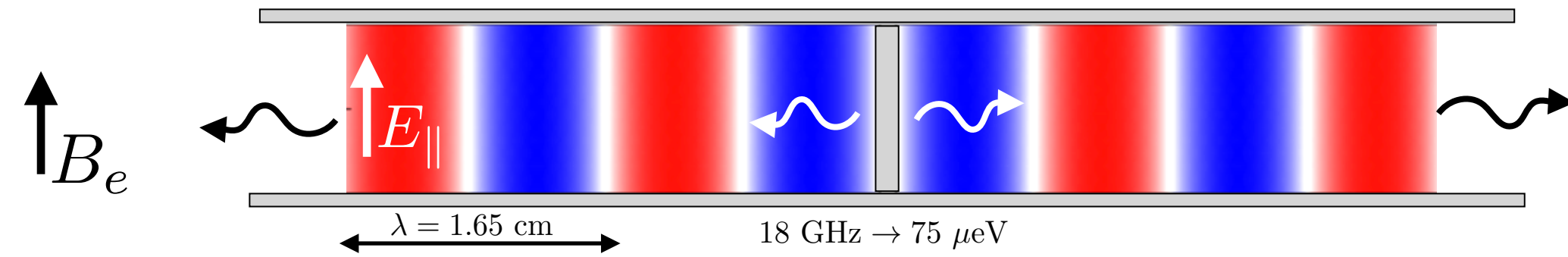
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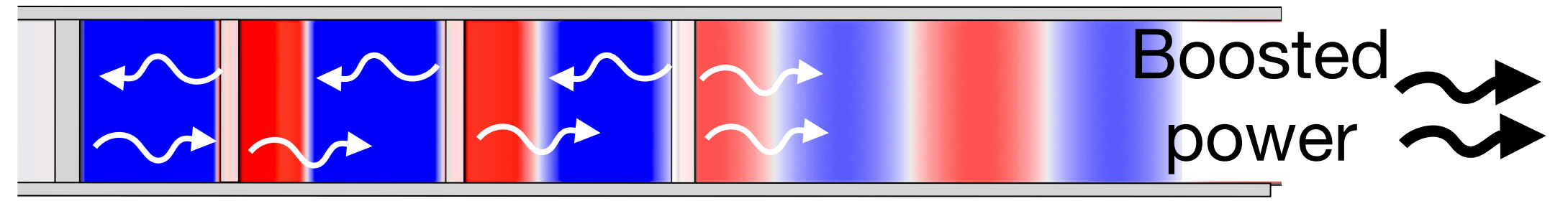
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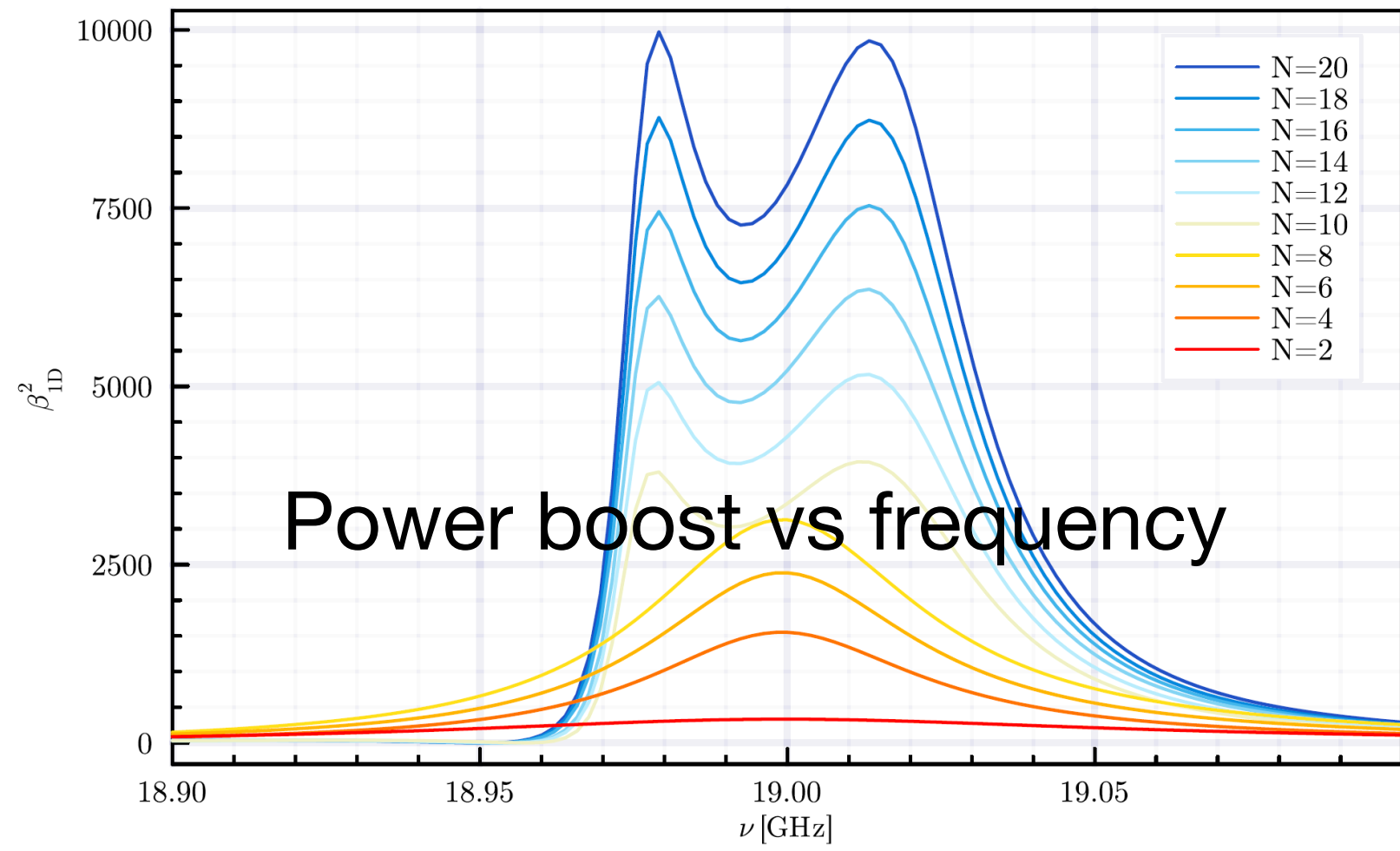
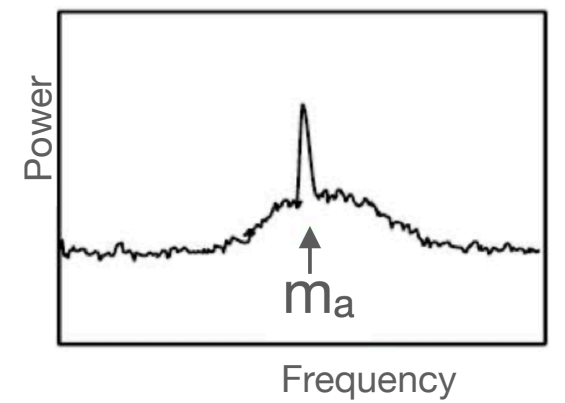


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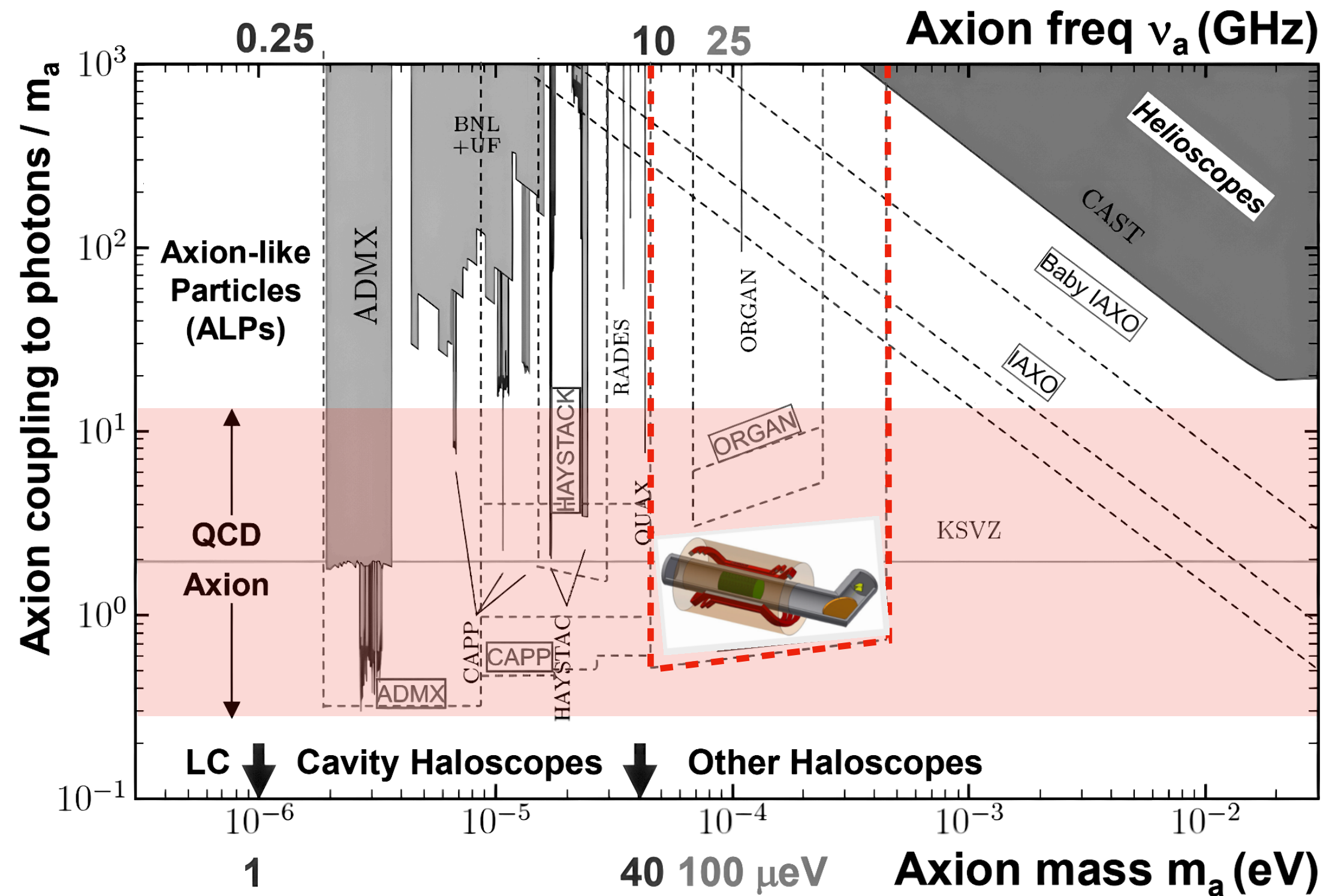


- ▶ Broad mass range and high boost possible
- ▶ Conversion volume and axion mass **decoupled**

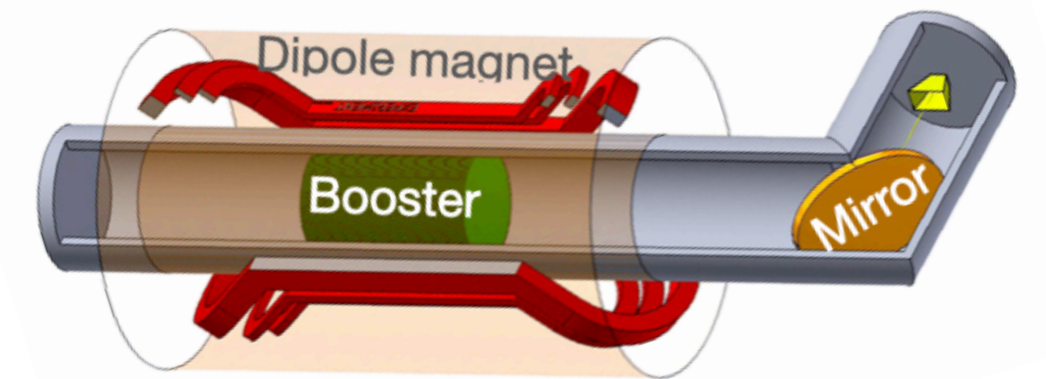
Magnetized Disc and Mirror Axion experiment

Goal and exciting developments of MADMAX

Goal: Tunable dielectric haloscope

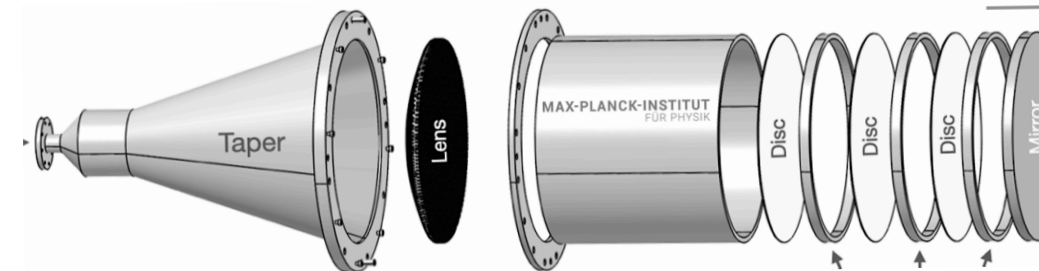


- ▶ Aimed at QCD and Post-inflationary¹ range
- ▶ 40-400 μeV or 10-100 GHz
- ▶ Many discs of 1 m^2
- ▶ $T_{\text{sys}} = 8 \text{ K}$ and $B_e = 9 \text{ T}$

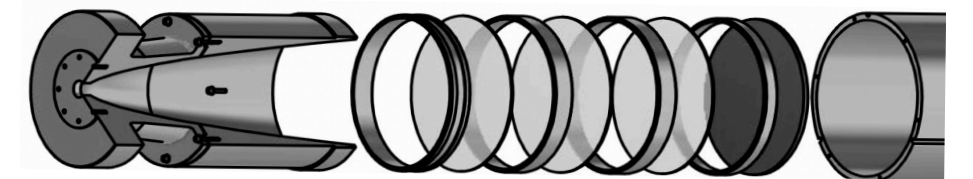


First axion search at CERN 2024

200 mm prototype



100 mm prototype



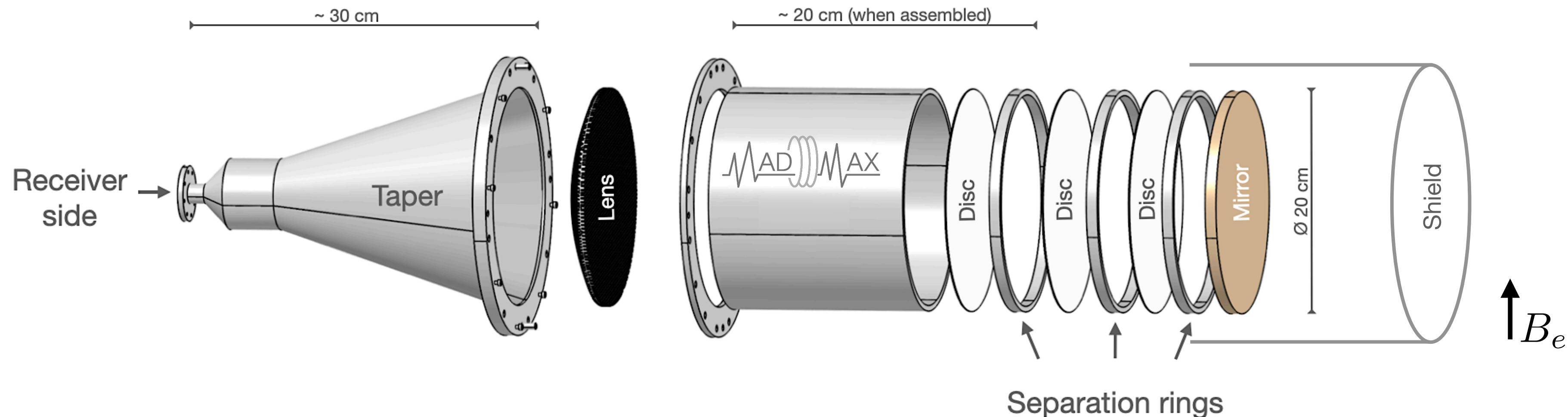
- ▶ Demonstrate tuning
- ▶ Control unwanted modes
- ▶ Receiver in noisy environment
- ▶ Physics with expected sensitivity beyond CAST
- ▶ Cold operation

$$g_{a\gamma} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \left(\frac{0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{\rho_a} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{10^5}{\beta^2} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{A} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{8 \text{ K}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{10 \text{ T}}{B_e} \right) \left(\frac{1.3 \text{ d}}{\tau} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\text{SNR}}{5} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m_a}{100 \mu\text{eV}} \right)^{5/4}$$

The CB 200 booster prototype

200 mm closed dielectric haloscope booster

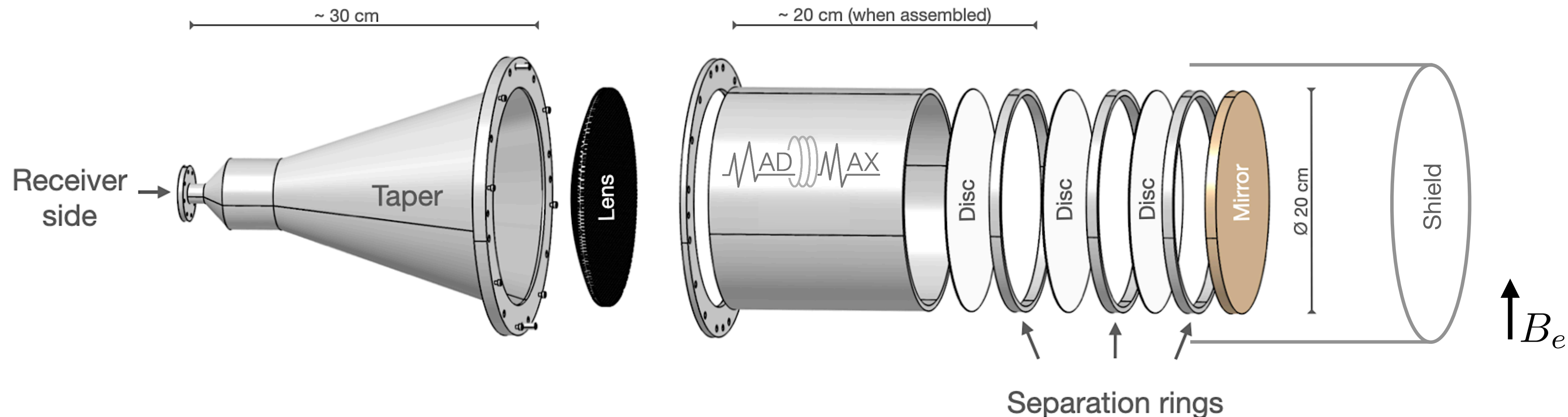
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- ▶ $\beta^2 \sim 2000$
- ▶ Shielded from RFI



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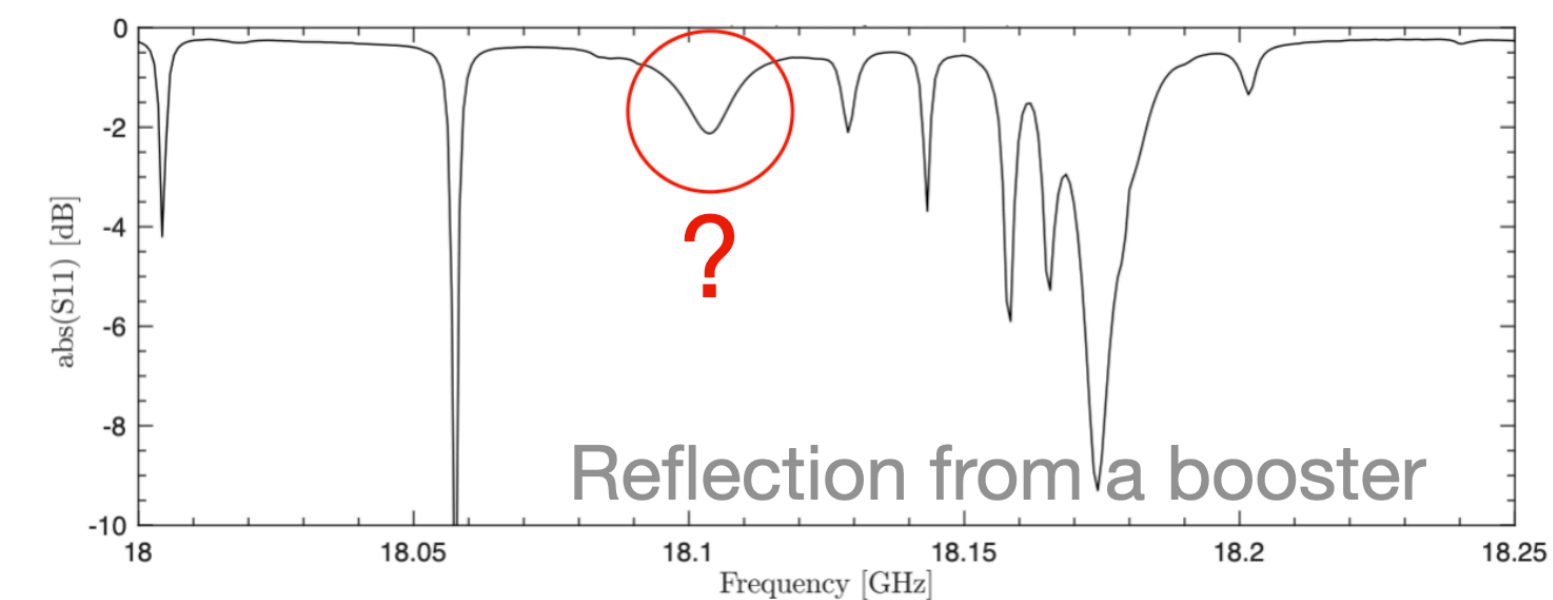
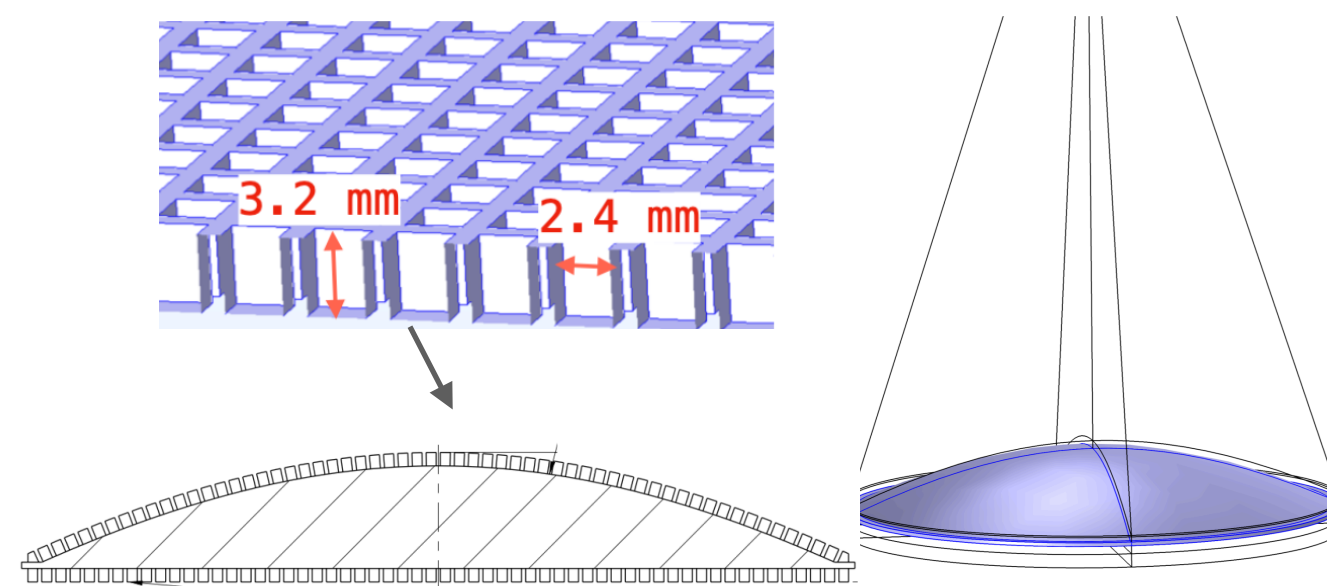
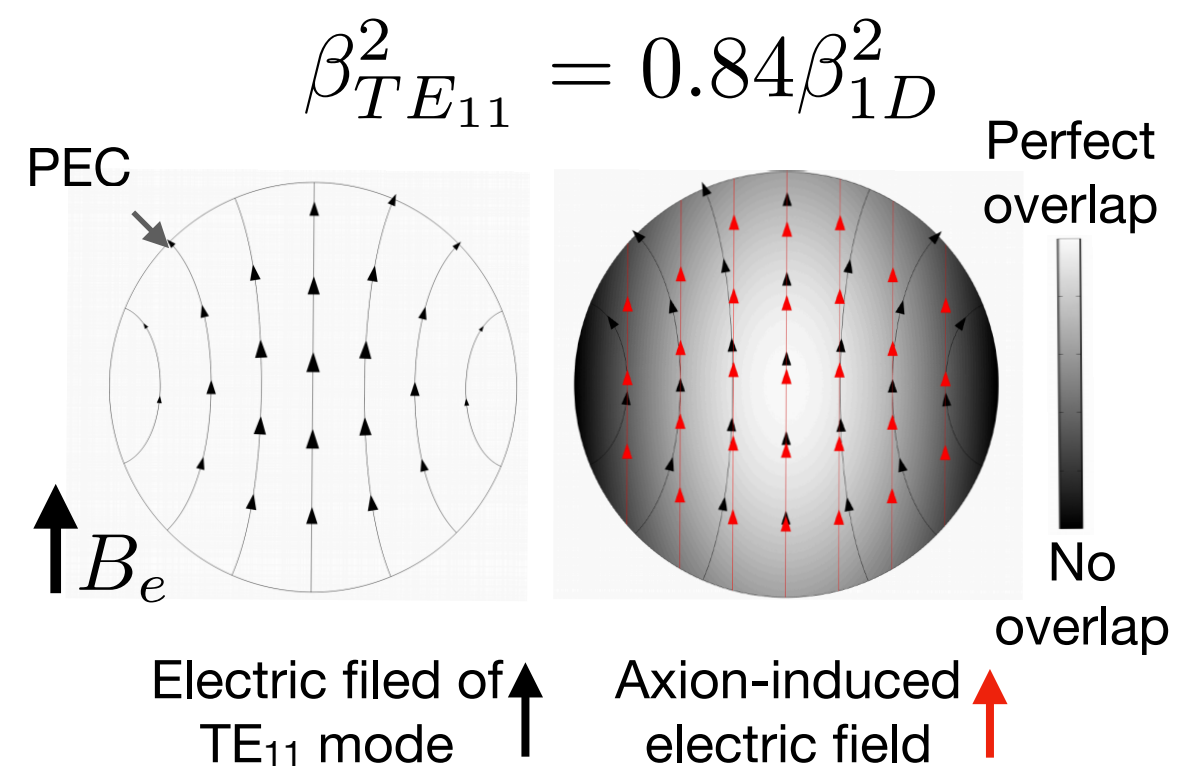
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Cylindrical wave emitted
~84% power extracted

Optimised coupling
compact taper with **dielectric lens**

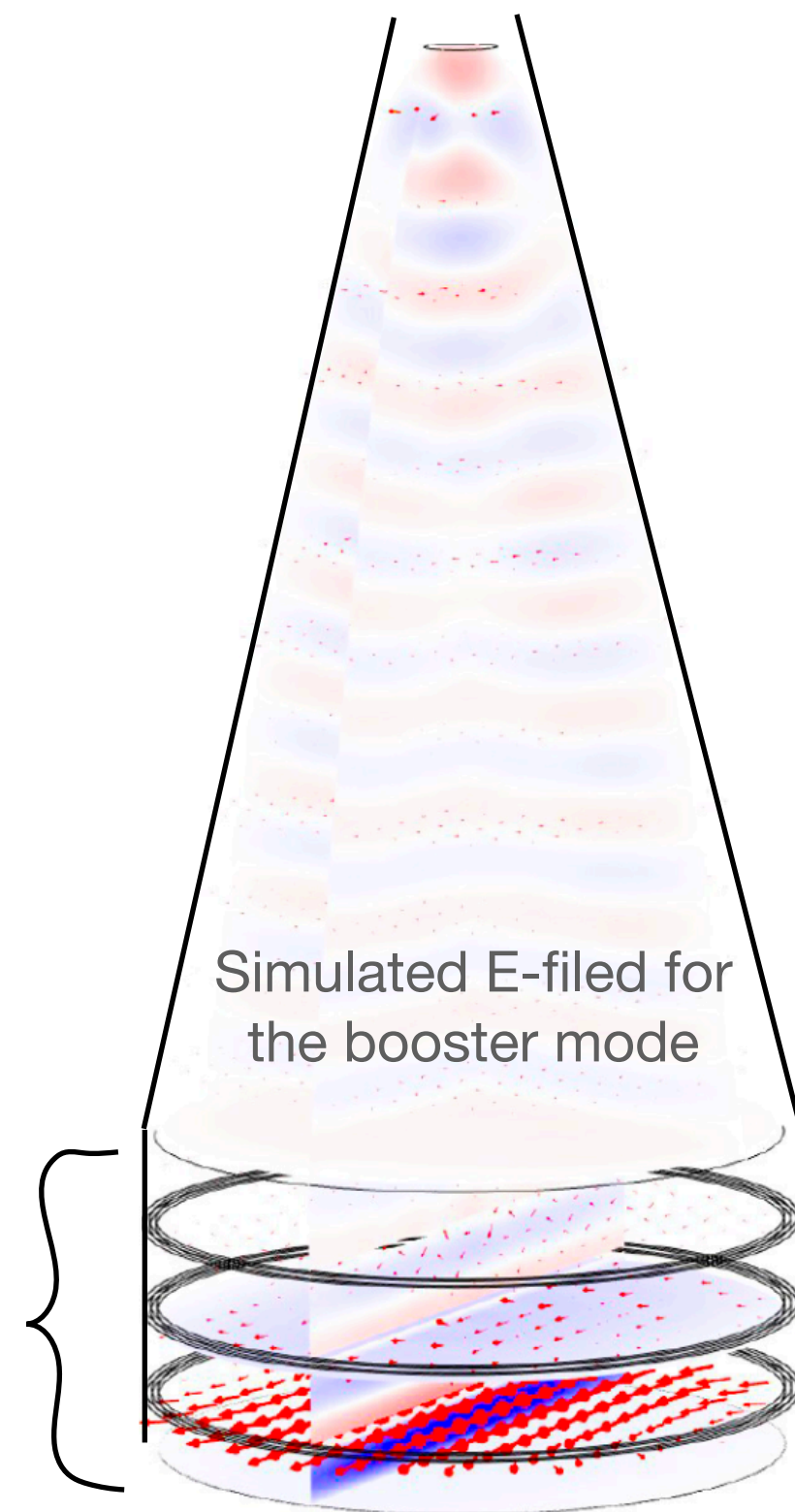
Challenge:
Over-moded spectrum



Tuning into the axion radio

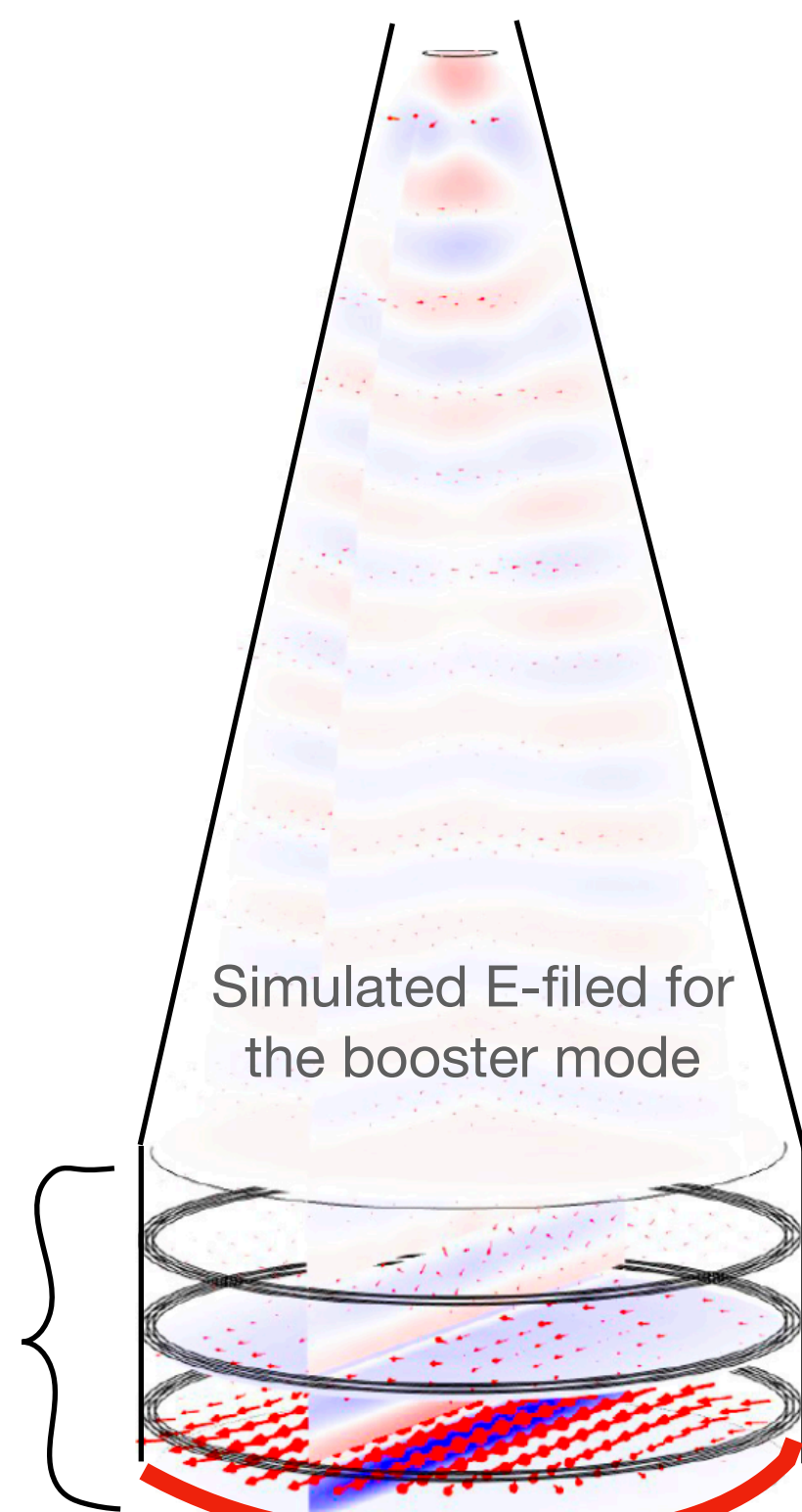
How to tune the booster frequency?

Set of rings
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frequency:
18 to 21 GHz



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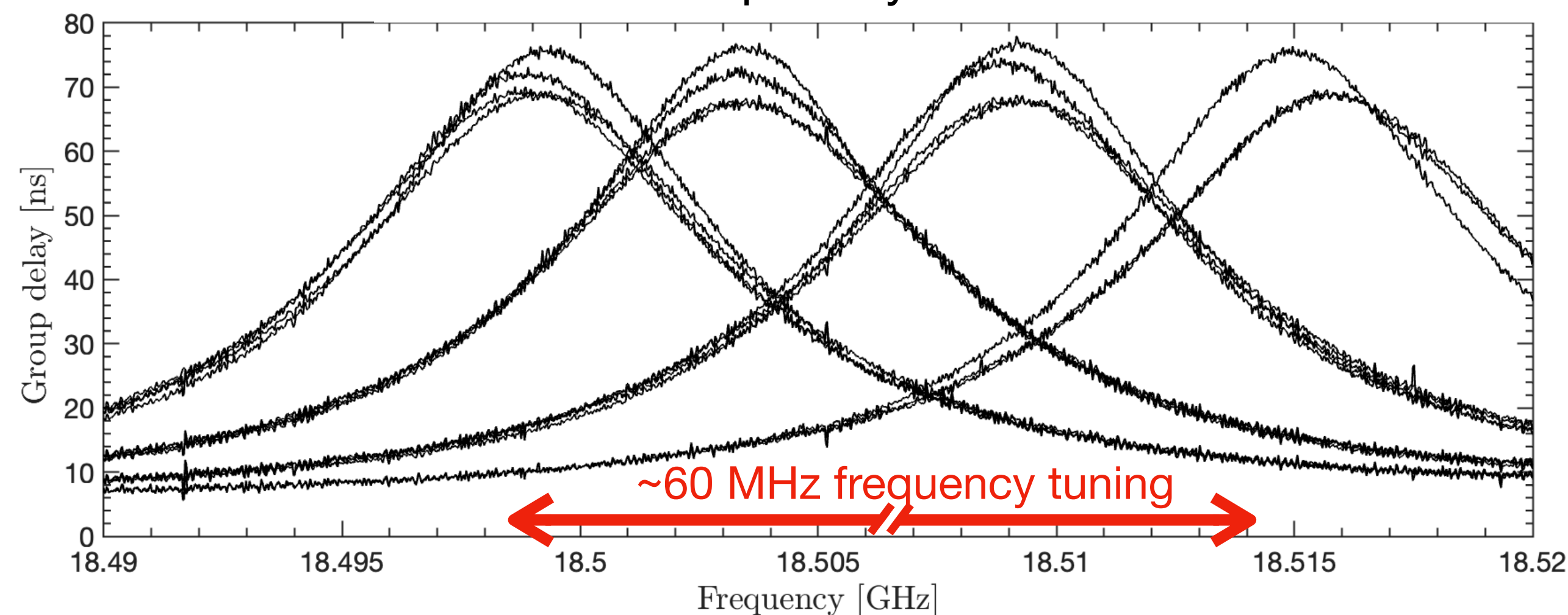
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Set of rings defines the **booster frequency:** 18 to 21 GHz

Booster mode sensitive to mirror offset

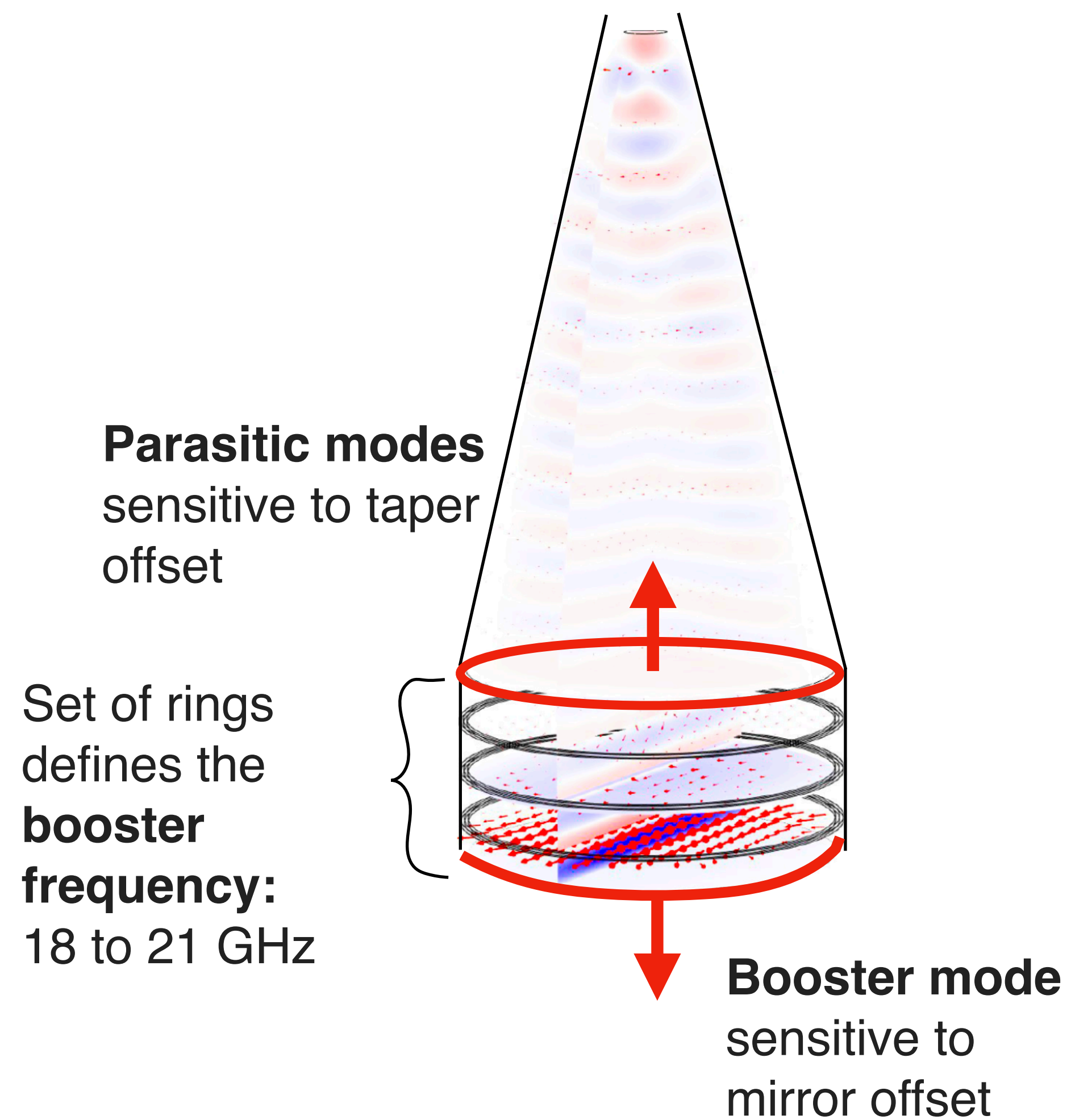
Measured Group delay vs mirror offset



Fine frequency **tuning possible** for booster configurations: 18 to 21 GHz

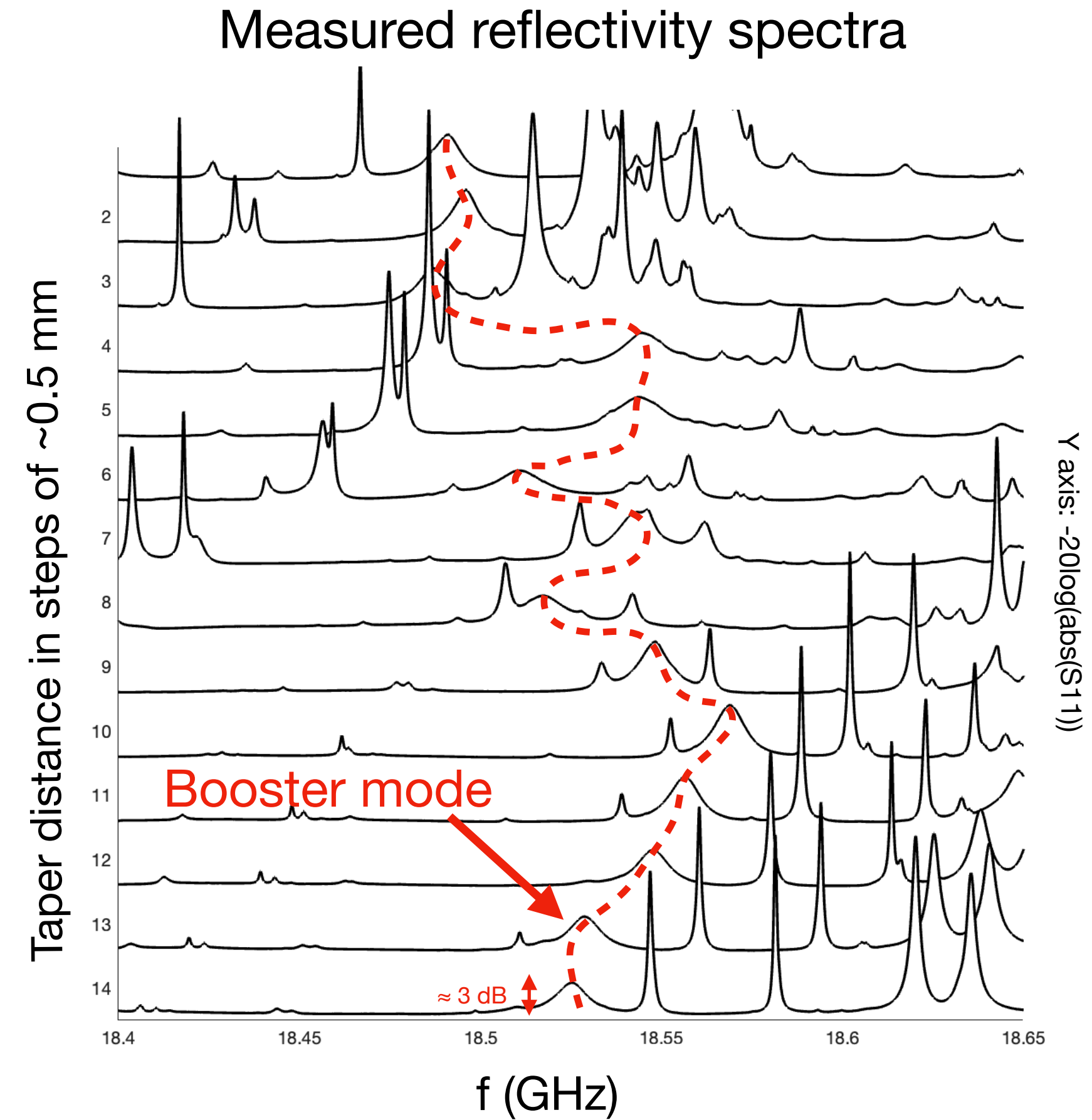
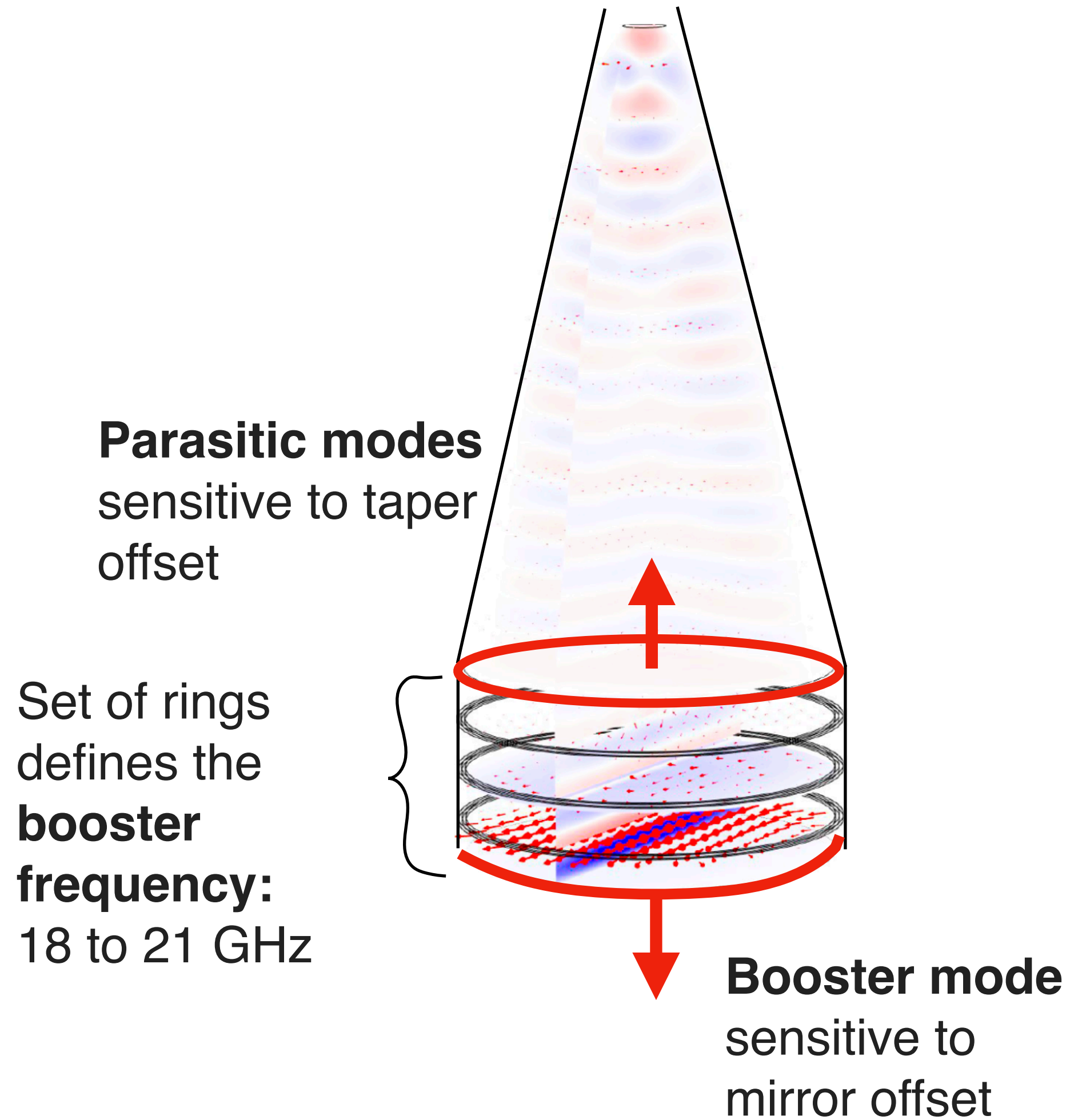
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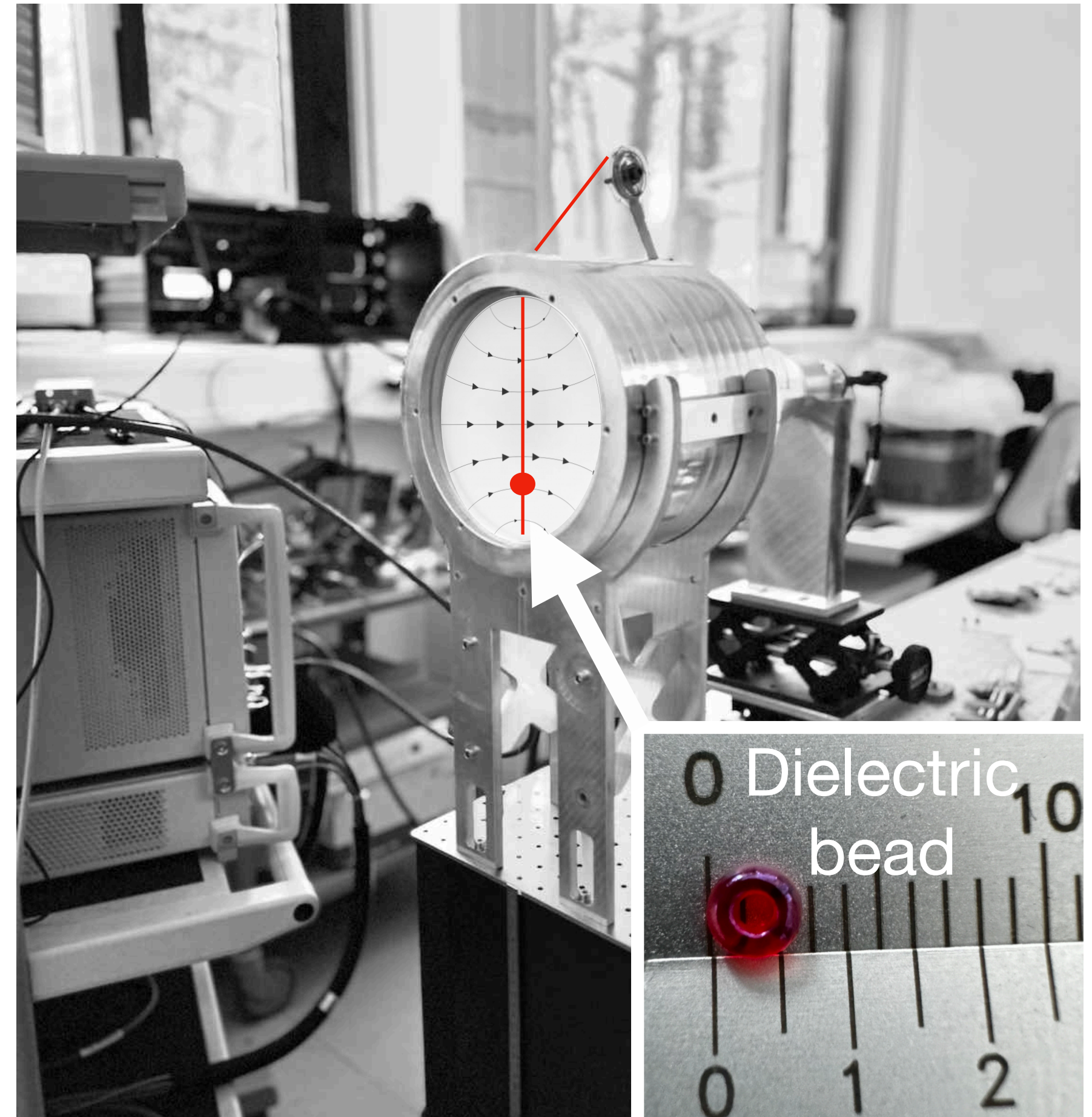
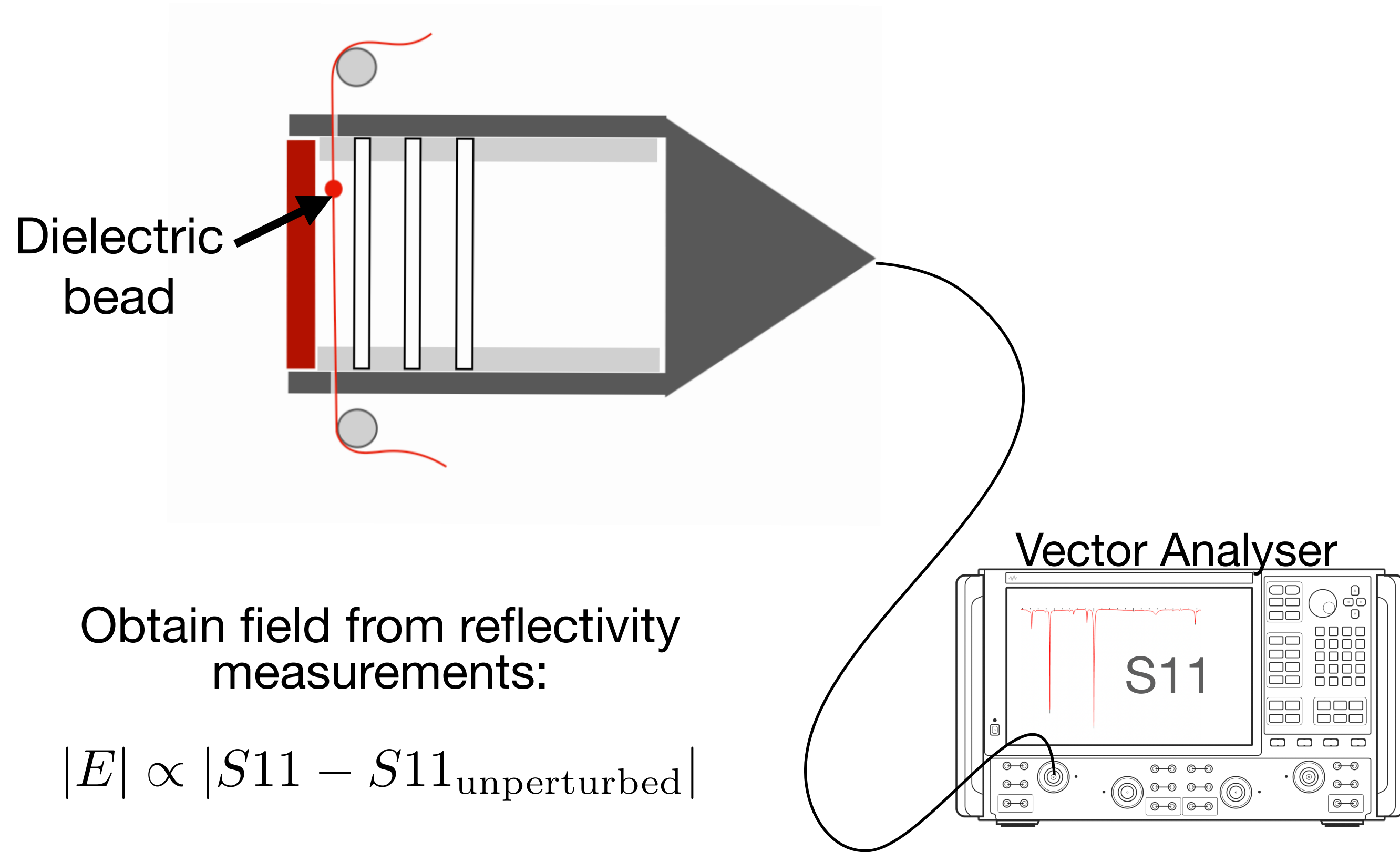
Tuning knobs:

- ▶ **Booster mode** controlled by mirror offset
- ▶ **Parasitic modes** (most) controlled by taper offset

Verifying the field distribution

Field measurement setup

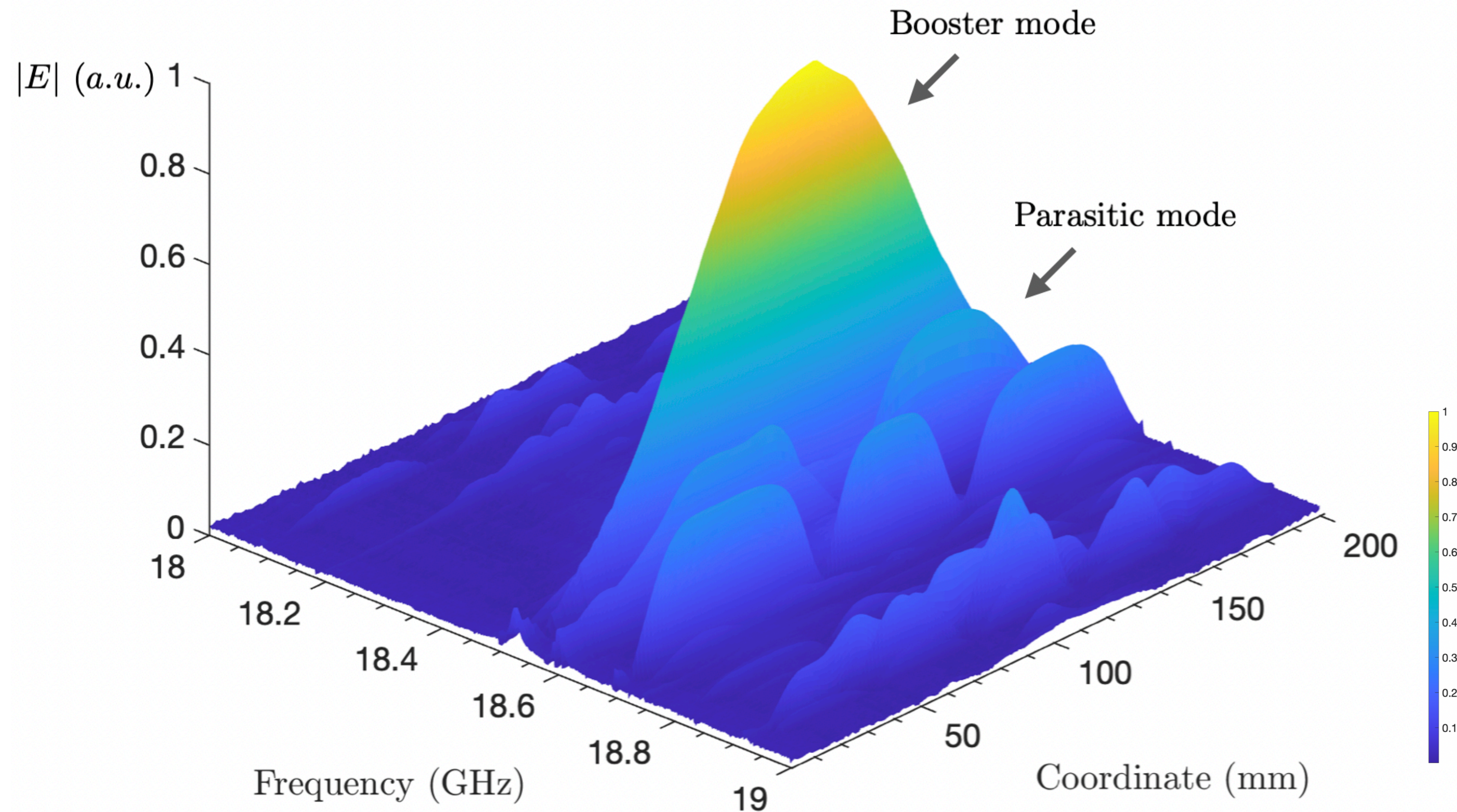
Perturbation-based (bead-pull) field measurement setup



Verifying the field distribution

Field distribution inside the closed booster

Measured electric field vs frequency

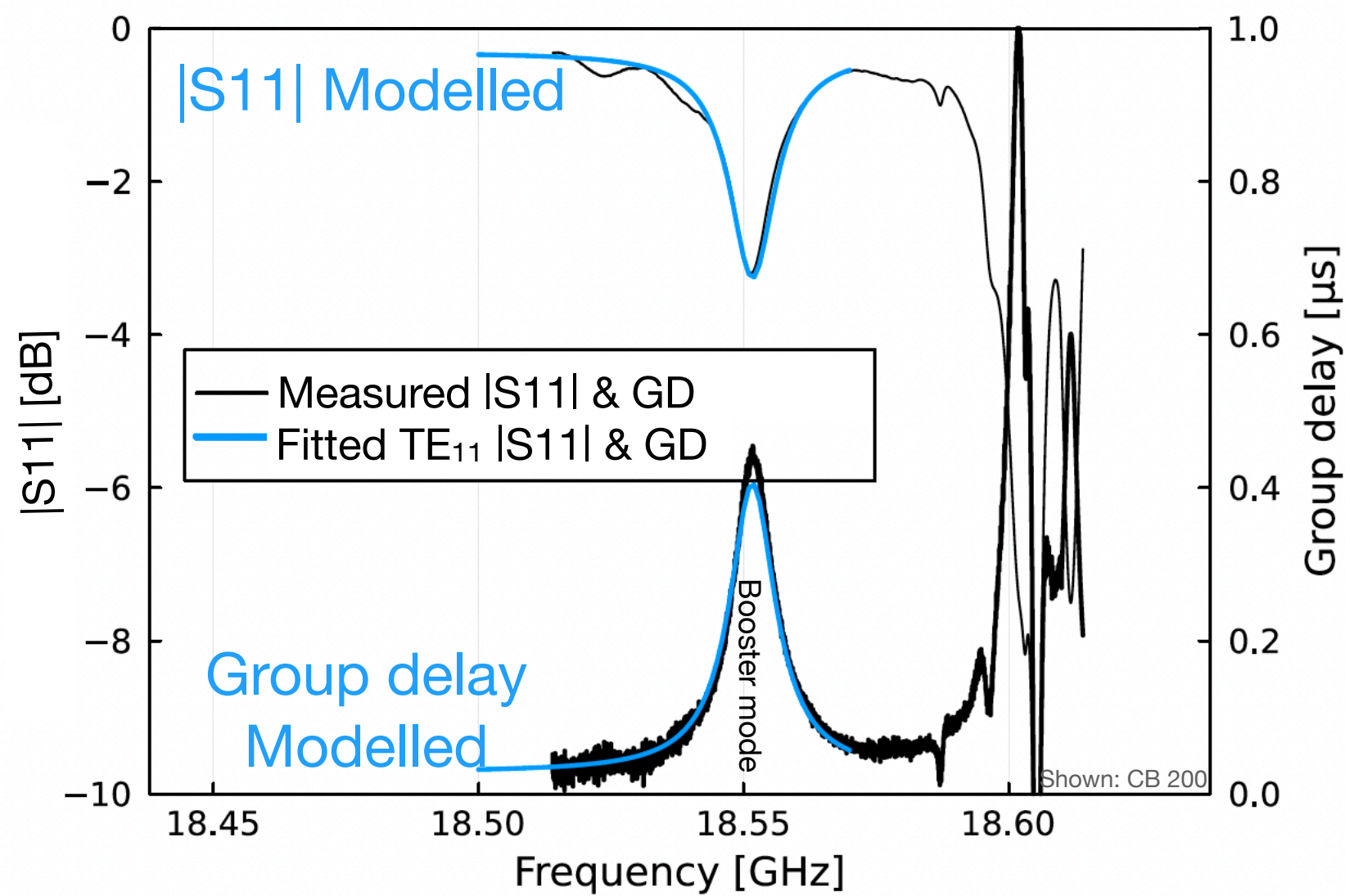


- ▶ Booster mode verified
- ▶ Parasitic modes easy to identify
- ▶ Confirmed for configurations in the range: ~ 18 to 21 GHz

Boost factor determination

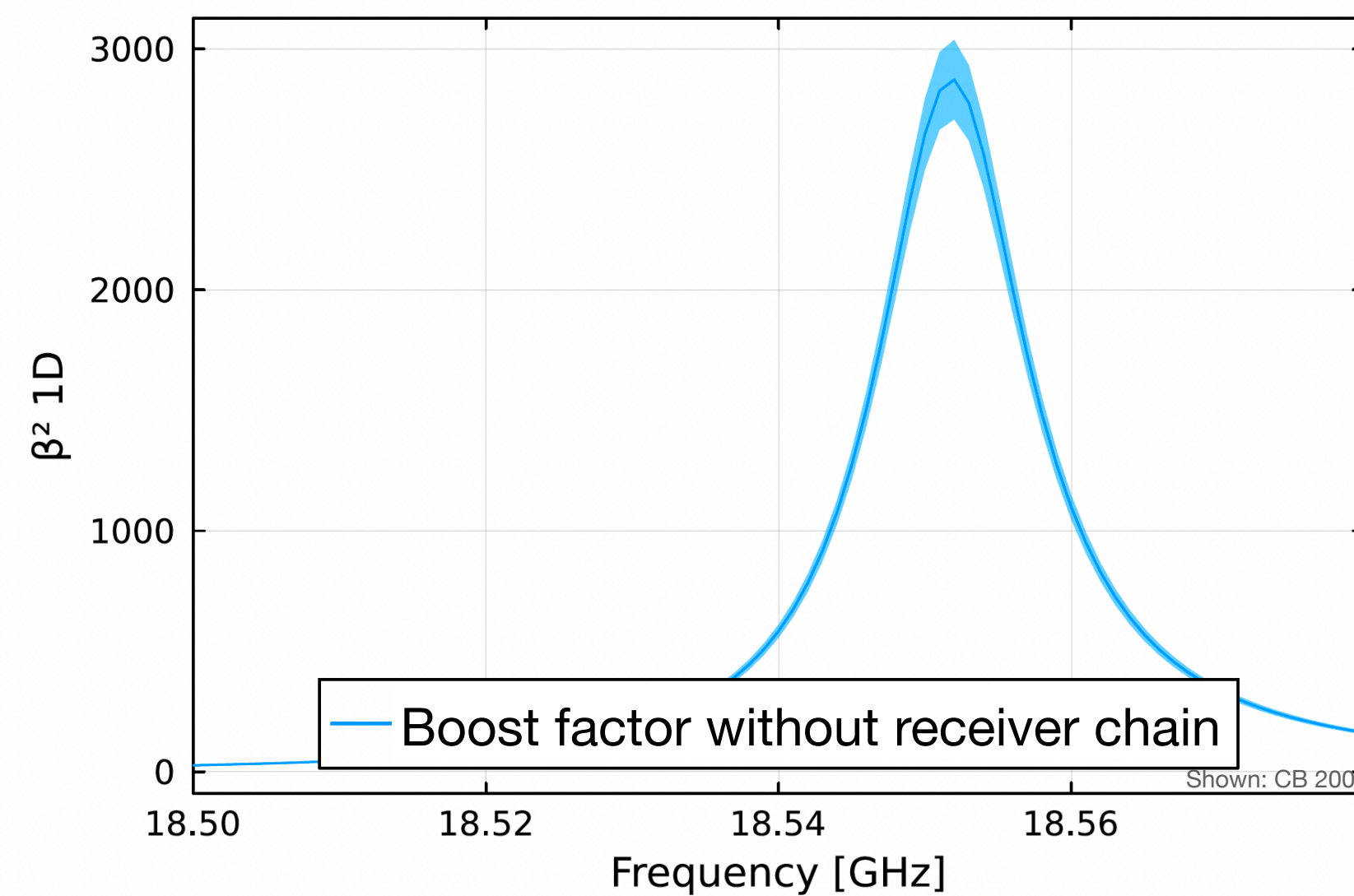
Using reflectivity and noise to obtain the boost factor of closed boosters

1. Fitting the reflectivity measurement with a 1D wave-propagation model



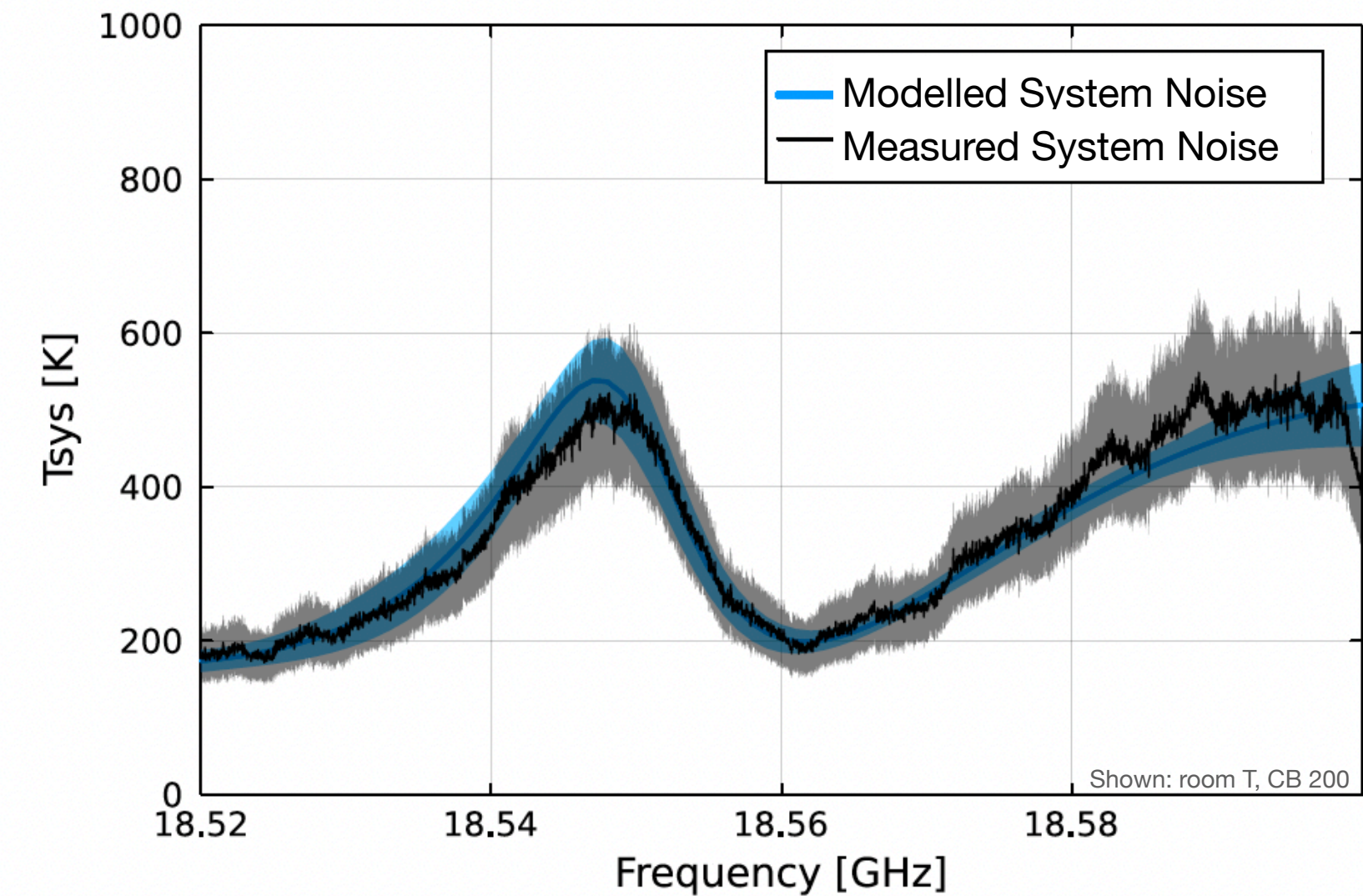
- ▶ Requires geometry and material constants; VNA response
- ▶ Can confirm in simulations

2. Obtaining boost factor from the fitted 1D wave propagation model



- ▶ External excitation predicts the axion induced excitation (at the port of the booster)

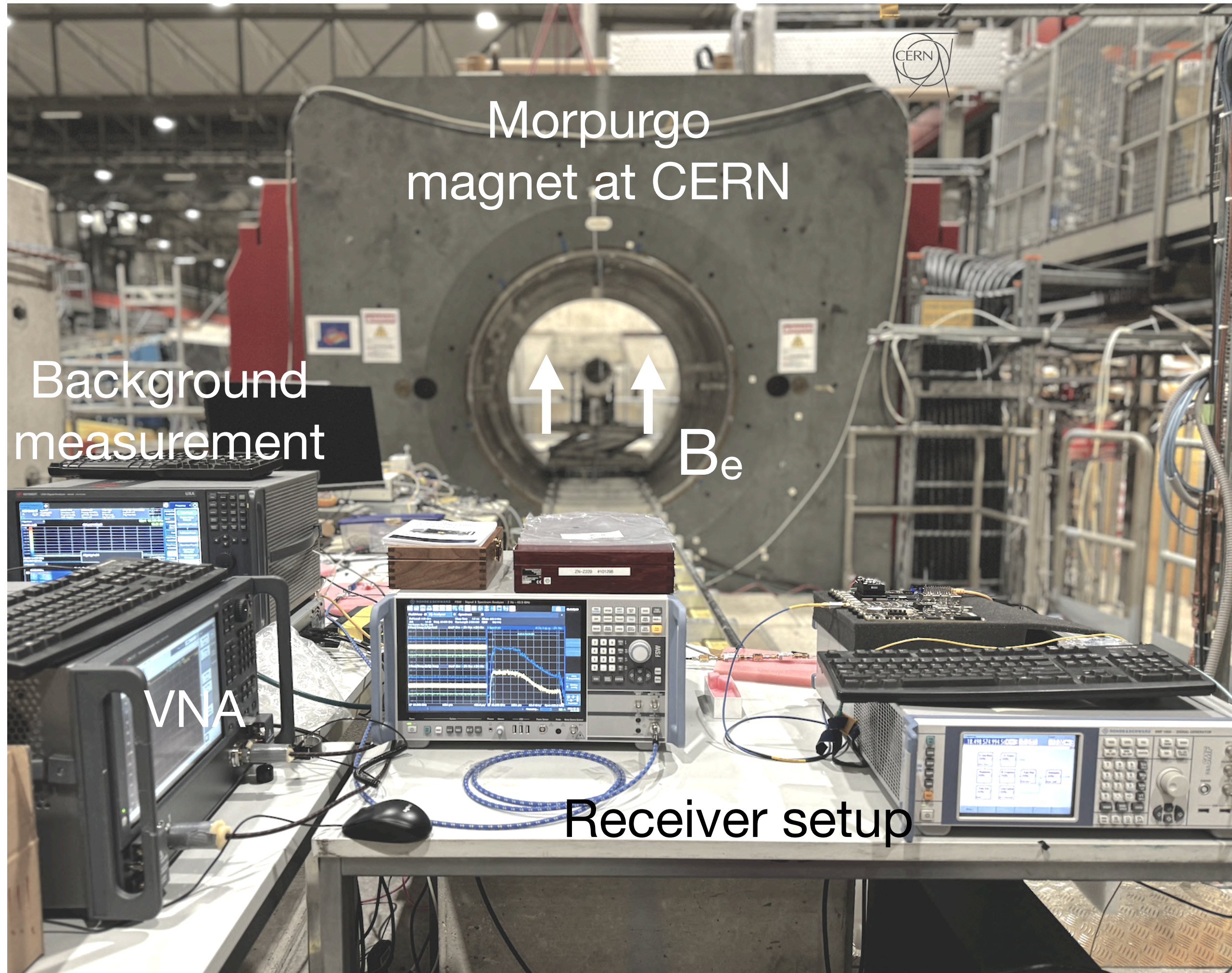
3 Including receiver chain systematics by fitting a Noise Model



- ▶ 1D model combined to NM
- ▶ LNA Added: NM; impedance, length and power calibration
- ▶ System Noise T useful metric during long runs

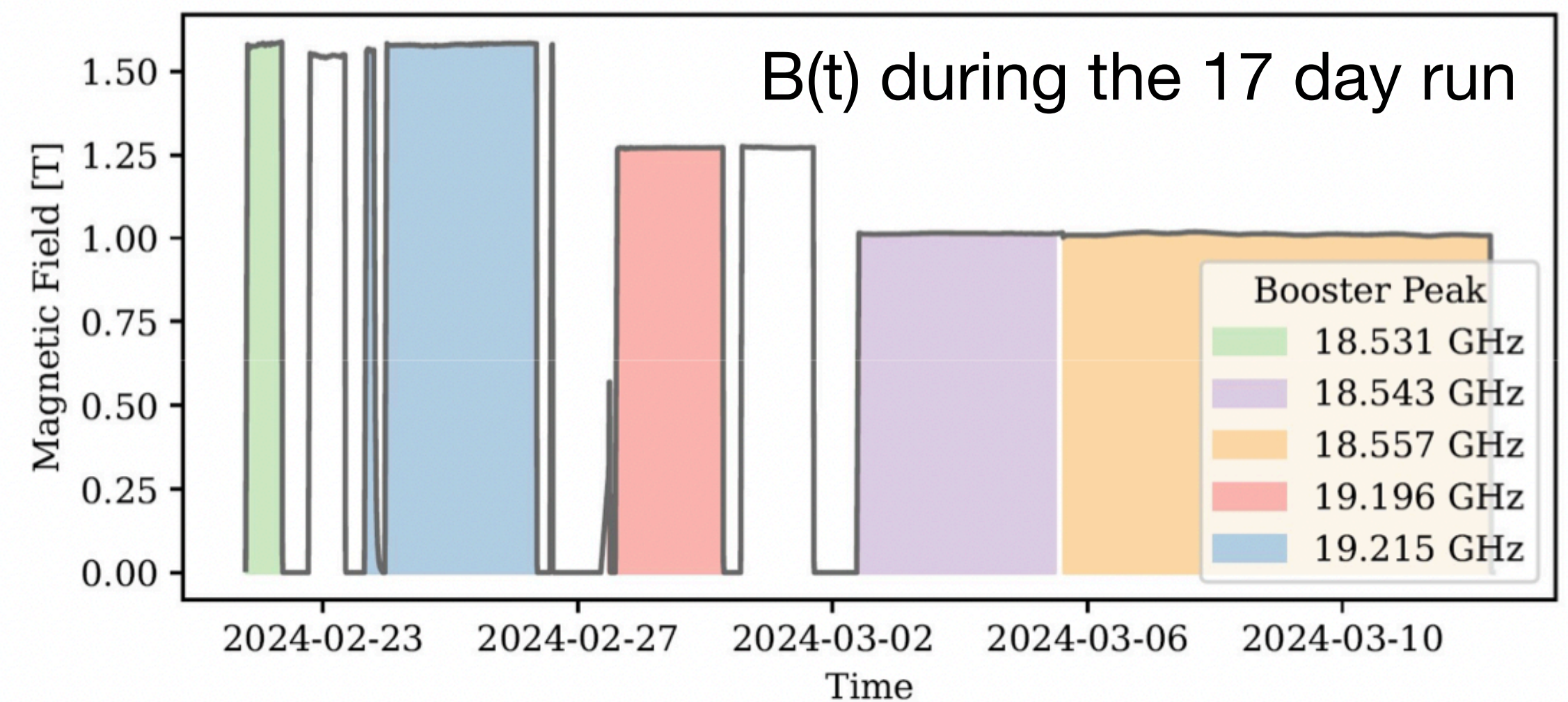
Physics with CB 200

Room temperature axion search using CERN's MORPURGO magnet



17-day physics run at MORPURGO:

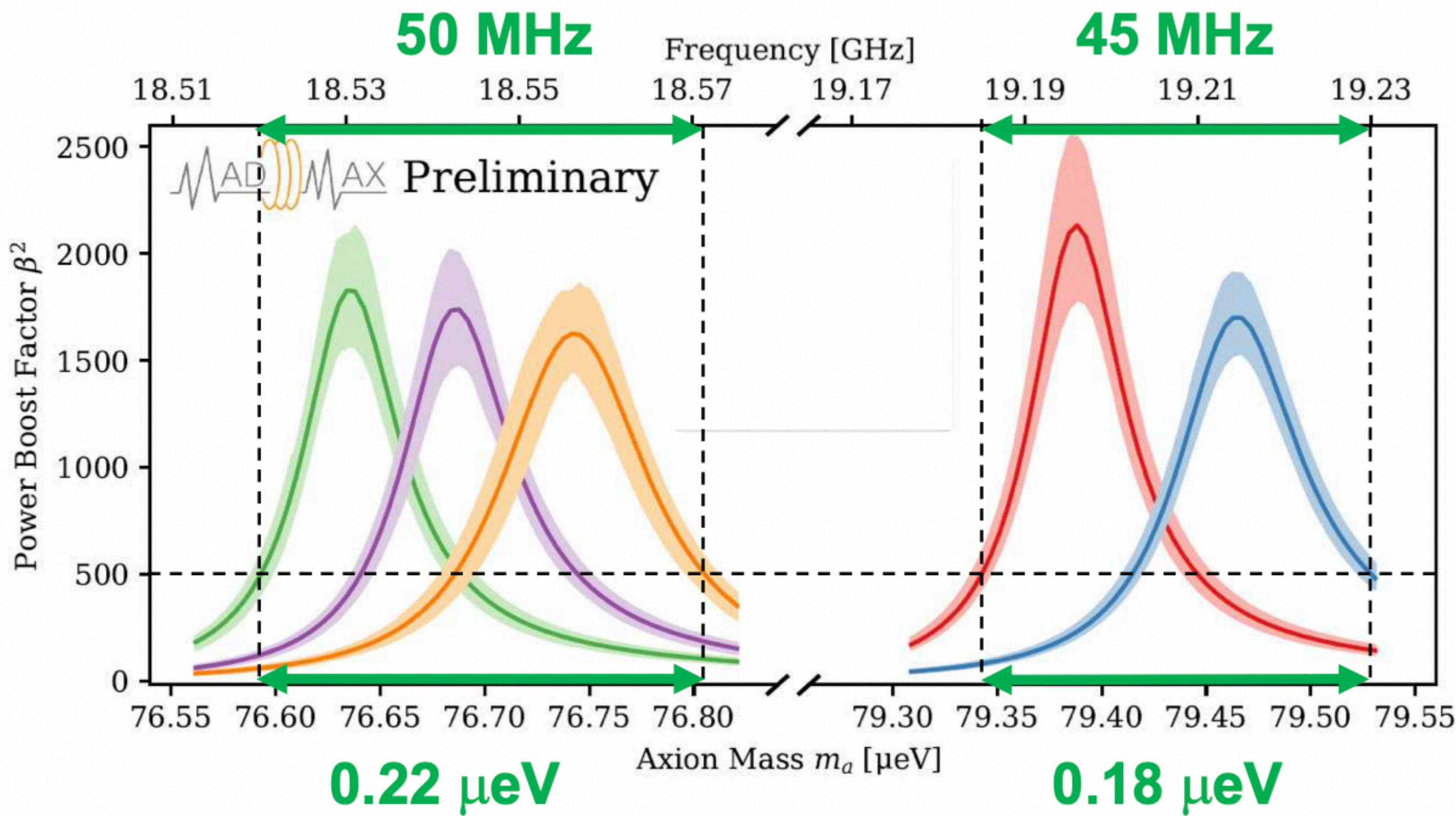
- ▶ 5 booster configurations
- ▶ ≈ 18.5 and ≈ 19.2 GHz under B-field
- ▶ Tuned manually
- ▶ Operation at room T



Physics with CB 200

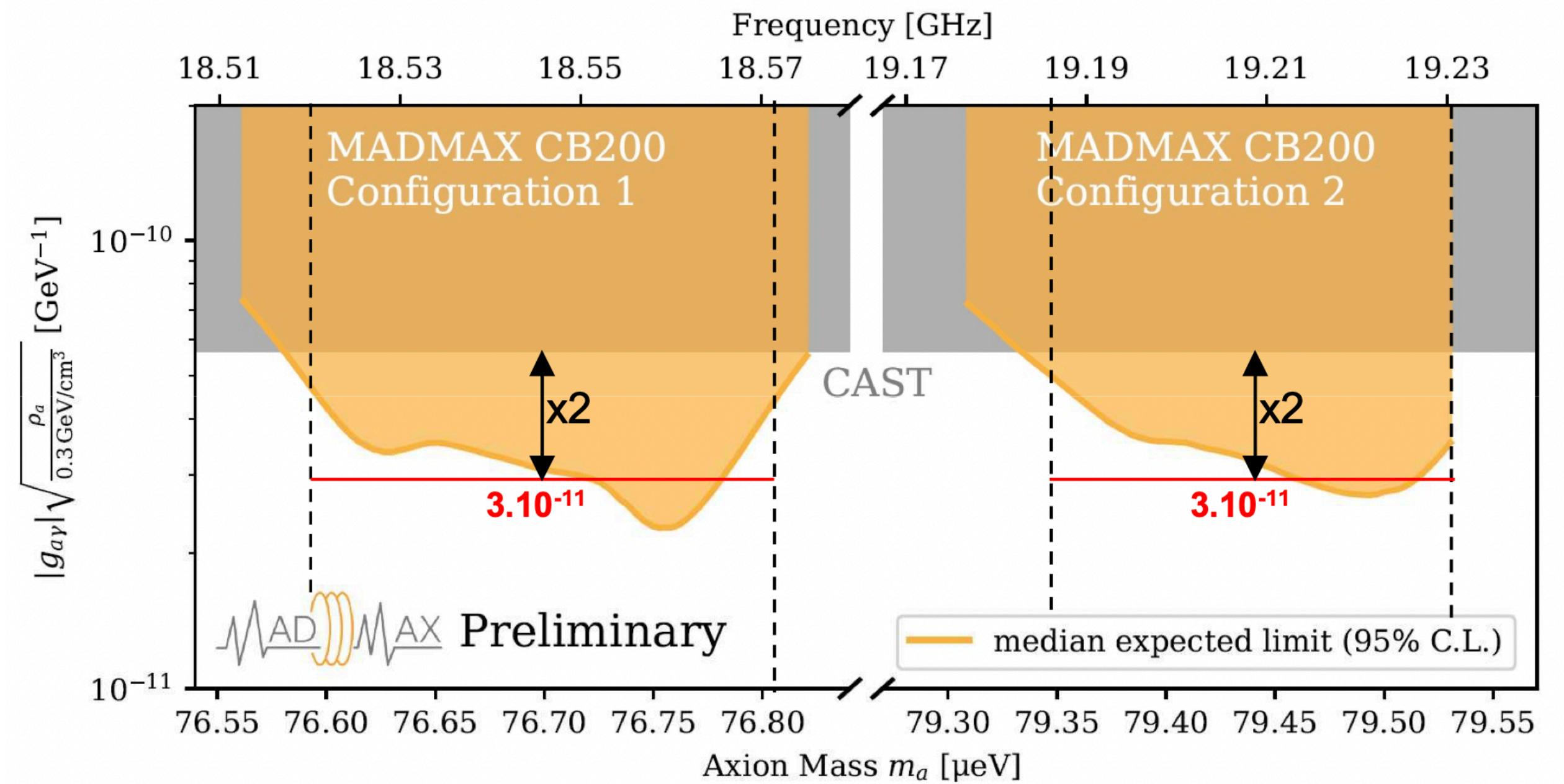
Finalising data analysis

Obtained boost factors for 5 configurations including systematics ($\pm 15\%$)



$\beta^2 > 500 \rightarrow$ expected sensitivity:
below CAST limit for scan of ≈ 100 MHz

Preliminary sensitivity data analysis ongoing

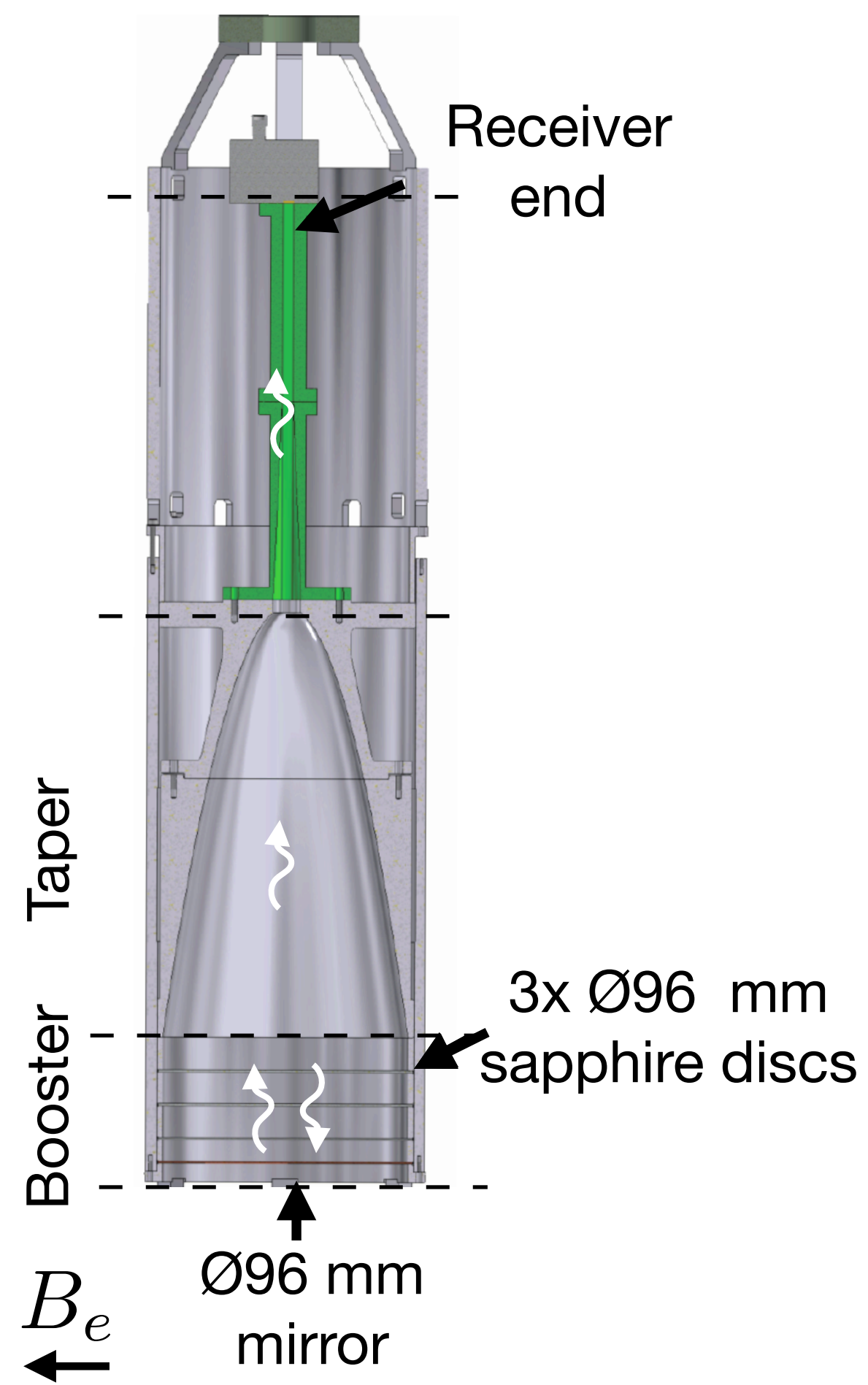


$\beta^2 > 1500 \rightarrow$ expected sensitivity:
 $|g_{a\gamma}| \approx O(3 \times 10^{-11}) \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

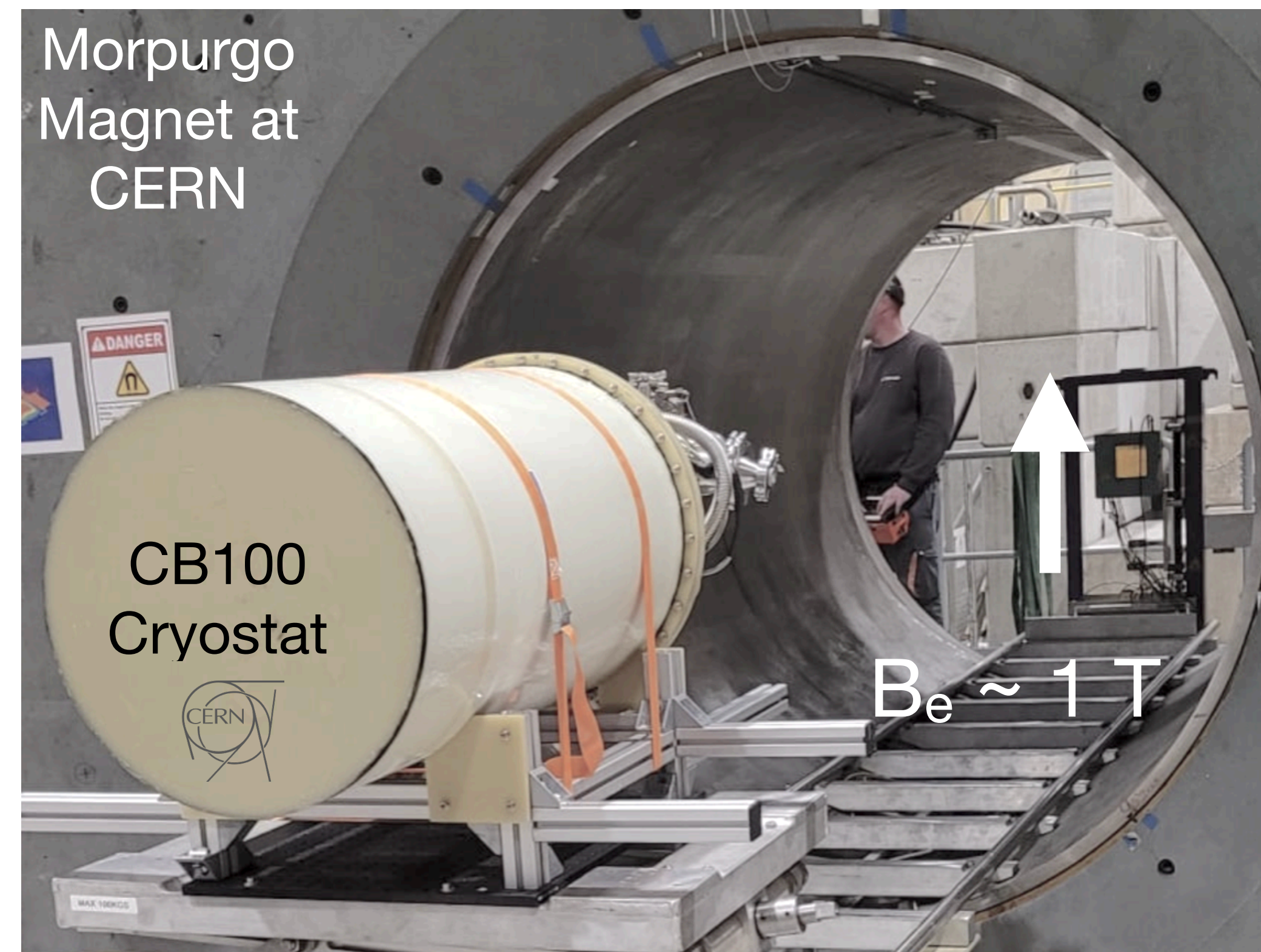
Scanning ability of the booster validated

Physics with CB 100 at cold

Cold run using CERN's MORPURGO magnet and 100 mm closed booster



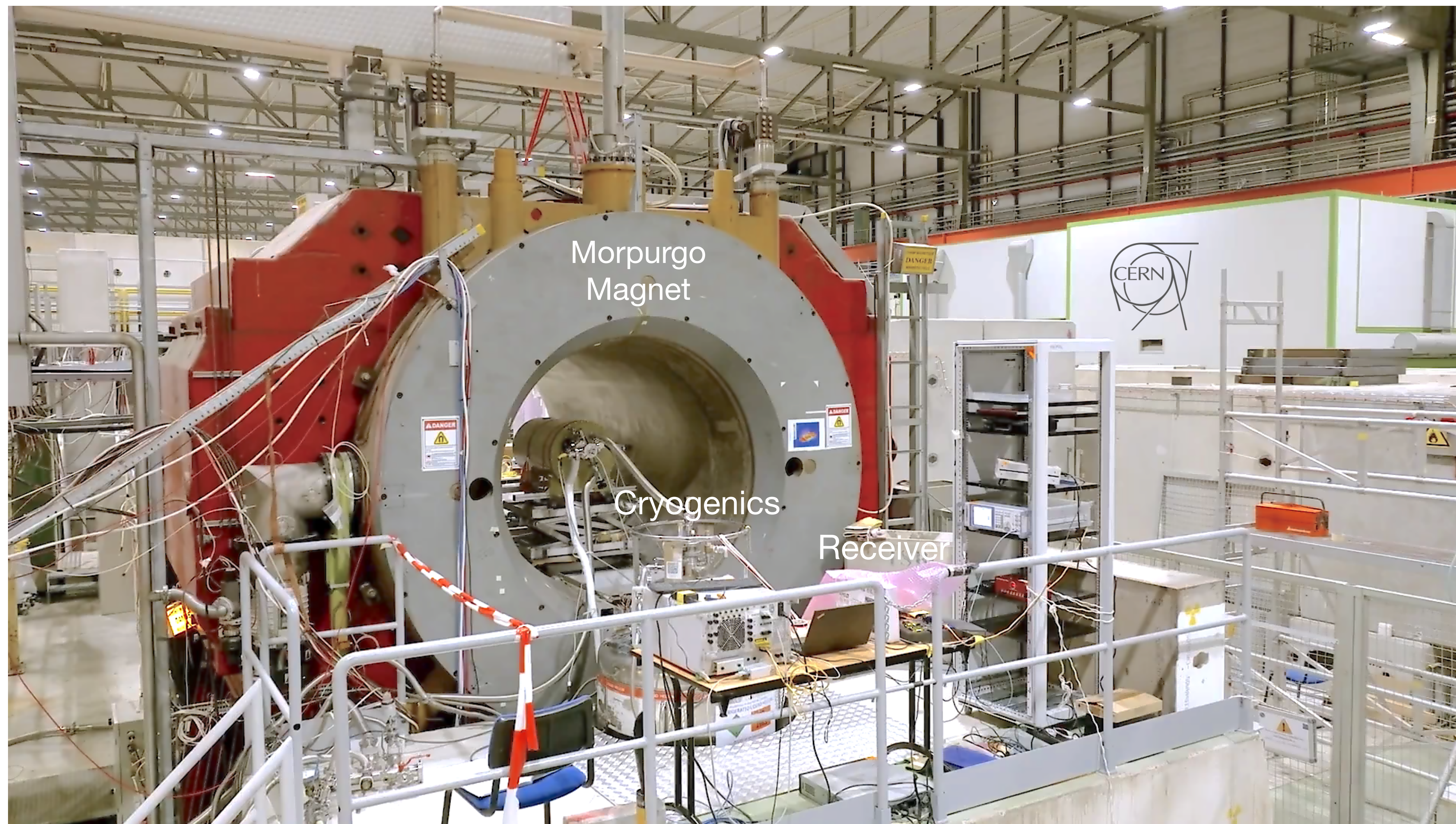
- ▶ Single fixed configuration ≈ 19 GHz



- ▶ Cryostat: Glass-fabric/epoxy laminate (G11)
- ▶ Reaches 4 K
- ▶ Cooled by He vapor
- ▶ Custom-made at CERN

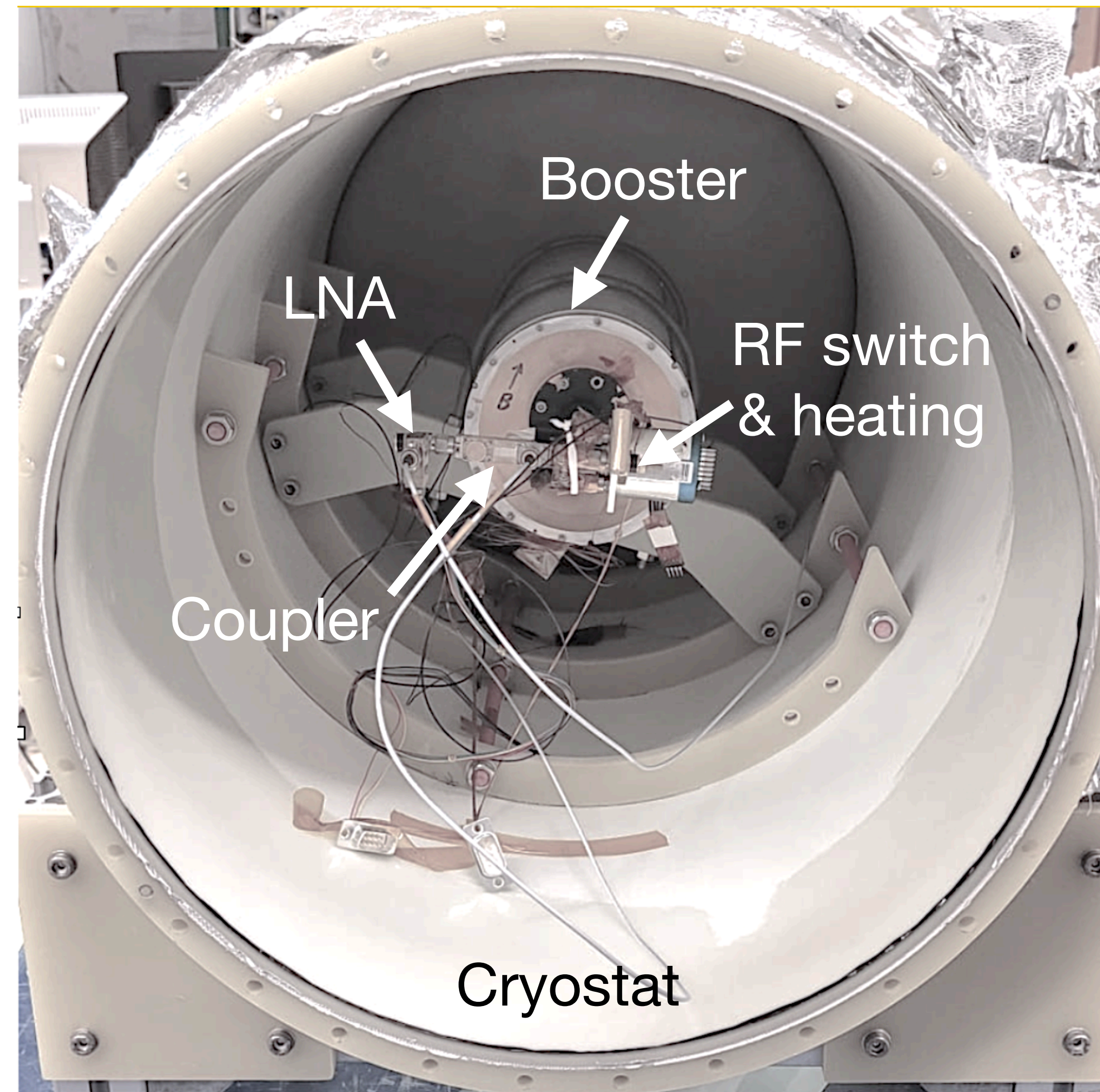
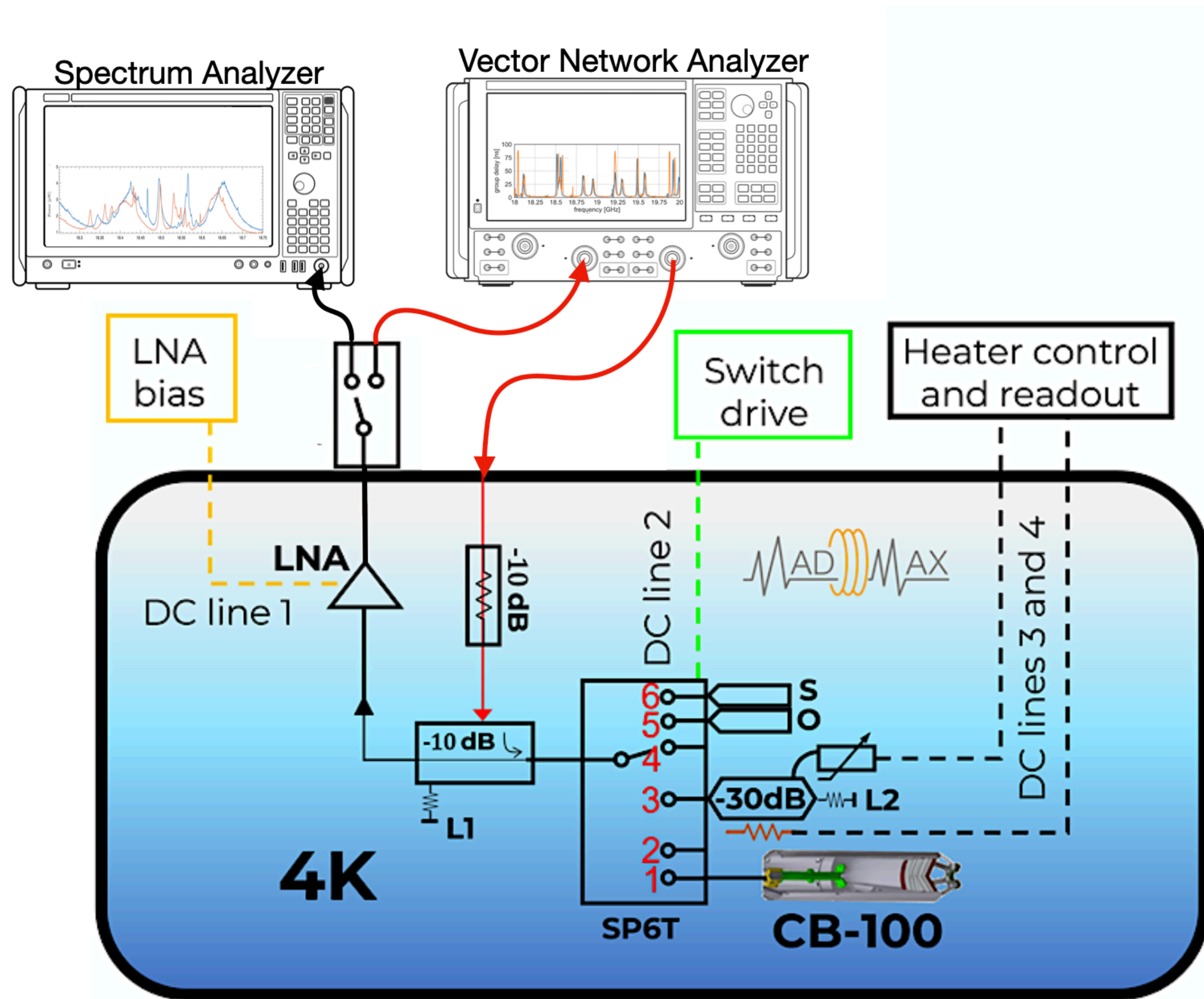
Physics with CB 100 at cold

The cold setup at CERN's North Area



Cold operation and calibration

How to run the cold experiment?



- ▶ Power calibration by Y-factor at several T
- ▶ VNA measurement to determine the boost factor
- ▶ Circulator-free operation

Cold operation and calibration

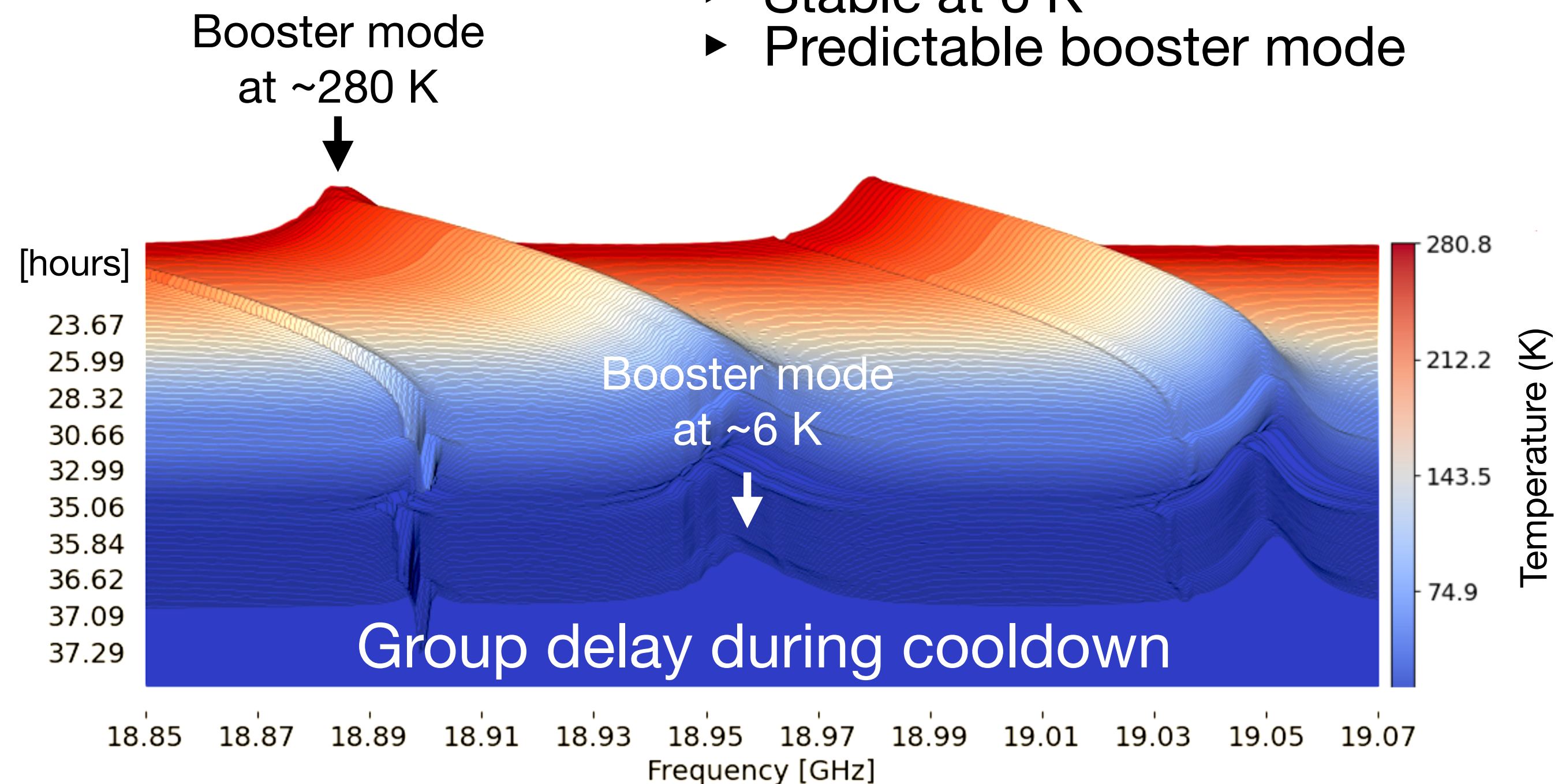
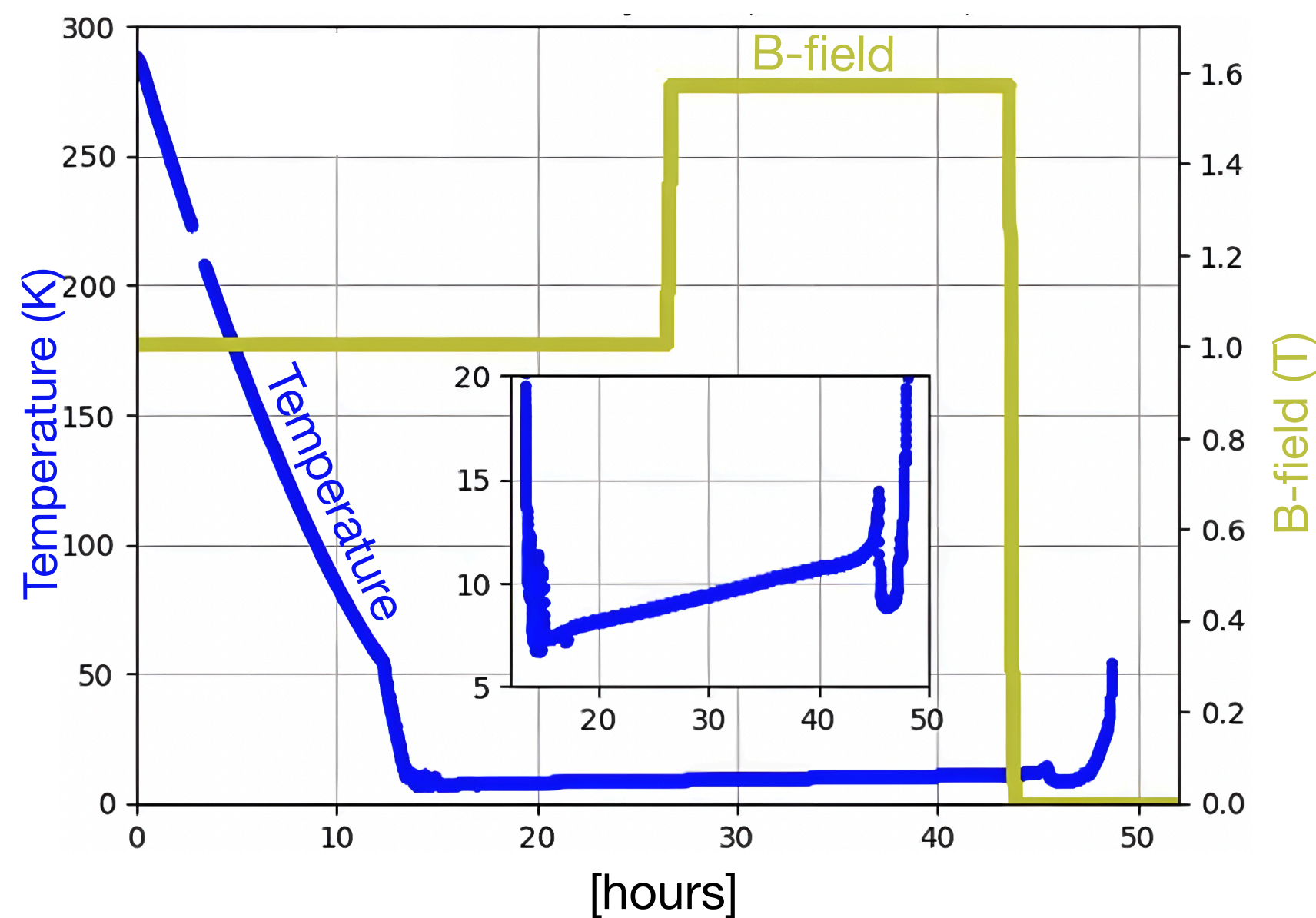
Can we achieve stable cool-down and operation at cold?

20-hour cold physics run at MORPURGO

≈19 GHz and $T < 10$ K under B field

(data analysis ongoing)

- ▶ Cool-down ~15 h
- ▶ Stable at 6 K
- ▶ Predictable booster mode



Operation and receiver chain calibration at cold achieved

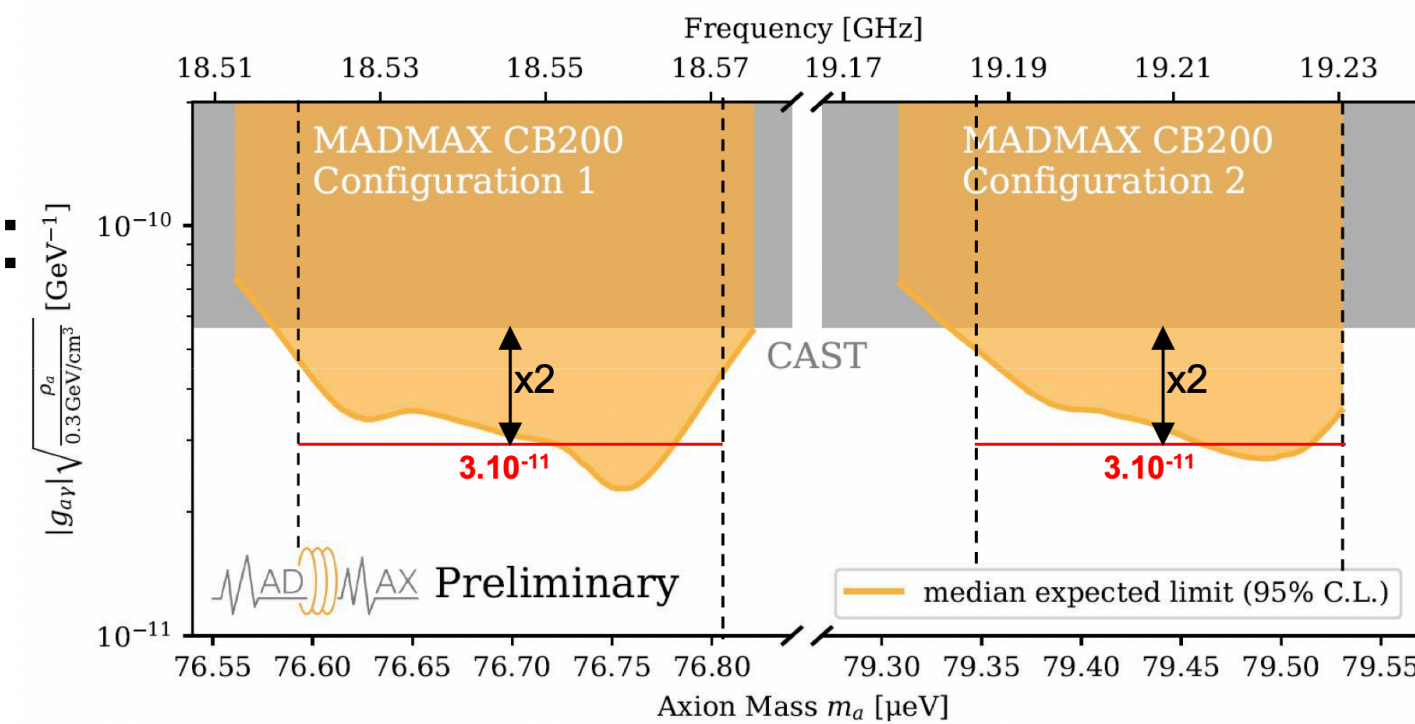
Wrap-up

Booster-related development and proof of concept:

- ▶ Frequency tuning
- ▶ Control of unwanted modes
- ▶ Boost factor determination
- ▶ Field distribution measurements
- ▶ Noise modelling and receiver chain
- ▶ Cold operation and calibration

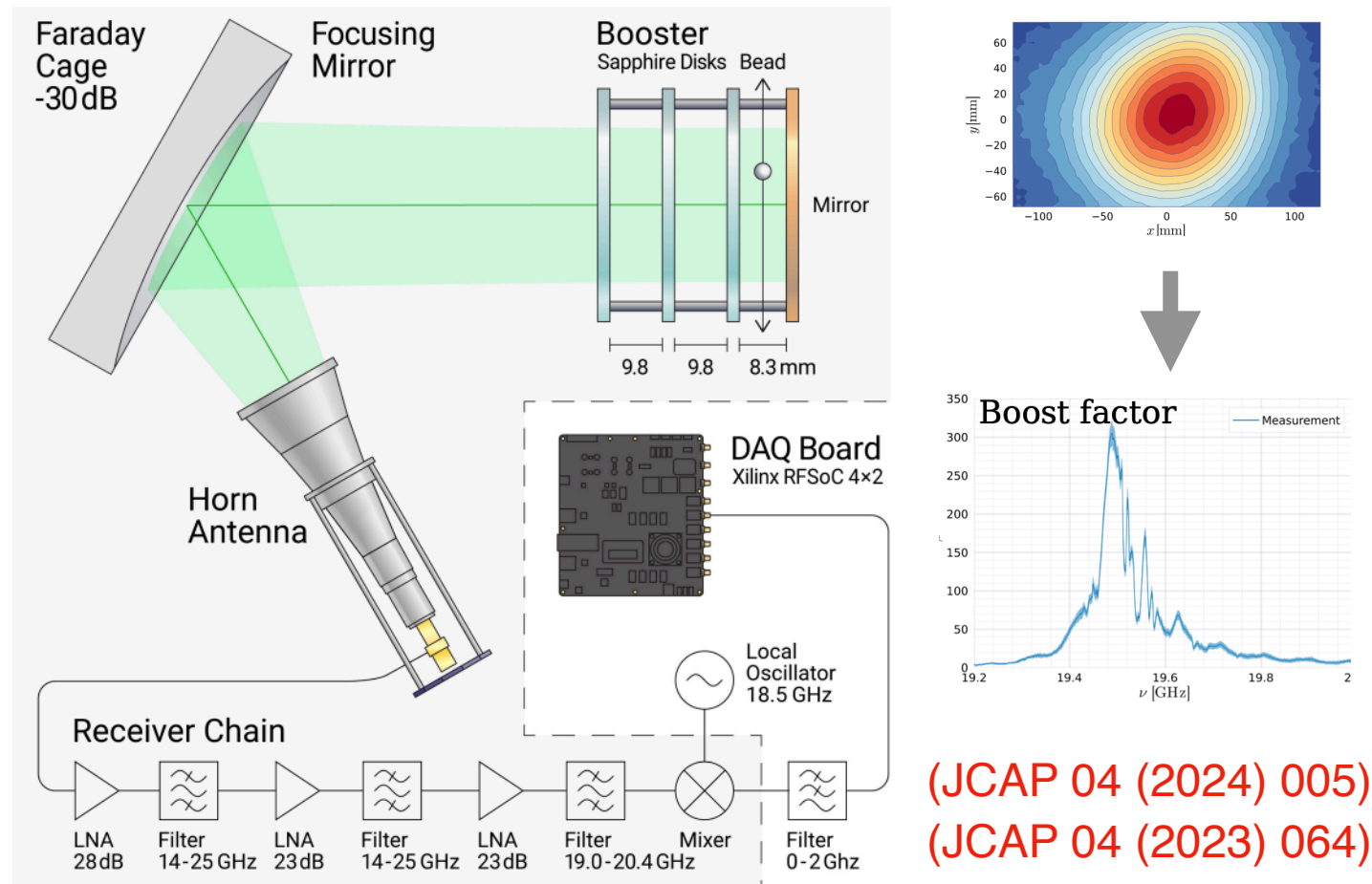
Preliminary results from first axion searches at CERN:

- ▶ 17-day run @18.5, 19.2 GHz with expected peak sensitivity: $|g_{a\gamma}| \approx O(3 \times 10^{-11}) \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
- ▶ 20-hour cold run @19 GHz, $T < 10 \text{ K}$

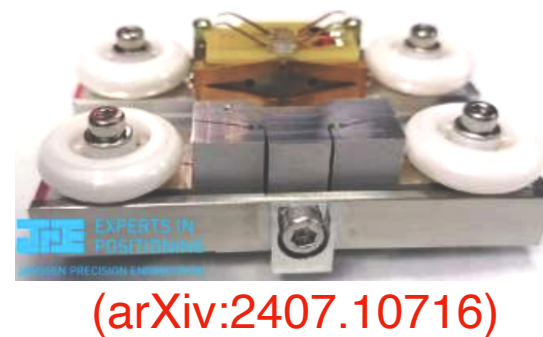


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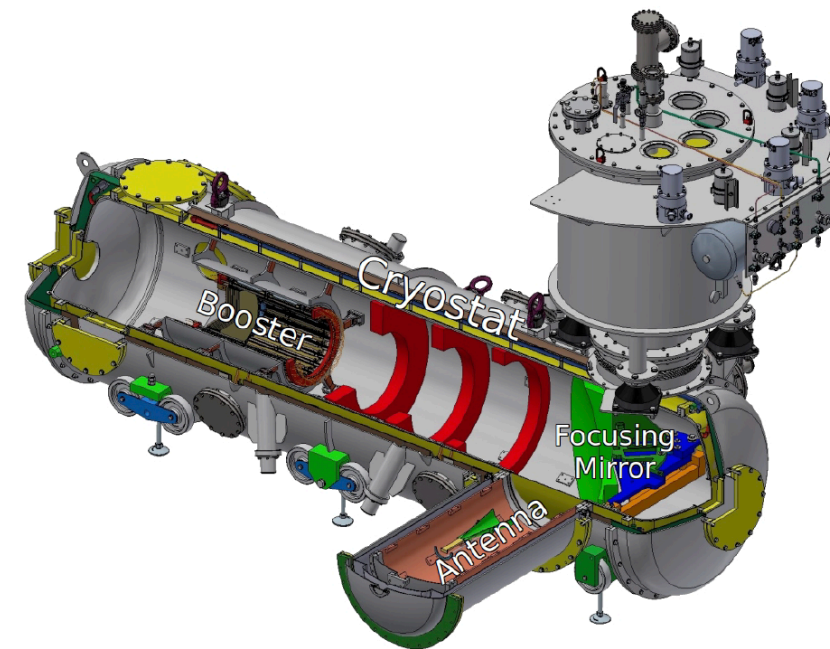
Development of open boosters



- ▶ Novel way to determine boost factor directly from field measurement
- ▶ 12-day dark photon search @19-20.3 GHz and open booster (preliminary)
- ▶ Tested piezo motor: 5 K & 5.3 T and validated booster mechanics

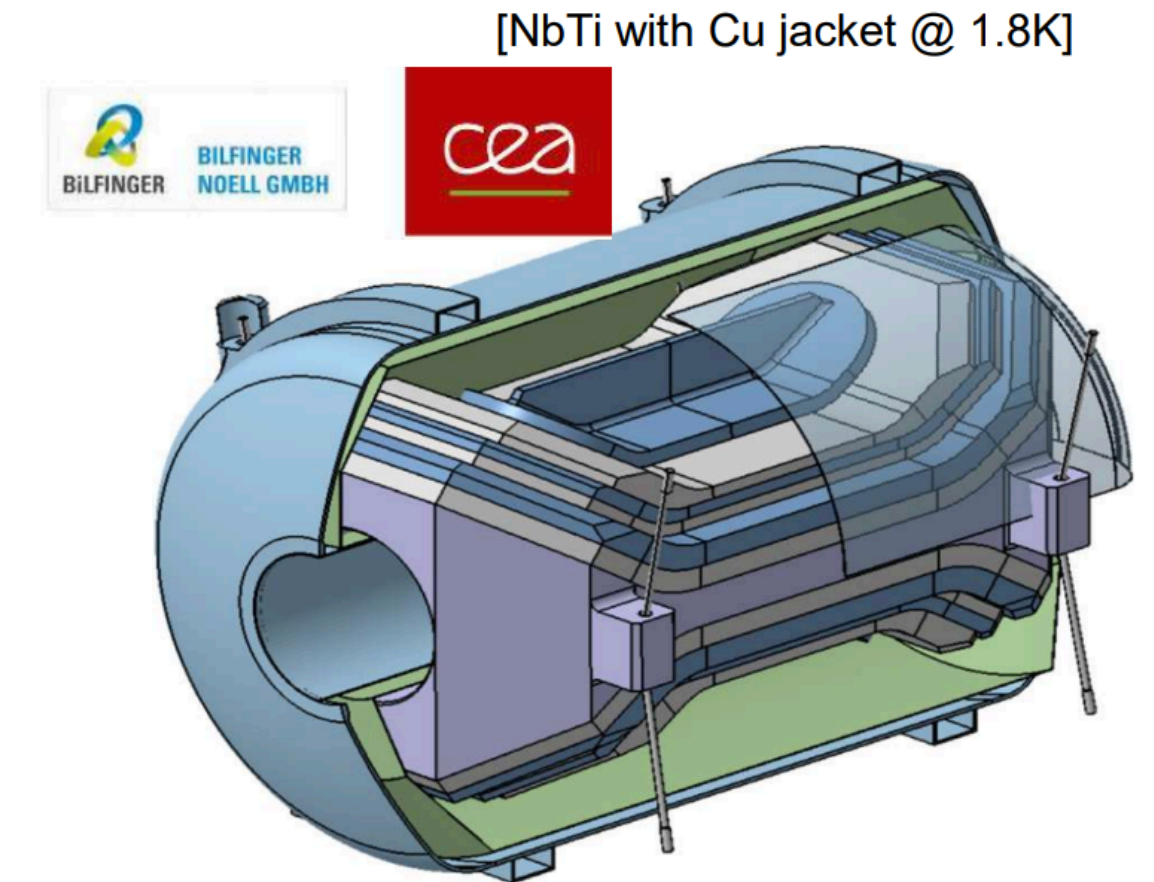


MADMAX Prototype Cryostat



- ▶ $\varnothing = 760$ mm
- ▶ Allows all prototypes
- ▶ Fits CERN's MORPURGO
- ▶ Planned for: 2026-2028 (long LHC shutdown)

R&D of magnet



- ▶ Dipole Magnet critical for full-size MADMAX
- ▶ Latest news: budget secured for demonstrator coil

Stay tuned!

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