

CAPP-MAX

Status and Prospects

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Axion haloscope

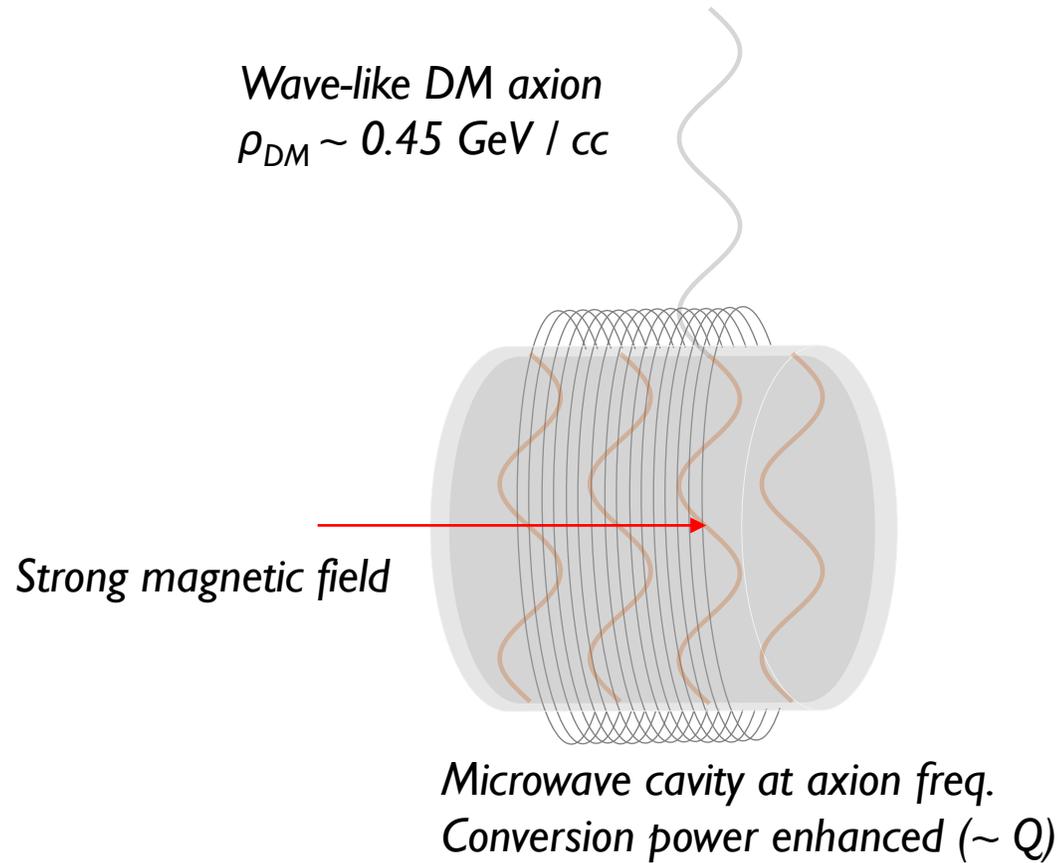
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Wave-like DM axion
 $\rho_{DM} \sim 0.45 \text{ GeV} / \text{cc}$



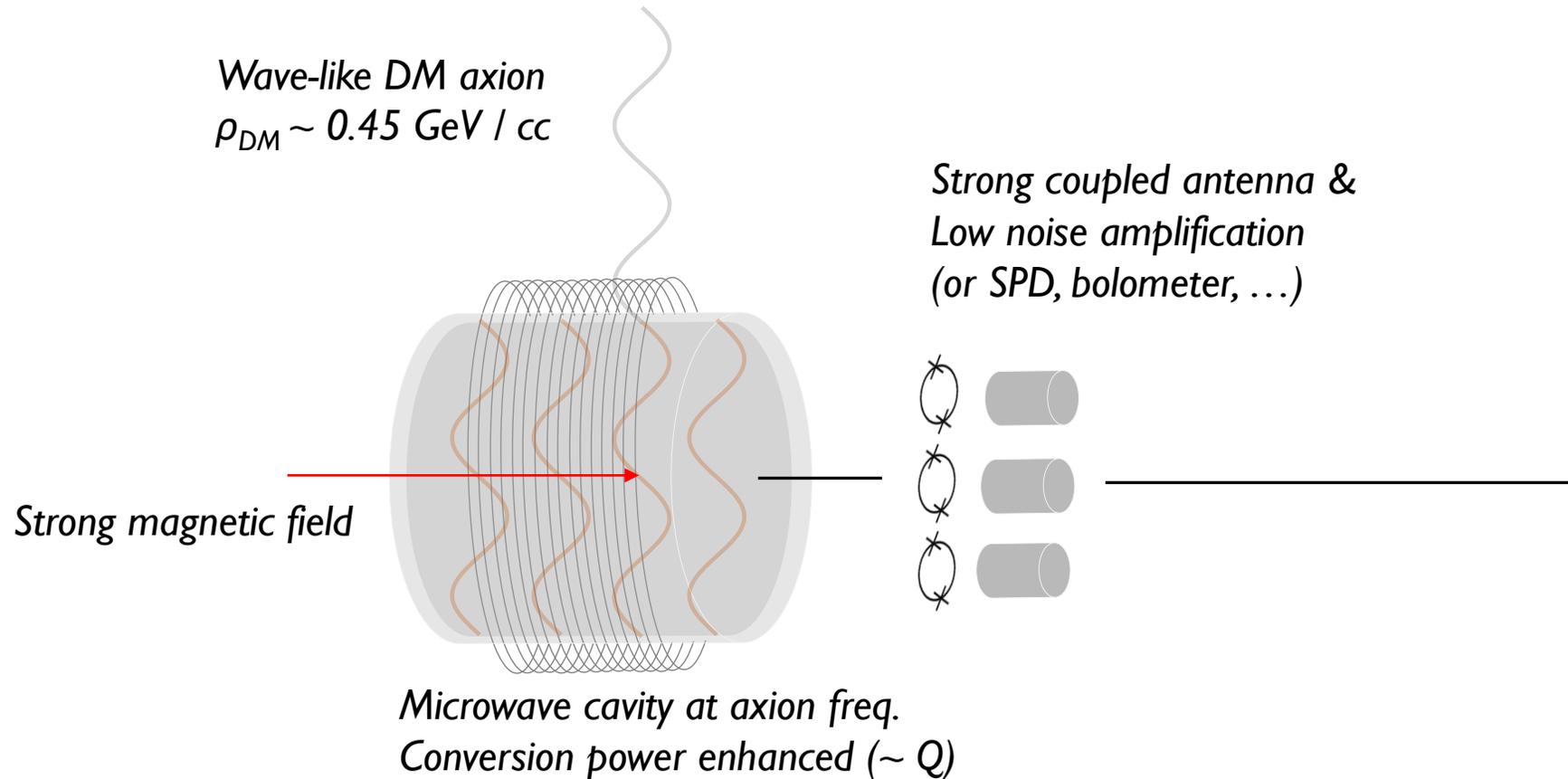
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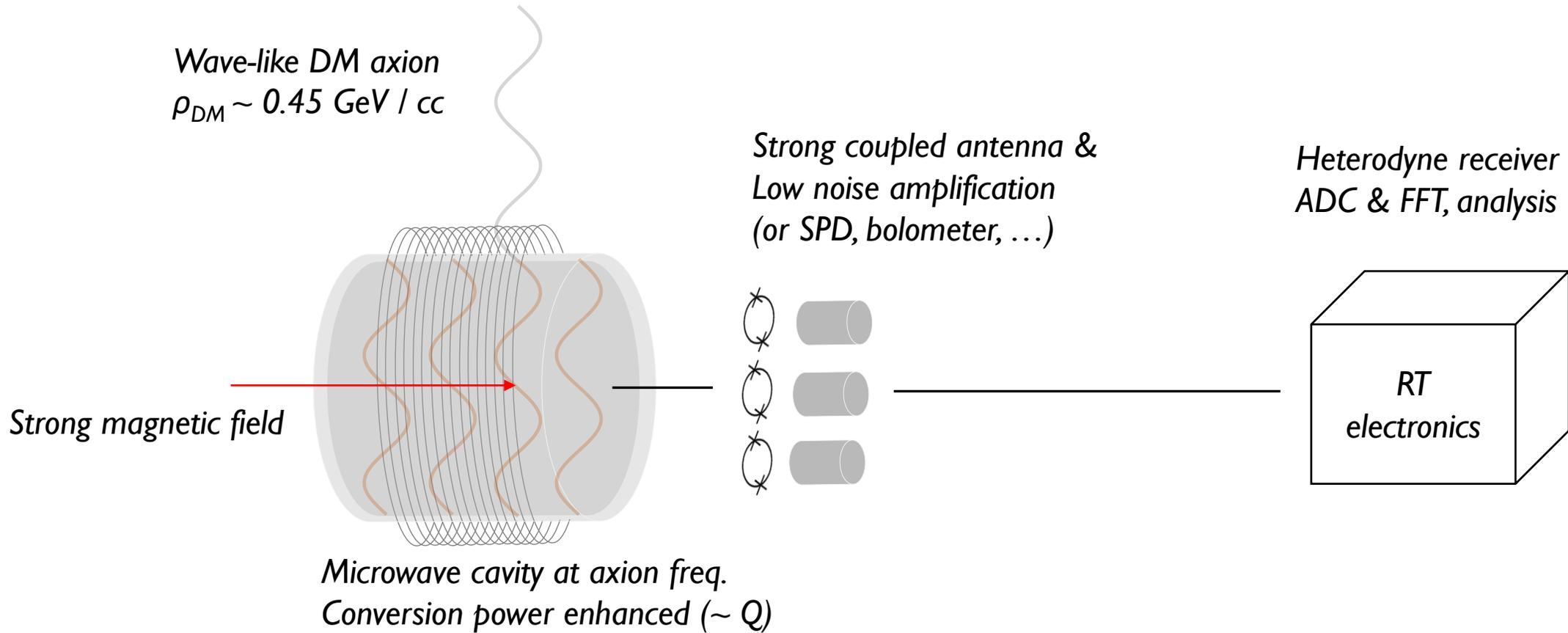
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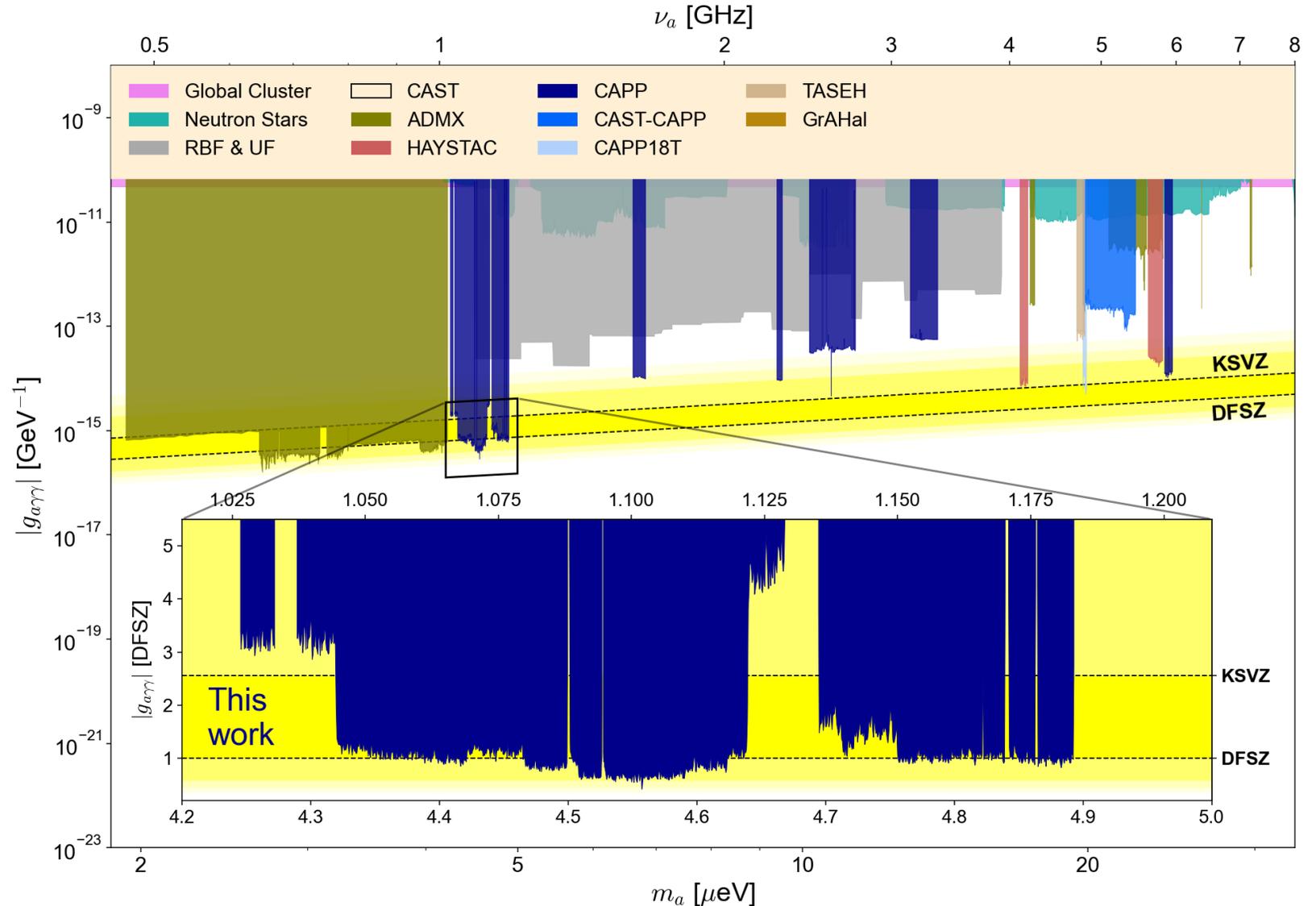
CAPP-MAX (CAPP Main Axion eXperiment)

- CAPP's flagship haloscope experiment
- First goal: 1 – 2 GHz with DFSZ



Recent progress

- *Homemade ultralight cavity (37-liters)*
- *3 parallel JPAs readout*
- *Physical temperature ~ 30 mK*
- *$T_{\text{sys.}} \sim 230$ mK (average)*
- *1.025 - 1.18 GHz scan finished*
 - *Submitted to PRX, accepted*



Experiments at CAPP



The ultralight cavity



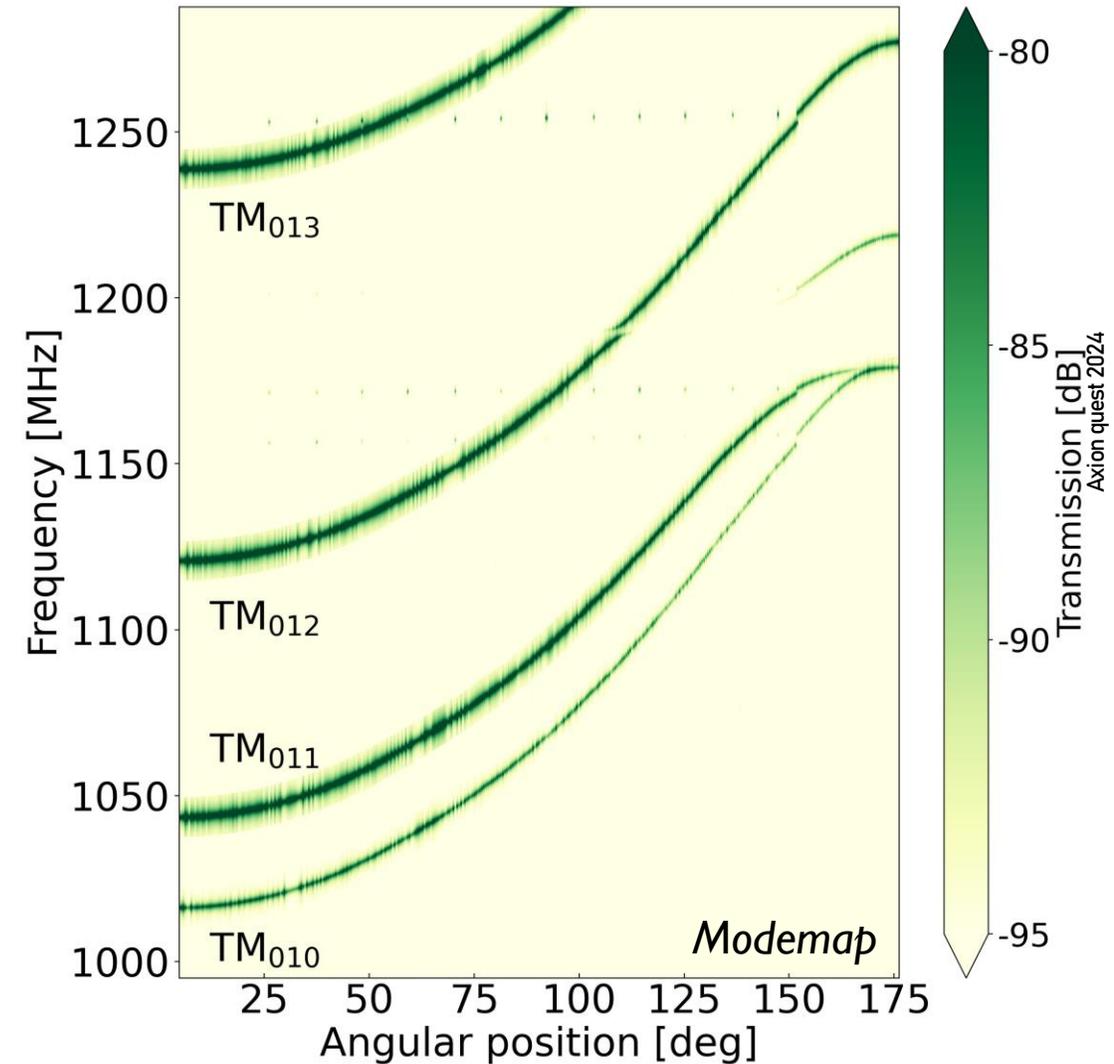
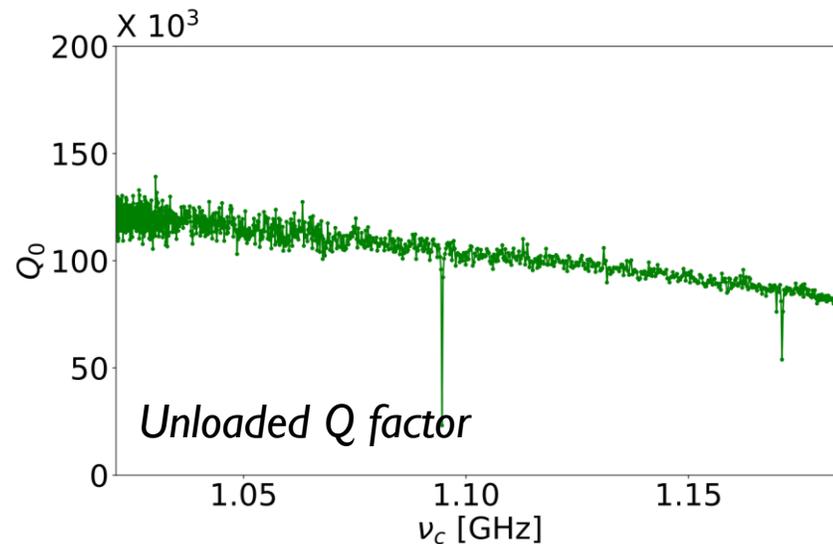
Made of copper foil

- Very light / low thermal mass
- homemade / very cheap

Total weight ~ **5 kg**

1.02 – 1.18 GHz tuning range

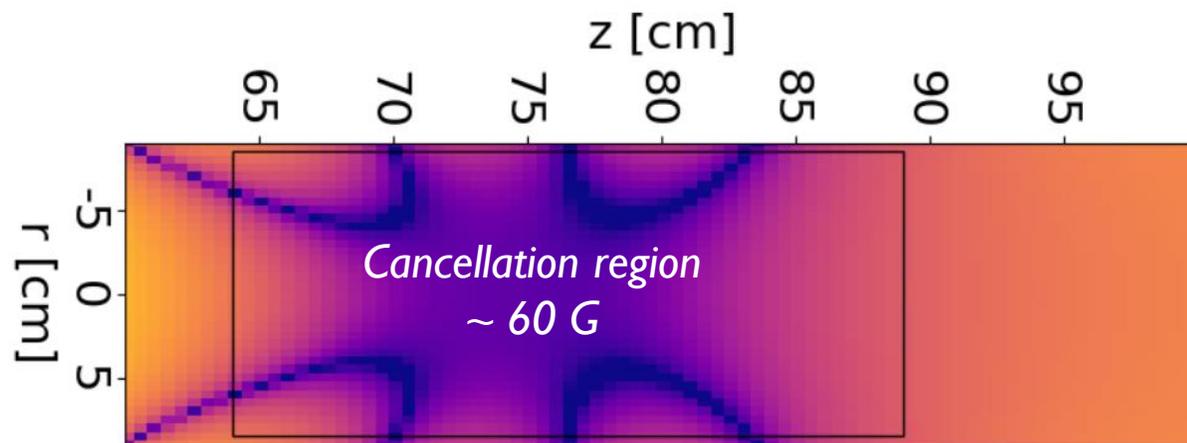
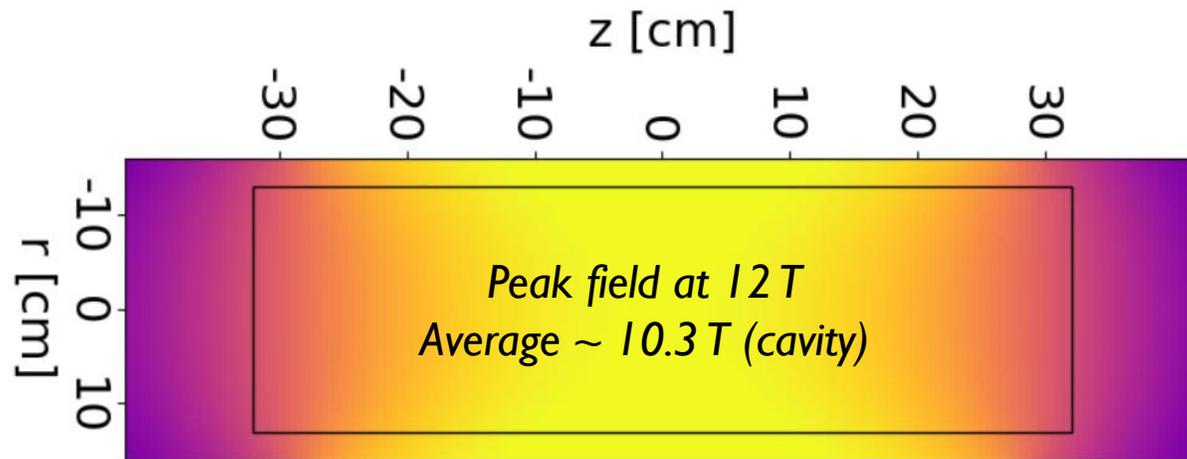
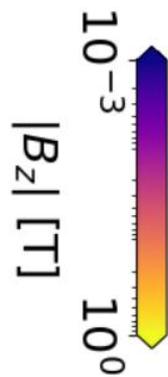
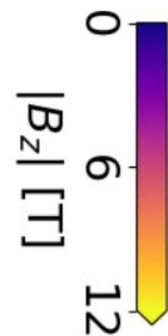
Geometrical factor ~ [0.5, 0.7]



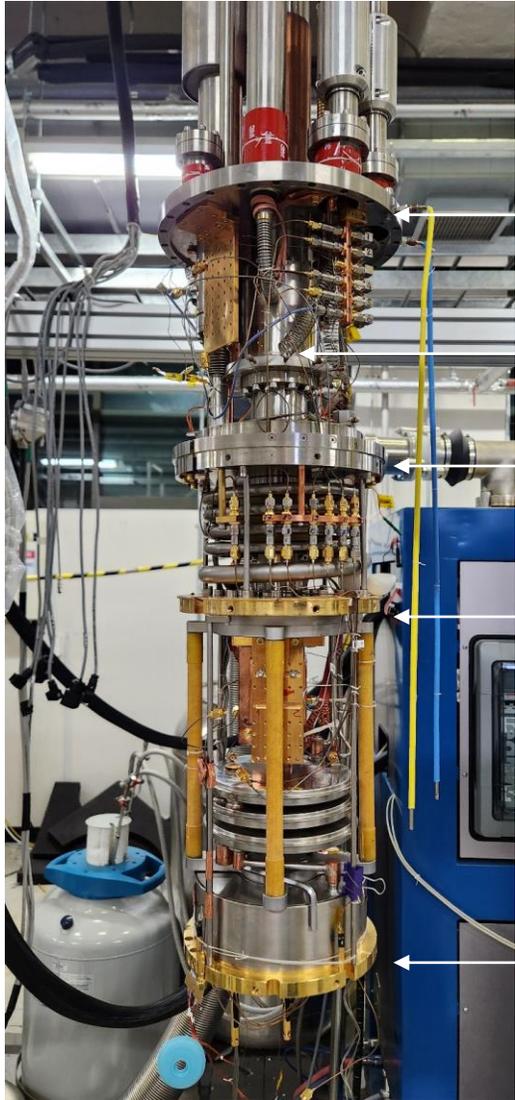
The magnet



- Nb₃Sn Superconducting coil



The cryogenic system



Wet type LEIDEN dilution refrigerator

- 5.6 mK of base temperature (bare fridge)
- Cavity temperature ~ 30 mK

4 K plate

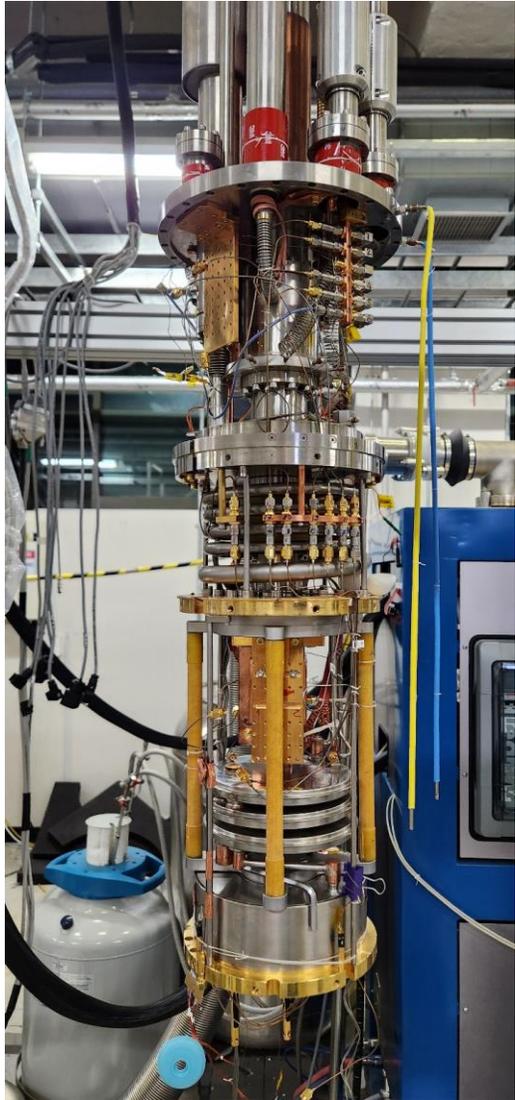
1 K pot (1.5 K)

STILL (600 mK)

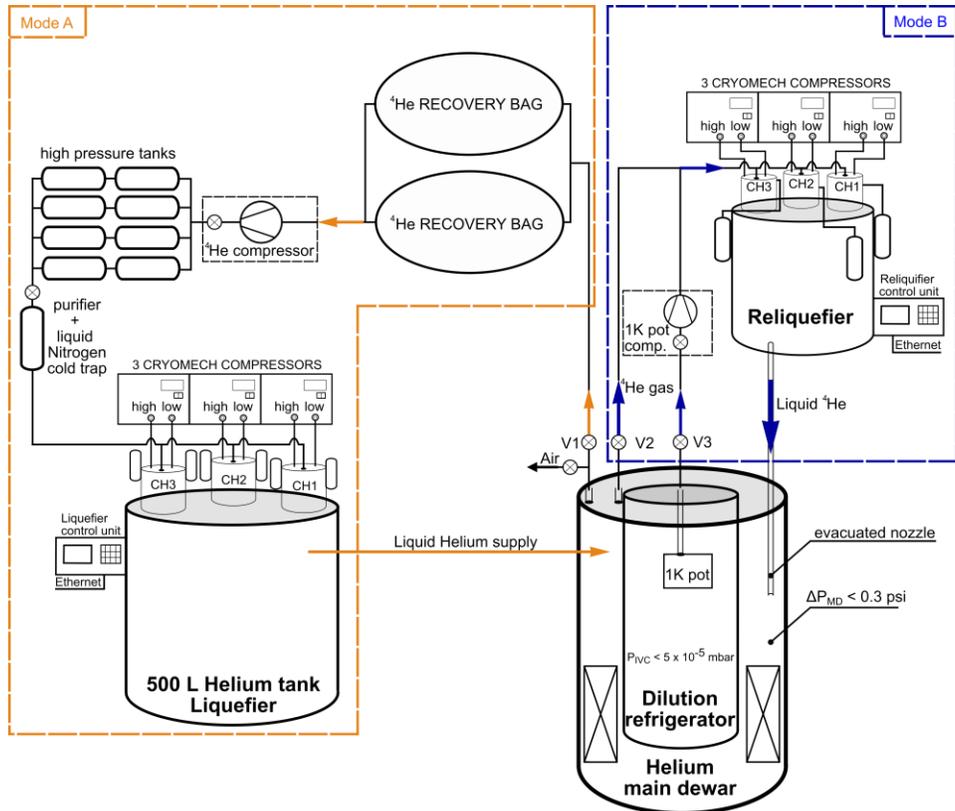
Cold plate (100 mK)

MXC plate (20 mK)

The cryogenic system

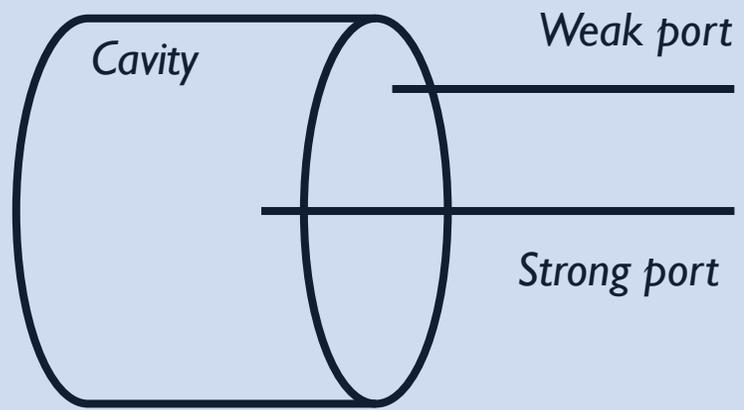


- He recovery system ~ 160 L capacity
- He liquefier with 60 L / day rate
- He Re-liquefier with 60 L / day rate



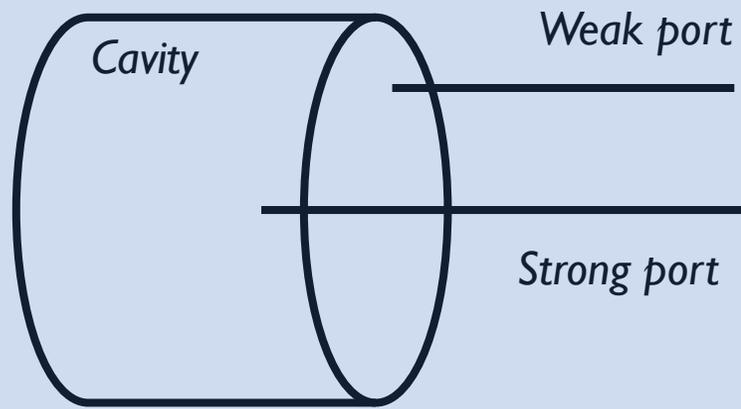
Receiver chain

- *Signal resonated in the cavity*
- *Typical temperature ~ 30 mK*

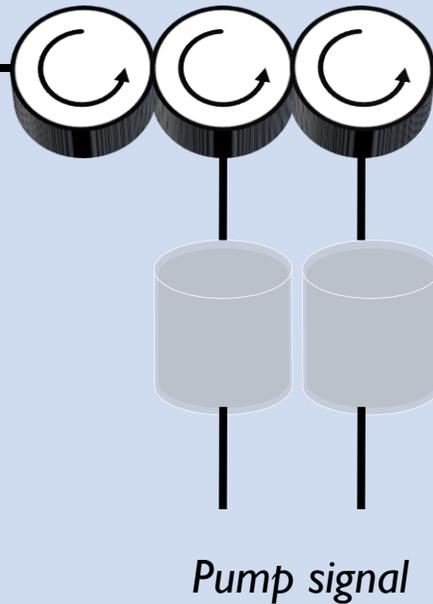


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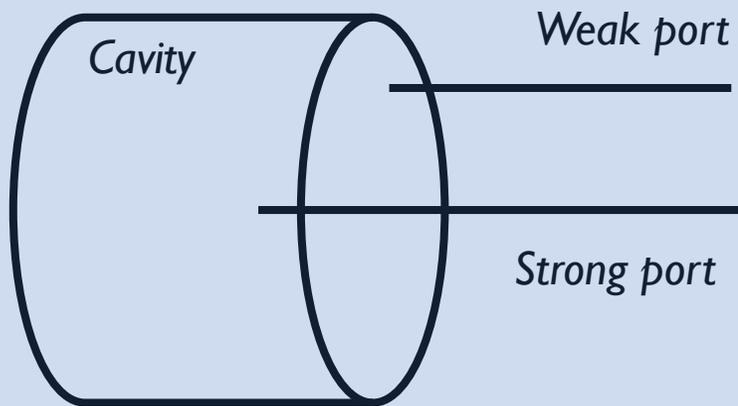


- Primary amplification with JPA
- Typical gain ~ 20 dB

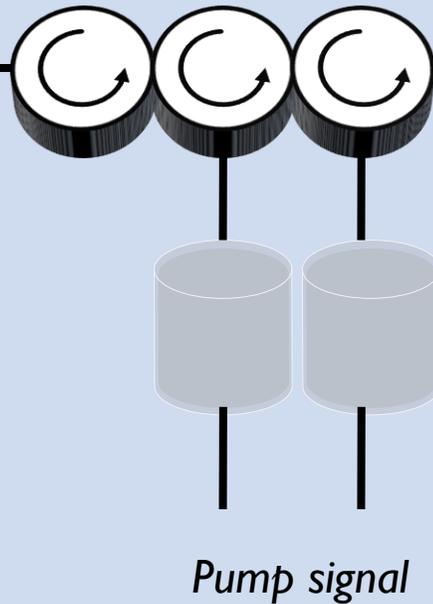


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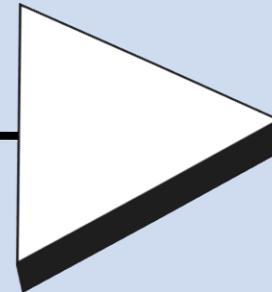
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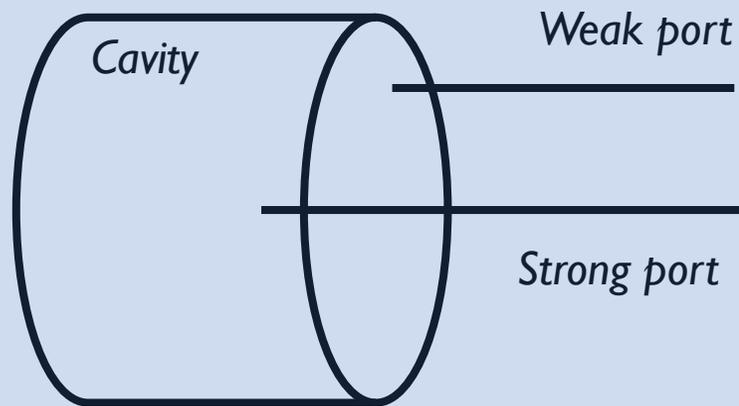


- Subsequent amplification
- Typical gain ~ 60 dB

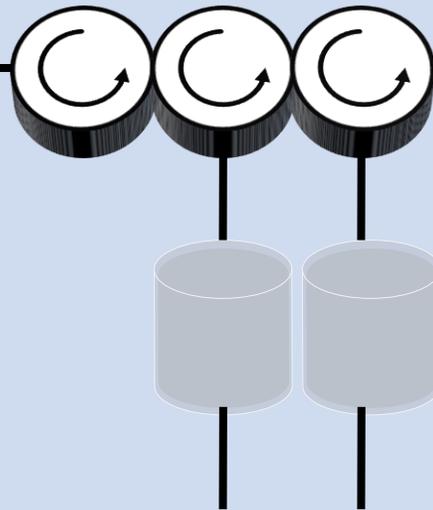


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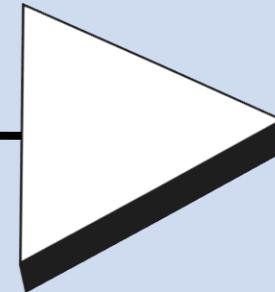


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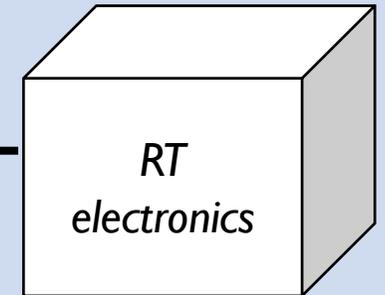


Pump signal

- Subsequent amplification
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- RF / IF amp
- Gain ~ 50 dB
- Downconversion
- ADC

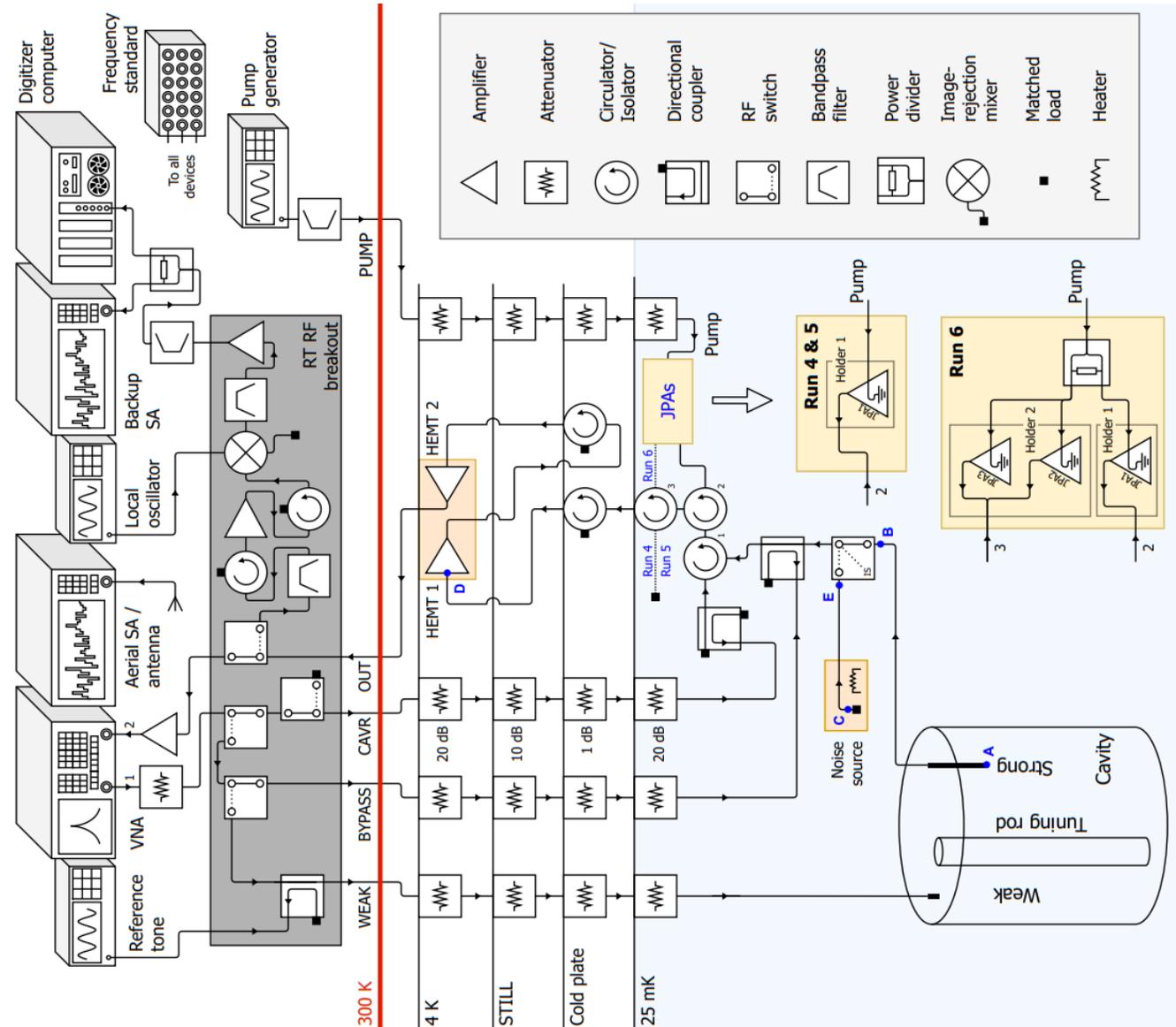


Local oscillator

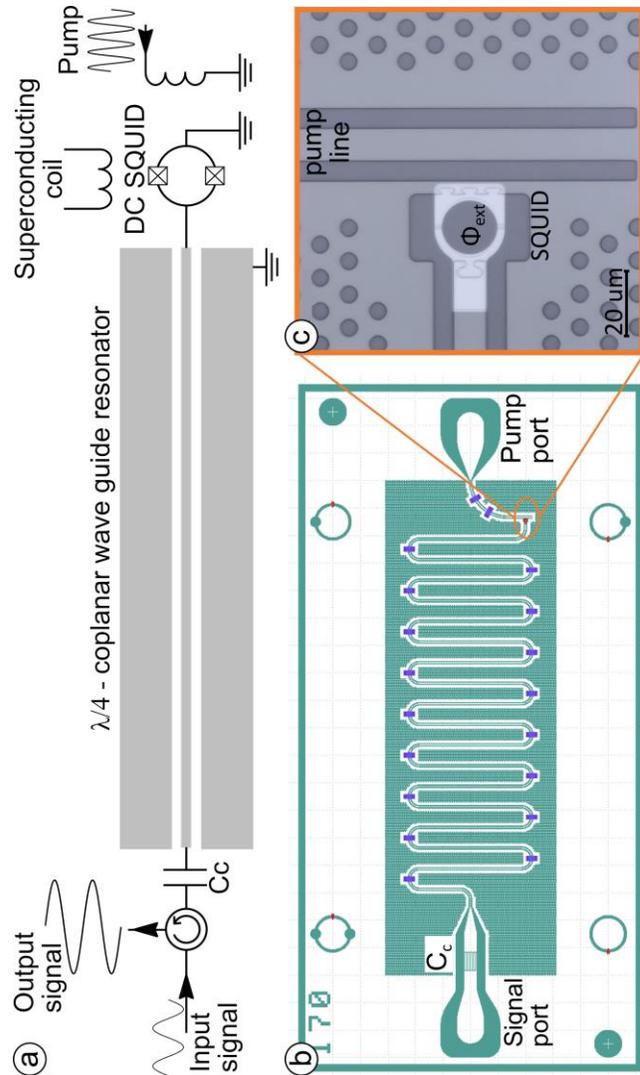
Receiver chain

In practice...

- Characterization lines
 - Weak / bypass / reflection
 - Cavity and chain characterization
- Noise source
 - Weakly coupled to the system
 - Heating up to 400 mK $\rightarrow \Delta T_{\text{sys}} < 1 \text{ mK}$
 - JPA-off calibration / System noise double-check
- Cryogenic switch
 - Between cavity and noise source
 - 3rd phase (in between): upstream line-loss meas
- RT breakout box
 - Remote-switching the measurement paths
 - Supplement RF / IF gain
- Backup SA / RF probe / Aerial SA
 - Help system cal. / candidate veto



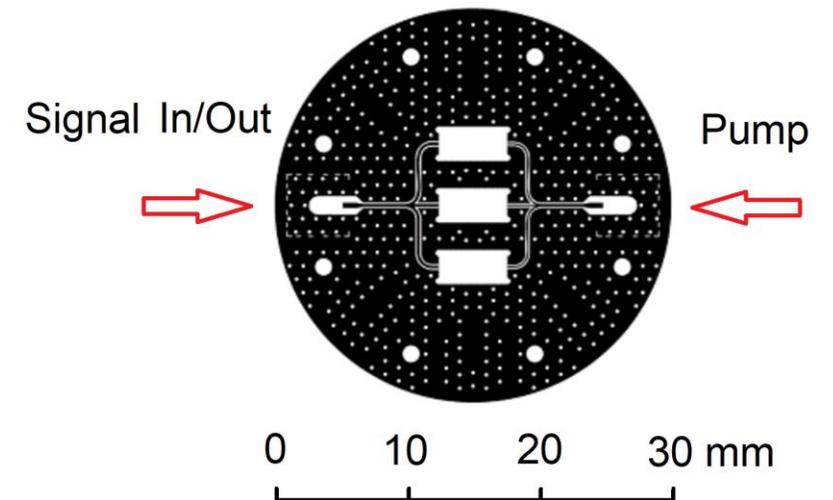
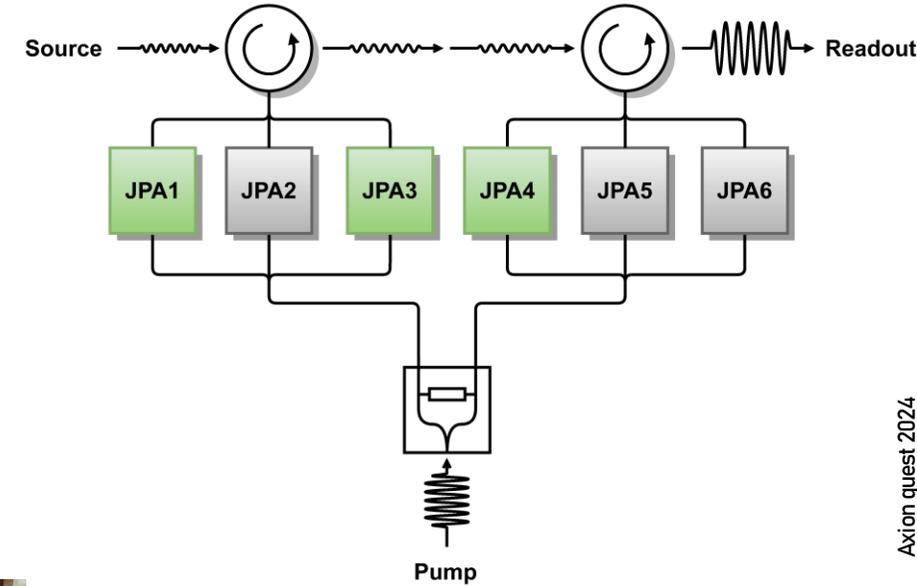
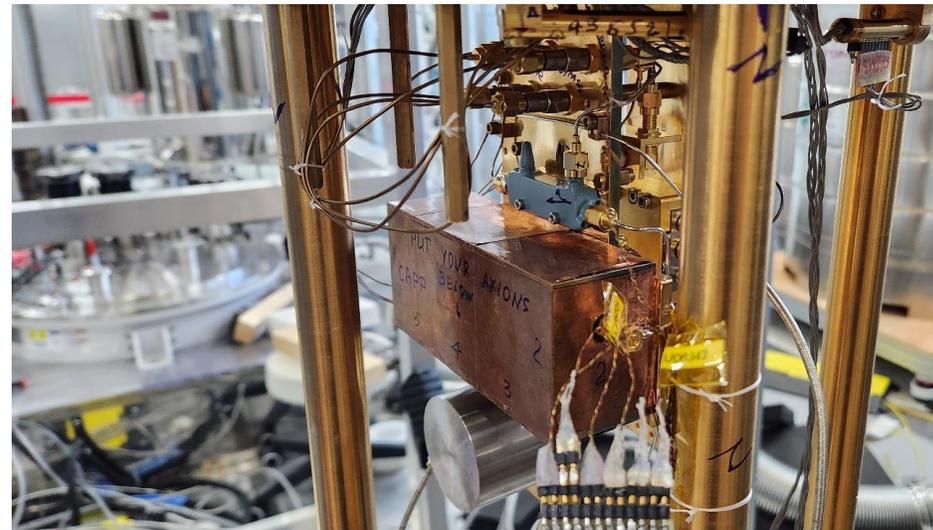
The Josephson Parametric Amplifier



- Flux-driven JPAs
- Collaborating with U. of tokey

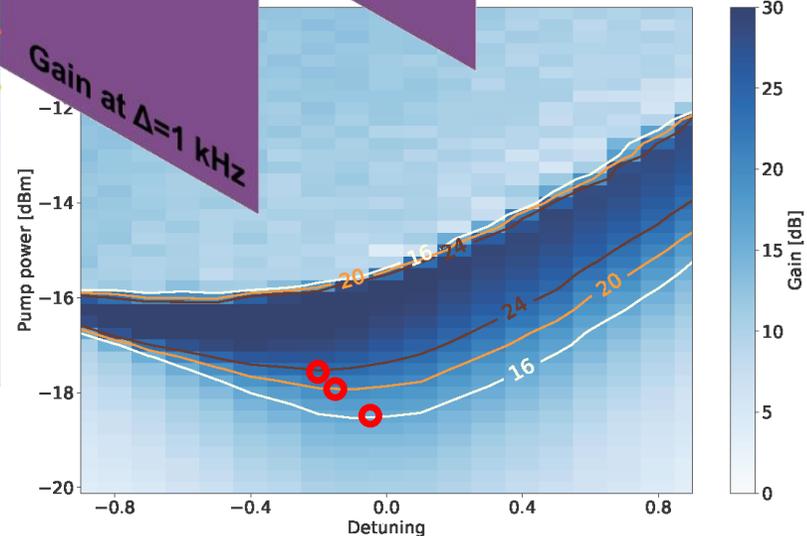
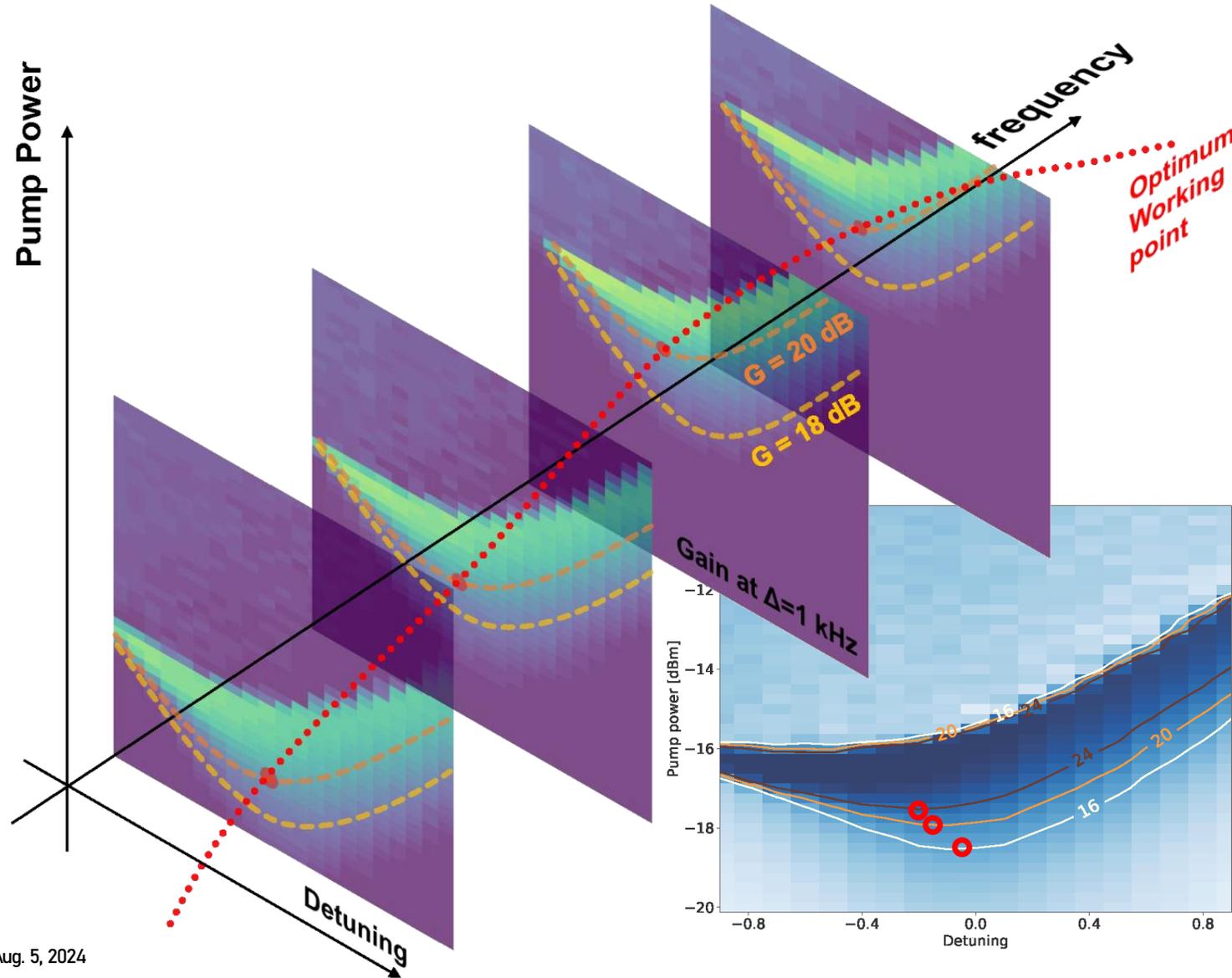
Parallel JPAs

- 3 JPAs bundled up
- Single holder / flux bias / pump
- Extending the amplifier's frequency range

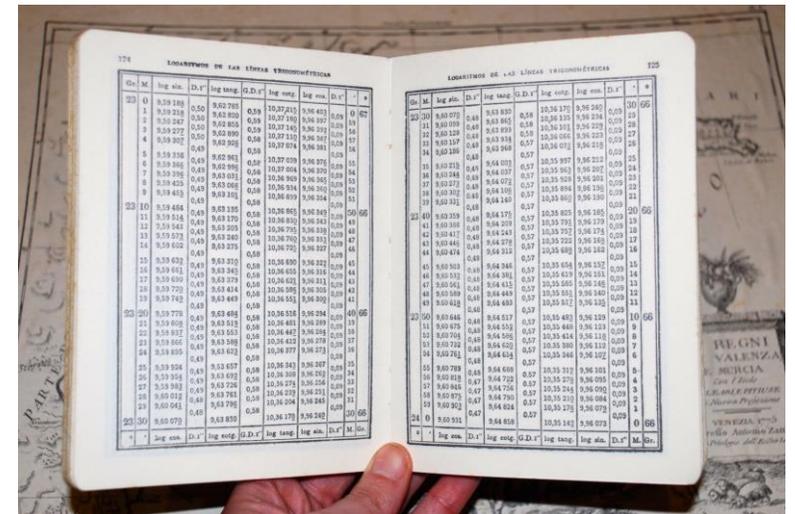


More discussion in Boris' talk on Friday

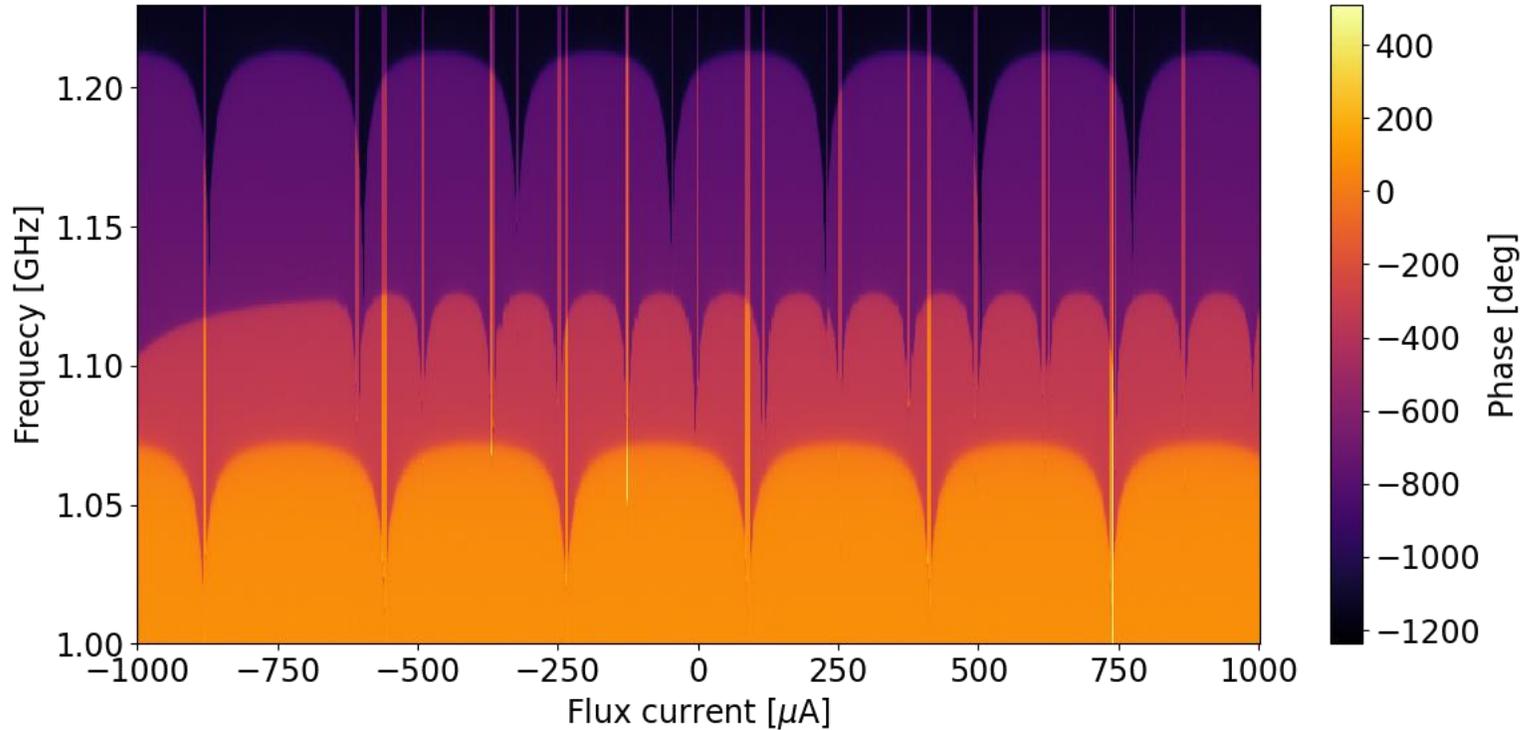
The Josephson Parametric Amplifier



- 2D JPA Paramap ($f_{passive}, P_{pump}$)
- Gain contour
- Lower pump power \rightarrow Lower added noise
- Get the lowest P_{pump} in the contour of given target gain (typically 20 dB)
- Every 0.2 ~ 0.5 MHz, interpolated for each tuning step



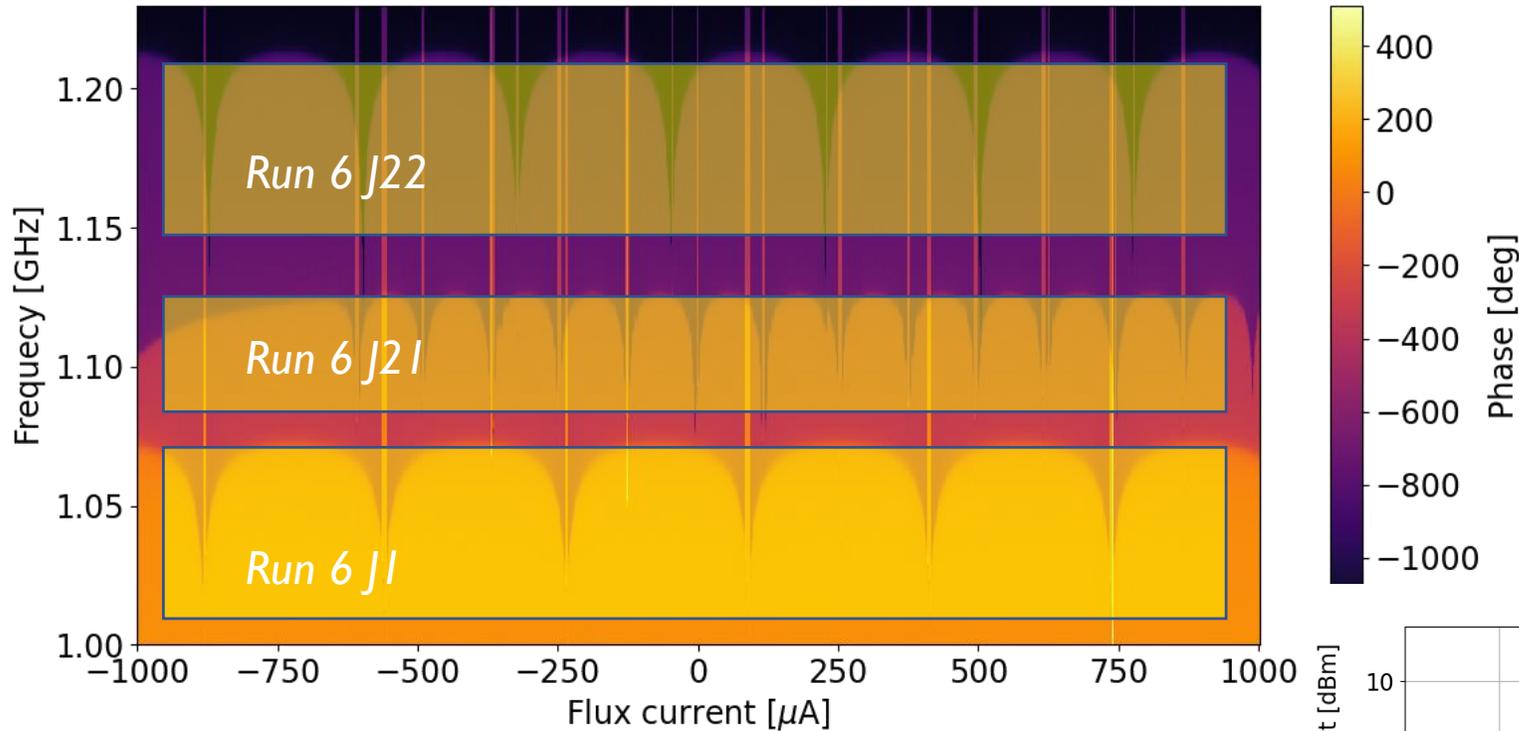
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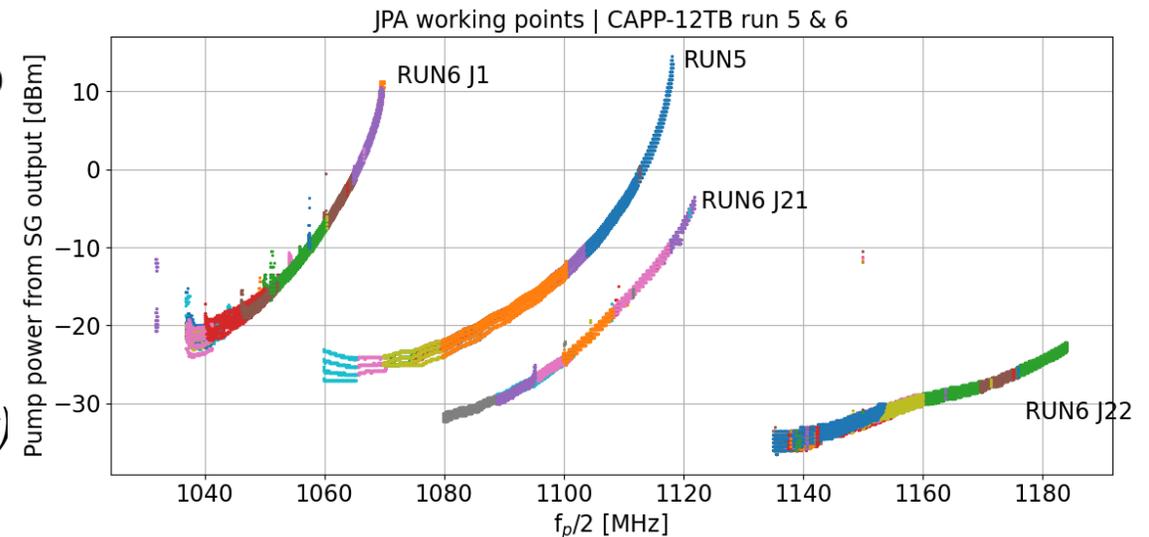


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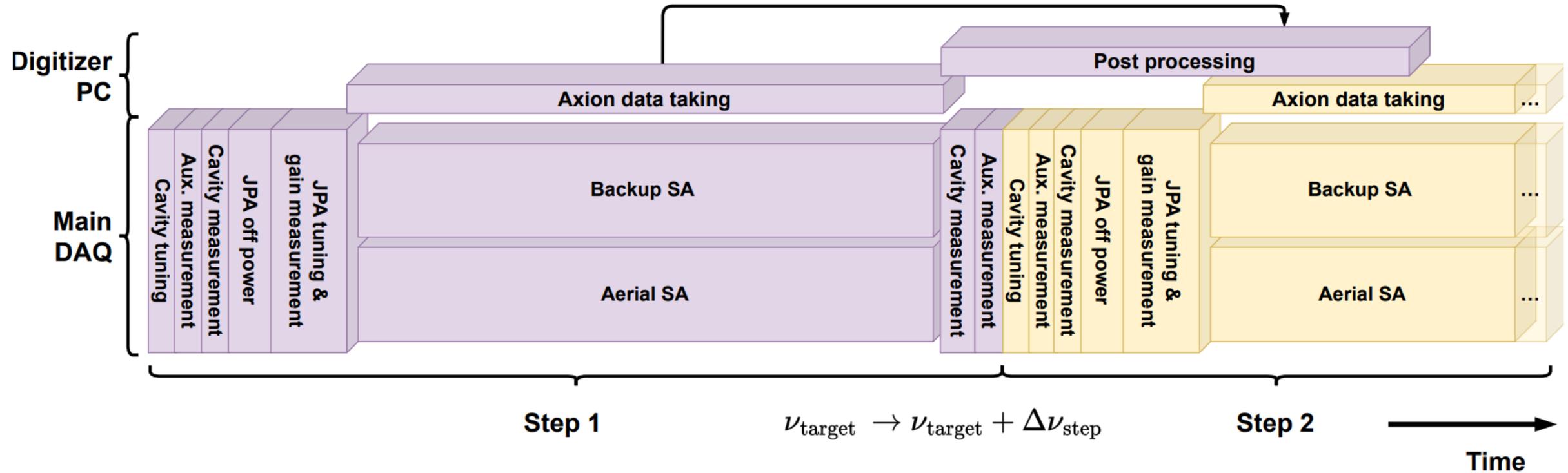
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Successfully utilized in the science run (run 6)

- No degradation in noise / gain performance of JPAs
- Total coverage extended to 160 MHz (120 MHz overlap with cavity)

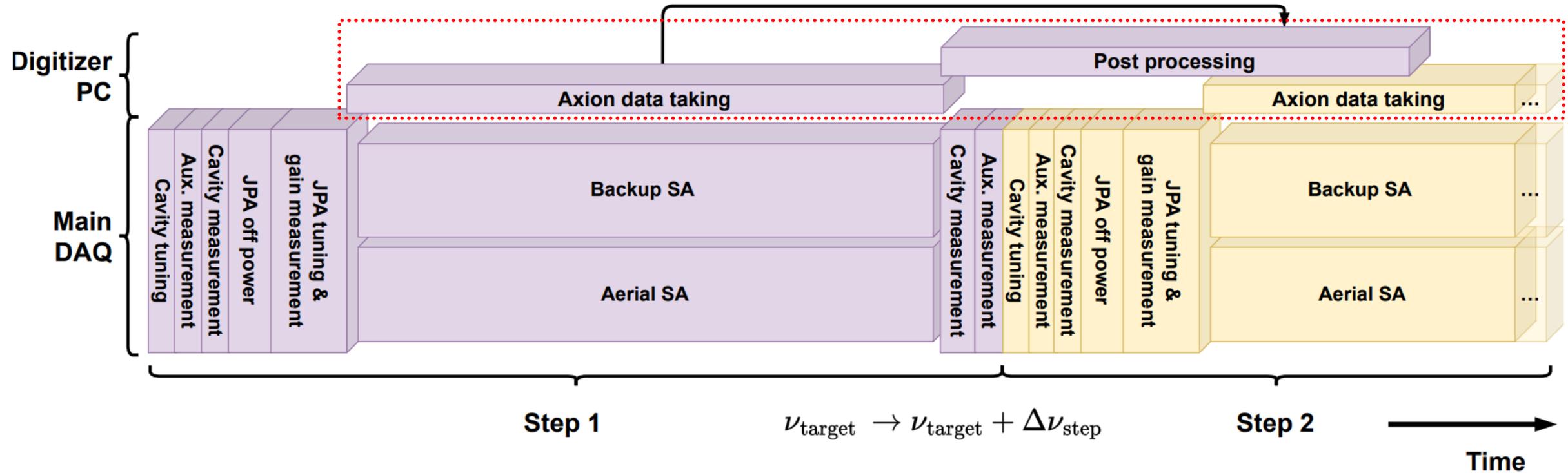


DAQ iteration



- 192 s acquisition with DAQ efficiency ~ 80%
- 10 kHz tuning step
- 3 MHz / day of fixed scanning speed

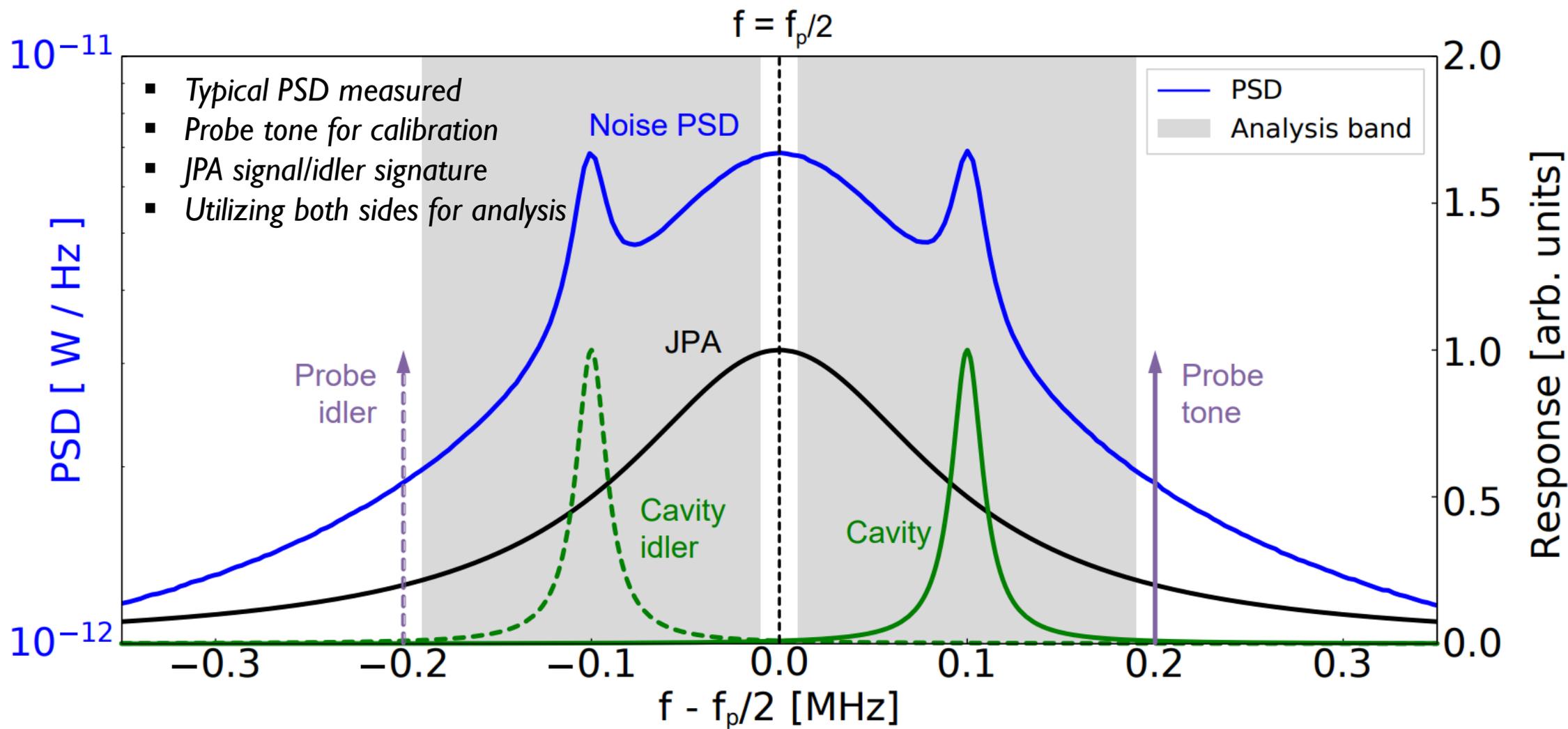
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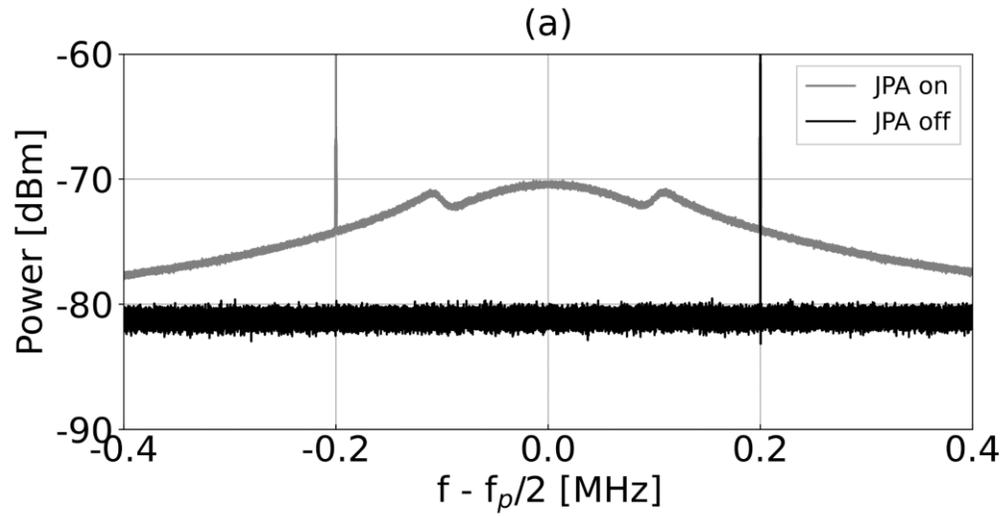
- 192 s acquisition with DAQ efficiency $\sim 80\%$
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- Digitizer FIFO configuration
- Parallel FFT with 12 core CPUs
- 45 MS/s sample rate | 10.7 MHz IF

Data at a glance

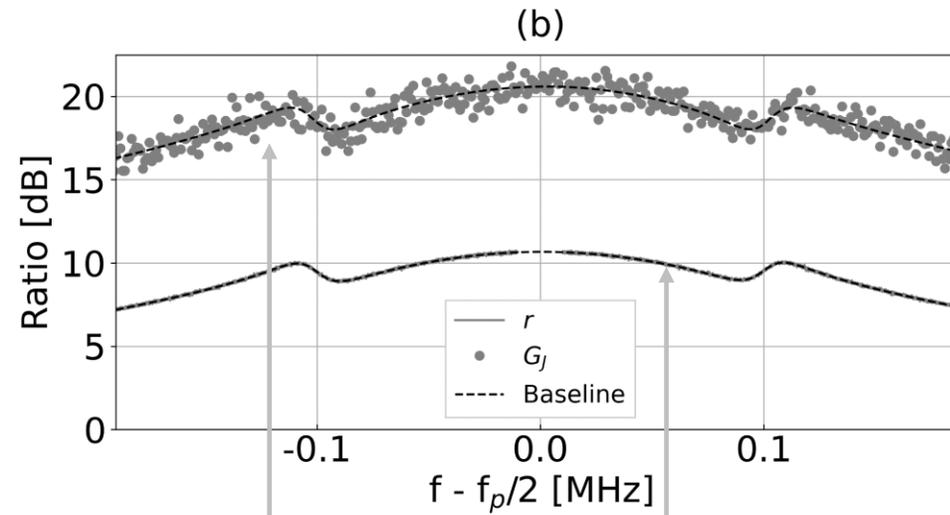
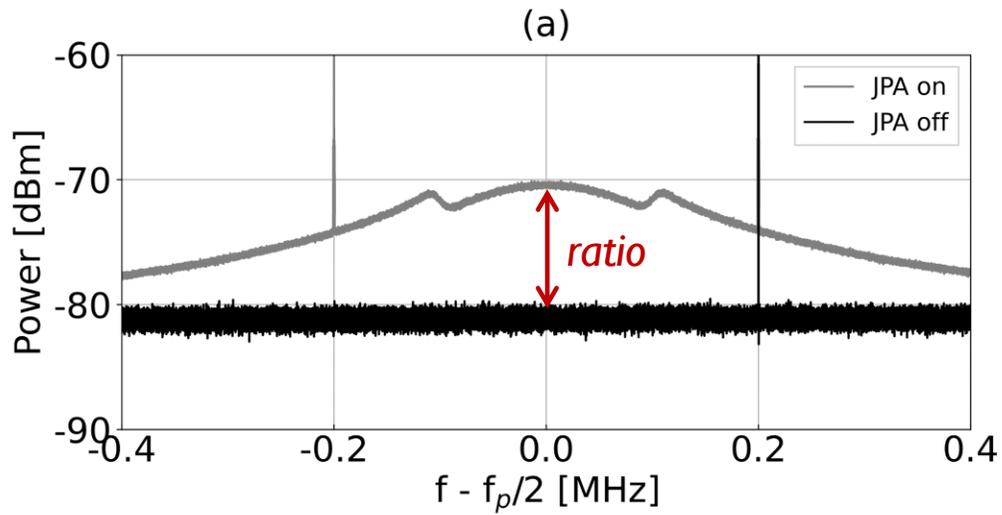


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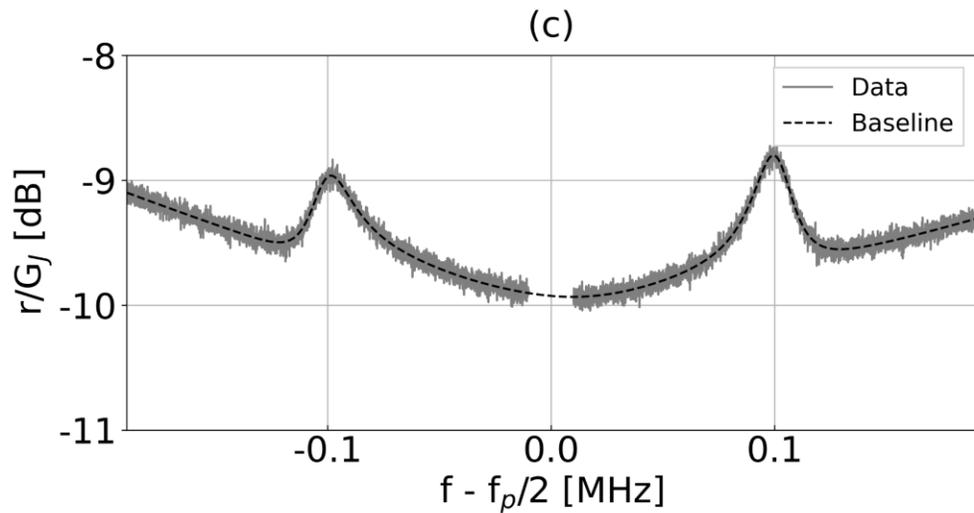
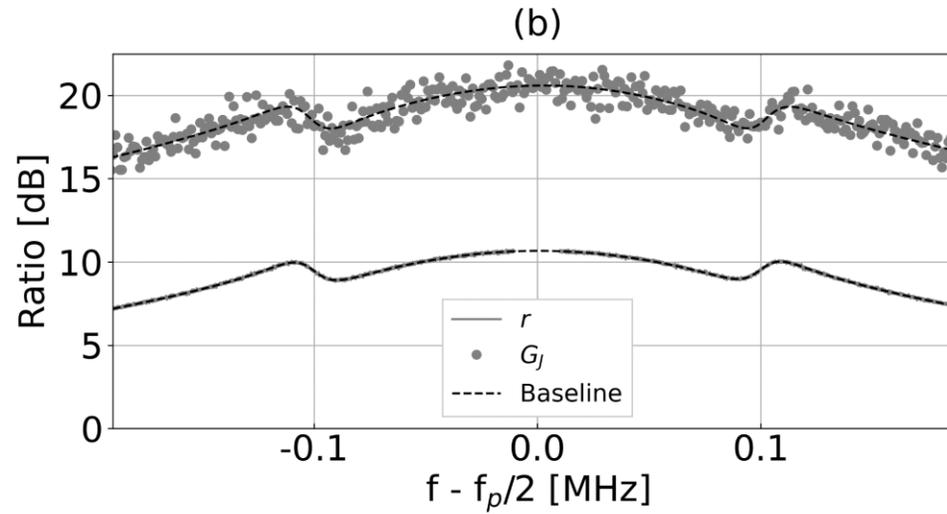
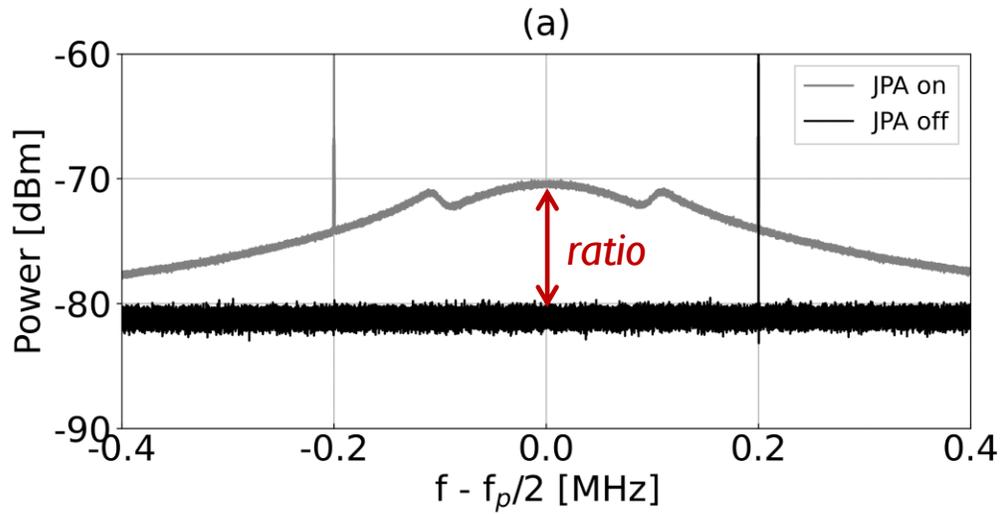
- *JPA on/off measurement*
- *JPA gain / PSD ratio*

Calibration



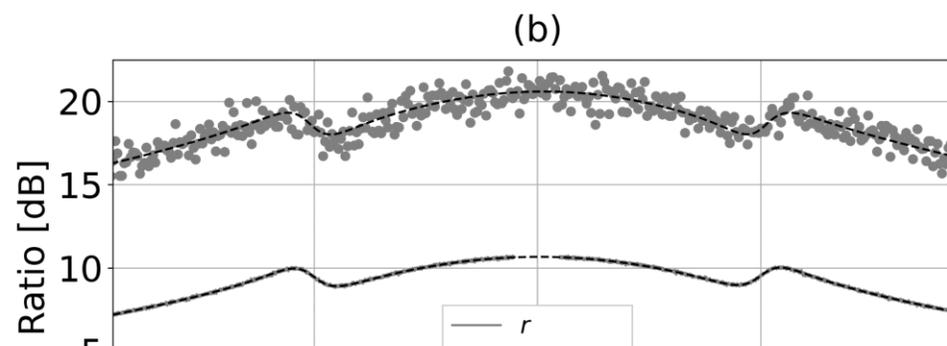
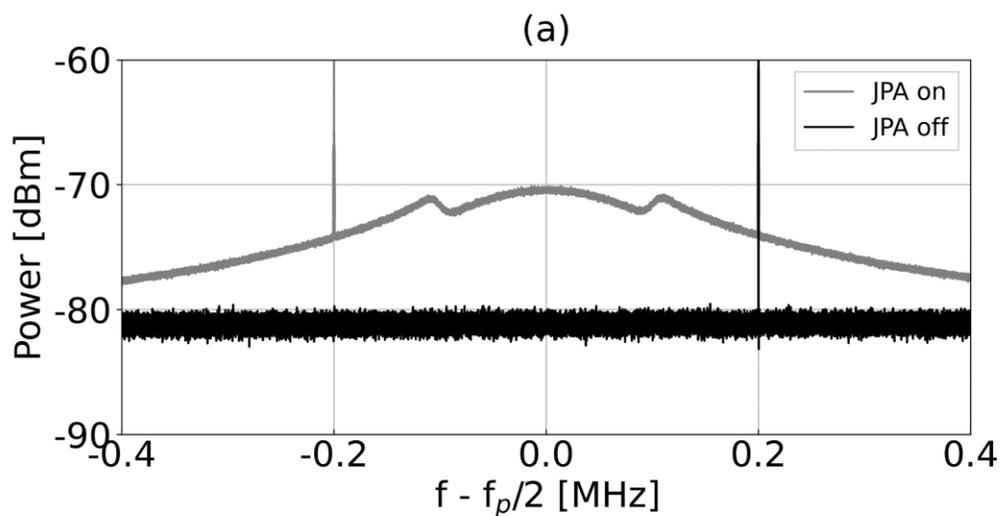
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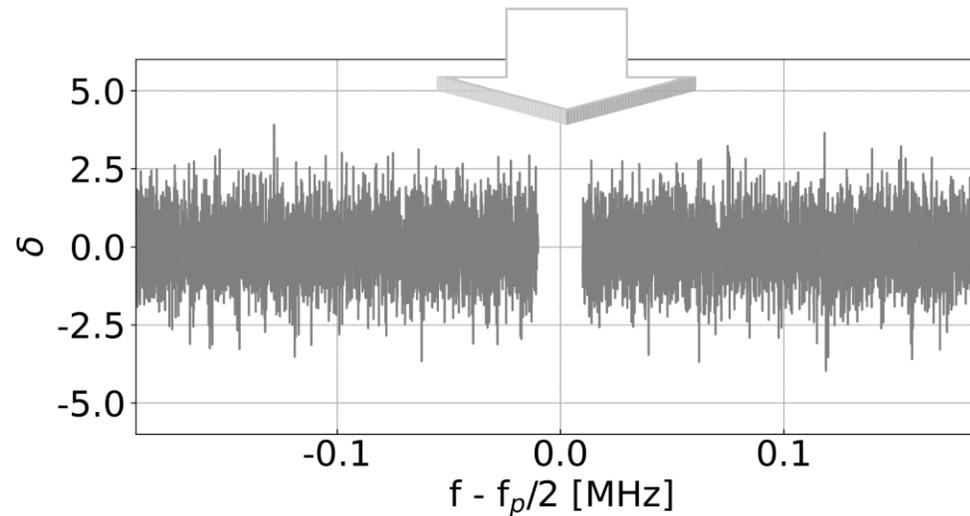
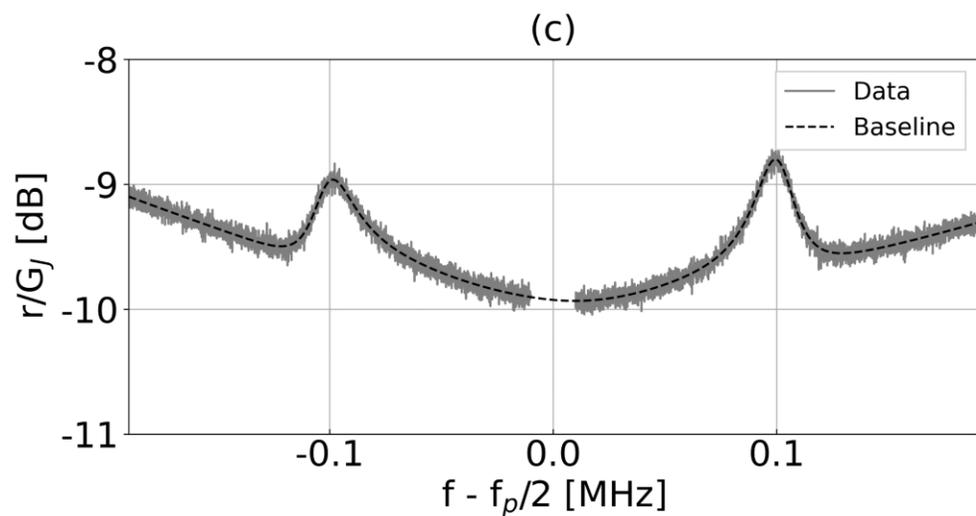


- $G_{JPA} = S_{21}^{ON} / S_{21}^{OFF} \mid r = P^{ON} / P^{OFF}$
- SNR improvement (SNRI) = G_{JPA} / r
- System noise = $T_{sys}^{OFF} \times SNRI$

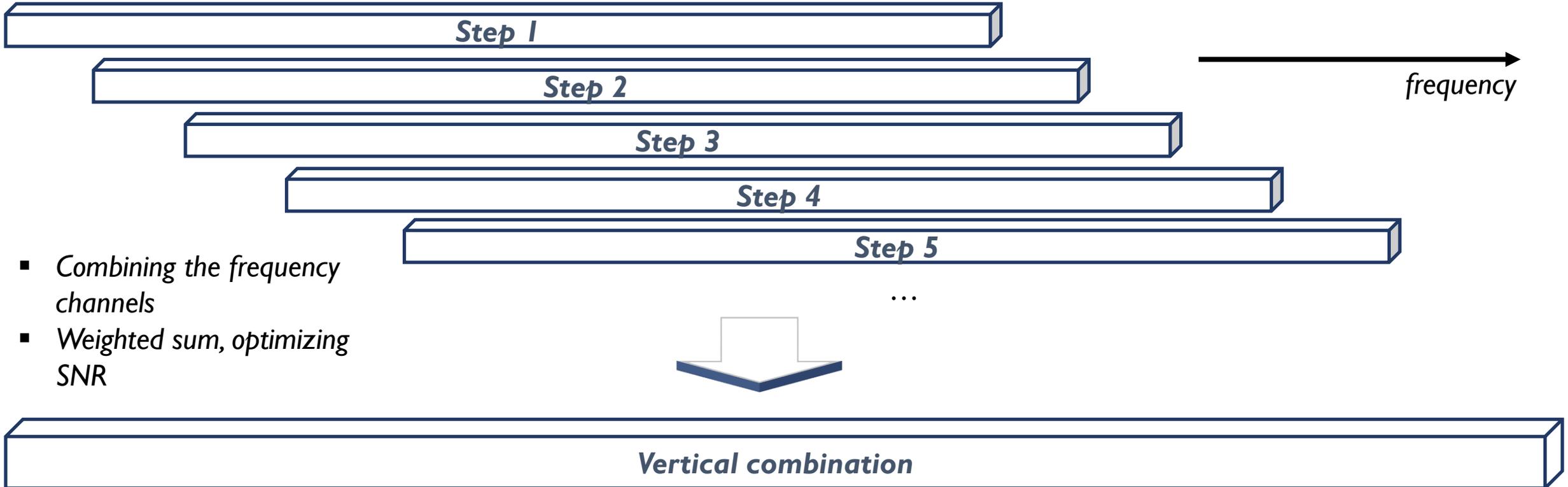
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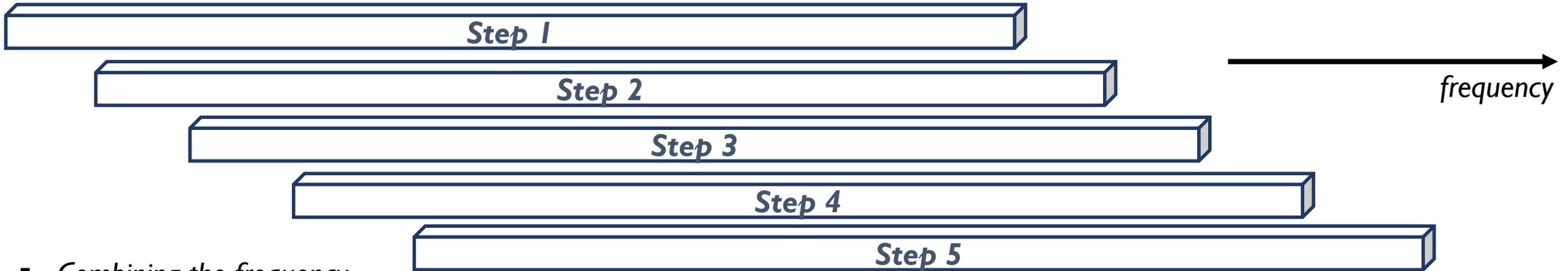
- *Baseline subtraction / normalization*
 - *Standard normal distribution $N(0, 1)$*



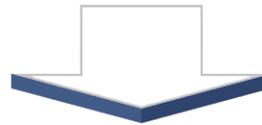
Data analysis



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- *Combining the frequency channels*
- *Weighted sum, optimizing SNR*



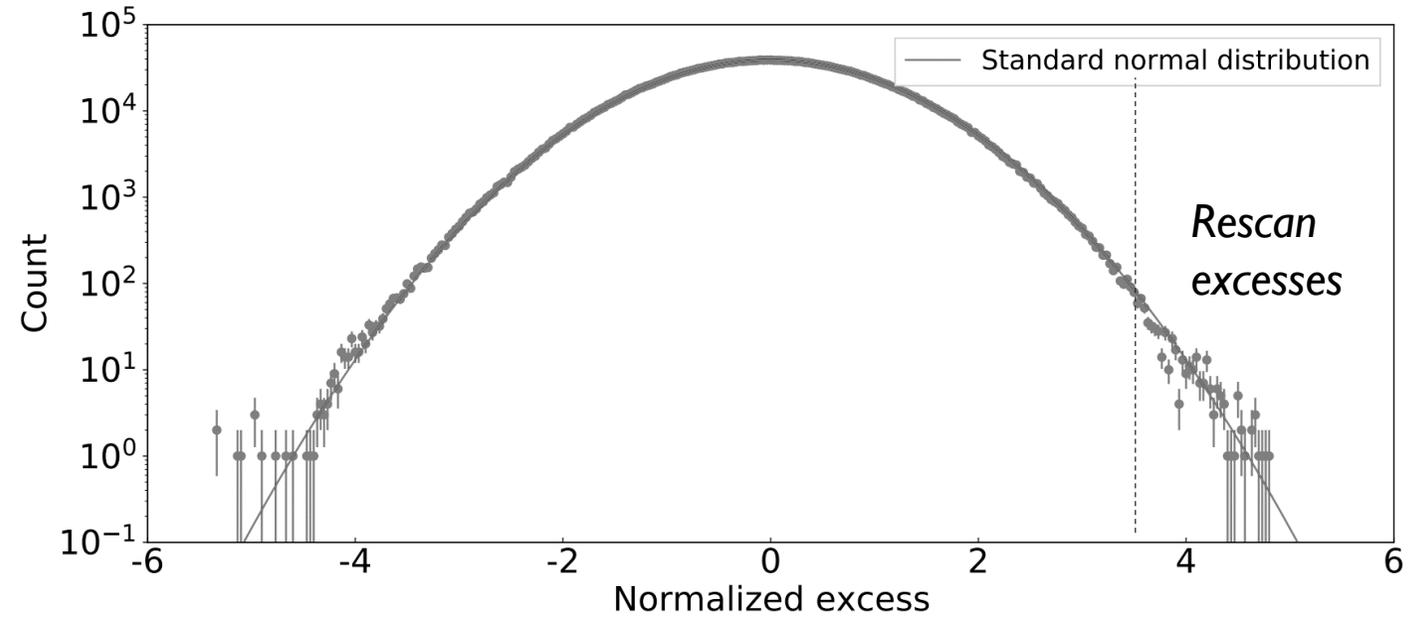
- *Convolving expected lineshapes (depending on the velocity dispersion models)*
- *Optimizing the detection rate of signals*



Rescan the candidates

Rescan target

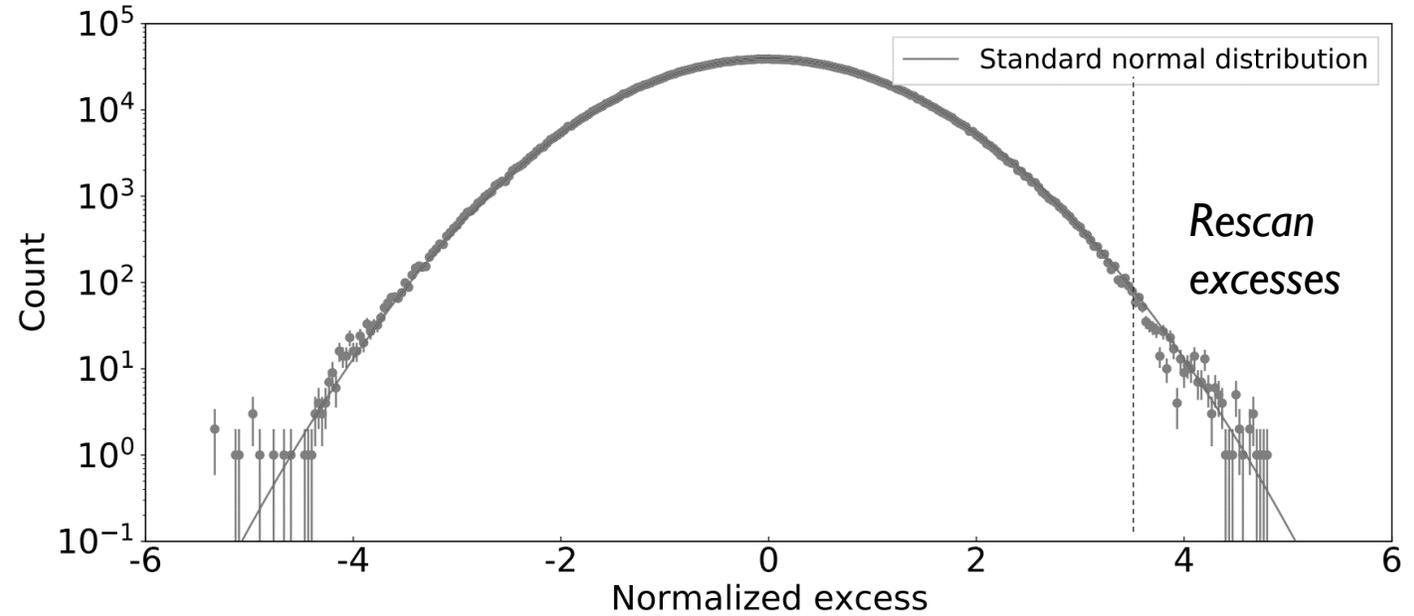
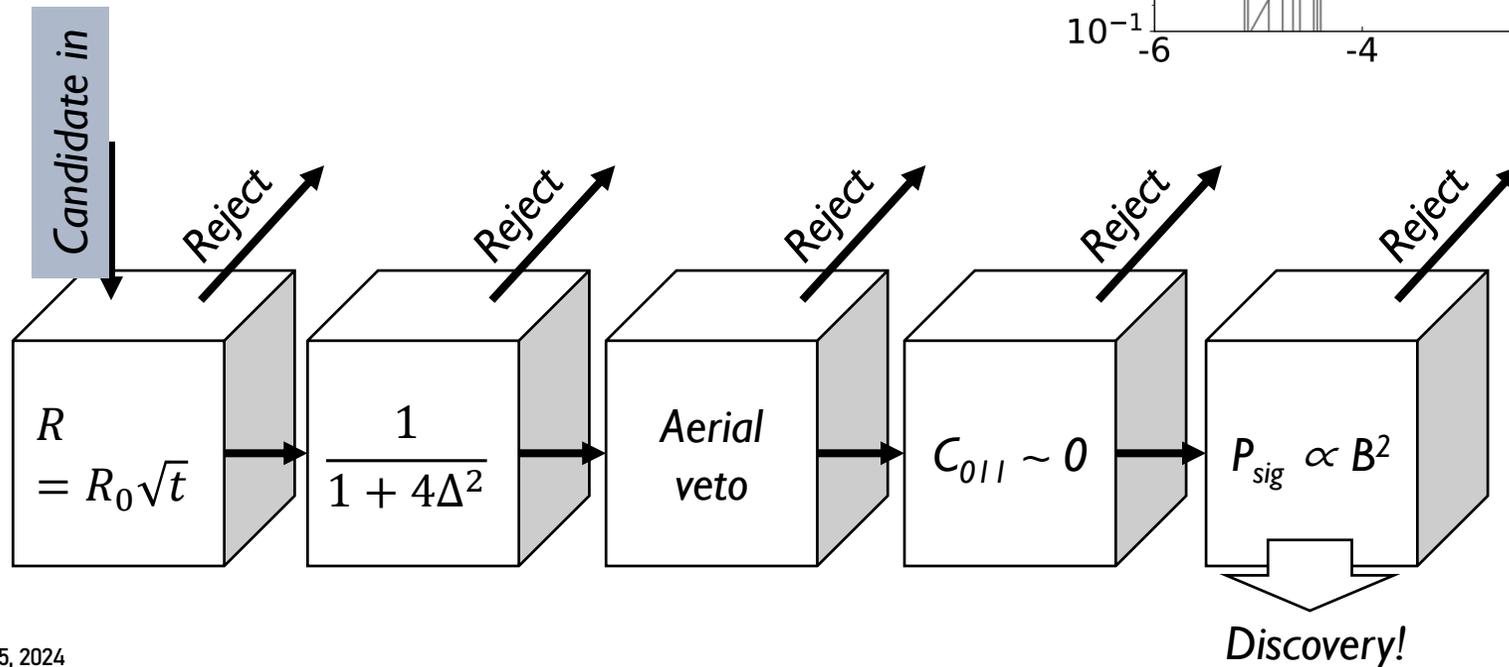
- With the grandspectrum $\sim N(0, 1)$
- 90% confidence level at the target $SNR = 5\sigma$
 - 3.718σ frequentist threshold for rescan candidates
- Total $O(100)$ candidates



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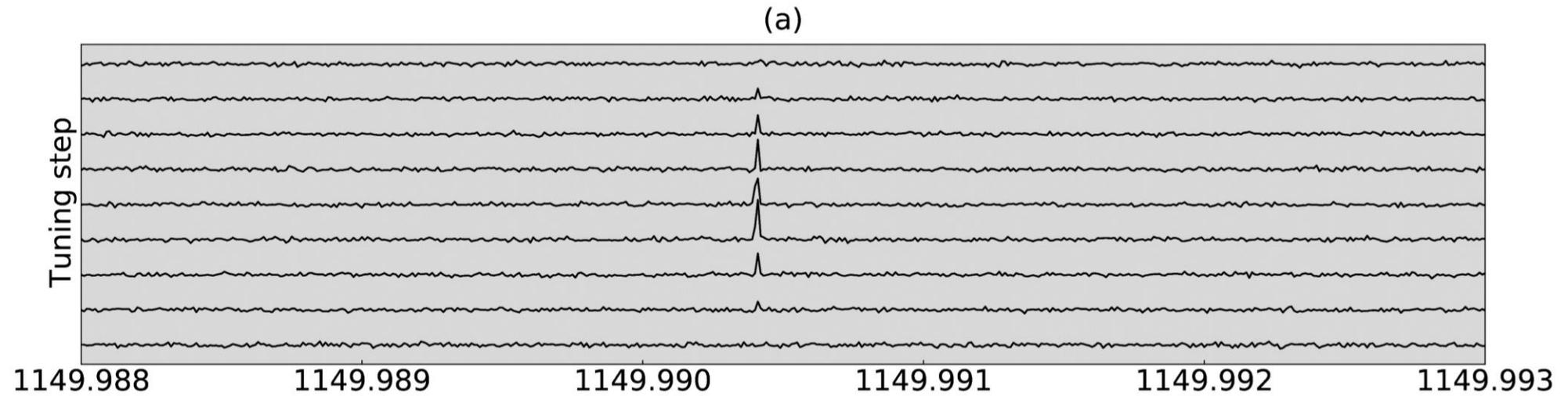
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Rescan strategy

- Persistency
- Lorentzian test (from cavity?)
- Aerial antenna veto
- TM_{011} mode (Geometrical factor)
- Magnetic field dependence

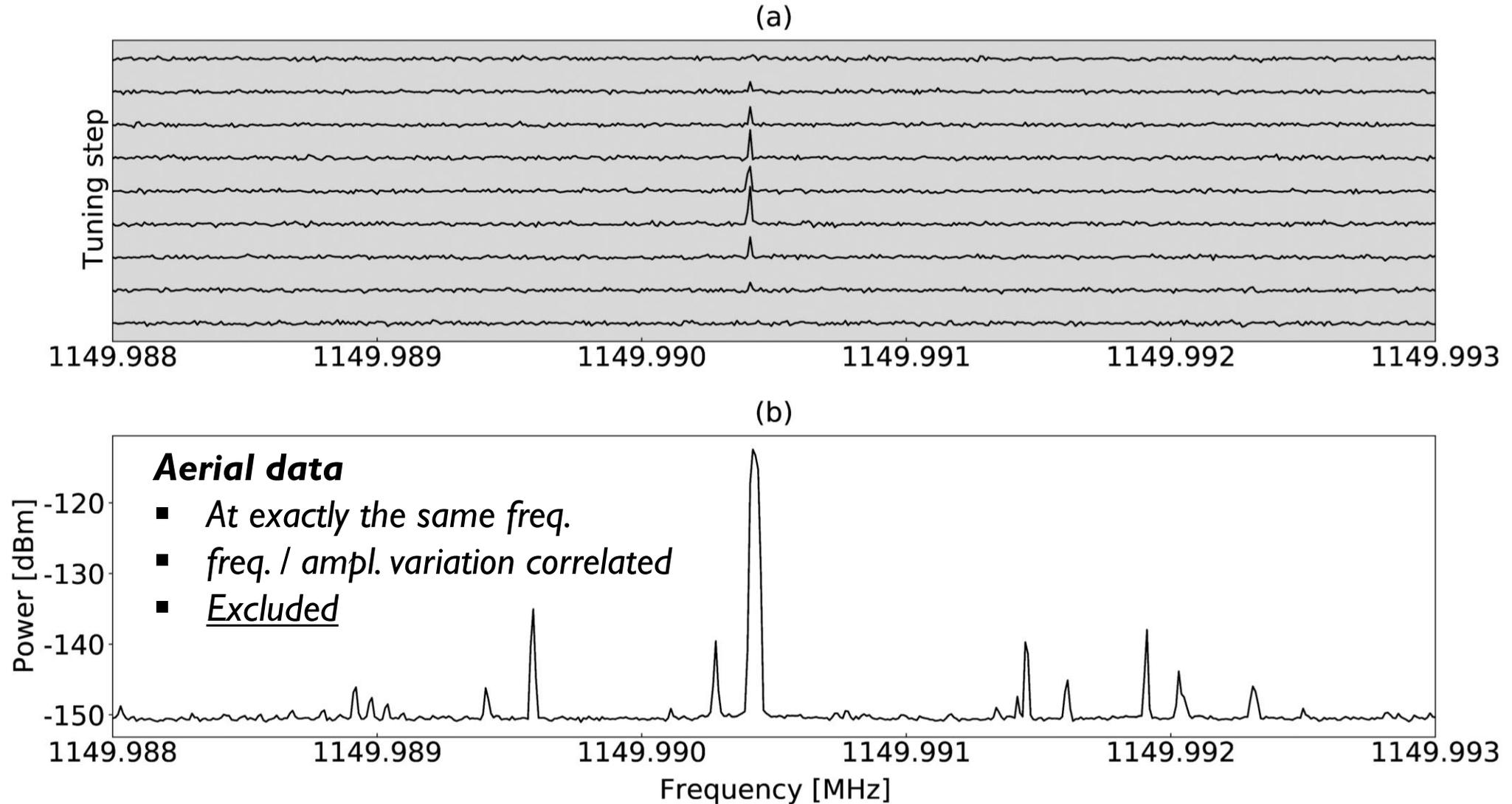
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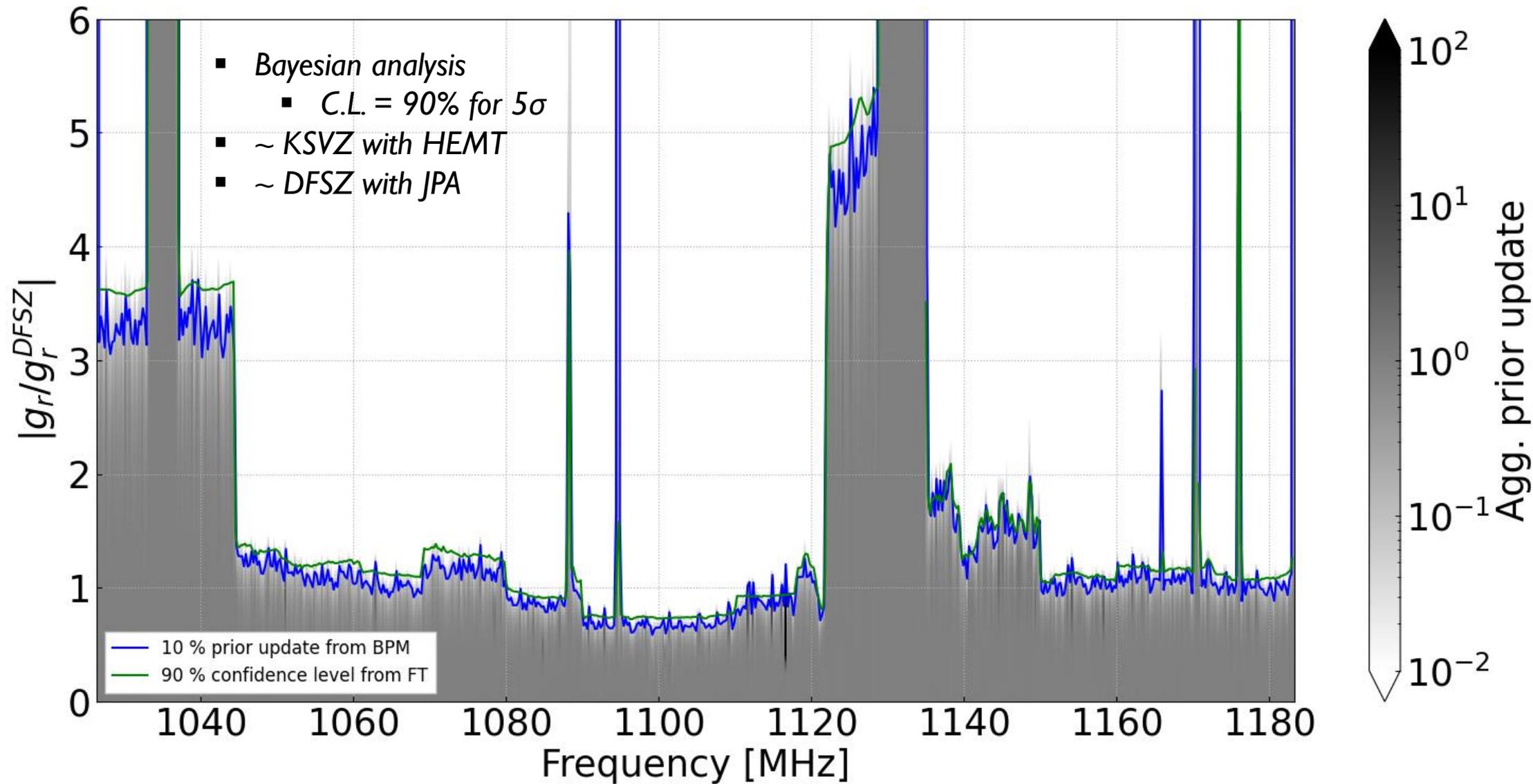
Example of a candidate

- *Persistent signal*
- *Follows the expected Lorentzian distribution (as the cavity is tuned)*

Rescan the candidates



Achieved limit on $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$

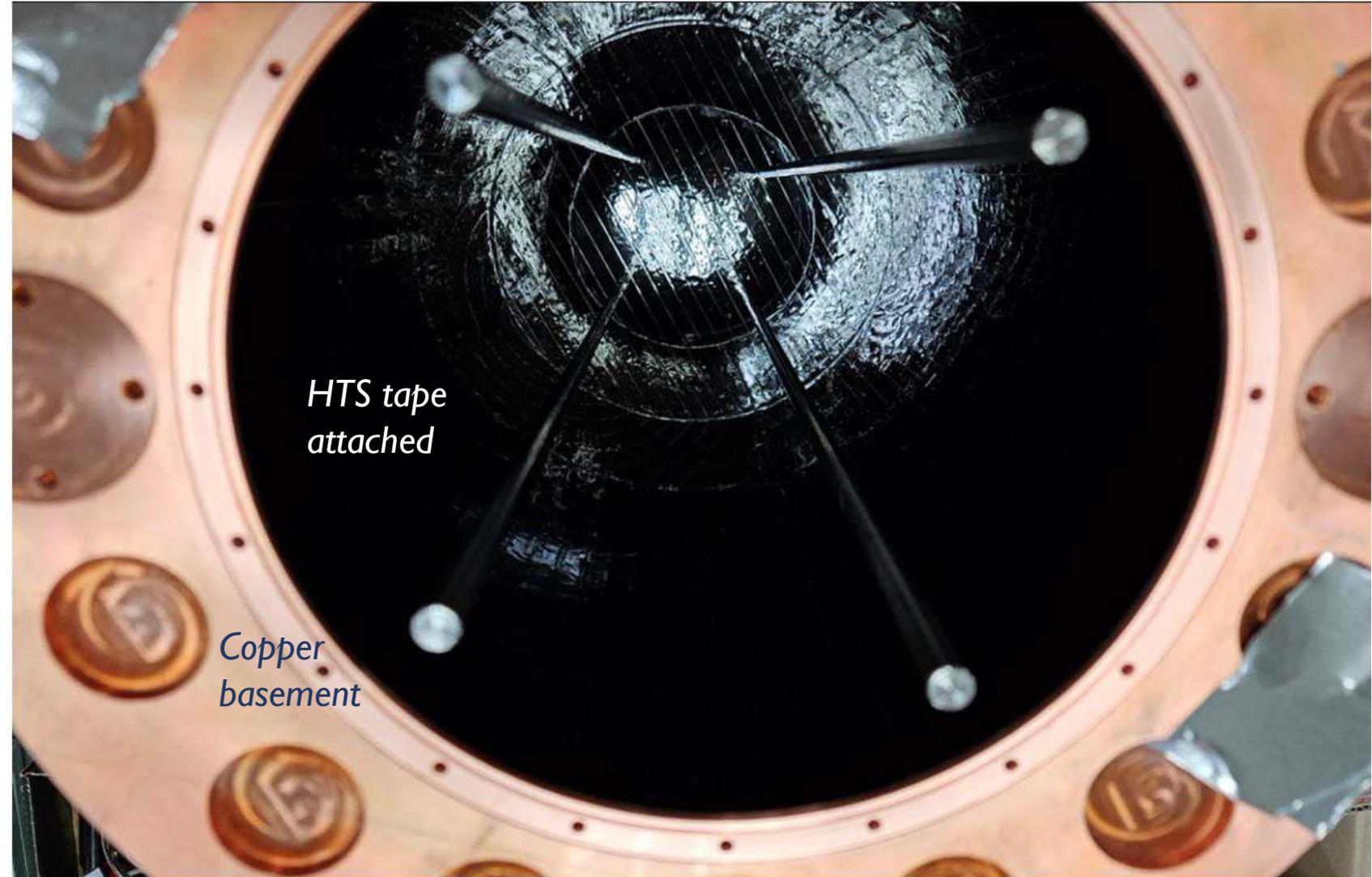


Upcoming run

More discussion
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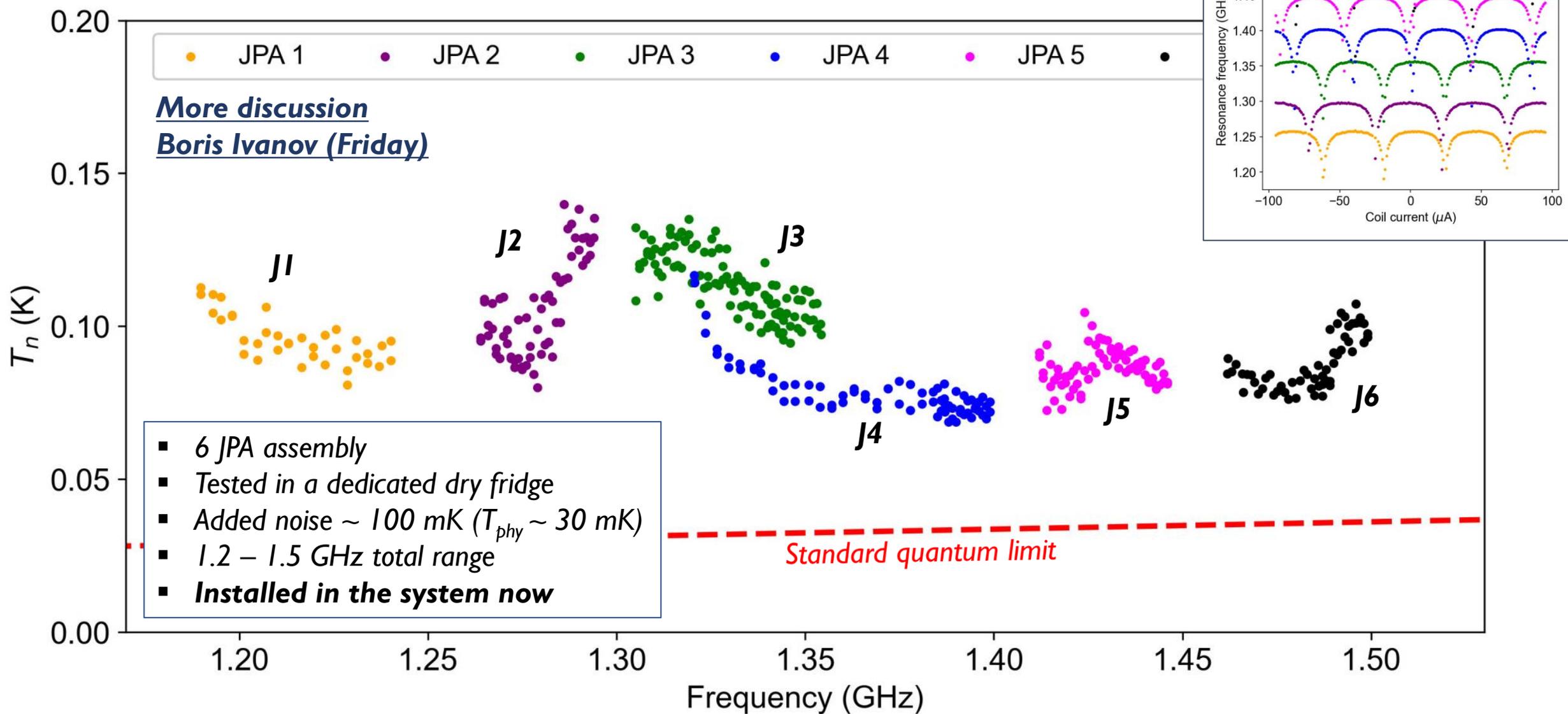
- SC cavity with HTS tapes
 - All walls and the tuning rod
- Ultralight cavity design
- $Q_0 \sim 10^6$ at 10 K (test at cryocooler)
 - $O(10)$ improvement
- 1.2 – 1.5 GHz tuning range
- **Installed in the system now**

[More discussion](#)
[Danho Ahn \(Wednesday\)](#)

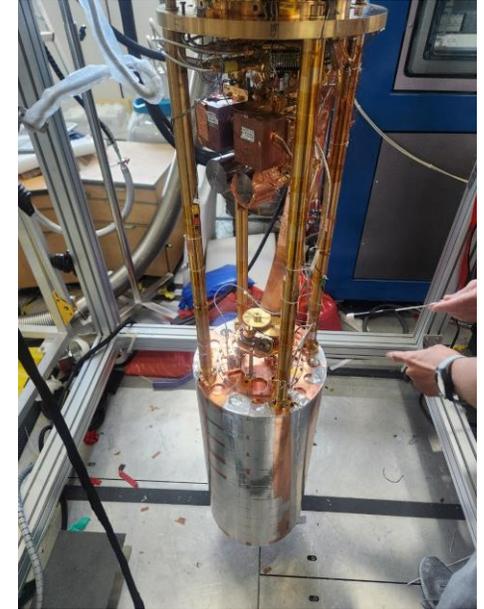
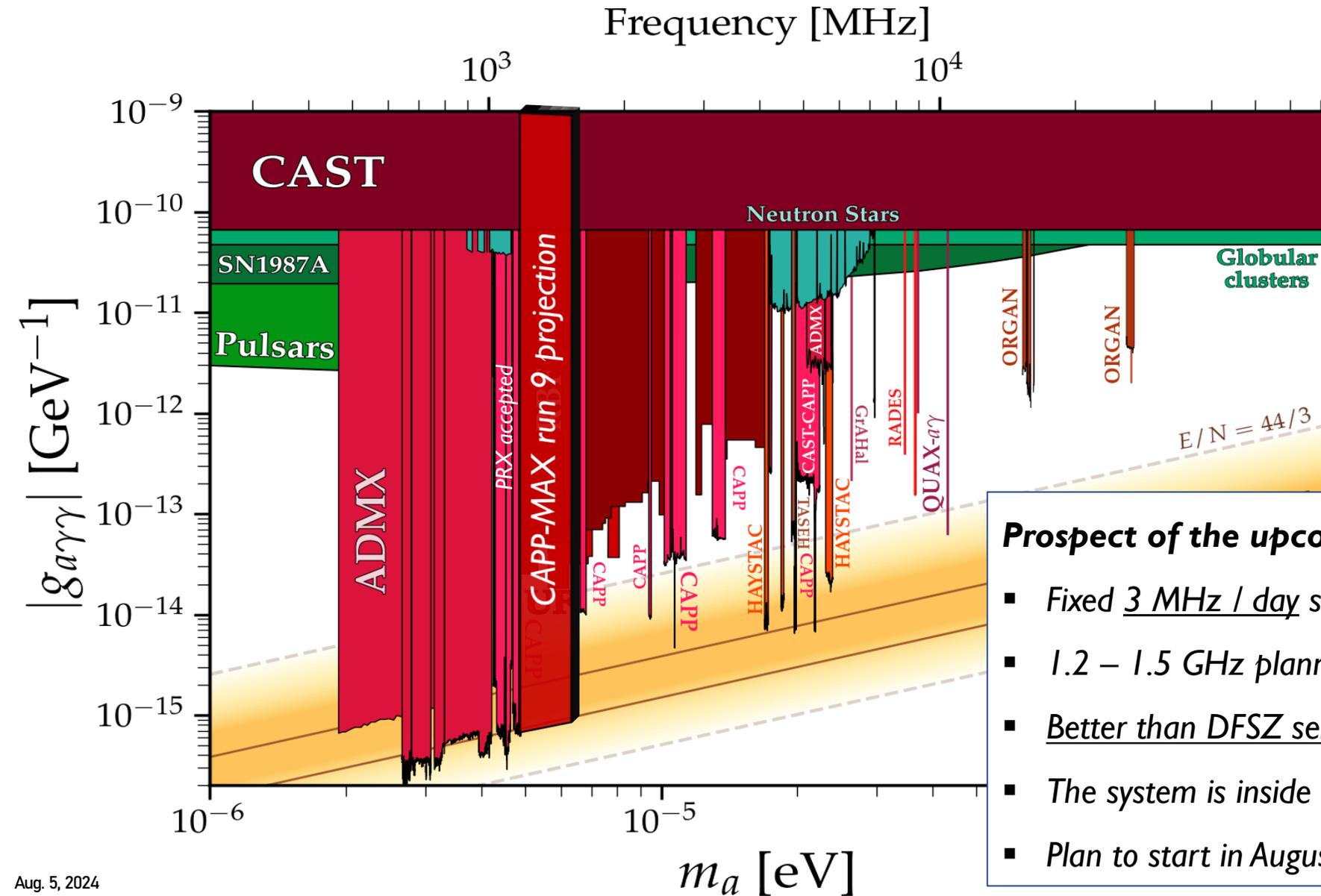


Axion quest 2024

Upcoming run



Upcoming run



- Prospect of the upcoming run**
- Fixed 3 MHz / day scanning speed
 - 1.2 – 1.5 GHz planned
 - Better than DFSZ sensitivity
 - The system is inside the LHe bath
 - Plan to start in August (3 months planned)

On the way!

