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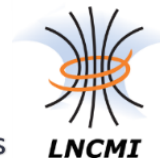
# The Axion Quest

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High Magnetic Fields to Probe the sub-eV range of Particle/Astroparticle Physics  
From OSQAR experiments up to new Projects & Perspectives at CERN & CNRS-Grenoble with GrAHal

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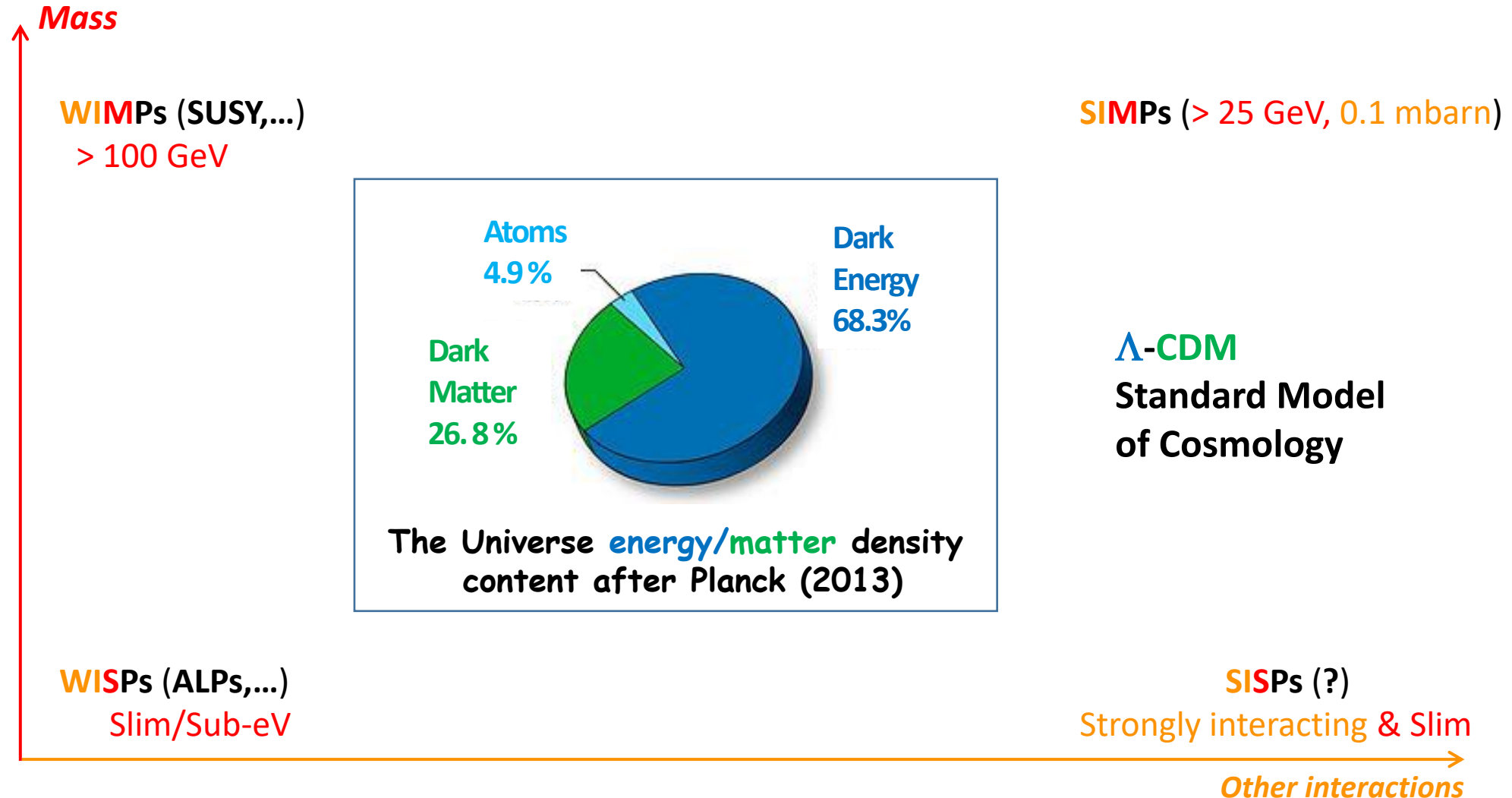
# Outline

- Introduction
  - Weakly Interacting Slim Particles (WISPs)\* as a possible component(s) of the Cold Dark Matter (CDM)
  - QCD Axion
- OSQAR (LSW/VMB/CHASE)
  - LSW: Light Shining through Wall
    - . Present reference results for Axion and Axion-Like-Particles (ALPs) searches
    - . Future of LSW experiments (ALPSII, OSQAR+/BabyJURA, JURA...)
  - VMB: Vacuum Magnetic Birefringence
  - CHASE: Chameleon Search Experiment
- A New Proposal: The Grenoble Axion Haloscope (GrAHal)
  - Probing QCD Axion Dark Matter with the Grenoble Hybrid Magnet under commissioning phase at LNCMI-Grenoble up to 43 T

*\* Complementary to the "better-known" WIMPs, i.e. Weakly Interactive Massive Particles*

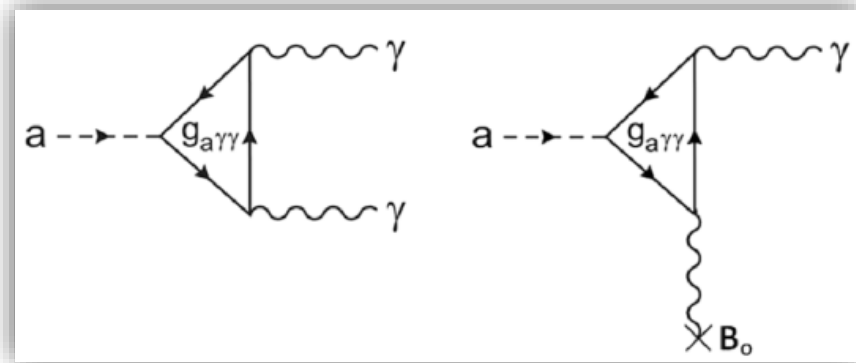
# Particle Physics beyond the Standard Model – Oversimplified Picture

## Among the Biggest Questions in Science...



# Why High Magnetic Fields & Flux for QCD-DM Axion/ALPs searches ?

- To maximize the conversion of this hypothetical weakly interacting particle to photons, via the inverse Primakoff effect



*The key ingredient  
of most of the  
experiments*

$$P_{LSW} \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma}^4 B^4 L^4$$
$$P_{Haloscope} \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B^2 V$$

*This “non-trivial” interaction is related to the chiral anomaly, i.e. a purely quantum phenomenon first studied in particle physics in 1969 (Adler, Bell and Jackiw) to explain the neutral pion decay in 2 photons ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) anticipated and observed by Primakoff in 1951.*

*The puzzle was the anomalous nonconservation of a chiral current, which is today “rejuvenated” in condensed matter physics...*



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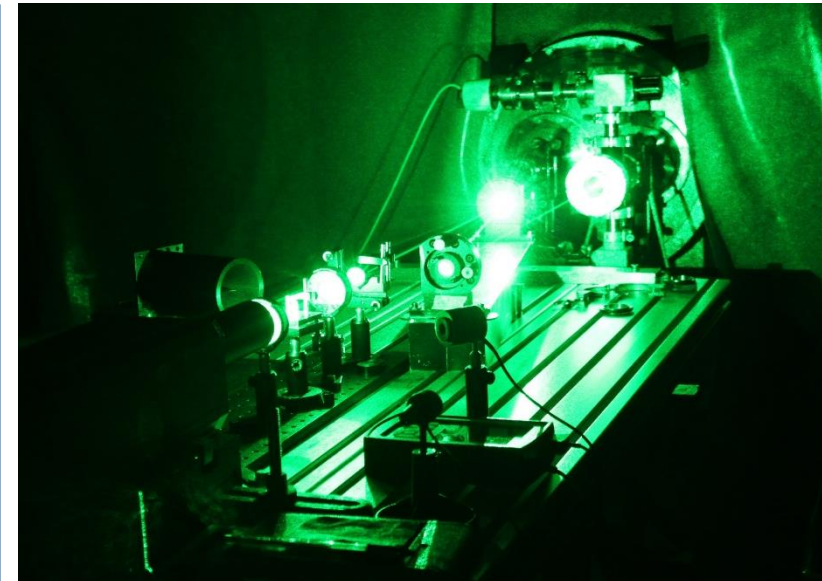
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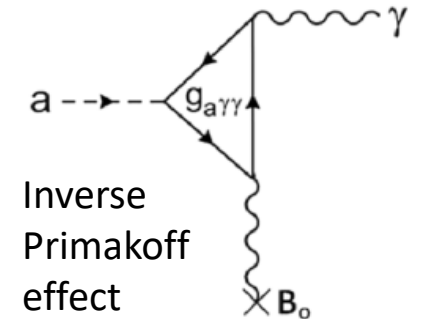
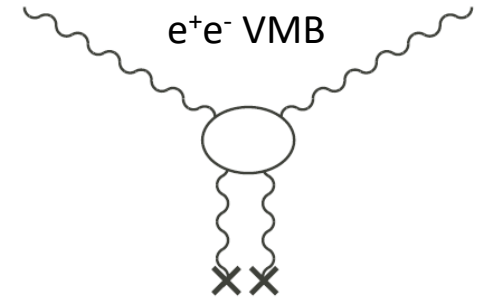
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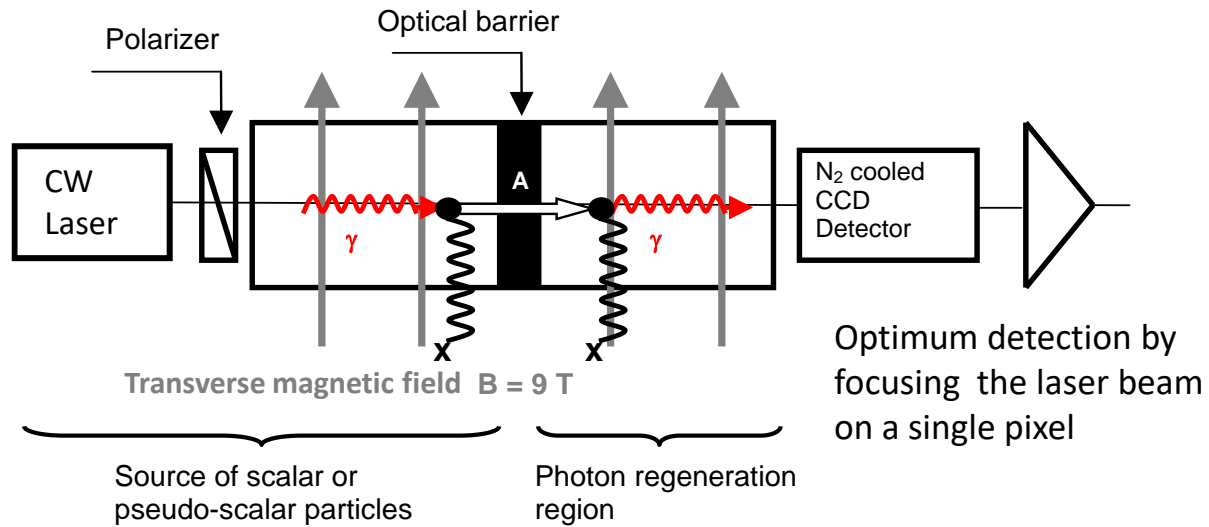
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- ▶ Started officially in 2005
- ▶ Up to 28 Members from 12 Institutes (CERN, Cz, Fr & Po) at its apogee but now in strong decline...

- **To measure for the 1<sup>st</sup> time the QED Vacuum Magnetic Birefringence (VMB)** (Heisenberg & Euler, Weisskopf, 1936) *i.e.* the vacuum magnetic “anomaly” of the refraction index “ $n-1$ ”  $\sim 10^{-22}$  in 9.5 T
- **To explore the Physics at the Low Energy Frontier (sub-eV)**
  - **Axion & Axion Like Particles** *i.e.* solution to the strong CP problem (Weinberg, Wilczek, 1978) & **Non-SUSY Dark Matter candidates** (Abbott & Sikivie; Preskill, Wise & Wilczek, 1983)
  - **Paraphotons** (Georgi, Glashow & Ginsparg, 1983), **Milli-charged Fermions**
  - **Chameleons** (Khoury & Weltman, 2004) **Dark Energy candidate**
  - **The Unknown ... SERENDIPITY, “Why not an abundance of ultralight particles ?”**
- **A complementary way of doing Particle Physics** based on the Laser beam interaction with magnetic fields at the low energy frontier.





P. Sikivie, PRL 51 (1983) 11415  
 A.A. Anselm, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 42 (1985) 936  
 K. van Bibber *et al.* PRL 59 (1987) 759

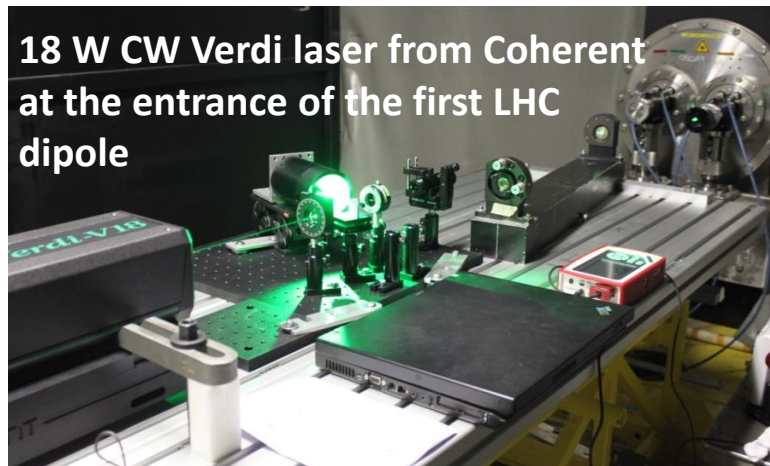
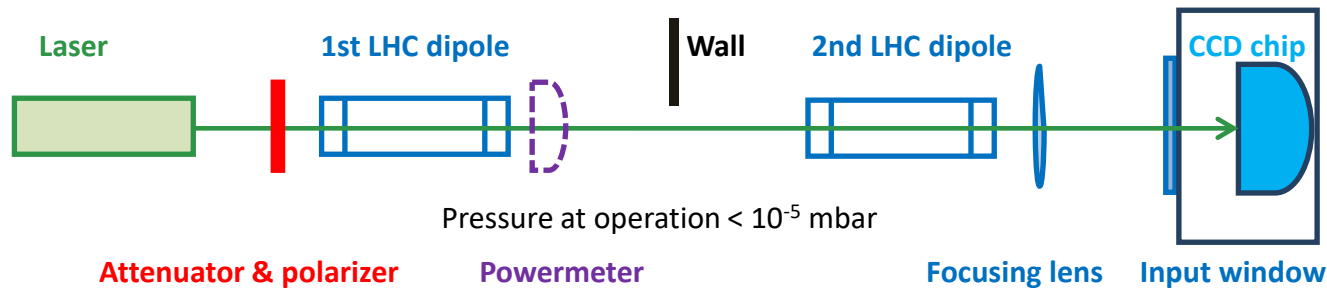
$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{dt} = \frac{P}{\omega} \eta P_{\gamma \leftrightarrow A}^2$$

$$\text{with } P_{\gamma \leftrightarrow A} = \frac{1}{4\beta_A \sqrt{\epsilon}} (g_{A\gamma\gamma} BL)^2 \left( \frac{2}{qL} \sin \frac{qL}{2} \right)^2$$

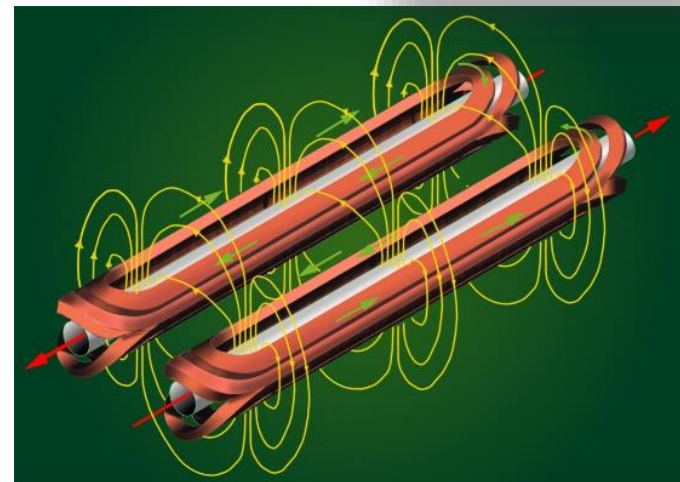
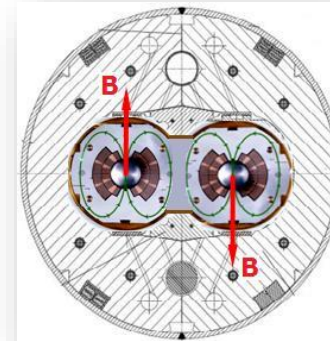
$$\text{and } q = |k_\gamma - k_A| = \frac{m_A^2}{2\omega} \text{ in vacuum}$$

Maximum of  $P_{\gamma \leftrightarrow A}$  for  $qL \rightarrow 0$

Exclusion limit for	$g_{A\gamma\gamma}$
B (T)	$B^{-1}$
Magnetic Length (m)	$L^{-1}$
Optical power (W)	$P^{-1/4}$
Detector efficiency	$\eta^{1/4}$
Detection threshold ( $\gamma/s$ )	$dN_\gamma/dt^{1/4}$
Time integration	$\Delta t^{-1/8}$



2-in-1 LHC dipole providing 9 T over 14,3 m



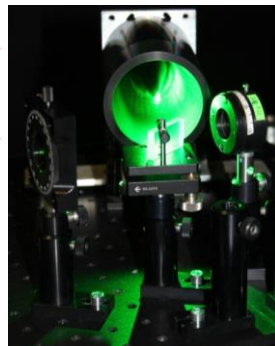
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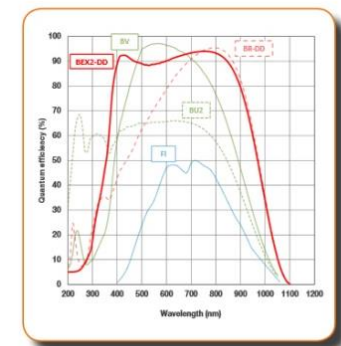


QE = 95 % at 488-514 nm; Dark current  $< 0.00047$  e-/Pixel/s @ -100° C; Readout noise: 2.5 e- rms/pixel @50kHz

Variable beam splitter attenuator with its absorber allowing a reduction of  $10^{-3}$  of the beam power during alignment operations and checks



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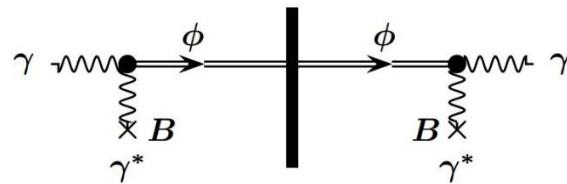
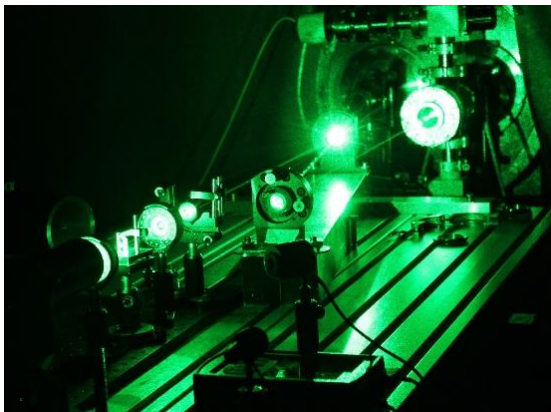




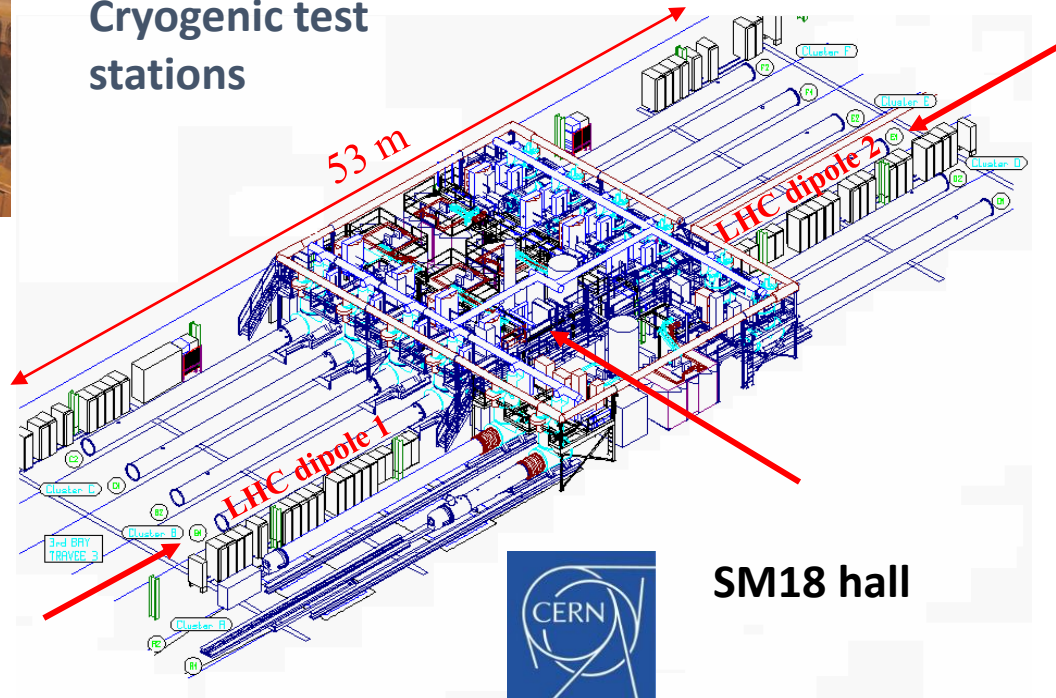
► Operation in 2010-14 with 2 aligned 9 T spare LHC dipoles



Looking for “an invisible light shining through a wall”  
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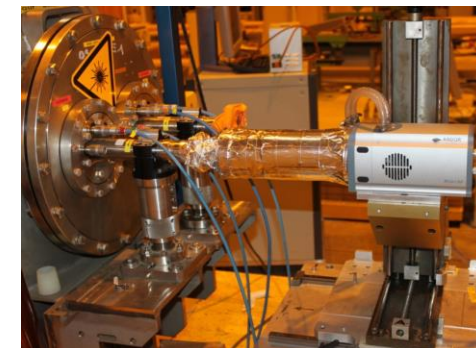


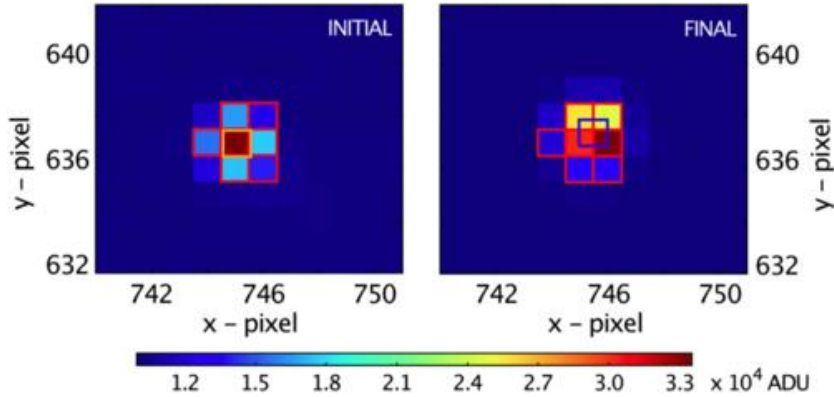
Cryogenic test stations



SM18 hall

Regular check between data taking of the beam alignment with the CCD

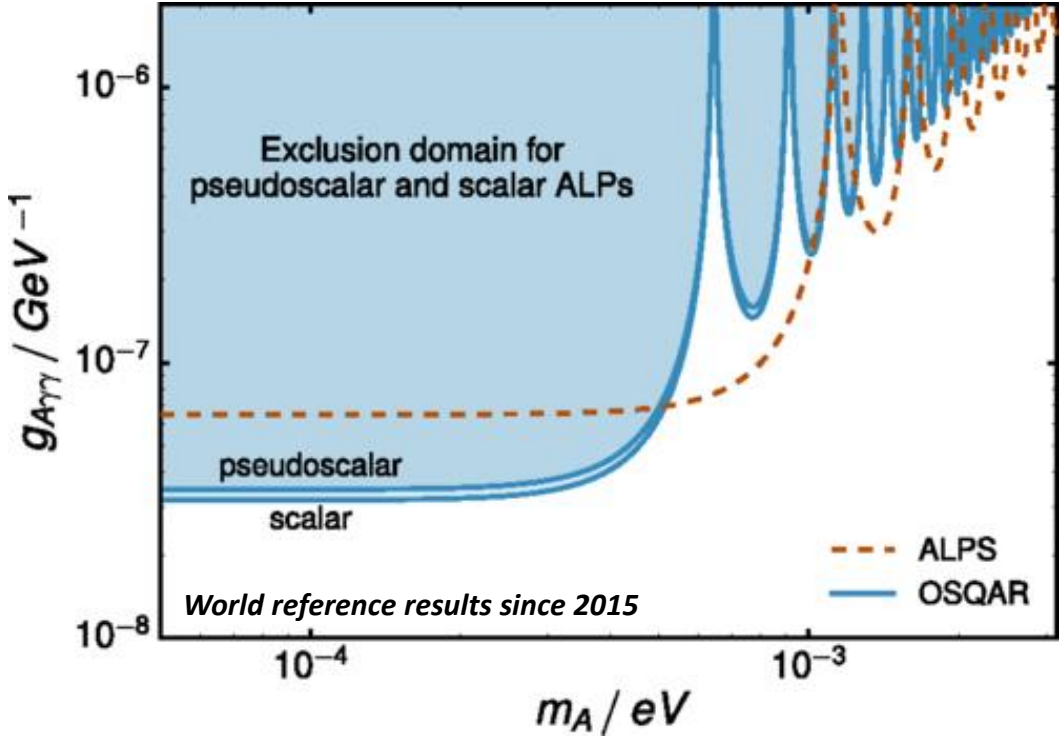




Total number of runs valid for analyses: 60 beam positions for each setup

- Scalar search: **180 hours, 60 runs 2 x 90 minutes**
- Pseudo-scalar search: **180 hours, 59 runs 2 x 90 minutes**

**Bayesian analysis** of the recorded counts after the cleaning of the cosmic contamination



Detection sensitivity in the visible of  $10^{-22}$  W

Likelihood model

$$\mathcal{L} \propto \prod_i \mathcal{N}(N_i \mid \mathcal{P}(\frac{dN}{dt} \cdot t_i^{\text{exp}}) + \mu_i^{\text{bkg}}, \sigma_i^{\text{bkg}})$$

For *model independent* ALPs searches with  $m_A < 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{eV}$  @ **95% CL**

- Pseudo-scalar particles (axion),  $E_\gamma \parallel \mathbf{B}$ 
  - . sensitivity of 0.64 mHz
  - .  $g_{A\gamma\gamma} < 3.5 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{GeV}^{-1}$
- Scalar ones,  $E_\gamma \perp \mathbf{B}$ 
  - . sensitivity of 0.45 mHz
  - .  $g_{A\gamma\gamma} < 3.2 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{GeV}^{-1}$

*R. Ballou, P. Pugnât et al. (OSQAR), Phys. Rev. D **92**, 092002 (2015), arXiv:1506.08082*

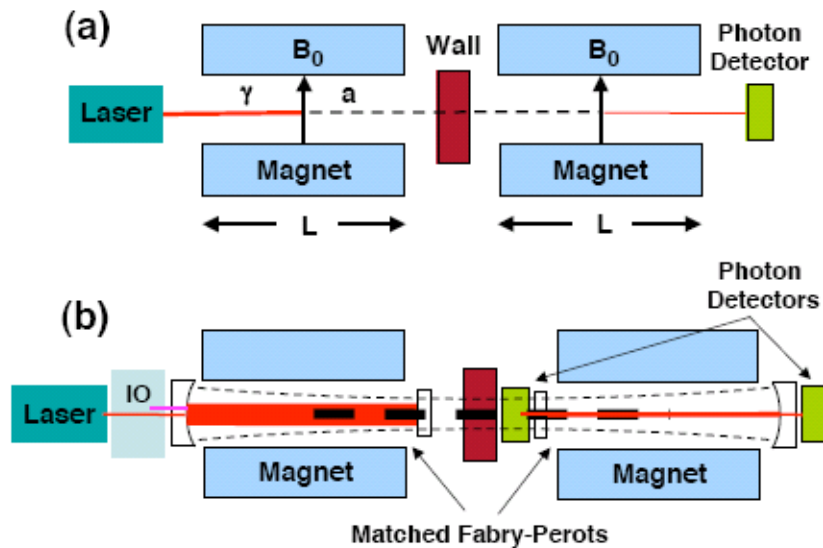
## Resonantly Enhanced Axion-Photon Regeneration

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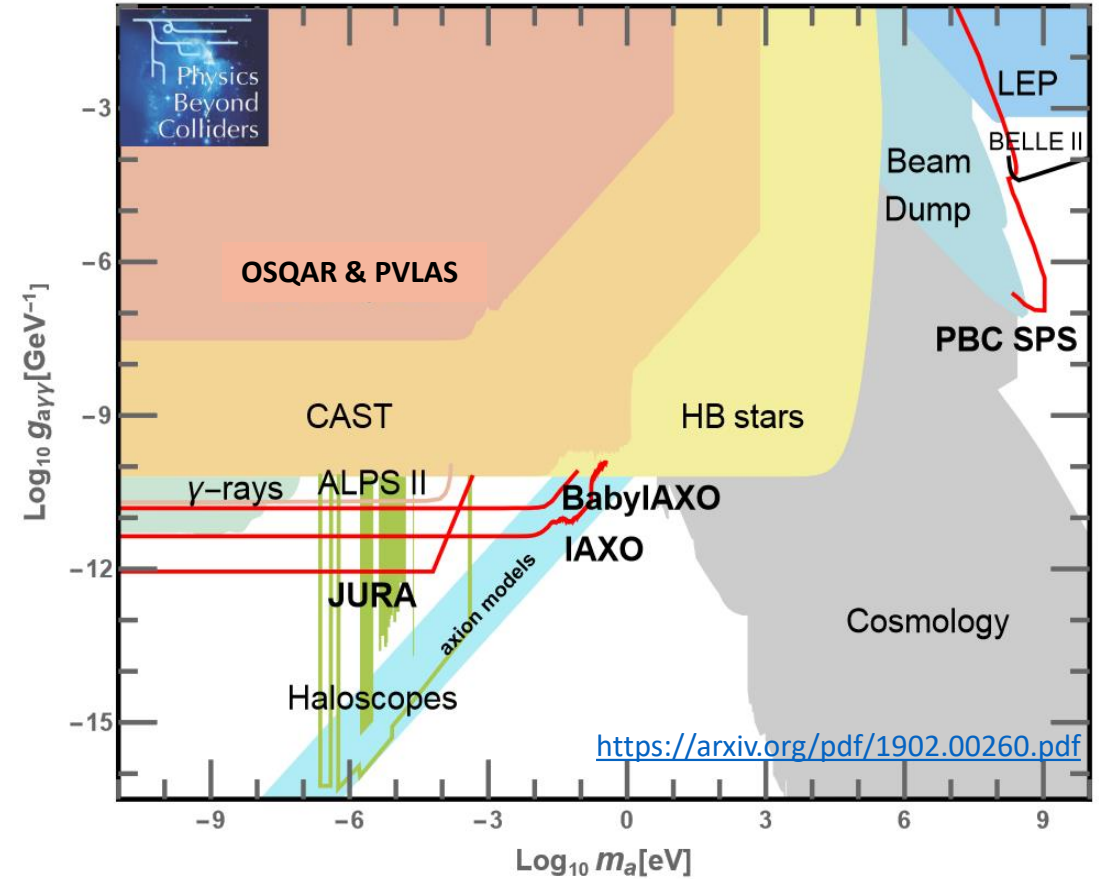
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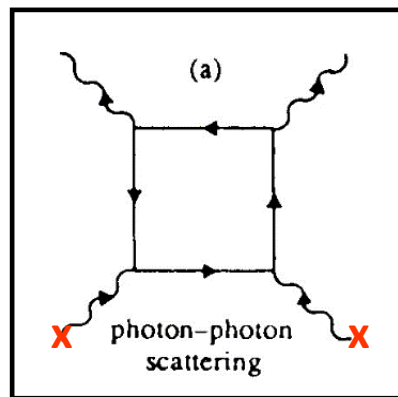


See also F. Hoogeveen and T. Zizgzhagen, *Nuc. Phys. B* **358**, 3 (1991)

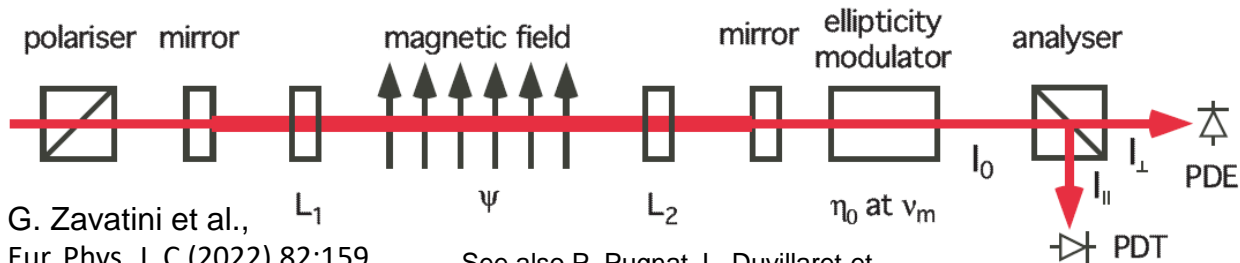


- ▶ **ALPSII** in operation at DESY with (12 + 12) Hera dipoles of 5 T, i.e. 240 m long experiment
- ▶ **OSQAR+/BabyJURA** under discussions within the CERN/PBC in the framework of JURA with for example (4 + 4) LHC Dipoles, i.e. 150 m long as a first step (NB: At CERN more than 30 spare 9 T LHC dipoles of 15 m long for **OSQAR++/JURA...**)

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**Proposed modulation scheme**  
 L1,2 : rotating half-wave-plates  
 PDE : Extinction Photodiode  
 PDT : Transmission Photodiode.



G. Zavattini et al.,  
 Eur. Phys. J. C (2022) 82:159

See also P. Pognat, L. Duvillearet et al., Czech. J. Phys. 55, A389 (2005)

**Target: With a single LHC dipole at 9.5 T, VMB detected with SNR = 1 in less than 1 day of integration (not yet confirmed).**

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<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2649744/files/SPSC-I-249.pdf>

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## Letter of Intent to measure Vacuum Magnetic Birefringence: the VMB@CERN experiment

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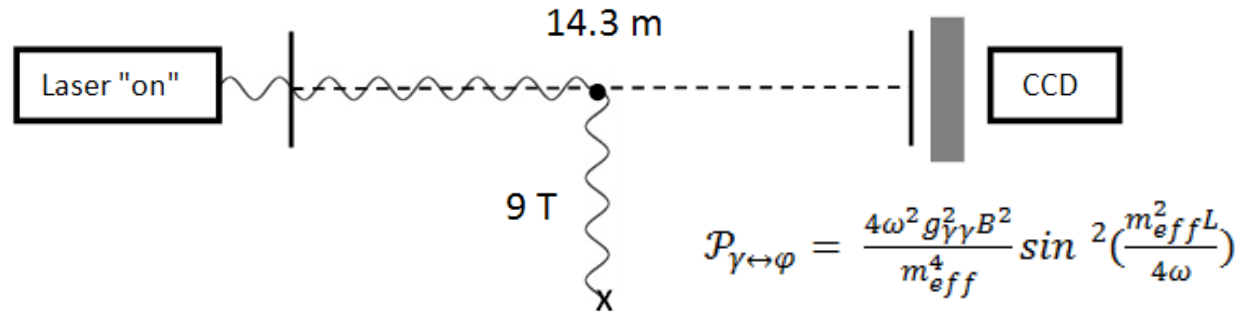
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**More R&D require to reduce the systematics**

- Chameleon: Hypothetical scalar particle with a variable effective mass, which is an increasing function of the ambient energy density [*J. Khoury and A. Weltman, Phys. Rev. D 69, 044026 (2004)*].
- New kind of particle providing a **phenomenological explanation of dark energy** as a scalar field evolving in an effective potential, the minimum of which depends on the local matter density in such a way that the experimental constraints of 5<sup>th</sup> force and violation of equivalence principle are relaxed.
- Based on the coupling to photons, chameleons can manifest through an afterglow signal or a **magneto-phosphorescence of the quantum vacuum**, *i.e.* a remaining luminescence after the lighting is switched off.



**Phase 1:** Filling the “jar” with chameleons produced from the interaction of real photons with virtual ones (Primakoff effect)

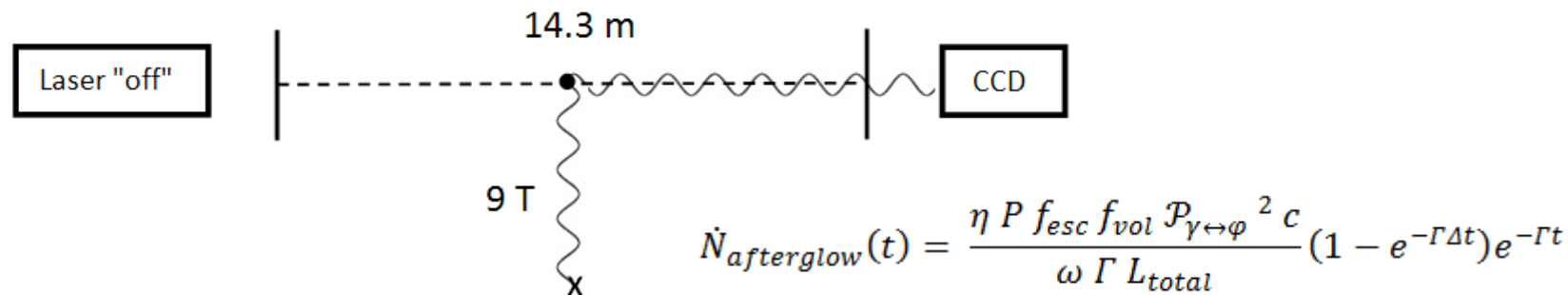


*M. Ahlers et al., Phys. Rev. D 77, 015018 (2008)*

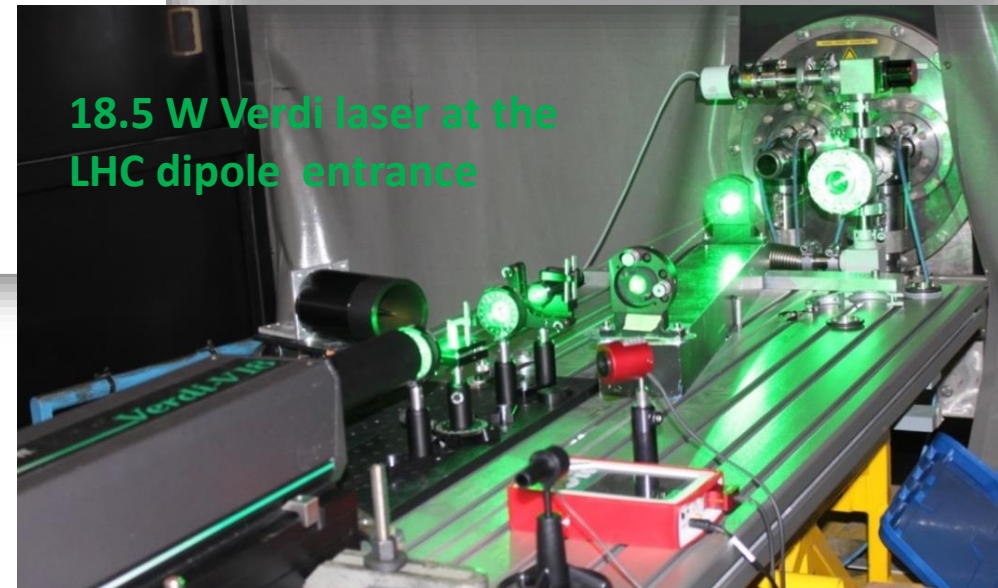
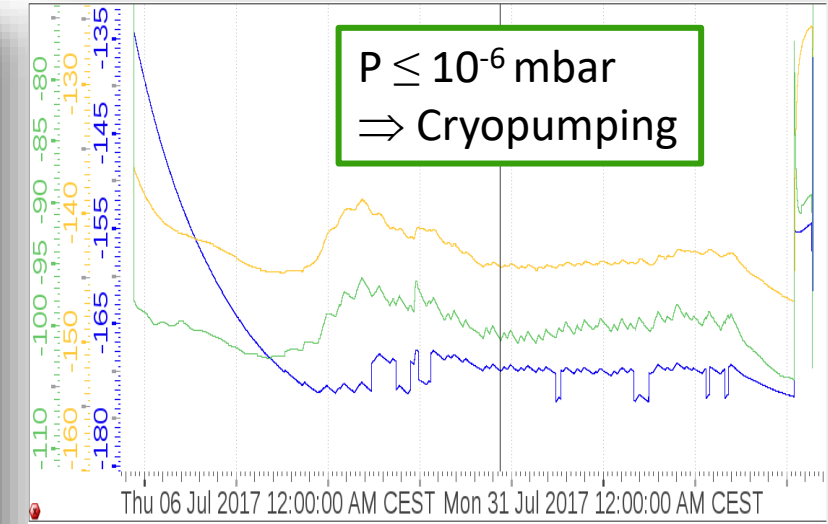
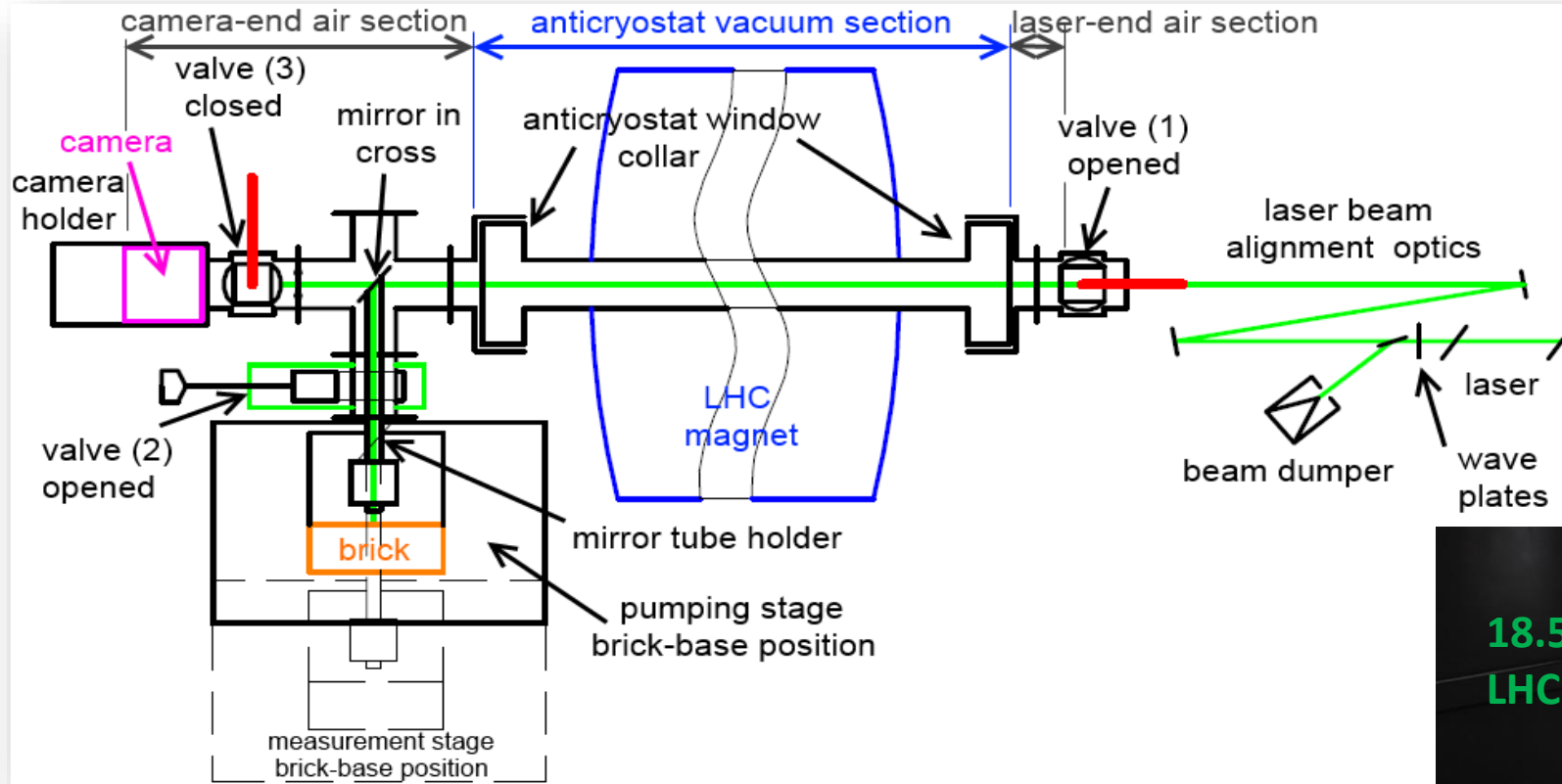
*H. Gies, D. F. Mota, and D. J. Shaw, Phys. Rev. D 77, 025016 (2008)*

*G. Raffelt and L. Stodolsky, Phys. Rev. D 37, 1237–1249 (1988)*

**Phase 2:** Emptying the “jar” and detection of “afterglow” regenerated photons (inverse Primakoff effect)



*A.S. Chou et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 102 030402 (2009)*



	Phase 1: Chameleon filling	Phase 2: Photon Detection
Valve 1	Open	Close
Valve 2	Open	Close
Valve 3	Close	Open

- Typical durations of phases 1&2: ¼ -11 h
- Measured switching time between phases 1&2 : 6-20 s



Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics  
Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers,  
Detectors and Associated Equipment



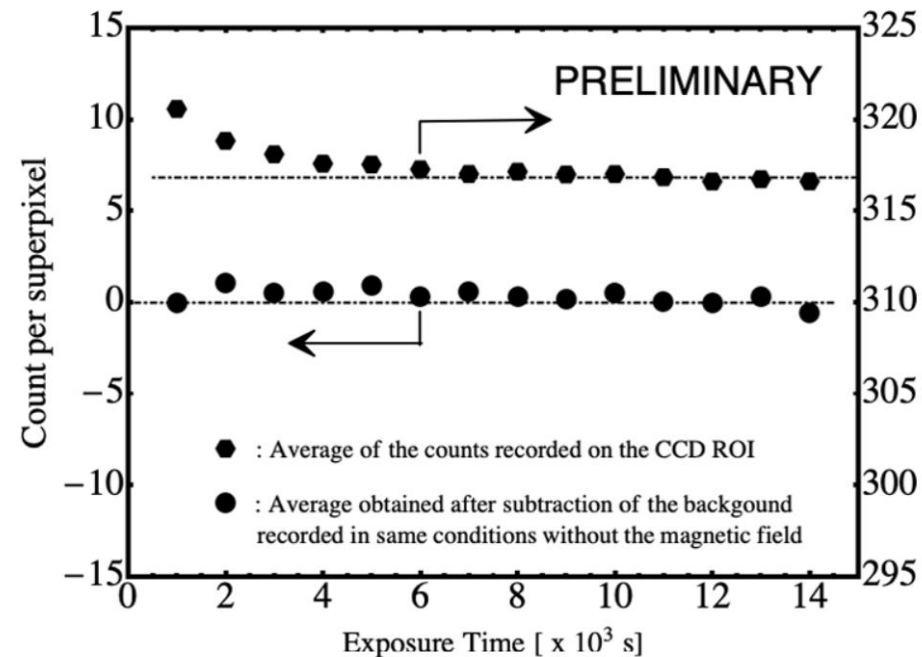
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## OSQAR chameleon afterglow search experiment

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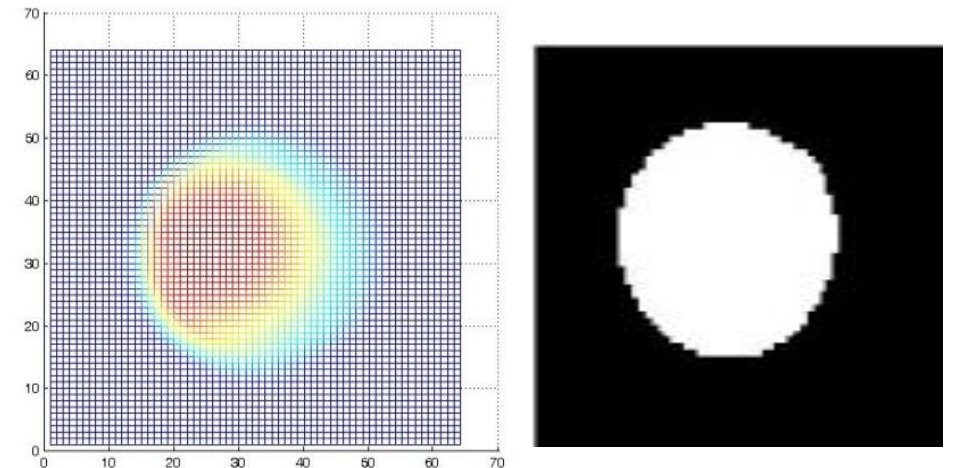
**OSQAR-CHASE  
2017 experimental  
run for scalar  
Chameleon search**

- Afterglow signal observed but non-magnetic as it disappears after background subtraction recorded with exactly the same configuration and protocol without magnetic field

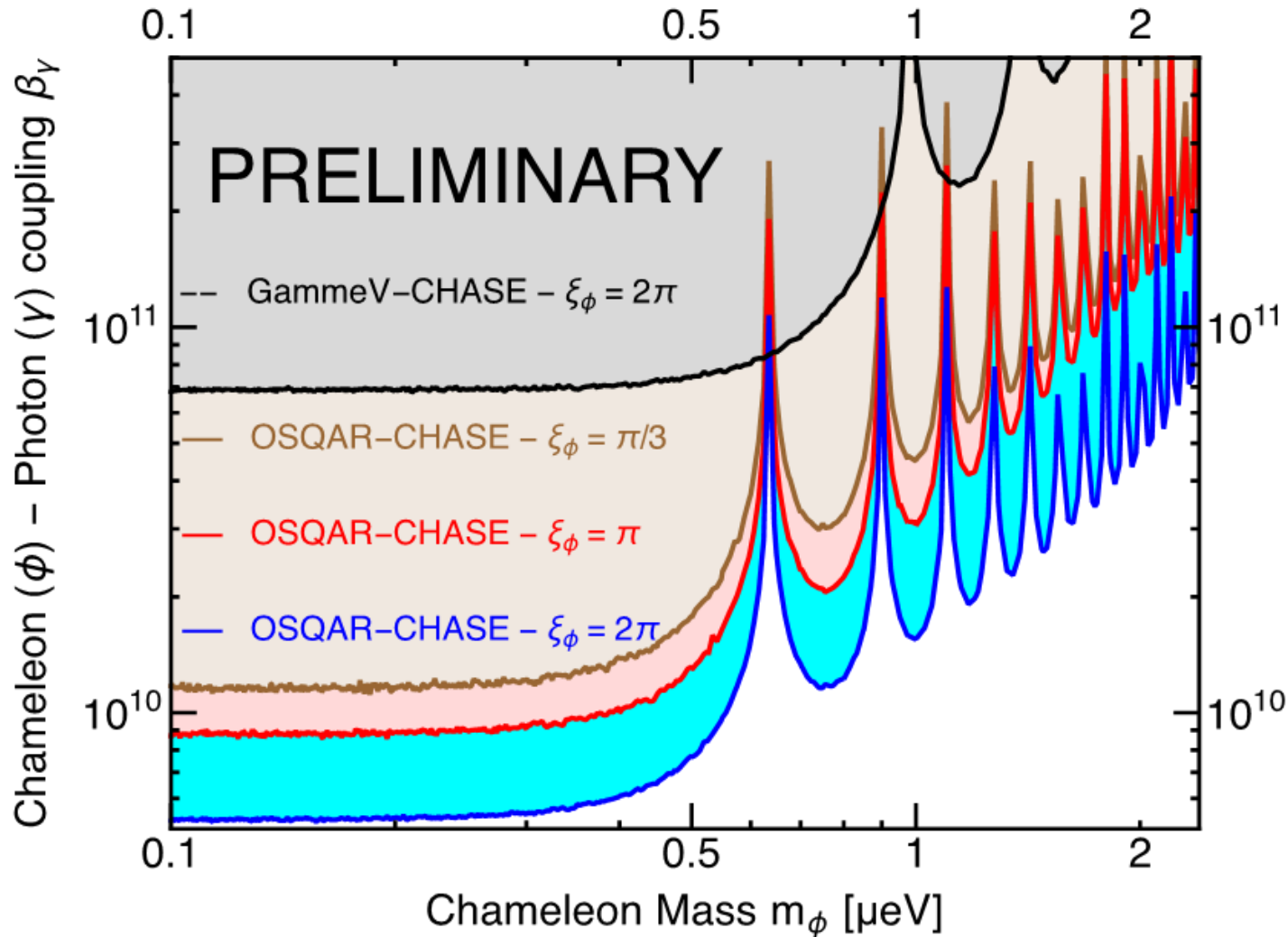
- **Negative results also obtained for pseudo-scalar search**

- The quantitative analysis to define exclusion plots is not straightforward and not yet fully completed

Definition of the ROI with a diffuse light source (CCD sensitive area of  $13 \times 13 \text{ mm}^2$ ) used for data reduction (Detection efficiency & noise characterisation)





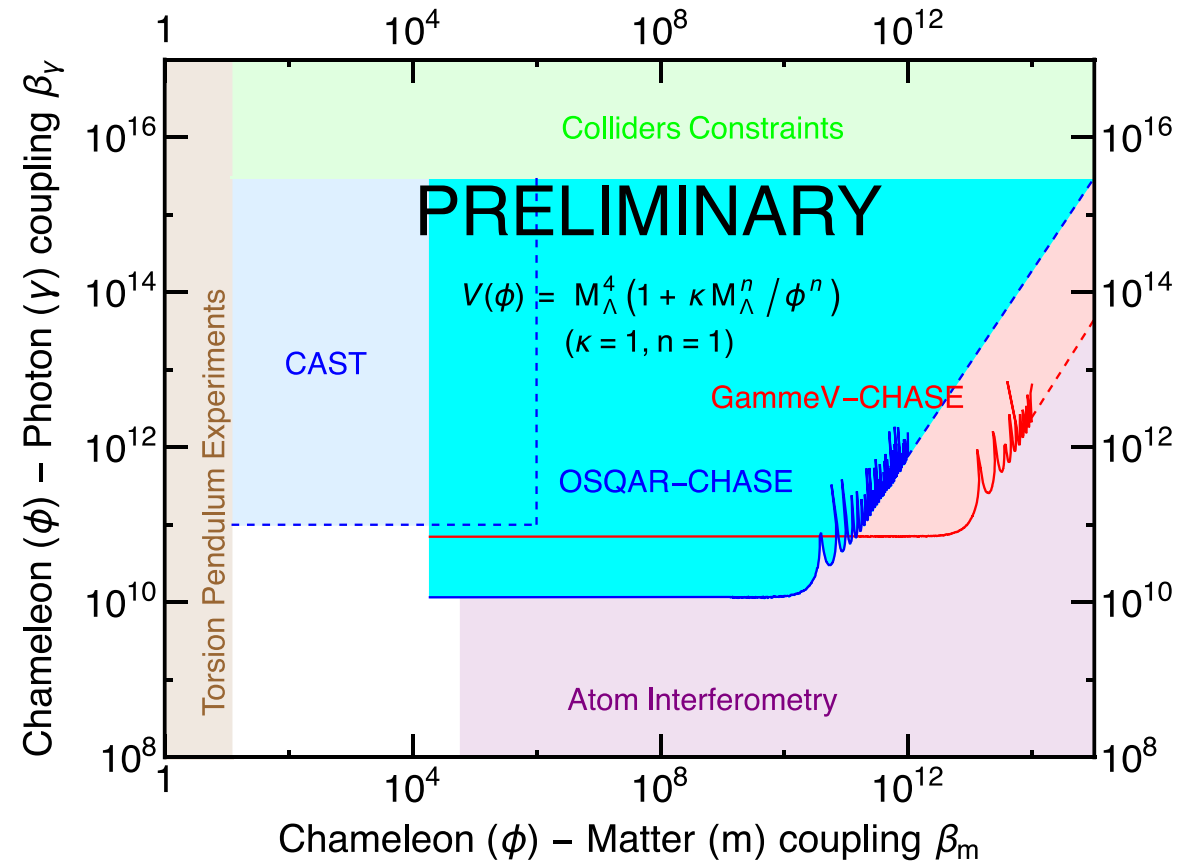
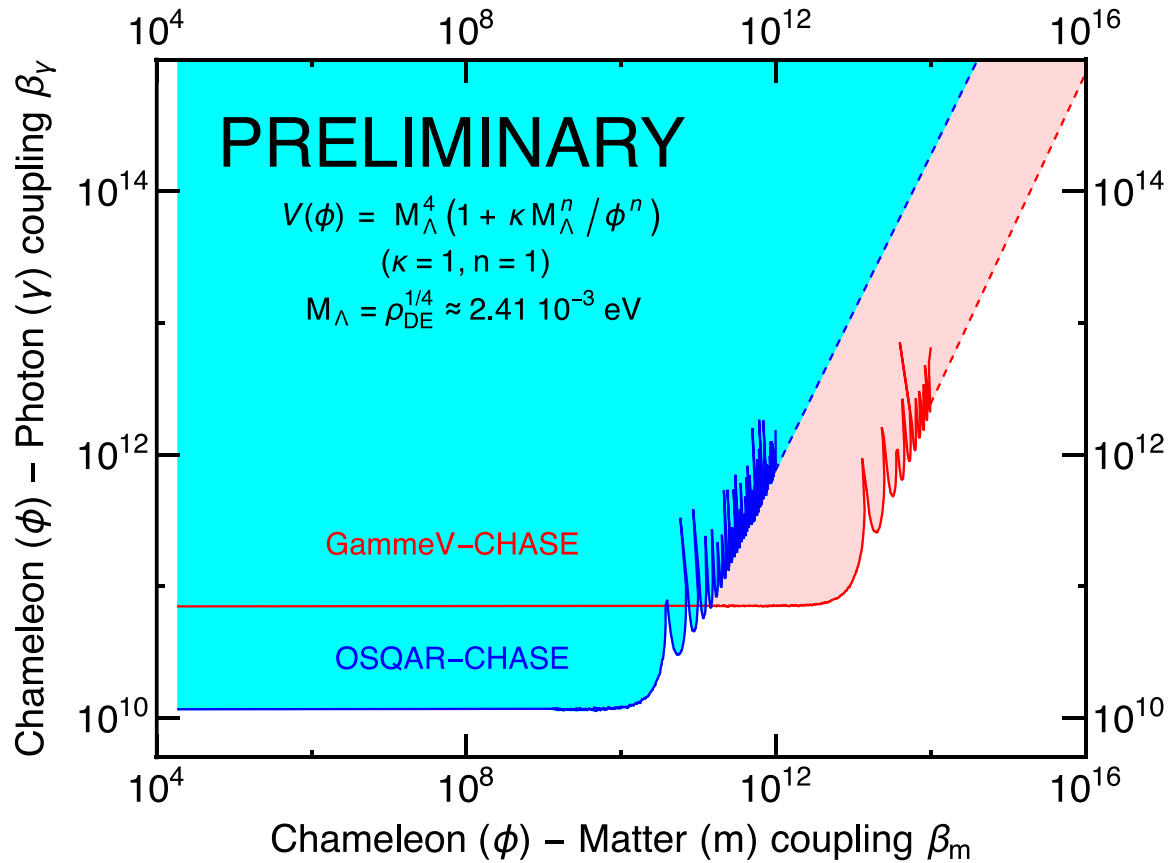


Exclusion limits in the parameter space (**chameleon mass  $m_\phi$** , **chameleon-photon coupling  $\beta_\gamma$** ), deduced from no signal observation and detector noise in the OSQAR-CHASE data collected in summer 2017 with the experimental setup using two focusing optical lenses, for different chameleon phase shifts  $\xi_\phi$  at each bouncing on the walls.

These shifts depend on the chameleon potential, more precisely  $\xi_\phi = n\pi/(n-2)$  for  $V = g\phi^n$ ,  $\xi_\phi = n\pi/(n+2)$  for  $V = g\phi^{-n}$  and  $\xi_\phi = \pi$  for  $V = M_\Lambda^4[1 + e^{-\kappa\phi/M_\Lambda}]$ .

***Analysis performed by R. Ballou  
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Focus on chameleon – photon vs. chameleon – matter coupling for the inverse power law chameleon dynamic potential



Analysis will be completed with 3D modelling & Bayesian or matched filtering statistics approach to further improve exclusion limits (to be published).

# GrA-Hal

Grenoble Axion Haloscopes



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# Few Words from P. Sikivie (Haloscopes proposed in 1983, Rev. Mod. Phys. 93, 015004)



Visit of Olympie during 2<sup>nd</sup> Patras Workshop 2006 in Greece

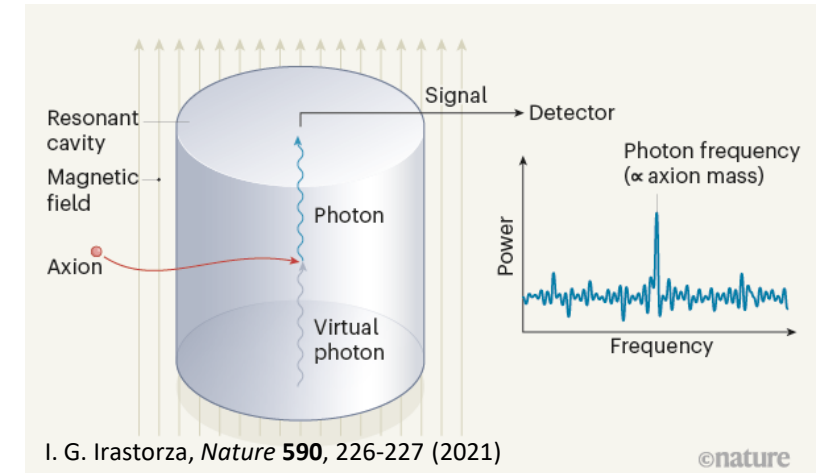
## Axion electrodynamics

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla a$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \partial_t \mathbf{E} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} (\mathbf{E} \times \nabla a - \mathbf{B} \partial_t a)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \partial_t \mathbf{B} = 0$$

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



“ Most importantly, the cavity experiment uses a variety of technologies - microwave engineering, ultra-low noise receivers in a high magnetic field environment, cryogenics - which are not typically used by high energy physicists and which had to be specially developed.

... Feynman's advice to young scientists aspiring to great discoveries. He said: "You have to develop your own tools". ”

<https://ep-news.web.cern.ch/content/qa-pierre-sikivie>



European Magnetic Field Laboratory



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Dresden/LNCMI-Toulouse, pulsed up to 95/91 T, 1-10 ms

Nijmegen/LNCMI-Grenoble, DC up to 38/36 T,

Projects 45/43+ T

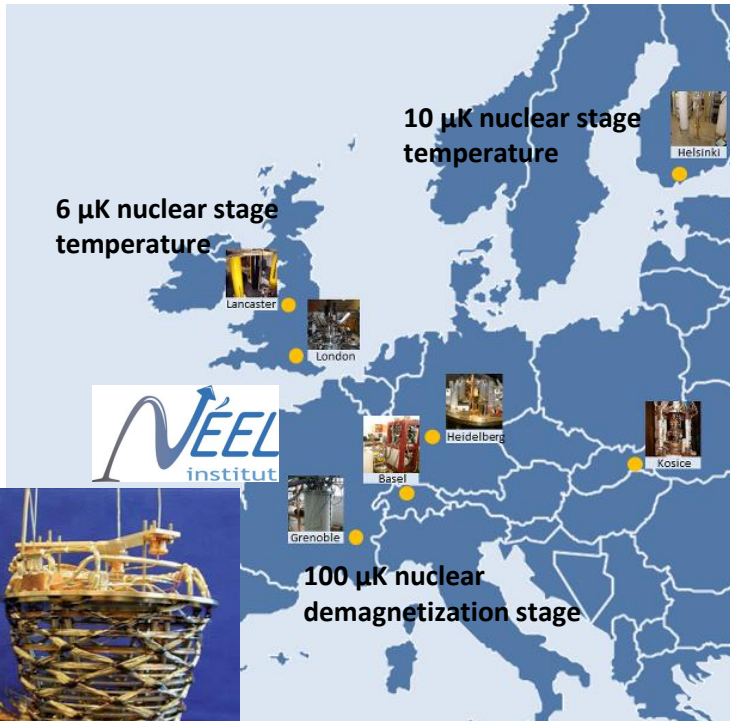
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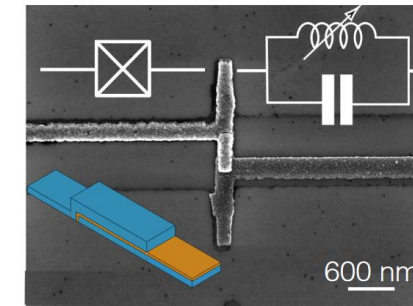


Expertise for dilution fridges & cryostats (Planck, Edelweiss, CUT, SuperCDMS ...)



## JPA Achievements

<https://www.cnrs.fr/cnrsinnovation-lalettre/actus.php?numero=743>



$$1 \text{ GHz} < f_o < 10 \text{ GHz}$$

$$G \geq 20 \text{ dB}$$

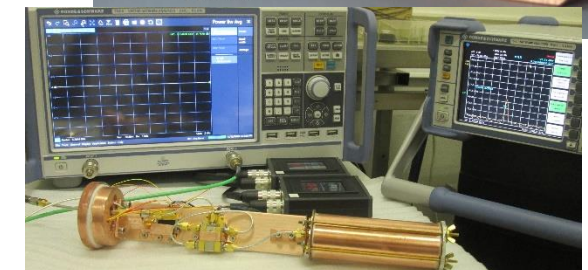
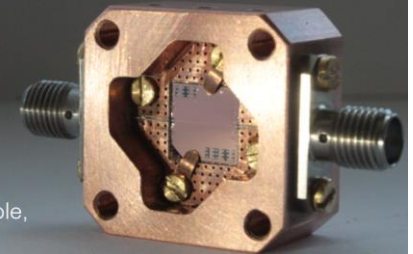
$$BW \sim 2 \text{ GHz}$$

$$T_N \gtrsim \frac{hf_o}{2k_B}$$

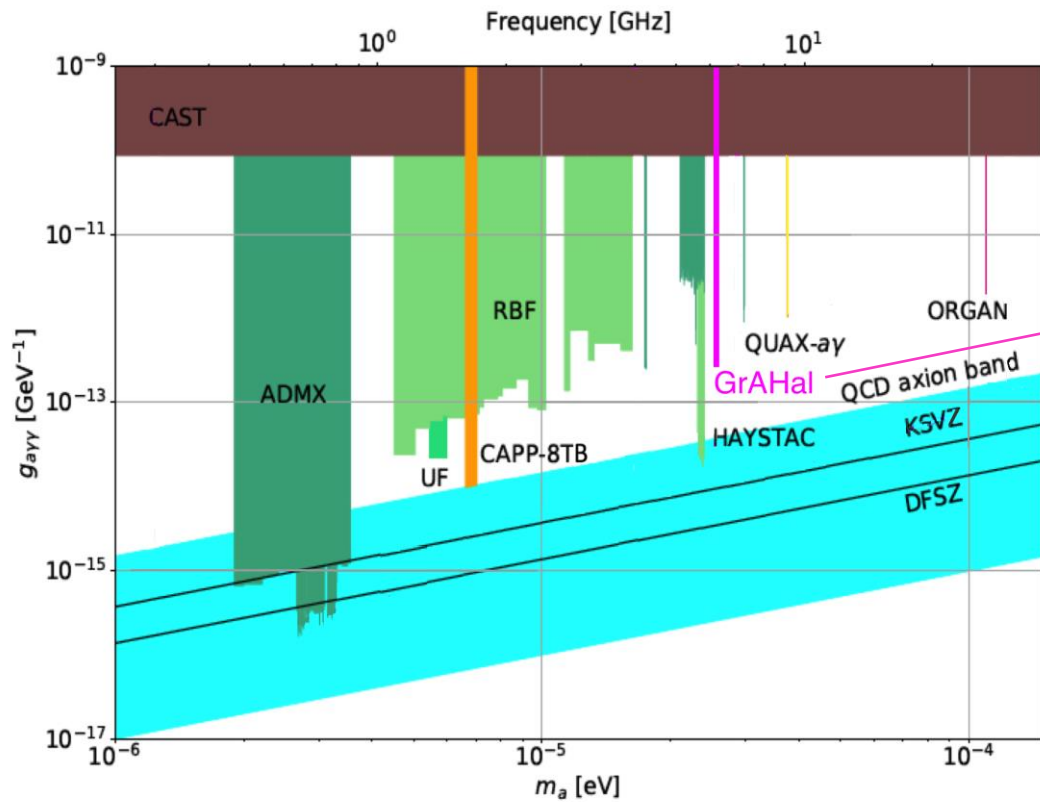
$$P_{1\text{dB}} \sim -100 \text{ dBm}$$

Quantum limited Josephson parametric amplifiers

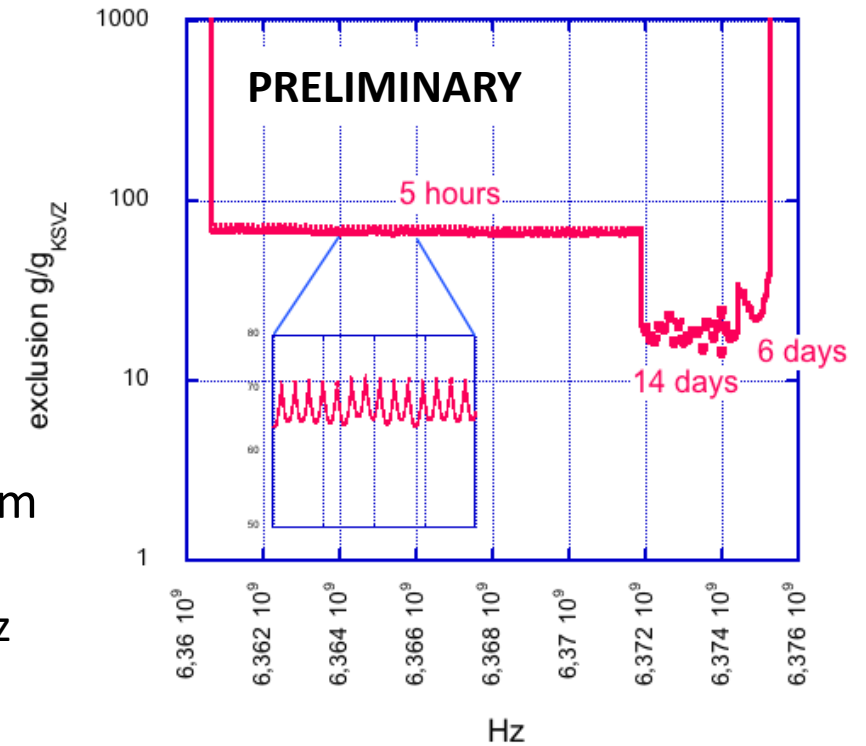
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# Baby-GrAHal 1: Experimental Runs Ended

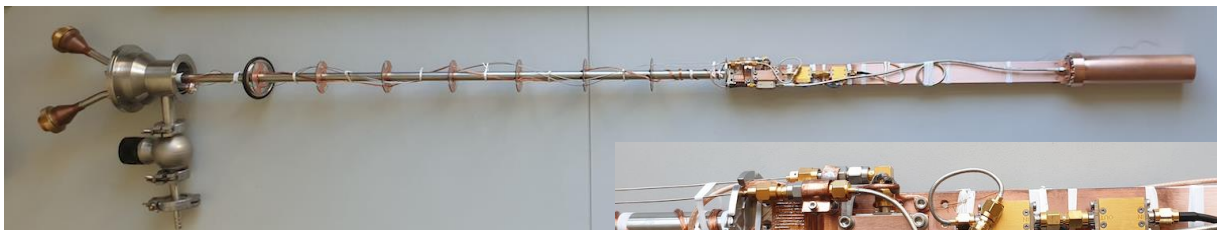


14 T @ 4 K in 36 mm cavity dia.  
i.e. around 6.375 GHz  
or 26.37  $\mu\text{eV}$



The RF-cavity resonant frequency was tuned & scanned by varying the GHe pressure around the cavity :

- For the range 1-1200 mbar, excursion  $\Delta f = 20$  MHz, i.e.  $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{eV}$
- Sensitivity in the range of 20-25 x KSVZ @ 4.4 K
- Detailed data analysis close to completion (to be published)



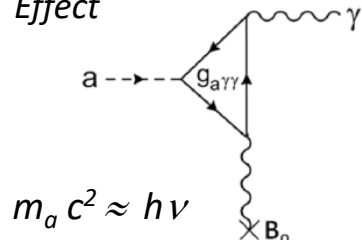
T. Grenet et al.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14406>

# GrAHal

Grenoble Axion Haloscopes

► The key element : The modular Grenoble Hybrid Magnet combining sc and resistive technologies (ongoing commissioning up to 43 T)

Inverse Primakoff Effect

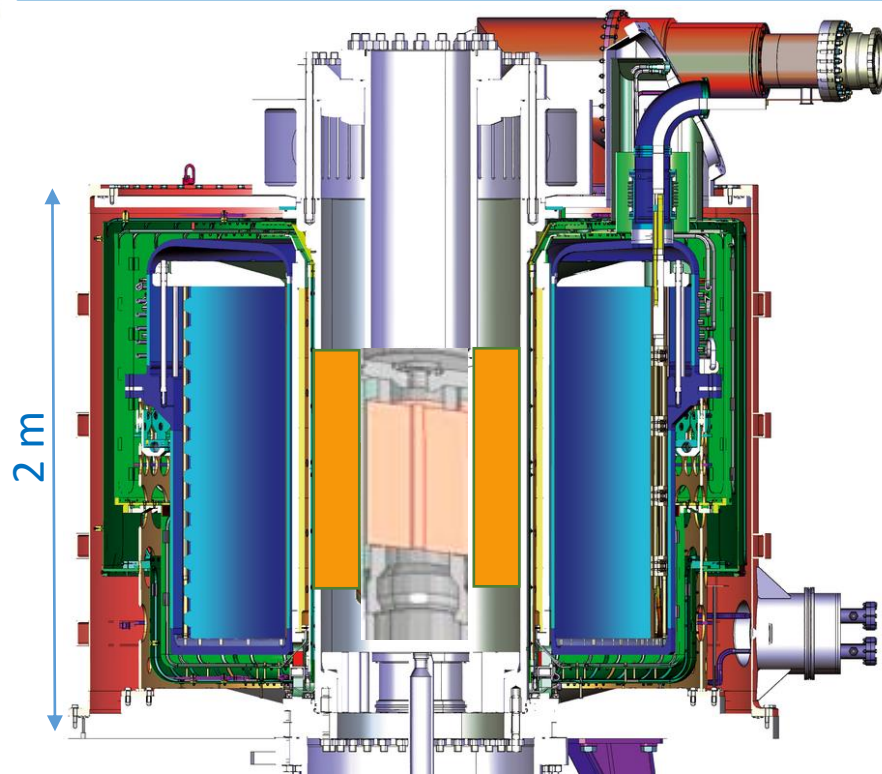


Sikivie's haloscope, i.e. with RF cavity

$$11.5 \text{ GHz}/f_{\text{TM}010} = R/1 \text{ cm}$$

$$P \propto g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 V < 10^{-25} \text{ W}$$

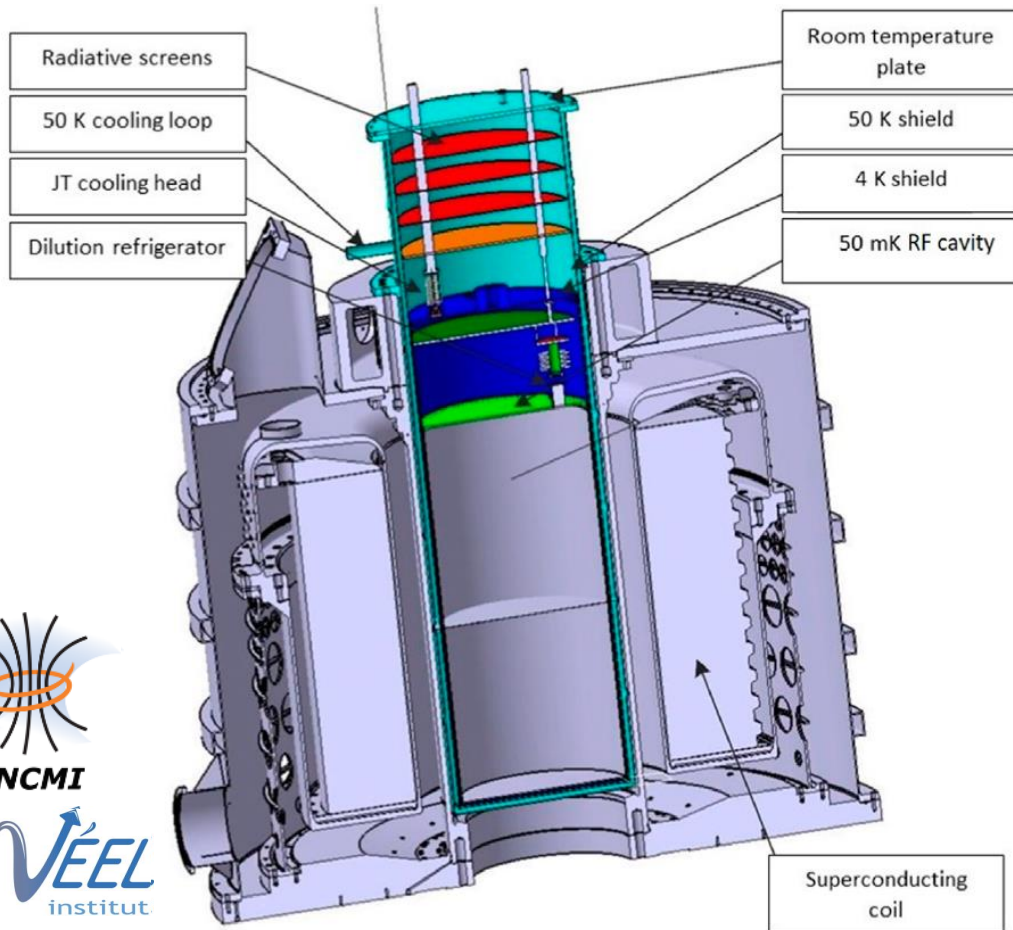
$$df/dt \propto B_0^4 V^2$$



Field	Warm dia.	Power	RF-cavity dia.	$f_{\text{TM}010}$	Axion mass	$B^2V$ (T <sup>2</sup> m <sup>3</sup> )
43 T	34 mm	25.4 MW	20 mm	11.5 GHz	47.2 $\mu\text{eV}$	0.5
40 T	50 mm	25.4 MW	34 mm	6.76 GHz	27.8 $\mu\text{eV}$	0.6
27 T	170 mm	19 MW	86 mm	2.67 GHz	11 $\mu\text{eV}$	3.5
17.5 T	375 mm	12.9 MW	291 mm	0.79 GHz	3.2 $\mu\text{eV}$	6.6
9 T	800 mm	0.4 MW	675 mm	0.34 GHz	1.4 $\mu\text{eV}$	40

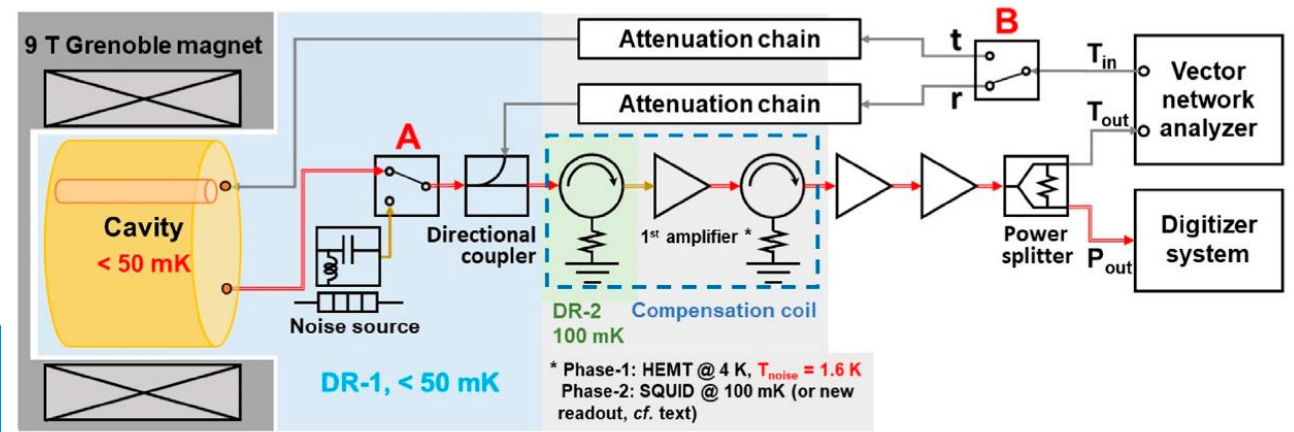
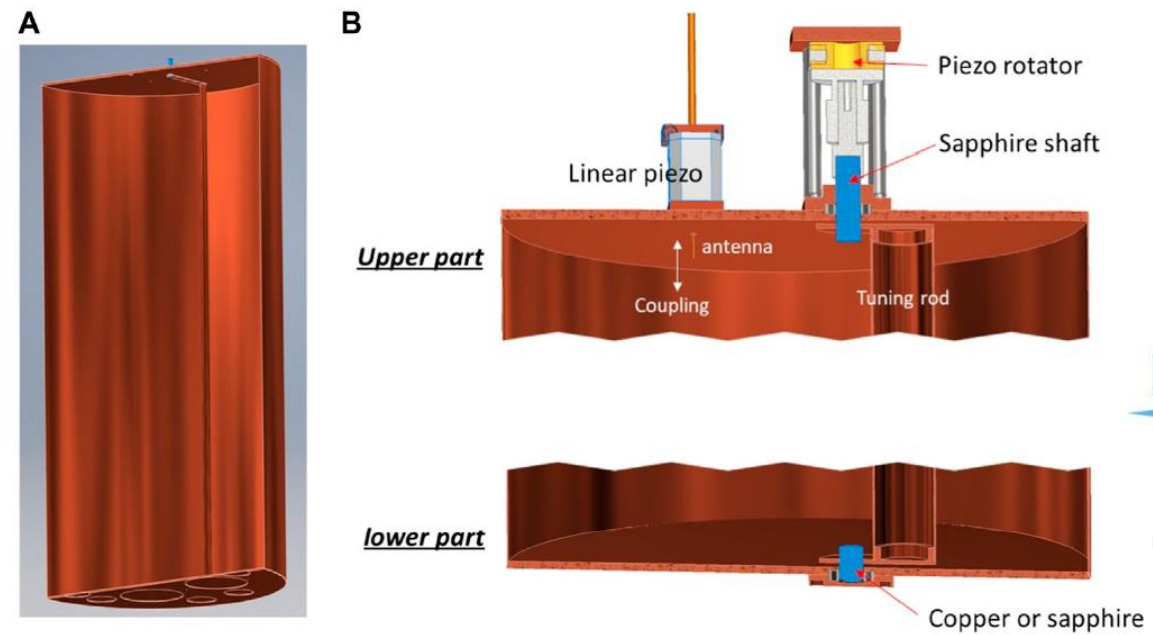
► Operation end of 2024 with HTS RF cavity in collaboration with CAPP/IBS-KAIST (cf. talk of D. Ahn)

# GrAHal-CAPP ▶ Focus on 1-3 $\mu\text{eV}$ axion mass (200-600 MHz)



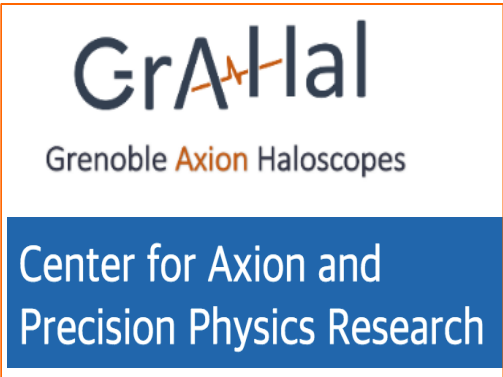
## Cryogenic challenge

$T \leq 50 \text{ mK}$  in 538 liters with  $^3\text{He}$  dilution refrigerator  
Ph. Camus & J. Vessaire (Institut Néel)



<https://doi.org/10.3389/fphy.2024.1358810>





# Toward the most sensitive Haloscope worldwide

► 1<sup>st</sup> Focus on 1-3  $\mu\text{eV}$  axion mass (200-600 MHz)



## GrAHal-CAPP : Phase 1 @ 4K

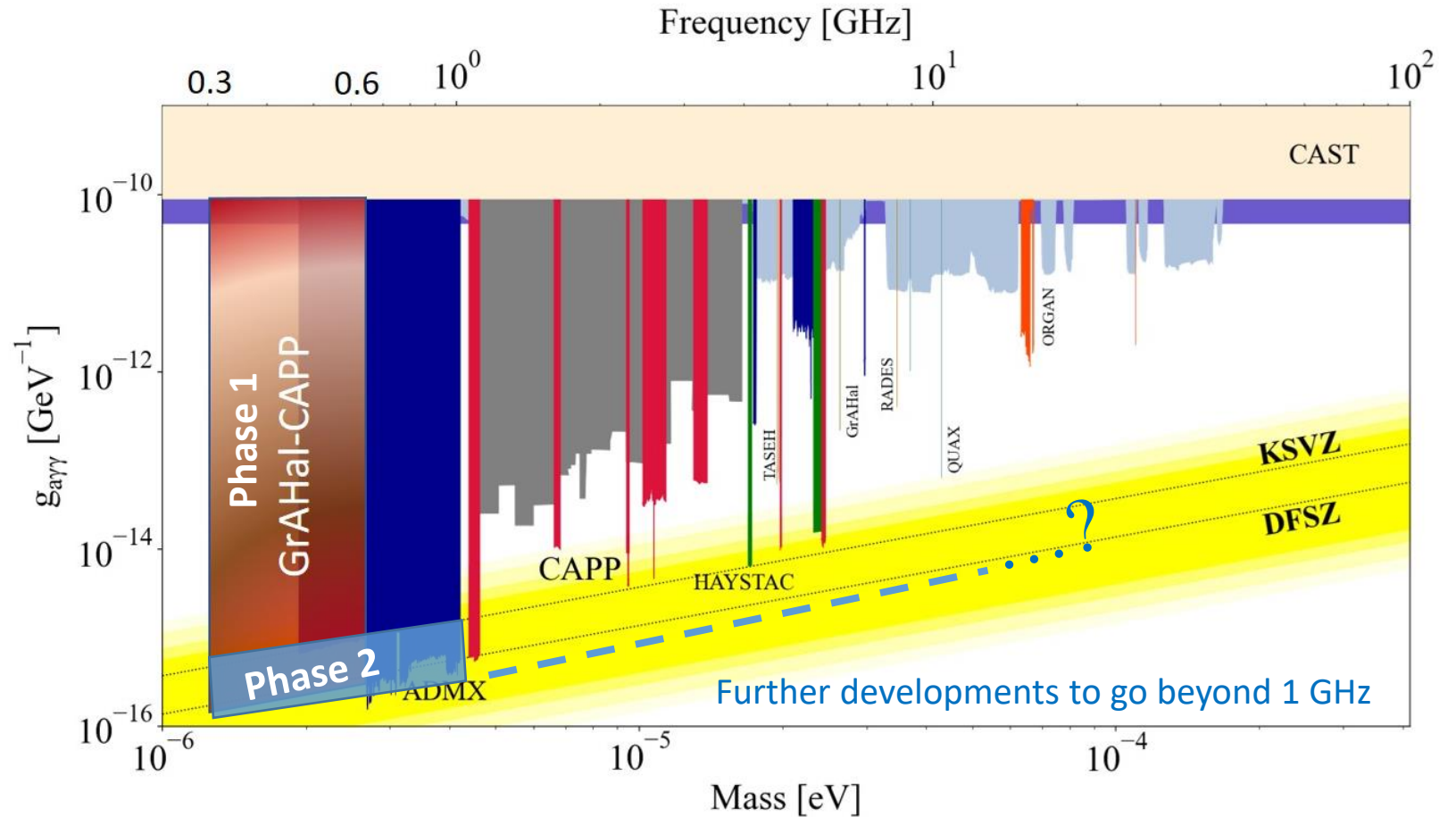
- 50 K cryo-stage operational @  $t_0+18$  months
- 4 K cryo-stage operational @  $t_0+24$  months

→ 1<sup>st</sup> run

## GrAHal-CAPP : Phase 2 @ 50 mK

- Operational @  $t_0 + 42$  months

→ 2<sup>nd</sup> run reaching DFSZ, in 2-year integration time



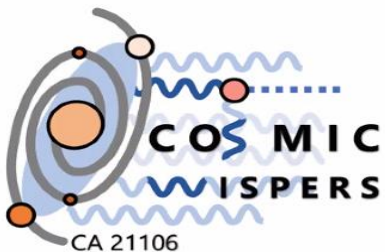
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