

# Axion Dark Matter Searches

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# Axion

## How did axion come to show up?

- $U(1)_A$  problem in 3-flavor ( $u, d, s$ ) QCD

- $\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \mathcal{L}_{quarks} + \mathcal{L}_{gluon}$  predicts all the relevant particles in the limit,  $m_u \sim m_d \sim m_s \sim 0$ , except for  $\eta'$  whose mass 958 MeV is too heavy
- According to S. Weinberg,  $m_{\eta'} < \sqrt{3}m_\pi \sim 240$  MeV in the massless limit  $\rightarrow$  dubbed  $U(1)_A$  problem

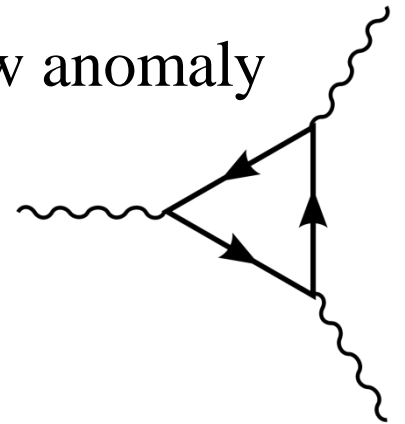
- Solution of the  $U(1)_A$  problem

- $U(1)_A$  is not a symmetry with the Adler-Bell-Jackiw anomaly

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \mathcal{L}_{quarks} + \mathcal{L}_{gluon} + \theta_{QCD} \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} F_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu a}$$

,  $\theta_{QCD}$  is a parameter of QCD

- 't Hooft derived the nominal  $\eta'$  mass



# Axion

## How did axion come to show up?

• Solution of the  $U(1)_A$  problem results in

the strong  $CP$  problem in the standard model (SM)

◦  $\mathcal{L}_{QCD}$  with  $\theta_{QCD} \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} F_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu a}$  is  $CP$  odd ( $\because F_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu a} \sim \vec{E}^a \cdot \vec{B}^a$ )

◦  $CPV$  could be tested by the neutron electric dipole moment (EDM)

$$d_n \sim \theta_{SM} \frac{m_u m_d}{m_u + m_d}, \text{ where } \theta_{SM} = \theta_{QCD} + \theta_{EW} \text{ with non-zero } m_u \text{ and } m_d$$

(turn on  $EW \rightarrow SM$ ) and expected to be  $\sim 10^{-16} \theta_{SM} e \cdot \text{cm}$

◦ experiments result in  $\theta_{SM} \leq 10^{-10} \rightarrow$  very unnatural

According to "naturalness" in theoretical physics; it would take a value of order 1.

$\theta_{SM} \sim 0$  if  $CP$  is a symmetry in the SM. However, we know the SM violates  $CP$

$\rightarrow$  Strong  $CP$  problem in the SM

# Axion

## How did axion come to show up?

- Axion as a solution of the strong  $CP$  problem in the SM

- promotes the  $\theta_{SM}$  from a parameter to a dynamic variable by Peccei and Quinn (PQ), introducing  $U(1)_{PQ}$  with the anomaly

$$\frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \theta_{SM} F_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu a} \rightarrow \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \left( \theta_{SM} + \frac{a}{f_a} \right) F_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu a} \text{ and}$$

the axion field  $a$  relaxes to the minimum  $\langle a \rangle = -\theta_{SM} f_a$ ,

$f_a$  is the axion decay constant,

PQ symmetry breaking scale, but *unknown*

- $a = \langle a \rangle + a_{phy} \rightarrow \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{a_{phy}}{f_a} F_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu a}$  which is  $CP$  even

with **pseudoscalar axion field**

# Axion

## Axion models

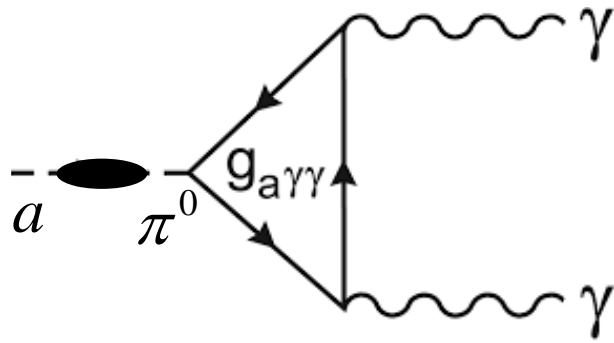
	$f_a$ (U(1) <sub>PQ</sub> breaking scale)	tree level couplings	
<b>PQWW;</b> Peccei– Quinn– Weinberg– Wilczek	$f_a \sim v_{EW}$ $\tau_a \sim 10^{-2} s$ for $m_a \sim 100$ keV	SM particles	Ruled out by accelerator experiments
<b>DFSZ;</b> Dine– Fischler– Srednicki– Zhitnitsky	$f_a \gg v_{EW}$ $\tau_a$ is longer than the age of our Universe,		New very heavy quarks beyond the SM
<b>KSVZ;</b> Kim– Shifman– Vainshtein– Zakharov	$m_a \sim O(\mu eV)$ for $f_a \sim 10^{12}$ GeV		

# Axion

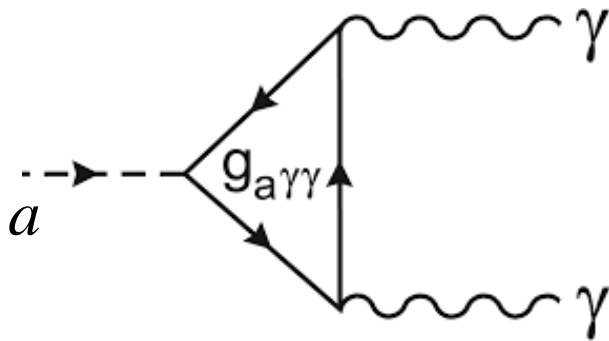
## Axion photon coupling ( $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ )

- important coupling for axion detection

- $\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$

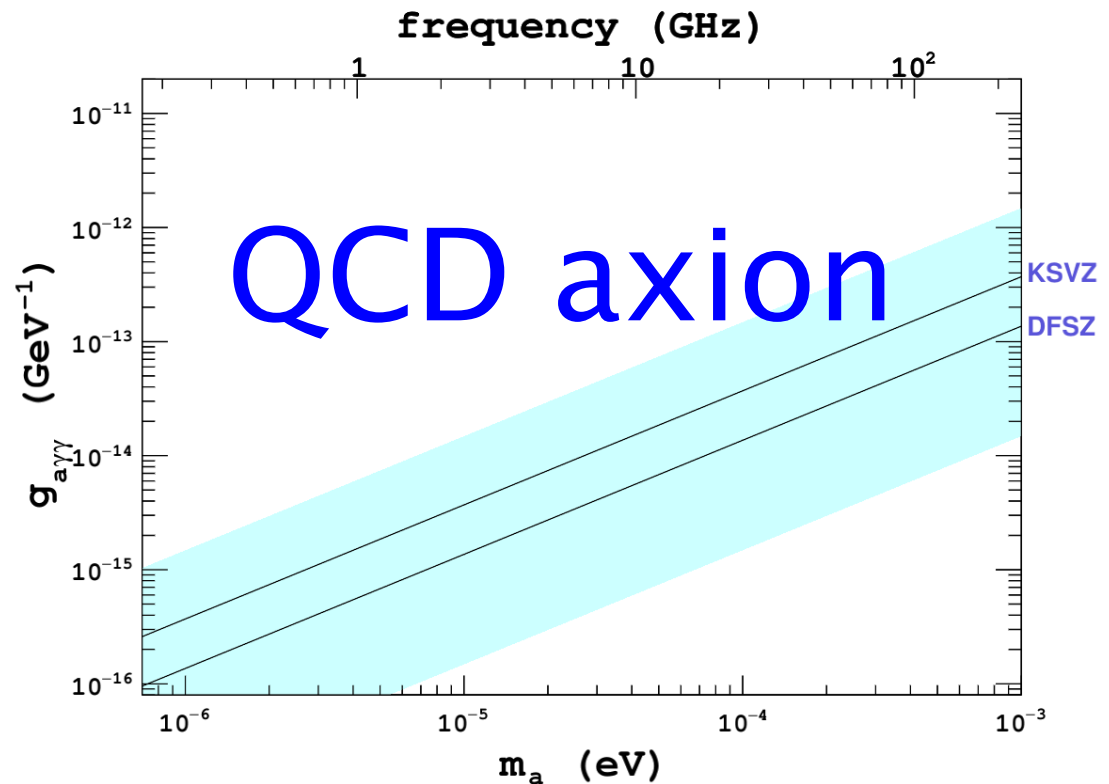


both KSVZ and DFSZ axions



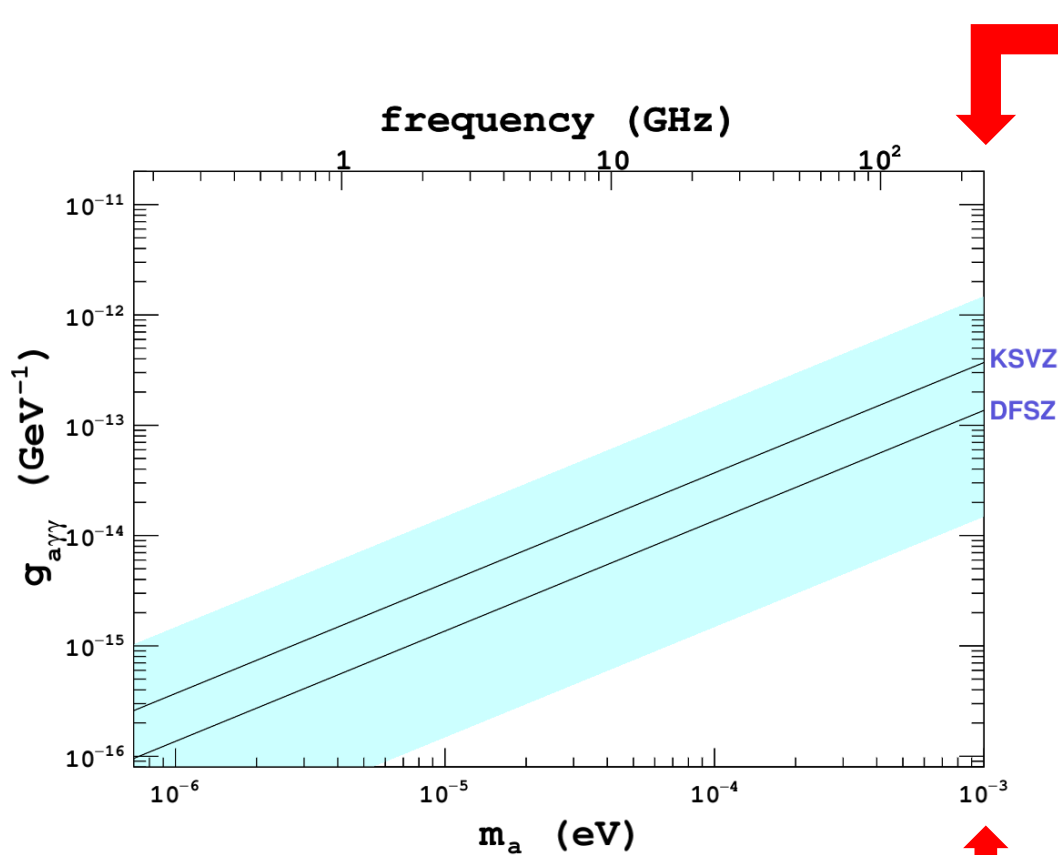
not for the standard KSVZ axion

(neutral heavy quark)



# Axion

## Astrophysical boundary



SN 1987A

Observation associated with neutrino events is consistent with the expectations assuming that the collapsed supernova core cools solely by neutrino emission

If the core also cools by axion emission, the neutrino burst is excessively foreshortened

$$m_a < O(\text{meV})$$



# Axion

## Cosmological production & boundary

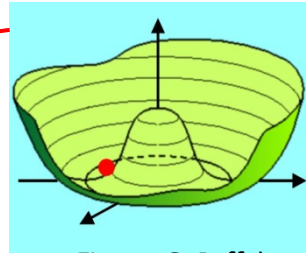
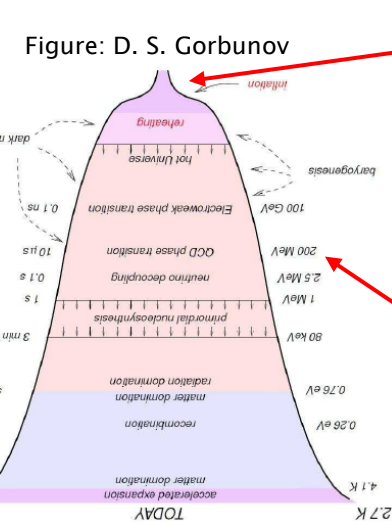
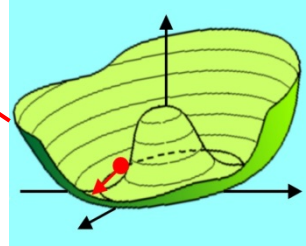


Figure: G. Raffelt



- produced with PQ symmetry breaking
- axion misaligned w.r.t. the minimum,  $\theta_{SM} \rightarrow$  called **misalignment production**
- potential tilted by QCD
- axion rolls down and starts coherent oscillation around  $\theta_{SM} = 0 \rightarrow$  the oscillation energy constitutes a sizeable fraction of the energy density of our Universe

- the axion energy density  $\Omega_a$  from the misalignment

$$\Omega_a h^2 \approx 0.12 \left( \frac{6 \mu\text{eV}}{m_a} \right)^{1.165} \theta_{SM}^2 \quad (\text{PDG 2018})$$

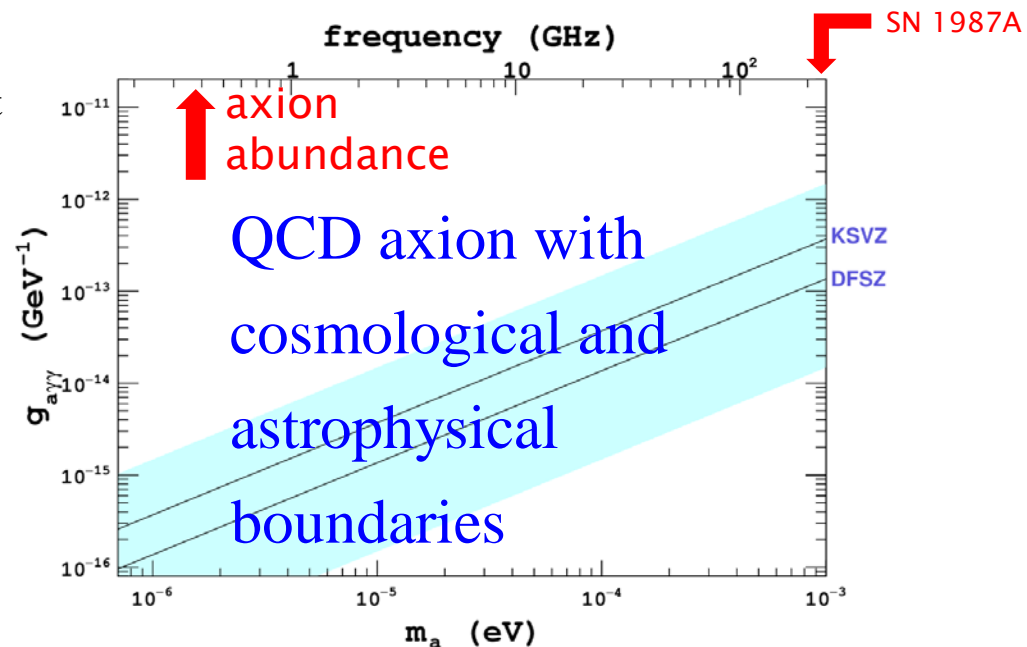
and the observed CDM density

$$\Omega_{\text{CDM}} h^2 = 0.12 \quad (\text{PDG 2018})$$

$\rightarrow$  give us  $m_a$  should be above  $6 \mu\text{eV}$

in order that  $\Omega_a$  doesn't exceed the observed  $\Omega_{\text{CDM}}$

with the natural  $\theta_{SM} \sim 1$



# Axion Dark Matter

## Axion Cold Dark Matter

- dark matter candidates

- 1) must have nonzero mass (energy budget :  $\sim 27\%$  of the Universe)
- 2) stable on cosmological timescales
- 3) cold according to the standard model of Big Bang cosmology

- axion

- 1)  $\mu\text{eV}$  (cosmological)  $< m_a < \text{meV}$  (astrophysical)
- 2)  $\tau_a$  is longer than the age of our Universe for even with  $m_a \sim O(\text{meV})$
- 3) coherent oscillation  $\rightarrow$  non-thermal  $\rightarrow$  born as cold

**Axion is a good candidate  
for cold dark matter in our Universe**

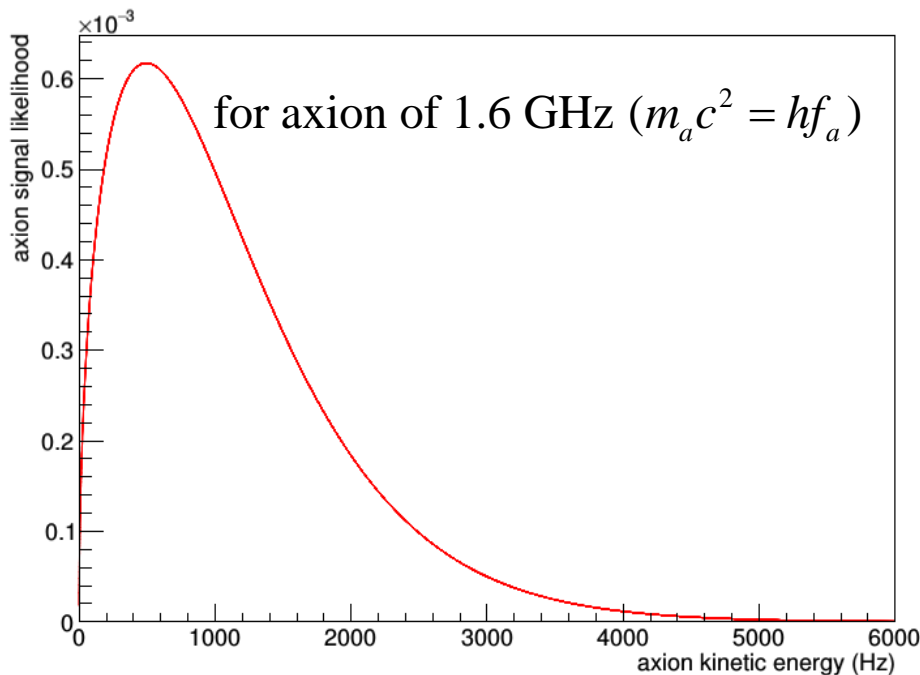
# Axion Dark Matter

## Energy and lineshape

- cold  $\Leftrightarrow$  non-relativistic

axion energy  $E_a = m_a c^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_a v^2 = m_a c^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \right)$ , where  $\left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \sim O(10^{-6})$

- with simple halo model,  $v$  distribution follows the Maxwell-Boltzmann

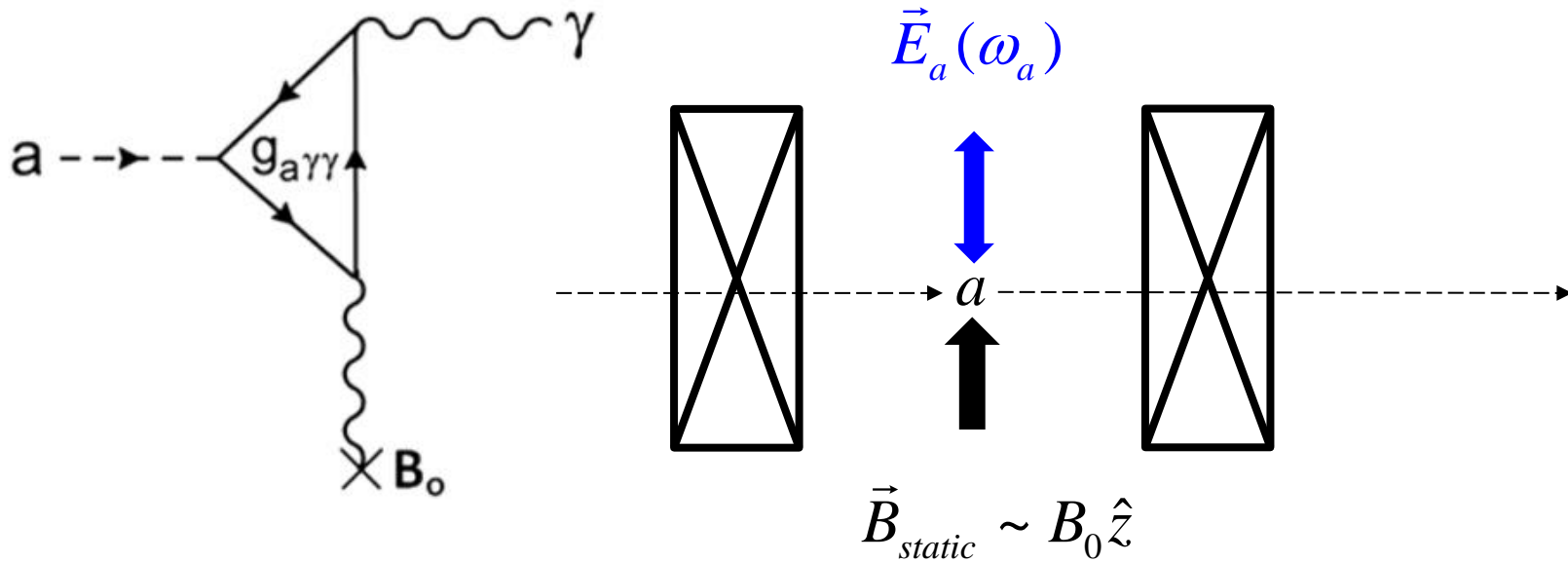


- very narrow peak,  
negligible dispersion  $O(10^{-6})$   
relative to the axion mass
- axion energy shows up as  
a very narrow peak,  
easy to isolate the signal  
from backgrounds  $\rightarrow$  very similar  
to search for new particle signals  
by looking at invariant mass spectrum

# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Axion haloscope searches

- invented by P. Sikivie,  $\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$

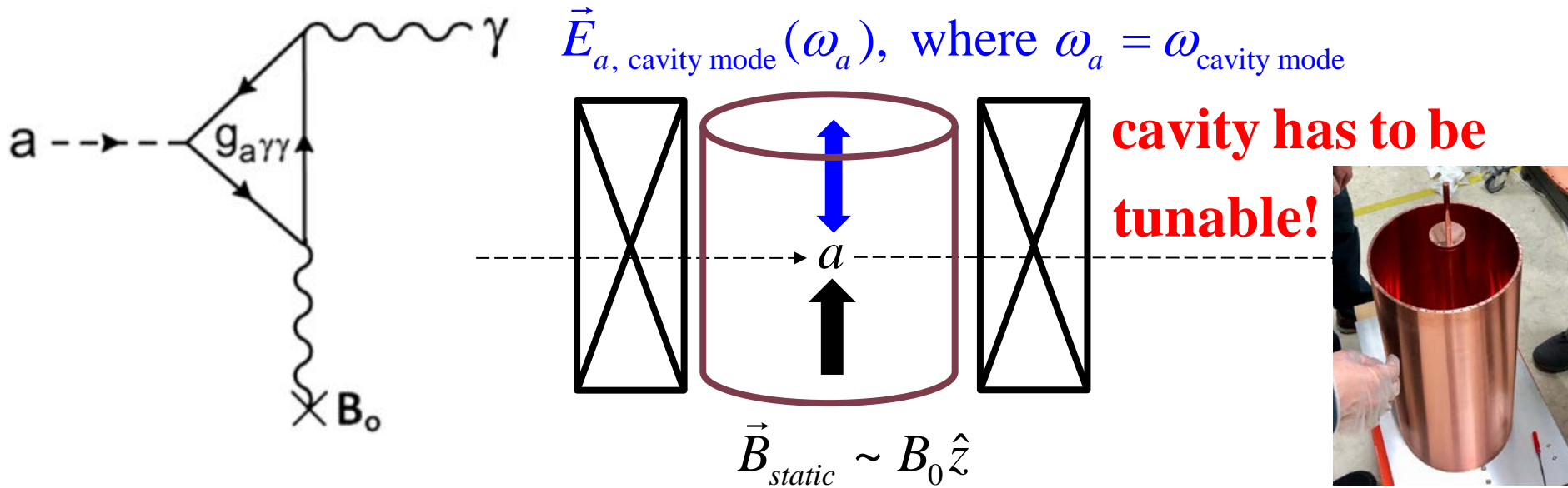


- interaction energy  $U_{a\gamma\gamma}$  (or axion energy inherited to the photon),  
then detected as axion signal power  $P_a = \omega_a U_{a\gamma\gamma}$

# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Axion haloscope searches

- invented by P. Sikivie,  $\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$



- resonated axion signal power  $P_a = Q\omega_a U_{a\gamma\gamma} \propto g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 V Q \frac{\left(\int_V \vec{E}_{a, \text{cavity mode}} \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{static}} dV\right)^2}{B_0^2 V \int_V \vec{E}_{a, \text{cavity mode}}^2 dV}$ ,  
 (easy to realize a cavity whose  $Q > 10,000$ )

$Q$ :  $Q$  of the cavity mode,  $V$ : cavity volume,  $C \equiv \frac{\left(\int_V \vec{E}_{a, \text{cavity mode}} \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{static}} dV\right)^2}{B_0^2 V \int_V \vec{E}_{a, \text{cavity mode}}^2 dV}$ : form factor of the cavity mode

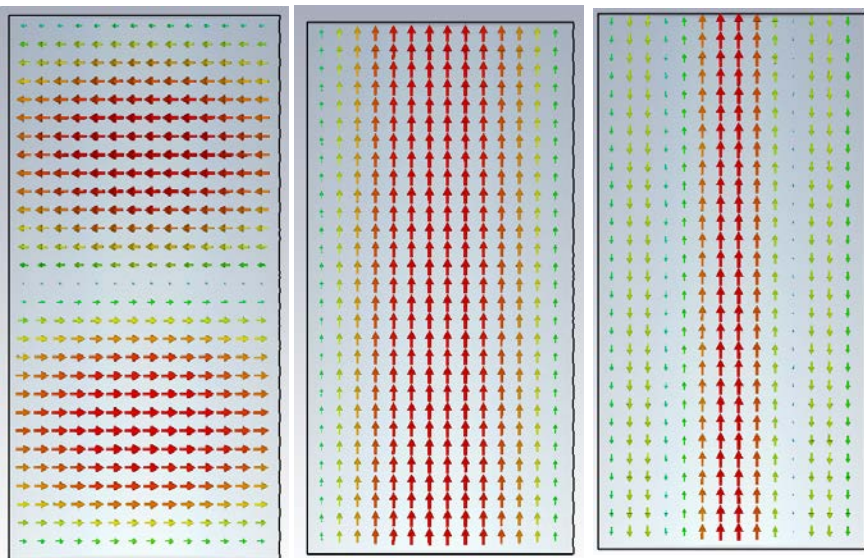
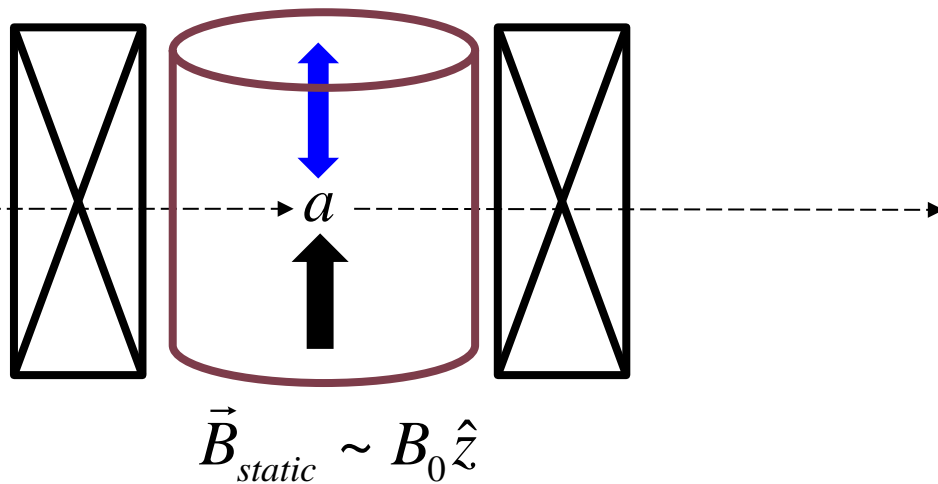
# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Axion haloscope searches

- axion signal power at haloscope searches

$$P_a \propto g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 V Q \frac{\left( \int_V \vec{E}_{a, \text{cavity mode}} \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{static}} dV \right)^2}{B_0^2 V \int_V \vec{E}_{a, \text{cavity mode}}^2 dV}$$

$\vec{E}_{a, \text{cavity mode}}(\omega_a)$ , where  $\omega_a = \omega_{\text{cavity mode}}$



$\vec{E}_{TE} \perp \vec{B}_{\text{static}}$   
 $\rightarrow C \sim 0$   
 $\rightarrow P_a \sim 0$   
 undesirable

$\vec{E}_{TM_{010}} \parallel \vec{B}_{\text{static}}$   
 $C \sim 0.69$   
 best mode

$\vec{E}_{TM_{020}}$  some  
 cancelation,  
 but feasible  
 with  $C \sim 0.13$

- resonant frequencies

$$\omega_{TM_{010}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \frac{2.405}{r_{\text{cavity}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_{TM_{020}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} \frac{5.520}{r_{\text{cavity}}}$$

- $r_{\text{cavity}}$  is constrained by the magnet bore

**Magnets practically define axion haloscope searches!**

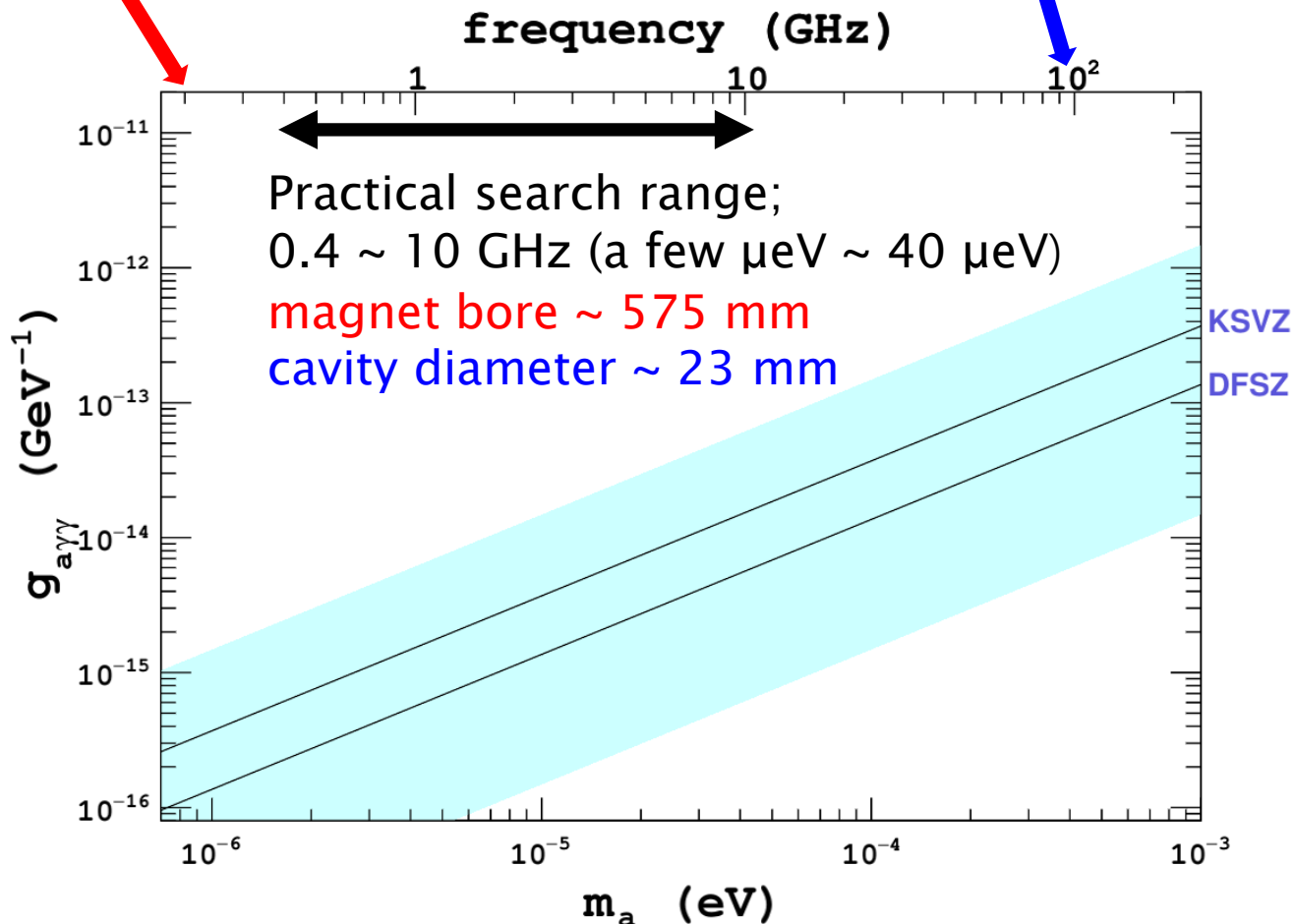
# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Axion haloscope searches

axion frequency of 0.2 GHz;  
magnet bore  $\sim 1,150$  mm

solenoid  
at collider  
detector  
can do it,  
but...

axion frequency of 100 GHz;  
tunable cavity diameter  $\sim 0.23$  mm



# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Axion haloscope searches

### Figure of merit

- Practical search range; 0.4 ~ 10 GHz (a few  $\mu\text{eV}$  ~ 40  $\mu\text{eV}$ )

→ only thermal noise background contribution (cavity + amplifier)

- Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) =  $\frac{P_a}{k_B T_N} \sqrt{\frac{t_{\text{integration}}}{\Delta f_a}}$ , Dicke radiometer eq.,

$T_N = T_{\text{cavity}} + T_{\text{amplifier\_noise}}$  : system noise temperature,  $\Delta f_a$  : axion signal bandwidth

- Resonant mode search, have to scan the resonant frequencies,

Practical figure of merit in axion haloscope searches,

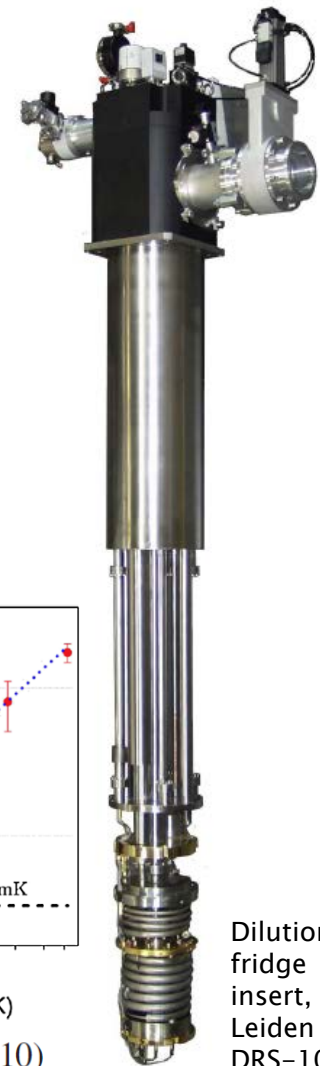
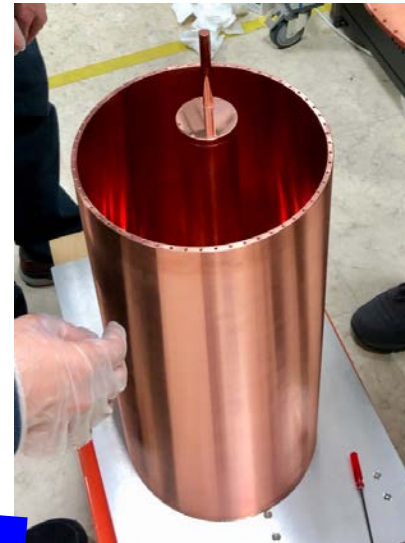
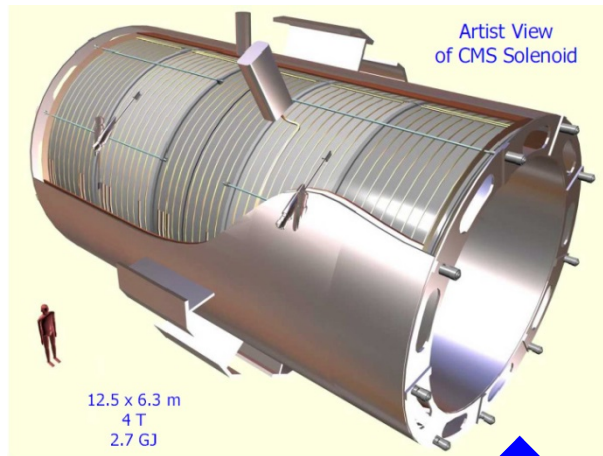
$$\text{Scanning rate } \frac{df}{dt} \propto \frac{B_0^4 V^2 C^2 Q}{T_N^2}$$



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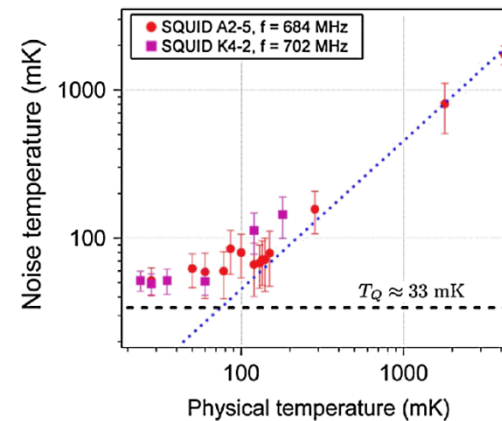
## Axion haloscope searches

### Key experimental devices



$$\bullet \frac{df}{dt} \propto \frac{B_0^4 V^2 C^2 Q}{T_N^2}$$

$T_N = T_{cavity} + T_{amplifier\_noise}$

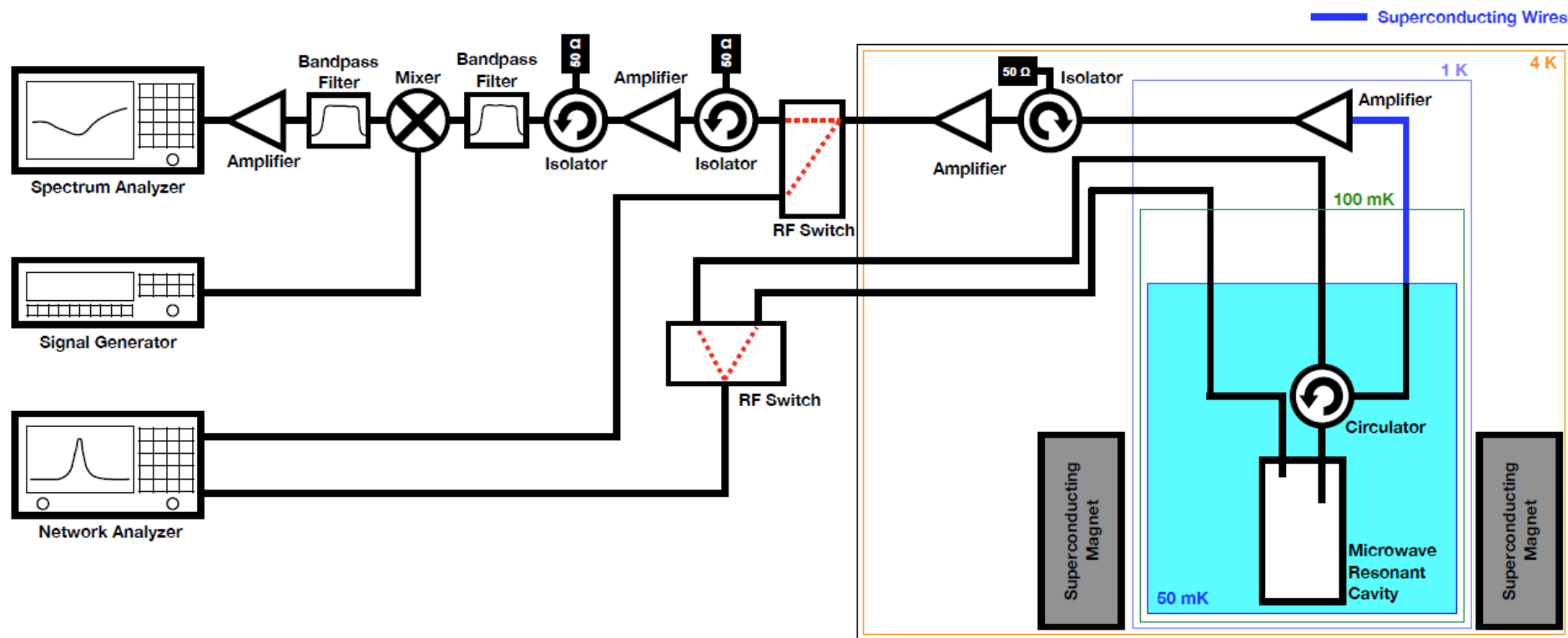


PRL 104, 041301 (2010)

# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Axion haloscope searches

### Overview of an axion haloscope



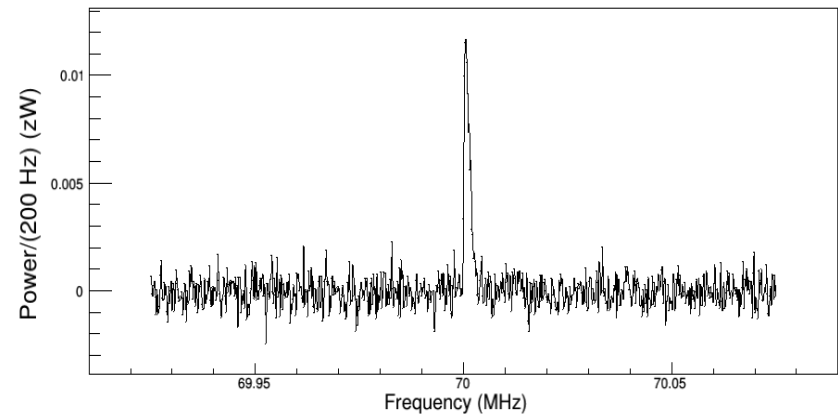
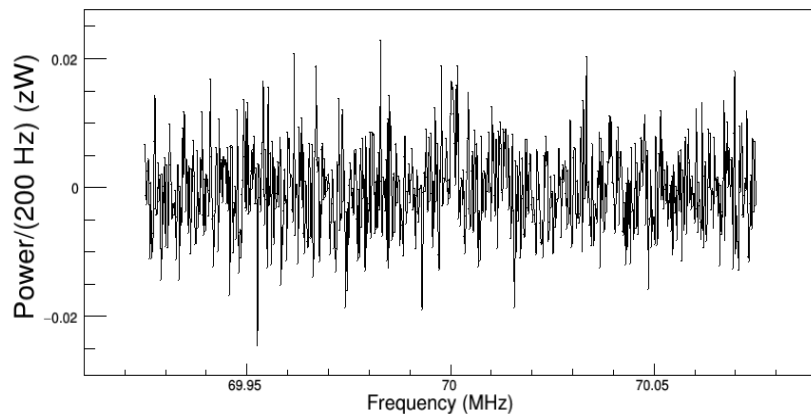
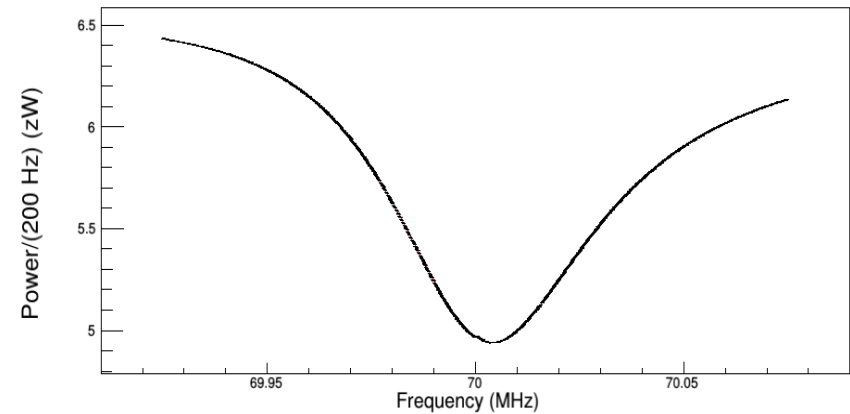
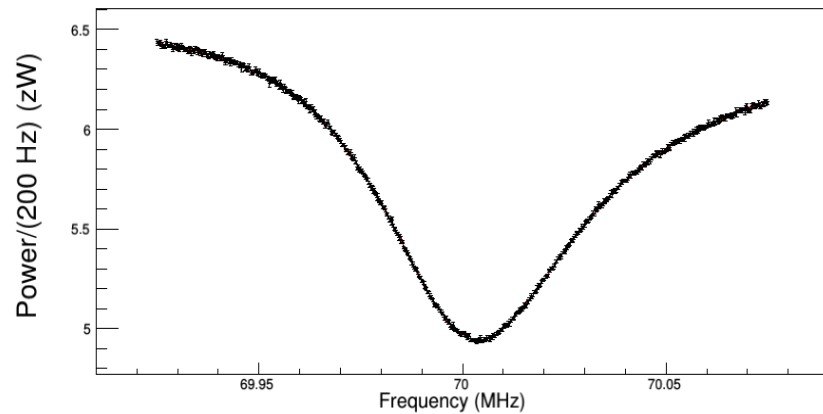
receiver @300 K

fridge

# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Axion haloscope searches

Signal (simulation) and background spectrum (real)



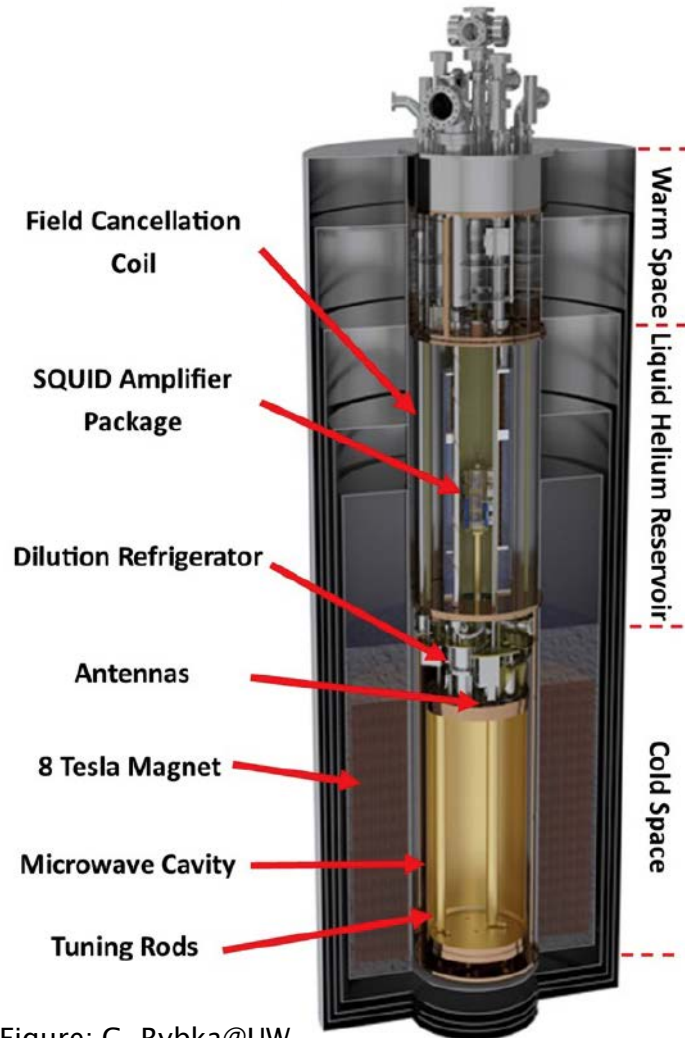
SNR  $\sim 4$  for a certain signal power

SNR  $\sim 40$  for a certain signal power,  
but with much longer  $t_{\text{integration}}$

# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Ongoing axion haloscope searches

### ADMX (Axion Dark Matter eXperiment)

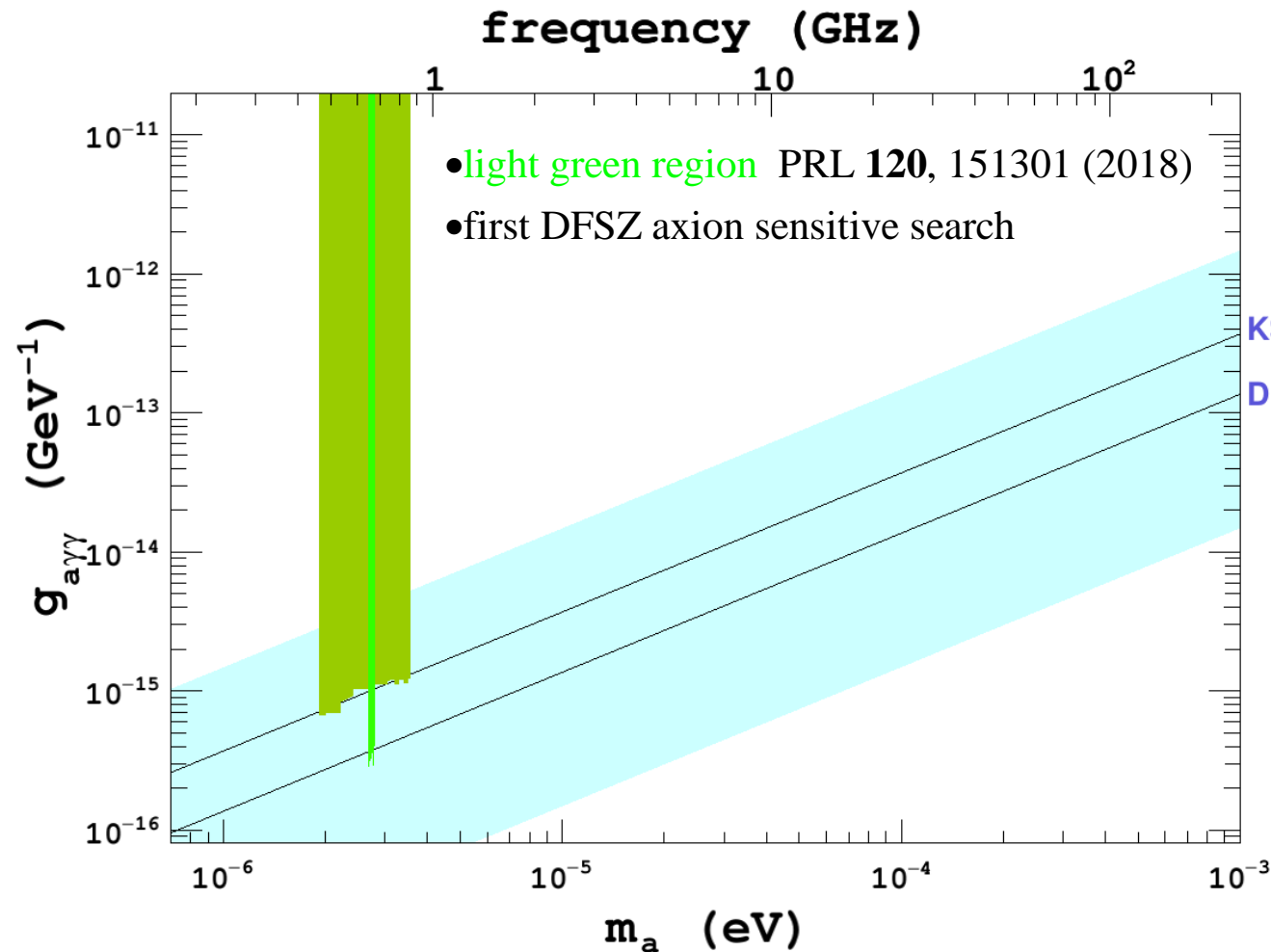


- $\sim 3.5$  m tall
- $B_0 = 8$  T and the magnet bore  $\sim 600$  mm,  $V = 136$  L
- $C \sim 0.4$  and  $Q \sim 50,000$
- $T_N \sim 500$  mK  
 $= 190$  mK ( $T_{cavity}$ )  
 $+ 310$  mK ( $T_{amplifier\_noise}$ )

# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Ongoing axion haloscope searches

### ADMX (Axion Dark Matter eXperiment)



#### • dark green region

PRL 80, 2043 (1998),  
APJ Lett 572, 27 (2002),  
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PRL 104, 041301 (2010)

- No dilution fridge, instead pumped LHe temperature, 2 K  $\rightarrow T_N \sim 3$  K (PRL 2010) or 4 K (others)

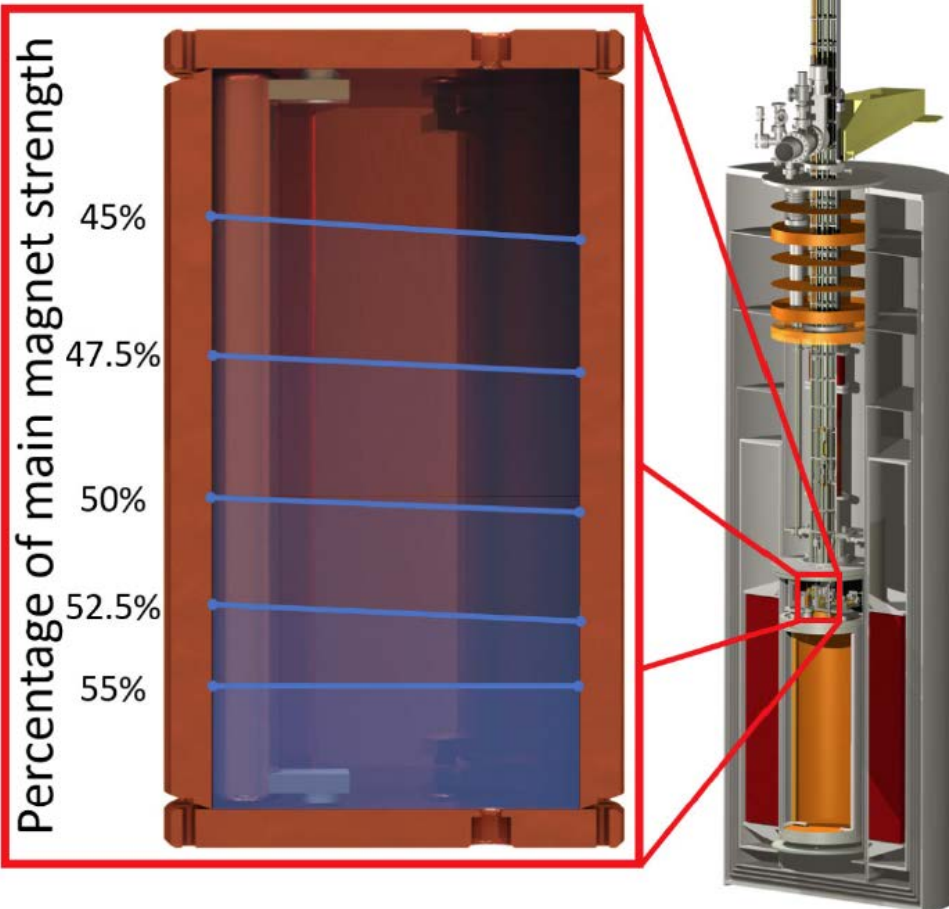
- sensitive to the standard KSVZ axion

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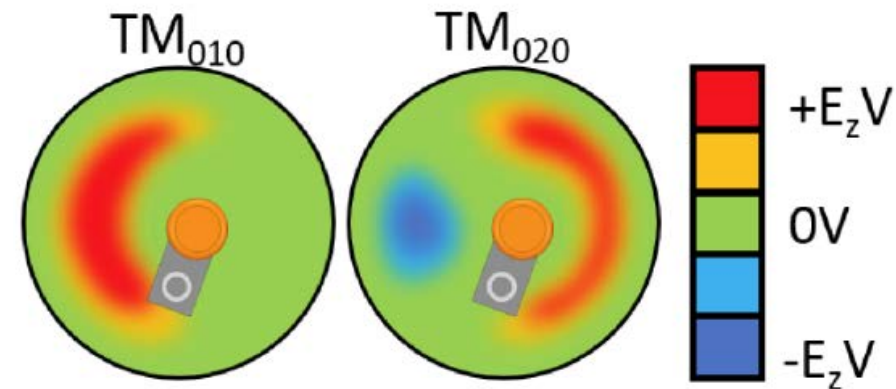
## Ongoing axion haloscope searches

### ADMX Sidecar

(PRL 121, 261302 (2018))



- $B_0 = 3.11$  T at most,  $V \sim 0.38$  L
- $T_N \sim 7$  K with transistor based amplifier
- But,  $TM_{010}$  and  $TM_{020}$  at the same time for the first time



- $C$  (0.4 ~ 0.04) and  $Q$  (6,000 ~ 2,000) depend on the cavity modes

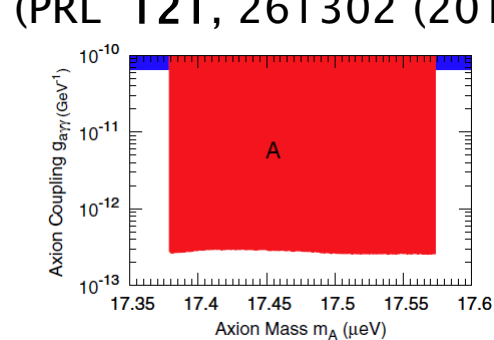
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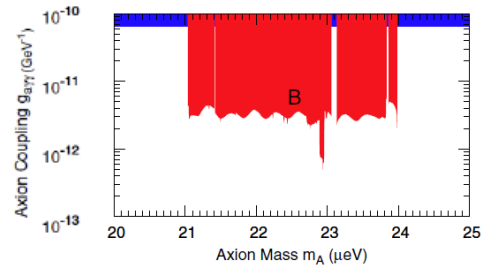
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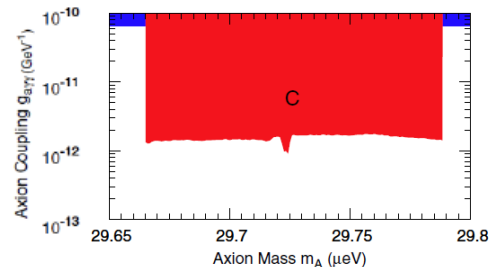
Be careful, this is a log-log plot!



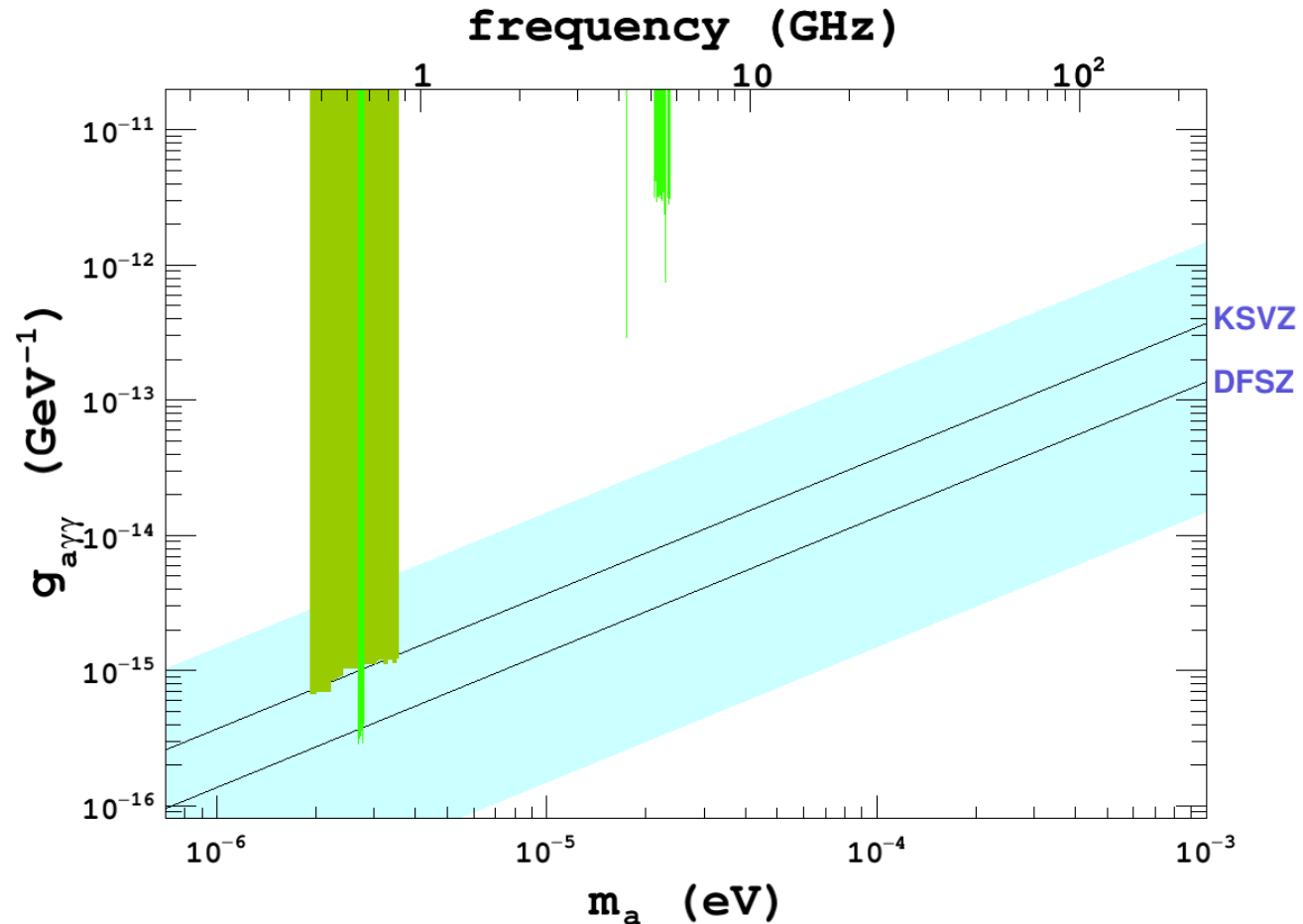
•  $\text{TM}_{010}$  mode with  $B_0 = 3.11$  T



•  $\text{TM}_{010}$  mode, but  $B_0 = 0.78$  T



•  $\text{TM}_{020}$  mode with  $B_0 = 3.11$  T



Not sensitive to the QCD axion,  
but ongoing cavity experiment

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## Ongoing axion haloscope searches

### HAYSTAC

### (Haloscope At Yale Sensitive To Axion CDM)

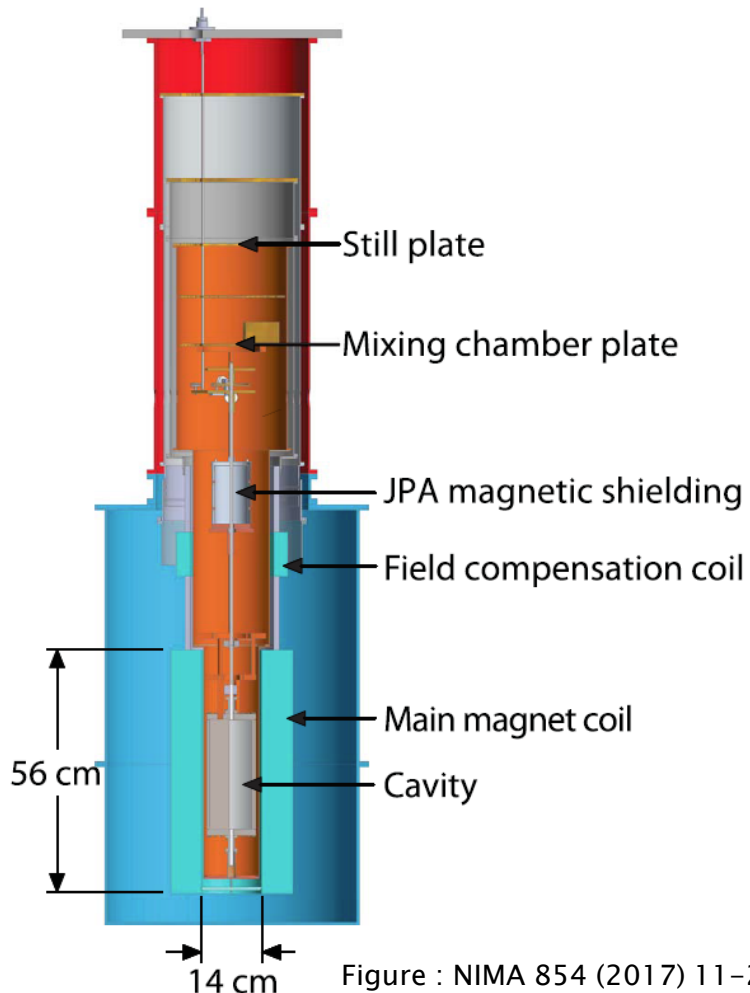


Figure : NIMA 854 (2017) 11–24

- $B_0 = 9$  T and  
the magnet bore  $\sim 140$  mm,  
higher frequency dedicated,  $V = 2$  L
- $C \sim 0.5$  and  $Q \sim 10,000$
- $T_N \sim 3$  quanta  $\sim 2.2$  quanta  
(828 mK  $\sim$  607 mK for 5.75 GHz)
- first successful operation of  
an axion detector incorporating  
a dilution fridge and  
quantum-noise-limited amplifier

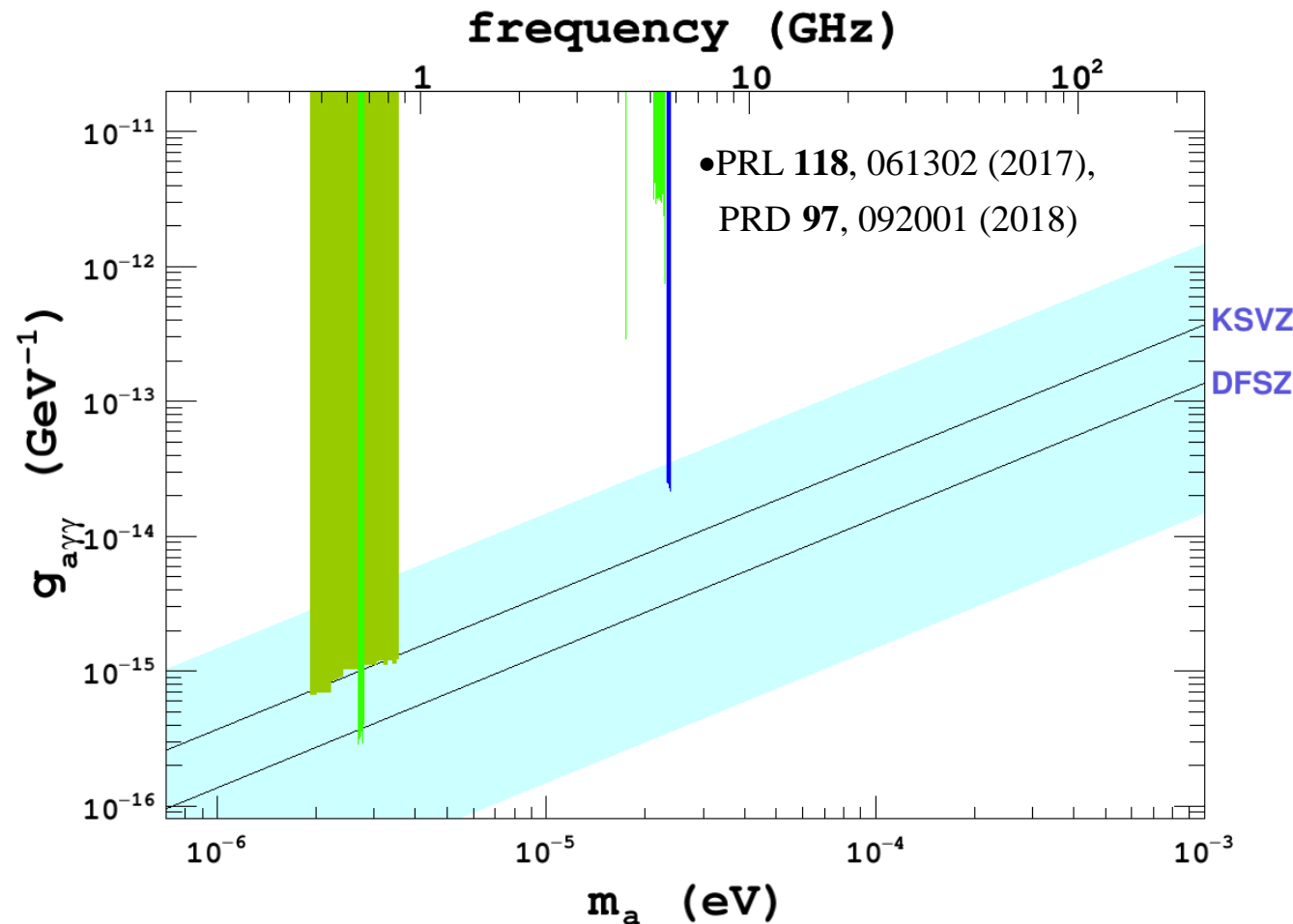


# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Ongoing axion haloscope searches

### HAYSTAC

(Haloscope At Yale Sensitive To Axion CDM)



- log-log plot!
- HAYSTAC scanned over 200 MHz, sensitive to the QCD axion

# Axion Dark Matter Searches

## Ongoing axion haloscope searches

### CULTASK

### (CAPP Ultra Low Temperature Axion Search in Korea)

- CAPP is established in October 2013
  - mainly building infrastructure so far and time to do physics
  - parallel searches with different magnets (= in different frequency ranges)
- the best way to increase the scanning rate which is the practical FoM

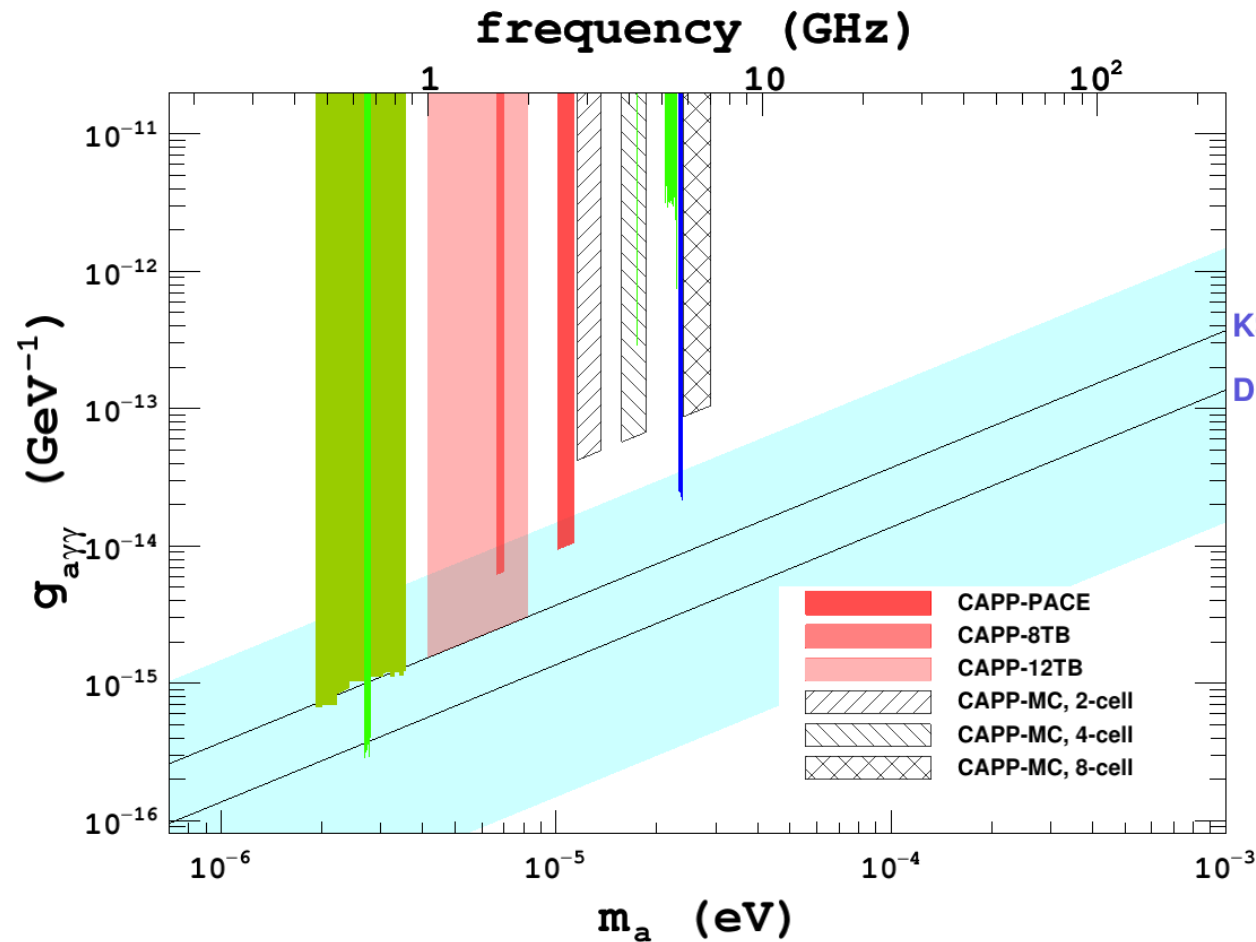
$B_0$	bore	system cooling	target	a.k.a.
8 T	125 mm	dilution	sensitive to QCD axion	CAPP-PACE
8 T	165 mm			CAPP-8TB
12 T	320 mm		sensitive to DFSZ axion	CAPP-12TB
9 T	125 mm	pumped LHe	testbed	CAPP-MC

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## Ongoing axion haloscope searches

CULTASK

(CAPP Ultra Low Temperature Axion Search in Korea)



- CAPP-12TB : DFSZ axion sensitive, but axion could be at that level, decided to go with the standard KSVZ axion scan



top view of the 4-cell cavity

# Summary

## ▶ Axion

solves the strong CP problem in the SM

## ▶ Axion Dark Matter

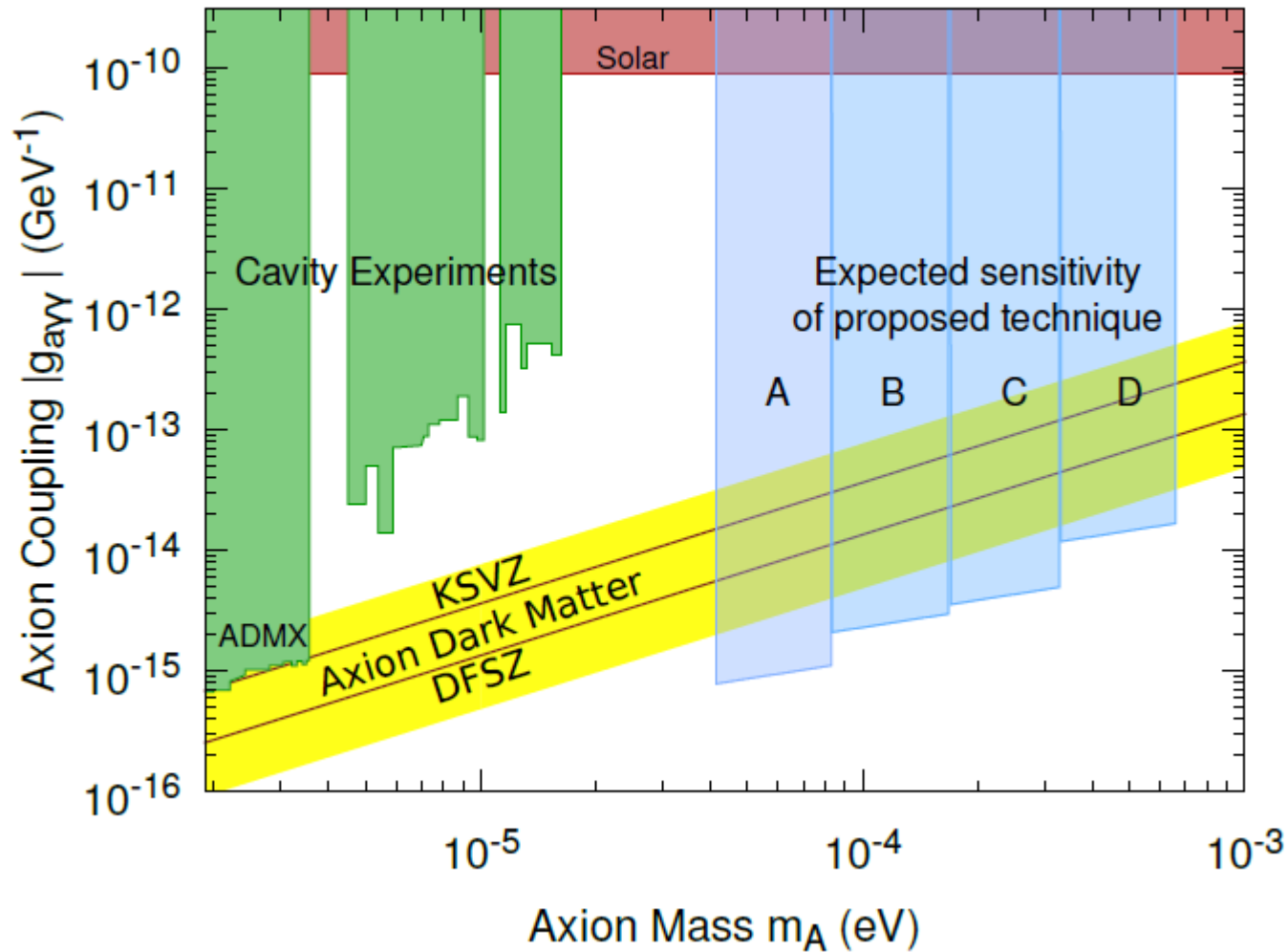
strong CDM candidate

## ▶ Axion Dark Matter Searches

two rabbits at the same time

Thank you very much

# Open resonator



Fabry-Pérot resonator

Phys. Rev. D 91, 011701(R) (2015)

# Friis's formula

$$T_{\text{sys}} = T_{\text{phys}} + T_1 + \frac{T_2}{G_1} + \frac{T_3}{G_1 G_2} + \dots,$$

# Dark Matter Candidates

	<b>Axions</b>	<b>WIMPs</b>
<b>Year invented</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>Original purpose</b>	Solve technical problem in theory of strong nuclear force	Explain dark matter
<b>Detectable because they</b>	Turn into photons in strong magnetic fields	Bounce off atomic nuclei
<b>Pros</b>	Solve more than one problem; allow for decisive test	Flow naturally from supersymmetry; provide many models and multiple avenues of detection
<b>Cons</b>	Provide few models and one means of detection	Resist decisive testing; haven't shown up in decades of looking