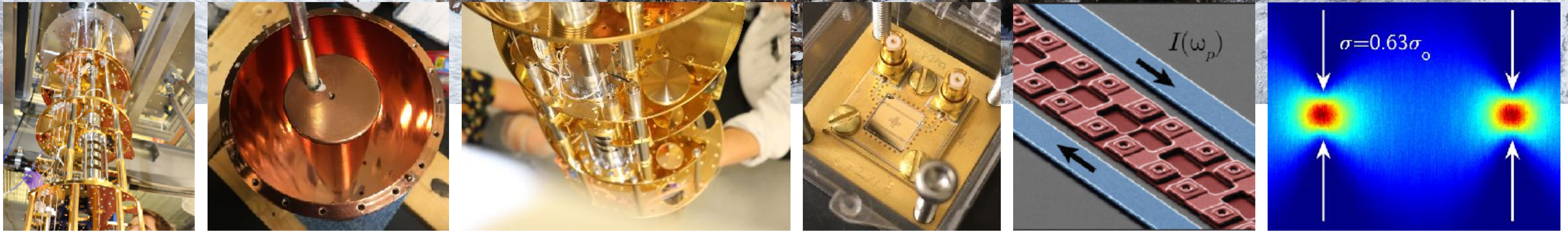


# Search for Axions: HAYSTAC & ALPHA



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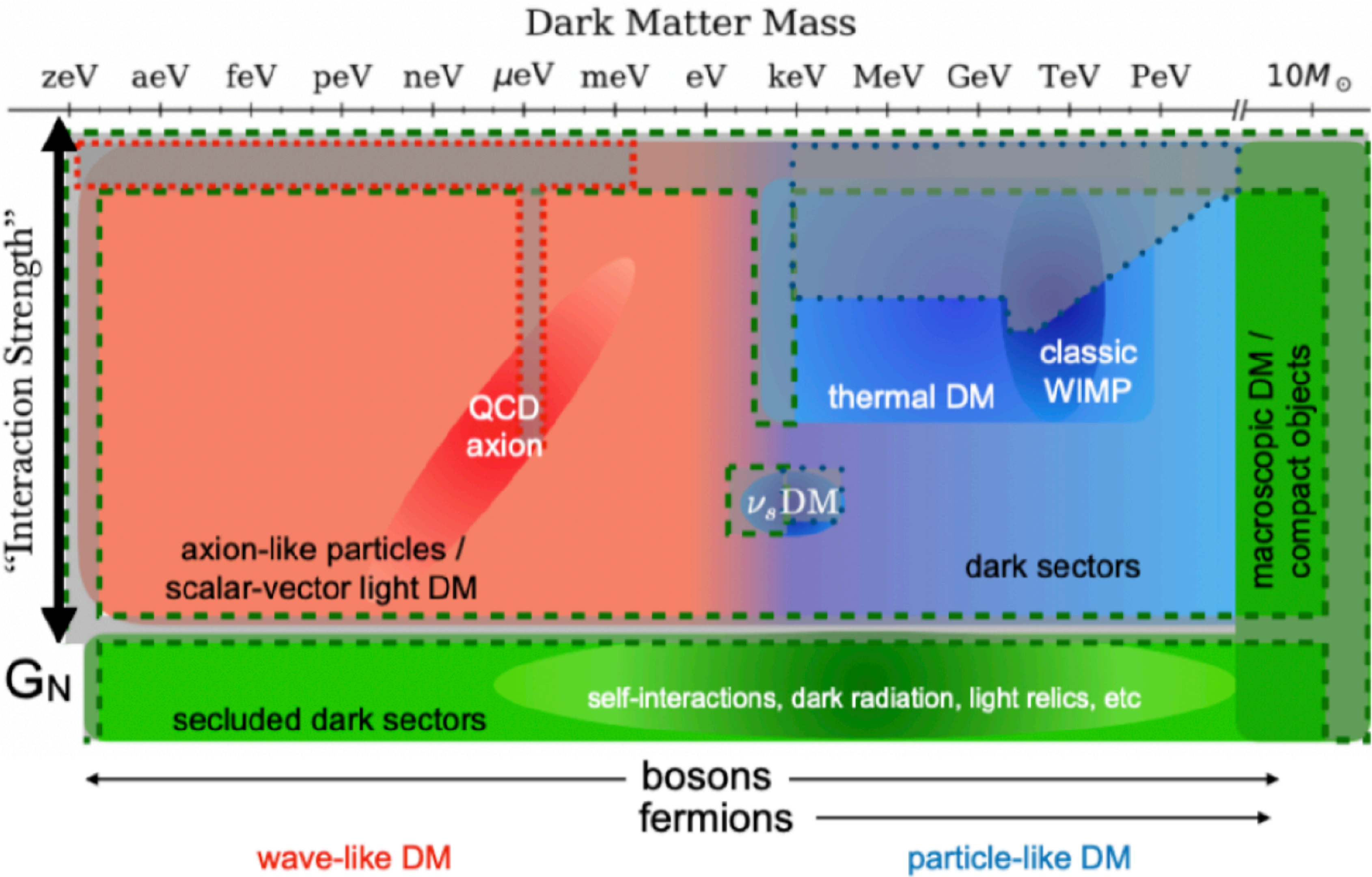
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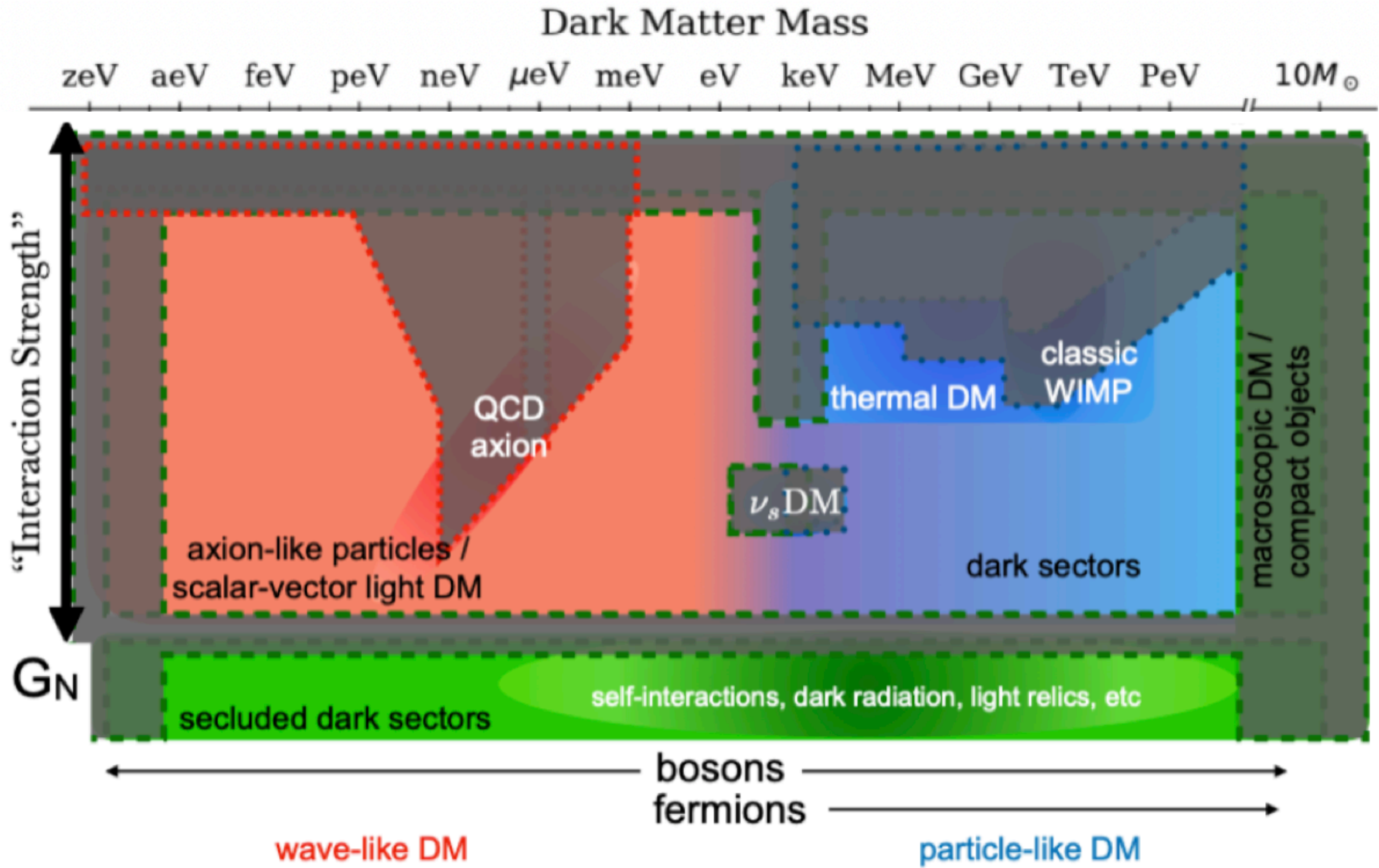
# “Snowmass 2022”: U.S. Dark Matter Program



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# Axions are well motivated

## Axion Dark Matter

### $a \leftrightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Parameter Space

Present day axion density

$$\Omega_a h^2 \approx 0.1 \left( \frac{10 \mu\text{eV}}{m_a} \right)^{7/6} \langle \theta_i^2 \rangle$$

Initial misalignment

### Pre-Inflationary PQ Breaking

( $f_a$  near GUT scale)

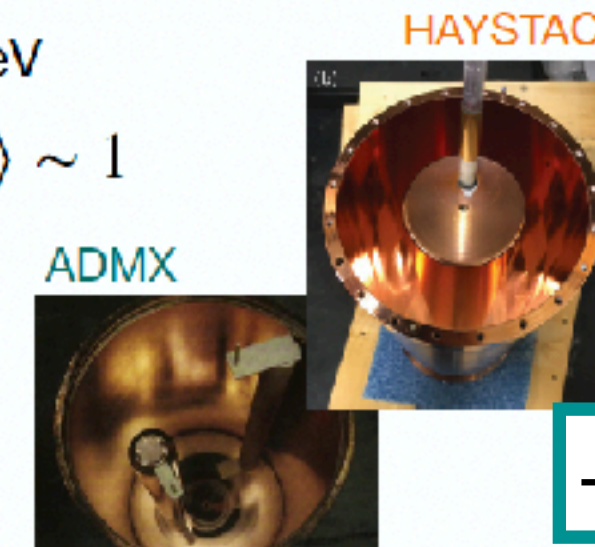
- Mass range  $20 \text{ peV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 1 \mu\text{eV}$
- Strong particle physics argument "GUT-scale" axion ( $f_a \sim 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$ )
- Small initial misalignment  $\langle \theta_i^2 \rangle < 1$
- Long Compton wavelength regime (Magneto quasistatic regime)
- Lumped element detectors



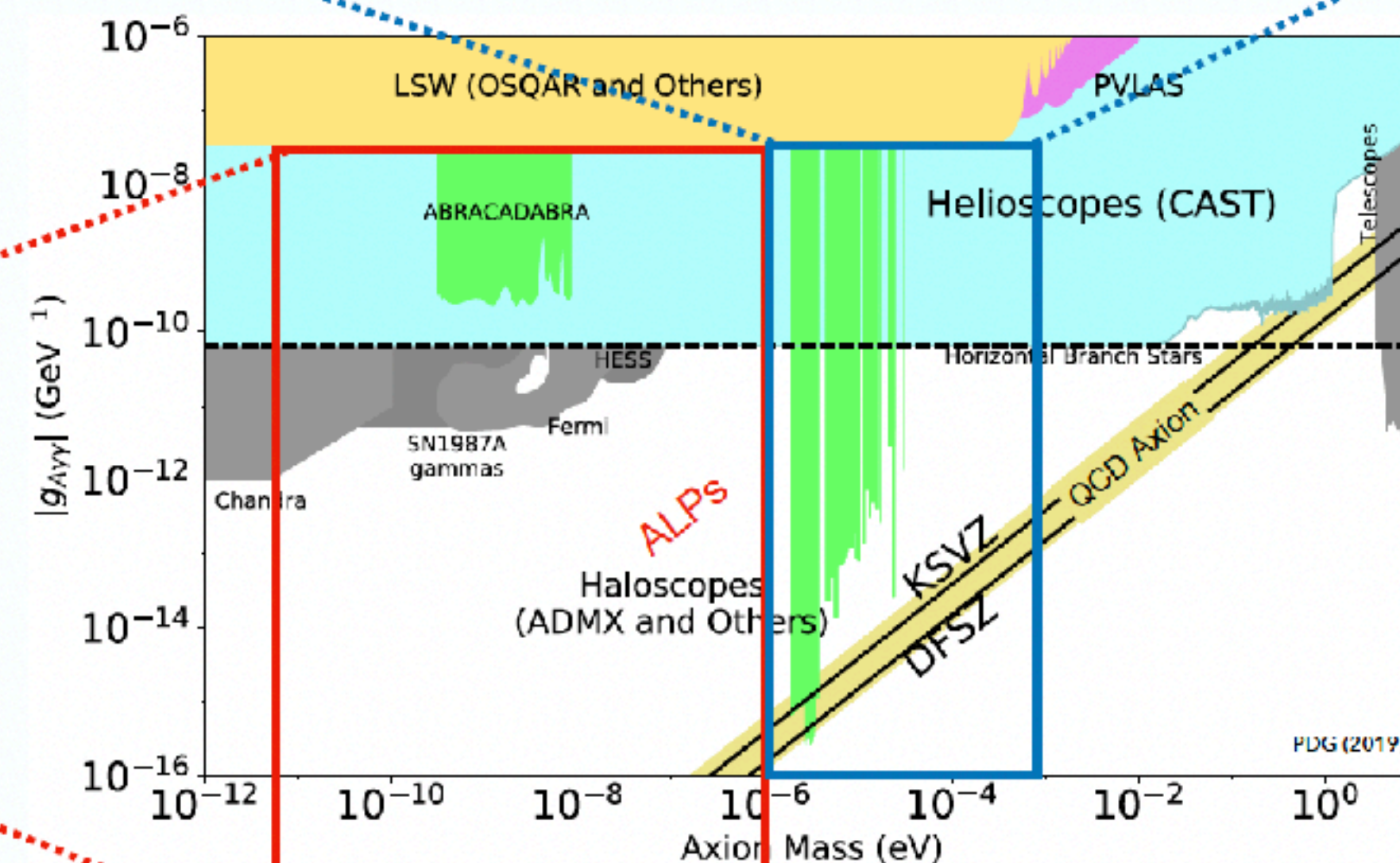
### Post Inflationary PQ Breaking

( $f_a \sim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$ )

- Mass range  $1 \mu\text{eV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 1 \text{ meV}$
- Large initial misalignment  $\langle \theta_i^2 \rangle \sim 1$
- Microwave Cavity regime
- ADMX, HAYSTAC, CAPP-8TB, QUAX-ay, ORGAN, others...



+ ALPHA, BREAD, MADMAX...



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# HAYSTAC's Aim: Going high

- Innovation testbed for axion searches in QCD band  $> 10 \mu\text{eV}$  ( $\sim 2.5 \text{ GHz}$ )

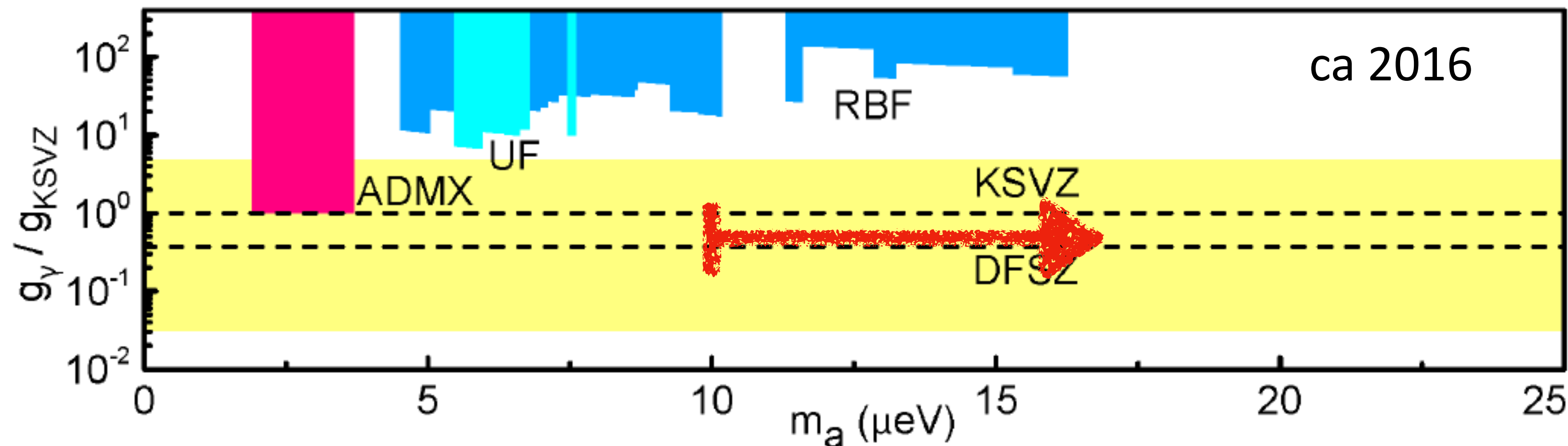
- Challenges:

- Photon detection, noise

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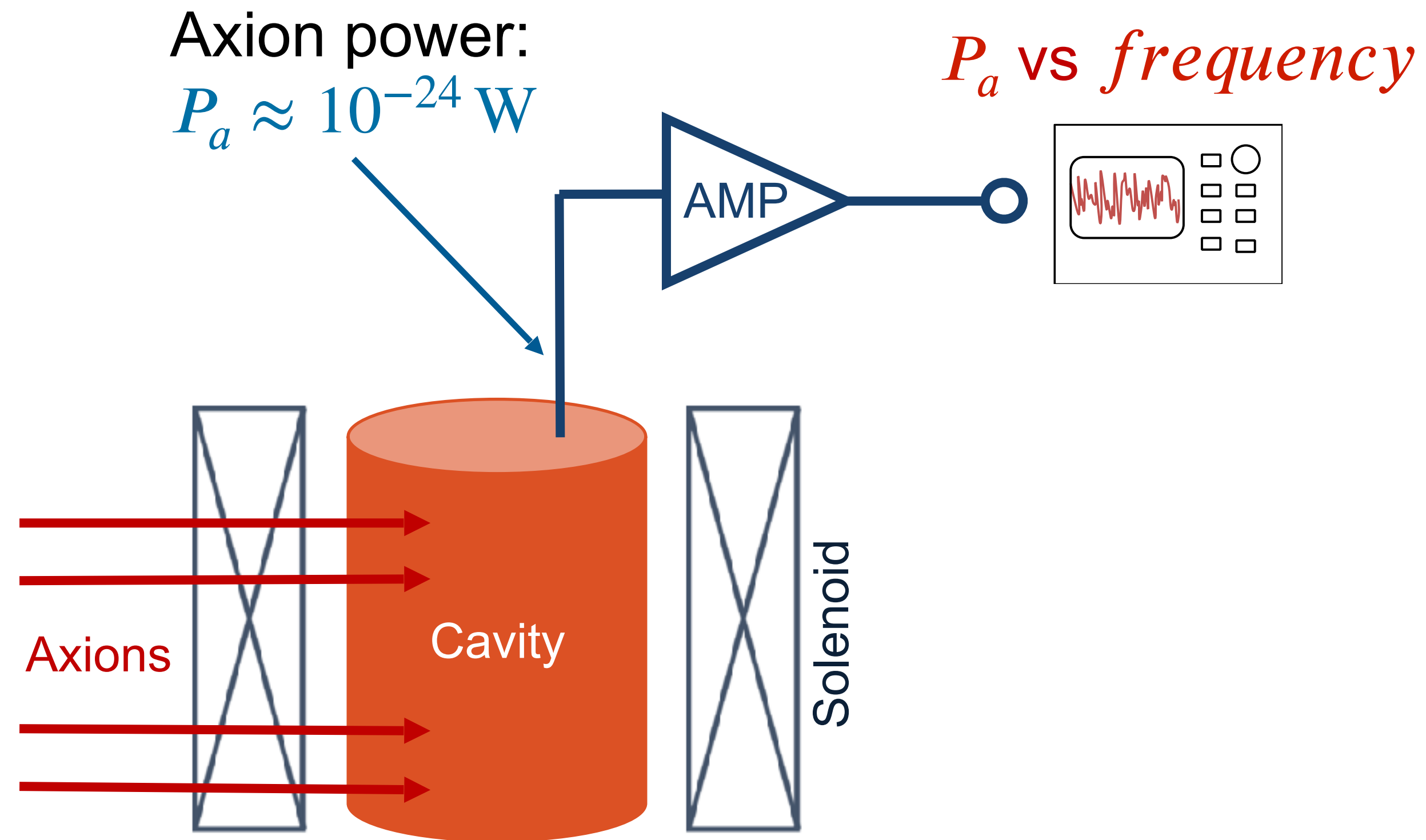


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Rather than analytical 1.187



# Detecting Axions: Sikivie's Haloscope



Interaction of interest:  $\mathcal{L} \supset g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$

Haloscope principle: P. Sikivie, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **51**, 1415 (1983)

HAYSTAC detector: *Nucl. Instrum. Methods A* 854, 11 (2017)



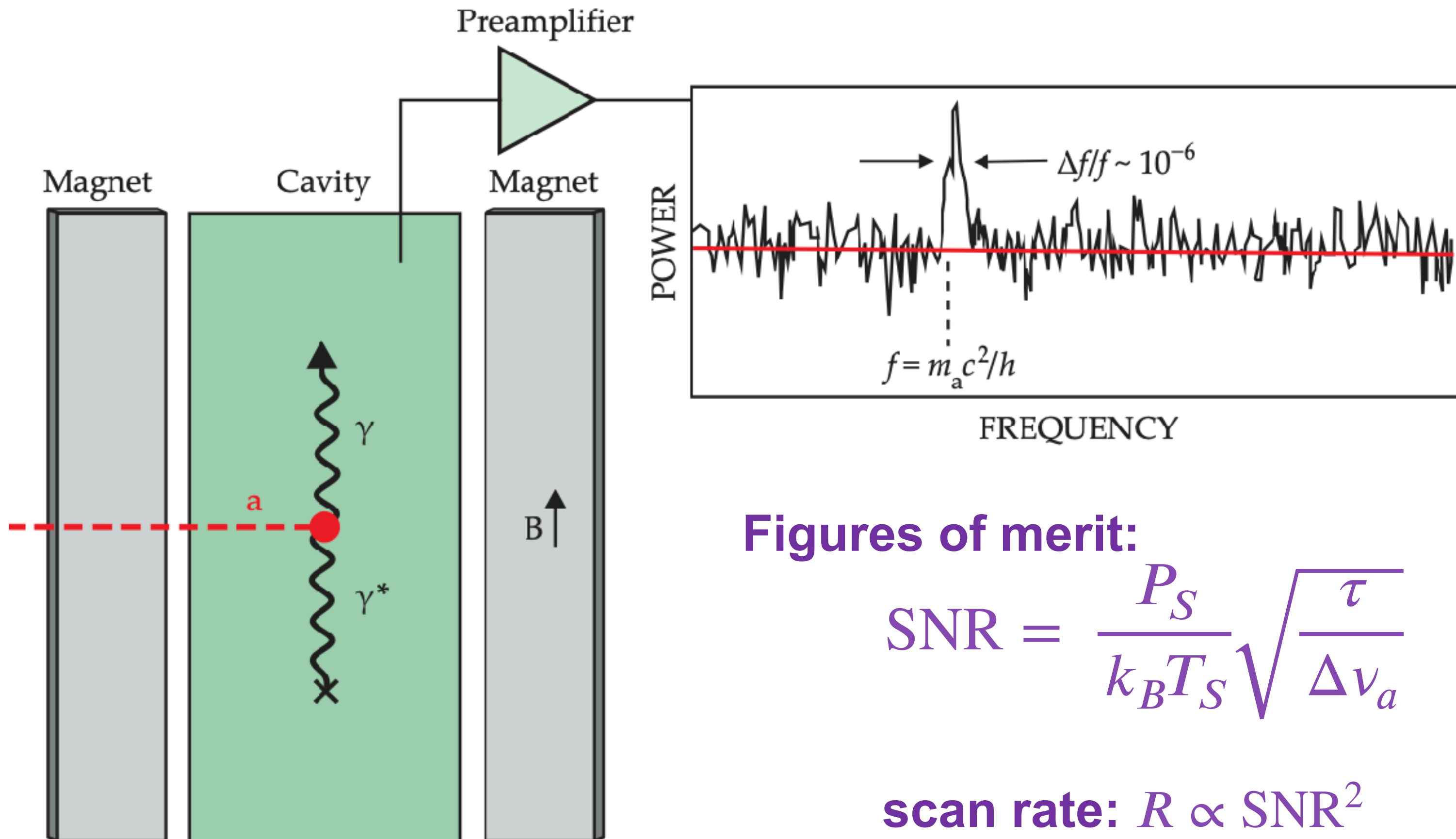
ADMX



HAYSTAC



# Detecting Axions: the Haloscope Principle



Figures of merit:

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{P_S}{k_B T_S} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\Delta \nu_a}}$$

scan rate:  $R \propto \text{SNR}^2$

Scaling:

Signal power:

$$P = \kappa G V \frac{Q}{m_a} \rho_a g_{a\gamma}^2 B_e^2$$

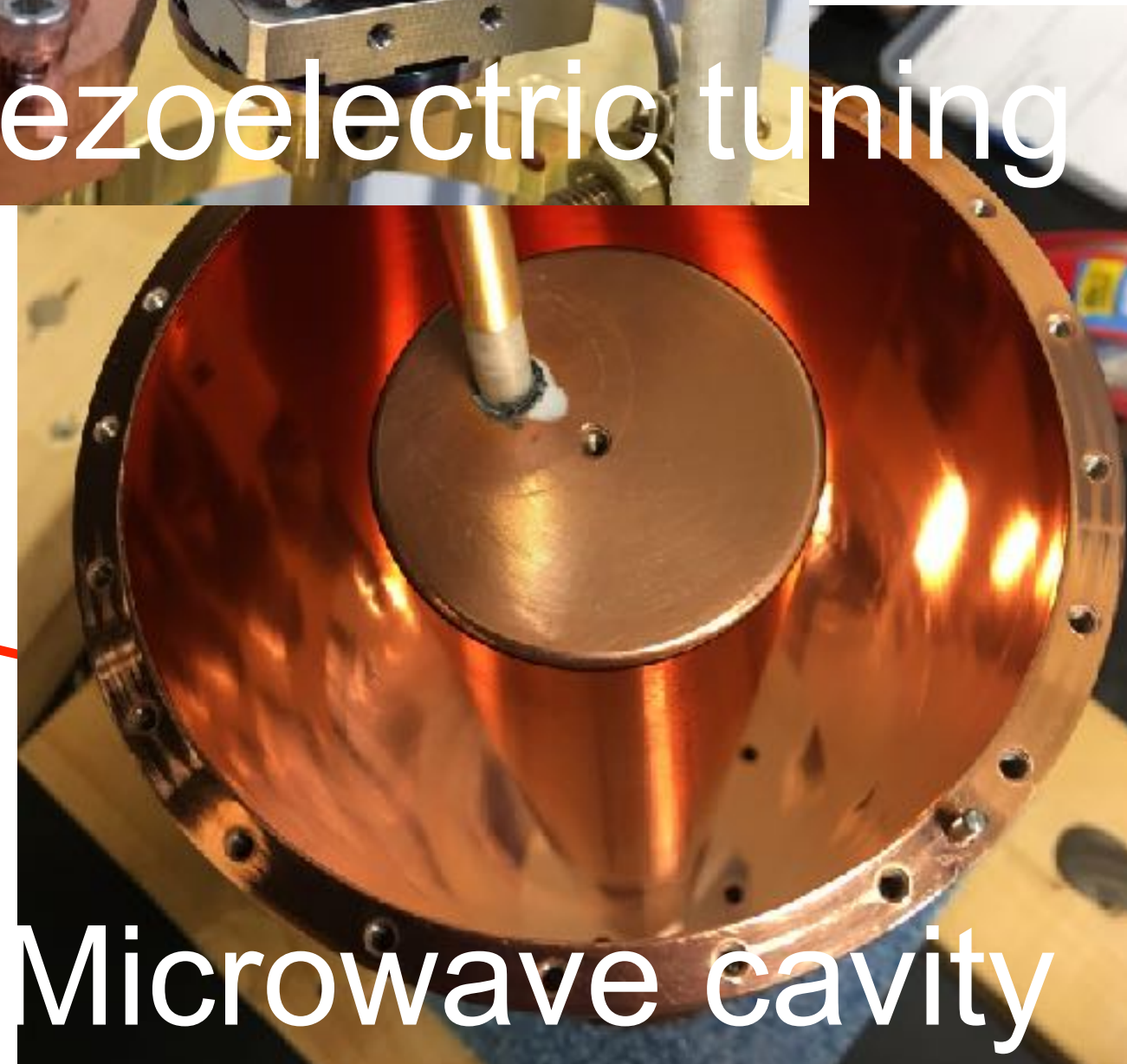
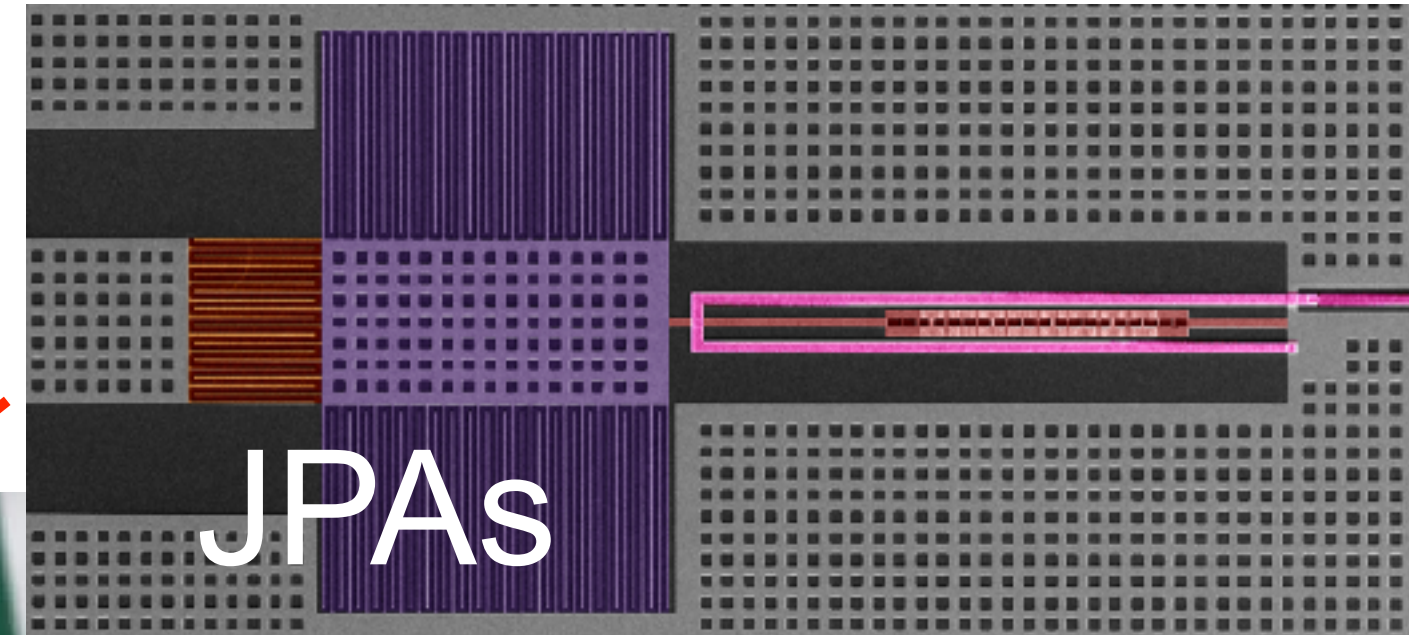
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$$(f)_{TM_{010}} = \frac{2.405}{2\pi a \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \frac{0.115}{a} \text{ GHz}$$

For  $f = 10$  GHz, cavity of  $\sim 1.15$  cm



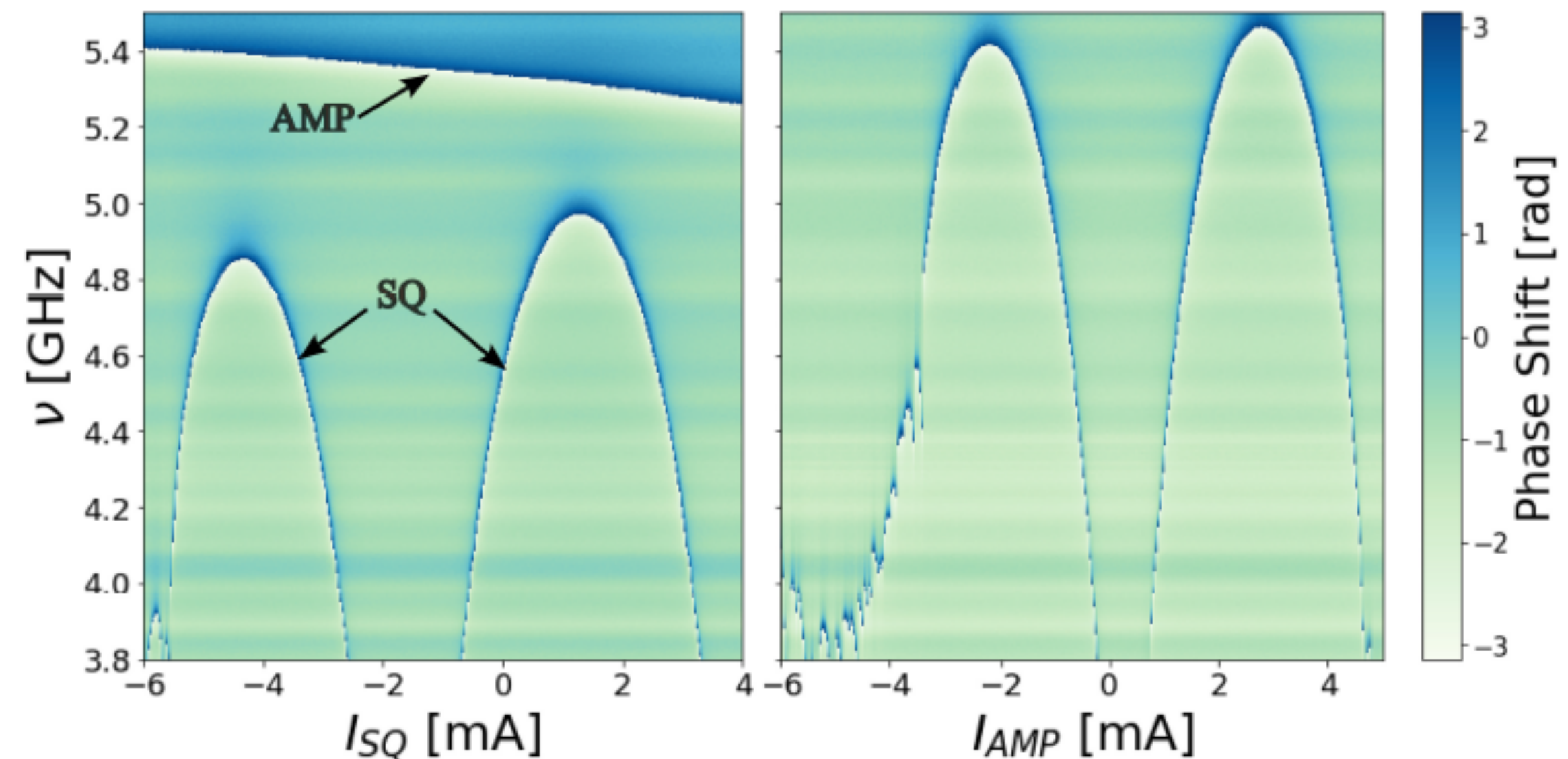
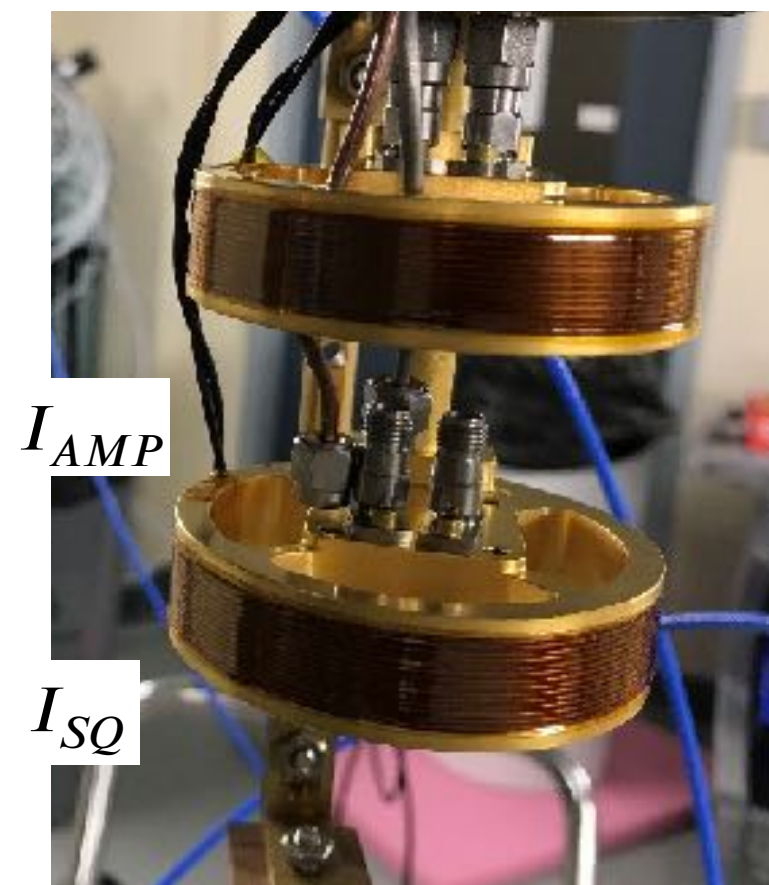
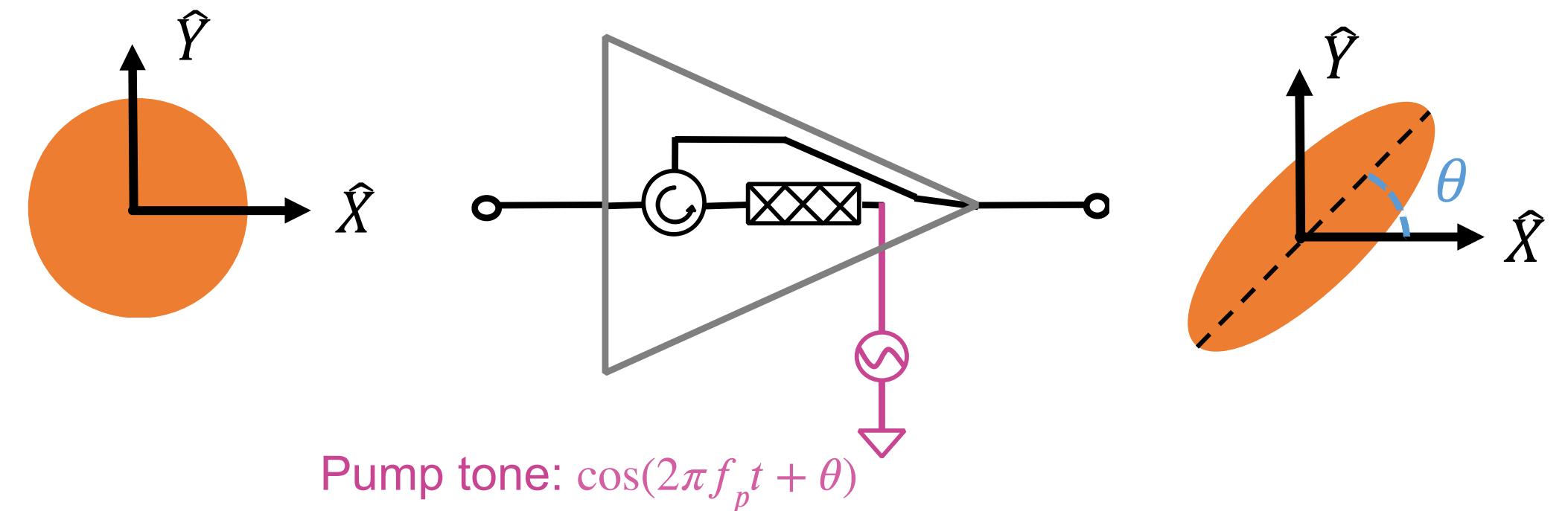
# HAYSTAC Experiment





# HAYSTAC's Innovations: Phase 1

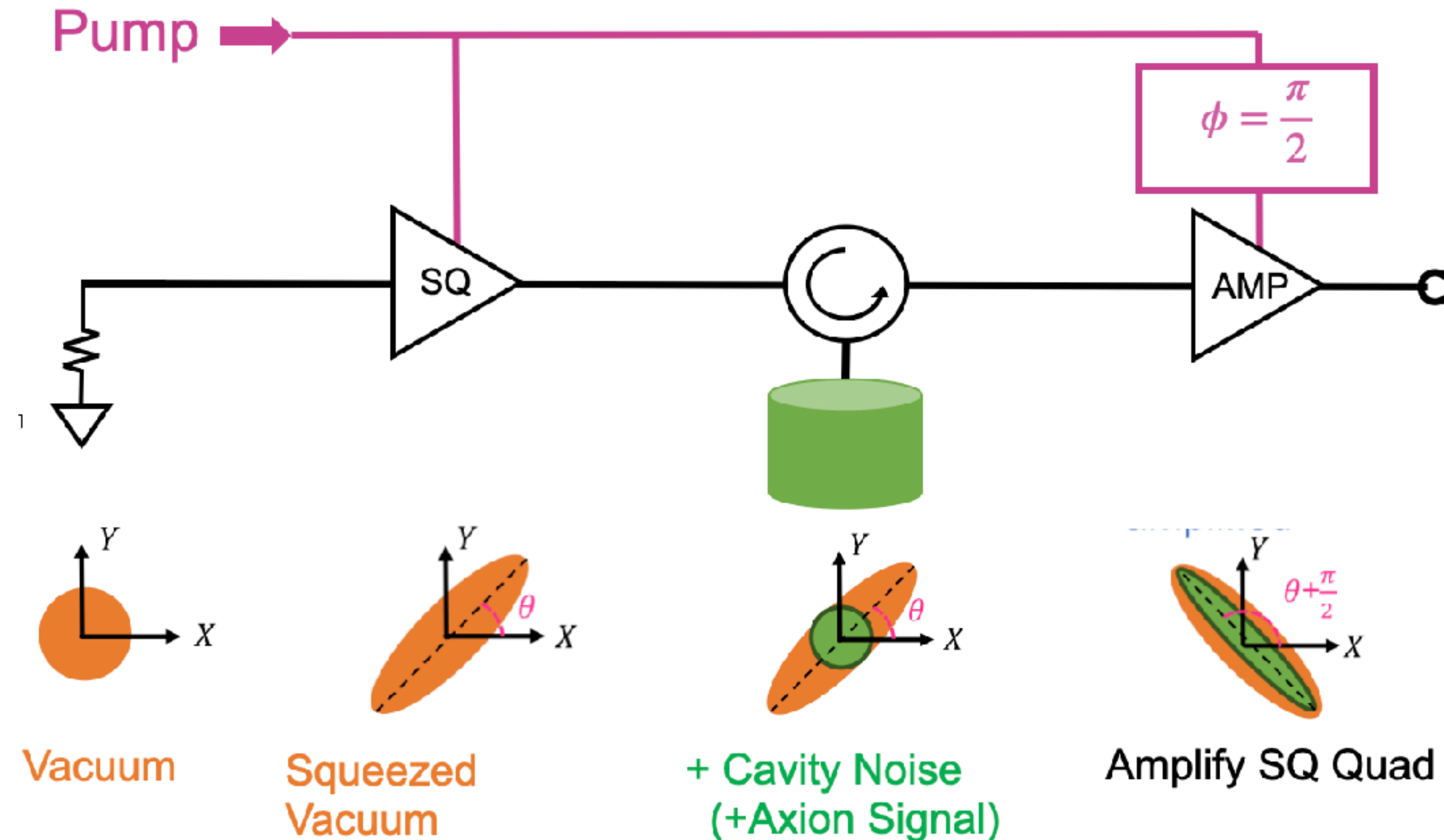
- Use JPAs to lower the system noise
- Tunable LC resonators
- Near Quantum Limited Noise
- Can Operate in Phase Sensitive mode





# HAYSTAC Innovation Phase 2: Squeezing

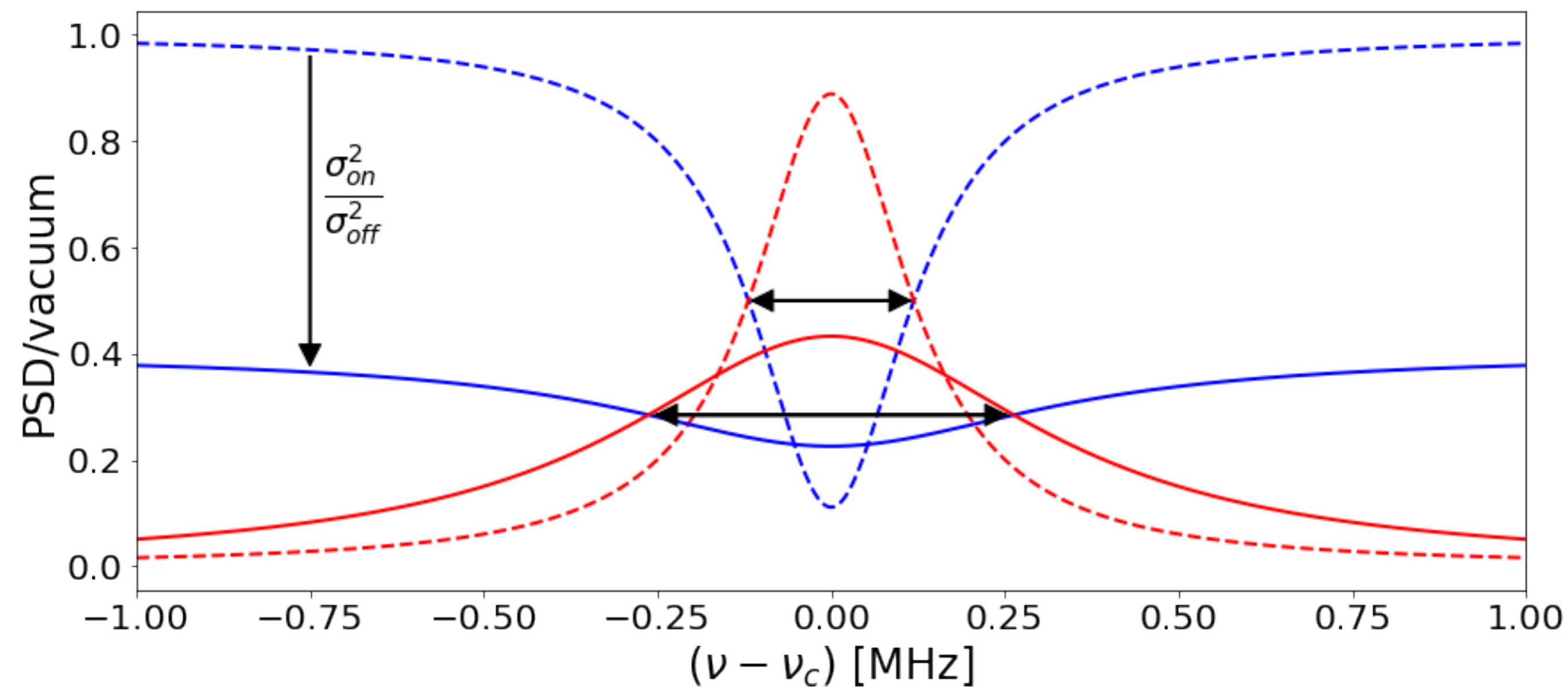
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- Squeezed State Receiver





# HAYSTAC Innovation Phase 2: Squeezing

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$$S = \frac{\sigma_{on}^2}{\sigma_{off}^2} = 4.0dB$$

~2x Speed

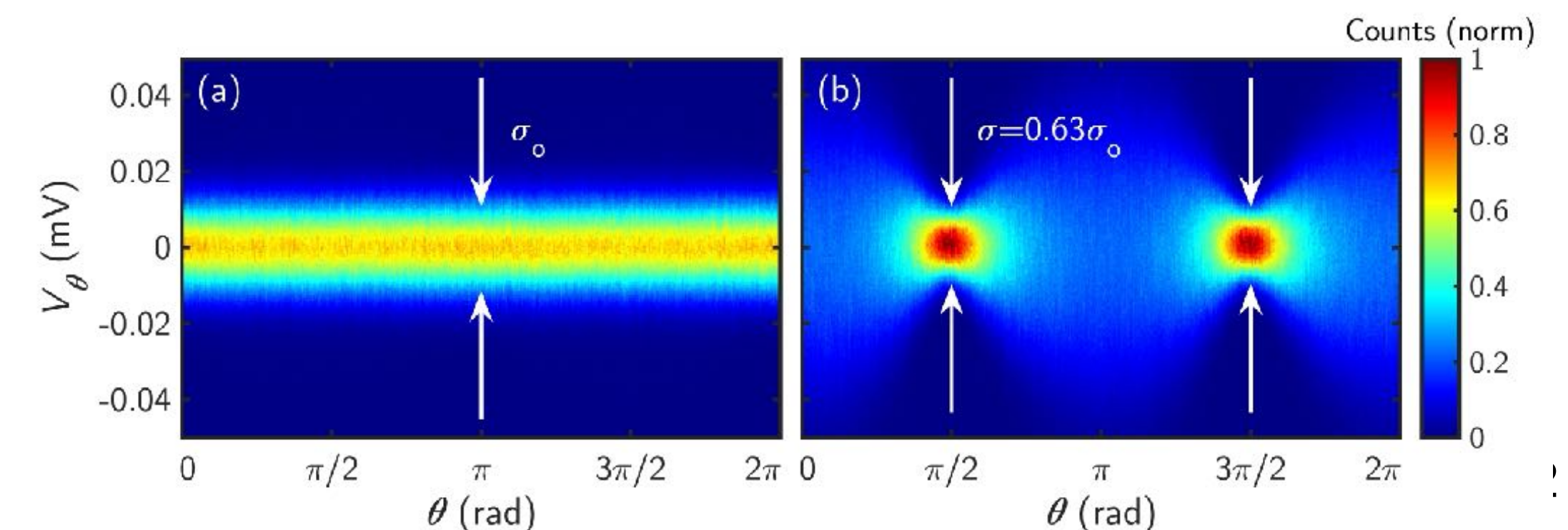
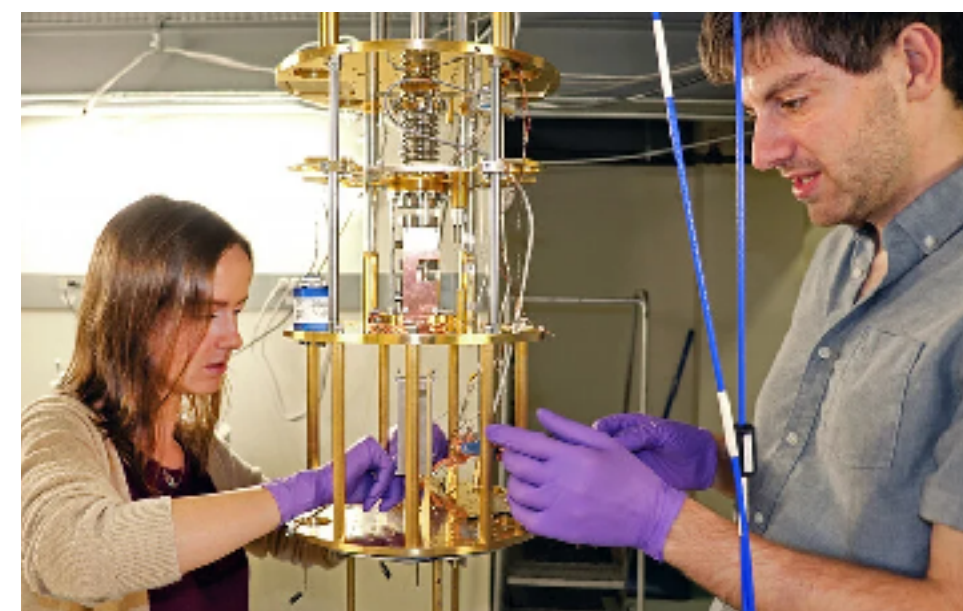
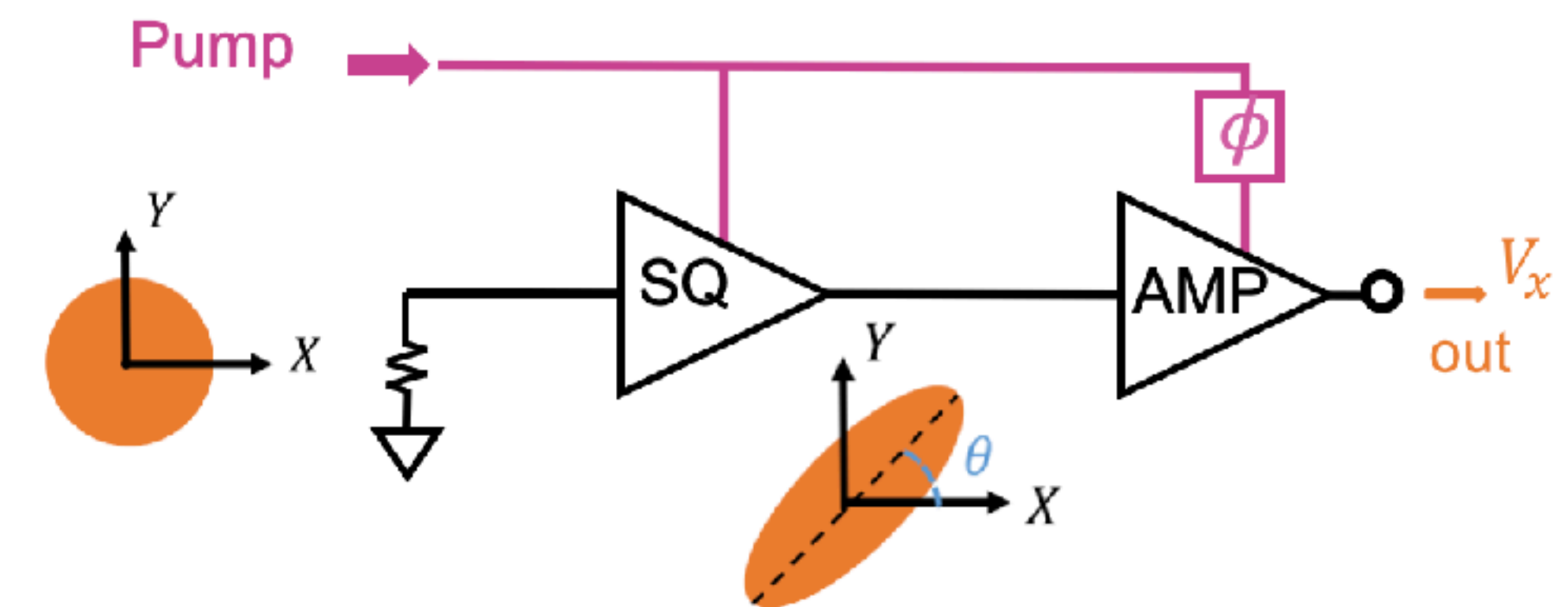
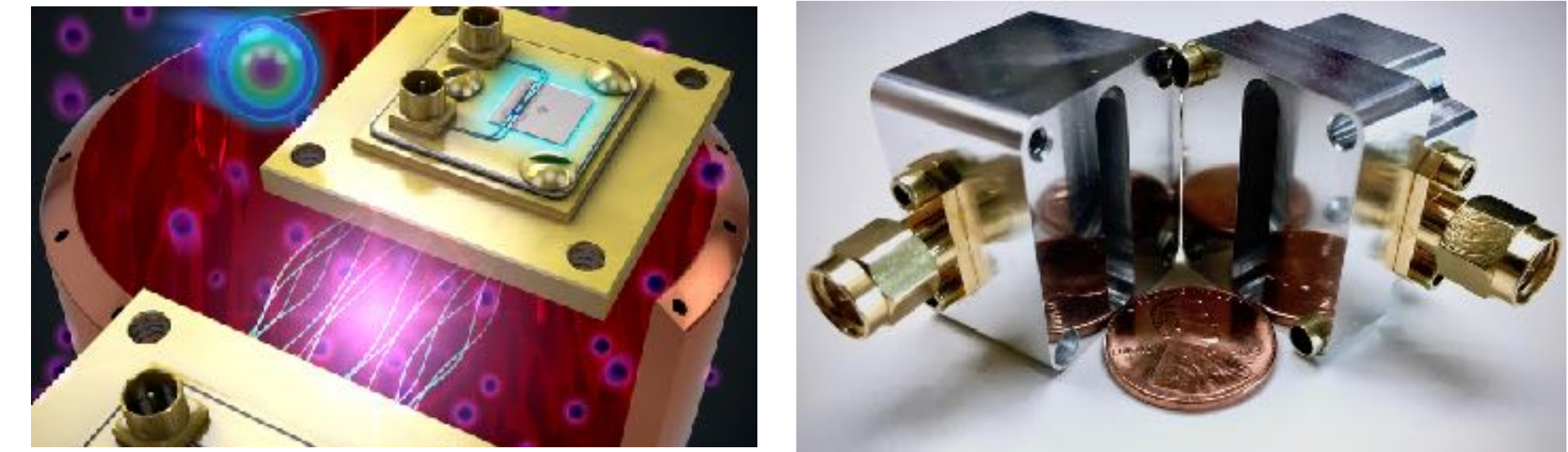
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SQ on, 7.1 × overcoupled  
 ——— cavity noise  
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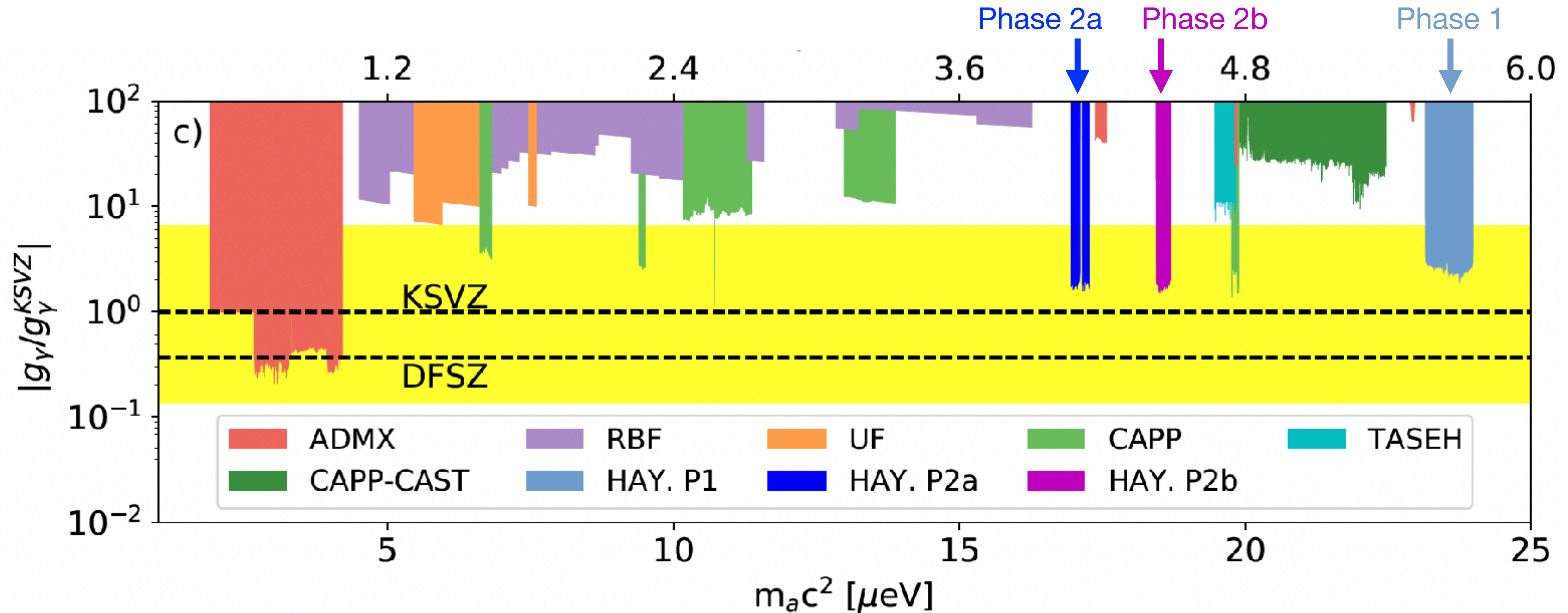
# HAYSTAC: Phase 2

- Dark matter search enhanced by quantum squeezing
- Josephson Parametric Amplifier source squeezed states
- Squeezed state receiver operation
- -4dB noise reduction
- x2 speedup





# HAYSTAC: Results so far

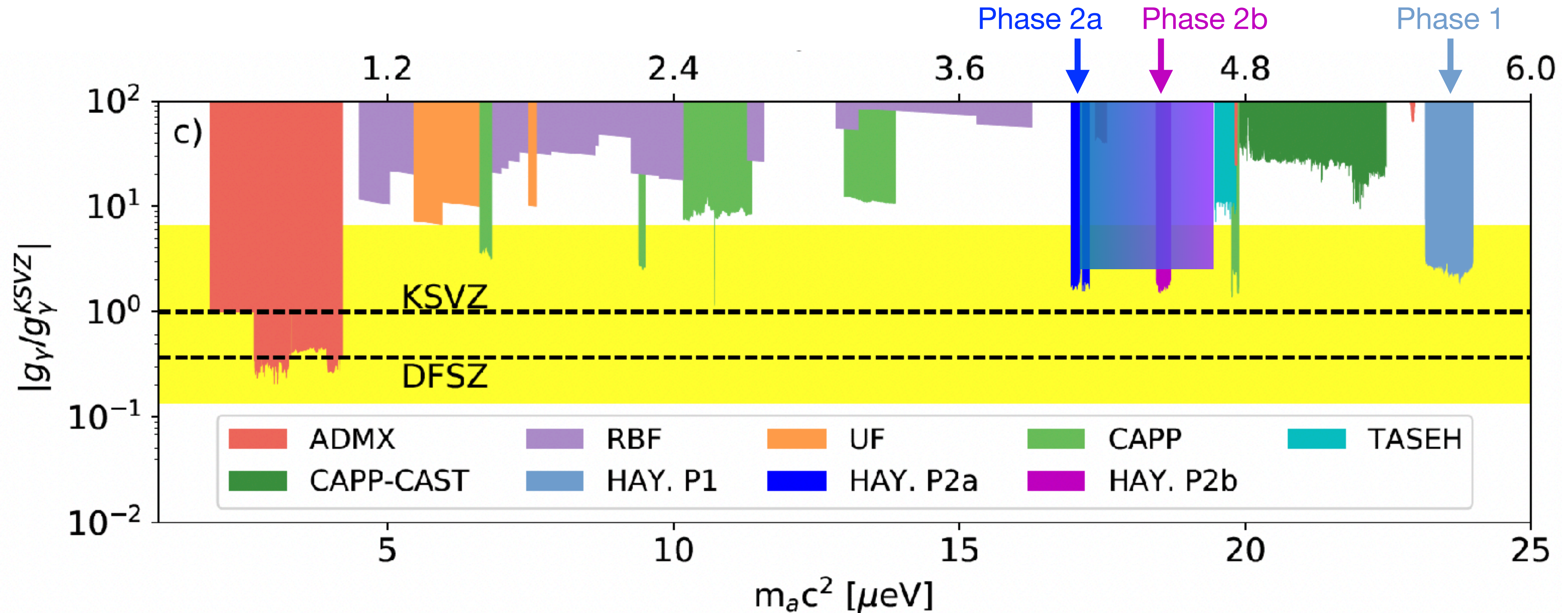


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# HAYSTAC & ALPHA: Going higher

- Axion searches in QCD band  $> 10 \mu\text{eV} \rightarrow (\sim 2.5 \text{ GHz})$

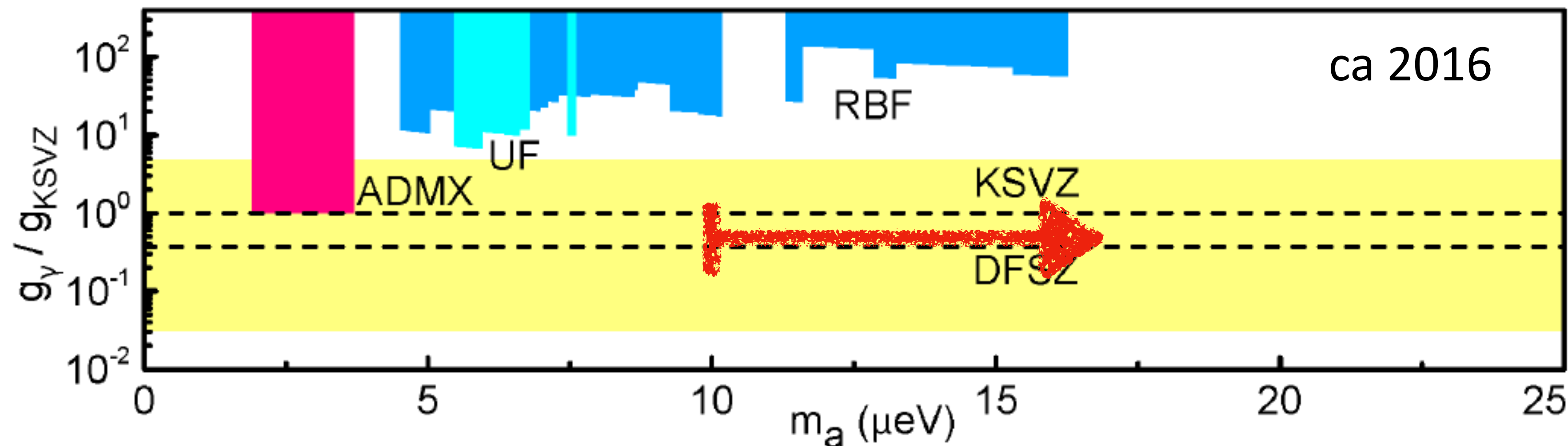
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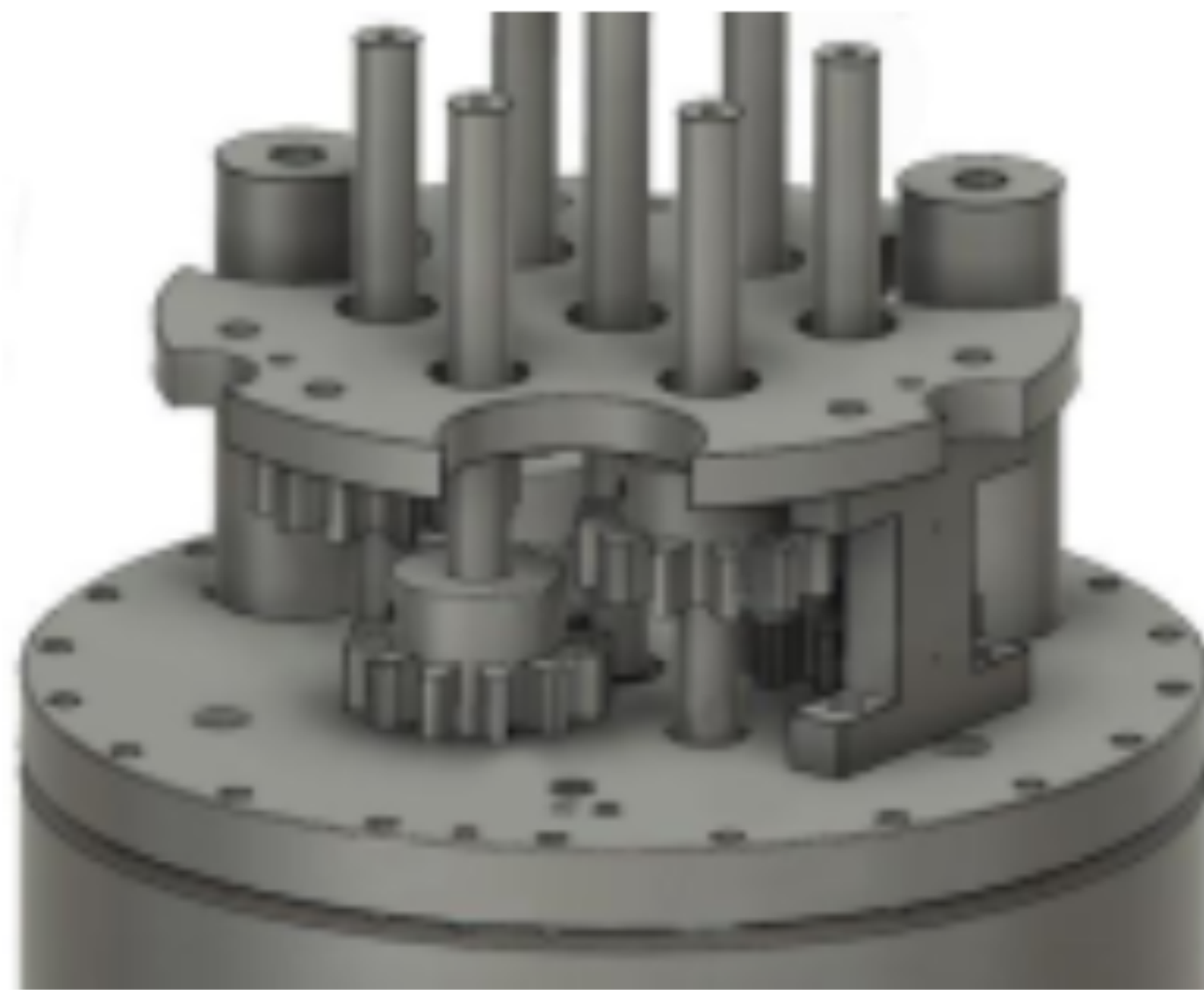
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# Next set of innovations

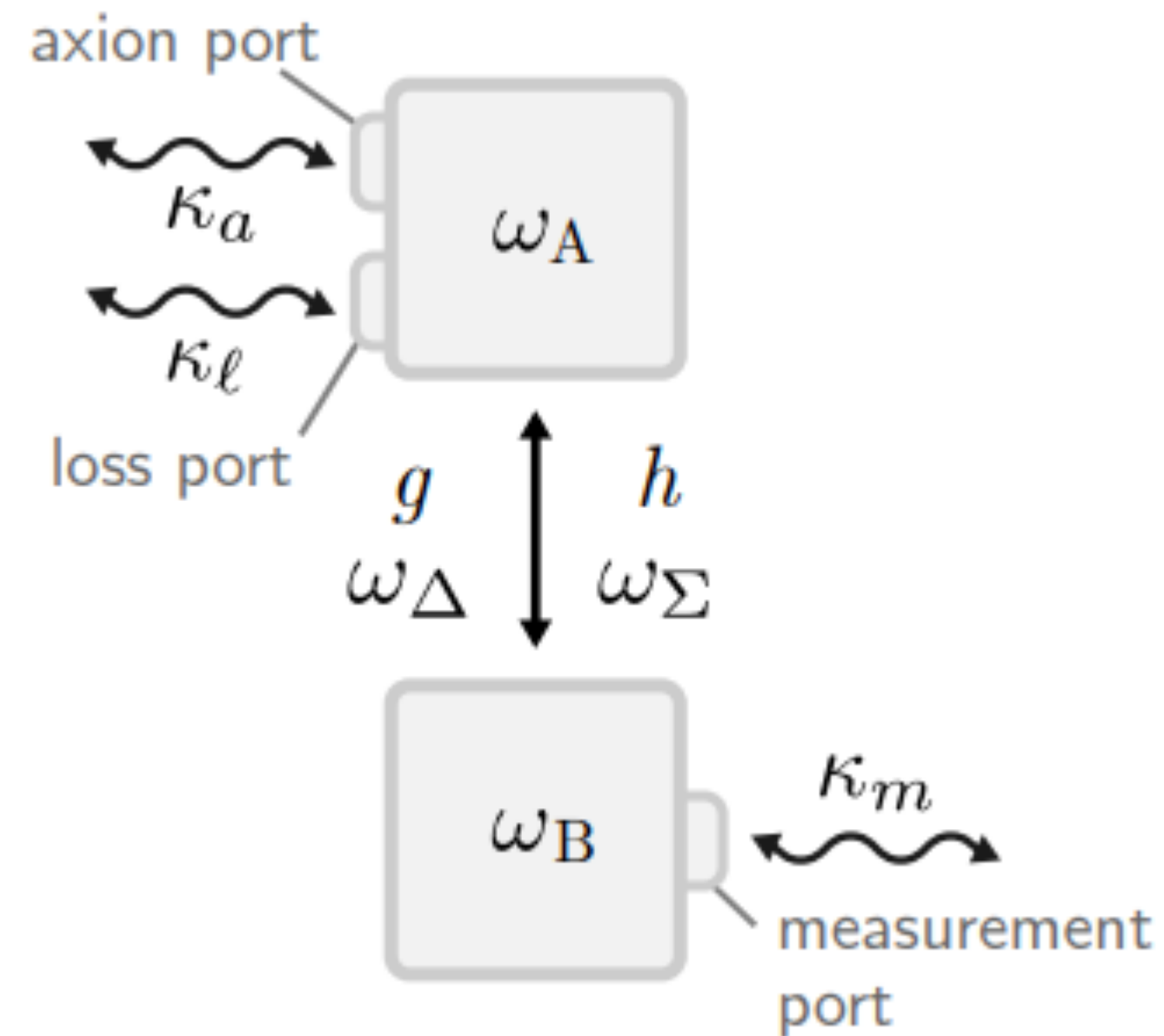
## Multi-Rod Cavity

Same Radius but extend  
>6GHz



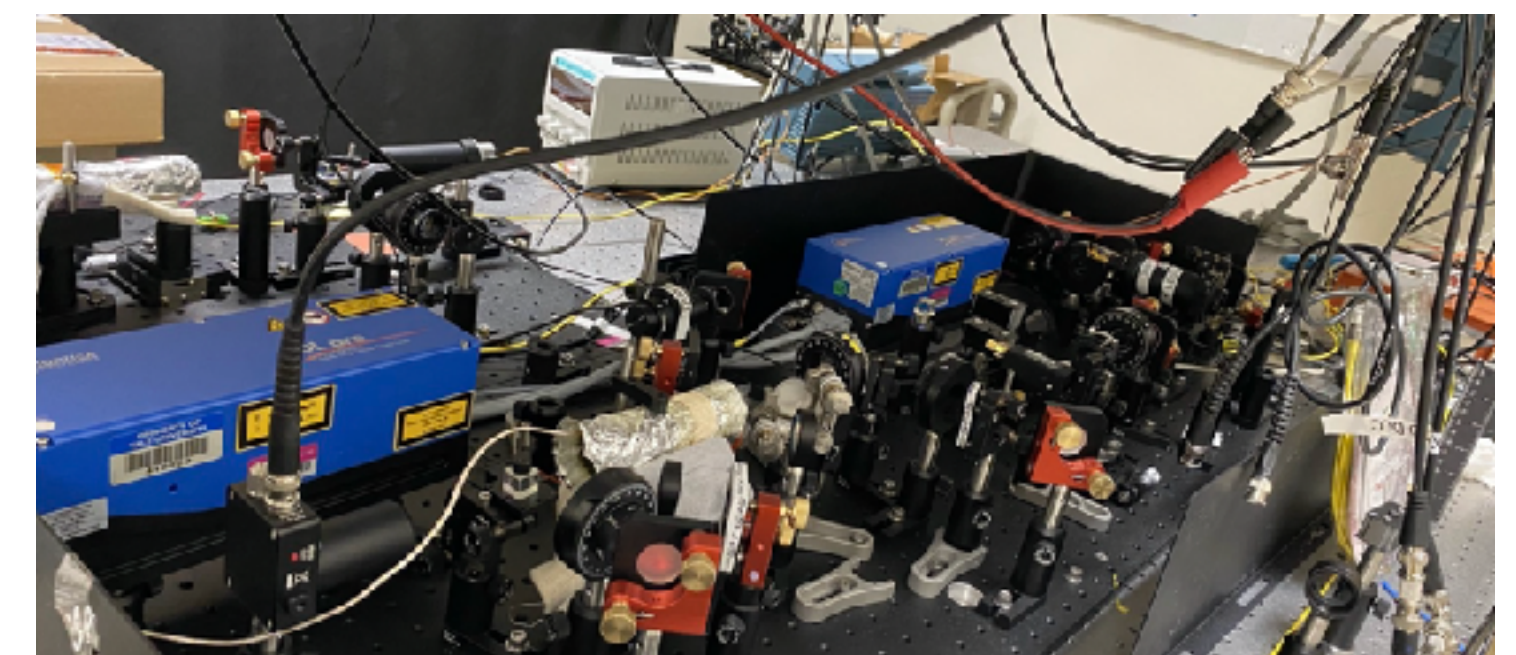
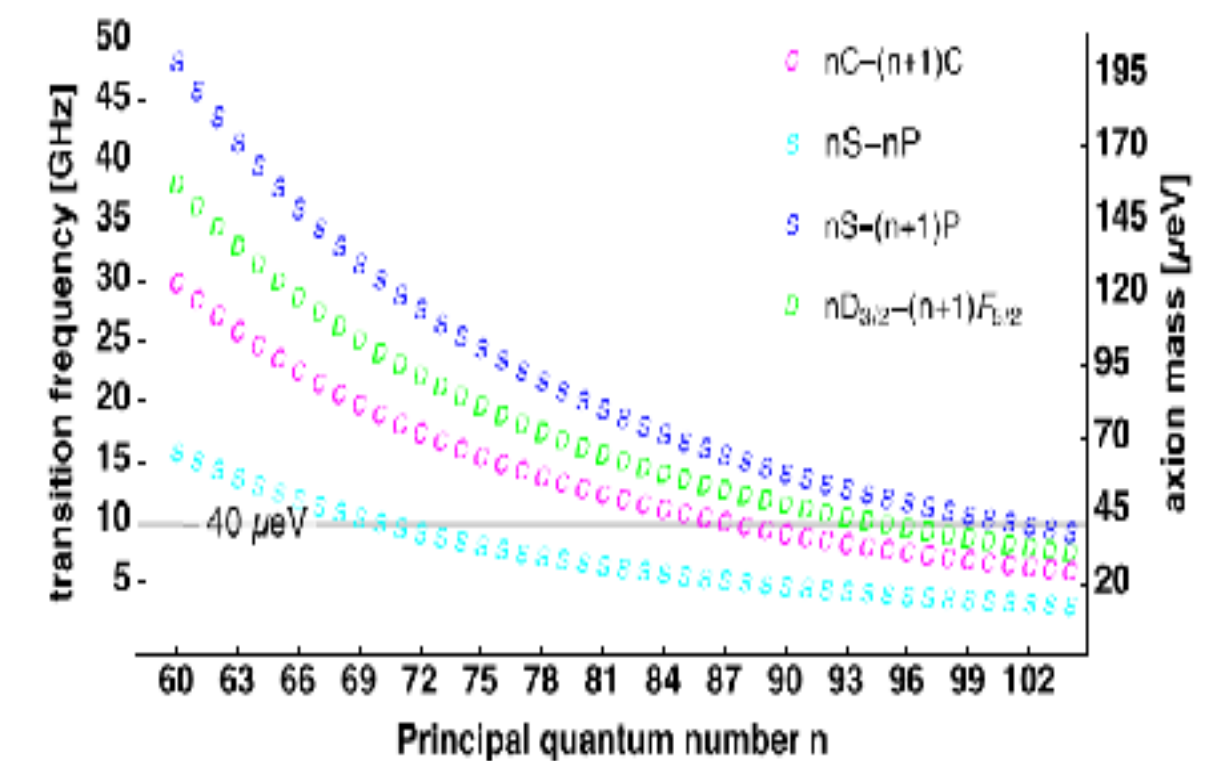
## CEASEFIRE

Improve the level of  
squeezing we achieve



## RAY

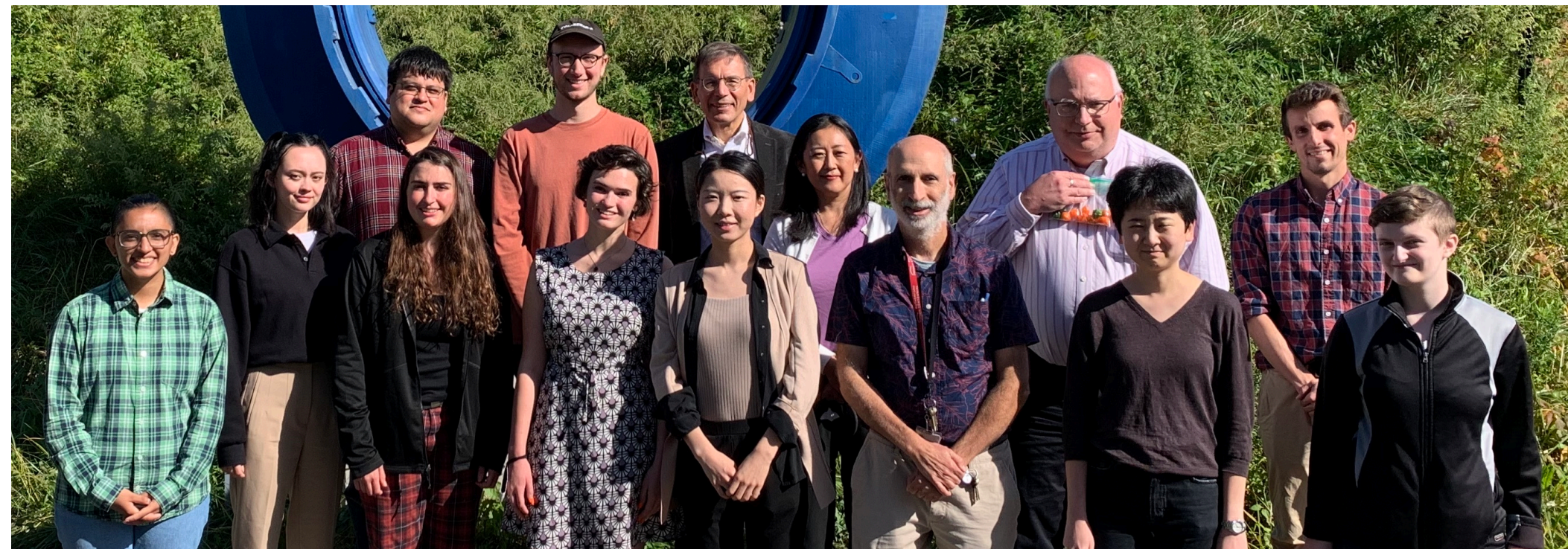
Use Rydberg atoms as single  
photon counters for > 10GHz





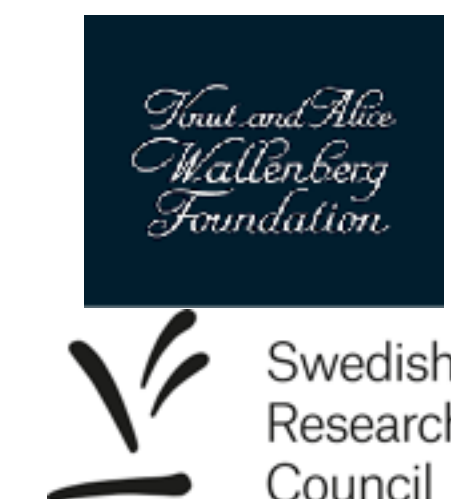
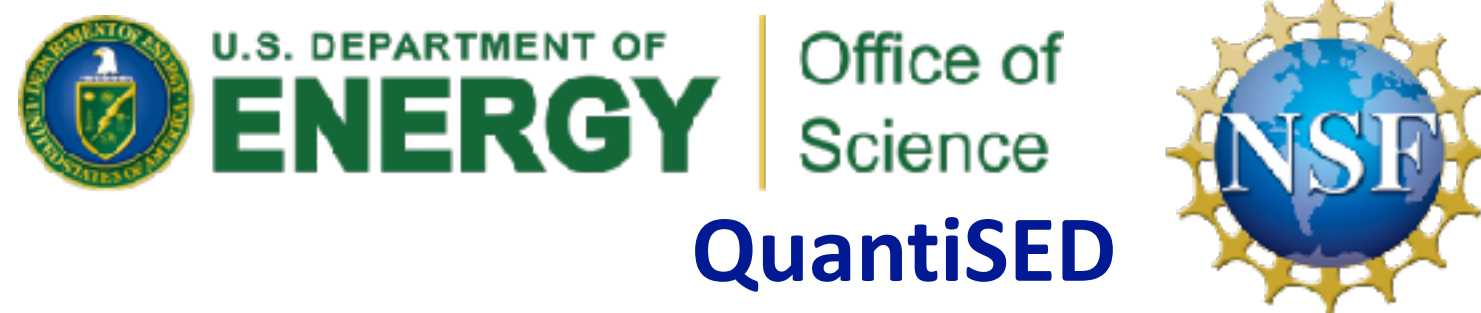
# ALPHA

# Haystack



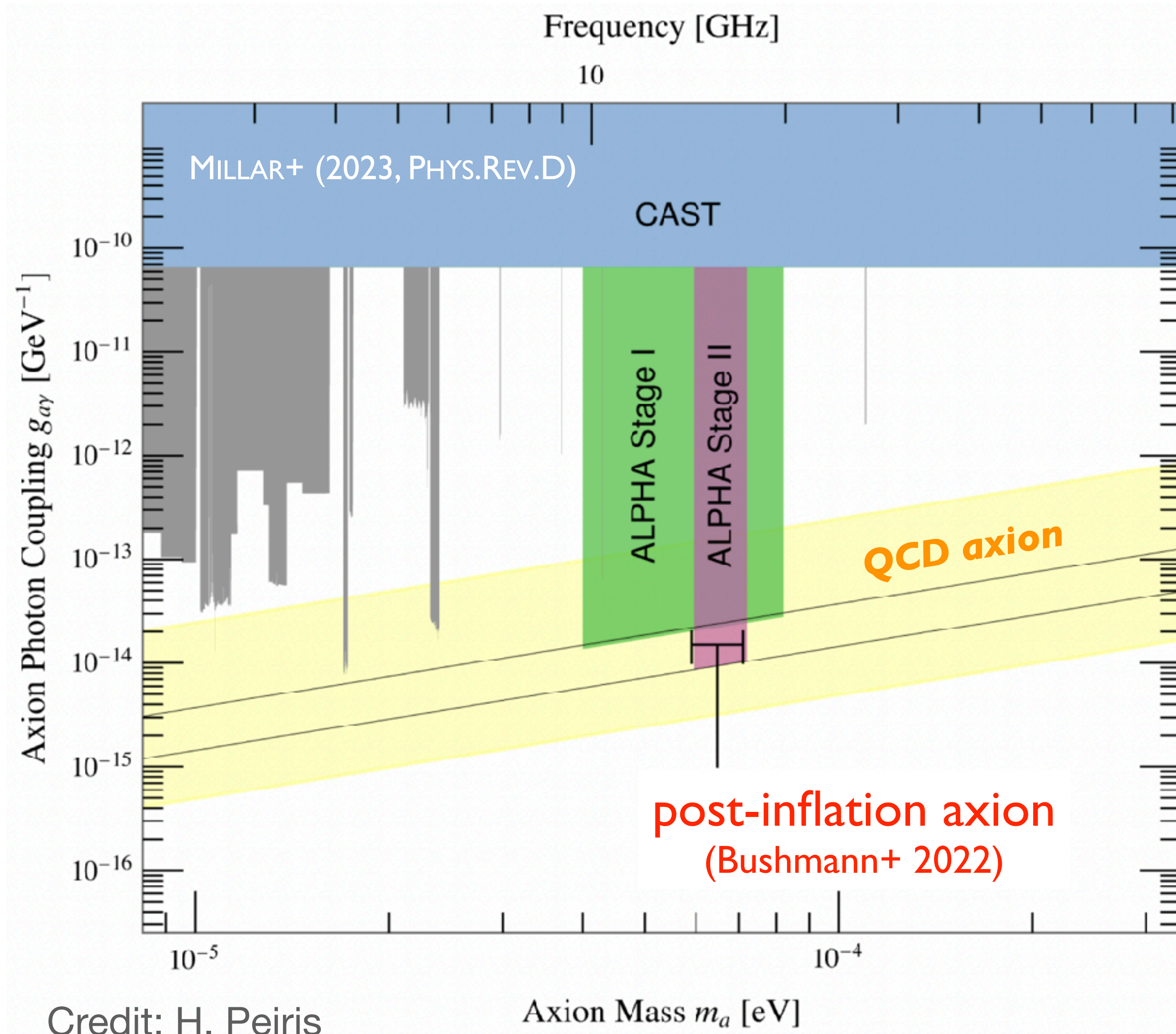
YALE (HOST), UC BERKELEY, CU-BOULDER, & JOHNS HOPKINS

YALE (HOST), ASU, UC BERKELEY, CAMBRIDGE, COLORADO (BOULDER), ICELAND, ITMO, JHU, MIT, ORNL, STOCKHOLM, AND WELLESLEY.





# ALPHA



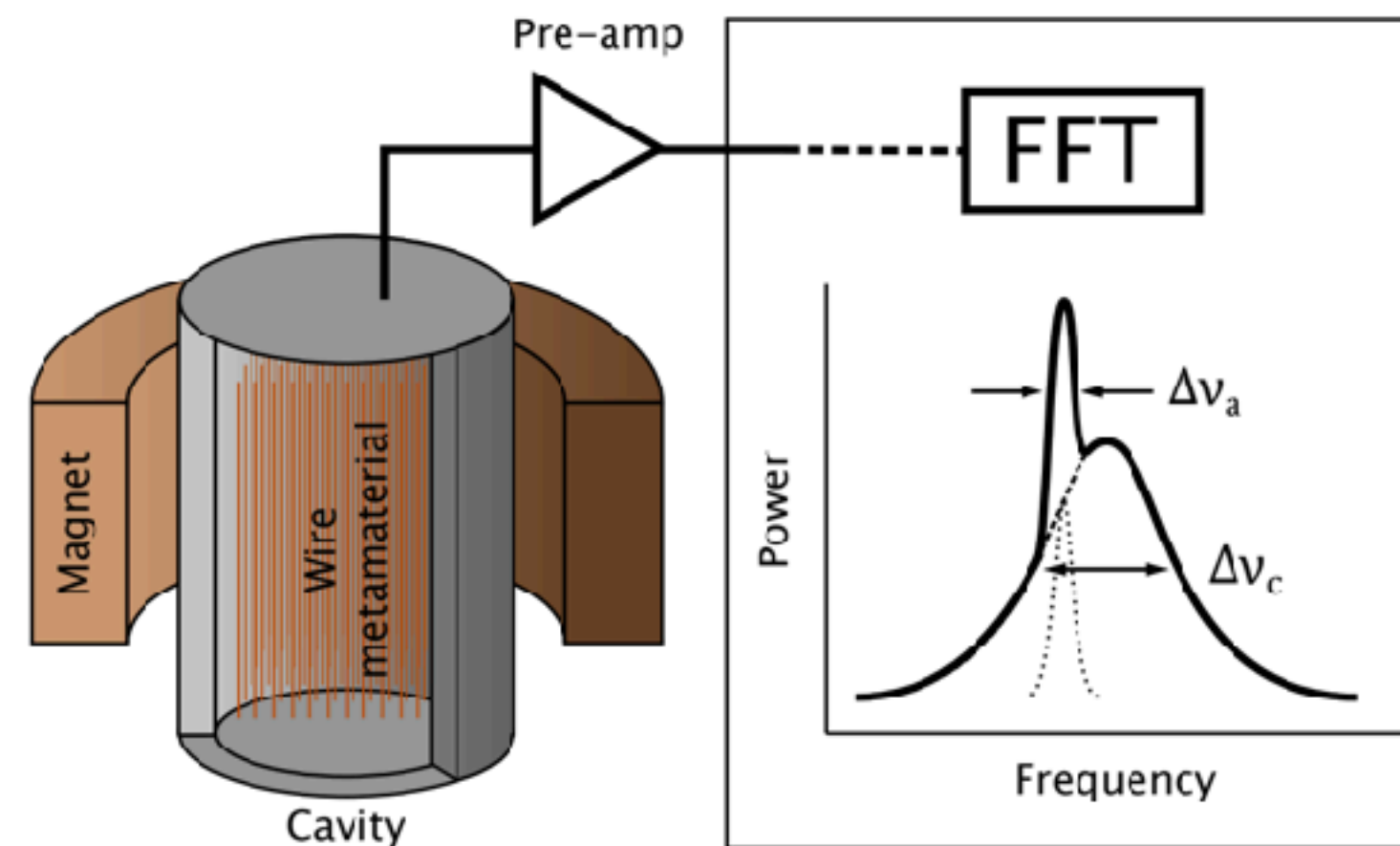
Credit: H. Peiris

- Post-inflation axion: one of two well-motivated mass ranges.
- Mass is uniquely determined, limited only by computation.
- Recent calculations:  $\sim 15$  GHz,  $65 \mu\text{eV}$  (Buschmann+ 2022)
- Out of reach of conventional cavities but accessible to plasma haloscope
- Construction of ALPHA underway, experiment hosted at Yale



# Concept: Tunable Axion Plasma Haloscopes

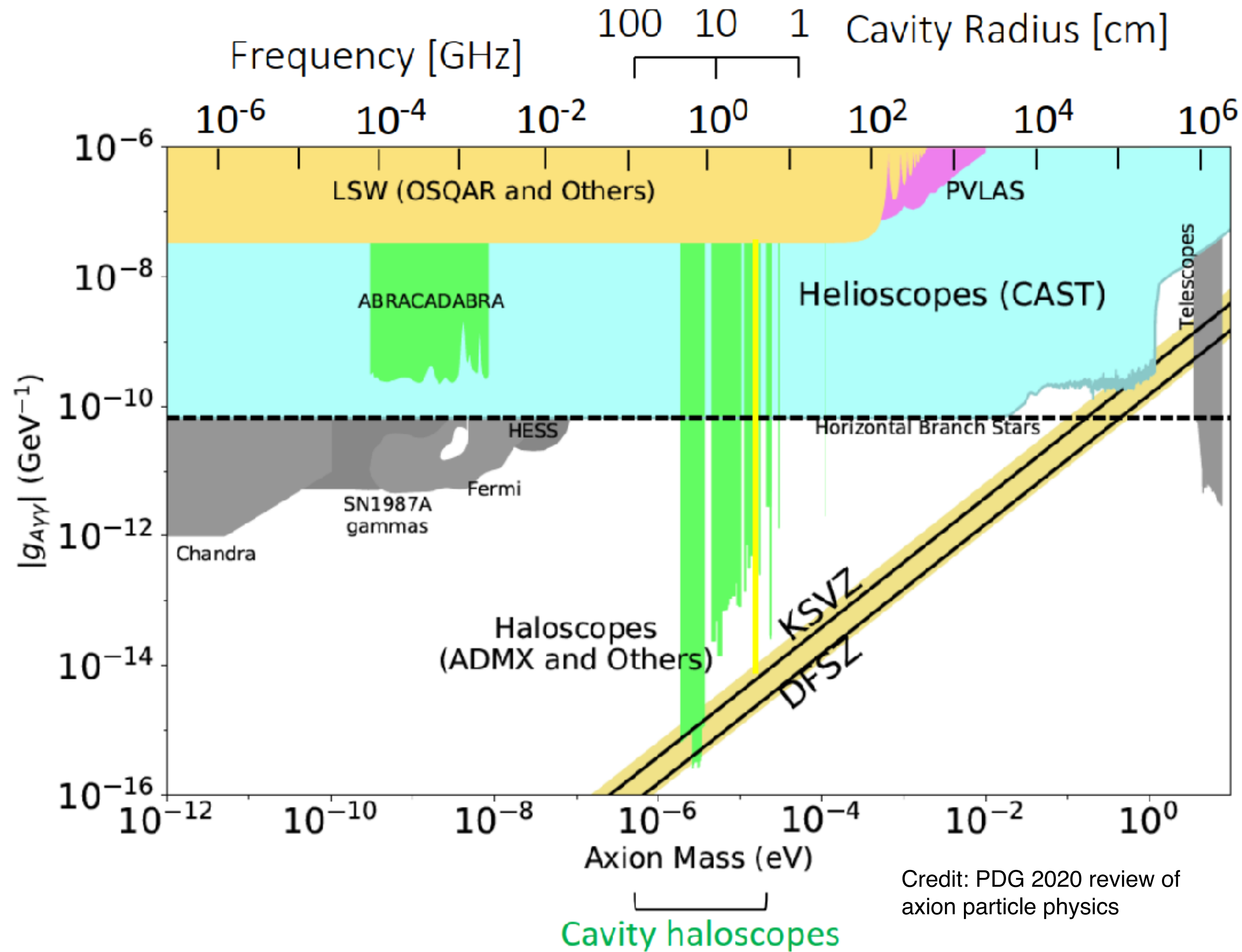
- Idea in Lawson, Millar, Pancaldi, Vitagliano & Wilczek, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 123 (2019)
- Allows for larger volumes/higher power for high frequencies than traditional approaches
- + HAYSTAC-like quantum detectors for readout



Kowit et al, *Phys.Rev.Applied* 20 (2023)

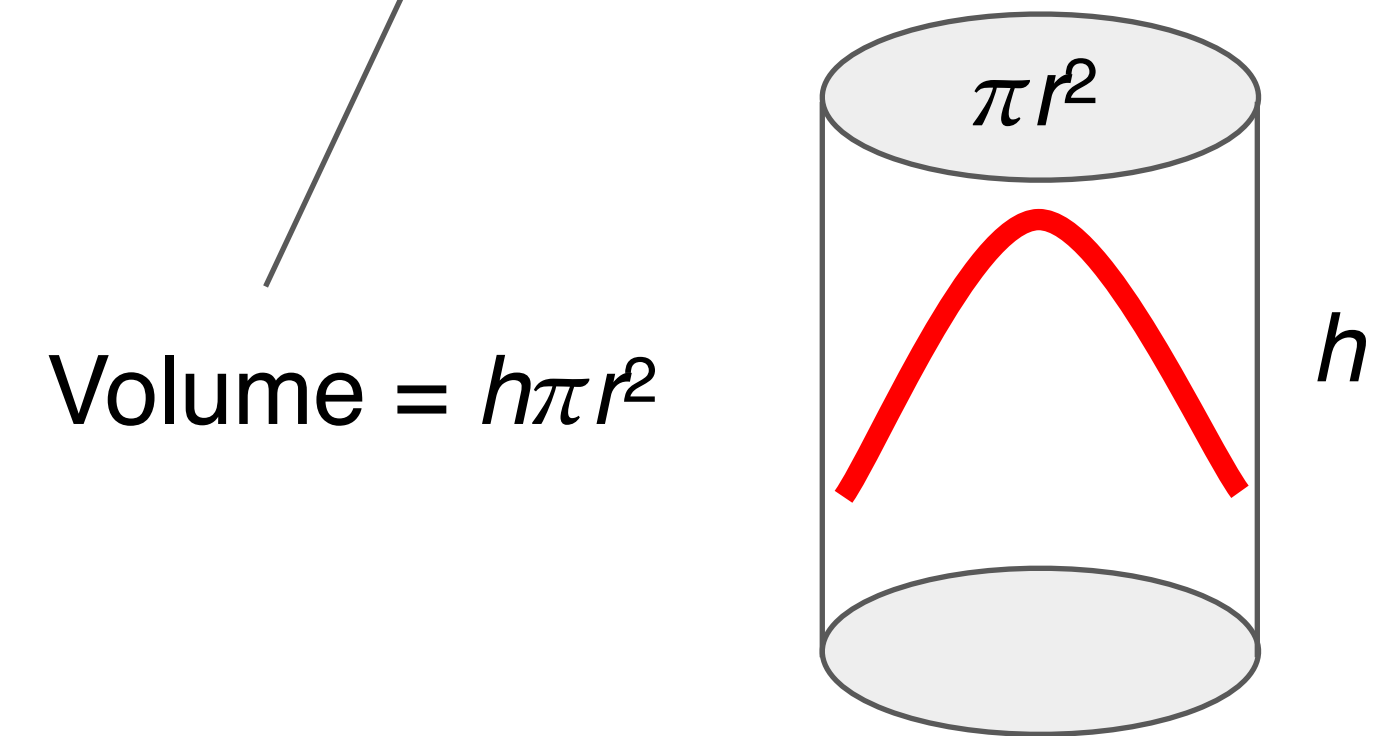


# Large mass → small volume



The power produced in a haloscope:

$$P = \kappa G V \frac{Q}{m_a} \rho_a g_{a\gamma}^2 B_e^2$$



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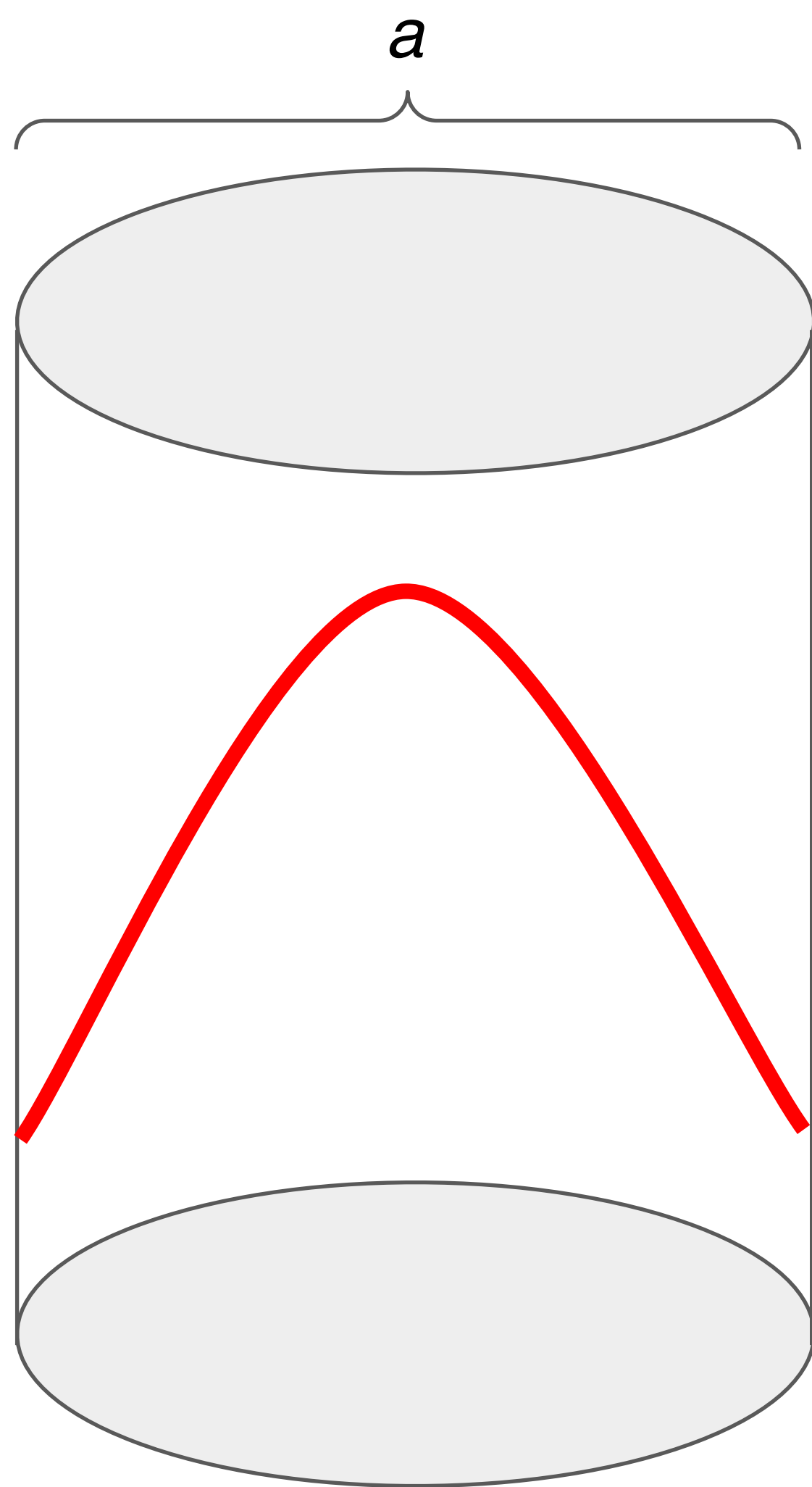
$$(f)_{TM_{010}} = \frac{2.405}{2\pi a \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \frac{0.115}{a} \text{GHz}$$

For  $a = 1.15 \text{ cm}$ , we get  $f = 10 \text{ GHz}$



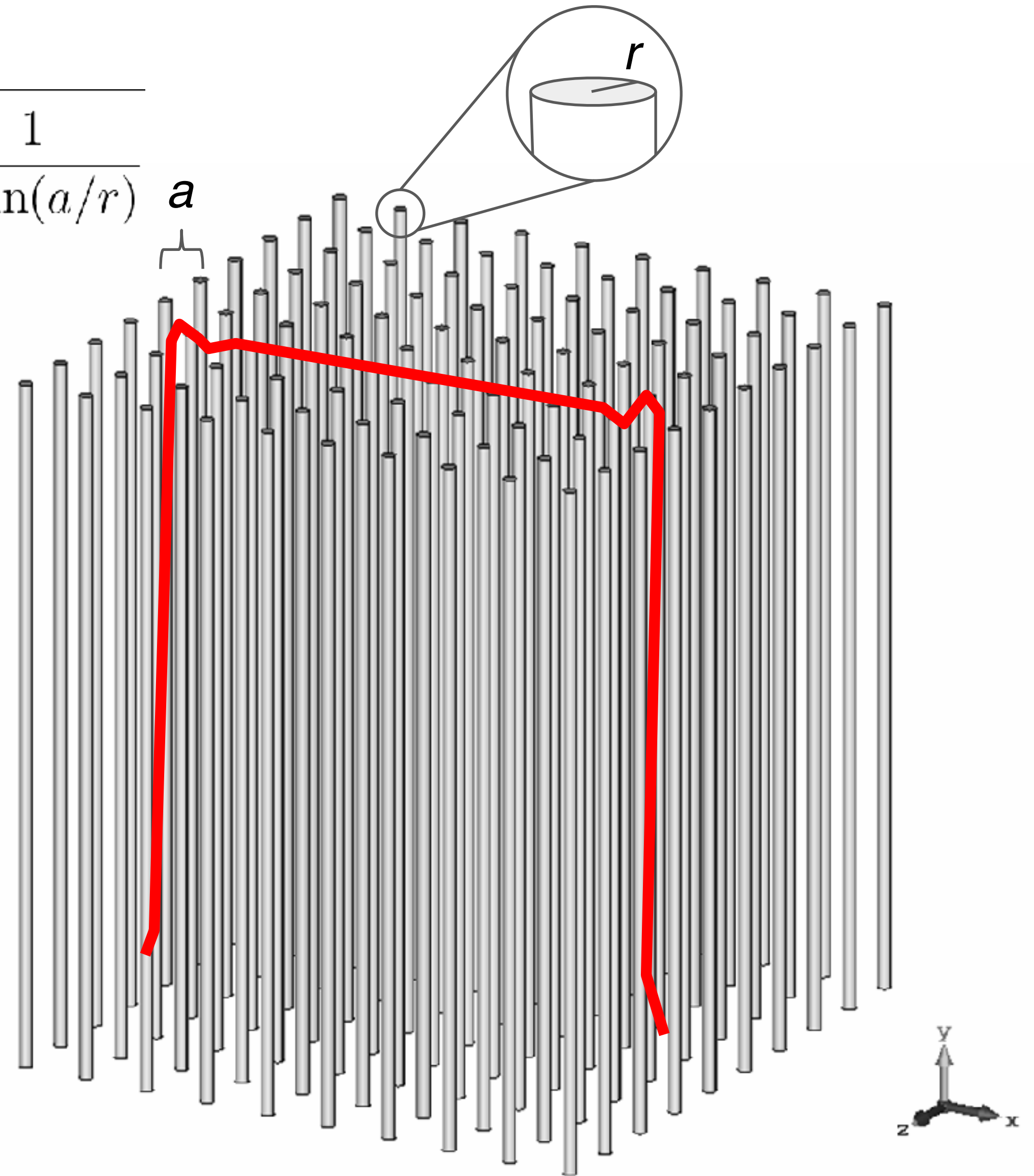
# Solution: plasmonic resonance

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Sikivie (1983), PRL

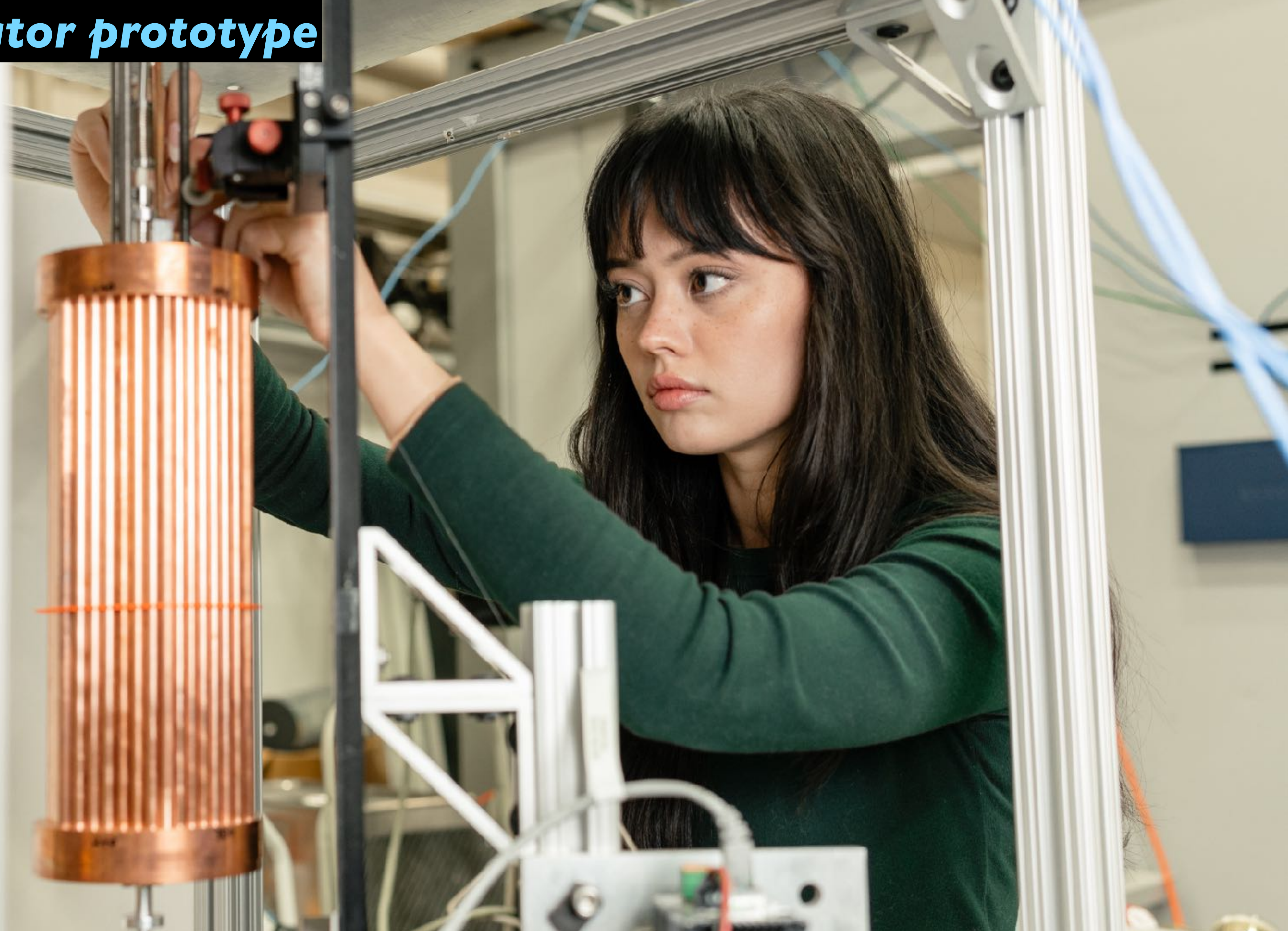
$$f = \frac{c}{a} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi \ln(a/r)}}$$



Lawson et al. (2019), PRL



# *Berkeley resonator prototype*



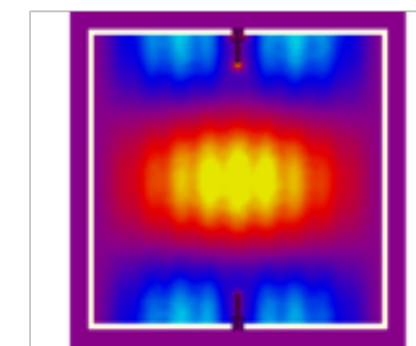
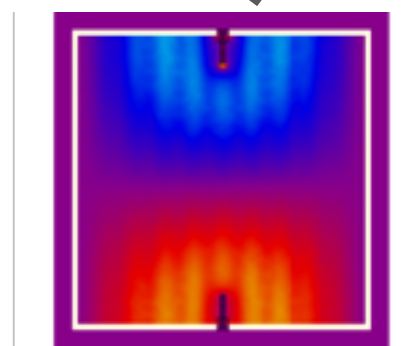
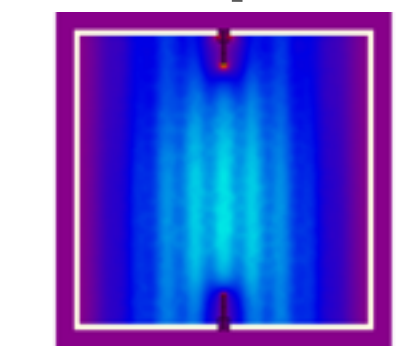
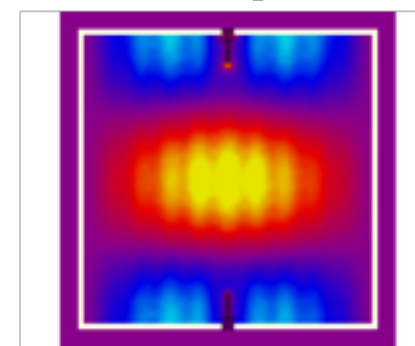
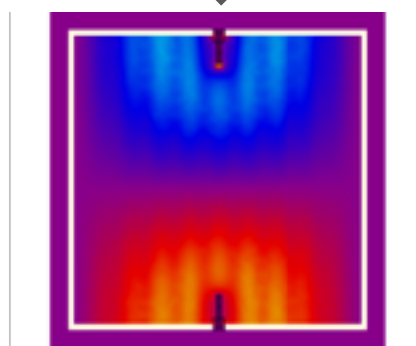
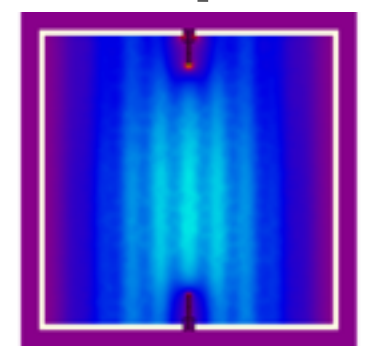
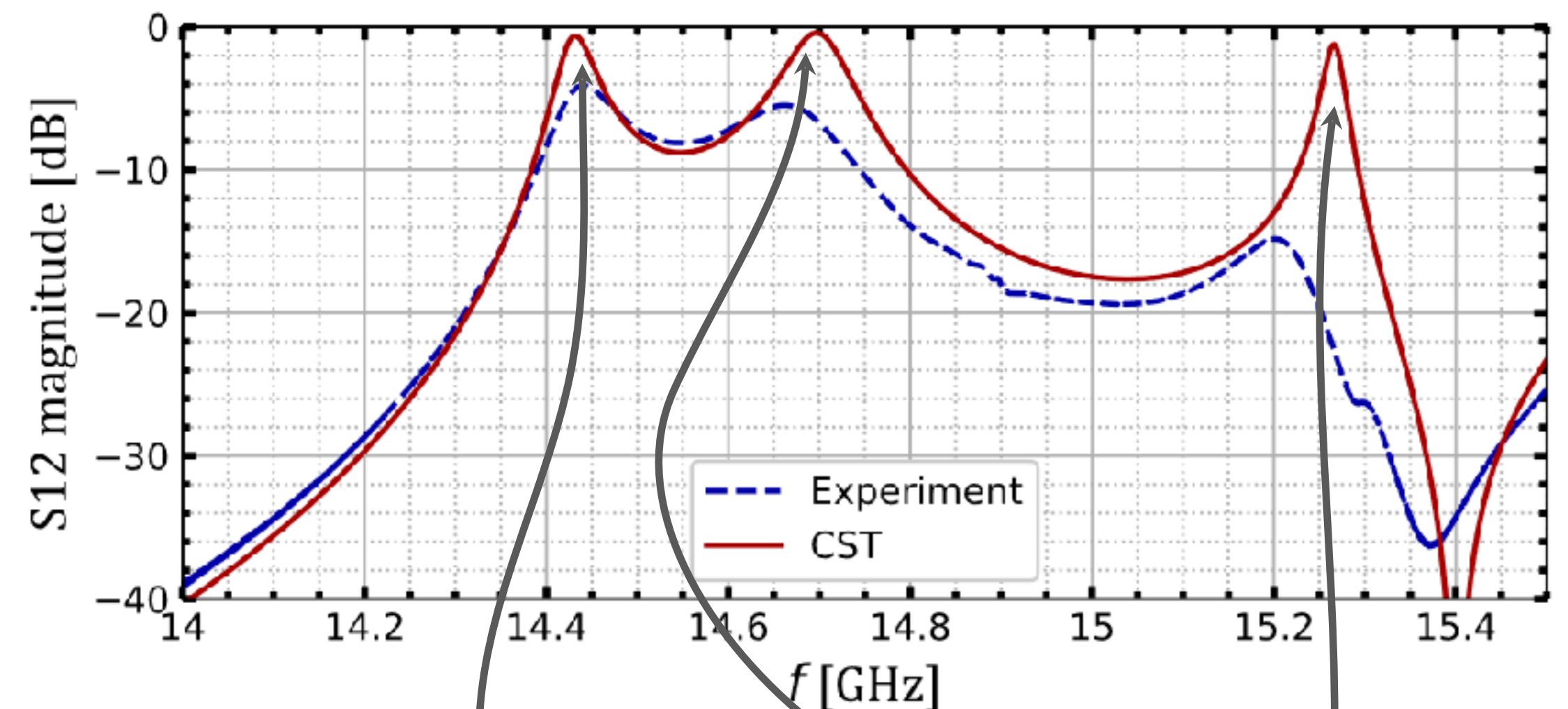
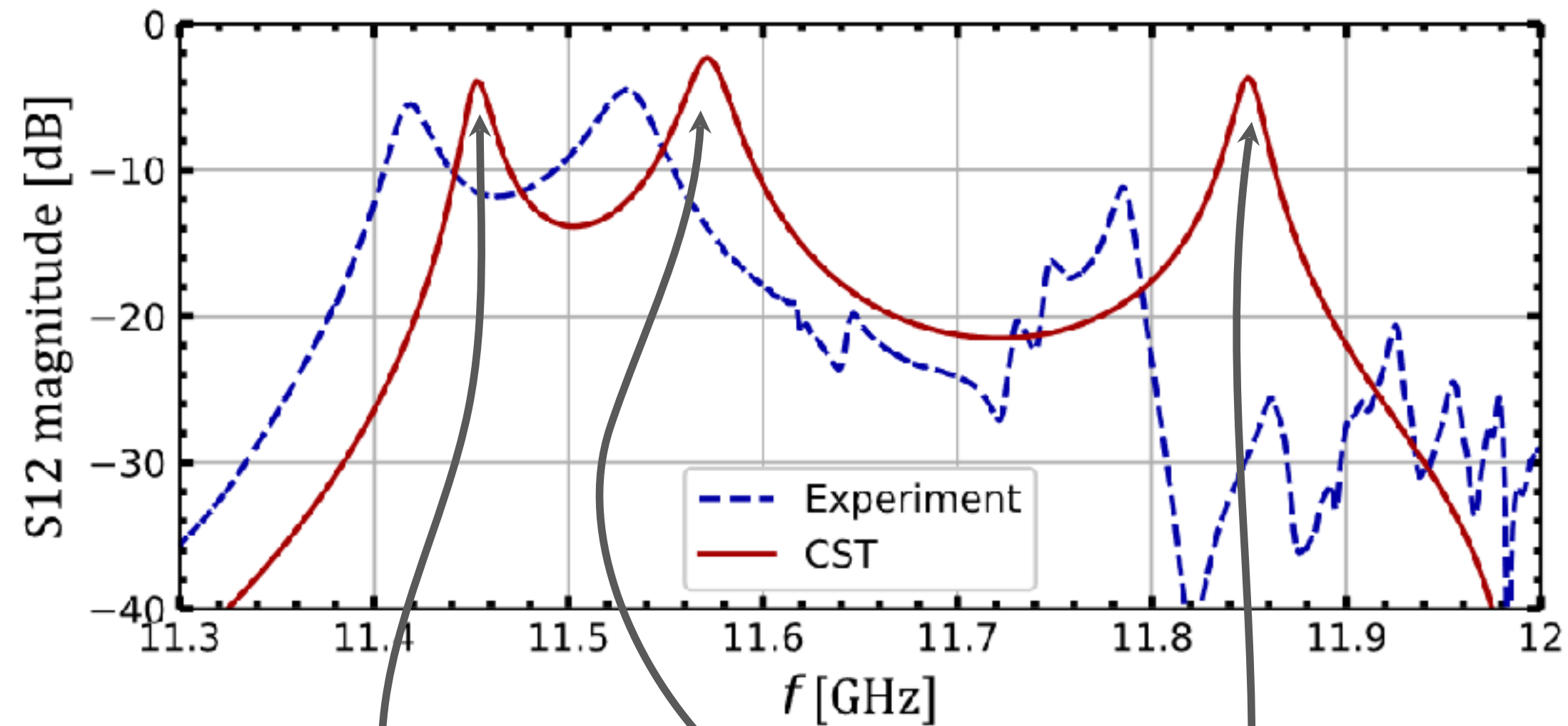
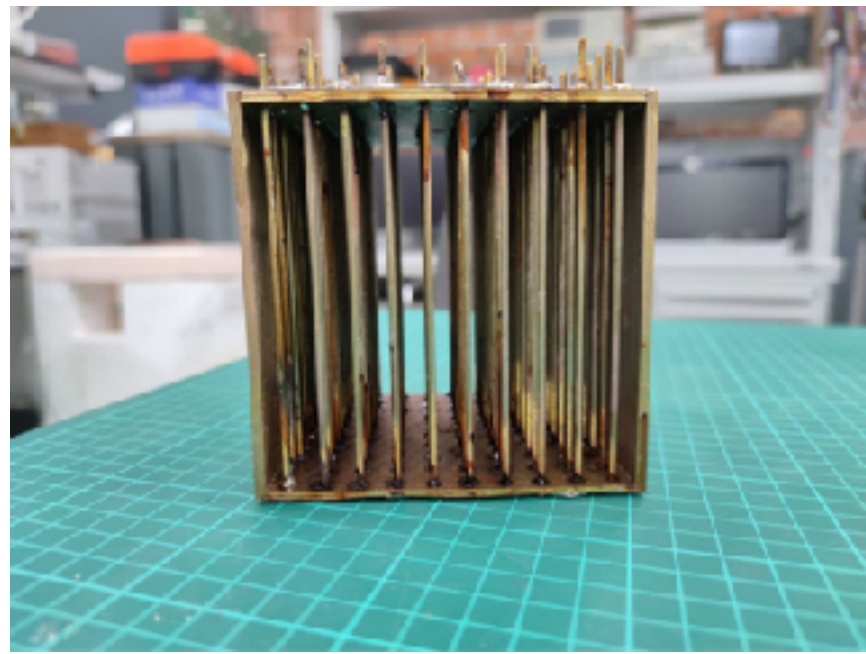


# Stockholm resonator prototype





# Cavity Development: Stockholm



Balafendiev et al.  
2022 (PRB)

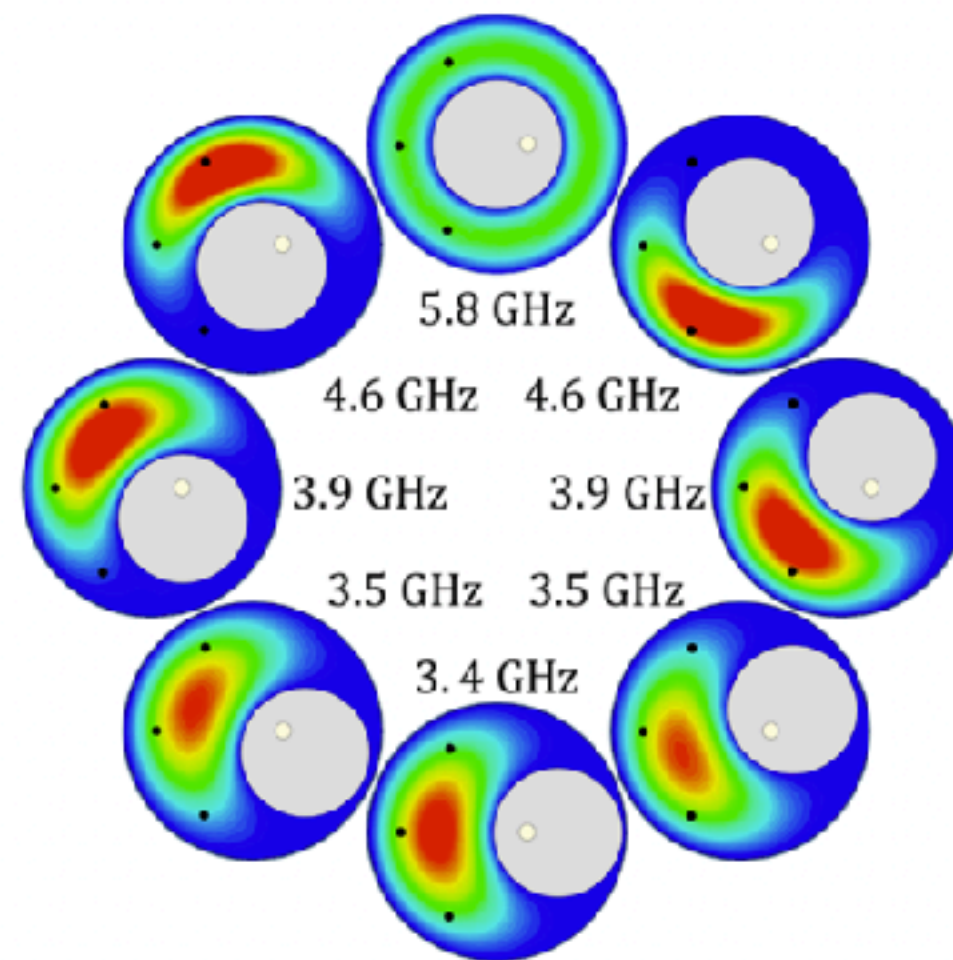
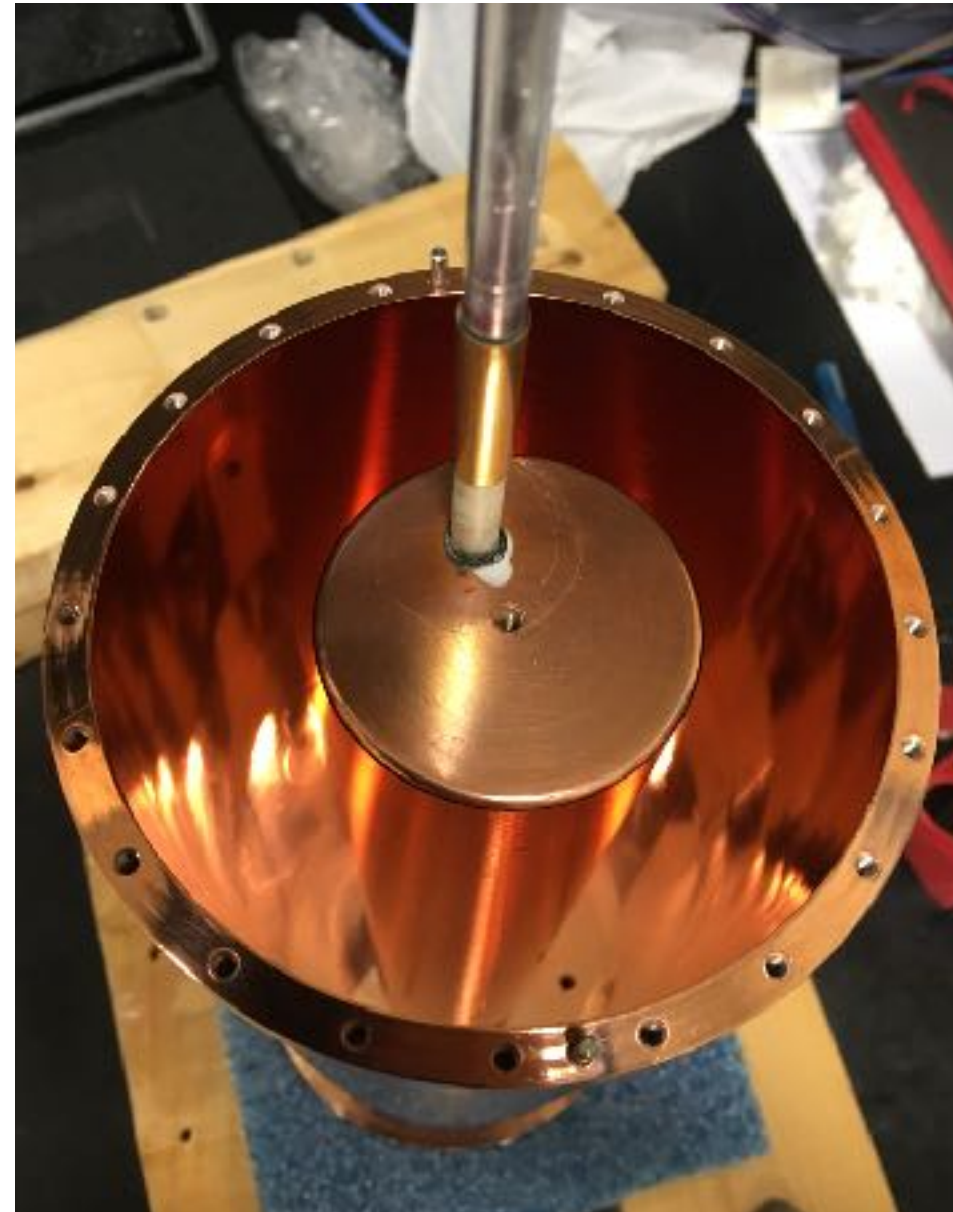


# Resonator development for the post-inflation axion: Berkeley

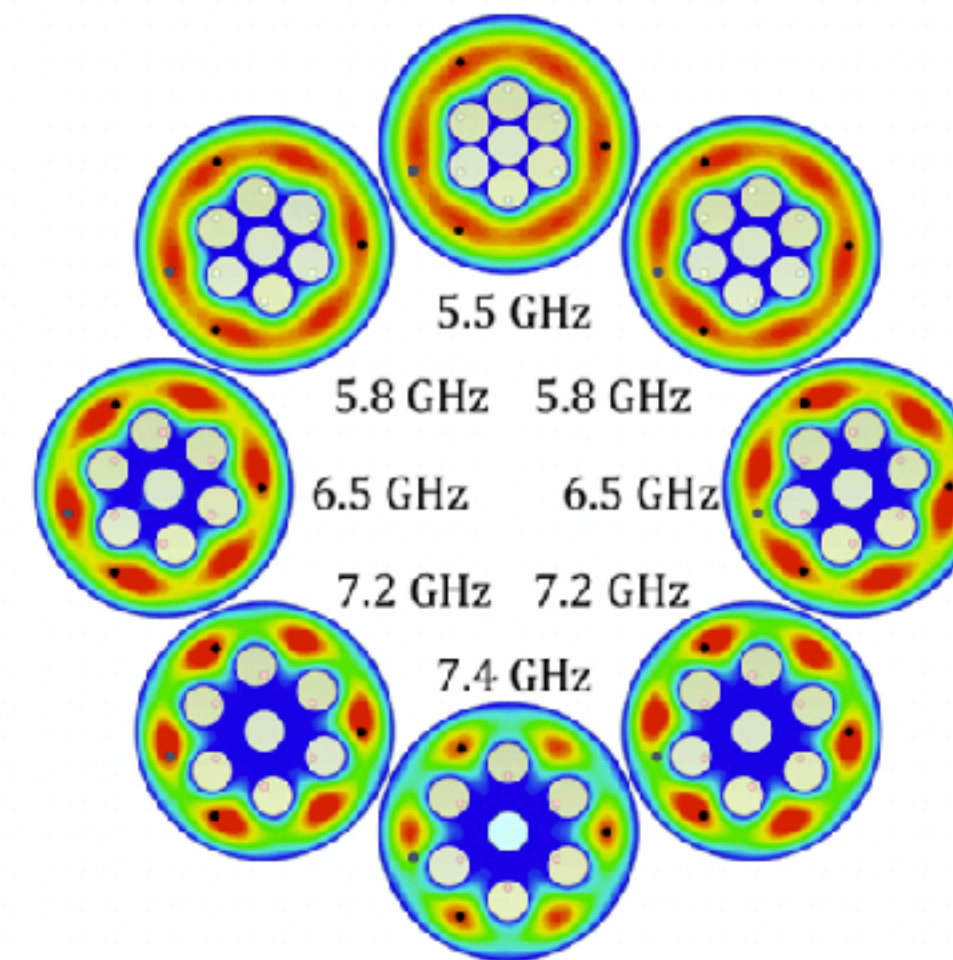
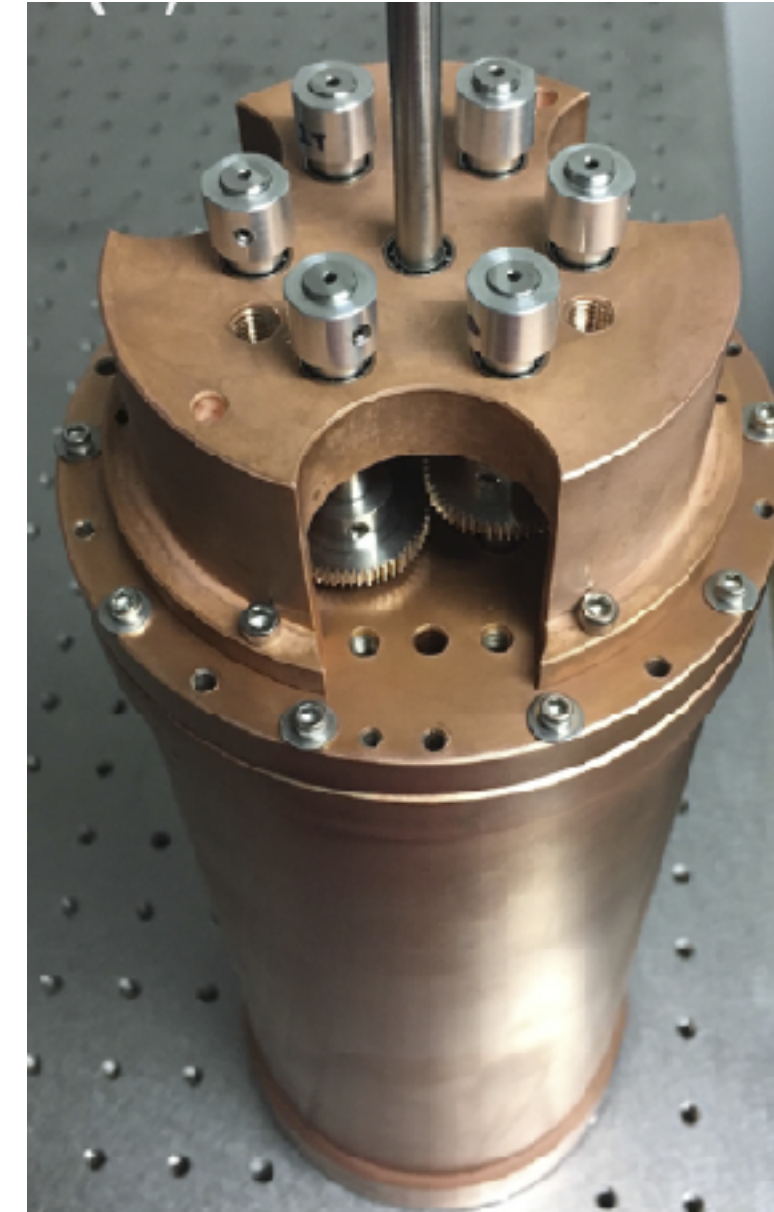
Microwave resonators at very high frequencies must satisfy multiple demanding (and often conflicting) requirements

- ❑ Large Volume
- ❑ High quality factor  $Q$
- ❑ High form factor  $C$
- ❑ Tunable over a wide dynamic range
- ❑ Minimal crossings and hybridization of the  $TM_{010}$  mode of interest with the forest of TE modes

HAYSTAC Runs I+II



HAYSTAC Run III



HAYSTAC Runs I+II employed an annular cavity to cover 4-6 GHz  
*S. Al Kenany et al., NIM A 854 (2017) 11*

Run III (5/2024) will deploy a tunable symmetric multirod cavity to cover 6-10 GHz

*M. Simanovskaia et al., RSI 92 (2021) 033305*

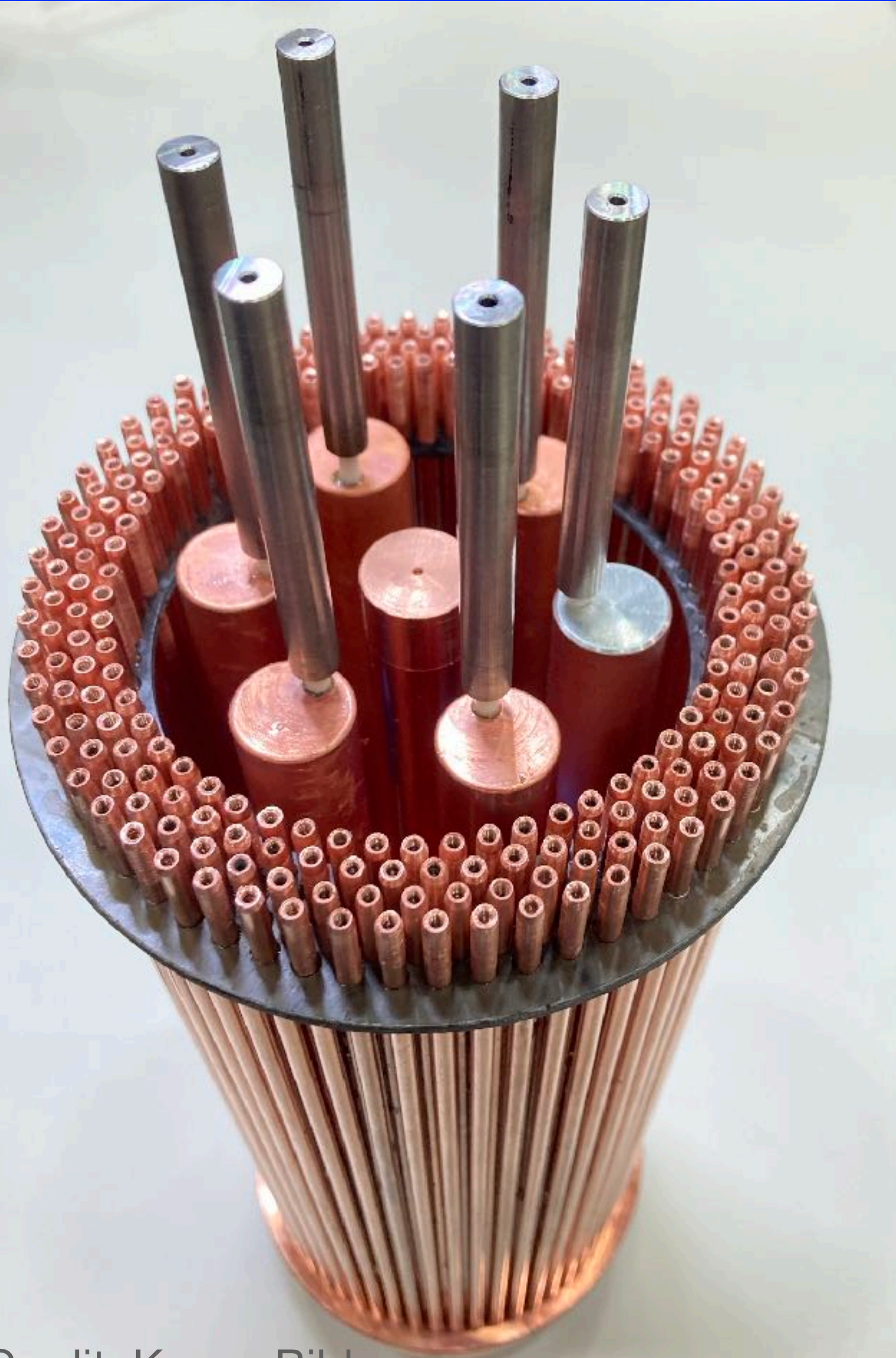
The multirod program confirmed the importance of preserving symmetry to achieve a uniformly high figure of merit (FOM) as a function of frequency:

$$FOM \propto C^2 V^2 Q$$

At frequencies  $< 10$  GHz, the impact of mode mixing between the  $TM_{010}$  and TE modes on the frequency range to be scanned is tolerable, not requiring Photonic Band Gap Structures



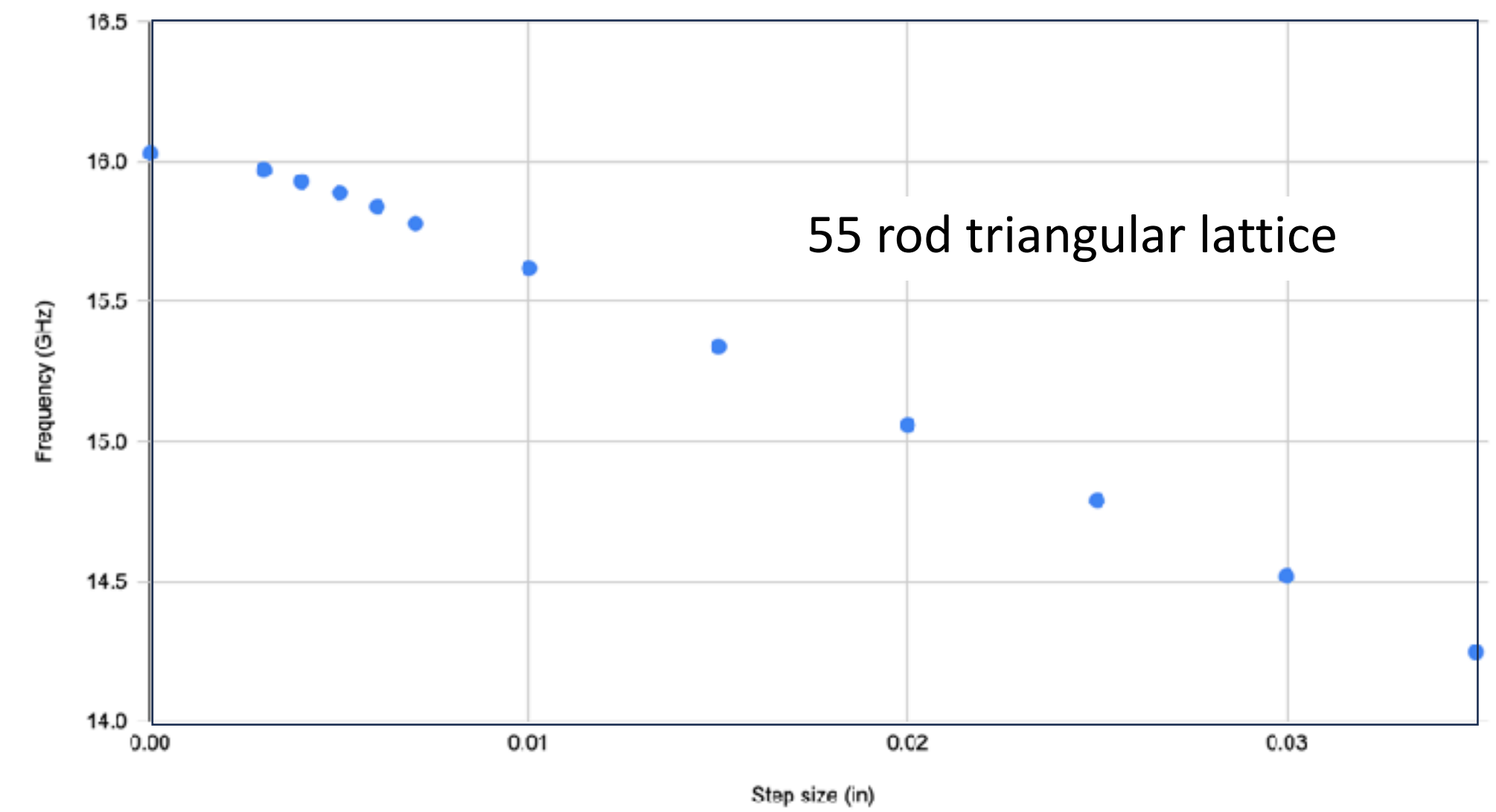
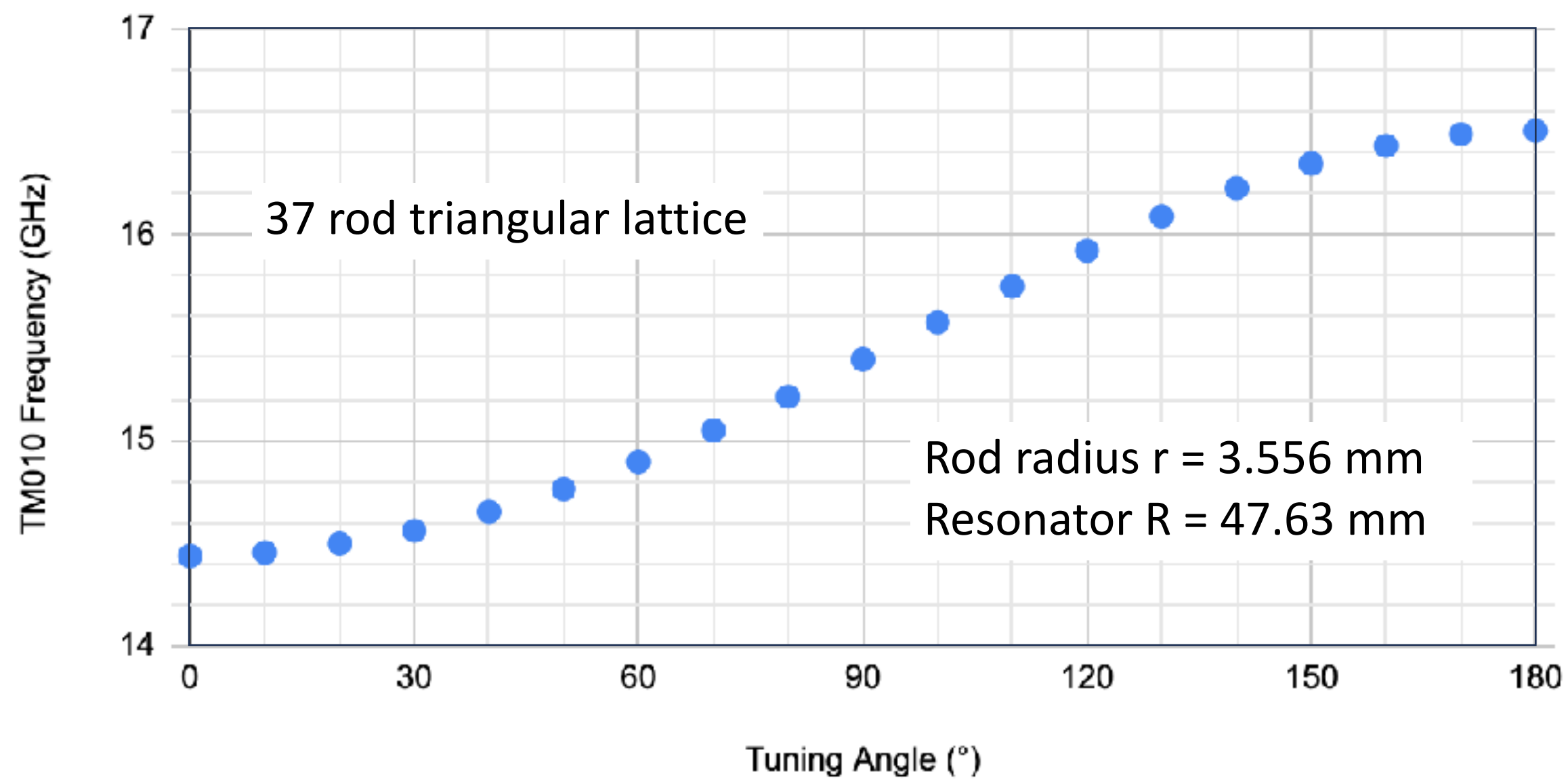
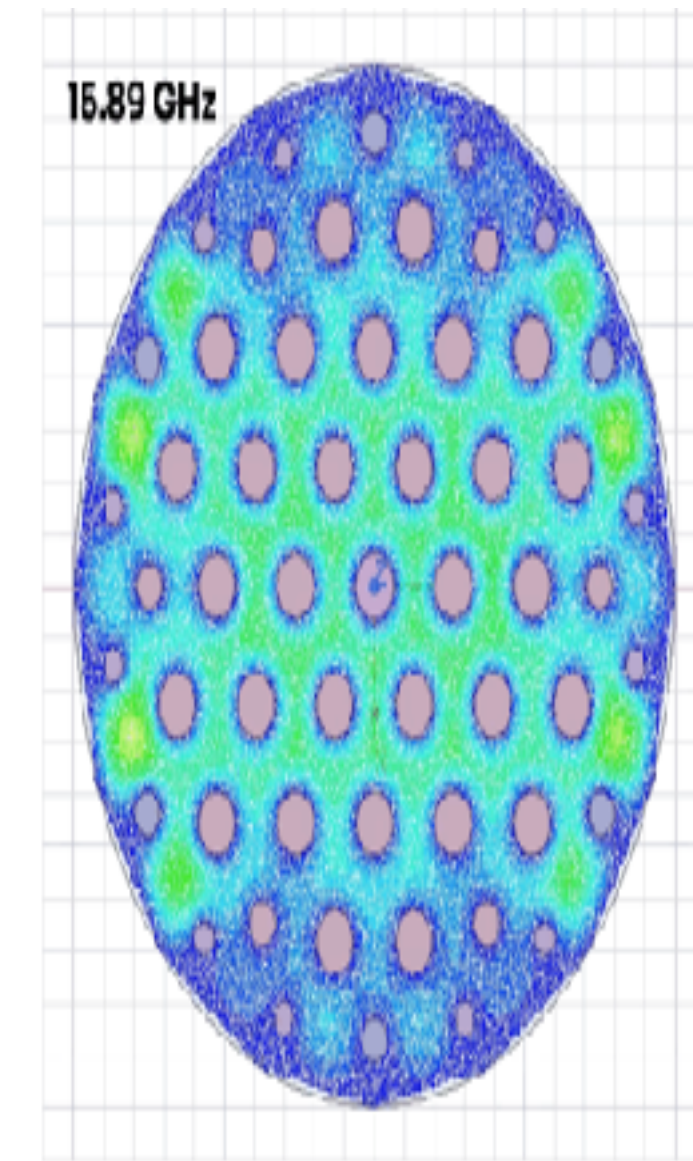
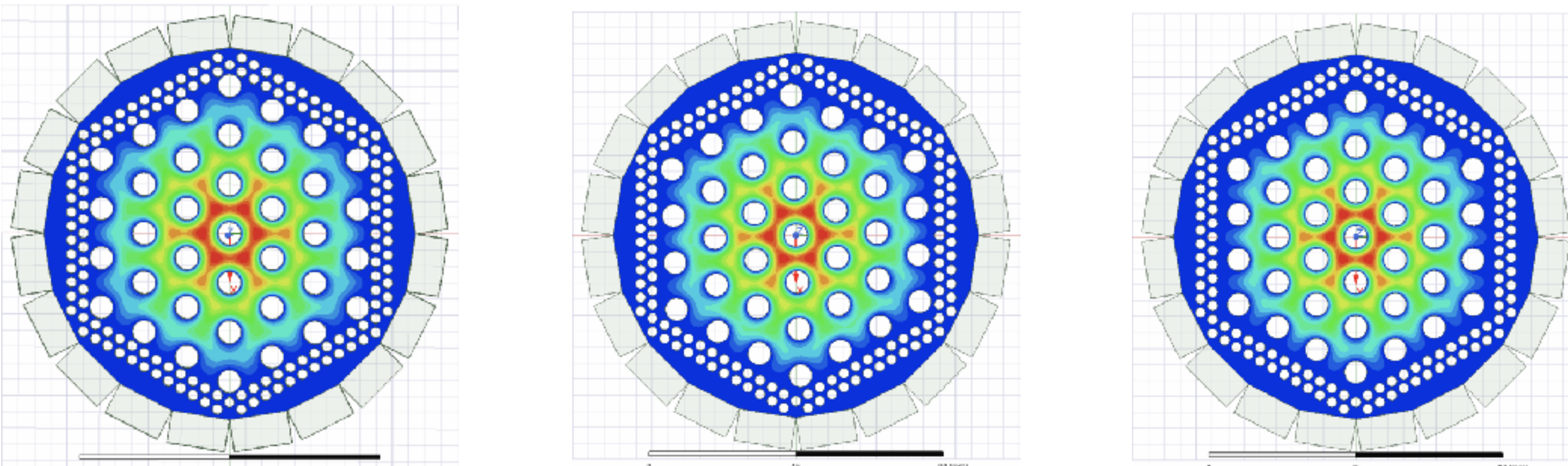
# ALPHA resonators will require incorporating Photonic Band Gap structures



- Multirod cavity with a PBG "barrel"
- thinner rods
- Cylindrical geometry

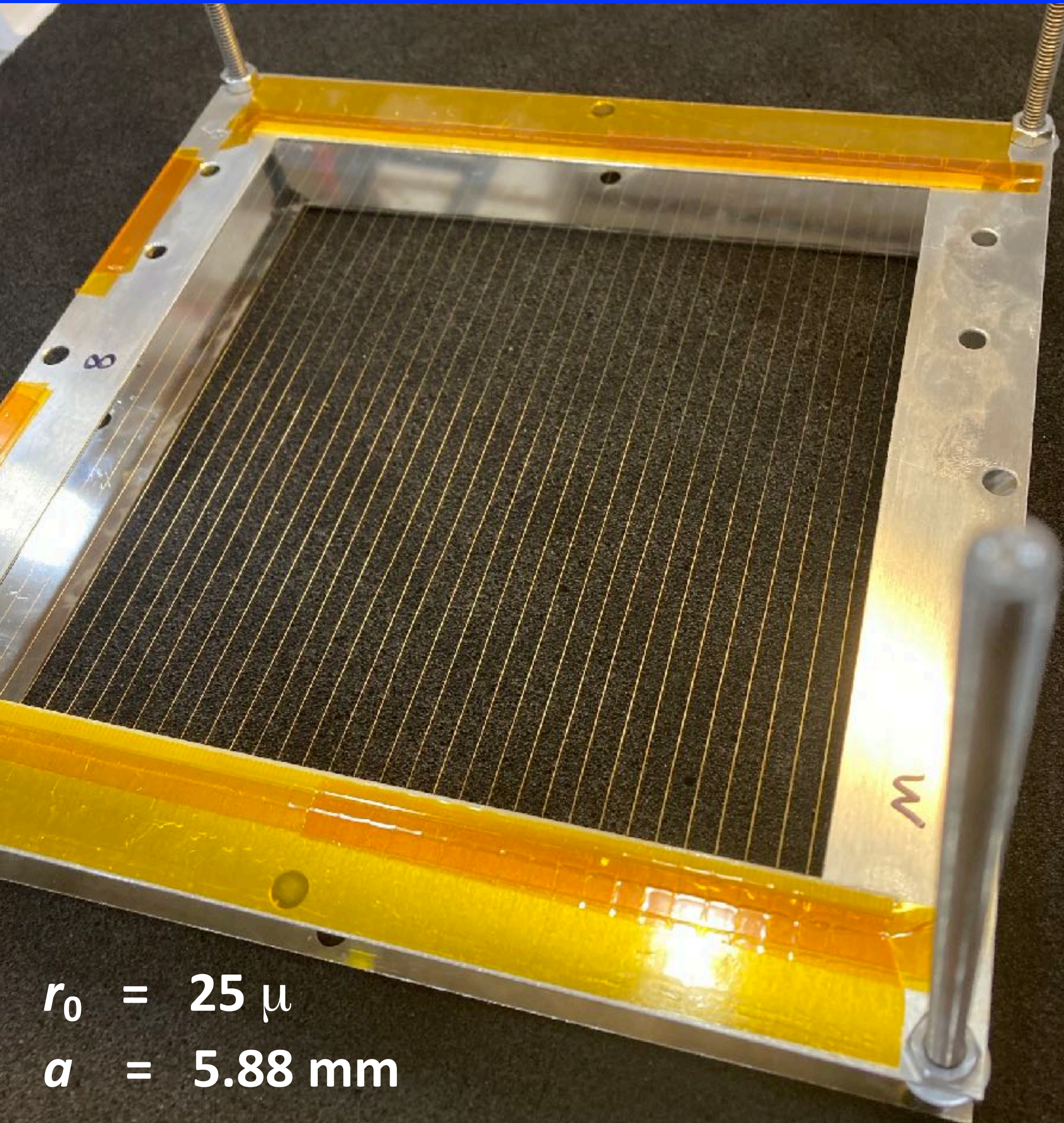


Simulations are underway for the 10-20 GHz range, with an optimized prototype to be fabricated in late 2024





# Resonators for >20 GHz will require superconducting wire array metamaterials



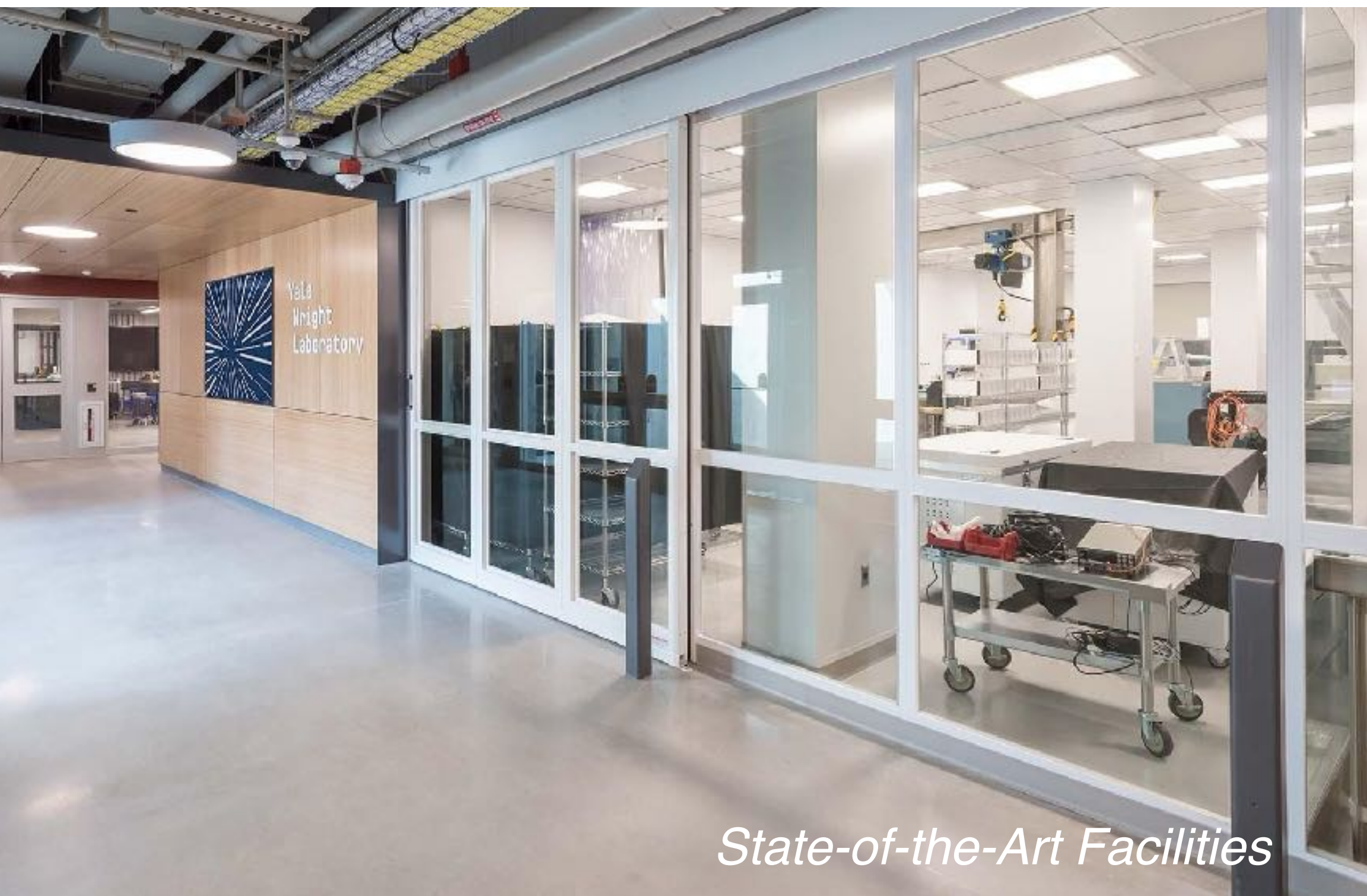
$$r_0 = 25 \mu$$
$$a = 5.88 \text{ mm}$$



Credit: K. van Bibber



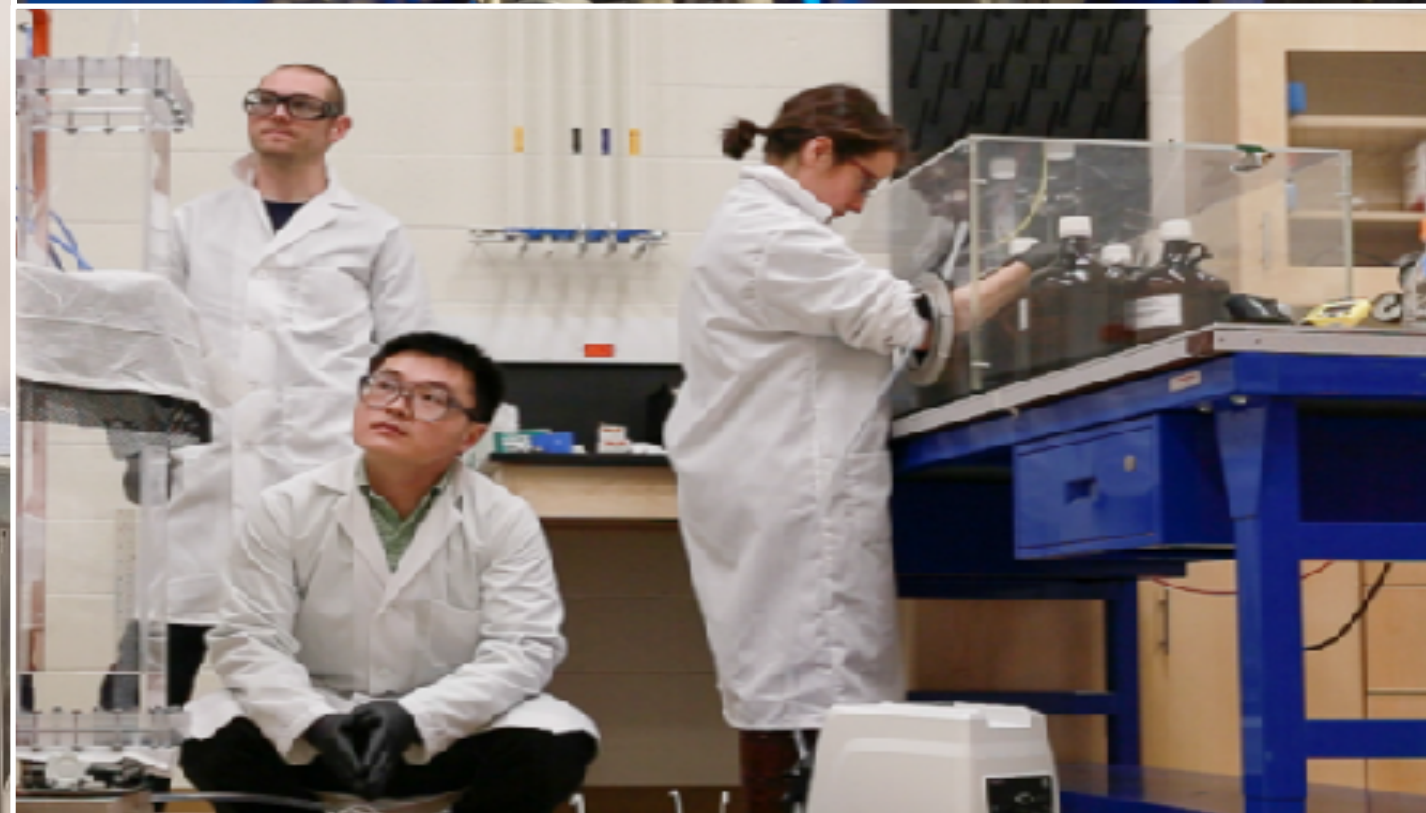
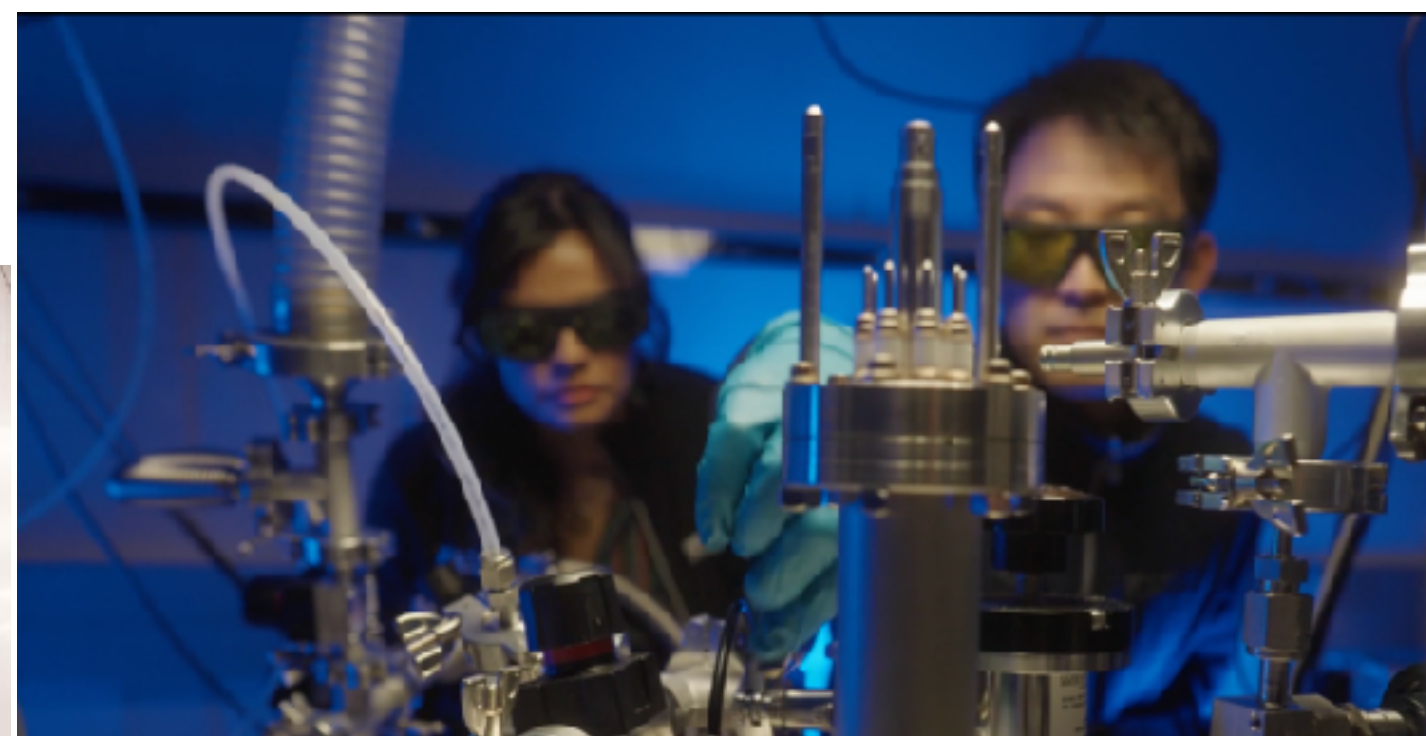
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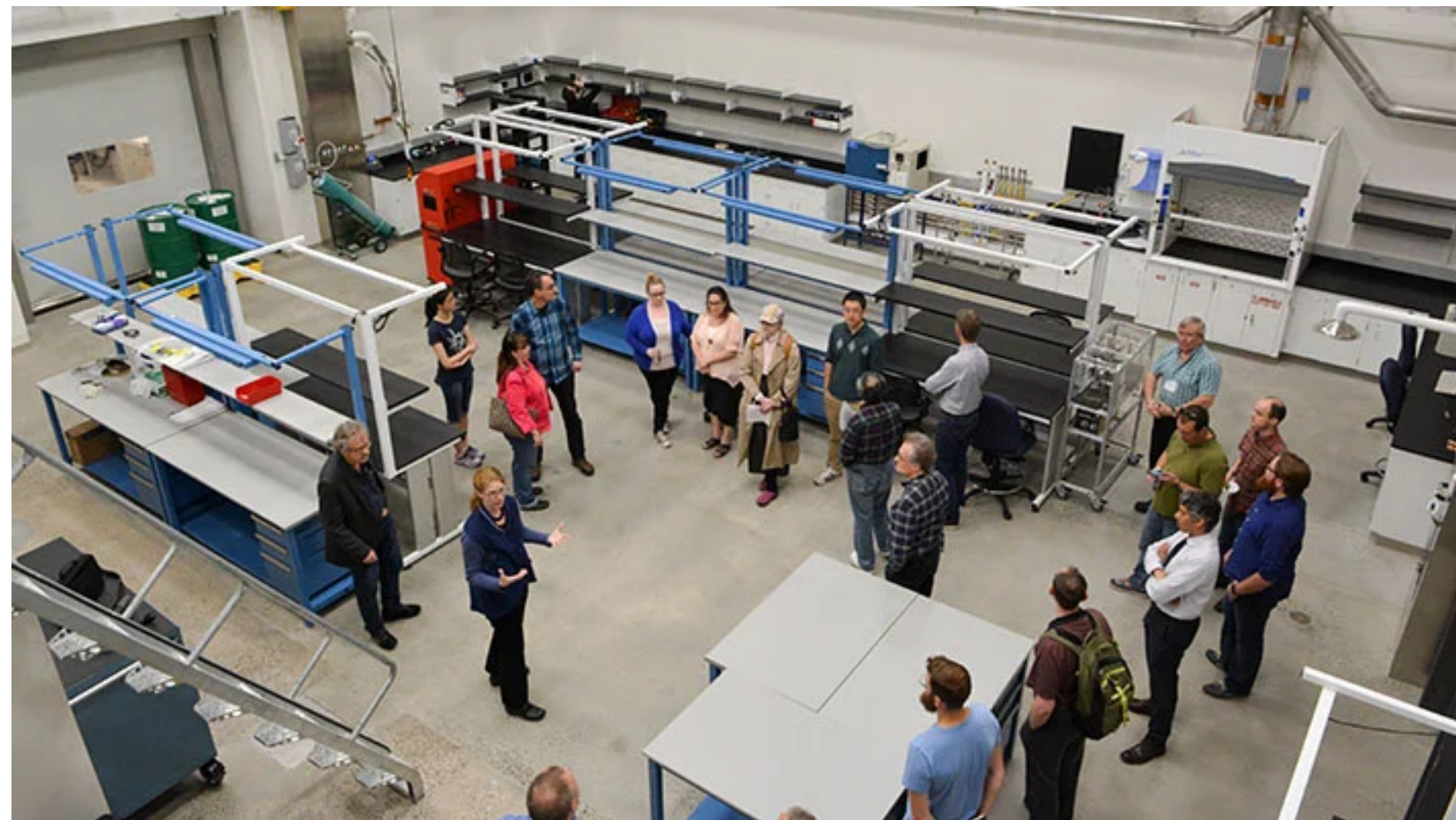
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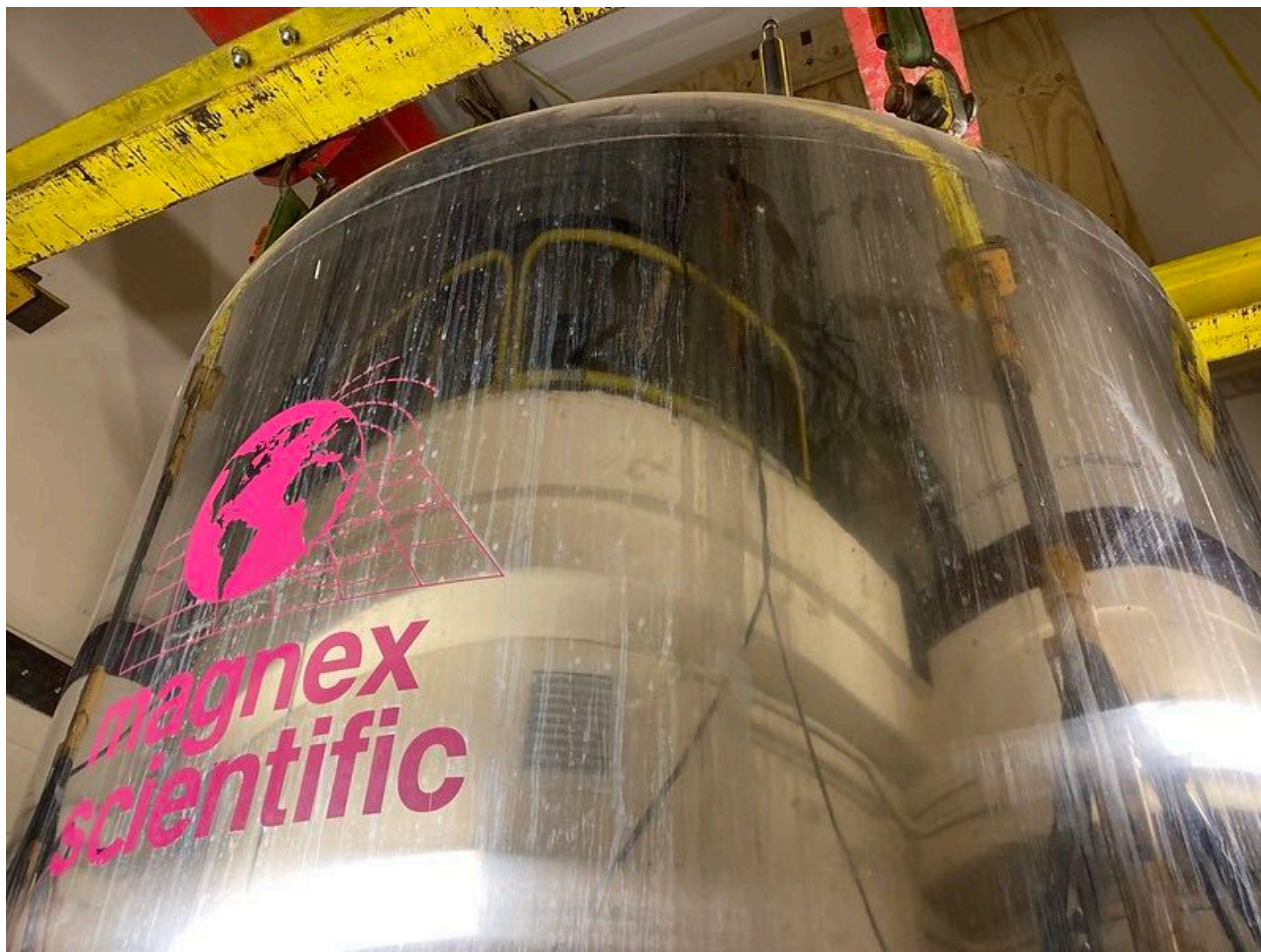


# Site: Wright Lab @ Yale





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# Conclusions

- New results and exciting developments for dark matter searches
- Exciting developments
  - Rapid advances in quantum science
  - Several new experiments proposed and starting to explore new parameter space
  - New ideas, new people, & new ways of working for new discovery
- Compelling case for axions at higher masses
  - HAYSTAC continues to scan 16 – 40  $\mu\text{eV}$
  - ALPHA extends search reach to 40 – 80  $\mu\text{eV}$

