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# Dark Matter and Gravitational Waves Experiments with SRF Cavities

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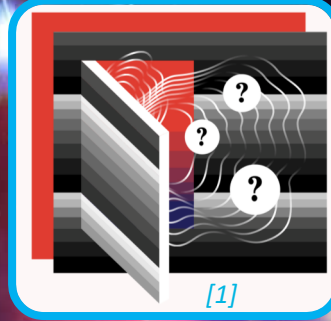
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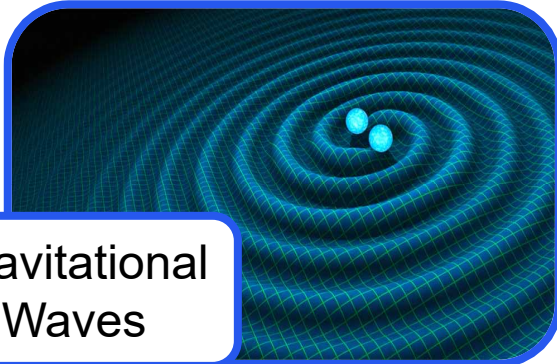


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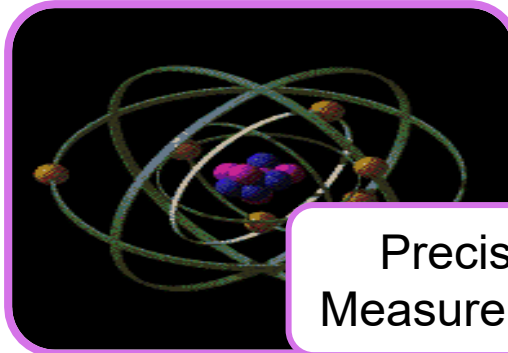


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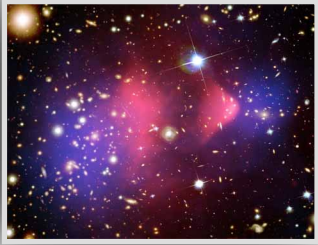


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# Quantum Sensing for Fundamental Physics

- Quantum sensing: the use of quantum properties of light or matter to enhance sensitivity of measurements.
- Sensing effort is driven by applying our SRF cavities and quantum devices towards physics goals:



- **Probing Dark sectors:**

- New light particles: Dark photons and axions.
- Either as the dark matter, or as “just” new particle.
- A multi-search goal. Our most engaging science goal.

- **Precision tests:**

- Tests of the standard model (electron  $g-2$ , Euler-Heisenberg)
- Tests of quantum mechanics

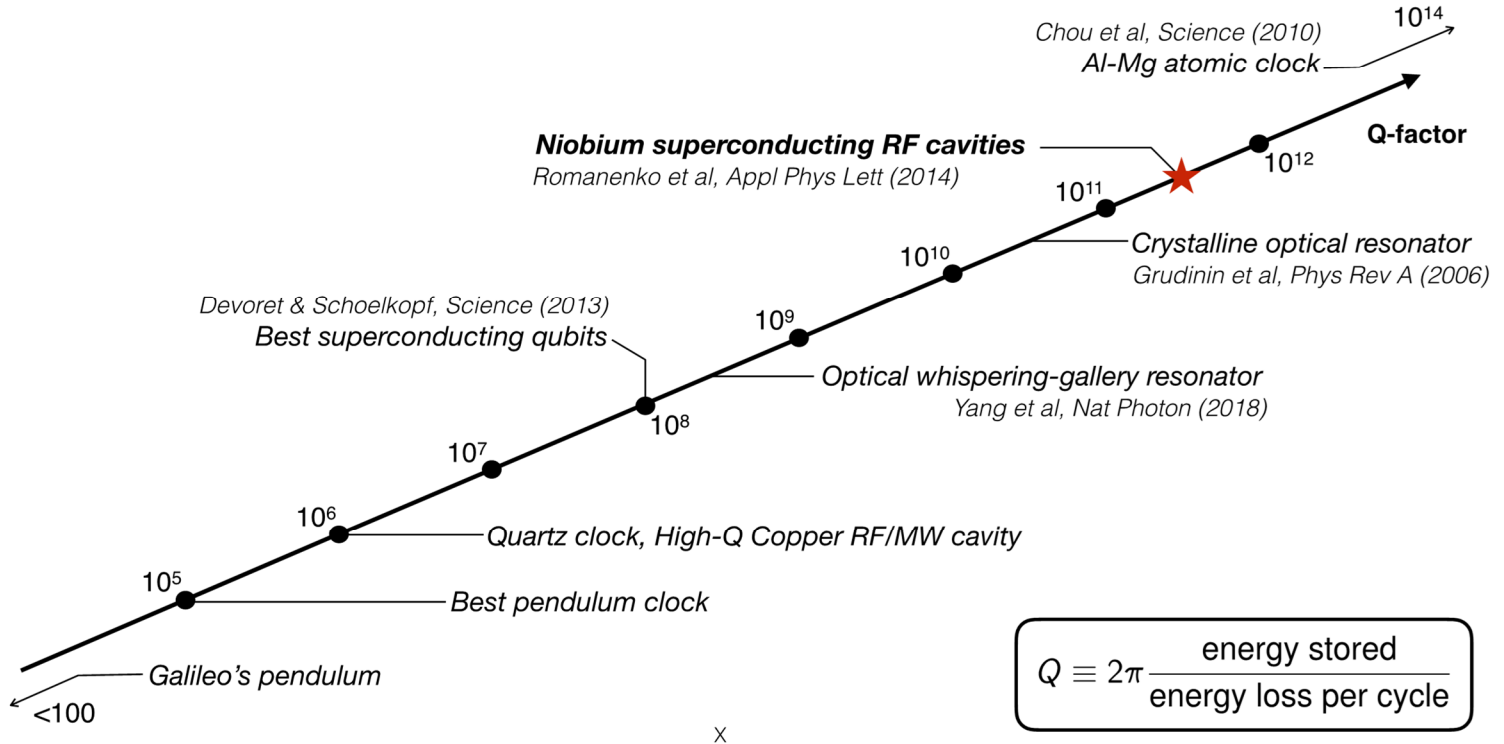
- **Gravitational waves:**

- Expanding the frequency for GW detection beyond LIGO/VIRGO.

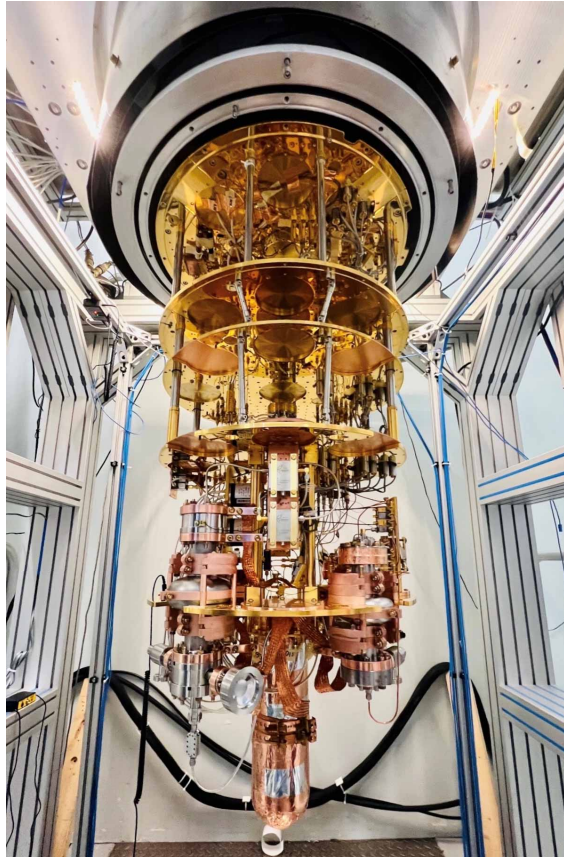


# Why SRF cavities for quantum sensing?

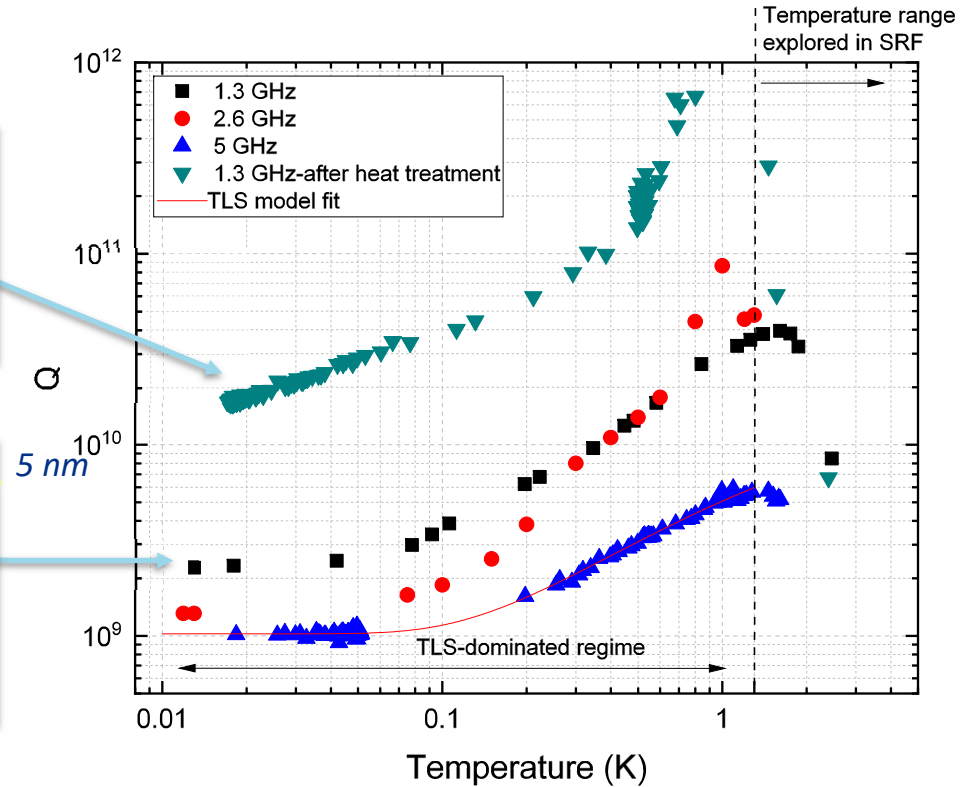
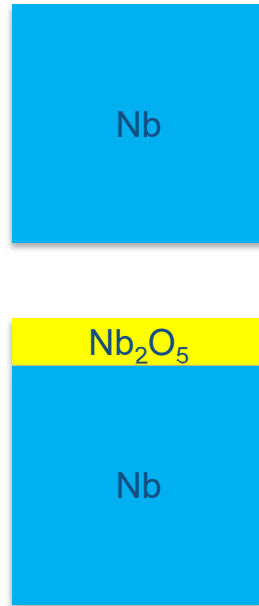
## SRF cavities are the most efficient engineered oscillators



# SRF cavities in new regimes: low field and low T research

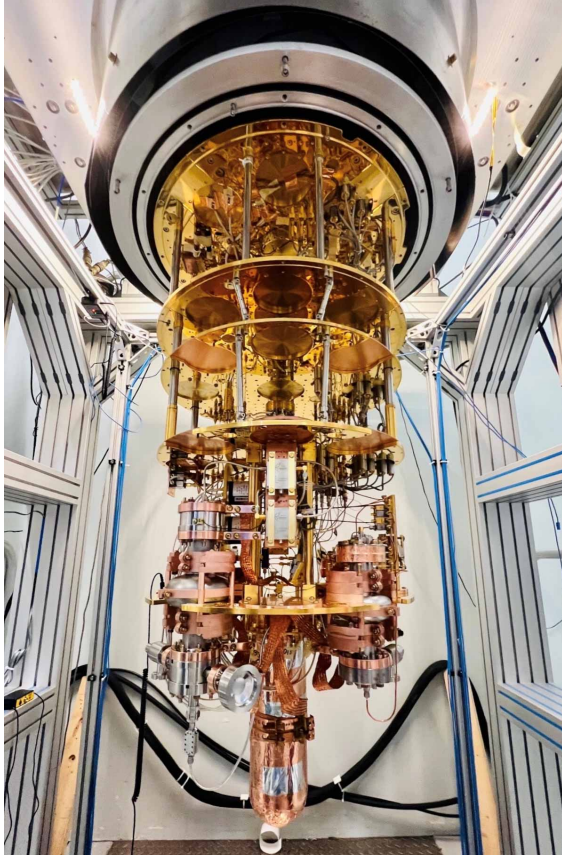


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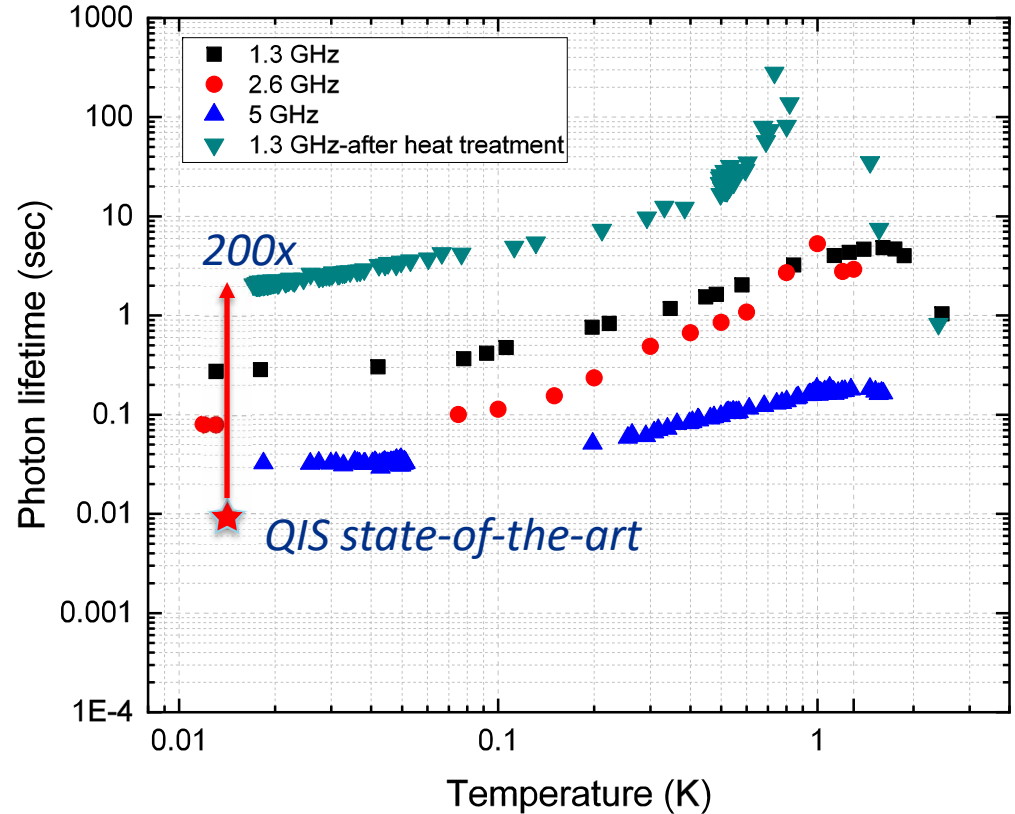


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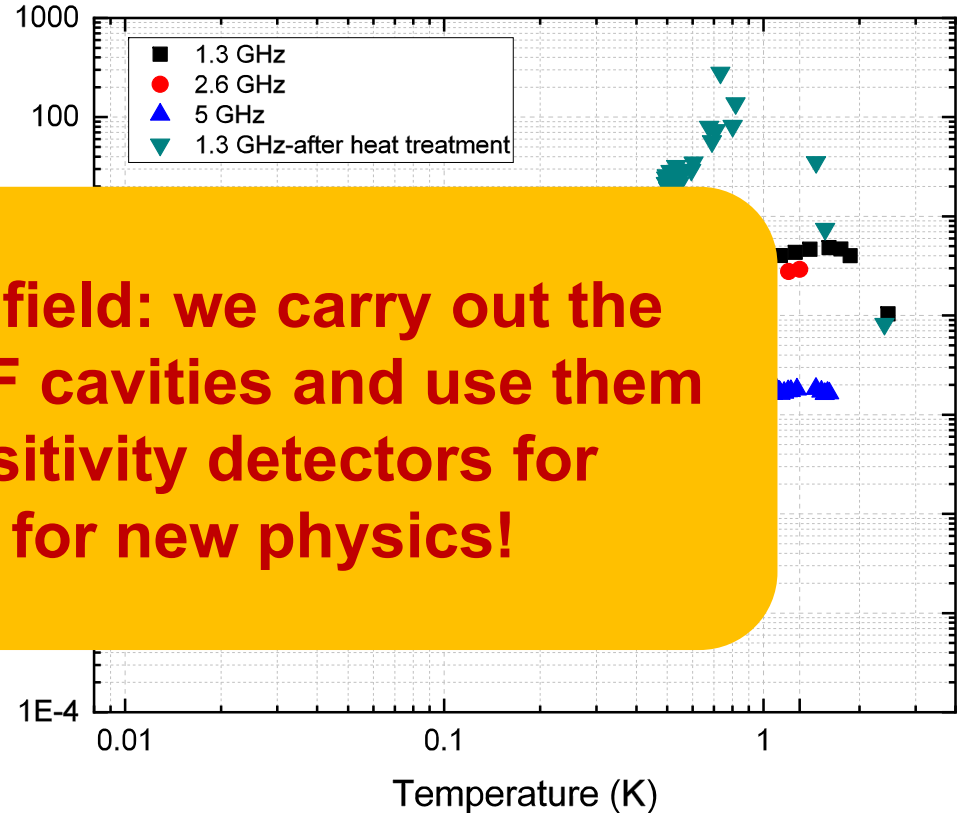


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**New research field: we carry out the R&D on the SRF cavities and use them as high sensitivity detectors for searches for new physics!**

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# The People

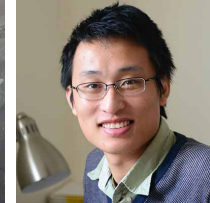
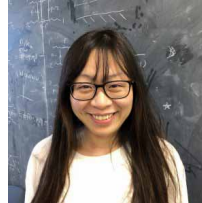
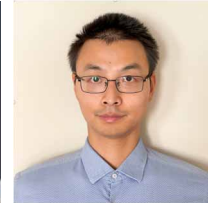
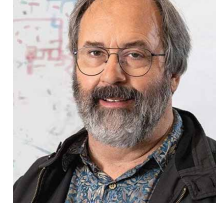


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Theorists and experimentalists working closely. Experts in HEP, materials, SRF, sensing, QIS, RF engineering.





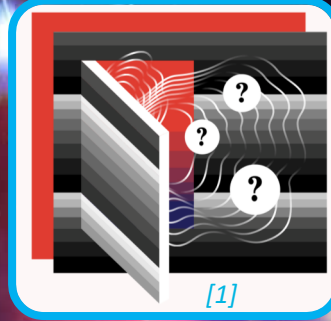
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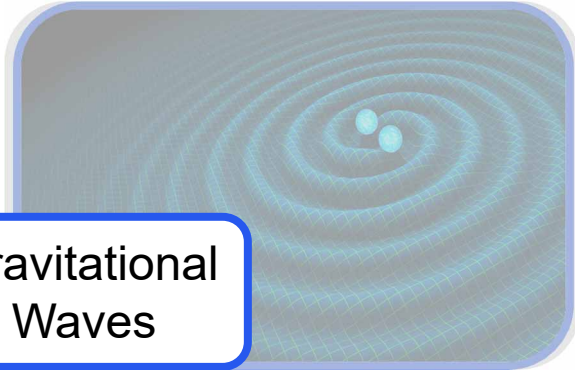
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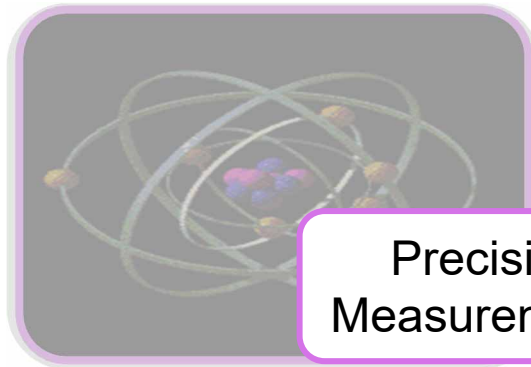
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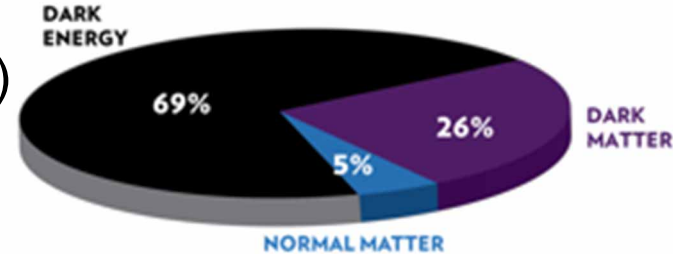


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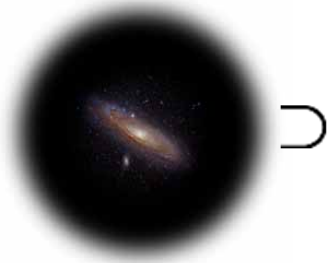
# Dark Sector

- New light particles are theoretically well motivated.  
e.g.
  - Axion like particles (including the QCD axion)
  - Dark photons
- For such light particles two hypotheses can be tested:

ENERGY DISTRIBUTION OF THE UNIVERSE

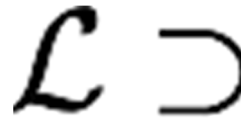


**Dark matter** (and new particle):



dark photons?  
axions?

**New particle:**



dark photons?  
axions?  
long range force?

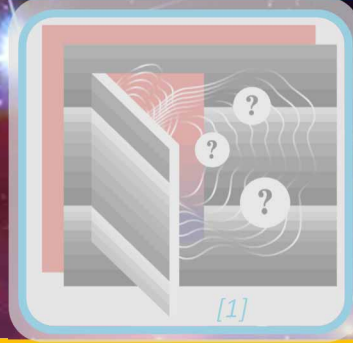
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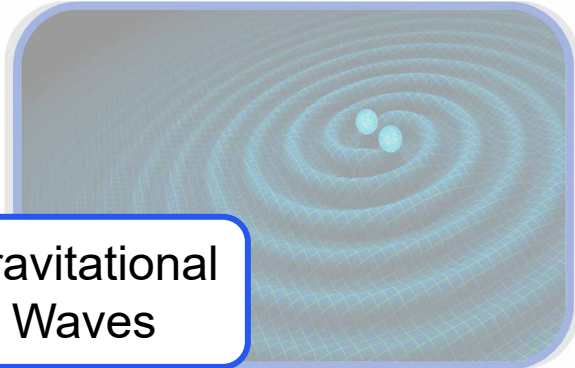


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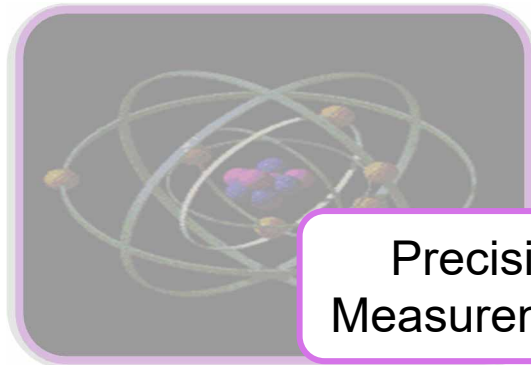


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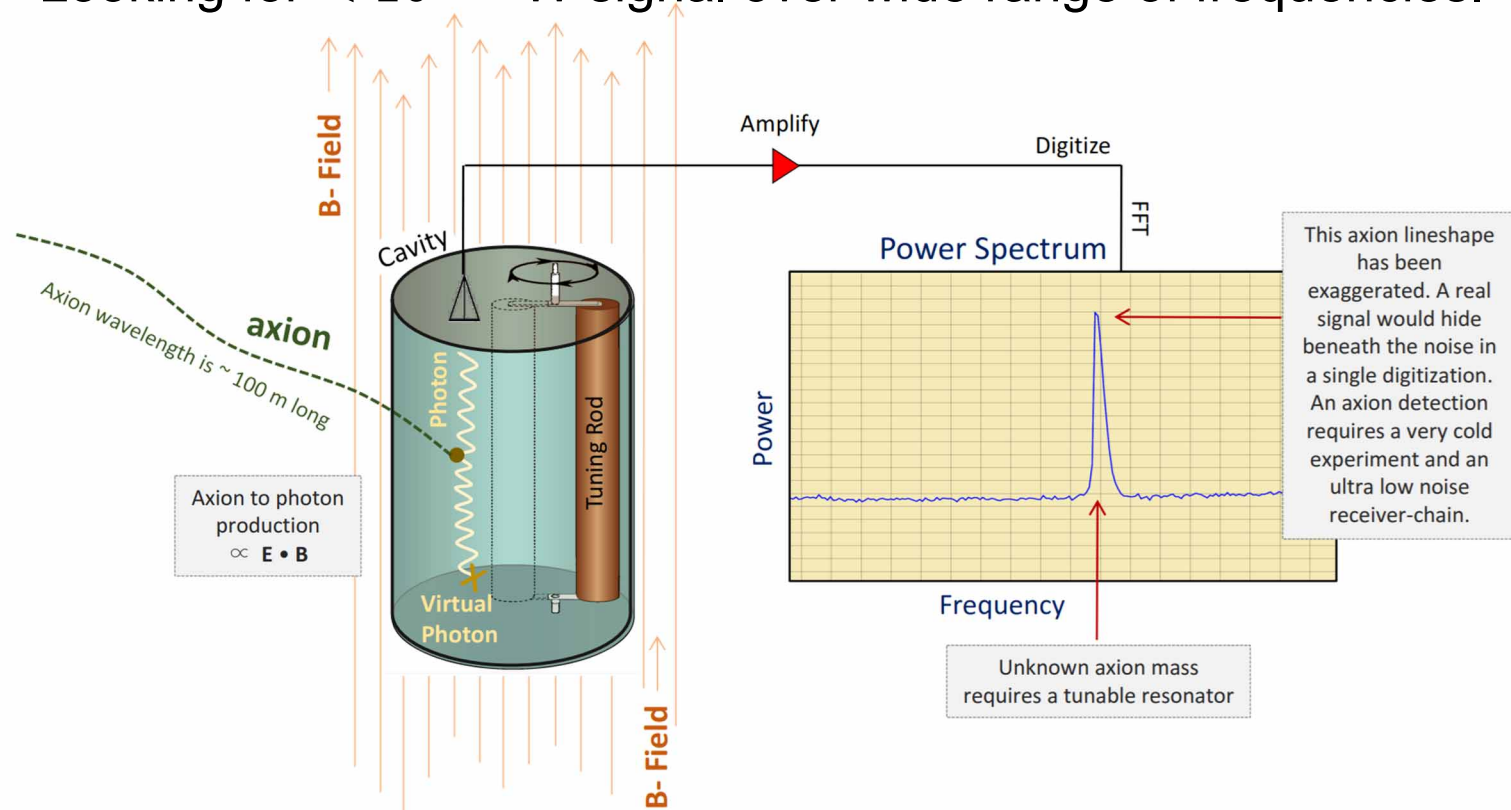


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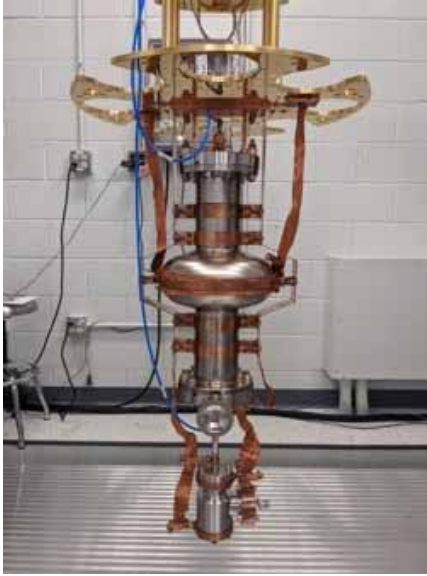
# Haloscope Searches for Dark Matter

Looking for  $< 10^{-24}$  W signal over wide range of frequencies.

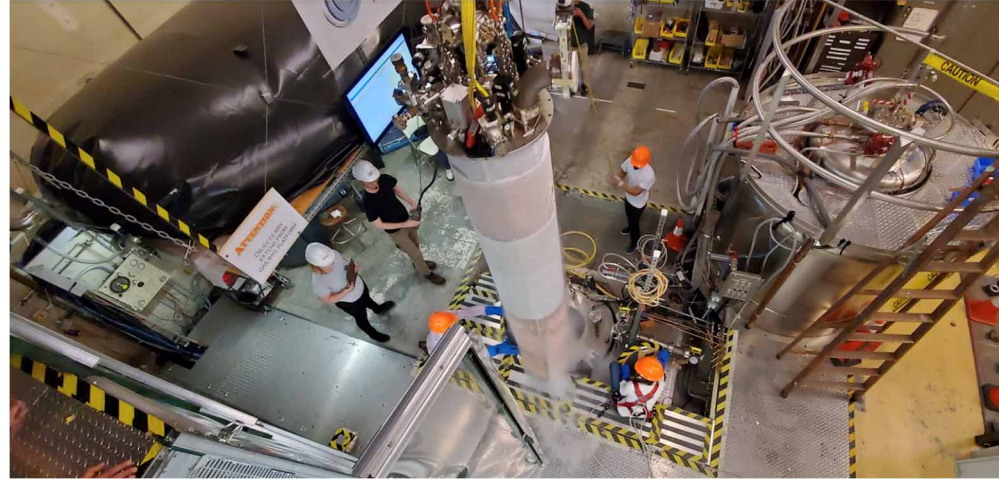


Boutan, "A piezoelectrically tuned RF-cavity search for dark matter axions" (2017)

# SRF Cavities for Dark Matter Searches



Compared  
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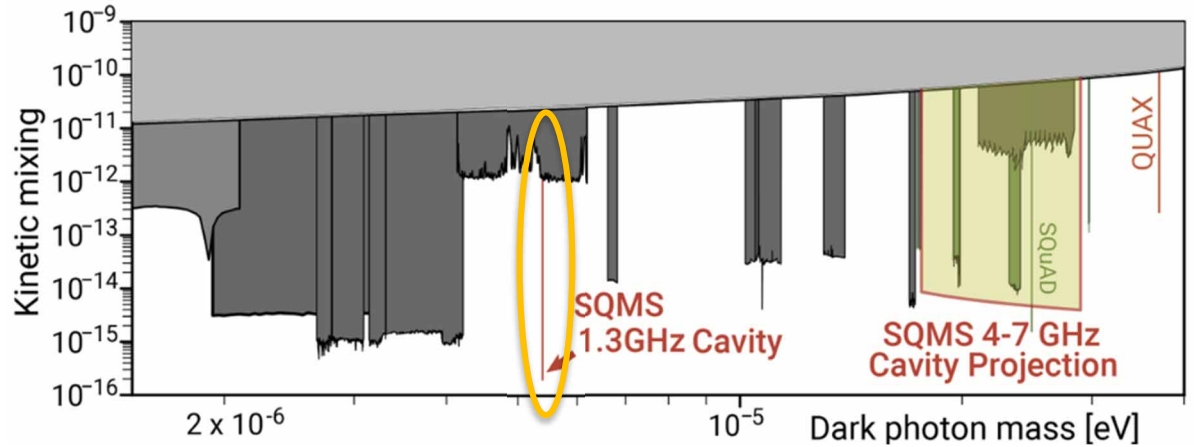
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$$\text{SQMS} \rightarrow Q \approx 10^{10}$$

$$\text{ADMX} \rightarrow Q \approx 8 \times 10^4$$

High  $Q$  allows for larger signal and lower noise floor.  
**Possibly factor  $10^5$  increase in instantaneous scan rate.**

# Deepest sensitivity: Ultrahigh Q for Dark photon DM



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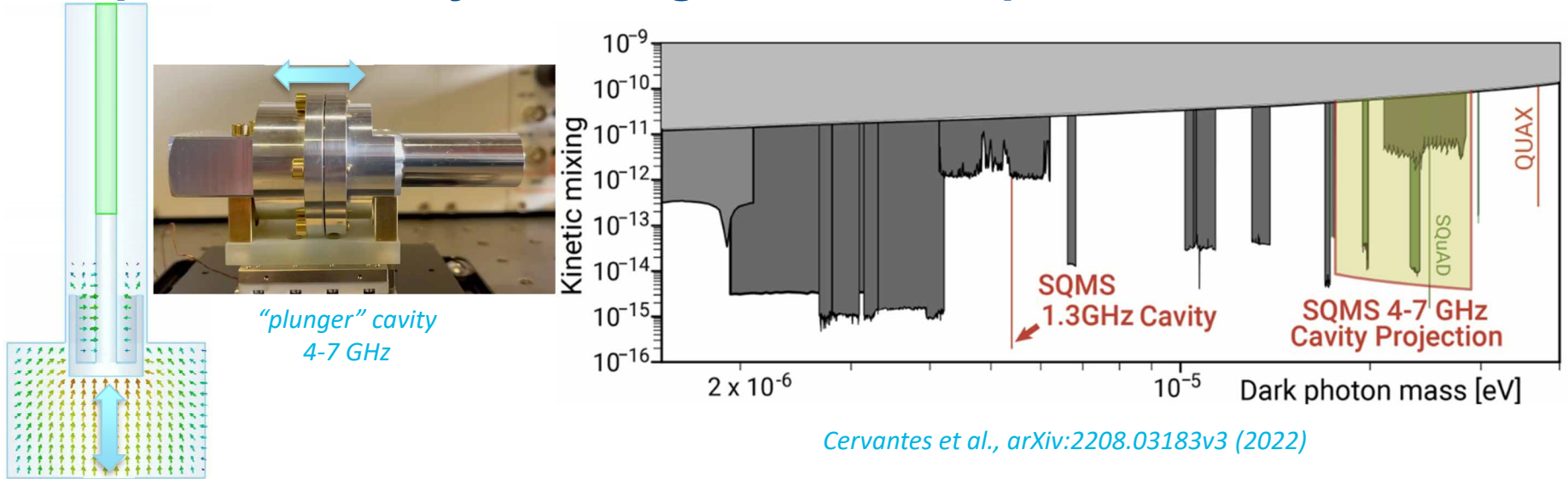
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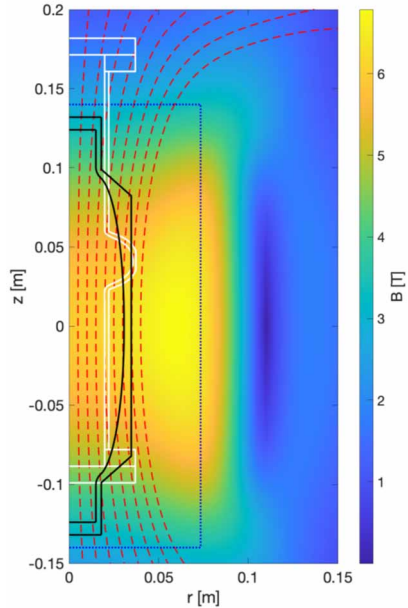
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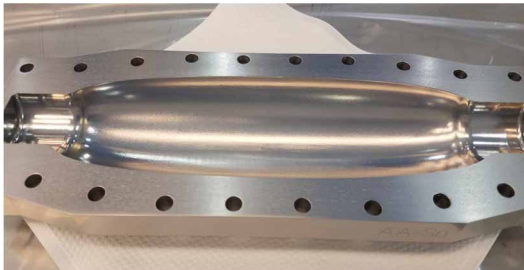
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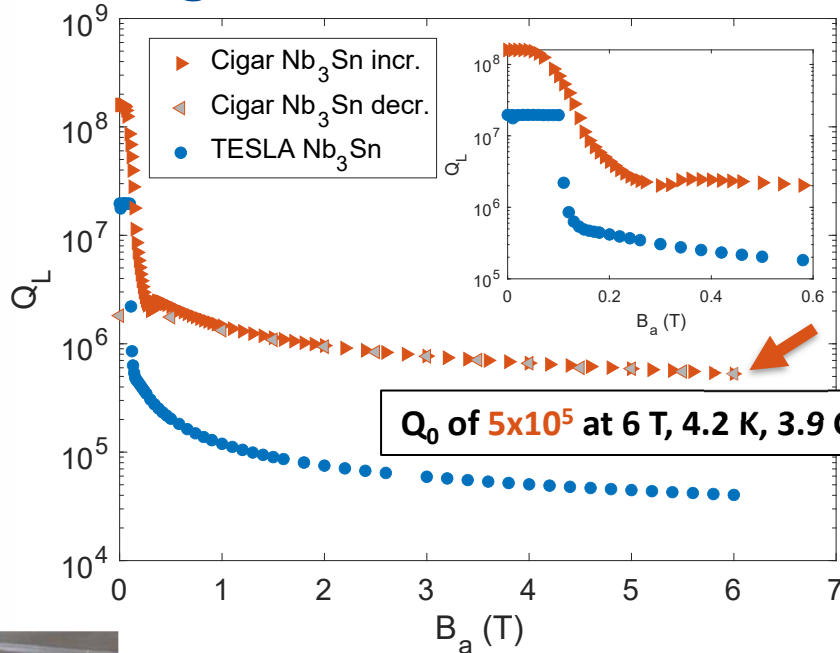
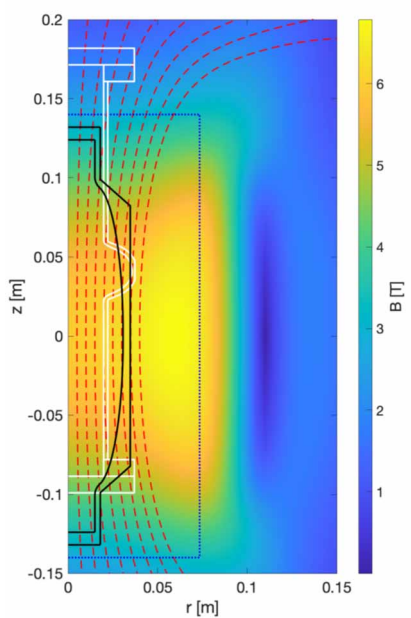


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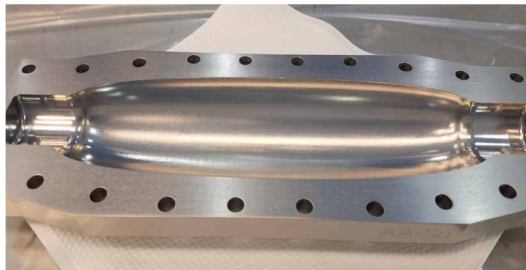


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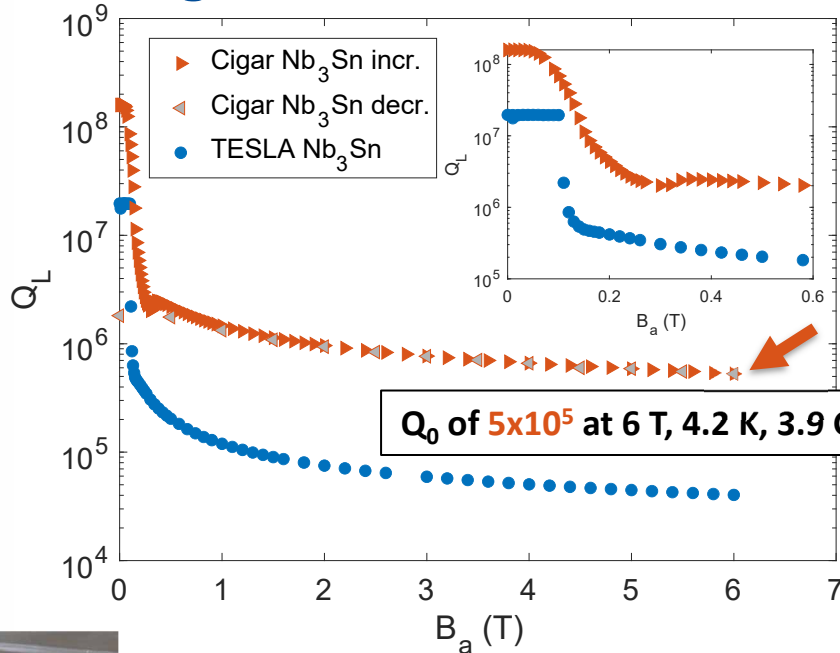
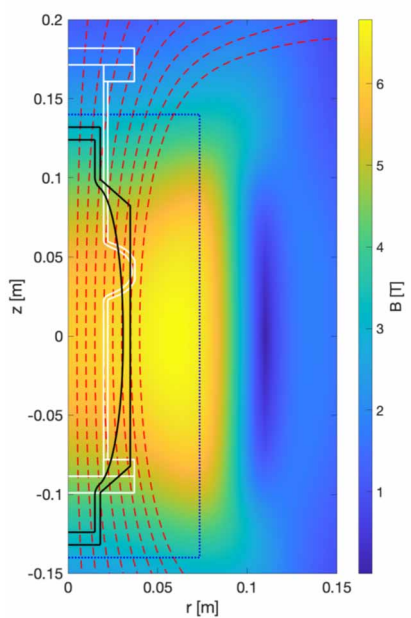


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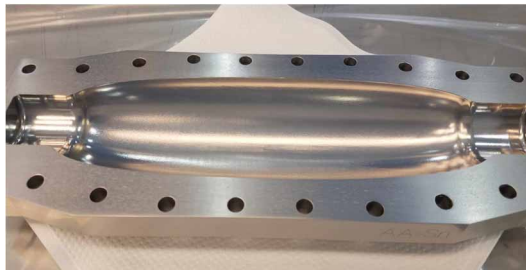
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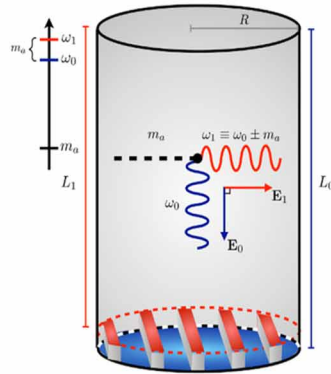
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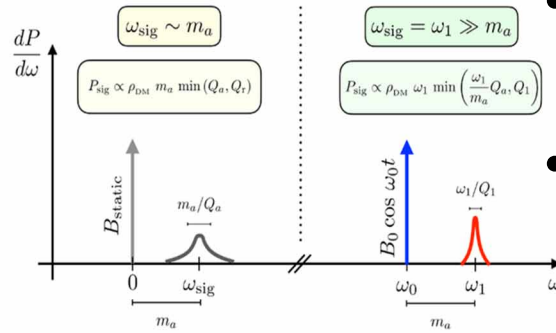
- Explore other SC materials like commercial HTS tapes *See work by: D. Ahn et al., arXiv:2002.08769v4 (2020), and reported  $Q_0$  of  $1e7$  with HTS tapes, fixed frequency @ PATRAS2022, not published yet*



# Heterodyne Axion DM search



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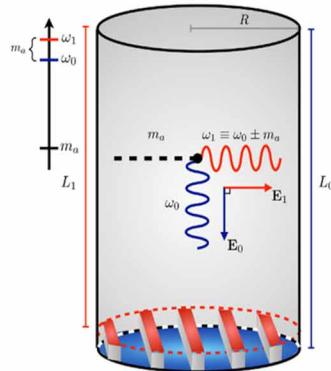


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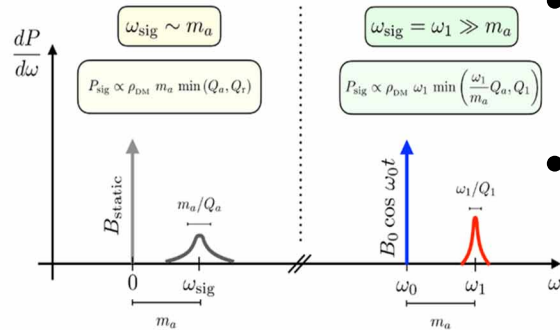
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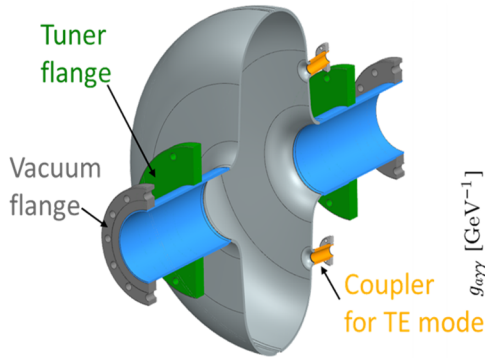
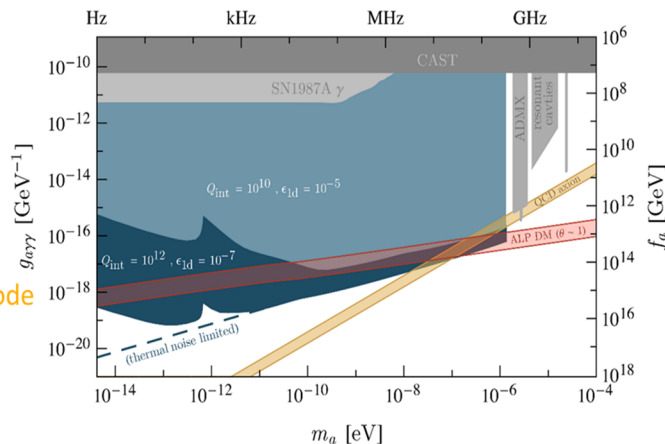
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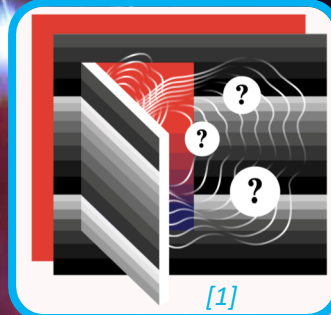
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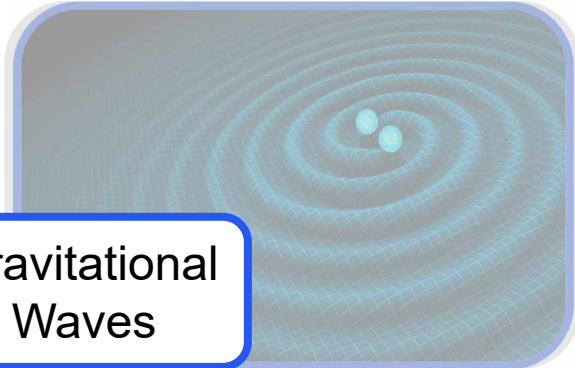
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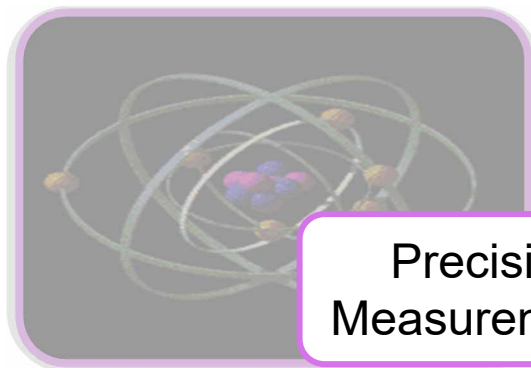
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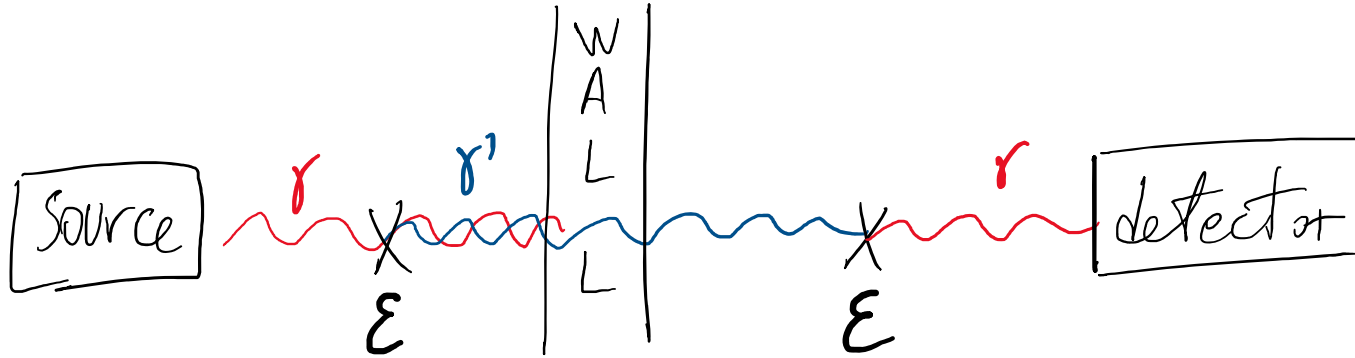


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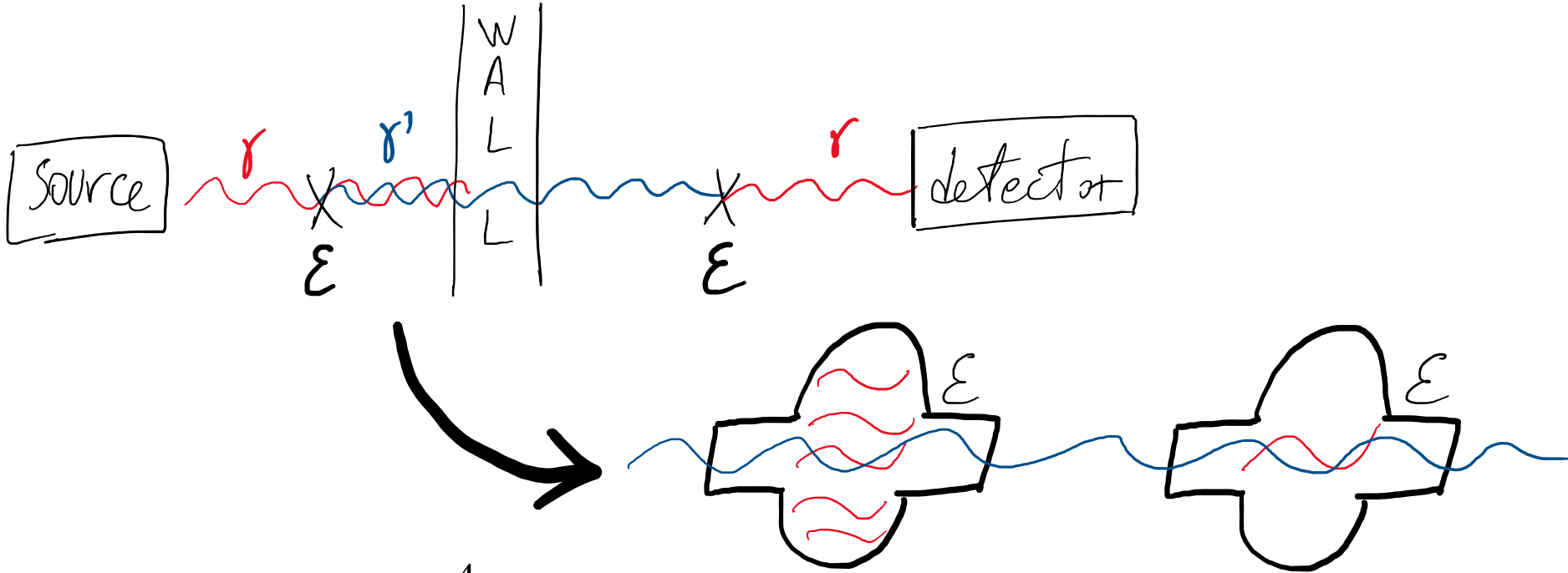
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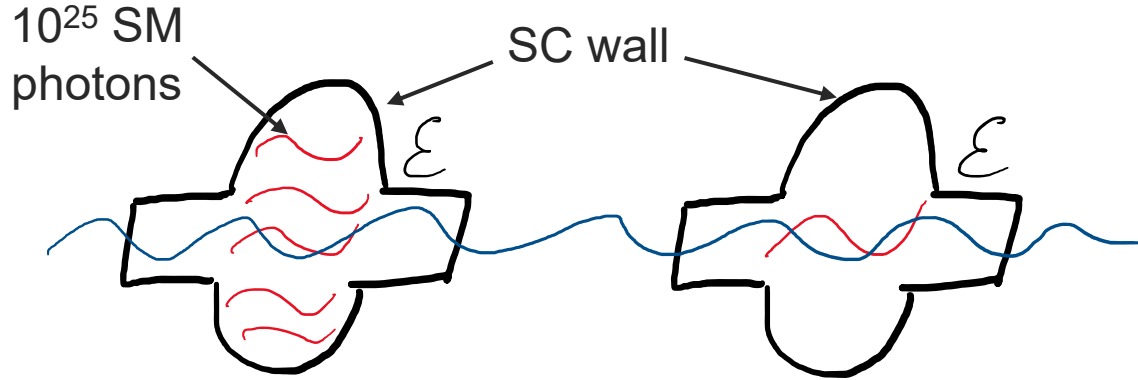
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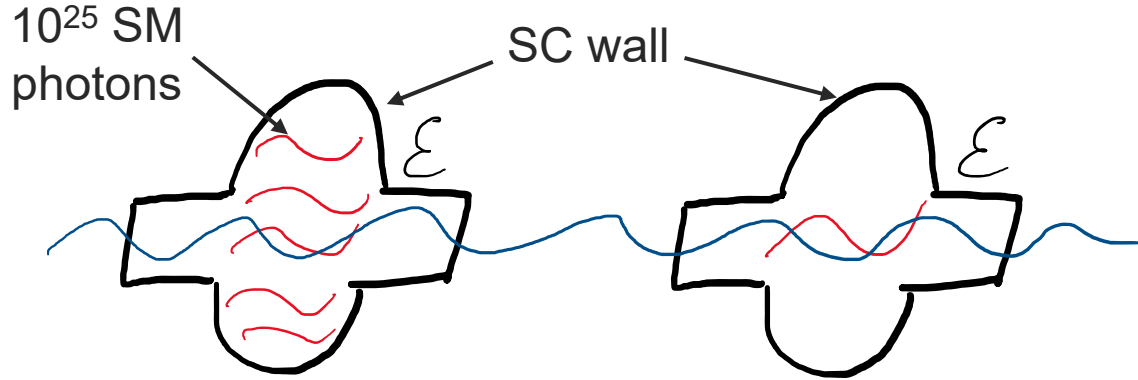
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High  $Q_0$ : enhances probability  
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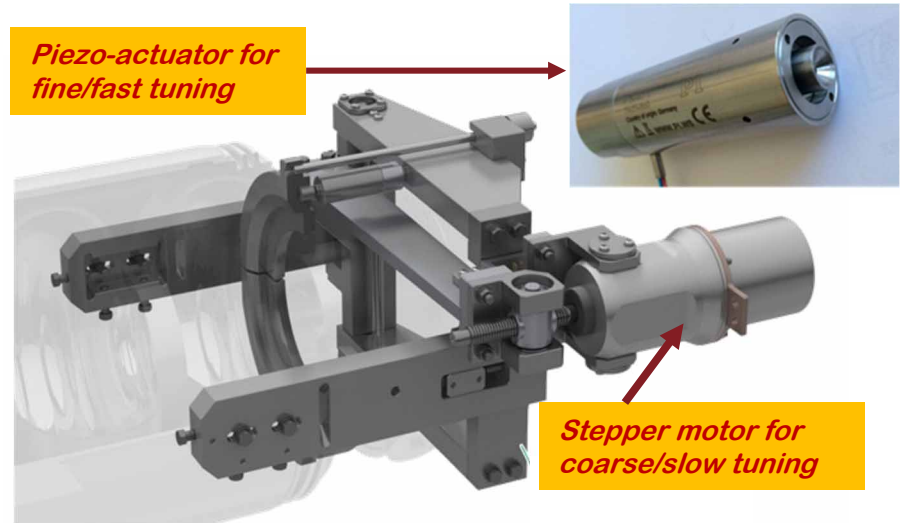
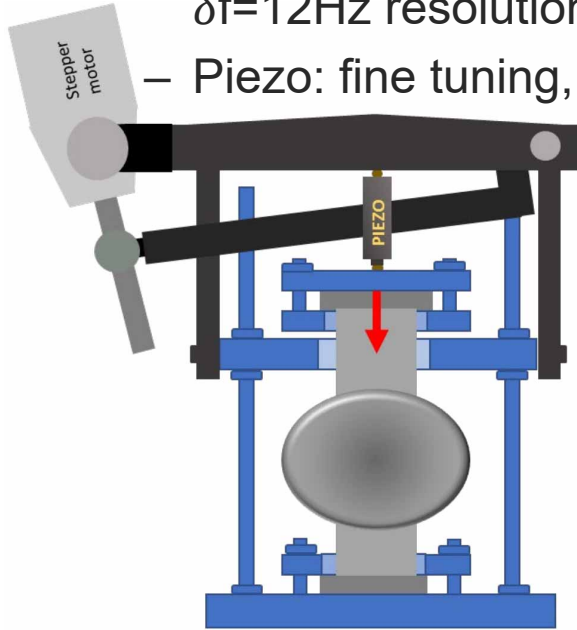
**Necessary to match cavities  
frequency!**

ability  
SS



# Cavity tuning

- LCLS II double lever tuner to tune “transmitter” cavity
- Tuner mounted on emitter cavity and preloaded
  - Stepper motor: coarse tuning with  $\Delta x=2\text{mm}$  or  $\Delta f=5\text{MHz}$ , and  $\delta x=5\text{nm}$  or  $\delta f=12\text{Hz}$  resolution
  - Piezo: fine tuning,  $\Delta x=3\mu\text{m}$  or  $\Delta f=8\text{kHz}$ , and  $\delta x=0.05\text{nm}$  or  $\delta f=0.1\text{Hz}$  resolution

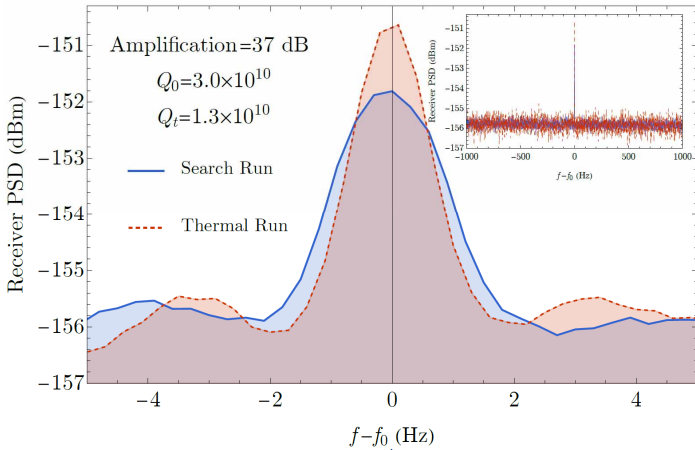


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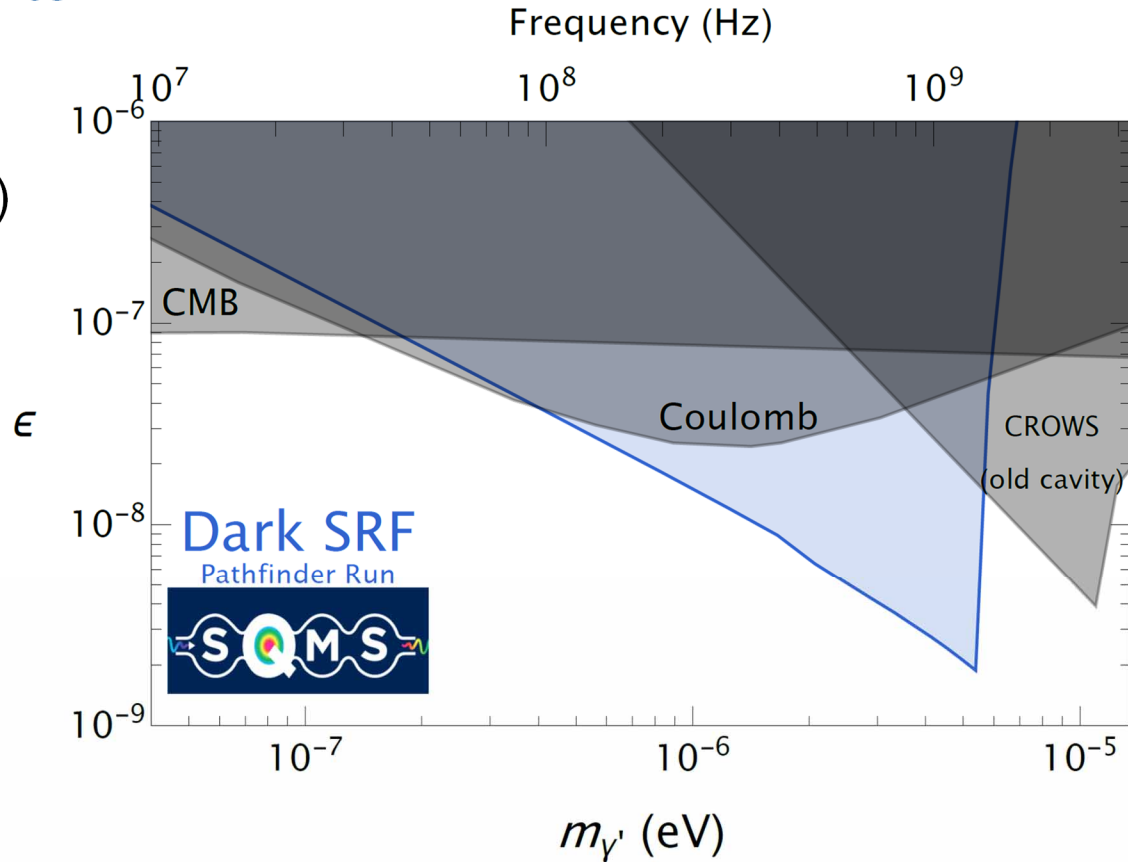
# Dark SRF: phase 1 → results

## Thermal run vs Search run

Search run conducted at  
6.2 MV/m (= 0.6 J stored energy)



Leak of thermal photon  
from receiver input line



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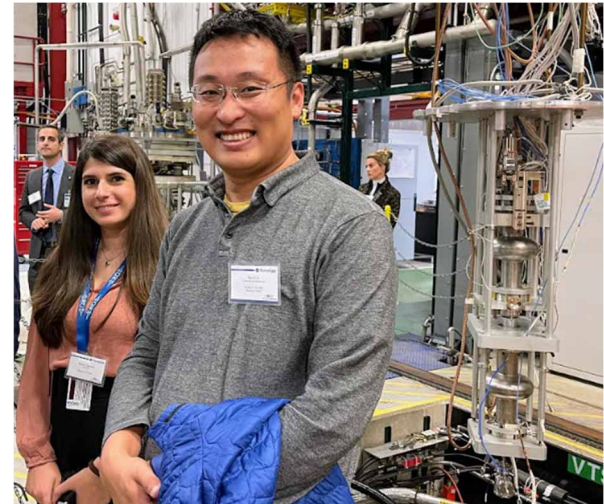
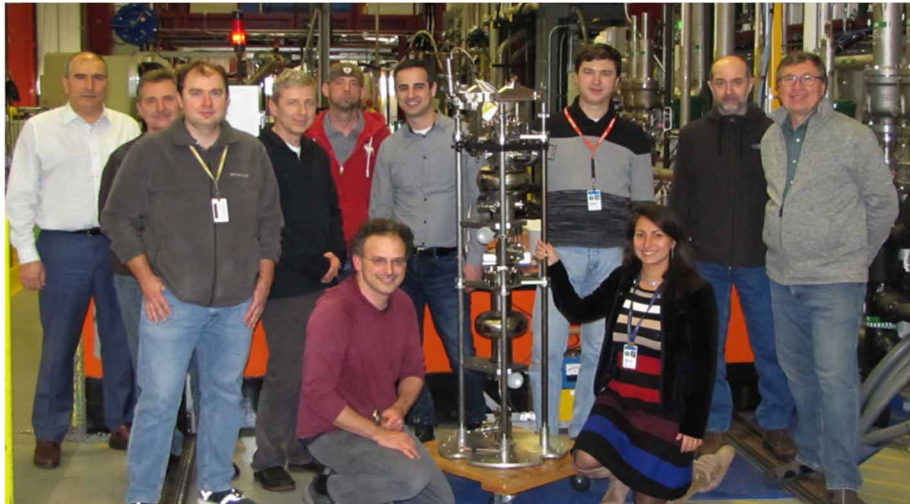
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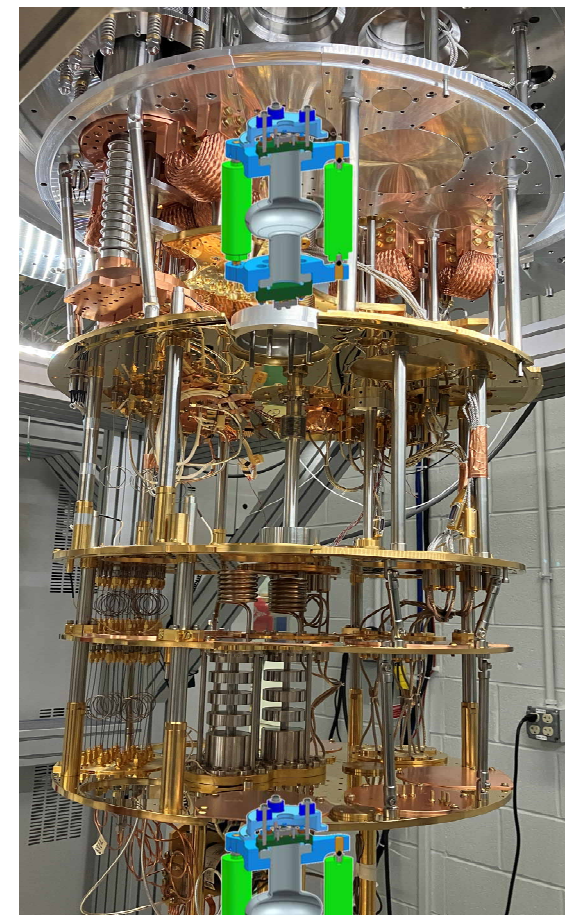
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## Dark SRF: phase 2 → 2.6GHz cavities in DR

- Deploy Dark SRF in dilution refrigerator (DR) to reduce thermal background
- Emitter cavity on additional 4K plate, receiver on mK plate with JPA on  $P_t$
- Modifications of experimental setup for DR:
  - ✓ Change cavity frequency to 2.6GHz due to size limitation
  - ✓ Modify tuner system (piezo only!)
  - ✓ Verify frequency matching and stability with new tuner
  - Reduce crosstalk
  - Move entire setup to dilution refrigerator

See **WEPWB109** and **WEPWB133** by *C. Contreras-Martinez*



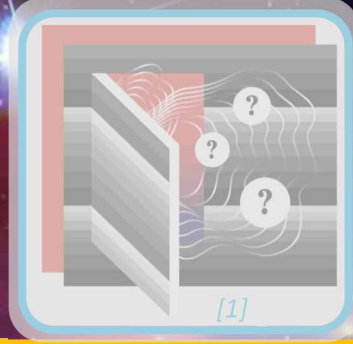
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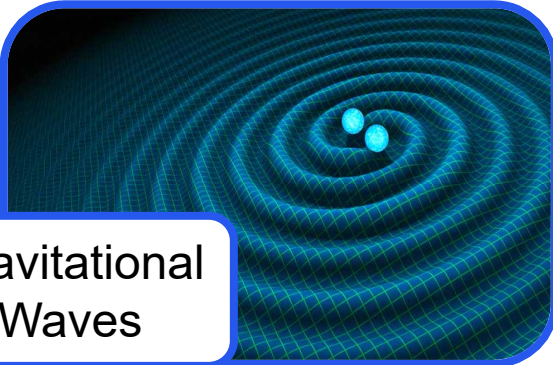
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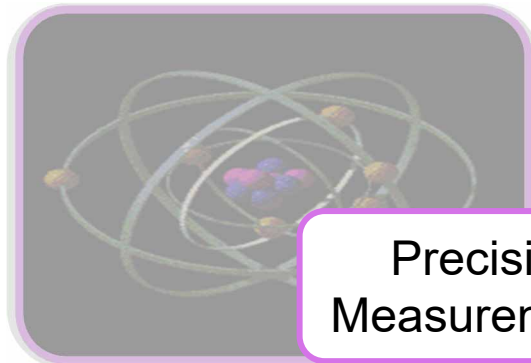
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# SRF cavities for gravitational waves searches

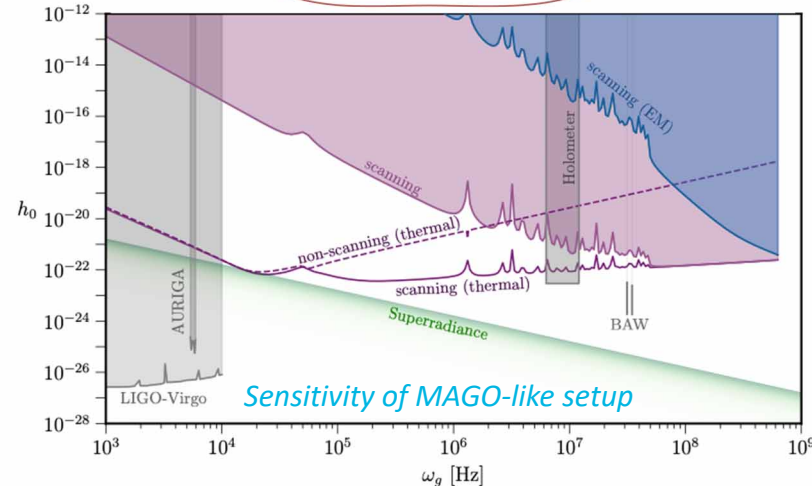
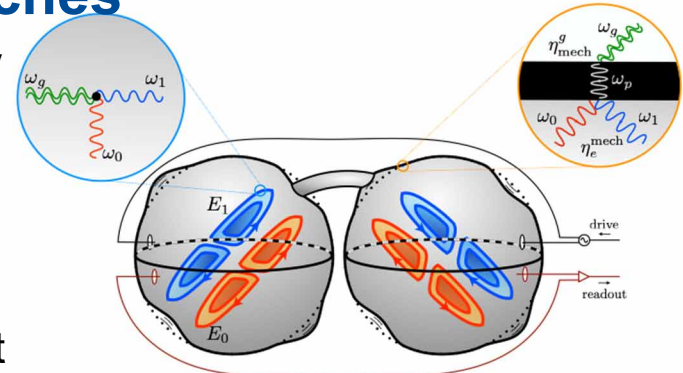
- SQMS theorists have laid the formalism for GW-EM cavity interaction.
- Two types of signals: EM and mechanical.
- Current axion experiments have sensitivity to GHz Gravity waves.
- A dedicated cavity experiment, e.g. MAGO, has significant reach at MHz.
- **New collaboration with INFN and DESY to revive MAGO!**



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*Ballantini et al., Class. Quantum Grav. 20,2003, 3505–3522 (2003)*

*Ballantini et al., arXiv:gr-qc/0502054 (2005)*

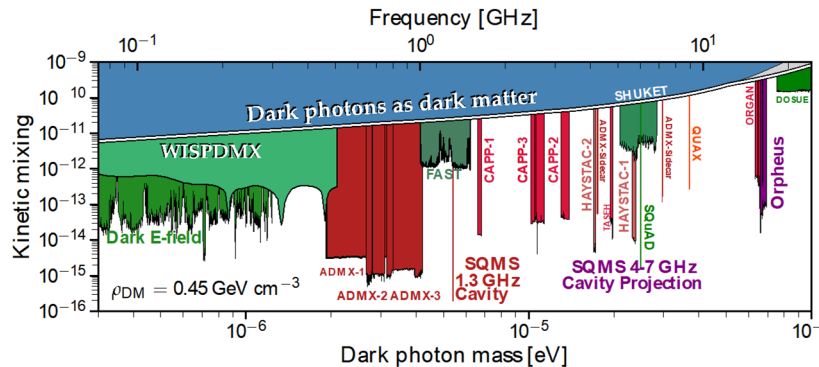


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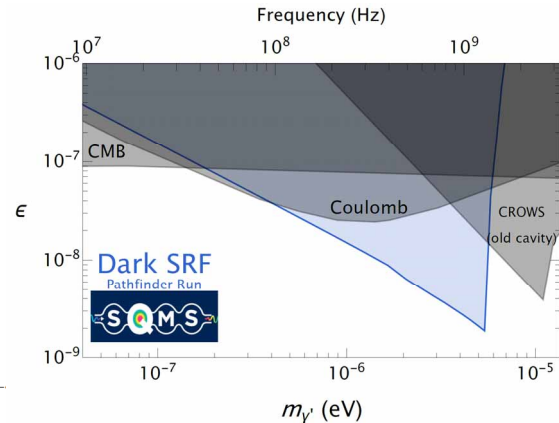
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# Conclusions

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- **Dark SRF**: Realized 1<sup>st</sup> proof of concept SC cavity-based LSW experiment
  - **extended dark photon exclusion limit in broad range of  $m_\nu$ , and  $\epsilon$** 
    - **Dark SRF 2.6GHz**: Emitter on 4K plate, receiver on mK plate with JPA on P<sub>t</sub>. New tuner system (piezo only).



Cervantes, et al., arXiv:2208.03183v3 (2022)



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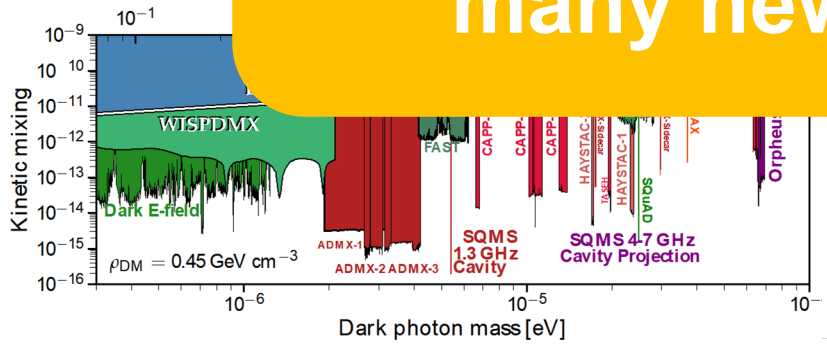
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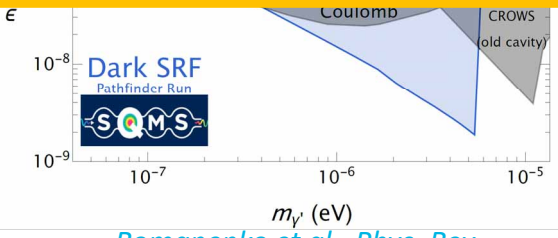
Already achieved new exclusion limits and we are working on many new experiments!



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# Thank you!