

Title: ADMX: The Axion Dark Matter Experiment

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Abstract: <span>Axions are an exceptionally well-motivated dark matter candidate in addition to being a consequence of the Peccei-Quinn solution to the strong CP problem. ADMX (Axion Dark Matter eXperiment) has recently been selected as the axion search for the US DOE Second-Generation Dark Matter Program. I will discuss the imminent upgrade of ADMX to a definitive search for micro-eV mass dark matter axions as well as the ongoing research and development of new technologies to expand the reach of ADMX to the entire plausible dark matter axion mass range.</span>

# ADMX: The Axion Dark Matter Experiment



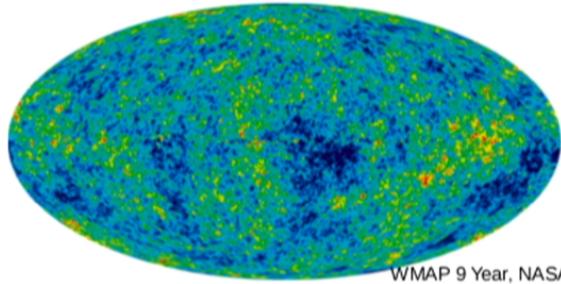
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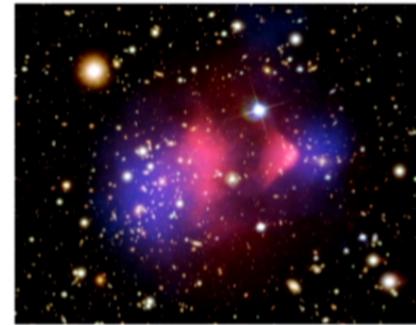


# Dark Matter At All Scales



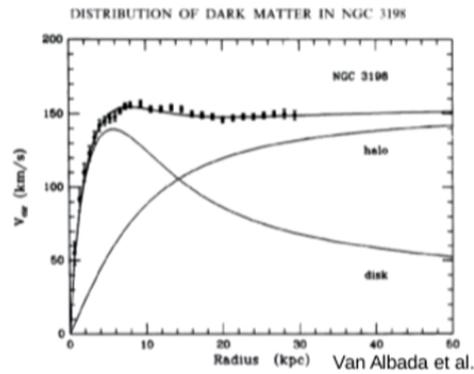
Our Hubble volume

WMAP 9 Year, NASA



Clusters of Galaxies

Composite: NASA, Markevitch et al., Clowe et al.



Individual Galaxies

**In the laboratory?**

# QCD Axions

## The Strong CP Problem

Lack of neutron electron dipole moment indicates strong force is CP invariant

$$\mathcal{T} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mu_n \uparrow \quad d_n \uparrow \\ |n\rangle \\ \mu_n \downarrow \quad d_n \downarrow \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} d_n \uparrow \\ \text{Yellow Circle} \\ -\mu_n \downarrow \end{array} \neq |n\rangle$$

$edm < 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ e-cm}$   
Baker et al.  
PRL 97 2006

How can the weak force be CP violating but the strong force remains CP invariant?  $O(10^{-10})$  cancellation required

## The Peccei-Quinn Solution

Add a dynamic field, spontaneously broken, which cancels any strong CP violation

This results in a new pseudoscalar particle, the Axion

-Weinberg, Wilczek

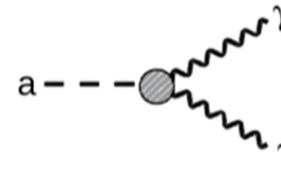
# Axions as Dark Matter

For the right mass range, axions are a good dark matter candidate

**Classical window: 1  $\mu\text{eV}$  to 1  $\text{meV}$**

Axion interaction is extremely weak  
Enough produced to be all of dark matter  
Cold enough to be dark matter

Two photon coupling is the relevant interaction



There are other windows (e.g. Anthropic window), that may or may not be affected by an observation of the scale of inflation, but this talk focuses on the classical window

# Axion Motivation

Viable Theories

Natural and Elegant Theories

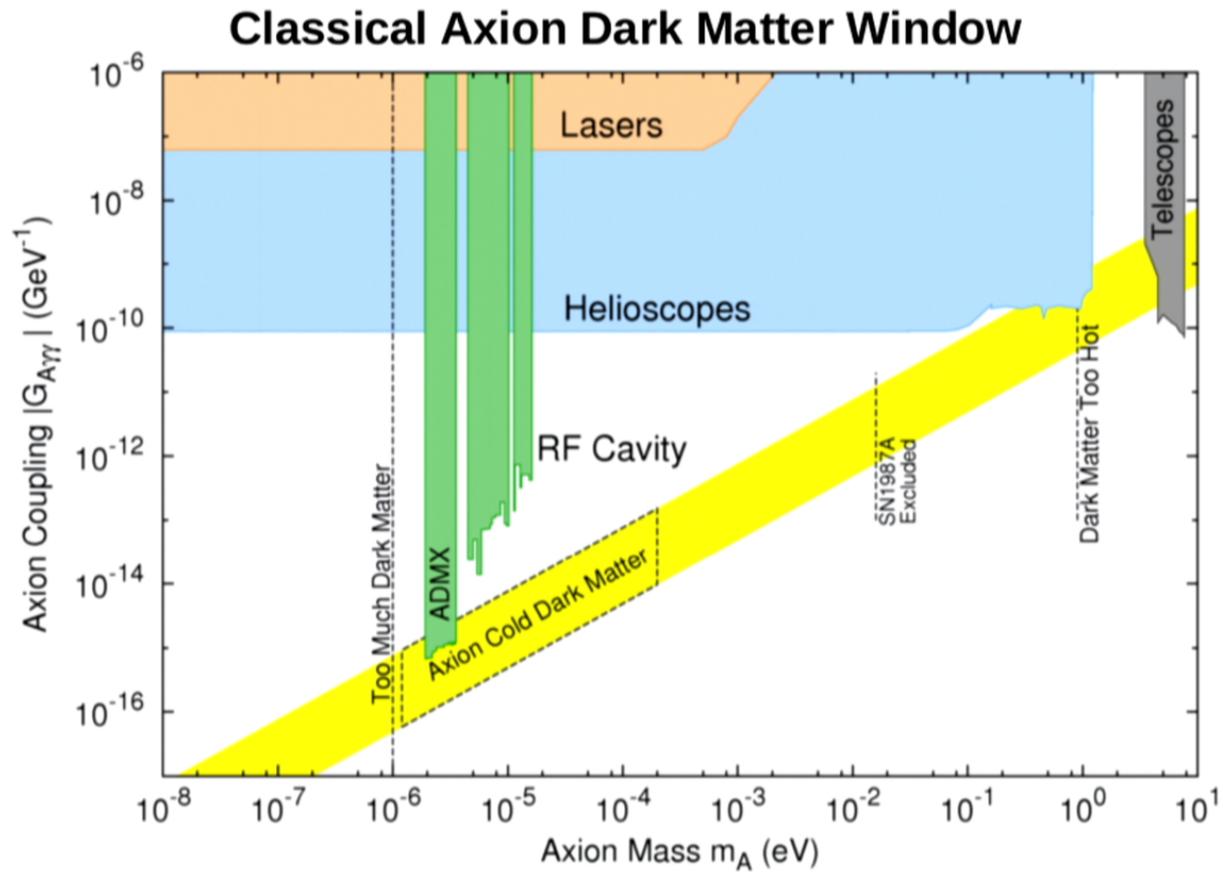


Source: Ann Nelson, *Vistas in Axion Physics* 2012

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# Axion Experiments



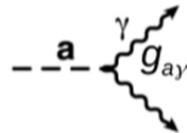
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# Detecting Axions

At these masses axion dark matter is best treated as a classical field

The axion-photon coupling...

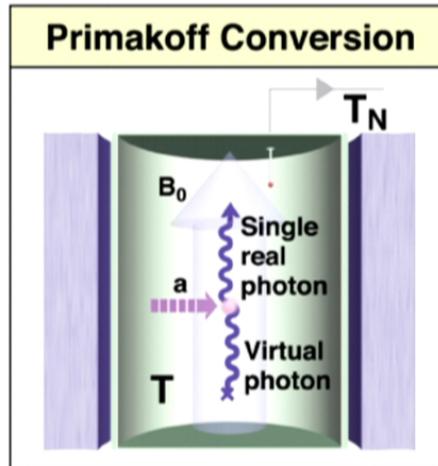


...is a source term in Maxwell's Equations

$$\frac{\partial(\mathbf{E}^2/2)}{\partial t} - \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) = g_{a\gamma} \dot{a}(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

So, e.g., imposing a strong external magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  transfers dark matter axion field energy into electromagnetic energy.

# Axion Haloscope



Dark Matter Axions will convert to photons in a magnetic field.

The measurement is enhanced if the photon's frequency corresponds to the cavity's resonant frequency.

See: Sikivie, Phys. Rev. Lett. 1983

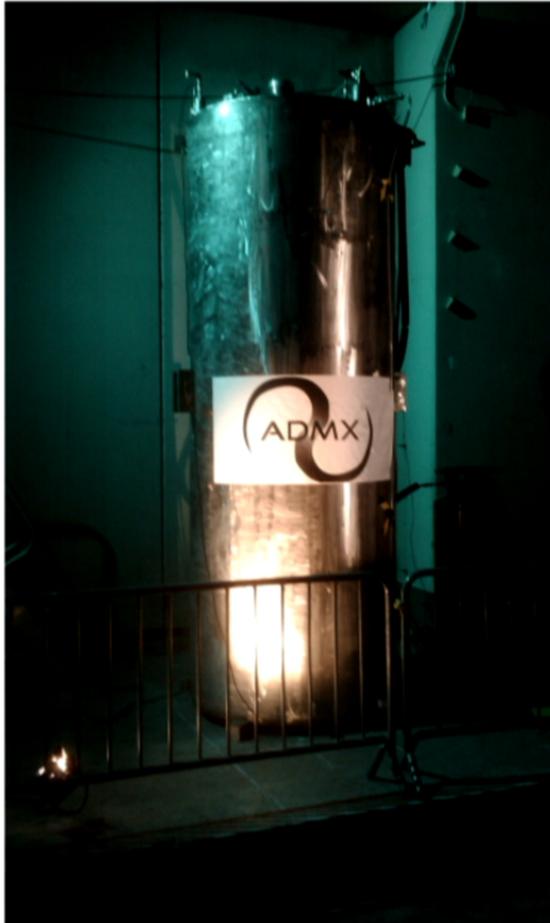
## You Want:

- Large Cavity Volume
- High Magnetic Field
- High Cavity Q

## You Don't Want:

- High Thermal Noise
- High Amplifier Noise

# ADMX: Axion Dark Matter eXperiment



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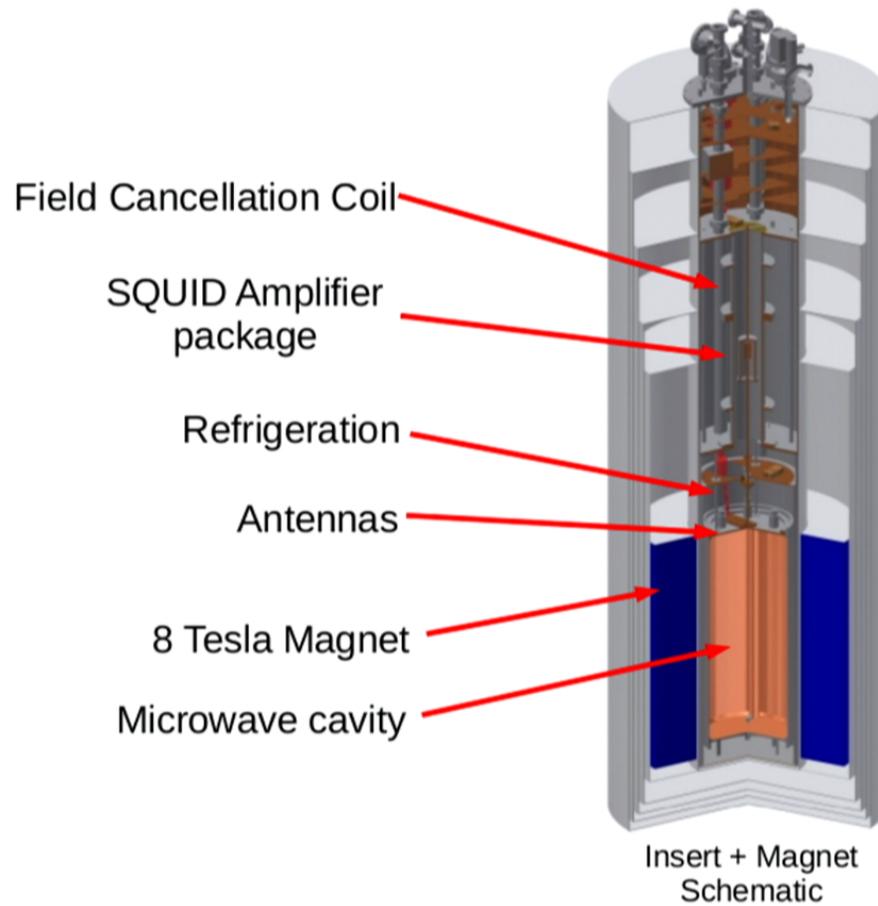
**UC Berkeley**

**NRAO**

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# ADMX Design



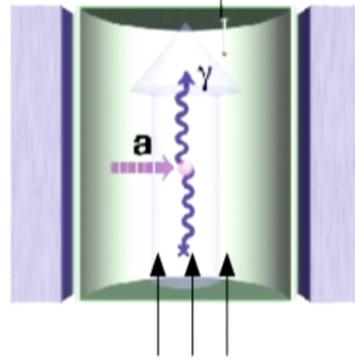
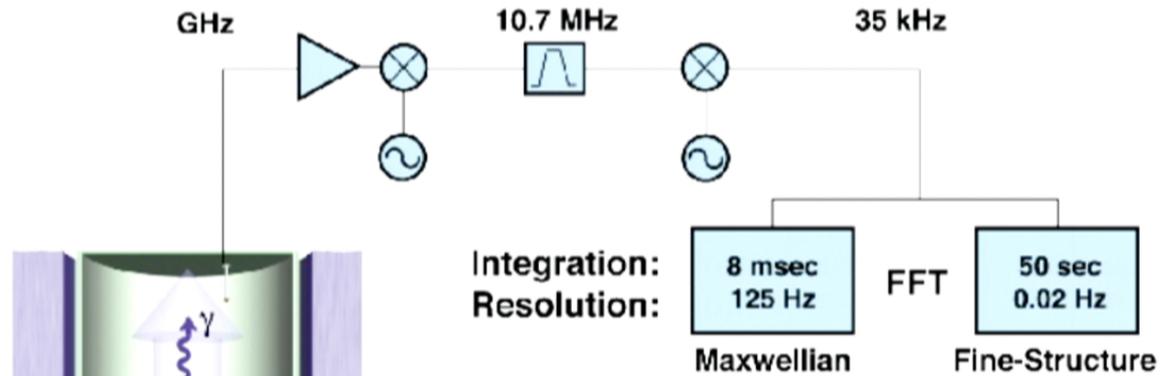
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Insert extraction from magnet

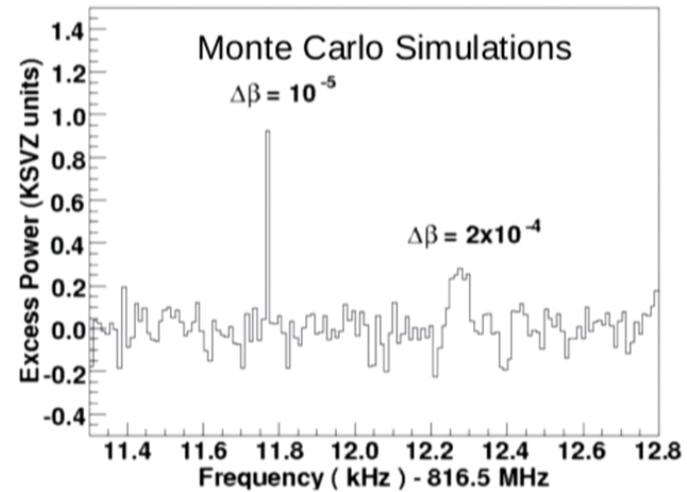
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# ADMX Receiver



B=8 Tesla

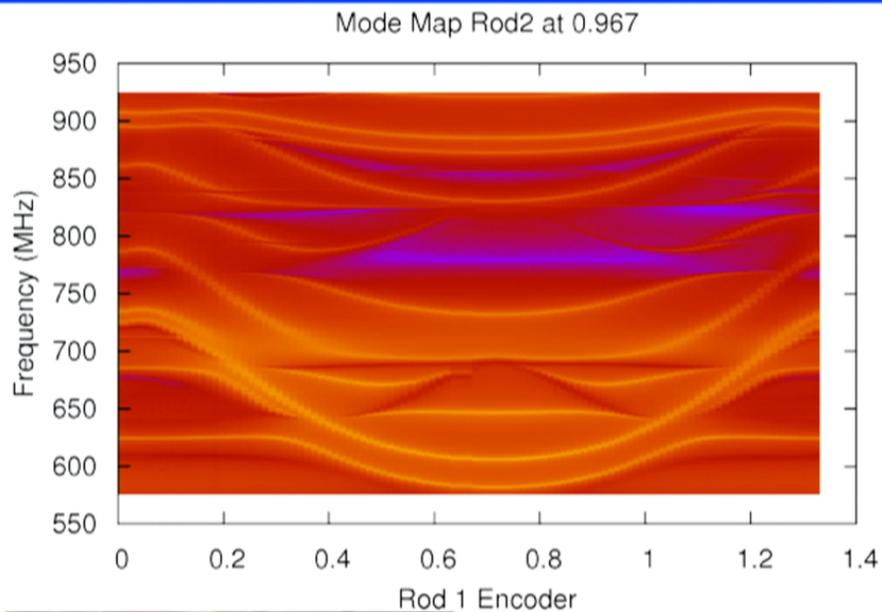
Axions, stimulated by a magnetic field, decay into microwave photons which resonate in the cooled cavity and are amplified and read out



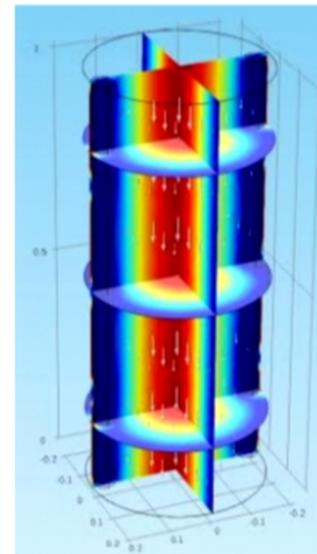
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# Tuning



Cavity with lid off,  
showing tuning rods

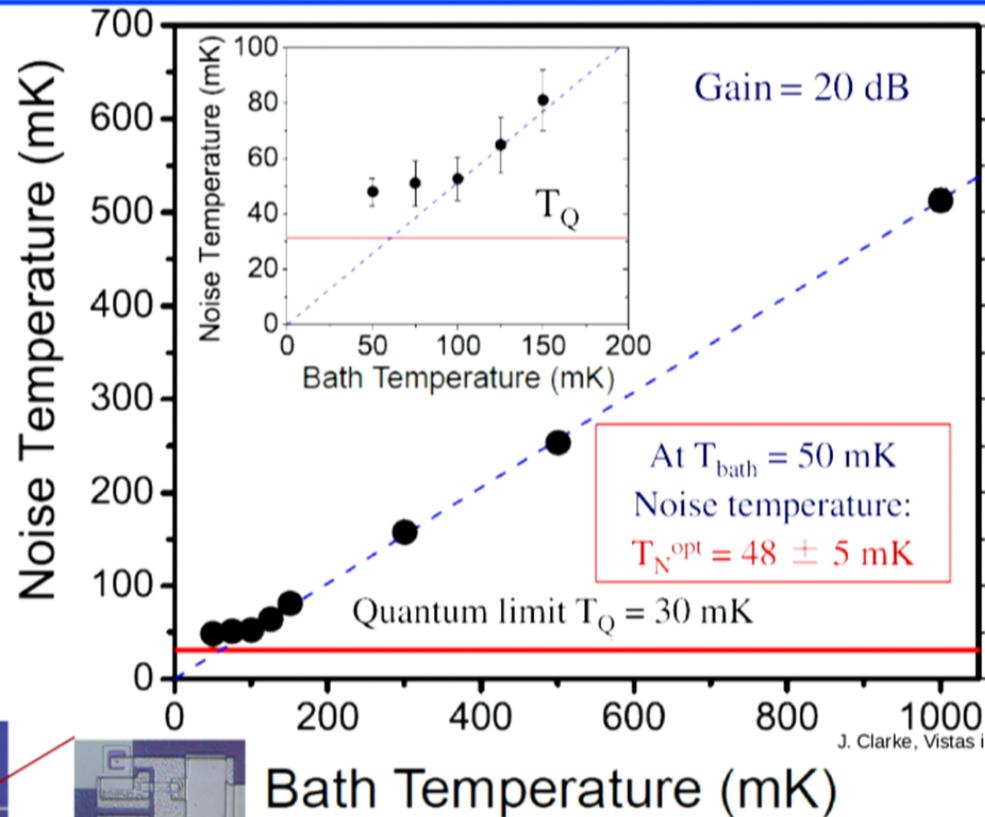


Field simulation of  
TM010 mode, no rods

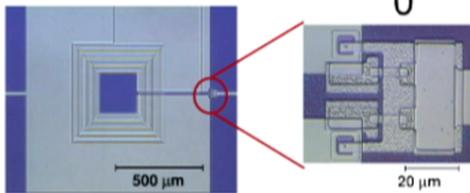
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# Key Technology: Quantum-limited Amplifiers



J. Clarke, Vistas in Axion Physics, 2012



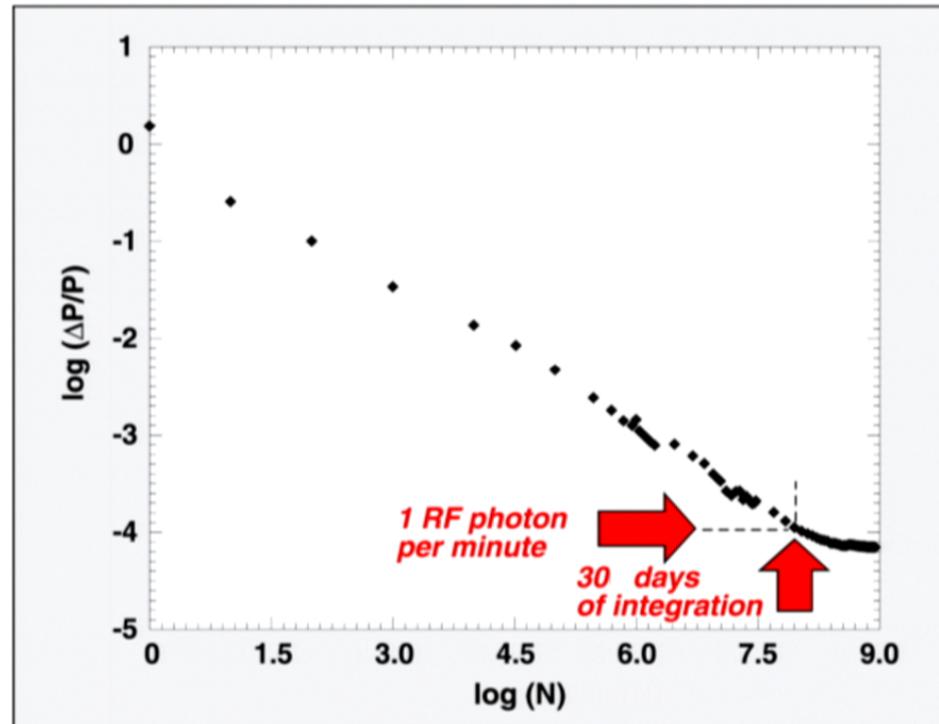
Bath Temperature (mK)

Below 1 GHz: SQUIDs  
Above 1 GHz: JPAs

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# Sensitivity



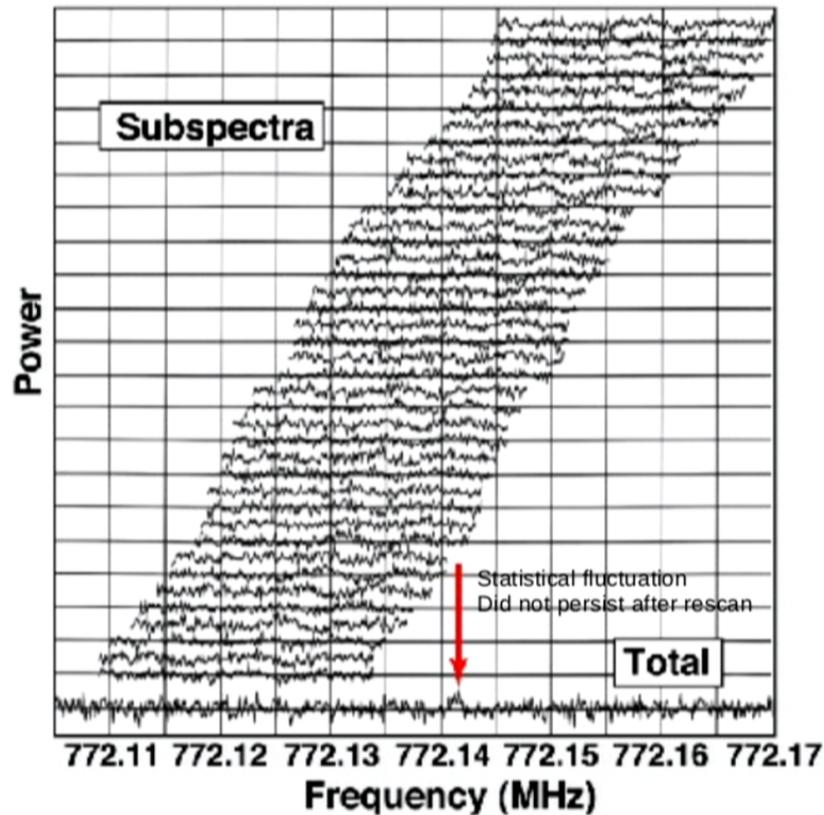
Systematics limited after 1 month integration

Sensitivity 0.01 Yoctowatt. Characteristic Axion Power: 100 Yoctowatts

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# Axion Search Technique



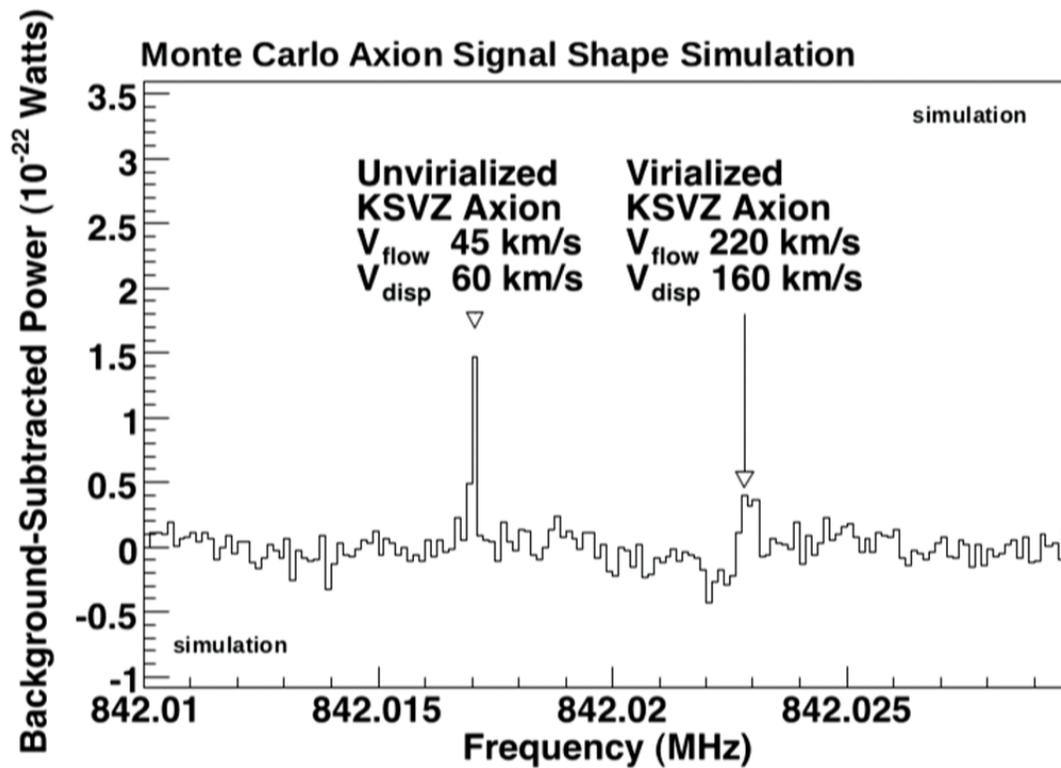
Cavity resonant frequency is tuned by two movable rods

Power spectra are measured at each rod position

Axion signal would appear as a constant power excess

Most backgrounds do not persist

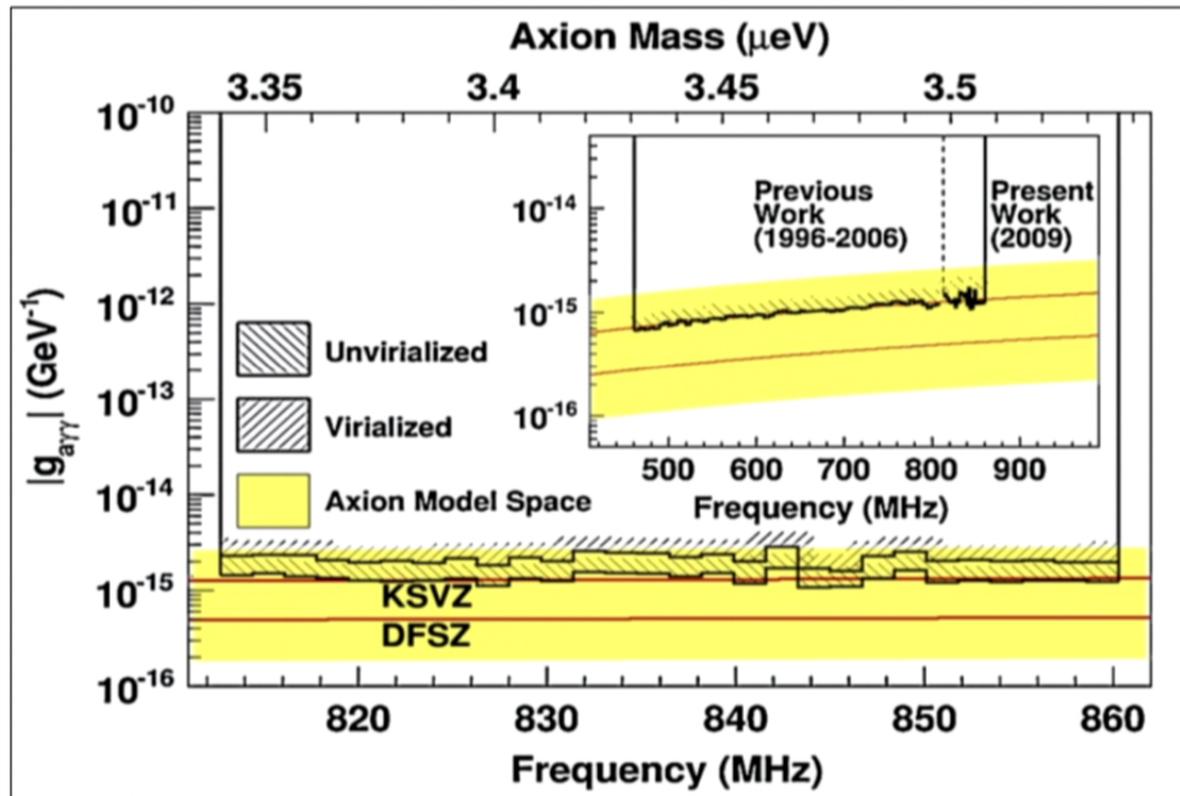
# Predicted Axion Signal Shape



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# Limits from ADMX 2010 run



Asztalos et al, PRL 104, 041301 (2010)

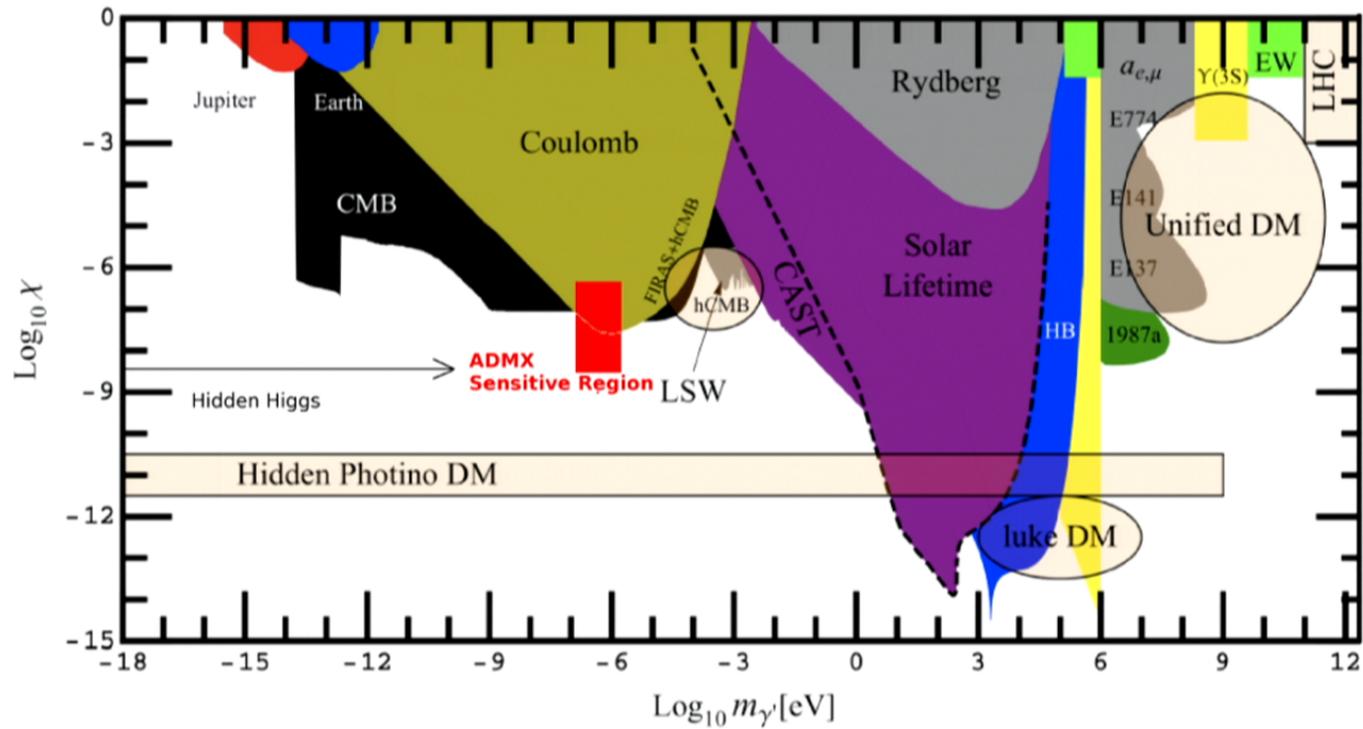
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# Interlude: Other Light Particles with ADMX

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# Paraphoton Searches



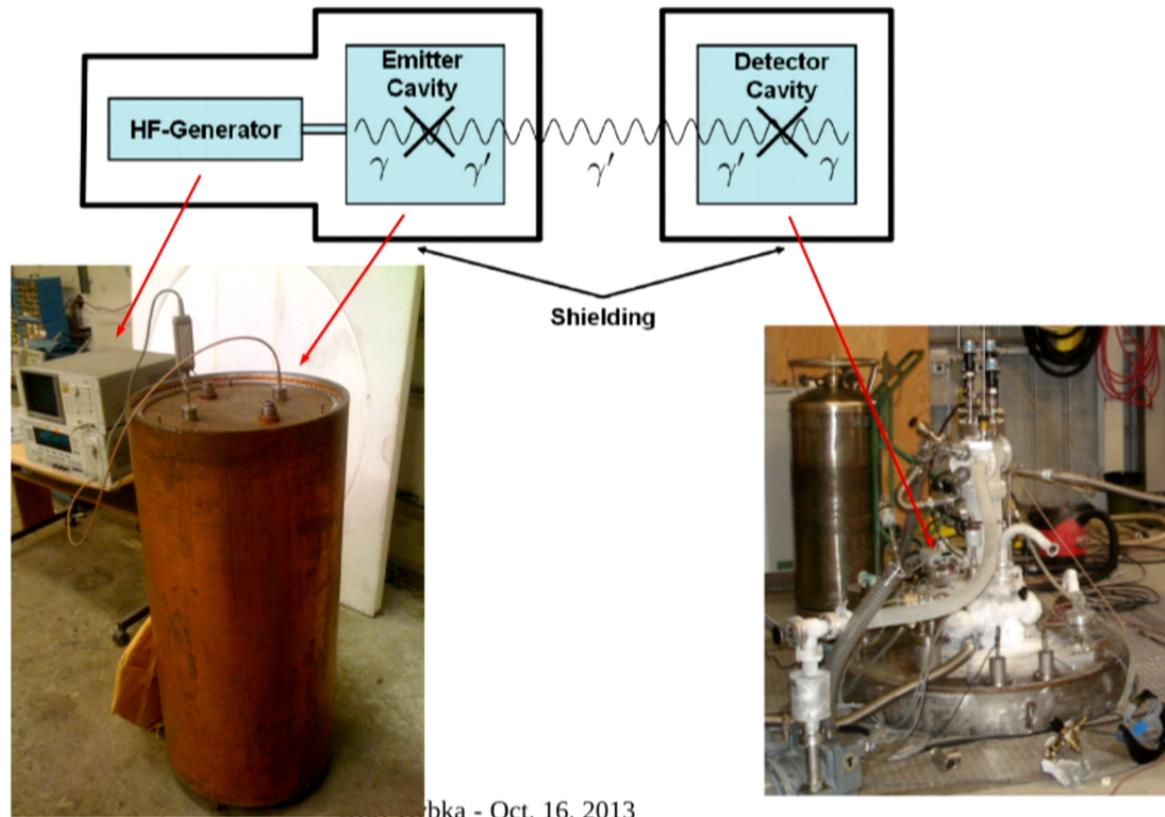
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# ADMX as a cavity paraphoton search

Light HSPs couple nearby electromagnetic resonant cavities

See: Jaeckel and Ringwald, Phys. Lett. B 659 (2008) 509



# ADMX as a Chameleon Search

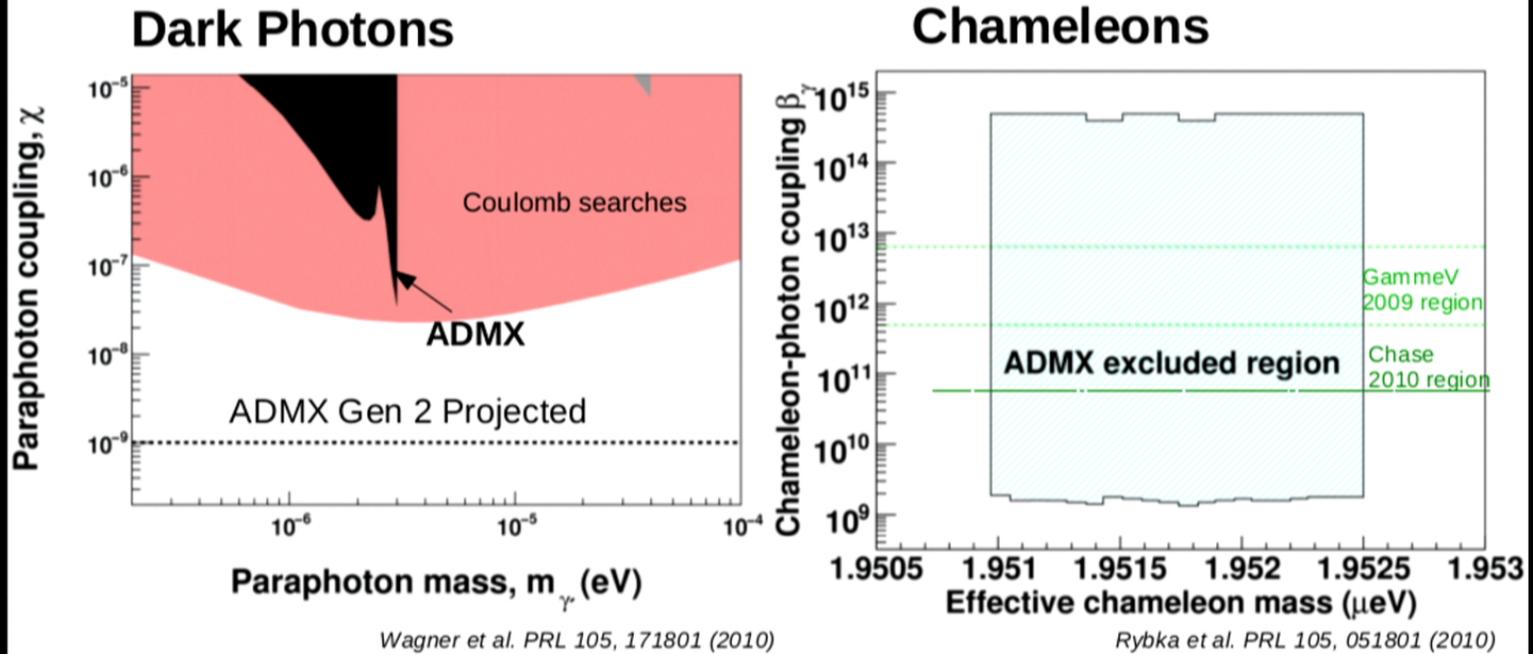
A chameleon is an exotic particle with the following properties

- Large mass in solid matter ← Necessary to avoid short-range gravity deviations
- Small mass in vacuum ← Both model and experiment dependent
- Couples to photons

One might see them with this type of experiment

- 1) Put photons in a cavity
- 2) Photons mix with chameleons
- 3) Remove the photons from the box
- 4) Look for the “afterglow” produced as chameleons mix back into photons

# Interlude: Other Light Particles with ADMX



ADMX can be configured to search for other light hidden-sector particles

# End of Interlude Back to Axions



Courtesy of IASA

breaking

July 11, 2014

## US reveals its next generation of dark matter experiments

Together, the three experiments will search for a variety of types of dark matter particles.

By Kathryn Jepsen



Two US federal funding agencies announced today which experiments they will support in the next generation of the search for dark matter.

*Symmetry Magazine*

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# Gen 2 ADMX Program



Gen 2 ADMX Goal: Cover most pessimistic axion couplings up to 10 GHz

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# Improving Scan Speed

Time to scan axion mass range a 2010 speed: ~100 years

$$\text{Scan Speed } \frac{df}{dt} \propto \frac{1}{T_{\text{noise}}^2}$$

Want to run faster?

**Run colder!**

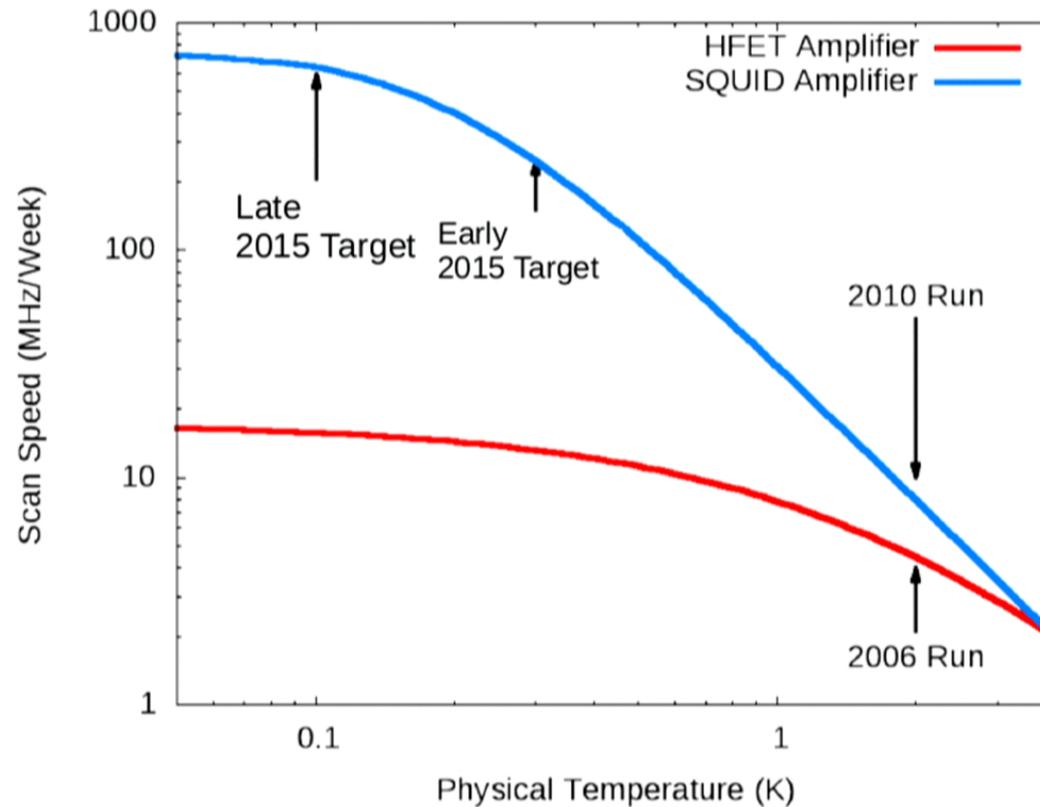
Noise comes from amplifiers and physical temperature

$$T_{\text{noise}} = T_{\text{amplifier}} + T_{\text{physical}}$$

# Cooling

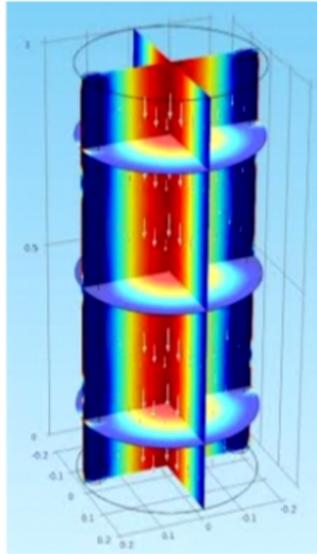


Dilution refrigerator will allow us to reach much colder temperatures, increasing scan speed tremendously



# Multimode Data Taking

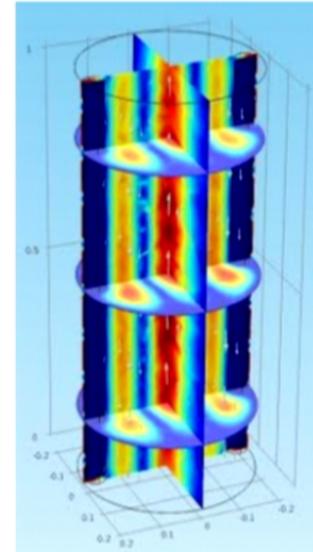
$$\text{Sensitivity} \propto E_z \cdot B_z$$



TM<sub>010</sub>

Tuning Range 400-900 MHz

Relative Power 1.0



TM<sub>020</sub>

Tuning Range 920-2,100 MHz

Relative Power 0.41

# ADMX Cold Commissioning

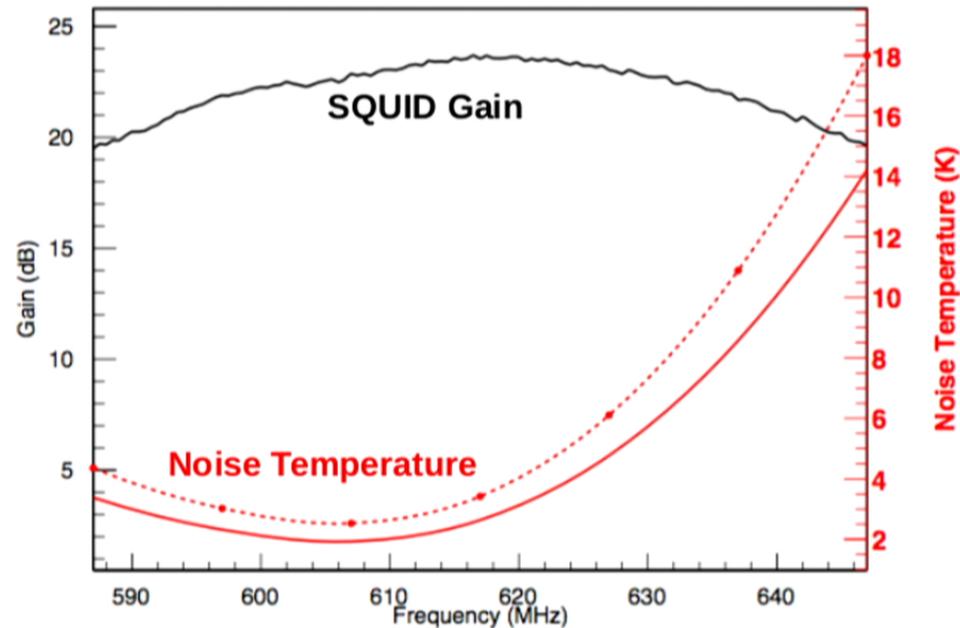


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# In-Situ SQUID Calibration

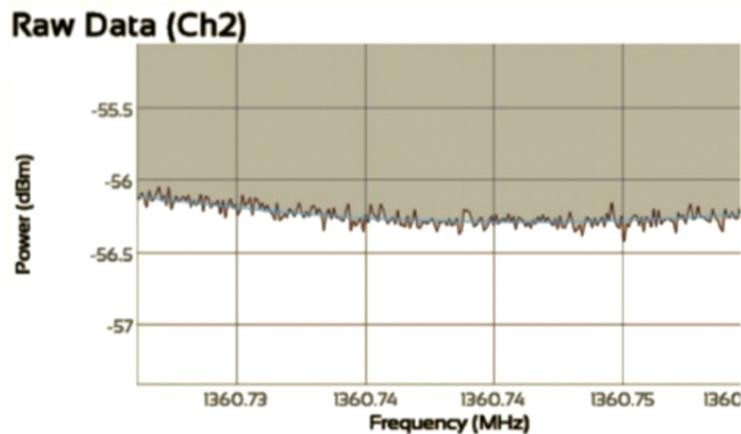
First Test of In-Situ SQUID Calibration (Not at Optimal Temperature)



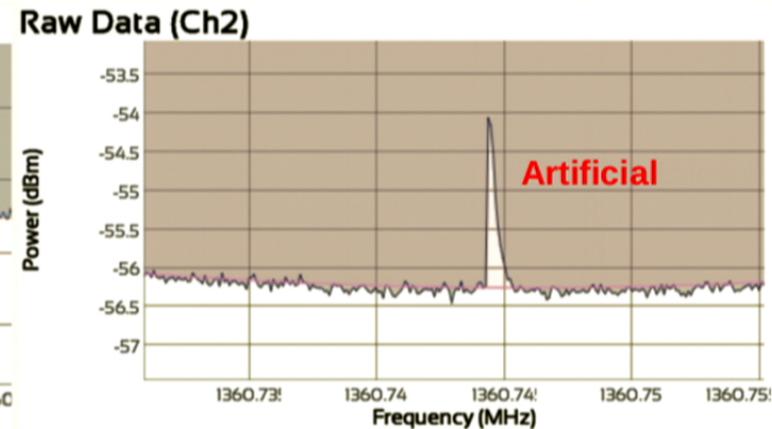
We can measure our amplifier noise temperature during data taking

# Axion-Like Signal Calibration

Single Raw Power Spectrum  
(100 second integration)



Raw Spectrum with Artificially  
Generated Axion-Like Signal

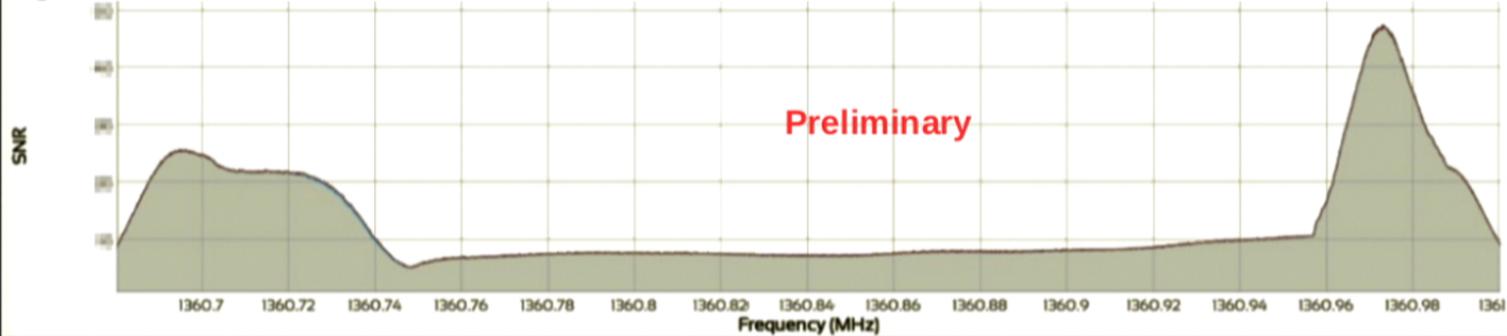


Injection of Axion-Like signals into cavity allow us to calibrate our analysis

# Recent Data

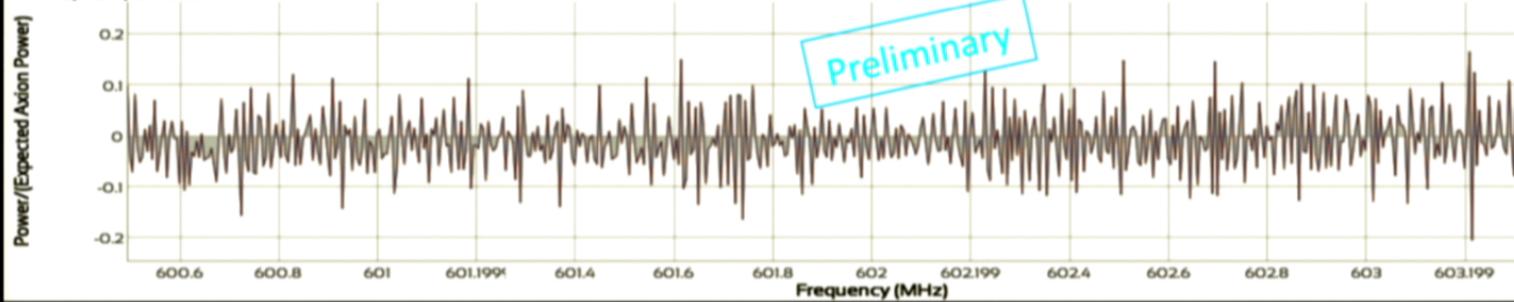
SNR determines our sensitivity

Signal to Noise Ch2



A candidate search is where axions would show up

Candidate Search Ch1  
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# Current Status and Schedule

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2010-2013 Move Experiment to UW, rebuild insert

Spring 2014 Commissioning of New Insert

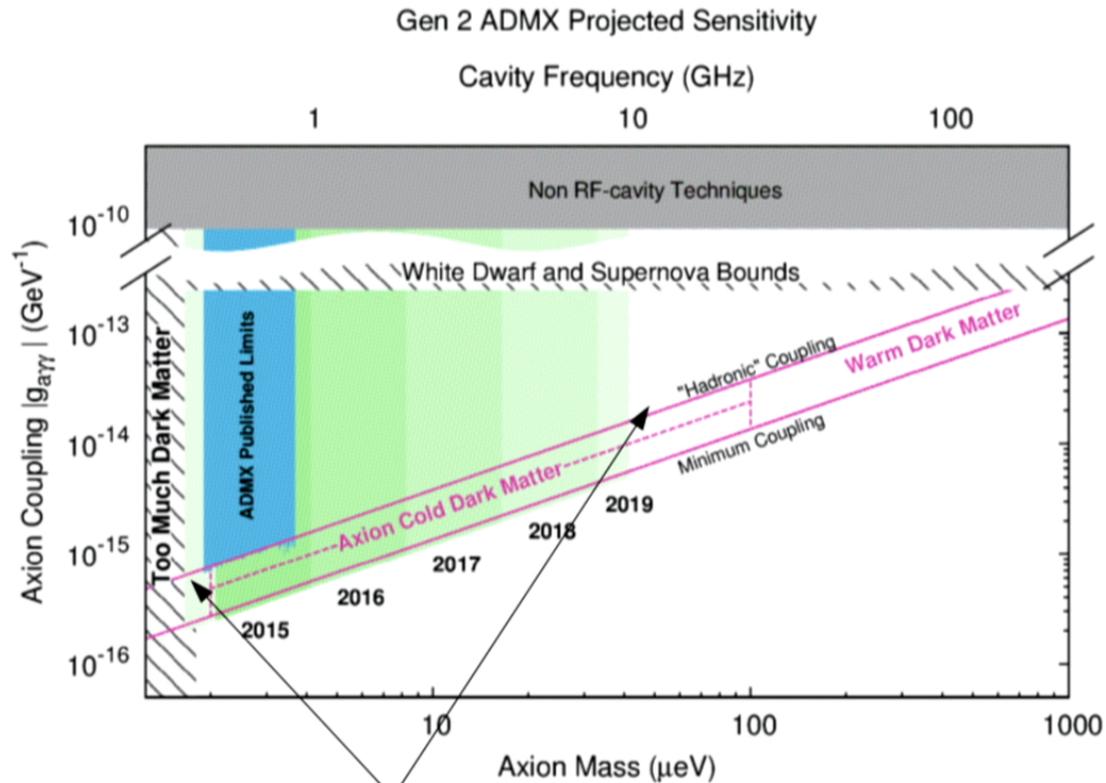
Summer 2014 Short 1K Run verifies new insert works

Now: Refitting for Dilution Refrigerator

Winter 2014: Dilution Refrigerator arrives

2015: Commission @ 100mK and begin data taking!

# Expanding ADMX's Mass Range



How do we reach here?

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# Expanding Experiment Mass Range

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## Higher axion masses:

Cavity volume shrinks

Q's get lower

Amplifier Noise Increases

## Lower Axion Masses:

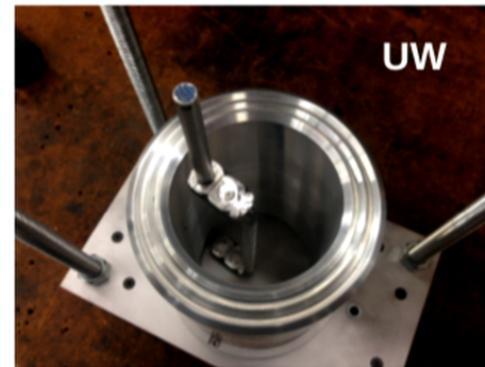
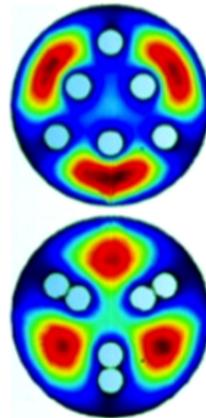
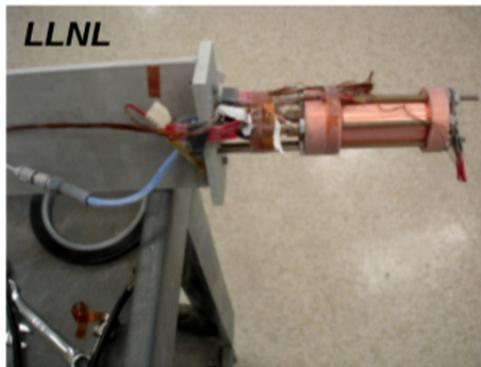
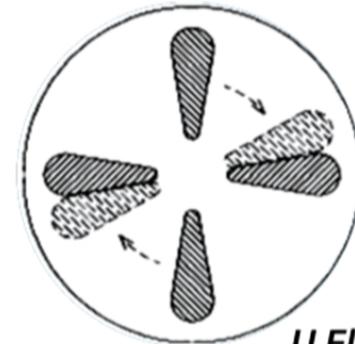
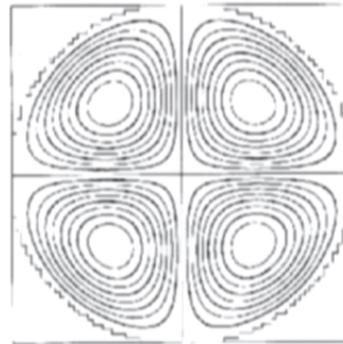
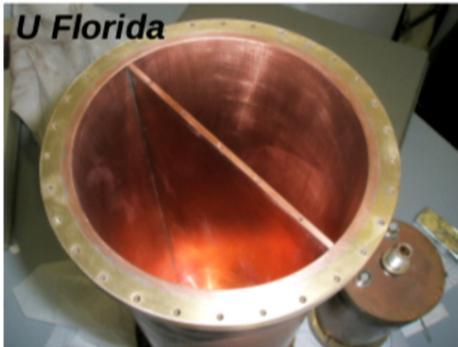
Characteristic cavity radius exceeds reasonable magnet bore

Coupling decreases

R&D is underway to access higher and lower axion masses

# Higher Frequency Cavities

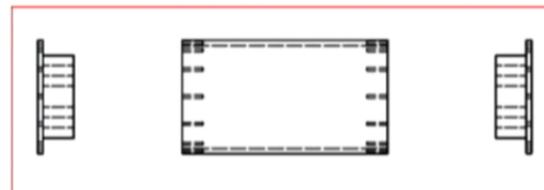
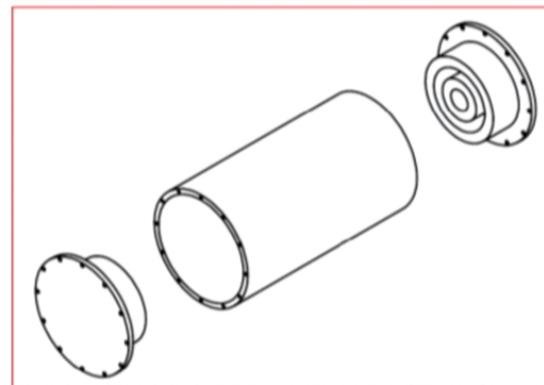
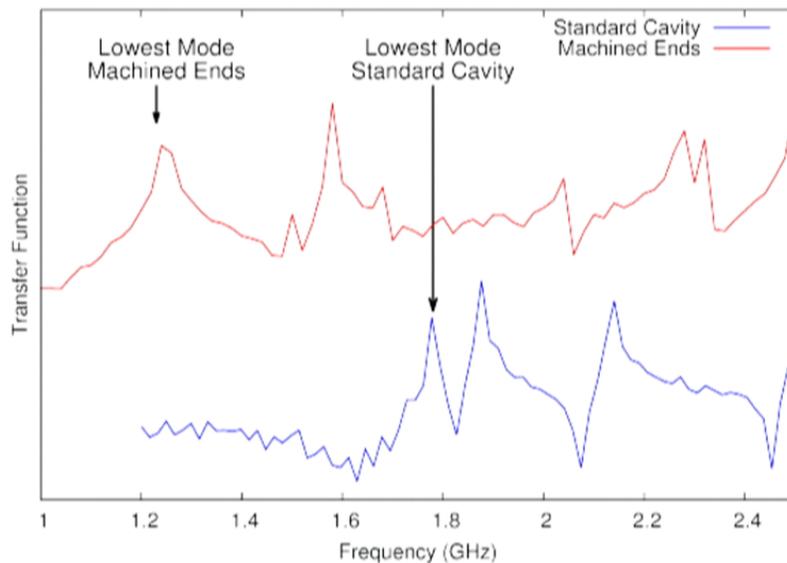
ADMX is developing higher frequency cavity structures



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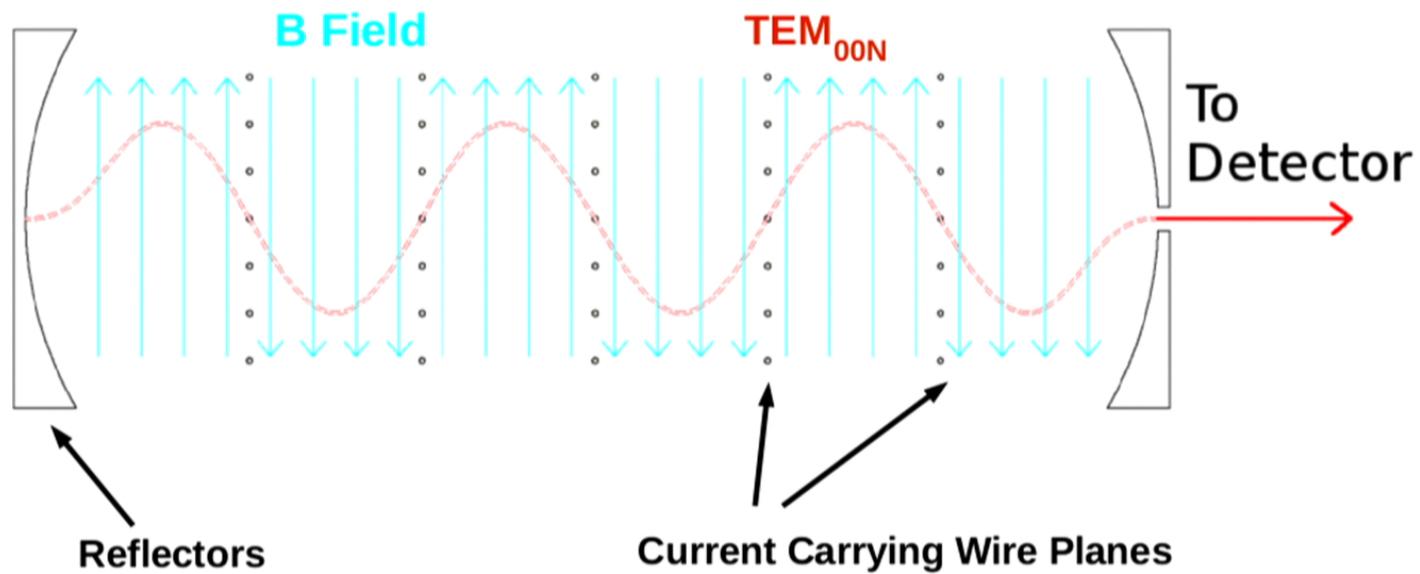
# Lower Frequency Cavities



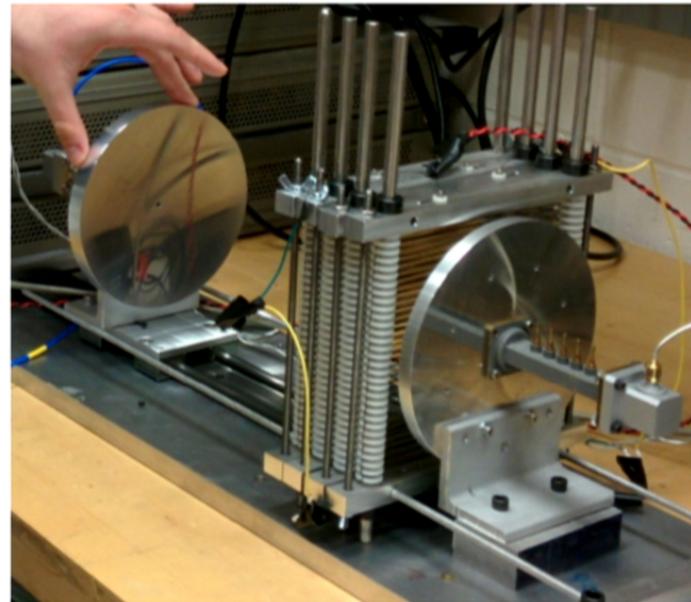
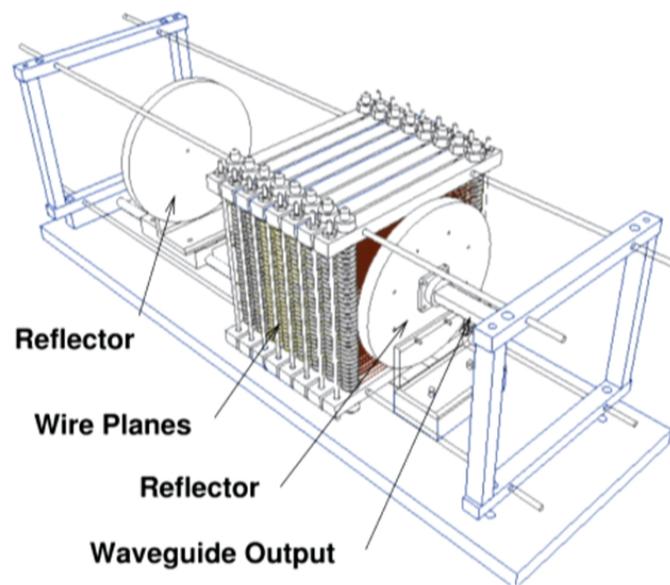
R&D is underway to access frequencies below those of previous cavities

Current work promises factor of two or more frequency reach increase

# Open Resonator Concept



# Orpheus Design



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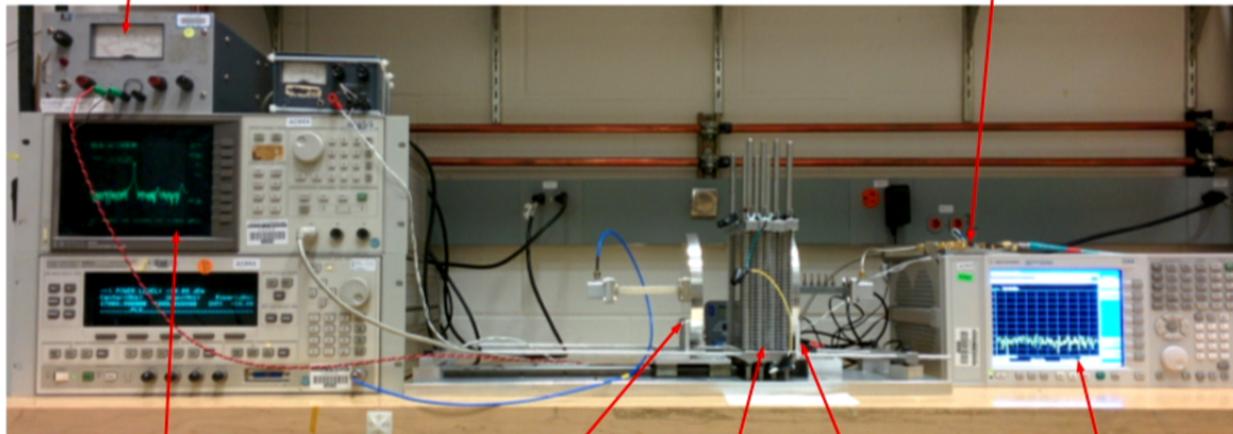
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# Open Resonator Prototype

ADMX R&D: Orpheus

Wire Plane Power Supply

Amplification



Network Analyzer  
(Measures Q)

Reflector

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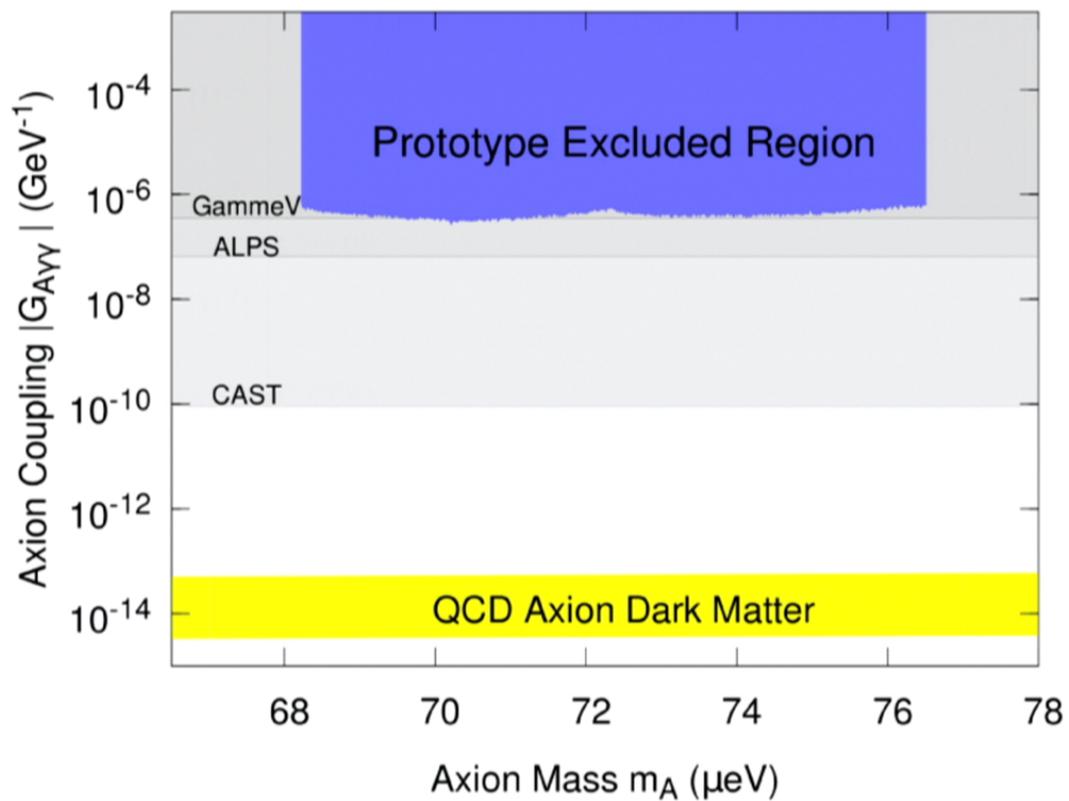
Wire Planes

Spectrum Analyzer  
(Measures Power Out)

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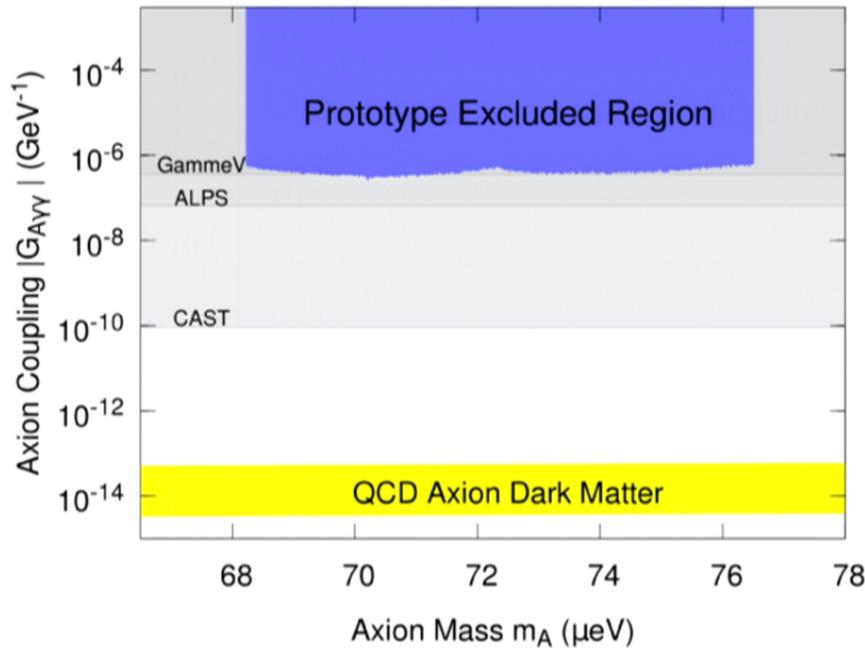
# Orpheus Prototype Limits



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# Orpheus Parameters

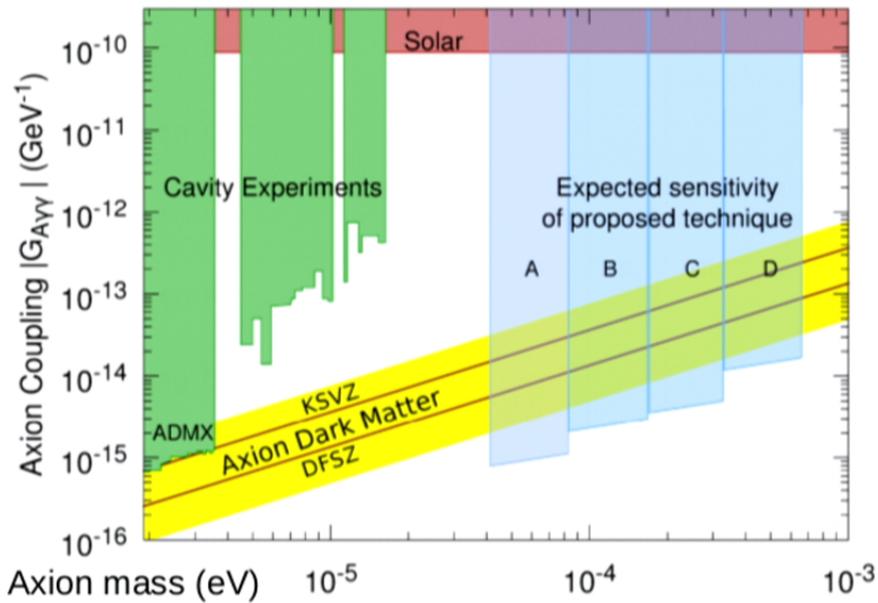


**Improvable key  
experiment parameters**

- Noise Temp:  $\sim 1500$  K
- Loaded Q:  $\sim 3000$
- B Field:  $\sim 5$  Gauss
- Volume:  $\sim 200$  cc

**Many orders of magnitude  
improvement possible**

# Open Resonators Potential Reach



May be able to extend  
ADMX reach to meV masses  
See: arxiv:1403.3121

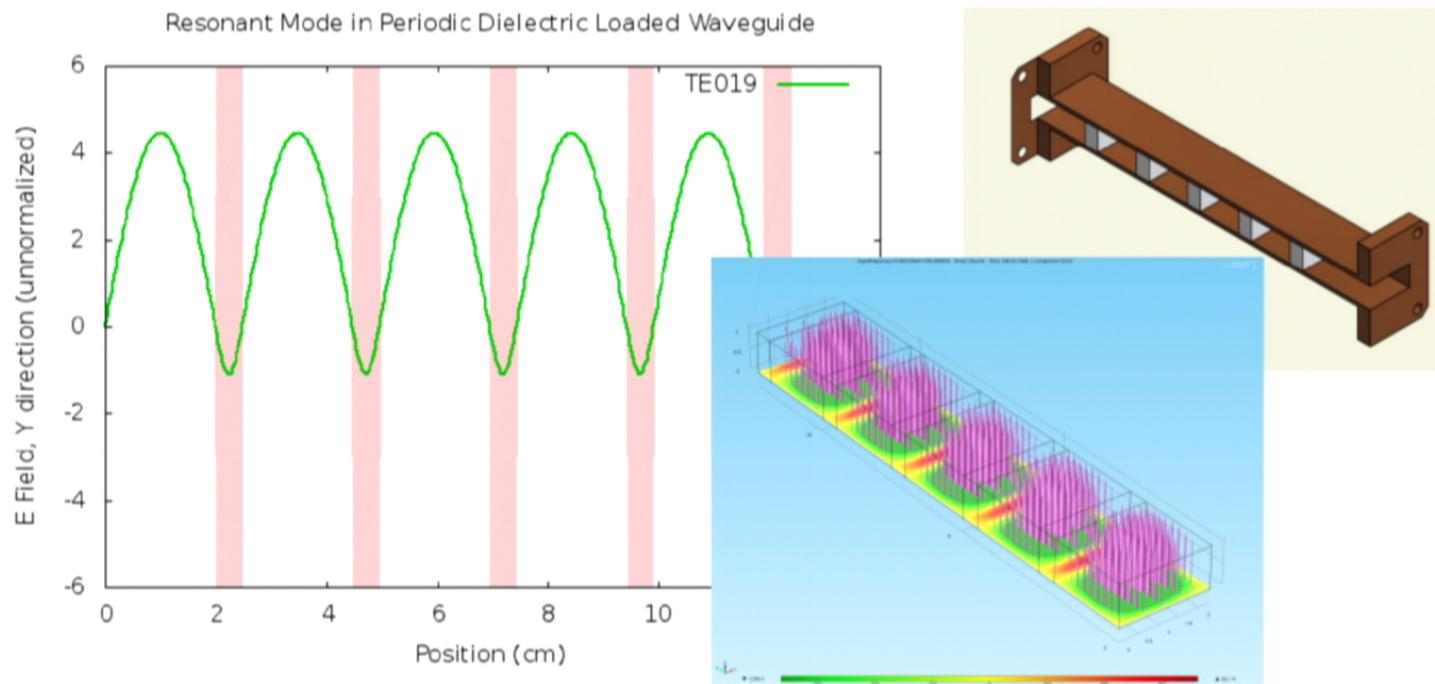
Potential Gen 3 Design?

Experiment	Mass Target	Frequency	B Field	Q	Volume	Noise Temperature	Run Time
A	52 $\mu\text{eV}$	15 GHz	3 T	$10^6$	$1 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^3$	750 mK	1 Year
B	103 $\mu\text{eV}$	30 GHz	3 T	$10^6$	$8 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^3$	1.5 K	1 Year
C	207 $\mu\text{eV}$	60 GHz	6 T	$10^6$	$4 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^3$	3 K	1 Year
D	414 $\mu\text{eV}$	120 GHz	6 T	$10^6$	$2 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^3$	6 K	1 Year

# Dielectric Loaded Resonators

Strategically placed dielectric in resonators can enhance coupling

Example: Dielectric blocks spaced by half wavelength in a waveguide



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# Active Resonators

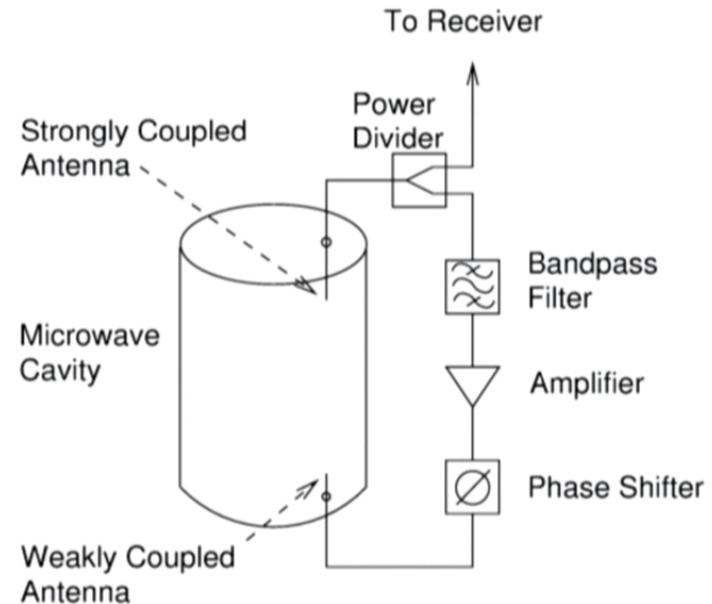
Active feedback resonators can increase the  $Q$  of a resonant system by factors in excess of 1000

This could increase axion conversion signal, but noise increases as well



Passive

Active



The use of active resonators to enhance sensitivity in ADMX is currently under study: [arxiv:1403.6720](https://arxiv.org/abs/1403.6720)

# Conclusions

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Axions are a well motivated dark matter candidate

Are we going to find the axion? **Yes**

The Gen 2 ADMX experiment will explore a wide range of plausible axion masses

If we don't find it there, we are working on ways to search the entire possible range.