Search for DPDM with Tunable SRF Cavities

Outline

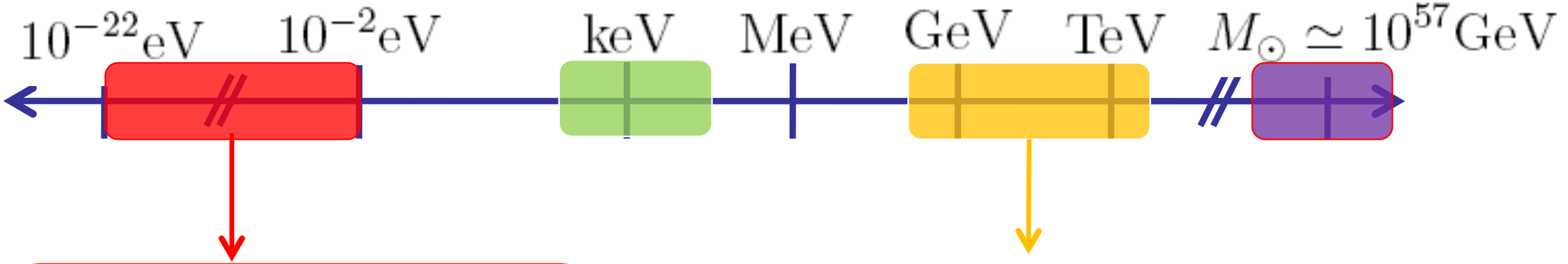
- Motivation of ultra-light dark matter search using Superconducting Radio Frequency (SRF) Cavity
- SRF Cavity Project for DPDM search
- SRF Cavity Project for cosmic DP? (preliminary)
- Experimental group
- Summary and Outlook

Motivation of ultra-light dark matter

Various DM candidate

stereo
neutrino、X
ray astronomy

PBH, MACHOs, etc



Ultra-light DM (axion、ALP、dark photo etc,…):
Haloscope、radio telescope

Wave-like DM

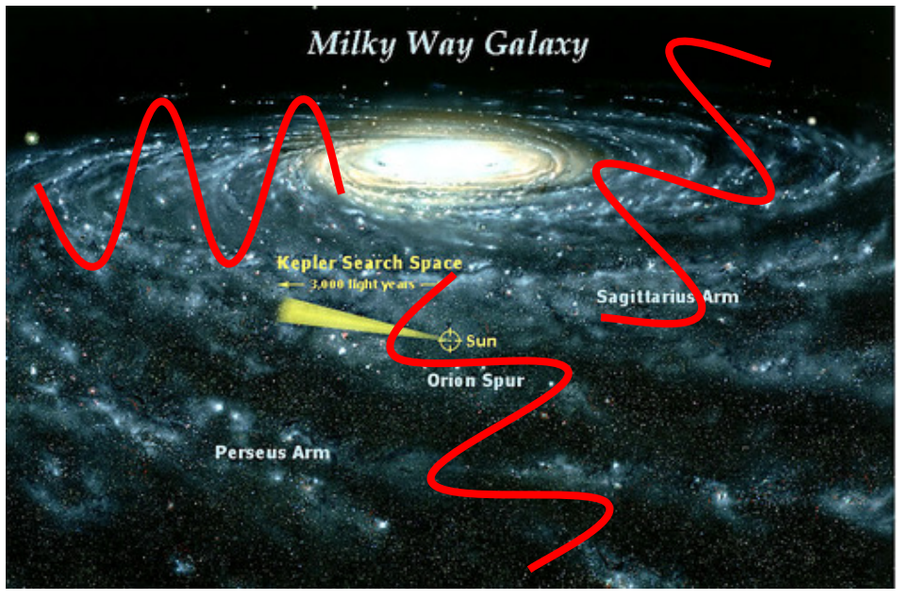
WIMPs: direct (indirect)detection、collider searches

particle-like DM

There's a broad spectrum of possible particles with varied masses and interaction strengths, making experimental searches challenging.

The ultra-light DM

QM： All matter exhibits both particle and wave properties.



(m~10^{-22} eV)

The de Broglie wavelength: galactic scales(kpc)

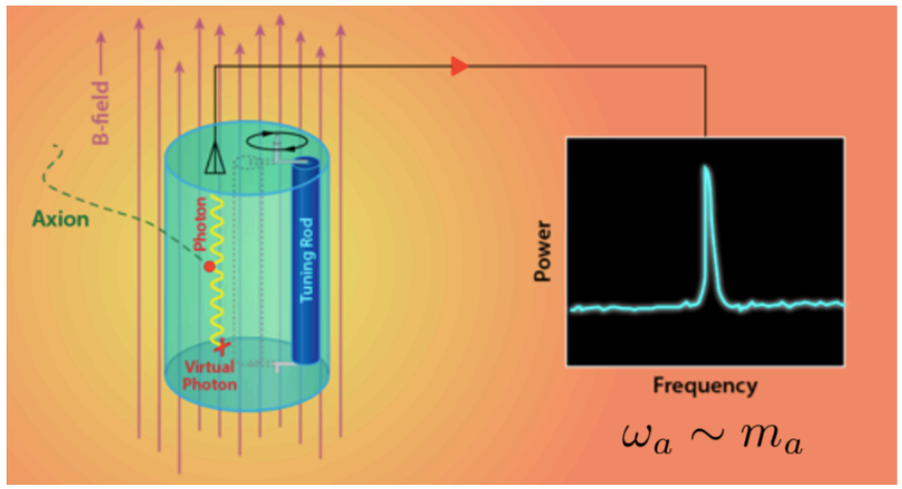
- Astronomical observation (time, position, velocity, polarization, etc)

Wavelengths at macroscopic scales, manifesting as a wave-like background field

Distinct from traditional dark matter detection (particle scattering)

enormous potential for development in this field

similar as the GWs detection



$m_a \sim \mathrm{GHz} \sim 10^{-6}\ \mathrm{eV}$

Compton wave length (m)

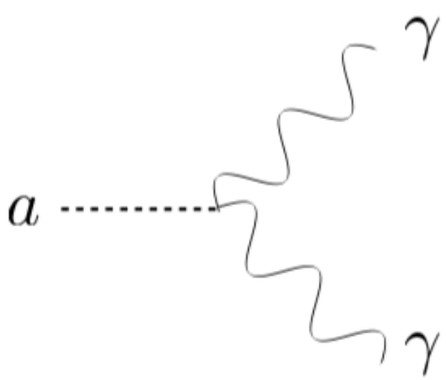
Haloscope, Quantum amplifier

New search methods!!!

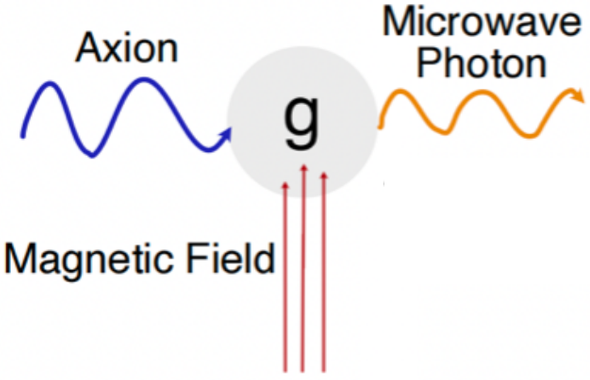
Quantum sensor

Ultra-light DM candidate

Axion (ALP)： spin 0, CP odd



Inverse Primakoff effect



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} \simeq \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} + g_{a\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B}\, \partial_t a$$

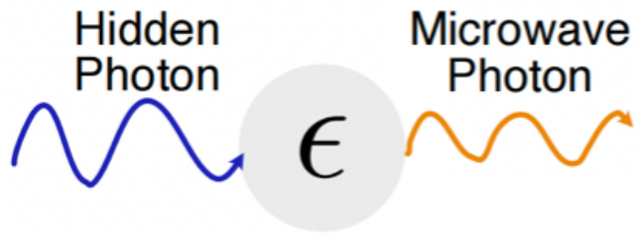
induces an effective current
under strong magnetic field.

$$\vec{J}^{a}_{\rm eff} = g_{a\gamma}\omega_a a \vec{B}_0.$$

Dark photon： spin 1

mili-charge particles?

kinetic mixing

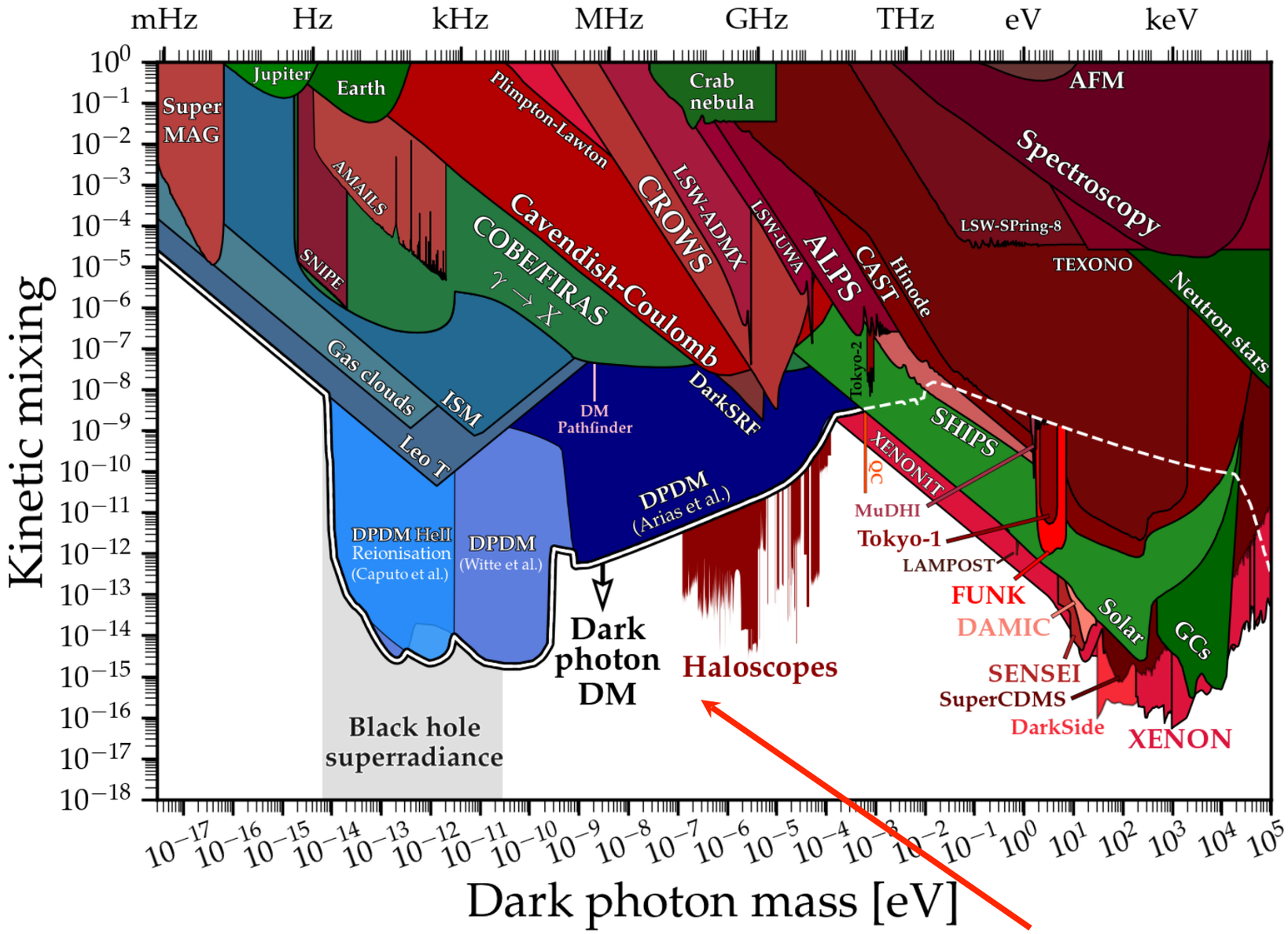


$$\Box\mathscr{L} \supset -\tilde{A}_\mu \left(e J^\mu_{EM} - \varepsilon m^2_{A'} \tilde{A}'^\mu \right)$$

induces an effective current
anyway.

$$J^{A'\,\mu}_{\rm eff} = \epsilon m^2_{A'} A'^\mu;$$

Current DPDM search



Haloscope sensitivity largely depends on Q:
Superconducting cavity has Q~10^{10}

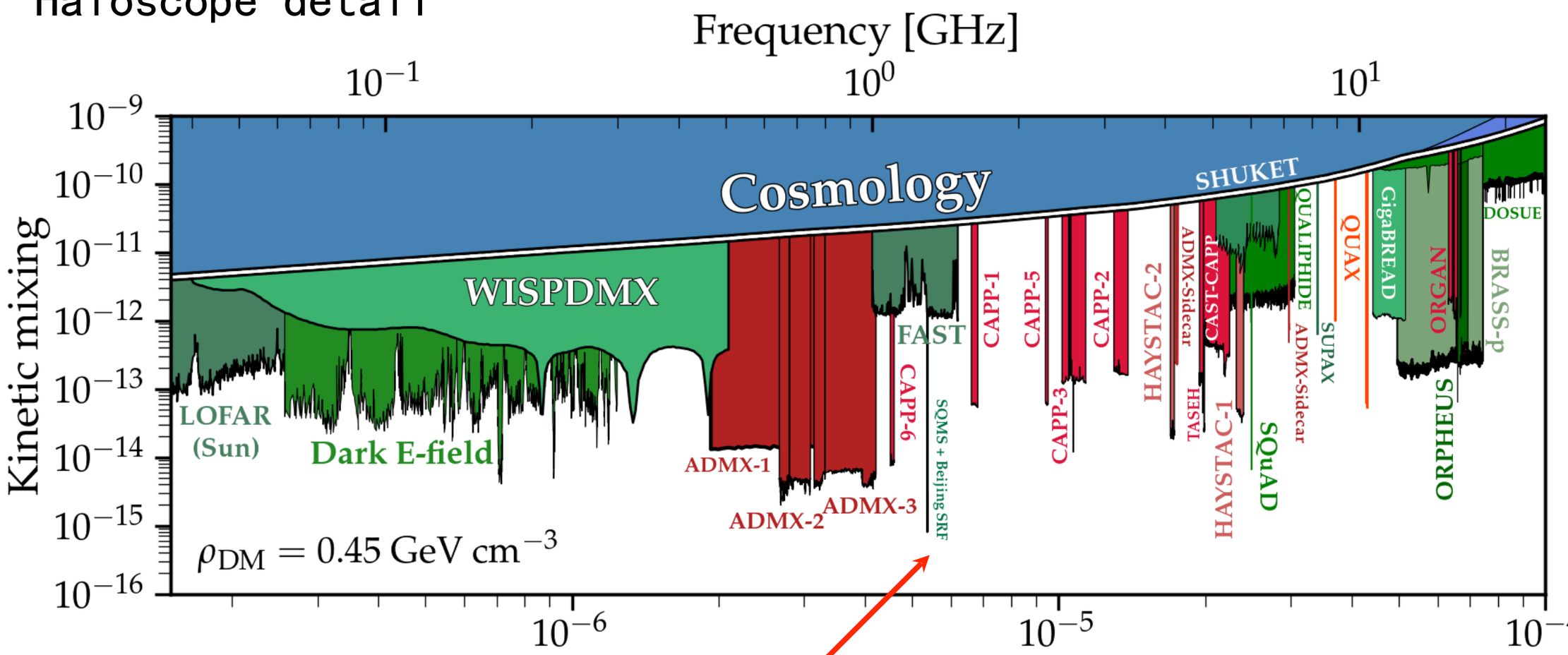
Still a lot of room to detect

how to make use it?
5 orders more than traditional cavity.

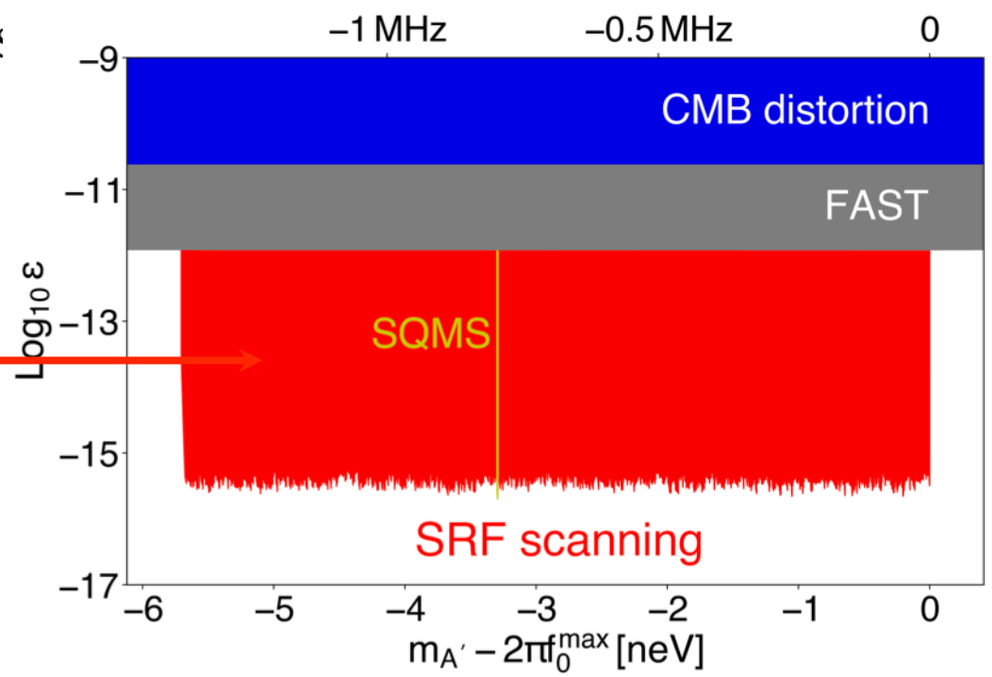
Axion limit webpage: https://github.com/cajohare/AxionLimits/blob/master/docs/dp.md

DPDM search

Haloscope detail



First tunable results with deepest exclusion limit



Spectrum of Ultra-light Dark Matter

The Virial Theorem: the velocity of dark matter near Earth
is approximately 10^-3 boosted by gravity.

$$a(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_{\rm DM}}}{m_a}\cos(m_a t + \phi)$$

Frequency: $\omega_a \simeq \mathrm{GHz}\,\dfrac{m_a}{10^{-6}\ \mathrm{eV}}$

Coherence: $\tau_a \simeq \mathrm{ms}\,\dfrac{10^{-6}\ \mathrm{eV}}{m_a}$

Max Exp. Size: $\lambda_a \simeq 200\ \mathrm{m}\,\dfrac{10^{-6}\ \mathrm{eV}}{m_a}$

Axion DM as an example, same for
other kinds (DPDM, etc)

$$\tau_a \sim 1/m_a\langle v_{\rm DM}^2\rangle \sim Q_a/m_a \sim 10^6/m_a$$

Bandwidth of axion
DM is 10^-6

Detector bandwidth < 10^-6
accelerate the scan rate

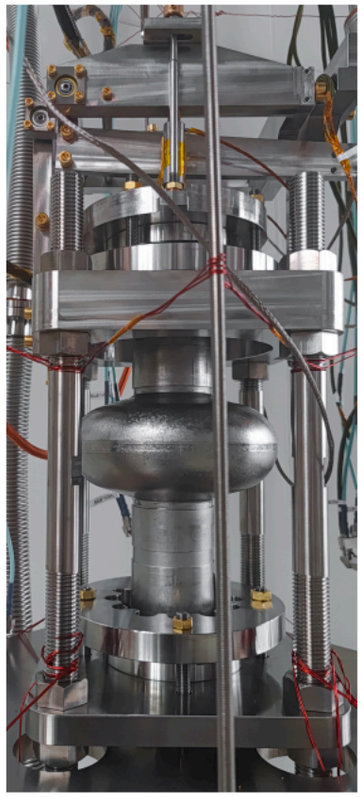
$$\lambda_a \sim 1/m_a\sqrt{\langle v_{\rm DM}^2\rangle} \sim 10^3/m_a$$

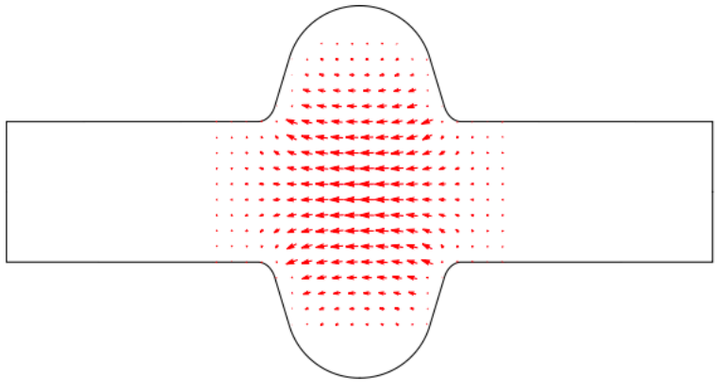
Momentum width10^-3

SRF Cavity Project for DPDM

SRF Cavity

- Significant $Q_0 > 10^{10}$ compared to copper cavity with $Q_0 \leq 10^6$.
- Superconducting Radio-Frequency (SRF) Cavities:
  extremely high $Q_0 \simeq 10^{10}$ $\rightarrow$ improve $\mathrm{SNR} \propto Q_0^{1/4}$
- 1-cell elliptical niobium cavity with mechanical tuner, immersed in liquid helium at $T \sim 2\,K$
- TM_{010} mode: z-aligned $\vec{E}$, **maximizes the overlap** for dark photon dark matter (DPDM)





$$\epsilon \approx 10^{-16} \left(\frac{10^{10}}{Q_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{4\,\mathrm{L}}{V}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{0.5}{C}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{100\,\mathrm{s}}{t_{\mathrm{int}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1.3\,\mathrm{GHz}}{f_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{T_{\mathrm{amp}}}{3\,\mathrm{K}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

SRF Cavity Searches for Dark Photon Dark Matter: First Scan Results

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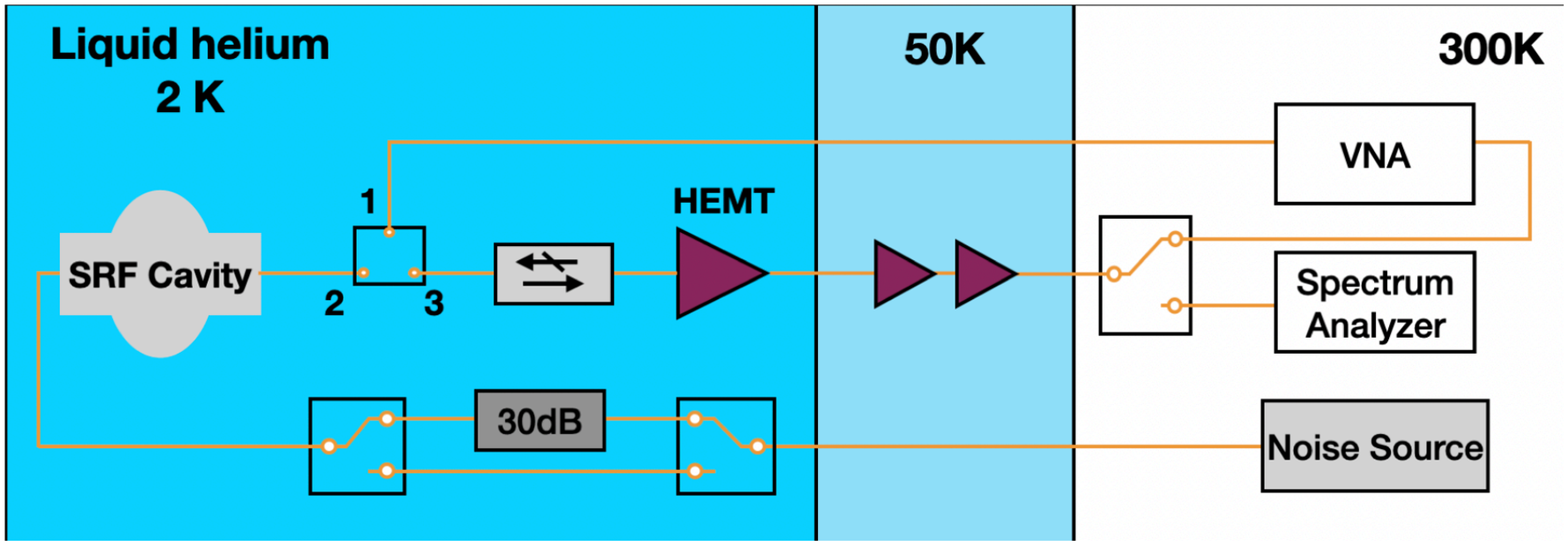
Experimental operation

Parameters

	Value	Fractional Uncertainty
$V_{\text{eff}} \equiv V\,C/3$	$693\,\text{mL}$	$< 1\%$
β	0.634 ± 0.014	1.4%
G_{net}	$(57.30 \pm 0.14)\,\text{dB}$	3.1%
Q_L	$(9.092 \pm 0.081) \times 10^9$	/
f_0^{max}	$1.2991643795\,\text{GHz}$	/
Δf_0	$11.5\,\text{Hz}$	/
t_{int}	$100\,\text{s}$	/

microwave electronics for DPDM searches



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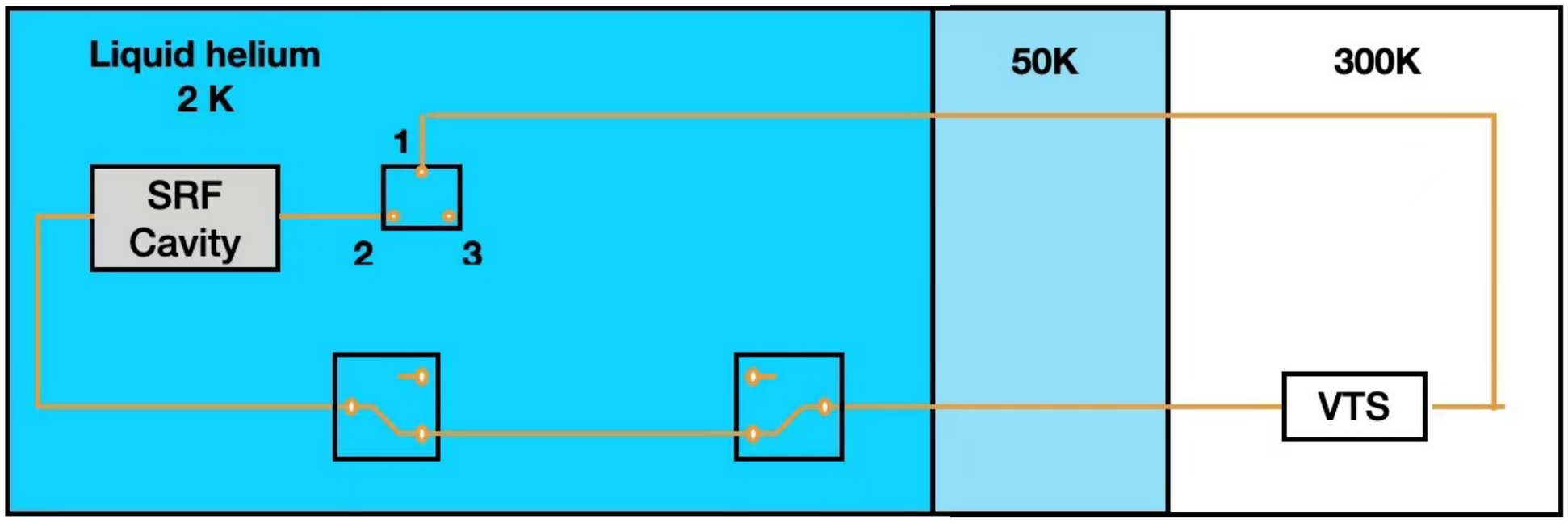
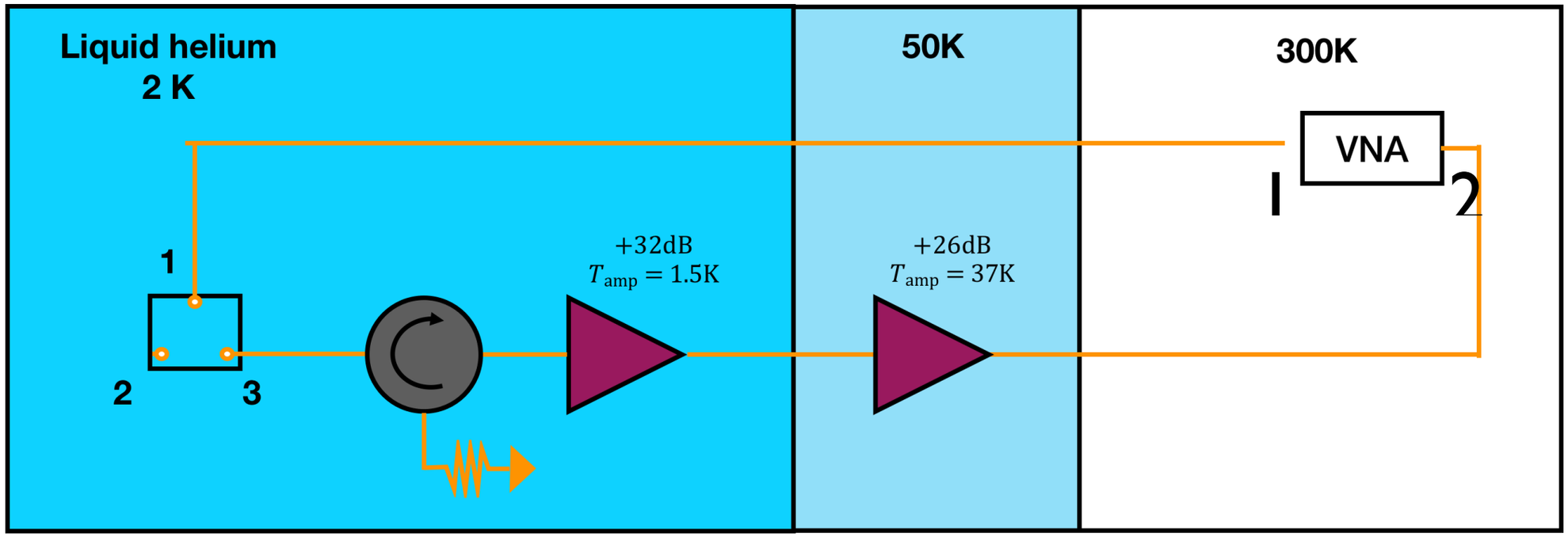


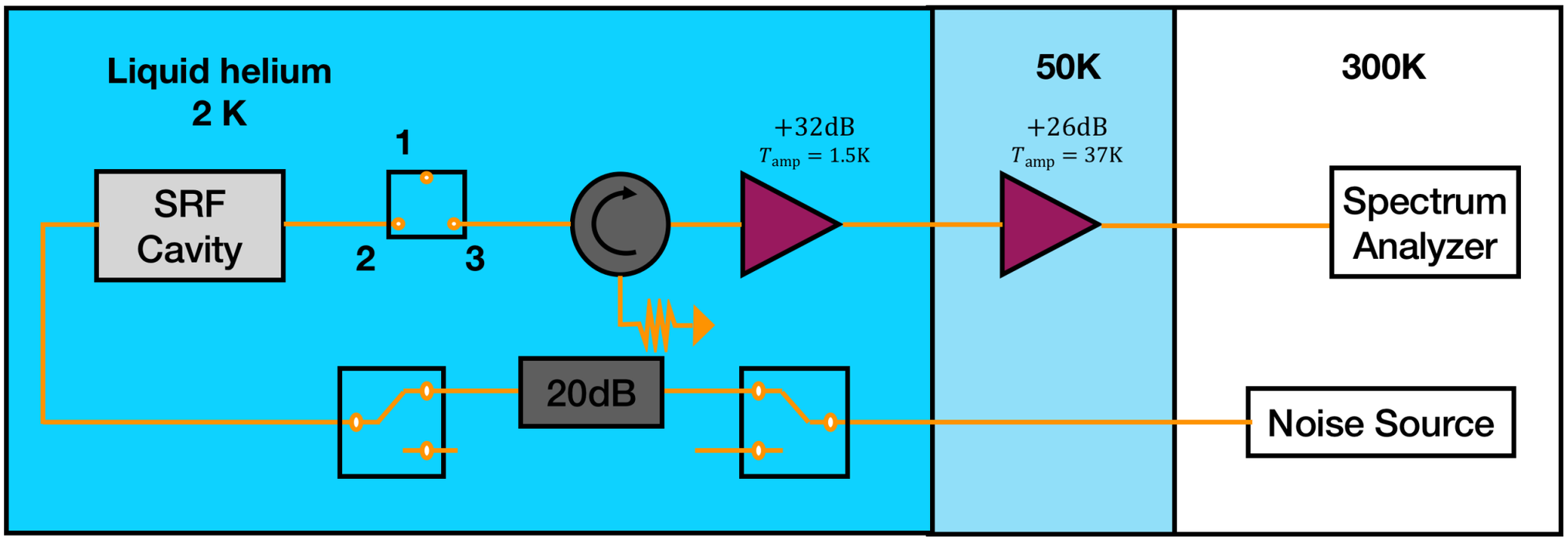
1-2 connection: VTS measurement for the cavity property.

Step 2: calibration



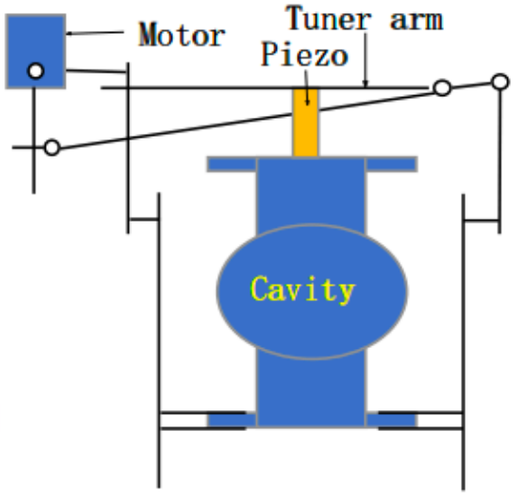
1-3 connection: calibration by subtracting the line loss to get the total gain G_net.

Step 3: Do experiment

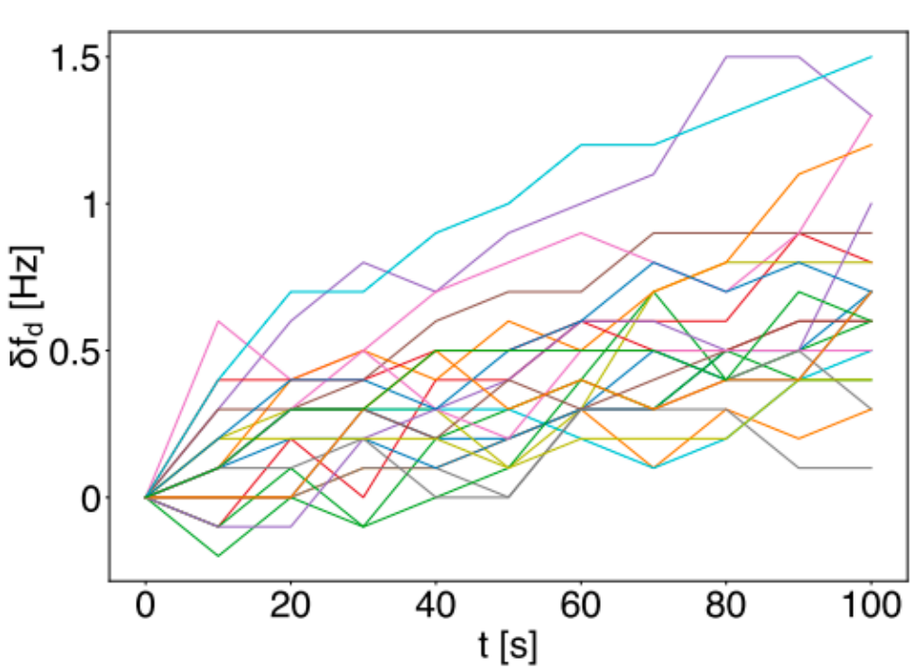


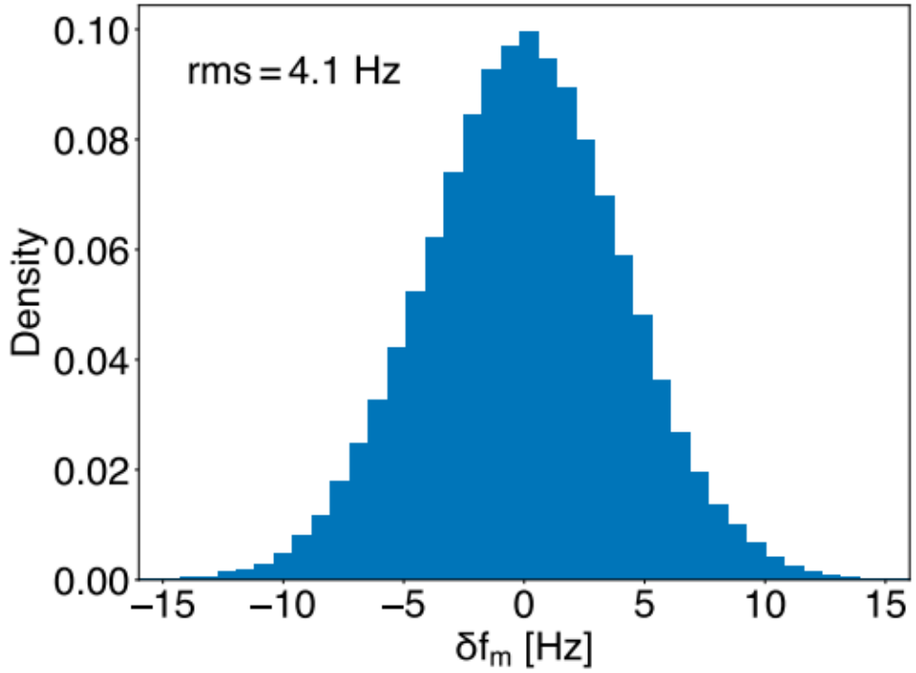
2-3 connection: tune the cavity resonant frequency to do the experiment

Scan Search with Mechanical Tuning



- Mechanical turner scans resonant frequency f_0 with the step $\sim f_0/Q_{\rm DM}$
- Calibrate f_0 and its stability range Δf_0 in each scan
- Frequency drift $\delta f_d \leq 1.5{\rm Hz}$ and microphonics effect $\sigma_{f_0} \approx 4{\rm Hz}$

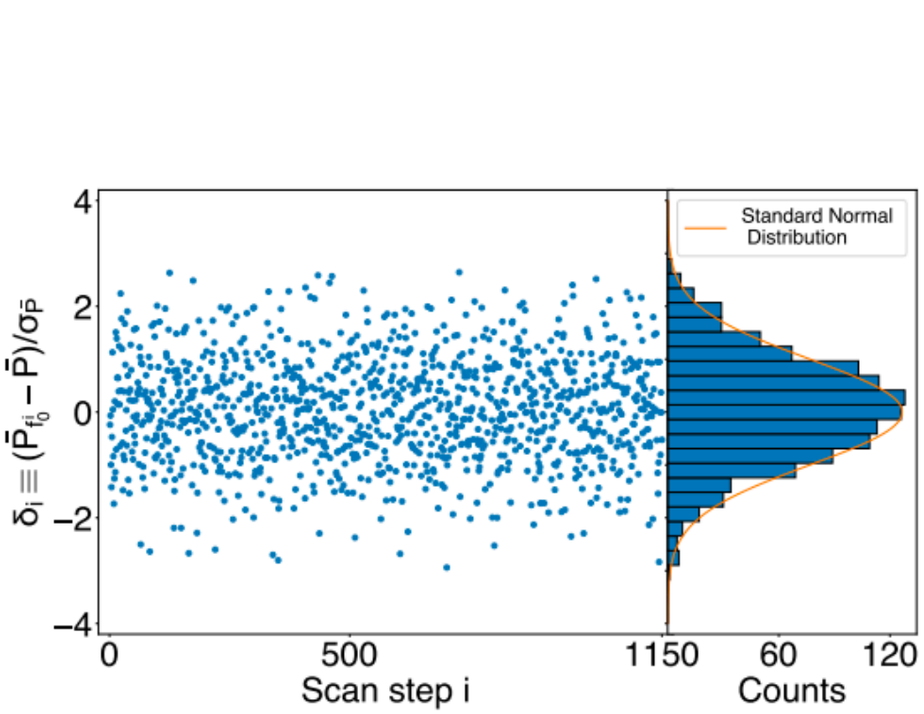


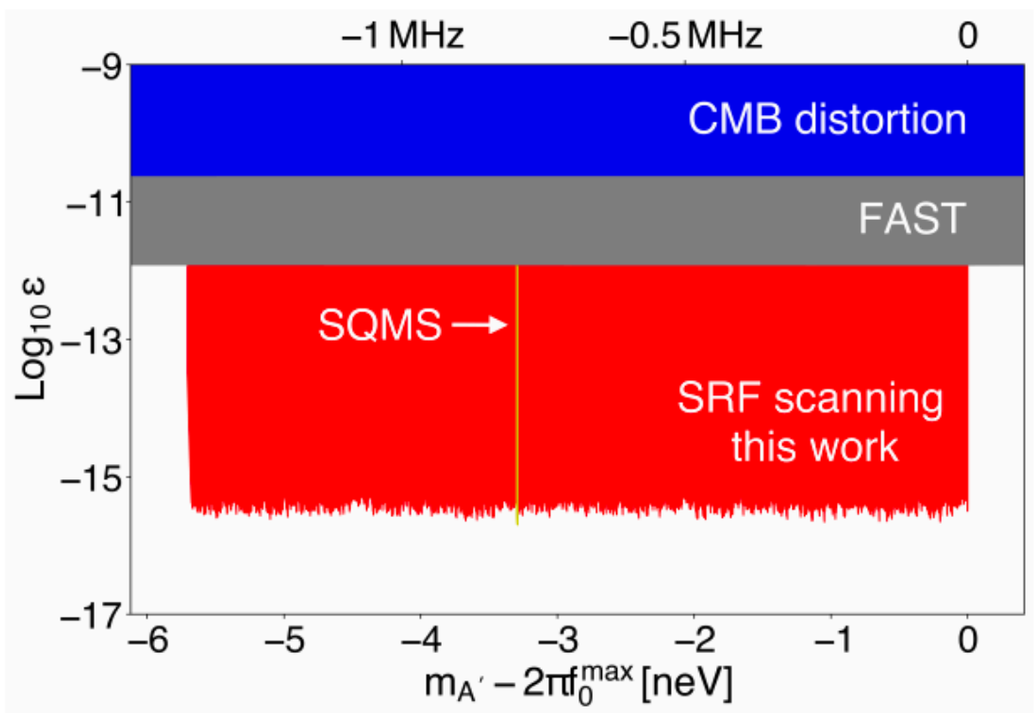


- **Conservatively** choose $\Delta f_0 \approx 10{\rm Hz}$

Data analysis and constraints

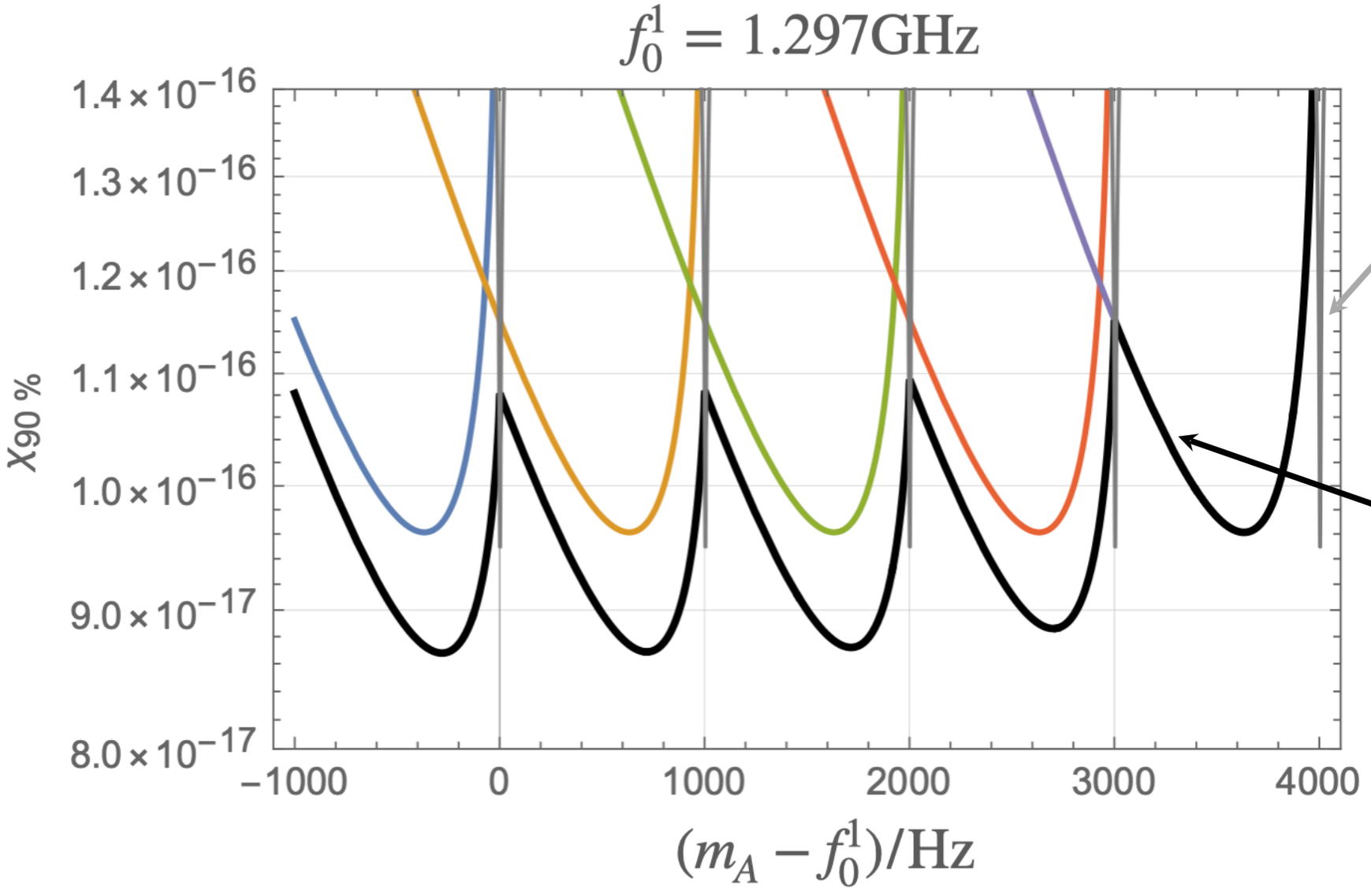
- Total 1150 scan steps with each 100 s integration time.
- **Group every** 50 **adjacent bins** and perform a constant fit to address small helium pressure fluctuation.
- Normal power excess shows **Gaussian distribution**:





- **First scan search with SRF and most stringent constraints in most exclusion space.**

Few comment on Q >> Q_{DM}



Direct Exclusion from the cavity

Noise power reduce with Q

Virialized DM Exclusion

Scan step: f*Q_{DM}

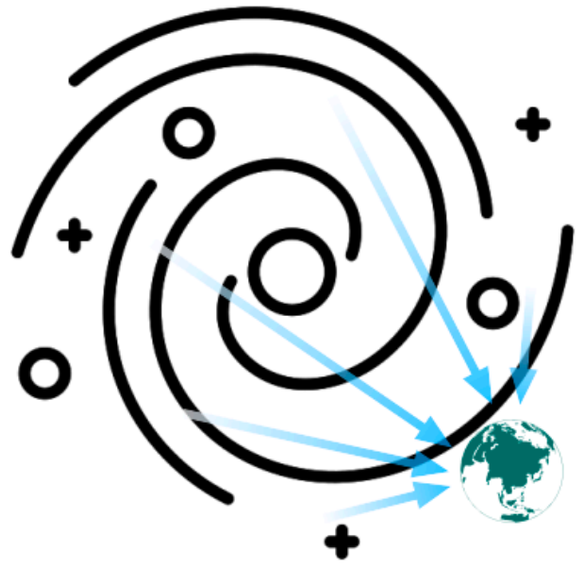
simple fit function (constant): attenuation factor almost 1

different from ADMX

Modulated Signal from Galactic Dark Photons

- Galactic dark photons from DM decay, e.g.:

  cascade decay from DM halo

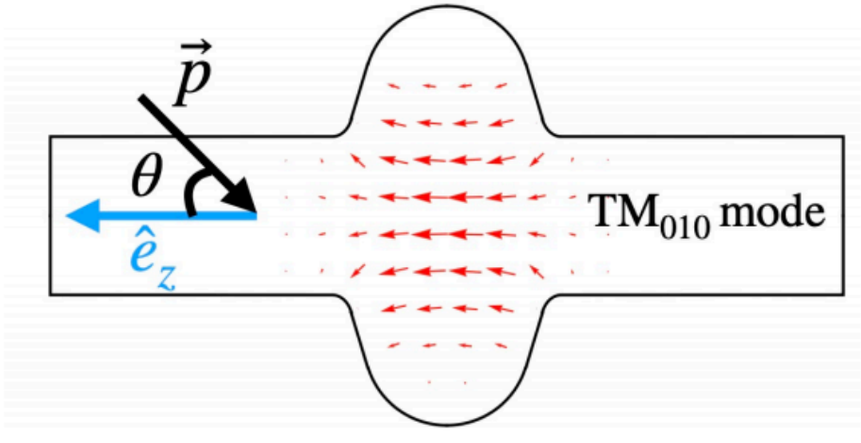


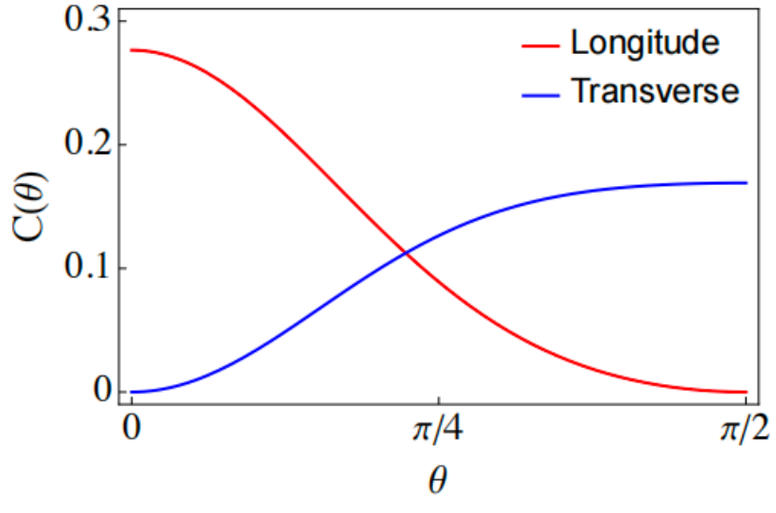
- **Vectorial** observable $\propto \vec{A}'$

  $\rightarrow$ angular-dependent signal $\propto C(\theta)$

  $\rightarrow$ modulation as the Earth rotates

- Production is polarization-dependent, modulations for longitude and transverse modes are opposite

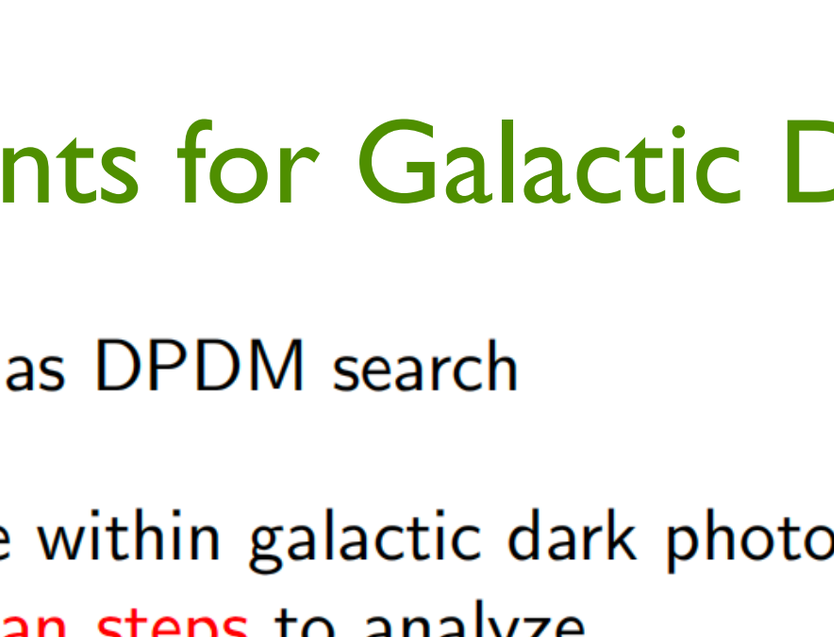




SRF Constraints for Galactic Dark Photons

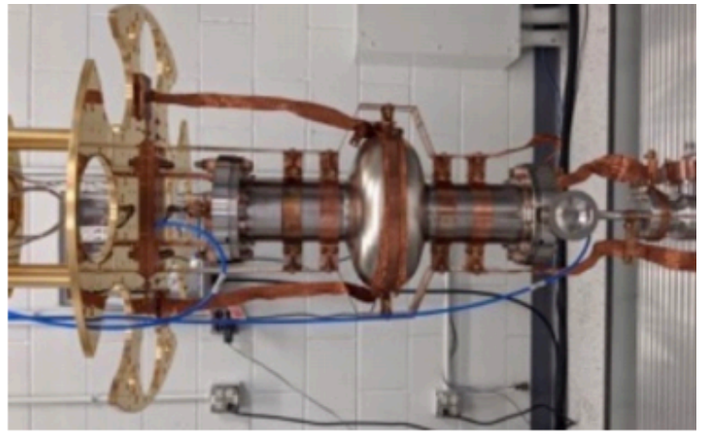
- Same dataset as DPDM search
- Scanned range within galactic dark photon bandwidth → combine all scan steps to analyze
- Longitude mode has better sensitivity because of the larger spatial wavefunction $\sim \omega_{A'}/m_{A'}$

preliminary



- Gradient color region represents exclusions for different DM mass

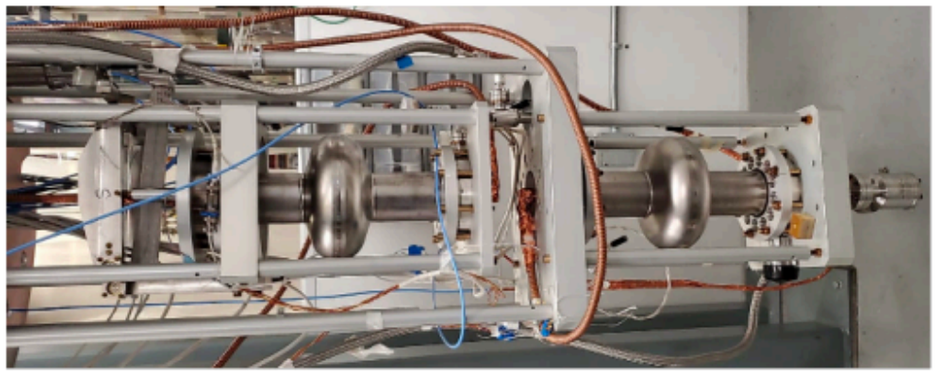
International SRF Campaigns

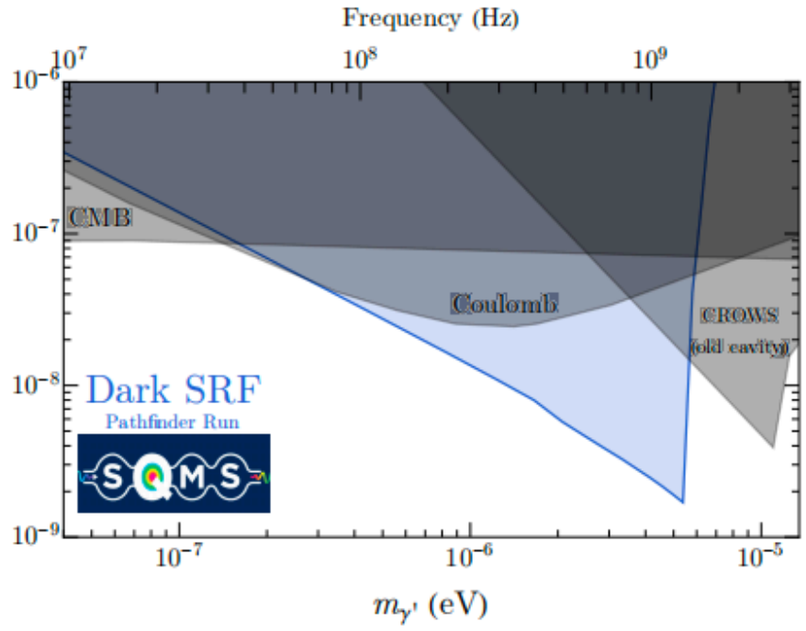


- **Fermilab SQMS**

  •**SERAPH**:
  Single-bin search and ongoing scan searches.

  •**Dark SRF**:
  Light-shining-wall search for dark photon.





- **DESY**:

  •**MAGO 2.0**
  Mode transition from GW-induced cavity deformation.

International SRF Campaigns

TWO PROTOTYPES [~ 1 YEAR]

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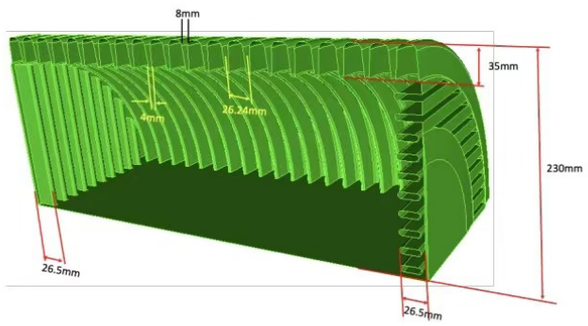
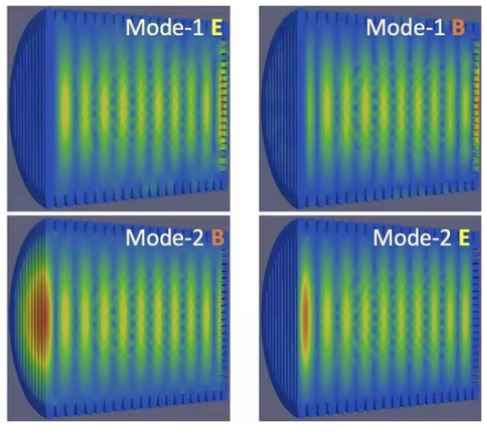
LDRD [only internal documents]





Fermilab

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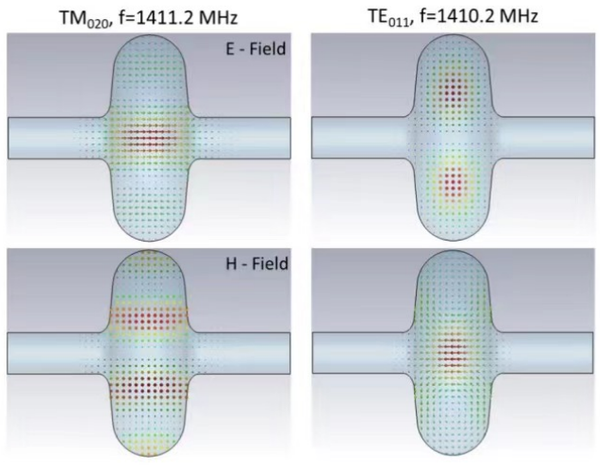
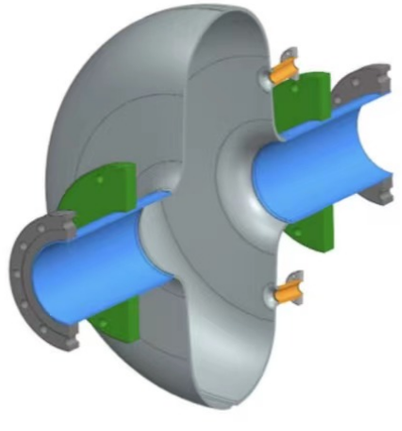
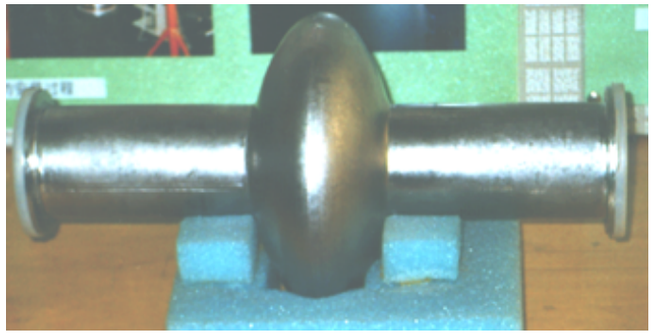




A brief introduction to the team member

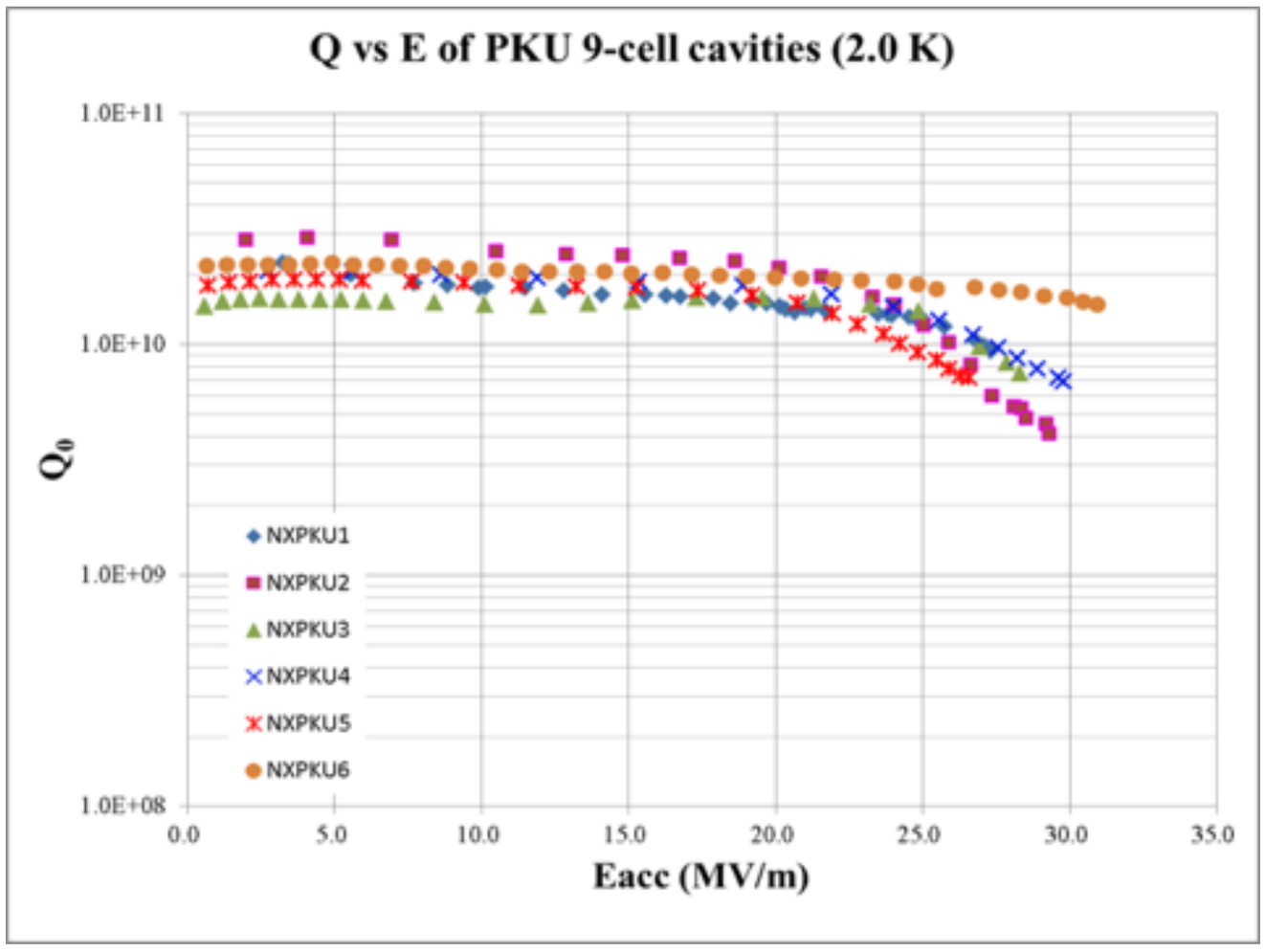
SRF in Peking University



Peking University developed China's first superconducting radio frequency (SRF) accelerator cavity. (1994)

- Q ~ 1.6 -2.4 E^10 @ 16MV/m。
- equivalent level of international laboratories

First 9-cell for ILC



Experimental facilities

Liquid helium system

2K pumping system

Vertical Dewar

Cavity suspension

Magnetic shielding

- residual magnetism<10 mGs
- Static heat leak: < 1 W
- Cooling power: >200W@2K

SRF in IHEP

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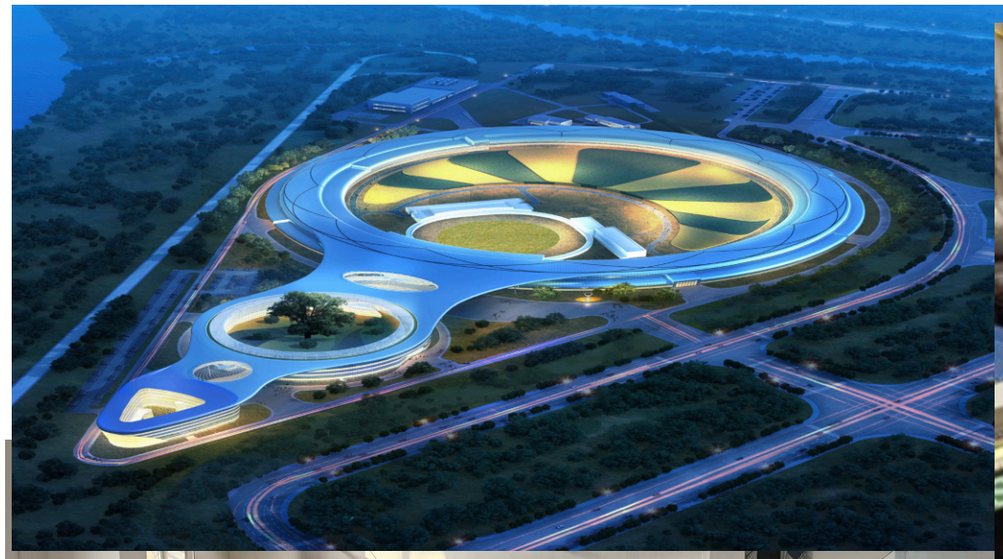
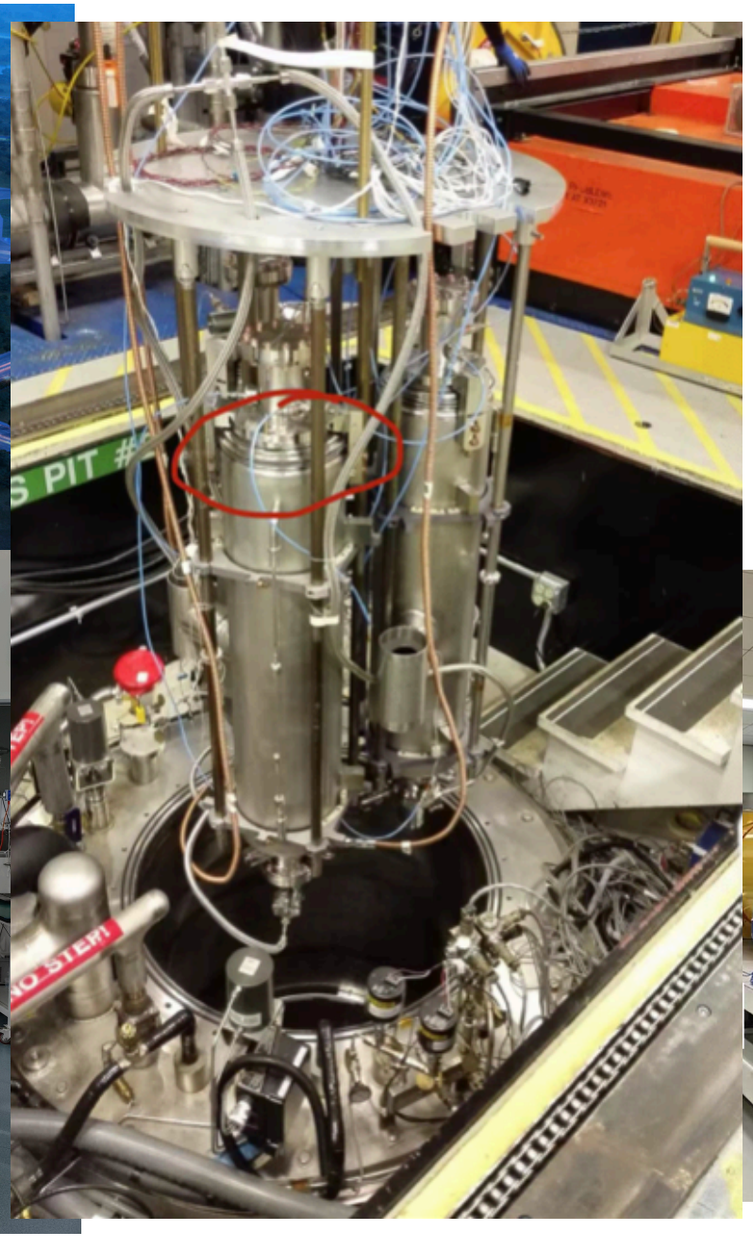
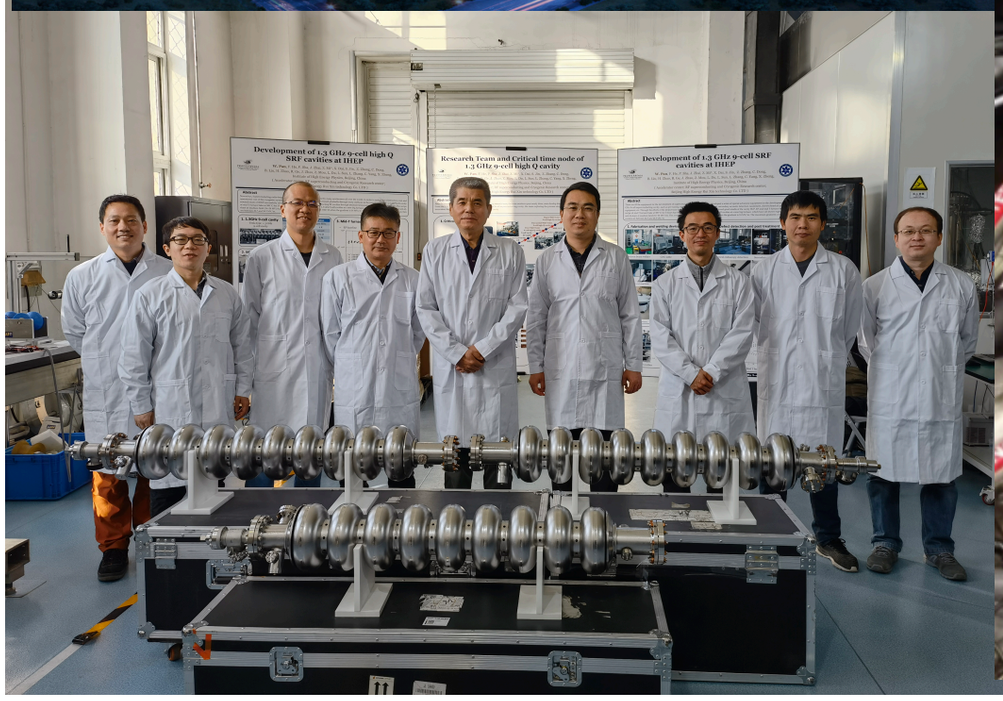
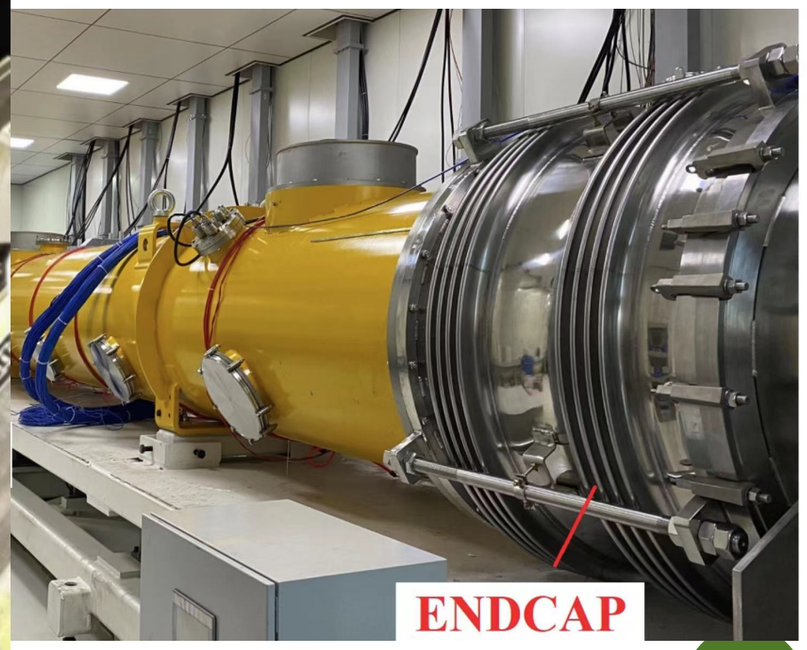




SRF used for Beijing & Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility and future CEPC





Myself and other collaborations

Ph.D.: UChicago

Boya distinguished professor: PKU

Both theory and experimentalist

Top quark, Composite Higgs, EFT,
DM, baryon asymmetry, PT, etc.

Wave-like DM & GWs

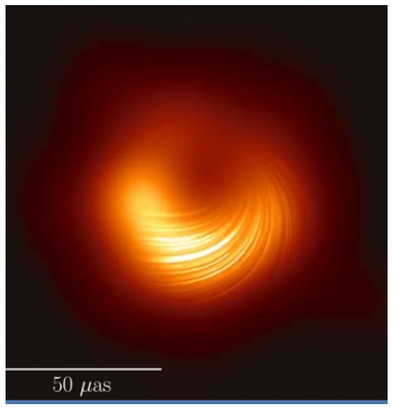
supportive collaborations

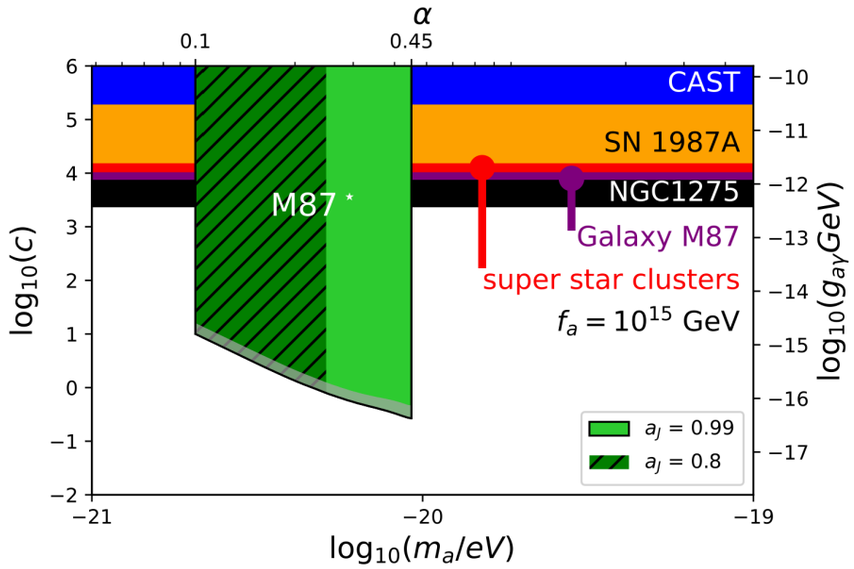
中國科學院物理研究所
Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Job opening for people how has experience in axion DM searches (electronics like JPA, quantum qubit, etc)

Myself and other collaborations

EHT probe axion (birefringence)





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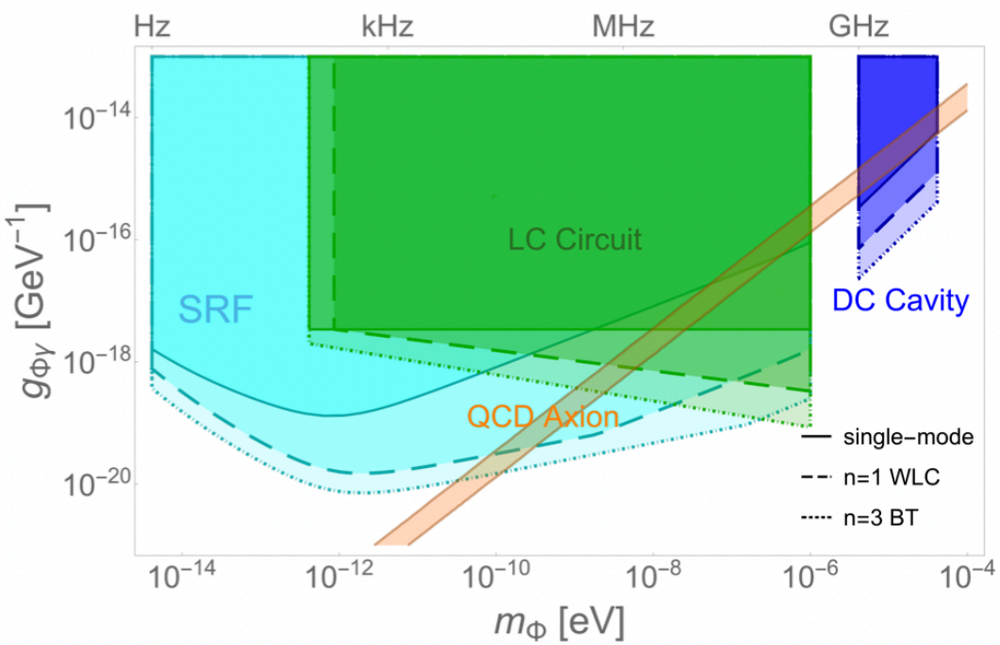

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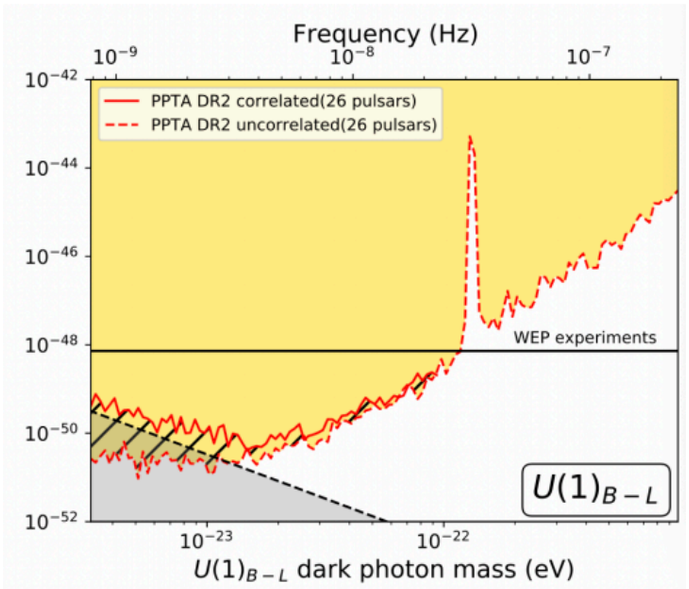

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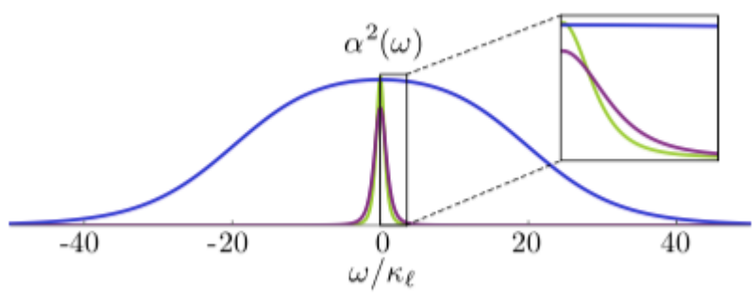

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- High-Q SRF is extremely interesting in Haloscope wave-like DM searches (get deepest constraints).

- DP backgrounds has rich information (polarization & angular distribution).

- In the future (axion, GWs, quantum qubit, etc), much more can be done . (opening, need more people)

Thank you!