# Light up the dark

FH fellow meeting 13th May 2022

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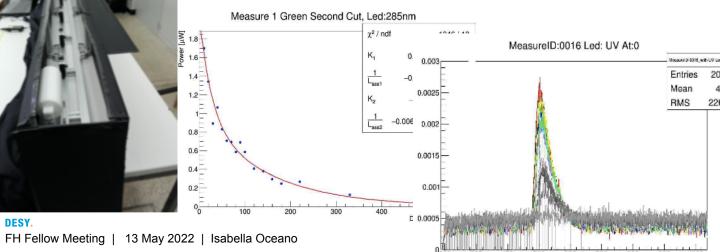
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### **About Me**

### Background, past activities

- Bachelor and Master degrees in Università del Salento (Lecce)
- 2014 summer student at CERN
  - MicroMegas simulation for the ATLAS experiment
- 2016 summer student at PSI
  - Characterization of scintillating fibers for the MEGII experiment

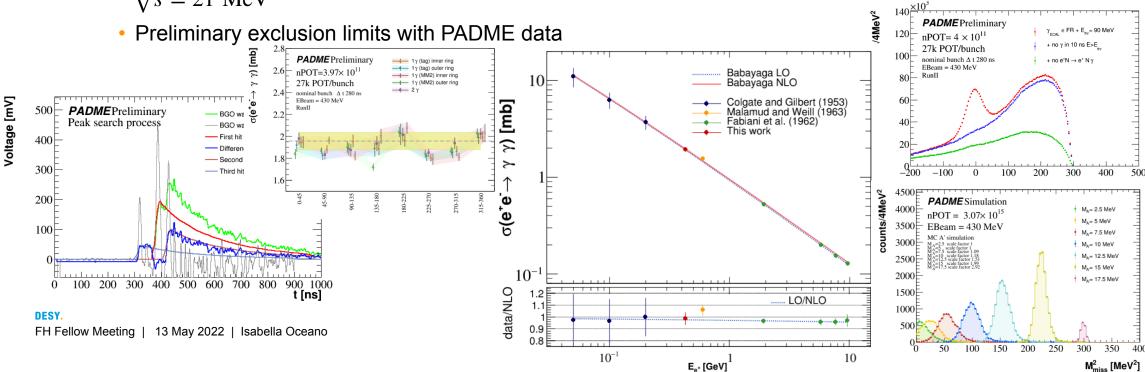




## About Me

#### **Background, past activities**

- I started my Ph.D. in Lecce working for the PADME experiment
  - Part of 2018 Experiment construction
  - 2019 Software developer and MC simulation
  - 2020 → beginning 2022
    - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)$  cross-section measurement at  $\sqrt{s} = 21$  MeV



Probing the

dark photon

hypothesis

25k e\*

Dipole magnet

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ECAL

Beam dump

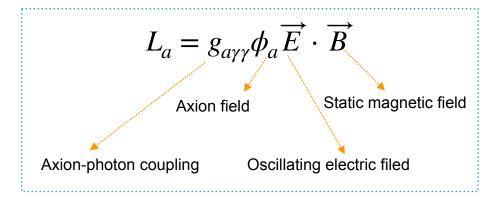
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# **My Current Work**

### Activities and challenges

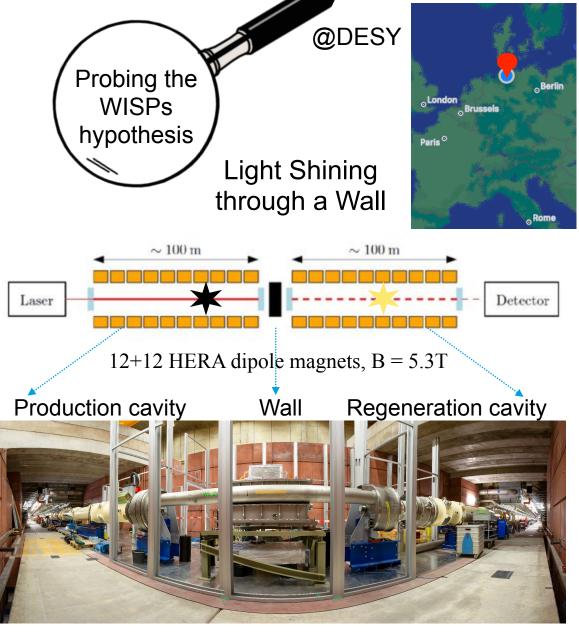
- On 19 April 2022, I started my fellow at DESY
  - Joining ALPS II collaboration search for axion / ALP a
    - DAQ and HET sensing



### Two independent detection systems

- HETerodyne detection (HET)
  - Interference effects
- Transition Edge Sensor (TES)
  - Reconverted photon signal

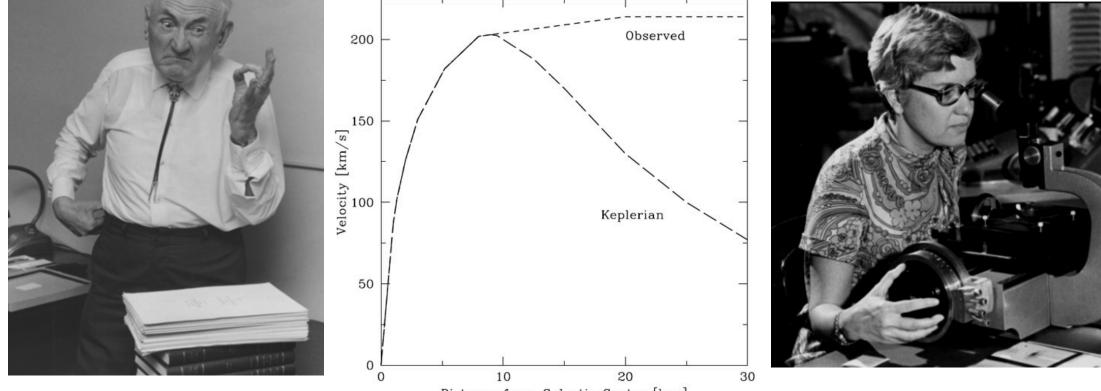
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<sup>(</sup>*a*) to be, or (*a*) not to be, that is the question Data-taking starts in September!

### My Favourite Plot The beginning

### Don't shoot for the stars. We already know what's there. Shoot for the space in between because that is where the real mystery lies. V.Rubin



Distance from Galactic Center [kpc]