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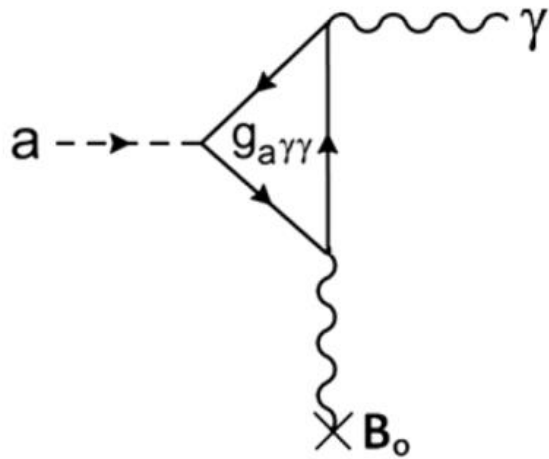
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Axions

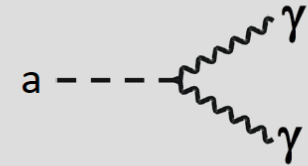
Photon coupling and Maxwell 1864

Exploited by many experiments as relatively “simple”.



Photon coupling

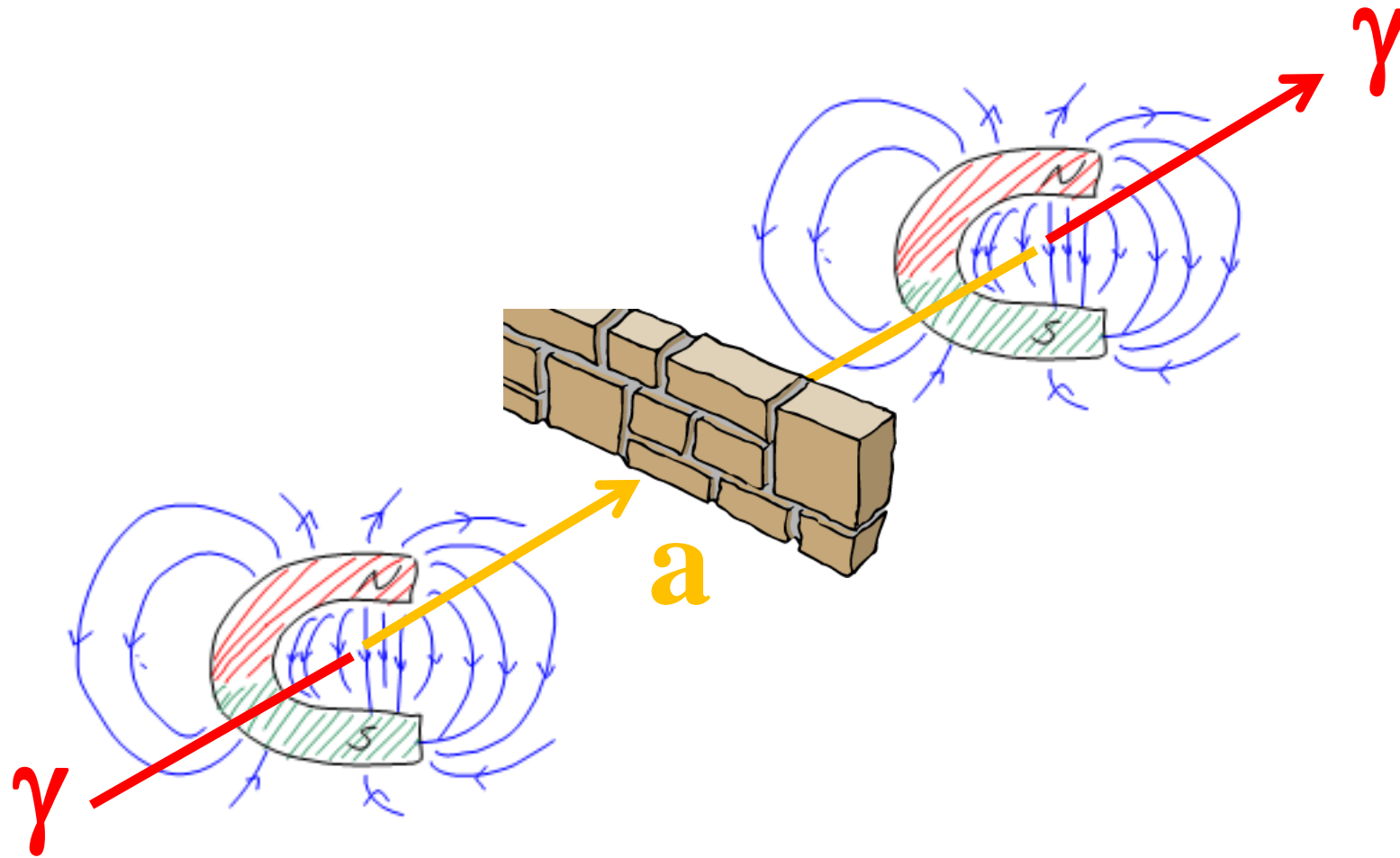
$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} F\tilde{F}a = g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} a$$
$$g_{a\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \left(\frac{E}{N} - 1.92 \right)$$



Photon-axion mixing in a background magnetic dipole field

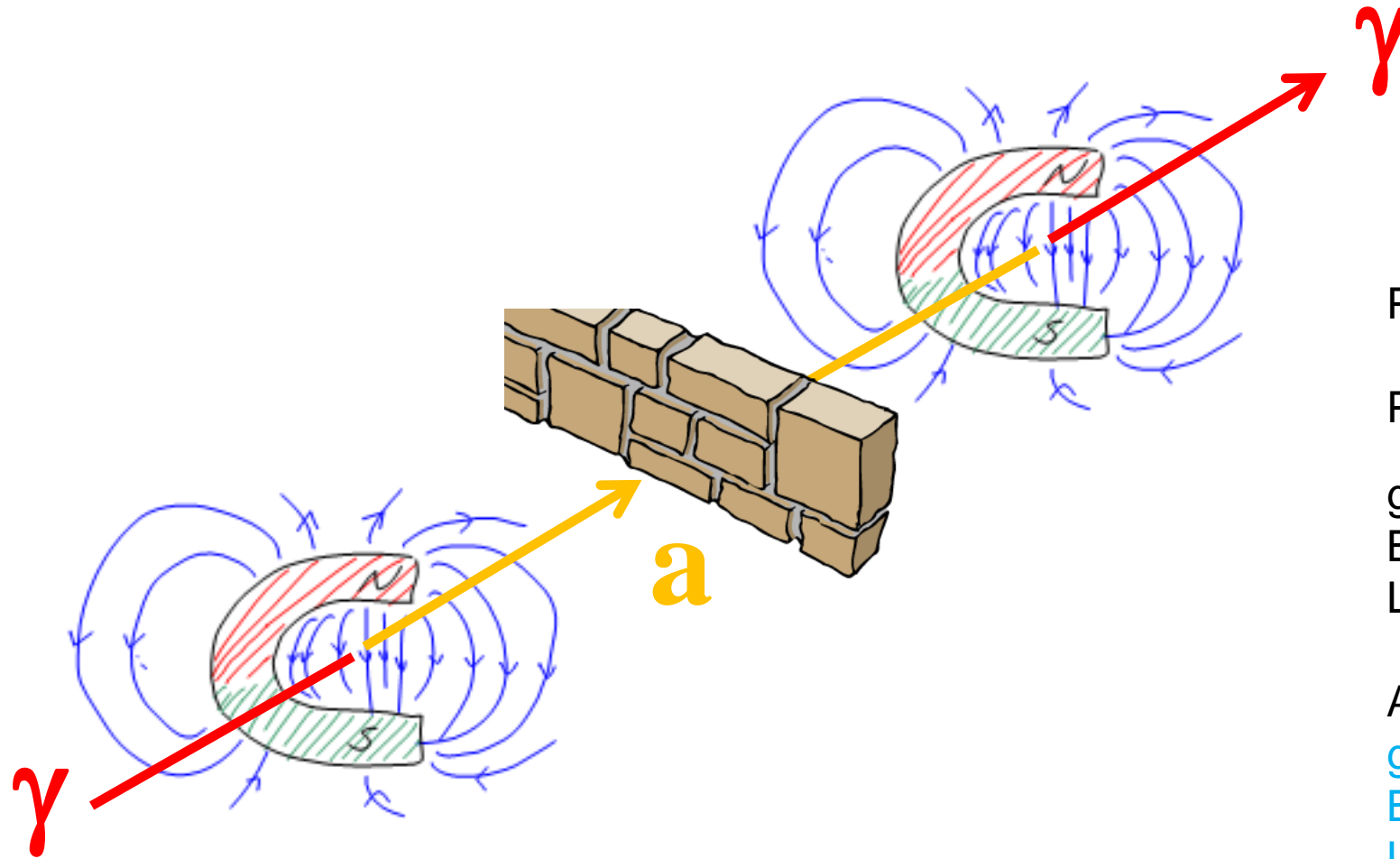
The concept

Light-through-a-wall



The challenge

Any-Light-Particle-Search ALPS II



Probability:

$$P(\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma) \sim (g \cdot B \cdot L)^4$$

g : axion-photon mixing (particle physics)

B : strength of the magnetic field

L : length of the magnetic field

ALPS II:

$g = 2 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ 1/GeV}$ (astrophysics)

$B = 5.3 \text{ T}$

$L = 105.6 \text{ m}$

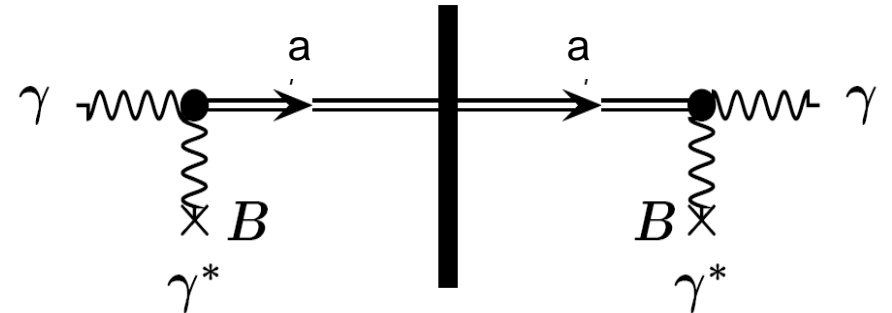
$$P(\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma) = 5 \cdot 10^{-34}$$

Still invisible?

How to look: three kinds of experiments at DESY

Axion/ALP photon mixing in magnetic fields

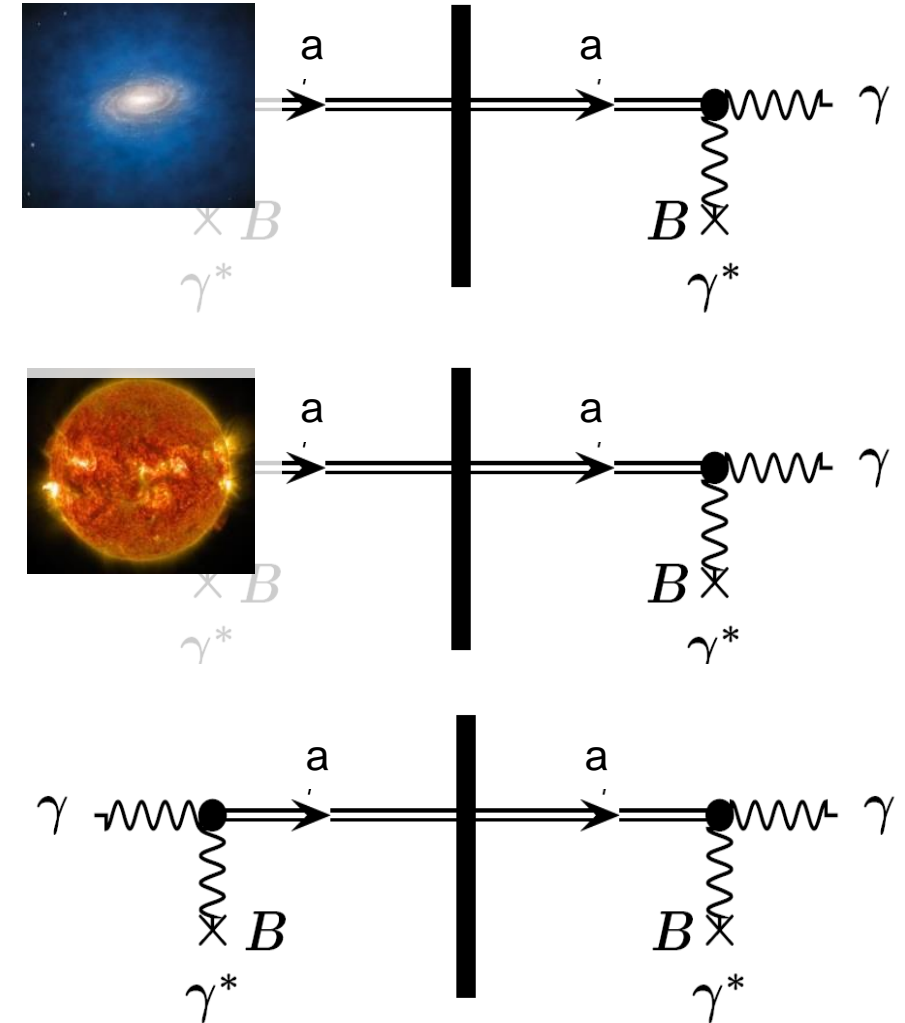
- Purely laboratory experiments
“light-shining-through-walls”,
optical photons



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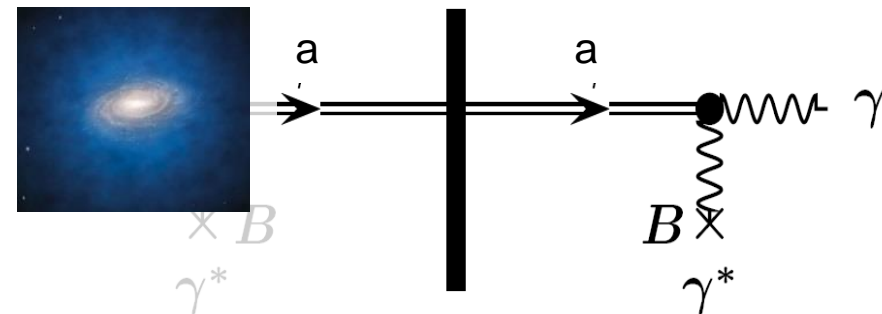


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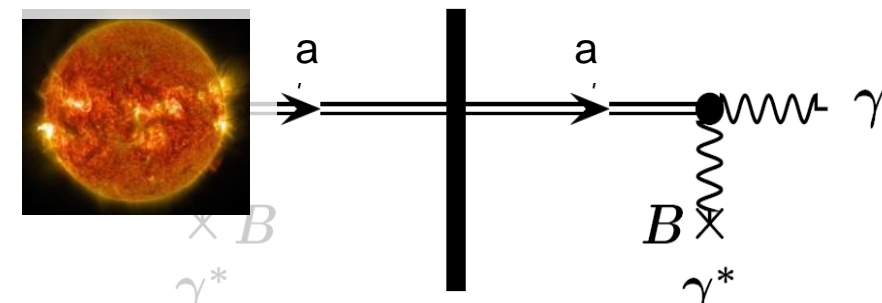
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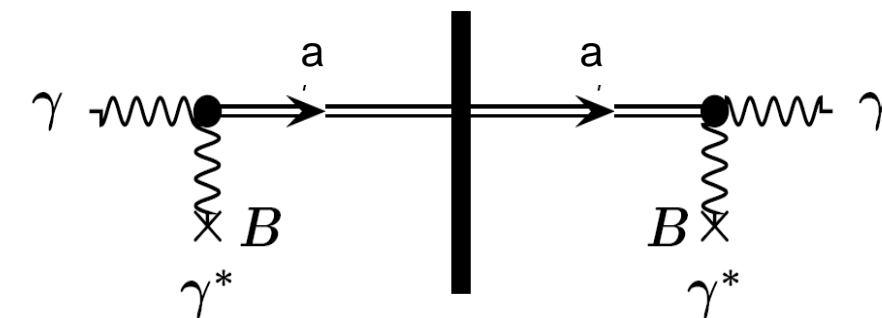
non-relativistic
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“monochromatic”
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relativistic axions,
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spectrum



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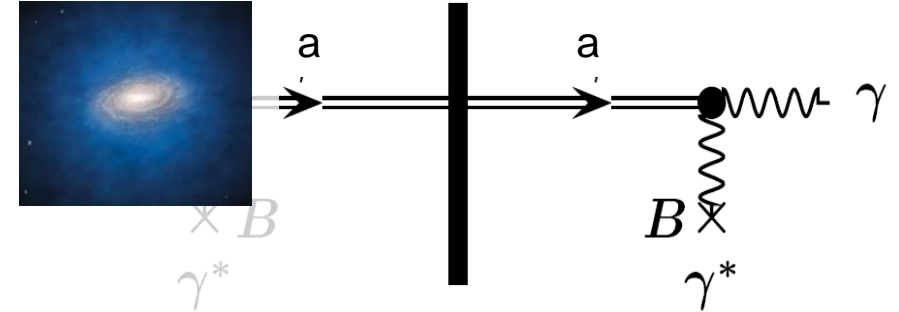


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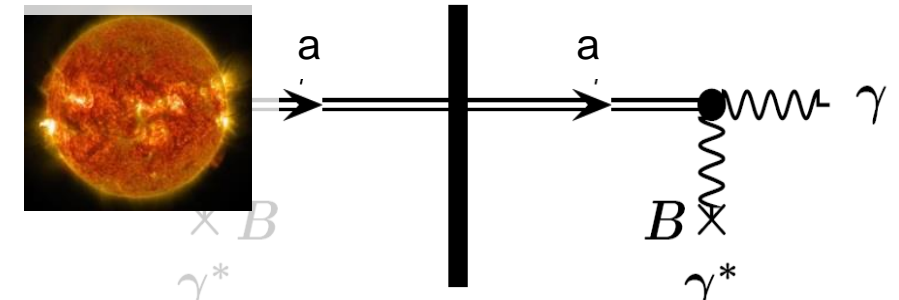
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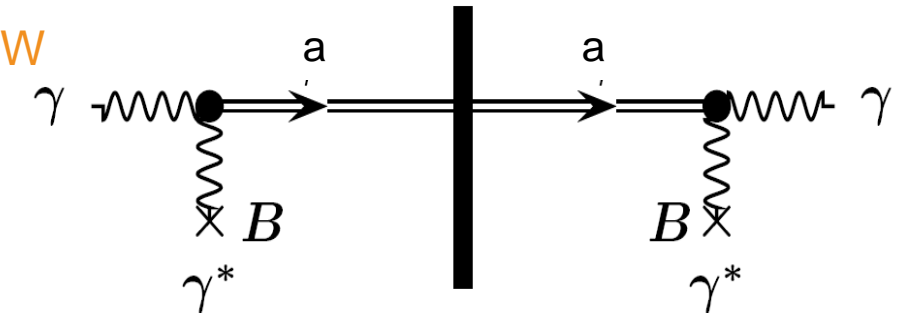
10^{-23} W
exploit resonant
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1 photon/year
(10^{-23} W)



1 photon/day, $5 \cdot 10^{-24}$ W
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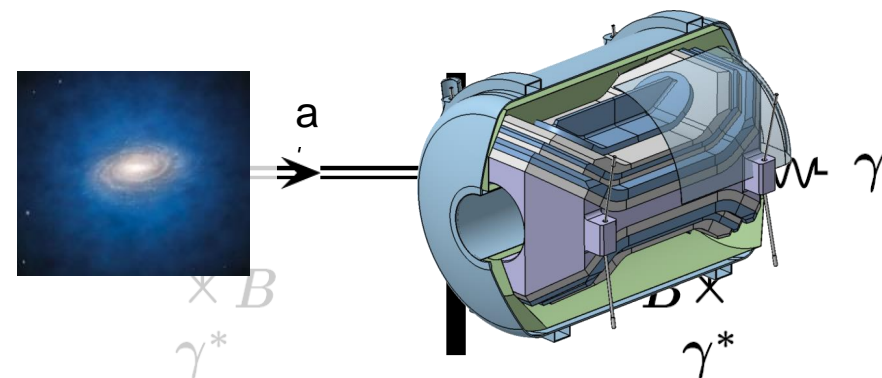


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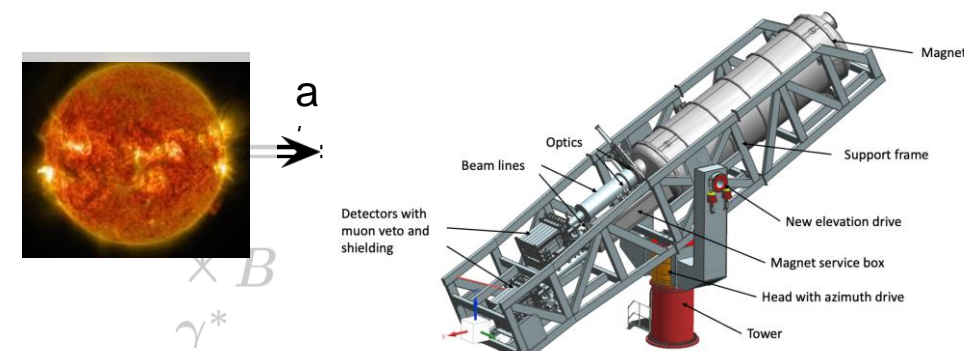
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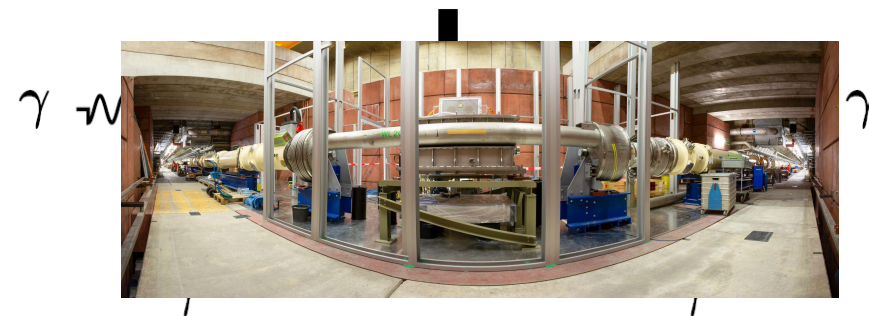
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ALPS II

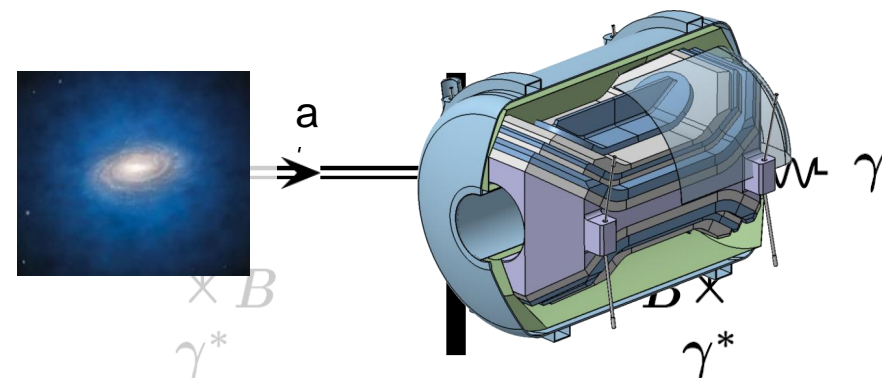


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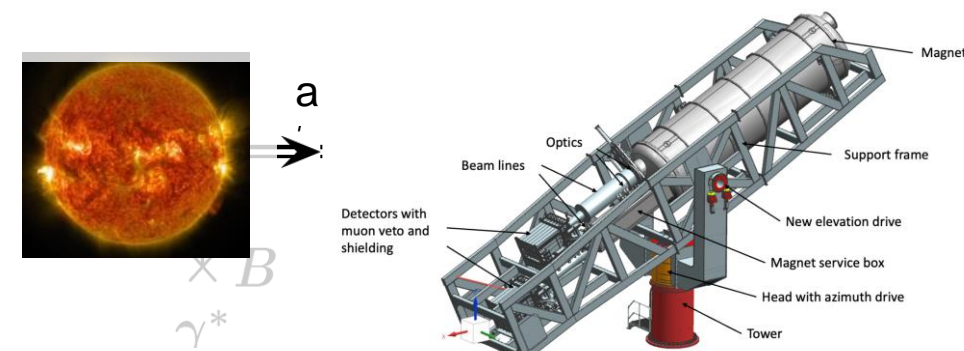
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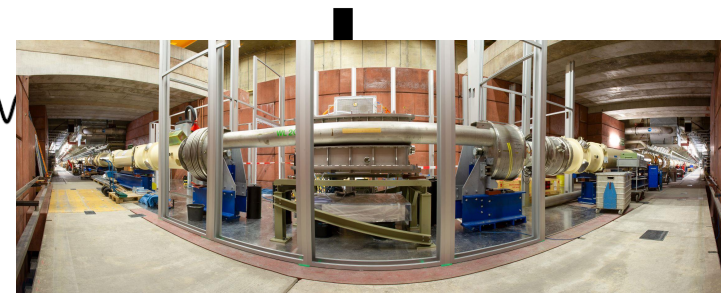
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ALPS II
1st science run soon (?)

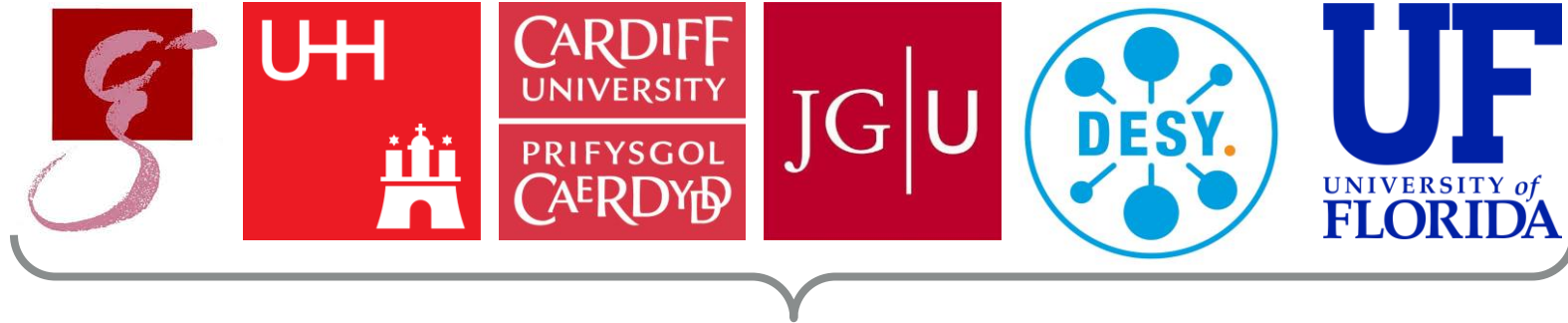


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ALPS II collaboration meeting 06/22



Collaboration members



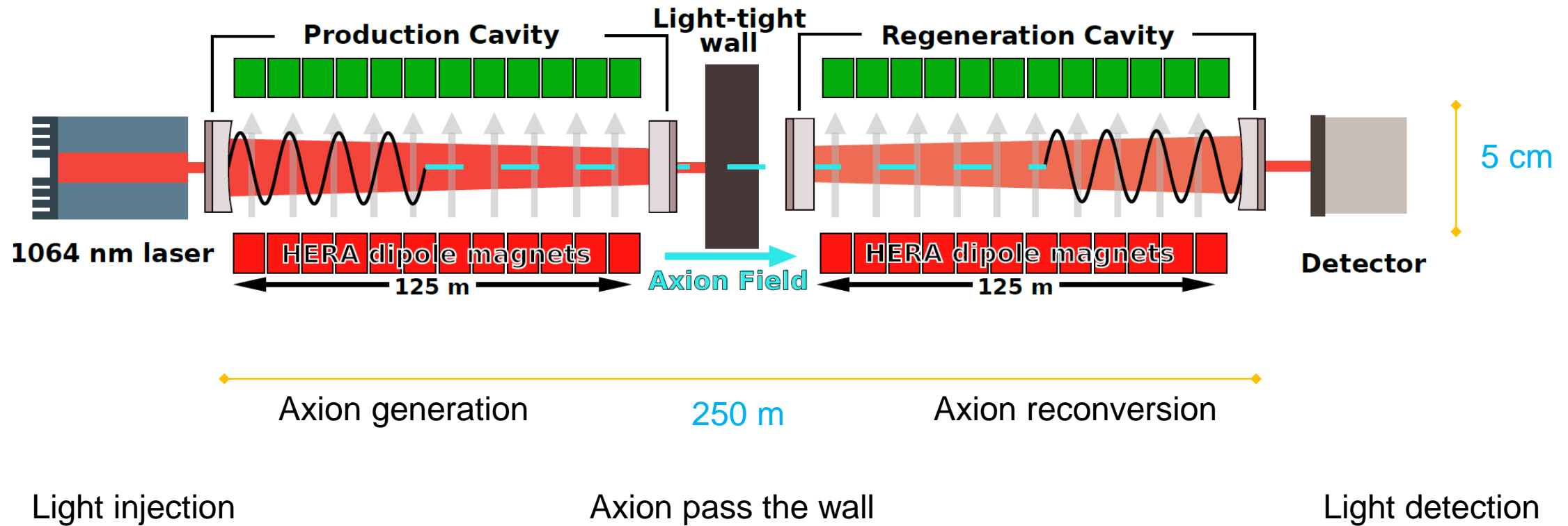
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Any Light Particle Search II

Light-through-a-wall

Probing axion-photon couplings model independently.



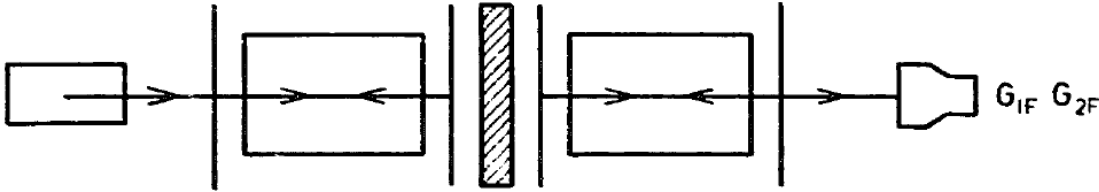
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Founding fathers (among others)

The light-shining-through-a-wall approach exploiting optical resonators was already proposed in 1991.

And later re-invented (at least) twice.

F. Hoogeveen, T. Ziegenhagen / Light bosons



Nuclear Physics B358 (1991) 3–26
North-Holland

PRODUCTION AND DETECTION OF LIGHT BOSONS USING OPTICAL RESONATORS

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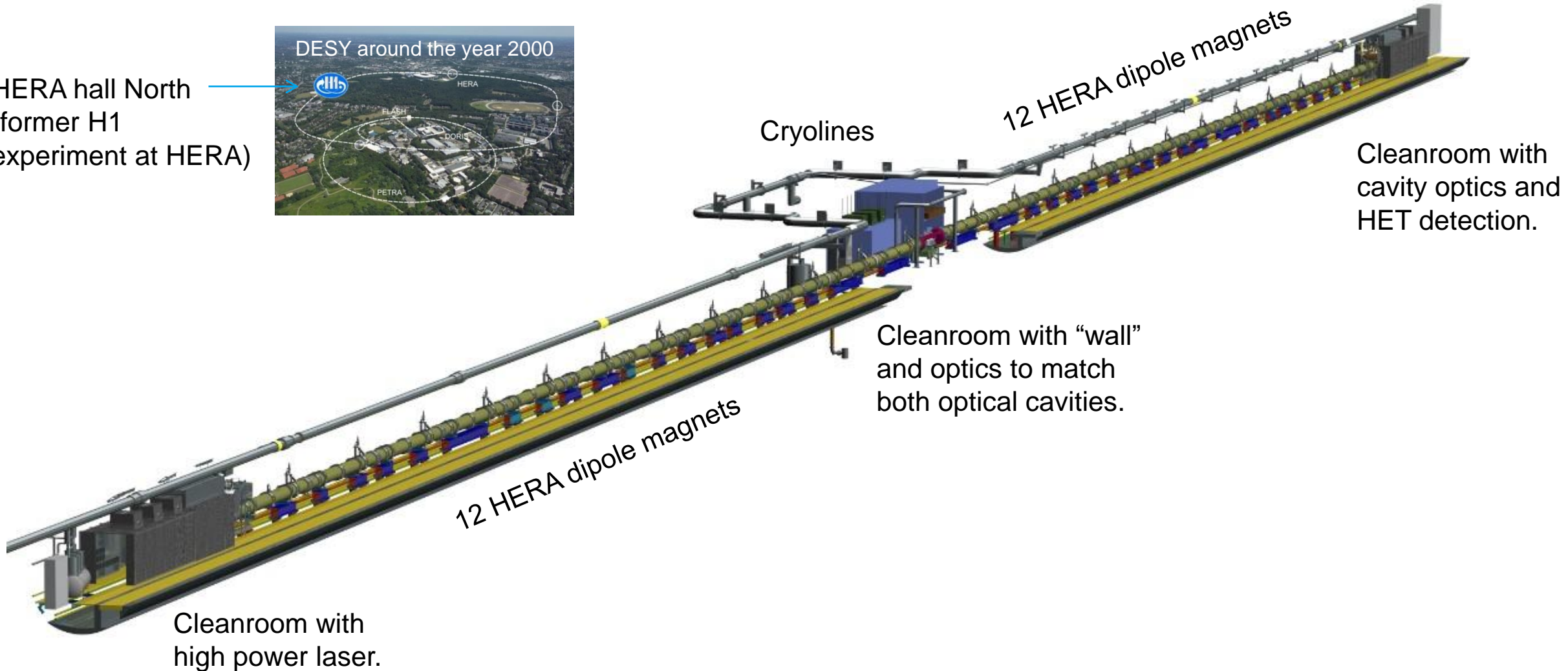
Received 13 December 1990
(Revised 22 February 1991)

Experiments looking for light spin-zero particles using the “shining light through walls” technique can be improved by enclosing the light in an optical resonator. In this paper we analyze this technique. The effect of using cavities factorizes into a gain factor for both the emitting and the receiving cavity and a mode coupling constant. The gain factor only depends on the optical quality of the two cavities, whereas the mode coupling constant depends, but not sensitively, in a calculable way on the geometry, axion mass and magnetic fields used. An increase in sensitivity by a factor 10 in the axion–photon coupling constant is within reach.

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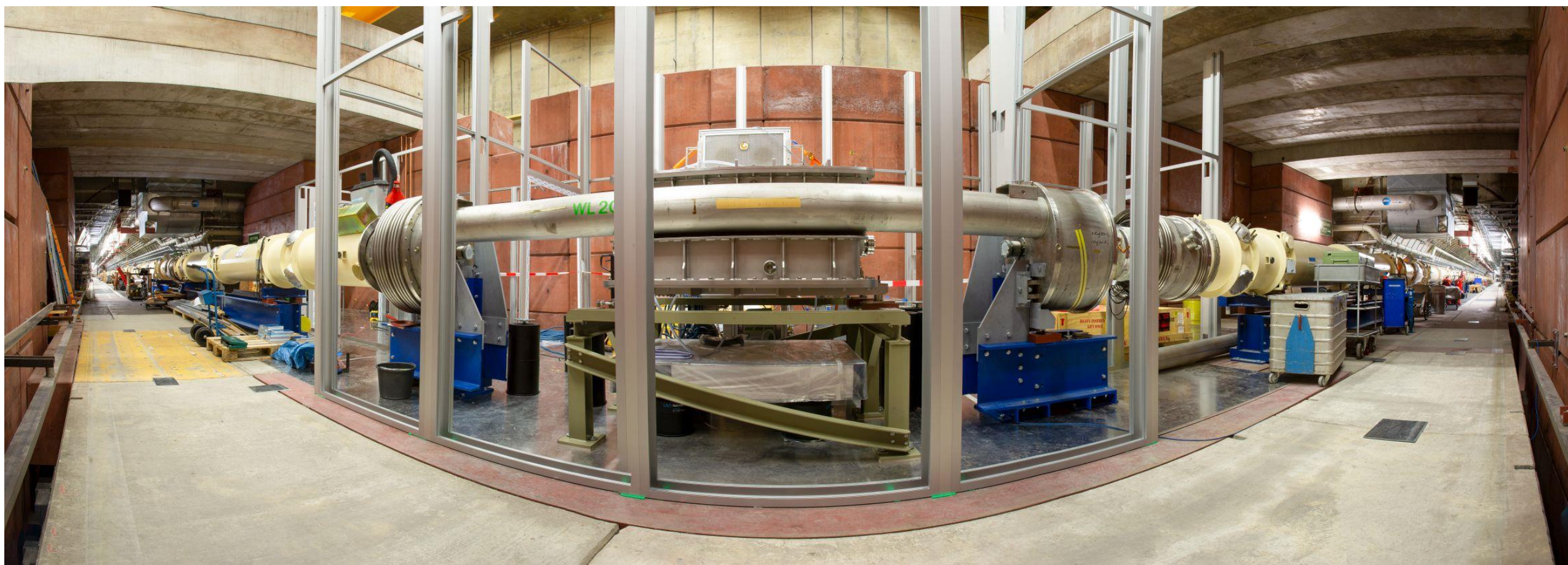
Constructed in a straight section of the HERA tunnel

HERA hall North
(former H1
experiment at HERA)



Any Light Particle Search II

Status of autumn 2020



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Demounting HERA: mid 2018 to mid 2019

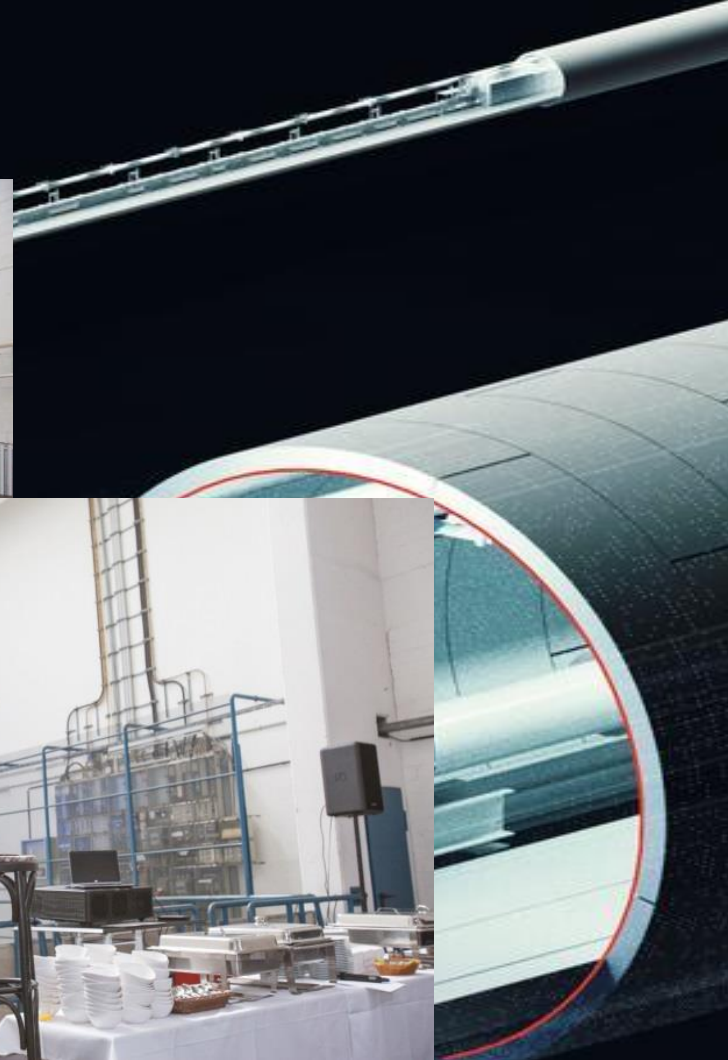


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Foundations for the optics

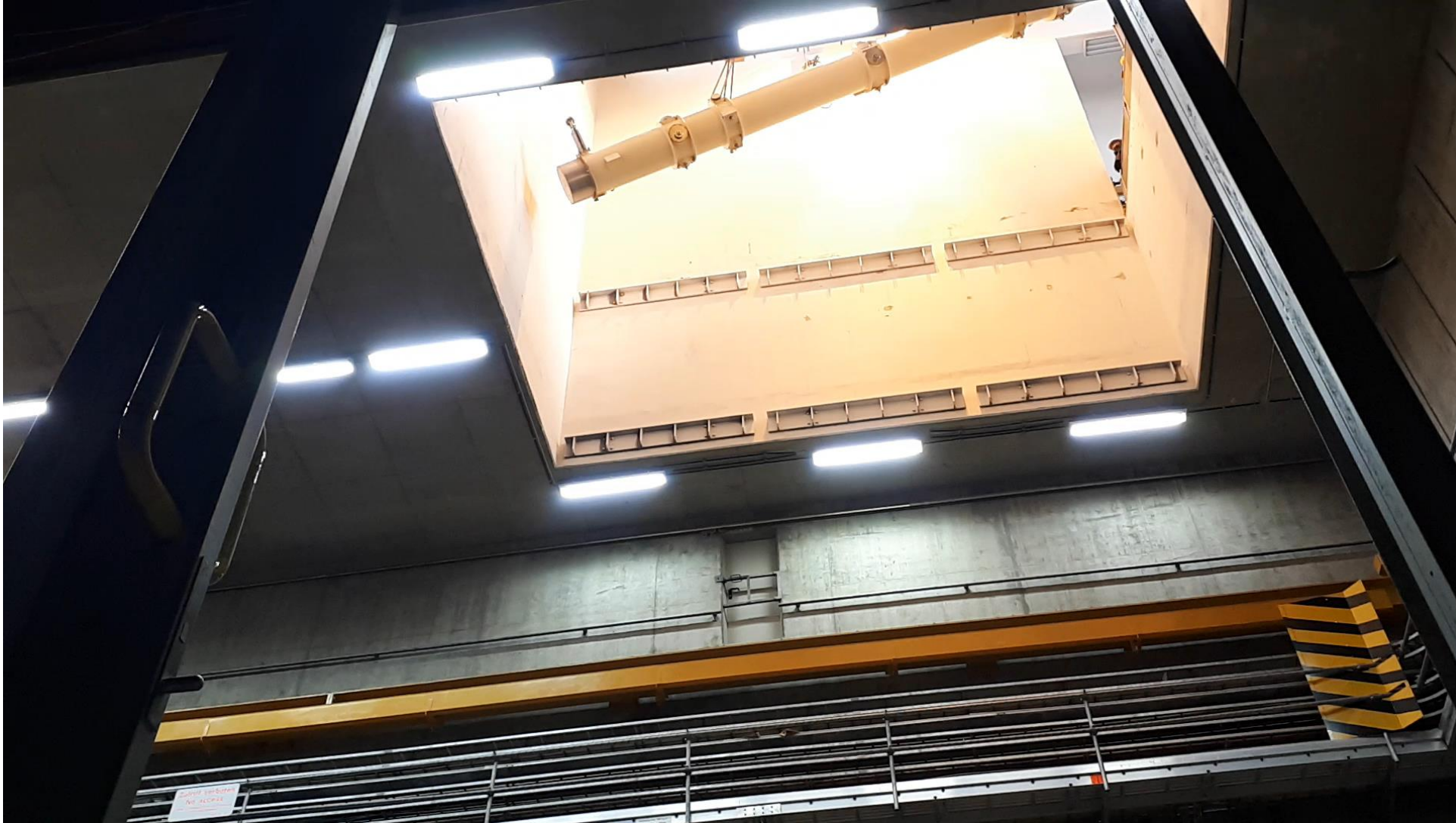


First Magnet Fest 28 October 2019



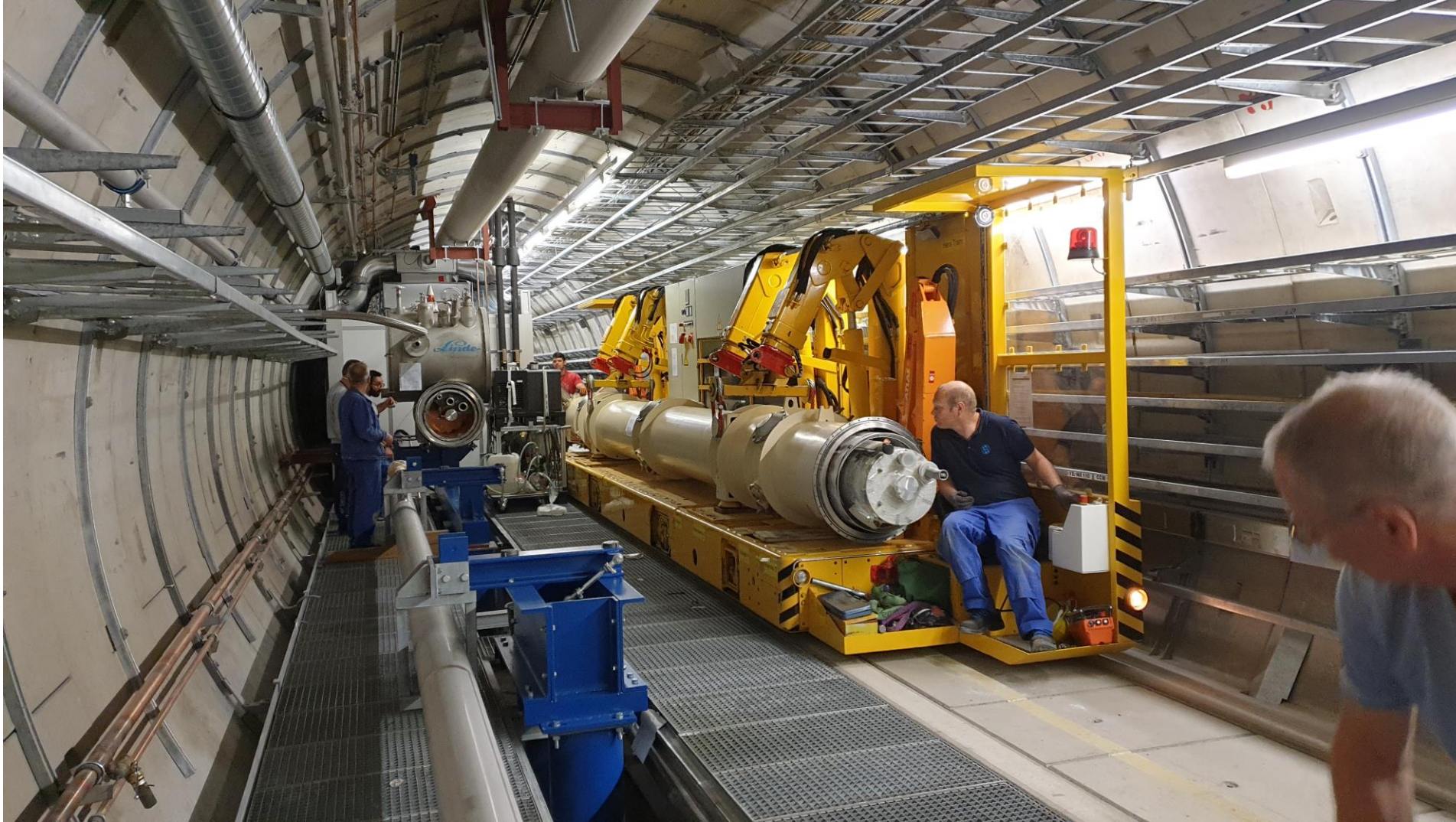
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Magnets going underground



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More magnets



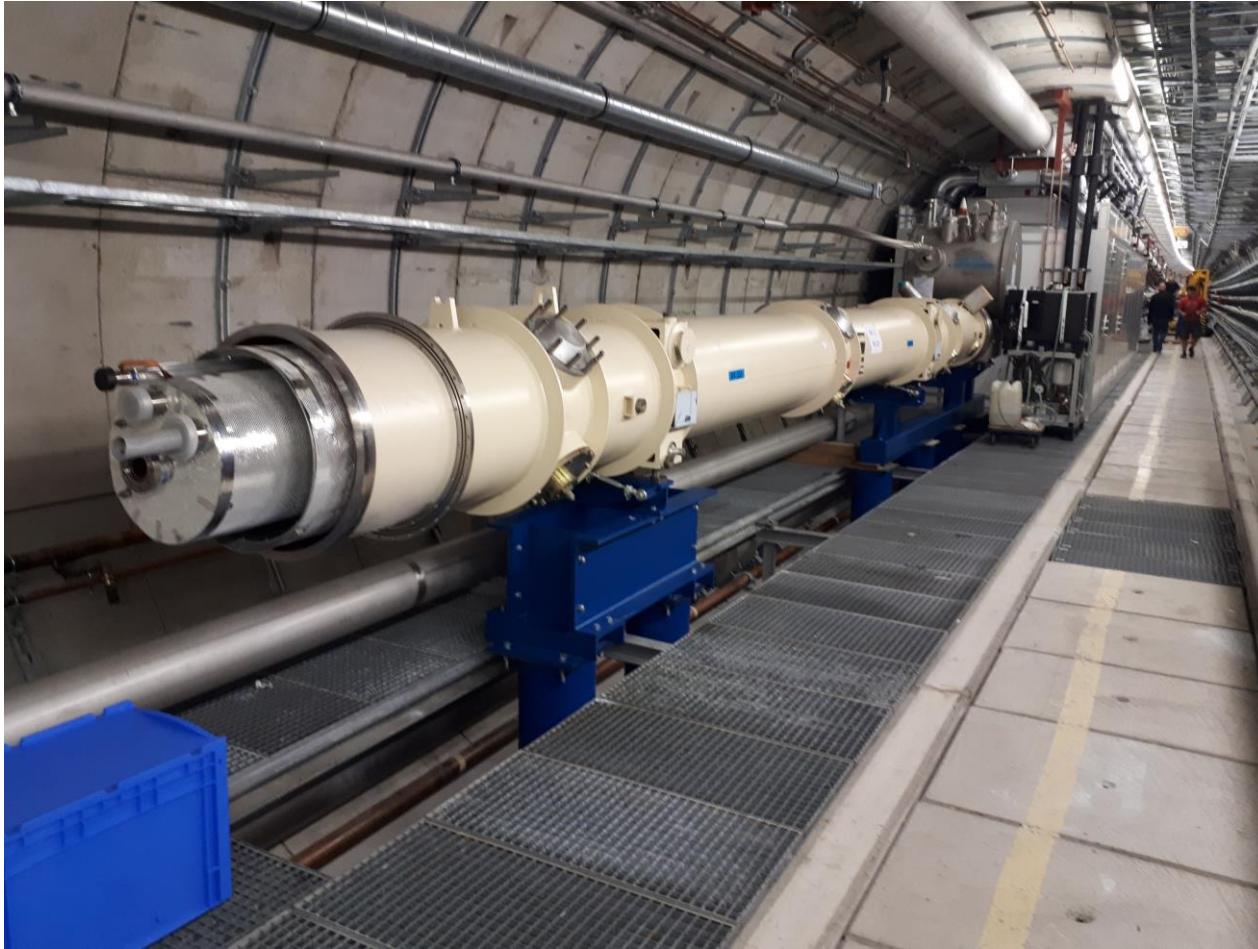
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22 October 2020: last magnets installed!



Joachim Mnich,
Director for
particle physics
(now at CERN)

Wim Leemans,
Director for
accelerators

Any Light Particle Search II

July 2021



Any Light Particle Search II

Technologies

- 12+12 superconducting dipole magnets built for the former HERA proton accelerator, needed to straighten the cold mass.
- Optics:
long baseline precisions interferometry based on GEO600 and aLIGO experience.
- Extremely low 1064 nm photon flux detection:
heterodyne sensing and
superconducting transition edge sensor (TES)

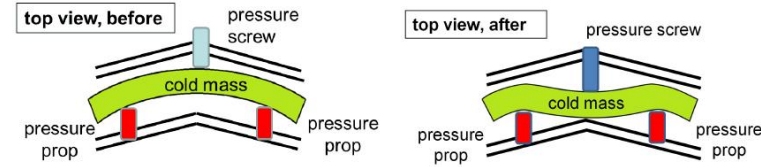
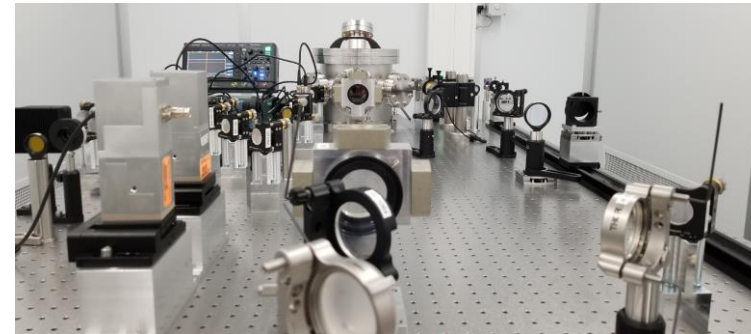


Figure 9: Schematics of straightening. Left: Before applying the deforming force, Right: The deformation forces the pipe to develop two 'camel humps,' exaggerated in the figure for better illustration. This deformation yields the largest achievable horizontal aperture.

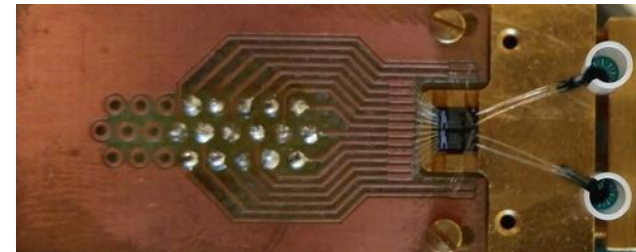


Figure 10: Outer pressure prop parts (left) and prop inserted into the cryostat (right).

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Design of the ALPS II optical system,
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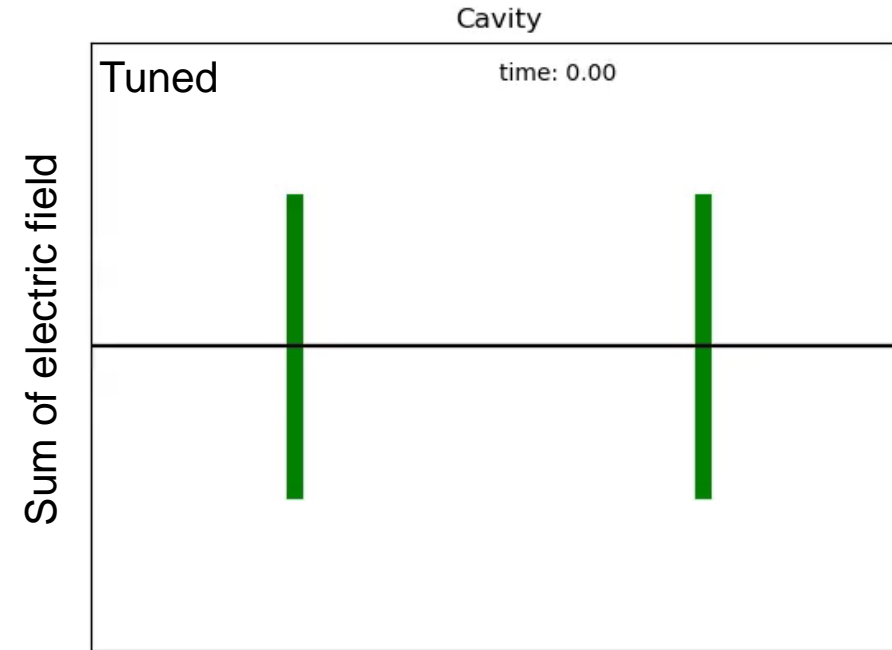
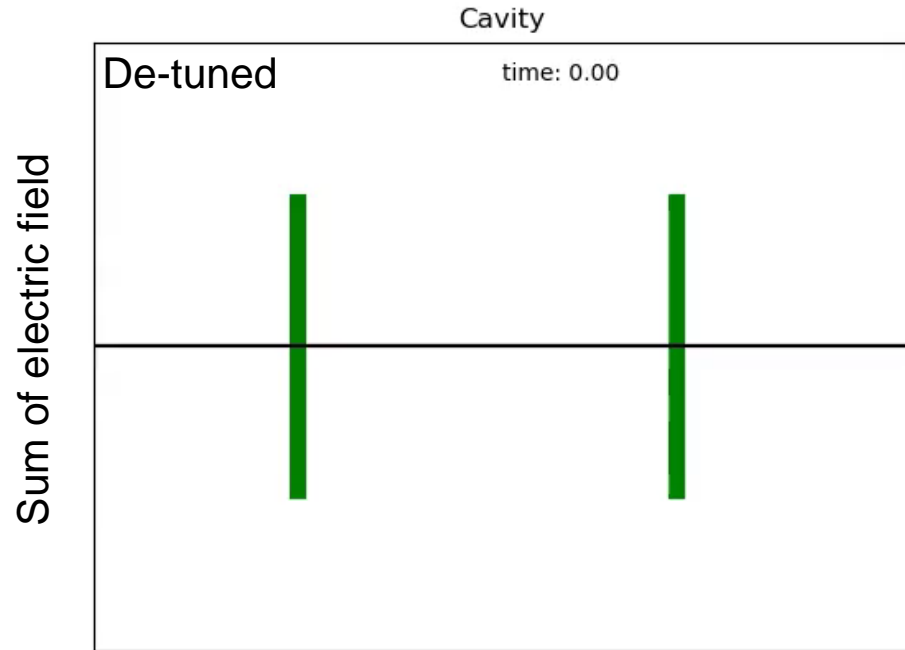


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ALPS II Optics

Optical resonators

Two semitransparent mirrors, 80% reflection in the animation.

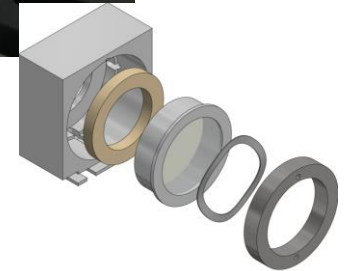
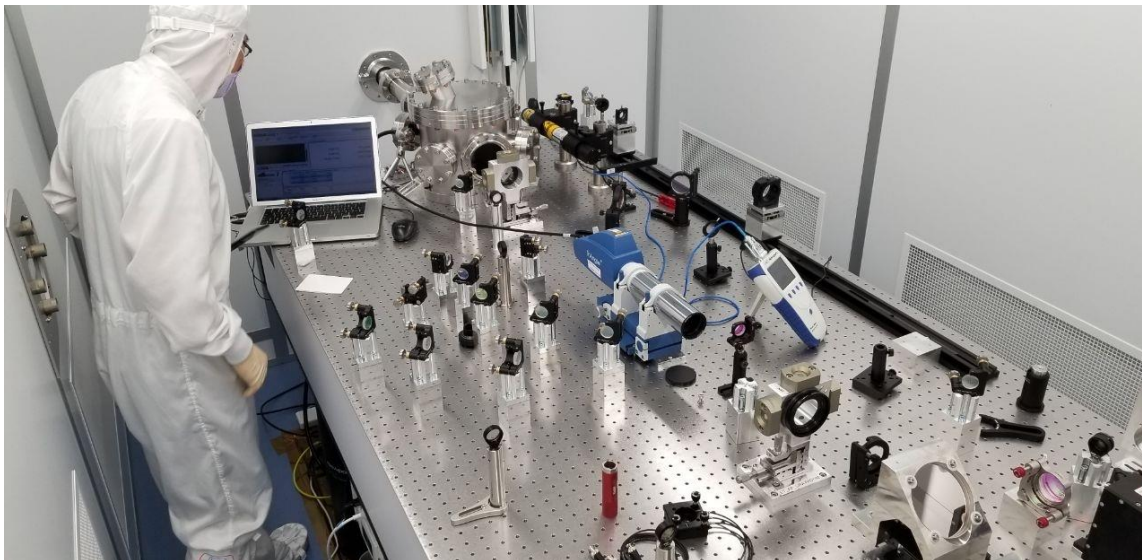
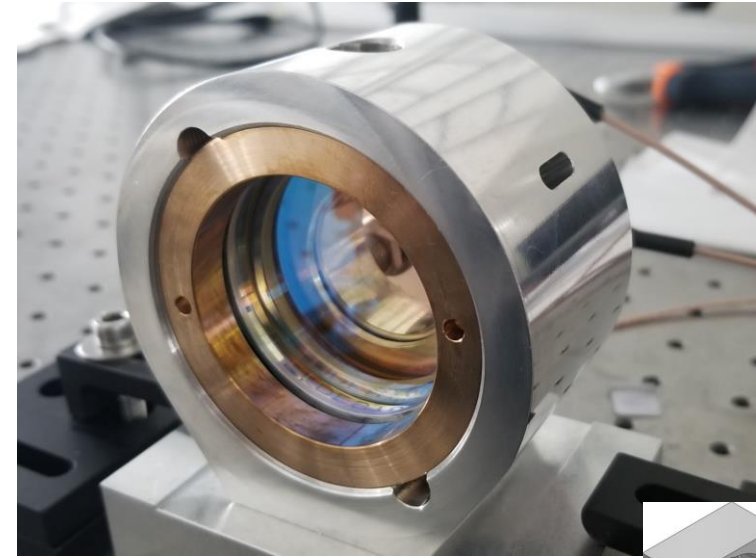
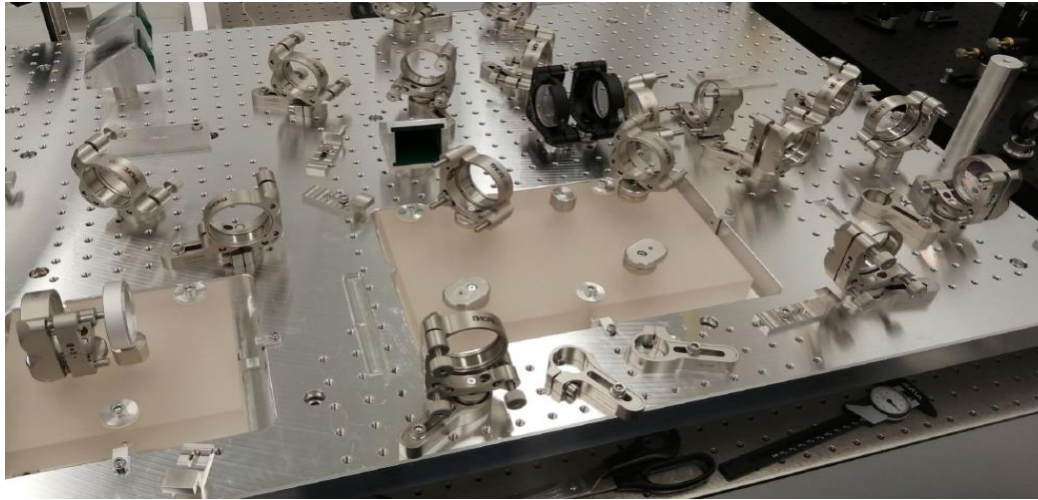


Tuned:

- The mirror system becomes transparent, the electric field is amplified between the mirrors.
- ALPS II: power built-up factor up to 40,000, requiring sub-pm length control.

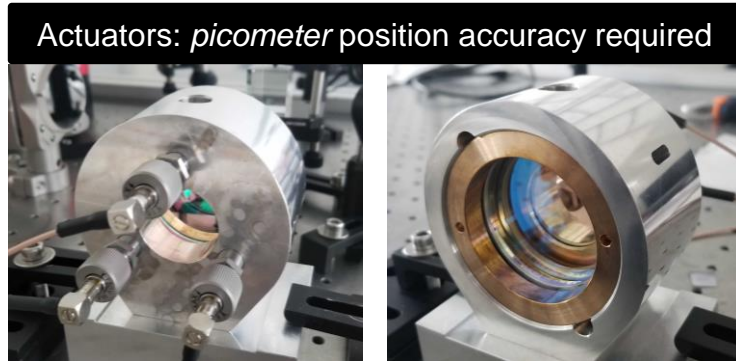
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Optics



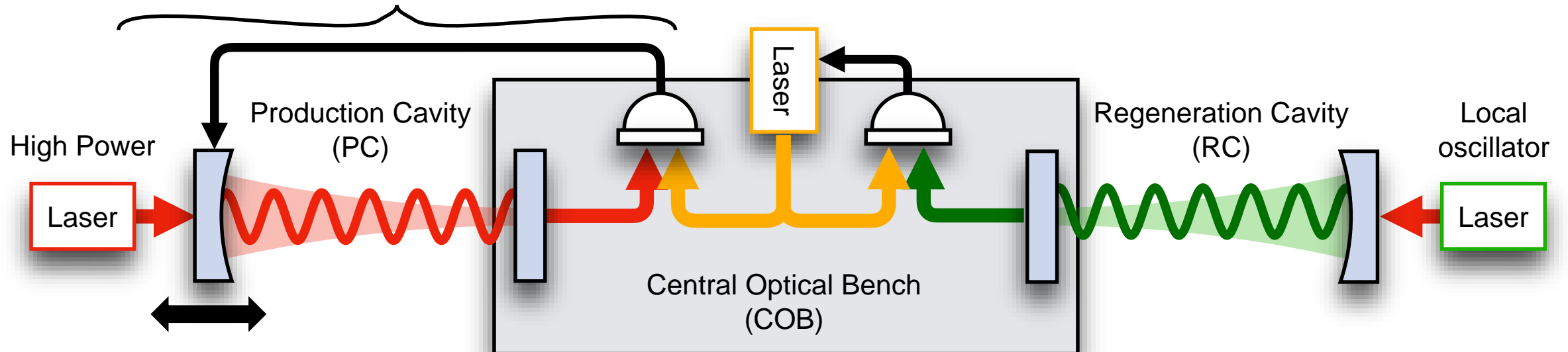
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Optics “locking” scheme to overcome seismic noise



Phase lock between PC transmitted light and reference laser

Additional reference laser coupled to RC length



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Optics requirements for the first full science run

RC resonant enhancement (β_{RC})	> 10 000
RC absolute length changes (ΔL_{RC})	$\sim 15 \mu\text{m}$
RC linewidth (HWHM)	15 Hz
PC circulating power	> 150 kW
PC relative power noise (RMS)	< 0.1%
Axion Coupling to RC (η)	> 90%
Coherence ($\eta_{\Delta f}$)	> 95%
Dynamic phase noise ($\Delta\phi$)	< 0.2 rad
Static frequency offset (Δf)	< 1.5 Hz
Spatial overlap (η_T)	> 95%
Angular alignment ($\Delta\theta$)	< 5.7 μrad
Transversal shift (Δx)	< 1.2 mm
Detector sensitivity	> 2×10^{-24} W for 20 days
Environmental temperature conditions	< 0.1 K
Stray light mitigation	< 1 photon / 10 days

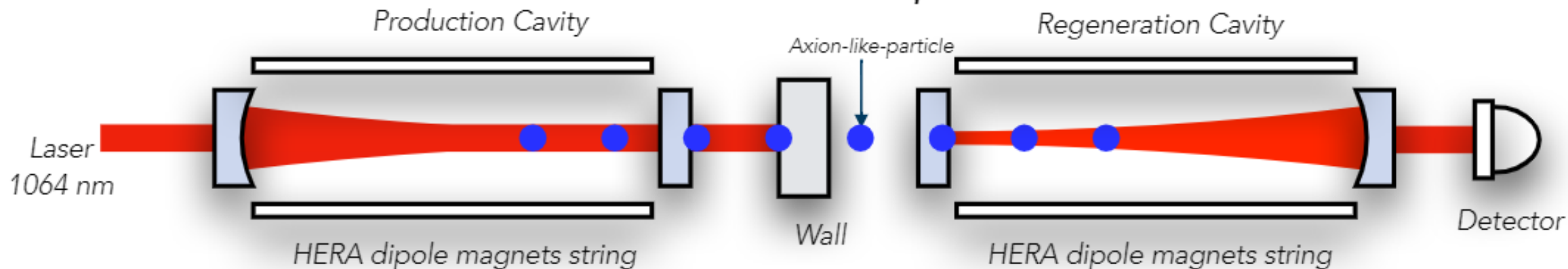
15 Hz out of $3 \cdot 10^{14}$ Hz

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ALPS II

Schematic of the ALPS II experiment



$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \gamma} = \frac{1}{16} \cdot \mathcal{F}_{PC} \mathcal{F}_{RC} \cdot (g_{a\gamma\gamma} B l)^4 = 6 \cdot 10^{-38} \cdot \mathcal{F}_{PC} \mathcal{F}_{RC} \cdot \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \frac{B}{1 \text{ T}} \frac{l}{10 \text{ m}} \right)^4$$



$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \gamma} = 1.9 \cdot 10^{-25}$$

PC: 30 W \longrightarrow RC: $5.7 \cdot 10^{-24}$ W
 $\sim 3.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ Hz} \approx 3 \text{ photons per day}$

5000 40000 0.2 5.3 105.6

$$g_{a\gamma} = (0.29 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$



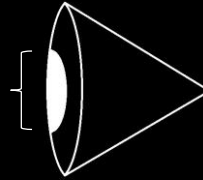
800 *lm*

23% of power
converted to light

$$2.3 \text{ W} \rightarrow 6.24 * 10^{18} \gamma/s$$

Narrow pupil
2 *mm* diameter

$$4.8 * 10^{12} \gamma/s$$



1 *m*



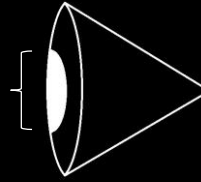
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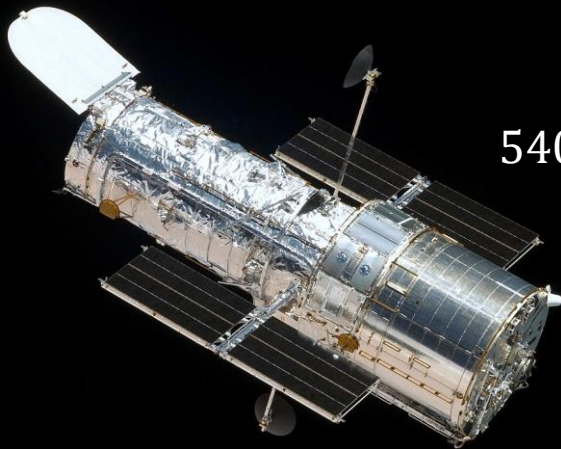
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1 *m*

$$1 \gamma/s \longrightarrow 2.19 \times 10^3 \text{ km}$$



540 *km*



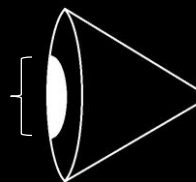
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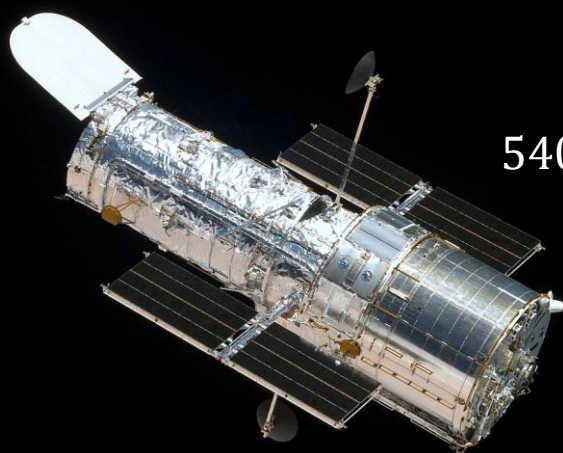
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$$10^{-5} \gamma/s \longrightarrow 6.92 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$$



540 *km*



$3.84 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$

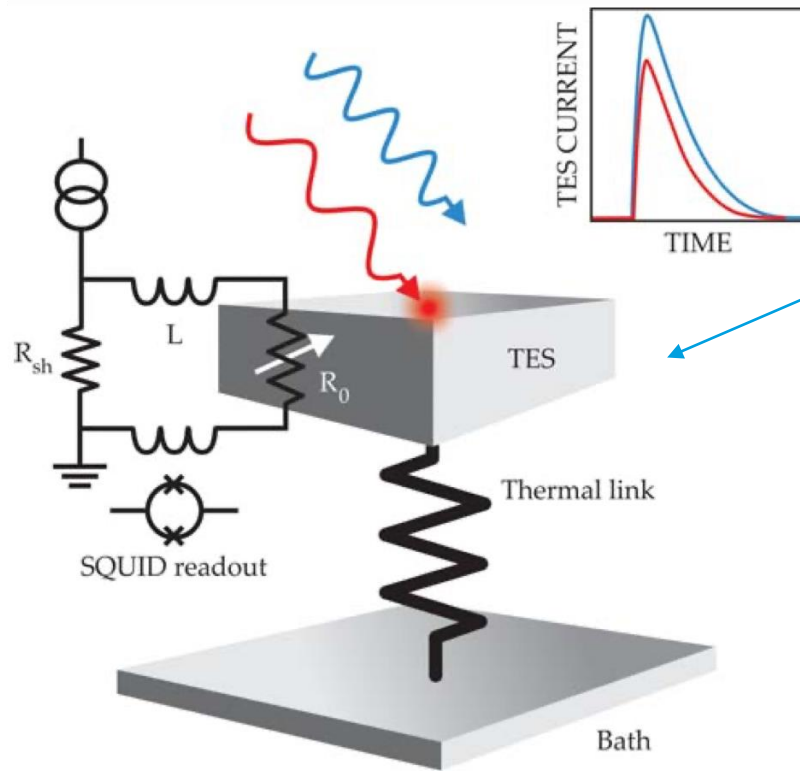
Single photon detector

Requirements for ALPS II:

- Sensibility to very low rates (1-2 photons a day).
- Low energy photon detection (1064 nm equivalent to 1.16 eV).
- Low background rate: $< 7.7 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{cps} \sim 1 \text{ photon (1064nm - like) every 2 days.}$
- High detection efficiency.
- Long term stability ($\sim 20 \text{ days}$).

The Transition Edge Sensor (TES) could meet these requirements.

Transition Edge Sensor (TES)



Tungsten microchip at critical transition region ($\sim 140 \text{ mK}$)

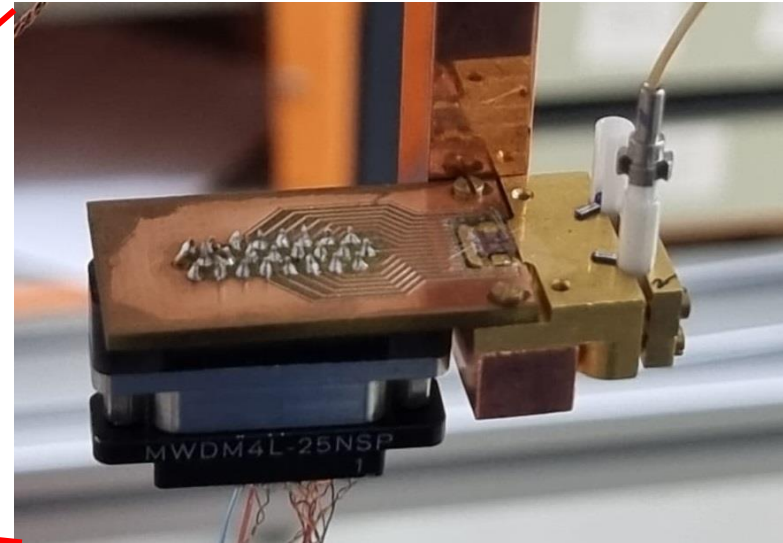
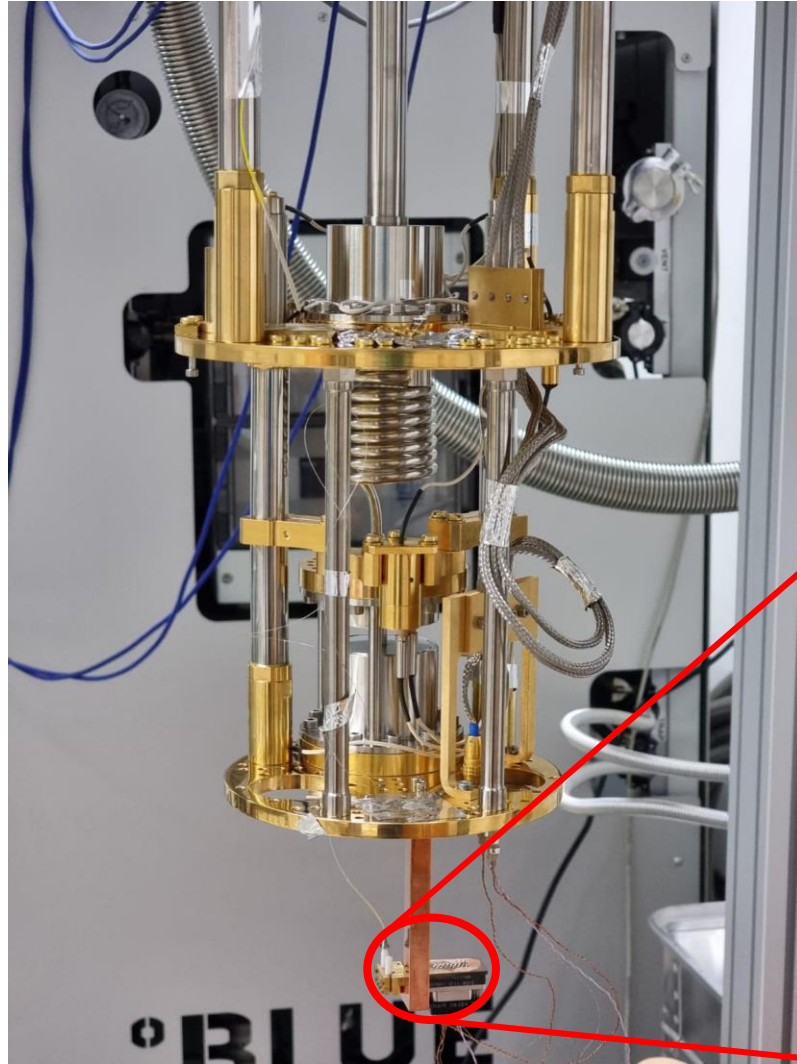
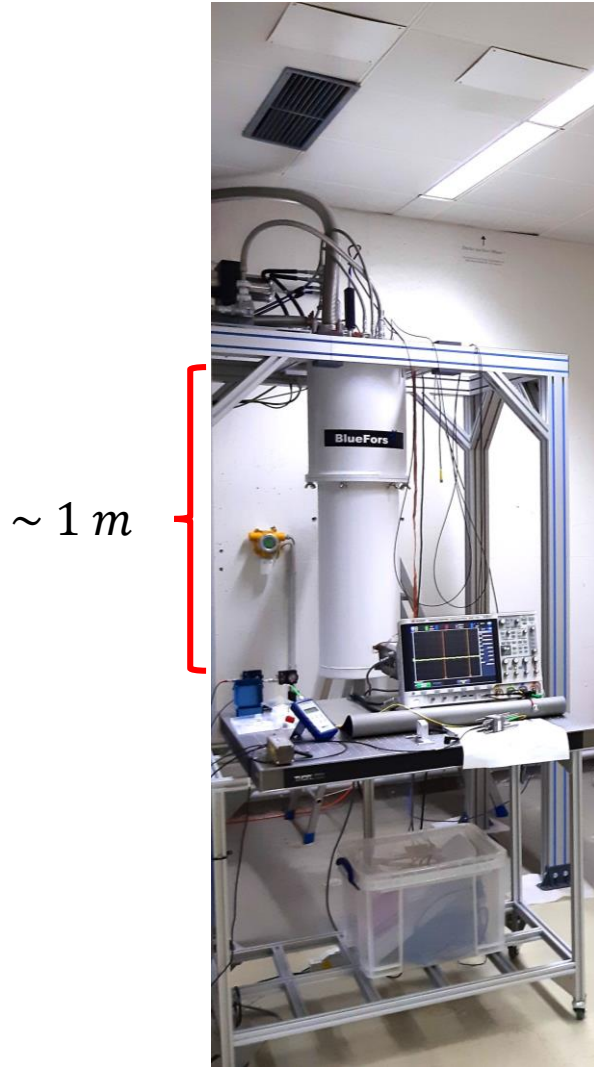
Temperature increase: Single photon ($1064 \text{ nm} \approx 1.16 \text{ eV}$) heats TES by $\sim 100 \mu\text{K}$

$\sim 6.6 \Omega$ resistance increase: from superconducting to normal conducting

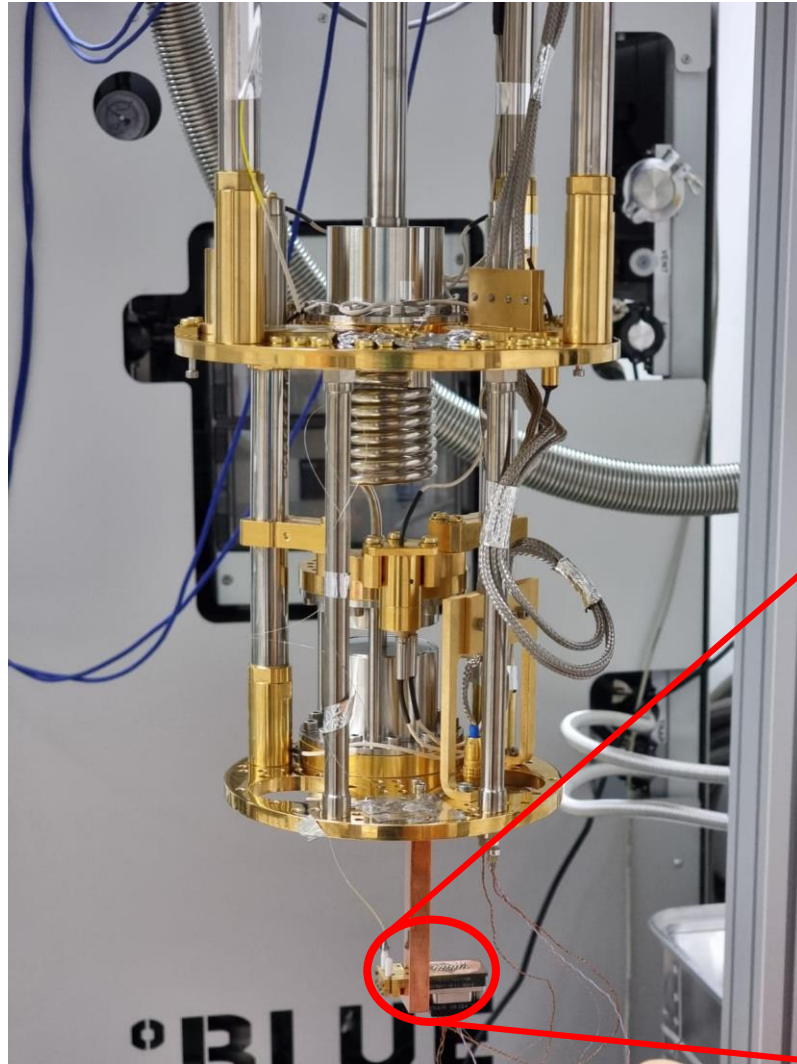
Current change (voltage-biased circuit)

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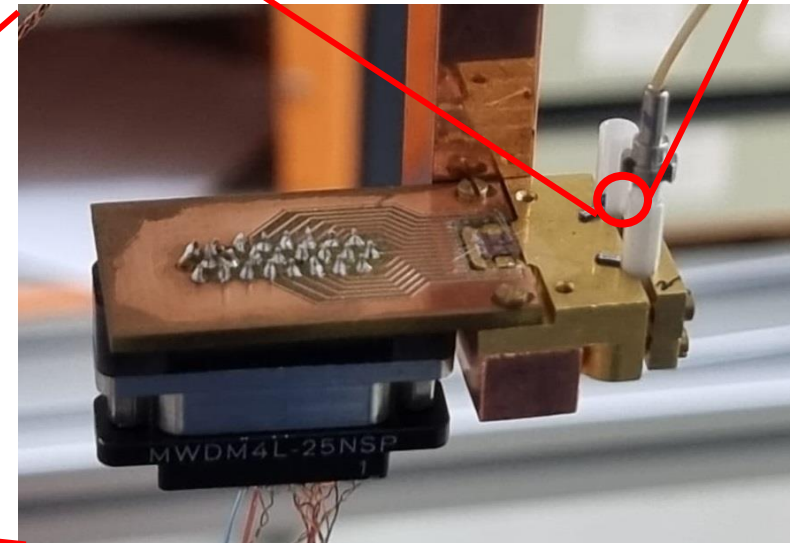
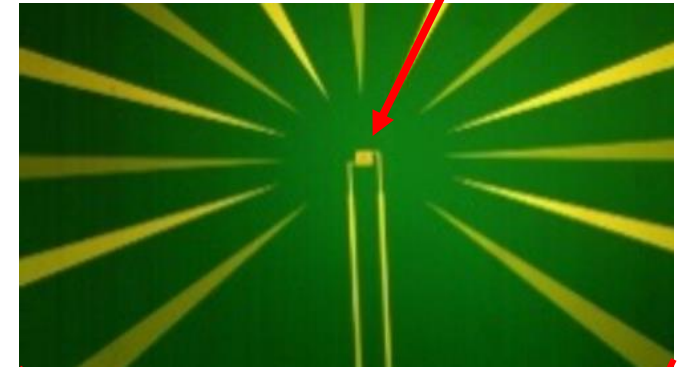
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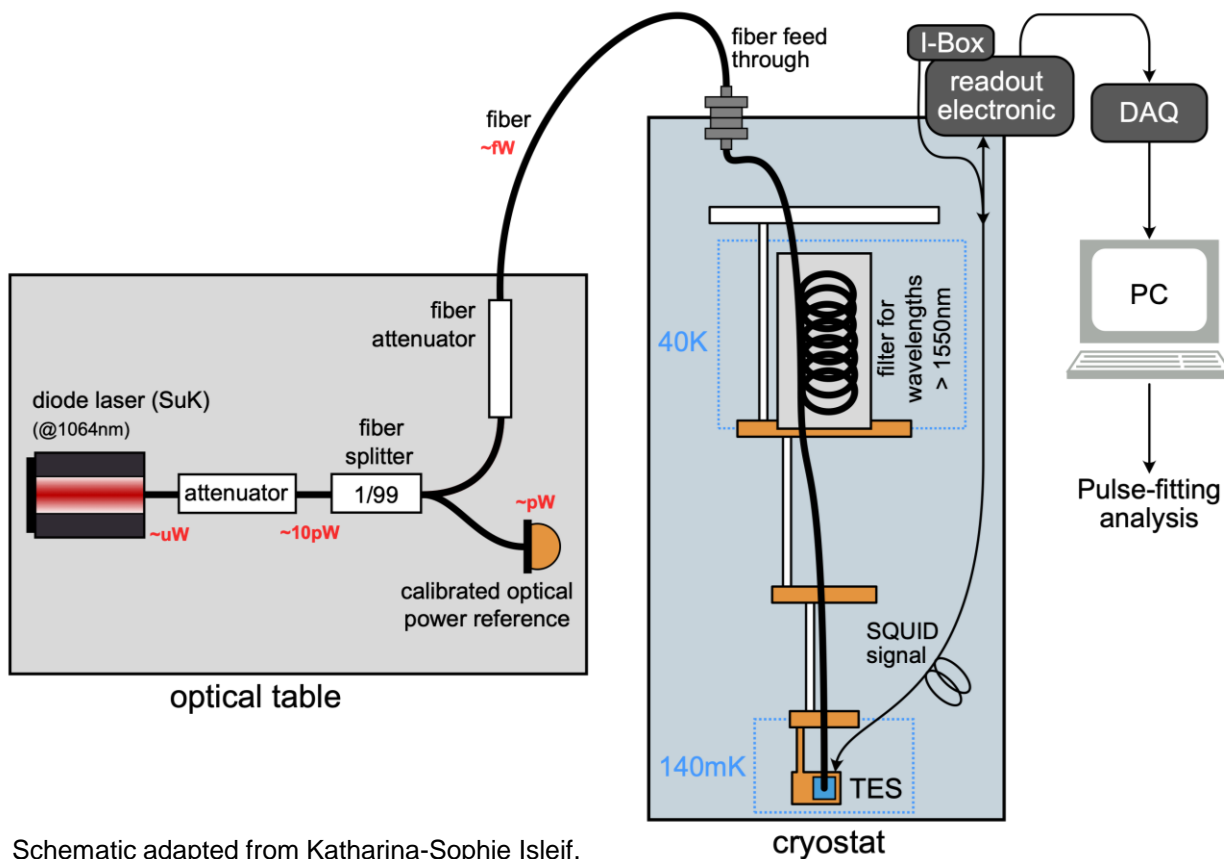
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$25\ \mu\text{m} \times 25\ \mu\text{m} \times 20\ \text{nm}$

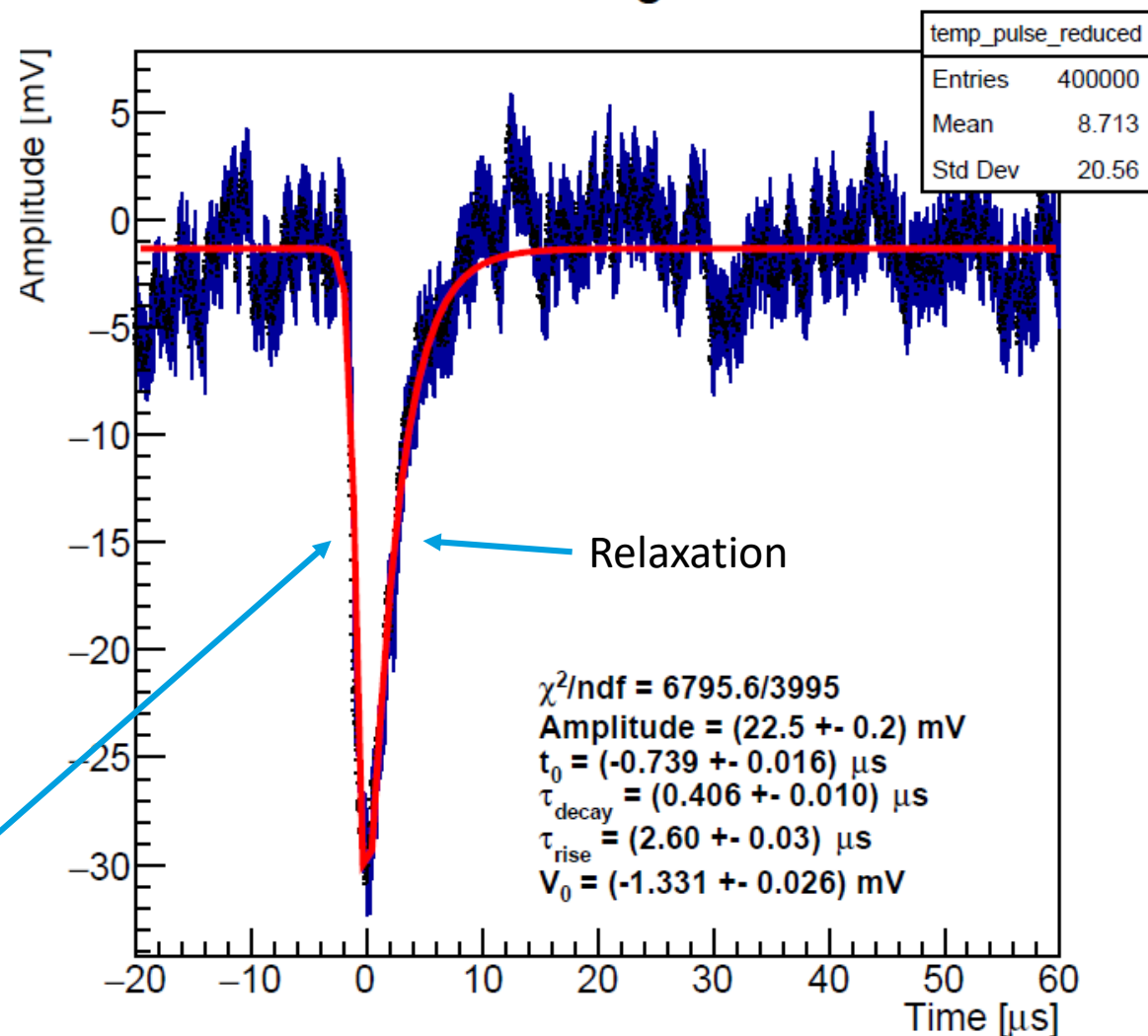


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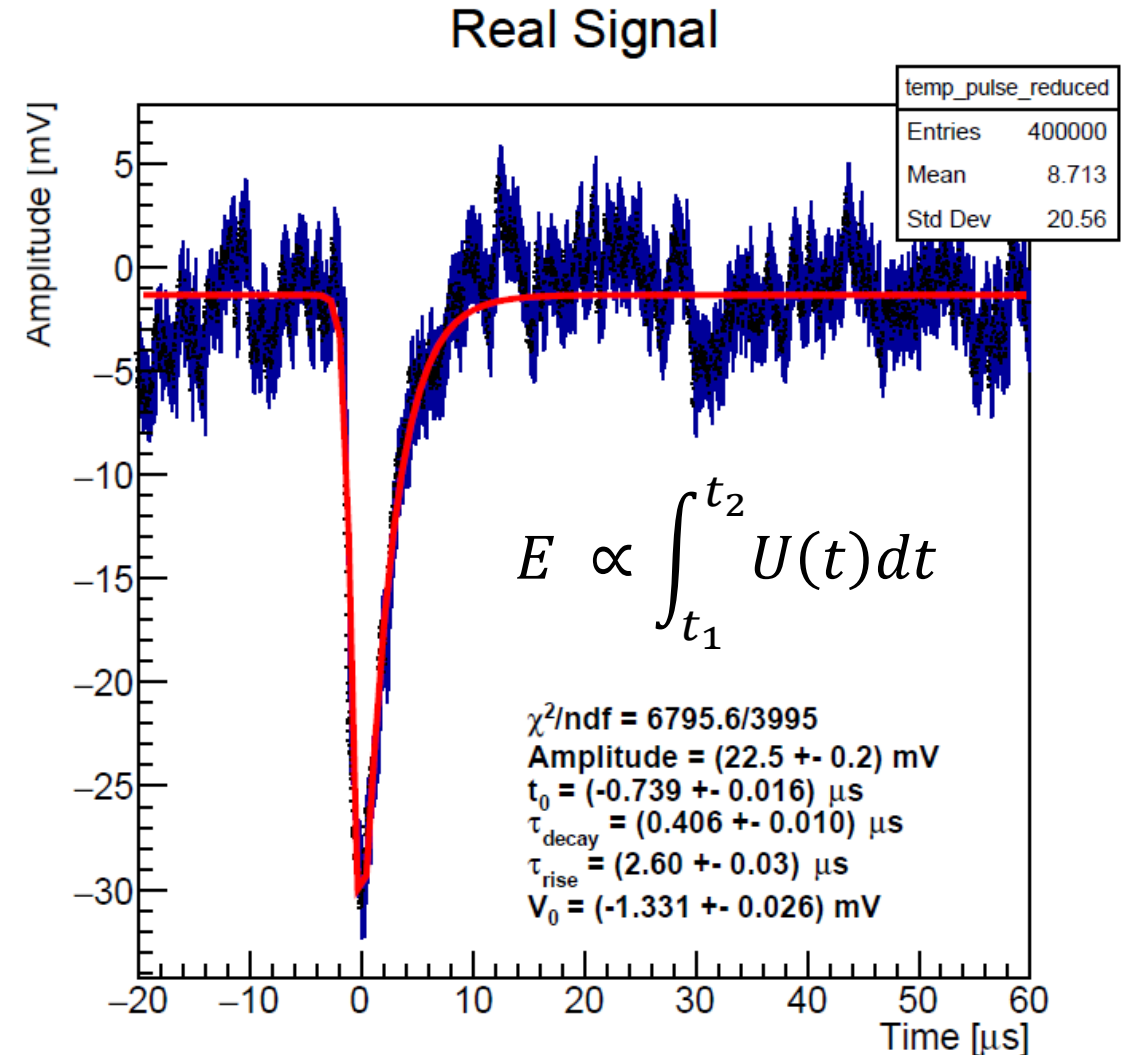
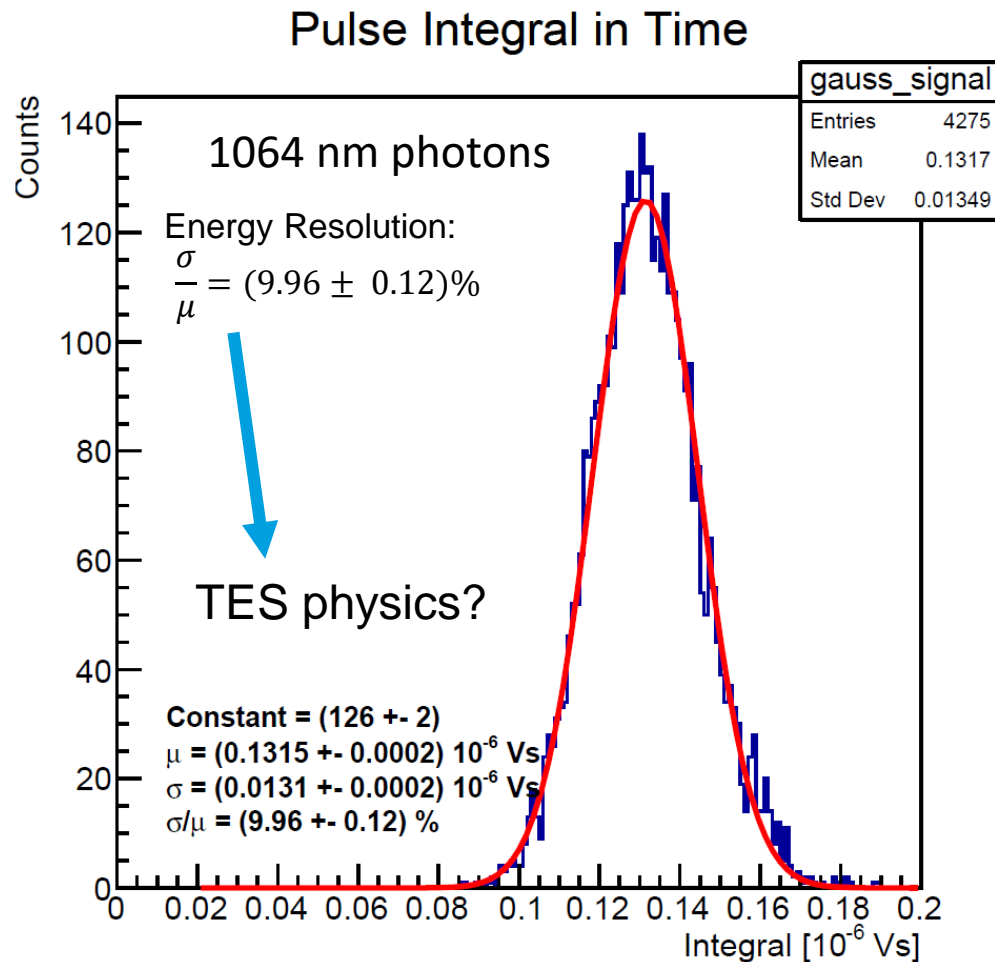


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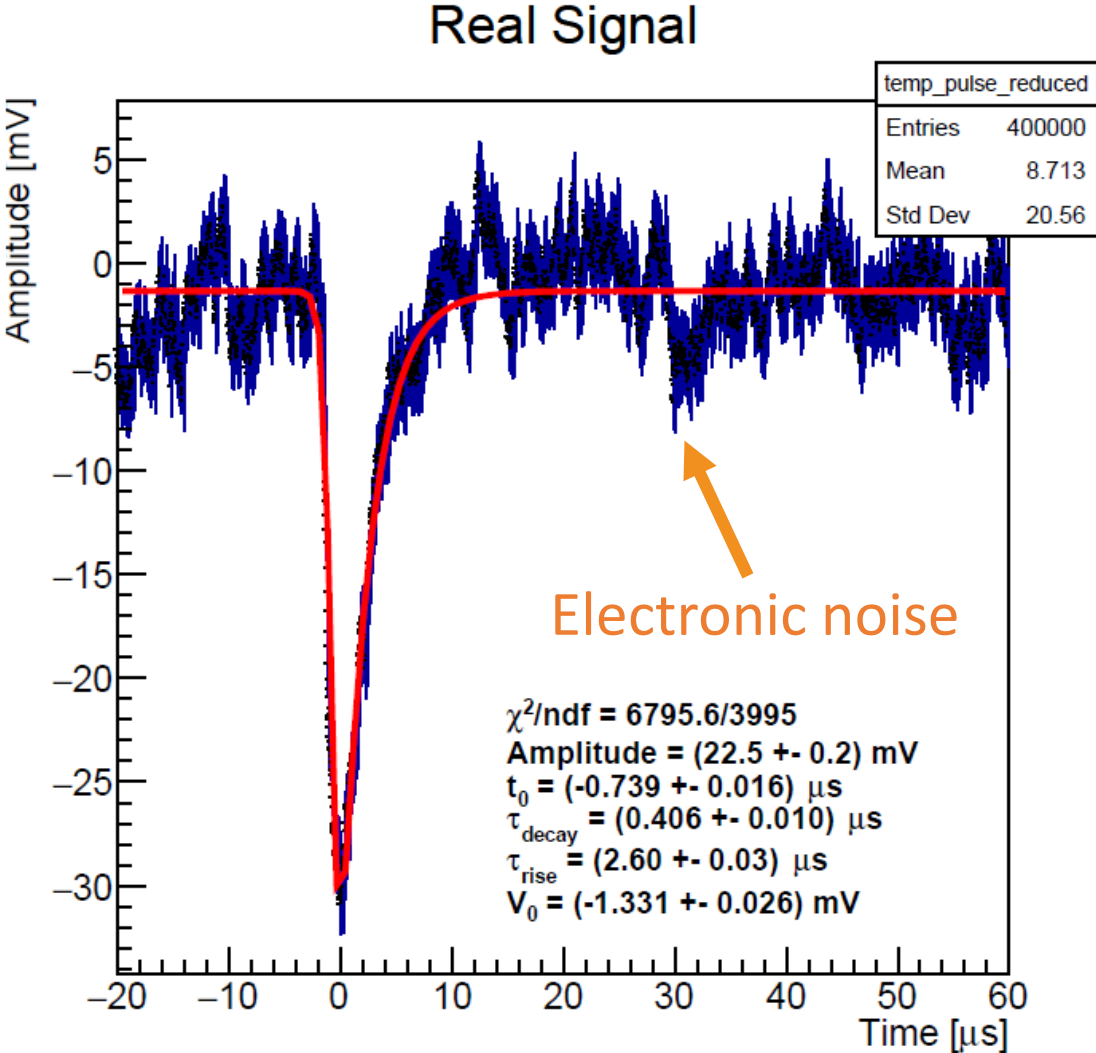
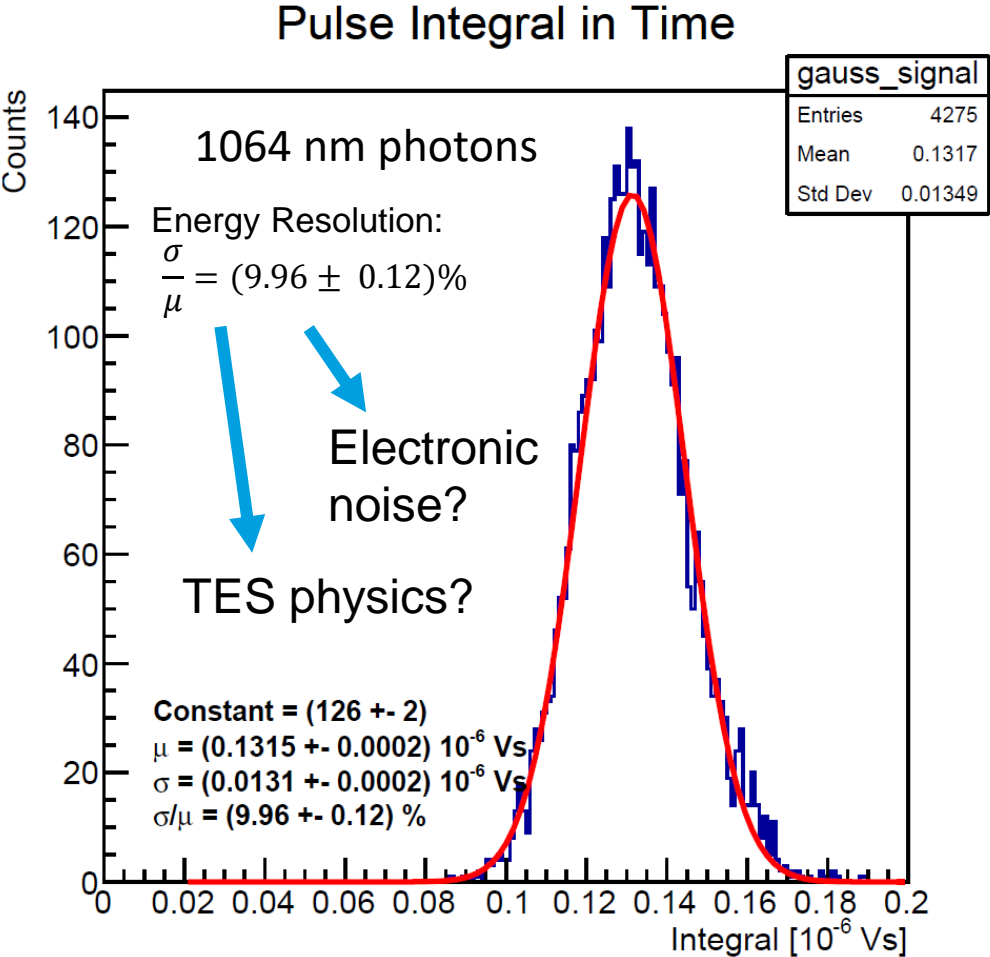
Real Signal



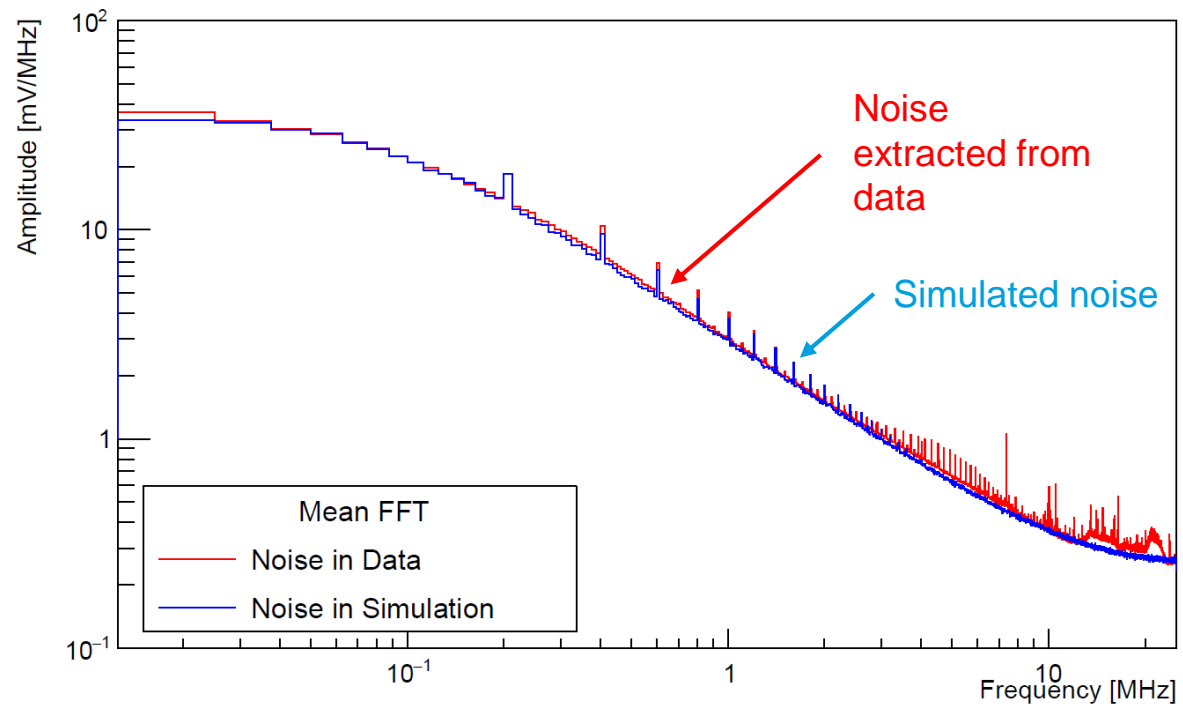
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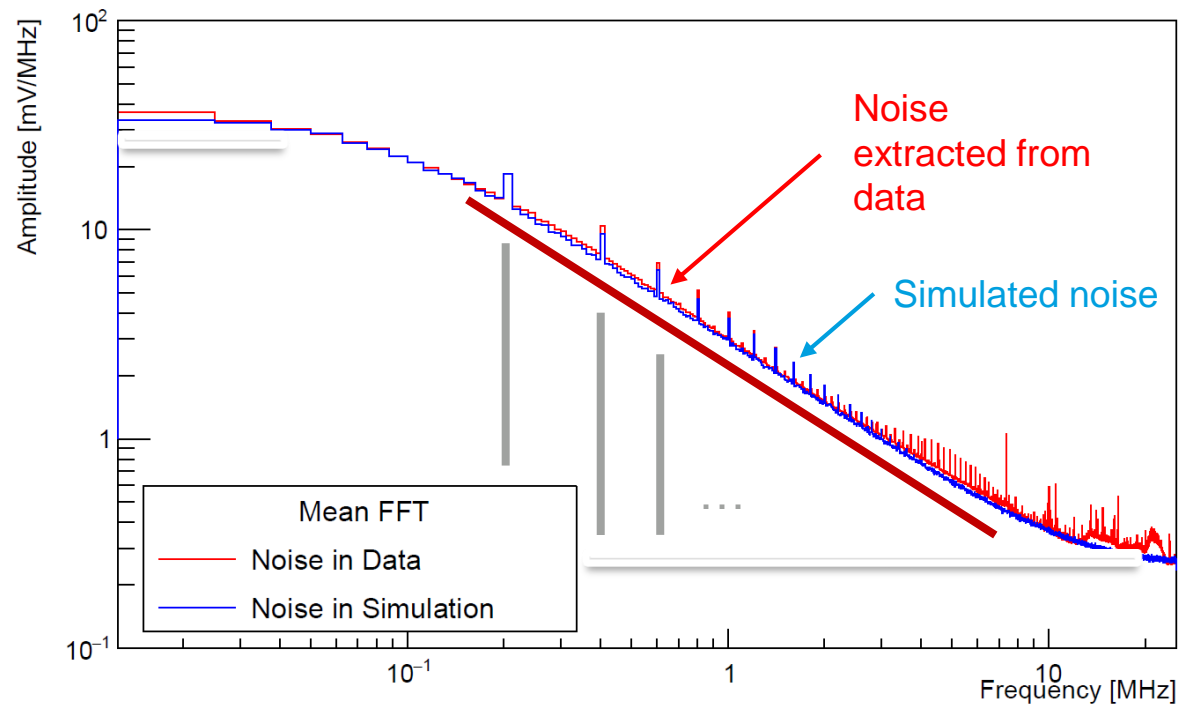
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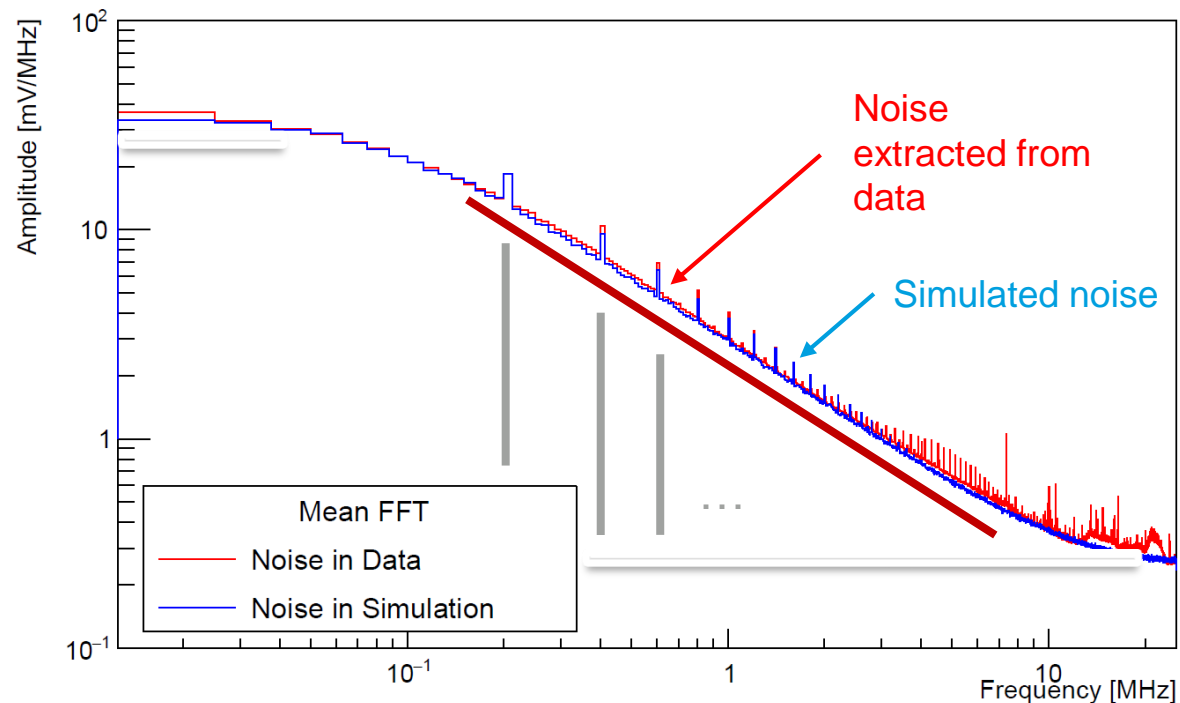


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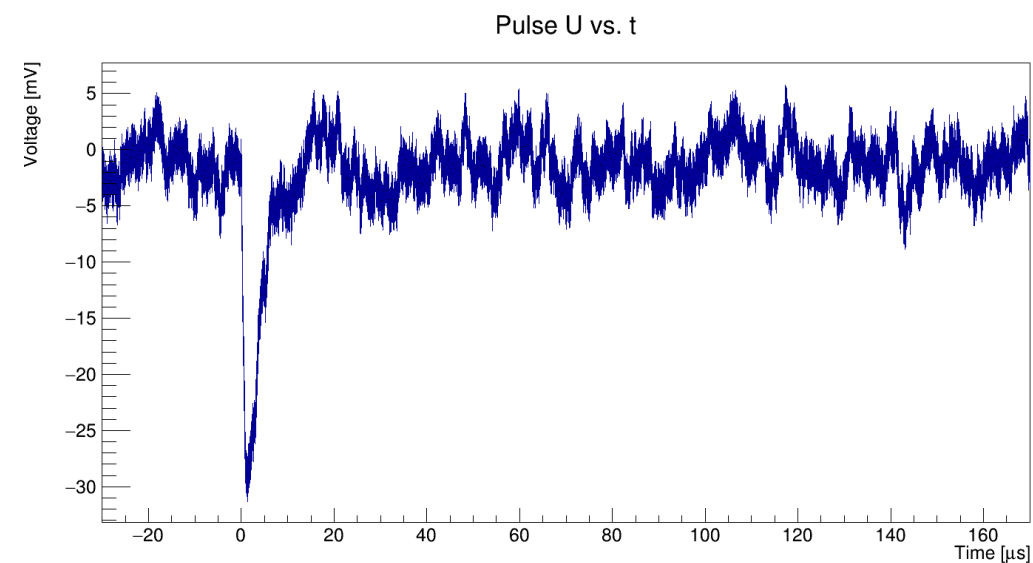
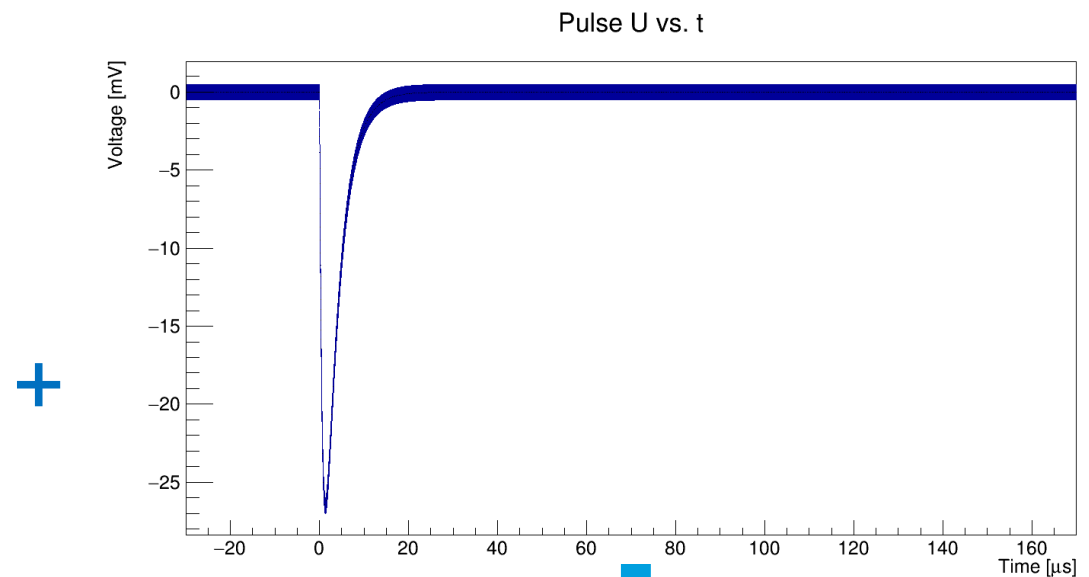


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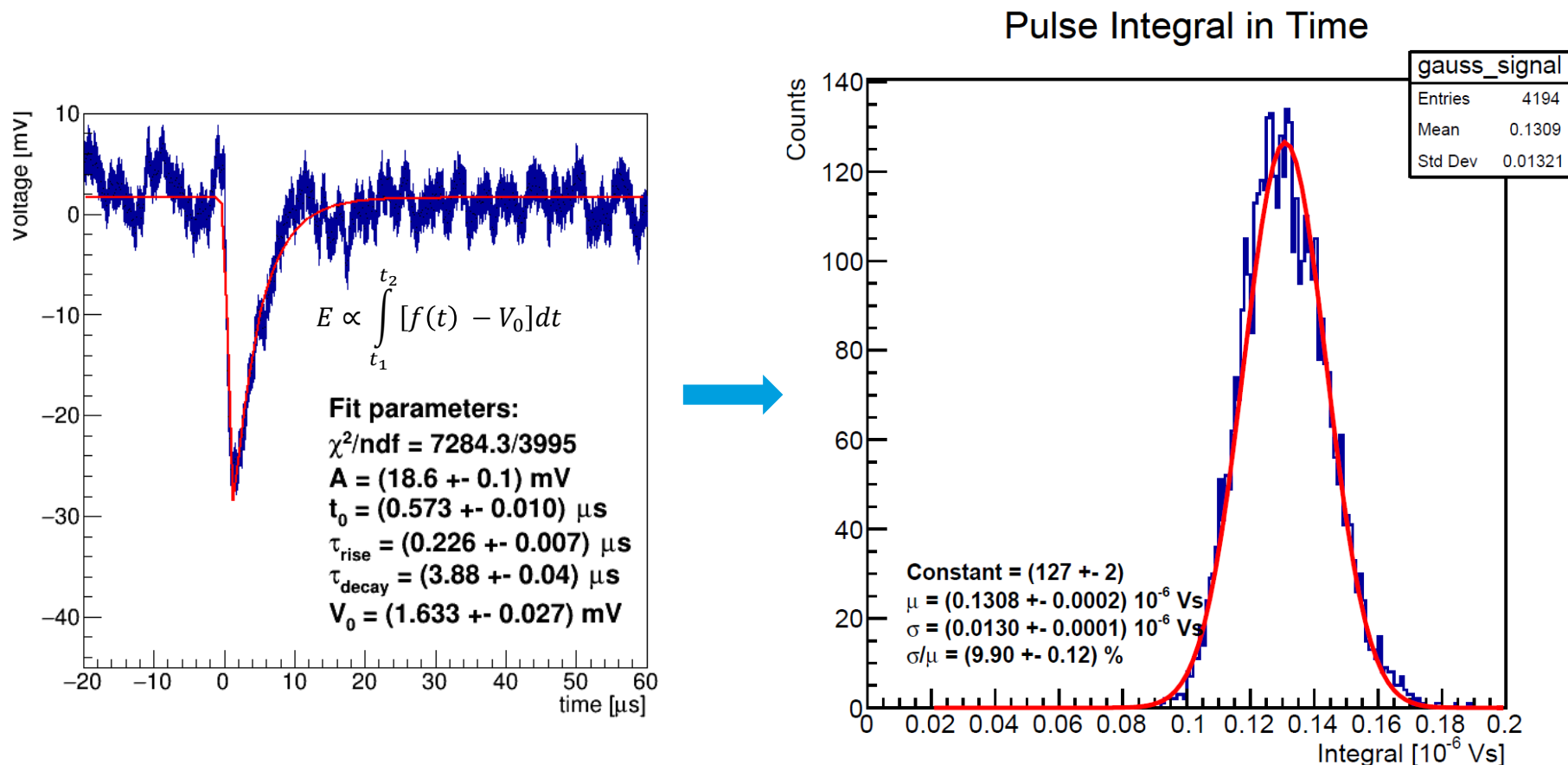
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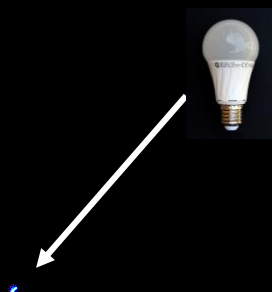
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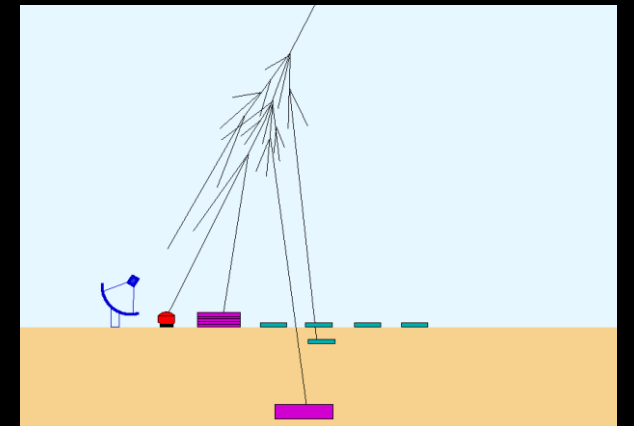
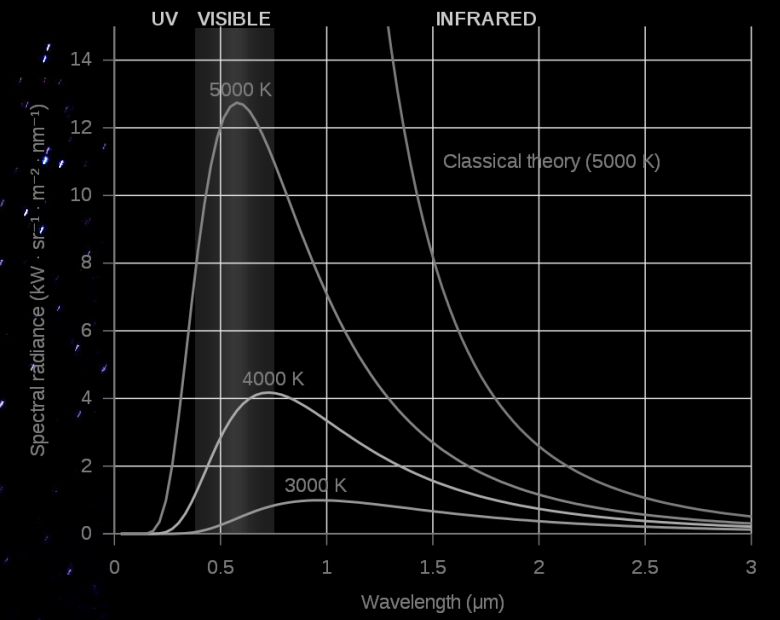
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Studying other phenomena

- Rejection of pileup
- DAQ trigger efficiency.

Energy resolution can be explained by the electronic noise.





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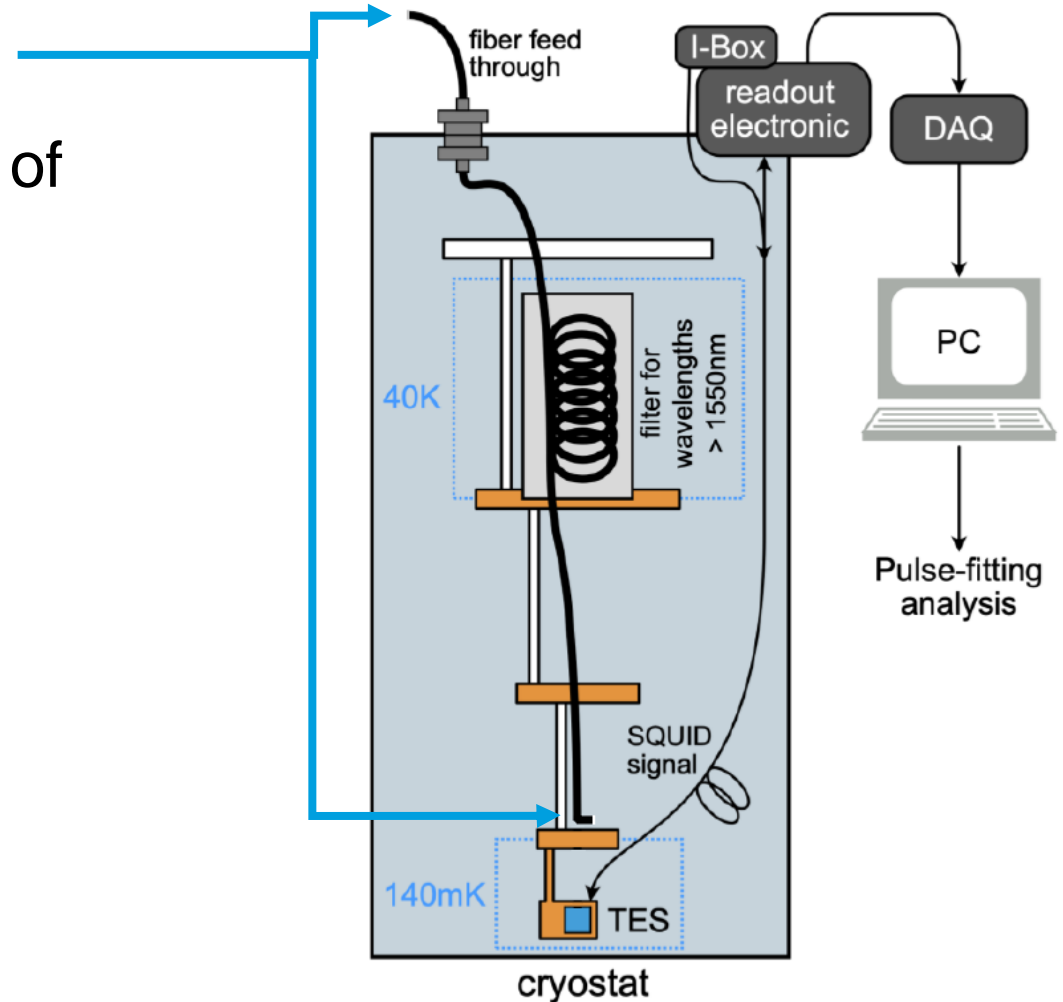
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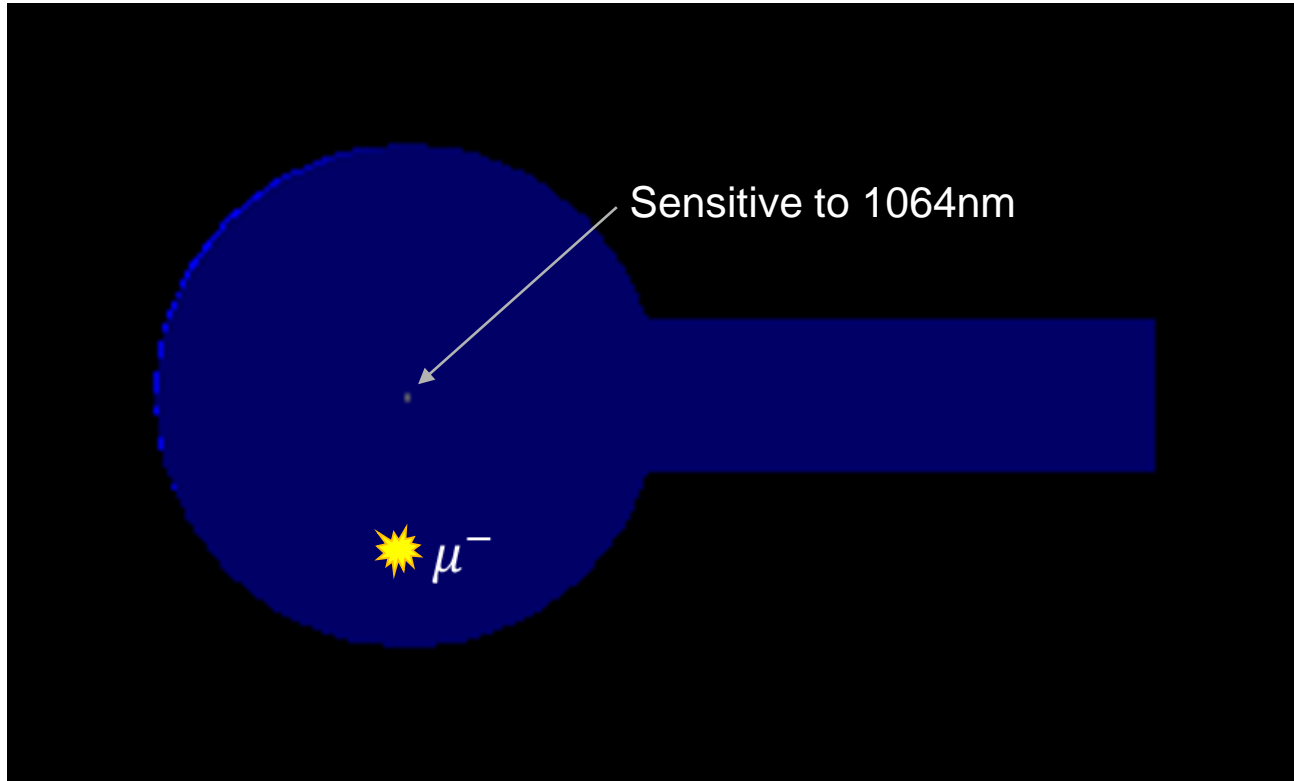
The accepted rate of events is in the order of 10^{-2} cps (same trigger as light samples).

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Geant4 simulation

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Particles could produce a signal indirectly in the sensor.

Single photon detector

Requirements for ALPS II:

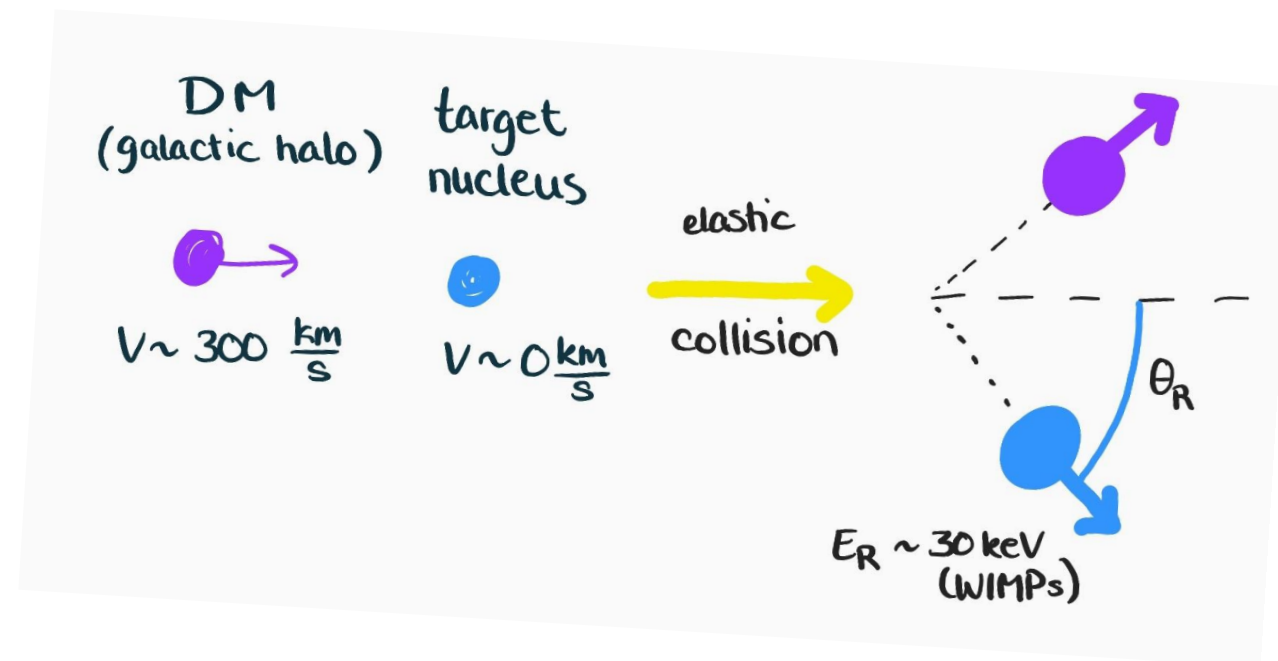
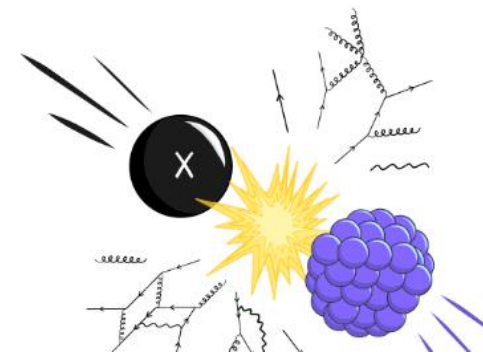
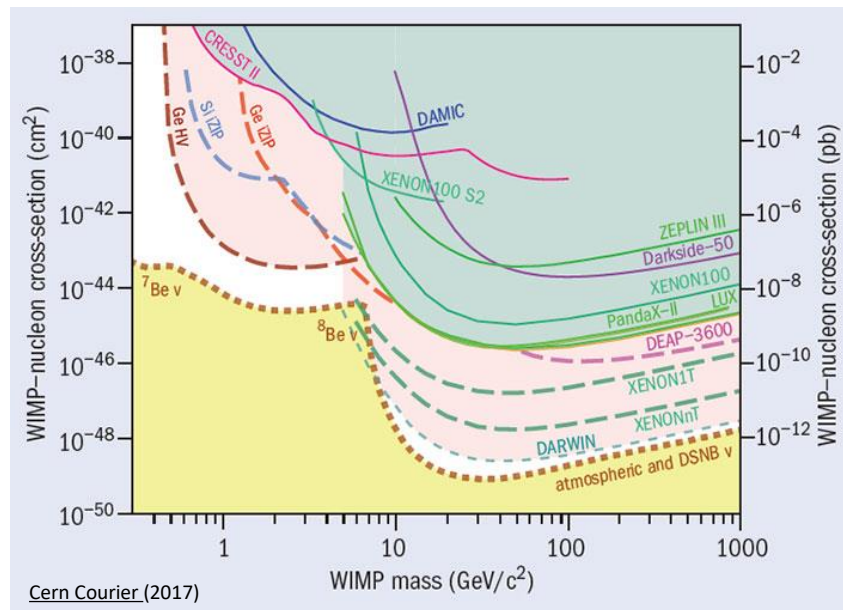
- Sensibility to very low rates (1-2 photons a day). ✓
- Low energy photon detection (1064 nm equivalent to 1.16 eV). ✓
- Low background rate: $< 7.7 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{cps}$ \sim 1 photon (1064nm – like) every 2 days. Yes, for intrinsics
- High detection efficiency. Yes, demonstrated for similar systems
- Long term stability (~ 20 days). ✓

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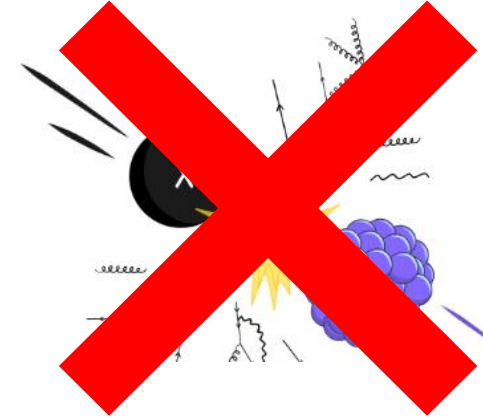
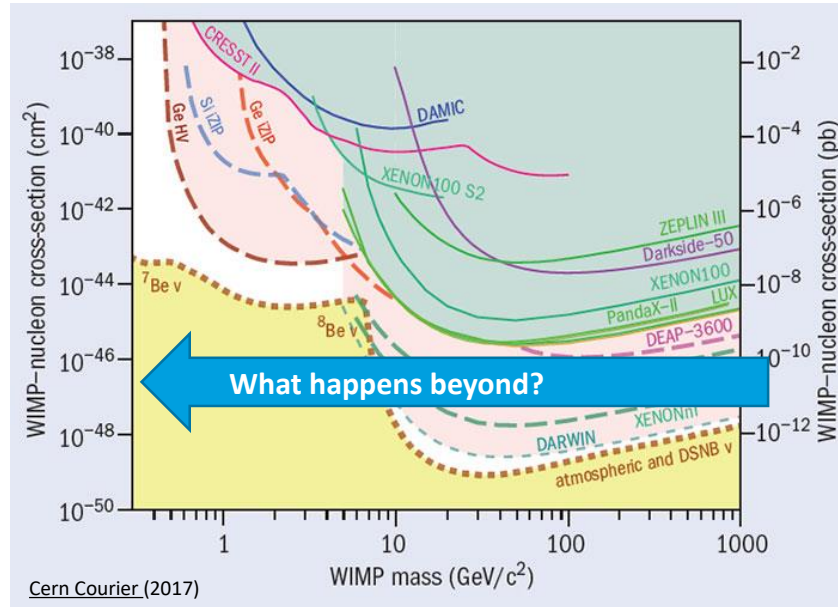
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reduced mass: $\mu = \frac{m_\chi m_T}{m_\chi + m_T}$

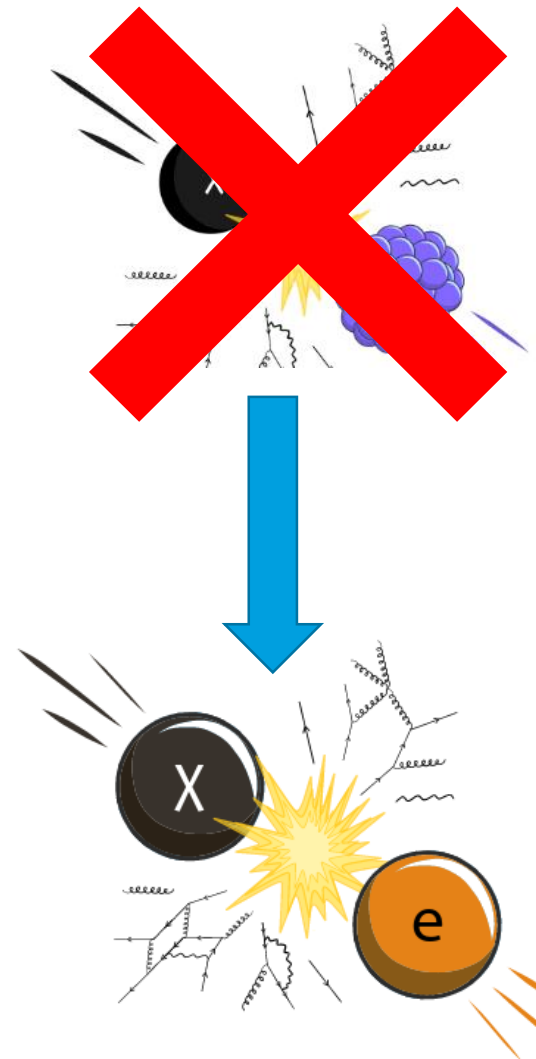
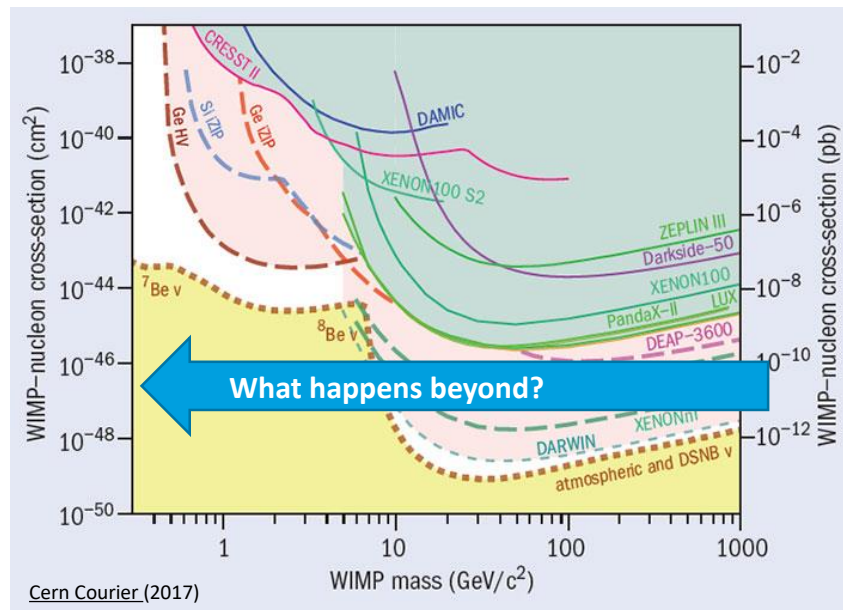
recoil energy: $E_R = \frac{|q|^2}{2m_T} = \frac{\mu^2 v^2}{m_T} (1 - \cos(\theta_R))$

For $m_\chi \ll m_T$: $\mu \approx m_\chi$

$\rightarrow E_R \sim \frac{m_\chi^2}{m_T}$

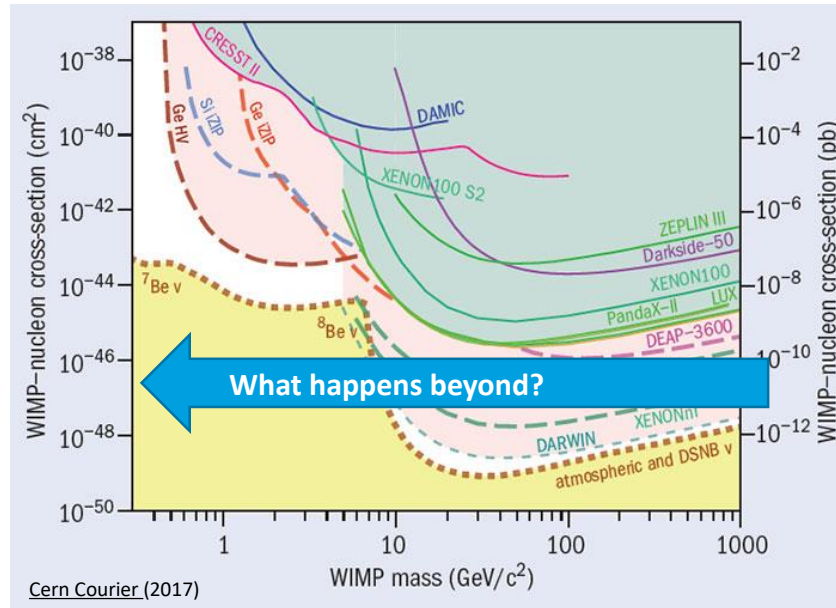
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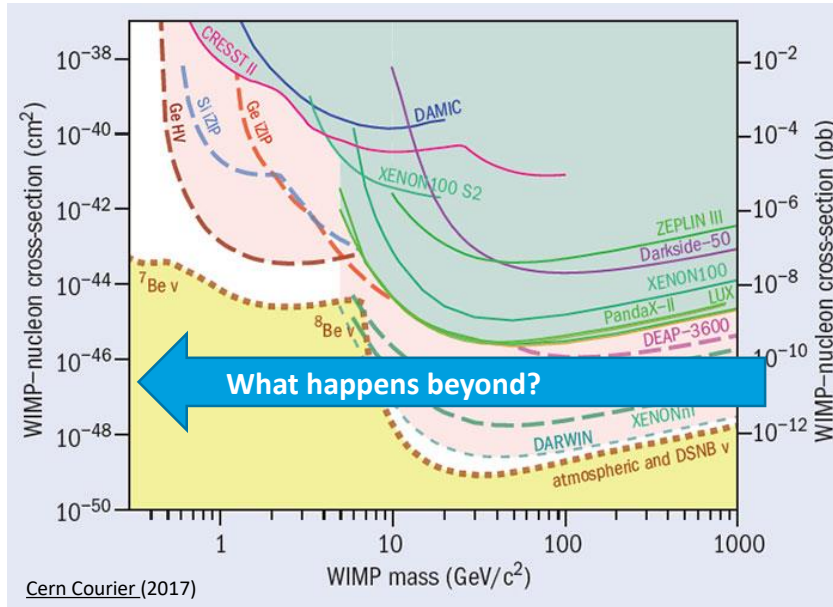
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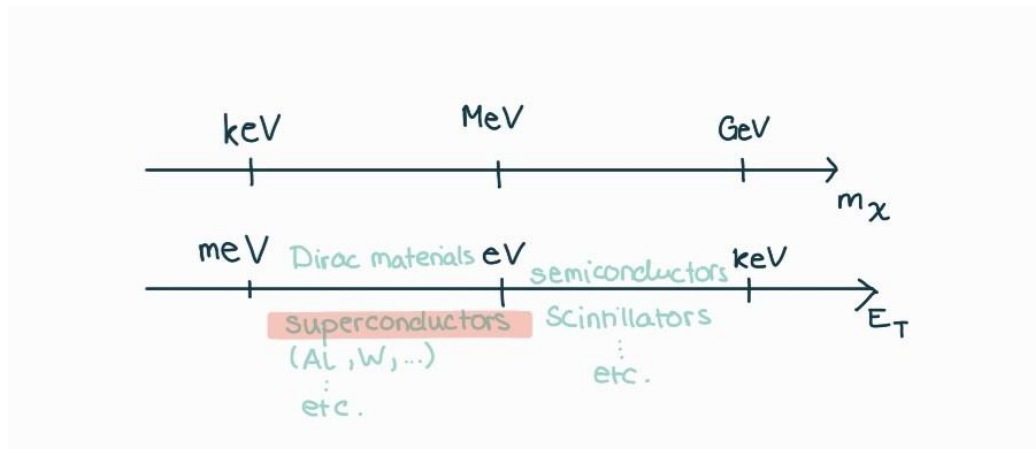
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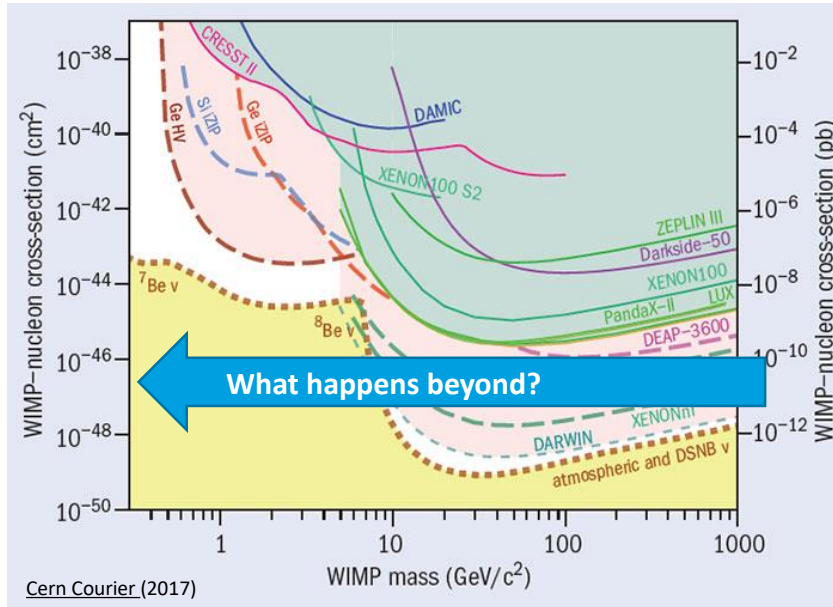
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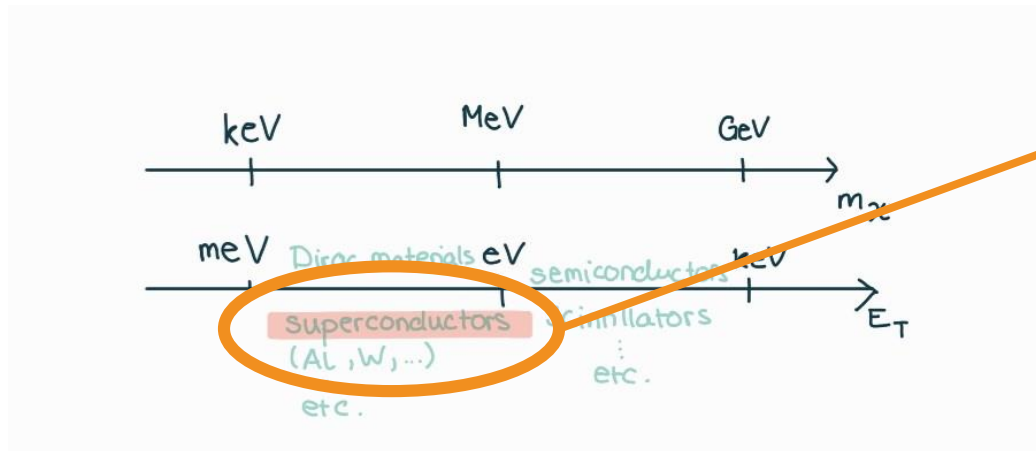
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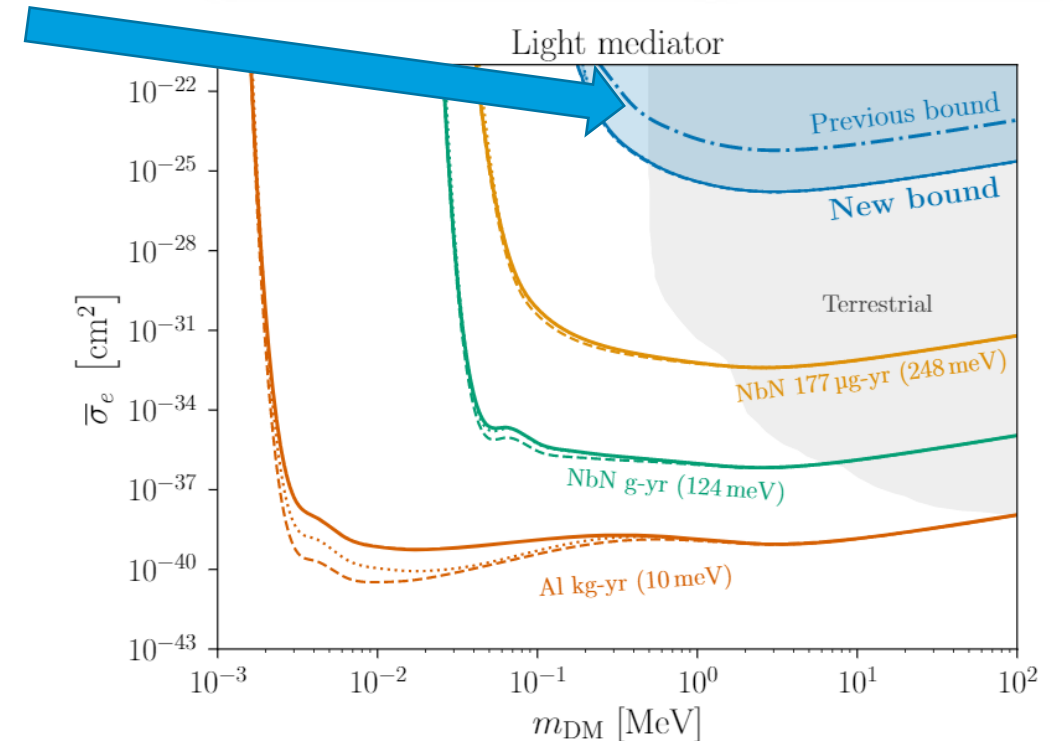
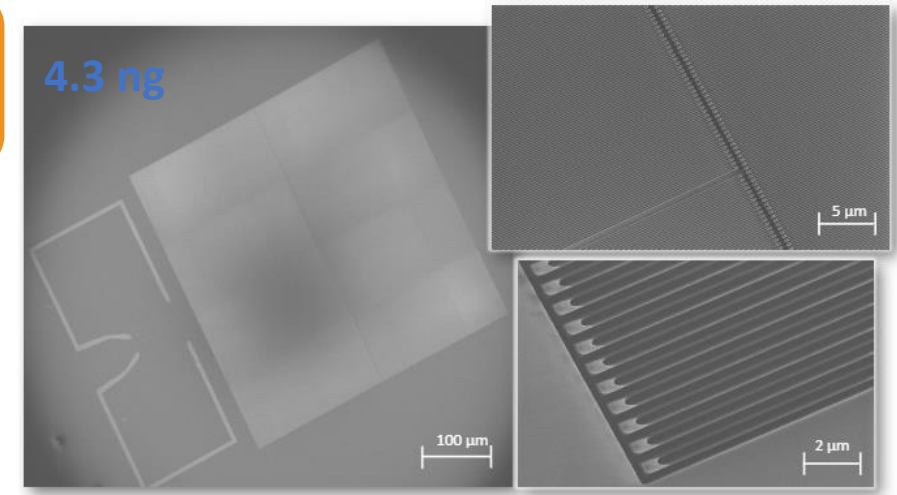
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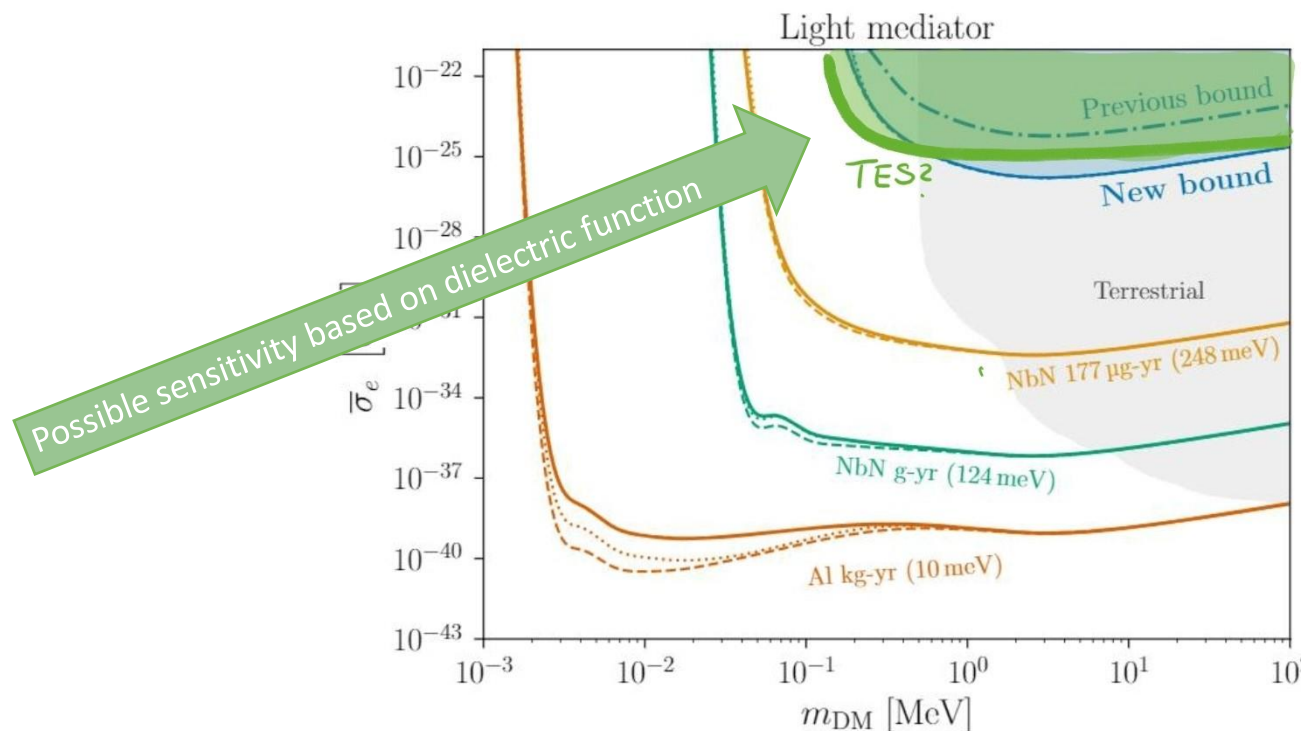
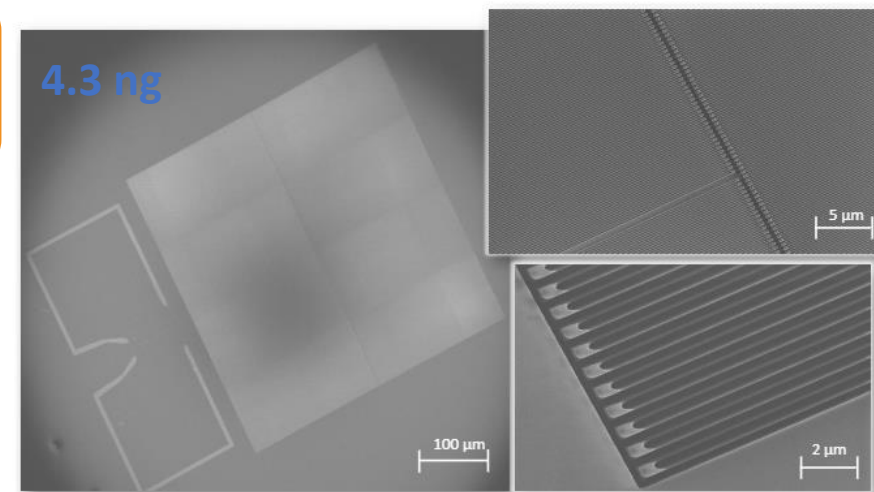
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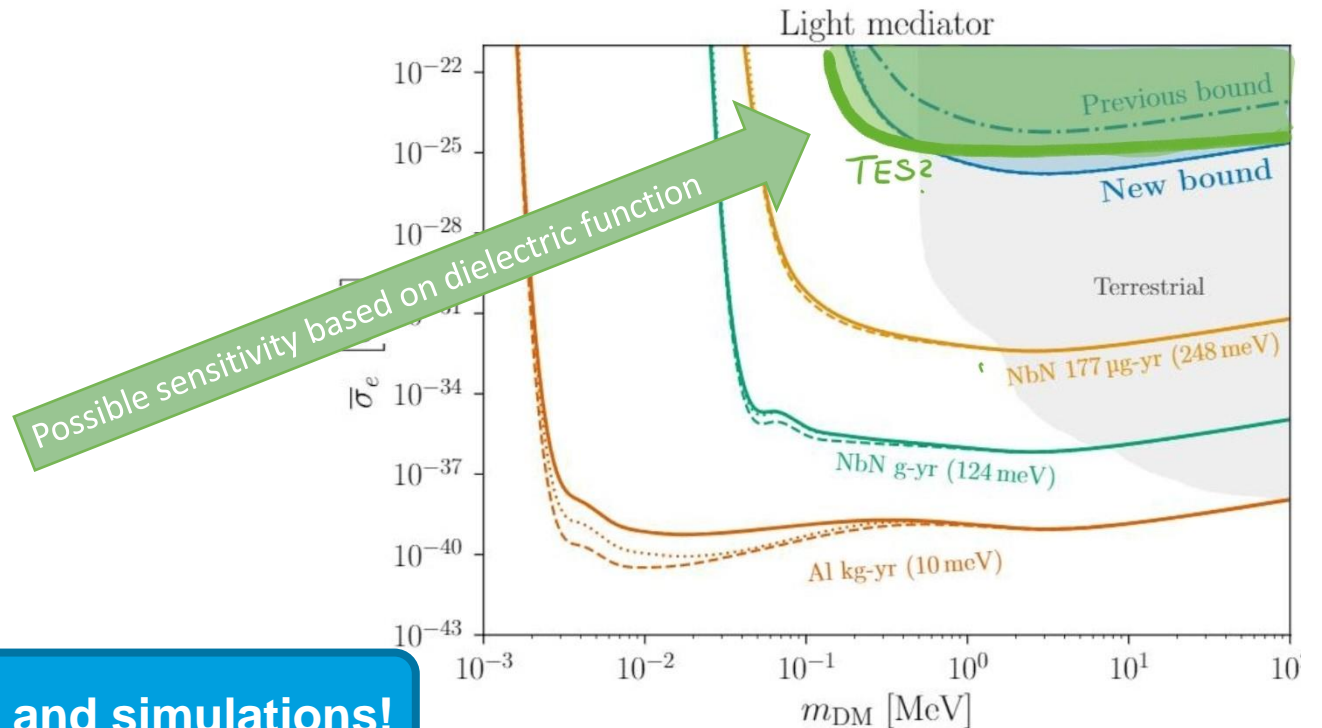
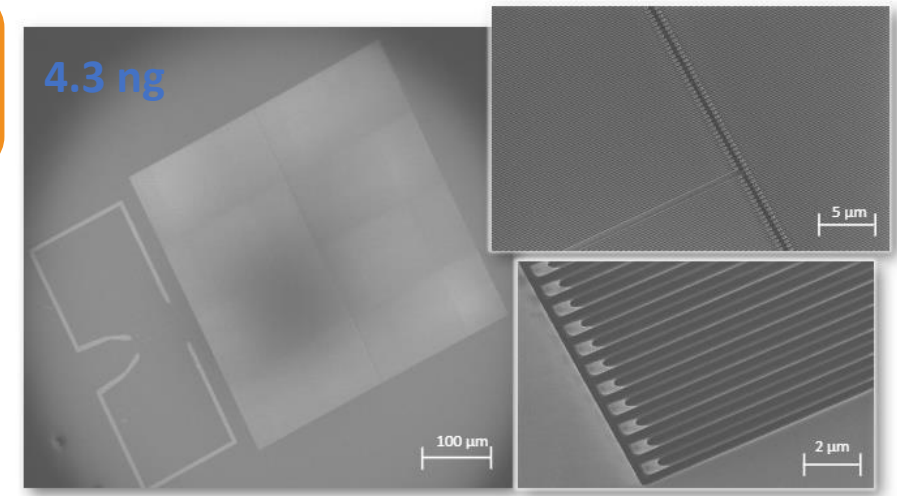
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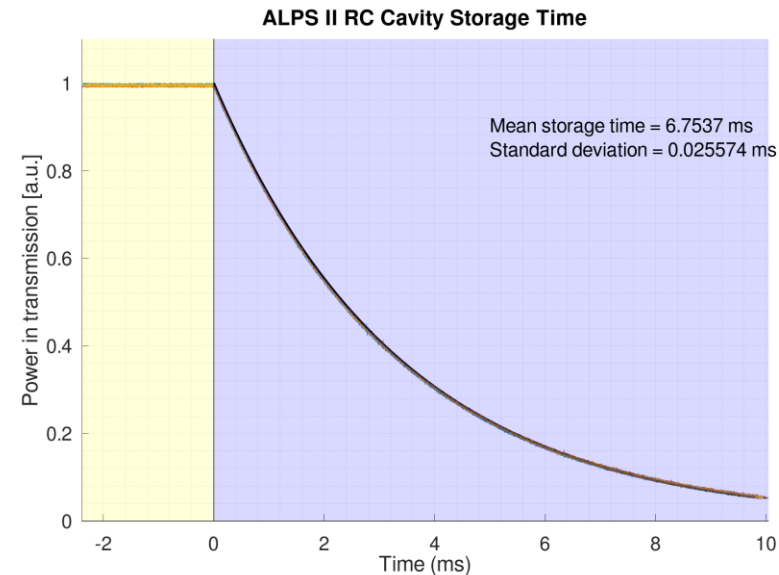
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Any Light Particle Search II

Recent milestones

- Spring 2021:
Start of optics installation.
- June 2021:
Lock of 250 m long optical resonator,
characterization of optics and seismic noise studies.
- September 2021:
all magnets aligned and connected.
- December 2021:
magnet string reaches operation temperature of 4 K.
- March 2022:
magnet string reaches full operation current of 5.7 kA.
- May 2022:
regeneration cavity test-installation and -lock.
- Late 2022: first science run (hopefully)!



125 m regeneration
cavity storage time:
6 ms! (world record)

More achievements since 2012

PhDs and DESY fellows

PhDs:

- 11 dissertations in experimental physics.
- 1 dissertation in engineering.
- At least 6 theses still to come.

Former DESY fellows:

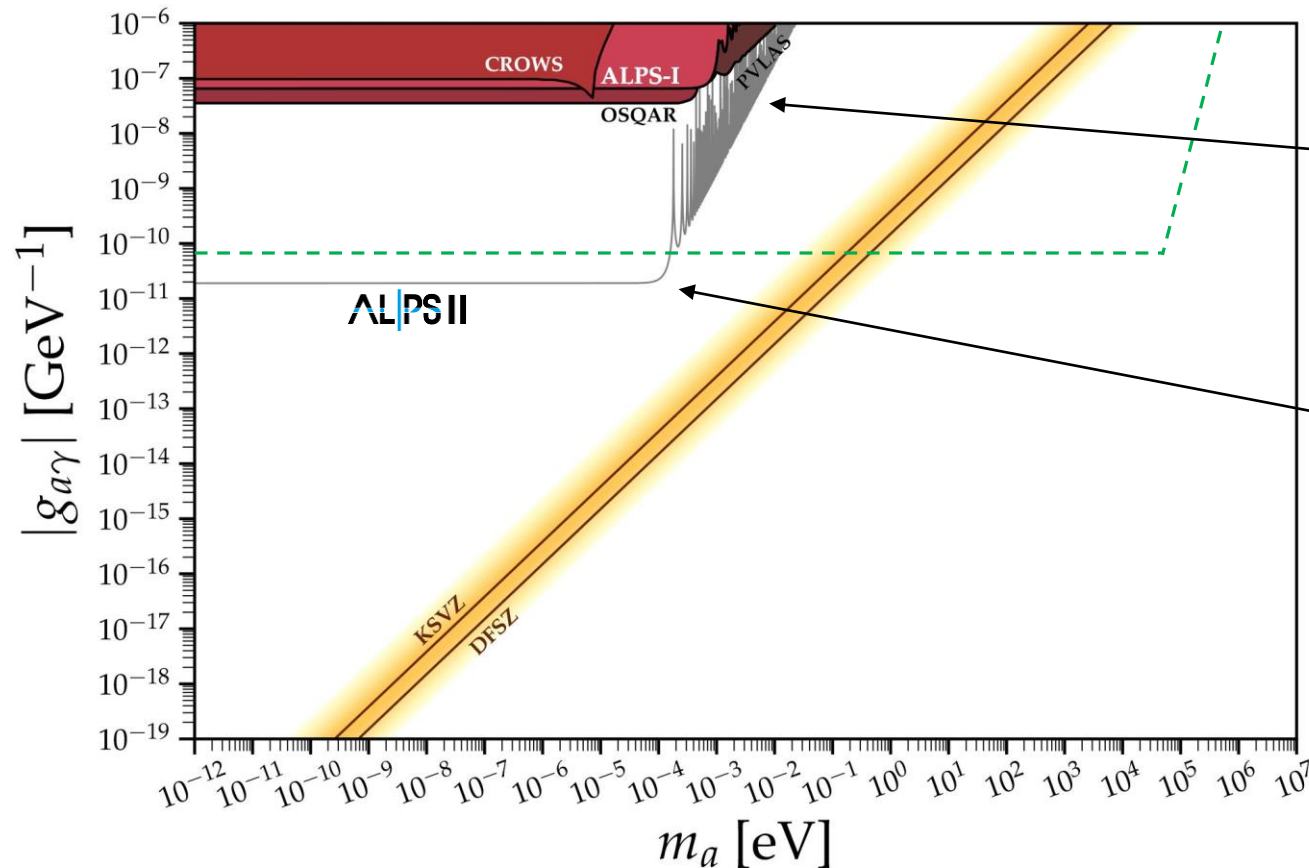
- 5 permanent positions in academia.
- 1 junior professorship.
- 1 left for family reasons to another postdoc position.
- 2 left to industry.

Axion searches at DESY

In context

ALPS II, model independent searches:

- Improve sensitivity on axion-photon coupling by a factor of $\approx 1,000$, going beyond **astrophysics limits**.



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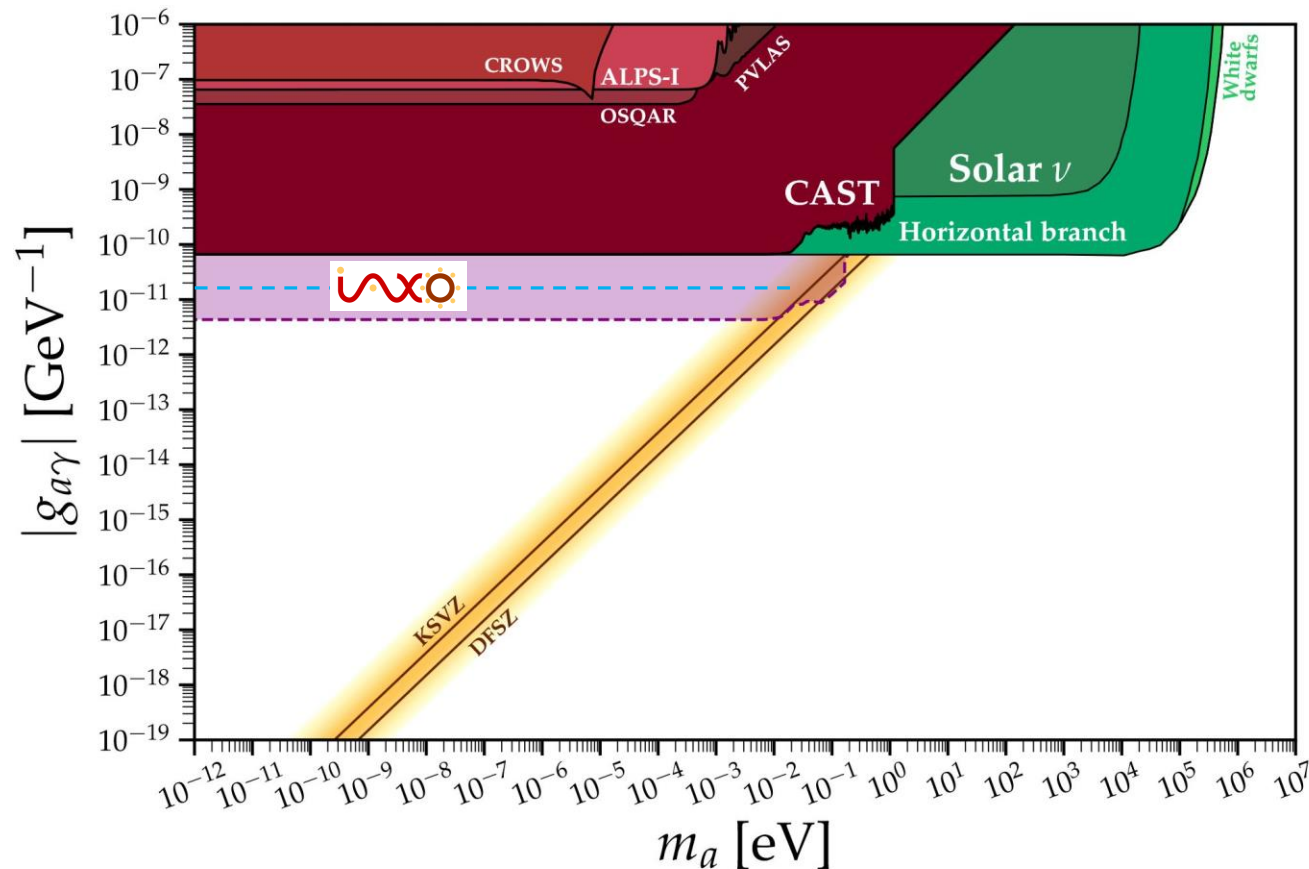


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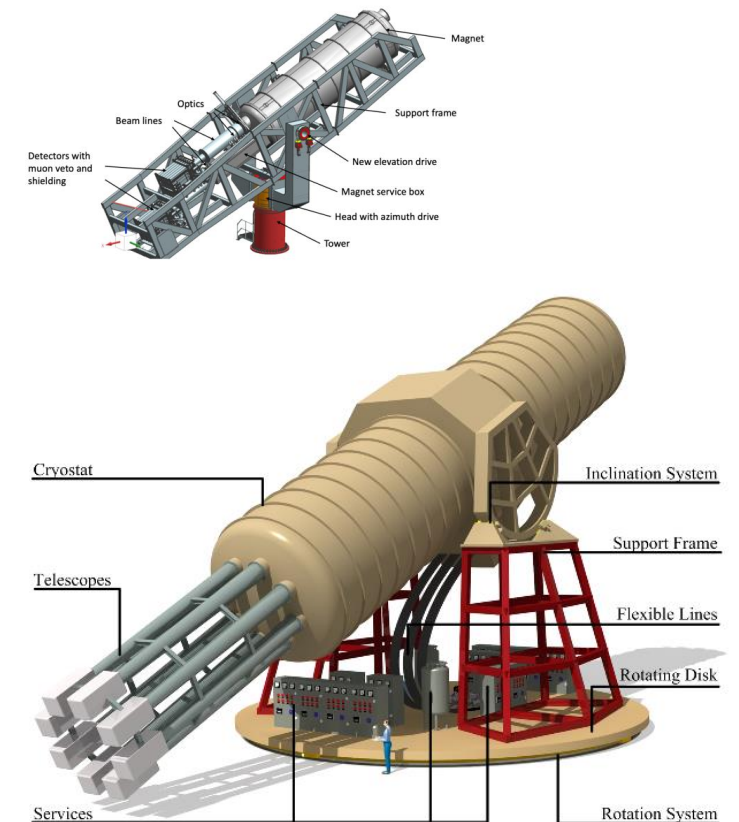
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IAXO, solar axion searches:

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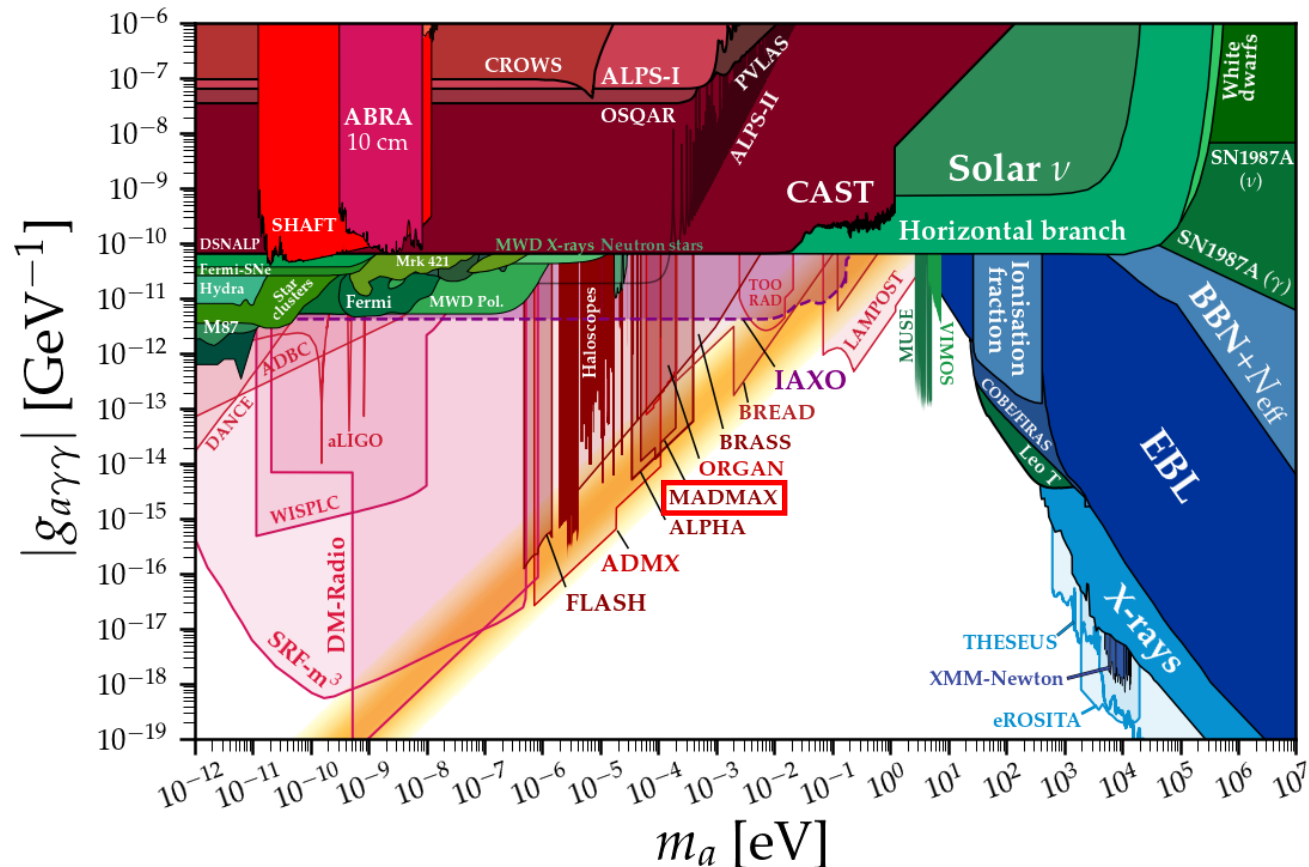


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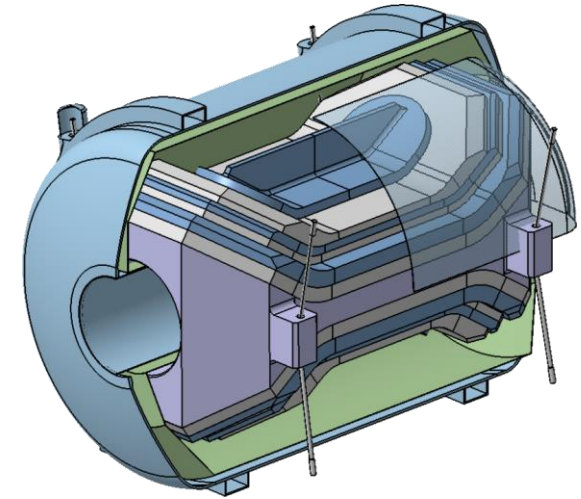
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MADMAX, dark matter axion searches:

- Probe the mass region between 40 and 400 μeV .



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Instead of a summary


A dream

 **ALPS II**, first data taking in 2022:

- Determine the axion-photon coupling model-independently.

 **BabylAXO**, first data taking of BabylAXO in 2026 ?

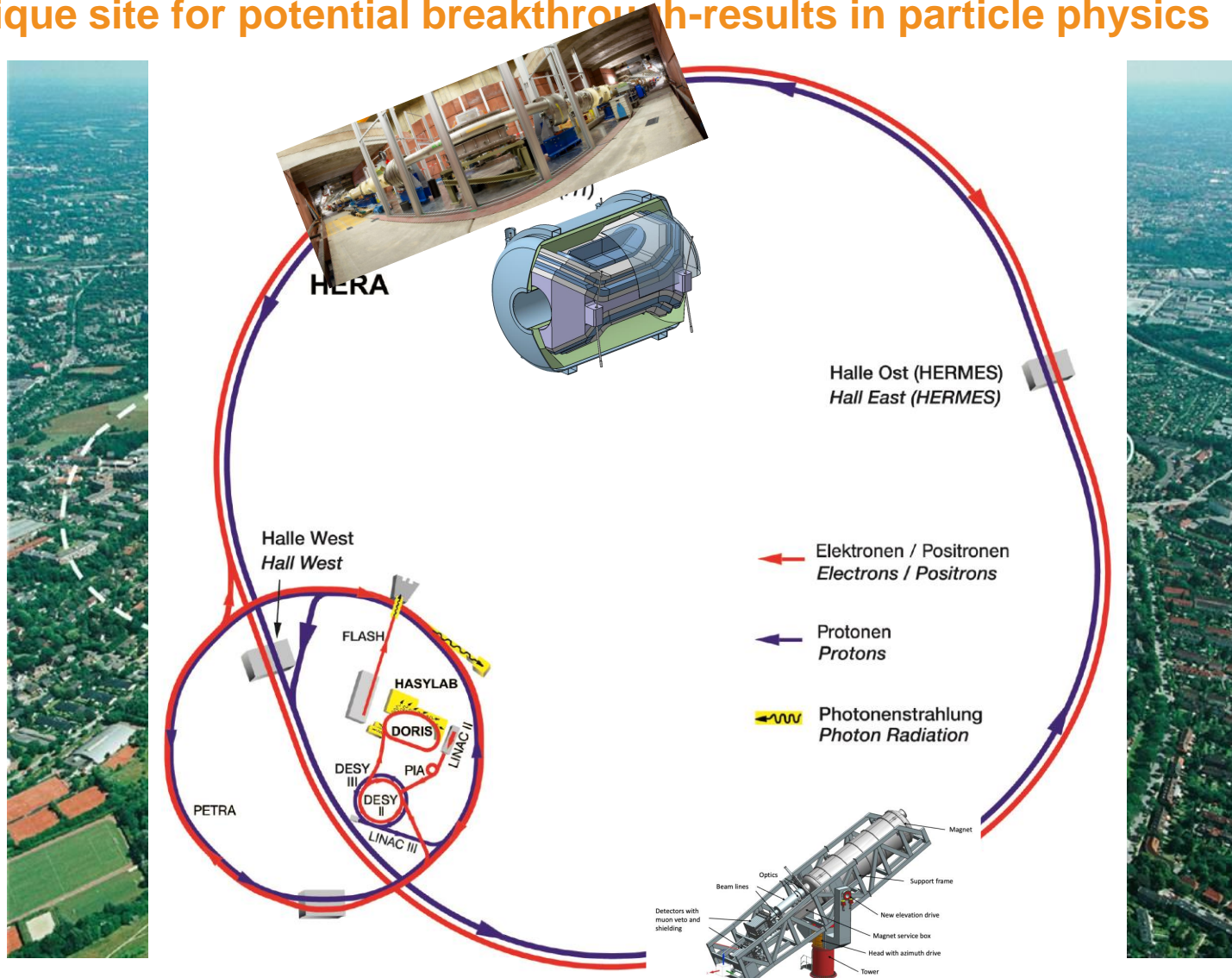
- Determine the absolute solar axion flux using the ALPS II result.
 - Do axion-photon mixings differ in vacuum and dense plasmas?
- Measure the axion-electron and axion-nucleon couplings.

 **ADMX**, first data taking in 2028 ?

- Axions make up the dark matter in our universe.
- Precisely measure the axion mass and the dark matter velocity distribution.

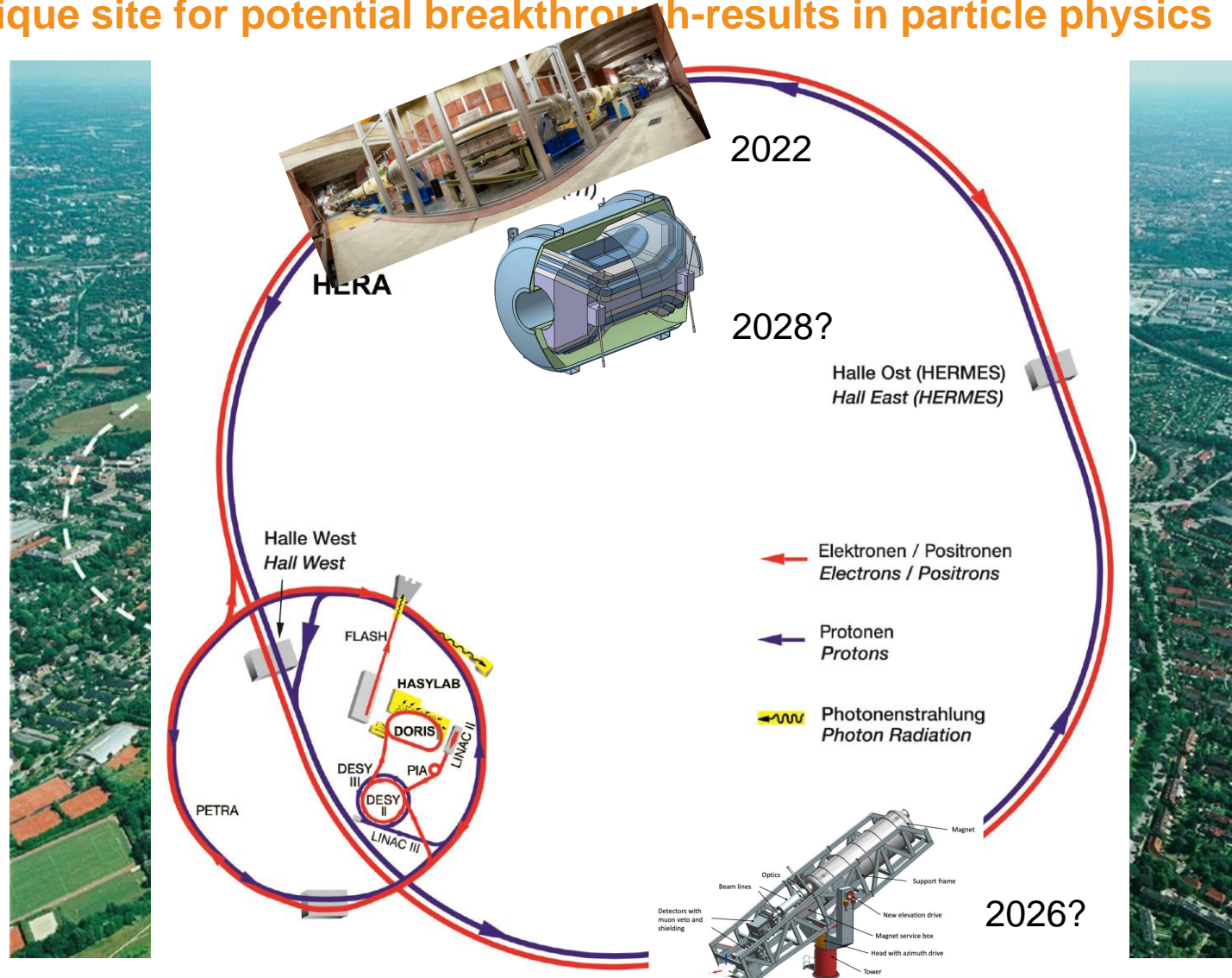
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