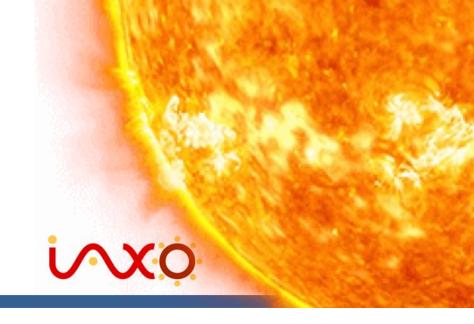


Axions beyond the dark matter paradigm



Jaime Ruz January 29-31, 2024 Hamburg, Germany DESY



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1. Standard Model, Strong CP and Dark Matter

2. The Axion

3. Detection of Axions. Solar Axion Searches

4. IAXO and BabyIAXO

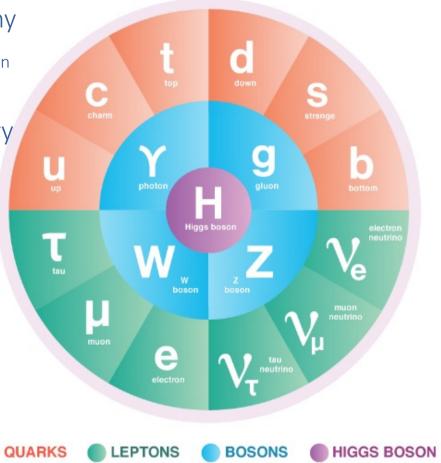
5. Conclusions



Standard Model, strong CP

STANDARD MODEL (SM) OF PARTICLE PHYSICS

- ✓ Extremely successful theory describing many observations up to energies of ~1000 m_{proton}
- Merely an effective theory that could be considered the low energy limit of a Theory of Everything
- ✓ Expect observation of new phenomena at higher energies (e.g. LHC at CERN)
- ✓ SM cannot explain:
 - What is the nature of dark matter?
 - Why is the electric dipole moment of the neutron so small?

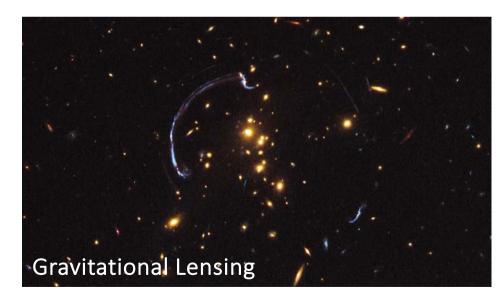


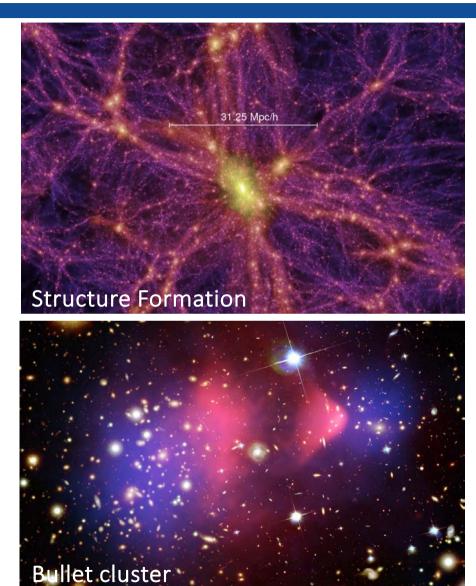


Dark Matter

EVIDENCE FOR DARK MATTER

- ✓ Galaxy rotation curves
- ✓ Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)
- ✓ Structure formation
- ✓ Gravitational lensing
- ✓ Bullet Cluster





DARK MATTER PROBLEM: WE KNOW IT EXISTS BUT WHAT IS ITS NATURE?



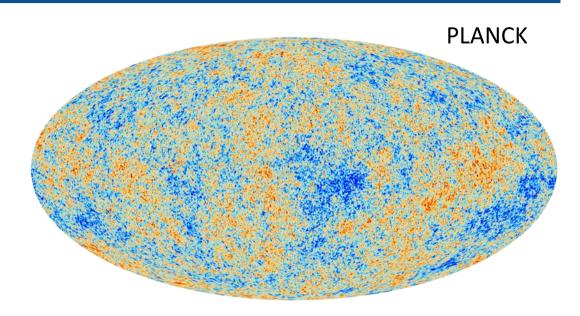
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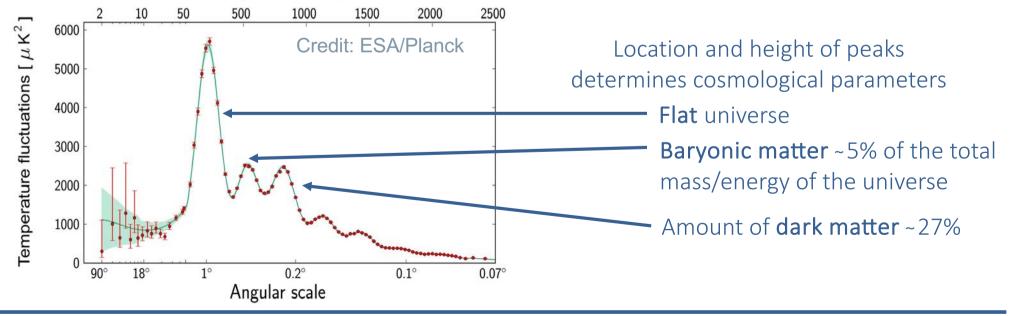
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PLANCK power spectrum of the CMB radiation temperature anisotropy

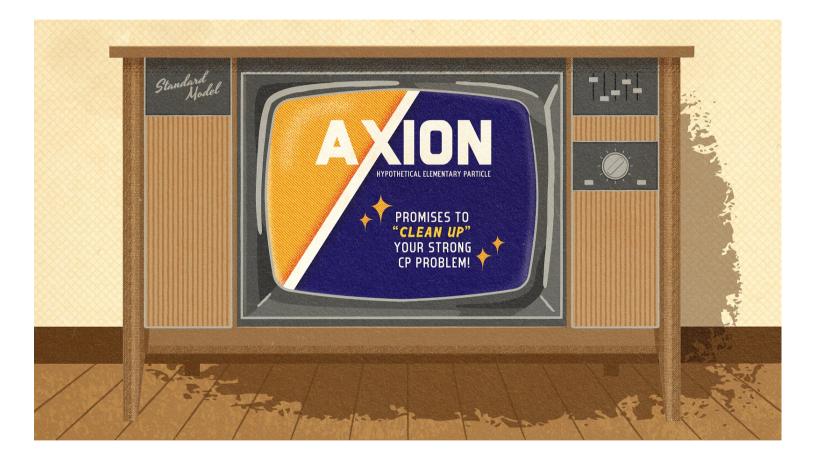
Multipole moment, ℓ











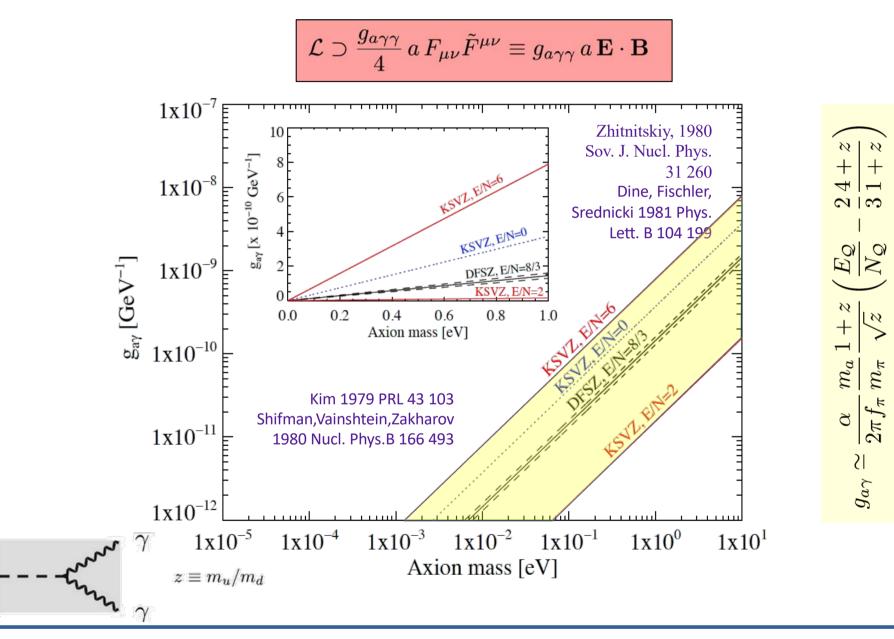
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The Axion

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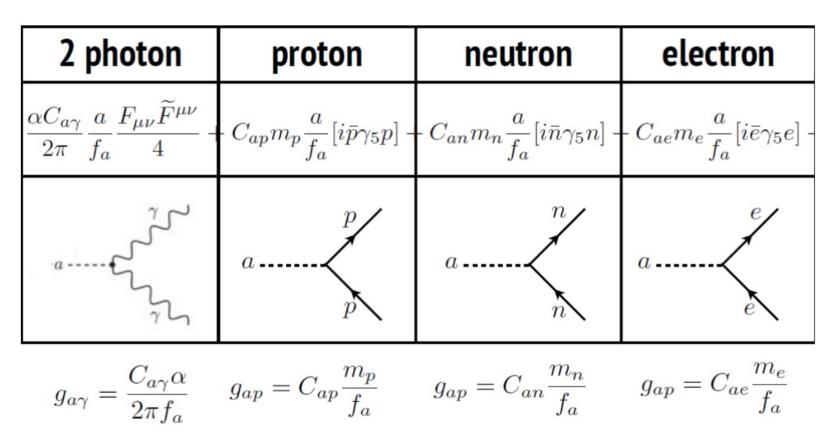
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The Axion

AXION COUPLINGS

✓ Axions interact with photons (generic) and with regular matter (model dependent)



✓ Due to its properties axions are favored dark matter candidates (next to WIMPs)



Source	Experiments	Model & cosmology dependency
Relic axions	Haloscopes	High (assumes axions are all of the DM)
Lab axions	Light-Shining-Through-Wall Experiments	Very low
Solar axions	Helioscopes	Low

Large complementarity between different experimental approaches!





Haloscopes

EXPERIMENTS **RELYING** ON AXIONS BEING DARK MATTER

ADMX



HAYSTAC



RADES

CAST-CAPP



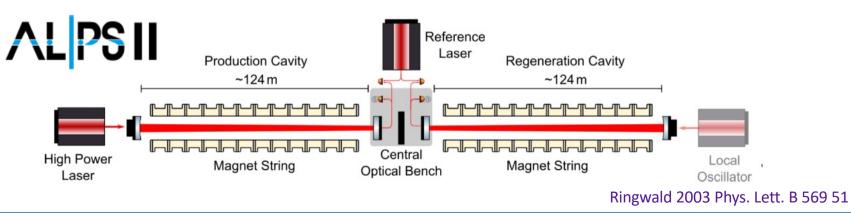
M. Maroudas et al 2022 Nature Com. 13 1 1-9 Alvarez et al 2021 JHEP 2021 75



Detection of Axions

EXPERIMENTS NOT RELYING ON AXIONS BEING DARK MATTER

- LIGHT-SHINING-THROUGH-WALL EXPERIMENTS: pure laboratory searches
 - ✓ ALPS
 - Most basic layout of a LSTW experiment
 - ✓ ALPS-II
 - 12 + 12 straightened HERA magnets
 - Optical cavities both at production and regeneration sites
 - Sensitivity 3000×ALPS









STATE-OFF-THE-ART ... SO FAR ...





CERN AXION SOLAR TELESCOPE (CAST)

- Most powerful axion helioscope to date
- Superconducting prototype LHC dipole magnet
- X-ray focusing devices and ultralow-background detectors
- Use of buffer gas to extend sensitivity to higher masses (axion band)
- CAST Collaboration 2017 Nature Phys. 13 584-590 Arik et al 2015 PRD 92 021101 Arik et al 2014 PRL 112 091302 Barth et al 2013 JCAP 1305 010 Arik et al2011 PRL107 261302 Zioutas et al 2009 JCAP 0902 008 Zioutas et al 2007 JCAP 0704 010

EXPERIMENTS NOT RELYING ON AXIONS BEING DARK MATTER

> AXION HELIOSCOPES: laboratory axion searches looking for solar axions





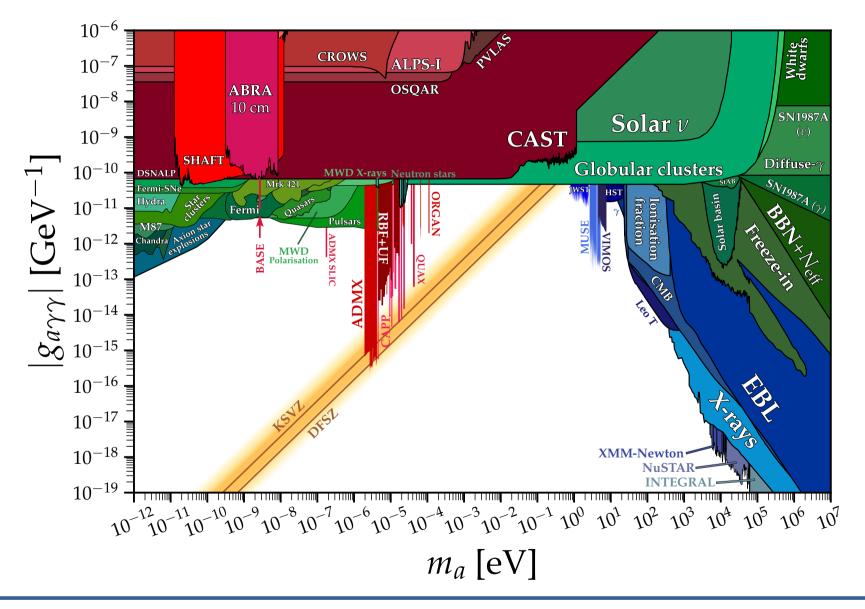
Helioscopes



Detection of Axions

State-of-the-art

Adapted from https://github.com/cajohare/AxionLimits



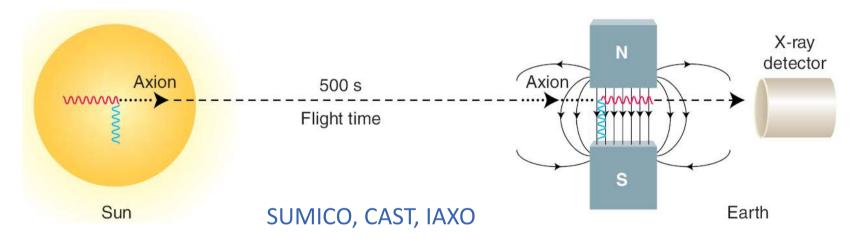


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P. Sikivie 1983 PRL 51 1415



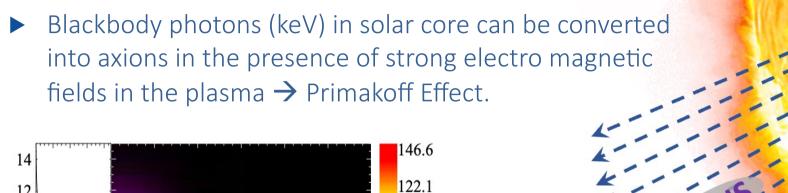
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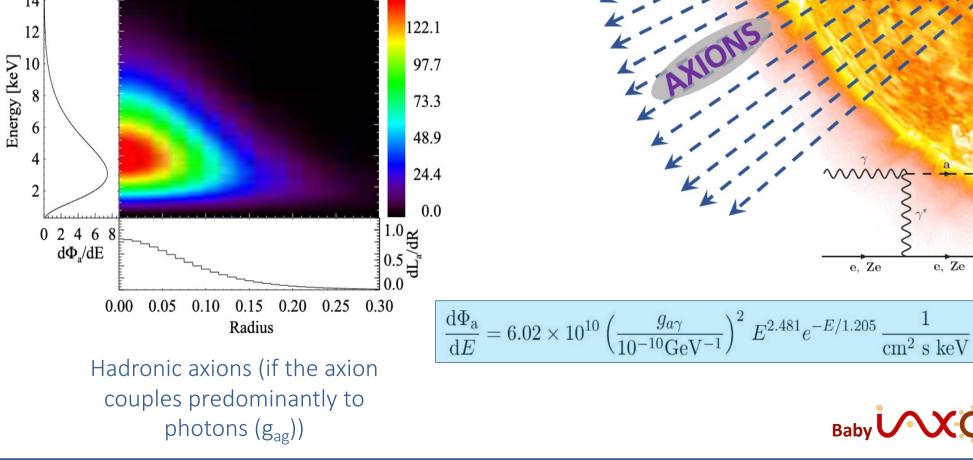
- Axions produced in strong electromagnetic fields of the core of the Sun
- Solar axion conversion into x-ray (keV) photons in transverse laboratory B-field





Primakoff



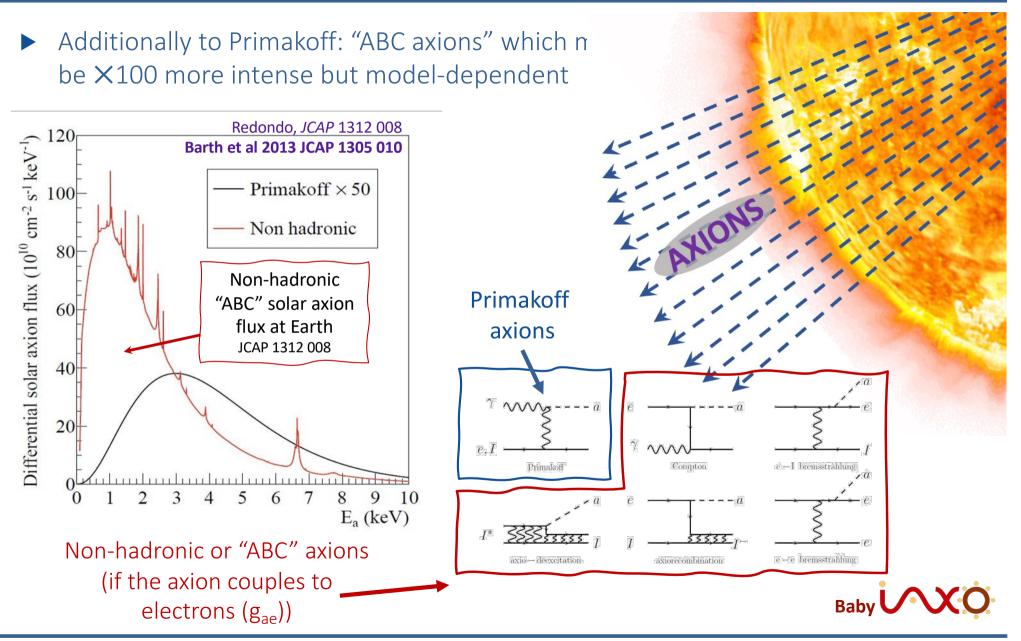




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Non-hadronic models



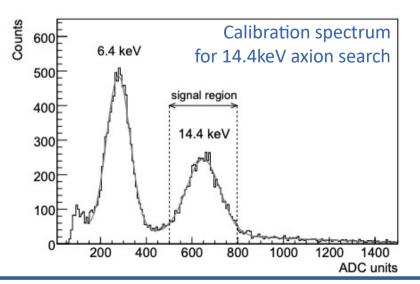
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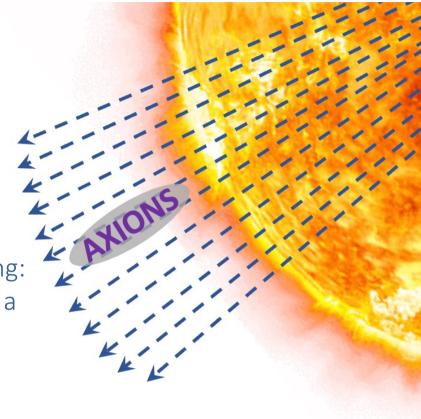
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Axion-nucleon

- Via axion-nucleon couplings can also observe monochromatic lines from nuclear transitions
 - keV axions emitted in the M1 transition of Fe-57 nuclei (14.4 keV) and Tm-169 (8.4keV)
 - MeV axions from ⁷Li (0.478 MeV) and D(p;g)³He (5.5 MeV)
- Axions-nucleon coupling g_{aN} especially intriguing: if the axion has couples via g_{aN}, it is most likely a QCD axion





$$\Phi_a = 5.06 \times 10^{23} \ (g_{aN}^{\text{eff}})^2 \ \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

Di Luzio et al 2022 Eur. Phys. J. C 82:120 CAST collaboration et al 2009 JCAP 12 002 D. Miller et al 2010 JCAP 1003 032 Derbin et al 2023 Jetp Lett. 118, 160





- First axion helioscope proposed by P. Sikivie P. Sikivie 1983 PRL 51 1415 Reconversions of axions into x-ray photons possible in strong laboratory magnetic field X-rav Ν detector Axion Axion 500 s m ····· Flight time S Sun Earth $BLg_{a\gamma\gamma}$ for $\frac{qL}{2} < \pi$ with $q = \frac{m_a^2}{2E_a}$. $P_{a \rightarrow \gamma} =$ VACUUM
- Idea refined by K. van Bibber et al.

Van Bibber et al 1989 Phys. Rev. D 39 2089 Buffer gas to restore coherence over long magnetic field and access higher axion masses

$$P_{a \to \gamma} = \left(\frac{Bg_{a\gamma\gamma}}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{q^2 + \Gamma^2/4} \left[1 + e^{-\Gamma L} - 2e^{-\Gamma L/2}\cos\left(qL\right)\right] \text{ with } q = \left|\frac{m_{\gamma}^2 - m_a^2}{2E_a}\right| \text{GAS}$$





Vacuum Phase:

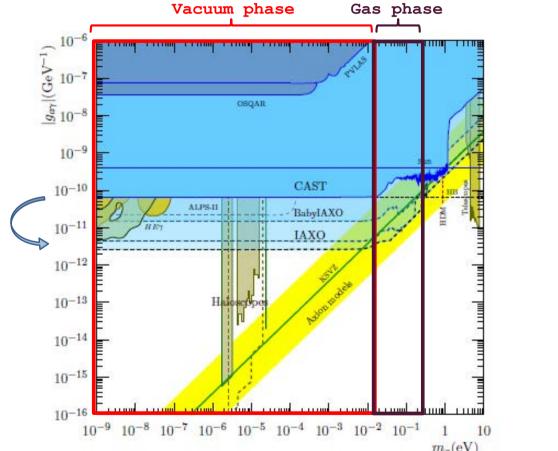
• Coherence condition valid for $m_a \lesssim 0.02 \mbox{ eV}$

Solar Axion Searches

- Gas Phase:
 - Extends coherence condition valid from 0.02 eV $\leq m_a \leq 0.26$ eV

$$m_{\gamma} = 4.498716 \sqrt{\frac{P_{He}[\mathrm{atm}]}{T_{He}[\mathrm{K}]}} \, \mathrm{eV}. \label{eq:mgamma}$$

- Experimental conditions for BabyIAXO:
 - P_{max} (helium-4) \simeq 1bar
 - T(average) \simeq 295K

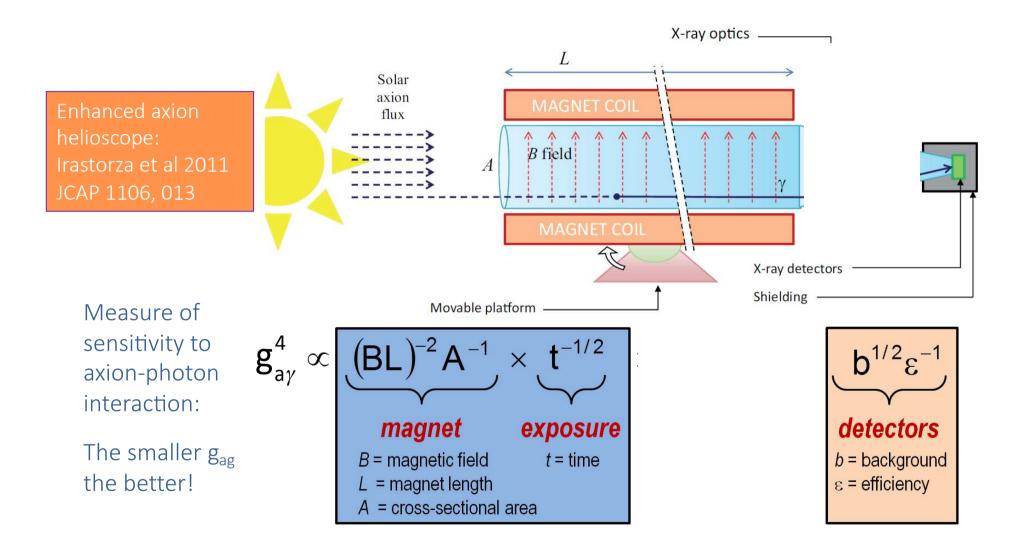








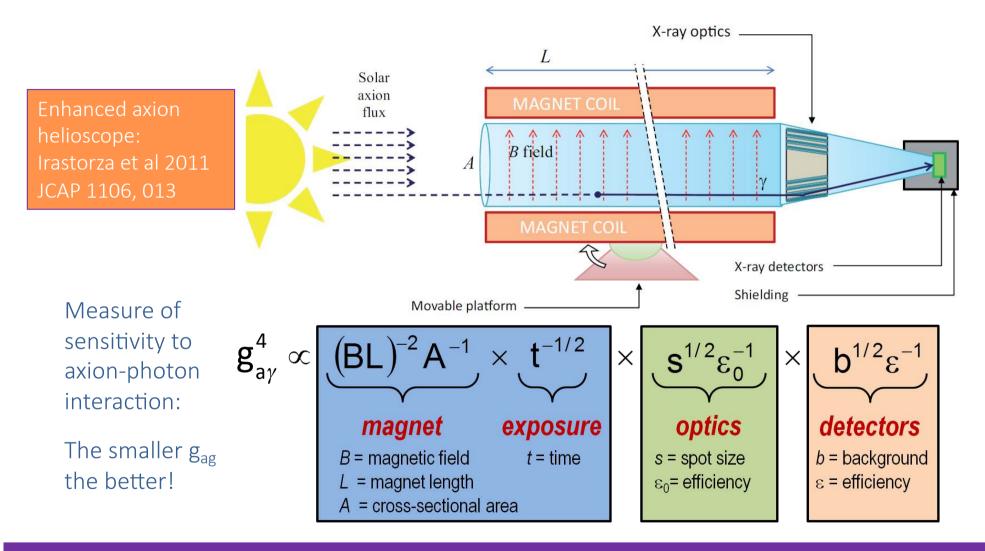
Helioscope Figure of Merit







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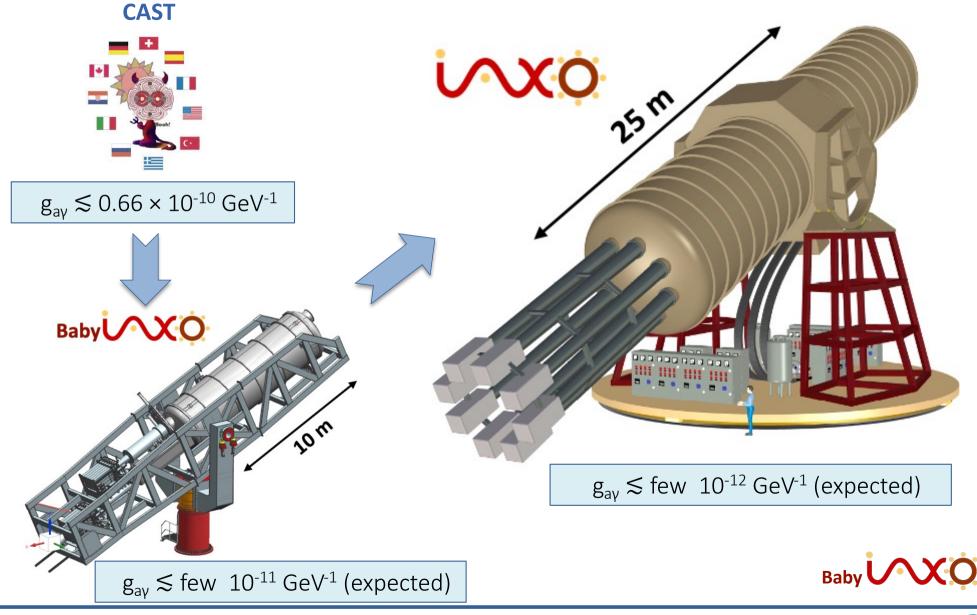
Expect improvement for next gen (International Axion Observatory): 1-1.5 orders of magnitude in sensitivity to $g_{a\gamma}$ (factor of 10000-20000 in S/N)

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Next-gen experiments



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INTERNATIONAL AXION OBSERVATORY (IAXO)

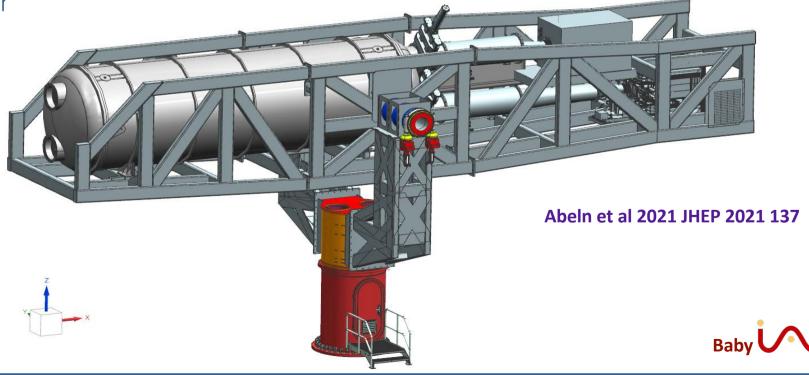
- ✓ Next generation helioscope for solar axions
- Mature and state-of-the-art technology
- Purpose-built large-scale superconducting magnet
 - Toroidal geometry
 - 25 meters long, up to 5.4 T.
 - >300 times larger FoM than CAST magnet
 - 8 conversion bores of 60 cm Ø
- ✓ 8 detection lines
 - X-ray optics with 0.2 cm² focal spot
 - Ultra-low bgrd detectors
- ✓ 50% of Sun-tracking time.

Armengaud et al 2014 JINST 9 T05002 Irastorza et al 2011 JCAP 1106, 013 IAXC



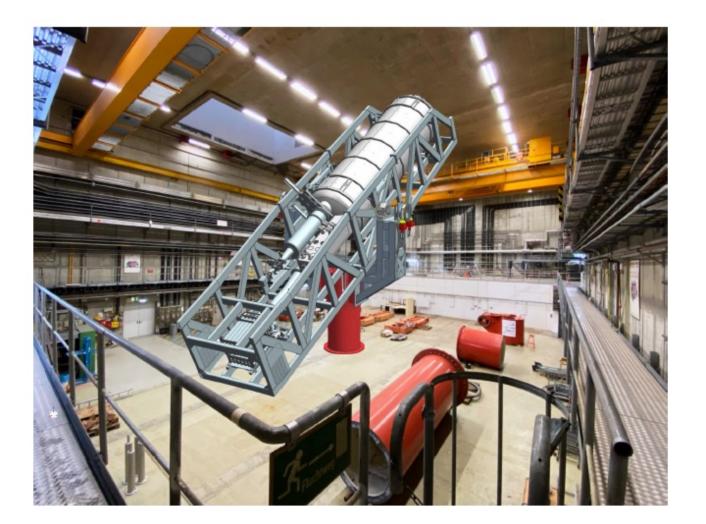
BABYIAXO =INTERMEDIATE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE BBEFORE IAXO

- ✓ Technological prototype of IAXO with only two magnet bores (10 m, Ø 70 cm) to be installed at DESY
- ✓ Relevant physical outcome (~10× CAST B²L²A)
- ✓ Magnet will be upscalable version for IAXO
- X-ray optics/detectors close to final IAXO configuration (focal length, perfor





BabyIAXO

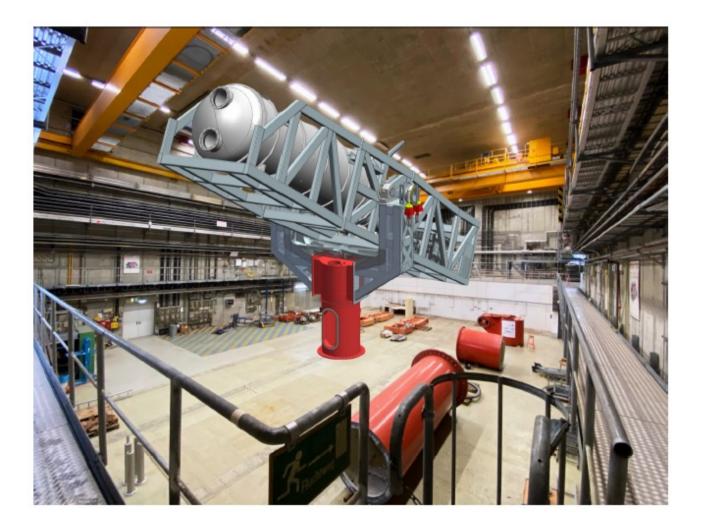








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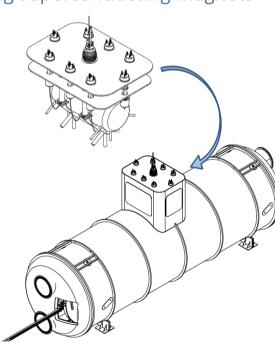


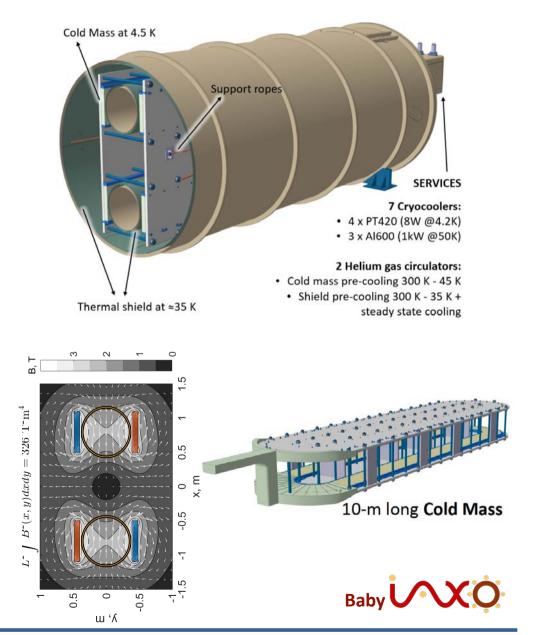


BabyIAXO magnet

- ✓ BabyIAXO magnet to be operated at T
 ≤ 5 K featuring Nb-Ti-based
 superconducting coils with about 2 T
 in the bore
 - Nb-Ti is most affordable superconductor
 - It is also mechanically ductile and robust
 - Well studied work-horse conductor for most existing superconducting magnets

Contract for cable development recently signed

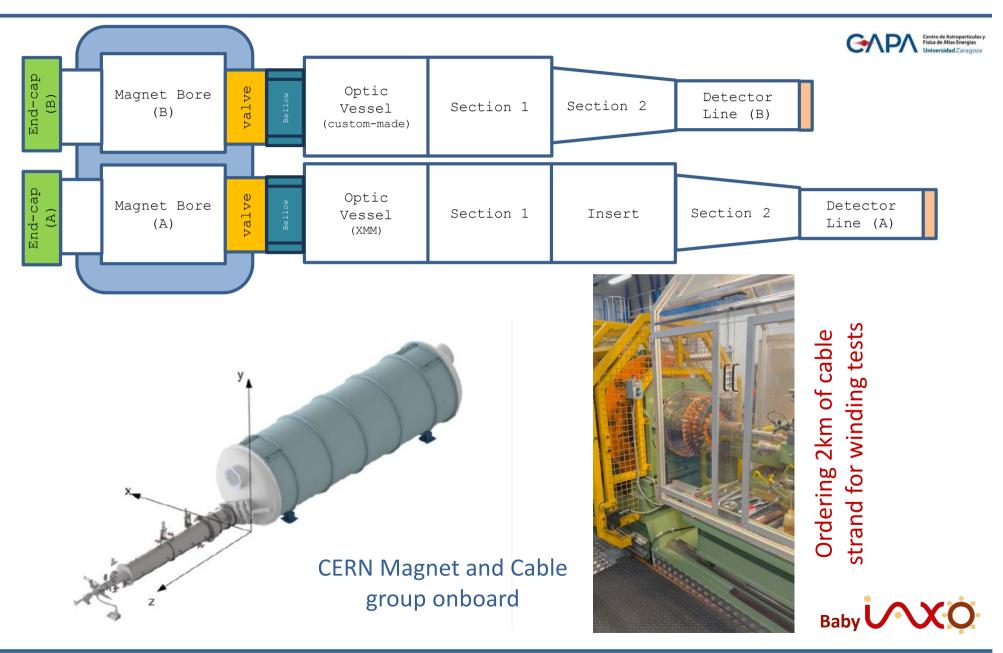




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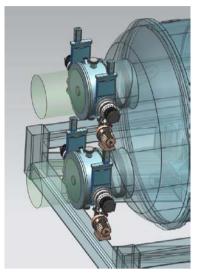
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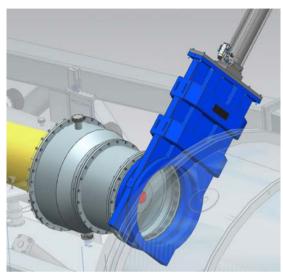


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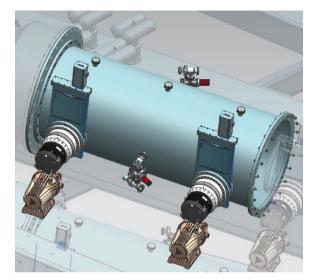
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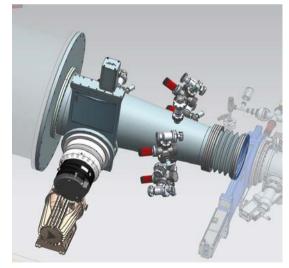
Magnet End-cap



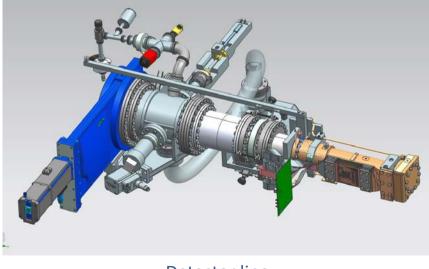
Magnet Telescope Vessel



Beam line Section 1



Beam line Section 2



Detector line

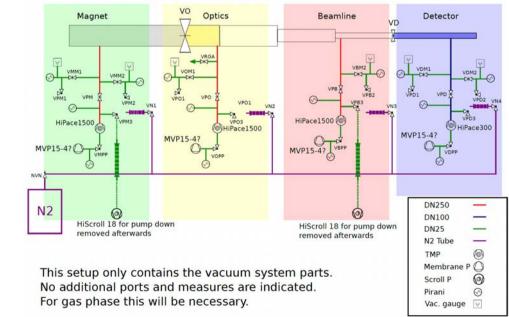
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BabyilAXOS's vacuum & gas system Beam Line design Technical Design Review (TDR)

- Successful Internal TDR Review. October 27th, 2023
- Successful External TDR Review. Novermber 8th, 2023
 - \checkmark Expecting minor comments by the end of this month







BabyIAXO XMM

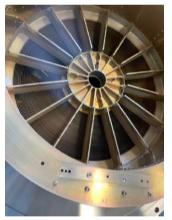
BabyIAXO OPTIC APPROACH:

- ✓ NEED: Maximized throughput efficiency (40-60%), Small focal spot area (r < 2.5 mm),
- ✓ Baseline option (1-10 keV) (prototyping and R&D)
 - Bore 1: Existing XMM flight-spare telescope (replicated optics)
 - Bore 2: Custom IAXO optic (single- or multilayer-coated, segmented-glass or Al-foil Wolter-I, NuSTAR/XRISM/ATHENA)
- ✓ Beyond baseline (funding request pending)
 - Lower threshold of 0.3 keV or better



Henriksen et al 2021 AO 60, 22 Irastorza et al 2015 JCAP 12, 008





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Add sensitivity at 14.4 keV

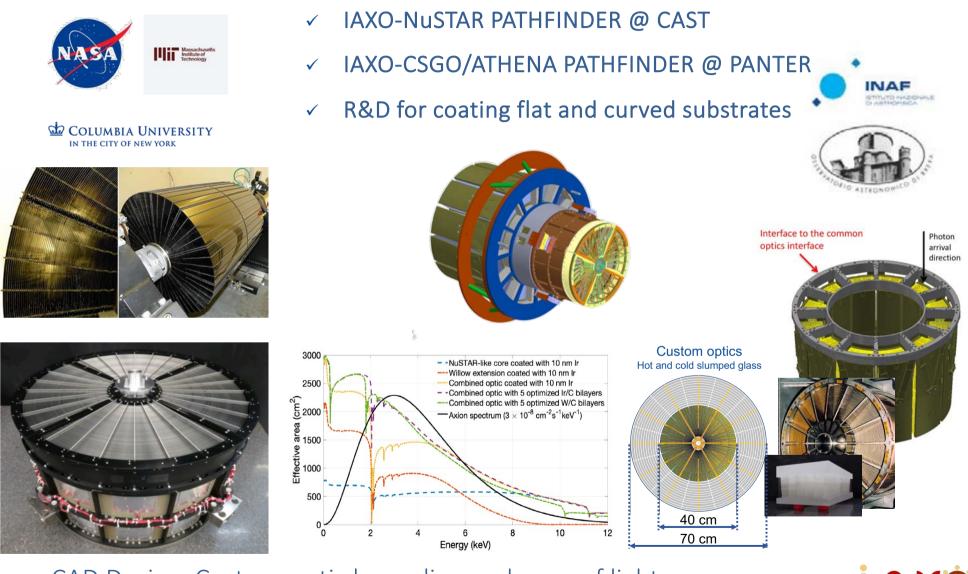
Leveraging decades of research by NASA and ESA for space instrumentation: minimal risk and superior performance

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BabyIAXO Custom



CAD Design. Custom-optic beam line and cone of light.

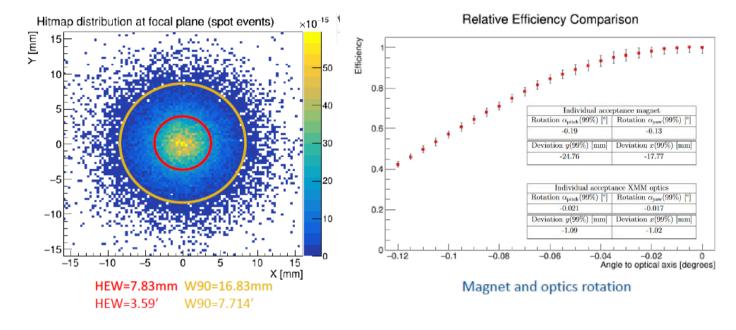


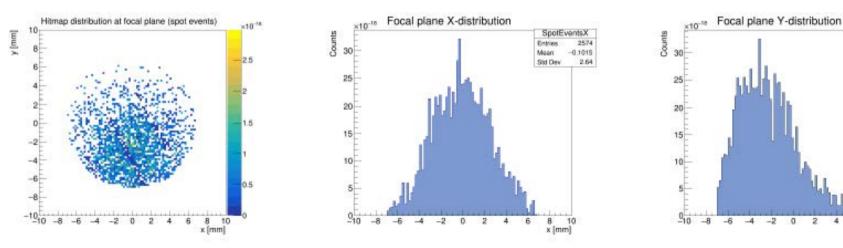


BabyIAXO Acceptance

- Run with 100 000 events
- Solar flux: Primakoff
- Vacuum stage
- Optics: XMM optics
- No detector window
- Results here done with REST v2.3.15









SpotEventsY

Entries

Mean

Std Dev

2574

-2.339

2.574

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BabyIAXO Detectors

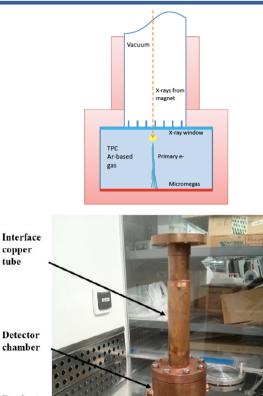
NEED (Baseline 1-10 keV):

- Low background ($<10^{-7} 10^{-8}$ cts keV⁻¹ cm⁻² s⁻¹) \checkmark
 - Less than 1 event per 6 months of data taking!
 - Already demonstrated
 - $\sim 8 \times 10^{-7}$ c keV⁻¹ cm⁻² s⁻¹ (in CAST 2014 result) and _
 - 10⁻⁷ cts keV⁻¹ cm⁻² s⁻¹ measured underground at the
 - Canfranc Laboratory (LSC)
- High detection efficiency \checkmark

WANT:

- ✓ Low E-threshold (< 1 keV) and great E-resolution
 - Especially interesting for axion-electron measurements
 - Notably useful in case an axion signal is detected





Readout strips connector

tube

Micromegas best option to reach required low background Additional technologies considered and undergoing active R&D efforts (GridPix, MMC, TES, SDD)



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Microbulk Micromegas detectors

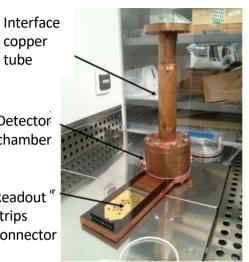
- Very homogeneous amplification uniform gain
- Intrinsically radiopure \checkmark
- Good energy and spatial resolution \checkmark
- Pixelized readout gives topological information
- Signal reaches the active volume through a mylar window
- X-rays ionize the gas in the conversion region and the produced signal is read by the Micromegas
- Data is analyzed with the **REST-for-Physics** <u>framework</u> (github.com/rest-for-physics).



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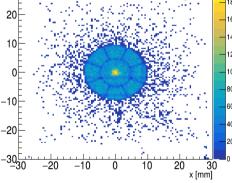
Detector chamber Readout " strips connector

tube



Calibration intensity map

Micromegas readout



X-ray window



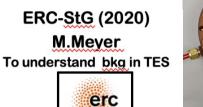


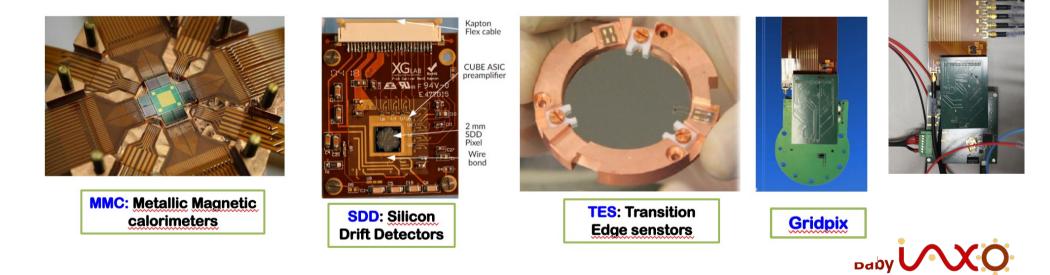


BabyIAXO Detectors

Beyond baseline, "high-precision" detectors

- ✓ Better threshold & energy resolution
- \checkmark Design and material optimization ongoing in all fronts
- Background studies with different shielding configuration:
- ✓ DALPS project (French ANR)ß





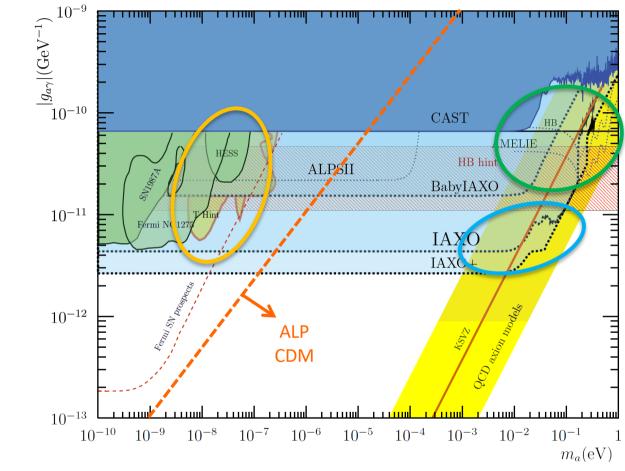
 Currently multiple new IAXO MM prototypes running in different locations (incl. Canfranc Underground Lab) with continuous improvements being made
 R&D ongoing for new detector technologies for high precision

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Sensitivities



IAXO will fully explore ALP models invoked to solve the "transparency hint"

IAXO will also be able to probe large parameter space for CDM ALPs BabyIAXO prospects: $10 \times MFOM_{CAST}$ + optics and detector from conservative scenario of LoI

IAXO: > 300 x MFOM_{CAST} +optics and detector improvements

IAXO+: Enhanced scenario with x 10 (x4) higher FOM (MFOM) with respect Lol

IAXO will probe large parts of QCD axion model space (KSVZ, DFSZ) including viable DM models

"ALP miracle" region: ALPs solving both DM & inflation (Daido et al. 2017 arXiv:1710.11107)

Large fraction of the axion & ALP models invoked in the "stellar cooling anomaly" (g_{ae} particularly interesting for this)

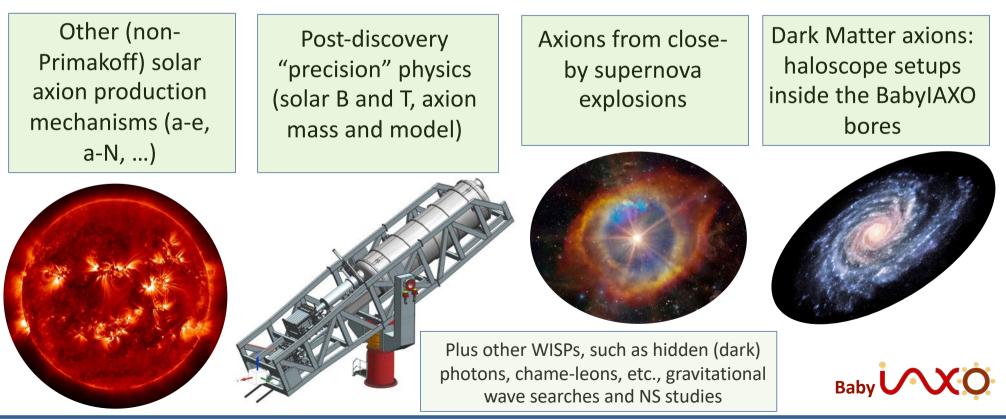
Armengaud et al 2019, JCAP 1906, 047



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IAXO as a generic axion(-like) detection facility

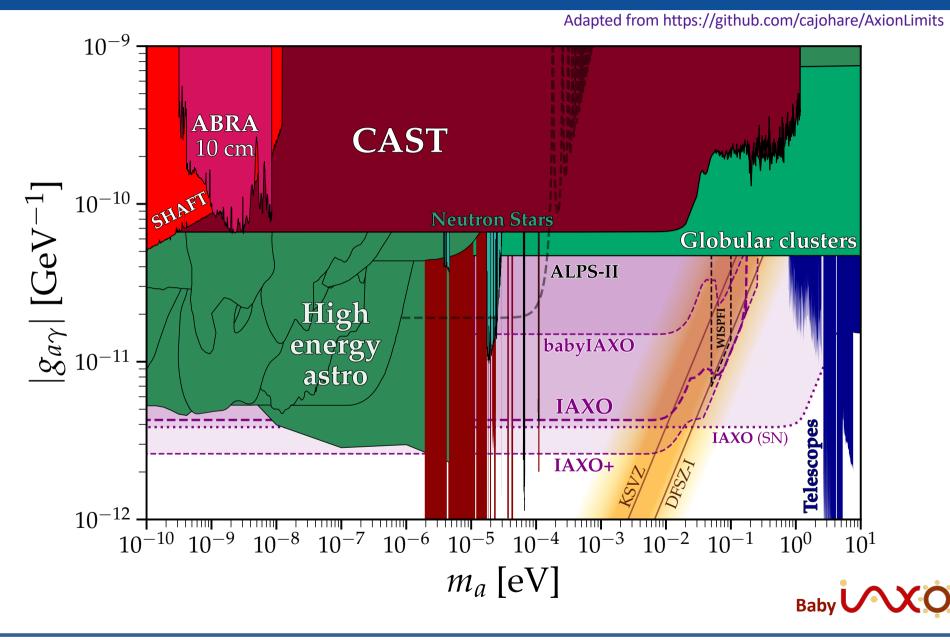
 (Baby)IAXO constitutes a great infrastructure that can be used to target other physics goals beyond Primakoff solar axions:





Goal sensitivity

Helioscopes





- Axions are well motivated dark matter candidates simultaneously solving strong CP
- Axions (and axion-like particles) can be searched for in a variety of laboratory experiments: Haloscopes, Helioscopes and LSTW experiments
- Solar axion searches probe large regions of well-motivated axion parameter space
- ✓ BabyIAXO (IAXO) targets axion discovery with sensitivities down to a few 10⁻¹¹ (10⁻¹²) GeV⁻¹ in g_{ay}
- ✓ Intriguing IAXO physics cases beyond axion-photon (g_{ae}, g_{aN}, QCD, ALPs, astrophysical hints, dark photons, dark energy...)





Full members:

Kirchhoff Institute for Physics, Heidelberg U. (Germany) | IRFU-CEA (France) | CAPA-UNIZAR (Spain) | INAF-Brera (Italy) | CERN (Switzerland) | ICCUB-Barcelona (Spain) | Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute (Russia, on hold) | Siegen University (Germany) | Barry University (USA) | Institute of Nuclear Research, Moscow (Russia, on hold) | University of Bonn (Germany) | DESY (Germany) | University of Mainz (Germany) | MIT (USA) | LLNL (USA) | University of Cape Town (S. Africa) | Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (Russia, on hold) | Technical University Munich (TUM) (Germany) | CEFCA-Teruel (Spain) | U. Polytechnical of Cartagena (Spain) | U. of Hamburg (Germany) | MPE/PANTER (Germany)

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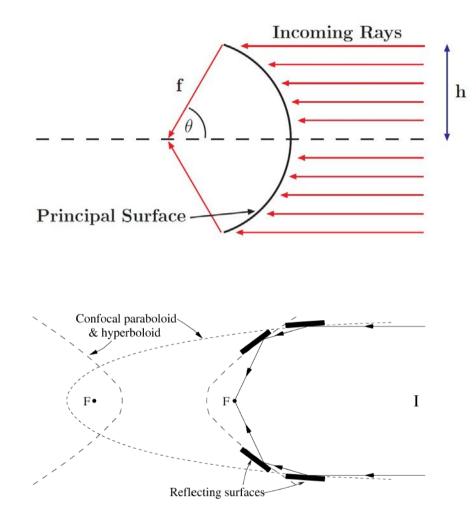




- X-ray optics are based on the principle of total external reflection (TER) below critical angle
 → Grazing incidence optics
- In order to obtain sharp image (same focal spot for different h) over field of view, Abbe sine condition need to be satisfied:

$$f = \frac{h}{\sin(\theta)}$$

- H. Wolter (1952): Two conic surfaces of revolutions to nearly satisfy Abbe sine rule
- Three families of designs, one of which can be nested (Wolter I) and is widely used
- Wolter I has properties similar to a thin lens



H. Wolter 1952 Phys. Ann. 6 94.

Advantages of Wolter optic:

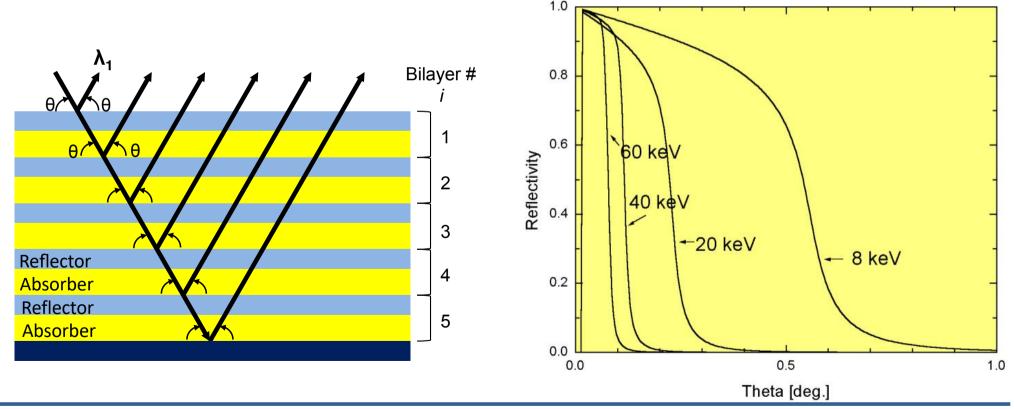
Imaging capability, improvement of signal-to-noise, enables reduction of background

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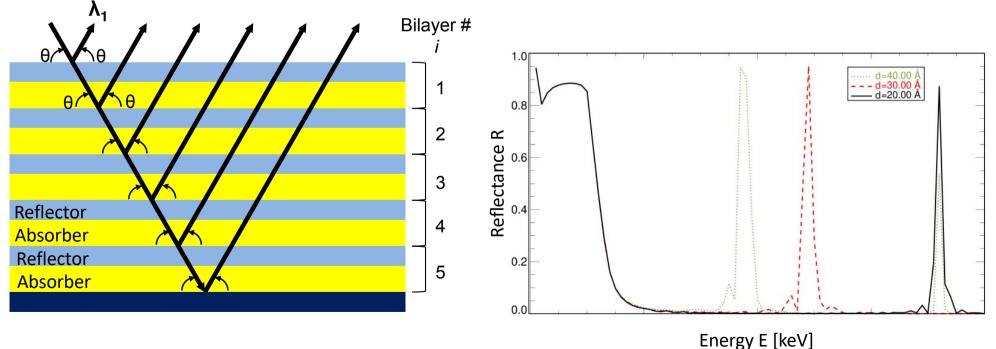
Intro to X-ray Coatings

- Reflectivity (from total external reflection) for metallic (Au, Pt, Ir) coatings high up to critical angle (θ_c) which depends on photon energy and mirror material
- For larger x-ray energies (> 10-15 keV): metallic coatings no longer efficient enough (shallow angles, single reflection)
- Multilayer coatings to extend energy range (or optimize response <10 keV) by making use of Bragg's law: $\lambda m = 2d \sin \theta$



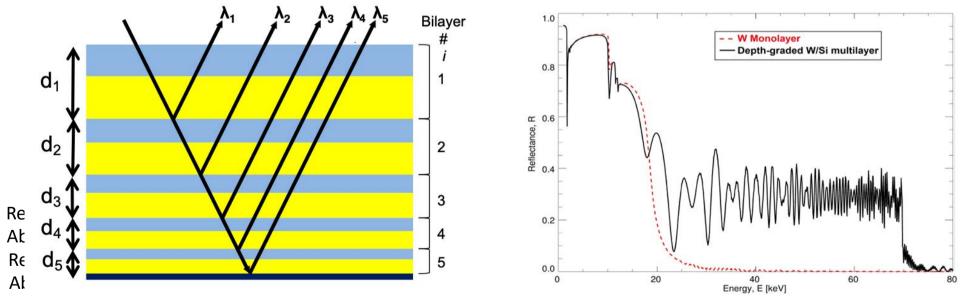


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- Tuning the period (with const-d throughout the stack) to maximize reflectivity for specific E Larger energies require smaller periods—current practical limit is d = 1.5 nm





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- Multilayer coatings to extend energy range (or optimize response <10 keV) by making use of Bragg's law: $\lambda m = 2d \sin \theta$
- Other options like depth-graded d-spacing, aperiodic multilayers etc for increased flexibility, but extend energy width or tailored response is at the cost of high reflectivity

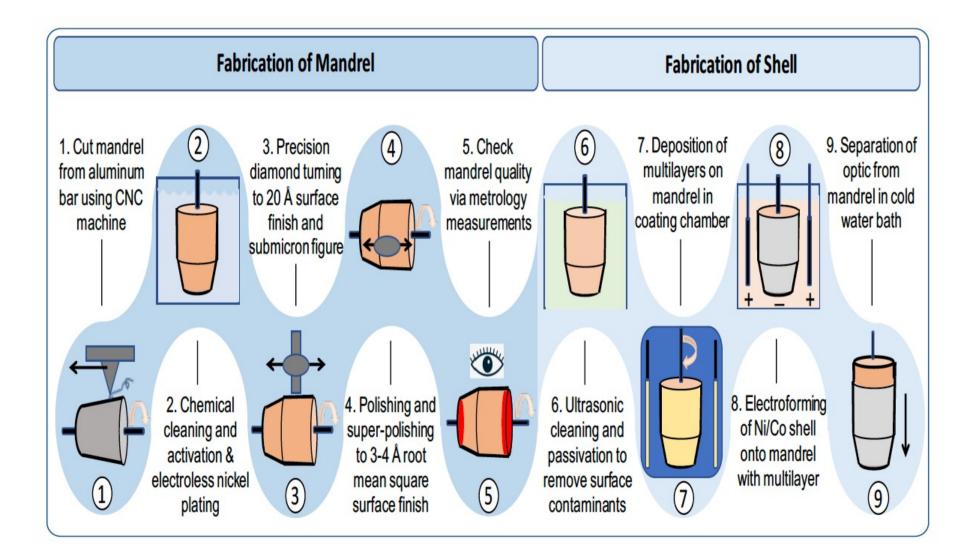


Multiparameter optimization that depends on science goals and priorities



X-Ray optics technologies

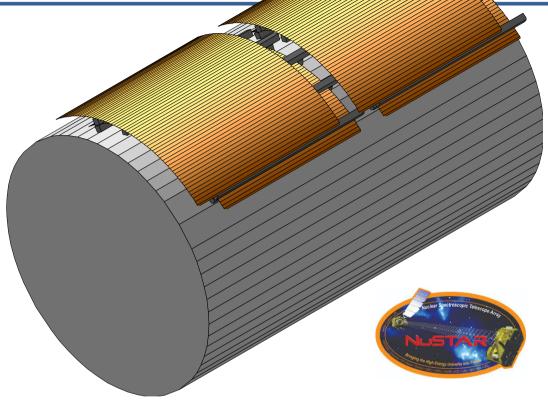
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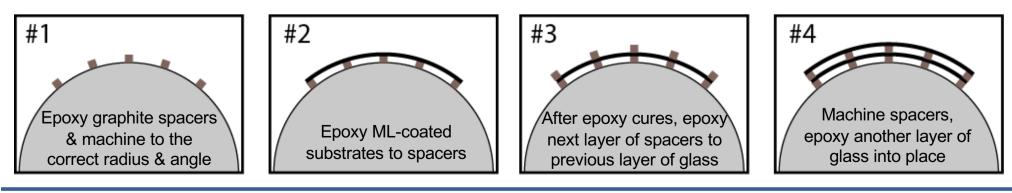


X-Ray optics technologies Segmented

- Segmented optics rely on several individual pieces of substrates to complete a single layer
- Selected as baseline technology for (B)IAXO, because
 - Mature technology/Expertise
 - Single/multilayer coatings can be deposited
 - Cost-effective
 - Modest imaging requirements for IAXO



JE Koglin et al. Proc. SPIE, **4851:607** (2003)

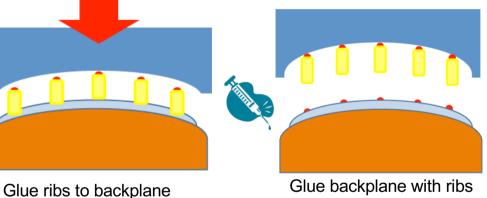




Fix glass to mould

X-Ray optics technologies Segmented glass optics

- Cold-slumped glass technology has been developed in recent years by IAXO collaborators
 - Glass plate assumes shape of mould
 - Glass shape is fixed with ribs
 - Mould can be taken as reference



Glue backplane with ribs to glass fixed on mould

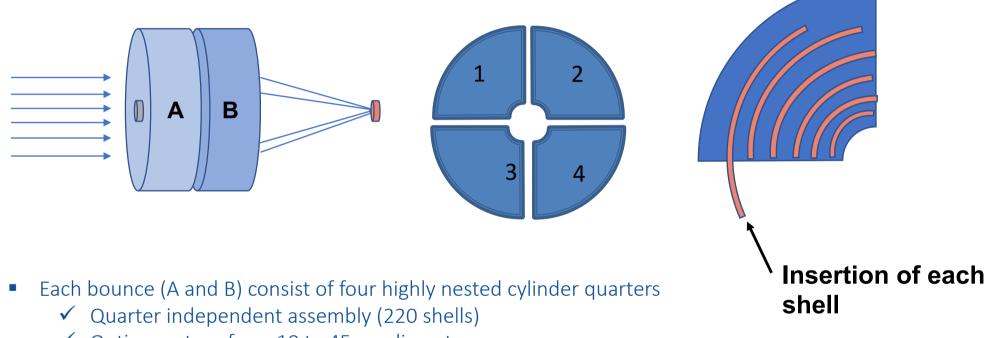
Can be used to extend optics to cover large diameters (in BabyIAXO case 70 cm)

Align ribs on glass and

dispense glue



Principle of Astro-H optics: 2-bounce Wolter-1 type optics

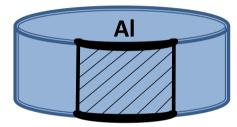


- ✓ Optic aperture from 10 to 45 cm diameter
- ✓ Shells are inserted from the side of each quarter using a precise guidance tooling
- ✓ Each cylinder is independently co-aligned (4 sectors are forming a sharp image together)
- Both cylinders, A and B are combined and optically aligned for maximum throughput
- The complete optic is calibrated in a PANTER-like facility at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

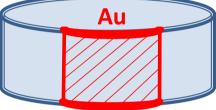


Fabrication of Astro-H optics

Forming Mandrel (substrate)



Replication Mandrel (Coating)



Bonding



- Each shell is made at NASA Goddard from a 100 μm thick Aluminum sheet (Al sheet laser pre-cut as conic approximation to a Wolter-1 type optic)
- Stainless-steel mandrels then used to give the desired shape to the Al substrates
 - ✓ Aluminum sheets placed on mandrels and baked to preform the desired conic shells
- Gold is sputtered on high quality glass mandrels
 - ✓ The 0.2µm Au-coated glass is epoxied (~12 µm)
 - ✓ Carefully brought in contact with the Al shell
 - \checkmark The epoxy is cured in oven to bond the gold substrate and the aluminum shell
 - \checkmark The glass mandrel detaches from the gold and shell of the optic is ready to install
- This process allows for ~1arcmin Xray optics
- Higher radii optic shells can be made by using larger mandrels



Specifications of Astro-H optics \rightarrow Good match for (Baby)IAXO



Astro-H's Soft X-ray Telescopes (SXTs) without thermal shield installed

Design parameter	ASTRO-H SXT
Number of telescopes	1/1 (SXT-I/SXT-S)
Focal length	5.6 m
Effective diameter	116 to 450 mm
Grazing angle range	0.15 to 0.57 deg
Number of nesting	203
Foil length	101.6 mm
Reflector layer thicknes	s
Reflecting surface	Au (0.2 μm)
Coupling layer	Epoxy (12 μm)
Reflector substrate	Al (152, 229, 305 μm)
Reflector thickness	
Inner	0.16 mm (No. 1–79)
Middle	0.24 mm (No. 80–153)
Outer	0.32 mm (No. 154–203)
Mass of a telescope	~43 kg

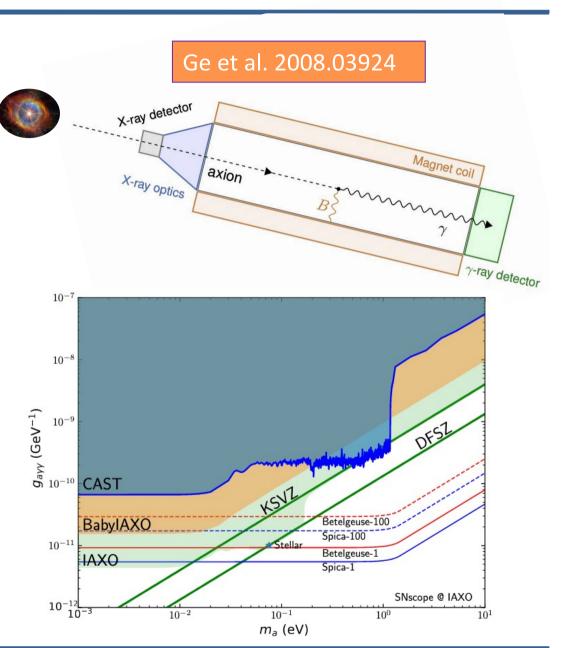




Beyond baseline physics

Axion from galactic supernova

- If a sufficiently close-by galactic SN explodes, SN axions could be detectable at (Baby)IAXO.
- SN axions have O(100MeV) energies
- Requires IAXO to be equipped with large HE g-ray detector, covering all magnet bore, sufficient pointing accuracy, alert system in place
- Can be implemented complementary to baseline BabyIAXO setup by using opposite side of magnet.





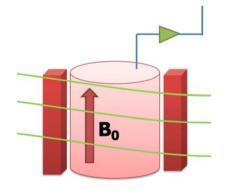
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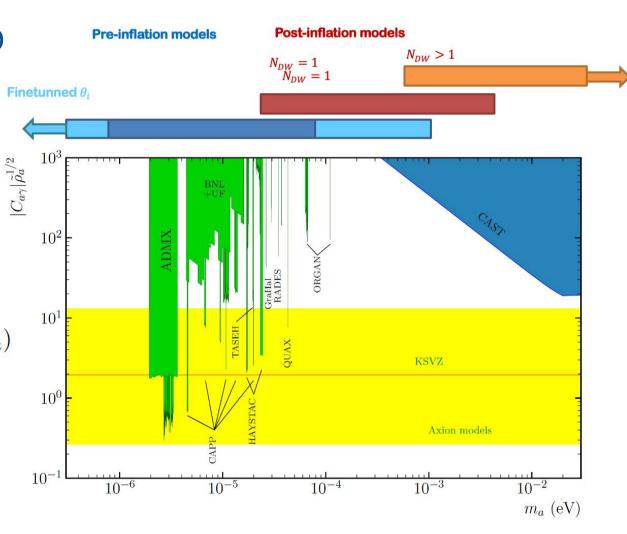
Detecting DM axions: Haloscopes for BabyIAXO

- Assumption:
 DM is mostly axions
- Resonant cavities

 (Sikivie,1983):
 Primakoff conversion
 inside a "tunable"
 resonant cavity

$$P_d = \kappa g_{a\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_{\rm DM}}{m_a} B_e^2 CV min(Q_l, Q_a)$$





CAPA



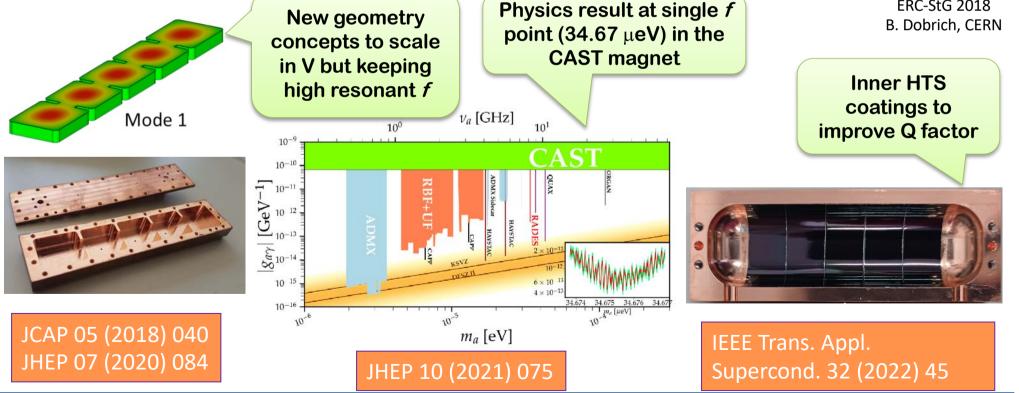
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RADES

- Exploratory project towards a later stage of CAST experiment: helioscope magnets for haloscope searches
- Creation of "axion haloscope" community in Europe (with basically no previous trajectory)
- Very interesting results up to now



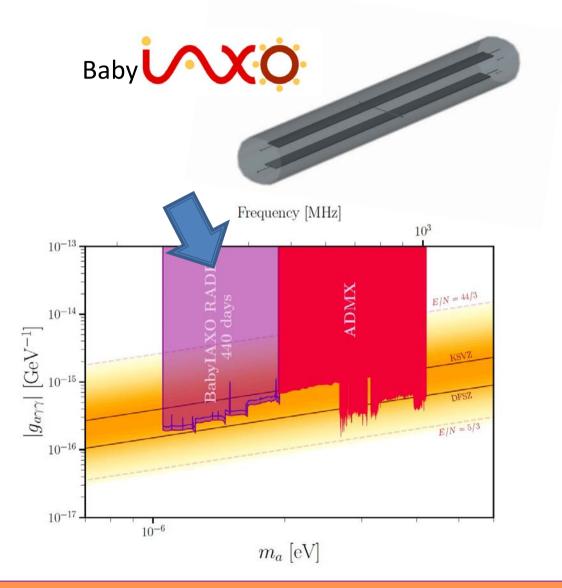
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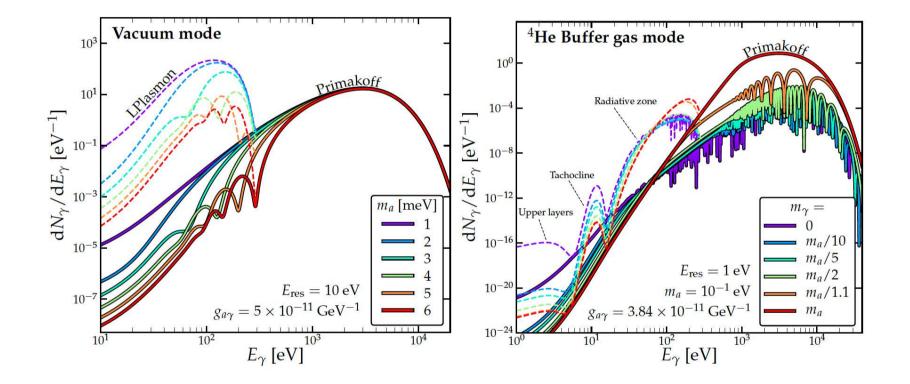
- Use of (Baby)IAXO large magnetic volume for axion DM setups
- Very competitive prospects for 1-2 meV axion searches.
 - 4 x 5m long cavities with tuning slabs
 - Low noise (standard) amplification
 + DAQ
 - Bores cooled down to 4-5 K
 - Sensitivity to KSVZ in < 2 year data acquisition
- Other implementations are being discussed (need more work)
 - E.g. extension to much lower masses using BASE-like search inside BabyIAXO possible?



Ahyoune et al. (RADES Collaboration) arxiv:2306.17243



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O'Hare et al. 2006.10415



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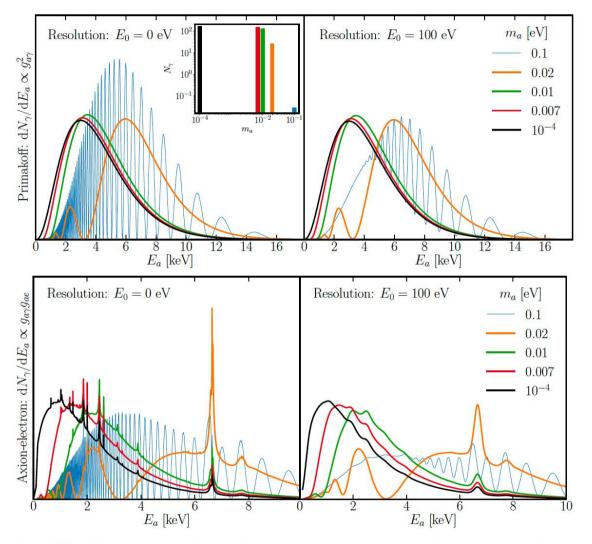


FIG. 3. Differential x-ray spectra as a function of energy due to solar axion conversion inside a 20 m long 2.5 T magnet. We display spectra for different values of the axion mass m_a as well as for both the solar Primakoff (top) and axion-electron (bottom) fluxes. The left-hand panels in both cases show the underlying spectra, whereas the right-hand panels show the spectra after being convolved with a Gaussian energy resolution of width $E_0 = 100$ eV. For comparison, we have normalised all spectra to one. Instead we display in the inset, the total integrated number of events N_{γ} as a function of the five masses, assuming $g_{a\gamma} = 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$.

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