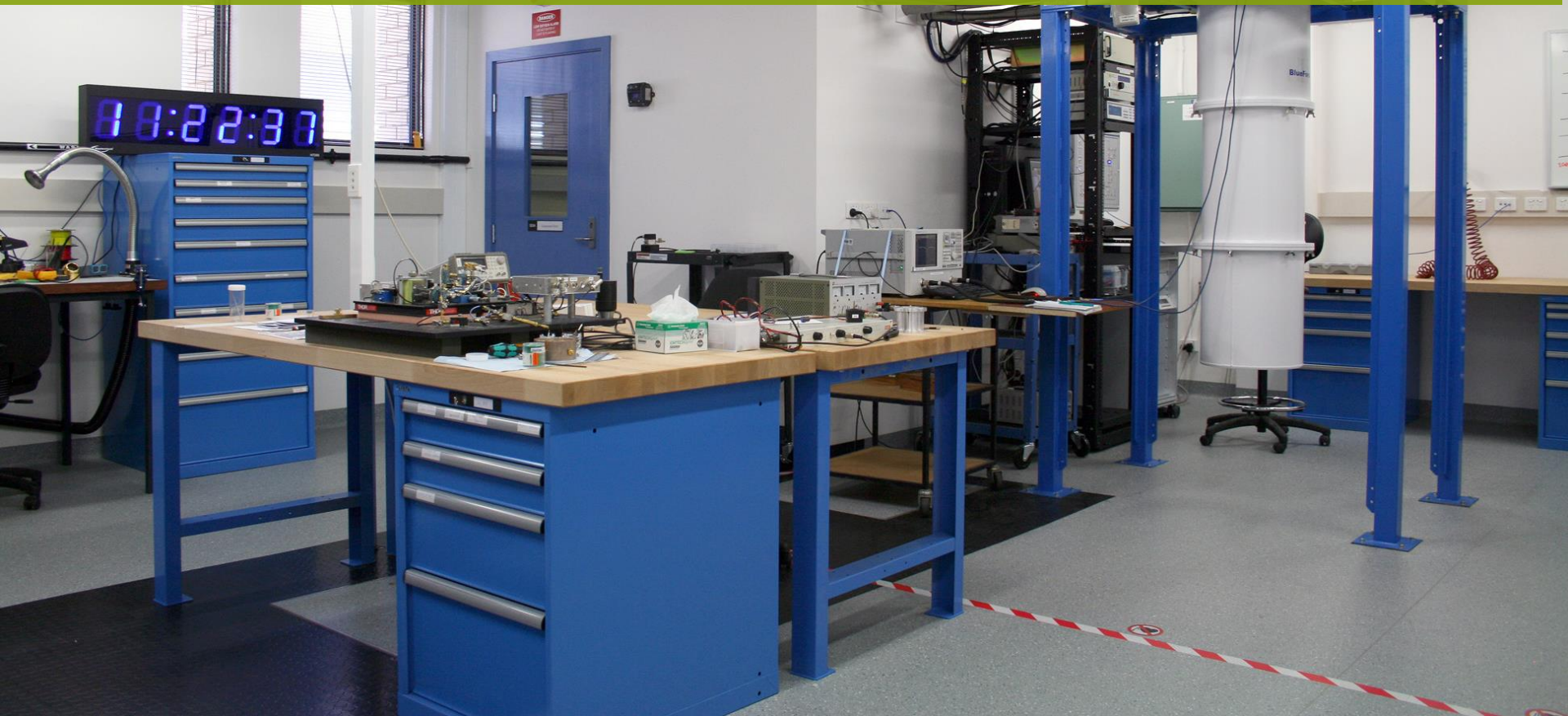




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# Precision Low Temperature Experiments with Photons, Phonons and Spins and Application to Experiments that Test Fundamental Physics



# Frequency and Quantum Metrology Research Group



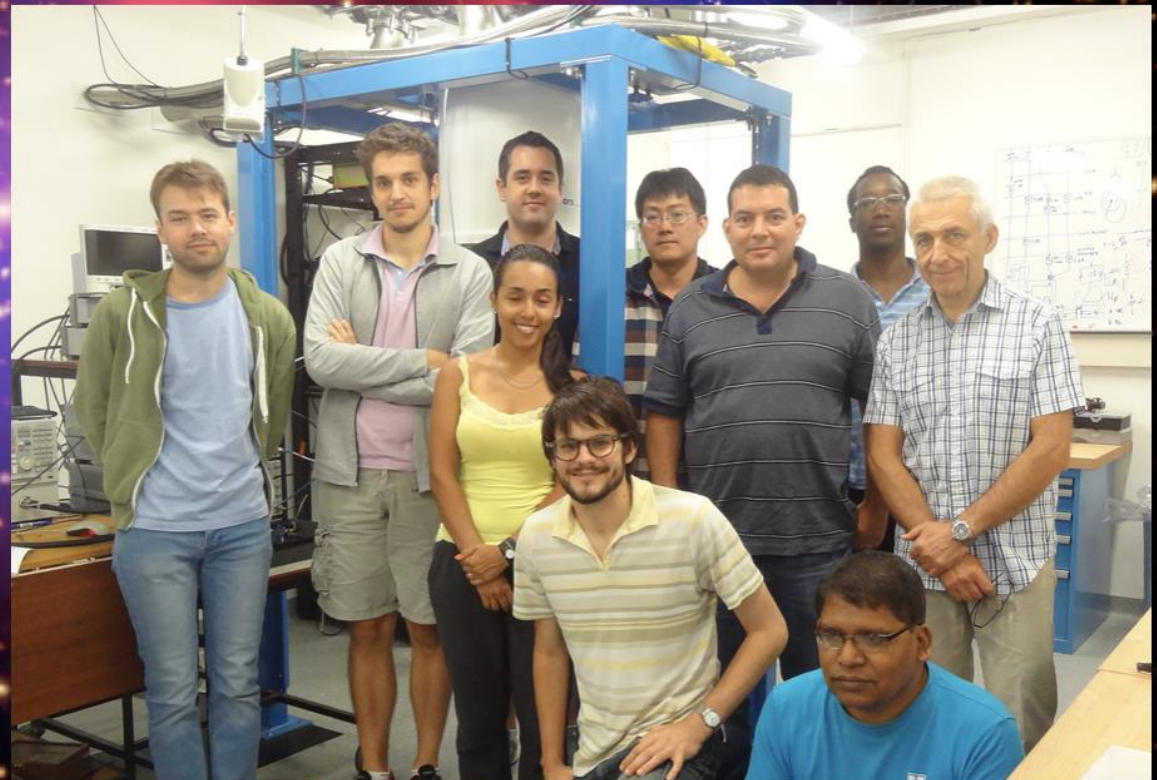
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# Searching For new Physics

- Unsolved problems in Physics
  - Dark Matter (search for dark sector particles)
  - Dark Energy
  - Theory of Quantum Gravity (search for break down in relativity of Lorentz Invariance violations)
- Can use low energy precision experiments (at UWA)
  - Phonons (search scalar dark matter particles, LIV of oscillating masses)
  - Spins (search spin interaction with axions)
  - Photons (search dark matter particles, LIV of photon and constancy of speed of light)

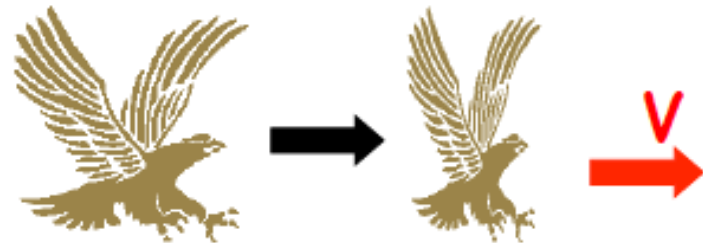
# Local Lorentz Invariance

- Local Lorentz symmetry
  - Two kinds of transformations: **Rotations** and **Boosts**

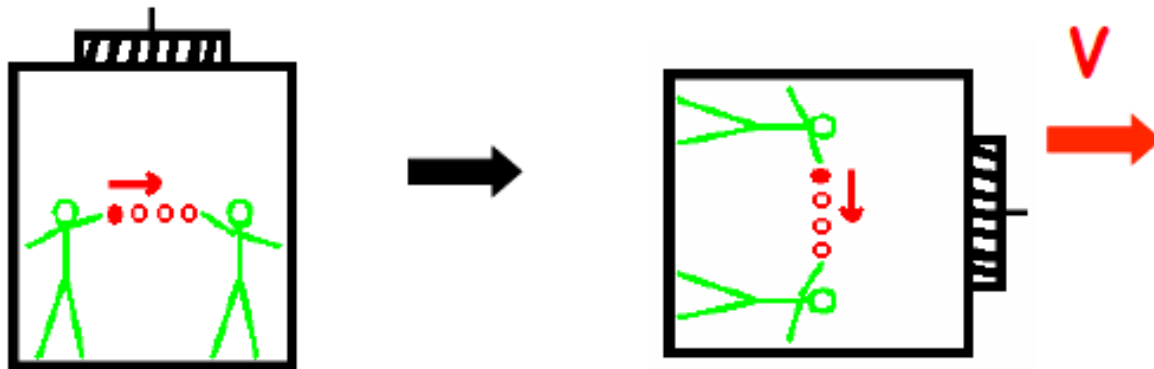
Rotations (3)



Boosts (3)



- Experimental outcomes are the same when the **apparatus** undergoes (local) Lorentz transformations



- General framework for studying Lorentz violation

## Standard-Model Extension (SME)

(Developed by Kostelecký and collaborators in the 90s)

- Basic Idea:

General  
Relativity

+

Standard Model

+

All possible forms of  
Lorentz violation

Background fields  
interacting with known  
matter



**SME** - effective field theory with lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{SME} = \mathcal{L}_{GR} + \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{LV} + \dots$$

Usual GR lagrangian

Usual SM fields

All possible Lorentz-violating terms  
constructed from SM & GR fields  
and background coefficients



Tested Across Many Different Particle Sectors

- > Photon
- > Matter (neutron, proton, electron, neutrino..)
- > Gravity

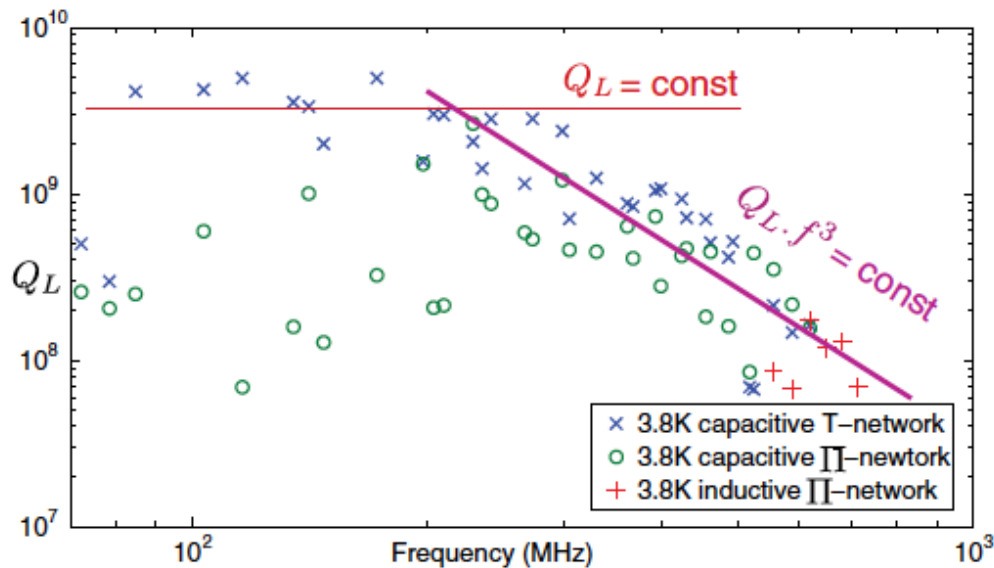
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# Phonons in BAW Resonators

- HIGH-Q PHONON MODES 20mK

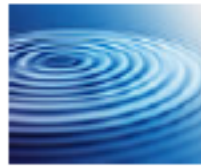
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$Q \times f \sim 10^{18}$

# Quartz Phonon Trapping Technology

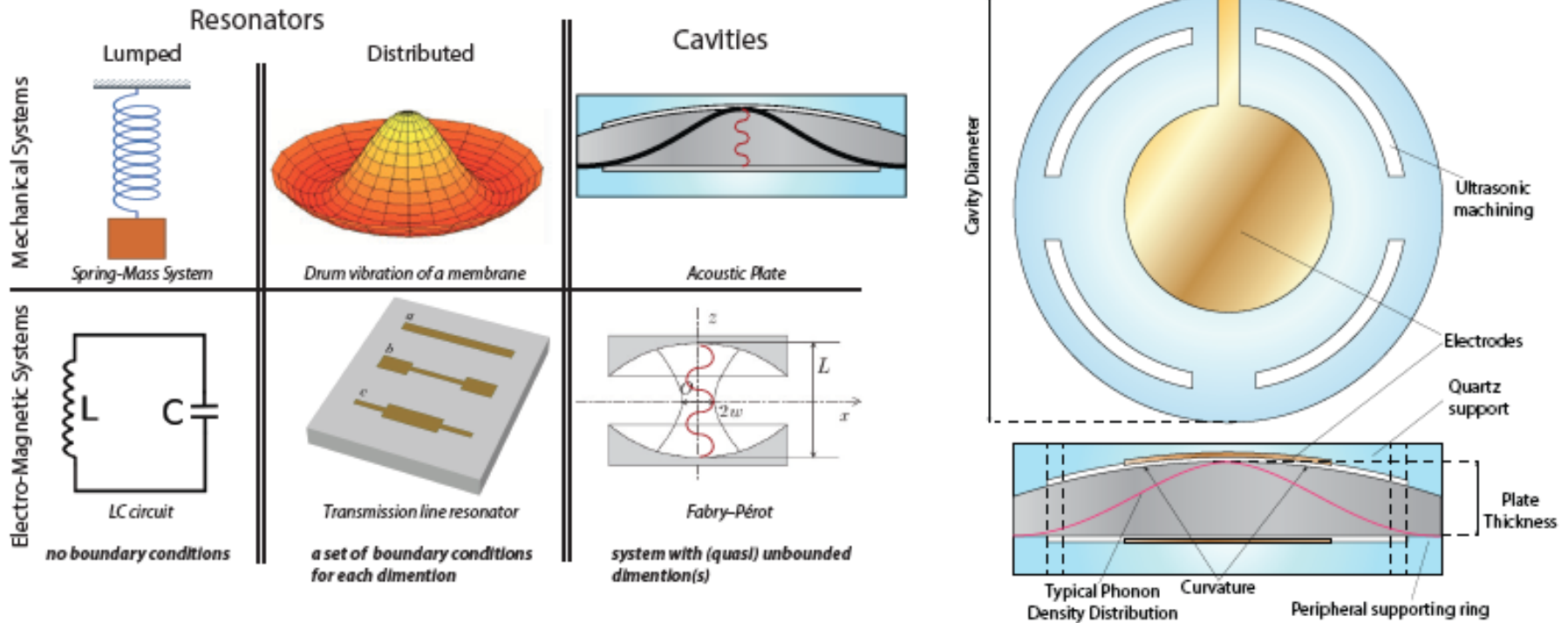


**Tabletop experiment could detect gravitational waves**

Oct 17, 2014 [10 comments](#)

Tiny device could beat LIGO to detecting ripples in space-time, say physicists

Acoustic analog of optical Fabry-Pérot:



Features:

- phonon wavelengths  $\sim 8 - 1000 \mu\text{m}$  ( $f \rightarrow 1 \text{ GHz}$ ),
- (quasi)-longitudinal and (quasi)-transverse polarizations,
- effective phonon trapping (BVA-technology),
- extremely long acoustic phonon life times ( $Q \rightarrow 10^{10}$ )...





## Acoustic Tests of Lorentz Symmetry Using Quartz Oscillators

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We propose and demonstrate a test of Lorentz symmetry based on new, compact, and reliable quartz oscillator technology. Violations of Lorentz invariance in the matter and photon sector of the standard model extension generate anisotropies in particles' inertial masses and the elastic constants of solids, giving rise to measurable anisotropies in the resonance frequencies of acoustic modes in solids. A first realization of such a “phonon-sector” test of Lorentz symmetry using room-temperature stress-compensated-cut crystals yields 120 h of data at a frequency resolution of  $2.4 \times 10^{-15}$  and a limit of  $\tilde{c}_O^n = (-1.8 \pm 2.2) \times 10^{-14}$  GeV on the most weakly constrained neutron-sector  $c$  coefficient of the standard model extension. Future experiments with cryogenic oscillators promise significant improvements in accuracy, opening up the potential for improved limits on Lorentz violation in the neutron, proton, electron, and photon sector.

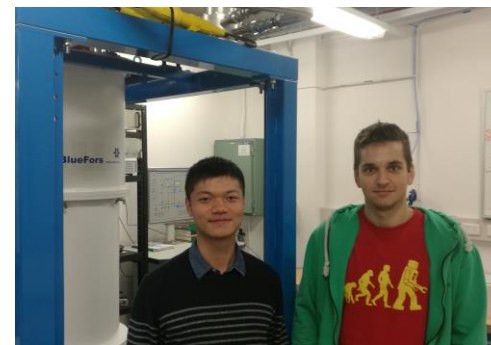
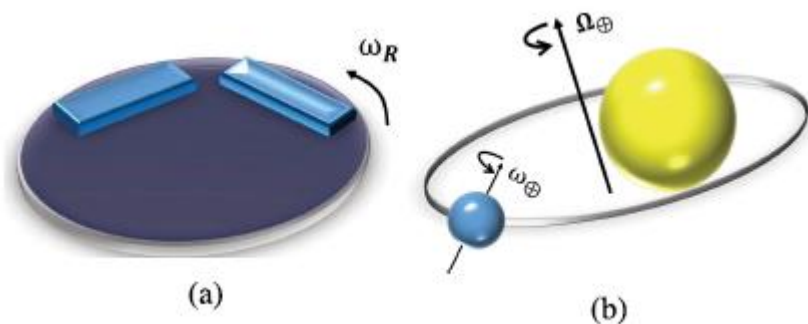
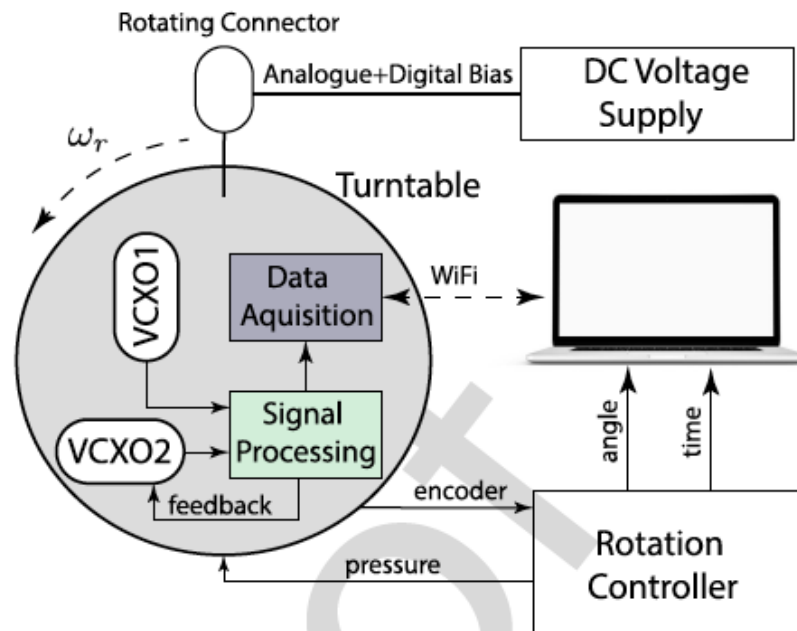
# Next Generation of Phonon Tests of Lorentz Invariance Using Quartz BAW Resonators

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**Abstract**—We demonstrate technological improvements in phonon sector tests of the Lorentz invariance that implement quartz bulk acoustic wave oscillators. In this experiment, room temperature oscillators with state-of-the-art phase noise are continuously compared on a platform that rotates at a rate of order of a cycle per second. The discussion is focused on improvements in noise measurement techniques, data acquisition, and data processing. Preliminary results of the second generation of such tests are given, and indicate that standard model extension coefficients in the matter sector can be measured at a precision of order  $10^{-16}$  GeV after taking a year's worth of data. This is equivalent to an improvement of **two orders** of magnitude over the prior acoustic phonon sector experiment.



## *PLL with Interferometric Readout*

*PLL mixer*

*Delay line:  $\Delta\varphi \sim 76$  deg at 5 MHz*

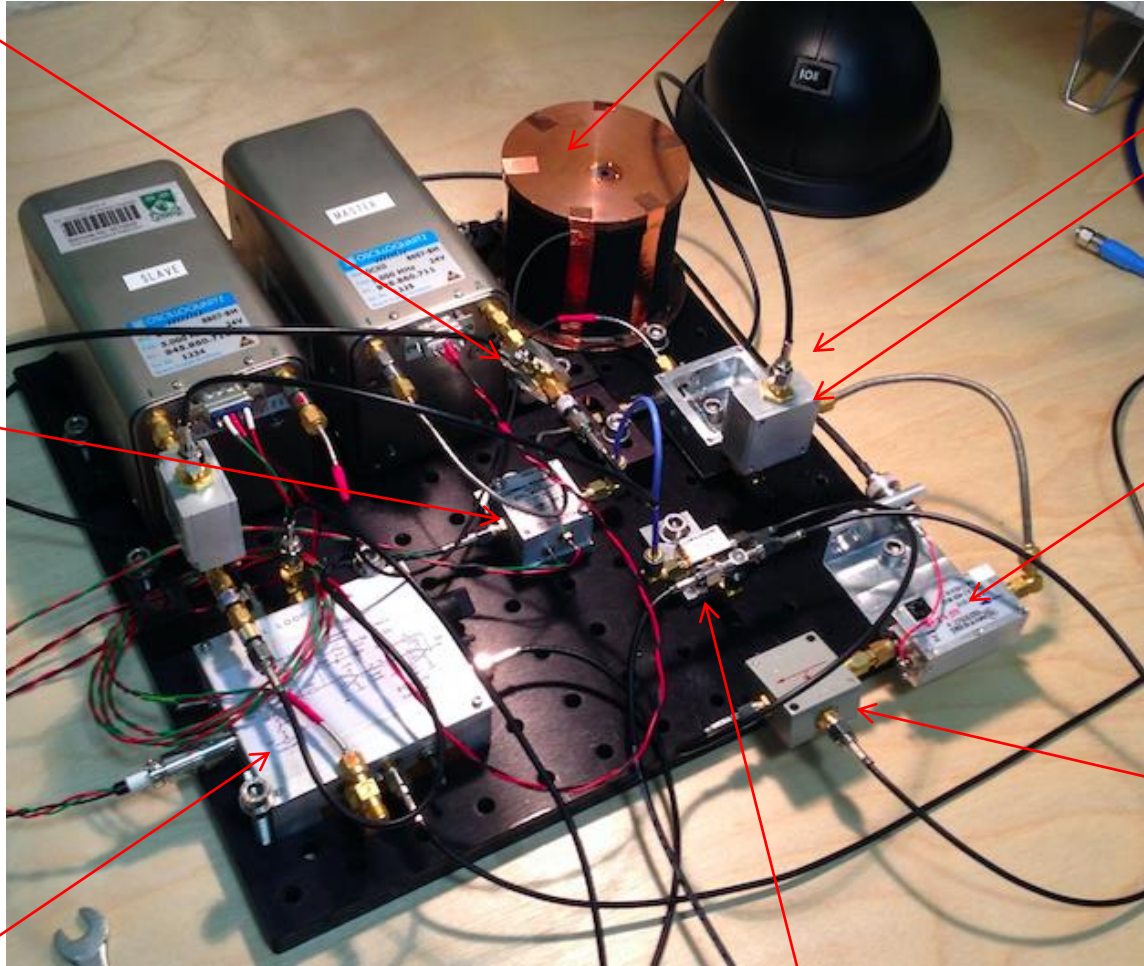
*Attenuator*

*Isolation/booster amplifier*

*Power combiner*

*LNA (1.3 dB NF)*

*10 dB coupler*



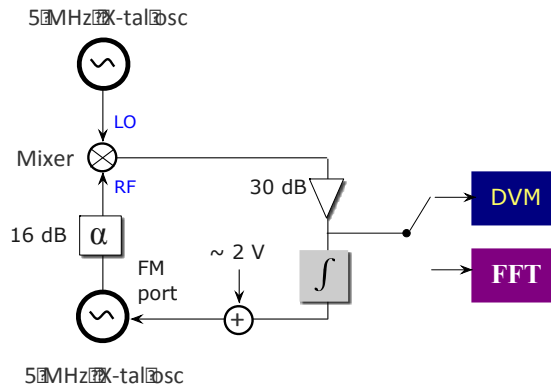
*PLL loop filter*

*Mixer of readout system*

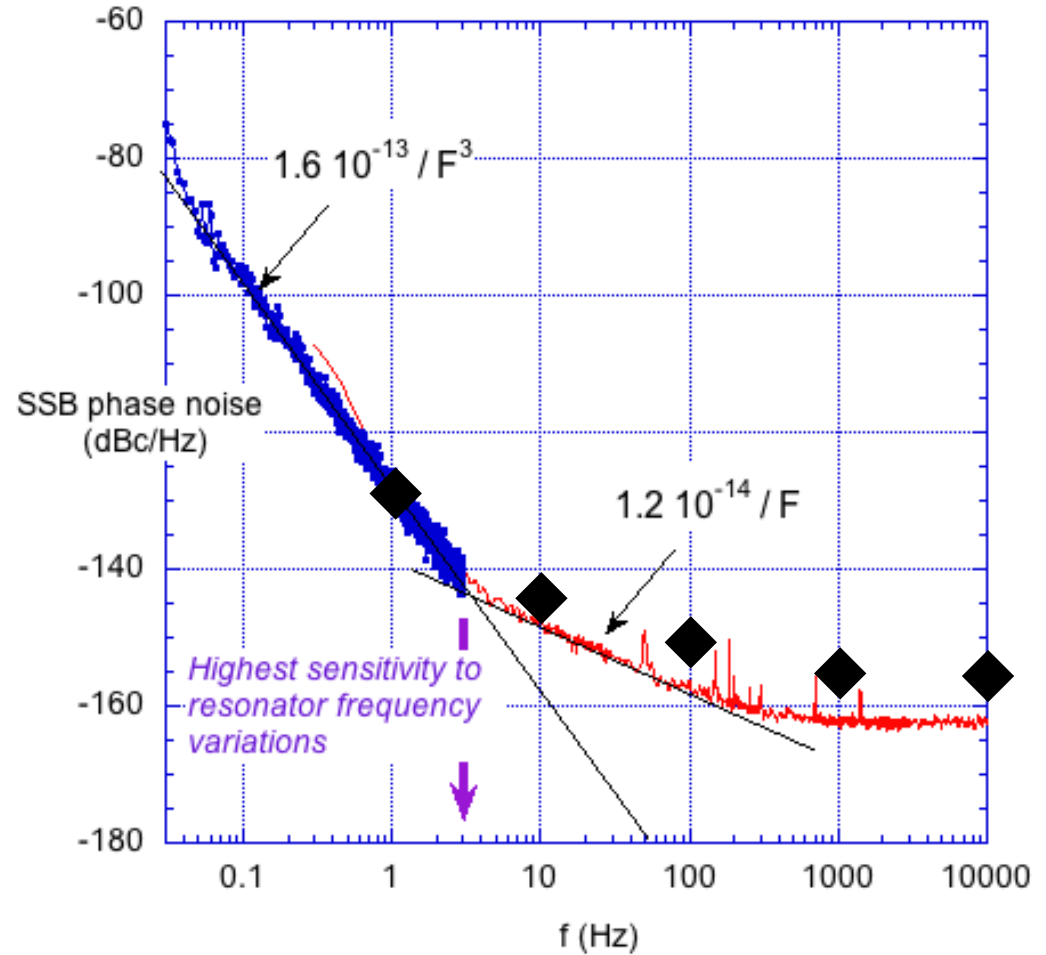
# Phase Noise Spectrum of 5 MHz Oscilloquartz oscillator

## Phase noise (BW = 1 Hz) Options

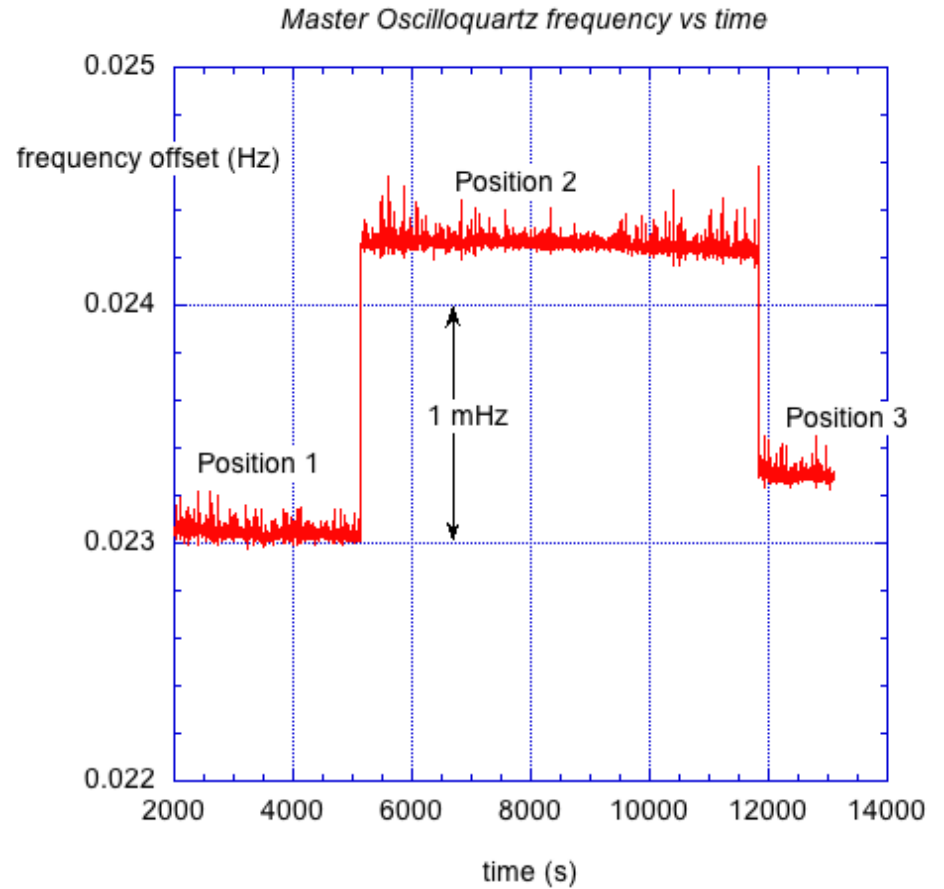
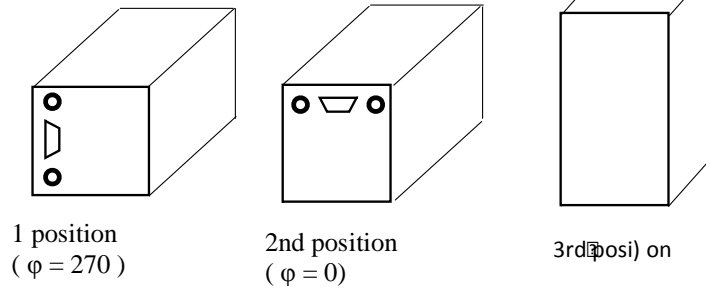
Frequencies		5 MHz		10 MHz	
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Phase noise	1 Hz	-125 dBc	-130 dBc	-118 dBc	-122 dBc
	10 Hz	-145 dBc	-145 dBc	-137 dBc	-137 dBc
	100 Hz	-153 dBc	-153 dBc	-143 dBc	-143 dBc
	1'000 Hz	-156 dBc	-156 dBc	-145 dBc	-145 dBc
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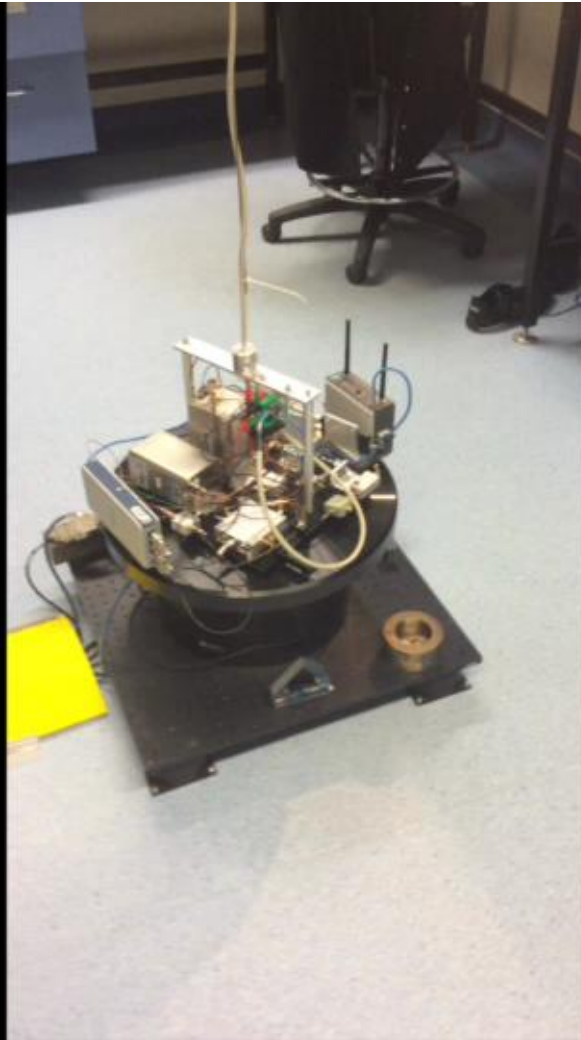
## SSB phase noise of individual 5 MHz Oscilloquartz



## Effect of Rotation on Oscillator Frequency: 2



# Rotating Quartz Oscillators



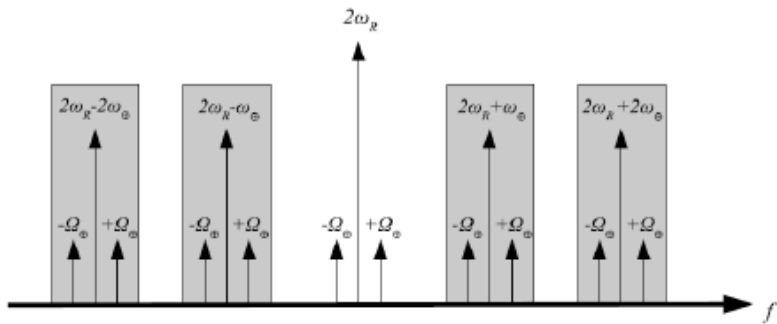


Fig. 5. Illustration of frequency components of  $(\Delta f)/f$  caused by putative LIV coefficients.

Demodulate Data by averaging over number of Rotations

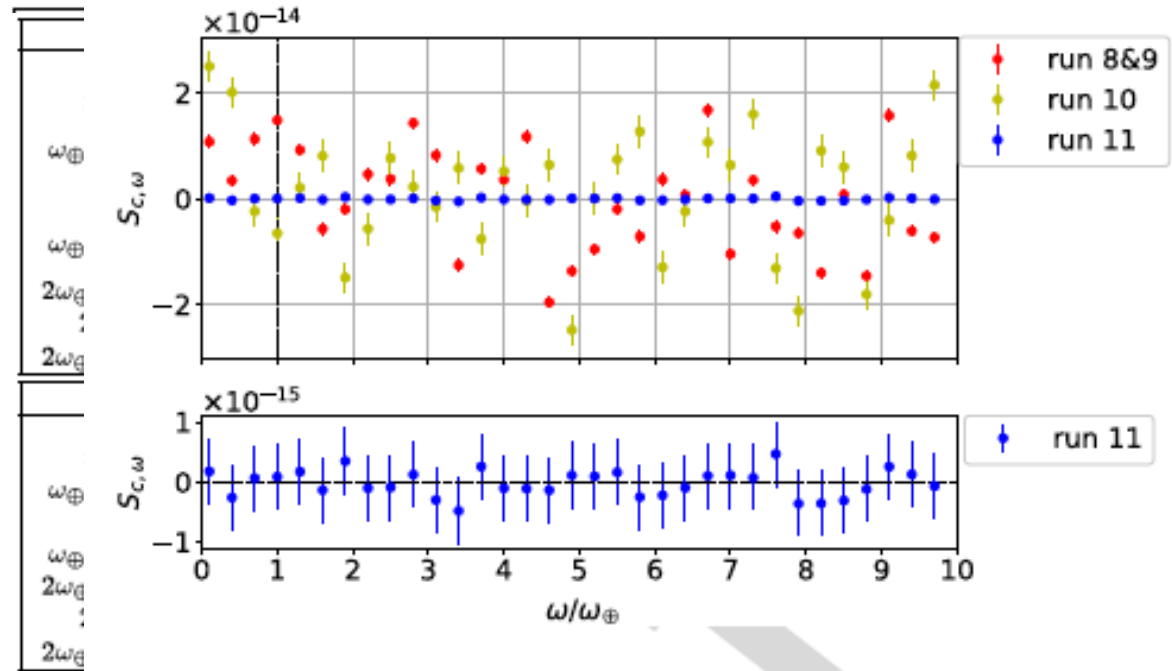
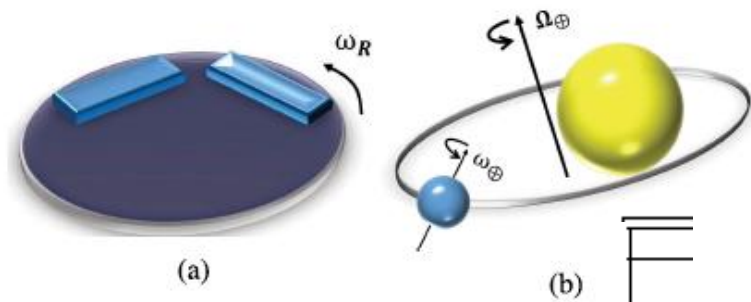
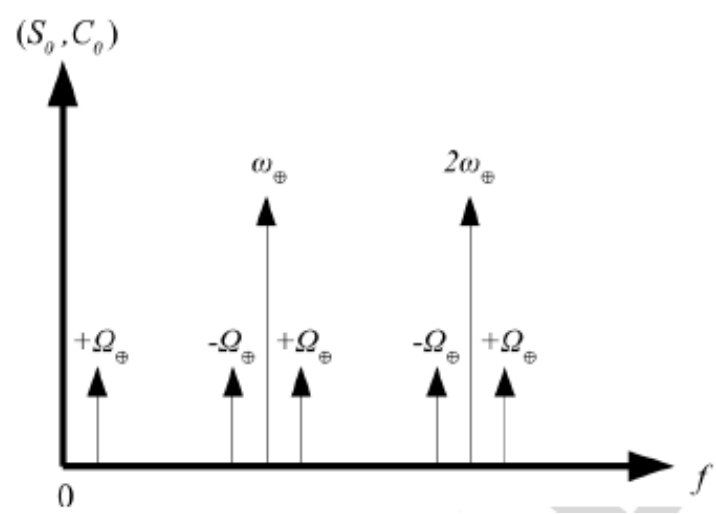
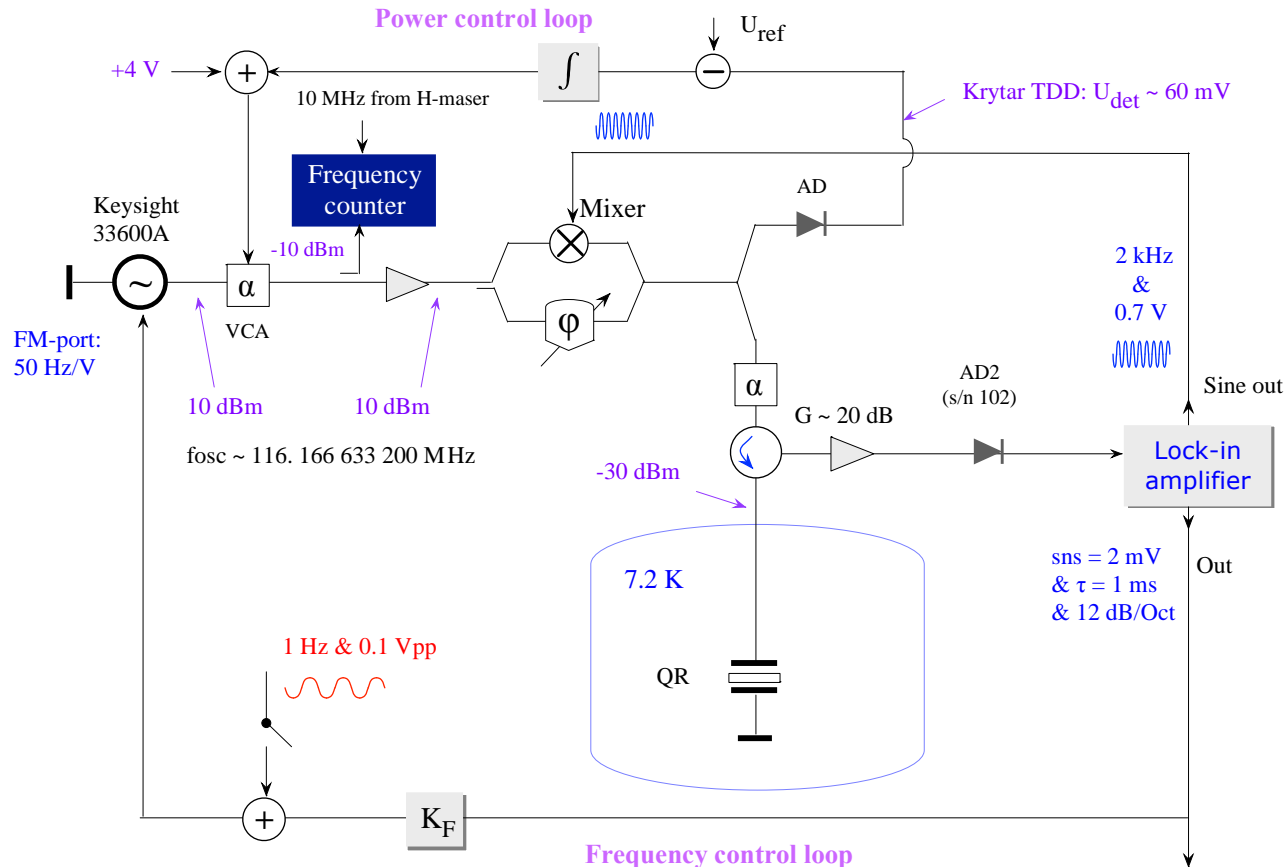


Fig. 10. Fitted  $S_{C,\omega}$  coefficient with  $N_r = 10$  as a function of normalized frequency  $\omega/\omega_\oplus$  for the different experimental runs.

# Pound Stabilized Cryogenic Bulk Acoustic Wave Resonator-Oscillator

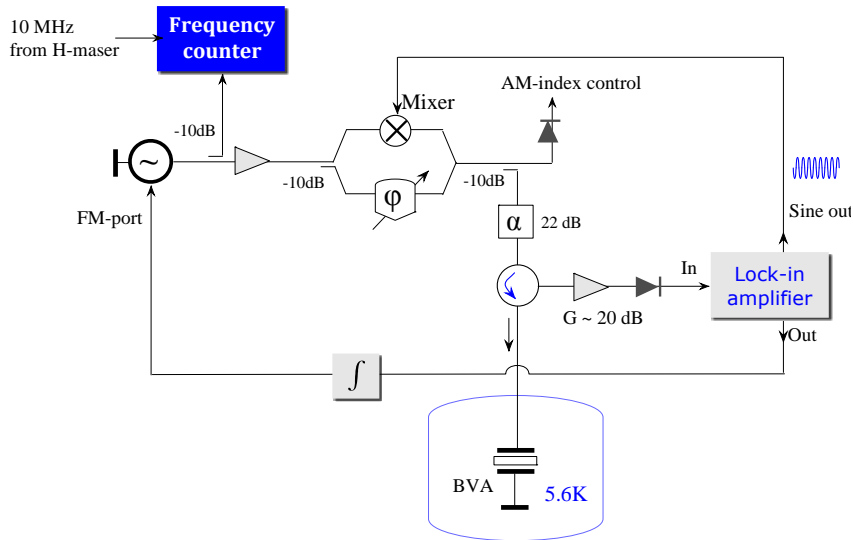
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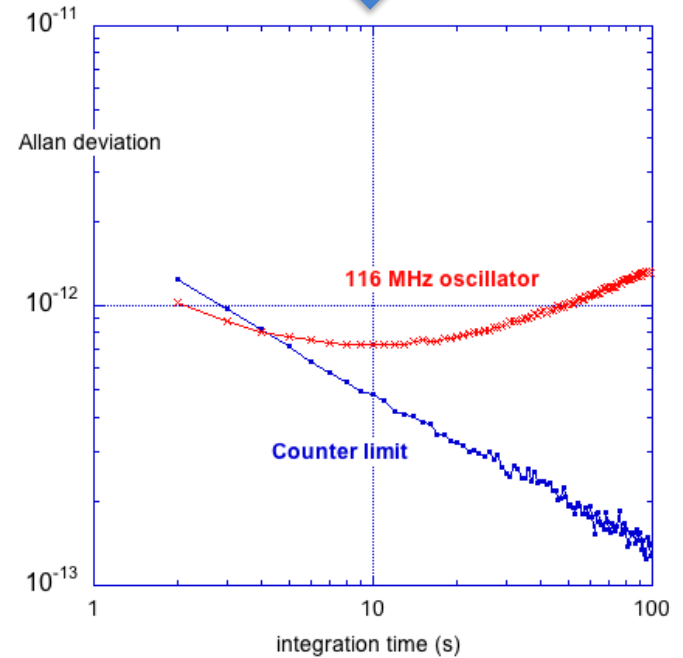
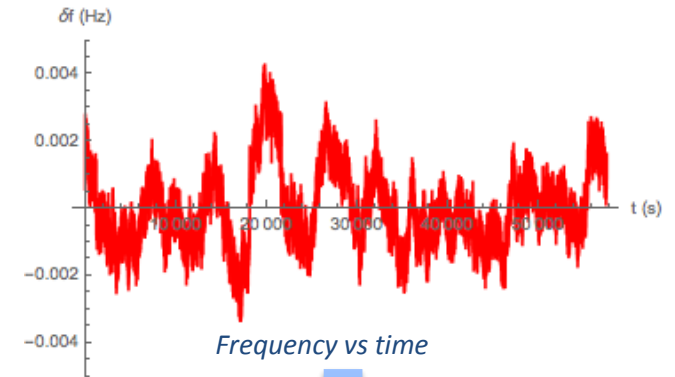
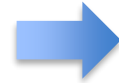
## Frequency Stability Measurements



*RF oscillator & Frequency Counter:  
Power incident on resonator  $\sim -30$  dBm*

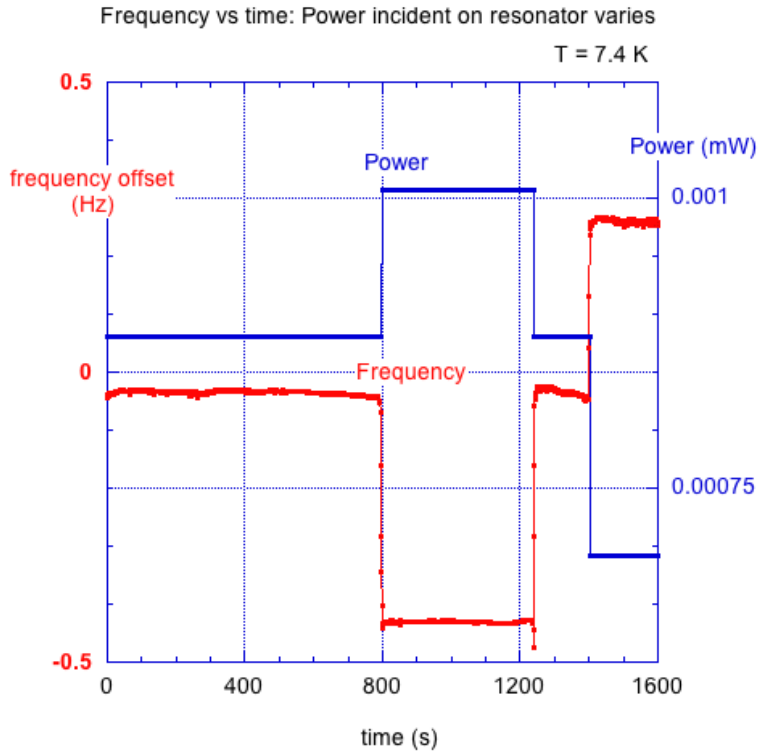
### **NB**

- There is no noticeable frequency drift despite the use of room temperature detection system.*
- Frequency stability improves by  $\sim 10\%$  when LA sensitivity increases from 20 to 5 mV*

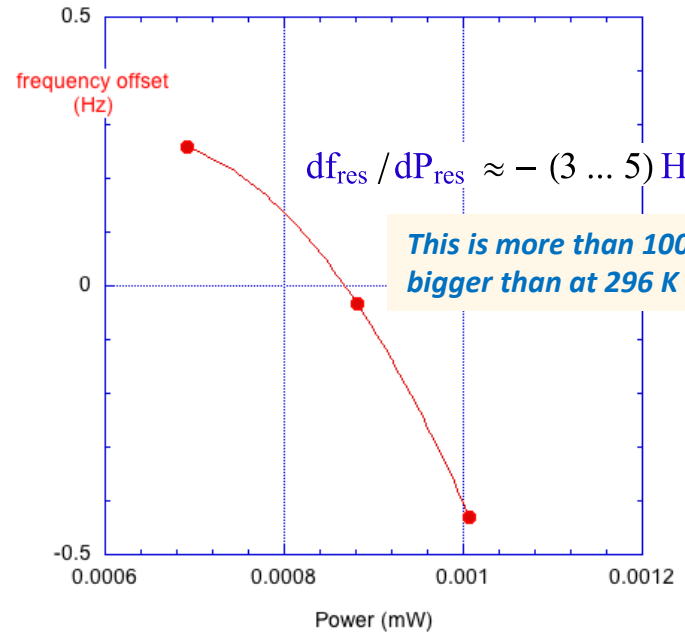


*Allan deviation of fractional frequency fluctuations  
averaged over time  $\tau$*

## Cryogenic Quartz Oscillator: Power-to-Frequency Conversion

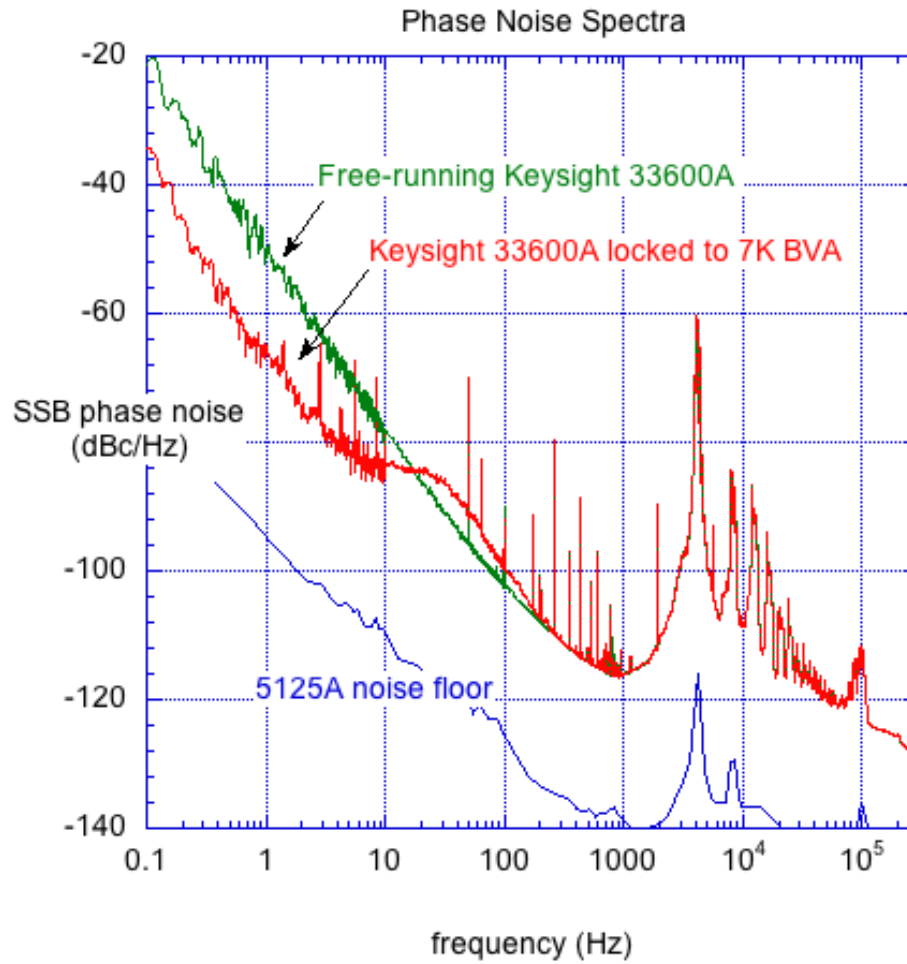


Power incident on cryogenic BVA resonator (blue) and oscillator frequency (red) vs time



Oscillator frequency vs power

## Cryogenic Quartz Oscillator: Phase Noise



# Observation of the fundamental Nyquist noise limit in an ultra-high $Q$ -factor cryogenic bulk acoustic wave cavity

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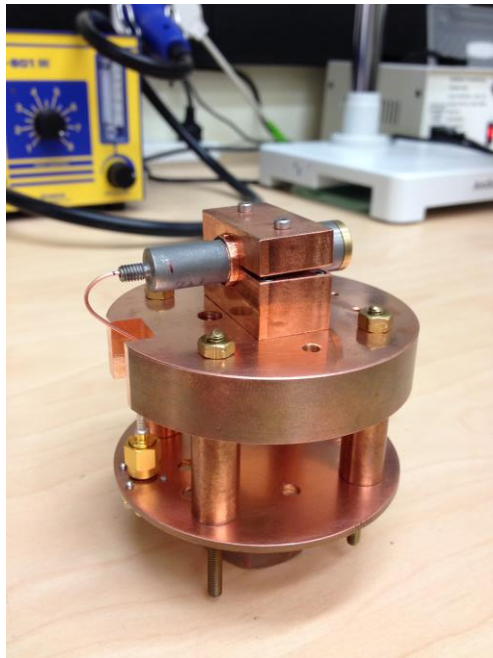
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Thermal Nyquist noise fluctuations of high- $Q$  bulk acoustic wave cavities have been observed at cryogenic temperatures with a DC superconducting quantum interference device amplifier. High  $Q$  modes with bandwidths of few tens of milliHz produce thermal fluctuations with a signal-to-noise ratio of up to 23 dB. The estimated effective temperature from the Nyquist noise is in good agreement with the physical temperature of the device, confirming the validity of the equivalent circuit model and the non-existence of any excess resonator self-noise. The measurements also confirm that the quality factor remains extremely high ( $Q > 10^8$  at low order overtones) for very weak (thermal) system motion at low temperatures, when compared to values measured with relatively strong external excitation. This result represents an enabling step towards operating such a high- $Q$  acoustic device at the standard quantum limit. © 2014 AIP Publishing LLC.

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# Resonator with SQUID Output



DC SQUID in a copper holder to be attached to the “cold finger” of the pulse-tube cryocooler

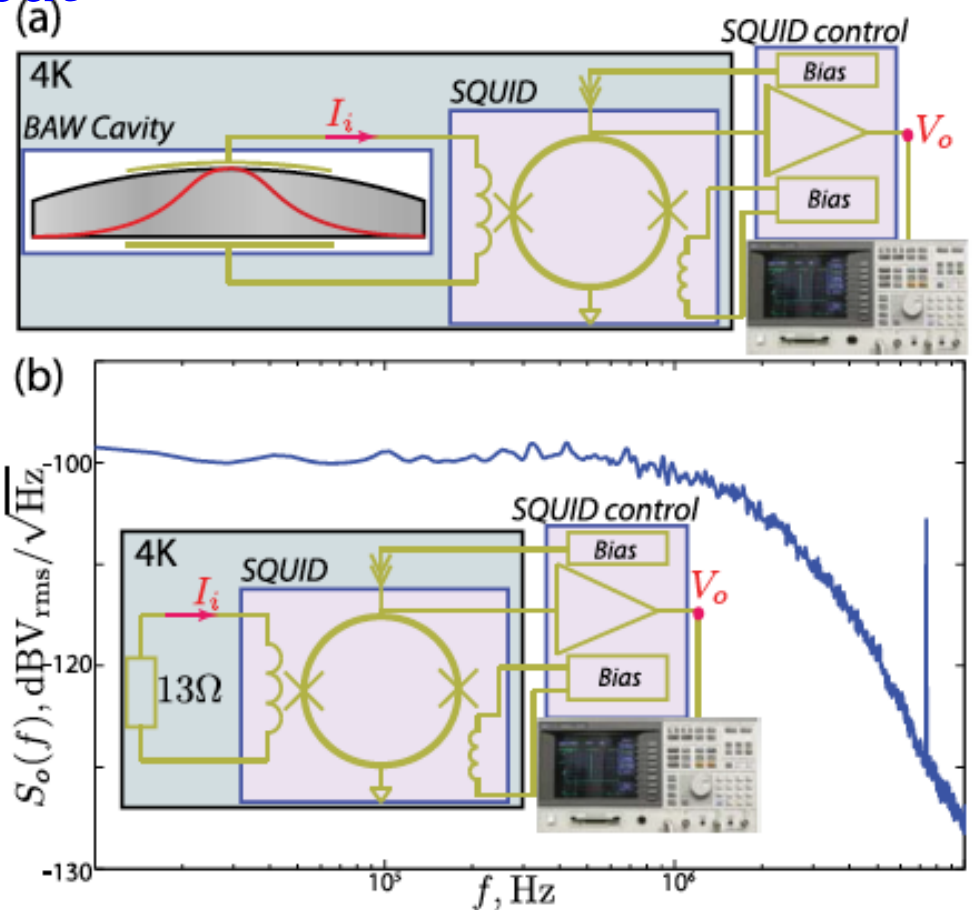


FIG. 1. (a) BAW thermal noise measurement setup for frequencies below 10 MHz. The curvature of one of the plate faces is employed to achieve the phonon trapping with the acoustic energy distribution along the plate denoted by the red curve. (b) Resistive load measurements for system calibration.

Calibration: Use resistors instead of resonators  
-> Derive SQUID transimpedance  $\sim 1.2 \text{ M}\Omega$

## Calculate Mode Temperature

- (i) Measurements of the SQUID voltage noise
- (ii) Estimation of the RMS current through resonator ( known SQUID impedance from calibration)
- (iii) Calculation of power dissipated in resonator for evaluation of mode temperature.

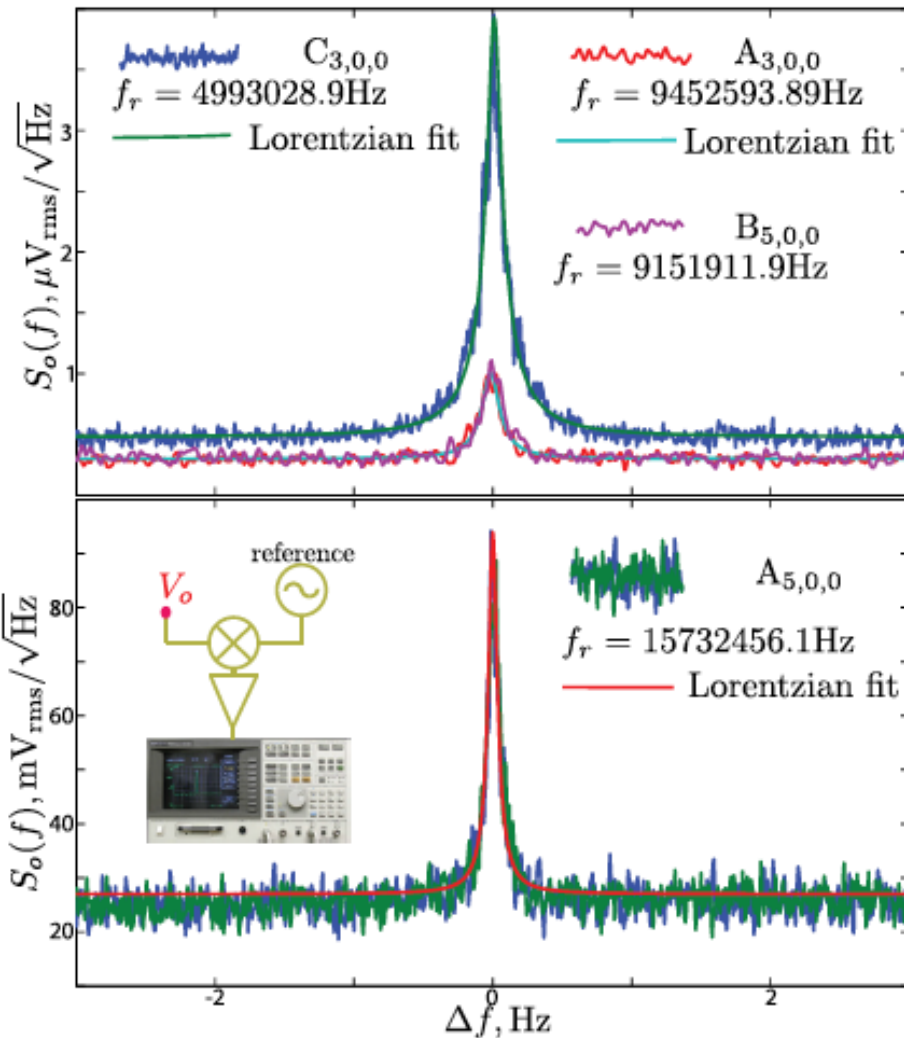


FIG. 2. Results of noise measurements for  $C_{3,0,0}$ ,  $A_{3,0,0}$ ,  $B_{5,0,0}$ , and  $A_{5,0,0}$ . The latter is measured using the downconversion as shown in the inset.

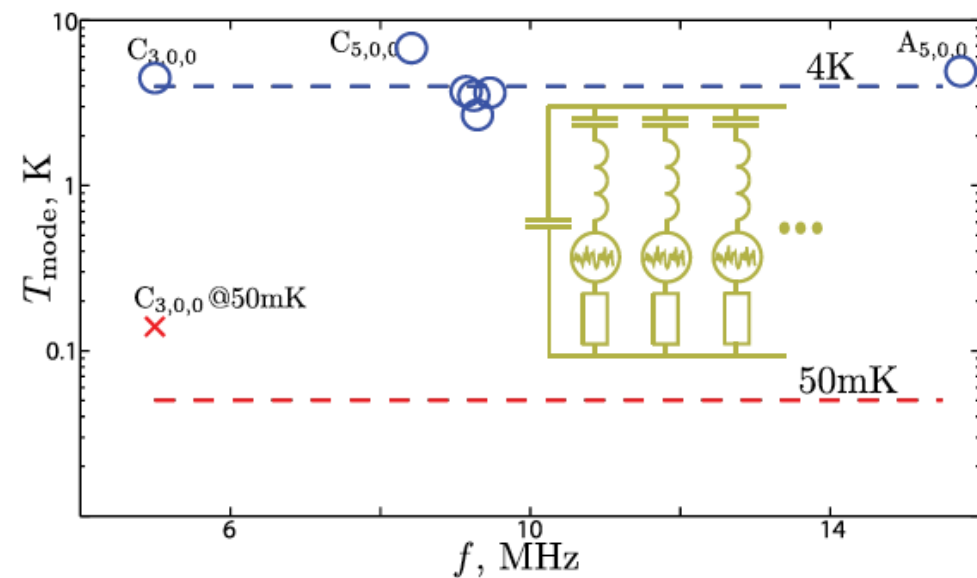
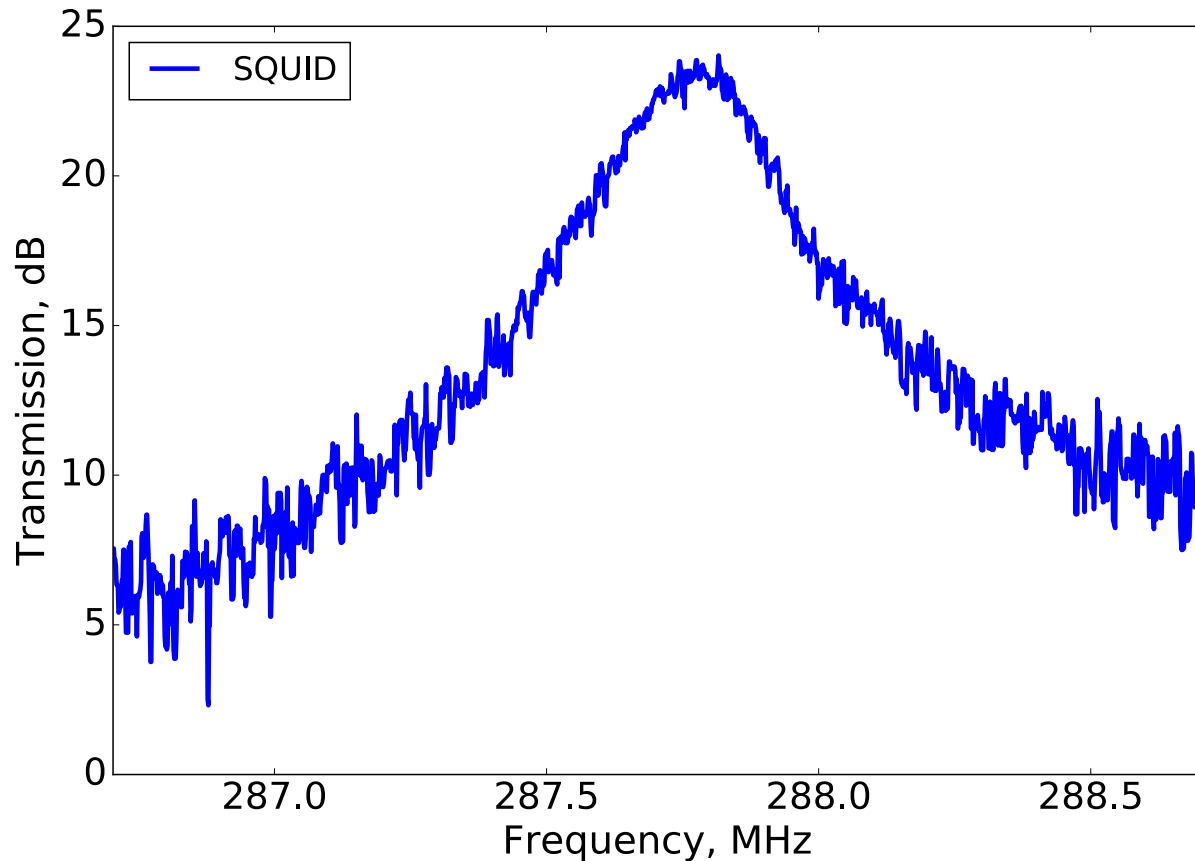


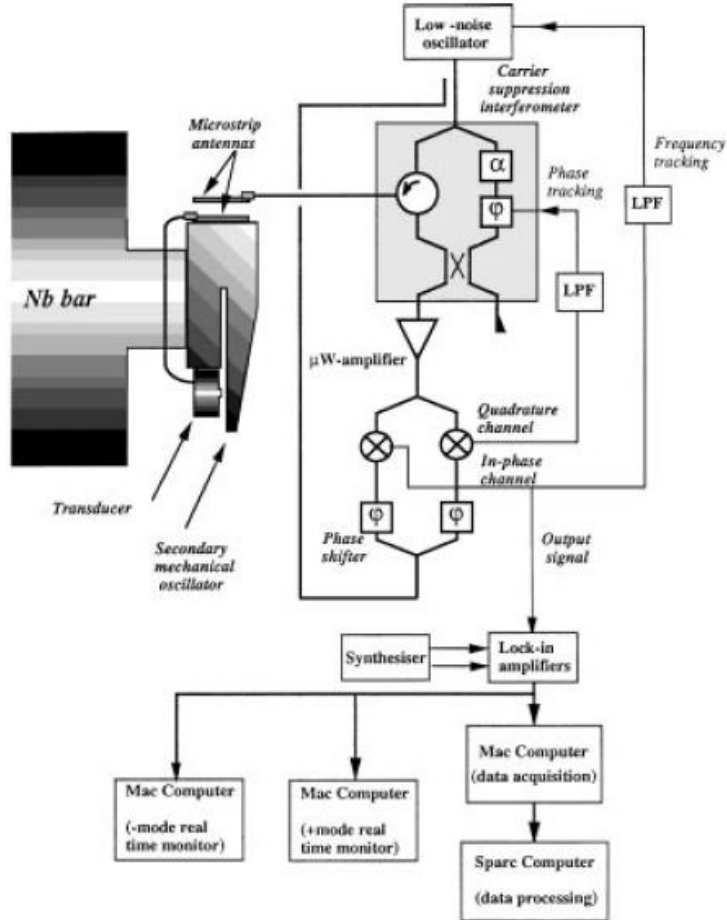
FIG. 3. Estimations of the mode temperatures compared to the ambient values. The inset shows the equivalent circuit model.

# Measured at UWA at 20 mK



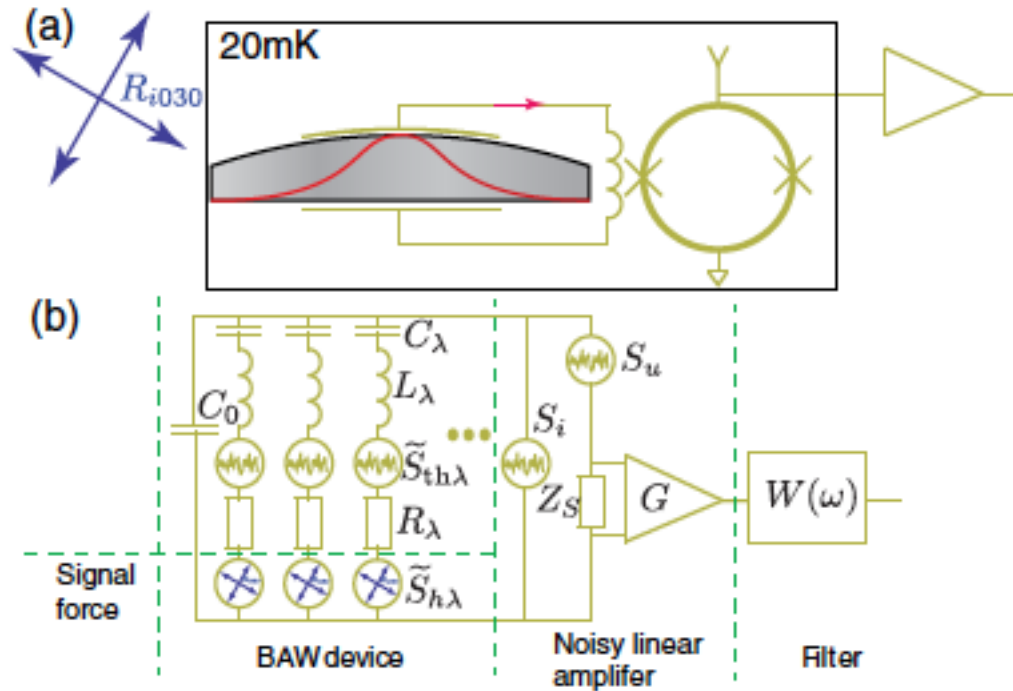
- Most of our resonators are identical 5MHz SC cut. -> do not have good modes around 300MHz where the mode density is sparse.
- 5MHz AT cut crystal (we have only one) has a good mode around this frequency, to be measured soon (varactor?), close to Ground State.

# System is a sensitive GW Detector



Old Resonant Bar Detector

Mass = 1.5 tonne  
 $Q = 10^7$   
 $F = 710$  Hz  
 $T = 5$  K



Quartz

Mass = Gram Scale

$Q = 10^9$

$f = 5$  MHz to 700 MHz

$T = 15$  mK



# System is a sensitive GW Detector (PRD)

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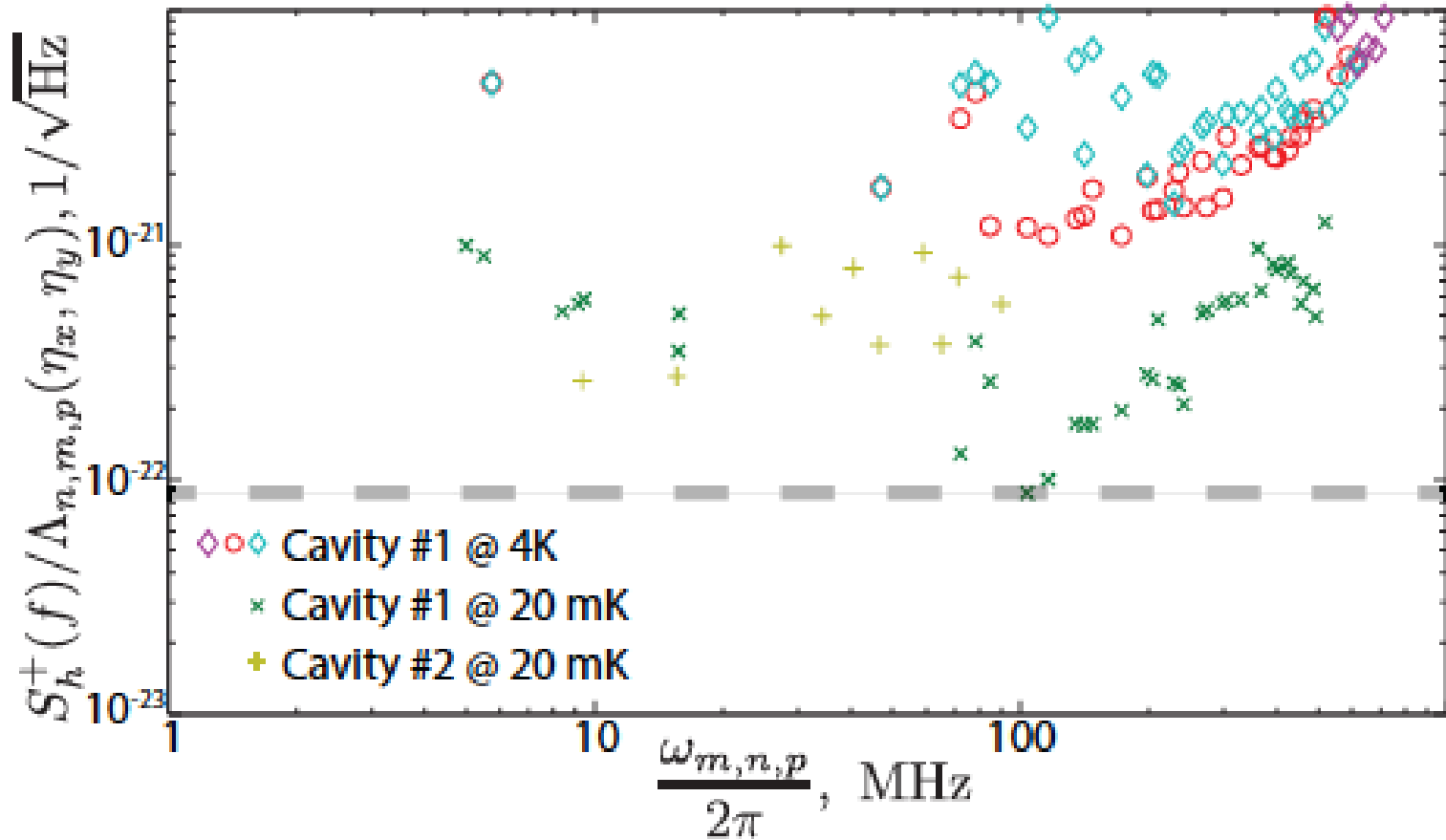


FIG. 5: Normalised the single sided power spectral density of the strain sensitivity for various OTs of the longitudinal mode of two acoustical cavities at 4K and 20mK.

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- High frequency region has physically understood processes of generation of GWs
  - thermal gravitational radiation from stars
  - Radiation from low mass primordial black holes
  - gravitational modes of plasma flows
- Tests for many emerging theories predicting GW radiation at such frequencies.
  - stochastic sources in the early Universe
  - GW background from quintessential inflation
  - cosmic strings
  - Dilation
  - pre–big bang scenarios
  - Superinflation in loop quantum gravity
  - Postinflationary phase transitions
  - parametric resonance at the end of inflation or preheating
  - braneworld black holes associated with extra dimensions
  - clouds of axions (super radiance)
  - quark nuggets
  - One hypothetical sources (due to the Galactic center shadow brane) comes within the sensitivity of the proposed single detector

# The Sound of Dark Matter: Searching for Light Scalars with Resonant-Mass Detectors

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The fine structure constant and the electron mass in string theory are determined by the values of scalar fields called moduli. If the dark matter takes on the form of such a light modulus, it oscillates with a frequency equal to its mass and an amplitude determined by the local dark matter density. This translates into an oscillation of the size of a solid that can be observed by resonant-mass antennae. Existing and proposed resonant-mass detectors can probe dark matter moduli with frequencies between 1 kHz and 1 GHz, with much better sensitivity than force measurements.

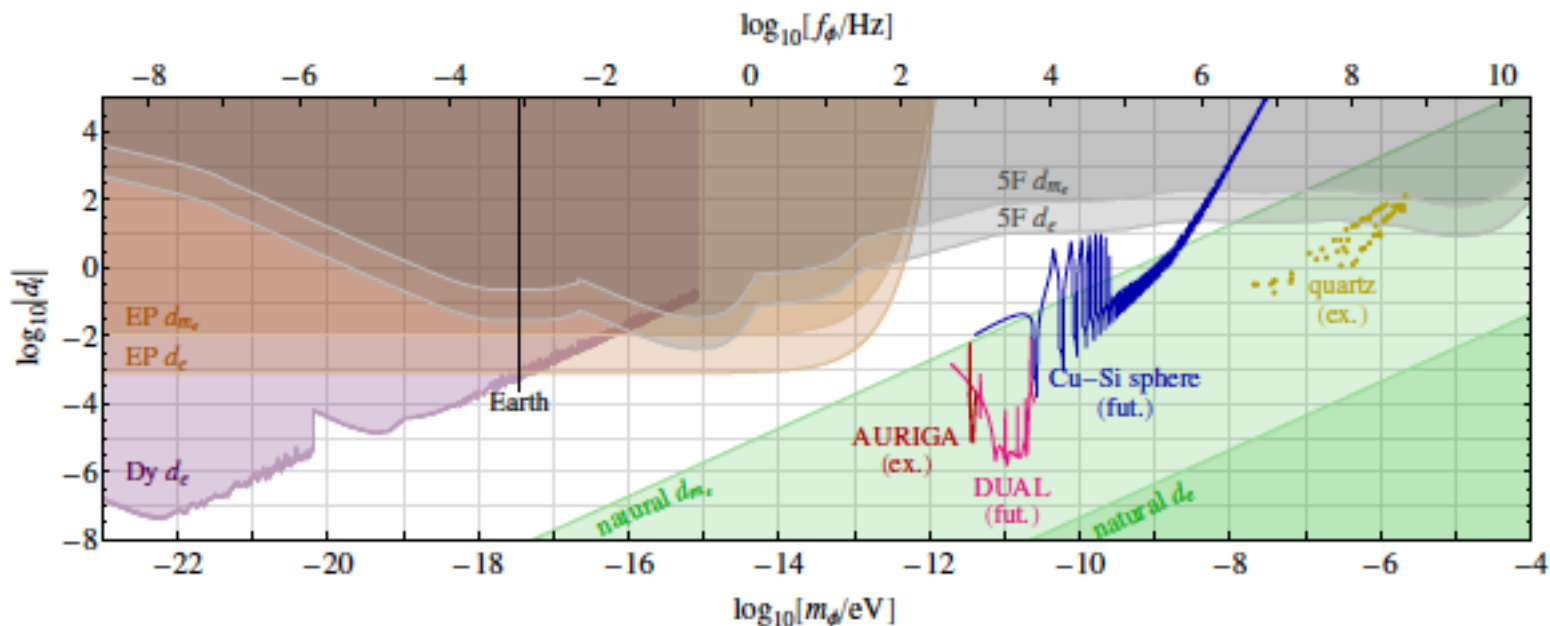
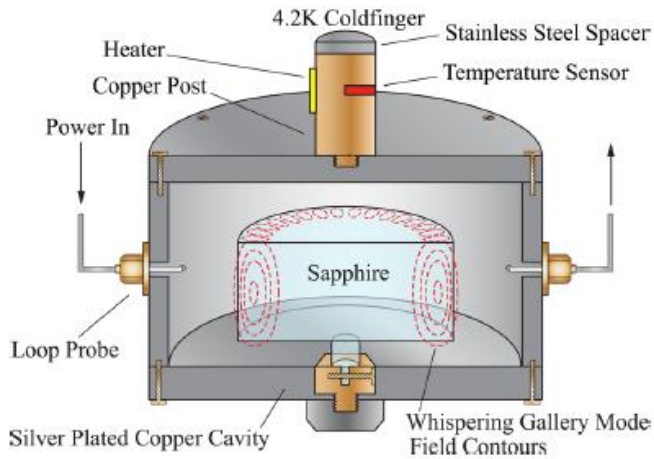


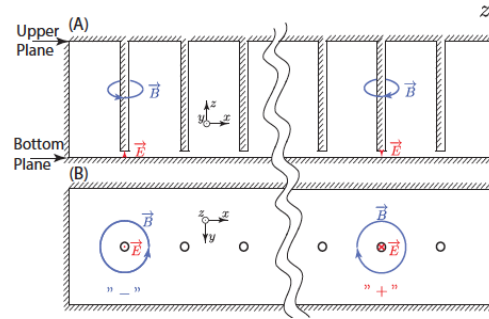
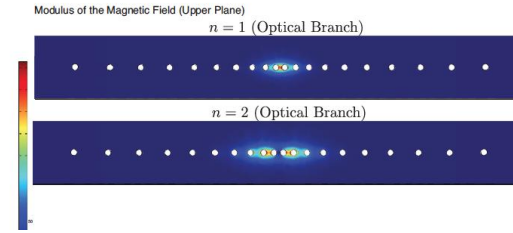
FIG. 1. Scalar field parameter space, with mass  $m_\phi$  and corresponding DM oscillation frequency  $f_\phi = m_\phi/2\pi$  on the bottom and top horizontal axes, and couplings of both an electron mass modulus ( $d_i = d_{m_e}$ ) and electromagnetic gauge modulus ( $d_i = d_e$ ) on the vertical axis. Natural parameter space for a 10 TeV cutoff is depicted by the green regions, while the other regions represent 95% CL limits from fifth-force tests (“5F”, gray), equivalence-principle tests (“EP”, orange), atomic spectroscopy in dysprosium (“Dy”, purple), and low-frequency terrestrial seismology (“Earth”, black). The blue curve shows the projected SNR = 1 reach of a proposed resonant-mass detector—a copper-silicon (Cu-Si) sphere 30 cm in radius—after 1.6 y of integration time, while the red curve shows the reach for the current AURIGA detector with 8 y of recasted data. Rough estimates of the 1-year reach of a proposed DUAL detector (pink) and several harmonics of two piezoelectric quartz resonators (gold points) are also shown.

# High-Q and Novel Cavity Structures for Photon-Spin Strong Coupling and testing Fundamental Physics

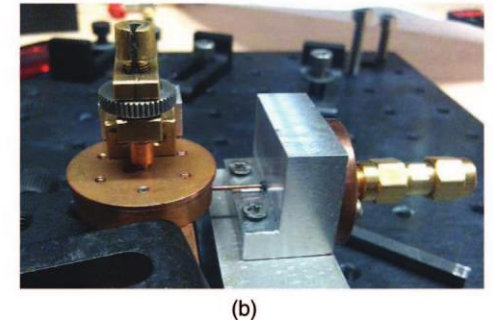
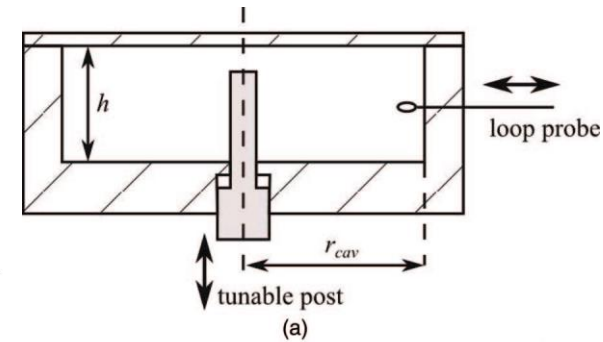
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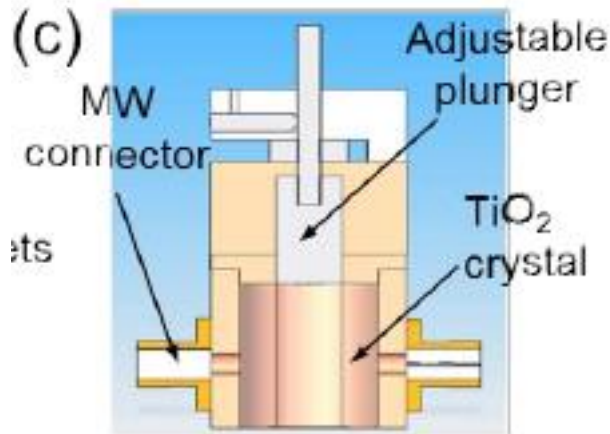
## Reentrant Lattice



## TE + TM Cylindrical modes



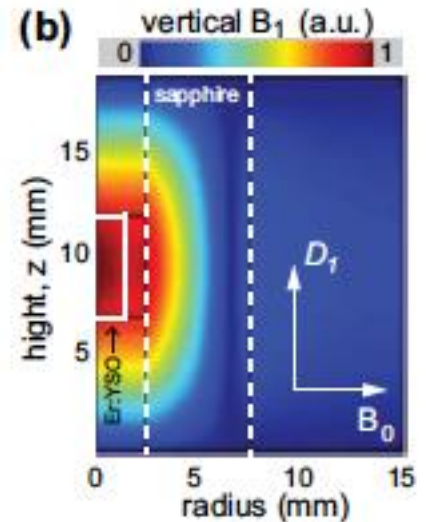
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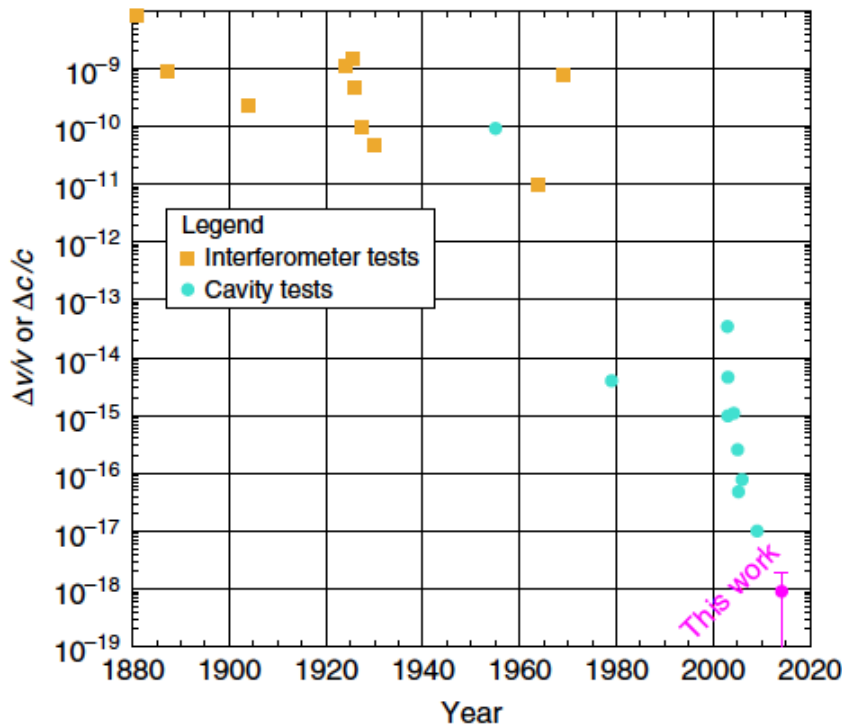
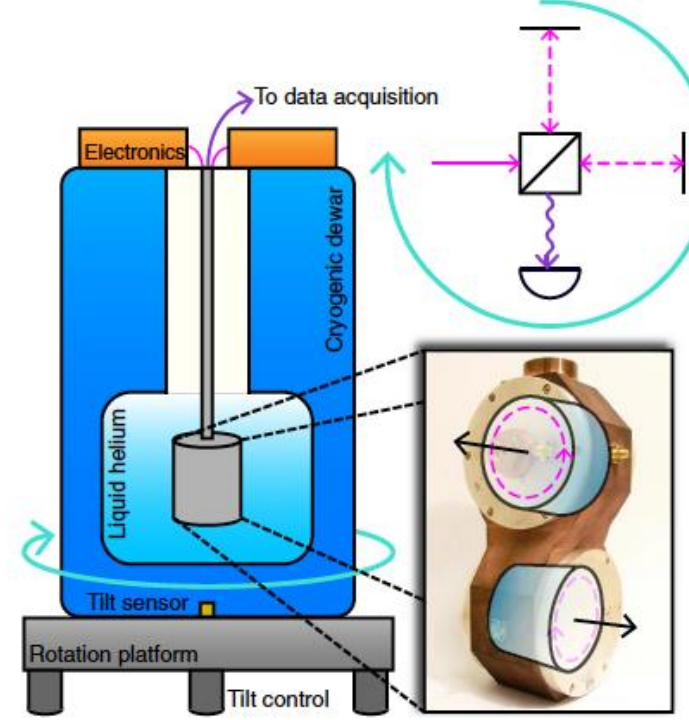
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# Direct terrestrial test of Lorentz symmetry in electrodynamics to $10^{-18}$

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**Table 1 | Bounds on non-birefringent photon-sector coefficients of the minimal SME.**

Coefficient	Bound (Error)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{e-}^{XY}$	-0.7 (1.6)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{e-}^{XZ}$	-5.5 (4.0)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{e-}^{YZ}$	-1.9 (3.2)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{e-}^{XX} - \tilde{\kappa}_{e-}^{YY}$	-1.5 (3.4)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{e-}^{ZZ}$	-286 (279)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{o+}^{XY}$	-3.0 (3.4)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{o+}^{XZ}$	0.2 (1.7)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{o+}^{YZ}$	-2.0 (1.6)
$\tilde{\kappa}_{tr}$	-6.0 (4.0)

SME, standard model extension.

Errors are standard  $1\sigma$  of statistical origin. Values for  $\tilde{\kappa}_{e-}$  are given in  $10^{-18}$ ,  $\tilde{\kappa}_{o+}$  in  $10^{-14}$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}_{tr}$  in  $10^{-10}$ .

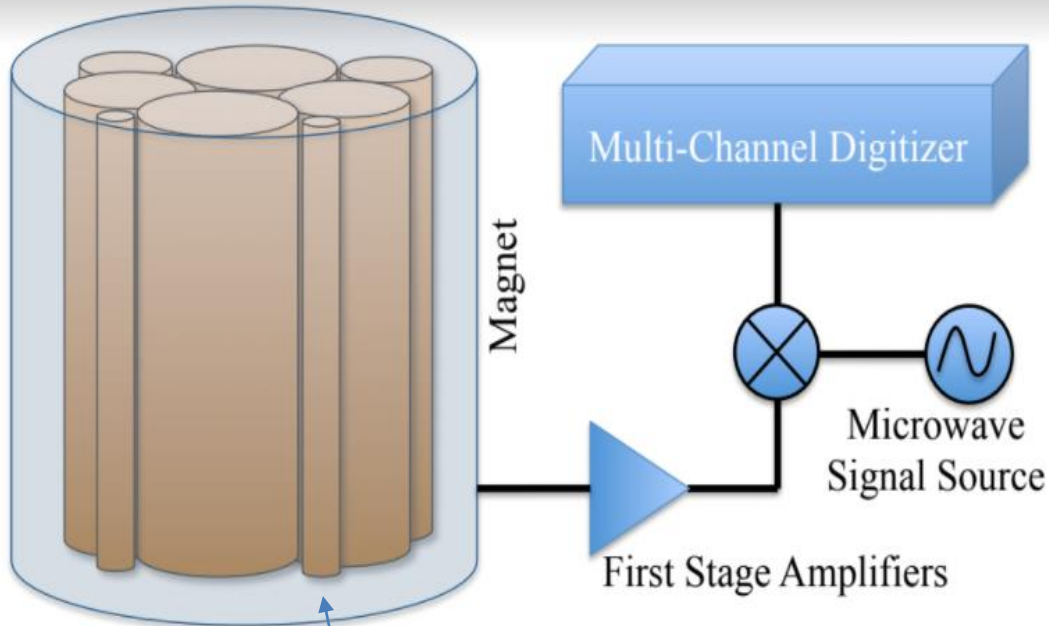
# THE ORGAN EXPERIMENT CONCEPT

## Oscillating Resonant Group AxioN experiment

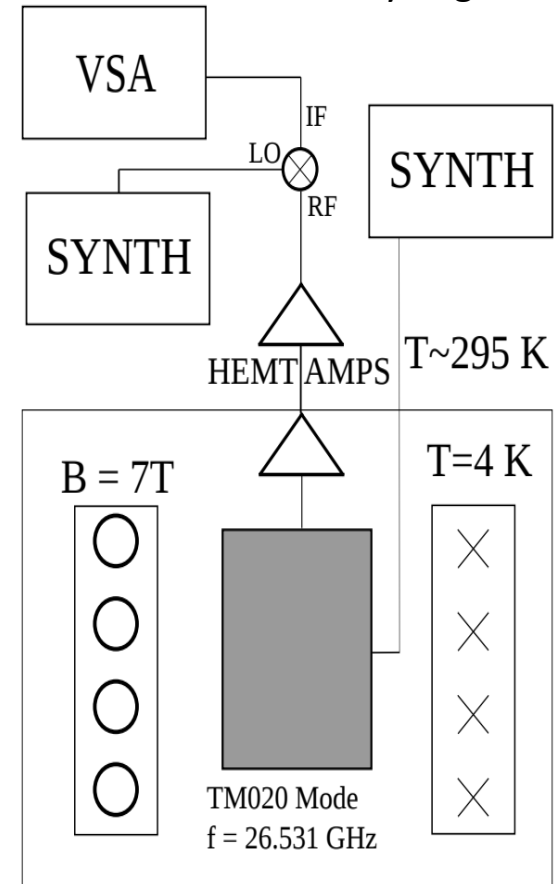
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2018-2024: LIEF Application for dedicated Dil Fridge + 14 T Magnet  
+ 50 GHz VNA Recently Successful!



McGillivray Organ at UWA



Multiple cylindrical resonators to scan over multiple frequencies



First Experiment

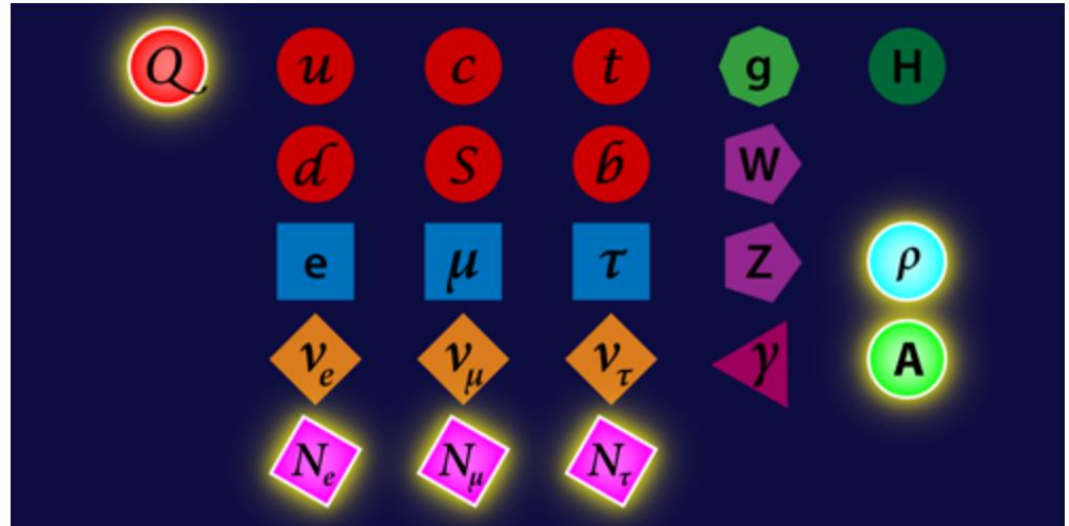
# ORGAN

- High frequency haloscope at UWA (>15 GHz), known as the **ORGAN Experiment**  
**Oscillating Resonant Group AxioN Experiment**
- Multi-stage project:
  - Narrow Search around 26-27 GHz (short term plan)
  - Wider scan at high frequency (15-50 GHz – long term goal)
- Lots of motivation for high frequency searches:
  - SMASH model
  - Claimed results in Josephson Junctions
  - **No one is looking there with a haloscope**

# Group introduces six new particles to standard model to solve five enduring problems

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## Standard Model-Axion-Seesaw-Higgs Portal Inflation. Five problems of particle physics and cosmology solved in one stroke

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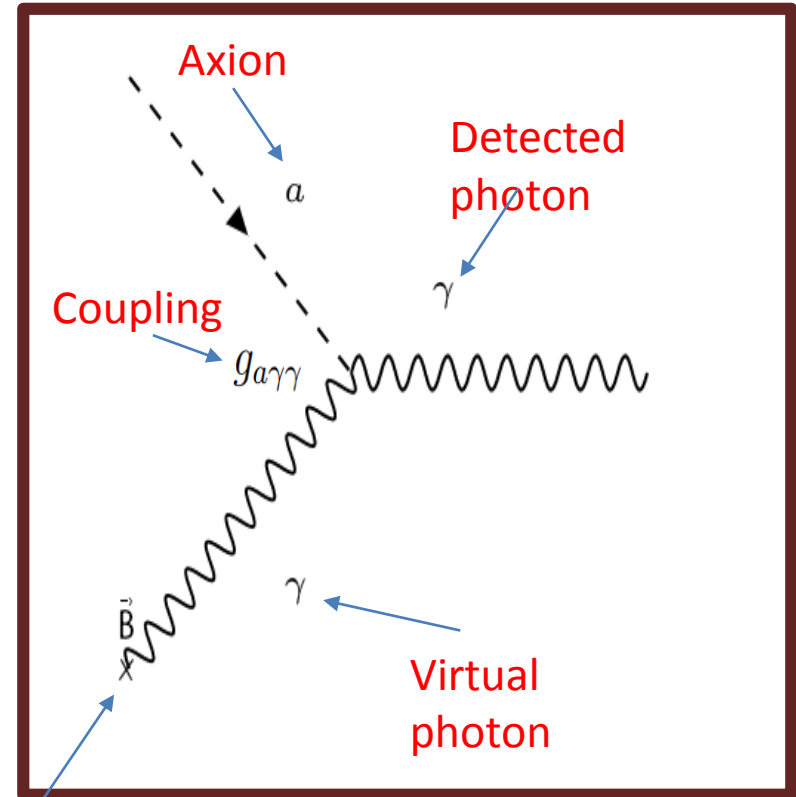
**Abstract** : We present a minimal extension of the Standard Model (SM) providing a consistent picture of particle physics from the electroweak scale to the Planck scale and of cosmology from inflation until today. Three right-handed neutrinos  $N_i$ , a new color triplet  $Q$  and a complex SM-singlet scalar  $\sigma$ , whose vacuum expectation value  $v_\sigma \sim 10^{11}$  GeV breaks lepton number and a Peccei-Quinn symmetry simultaneously, are added to the SM. At low energies, the model reduces to the SM, augmented by seesaw generated neutrino masses and mixing, plus the axion. The latter solves the strong CP problem and accounts for the cold dark matter in the Universe. The inflaton is comprised by a mixture of  $\sigma$  and the SM Higgs and reheating of the Universe after inflation proceeds via the Higgs portal. Baryogenesis occurs via thermal leptogenesis. Thus, five fundamental problems of particle physics and cosmology are solved at one stroke in this unified Standard Model - Axion - Seesaw - Higgs portal inflation (SMASH) model. It can be probed decisively by upcoming cosmic microwave background and axion dark matter experiments.



# How do you detect them

$$\mathcal{L} \propto ag_{a\gamma\gamma} \vec{E}_{cavity} \bullet \vec{B}_{ext}$$

Lagrangian gives effective strength



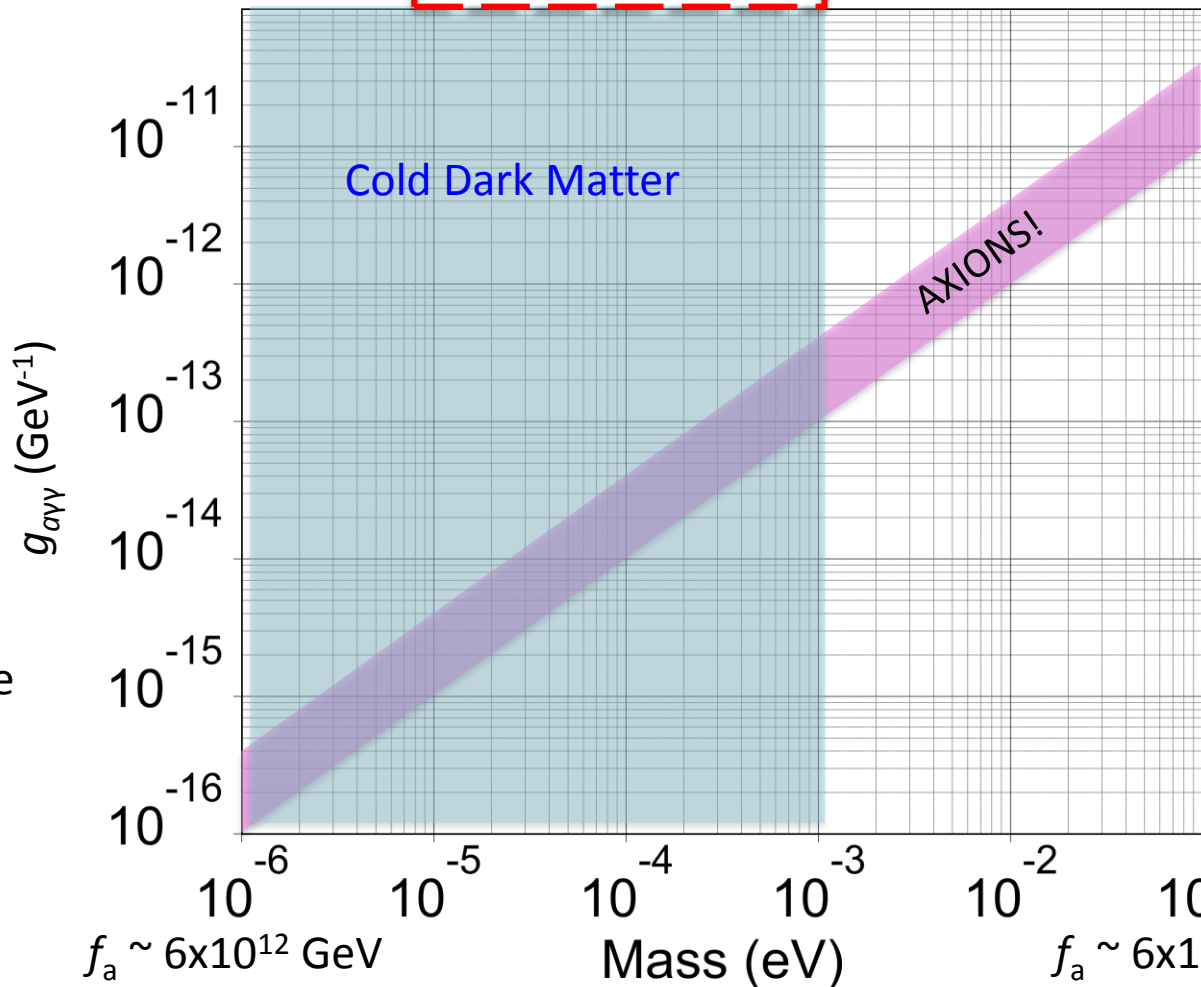
From an external DC magnetic field

Resonant cavity

# Axion Mass / Photon Coupling

Microwaves  
& mm-waves

Photon Frequency  
240 MHz      24 GHz      24 THz



Axion decay

Energy loss  
(e.g. SN1987A)

Overclosure

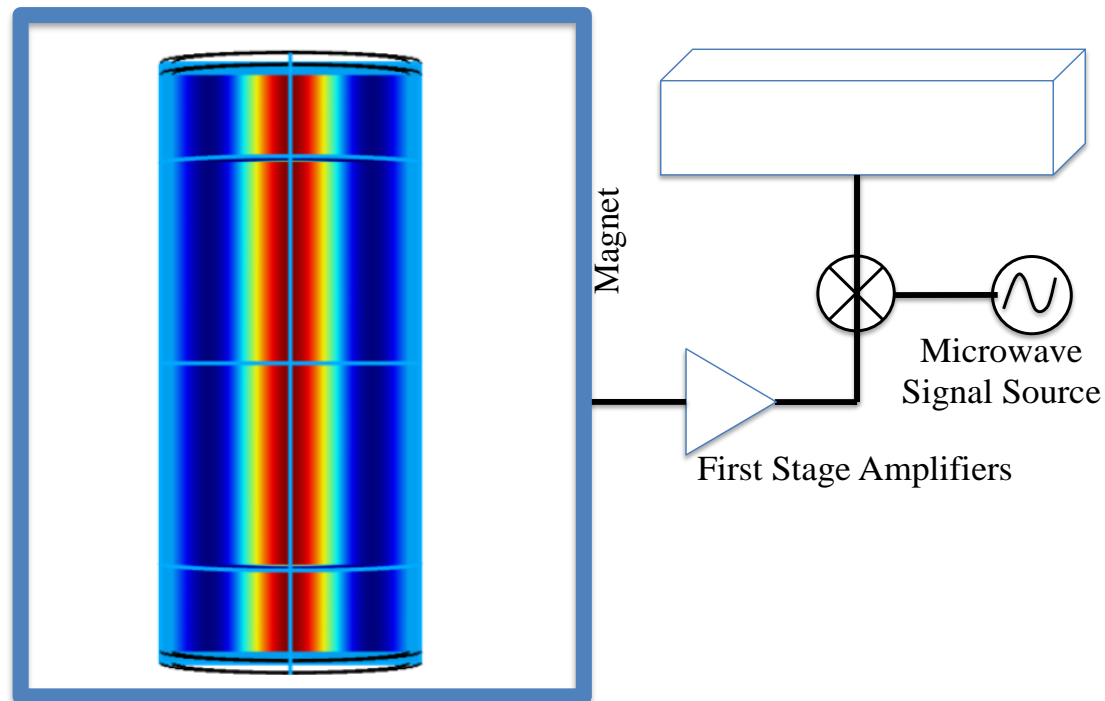
# FIRST STEP

## Oscillating Resonator Group AxioN Pathfinder Project

### ORGAN PIPE

Start with 1 cavity borrow  
equipment from other  
projects...

- 1) Check Detection Claim
- 2) Show proof of concept at higher masses
- 3) Test novel noise reduction and signal enhancing techniques





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## Physics of the Dark Universe

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## The ORGAN experiment: An axion haloscope above 15 GHz



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### ABSTRACT

We present first results and future plans for the Oscillating Resonant Group AxioN (ORGAN) experiment, a microwave cavity axion haloscope situated in Perth, Western Australia designed to probe for high mass axions motivated by several theoretical models. The first stage focuses around 26.6 GHz in order to directly test a claimed result, which suggests axions exist at the corresponding mass of 110  $\mu\text{eV}$ . Later stages will move to a wider scan range of 15–50 GHz (62–207  $\mu\text{eV}$ ). We present the results of the pathfinding run, which sets a limit on  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$  of  $2.02 \times 10^{-12} \text{eV}^{-1}$  at 26.531 GHz, or 110  $\mu\text{eV}$ , in a span of 2.5 neV (shaped by the Lorentzian resonance) with 90% confidence. Furthermore, we outline the current design and future strategies to eventually attain the sensitivity to search for well known axion models over the wider mass range.

# First run complete



TM<sub>020</sub> mode

sampling frequency of the digitizer is 1GHz, the 26.54GHz

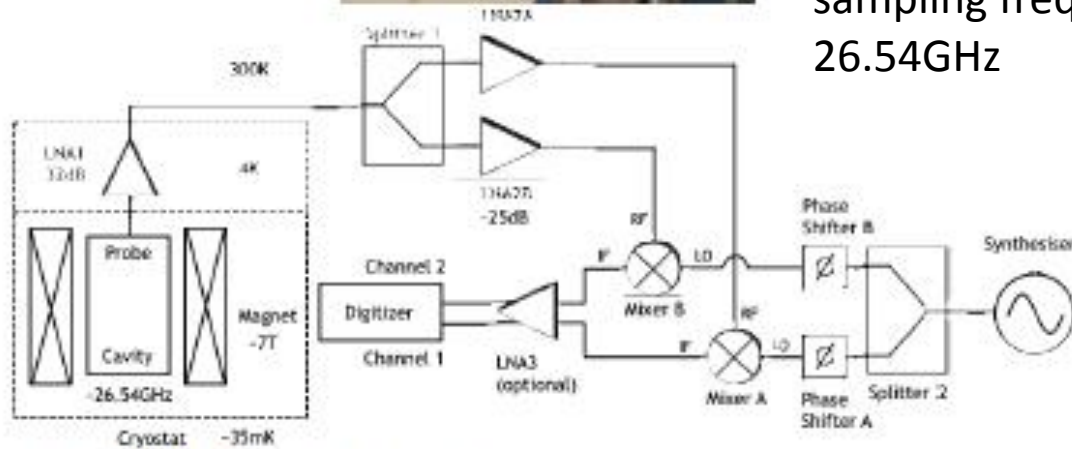
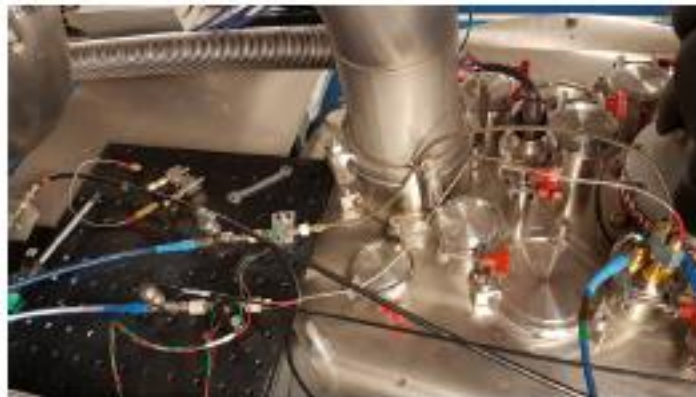


Figure 3.1: **ORGAN configuration.** The copper microwave cavity being used in the initial experiment (top) and a current ORGAN hardware diagram (bottom).



# Magnet & readout



7 T Magnet (10 cm bore)



LNH Cryo HEMTS

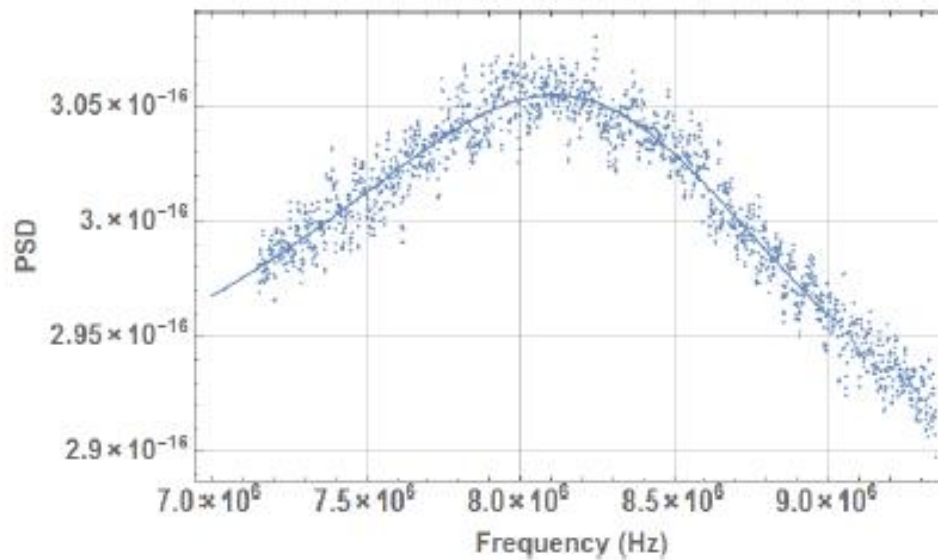
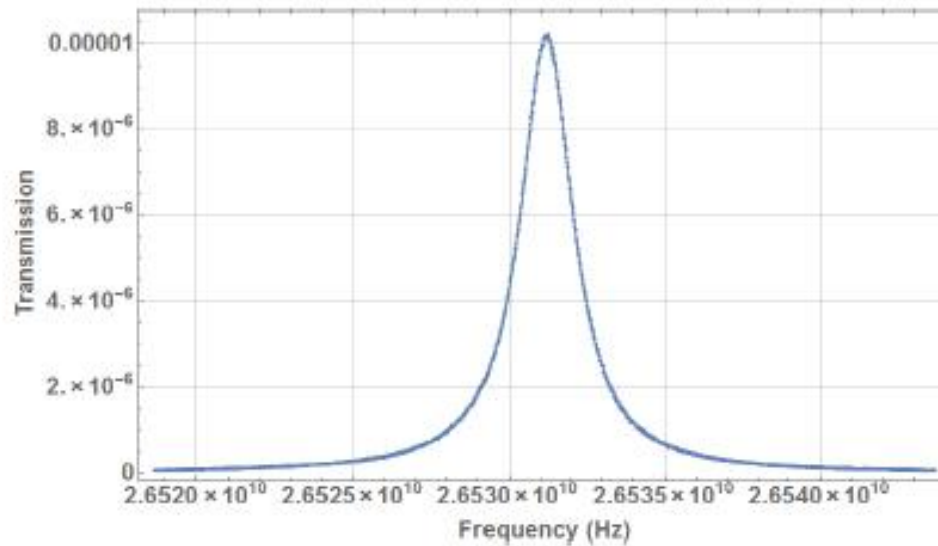
~10 K Noise temp (15 – 29 GHz)

Need to develop JPA's at high frequency

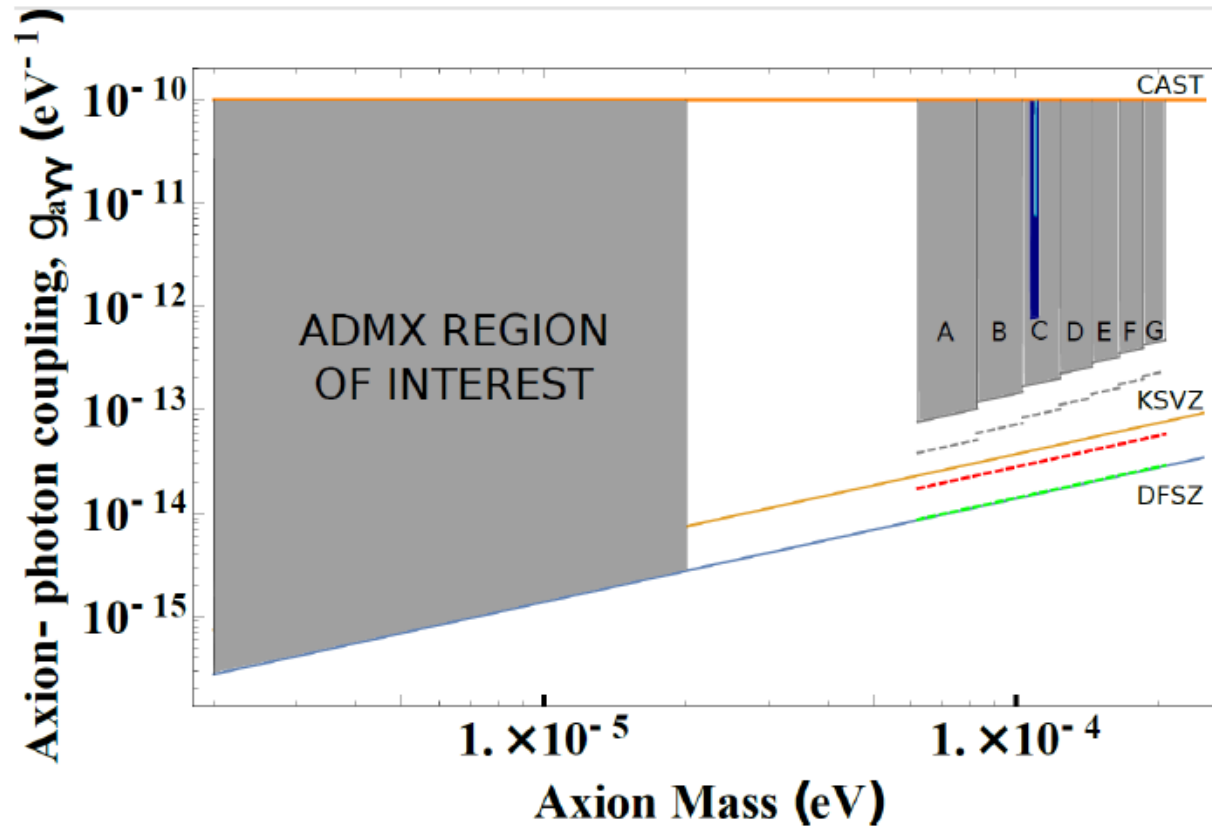
2-channel digitizer  
Keysight U5303A



# ORGAN



# Sensitivity Projections



- Narrow aqua bar is pathfinder result
- Wider navy bar is 2018 run, 26-27 GHz
- A→G are the 2018-2025 runs, with 14 T magnet and SQL Amps
- Dashed limits depend on new technology and R&D ie Squeezed vacuum to beat SQL, upgrade magnet again to 28 T



# Novel Resonator Designs

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## Tunable Supermode Dielectric Resonators for Axion Dark-Matter Haloscopes

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We present frequency-tuning mechanisms for dielectric resonators, which undergo “supermode” interactions as they tune. The tunable schemes are based on dielectric materials strategically placed inside traditional cylindrical resonant cavities, necessarily operating in transverse-magnetic modes for use in axion haloscopes. The first technique is based on multiple dielectric disks with radii smaller than that of the cavity. The second scheme relies on hollow dielectric cylinders similar to a Bragg resonator, but with a different location and dimension. Specifically, we engineer a significant increase in form factor for the  $TM_{030}$  mode utilizing a variation of a distributed Bragg reflector resonator. Additionally, we demonstrate an application of traditional distributed Bragg reflectors in TM modes which may be applied to a haloscope.

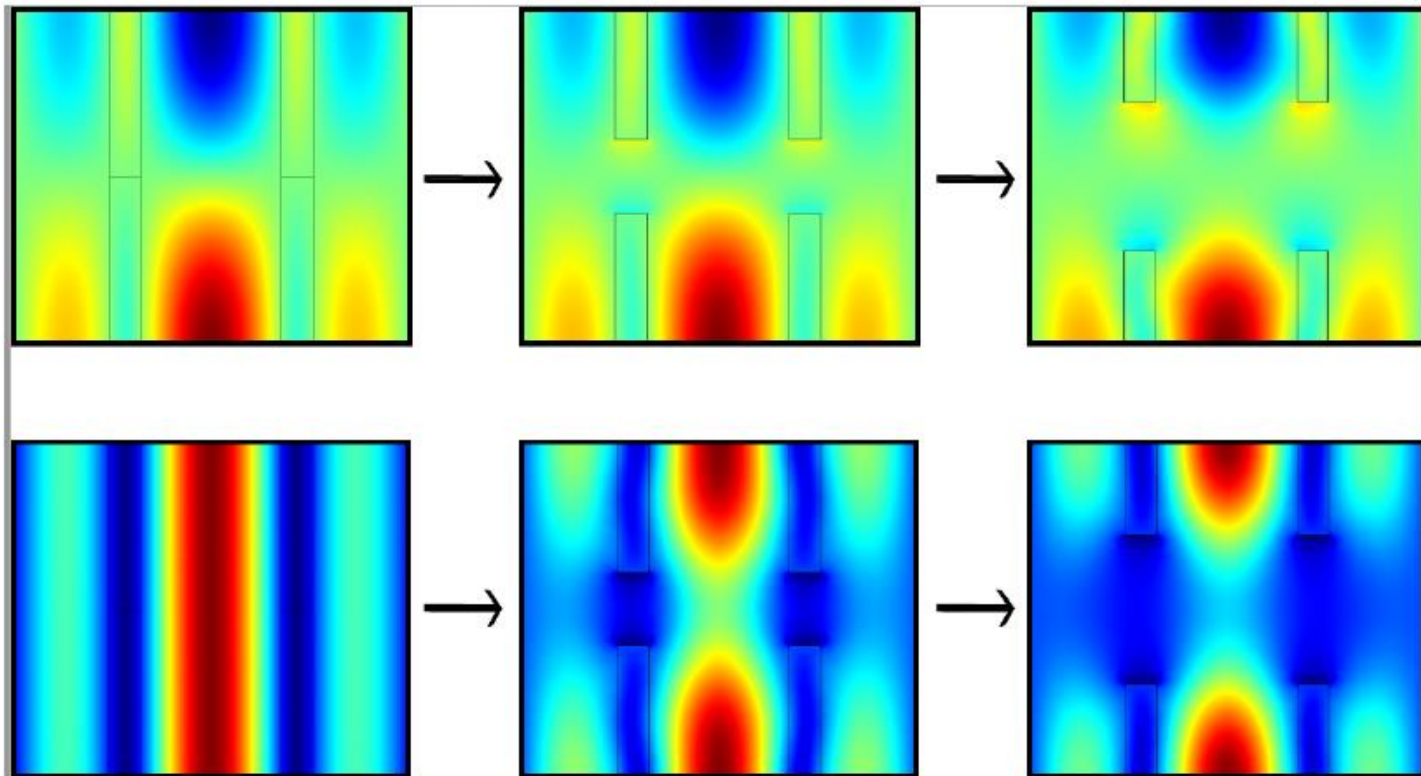
Theoretical and experimental results are presented showing an increase in  $Q$  factor and tunability due to the supermode effect. The  $TM_{030}$  ring-resonator mode offers a between 1 and 2-order-of-magnitude improvement in axion sensitivity over current conventional cavity systems and will be employed in the forthcoming ORGAN experiment.

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# Axion-Bragg Resonator

- We can tune this structure, similar to the disk structure
- Axial “supermodes”
- TM<sub>030</sub> and TM<sub>031</sub> modes



## Conclusion

- ORGAN Experiment Pathfinding run complete
- 7 years of funding through ARC Centre of Excellence for Engineered Quantum Systems
- Several phases planned
  - 26-27 GHz tunable run 2018
  - 15-50 GHz 2019-2025
- Novel resonator designs to be employed
  - Dielectric Disks
  - Bragg resonators
  - Axion-Bragg resonators
- Tuning via “supermode” interaction

# New Grant Application for 5 more Dark Matter Experiments

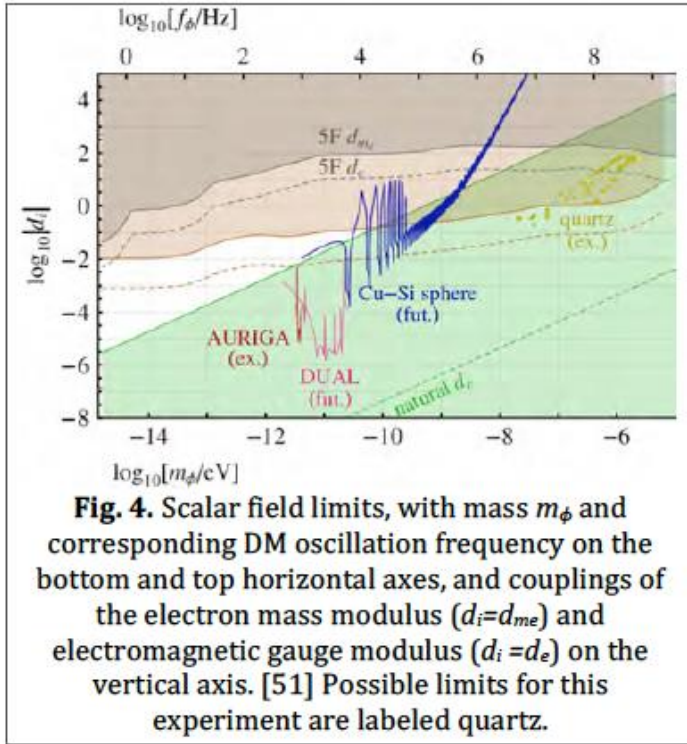
Precision Low Energy Experiments to Search for New Physics

Number	Name	Participant Type	Current Organisation(s)	Relevant Organisation
1	Prof Michael Tobar	Chief Investigator	The University of Western Australia	The University of Western Australia
2	Dr Maxim Goryachev	Chief Investigator	The University of Western Australia	The University of Western Australia
3	Prof Eugene Ivanov	Chief Investigator	The University of Western Australia	The University of Western Australia
4	Prof Frank Wilczek	Partner Investigator	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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6	Prof Ik Siong Heng	Partner Investigator	University of Glasgow, UK	University of Glasgow, UK

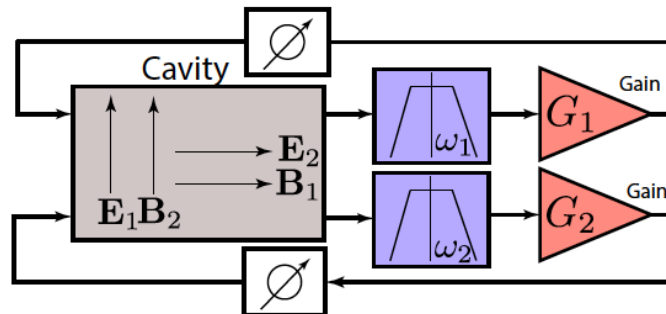
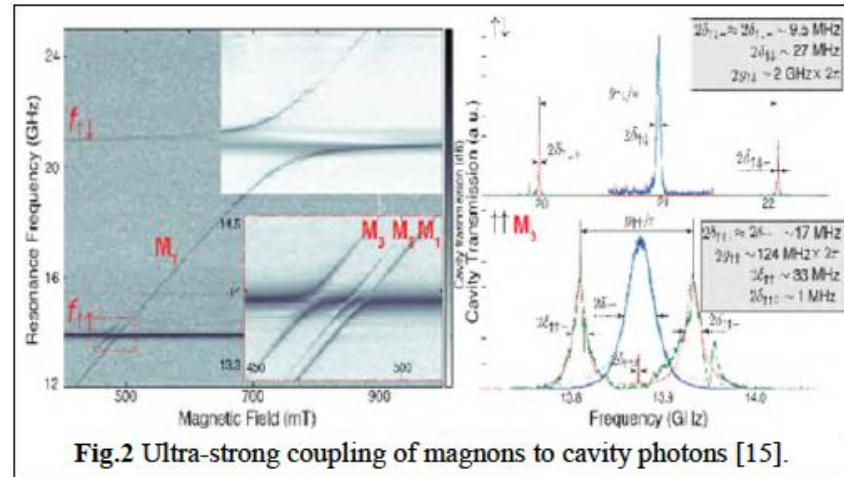
- Centre of Excellence Application for 7 years of funding
- Short Listed 10 out of 20 to be funded
- Headed by Prof. Elisabetta Barberio Univ. Melb

# New Ideas for DM Searches

Search for Scalar particles with phonons  
(Resonant GW Detectors)



Search for Spin 0 Bosons (axions) interaction with spins



Dual-Mode Oscillator coupled to axions

## 3D lumped LC resonators as low mass axion haloscopes

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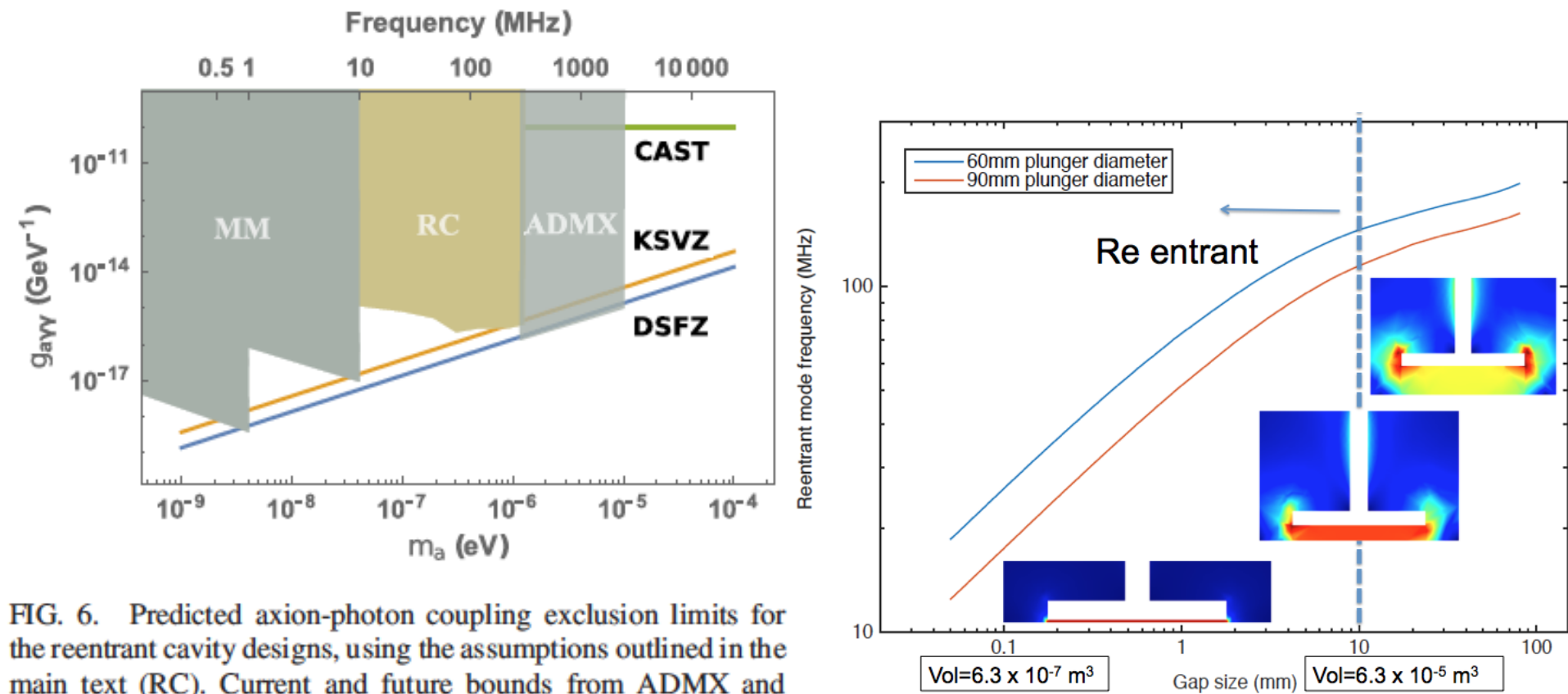


FIG. 6. Predicted axion-photon coupling exclusion limits for the reentrant cavity designs, using the assumptions outlined in the main text (RC). Current and future bounds from ADMX and CAST are shown for comparison, along with the predicted exclusion limits for magnetometer experiments (MM) presented in Ref. [21].



# Modified Axion Electrodynamics through Oscillating Vacuum Polarization and Magnetization and Low Mass Detection

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We present a reformulation of axion modified electrodynamics where the equations maintain a similar form Maxwell's, with all modifications redefined within the constitutive relations between  $\vec{D}$ ,  $\vec{H}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{E}$  fields. In this reformulation the axion induced bound charge density, polarization current density and bound current density are identified along with the associated induced vacuum polarization and magnetization, which are shown to satisfy the charge-current continuity equation. The reformulation is important when considering conversions of axions into photons, relevant in many experimental contexts. For example, when a DC  $\vec{B}$ -field is applied, oscillating bound vacuum charges and polarization currents are induced at a frequency equivalent to the axion mass. In contrast, when a large DC  $\vec{E}$  field is applied, an oscillating bound current or magnetization of the vacuum is induced at a frequency equivalent to the axion mass. Moreover, the integral forms of the equations can be used to clearly define the boundary conditions between distinct media either with or without axion induced vacuum polarization or magnetization. This provides clarity when considering experiments sensitive to axion induced electric and/or magnetic effects inside or outside the high DC field region. For example, we show how the axion induced oscillating polarization under a DC magnetic field is analogous to a permanent polarised electret oscillating at the frequency of the axion's Compton mass. The oscillating electret sources an EMF which acts to change the Lorentz Force acting on conducting electrons as well bound electrons in a dielectric. This means that conductors and capacitors in a high DC magnetic field can act as a detector for low-mass axions without suppression of the signal due to electromagnetic shielding.

Comments: Calculation of axion modification to the Lorentz Force Included. Included Electret analogy. Deleted Errors

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# Reformulate Modified Electrodynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D}_a &= \rho_f \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}_a &= \vec{J}_f + \frac{\partial \vec{D}_a}{\partial t} \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

Similar to Standard  
Model Extension  
Modifications for  
Lorentz Invariance  
Violations

## Modification in the Constitutive Relations

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{D}_a &= \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} + \vec{P}_a & \vec{P}_a &= -g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} (a \vec{B}) \\ \vec{H}_a &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} - \vec{M} - \vec{M}_a & \vec{M}_a &= g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} (a \vec{E})\end{aligned}$$



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## Two Applications of Axion Electrodynamics

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$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \kappa a \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\kappa$  is a coupling constant. The resulting equations are

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \tilde{\rho} - \kappa \nabla a \cdot \mathbf{B}, \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t, \quad (3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \partial \mathbf{E} / \partial t + \tilde{\mathbf{j}} + \kappa (\dot{a} \mathbf{B} + \nabla a \times \mathbf{E}), \quad (5)$$

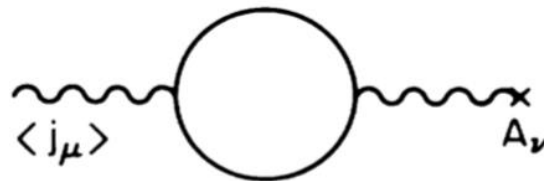


FIG. 3. Expectation of the current in a background field is derived from the vacuum polarization.

## Signals for Lorentz violation in electrodynamics

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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \partial_0 \vec{D} &= 0, & \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} &= 0, & \begin{pmatrix} \vec{D} \\ \vec{H} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \kappa_{DE} & \kappa_{DB} \\ \kappa_{HE} & 1 + \kappa_{HB} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \partial_0 \vec{B} &= 0, & \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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## New methods of testing Lorentz violation in electrodynamics

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_0 (\tilde{\epsilon}_r + \kappa_{DE}) & \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \kappa_{DB} \\ \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} \kappa_{HE} & \mu_0^{-1} (\tilde{\mu}_r^{-1} + \kappa_{HB}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \sim \kappa_{DB} \kappa_{HE}$$

Axion Interaction similar to odd parity Lorentz Invariance Violation



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## Physics > Instrumentation and Detectors

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The mass of axion dark matter is only weakly bounded by cosmological observations, necessitating a variety of detection techniques over several orders of magnitude of mass ranges. Axions haloscopes based on resonant cavities have become the current standard to search for dark matter axions. Such structures are inherently narrowband and for low masses the volume of the required cavity becomes prohibitively large. Broadband low-mass detectors have already been proposed using inductive magnetometer sensors and a gapped toroidal solenoid magnet. In this work we propose an alternative, which uses electric sensors in a conventional solenoidal magnet aligned in the laboratory  $z$ -axis, as implemented in standard haloscope experiments. In the presence of the DC magnetic field, the inverse Primakoff effect causes a time varying electric vacuum polarization (or displacement current) in the  $z$ -direction to oscillate at the axion Compton frequency. We propose non-resonant techniques to detect this oscillating polarization by implementing a capacitive sensor or an electric dipole antenna coupled to a low noise amplifier. We present the first experimental results and discuss the foundations and potential of this proposal. Preliminary results constrain  $g_{a\gamma\gamma} > \sim 2.35 \times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$  in the mass range of  $2.08 \times 10^{-11}$  to  $2.2 \times 10^{-11}$  eV, and demonstrate potential sensitivity to axion-like dark matter with masses in the range of  $10^{-12}$  to  $10^{-8}$  eV.

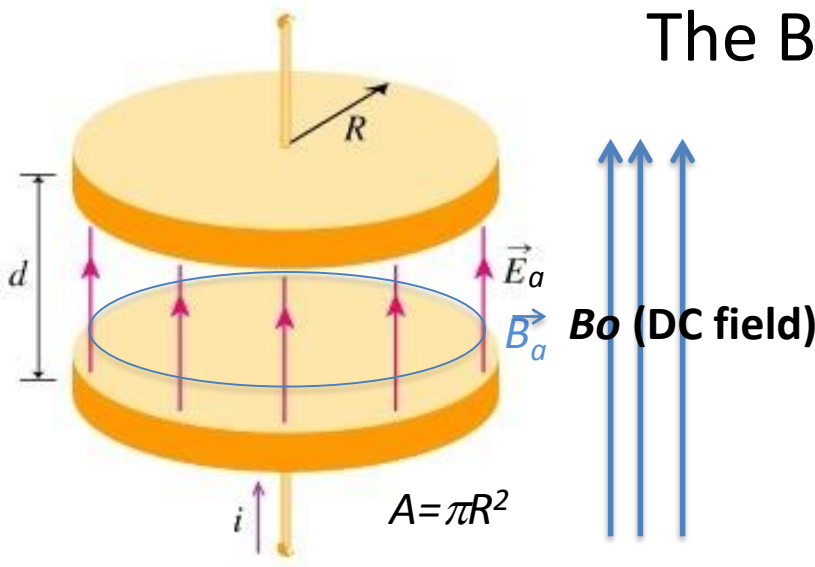
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# The BEAST Experiment



$$I_a(t) = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a_0 \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} A B_0 \omega_a \sin(\omega_a t)$$

$$V_a(t) = -\frac{F_a d}{q_a} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} d \frac{c}{\epsilon_r} B_0 \cos(\omega_a t)$$

$$I_a^{\text{RMS}} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} A \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} B_0 \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}} c^3}$$

$$V_a^{\text{RMS}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} g_{a\gamma\gamma} d \left( \frac{c}{\omega_a} \right) B_0 \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}} c^3}$$

Measure with SQUID (current) or High Impedance Amplifier (Voltage)

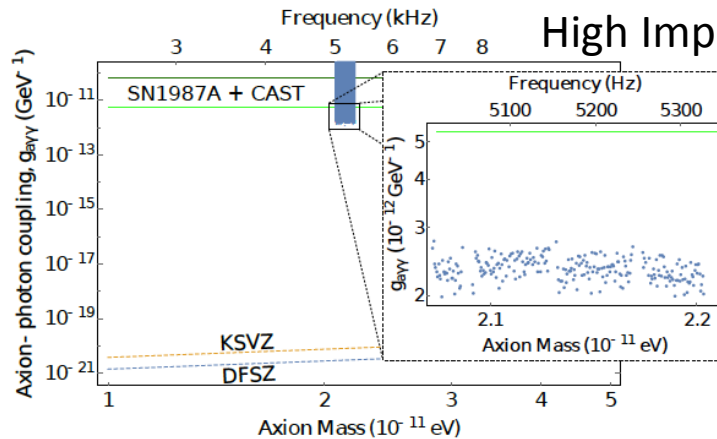


FIG. 3: Exclusion limits from the proof of concept experiment with a single capacitor coupled to a SQUID.

Previous best limits in the region from CAST (green) SN1987A (light green) are also plotted. Also shown are popular axion model bands, KSVZ (gold, dashed) and DFSZ (blue, dashed). The inset shows the actual limit as a function of mass, including the narrow regions where limits could not be placed due to large noise sources.

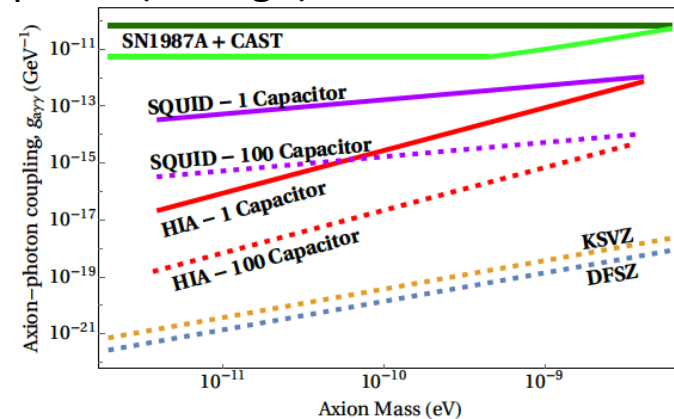


FIG. 1: Projected limits for the BEAST experiment, utilizing: a single capacitor (purple) and 100 capacitors (purple, dashed) coupled to a SQUID, and a single capacitor (red) and 100 capacitors (red, dashed) coupled to a high-impedance amplifier. Current best limits in the region from CAST (green) SN1987A (light green) are also plotted. Also shown are popular axion model bands, KSVZ (gold, dashed) and DFSZ (blue, dashed).



# Axion Detection with Precision Frequency Metrology

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We investigate a new class of galactic halo axion detection techniques based on precision frequency and phase metrology. Employing equations of axion electrodynamics, it is demonstrated how a dual mode cavity exhibits linear mode–mode coupling mediated by the axion upconversion and axion downconversion processes. The approach demonstrates phase sensitivity with an ability to detect axion phase with respect to externally pumped signals. Axion signal to phase spectral density conversion is calculated for open and closed loop detection schemes. The fundamental limits of the proposed approach come from the precision of frequency and environment control electronics, rather than fundamental thermal fluctuations allowing for table–top experiments approaching state–of–the–art cryogenic axion searches in sensitivity. Practical realisations are considered, including a TE–TM mode pair in a cylindrical cavity resonator and two orthogonally polarised modes in a Fabry–Perot cavity.

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# Frequency Metrology in Paraphoton Detection

New alternative to Light Shining through a Wall

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## Hidden sector photon coupling of resonant cavities

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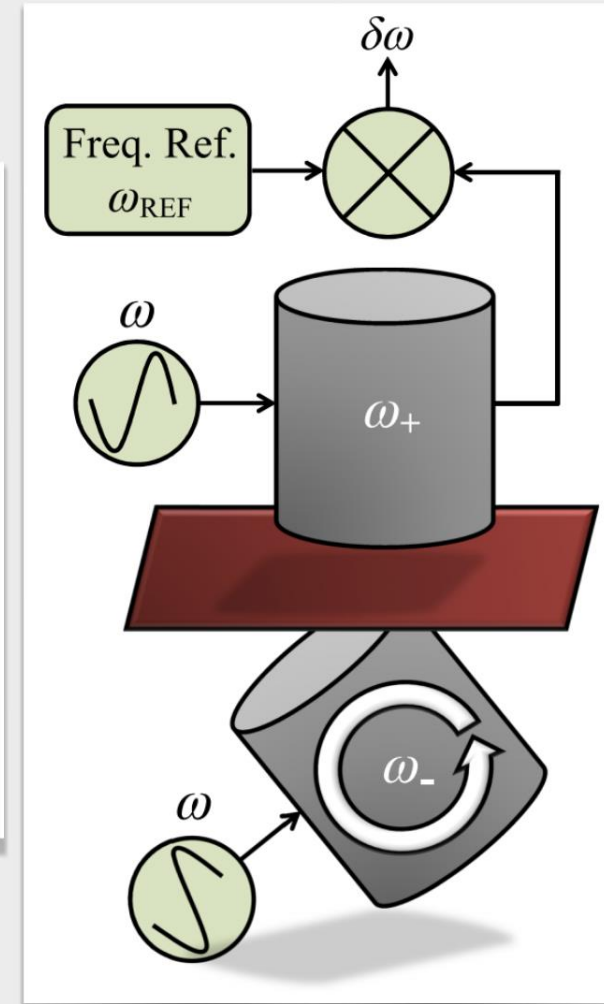
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Many beyond the standard model theories introduce light paraphotons, a hypothetical spin-1 field that kinetically mixes with photons. Microwave cavity experiments have traditionally searched for paraphotons via transmission of power from an actively driven cavity to a passive receiver cavity, with the two cavities separated by a barrier that is impenetrable to photons. We extend this measurement technique to account for two-way coupling between the cavities and show that the presence of a paraphoton field can alter the resonant frequencies of the coupled cavity pair. We propose an experiment that exploits this effect and uses measurements of a cavity's resonant frequency to constrain the paraphoton-photon mixing parameter  $\chi$ . We show that such an experiment can improve the sensitivity to  $\chi$  over existing experiments for paraphoton masses less than the resonant frequency of the cavity, and that it can eliminate some of the most common systematics for resonant cavity experiments.

coupled mode system

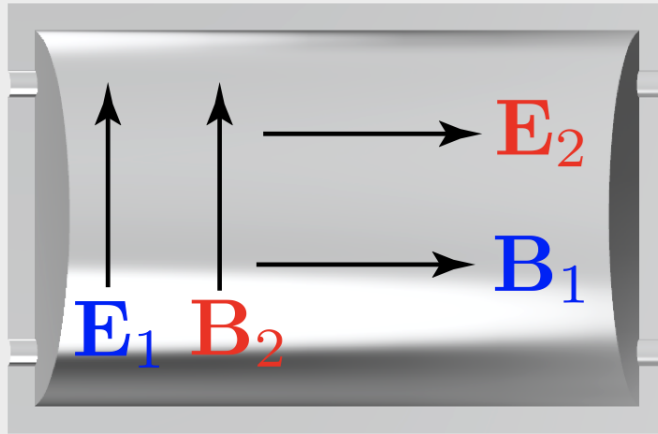


$$\omega_{\pm} \approx \omega_0 \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x^2}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2Q_1Q_2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{m_{\gamma}^2 \chi^2}{\omega_0^2} - \frac{m_{\gamma}^4 \chi^2 G_S}{\omega_0^4} \right) \pm \left( \frac{1}{Q_1Q_2} + x^2 + \frac{2m_{\gamma}^2 x^2 \chi^2}{\omega_0^2} - \frac{2m_{\gamma}^4 x^2 \chi^2 G_S}{\omega_0^4} + \frac{m_{\gamma}^8 \chi^4 G_S^2}{\omega_0^8} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

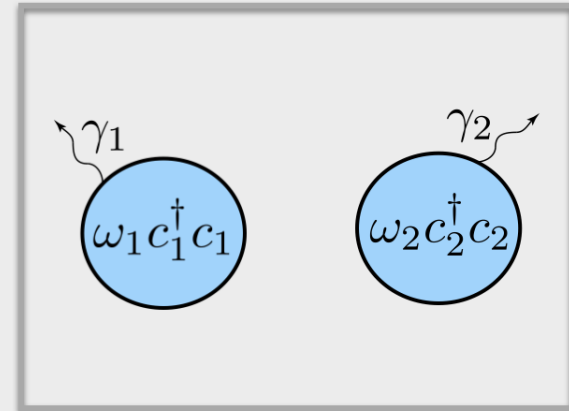
Paraphoton coupling to the 2nd cavity modulate resonance frequency

# System for Axion Detection

photonic cavity with two mutually orthogonal modes



optical or microwave



Axion Electrodynamics

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_a^2 a^2 - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma\gamma}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Hamiltonian Density

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{EM}} + \mathcal{H}_a + \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{EM}} = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} [\mathbf{E}^2 + c^2 \mathbf{B}^2]$$

normal ED

$$\mathcal{H}_a = \frac{\phi^2}{2m_a} + V(\theta)$$

axion

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}} = \epsilon_0 c g_{a\gamma\gamma} \theta \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

interaction

# Axion Mediated Mode-Mode Interaction

based on axion Electrodynamics we derive axion induced coupling between two cavity modes

$$H_{\text{int}} = i\hbar g_{\text{eff}} \theta \left[ \xi_{-} (c_1 c_2^{\dagger} - c_1^{\dagger} c_2) + \xi_{+} (c_1^{\dagger} c_2^{\dagger} - c_1 c_2) \right]$$

Dimensionless Orthogonality Form Factors

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_1 V_2}} \int_V d^3 r (\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_2),$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_1 V_2}} \int_V d^3 r (\mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1).$$

$$\xi_{\pm} = \xi_1 \pm \xi_2$$

Effective Coupling

$$g_{\text{eff}} = \frac{g_a \gamma \gamma}{2} \sqrt{\omega_1 \omega_2}$$

Rotating Wave Approximation

allows optical search at  
microwaves and mm-  
wave

allows microwave search  
at mm-wave

**Axion UpConversion**

$$\omega_a = \omega_2 - \omega_1$$

$$H_U = i\hbar g_{\text{eff}} \xi_{-} (a^* c_1 c_2^{\dagger} - a c_1^{\dagger} c_2)$$

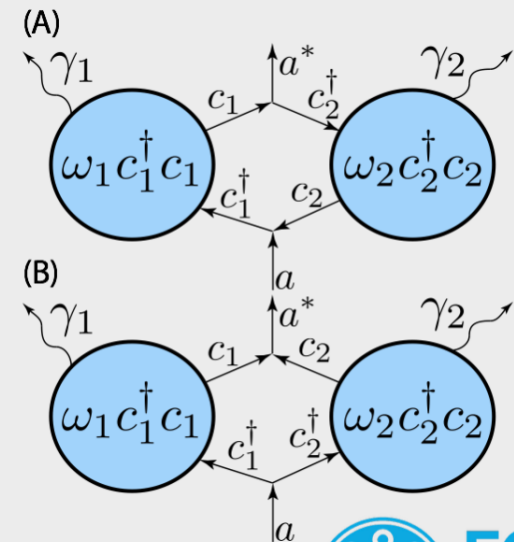
beam splitter

**Axion DownConversion**

$$\omega_a = \omega_2 + \omega_1$$

$$H_D = i\hbar g_{\text{eff}} \xi_{+} (a c_1^{\dagger} c_2^{\dagger} - a^* c_1 c_2)$$

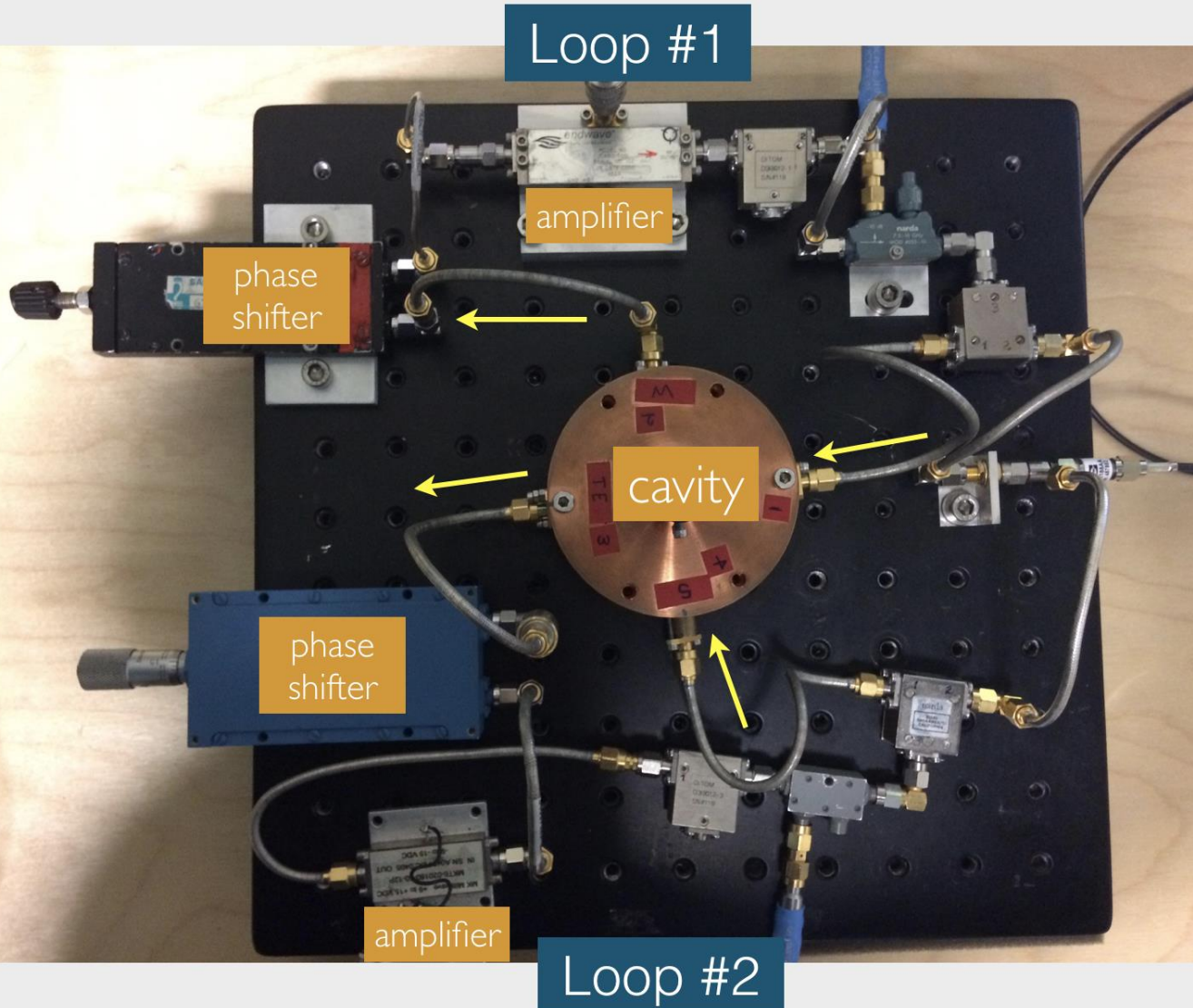
parametric amplification





# Experiment

## Dual Loop Oscillator



$R=22\text{mm}$ ,  $H = 18.5\text{-}83.6\text{ mm}$   
cylindrical copper cavity

TM<sub>022</sub> mode (9GHz)  
TM<sub>011</sub> mode (6.5-9GHz)

$$\xi_- = -0.39.. - 0.5$$

$$\xi_+ = -0.46.. - 0.57$$

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# Probing Dark Universe with Exceptional Points

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It is demonstrated that detection of putative particles such as paraphotons and axions constituting the dark sector of the universe can be reduced to detection of extremely weak links or couplings between cavities and modes. This method allows utilisation of extremely sensitive frequency metrology methods that are not limited by traditional requirements on ultra low temperatures, strong magnetic fields and sophisticated superconducting technology. We show that exceptional points in the eigenmode structure of coupled modes may be used to boost the sensitivity of dark matter mediated weak links. We find observables that are proportional to fractional powers of fundamental coupling constants. Particularly, in case of axion detection, it is demonstrated that resonance frequency scaling with  $\sim \sqrt{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}$  and  $\sim \sqrt[3]{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}$  dependencies can be realised in a ternary photonic cavity system, which is beneficial as these coupling constants are extremely small.

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