

New spin 0 physics from TeV to THz

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EXPECTATION

THEORETICAL UBIQUITY

Chameleon

Relaxion

Galileon

Inflaton

Dilaton

Axion

Moduli

Sgluon

Squarks

Sleptons

Sneutrino

Dark Higgs

Light Higgs

Heavy Higgs

...

*“Simplest consistent Lagrangian:
why wouldn’t Nature realize them?”*

REALITY

EXPERIMENTAL RARITY

Spin 0

$$\sigma_{\text{LHC}}(s=0) \sim 50 \text{ pb}$$

Only few million Higgs bosons
ever created in lab (fewer detected)

Spin 1/2 and 1

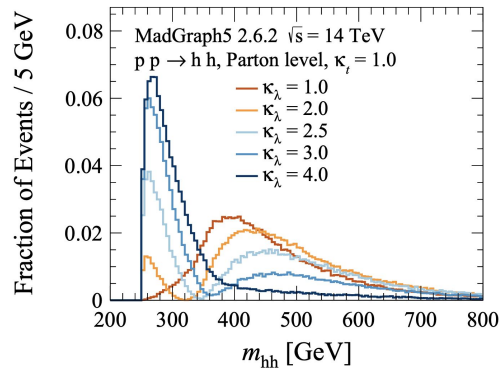
$$\sigma_{\text{LHC}}(s \neq 0) \gg \text{mb}$$

Create so many quarks & gluons
we throw most away (trigger)

*“Where are they all hiding or are there
deeper reasons Nature avoids them?”*

Today: a tale of two interferometers

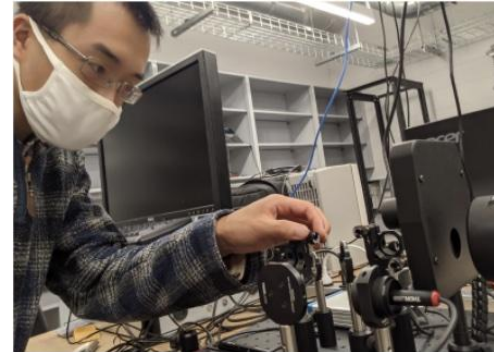
Part 1: TeV Interferometry SCALAR



Higgs self-coupling HL-LHC $hh \rightarrow bbbb$

Amacker,... JL et al [2004.04240]

Part 2: THz Interferometry PSEUDOSCALAR



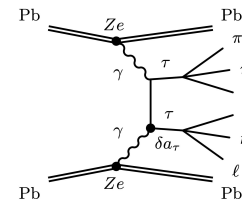
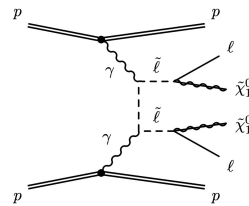
Axion detection Broadband haloscope

Dona, JL et al [2104.07157]

Fascinating but skipping today for brevity:

Sleptons

Beresford & JL
[1811.06465]



Tau $g - 2$

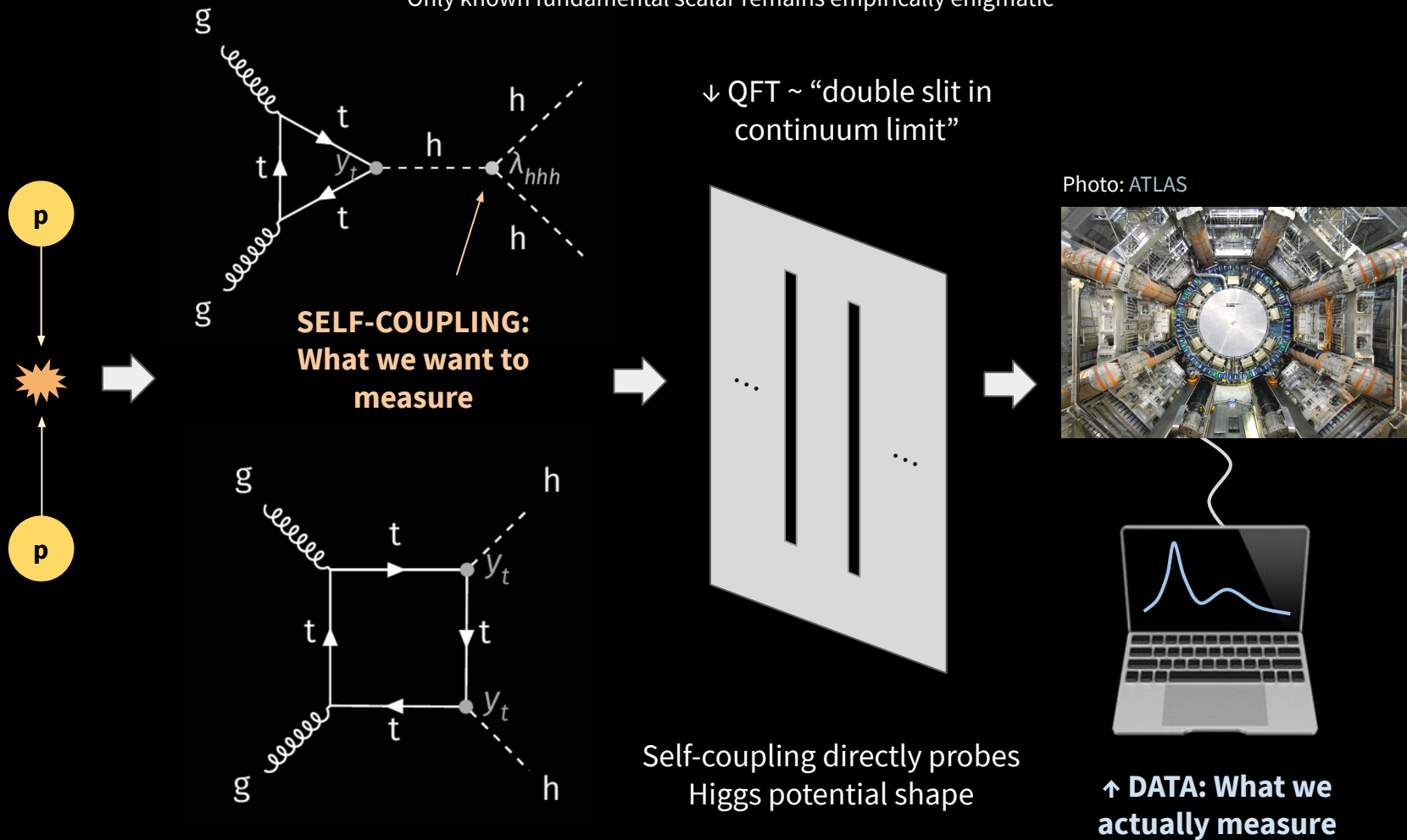
Beresford & JL
[1908.05180]

Please see my seminars at [Cornell](#) (recording) or [Pittsburgh](#) (slides) for overviews

PART 1

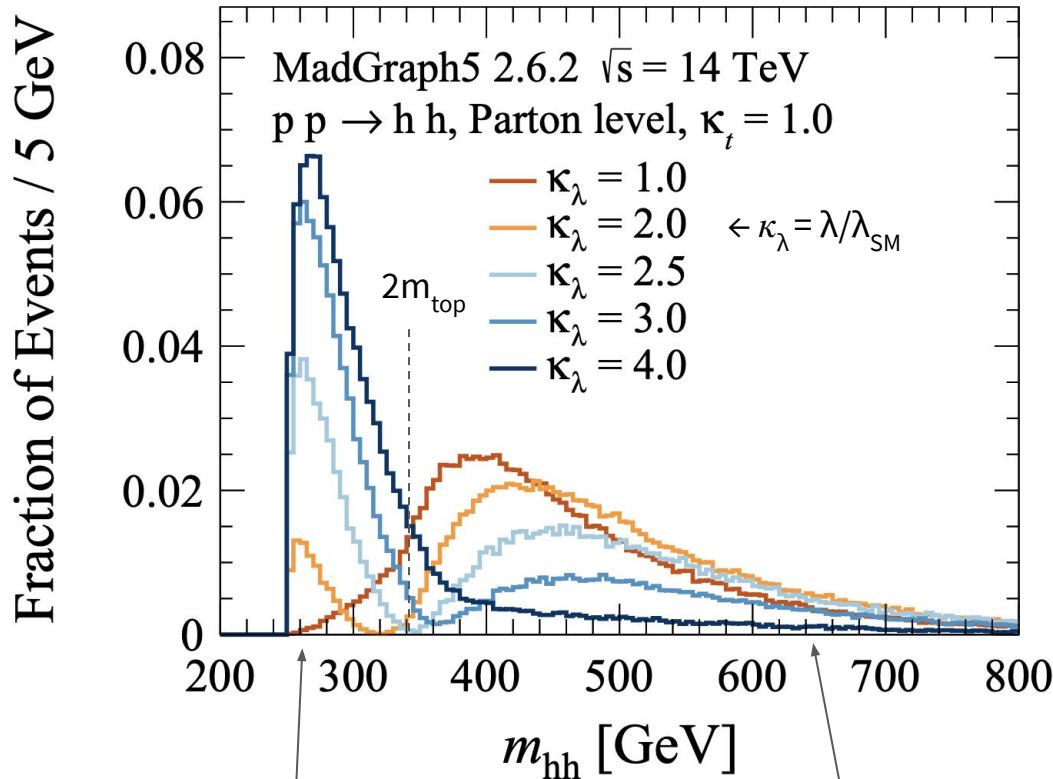
Higgs Boson Interferometry

Only known fundamental scalar remains empirically enigmatic



pp → hh a flagship (HL-)LHC target: see Tulika Bose and Laura Jeanty’s plenary talks earlier today

Di-Higgs quantum interference pattern



Higgs self-coupling measurements using deep learning in the $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ final state [2004.04240](#)

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Conventional wisdom

BSM enhances high mass m_{hh}

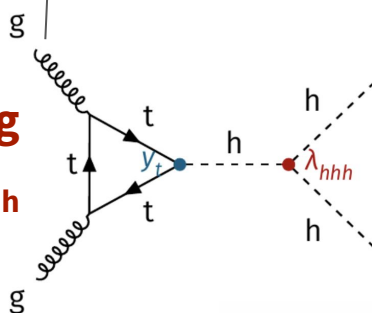
Self-coupling exception

BSM appears near hh threshold at low m_{hh}

Why this is important

Need low p_T multi(b-)jet triggers

→ Self-coupling affects low m_{hh}



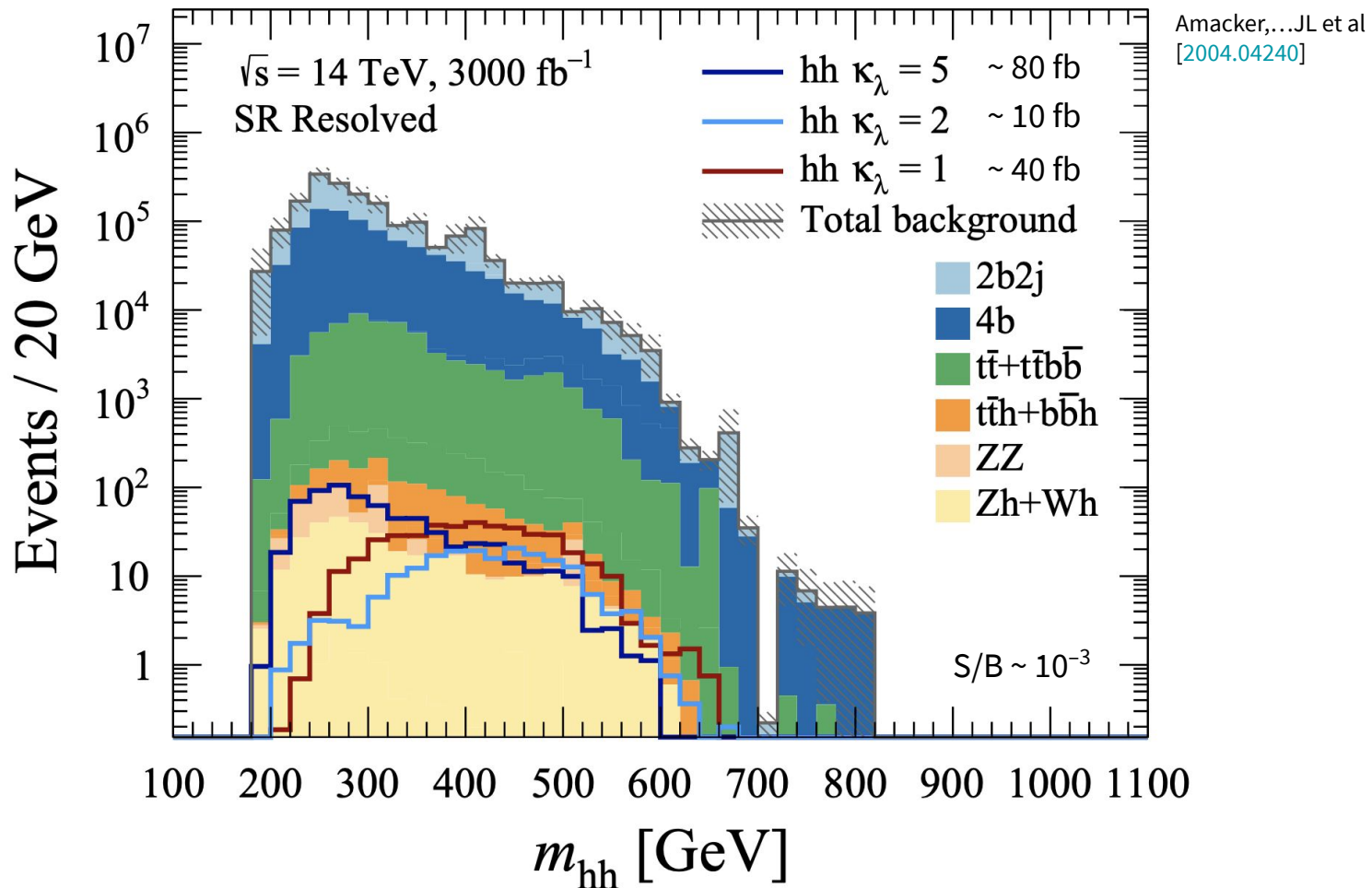
$$\sigma_{\text{triangle}} \sim \lambda_{hhh}^2 y_t^2, \quad \sigma_{\text{box}} \sim y_t^4, \quad \sigma_{\text{interference}} \sim -\lambda_{hhh} y_t^3$$

Destructive interference for $\kappa > 0$

← Top quark box dominates high m_{hh}

↓ Sensitive to sign

hh → 4b: experimentally challenging at HL-LHC



Probing interference desires signal statistics

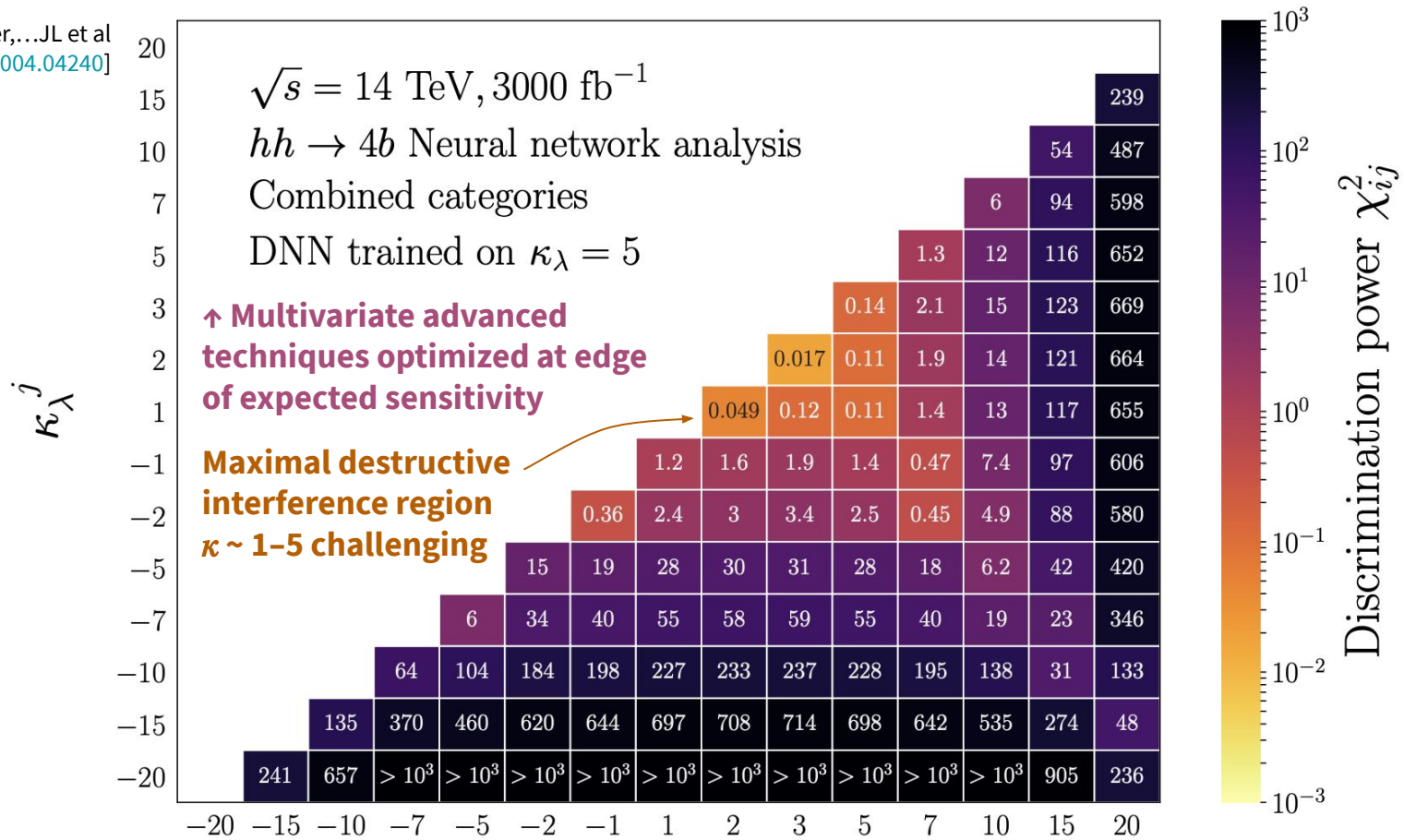
hh → 4b profits from high BR(h → bb) ~ 58%

Formidable multijet backgrounds

Demands %-level systematics control

How well can we tell BSM scenarios apart?

Amacker,...JL et al
[2004.04240]



Many 1D limits* show BSM vs SM

E.g. $\kappa = 1$ row/column of this plot \uparrow

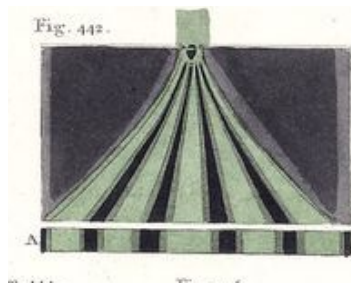
Importance of this plot: BSM vs BSM

κ constraints change if Nature is BSM

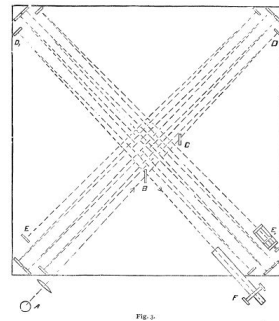
Not just new particles: new transformative paradigms

Spin 1 Interferometry

1800s: Young 1807, Michelson & Morley 1887



BBVA



Am J Sci (1887) 3 34 333-345

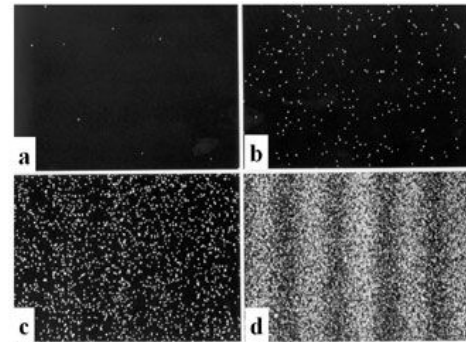
New paradigm

Light is a wave

Foundational to
Michelson–Morley experiment for
Special Relativity

Spin 1/2 Interferometry

1900s: Thomson & Reid, Davisson & Germer 1927



Physics World

New paradigm

Matter is a wave

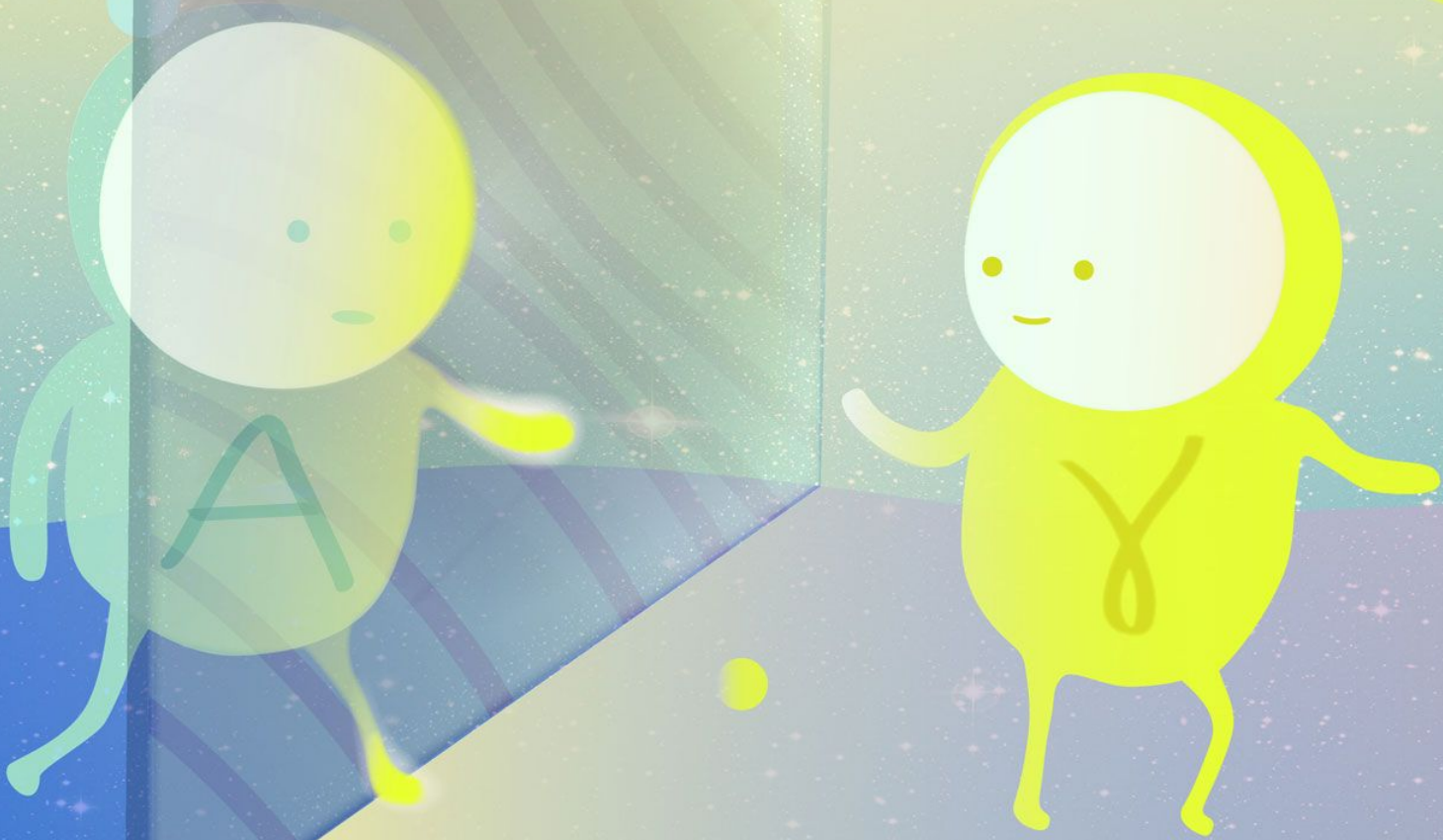
Foundational to
de Broglie hypothesis for
Quantum Theory

2000s: What new paradigms could Higgs Spin 0 Interferometry reveal?

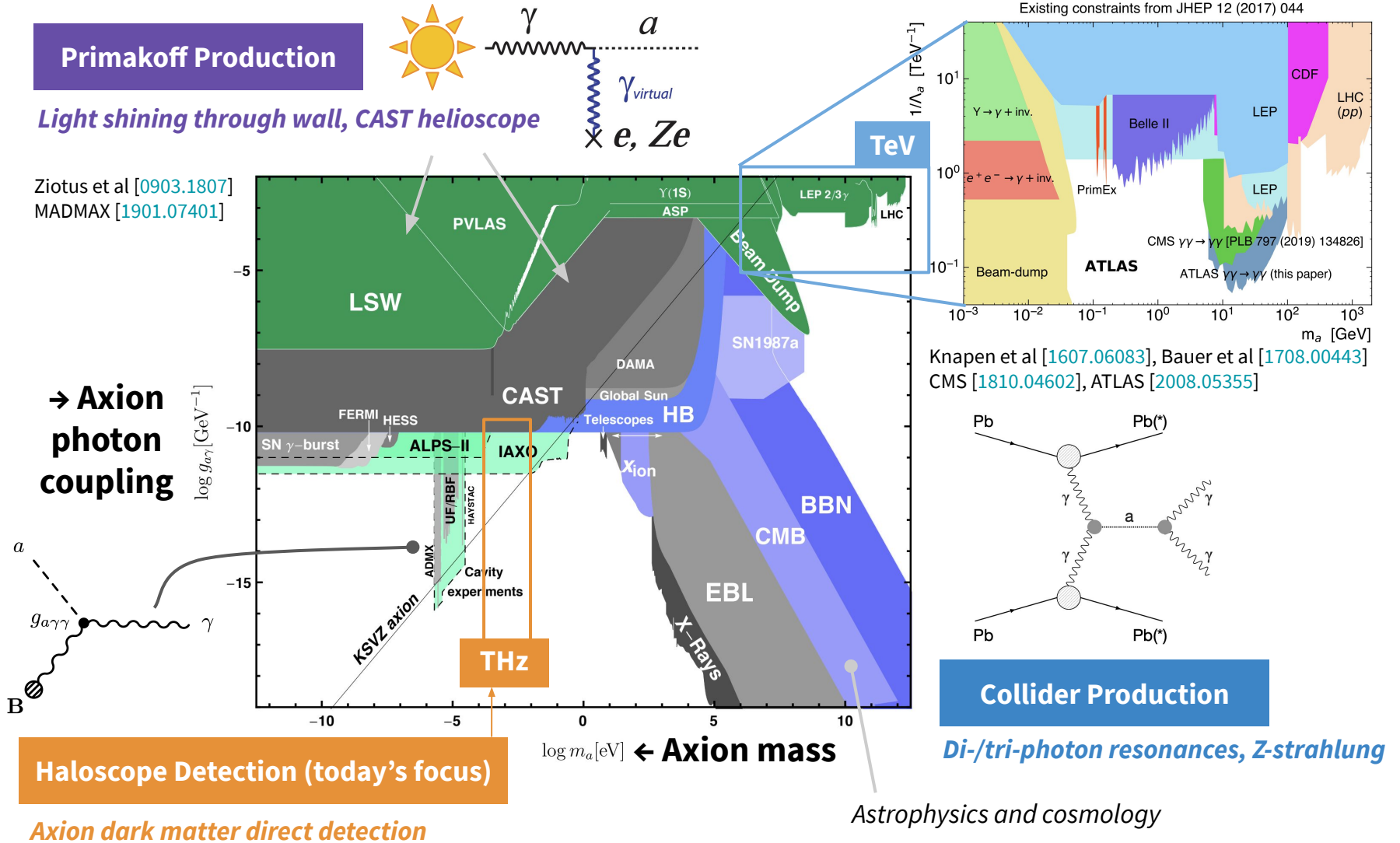
PART 2

Axions and THz Interferometry

AXIONS



Axion search landscape



Problem: high frequency obstructions

Problem 1

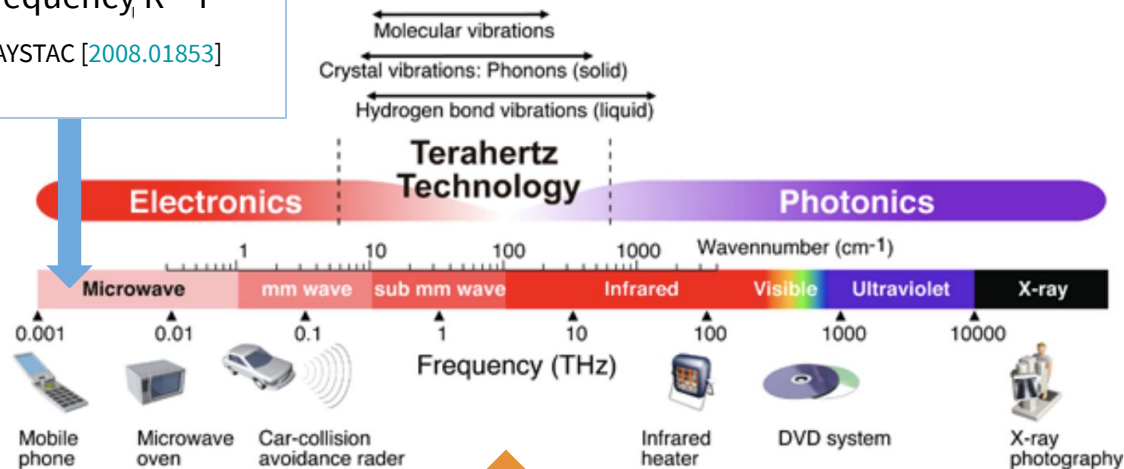
Resonant \Rightarrow narrowband

ADMX cavity haloscope scan rates scale poorly with frequency, $R \sim f^{-14/3}$

ADMX [[1804.05750](#)], HAYSTAC [[2008.01853](#)]

Longstanding confluence of obstructions

Stalled high frequency axion discovery progress



Problem 2

Terahertz technology gap

Historically bright THz sources neither cheap nor commercially mature

Dhillon et al [[J. Phys. D 50 \(2017\) 043001](#)]

Fukunaga et al [[doi.org/10.1117/12.827452](#)]

1 THz = 4 meV

New proposed solution: BREAD

BREAD

Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection

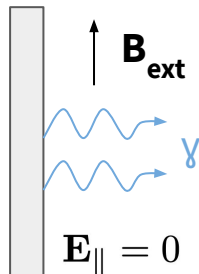
See e.g. Andrew Sonnenschein's CPAD 2021 [talk](#) or [Snowmass Lol](#) for further details

COLLABORATION



STEP 1: CONVERSION

Induce axion-photon conversion via conducting surface in B-field



Axion dark matter modifies Ampère-Maxwell dynamics

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \partial_t \mathbf{E} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{\text{DM}}} \mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}} \cos(m_a t)$$

$$\frac{P_a}{10^{-21} \text{ W}} = 3.1 \cdot \frac{\rho_{\text{CDM}}}{0.3 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}} \frac{A}{10 \text{ m}^2} \left(\frac{B}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \frac{1 \text{ meV}}{m_a} \right)^2$$

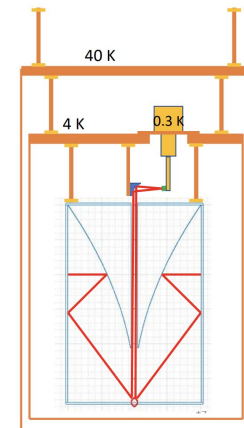
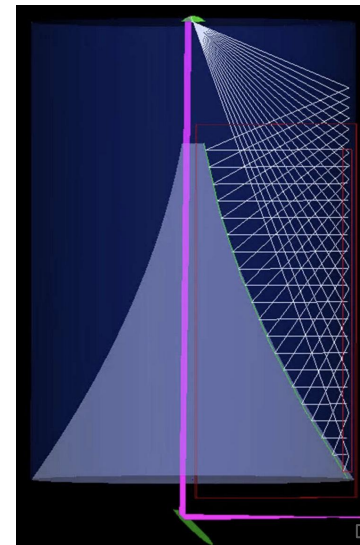
Dish antenna \Rightarrow inherently broadband

Tradeoff: replace resonant amplification with $P \propto A$

Horns et al [[1212.2970](#)]

STEP 2: COLLECTION

Focus signal photons onto sensor using parabolic reflector



Challenge: detect tiny signal above noise

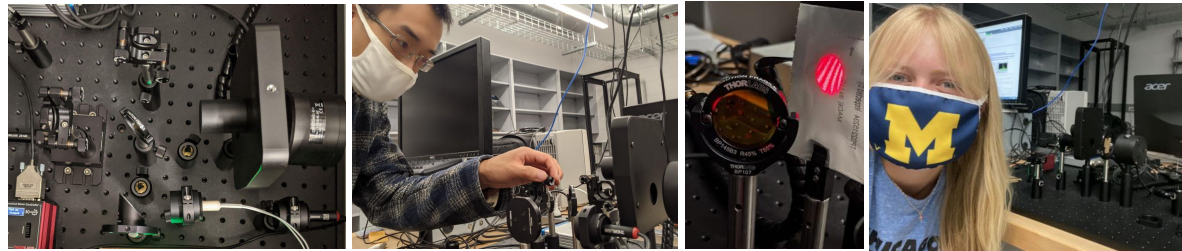
Need broadband spectral analyzer \Rightarrow motivated us to build interferometer

Design & build Michelson interferometer at UChicago

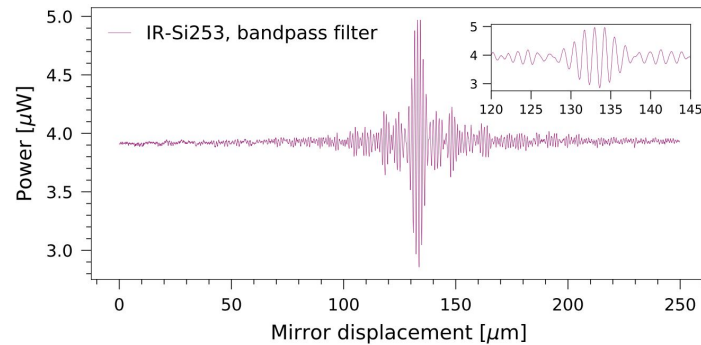
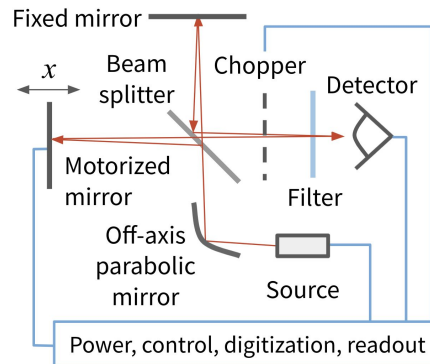
JANUARY 2020
Hardware arrival
& assembly



AUGUST
First laser
fringes



OCTOBER
Begin
measurements



APRIL 2021
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[2104.07157]

Design and performance of a multi-terahertz Fourier transform spectrometer
for axion dark matter experiments

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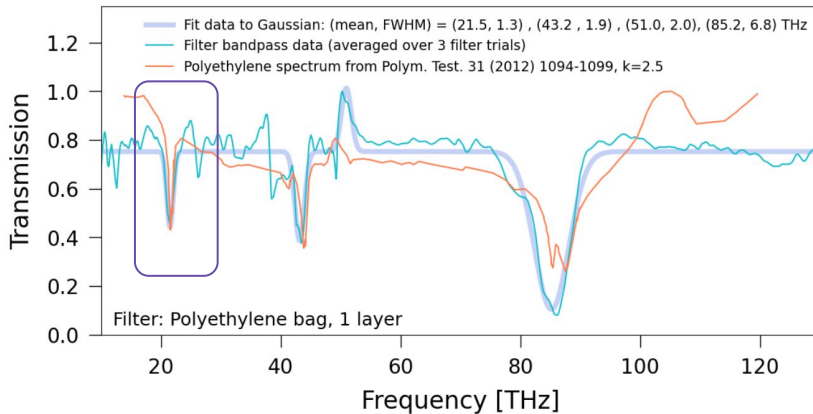
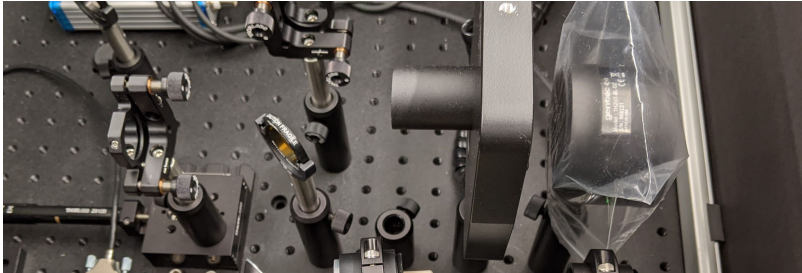
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First tests & performance characterization

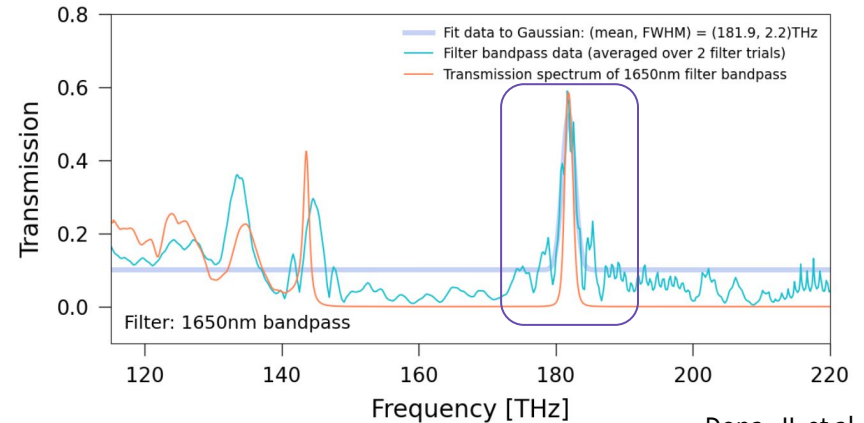
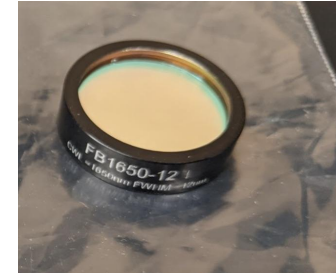
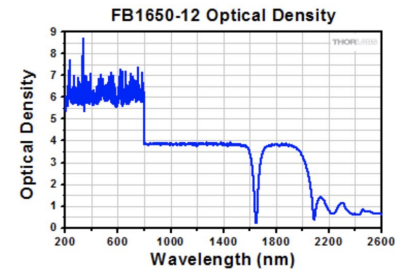
Polyethylene plastic bag

Surprisingly clear far/mid-IR spectral features at low cost



Thorlabs near-IR bandpass

FB1650-12: $f = 1650 \pm 2.4$ nm, $\text{FWHM} = 12 \pm 2.4$ nm



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[2104.07157]

Measured vs expectation across an order of magnitude

Good resolution $\sigma_f / f \sim \%$ (shape + width of narrow peaks)

Axion dark matter would appear as localized peak $f = m_{\text{DM}}$

Use instrument to test optics – future work to see if feasible in real-world axion search

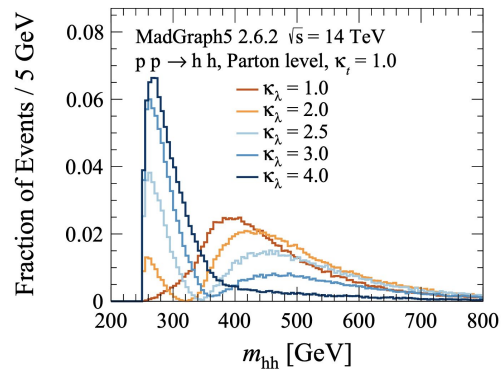
SUMMARY

A TALE OF TWO INTERFEROMETERS

Spin 0: theoretical ubiquity yet experimental rarity \Rightarrow discoveries soon?

Motivates new ideas to probe only fundamental scalar & search for new ones

TeV Interferometry SCALAR

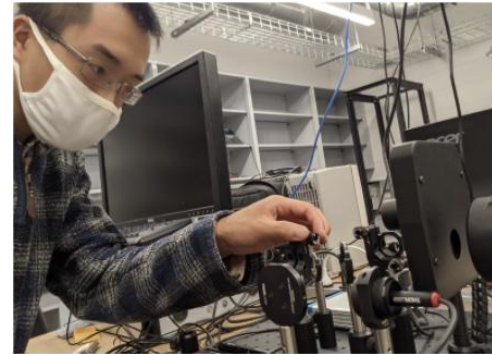


Higgs self-coupling

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THz Interferometry PSEUDOSCALAR



Axion detection

Broadband haloscope

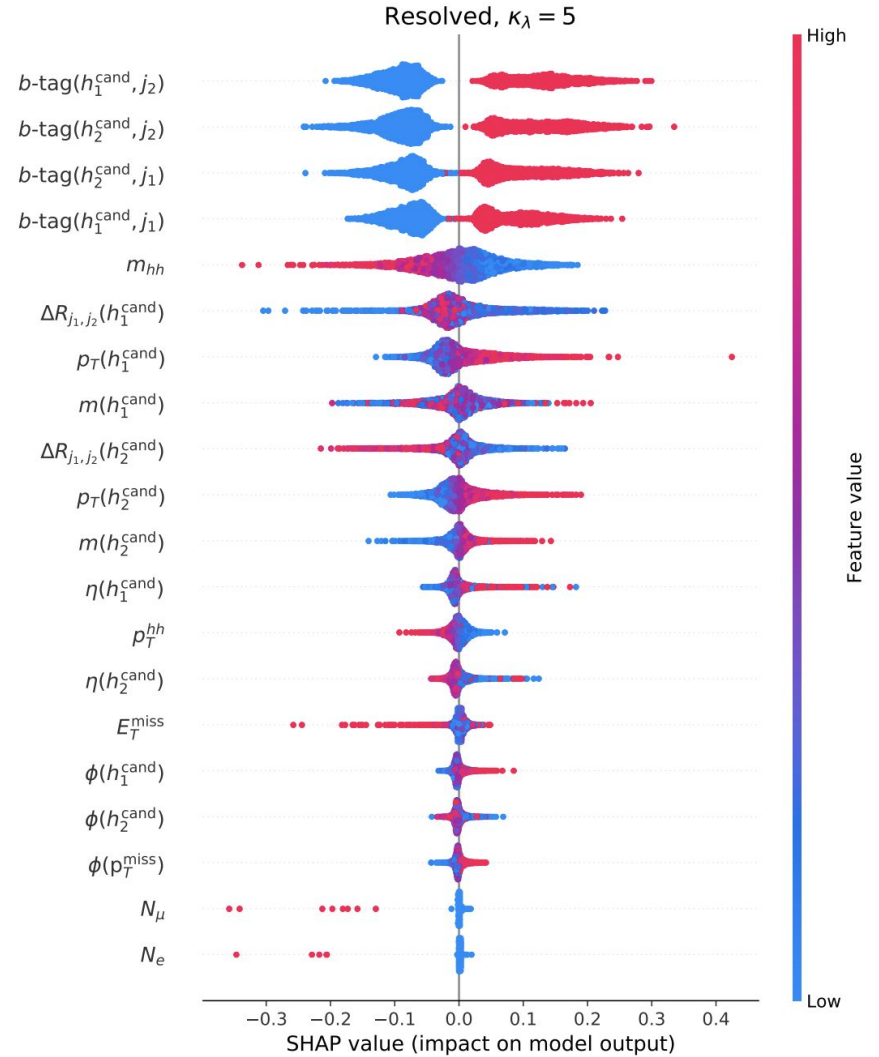
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Today just a taster – happy to chat about further details or other science :)

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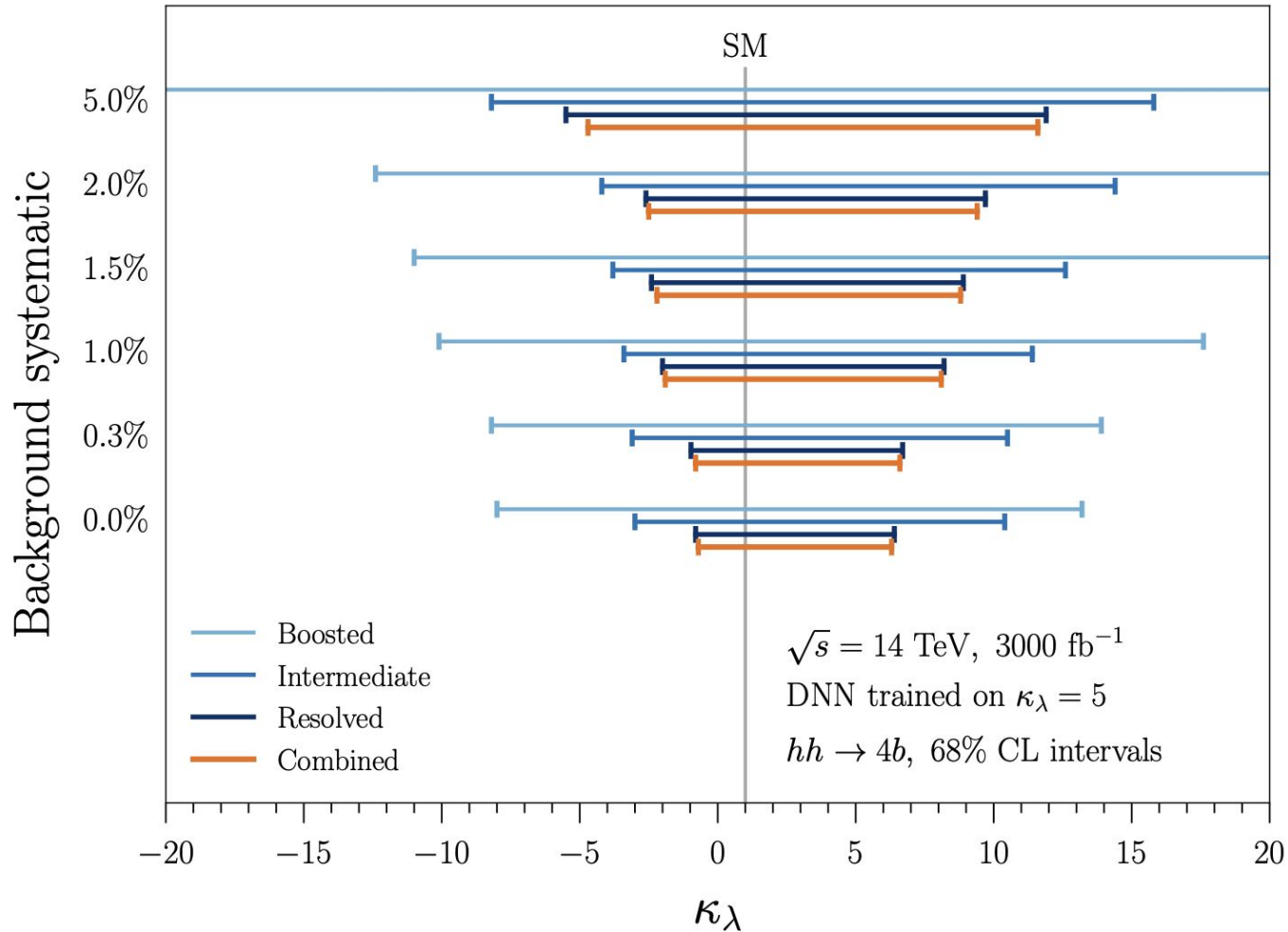
hh → 4b event selection and variable importance

Observable	Preselection		
Large jet j_L	$R = 1.0, p_T > 250 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.0$		
Small jet j_S	$R = 0.4, p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.5$		
Track jet j_T	$R = 0.2, p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 2.5$		
$j_T \in j_L$	$\Delta R(j_T, j_L) < 1.0$		
	Resolved	Intermediate	Boosted
$N(j_L)$	= 0	= 1	= 2
$N(j_S)$	≥ 4	≥ 2	≥ 0
h_1^{cand}	$j_S^{(i)}$ pair	j_L	$j_L^{(1)}$
h_2^{cand}	$j_S^{(i)}$ pair	$j_S^{(i)}$ pair, $\Delta R(j_S^{(i)}, j_L) > 1.2$	$j_L^{(2)}$
ΔR_{jj}	See Eqs. 3.2, 3.3	—	—
Signal region			
$j_T \in h_1^{\text{cand}}$	—	≥ 2	≥ 2
$j_T \in h_2^{\text{cand}}$	—	—	≥ 2
b -tagging	Two b -tags for each h_i^{cand}		
$ \Delta\eta(h_1, h_2) $	< 1.5		
E_T^{miss}	< 150 GeV		
$p_T^\ell, \eta_\ell $	> 10 GeV, < 2.5		
N_ℓ	= 0		
$p_{\text{signal}}^{\text{DNN}}$	> 0.75 (neural network analysis only)		
	Resolved	Intermediate	Boosted
$m(h_1)$ [GeV]	[90, 140]	[90, 140]	[90, 140]
$m(h_2)$ [GeV]	[90, 140]	[90, 140]	[90, 140]
Lower bin edges for m_{hh} binning [GeV]			
Resolved	[200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 500]		
Intermediate	[200, 500, 600]		
Boosted	[500, 800]		



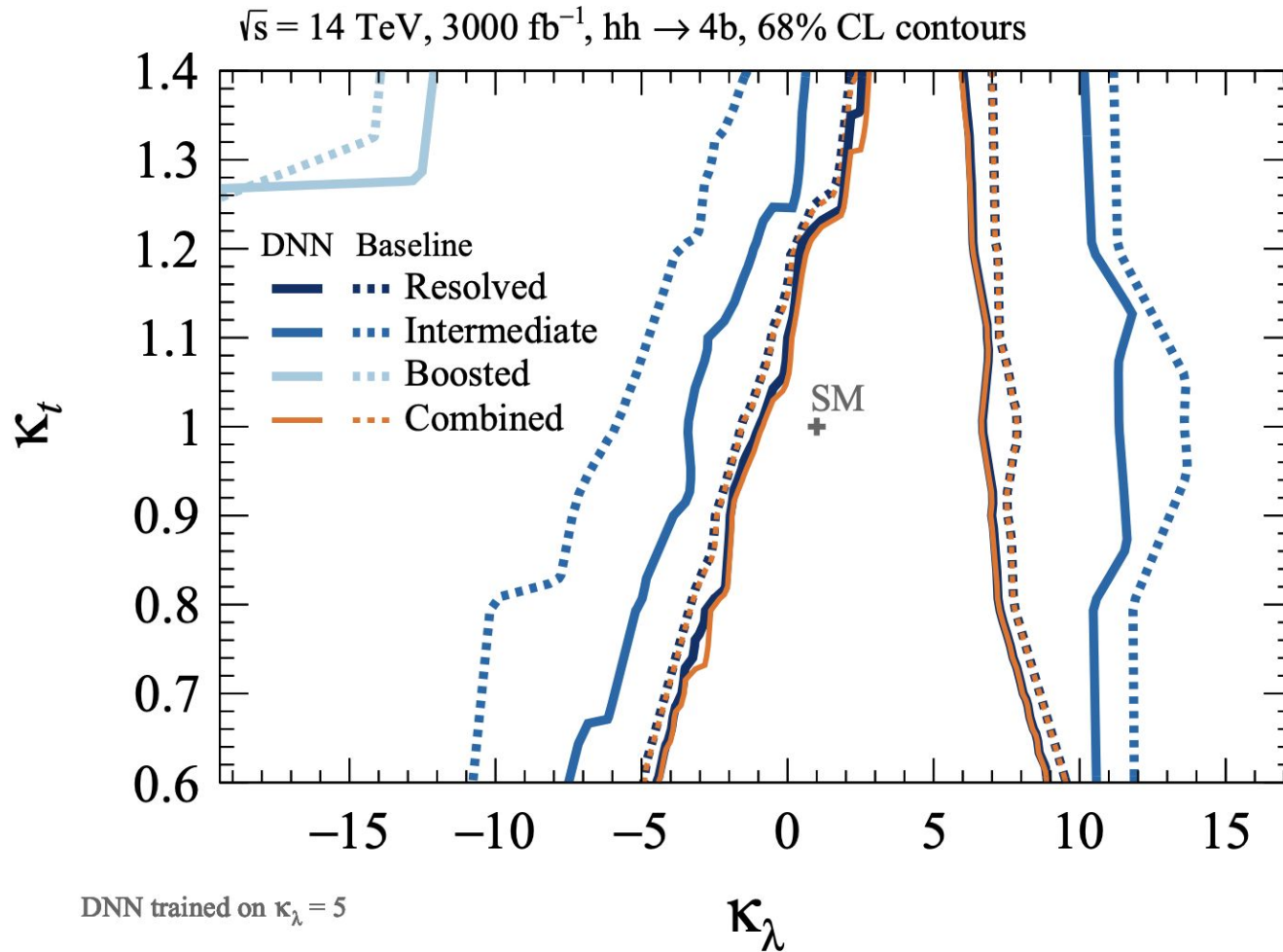
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Background systematics impact on self-coupling



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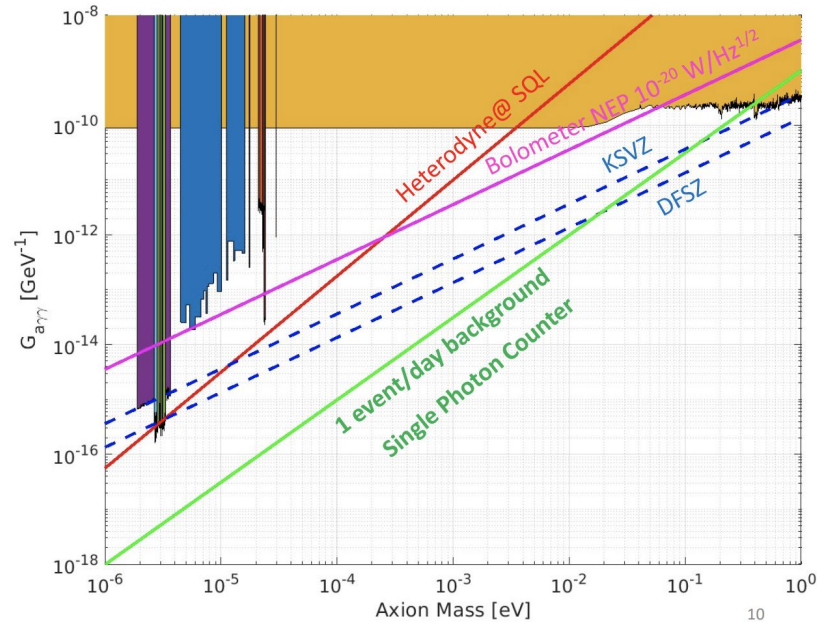
Constraints on top Yukawa and self-coupling



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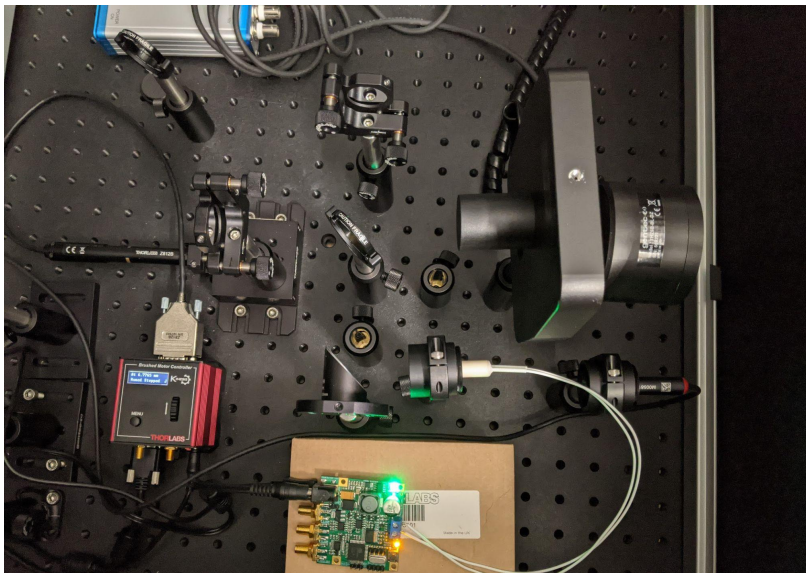
Axion-induced photon detection strategies

10 m² x (10 T)² radiator
100-day integration time



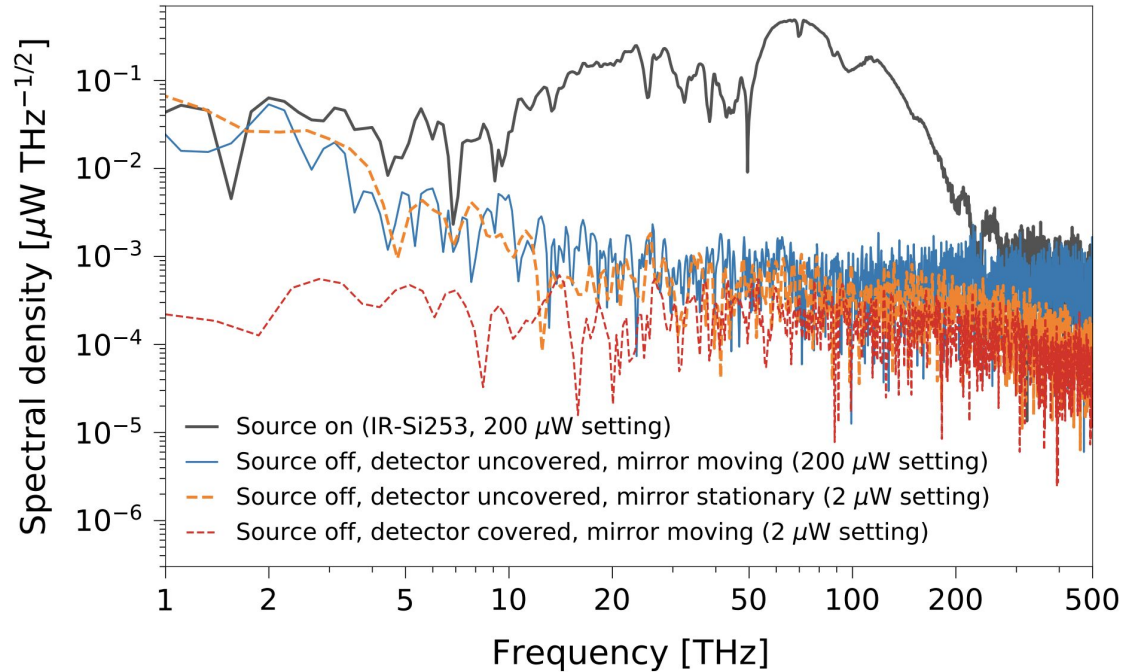
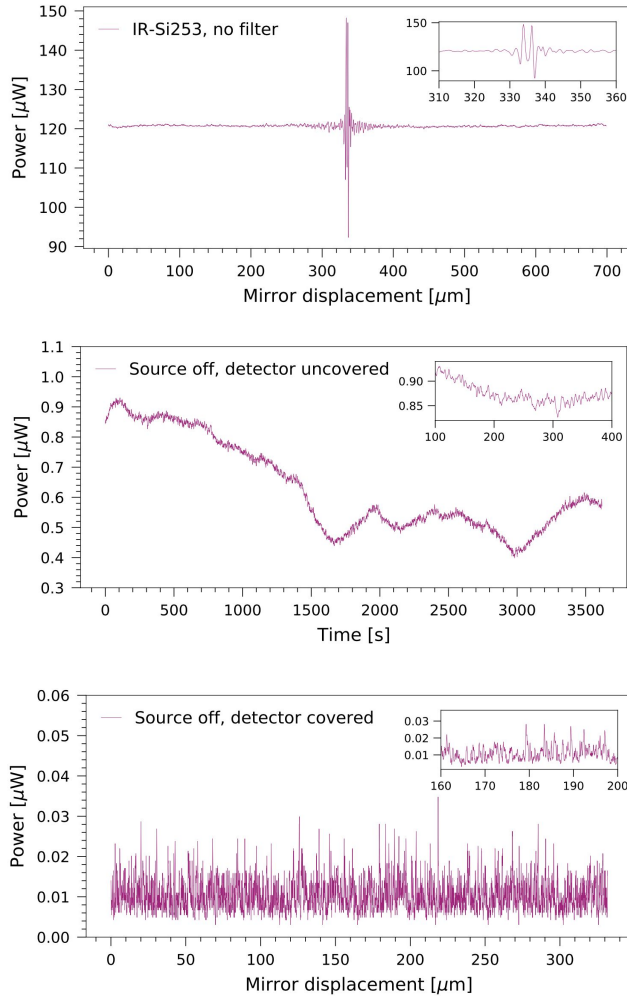
	Microwave		Mm			IR	Visible	UV
	1 GHz	10 GHz	100 GHz	1 THz	10 THz	100 THz	1000 THz	1 PHz
Photomultiplier							Mature single photon counting	
Photodiode, SIPM, APD							high dark counts	
HEMT	Phase sensitive and broadband							
Superconducting paramp JPA, TWPA	~quantum limited							
Photomixers SIS, HEM			Narrow band					
Semiconductor bolometer		Bolometers						
Transition Edge Sensor (TES)			NEP $\sim 10^{-18} \text{ W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$				Superconducting photon counters with low dark current	
Kinetic Inductance Detector (KID)							Superconducting photon counters with low dark current	
Superconducting Nanowire SNSPD							Superconducting photon counters with low dark current	
Qubit								
Quantum Capacitance Detector			$\sim 10^{-20} \text{ W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$					
Current Biased Josephson Junction		Developing single photon technologies for GHz- THz						

Spectrometer components



FTS component	Attribute
Beamsplitter	Thorlabs Pellicle BP145B3
R:T datasheet	[0.4, 2.5] μm
Coated for 45:55 R:T	[1, 2] μm
Mirrors	Aluminium PF10-03-G01
Design wavelengths	[0.45, 20] μm
Fixed arm length	76 mm
Motorized stage	
Model	Thorlabs MT1-Z8
Min. step size	0.05 μm
Max. travel distance	12 mm
Infrared source	
Model	IR-Si253
Emitter material	Silicon Nitride
Temperature at 9V	1200 K
Photosensor	
Model	Gentec THZ5B-BL-DA-D0
Technology	Pyroelectric
Sample rate	5 Hz
Design noise power	50 nW
Design range	[0.1, 30] THz
Chopper rate	25 Hz (model SDC-500)
Readout	T-RAD USB 12 bit ADC
Gentec filter windows	
Polyethylene (PEW)	[3, 30] μm
Silicon (SiW)	[1.1, 9], [50, 1000] μm

Interferometer signal and noise spectra



Microwave

Terahertz

Infrared

Vis