

Status and Plans of ADMX

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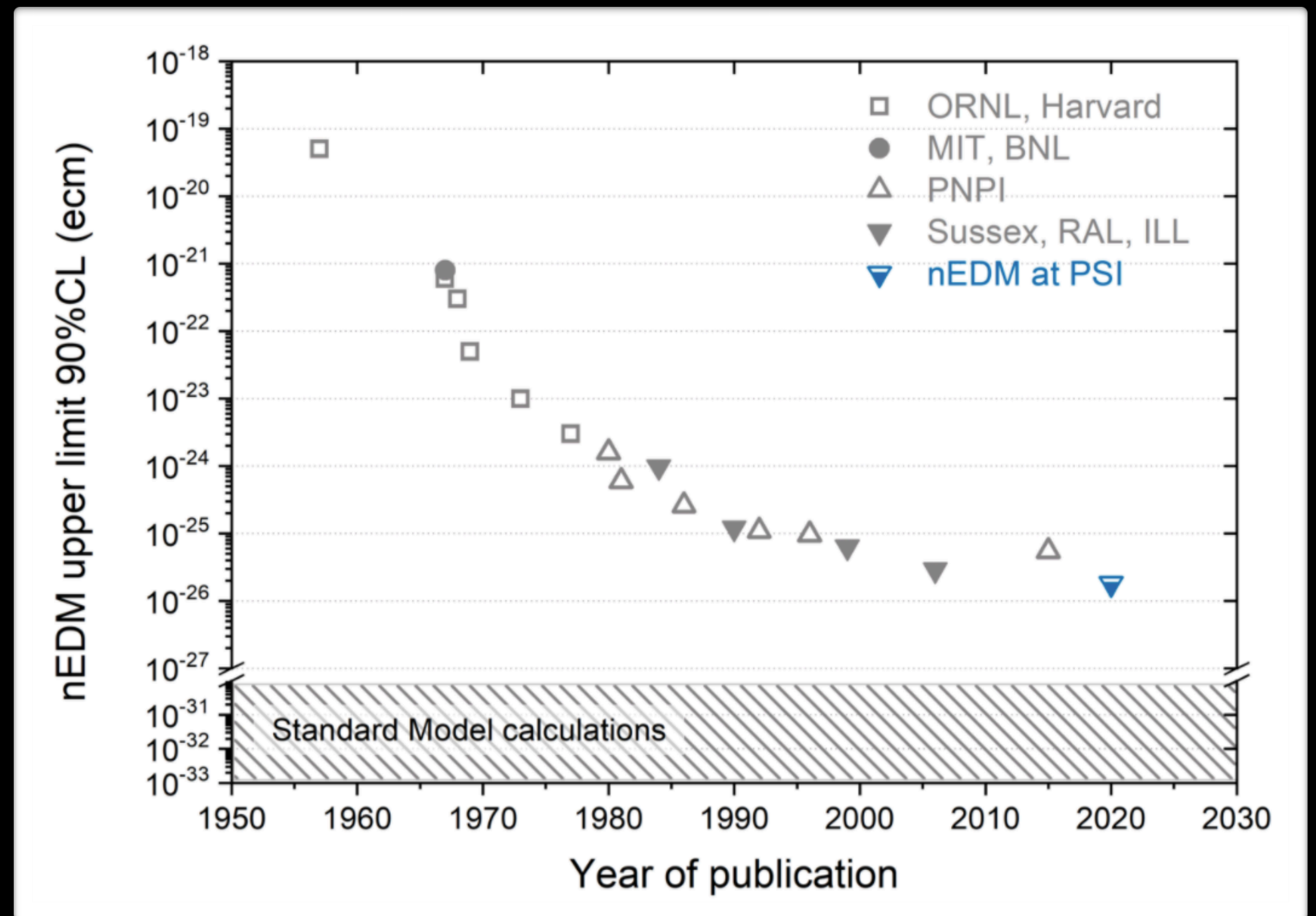
Why dark matter waves?

Story begins with physicists trying to solve other problems...

Strong CP Problem

Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) describes the binding of atomic nuclei

- Discrete fundamental symmetries known as Charge (C), Parity (P), and Time (T) and their combination (CP, CPT) describe symmetries in particle physics interactions.
- P and CP symmetries could be violated with term in QCD Lagrangian
- Search for an neutron electric dipole moment also search for violations of CP.



Strong CP Problem

No neutron electric dipole moment (n-EDM) has been observed so far!

Most recent search for the neutron electric dipole moment

C. Abel et al.

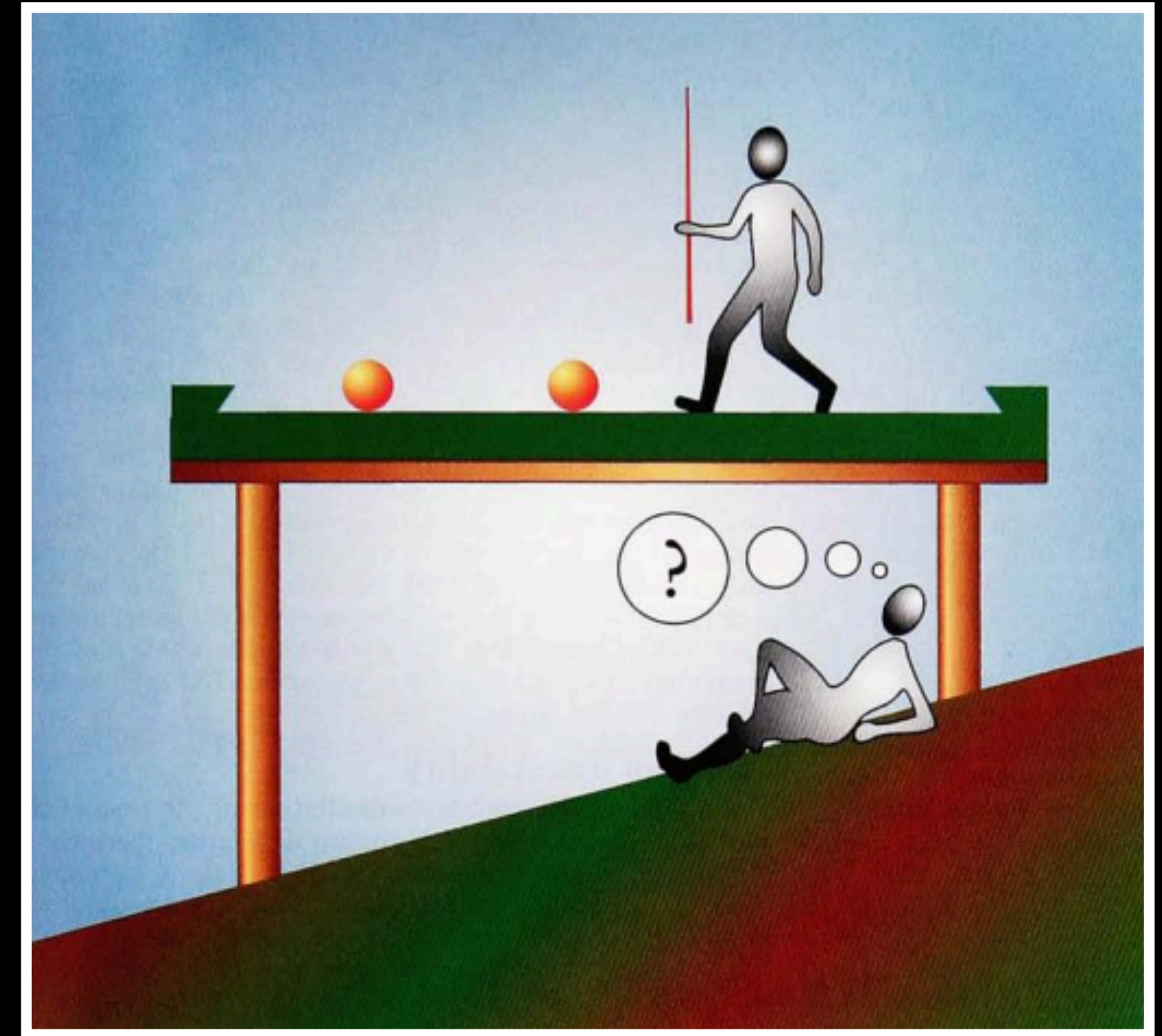
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$$d_n = (0.0 \pm 1.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{-26} \text{e}\cdot\text{cm} \longrightarrow \theta_{\text{QCD}} < 10^{-10}$$

The Pool Table Analogy

A story by Pierre Sikivie, 1996

- One imagines a pool table that appears *perfectly* horizontal.
- The occupants of the room realize one day that the room itself is slanted.
- Why is the pool table perfectly horizontal? This seems like an odd coincidence.



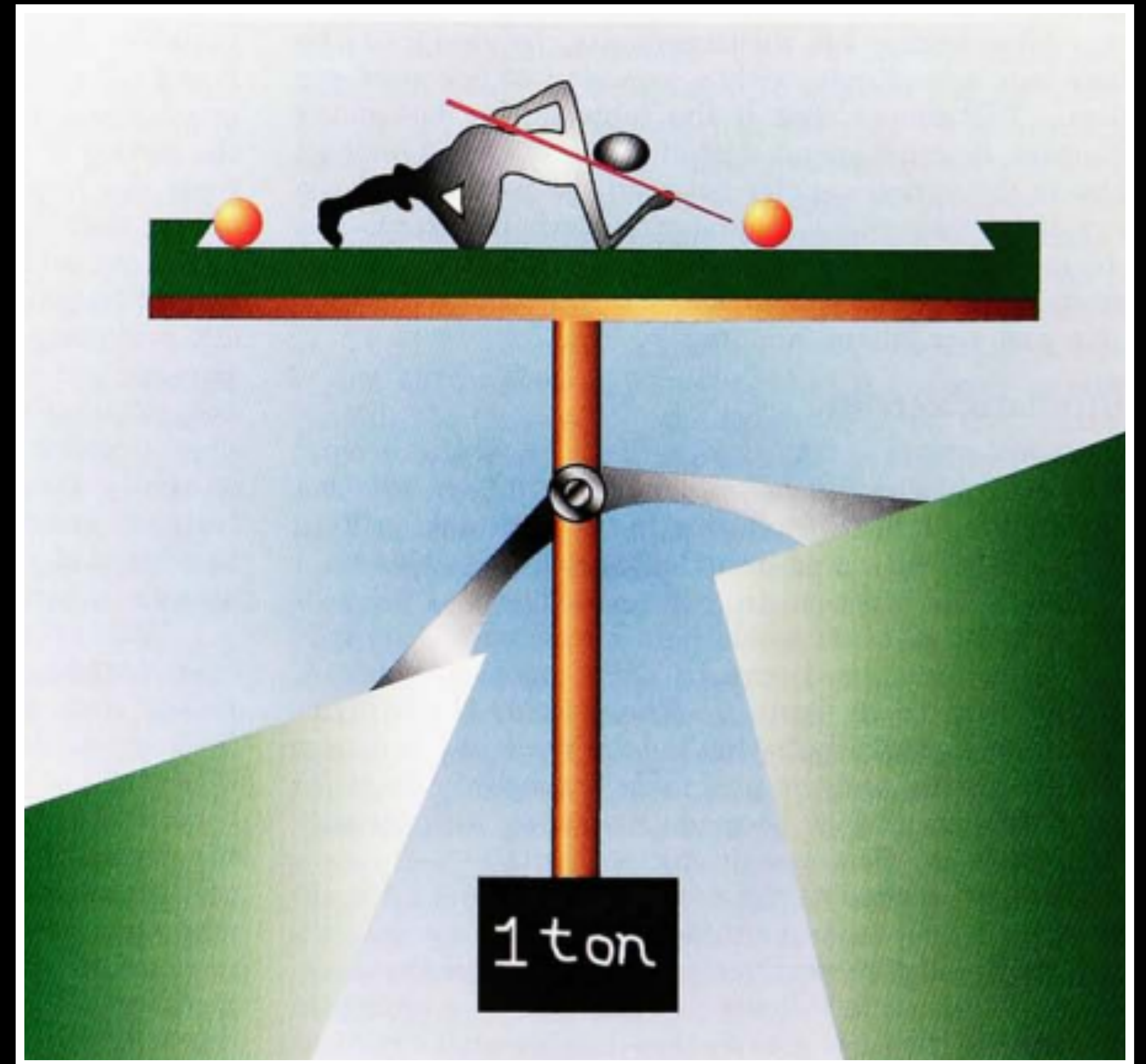
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The incline of the table is described by a made-up symmetry analogous to CP symmetry. The symmetry is perfectly preserved.

Solution to Strong CP problem?

Perhaps there is a mechanism that uses gravity to level the pool table.

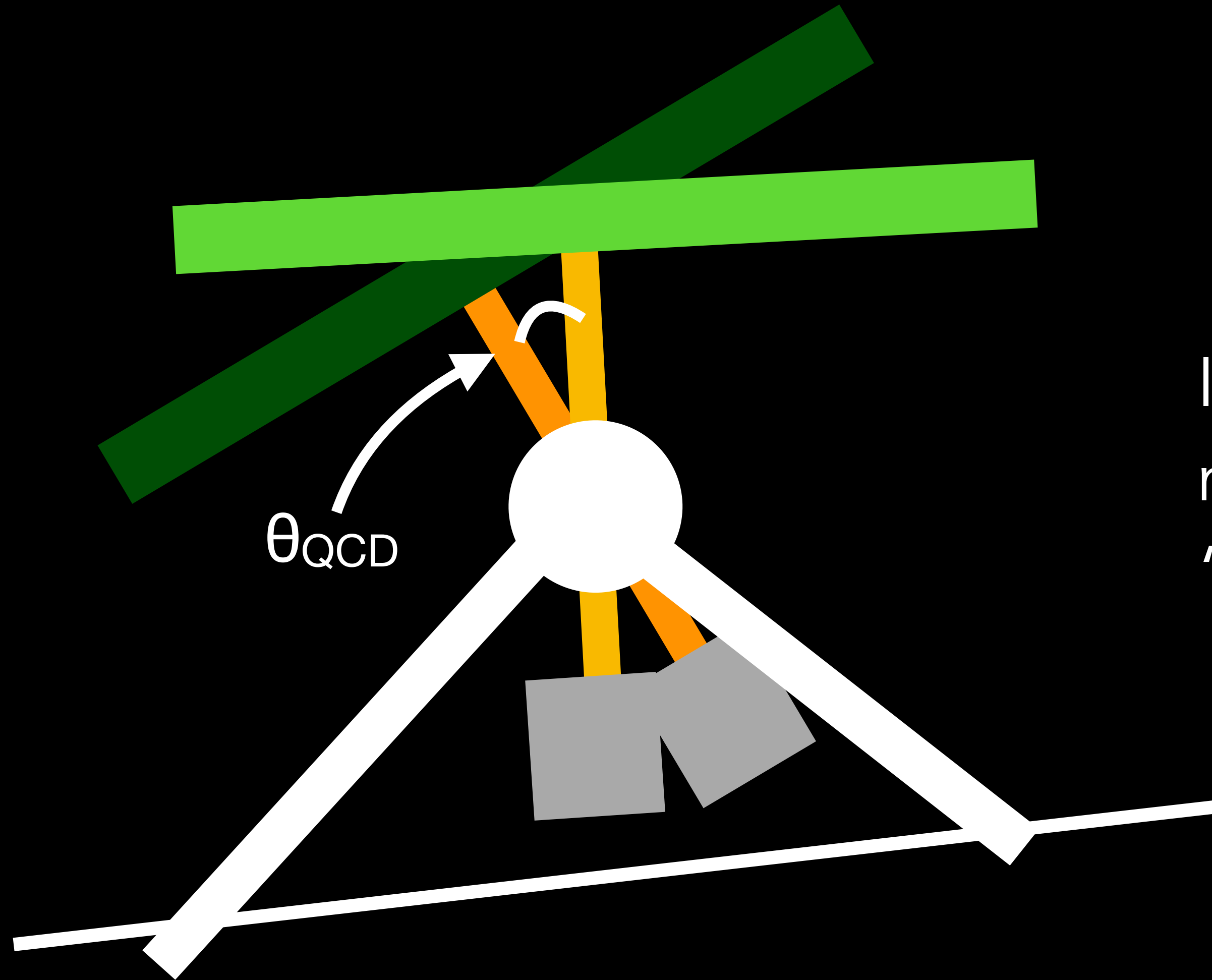
- Angle of pool table tilt = θ_{QCD}
- Physics of pool table = physics of QCD
- Gravity = Nonperturbative effects that make QCD depend on θ_{QCD}



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Angle θ_{QCD}

θ_{QCD} might be a dynamical variable (moving with time)

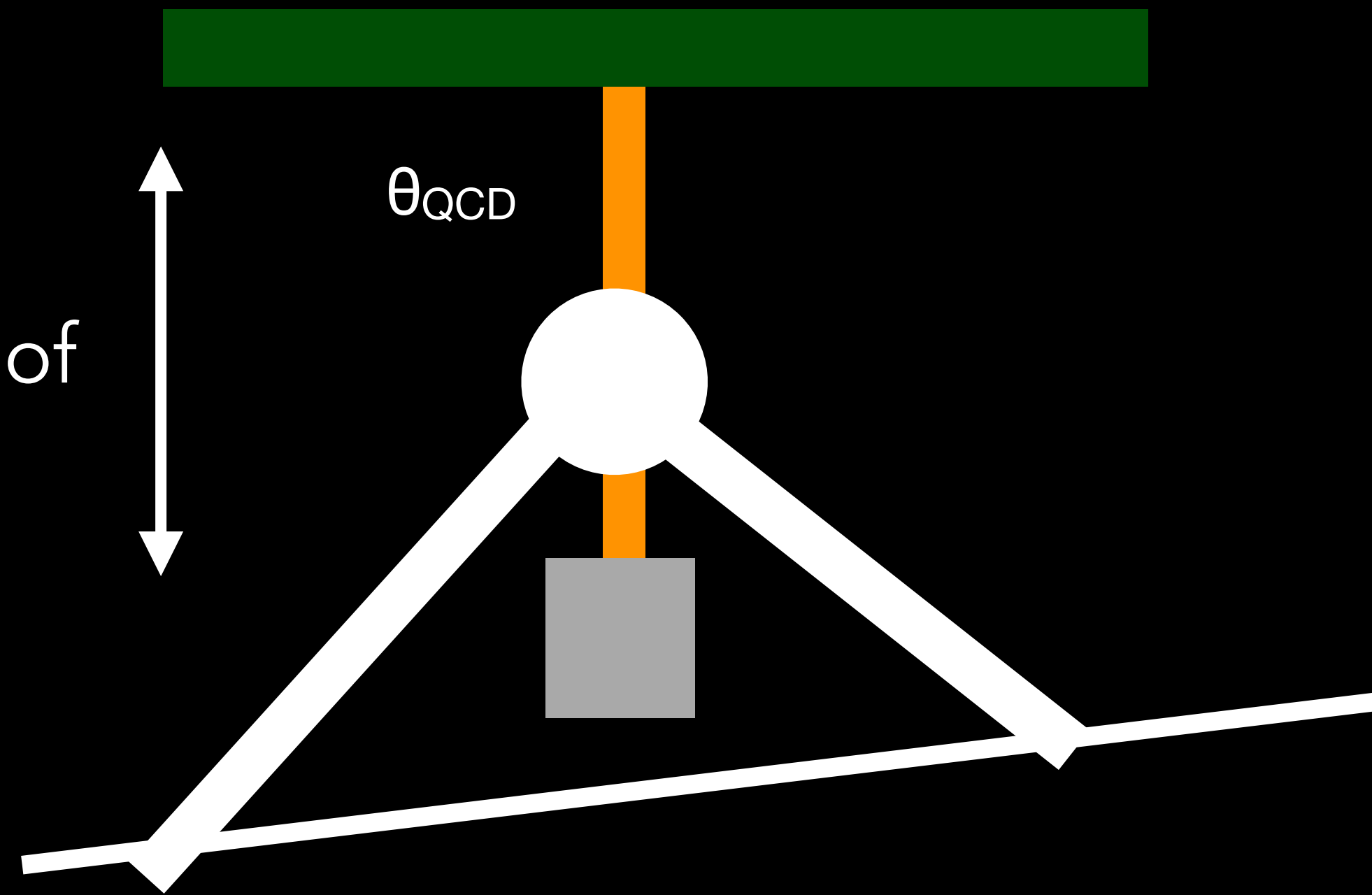


If θ_{QCD} dynamical,
mechanism is akin to
"Peccei-Quinn Mechanism"

How to test the hypothesis?

“Relic oscillation” that would depend on when gravity “turned on”

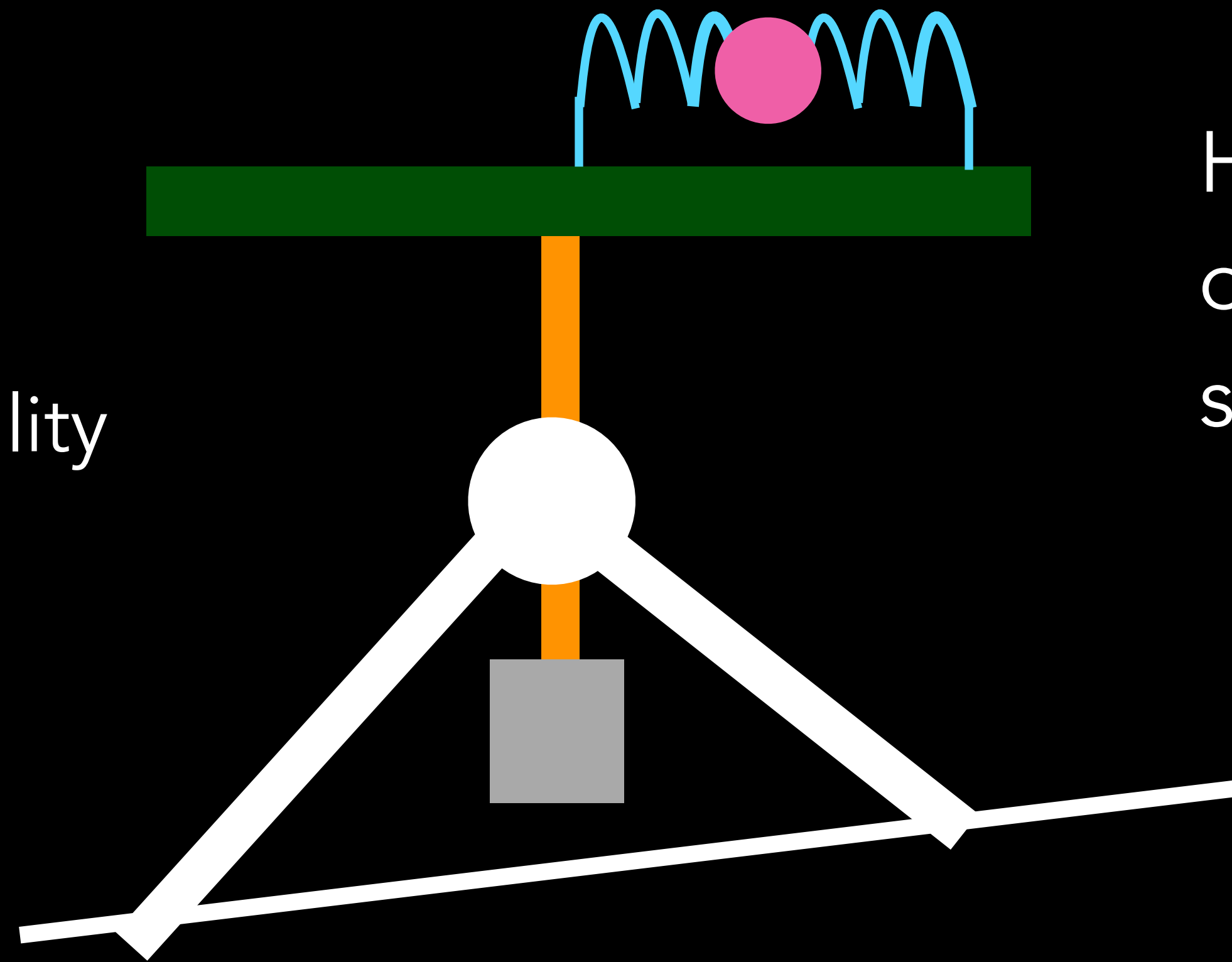
Length of lever arm
determines strength of
oscillation



Maybe it's really long and
the oscillation is hard to
measure?
Equivalently maybe the
coupling is extremely small

The pool table analogy

Associated quantum of oscillation = a particle call the axion!



More on high quality oscillators later...

High quality oscillator on the table could sense this!

Axions as the dark matter

...“the most exciting phrase to hear in science...is not *Eureka* but *That’s funny...*”

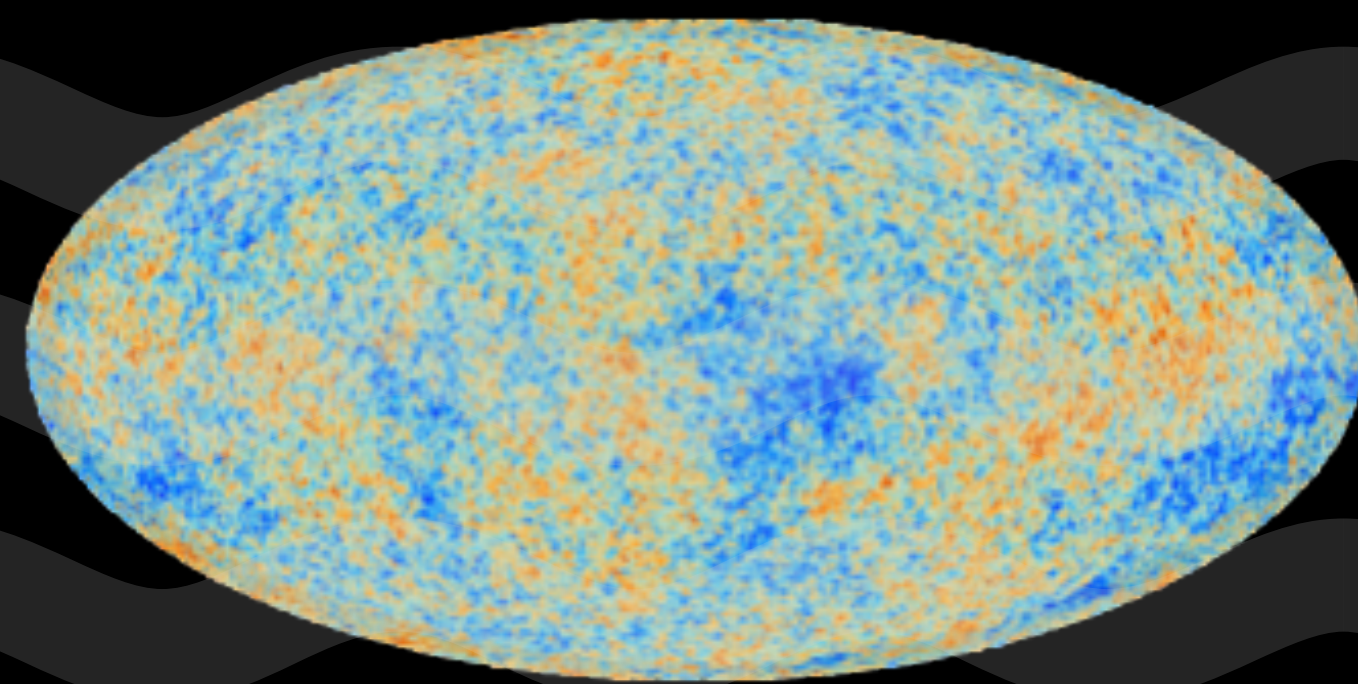
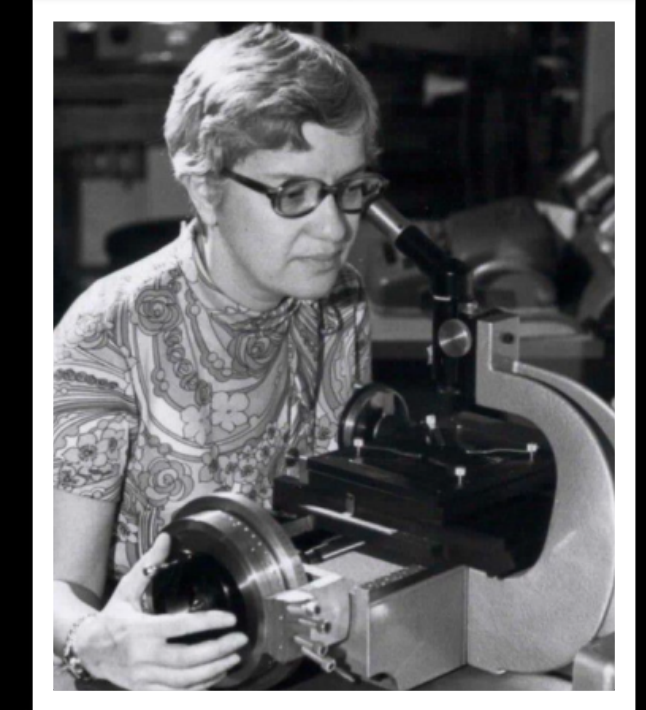
-Isaac Asimov

Dark Matter

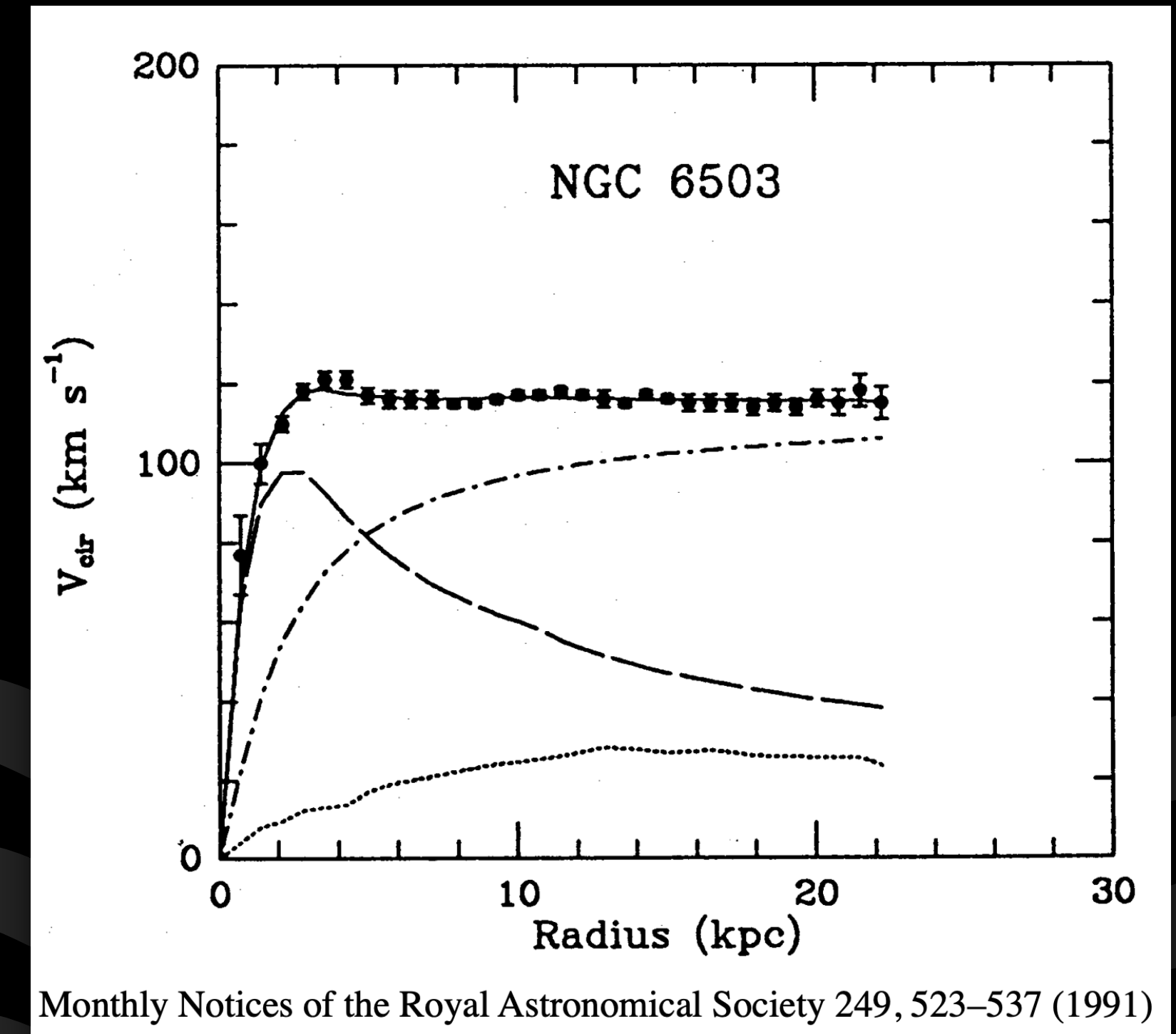
85% of the matter content of the universe. Likely to be non-relativistic, collisionless, dissipationless and non-baryonic.

Evidence coming from:

- Anisotropies in the Cosmic Microwave Background
- Rotation curves of galaxies
- Behavior of galaxy cluster collisions
- Primordial nucleosynthesis
- Gravitational lensing
- Baryon Acoustic Oscillations



ESA and the
Planck
Collaboration



Axions: why are they wave-like?

Wave-particle duality

Proton: $\lambda \sim 10^{-12}$ m

WIMP dark matter: $\lambda \sim 10^{-13}$ m

Axion Dark Matter ($m \sim 10^{-6}$ eV): $\lambda \sim 100$ m

Recoil
experiments

Something completely
different...

Axion dark matter is associated with a huge wavelength!
No longer behaves like a particle.

So the axion could solve multiple problems in physics!

Strong CP problem

**Axion:
wave-like dark matter
candidate**

**5% of the matter
unknown.**

...and has intriguing implications

Maxwell's equations

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_a = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}_a}{\partial t} - g_{a\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B}_0 \frac{\partial a}{\partial t}$$

Effective current oscillating at the frequency of the axion

$$\vec{J}_{\text{eff}} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{\text{DM}}} \vec{B}_0 \cos(m_a t)$$

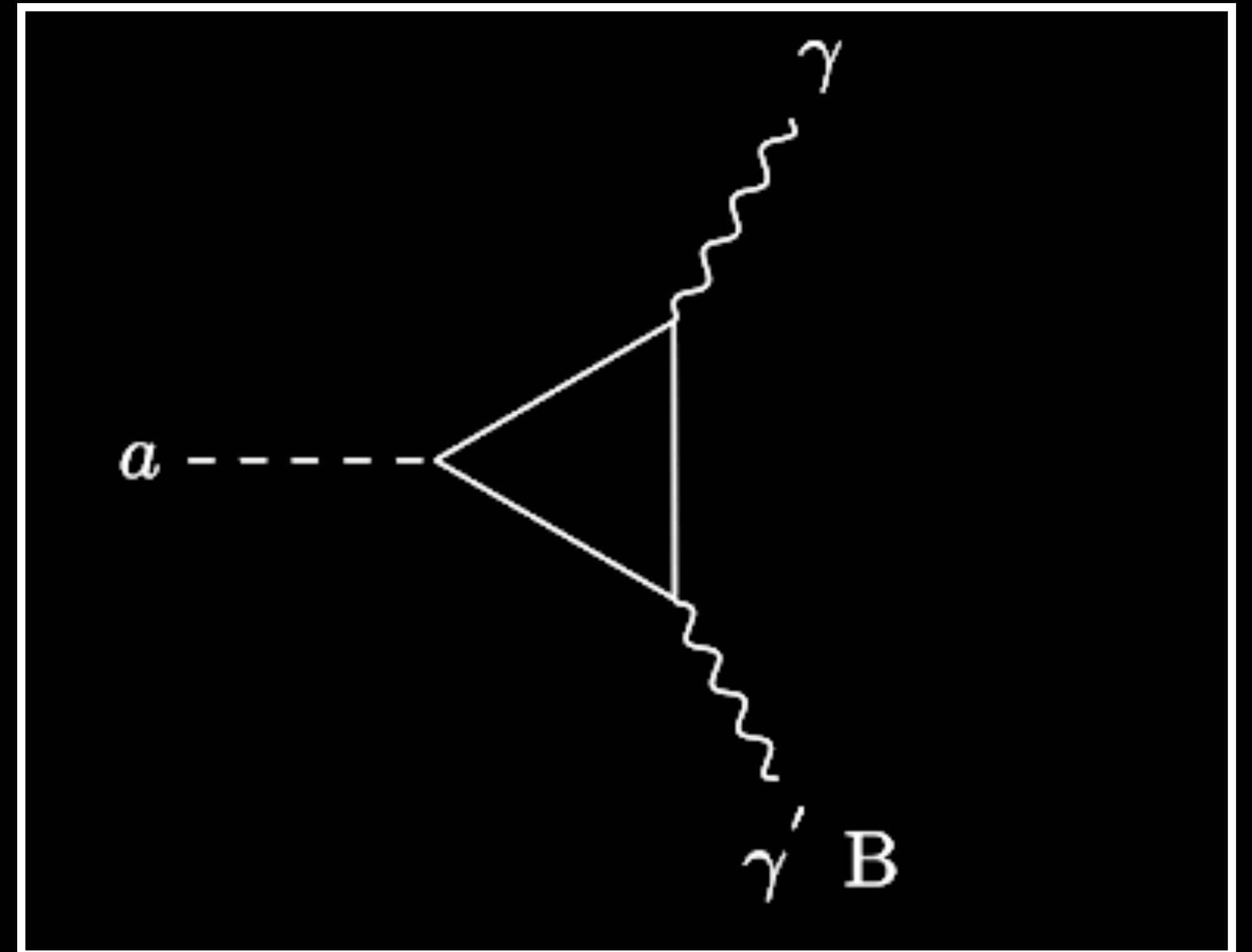
Key Detection Mechanism

Axion turns into a photon (light particle) in a magnetic field!

Two key parameters:

$g_{a\gamma\gamma}$ Likelihood or 'strength' of interaction
Units: $1/\text{GeV}$

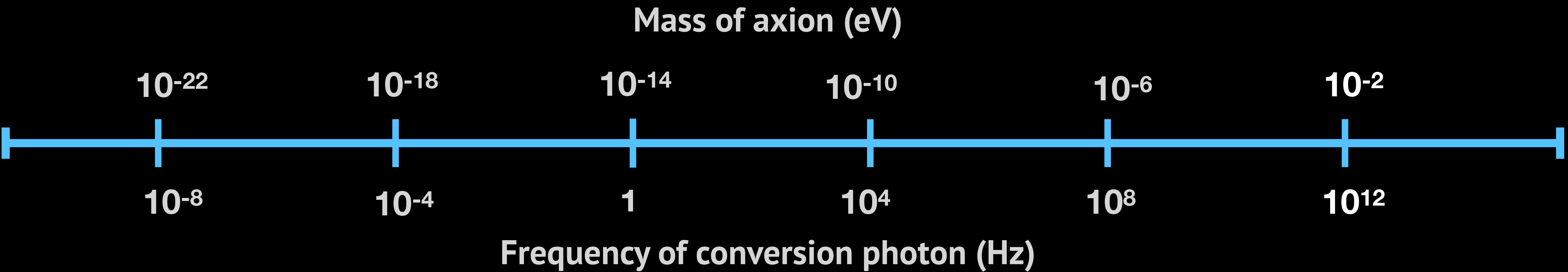
m_a Mass of the axion
Units: eV



Axion Mass Range

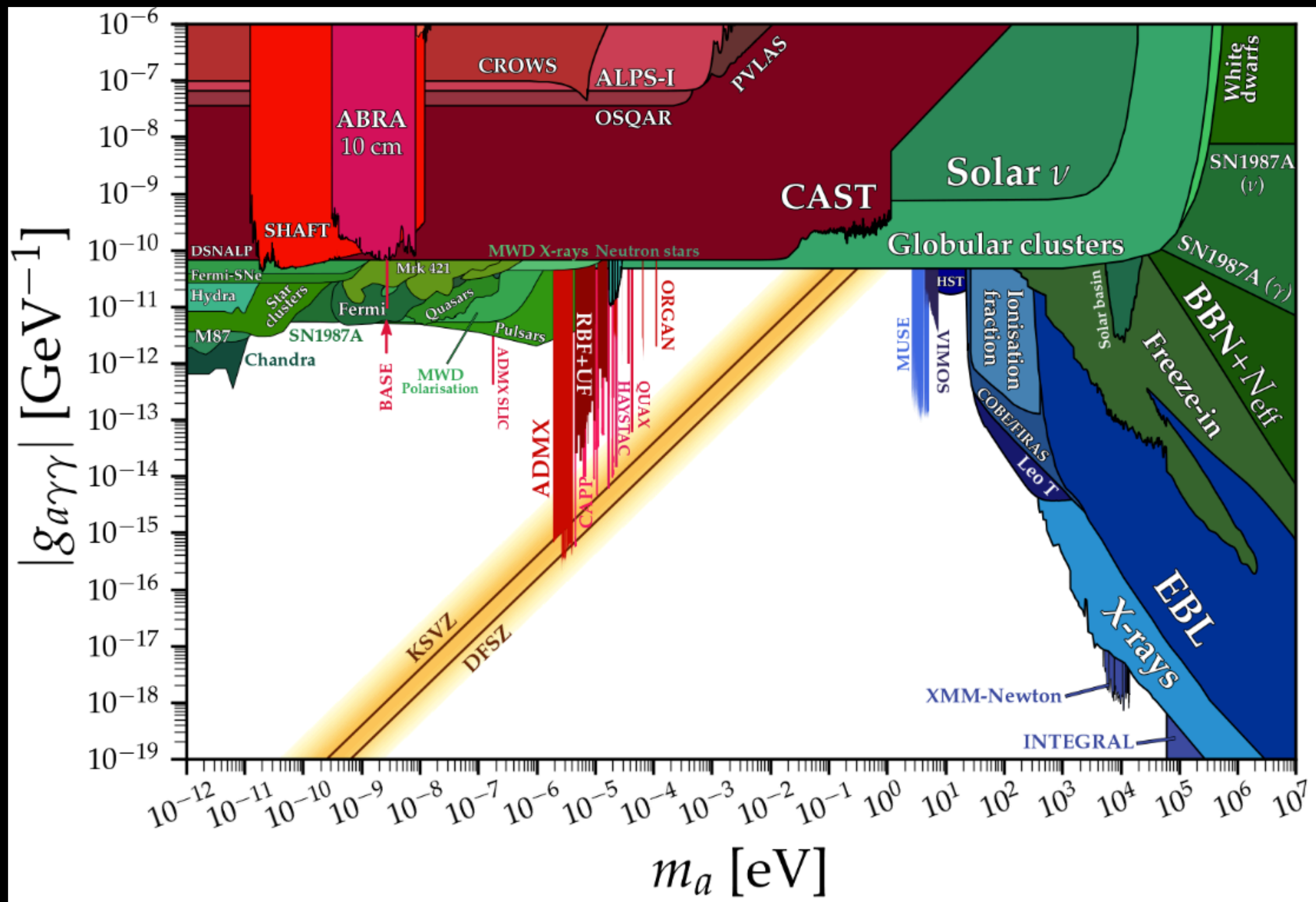
Lower bound set by size of dark matter halo size of dwarf galaxies

Upper bound set by SN1987A and white dwarf cooling time



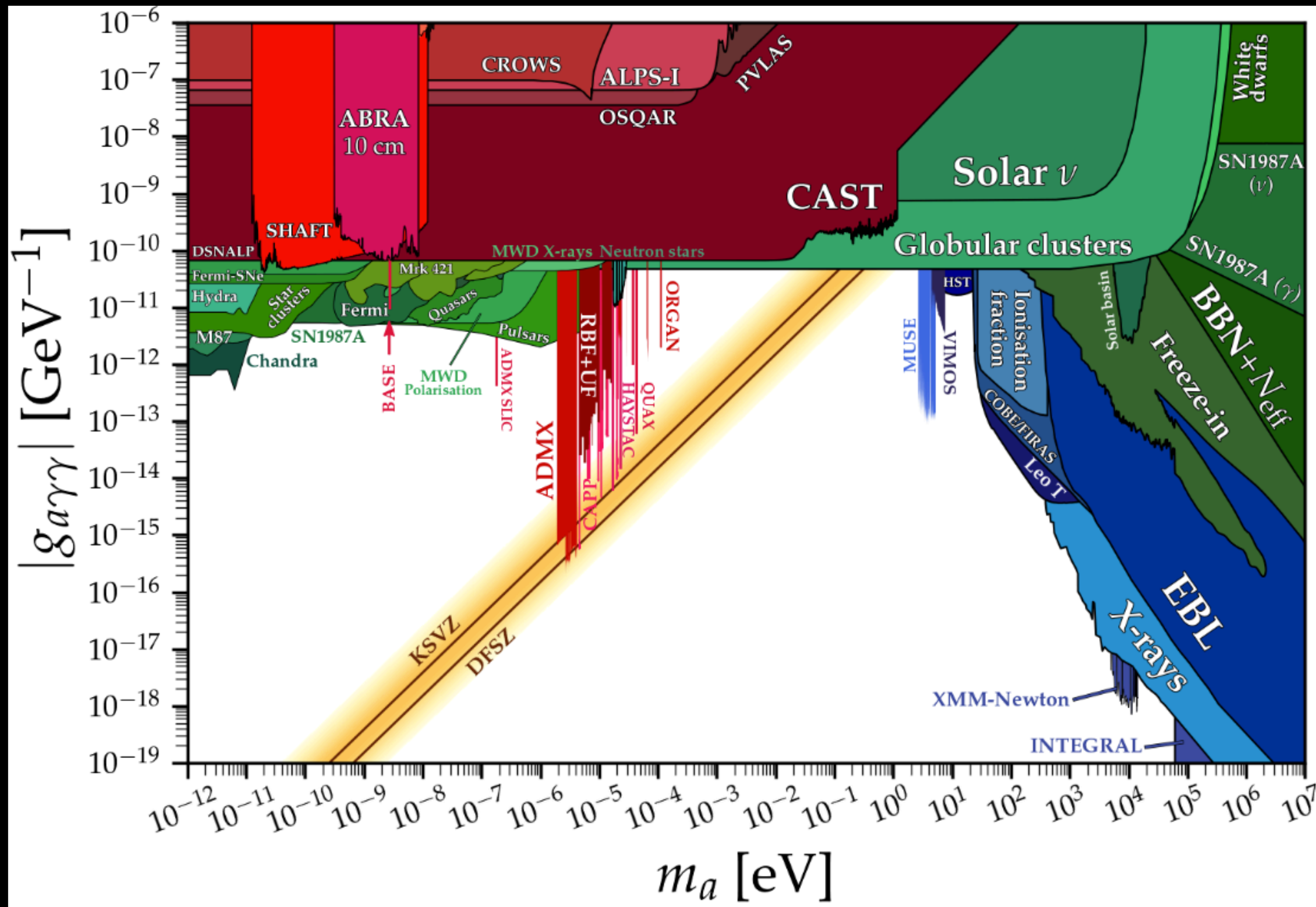
What frequency (mass) exactly? We don't know.

Red, green and blue show places we looked!



Plot courtesy of Ciaran O'Hare

Yellow shows a special type of axion: the QCD axion!



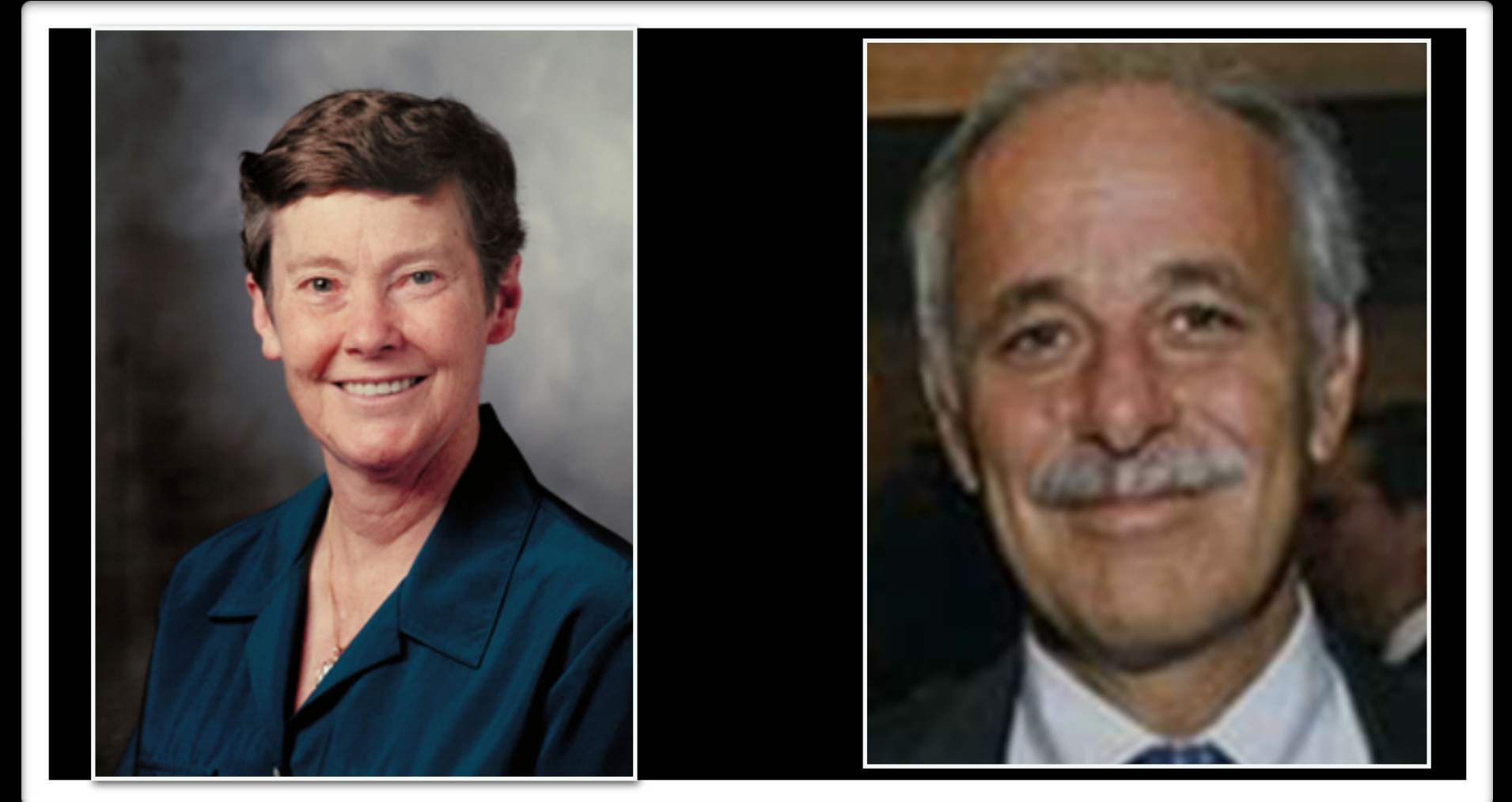
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QCD axion: Product of the Peccei-Quinn Mechanism

Two classes of models:

•KSVZ:

•DFSZ:



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Roberto Peccei



Steven Weinberg

Frank Wilczek

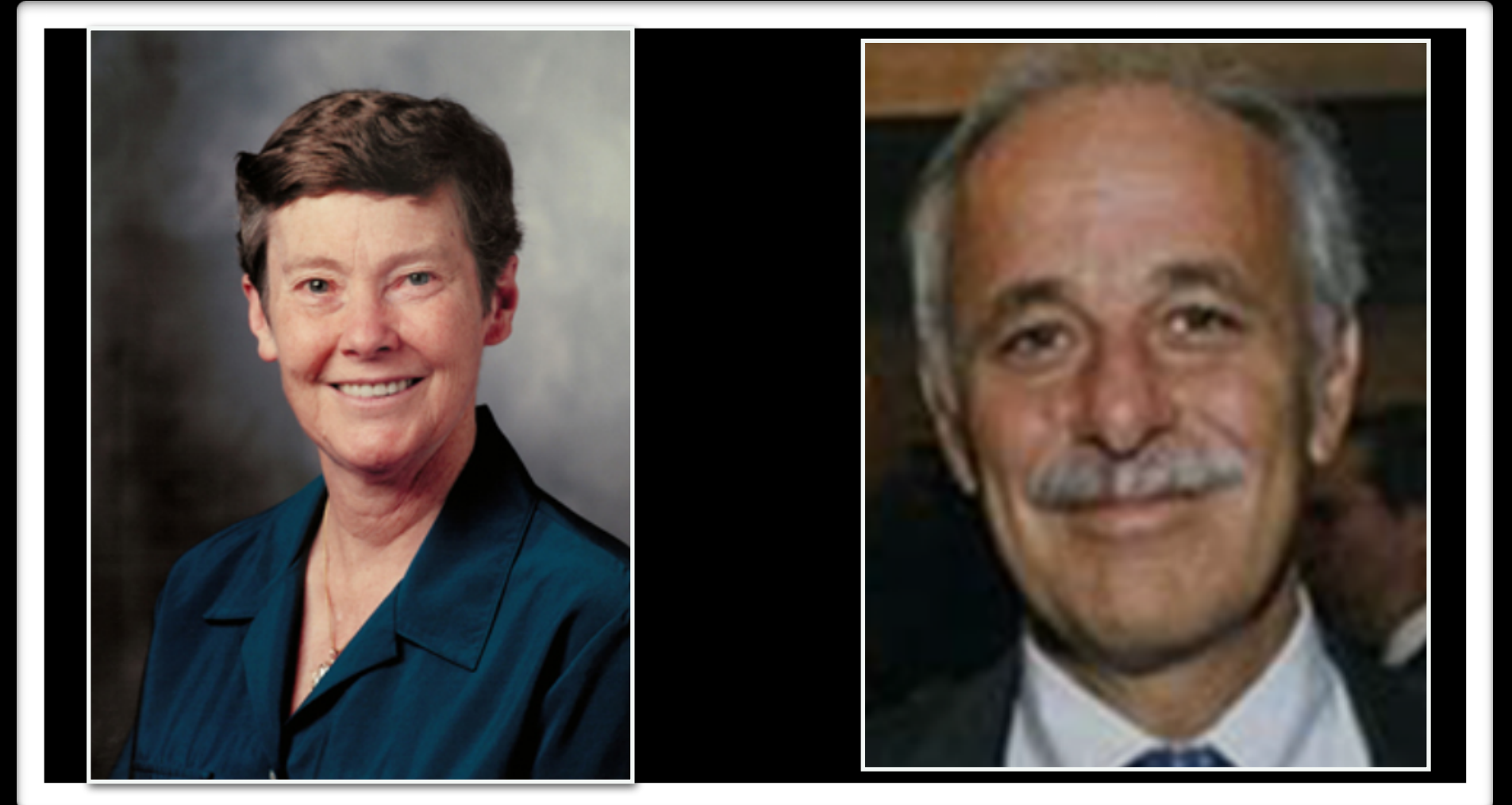
QCD axion: Solves longstanding nuclear physics problem

Two classes of models:

- **KSVZ:**

- **DFSZ:**

Most difficult to detect but also most compelling because it can be included in Grand Unified Theories (GUT)



Helen Quinn

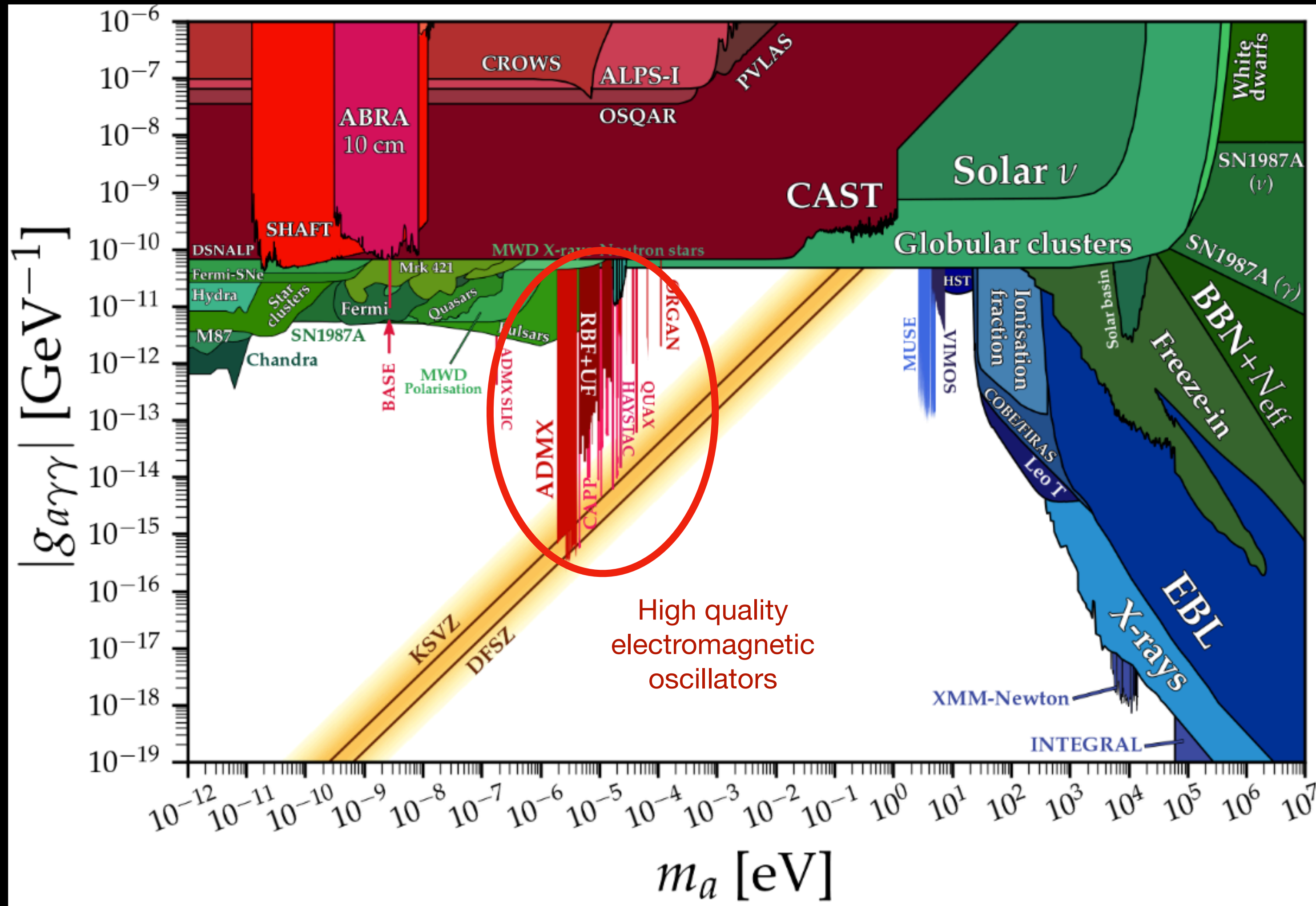
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QCD axion band is exceedingly difficult to reach



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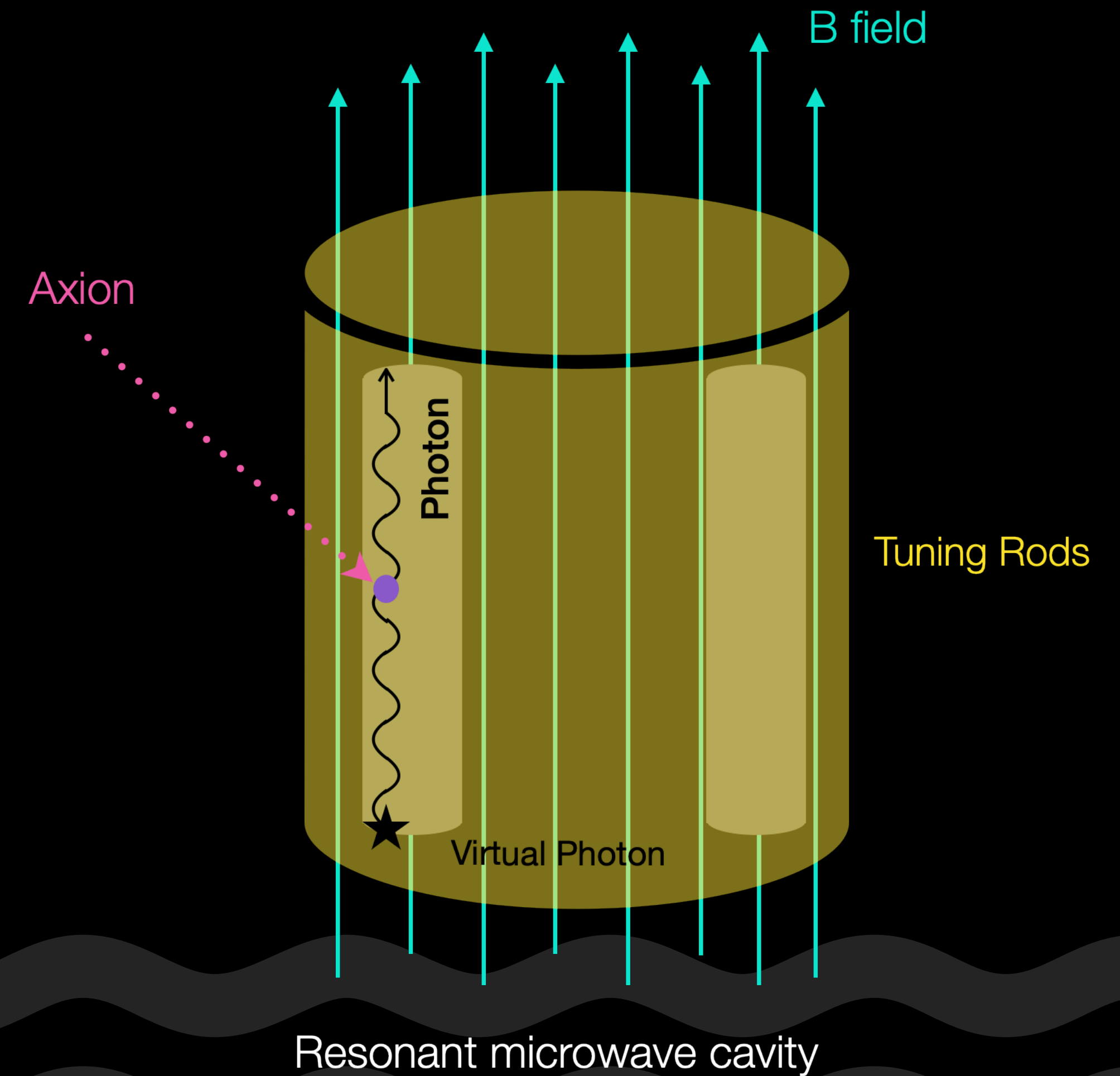
How do you detect this?

"Axion Haloscope"

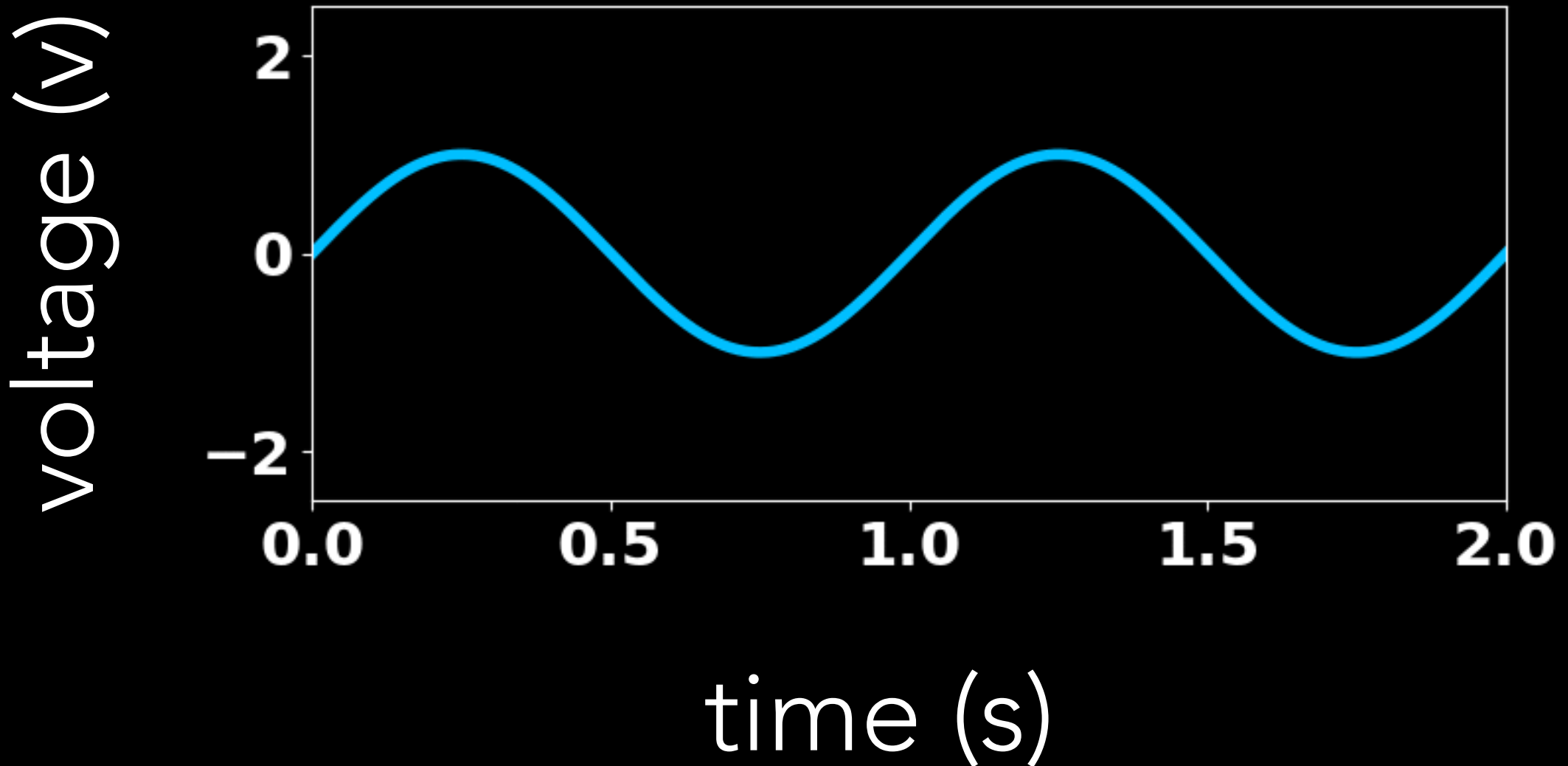
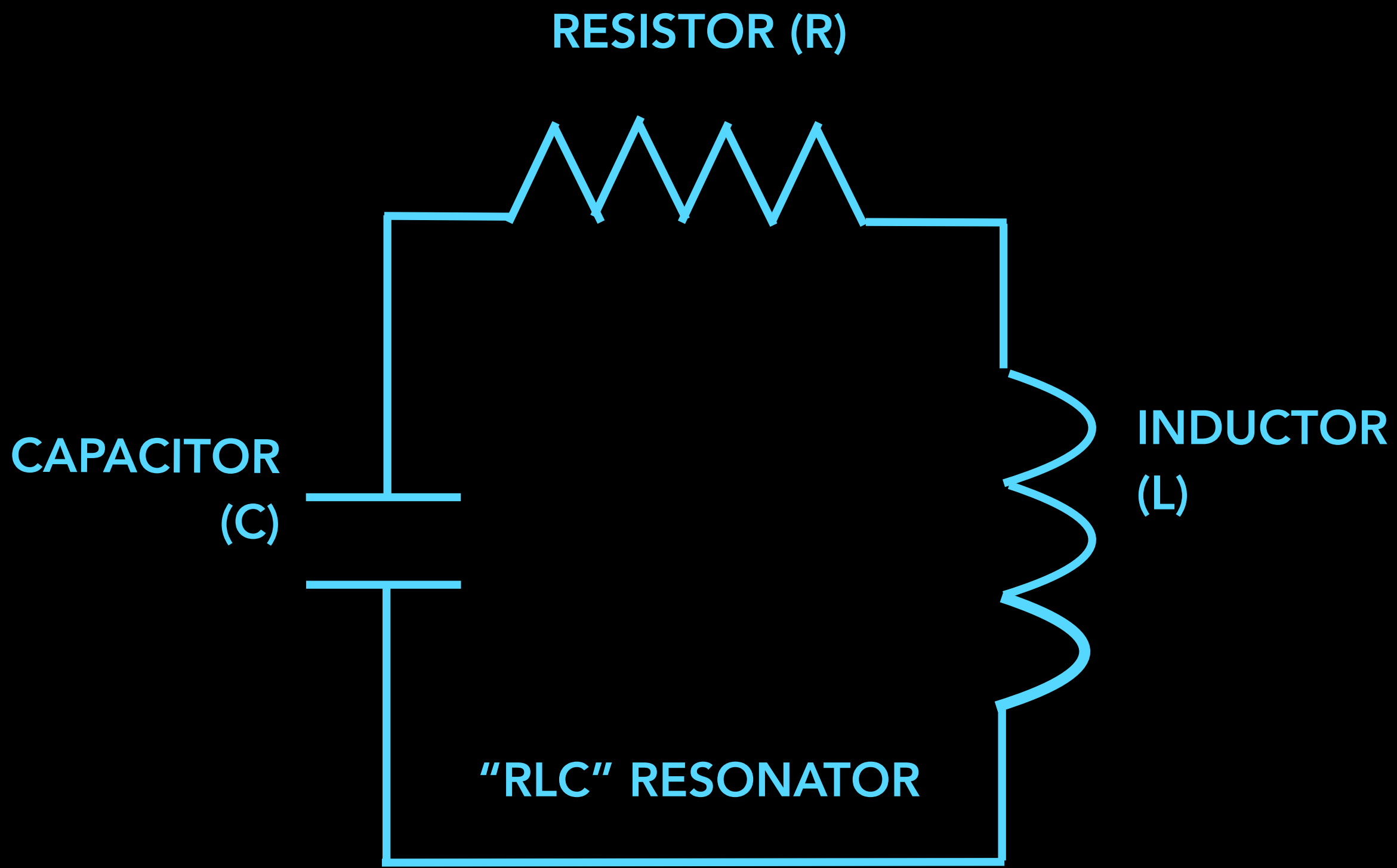
How to detect low frequency electromagnetic waves?

Detector that senses the electric current resulting from the axion conversion to photon in a magnetic field.

High quality electromagnetic oscillators (resonators) are the most sensitive detectors.



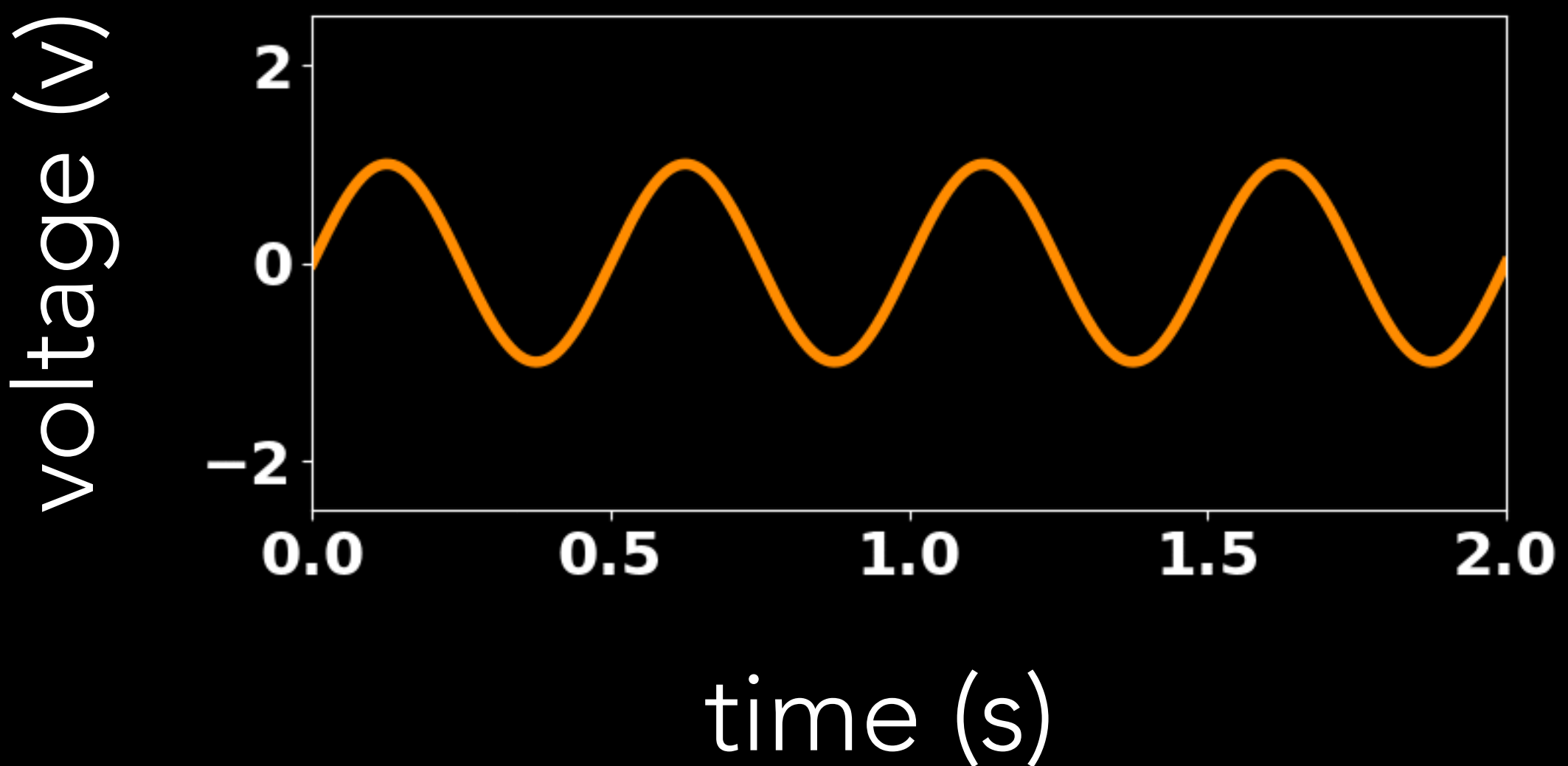
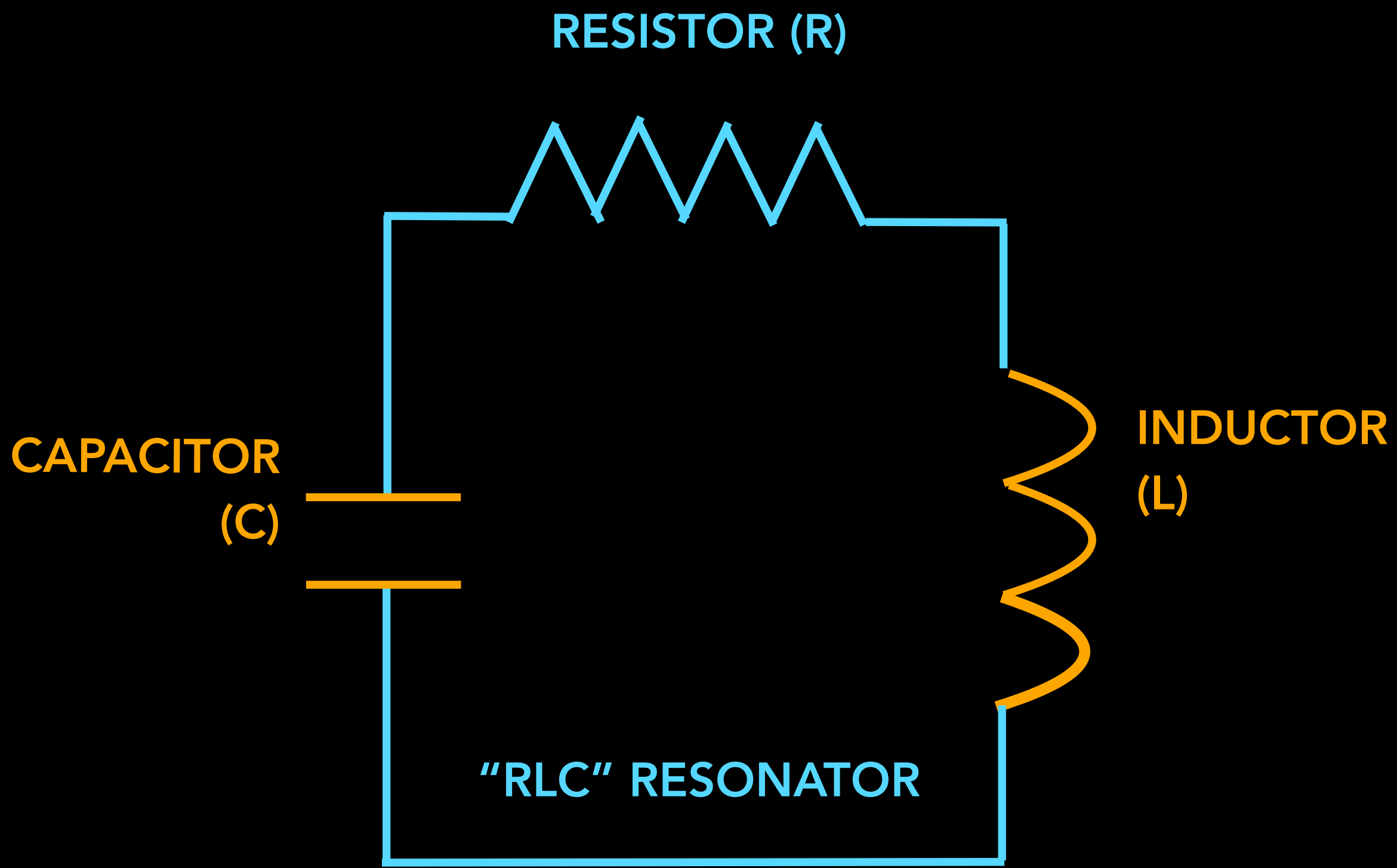
HOW TO BUILD A RESONATOR



Most sensitive to sine waves at the resonant frequency

$$\omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC}$$

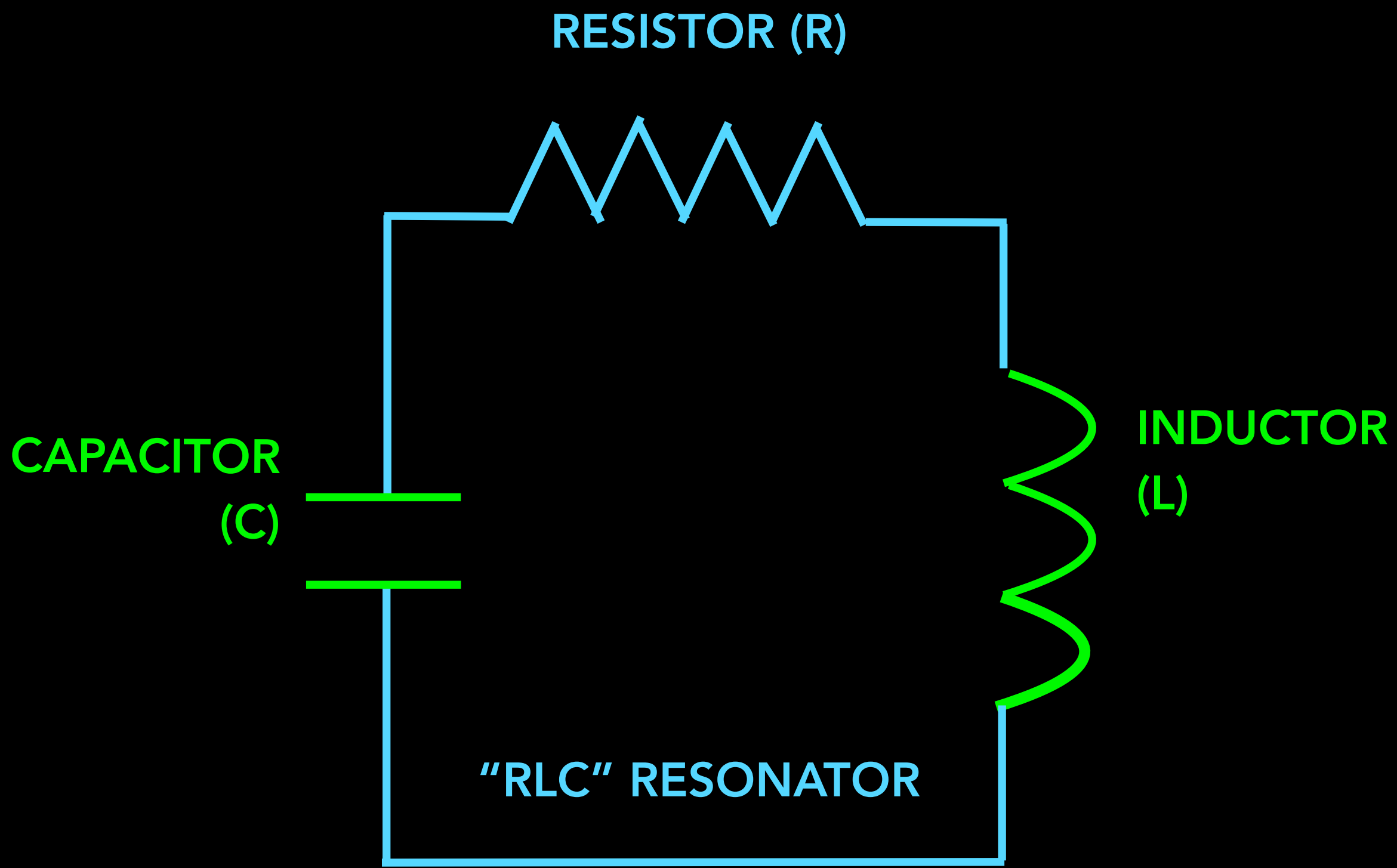
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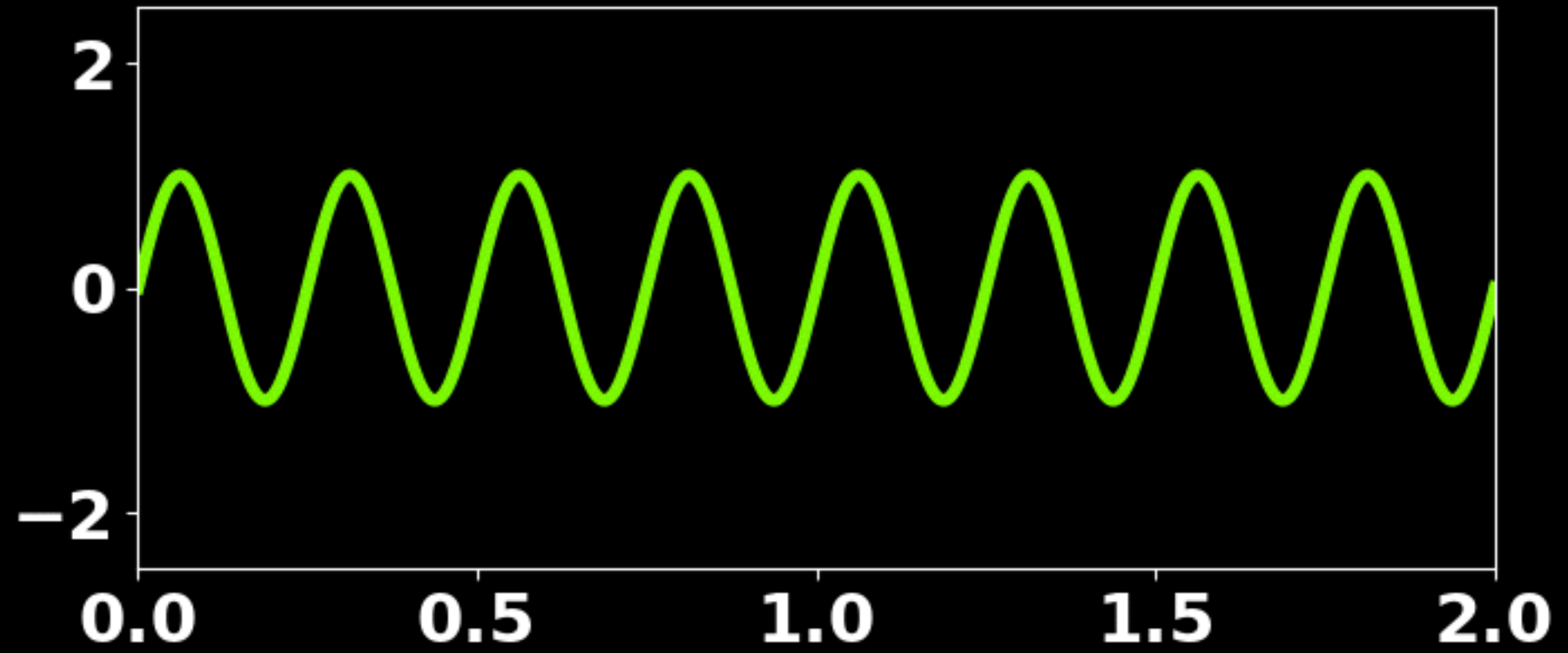
Most sensitive to sine waves with frequency

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HOW TO BUILD A RESONATOR



voltage (v)



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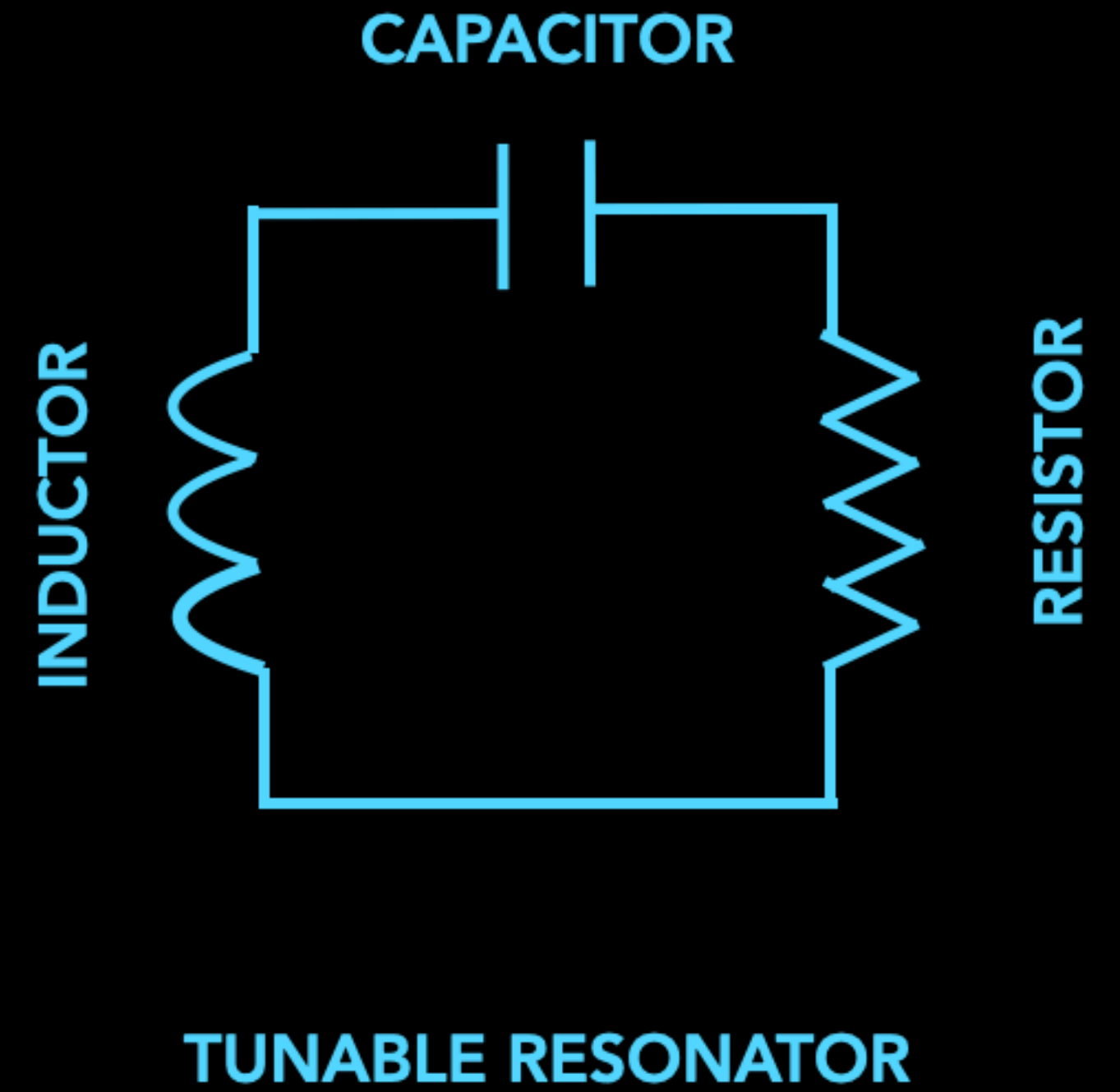
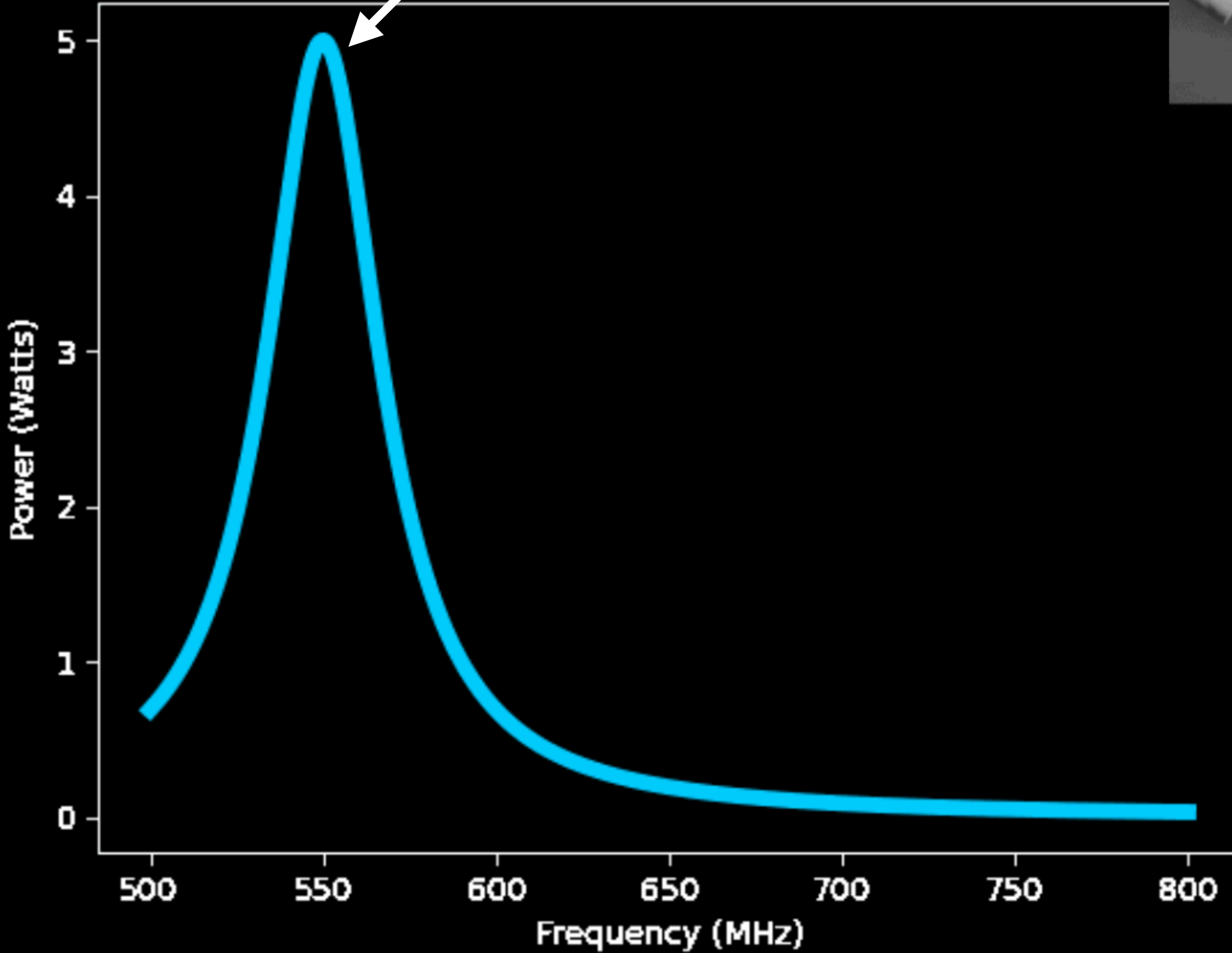
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TUNING A RADIO

Resonant frequency



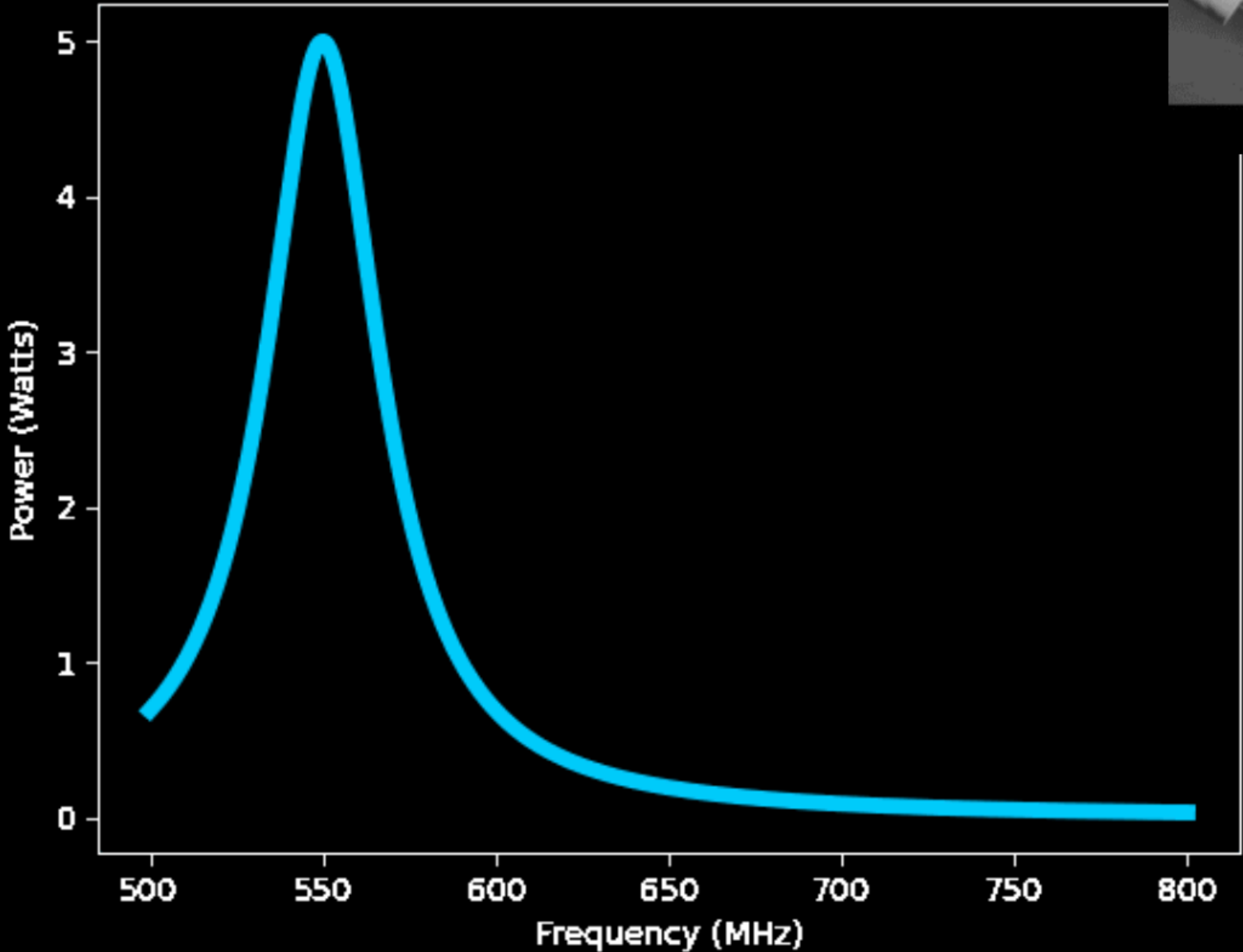
More power = greater sensitivity



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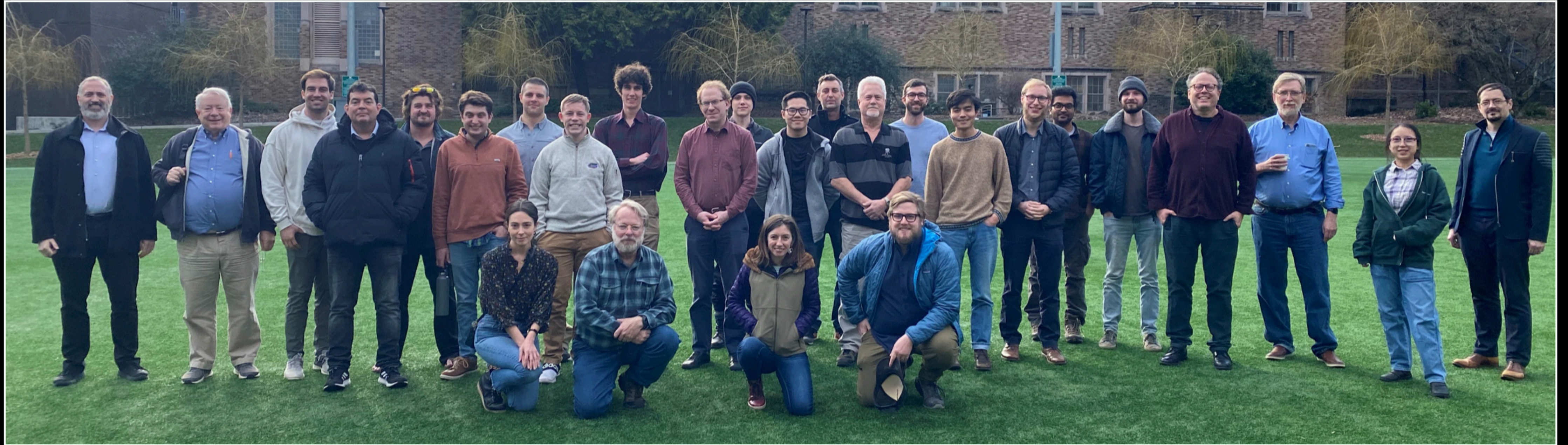


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EVEN A COFFEE CAN IS A RESONATOR!

ADMX Collaboration



Axion Dark Matter eXperiment (ADMX)

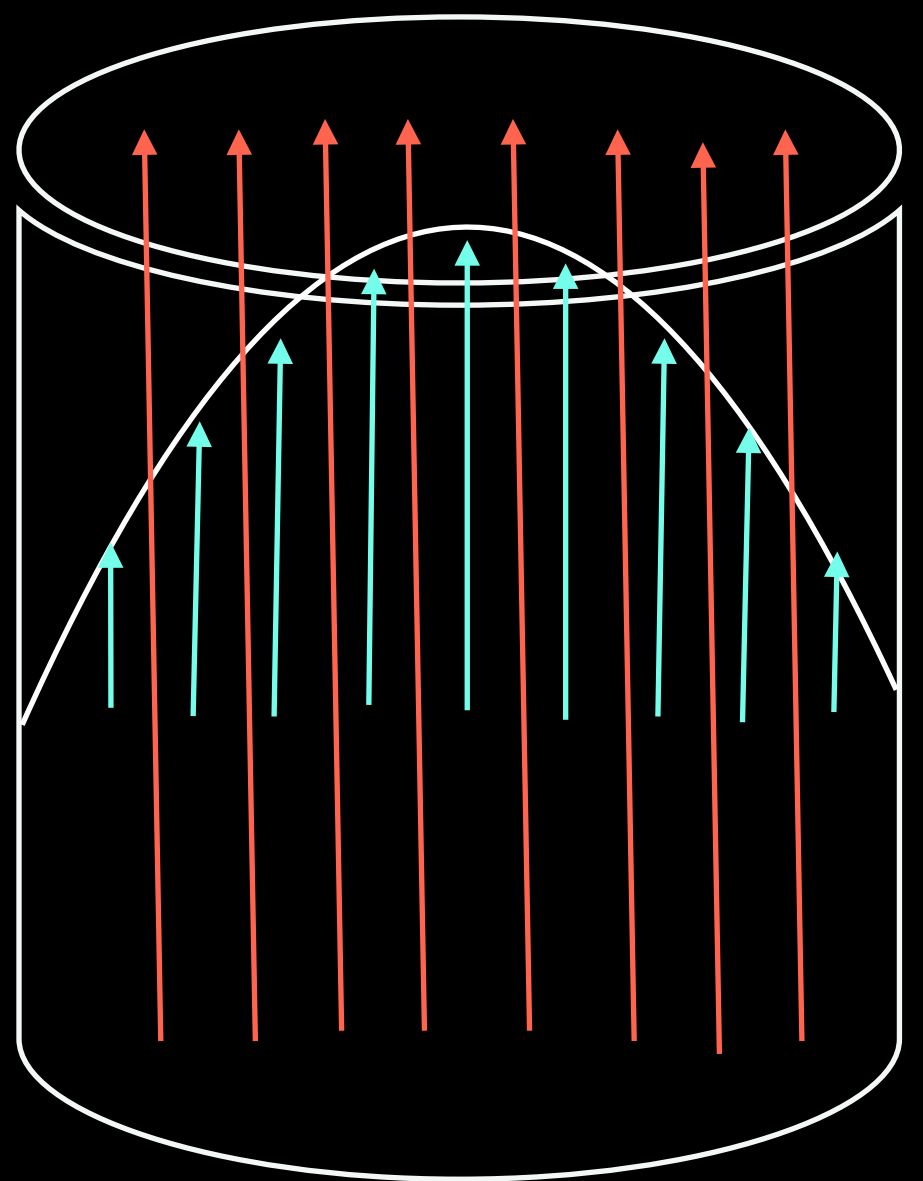


Experiment that looks for dark matter at the University of Washington.



Cavity Haloscope

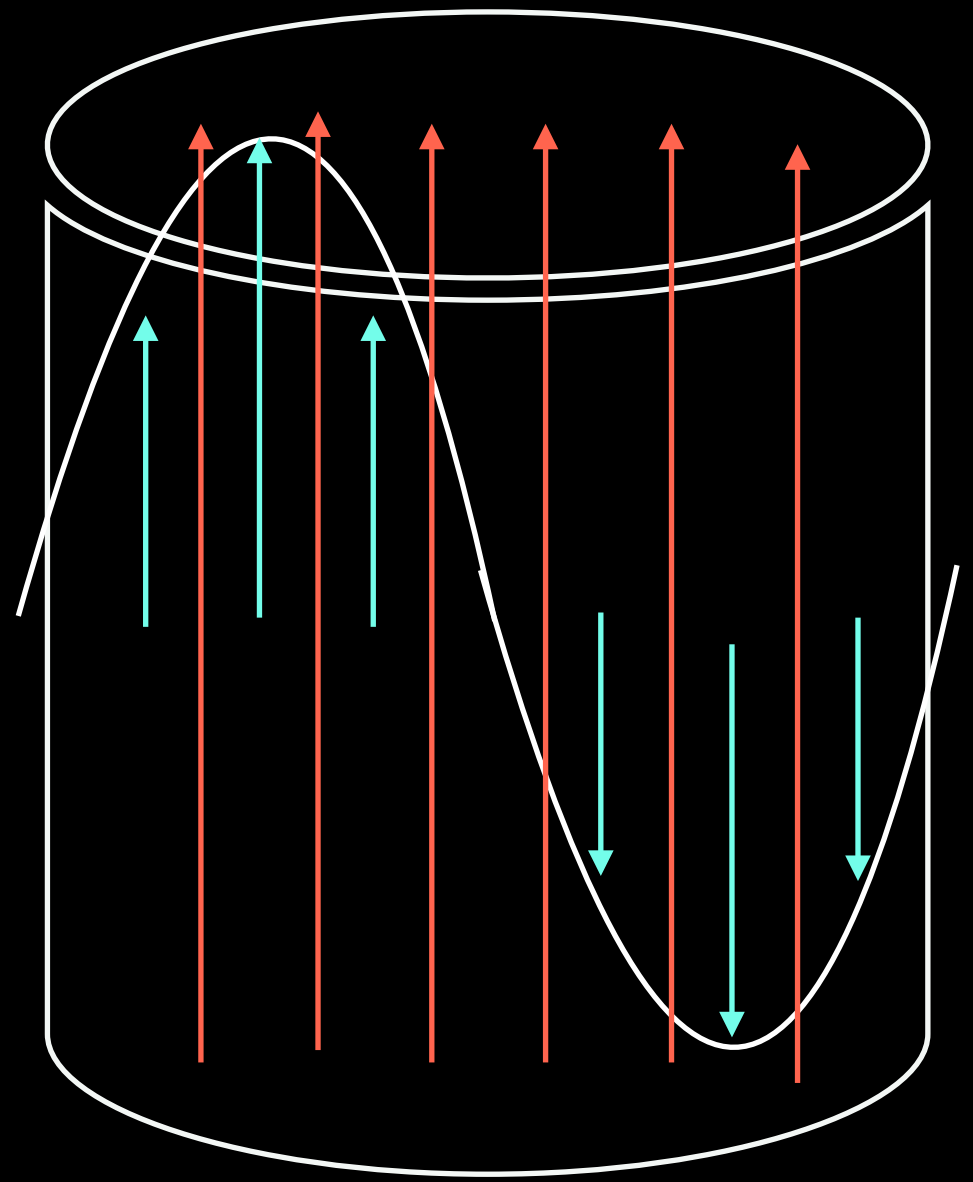
Search for axions with wavelength similar in scale to the cavity dimensions
Form Factor == overlap of axion E field with static B field



Non-zero form factor

Red is static magnetic field
Blue is axion electric field

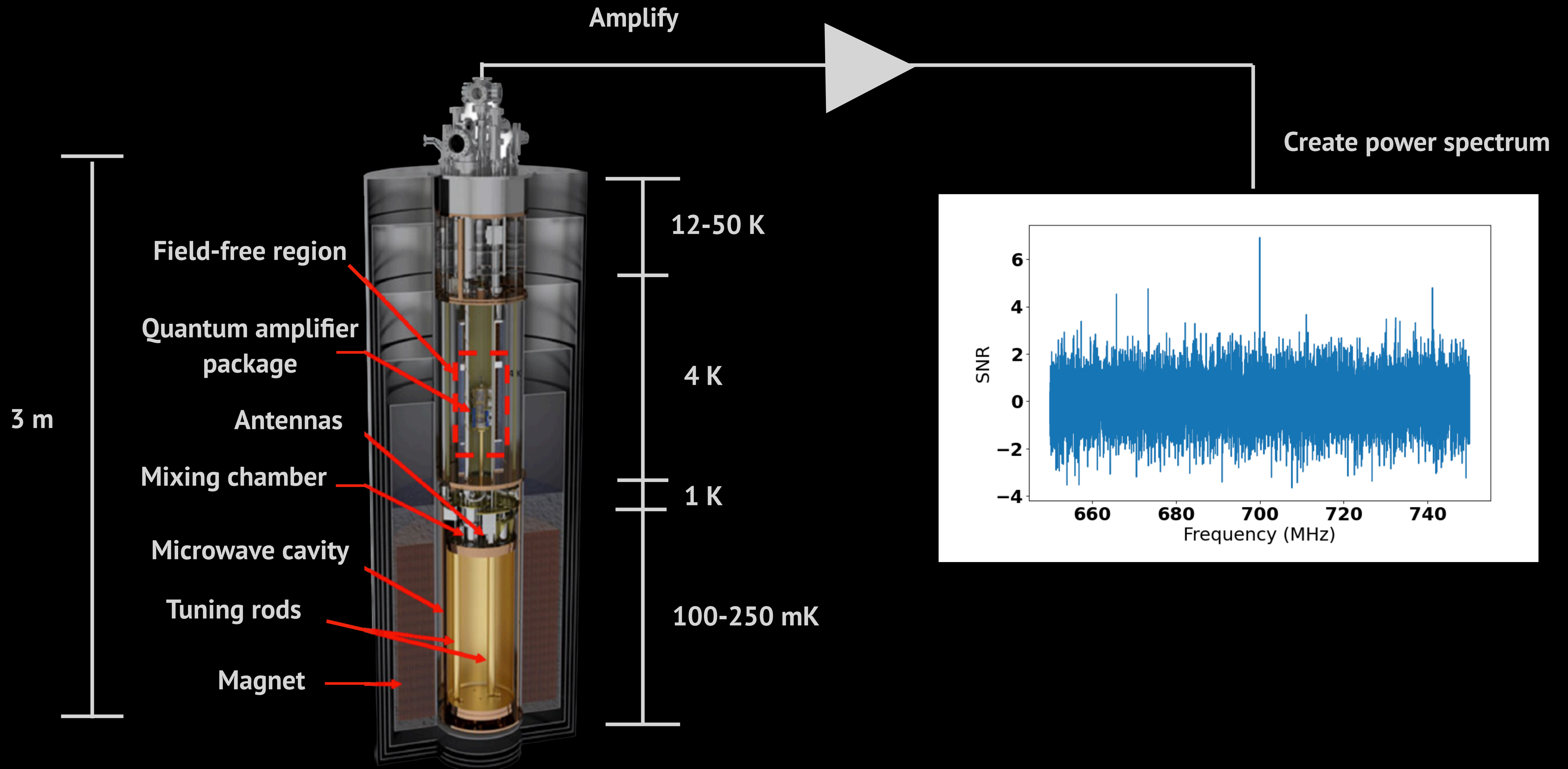
$$C_{010} = \frac{|\int dV \vec{B}_{\text{ext}} \cdot \vec{E}_a|^2}{B_{\text{ext}}^2 \int dV \epsilon_r |\vec{E}_a|^2}$$



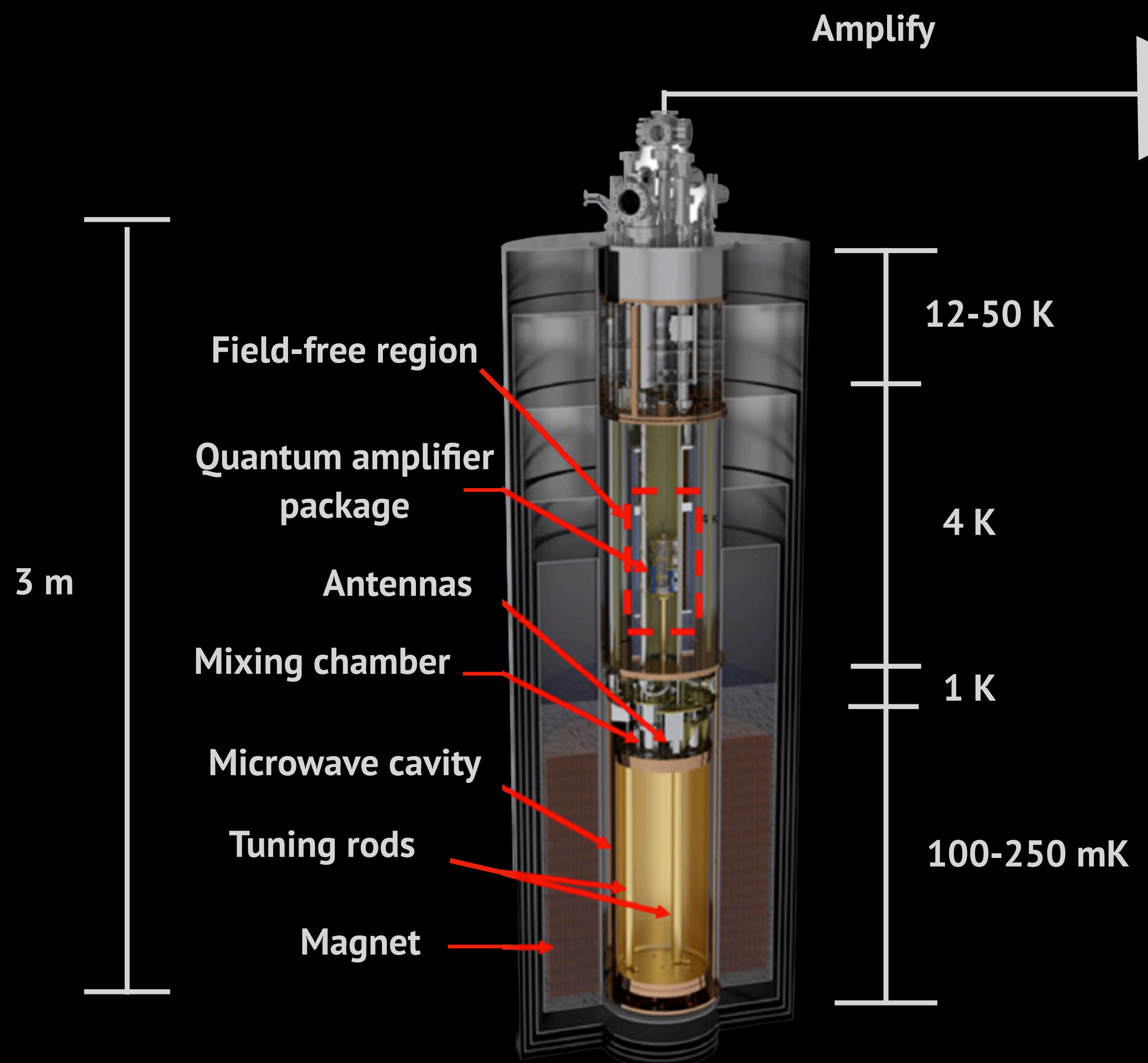
Zero form factor

In ADMX: Axion couples most strongly to TM010 mode

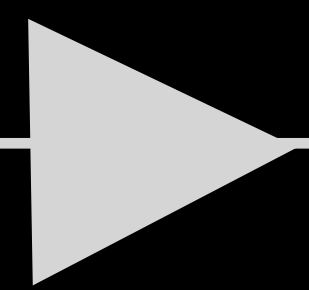
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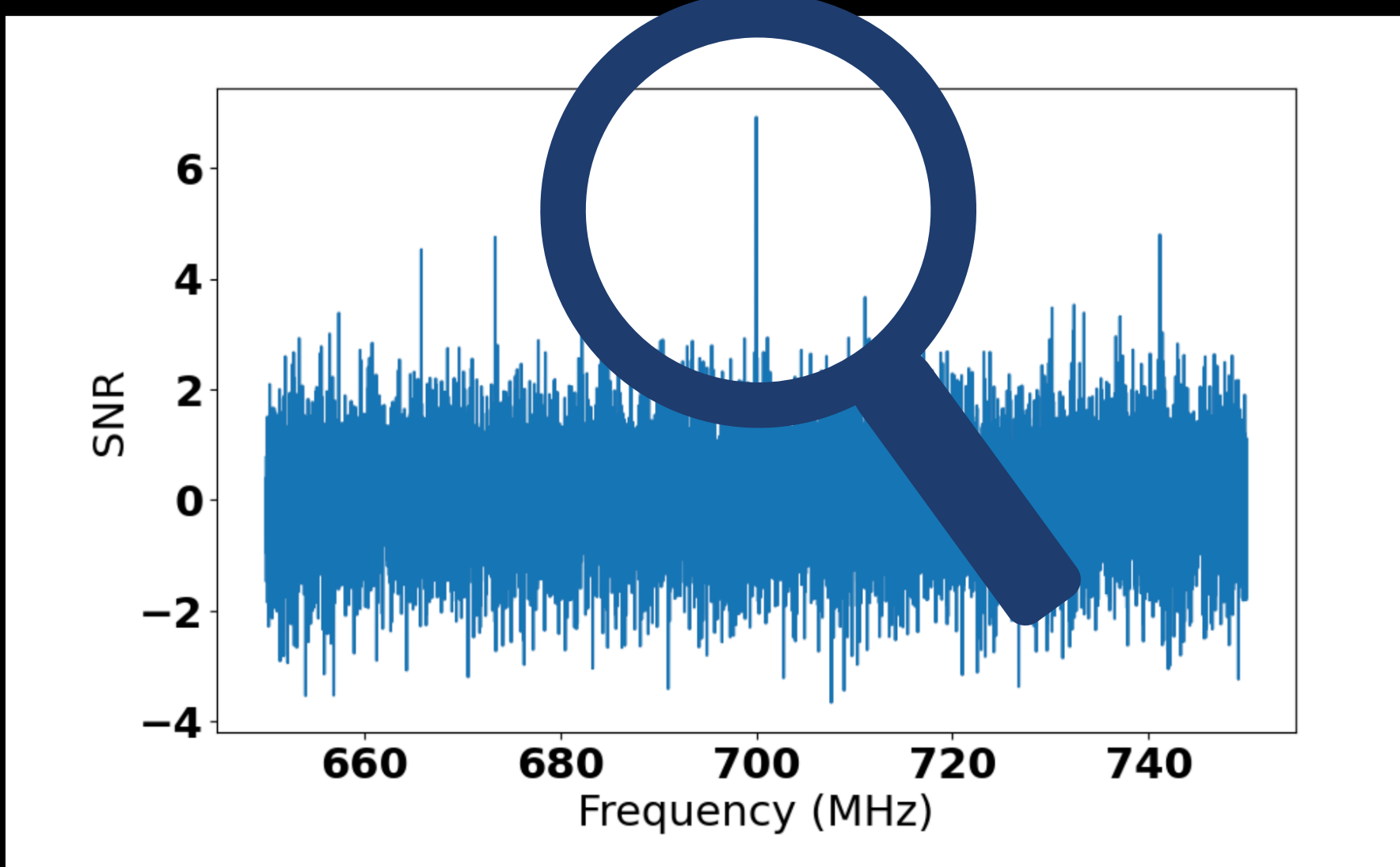
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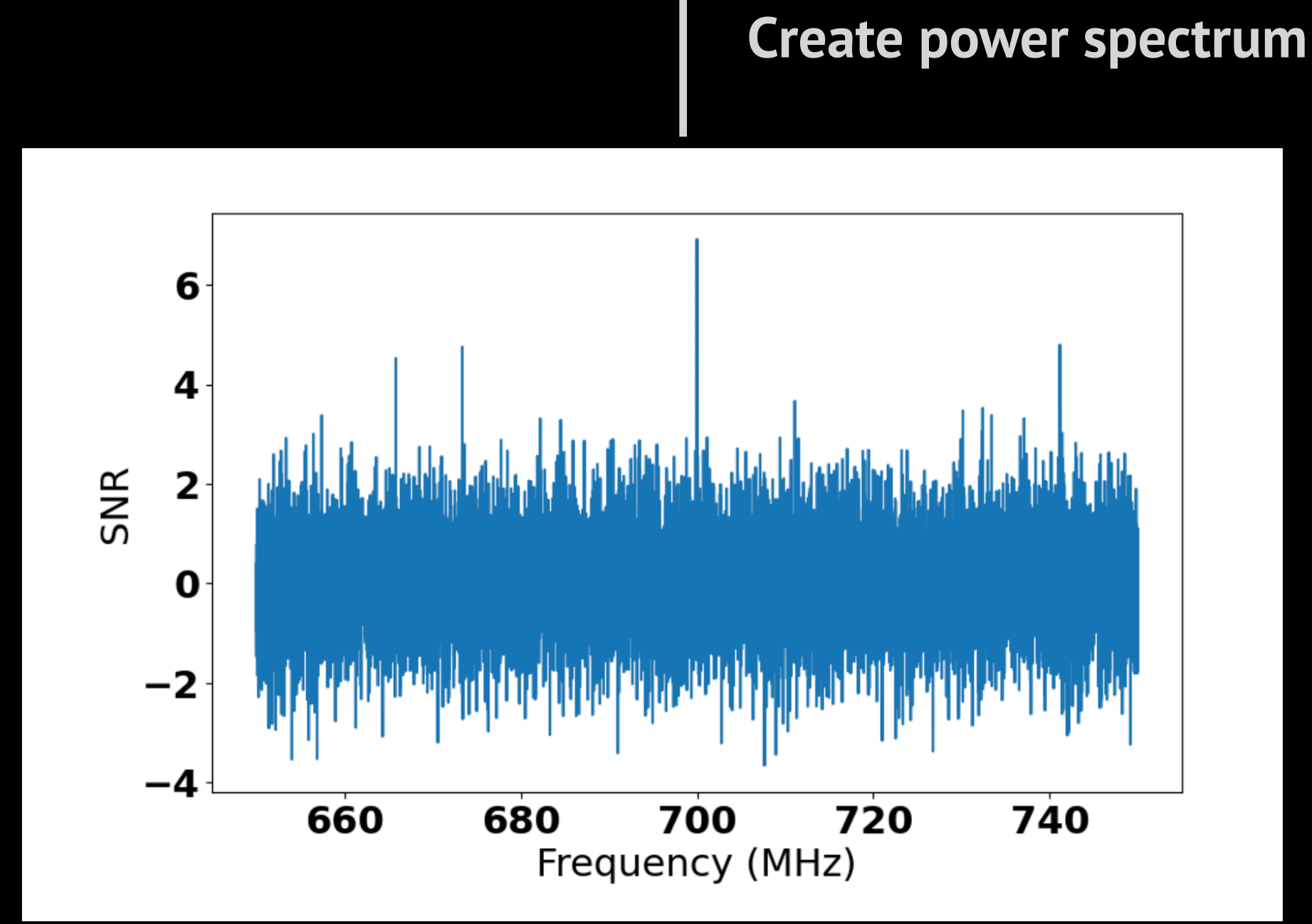
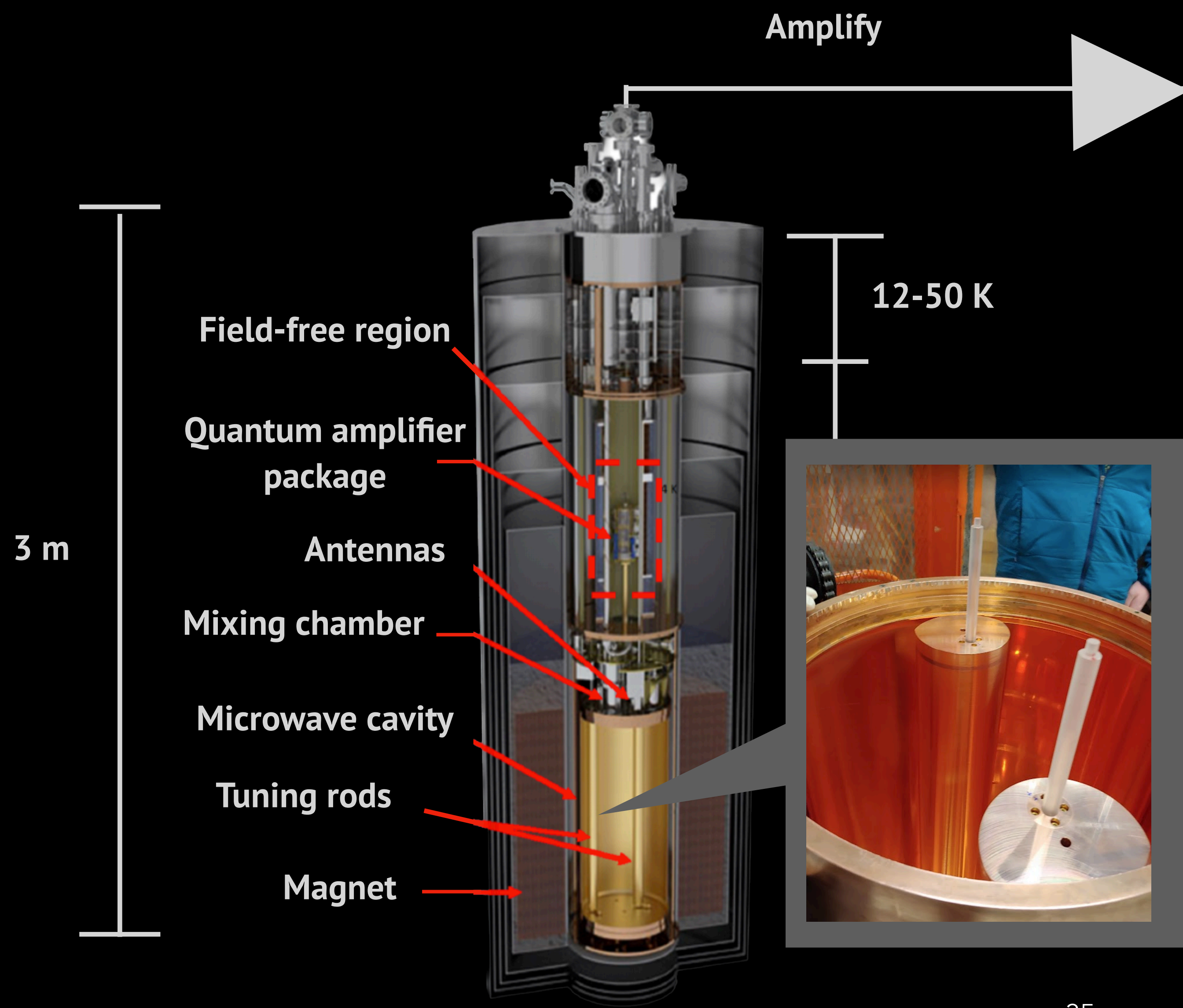
Amplify



Create power spectrum

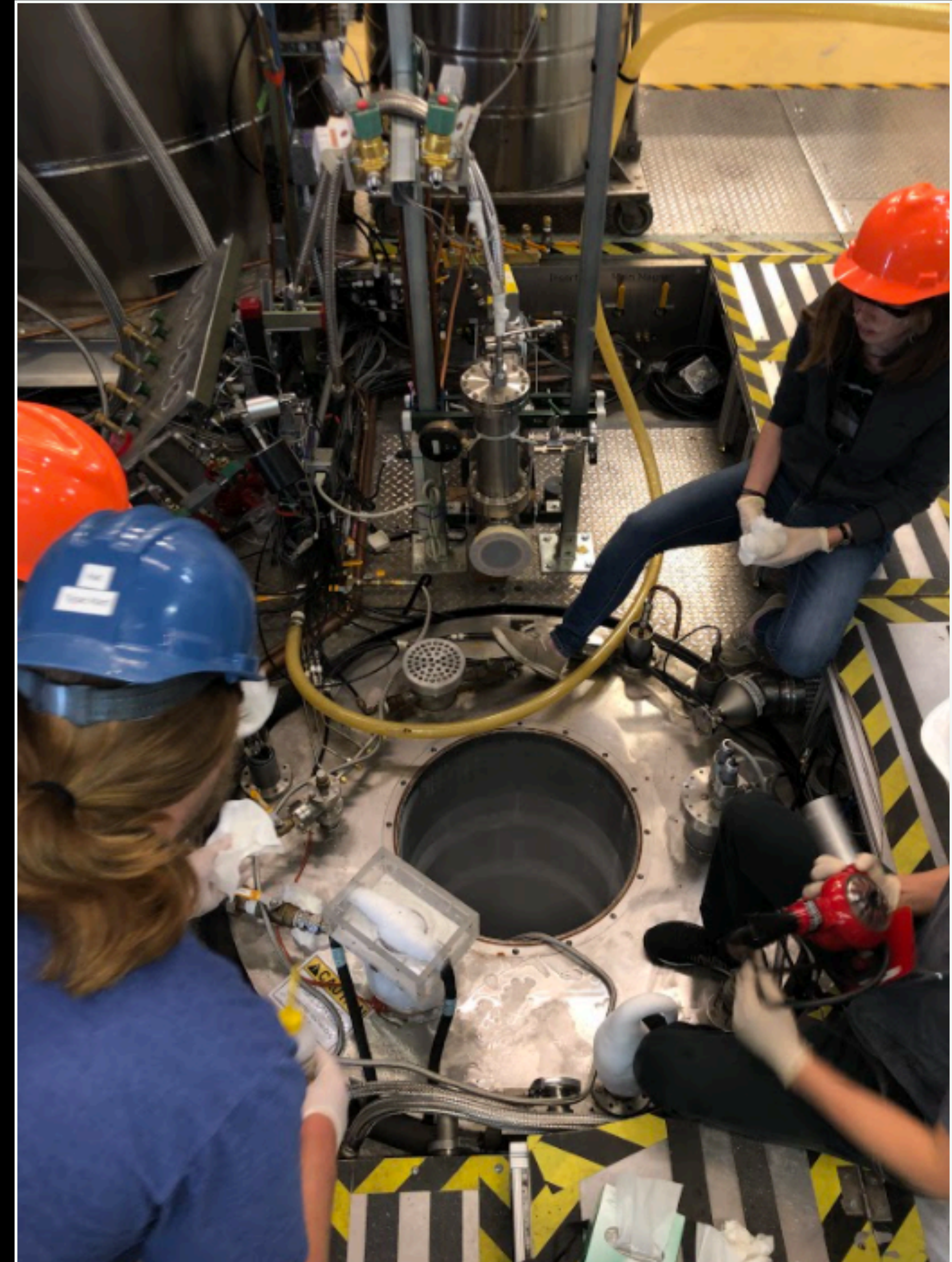


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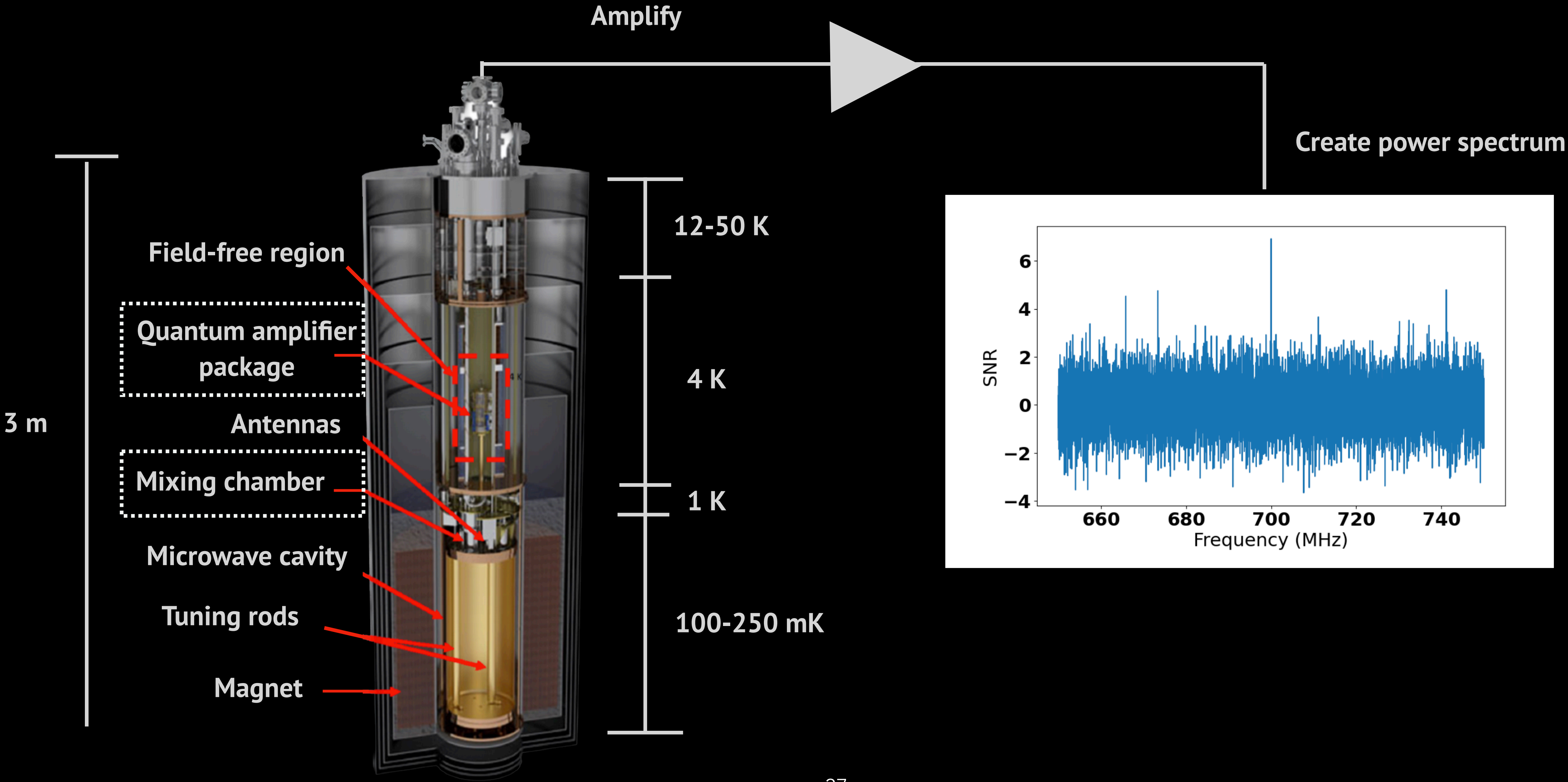


Axion mass unknown: tuning rods required

Cavity Haloscope

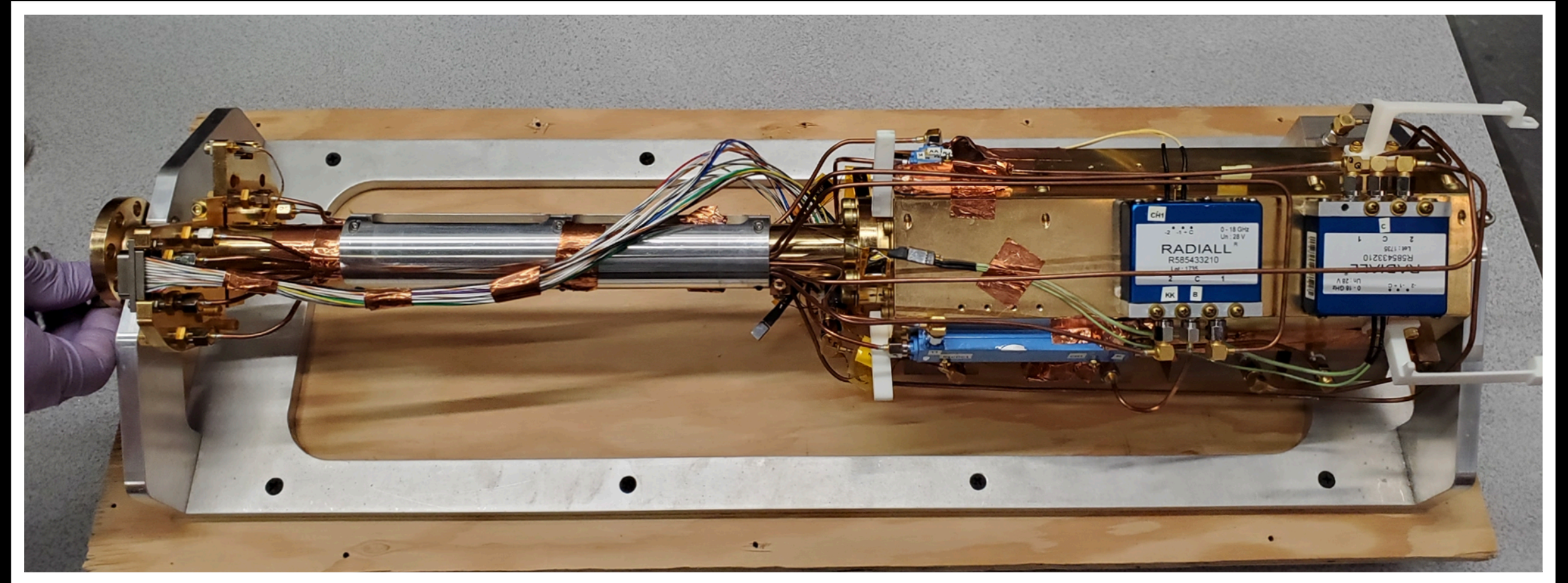


Ultra low noise receiver



Josephson Parametric Amplifiers (JPAs)

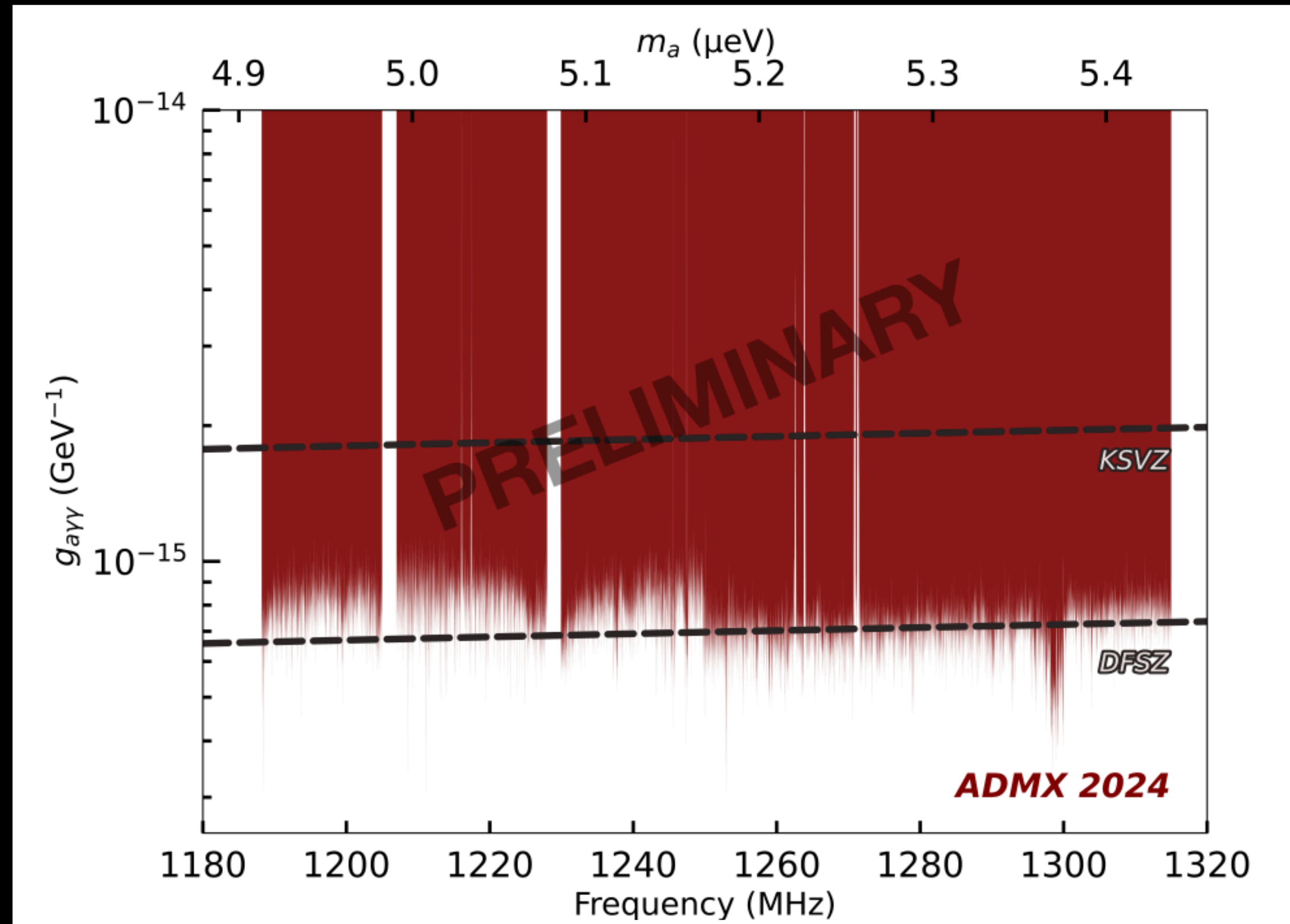
- Josephson parametric amplifiers are quantum amplifiers that boost the signal strength while adding minimal noise
- Made of superconducting circuits
- Requires nanofabrication



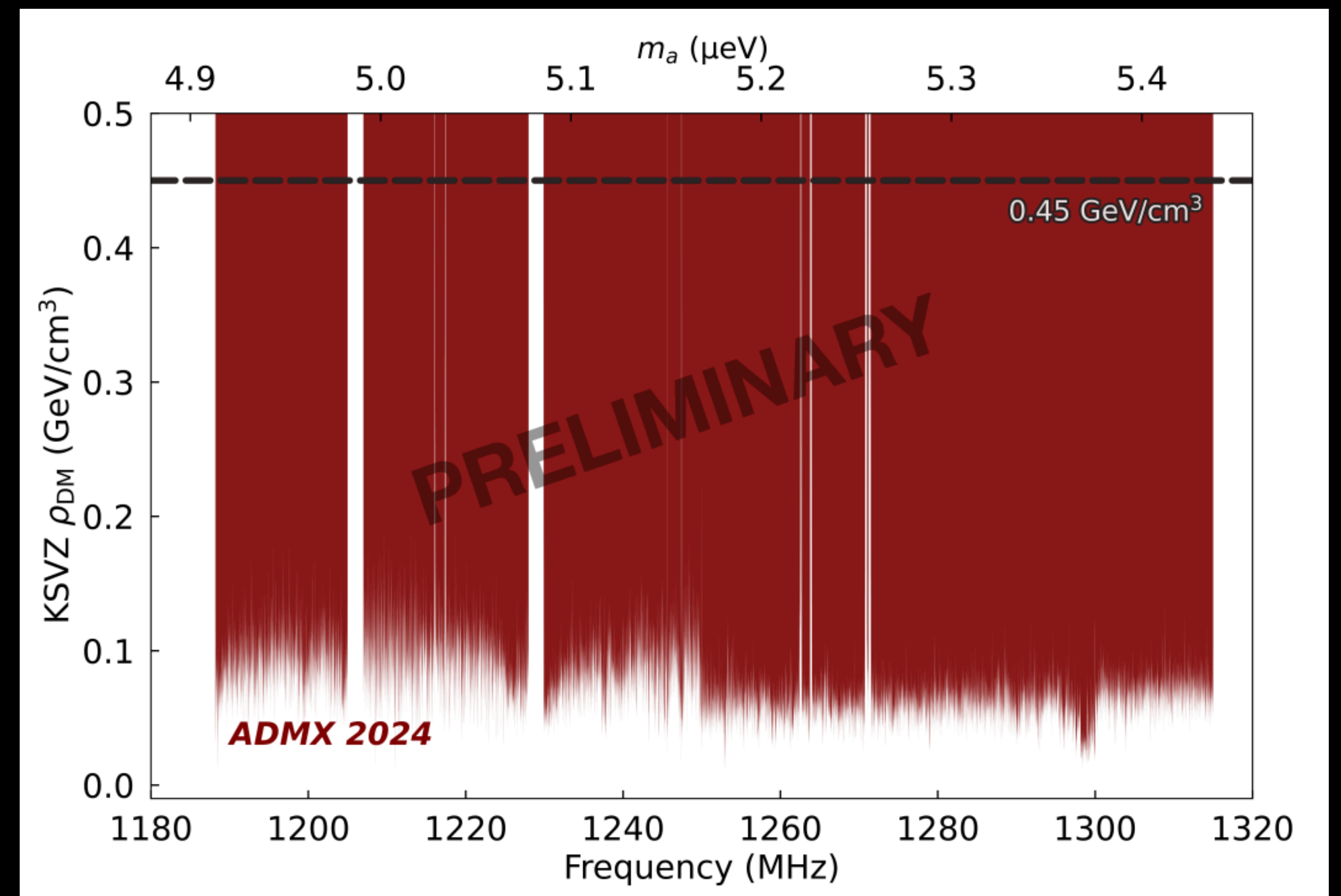
Yanjie Qiu, Siddiqi Group, UC Berkeley



ADMX Recent Exclusion Limits (Preliminary)

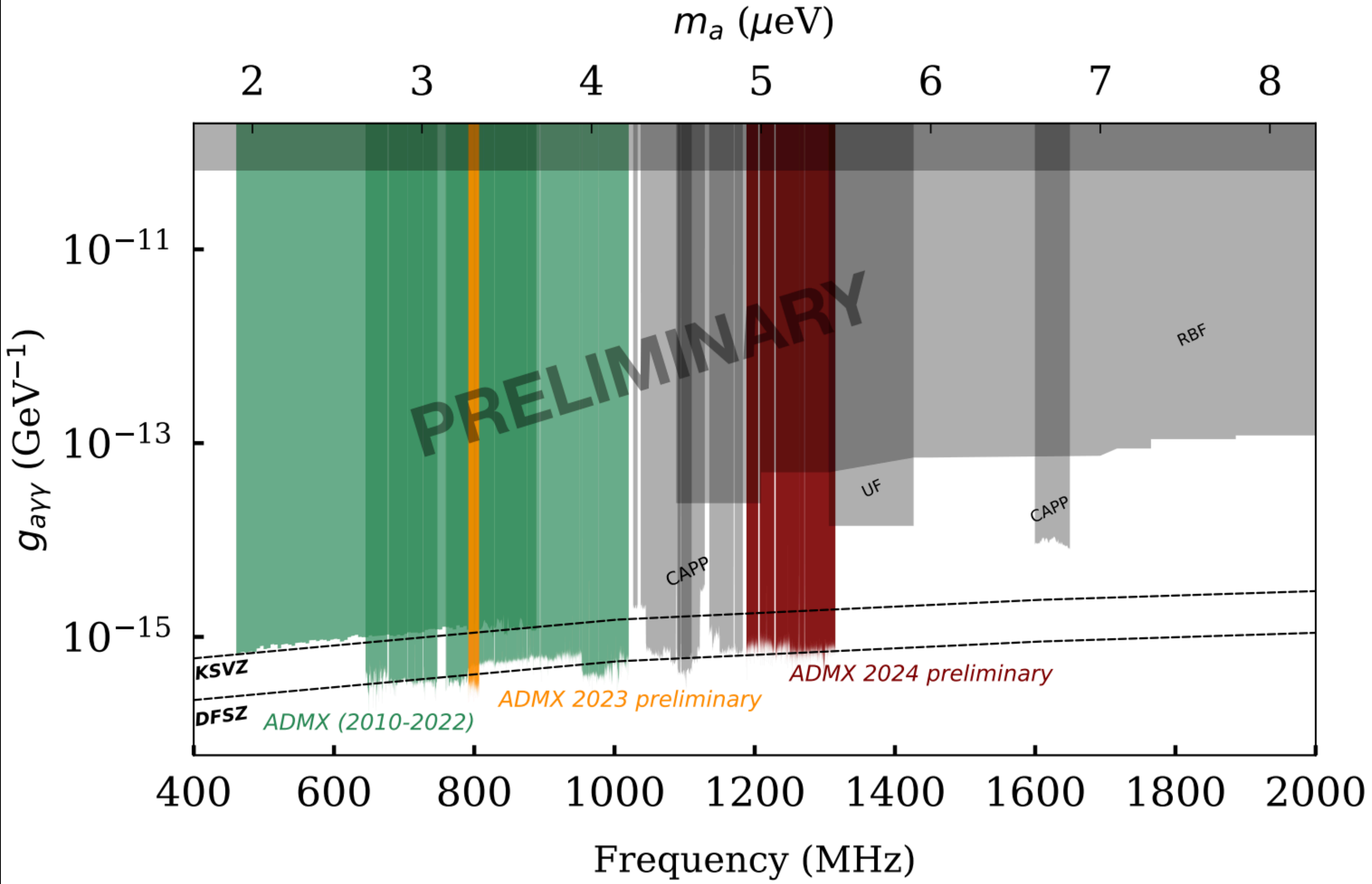


$$\rho_{\text{DM}} = 0.45 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

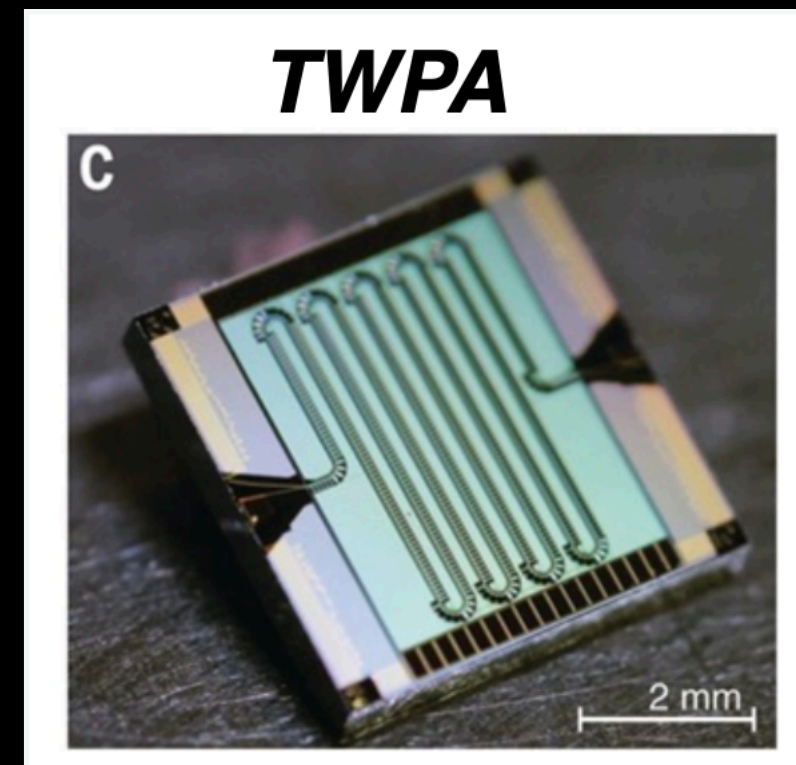
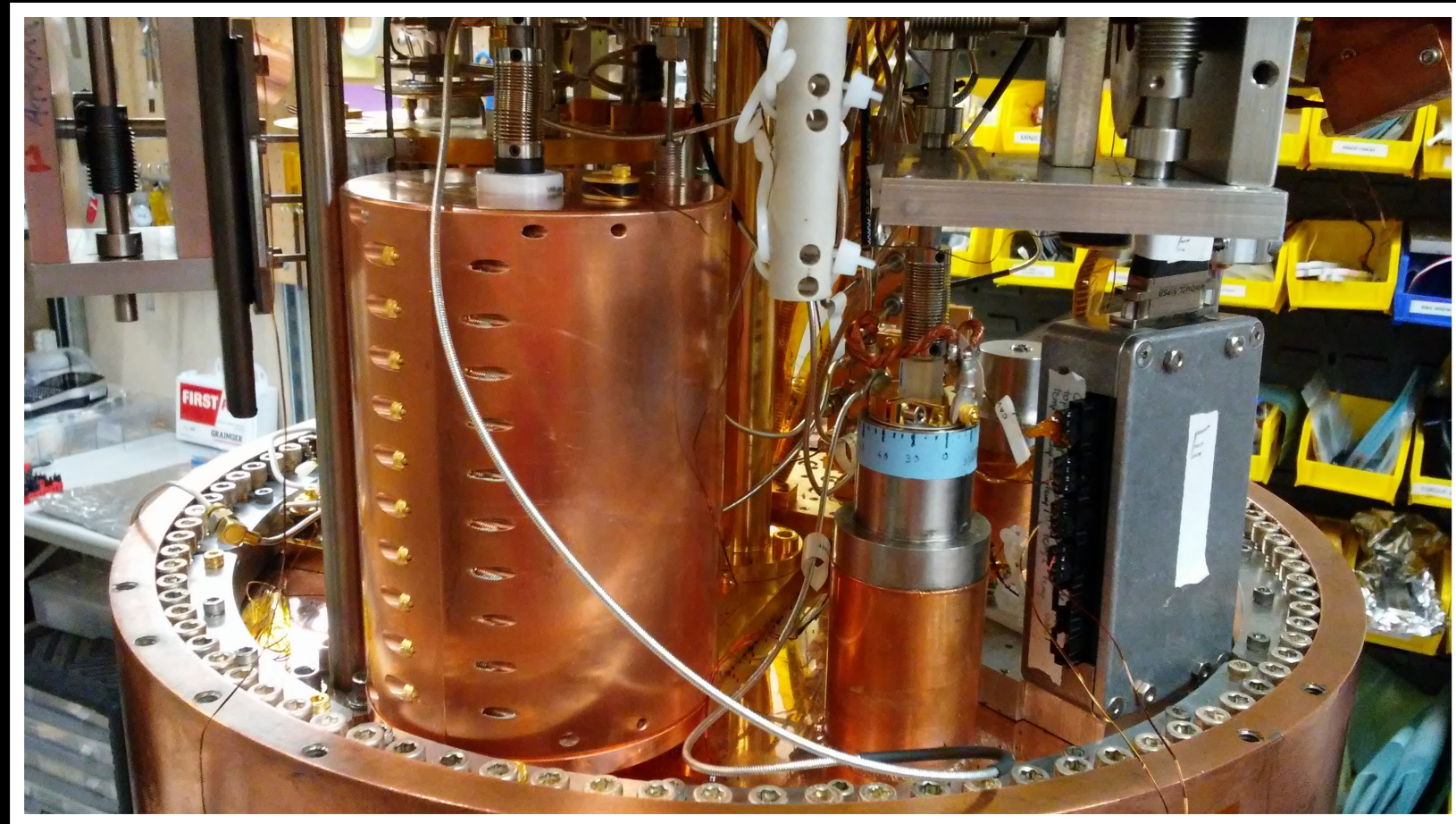


$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = -0.97$$

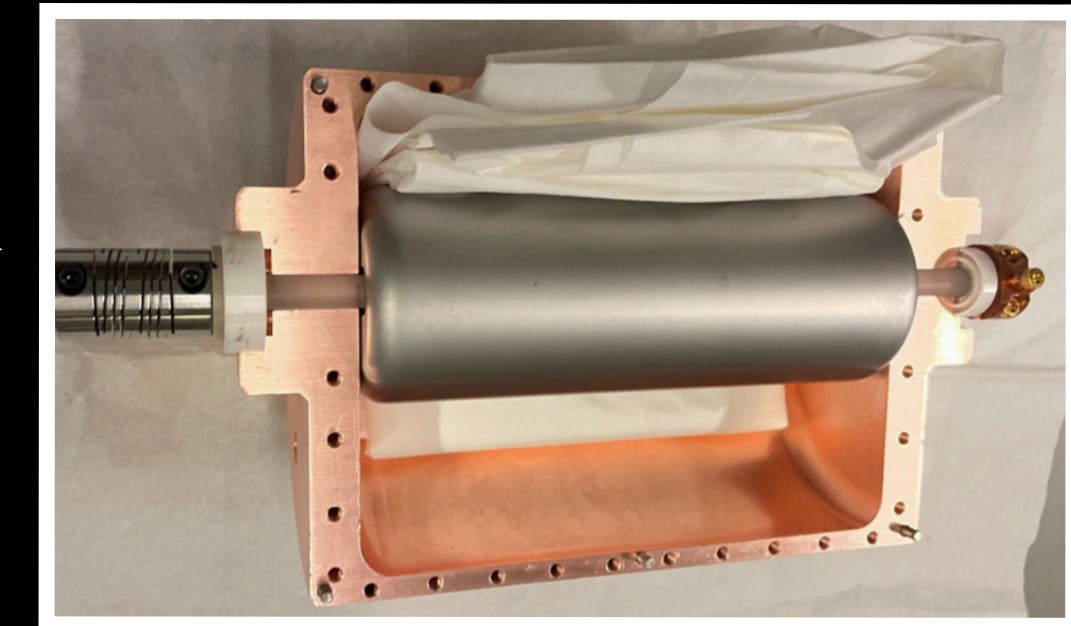
ADMX Exclusion Limits (in context)



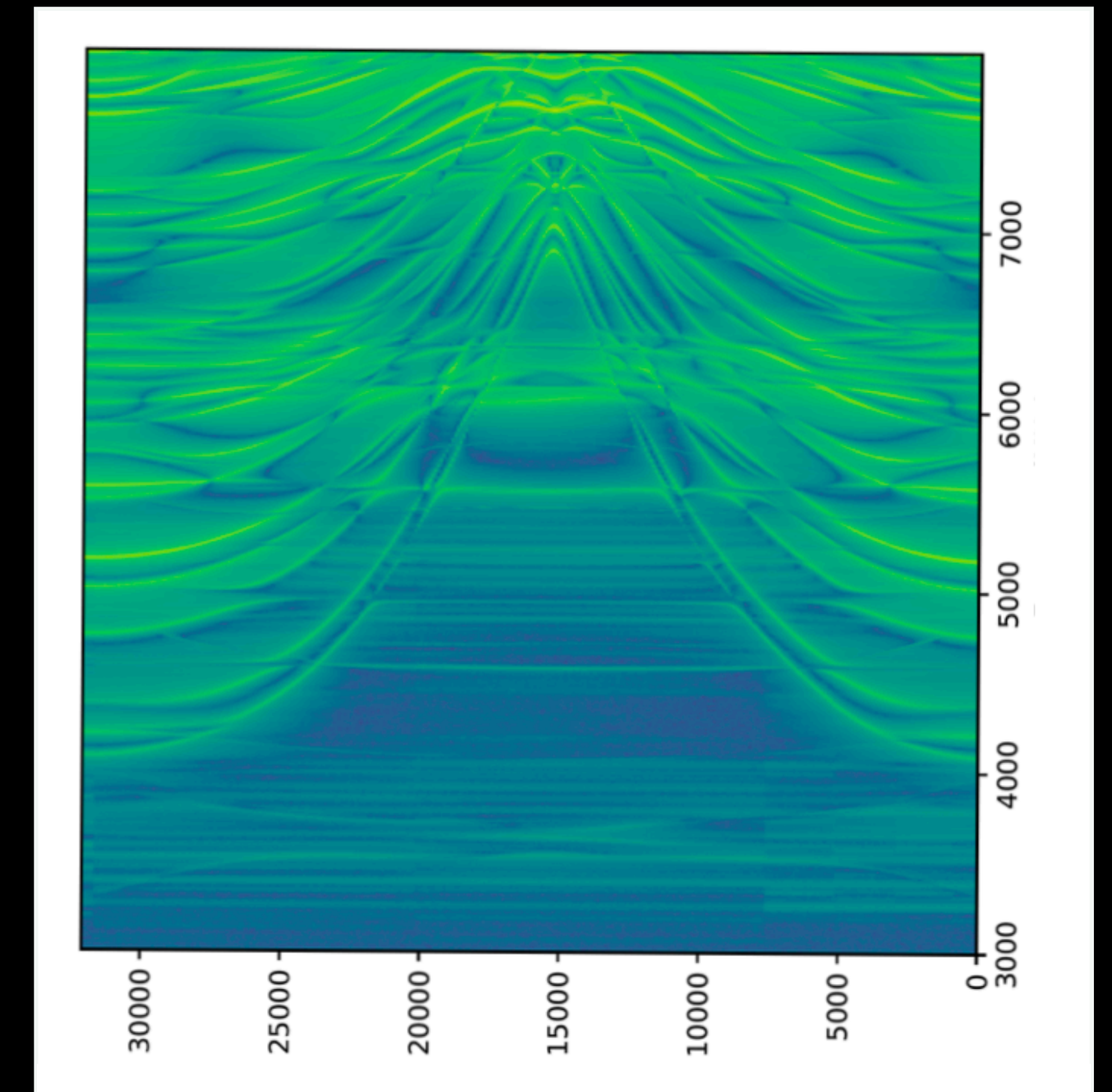
ADMX high frequency prototype



Nb₃Sn on Niobium



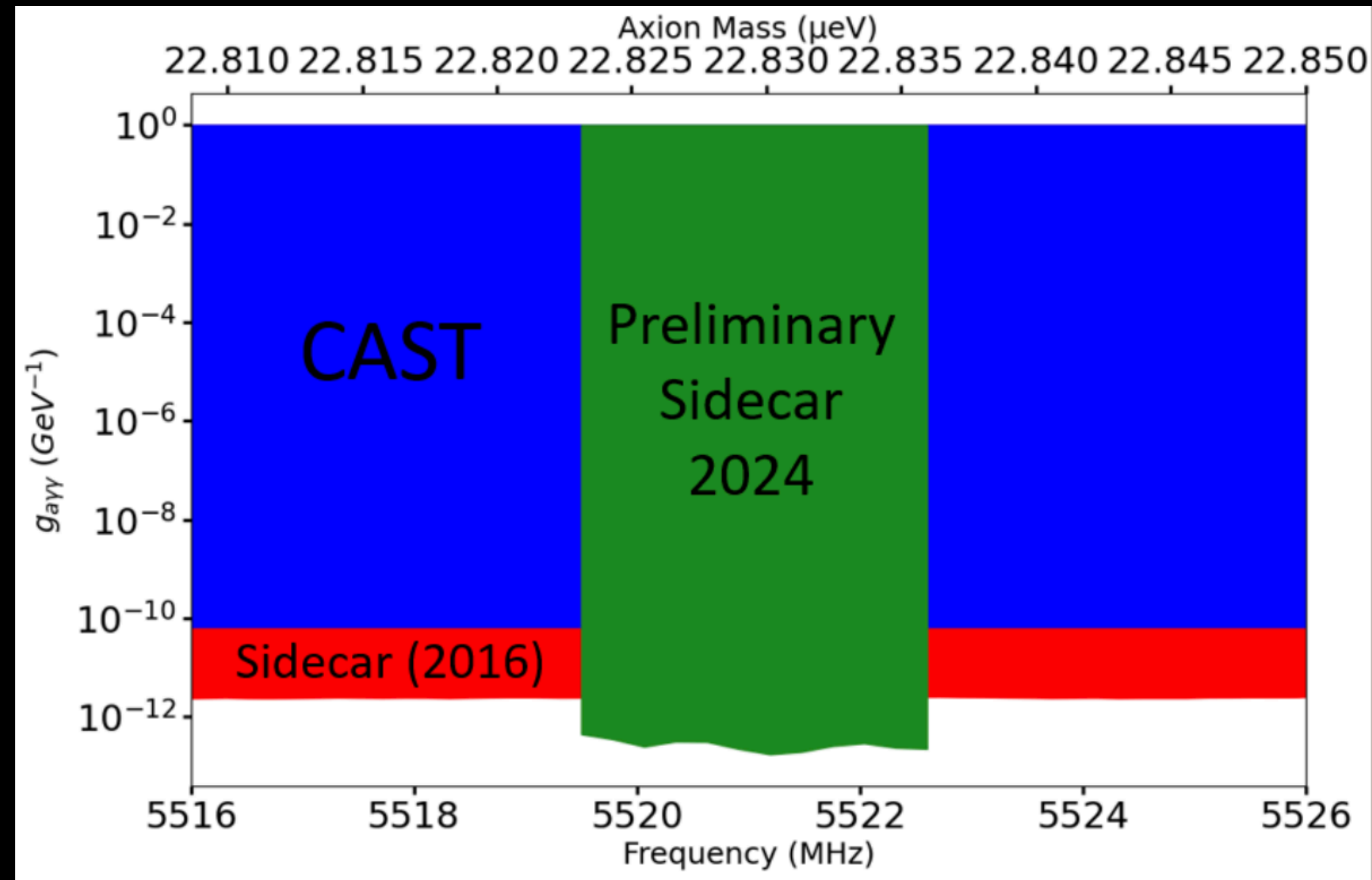
Sidecar mode map



Sidecar is a high frequency (4-6 GHz) prototyping cavity that sits on top of the main cavity.

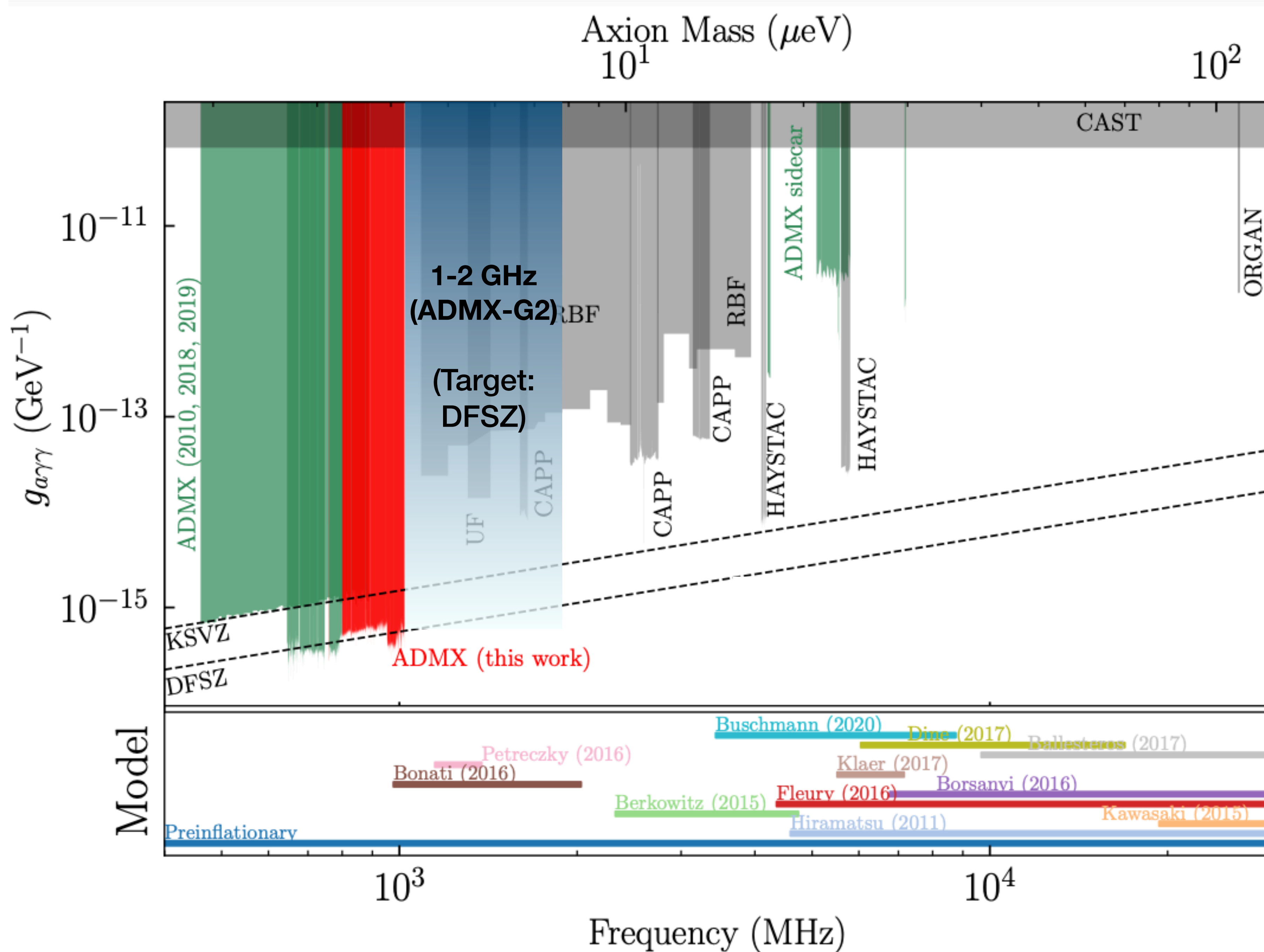
- Run 1D Testing:
 - Traveling Wave Parametric Amplifier (TWPA)
 - Clamshell cavity design
 - Piezo motors for antenna and tuning rod
 - Nb₃Sn film sputtered on pure Niobium substrate by SQMS

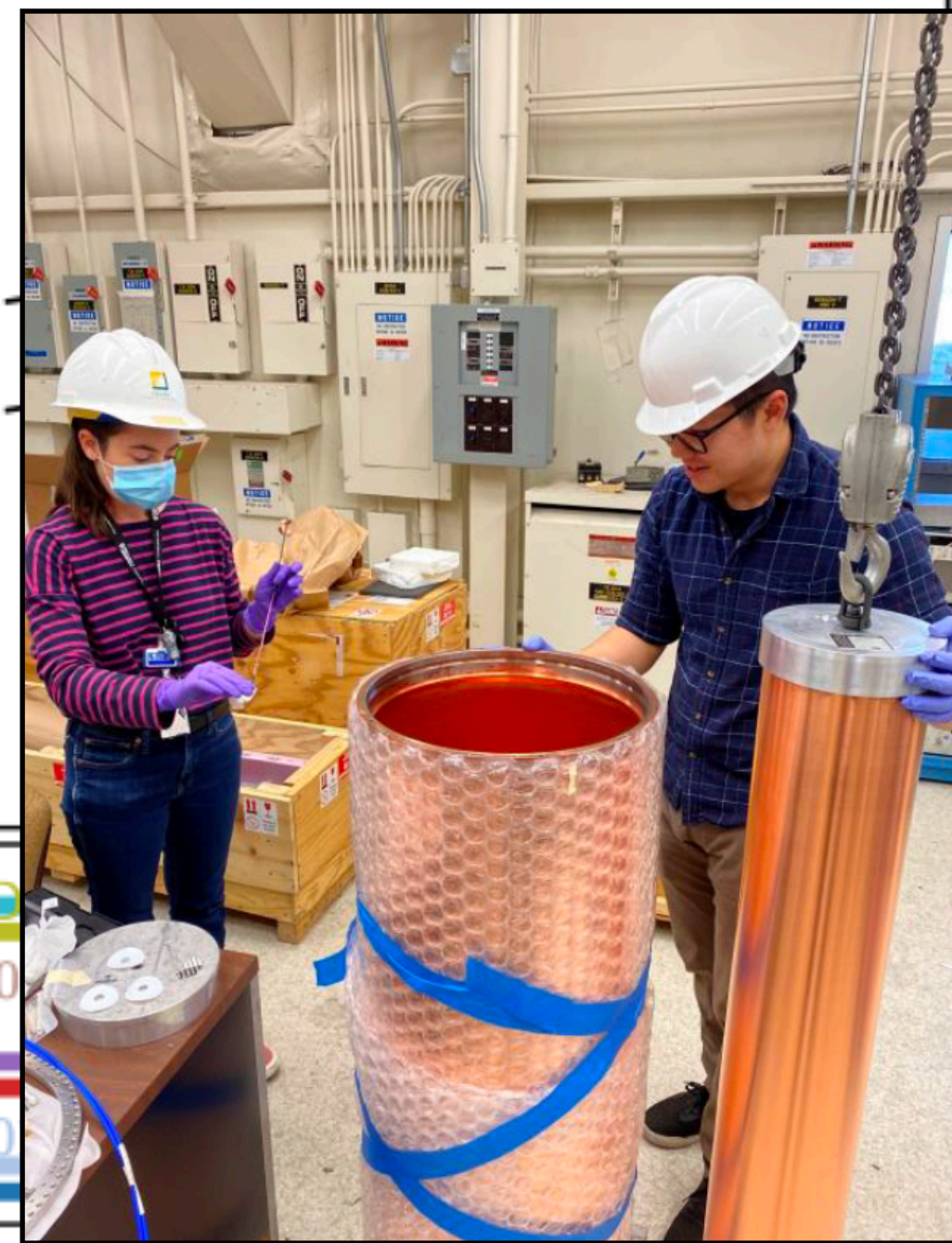
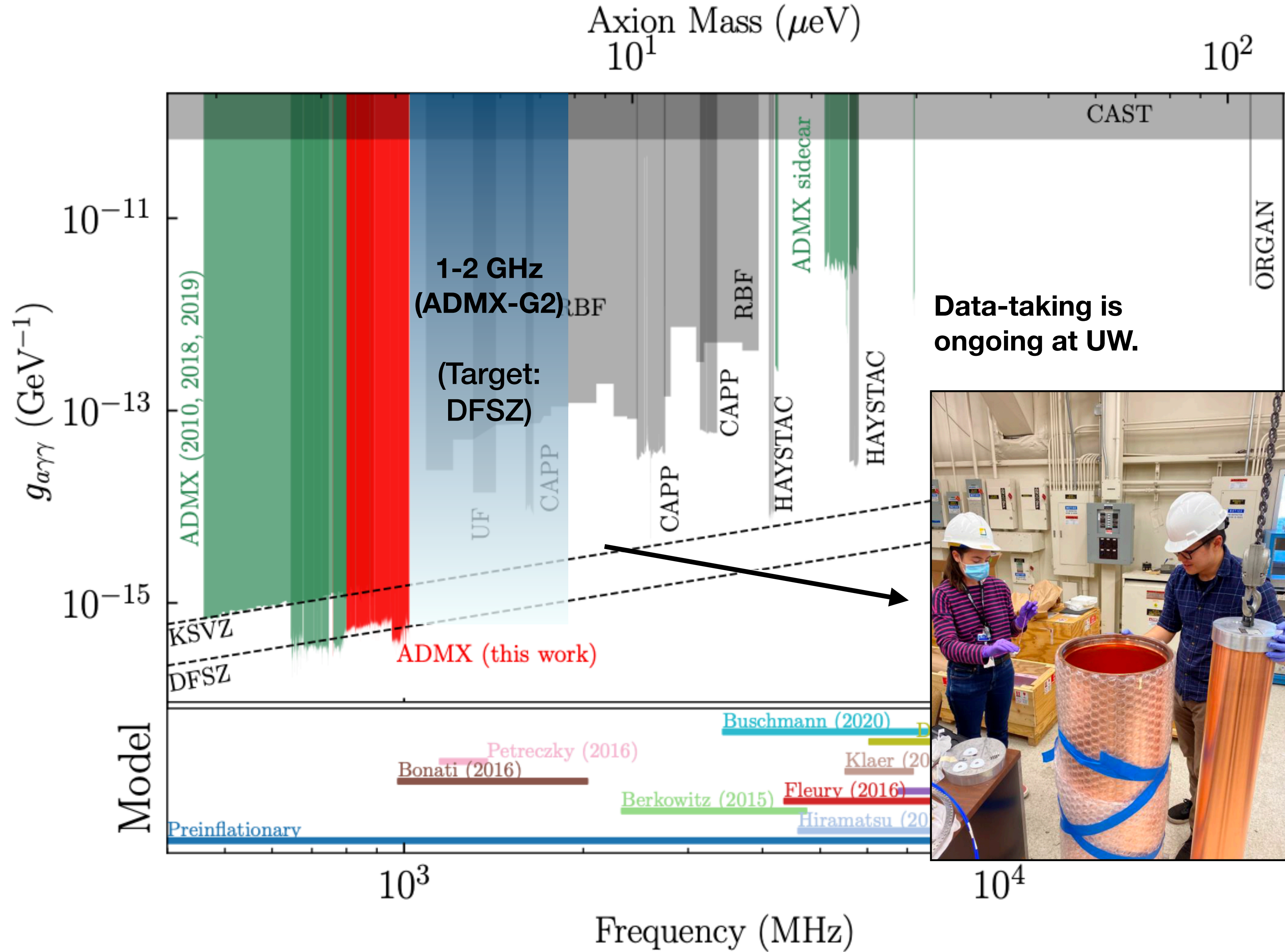
Testing of a superconducting tuning rod in sidecar

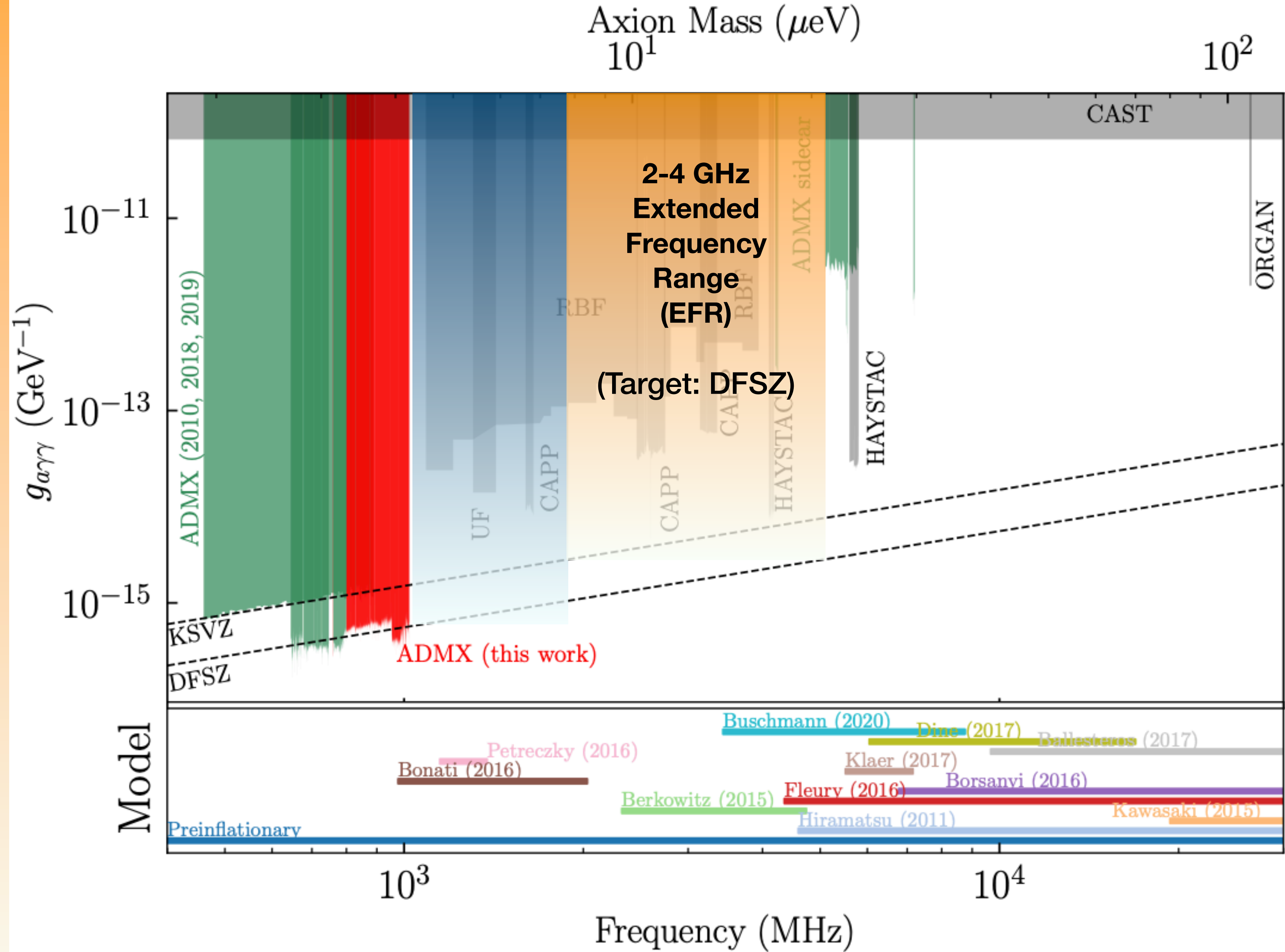


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Sidecar continues taking data at 5.2-5.6 GHz at 10x KSVZ with a Nb₃Tn superconducting tuning rod!







Scan speed for cavity haloscope

$$\frac{df}{dt} \approx 323 \frac{\text{MHz}}{\text{yr}} \left(\frac{g_\gamma}{0.36} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right)^2 \left(\frac{f}{1 \text{ GHz}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{3.5}{\text{SNR}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{B_0}{7.6 \text{ T}} \right)^4 \left(\frac{V}{136 \ell} \right)^2 \left(\frac{Q_L}{30,000} \right) \left(\frac{C_{lmn}}{0.4} \right)^2 \left(\frac{0.35 \text{ K}}{T_{\text{sys}}} \right)^2$$

Maximize

- B Field
- Volume
- Quality Factor
- Form Factor

Can't Control

- Frequency
- Coupling
- Dark Matter Density

Minimize

- System noise:
- Amplifier Noise
- Physical Noise

More scan rate considerations

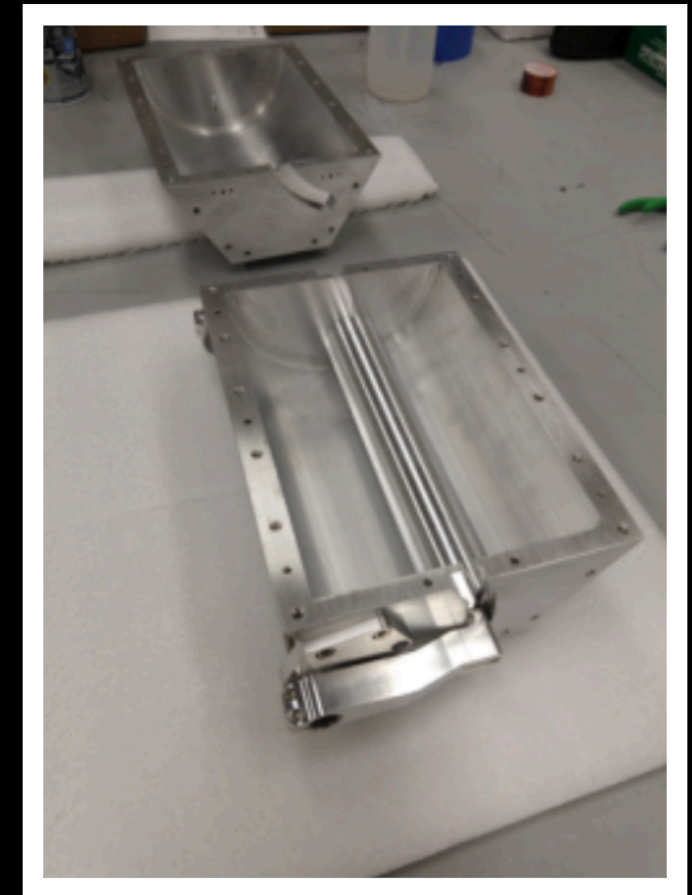
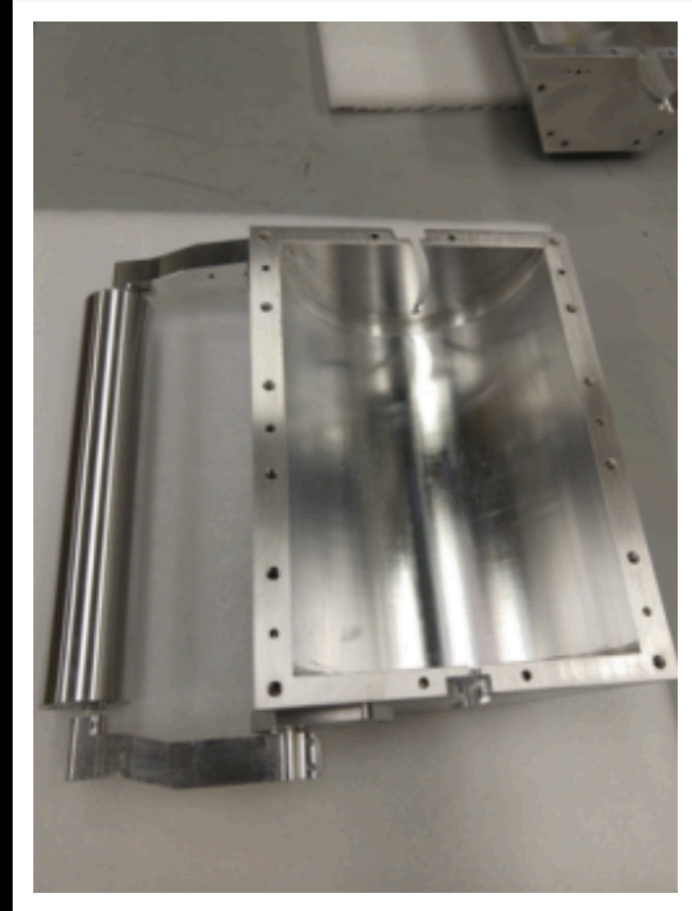
Volume decreases like $V \sim \frac{1}{f^3}$

Quality factor decreases like $Q \sim \frac{1}{f^{2/3}}$

Noise power increases like $T_{\text{amp}} \sim f$

High frequencies are a real
challenge!

ADMX EFR (2-4 GHz)

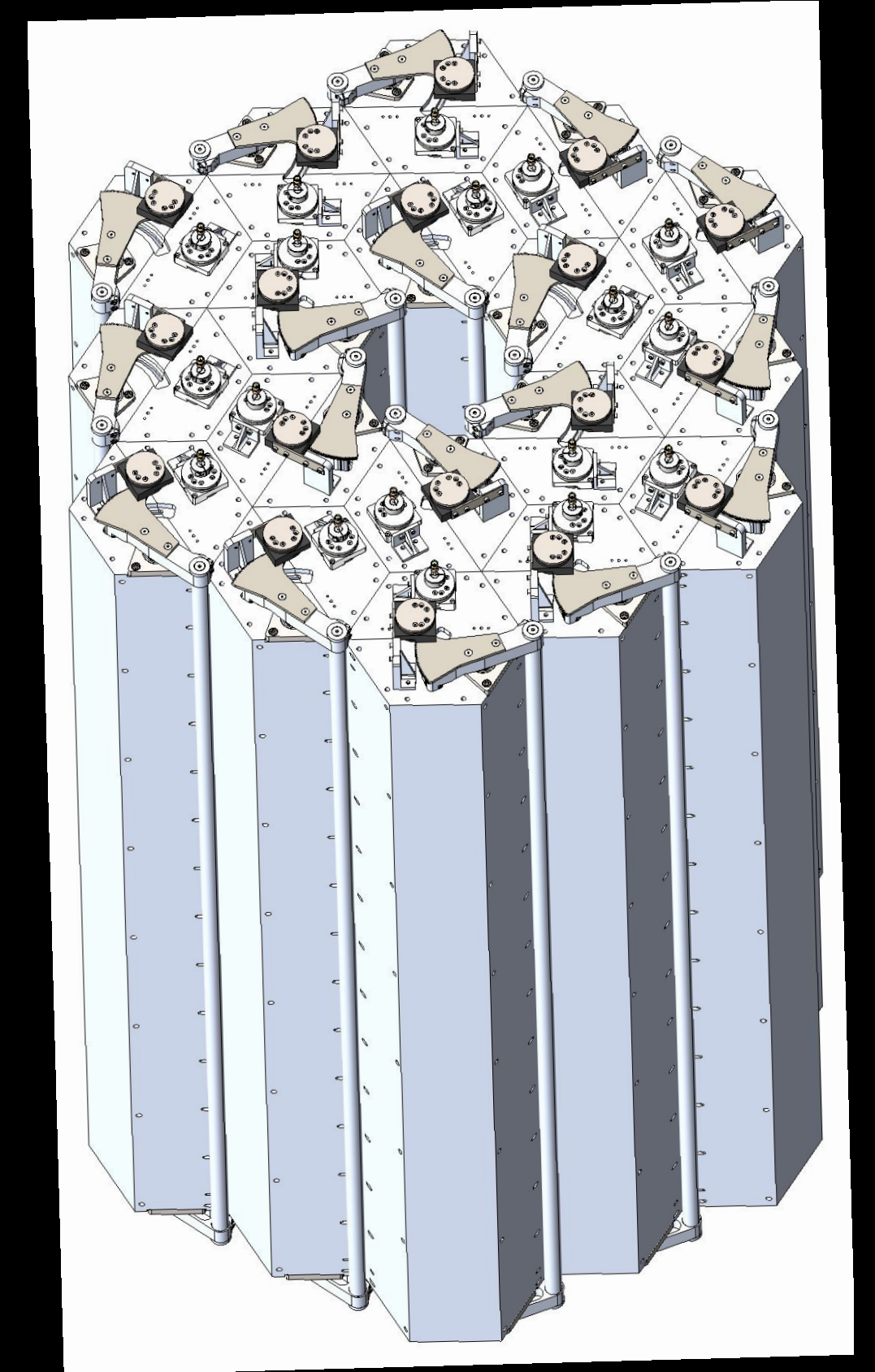


Prototype
cavity
testing

18-JPA receiver



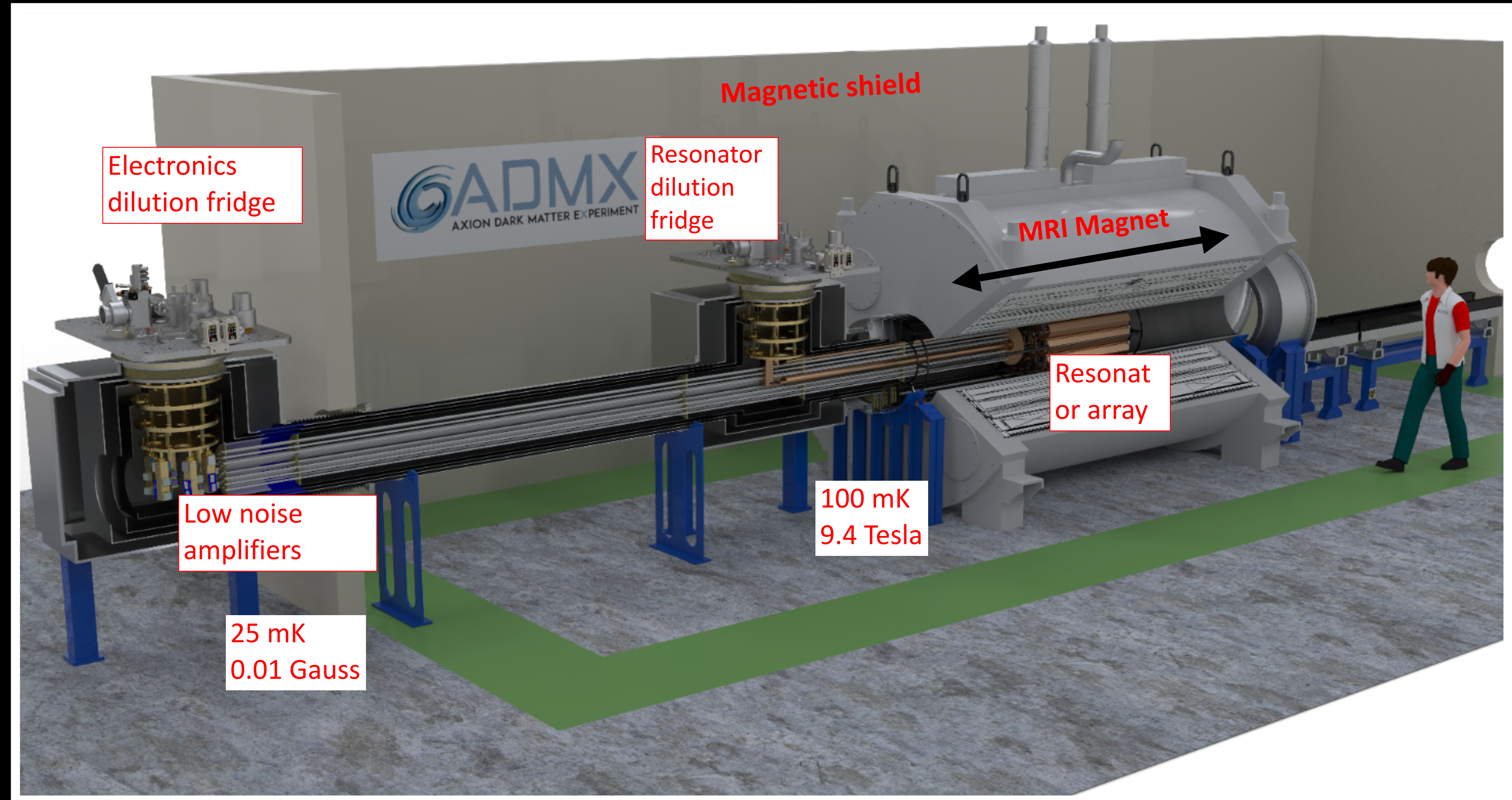
9.4 T Magnet



18-cavity array
simulations

ADMX EFR (2-4 GHz)

- Horizontal magnet bore
- Extra modularity: cavity electronics are separate from magnet bore
- Large magnet volume: 258 liters
- Other: Squeezing? Superconducting cavities?



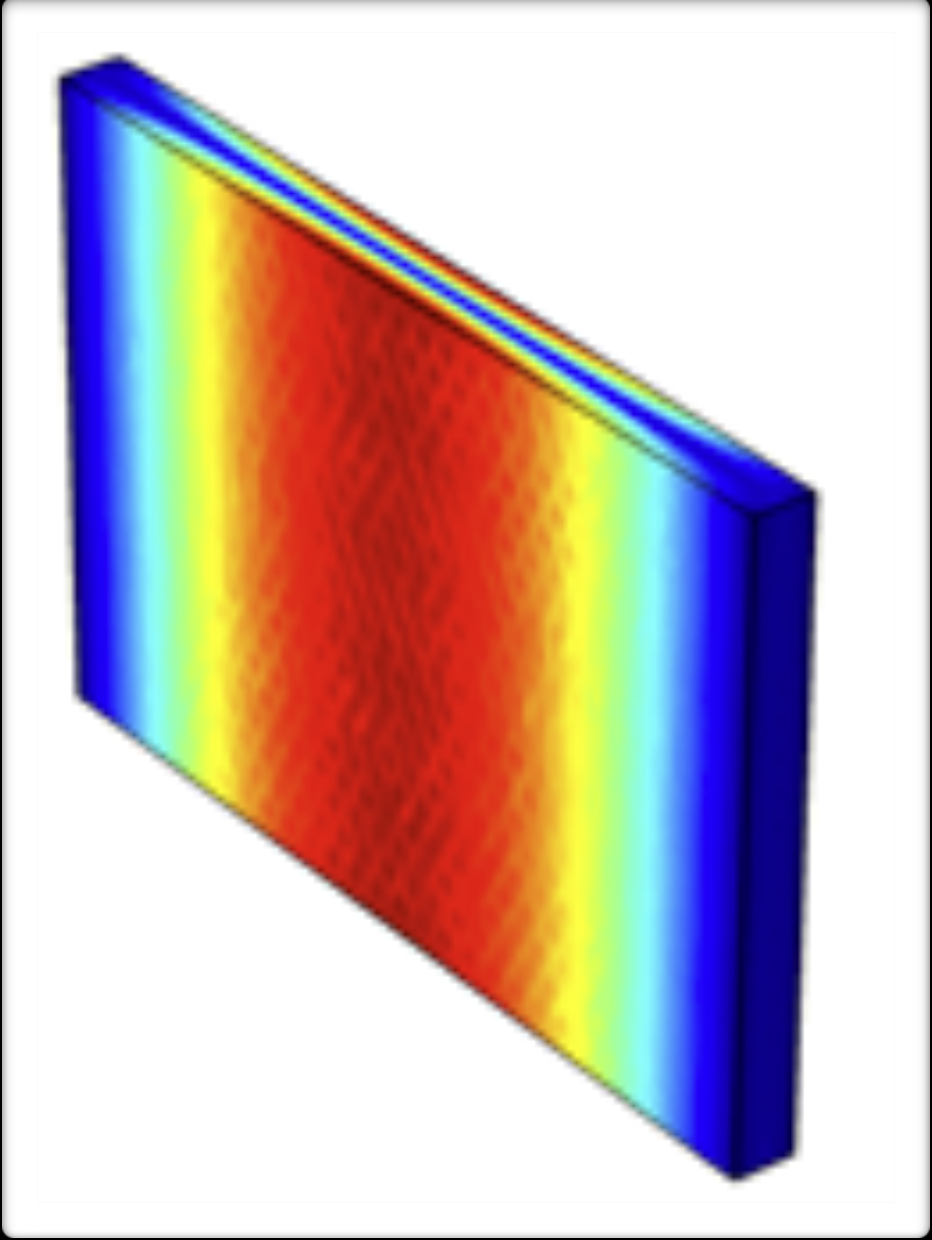
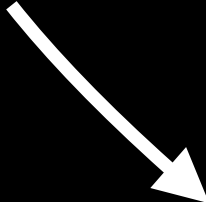
(ADMX EFR Design)

Dark Matter New Initiatives

ADMX-VERA (4-20 GHz)

Decouple frequency and volume.

Width sets frequency of fundamental (TM_{010}) compatible with **solenoid B field**



Volume can be scaled arbitrarily in other dimensions

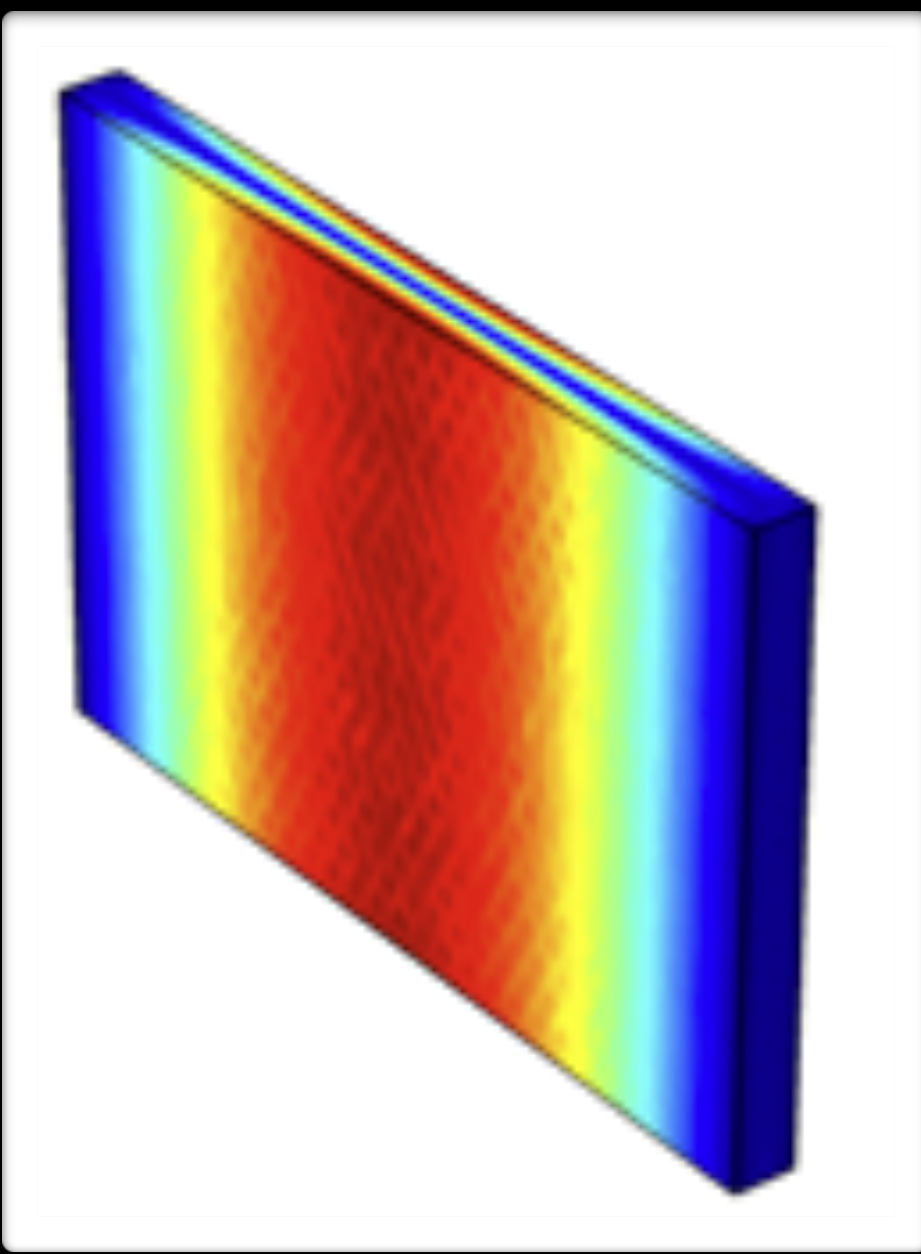


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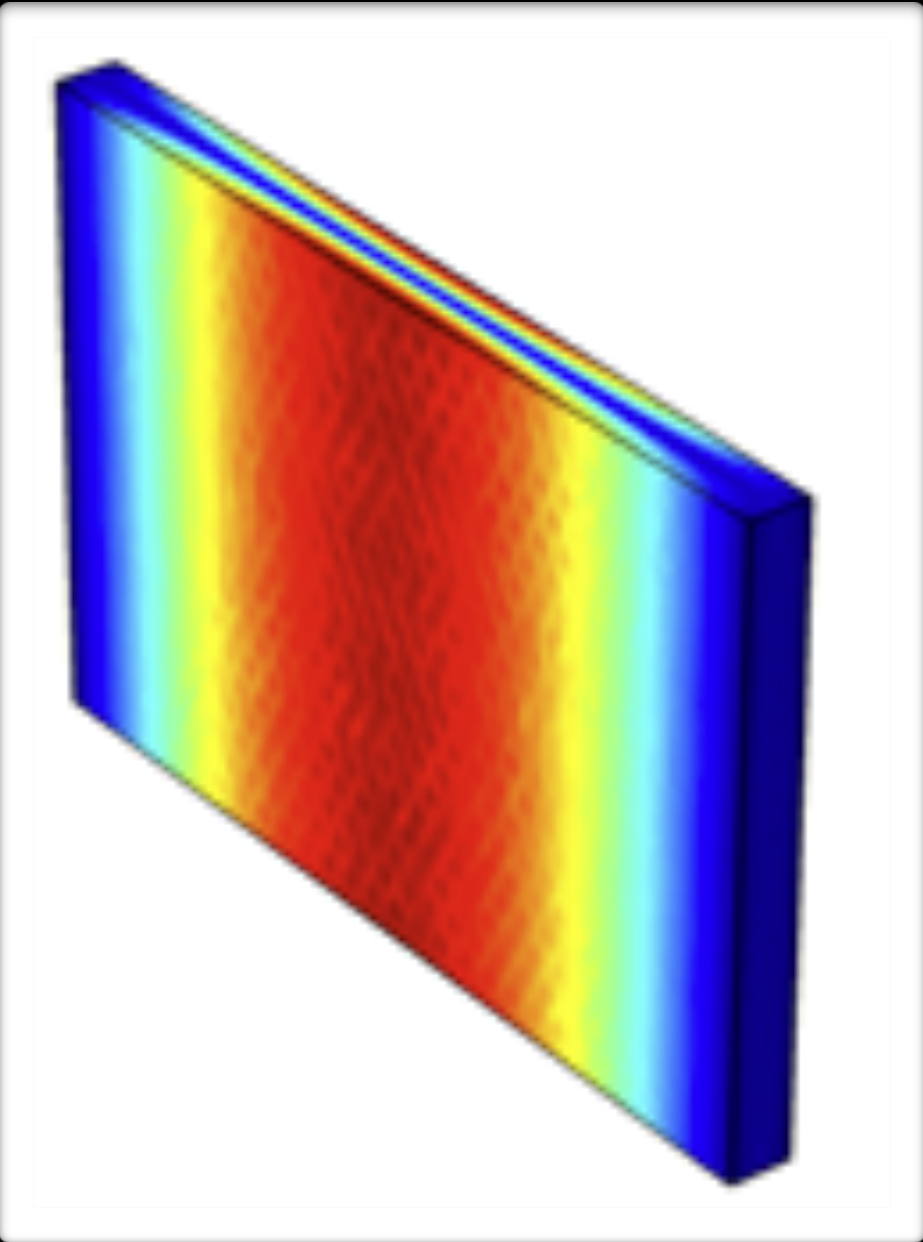
TM_{010} mode still supported.

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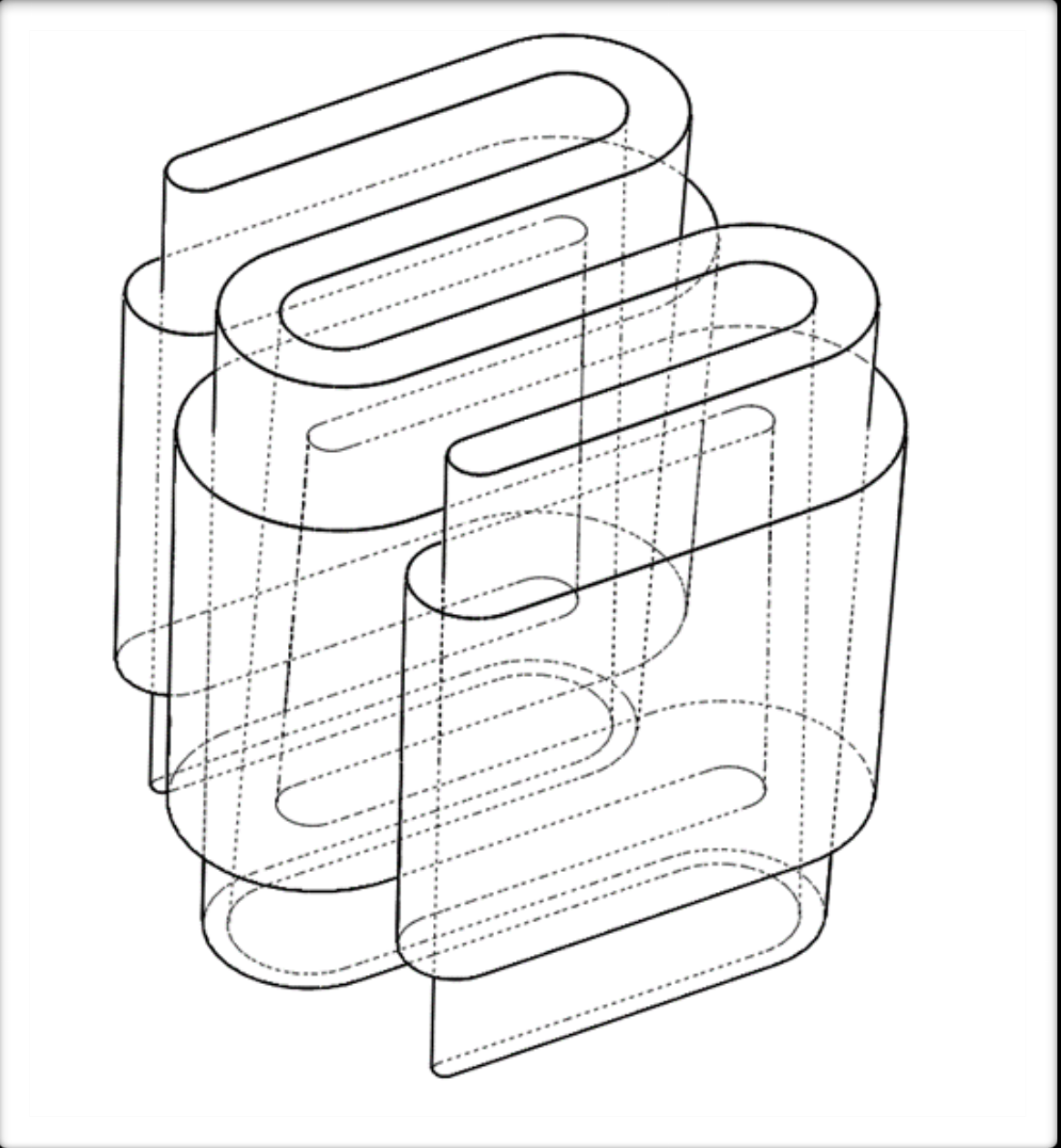


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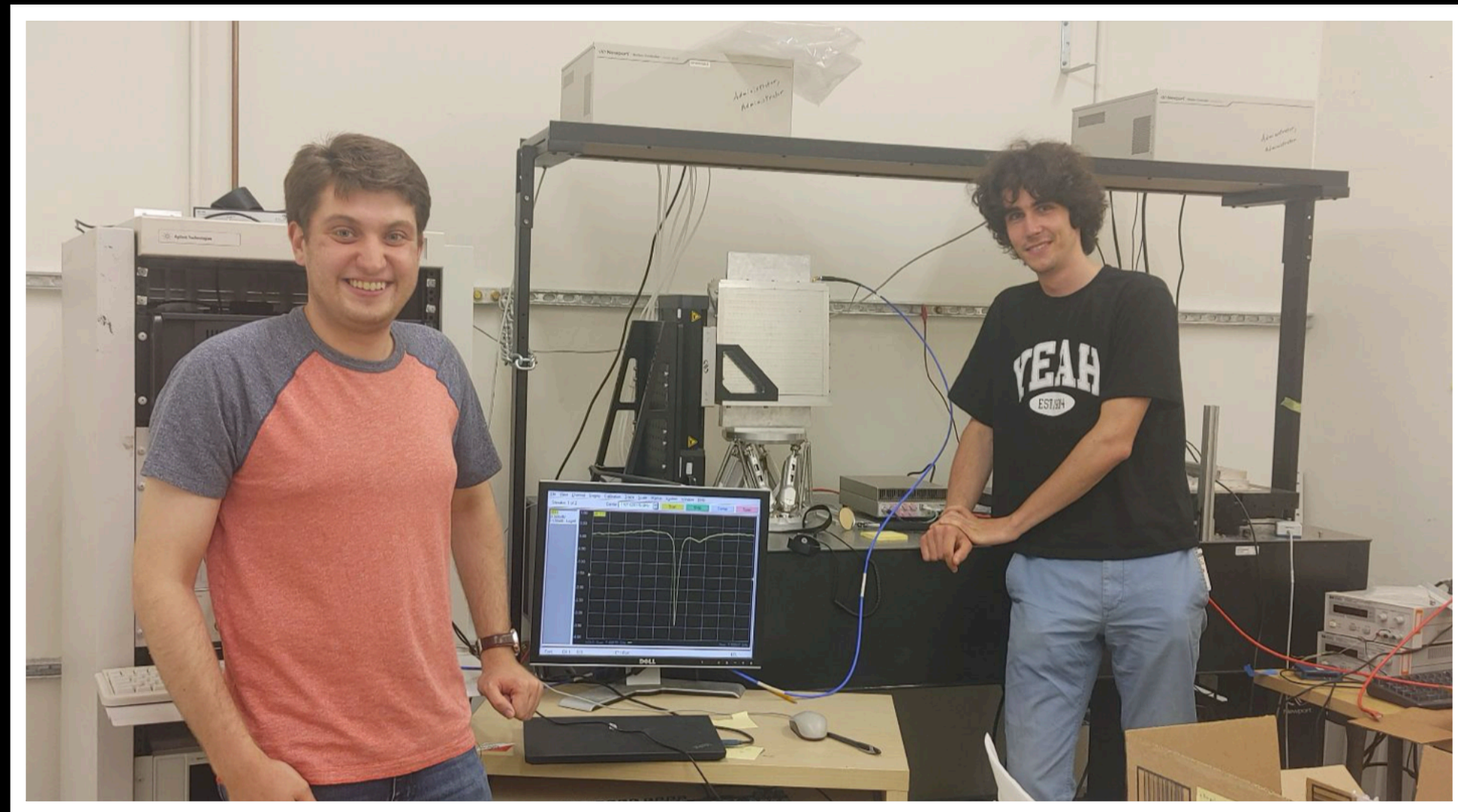
Convolute



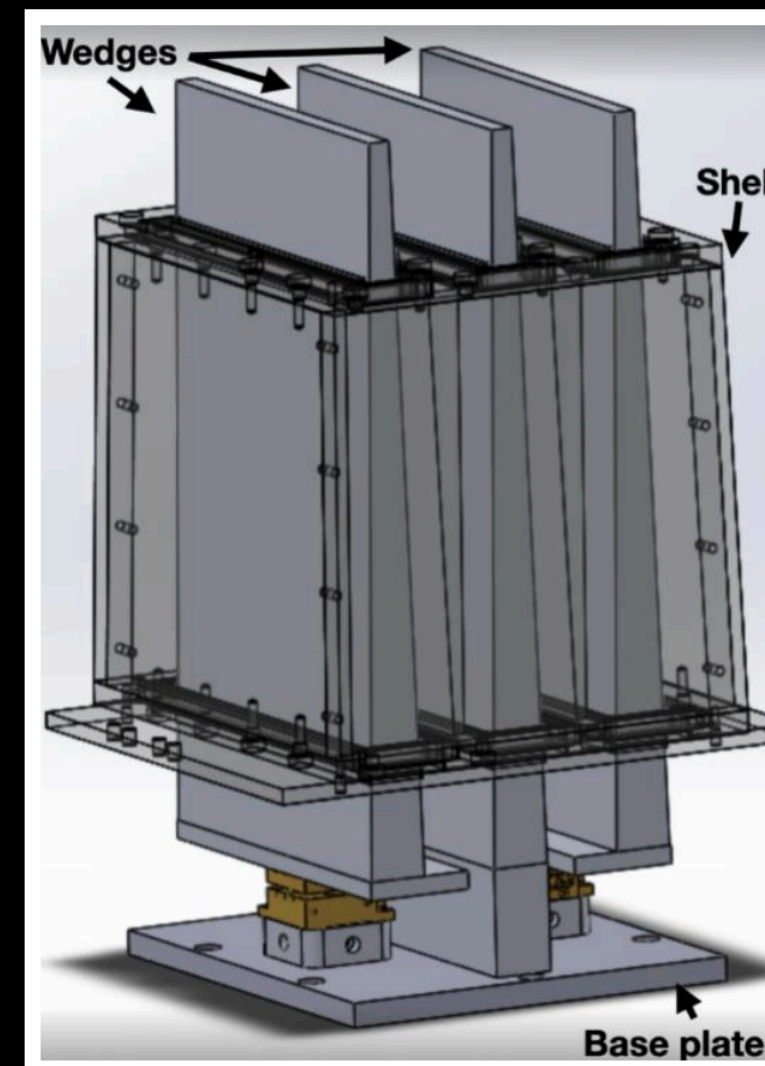
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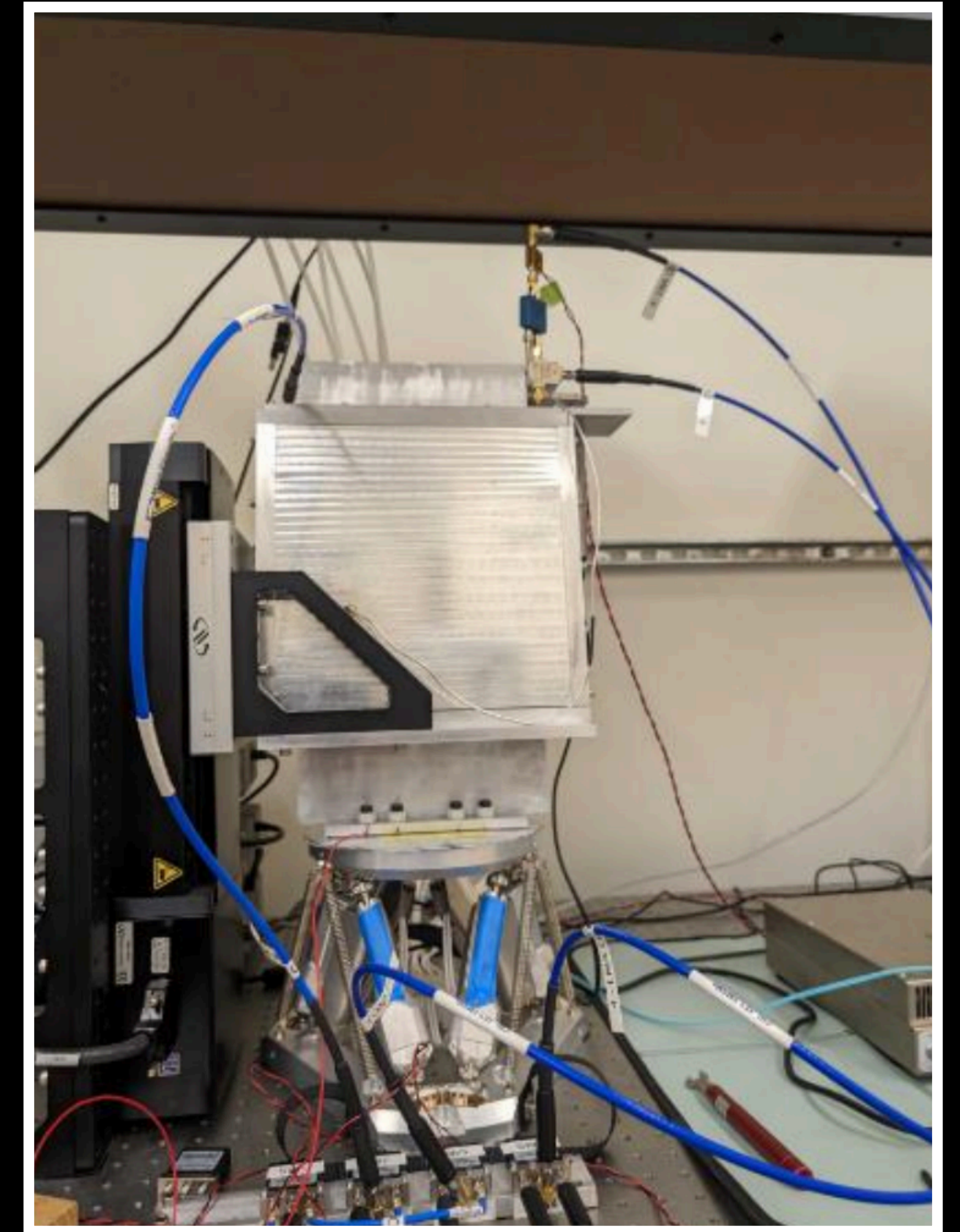
- Warm hidden photon search at Stanford.
- Cryogenic hidden photon search intended for SLAC.
- Opportunity to test new quantum sensors.



Stanford hidden photon search



Triplet wedge by Sephora Ruppert



T. Dyson et al., Phys. Rev. Applied 21, L041002



Suppose we find it!

How do we know it is real?

Synthetic injection system provides verification of detection capability.

ADMX: "top secret" synthetic axion generator rack allows for blind injection of signals into the cavity

DMRadio: More challenging, but similar tactics forthcoming



Candidate Decision Tree

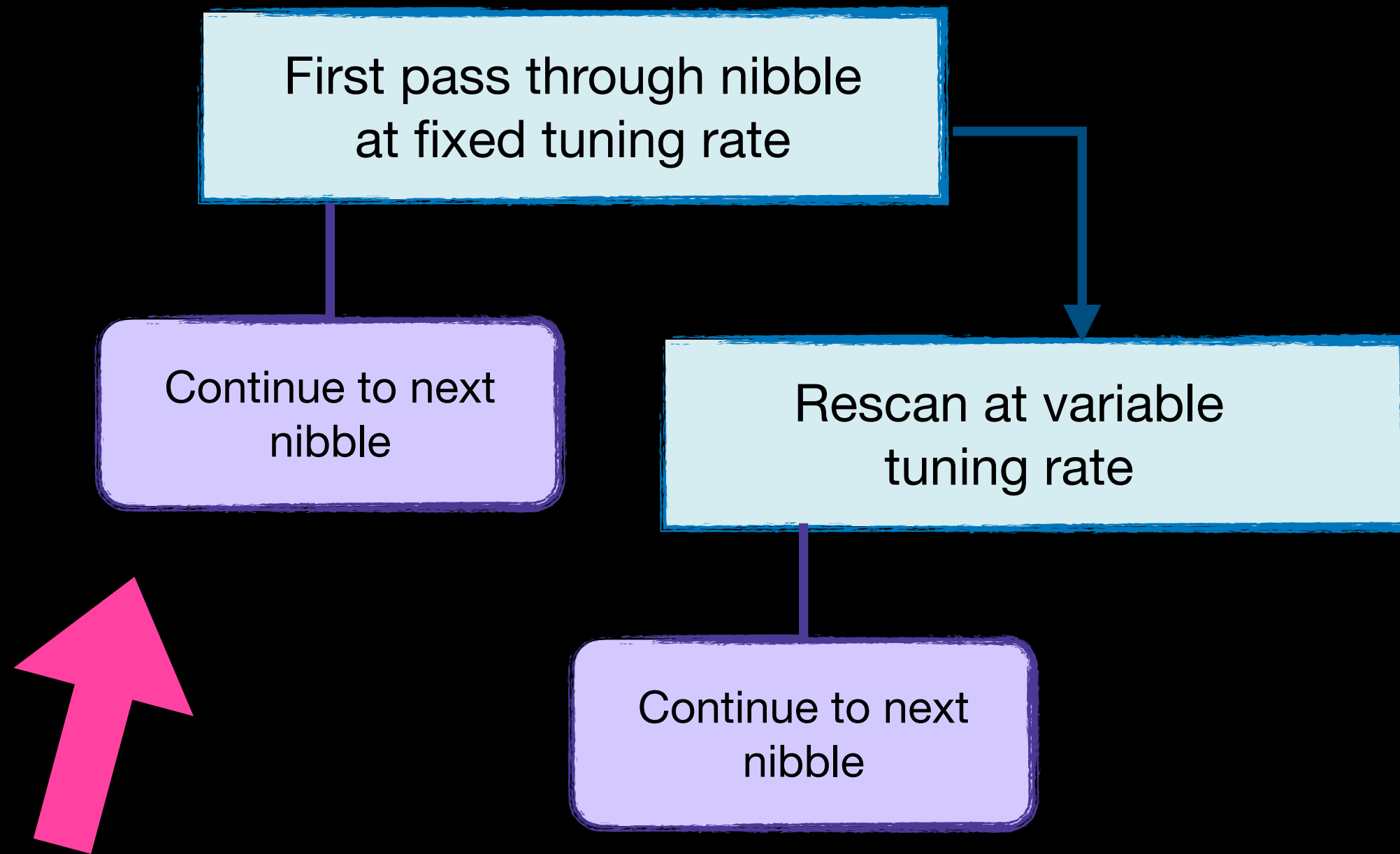
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at fixed tuning rate

Continue to next
nibble



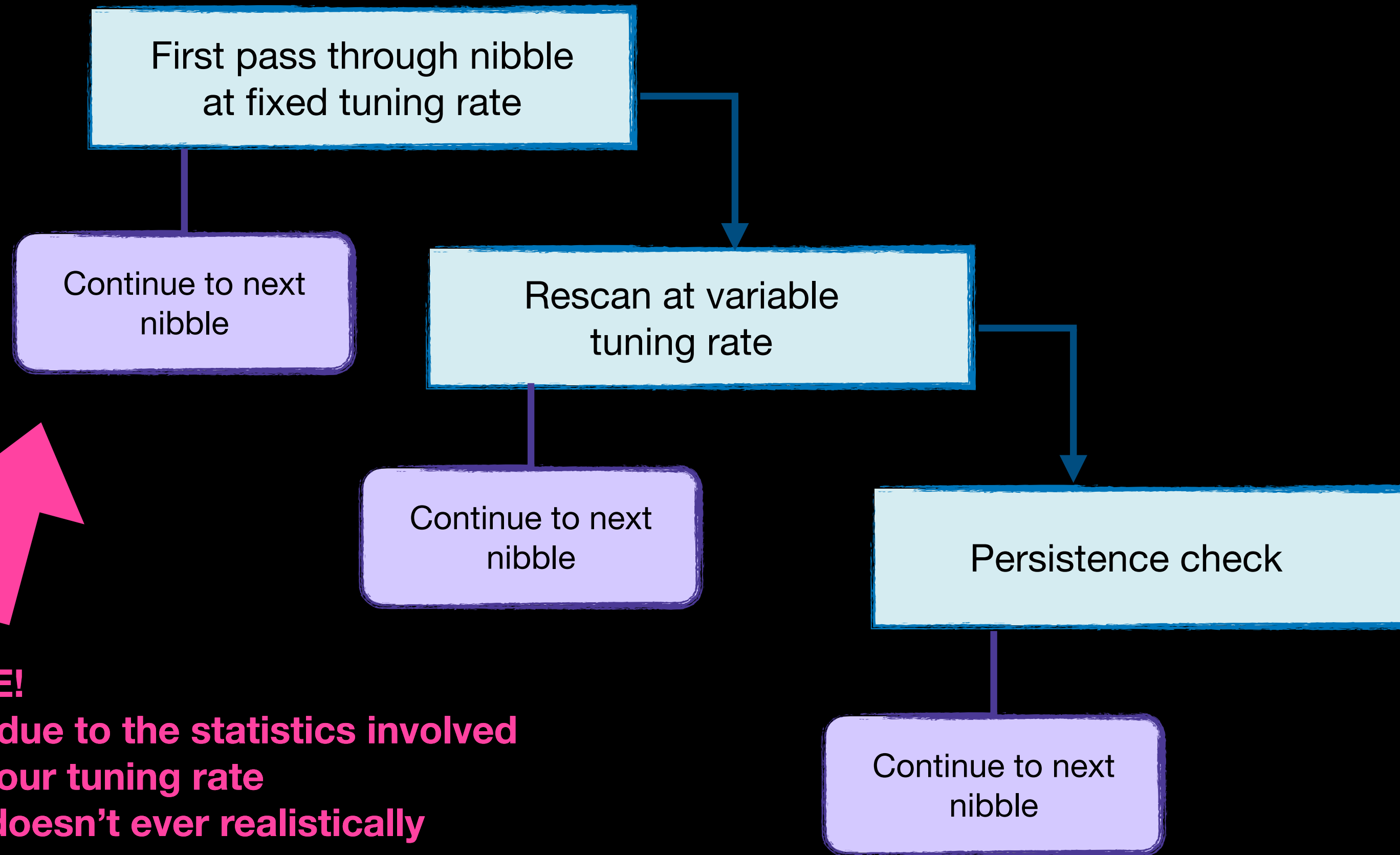
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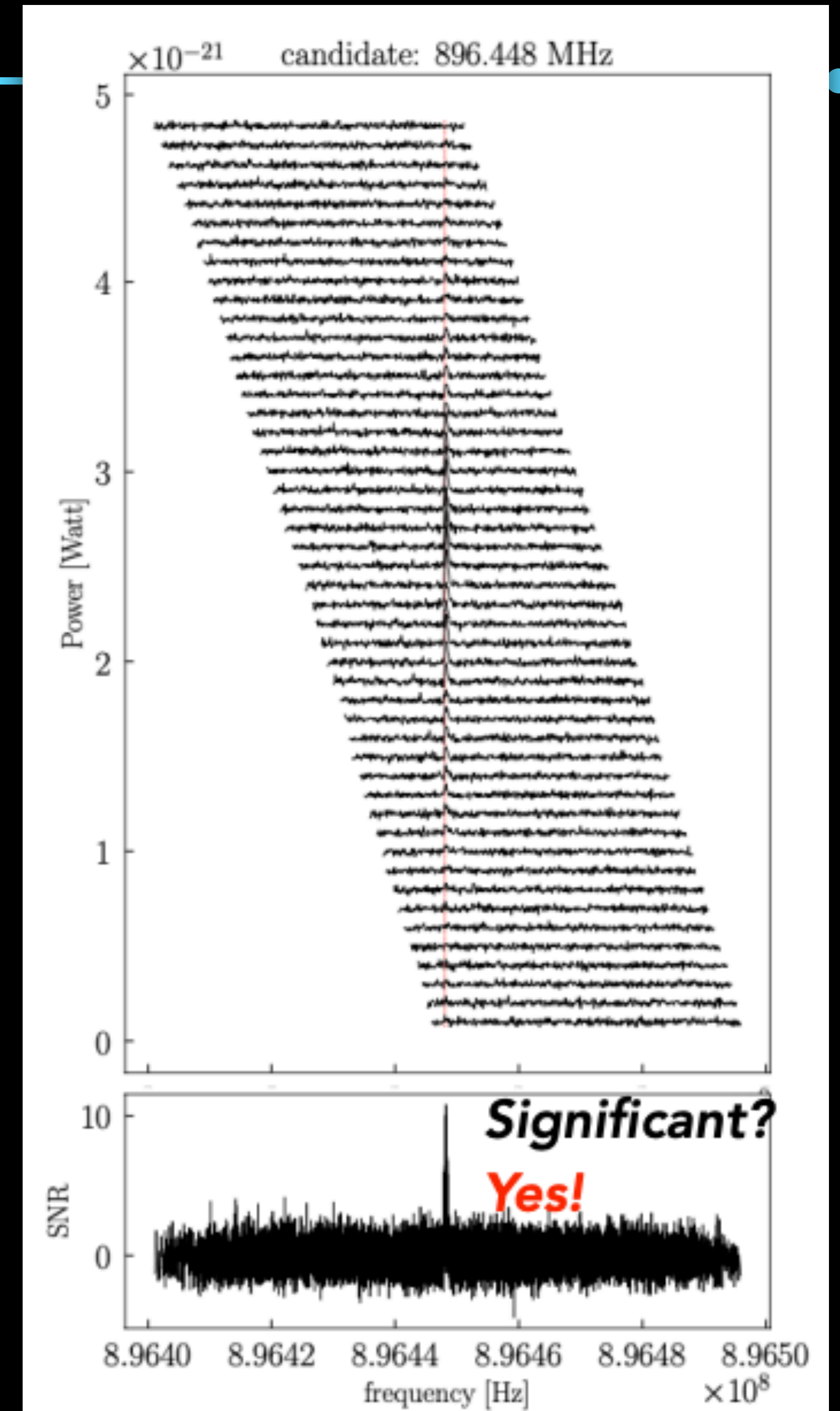


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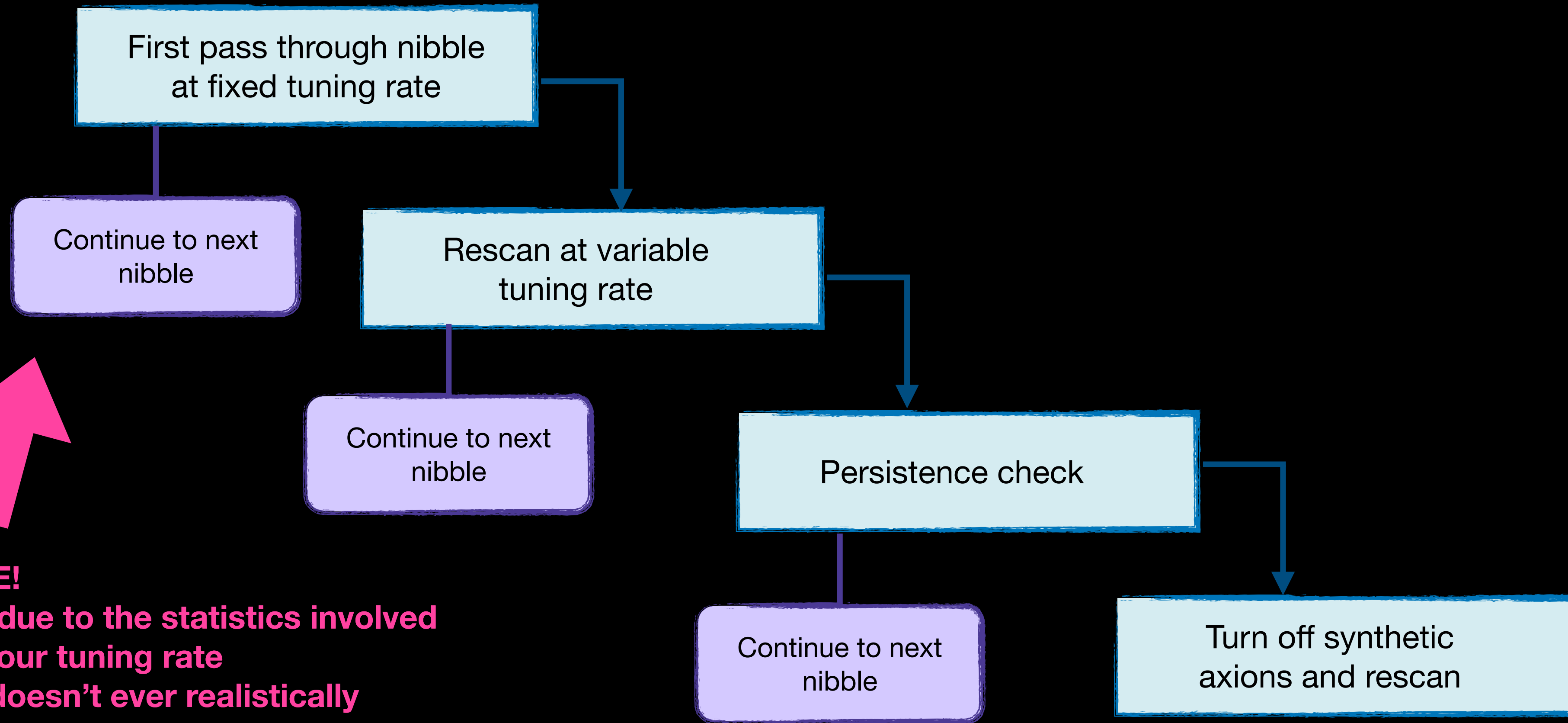
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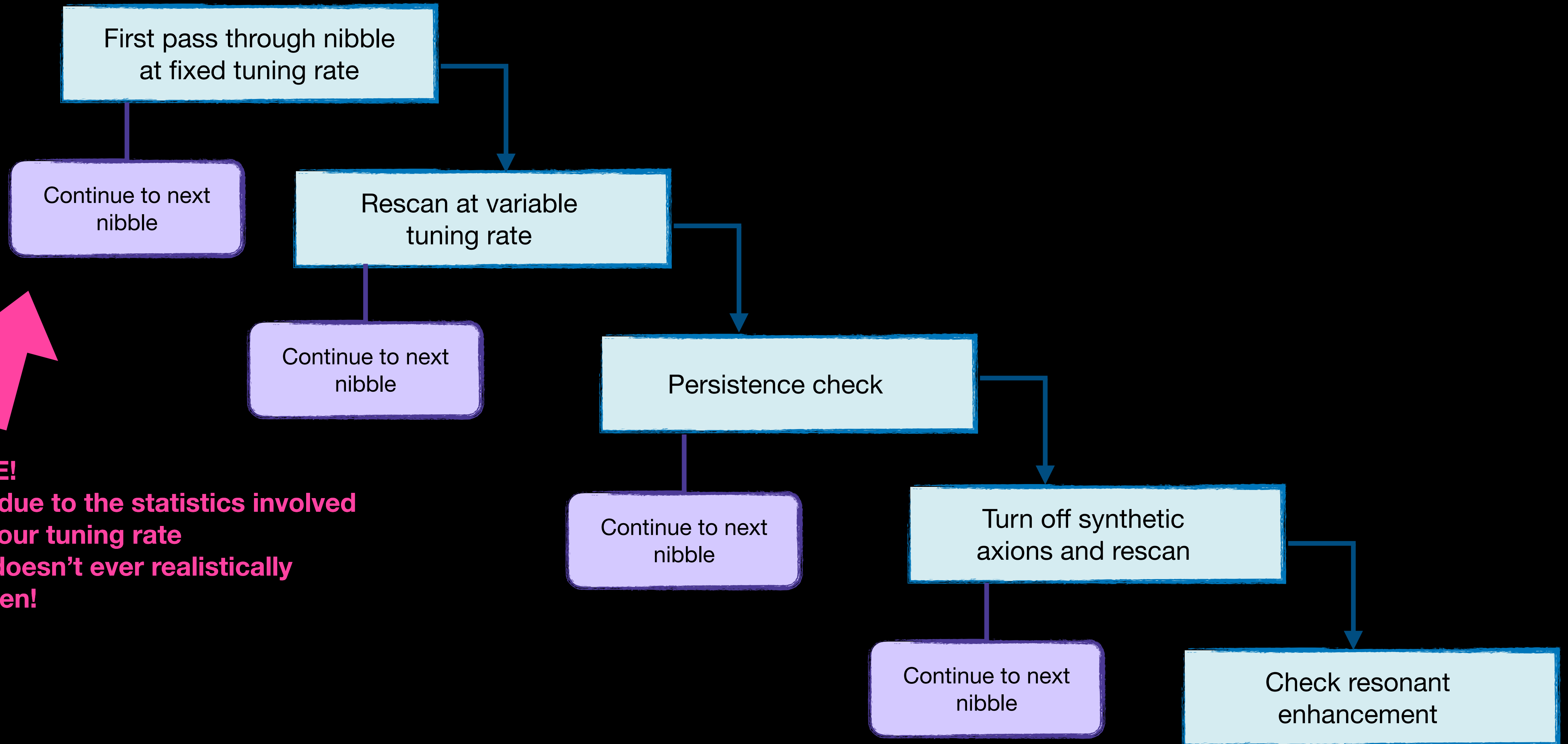


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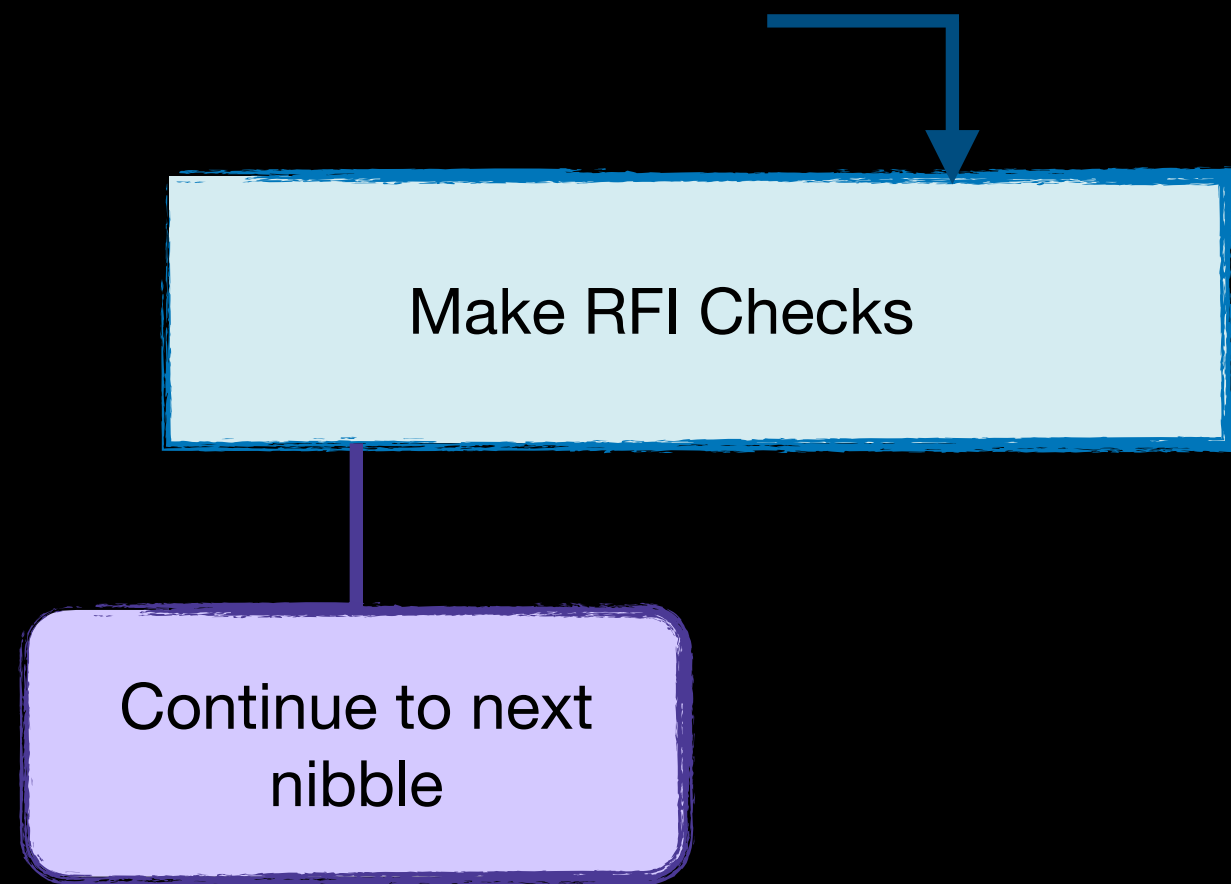
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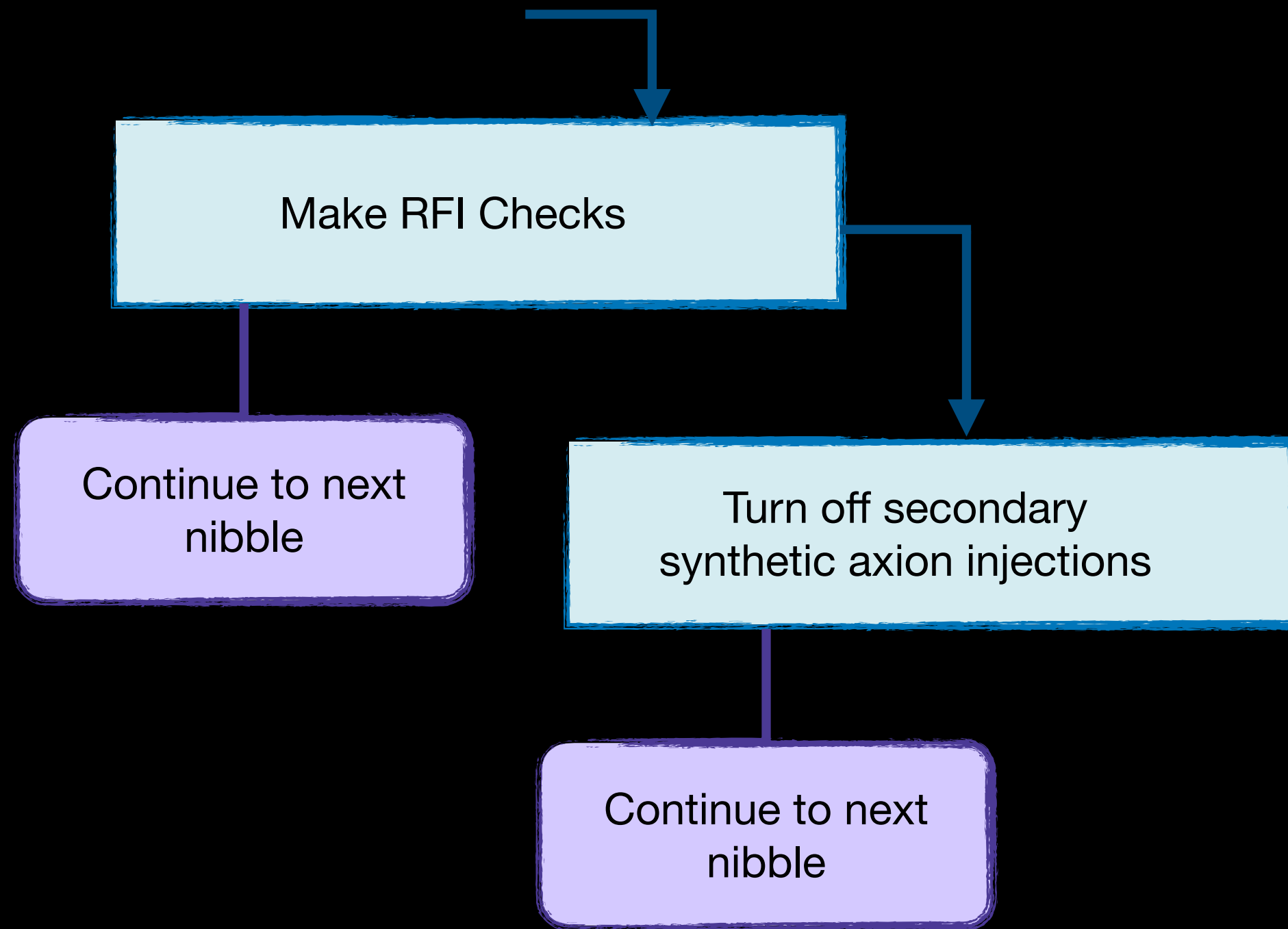


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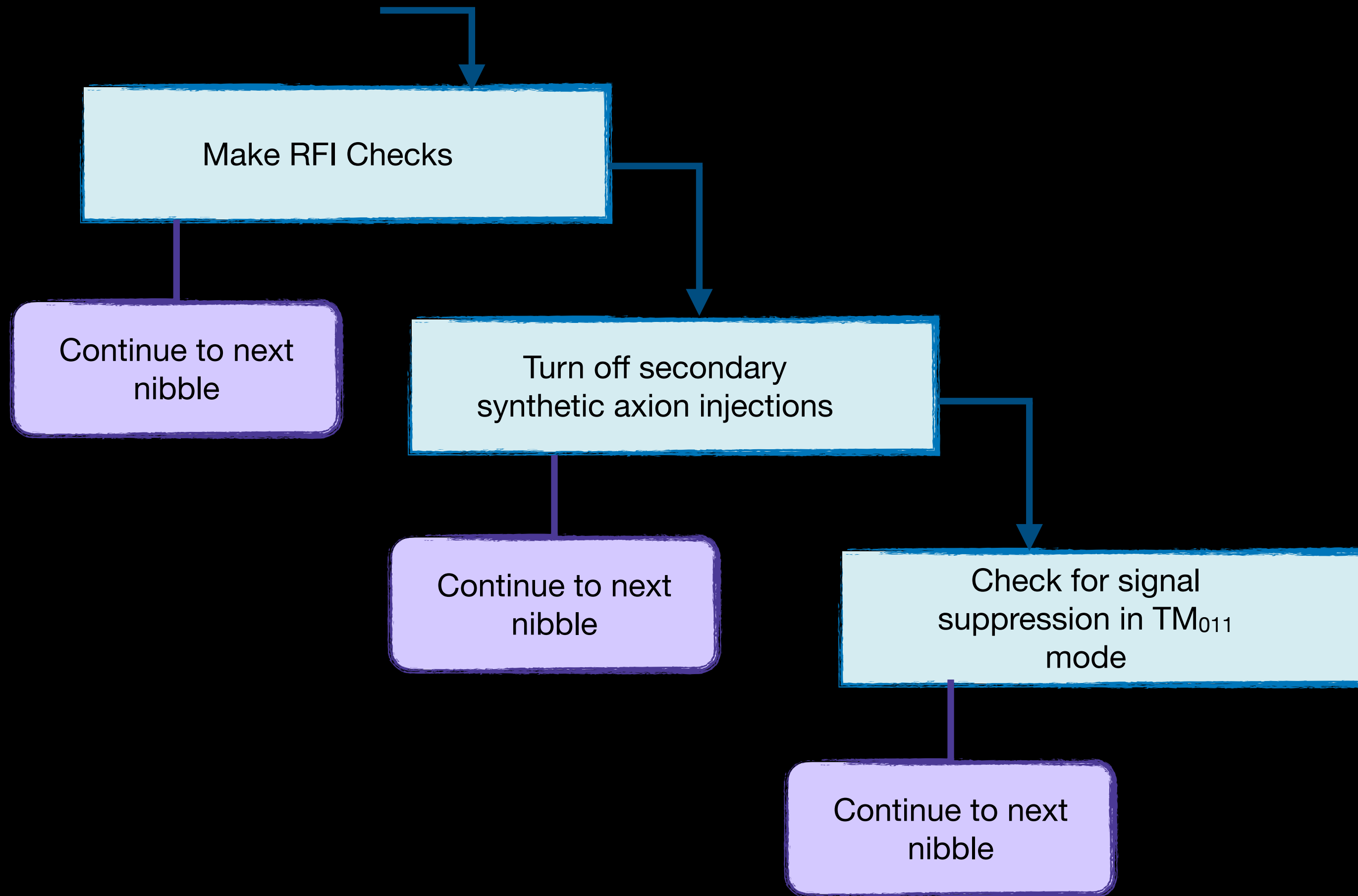
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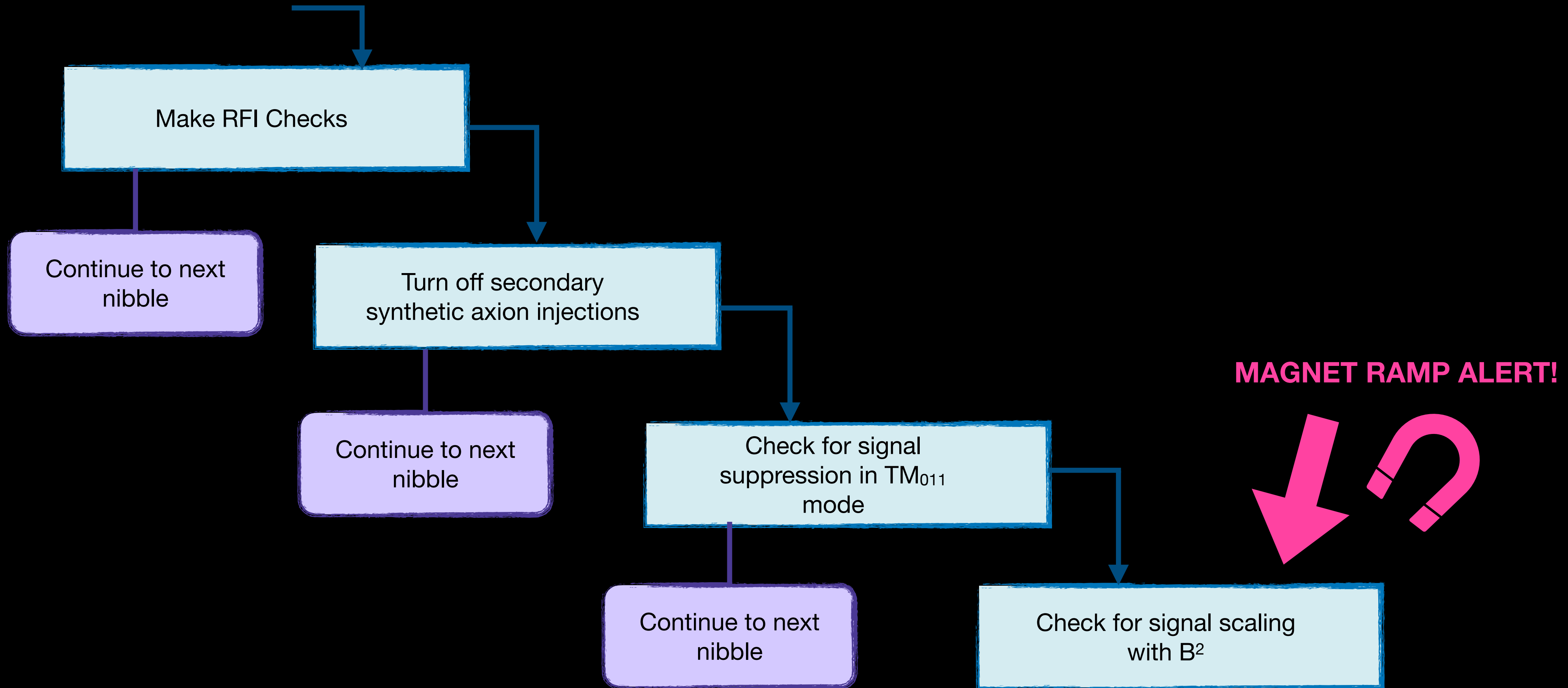
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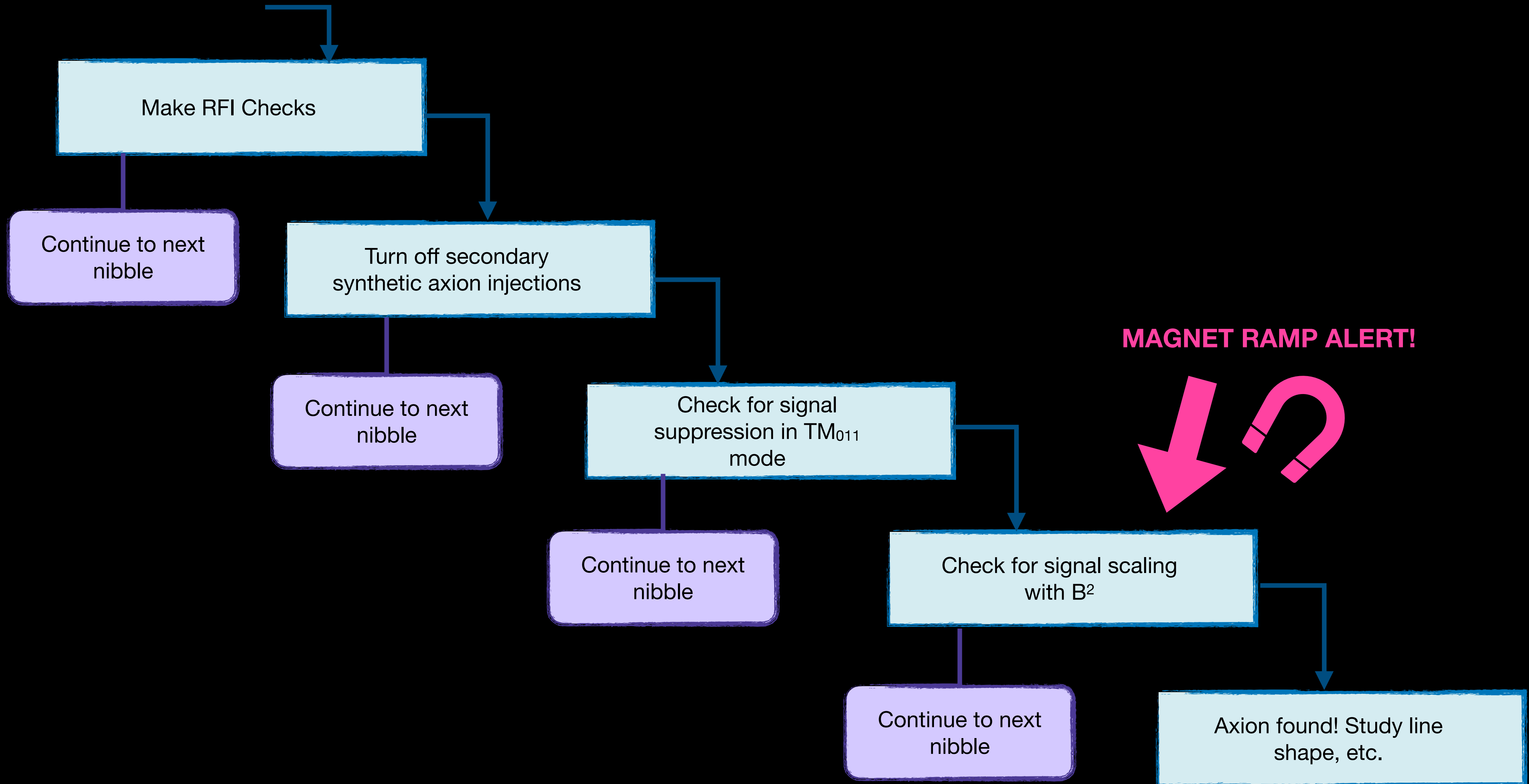
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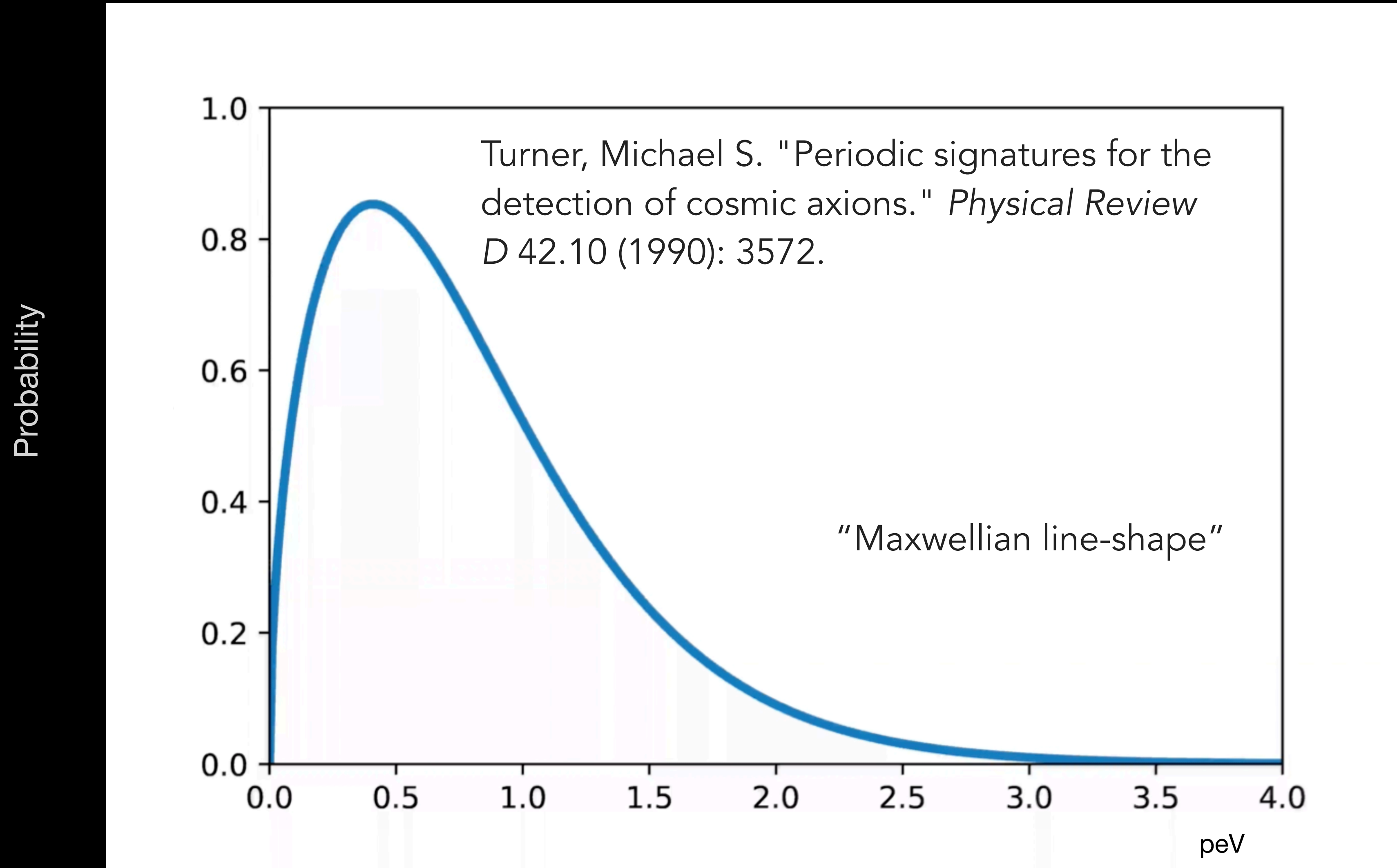
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Axion Doppler Shift



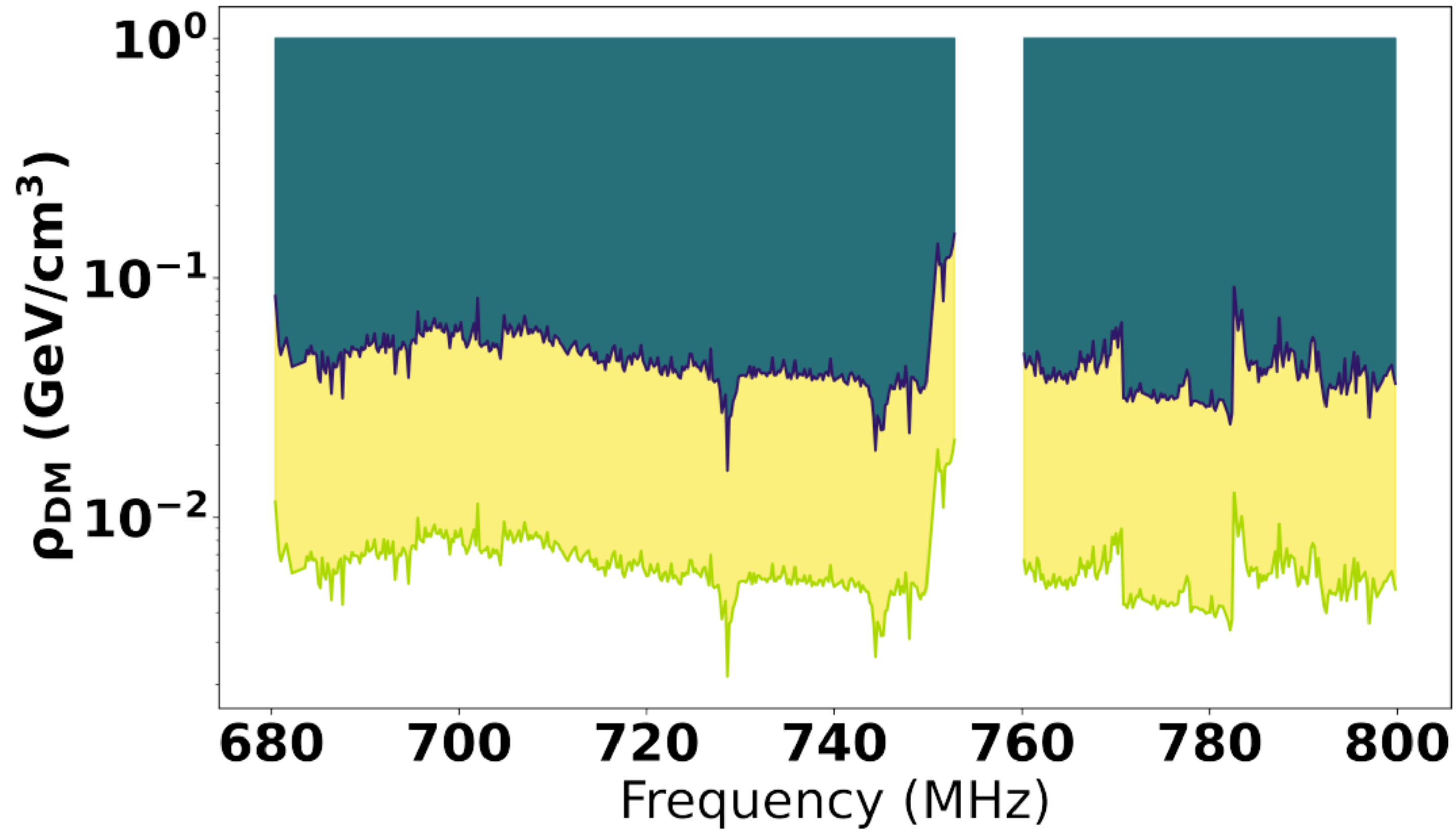
Conclusion

- Radios can be repurposed to look for axion dark matter!
- New techniques from fields of quantum information science and quantum measurement
- A detection could happen at any moment!

Thank you!



High Resolution Search



Legend

- Teal: DFSZ assumed
- Yellow: KSVZ assumed

No line-shape implied;
monochromatic tone only