

# (Future) Experimental Efforts to Search for Dark Matter Axions at Stockholm University

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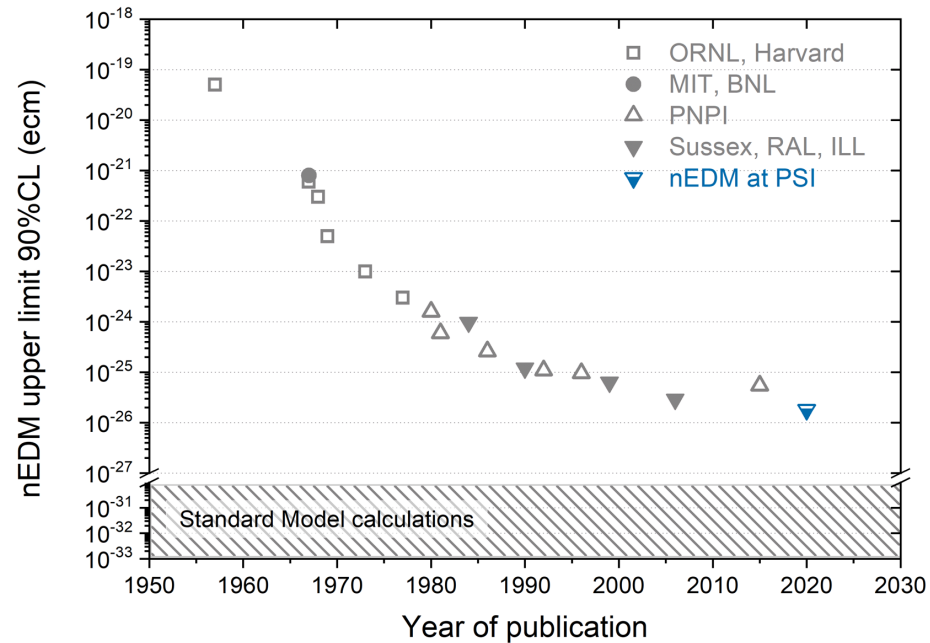
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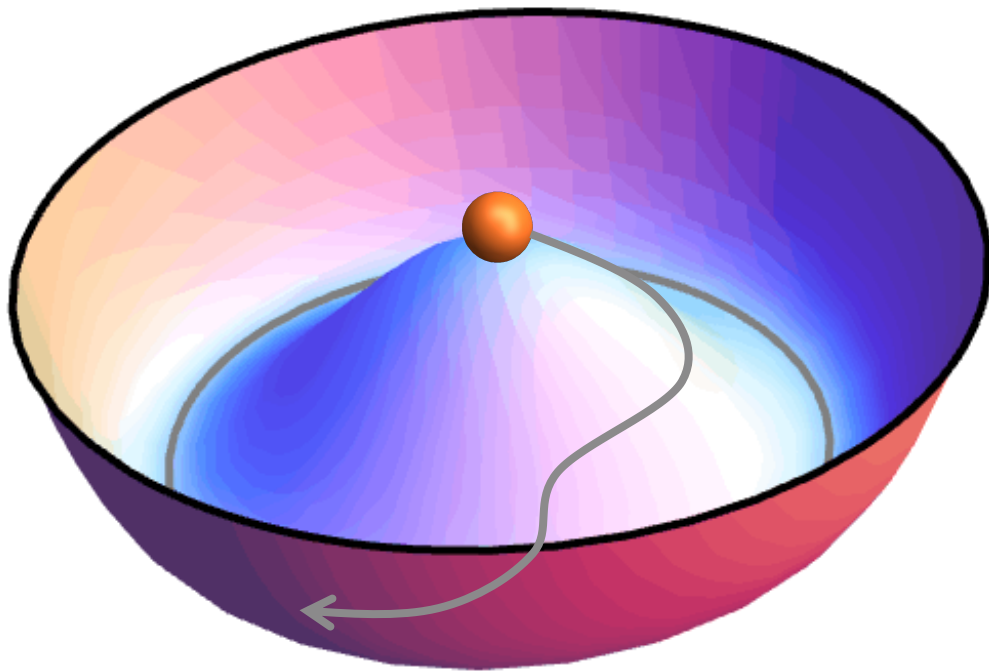
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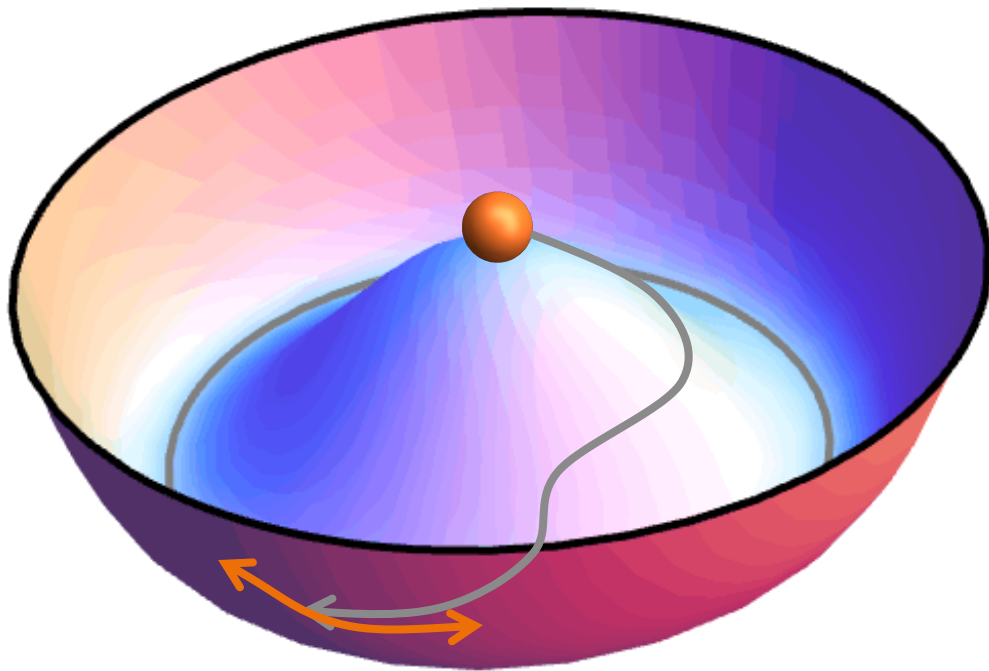
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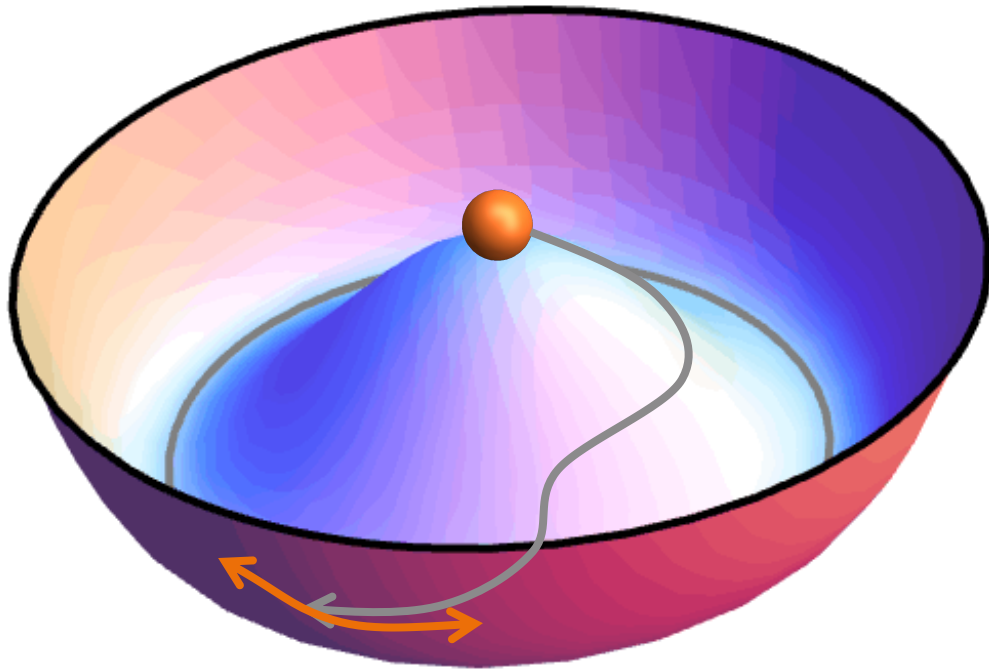
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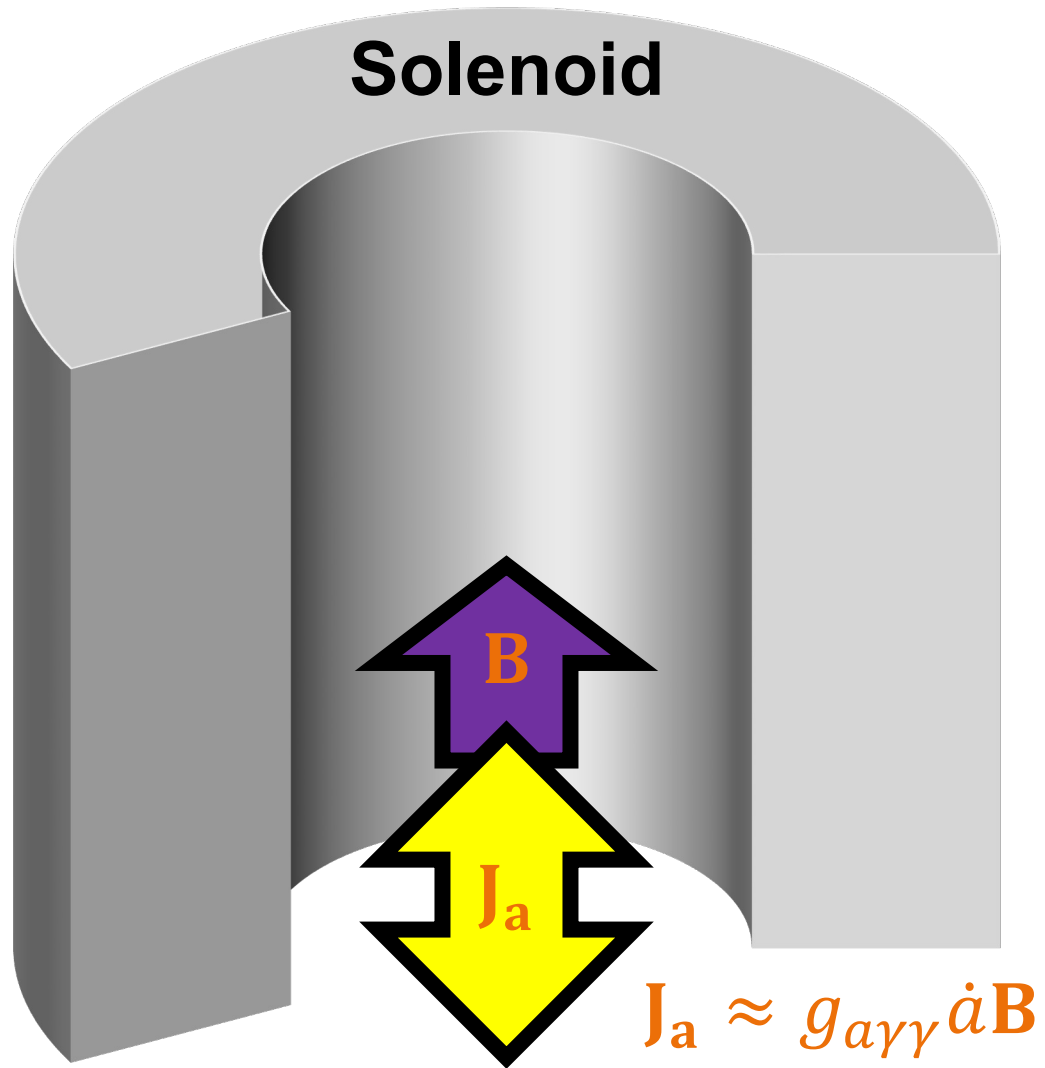
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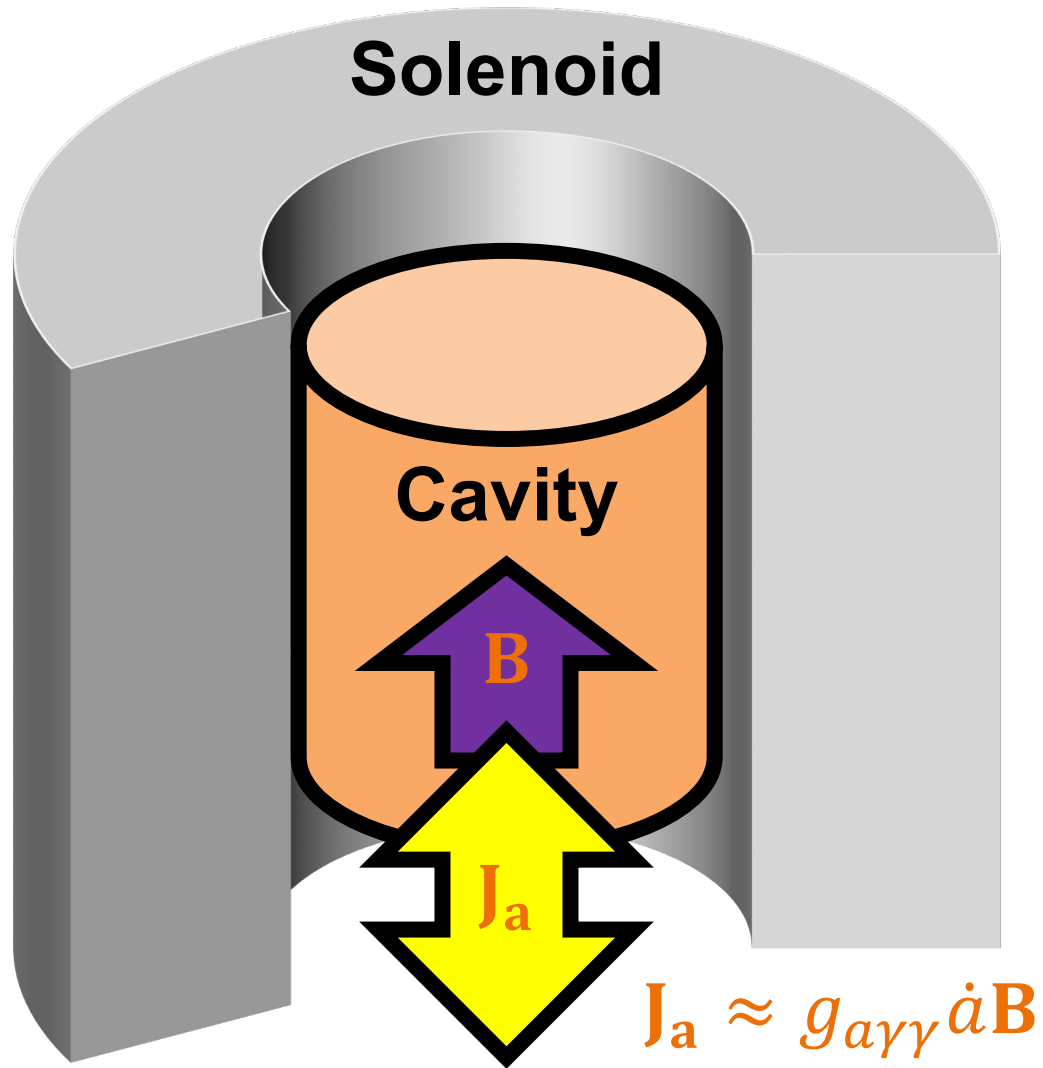
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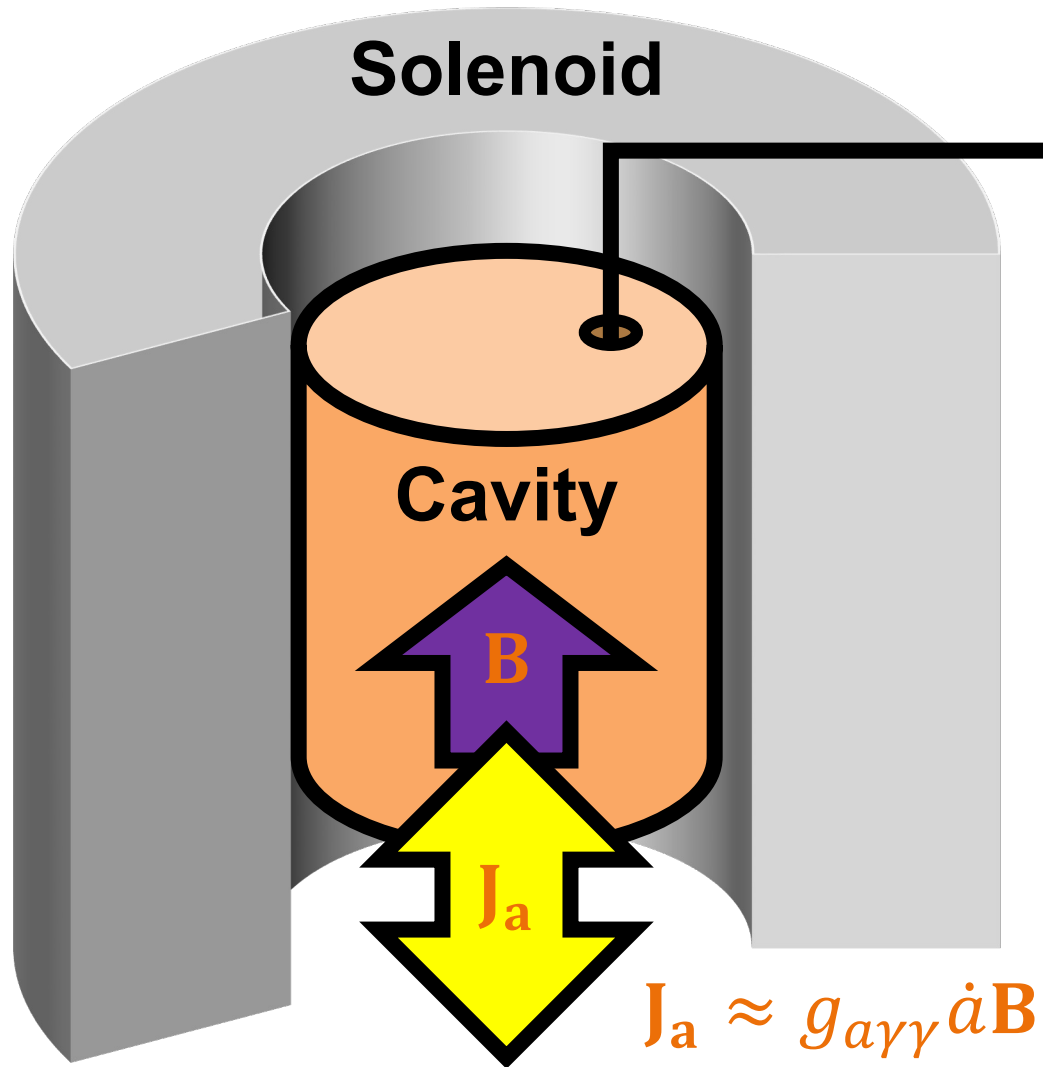
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Readout electronics

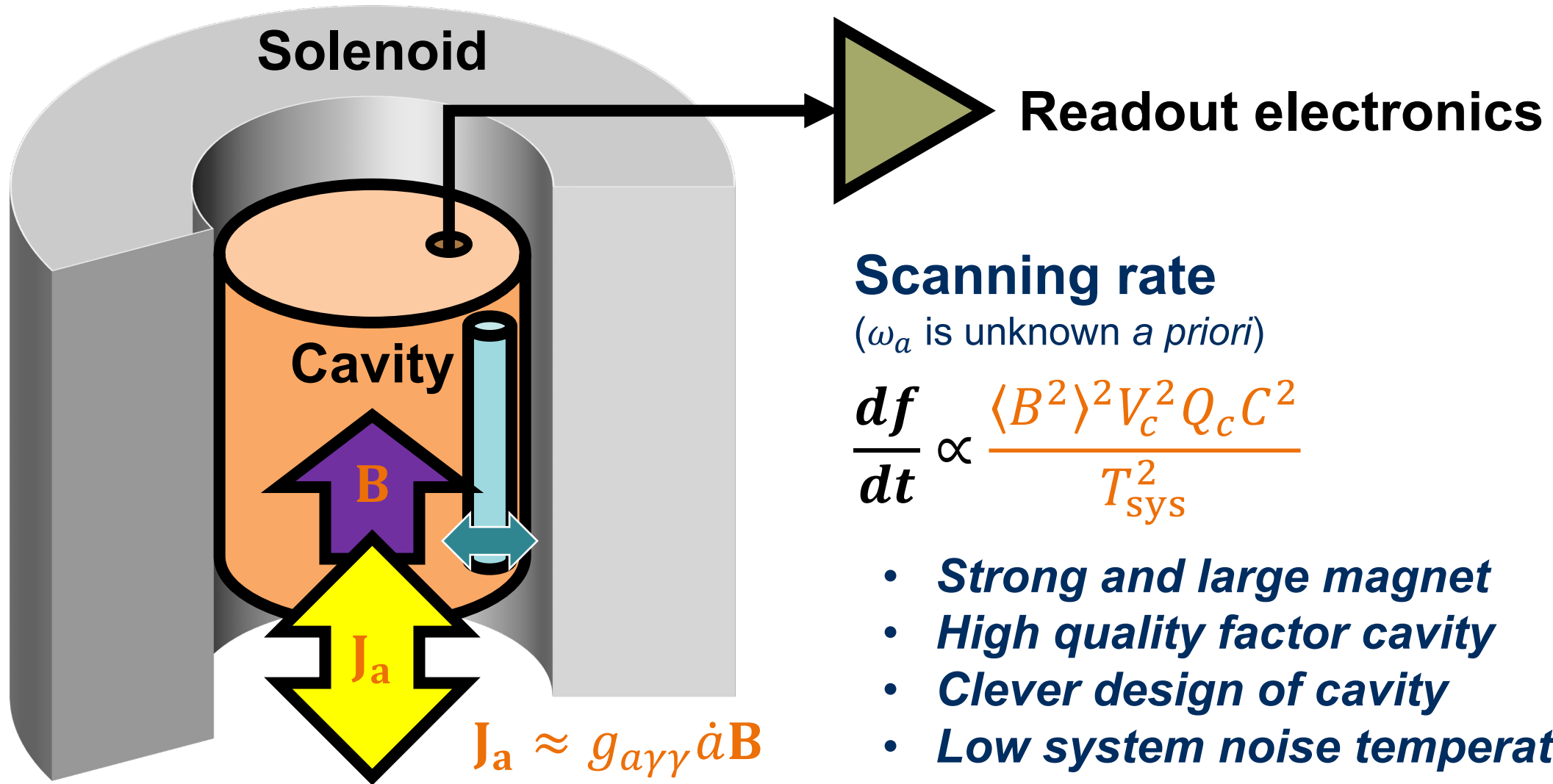
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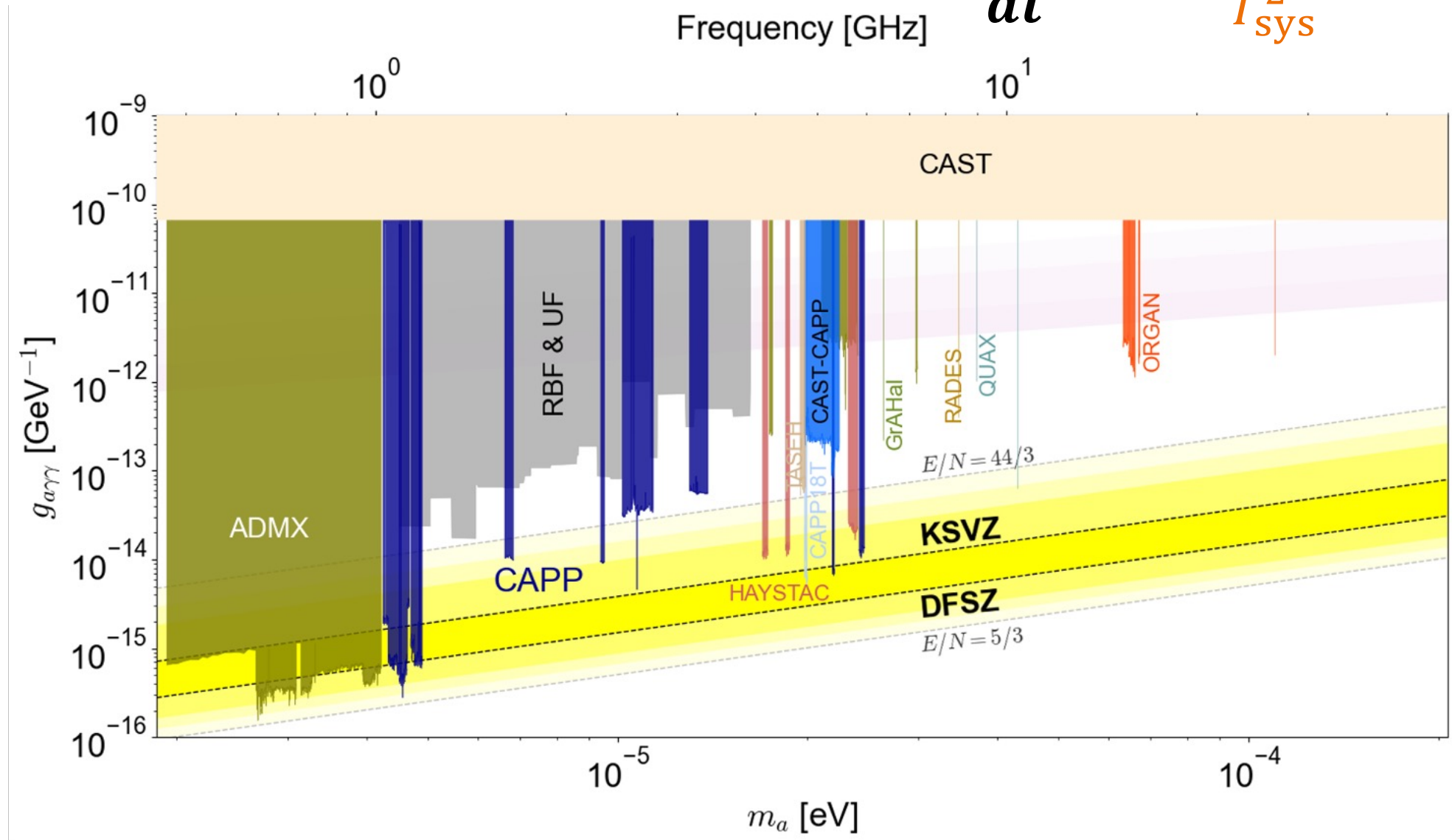
( $\omega_a$  is unknown *a priori*)

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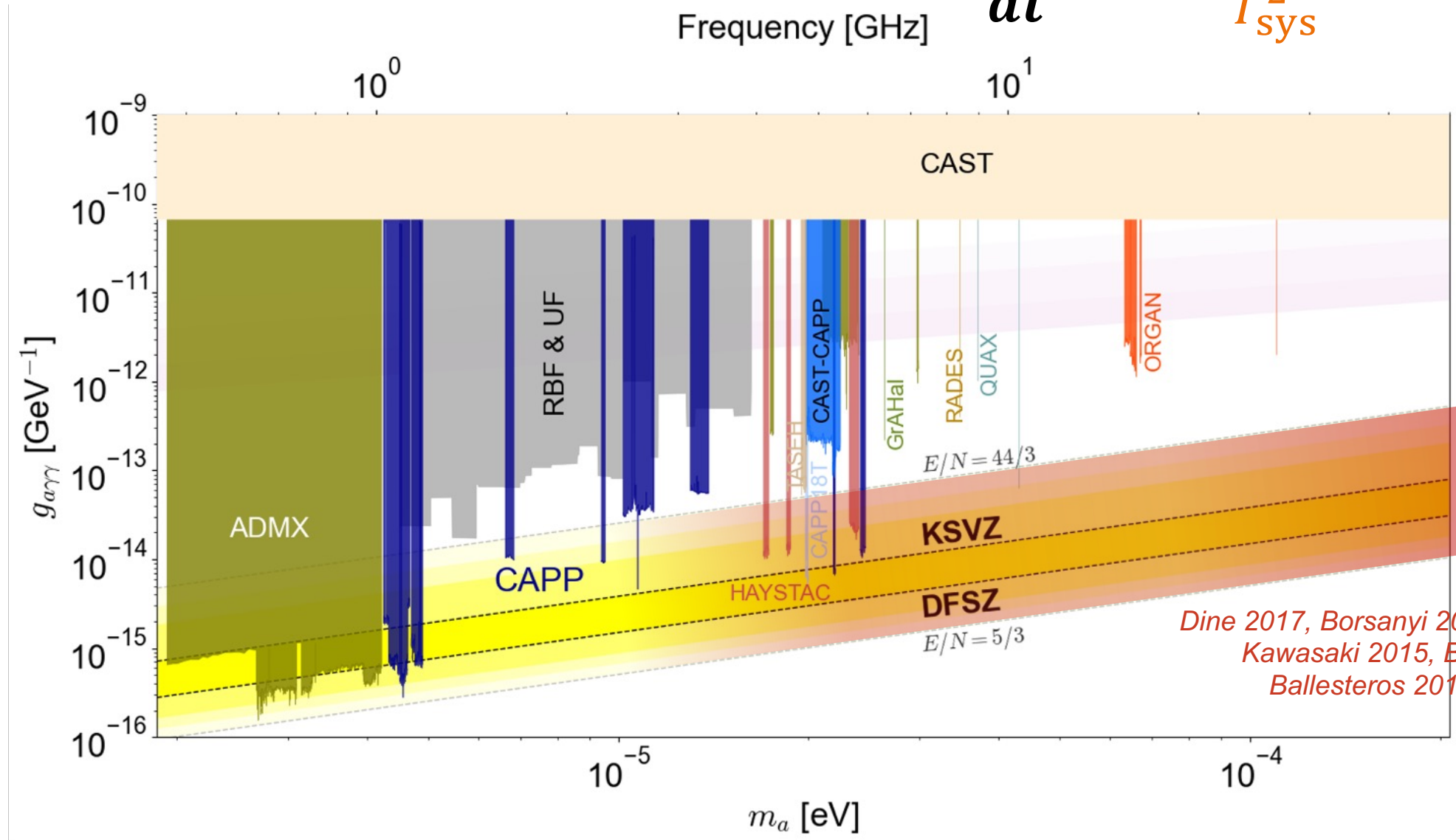
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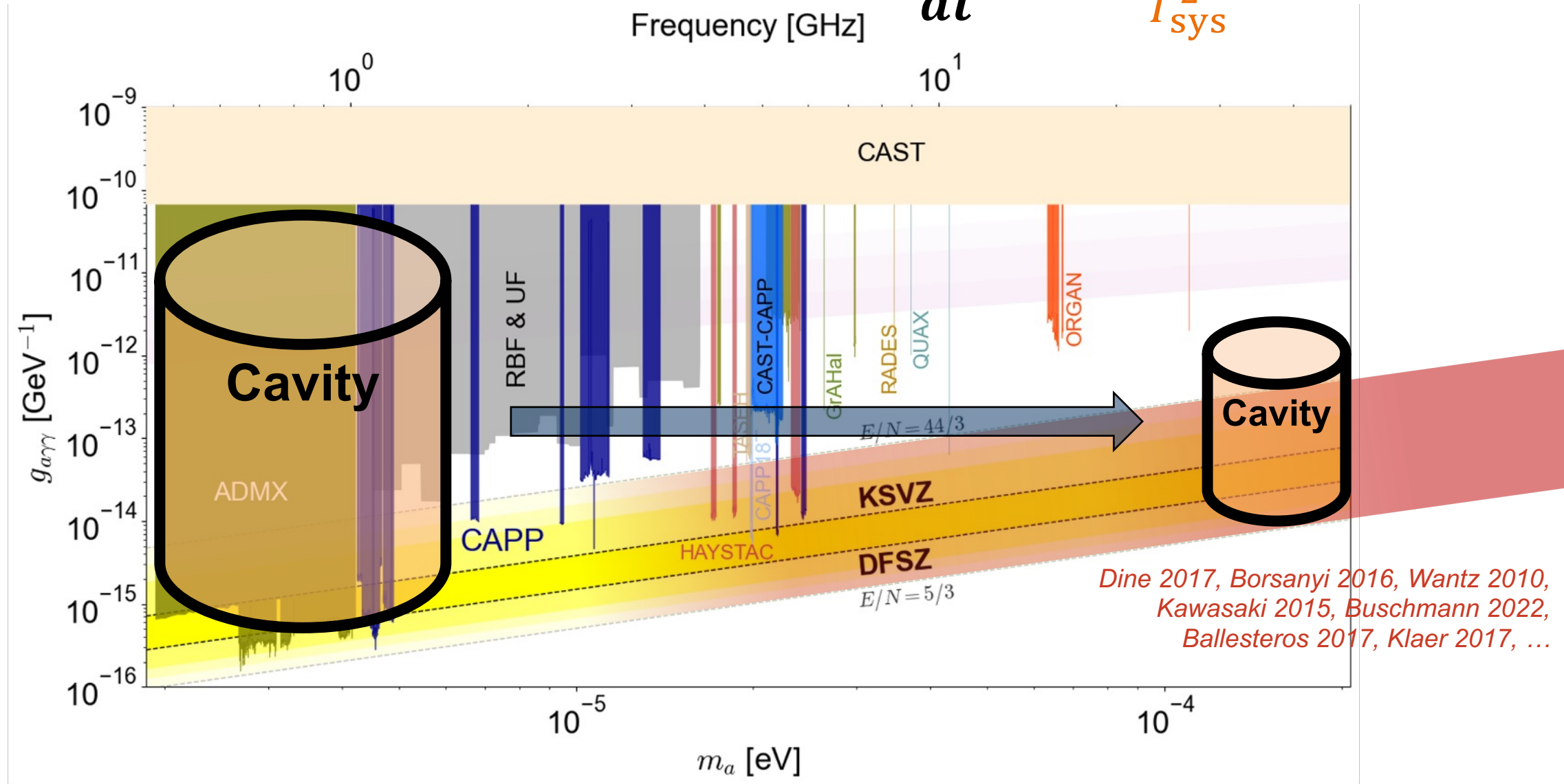
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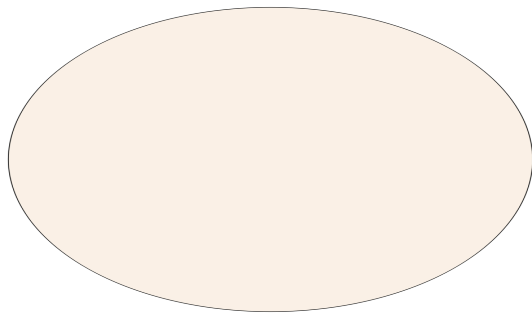
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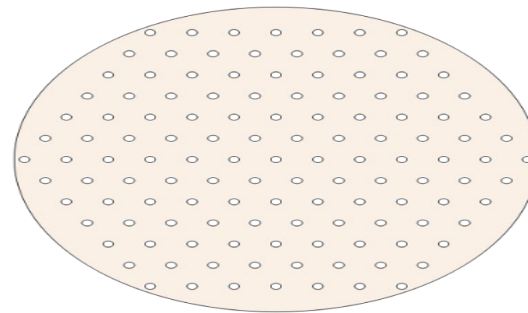
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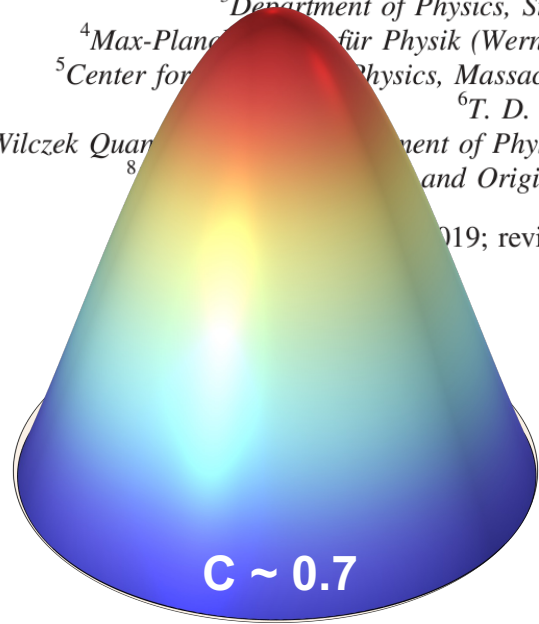
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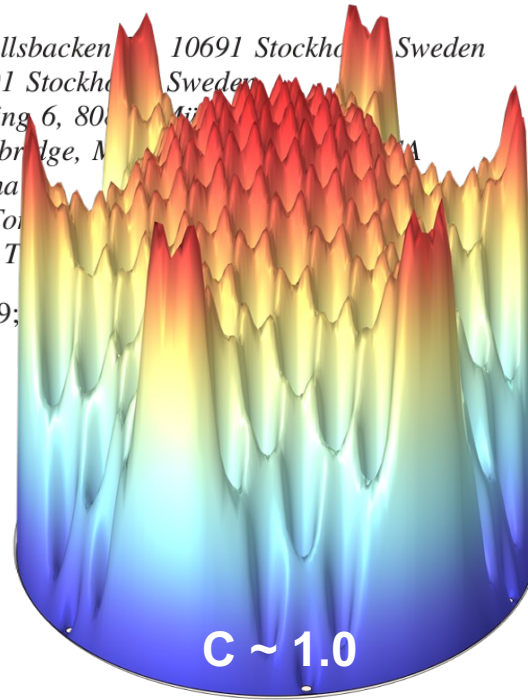
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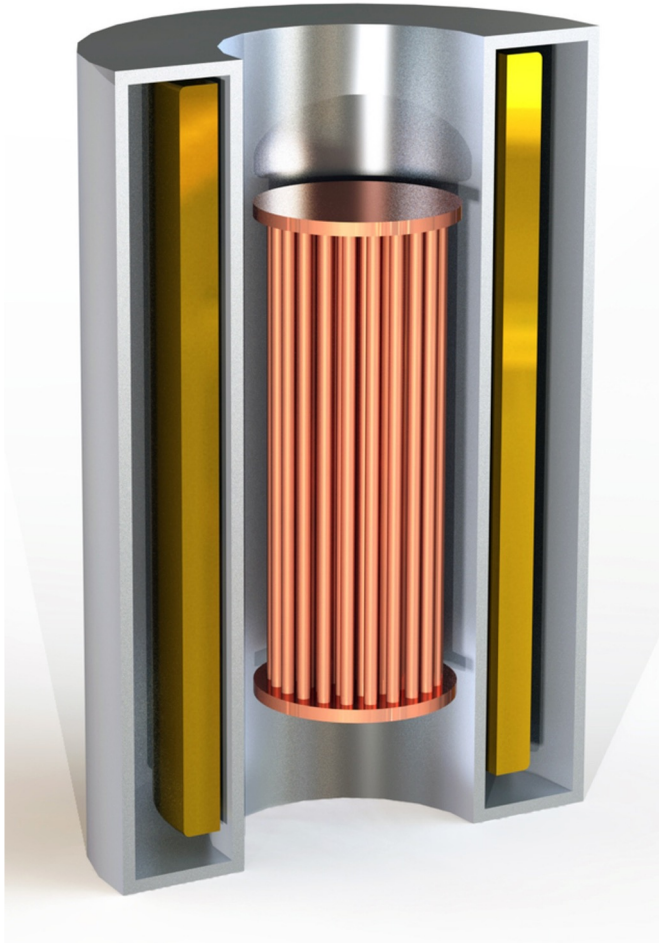
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- The cavity frequency is independent of its size
- A wire spacing of 1 cm results in a frequency of approximately 10 GHz



# Axion Longitudinal Plasma HAloscope



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## Collaboration Institutions:

Yale University (Host)  
Arizona State University  
University of California Berkeley  
University of Cambridge  
Colorado University  
Iceland University  
ITMO University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
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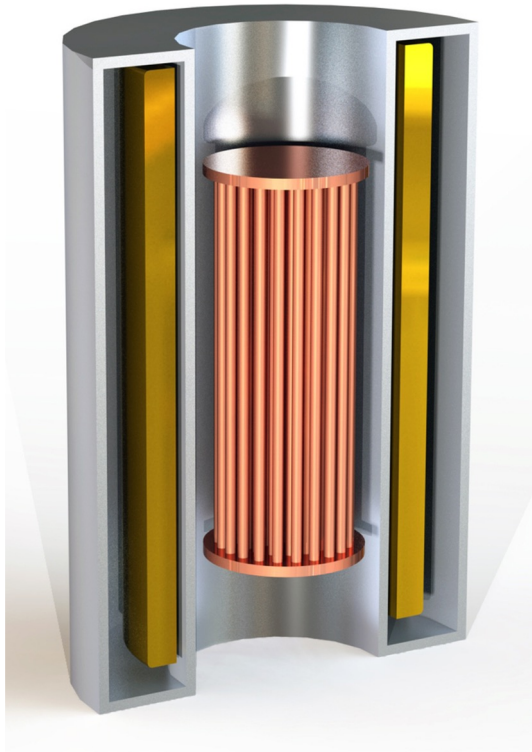
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The 1st ALPHA Collaboration Meeting





# SU Group's Objective



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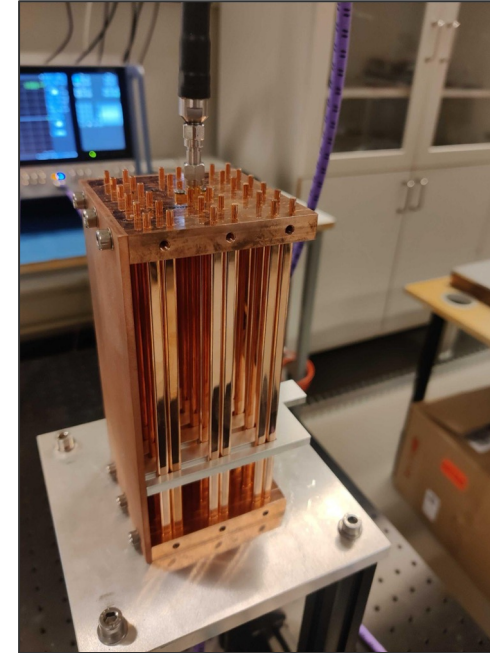
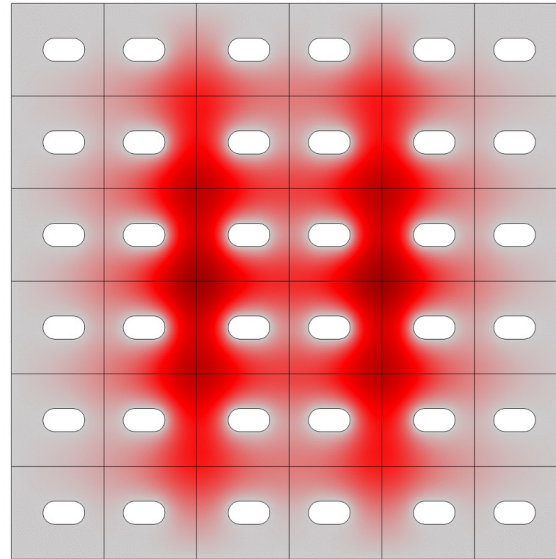
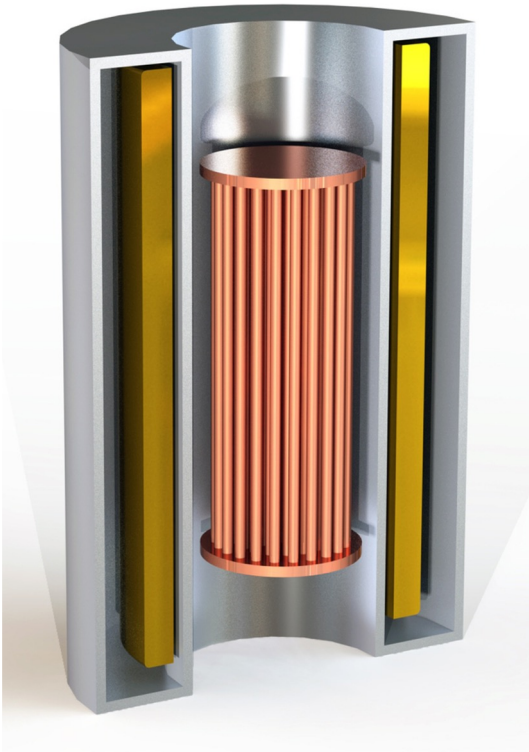
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# SU Group's Ongoing Contribution

## Development of Tuning system



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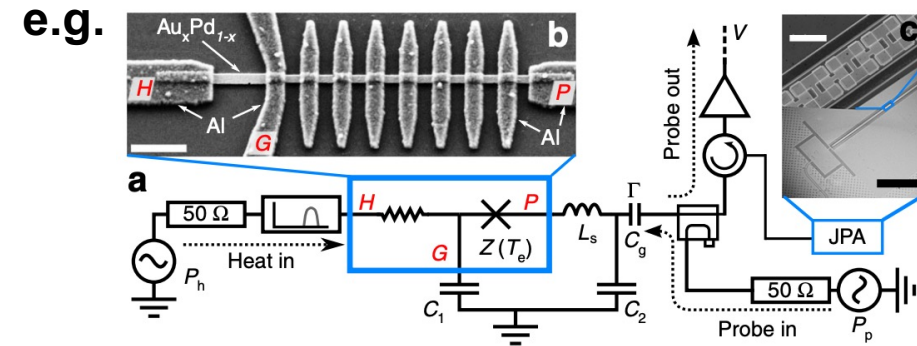
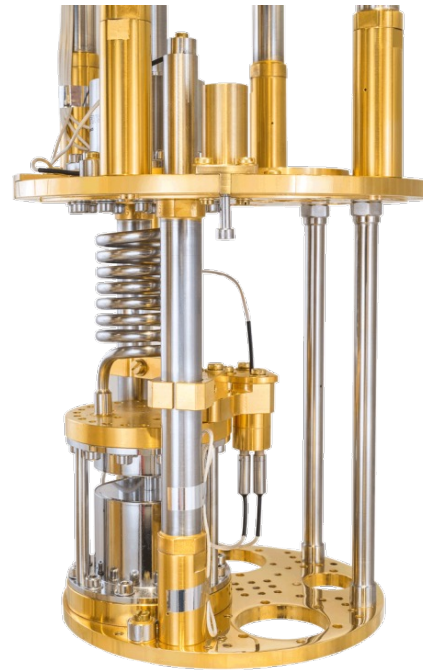
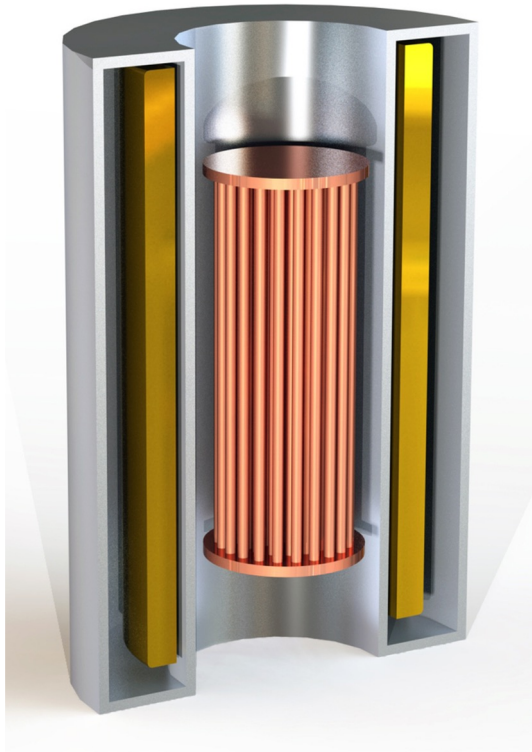
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## Weak RF Photon Detection System



[R. Kokkonen et al., Comm. Phys. 2, 124 (2019)]

**In the process of procuring DR**

- **Single photon detection**
- **Microwave Interferometer**

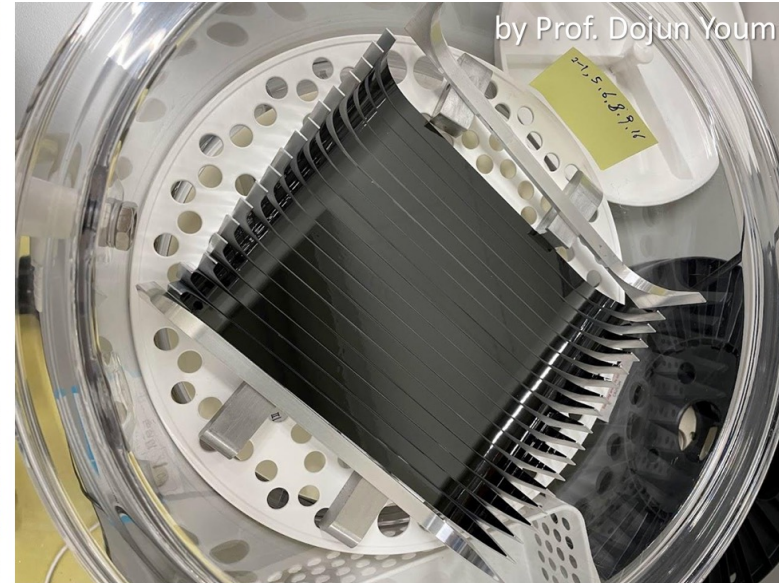
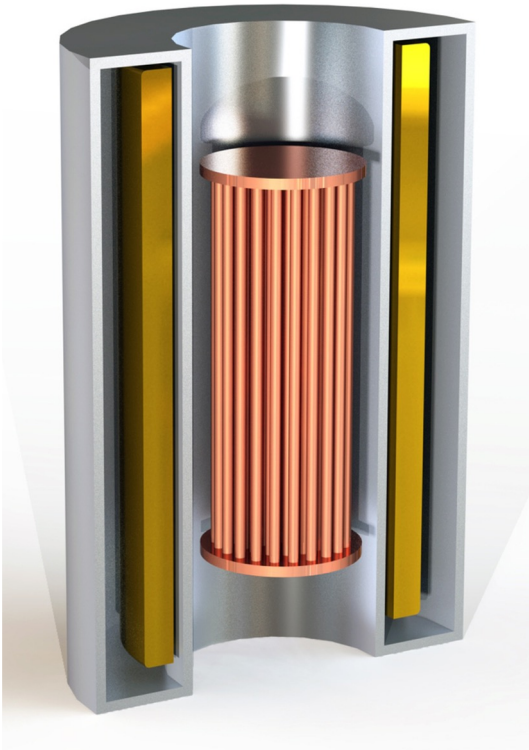
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[D. Ahn, 18th PATRAS]

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# Summary

- The **axion** is a theoretically well-motivated particle that resolves the strong CP problem and also provides a compelling solution to the dark matter mystery.
- The **cavity haloscope** is the most sensitive method for searching for dark matter axions in the GHz range.
  - High-mass axions are theoretically preferred, but the scanning rate significantly decreases at higher masses.
- The **plasma haloscope** is an innovative approach to efficiently search for high-mass dark matter axions.
- The **ALPHA collaboration** is an international initiative focused on the plasma haloscope.
- **Stockholm University** is a core member of the ALPHA collaboration.
  - We are contributing to the development of tunable wire-metamaterial cavities.
  - We are planning to contribute to the development of a weak microwave photon detection system and superconducting wire-metamaterial cavities.







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