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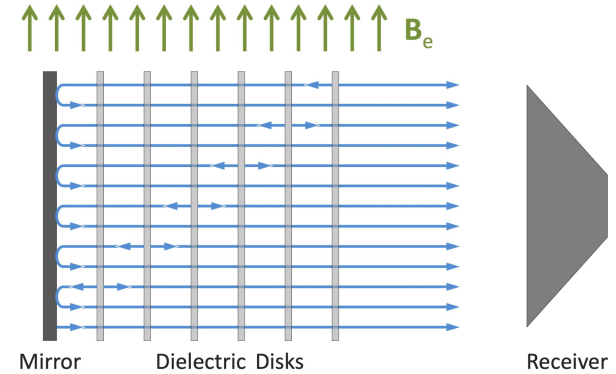
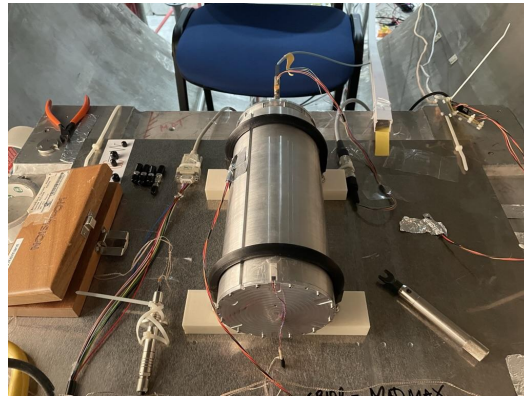
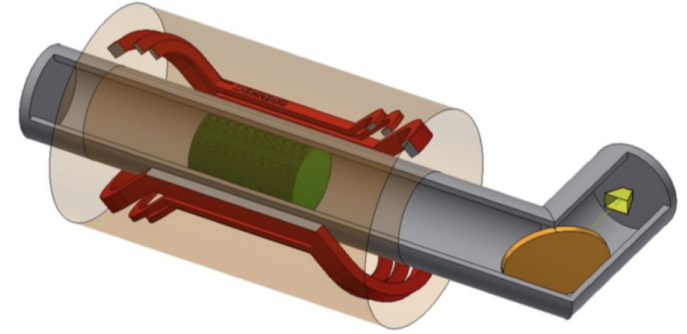
## Searching for Axion Dark Matter with a Dielectric Haloscope

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# Overview:

- Motivation
- Dielectric Haloscopes
-  MAD MAX
- Prototype: CB100 at CERN

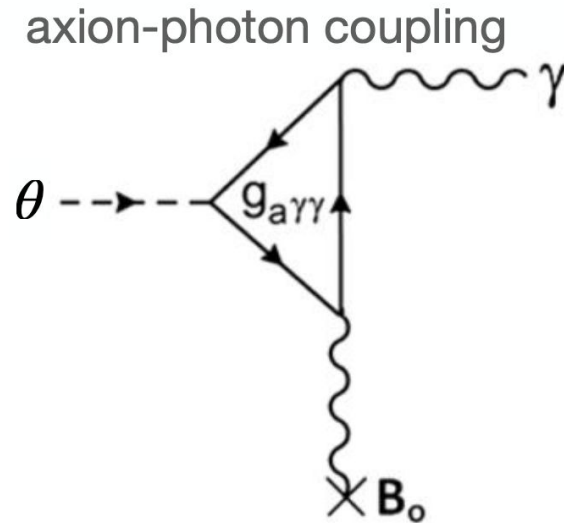


# Motivation

- Axion Dark matter could solve Strong CP problem + Dark Matter
- Post Inflationary Scenarios favor axion masses  $m_a \sim \mathcal{O}(\mu eV)$
- Large unexplored part of the Parameter Space

# Working Principle

Axion to photon conversion in an external Magnetic field  
(Primakoff effect)



# Modified Maxwell equations

Effective Lagrangian:

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

New set of Axion-Maxwell equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= \rho - g_{a\gamma\gamma} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla} a \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \dot{\vec{E}} &= \vec{J} + g_{a\gamma\gamma} (\vec{B} \dot{a} - \vec{E} \times \vec{\nabla} a) \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \dot{\vec{B}} &= 0 \\ \ddot{a} - \vec{\nabla}^2 a + m_a^2 a &= g_{a\gamma\gamma} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B})\end{aligned}$$

# Axion Dark Matter

De Broglie wavelength of Axions:

$$\lambda_{dB} = 12,4 \text{ m} \left( \frac{100 \mu\text{eV}}{m_a} \right) \left( \frac{10^{-3}}{v_a} \right)$$

$\implies$  For small regions  $\mathbf{k}_a = 0$

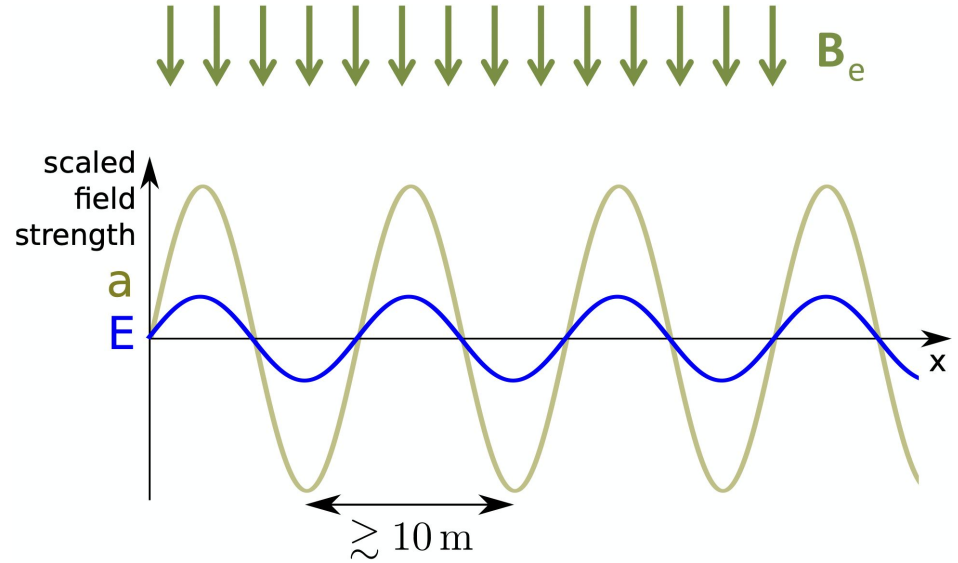
From the Modified Maxwell equations:

$$\omega = m_a$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}_a(t) = -\epsilon^{-1} g_{a\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B}_e \hat{a}(t) = -\frac{\mathbf{E}_0}{\epsilon} e^{-im_a t}$$

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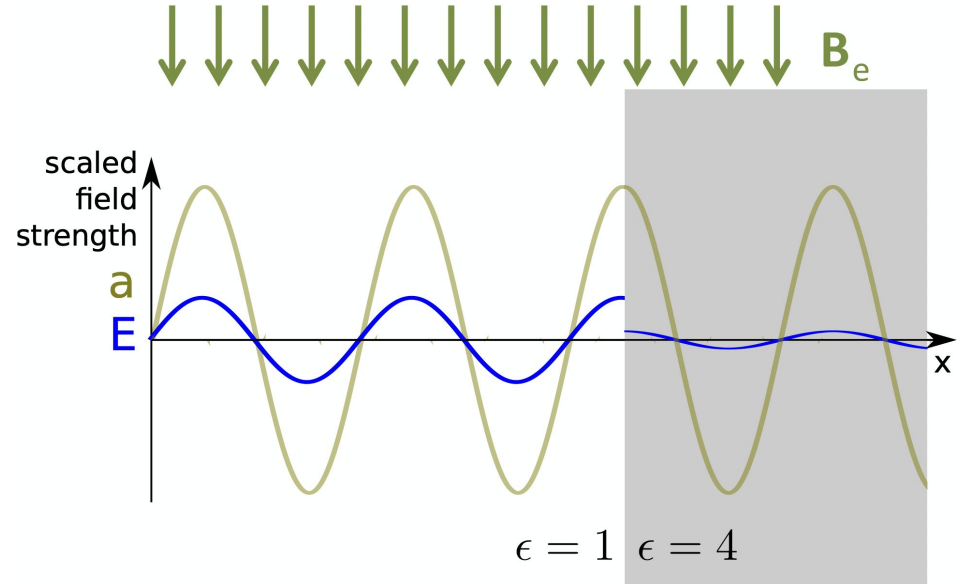
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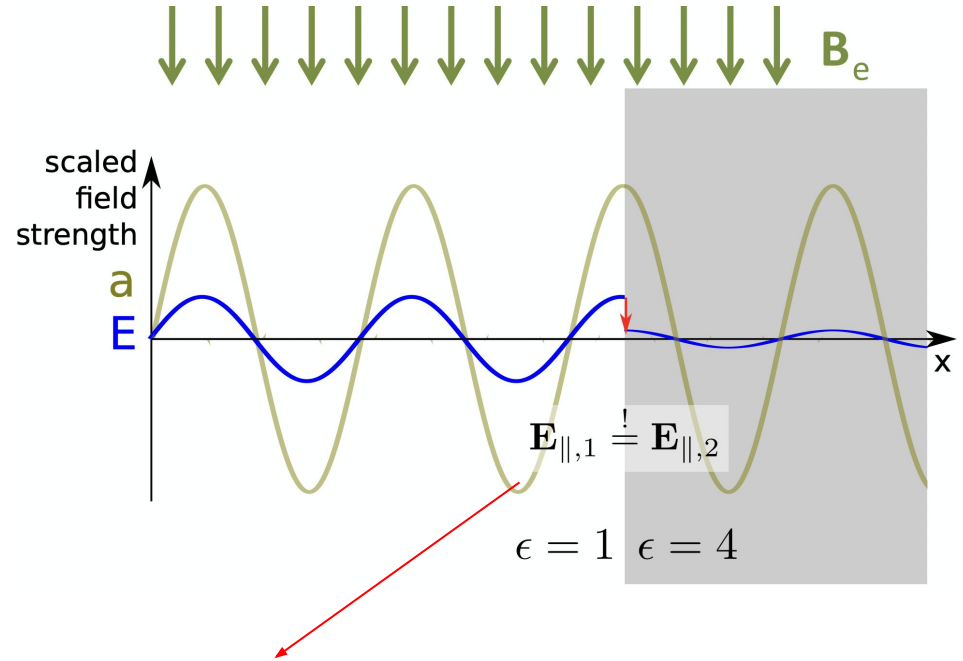




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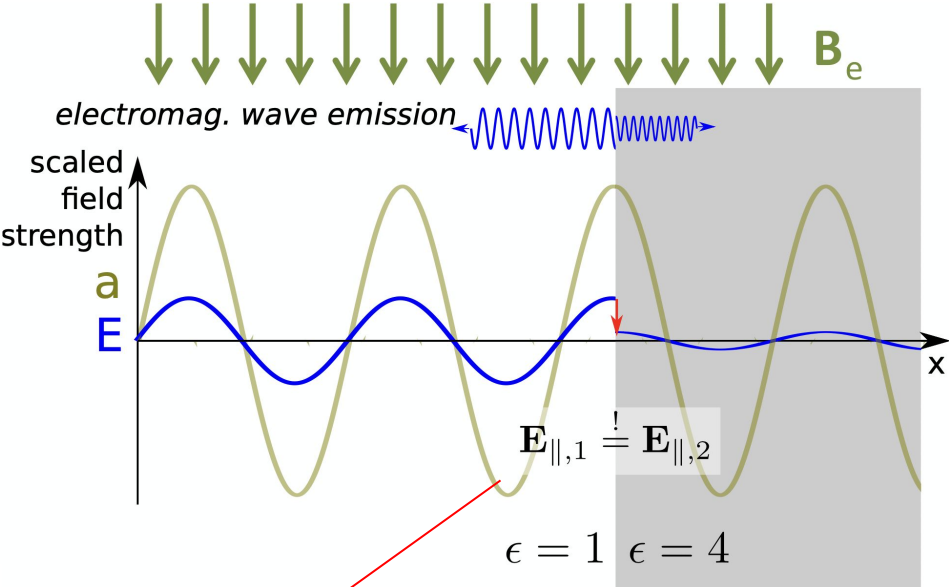
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Emission at the interface from dielectric constant discontinuity



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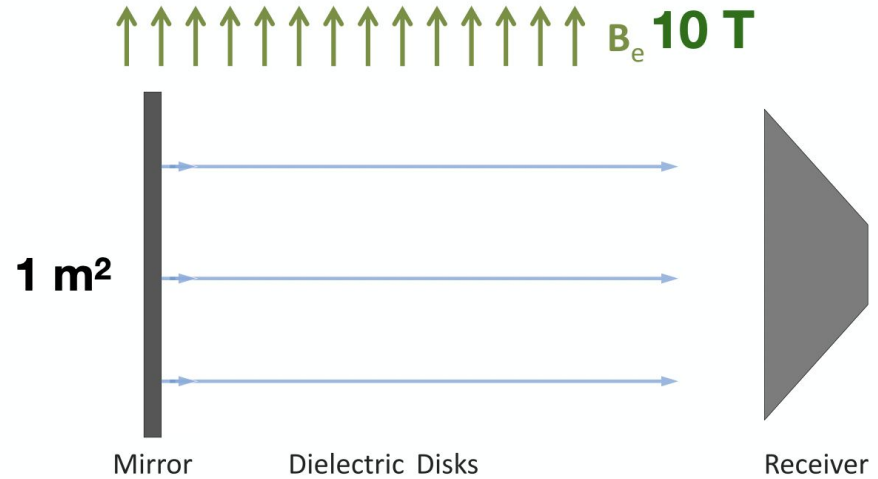
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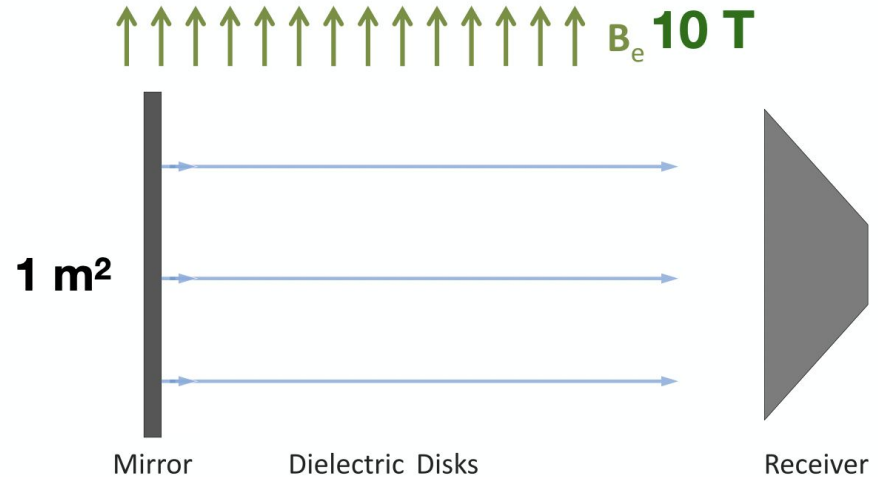
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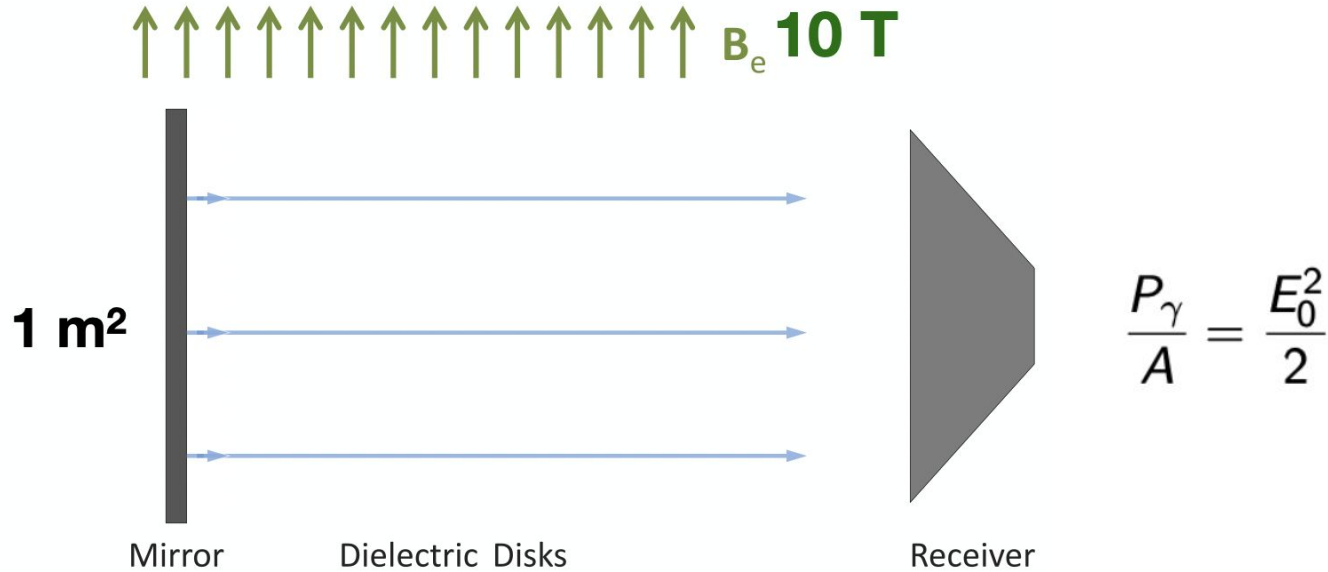
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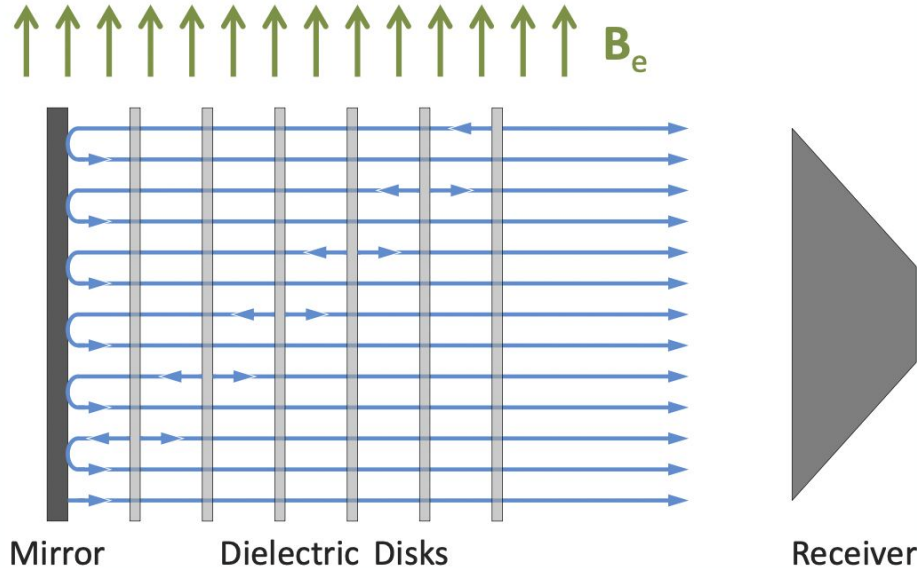
Too Small!



# Dielectric Haloscope and the Boost Factor



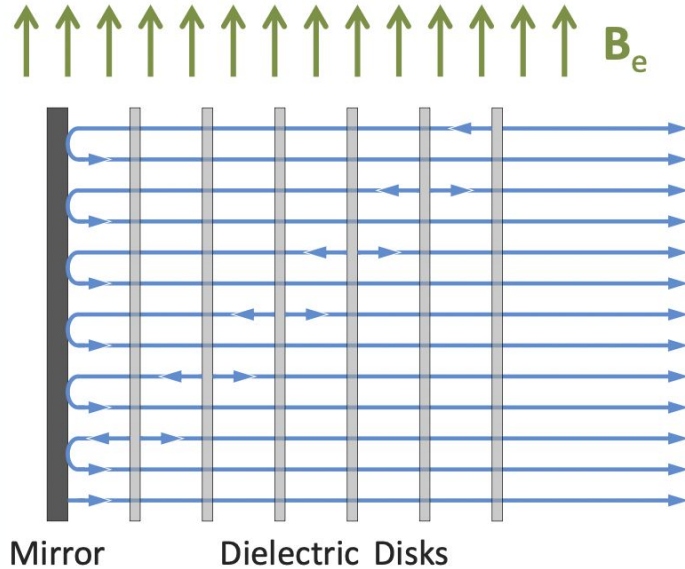
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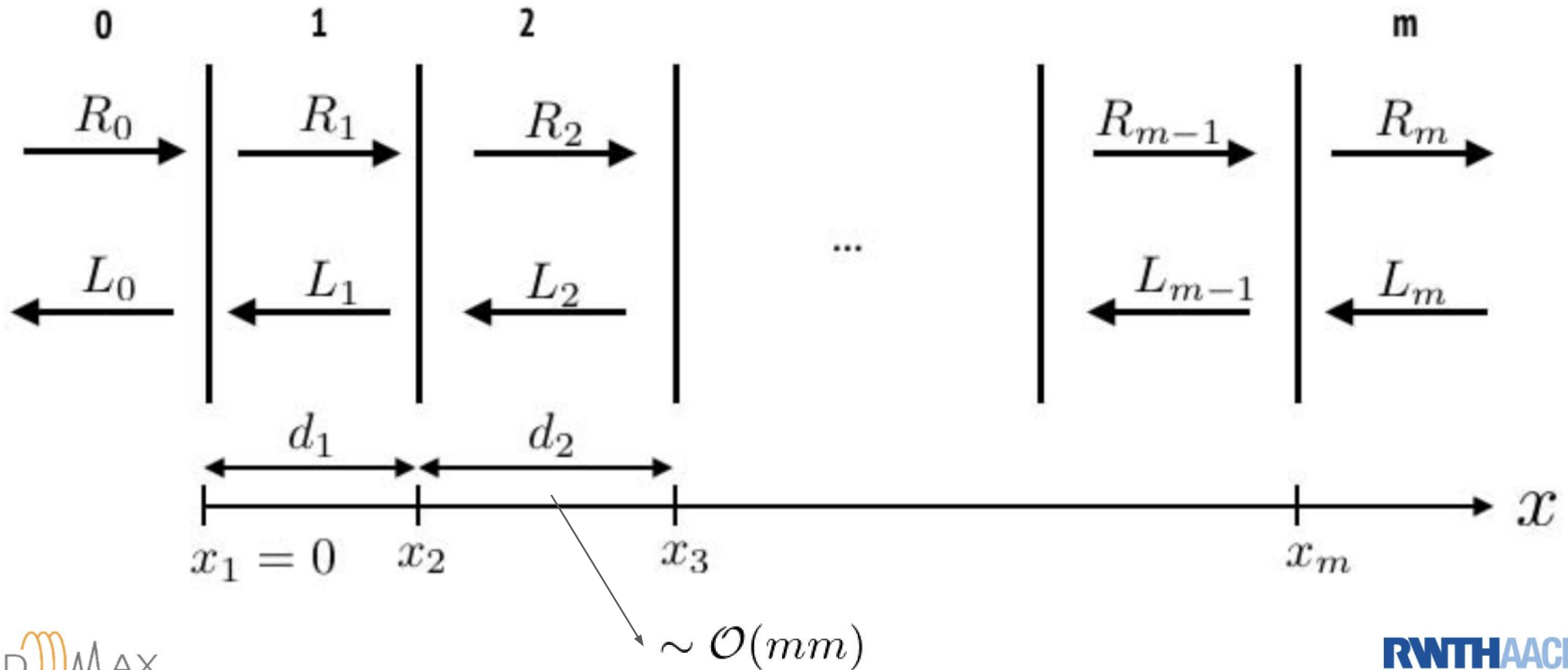


Receiver

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**Boost Factor** for fixed disc positions depends on:  
dielectric constant ( $\epsilon$ ), frequency ( $\nu$ )

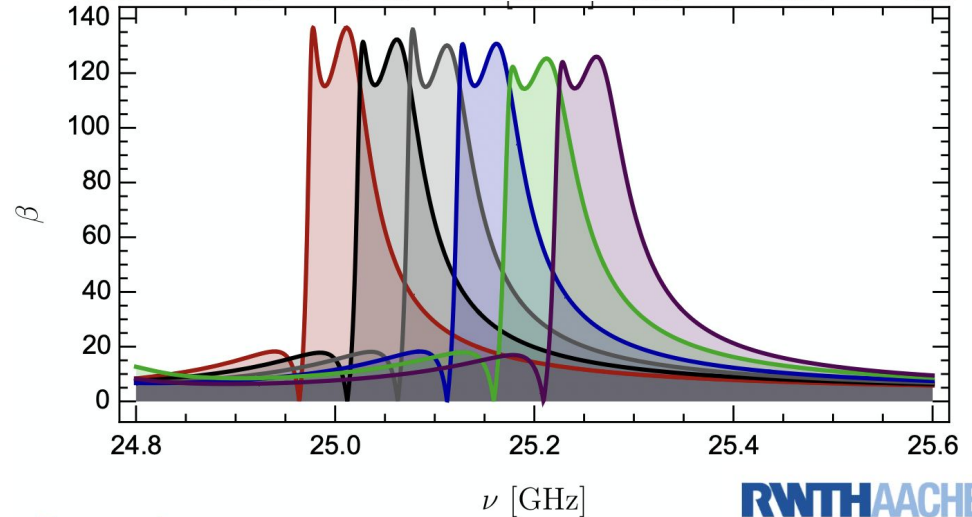
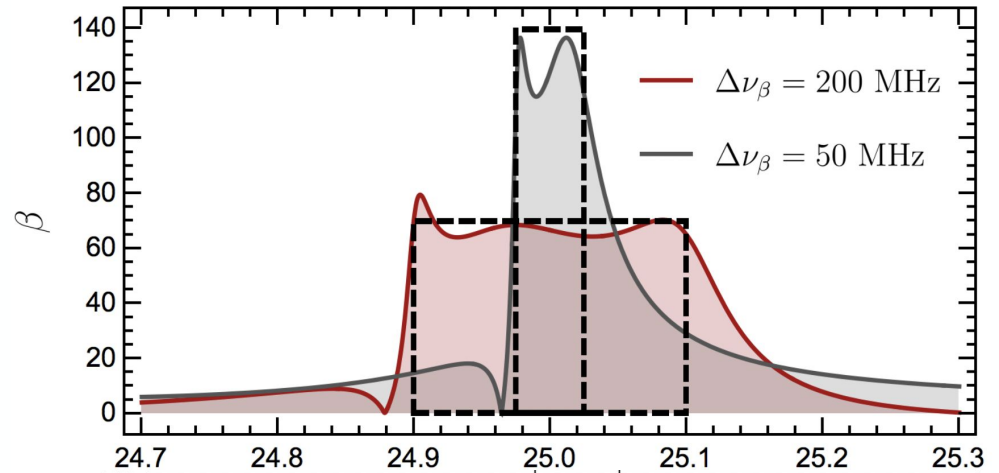
# Coherent Superposition Inside Dielectric Haloscope



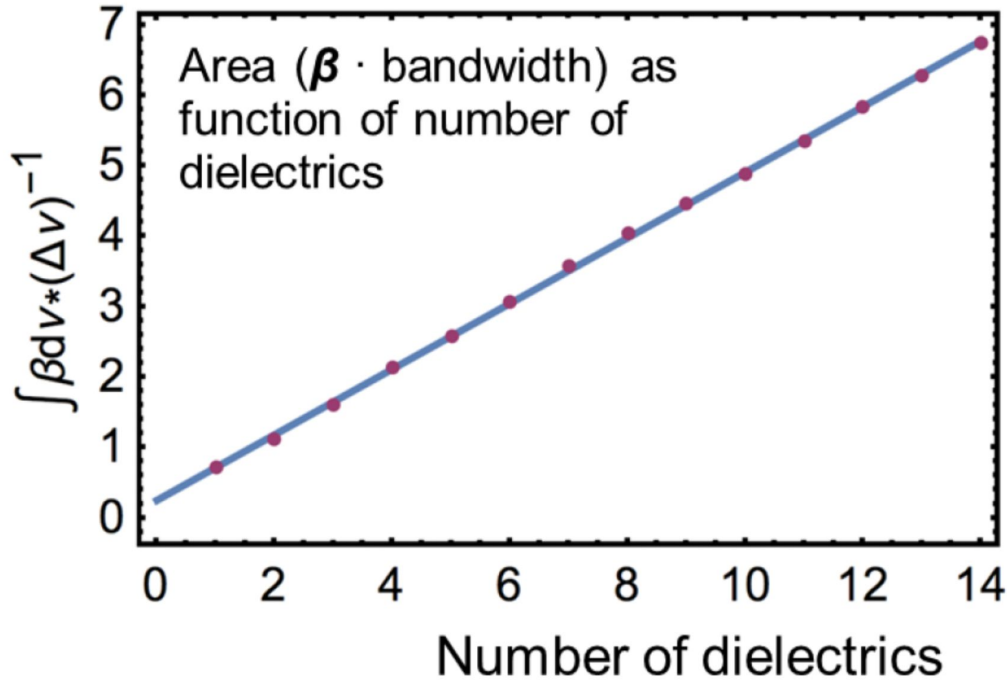


# Boost Factor

- Disk Positioning changes boost factor
- Area under curve always the same (Area Law)
- Higher boost factor = Lower Bandwidth
- Lower Boost Factor = Higher Bandwidth



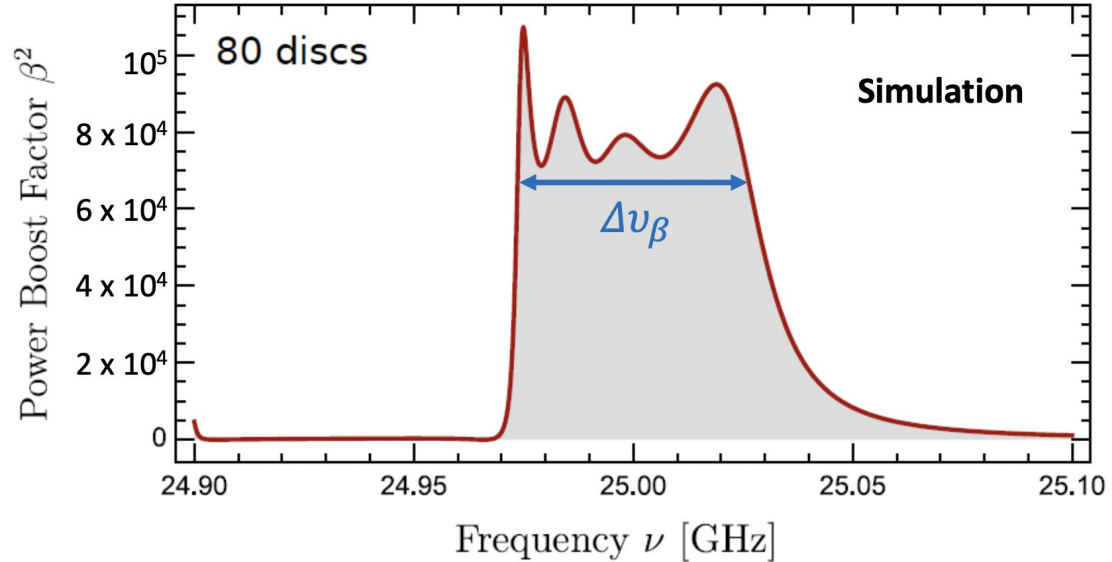
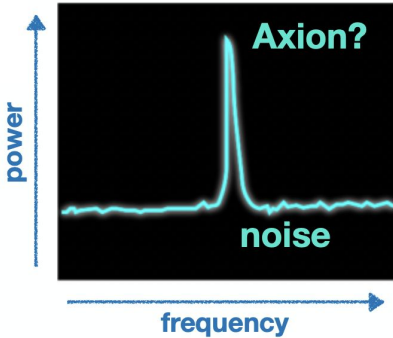
# Number of Dielectric Discs



- Area under Boost factor curve increases with number of discs
- More Discs  $\Rightarrow$  Higher Boost Factor

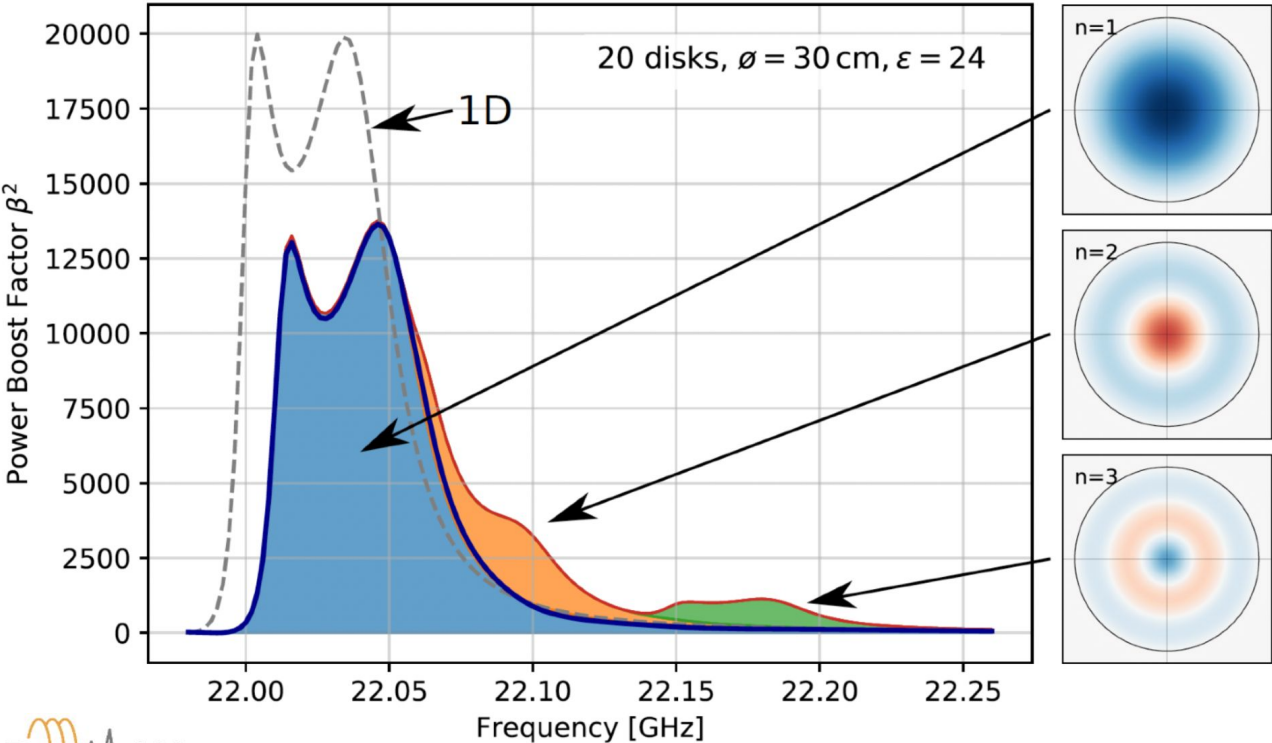
# Boost Factor 1D Simulations

- 1D simulations for  $\varepsilon = 24$  with 80 discs allow us to obtain  $|\beta^2| > 10^4$

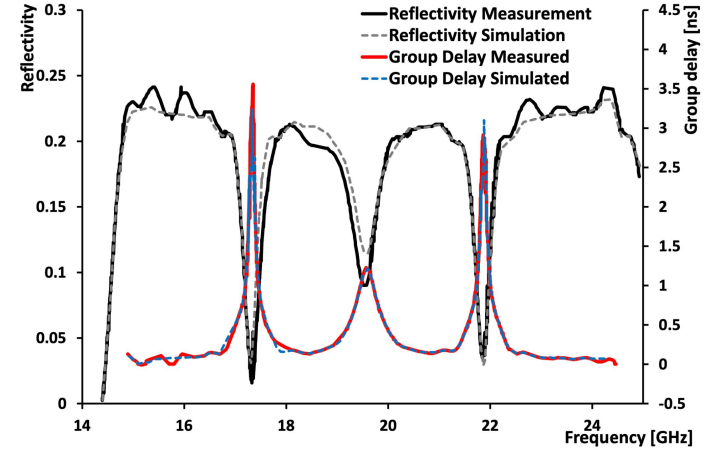
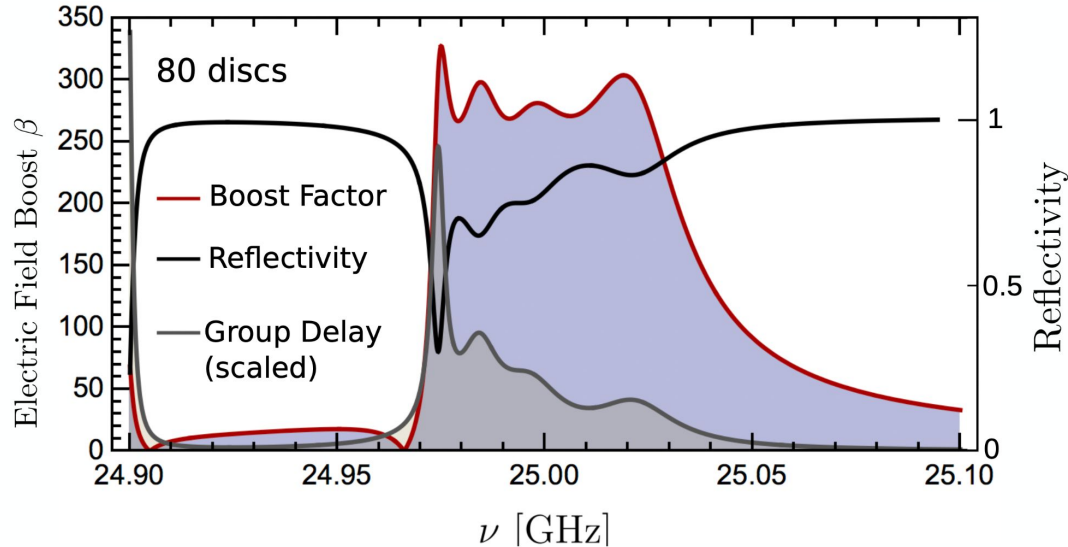


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# Boost Factor 3D Simulations



# Measuring the Boost factor



- Boost factor cannot be experimentally measured

$$\beta^2 = \frac{P_{booster}}{P_{mirror}}$$

- Inferred from reflectivity and group delay

# MADMAX

**MA**gnetized **D**isc and **AX**ion **eX**periment



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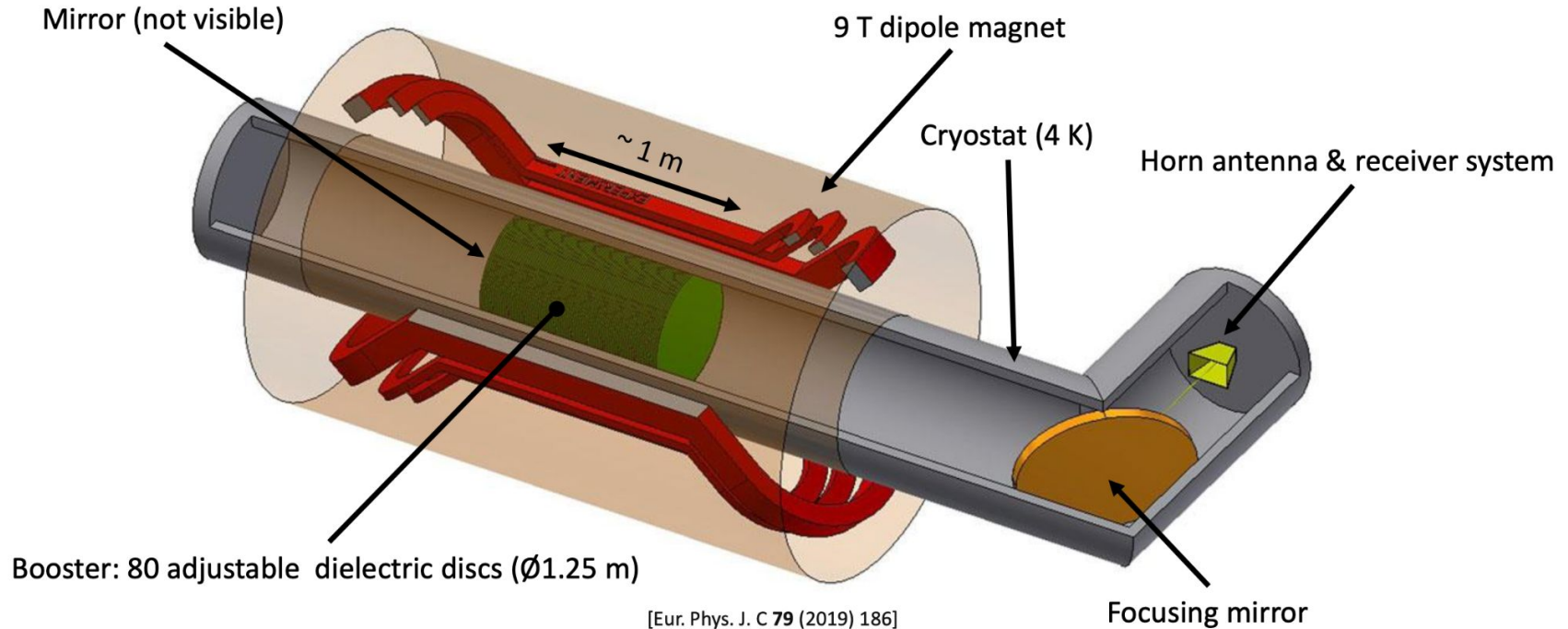


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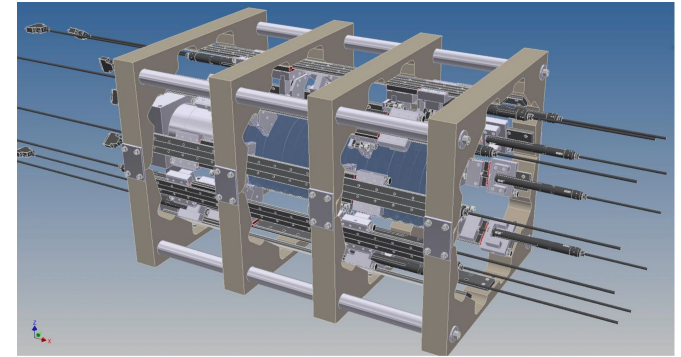
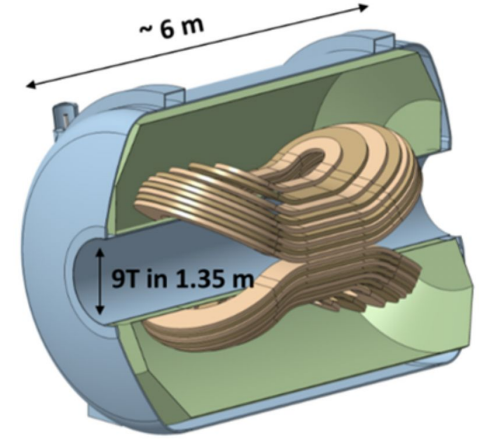
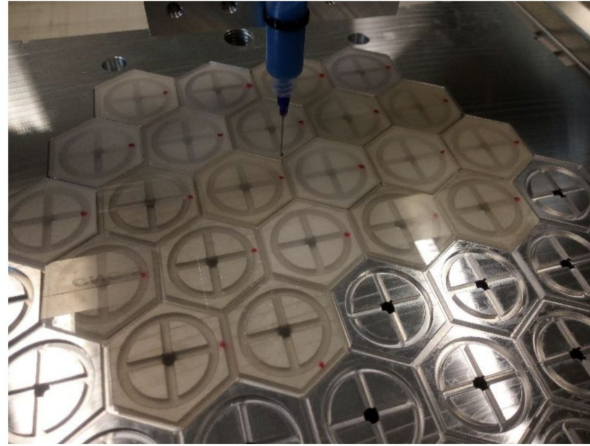
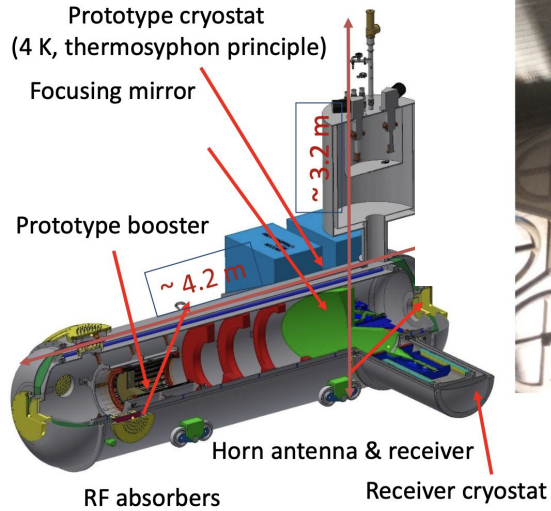
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# Full Size MADMAX





# Technological Challenges





# Disc Properties

$$\hat{E}_a(t) = -\epsilon^{-1} g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{B}_e \hat{a}(t)$$



- High dielectric constant ( $\epsilon$ )  $\longrightarrow$  higher axion to photon conversion
- Low loss ( $\tan \delta$ )  $\longrightarrow$  reduced photon loss

Sapphire ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ):

$$\tan \delta \sim 10^{-5}$$

$$\epsilon \approx 9.4$$

Lanthanum Aluminate ( $\text{LaAlO}_3$ ):

$$\tan \delta \sim 10^{-5}$$

$$\epsilon \approx 24$$

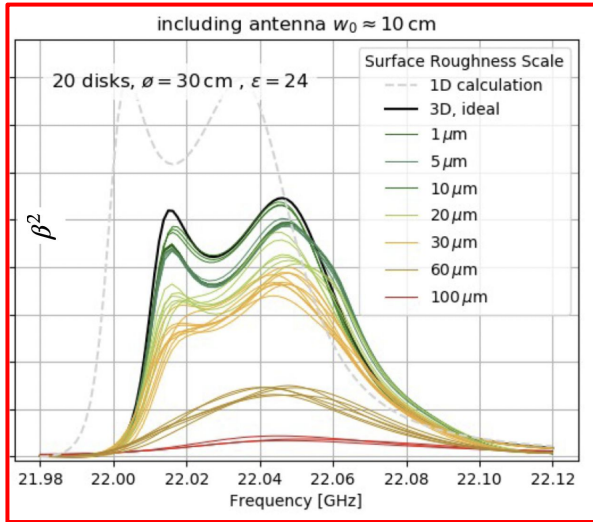


# Precision Challenges

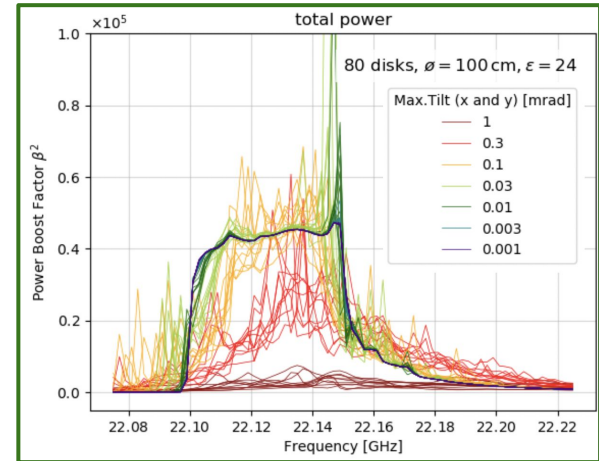
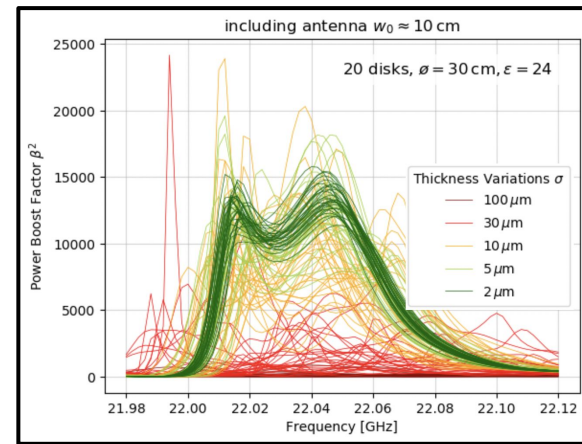
Non ideal discs  $\longrightarrow$

Loss of Boost factor:

$$\beta^2(\nu)$$



- Thickness variation
- Surface roughness
- Disc Tilting









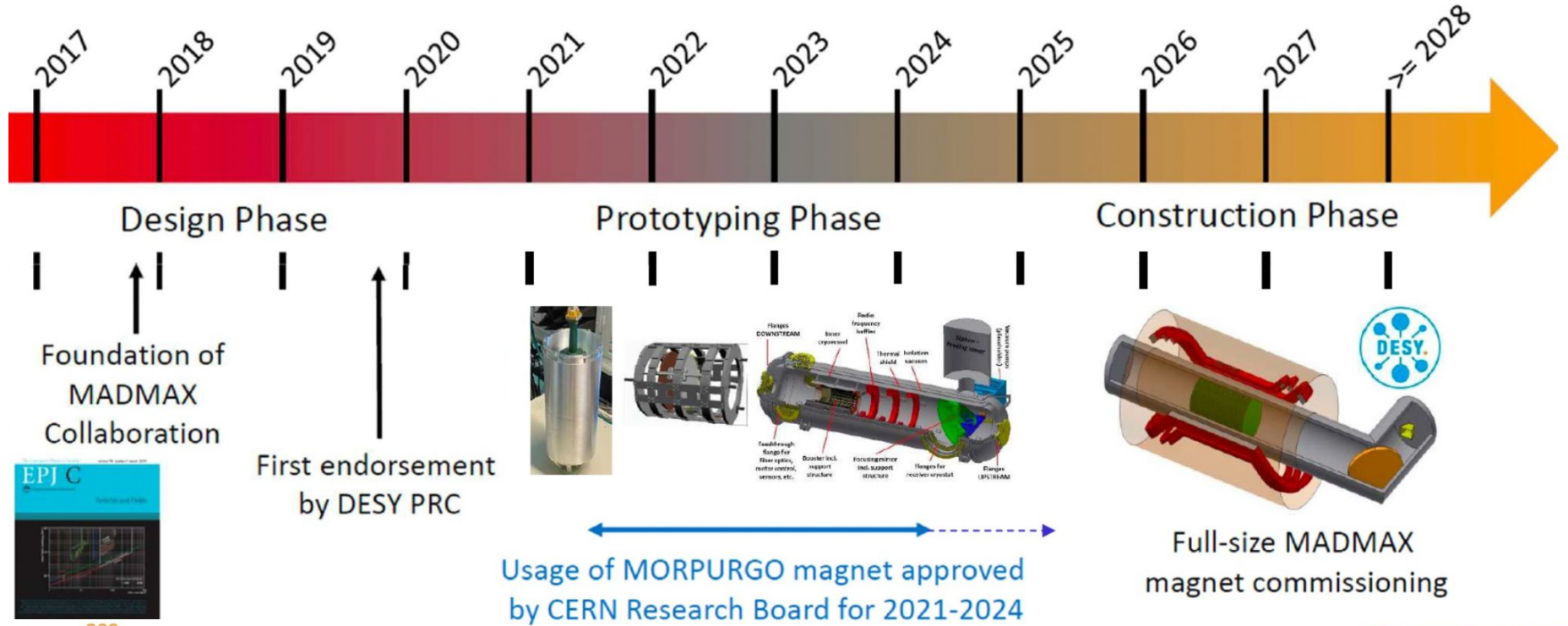
# Experimental Site at DESY

- MADMAX expected to be at HERA Hall North (DESY)

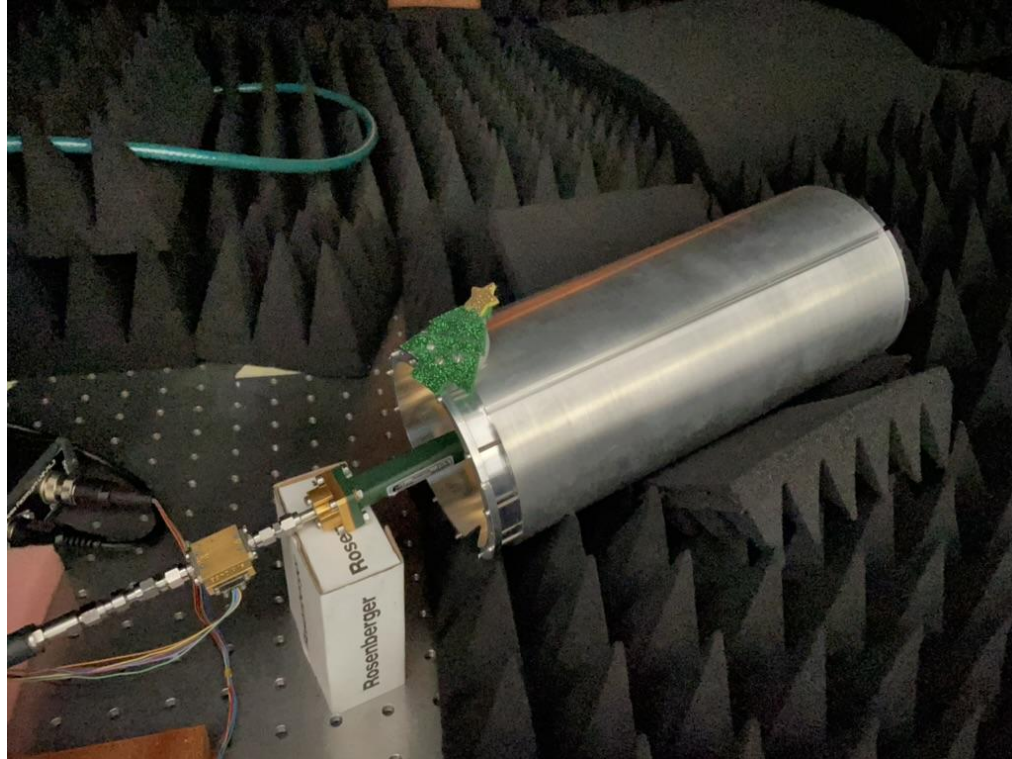


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# Timeline



# Prototype: CB100 at CERN





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parabolic taper  
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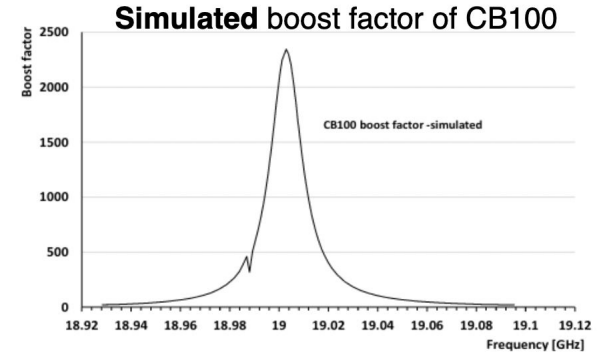
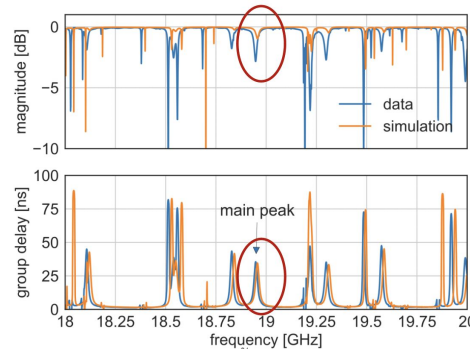
spacing ring

sapphire

copper mirror

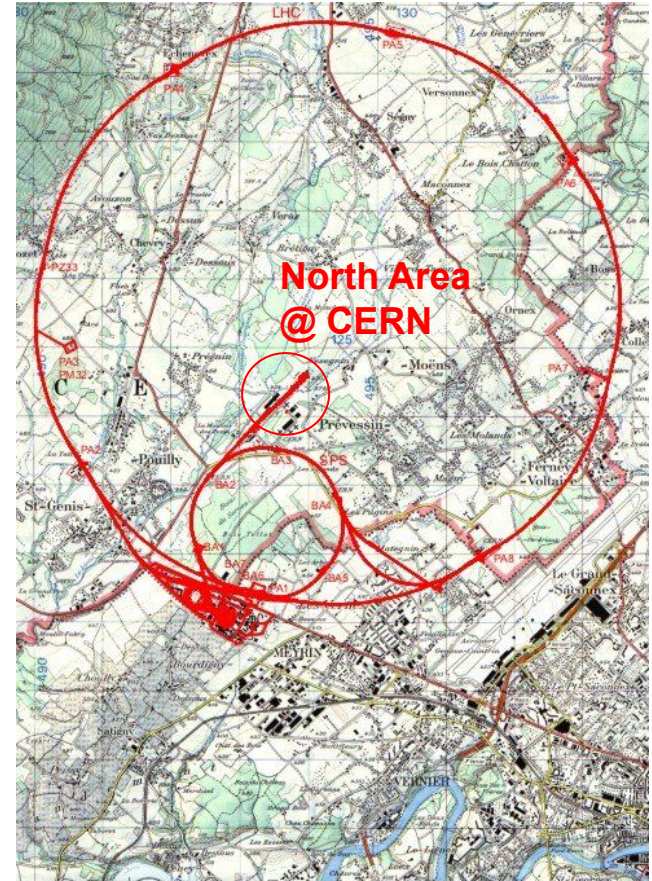


- Closed Booster
- 100 mm Sapphire Discs ( $\epsilon = 9.4$ )
- Discs in fixed Position
- Optimized for Boost factor  $\beta^2 \sim 2000$
- 50 MHz bandwidth



# CB100 CERN 2023

Morpurgo Magnet

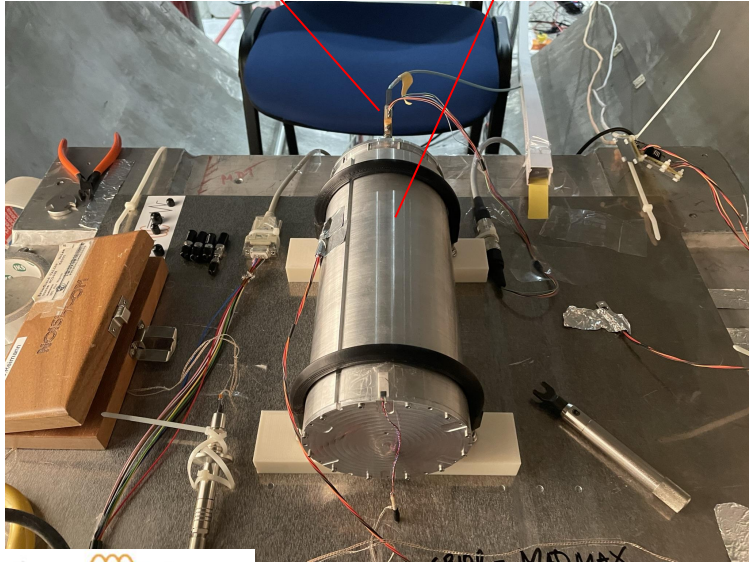




# Set-up at Morpurgo

LNA

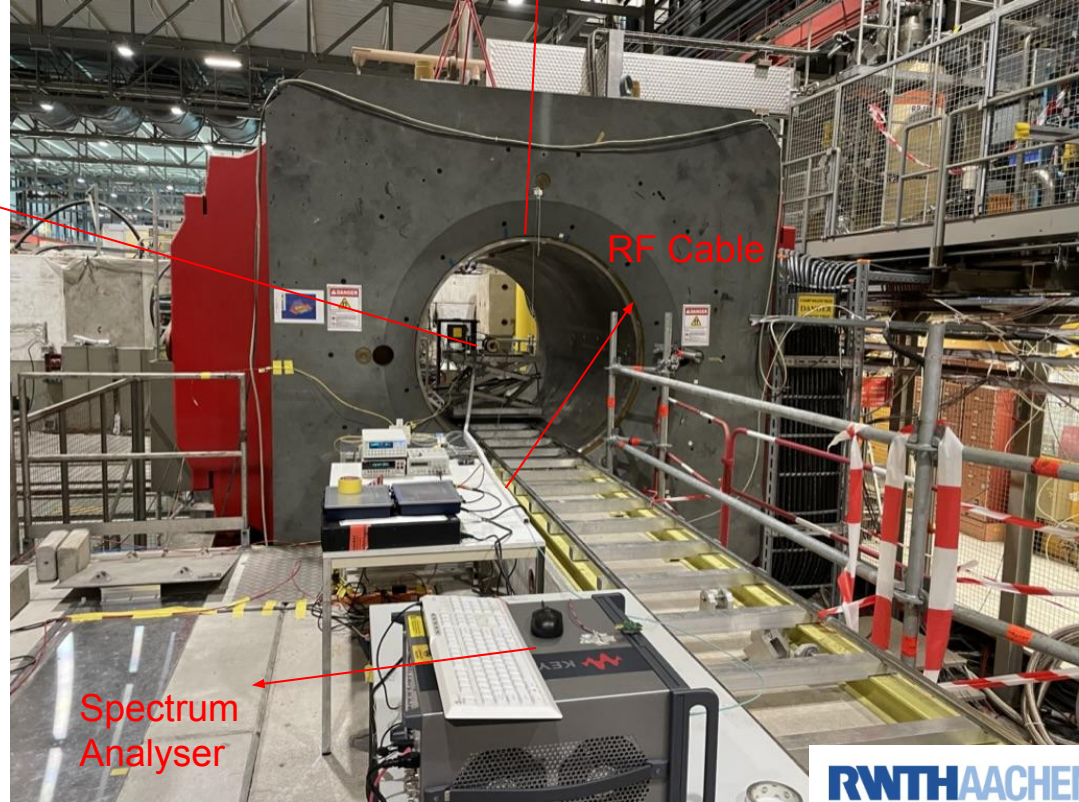
CB100



1.6 T B Field

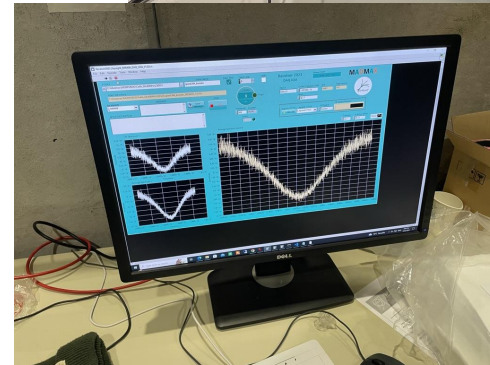
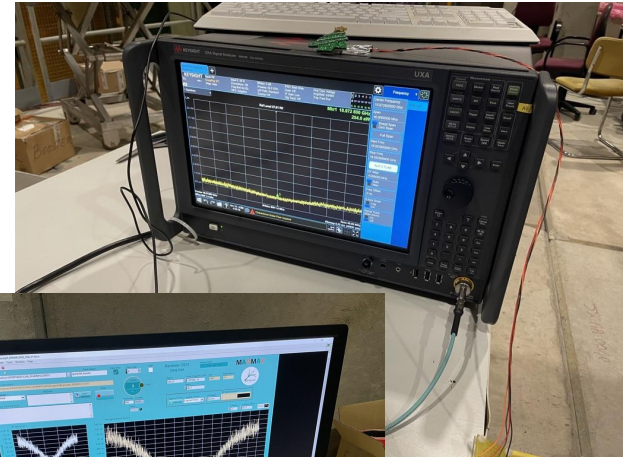
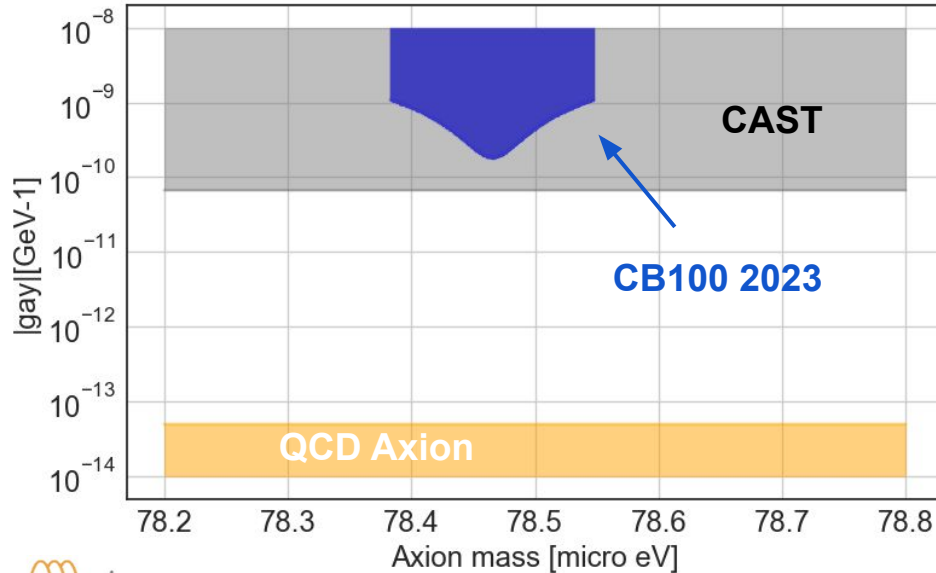
RF Cable

Spectrum  
Analyser



# Sensitivity of CB100 2023

$$C_{a\gamma} = 234.3 \left( \frac{1m^2}{A} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1.6T}{B_e} \right) \left( \frac{300MeV}{\rho_a} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{2200}{\beta^2} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{T_{sys}}{410} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{20kHz} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{4days}{\Delta t} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{SNR}{5} \right)^{1/2}$$





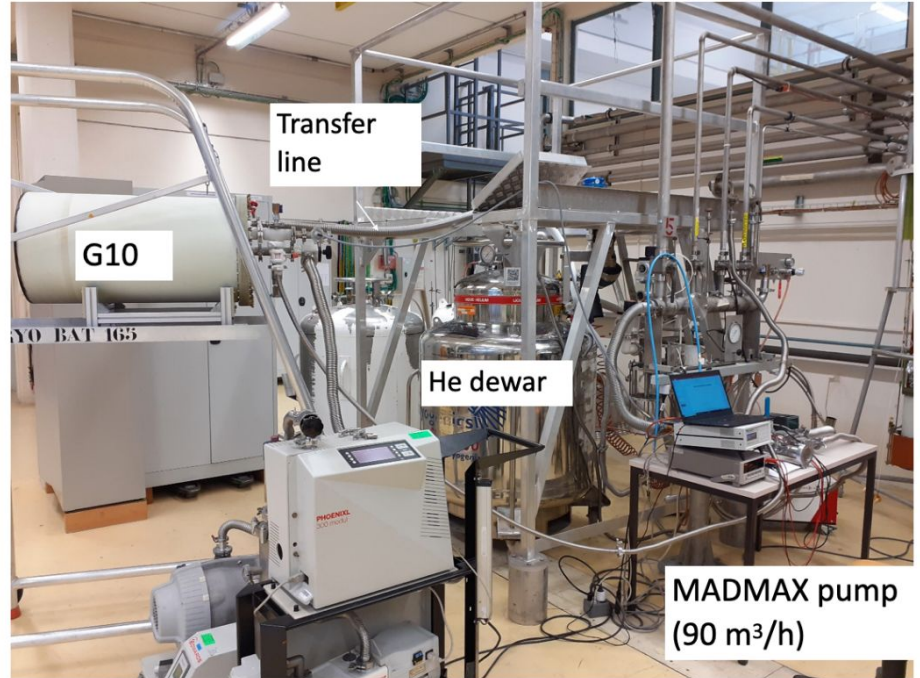
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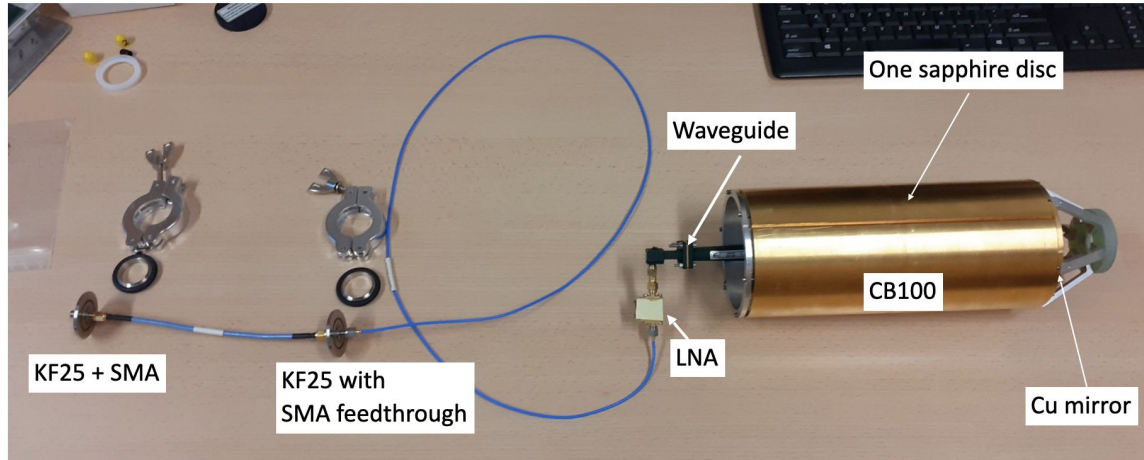
Dimensions:

Length: 830 mm

Diameter: 475 mm



# CB100 Mock-up



Three temperature sensors:

- 1) on LNA;
- 2) on sapphire disc;
- 3) on Cu mirror

- All three sensors showed similar  $T(\pm 0.3K)$
- approx 7 hours for cooldown (not optimised procedure)
- 23 hours stable conditions (below 10K)

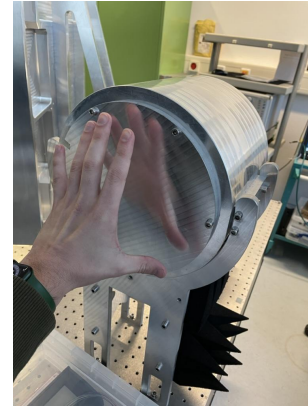
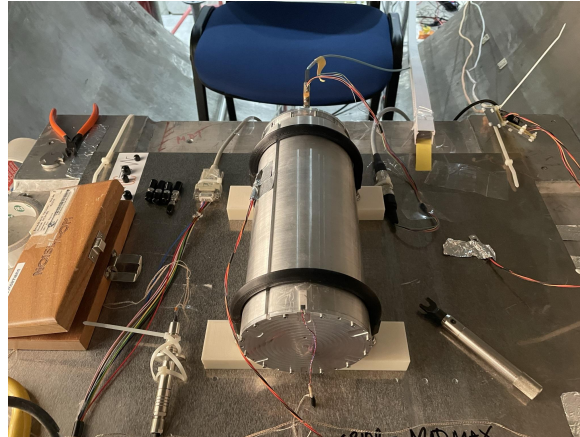
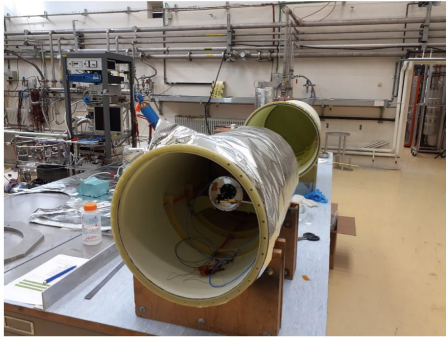
# Future Plans 2024 - forward

- Continuation of Morpurgo Activities:

CB100

CB200 (200 mm diameter closed Booster)

G10 Cryogenic chamber (Liquid He below 10K)



# Conclusions

- Axions could solve strong CP problem + DM at the same time
- Dielectric Haloscopes can probe the existence of axion DM through axion to photon conversion
- MADMAX capable of spanning the unexplored range between 40 - 400  $\mu\text{eV}$
- First data taking with CB100 in March 2023
- Currently in Prototype stage and starting to take Data