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# How to detect a QCD axion

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# Overview

Motivation for MADMAX

Latest news:

- Run at CERN and monitoring system

- New cryostat

- MADMAX new magnet update

Next steps:

- Cold operation of CB-100

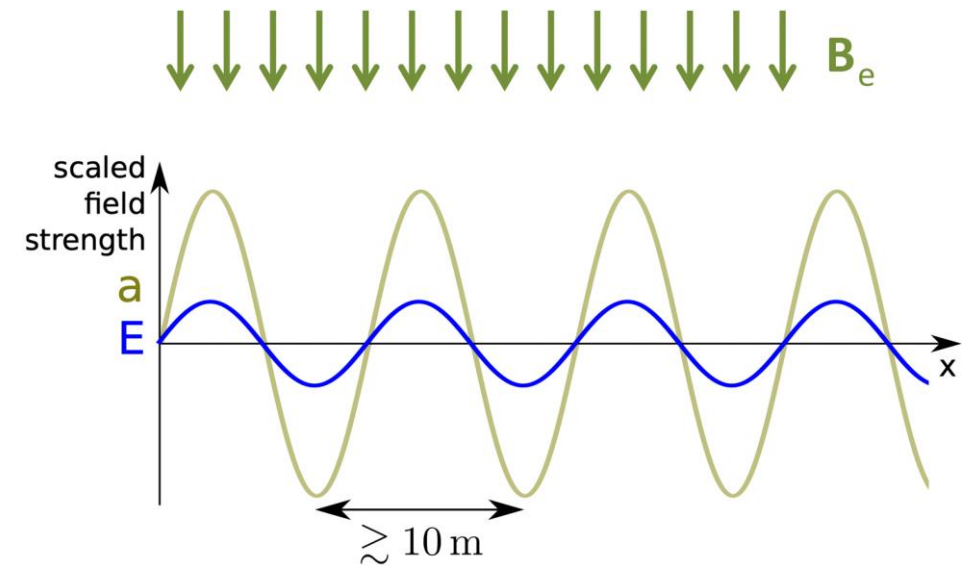
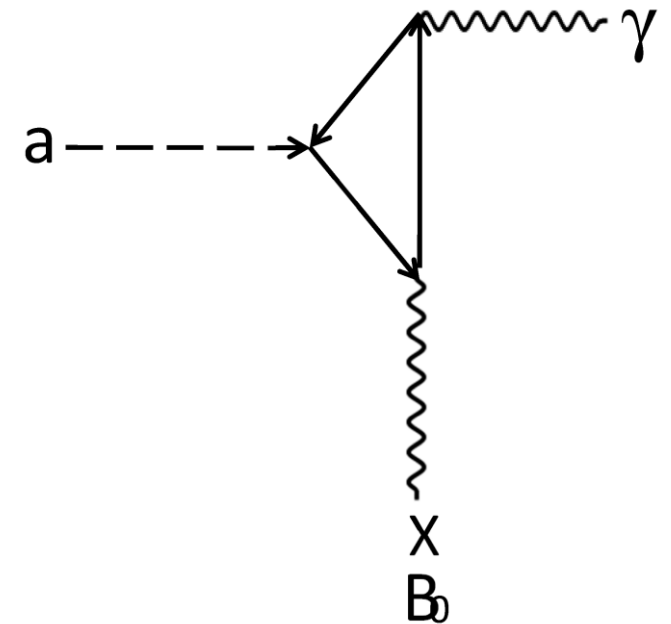
- The next prototype

- Main cryostat

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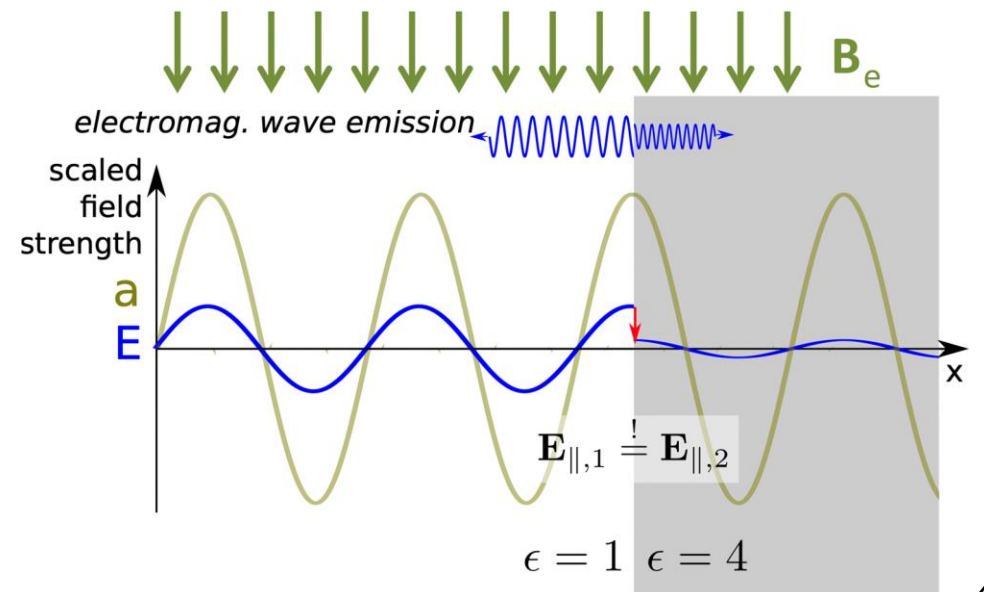
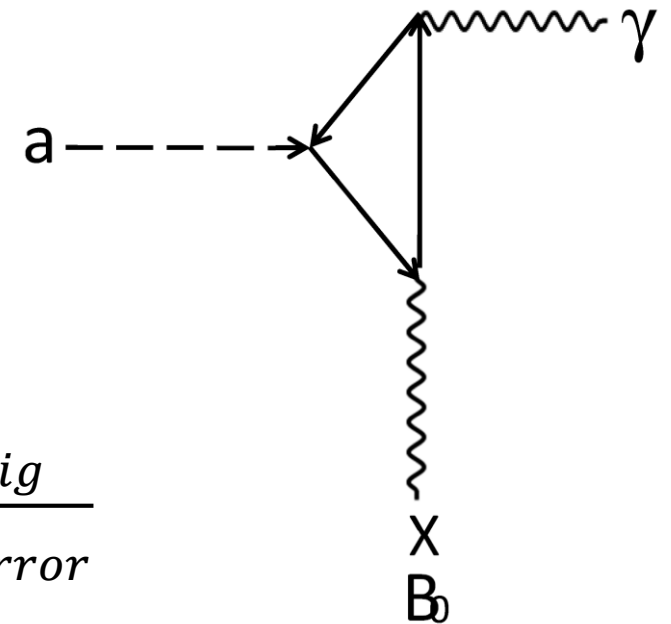


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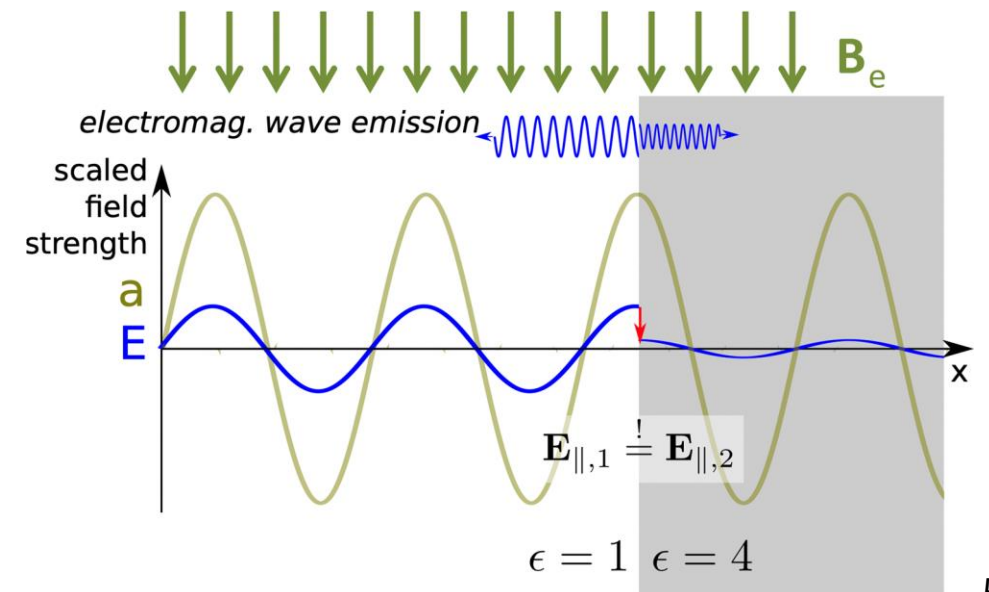
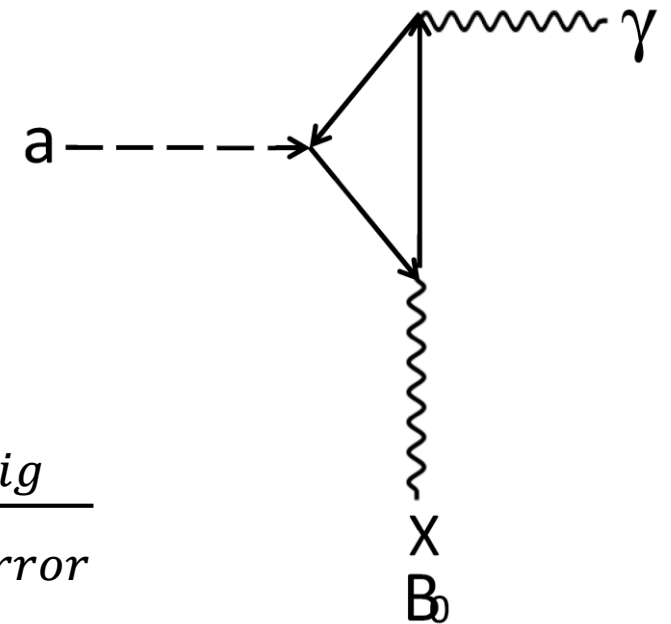


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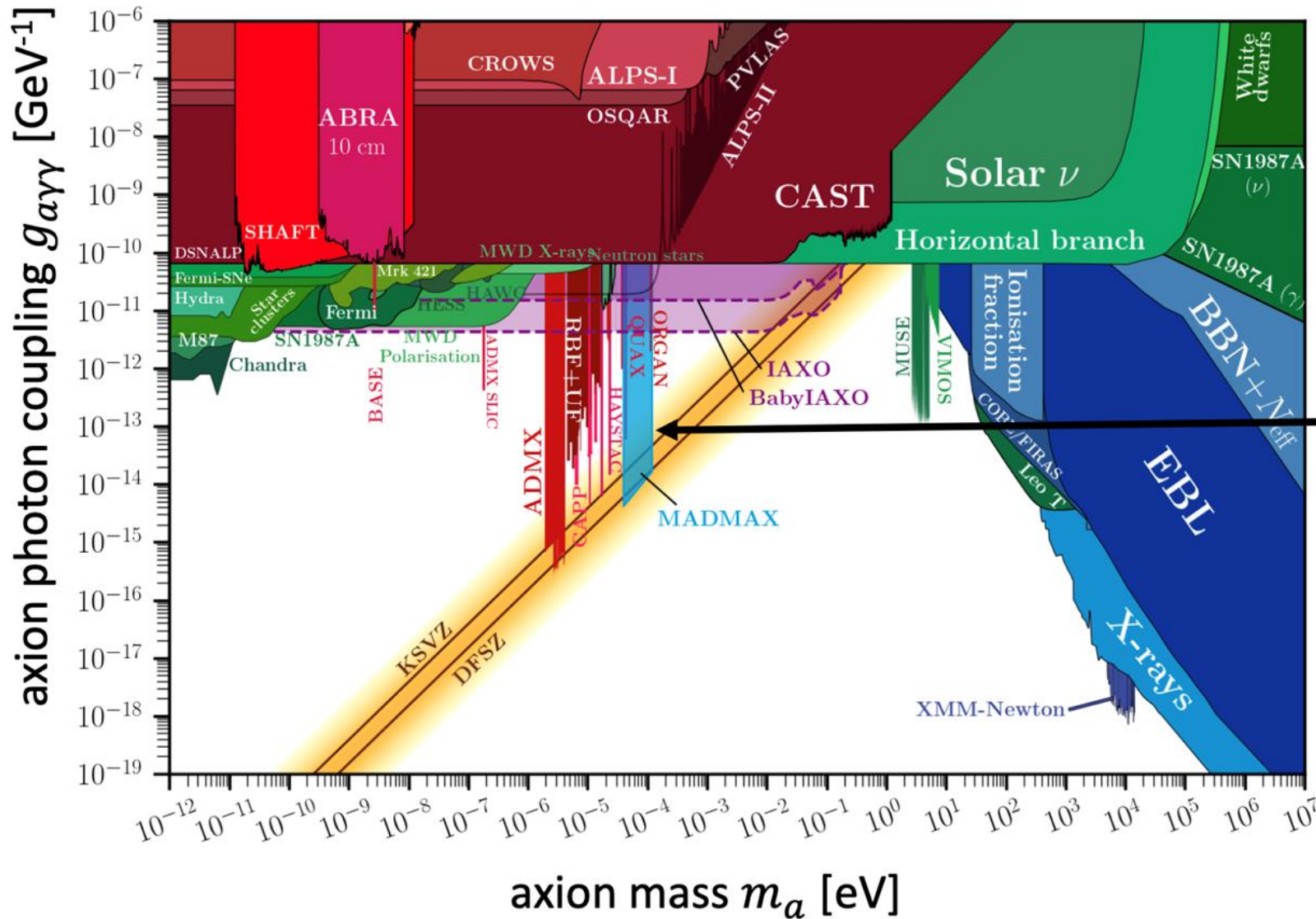
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- 3) Reduce thermal background with cryogenics
- 4) Analyze boosted signal

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# Status of axion experiments

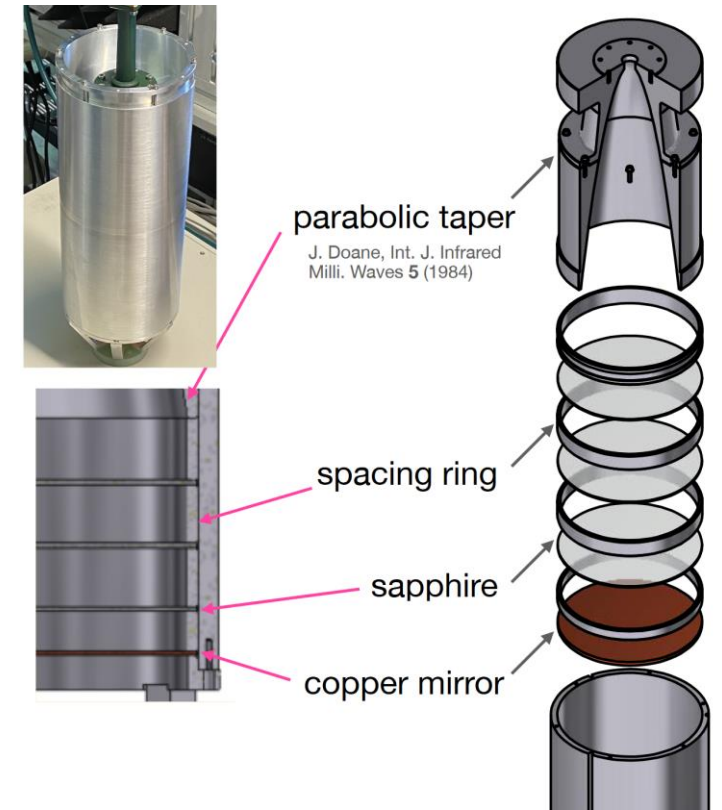
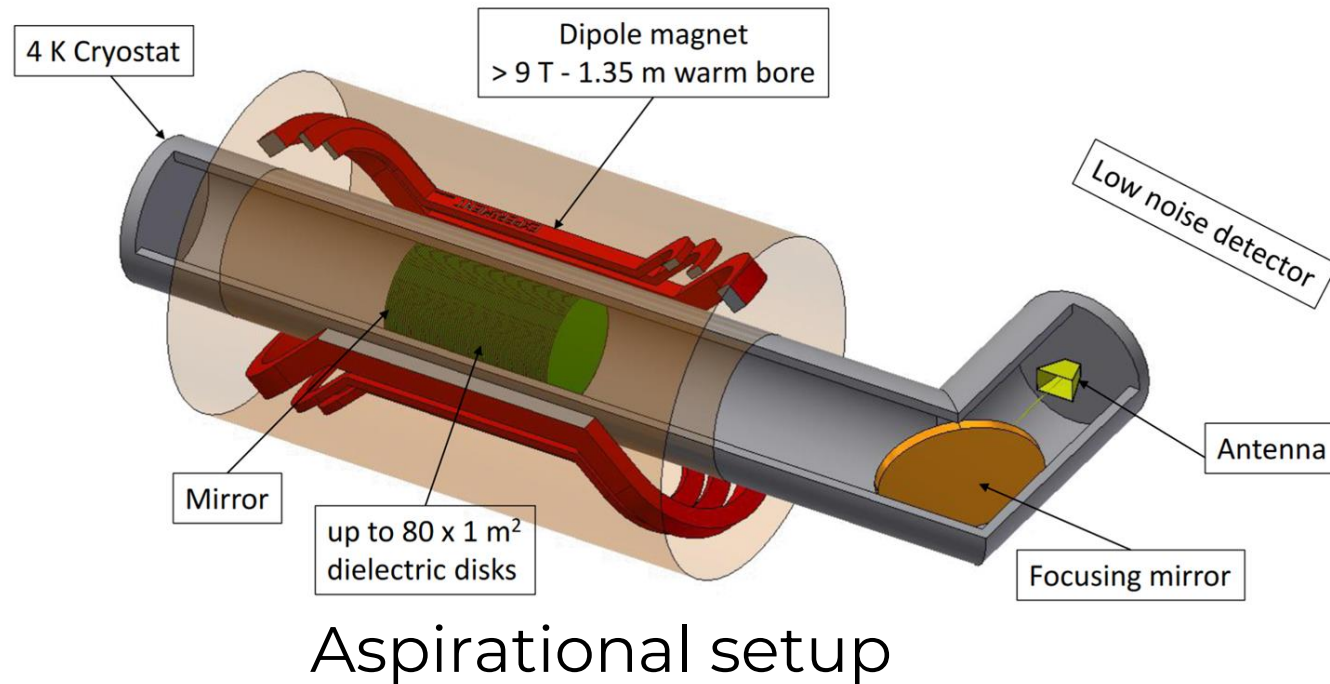


Aspirational setup

Probing the QCD axion between 40-400  $\mu\text{eV}$



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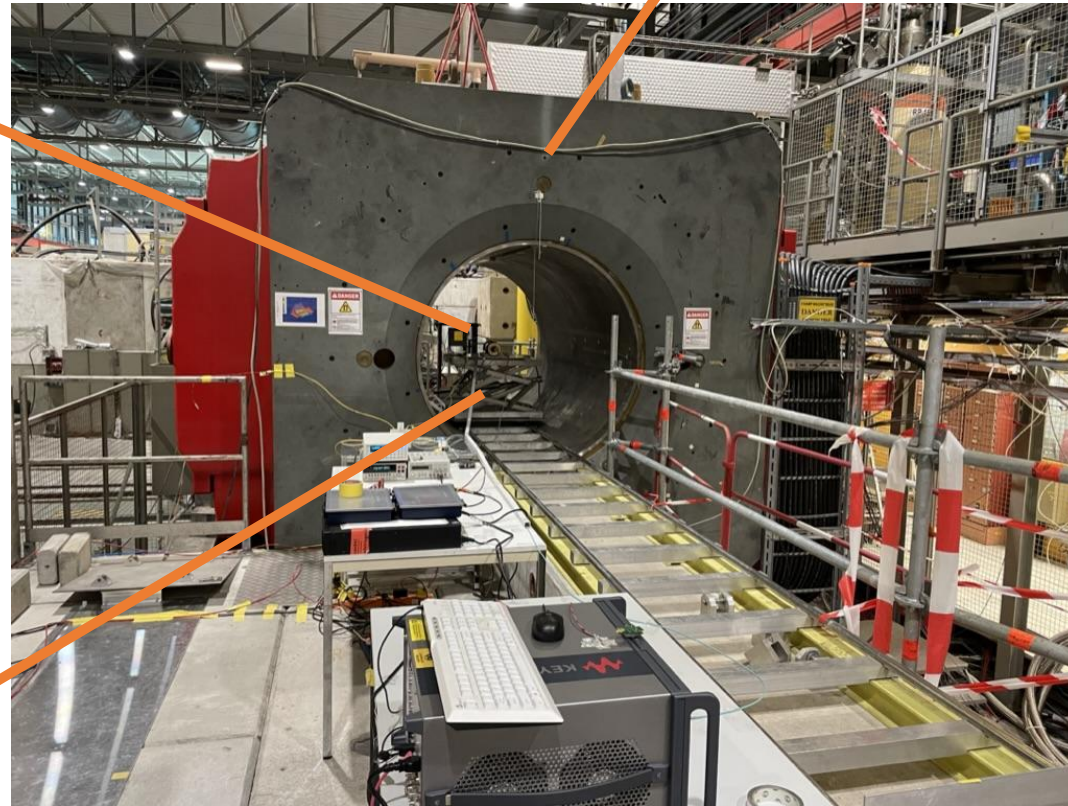
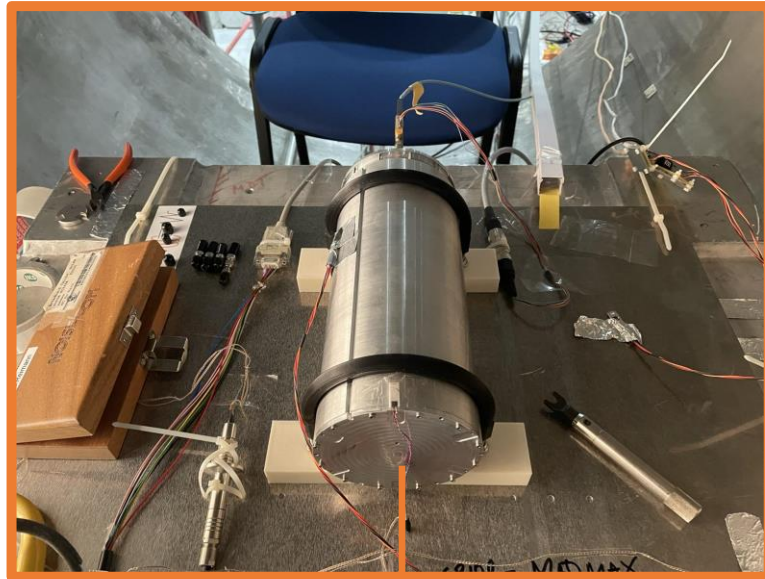


$$g_{a\gamma} = 0.2 m_a \left( \frac{50000}{\beta^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{10\text{T}}{B_e} \right) \left( \frac{1\text{m}^2}{A} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{SNR}{5} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{T_{\text{sys}}}{4\text{K}} \right) \left( \frac{1.8 \text{ days}}{\tau} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{20 \text{ kHz}} \right) \left( \frac{300 \text{ MeV cm}^{-3}}{\rho} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



# CERN runs

Morpurgo magnet:  
1.6 T dipole field



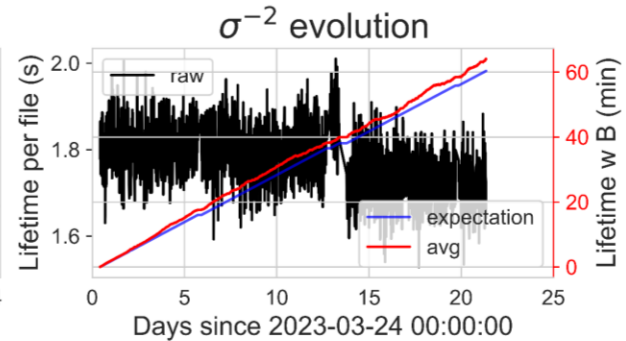
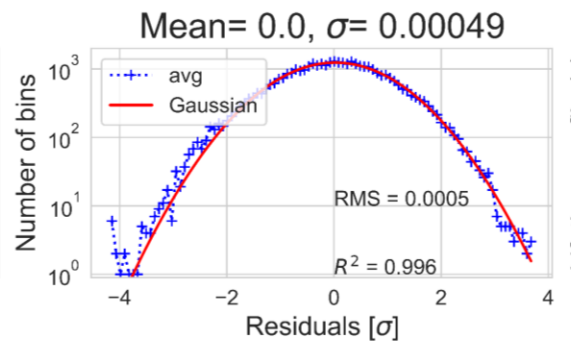
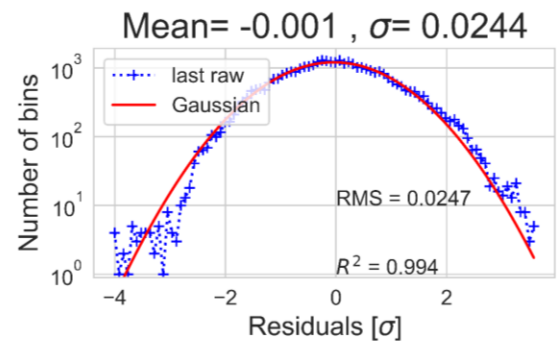
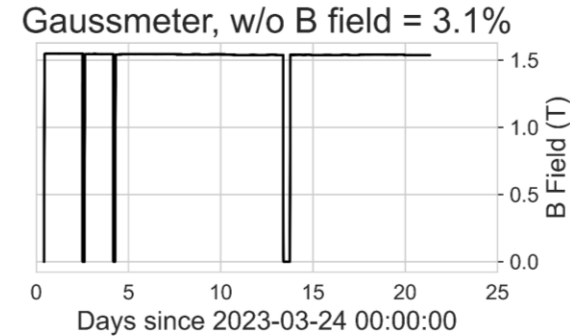
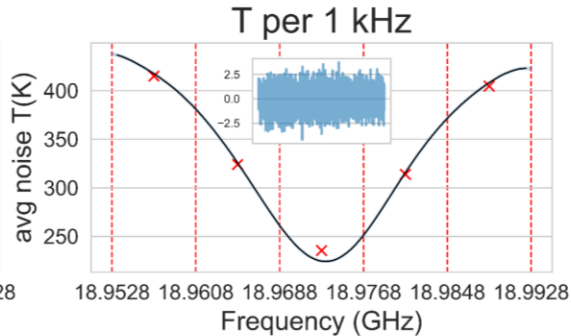
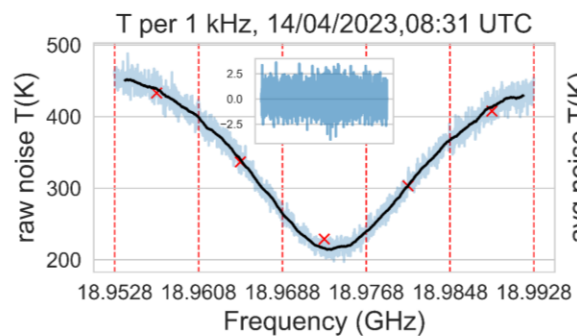
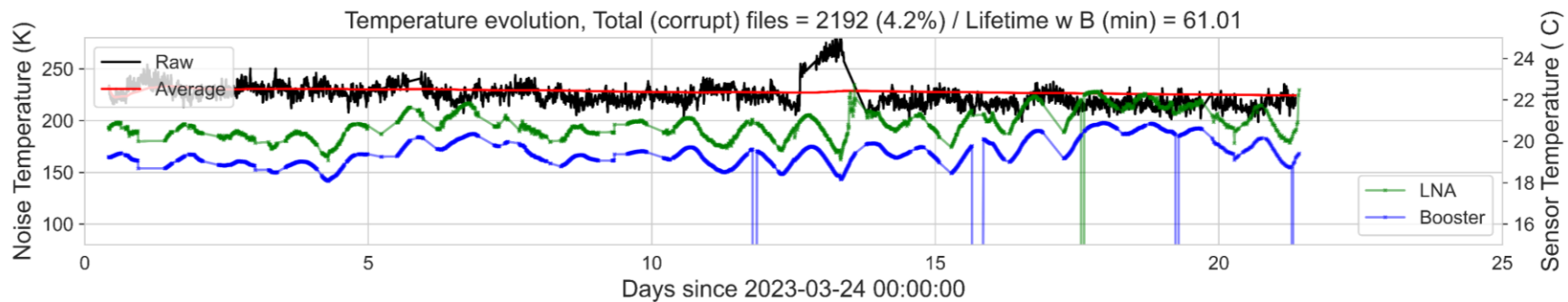
- CB-100 at room temperature
- ~10 hours integration time

Data analysis ongoing

Successful test: booster in magnet running continuously



# Monitoring system



## 24/7 experiment monitoring

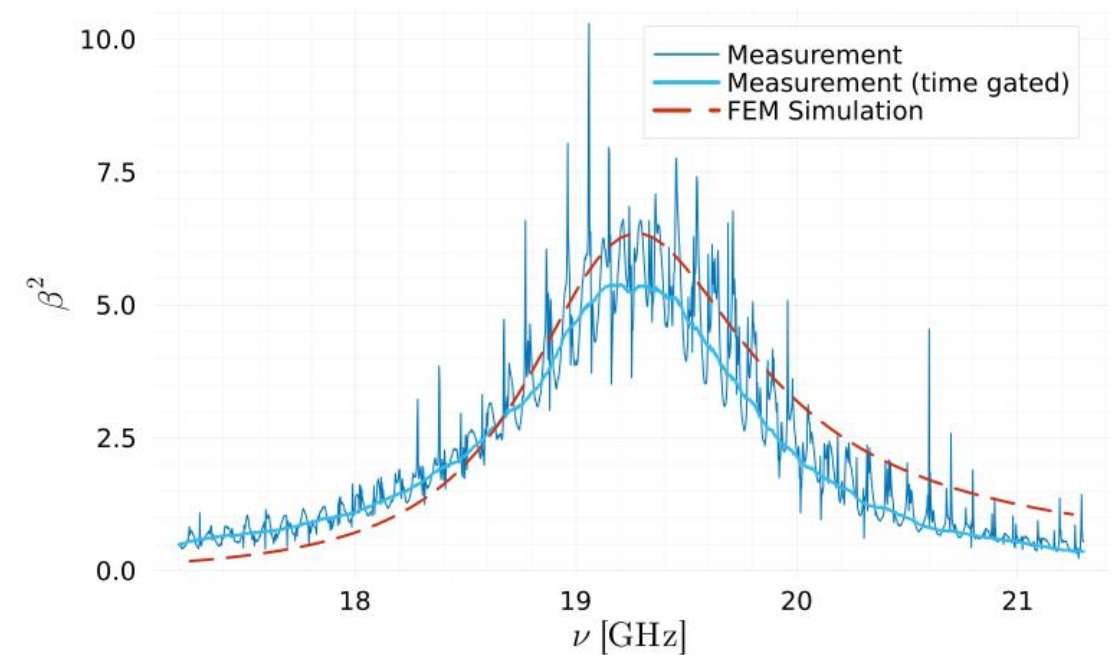
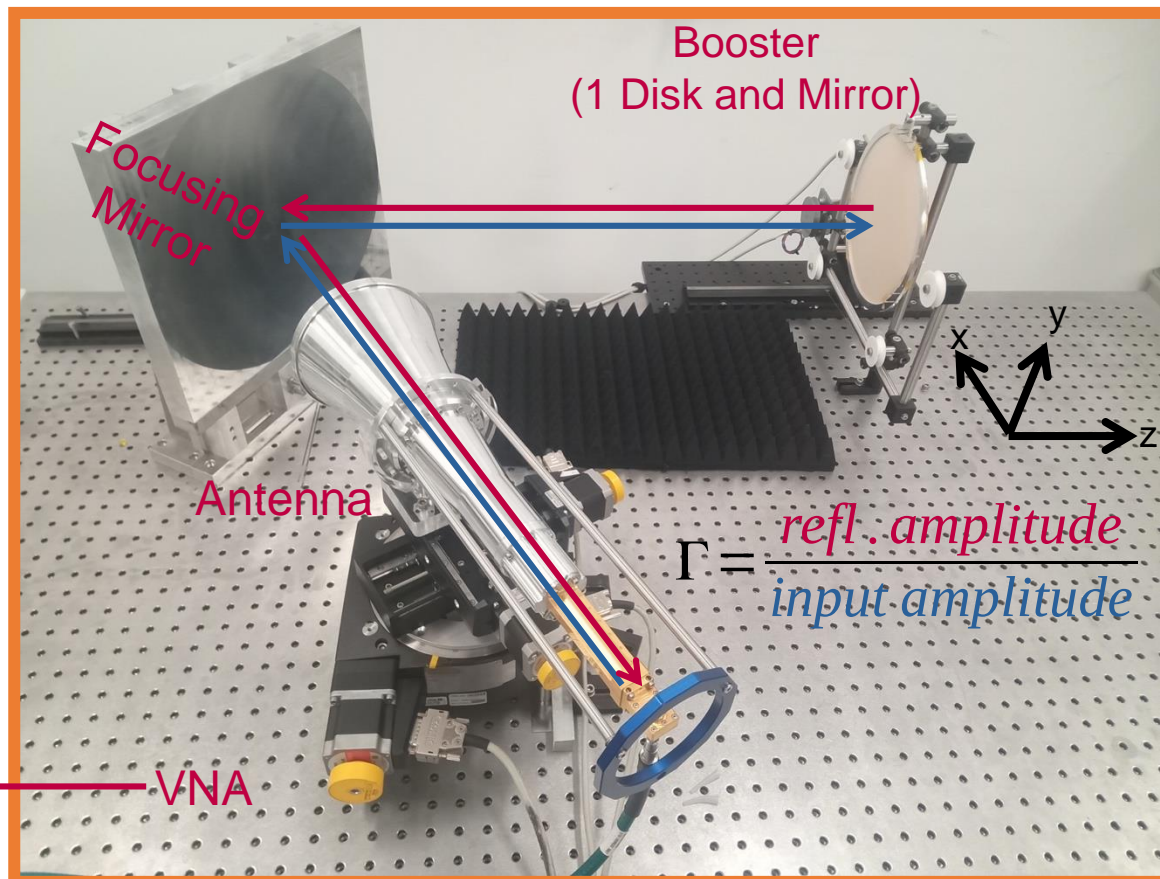
- Noise gaussianity
- Frequency dependent linearity
- Magnetic field
- Overheating
- Allan variance and total integration time
- Shifters incorporated
- E-mail alarms for urgent action (B field off, DAQ frozen, etc.)

# Boost factor determination

Before: Only data-tuned simulations

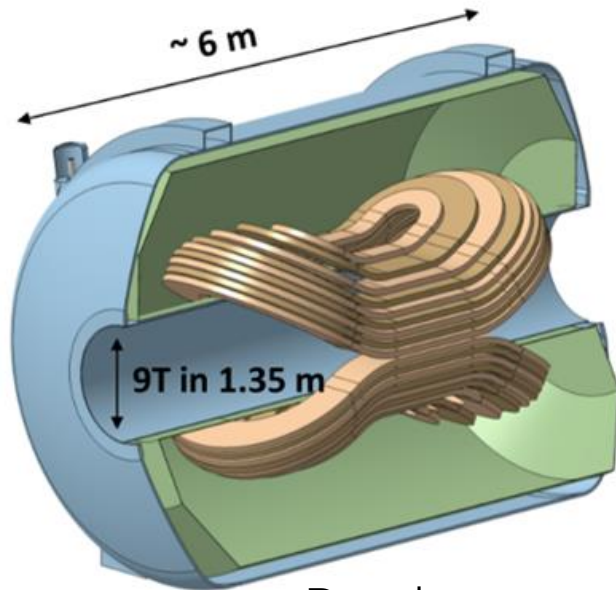
Additional setup to determine  $\beta^2$  by direct measurement of the field

Now: measurement also possible via bead-pull method



J. Egge (MADMAX): "Reciprocity approach"  
<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1475-7516/2023/04/064>

# MADMAX magnet update



Development  
in innovation  
partnership



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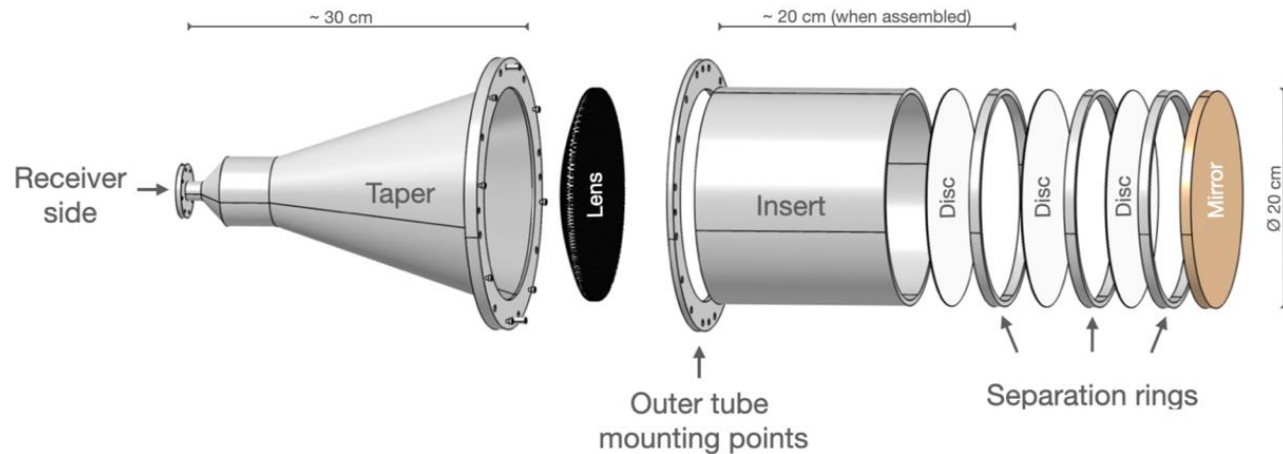


- Dipole Magnet most critical item for full-size MADMAX
- **Cable in conduit conductor (CICC) with a copper matrix**  
→ **production is feasible**
- Quench propagation velocity was measured in dedicated setup  
→ **Main project risk mitigated:** Quench propagation according to requirements for safe operation

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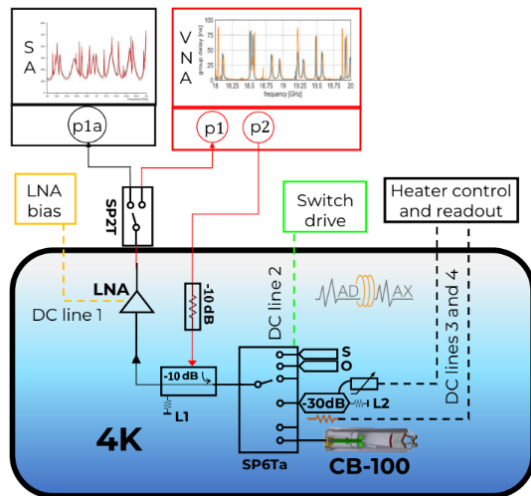
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# Next steps



## Next prototype: CB-200

Gain in sensitivity of ~40%



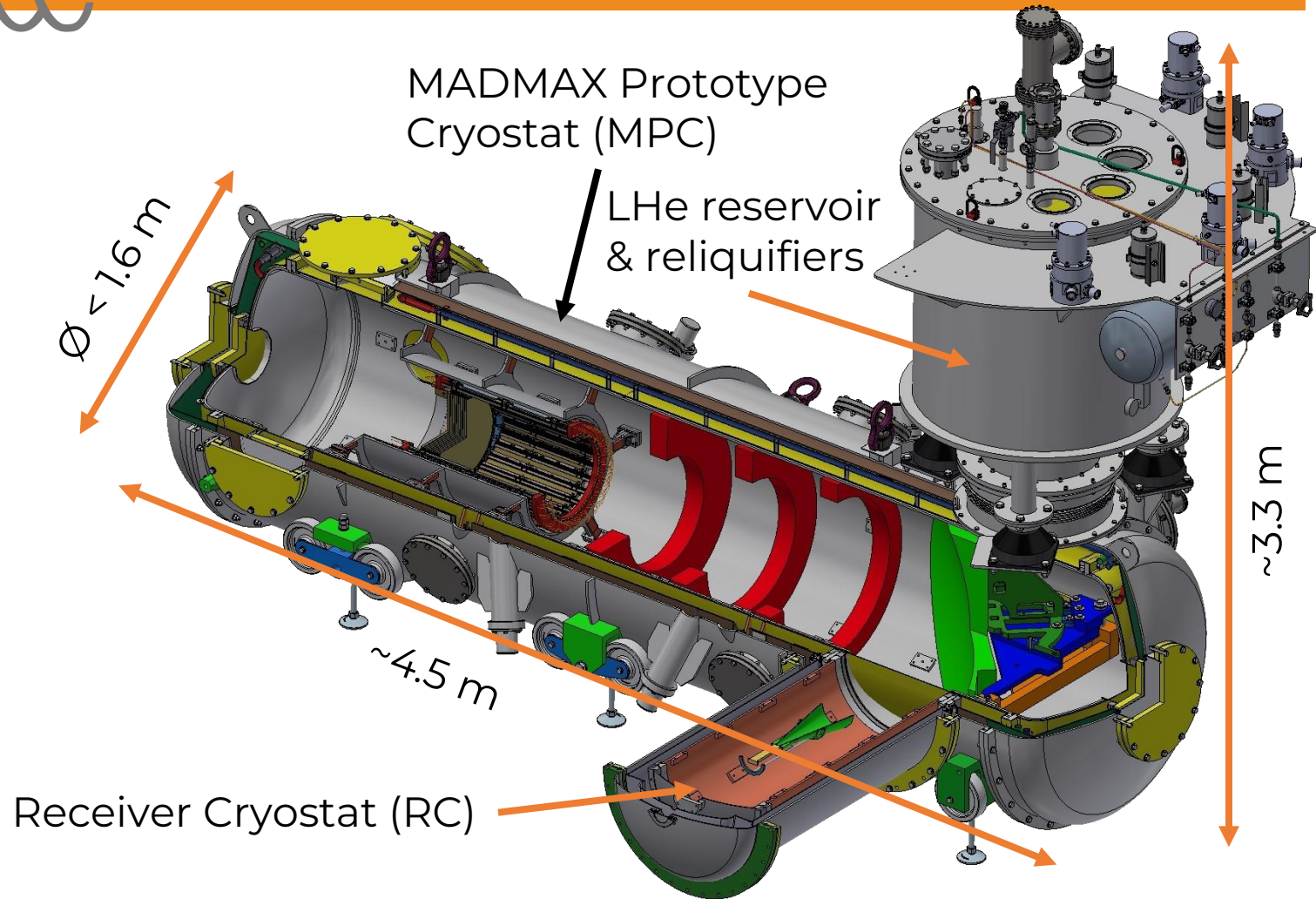
## Cold (4K) run with CB-100

Gain in sensitivity of ~1 order of magnitude

For more information see poster  
“Towards a cryogenic calibration of a dielectric haloscope for direct dark matter detection” – Juan P A M.



# Plans for 2024-2025



## Main cryostat

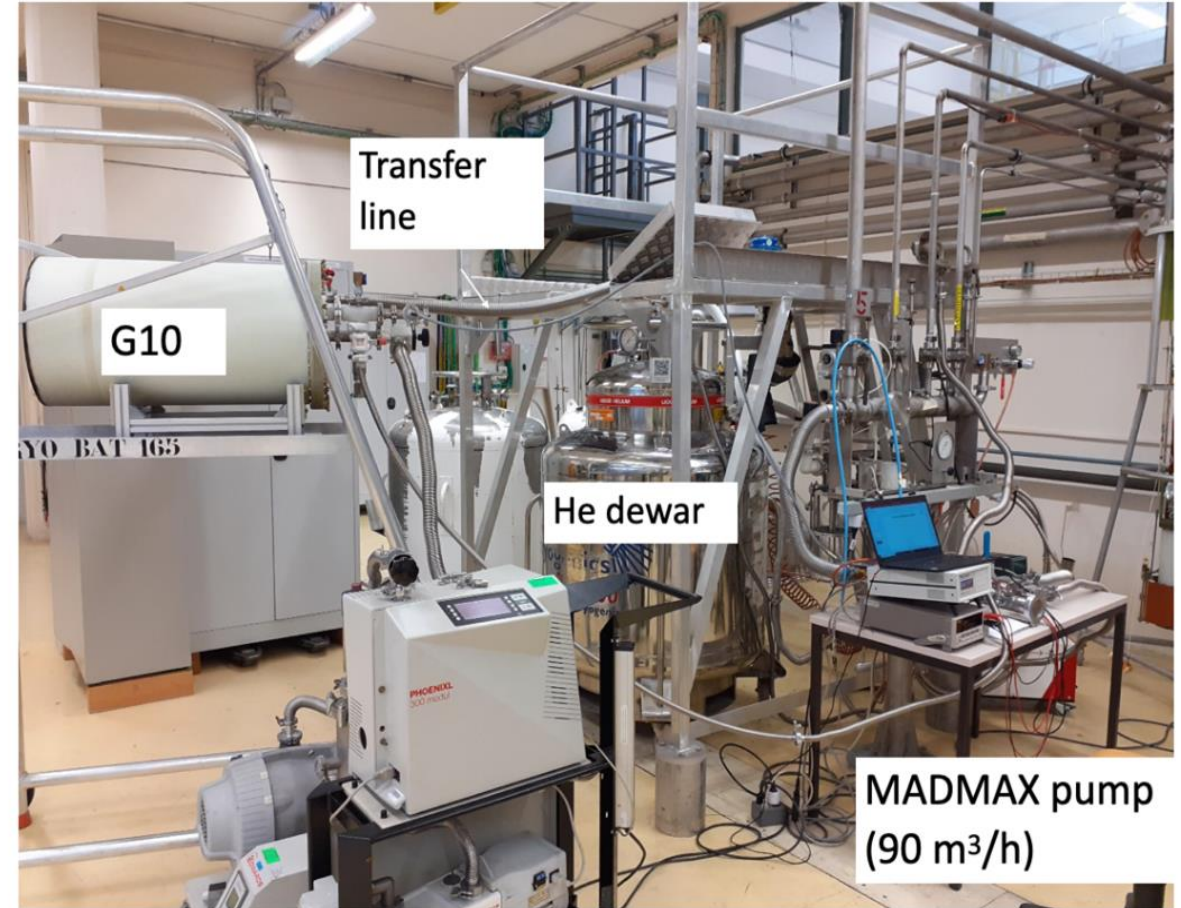
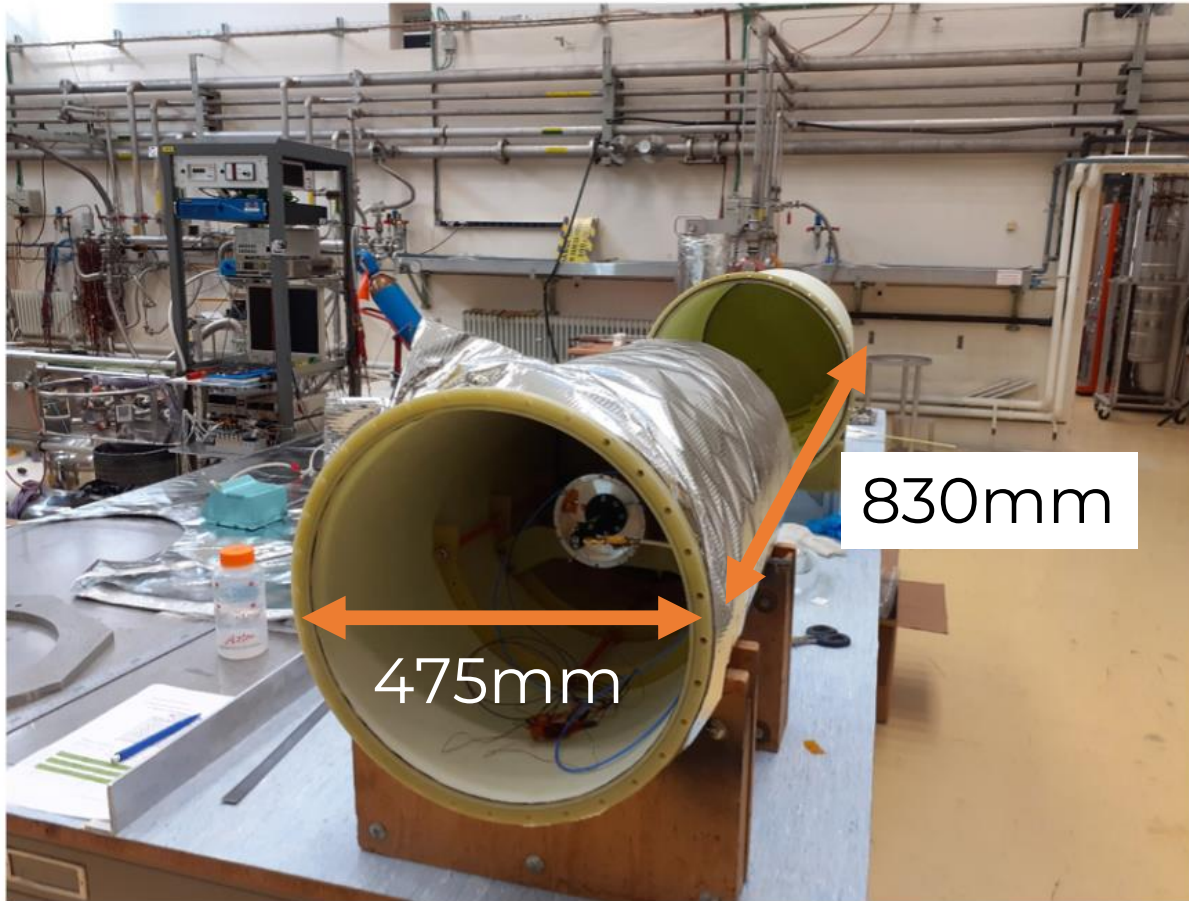
- Delivery expected beginning of 2024
- Commissioning site: Hamburg
- Planned ALP search at CERN in 2025





# G10 cryostat

Tested at  
CERN cryolab



Stability reached: 24 hours at 10K



# Summary

- MADMAX will search for axions between 40-400  $\mu\text{eV}$
- First runs with CB-100 at 300K done; data analysis ongoing
- Magnet feasibility confirmed
- Prototype cryostat soon to be available
- G10 cryostat tested and ready to use inside magnet
- First cryogenic operation intended for 2024 at CERN.  
Upgrade of the prototype also planned for 2024