



# Post-inflationary axion dark matter search

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# The strong CP-problem

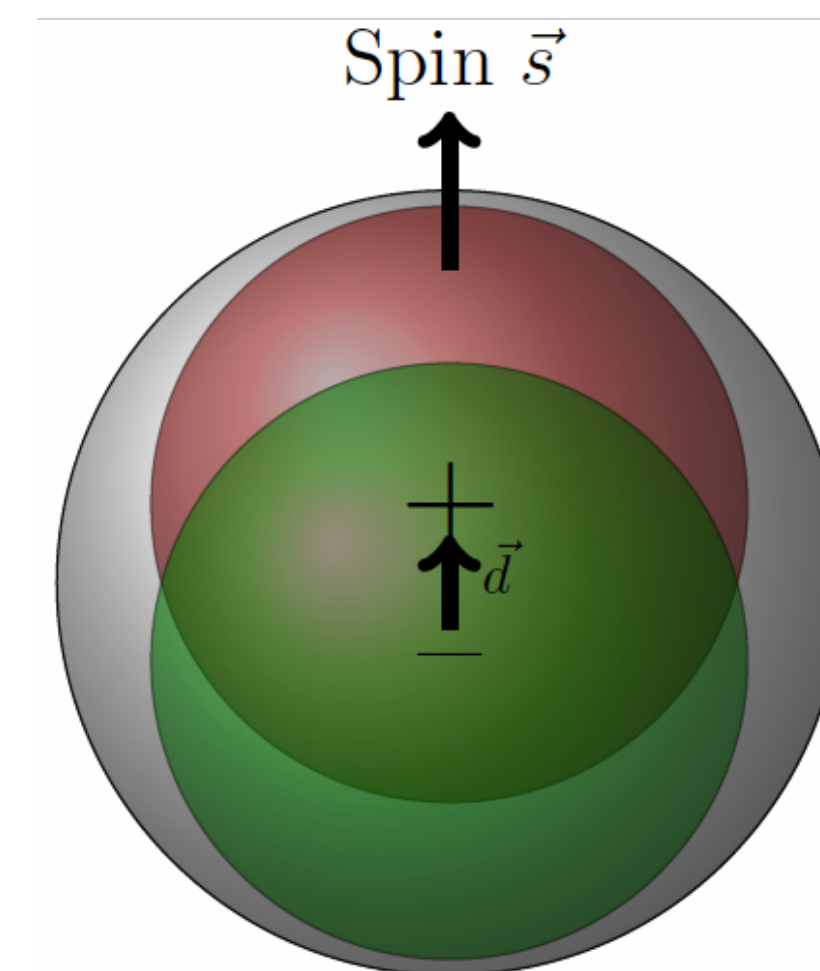
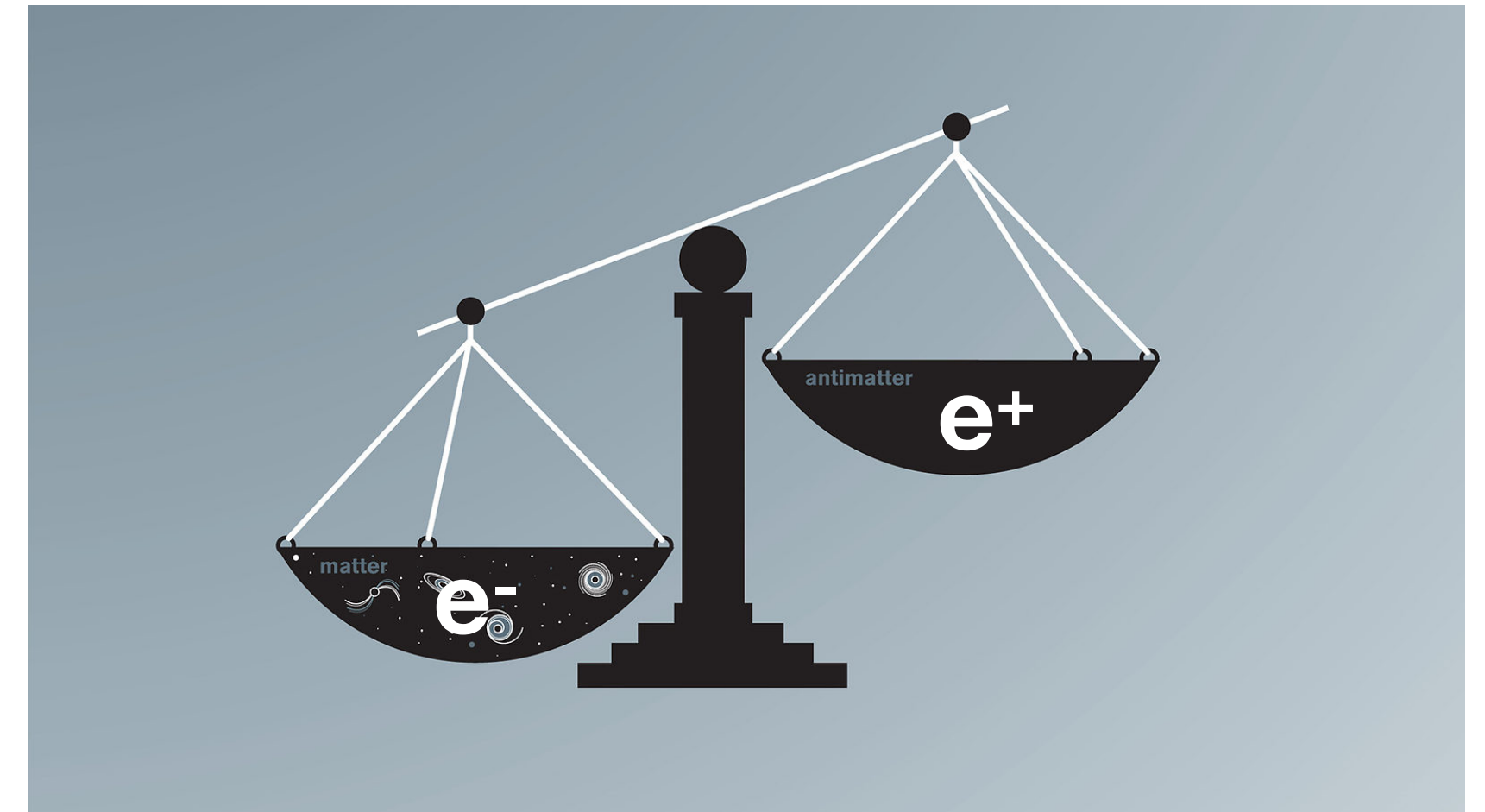
- CP symmetry appears broken.

matter  $\gg$  anti-matter

- QCD has a CP-violating term:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}_a^{\mu\nu}, \quad -\pi < \theta < \pi$$

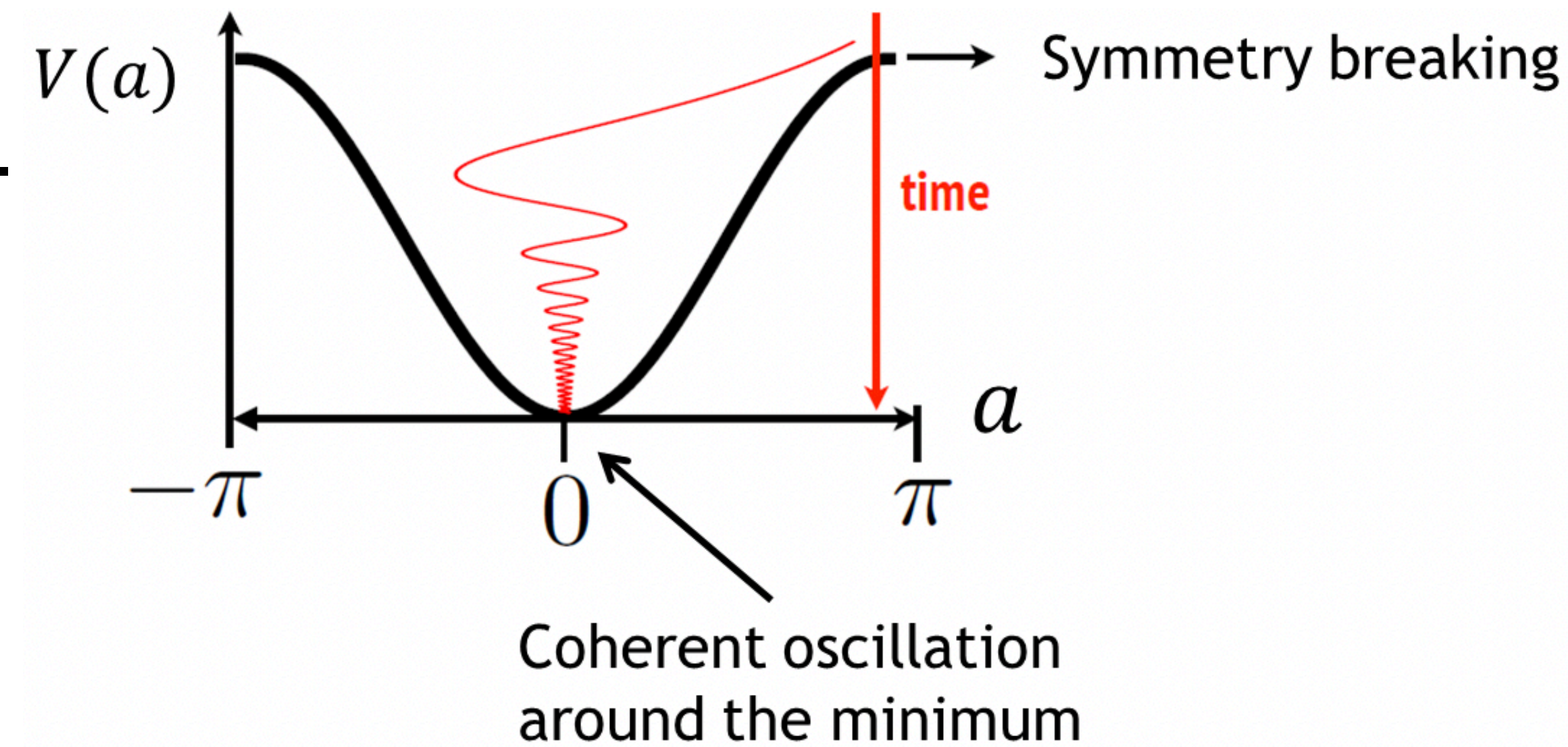
- However,  $|\theta| < 1.3 \times 10^{-10}$   
from the neutron EDM measurement.  
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# Peccei-Quinn mechanism

- Promote  $\theta$  into a dynamic **field**:  $\theta \rightarrow a(t,x)$ .
  - Axion: fluctuation of a field around zero.
  - Inflation:  $\theta \rightarrow 0$
- Explicit symmetry breaking by QCD at  $f_a$ :  
Axion acquires **mass!**
- **Relic Axion:**  
compelling candidate for **Cold Dark Matter**.
  - Feeble EM interaction, cold, long lifetime



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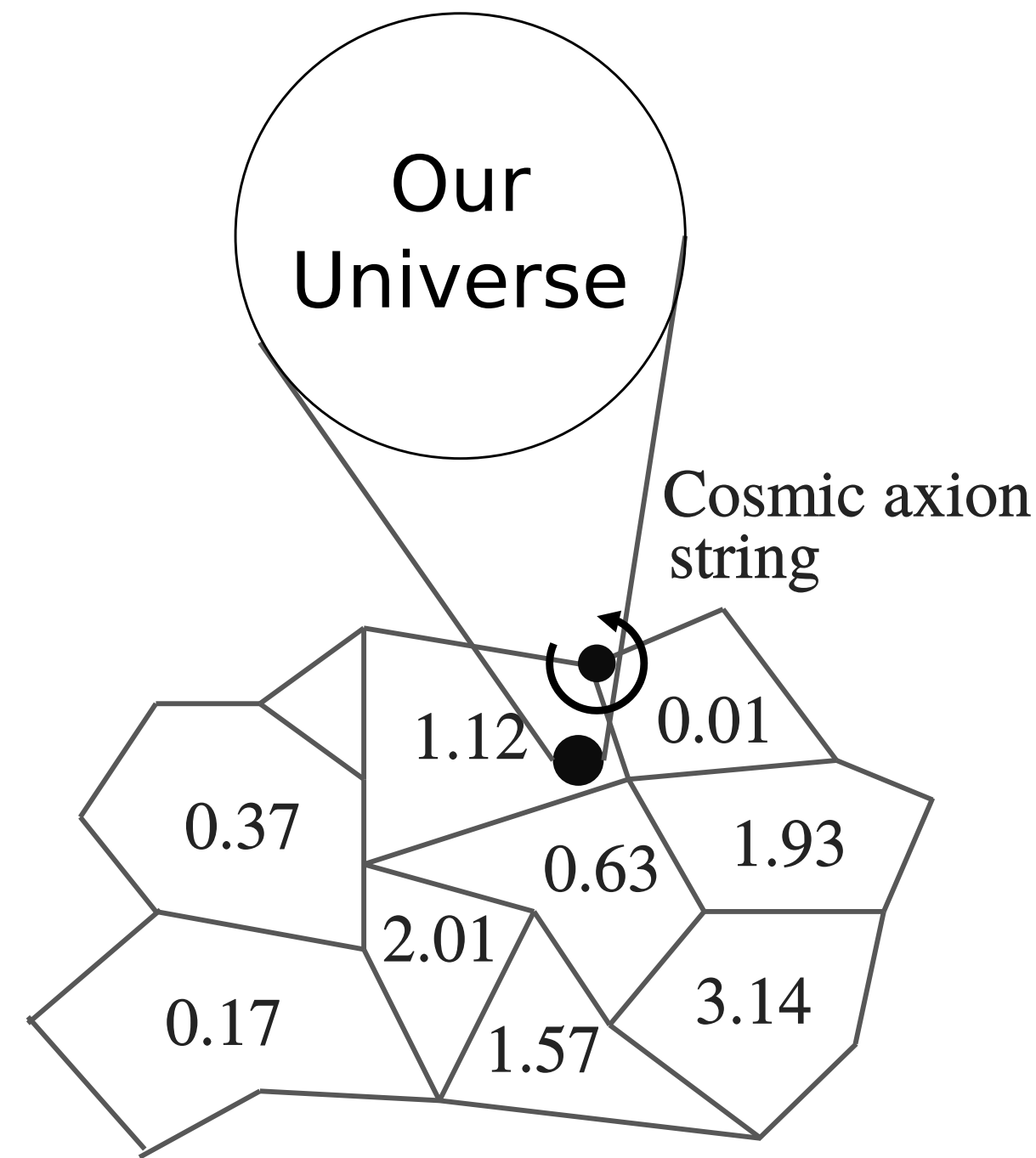


**Strong-CP CDM**

# Post-Inflation

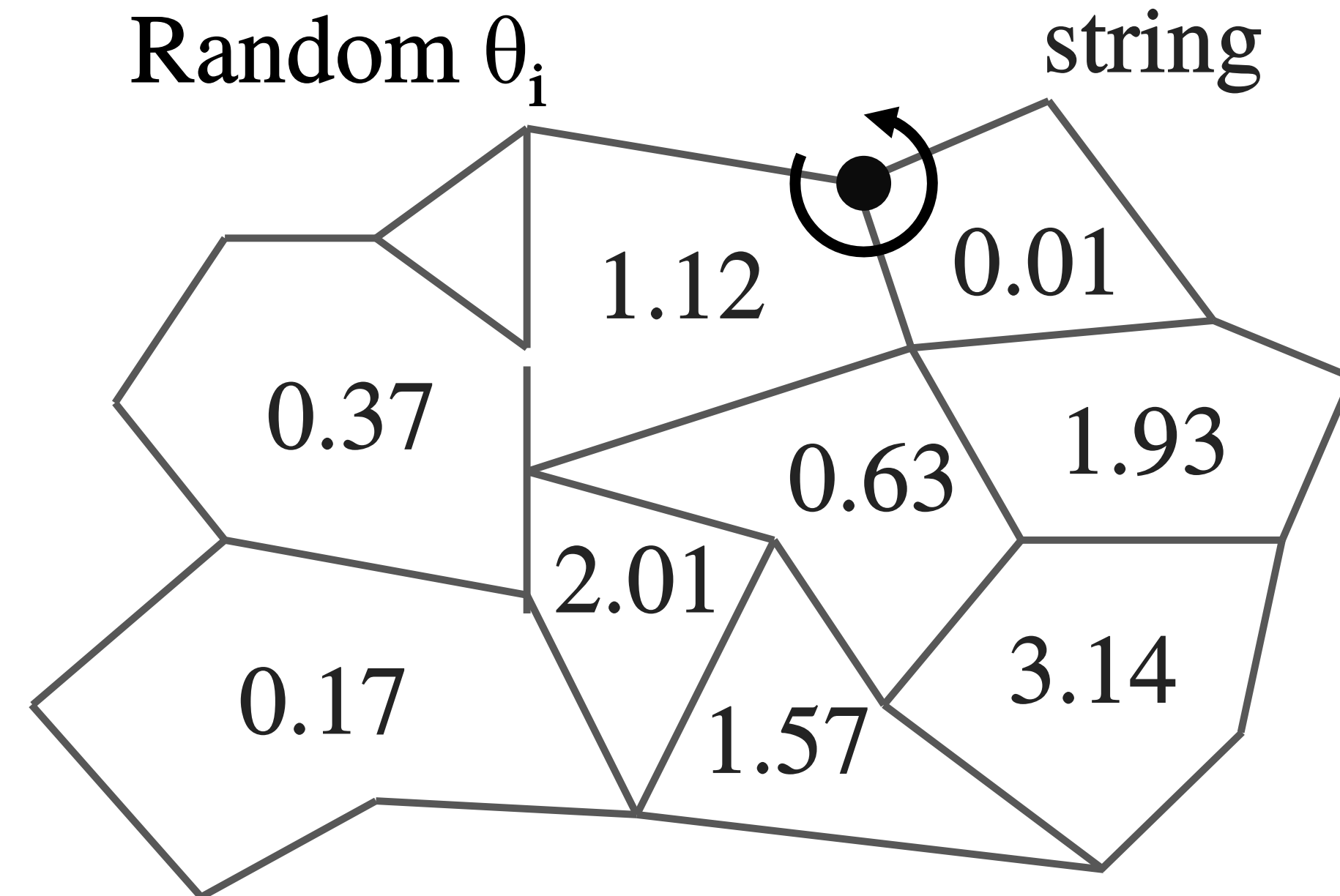
Our Universe:

Pre-Inflation



$? < m_a < \sim 1 \text{ meV}$

Cosmic axion string



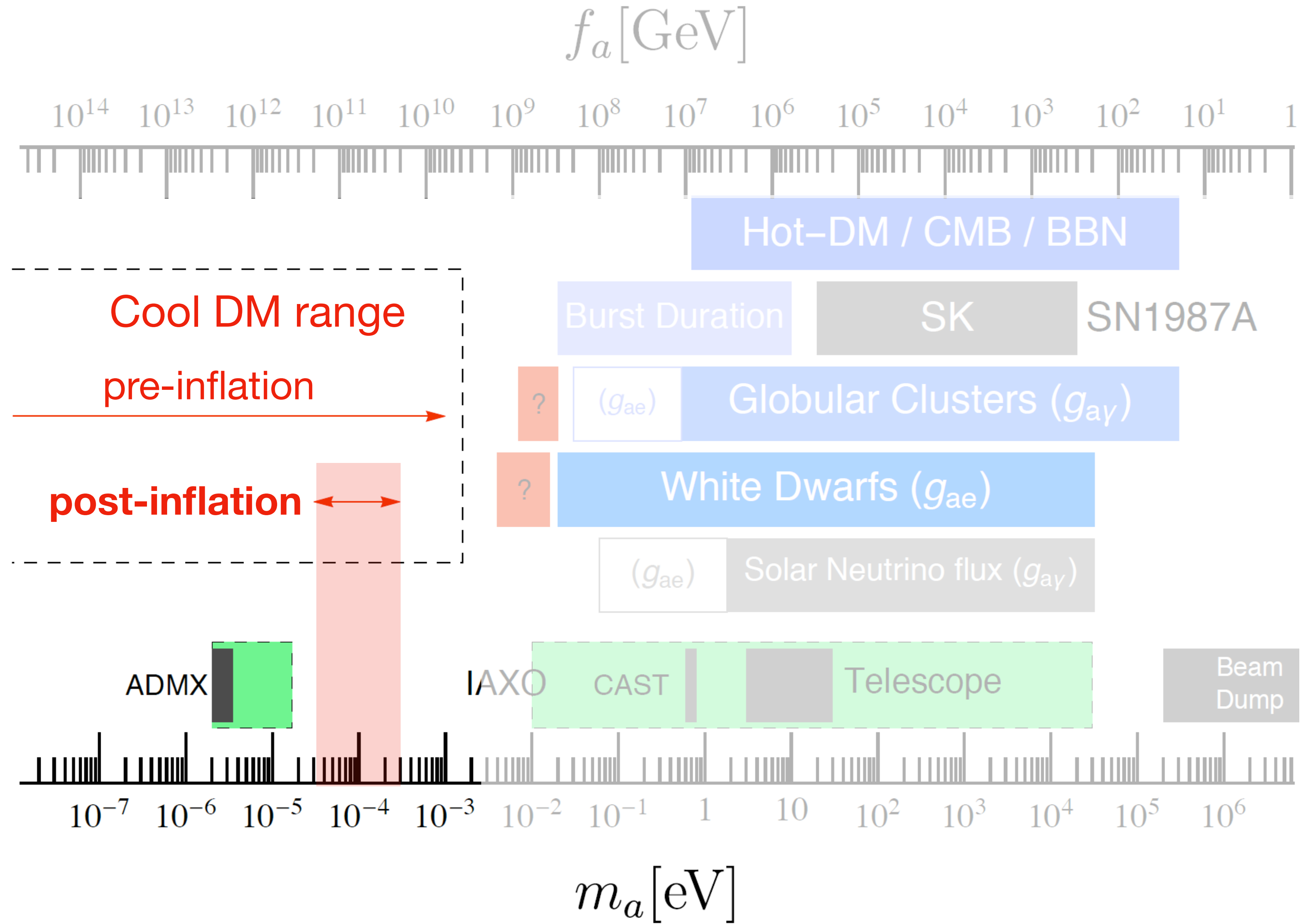
PQ symmetry breaking after inflation

$m_a \sim 100 \mu\text{eV}$

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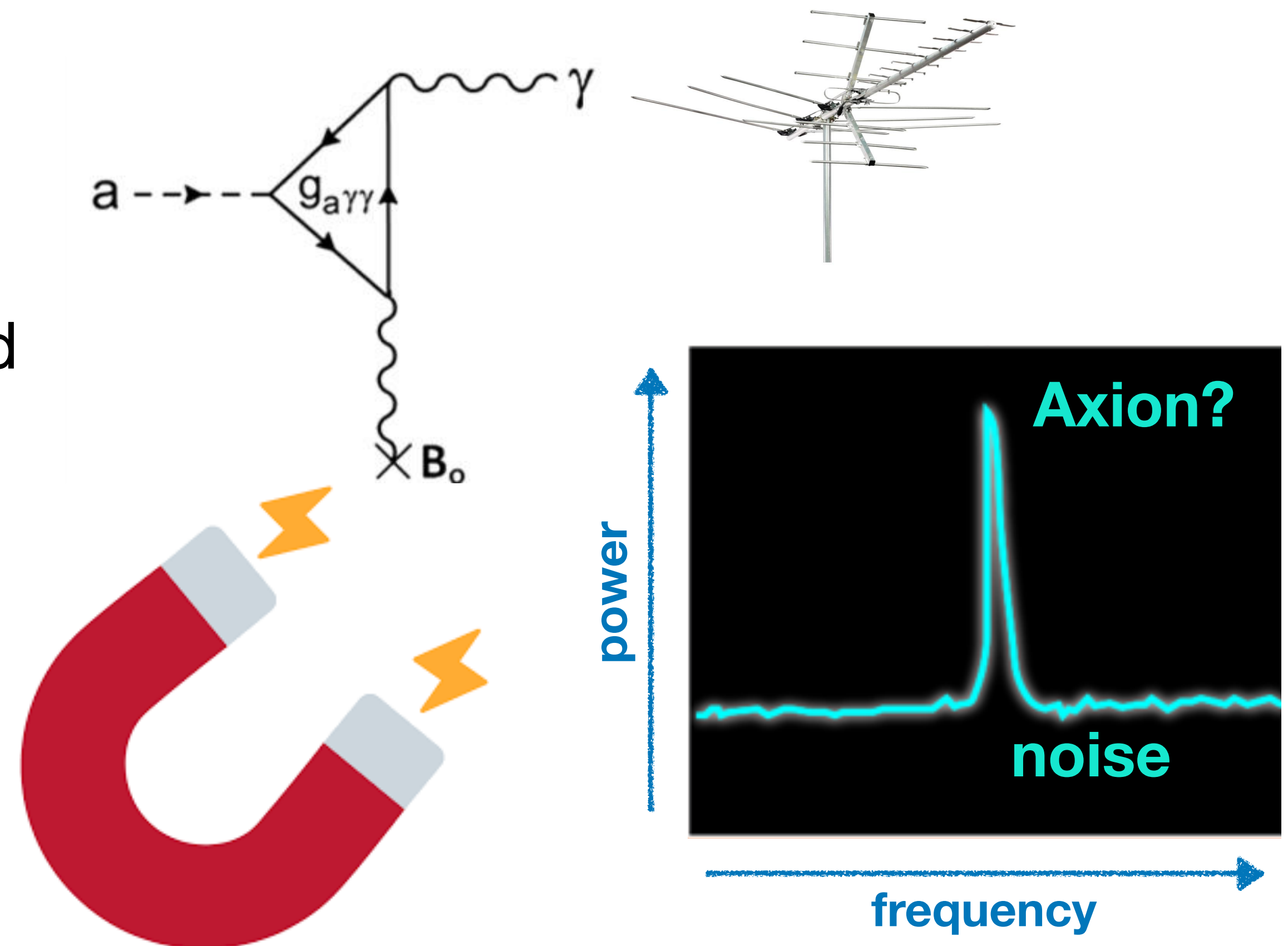
# **Dielectric haloscope**

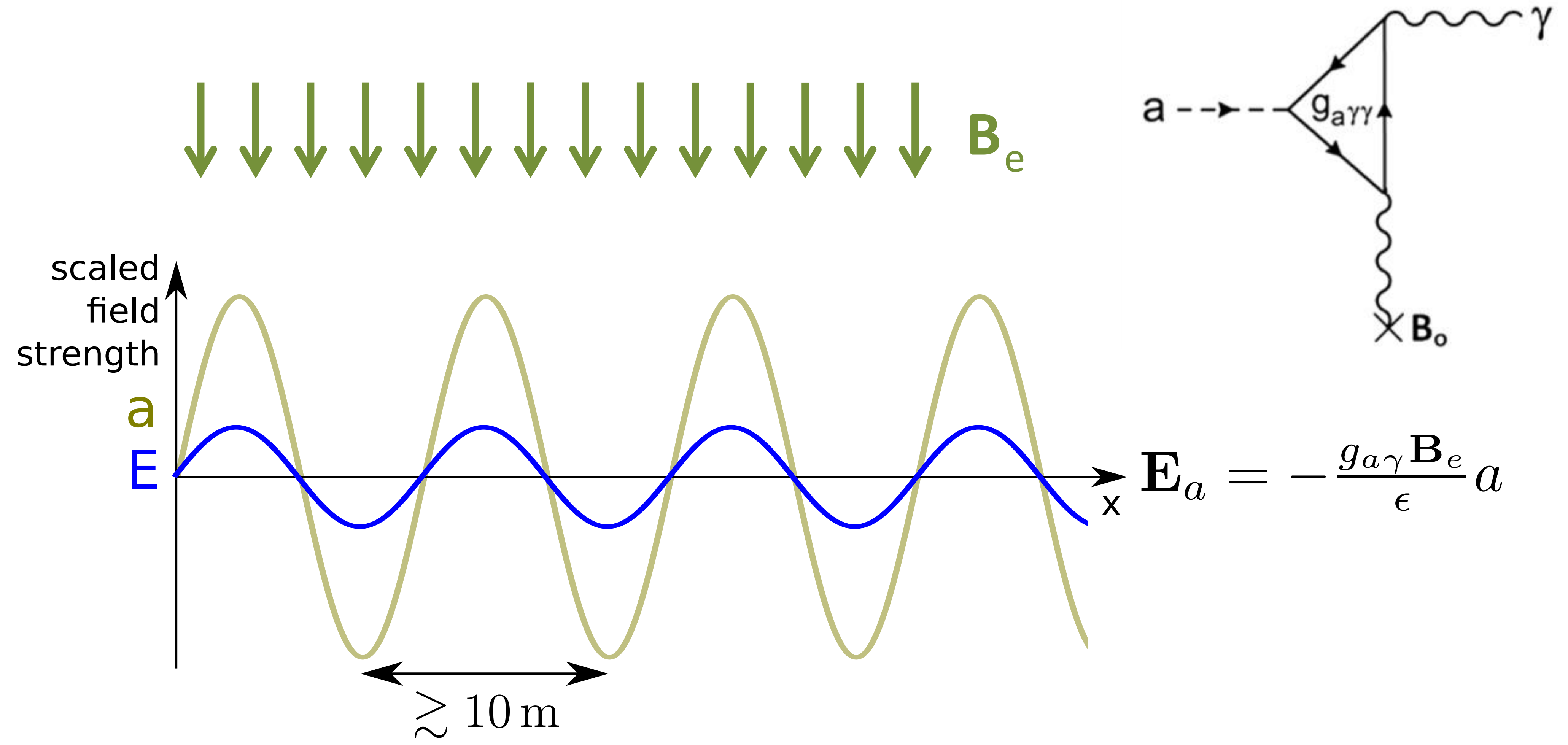
## **Principle**

# Primakoff interaction

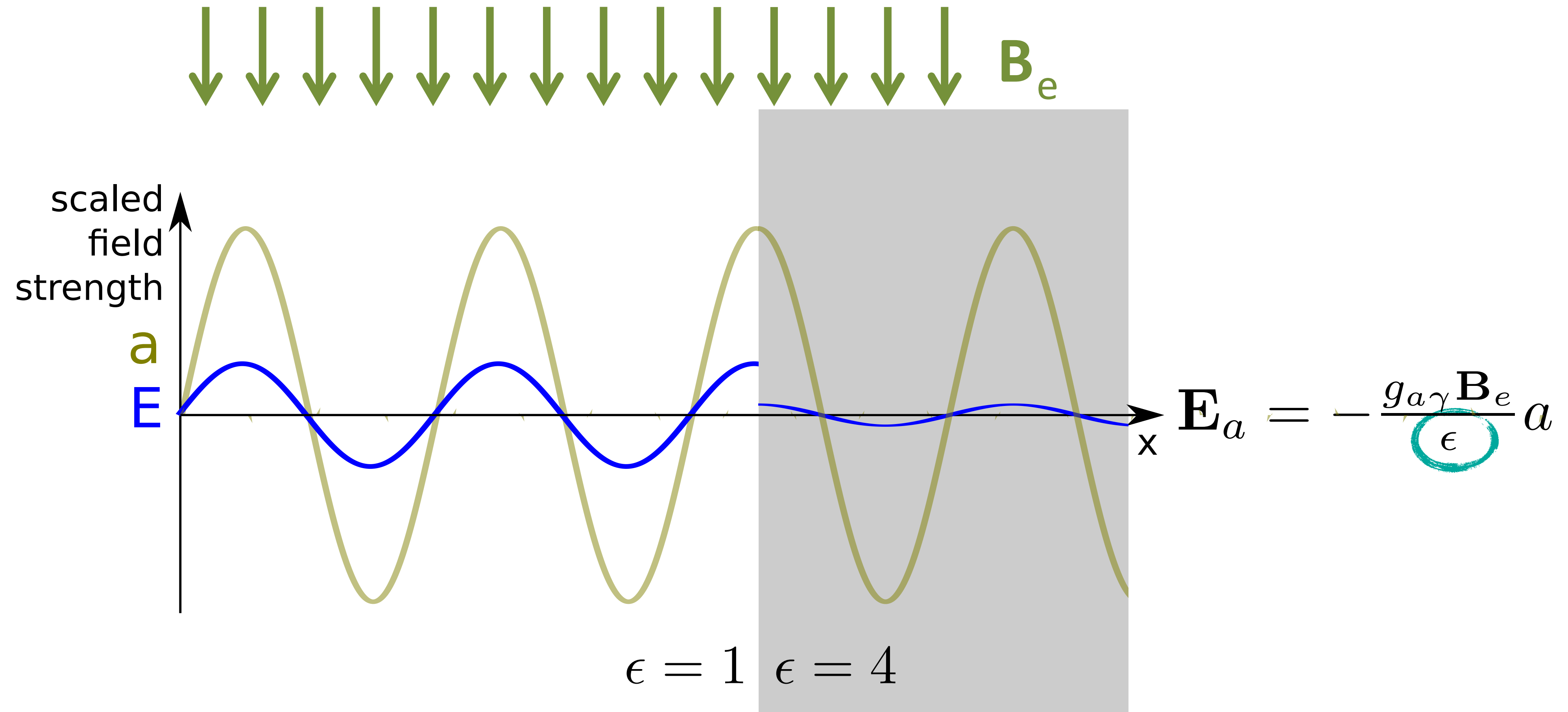
- Axion couples to a EM field:  

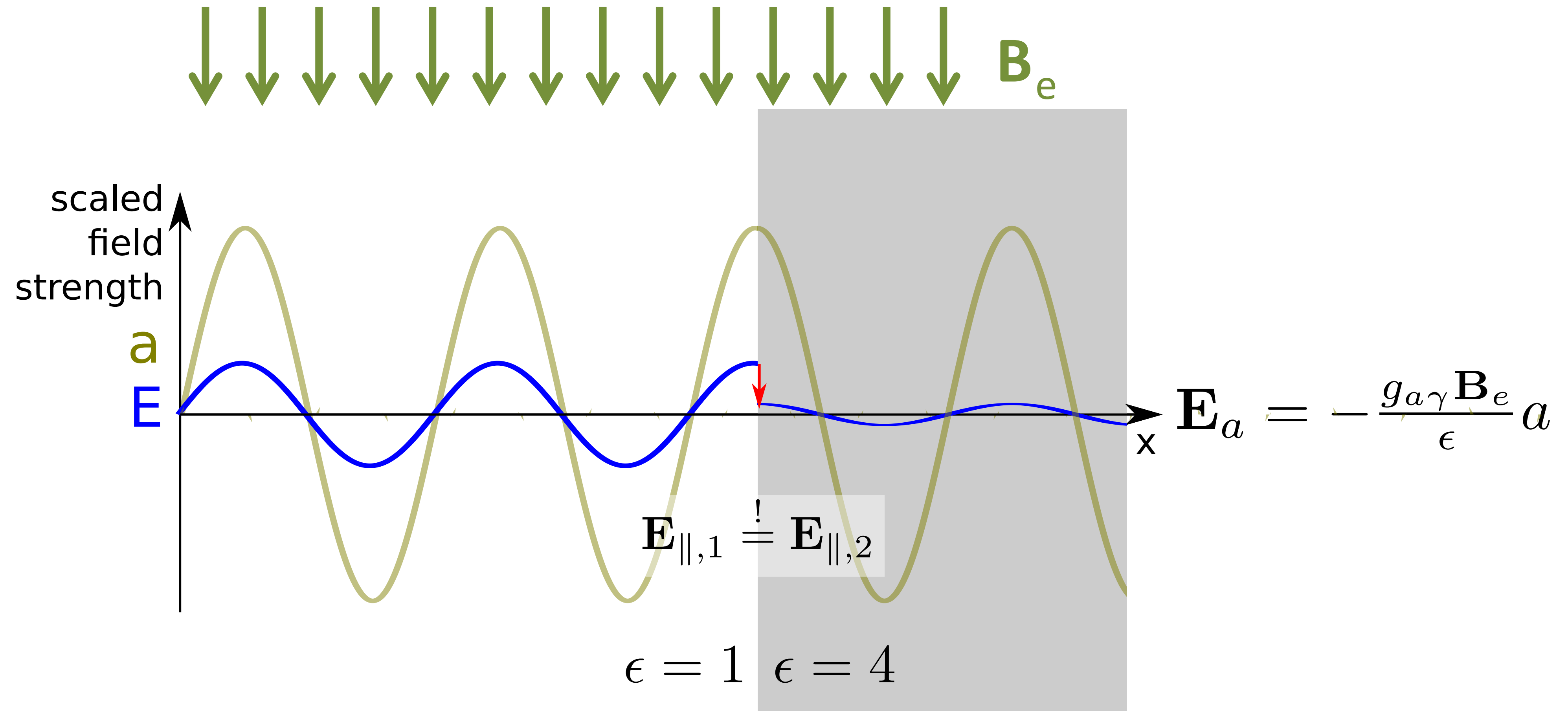
$$\mathcal{L} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$
  - ▶ Axion converts into a EM field inside a magnetic field
- The product EM wave has a frequency:  $\hbar\omega = m_a c^2$ 
  - ▶ CDM: monochromatic

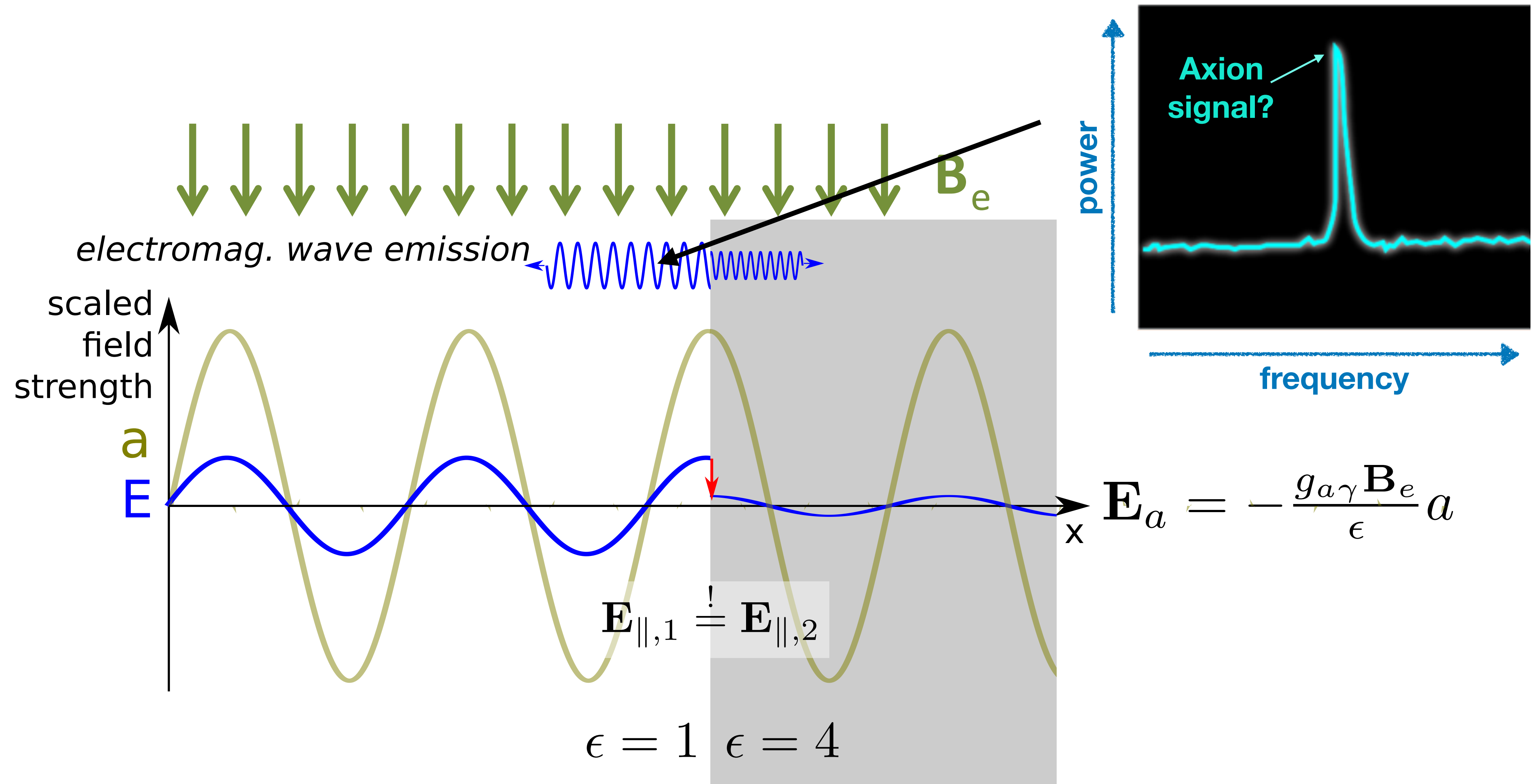




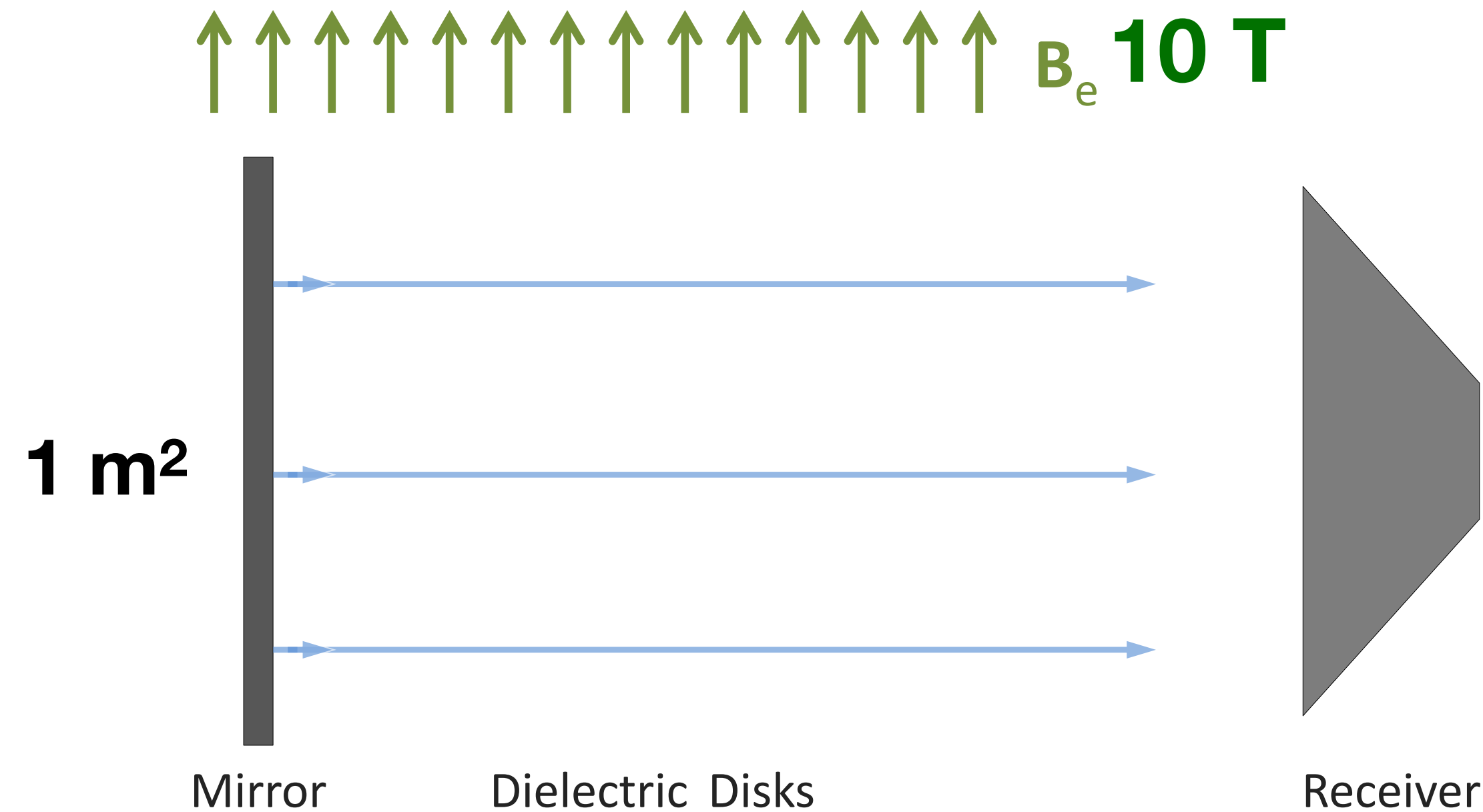








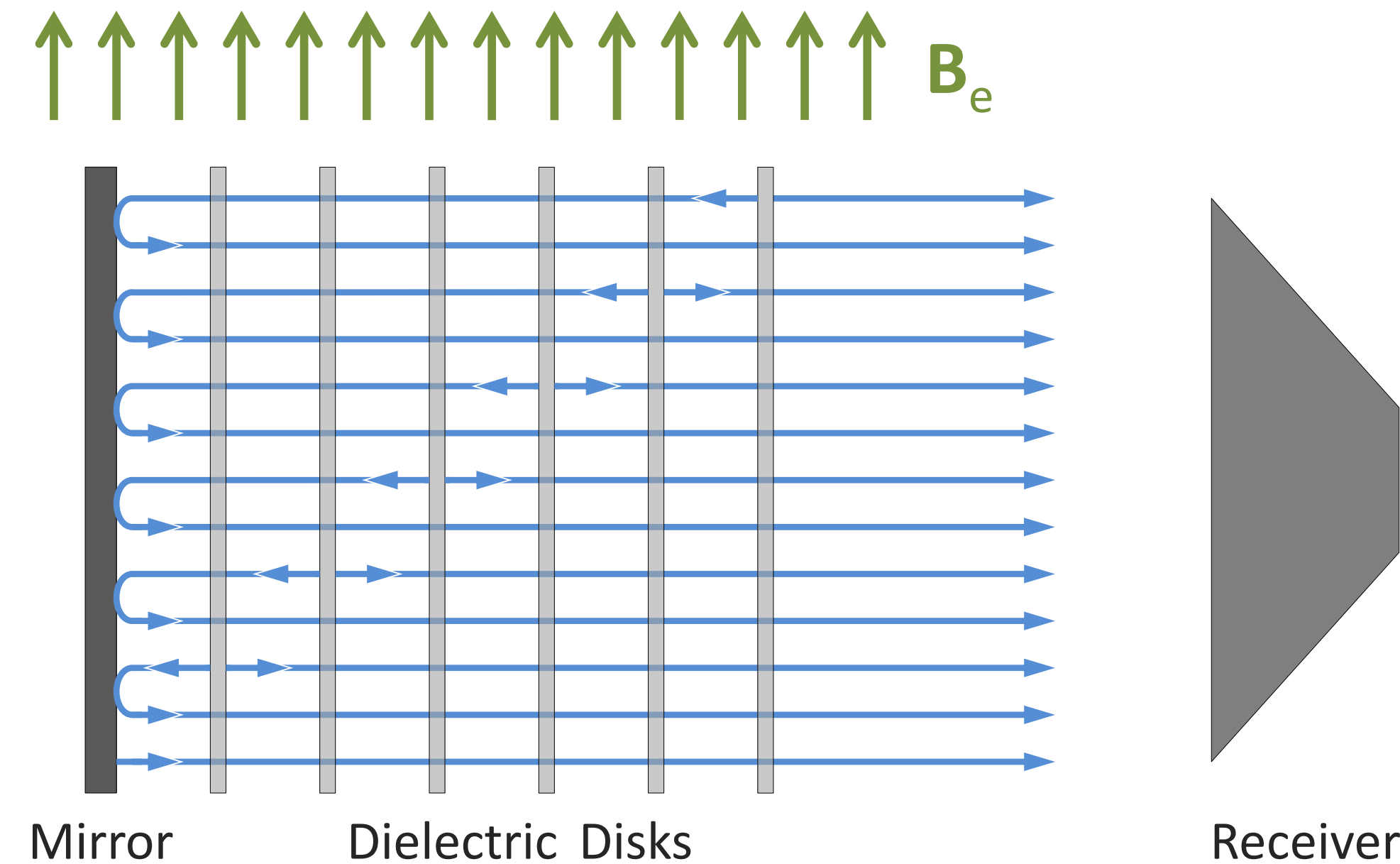
# Dielectric haloscope



- $P_0 = 10^{-27}$  W @ 10T,  
or ~2 photons / hour (@ 25 GHz). Extremely small...
- Add more dielectric disks



# Dielectric haloscope

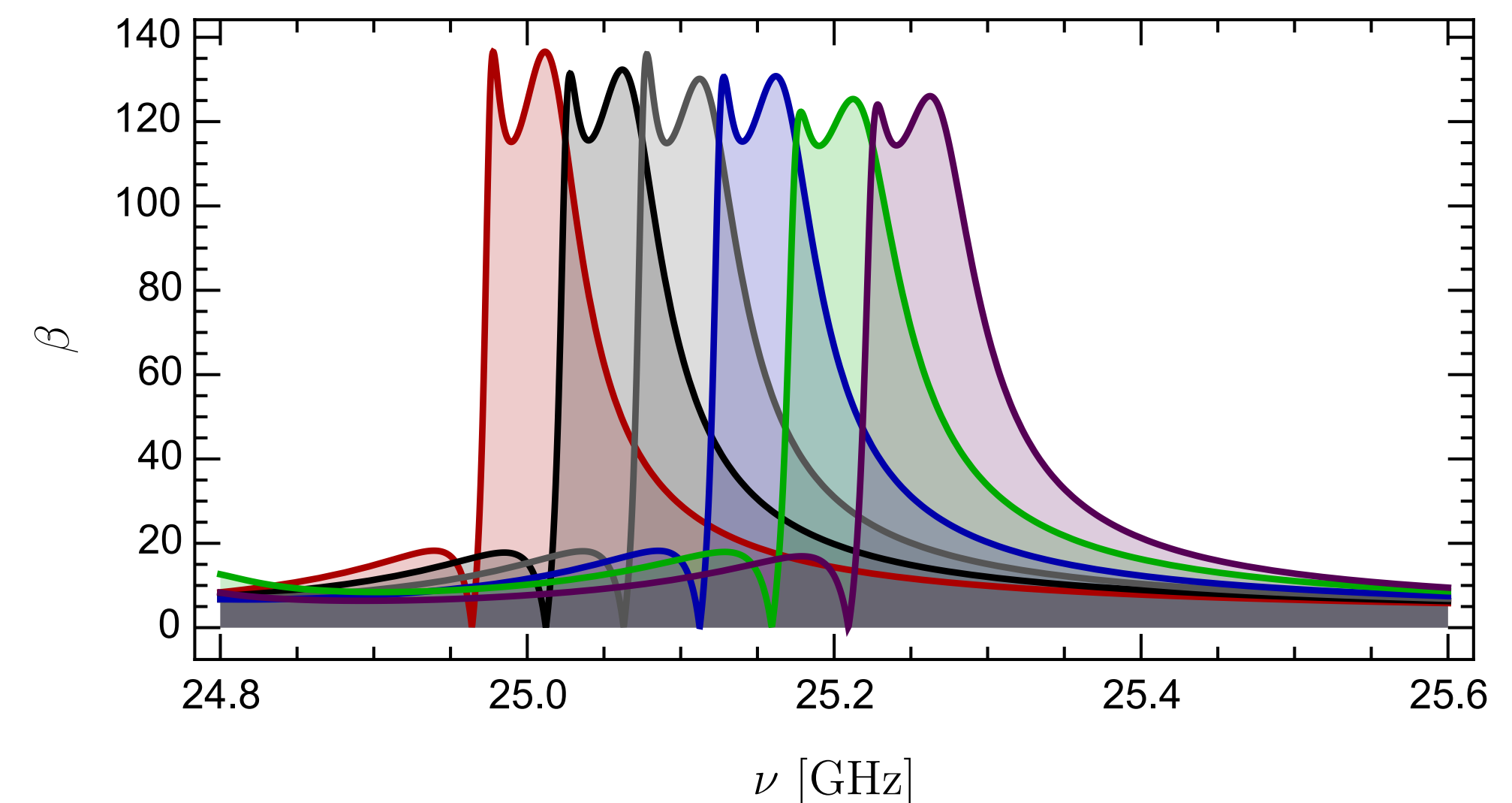
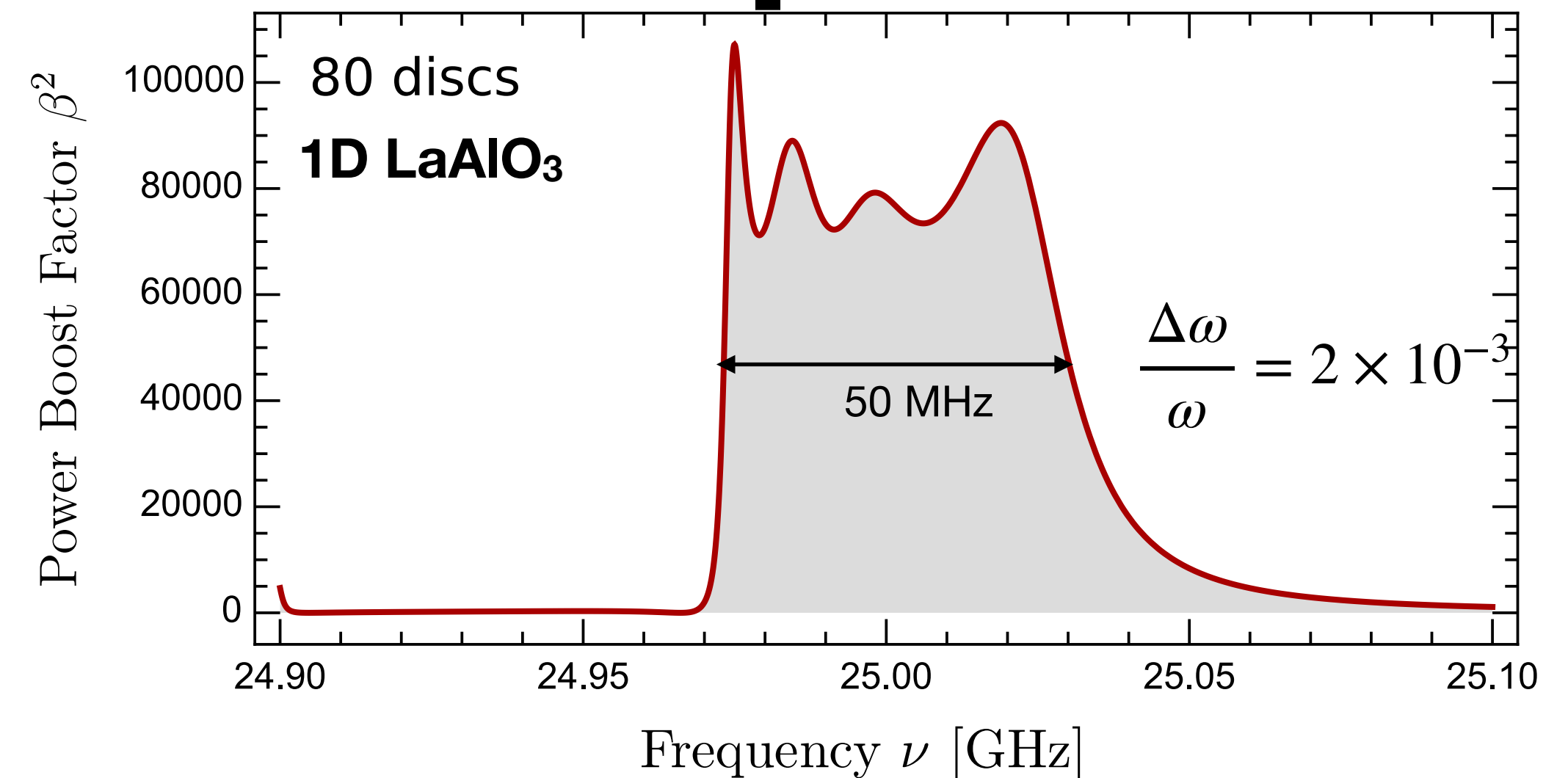


- more coherent sources + constructive interferences

- $P_{sig} \propto B_e^2 A \beta^2$   
~~boost factor~~  
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# Dielectric haloscope

- Large **single volume**
- Approach QCD sensitivity:  
 $\beta^2 > 20,000$  possible
- Frequency tuning:  
Disk spacings control  $\beta(f)$ .



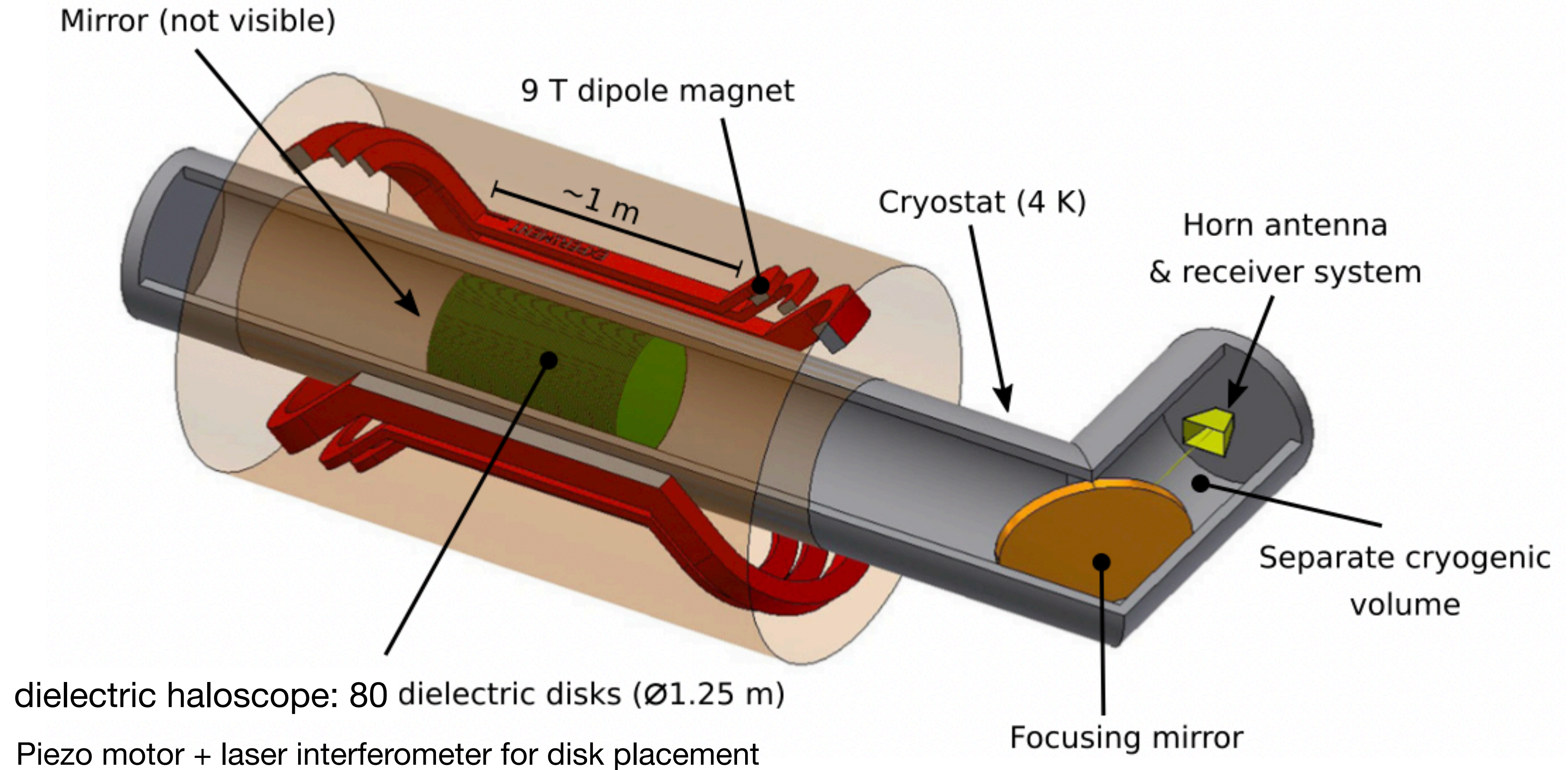




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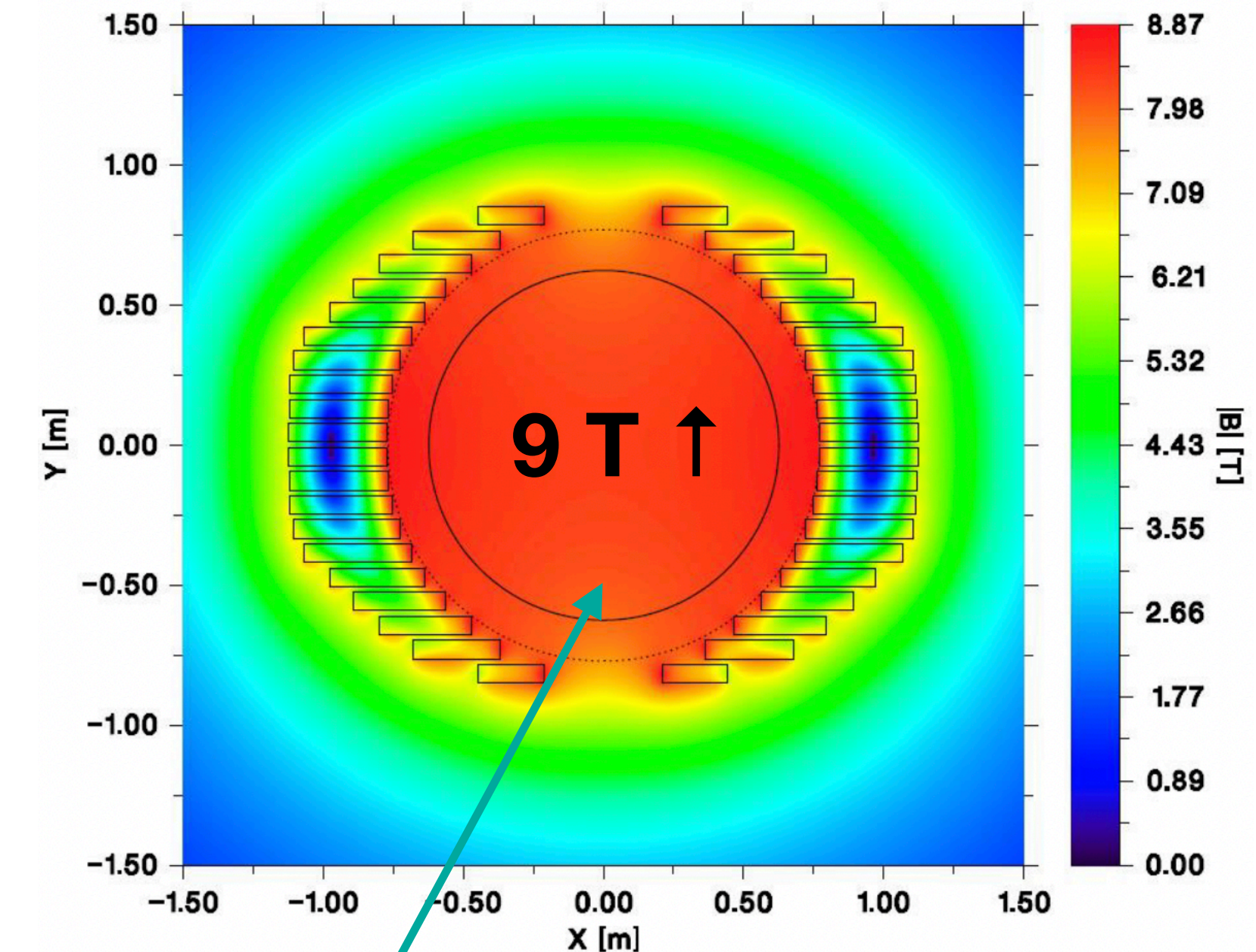
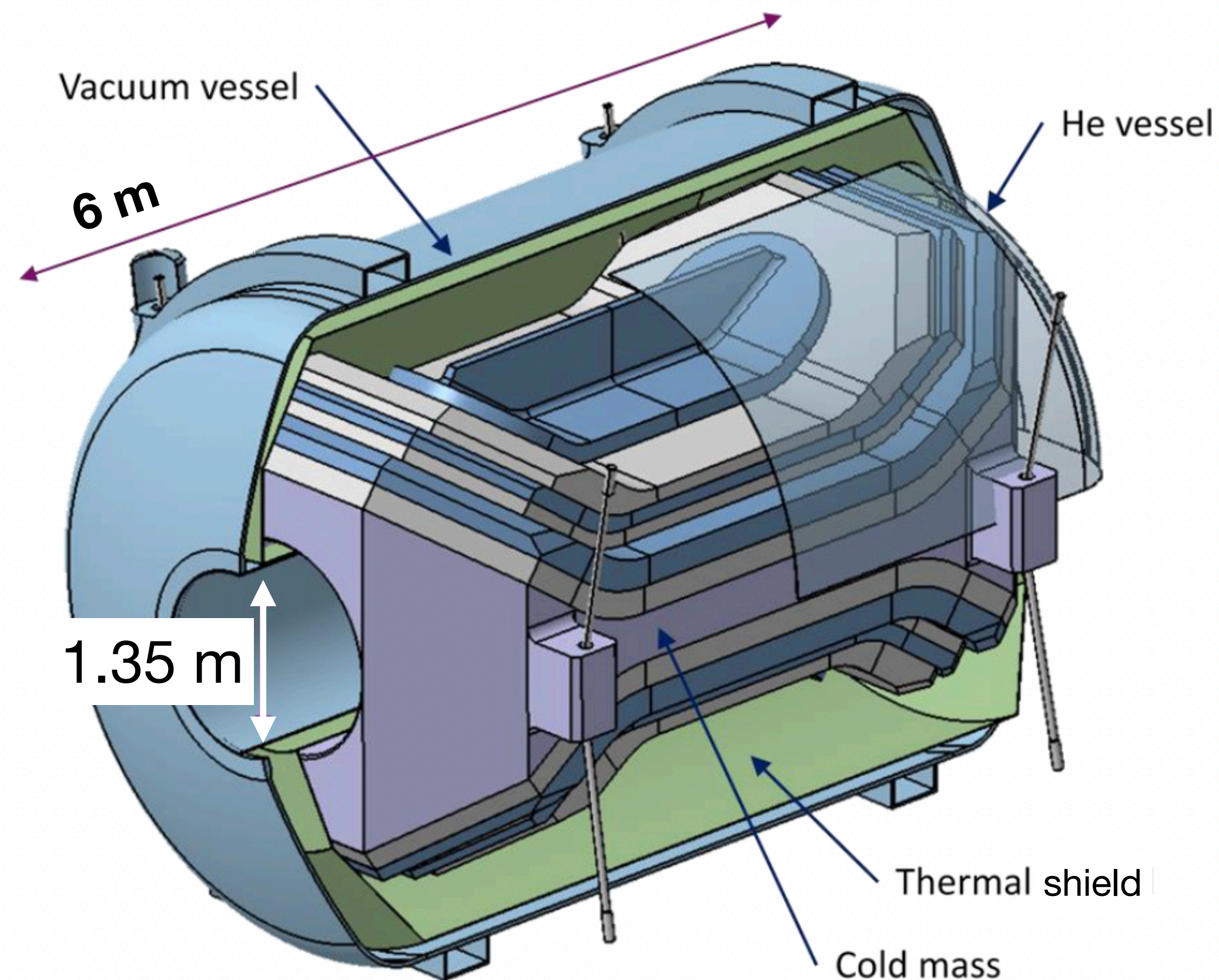
# Full MADMAX





# Magnet

- European Innovation partners: CEA Saclay and Bilfinger Noell
- FoM:  $B^2A = 100 \text{ T}^2\text{m}^2$



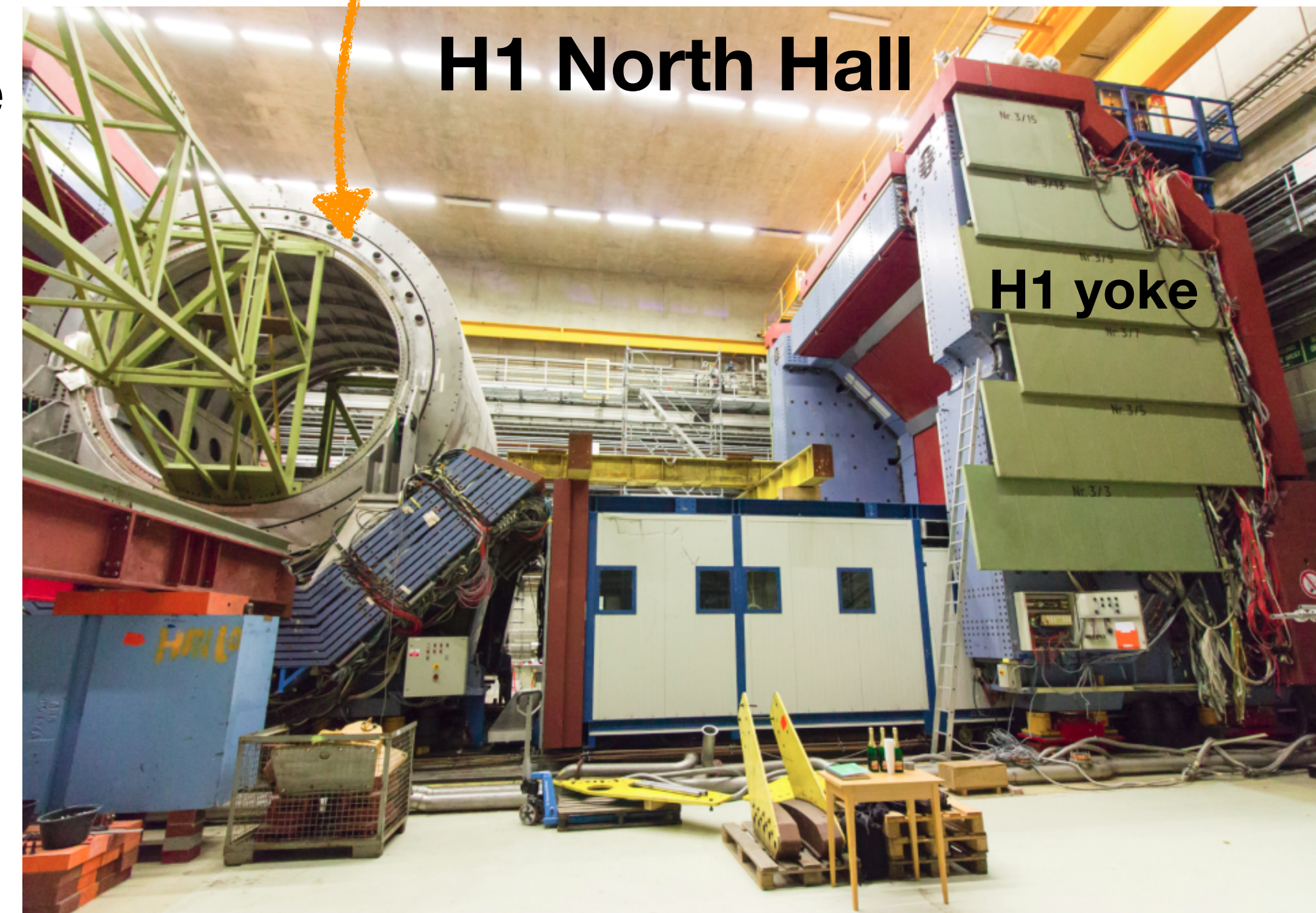
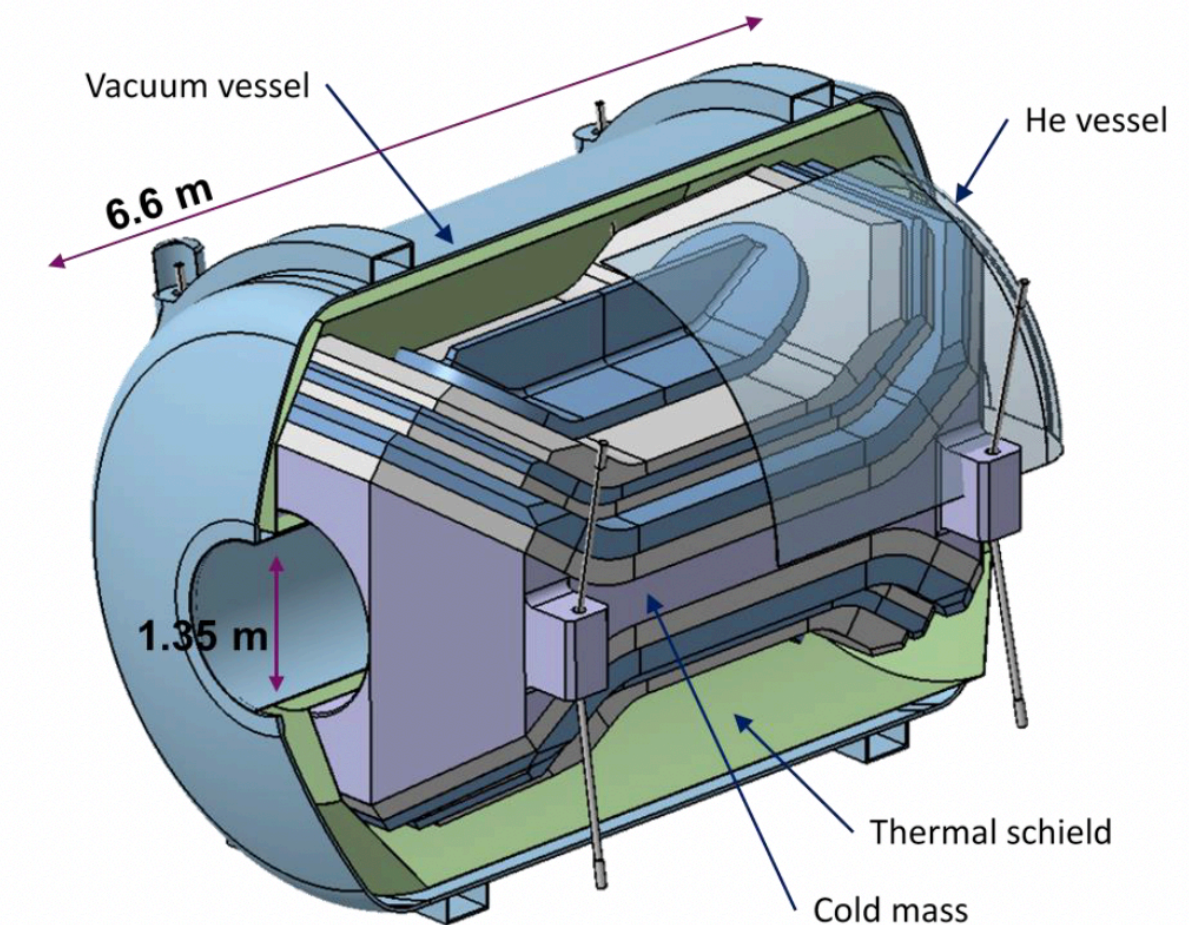
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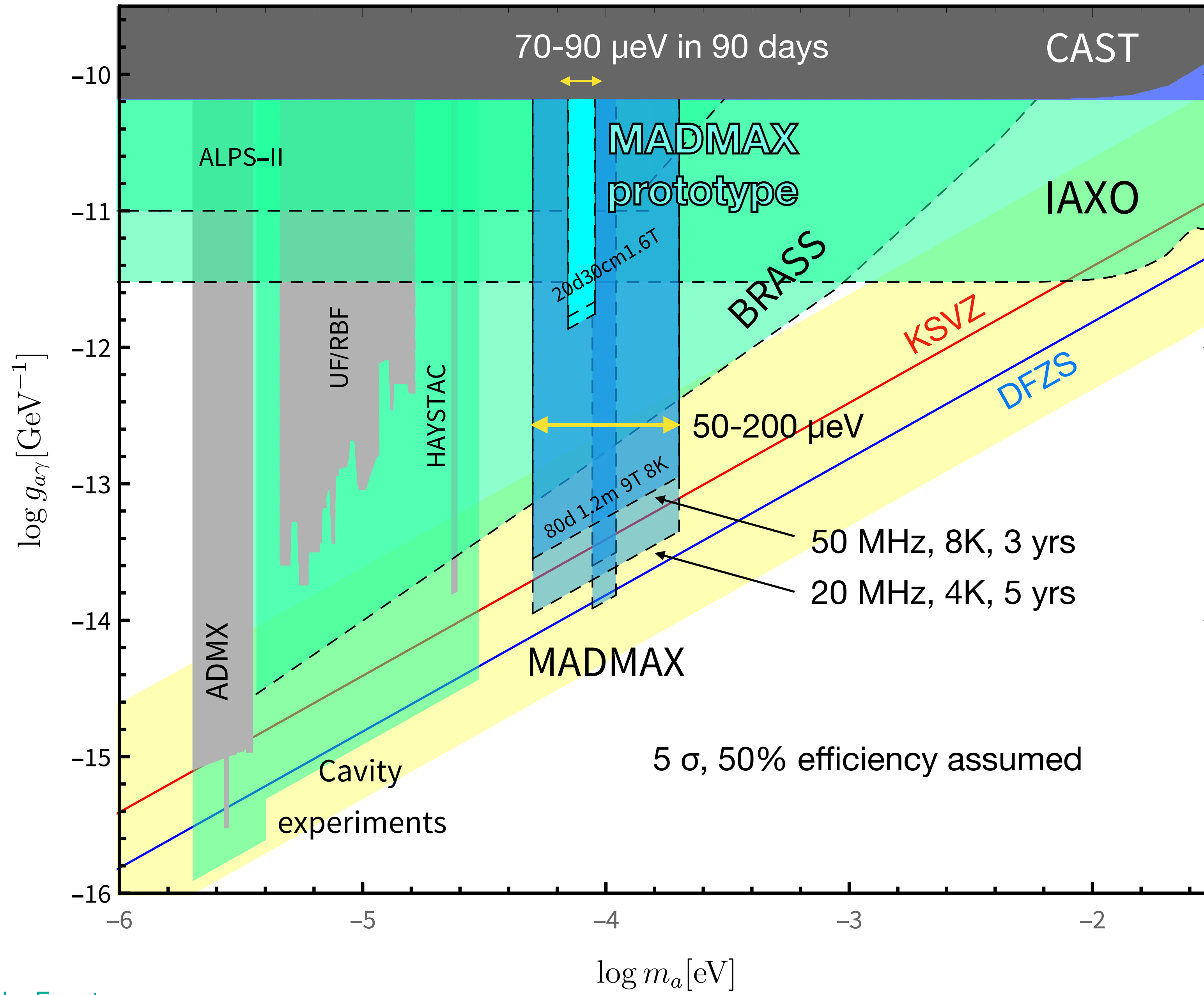


# Site

- Axion experiments in DESY: ALPS II, IAXO, BRASS
- MADMAX occupies H1 North hall
  - ▶ Existing infrastructure, H1 magnet yoke
- Strong recommendation from recent DESY Physics Review Committee
  - ▶ *“The review committee enthusiastically endorses the physics goals of the MADMAX proposal... We recommend approval of the phase II of the project”, Nov. 2019*

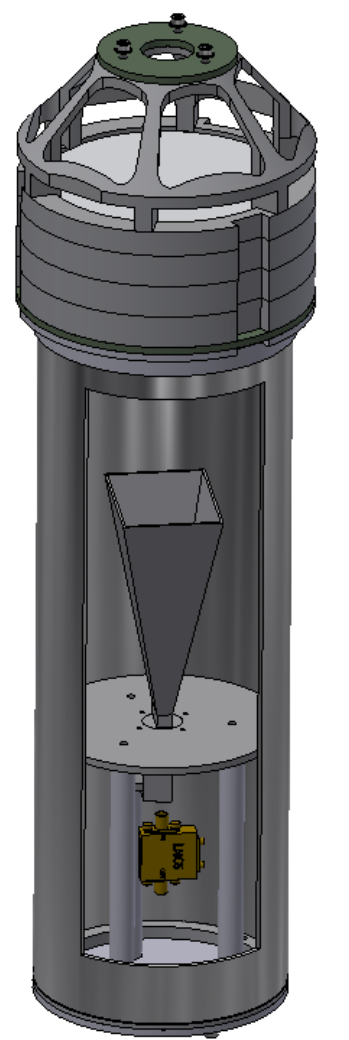
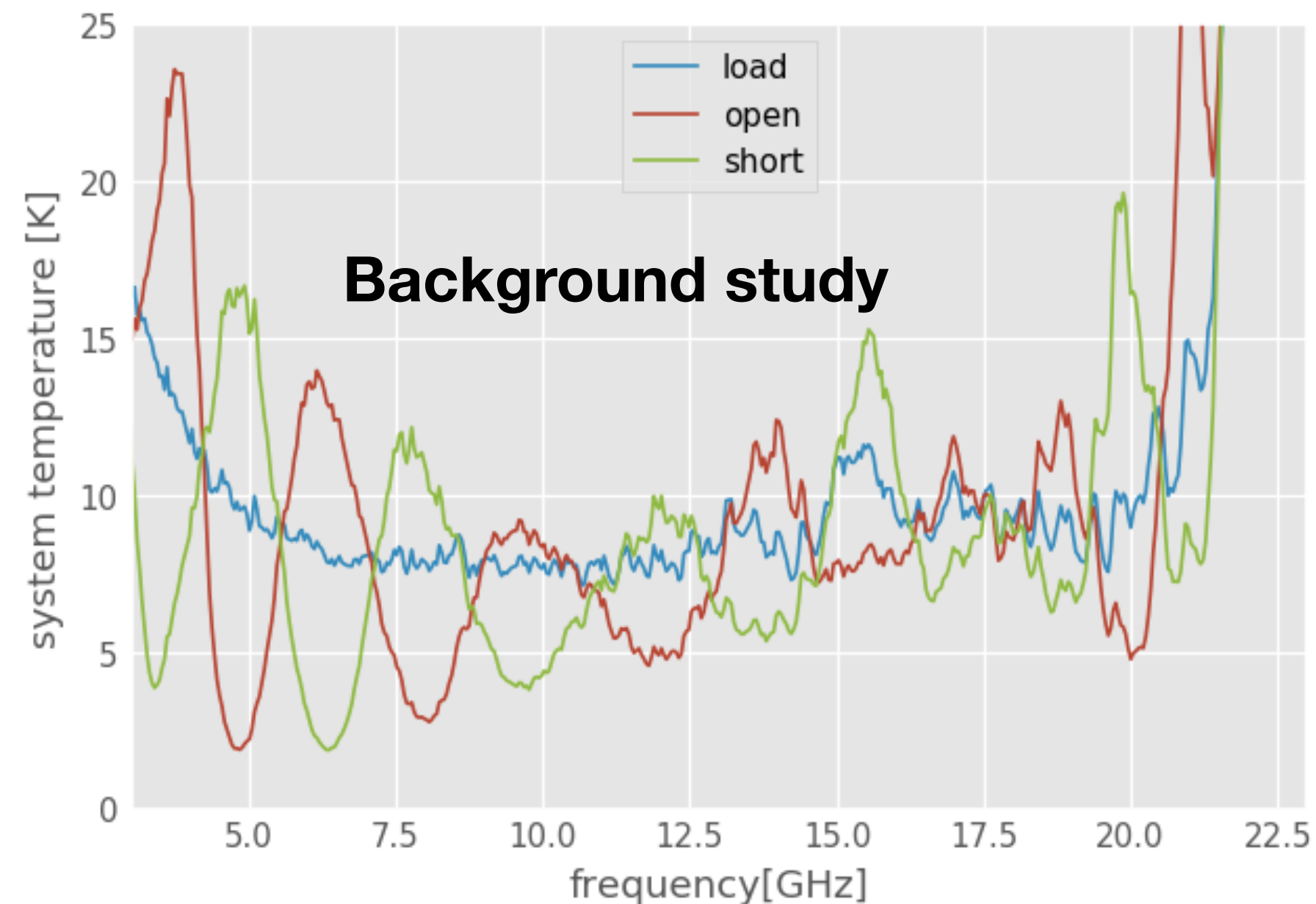
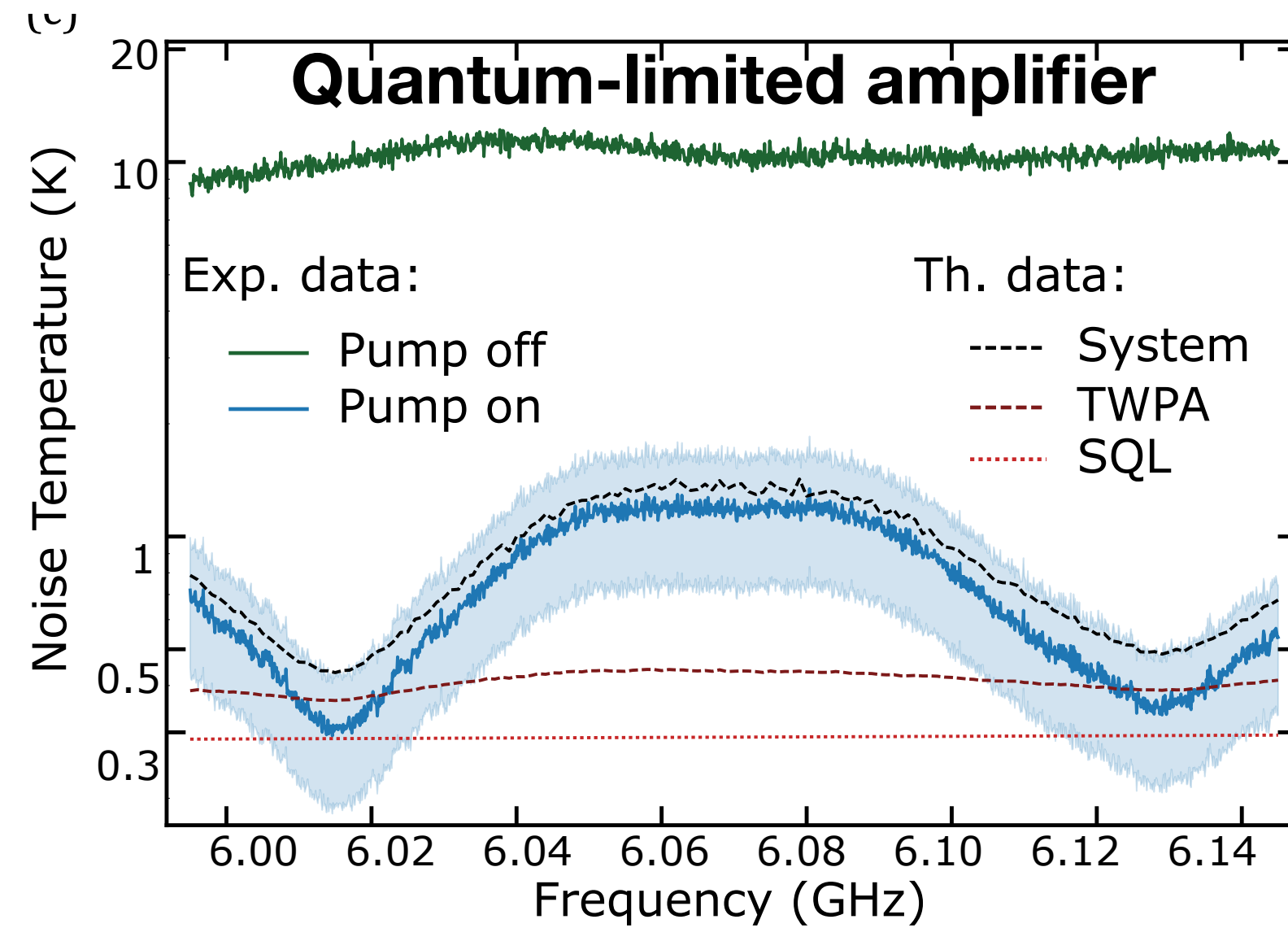
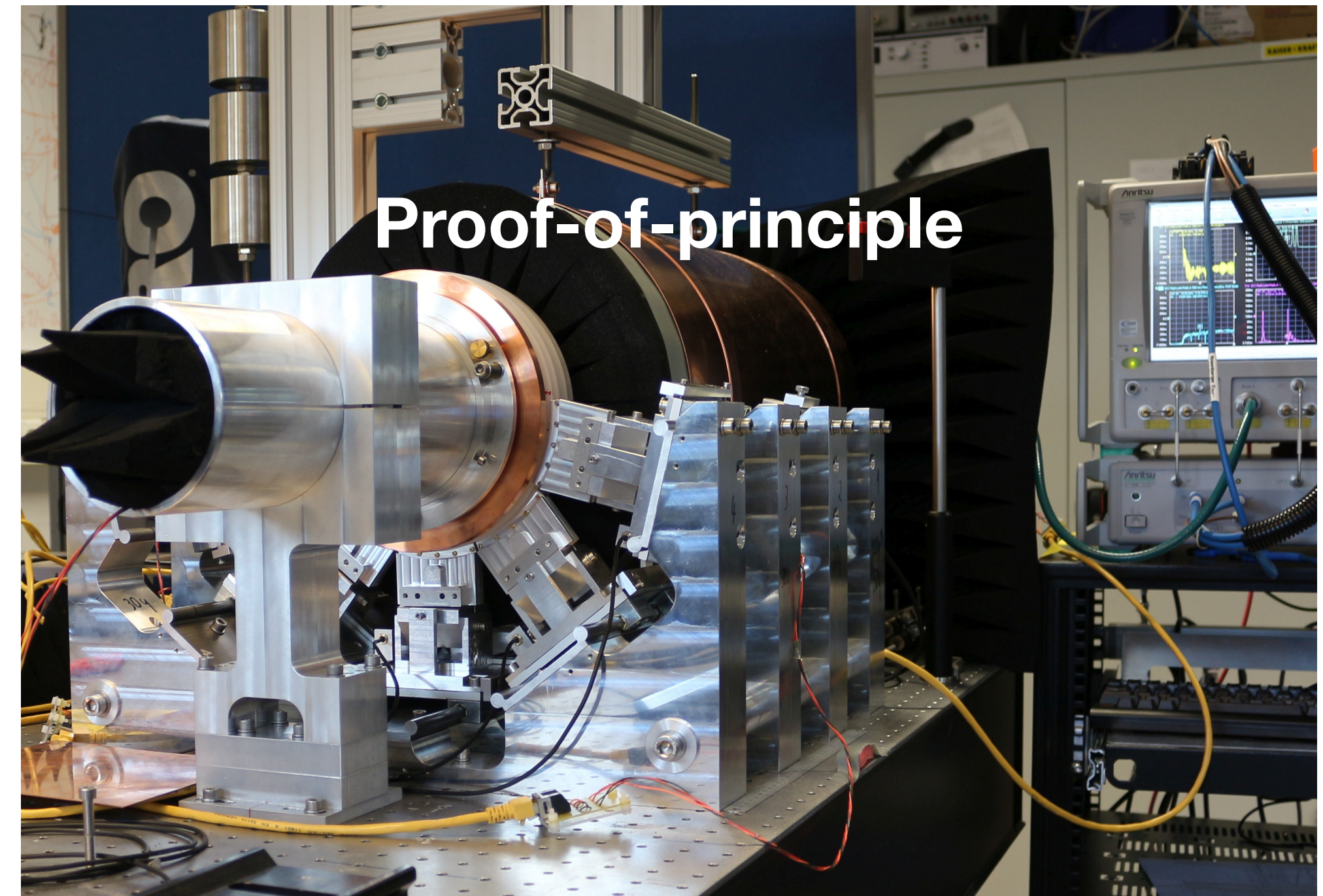
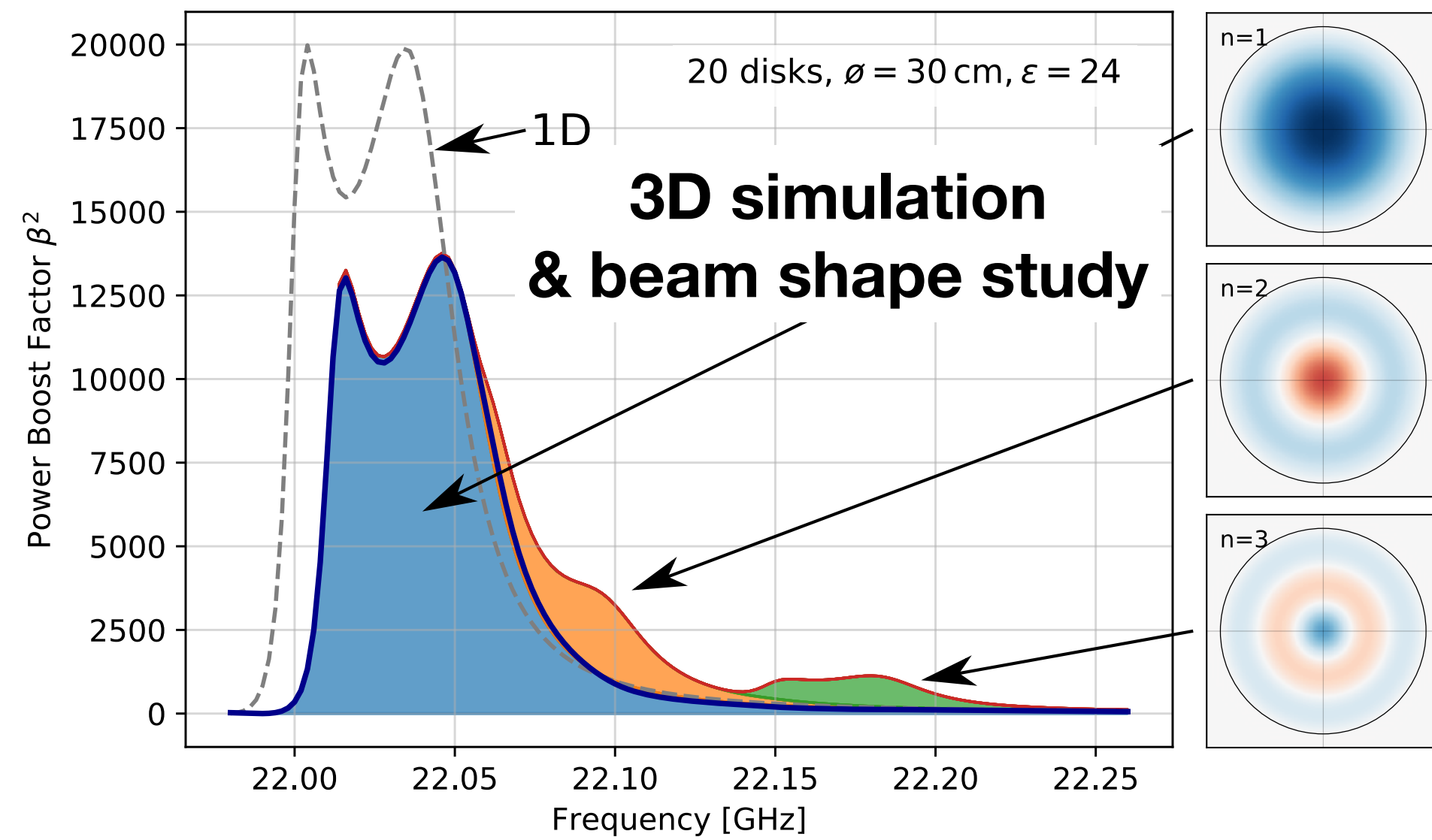






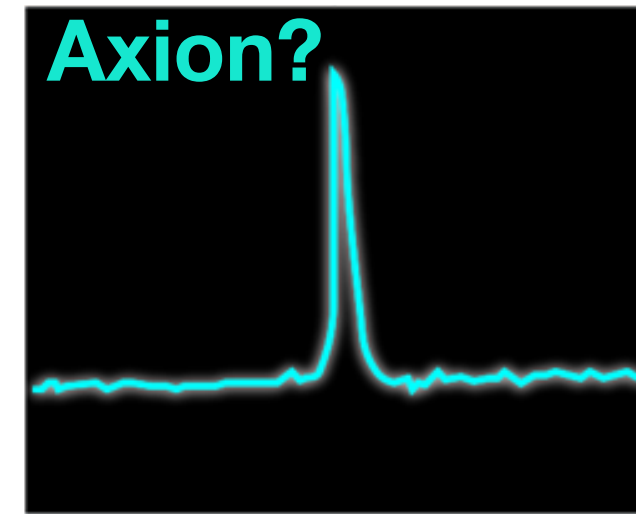


Prototype,  $\Delta\nu_\beta \sim 50\text{MHz}$  (benchmark)

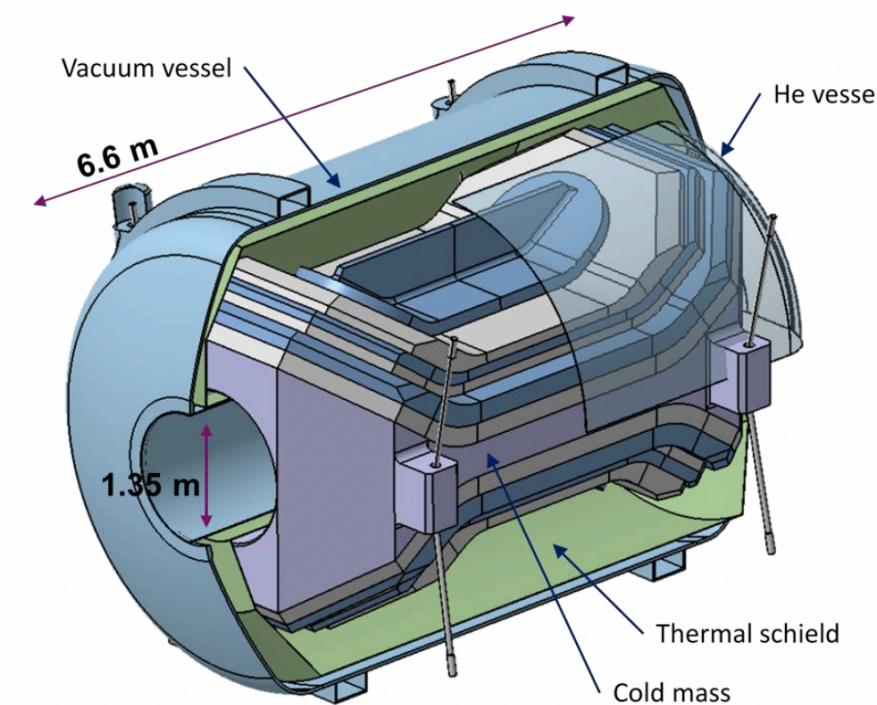
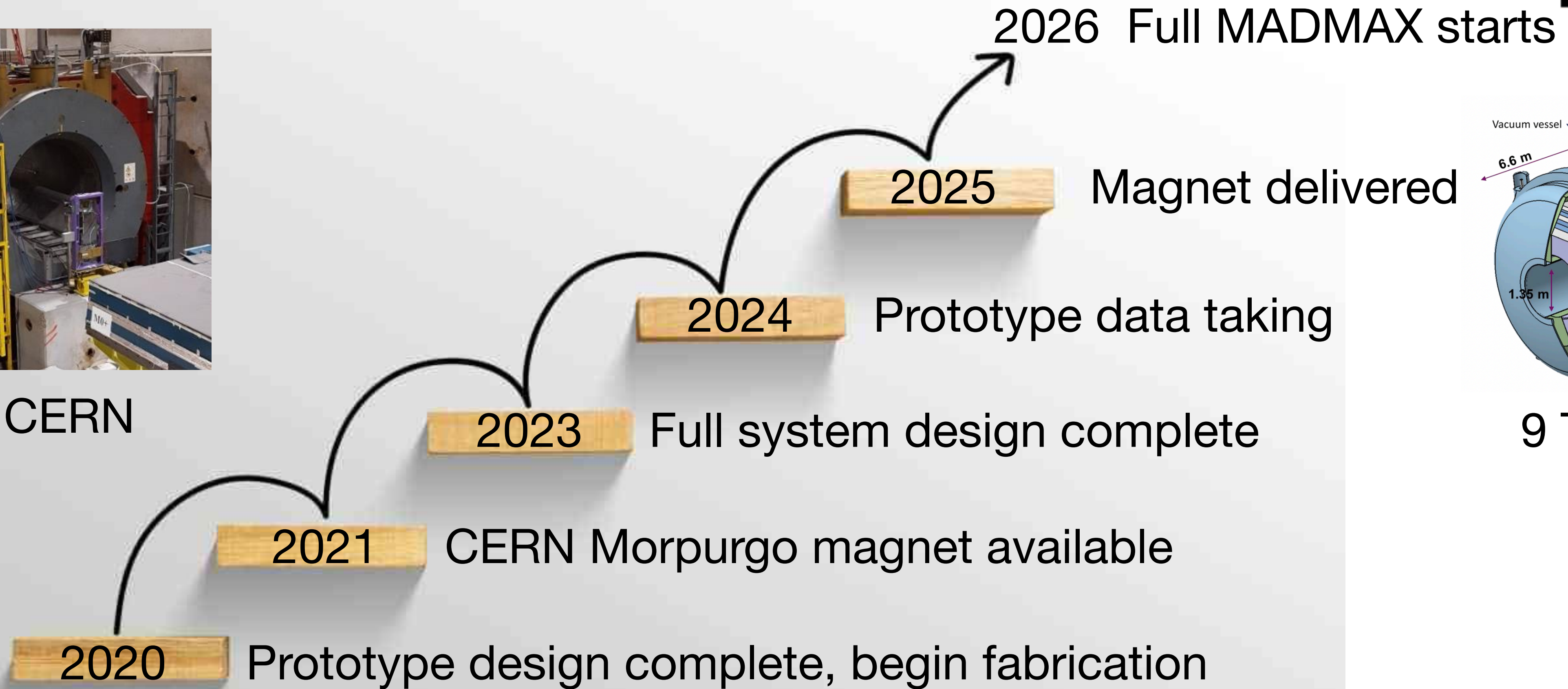




# Time line



1.6 T @ CERN

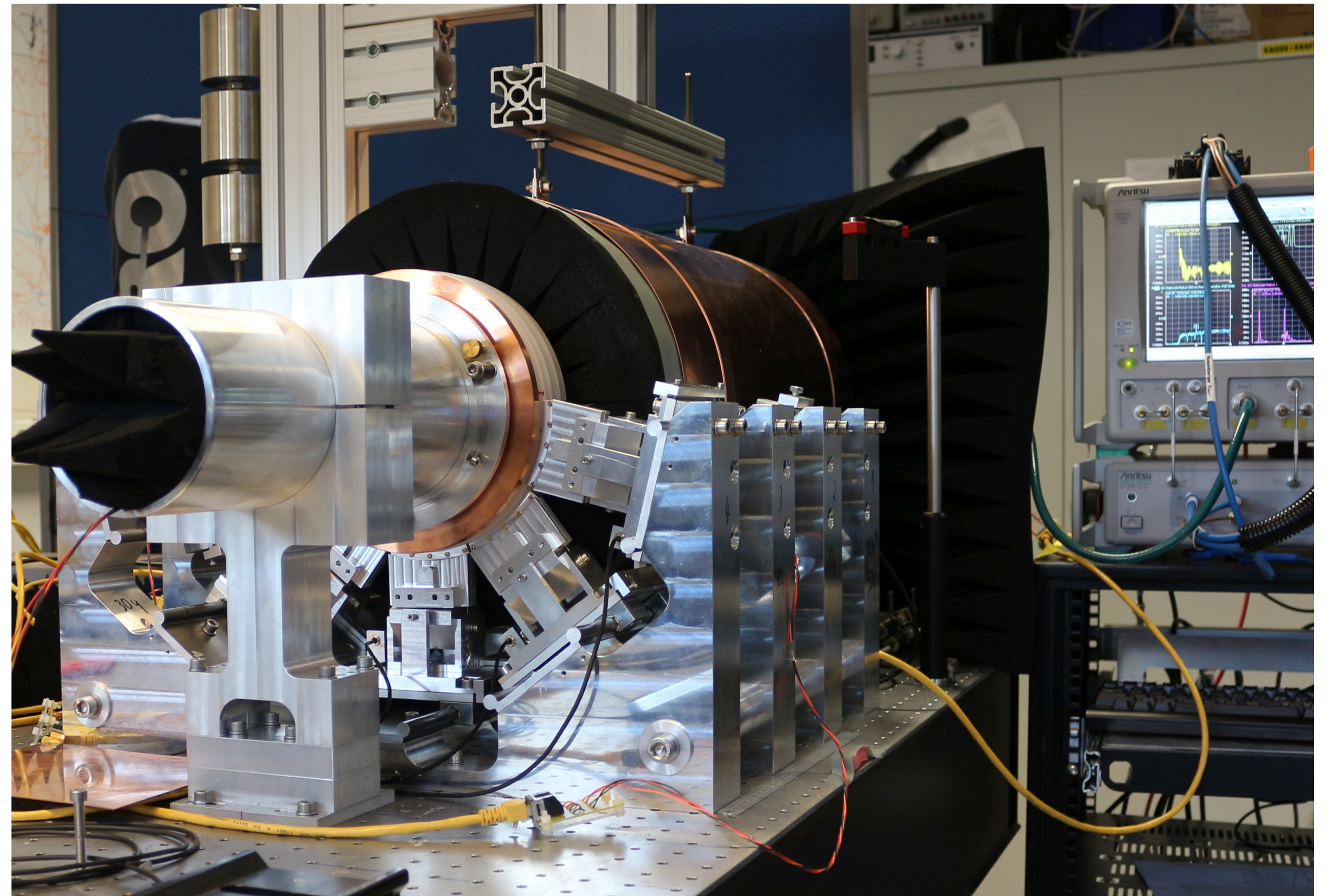


9 T @ DESY



# Conclusion

- Post-inflation axion around  **$100 \mu\text{eV}$**  is a well-motivated dark matter candidate.
- **Dielectric haloscope** is a promising technology.
- MADMAX experiment is developing.



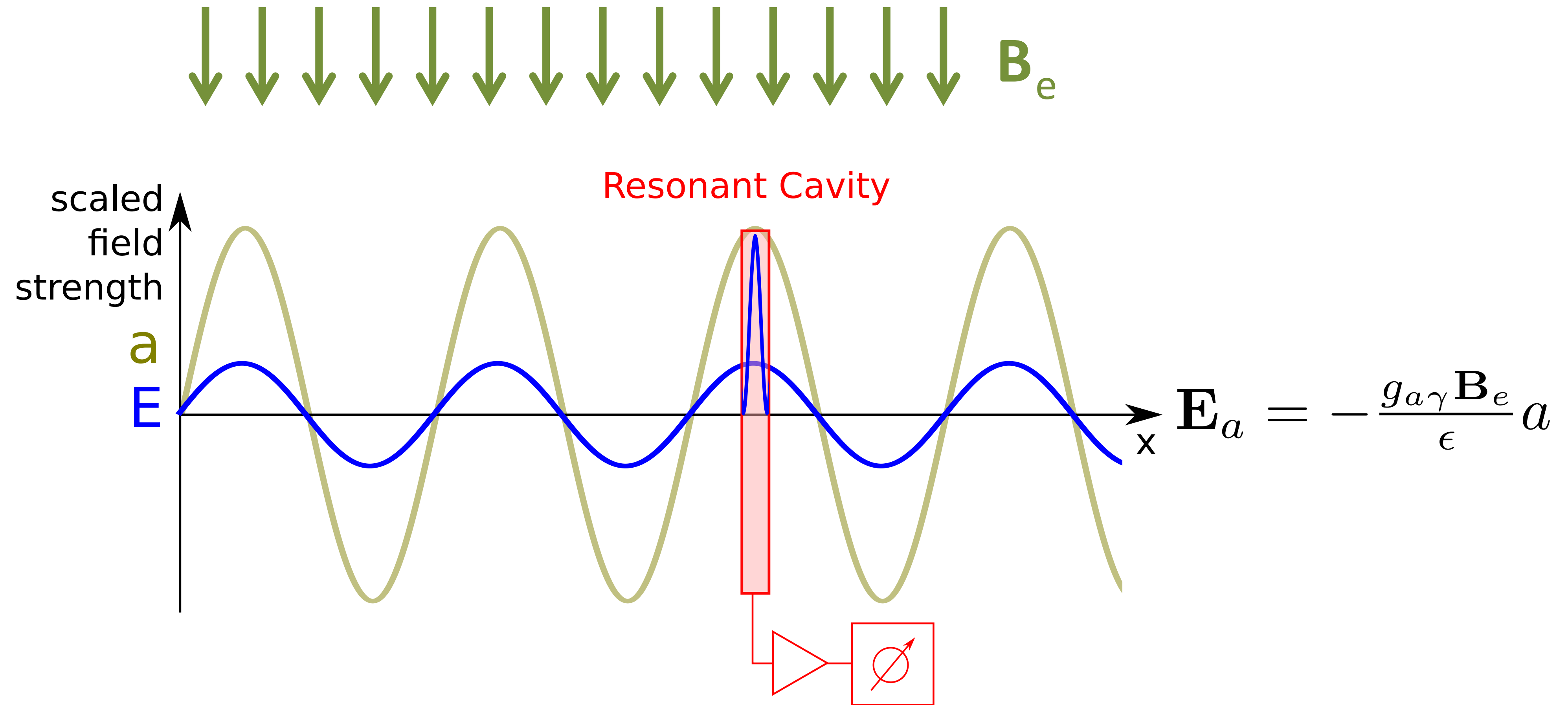
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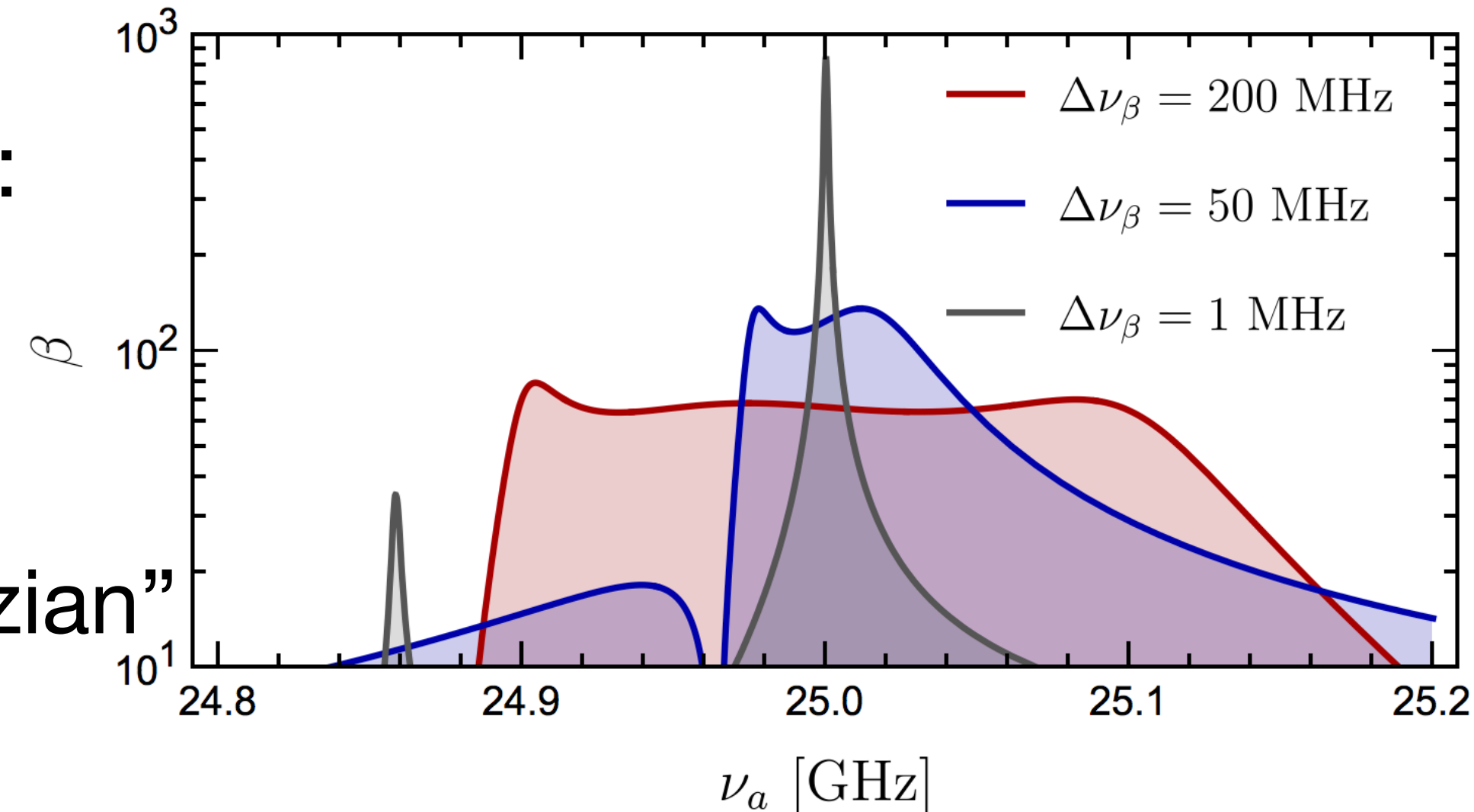






# Broadband advantages

- “Resonant” setup is possible, but **not practical**.
- Broadband benefits include
  - ▶ Easier & less frequent tuning
  - ▶ Scan multiple channels: ~3,000  $m_a$  channels
  - ▶ “Box-shape” more optimized than “Lorentzian”



# Broadband advantages

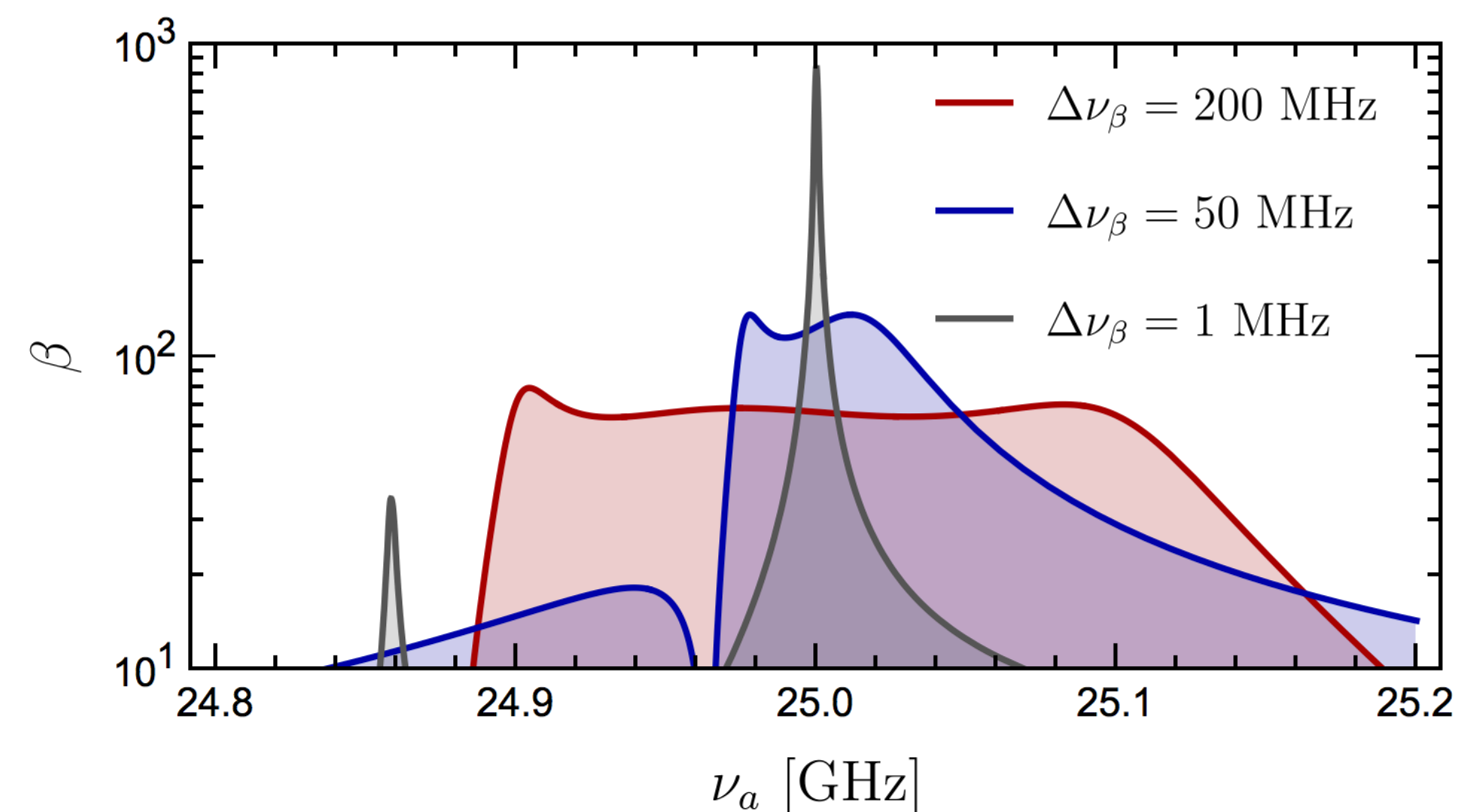
- Broadband boost factor tolerates more

- ▶ Mechanical precision:  $\delta d \propto \frac{\lambda}{Q}$ .

- ▶ ambient vibration

- ▶  $\epsilon$  variation

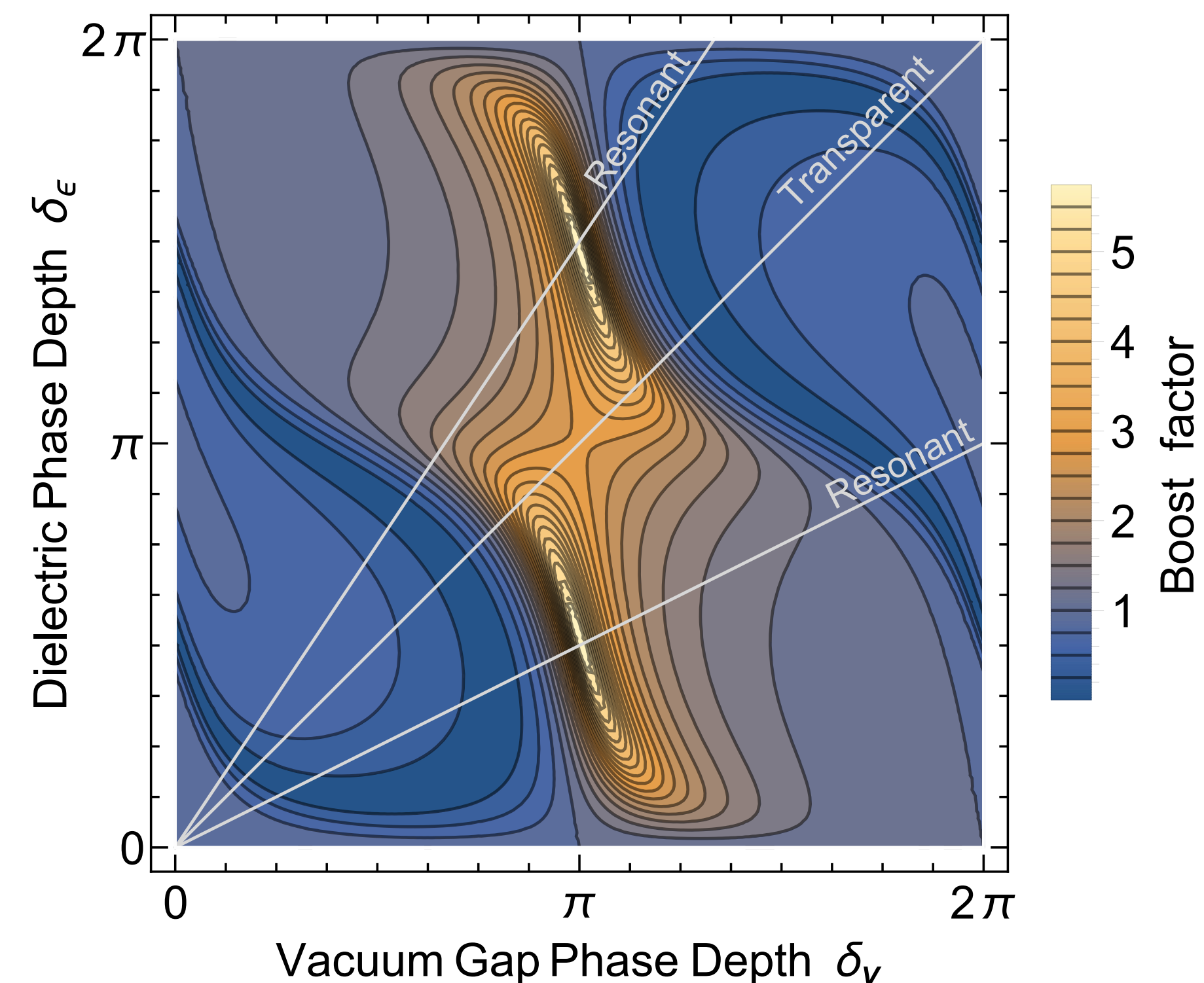
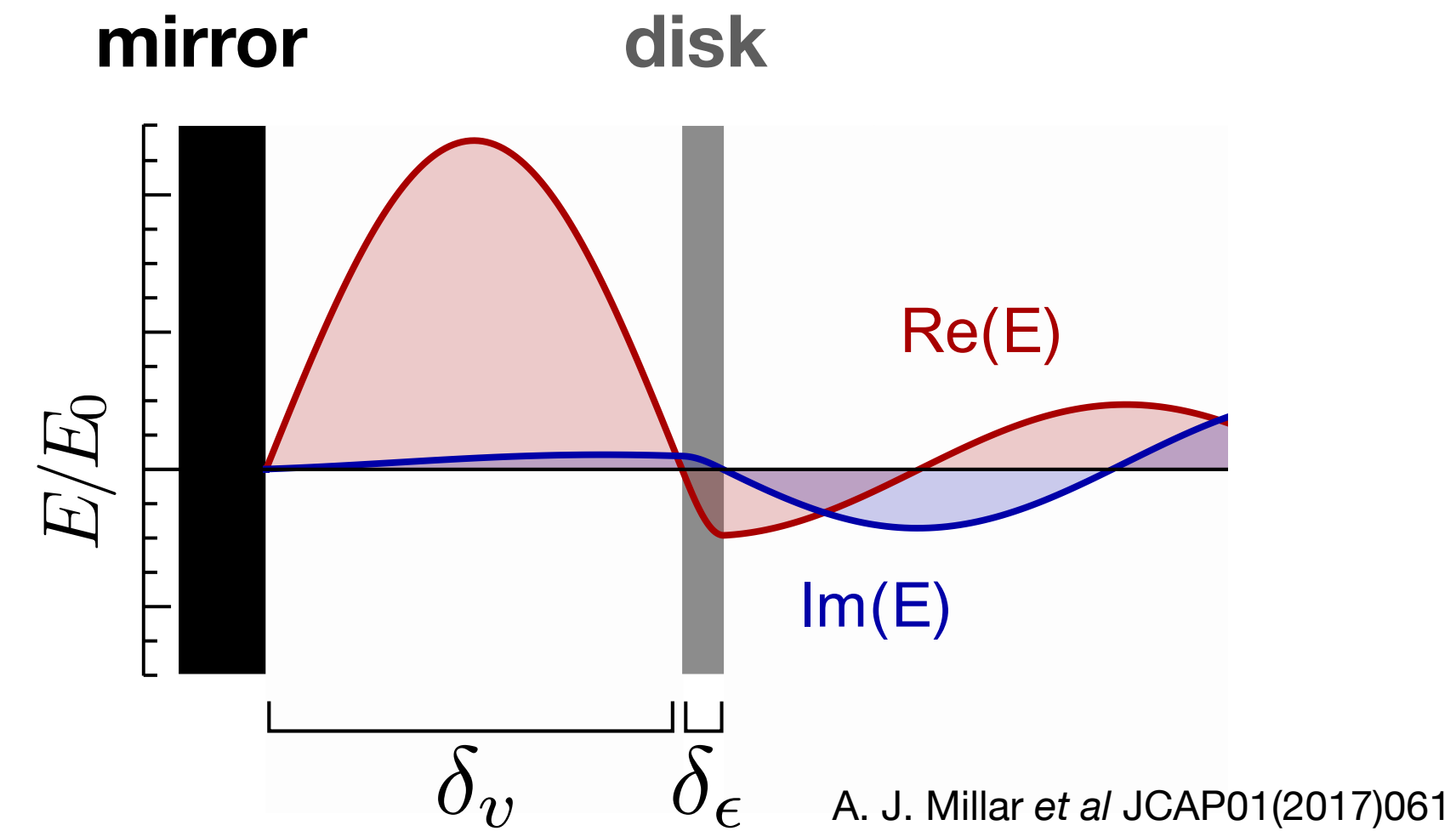
- ▶ Loss inside material & setup





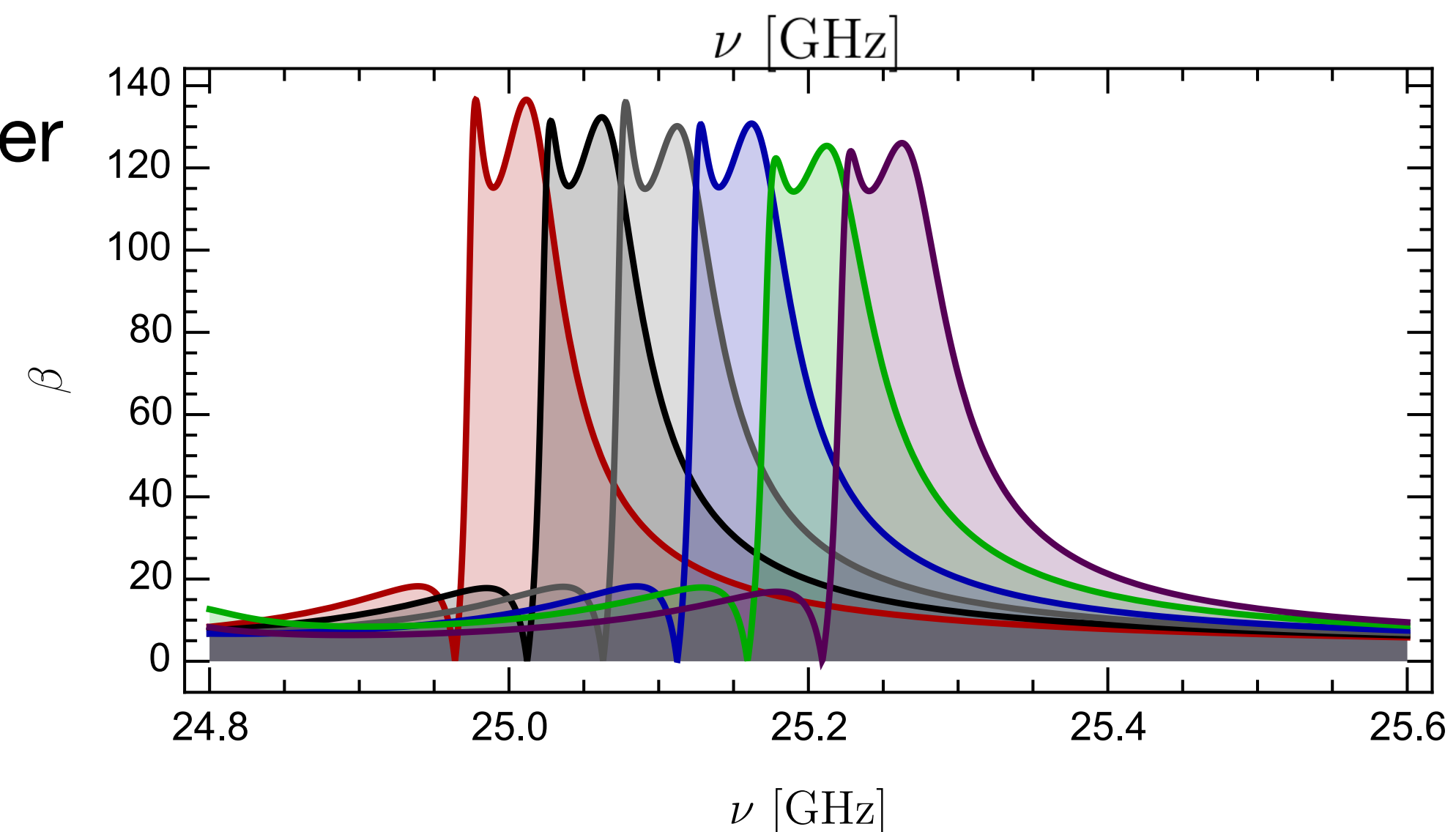
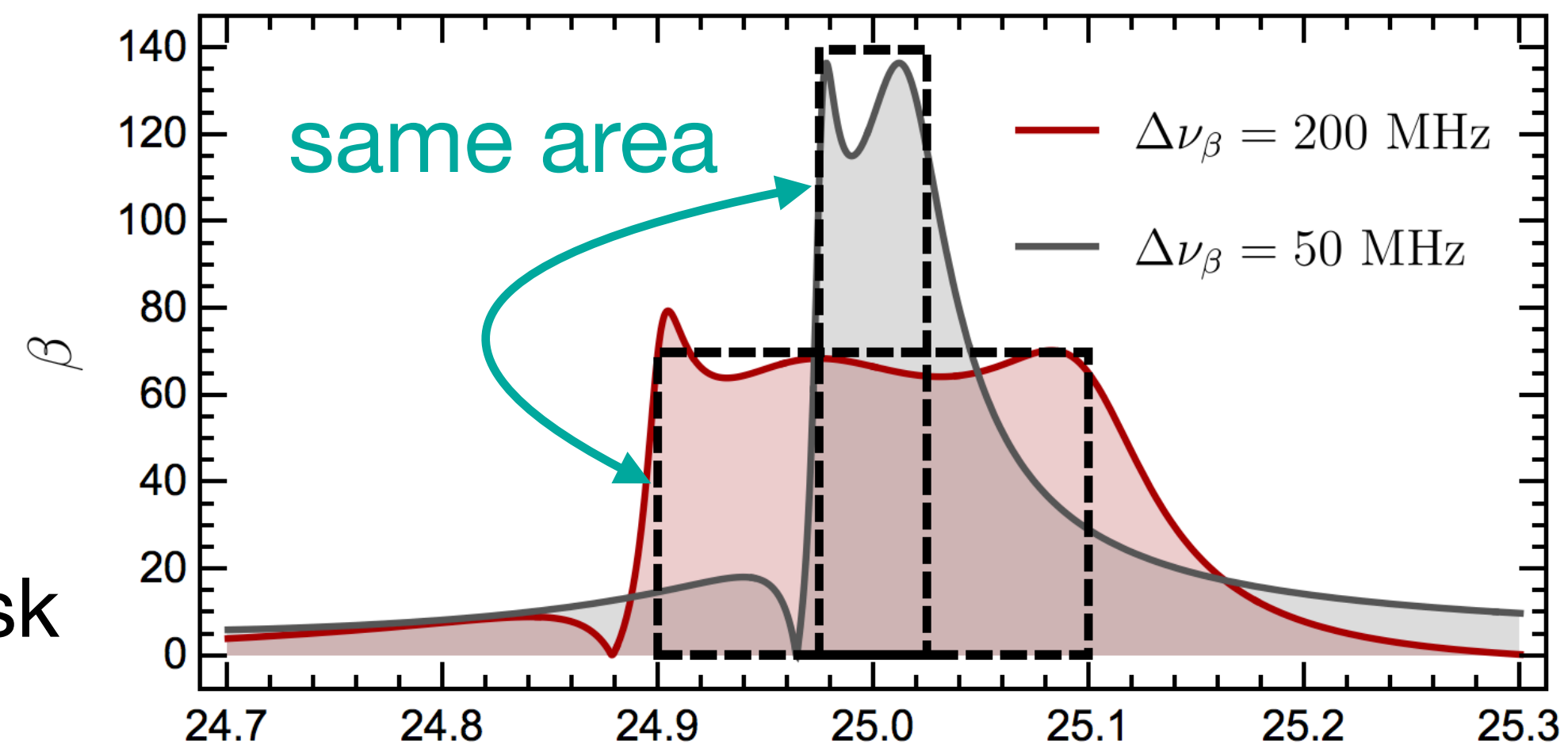
# Boost

- Disks + mirror **boosts** signal by  $\beta = E / E_0$
- Transparent mode:  
 $\delta = n \times d \times v = \pi, 3\pi, 5\pi\dots$   
constructive interference.
- Resonant mode:  
 $\delta = \pi/2, 3\pi/2, \dots$   
disks + mirror forms a leaky resonator.
- Combined boost from both contributions.

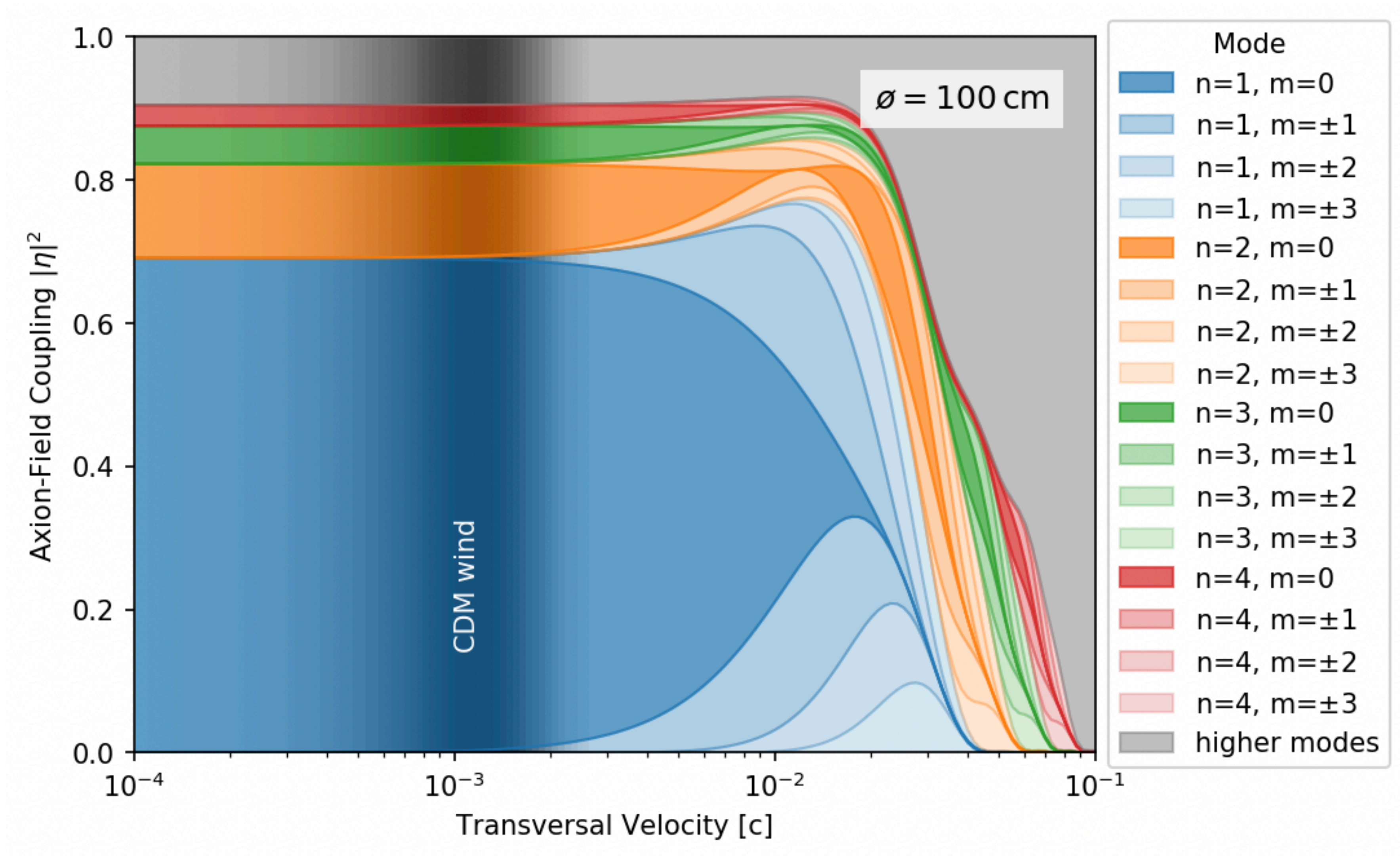


# Scan strategy

- Scan speed
 
$$\frac{t_{scan}}{\Delta\nu} = \left(\frac{S}{N}\right)^2 \left(\frac{k_B T_{sys}}{P_{sig}}\right)^2$$
- However, **Area Law:**  
 $P_{sig} \times \Delta\nu$  is independent of disk spacings.
  - ▶ Narrower peak leads to faster scan.
- In practice, tuning time is significant  
 $t_{tot\_adj} \approx t_{tot\_scan}$



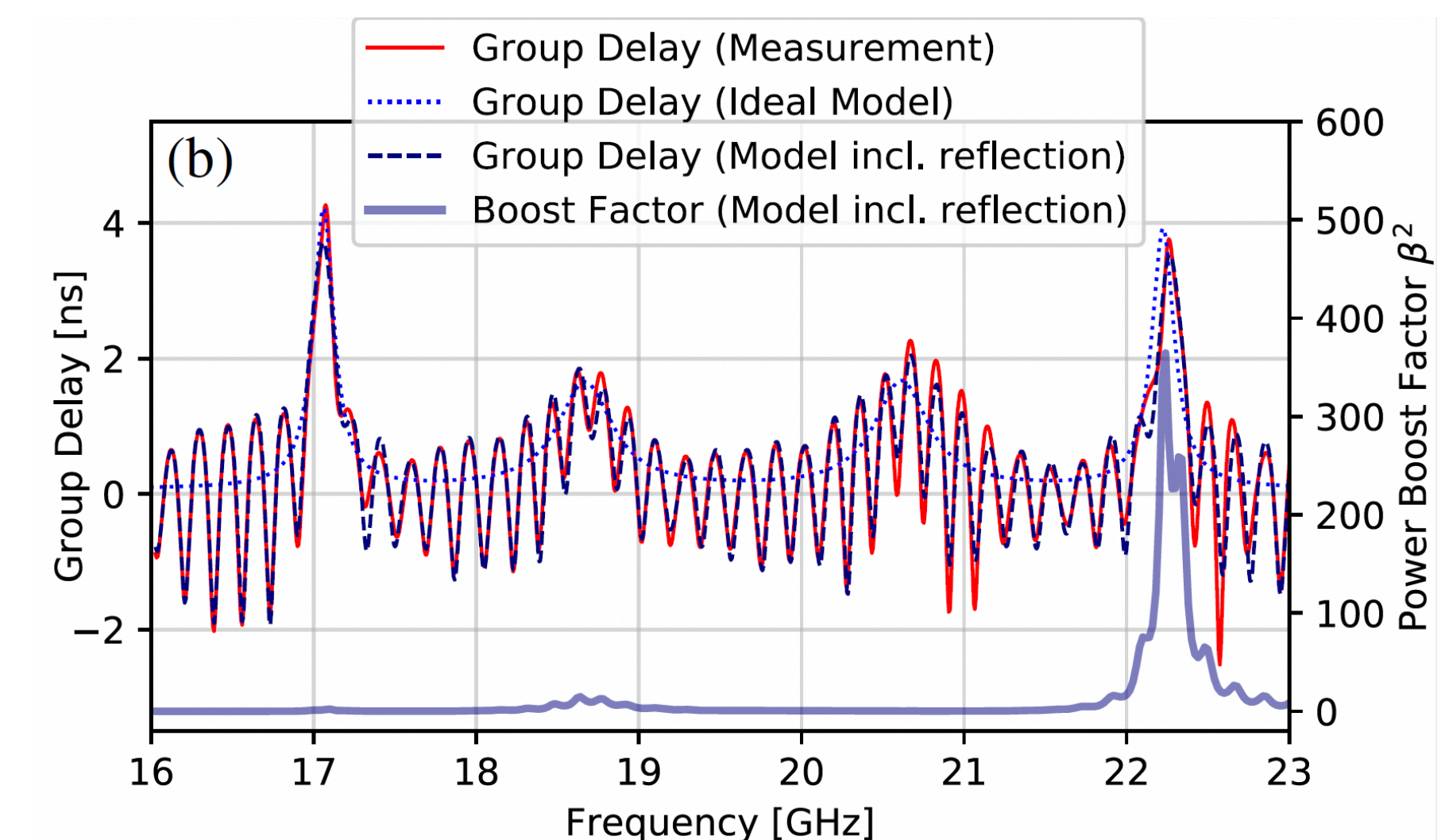






# Disk positioning

1. Bring the disks to approximate position.
2. Measure the group delay.
3. Compare 2 with the desired (simulated) group delay.
4. Minimization algorithms suggest the next moves.
5. Move the disks. Repeat 2-5.
6. Stop if the move is less than  $1\mu\text{m}$ .

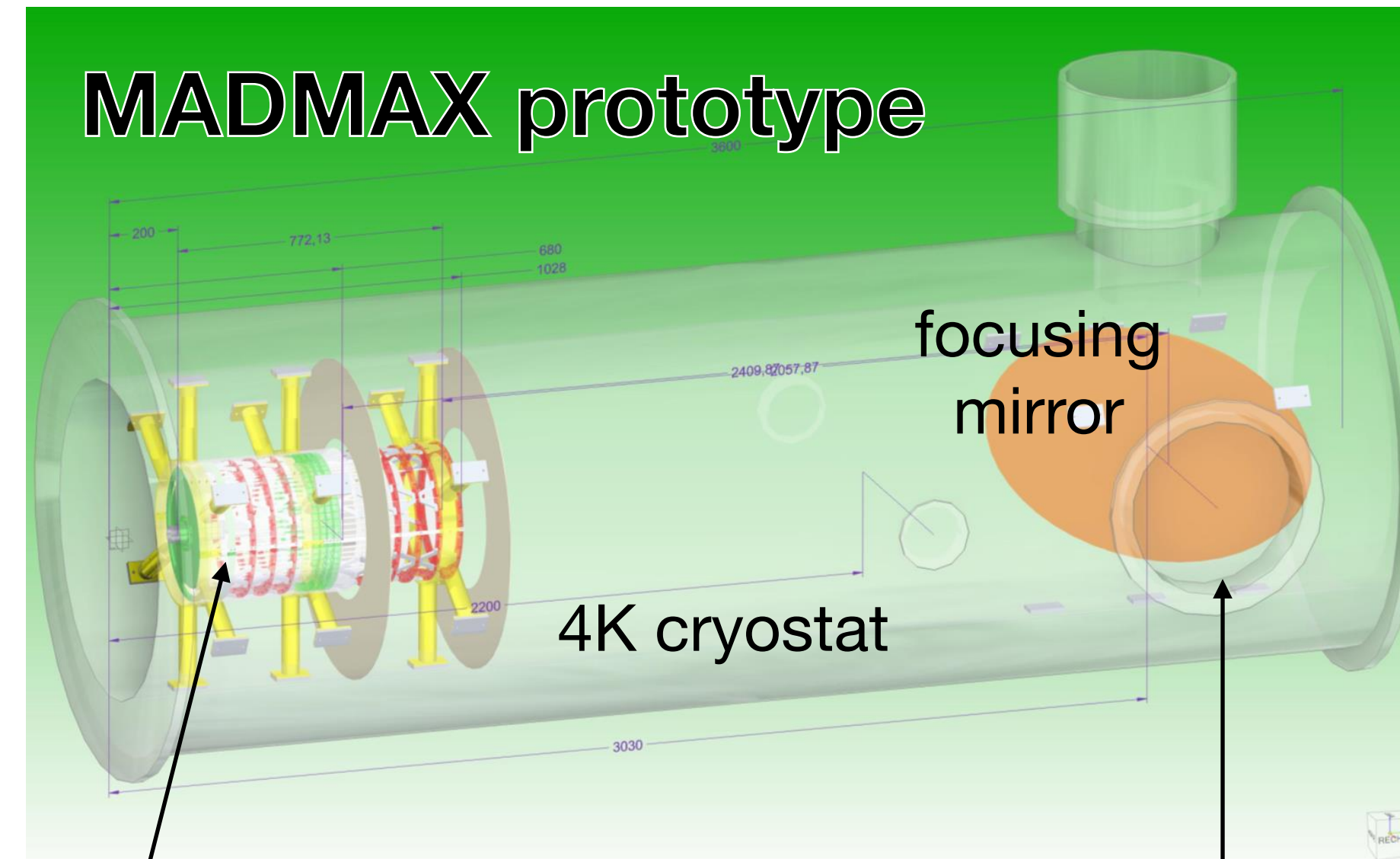


~10 min, mostly computation

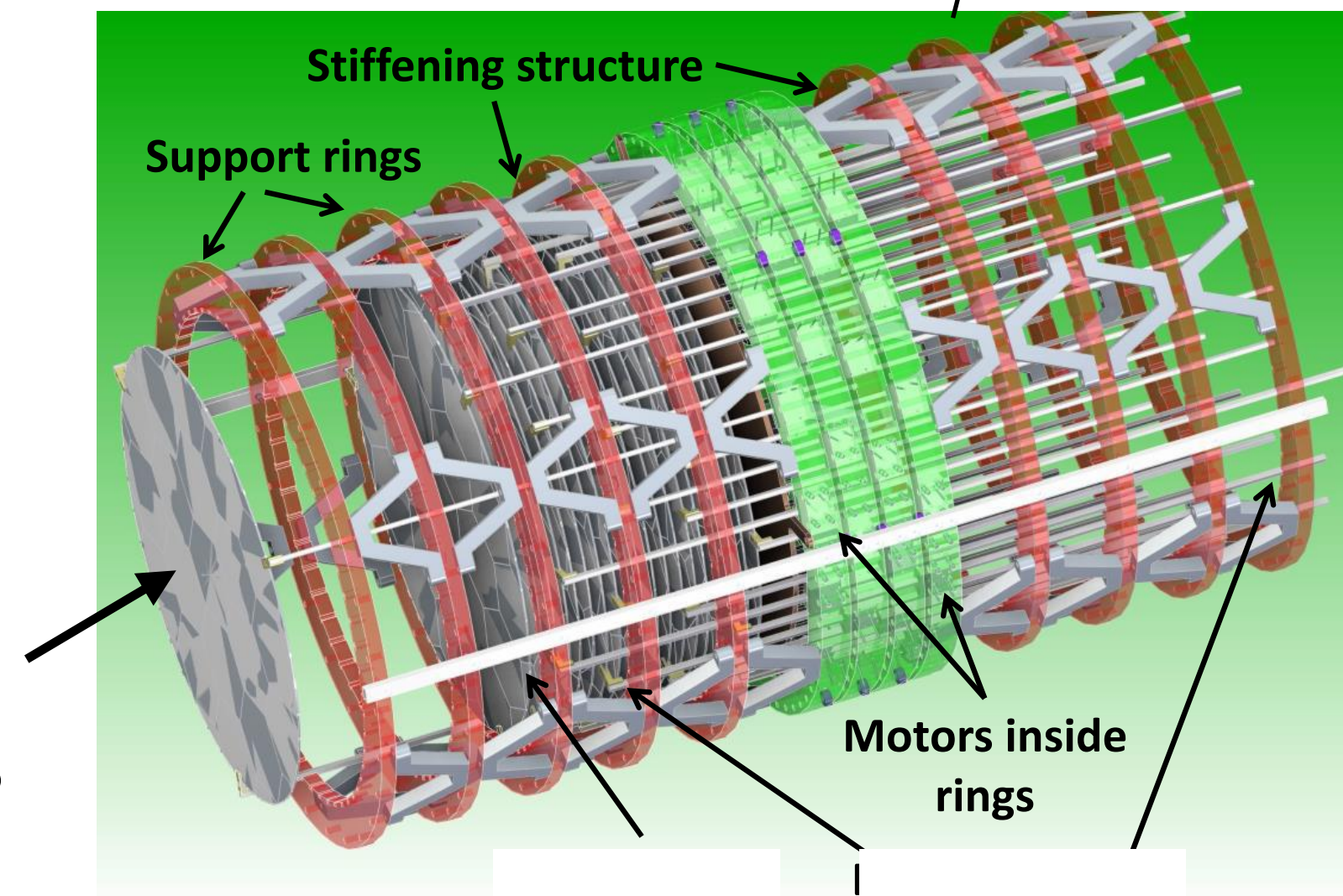
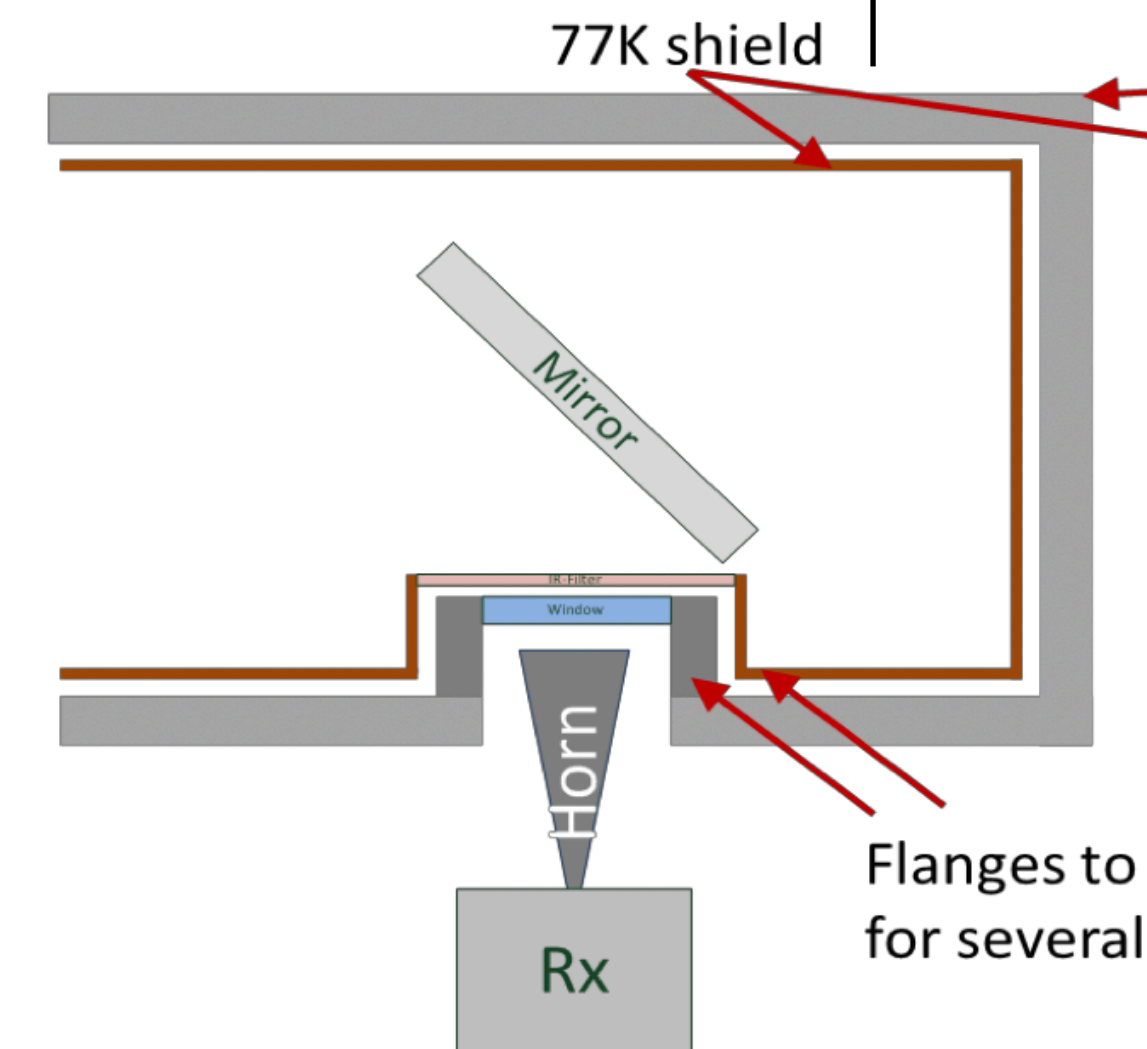
More accurate than independent measurements



- Technological test platform
- 4 K, 1.6 T field
- ALP search  $\sim 80 \mu\text{eV}$  ( $10^{-12}$ )
- LOI handed in to CERN



Receiver window

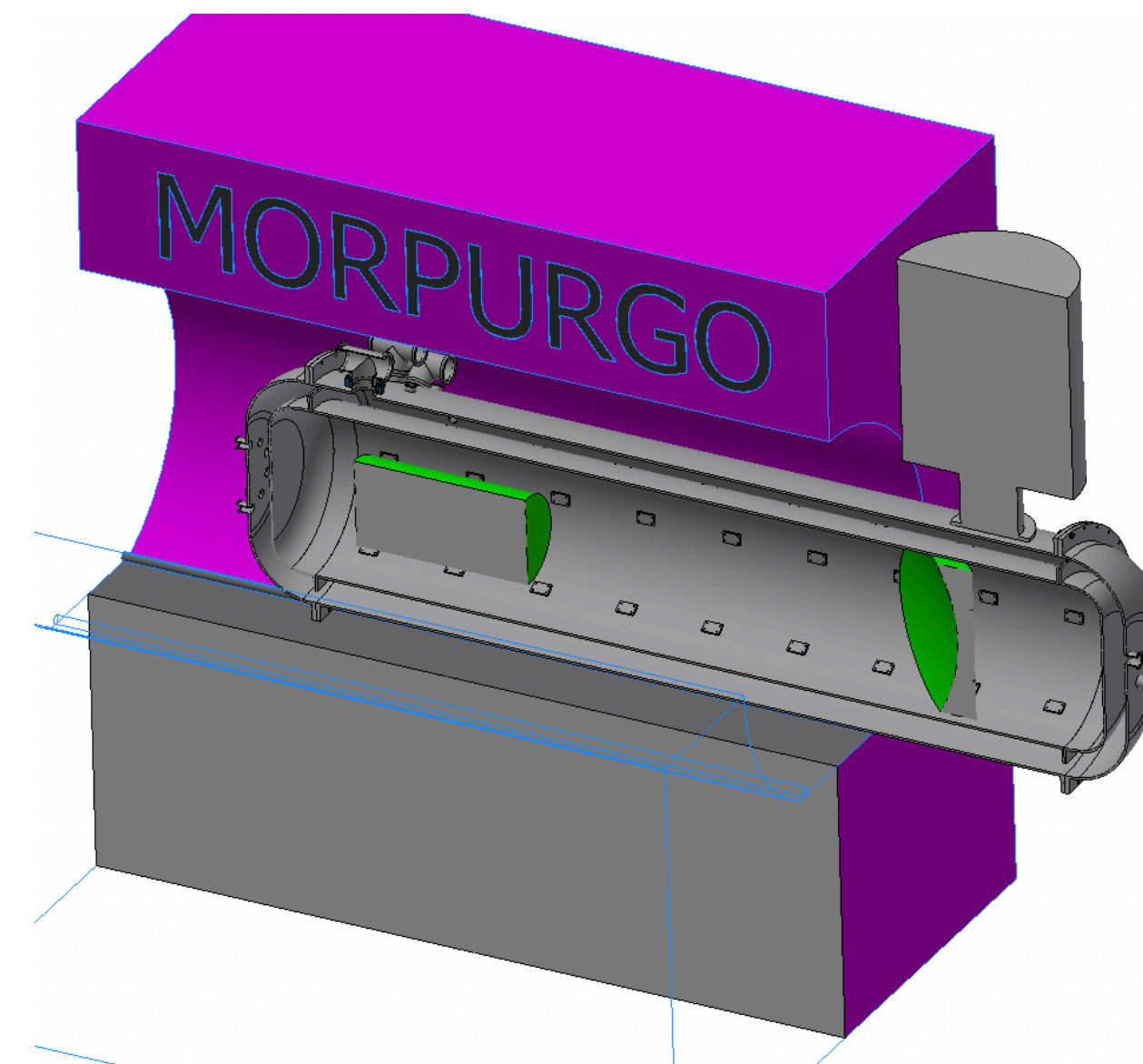


Dielectric Haloscope:  
20 x  $\phi 30$ -cm  
sapphire disks



# Prototype Magnet

- Morpurgo magnet @ CERN
- 1.6 T dipole, 1.6-m warm bore (1.45m usable)
- Available after SPS winter shutdown from Dec. 2021 to Mar. 2022 and Dec. 2022 to Mar 2023.





# Disks

- High  $\epsilon$ , low  $\tan\delta$   
Current best:  $\text{LnAlO}_3$  ( $\epsilon \sim 23.4$ )
- Single crystals have lowest  $\tan\delta$ , but diameter  $< 3$  inches  $\rightarrow$  tiling??
- Discontinuous  $\epsilon$  significantly distorts the beam shape & boost factor.
- Polycrystalline  $\text{LnAlO}_3$  has a higher  $\tan\delta$ , and can be casted.
- $\text{SiO}_2$  will be the default for the prototype detector

