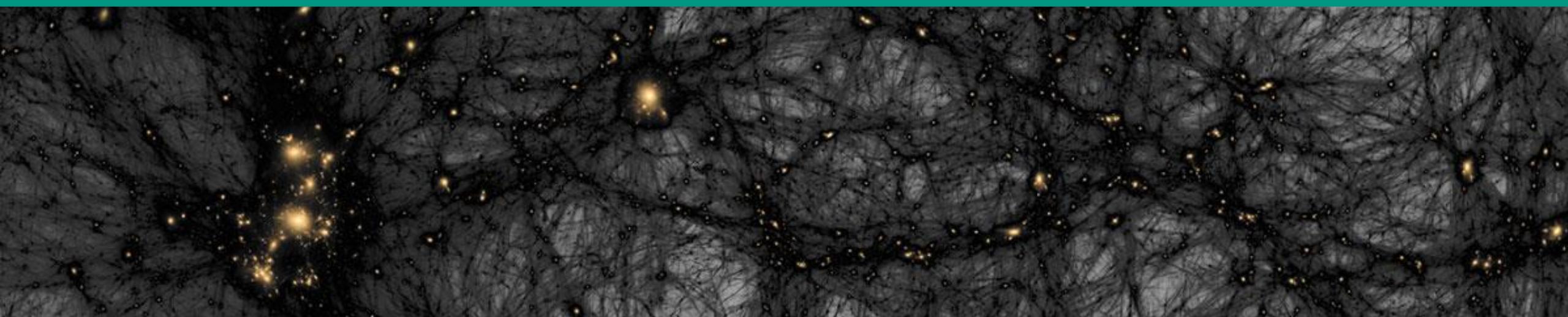


# Astroparticle physics I – Dark Matter

WS22/23 Lecture 22

Feb. 16, 2023



# Recap of Lecture 21

## ■ Axion detection in haloscopes & helioscopes

- **detection:** based on **Primakoff effect** using virtual photons in strong  $B$  – field
- **axion plot:** limits & expectations for **axion mass  $m_a$**  & **coupling  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$**
- **$QCD$  – axions:** allowed band (*KSVZ* & *DFSZ*) & astrophysical limits
- **axion searches:** 3 methods – **haloscopes** – **helioscopes** & ***LSW* experiments**
- **haloscopes:** *DM*-‘radio’ in resonance cavity surrounded by  $B$  – field (***ADMX***)
- **helioscopes:** convert *keV* – scale solar axions to *X* – rays in dipole (***CAST***,...)

# Axion experiments: Light-Shining-through-Walls\*

## ■ Converting a photon to an axion & back again

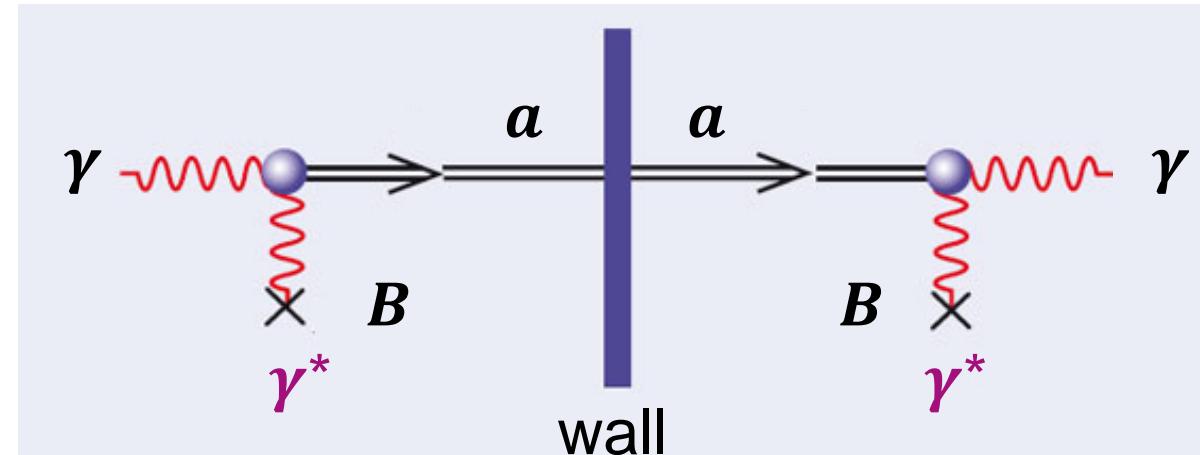
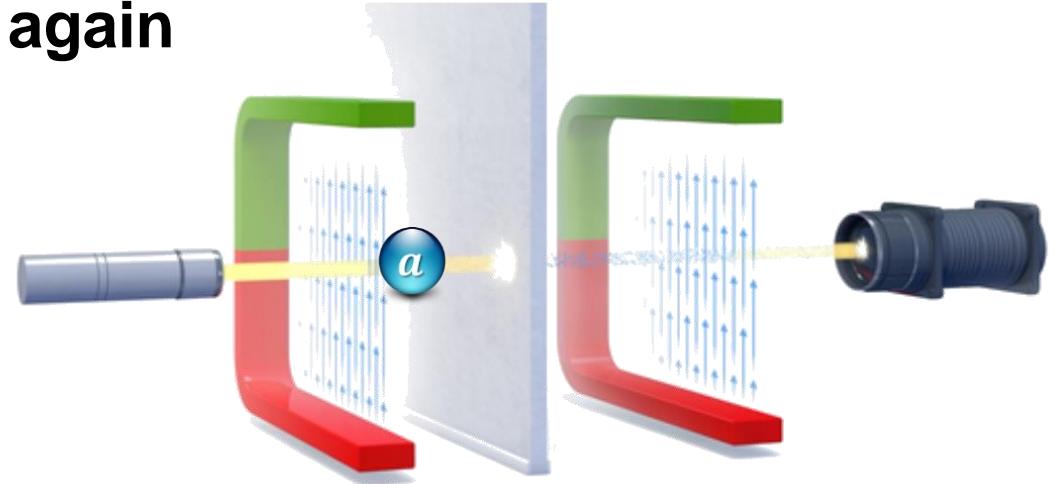
- applying the **Primakoff effect** twice  
to transmit light through a wall

laser light passes transversal  $B$  – field  
conversion into *ALPs* / axions

*ALPs* / axions pass the wall  
identical  $B$  –field: back-conversion



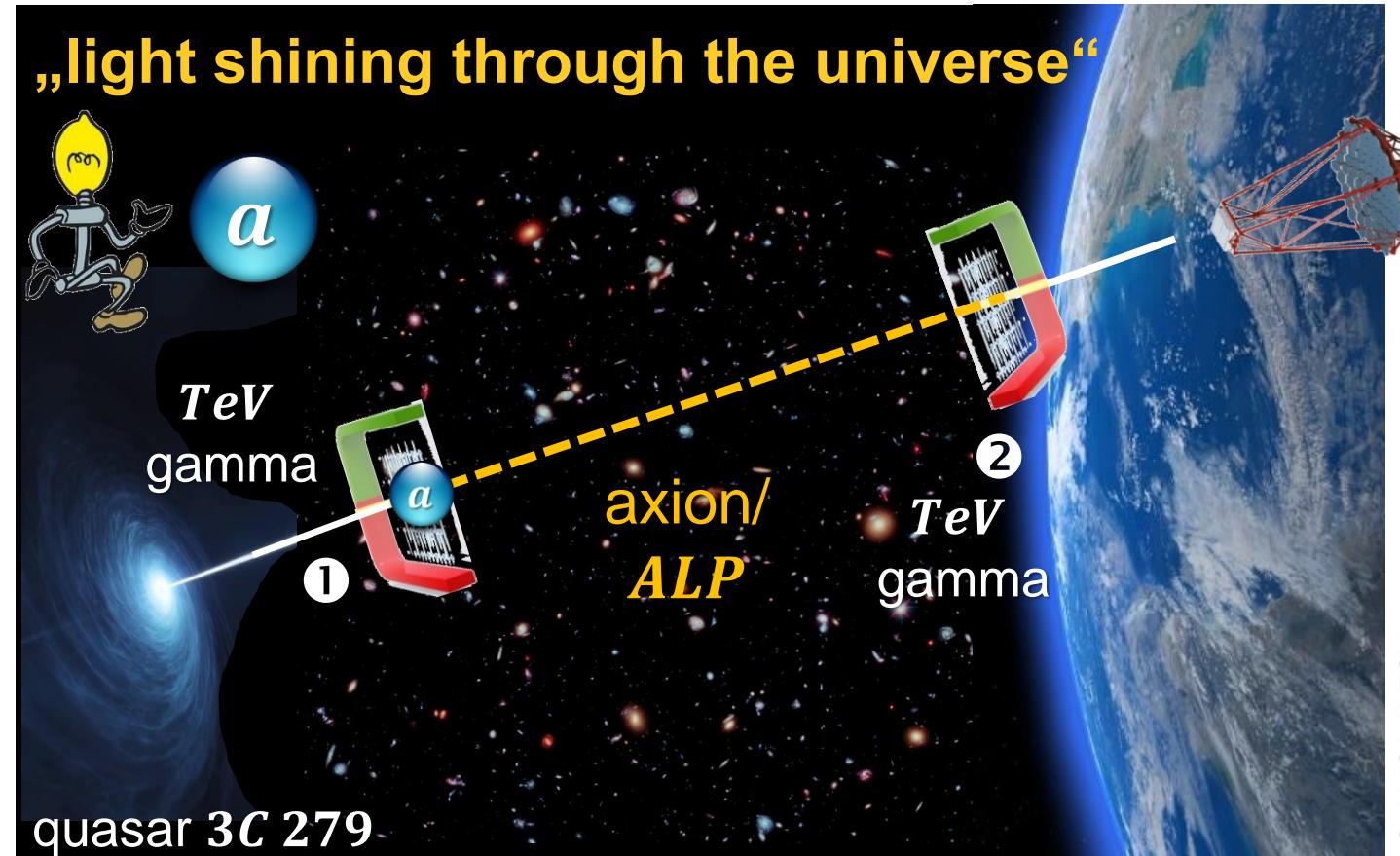
- disadvantage: **second order weak effect**



# RECAP: Light Shining through the Universe

## ■ Surprisingly large range of $TeV$ – gammas: conversion to axions/ALPs?

- key observation\* of  $TeV$  – gamma astronomy:
- we detect  $TeV$  –  $\gamma$ 's from great distances  $d$  despite limited range of  $\gamma$ 's due to  $IR$  – light
- hypothesis:
  - ①  $TeV$  –  $\gamma$  converts close to its source to an axion / ALP
  - ② galactic  $B$  – field: axion / ALP converts back to  $TeV$  –  $\gamma$

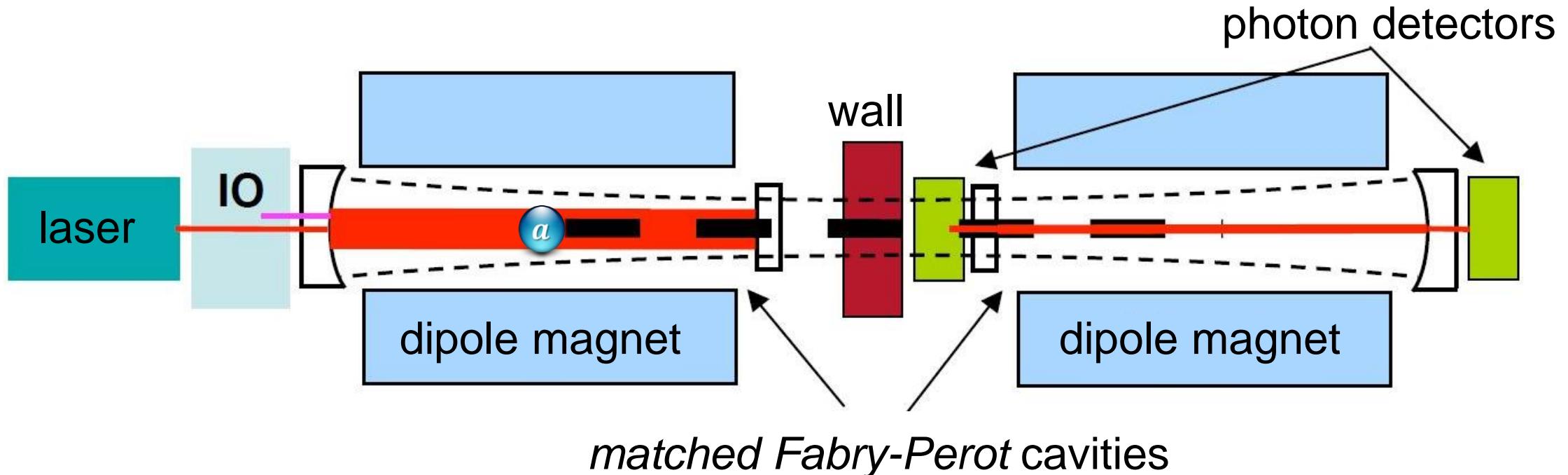


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# Axion experiments: Light-Shining-through-Walls

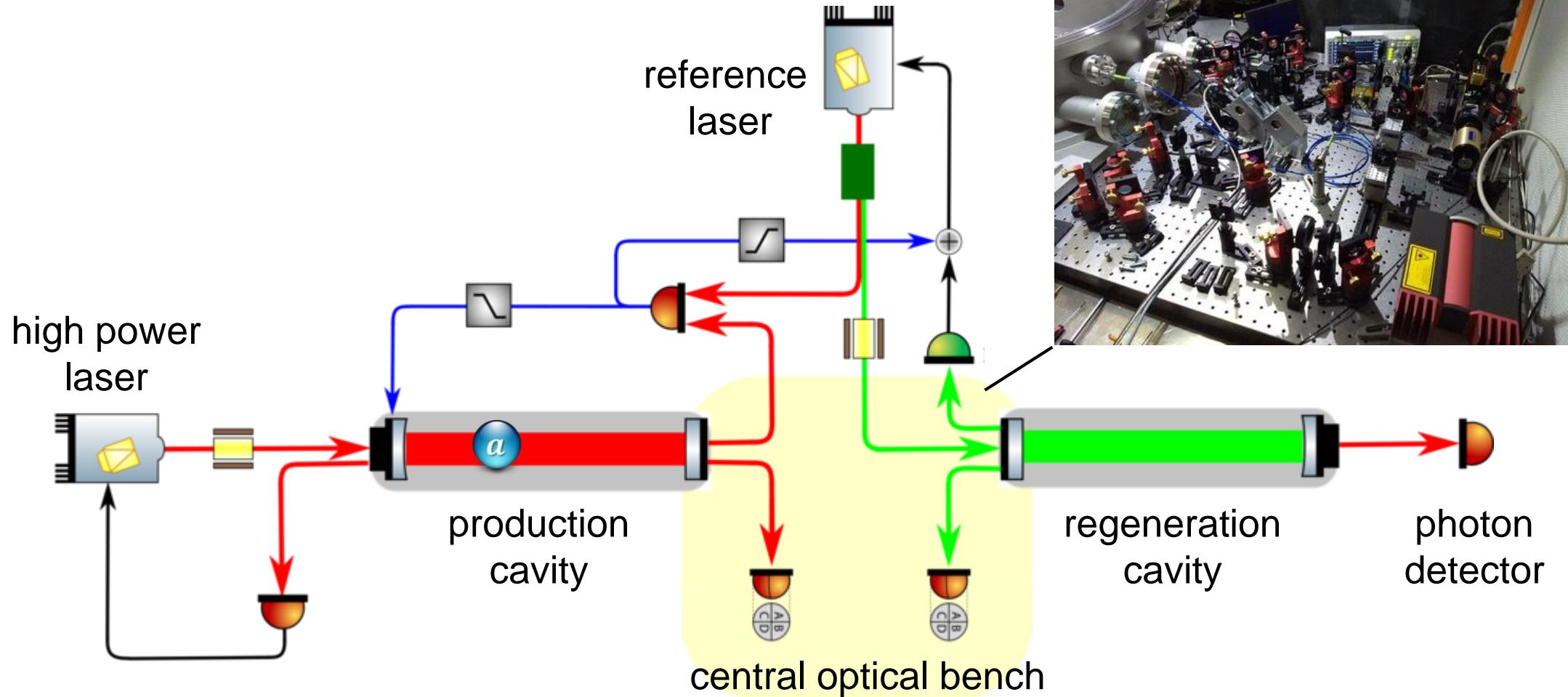
## ■ Converting a photon to an axion & back again: Primakoff effect 2<sup>nd</sup> order

- optical cavities (**Fabry-Perot**) enhance light intensity by huge factor
- cavities surrounded by dipole magnets: **laser light** → **axion /ALP** → **photon**



# LSW experiments: ALPS – II

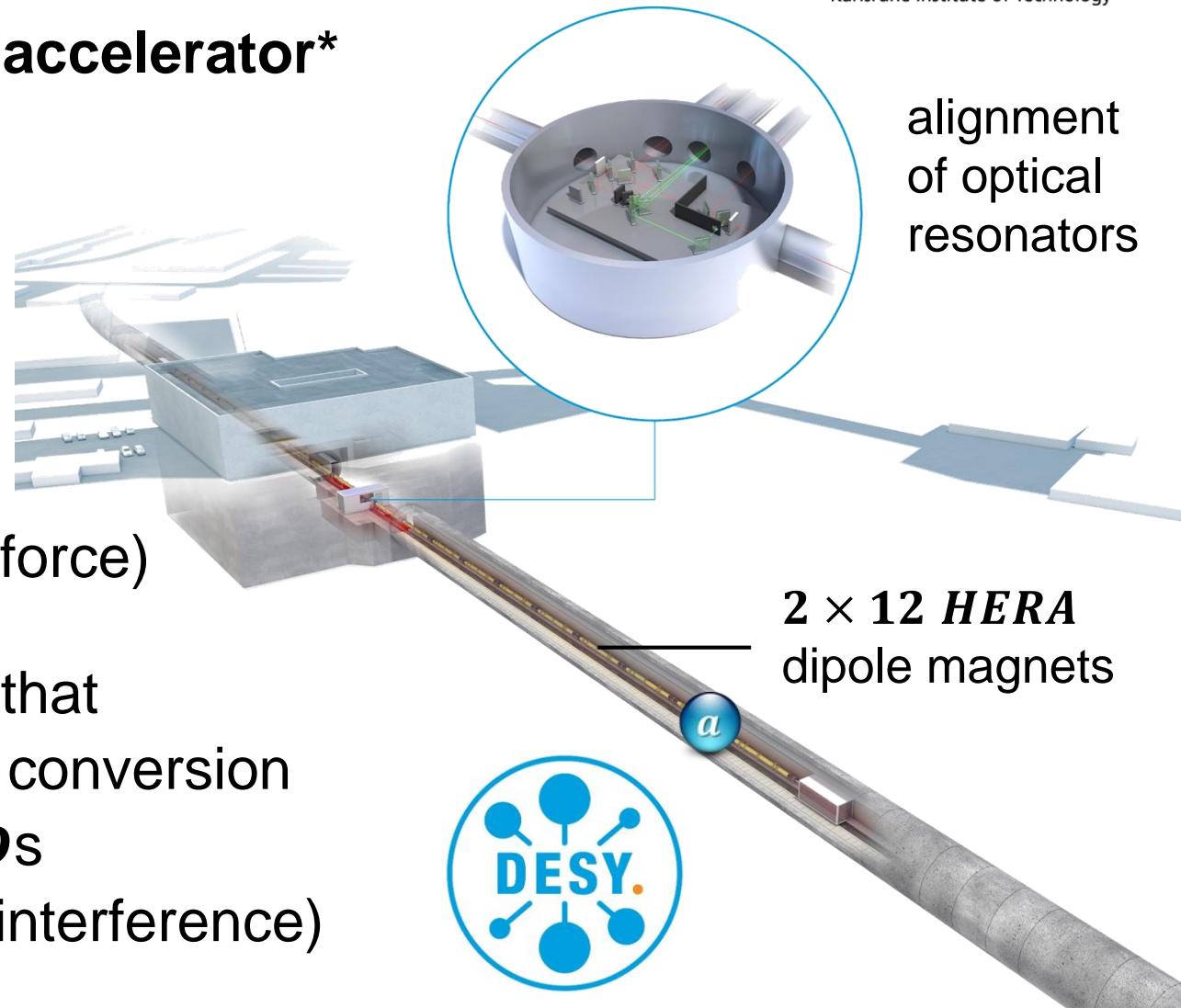
## ■ Optical system with two long cavities



# LSW experiments: ALPS – II

## ■ Using existing dipoles from *HERA* accelerator\*

- laser ( $\lambda = 1064 \text{ nm}$ ) power in *FP*-cavity:  $P = 150 \text{ kW}$
- length of optical cavity:  $2 \times 124 \text{ m}$
- magnets:  $2 \times 12$  dipoles ( $2 \times 106 \text{ m}$ ) with  $B = 5.3 \text{ T}$  (straightened by force)
- detect very small number of photons that have coupled into other cavity due to conversion & back-conversion via special *SQUIDs* (Fabry-Perot operated at destructive interference)

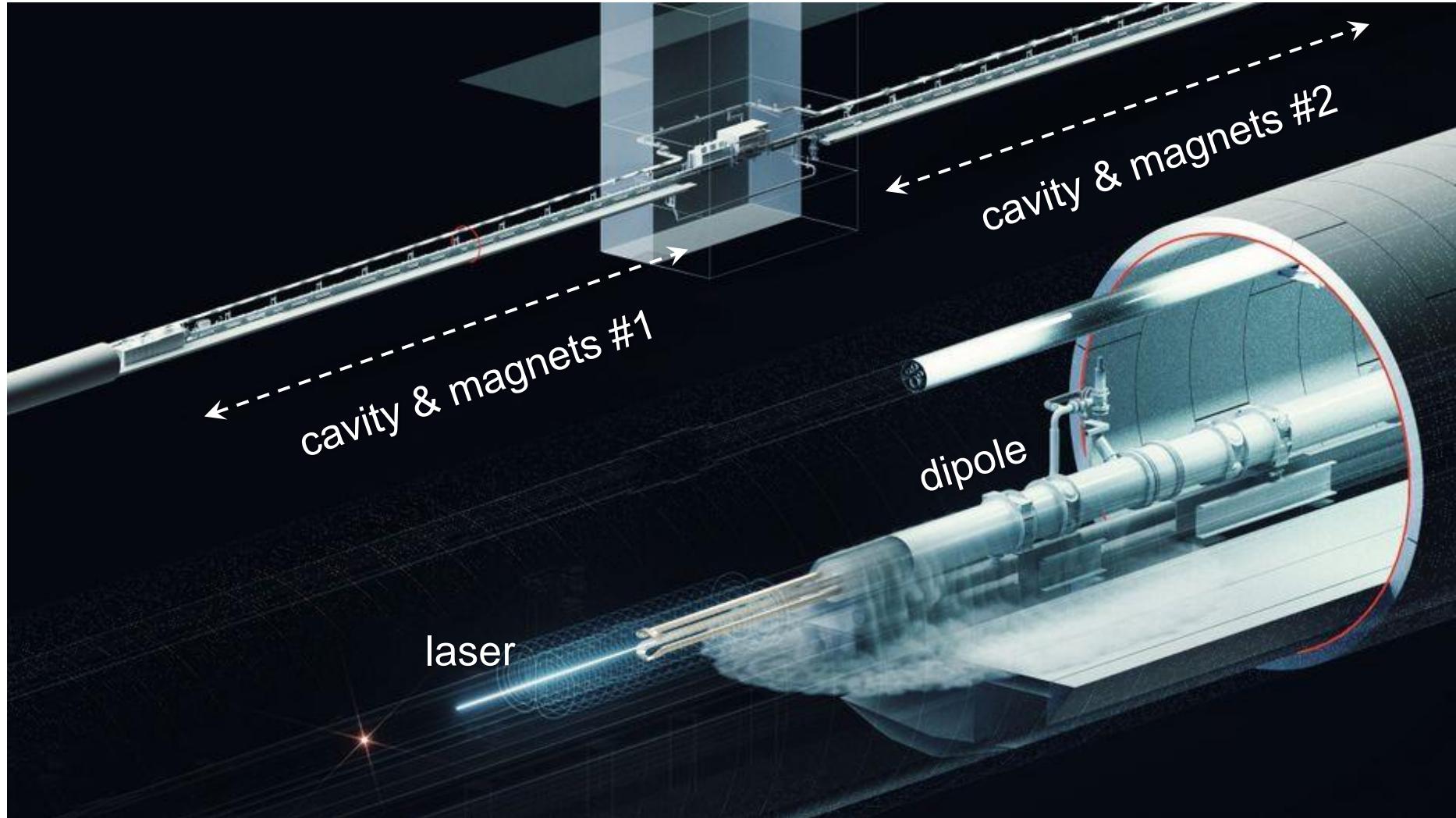


# LSW experiments: ALPS – II

## ■ Status @ DESY

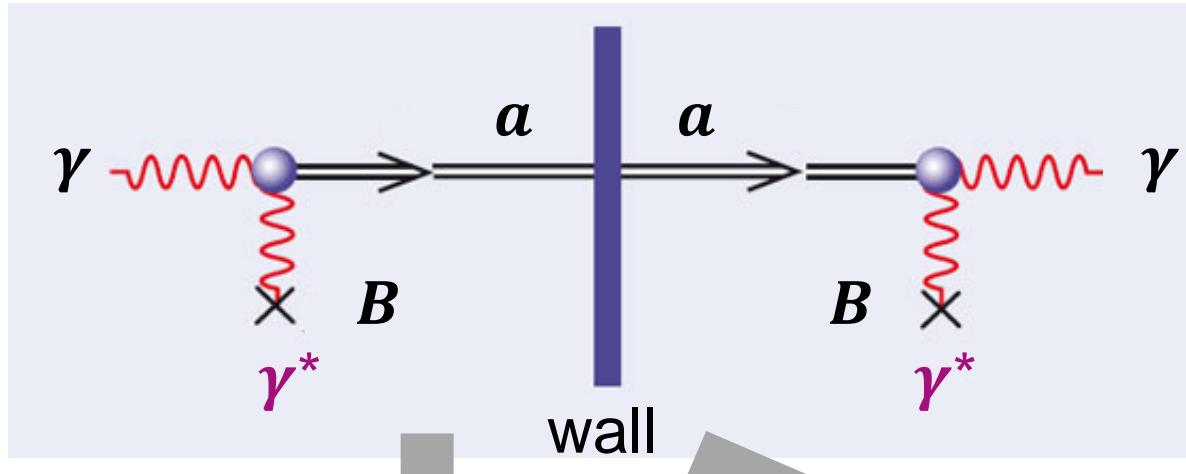
- magnets are all powered up
- optical cavities store laser light for  $t = 6.75 \text{ ms}$  (world-record!)

**ALPS**



# LSW experiments: ALPS – II

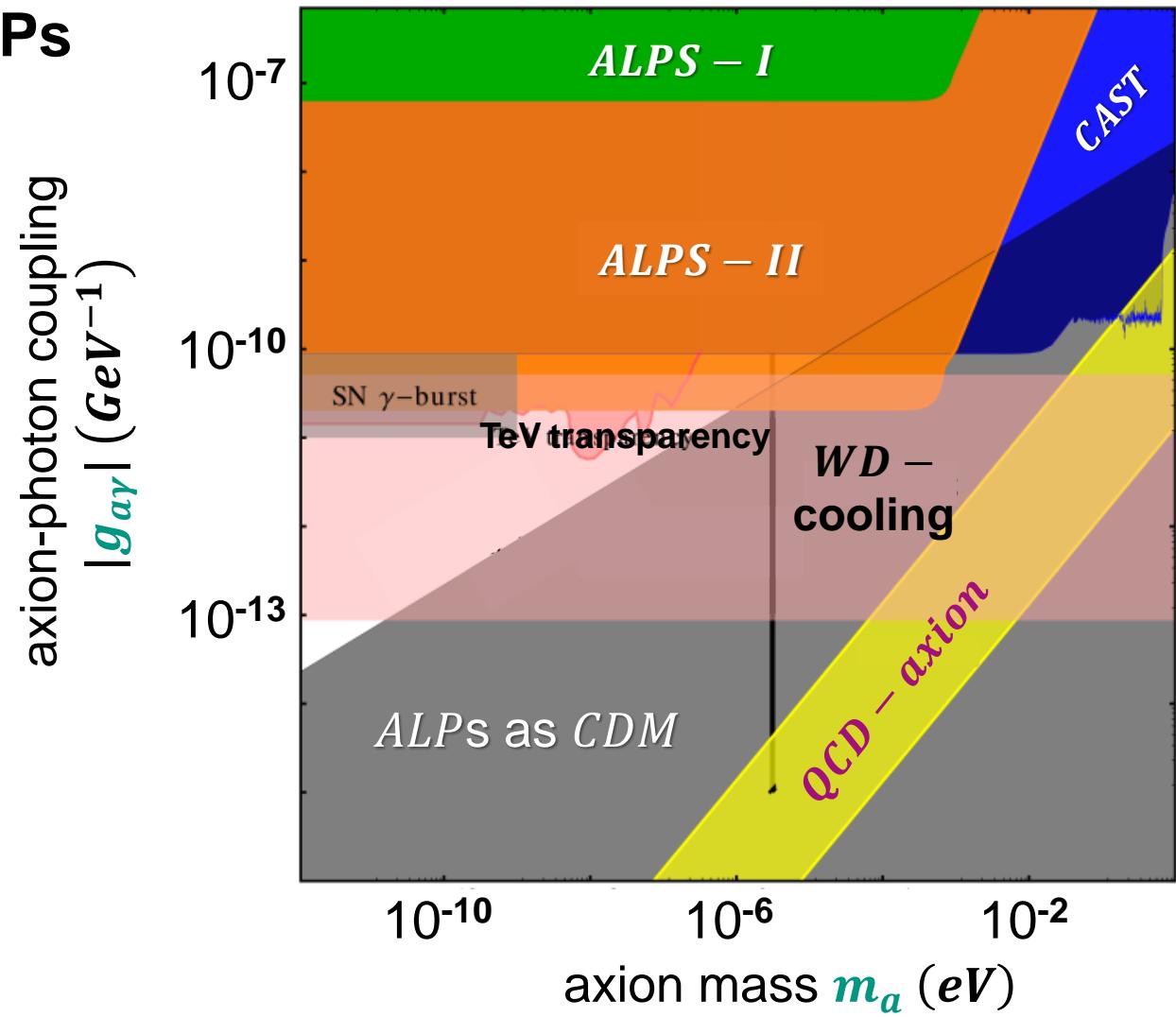
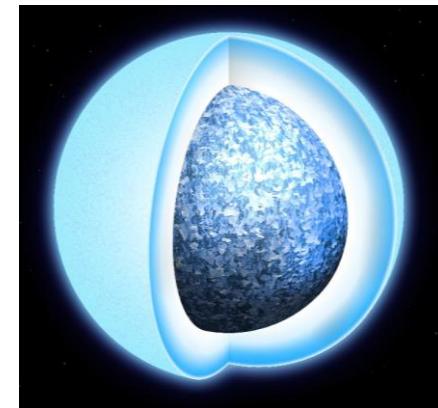
## ■ Impressions during installation phase



# LSW experiments: ALPS – II

## ■ Expected sensitivity for axions / ALPs

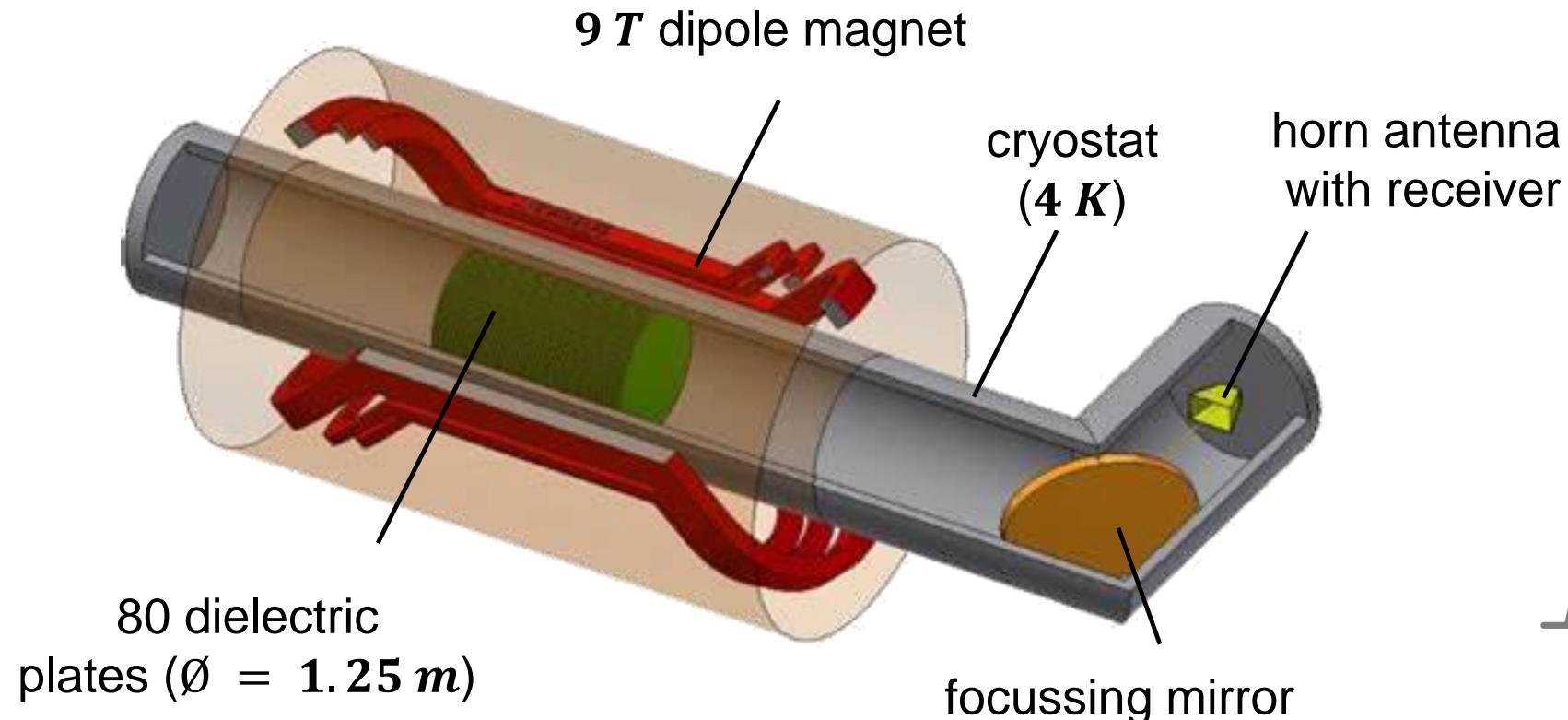
- only sensitive to *ALPs* with mass  $m_a < \text{meV}$  – scale & large coupling  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$
- not sensitive to parameter region of *QCD* – axions
- **astrophysical limits** from cooling times of White Dwarfs



# Dielectric haloscopes: enter *MADMAX*\*

## ■ Central element: large dielectric plates in $B$ – field

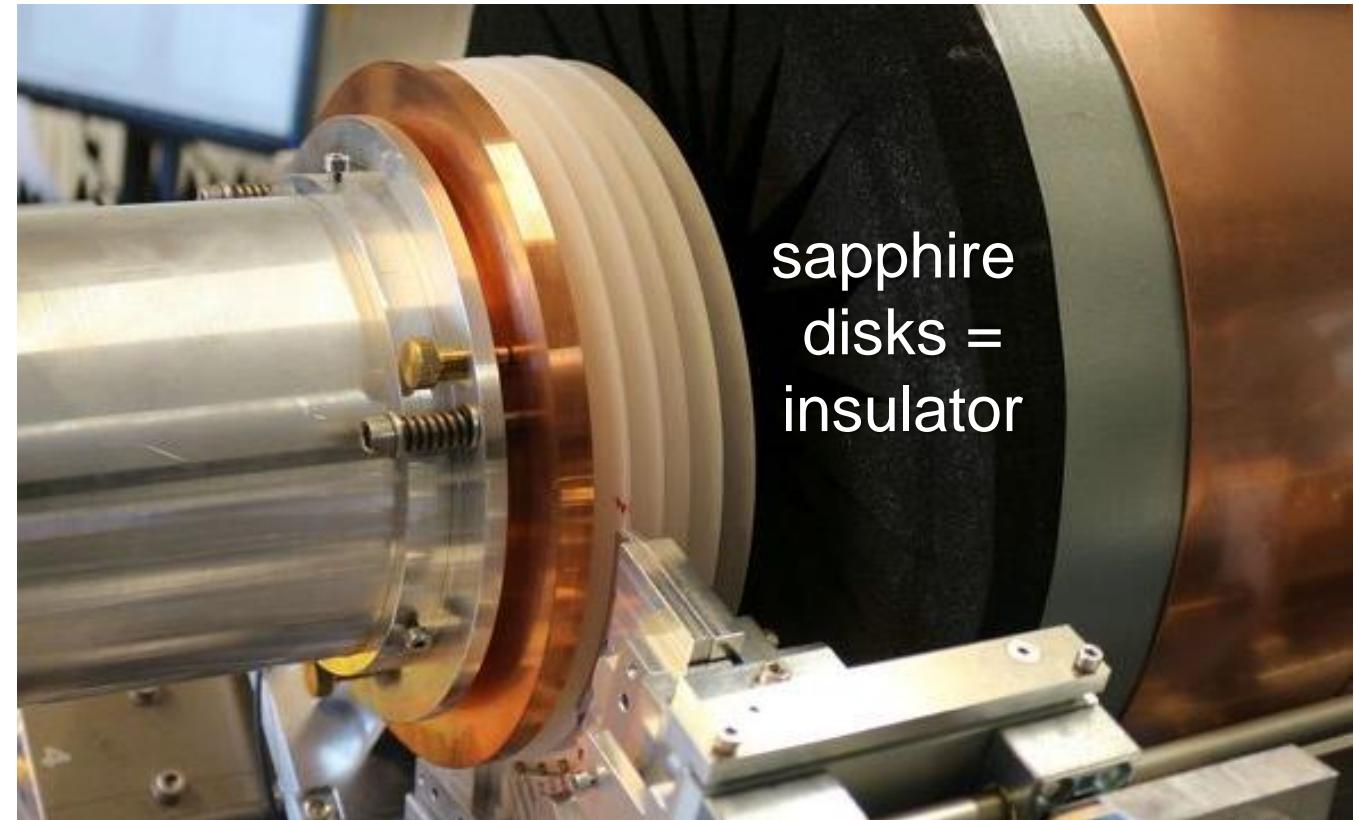
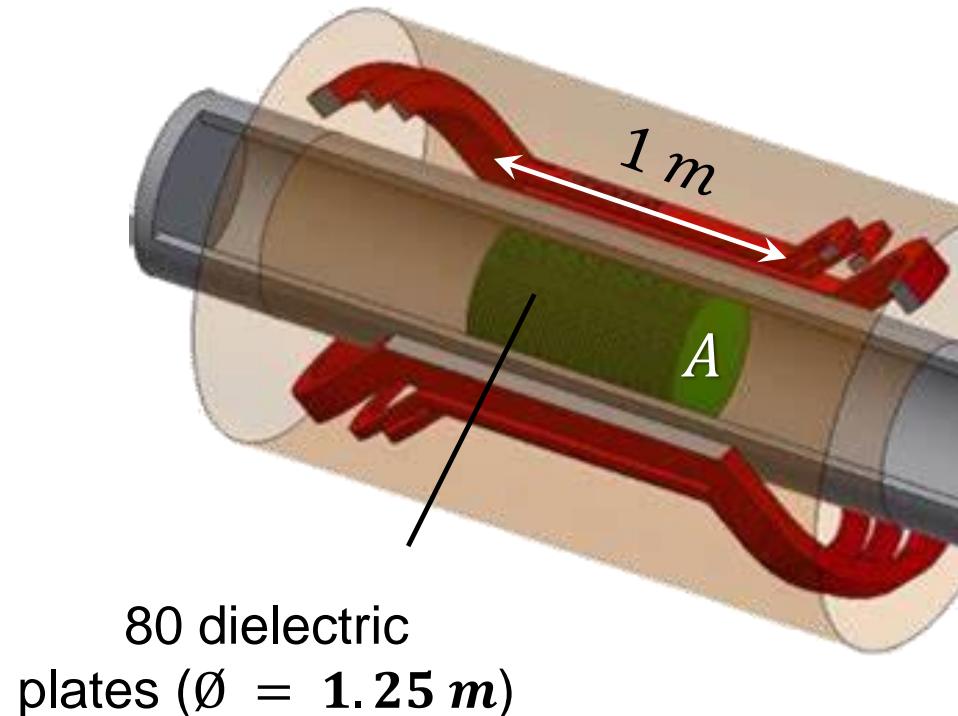
- searching for *CDM* – axions with mass  $m_a \approx 100 \mu eV$



# Dielectric haloscopes: disks of *MADMAX*

## ■ Central element: large dielectric sapphire disks in $B$ – field

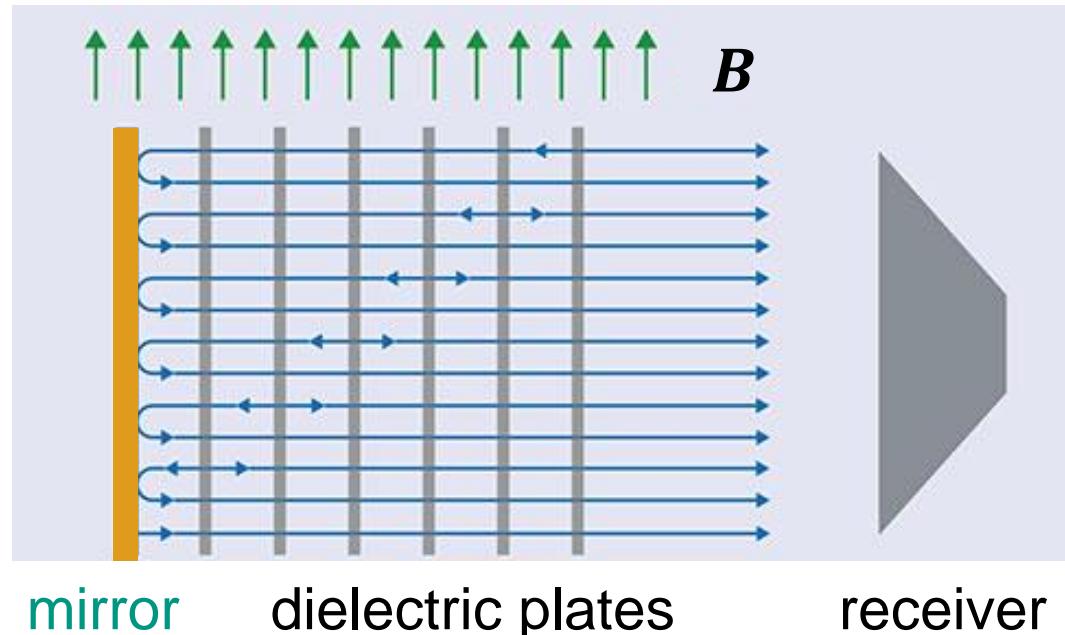
- axion sensitivity scales as  $\sim B^2 \cdot A$  + coherence boost from many disks
- goal:  $B^2 \cdot A = 100 \text{ T}^2 \text{m}^2$



# Dielectric haloscopes: principle of *MADMAX*

## ■ Axion field induces electromagnetic field at surfaces of dielectric plates

- surface of one dielectric plate: discontinuity of axion-induced electromagnetic oscillations ( $\Rightarrow$  emission of radio waves)
- many dielectric plates:  $\Rightarrow$  coherent emission (constructive interference)

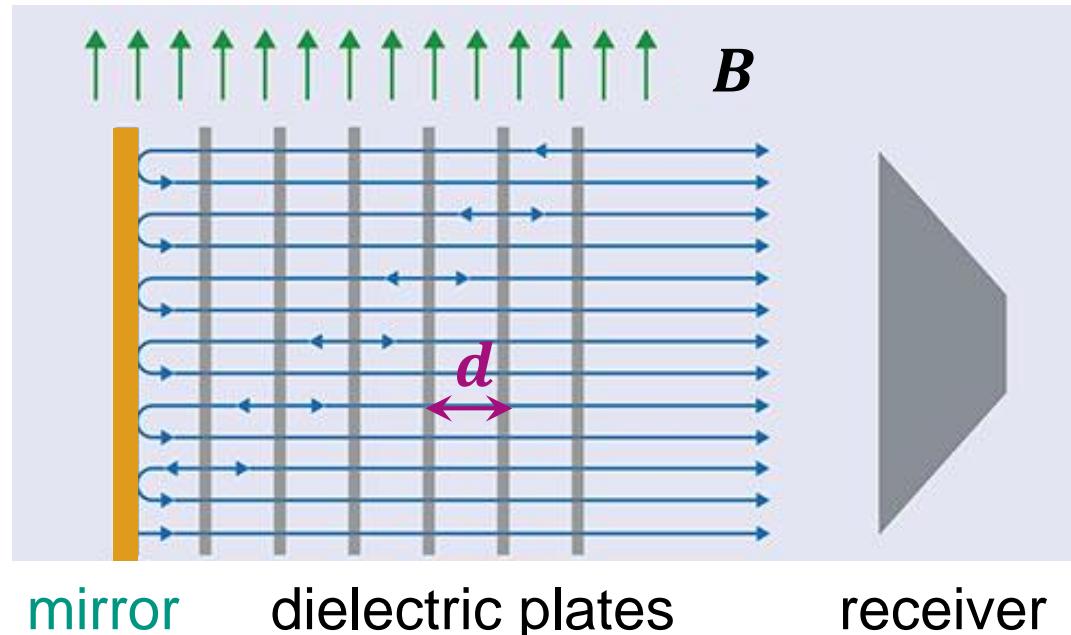


- expected axion signal power:  
1 plate with  $A = 1 \text{ m}^2$  in  $B = 10 \text{ T}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = 10^{-27} \text{ W}$  (too small...)
- solution:  
large number of dielectrics & 1 mirror  
 $\Rightarrow$  coherence boosts signal by  $> 10^4$

# Dielectric haloscopes: principle of *MADMAX*

## ■ Axion field induces electromagnetic field at surfaces of dielectric plates

- constructive interference of emitted radio waves: requires **extremely precise positioning ( $\mu\text{m}$  – scale!)** of large, heavy dielectric plates in strong  $B$  – field!
- variation of **distance  $d$**  between plates allows to scan **axion mass range  $m_a$**



- dielectric plates made of lanthanum aluminate  $\text{LaAlO}_3$  with  $\epsilon_r = 24$   
 $\Rightarrow$  generation of **radio waves**
- boosting of signal power: many resonant transitions of  $\epsilon_r$  at surfaces  
 $\Rightarrow$  **reasonable band-width in axion scans**

# Dielectric haloscopes: testing of *MADMAX*

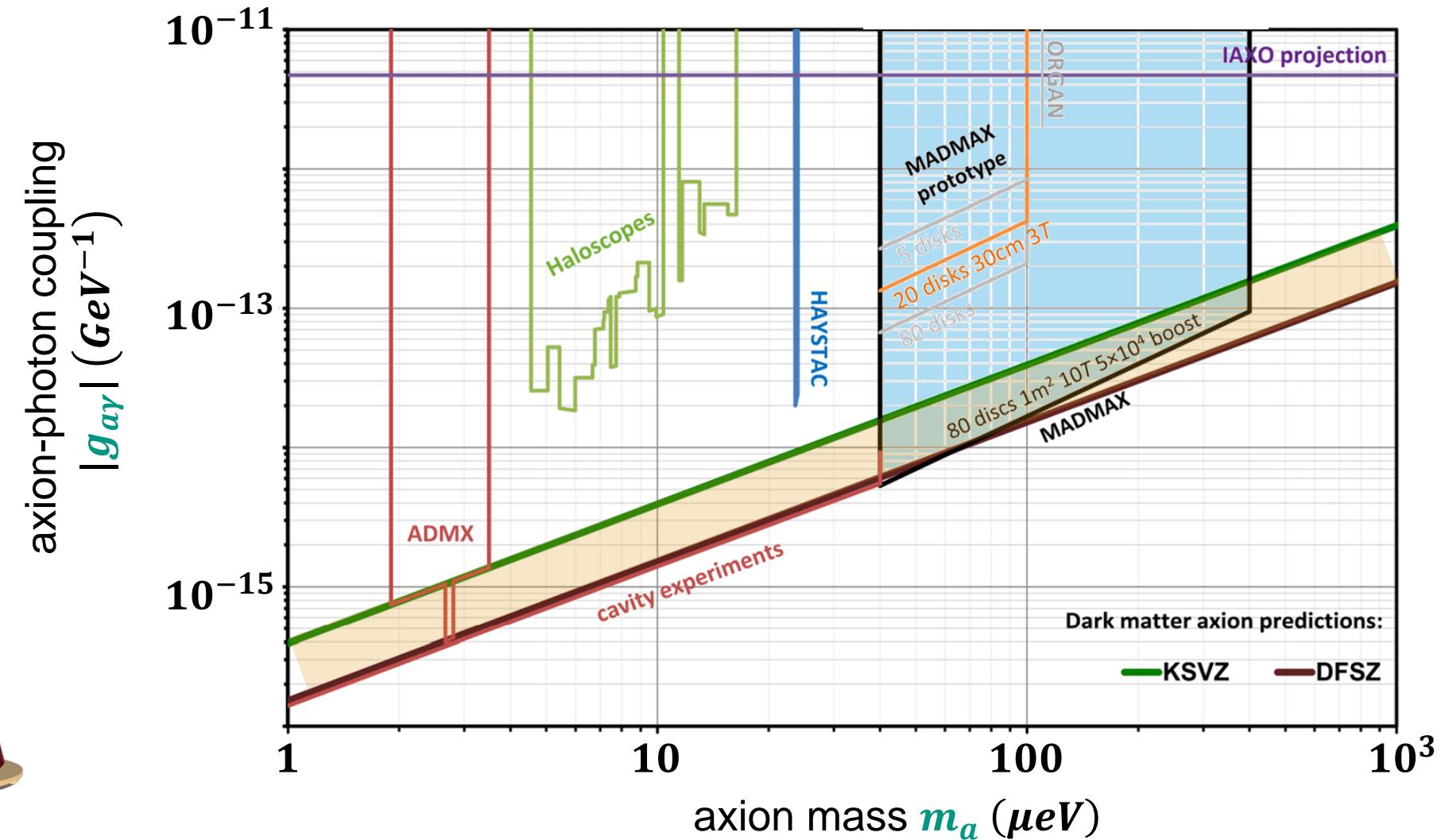
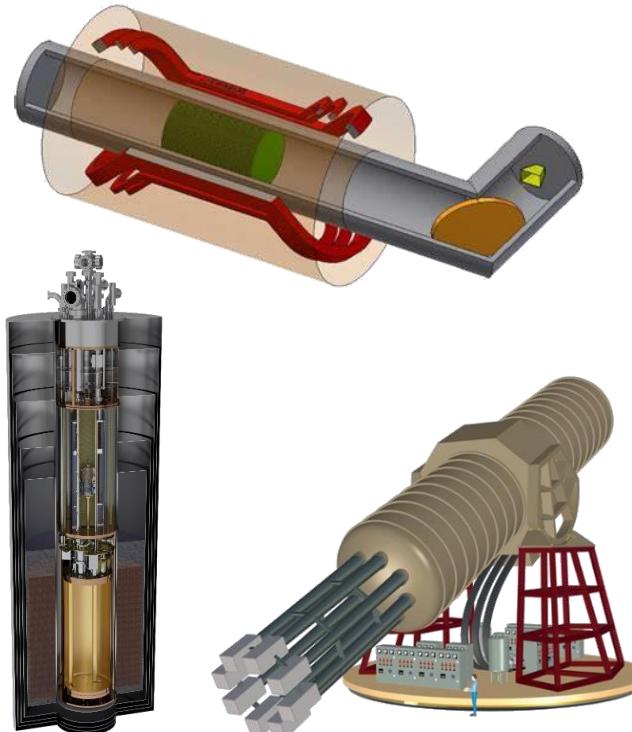
## ■ 2022: testing the positioning accuracy in a strong magnetic field

- set-up tested at the 40 yr – old ‘Morpurgo’ magnet ( $B = 1.6\text{ T}$ ) at *CERN*



# Dielectric haloscopes: sensitivity of *MADMAX*

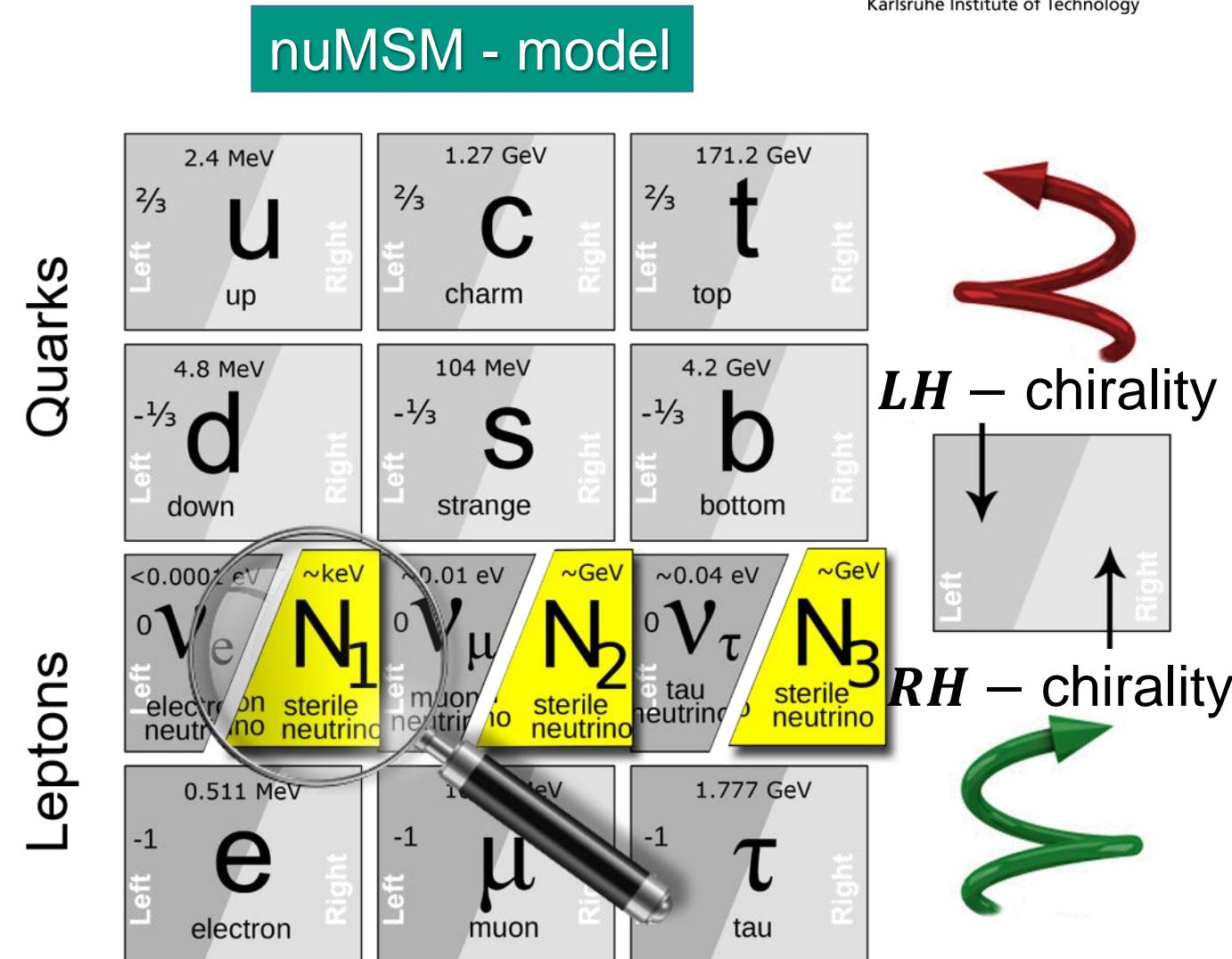
## ■ Dielectric haloscopes & others



## 4.6.2 keV – neutrinos

### Sterile neutrinos as *WDM*

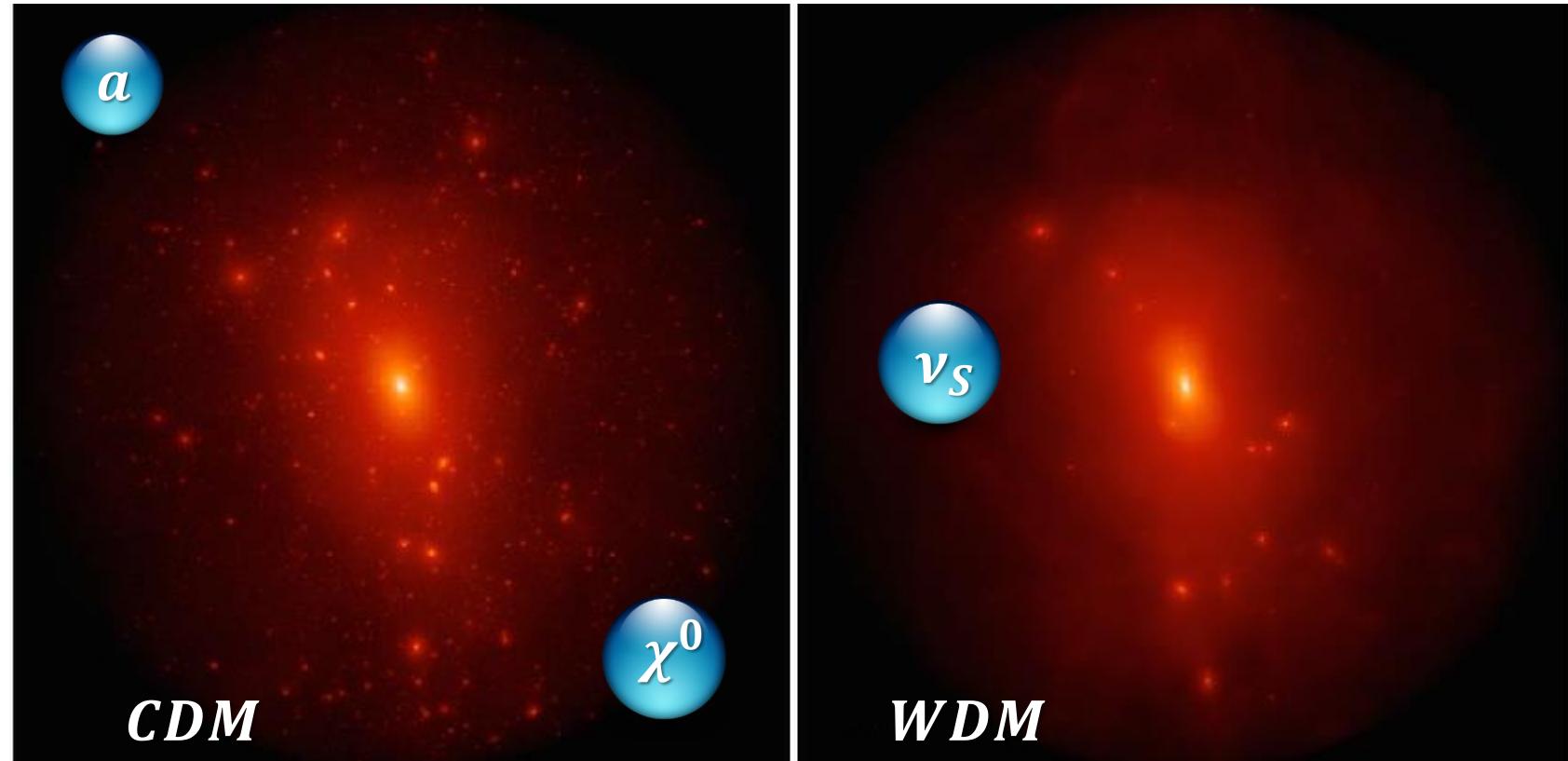
- minimum extension of the Standard Model: *vMSM*
- only added: sterile neutrinos as *RH* – counterparts of active neutrinos  
⇒ 3 new neutral fermions
- 1 light state:  $N_1 \sim \text{keV}$  – scale  
2 quasi-degenerate heavy states  $N_{2,3} \sim \text{GeV}$  – scale



# *keV – steriles act as Warm Dark Matter (WDM)*

## ■ *keV – steriles as WDM could solve the problem of missing dwarf galaxies*

- a persistent problem in cosmology: we see **less dwarf galaxies than predicted**
- sterile neutrinos act as **WDM** – neither **HDM** nor **CDM**
- **WDM** solves many issues related to dwarf galaxies, both locally (Milky Way, Andromeda) & beyond



# $keV$ – steriles: a signal observed in $X$ – rays?

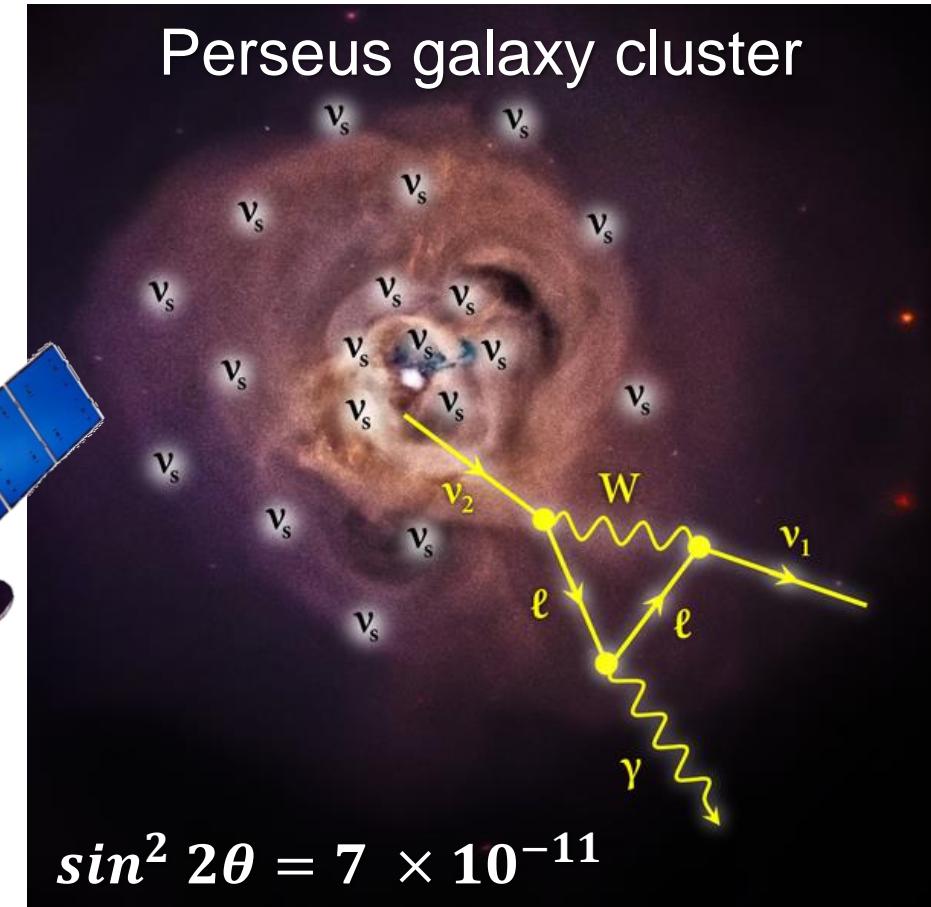
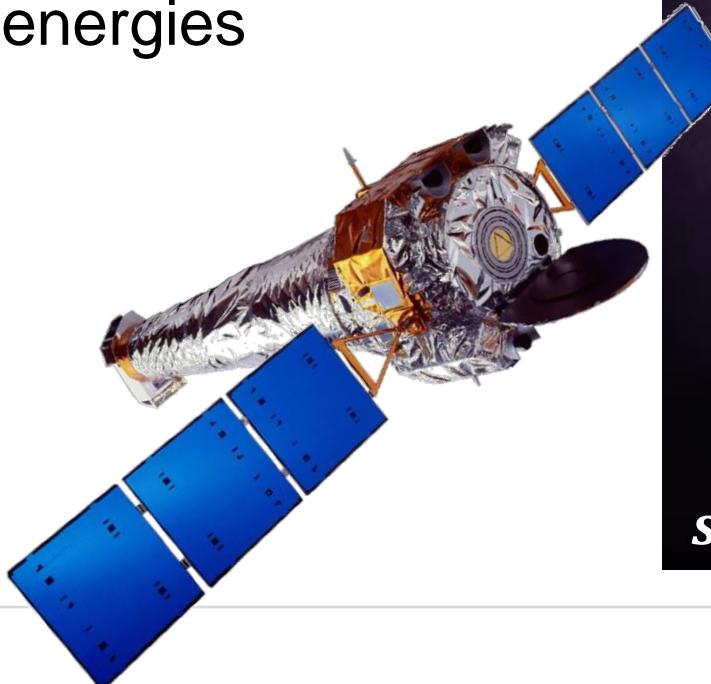
## ■ Observation of a **weak $X$ – ray line** in clusters at $E = 3.55 \text{ keV}$ : from $\nu_s$ ?

- results of leading  $X$  – ray observatories  
(Chandra, XMM-Newton):

⇒ data point to the existence of a **weak emission line** at  $X$  – ray energies

$$E_\gamma = 3.55 \text{ keV}$$

- observed in many (not all) galaxy clusters



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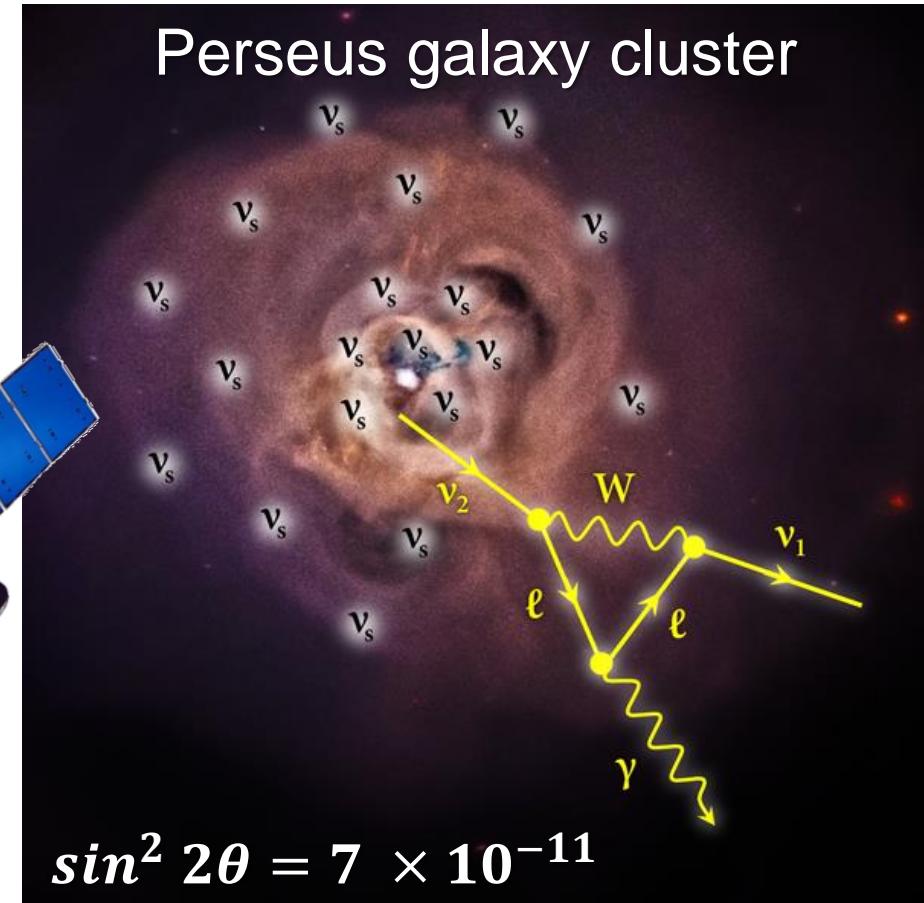
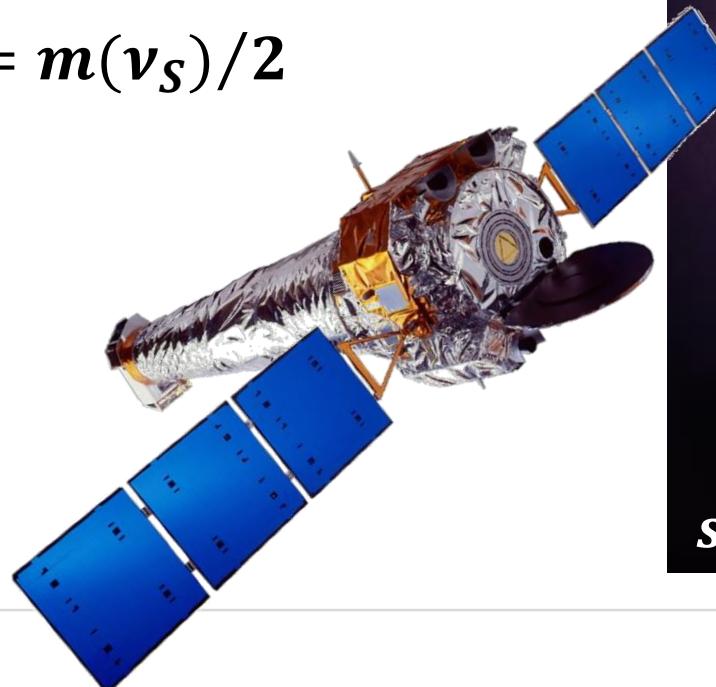
- is this the signature of a decaying sterile neutrino  $\nu_s$ ?

⇒ mass:  $m(\nu_s) = 7.1 keV$

decay:  $X$  – ray line at  $E_\gamma = m(\nu_s)/2$

$$E_\gamma = 3.55 keV$$

- sterile neutrino would act as 'Warm Dark Matter'



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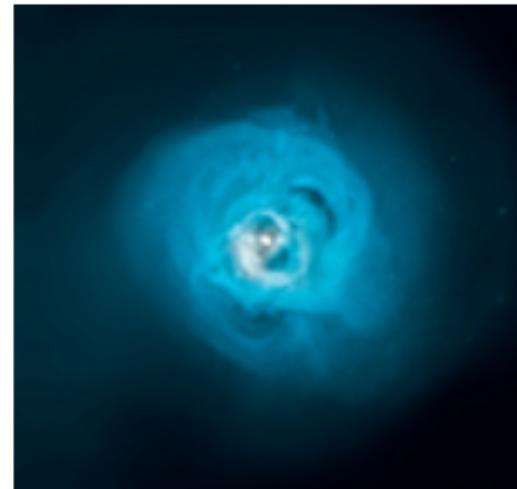
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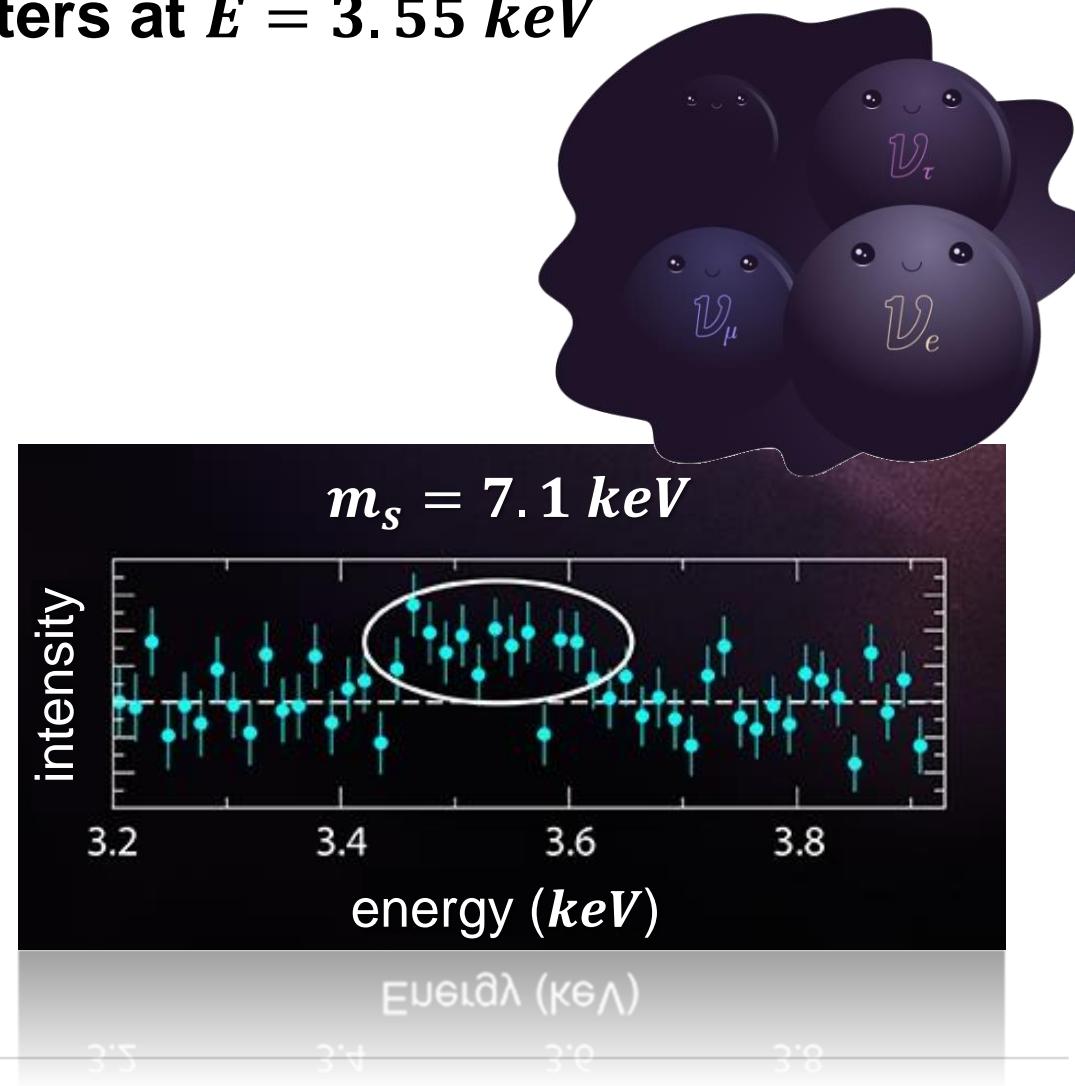
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### Do X-rays reveal a sterile neutrino?

A detailed study of galaxy clusters using NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and ESA's XMM-Newton has found a mysterious X-ray signal. One intriguing possibility is that the X-rays are produced by the decay of sterile neutrinos - a candidate particle for dark matter -



Perseus galaxy cluster



# *keV – steriles: signature in KATRIN*

## ■ Search for a ‘kink’ in the $\beta$ – spectrum

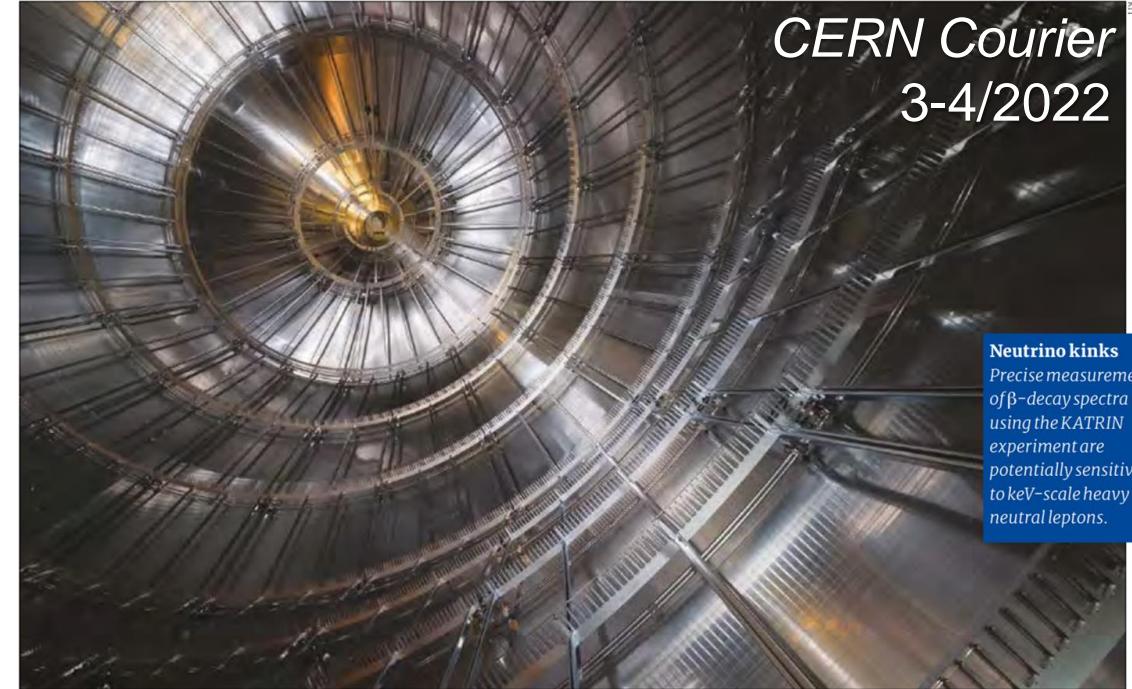
- tritium  $\beta$  – spectrum allows to investigate sterile neutrinos with masses

$$m(\nu_s) < 18.6 \text{ keV}$$

- energy spectrum of decay electrons:

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = \cos^2 \theta_s \cdot \frac{dN}{dE}(m_{active}) + \sin^2 \theta_s \cdot \frac{dN}{dE}(m_{sterile})$$

mixing angle  $\theta_s$



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**Neutrino kinks**  
Precise measurements of  $\beta$ -decay spectra using the KATRIN experiment are potentially sensitive to keV-scale heavy neutral leptons.

## TURNING THE SCREW ON RIGHT-HANDED NEUTRINOS

Extending the elementary-particle inventory with heavy neutral leptons could solve the key observational shortcomings of the Standard Model, explain Alexey Boyarsky and Mikhail Shaposhnikov, with some models placing the new particles in reach of current and proposed experiments.

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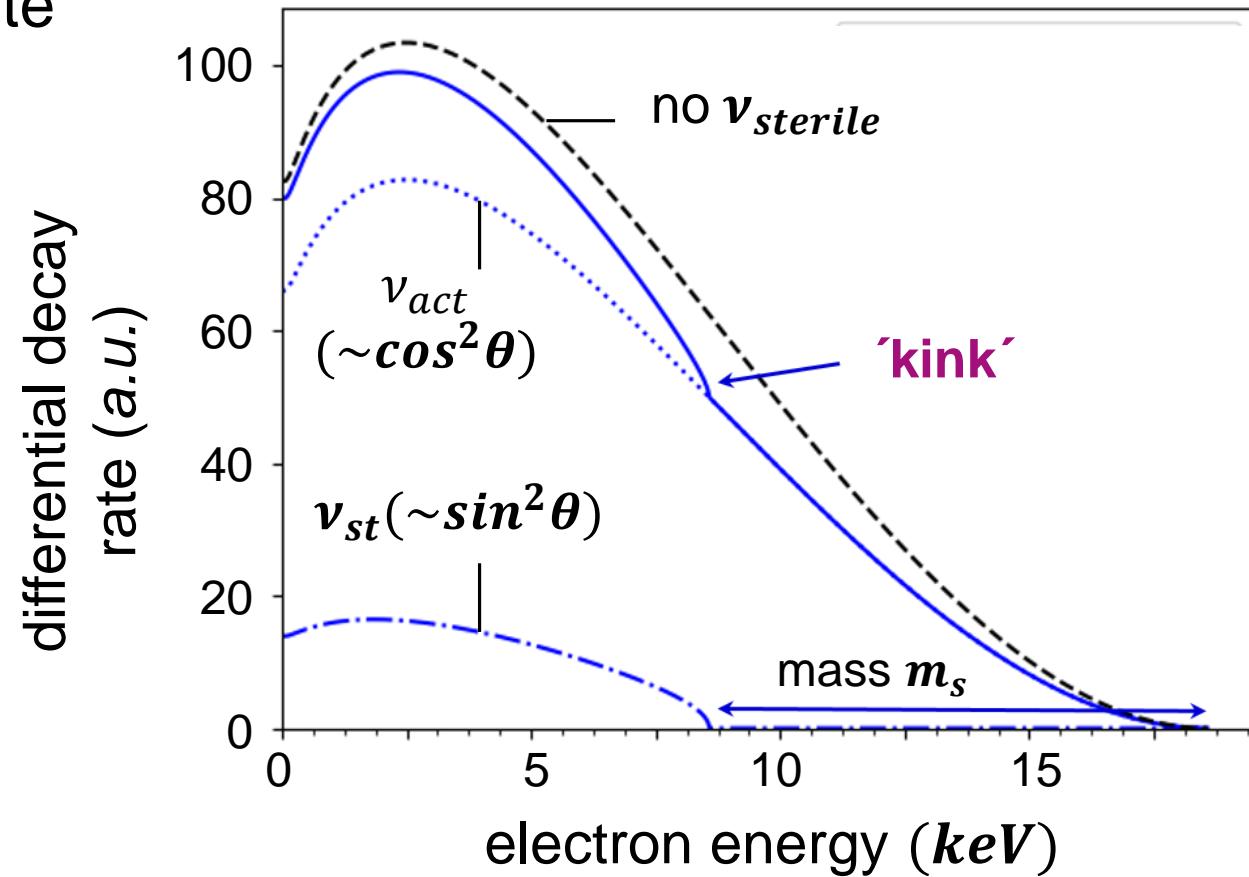
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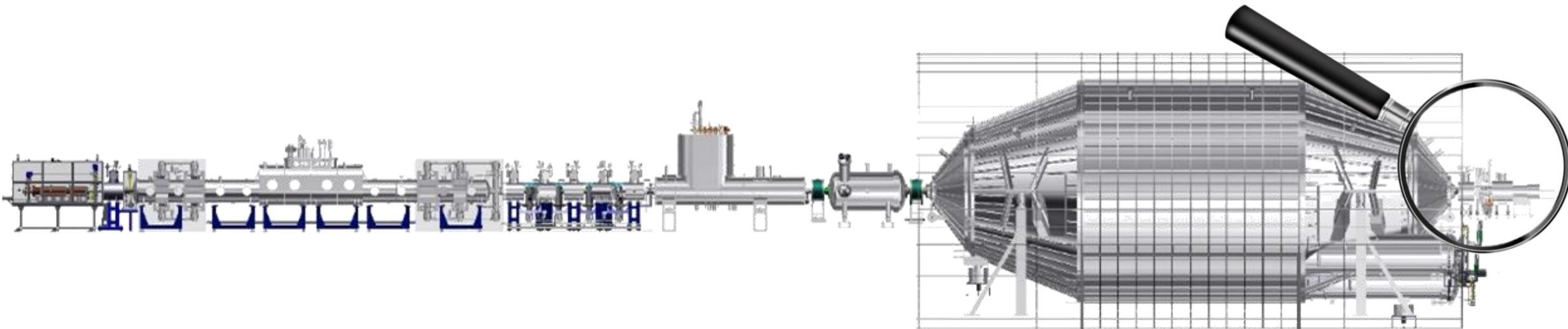
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# *keV – steriles: a new detector for KATRIN*

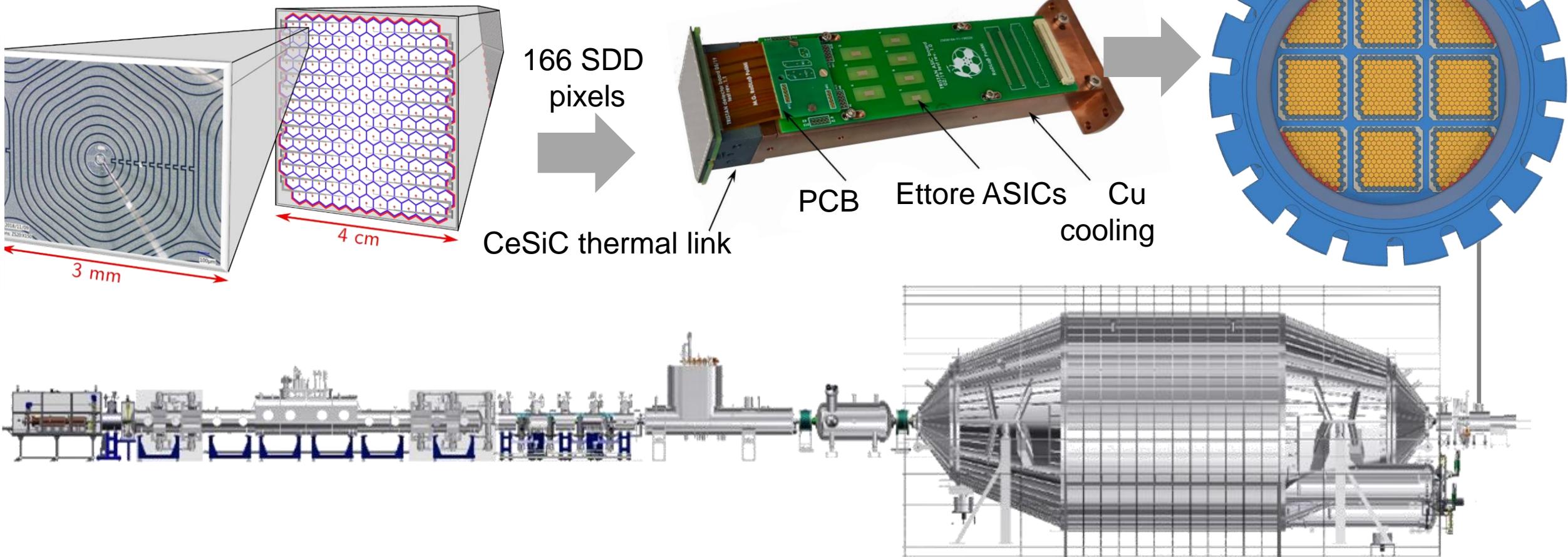
## ■ TRISTAN detector: TRitium Investigation on STerile (A) Neutrinos

- excellent energy resolution: ability to detect the expected **kink-like signature** i.e.  $\Delta E \approx 200 \dots 300 \text{ eV}$  over entire energy interval from  $0 \dots 18.6 \text{ keV}$
- able to handle huge rate of  $\beta^-$  decay electrons when operating the source at **~1% of nominal column density**



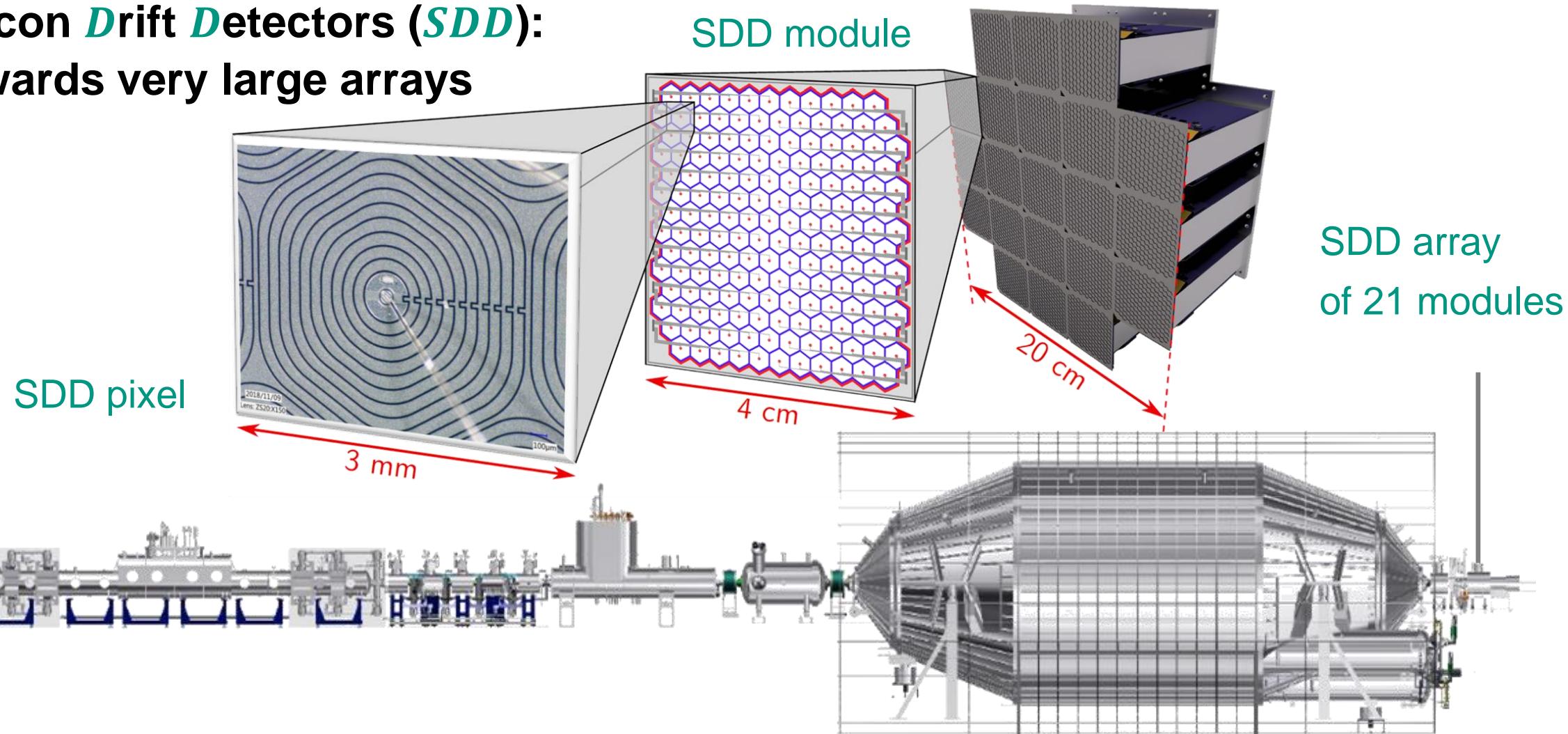
# *keV – steriles: a new SDD detector for KATRIN*

## ■ Silicon **D**rift **D**etectors (**SDD**): a novel detector technology



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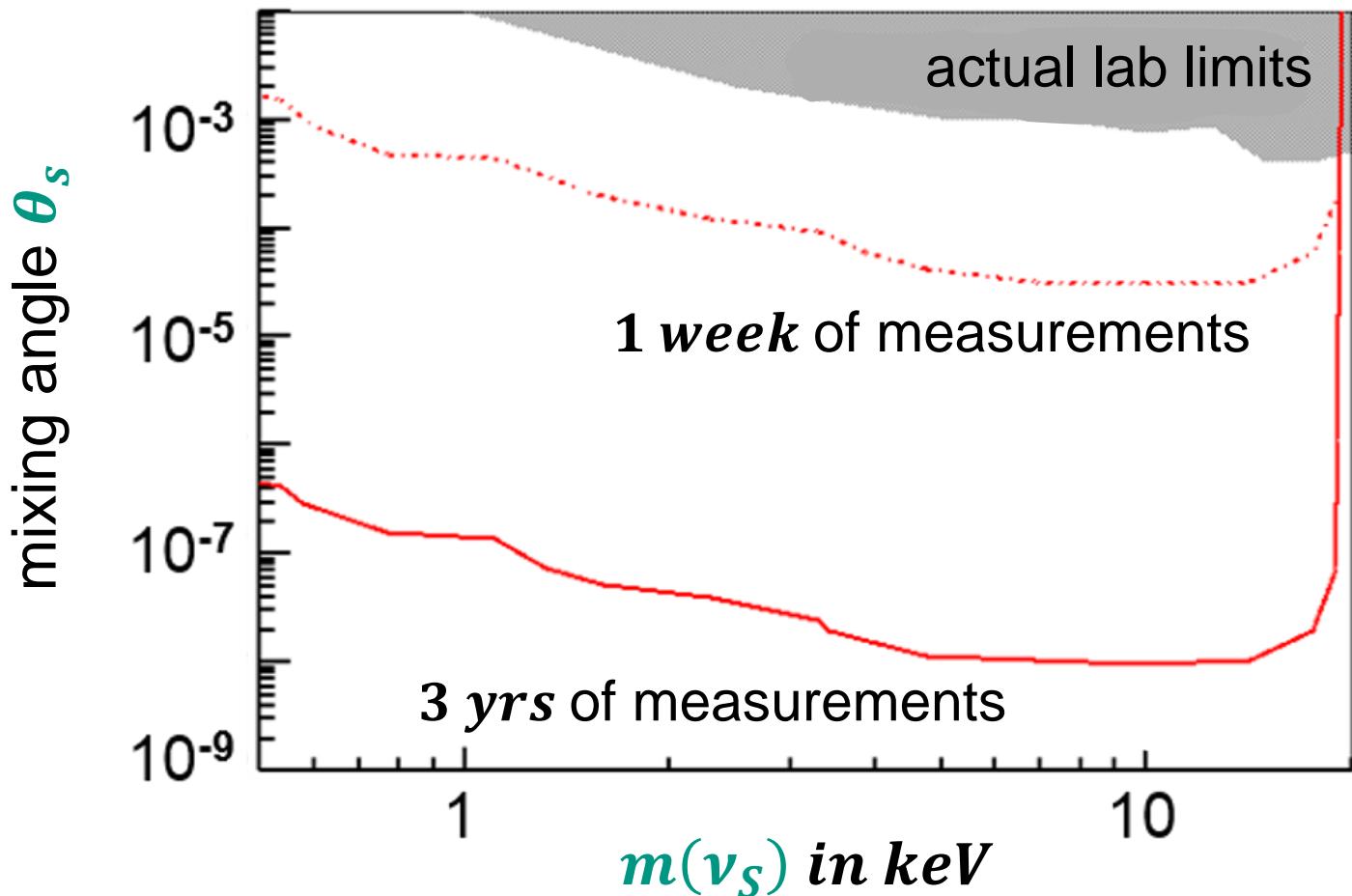
- Silicon **D**rift **D**etectors (**SDD**):  
towards very large arrays



# *keV – steriles: sensitivity of KATRIN*

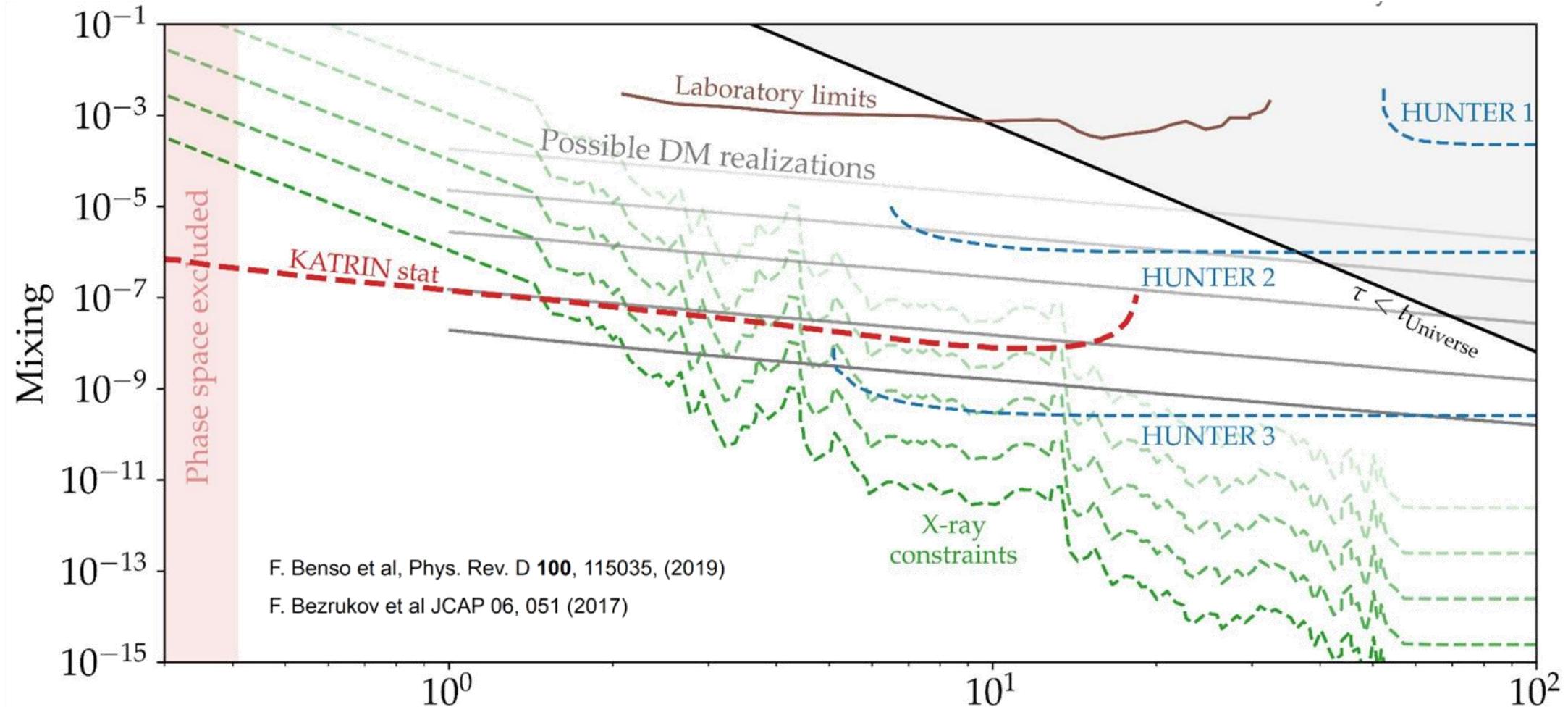
## ■ Calculated experimental sensitivity of *KATRIN* with *TRISTAN* – *SDD array*

- significant improvement of the present experimental sensitivities after 1 week!
- add-on: search for new particles and new physics / interactions in  $\beta$  – decay
- broad & rich physics programme



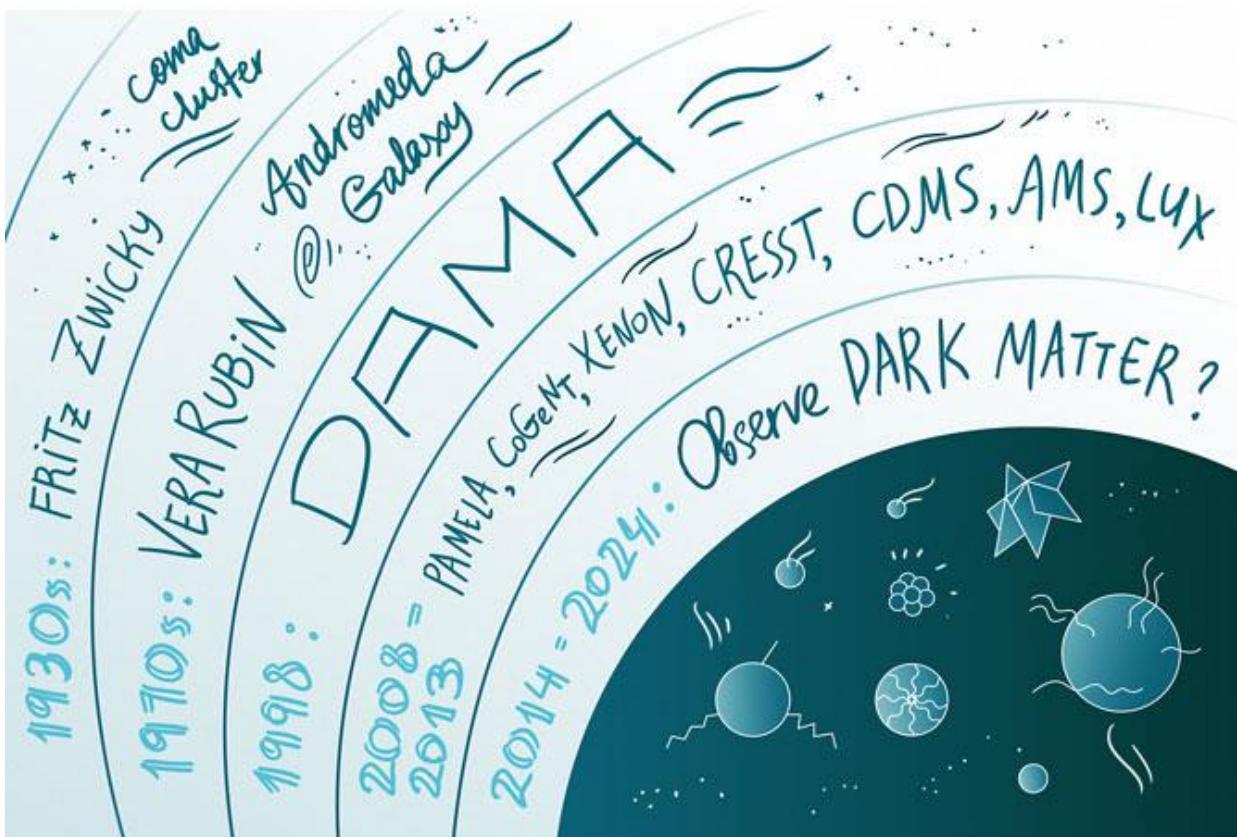
# keV – steriles: sensitivity of *KATRIN* & others

■ KATRIN will advance the experimental sensitivity by many orders



# Dark Matter: neutralinos, axions & neutrinos

- Coming decade will be decisive in our quest to unravel the nature of *DM*

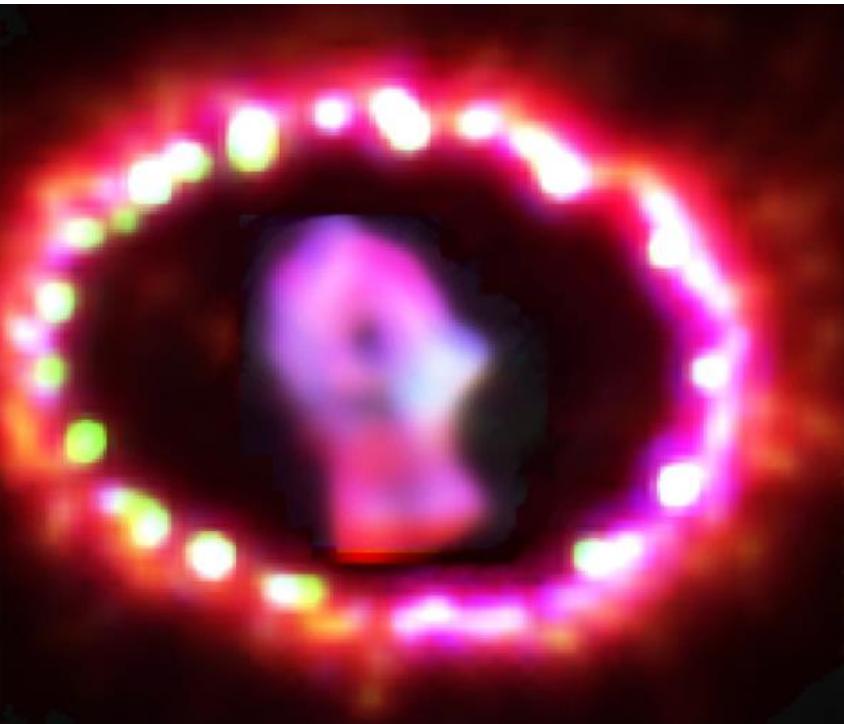


search for exceedingly rare processes

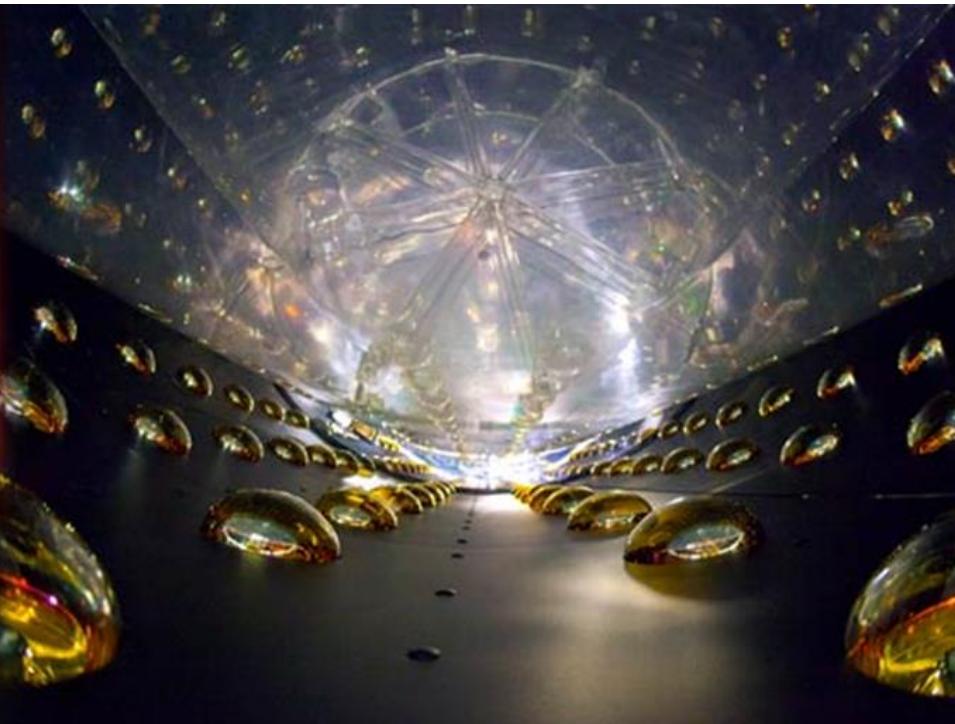


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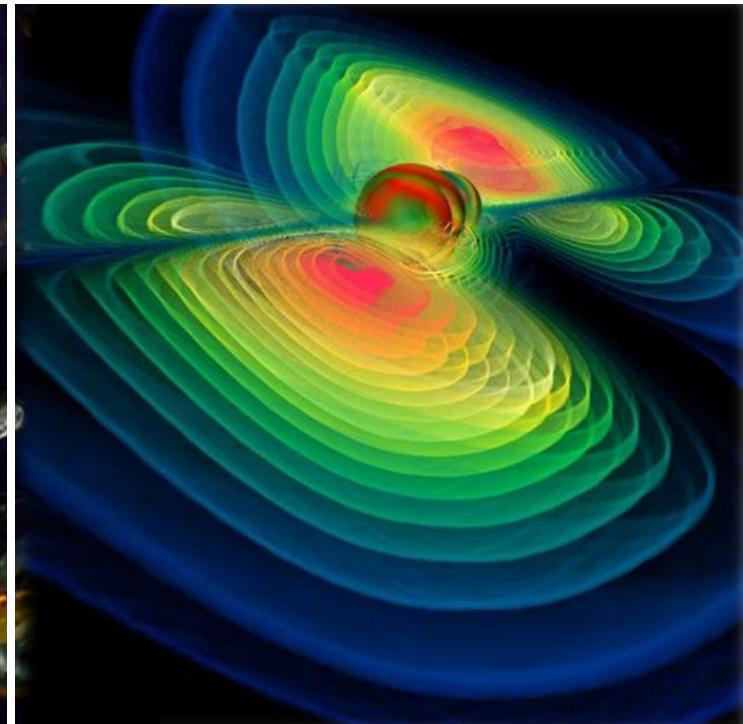
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neutrinos



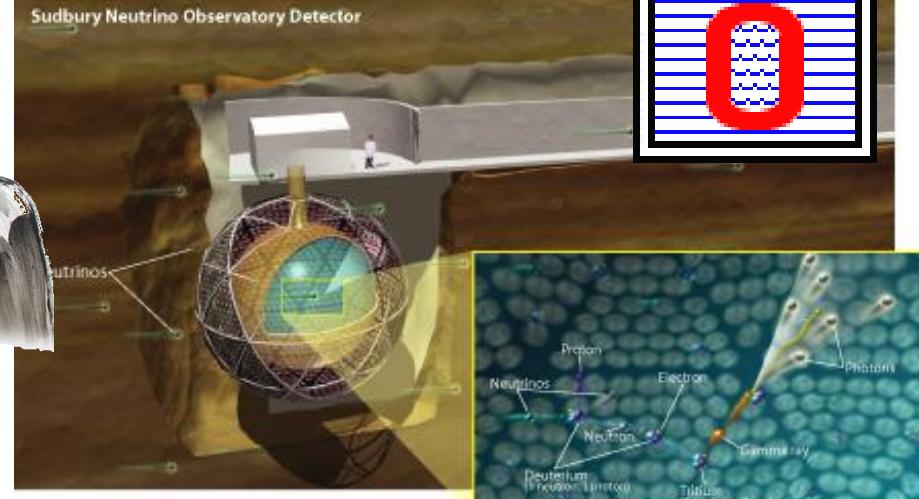
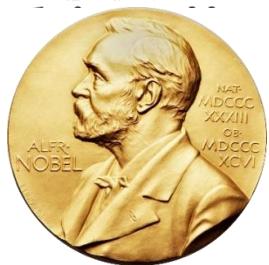
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## Astroparticle physics – II particles & stars: neutrinos

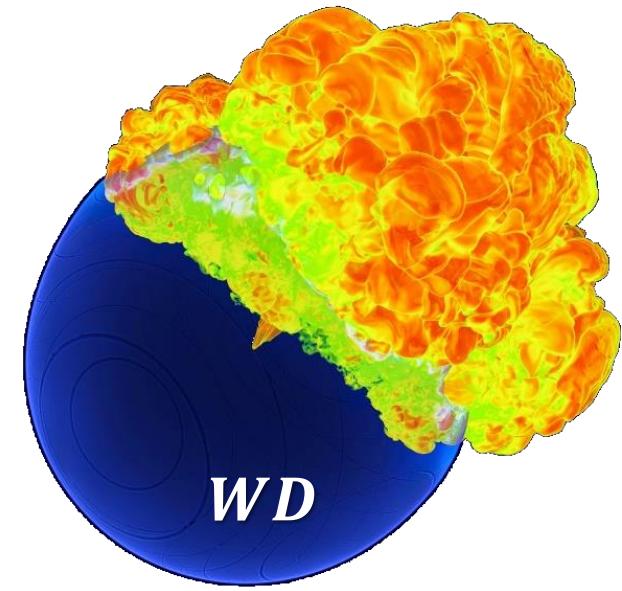


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## Astroparticle physics – II particles & stars: exploding stars



Supernova!!

# ATP-II: Topics in the summer term 2023

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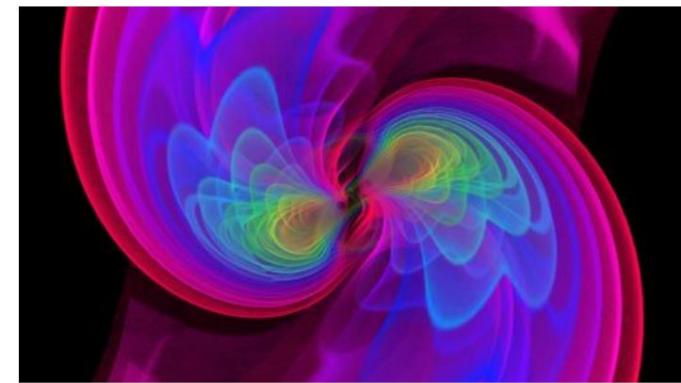
## Astroparticle physics – II

### particles & stars: gravitational waves

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$



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**Gravitationswellen-Forscher**



Albert Einstein sagte Gravitationswellen vor hundert Jahren voraus, für den Nachweis bekommen nun drei Forscher den Physik-Nobelpreis. Die Auszeichnung geht an die US-Wissenschaftler Rainer Weiss, Kip Thorne, Barry Weiss. [mehr...](#)

# ASTROPARTICLE PHYSICS ... ON THE MOVE!

■ Axions, neutrinos, neutralinos: a lot to explore in the coming years...



Everything comes to him who knows  
how to wait.

— Wolfgang Pauli —

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THANK YOU