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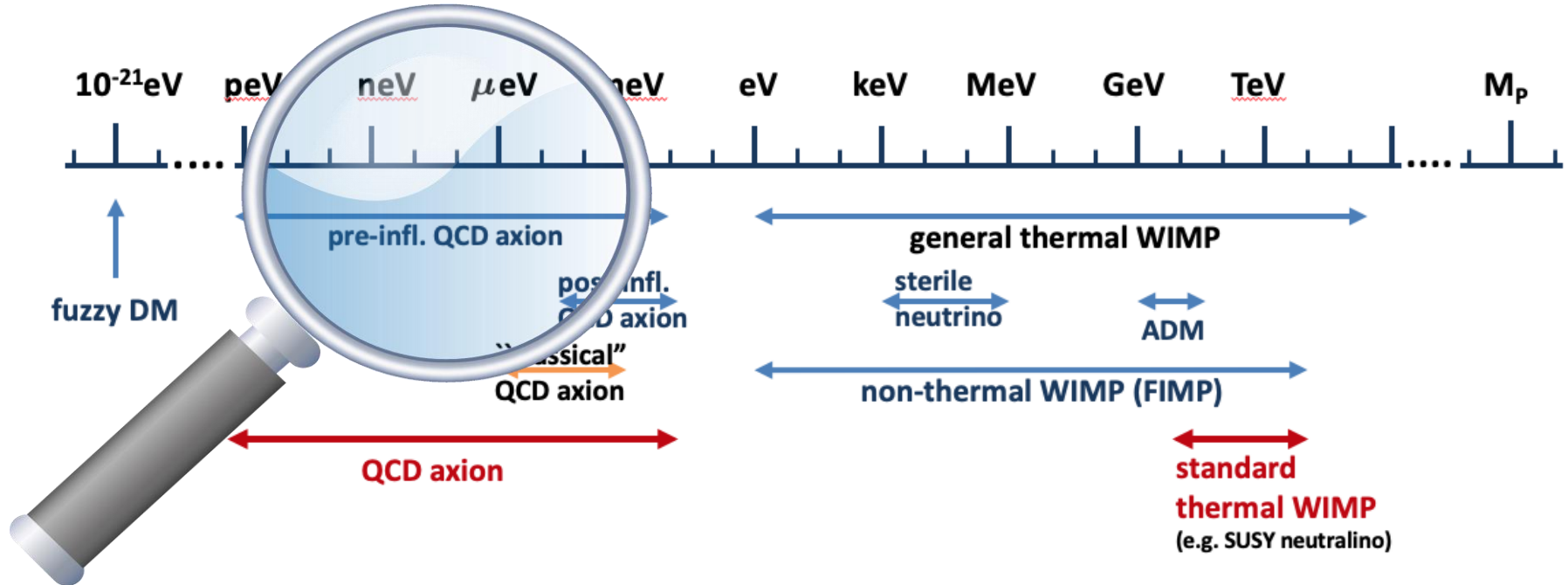
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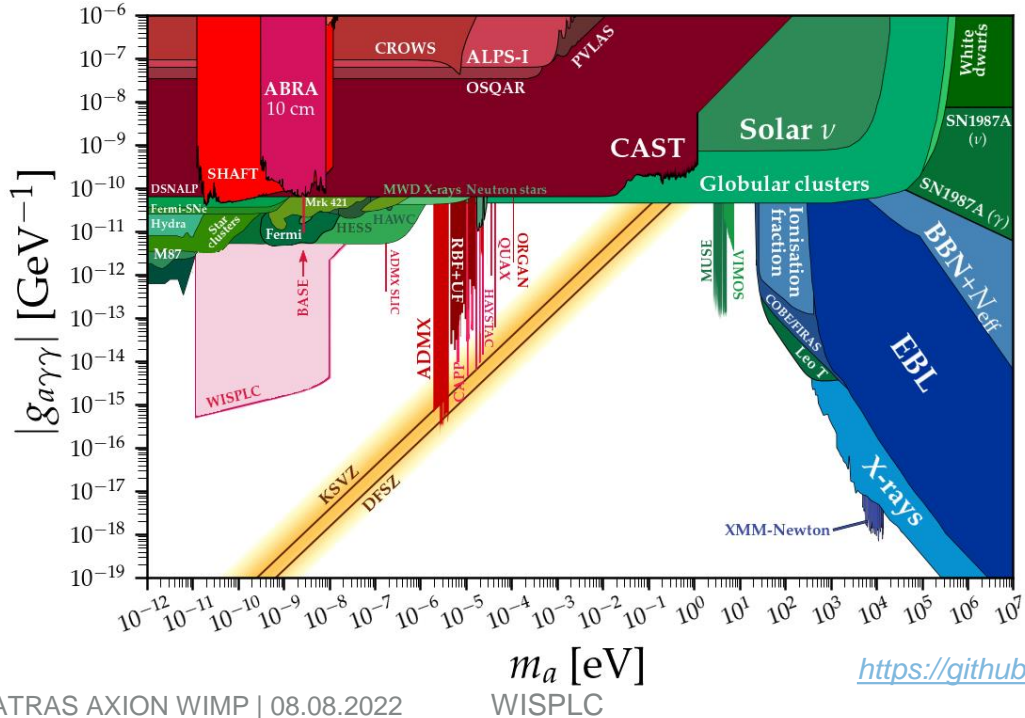
# WISPLC: Search for Dark Matter with LC Circuit

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# WIMPs and WISPs



# Axion as Particle Dark Matter: Constraints



<https://github.com/cajohare/AxionLimits>

# Axions and ALPs

- Axions are light bosons invoked to solve the strong CP problem
- ALPs are not bound by  $m_a^2 f_a^2 \approx m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2$
- They can interact with Standard Model particles, electrons, protons, neutrons, photons etc.

- Most notably their coupling with photon  $\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = \frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$

- In terms of electric and magnetic field  $\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = g_{a\gamma} a \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$

# ALPs Electromagnetism

In presence of axions, Maxwell's equations are modified as

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = g\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla a + \rho_{\text{el}}$$

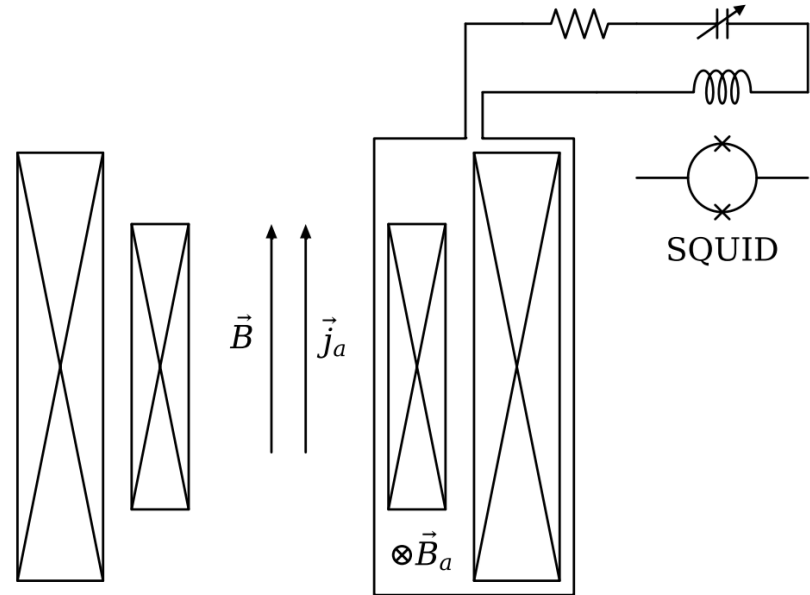
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \left( \mathbf{E} \times \nabla a - \mathbf{B} \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} \right) + \mathbf{j}_{\text{el}}$$

# ALPs Electromagnetism

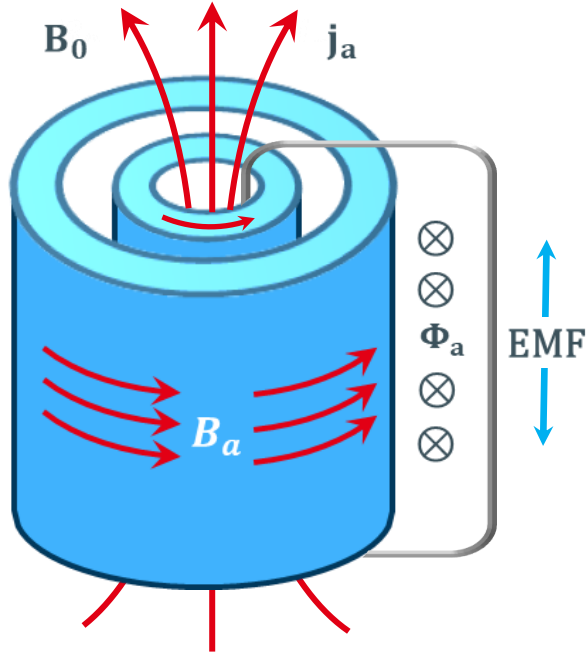
- Axion as a coherent oscillating scalar field  $a(t) = a_0 \cos(m_a t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_{\text{DM}}}}{m_a} \cos(m_a t)$
- In presence of external B field, axion-sourced current density  $\mathbf{j}_a(t) = -g_{a\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B} \frac{\partial a}{\partial t}$   
such that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_a = \mathbf{j}_a$
- The current oscillates with frequency  $\omega = m_a \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \right)$

# Detection Scheme

- The external magnetic field converts axions into an oscillating displacement current  $\vec{j}_a$
- The oscillating current in turn induces a toroidal magnetic field  $\vec{B}_a \perp \vec{j}_a$
- The toroidal magnetic field creates an alternating EMF
- EMF induces current in pickup loop
- Pumped by an LC circuit and picked up by SQUID magnetometer



## Experimental Design



$$J_a = -g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B}_0 \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{DM}} \mathbf{B}_0 \sin(m_a t)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_a = g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{DM}} \sin(m_a t) \int \frac{\mathbf{B}_0 \times (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} dV$$

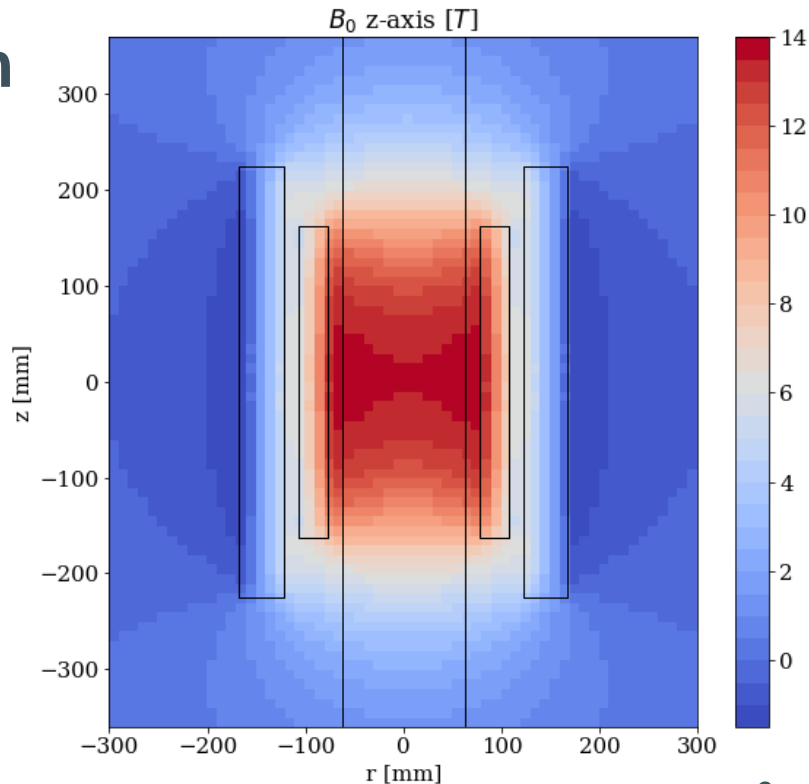
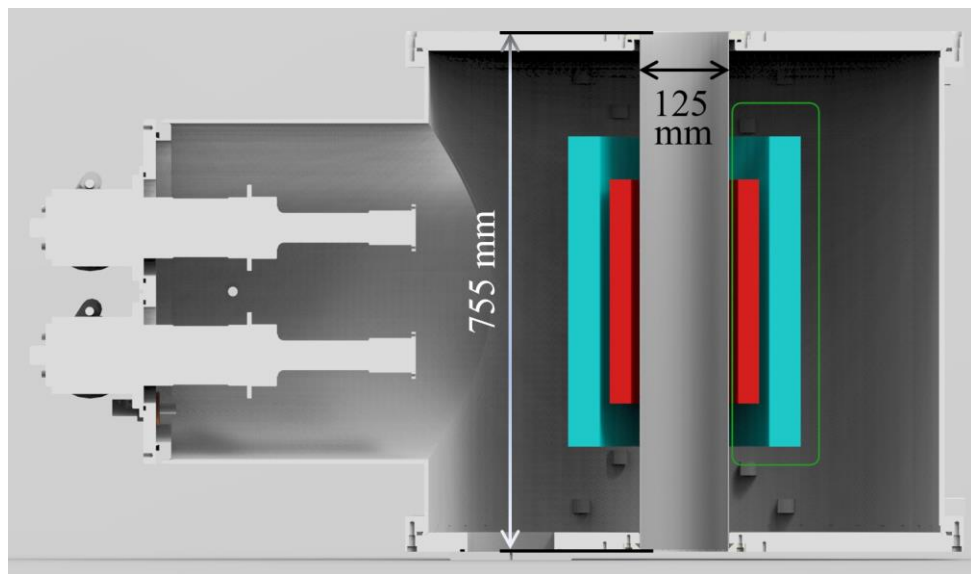
$$\Phi_a = g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{DM}} \sin(m_a t) \int_{\text{loop}} dA \int \frac{\mathbf{B}_0 \times (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} dV \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\text{loop}}$$

$$\text{EMF} = -\frac{d\Phi_a}{dt} \Rightarrow$$

$$I(t) \approx -\frac{\Phi_a}{L_{\text{sys}}}$$



# 14T Cryogen-free Magnet System



# Comparison Factor C

$$\mathcal{G}_V = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{B}_{0,\max}| V_{\text{magnet}}} \int_{\text{loop}} dS \int \frac{\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{r}) \times (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} dV \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\text{loop}} \rightarrow |\Phi_{a,\max}| = g_{\alpha\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{DM}} \underbrace{|\mathbf{B}_{0,\max}| \mathcal{G}_V V_{\text{magnet}}}_{\text{comparison factor } C}$$

comparison factor  $C$

TABLE I. Comparison of experimental parameters between WISPLC, ABRA. and SHAFT,  $C = |\mathbf{B}_{0,\max}| V_{\text{magnet}} \mathcal{G}_V$ .

	$ \mathbf{B}_{0,\max} $ (T)	$\mathcal{G}_V$	$V_{\text{magnet}}$ (m <sup>3</sup> )	$C/C_{\text{SHAFT}}$
SHAFT <sup>a</sup>	1.5	0.108 <sup>b</sup>	$9.5 \times 10^{-5}$	1
ABRA. <sup>c</sup>	1	0.027	$8.9 \times 10^{-4}$	1.55
WISPLC	14	0.074	$2.4 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.60 \times 10^3$

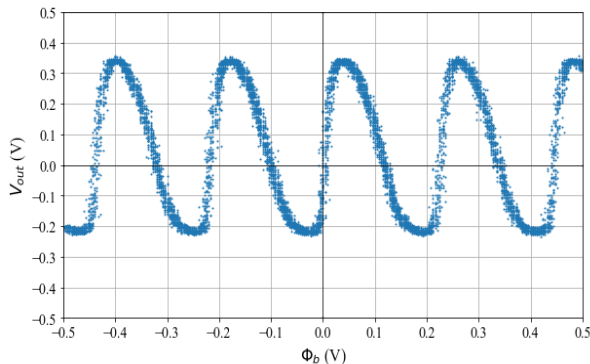
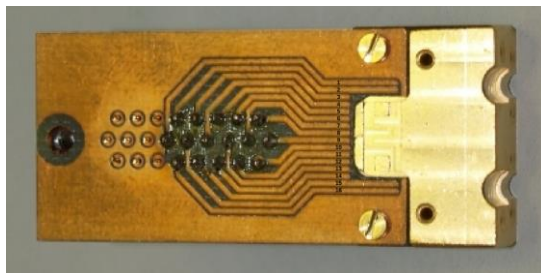
# SQUID Current Sensor

Integrated two-stage current sensor  
from Magnicon with 16-SQUID series  
array amplifier readout

Characterised at 3 K  
bandwidth  $\sim 2$  MHz

$$V_{\Phi} \approx 2500 \mu\text{V}/\Phi_0 \text{ @FLL}$$

$$\text{Measured flux noise } S_{\Phi}^{1/2} \approx 1 \mu\Phi_0/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

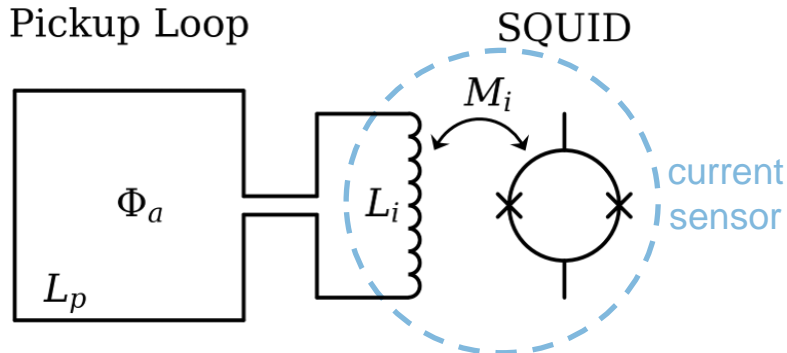


# Experiment Design

- Broadband detection

$$\Phi_{\text{SQUID}} \approx M_i (L_p + L_i)^{-1} \Phi_a$$

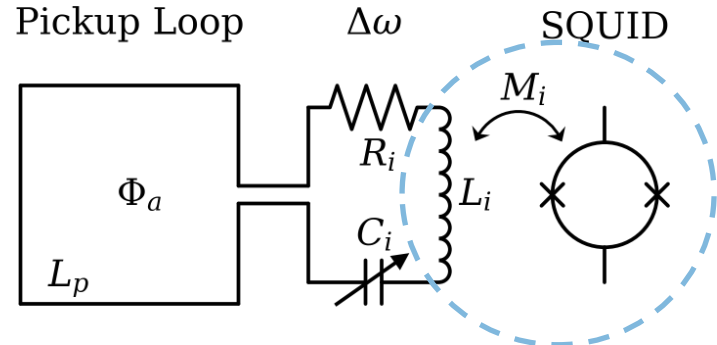
flux transfer eff.:  $\kappa = \Phi_a / \Phi_{\text{SQUID}} \approx 10^{-4}$



- Resonant detection

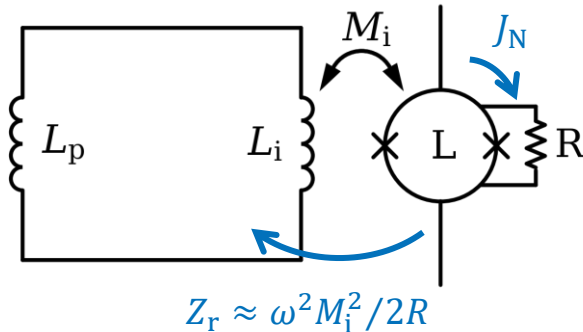
$$\Phi_{\text{SQUID}} \approx Q M_i (L_p + L_i)^{-1} \Phi_a$$

$Q \sim 10^4$



# SQUID Noise

- Broadband



SQUID output voltage noise

$$S_{V,T} = 2\gamma_V k_B (T + T_N) R$$

reduced spectra  $\gamma_V \approx 8$ ,  $\gamma_J \approx 5.5$  and  $\gamma_{VJ} \approx 6$

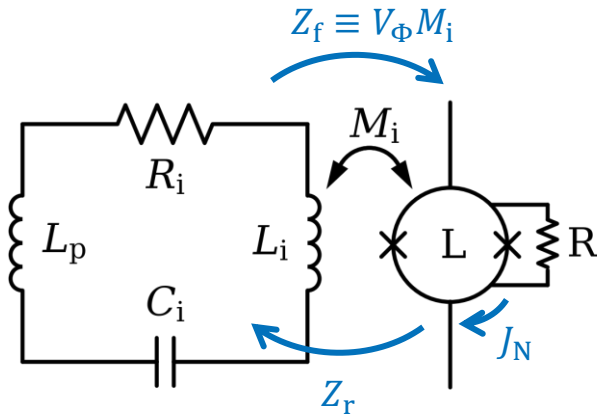
$$T_N = \frac{\gamma_J \omega^2 M_i^4 V_\Phi^2}{\gamma_V |j\omega(L_i + L_p) + Z_r|^2 R^2} + \frac{2\gamma_{VJ} \omega M_i^2 V_\Phi}{|j\omega(L_i + L_p) + Z_r| R}$$

$j\omega(L_i + L_p) \gg Z_r$ , frequency independent


 $T_N \approx 10 \text{ mK}$

# SQUID Noise

- Resonant



Total SQUID output voltage noise

$$S_{V,T} = S_V + \omega^2 M_i^2 \left( \frac{Z_f}{Z_T} \right)^2 S_J + 2\omega M_i \frac{Z_f}{Z_T} S_{VJ} + S_{R_i} \left( \frac{Z_f}{Z_T} \right)^2$$

SQUID-sourced noise  
 at resonant freq.  $\sim \mu\Phi_0/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

Dominating output noise is the Johnson-Nyquist noise from the losses of the input circuit  $S_{R_i} = 4k_B T R_i$

can be significantly reduced by using superconducting resonator designs (Devlin et al. 2021)

# Sensitivity

Axion coherence time:  $\tau \sim \frac{10^{-6}}{m_a}$

$$\text{SNR} = \begin{cases} \frac{\Phi_{\text{SQUID}}}{S_{\Phi}^{1/2}} t^{1/2}, & t \leq \tau_a \\ \frac{\Phi_{\text{SQUID}}}{S_{\Phi}^{1/2}} (t \tau_a)^{1/4}, & t > \tau_a \end{cases}$$

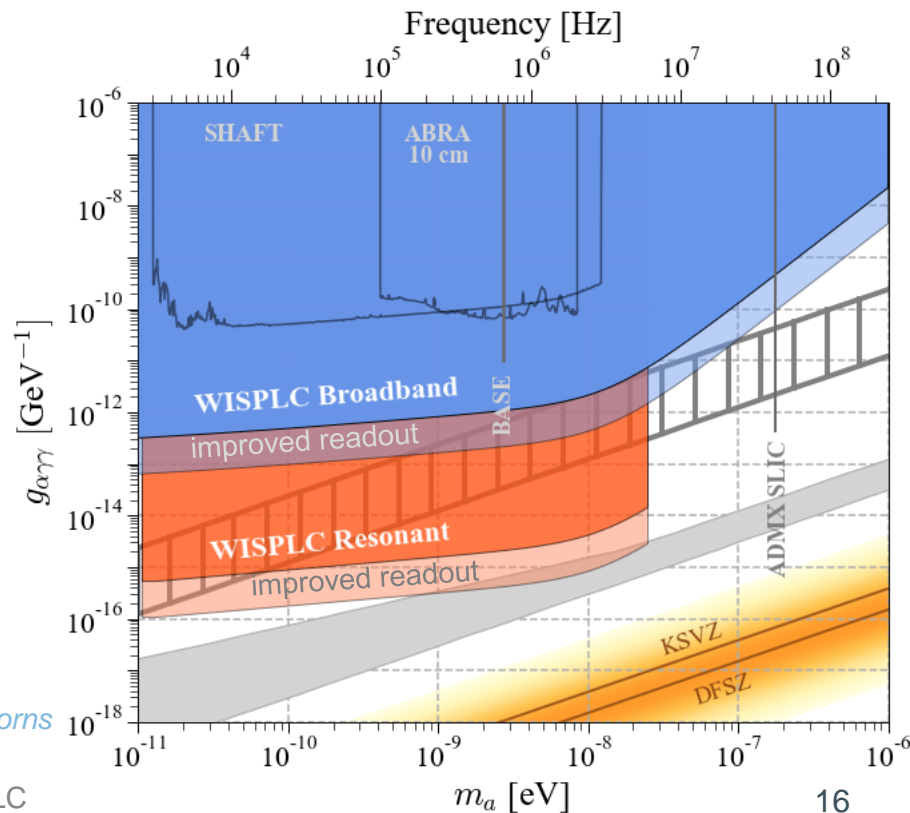
# Sensitivity

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma,2\sigma} \gtrsim 8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \left( \frac{m_a}{10^{-9} \text{ eV}} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{\sigma_v}{10^{-3}} \right)^{1/2} \\
 \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{\kappa}{4 \times 10^{-4}} \frac{C}{0.025 \text{ m}^3\text{T}} \right)^{-1} \\
 \left( \frac{t}{100 \text{ days}} \right)^{-1/4} \left( \frac{S_{\Phi}^{1/2}}{0.9 \mu\Phi_0/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}} \right)$$

Effective improvement of resonant readout:

$$Q_{\text{res}} \approx 10^4 \left( \frac{t_{\text{Res}}}{t_{\text{BB}}} \right)^{1/4} \approx 515$$

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## Current Status

- 14 T magnet in commissioning phase
- successfully reached full field
- next step: integration of the detector





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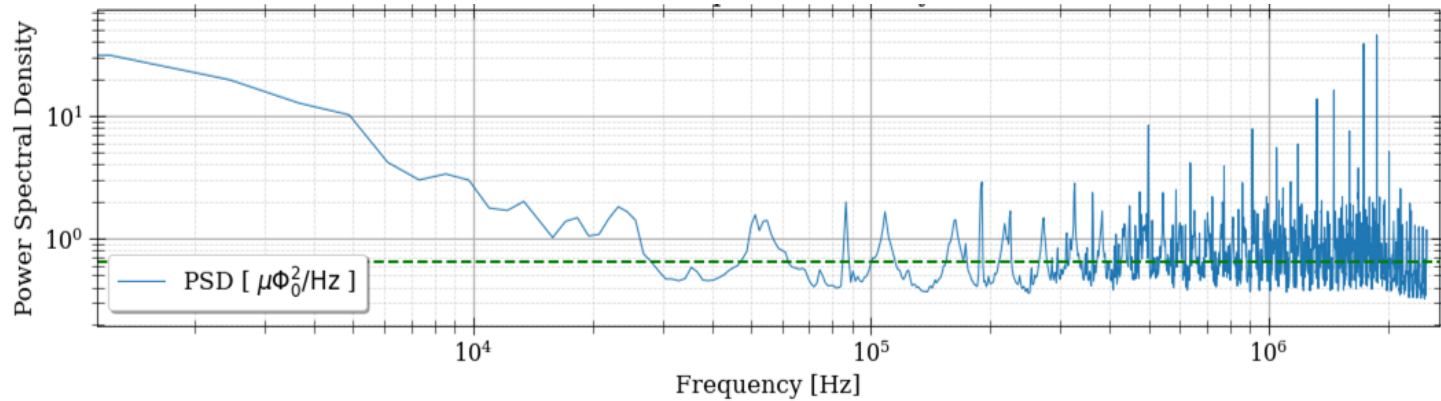
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# Backup Slides

SQUID Noise measurement, 1 sec, unshielded



# COMSOL Simulation

