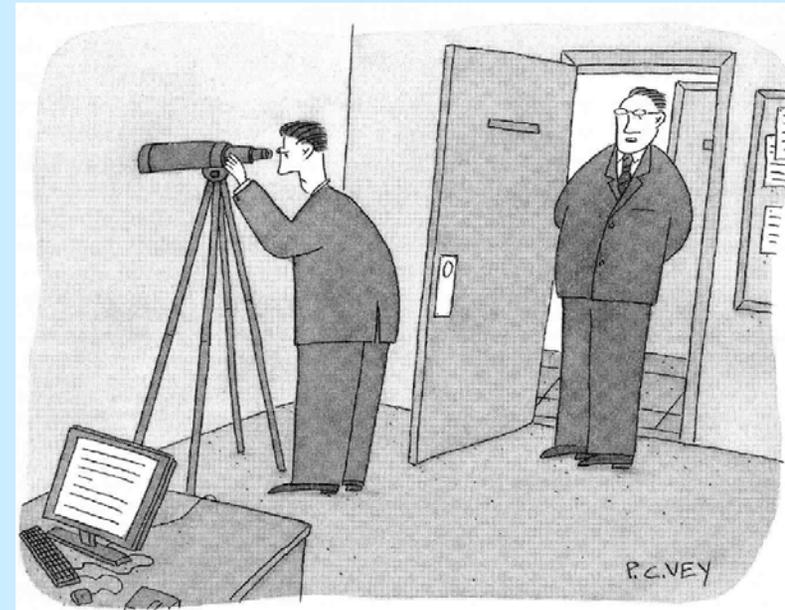


# Gamma meV

## Gamma to milli-eV particle search Overview and past results

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- Intro to Axions and Axion-like particles
- Physics motivation for our experiment
  - milli-eV mass scale
  - PVLAS anomaly
- “Light shining through a wall”
  - Past Experiments
  - **GammeV**
  - Other current experiments
- **Results: GammeV Phase I**
- Future Prospects
  - Chameleons Phase I and II (Jason)
  - Resonant Regeneration (Aaron)



New Yorker

# Axions

- Postulated in the late 1970s as a consequence of not observing CP violation in the strong interaction.

$$L_{CP} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \underbrace{(\Theta - \arg \det M_q)}_{0 \leq \Theta \leq 2\pi} \text{Tr } \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

Raffelt

- The measurement of the electric dipole of the neutron implies  $\Theta < \sim 10^{-10}$ . => Strong CP Problem of QCD
  - This is very much on the same order of an issue with the Standard Model as the hierarchy problem that motivates supersymmetry.

Bjorken "Axions are just as viable a candidate for dark matter as sparticles"

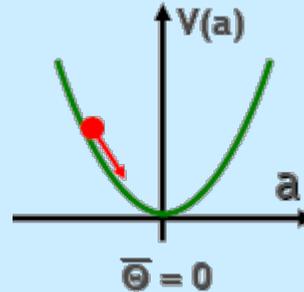
Wilczek "If not axions, please tell me how to solve the Strong-CP problem"

Witten "Axions may be intrinsic to the structure of string theory"

# Axions

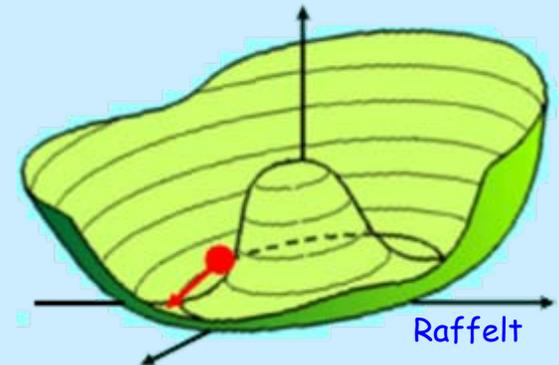
- Peccei-Quinn (1977) and Wilczek (1978) and Weinberg (1978) provided a solution:  $\bar{\Theta}$  represents a dynamical pseudoscalar field,  $a = \phi$ , with a potential that conserves CP.

$$\bar{\Theta} = \frac{a(x)}{f_a}$$



- The Peccei-Quinn mechanism implies a new symmetry that gets spontaneously broken and the axion emerges as a pseudo Nambu-Goldstone boson with small mass.
- Mass and couplings related to the pion

$$m_a = m_\pi \frac{f_\pi}{f_a} = \frac{0.6 \text{ meV}}{f_a / 10^{10} \text{ GeV}}$$



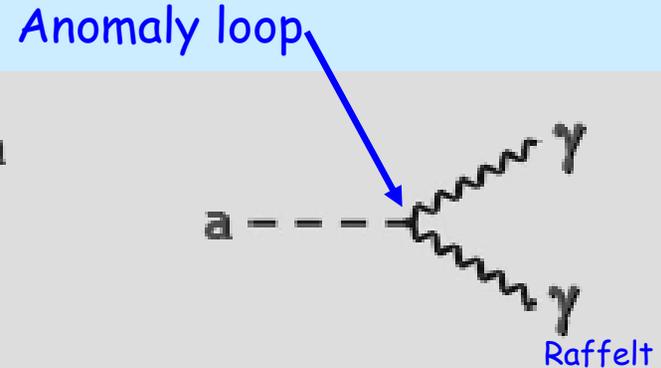
# Axions

- Axions couple to photons

## Photon coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} F\tilde{F}a = g_{a\gamma} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} a$$

$$g_{a\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \left( \frac{E}{N} - 1.92 \right)$$



- An *axion-like-particle* (ALP) is a more general particle that can arise from either a pseudoscalar or scalar field,  $\phi$ , and no longer has the connection to the pion.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\phi}{M} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\phi}{M} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B})$$

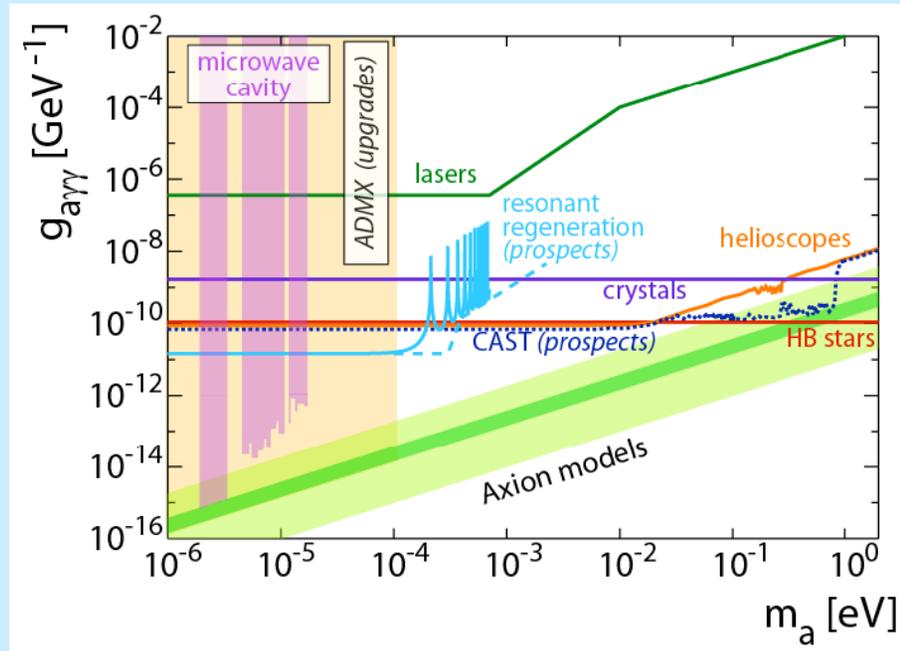
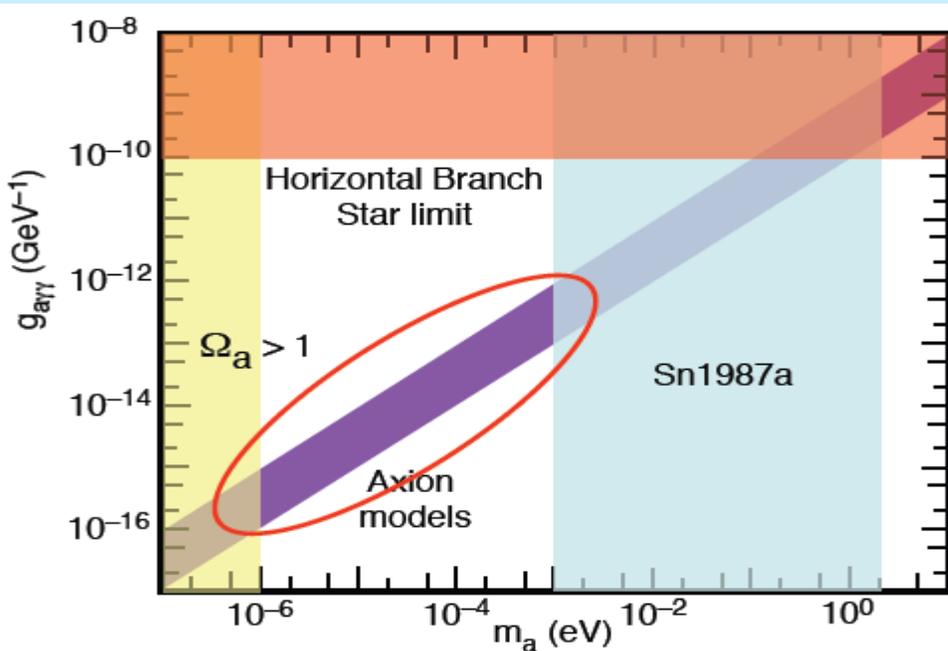
pseudoscalar

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\phi}{M} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\phi}{M} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} - \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B})$$

scalar

# Searches for Axions

- Axion parameters are constrained by cosmological and experimental measurements
  - Stars don't burn out, SN1987A events+energy are OK, and axions aren't all the mass of the universe.
  - Low mass limits set by microwave cavities and higher mass axions are excluded by solar telescopes



# GammeV Motivation

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- In the context of searching for axions, **GammeV** is looking for an axion-like particle with a mass in the milli-eV region.
- In particular, **GammeV** exploits the photon couplings and looks for the oscillation of photons into milli-eV particles and then back into photons (with a strong coupling that would otherwise be excluded by the *CAST* experiment).
- The motivation for **GammeV** to search in the milli-eV region follows ...

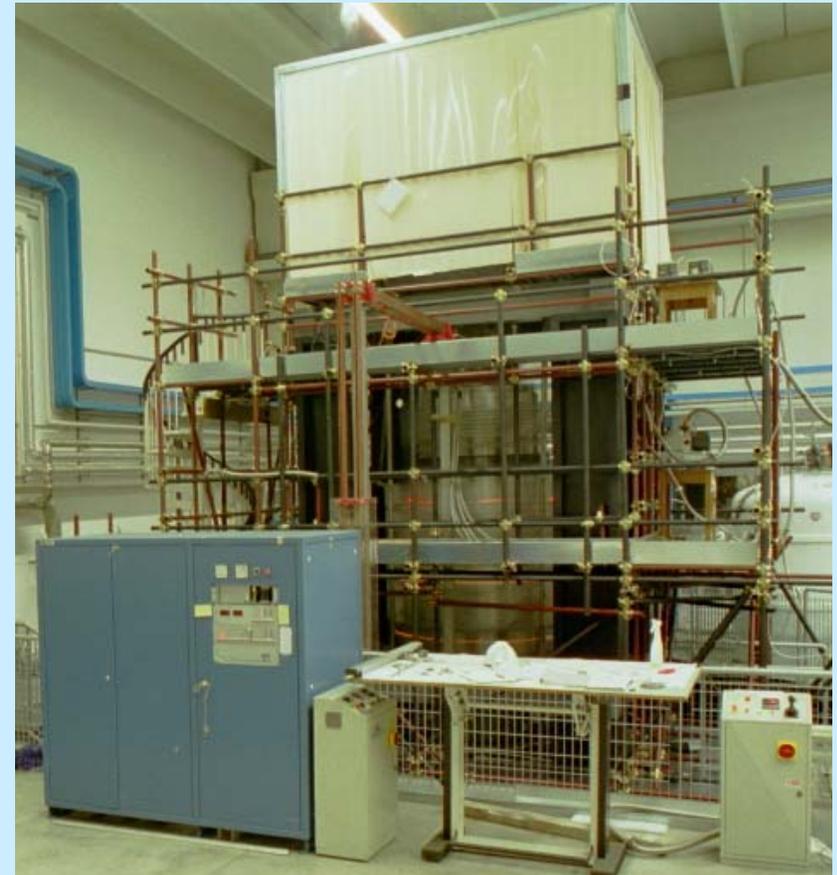
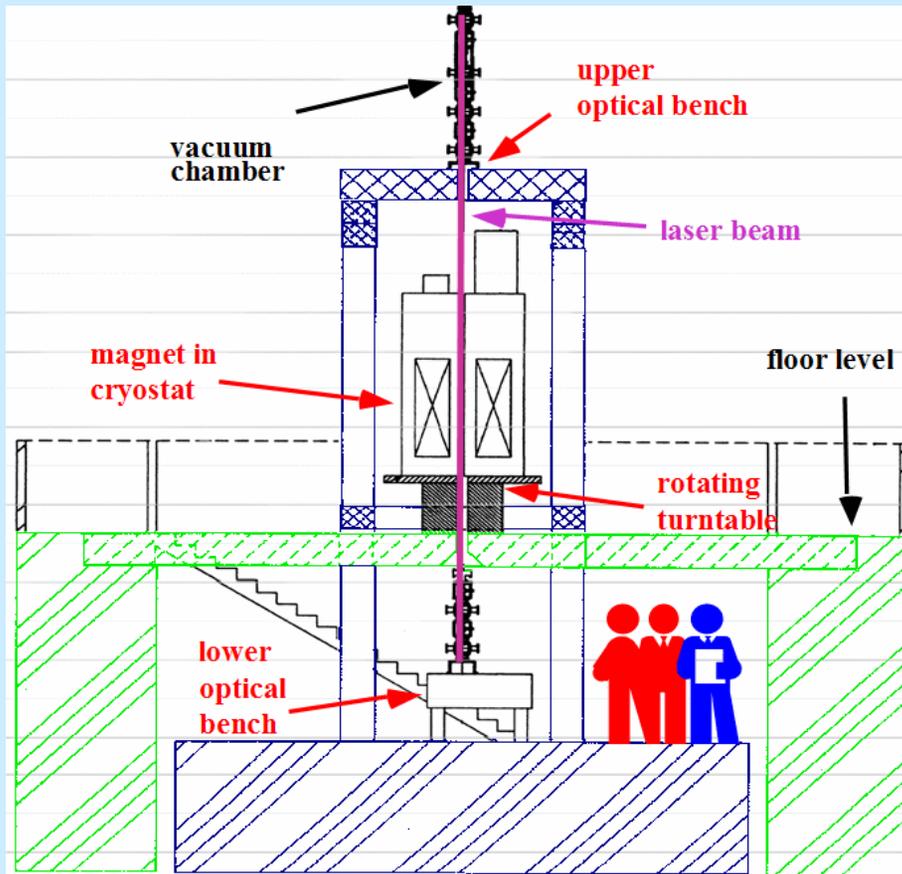
# milli-eV Mass Scale

- milli-eV ( $10^{-3}$ ) eV mass scale arises in various areas in modern particle physics.
  - Dark Energy density
    - $\Lambda^4 = 7 \times 10^{-30} \text{ g/cm}^3 \sim (2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^4$
  - Neutrinos
    - $(\Delta m_{21})^2 = (9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^2$
    - $(\Delta m_{32})^2 = (50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^2$
  - See-saw with the TeV scale:
    - $\text{meV} \sim \text{TeV}^2 / M_{\text{planck}}$
  - Dark Matter Candidates
    - Certain SUSY sparticles (low mass gravitino)
    - Axions and axion-like particles

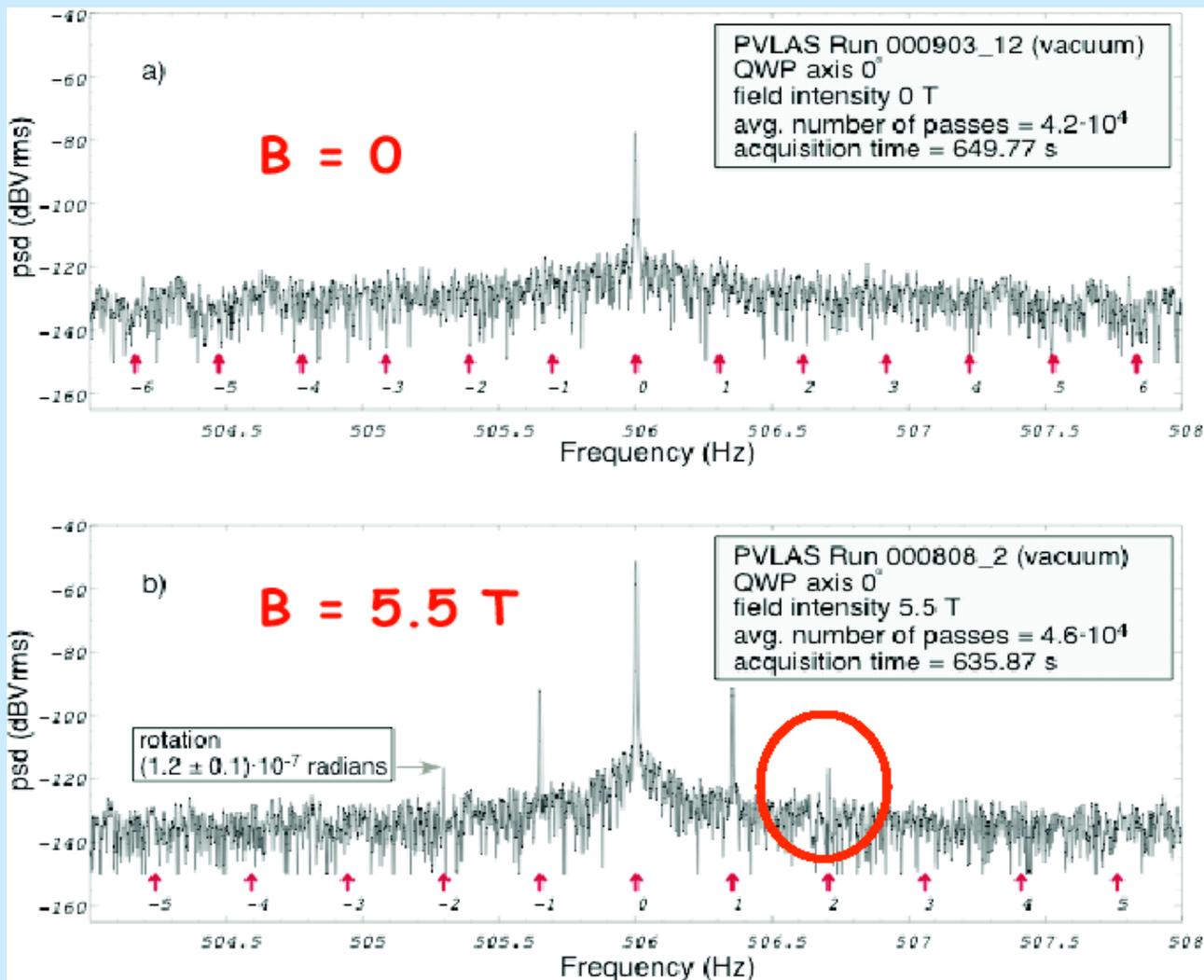
Energy frontier  
Neutrinos  
Astrophysics  
all in one!

# PVLAS Experiment

- Designed to study the vacuum by optical means: birefringence (generated ellipticity) and dichroism (rotated polarization)

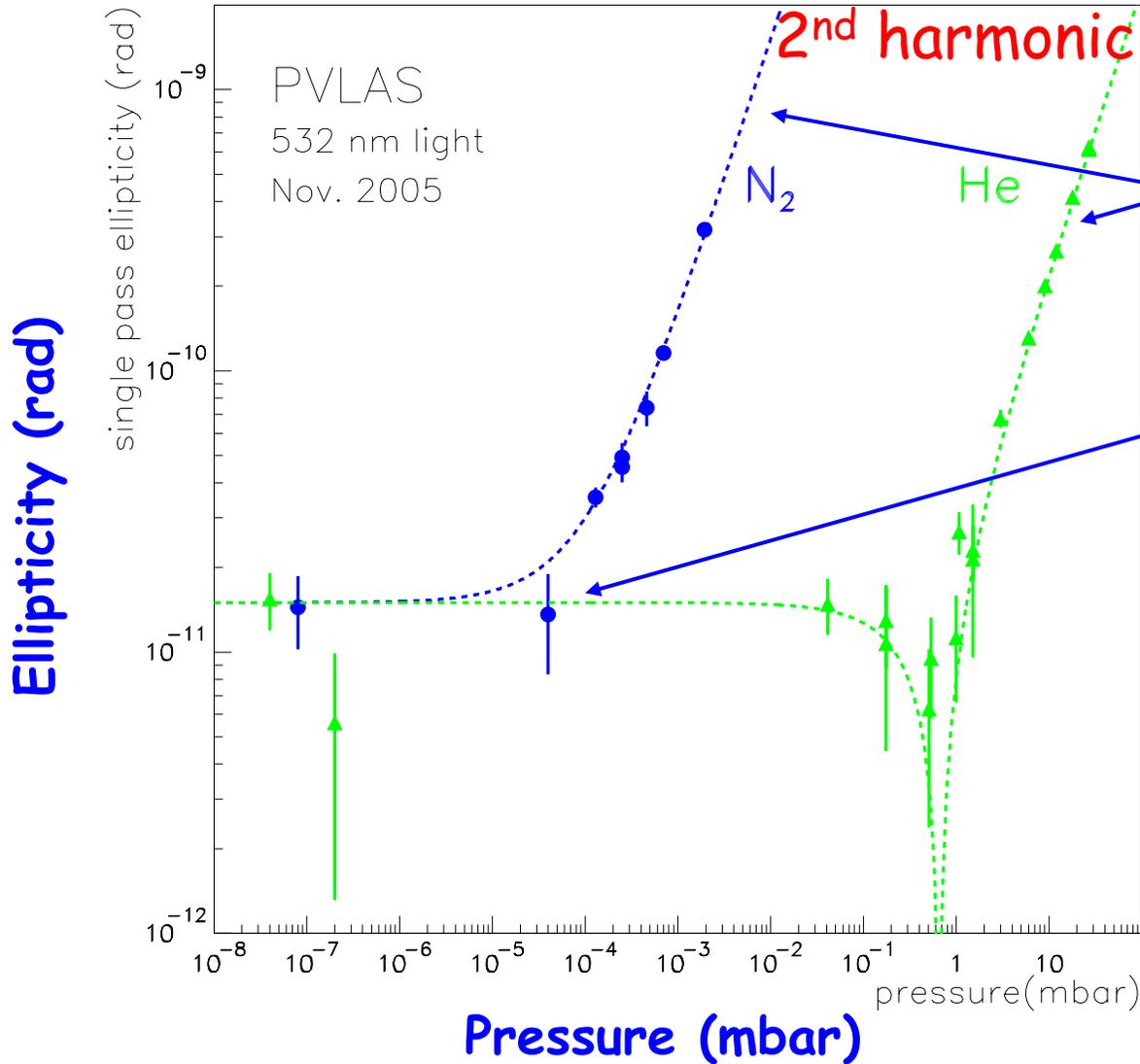


# PVLAS Rotation Results



PRL 96, 110406, (2006)

# PVLAS Ellipticity Results



Cotton-Mouton effect vs gas pressure

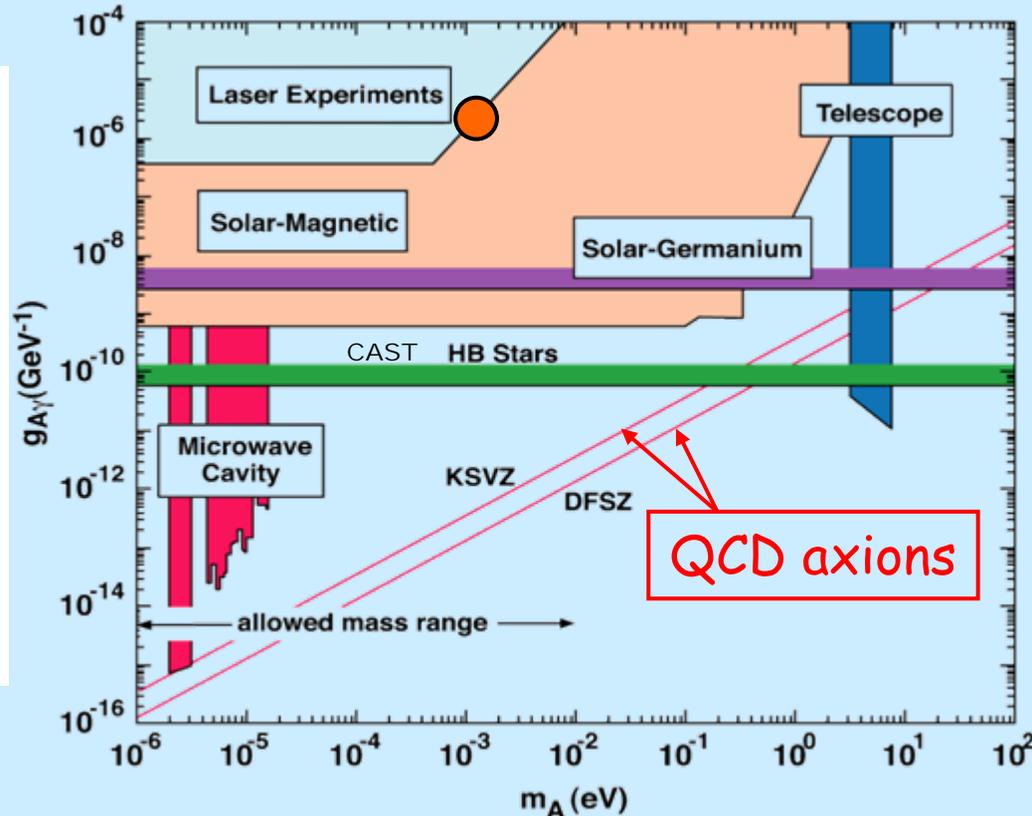
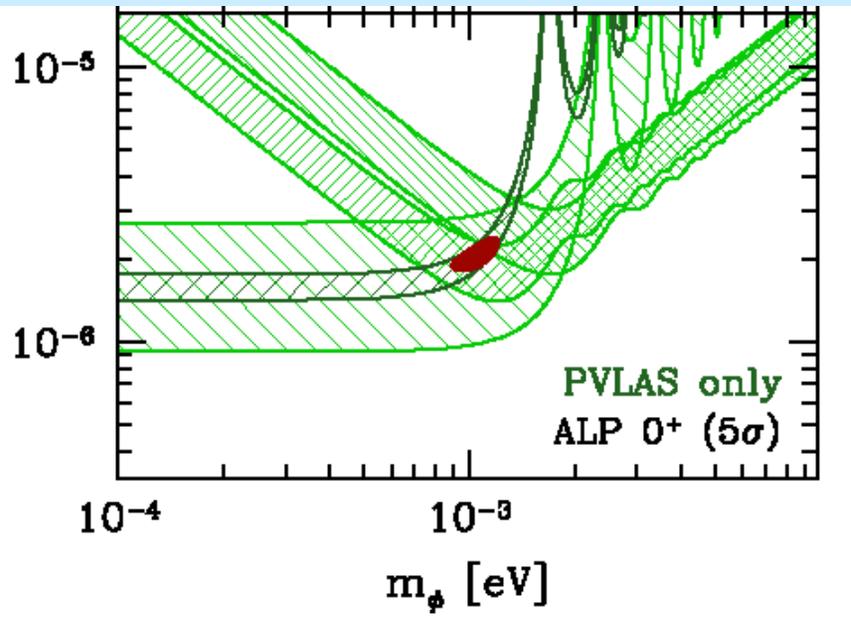
Amplitude is non-zero for 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic

Non-zero amplitude is also seen at 1064nm

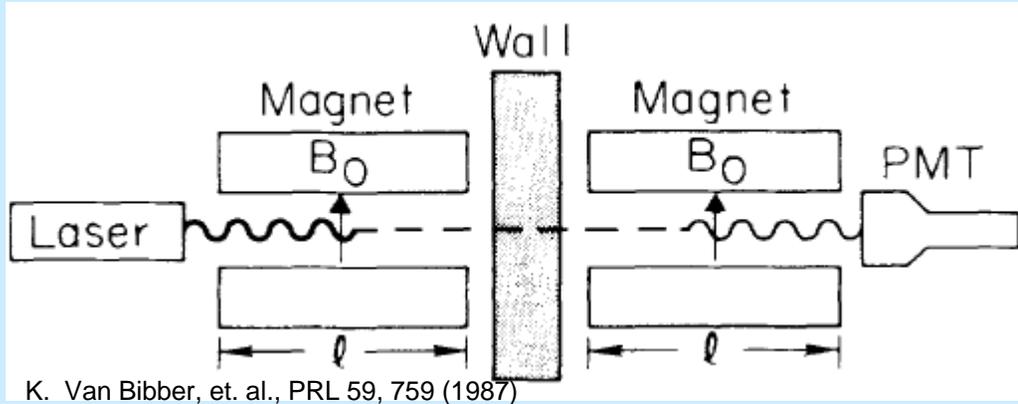
Conference Proceedings

# PVLAS ALP Interpretation

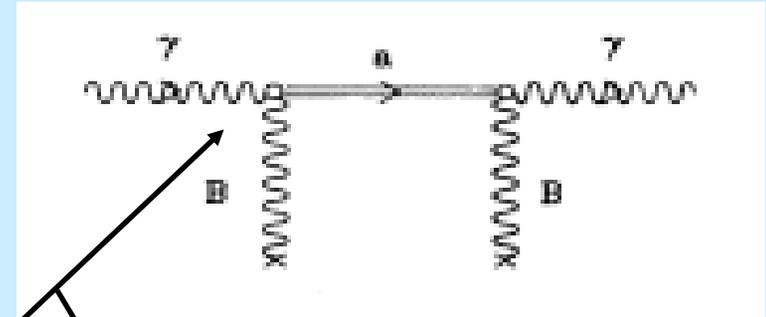
A new axion-like particle with mass at 1.2 meV and  $g \sim 2 \times 10^{-6}$  is consistent with rotation and ellipticity measurements.



# Light Shining Through a Wall Experiment



K. Van Bibber, et. al., PRL 59, 759 (1987)



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\phi}{M} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\phi}{M} (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} - \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B})$$

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$$P_{\text{regen}} = \frac{16B_1^2 B_2^2 \omega^4}{M^4 m_\phi^8} \sin^2 \left( \frac{m_\phi^2 L_1}{4\omega} \right) \cdot \sin^2 \left( \frac{m_\phi^2 L_2}{4\omega} \right)$$

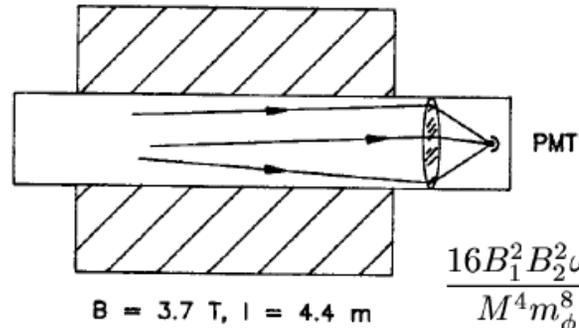
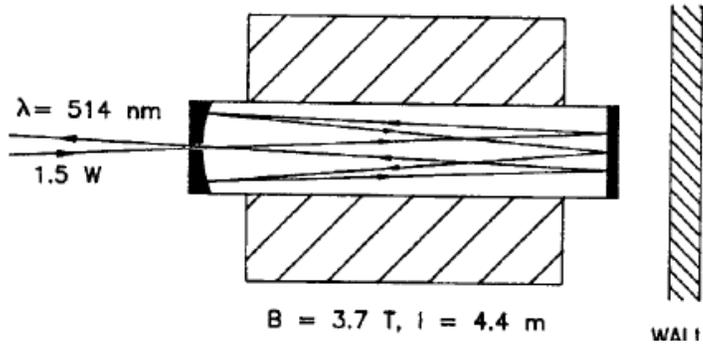
Assuming 5T magnet, the PVLAS "signal", and 532nm laser light

$$P_{\text{regen}}^{\text{GammeV}} = (3.9 \times 10^{-21}) \times \frac{(B_1/5 \text{ T})^2 (B_2/5 \text{ T})^2 (\omega/2.33 \text{ eV})^4}{(M/4 \times 10^5 \text{ GeV})^4 (m_\phi/1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^8}$$

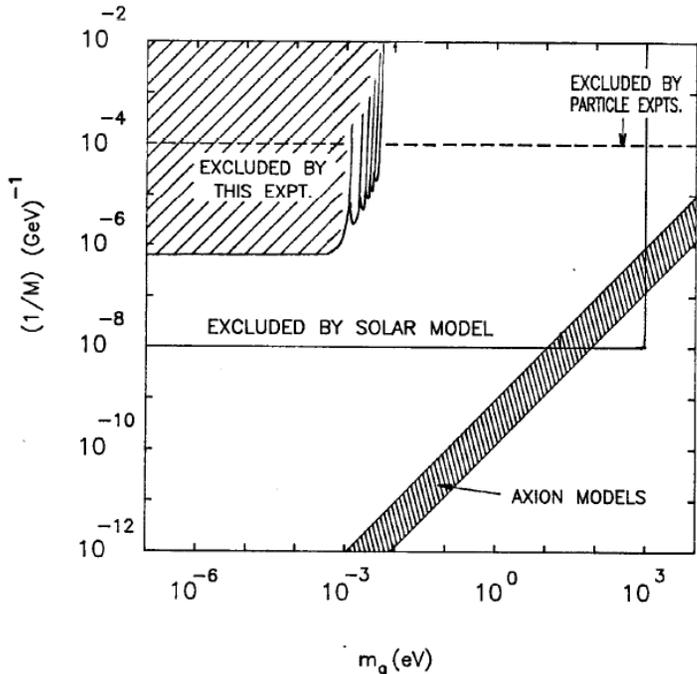
$$\times \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{(m_\phi/1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^2 (L_1/2.0 \text{ m})}{(\omega/2.33 \text{ eV})} \right) \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{(m_\phi/1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^2 (L_2/2.0 \text{ m})}{(\omega/2.33 \text{ eV})} \right)$$

# BFRT Experiment

- Brookhaven, Fermilab, Rochester, Trieste (1992)

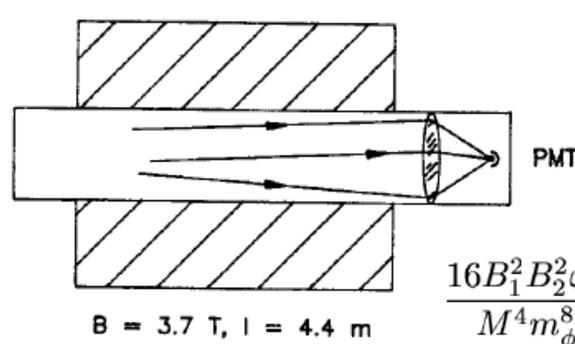
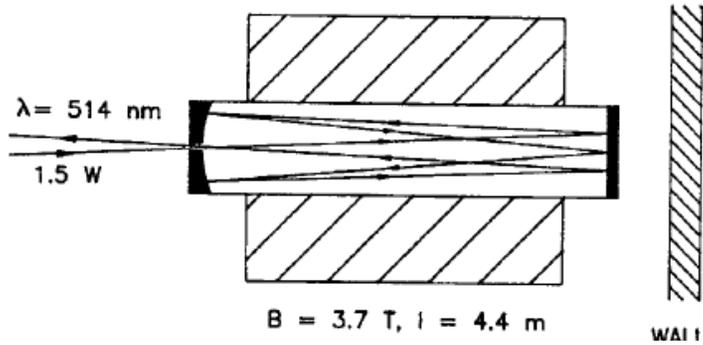


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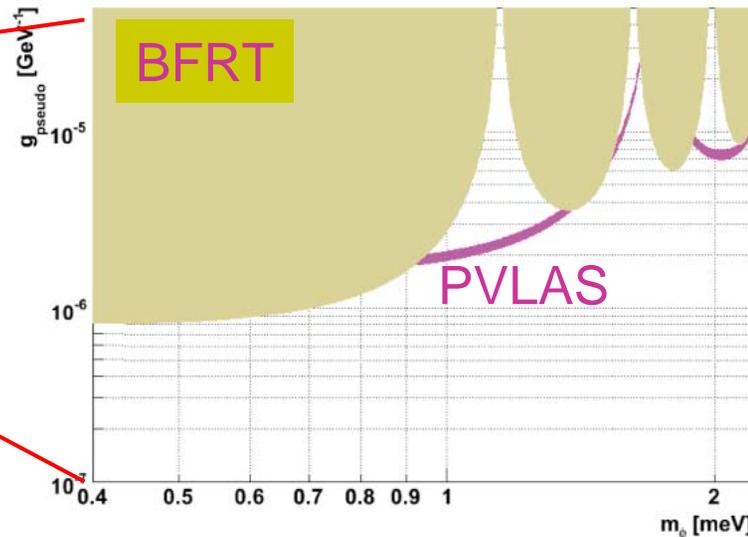
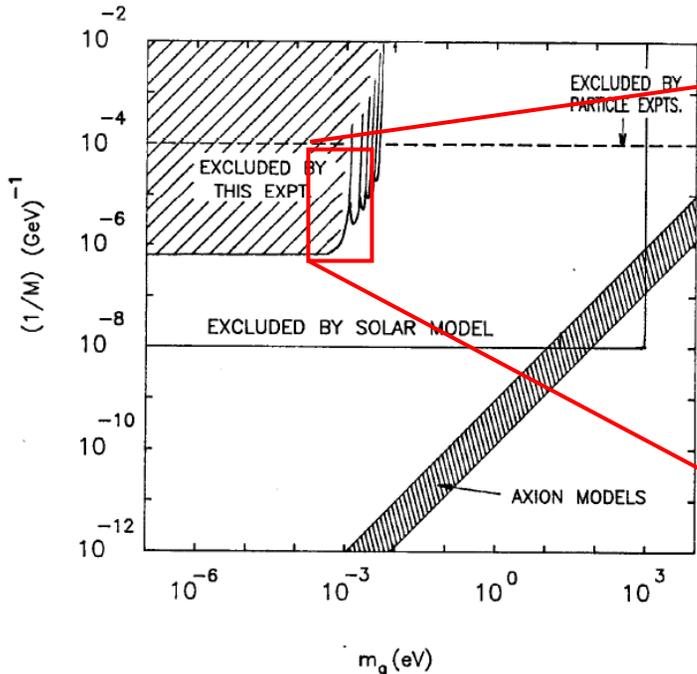


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BFRT is not sensitive in the PVLAS region of interest.

A. Baumbaugh, A. Chou<sup>\*</sup>, Y. Irizarry-Valle<sup>†</sup>, P. Mazur, J. Steffen, R. Tomlin, W. Wester<sup>\*</sup>, Y. Xi<sup>‡</sup>, J. Yoo  
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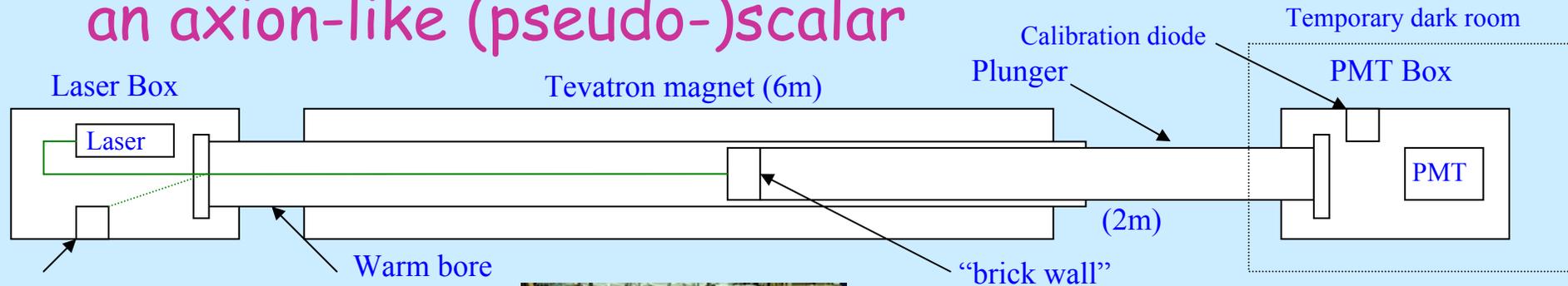
Ten person team including a summer student, 3 postdocs, 2 accelerator / laser experts, 4 experimentalists (nearly everyone had a day job) PLUS technical support at FNAL



- Nov 2006 : Initial discussion and design (Aaron Chou, WW)**
- Apr 2007 : Review and approval from Fermilab (\$30K)**
- May 2007 : Acquire and machine parts**
- Jun 2007 : Assemble parts, test electronics and PMT**
- Jul 2007 : First data but magnet and laser problems**
- Aug 2007 : Start data taking in earnest**
- Sep 2007 : Complete data taking and analysis**
- Jan 2008 : PRL Accepted (results reported here)**

# GammeV Proposal

Search for evidence of a milli-eV particle in a light shining through a brick wall experiment to unambiguously test the PVLAS interpretation of an axion-like (pseudo-)scalar



Monitor sensor

Warm bore

Tevatron magnet (6m)

Plunger

(2m)

“brick wall”

Temporary dark room

PMT Box

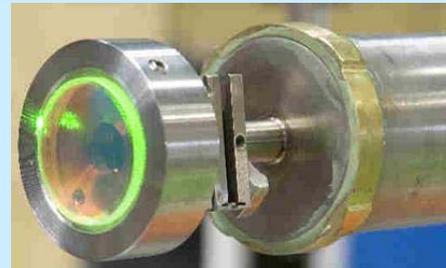
PMT



Existing laser in Acc. Div. nearly identical with a similar spare available



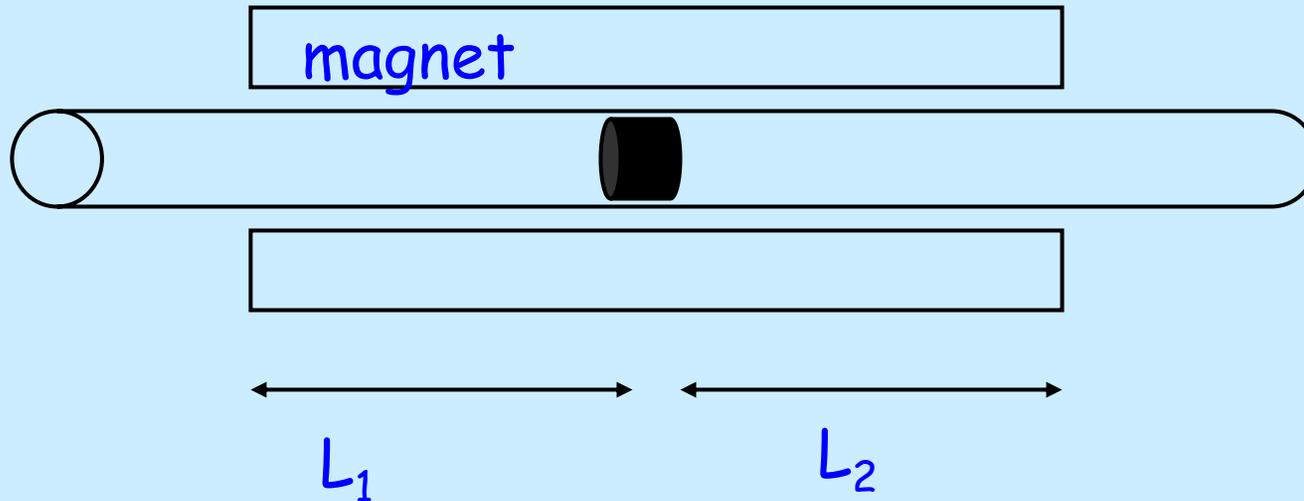
The “wall” is a welded steel cap on a steel tube in addition to a reflective mirror.



High-QE, low noise, fast PMT module (purchased)

Vary wall position to change baseline:  
Tune to the correct oscillation length

A unique feature of our proposal to cover larger  $m_\phi$  range



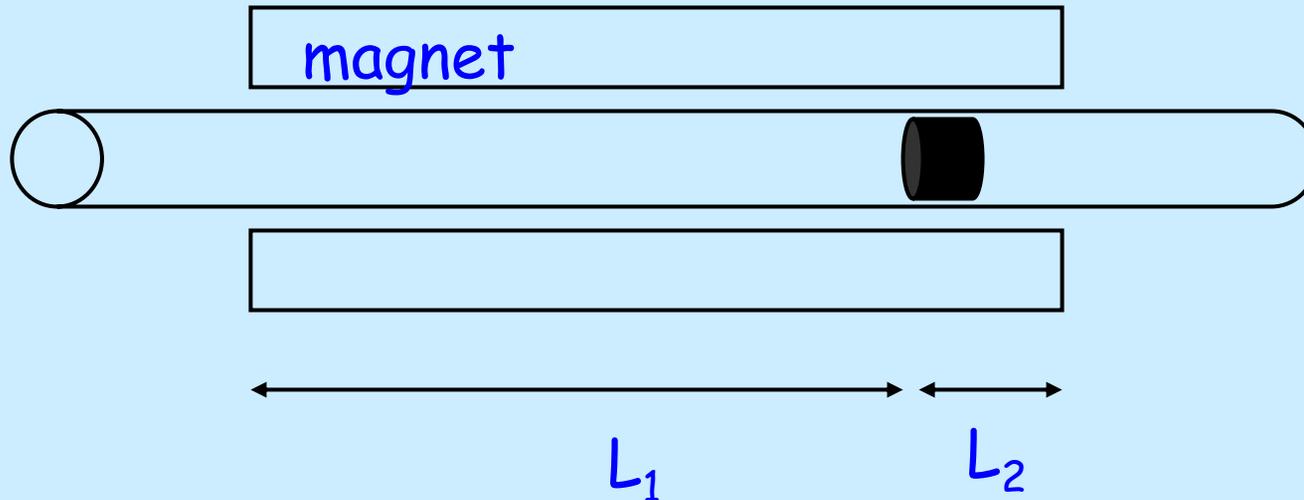
$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi} = \frac{4B^2 \omega^2}{M^2 (\Delta m^2)^2} \left( \sin \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4\omega} \right)^2$$

$L$  = distance traversed in B field

$$P_{\text{regen}} = \left( \frac{4B^2 \omega^2}{M^2 (\Delta m^2)^2} \right)^2 \left( \sin \frac{\Delta m^2 L_1}{4\omega} \right)^2 \left( \sin \frac{\Delta m^2 L_2}{4\omega} \right)^2$$

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# Apparatus

GammeV was located on a test stand at Fermilab's Maget Test Facility. Two shifts/day of cryogenic operations were supported.

Laser box

Tevatron magnet



Vacuum port

Cryogenic magnet feed can

Cryogenic magnet return can

Cryogenic magnet return can

Vacuum tube connected to plunger

PMT box



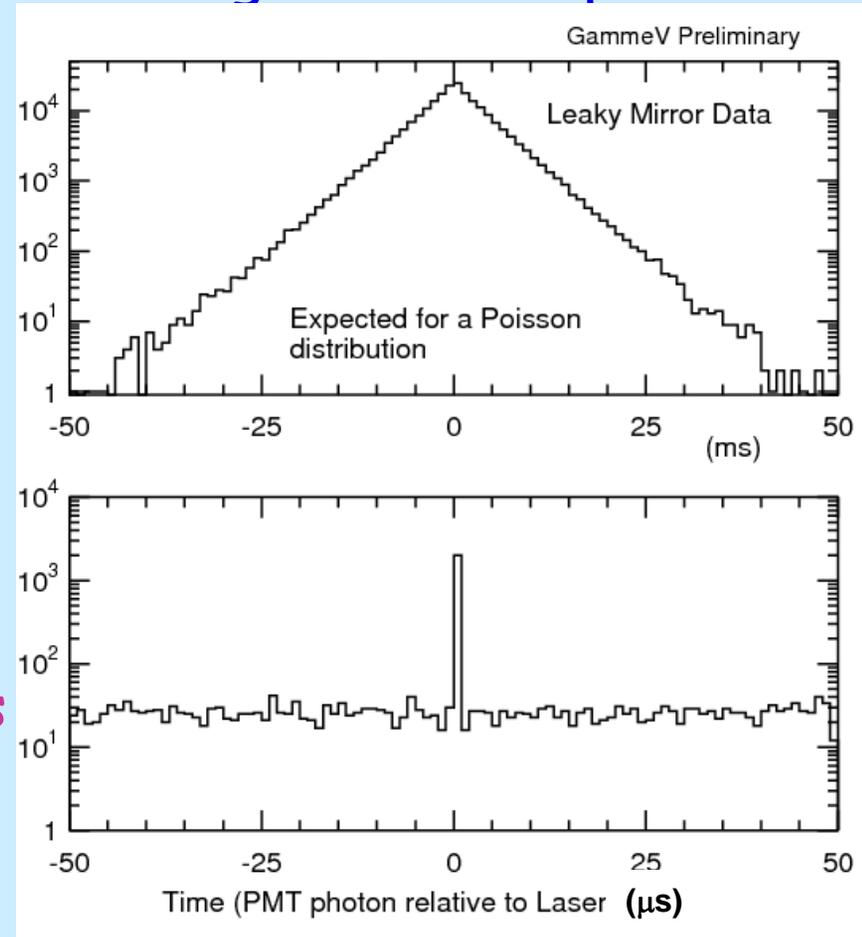
PMT box

Lens

PMT

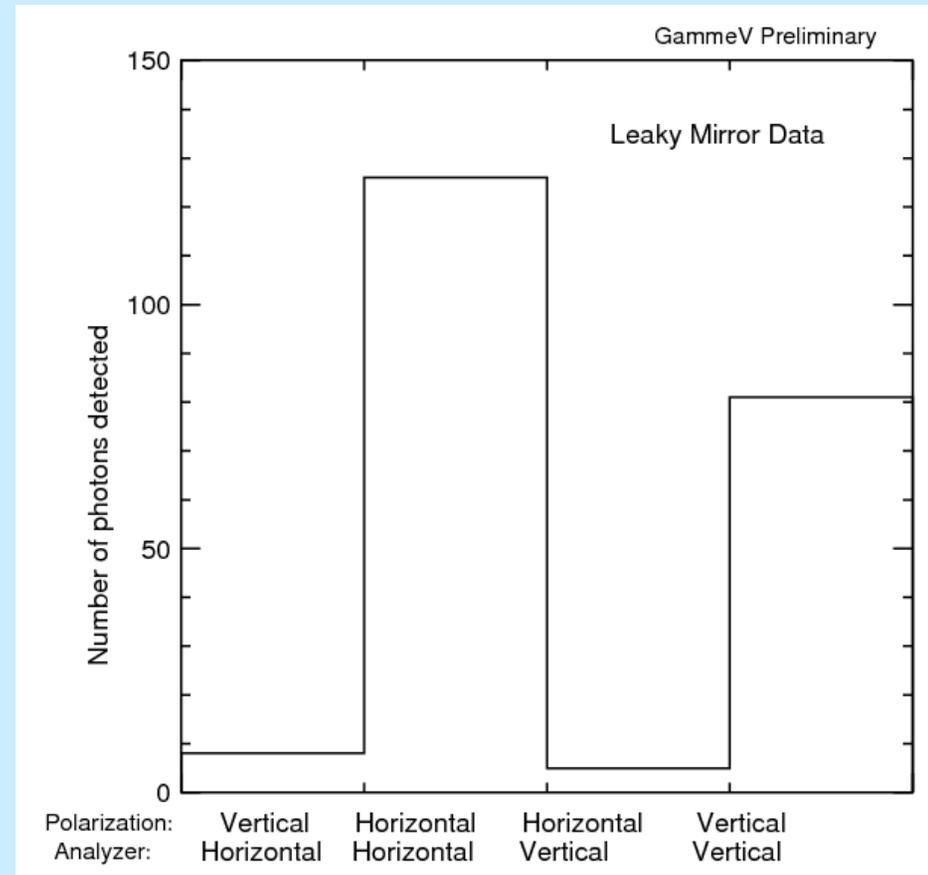
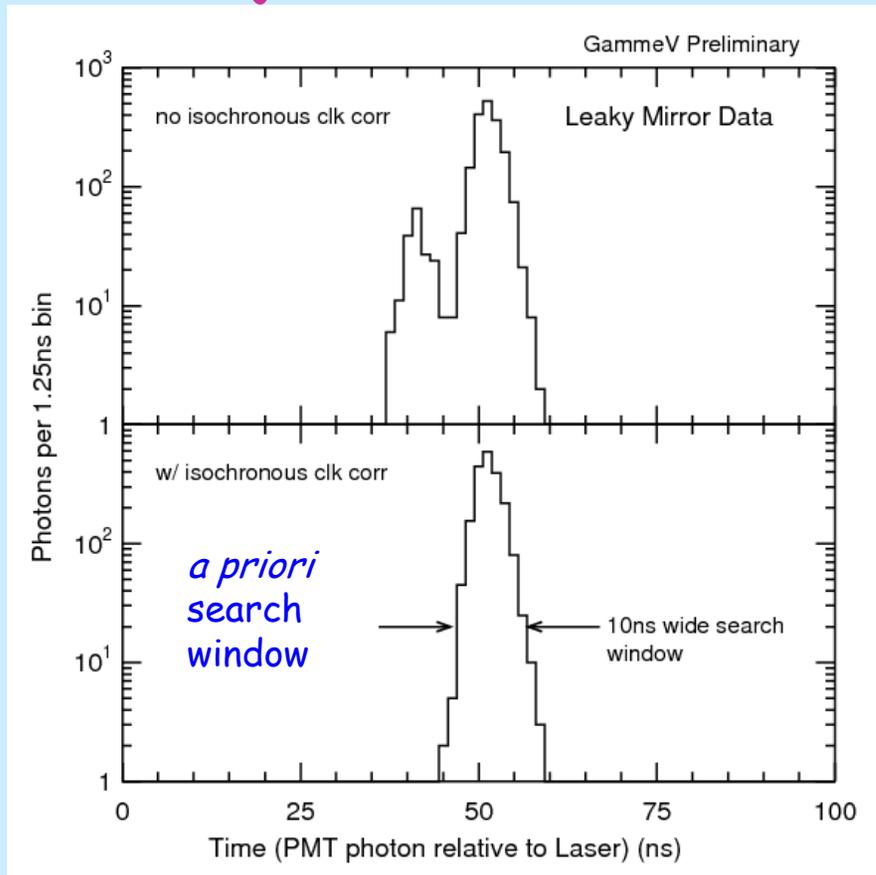
# GammeV Results

- “Leaky mirror” data involves sending the laser directly into our PMT after attenuation so that we get about 1 photon per 100 pulses.
  - Two mirrors leak  $\sim 10^{-6}$  through
  - 10 micron pin hole captures  $\sim 10^{-6}$
  - Neutral density filters give  $\sim 10^{-7}$
- Look at the PMT pulse closest to a laser pulse and plot the time difference.
  - Poisson distribution
  - Nearly flat over short times  $\ll$ ms
- Real photons show up!



# GammeV Results

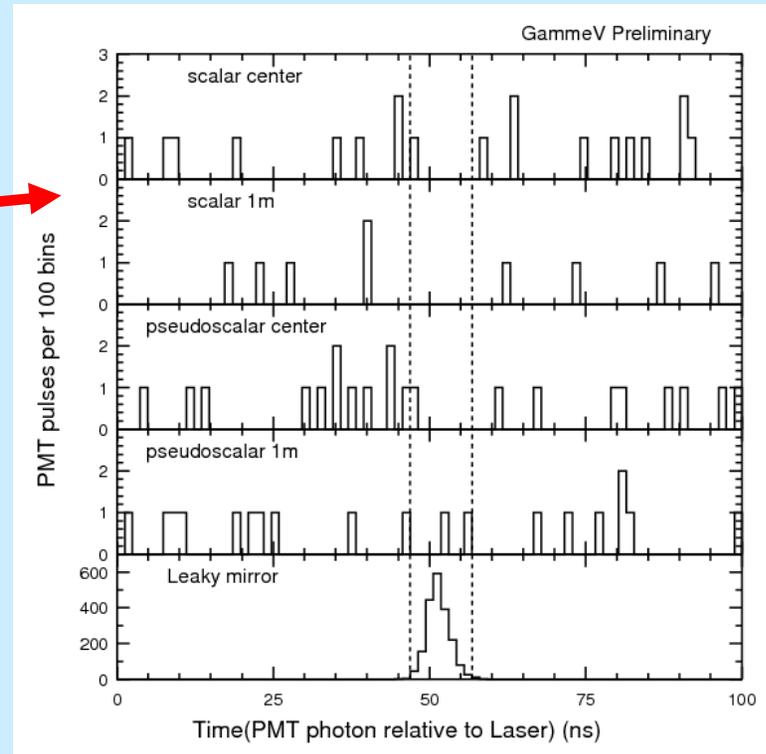
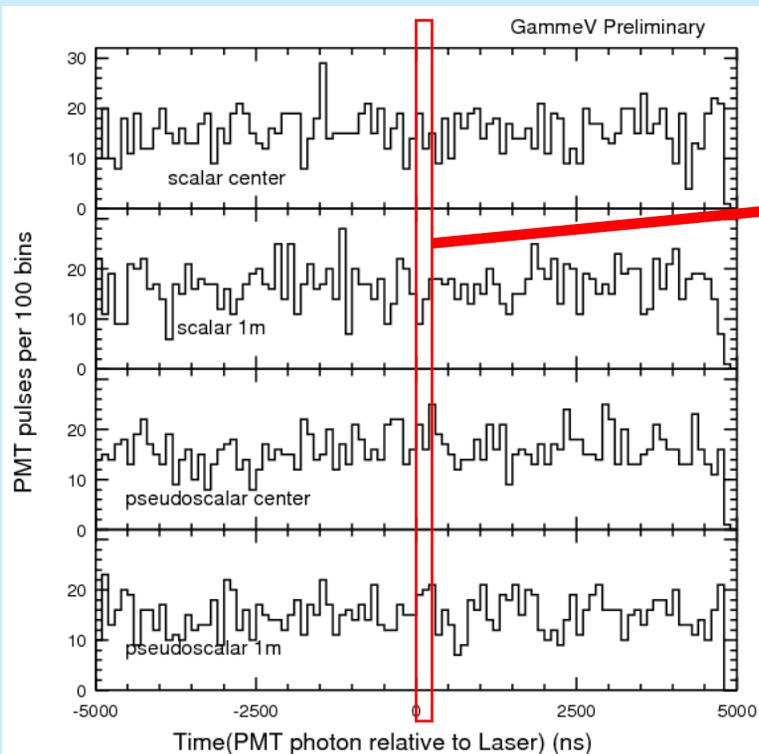
- Use the "Leaky Mirror" data to verify both the absolute timing and the sensitivity to polarization.
- The isochronous pulse to both QuarkNet boards can be used to remove a 10ns jitter.



- Take data in four configurations
  - Scalar (with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -wave plate) with the plunger in the center and at 1m
  - Pseudoscalar also with the plunger in the center and 1m positions
- In each configuration, acquire about 20 hours of magnet time or about 1.5M laser pulses at 20Hz.
  - Monitor the power of the laser using a power meter that absorbs the laser light reflected back into the laser box using NIST traceable calibration to +/-3%
- Total efficiency (25 +/- 3)%
  - PMT detection efficiencies from factory measurements QE x CE  
39% x 70% = 27%
  - Measured attenuation in BK7 windows and lens: 92%
- Background in a 10ns wide search region is estimated by counting the events in a 10,000ns wide window around all the laser pulses and dividing by 1000.

# GammeV Results

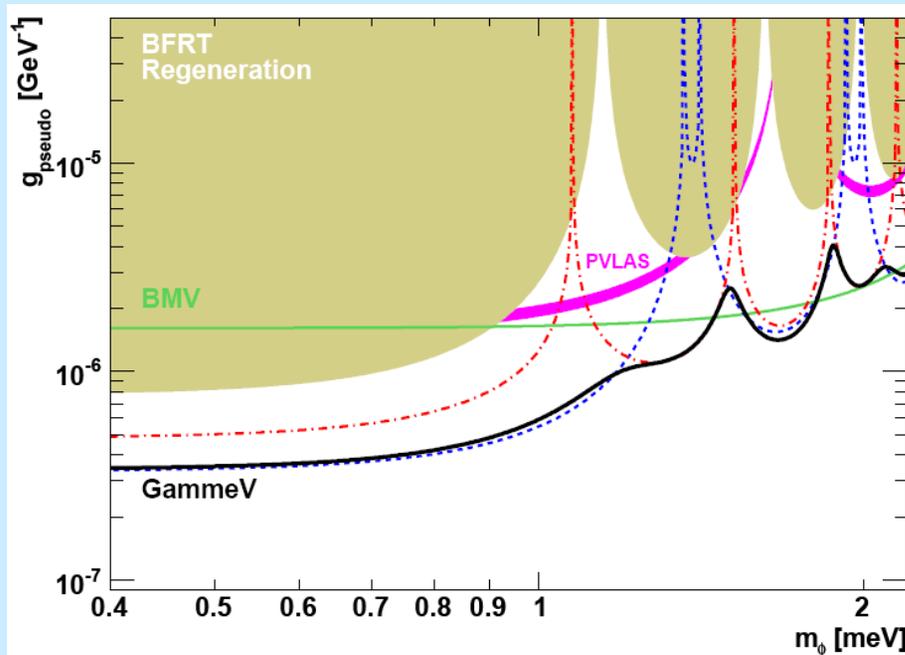
Spin	Position	# Laser pulse	# photon / pulse	Expected Background	Signal Candidates
Scalar	Center	1.34 M	0.41e18	1.56±0.04	1
Scalar	1 m	1.47M	0.38e18	1.67±0.04	0
Pseudo	Center	1.43M	0.41e18	1.59±0.04	1
Pseudo	1m	1.47M	0.42e18	1.50±0.04	2



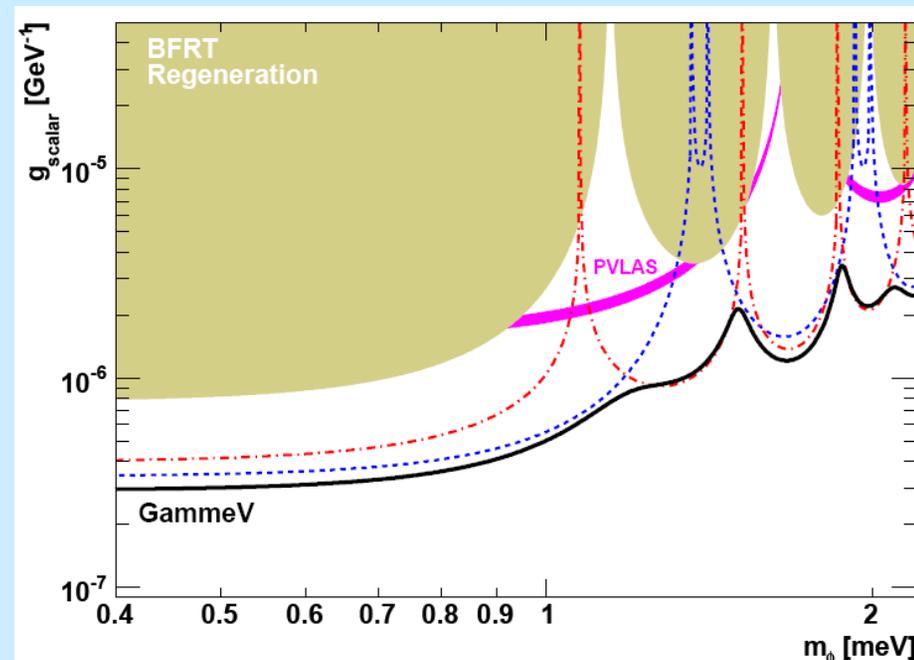
# GammeV Results

- Results are derived. We show  $3\sigma$  exclusion regions and completely rule out the PVLAS axion-like particle interpretation by more than  $5\sigma$ .

Pseudoscalar



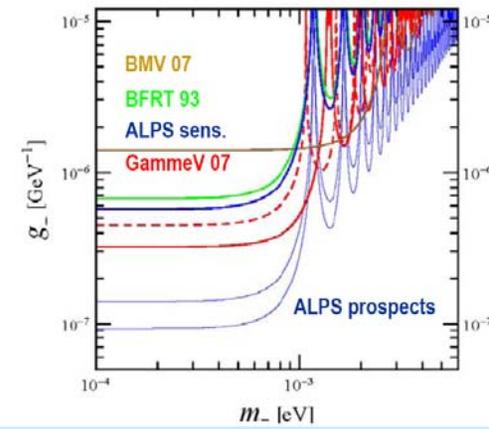
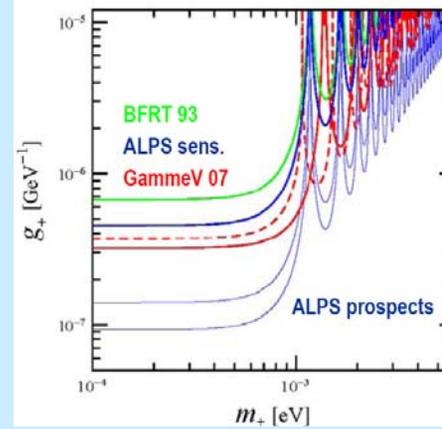
Scalar



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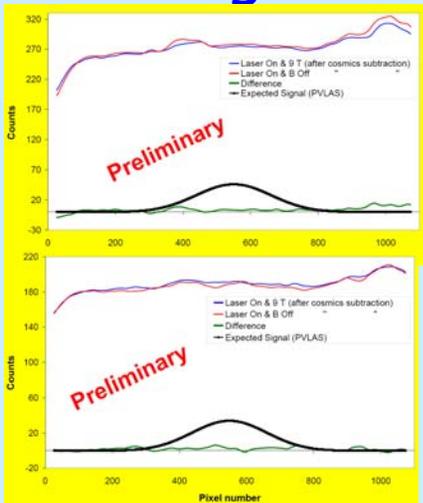
# Other experiments

- 4<sup>th</sup> Patras Workshop on Axions, WIMPs, and WISPs
  - DESY, June 2008
  - web: [axion-wimp.desy.de](http://axion-wimp.desy.de)
- No evidence of axion-like particles using different configurations of LSW technique.

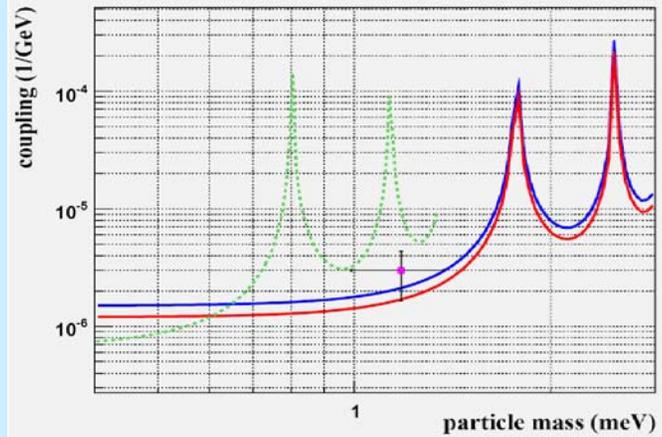


ALPS

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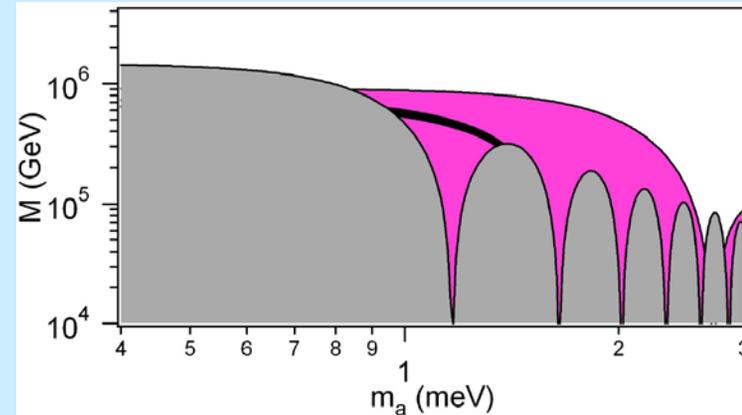


**OSQAR** hep-ex/0712.3362  
Note: with N<sub>2</sub> gas  
12/2/2008



LIPSS

scalar only  
arXiv:0806:2631

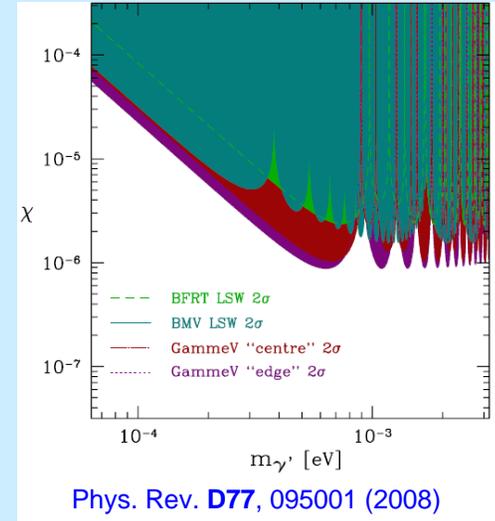


BMV

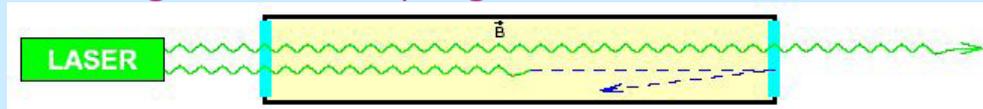
pseudoscalar only  
1st results: PRL **99**, 190403 (2007)  
Final results: PRD **78**, 032013 (2008)

# Other GammeV results

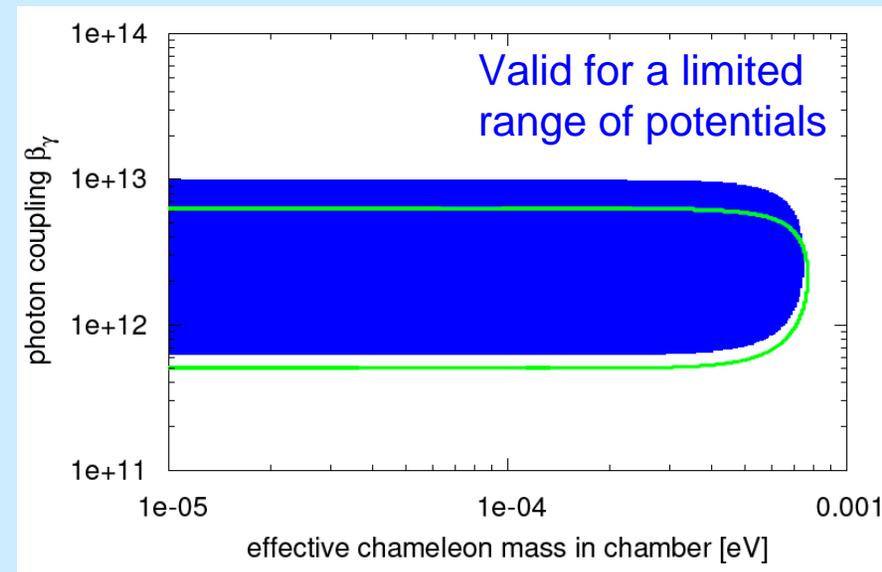
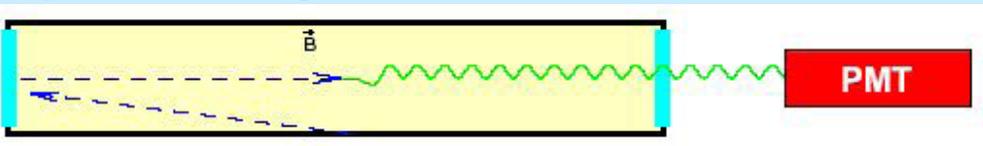
- **GammeV** results set limits on the mixing parameter for photons to oscillate into massive paraphotons that might arise from a new U(1) symmetry.
- **GammeV** took data in a "particle in a jar" configuration to set first ever limits on *chameleon* particles.



Generate 100% reflective chameleons due to strong matter coupling.



Turn off laser and look for a regenerated photon afterglow.



arXiv:0806.2438

# Conclusion

- At FNAL, a small group of us had fun this past summer. There were days I went into work thinking today *might* be the day that a new revolutionary particle might appear.
- We achieved the goal of excluding a region of interest for an axion-like particle with a high confidence level.
- Axions are a real possible dark matter candidate. My opinion is that more effort should go into looking for them.
- Finally, just like there are theories that are "Not Yet Thought Of", so there are also opportunities for such experiments. Maybe something like a chameleon or something even stranger will be the next New Physics.





# Conclusion

## Publications

A.S. Chou, *et al.* [**GammeV** collaboration], “Search for axionlike particles using a variable-baseline photon-regeneration technique,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **100**, 080402, 2008. ([link](#)). Also, [arXiv:0710.3783 \[hep-ex\]](#).

A. S. Chou, *et al.* [**GammeV** collaboration], “A search for chameleon particles using a photon regeneration technique,” [arXiv:0806.2438 \[hep-ex\]](#).

## Conference Proceedings

J. Steffen for the collaboration, “Constraints on chameleons and axion-like particles with the **GammeV** experiment,” Presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Identification of Dark Matter 2008, Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 18-22, 2008, [arXiv:0810.5070 \[hep-ex\]](#). ([link](#)).

W. Wester for the collaboration, “**GammeV**: a milli-eV particle search at Fermilab,” Presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference on High Energy Physics, Philadelphia, PA, July 29 – Aug. 5 2008, FERMILAB-CONF-08-454-A-E and [arXiv:0810.4510 \[hep-ex\]](#). ([link](#)).

W. Wester for the collaboration, “**GammeV**: Fermilab axion-like particle photon regeneration results,” Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Patras Workshop on Axions, WIMPs and WISPs – Training Workshop, Hamburg Germany, 18-21 Jun 2008, FERMILAB-CONF-08-340-A-E, Sep 2008. ([link](#)).

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## News Stories

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+ 35 citations to our work  
+ 1 Wilson Fellow  
+ 1 WF candidate  
+ 1 Post doc on job market  
+ 1 GEM summer student

# Back-up slides

# Critique of PVLAS interpretation

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## Postives for a new particle interpretation

- Effect seen in both ellipticity and rotation at 532 and 1064nm
- Scalar interpretation points to a small region in  $M$  vs  $m$
- Cotton Mouton effect is observed as expected
- No rotation effect with no B field
- Copious theoretical ideas to evade astrophysical and other bounds

## Concerns for a new particle interpretation

- Systematics from rotation magnet (eddy currents) understood?
- Extra 1<sup>st</sup> harmonic signal not explained
- Some cross checks are done w/large signals
- New data does not observe the effect and concludes there is likely an instrumental artifact (hep-ex/0706.3419) [after we started]**

**GammeV** motivation is to test the axion-like particle interpretation of the PVLAS anomaly in a direct manner

# Laser box

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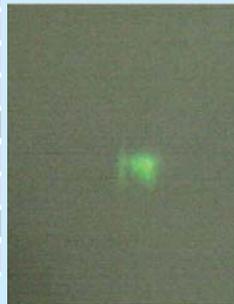
DESCRIPTION	I-10	I-20
Repetition Rate (Hz)	10	20
Energy (mJ)		
1064 nm	450	420
532 nm	200	160
355 nm	65/100 <sup>2</sup>	60/100 <sup>2</sup>
266 nm	60	45
Pulsewidth <sup>3</sup> (nsec)		
1064 nm	5-7	5-7
532 nm	4-6	4-6
355 nm	4-6	4-6
266 nm	4-6	4-6
Linewidth (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		
Standard	1	1
Injection Seeded <sup>4</sup>	0.005	0.005
Divergence <sup>5</sup> (mrads)	0.6	0.6
Rod Diameter (mm)	6	6
Pointing Stability (±μrads)	30	50
Jitter <sup>6</sup> (±ns)	0.5	0.5
Energy Stability <sup>7</sup> (±%)		
1064 nm	2.0; 0.7	2.0; 0.7
532 nm	3.5; 1.2	3.5; 1.2
355 nm	4.0; 1.3	4.0; 1.3
266 nm	7.0; 2.3	7.0; 2.3
Power Drift <sup>8</sup> (±%)		
1064 nm	3.0	3.0
532 nm	3.0	3.0
355 nm	3.0	3.0
266 nm	6.0	6.0
Beam Spatial Profile <sup>9</sup>		
Near Field (<1 m)	0.70	0.70
Far Field (∞)	0.95	0.95
Deviation from Gaussian <sup>10</sup>		
Near Field (<1 m)	30	30



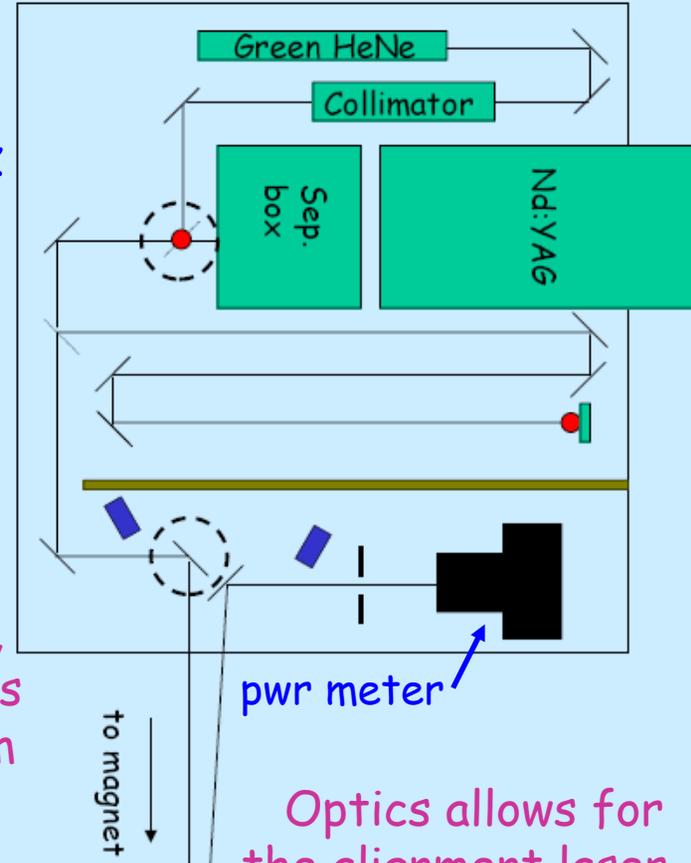
3.2W laser  
10ns wide  
pulses@20Hz



Laser box is safety interlocked, mounted on cement blocks, holds optics, and interfaces to vacuum inside the magnet.

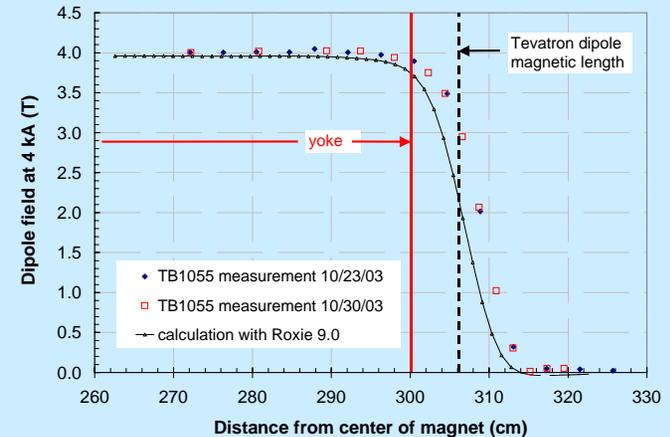
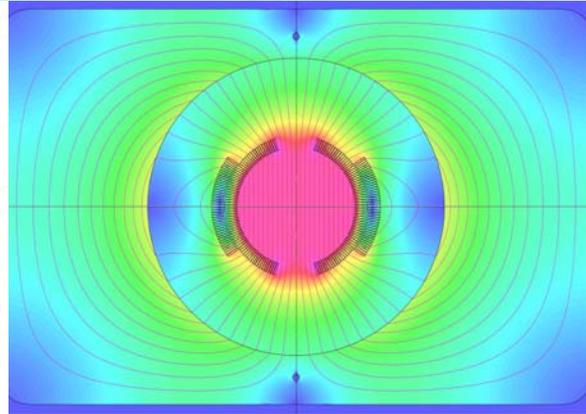
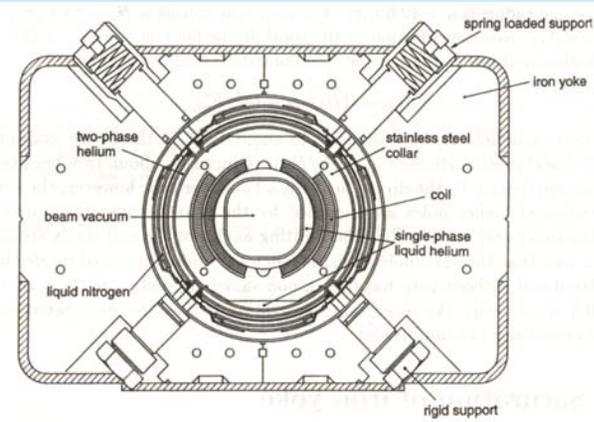


Video image of reflected laser spot is monitored during data taking.



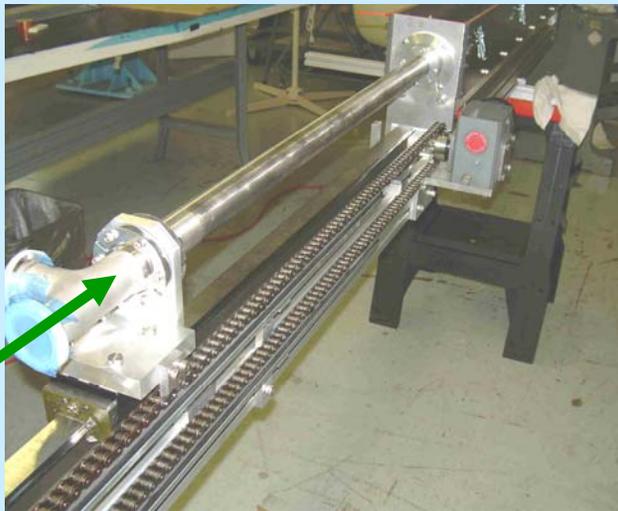
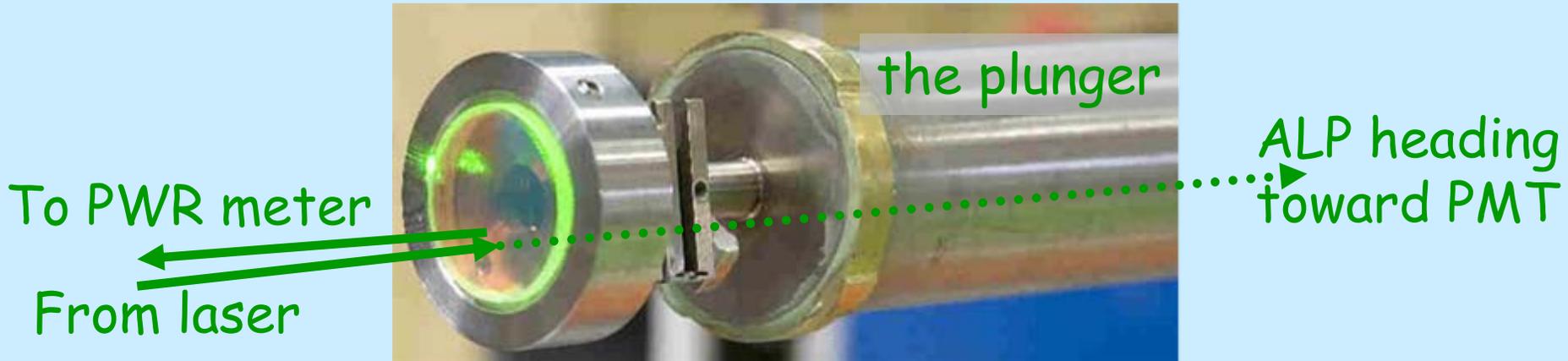
Optics allows for the alignment laser and Nd:YAG to be aligned using ~3m path in the box so the low power laser can be steered through the apparatus.

# Tevatron Magnet



- Our magnet: TC1206 one of the best spare Tevatron dipole magnets. It was selected because it was previously run at high current
- Operating current was 5040A to have 5T over the entire 6m length. Measured with NMR probes.
- Terrific support from the magnet test facility that gave us space and infrastructure on their test stand.

# The "Wall" and plumbing



The plunger can be adjusted by 2 meters so that the wall can either be placed in the center of the magnet or at a position 1m from the end of the magnet. This unique feature allows us to be sensitive to other masses.

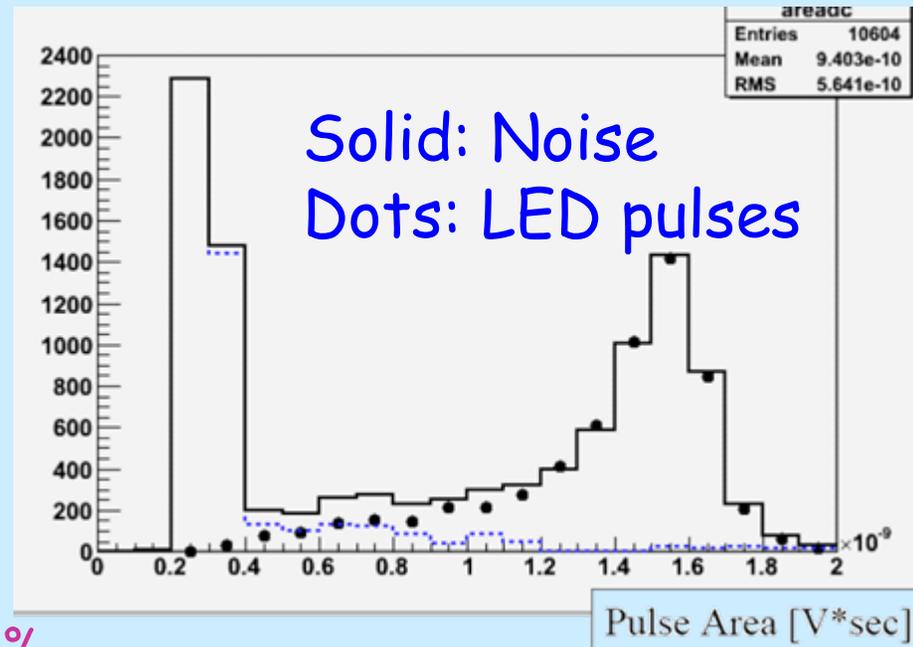


# Single photon detector



- Hamamatsu H7422P-40 PMT
- GaAsP photocathode, QE=40%
- Dark Count rate ~ 100 Hz with built-in thermoelectric cooler

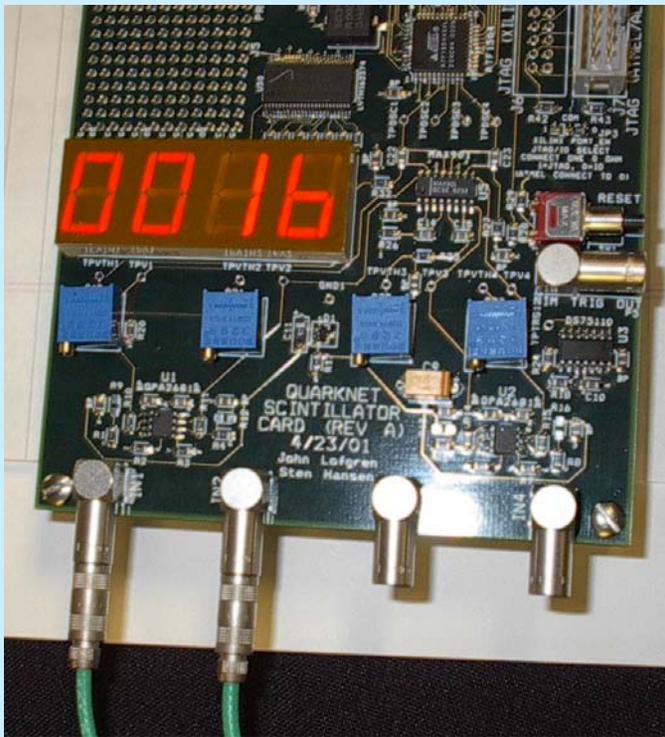
We studied the response of the PMT using a single photon LED flasher system. There is a clear separation between noise dominated by the power supply and the single photon peak. We flash the LED during data taking.



Discriminator inefficiency (0.6+/-0.1)%

# Data acquisition

- **QuarkNet timing cards**
  - Built by Fermilab for Education Outreach (High School cosmic ray exp'ts.)
  - Interfaces to computer via USB (Visual Basic software for our DAQ)
- Four inputs, phase locked to a GPS 1pps using a 100MHz clock that is divided by eight for 1.25ns timing.
- Boards also send firing commands to the laser and LED pulser system
- Digital oscilloscope recorded PMT signals for LED photons and for rare coincidences.



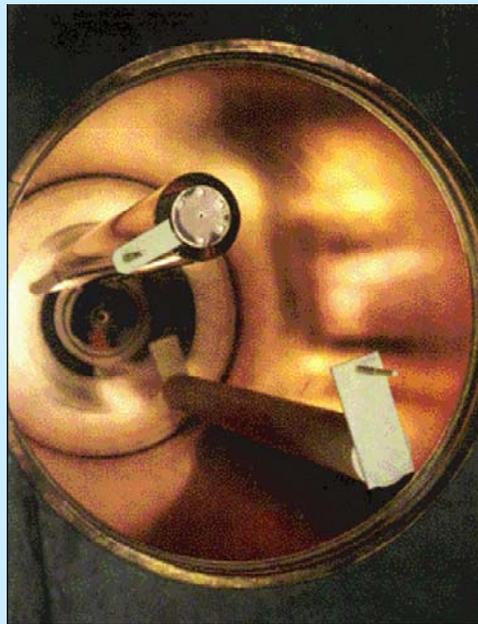
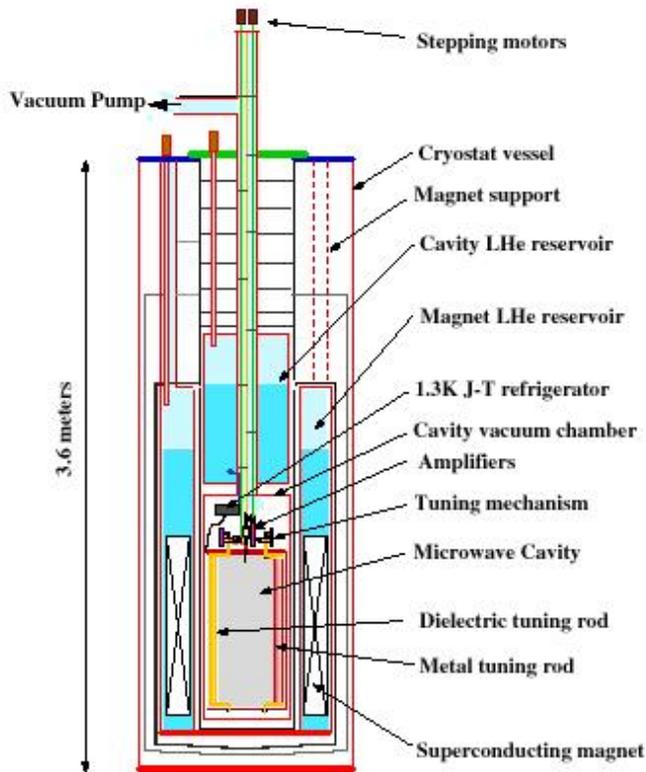
Time the laser pulses (20Hz) and time the PMT pulses (120Hz). Look for time correlated single photons. All pulses are ~10ns wide.

	Ch0	Ch1	Ch2	Ch3
PMT Quark Net	PMT pulse	LED pulse	Scope trigger	Isochro nous CLK
Laser Quark Net	Laser Photo diode	Laser Splash	Laser Synch pulse	Isochro nous CLK

# ADMX Experiment

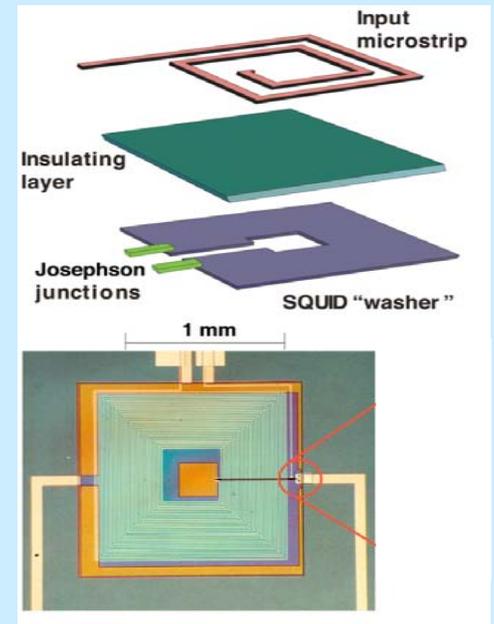
- Axion Dark Matter Experiment

- Tunable microwave cavity in B field looking for dark matter axions converting into a detectable photons.



High Q cavity

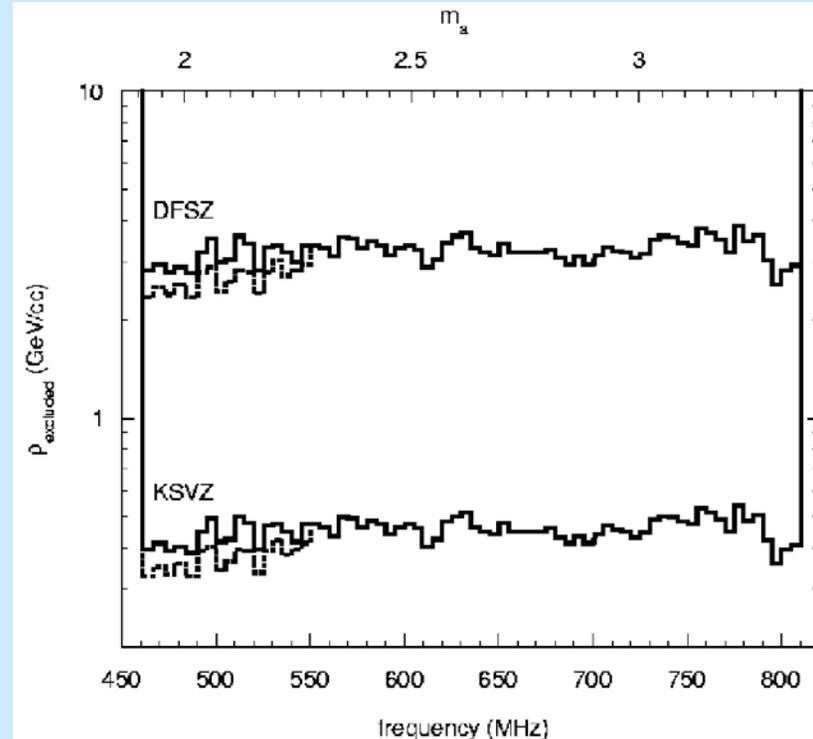
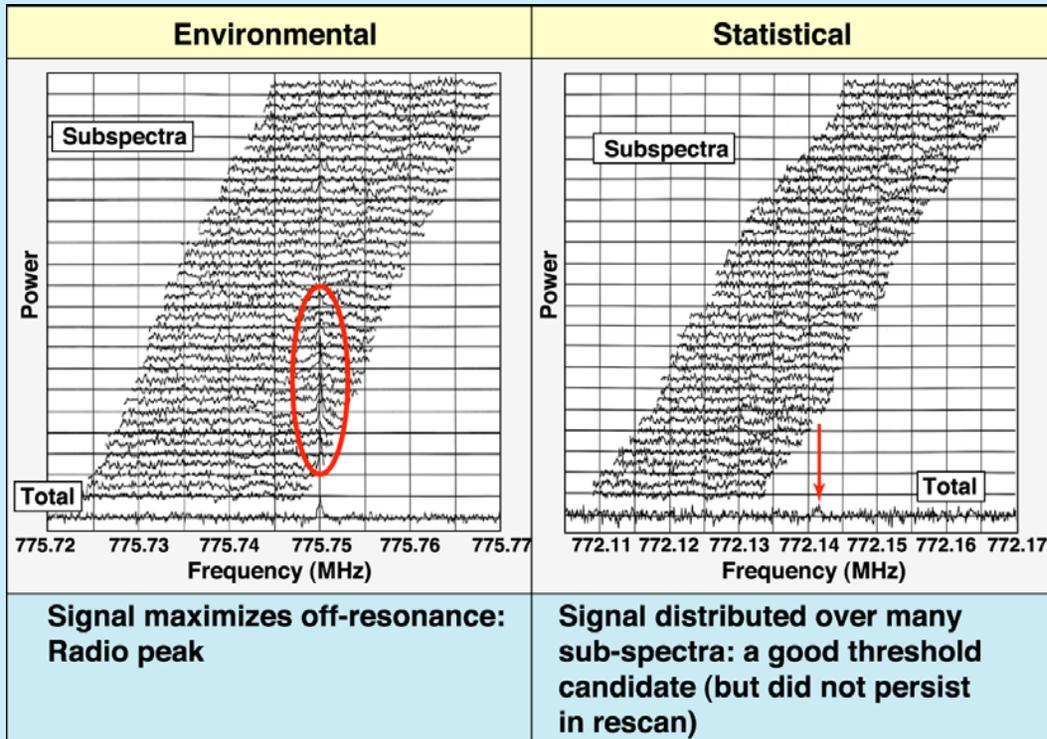
ADMX



SQUID upgrade for receiver

# ADMX Results

- Scan narrow frequency bands. World's quietest spectral receiver.
- Observations consistent with known radio sources or statistics.

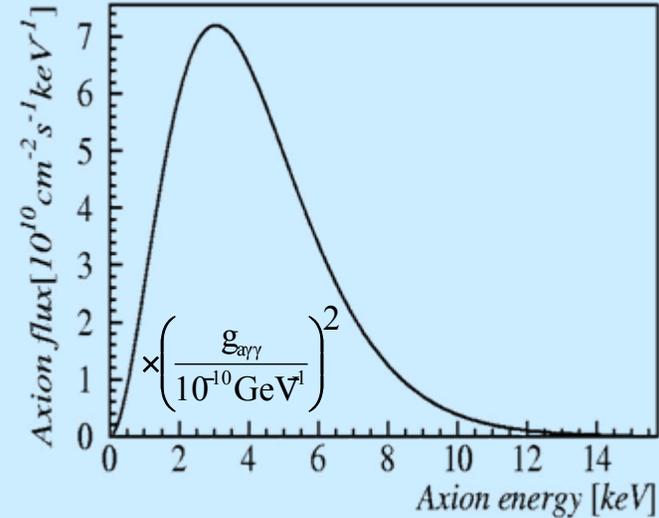
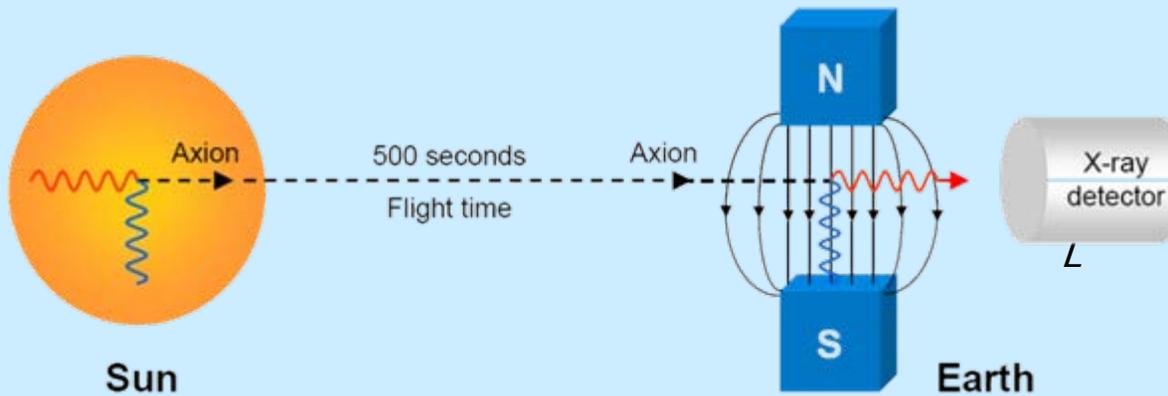


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- Upgrades should allow sensitivity into the QCD axion / dark matter candidate region of interest.

# CAST Experiment

- CERN Axion Solar Telescope



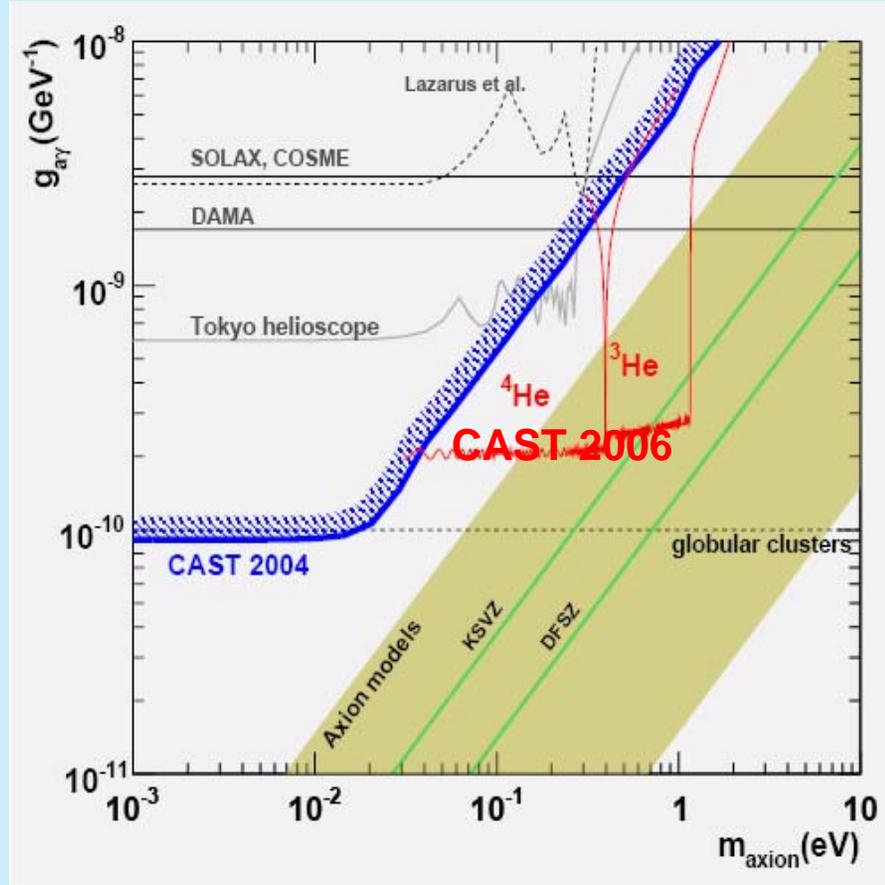
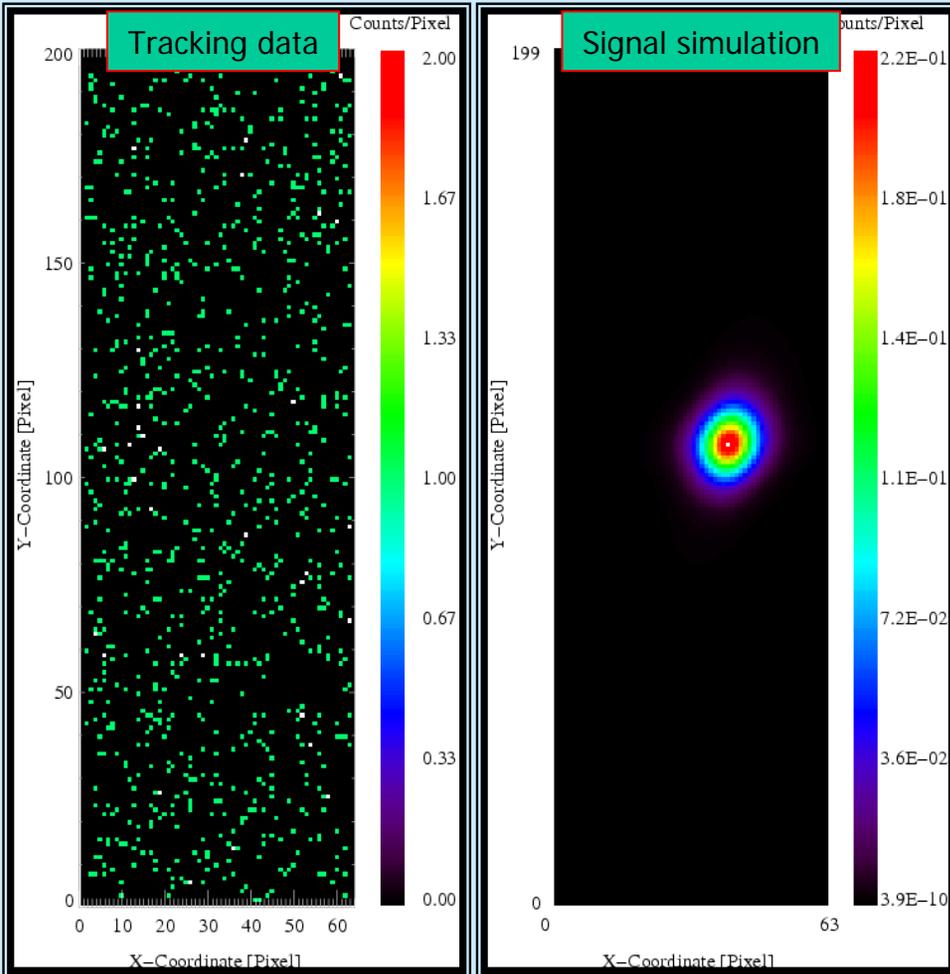
Point LHC dipole toward the sun.  
 Detect possible X-rays from axion reconversion.

CAST



# CAST Results

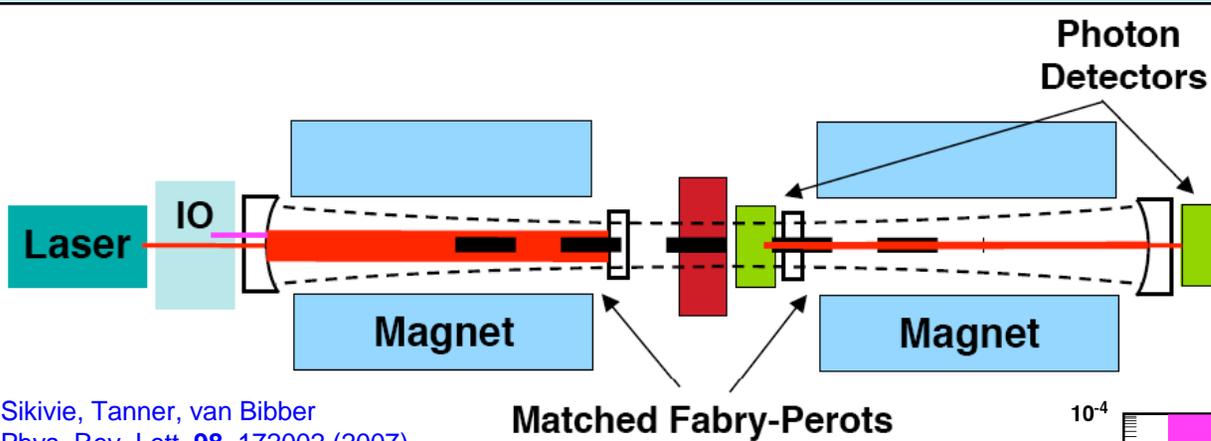
- 2004 results hep-ex/0411033 and new results with small gas pressures hep-ex/0702006 to probe QCD axion.



$g_{a\gamma\gamma}$  (95% C.L.)  $< 1.16 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

# Next future steps?

## Resonantly enhanced axion-photon regeneration



Probability of regeneration goes as the product of finesse's:  $FF$

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Possibility that this technique might exceed star cooling and CAST limits.

Note that microwave cavity experiments (ADMX) are now probing the QCD axion.

