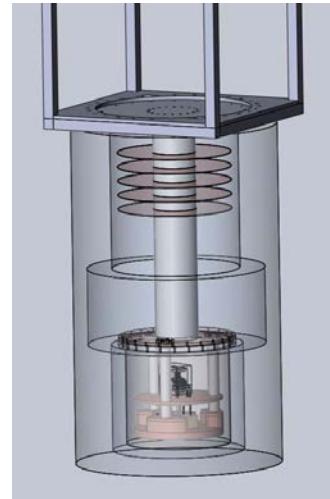
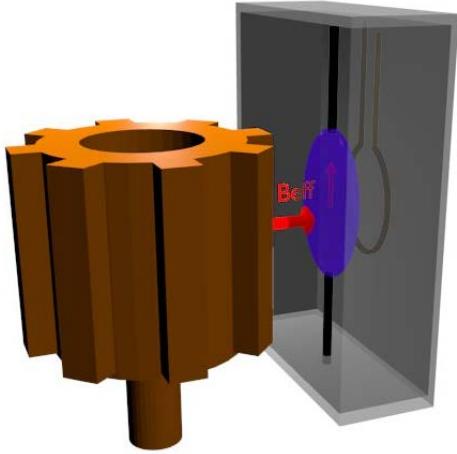


# Searching for the QCD axion with ARIADNE



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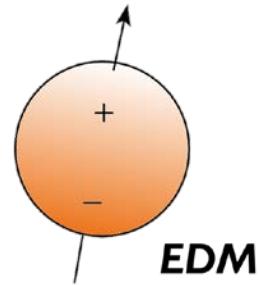


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# Axions

- Light pseudoscalar particles in many theories  
Beyond Standard model
- Peccei-Quinn Axion (QCD) solves strong CP problem  
 $\theta_{QCD} < 10^{-10}$
- Dark matter candidate

Experiments: e.g. ADMX, HAYSTAC, LC circuit,  
Casper, DM Radio, MADMAX, CAPP, ORGAN

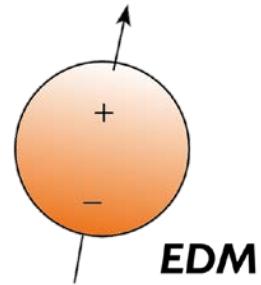
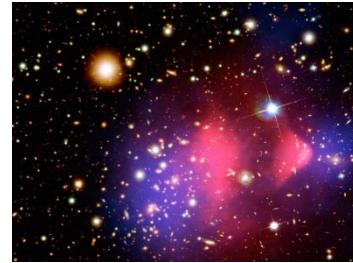


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- Dark matter candidate
- Also mediates spin-dependent “fifth-forces”  
at short range (down to 30 μm)

→ Can be sourced locally  
No cosmological assumptions!



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# Axion Resonant InterAction DetectioN Experiment



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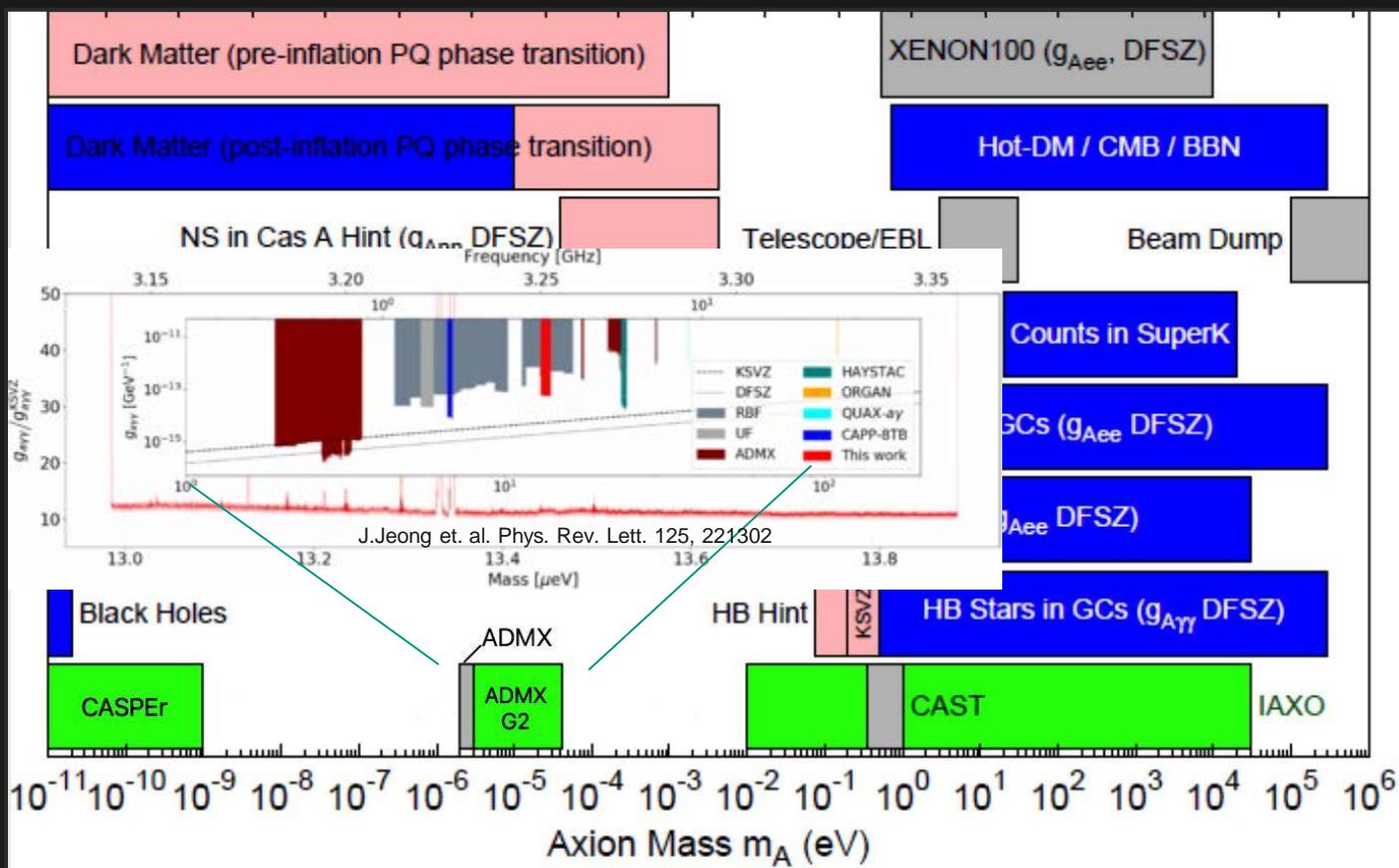


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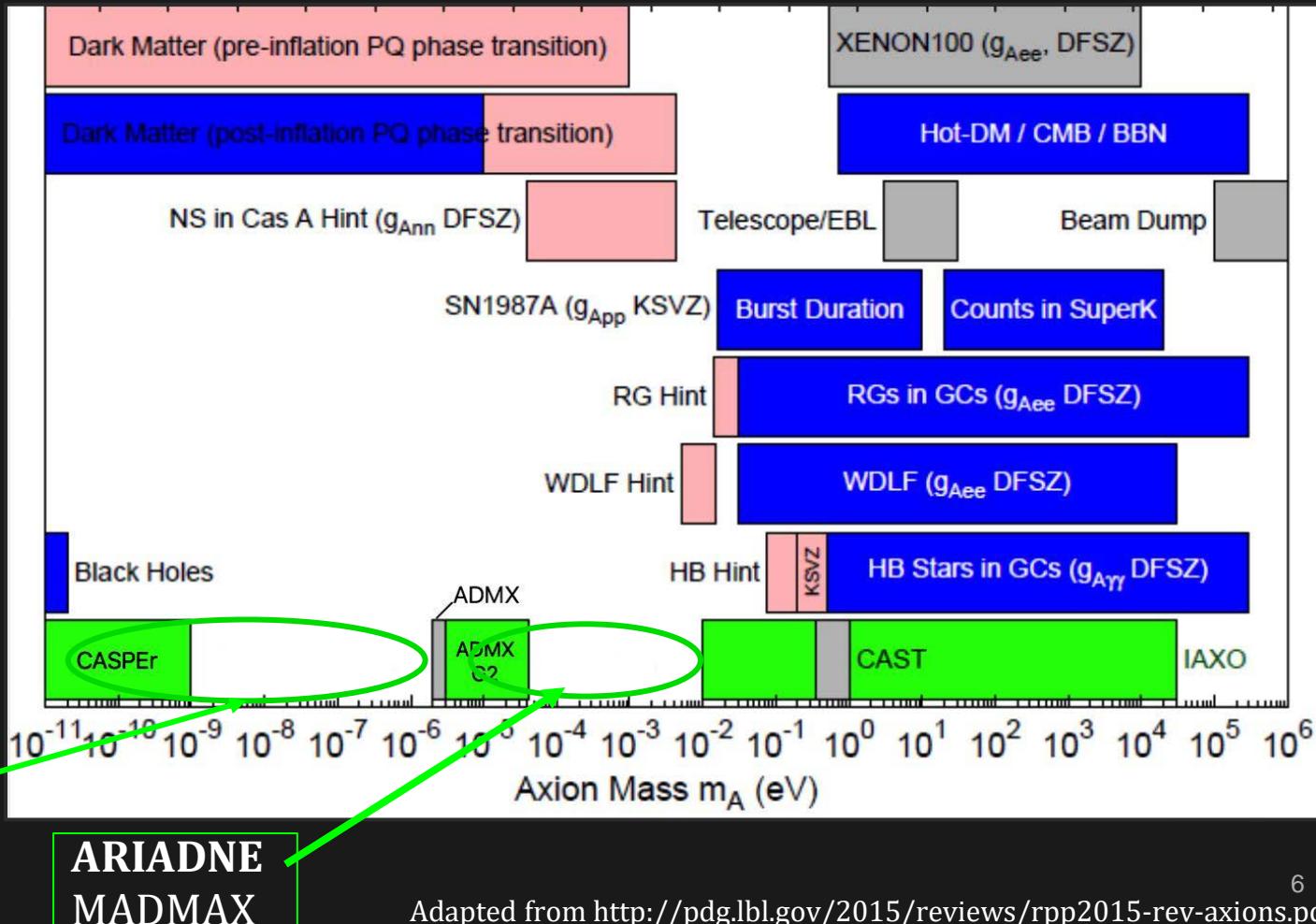
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# Axion and ALP Searches

Source	Coupling		
	Photons	Nucleons	Electrons
Dark Matter (Cosmic) axions	ADMX, HAYSTAC, DM Radio, LC Circuit, MADMAX, ABRACADABRA	CASPER	QUAX
Solar axions	CAST IAXO		
Lab-produced axions	Light-shining-thru- walls (ALPS, ALPS-II)	ARIADNE	

# Axion-exchange between nucleons

- Scalar coupling  $\propto \theta_{QCD}$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\theta_{QCD}}{f_a} \mu a \bar{\psi} \psi$$

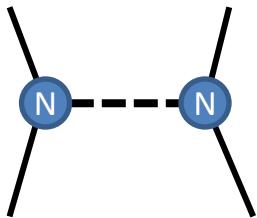
- Pseudoscalar coupling

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi$$

In the non-relativistic limit:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\vec{\nabla} a}{f_a} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

Axion acts a force mediator between nucleons



$$(g_s^N)^2$$

Monopole-monopole

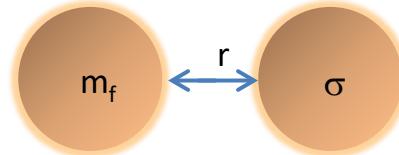
$$g_s^N g_P^N$$

Monopole-dipole

$$(g_p^N)^2$$

dipole-dipole

# Spin-dependent forces



Monopole-Dipole axion exchange

$$U(r) = \frac{\hbar^2 g_s^N g_p^N}{8\pi m_f} \left( \frac{1}{r\lambda_a} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) e^{-r/\lambda_a} (\hat{\sigma} \cdot \hat{r}) \equiv \mu \cdot B_{\text{eff}}$$

$$m_a < 6 \text{ meV} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \lambda_a > 30 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

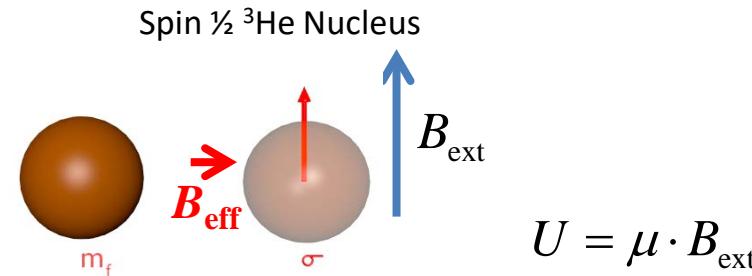
Fictitious magnetic field

- Different than ordinary B field
- Does not couple to angular momentum
- Unaffected by magnetic shielding

# NMR for detection

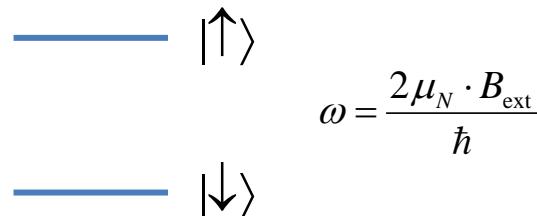
Oscillate the mass at  
Larmor frequency

$$B_{\text{eff}} = B_{\perp} \cos(\omega t)$$



Bloch Equations

$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} = \gamma \vec{M} \times \vec{B}$$



Time varying Axion  $B_{\text{eff}}$  drives spin precession  
→ produces transverse magnetization

Amplitude is resonantly enhanced  
by Q factor  $\sim \omega T_2$ .

Can be detected with a SQUID

# Concept for ARIADNE

Unpolarized (tungsten) segmented cylinder sources  $B_{\text{eff}}$



Applied Bias field  $B_{\text{ext}}$

$$\omega = \frac{2\mu_N \cdot B_{\text{ext}}}{\hbar}$$

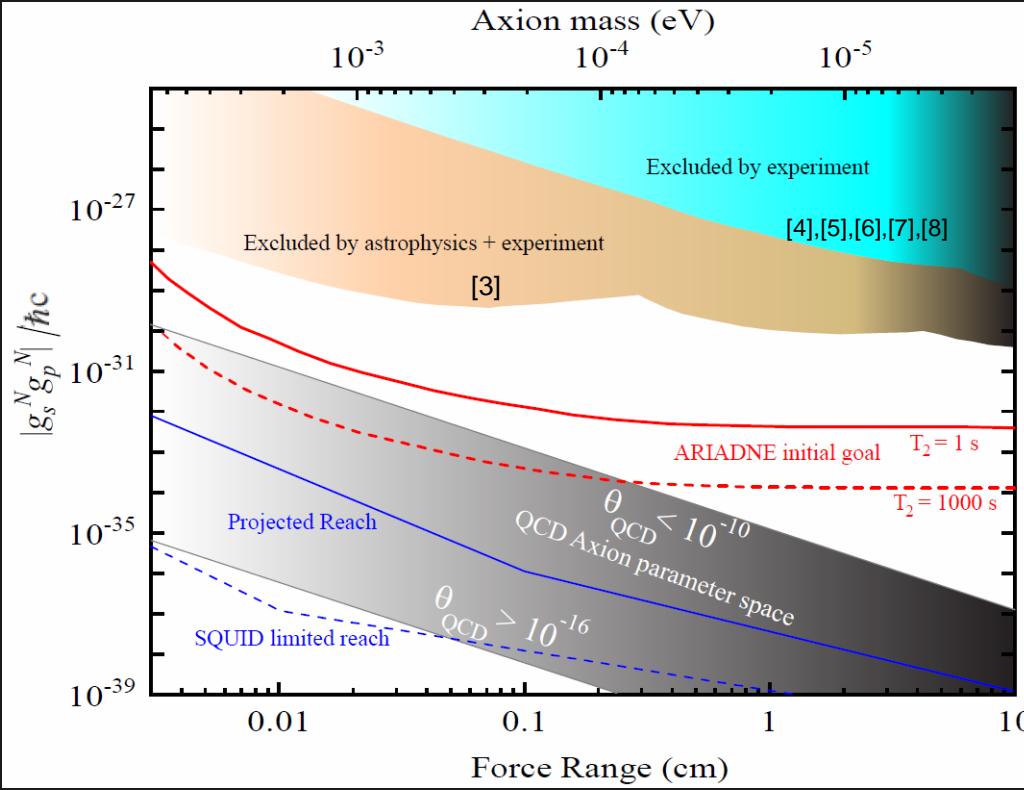
Laser Polarized  $^3\text{He}$  gas senses  $B_{\text{eff}}$  (Indiana U)

squid pickup  
Loop (CAPP)

Limit: Transverse spin projection noise

$$B_{\min} \approx p^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{n_s \mu^3 \text{He} \gamma V T_2}} = 10^{-20} \frac{T}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}} \times \\ \left(\frac{1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{V}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{n_s}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1000 \text{ sec}}{T_2}\right)^{1/2}$$

# Constraints and Sensitivity



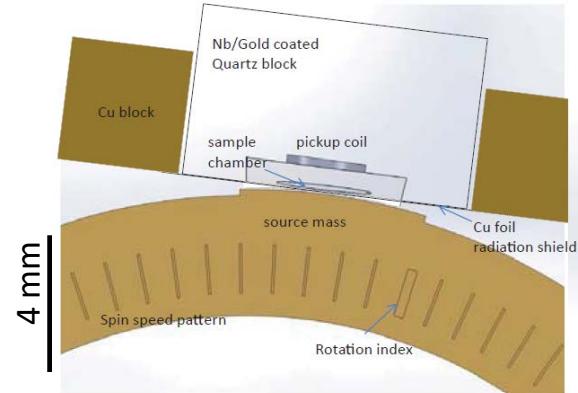
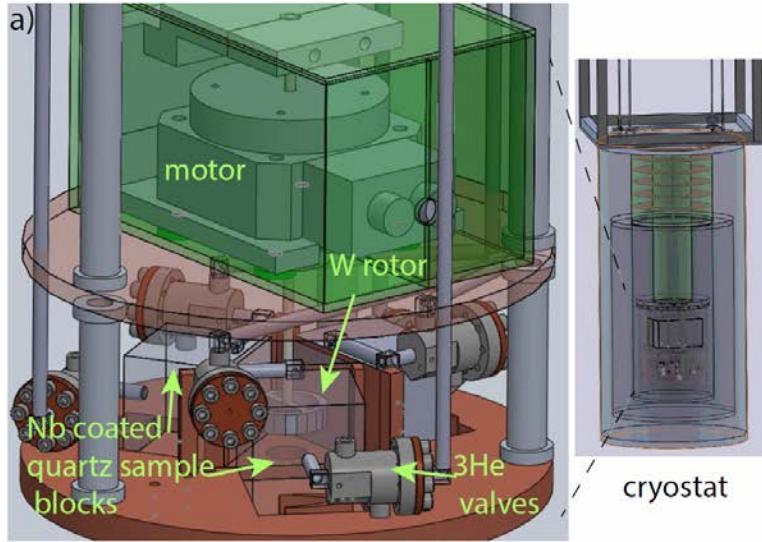
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# Experimental parameters



3.8 cm diameter



Tungsten source mass (high nucleon density)  
11 segments  
100 Hz nuclear spin precession frequency  
 $2 \times 10^{21} / \text{cc}$   $^3\text{He}$  density  
3 mm x 3 mm x 150  $\mu\text{m}$  volume  
Separation  $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$

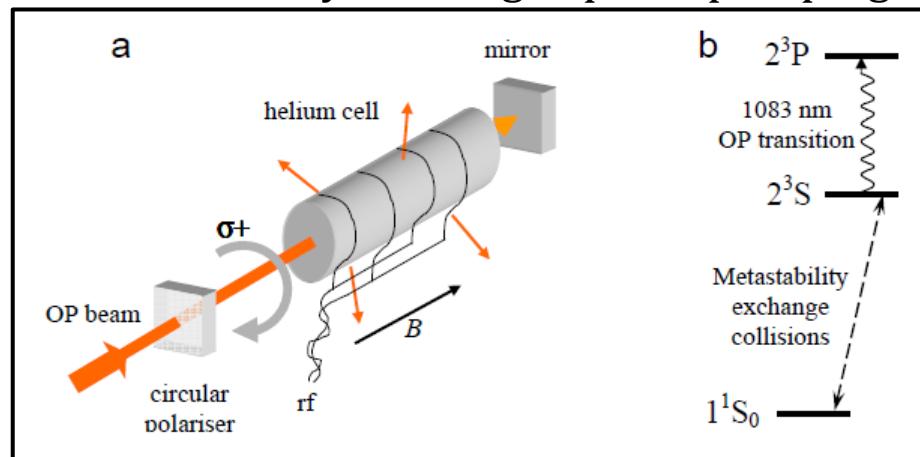
# Hyperpolarized $^3\text{He}$

- Ordinary magnetic fields cannot be used to reach near unity polarization

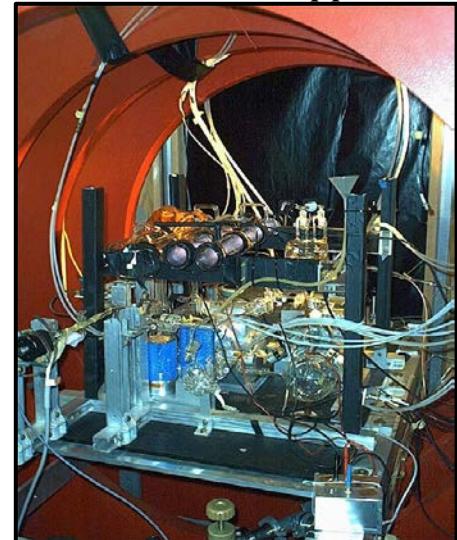
$$\exp[-\mu_N B / k_B T]$$

## Optical pumping techniques

- Metastability exchange optical pumping

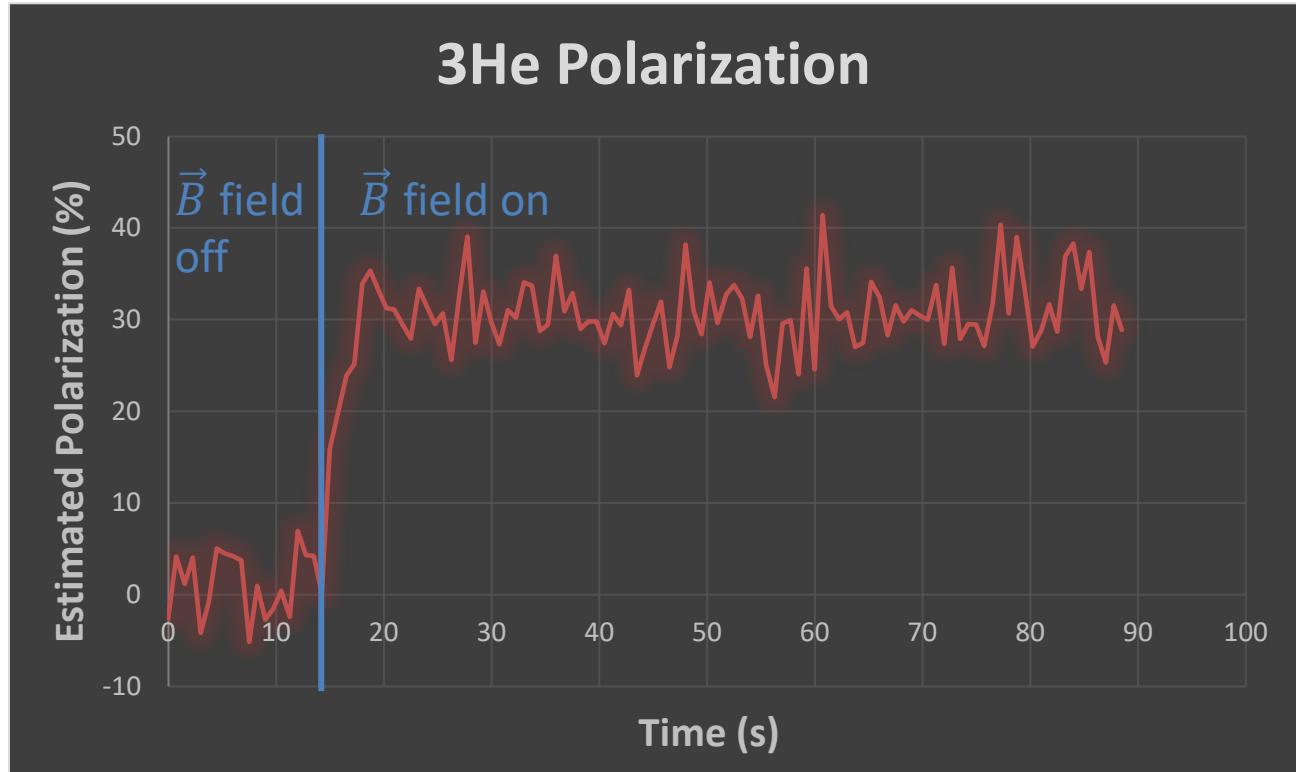
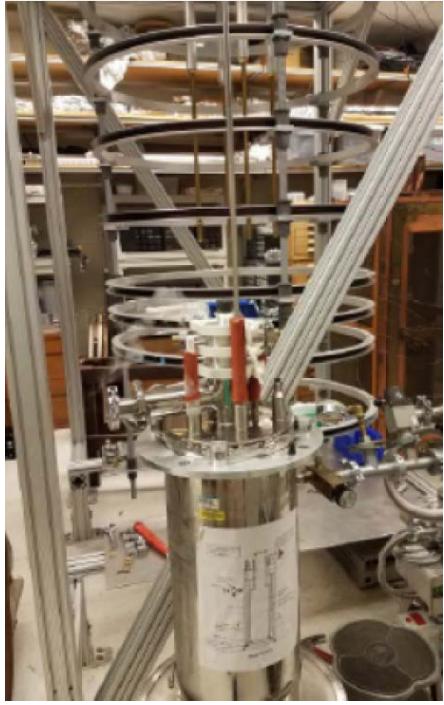


Indiana U. MEOP apparatus



Rev. Sci. Instrum. 76, 053503 (2005)

# Hyperpolarized $^3\text{He}$ at cryostat (MEOP)



# Experimental challenges

Systematic Effect/Noise source	Background Level	Notes
Magnetic gradients	$3 \times 10^{-6}$ T/m	Limits $T_2$ to $\sim 100$ s Possible to improve w/shield geometry
Vibration of mass	$10^{-22}$ T	For $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ mass wobble at $\omega_{\text{rot}}$
External vibrations	$5 \times 10^{-20}$ T/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	For $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ sample vibration (100 Hz)
Patch Effect	$10^{-21} (\frac{V_{\text{patch}}}{0.1\text{V}})^2$ T	Can reduce with $V$ applied to Cu foil
Flux noise in squid loop	$2 \times 10^{-20}$ T/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Assuming $1\mu\Phi_0/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
Trapped flux noise in shield	$7 \times 10^{-20} \frac{\text{T}}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$	Assuming $10\text{ cm}^{-2}$ flux density
Johnson noise	$10^{-20} (\frac{10^8}{f}) \text{T}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$f$ is SC shield factor (100 Hz)
Barnett Effect	$10^{-22} (\frac{10^8}{f}) \text{T}$	Can be used for calibration above 10 K
Magnetic Impurities in Mass	$10^{-25} - 10^{-17} (\frac{\eta}{1\text{ppm}}) (\frac{10^8}{f}) \text{T}$	$\eta$ is impurity fraction (see text)
Mass Magnetic Susceptibility	$10^{-22} (\frac{10^8}{f}) \text{T}$	Assuming background field is $10^{-10}$ T Background field can be larger if $f > 10^8$

Table 1: Table of estimated systematic error and noise sources, as discussed in the text. The projected sensitivity of the device is  $3 \times 10^{-19} (\frac{1000\text{s}}{T_2})^{1/2} \text{T}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

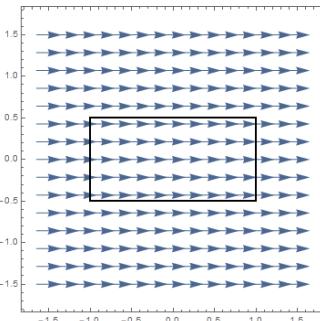
- Design/Simulation Work: Magnetic gradient reduction strategy
- Experimental testing in progress: Vibration tests, Shielding factor  $f$  test thin-film SC, Magnetic impurity tests

# Superconducting Magnetic Shielding

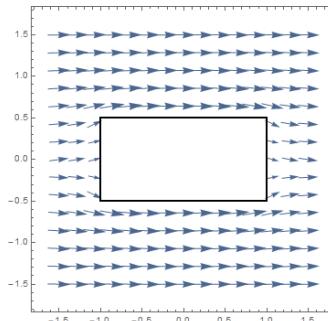
→ Essential to avoid Johnson noise

## Meissner Effect

- No magnetic flux across superconducting boundary



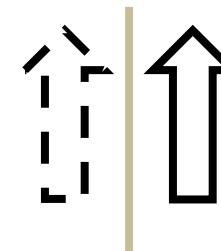
$$T > T_c$$



$$T < T_c$$

## Method of Images

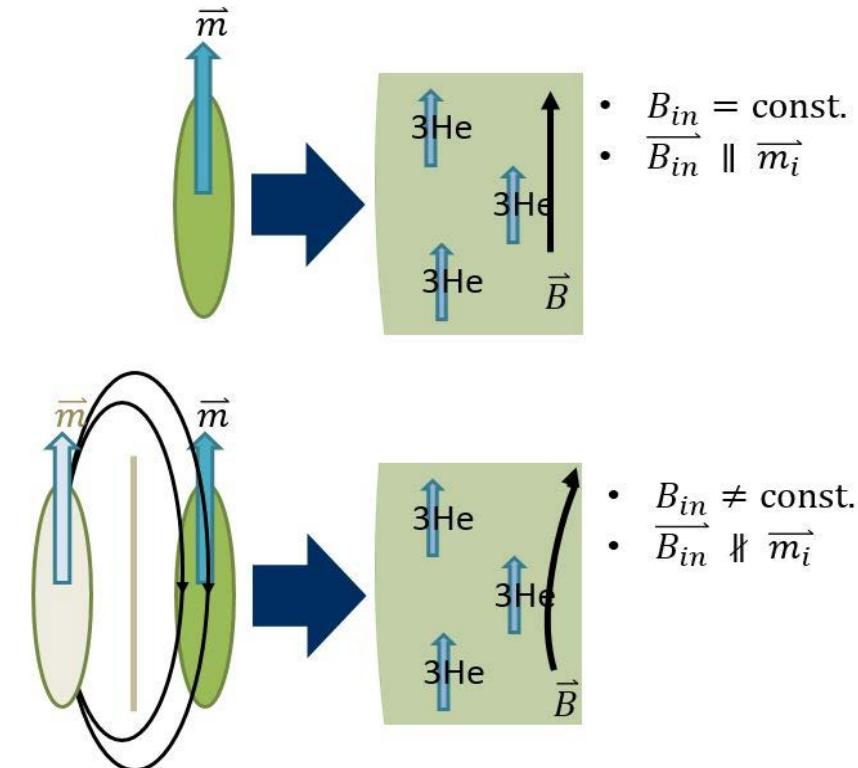
- Make “image currents” mirrored across the superconducting boundary



Dipole with image

# The Problem of Unwanted Images

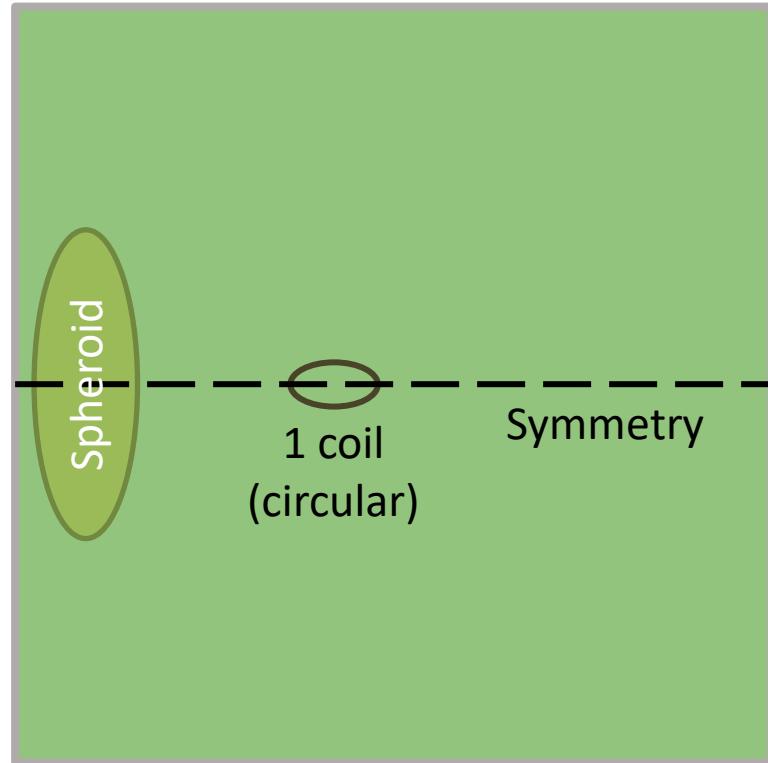
- ARIADNE uses magnetized spheroid
  - Constant interior field
- Magnetic shielding introduces “image spheroid”  
Interior field varies  
 $\rightarrow$  variations in nuclear Larmor frequency



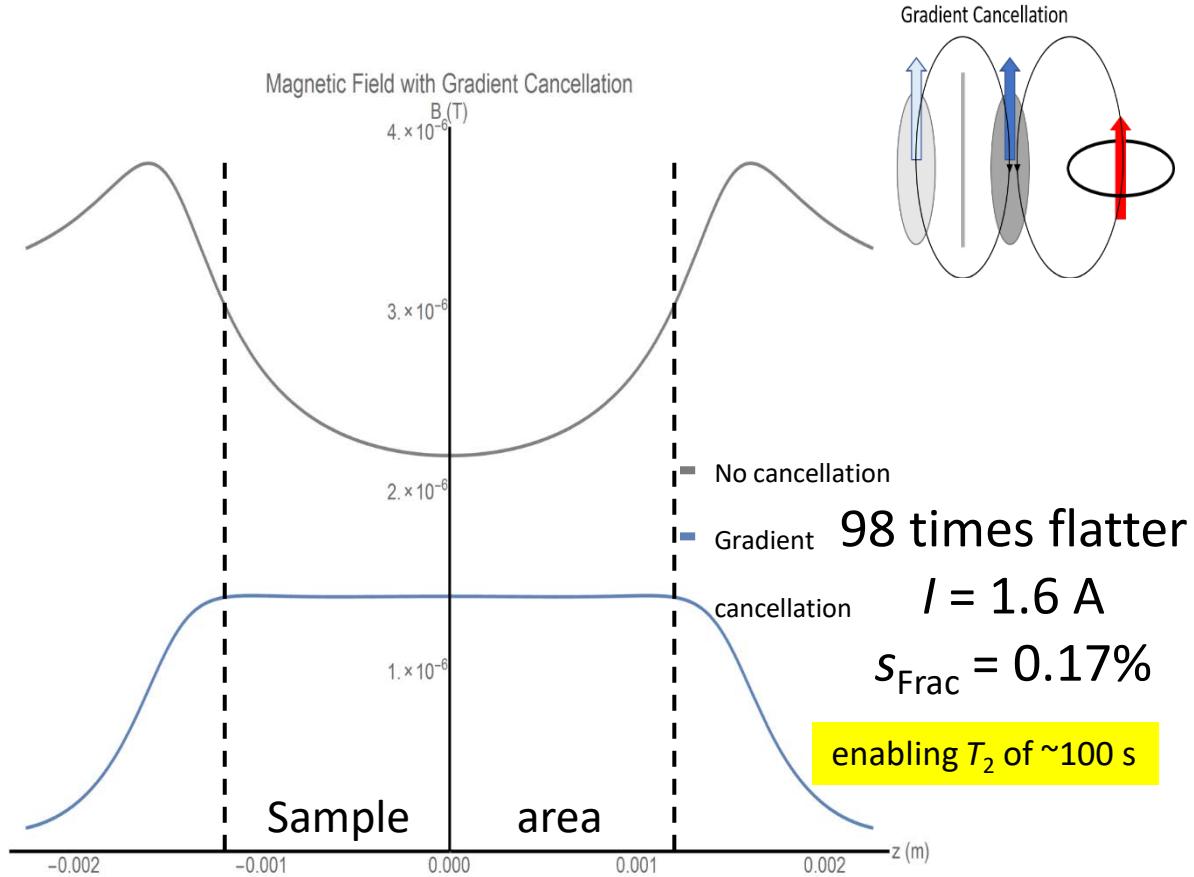
But want to drive entire sample on resonance

# Flattening Solution

- 1 coil – simple configuration
- Expected field from spheroid  $\sim 1 \mu\text{T}$ 
  - $I$  on the  $0.1 - 1 \text{ A}$  range

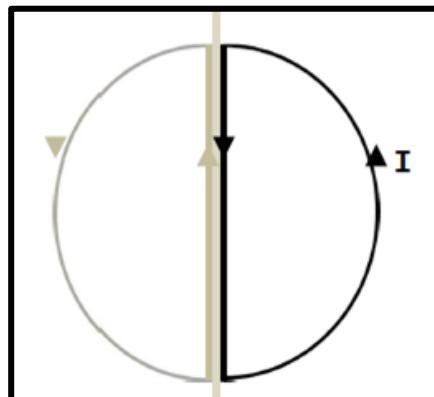


# Gradient Cancellation

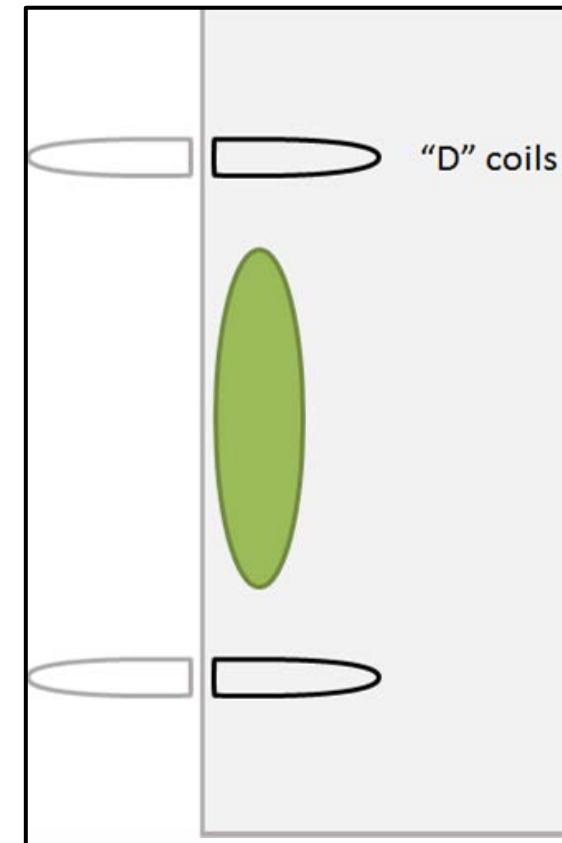


# Tuning Solution – “D” Coils

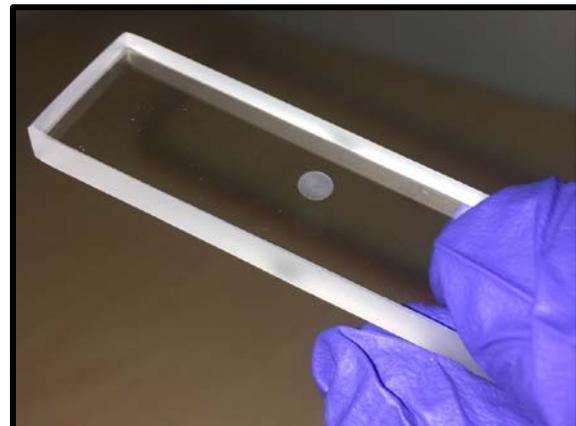
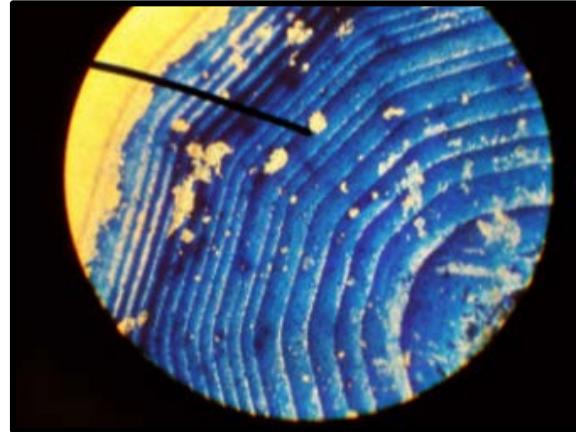
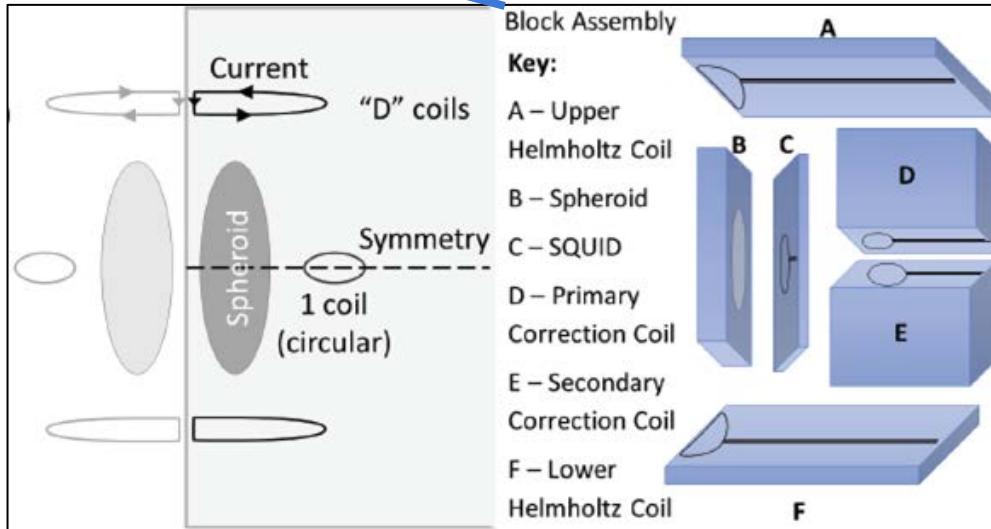
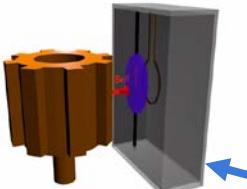
- Tune field with Helmholtz coils
  - Helmholtz field only flat near the center
  - Geometry restrictions prevent the spheroid from being centered in traditional Helmholtz coils
- “D” coils look like Helmholtz coils when their images are included
- Inner straight-line currents cancel
- Outer currents do not



One “D” coil and image (bird’s eye view)



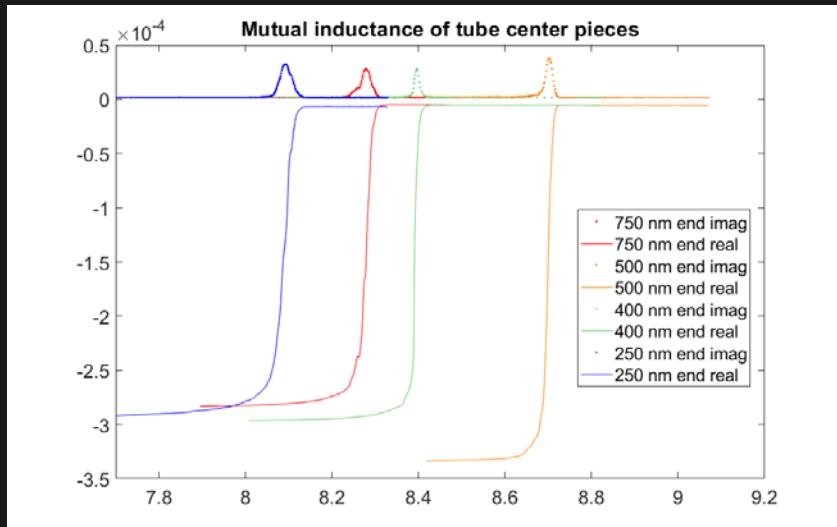
# Quartz Block Sensor module



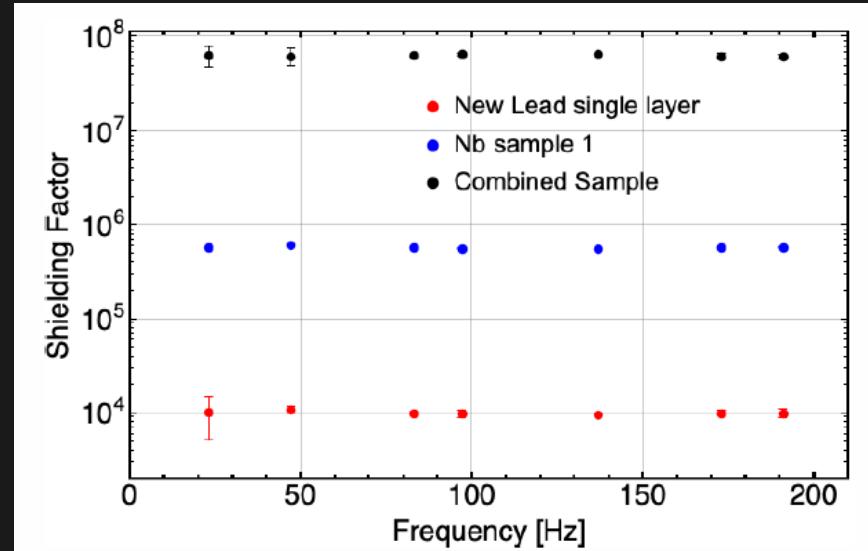
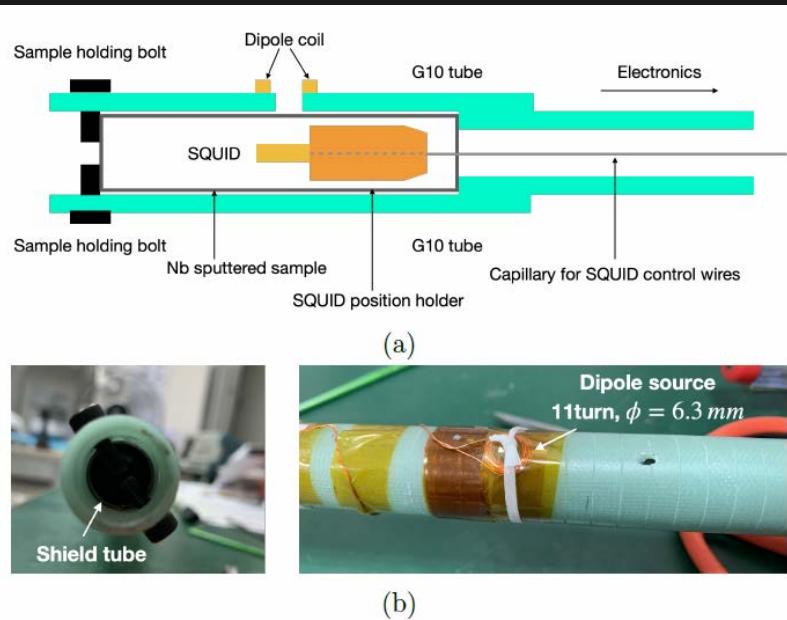
Fabrication/polishing tests in process  
Latest batch just delivered Dec 2020

# Thin Film Superconducting Shielding

- Shield out ordinary magnetic noise
- Sputtered Niobium on quartz tubes/different geometries for tests
- Tests of adhesion, T<sub>c</sub>, shielding factor



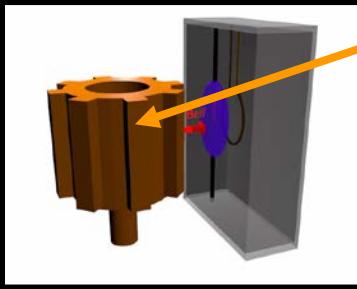
# Thin Film Superconducting Shielding Test



- Shielding Factor test setup Nb film 750nm thickness
- $\sim 10^6$  achieved so far ( $10^8$  goal)
- Sputter deposition being optimized
- Using supplemental lead foil achieves theoretical value  $\sim 10^8$

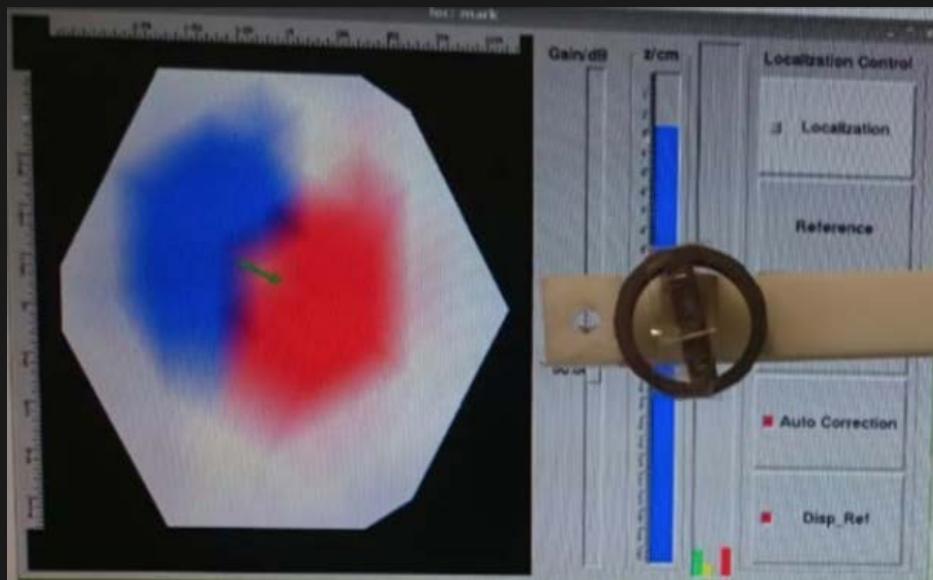
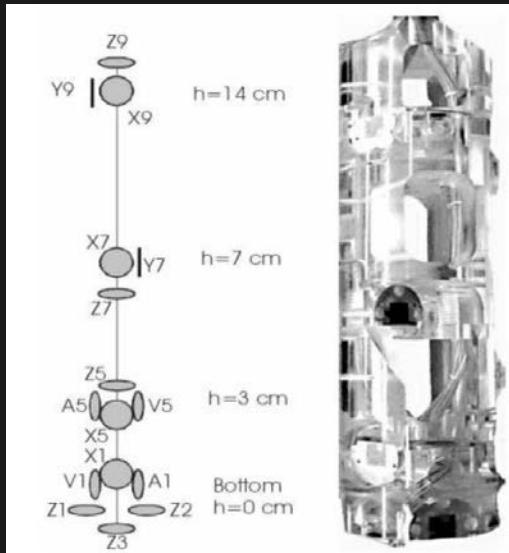
# Source Mass Prototype

- Material: tungsten
- 11 segments
- 3.8 cm in diameter



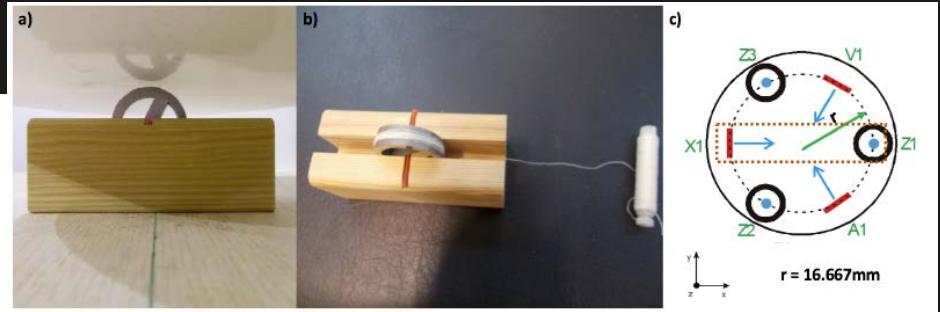
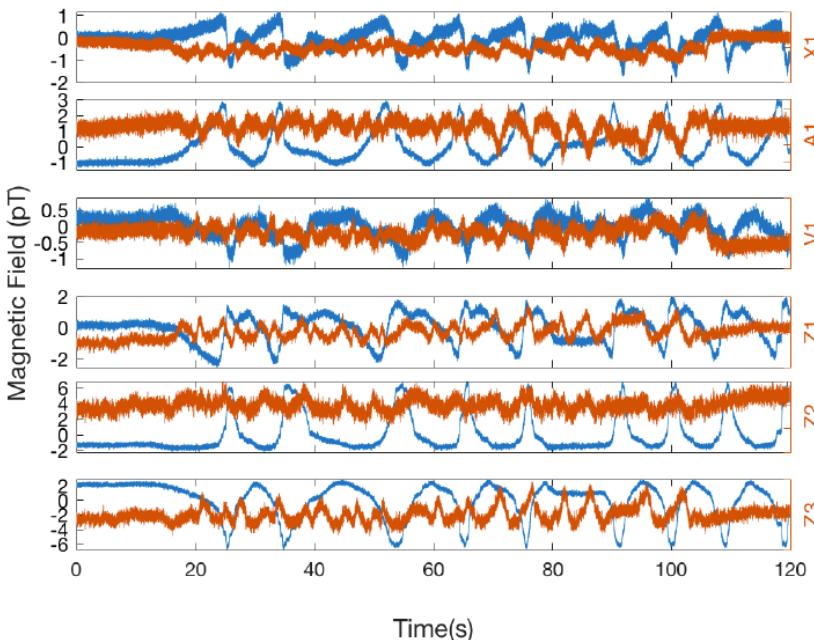
# Source Mass Characterization

- Magnetized the wheel with a 30 mT magnet
- Wheel was brought under multichannel SQUID device in shielded room



# Source Mass Characterization

Before and **after** degaussing

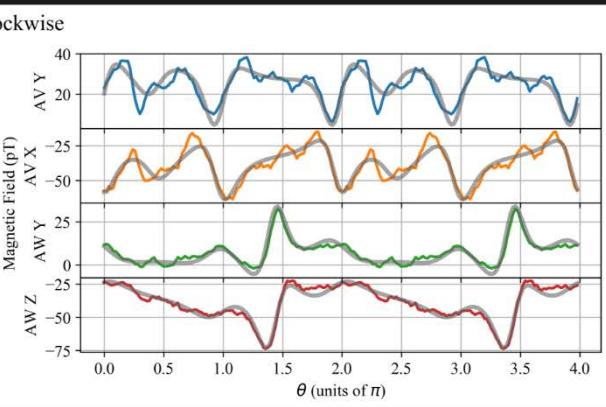
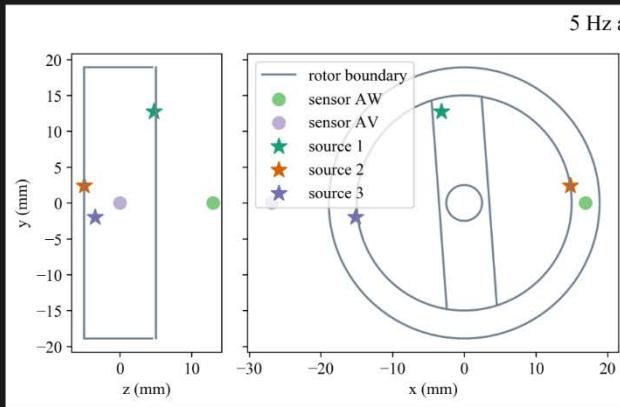
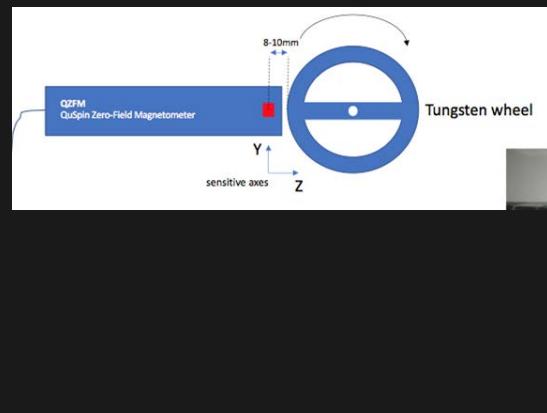
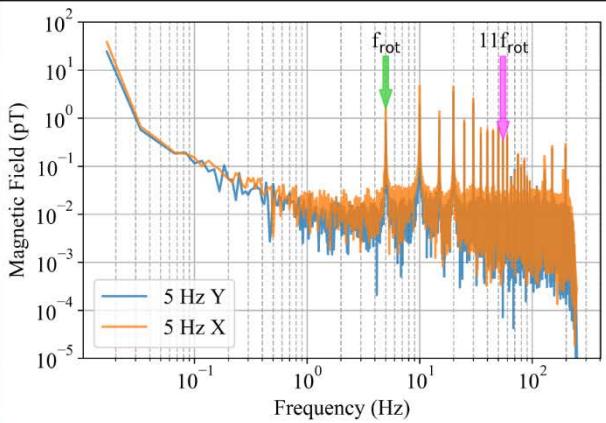
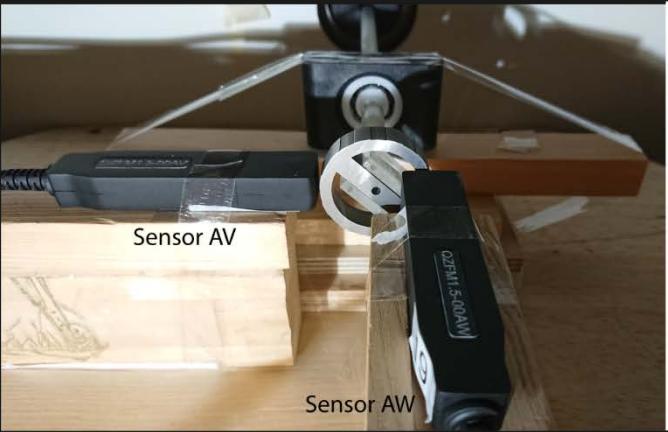


De-gaussing reduces residual field  
To approx  $\sim\text{pT}$  level near surface

Consistent with expected Johnson noise

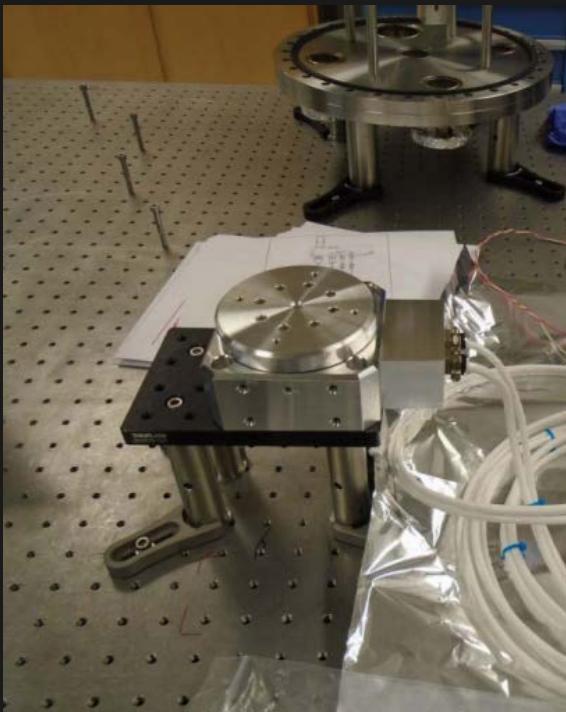
# Magnetic Impurities mapping

Low-field, high-resolution optical magnetometry:  
QuSpin optical magnetometers

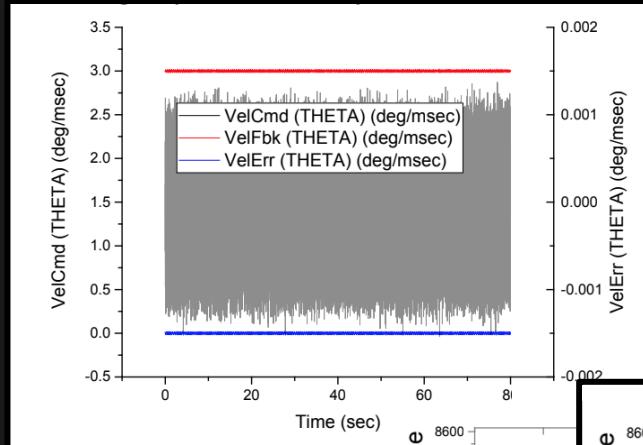


# Speed Stability -Direct Drive Stage

- Optical encoder
- Current feedback control

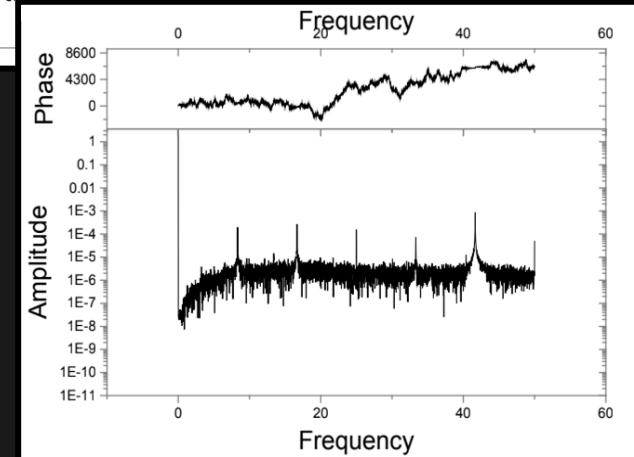


Stage speed stability error – unloaded, in air

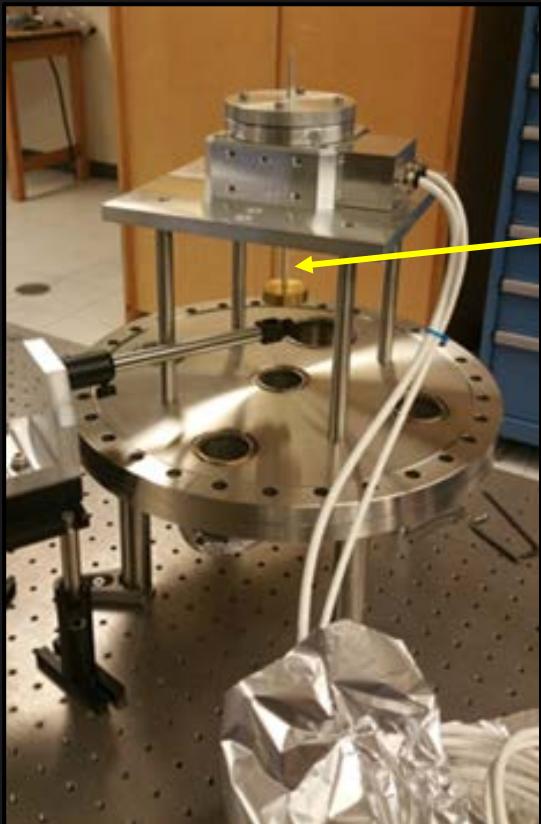


**Rotation speed control**  
**8.3 Hz ~ 1 part in 10000**  
**RMS ~ 1 part in 3000**

**Allows utilization  
of  $T_2 > 100s$**

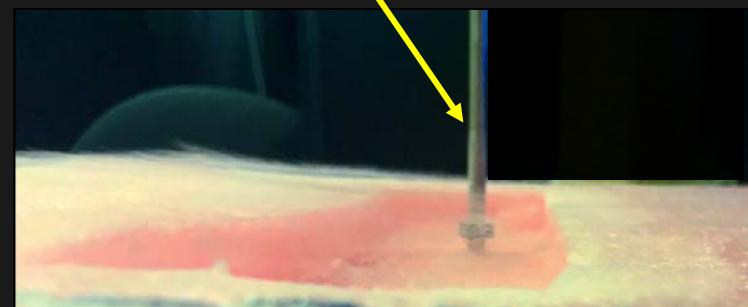


# Rotary test Assembly



## Rod details

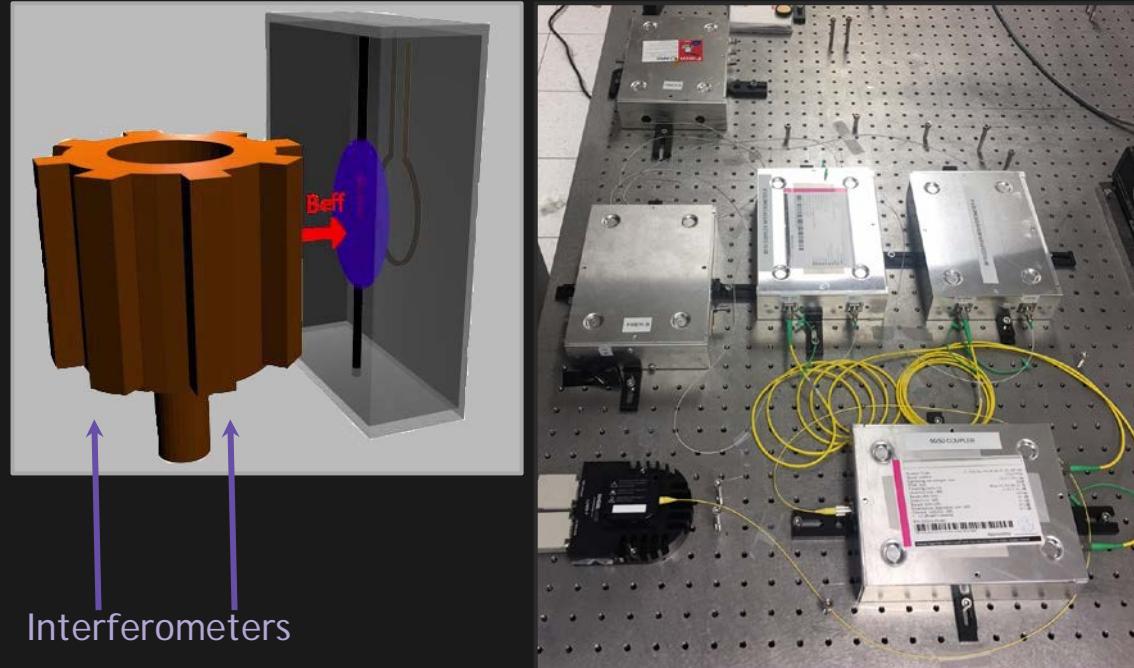
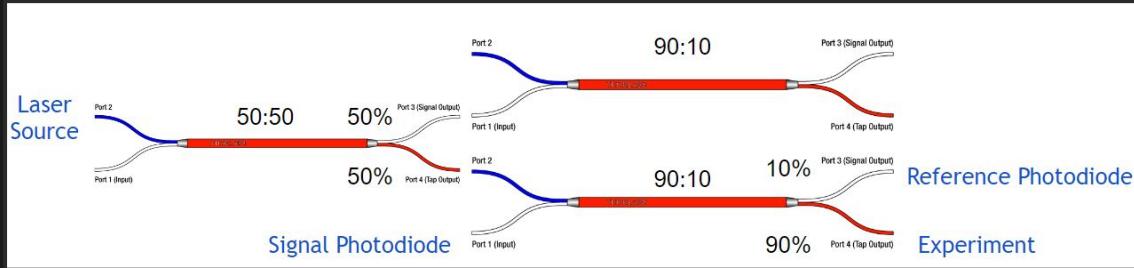
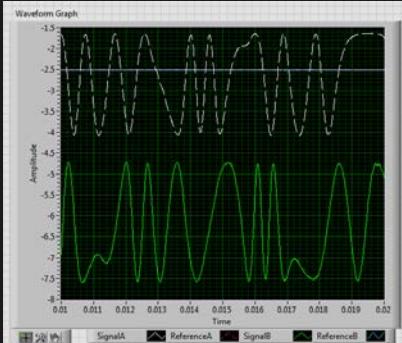
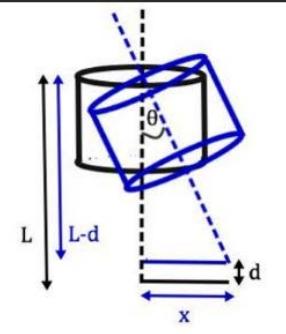
Material: Ti6Al4V  
Diameter:  $5 \pm .01\text{mm}$   
Length:  $7.5 \pm .1"$   
Ovality:  $< .0004"$   
Runout:  $< .0005"$



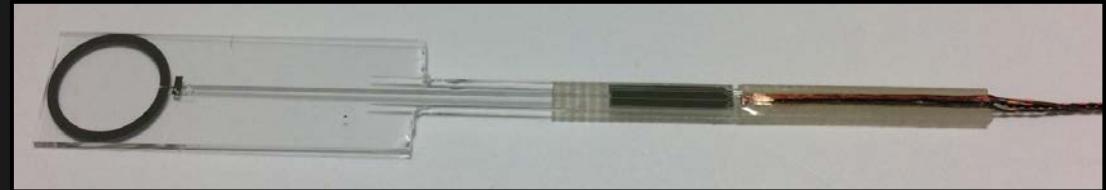
Original runout  $.0005"$  reduced to  $.0003"$   
after bearing attachment

# Rotational Stability

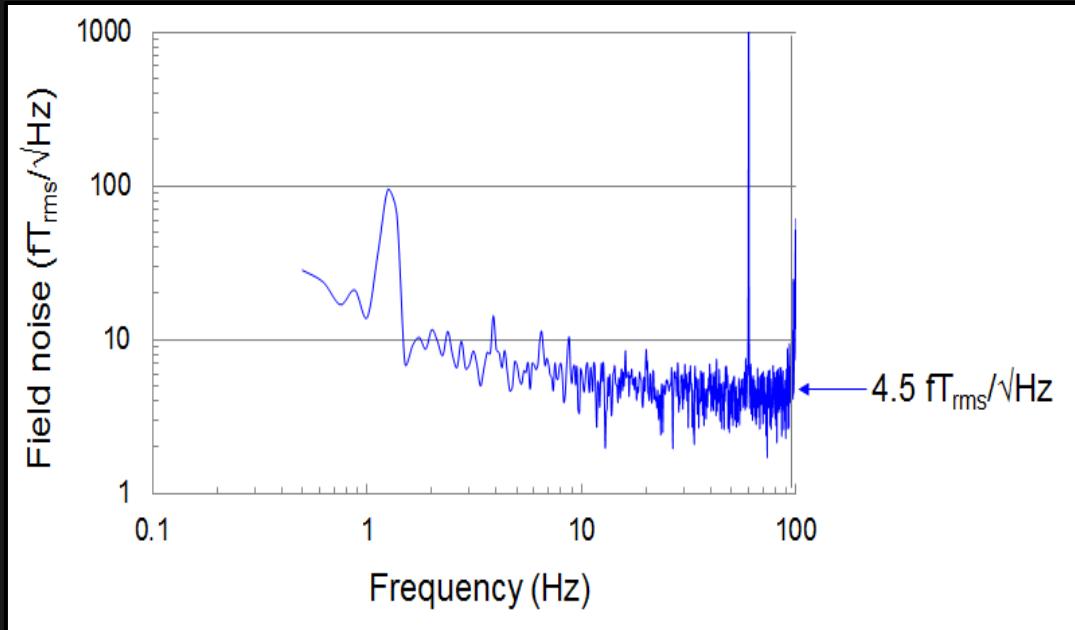
- Two interferometers pointed at bottom of sprocket
- Distance “d” is found
- Thus, wobble distance “x” can be found using geometry, calibrated with laser beam bounce
- Distance Sensitivity  $19 \text{ pm}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$



# SQUID Development



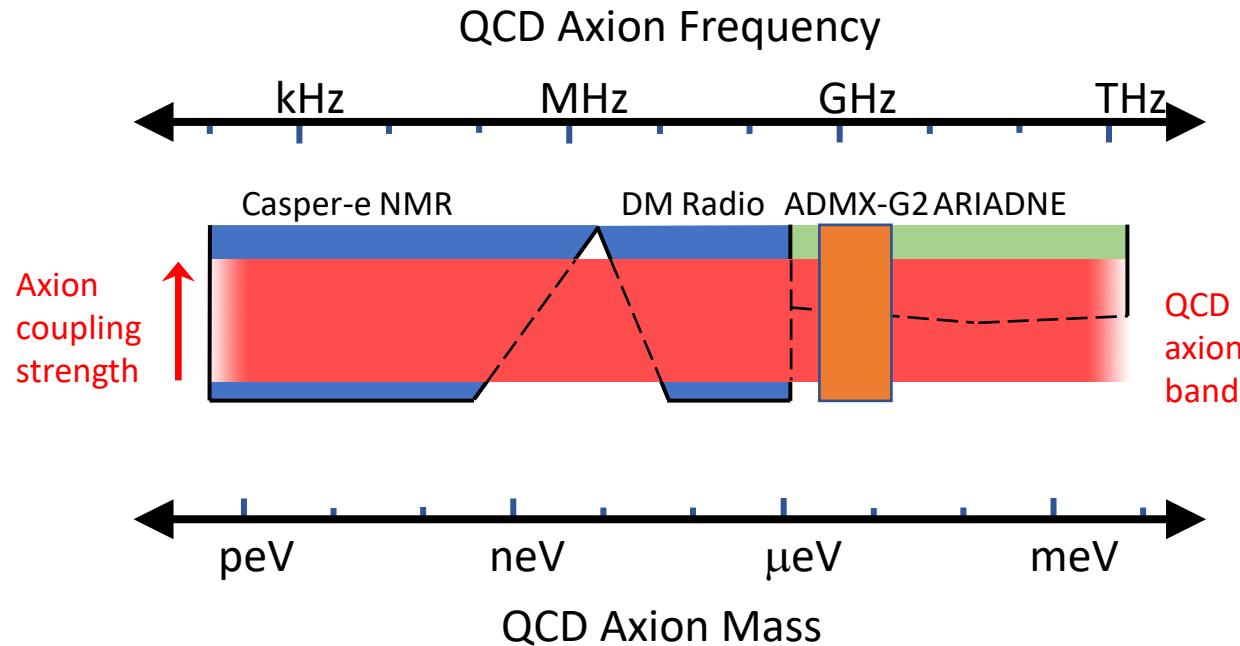
Custom fabricated SQUID on quartz



Field Noise from SQUID measured inside a magnetically shielded room

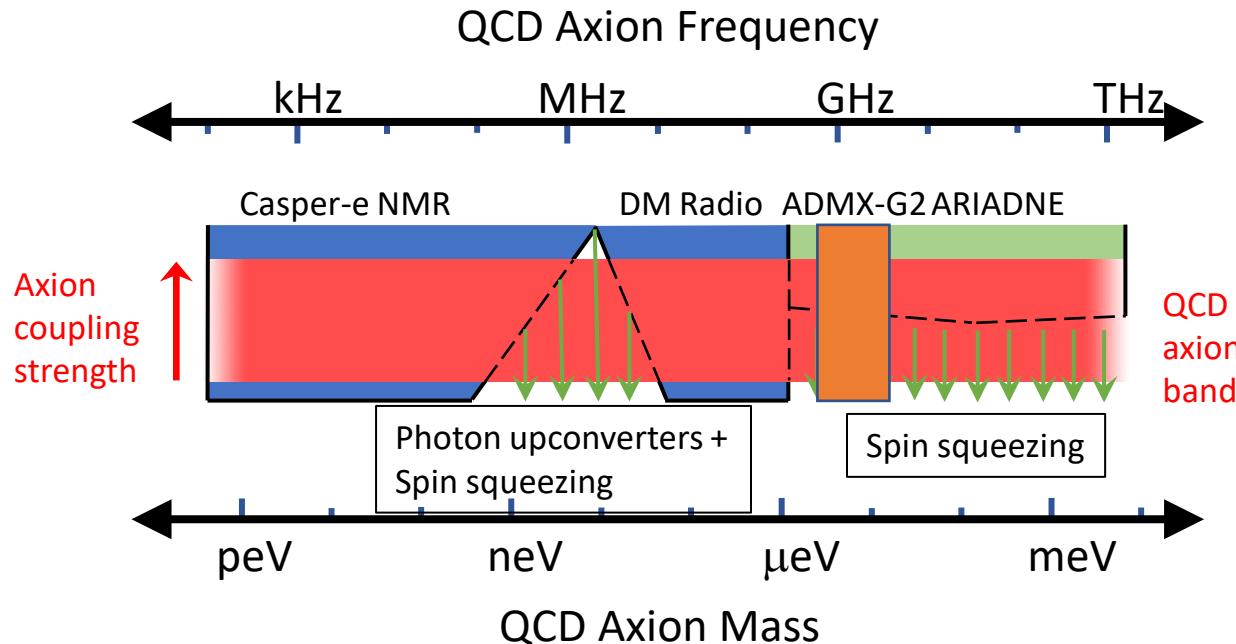
- Low-noise gradiometer design under investigation (CAPP/KRISS)

# Future projections: axion searches at the Standard quantum limit



# Axion searches at the Standard quantum limit

Green arrows: searches beyond the SQL



# Conclusion

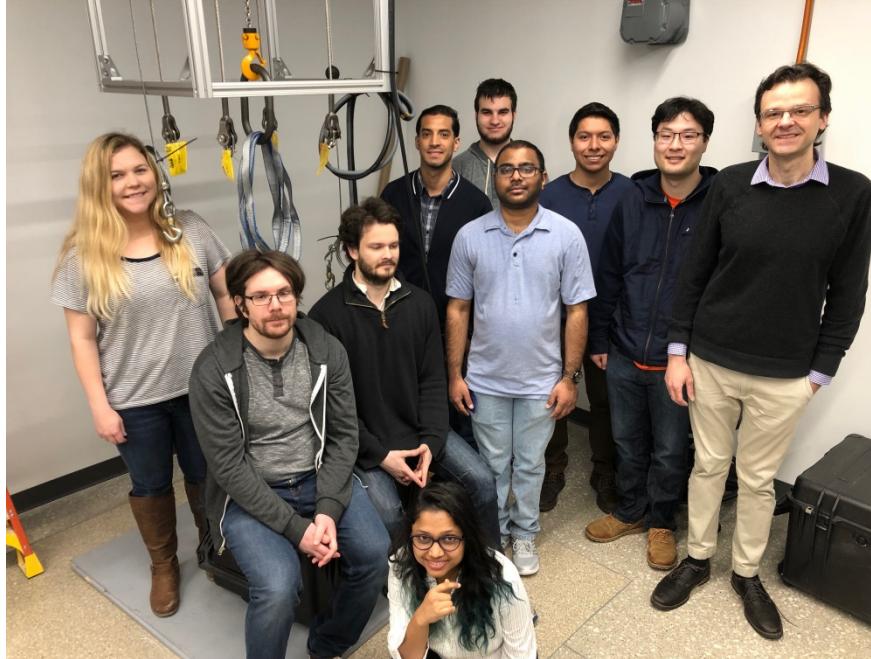
- ARIADNE → Fifth-force axion search using NMR method
  - Gap in experimental QCD axion searches
  - $0.1 \text{ meV} < m_a < 10 \text{ meV}$
  - No need to scan mass, indep. of local DM density
  - Cryostat completion planned Summer 2021
  - Covers entire QCD axion parameter space when combined with haloscope and helioscope experiments (ADMX, HAYSTAC, Orpheus, DM Radio, LC Circuit, CAPP, CASPER, MADMAX, IAXO)!



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