

# Dielectric Enhancement: Concept

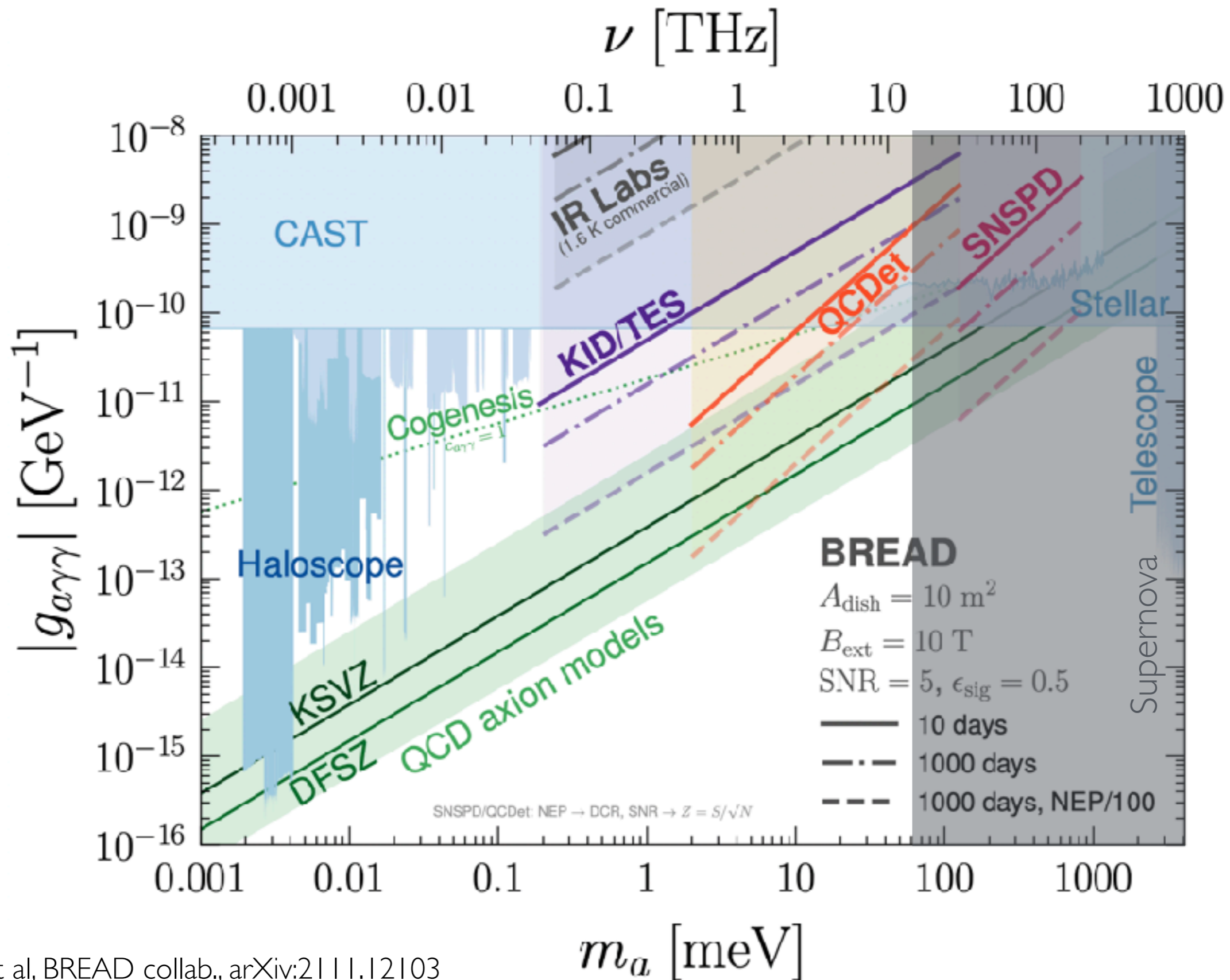
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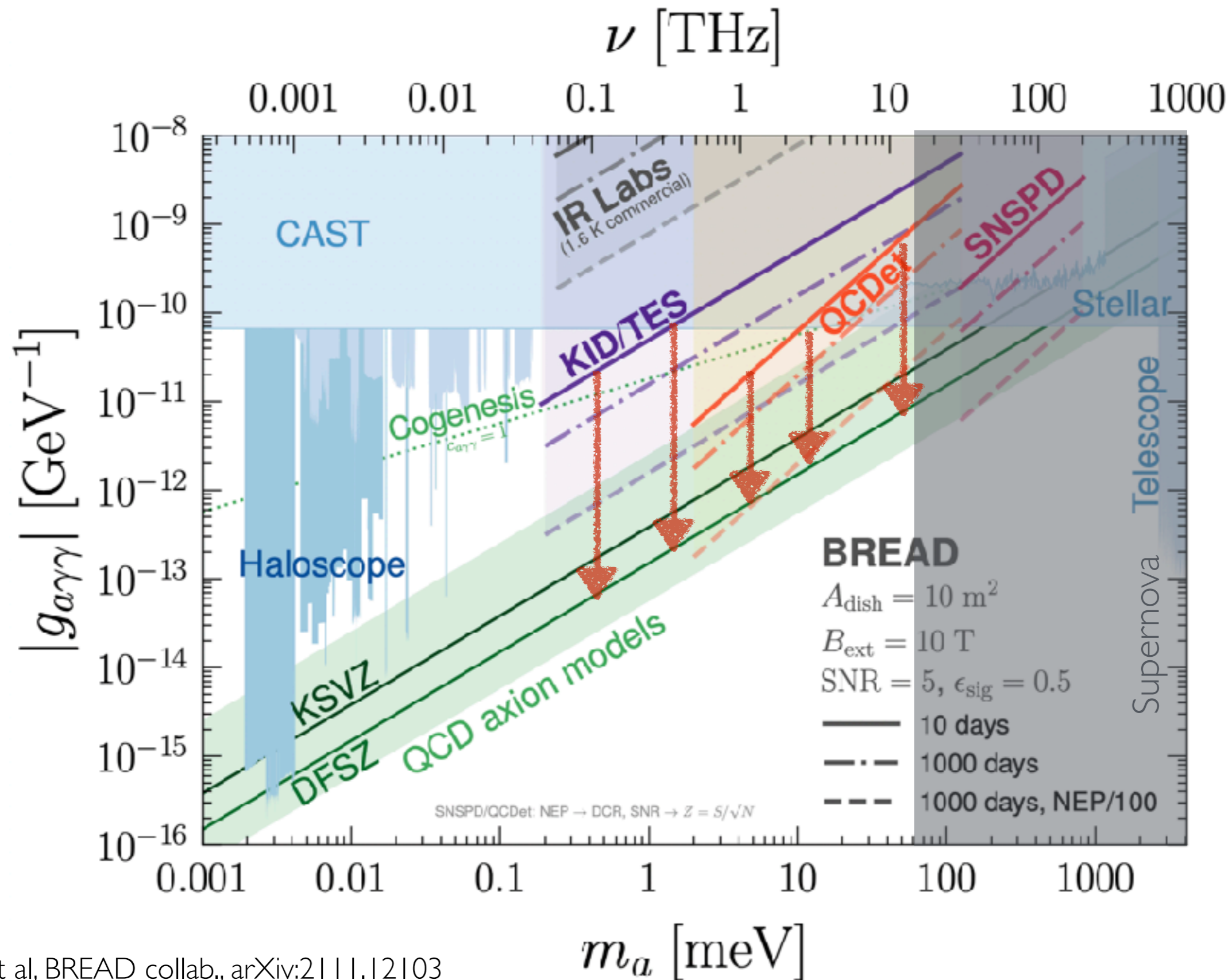
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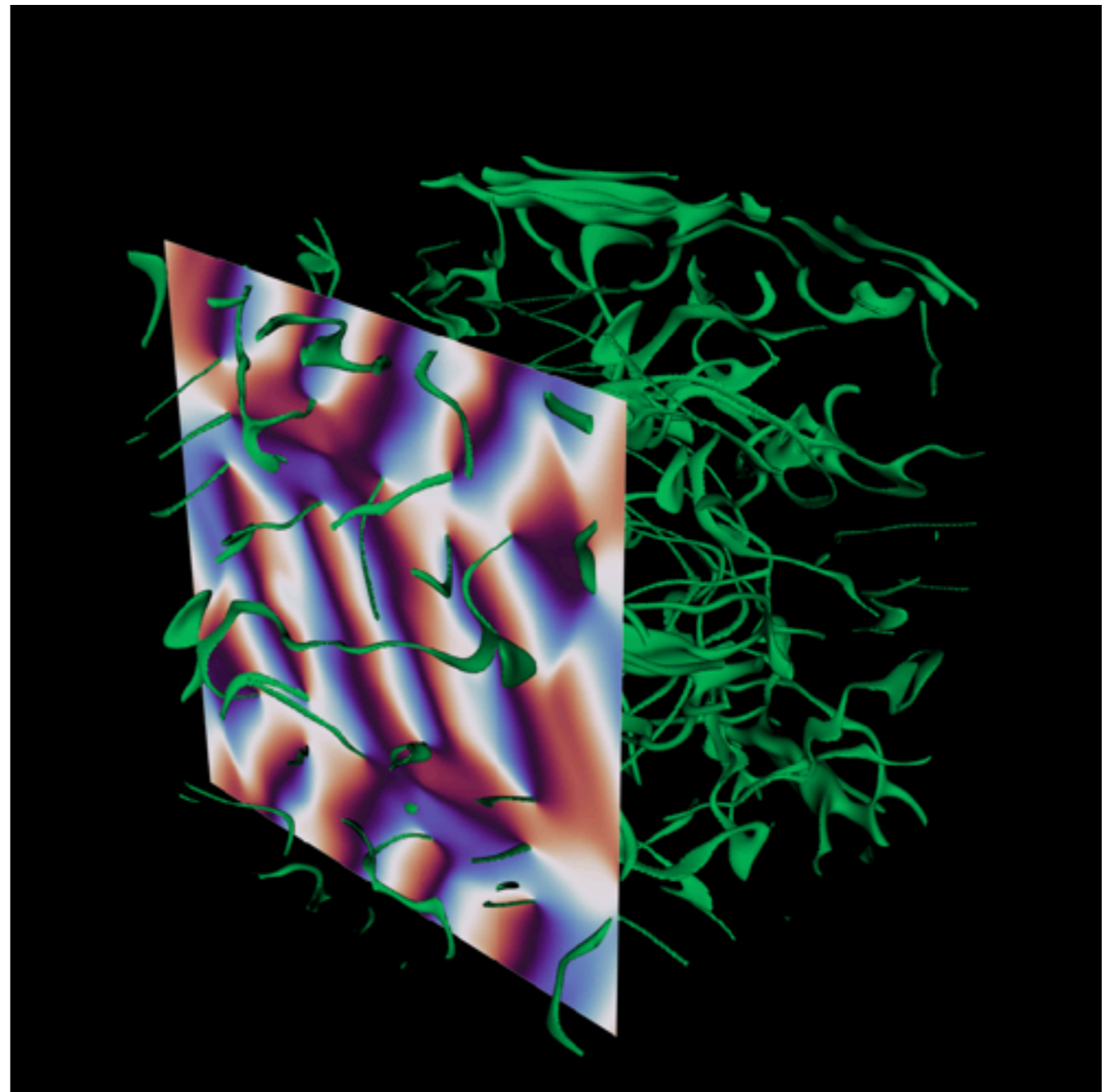


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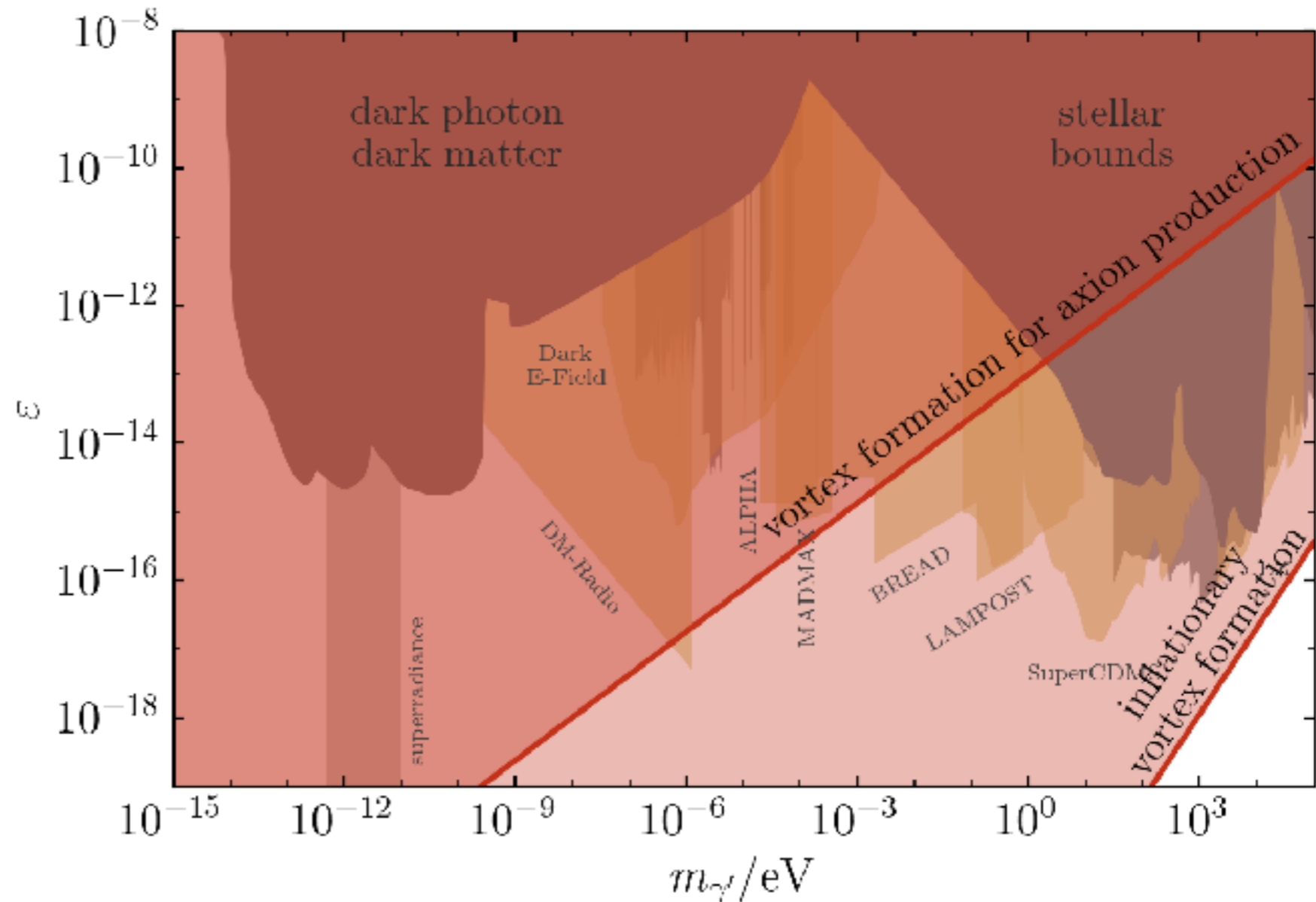
# Extra Motivation: Difficulties with Dark Photon Dark Matter

- Dark photon dark matter production can lead to the formation of vortices.
- At high density, energy stored in dark photon dark matter is converted into a large number of vortex strings, destroying the coherent dark photon dark matter field.
- Similar dynamics to type II superconductors
- Can only be avoided with very weak couplings (undetectable)



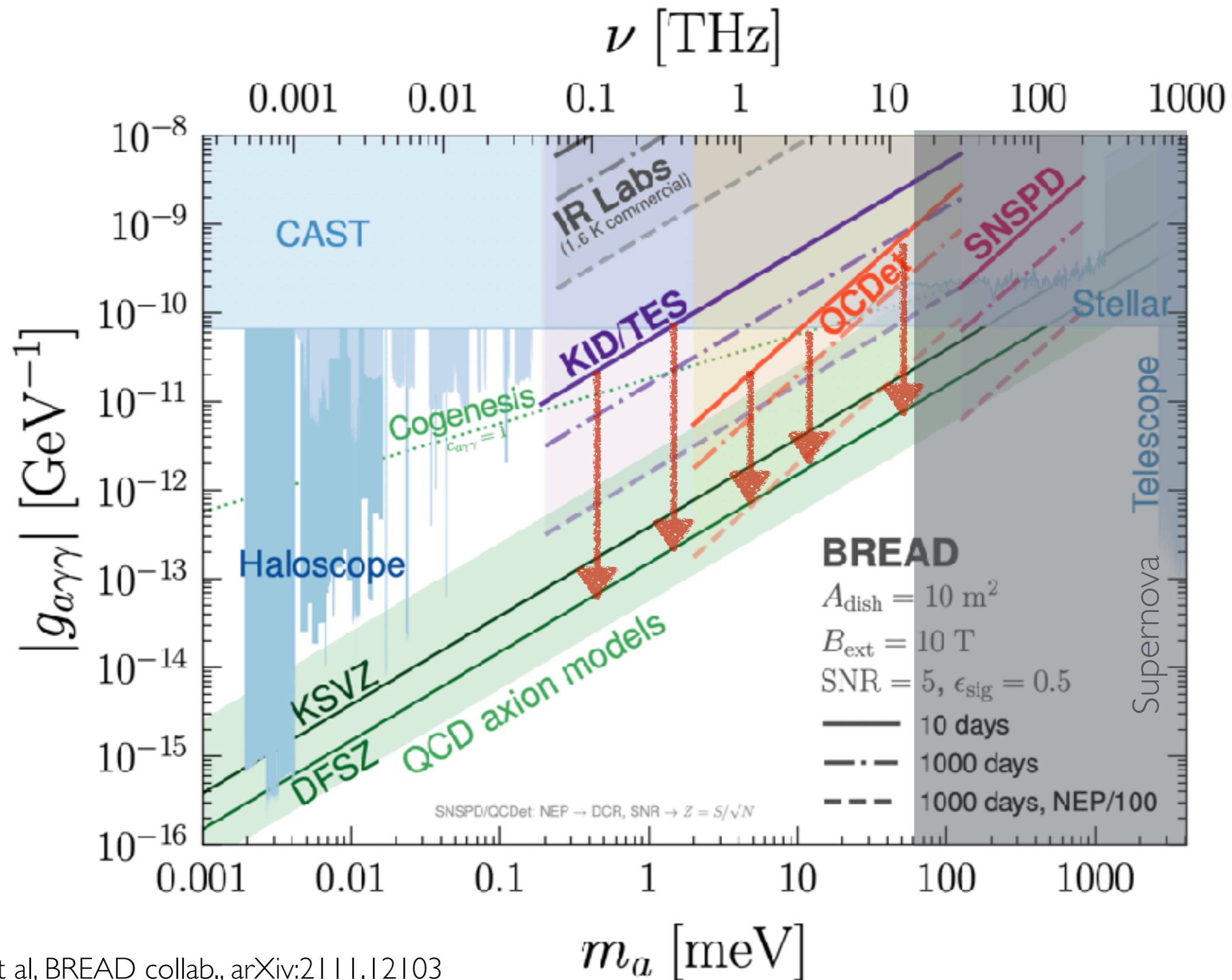
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- 'Standard' mechanisms do not produce dark photon dark matter that can be reached by experiment
- Assuming dark matter exists in the early universe, energy density is large enough to produce vortices and destroy dark matter for a large range of parameters, even with new production models



David Cyncynates and Zachary Weiner, [arXiv:23xx.xxxxx](#)

# Goal: Increase Signal for Fixed Magnet Volume



# Dielectric Enhancement

[Dielectric Haloscope Proposal \(Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 091801 \(2017\)\)](#)

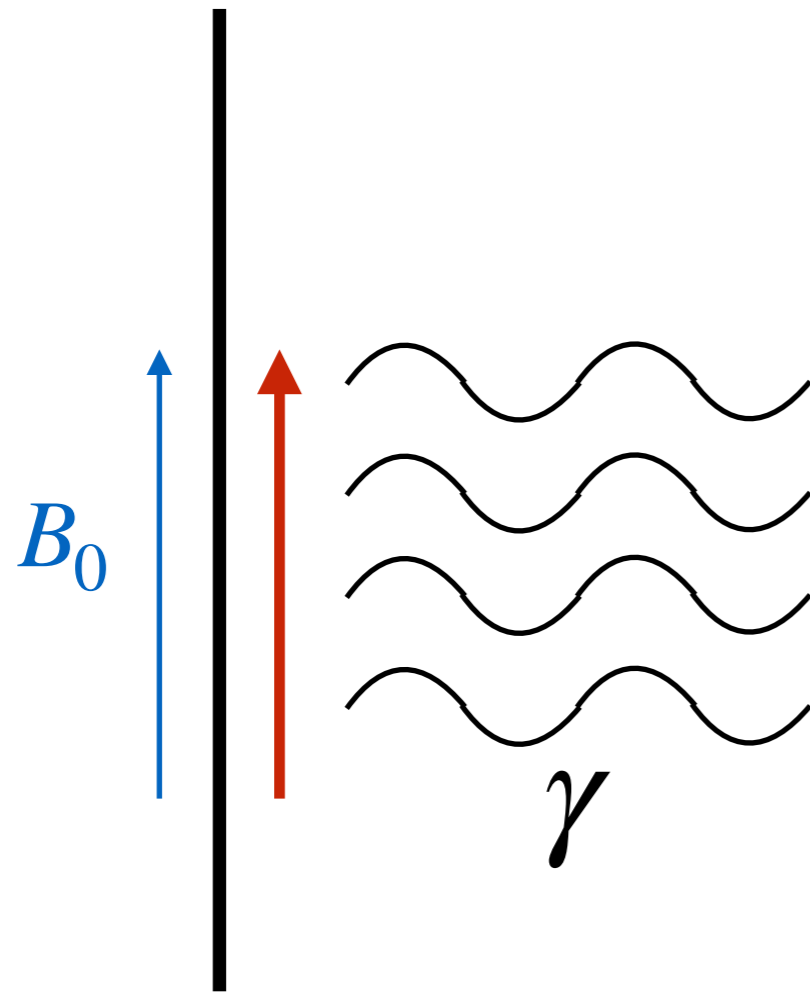
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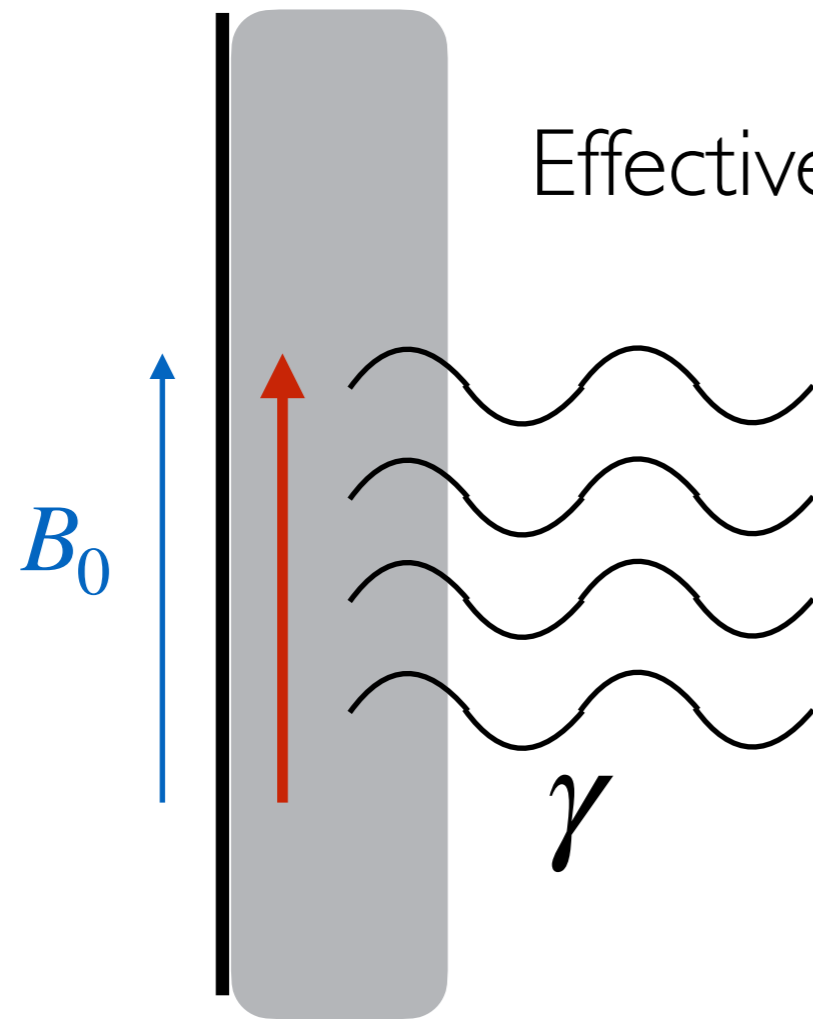


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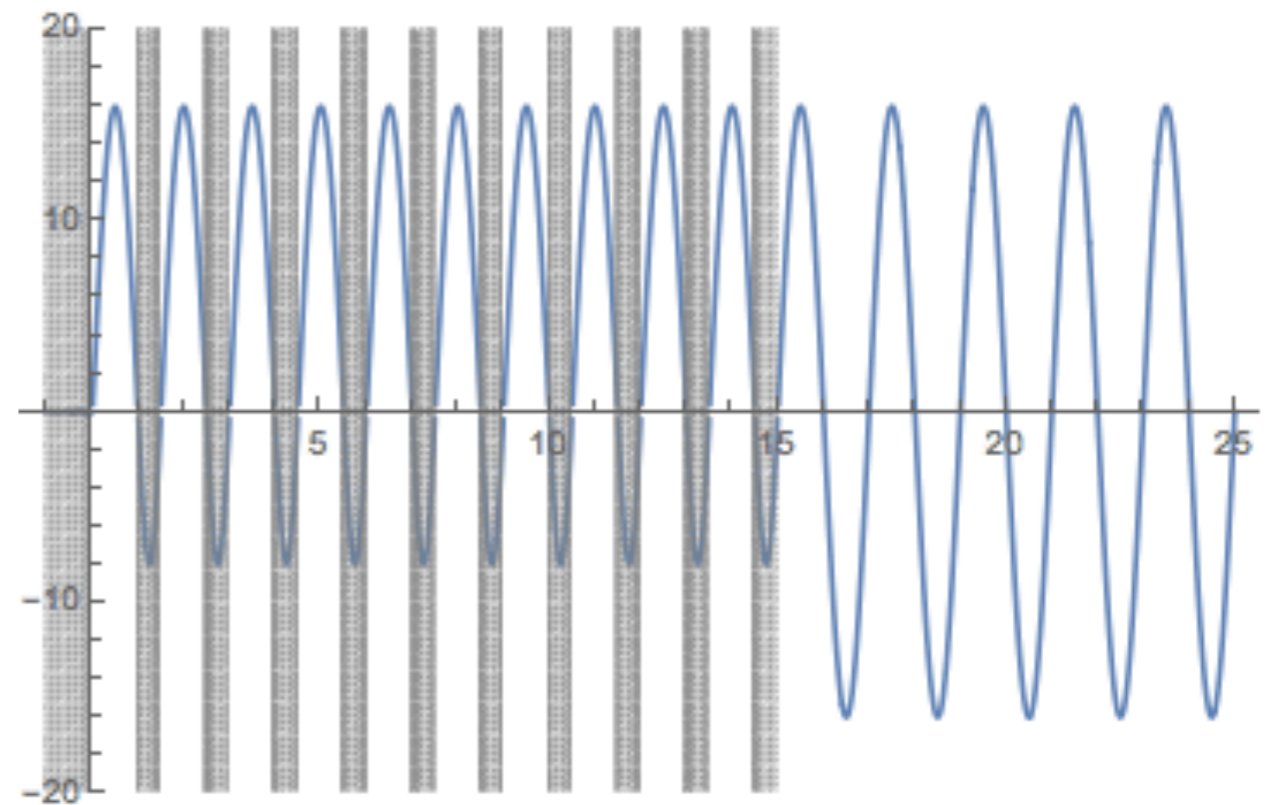
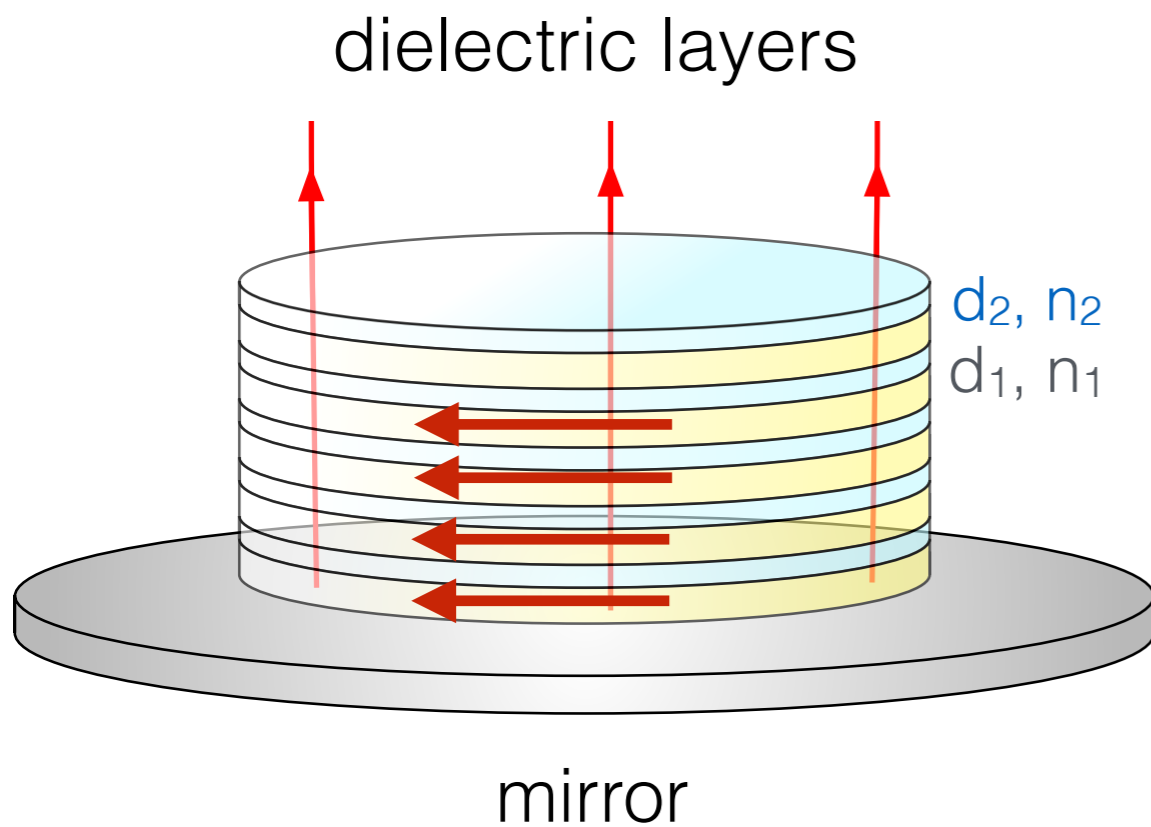


Effective volume:  $V = \lambda \cdot \text{Area}$

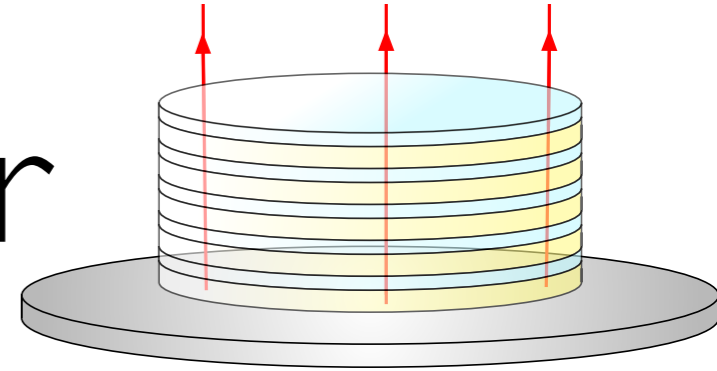
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# Coherent enhancement

$$\omega = \frac{\pi}{n_1 d_1} = \frac{\pi}{n_2 d_2}$$



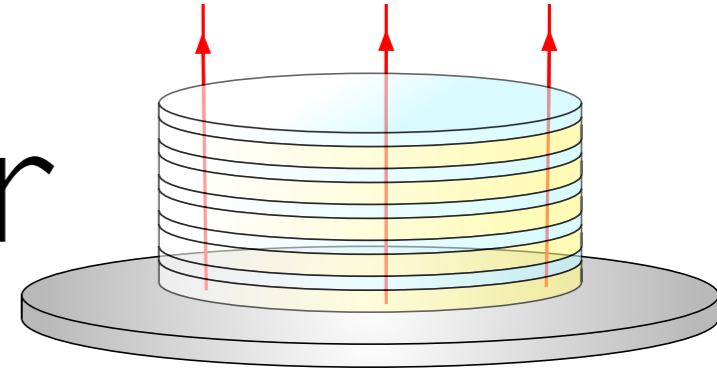
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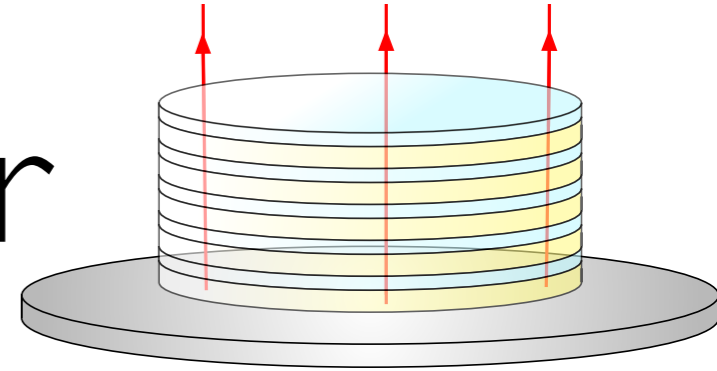


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Increasing effective volume

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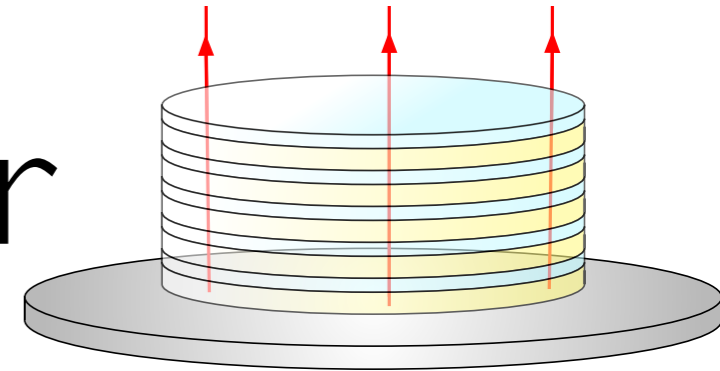
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Helps beat down noise

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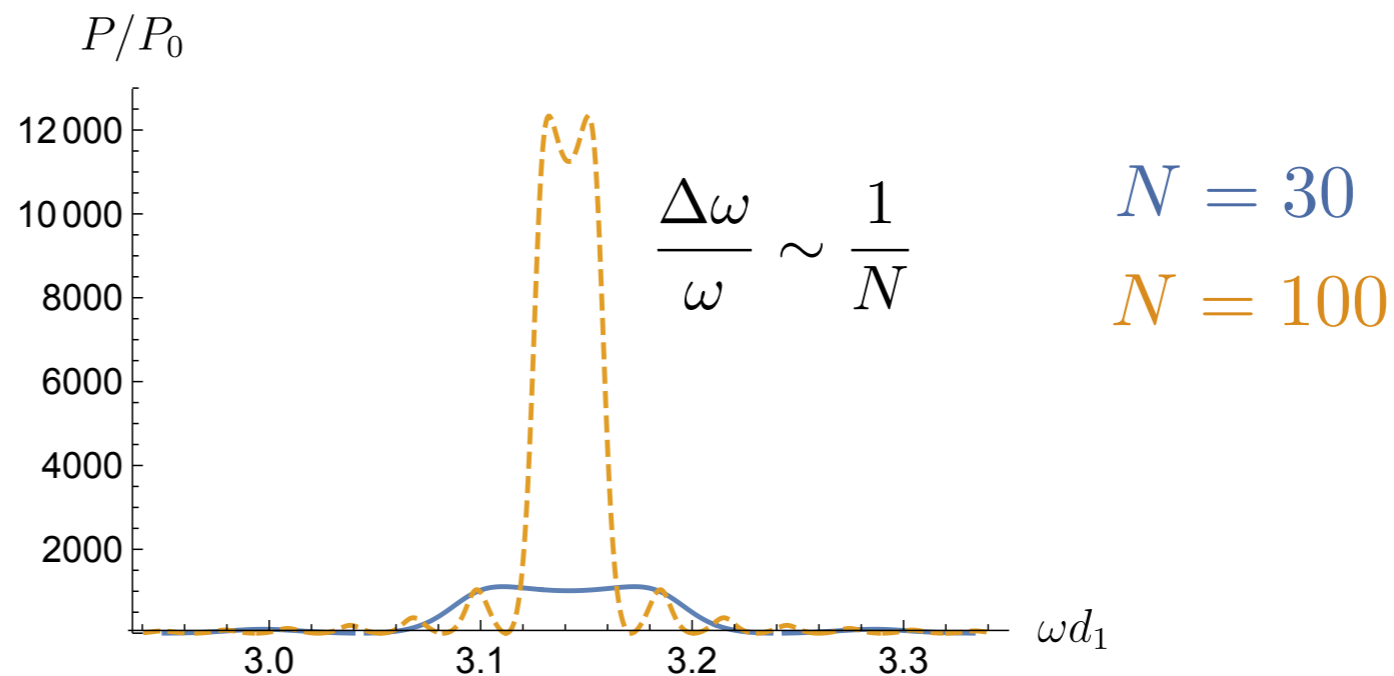


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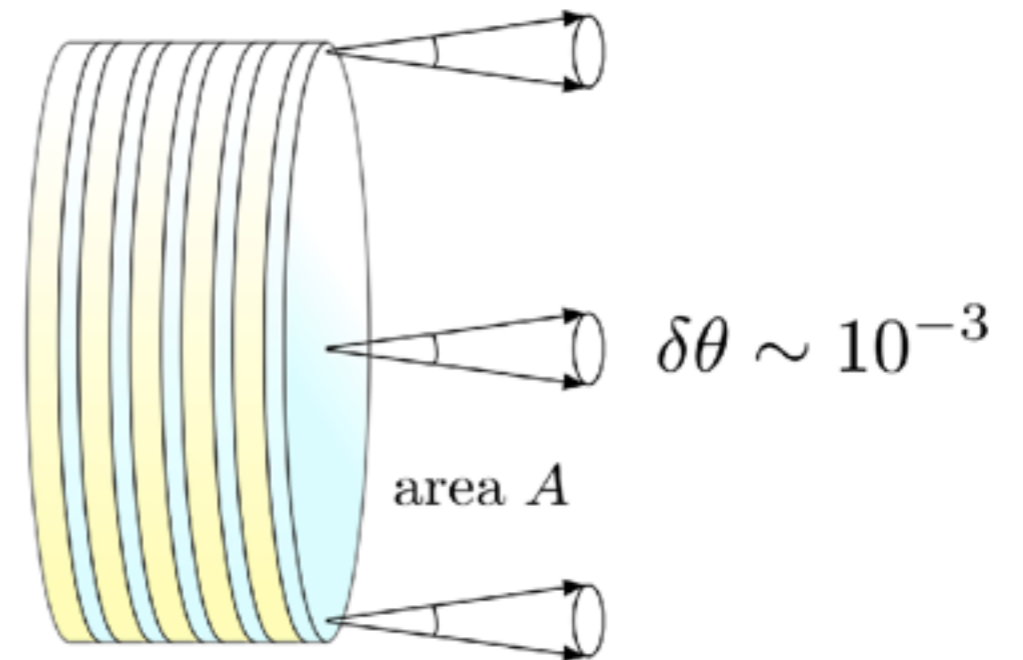
- Frequency coverage:



- Higher peak power compensated for by reduced bandwidth:  
frequency-averaged conversion power  $\propto N$ : gain with volume

# Focusing

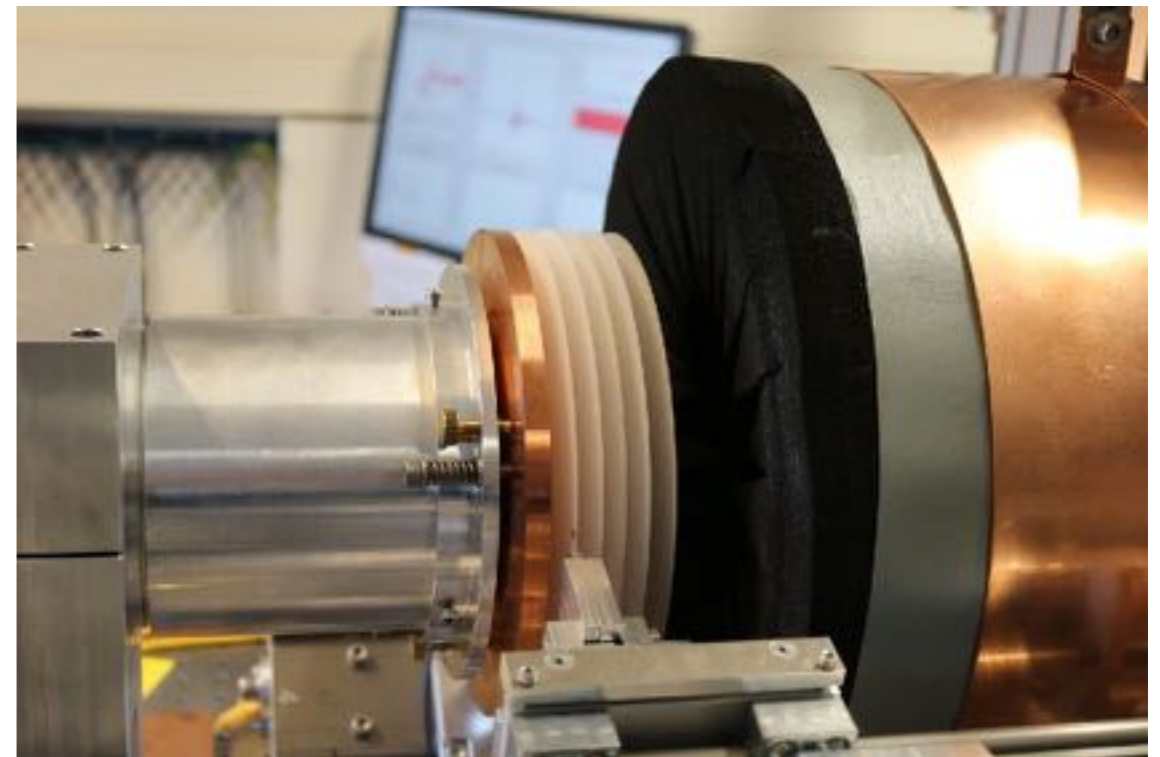
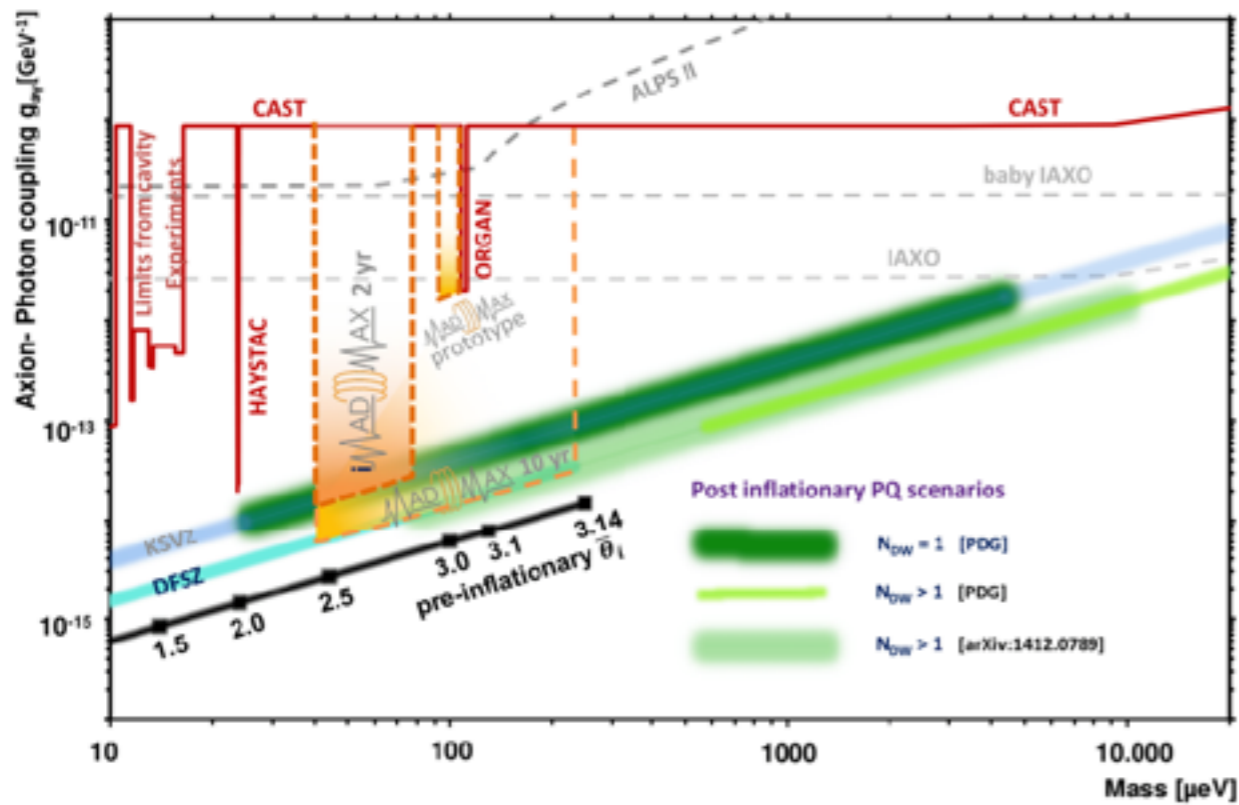
- Photons are emitted collimated to the surface
- Photons can be focused down to area  $\sim 10^{-6} A$  (due to DM phase space same as for dish)



# Dielectric Enhancement Demonstrated in Several Prototypes



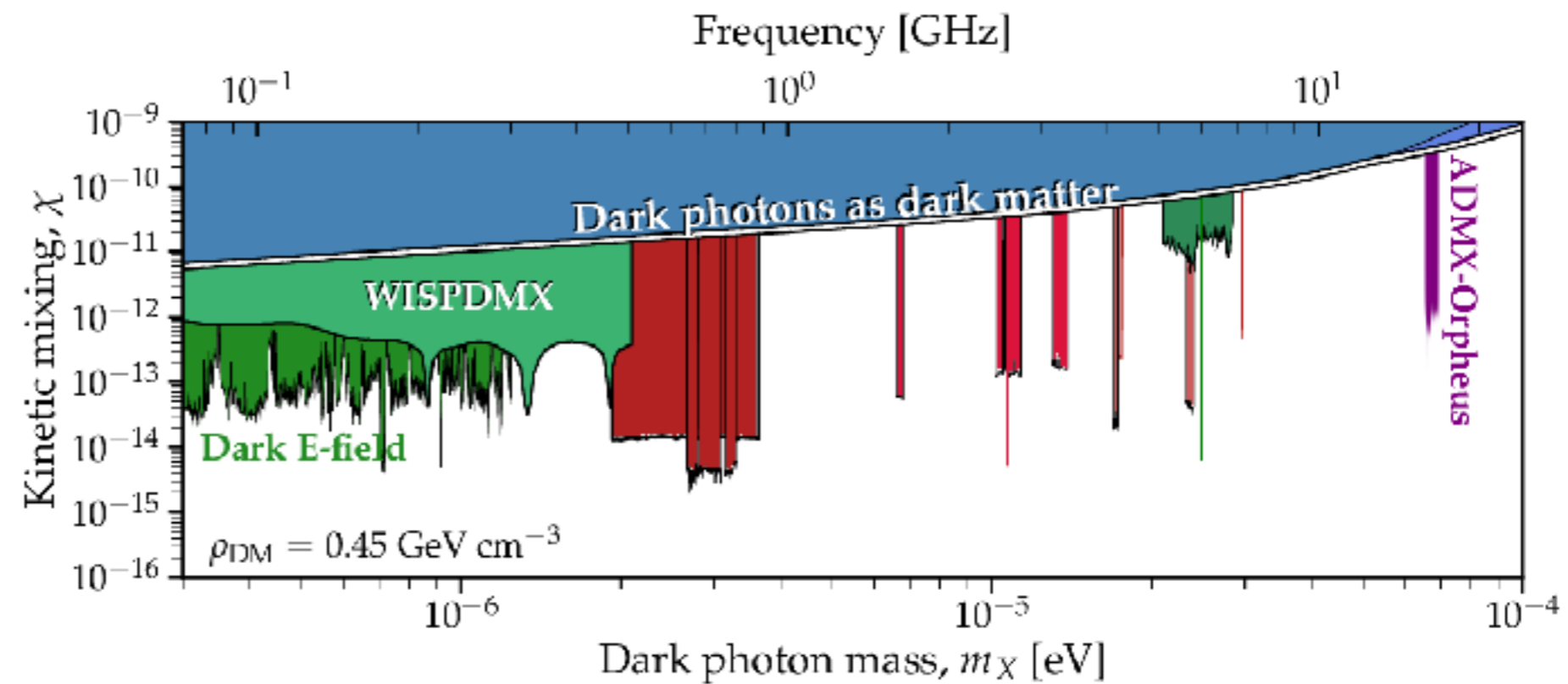
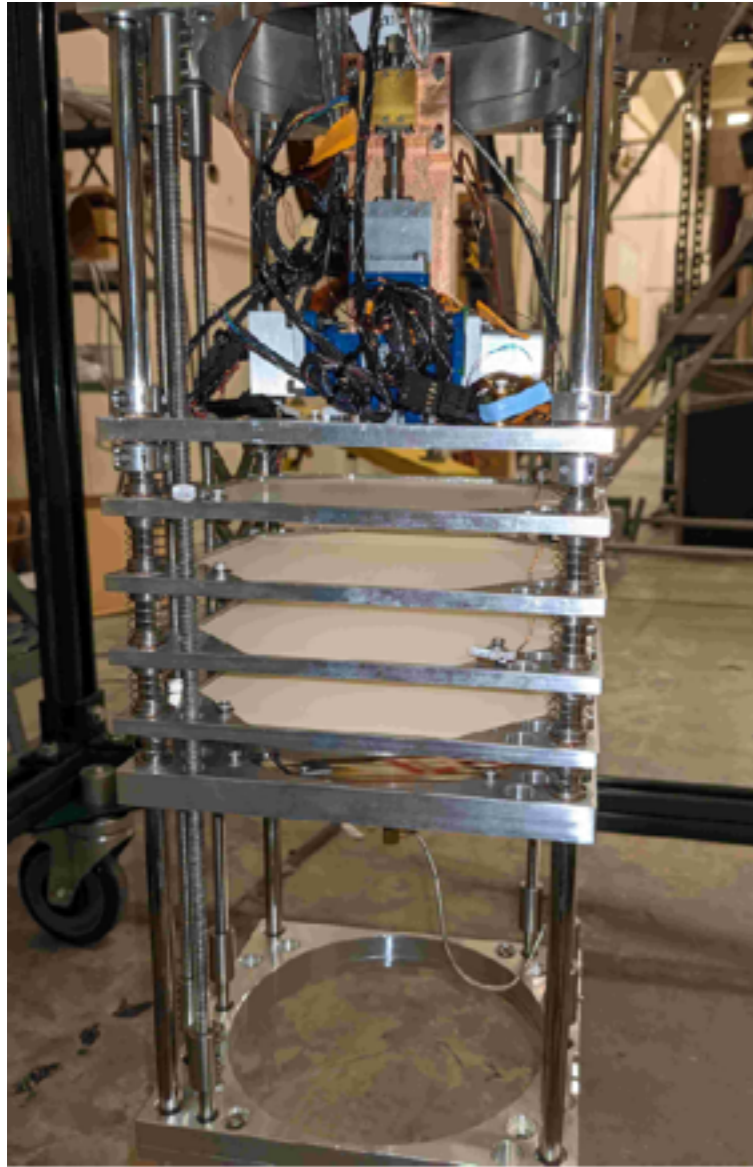
# MADMAX



See talk by Jacob Mathias Egge

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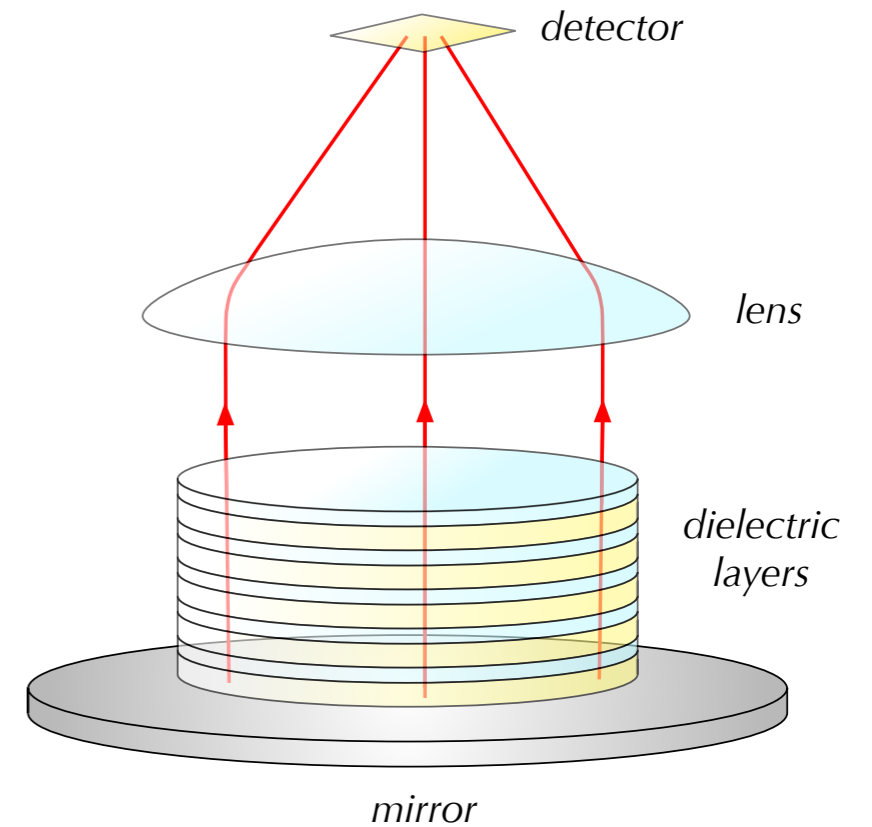
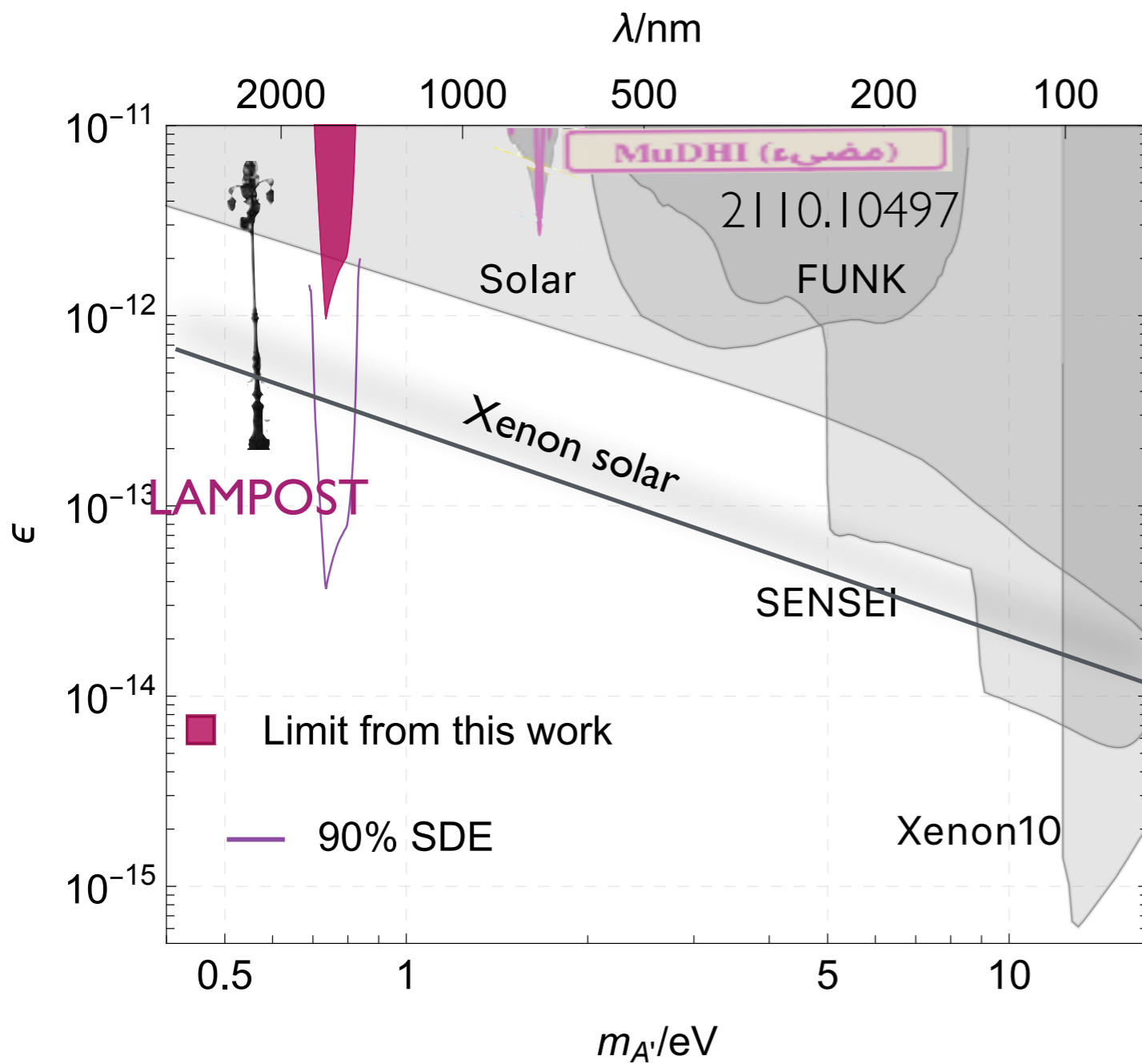
# ADMX-Orpheus



Raphael Cervantes [arXiv:2112.04542](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.04542)

Carosi, Cervantes, Kimes, Mohapatra, Ottens, Rybka 2019

# LAMPOST



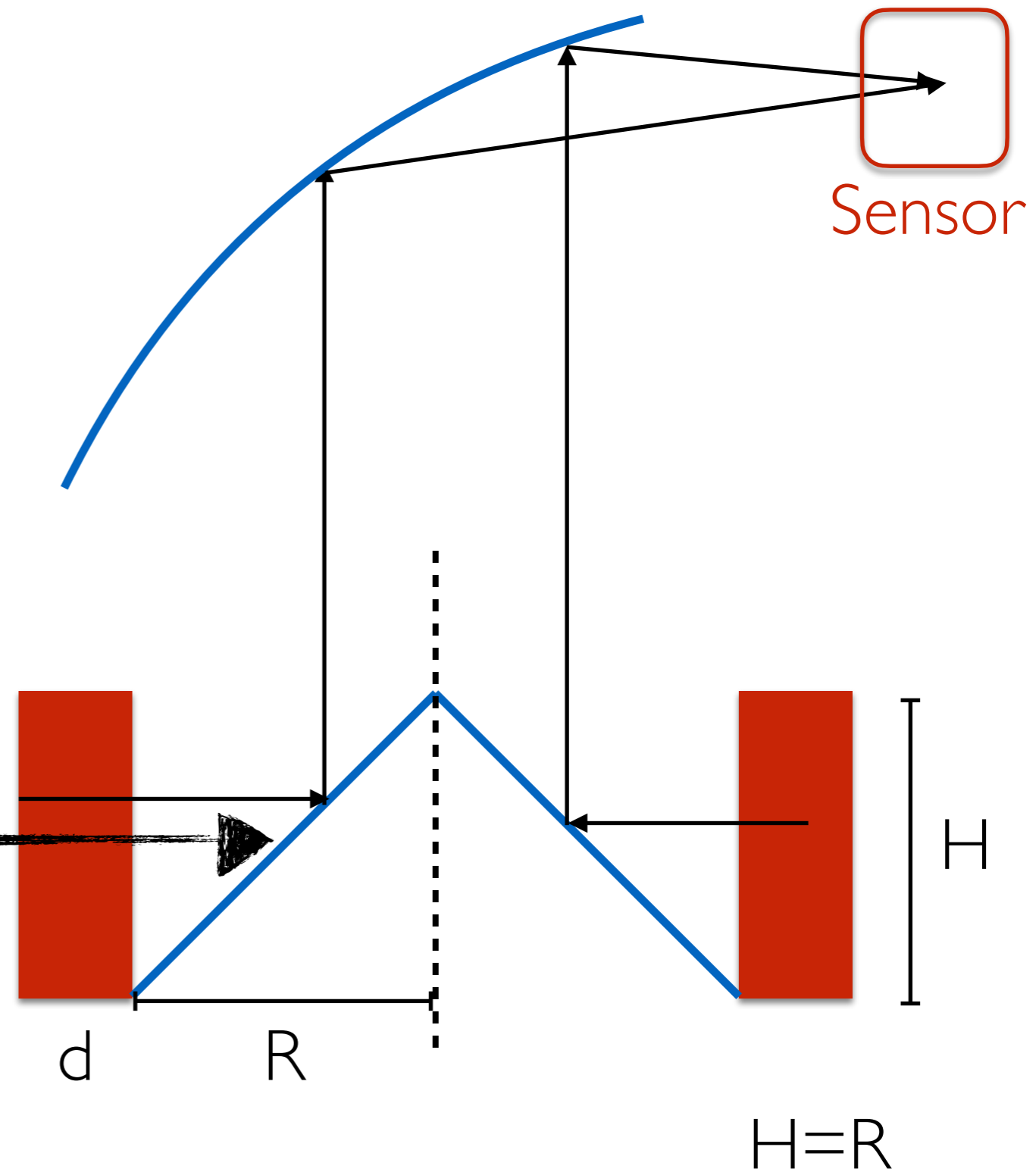
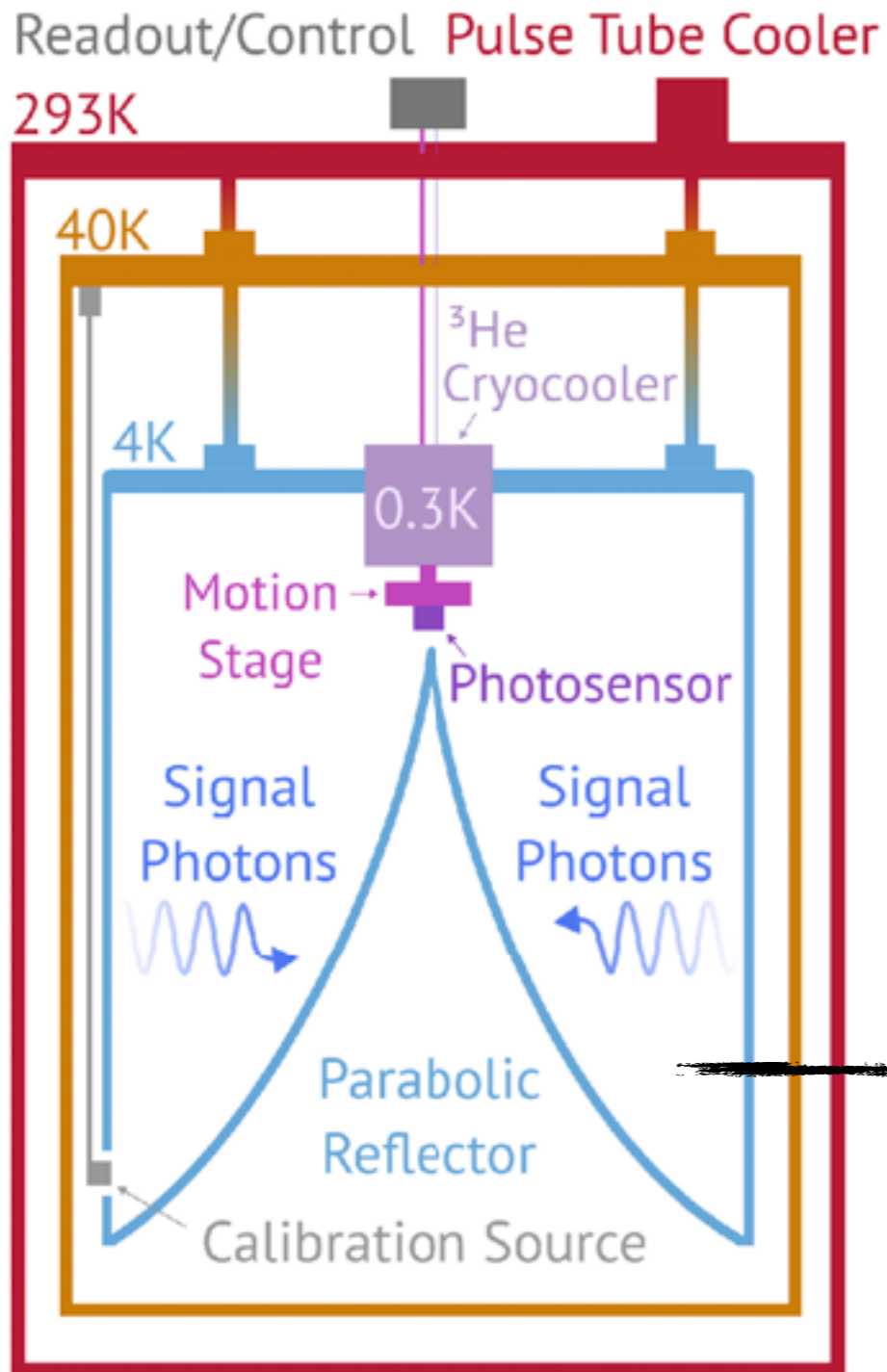
- Prototype cuts into new parameter space with 5 days run
- 2 inch diameter, 5 period stack. Poor efficiency due to alignment control, 100-fold improvement possible

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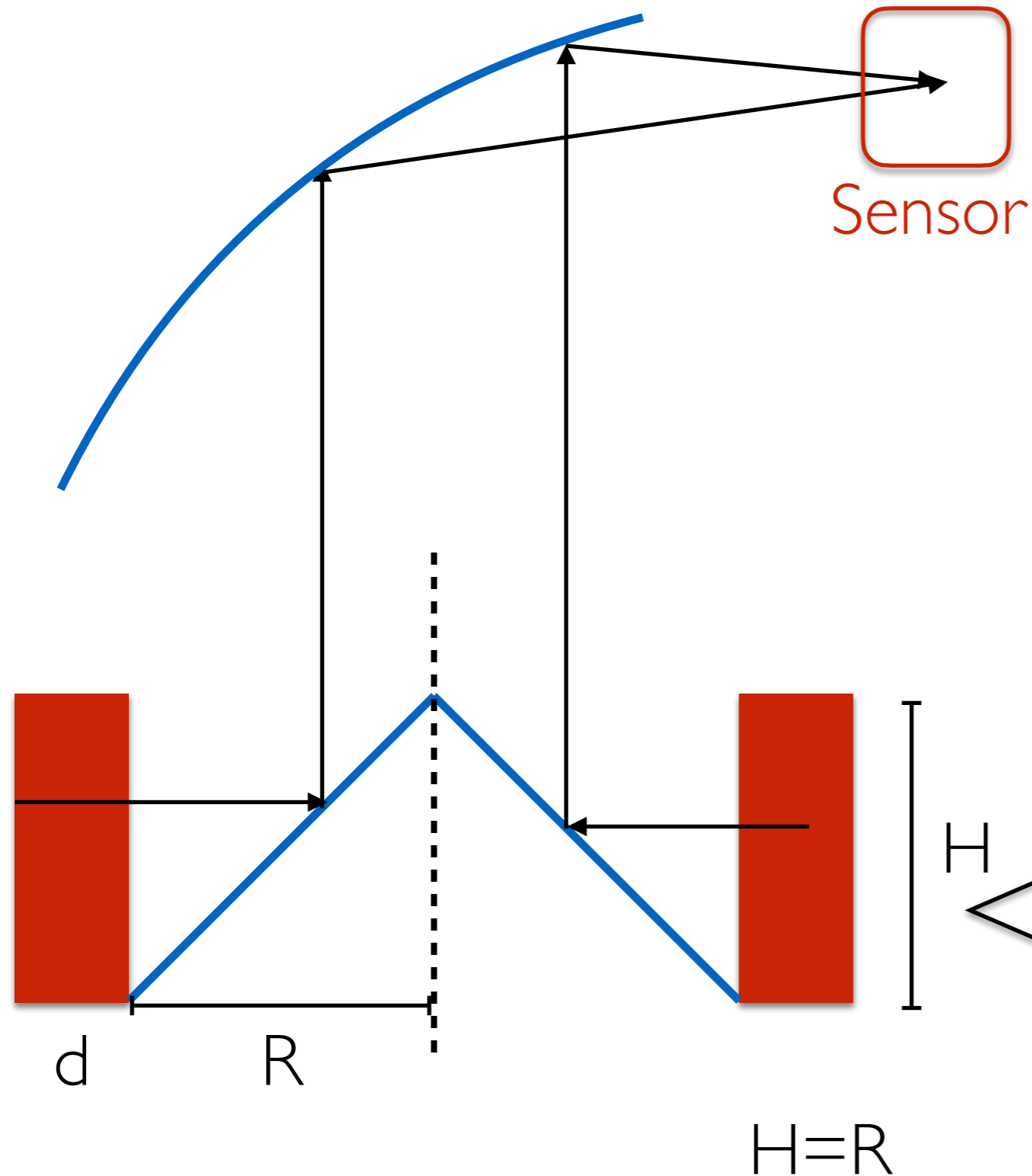
# Potential Setups

# Integrate Dielectric Stack

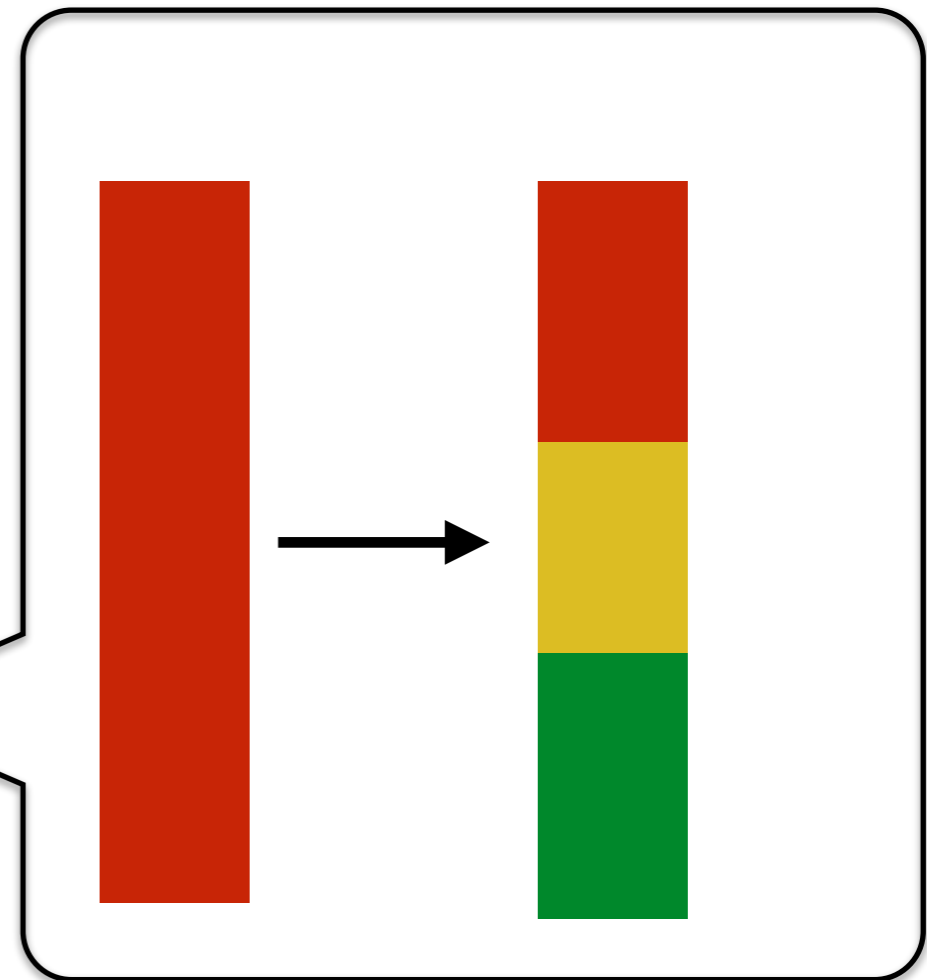


- Mirror geometry has to change

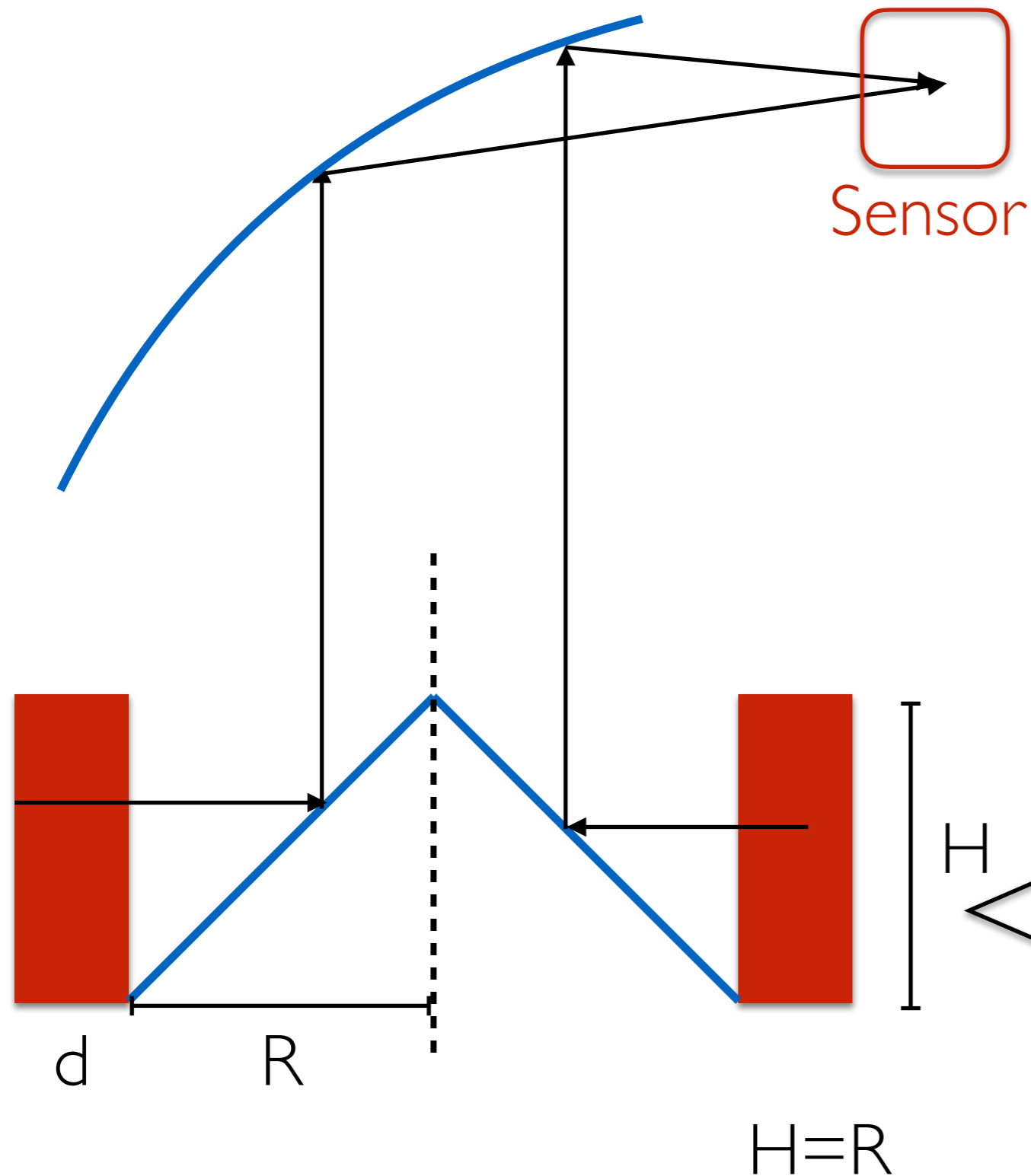
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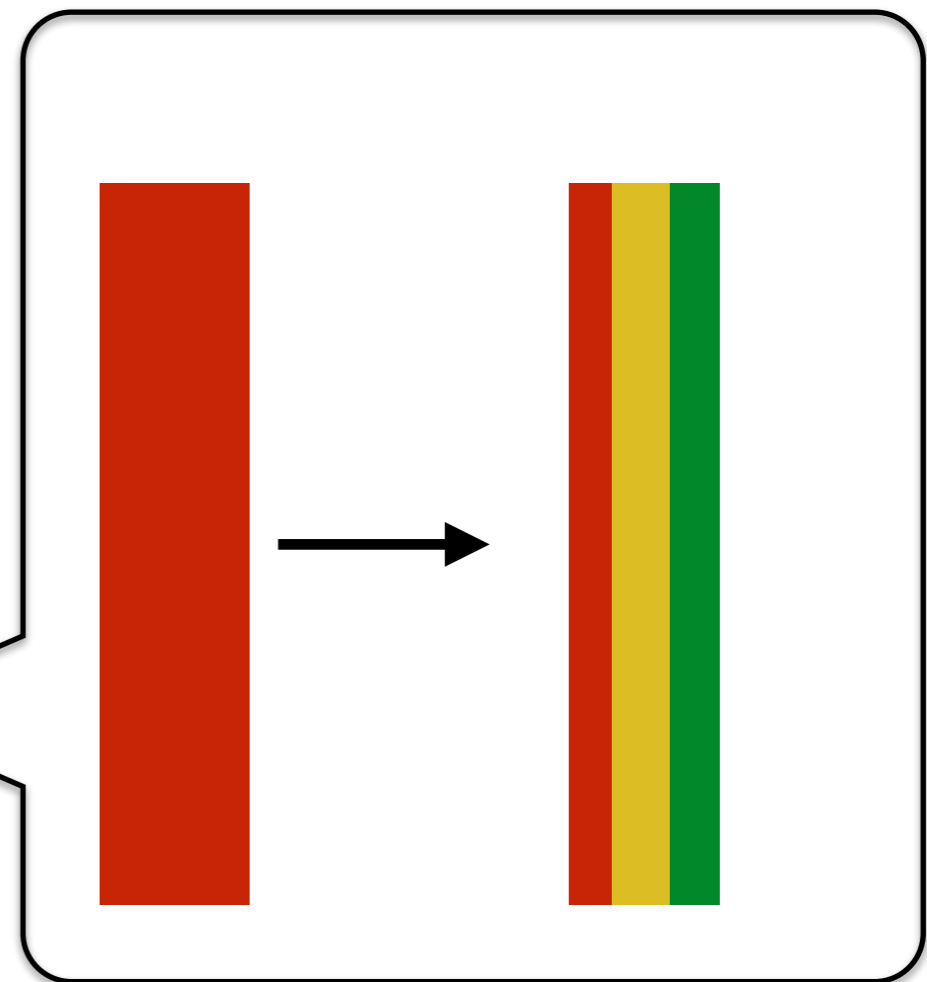
- Possibilities:
  - Parallel stacks of different periodicity



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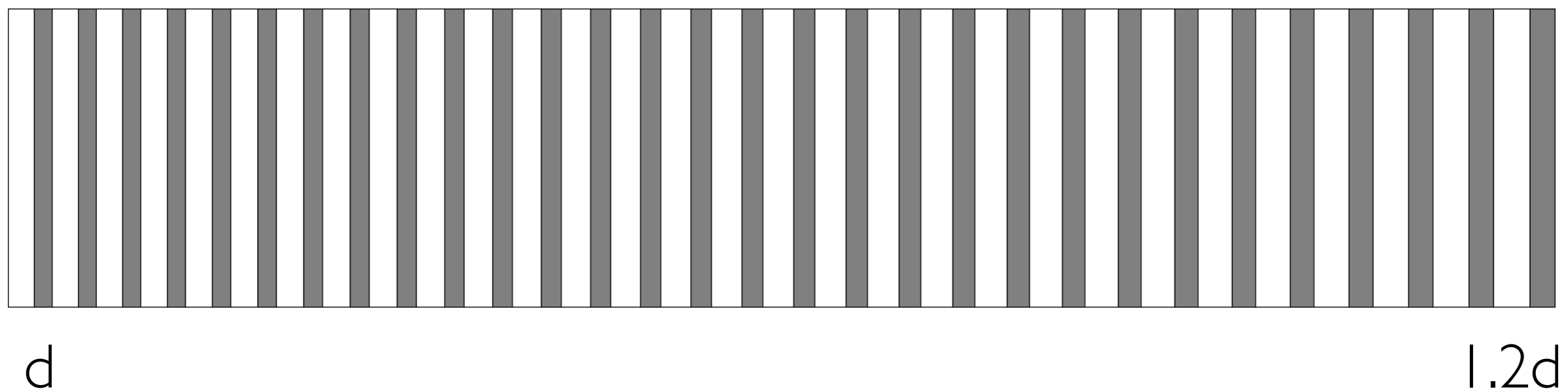
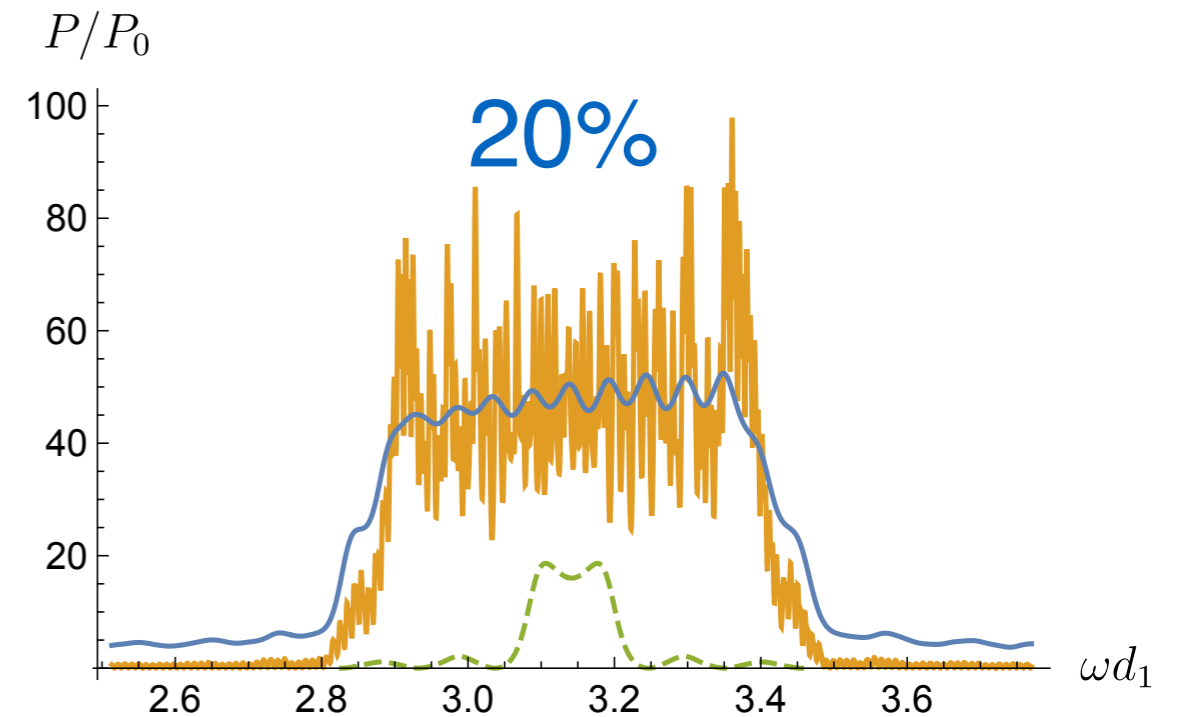


- Possibilities:
- Chirped Stack



# Chirped stack

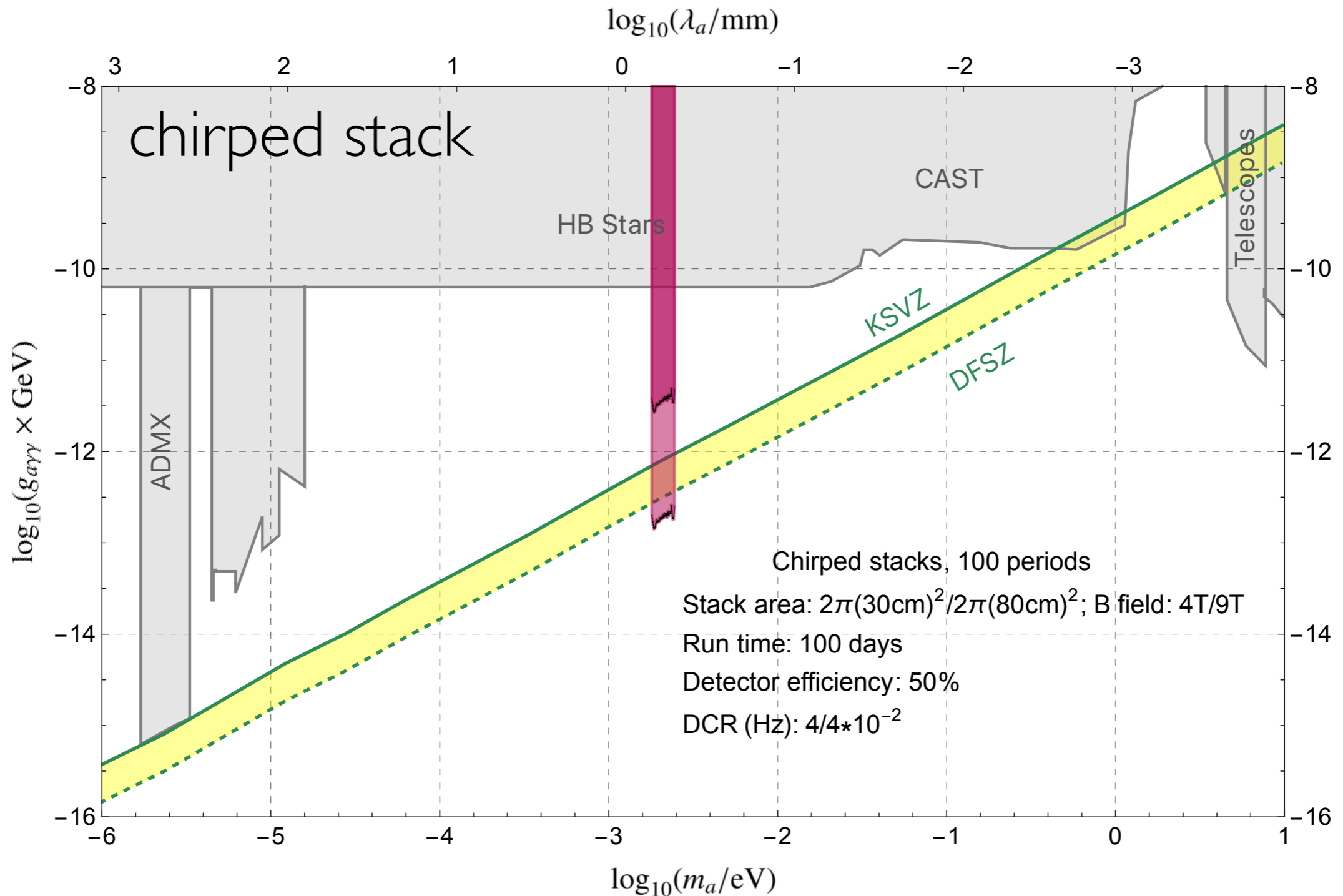
- Gradually increase thickness of layers
- Cover larger volume and frequency range together
- Maximum  $\sim 30\%$  range of frequencies and need to be careful with reflections to avoid destructive interference



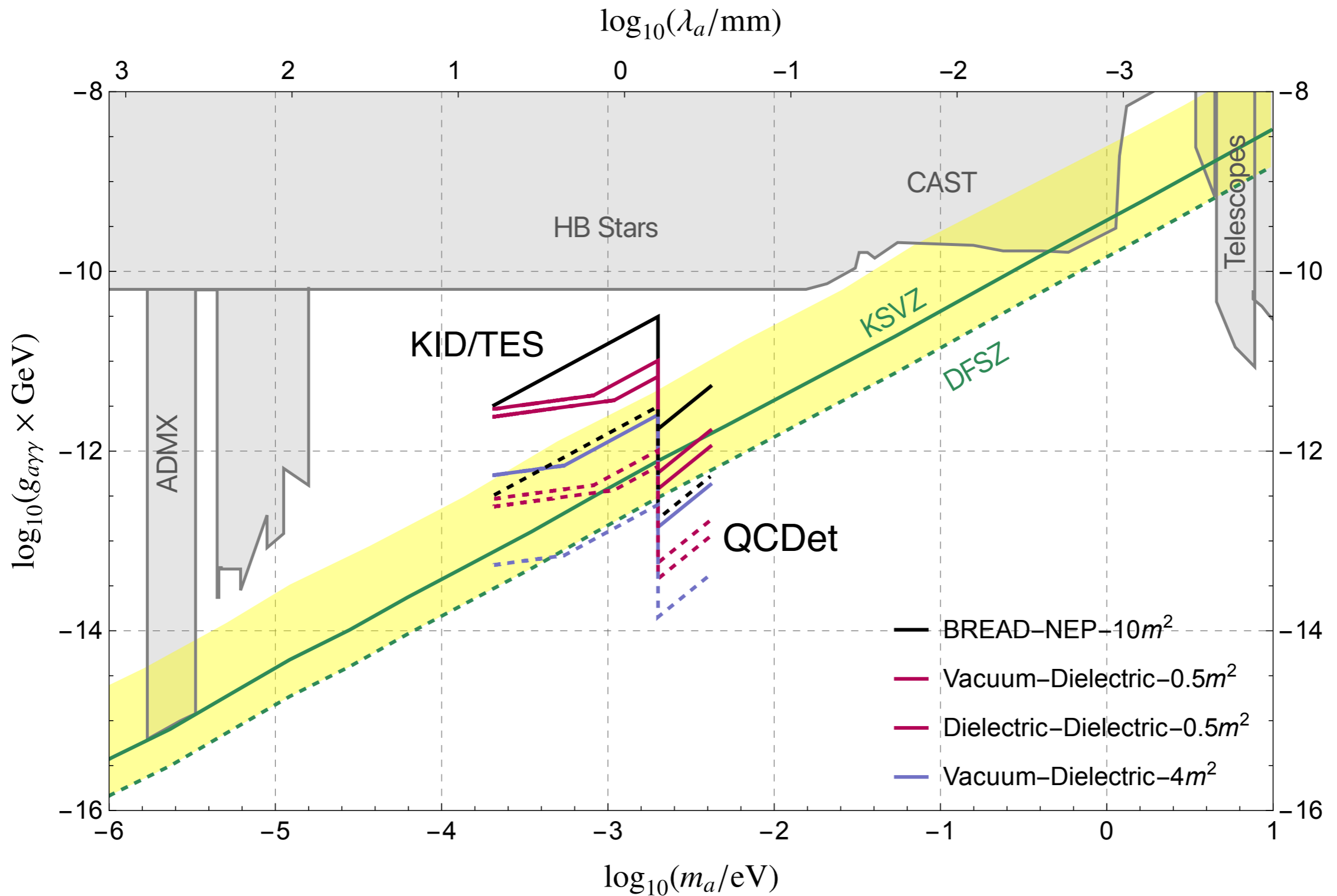


# Projections

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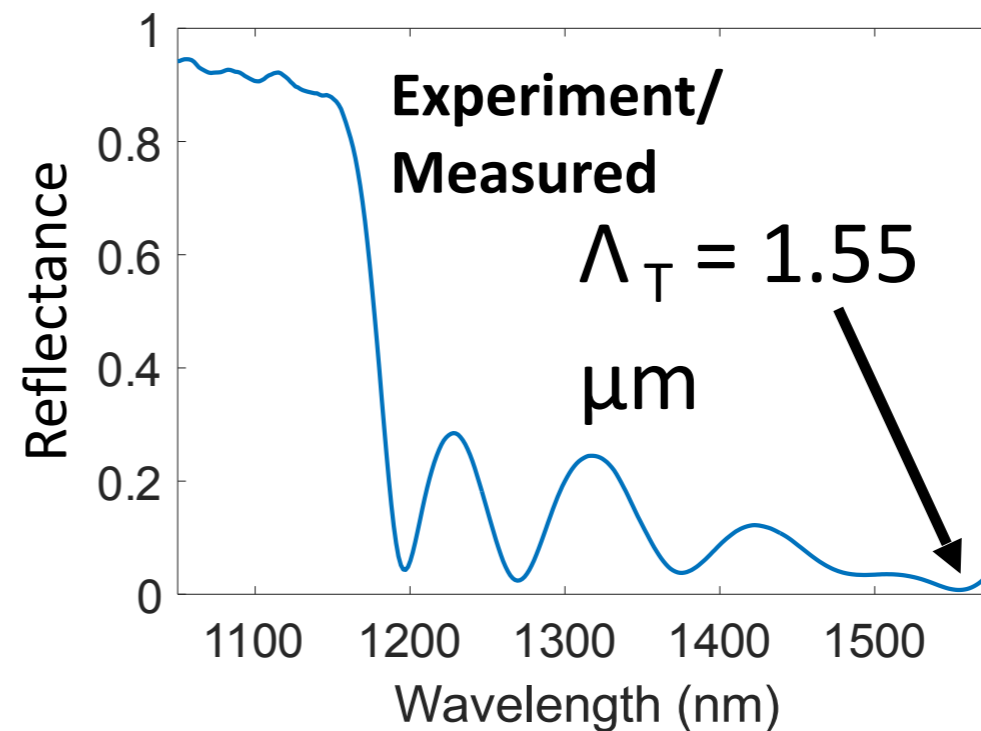
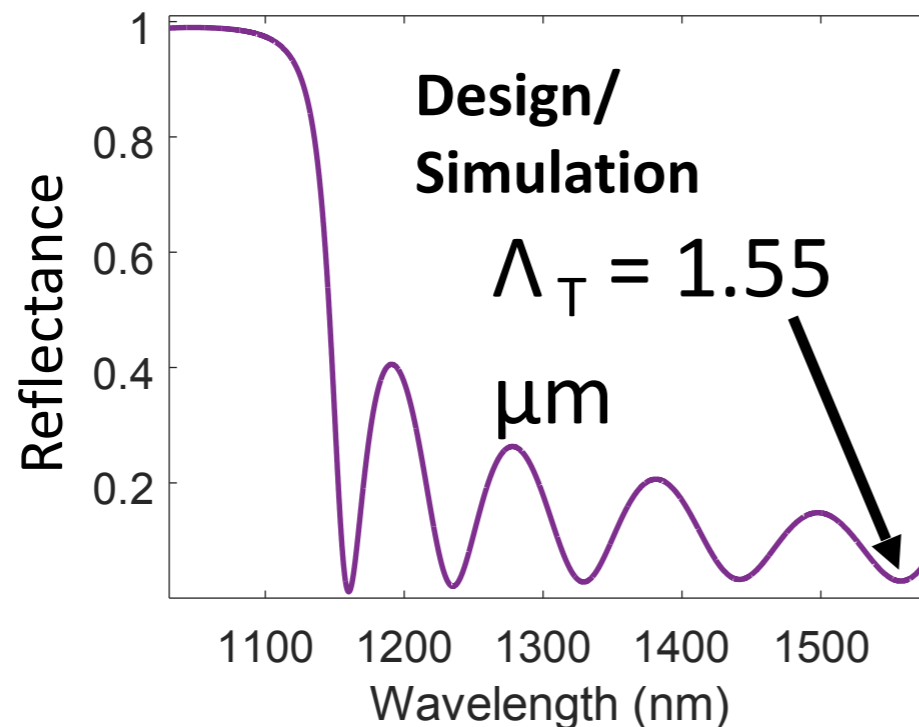


# The case for SANDWICH: conclusions and next steps

- Periodic dielectric materials can increase the volume where axion to photon conversion is efficient
- Flat layer geometry successfully demonstrated in prototypes in multiple frequency bands; possible to reach very small couplings with larger setups
- Future directions:
  - Optimize light collection geometry with dielectric-in-cylinder setup
  - Study different dielectrics including absorption, thermal properties

# Multilayer target characterization

- White light interferometry
  - Fifth reflectance null after photonic bandgap indicates emission wavelength  $\Lambda_T$



About 1 dB power loss in optical transmission through the target