

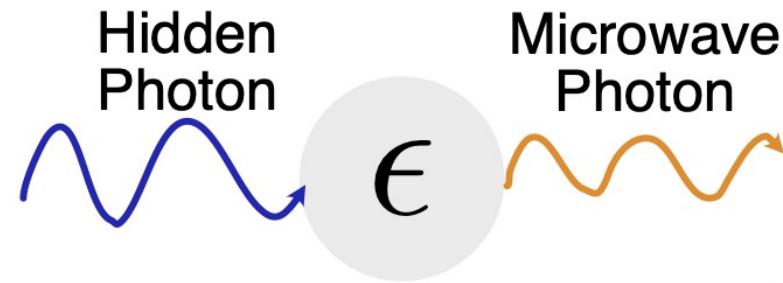
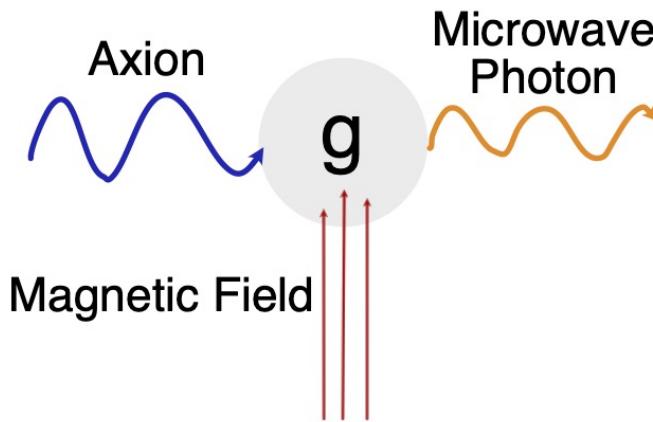
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SERAPH: Wavelike Dark Matter Searches with SRF Cavities and Superconducting Qubits at SQMS

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SQMS, Fermilab

What is Dark Matter?

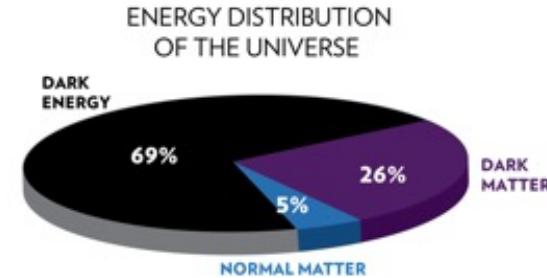
Can it be Axions? Dark Photons?



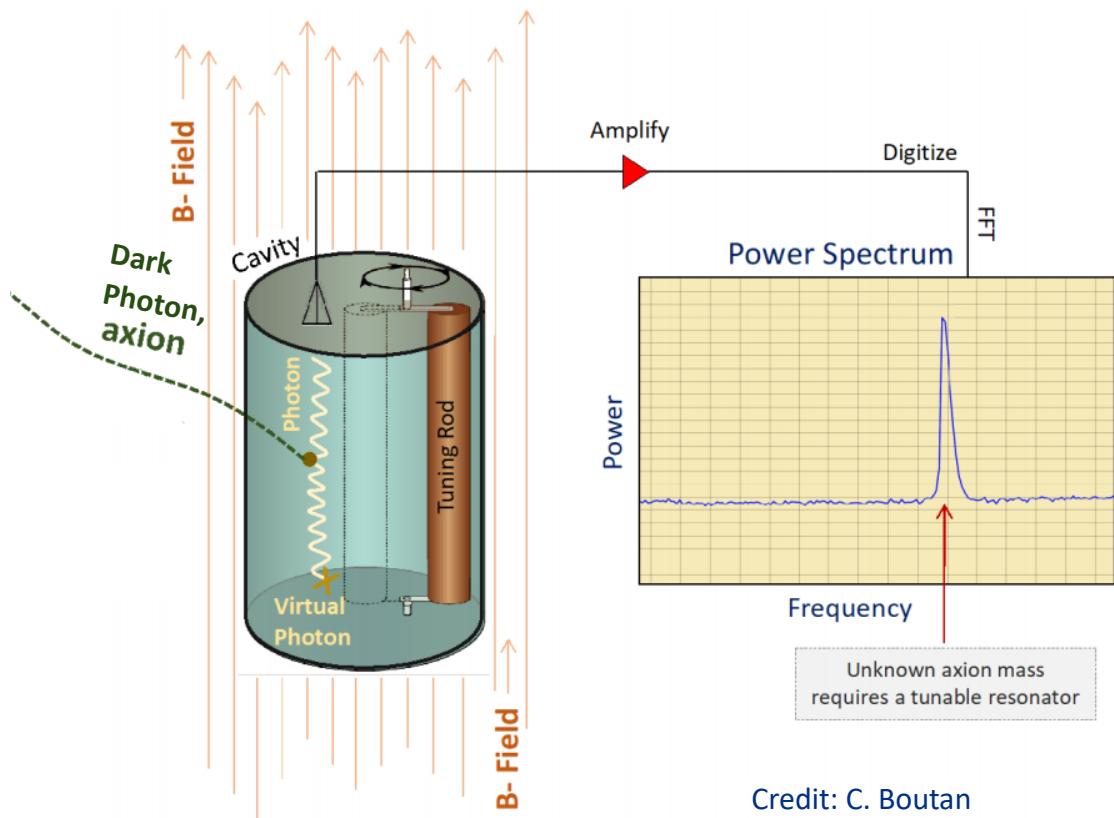
Credit: A. Dixit

Feeble interaction with photons.

We can look for that.



Haloscope Search for Dark Matter

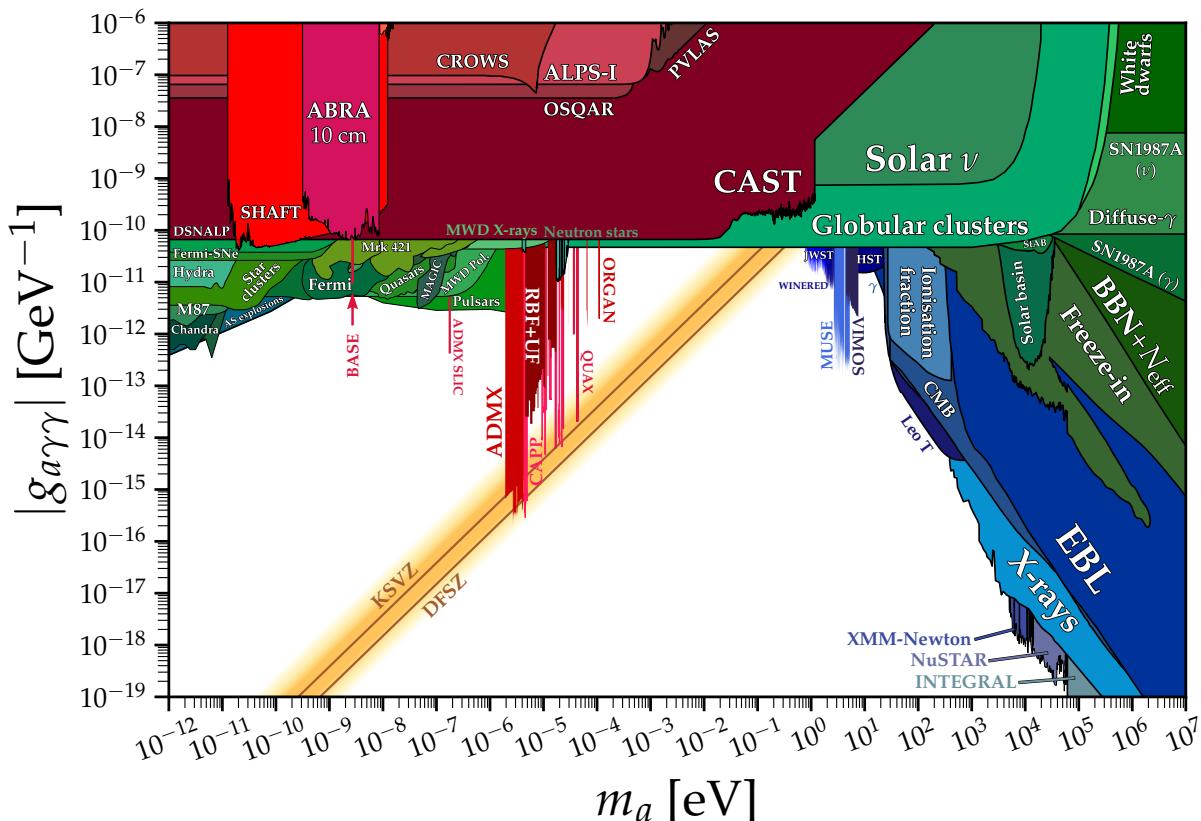


Microwave cavities can be used to detect dark photons and axions.

Dark photon searches don't need B-field.

Looking for $< 10^{-24} \text{ W}$ signal over wide range of frequencies.

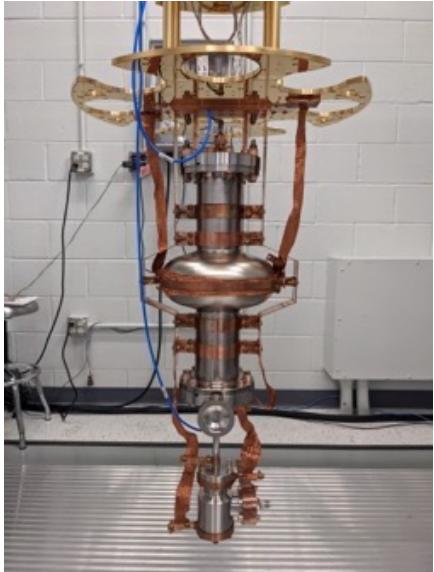
No axions were found (yet).



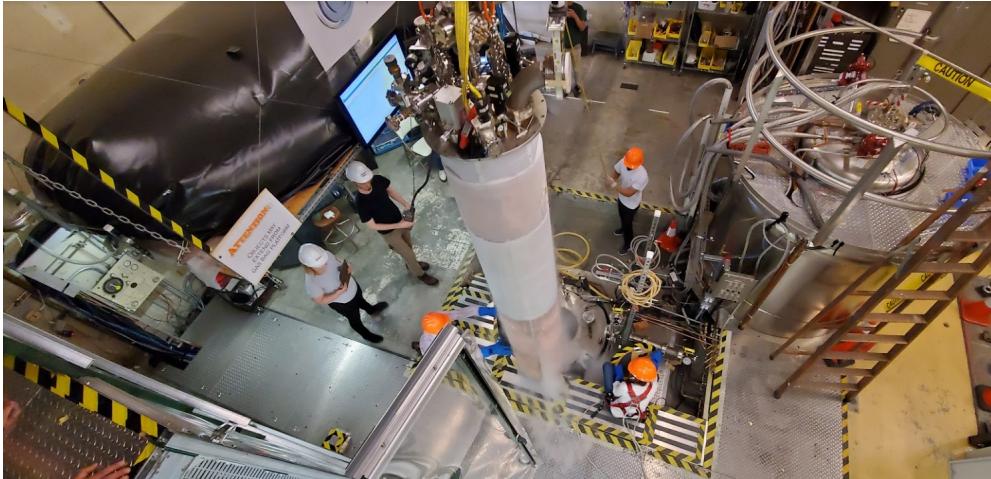
Credit: C. O'Hare

- No discovery, but still progress because of the excluded parameter space.
- But a lot more parameter space left to explore.

SRF Cavities for Dark Matter Searches



Compared
to copper-
based
searches



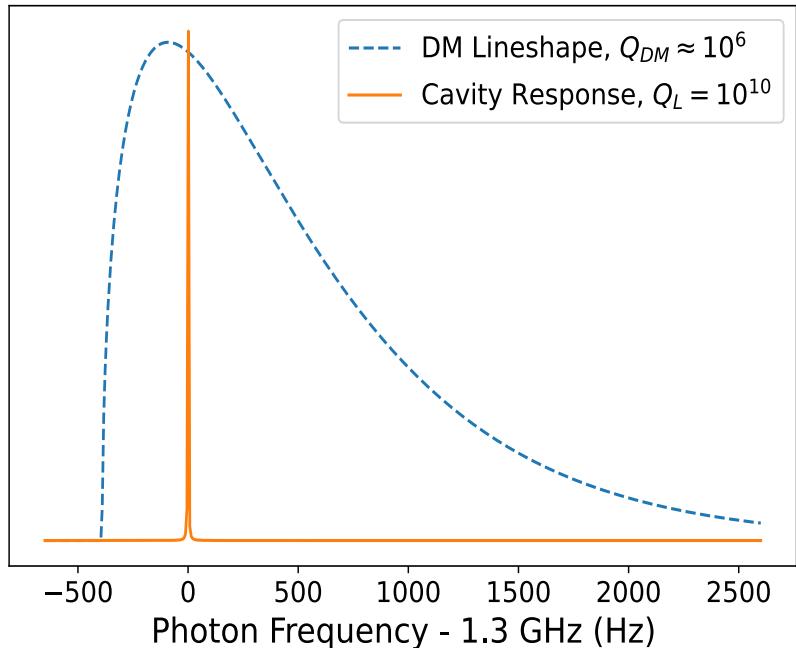
Credit: N. Du

$$\text{SQMS} \rightarrow Q \approx 10^{10}$$

$$\text{ADMX and CAPP} \rightarrow Q \approx 10^5$$

High Q allows for larger signal and lower noise floor.
Possibly factor 10^5 increase in instantaneous scan rate.

Instantaneous scan rate is proportional to Q_L



For virialized axions

$$\frac{df}{dt} \sim Q_L Q_{DM} \left(\frac{n \chi^2 m_{A'} \rho_{A'} V_{eff} \beta}{SNRT_n(\beta + 1)} \right)^2$$

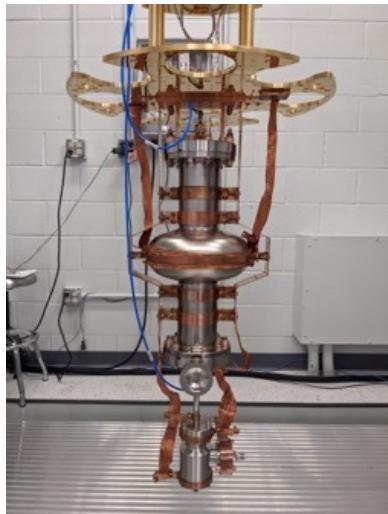
even if $Q_L \gg Q_{DM}$

- Signal power $P_S \propto \min(Q_L, Q_{DM})$
- Noise power reduces with Q_L .
- Tuning steps $\Delta f \propto \Delta f_{DM}$. Cavity sensitive to distribution of possible DM rest masses.

More details: [arXiv:2208.03183](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.03183)

SERAPH: SupERconducting Axion and Paraphoton Haloscope

Family of SQMS SRF haloscope experiment. Name works on different levels.



SRF

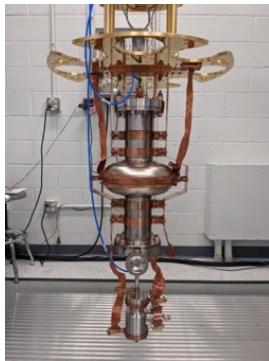


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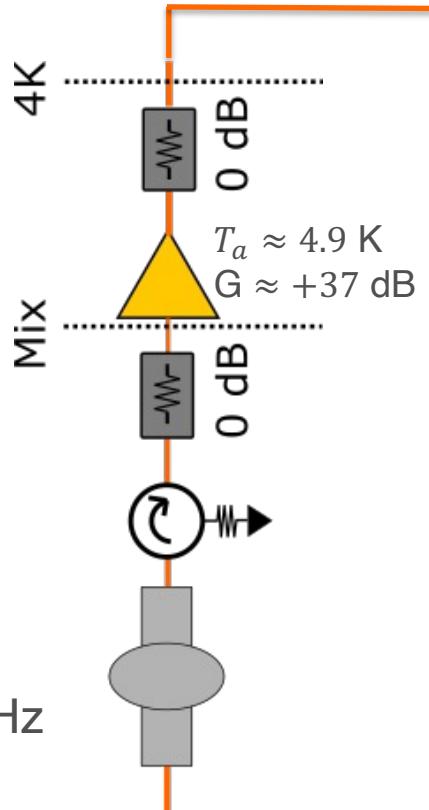


Sir Raph(ael)

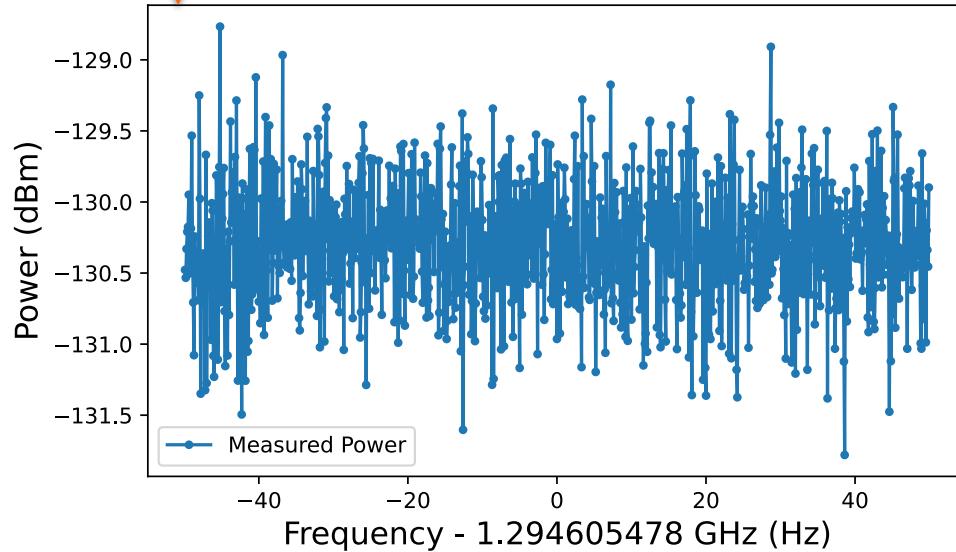
SERAPHv1: Parasitic Search for Dark Photons



$T_c \approx 35 \text{ mK}$
 $Q_L \approx 5 \times 10^9$
 $f_0 = 1.295 \text{ GHz}$
 $\beta \sim 1.3$

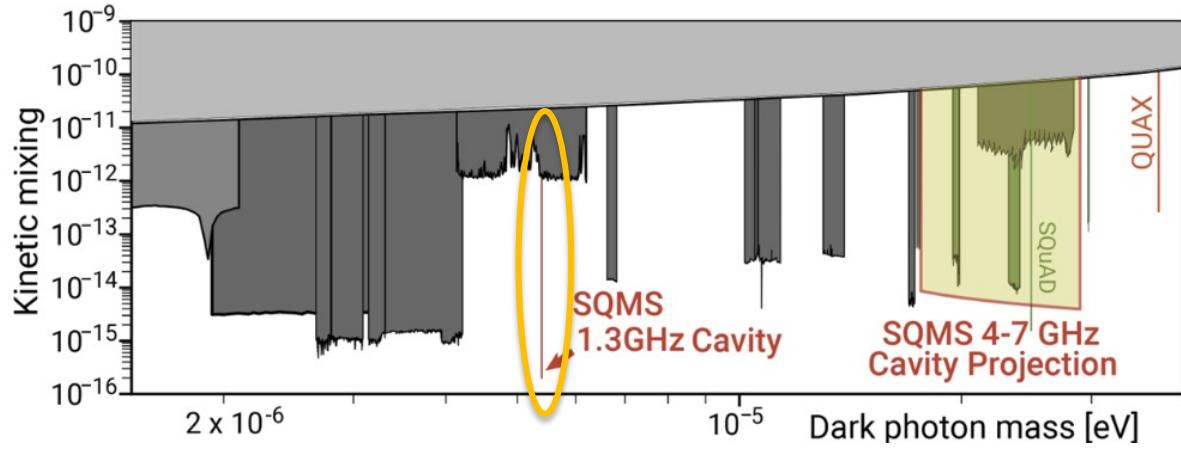
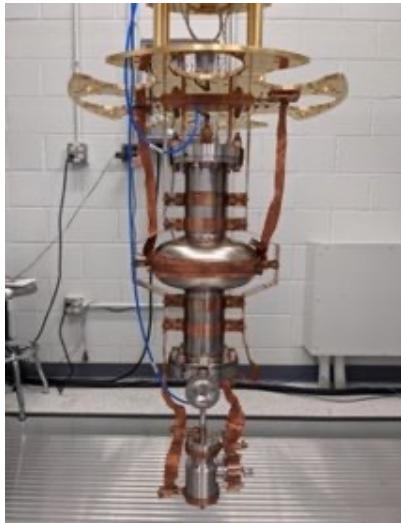


No DP signal. Just noise.



1000 seconds integration time

Deepest sensitivity: Ultrahigh Q for Dark photon DM



Cervantes et al., arXiv:2208.03183v3 (2022)

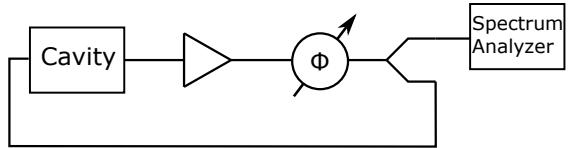
DPDM search in DR with 1.3 GHz cavity with $Q_0 \approx 10^{10}$.

Deepest exclusion to wavelike DPDM by an order of magnitude.

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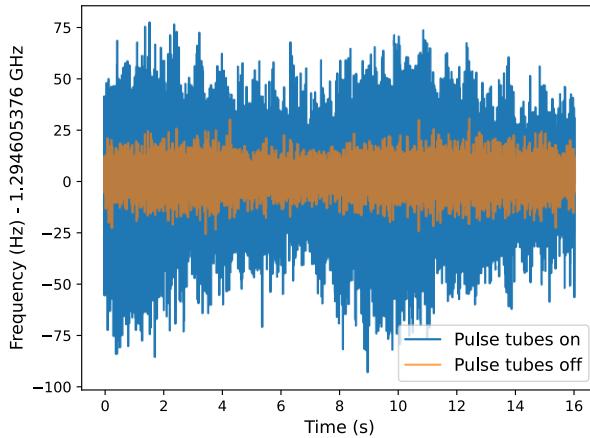
- Tunable DPDM search from 4-7 GHz (“low hanging fruit”)
- Implement photon counting to subvert SQL noise limit.

SERAPHv1 Microphonics

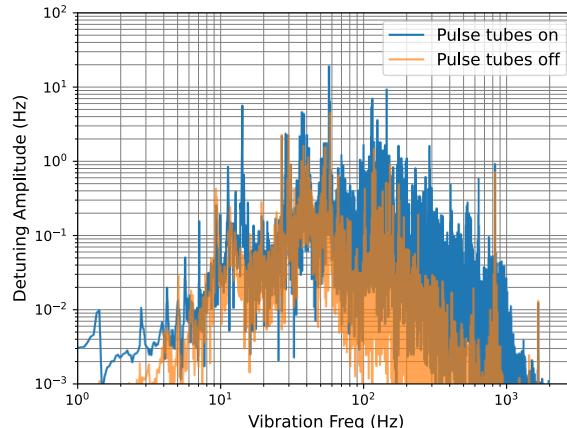


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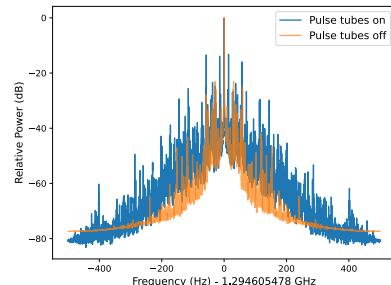
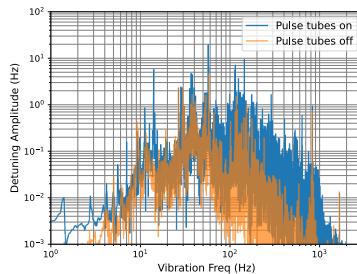


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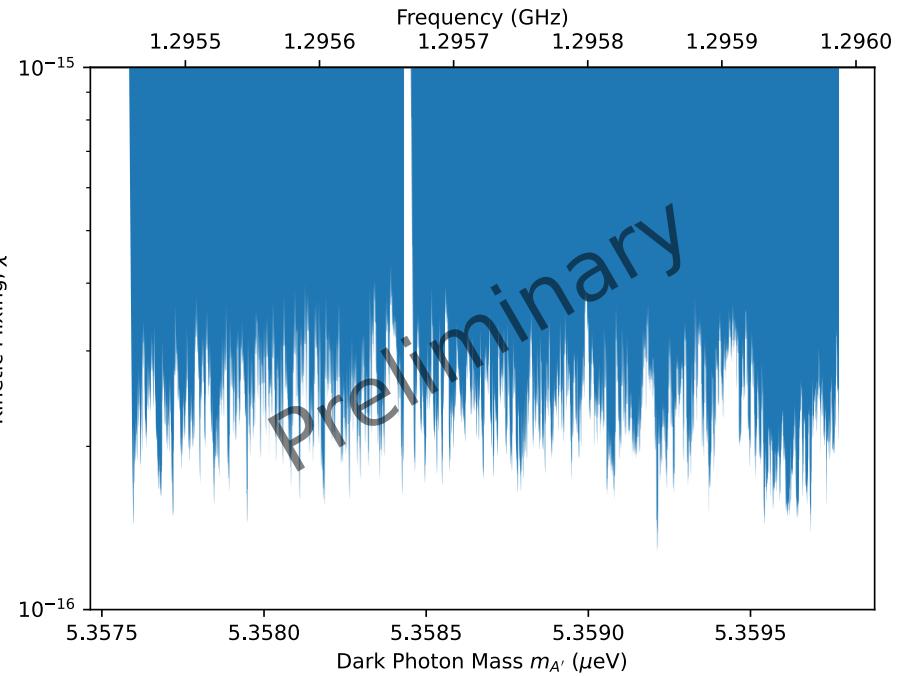
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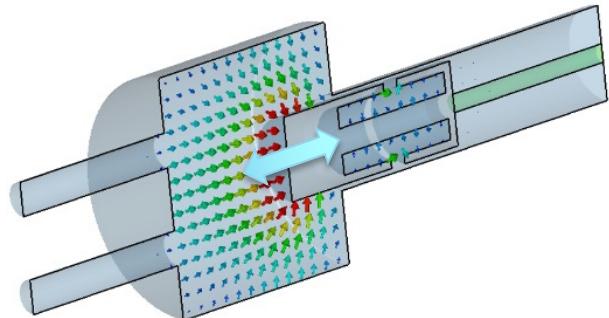
Tunable search with 1.3 GHz Cavity (SERAPH v1.1)



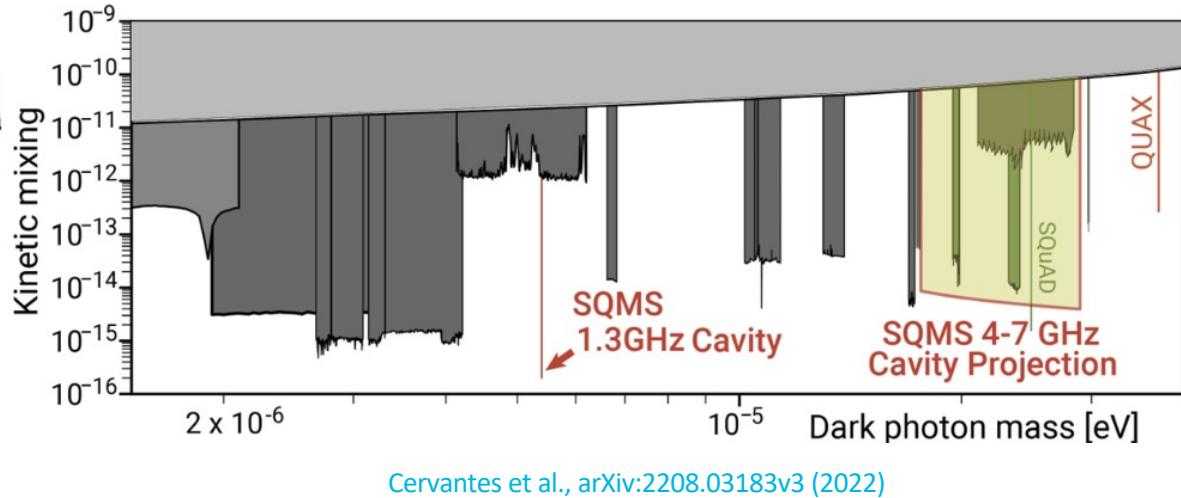
Similar 1.3 GHz cavity in liquid helium bath. Tunes by mechanical compression for 500 kHz tuning range. $T_{\text{cav}} = 1.4 \text{ K}$, $Q_L = 2.4 \text{e}8$. Very overcoupled.



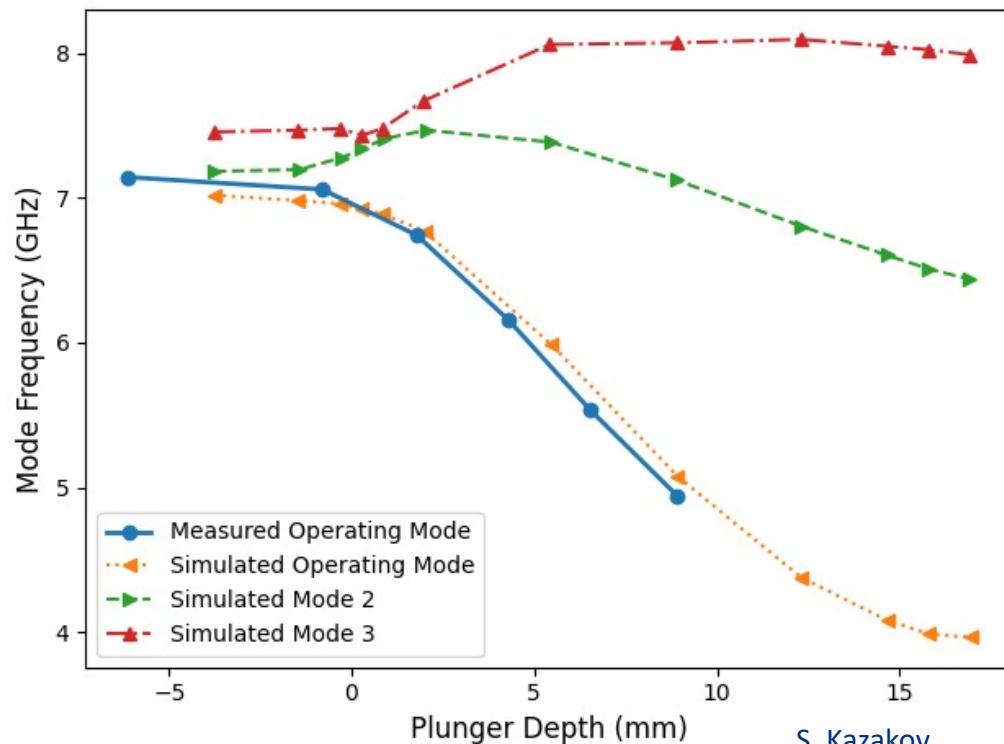
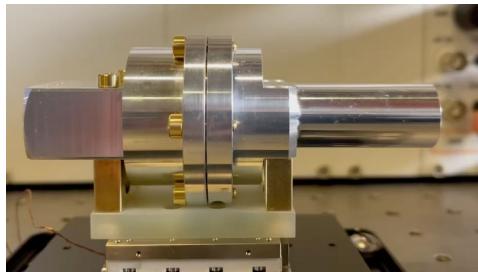
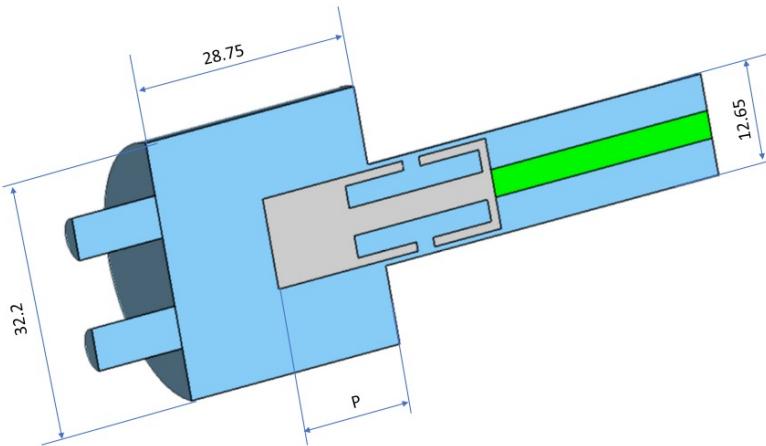
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“plunger” cavity
4-7 GHz



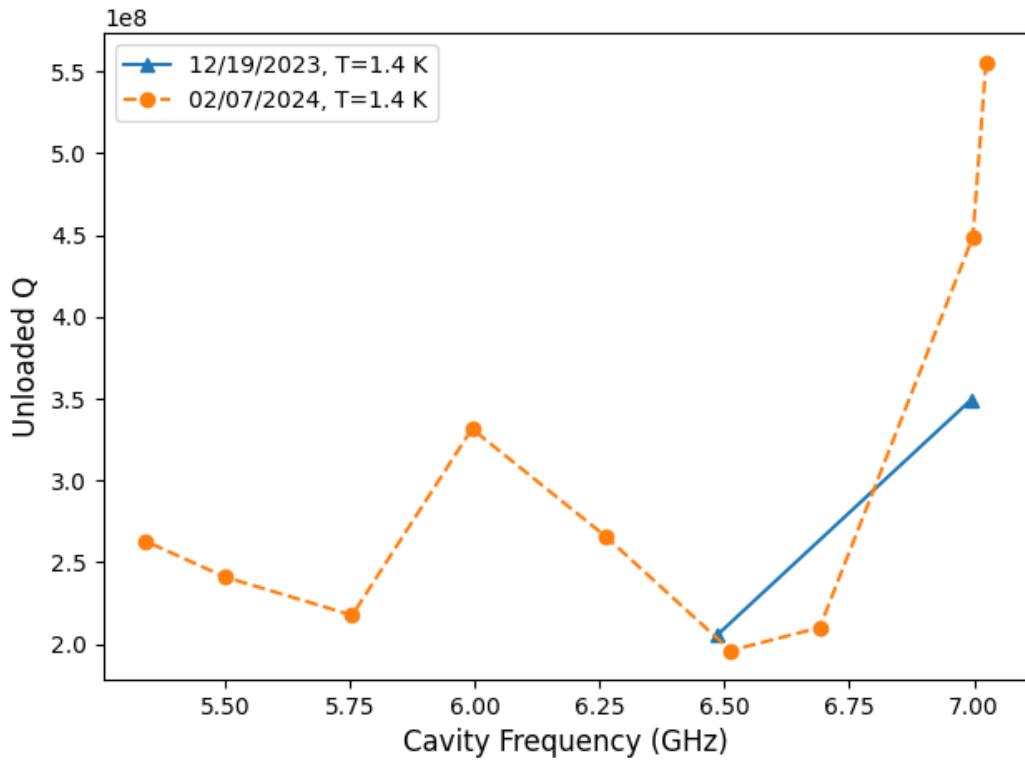
SERAPHv2: Simulated and measured modes



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Straightforward tuning. No mode crossings. Good agreement between measurement and simulation.

Measured Unloaded Q with decay measurement

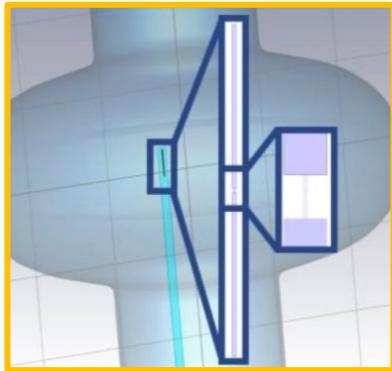


Cavity Q can improve but is acceptable.

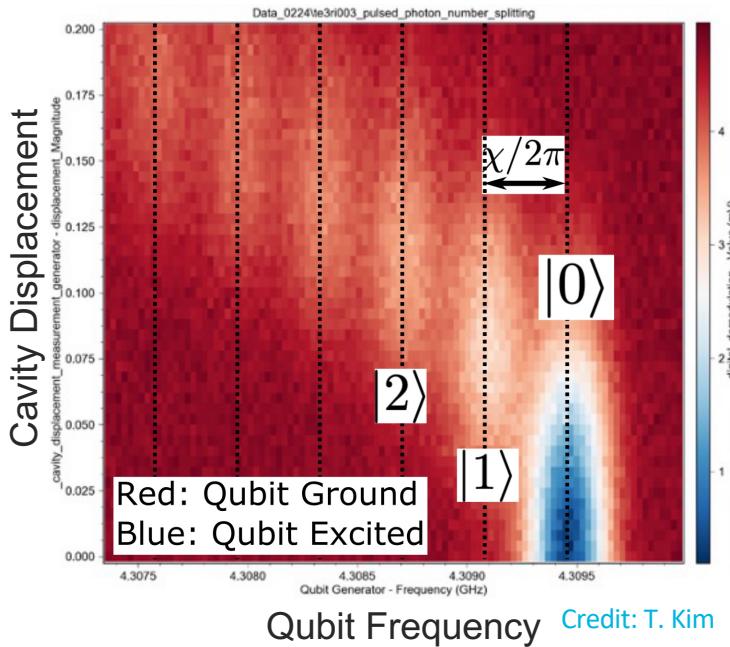
Next steps:

1. Mechanical modifications to reduce microphonics.
2. Characterize in fridge.
3. Dark photon search

Subverting SQL noise with qubit-based photon counting



Superconducting qubit in SRF cavity.



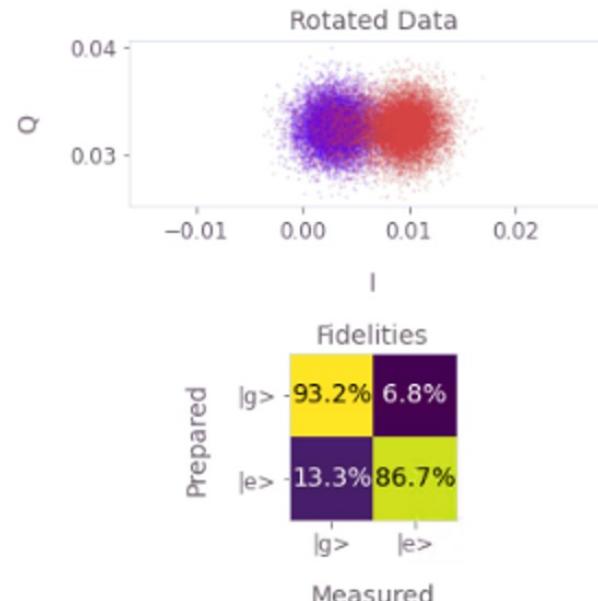
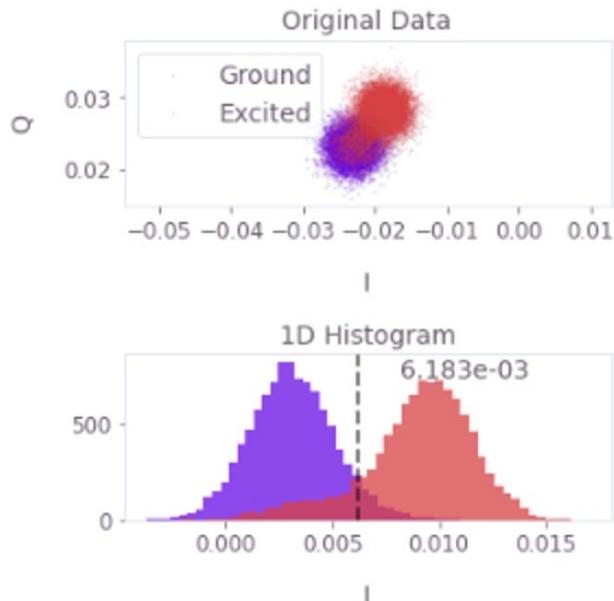
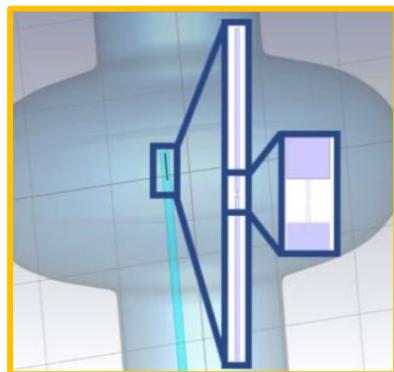
Quantum protocols counts photons non-destructively.

SQL noise: hf/k
240 mK @ 5 GHz

dominates compared to 30 mK thermal photons.

Regularly perform photon counting with dispersive measurements.

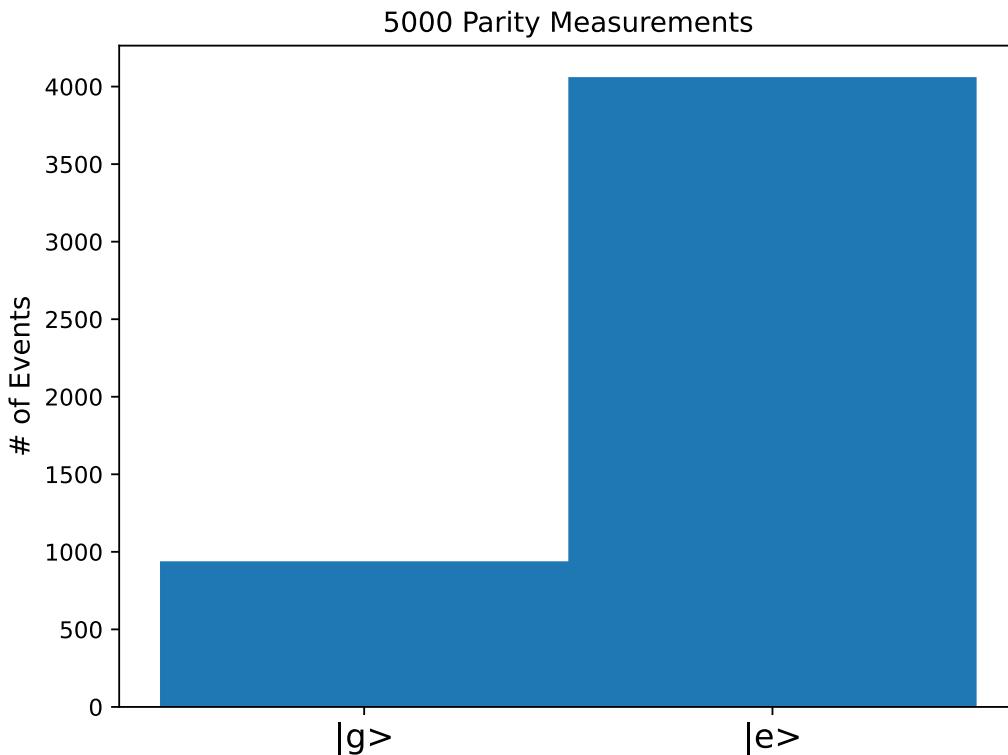
Current photon counting scheme



Measurements performed by Taeyoon Kim

Qubit T1 $\sim 150 \mu\text{s}$. Readout rate is 1/ms

Photon counting results



Parity measurement where qubit is prepared in ground state and we apply two $+\pi/2$ pulses.

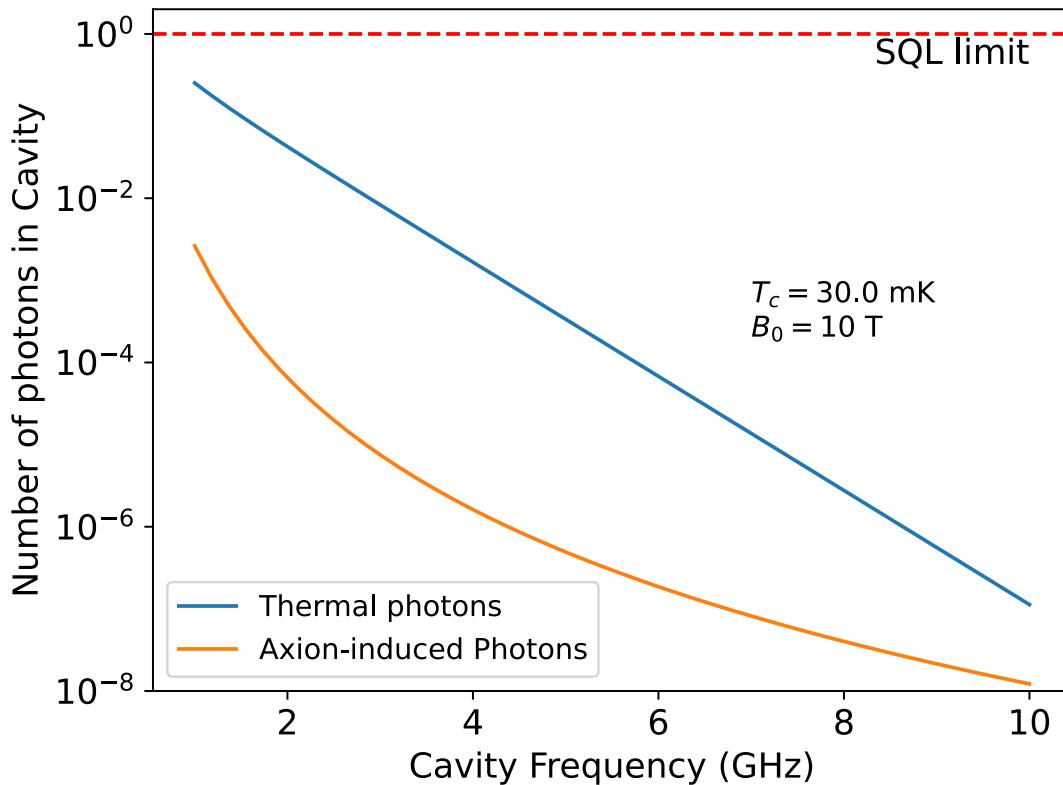
With perfect readout:

$|g\rangle$ corresponds to 1 photon.

$|e\rangle$ corresponds to 0 photon.

Can use fidelity matrix and characteristics of the system to derive dark photon limit.

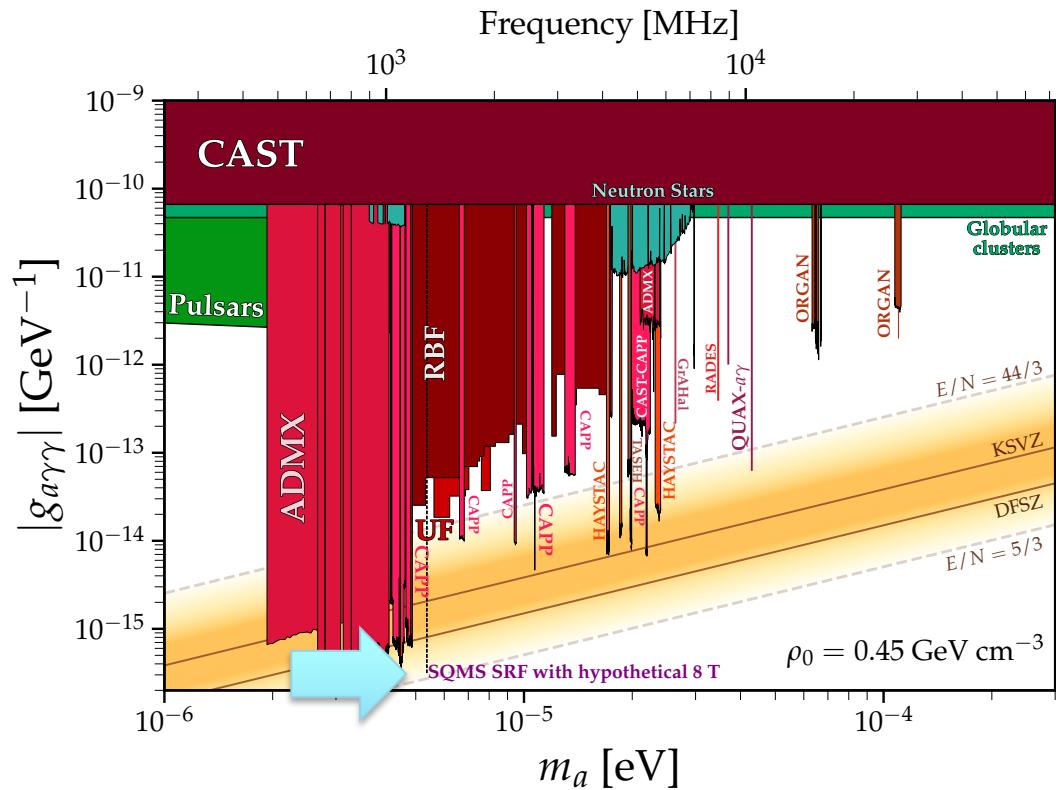
Why we need photon counting



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SQL noise dominates at higher frequencies. Mitigating SQL could increase scan rate by many orders of magnitude.

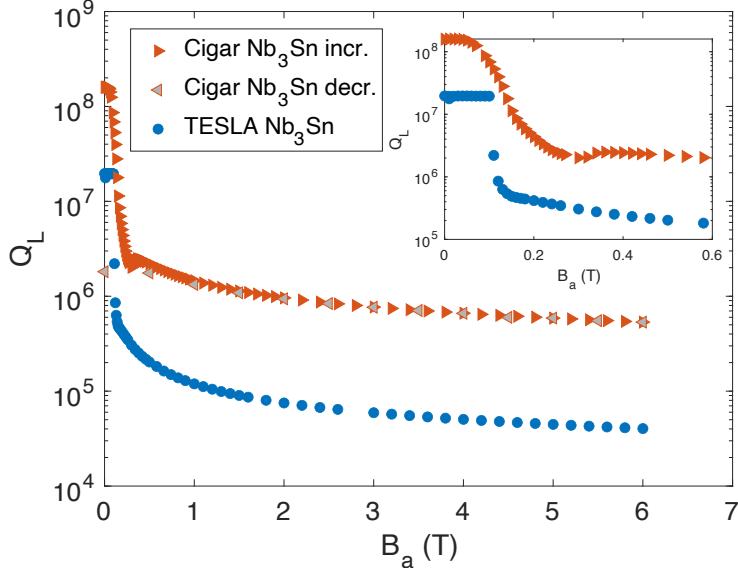
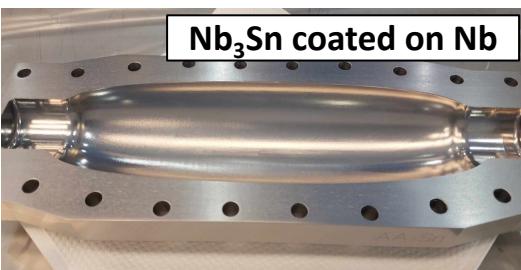
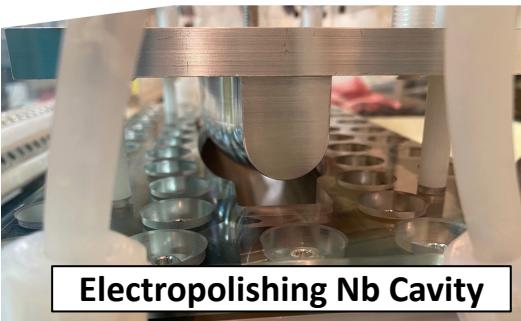
If $Q \sim 10^{10}$ cavities work in an 8T field



Sensitivity to
QCD axion with
single cavity and
HEMT.

Just make
 $Q \sim 10^{10}$ cavities
work in magnetic
fields!

Nb₃Sn Cavities in Multi-Tesla Field R&D at Fermilab



Q₀ of 5×10^5 at 6 T, 4.2 K, 3.9 GHz

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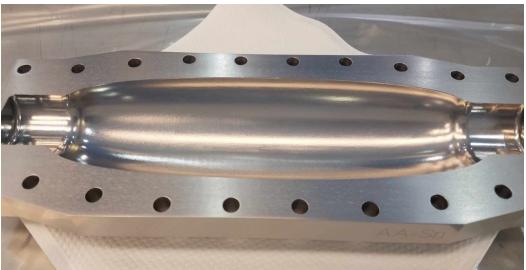
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Phys. Rev. Applied 20, 034004 – Published 5 September 2023

FNAL Nb₃Sn Cavities for ADMX and INFN

Initial R&D at Fermilab



Prototypes sent to Partners



Nb₃Sn tuning rod for ADMX Sidecar sent to U. Washington (w/ LLNL)

Potential Future Experiments



ADMX-EFR at Fermilab



9 GHz Nb₃Sn cavity sent to INFN Frascati for testing in 8 T fridge



Hybrid dielectric-Nb₃Sn cavity for INFN QUAX haloscope

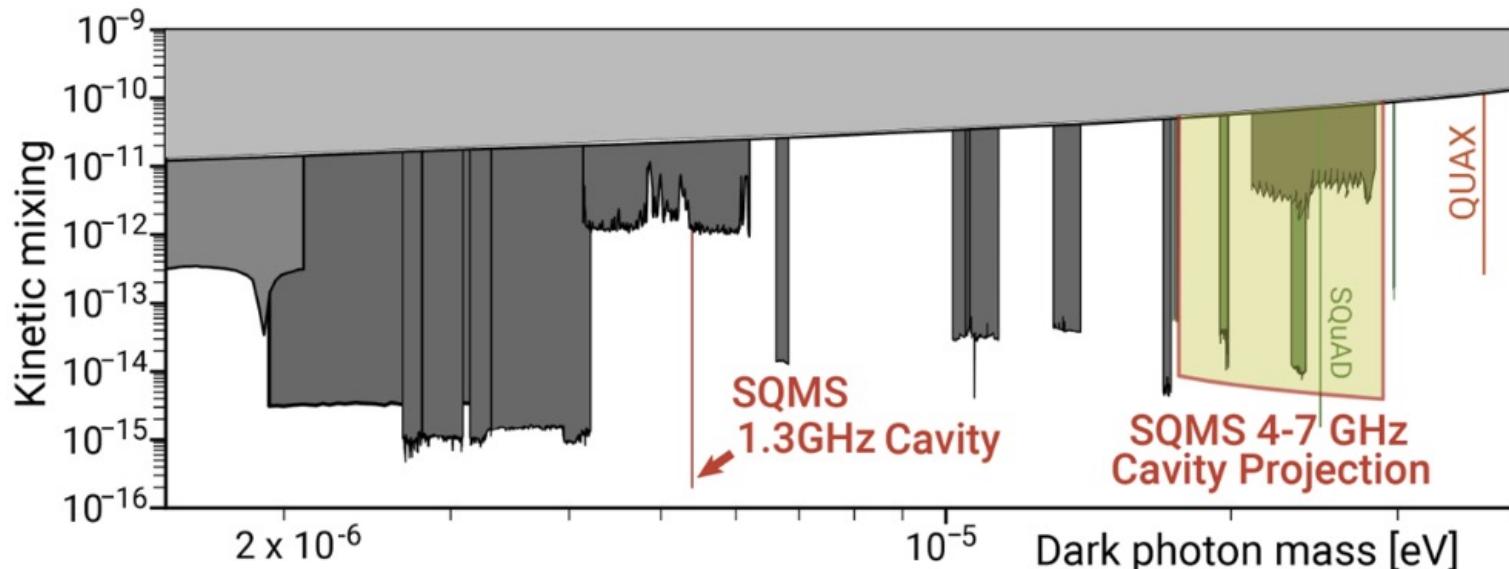
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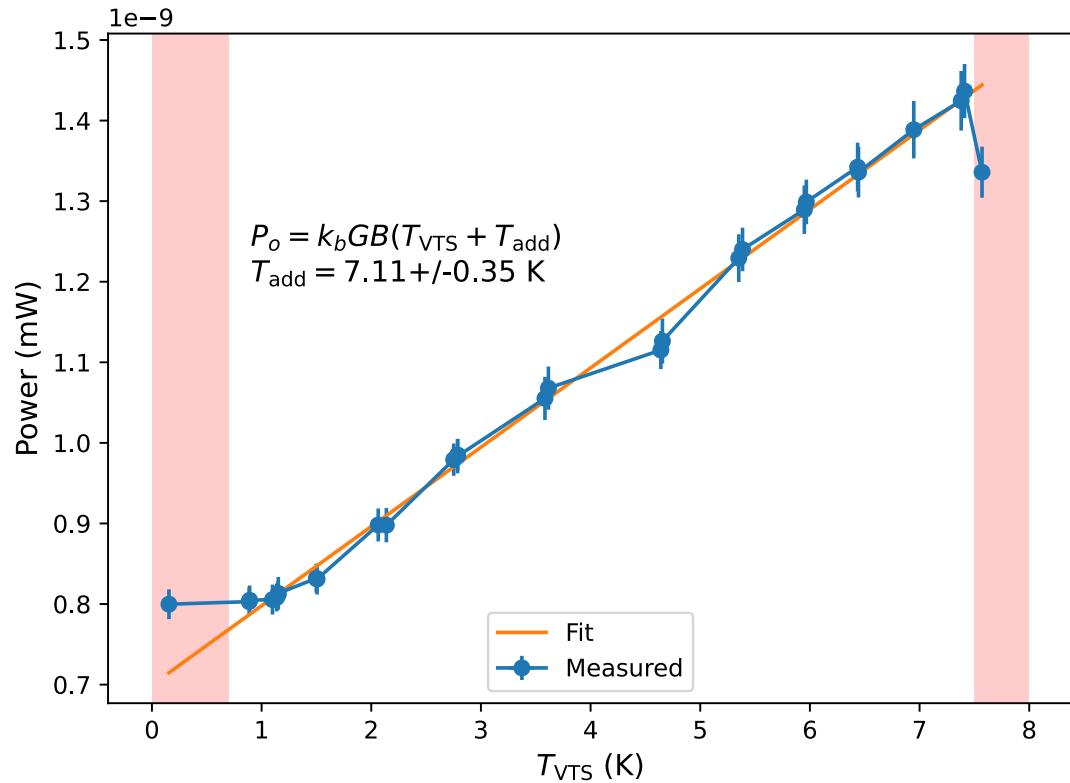
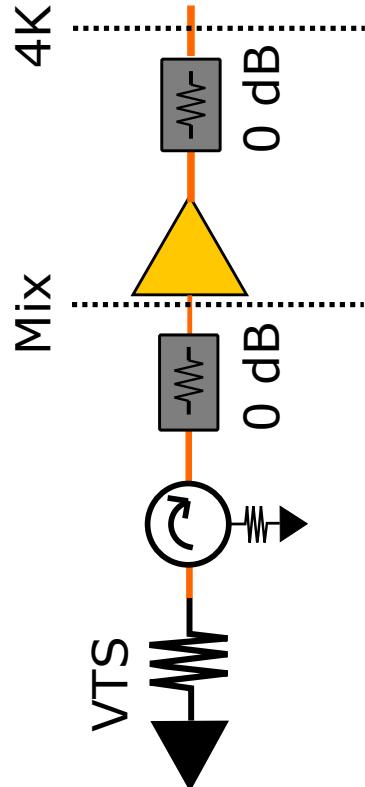
Summarize

- Ultra-high Q cavities have achieved unprecedented sensitivity to wavelike DPDM and can boost by scan rate by orders of magnitude.
- Progress towards photon counting and high-Q cavities in magnetic fields for axion searches. Will be enabling technologies for future axion searches.



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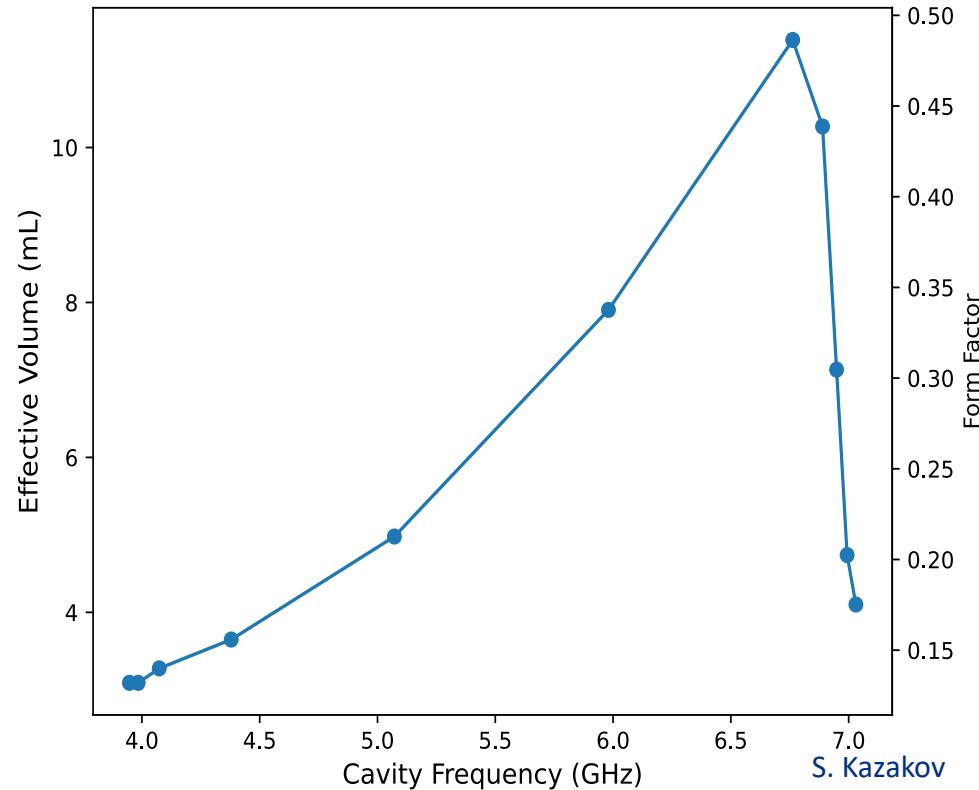
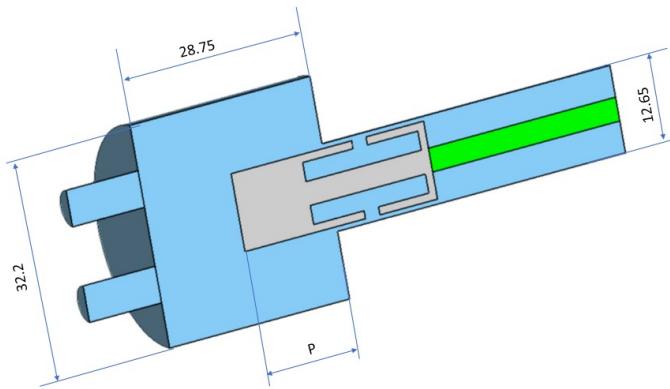
SERAPHv1 Noise calibration with Variable Temperature Stage



T_{add} consistent with 4.6 K amplifier noise and 2 dB insertion loss.

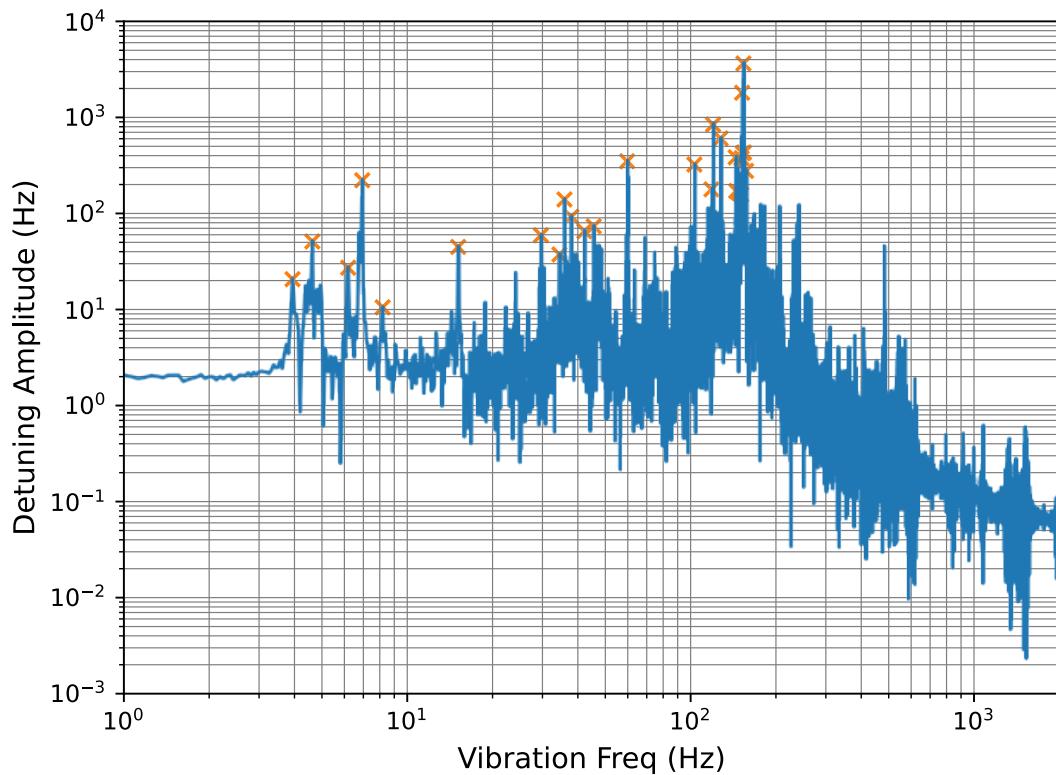
Plunger Cavity Simulated effective volume

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\left| \int dV E_z \right|^2}{\int dV |E|^2}$$



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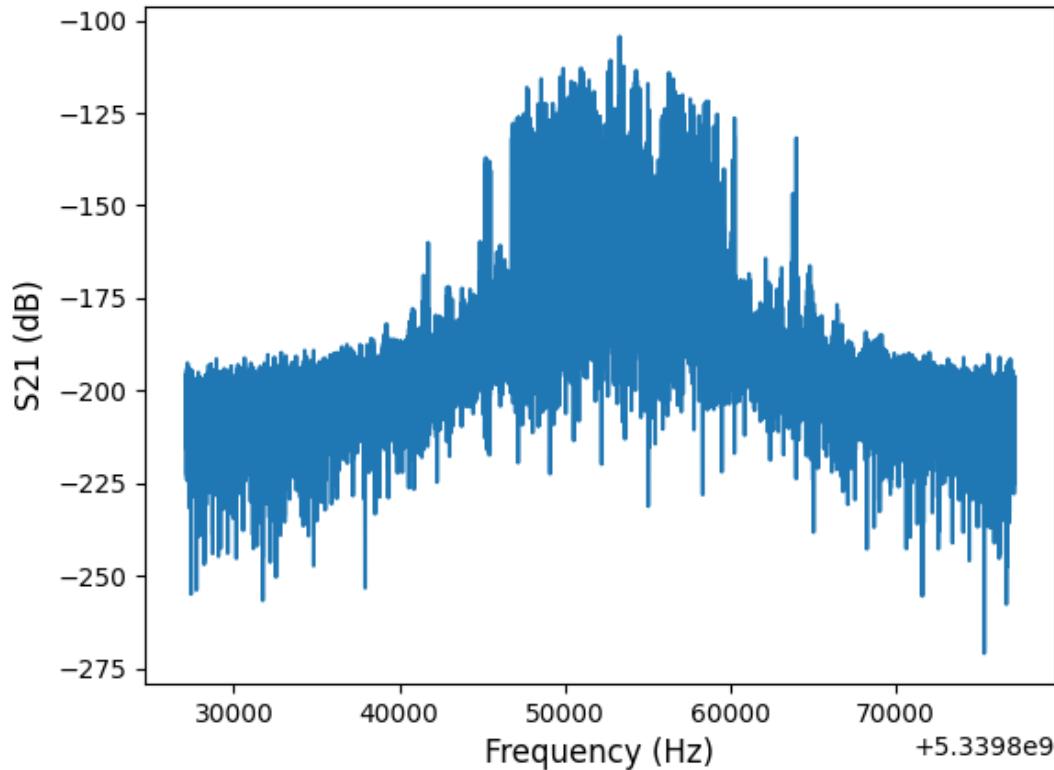
Plunger Cavity Microphonics FFT



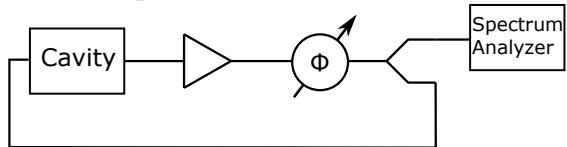
Vibration Frequency	Detuning amplitude / Vibration Frequency
6.9	31.9
153.6	23.7
151.9	11.9
4.6	11.0
120	7.0
59.7	5.9

Plunger Cavity has lots of microphonics in a helium bath

Resonance looks like this with a VNA.

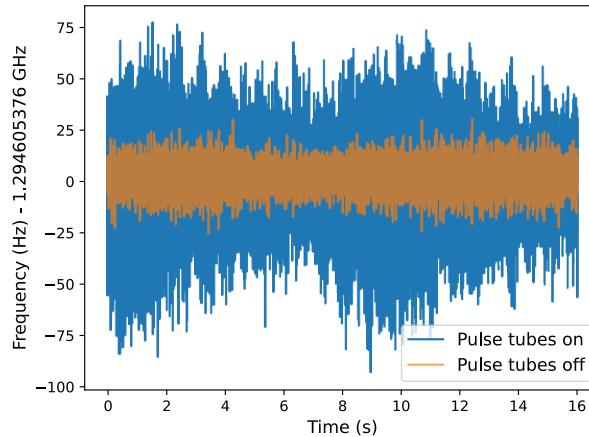


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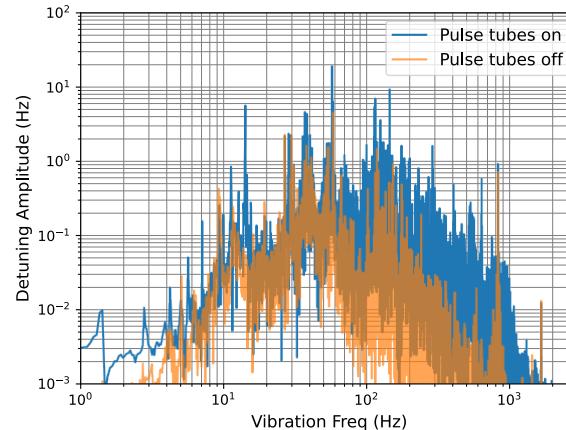


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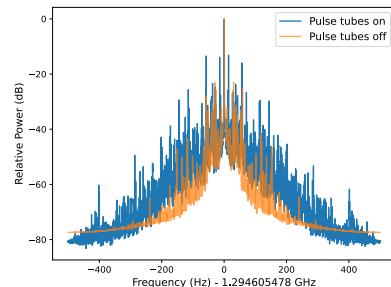
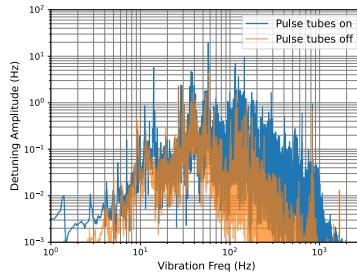


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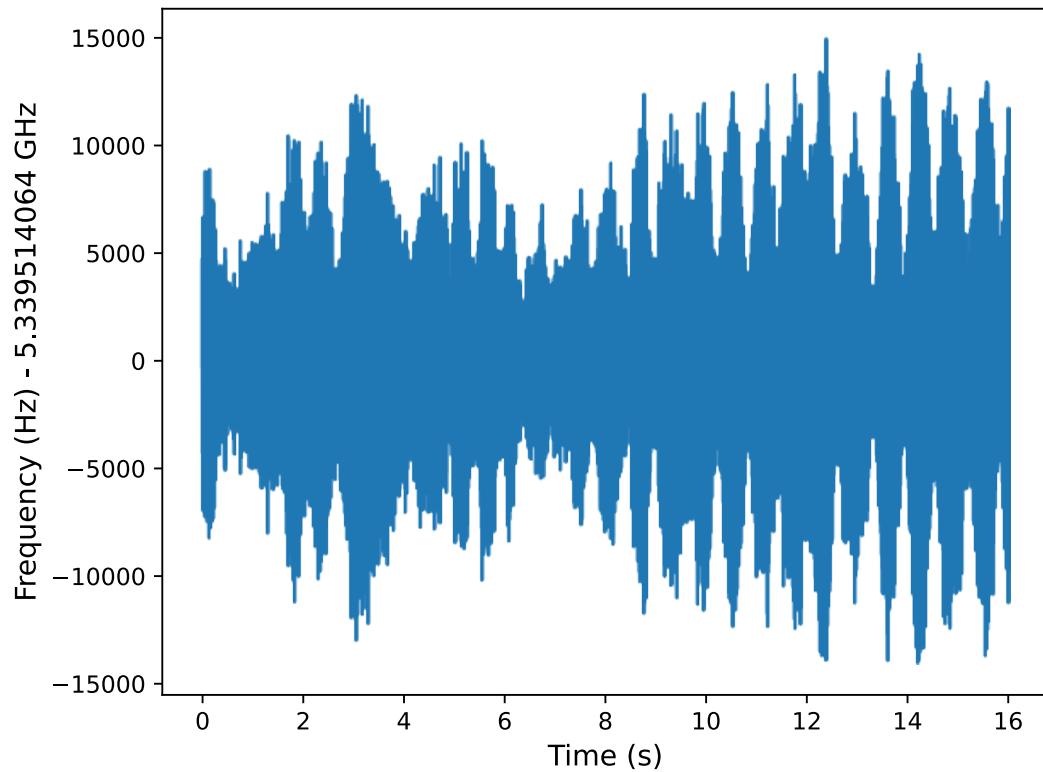


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The RMS of the microphonics is 4.6 kHz!

Currently brainstorming how to mitigate.

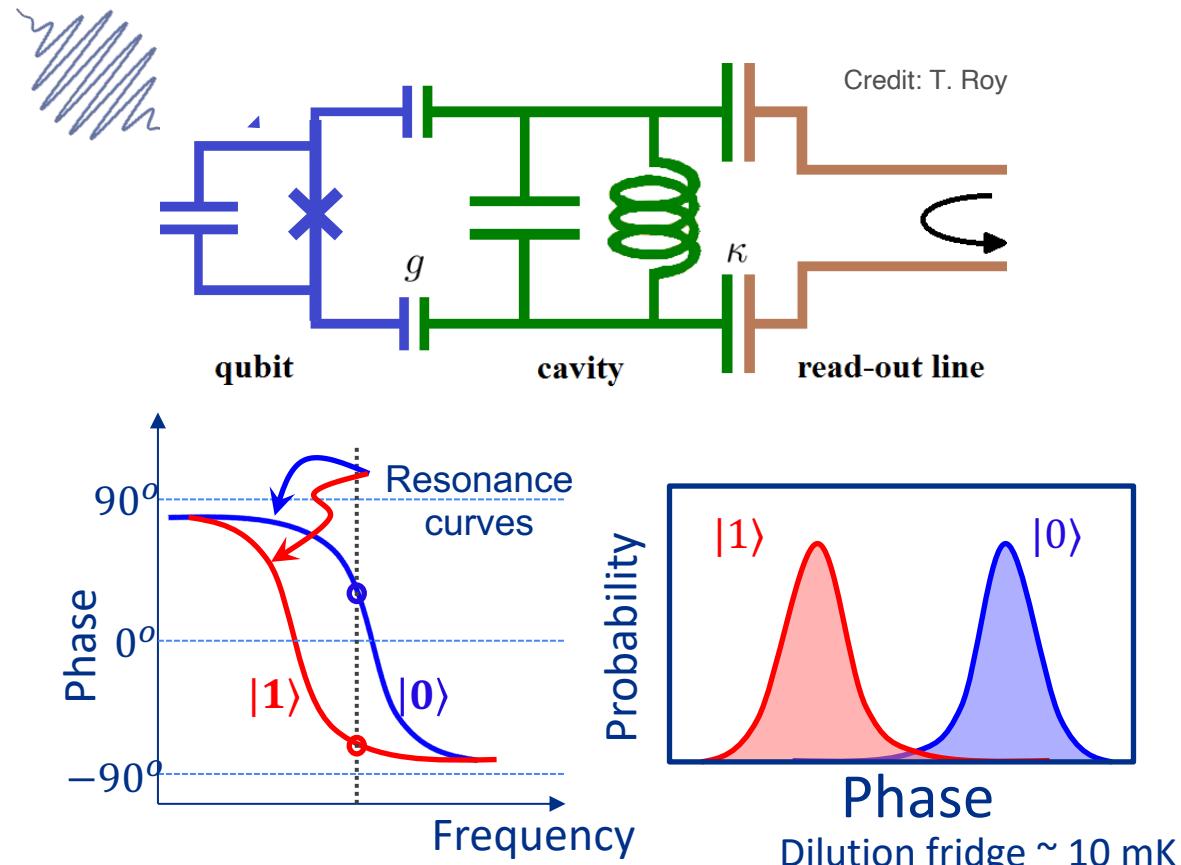
Count Photons with Superconducting Qubits

$$\mathcal{H}/\hbar = \omega_c a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2}(\omega_q + 2\chi a^\dagger a)\sigma_z$$

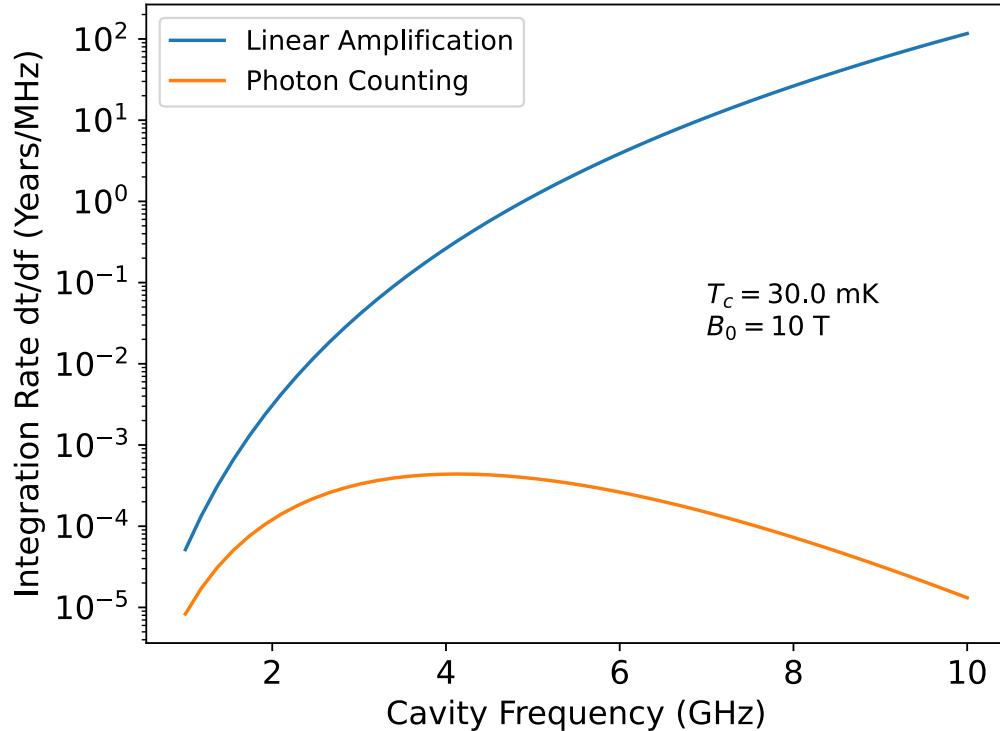
Qubit frequency depends on # of photons.

Can avoid quantum noise if you just count the number of photons and don't try to measure their phase.

We can use superconducting qubits to count microwave photons inside the cavity.



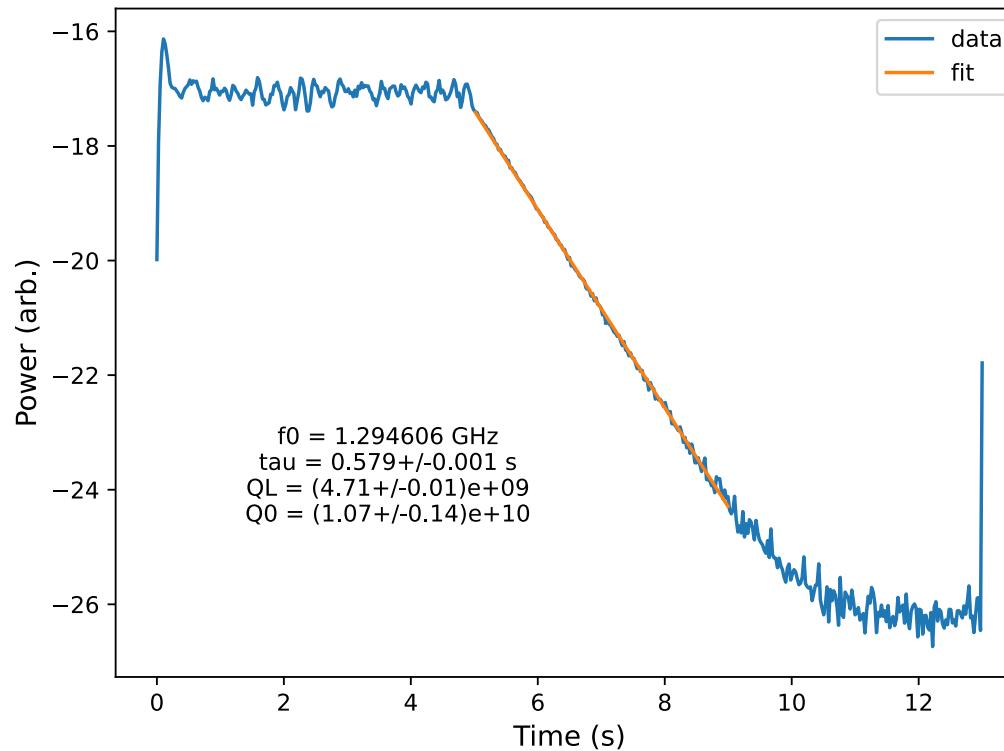
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Note: photon counting estimate doesn't yet take into account counter errors. Numerical estimates sensitive to engineering parameters.

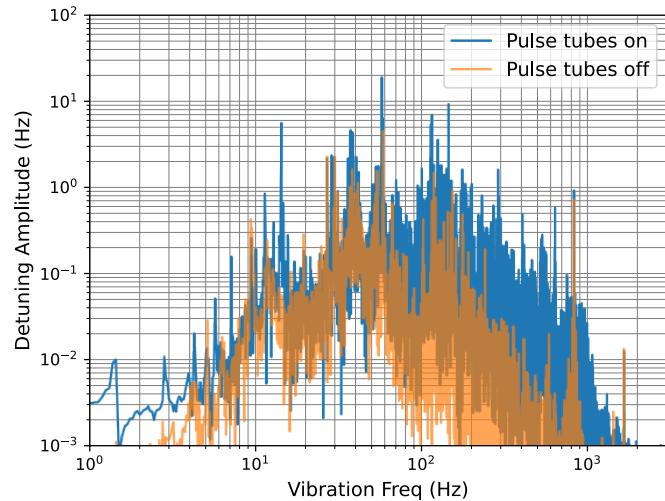
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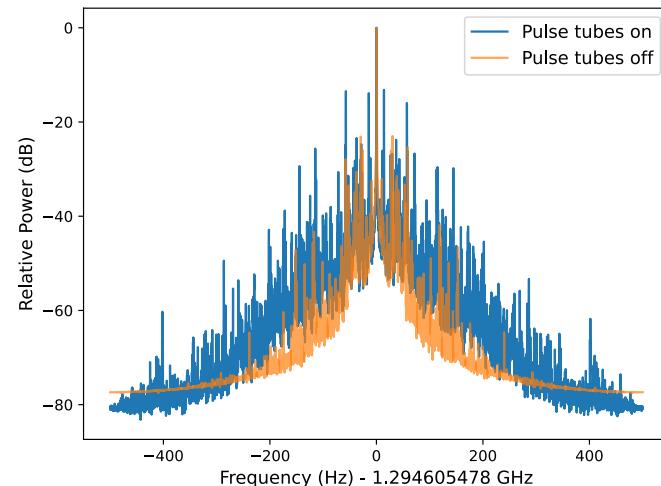
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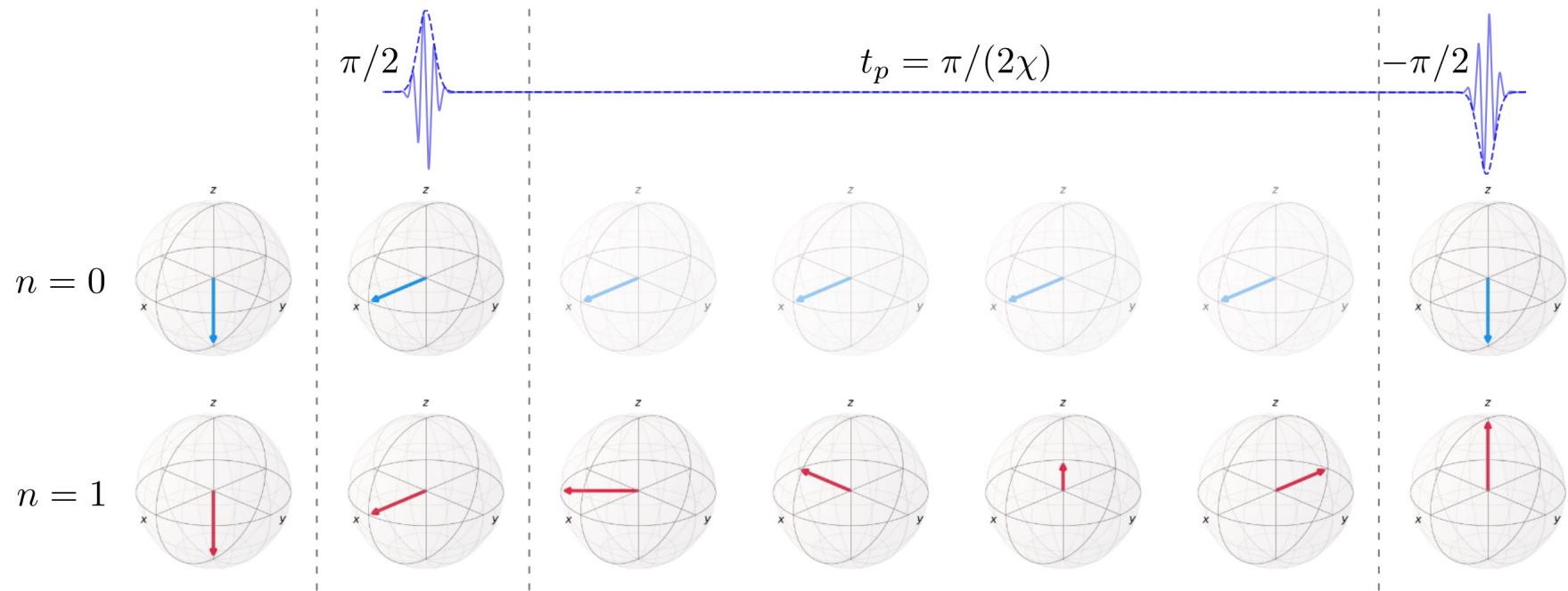


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Parity measurement maps cavity state onto qubit



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