

# Results from the first search for axion-like particles in storage rings

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# Axion / axion-like particle (ALPs)



Why is strong interaction CP invariant?

- Dynamic CP violating term
- Pseudoscalar axion

What is the nature of dark matter?

- Light, small interaction and stable at a large time scale
- Axions good candidates.

# Axions

Solves strong CP problem

Strict correlation between  $m_a$  and  $f_a$

DM candidate

$m_a$  mass

# Axion like particles

Does not solve strong CP problem

No strict correlation

DM candidate

$f_a$  decay constant

# Axion / axion-like particle (ALPs)

Act as classical axion field  $a(t) = a_0 \cos(\omega_a t + \phi_a)$

- $\omega_a$  ALP oscillation frequency - connected to axion mass  $\hbar\omega_a = m_a c^2$
- $\phi_a$  Local phase of ALP field - unknown and changes with every new measurement

Oscillating coupling to spin of nucleons or nuclei:

- - Oscillating electric dipole moment
- - Axion wind effect

P. W. Graham et al., PRD 84, 055013 (2011)

P. W. Graham et al., PRD 88, 035023 (2013)

Time development of the spin direction of a beam of polarized charged particles in a storage ring. Precisely measured

# Spin dynamics in a storage ring

Spin precession in a storage ring with  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is given by Thomas-BMT equation.

Fukuyama et al, Int. J. Mod. Phys A28 (2003)

$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = (\vec{\Omega}_{\text{MDM}} - \vec{\Omega}_{\text{rev}} + \vec{\Omega}_{\text{EDM}} + \vec{\Omega}_{\text{wind}}) \times \vec{S}$$

$$\vec{\Omega}_{\text{MDM}} = -\frac{q}{m} \left( G + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \vec{B}$$

$G$ : magnetic anomaly

$d(t)$ : Electric Dipole Moment

$$\vec{\Omega}_{\text{EDM}} = -\frac{1}{S\hbar} d(t) c \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B}$$

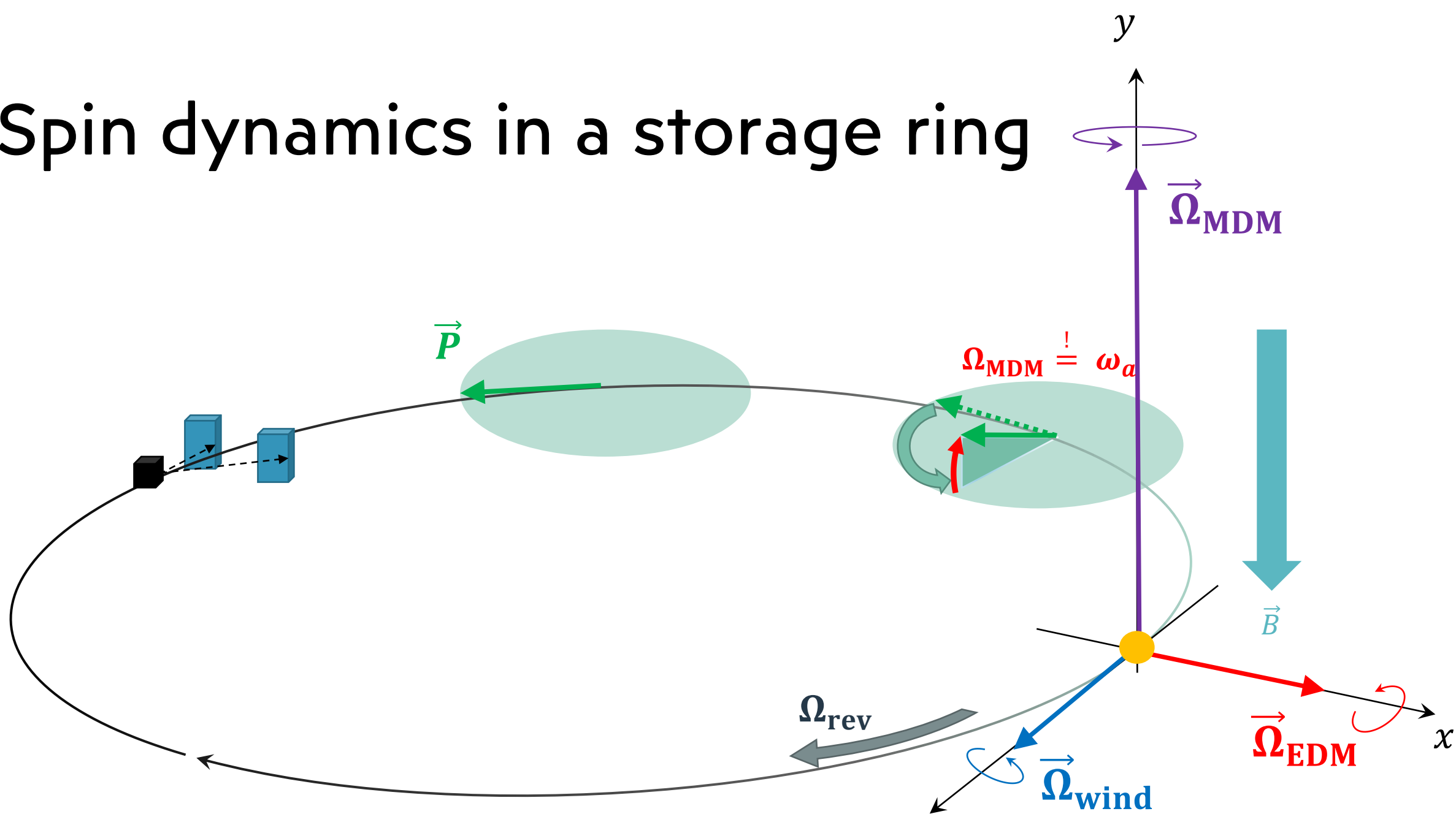
$$d(t) = d_{\text{DC}} + d_{\text{AC}} a_0 \cos(\omega_a t + \phi_a)$$

$C_N$ : Coupling constant

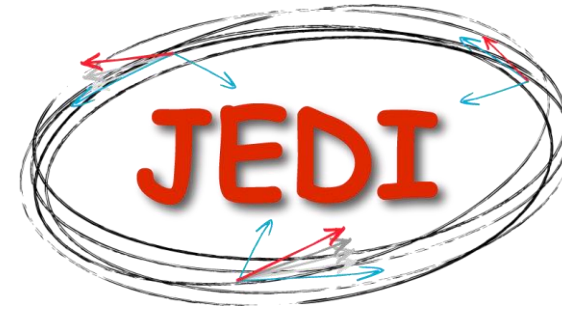
$$\vec{\Omega}_{\text{wind}} = -\frac{1}{S\hbar} \frac{C_N}{2f_a} (\hbar \partial_0 a(t)) \vec{\beta}$$

$$\partial_0 a(t) = \omega_a a_0 \sin(\omega_a t + \phi_a)$$

# Spin dynamics in a storage ring



# JEDI Collaboration



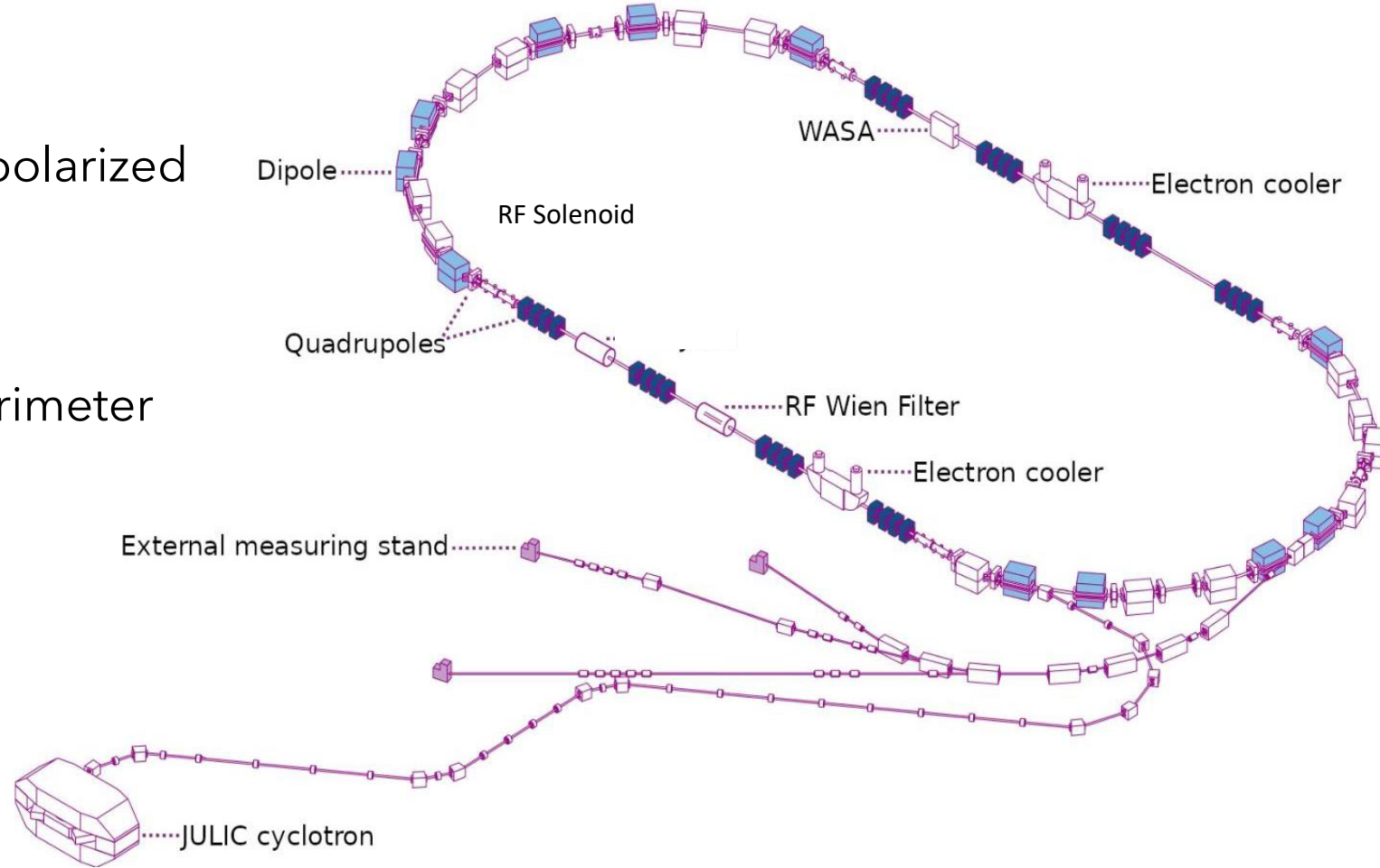
<http://collaborations.fz-juelich.de/ikp/jedi/>

- Search for Electric Dipole Moments of charged particles at COSY Juelich, Germany.
- Work on prerequisites for EDM search using storage rings.
  - Beam intensity at least  $N=4 \times 10^{10}$  particles per fill
  - High polarization  $P=0.8$
  - Long spin coherence times  $\tau \sim 1000$  s
  - Efficient polarimetry with  $A_y \sim 0.6$  and detection efficiency  $f \sim 0.005$
- A proof-of-principle experiment to search for ALPs.



# Cooler Synchrotron COSY

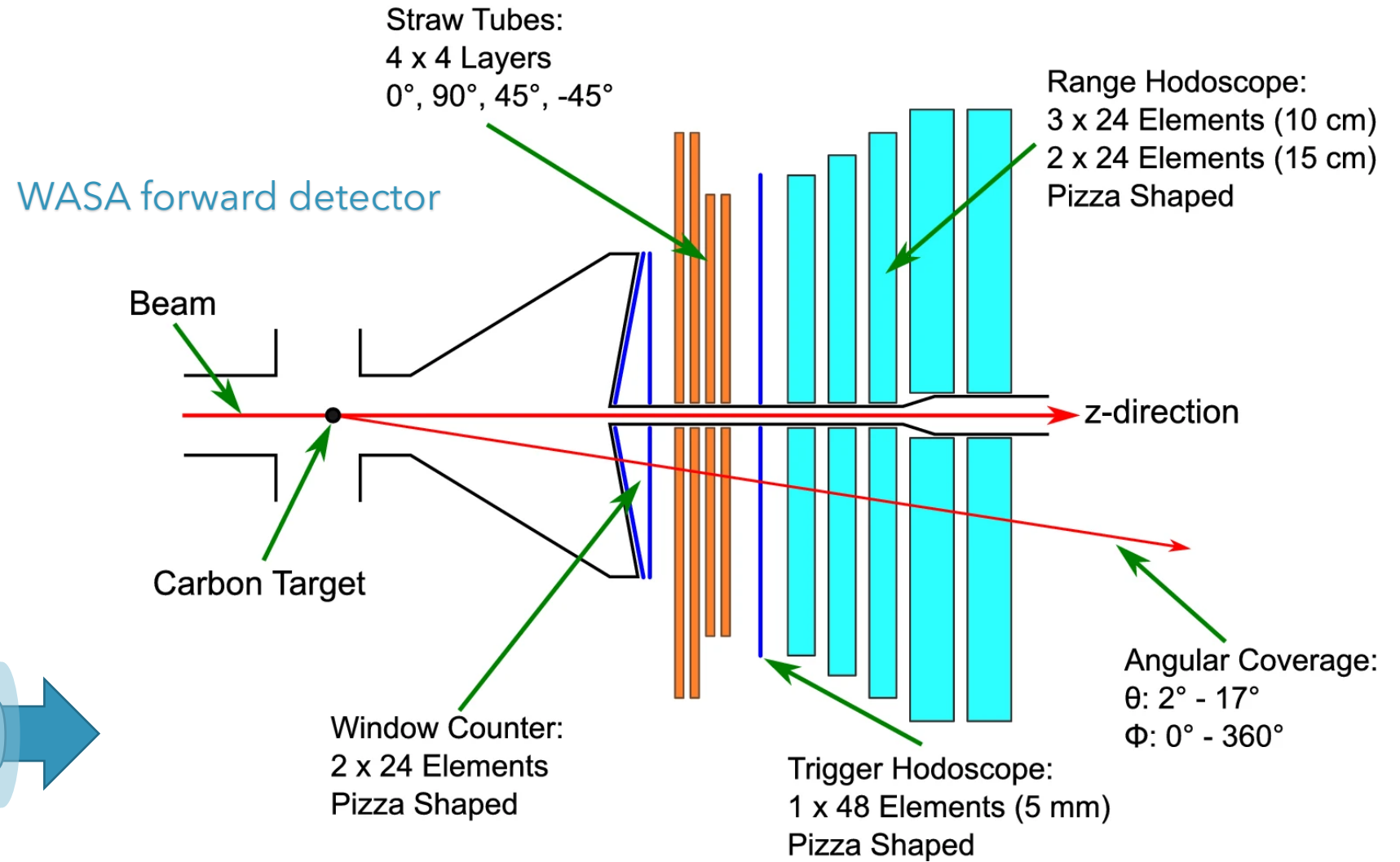
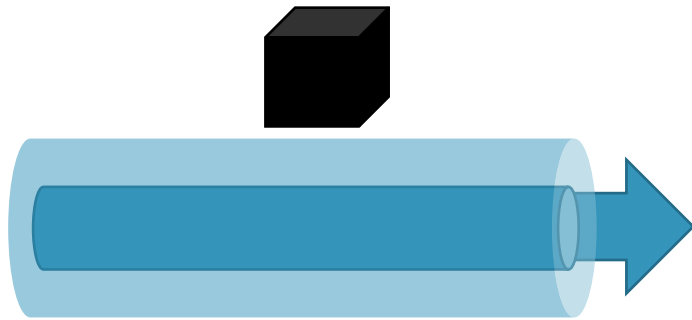
- Circumference 184 m
- Accelerate and store **polarized/unpolarized deuterons** and protons.
- $p = 0.3 - 3.7 \text{ GeV}/c$
- WASA forward detector as the polarimeter
- Selected working conditions
  - ❑ Polarised deuteron beam
  - ❑  $p = 0.97 \text{ GeV}/c, T = 238 \text{ MeV}$



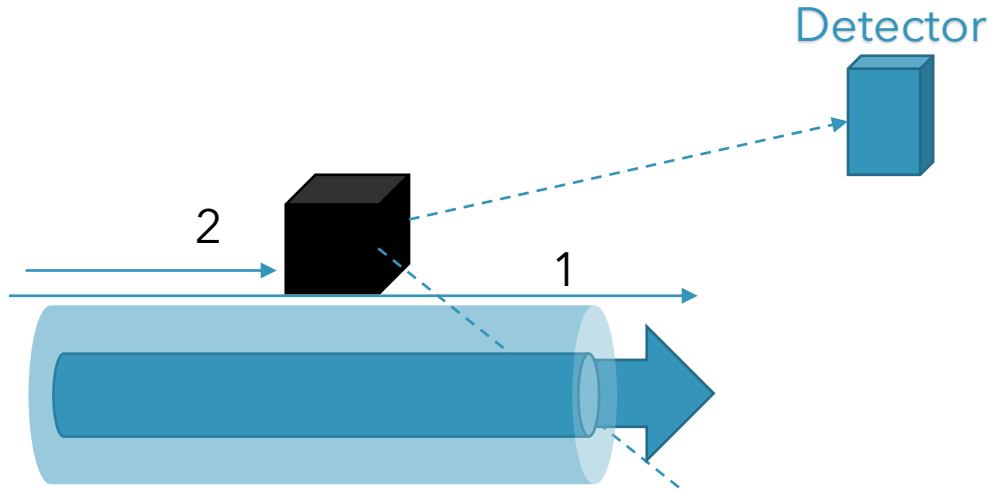


# Polarimeter

- Use forward angle elastic scattering on carbon target.
- White noise beam extraction.

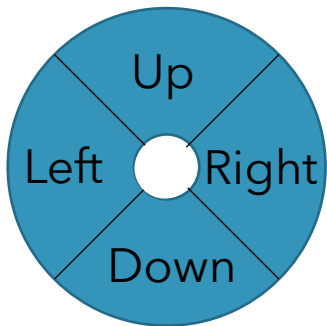


# Polarimeter



1. Initial contact
2. Subsequent entry and scattering

Detector-beam view



Spin - orbit interaction gives the asymmetry in events.

Left-right asymmetry

$$A_{LR} = \frac{N_L - N_R}{N_L + N_R} = P_y A_y \Rightarrow \text{ALP signal}$$

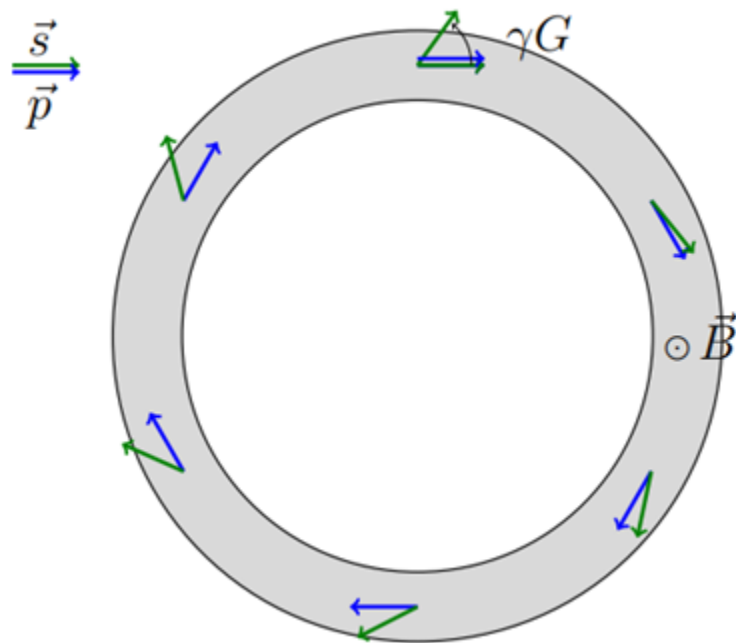
Up - down asymmetry

$$A_{UD} = \frac{N_U - N_D}{N_U + N_D} = P_x A_y \Rightarrow \text{Check horizontal pol.}$$

Requires unfolding to find the in-plane polarisation.

# Long Spin Coherence Time

$$\nu_s = \gamma G \approx -0.16 \quad f_{\text{spin}} = 121\text{kHz}$$



## Complexity

- Beam emittance
- Momentum spread
- Beam chromaticity
- Orbit deviation

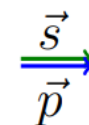
## Optimisation

- Beam bunching
- Cooling
- Careful sextupole correction

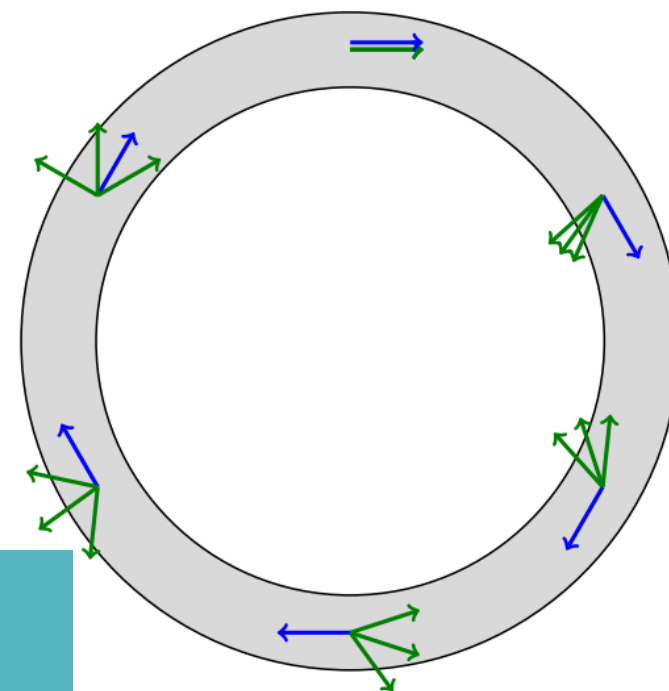


Depolarisation

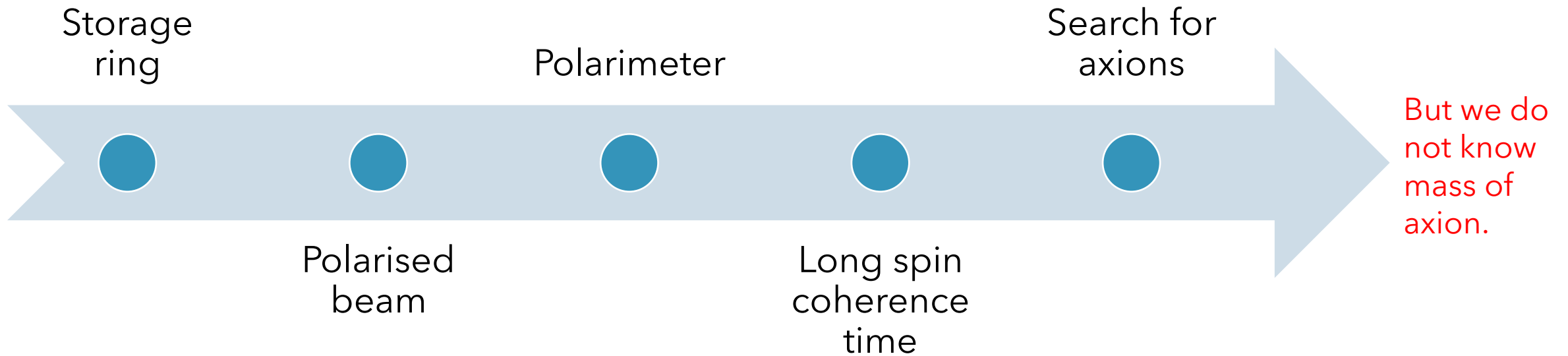
$$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} = \frac{\Delta\gamma}{\gamma} \propto \frac{\Delta p}{p}$$



Long SCT

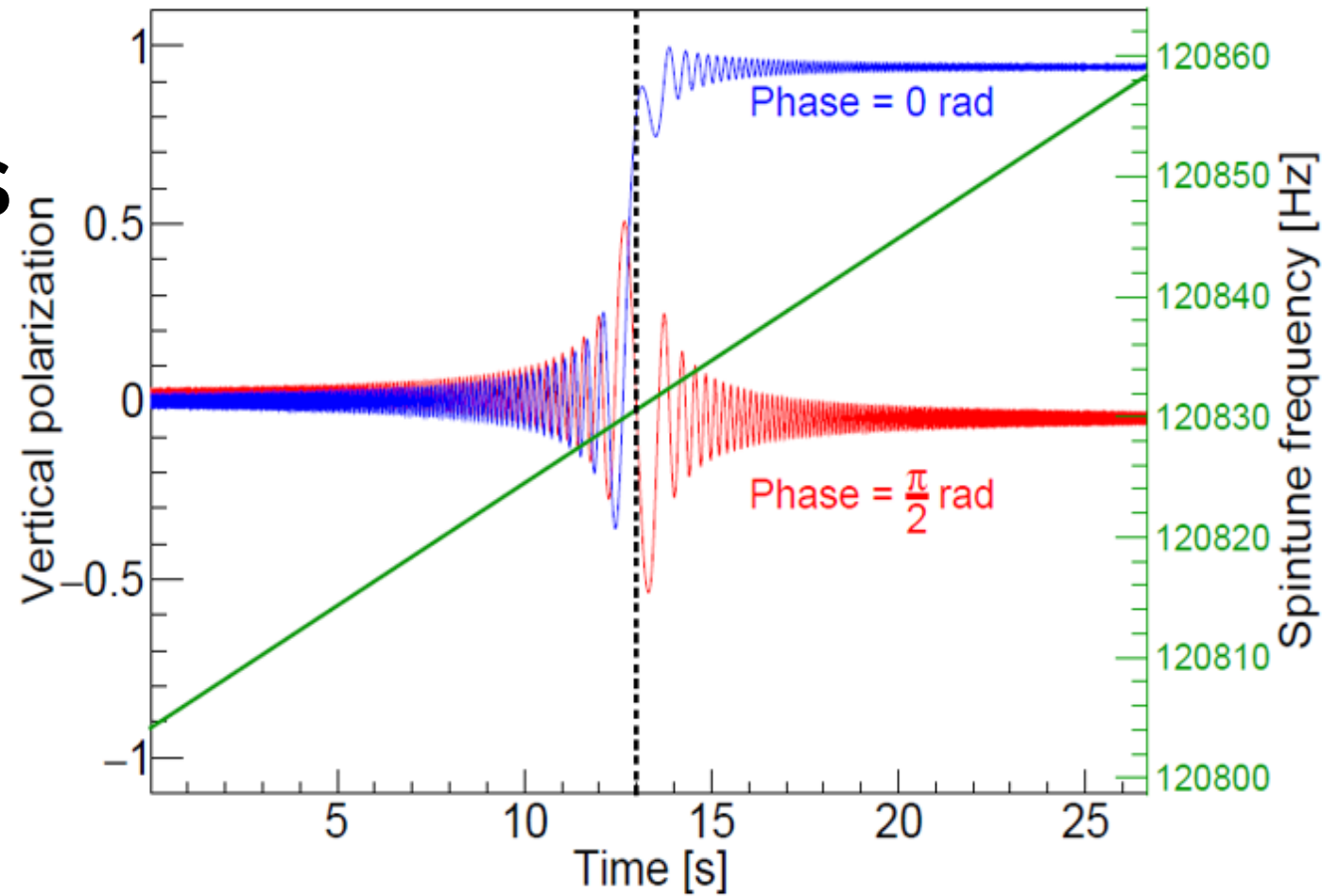


# What next?



# Model calculations

- Ramp frequency in search of resonance
- Describe the polarization jump at resonance crossing.
- Phase plays an important role in determining the jump.



Unknown frequency  $\omega_a$

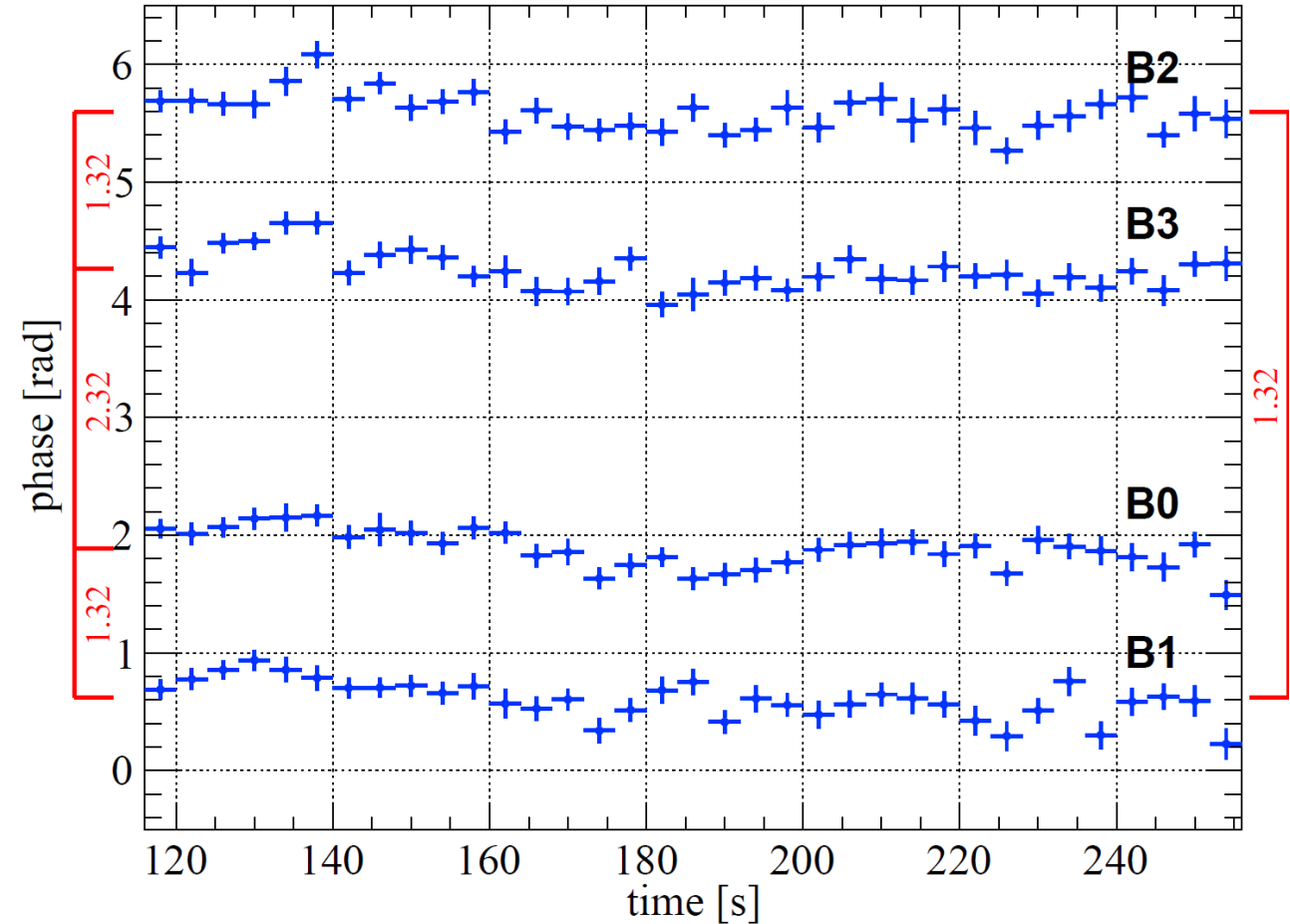
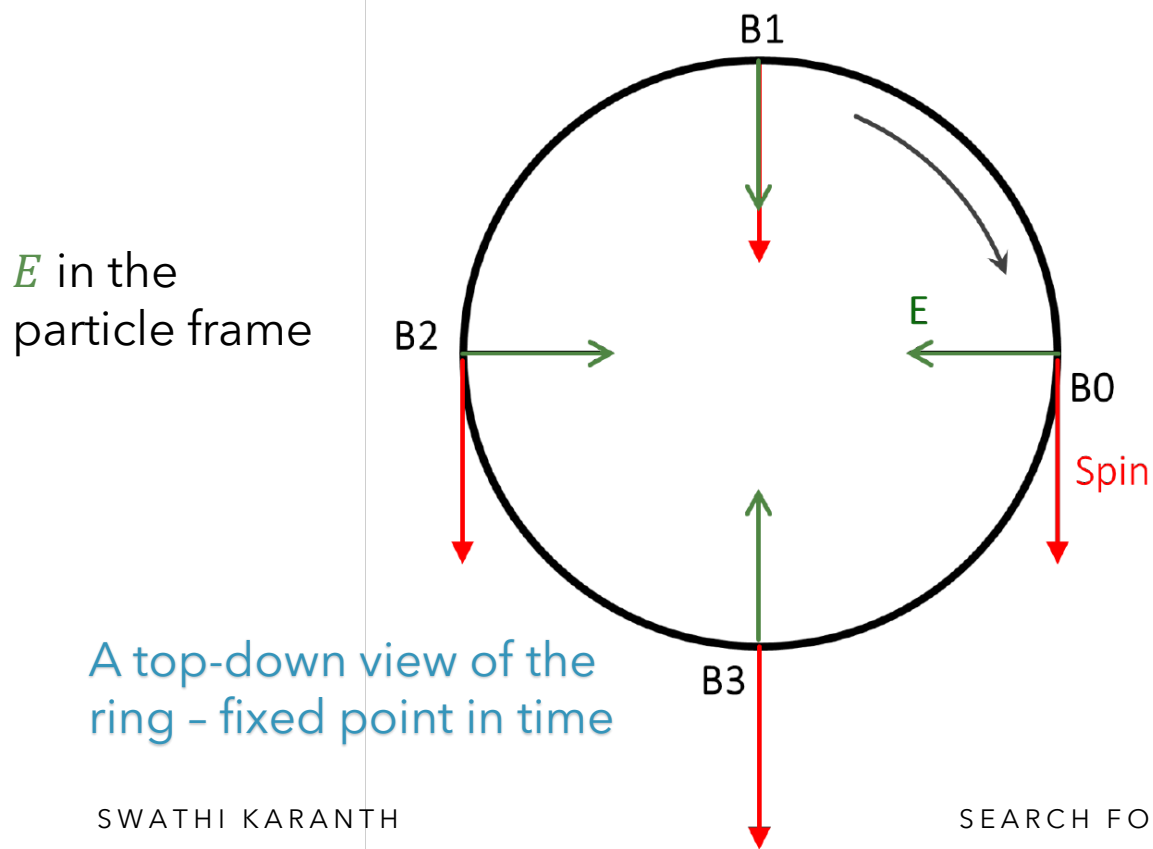
- Scan the frequency for resonance
- Signal: Jump in vertical polarisation

Unknown phase  $\phi_a$

- Use beams with perpendicular polarisation.
- Different bunches have different jump value.

# Unknown phase and 4 bunches

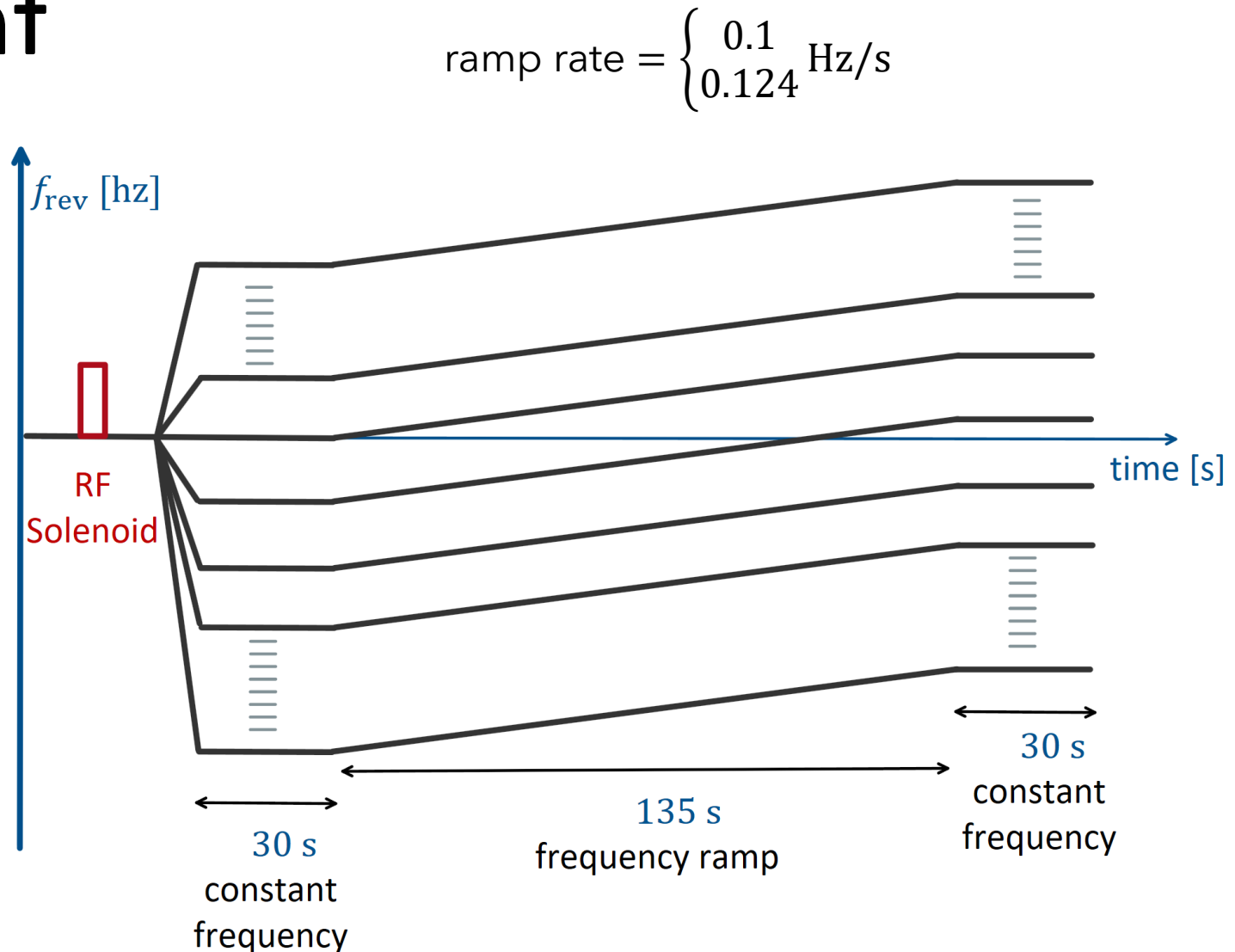
Simultaneous searches with perpendicular beam polarization using 4 bunches.



At the detector - fixed point in the ring

# Scan management

- Vary the spintune frequency in search of resonance.
- Measure polarization as a function of time.
- About 100 scans
  - Frequency Range  
119997 Hz – 121457 Hz  
Total width  $\approx$  1500 Hz
  - ALP mass range  
0.496 neV – 0.502 neV



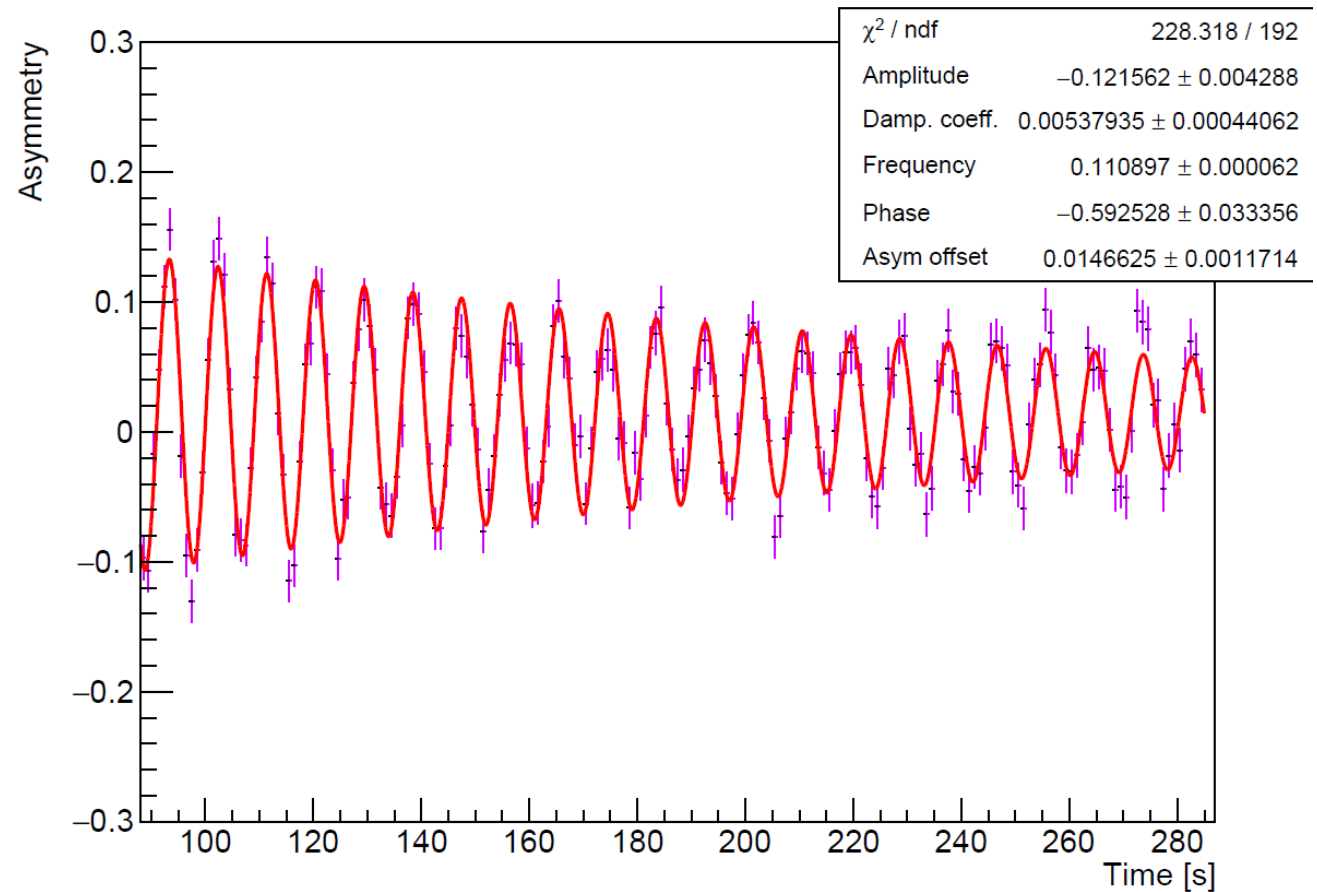


# RF Wien filter test

Set WF with radial magnetic field.

Produces driven oscillations.

Revolution/turn  $\epsilon = \frac{f_{osc}}{f_{rev}}$ .



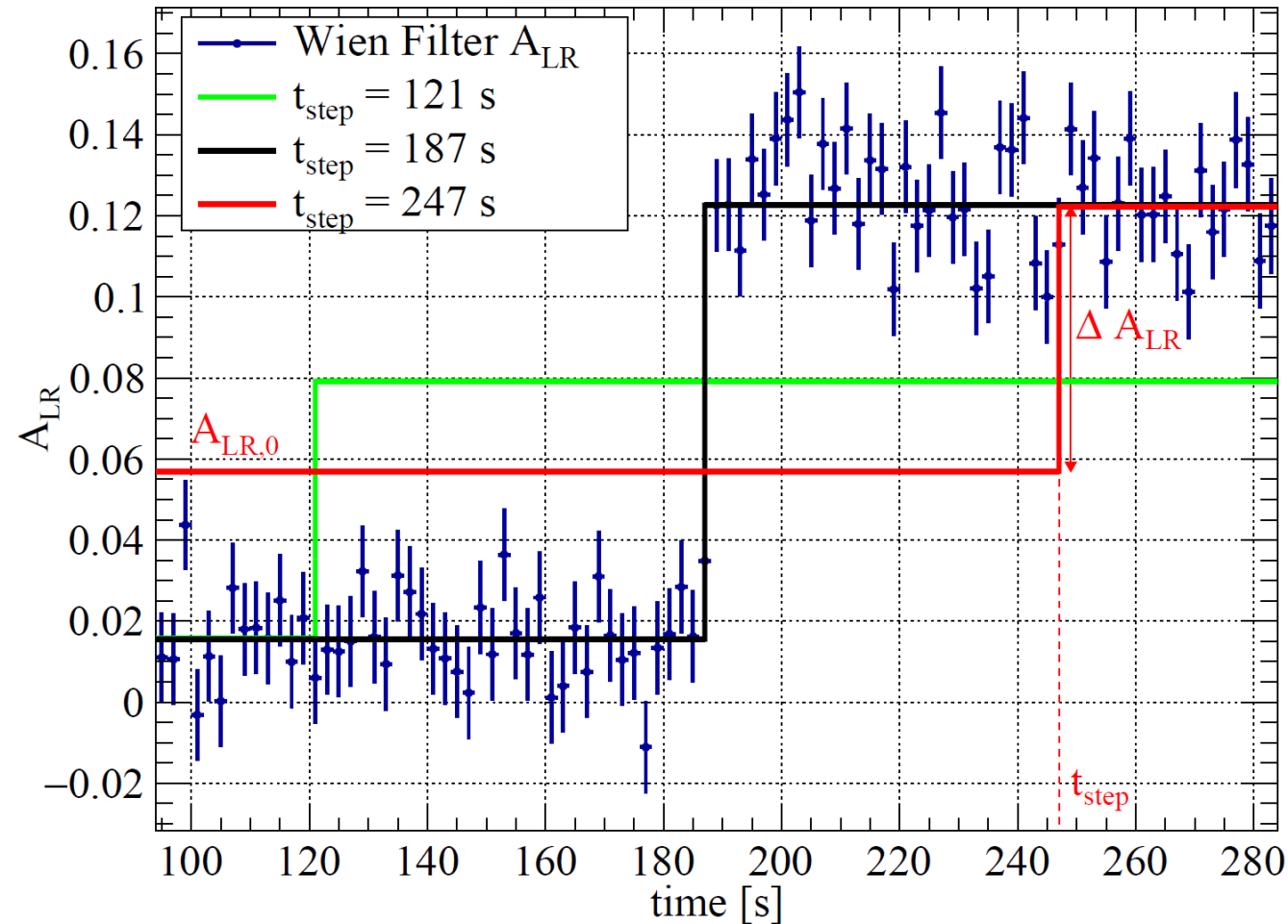
# Wien filter test and analysis of data

A test of methodology.

Scans to cross a fixed  $f_{WF}$ .

The size of the jump is as expected based on the calibration/driven oscillation  $\epsilon$ .

A check for the calibration used to calculate the  $d_{AC}$  from data.



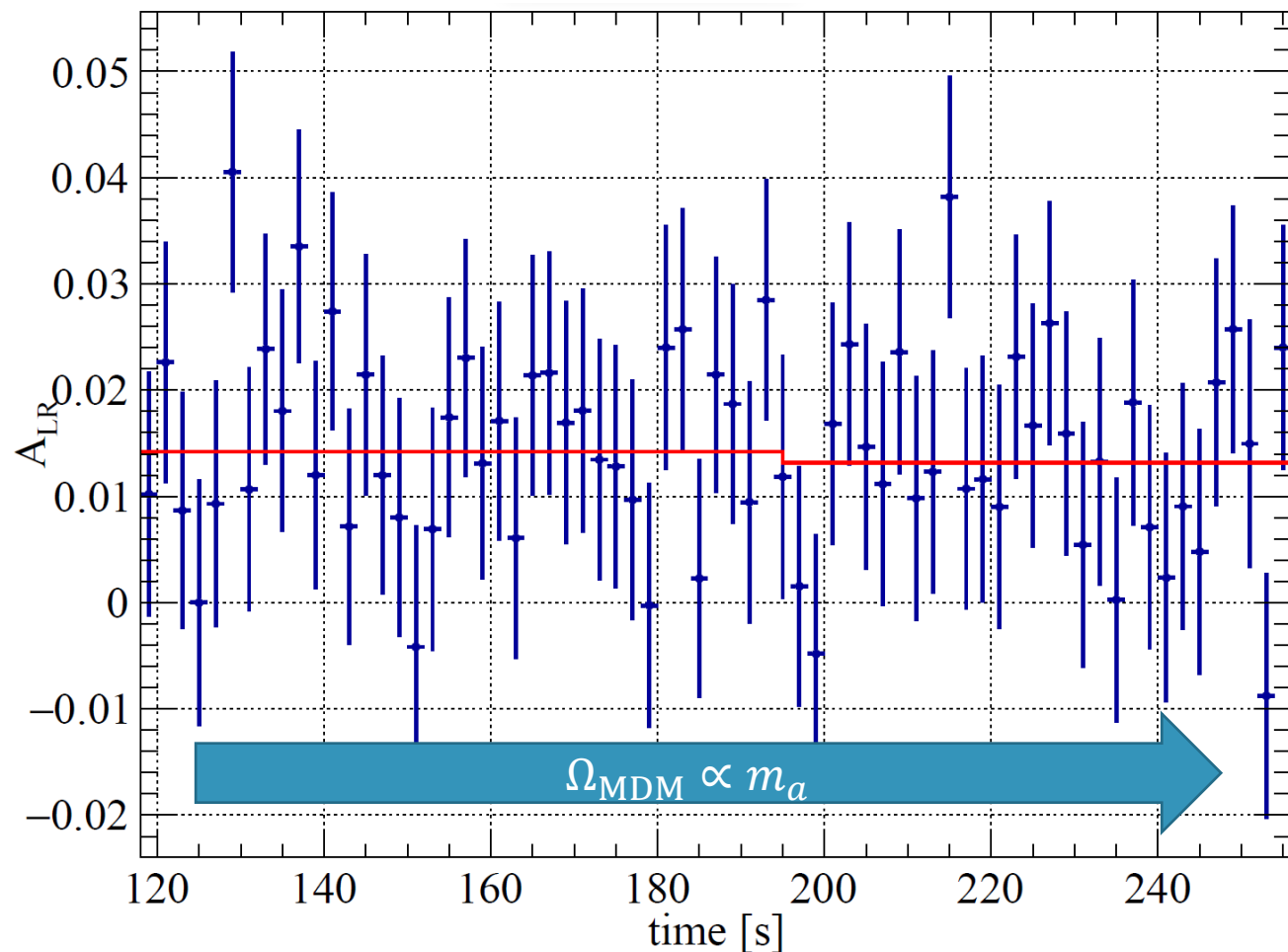
Experimental data from WF

# Axion scan - example

Data from a single bunch with a step function fit.

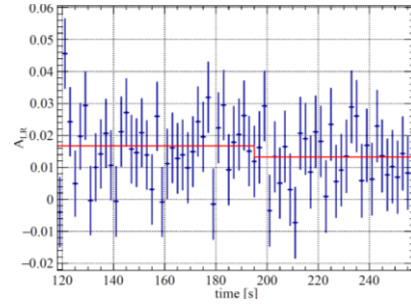
$$\Delta A_{\text{LR}} = -0.00105(233)$$

Jump must be present in all four bunches to be considered as a signal



Experimental data from WF

# Axion scan



The amplitude  $\hat{A}$  is calculated from the sinusoidal fit.

$$f(\phi_m) = C_1 \sin \phi_m + C_2 \cos \phi_m$$

$$\hat{A} = \sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2}$$

$\phi_m$  - angle between **E** and **S**

Feldman Cousins method - use of probability density function

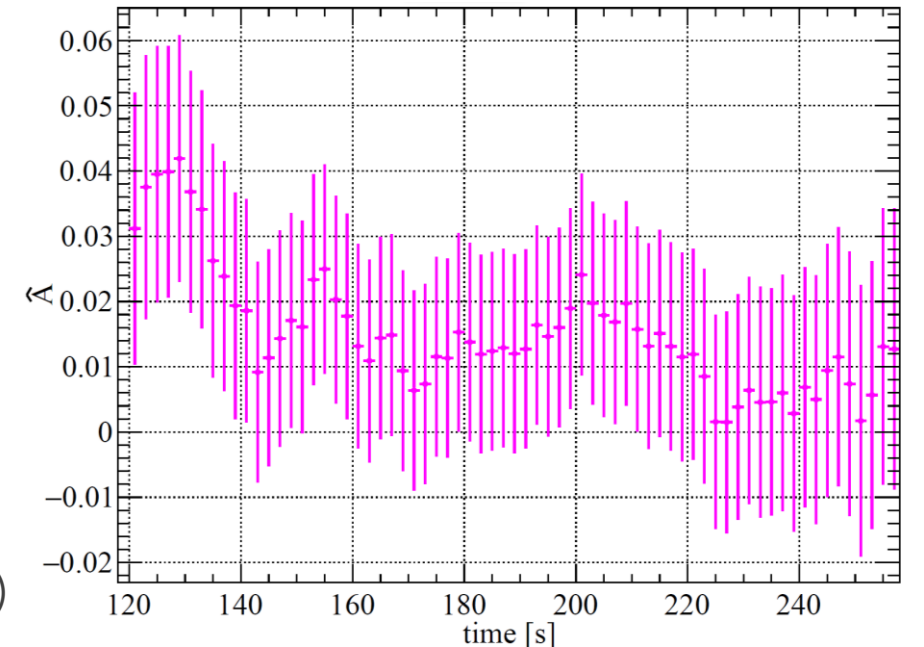
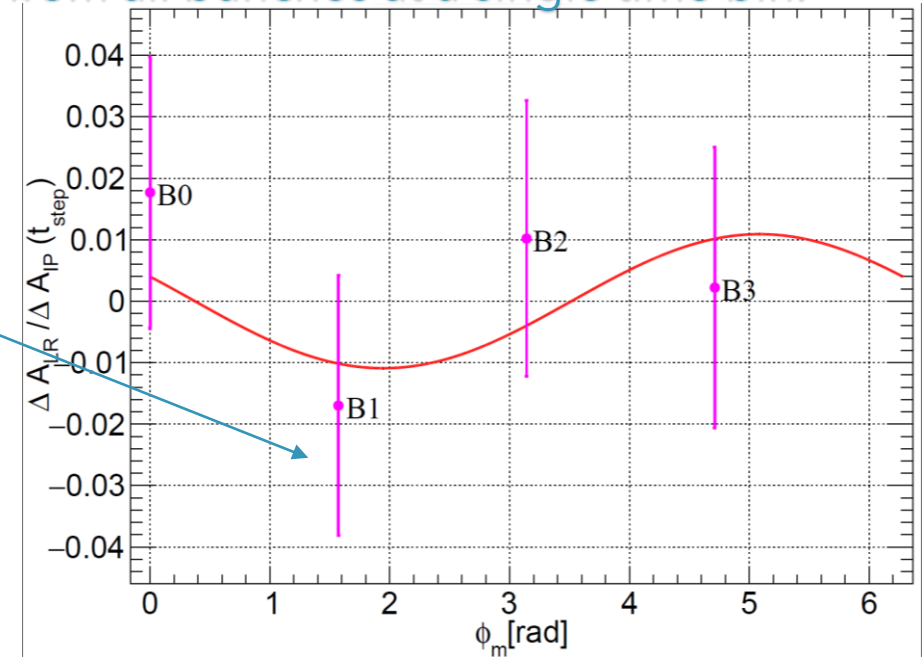
Deal with the systematics

Construct confidence intervals

Calculate true value  $A$  for an estimated  $\hat{A}$  at 90% confidence level.

Gary J. Feldman and Robert D. Cousins PRD, 57, 3873 (1998)

Jumps from all bunches at a single time bin.



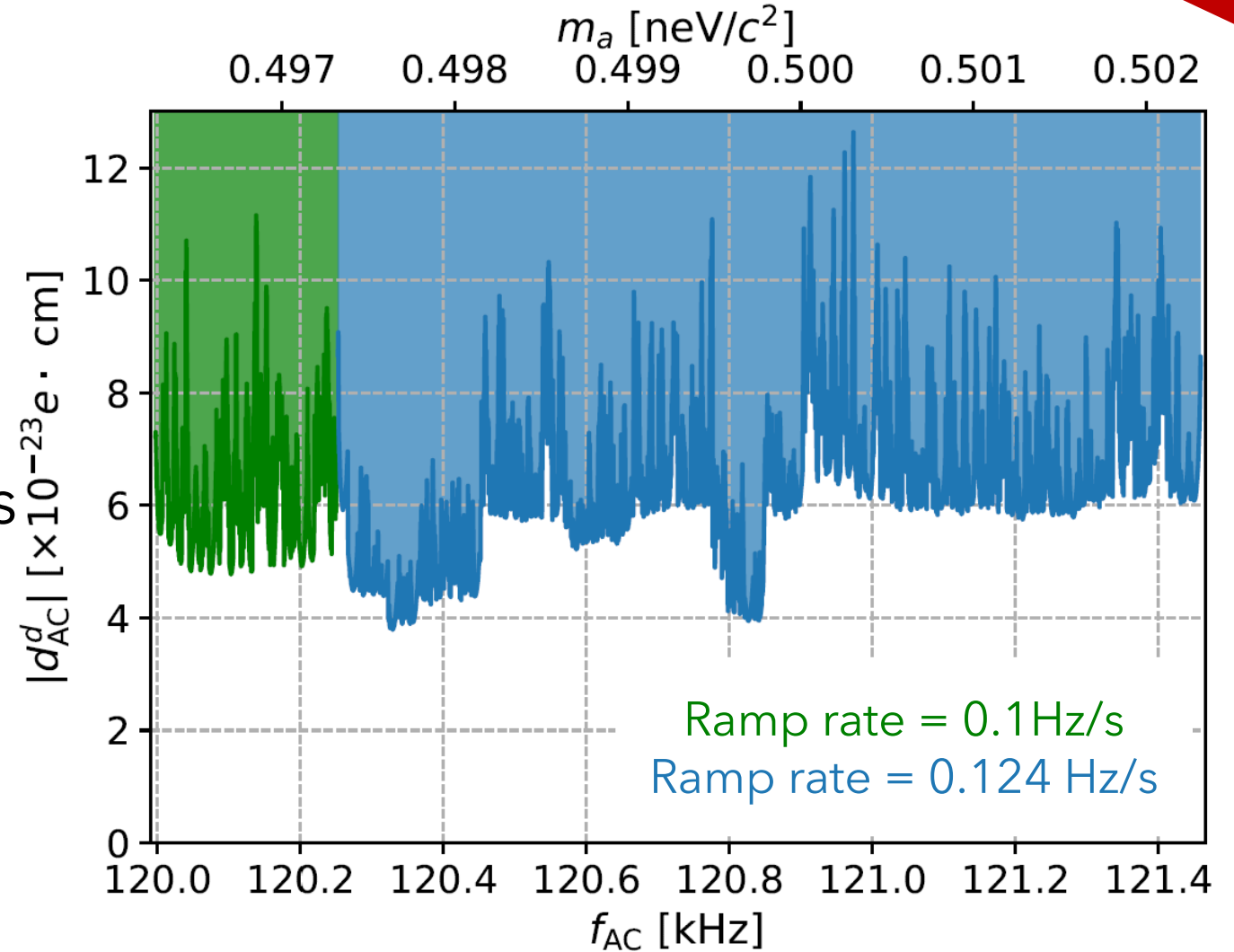
# Bound on oscillating EDM of deuteron

First result

90 % CL upper limit on the  
ALPs induced oscillating  
EDM

Average of individual points  
 $|d_{AC}^d| < 6.4 \times 10^{-23} e \cdot \text{cm}$

Karanth et al, arXiv:[2208.07293](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.07293)[hep ex]



# Bound on ALP-EDM coupling

Coupling of ALP to deuteron EDM

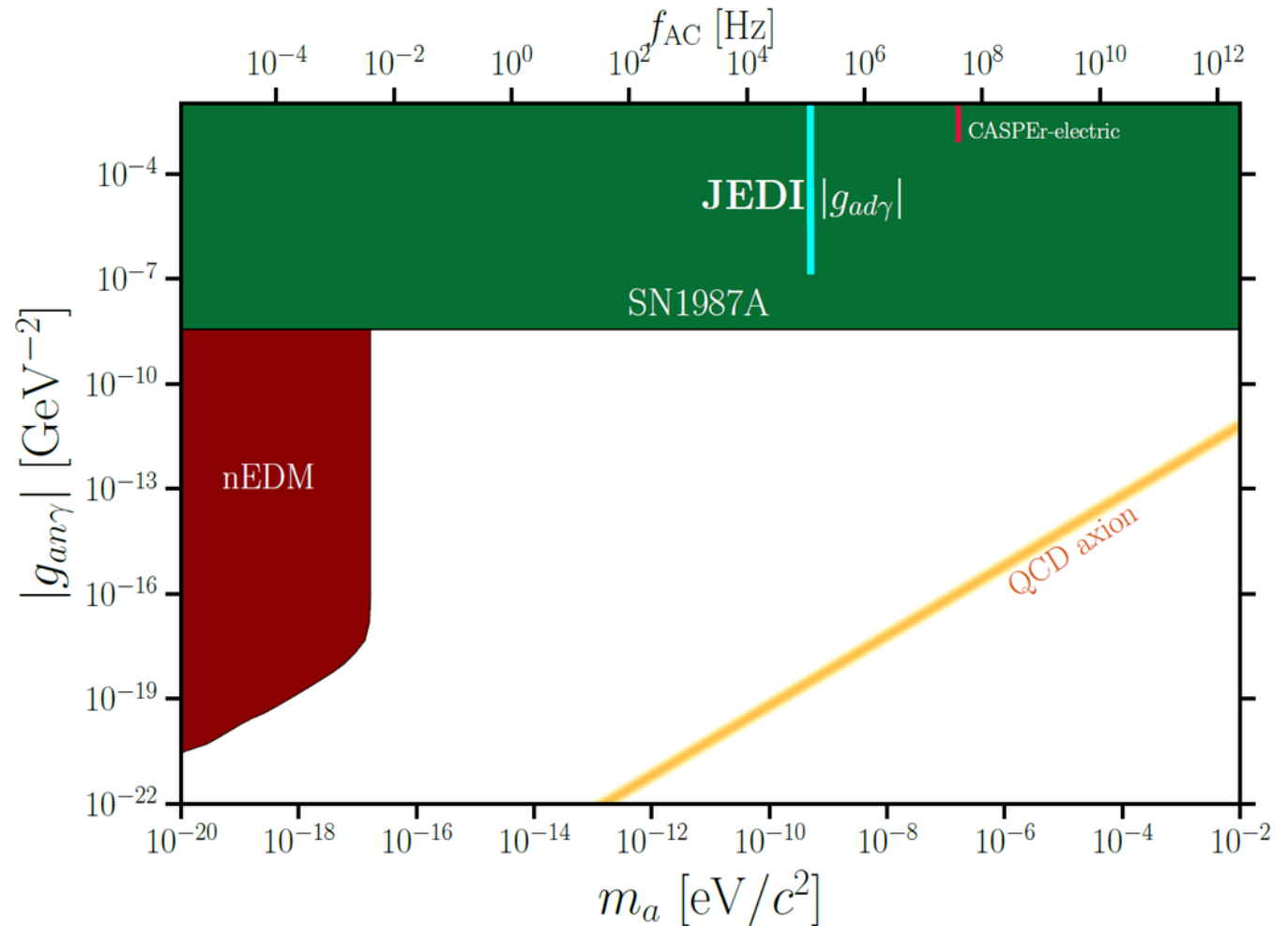
$$|g_{ad\gamma}| < 1.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{GeV}^{-2}$$

Only few days of data taking.

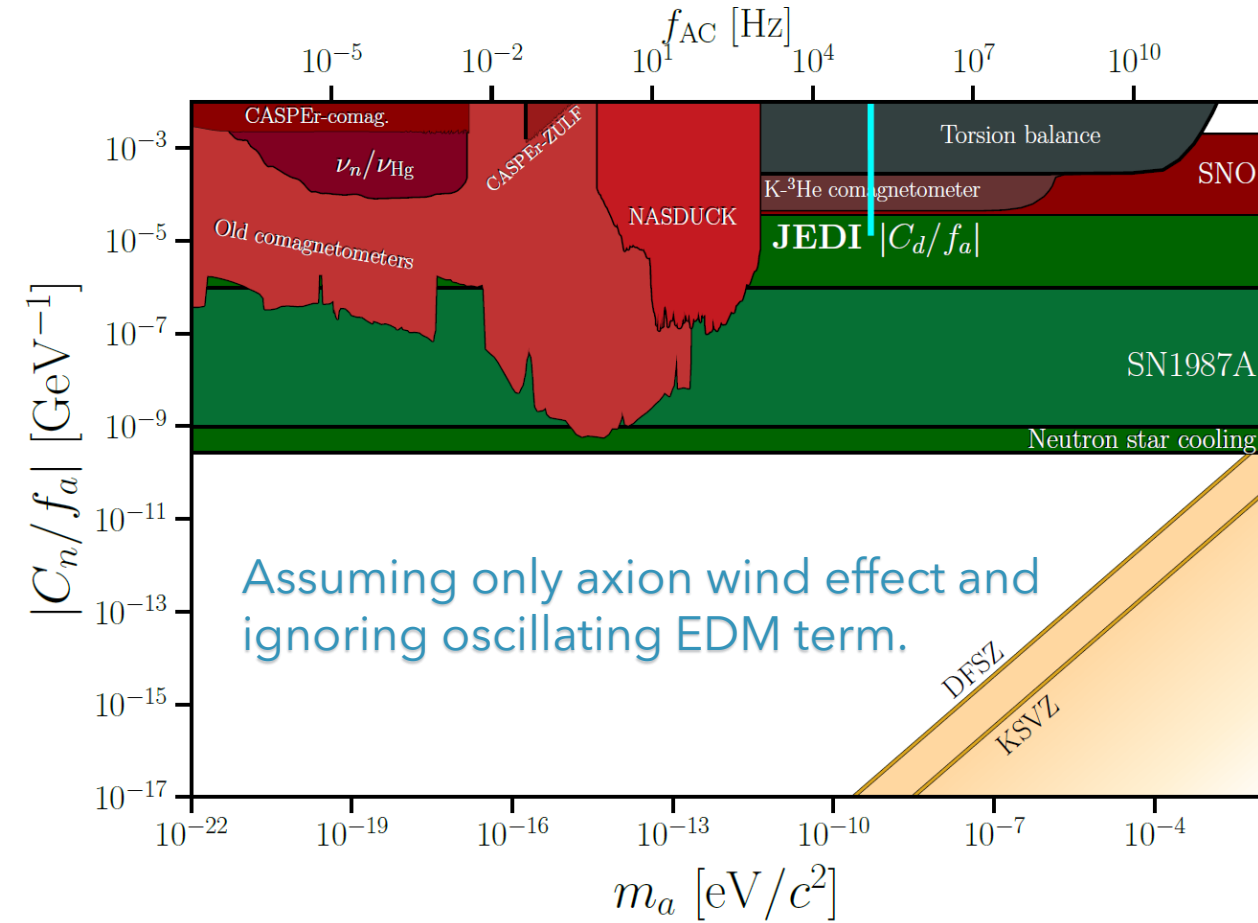
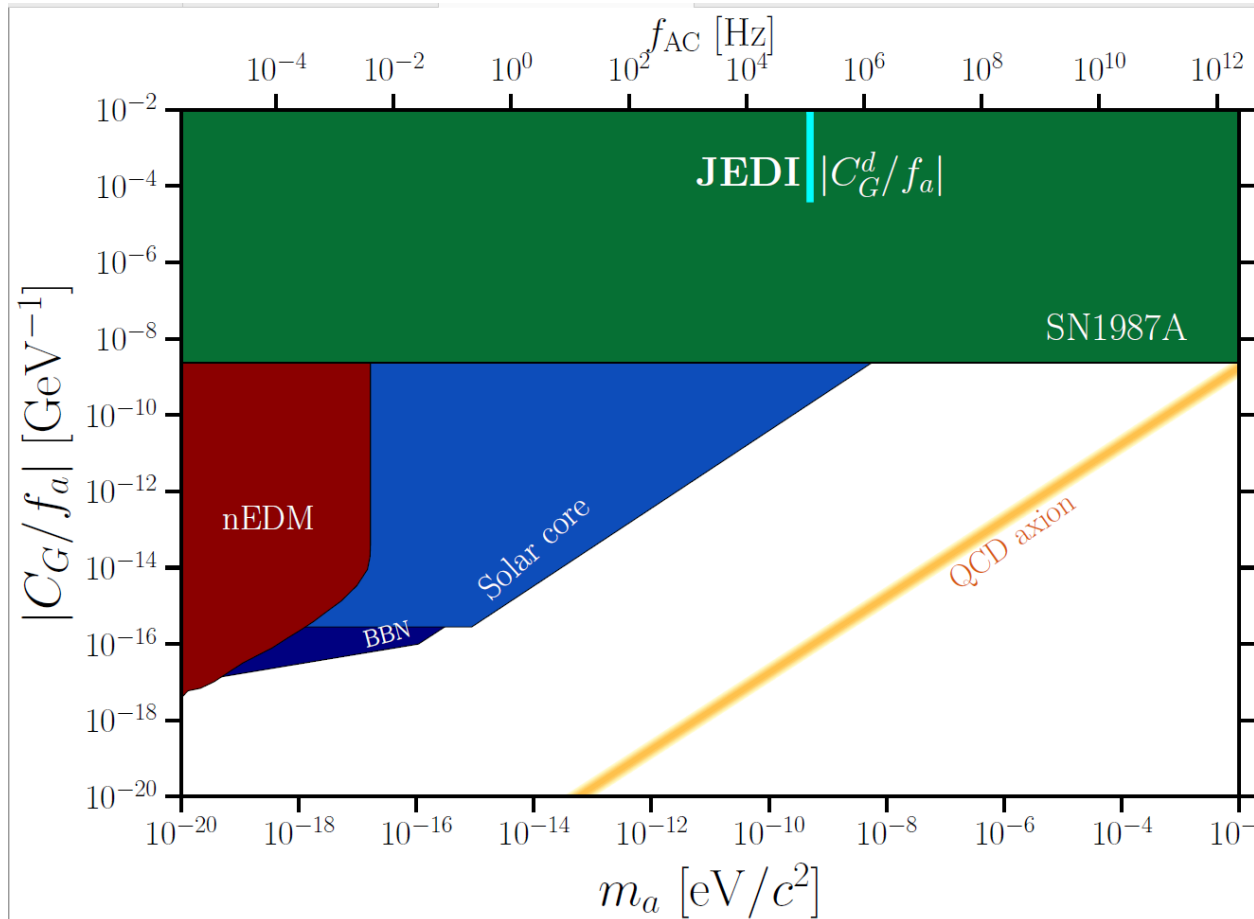
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Figure courtesy of C. O'Hare, "cajohare/axionlimits: Axionlimits," (2020), URL

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3932430>



# ALP-gluon and ALP-nucleon coupling



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# Summary

ALP induces an oscillating EDM ( $d_{AC}$ ) and/or an axion wind effect, allows searching for ALPs in a storage ring.

Polarized deuteron beam to search for resonance.

Frequency range 119997 Hz – 121457 Hz. Total width  $\approx$  1500 Hz.

ALP mass range 0.496 neV – 0.502 neV

Wien filter used as a test to observe a signal at resonance crossing.

Result from the search:

First upper limit on deuteron EDM  $|d_{AC}| < 6.4 \times 10^{-23} e \cdot \text{cm}$

First Bound on ALPs and deuteron EDM coupling  $|g_{ad\gamma}| < 1.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{GeV}^{-2}$



Thank You



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# Extra Slides

## Axion - gluon coupling

nEDM - through nuclear spin precession in electric and magnetic field (Result published)

**C**osmic **A**xion **S**pin **P**recession **E**xperiment (CASPEr), an NMR-based dark-matter search

Mass range

$$10^{-22} \text{ eV} \leq m_a \leq 10^{-6} \text{ eV}$$

Frequency

$$10^{-9} \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 10^6 \text{ Hz}$$

## Axion - photon coupling

**A**xion **D**ark **M**atter e**X**periment

**H**aloscope **A**t **Y**ale **S**ensitive **T**o **A**xion **C**DM

**C**ern **A**xion **S**olar **T**elescope

Etc.

Mass range  $m_a \approx \mu\text{eV}$   $f \approx \text{GHz}$

# Confidence interval

Feldman Cousins [ref] using the probability density function PDF

Deal with the systematics

Construct confidence intervals

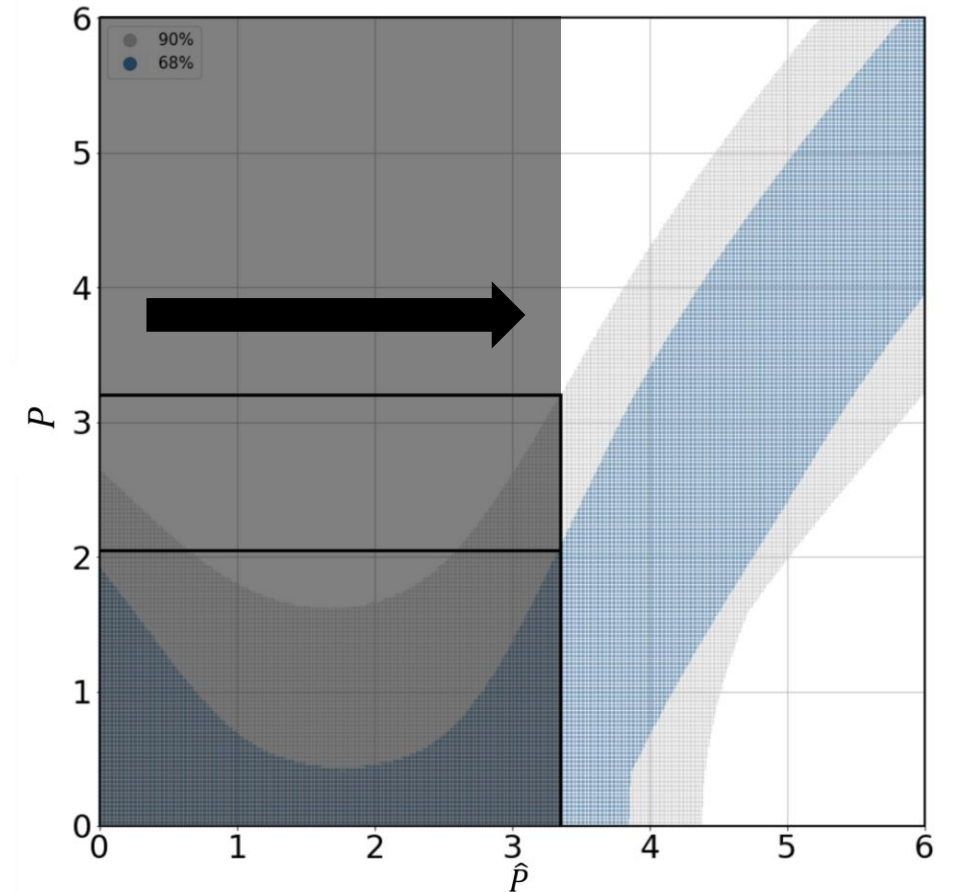
Modified to include the average of multiple cycles.

$$\hat{P} = \hat{A}/\sigma$$

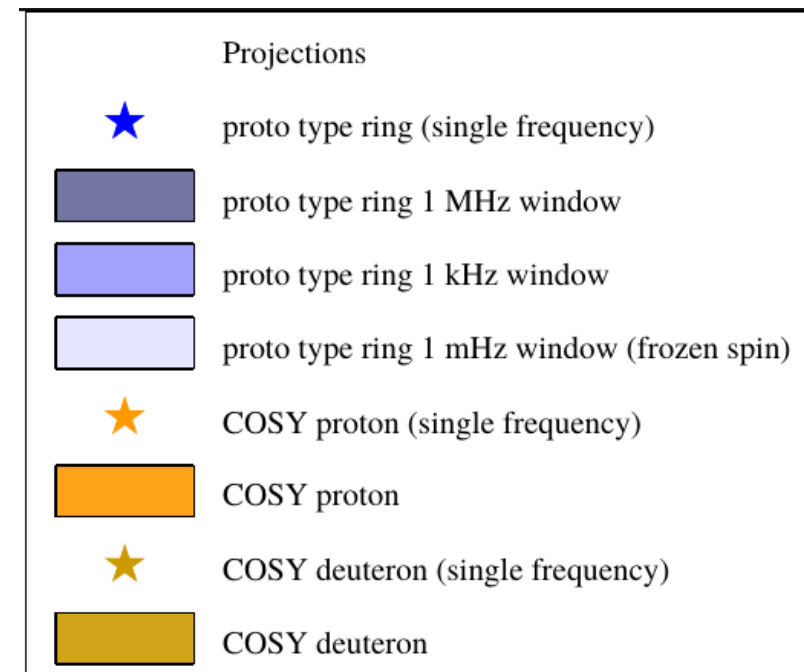
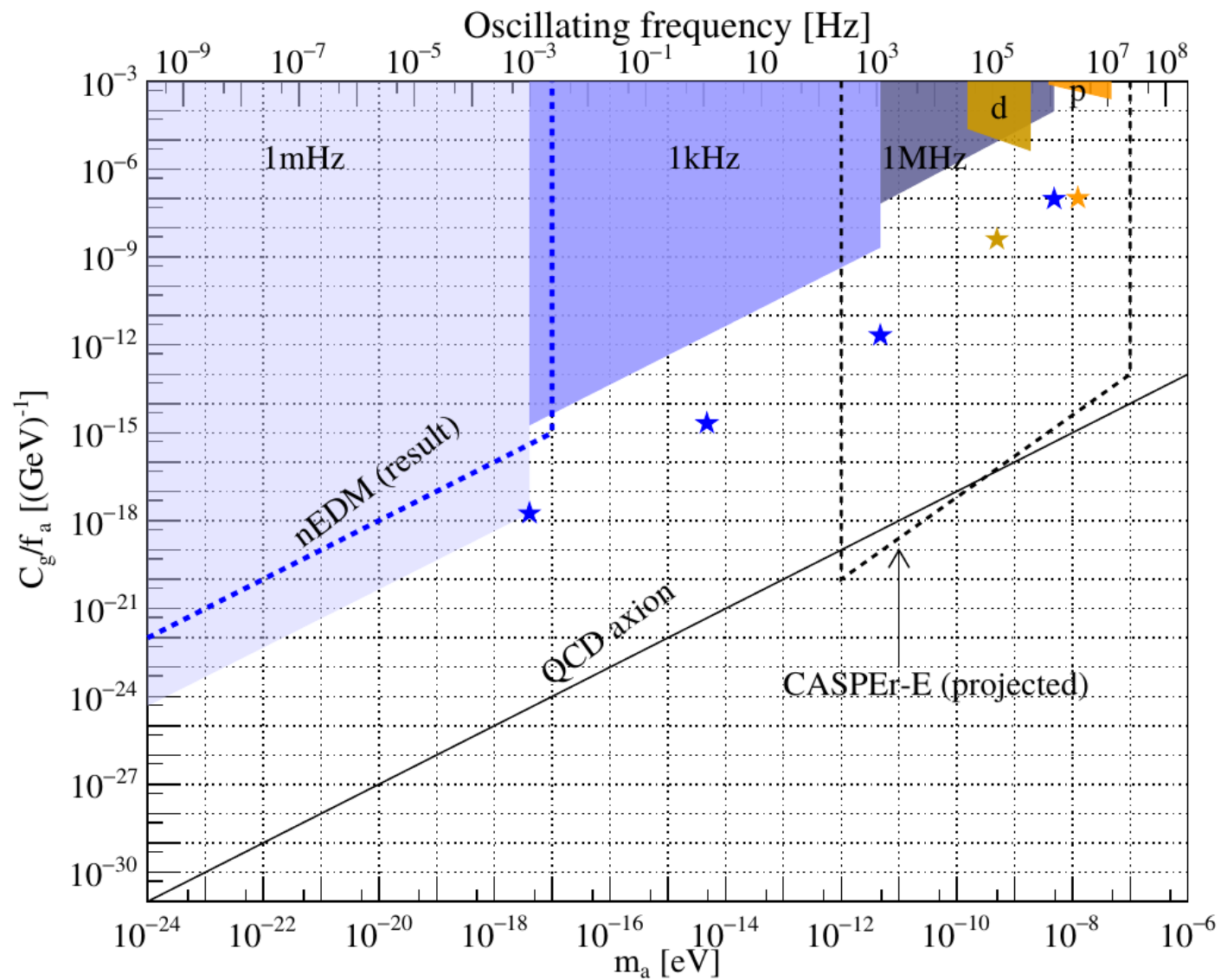
$\hat{P}$  denote the estimated value

$P$  denote the true value

For  $\hat{P} < 3.42$  i.e.,  $< \hat{P} >$  interval is calculated at the expectation value  $P = 3.3$



68% (blue) and 90% (grey)  
confidence interval for  
analysis of 8 cycles.



J.Pretz, et.al., EPJC , 80, 107 (2020)

# Future experiments – at COSY and other rings

High beam intensity.

Large polarization and long spin coherence times.

Slower ramp speed. Depends on:

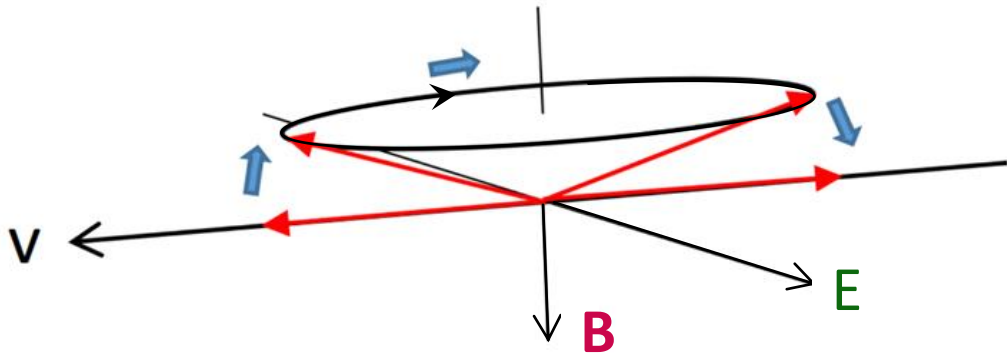
- Coherence time of axion;

- Resonance width;

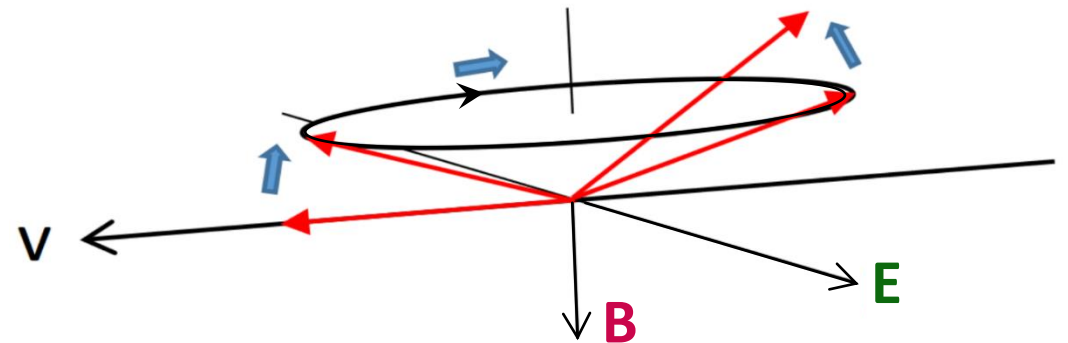
Larger frequency overlap with adjacent scans.



# How to search ALPs in a storage ring?



Static EDM



Oscillating EDM

Axion  
oscillation  
frequency ( $f_{AC}$ ) = Spin tune  
frequency ( $f_{spin}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Accumulation of  
vertical  
polarization