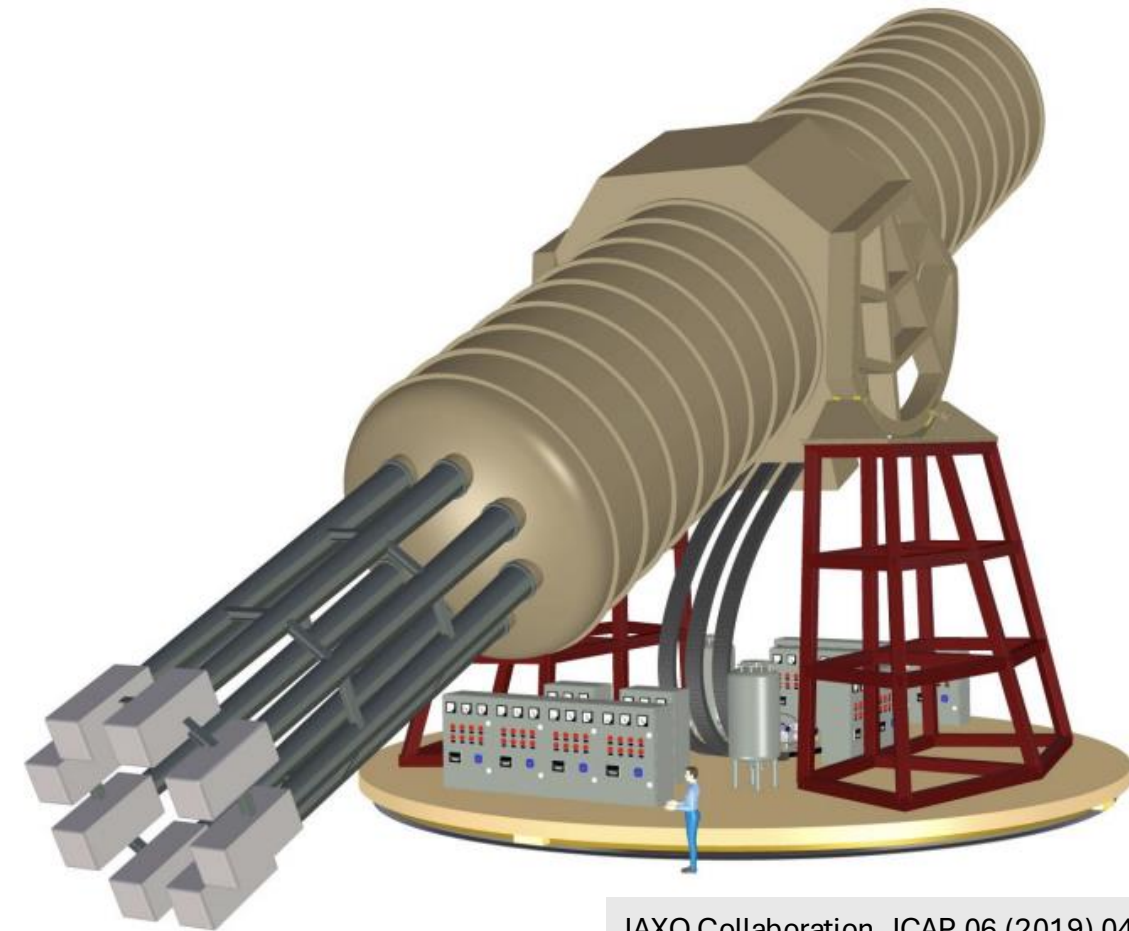


X-Ray Optics for the International Axion Observatory

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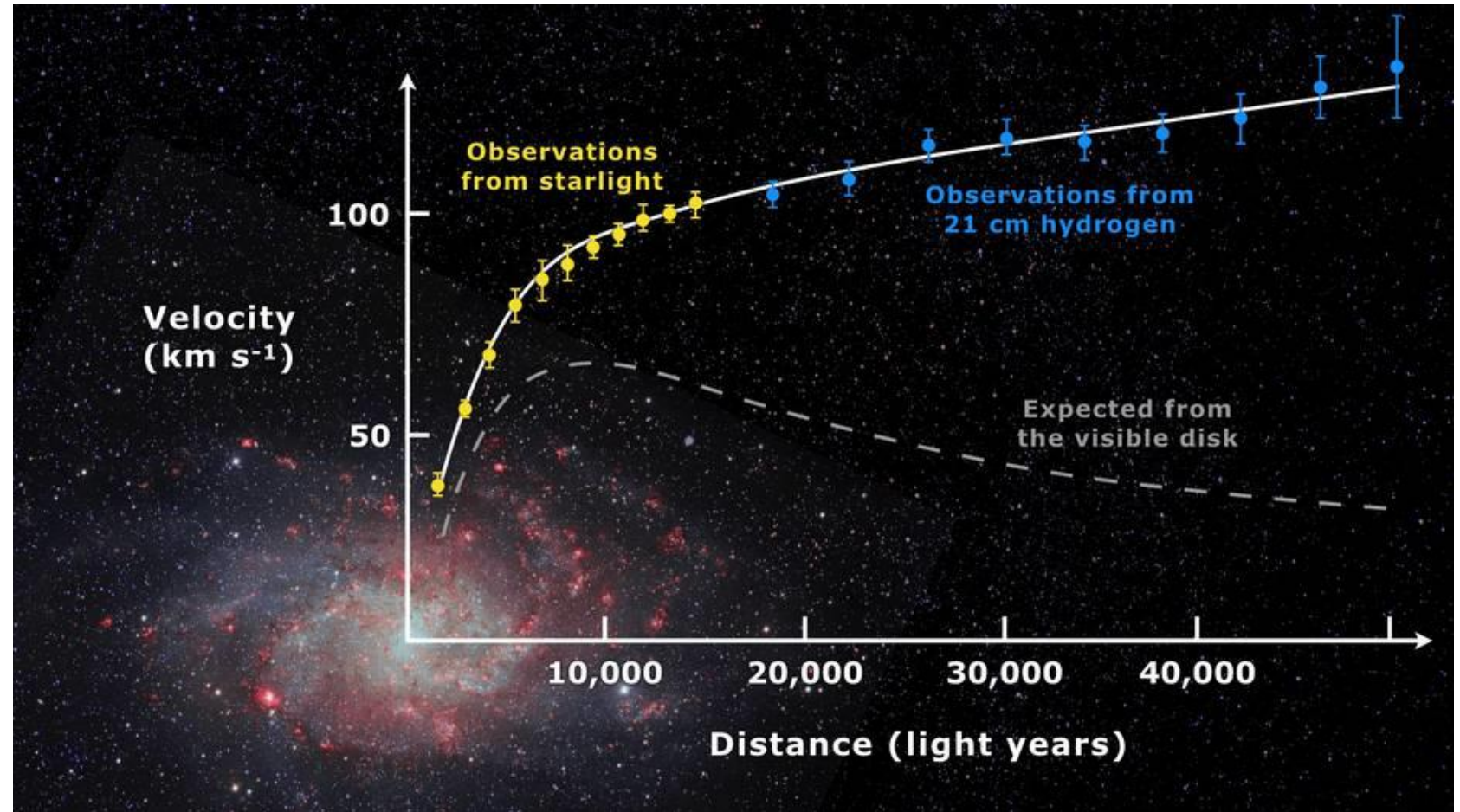


What is Dark Matter?

Vera Rubin's
Galactic rotation curves
provided early evidence

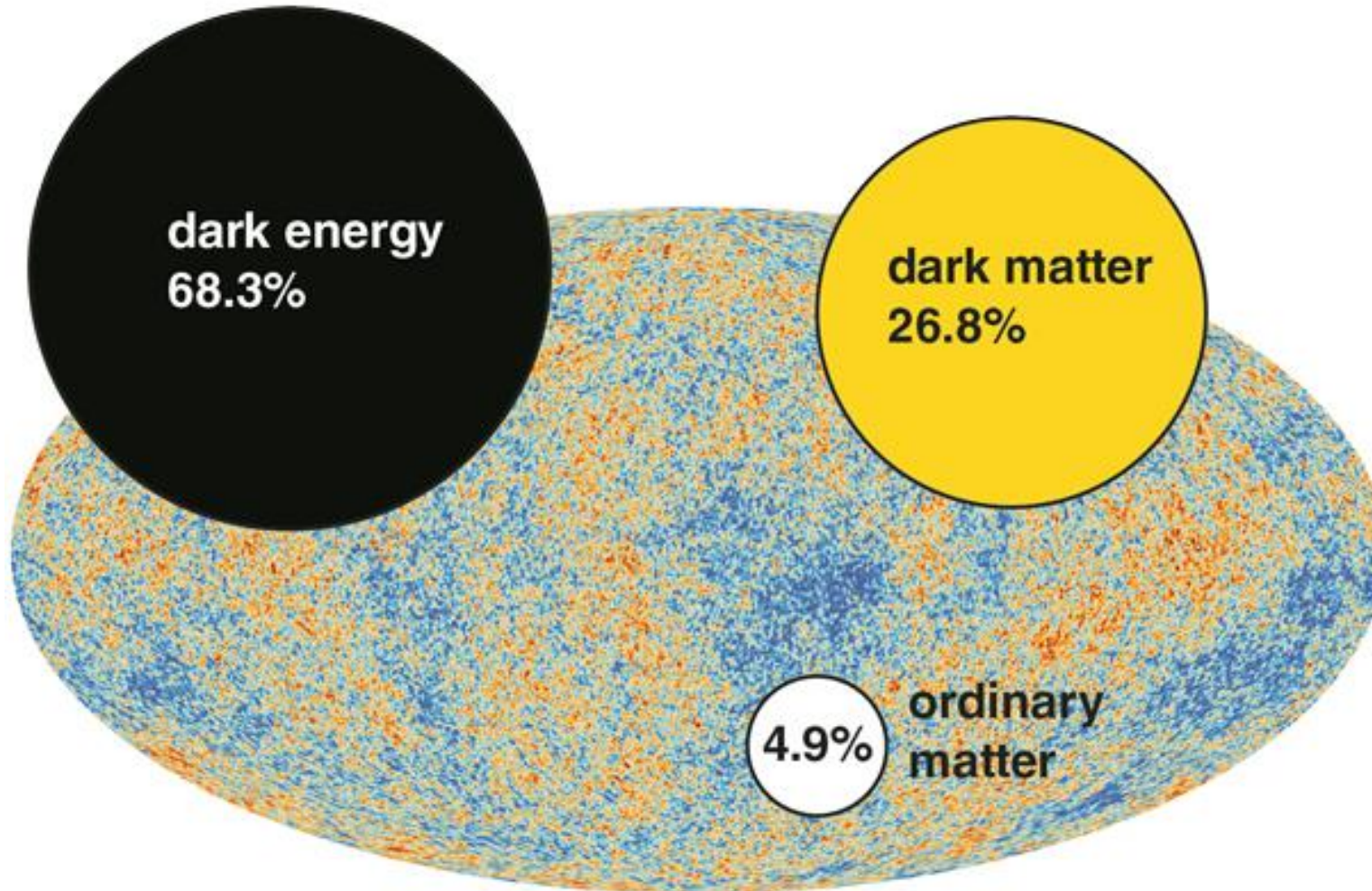
Dark matter
interacts gravitationally, but
not with light

Since Rubin, we have
found evidence for dark matter
across the universe



Physics Feed, "Rotation Curve Method for Determining the Mass of Spiral Galaxies."

Dark Matter and Our Universe

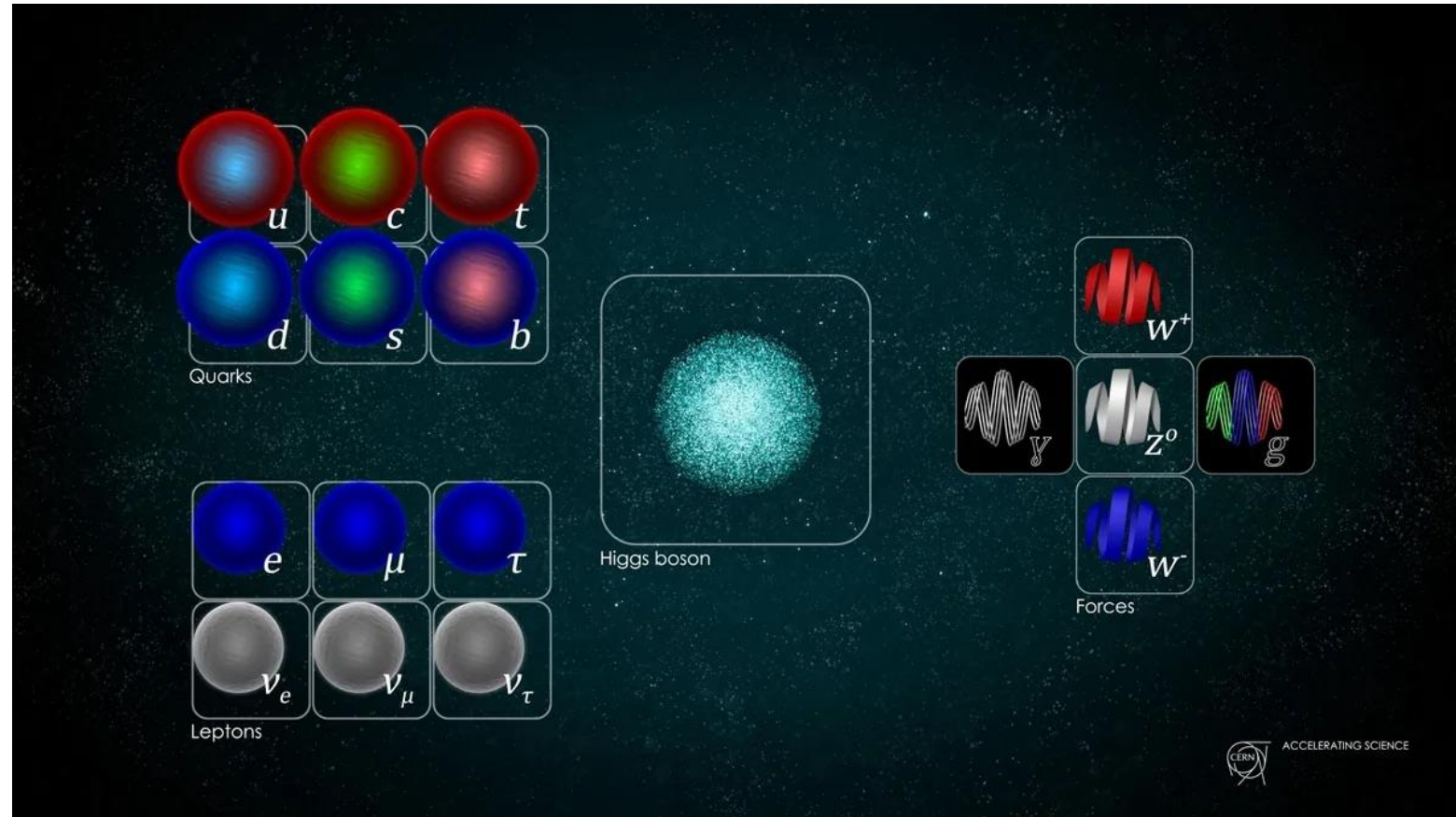


Dark matter heavily influences the larger structure of the universe

Must be stable and massive

Dark Matter and the Standard Model

- Well understood, but no dark matter candidates
- Searching in the cracks: the strong CP problem

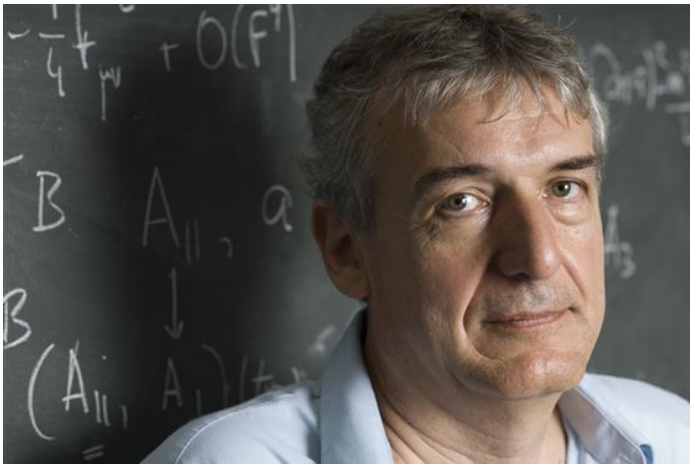


Daniel Dominguez, CERN

What are Axions?

- Strong CP Problem predicts a neutron electric dipole moment
- Peccei-Quinn Mechanism cancels the EDM and predicts a new particle, the axion.
- Axion-Like-Particles could constitute dark matter, QCD axions answer both questions

Pierre Sikivie



Claudia Marcelloni, CERN

Helen Quinn



Wikipedia, Dan Quinn

Roberto Peccei

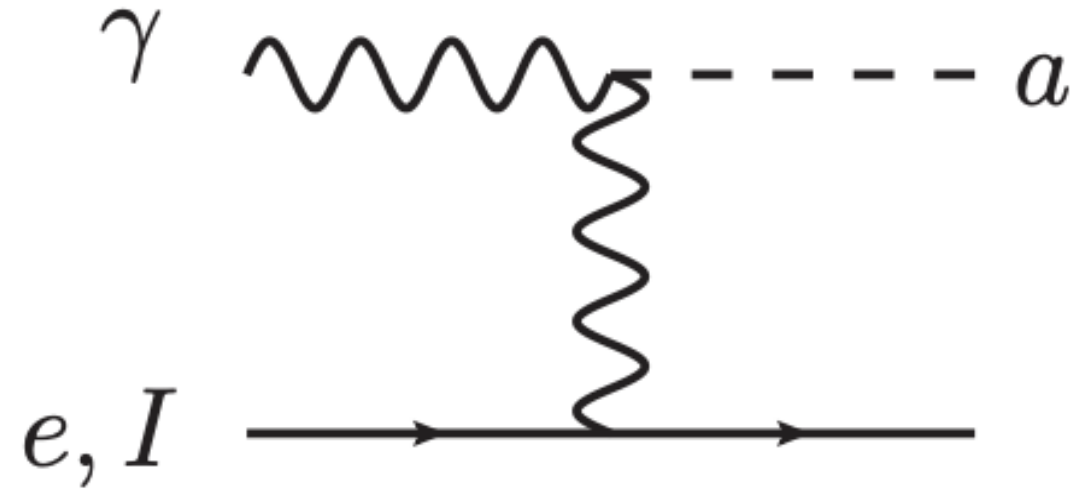


UCLA, "In Memoriam: Roberto Peccei."

Axion Detection

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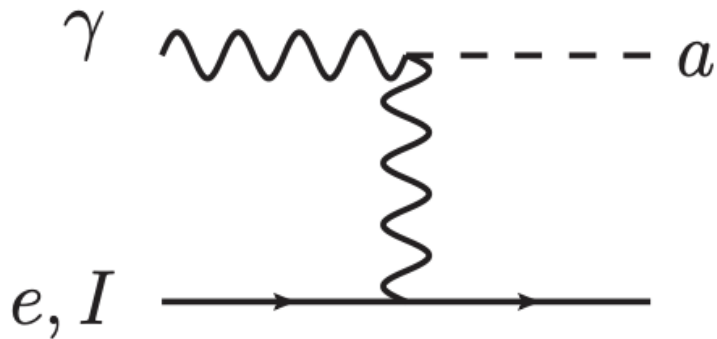


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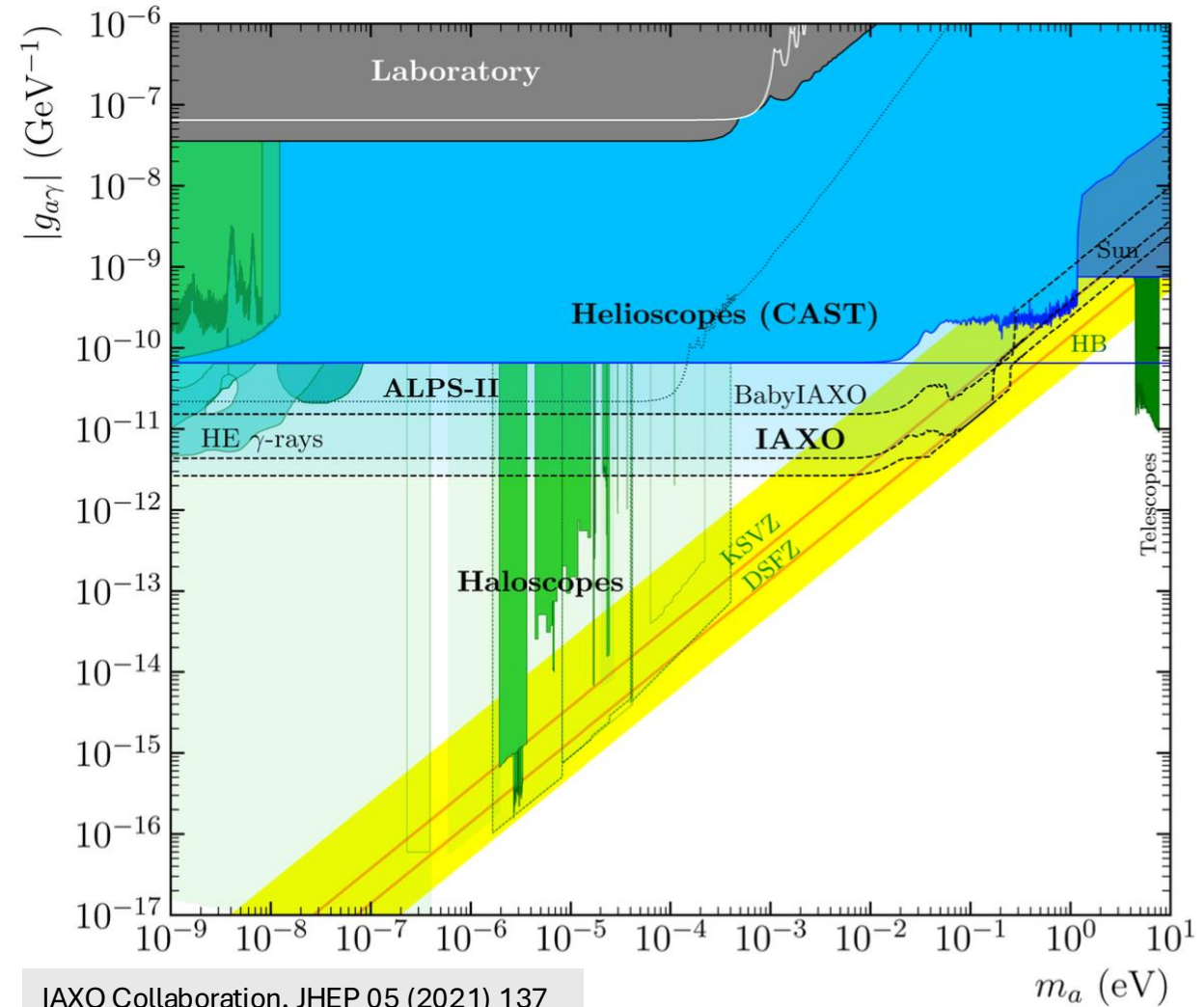
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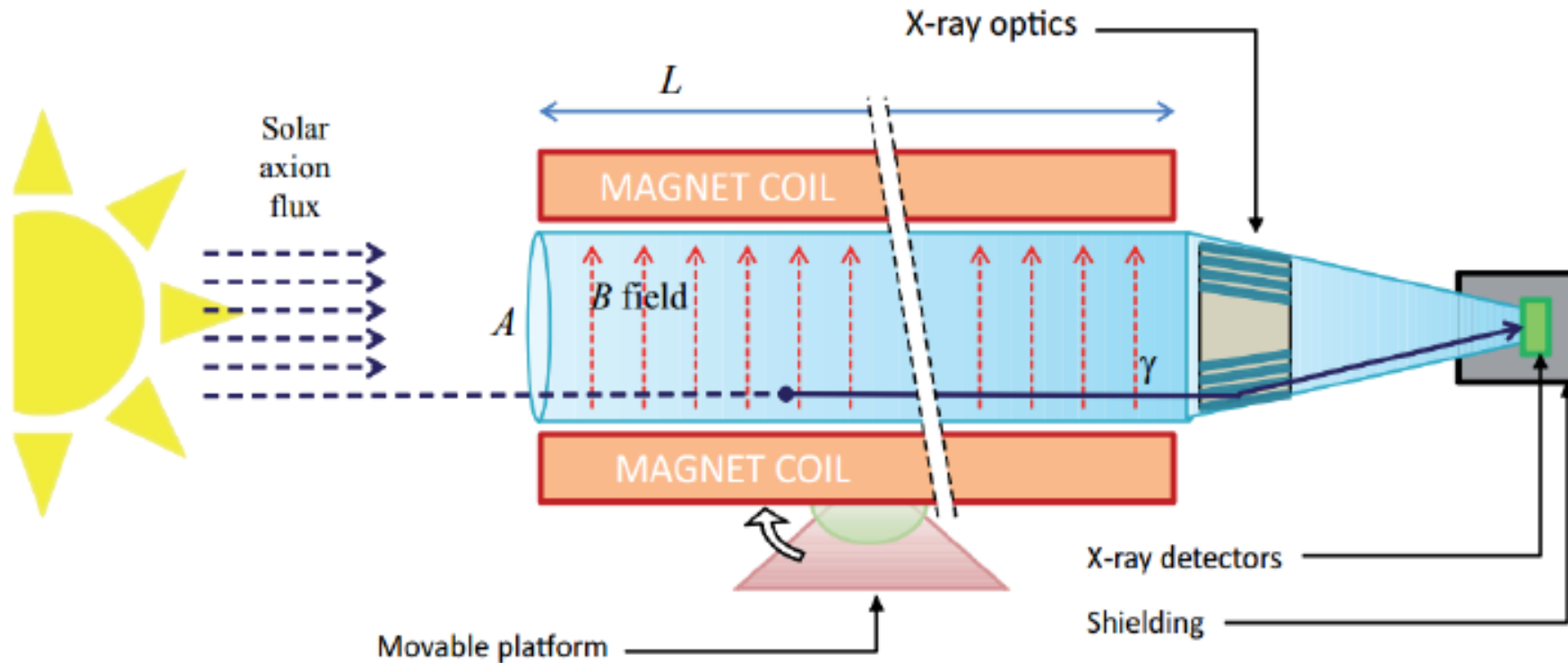


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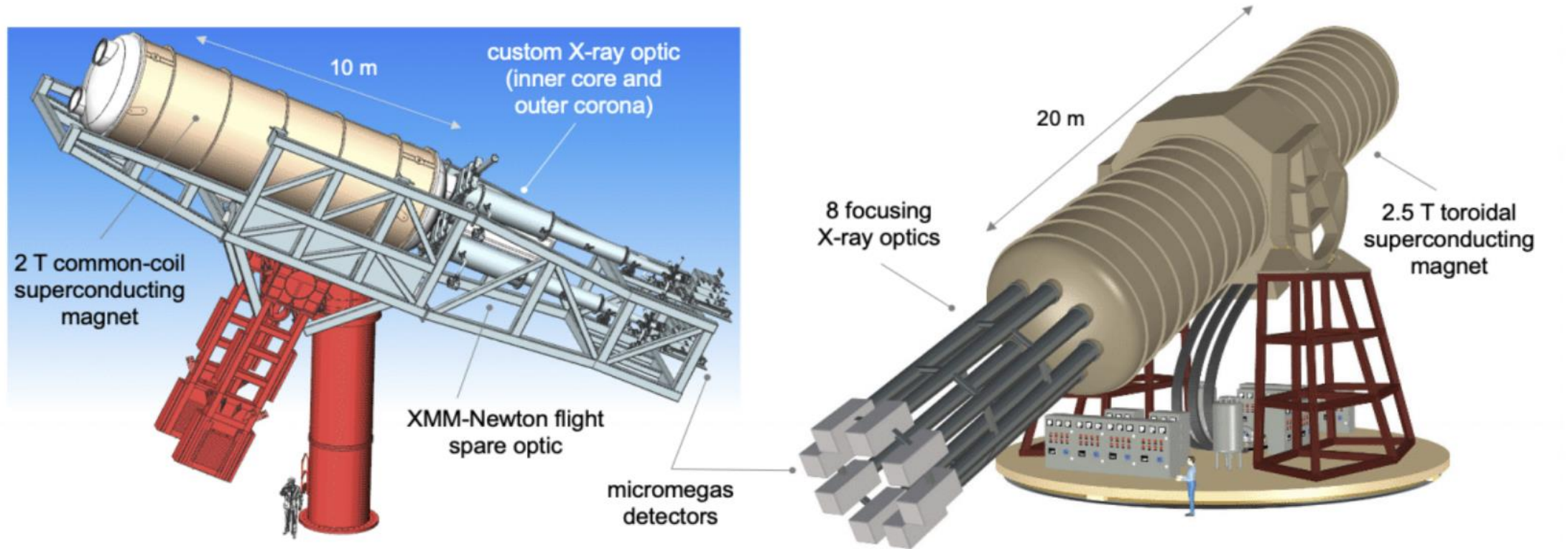
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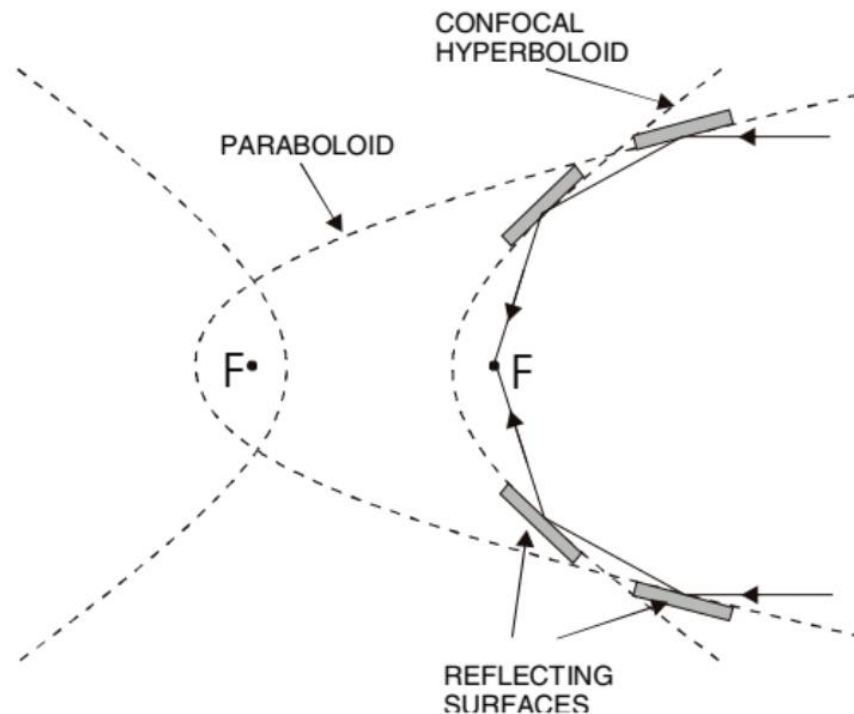


X-Ray Reflection Techniques

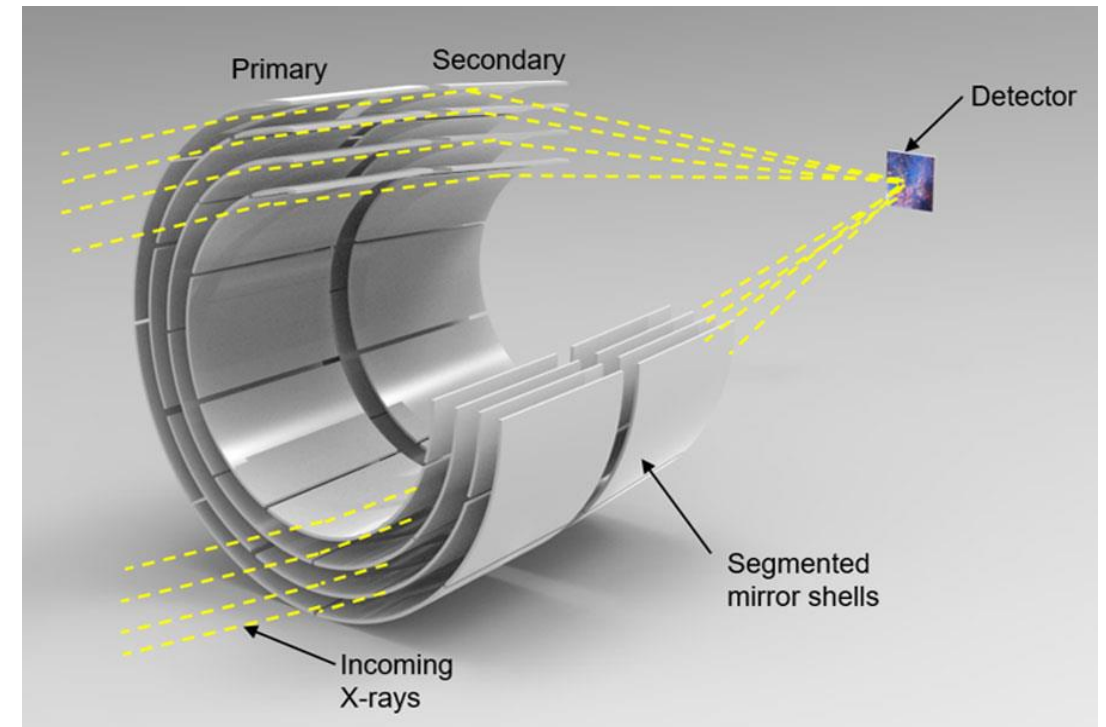
Grazing incidence angles reflect x-rays

Increasing collection area requires building many concentric shells

X-ray reflection is increased by a graded multilayer coating



Reid. Encyclopedia of Astronomy & Astrophysics. (2001)



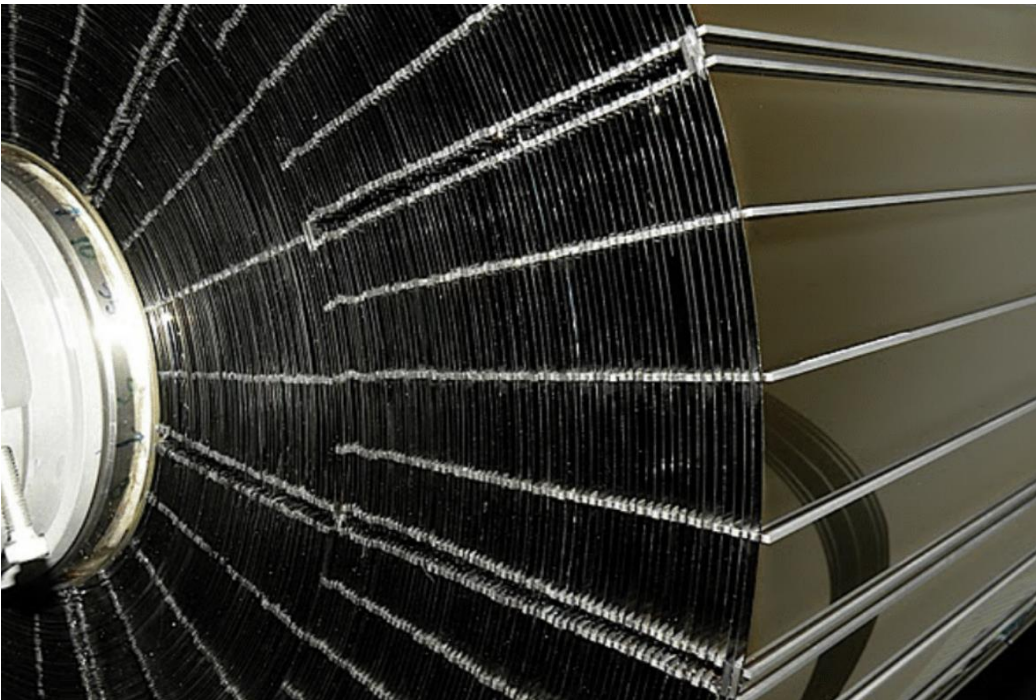
Goddard Space Flight Center

X-Ray Optics Design

NuSTAR:

133 Layers

2376 pieces of glass

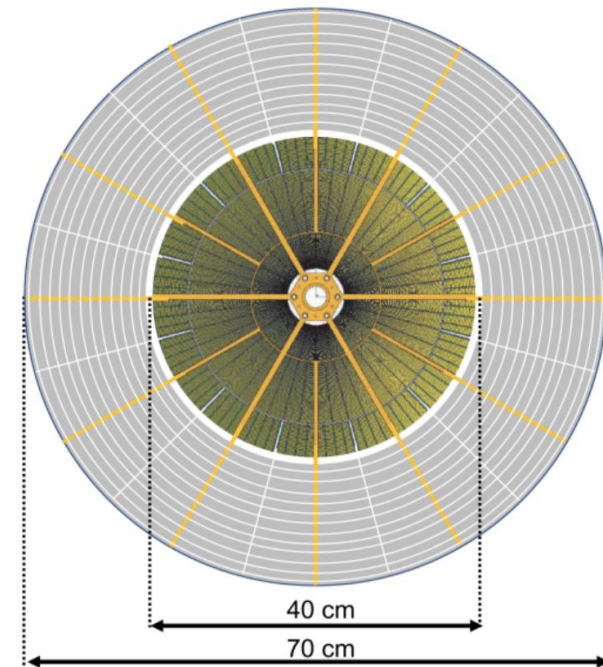


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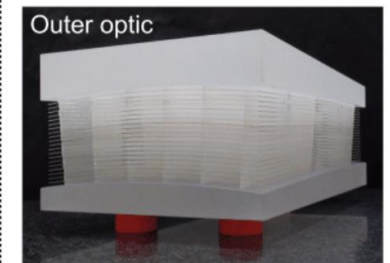
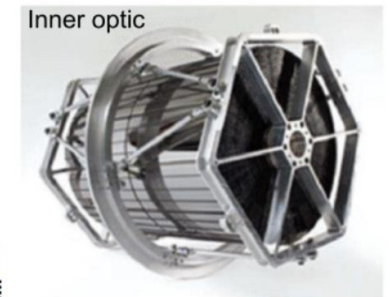
IAXO:

97 Inner Layers, 26 Outer Layers

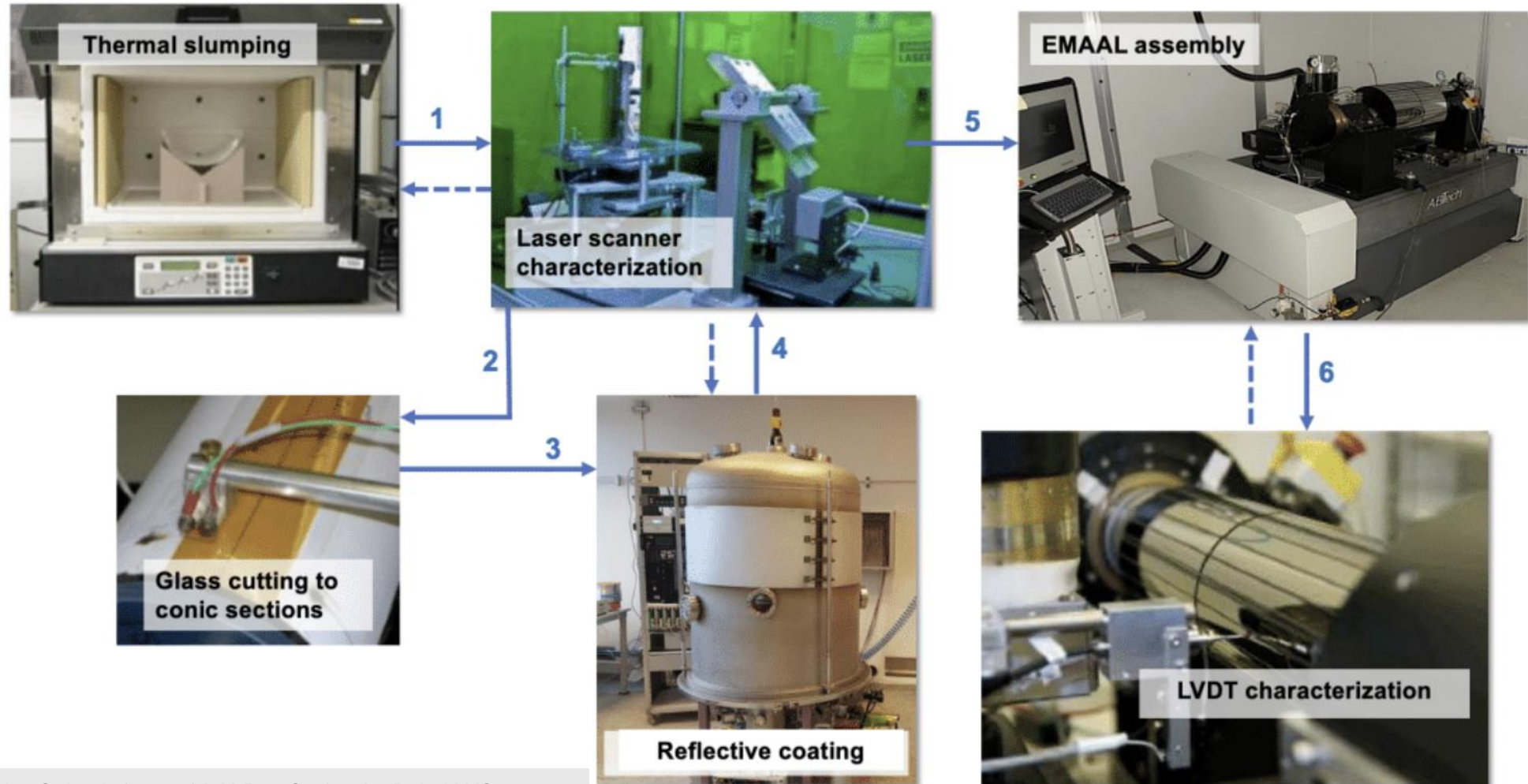
2172 pieces of glass



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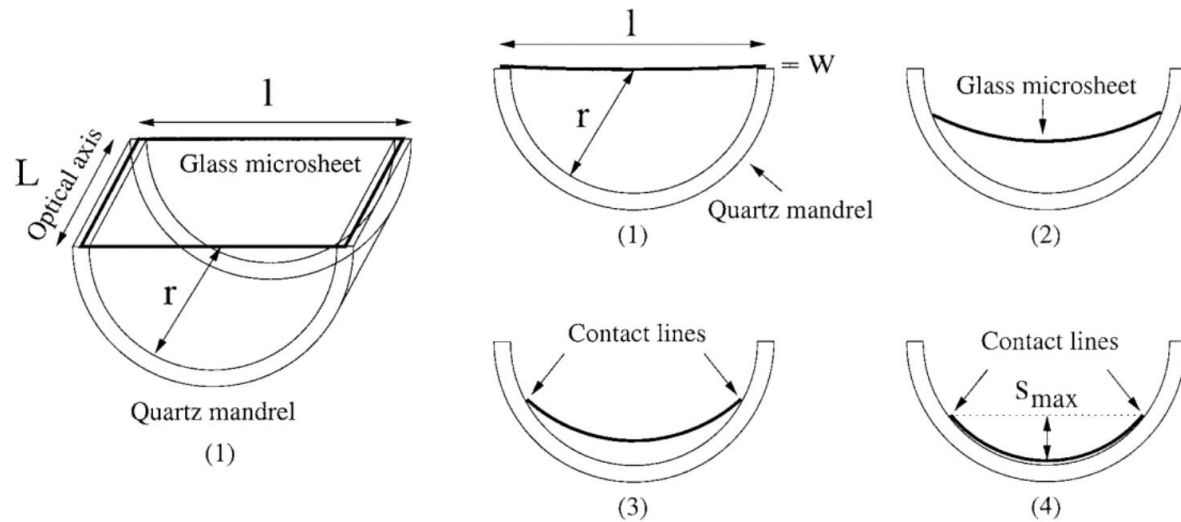


Optic Assembly



Perez. "Probing Solar Axions with X-Ray Optics for BabyIAXO." 2022.

Thermal Slumping



Jimenez-Garate et al. Appl. Opt. 42, 724 (2003)

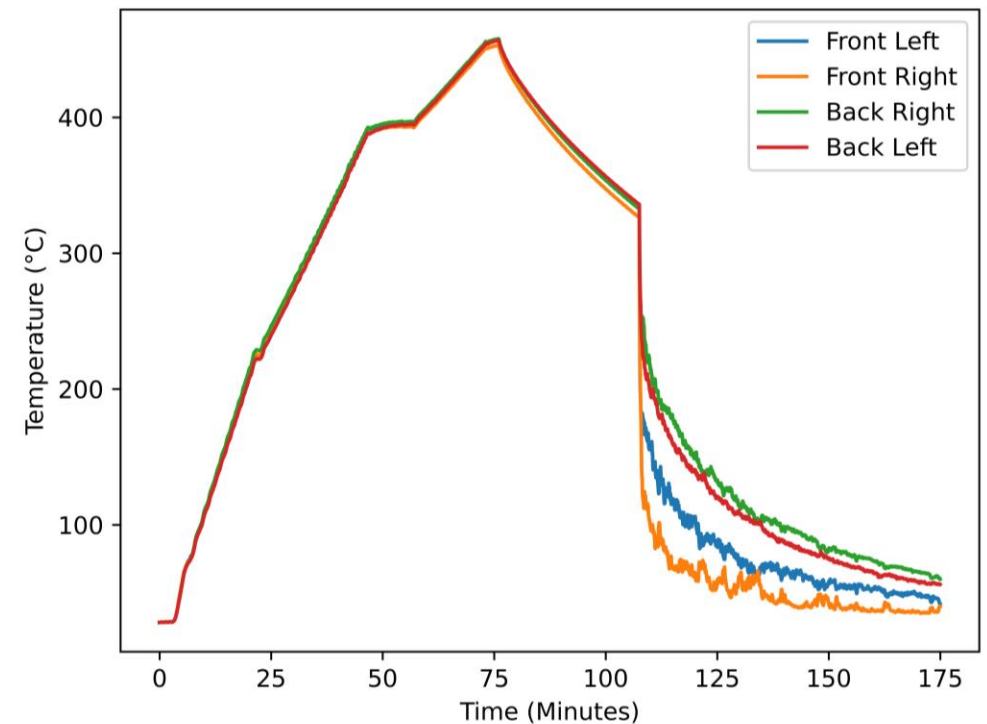
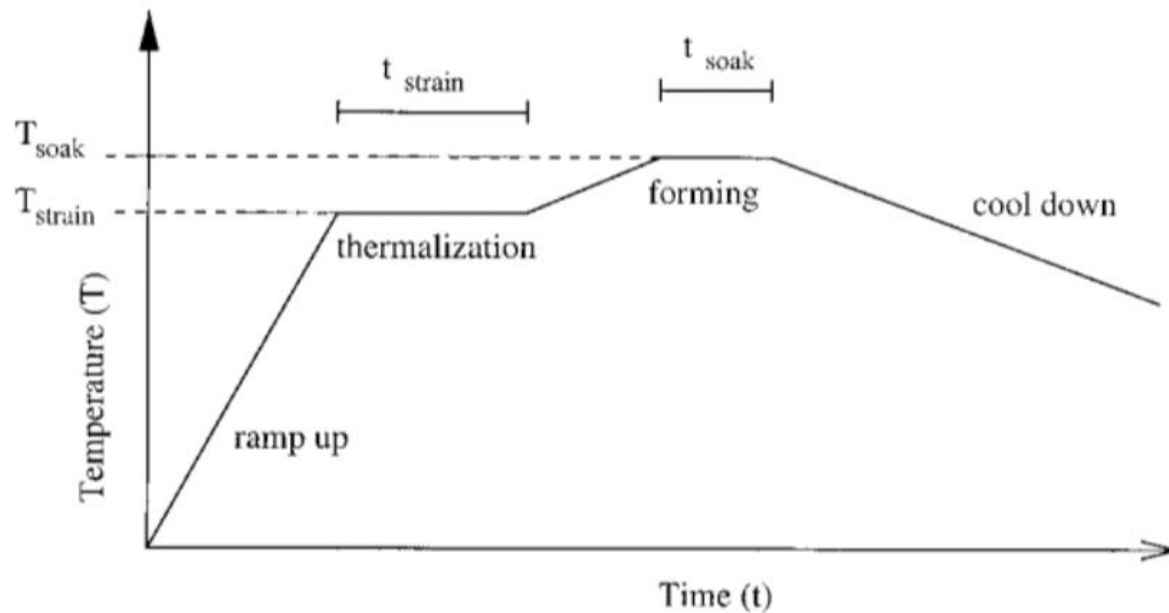


Visual Inspection Qualities: Skew, Divots, Diameter

Slumping Parameters

Viscosity Stages: Strain, Soak, and Soften

Experimental Parameters: Rate, Temperature, and Time



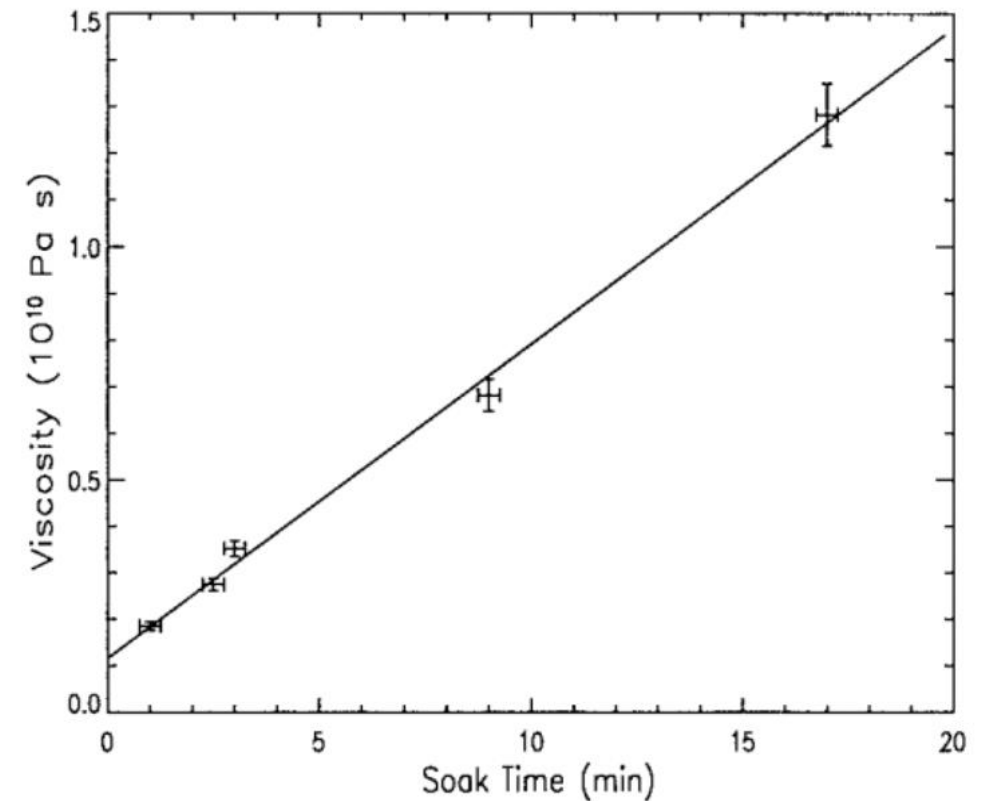
Modeling Ideal Slumping

$$\frac{\eta_{\text{soak}}}{t_{\text{soak}}} = \frac{5C\rho gl^4}{64s_{\text{max}}(1+\nu)w^2} \propto \frac{\rho gl^3}{w^2},$$

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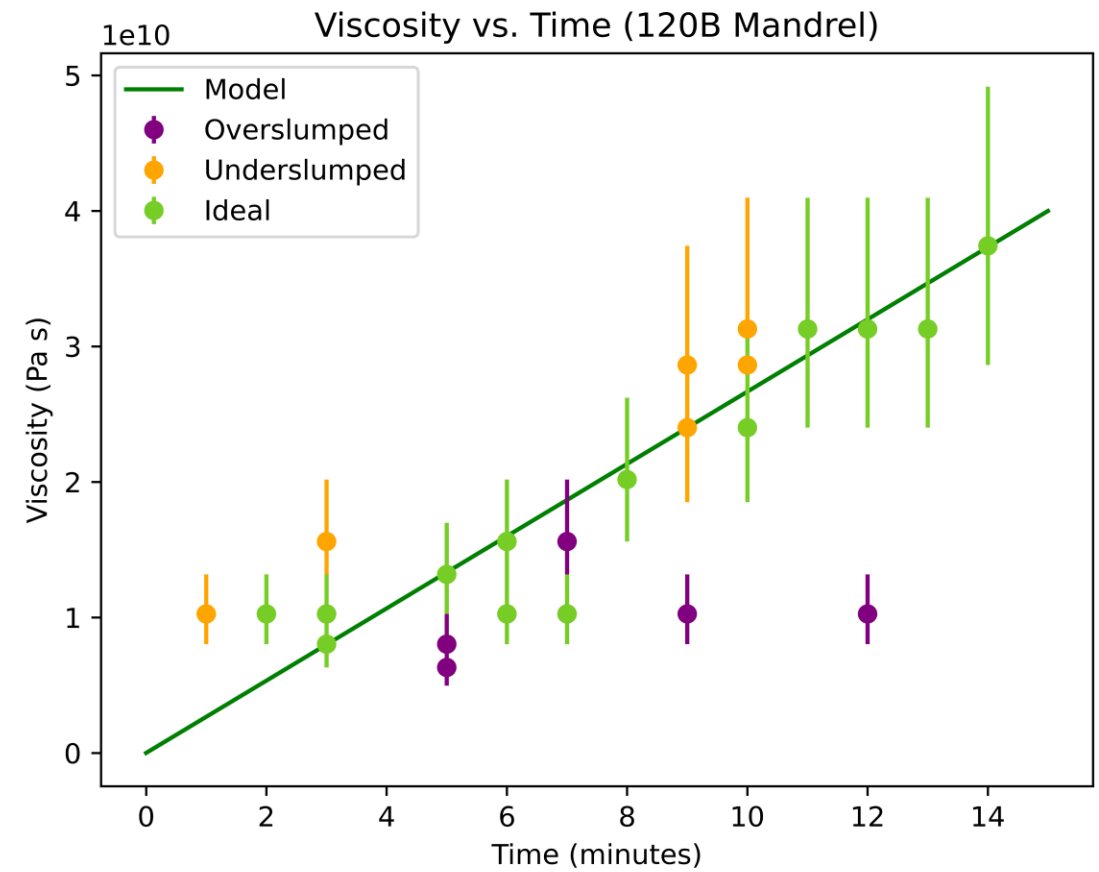
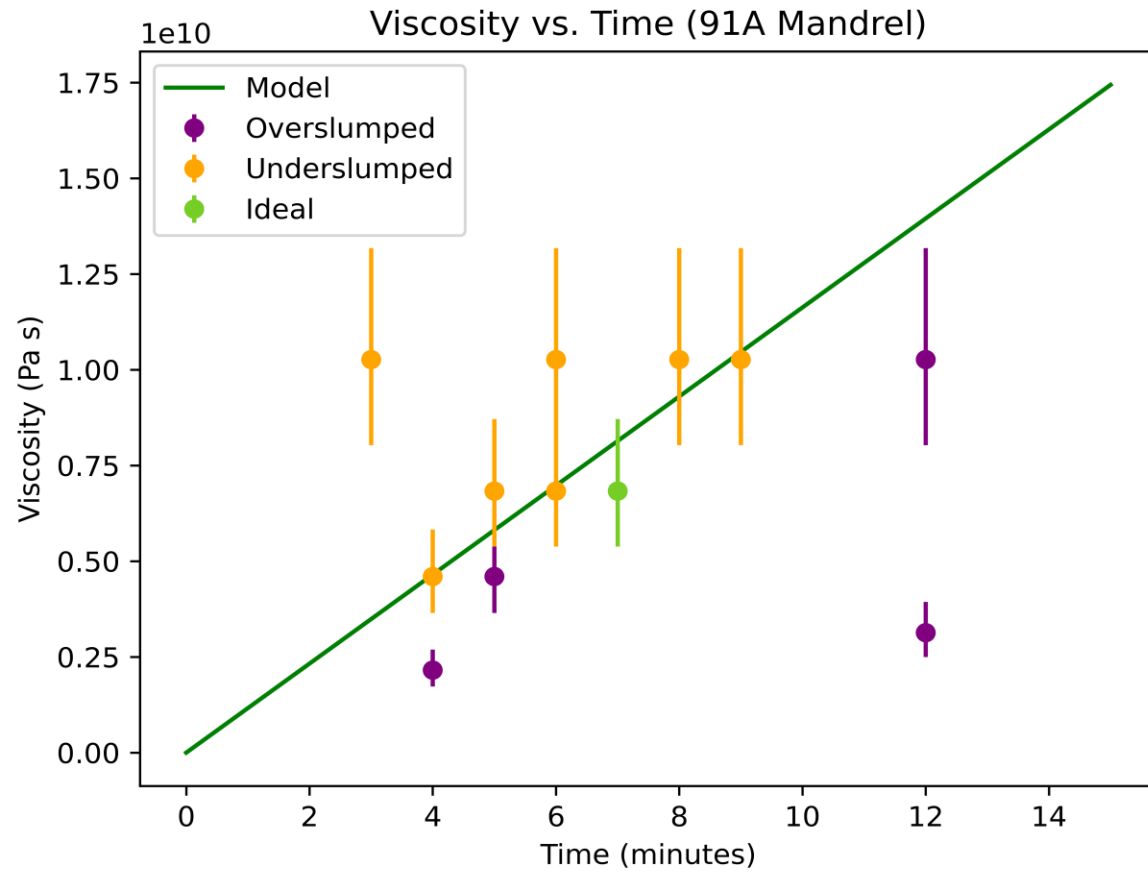
Calculates a viscosity and time relationship for ideal slumping using:

- Type of glass
- Size of piece
- Gravity's influence



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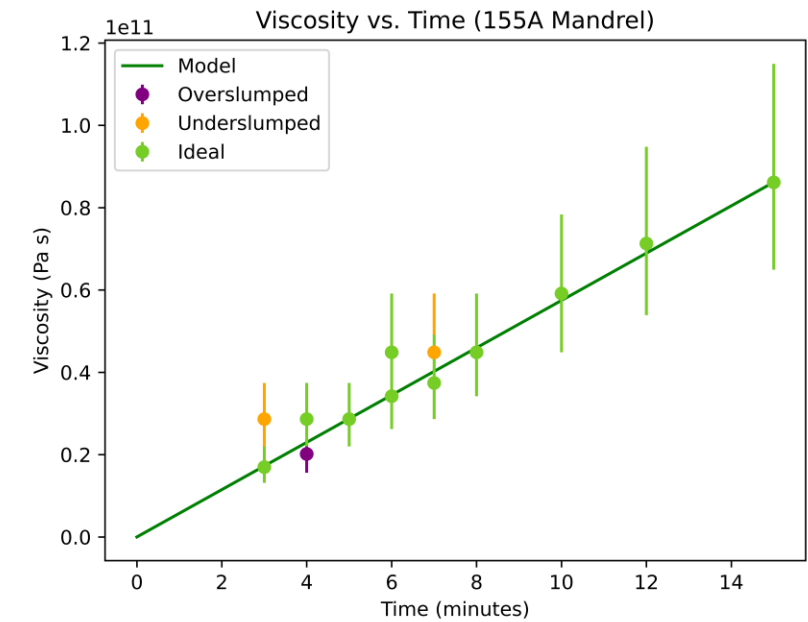
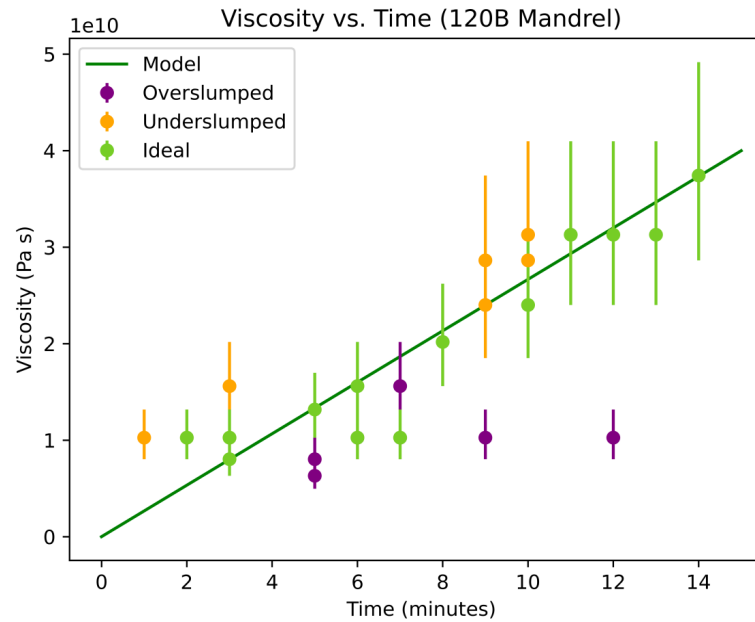
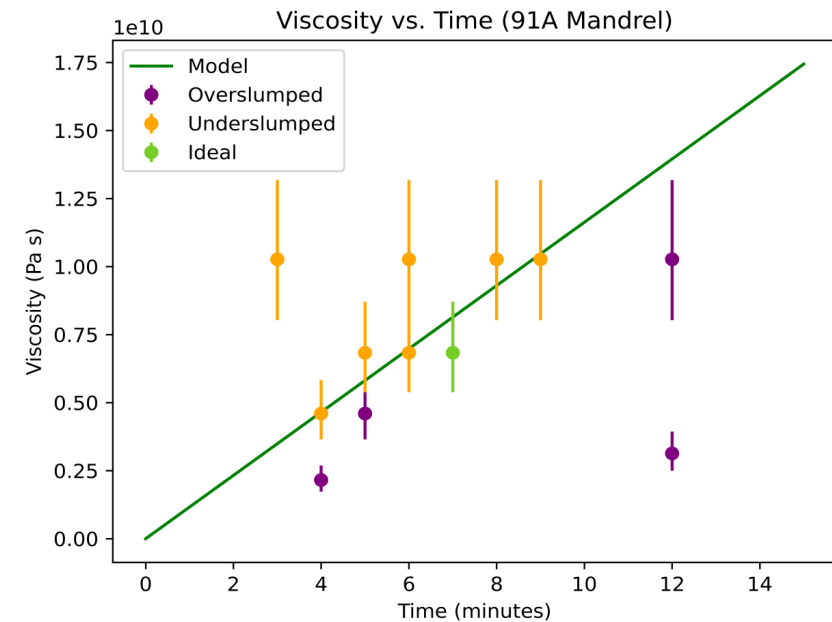
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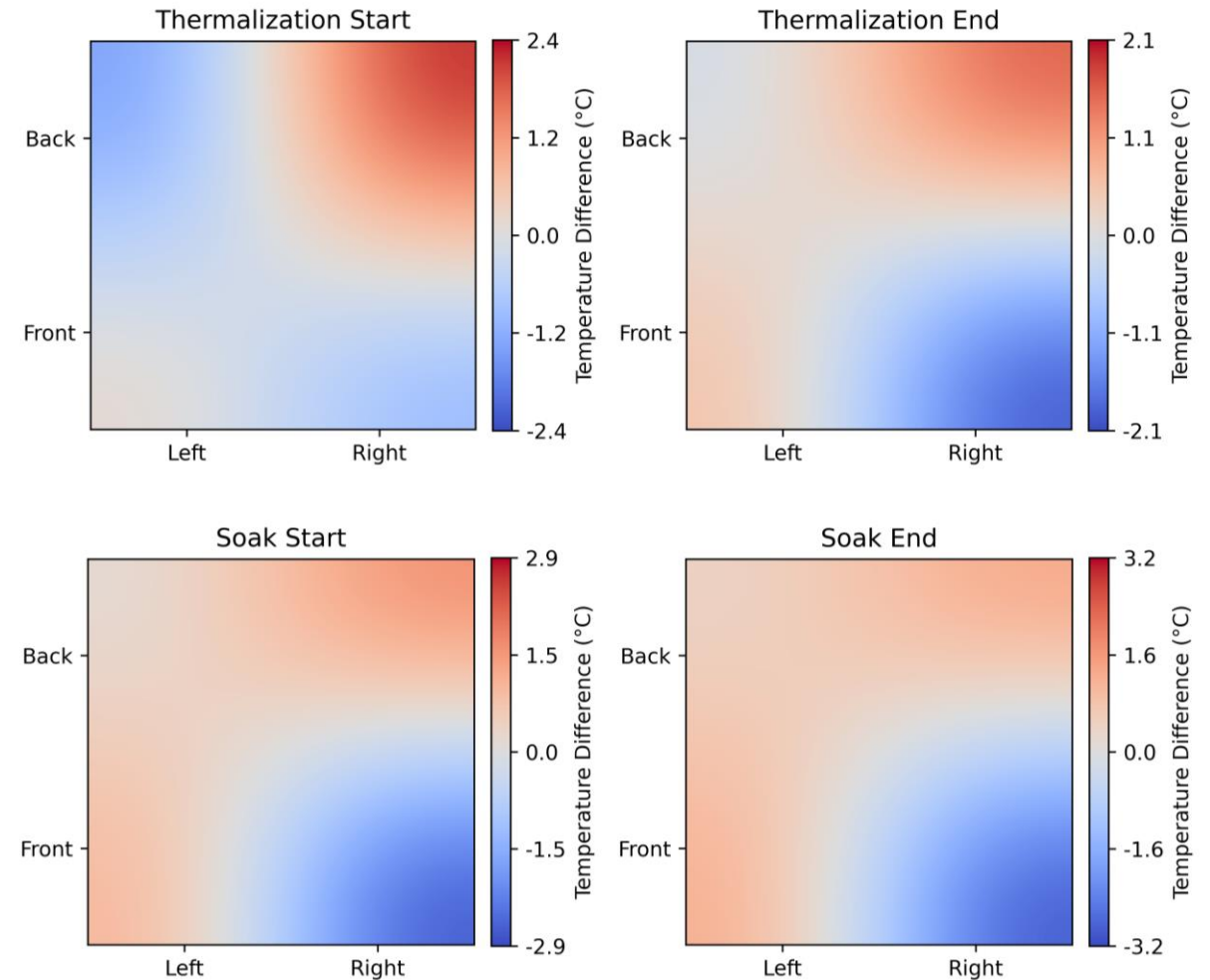
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Oven Characterization



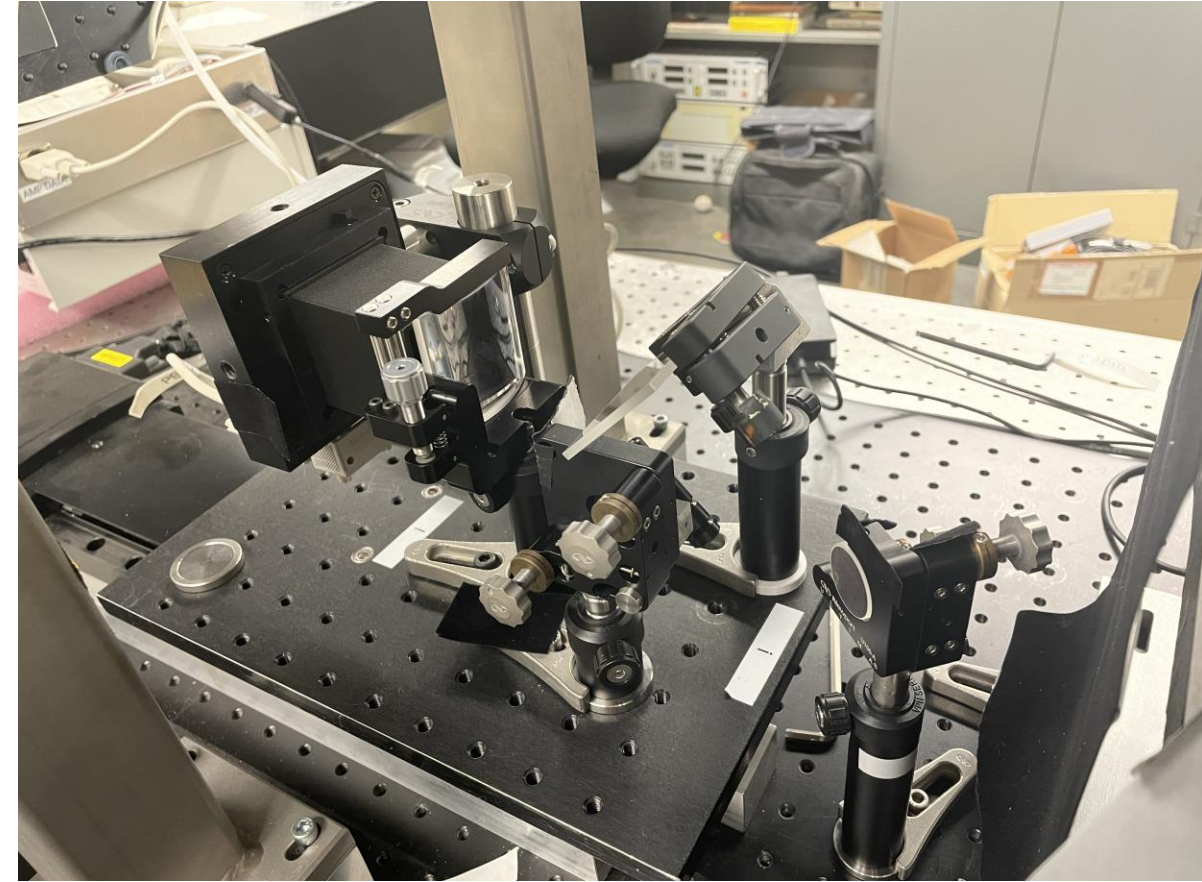
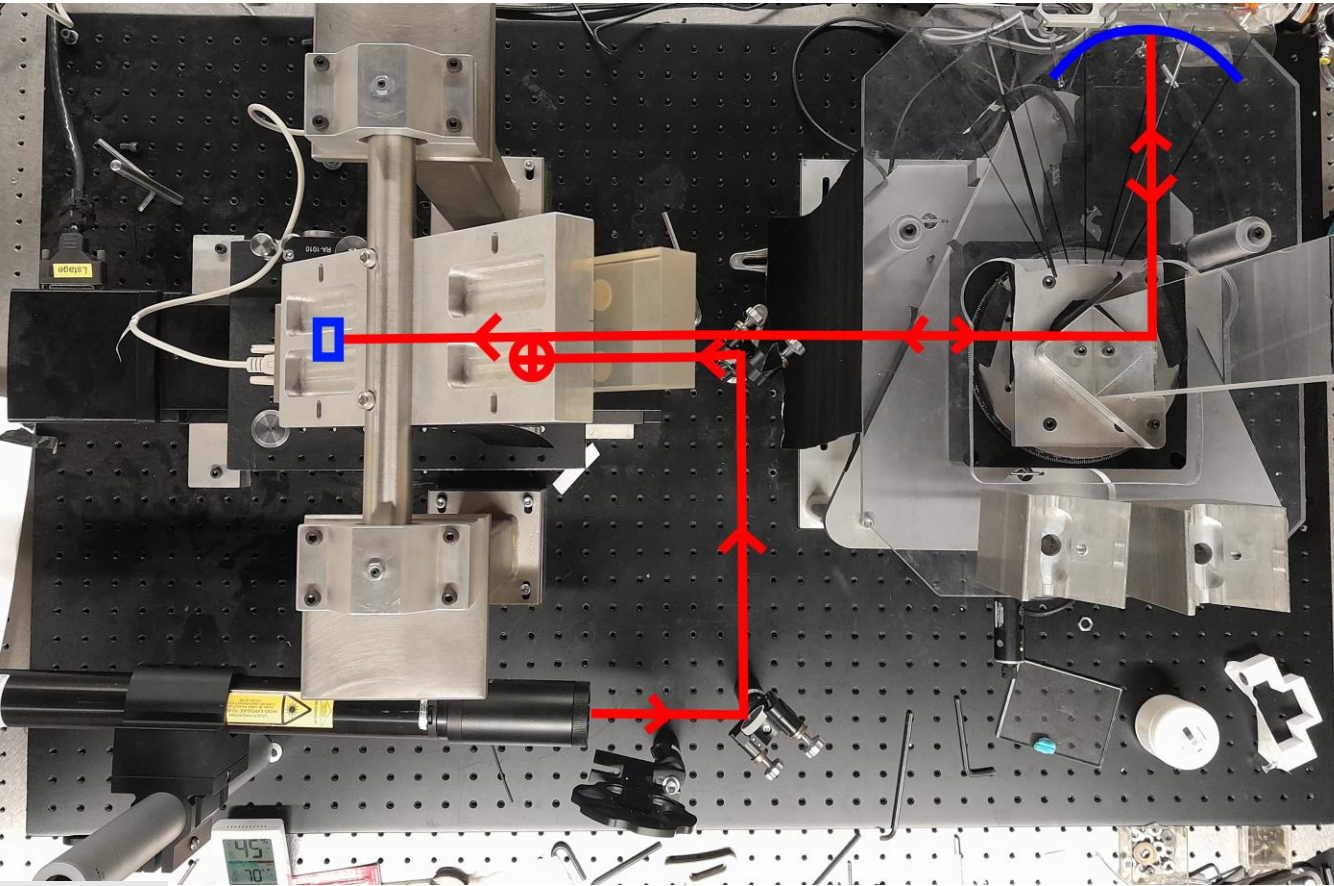
Adapting NuSTAR and HEFT

We have:

- 6728 pieces of glass
- 875 pieces telescope ready
- 2209 coated pieces that should be laser scanned
- 1143 pieces that should be coated
- 262 pieces that need to be thermally formed

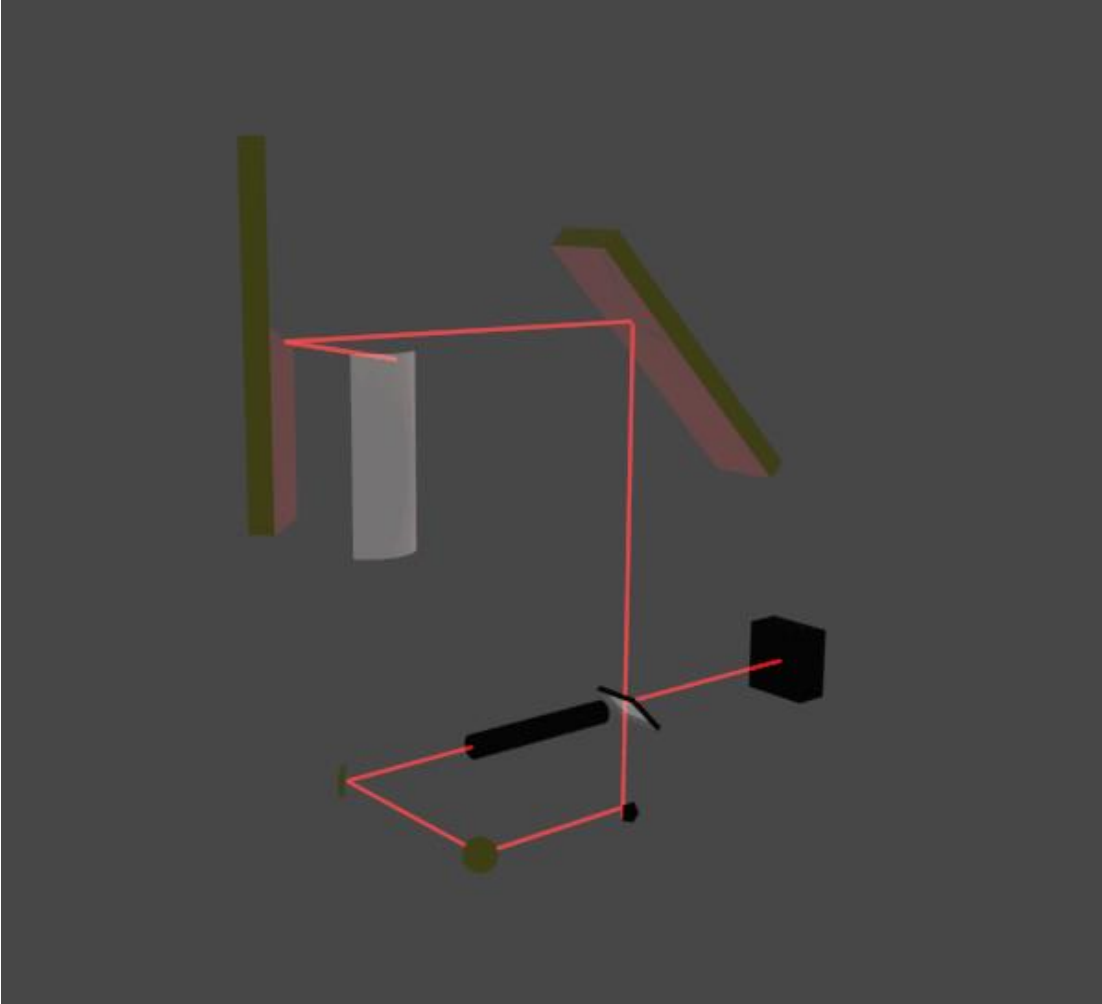


Laser Scanner

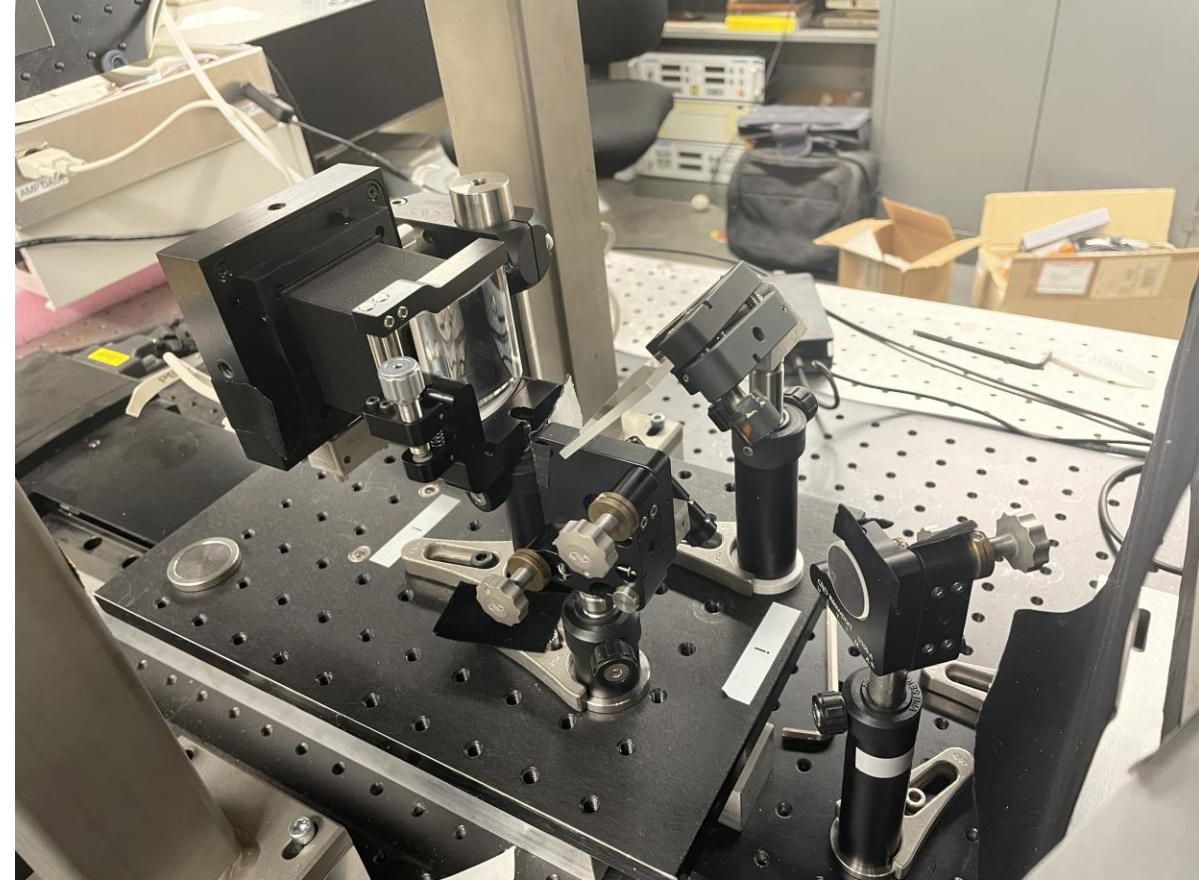


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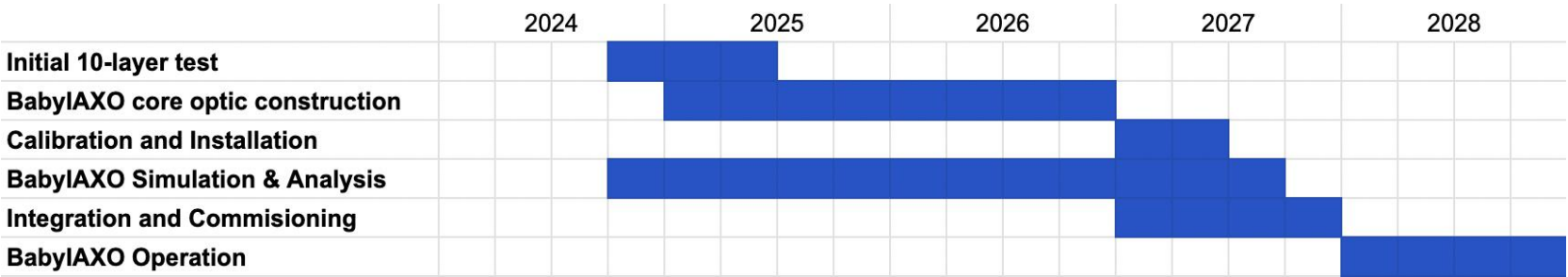
Conclusion and Next Steps

We know:

- Effective, repeatable recipes for slumping
- How to determine recipes for other mandrels
- How to adapt recipes according to discrepancies between ovens
- What glass we need to form, coat, and scan to complete an optic

Next steps:

- Continue to adapt slumping model
- Complete inventory
- Improve thermocouple setup
- Laser scan!



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