

Axion searches

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New experimental approaches in the search for axion-like particles

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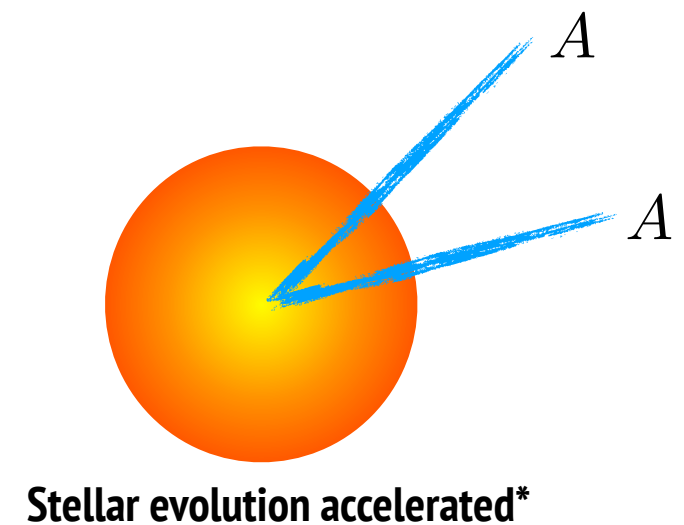
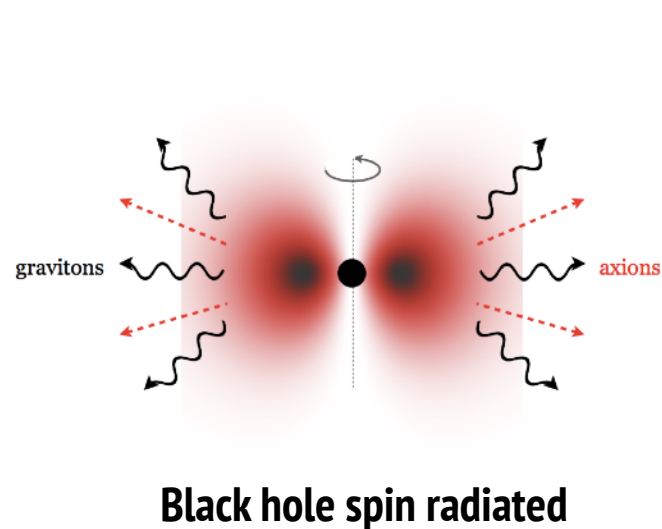
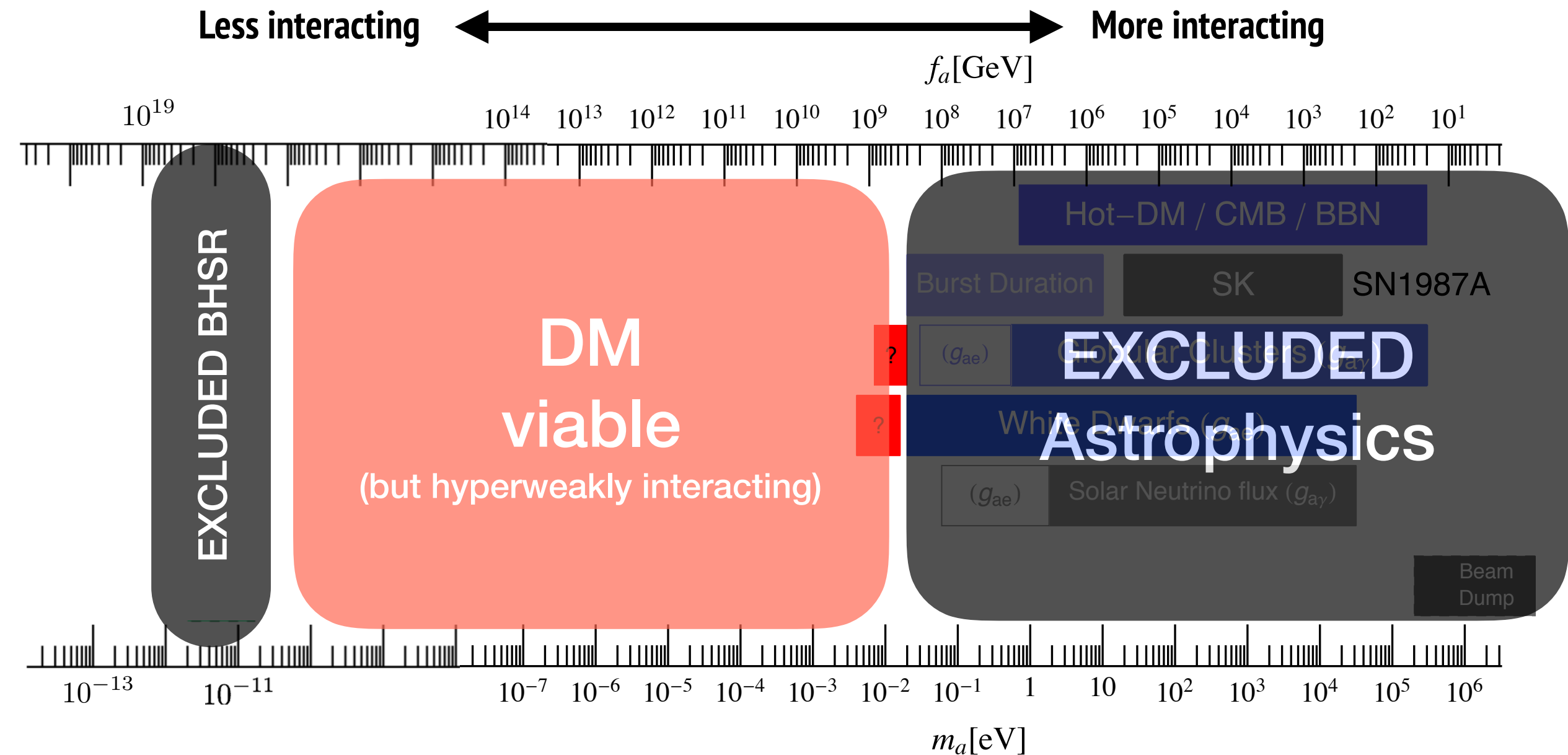
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Abstract

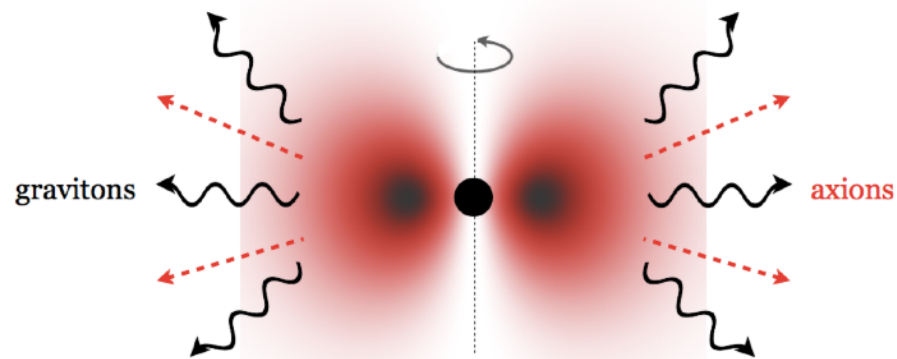
Axions and other very light axion-like particles appear in many extensions of the Standard Model, and are leading candidates to compose part or all of the missing matter of the Universe. They also appear in models of inflation, dark radiation, or even dark energy, and could solve some long-standing astrophysical anomalies. The physics case of these particles has been considerably developed in recent years, and there are now useful guidelines and powerful motivations to attempt experimental detection. Admittedly, the lack of a positive signal of new physics at the high energy frontier, and in underground detectors searching for weakly interacting massive particles, is also contributing to the increase of interest in axion searches. The experimental landscape is rapidly evolving, with many novel detection concepts and new experimental proposals. An updated account of those initiatives is lacking in the literature. In this review we attempt to provide such an update. We will focus on the new experimental approaches and their complementarity, but will also review the most relevant recent results from the consolidated strategies and the prospects of new generation experiments under consideration in the field. We will also briefly review the latest developments of the theory, cosmology and astrophysics of axions and we will discuss the prospects to probe a large fraction of relevant parameter space in the coming decade.

what do we know about fA

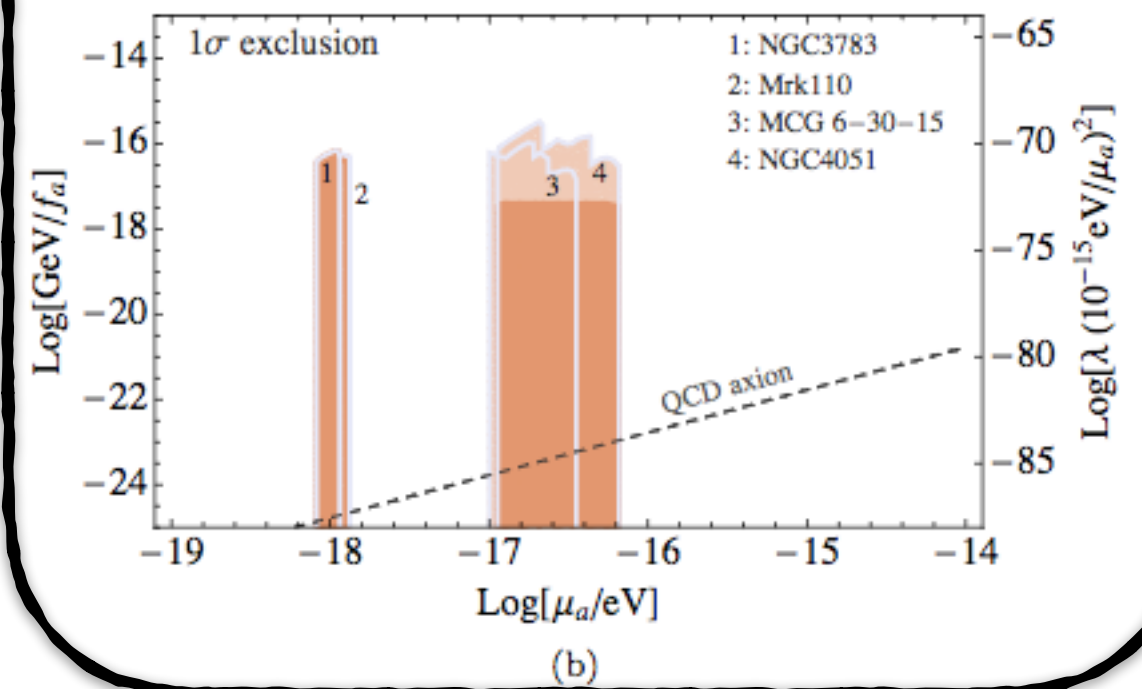
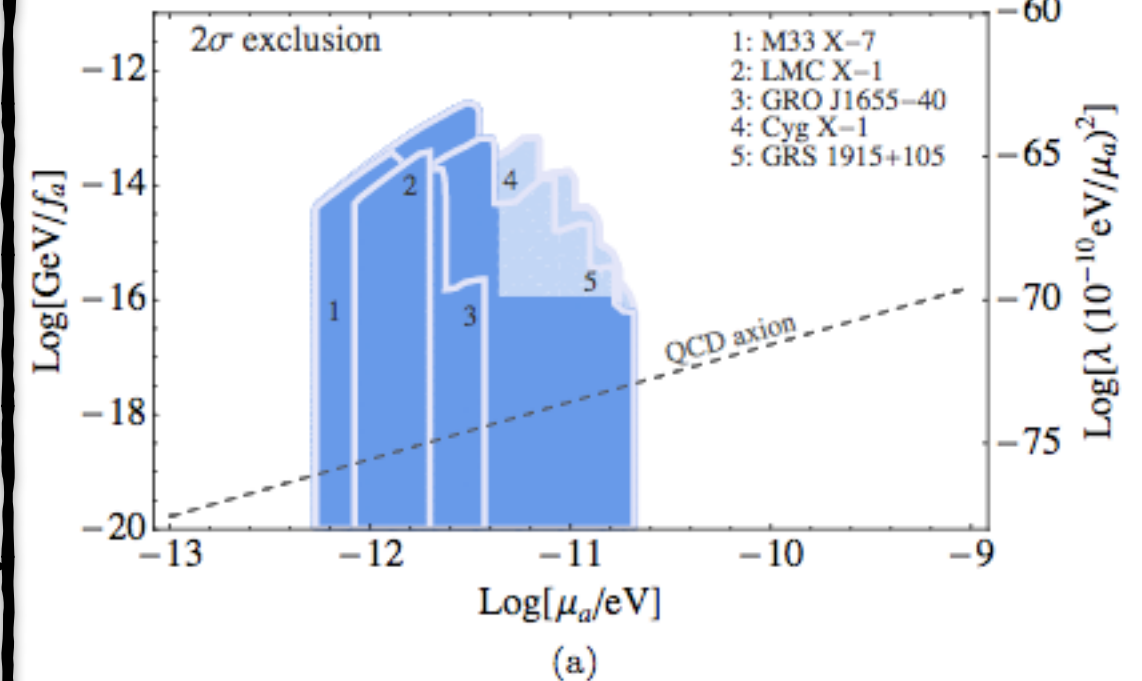
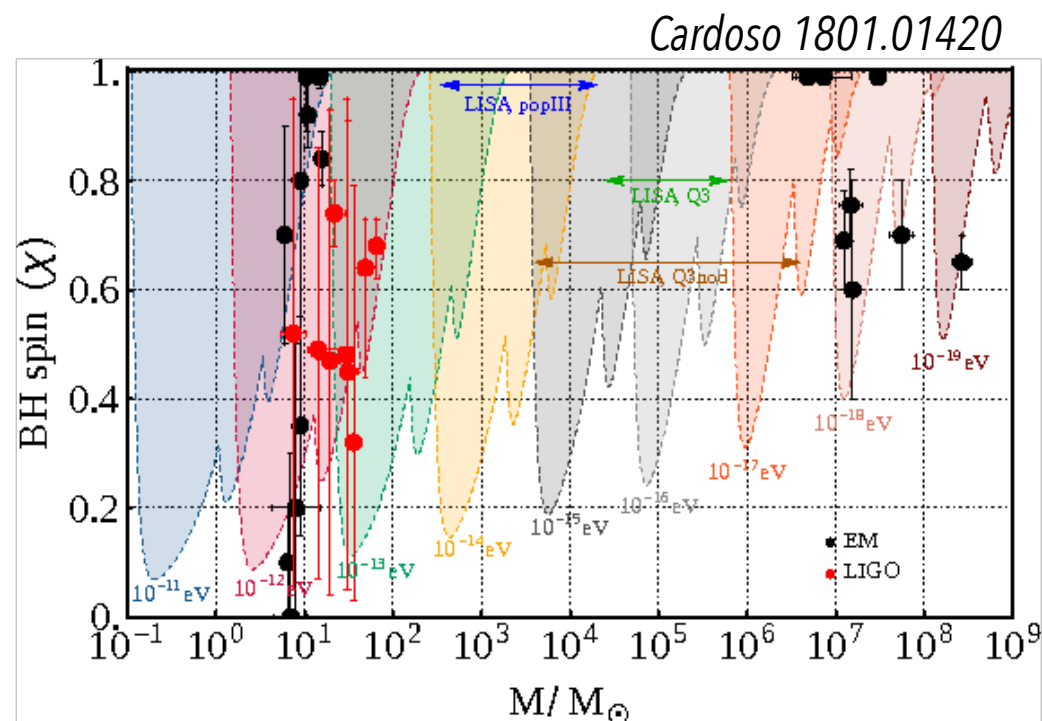


BH superradiance (indep. of DM hypothesis)

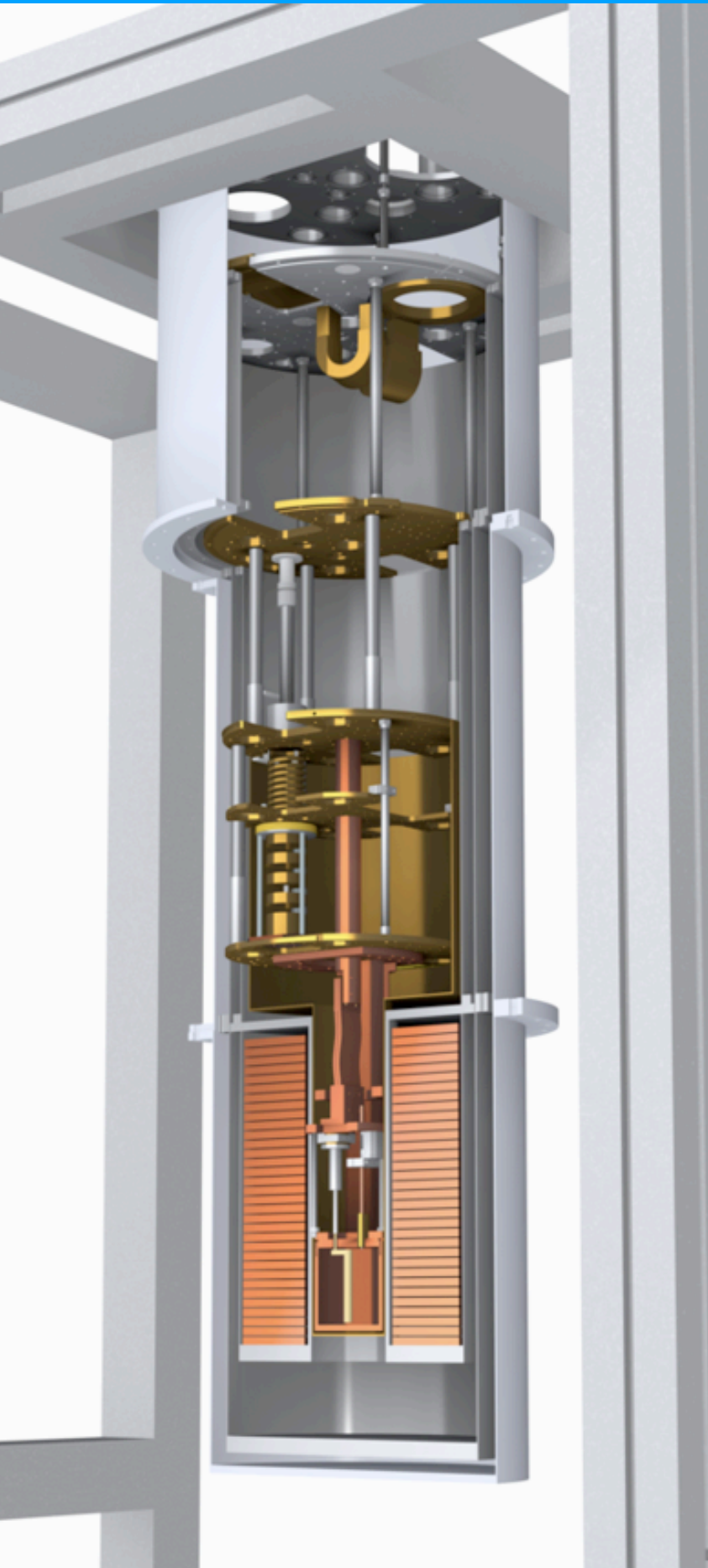
-Black-hole super radiance $R_{\text{BH}} \sim 1/m_A$ BHs with spin can radiate it into axions quite efficiently,



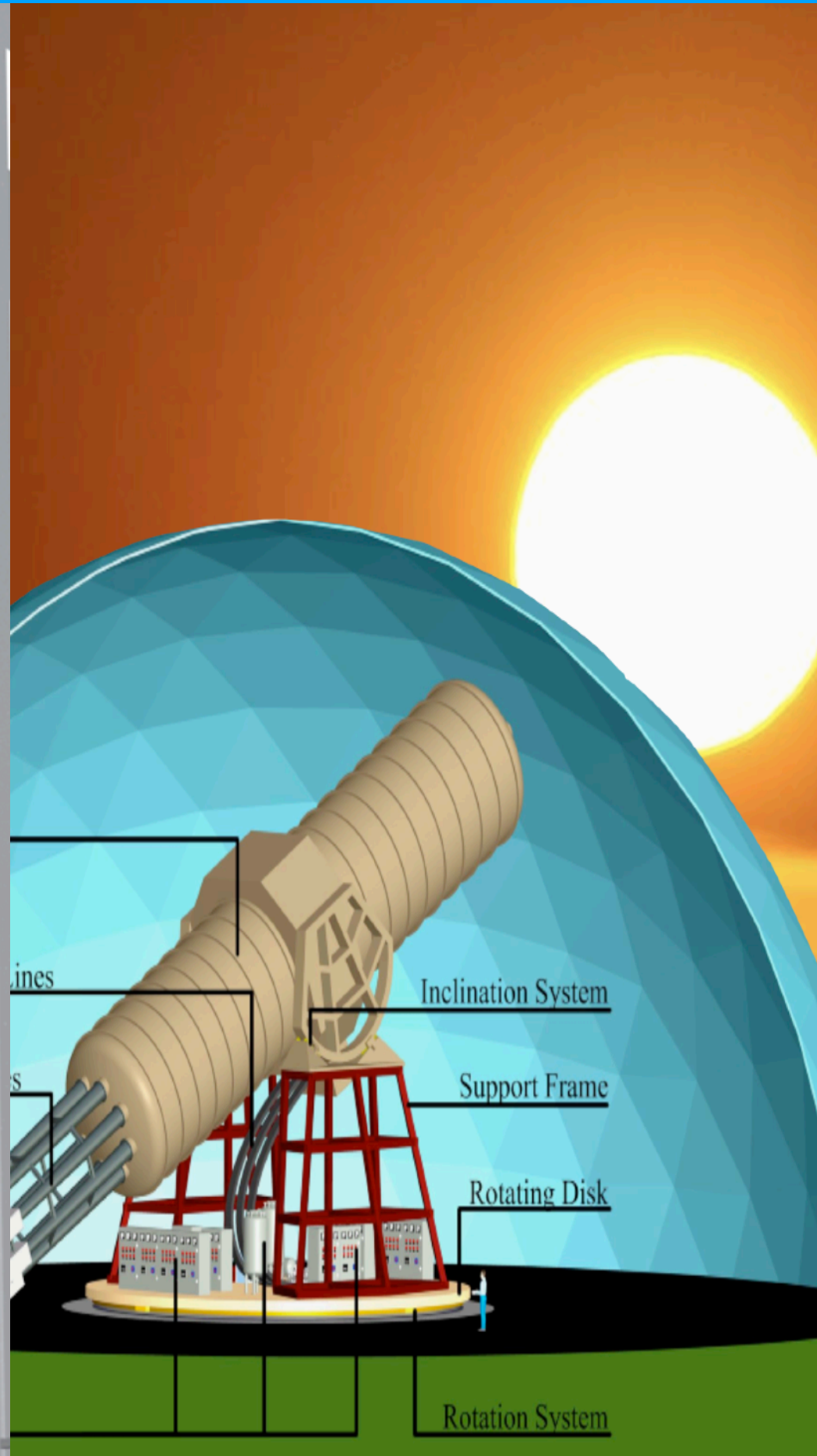
- we observe spin BH's so we can put constraints...



Lab



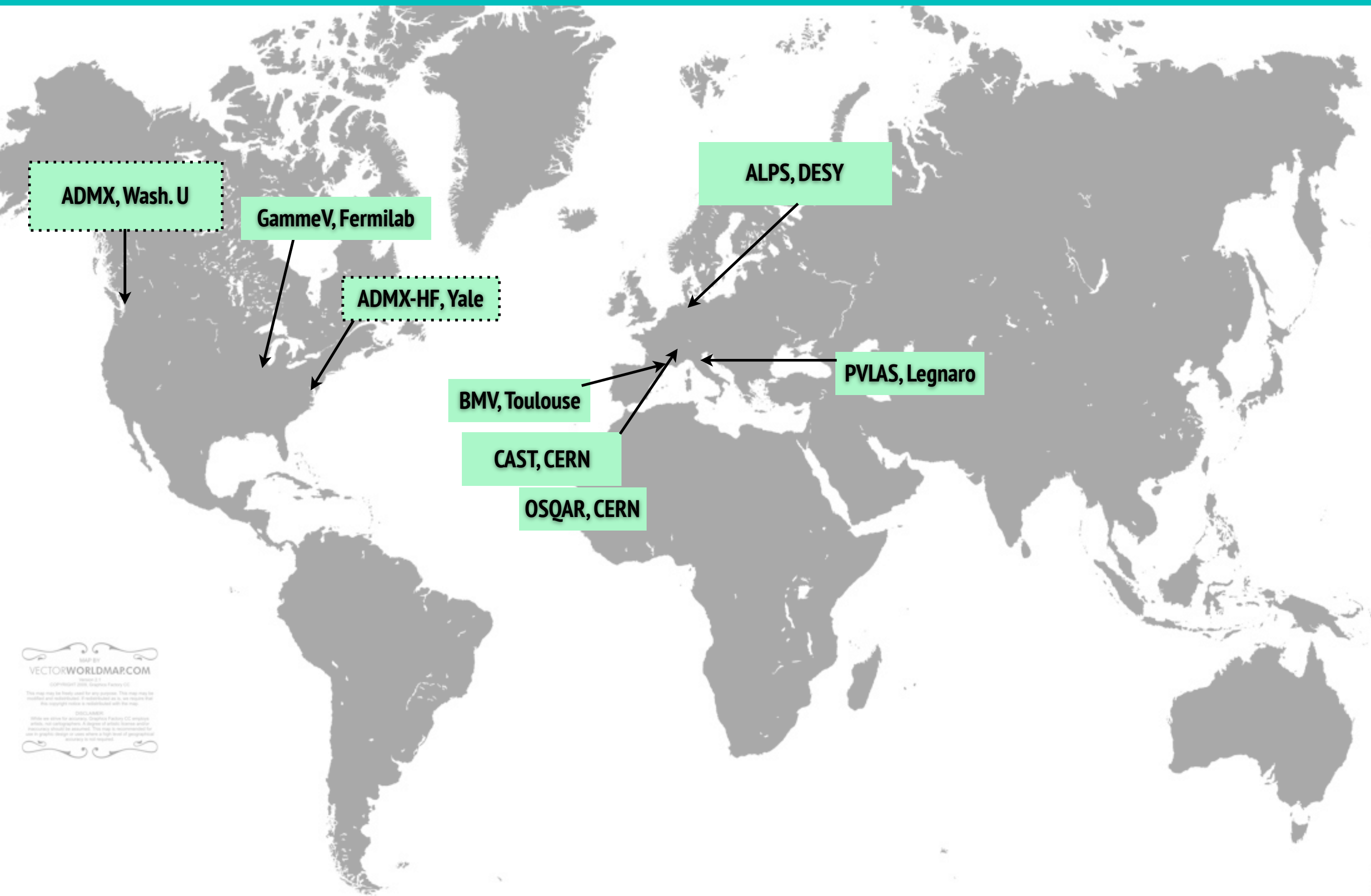
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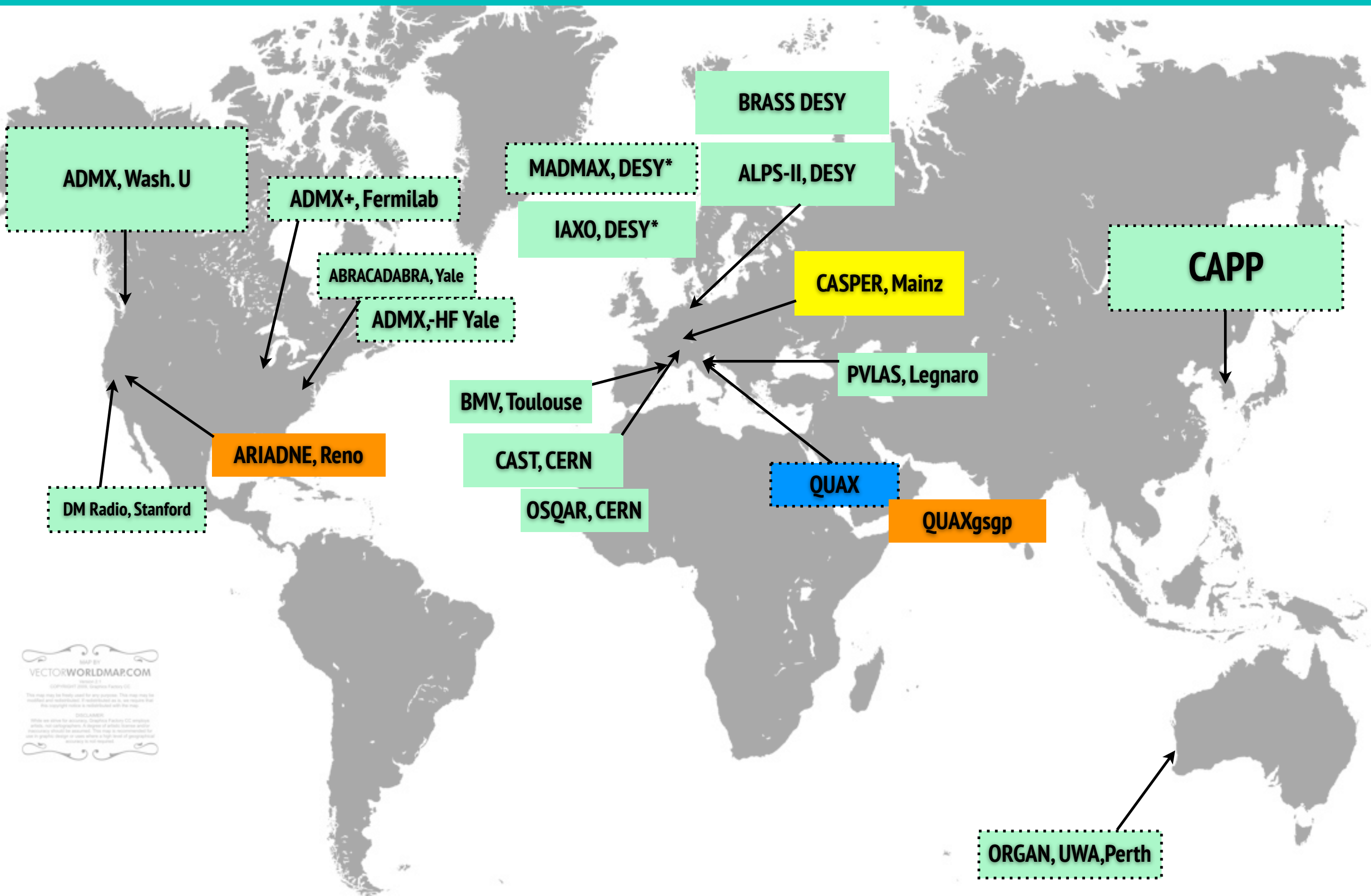
Cosmos



Lab experiments 2011

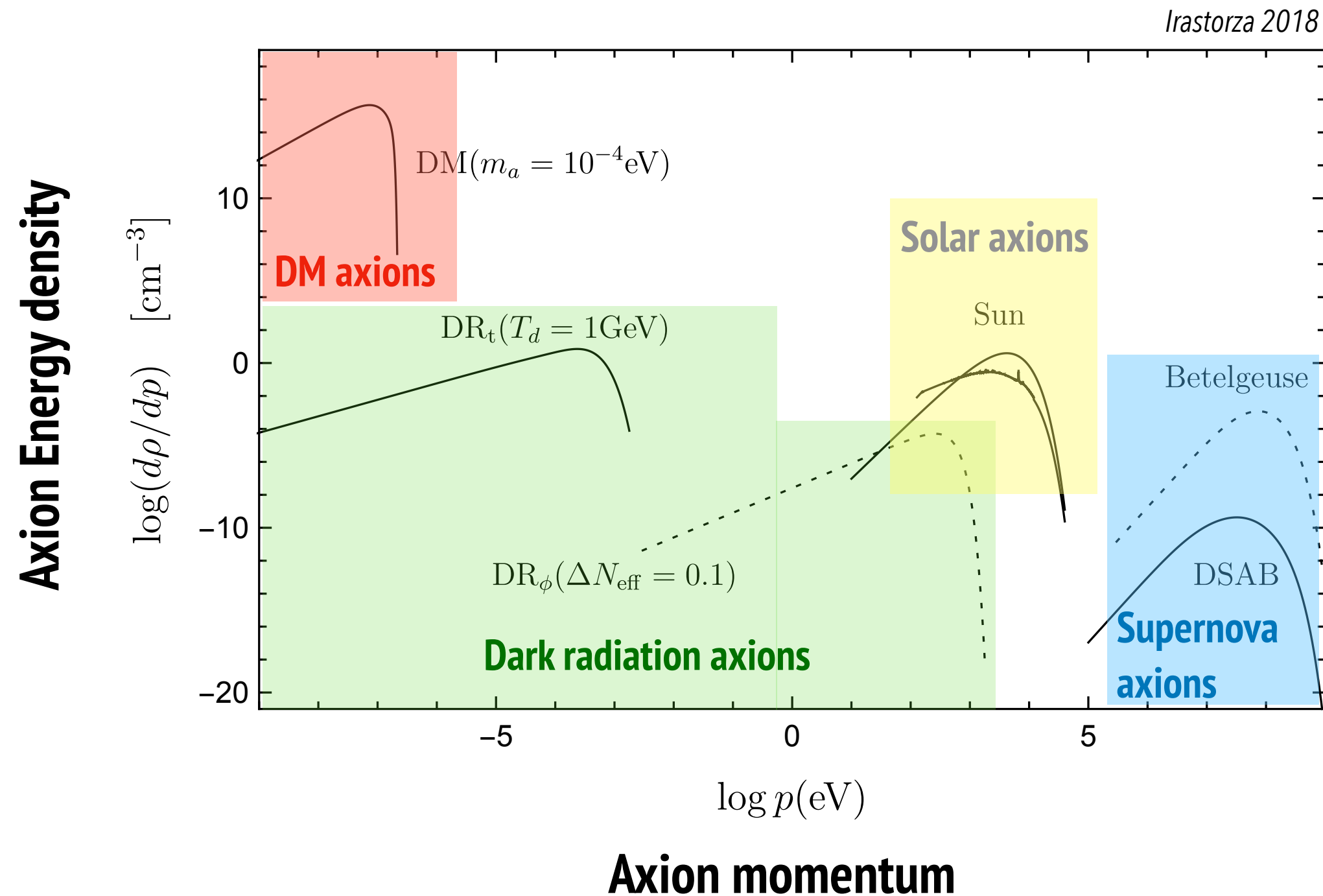


including R&D ~2017

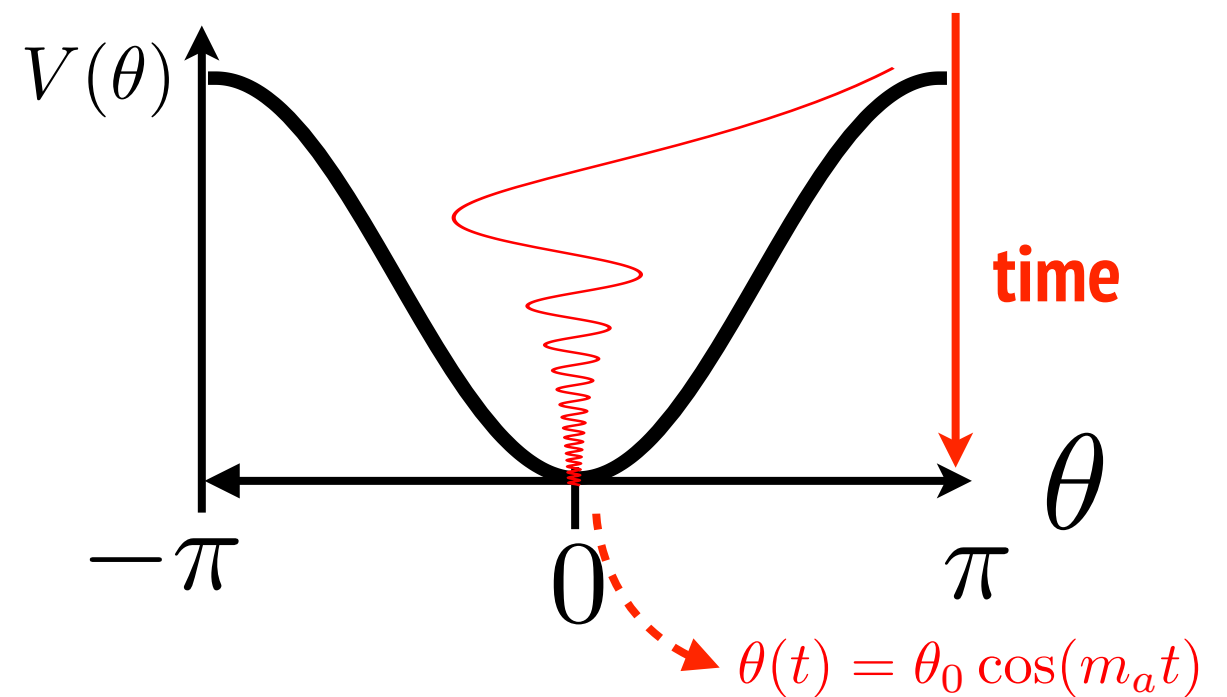


Search for Axions : Natural sources

- Naturally produced axions could be quite copious, save production and focus on detection!

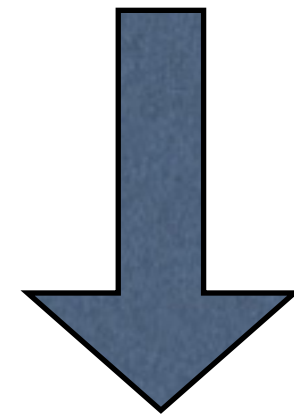


Axion DM in the lab



Local Dark Matter density*

$$\rho_{\text{aDM}} = 0.3 \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

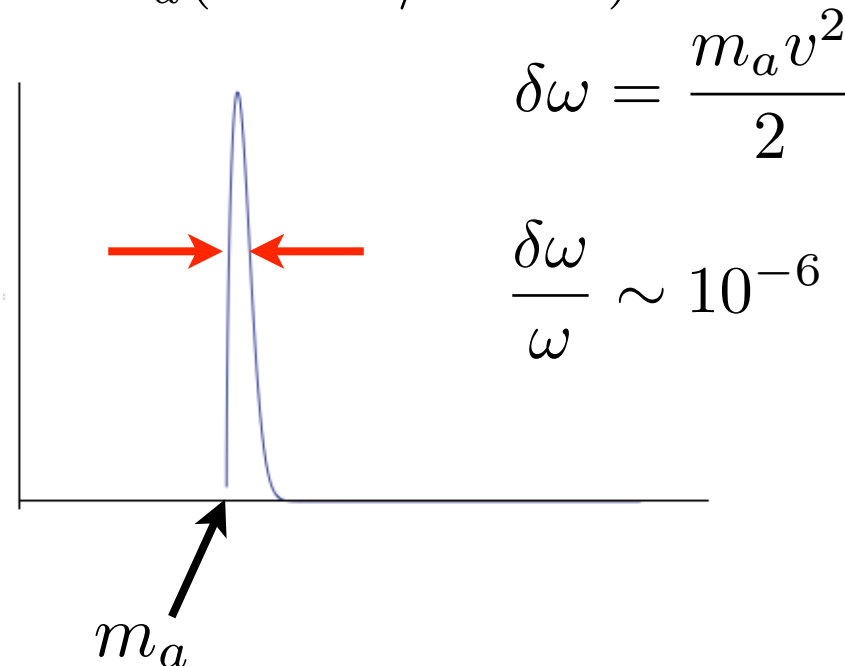


$$\theta_0 = 3.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

Detecting Axion Dark Matter

- $\theta_0 = 3.6 \times 10^{-19}$ is a very small number but, oscillations allow for coherent detection!
- Axion spectrum is not exactly monochromatic, non-zero velocity of DM in the galaxy -> finite width

frequency $\omega \simeq m_a(1 + v^2/2 + \dots)$



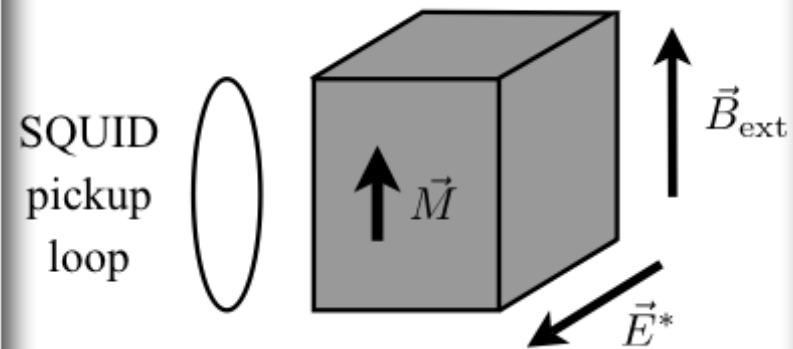
coherence time

$$\delta t \sim \frac{1}{\delta\omega} \sim 0.13\text{ms} \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m_a} \right)$$

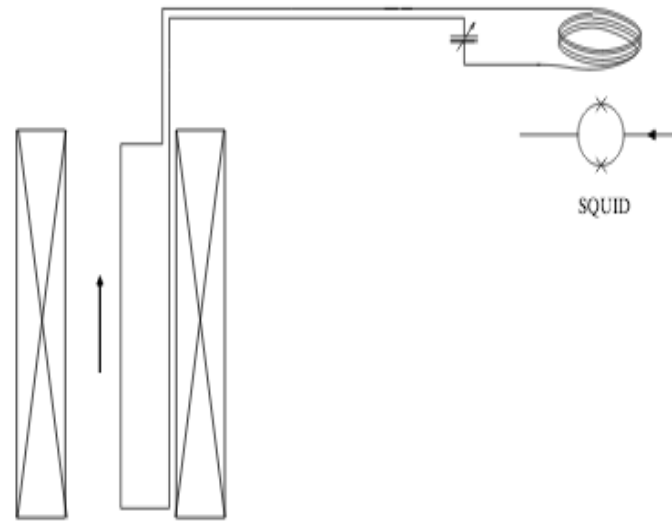
coherence length

$$\delta L \sim \frac{1}{\delta p} \sim 20\text{m} \left(\frac{10^{-5}\text{eV}}{m_a} \right)$$

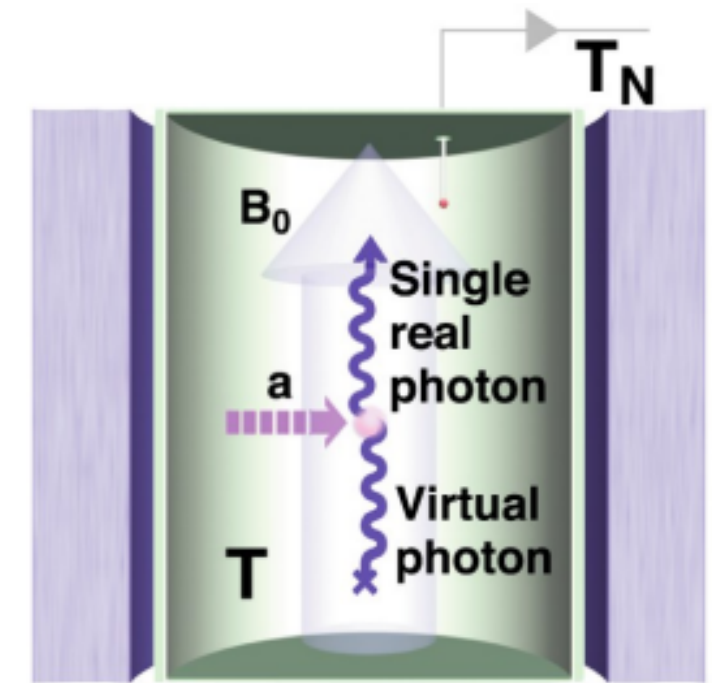
Oscillating EDM



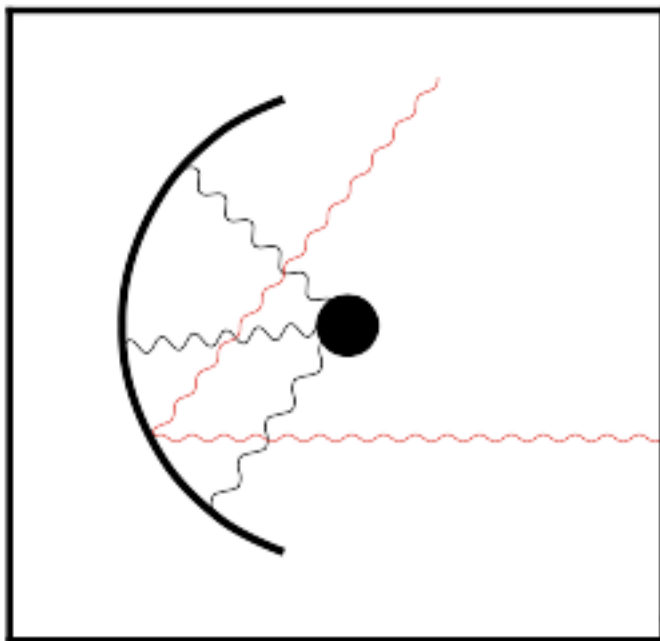
LC-circuit



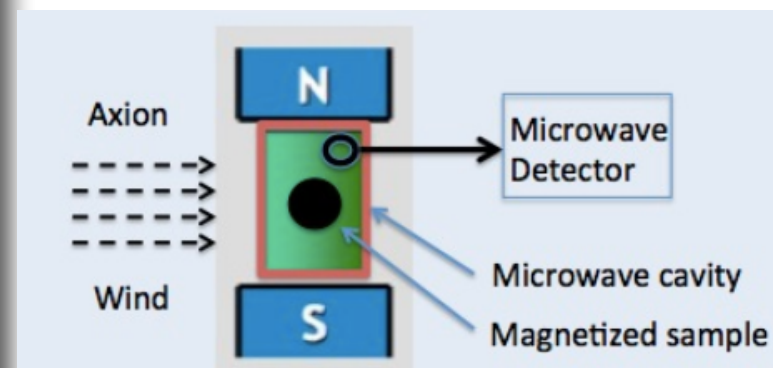
Cavities



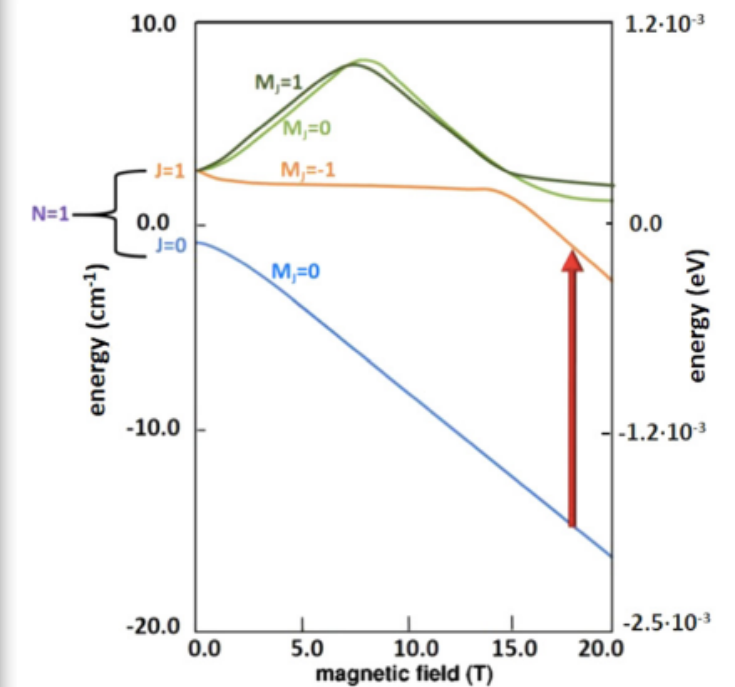
Mirrors



Ferromagnetic resonance



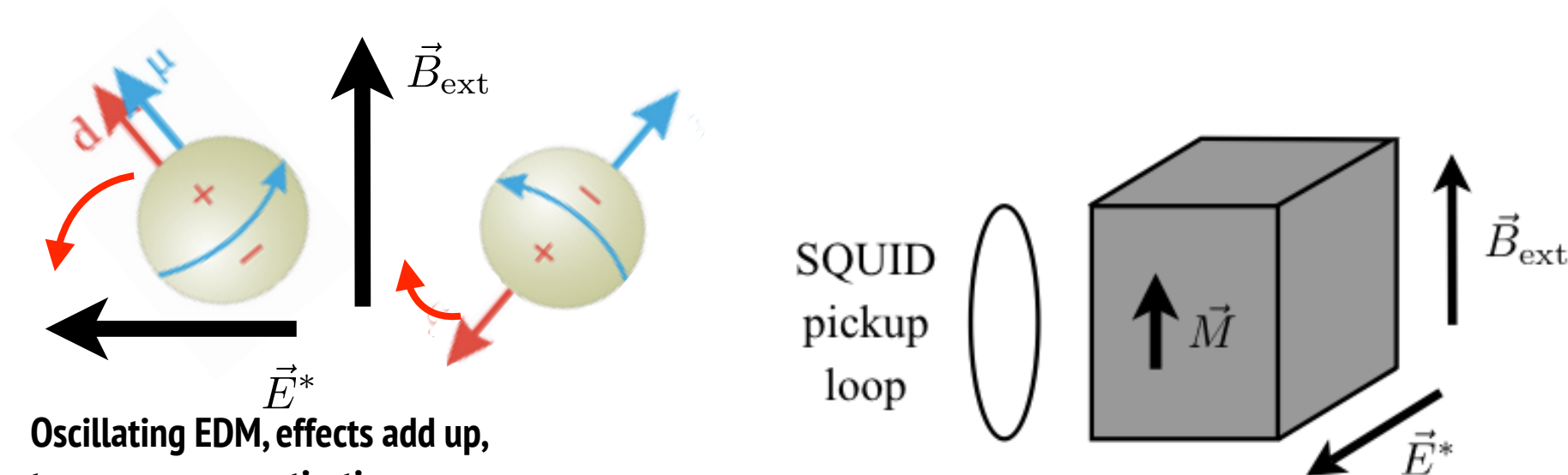
Atomic transitions



CASPER : oscillating EDM with NMR

Mainz, Berkeley

- Oscillating neutron EDM $d_n = -4 \times 10^{-3} \times \theta_0 \cos(m_a t) [\text{e fm}]$



Oscillating EDM, effects add up,
transverse magnetisation grows

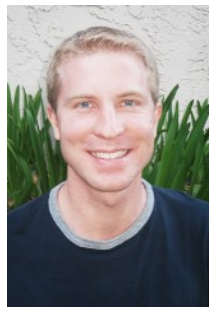
on resonance $m_a = \omega = \mu |\vec{B}_{\text{ext}}|$



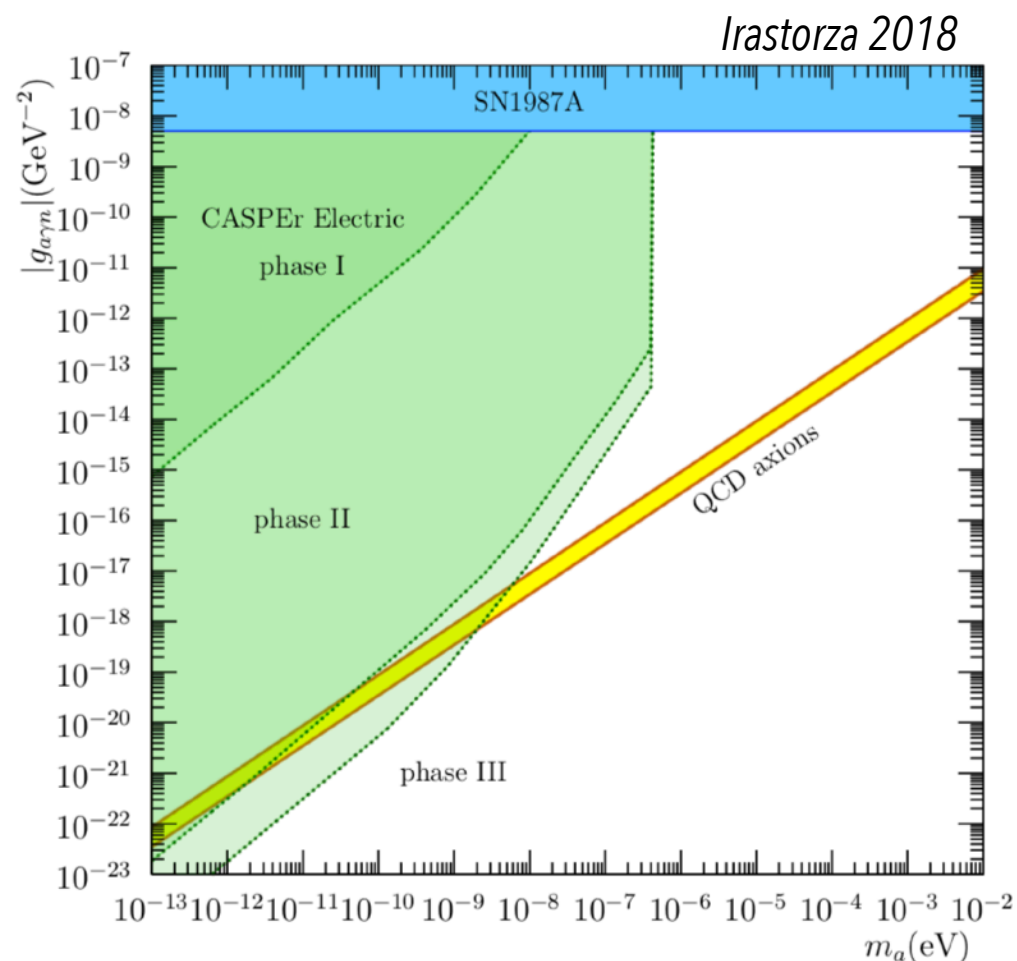
D. Budker



S. Rajendran



P. Graham



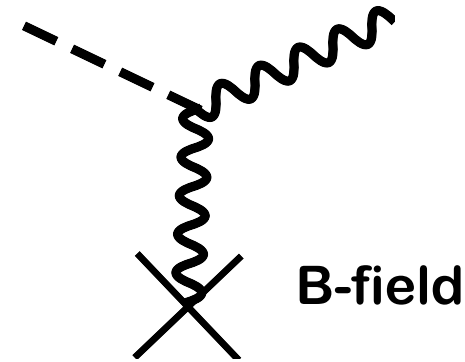
- EDM + Large E-fields in PbTiO₃
- Scan over frequencies, with B_{ext}
- Mainz (D. Budker's group) & Berkeley
- Phase I starts in 2017, Phase II physics results ...
- Mass range limited by B-field strength

Axion DM in a B-field

- Axion photon coupling in a strong B-field becomes a source of E-field

$$\mathcal{L}_I = -C_{a\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \theta(t) \mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

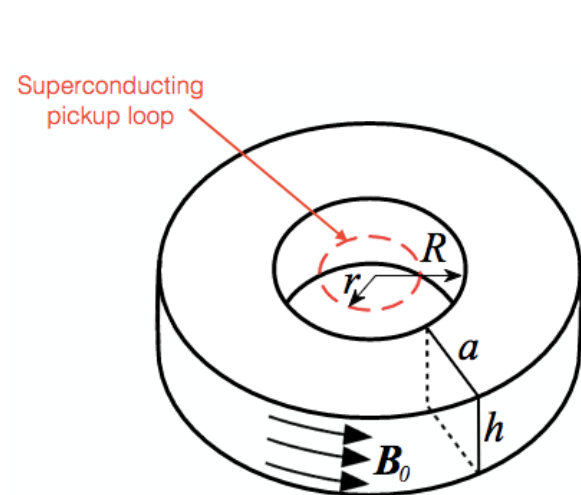
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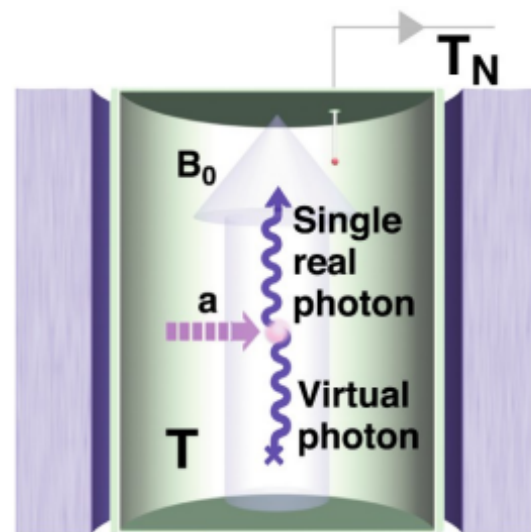
E-field $E \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-12} \text{V/m}) \frac{|\mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}}|}{10 \text{ T}} C_{a\gamma} \times \cos(m_a t)$

Power $P/\text{Area} \sim |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 \sim 2 \times 10^{-27} \left(\frac{B}{5\text{T}} \frac{C_{a\gamma}}{2} \right)^2 \frac{\text{Watt}}{1 \text{ m}^2}$

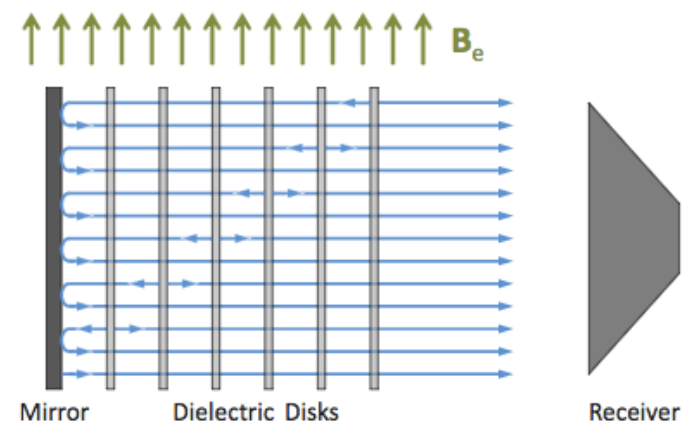
- Four different techniques:



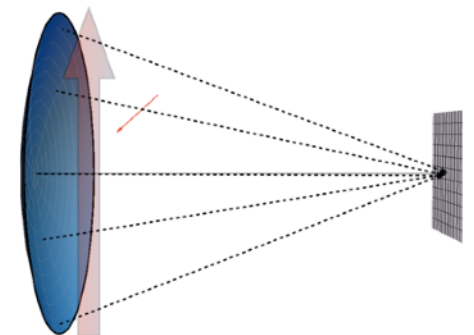
DM Radio



Cavities



Dielectric haloscope



Dish antenna

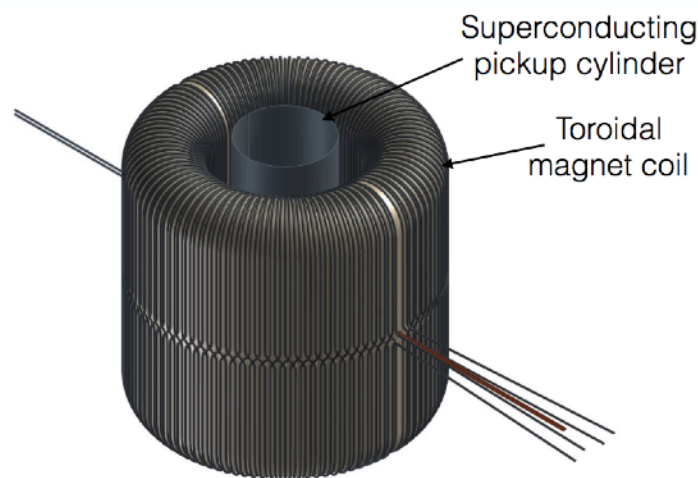
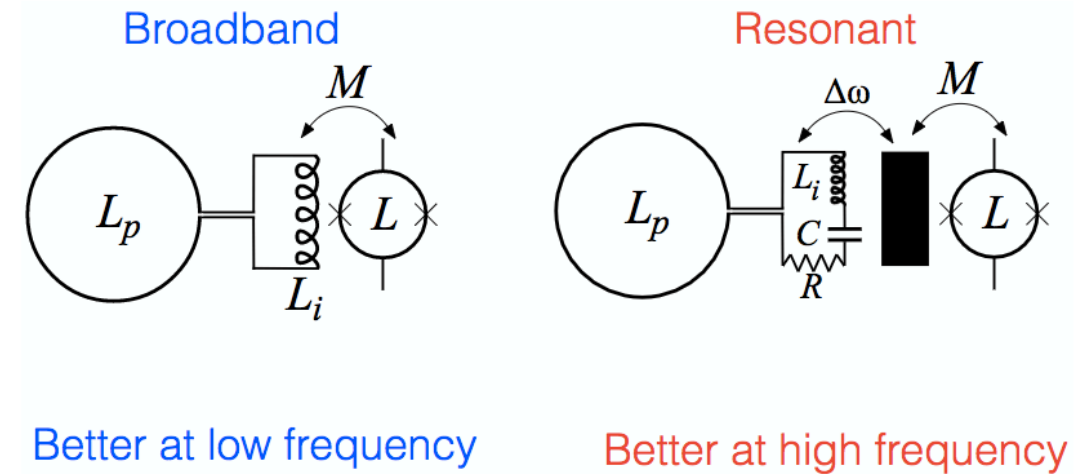
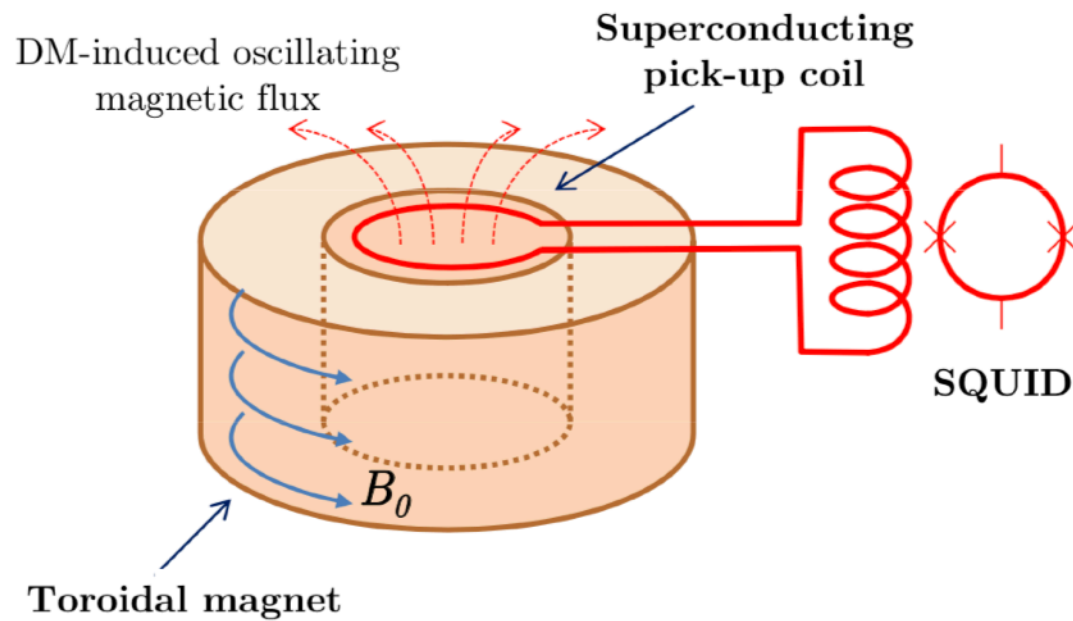
DM Radio

- Toroidal axion-induced E-field generates oscillating B-field along z

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Chaudhuri PRD92 (2015)

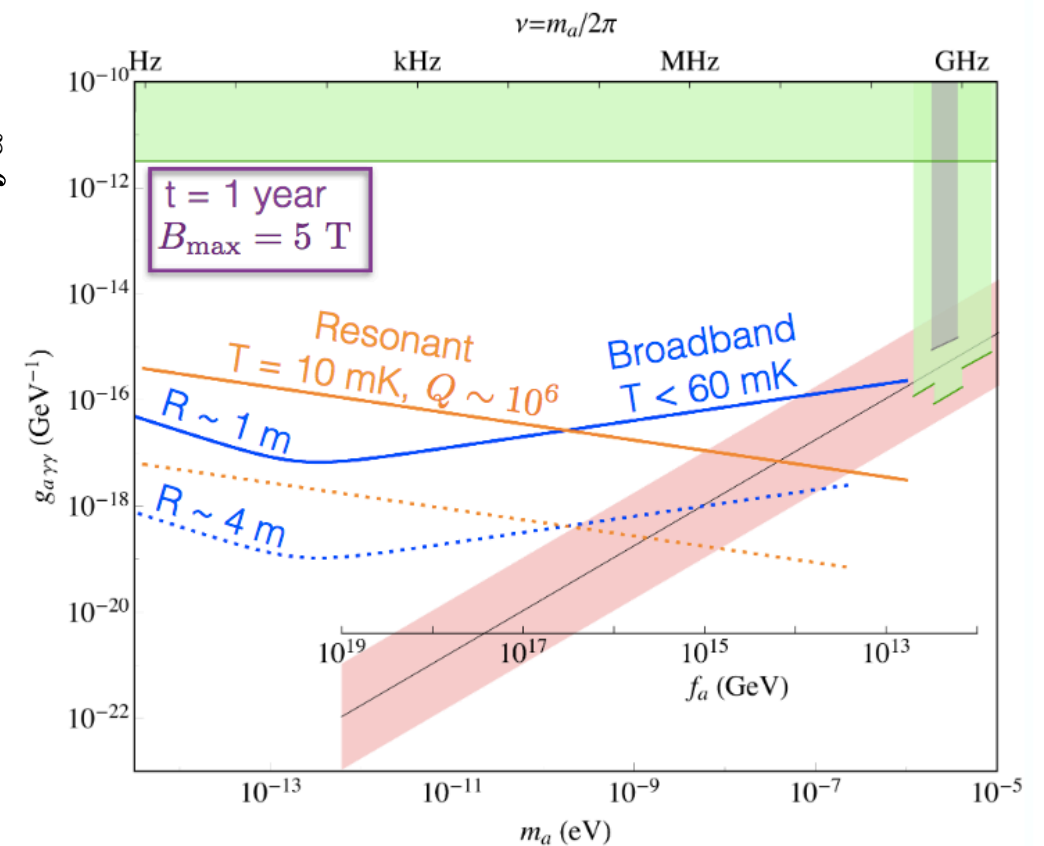
Kahn PRL 117 (2016)



ABRACADABRA (MIT)

10 cm, 1m, 4m ...

axion coupling $\propto \frac{1}{2\pi f_a}$

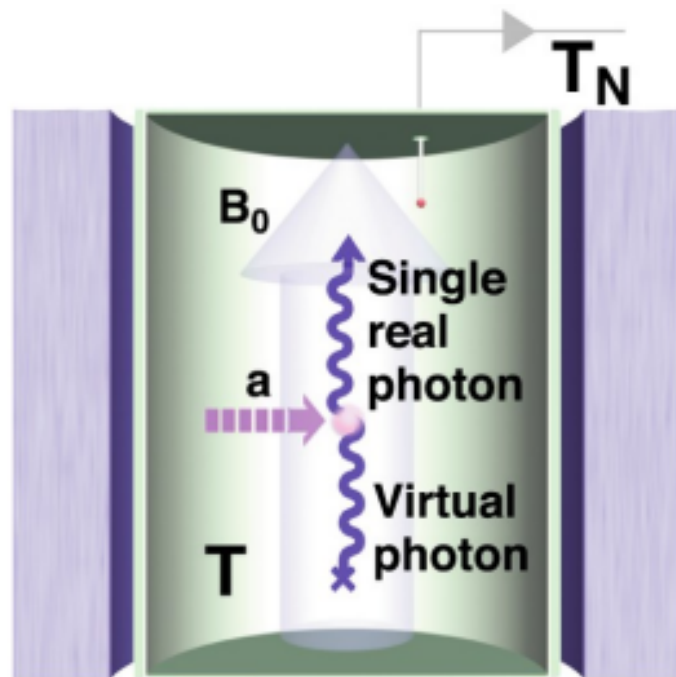


Resonant cavities: haloscopes



P. Sikivie

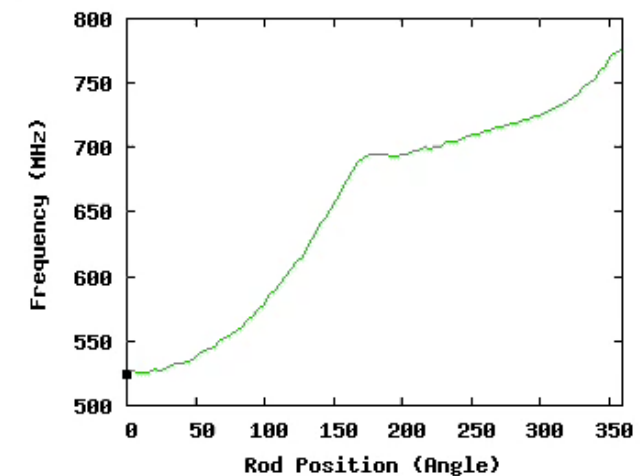
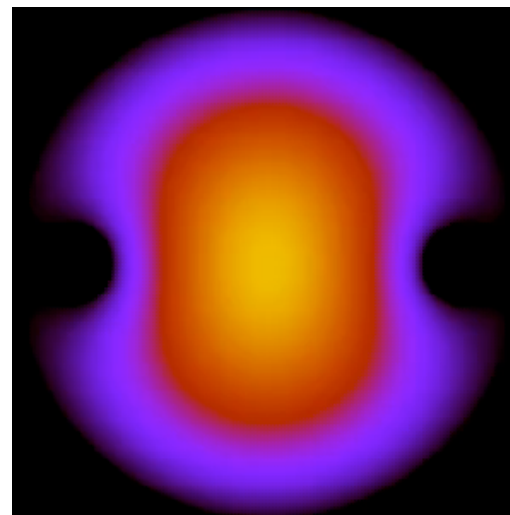
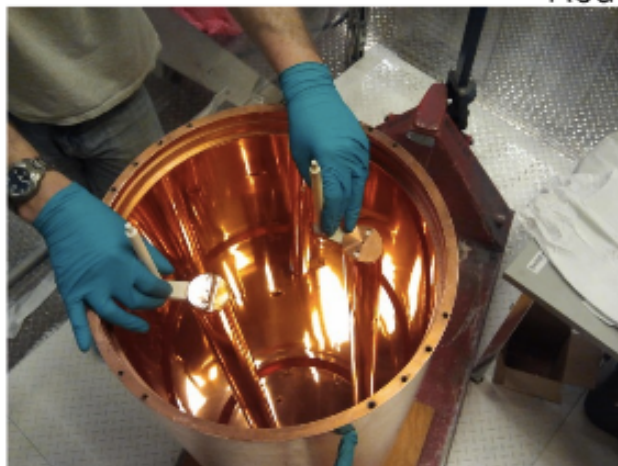
- Boost the axion-generated E-field in a tuned resonant cavity



$$P_{\text{out}} \sim Q |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 V m_a$$

- Cavity quality factor $Q \sim 10^5$
- B-fields $B \sim 10\text{T}$
- Volume $\sim 1/m_a^3$ (typically a few liters)
- Temperature $T \sim 0.2 - 4\text{K}$
- System T $\sim$ Quantum limited (SQUID, JPA)

Scanning over frequencies



- At high freq. limited by small volume and high noise
- At low freq. by getting a large enough B-field

Cavity experiments

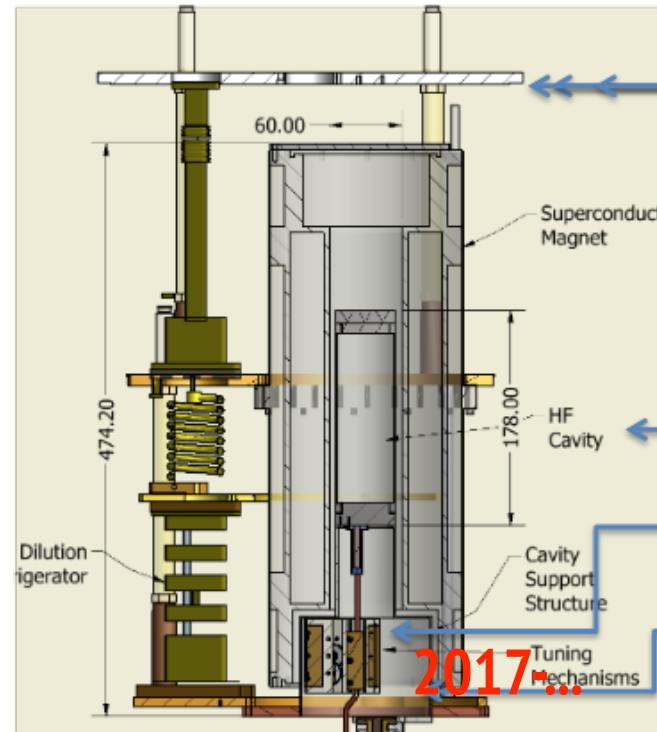
- Physical dimensions $L \sim 1/m_a$

ADMX-Seattle



new data!!!

CULTASK - CAPP - Korea



2017-...

ORGAN-UWA Perth



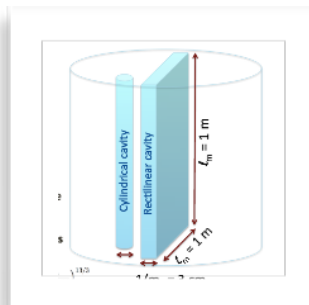
2017-...

HAYSTAC-Yale

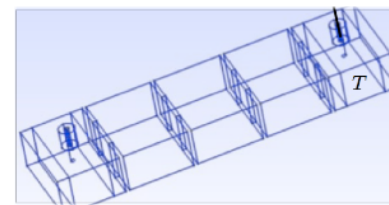


2016-...

ADMX-Fermilab



RADES



2017-...

CAST-CAPP



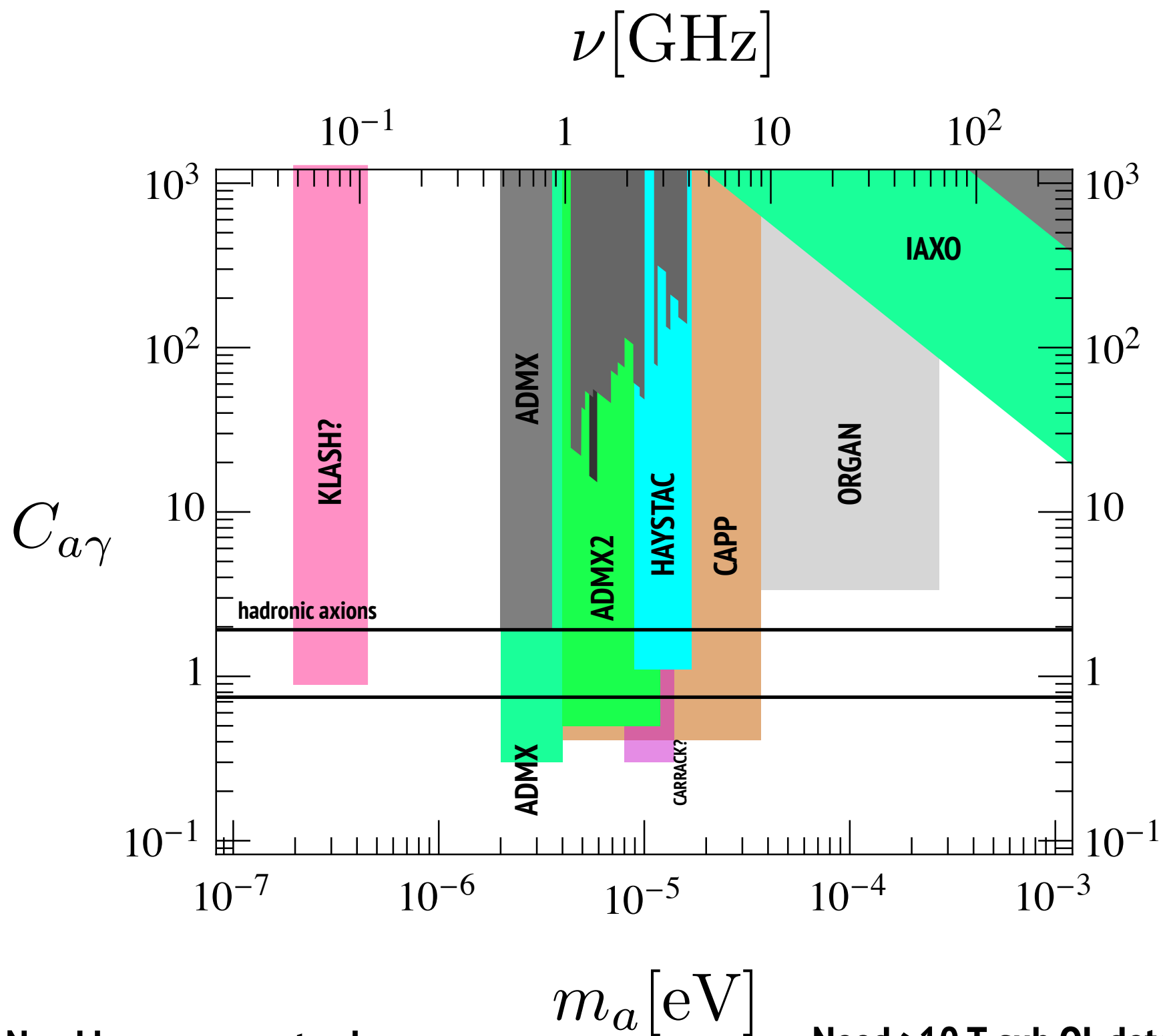
2017-...

KLASH?



??-...

Projected optimistic sensitivities



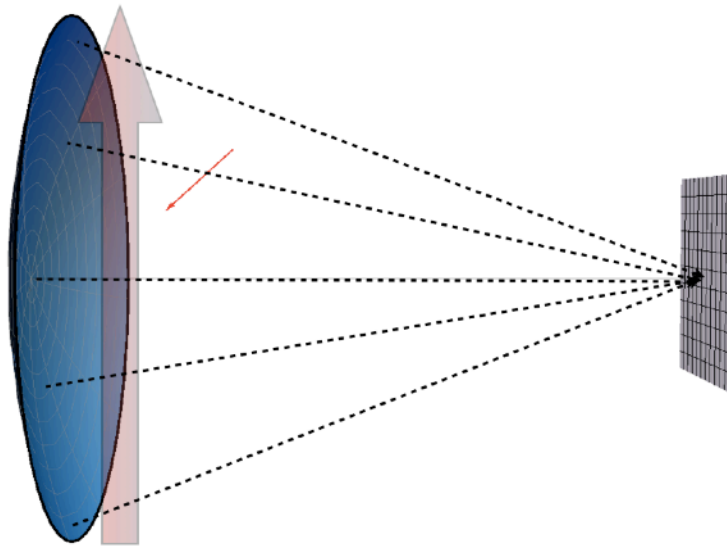
- Need larger magnet volume

- Need >10 T, sub QL detection, $Q \sim 10^6$

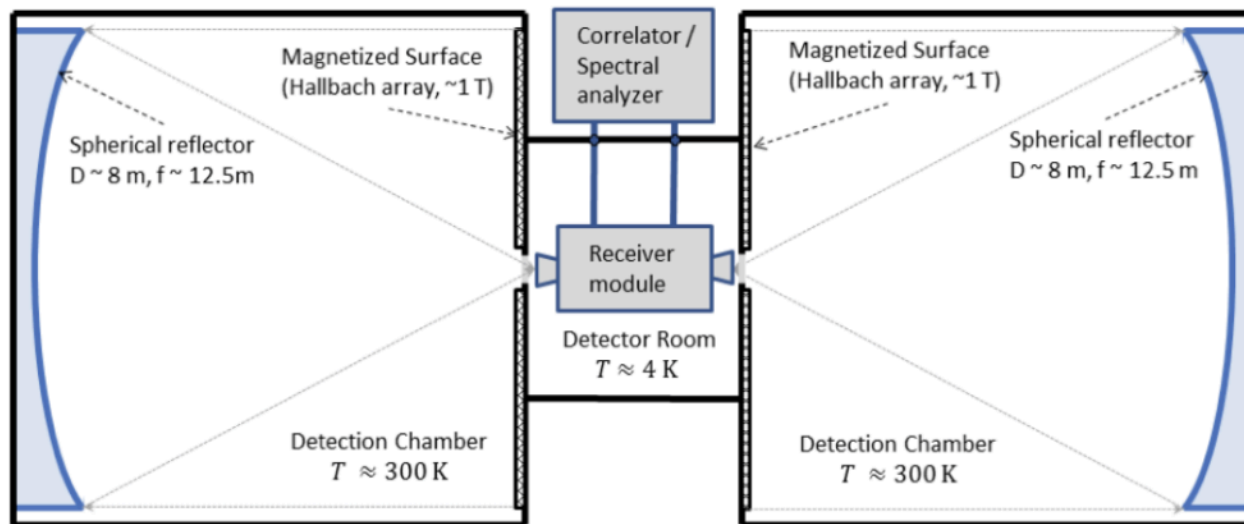
- or combine many cavities ...

Dish antenna

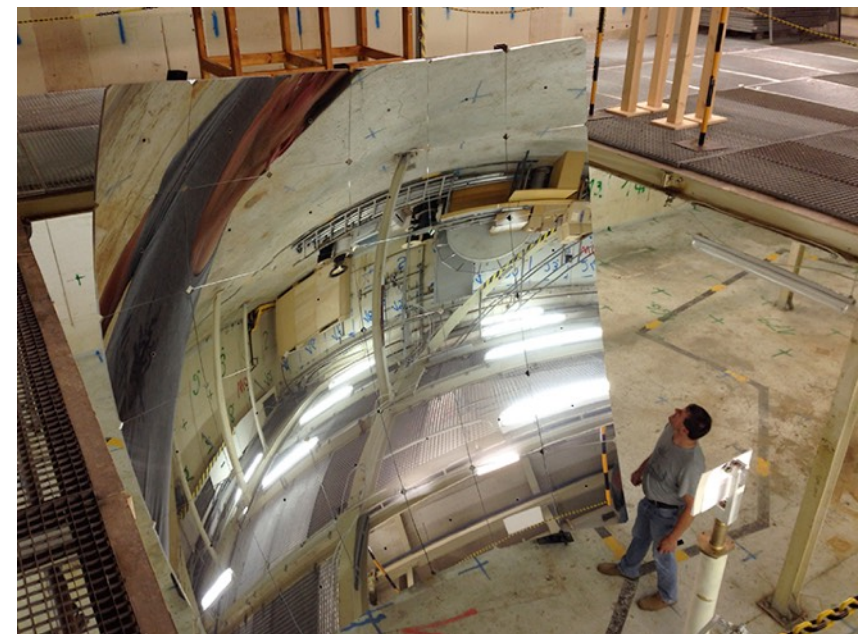
- Detect radiated power from a huge ($A m_a^2 \gg 10^6$) magnetised dish
- Broadband, no resonance enhancement; Only detector needs to be at T~mK (high reflectivity dish)
- Magnetise Area with permanent-magnets, photon counting?



$$P/Area \sim |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 \sim 2 \times 10^{-27} \left(\frac{B}{5T} \frac{C_{a\gamma}}{2} \right)^2 \frac{\text{Watt}}{1 \text{ m}^2}$$



BRASS @ Hamburg

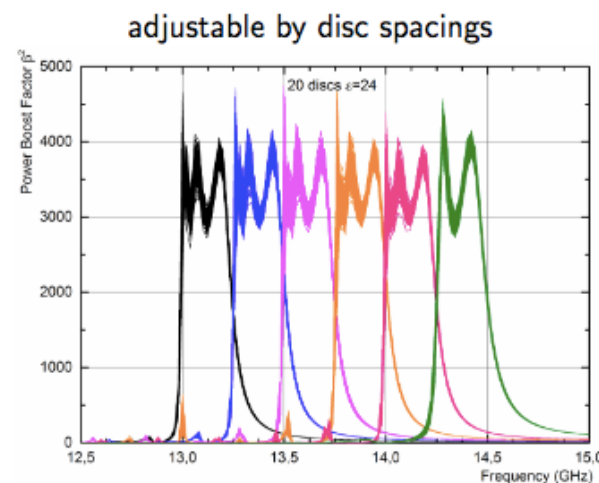
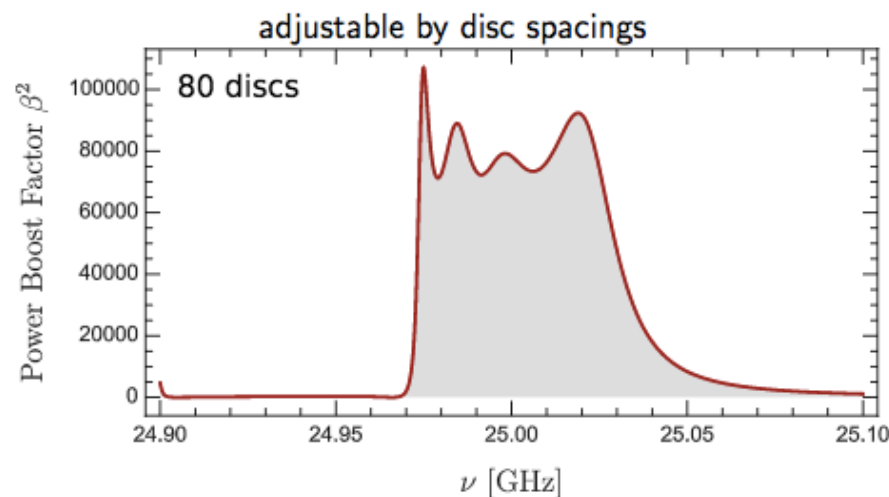
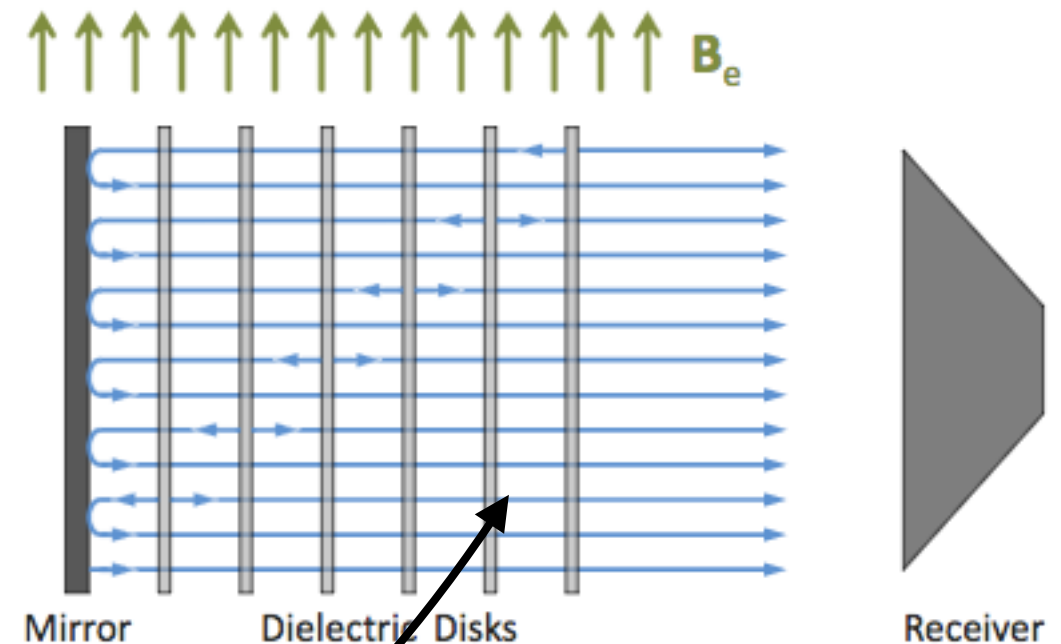
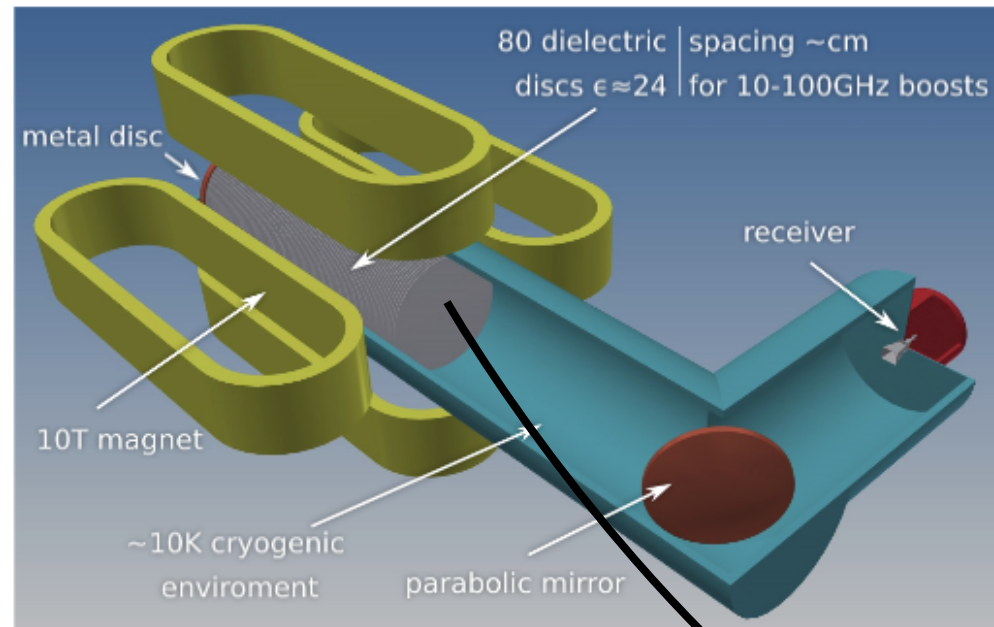


FUNK experiment (KIT)

Dielectric haloscope : MADMAX

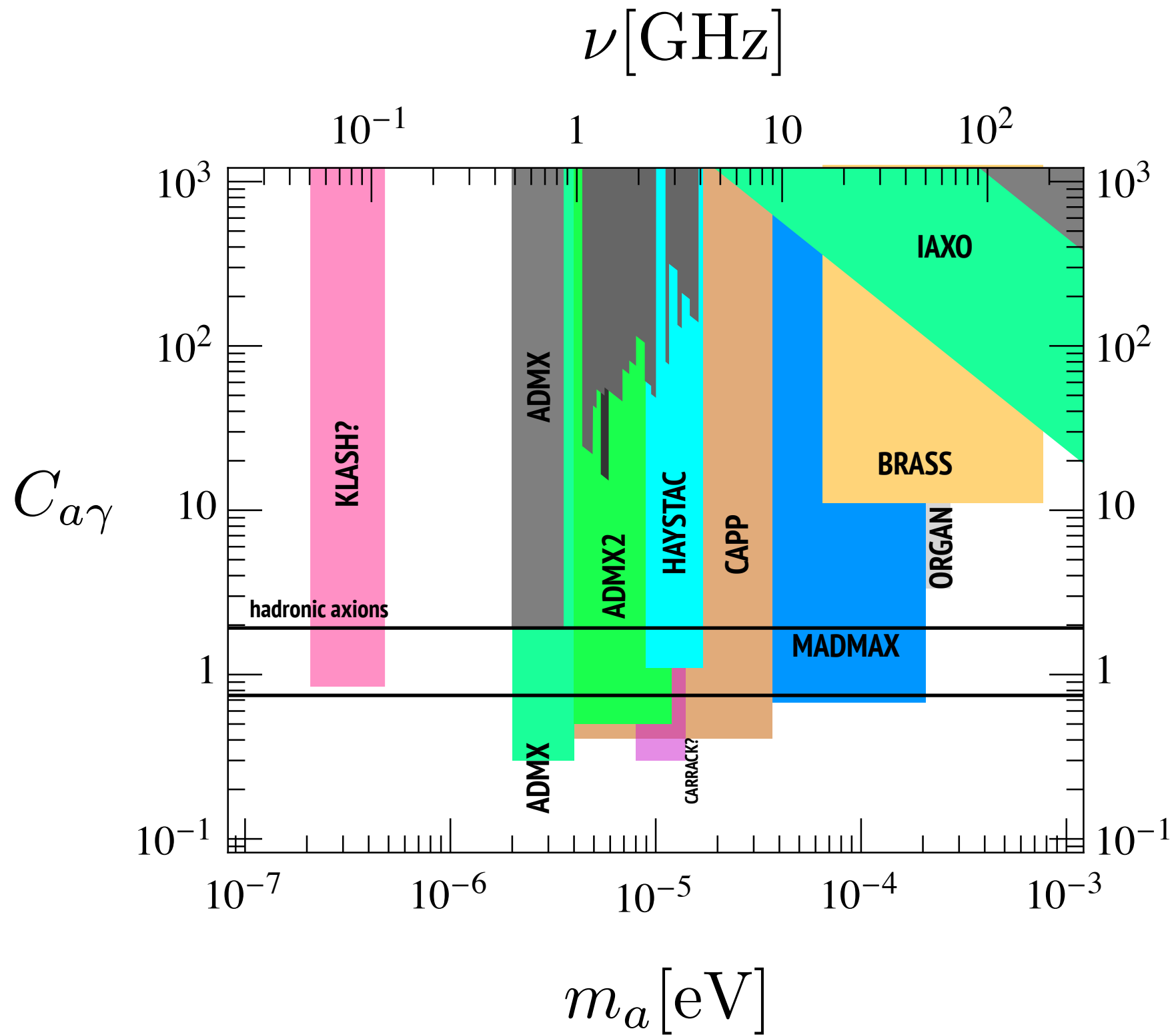
- Hybrid system, large area + multiple emitters + a bit of resonant enhancement

$$\frac{P}{Area} \sim 2 \times 10^{-27} \frac{W}{m^2} \left(\frac{c_\gamma}{2} \frac{B_{||}}{5T} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon} \times \beta(\omega) \quad \text{boost factor}$$

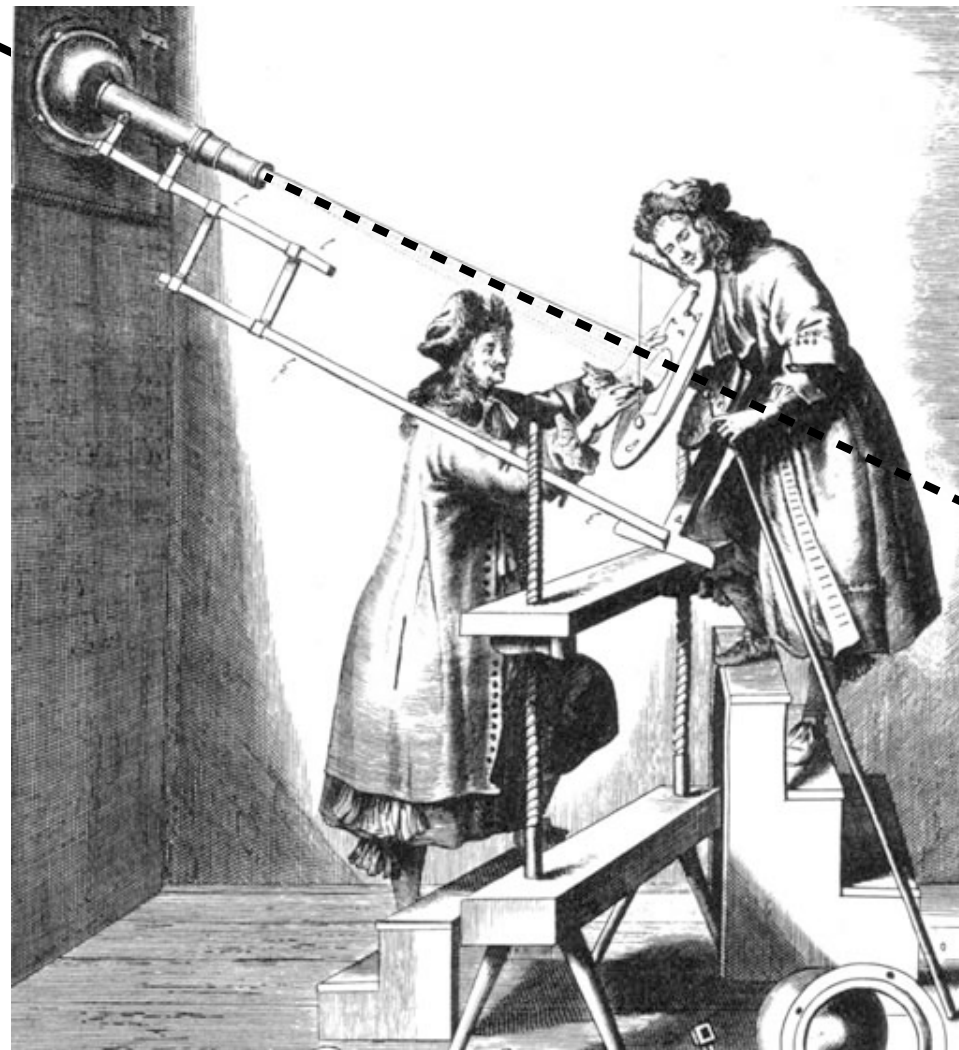
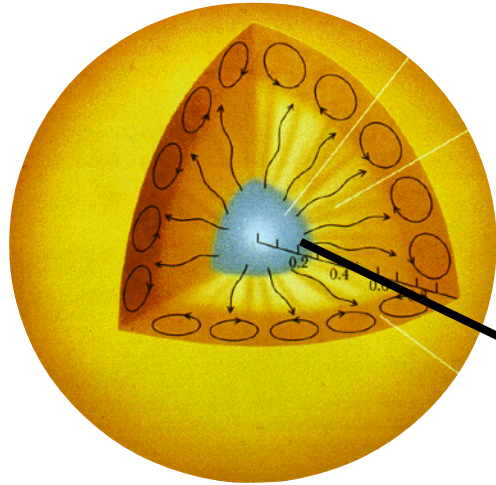


MADMAX: MAgnetised Disk and Mirror Axion eXperiment: MPP Munich, Hamburg Uni, DESY, Saclay, Zaragoza U

Projected sensitivities

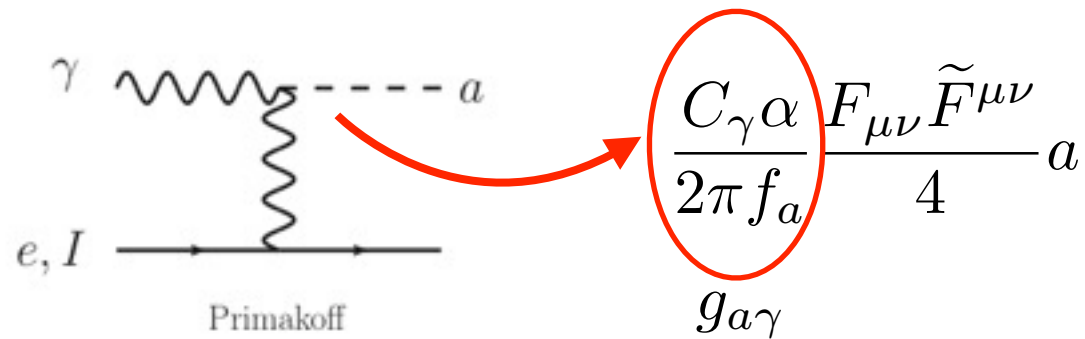


1.2 Detecting Solar Axions : Helioscopes

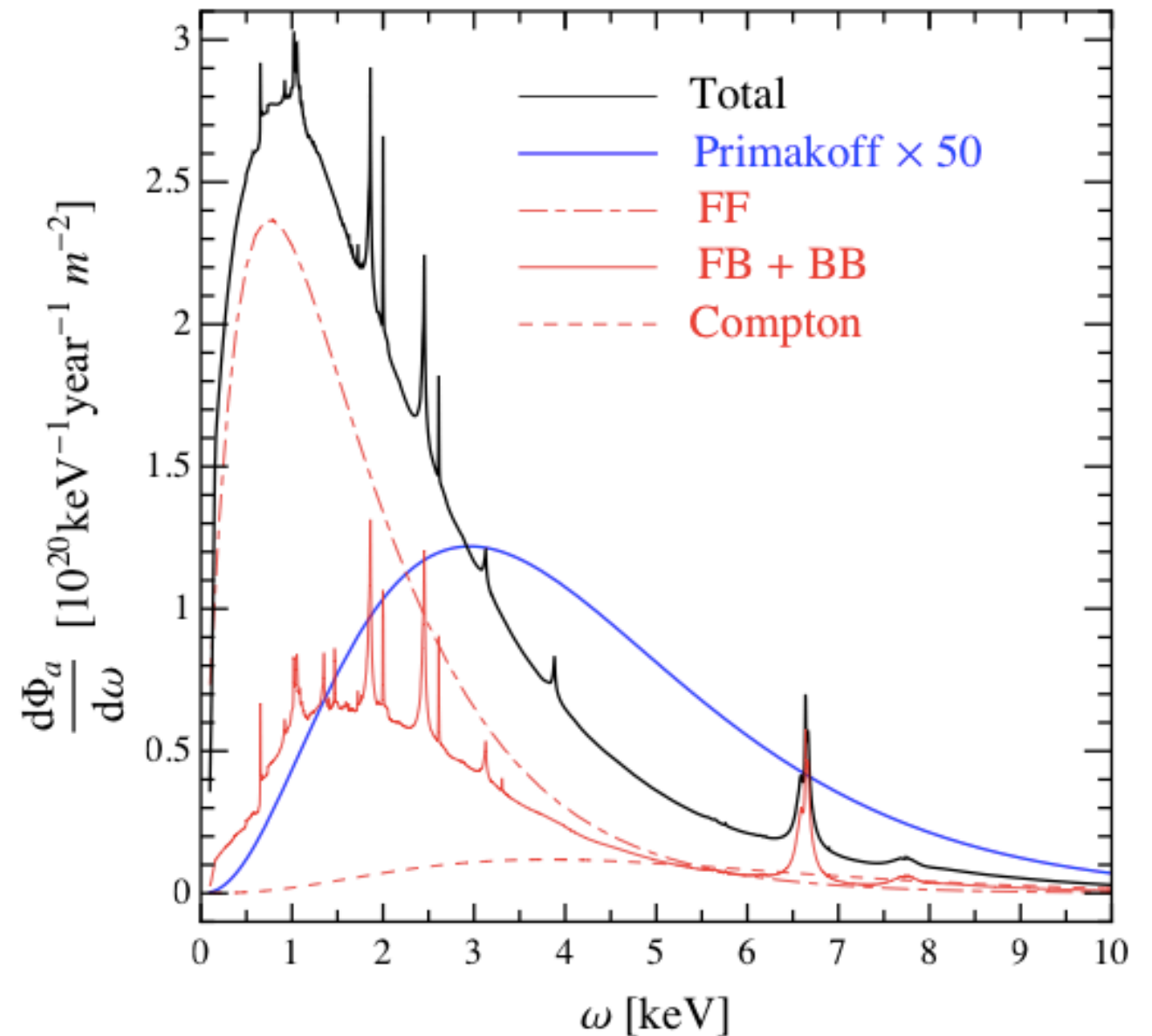
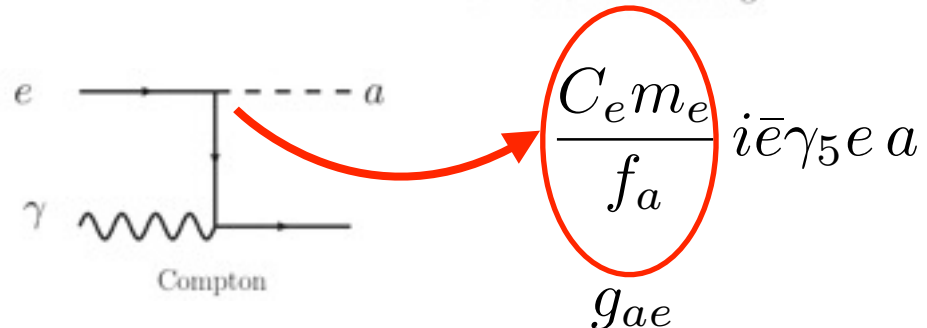
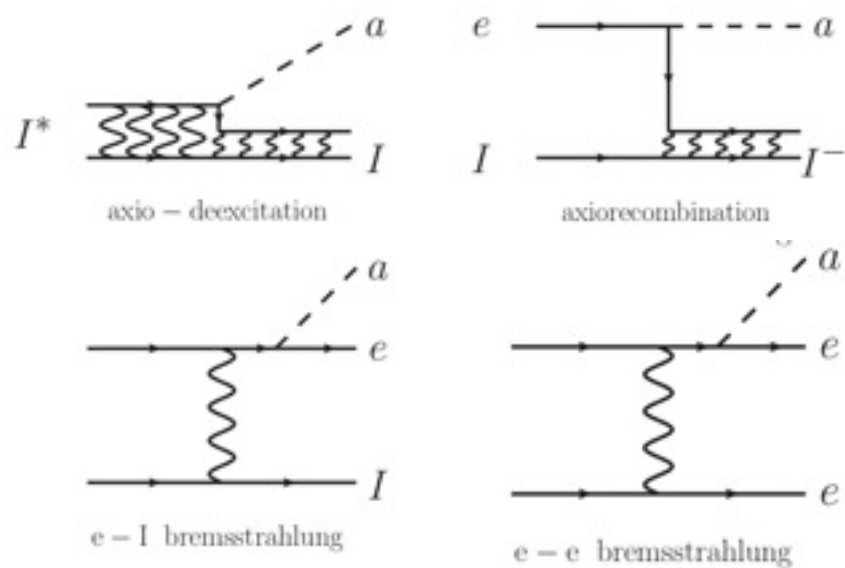


Axions from the Sun

Hadronic axions (KSVZ)



Non hadronic (DFSZ, e-coupling!)



$$g_{ae} = 10^{-13}$$

$$g_{a\gamma} = 10^{-12} \text{GeV}^{-1}$$

typical of meV mass axions

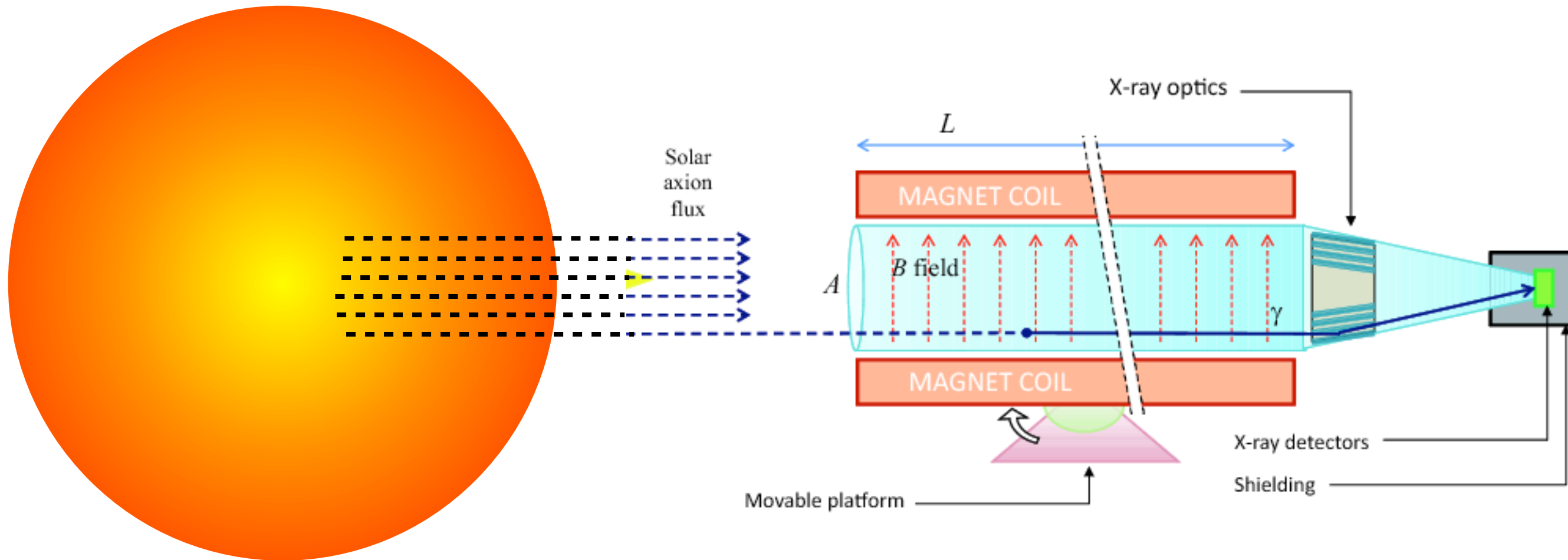
Helioscopes

The Sun is a copious emitter of axions!

convert into X-rays

focus

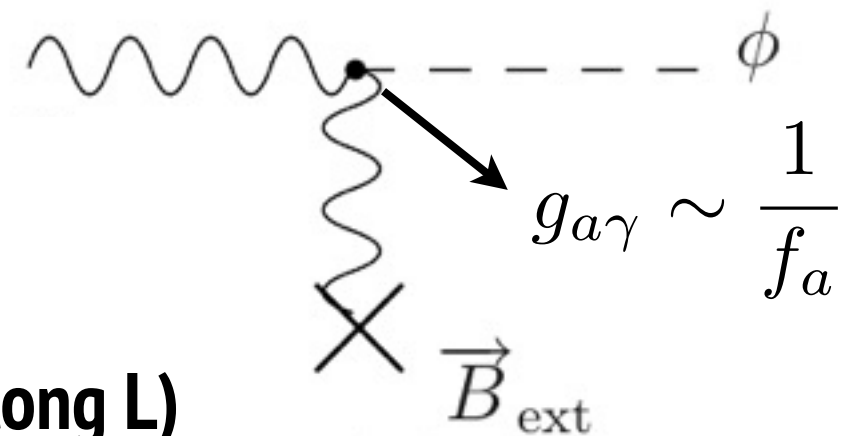
detect



Conversion probability

$$P(a \leftrightarrow \gamma) = \left(\frac{2g_{a\gamma} B_T \omega}{m_a^2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{m_a^2 L}{4\omega} \right)$$

$$P(a \leftrightarrow \gamma) \sim 10^{-20} \left(\frac{B}{3 \text{ T}} \frac{L}{20 \text{ m}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{coherence along } L)$$



Past and the future

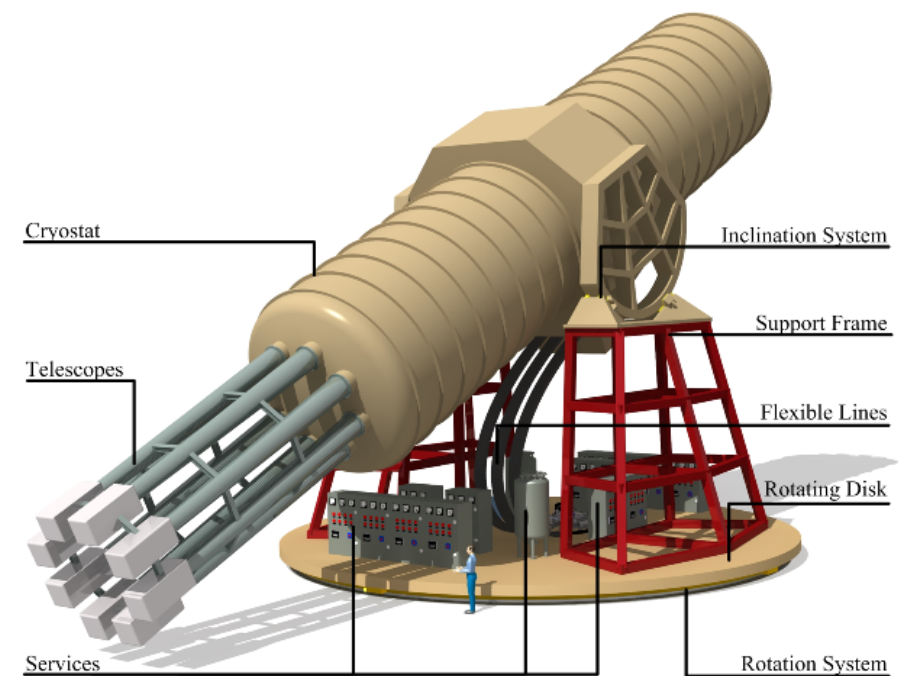
CAST (LHC dipole 9.3 m, 9T)



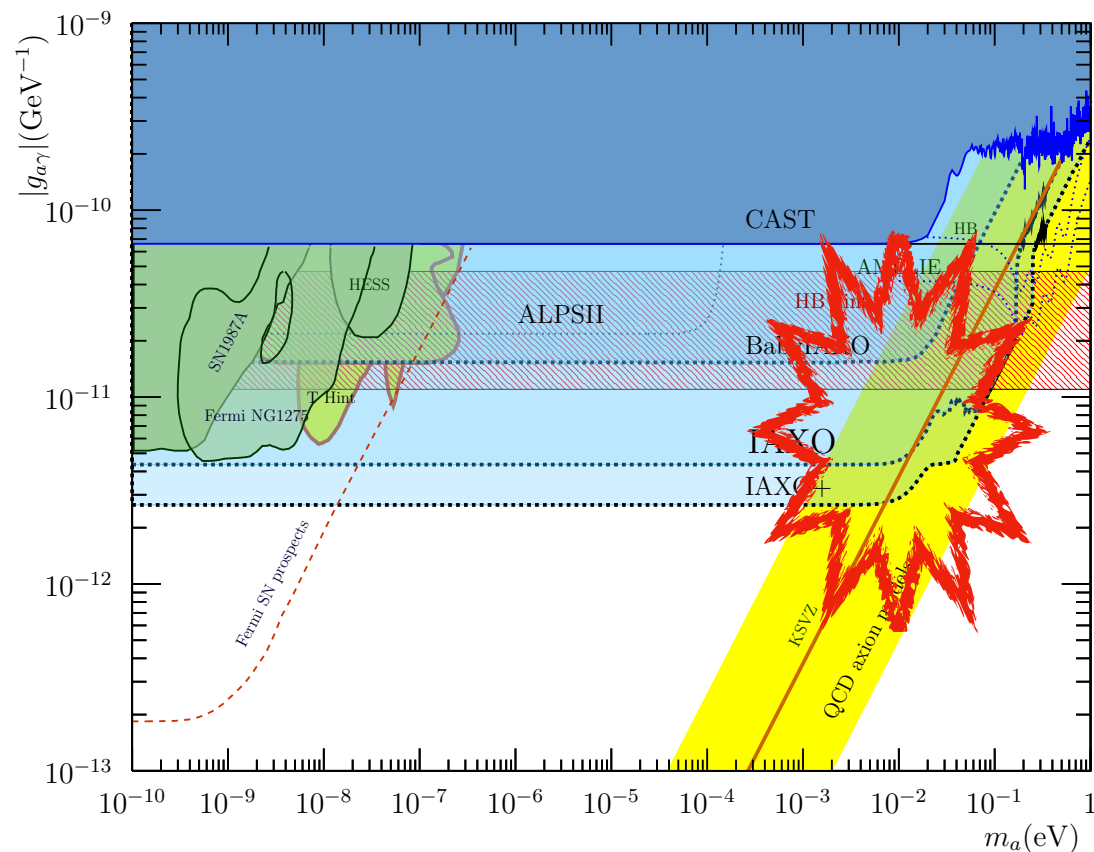
- 1~2 h tracking/day (sunset, dawn)
- 3 Detectors (2 bores)
- X-ray optics
- small aperture



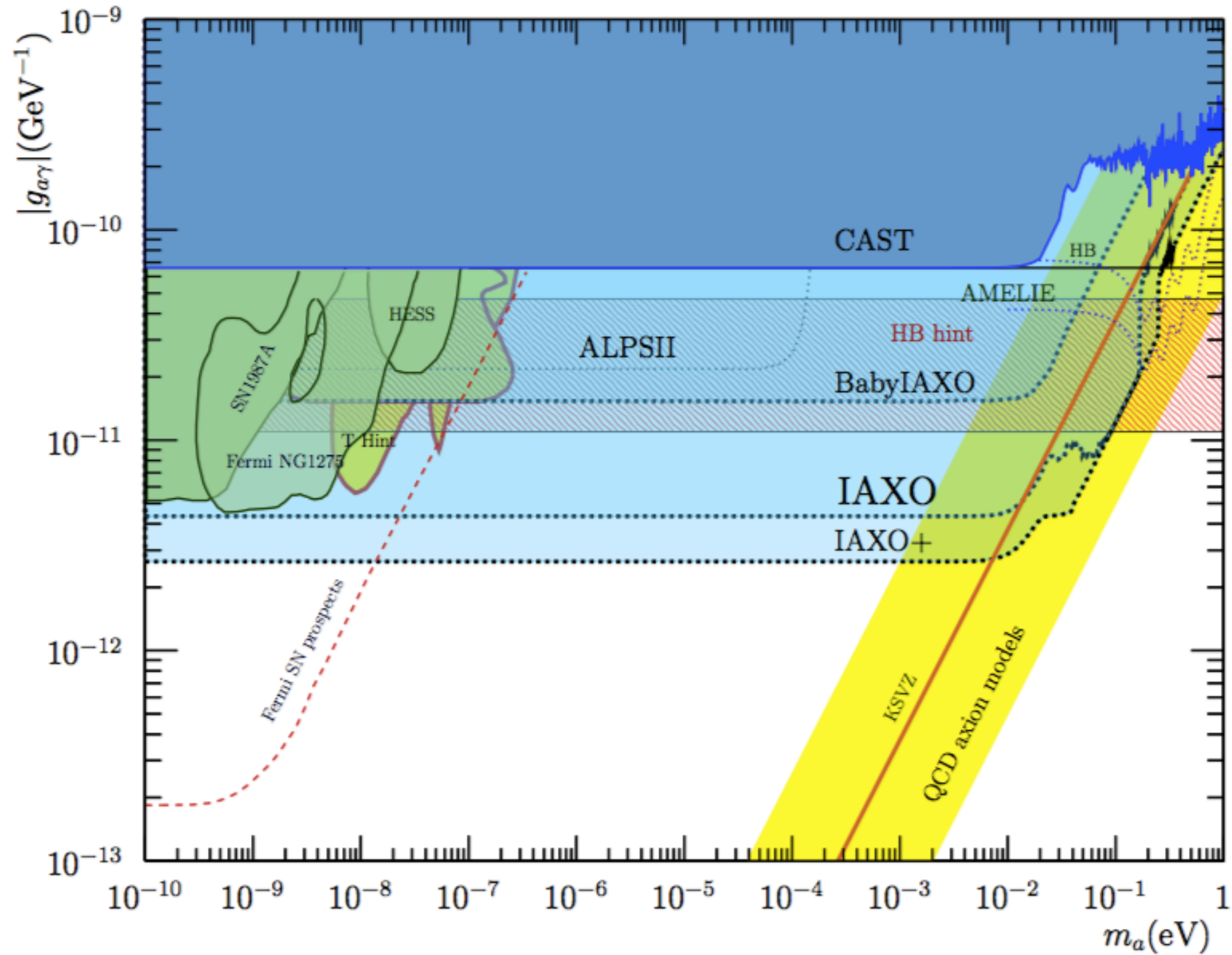
IAXO (proposed toroid) 20 m, 3T)



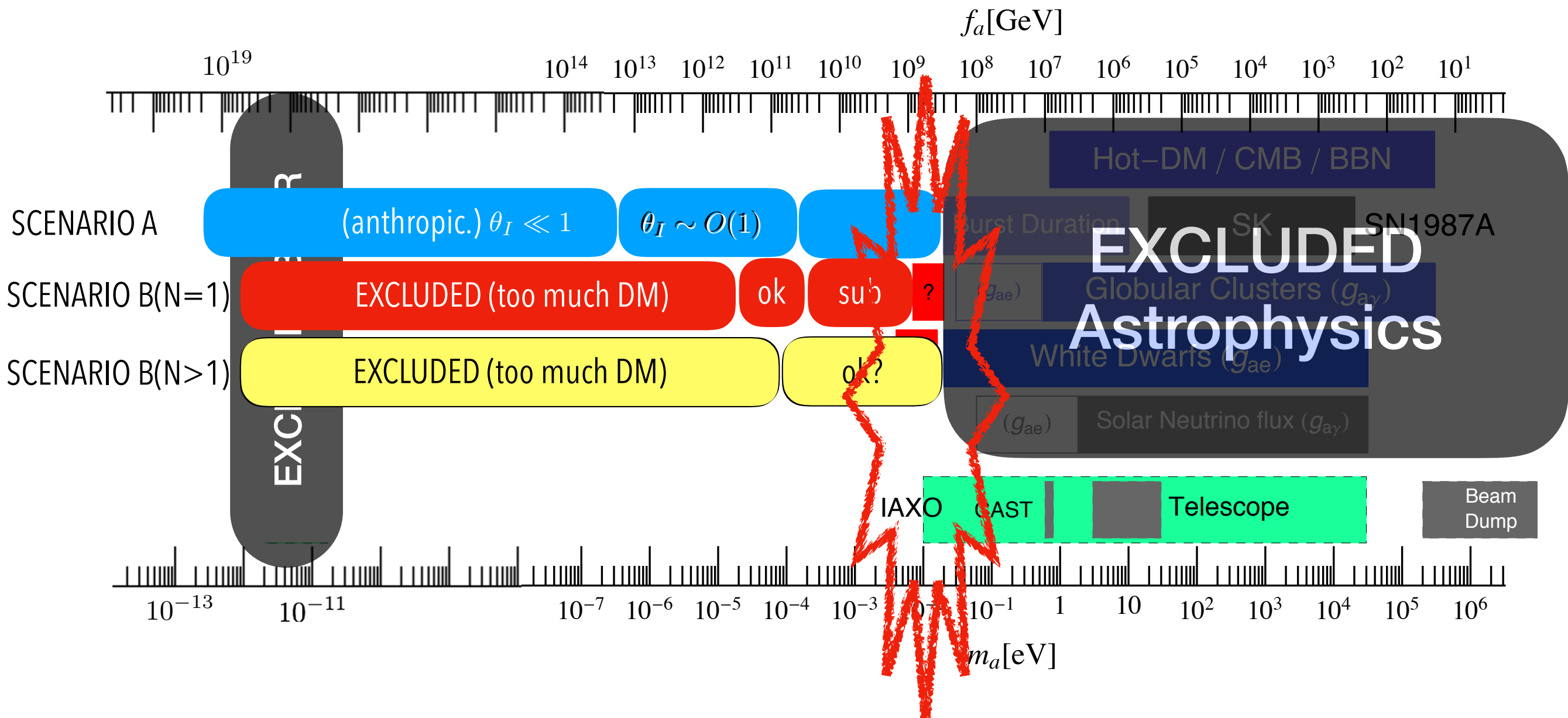
- 12 h tracking/day (sunset, dawn)
- 8 bores (60 cm diam)
- different Detectors
- dedicated X-ray optics
- Collaboration Formed 2017



In more detail

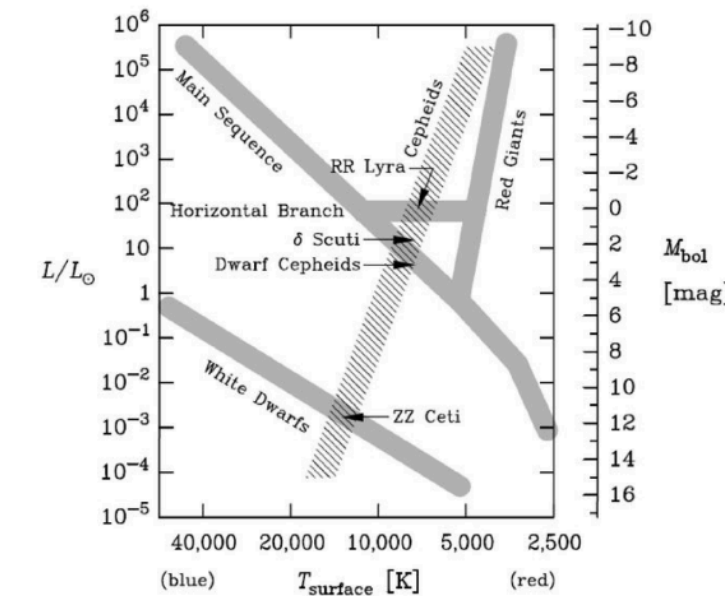
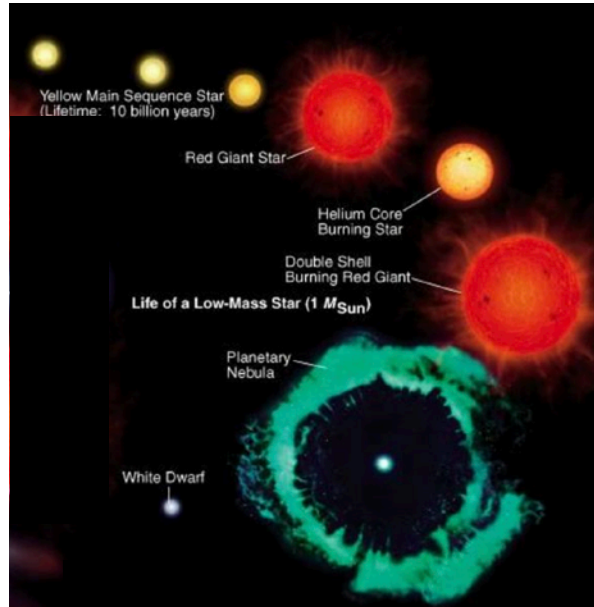


On the landscape

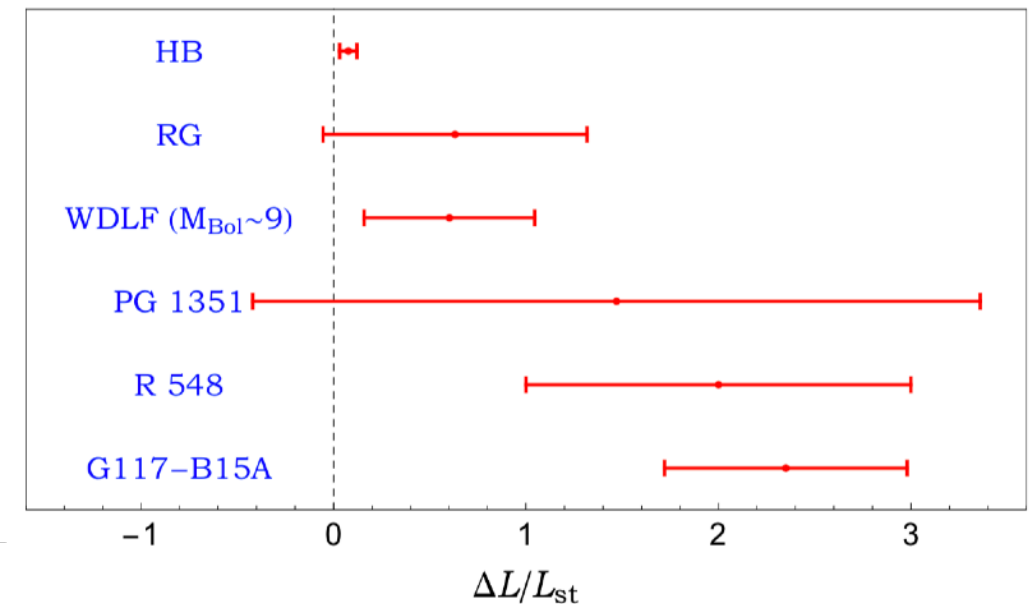


The meV frontier

- Some stars seem to be cooling too fast; could be a sign for axion core emission!

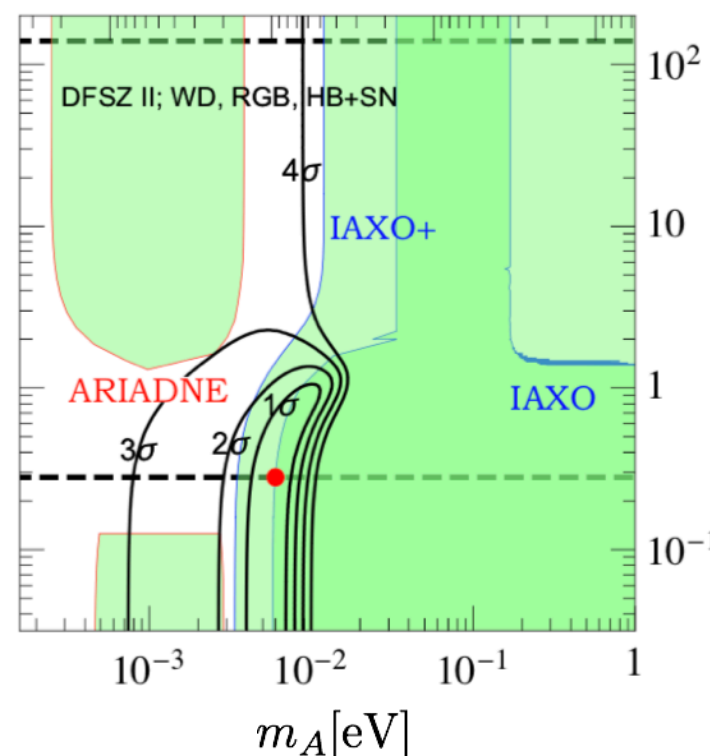
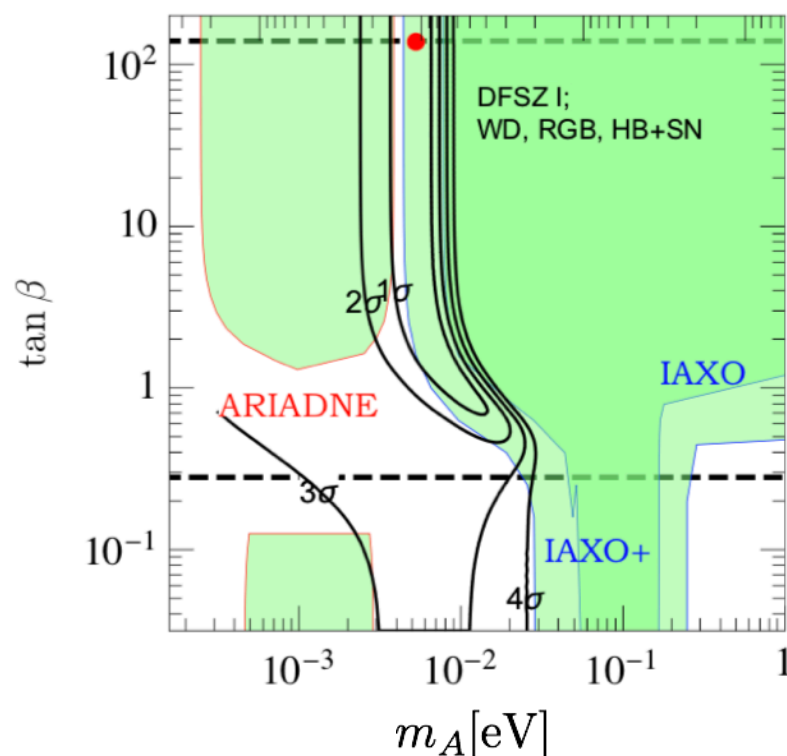


Giannotti 2015



- Axion interpretation suggests axion-electron coupling (DFSZ?)

Giannotti 2017



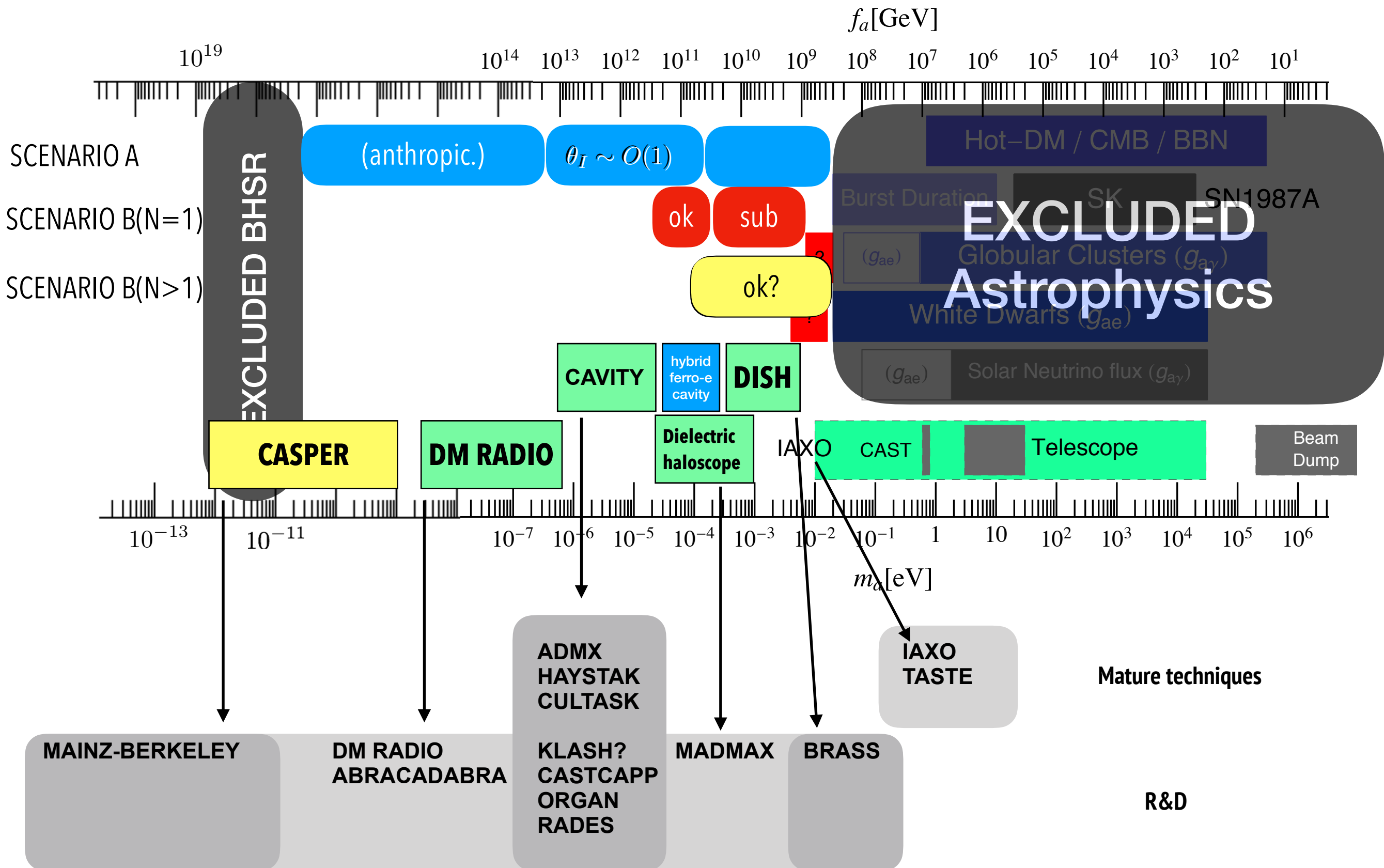
Isocontours show:

- Best region fitting the anomaly (1,2,3,4s)
- Includes SN constraint !!!
- Dashed lines limit perturbativity of Yukawas

Clear preference for $m_A \sim 6 \text{ meV}$

- Detectable by IAXO!

Experiments

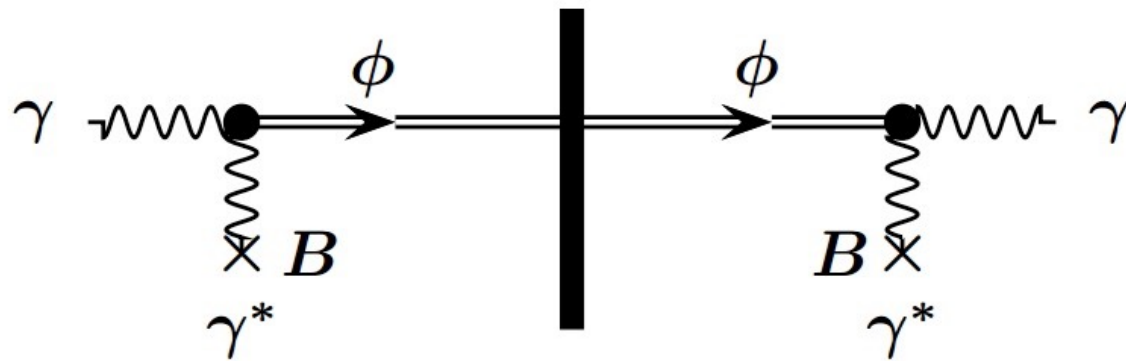


1.3 - Purely lab experiments

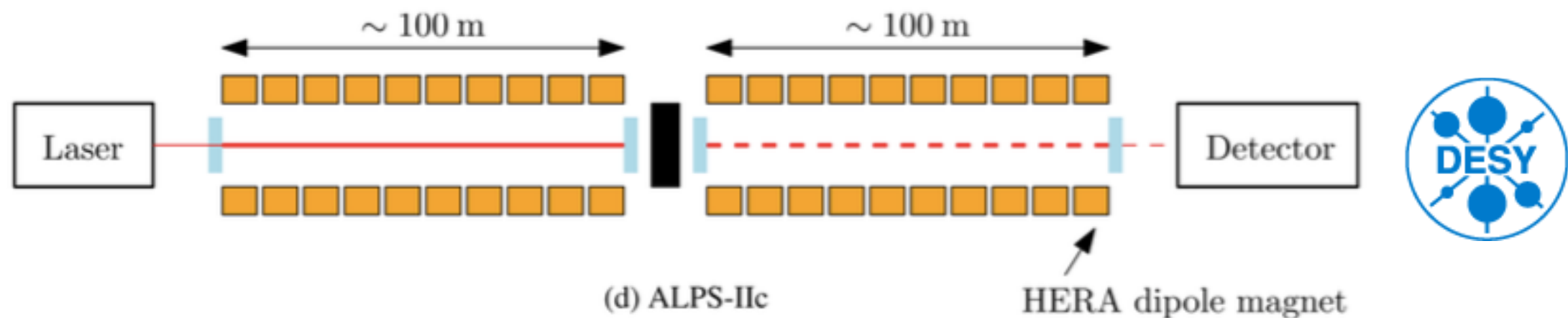


the ANY-Light-Particle-Search

Light shining through walls



Resonant regeneration in the receiving cavity

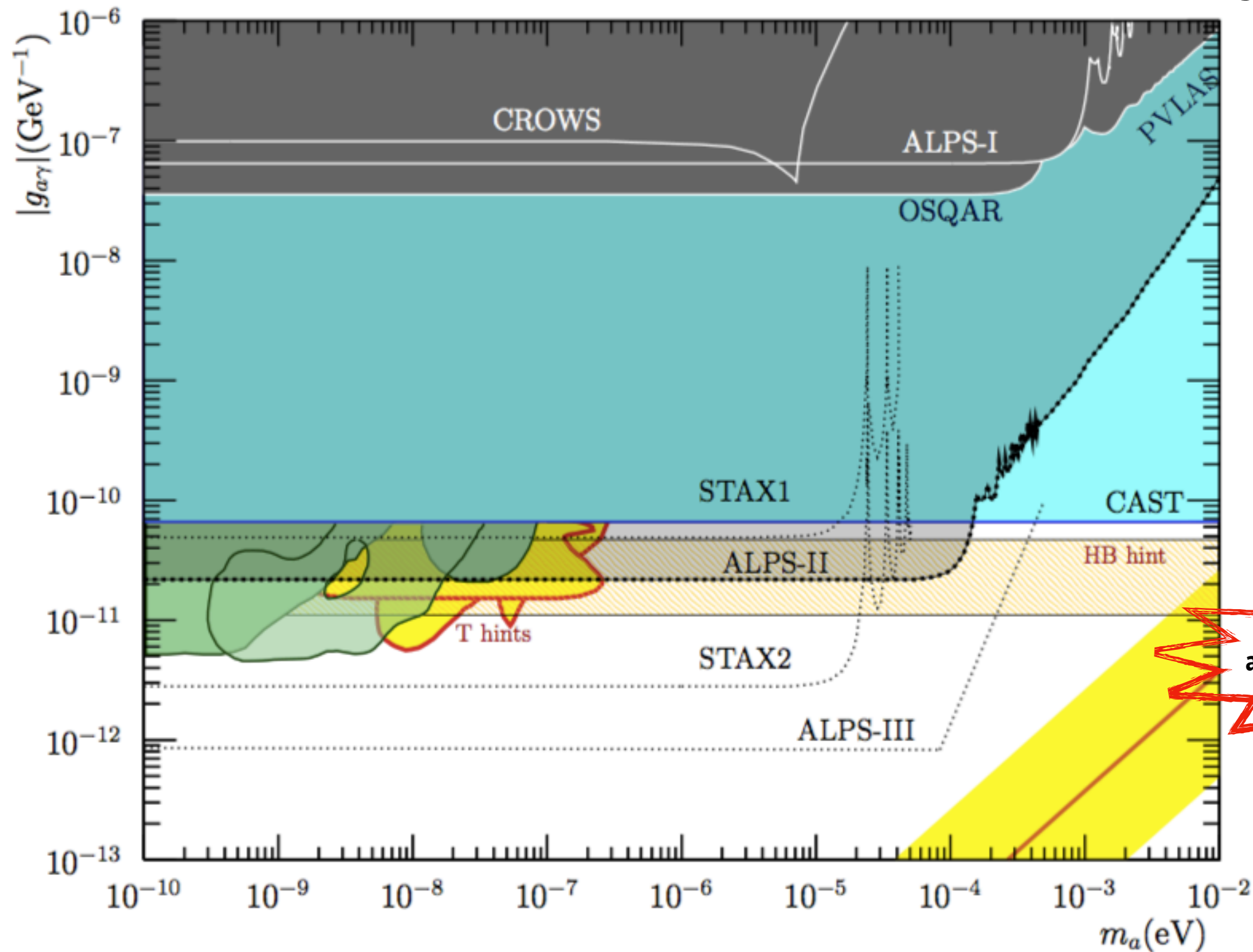


Exp.	Photon flux (1/s)	Photon E (eV)	B (T)	L (m)	B·L (Tm)	PB reg.cav.	Sens. (rel.)
ALPS I	$3.5 \cdot 10^{21}$	2.3	5.0	4.4	22	1	0.0003
ALPS II	$1 \cdot 10^{24}$	1.2	5.3	106	468	40,000	1
"ALPS III"	$3 \cdot 10^{25}$	1.2	13	400	5200	100,000	27

Experiment	status	B (T)	L (m)	Input power (W)	β_P	β_R	$g_{a\gamma} [\text{GeV}^{-1}]$
ALPS-I [427]	completed	5	4.3	4	300	1	5×10^{-8}
CROWS [429]	completed	3	0.15	50	10^4	10^4	$9.9 \times 10^{-8} (*)$
OSQAR [428]	ongoing	9	14.3	18.5	-	-	3.5×10^{-8}
ALPS-II [430]	in preparation	5	100	30	5000	40000	2×10^{-11}
ALPS-III [431]	concept	13	426	200	12500	10^5	10^{-12}
STAX1 [432]	concept	15	0.5	10^5	10^4	-	5×10^{-11}
STAX2 [432]	concept	15	0.5	10^6	10^4	10^4	3×10^{-12}

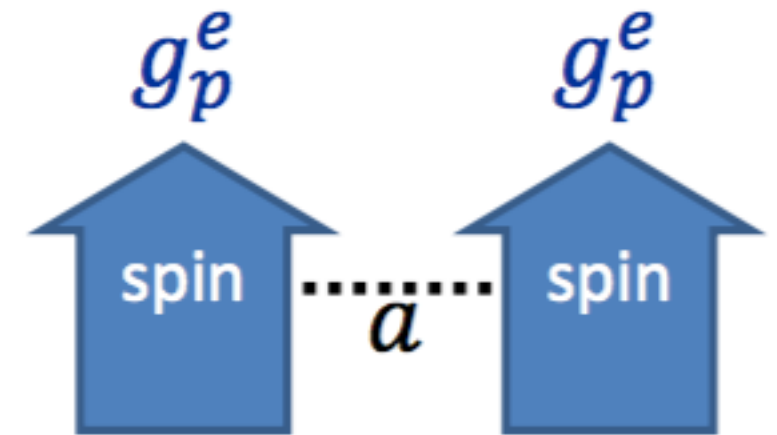
STAX, ALPS II and beyond

ALPS with optical lasers, STAX with Microwave cavities ... not so good for QCD...



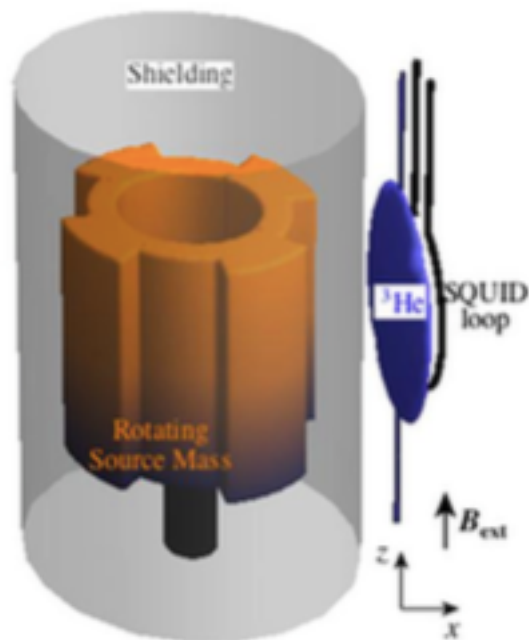
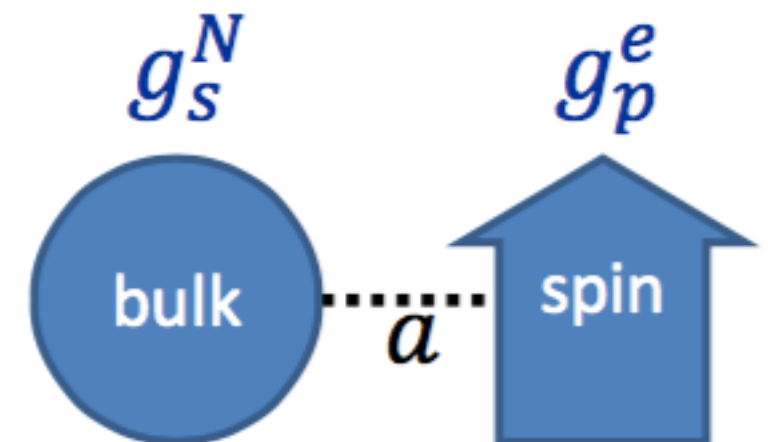
Long-range forces between macroscopic bodies

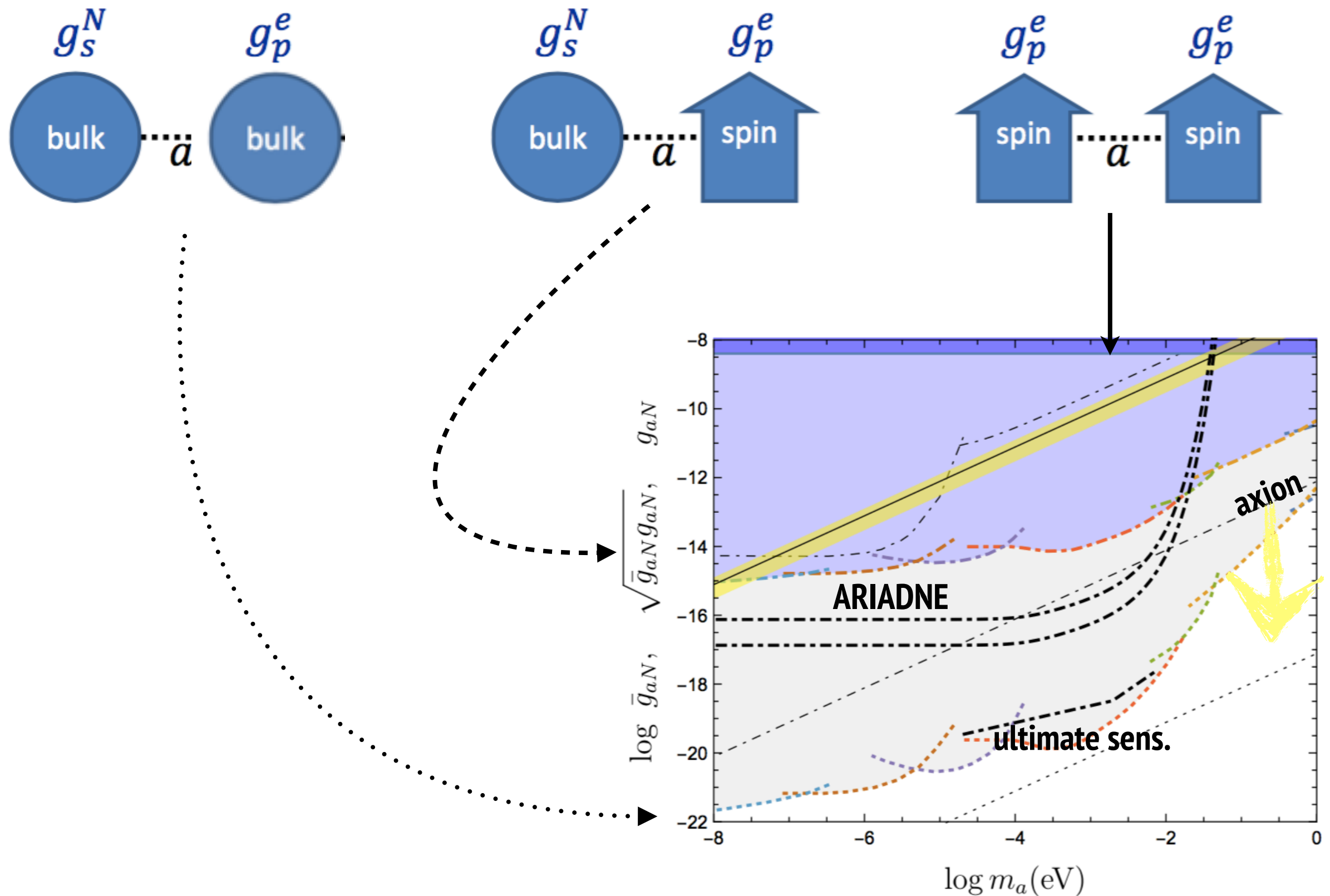
p-p forces are spin-spin ... very hard to measure!



In some case a tiny s-coupling can lead to a larger effect

s-p forces are number-spin ... much easier





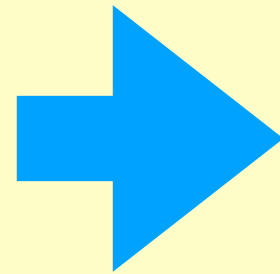
Flavoured axions

- Axions related to flavour/family symmetries induce Flavour violating decays

$$\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ a) \simeq \frac{m_K}{64\pi} g_{aff'}^2$$

$$BR(\pi^+ a) < 7.3 \times 10^{-11} \quad (E787, E949)$$

(NA62, ORKA, KOTO improvement by ~ 70 on BR)



$$f_a \gtrsim \frac{\kappa_{sd}}{N} \times 7.5 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ GeV},$$

model dependent coefficient

$$BR(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a) < 10^{-8} \sim 10^{-6} \quad (Belle2?)$$



1 - Experiments

