

Axions and Axion-like Particles

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Outline

- 1 big picture
- 2 types of ALPs
- 3 types of interactions
- 4 ~ hints of existence
- 5 ... Experiments to find them
- 6 Conclusions

structure based on ...

New experimental approaches in the search for axion-like particles

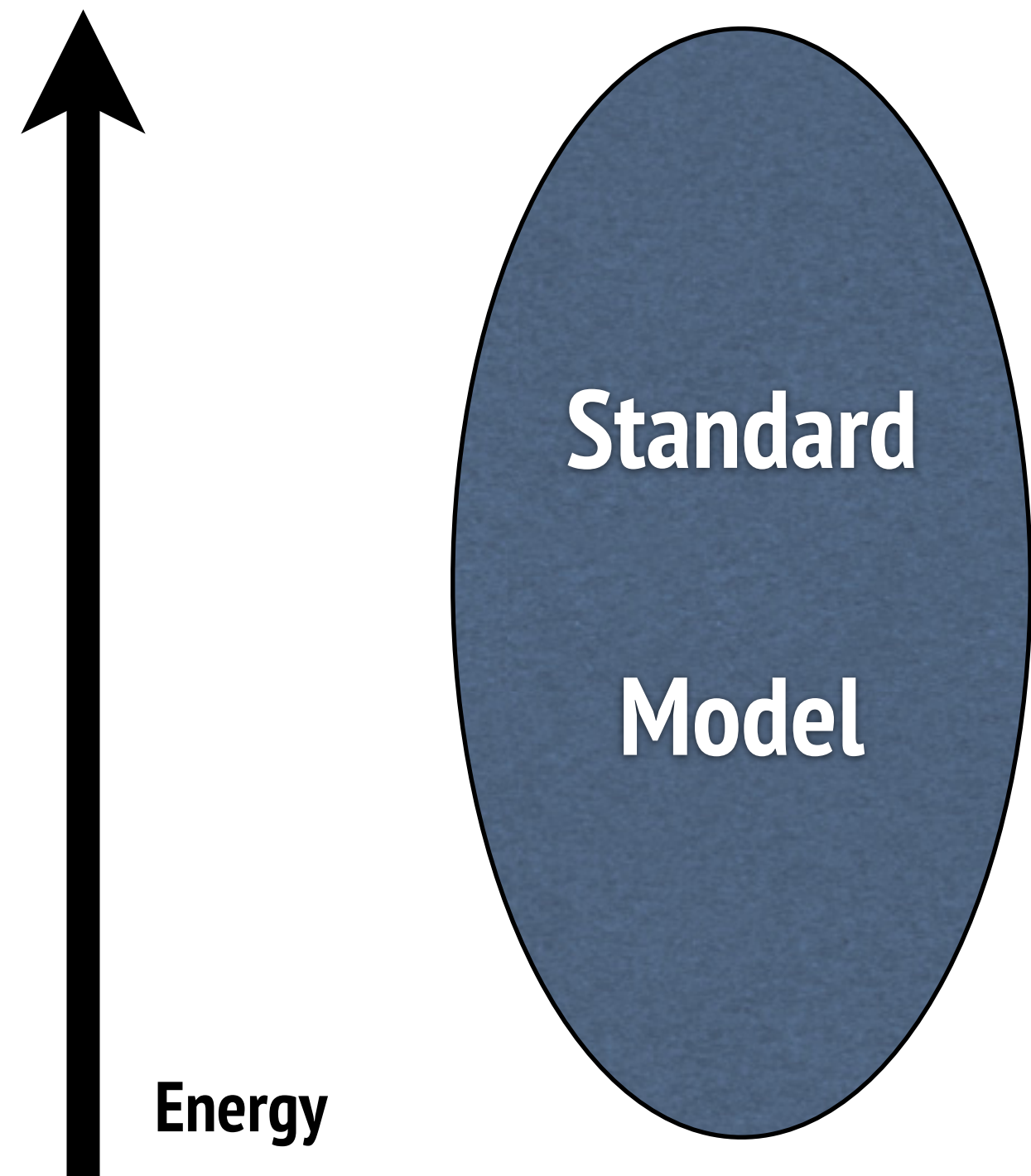
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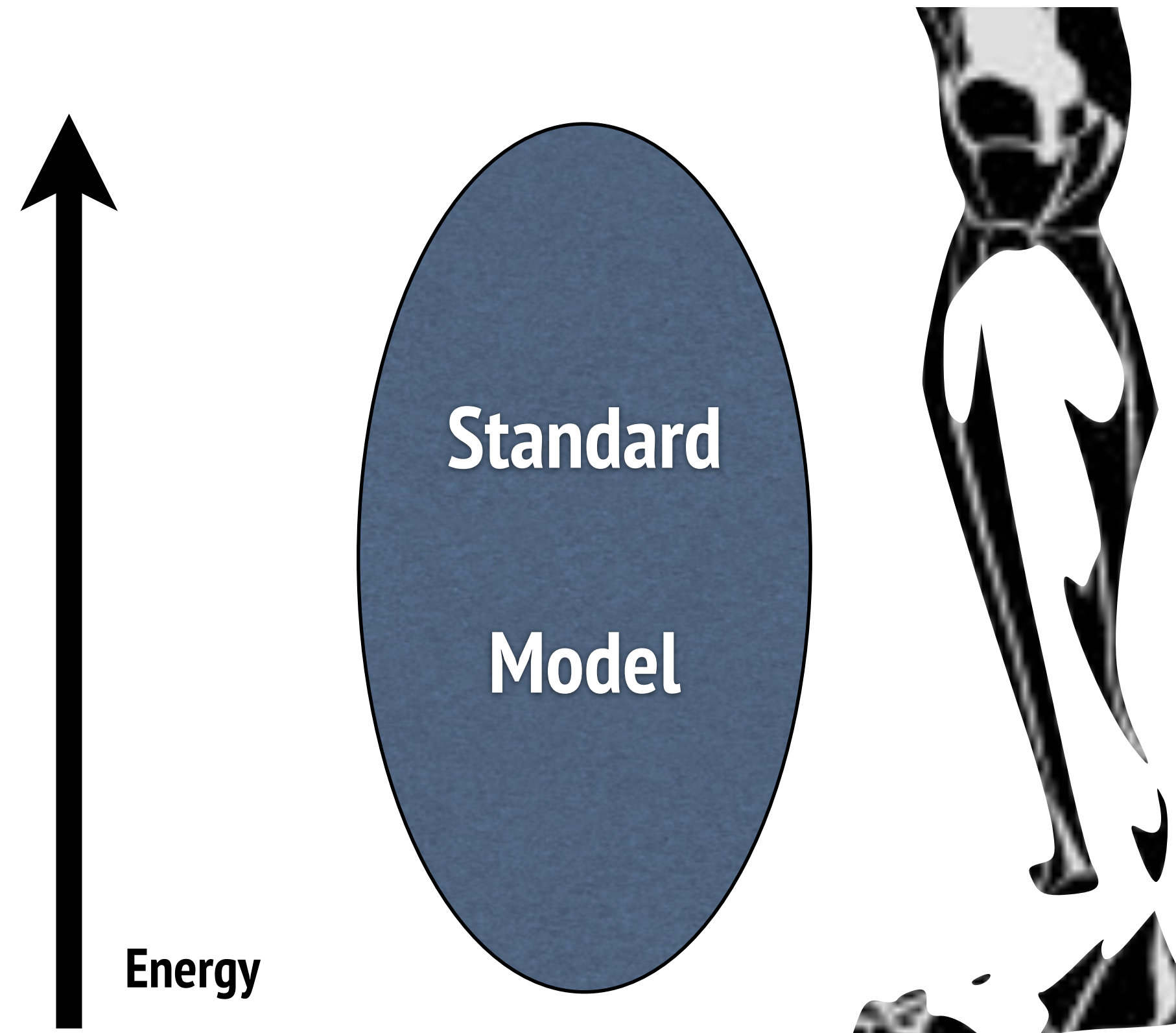
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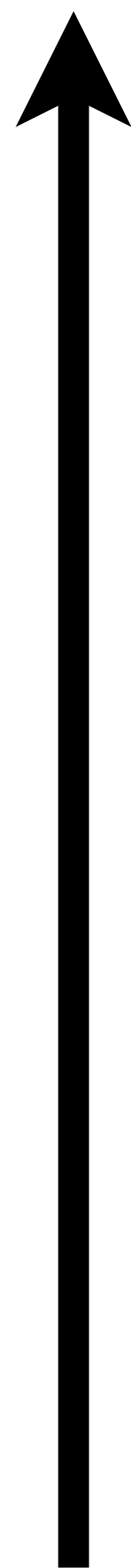
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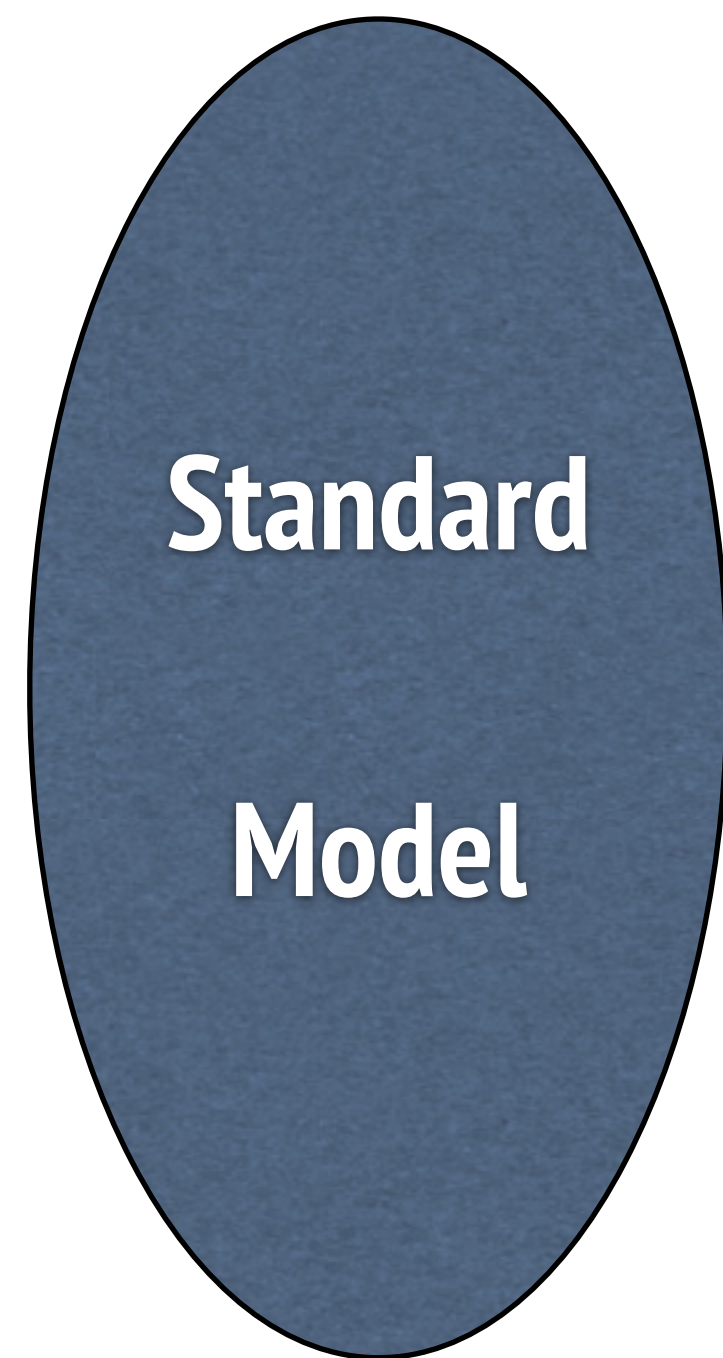
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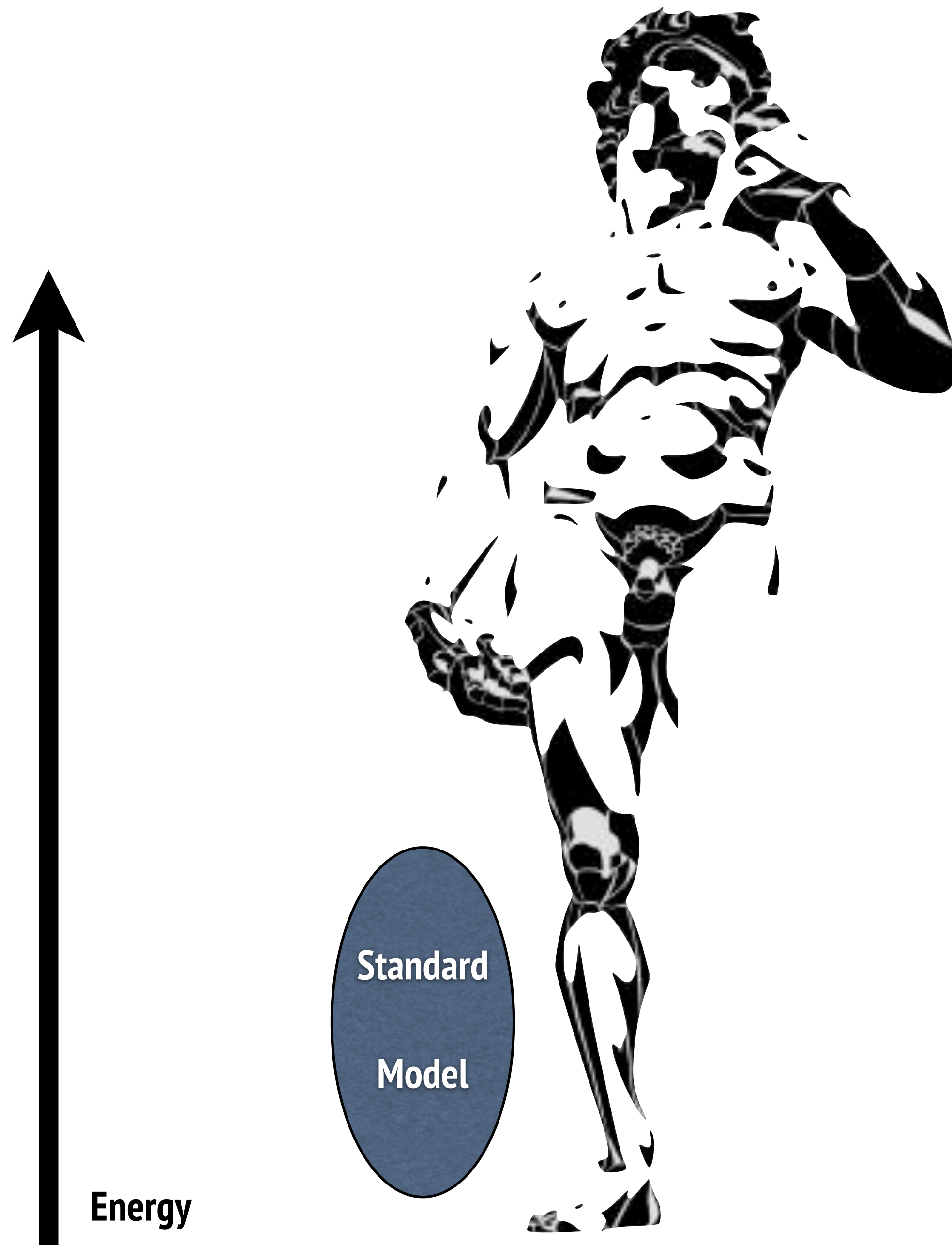


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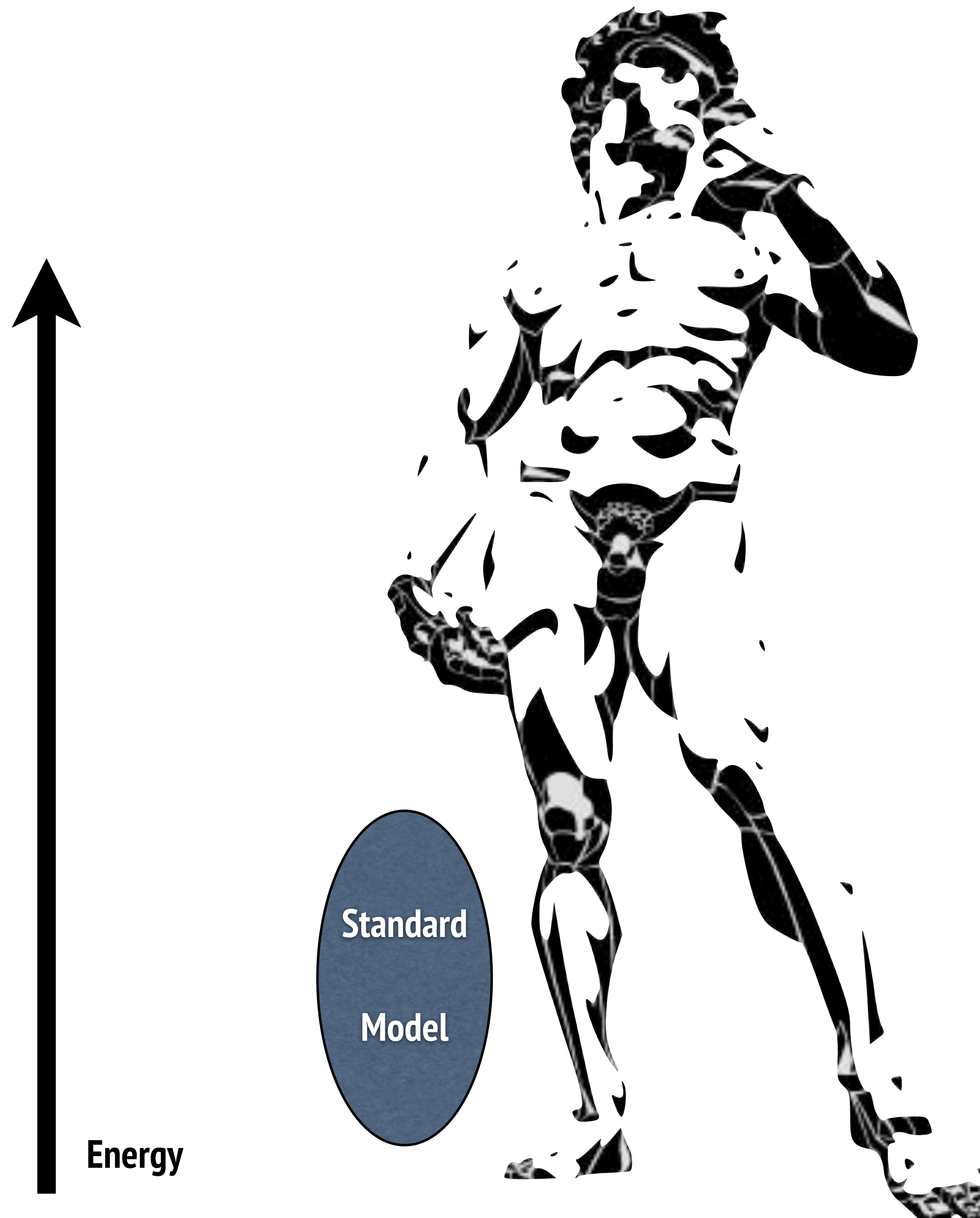
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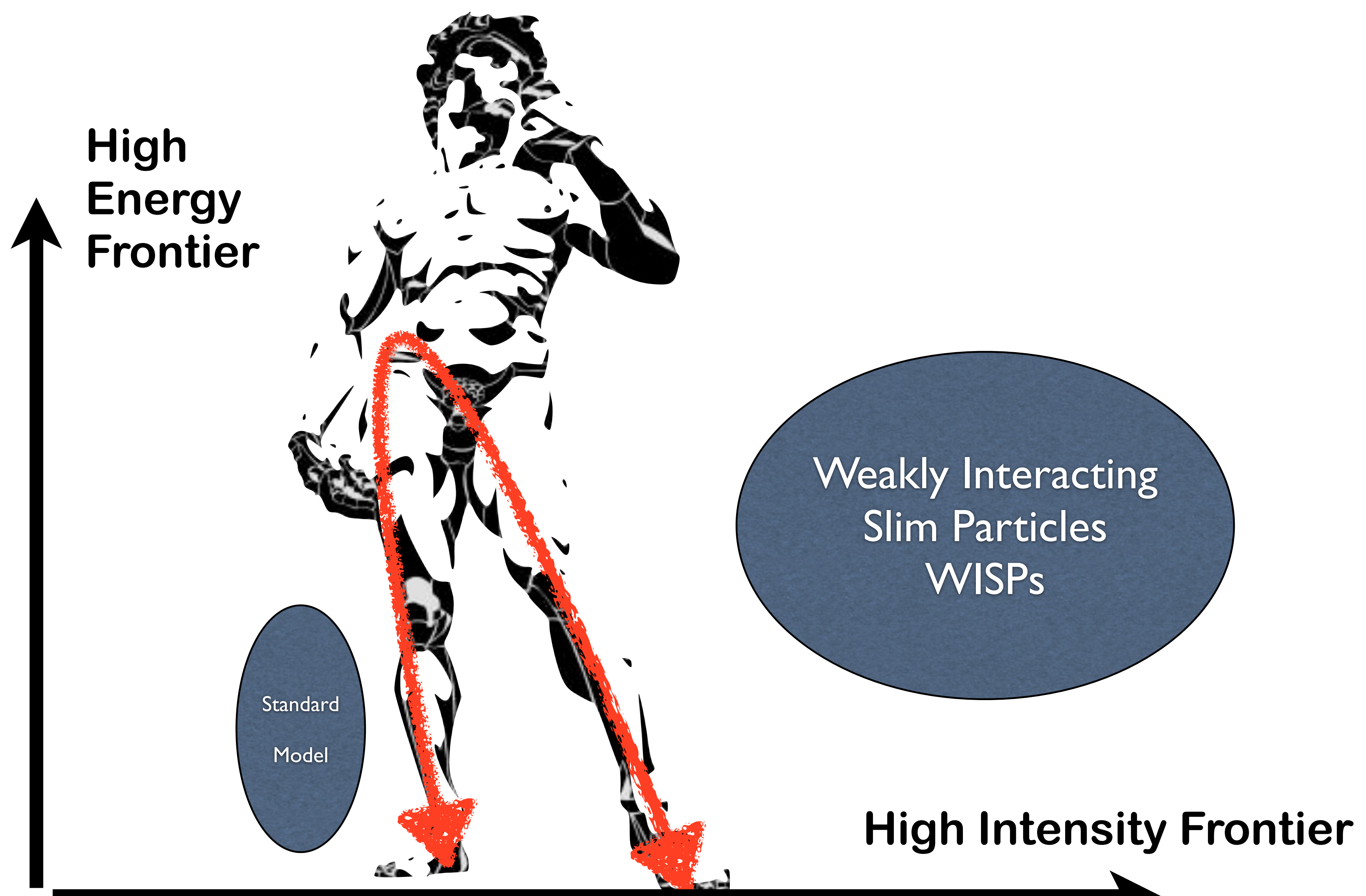


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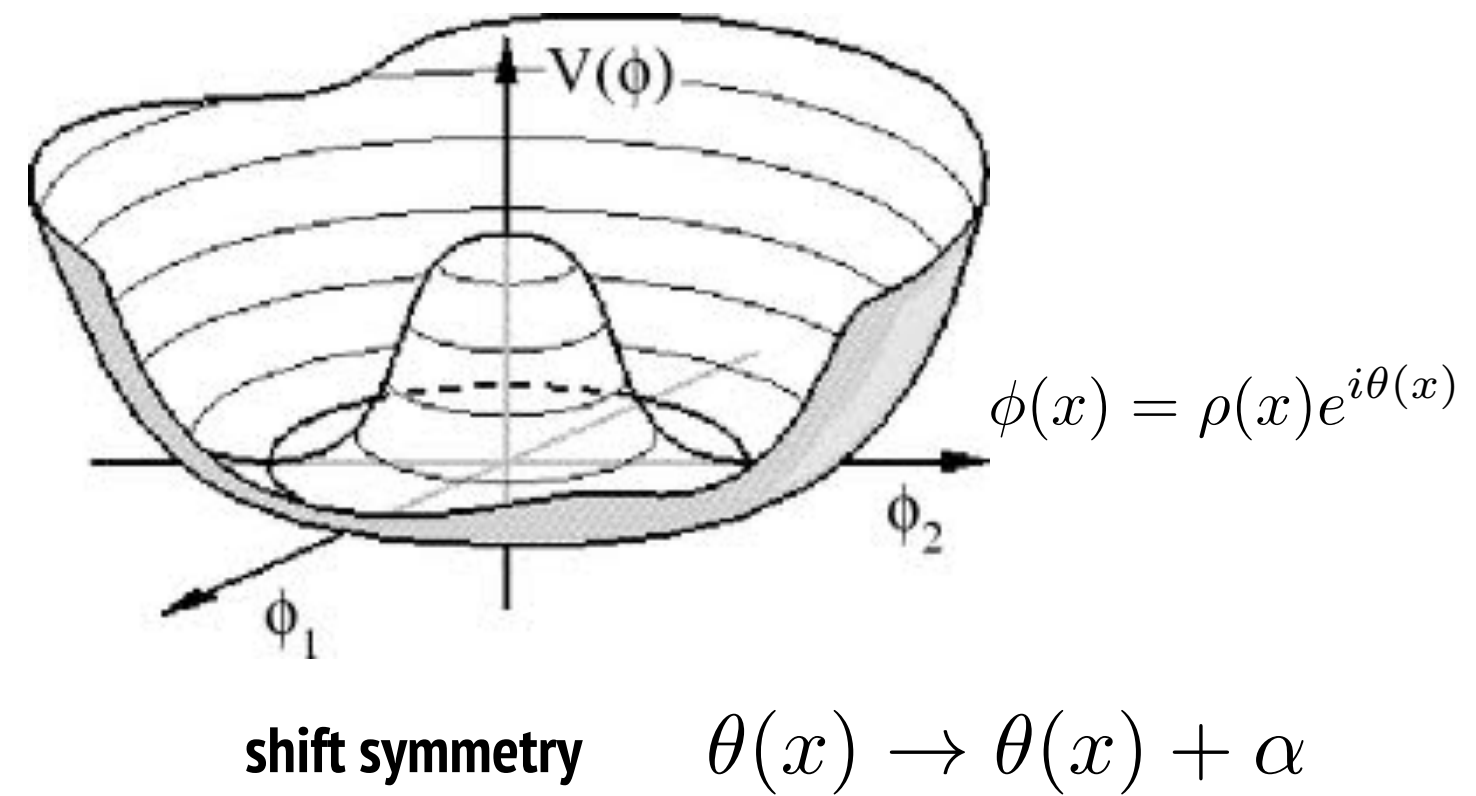
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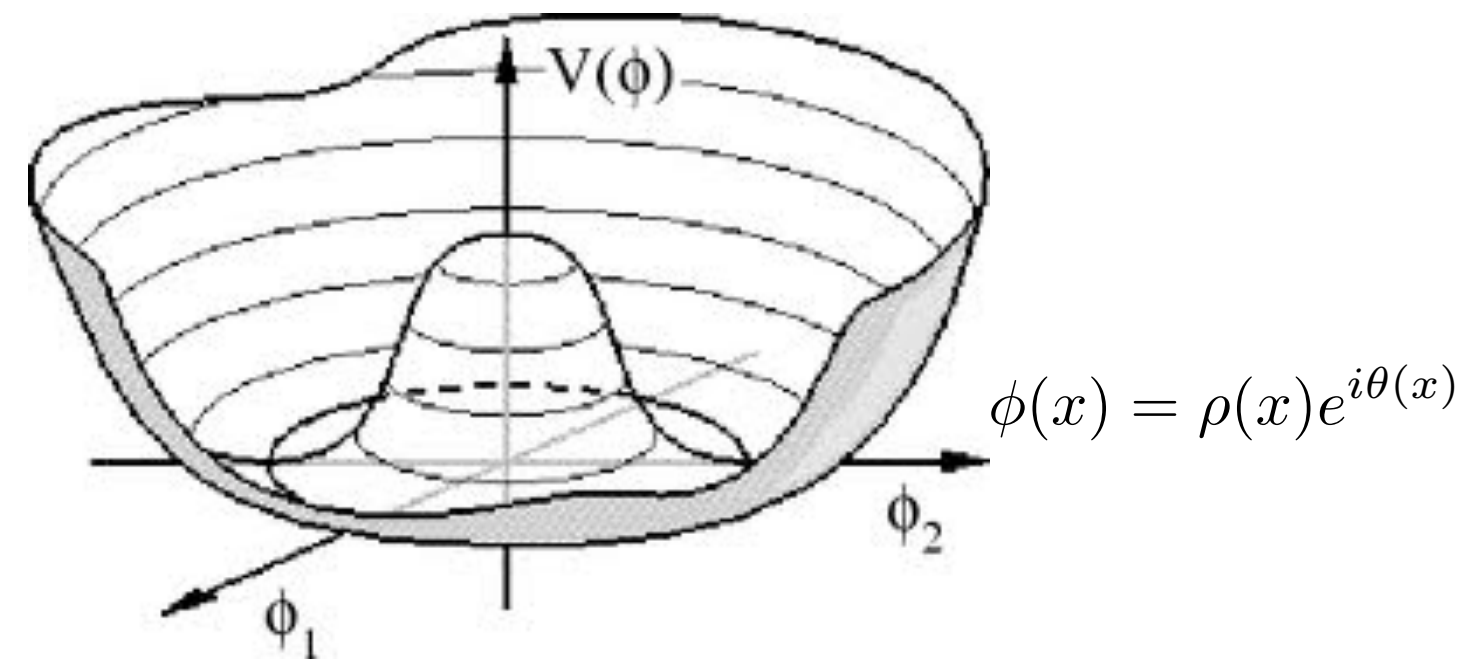
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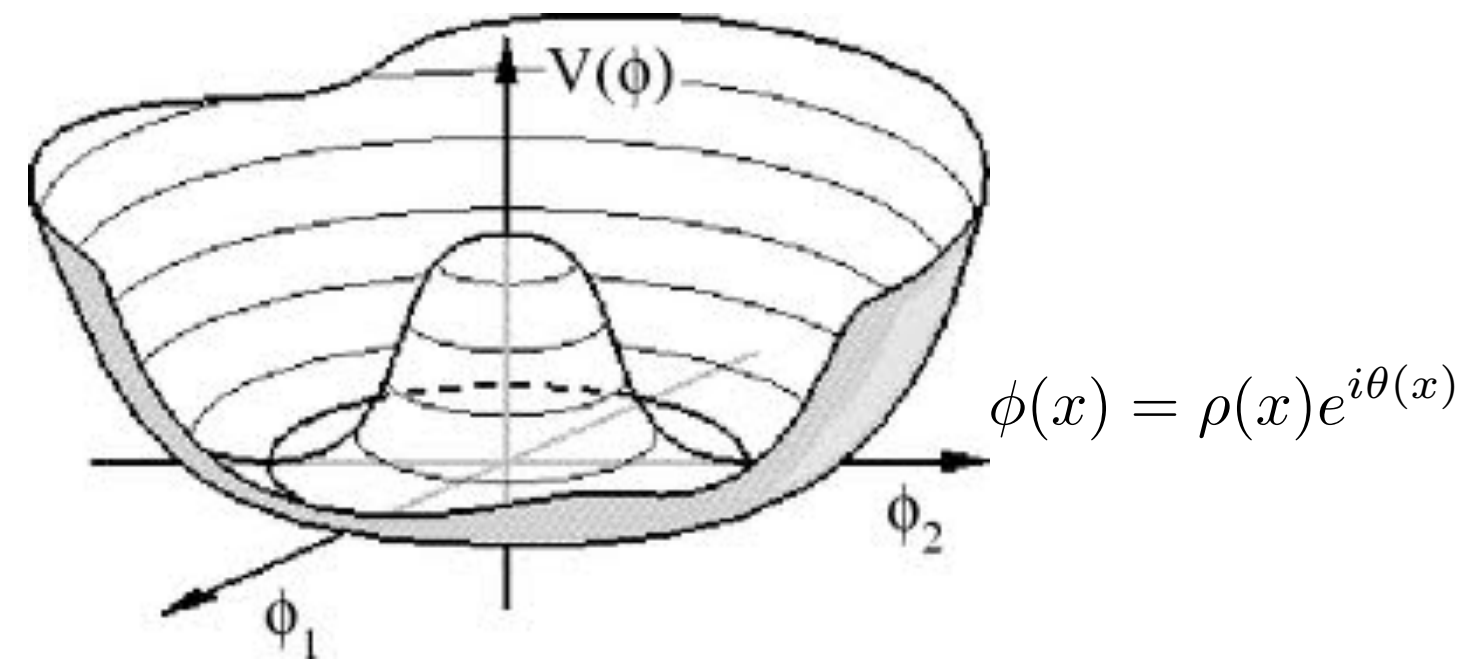
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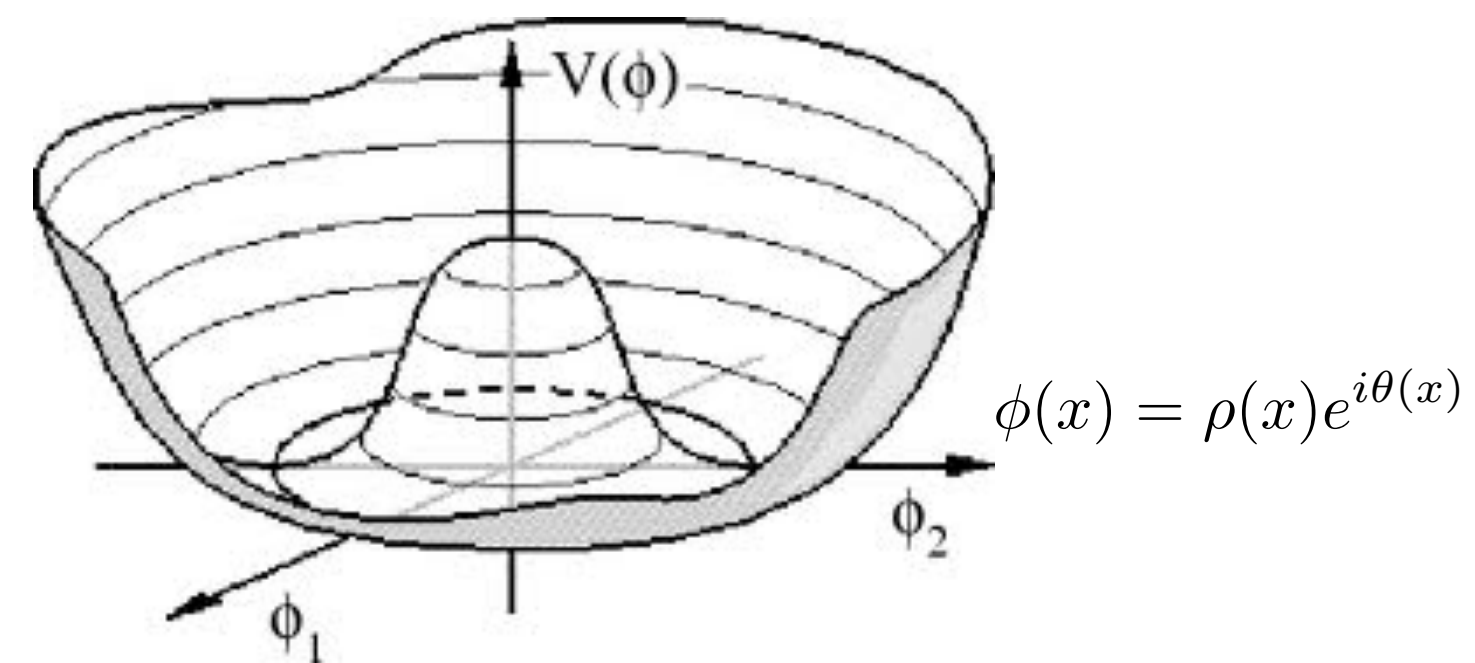
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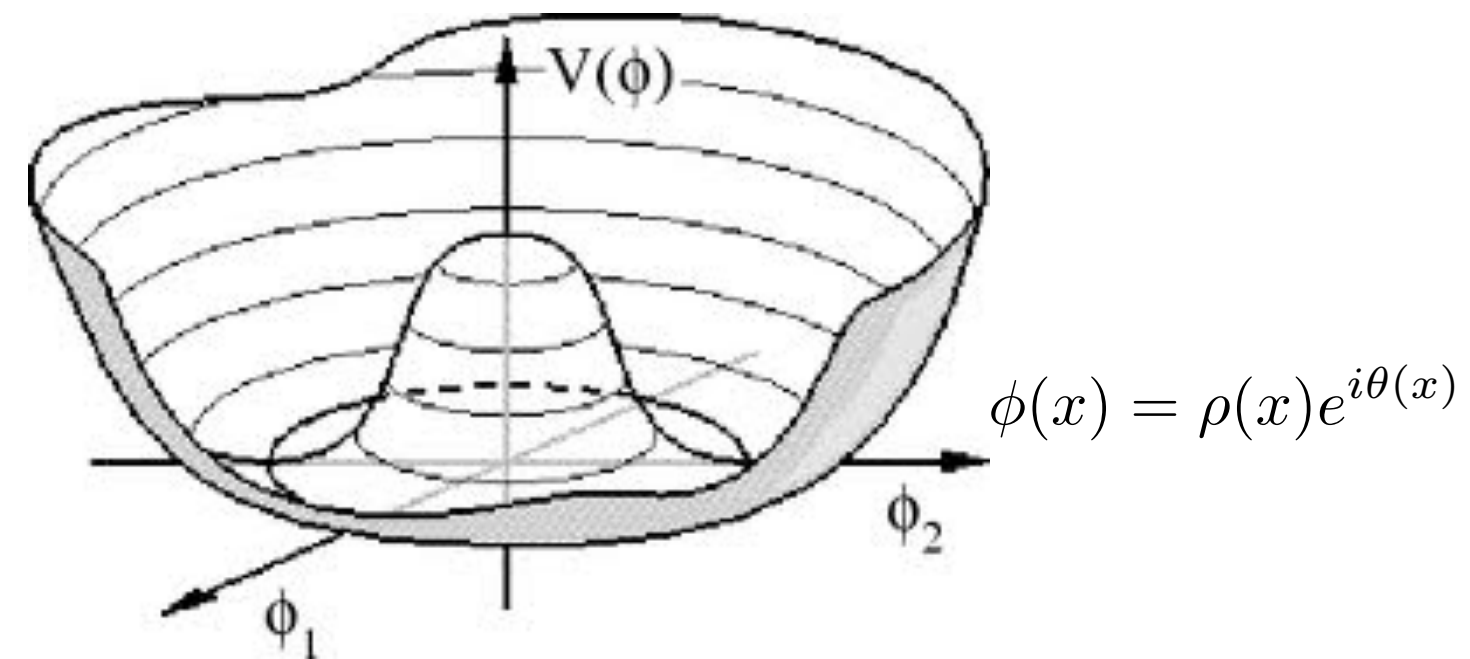
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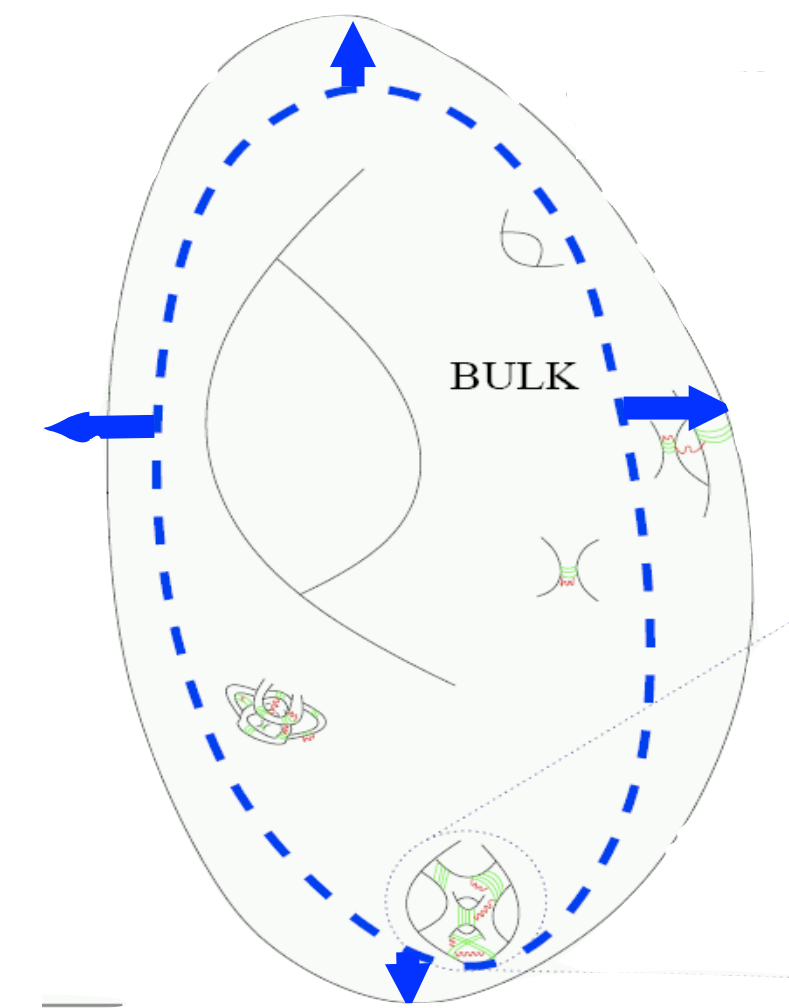
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stringy axions

- Im parts of moduli fields (control sizes)



- O(100) candidates in compactification
- “decay constant”, string scale M_s
- masses from non-perturbative effects

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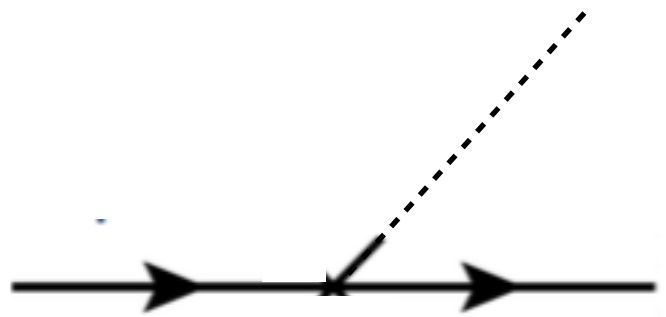
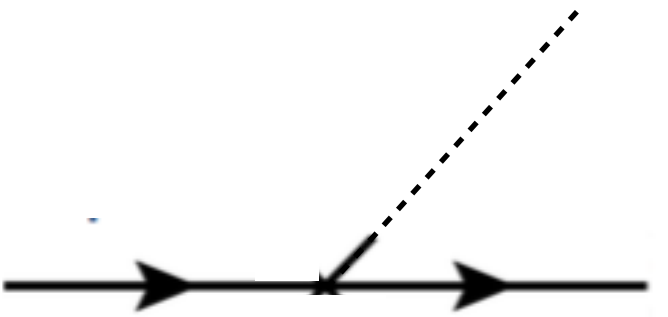
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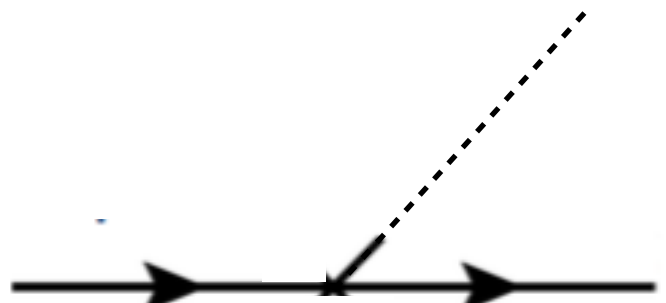
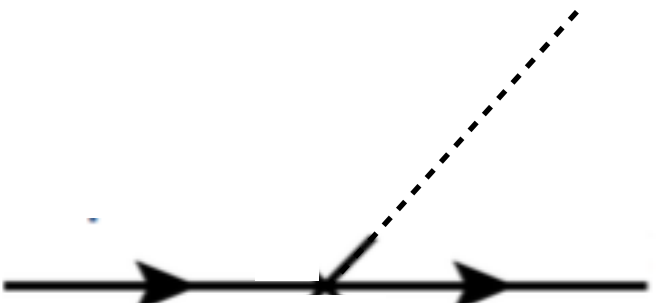
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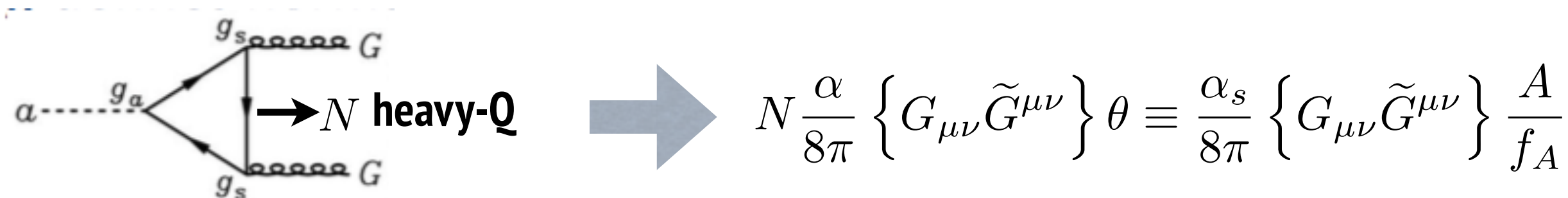
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The lighter the more weakly interacting

$$g_{ai} \sim \frac{C_i}{f_a} \longrightarrow \text{new high energy scale}$$

$$m_A^2 \sim \frac{\chi_{\text{QCD}}}{f_A^2} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{(perturbation energy scale ... QCD, EW ...)} \\ \text{new high energy scale} \end{array}$$

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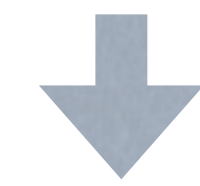
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Prediction
Experiment

why!! $\theta_{\text{SM}} < 10^{-11}!!$

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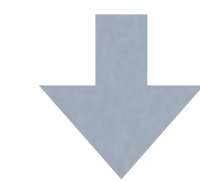
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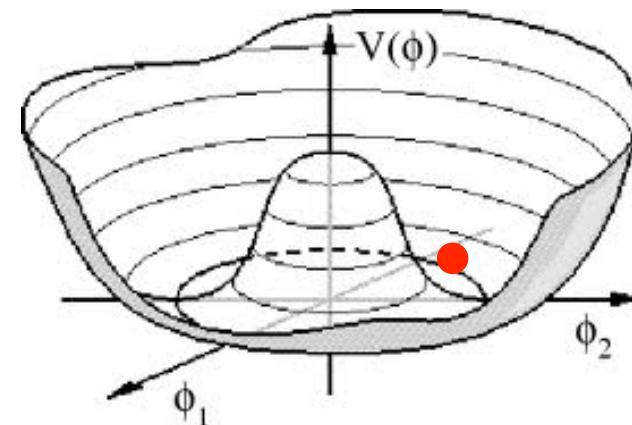
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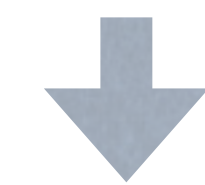
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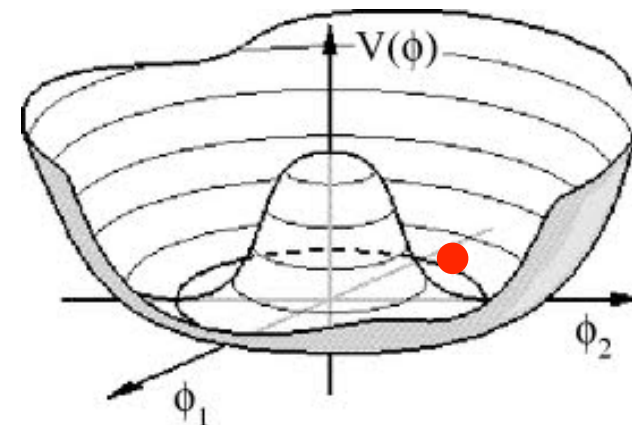
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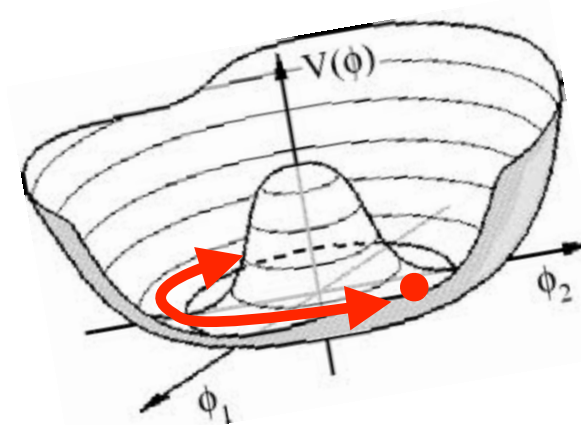
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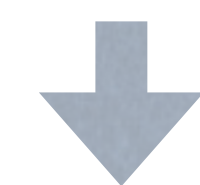
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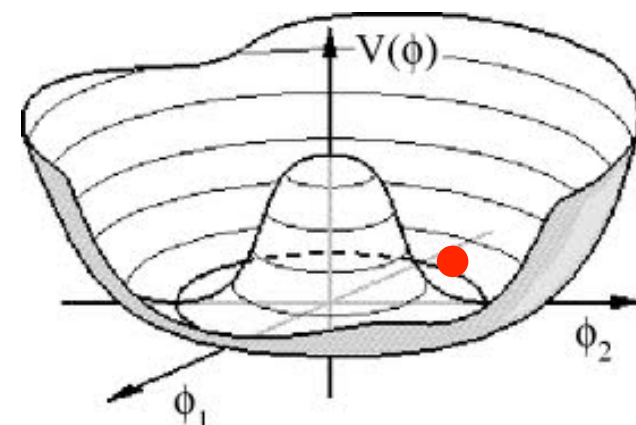
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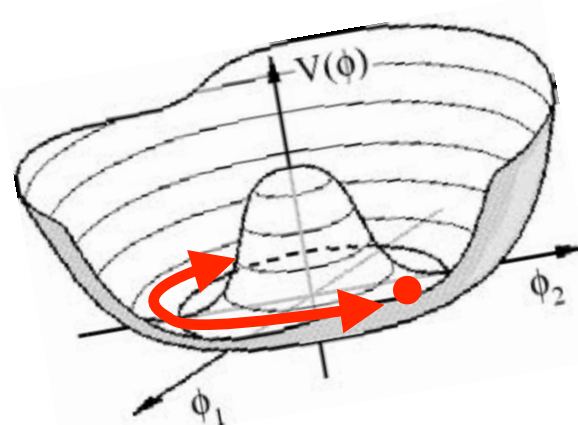
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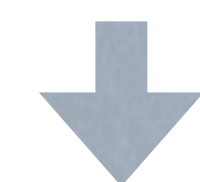
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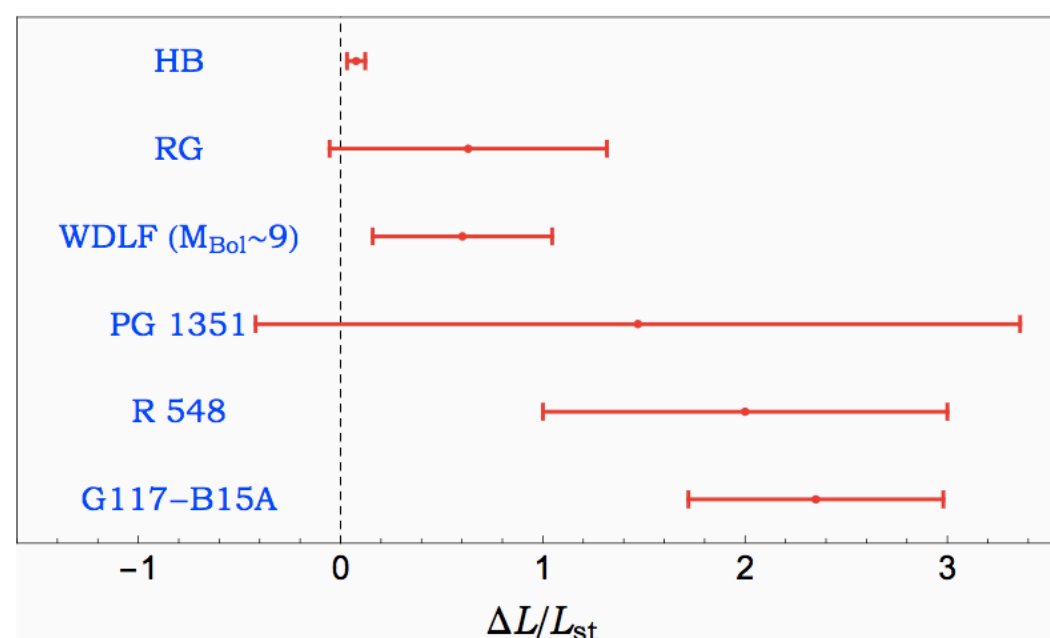
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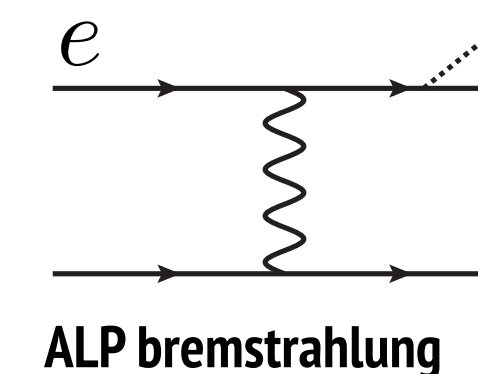
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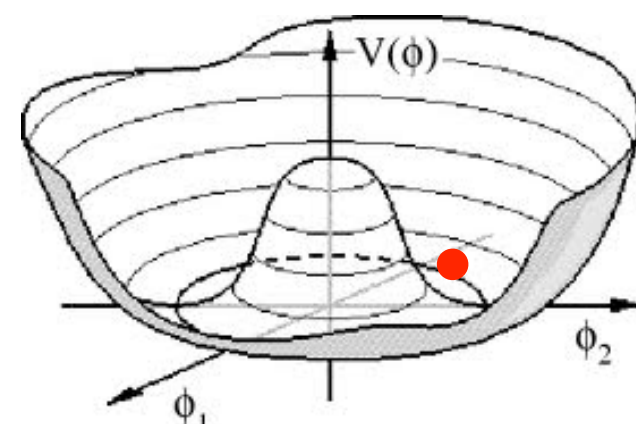
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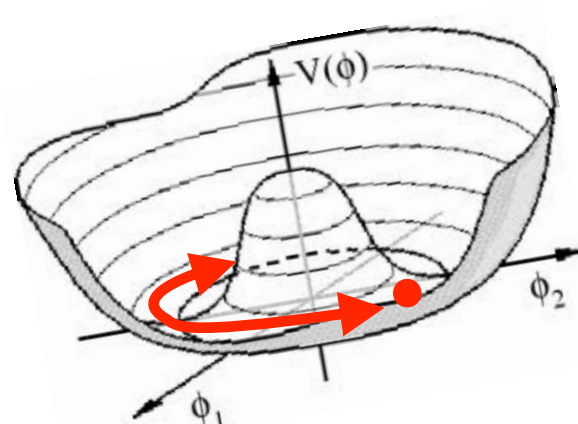
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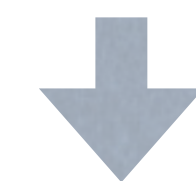
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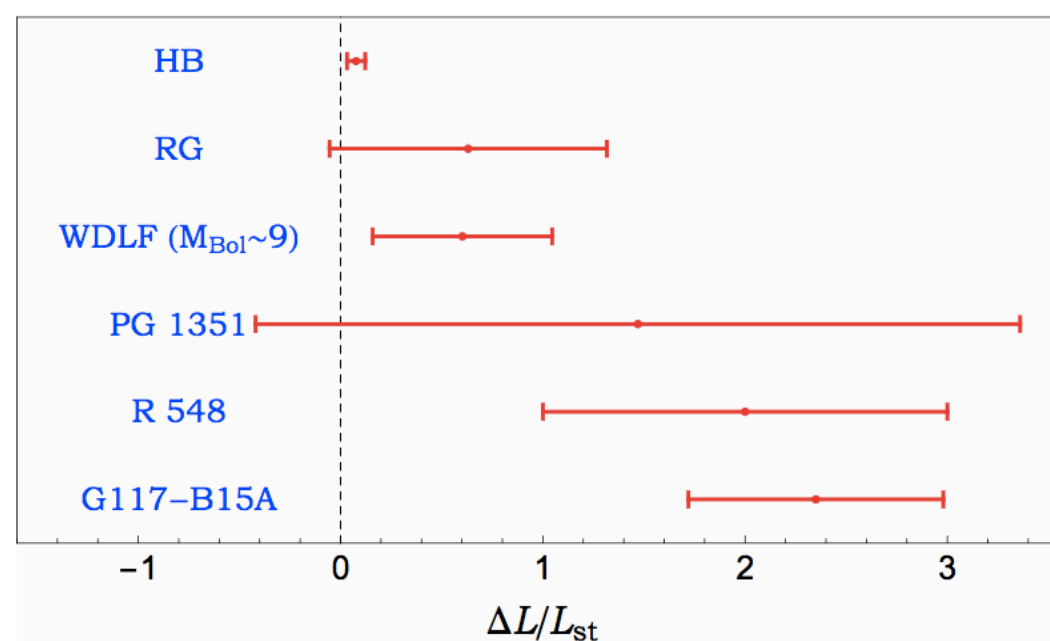
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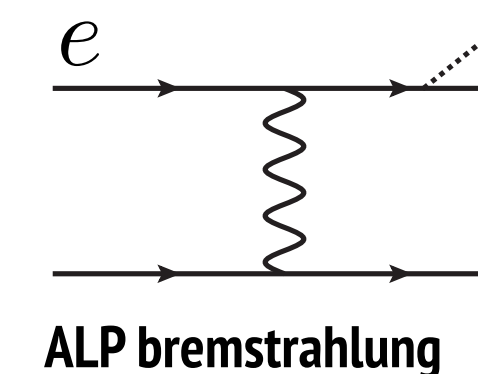
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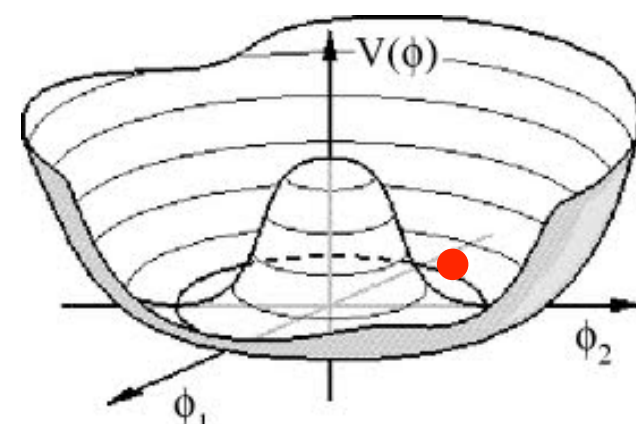
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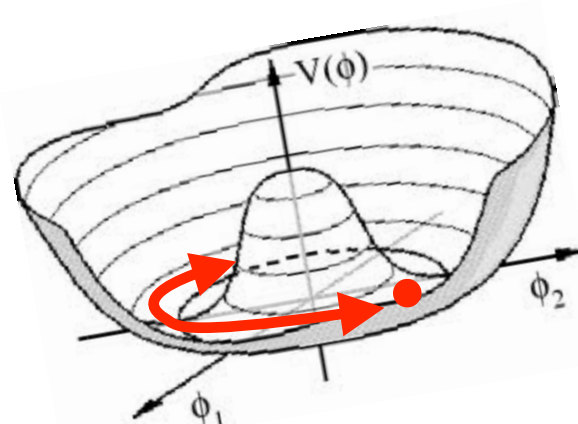
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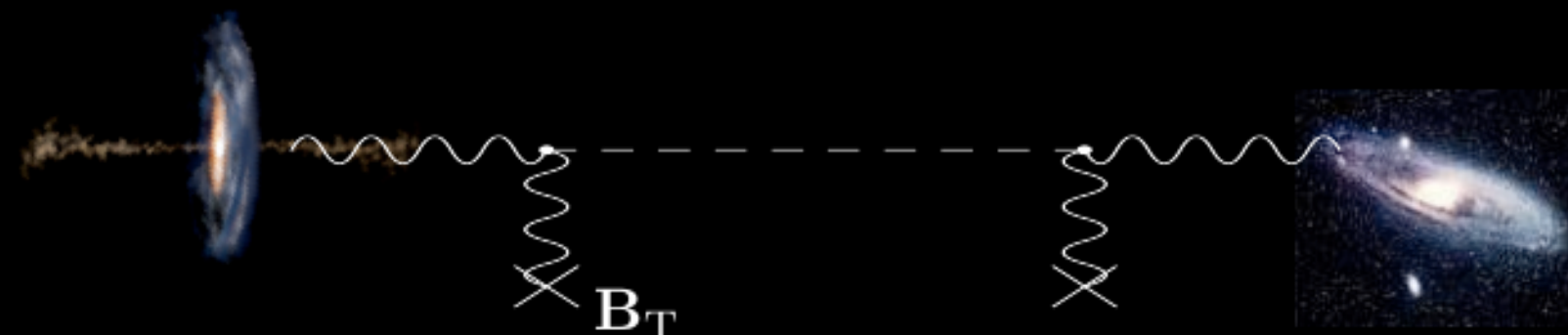
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γ-ray transparency / photon regeneration

Too many gamma-rays from far away sources?



low estimate of opacity vs ALP-mediated regeneration

Trotski 2017

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$$N \neq 0$$

$$\longrightarrow m_A = \frac{\sqrt{\chi}}{f_A} = 5.7 \text{ meV} \frac{10^9 \text{ GeV}}{f_A}$$

$$\longrightarrow g_{a\gamma}, g_{ap}, g_{an} \neq 0$$

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$$g_{ae} \sim 10^{-13}$$

$$(f_a \lesssim 10^9 \text{ GeV})$$

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$$a_i \sim 10^{12} \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{\text{meV}}{m_a} \right)^{1/4} \lesssim f_a$$

QCD axion $f_A \sim 10^9 \text{ GeV}$

Many other production mechanisms

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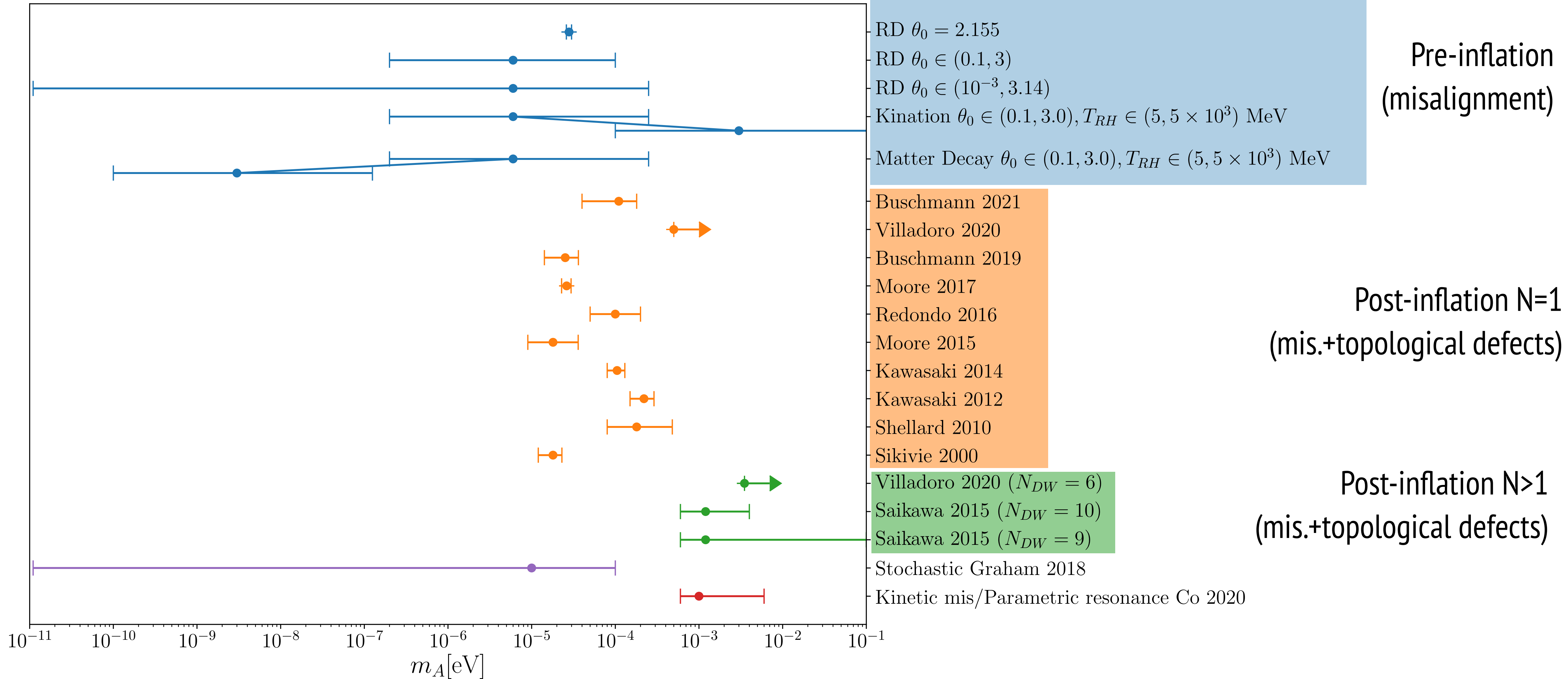
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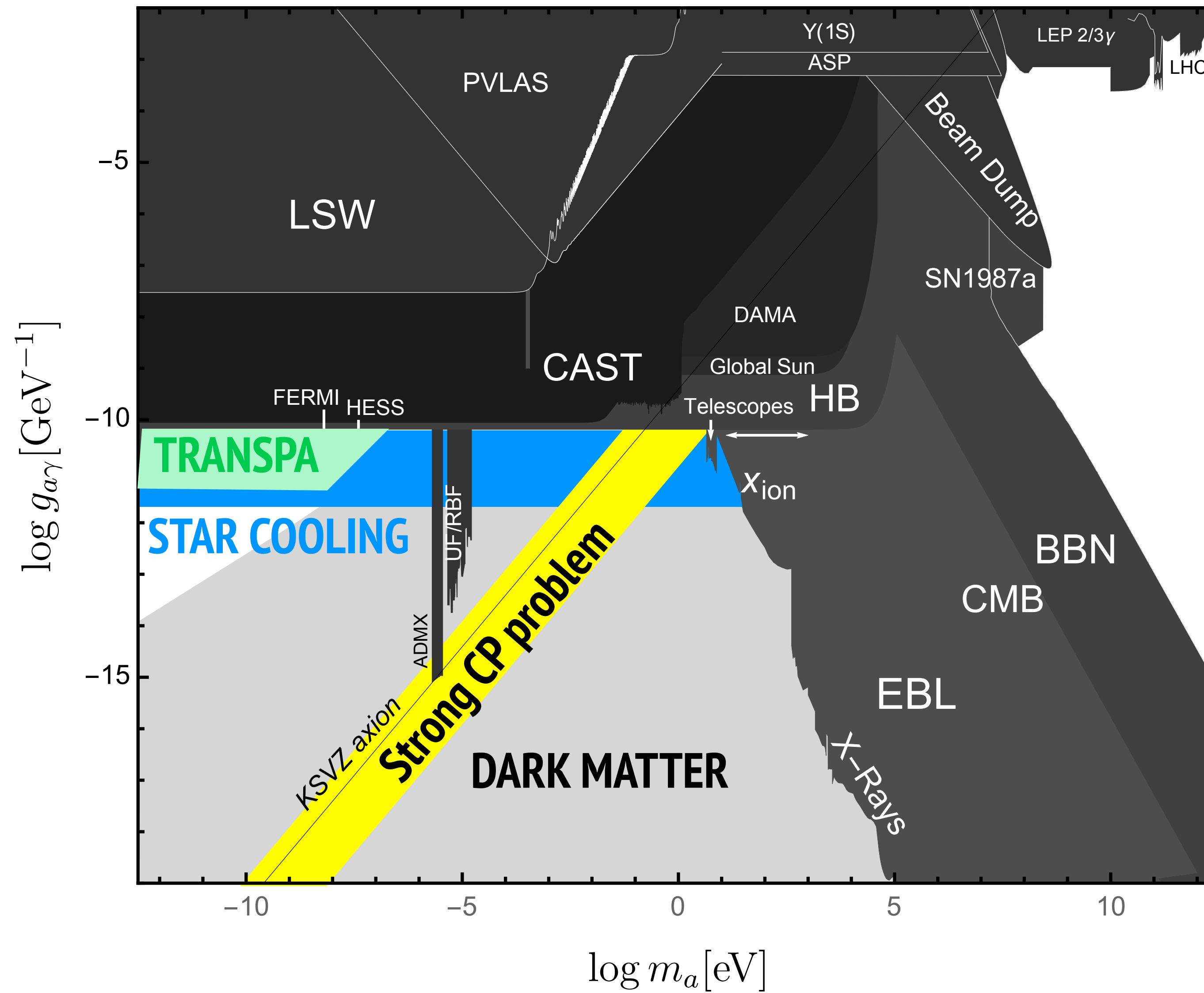
$$m_a \lesssim 10^{-9} \text{ eV}$$

Predicting the DM mass

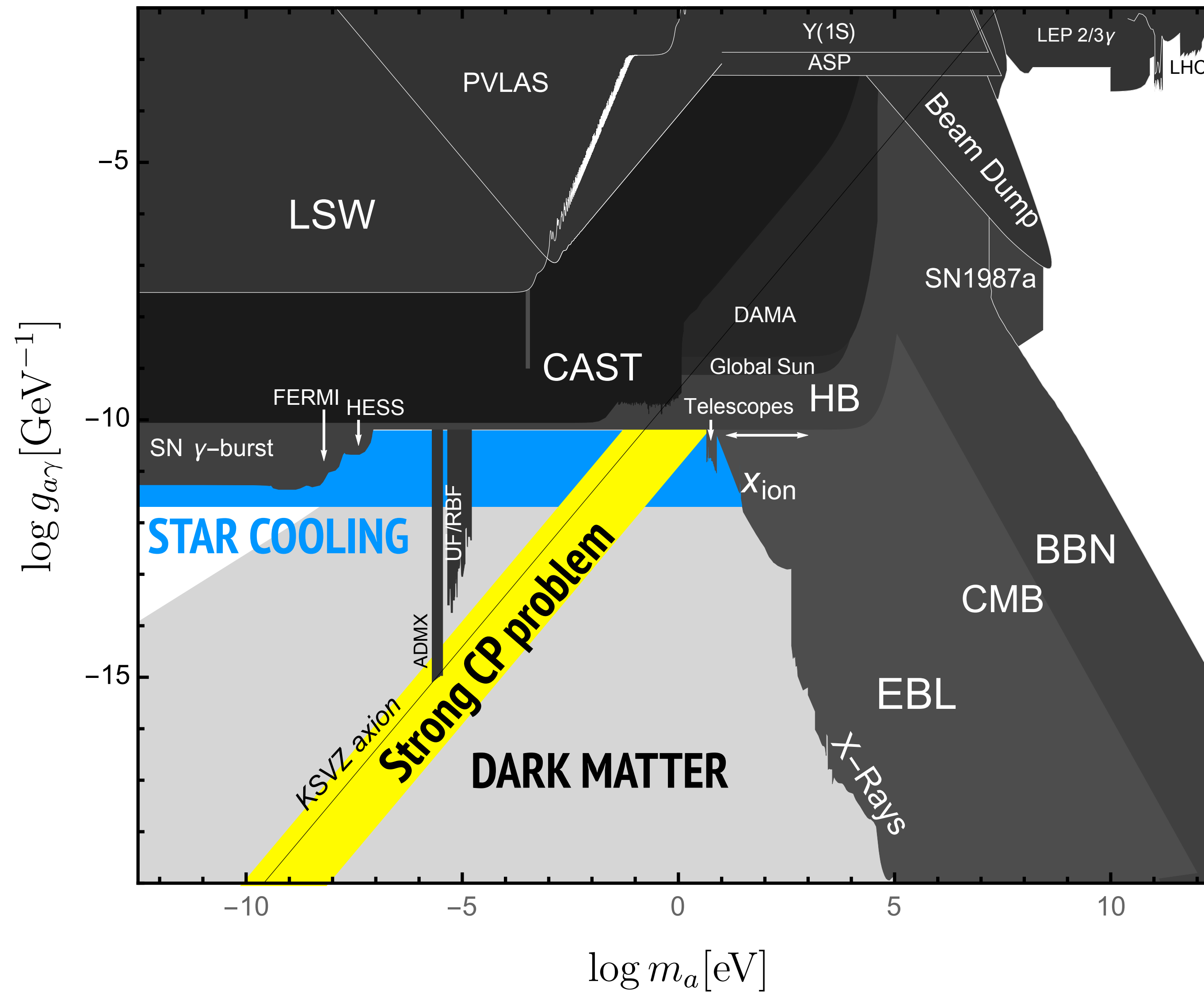
- Early-Universe and axion-model dependent!



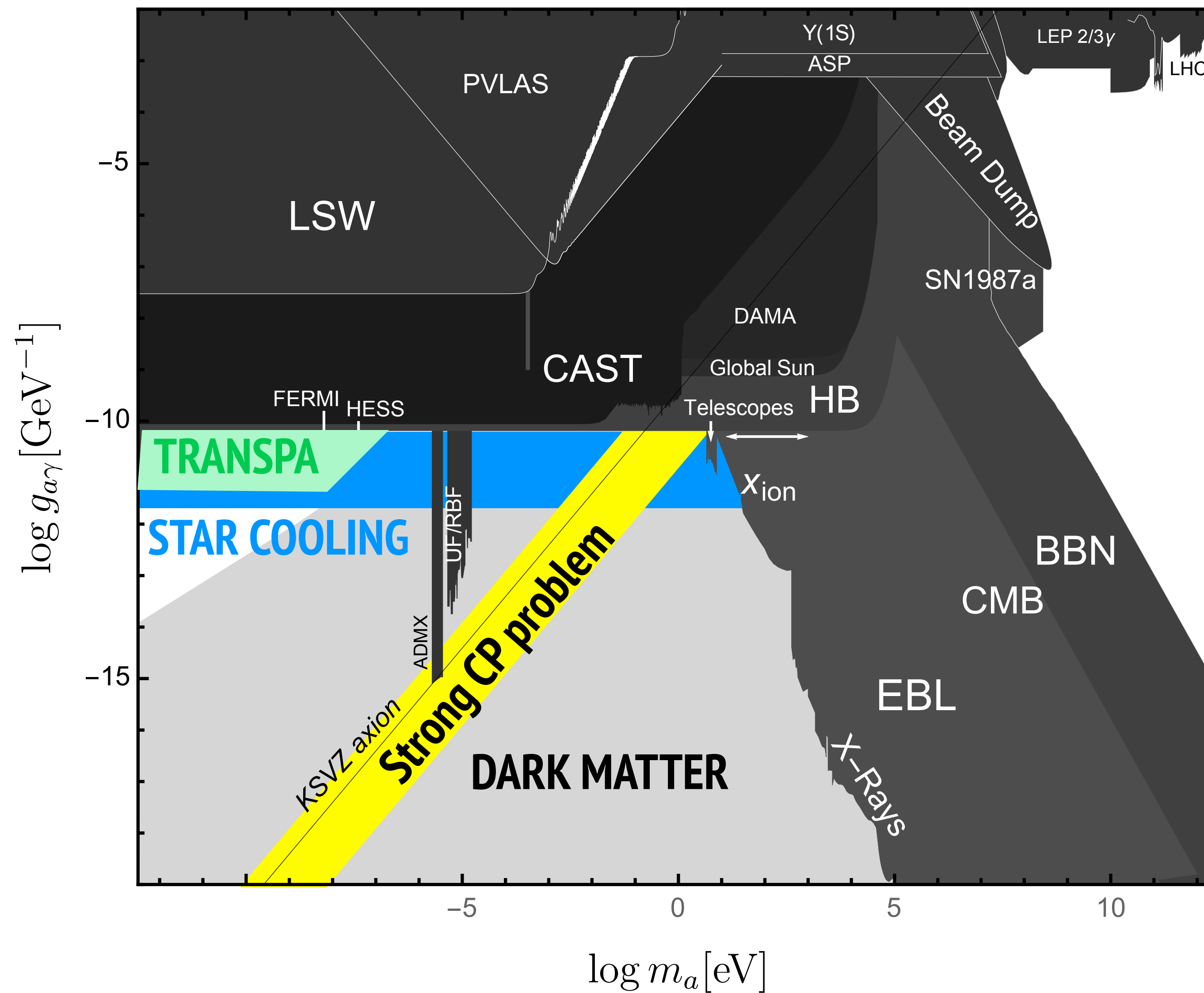
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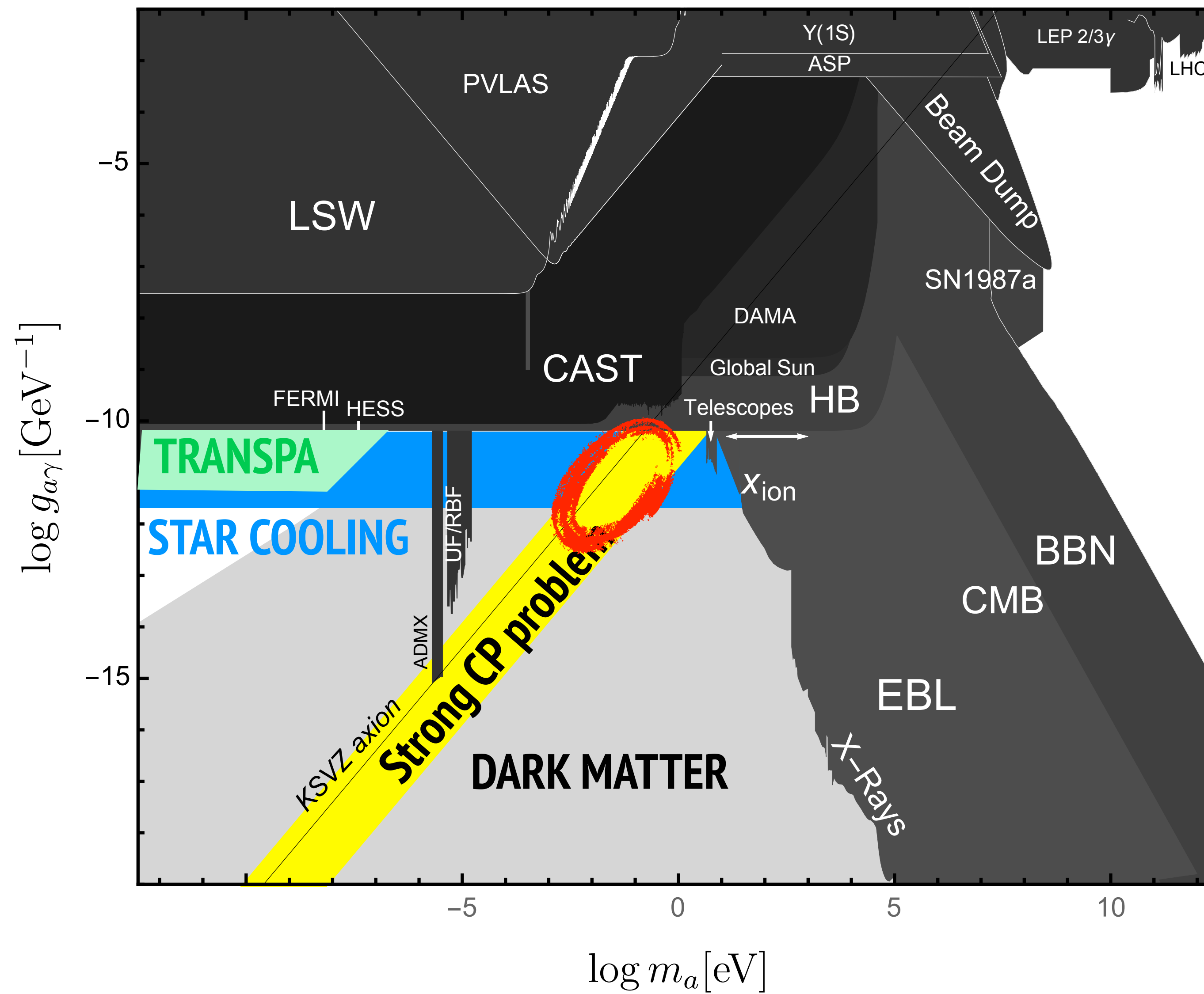
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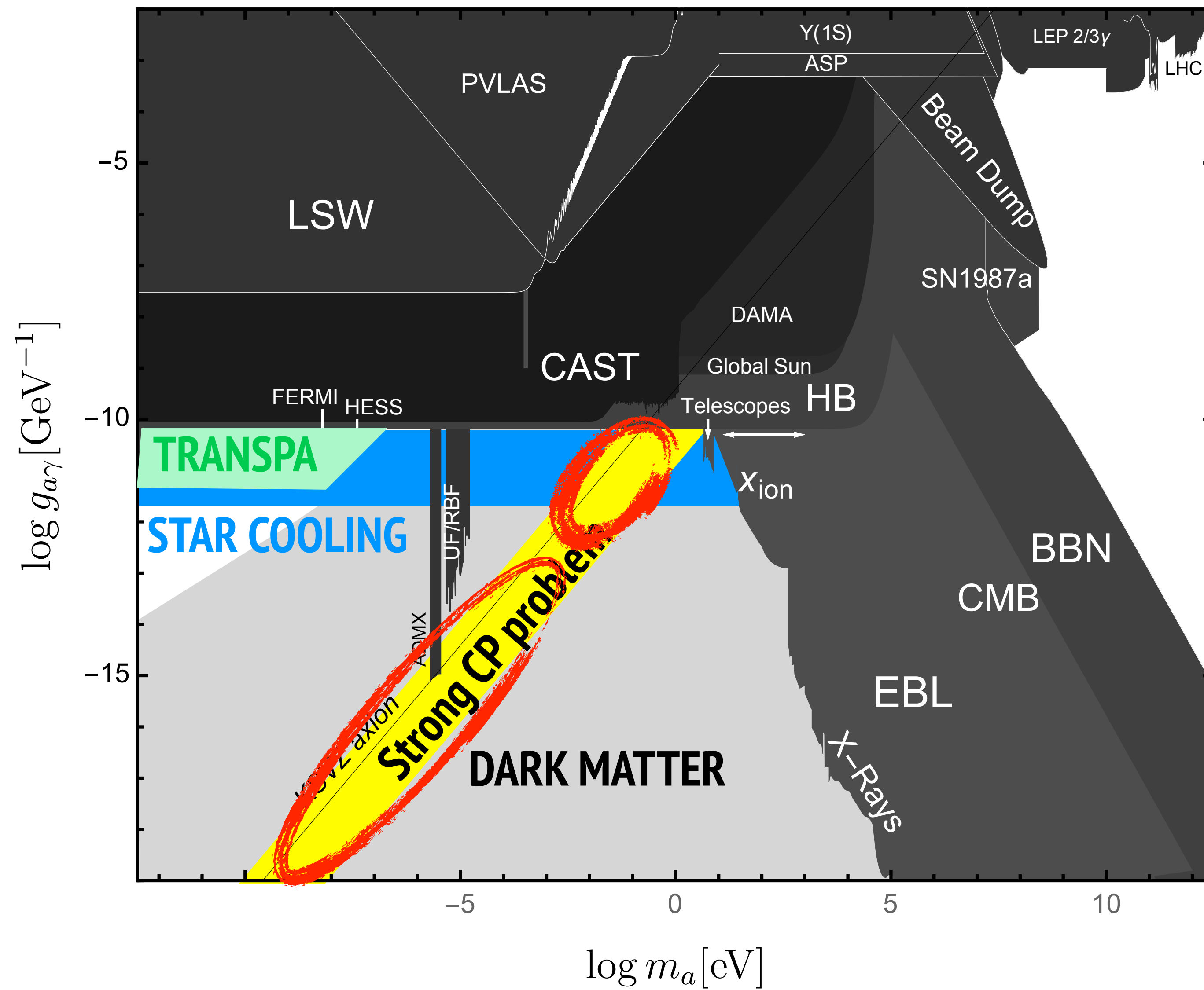
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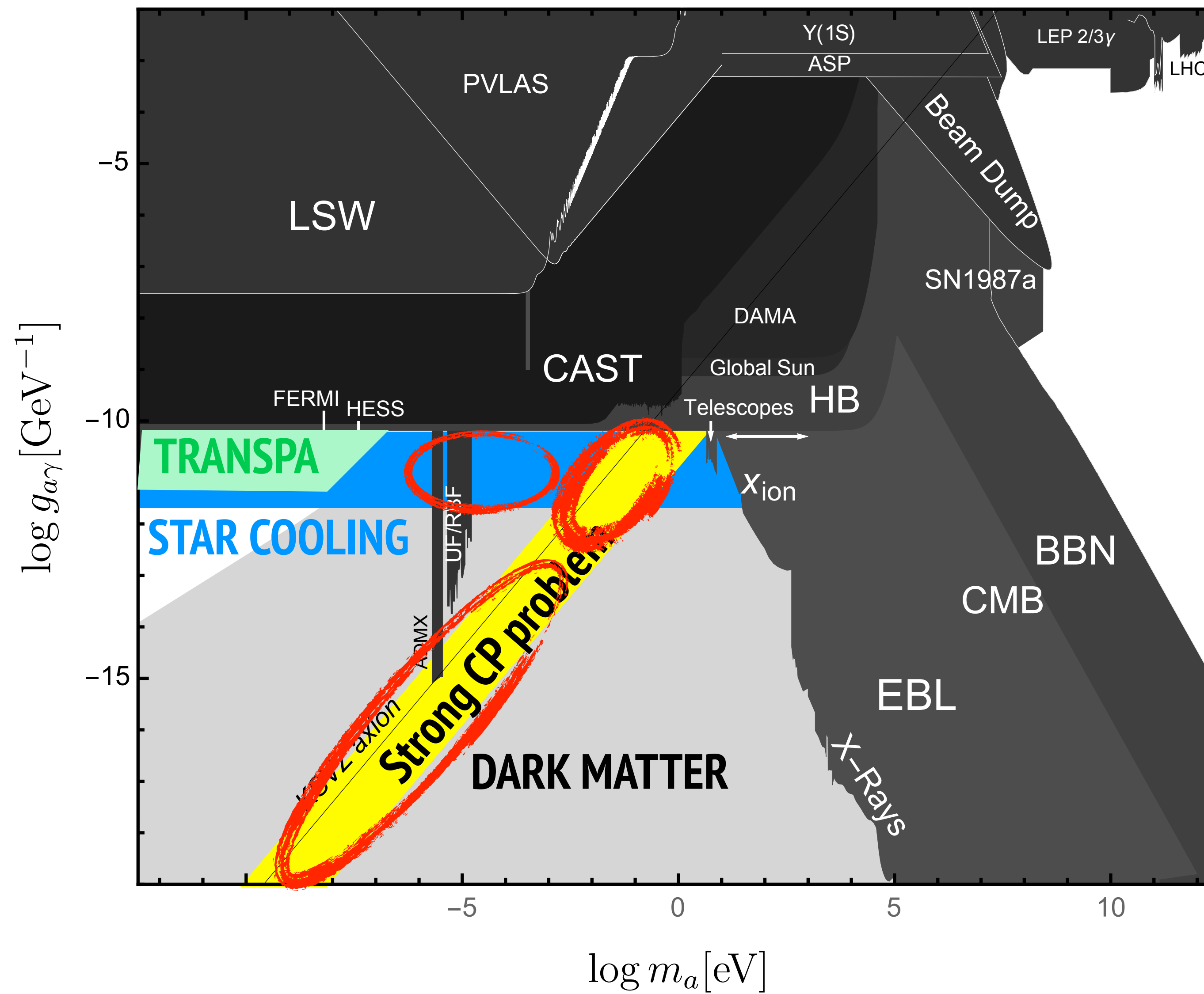
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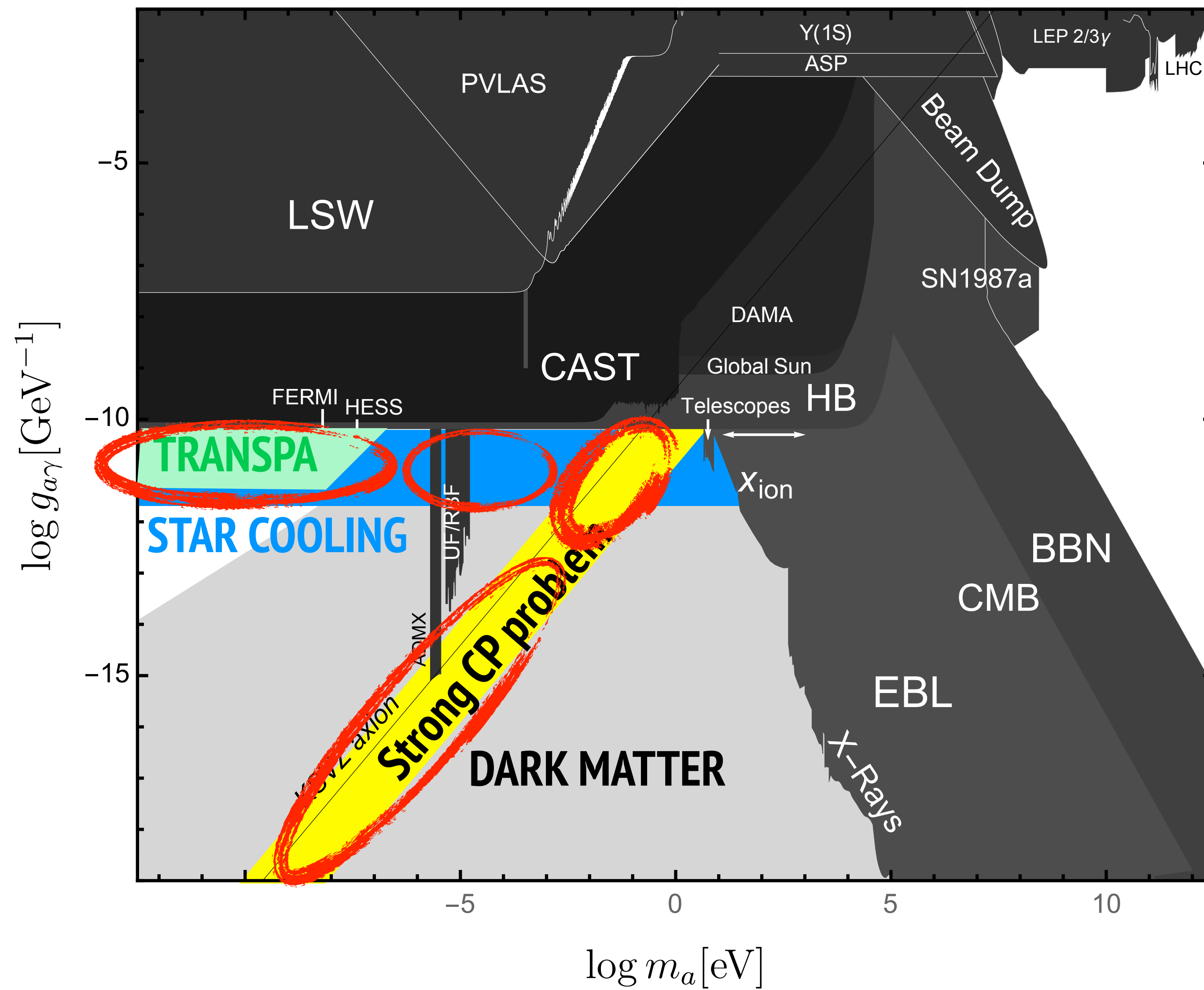
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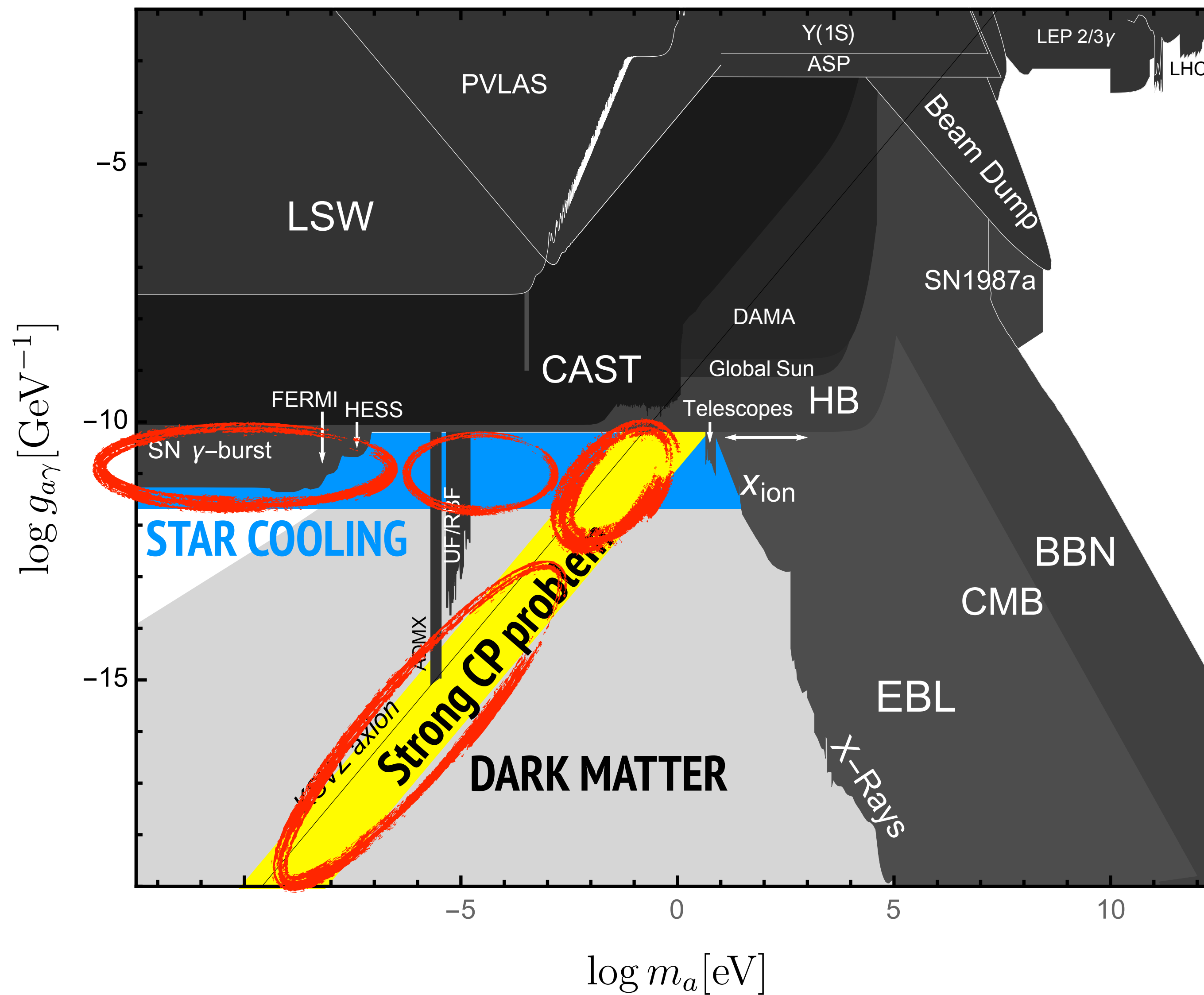
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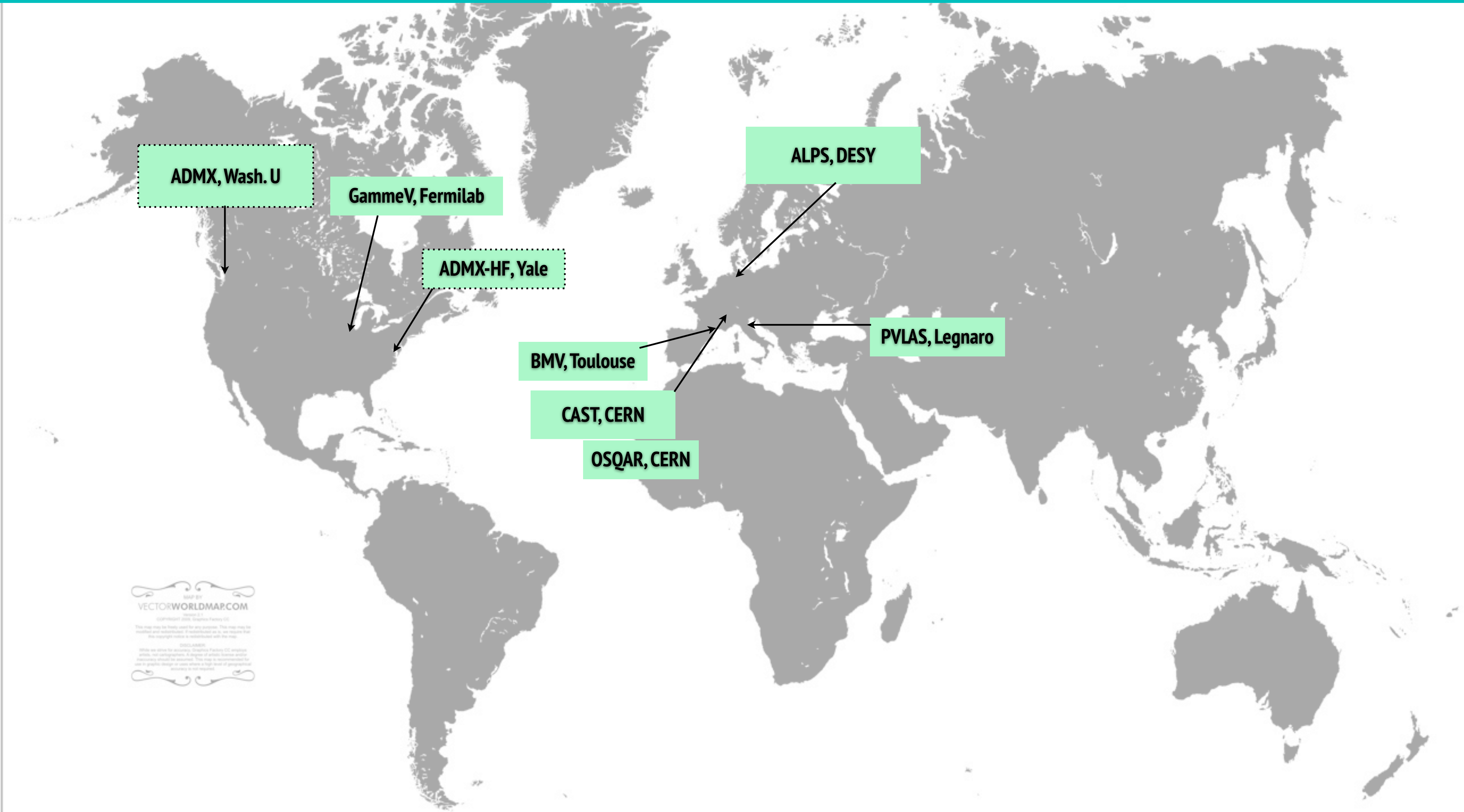
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Direct Detection of ALPs : 5 key experiments

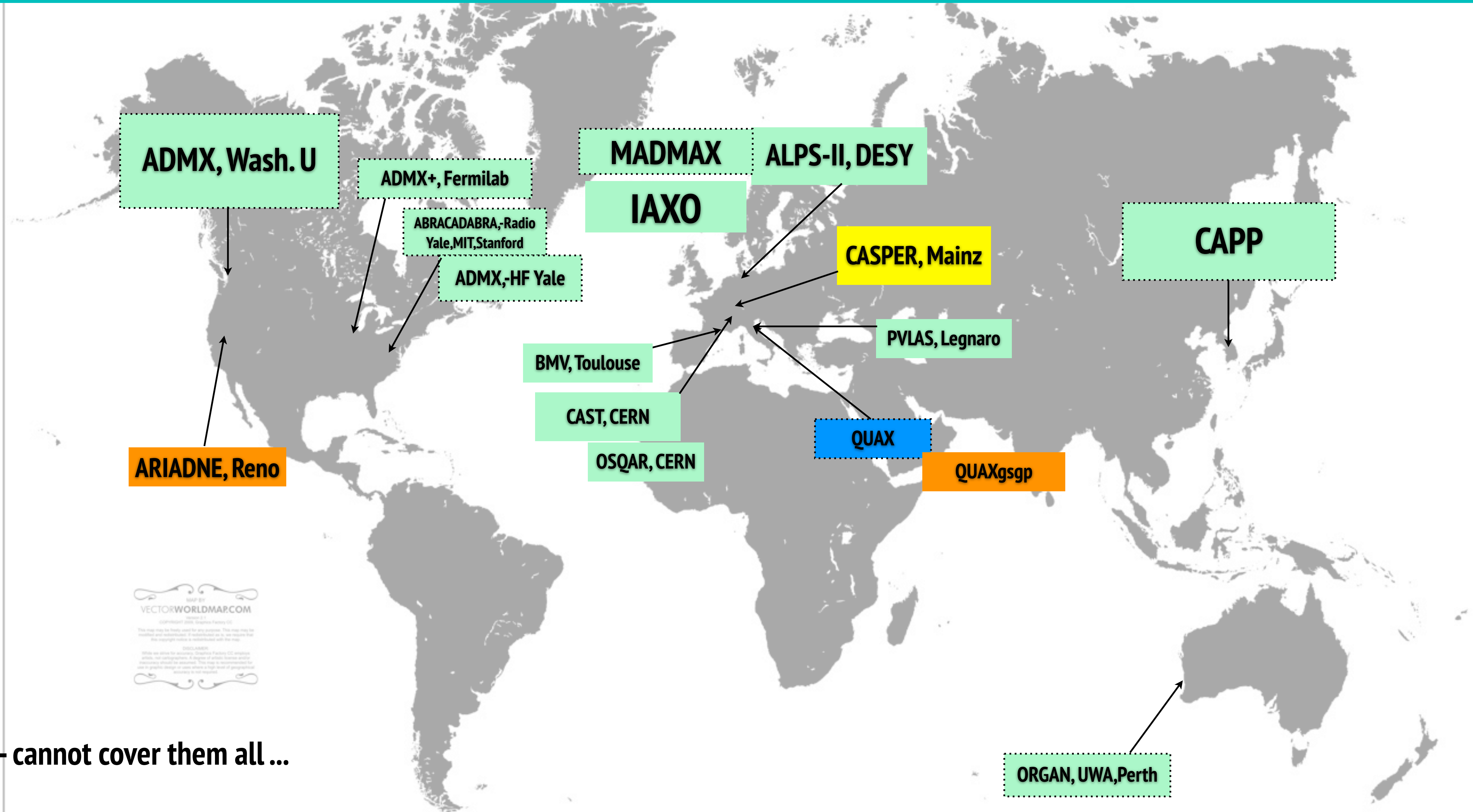


Lab experiments 2011



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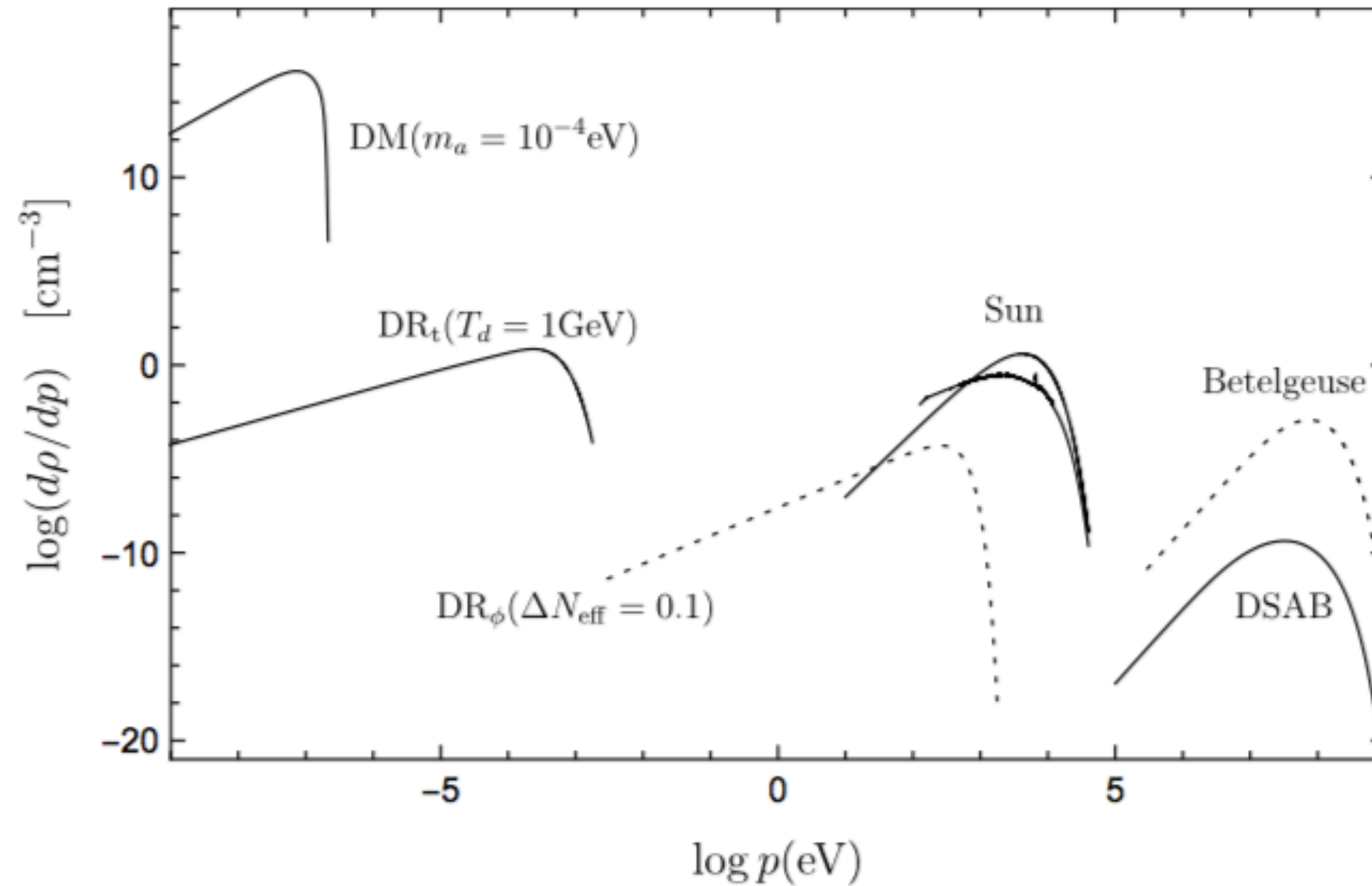
Lab experiments 2022 (a selection ...)



- cannot cover them all ...

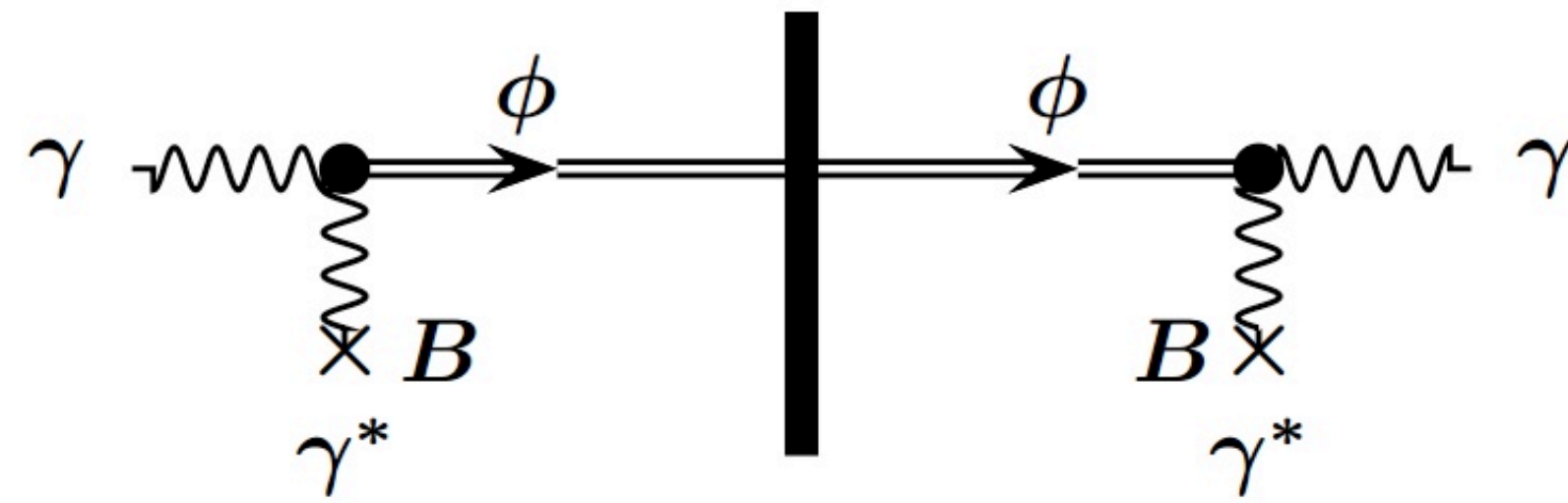
Natural sources

- Axions and ALPs are very weakly interacting... advantageous to use already produced (natural) axions but add extra uncertainties
- We want to explore purely - lab experiments as well

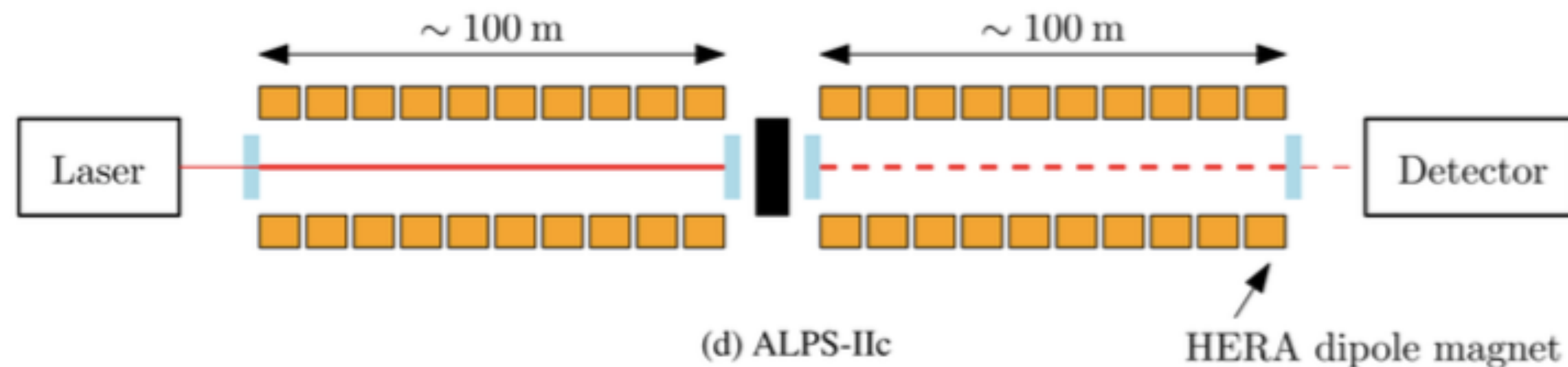


the ANY-Light-Particle-Search

Basic Light shining through walls



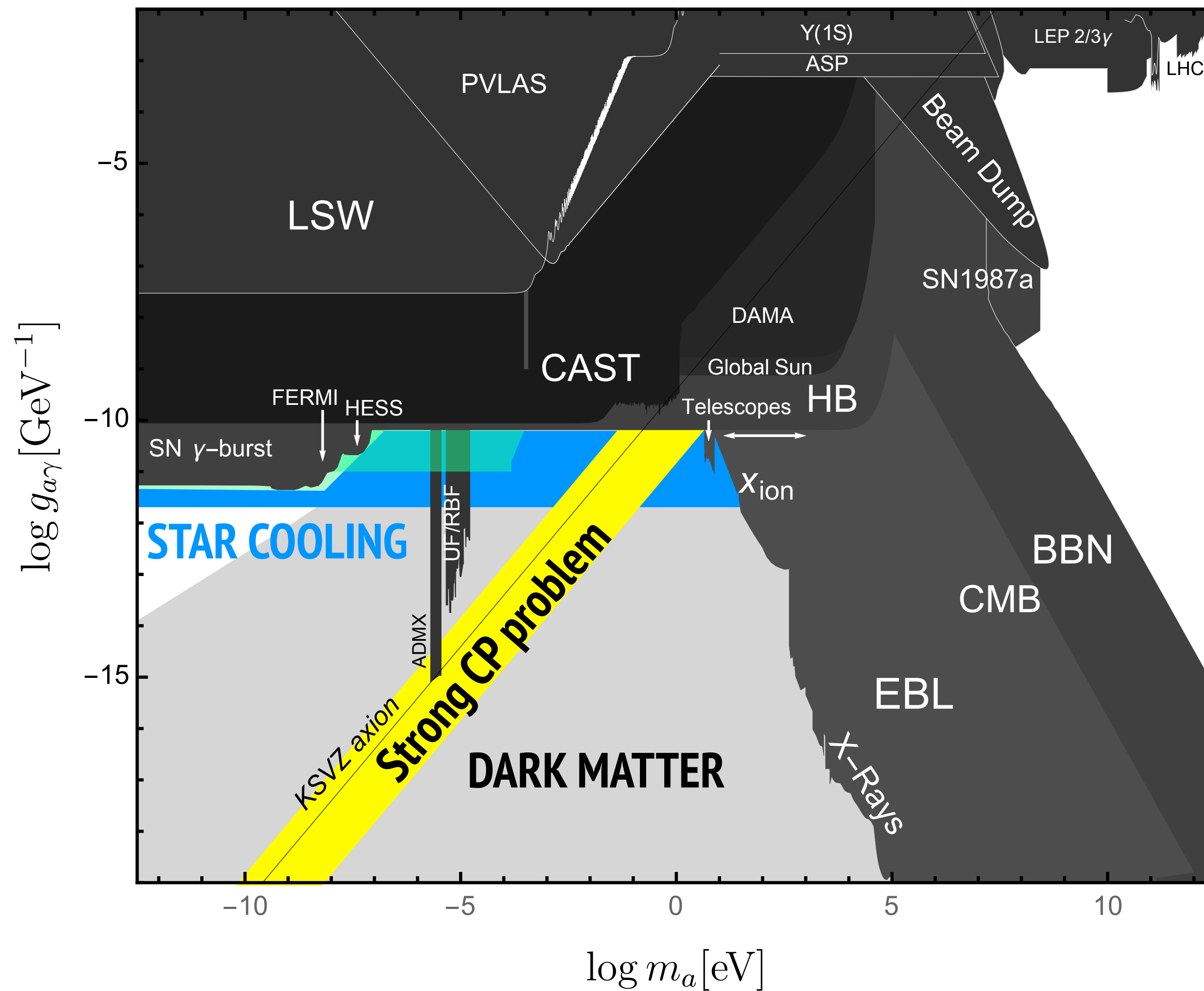
Boosted version : Emission cavity recycles photons + Resonant regeneration in the receiving cavity



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

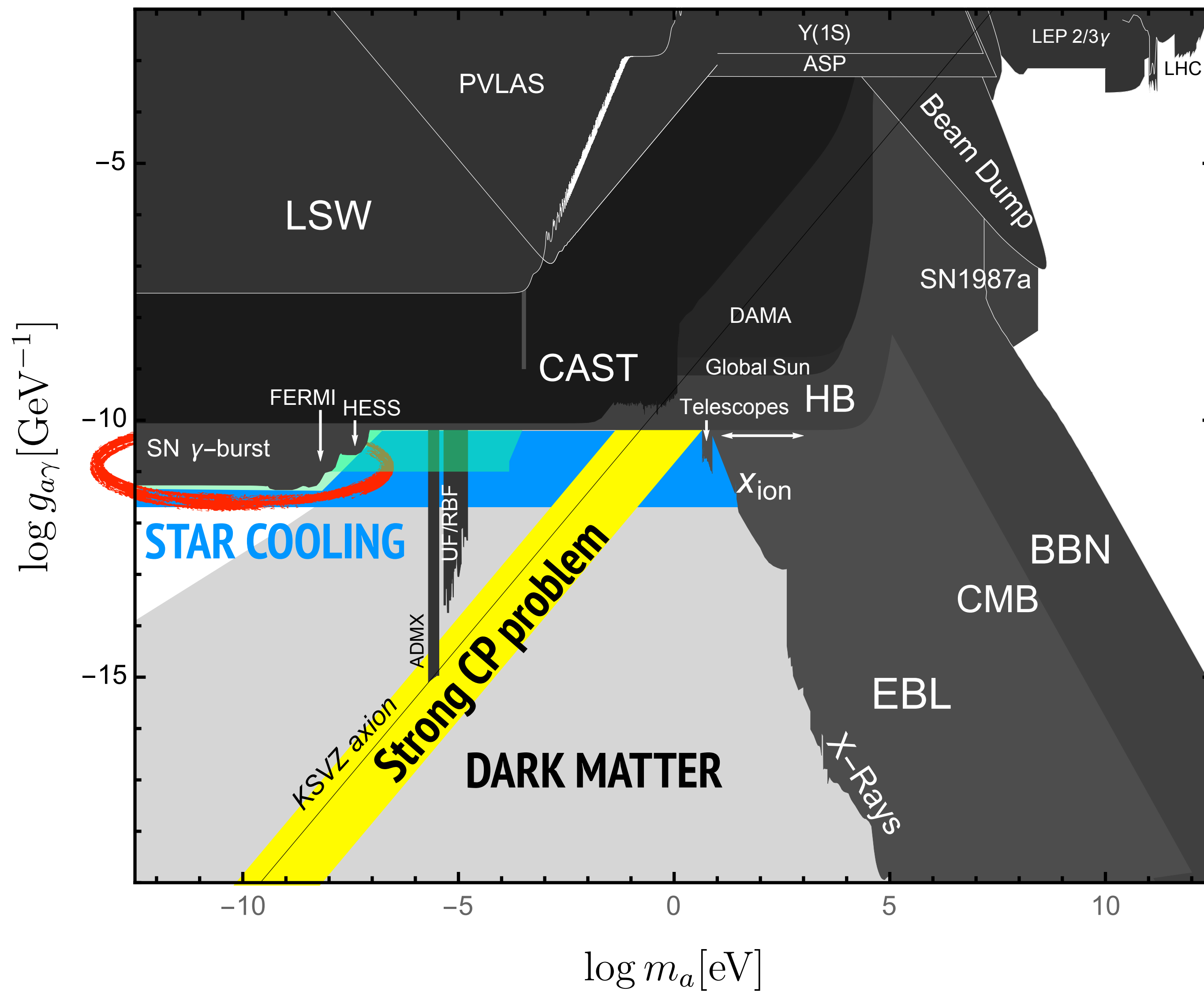
Experiment	status	B (T)	L (m)	Input power (W)	β_P	β_R	$g_{\gamma\gamma} [\text{GeV}^{-1}]$
ALPS-I [427]	completed	5	4.3	4	300	1	5×10^{-8}
CROWS [429]	completed	3	0.15	50	10^4	10^4	$9.9 \times 10^{-8} (*)$
OSQAR [428]	ongoing	9	14.3	18.5	-	-	3.5×10^{-8}
ALPS-II [430]	in preparation	5	100	30	5000	40000	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}

ALPS IIc reach



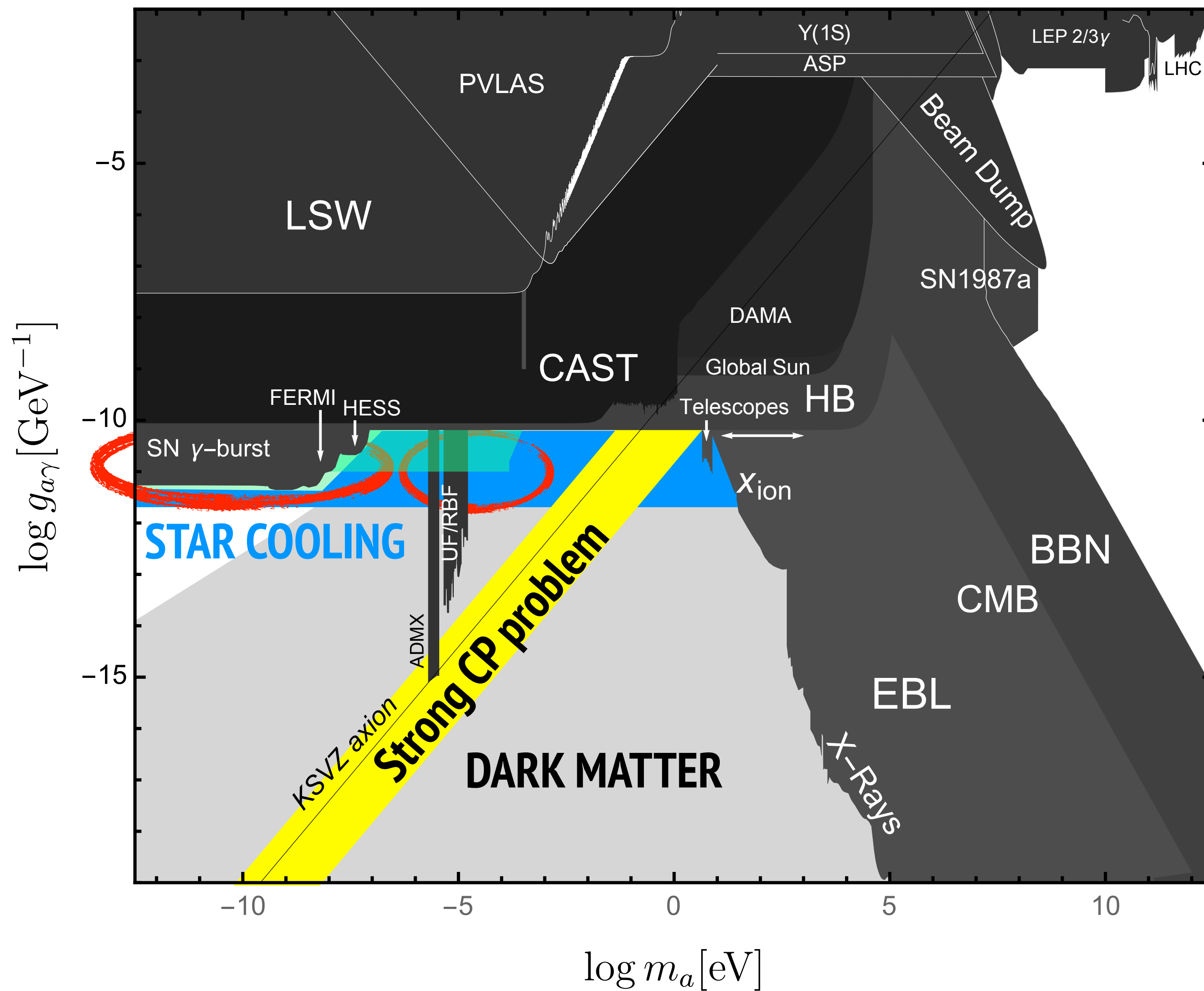
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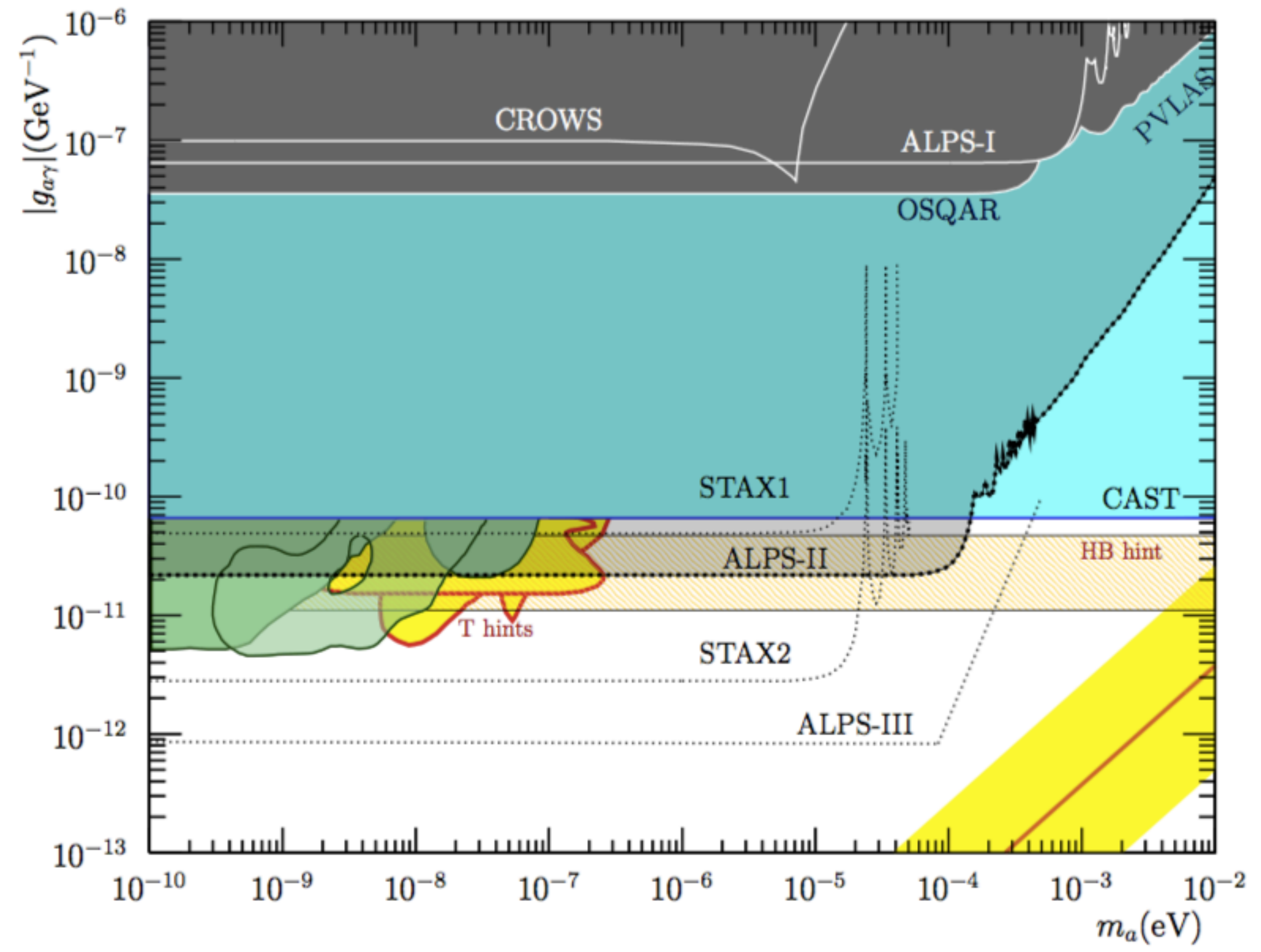
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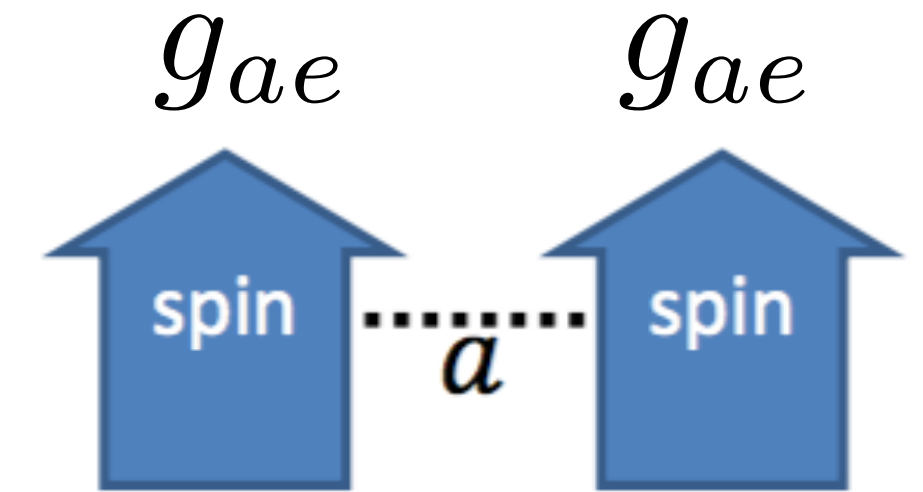
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STAX, ALPS III and beyond



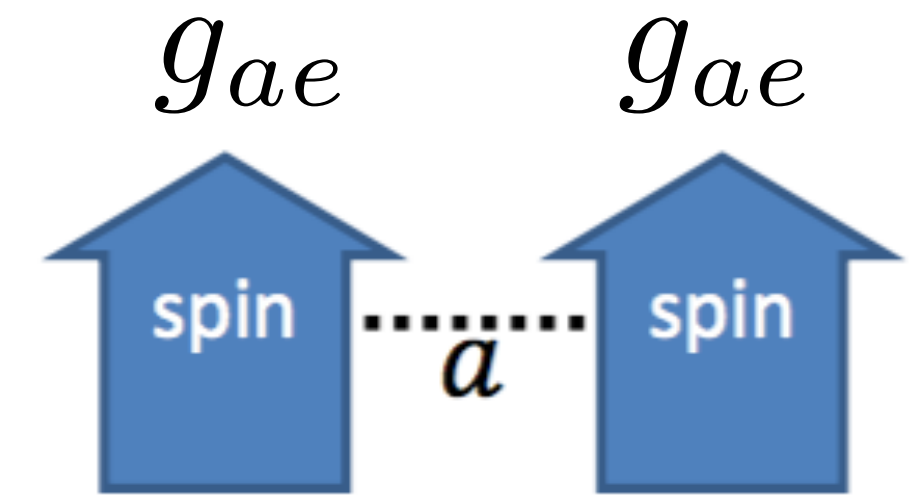
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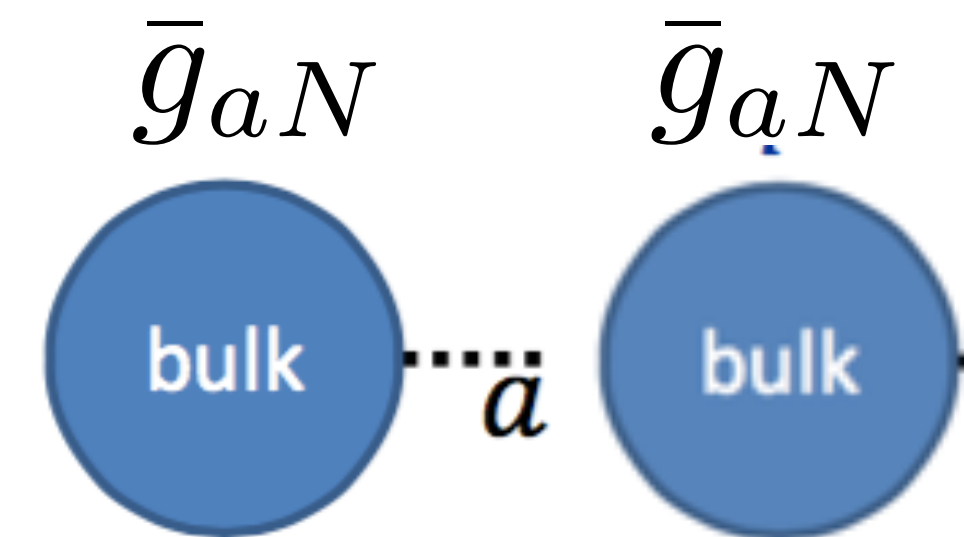
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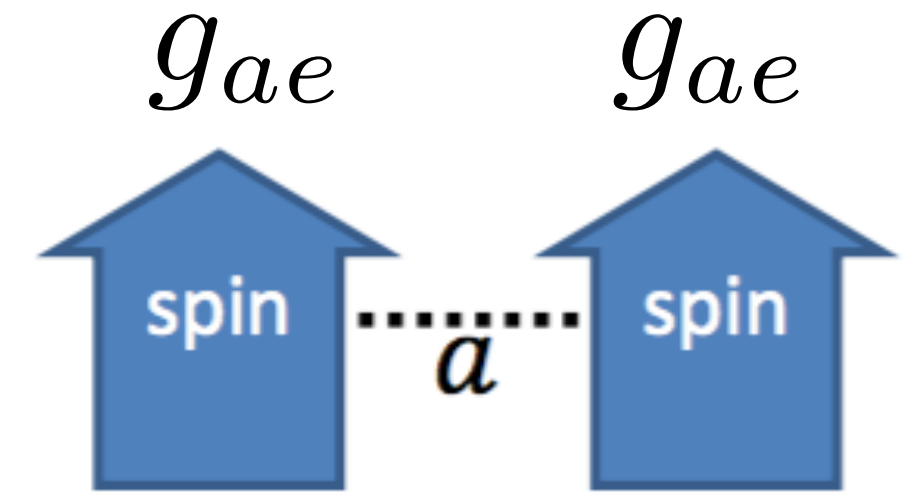
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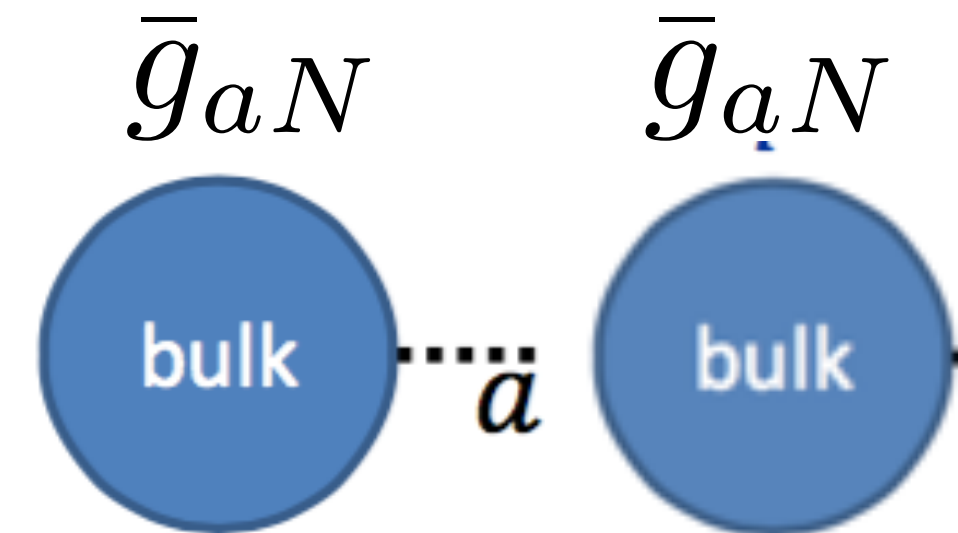
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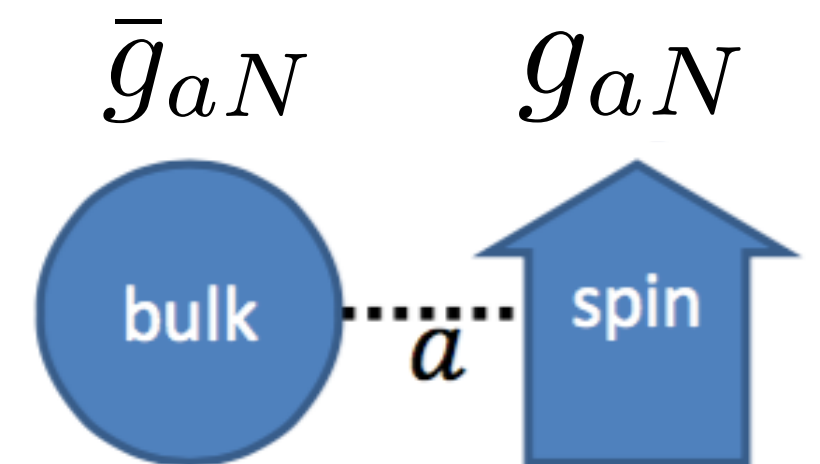
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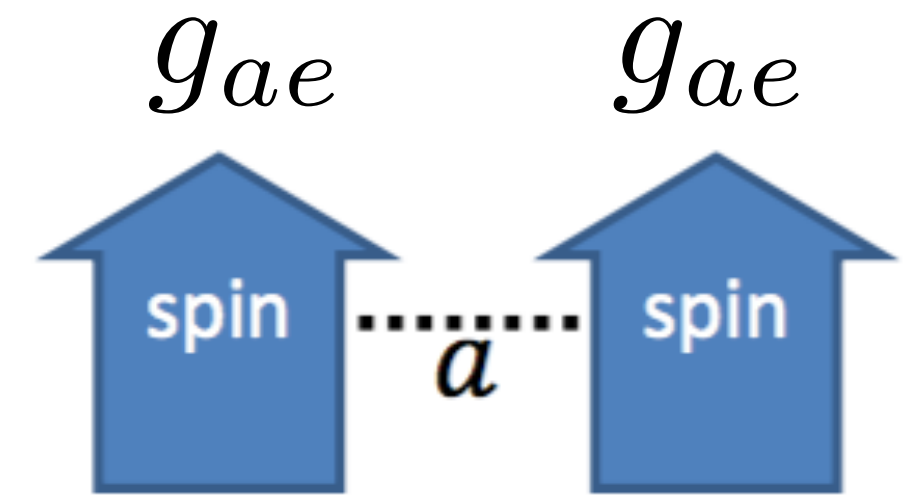


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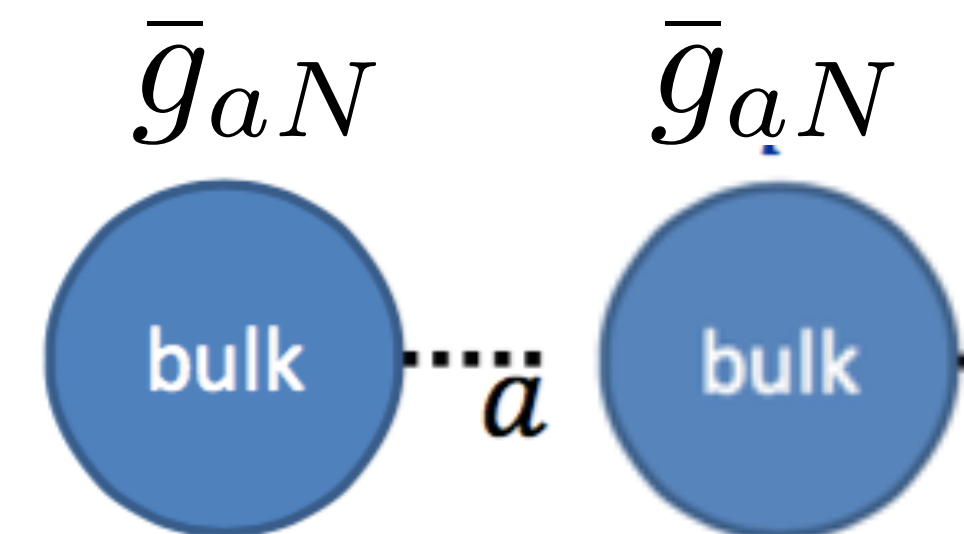
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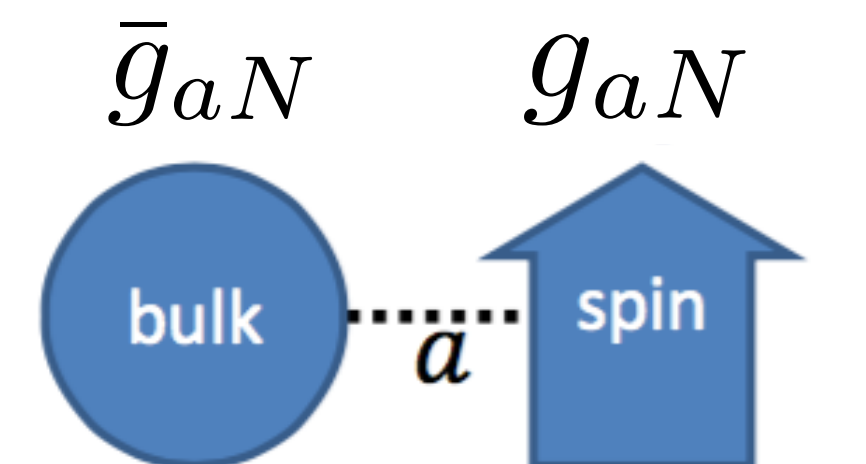
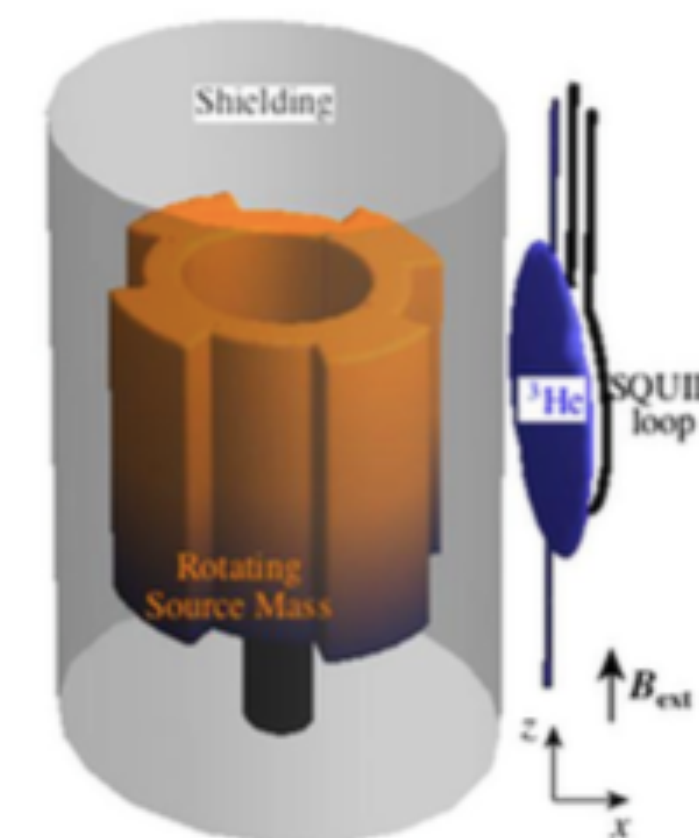


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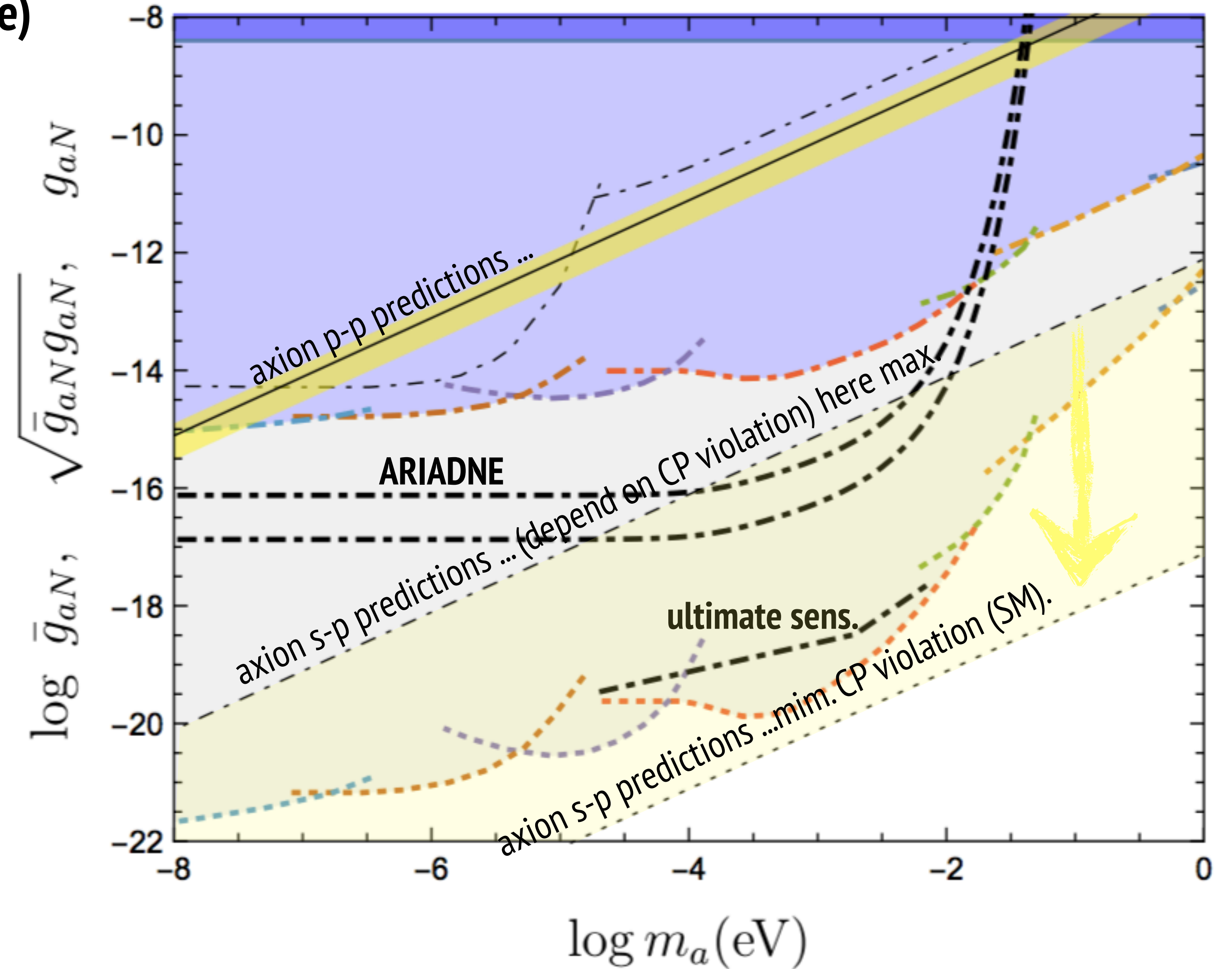
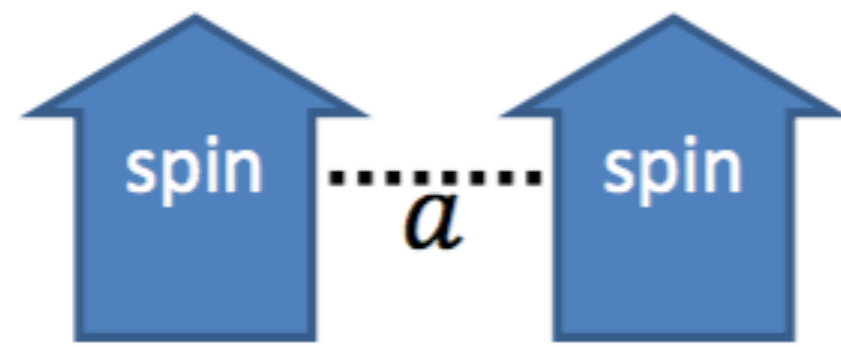
p-coupling, fictitious B-field coupled to spin

$$g_{\alpha\psi} [\bar{\psi}\gamma^5\psi]a \sim g_{\alpha\psi} \mathbf{S} \cdot \nabla a$$

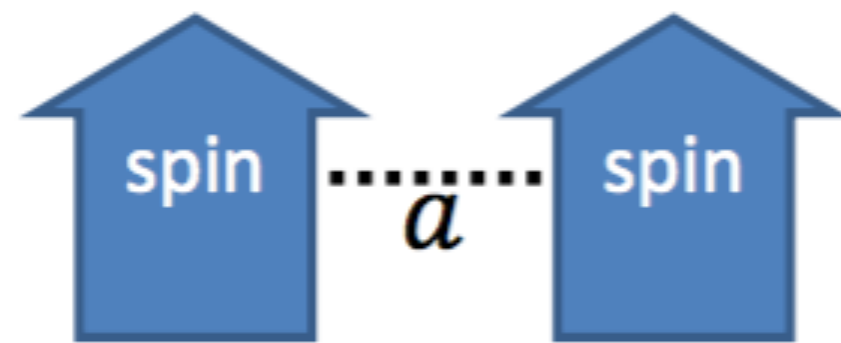
**Use asymmetric rotating body as source of a
detect the spin-force with ultra sensitive NMR!**



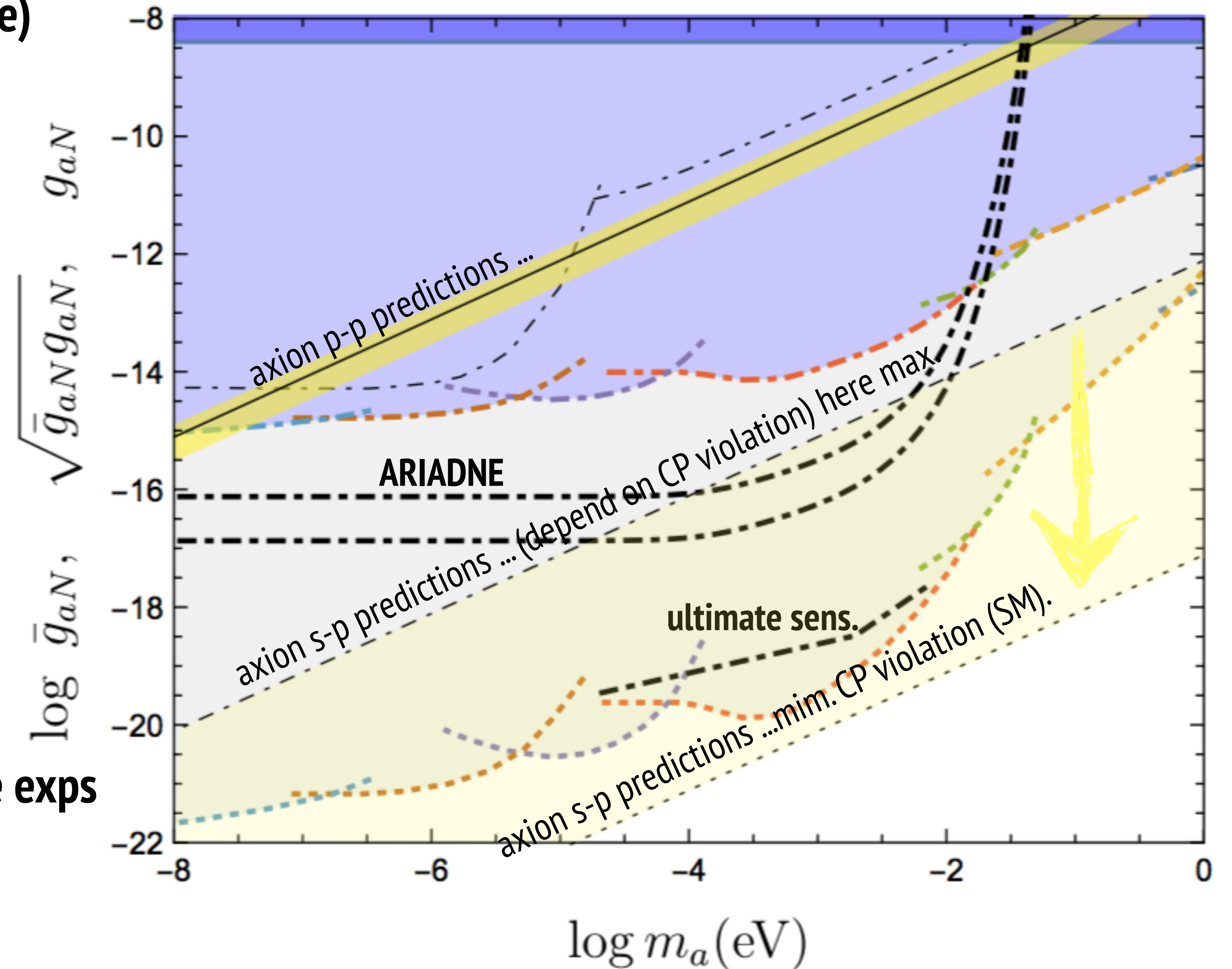
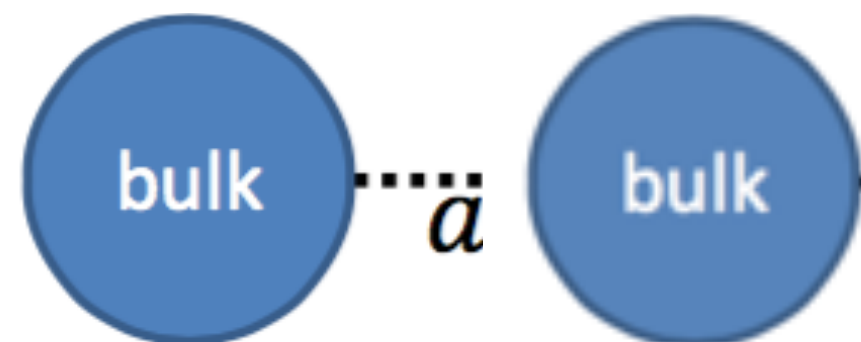
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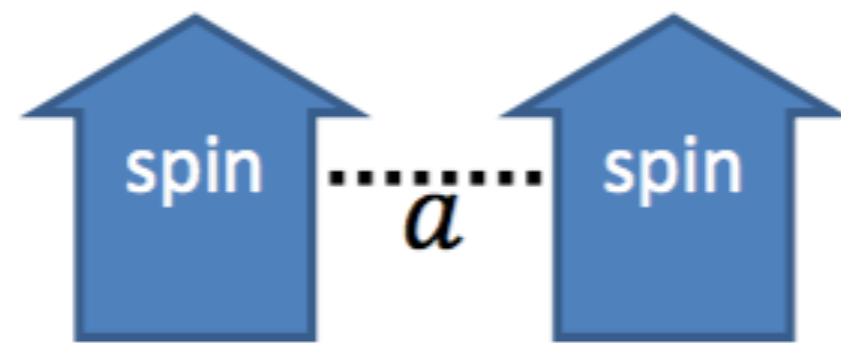
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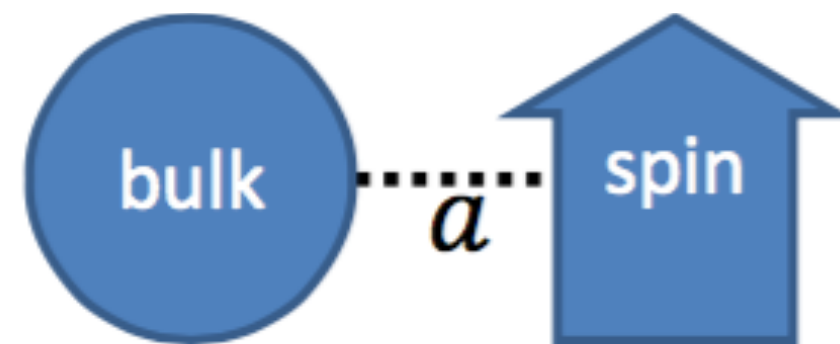


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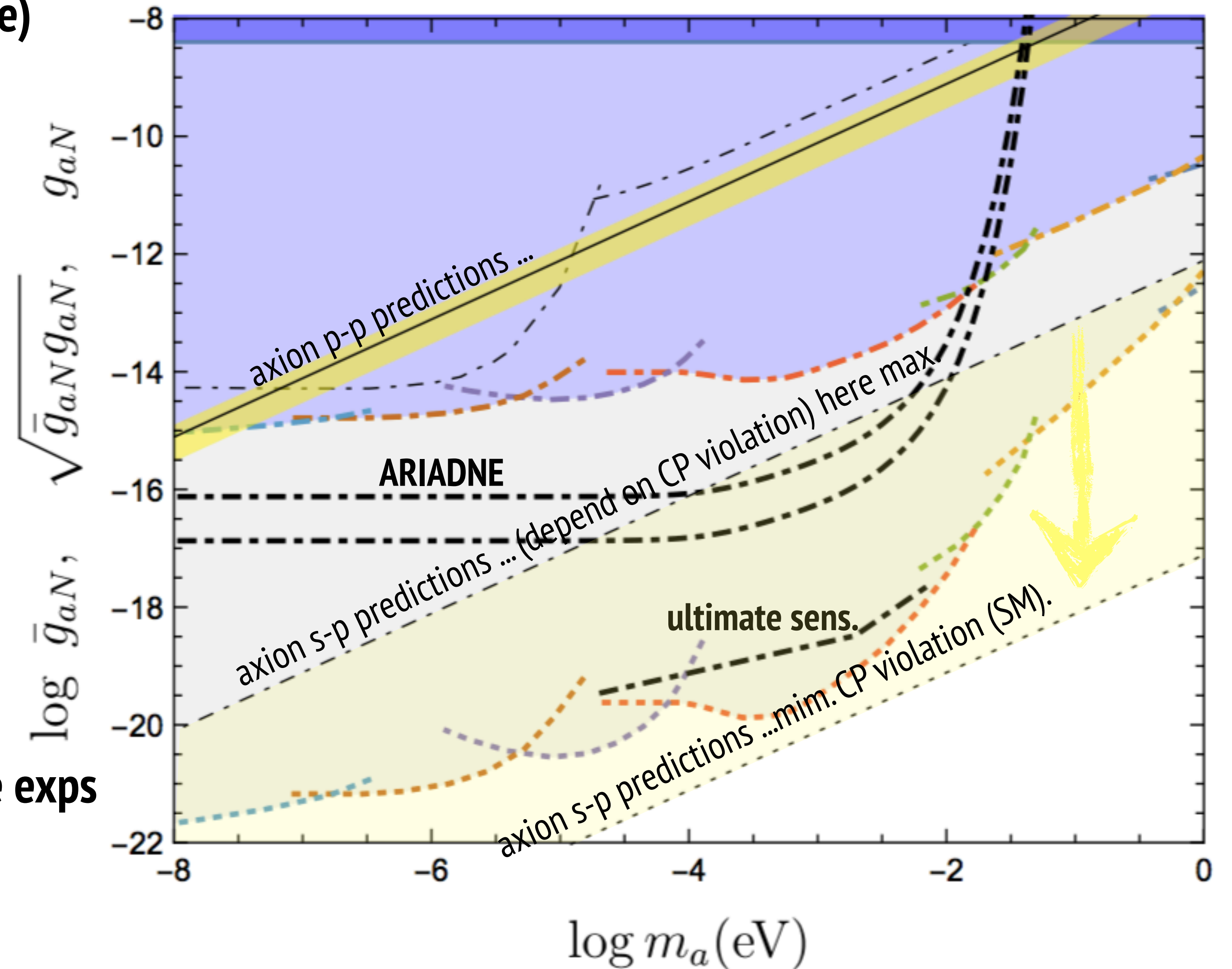
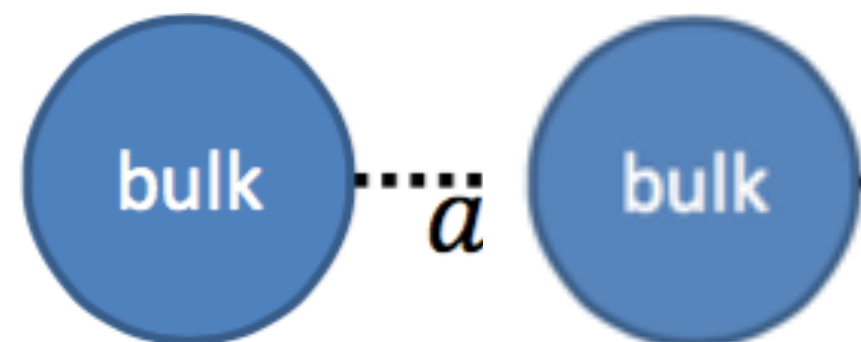
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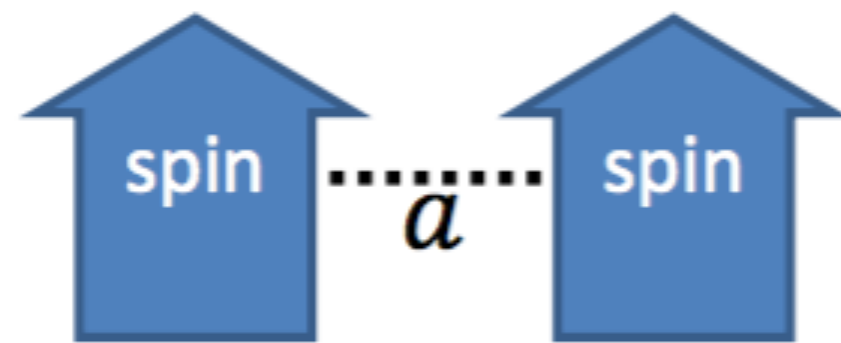
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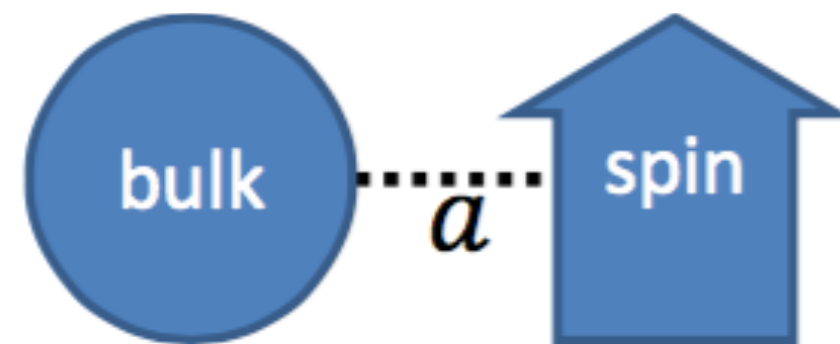


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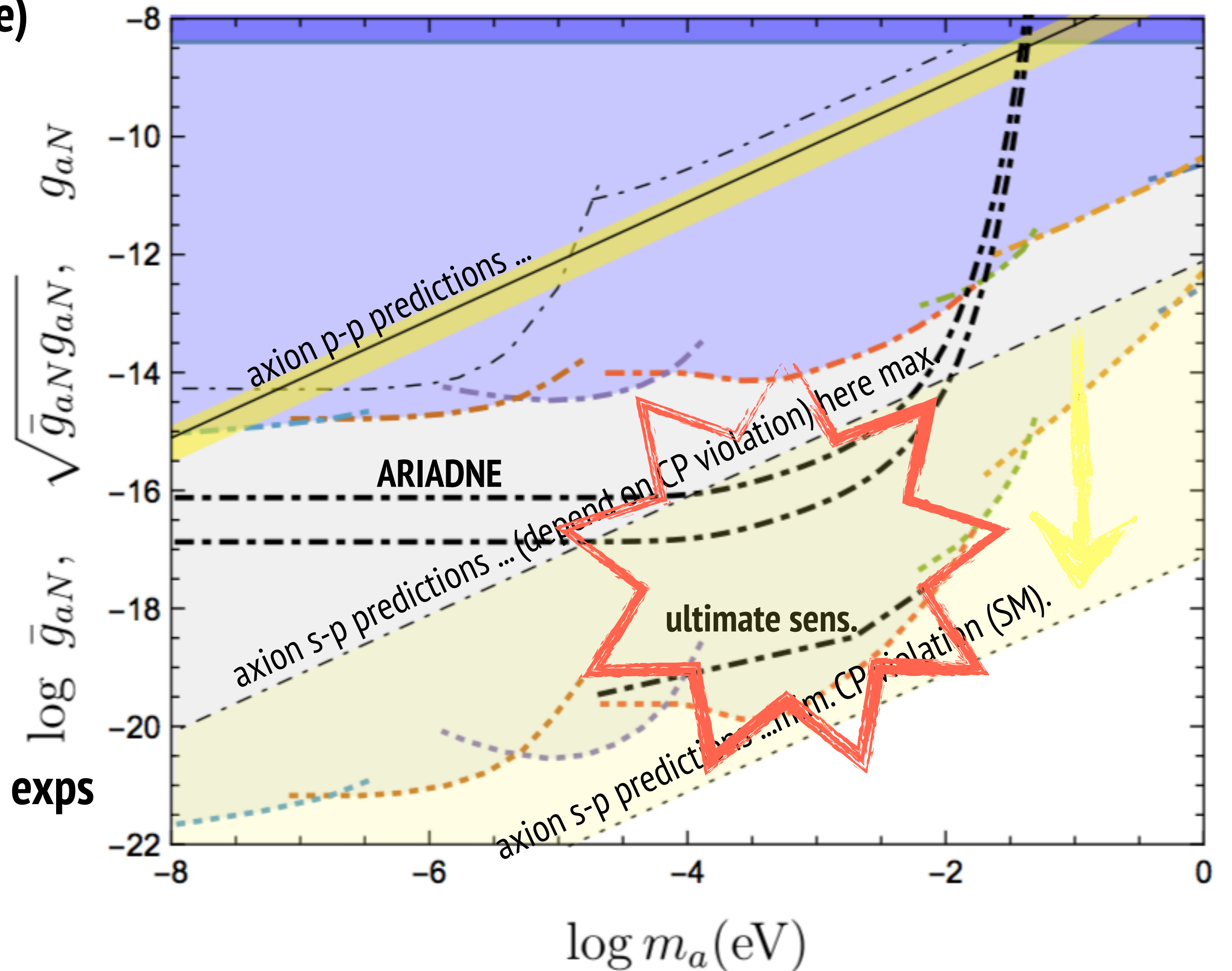
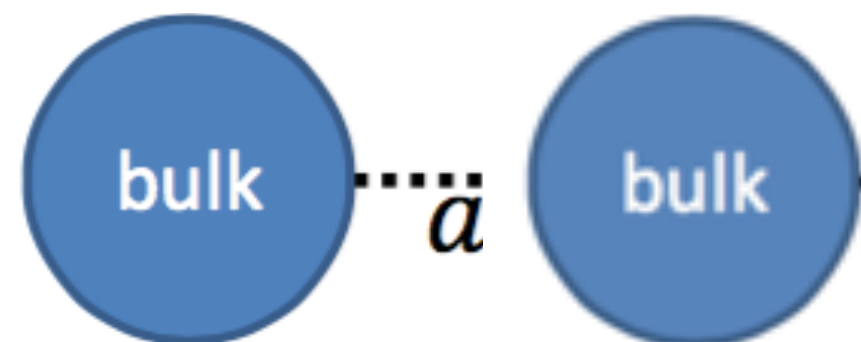
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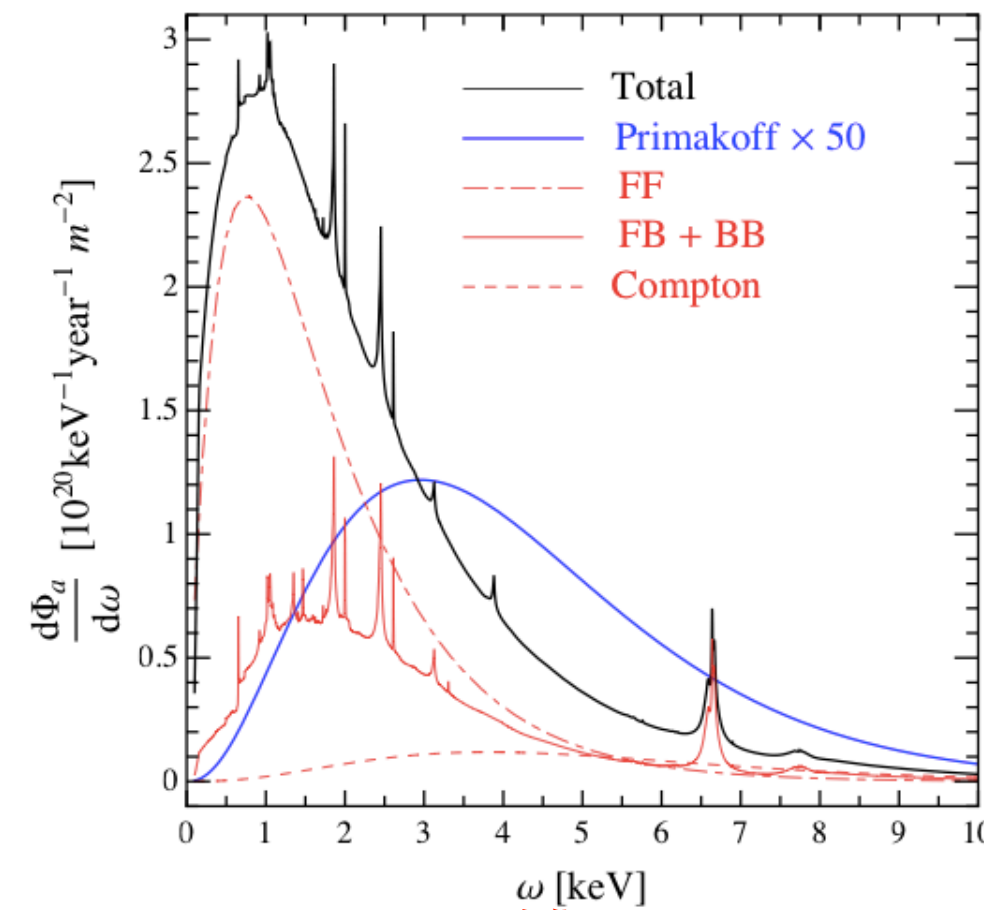
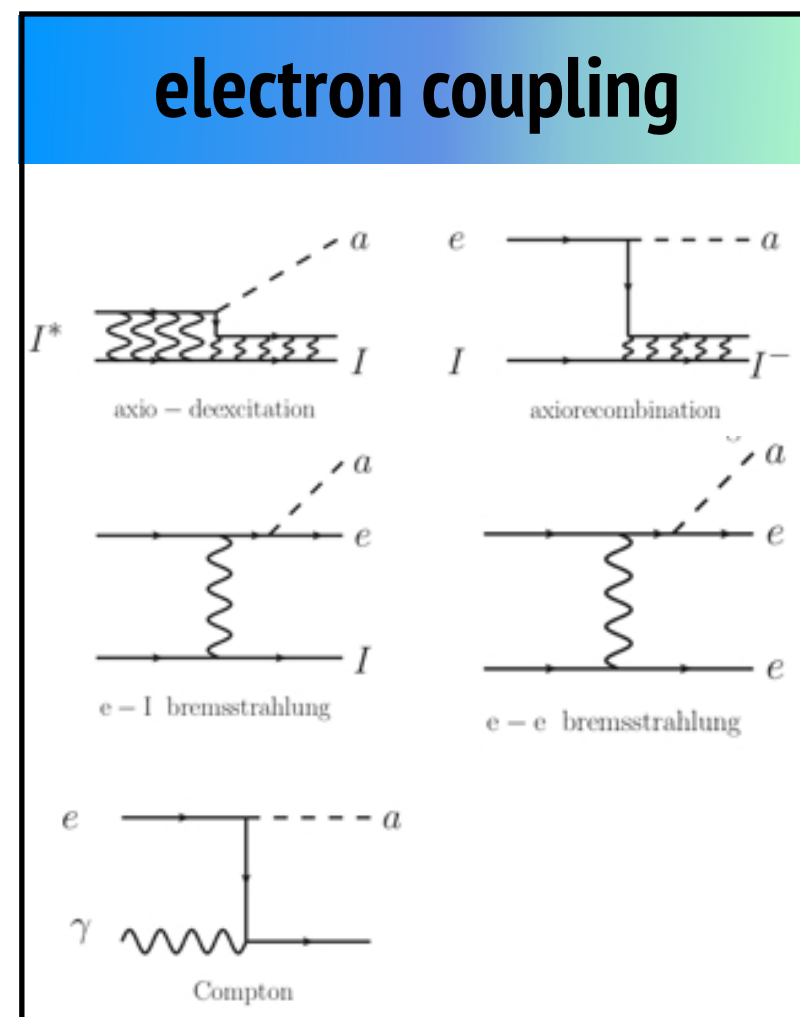
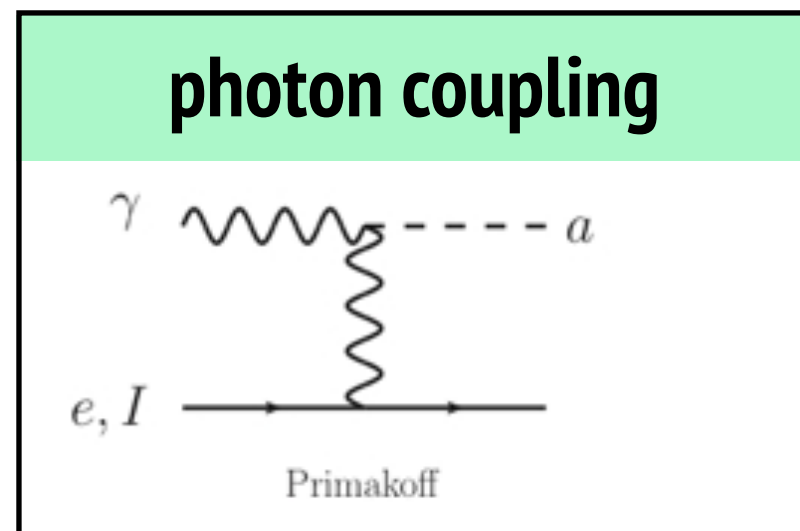
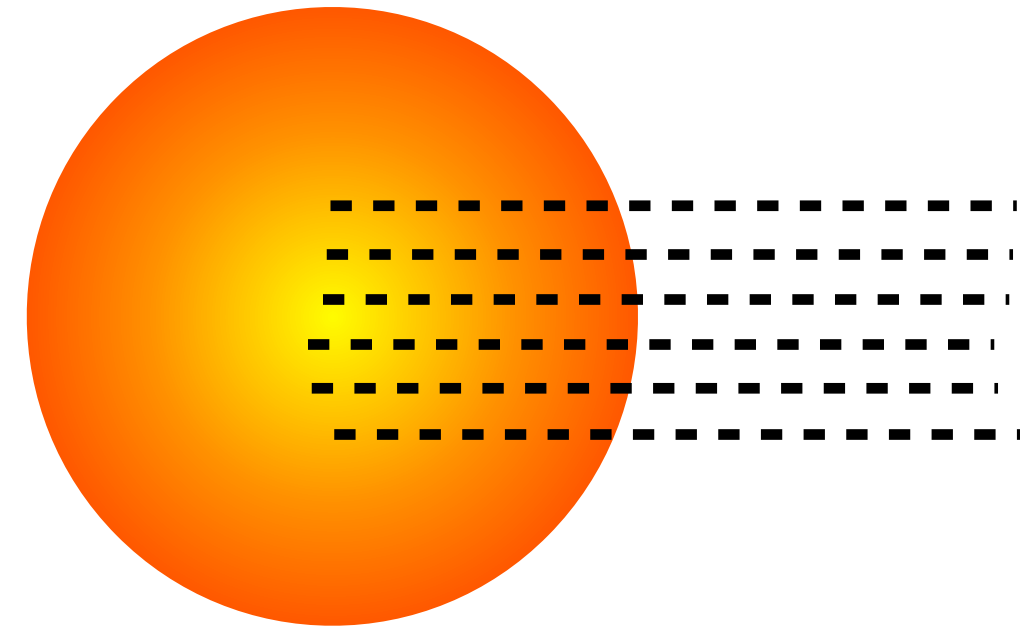
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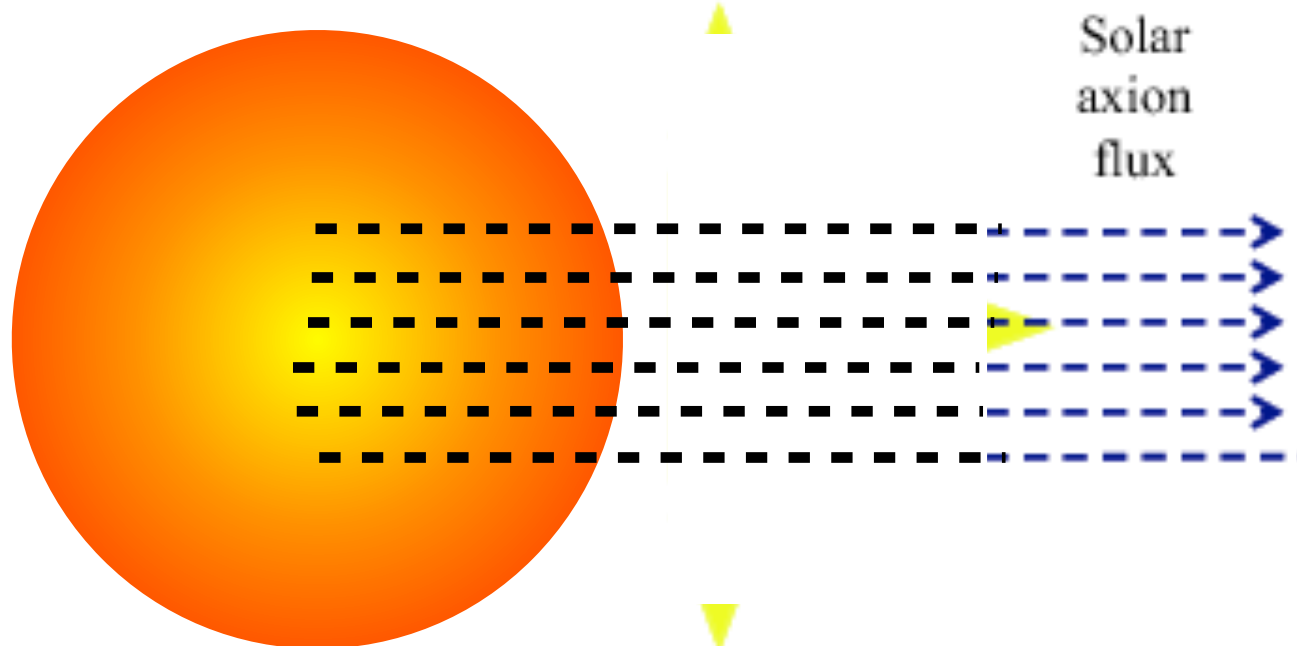


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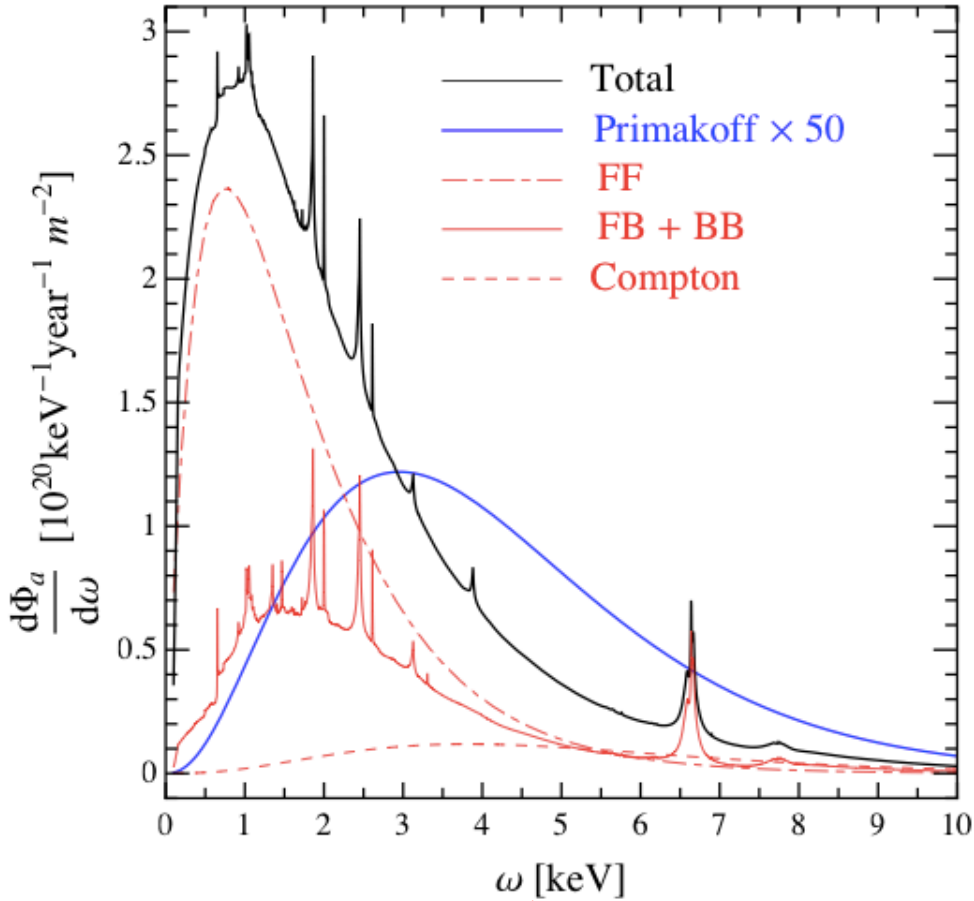
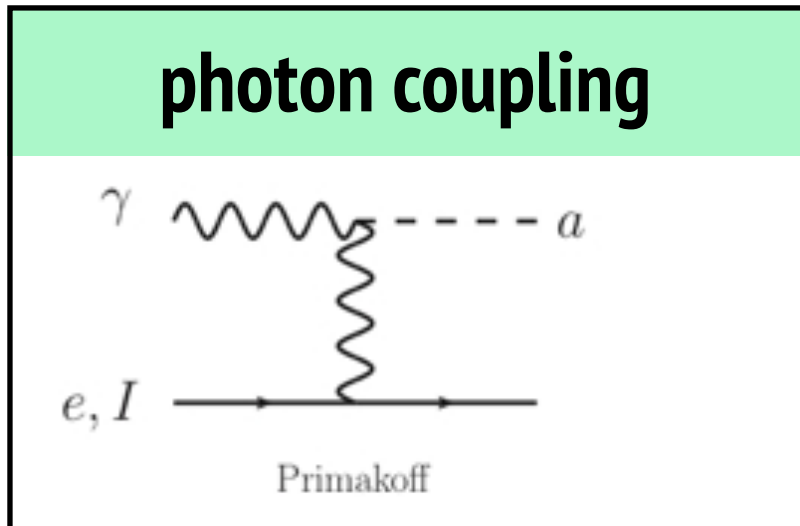
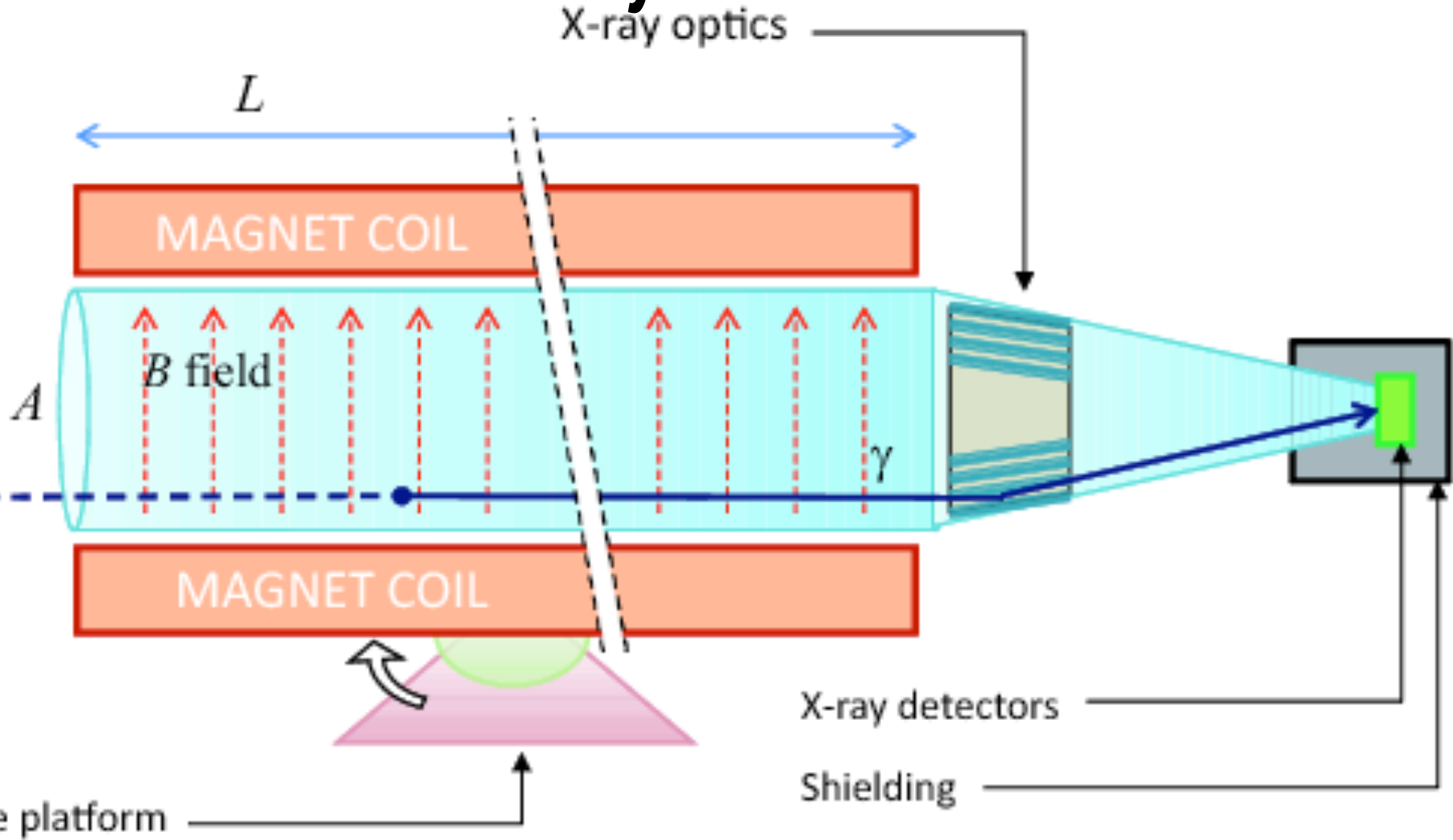
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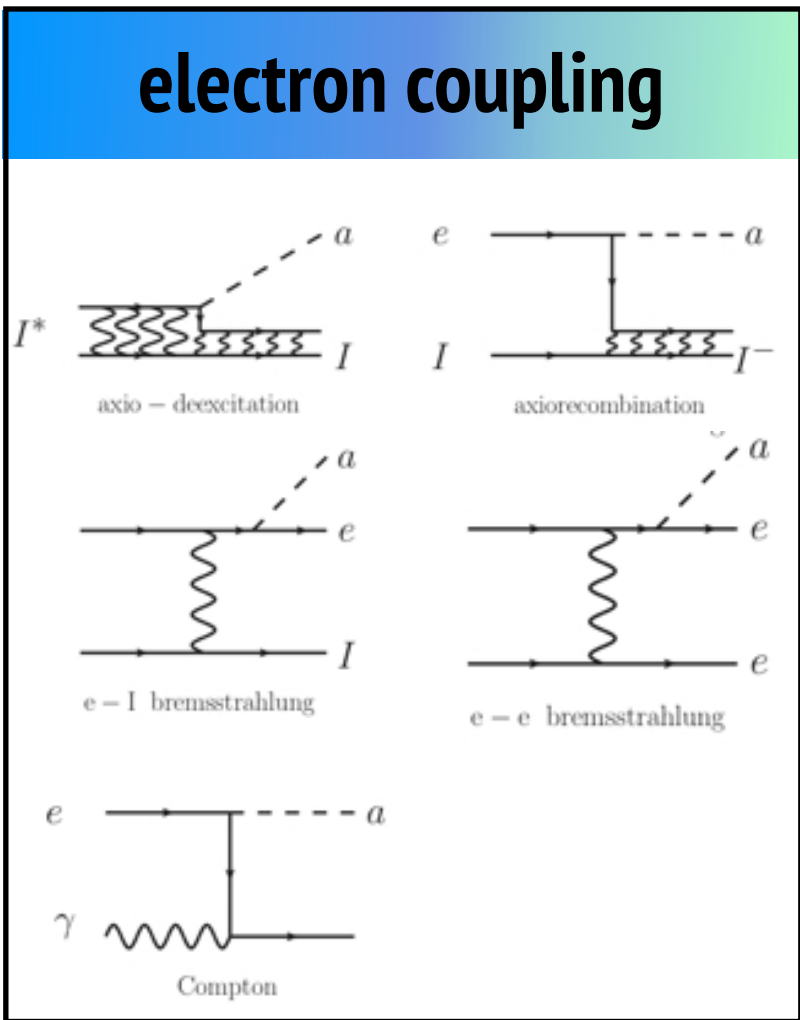
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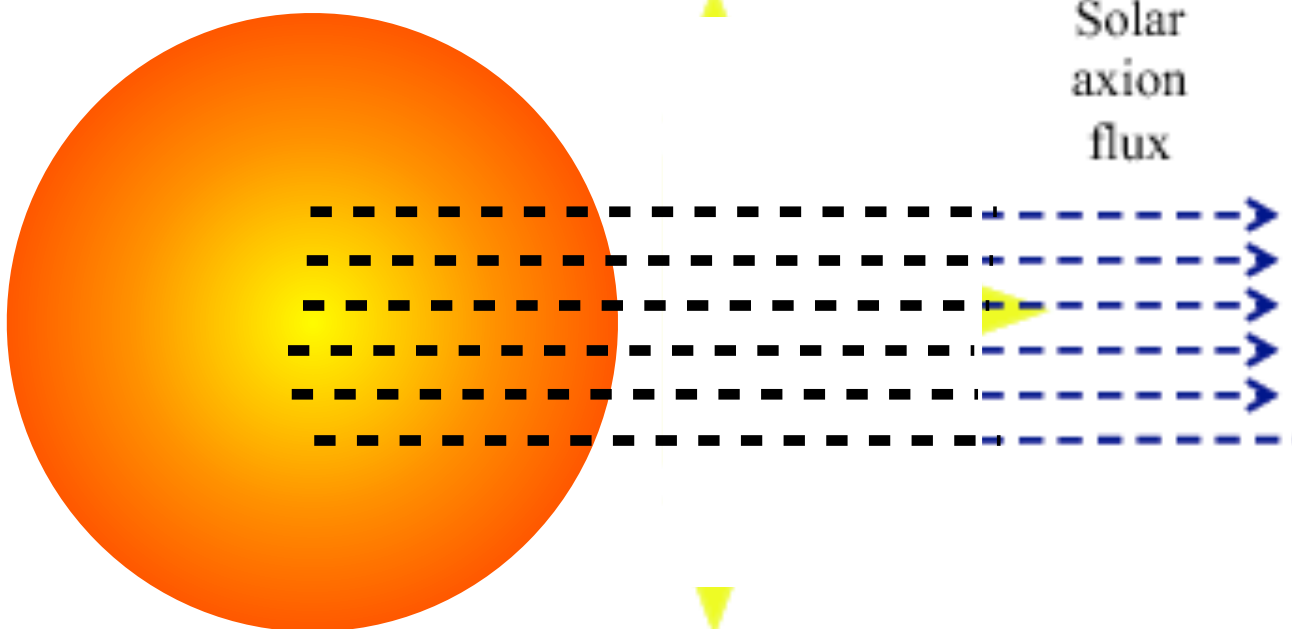
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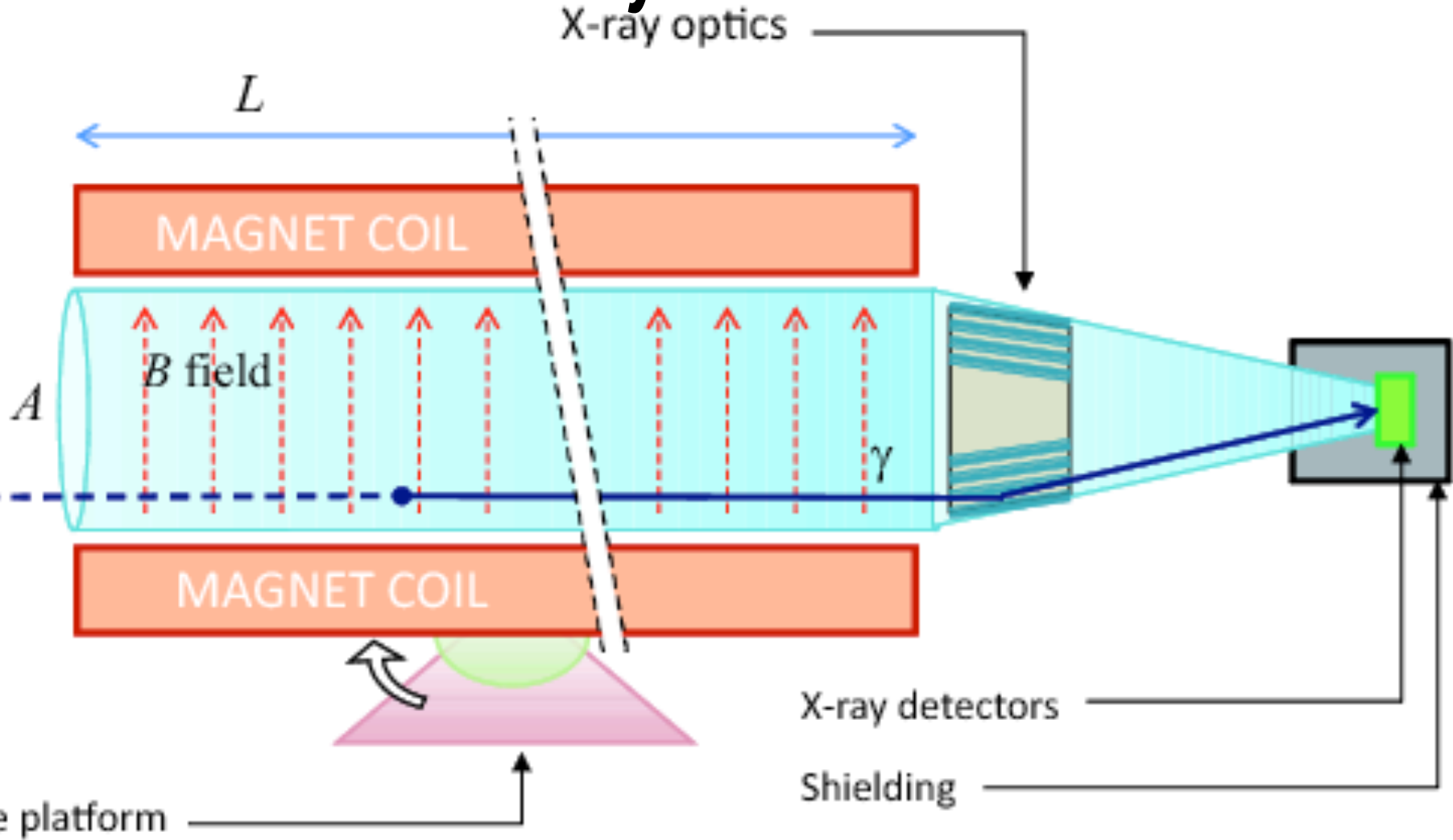
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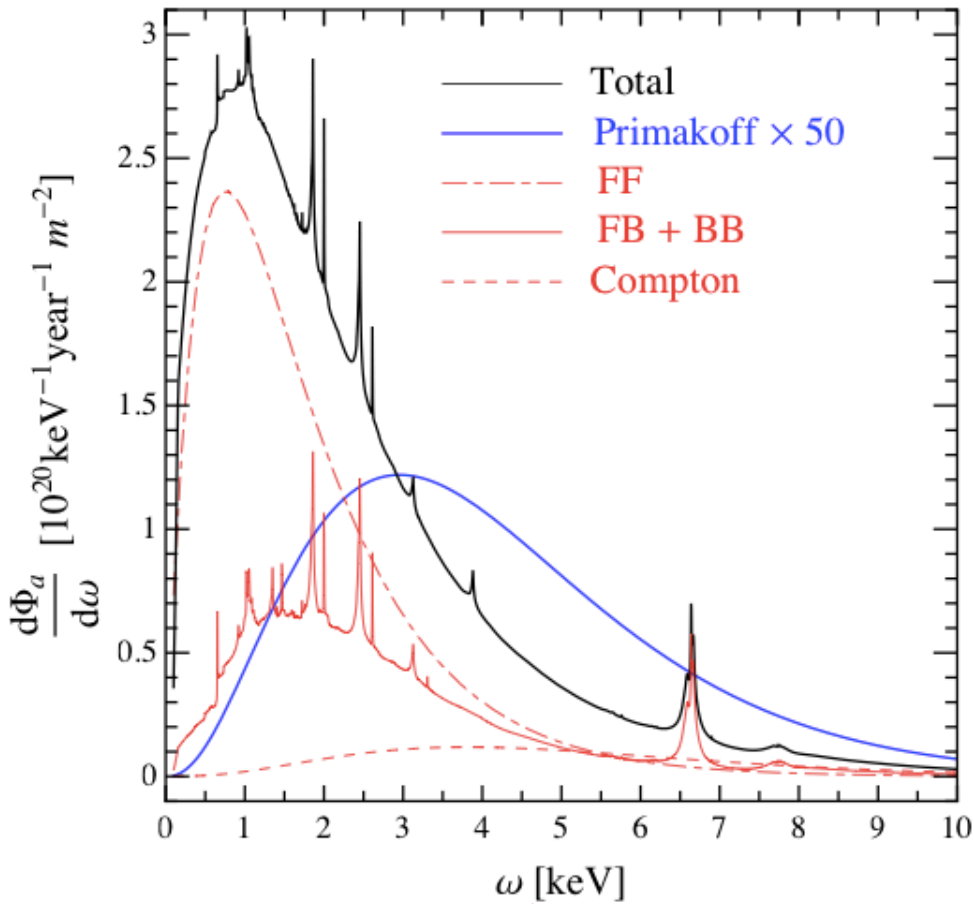


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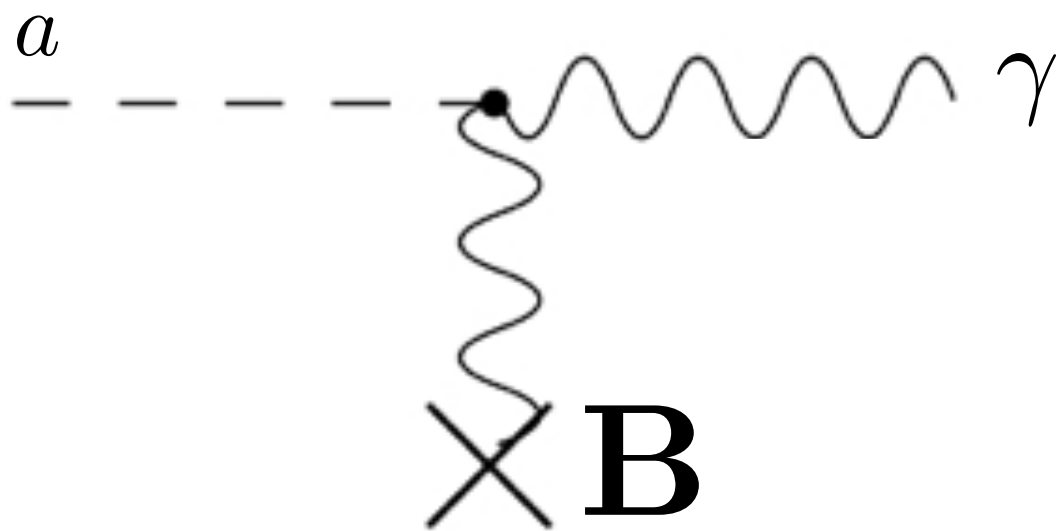
photon coupling

Primakoff



Coherent Conversion along the B-field

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



electron coupling

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International AXion Observatory

Large toroidal 8-coil magnet $L = \sim 20$ m

8 bores: 600 mm diameter each

8 x-ray optics + 8 detection systems

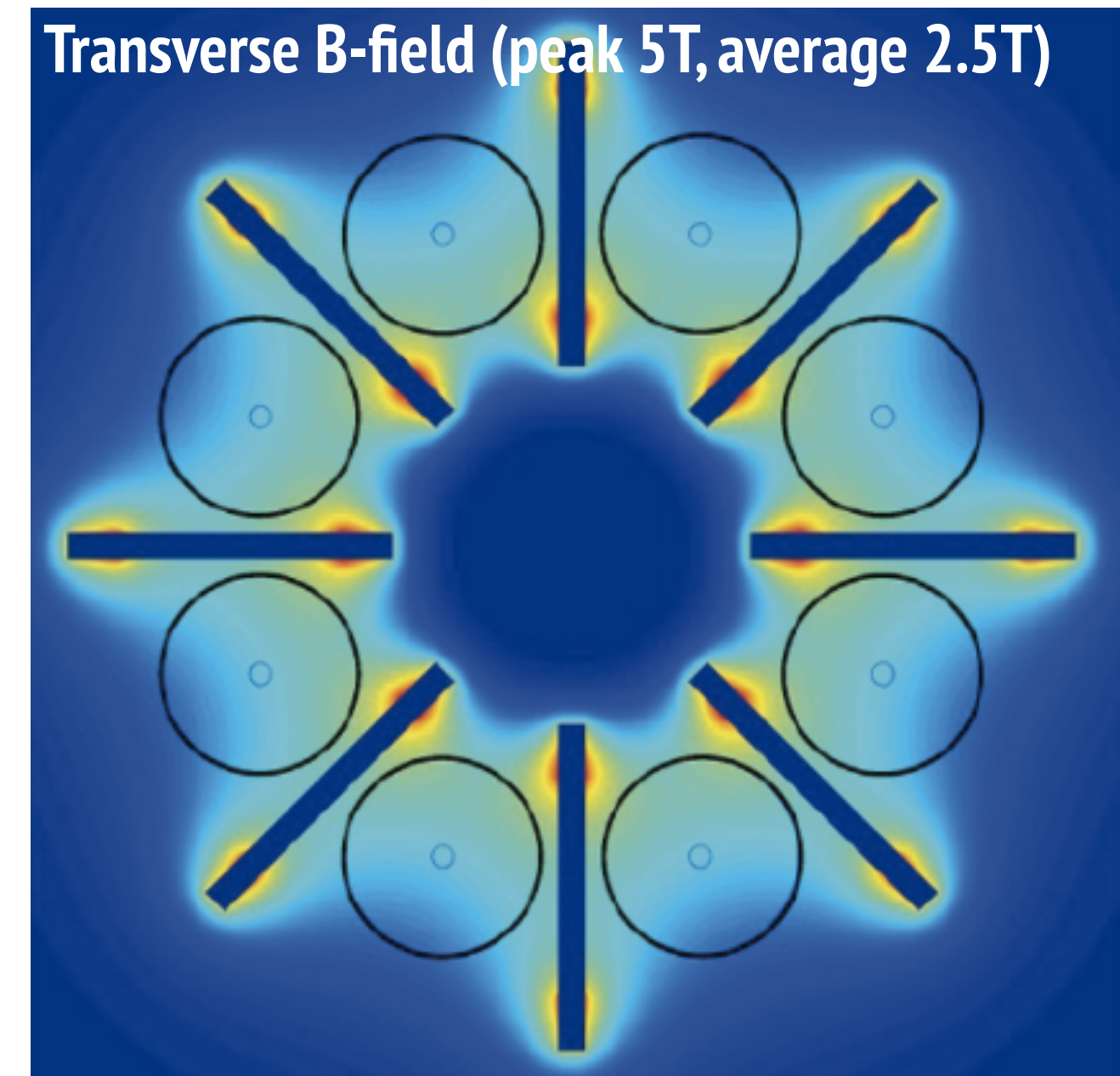
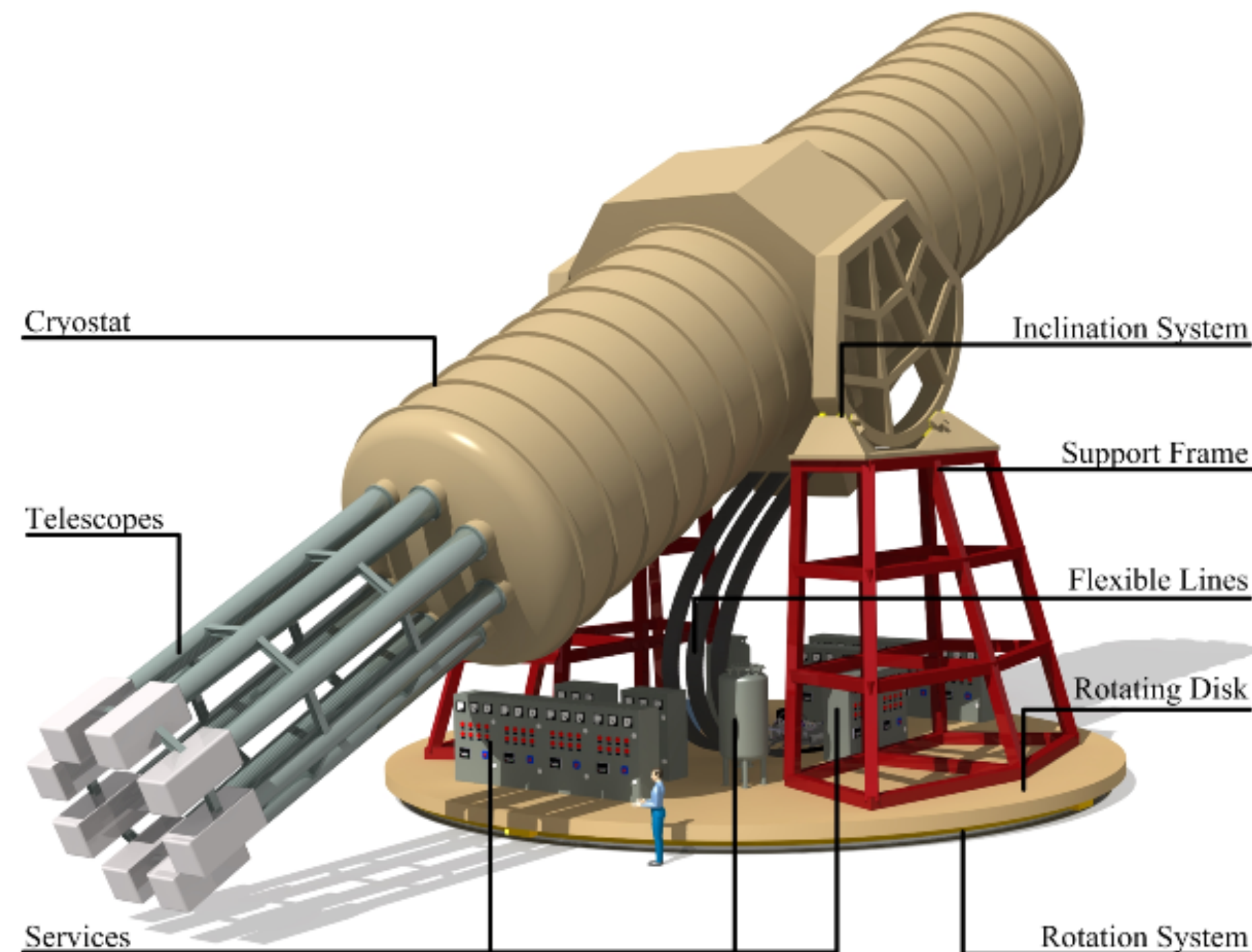
Rotating platform with services

-NGAG paper JCAP 1106:013,2011

-Conceptual design report IAXO 2014 JINST 9 T05002

-LOI submitted to CERN, TDR in preparation

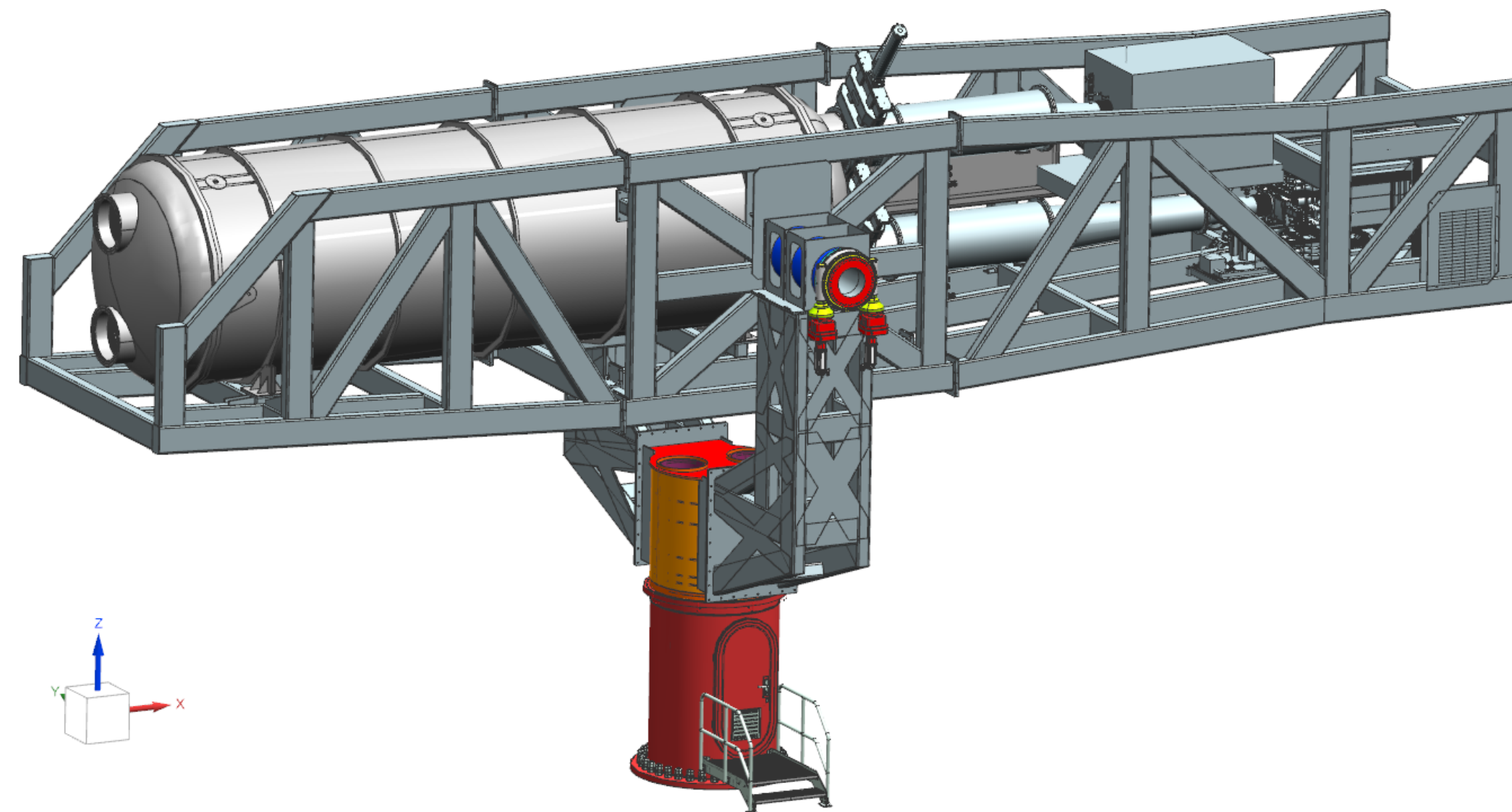
-Possibility of Direct Axion DM experiments (cavities, ABRACA)



IAXO is too expensive... scale slowly

IAXO collaboration 2010

- 10 m long racetracks, 2 bores
- 70cm diameter bores (!)
- B-field ~ 3 T
- Astronomical mount, 50% day tracking
- Dedicated X-ray telescopes
- Dedicated ultra-low-background dets.



Expected commissioning 2026

IAXO detectors

Goal background level for IAXO:

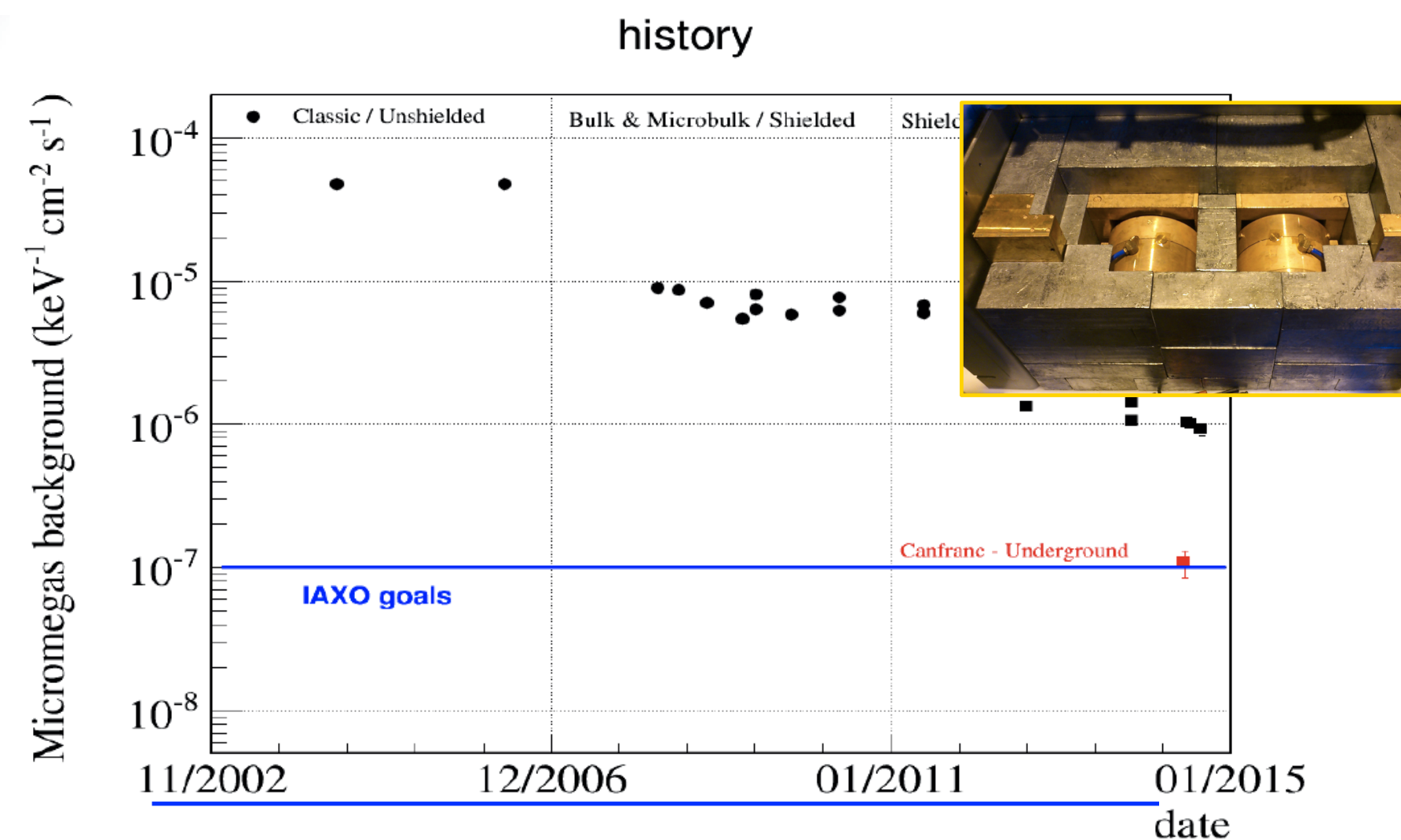
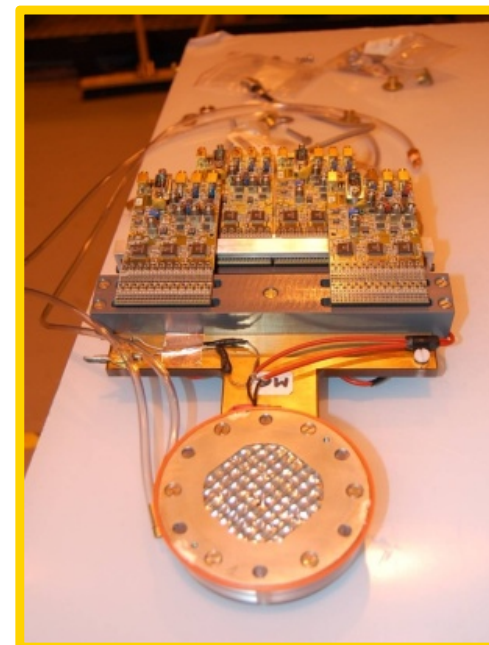
$$\frac{10^{-7} \rightarrow 10^{-8}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}}$$

- Small Micromegas-TPC chambers:

Shielding

Radiopure components

Offline discrimination

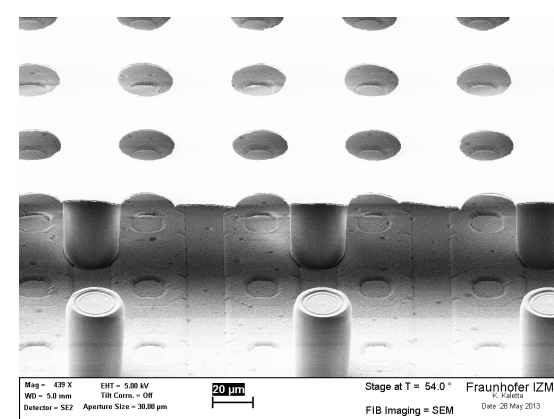


Already demonstrated:

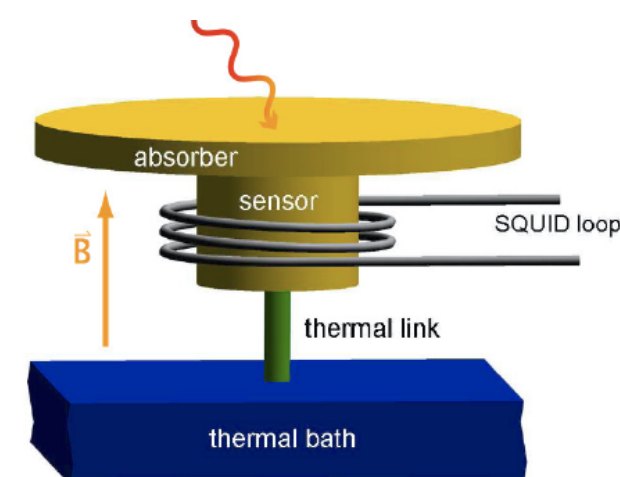
$$\frac{8 \times 10^{-7}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}} \quad (\text{in CAST 2014 result})$$

$$\frac{10^{-7}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}} \quad (\text{underground at LSC})$$

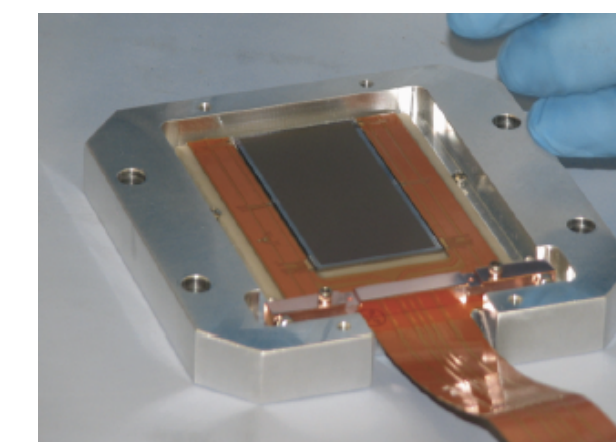
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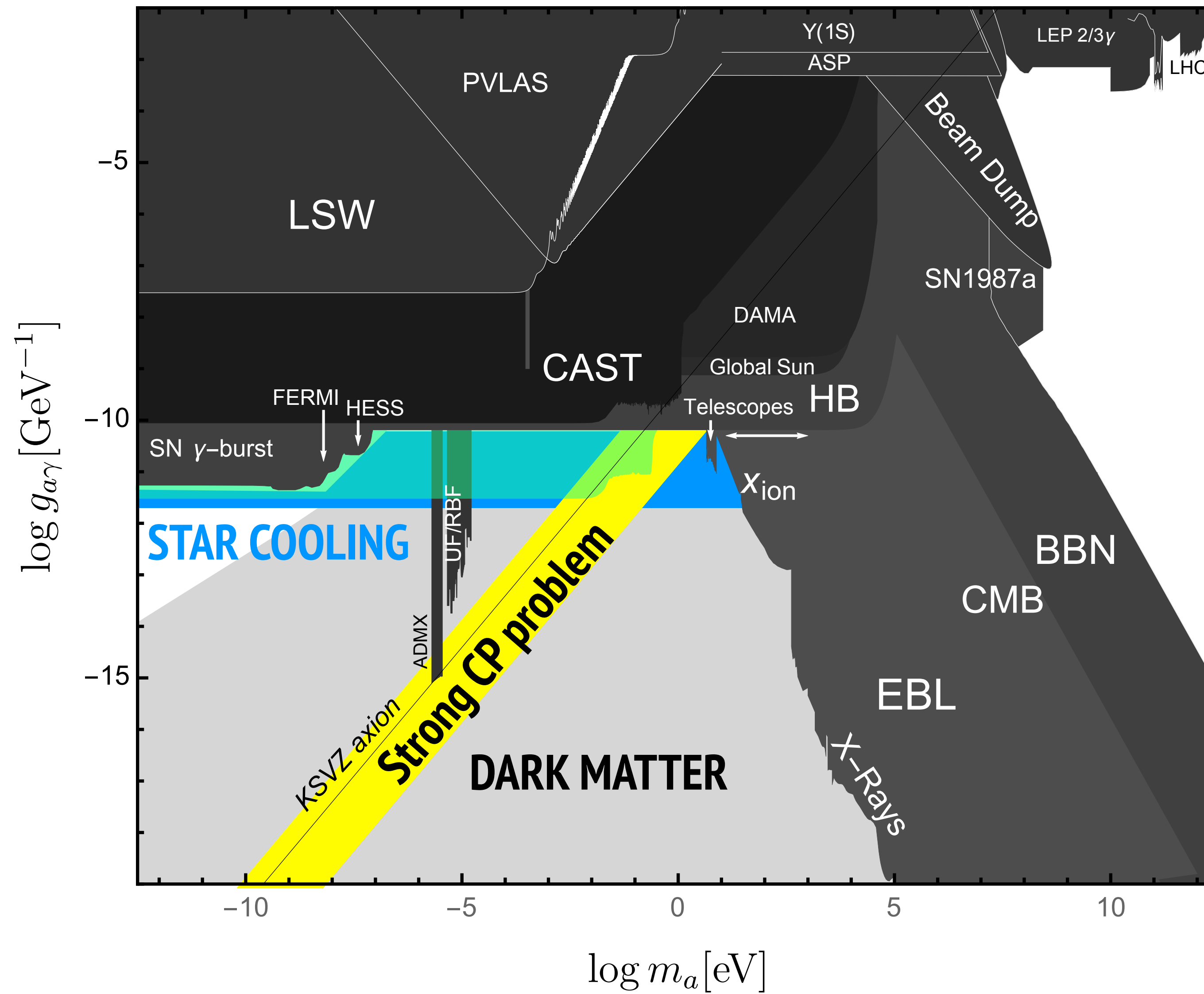
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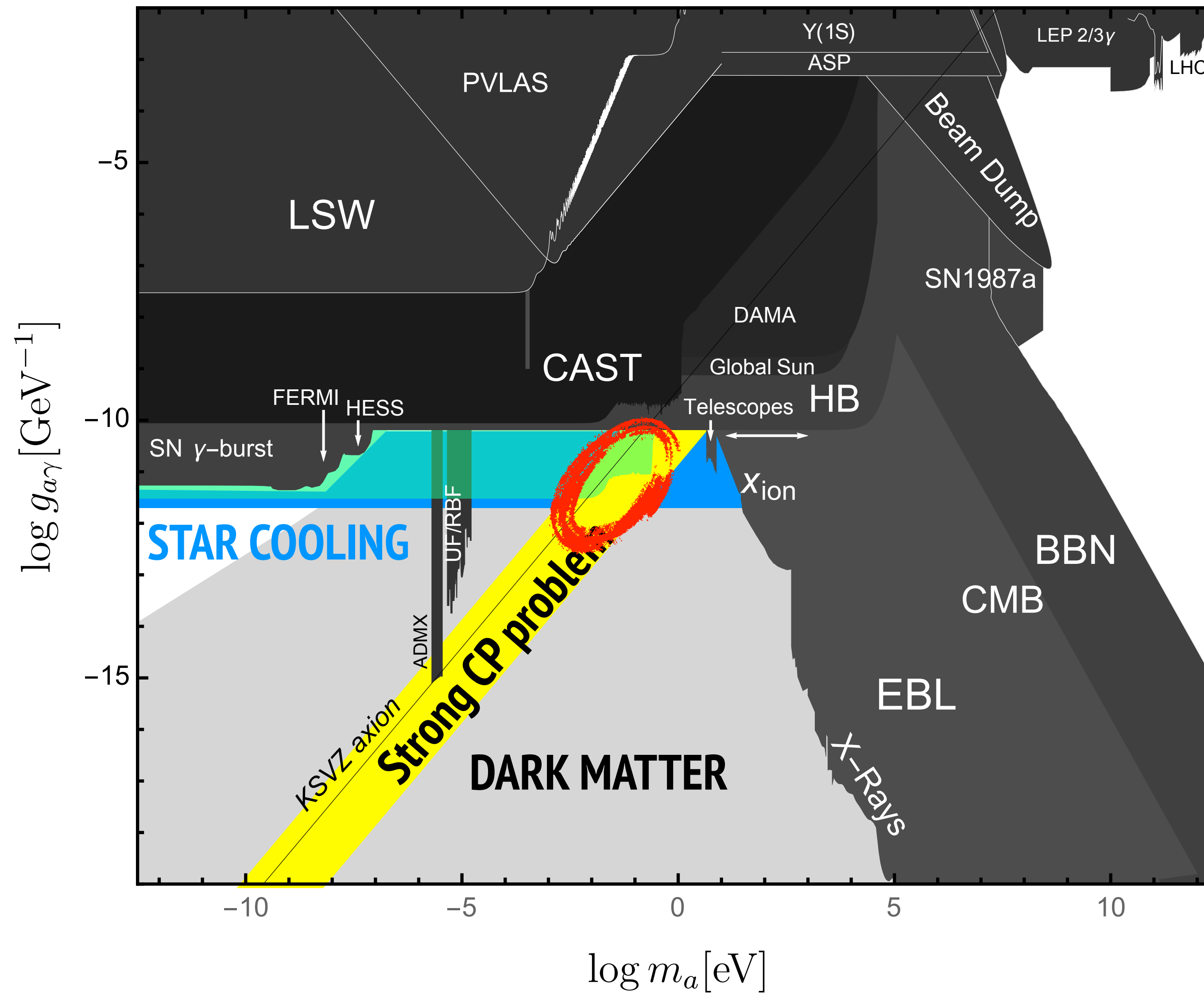
- Low noise CCDs



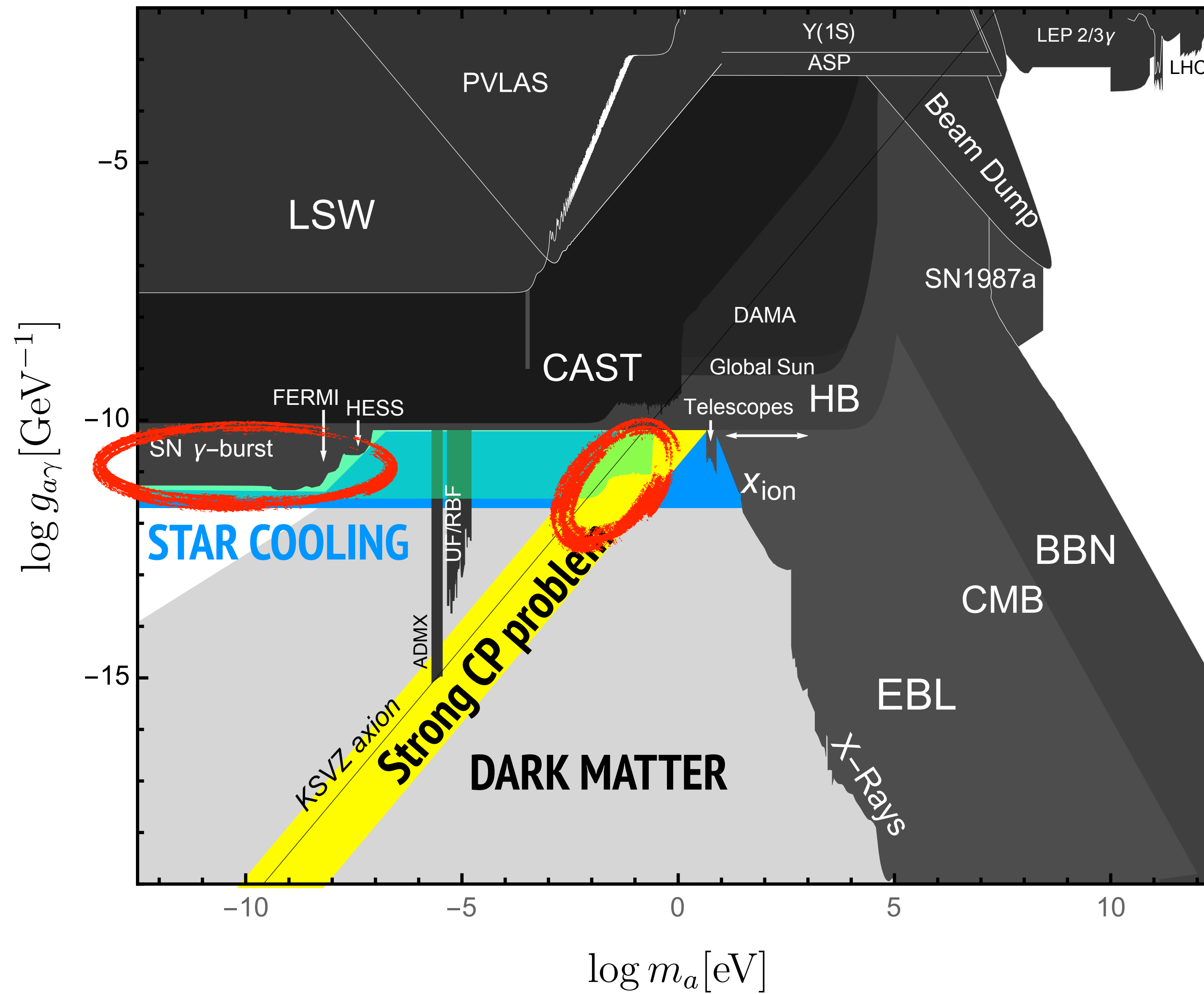
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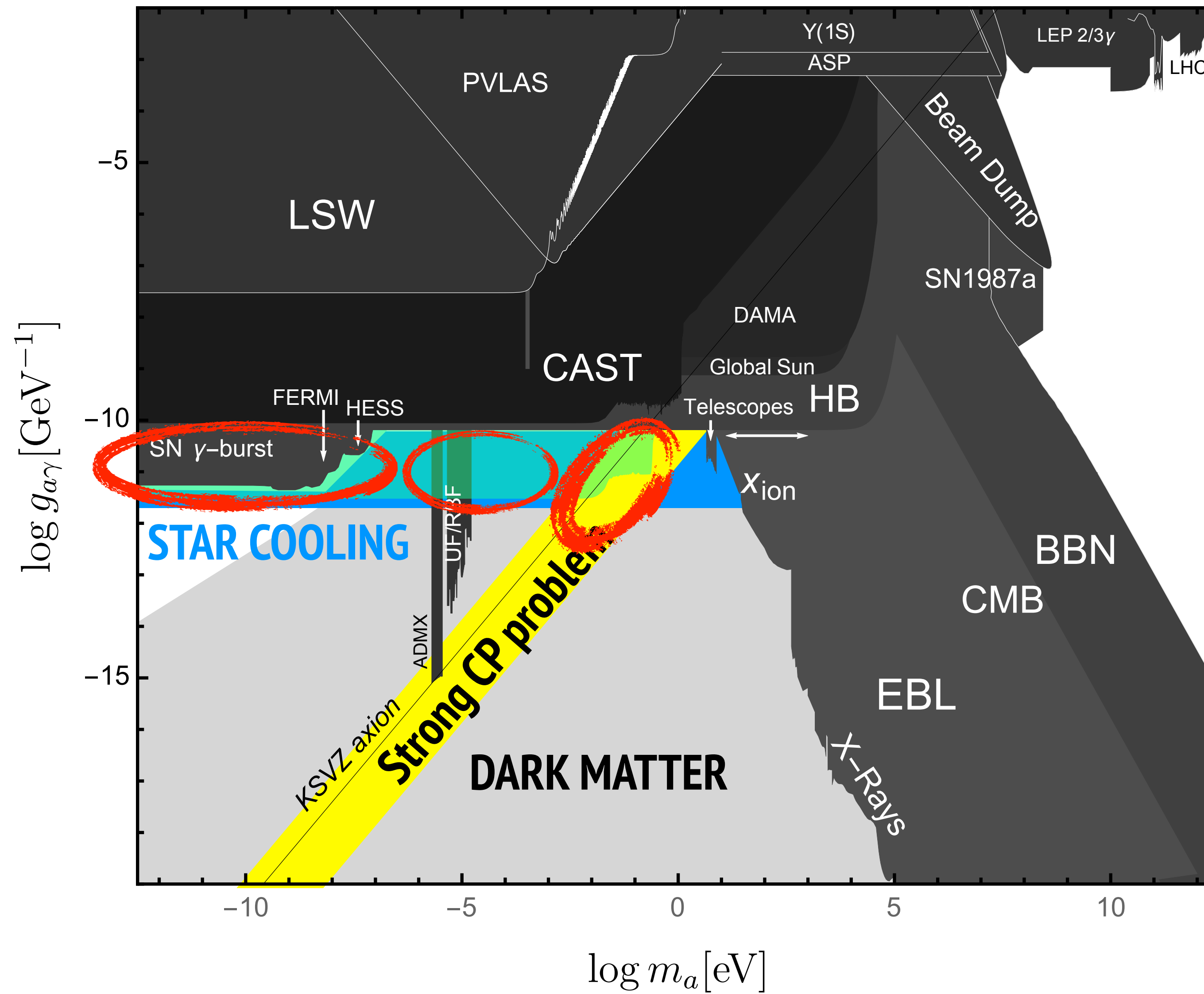
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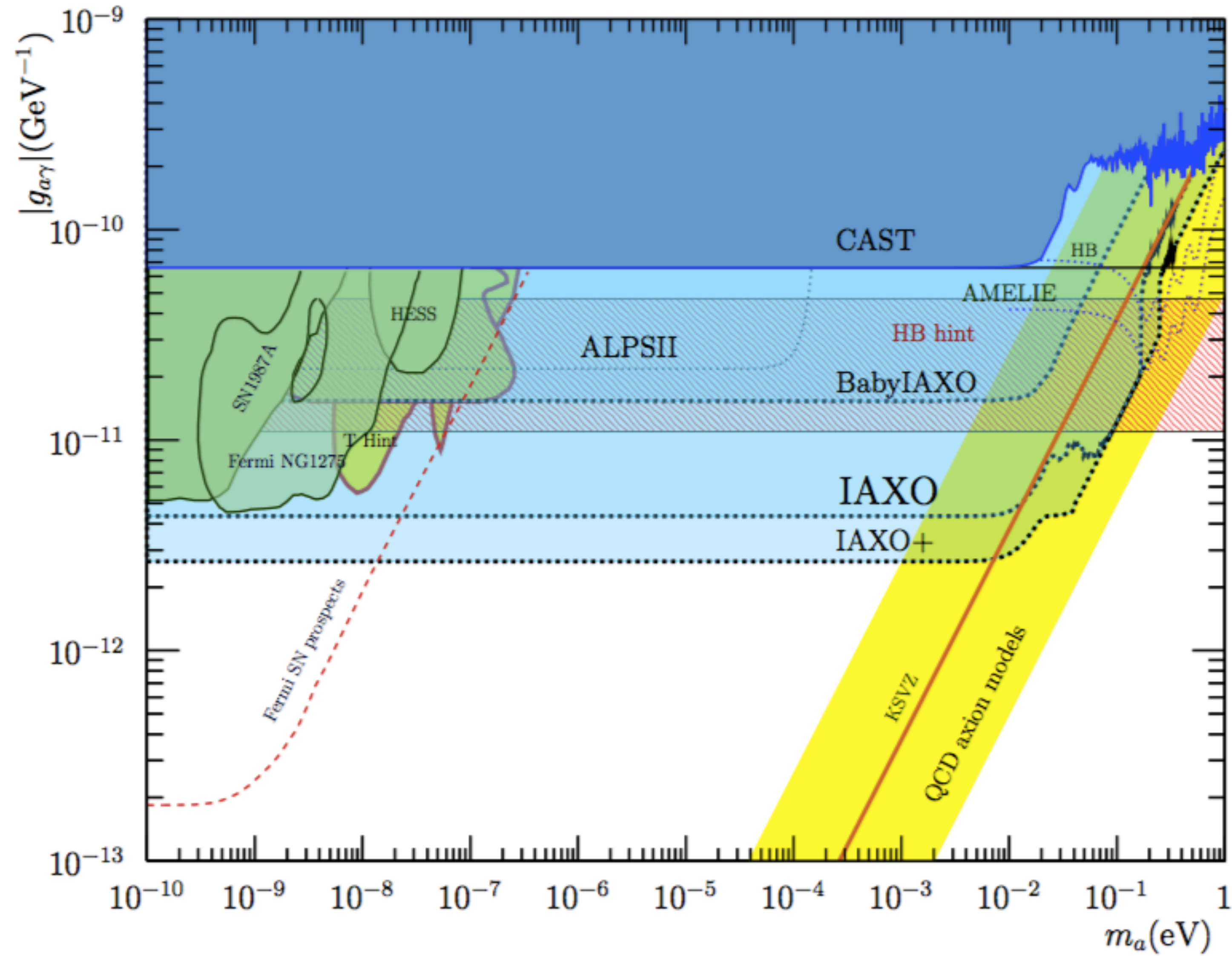
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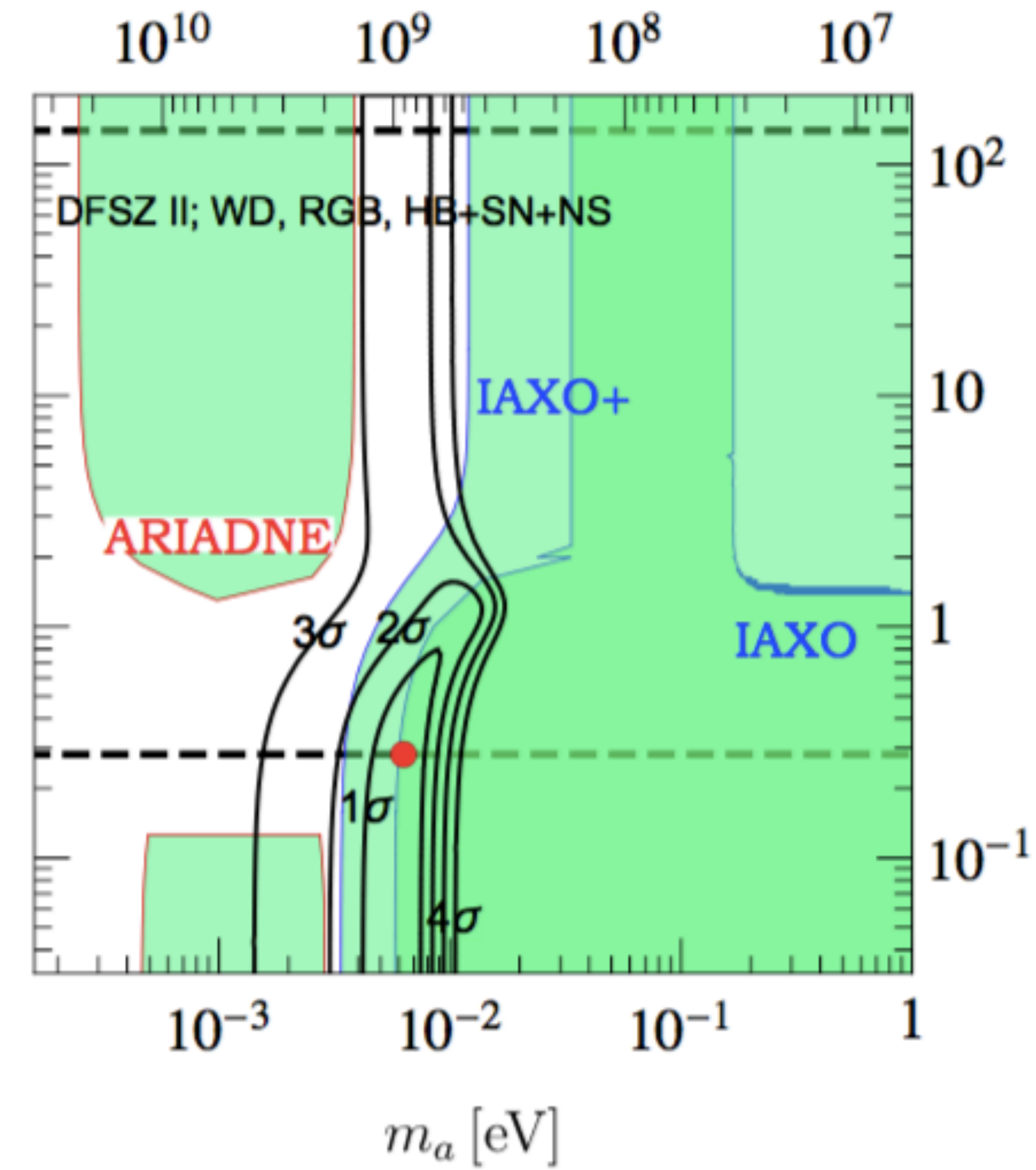
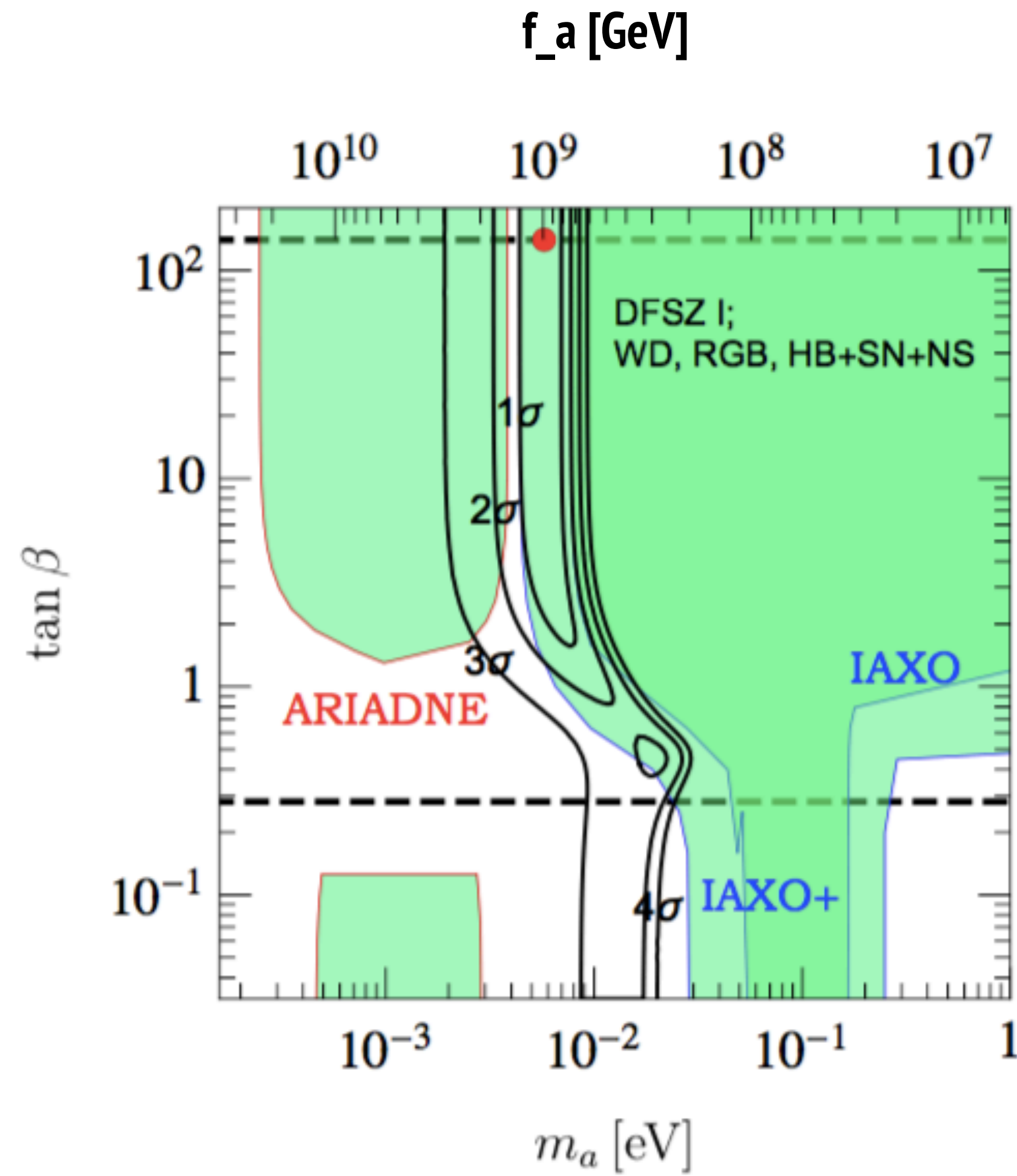
In mode detail



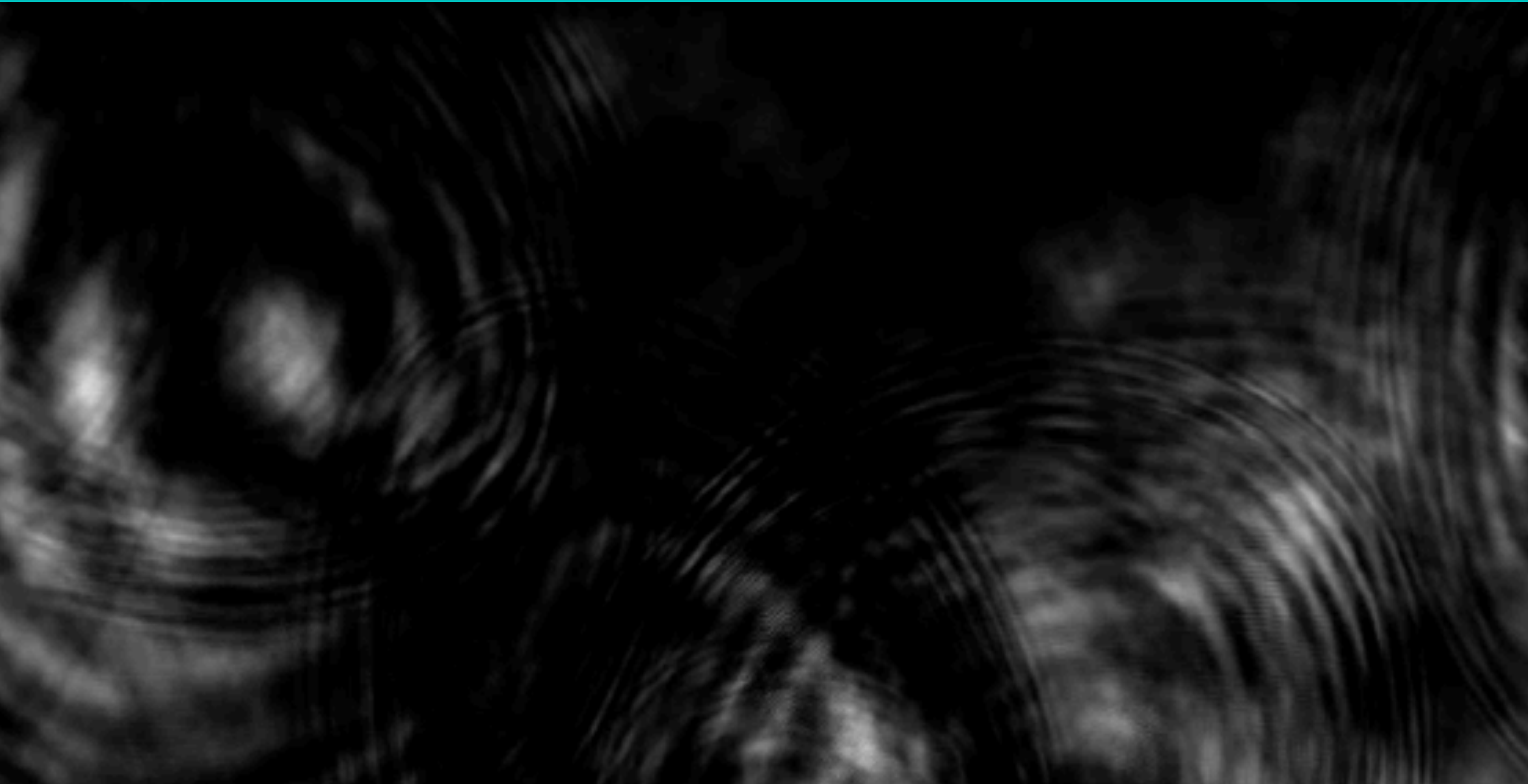
IAXO, ARIADNE and stellar hints

Example DFSZ axion model, 1-free parameter $\tan\beta$

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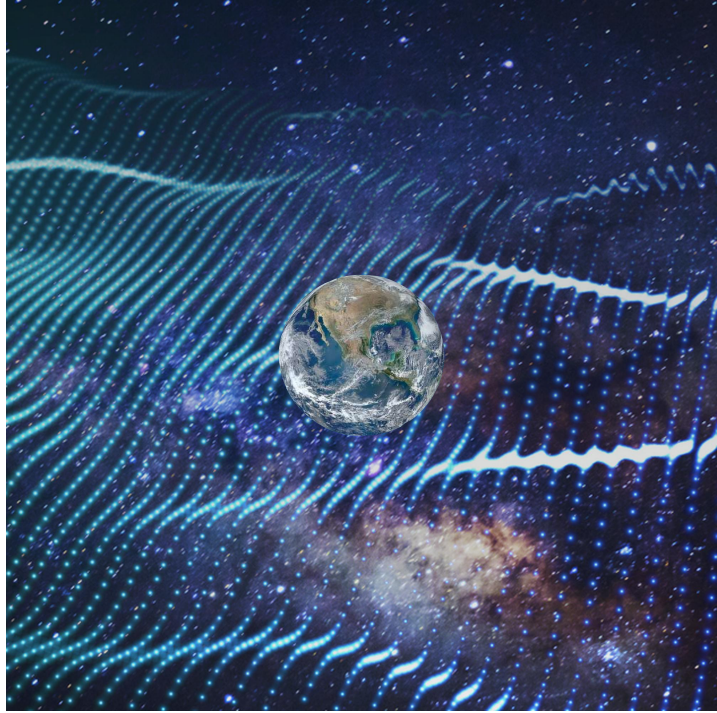


Detecting Dark Matter



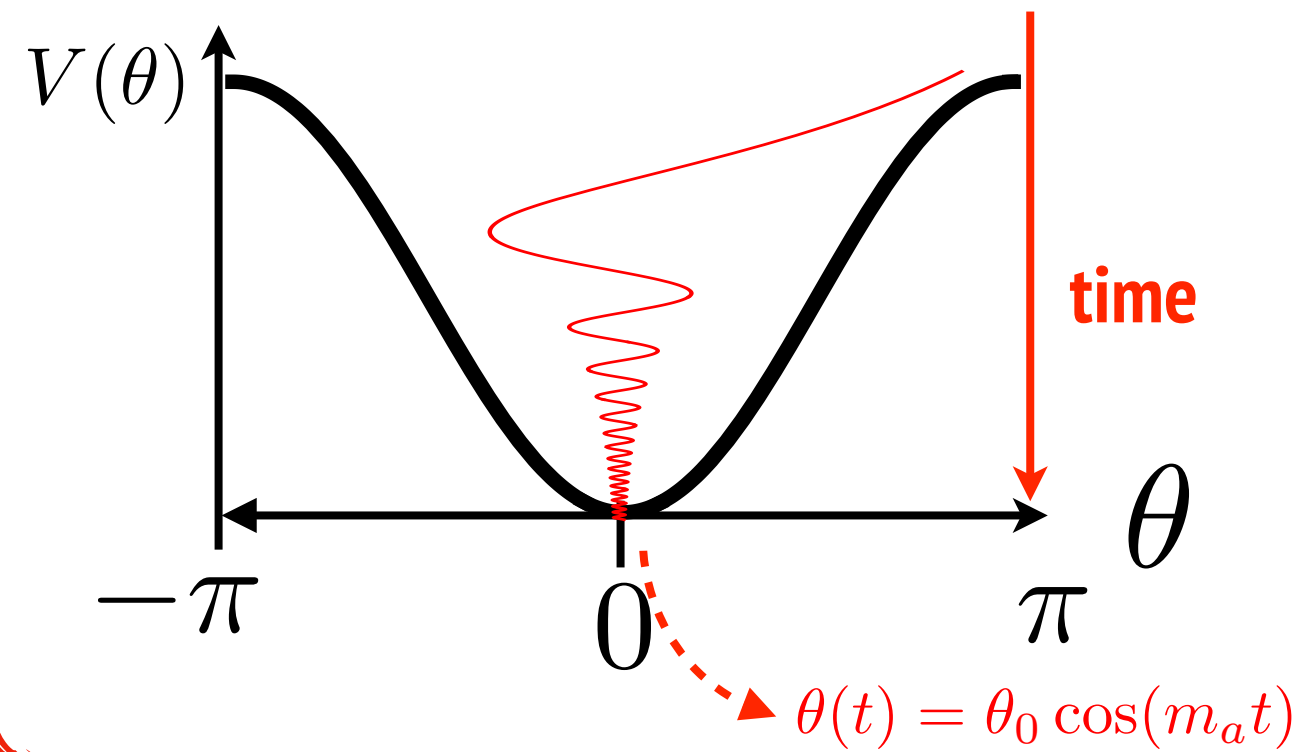
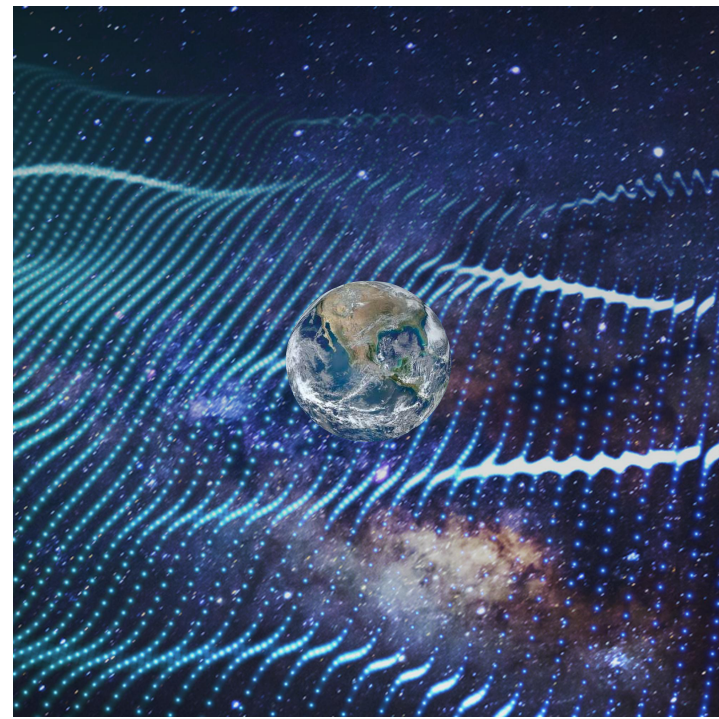
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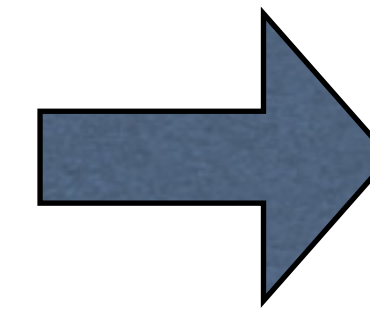
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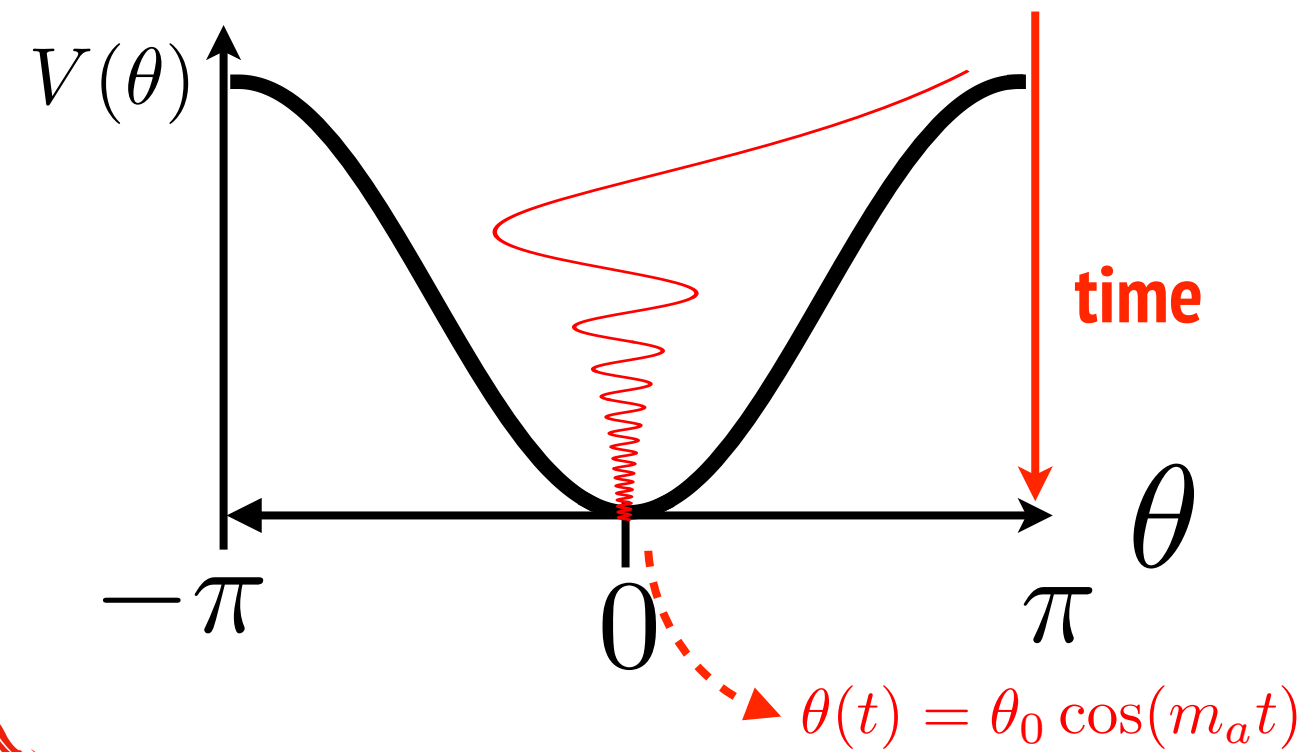
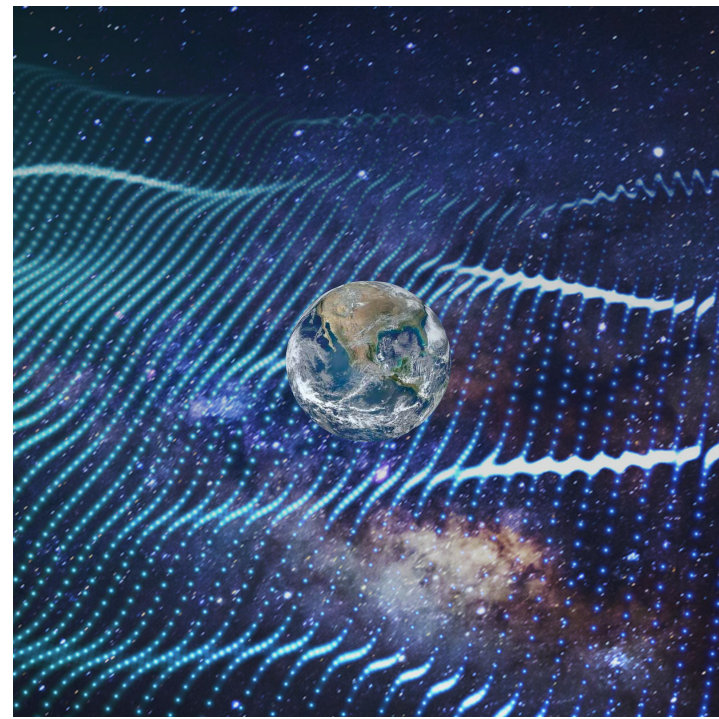


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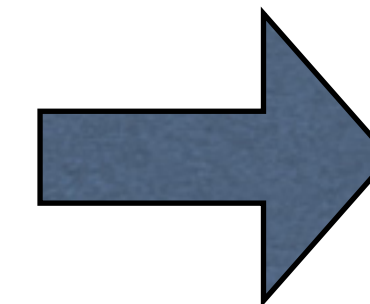
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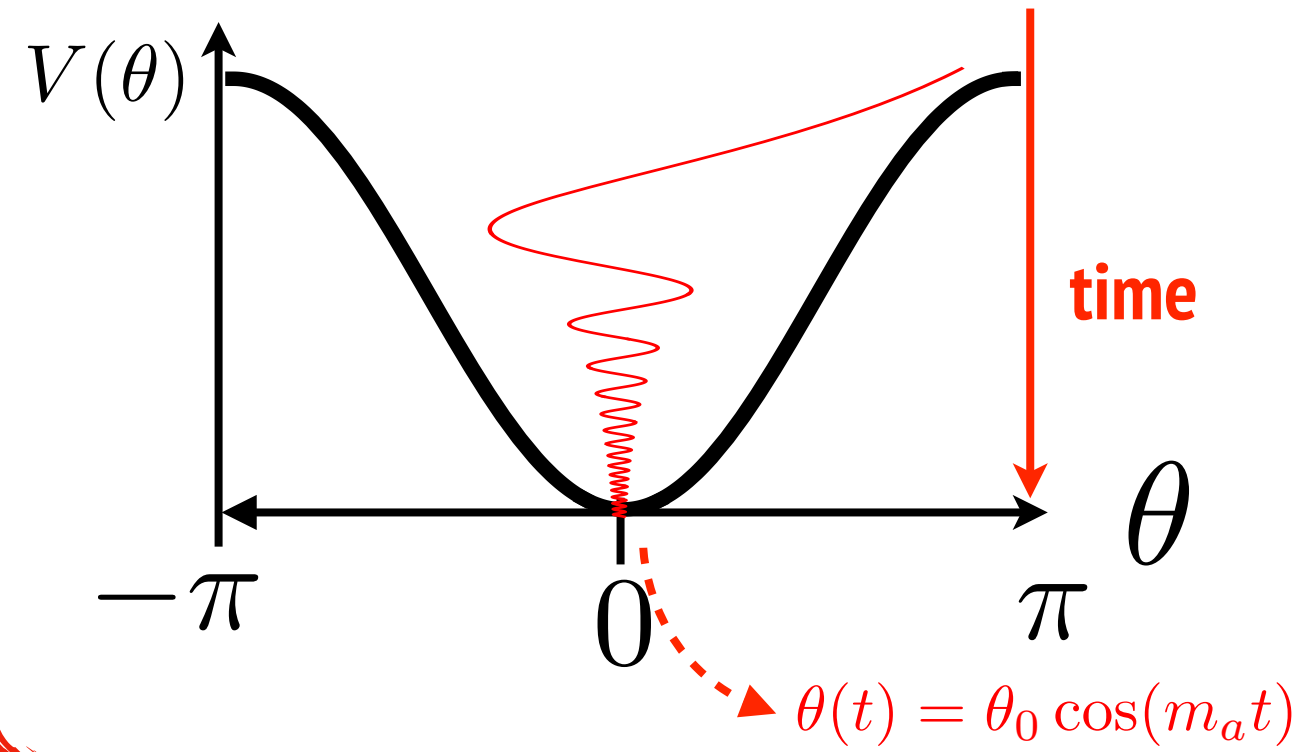
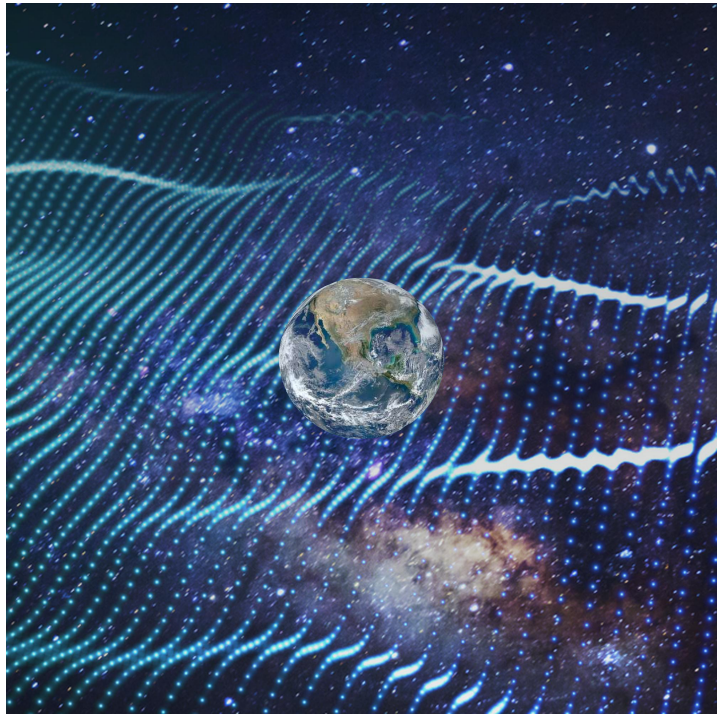
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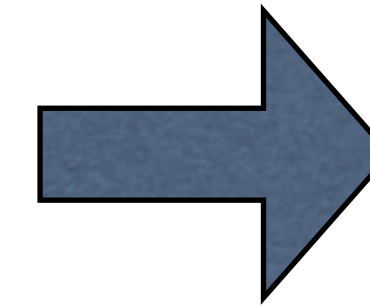
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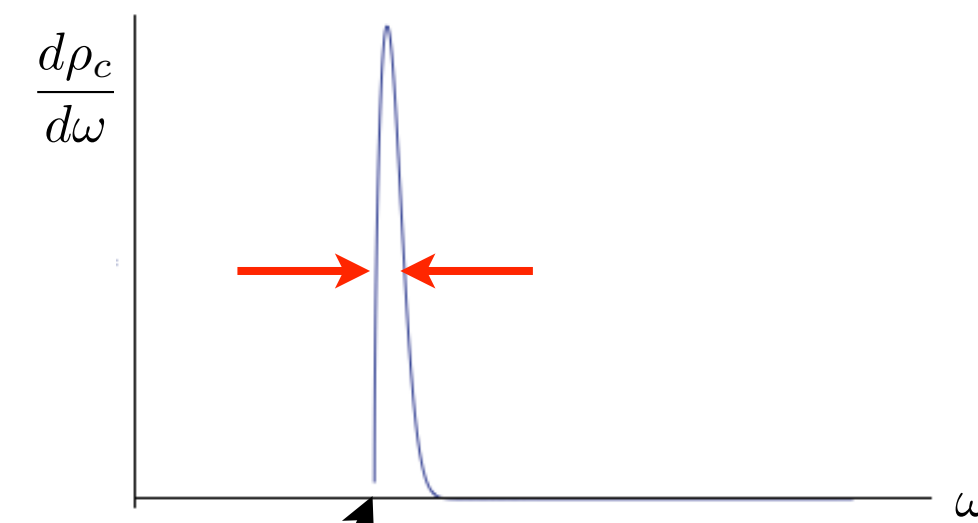


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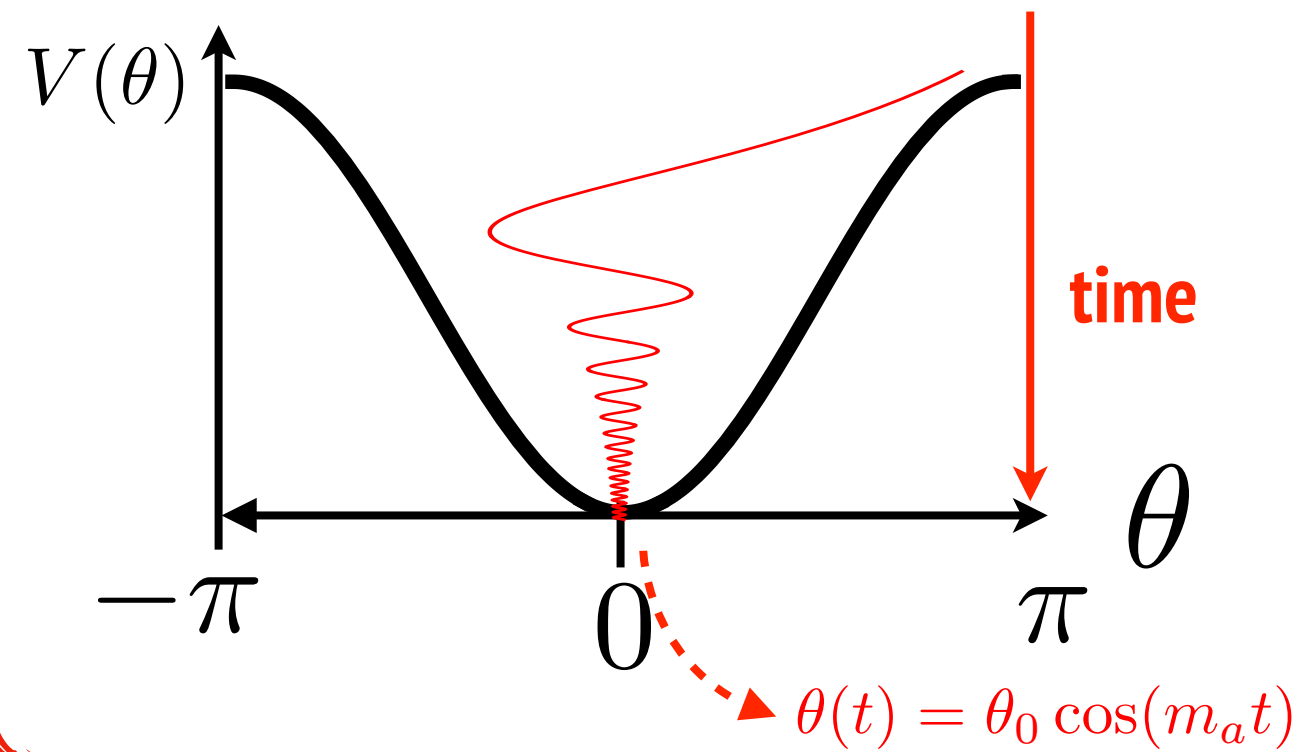
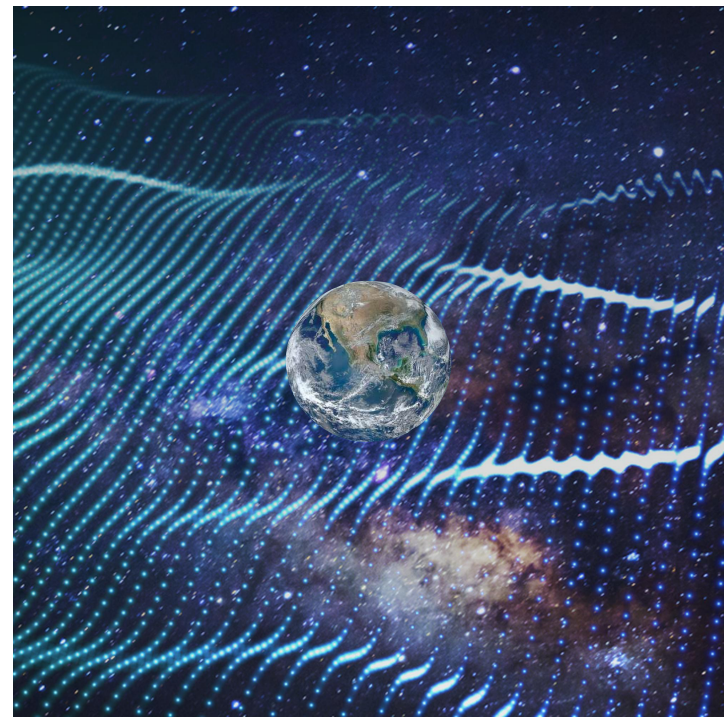
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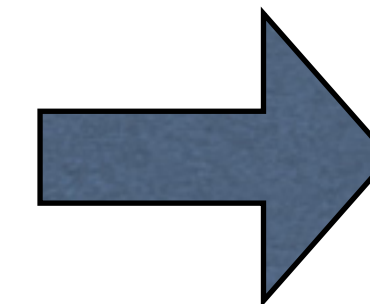
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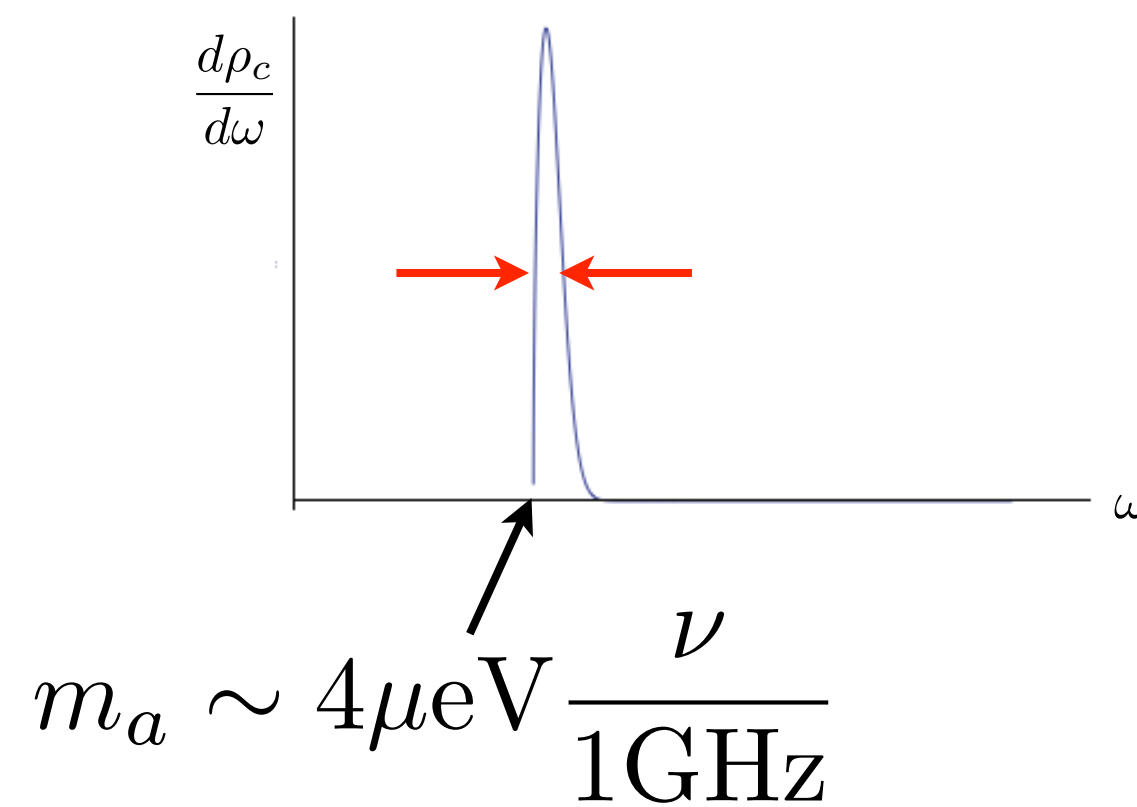


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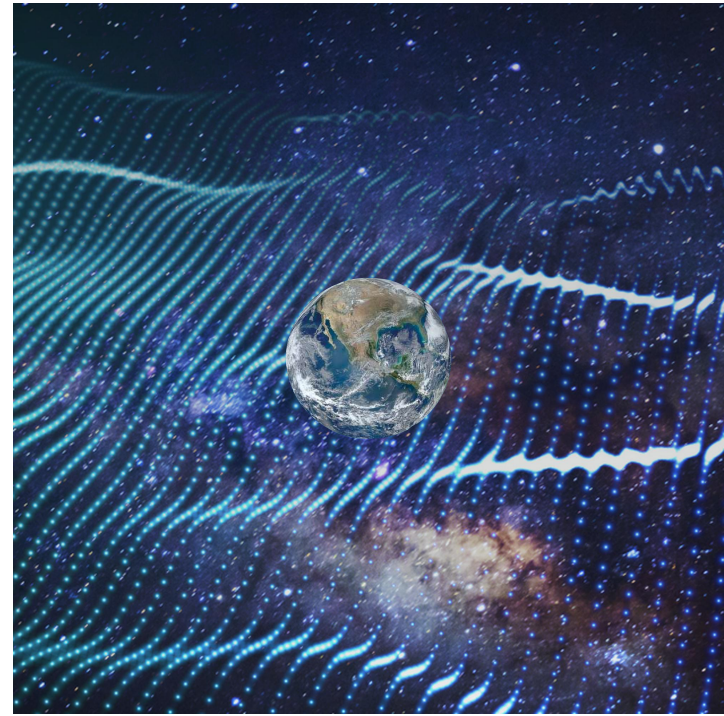
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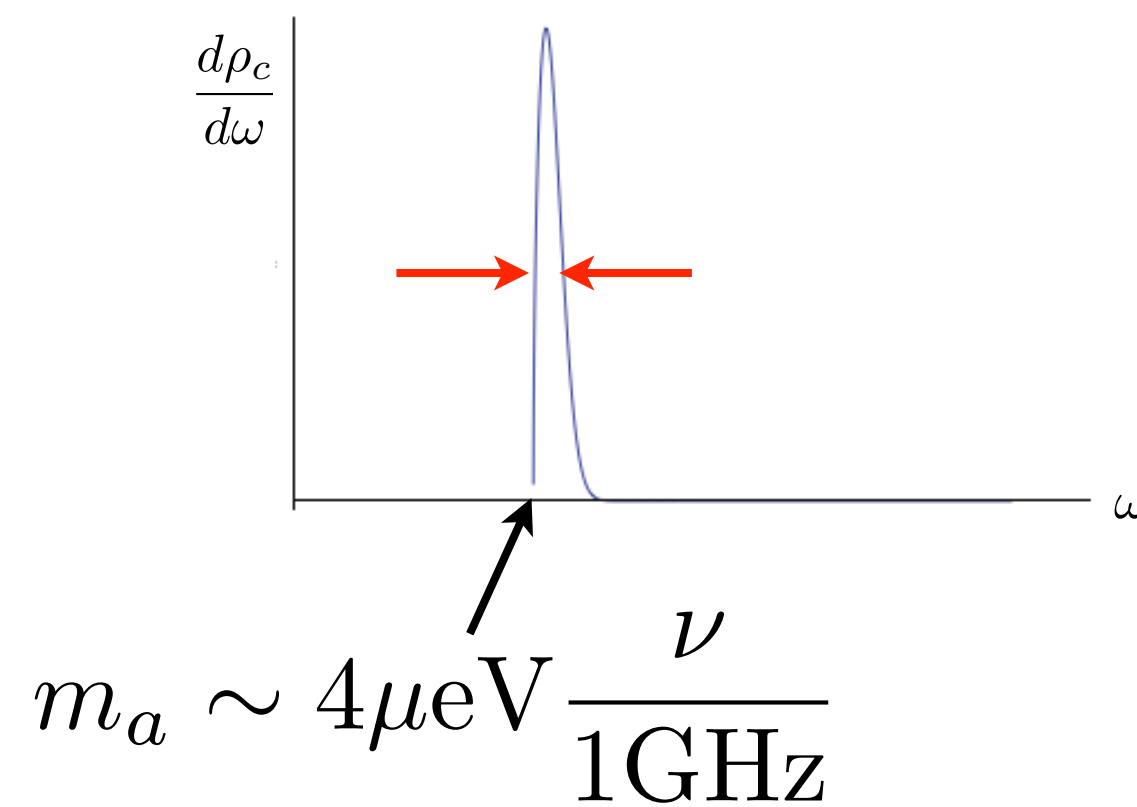
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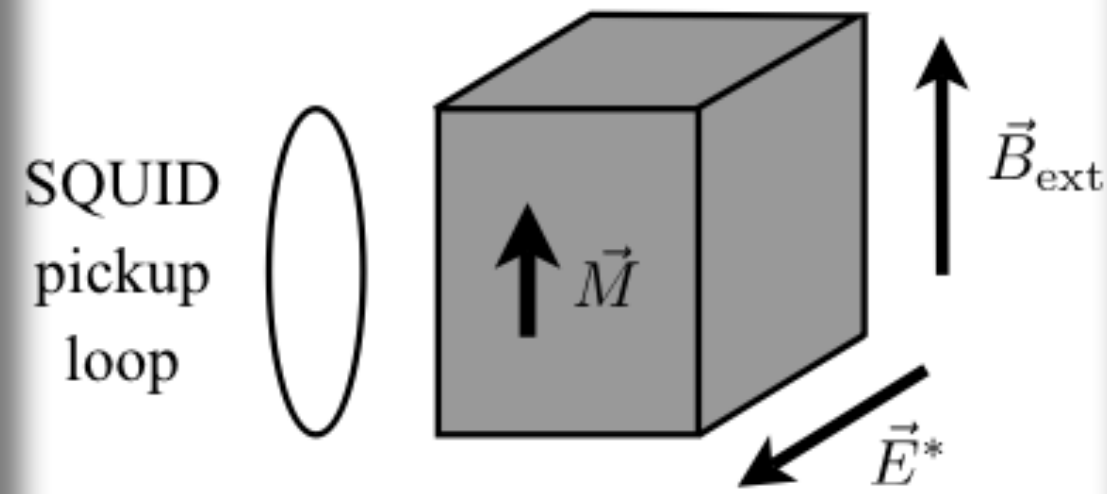
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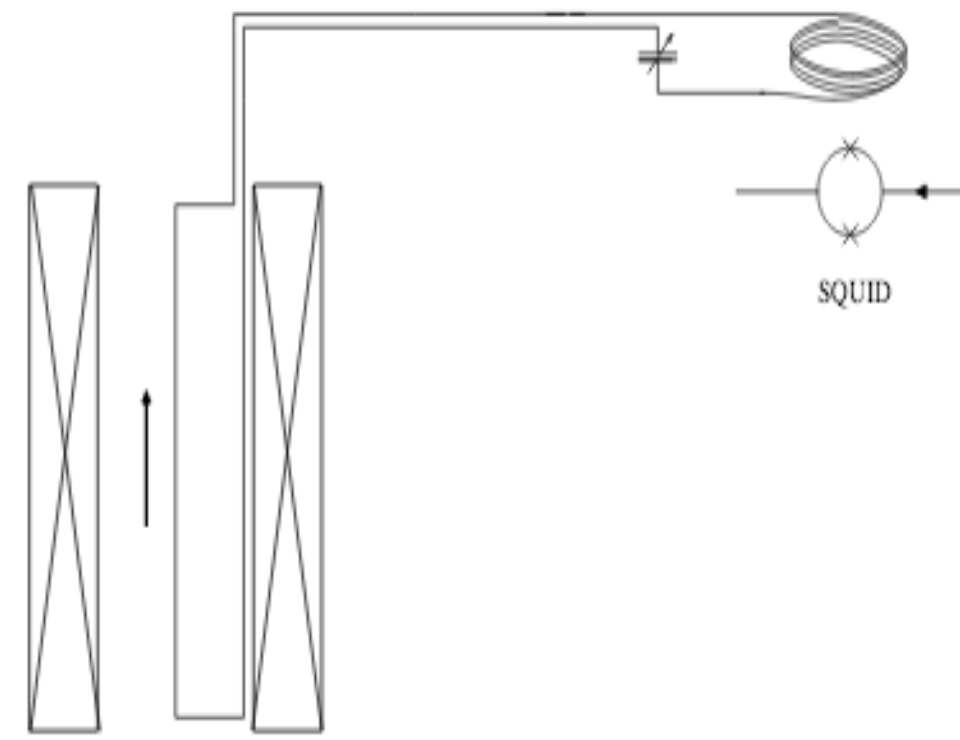
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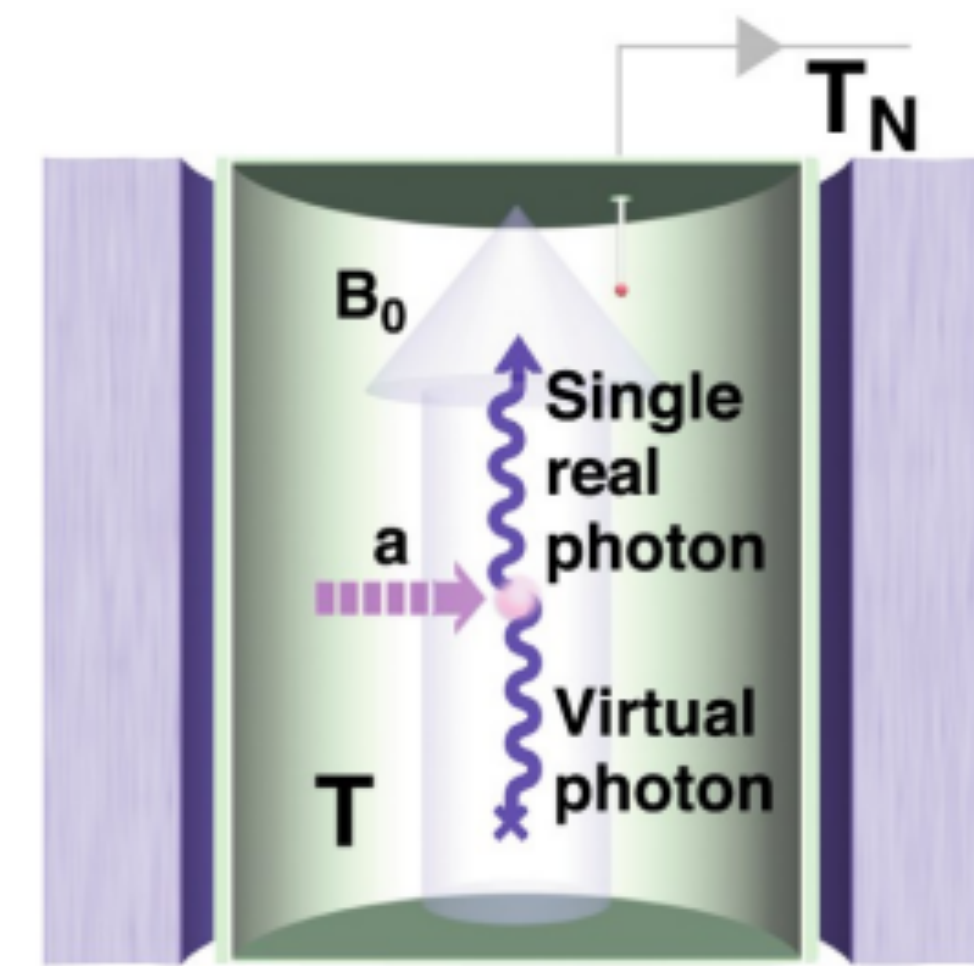
Oscillating EDM



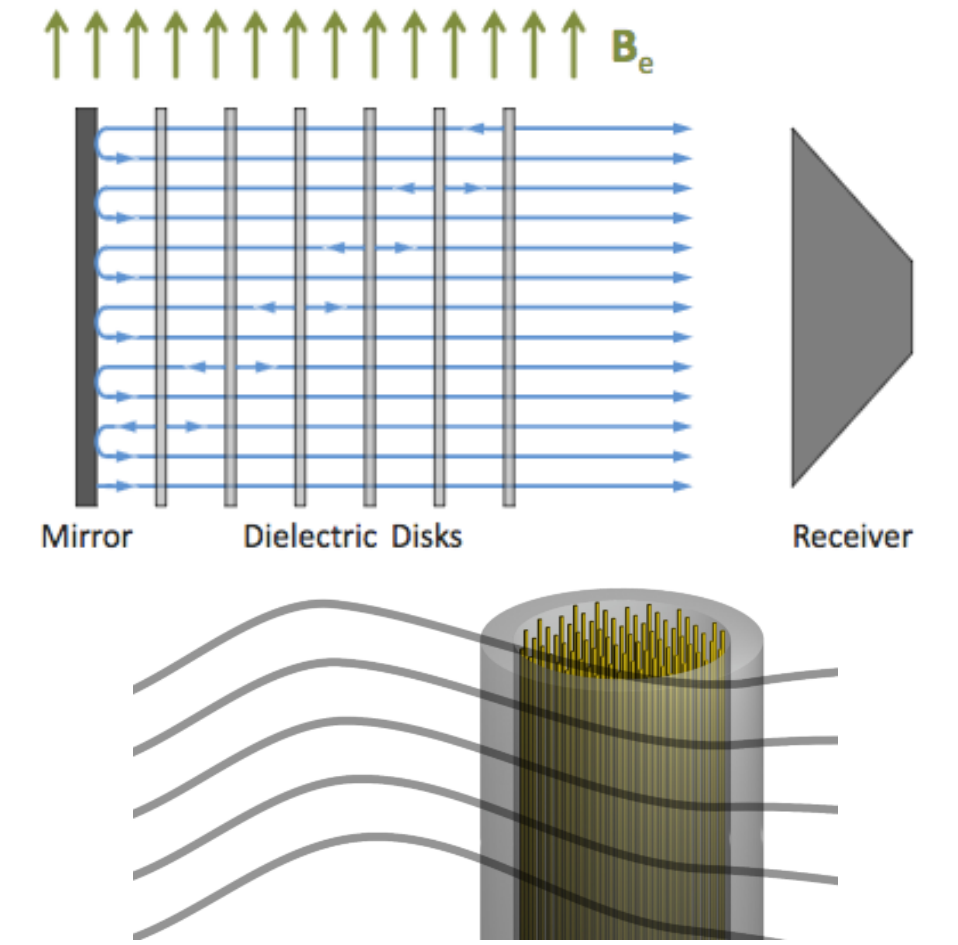
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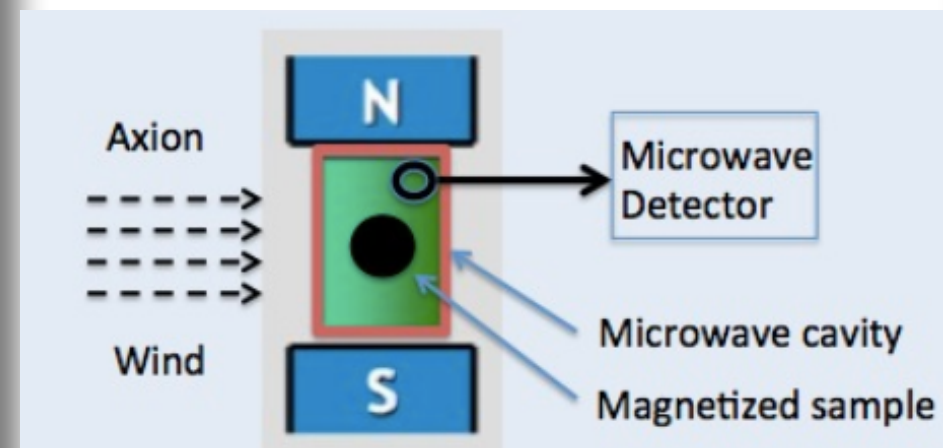
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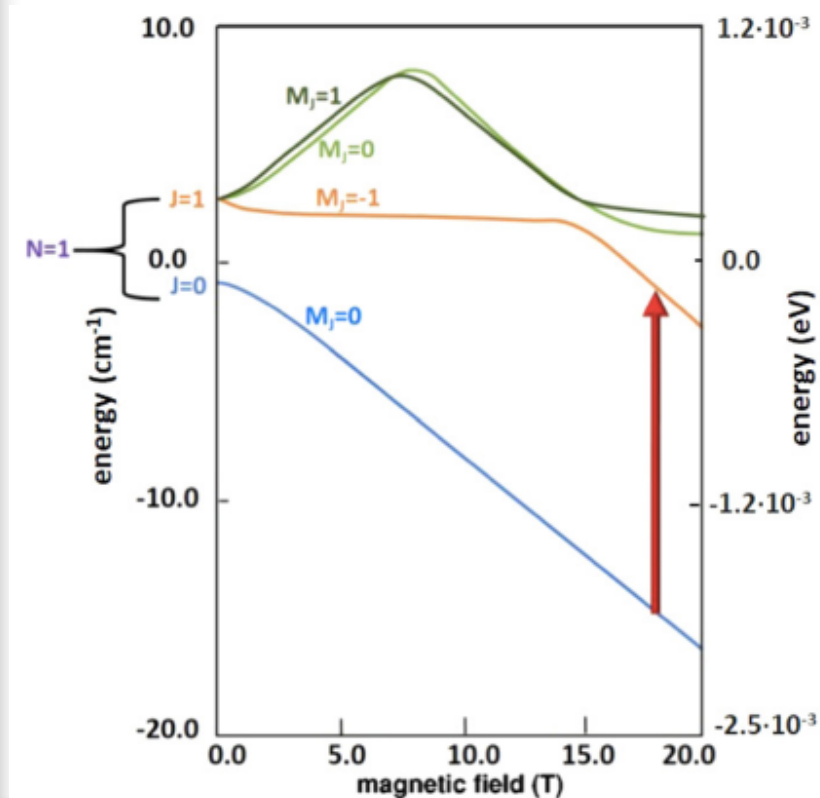
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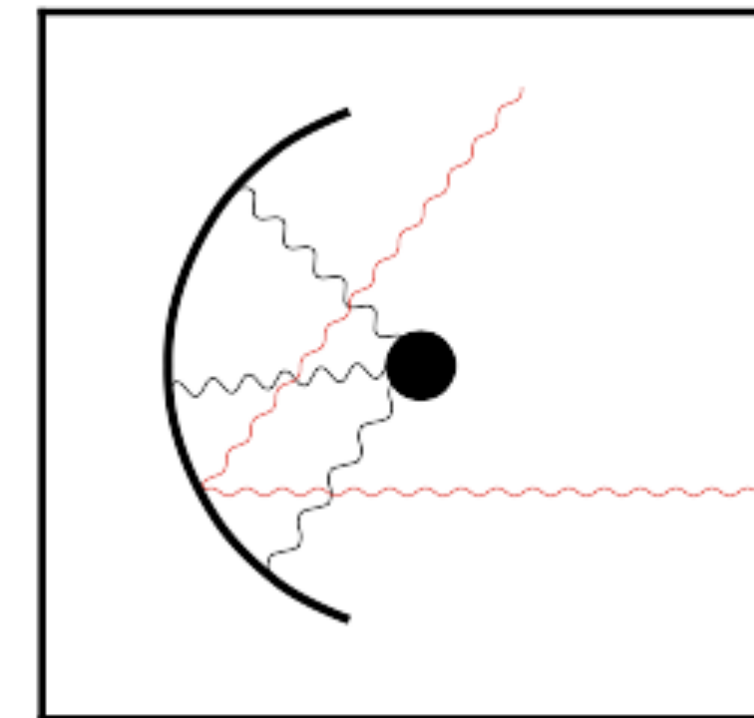
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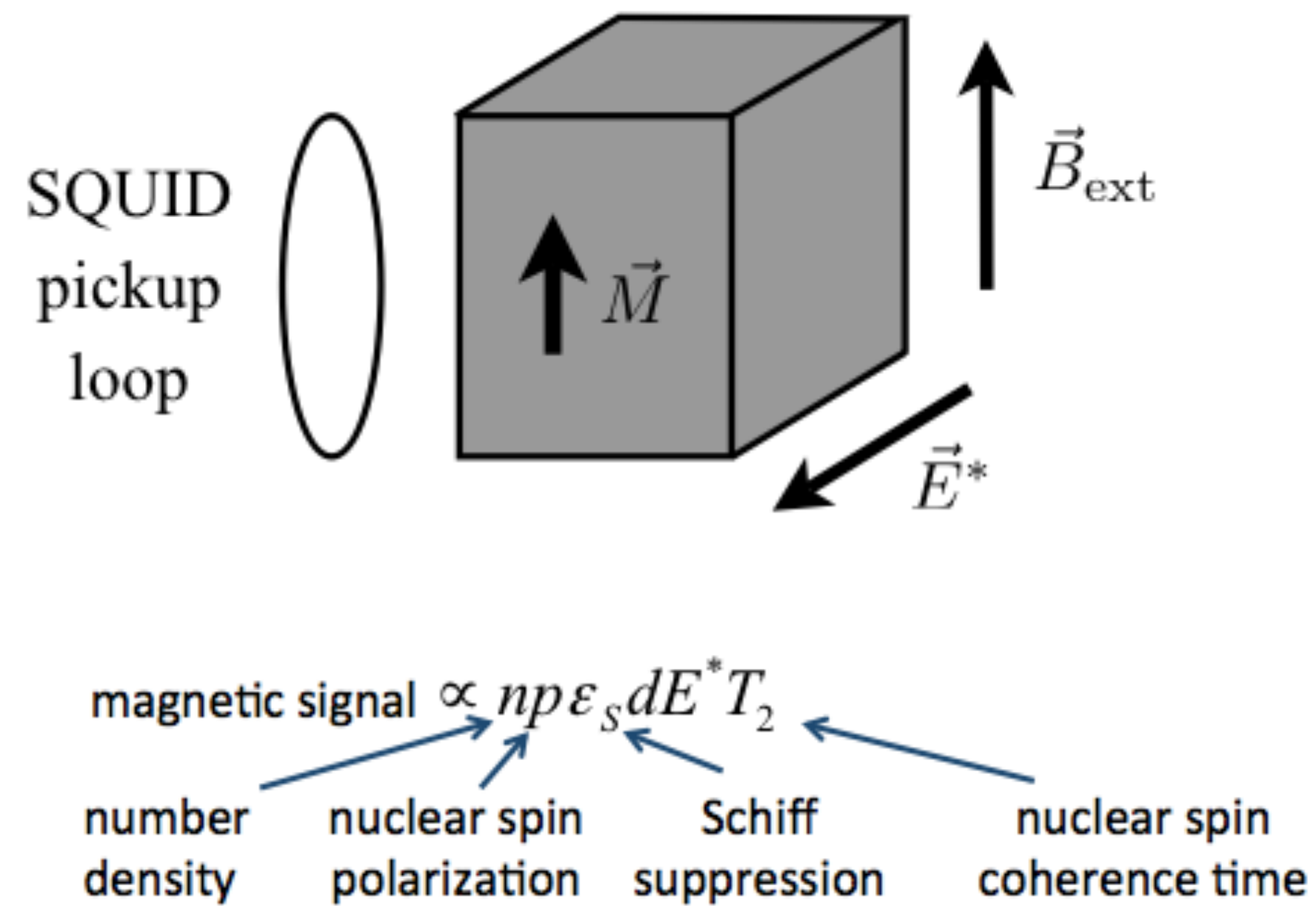


Atomic transitions

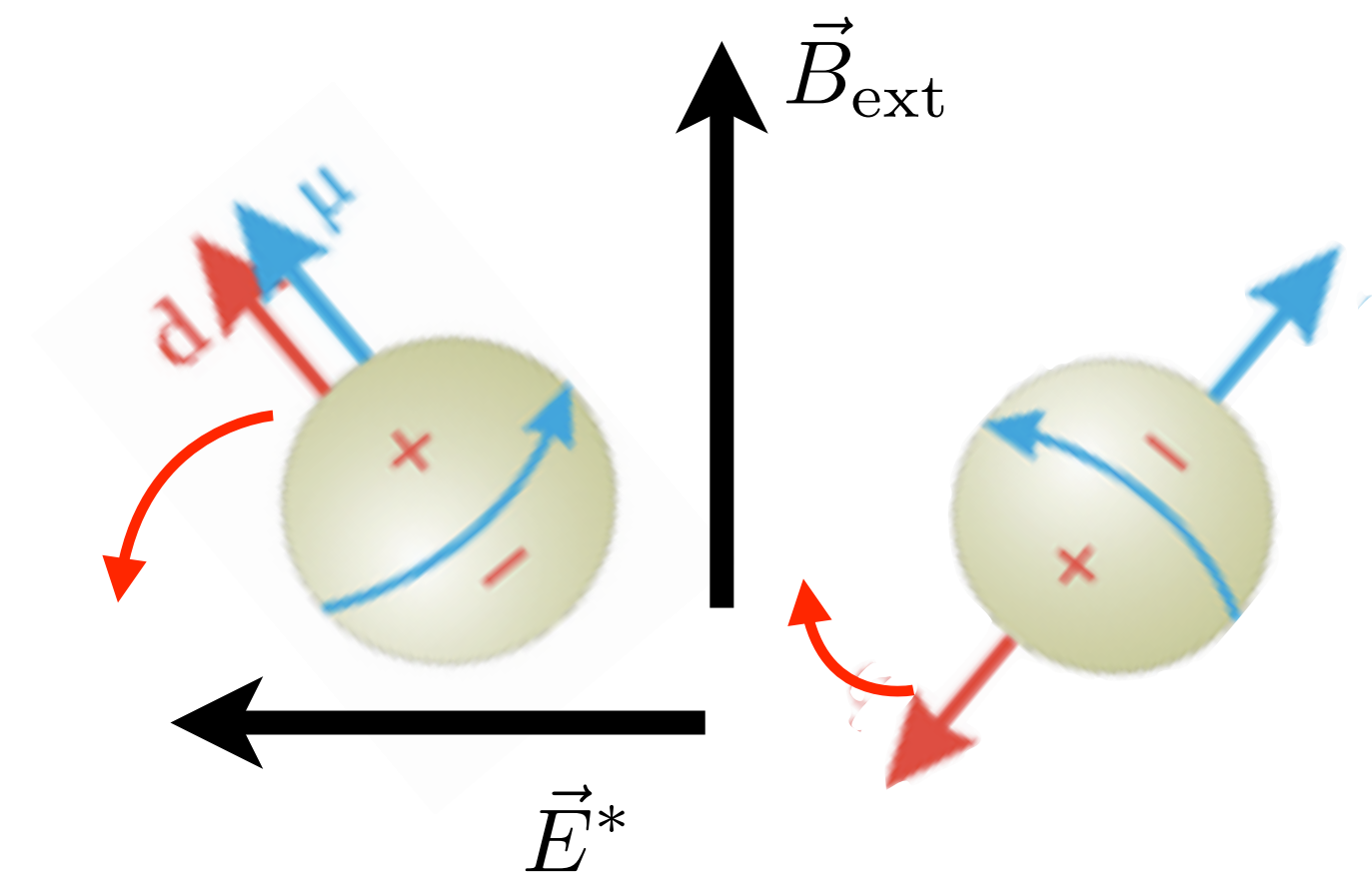
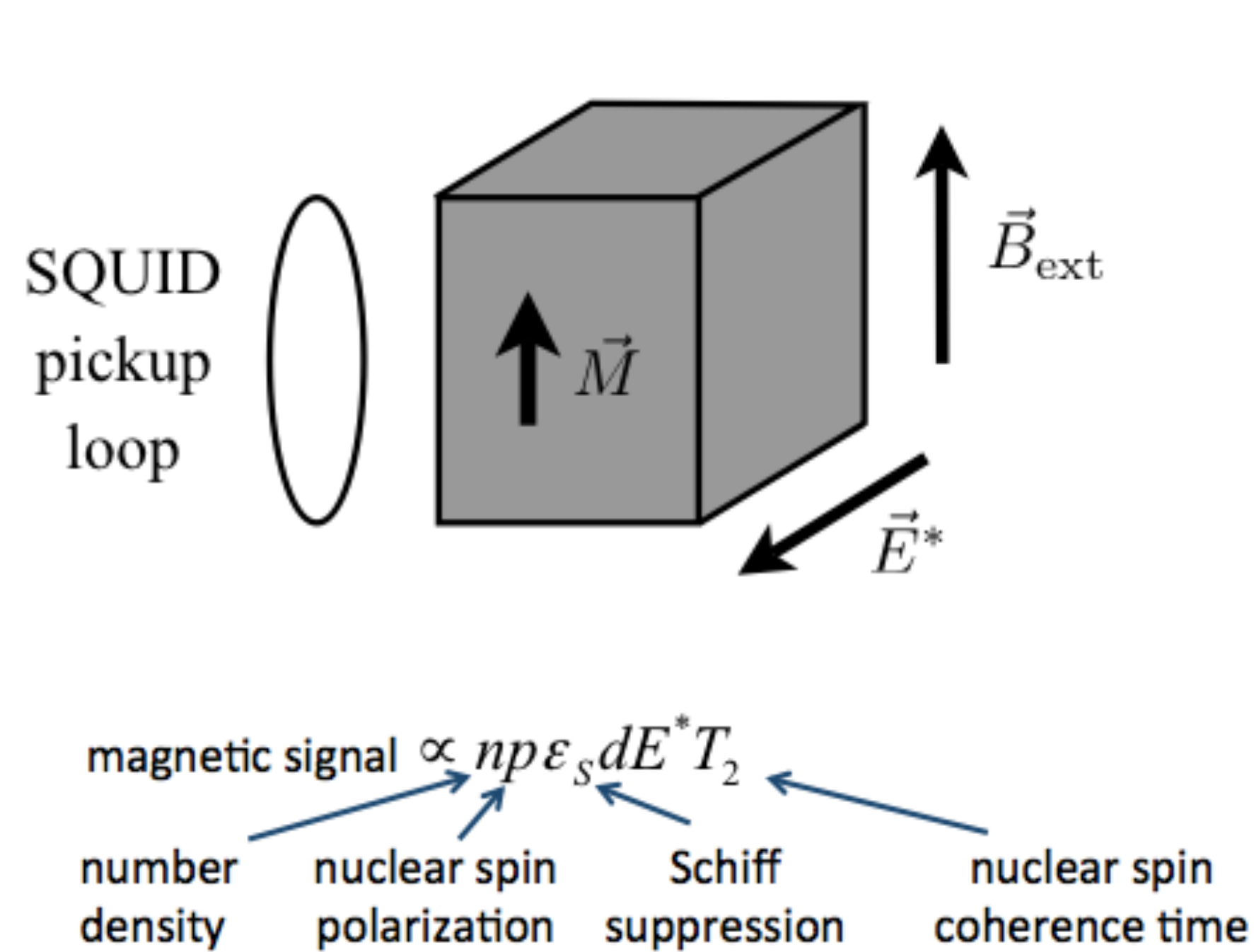


Mirrors*





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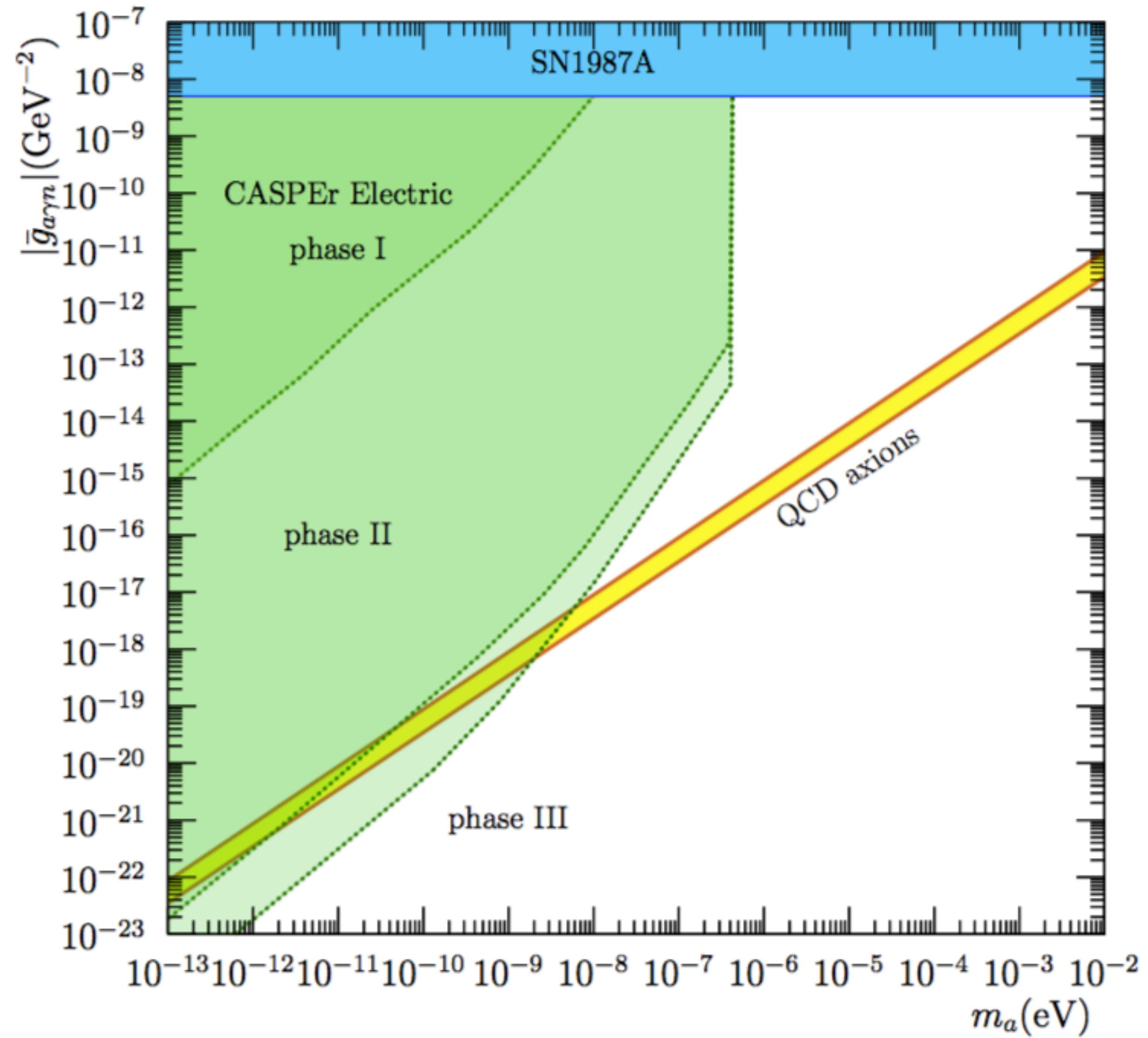


**Oscillating EDM, effects add up,
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CASPER reach

Graham 2012



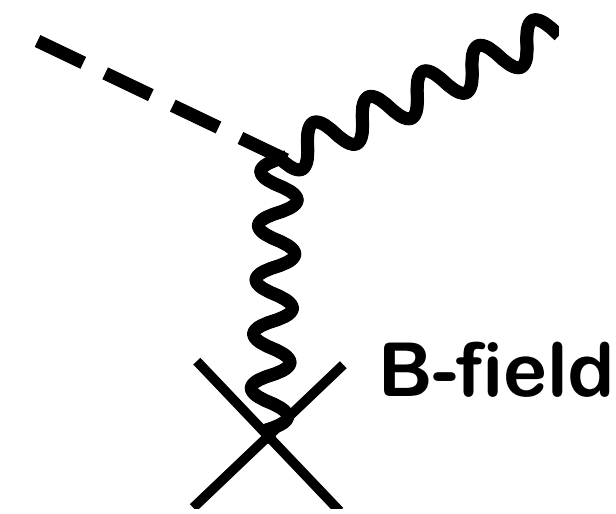
Axion DM in a B-field

$$\mathcal{L}_I = -C_{a\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{a}{f_a} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

- In a static magnetic field, the oscillating axion field generates EM-fields

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

source



- Electric fields $\mathbf{E}_a = C_{a\gamma} \frac{\alpha \mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}}}{2\pi} \theta_0 \cos(m_a t)$

- Oscillating at a frequency $\omega \simeq m_a$

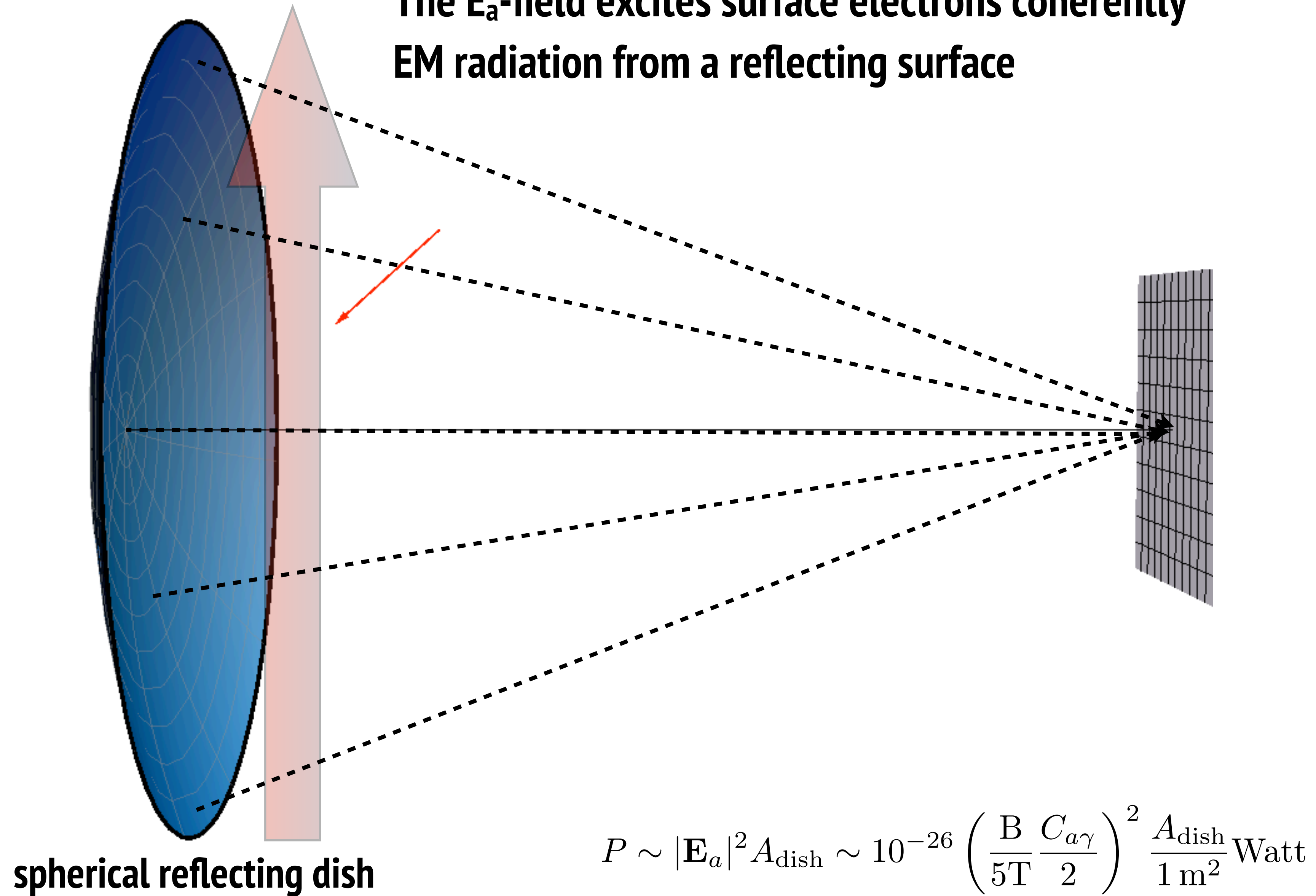
- B-fields $\propto \nabla \theta$ $|\mathbf{B}_a| \sim \langle v \rangle |\mathbf{E}_a|$

- All experiments are sensitive to light dark photon dark matter! (kin. mix)

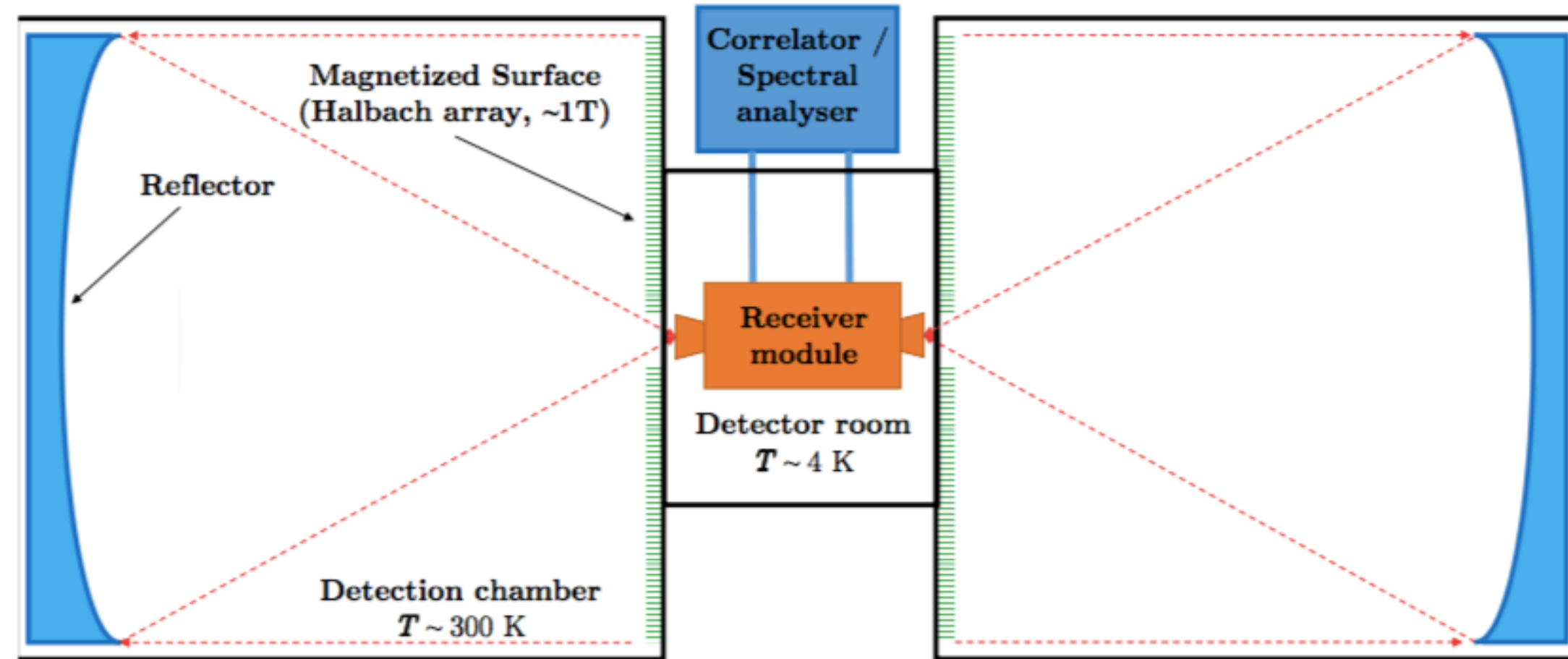
Dish antenna experiment?

Horns 2012

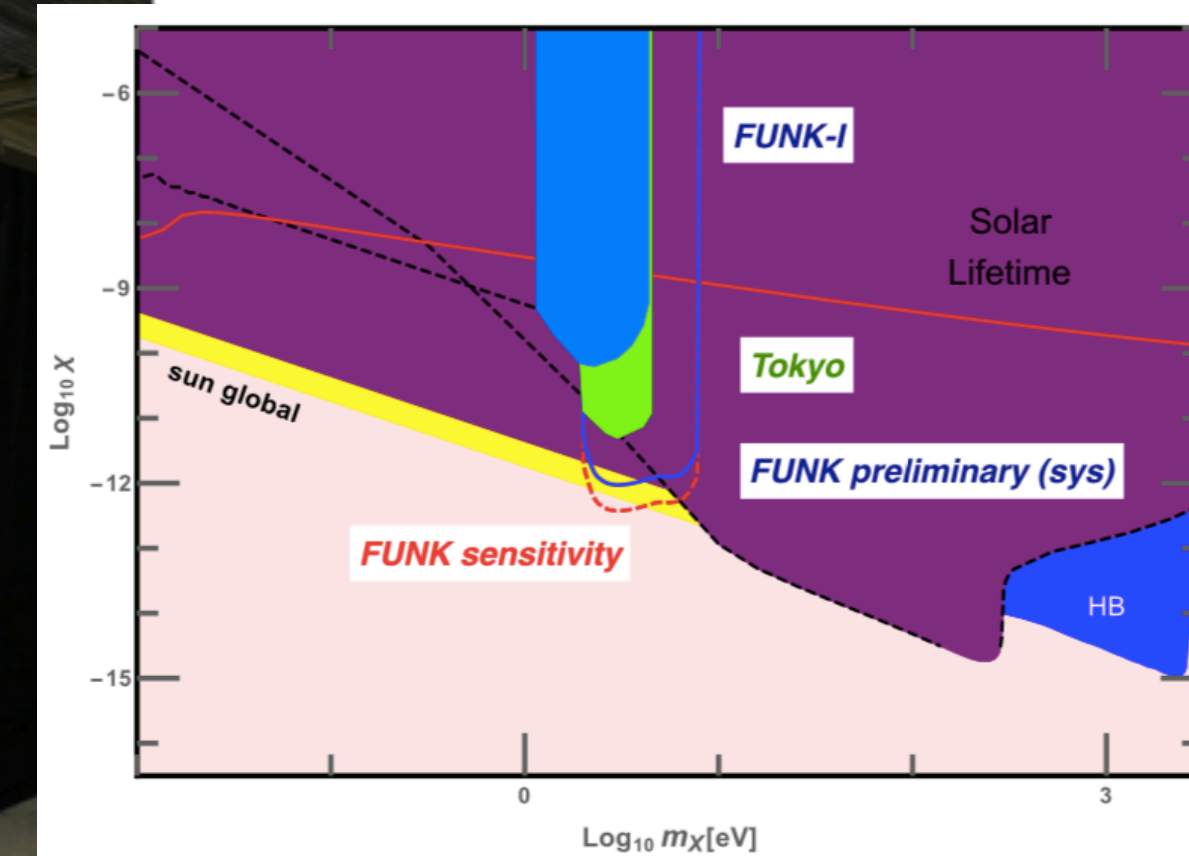
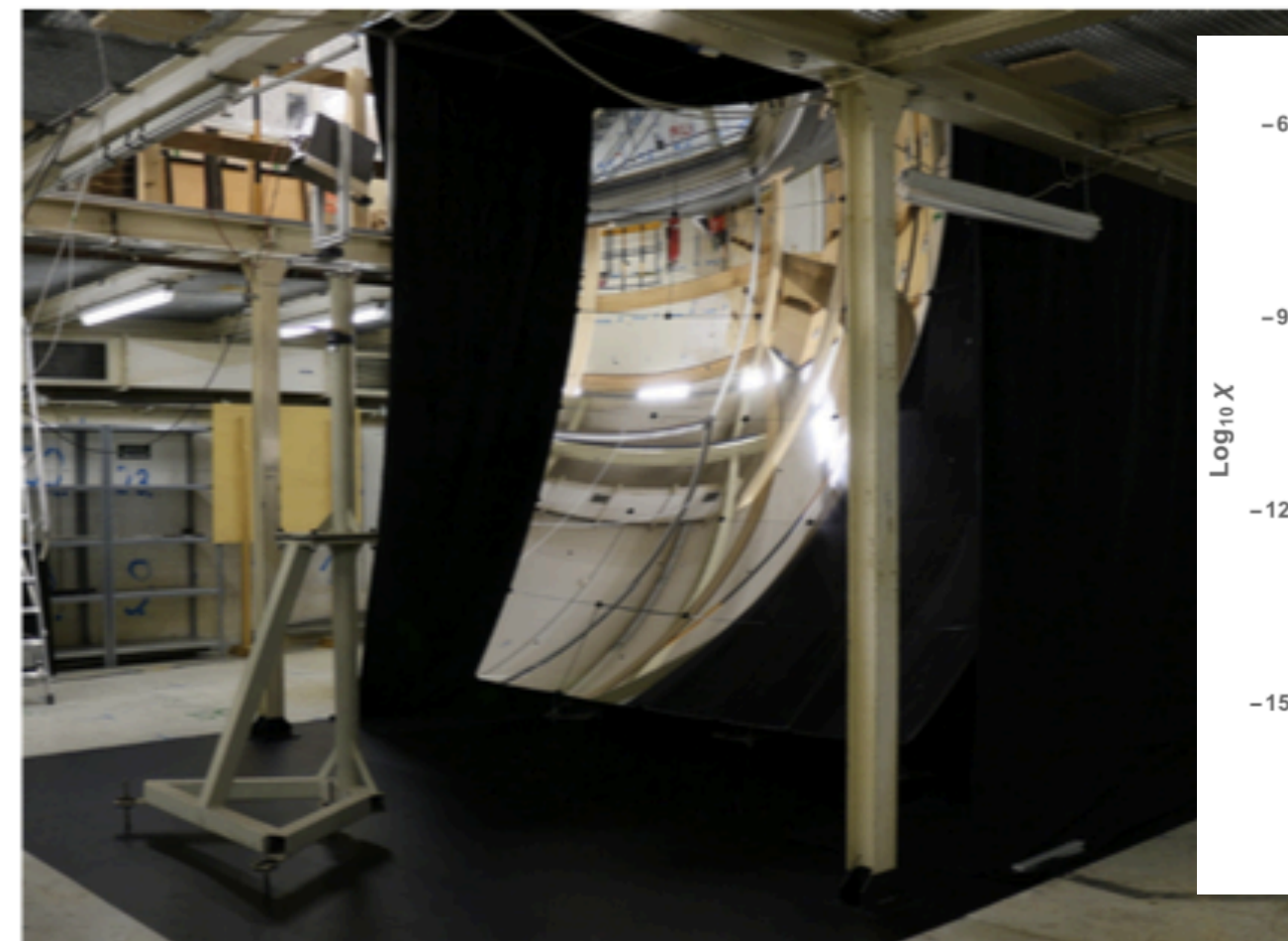
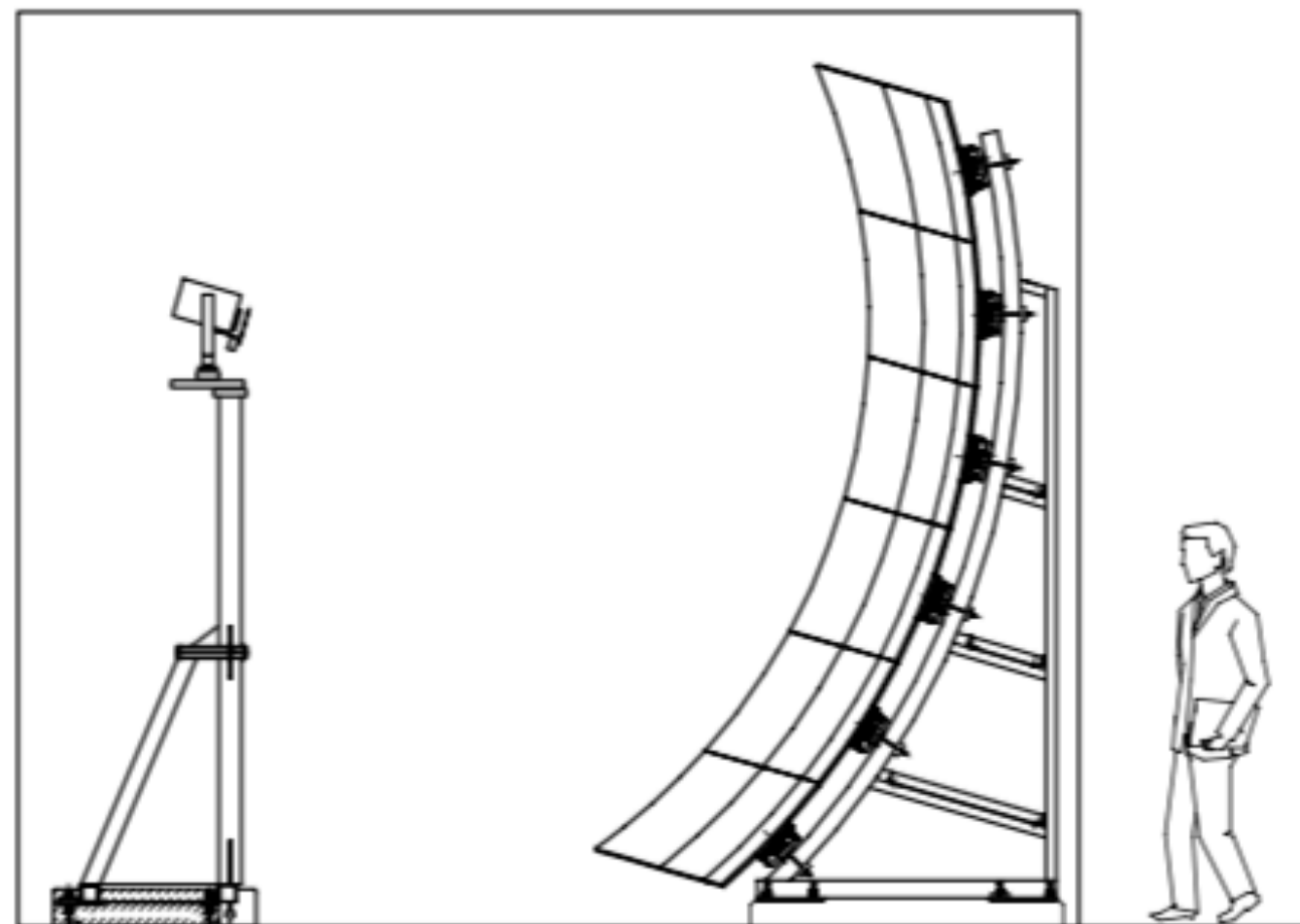
The E_a -field excites surface electrons coherently
EM radiation from a reflecting surface



Magnetised surface (Hamburg U.)



FUNK (KIT Karlsruhe) (1711.02961)



Cavity resonators (Haloscopes)

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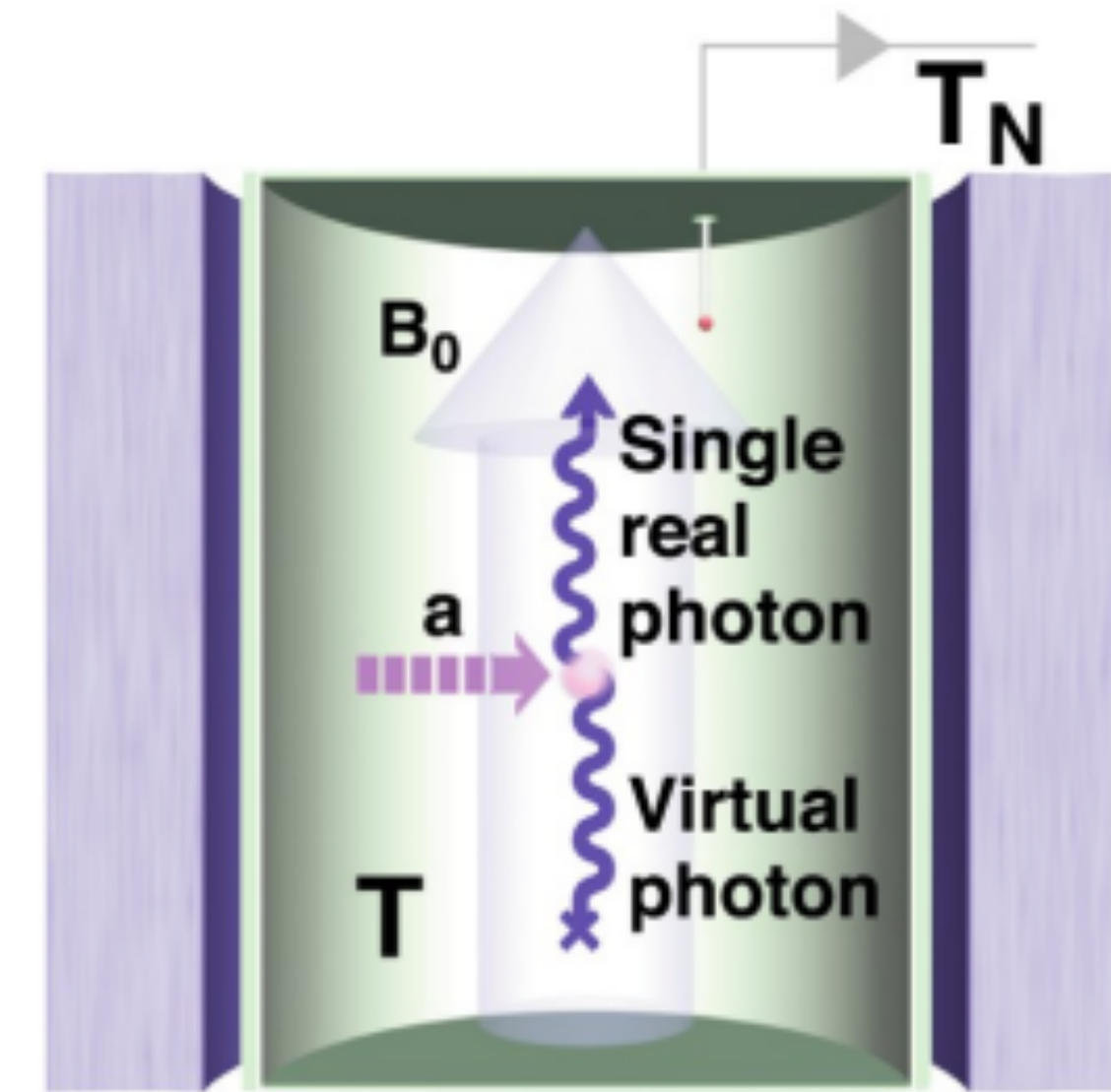
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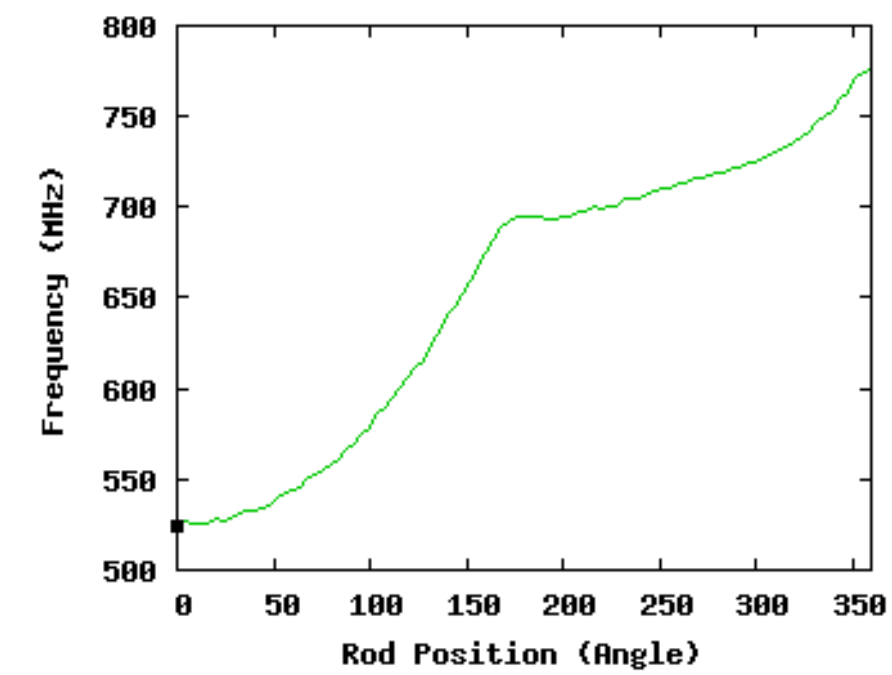
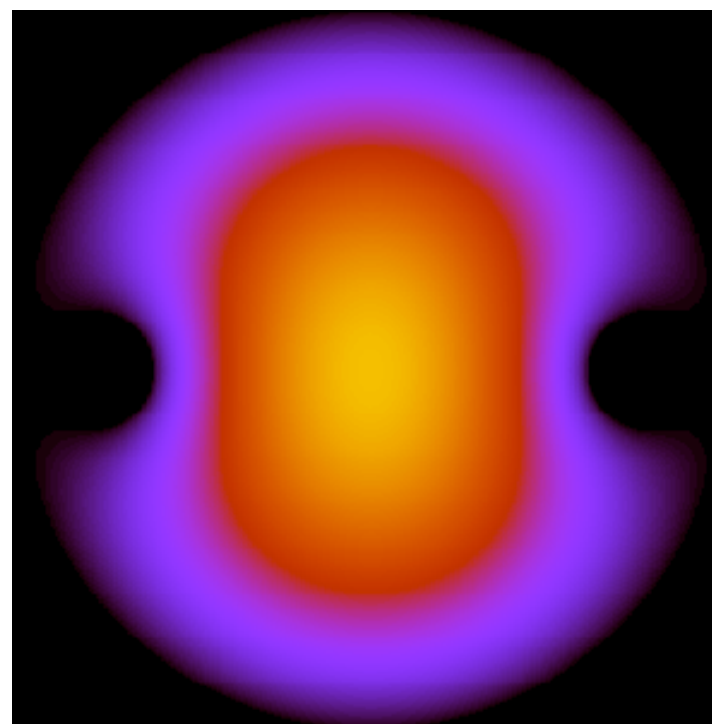
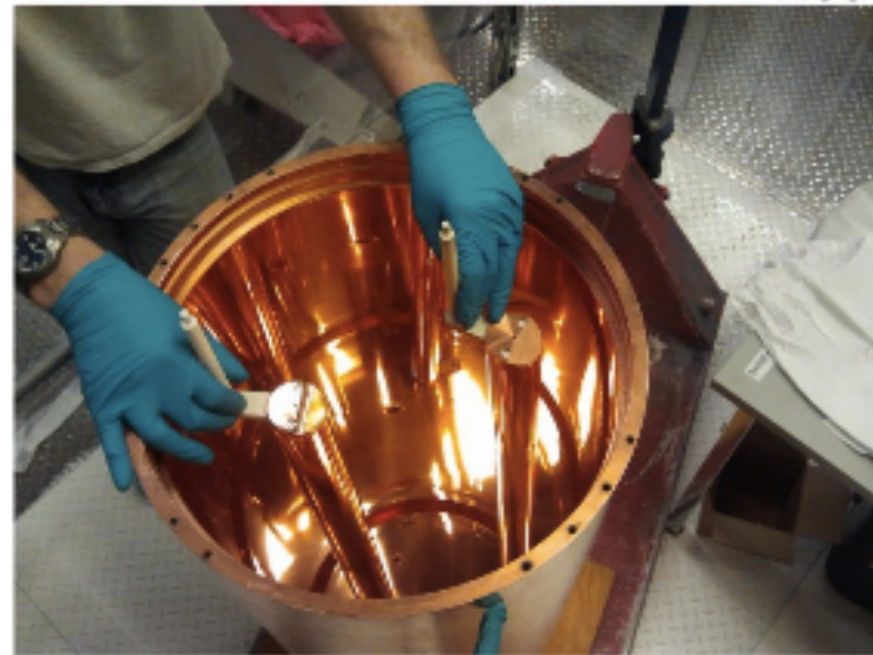
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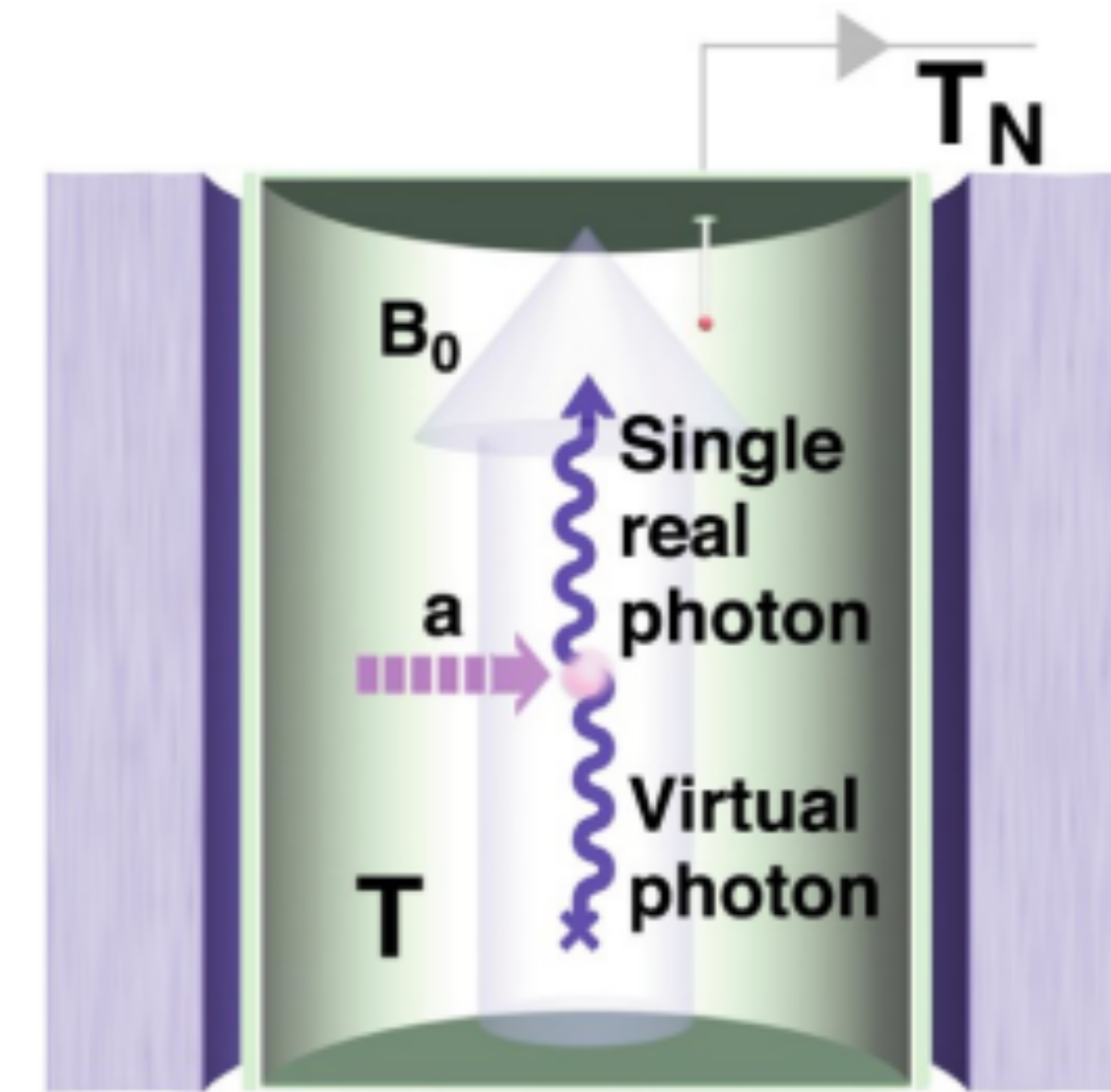
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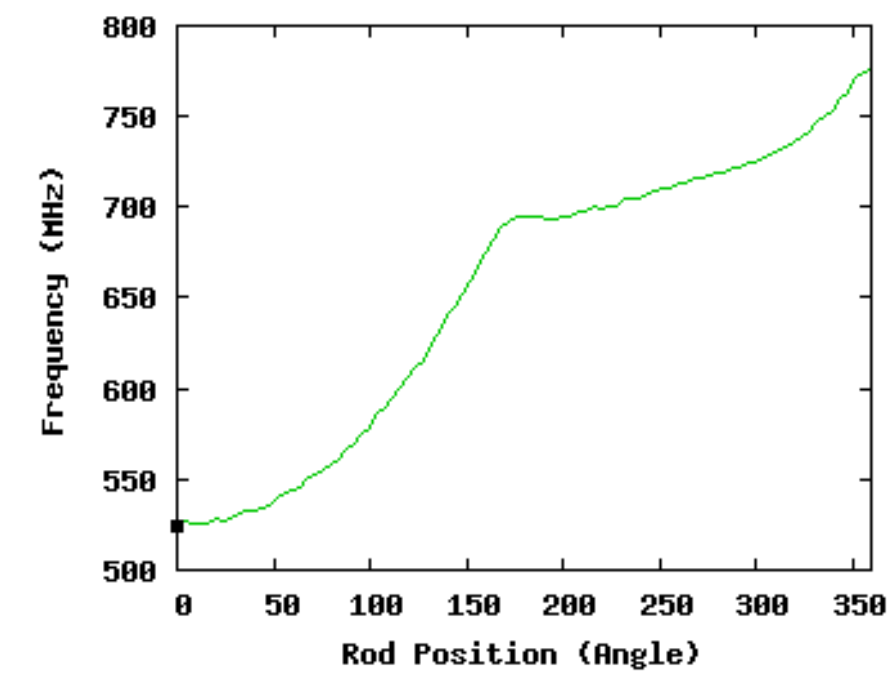
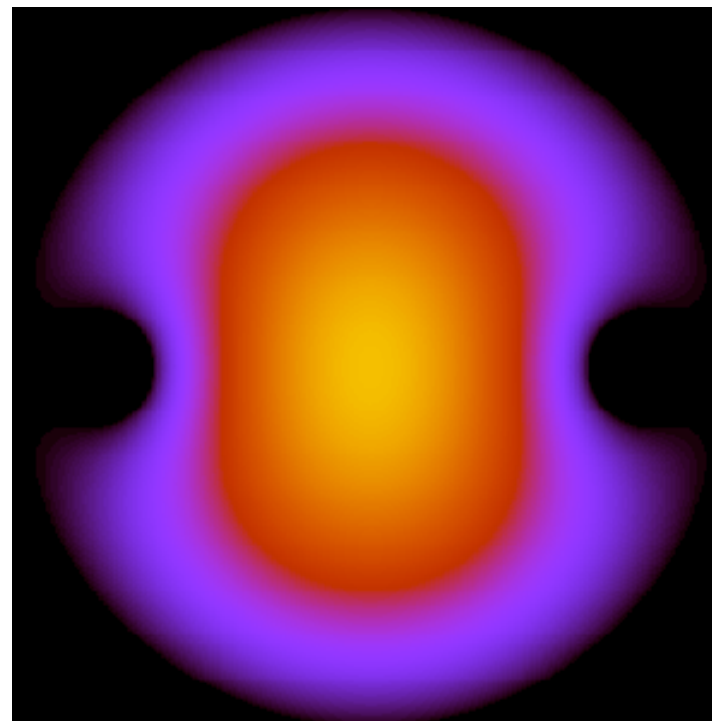
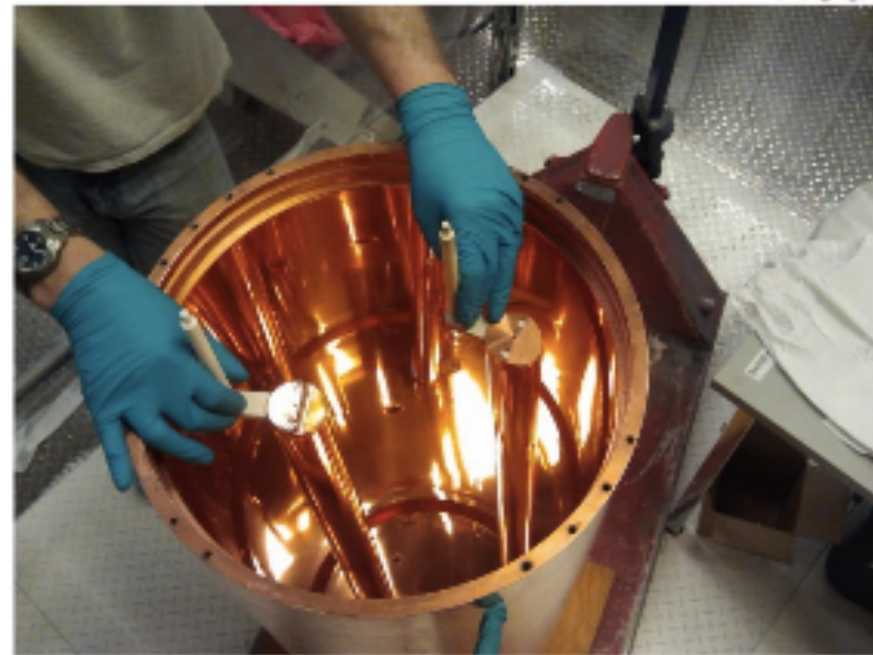
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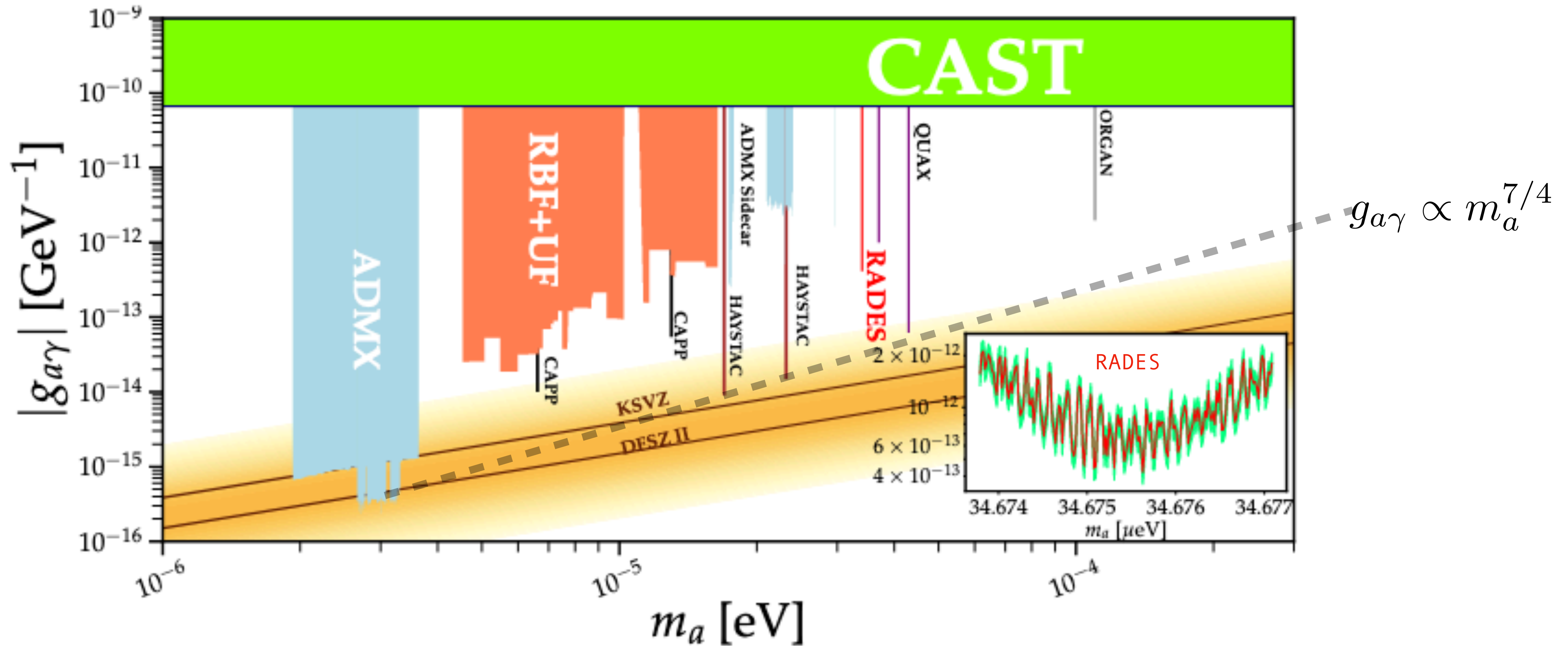
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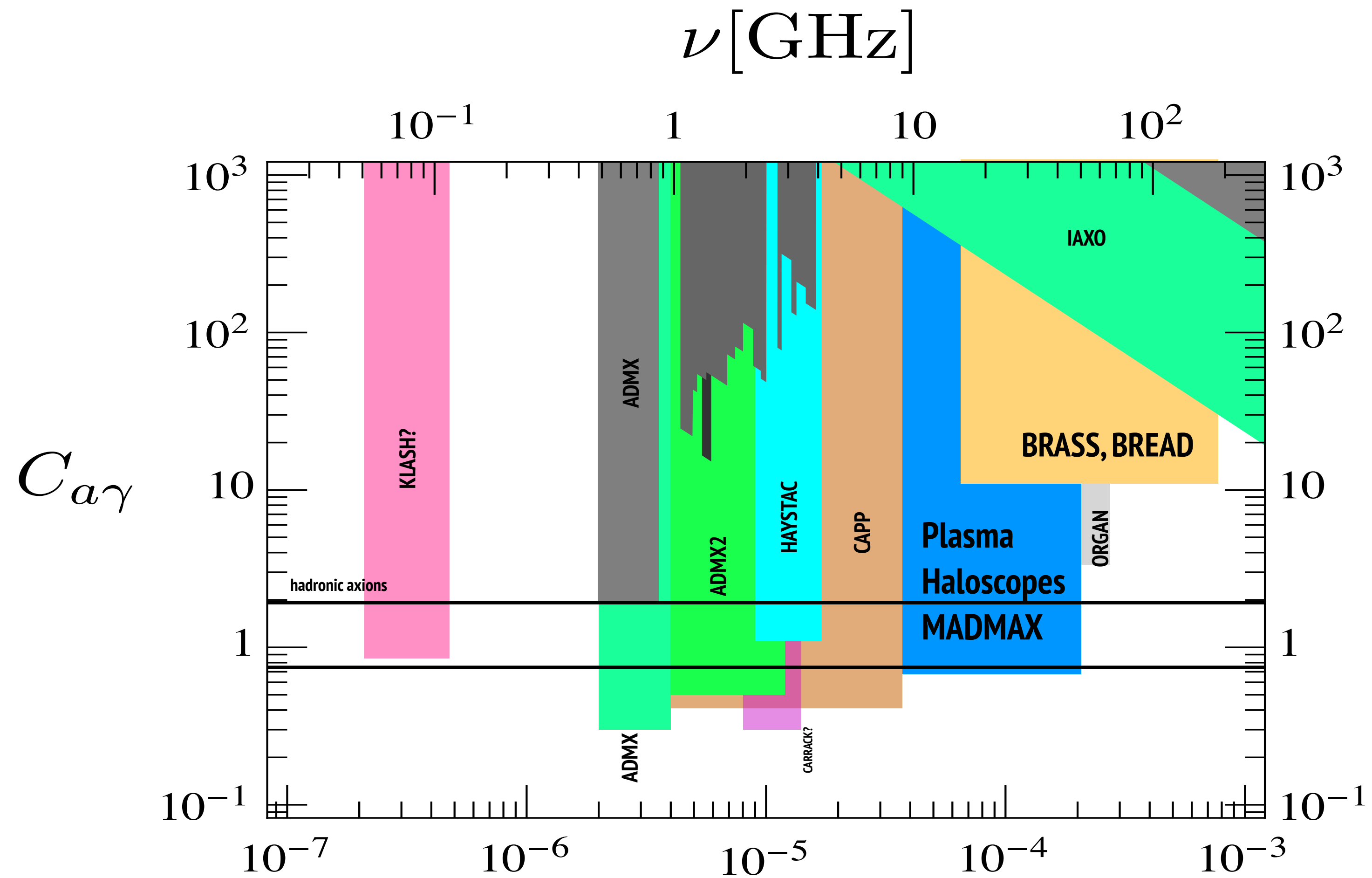
Experiments and results

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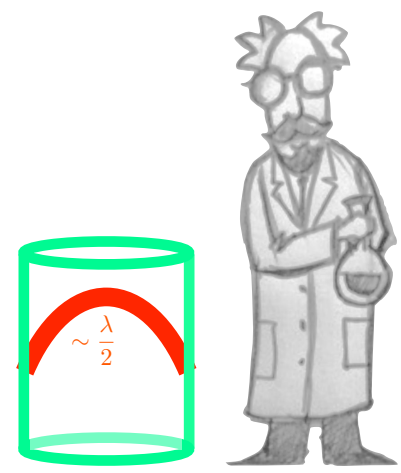
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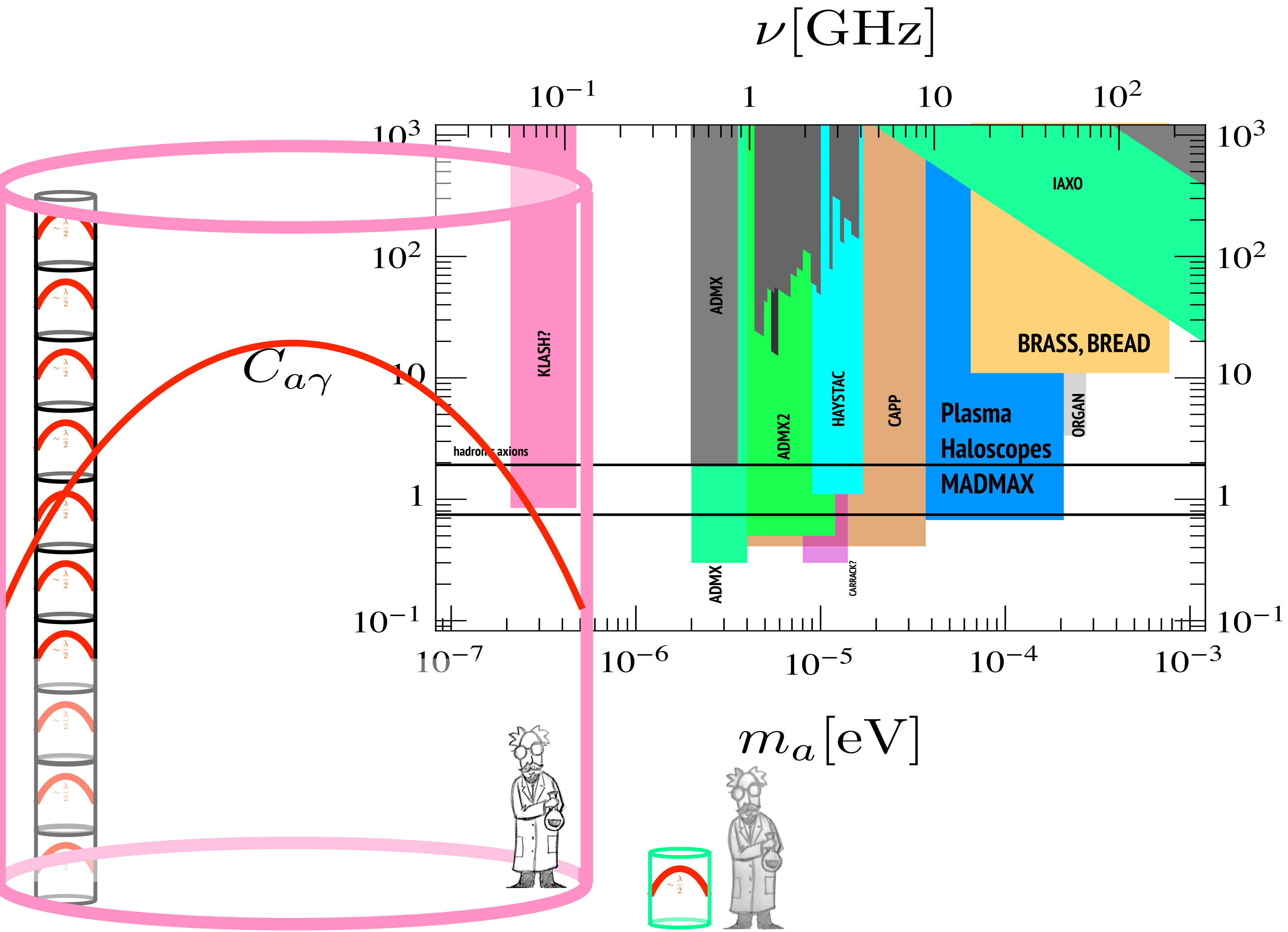
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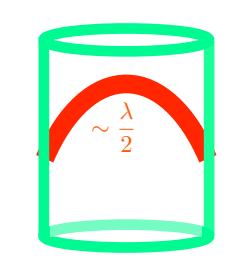
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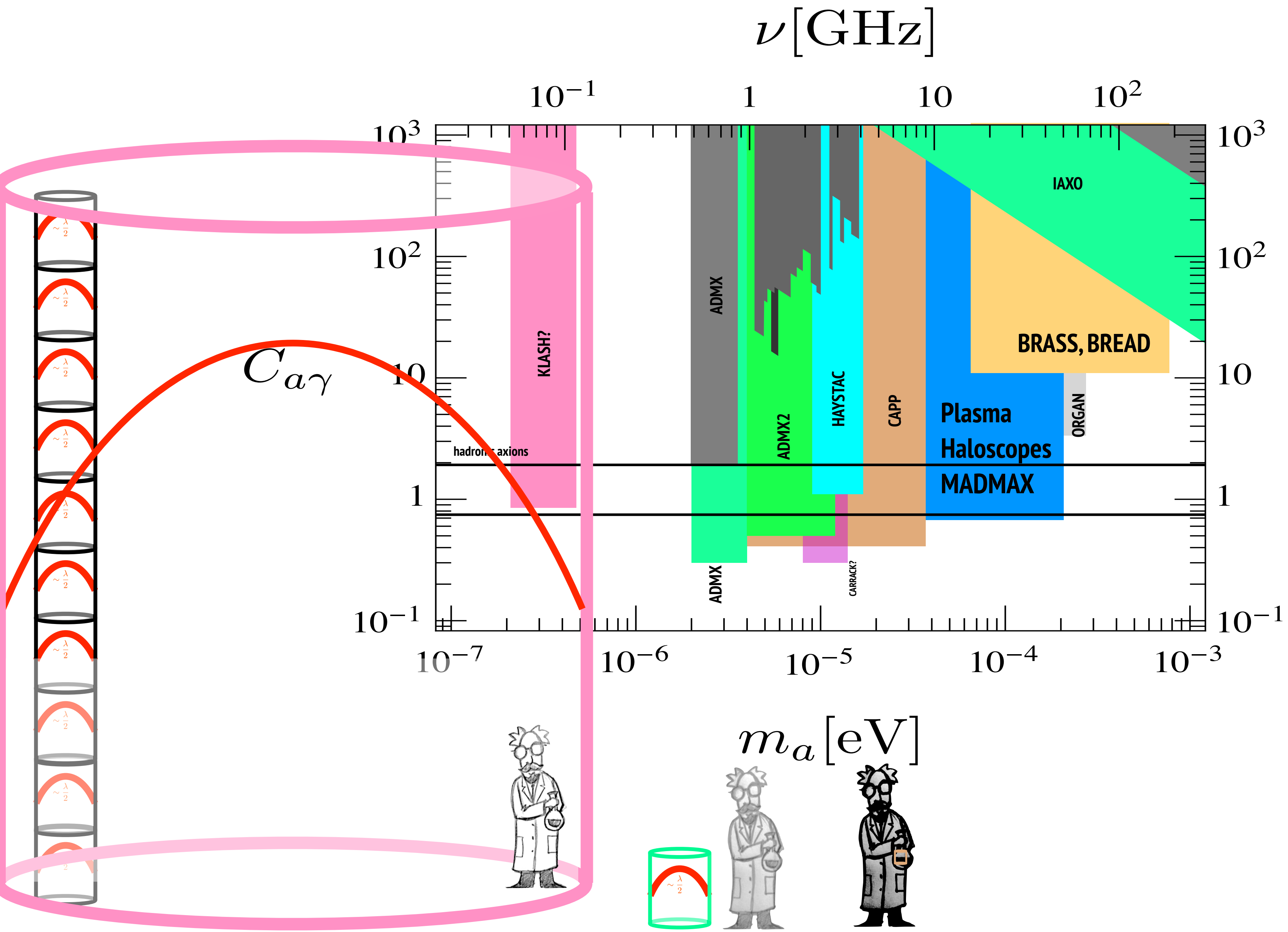


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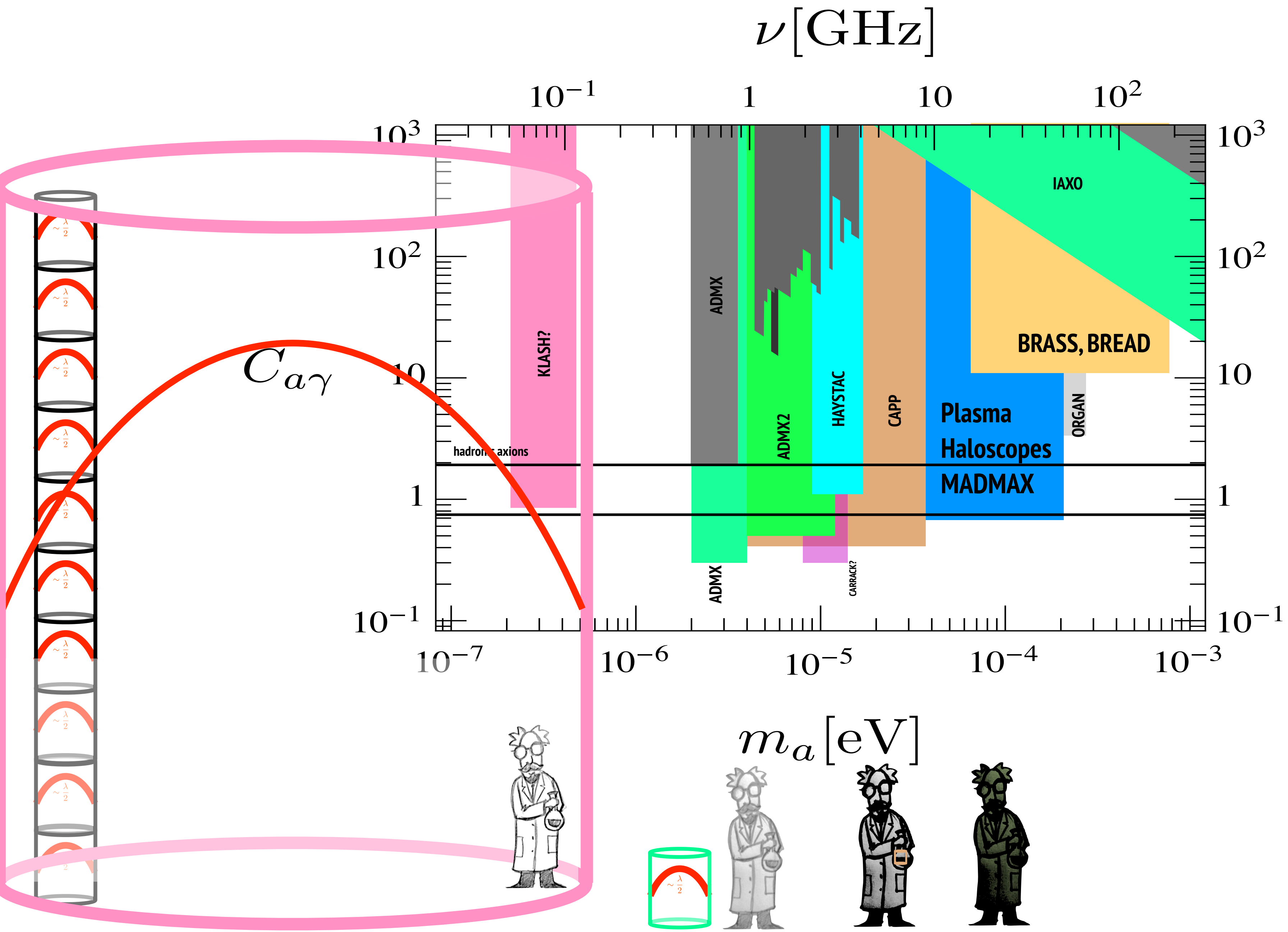


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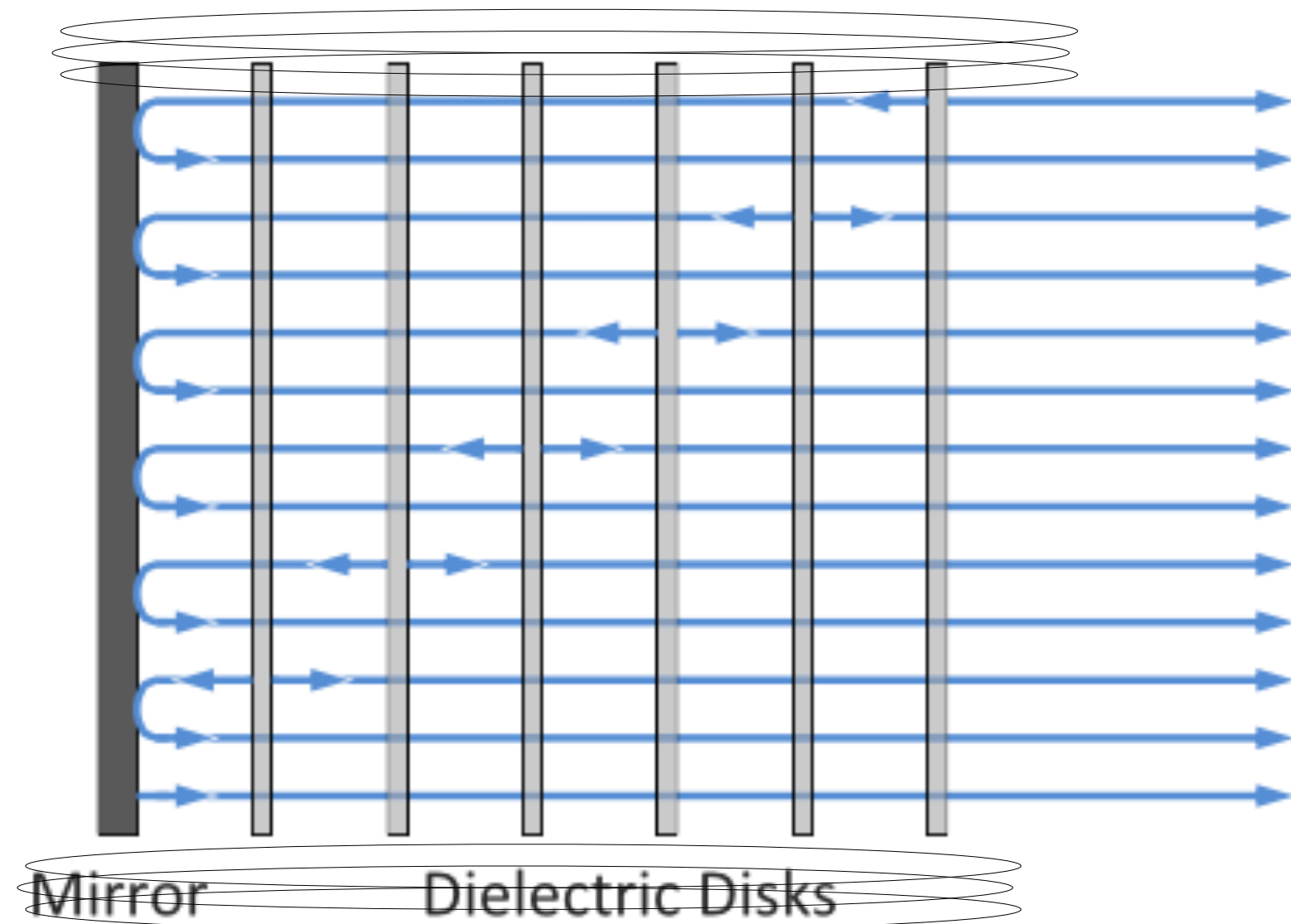


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- ALTERNATIVES
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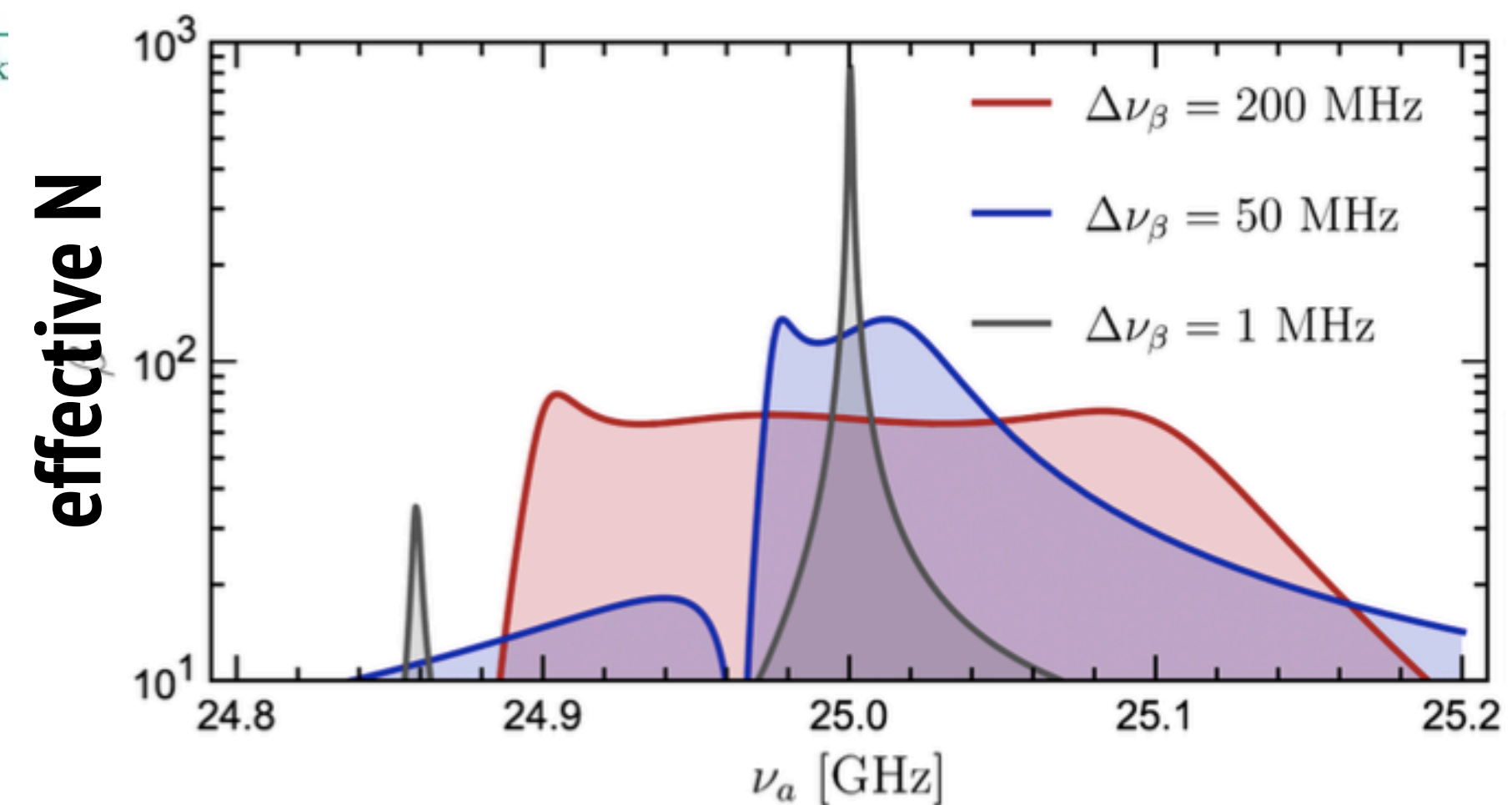
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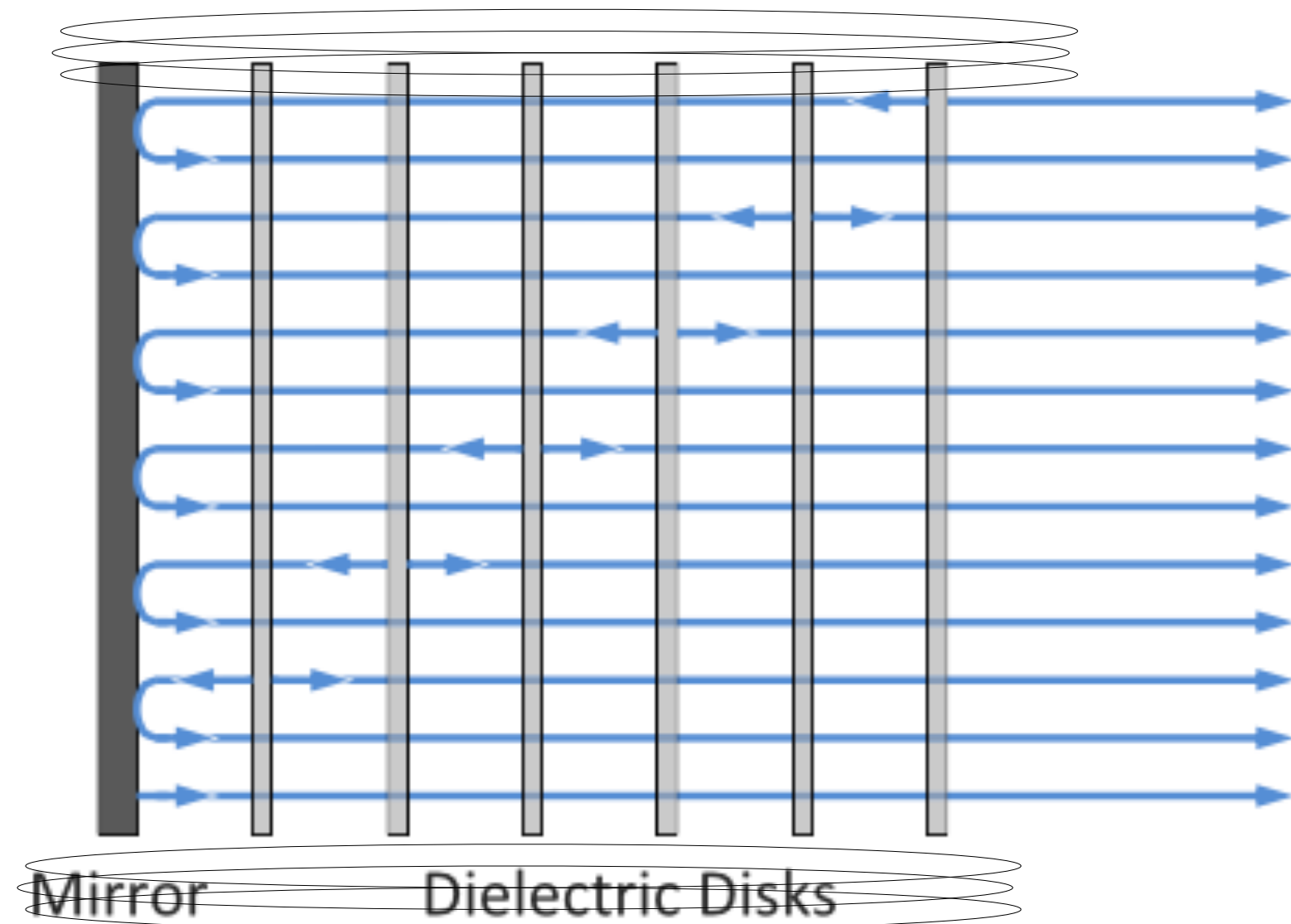
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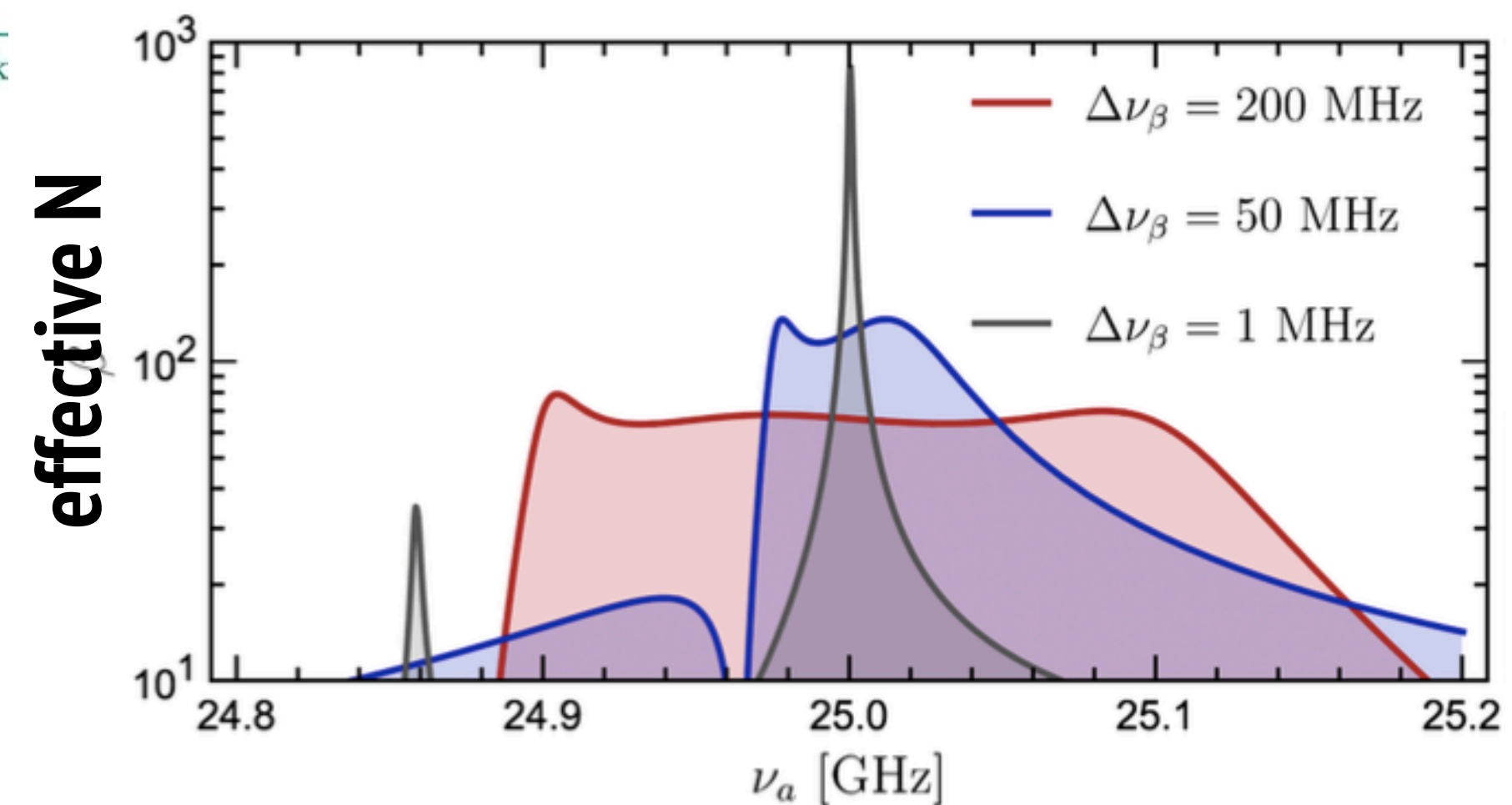
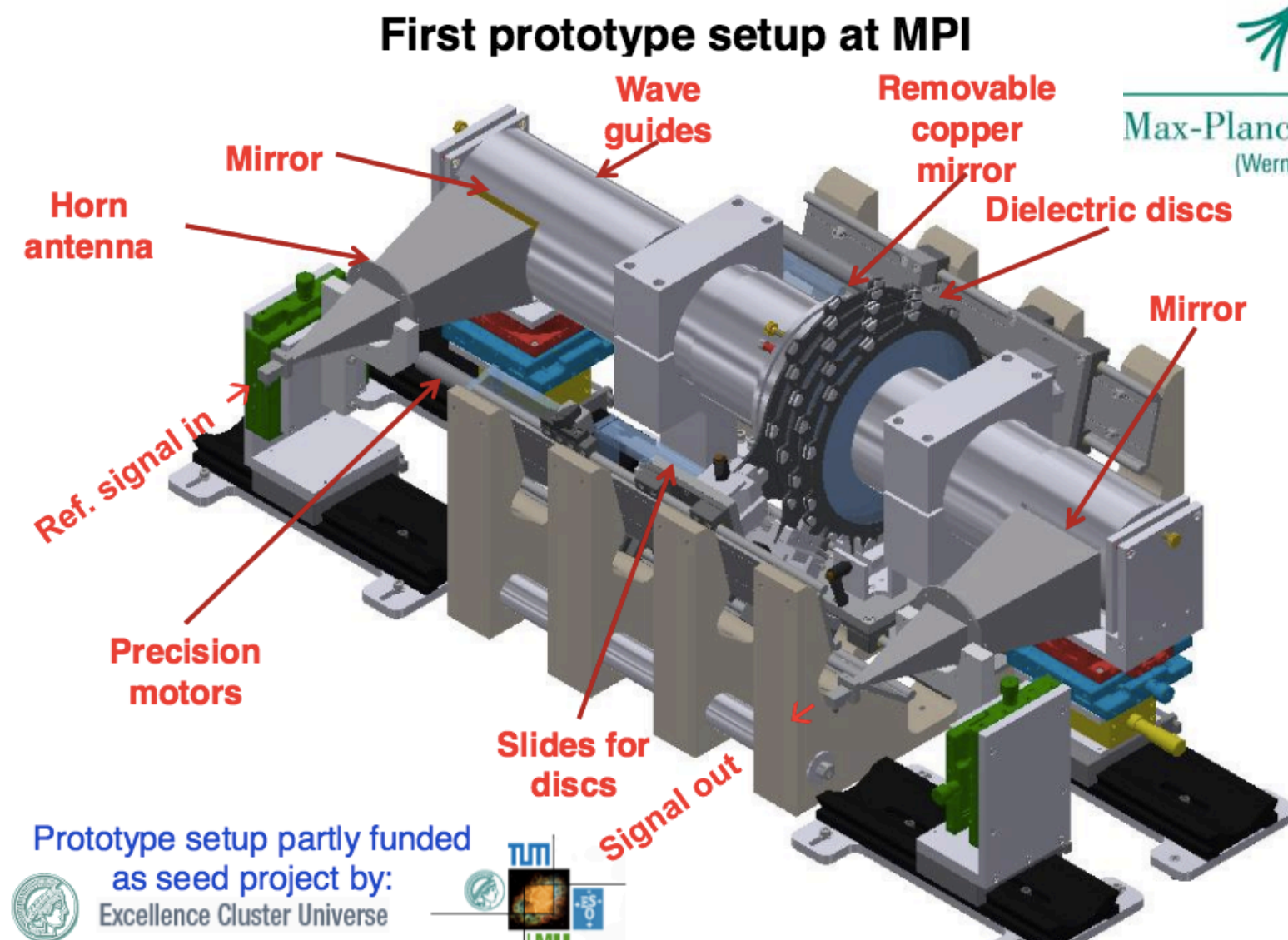
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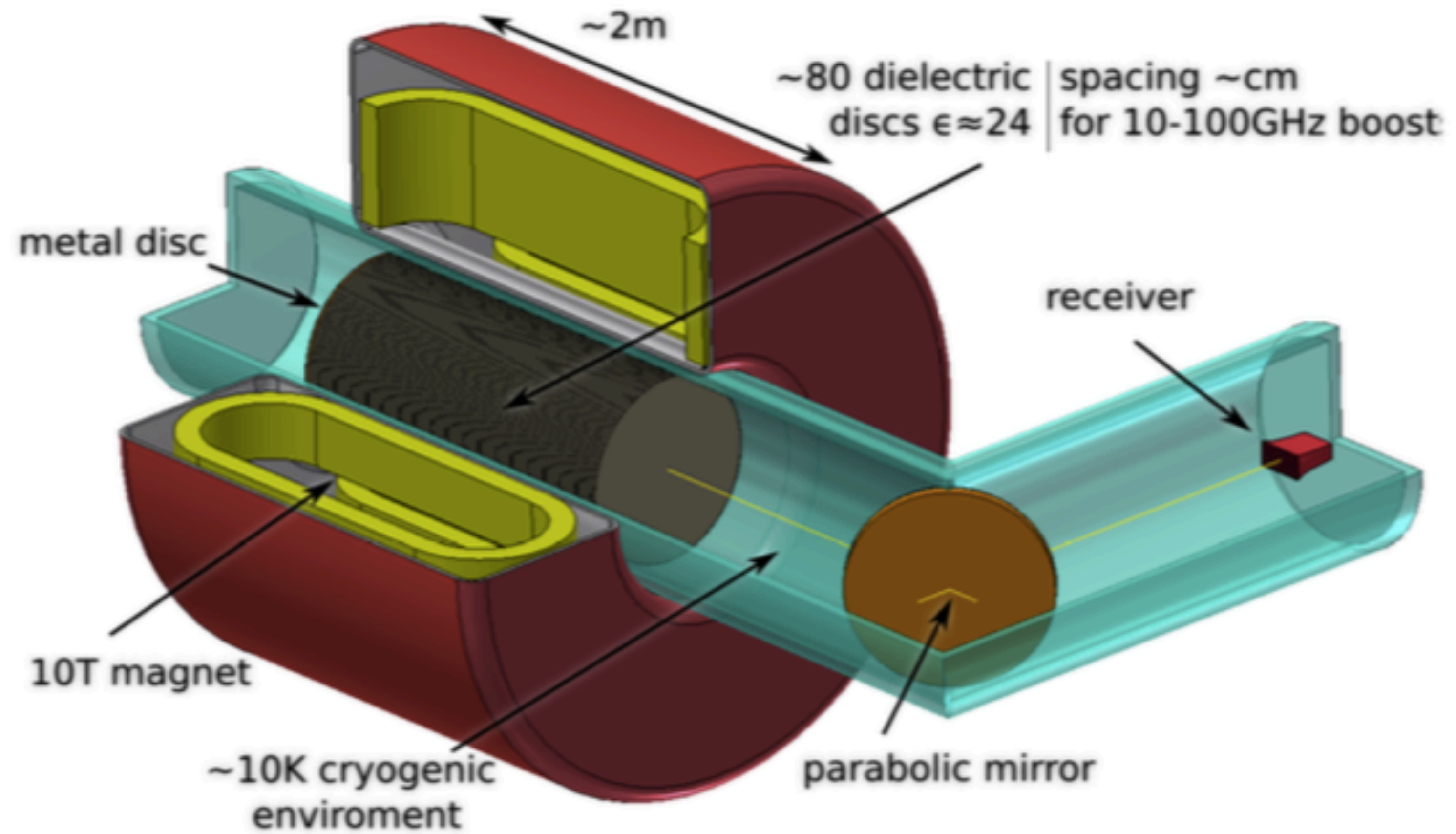
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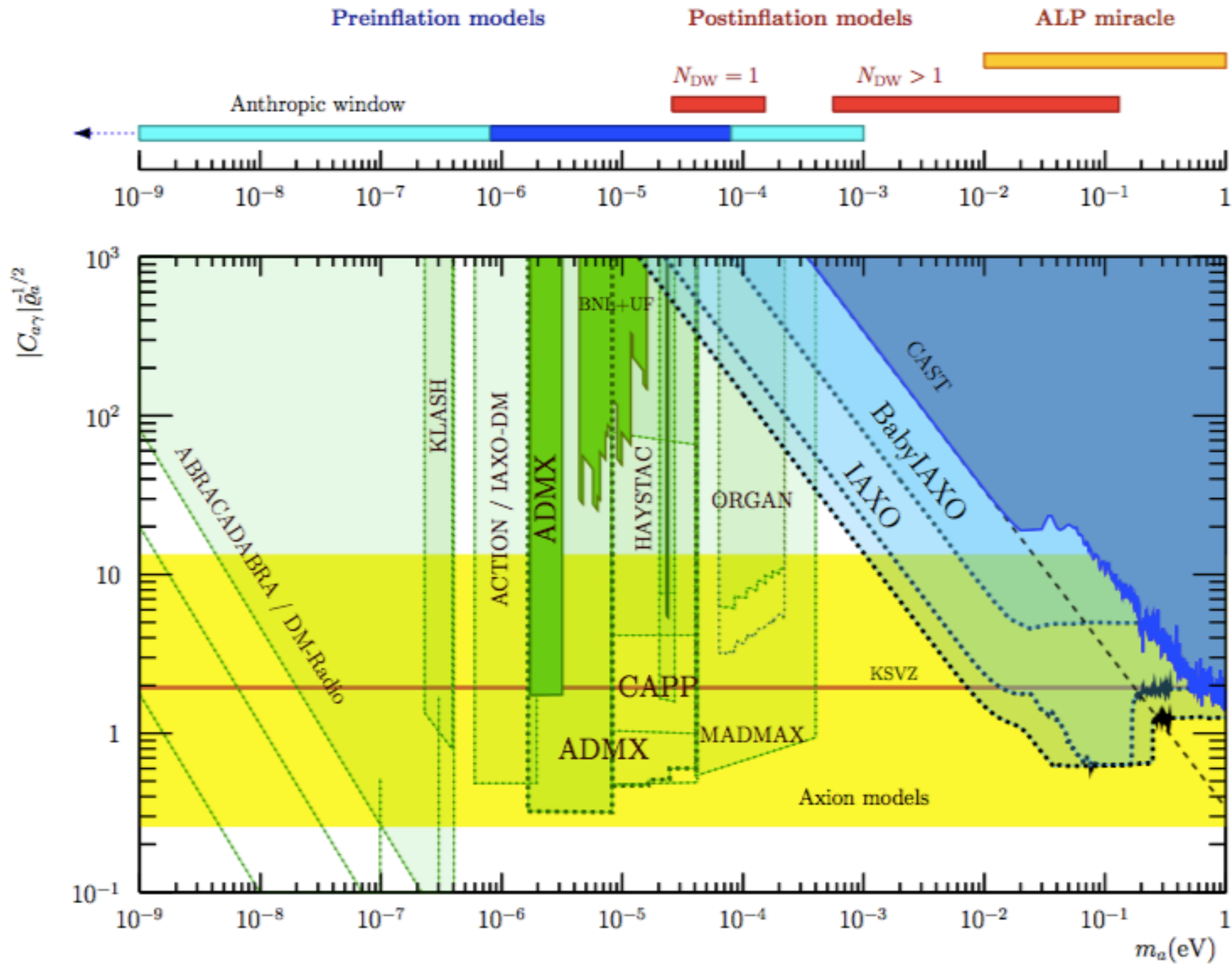
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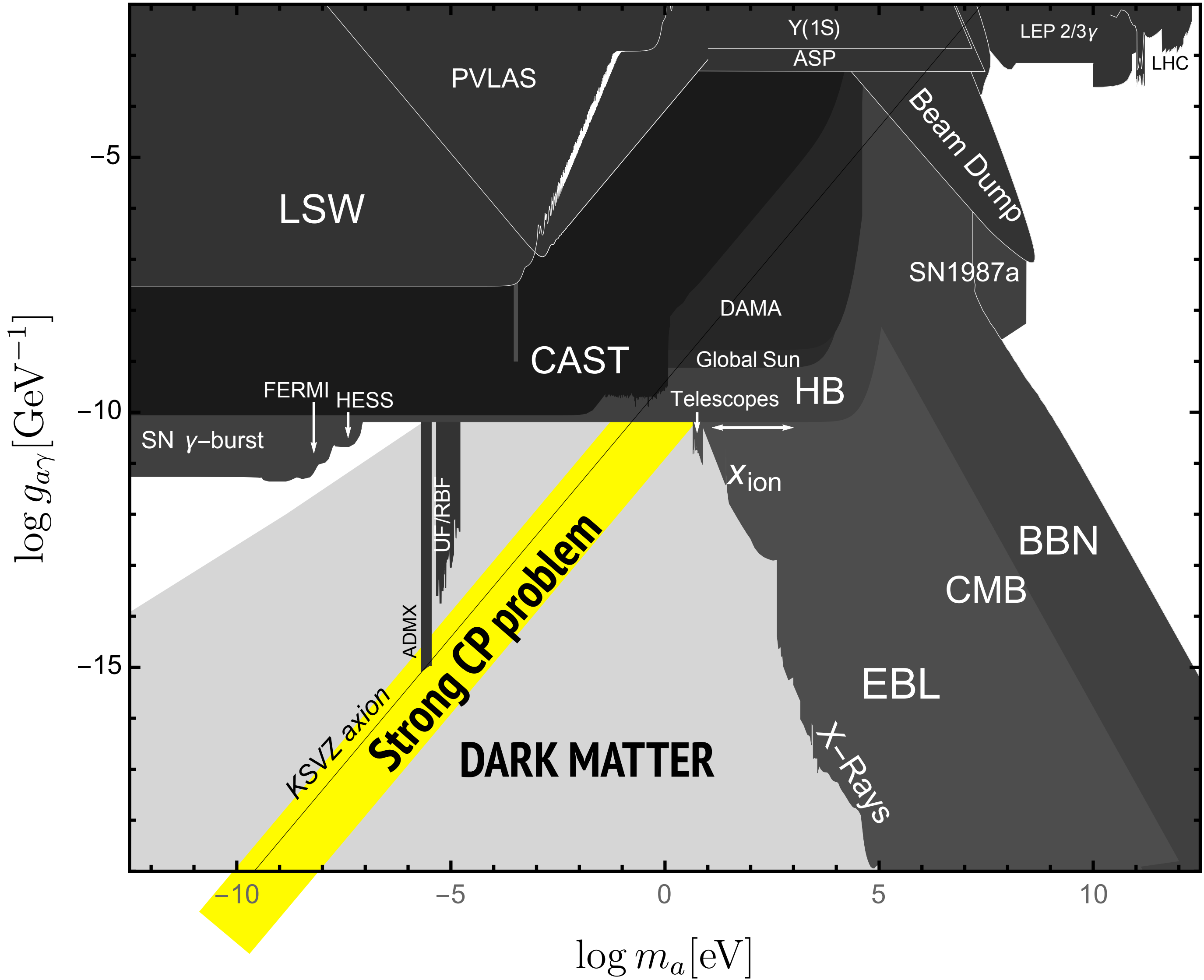
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MADMAX concept

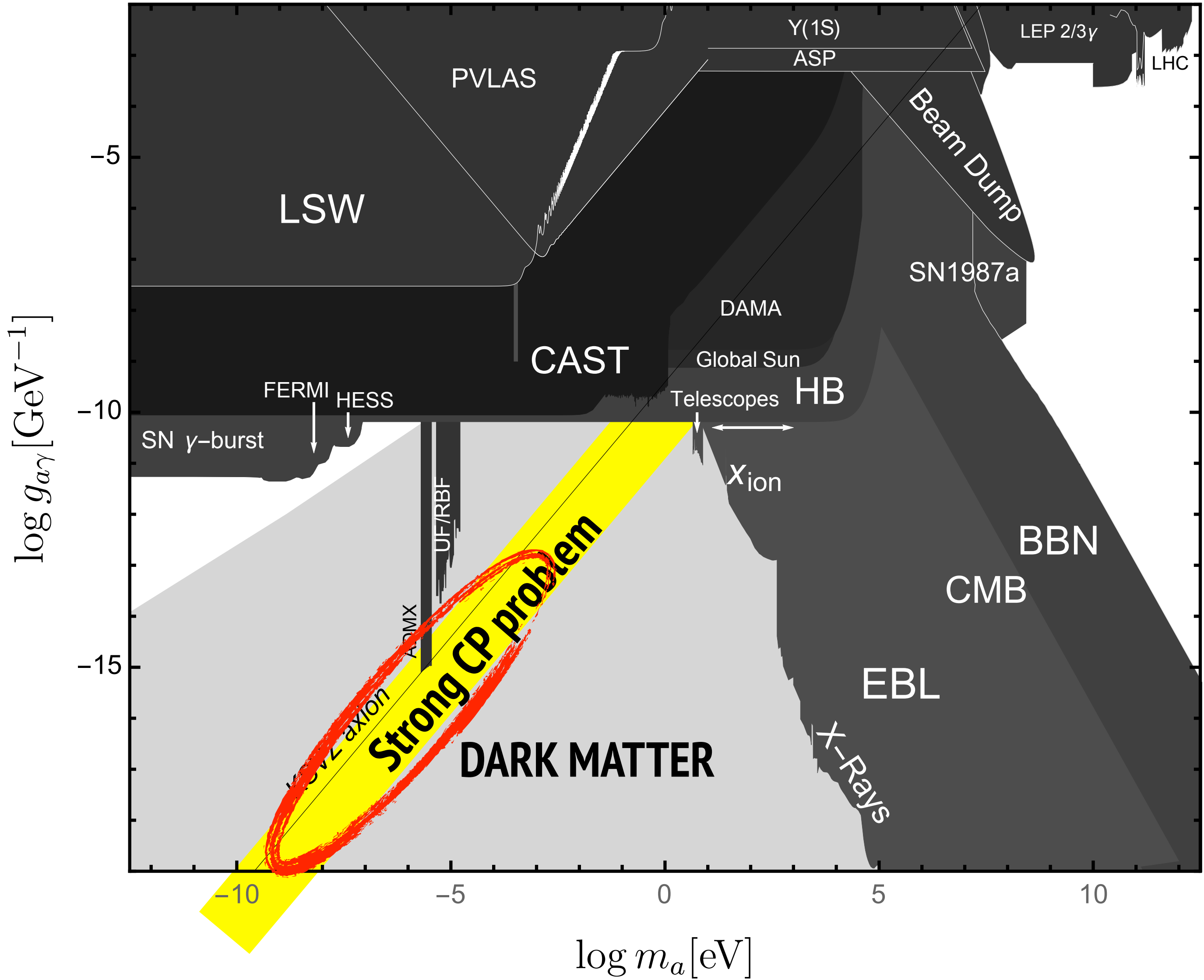




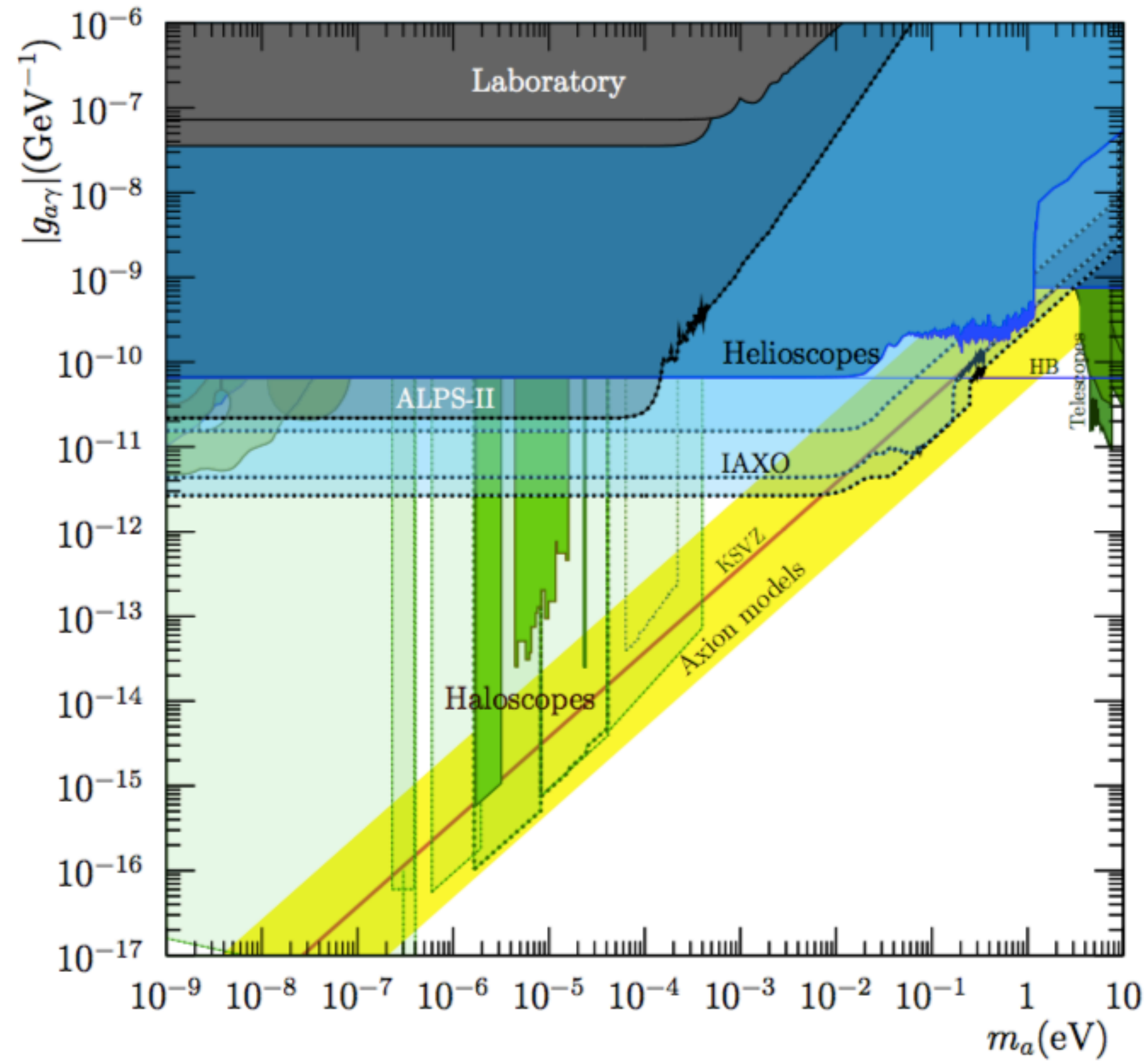
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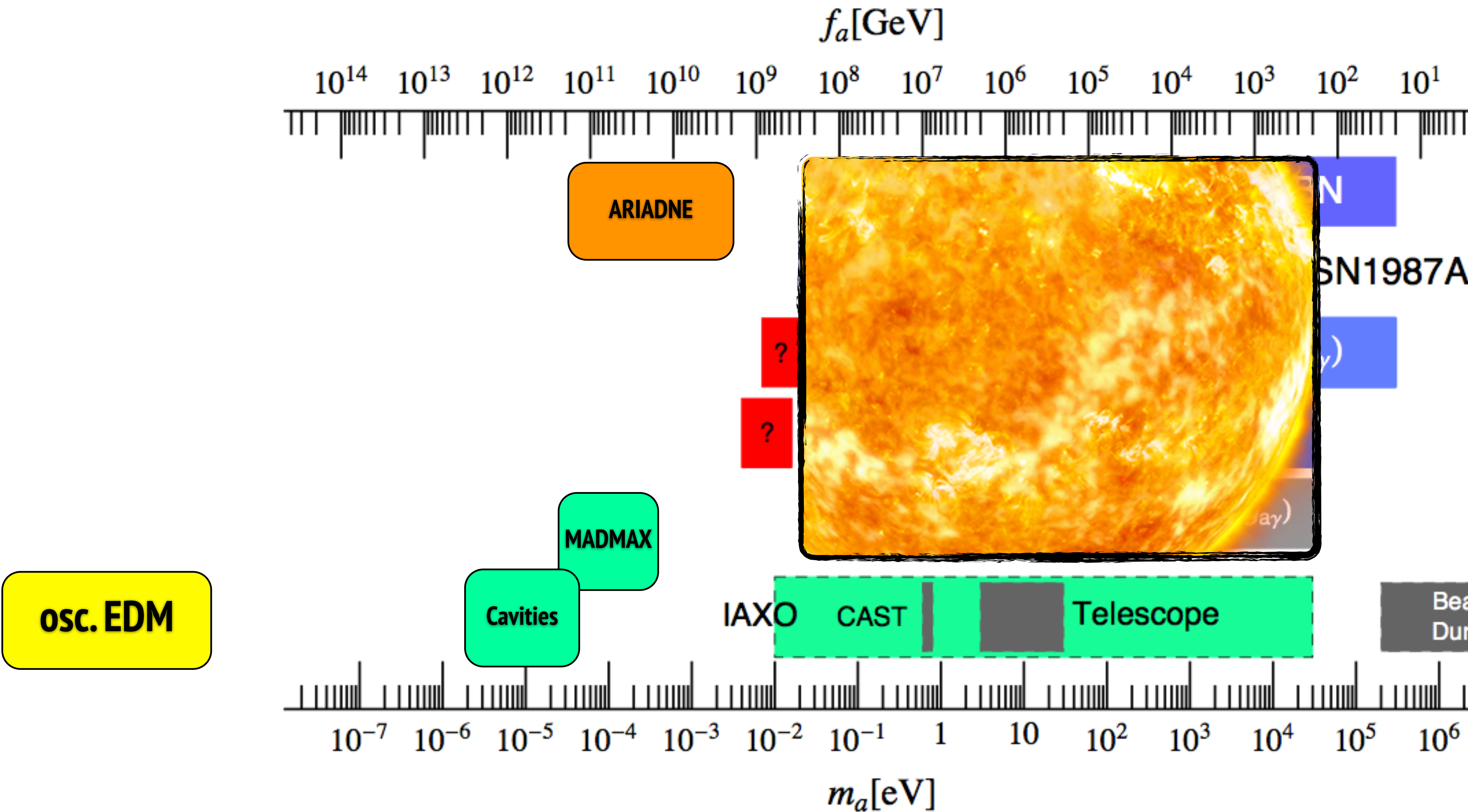
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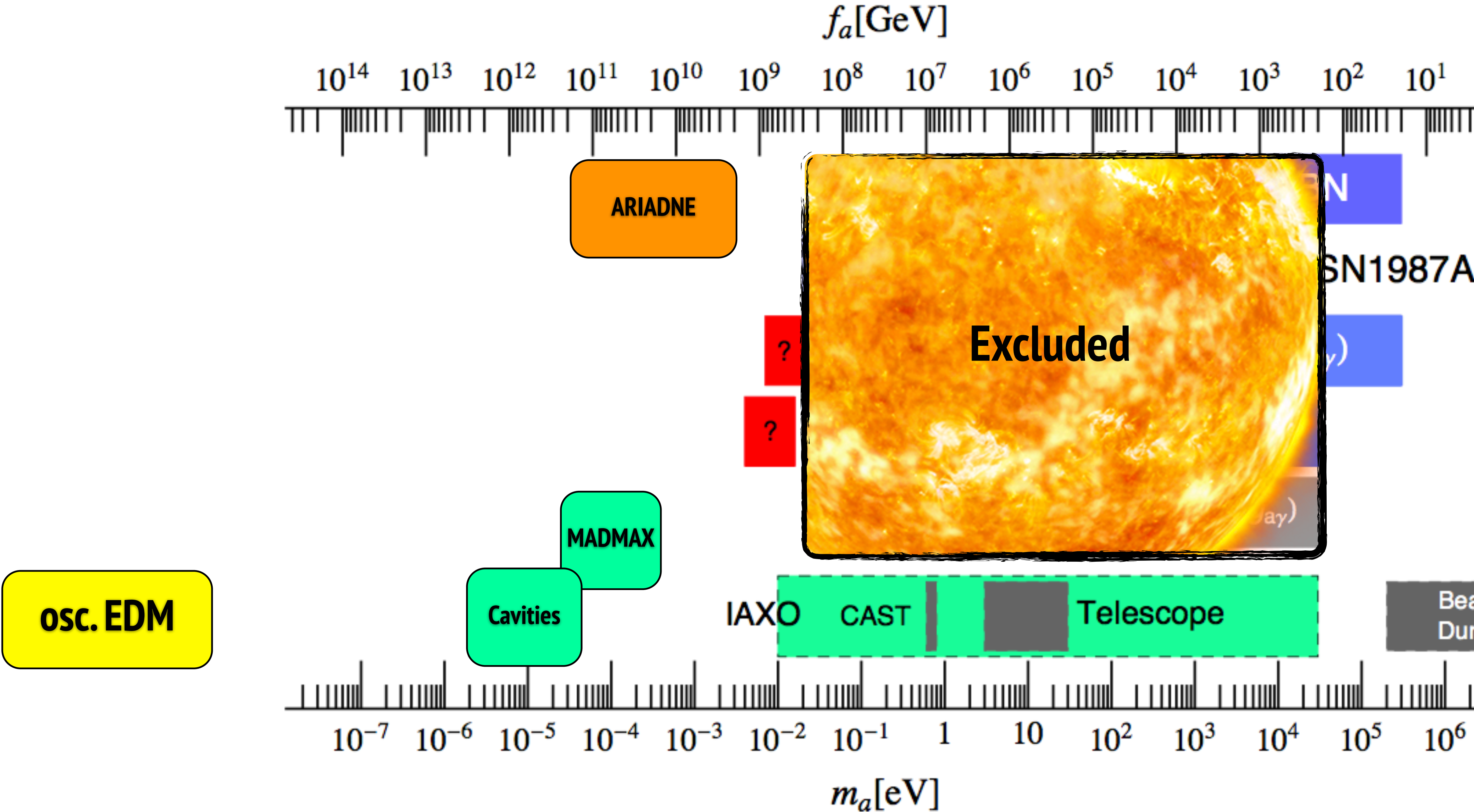
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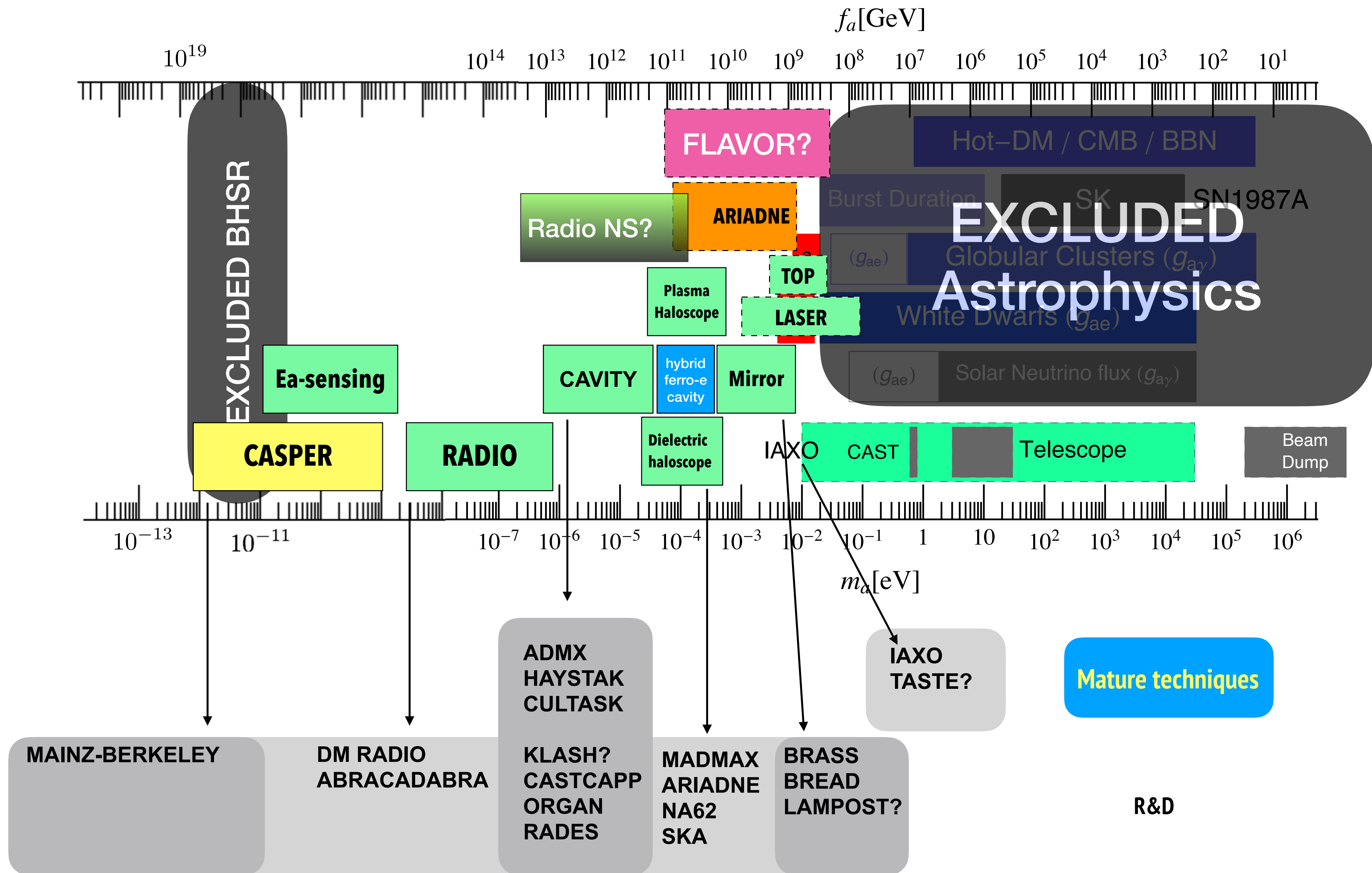
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More complete experimental Landscape

DM

nonDM



Conclusions

- **Beyond the SM with extremely low energies**
- **Detect an ALP, new energy scale!**
- **Generic interactions**
- **hints: Strong CP problem, DM, Stellar evolution, Transparency of Gamma's**
- **Good Experimental ideas**
- **Still a lot of parameter space to explore!**