

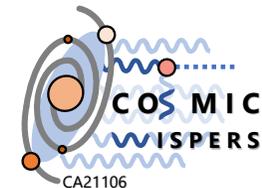
The Quest for the Axion

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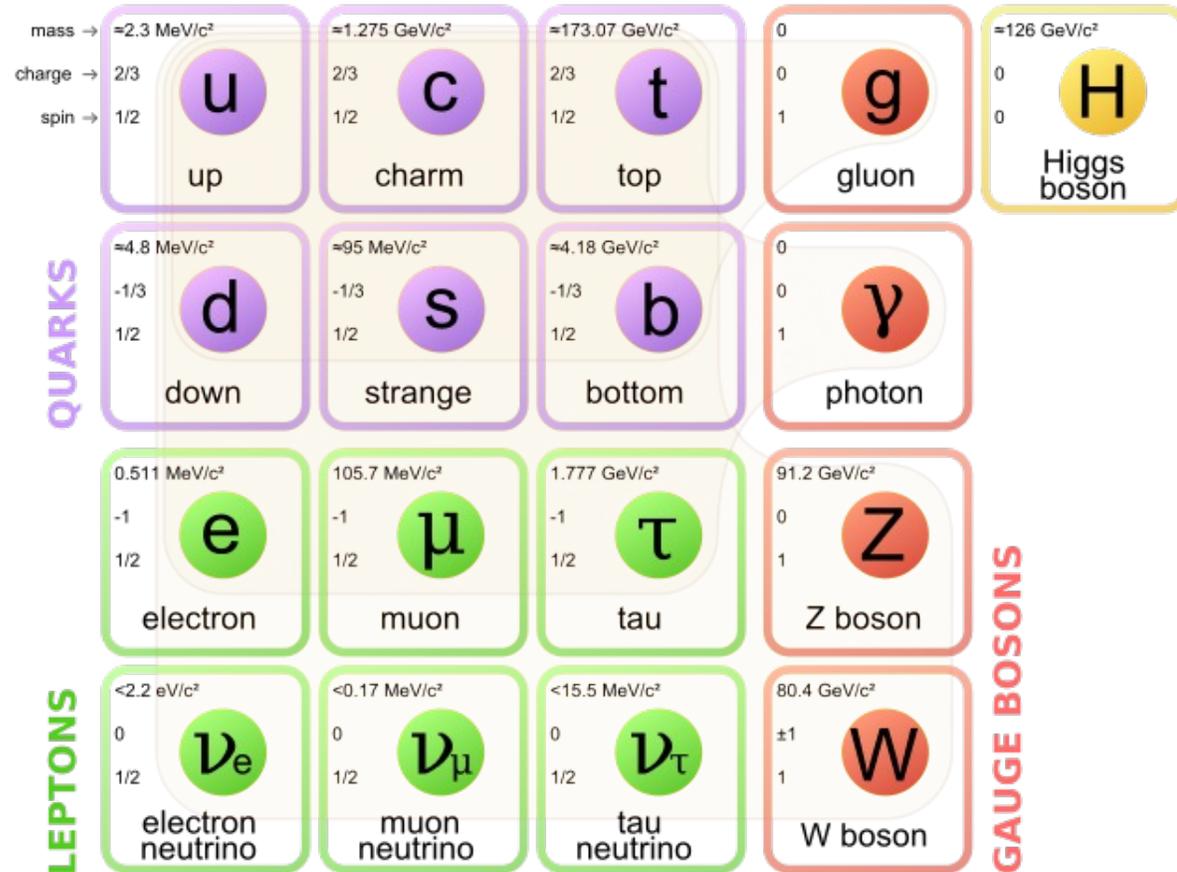
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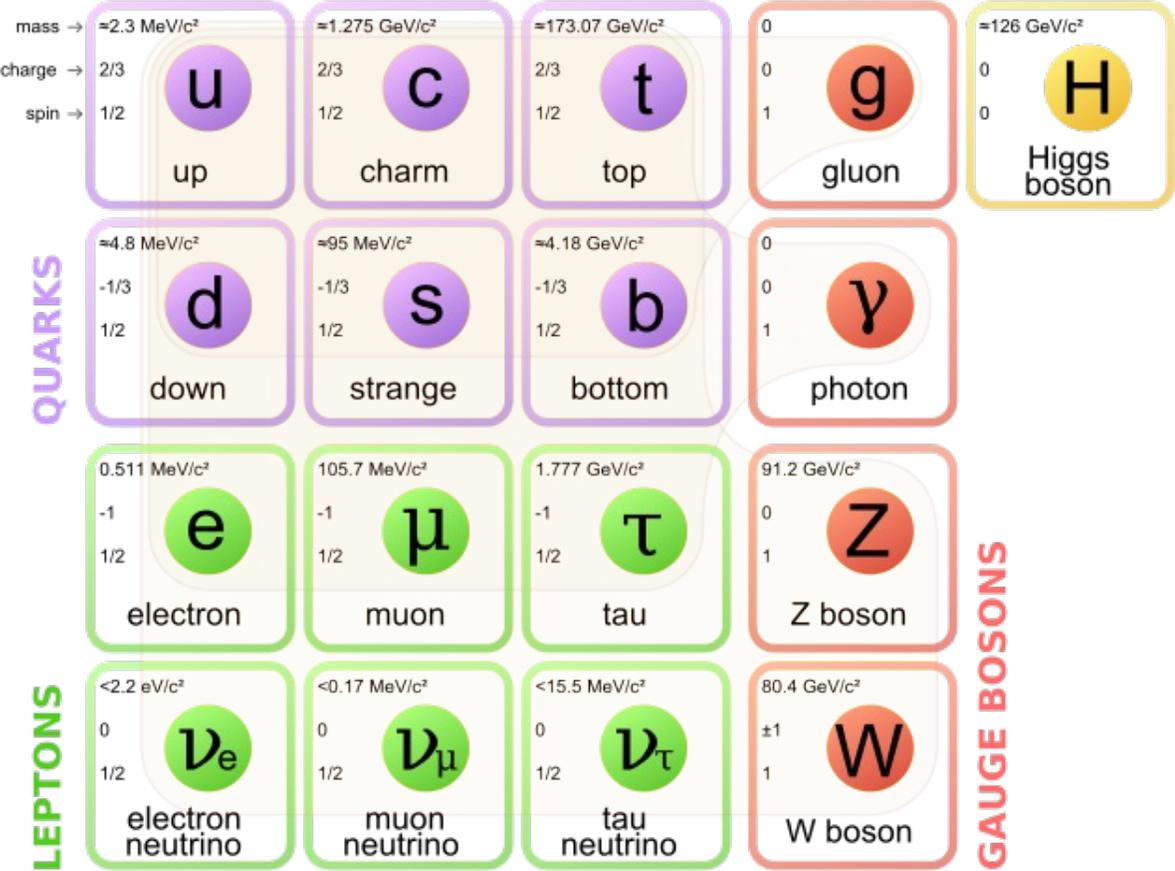
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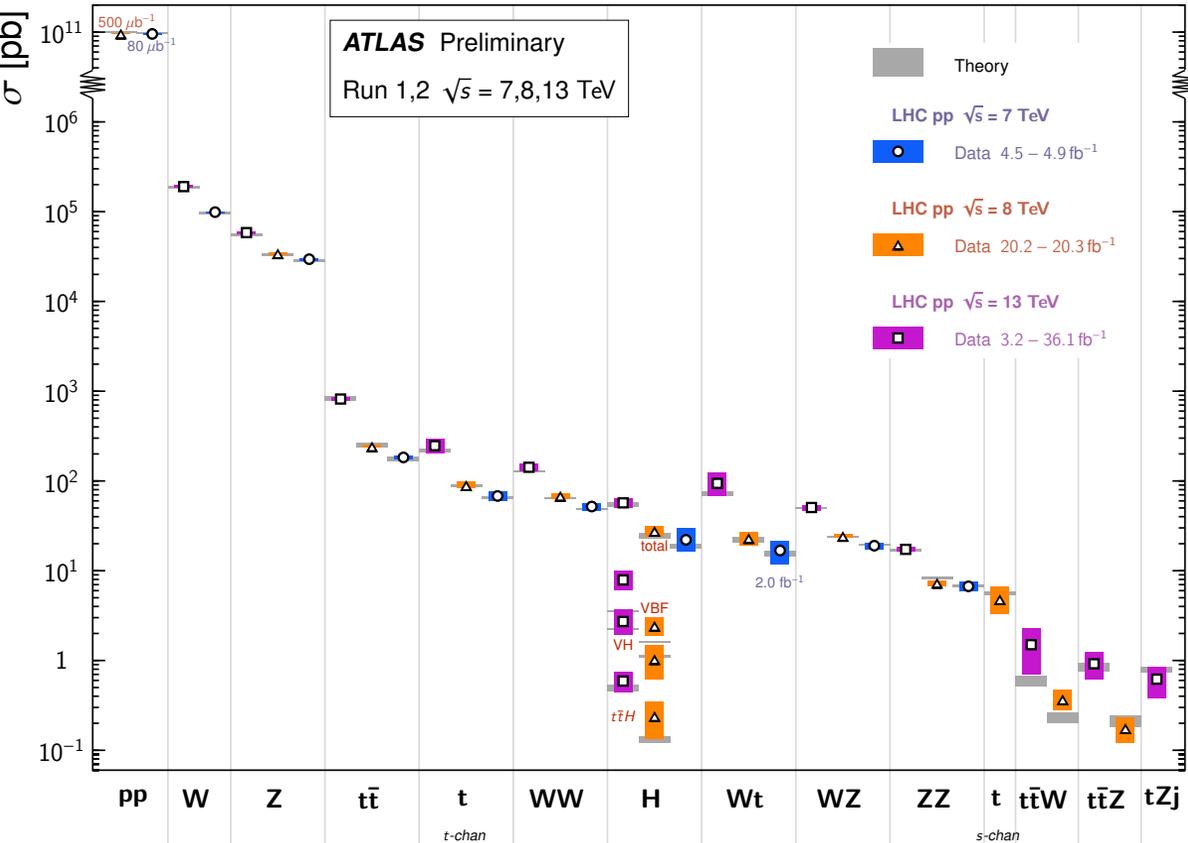
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Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements Status: March 2018



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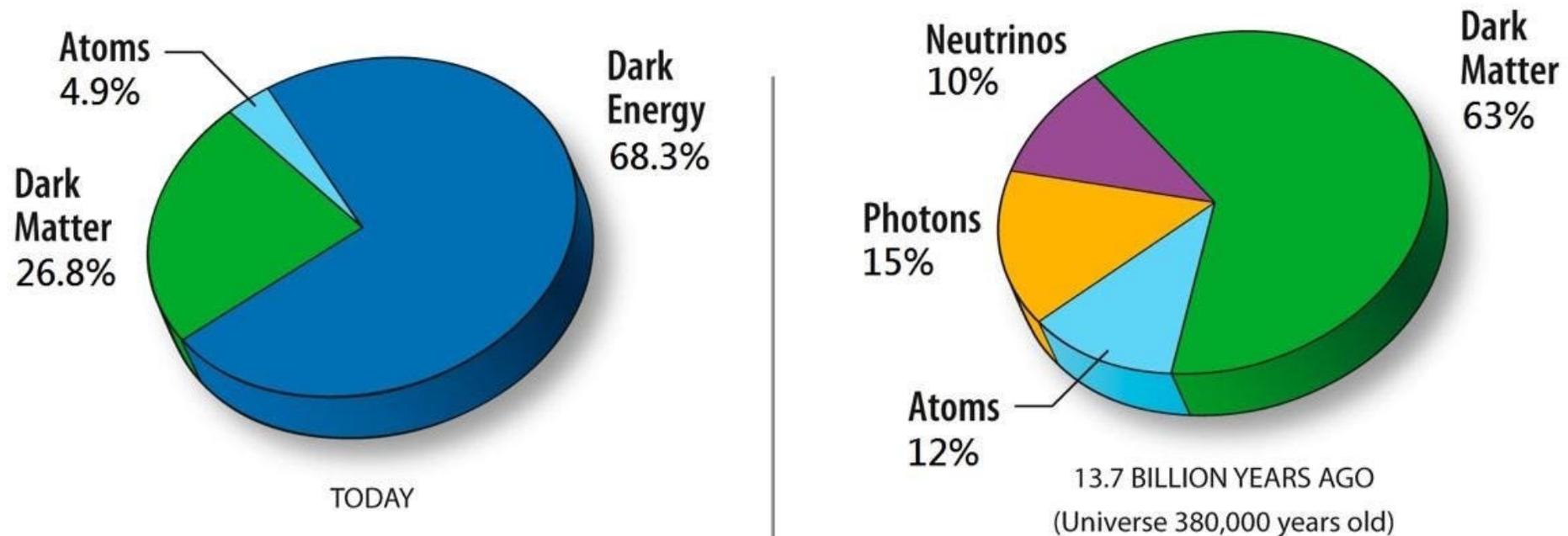
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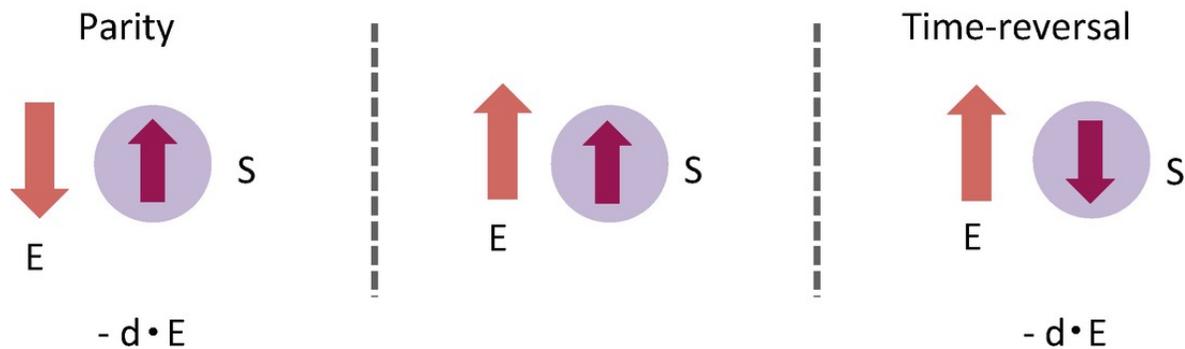
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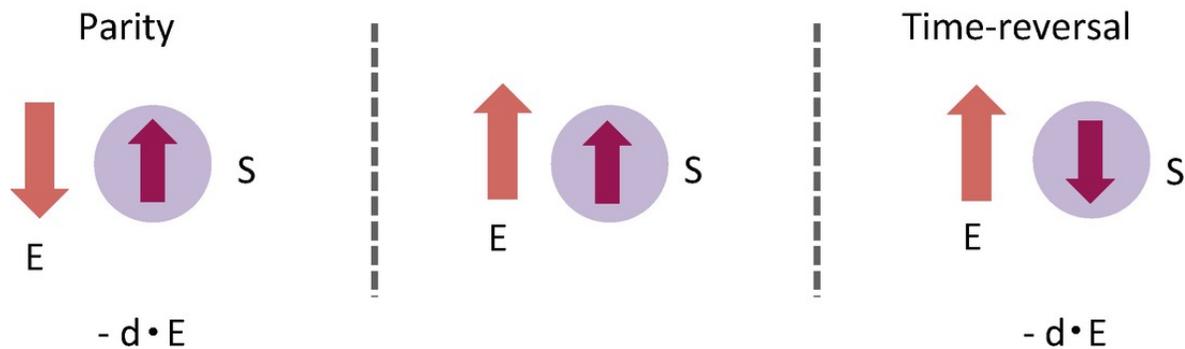
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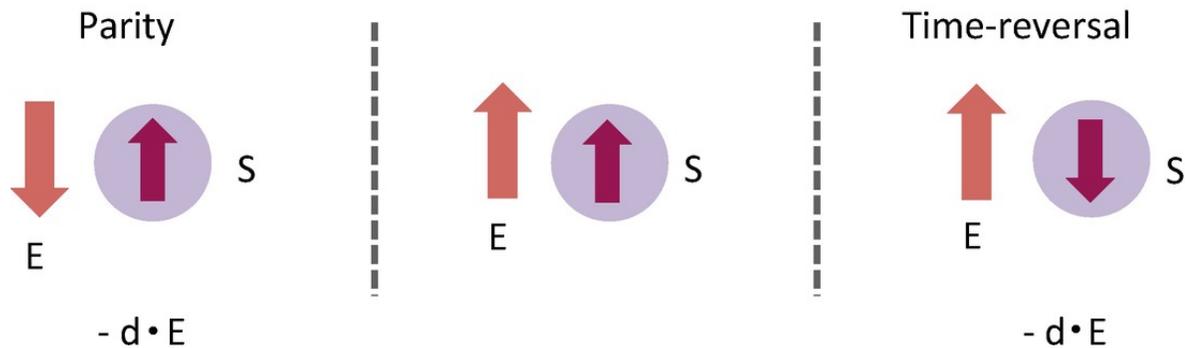
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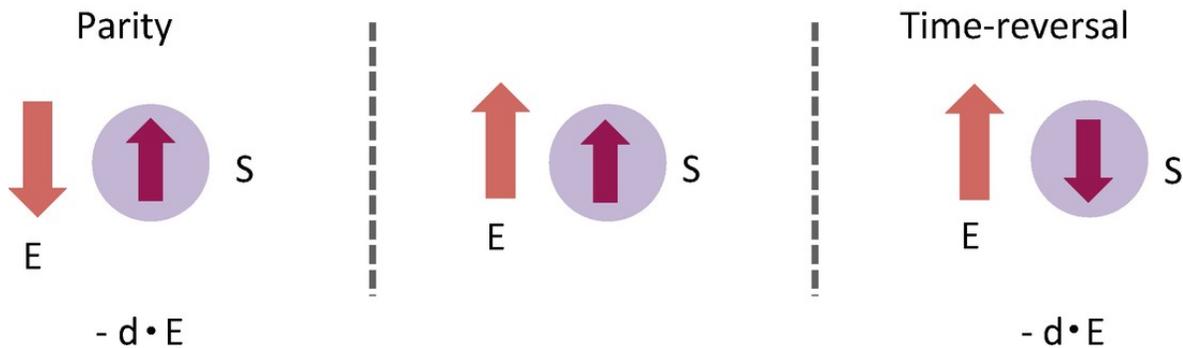
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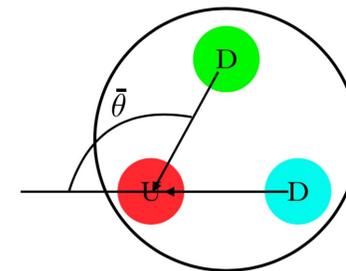
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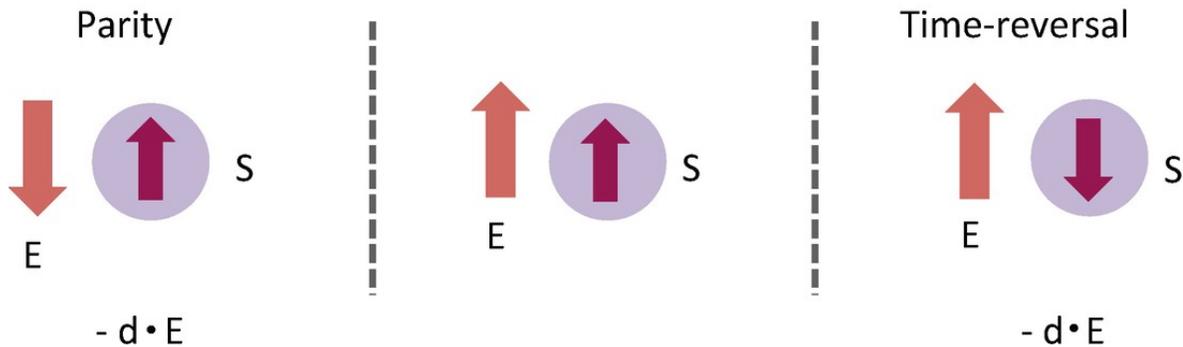
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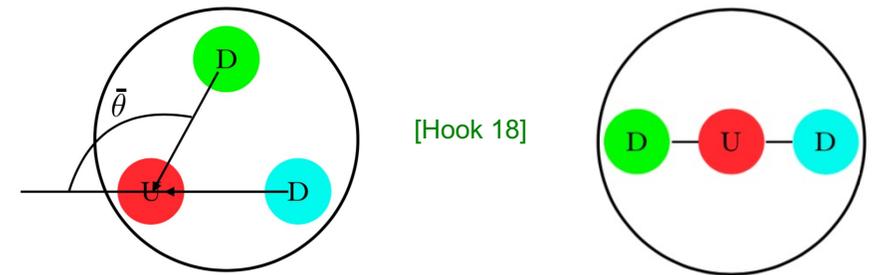
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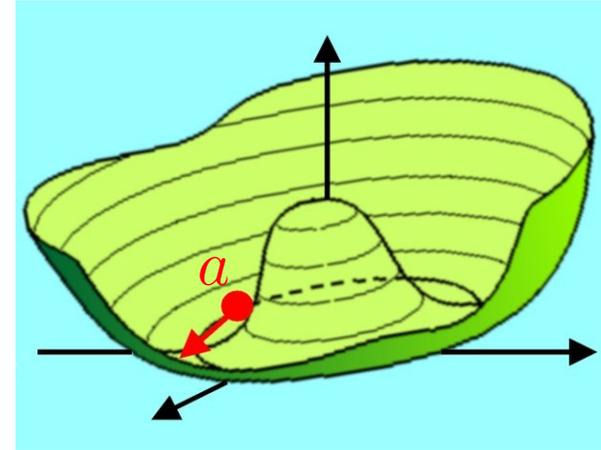
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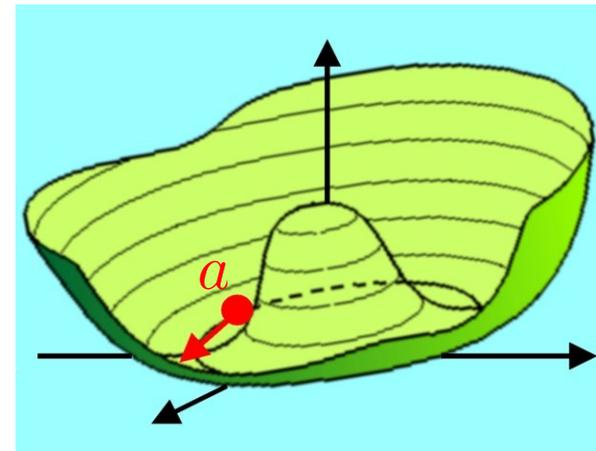


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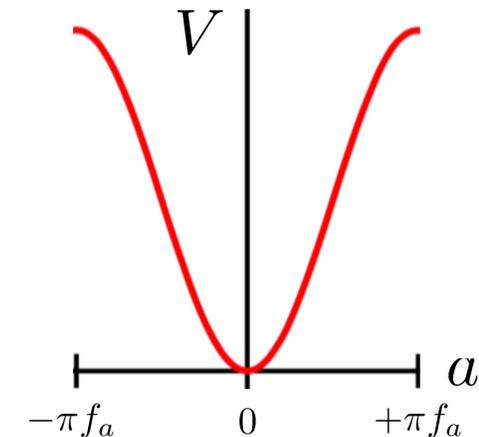
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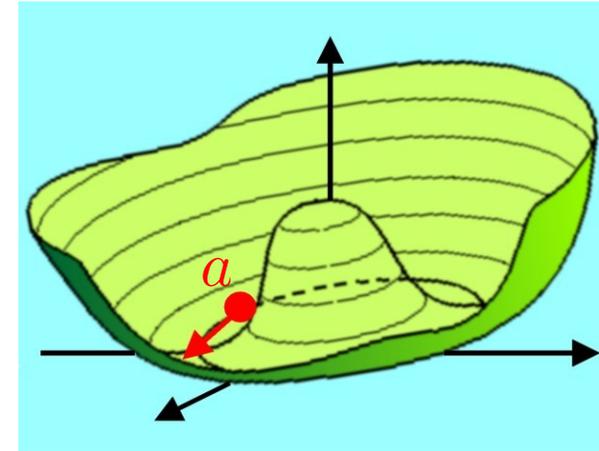
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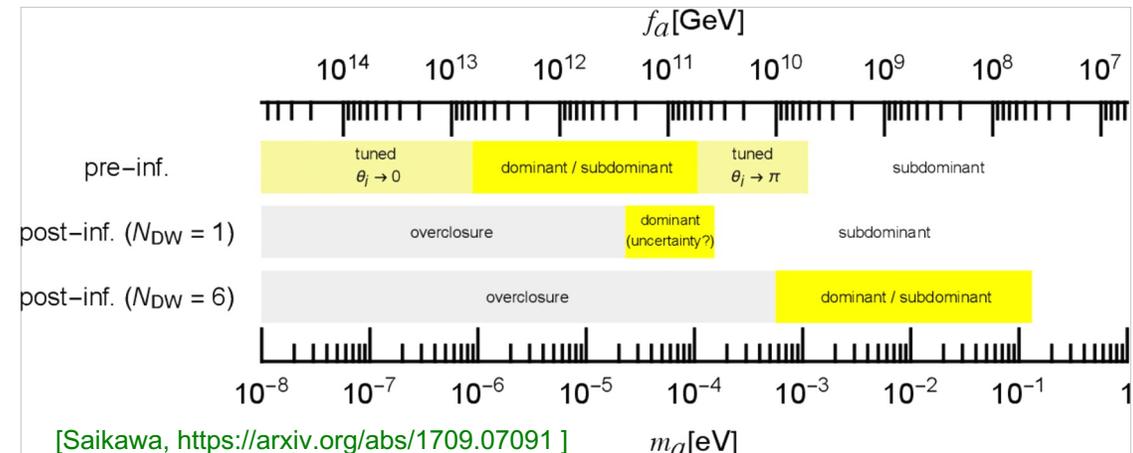
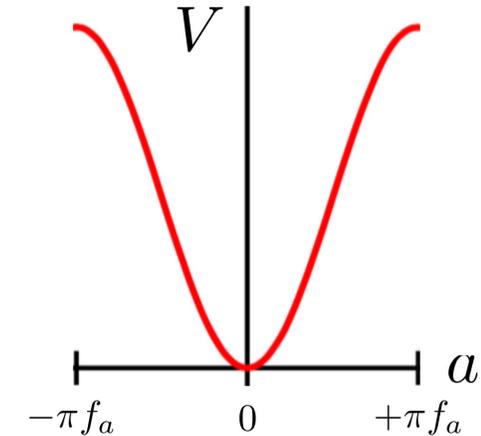
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- For large enough PQ symmetry breaking scale, it may be the main constituent of DM

[Preskill,Wise,Wilczek `83; Abbott,Sikivie `83; Dine,Fischler `83]



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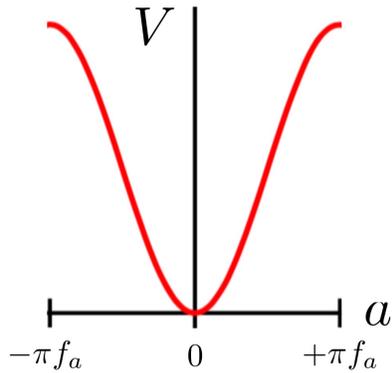
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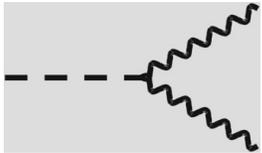
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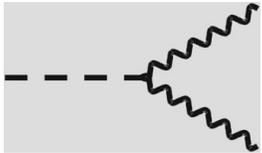
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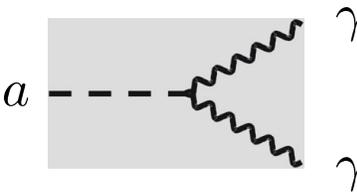
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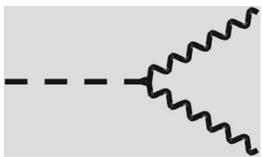
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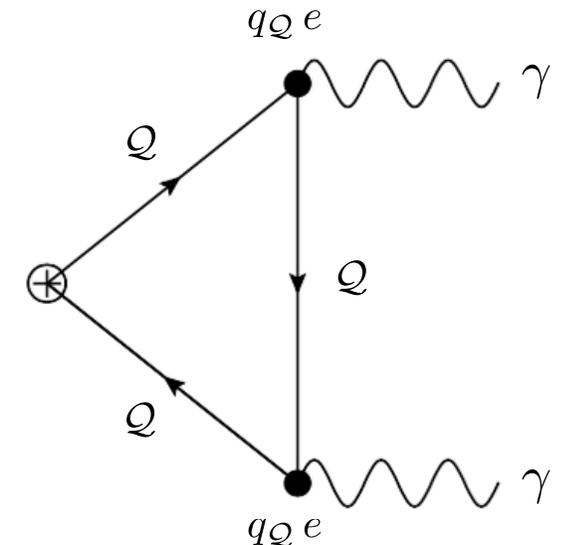
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- Wilson coefficient:
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$$z \equiv m_u/m_d \approx 1/2$$

- For one exotic quark flavor Q with electric charge q_Q : $N_Q = 1$, $E_Q = 6 q_Q^2$



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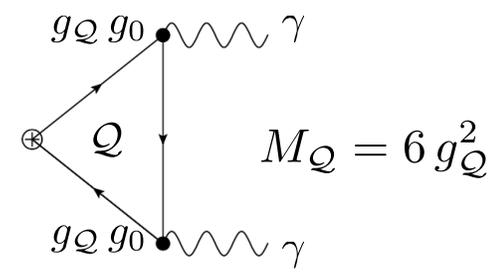
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- Varying number of PQ-charged colored fermions Q and their electric charges results in “band” of predictions for photon coupling
- A new band at much higher couplings results if Q carries a magnetic charge

[Sokolov, AR 21, 22, 23]

- Induced photon coupling:

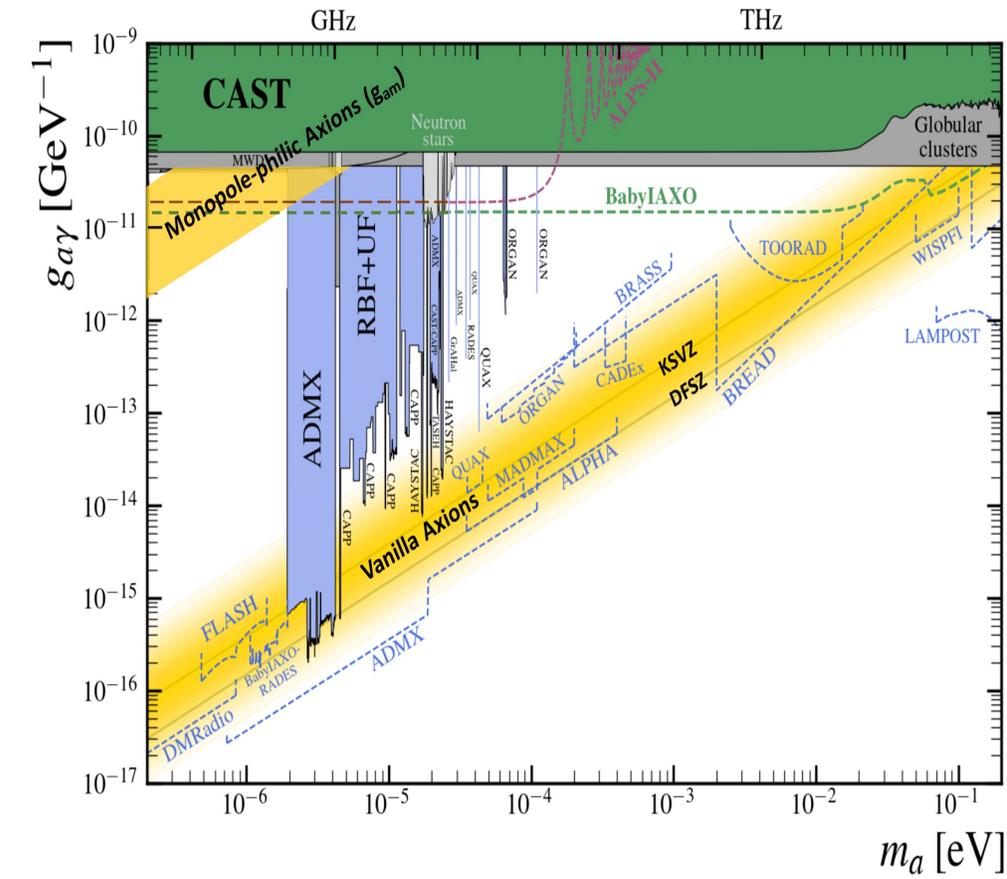
$$g_{am} \simeq \frac{\alpha_m}{2\pi f_\pi} \frac{m_a}{m_\pi} \frac{1+z}{\sqrt{z}} \frac{M_Q}{N_Q}$$



strongly enhanced due to charge quantisation ($e g_0 = 6\pi n$):

$$\alpha_m \equiv \frac{g_0^2}{4\pi} = \frac{9\pi}{e^2} = \frac{9}{4} \alpha^{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{g_{am}}{g_{a\gamma}} = \left(\frac{3 g_Q}{2 q_Q} \right)^2 \alpha^{-2} \sim 10^5$$

[Dirac 1931, Schwinger 1966, Zwanziger 1968]



adapted from [https://github.com/cajohare/AxionLimits]

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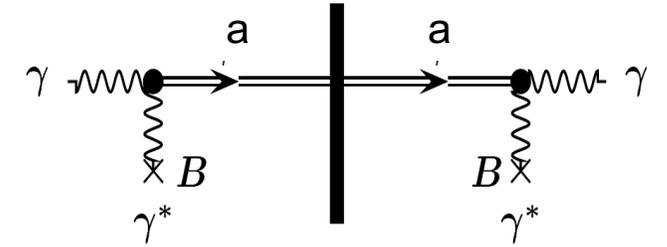
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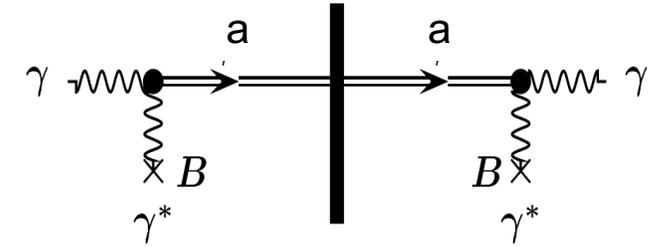
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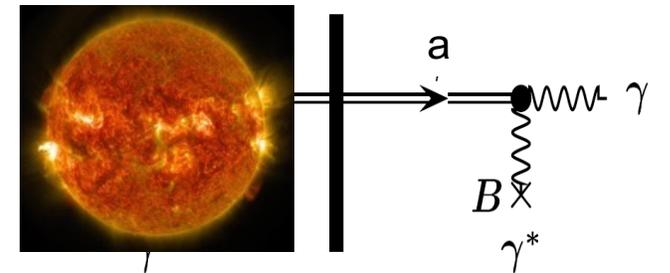
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- **Helioscope**

- laboratory search for solar axions

CAST, BabyIAXO, IAXO



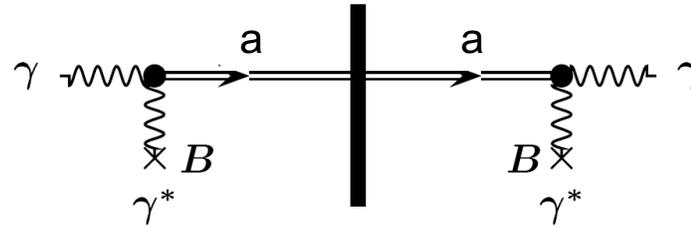
adapted from [Lindner]

Light-Shining-through-a-Wall Searches

Searching for home-made axions

- In an external electromagnetic field, axion experiences mixing with photon
- Light shining through a wall concept:

[Anselm 85; van Bibber 87]



- Probability, that photon with energy ω converts in axion after having traversed a distance L_B in magnetic field of strength B :

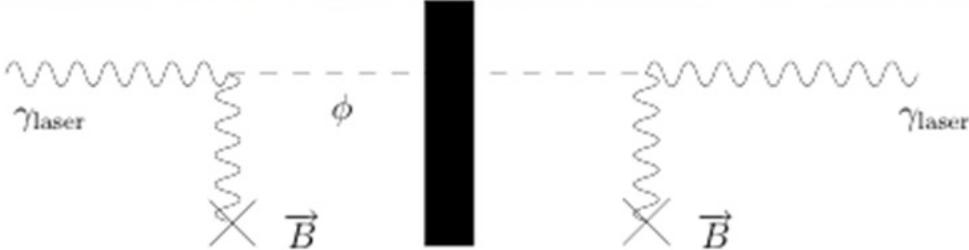
$$P(\gamma \leftrightarrow a) \simeq 4 \frac{(g_{a\gamma} \omega B)^2}{m_a^4} \sin^2 \left(\frac{m_a^2}{4\omega} L_B \right)$$

- For very light axion, $m_a \ll (2\pi\omega/L_B)^{1/2} \approx \text{meV}((\omega/\text{eV})(\text{m}/L_B))^{1/2}$:

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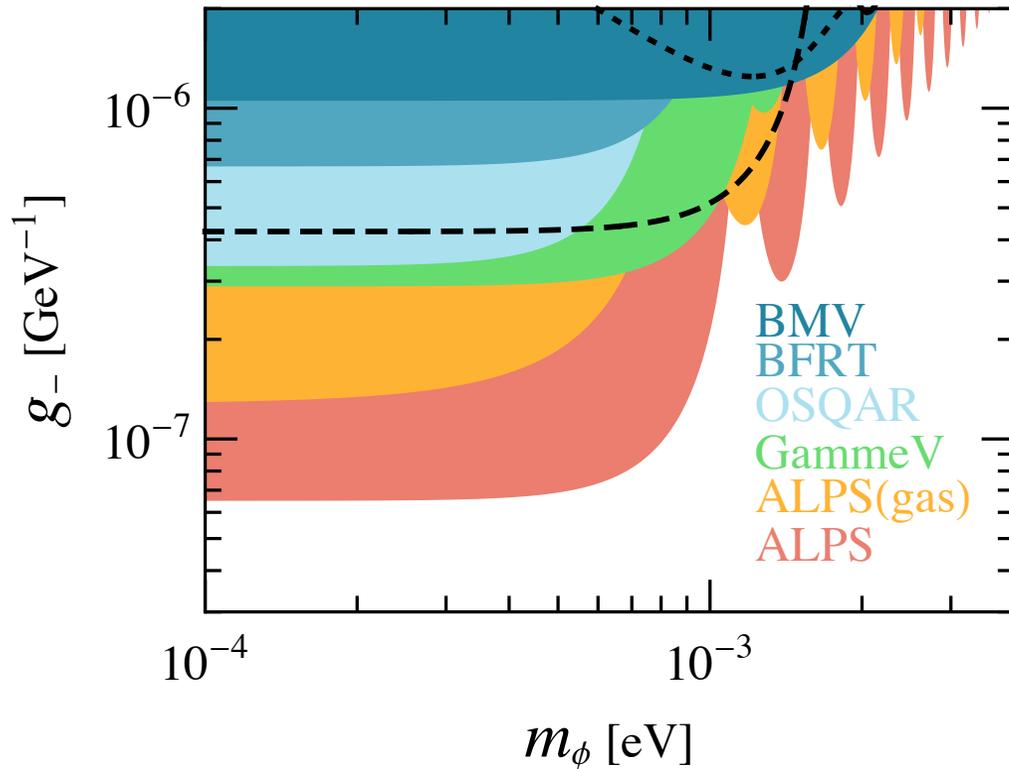
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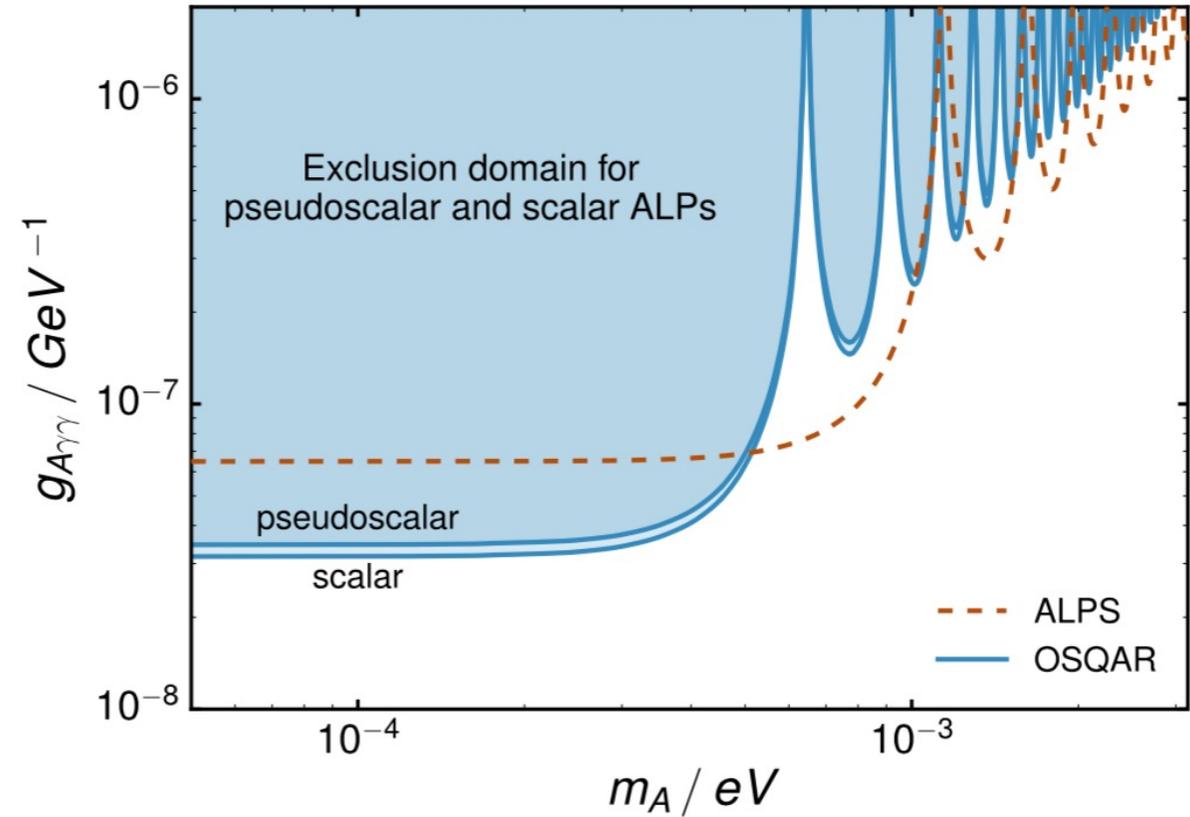


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- ALPS I and OSQAR @ CERN have established the currently best pure laboratory limits on low mass ALPs:



[Ehret et al., Phys. Lett. B 689 (2010) 149]

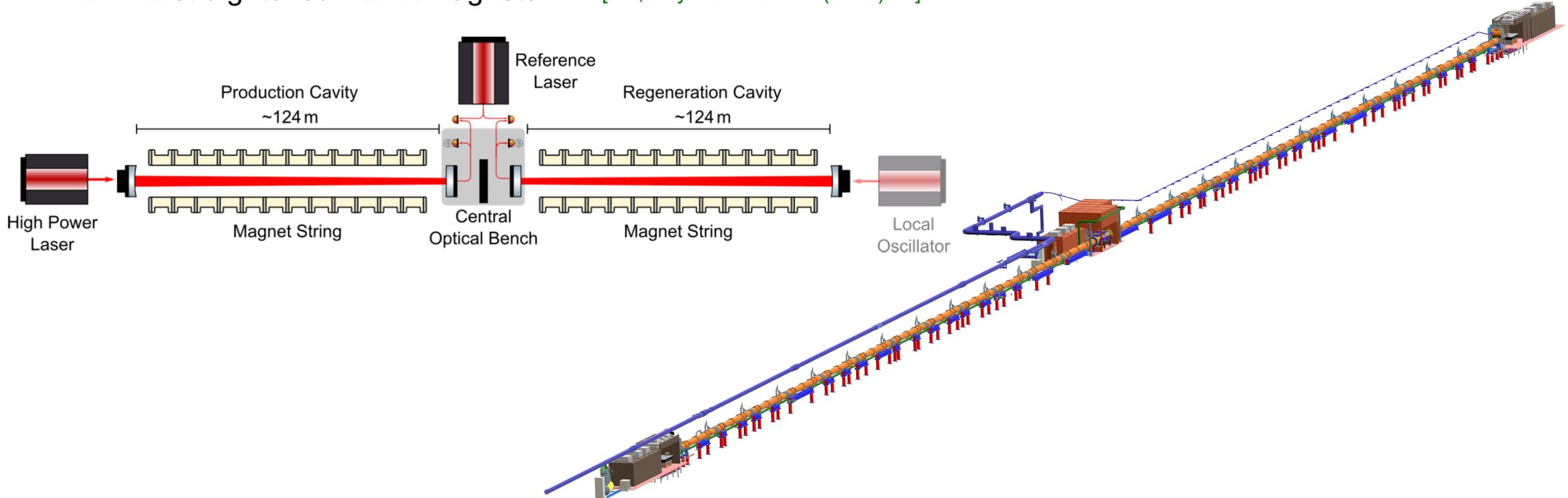


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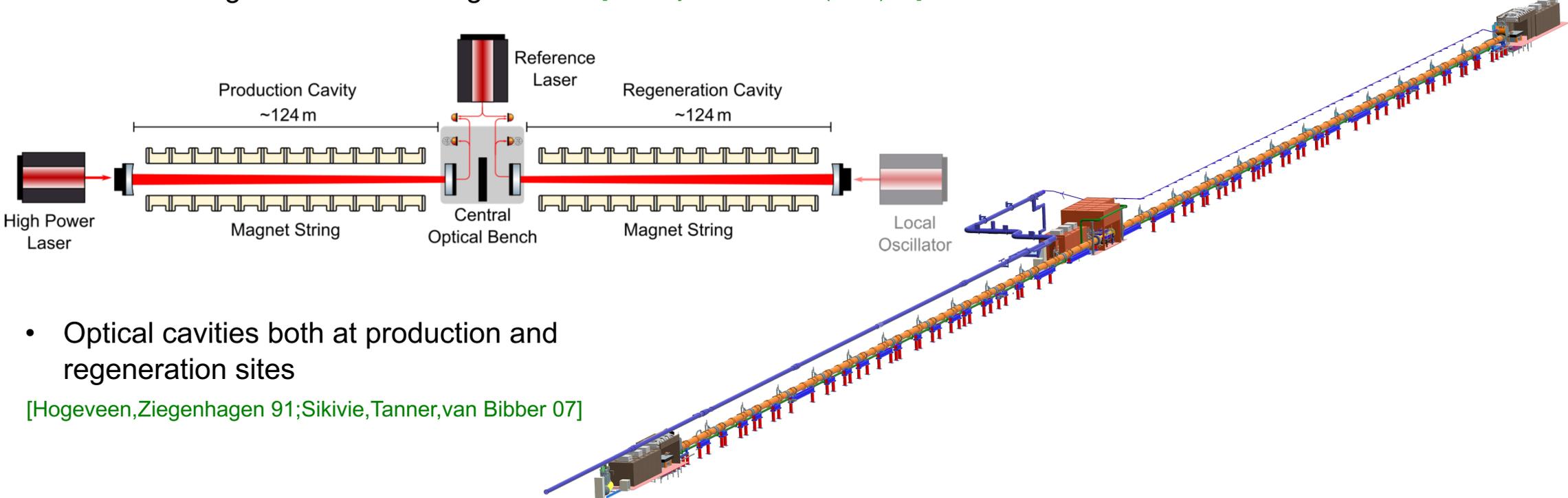
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[Hogeveen,Ziegenhagen 91;Sikivie,Tanner,van Bibber 07]

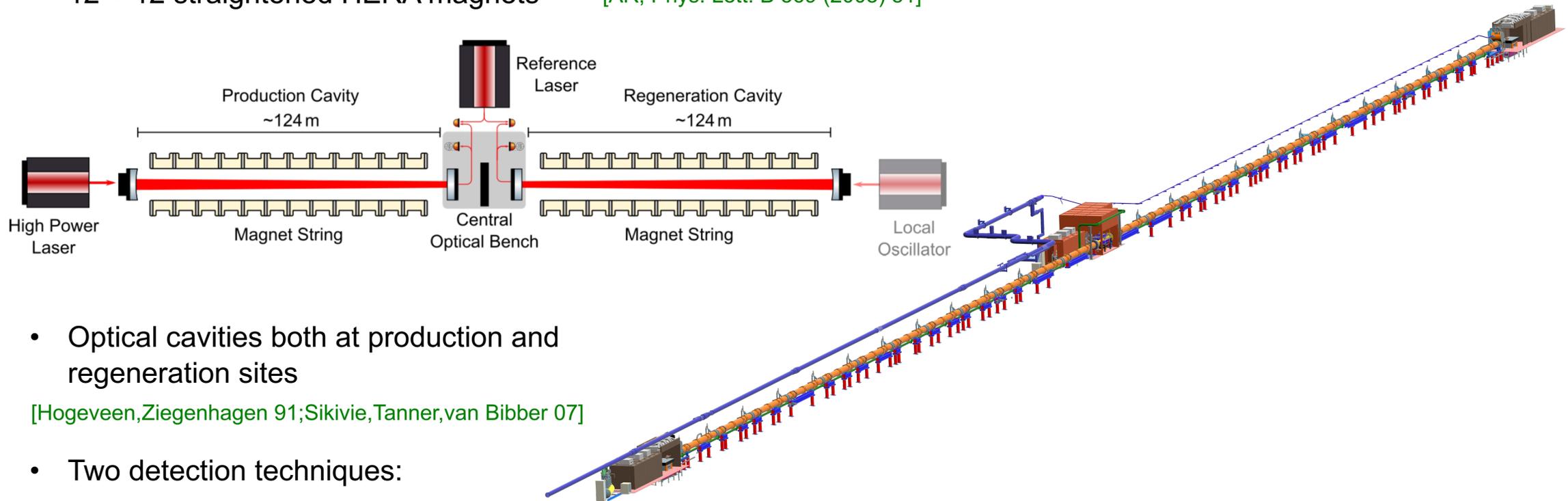
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[Hogeveen,Ziegenhagen 91;Sikivie,Tanner,van Bibber 07]

- Two detection techniques:
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 - Transition Edge Sensor (TES)

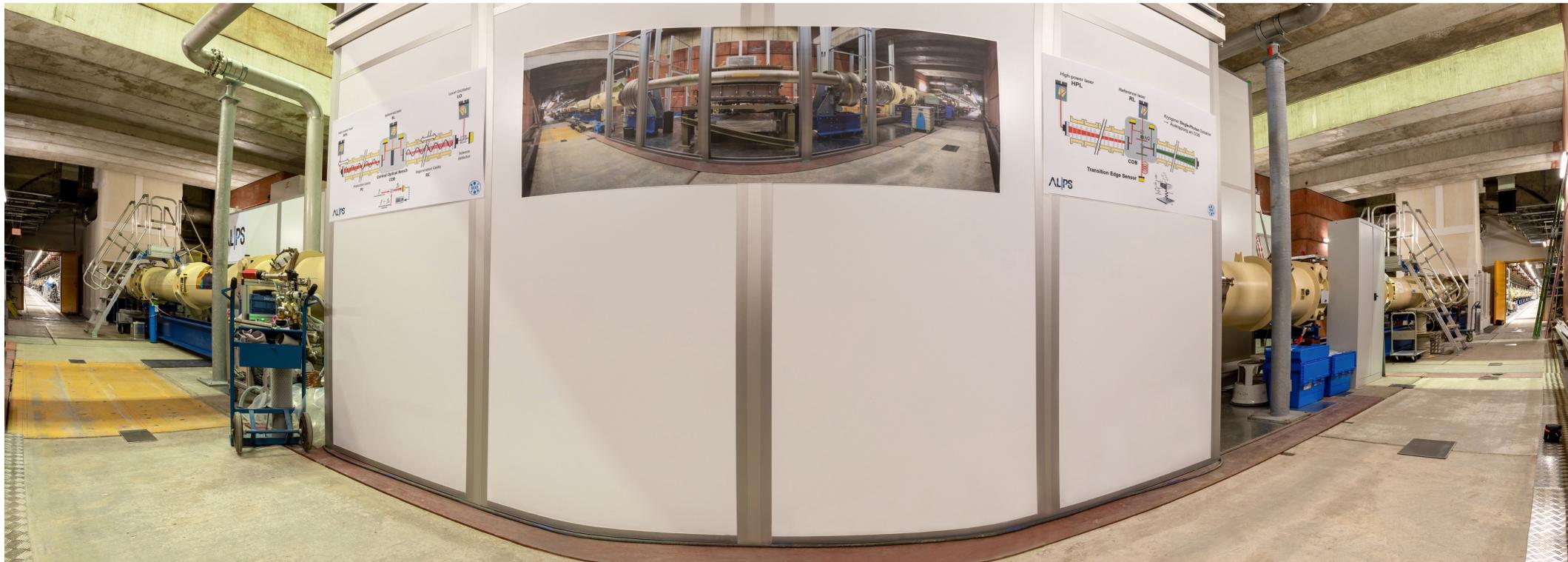
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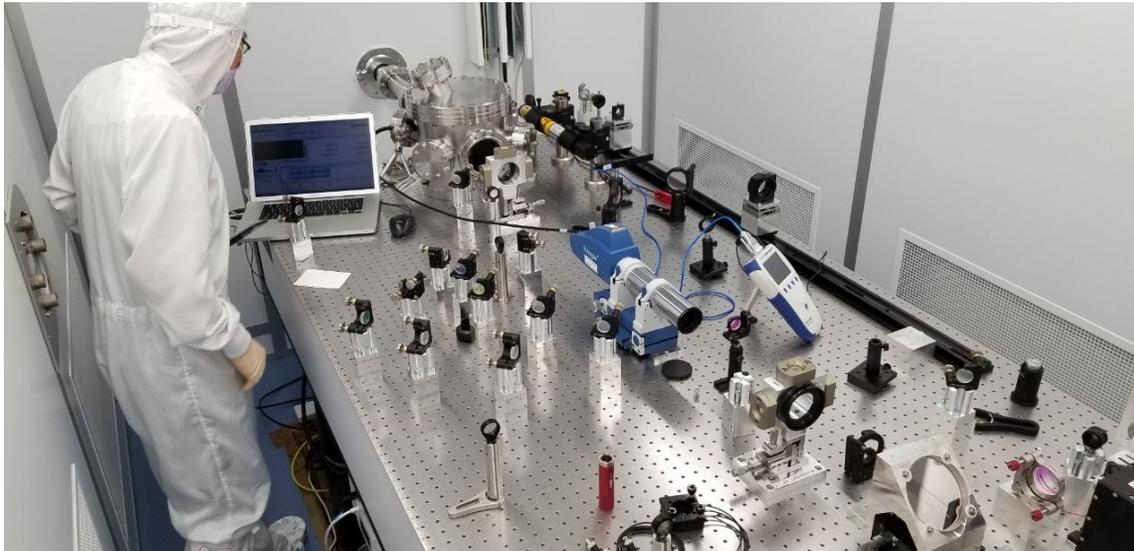
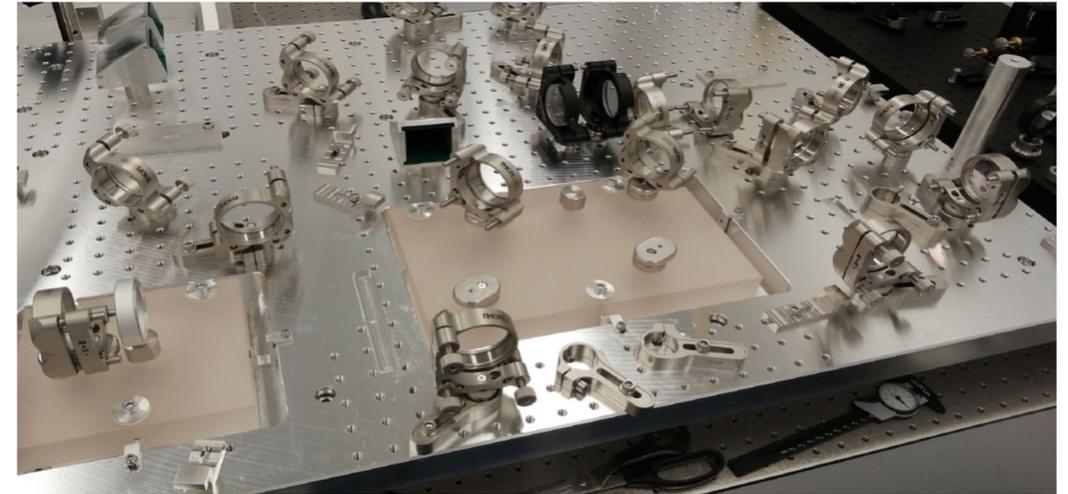
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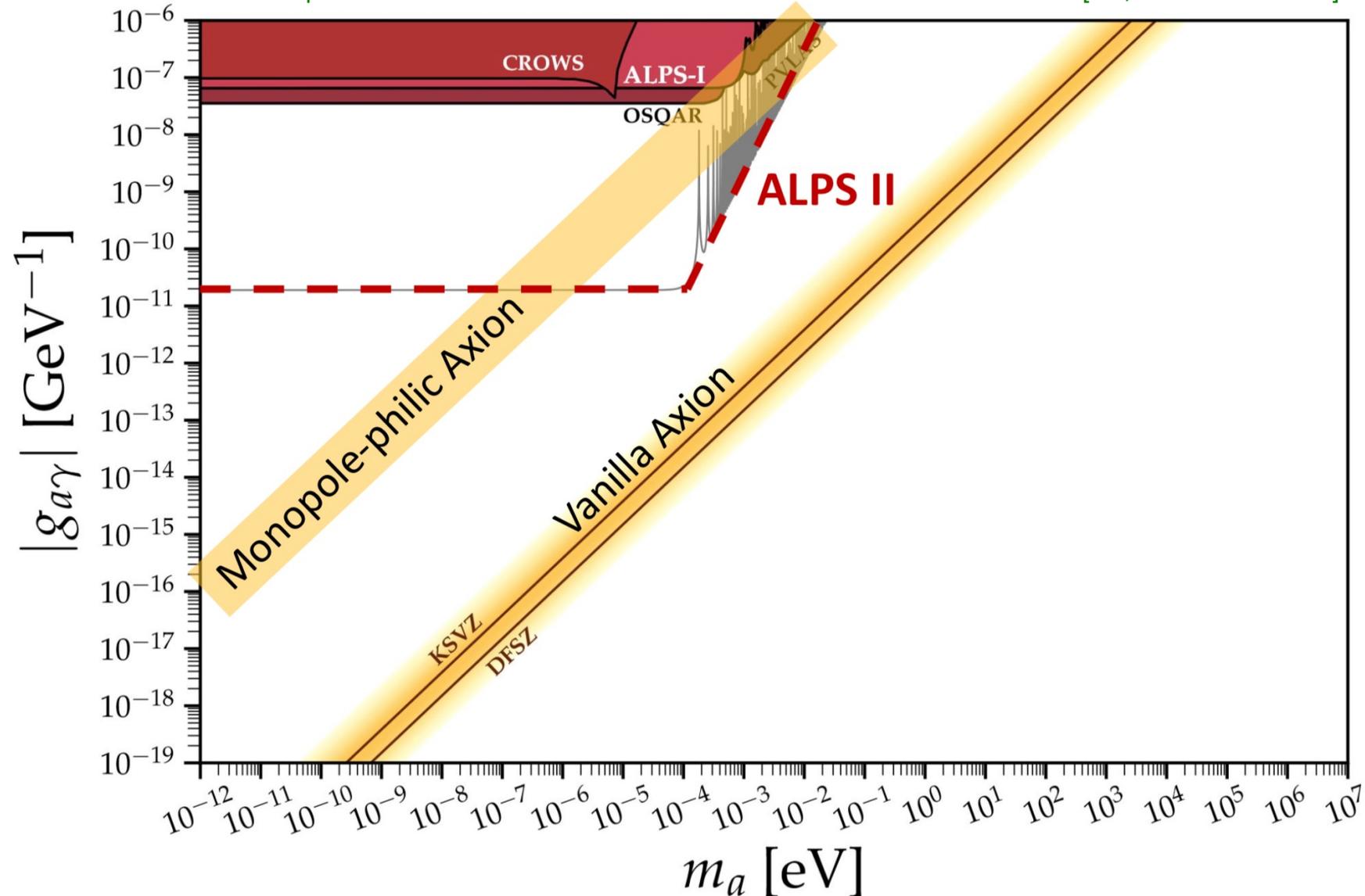
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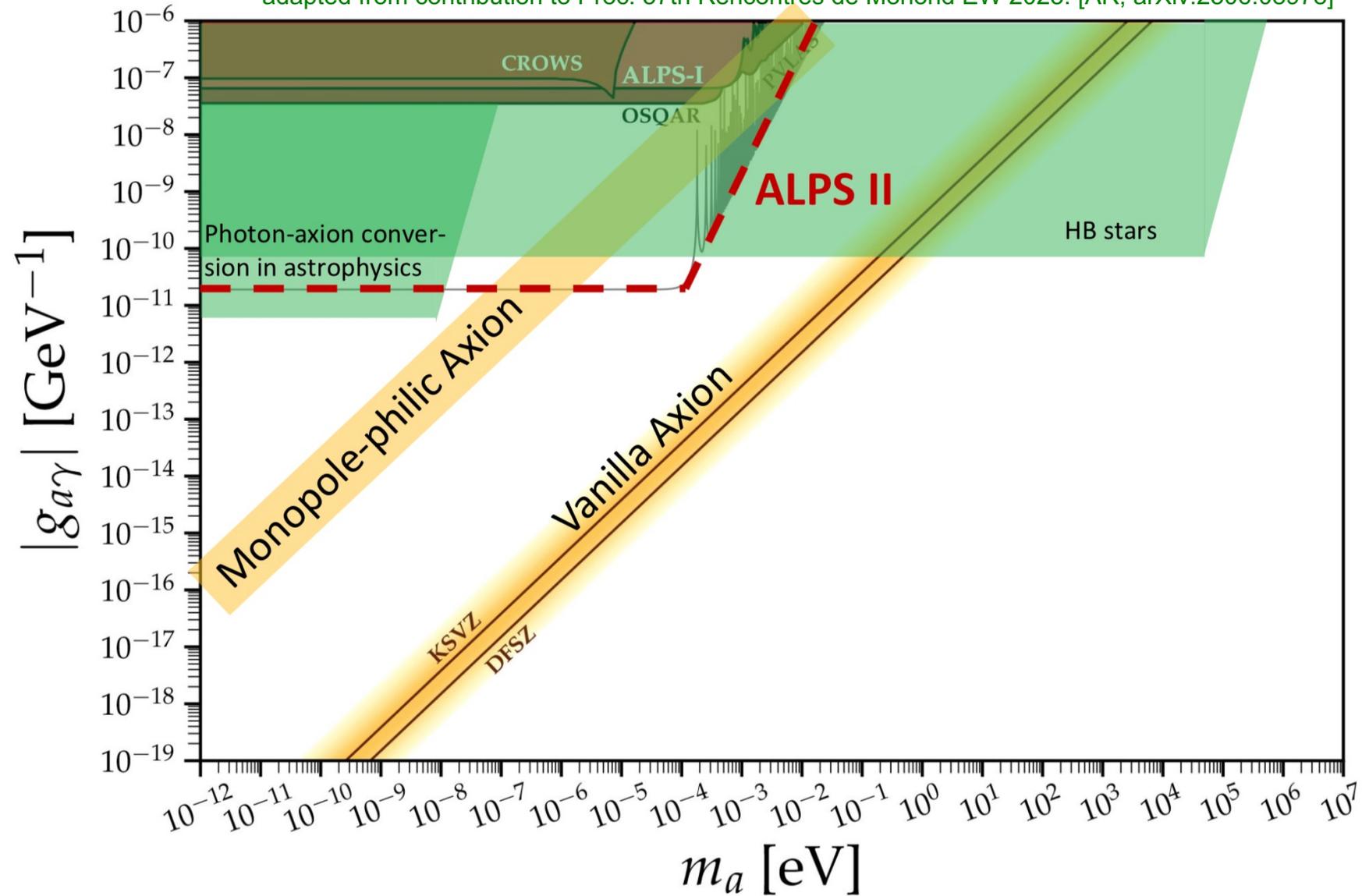
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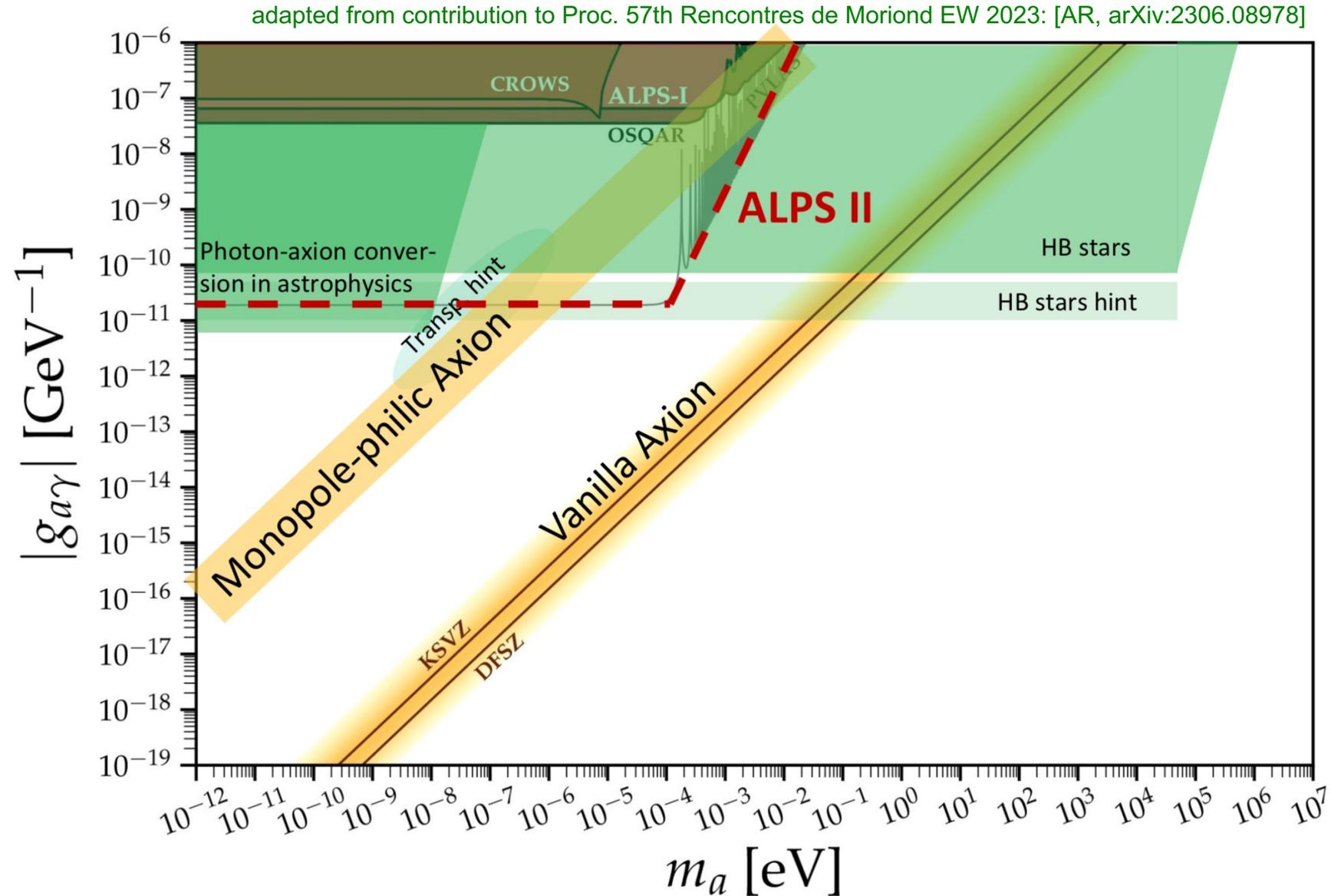
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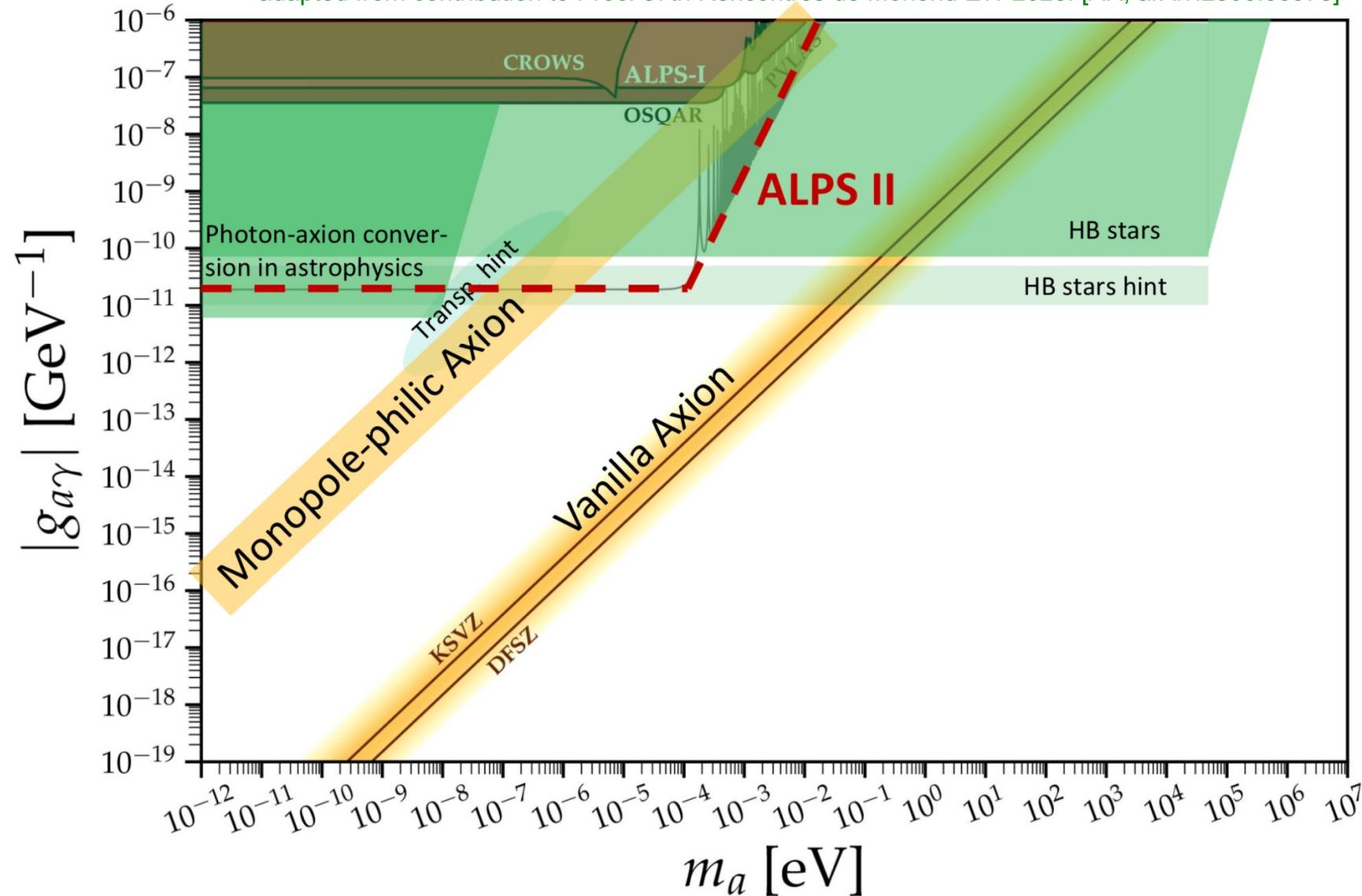
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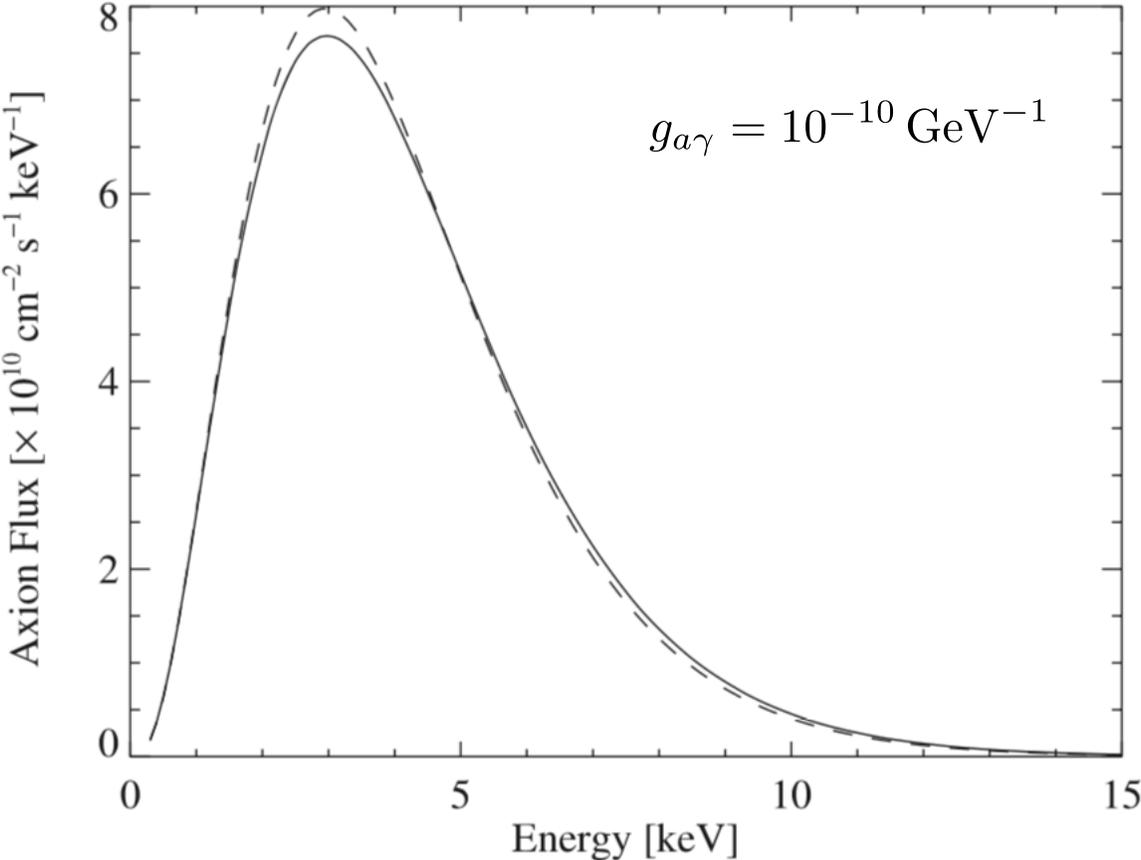
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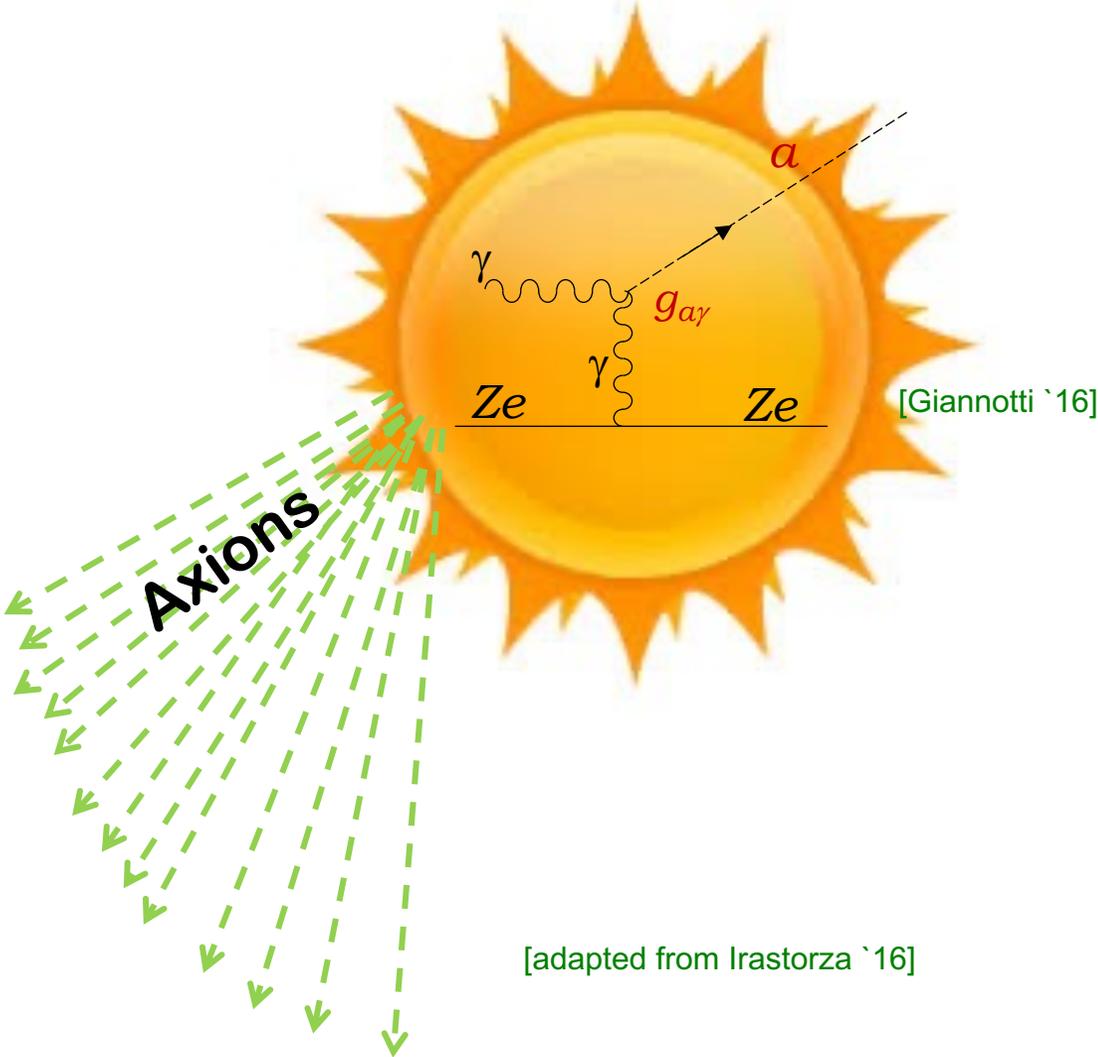


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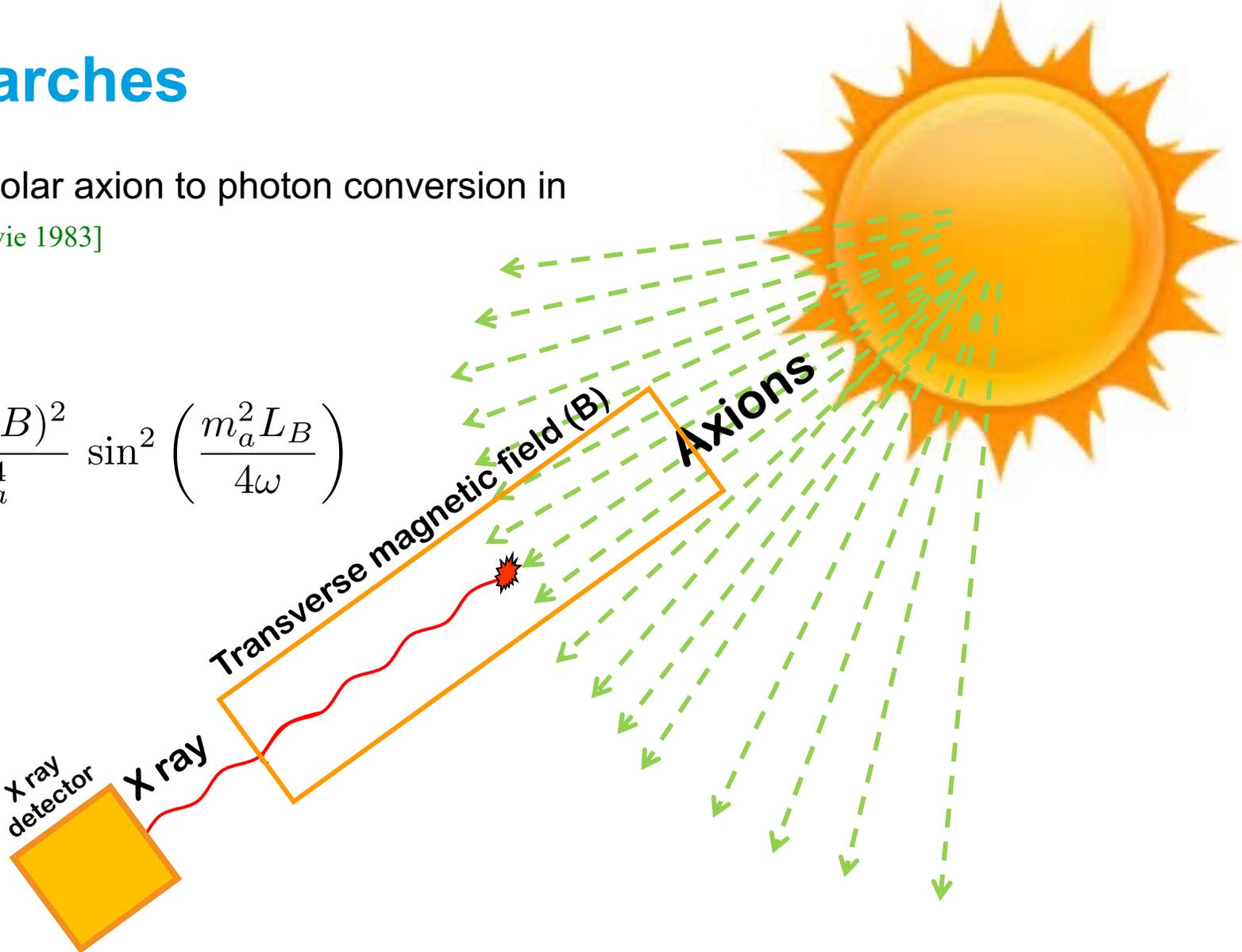
[Adriamonje et al. '07]



Helioscope Searches

- Helioscope concept: solar axion to photon conversion in magnetic field [Sikivie 1983]

$$P(a \rightarrow \gamma) \simeq 4 \frac{(g_{a\gamma} \omega B)^2}{m_a^4} \sin^2 \left(\frac{m_a^2 L_B}{4\omega} \right)$$



[adapted from Irastorza `16]

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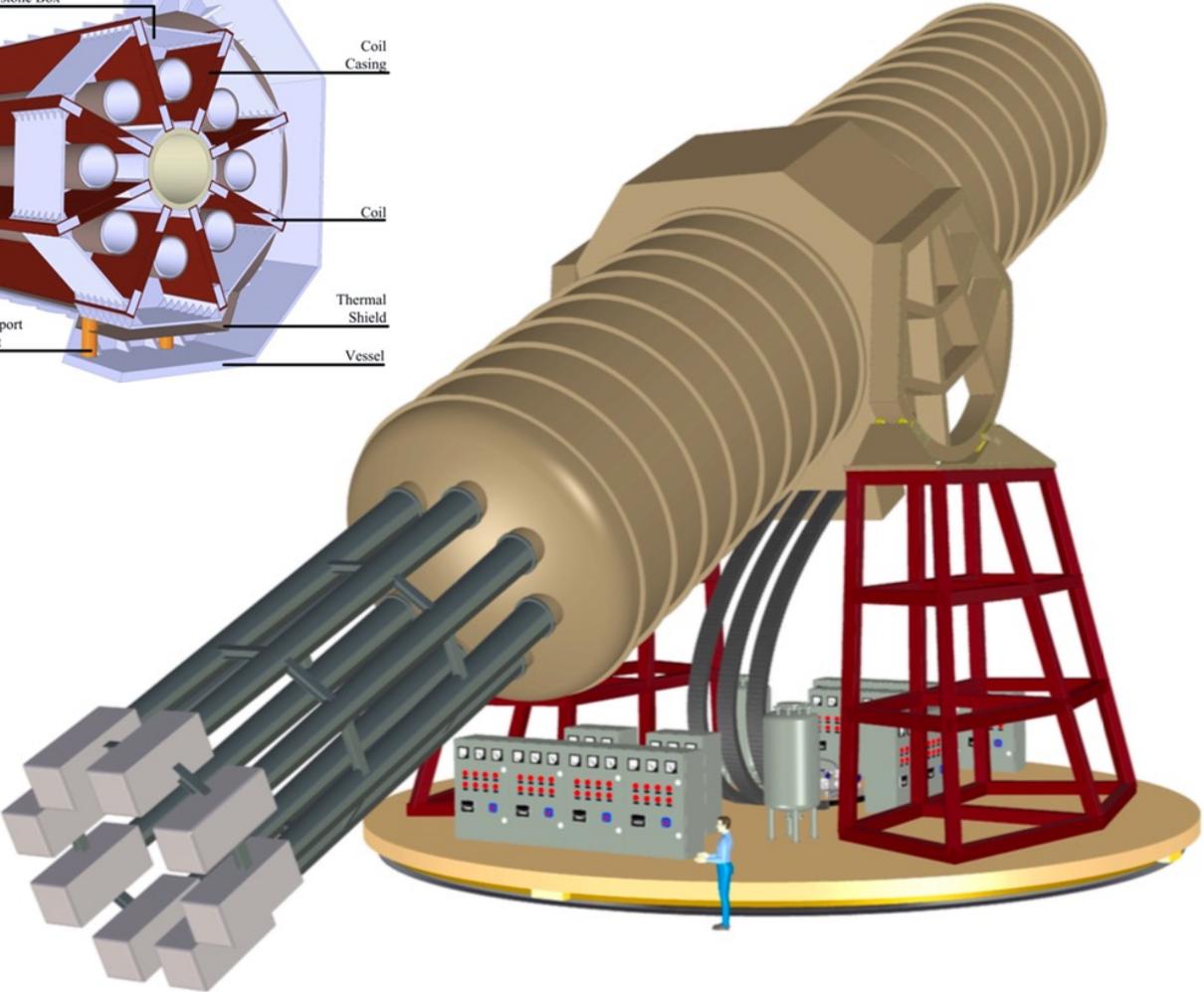
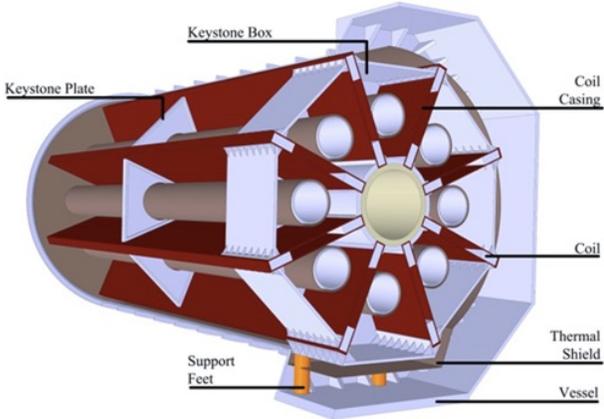
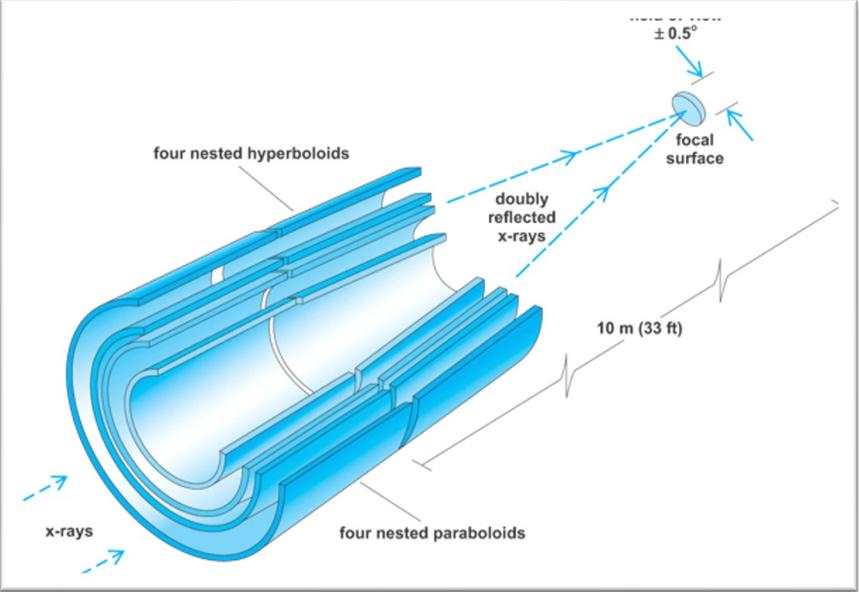
- Most sensitive until now: [CERN Axion Solar Telescope \(CAST\)](#)
 - Superconducting LHC dipole magnet
 - X-ray detectors
 - Use of buffer gas to extend sensitivity to higher masses (axion band)



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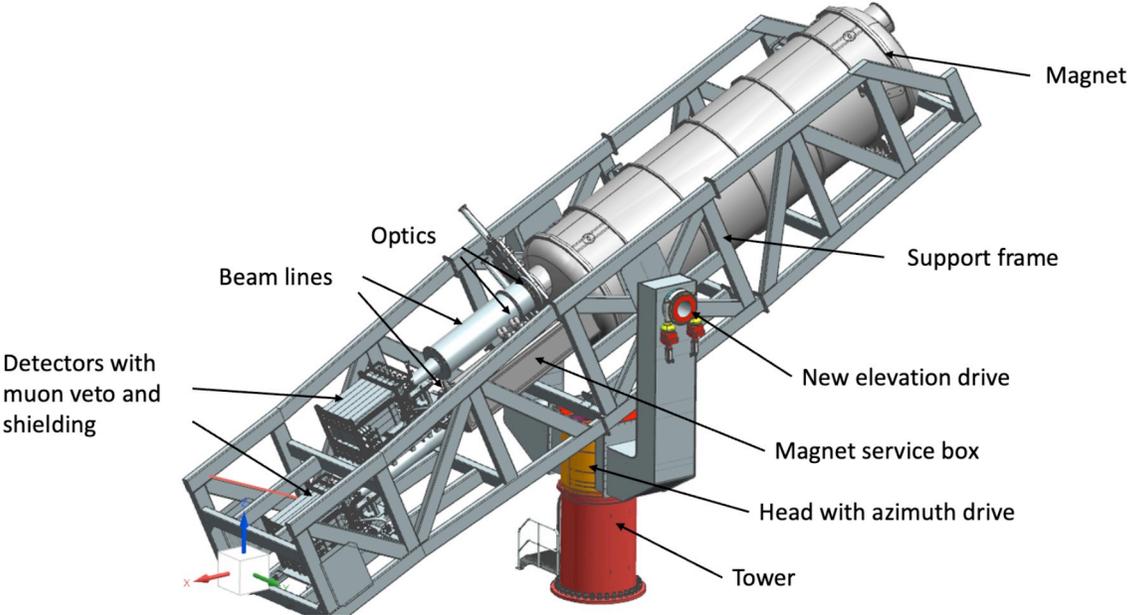
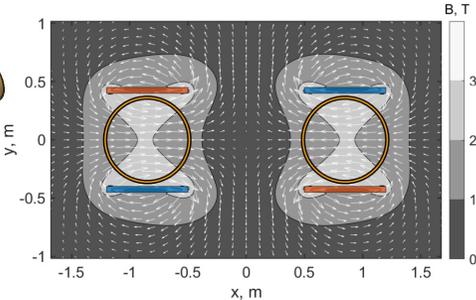
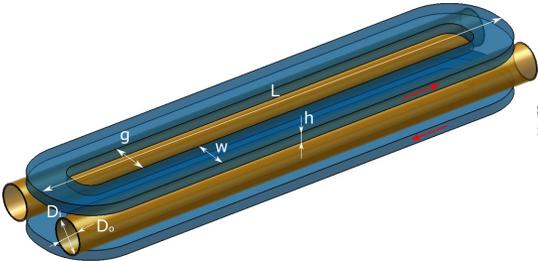
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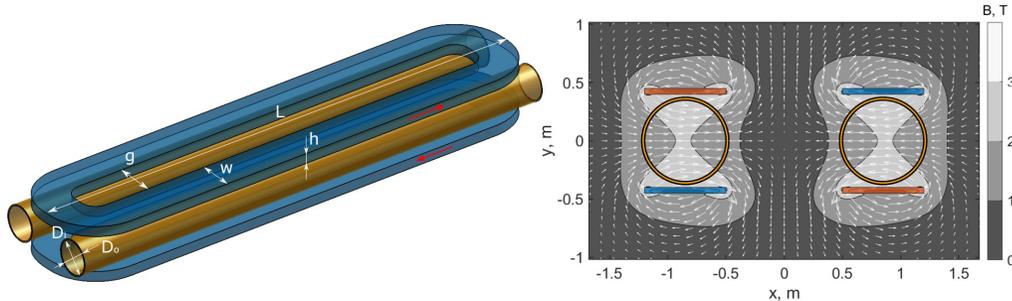
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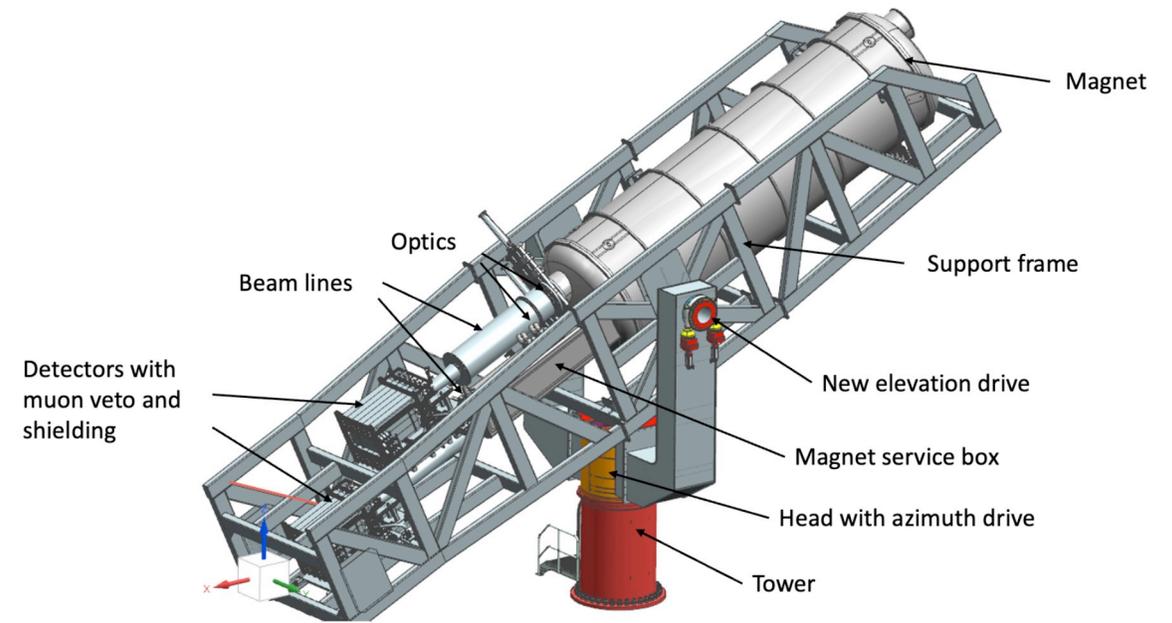


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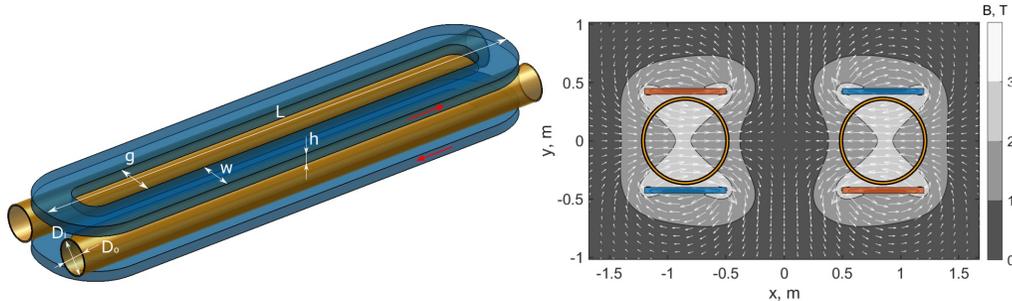


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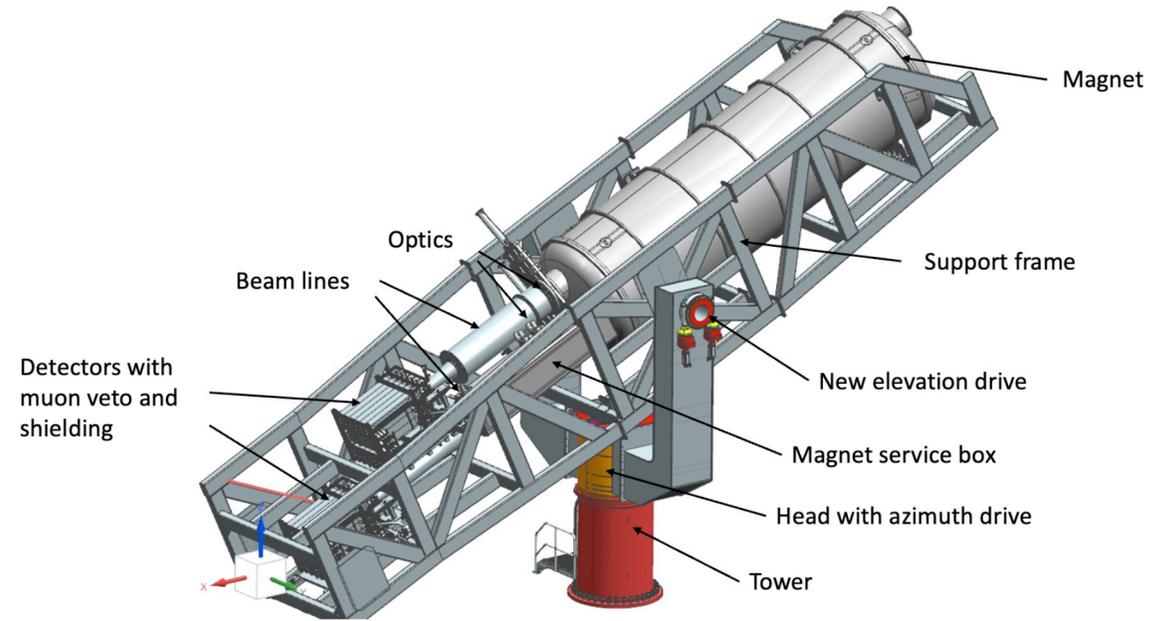


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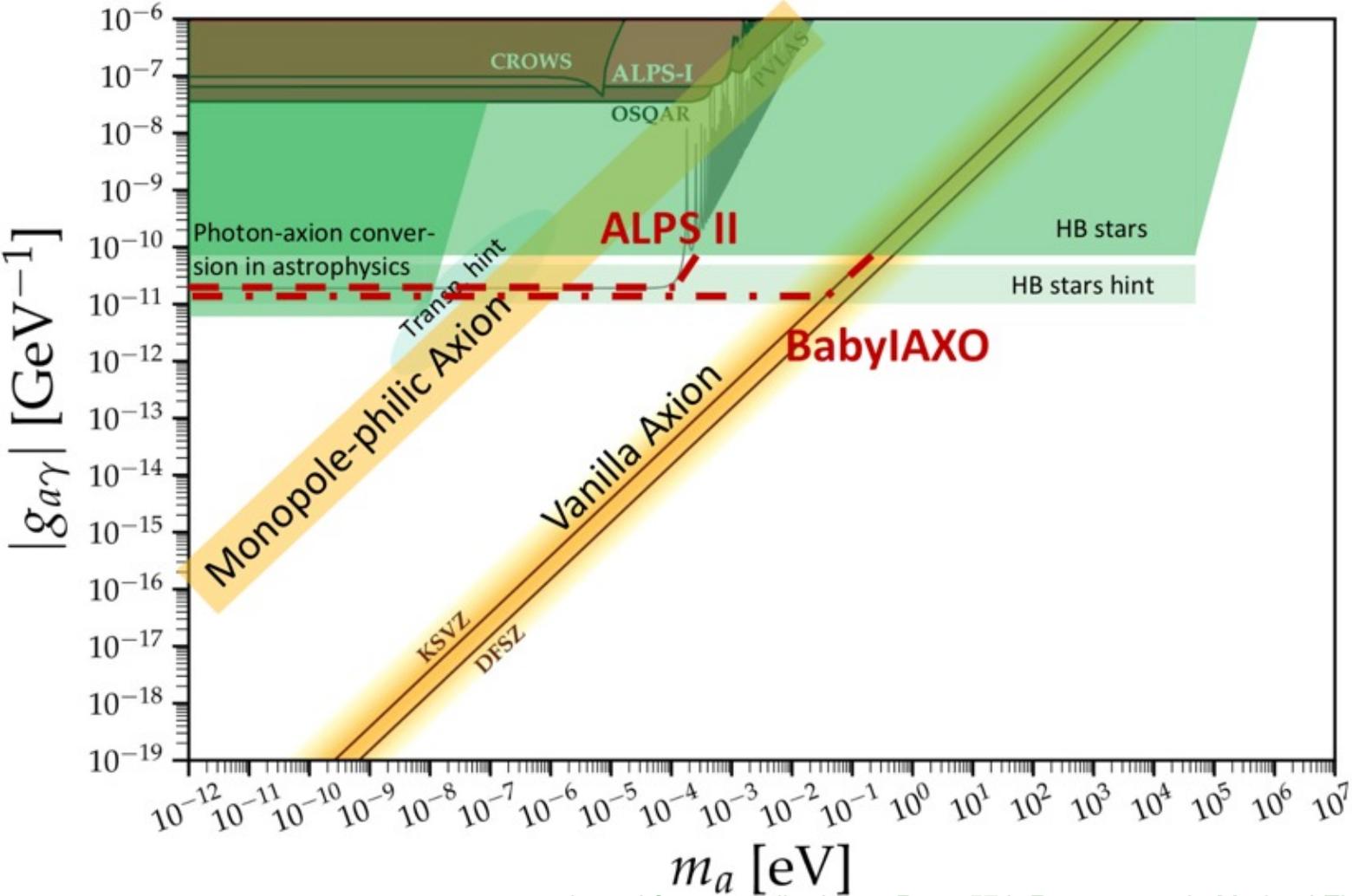


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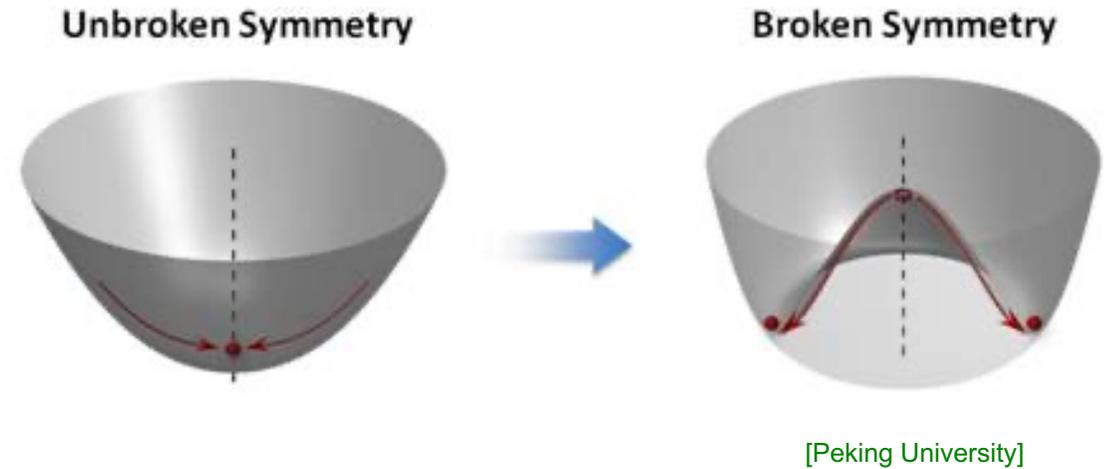
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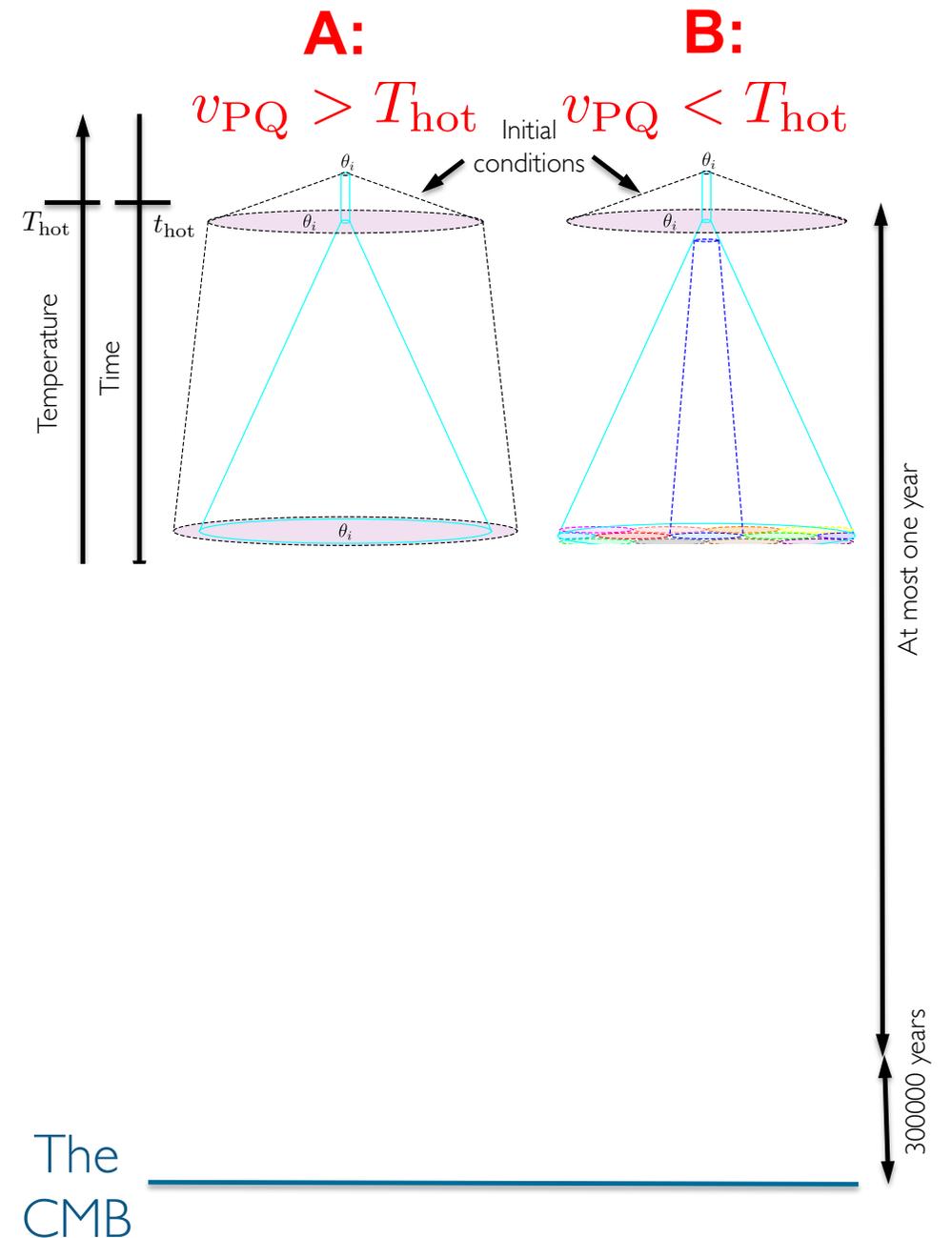
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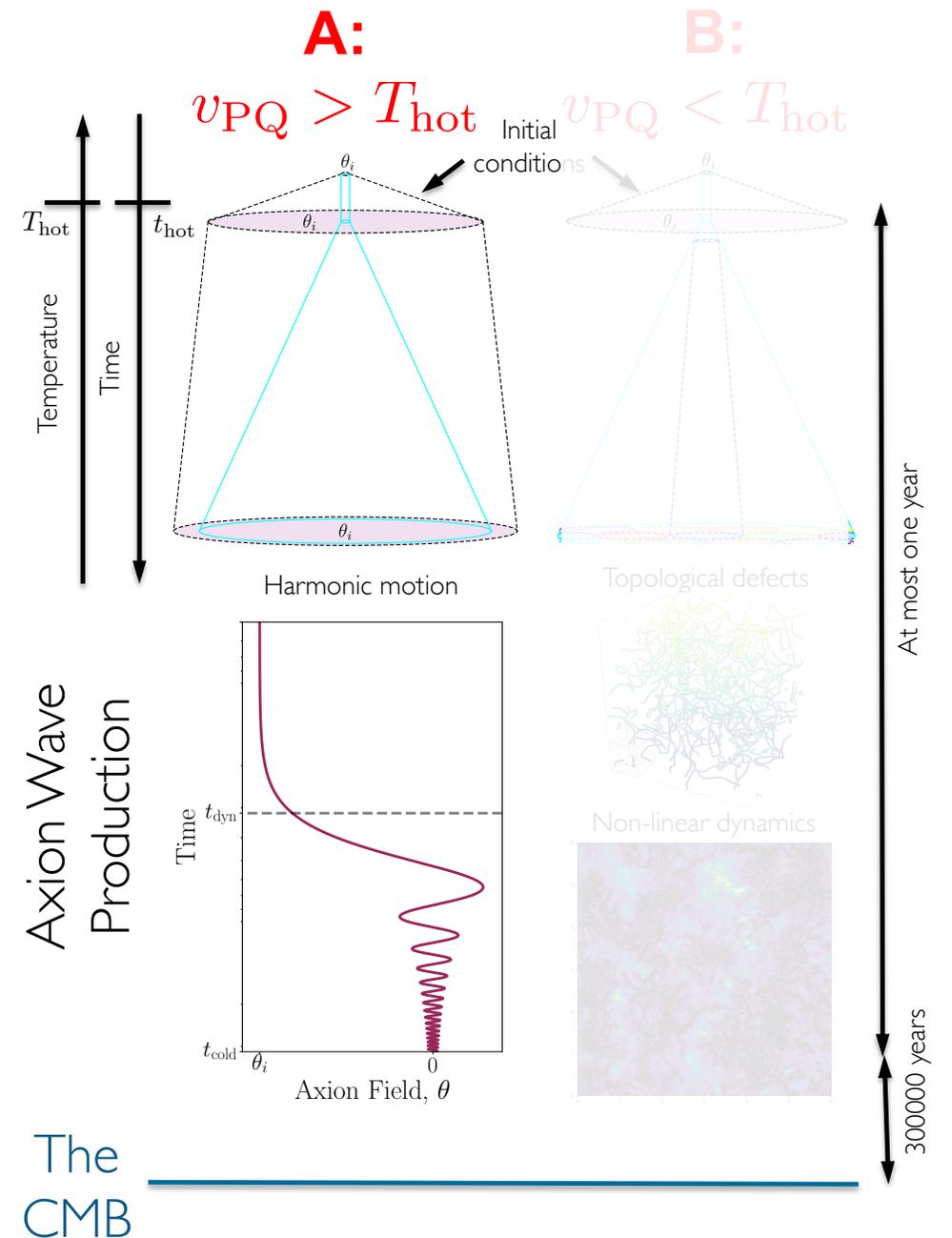
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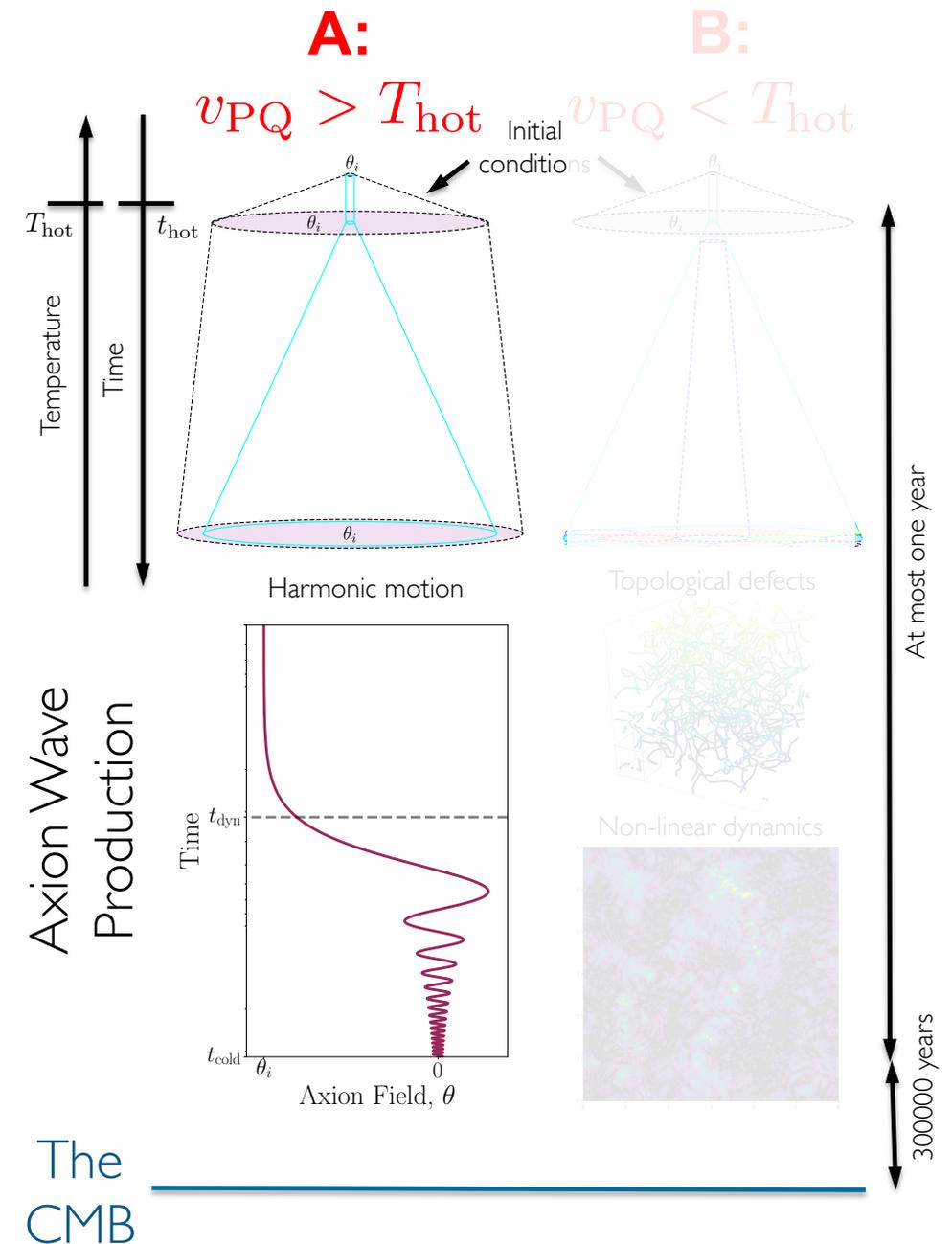
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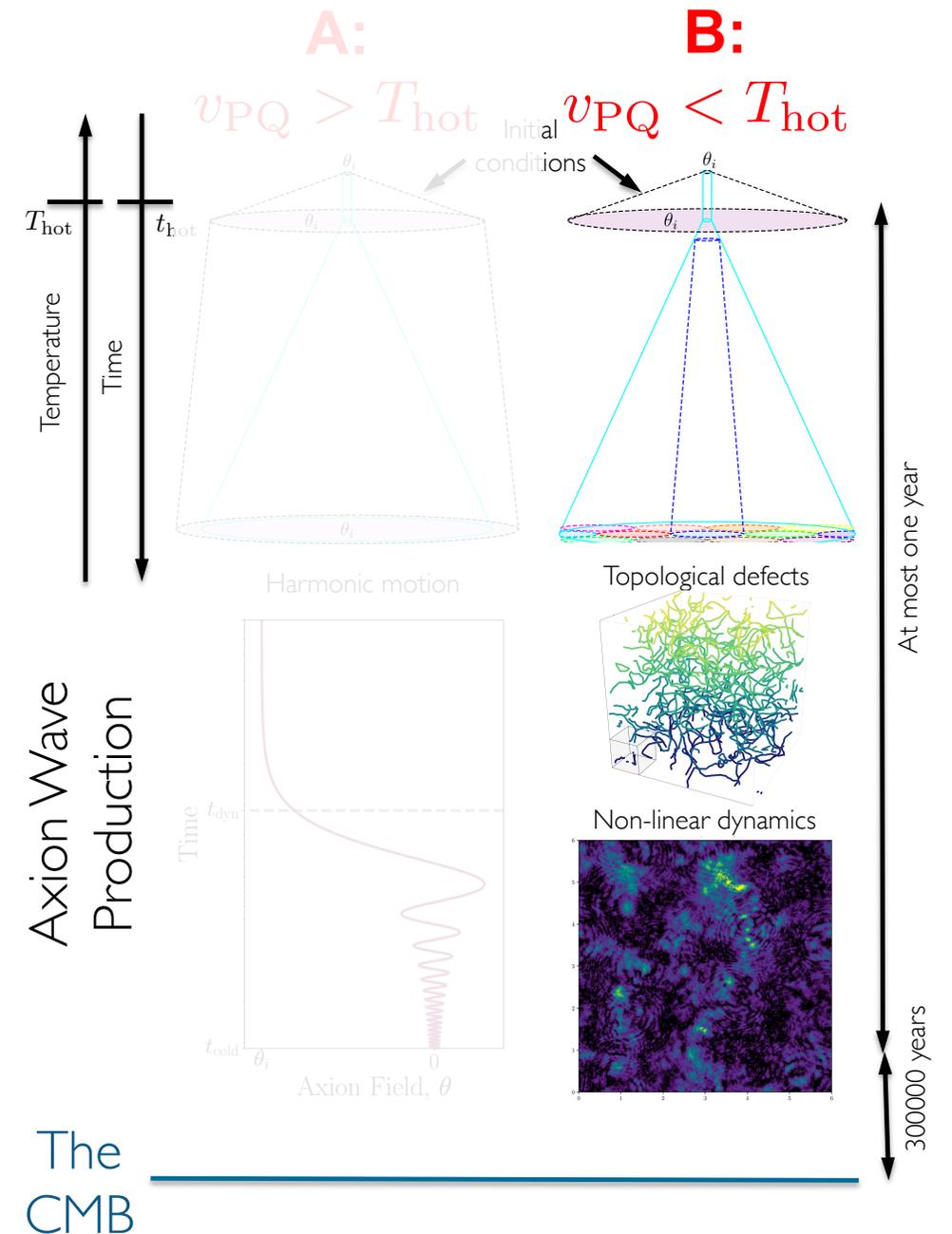
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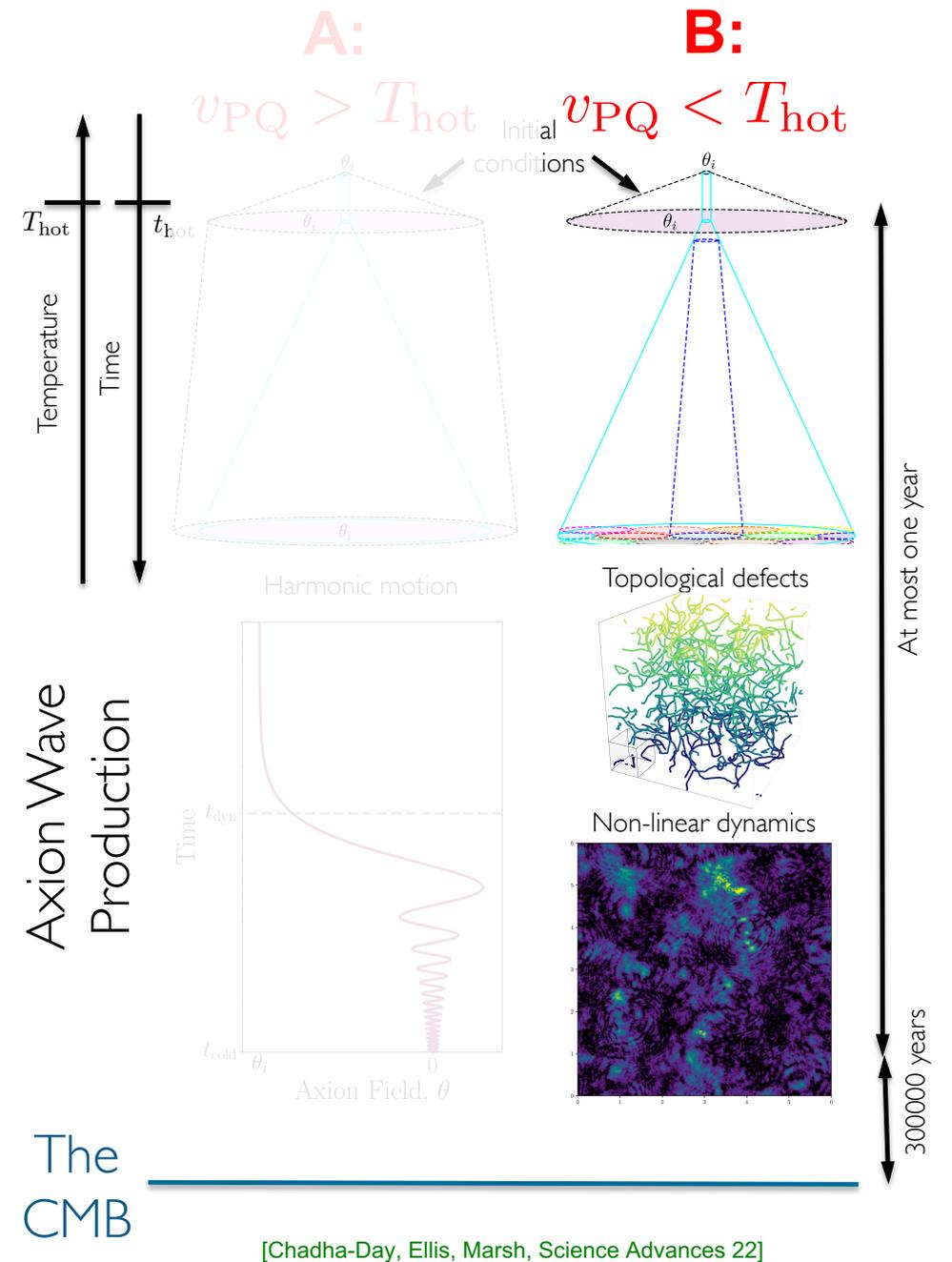
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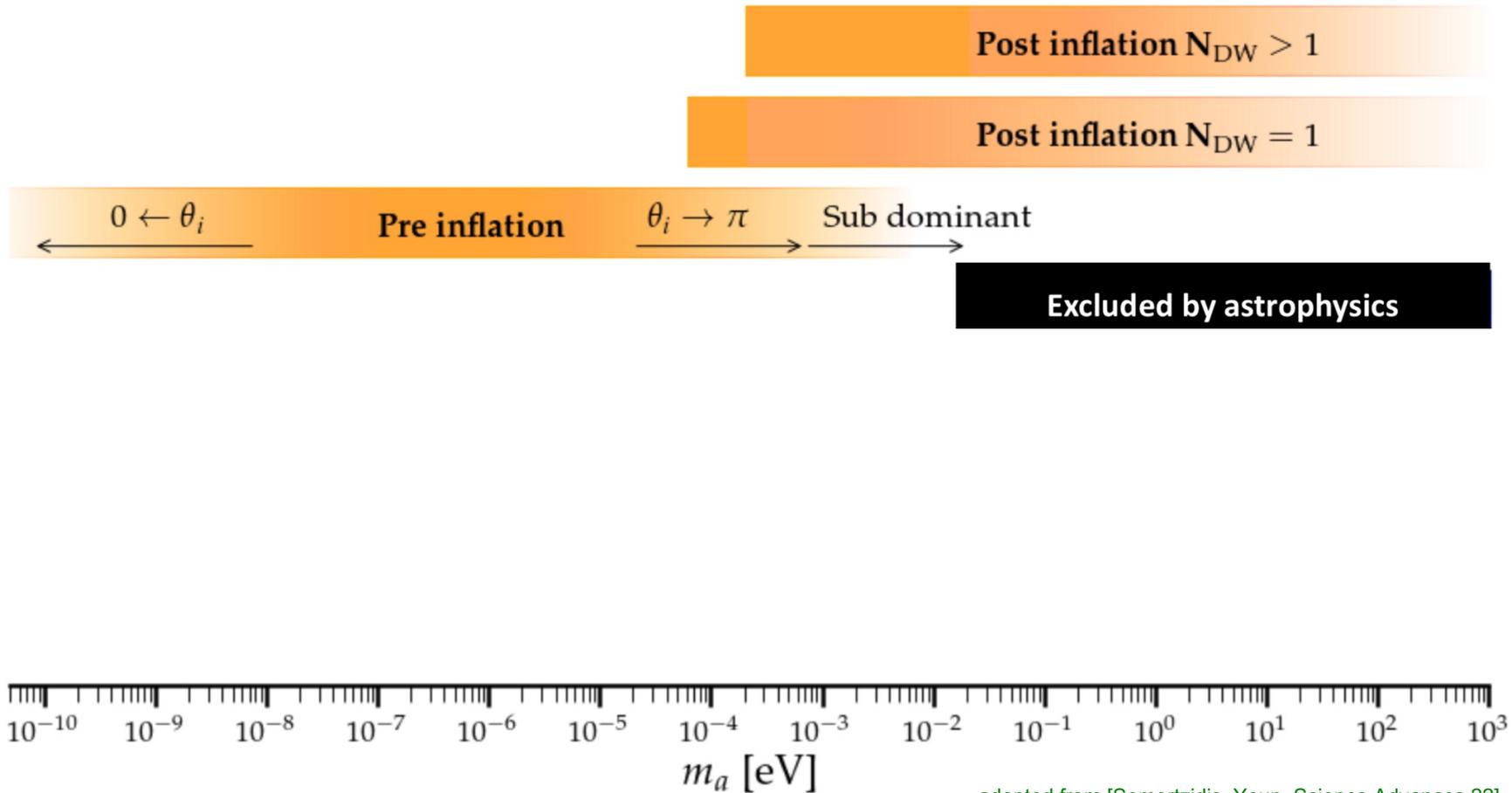
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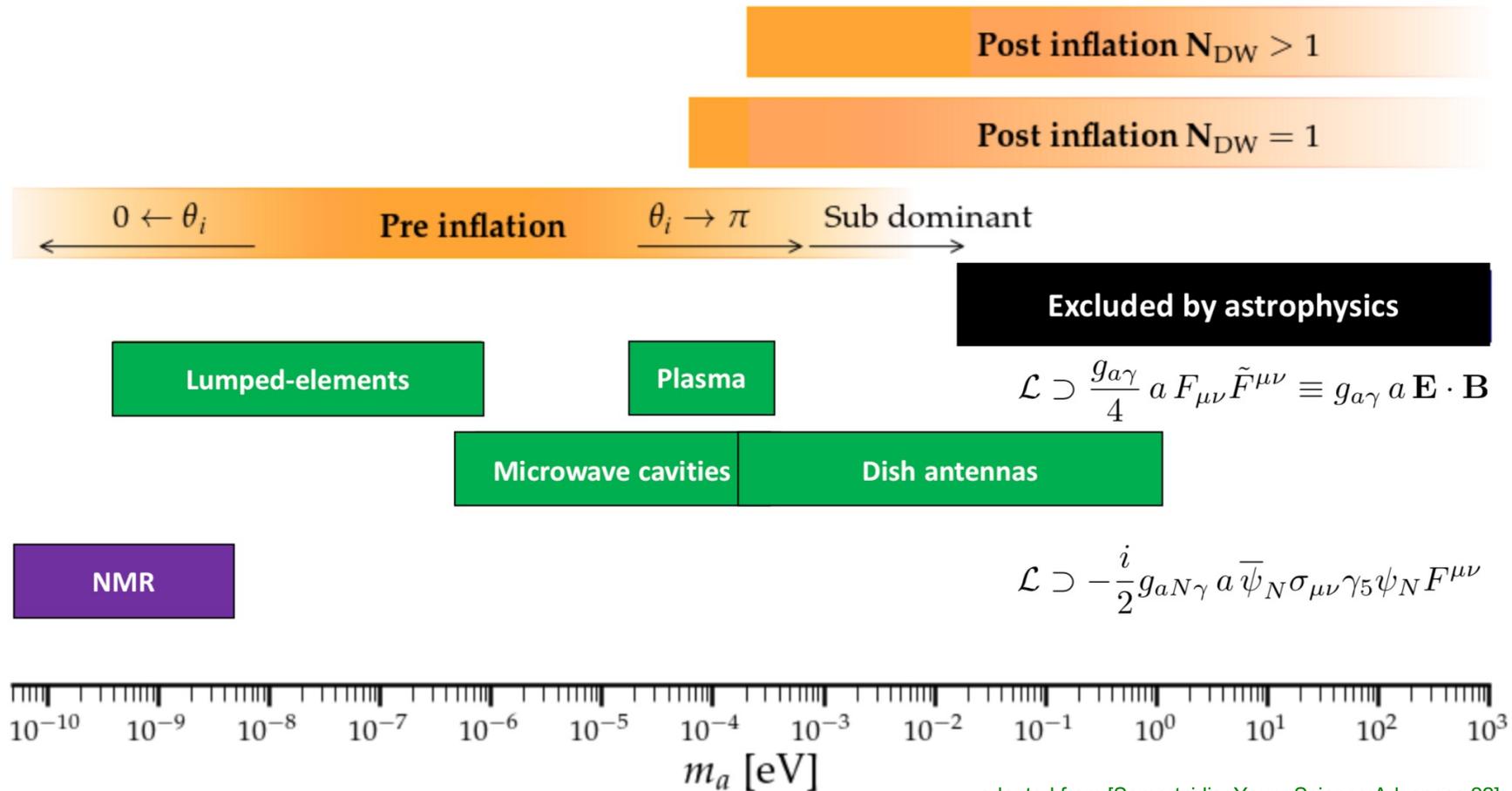


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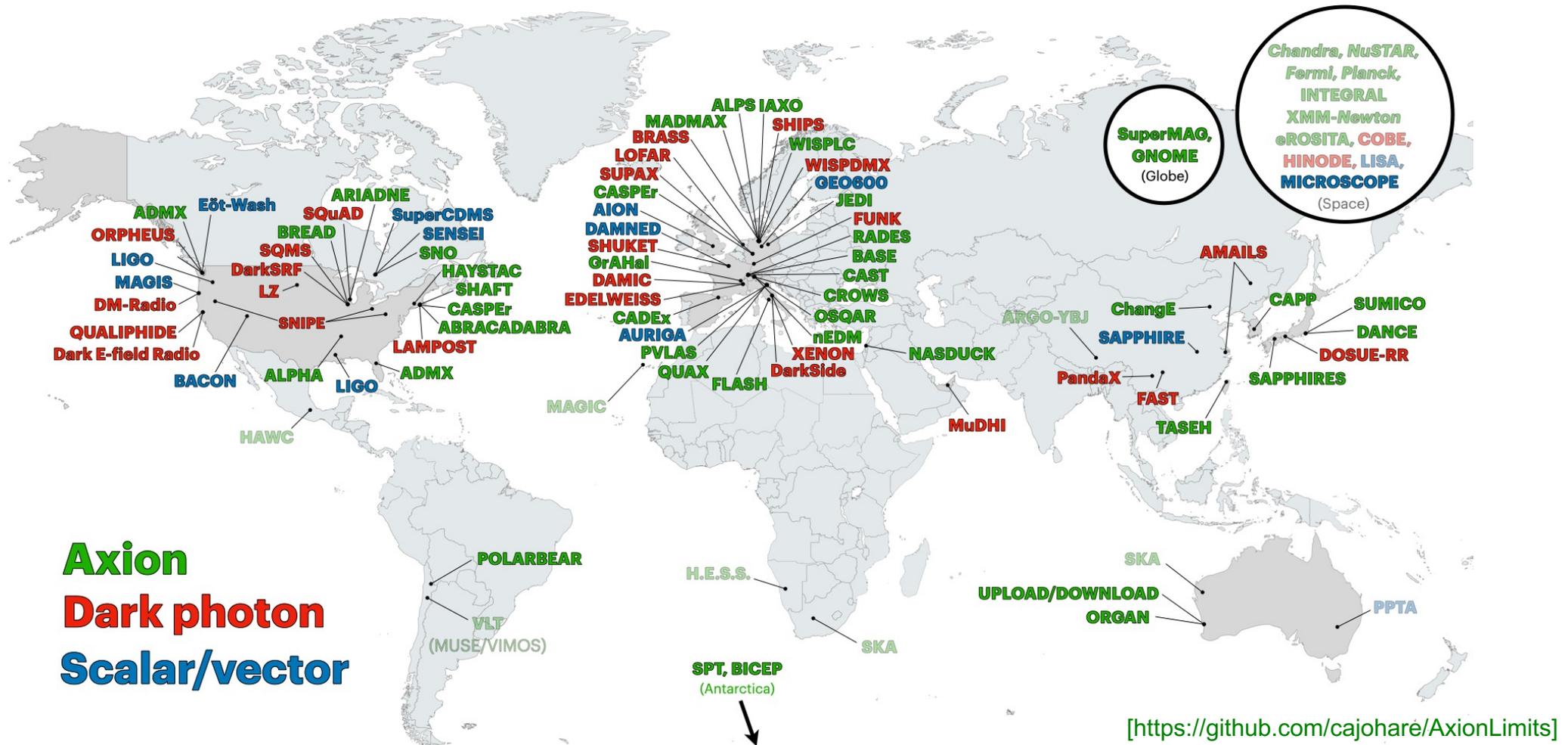
- Huge possible mass range requires various experimental techniques to search for axion dark matter via different axion couplings:



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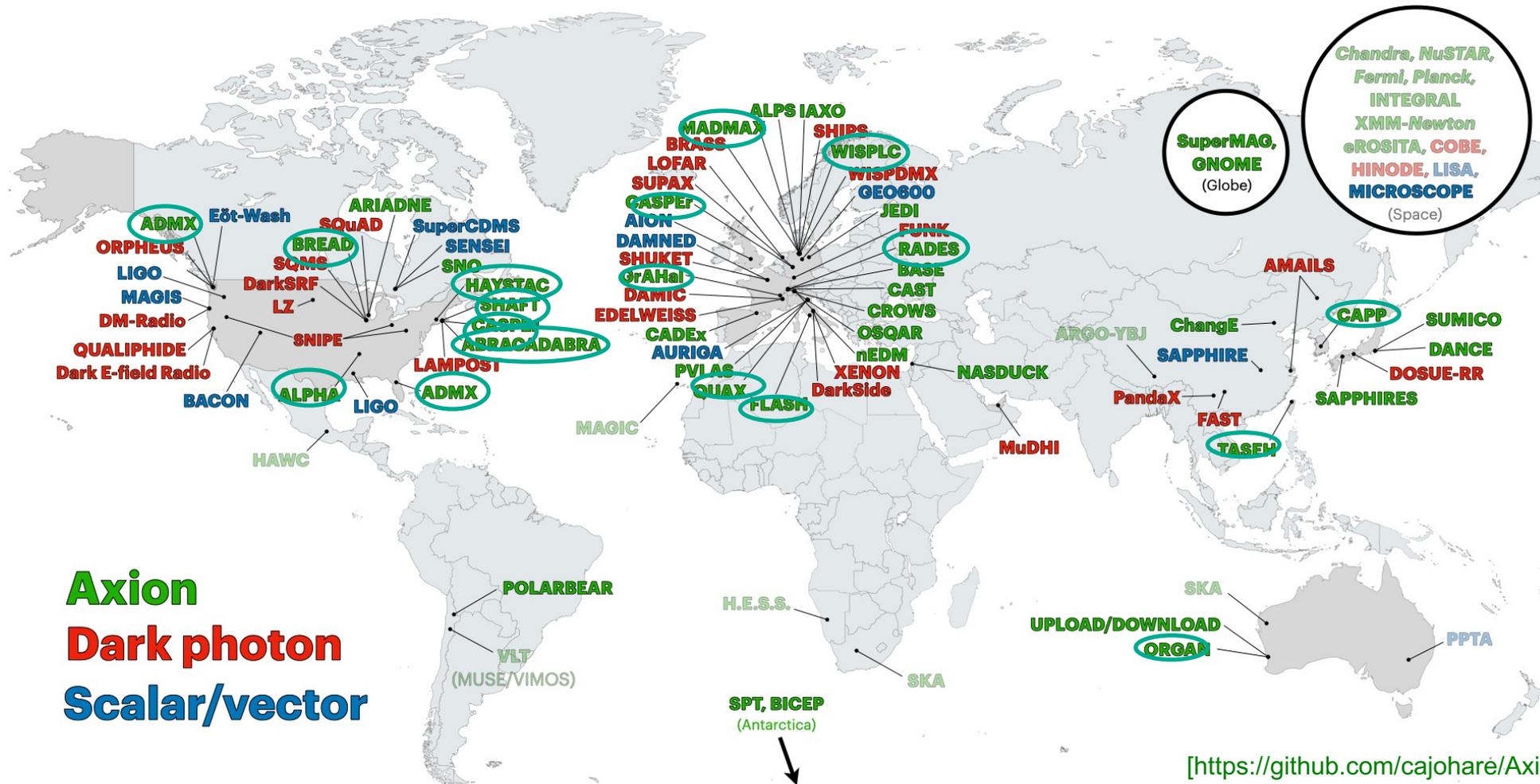
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Can only talk about a subset of them ...



Axion Dark Matter Experiments

Wavy dark matter

- Axion DM experiments rely on the assumption that the dark matter halo of the Milky Way is comprised of axions
- The velocity dispersion of halo dark-matter axions is given by the galactic virial velocity, implying a macroscopic de Broglie wave length,

$$\lambda_{\text{dB}} = 2\pi/(m_a v_a) \simeq \text{km} (\mu\text{eV}/m_a)(10^{-3} c/v_a)$$

- Correspondingly, halo dark-matter axions behave as an approximately spatially homogeneous and monochromatic classical oscillating field,

$$a(t) \simeq \sqrt{2\rho_a} \cos(m_a t)/m_a$$

- When presenting (projected) limits on halo dark-matter axion couplings it is assumed that

$$\rho_a = \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{halo}} \approx 0.45 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}$$

- Large density variations in the initial state of the axion field in the post-inflationary scenario lead to the formation of compact dark matter objects known as “miniclusters”. These objects lead to an increased theoretical uncertainty in the local axion density for dark matter detection in the laboratory.

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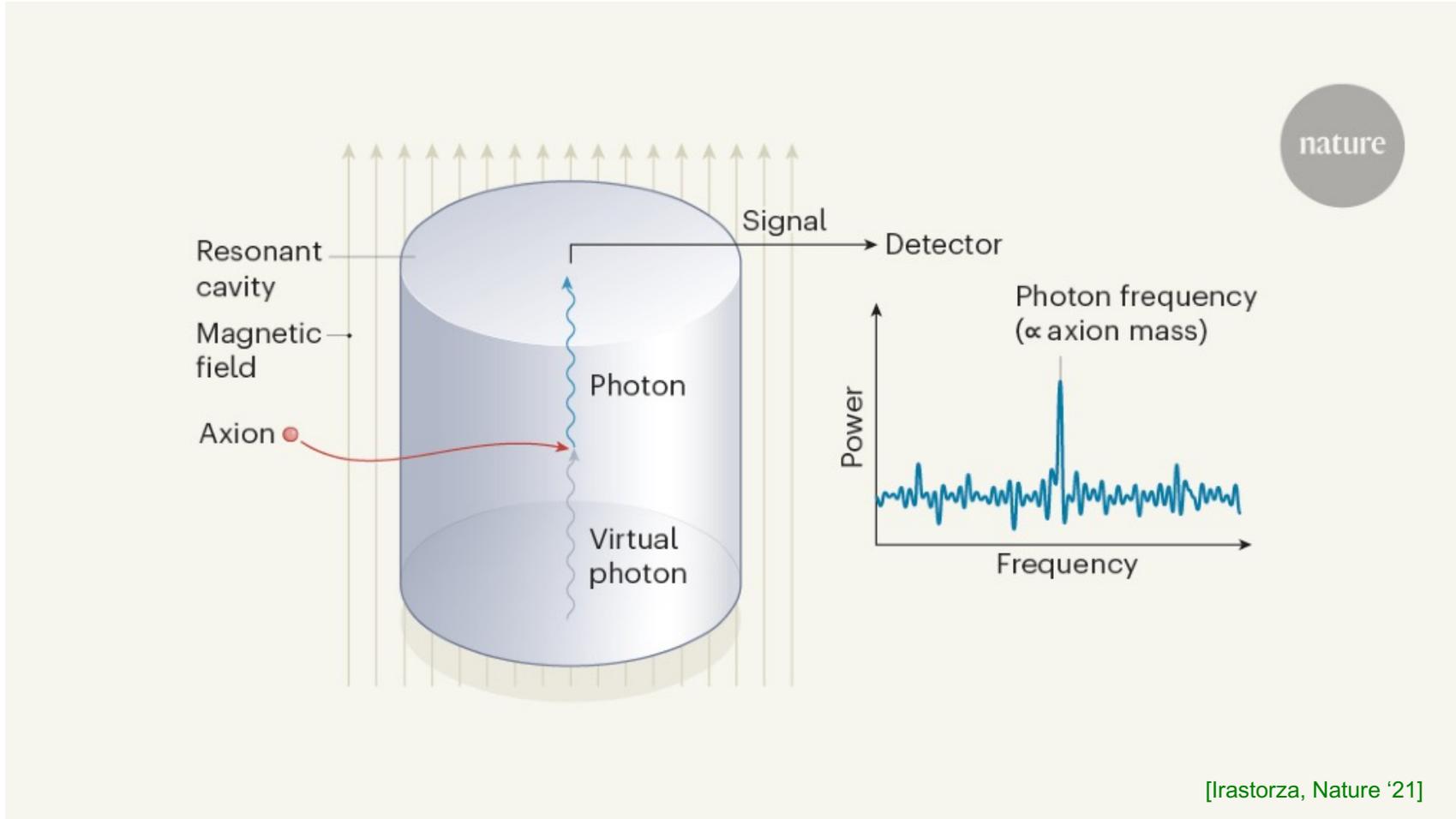
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- **Concept:** In microwave cavity placed in magnetic field, DM axion converts into photon

[Sikivie 83]



- If axion mass matches resonance frequency of cavity,

$$m_a = 2\pi\nu_{\text{res}} \sim 4 \mu\text{eV} \left(\frac{\nu_{\text{res}}}{\text{GHz}} \right)$$

power output

$$P_{\text{out}} \sim g_{a\gamma}^2 \rho_a B_0^2 V Q$$

enhanced by quality factor

$$Q \sim 10^5$$

- Need to scan by tuning resonance frequency

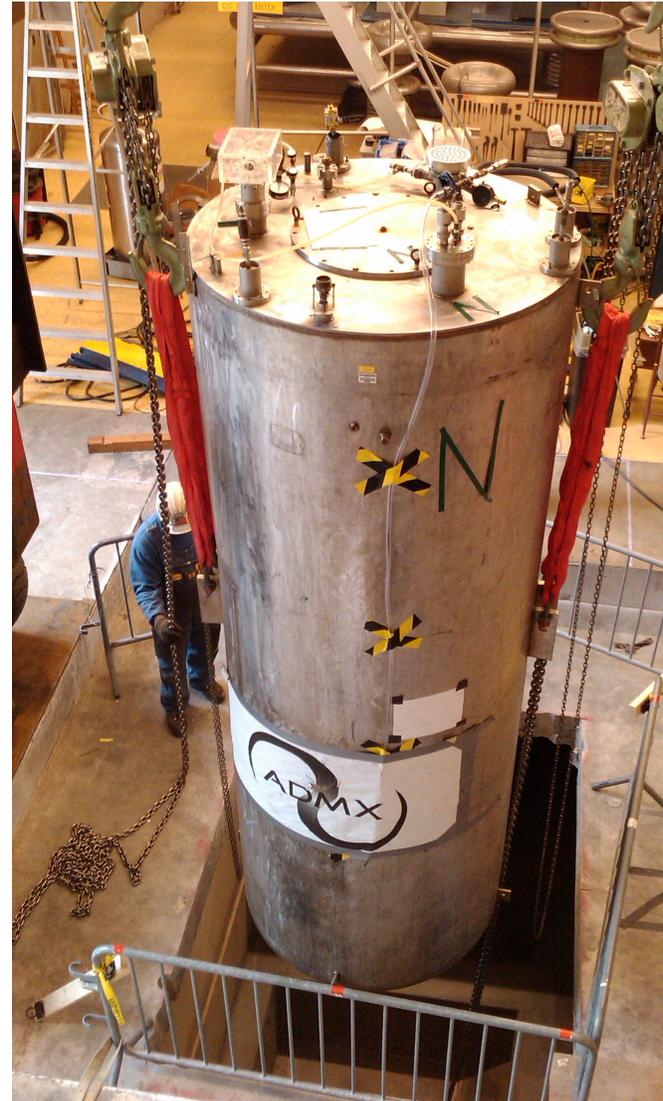
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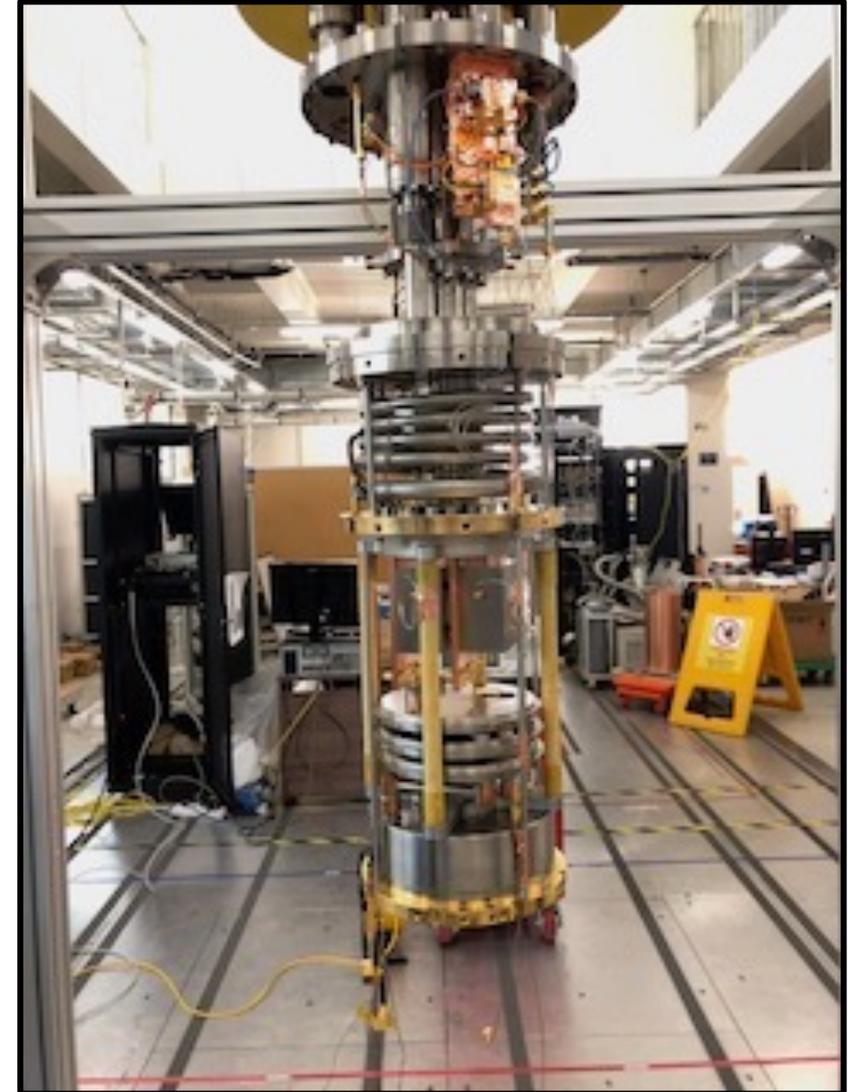
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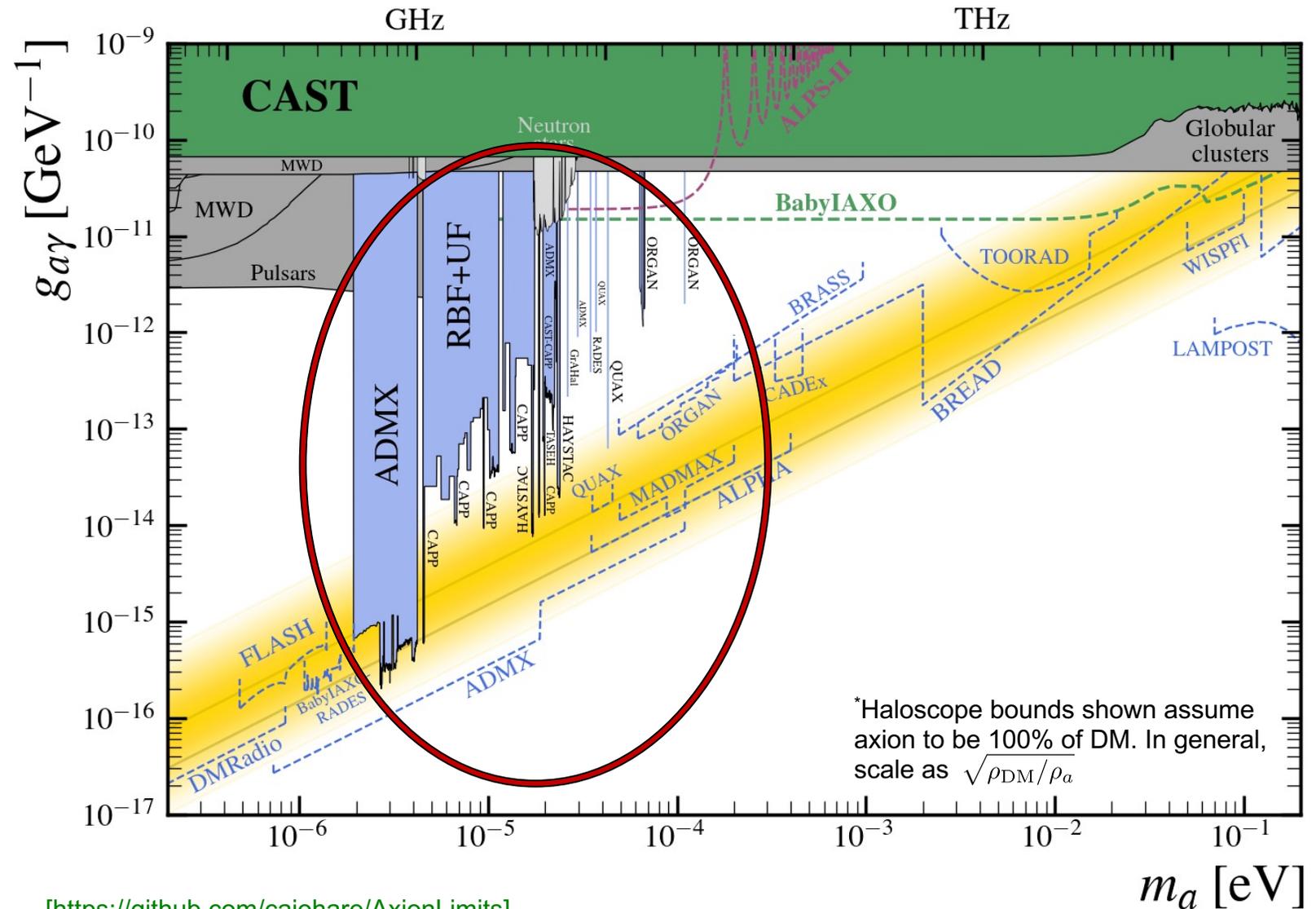
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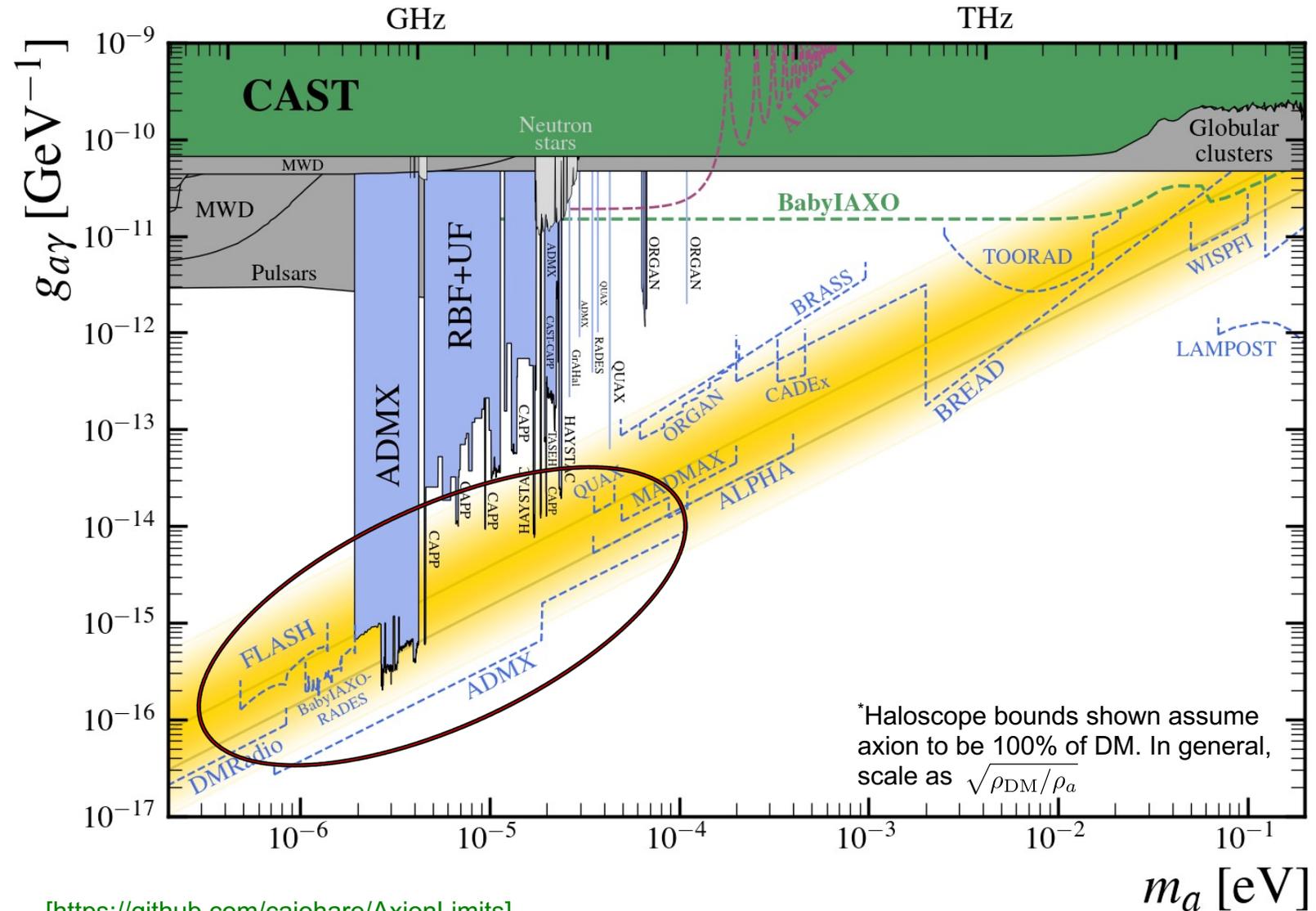
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- **More experiments proposed**

- Within next decade, microwave cavities will dig deep into vanilla axion band in mass range

$$\mu\text{eV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 100 \mu\text{eV}$$

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Dish antennas

- **Dish antenna concept:**

[Horns,Jaeckel,Lindner,Lobanov,Redondo,AR 13]

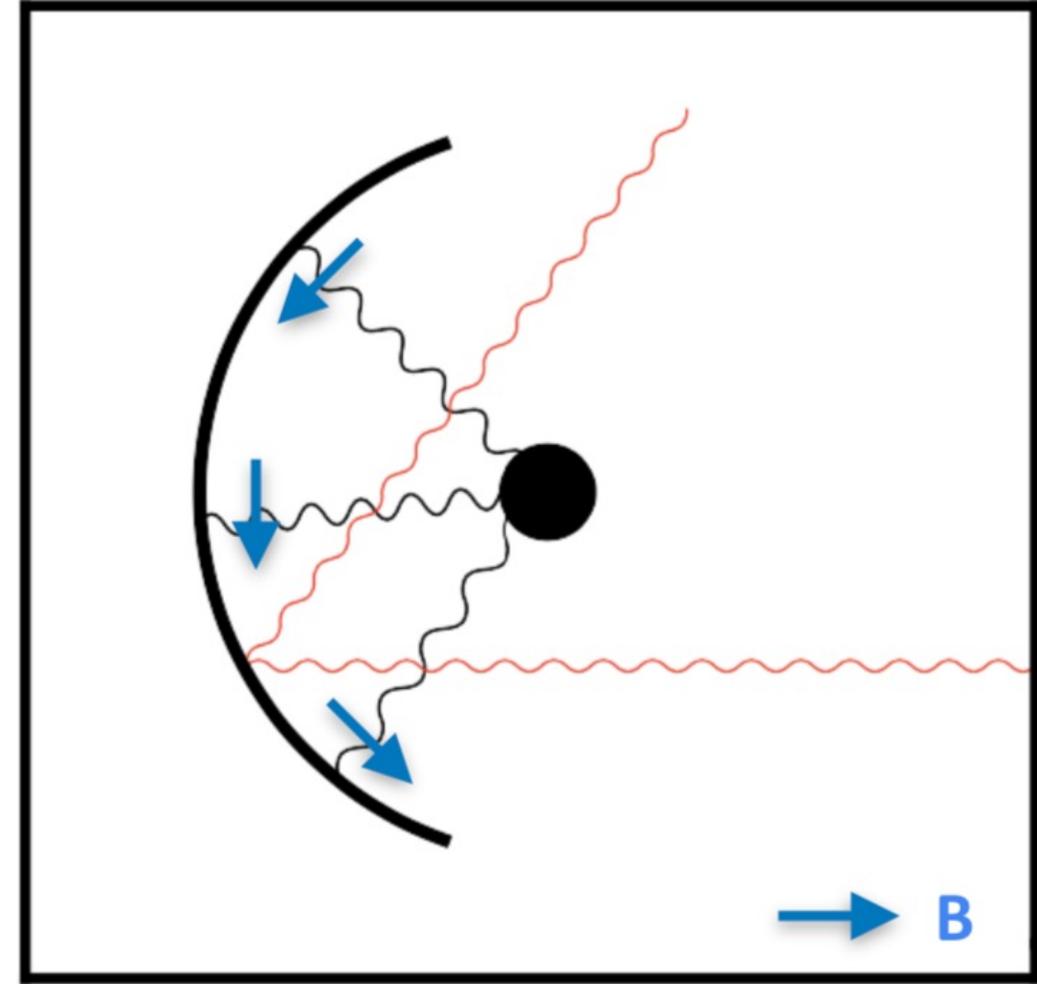
- Oscillating axion DM in a background magnetic field carries a small electric field component,

$$\mathbf{E}_a(t) = -g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{B} a(t)$$

- Metallic mirror placed in a magnet field pointing parallel to the mirror surface will emit a nearly monochromatic EM wave perpendicular to the mirror surface with a frequency $\nu = m_a/(2\pi)$ and a cycle-averaged power per unit area:

$$\mathcal{P}_\gamma/\mathcal{A} = |\mathbf{E}_a|^2/2$$

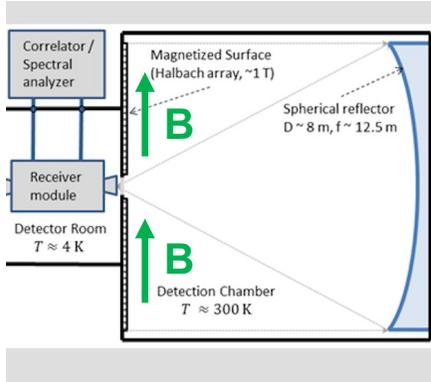
- Broadband! No tuning necessary!



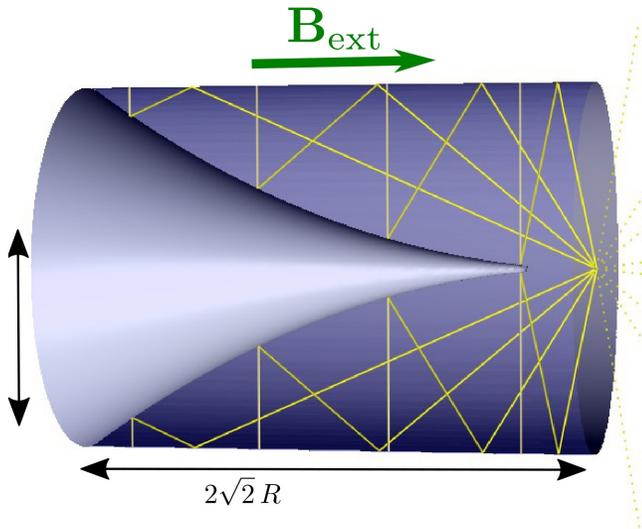
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- BRASS @ U Hamburg**



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- Plane permanently magnetized conversion panel

$$B = 0.8 \text{ T}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = 4.7 \text{ m}^2$$

- Spherical reflector

[Bajjali et al., '23]

- Cylindric parabolic conversion panel allows use of solenoidal magnetic field

$$B \sim 10 \text{ T}$$

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[Liu et al., 22]



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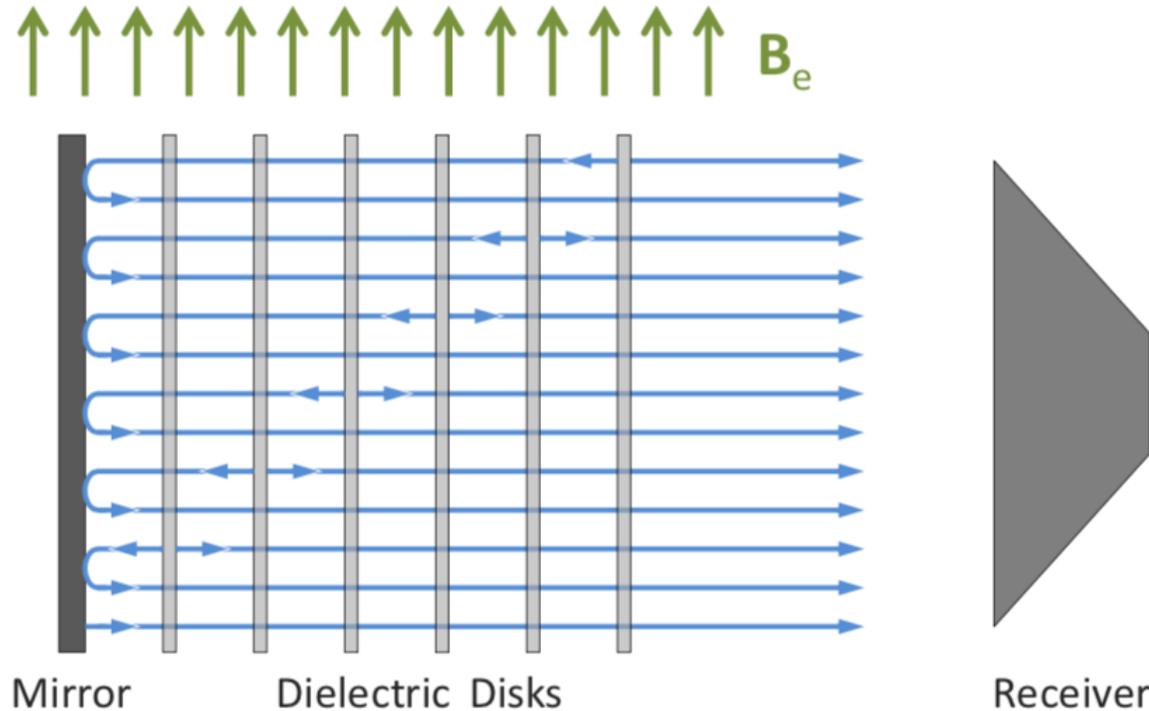
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- **Boosted dish antenna aka open dielectric resonator concept:**

- Add stack of dielectric disks with $\sim \lambda/2$ spacing in front of mirror (all immersed in magnetic field) [Jaeckel,Redondo 13]
- Constructive interference of photon part of wave function [Millar,Raffelt,Redondo,Steffen 16]

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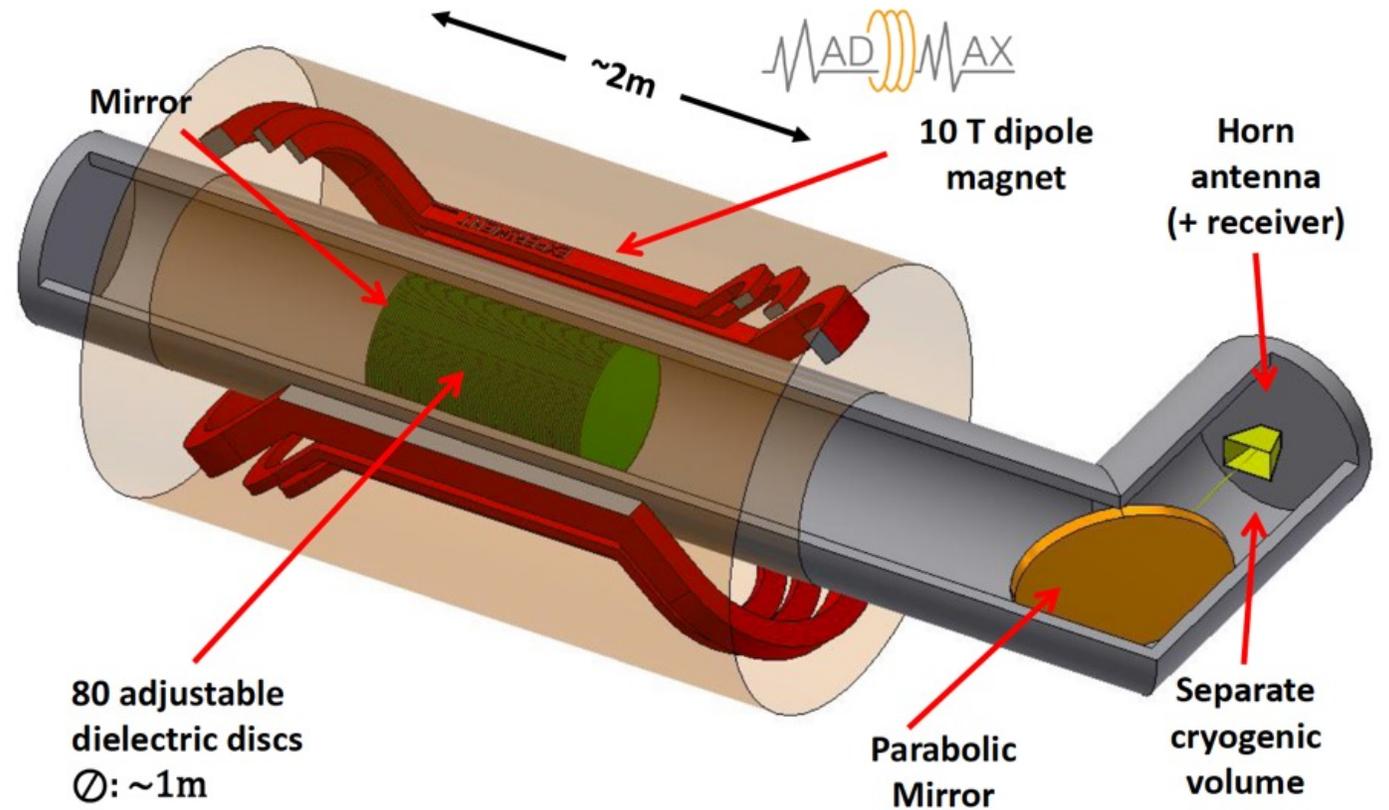
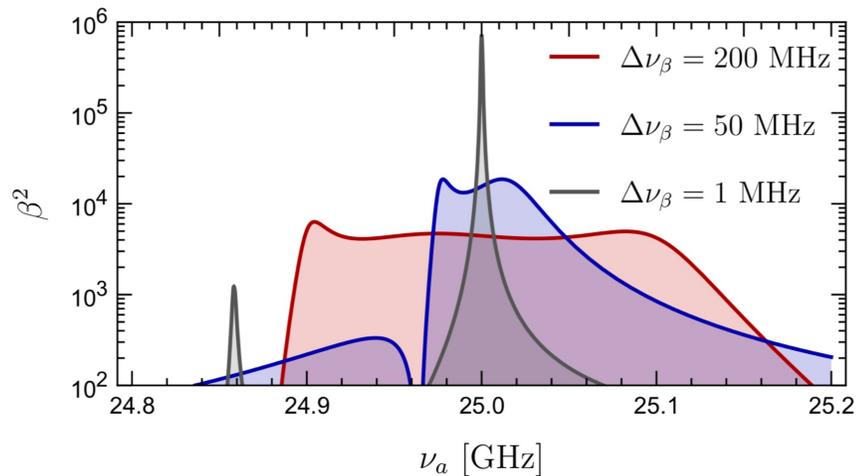
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MADMAX @ DESY

- Conceptual design [Bruns et al. 19]
 - 10 T magnet
 - Large number of adjustable dielectric disks
 - Tunable frequency and bandwidth



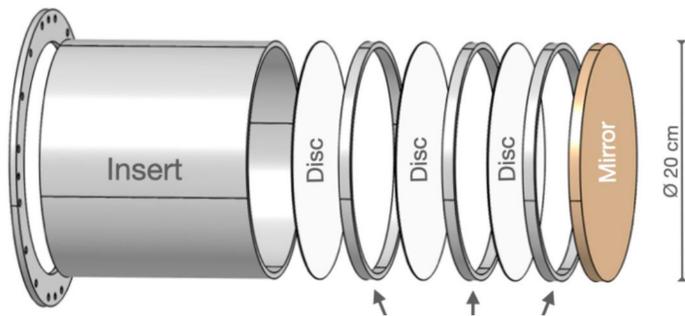
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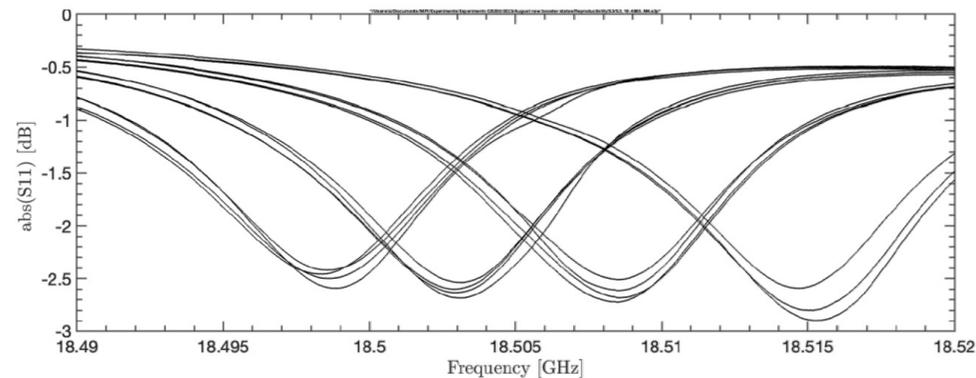
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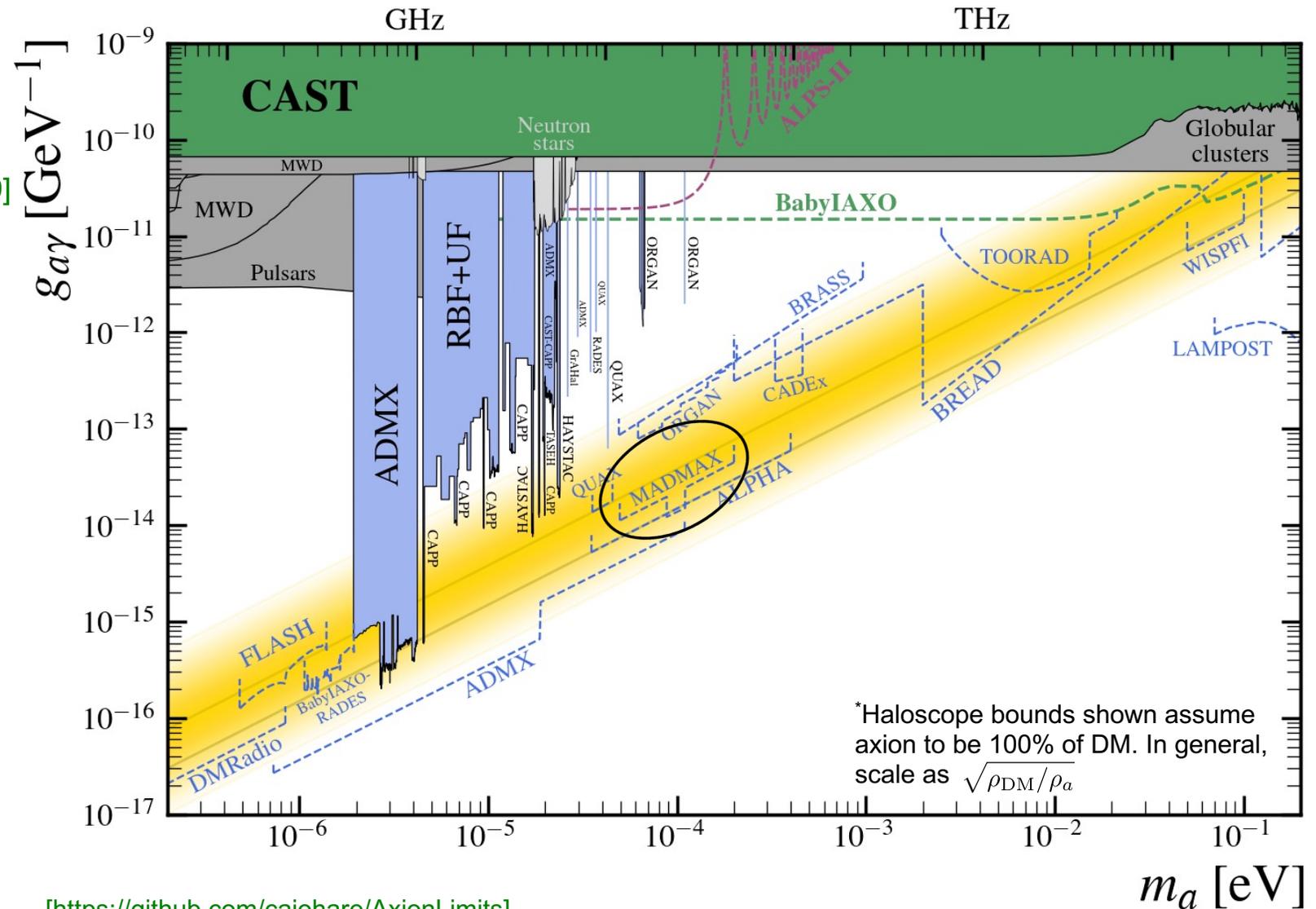
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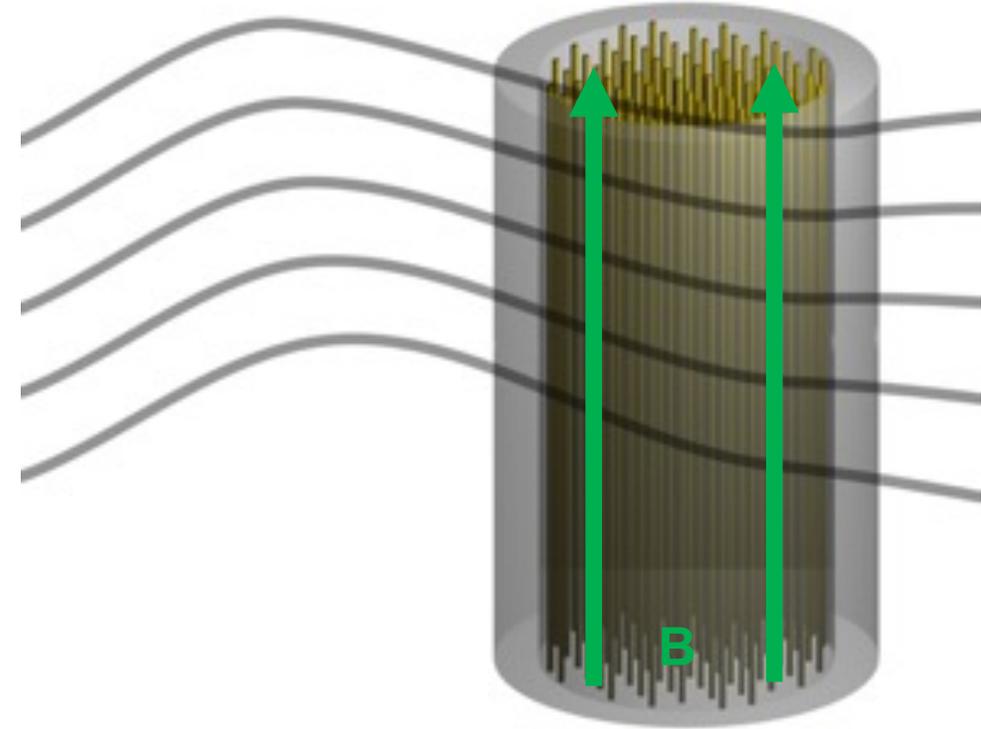
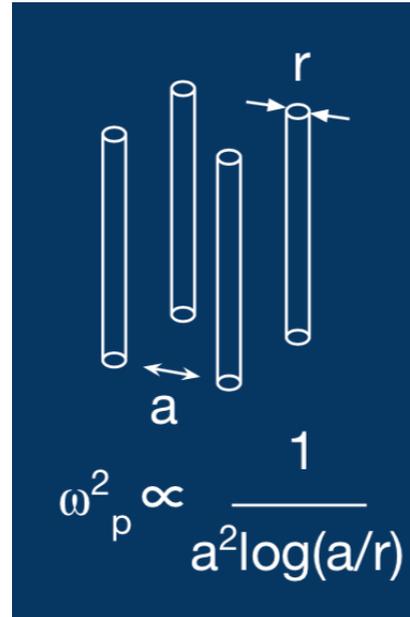
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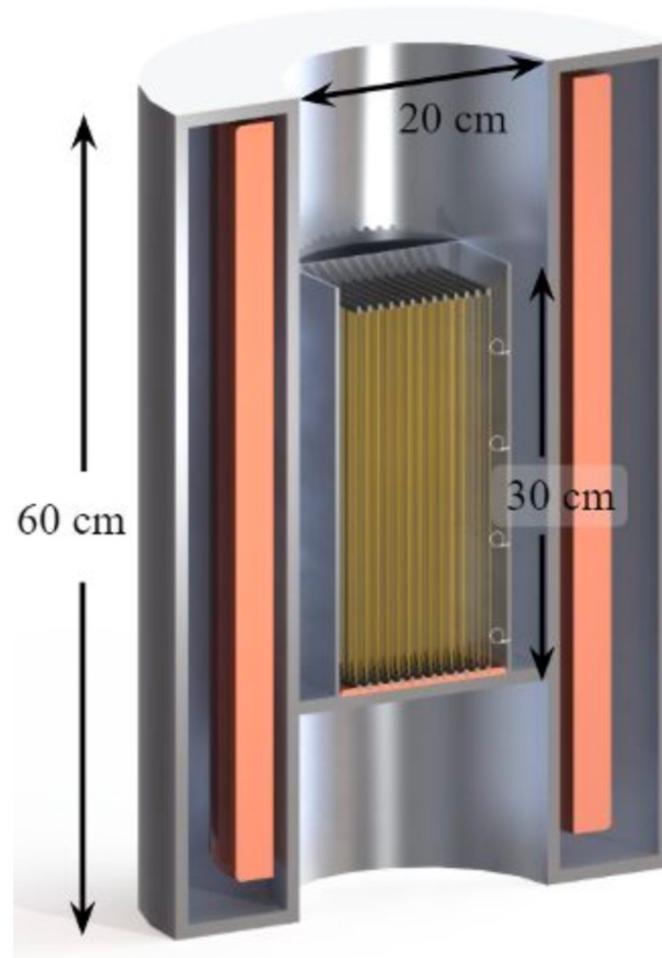
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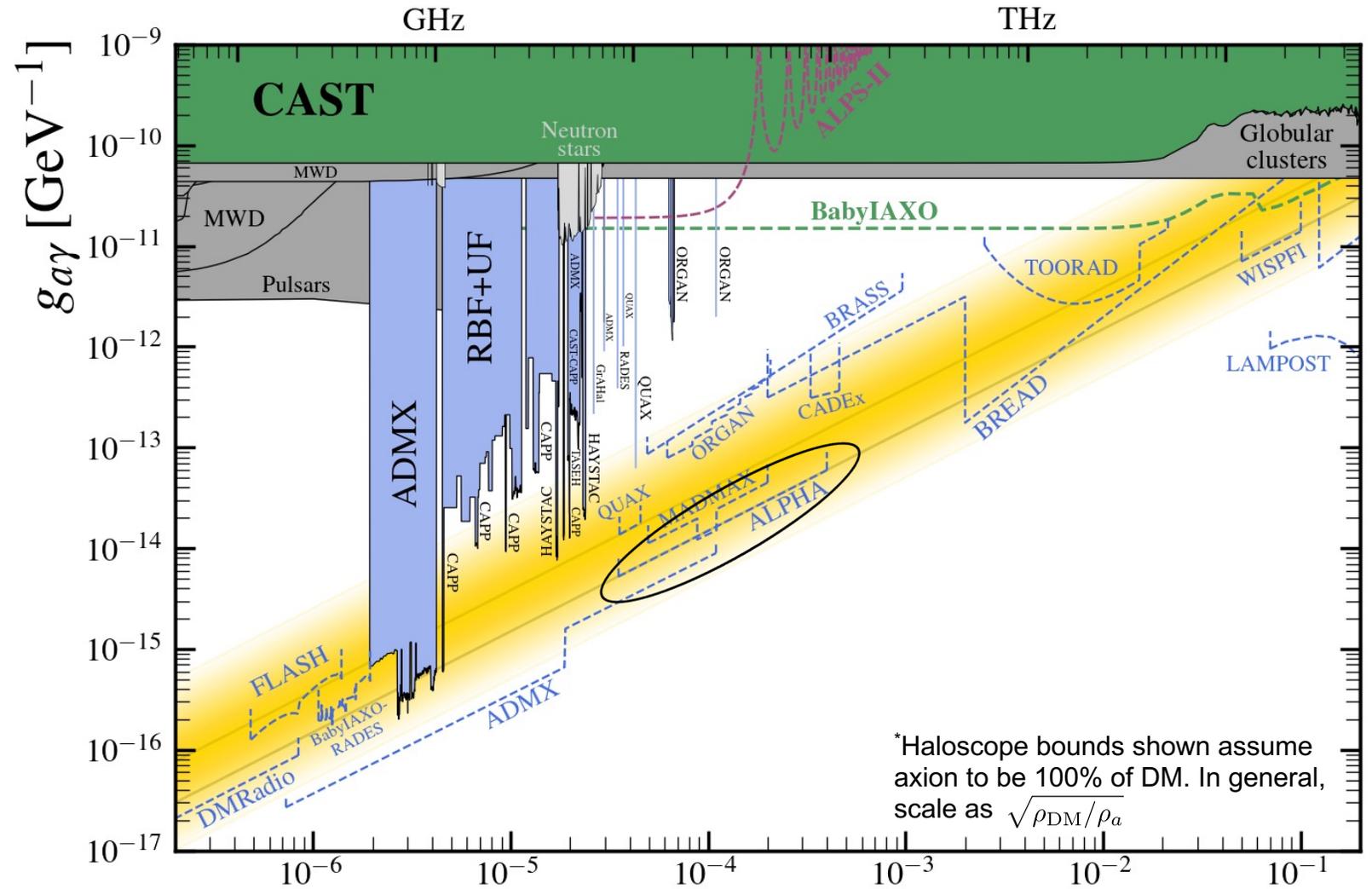
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[Sikivie, Sullivan, Tanner 14; Kahn, Safdi, Thaler '16]

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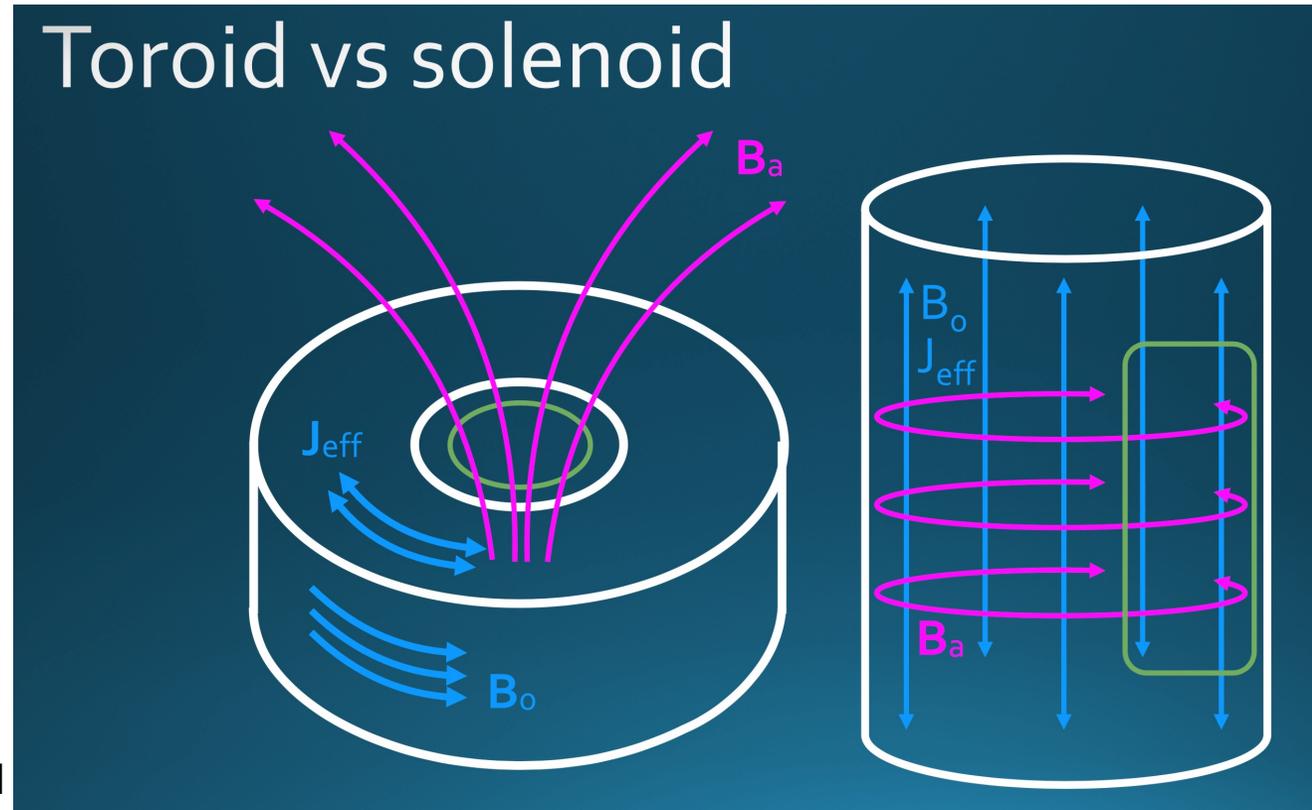
- In the presence of a magnetic field B_0
 - axion DM field induces oscillating effective displacement current

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- which in turn generates an oscillating magnetic field B_a , such that

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_a = \mathbf{j}_a$$

- The induced field can be
 - turned into an alternating current in a pickup loop,
 - resonantly amplified in a tunable LC circuit, and
 - finally detected via a SQUID



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[Salemi '21]

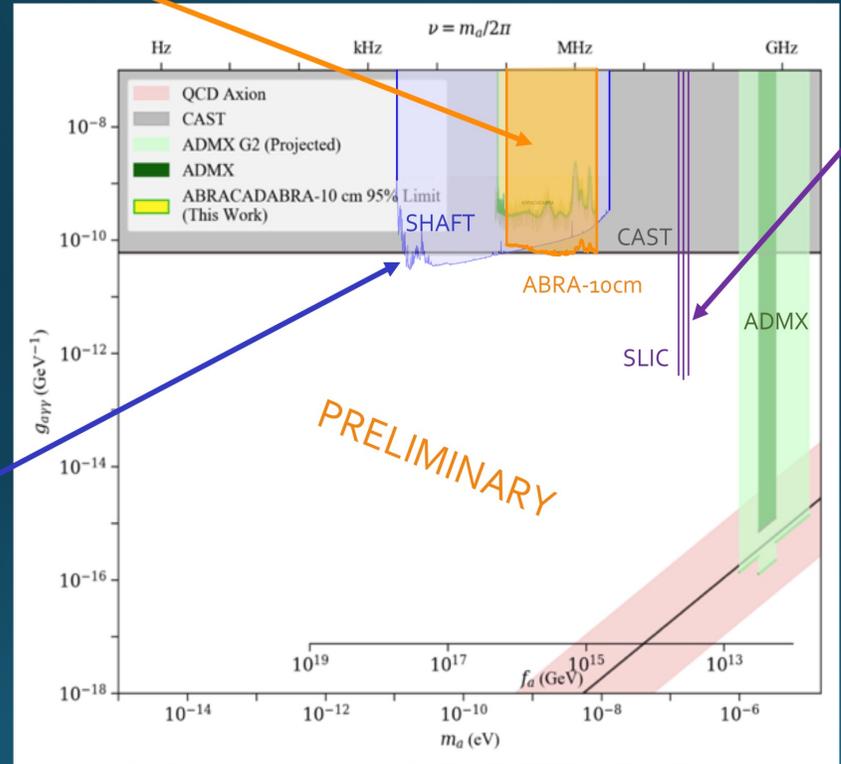
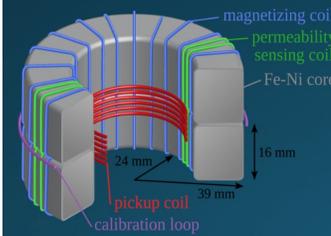
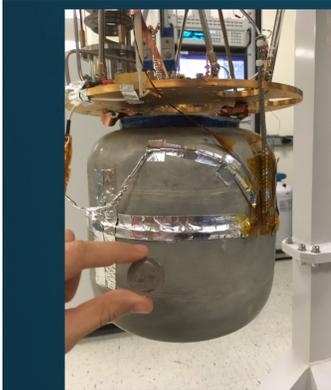
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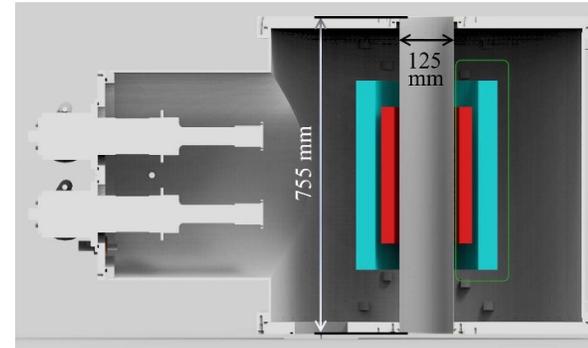
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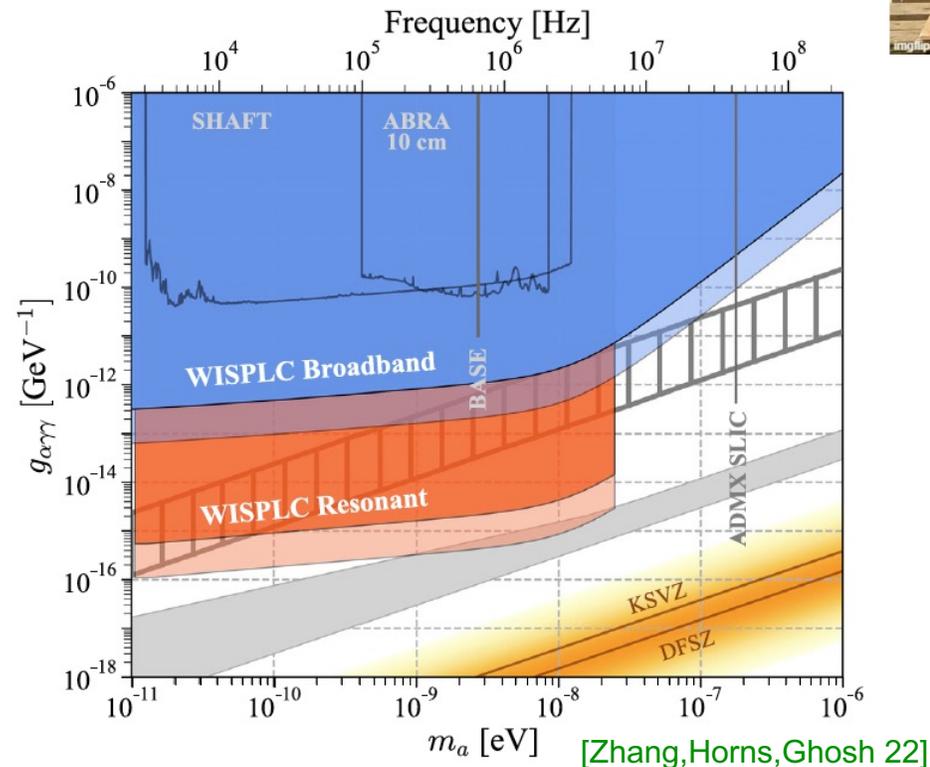
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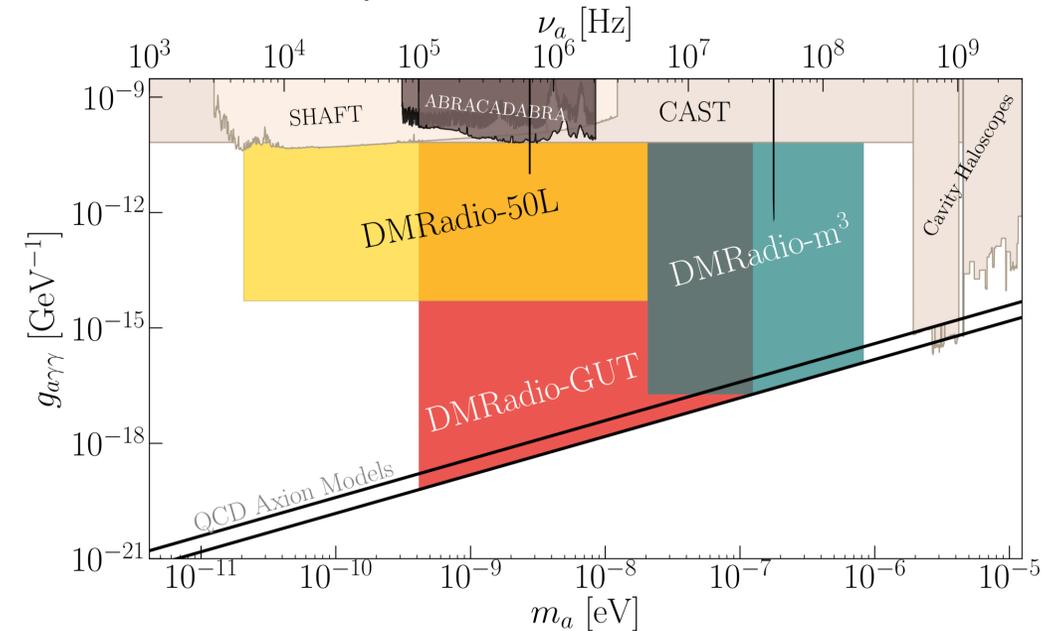
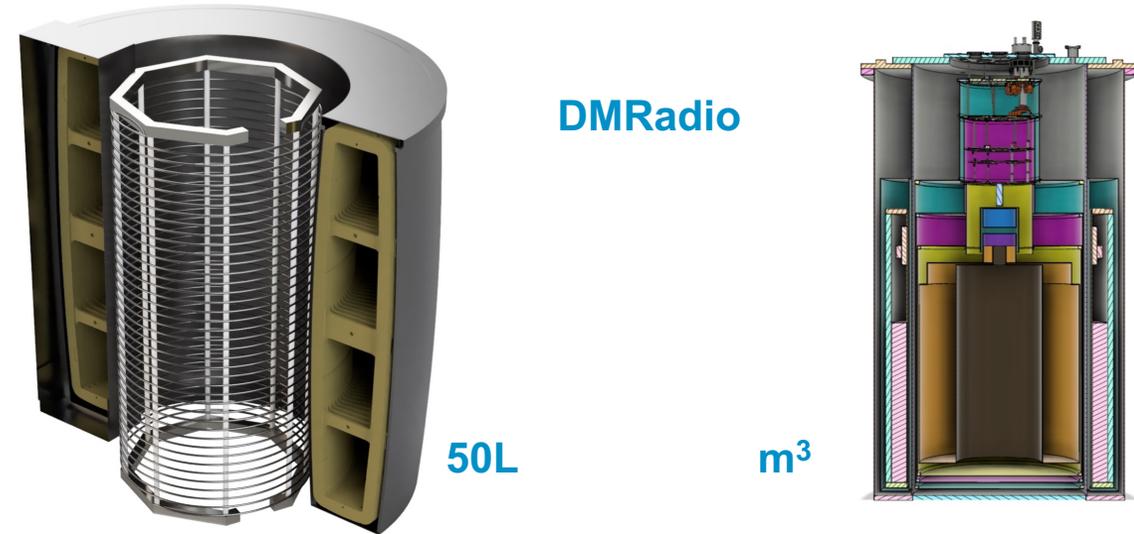
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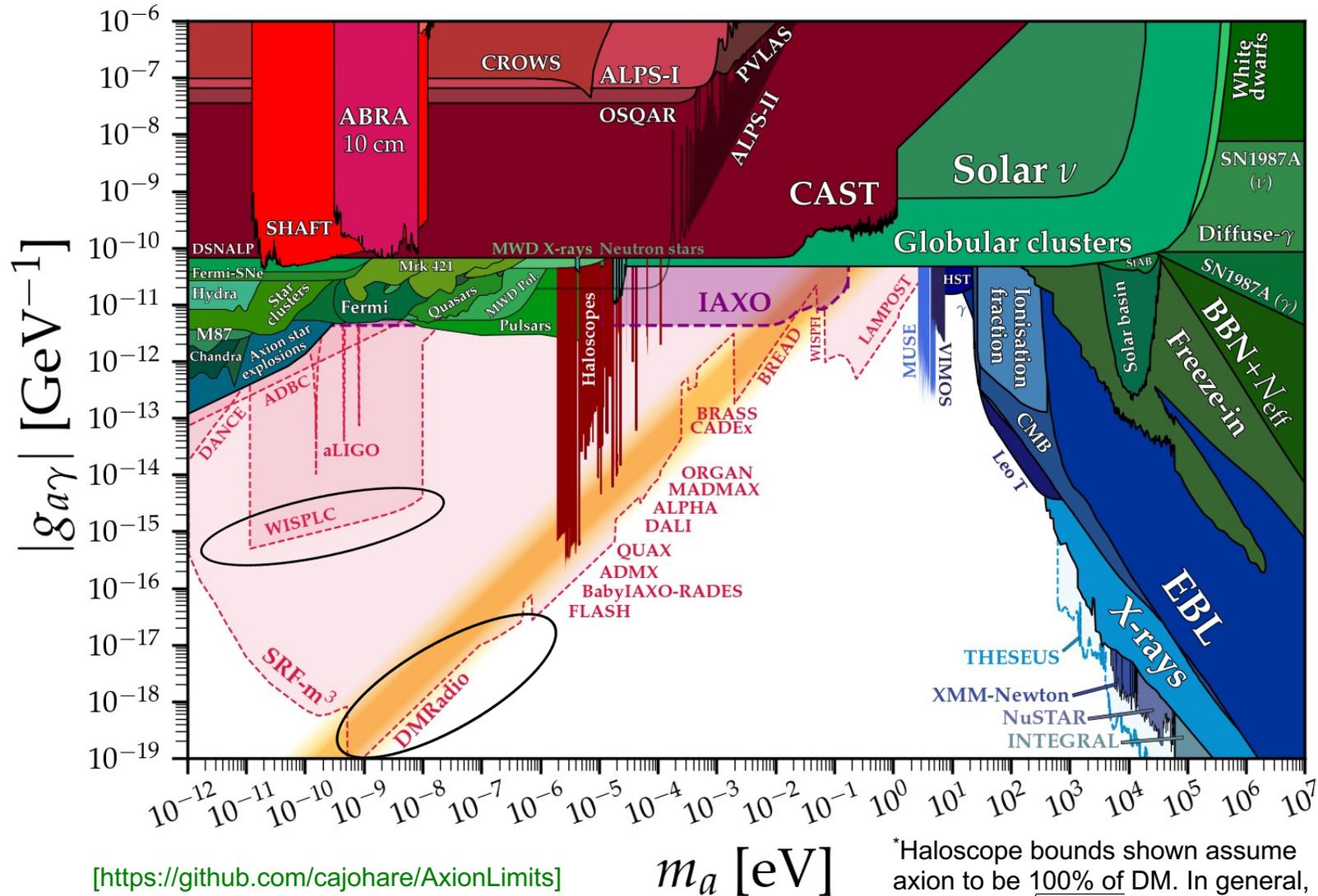


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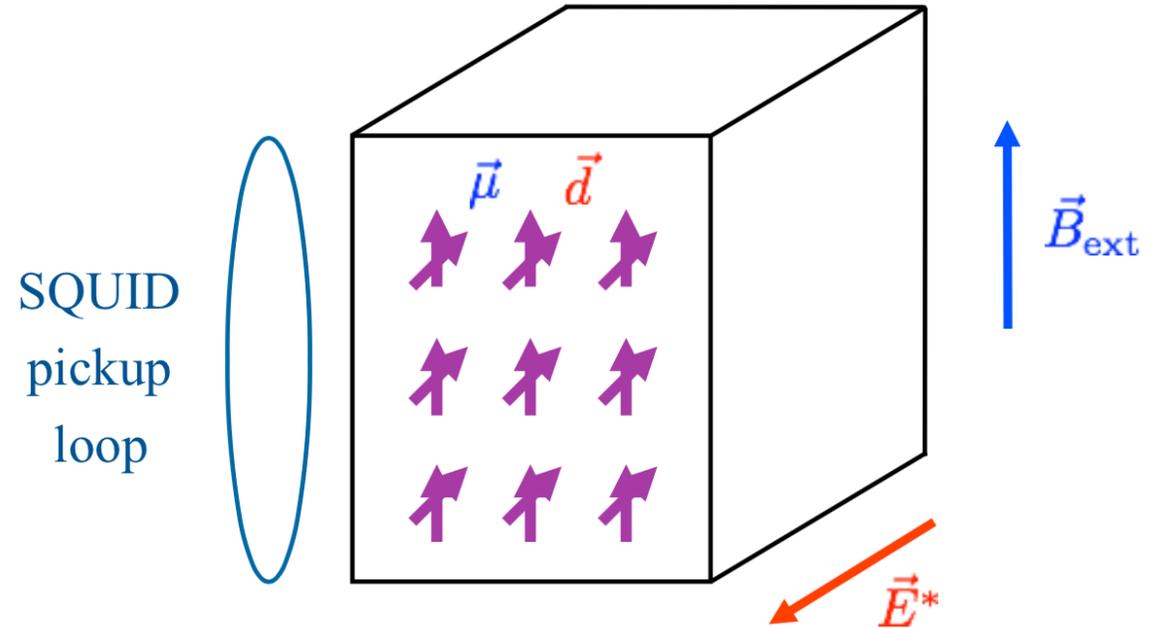
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[Graham,Rajendran 13; Budker et al. 14]

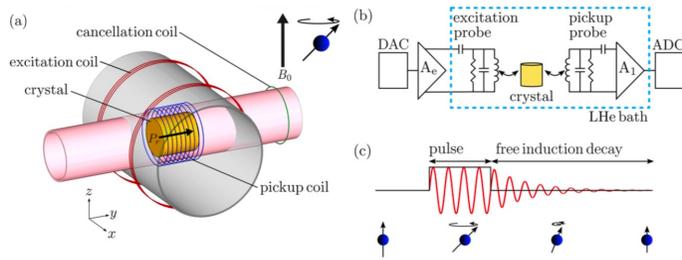


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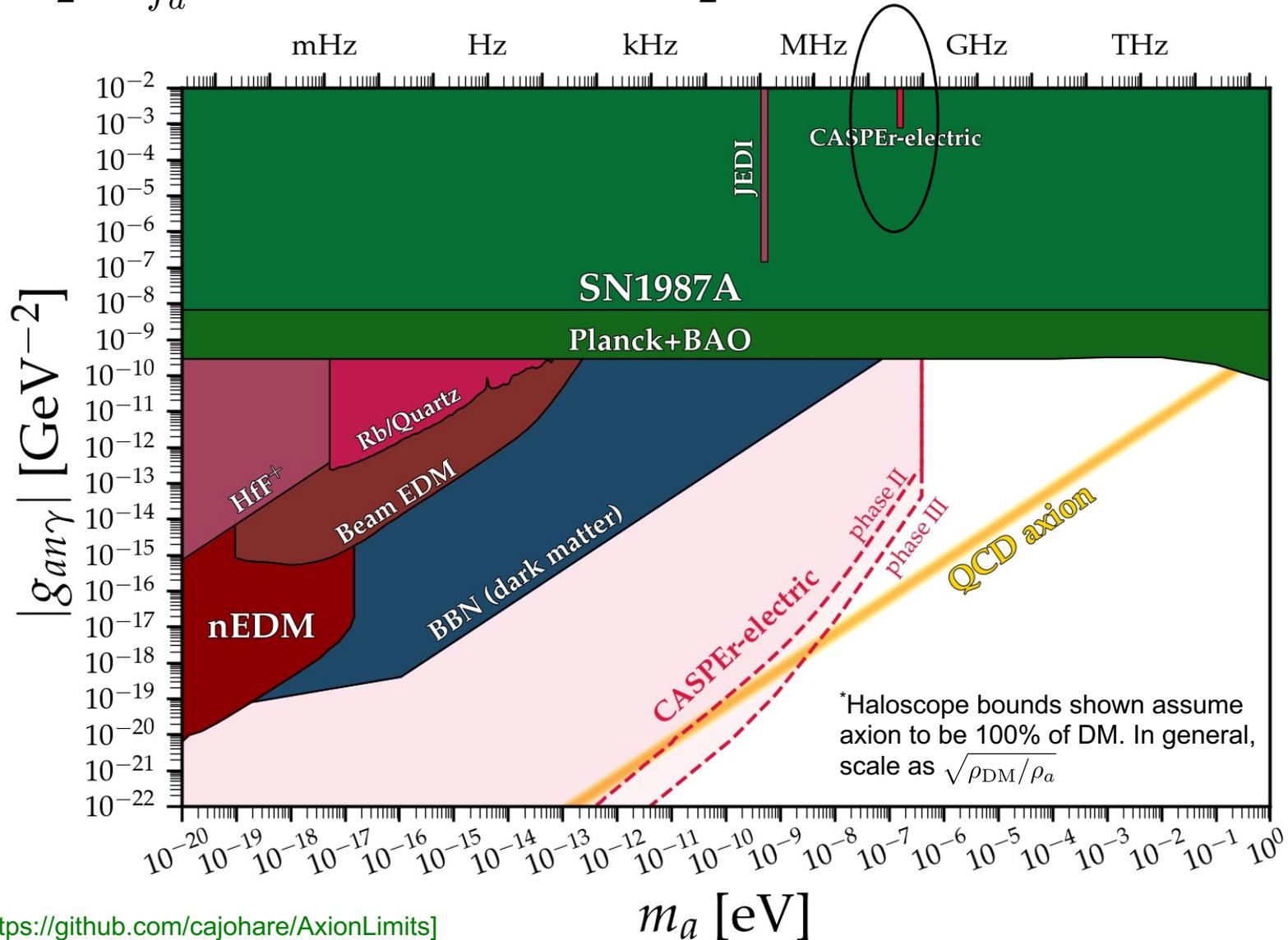
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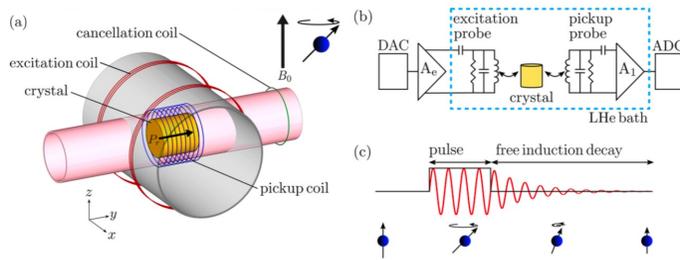
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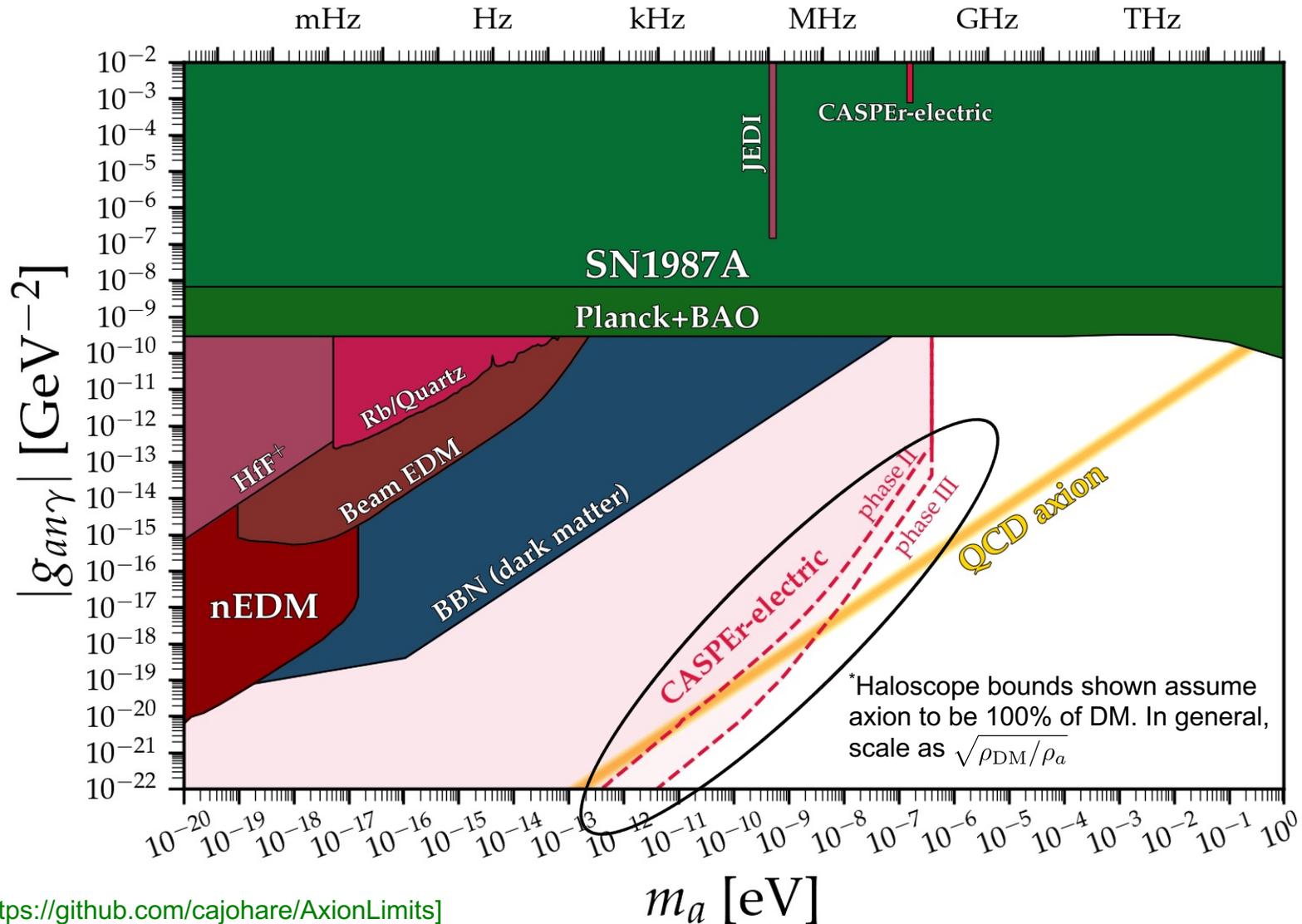
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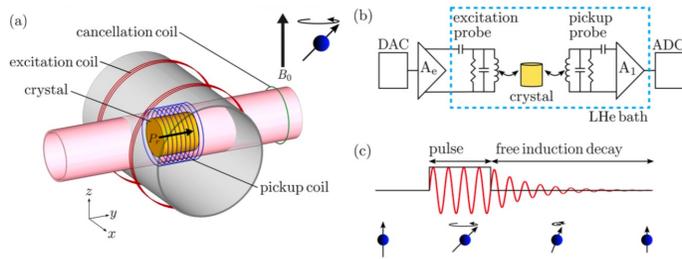
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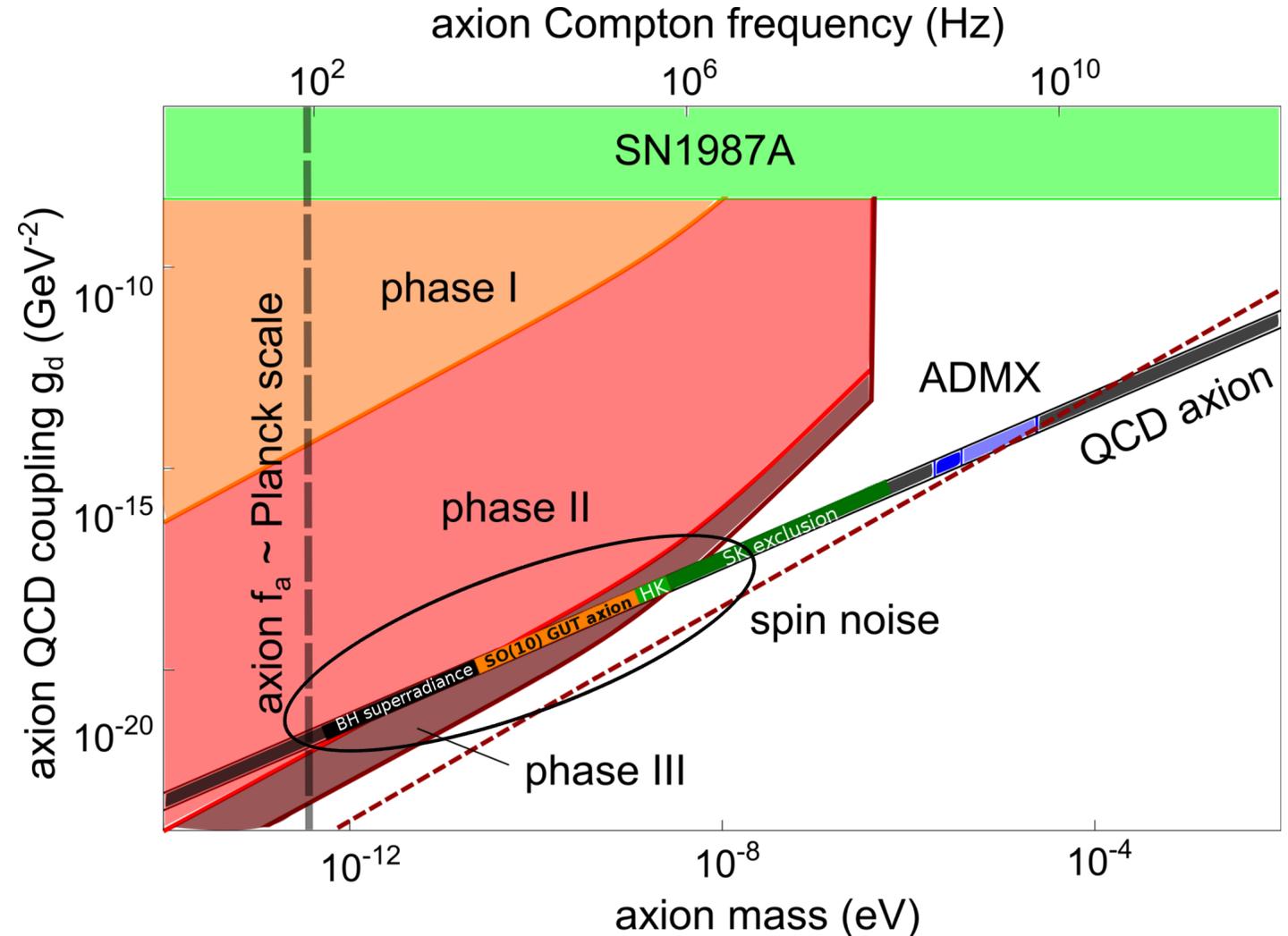
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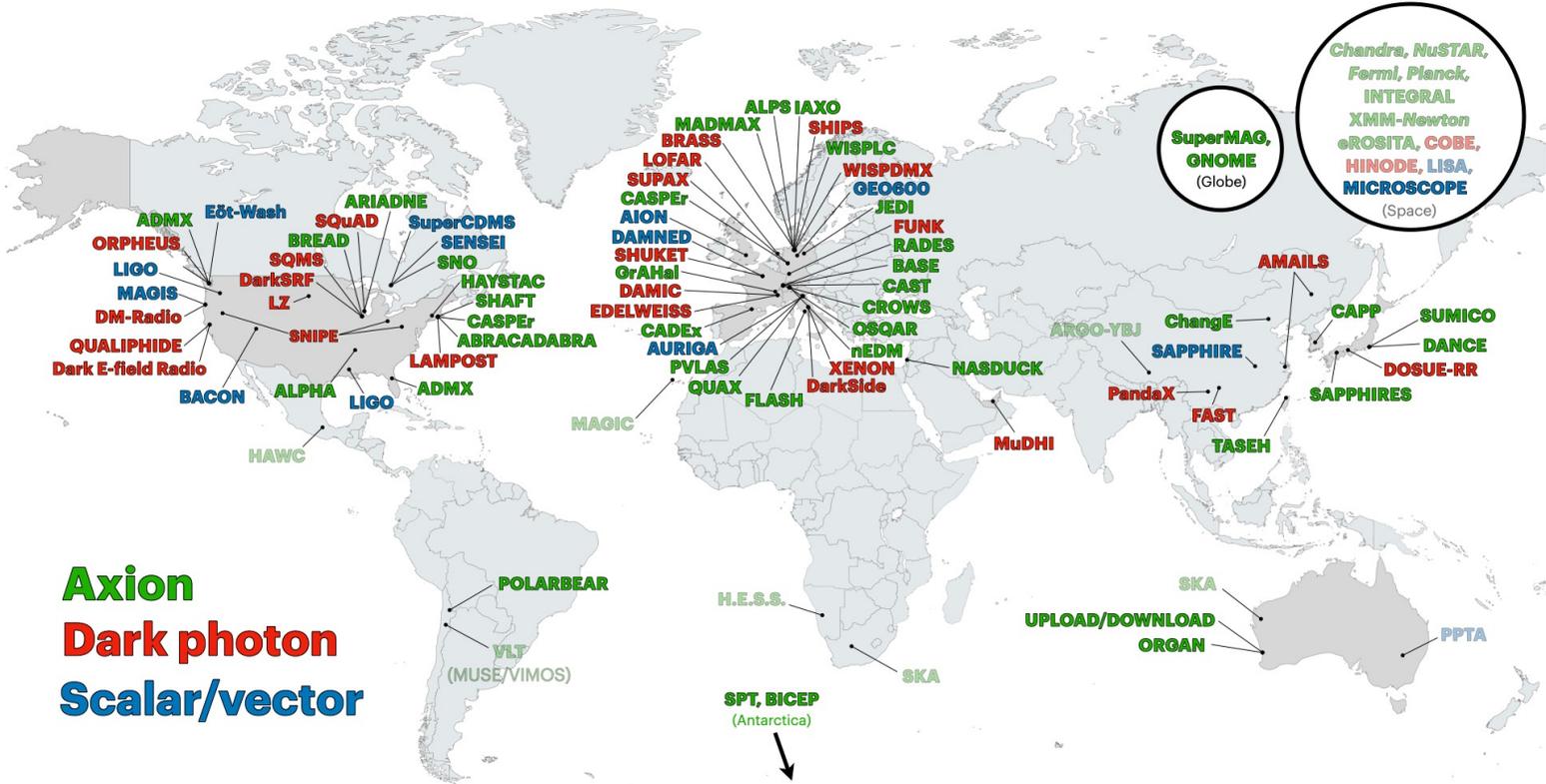
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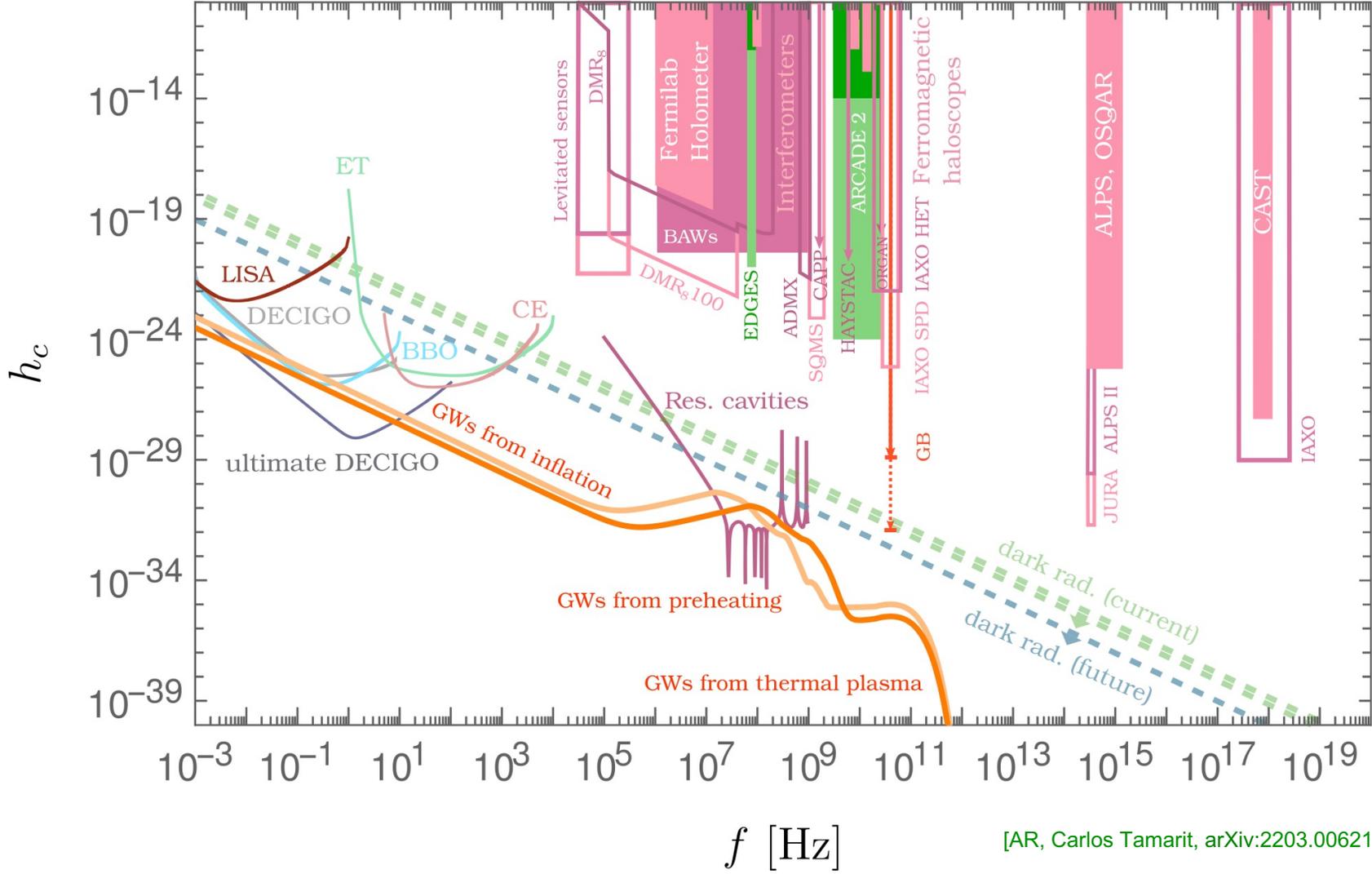
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- Many new experimental techniques developed ... often in very tight collaborations between phenomenologically oriented theorists and theoretically interested experimentalists

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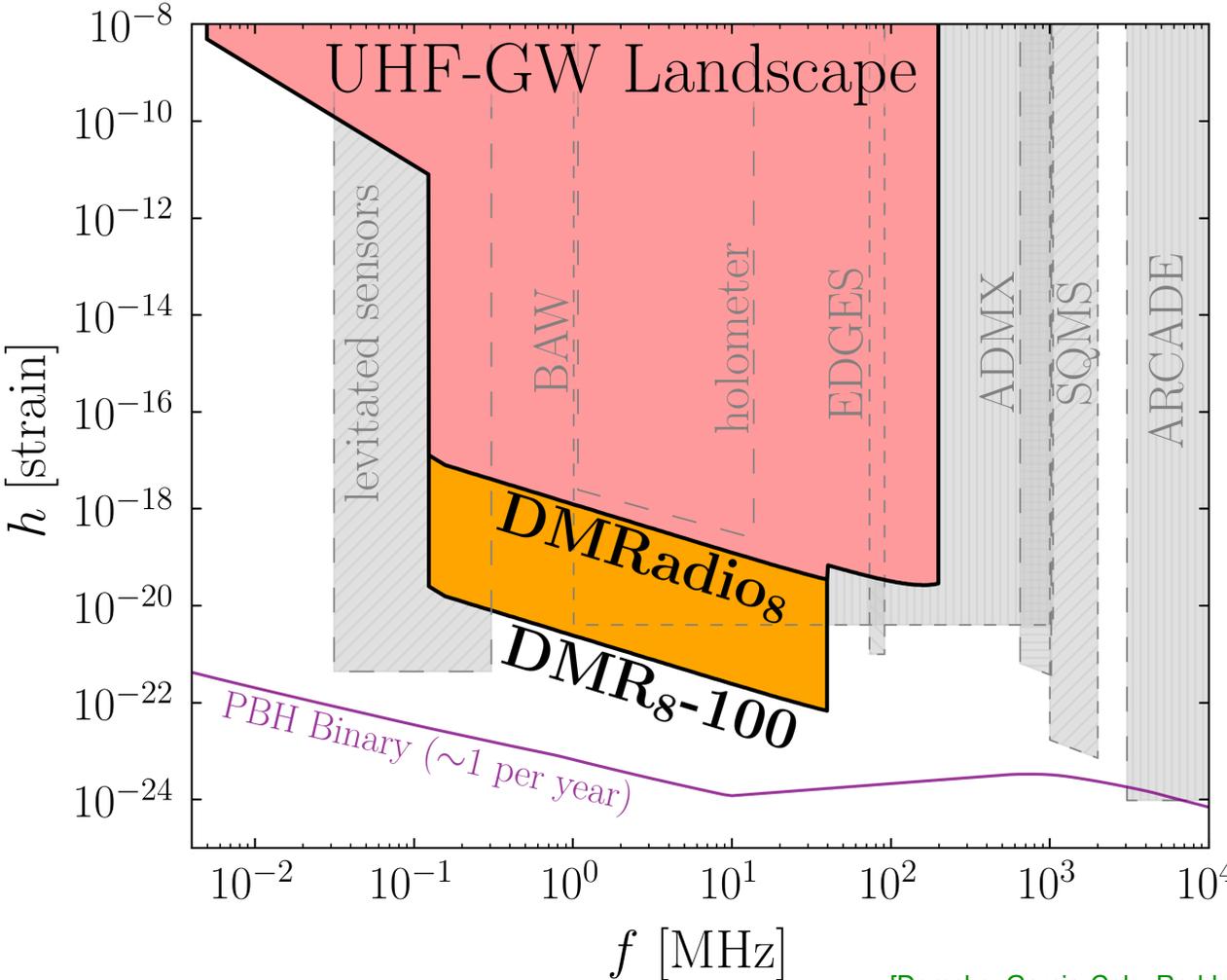


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