



# Axion Magnetic Resonance

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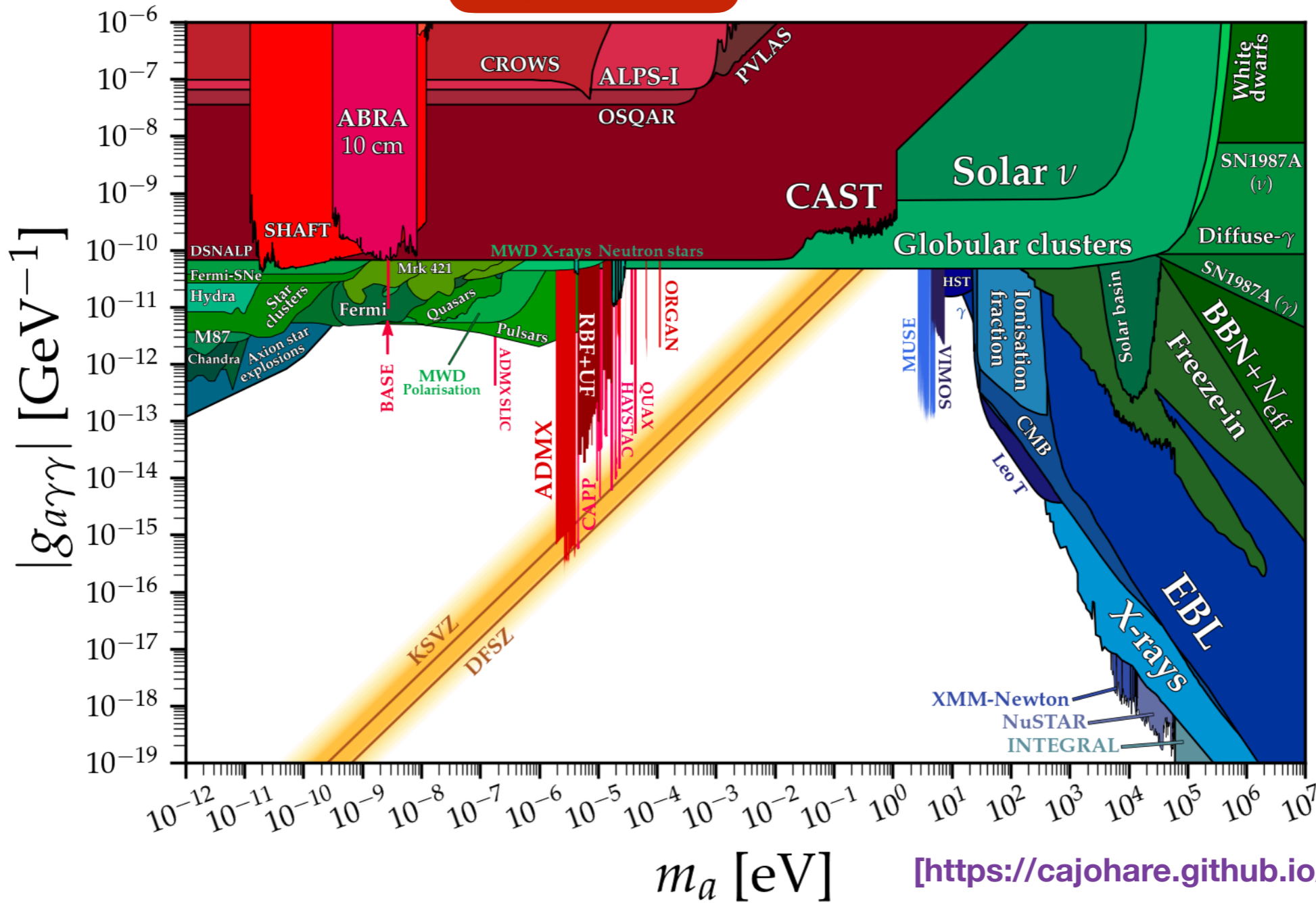


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arXiv:2308.10925, arXiv:2312.XXXXX, and more

# Current status on $\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$

Experimental



Astrophysical

Cosmological

[<https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/>]

# Outline

## 01 Axion-photon conversion

[ *in constant  $\vec{B}$  background*  
*in varying  $\vec{B}$  background*

- Conventional setup
- Linear vs non-linear
- temporal/spatial dependent Hamiltonian
- Parametric resonance

“Axion magnetic resonance”

## 02 Implications

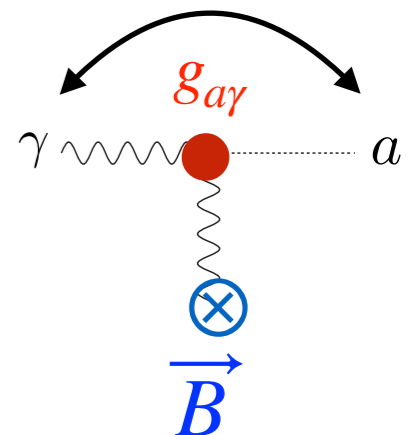
- Experimental - LSTW, helioscope, etc
- Astrophysical & Cosmological

## 03 Conclusion

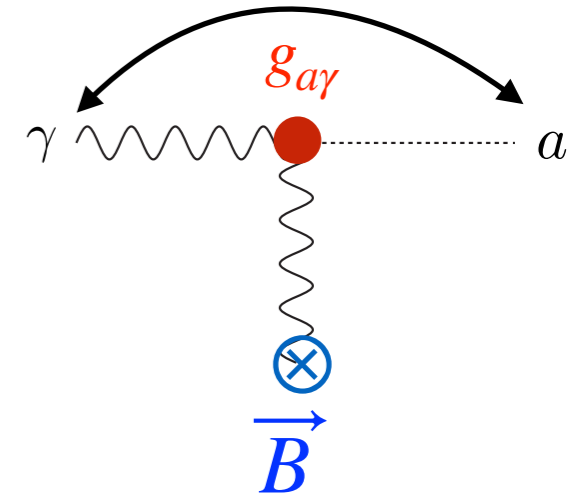
# ***Axion-photon oscillation***

(a.k.a. Primakoff process)

- Conversion in a magnetic background
- Linear vs non-linear regime
- Constant vs spatial/temporal varying B background  
⇒ **Axion magnetic resonance**



# Axion-Photon oscillation



## “Primakoff” process

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\&\gamma} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\mu}a\partial^{\mu}a - \frac{1}{2}m_a^2a^2 - \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = g_{a\gamma}\vec{E}\cdot\vec{B}a$$

- Equation of motion in the presence of a background (transverse) magnetic field  $\vec{B}$

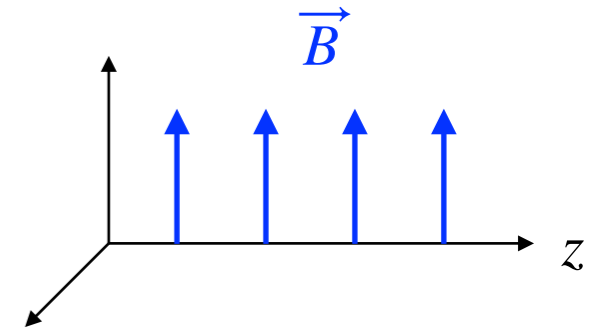
$$\partial_{\mu}F^{\mu\nu} = g_{a\gamma}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}a$$

$$\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\vec{A} = g_{a\gamma}\vec{B}\partial_t a$$

$$\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}a = -m_a^2a - \frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\partial_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}a = -m_a^2a - g_{a\gamma}\vec{B}\cdot\partial_t\vec{A}$$

# Axion-Photon oscillation

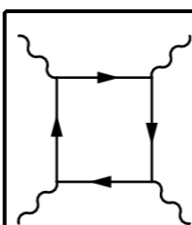


- “Constant”  $\vec{B}$  & propagation in z-direction with  $\psi = e^{-i\omega t} \psi(z)$
- For relativistic axions and photons (i.e.,  $\omega \gg m_a$ )  $\omega^2 + \partial_z^2 \approx 2\omega (\omega + i\partial_z)$

$$\left[ \omega + i\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} \omega(n_{\perp} - 1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega(n_{\parallel} - 1) & g_{a\gamma} B/2 \\ 0 & g_{a\gamma} B/2 & -m_a^2/2\omega \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_{\perp} \\ A_{\parallel} \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

✓ The only  $\vec{A}_{\parallel} \parallel \vec{B}$  oscillates with axions ( $F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -4\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$  &  $\vec{E} = \partial_t \vec{A}$ )

- Vacuum refractive indices leading to the QED birefringence  
“Cotton-Mouton effect”

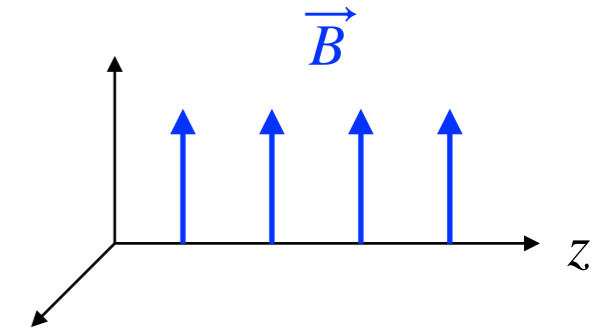


Euler-Heisenberg

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{90m_e^4} \left[ (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{7}{4} (F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu})^2 \right]$$

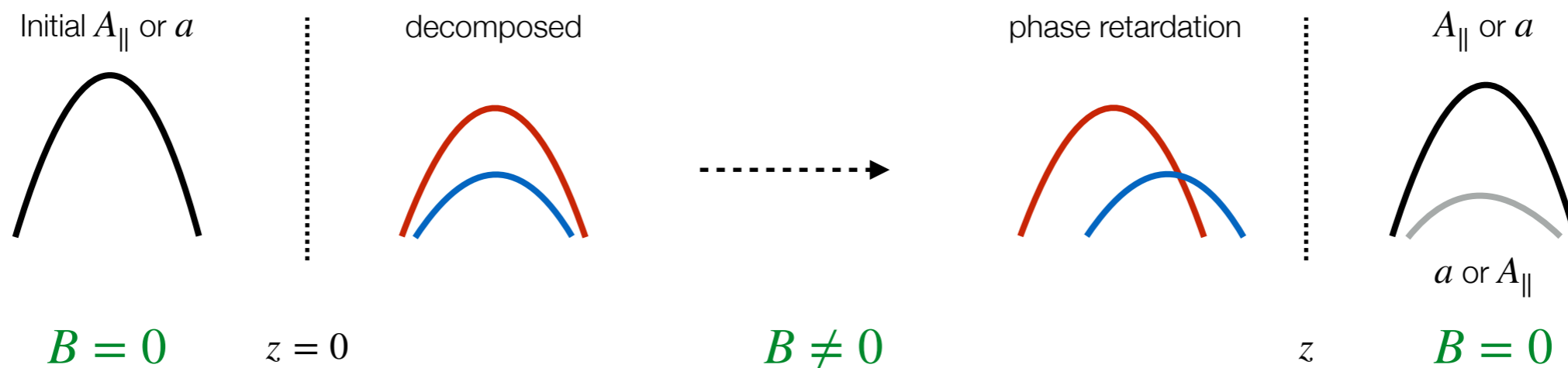
$$n_{\perp} - 1 = 4 \frac{2\alpha}{45} \frac{B^2}{m_e^4}, \quad n_{\parallel} - 1 = 7 \frac{2\alpha}{45} \frac{B^2}{m_e^4} \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{2\alpha}{45} \frac{B^2}{m_e^4} = 1.32 \times 10^{-24} \left( \frac{B}{\text{T}} \right)^2$$

# Axion-Photon oscillation



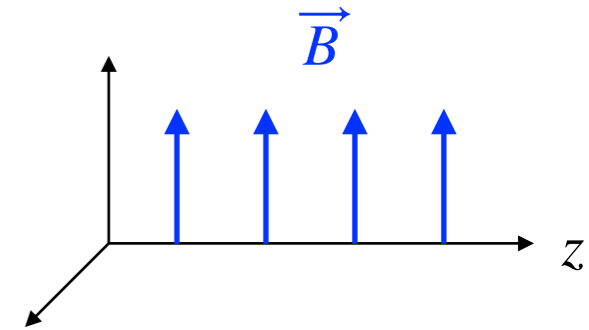
$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{\parallel} \\ a \end{pmatrix}_z = \exp \left[ i \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_{\parallel} & \Delta_{a\gamma} \\ \Delta_{a\gamma} & \Delta_a \end{pmatrix} z \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_{\parallel} \\ a \end{pmatrix}_{z=0}$$

$$\Delta_{\parallel} = \omega (n_{\parallel} - 1), \quad \Delta_a = -m_a^2/2\omega, \quad \Delta_{a\gamma} = g_{a\gamma} B/2$$



[In constant B]

# Axion-Photon oscillation



$$P_{A_{\parallel} \leftrightarrow a} = \sin^2 2\theta_{a\gamma} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta_{\text{osc}}}{2} z \right)$$

$$\tan 2\theta_{a\gamma} = \frac{2\Delta_{a\gamma}}{\Delta_a - \Delta_{\parallel}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{(\Delta_a - \Delta_{\parallel})^2 + 4\Delta_{a\gamma}^2}$$

The mixing angle between  $A_{\parallel}$  &  $a$

The oscillation frequency  
corresponding to the phase velocity difference



# Condition in experimental setups

$$\text{Gauss} = 1.95 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\omega \sim 1 \text{ eV}, \quad B \sim 10 \text{ T} = 10^5 \text{ Gauss}, \quad L_B \sim (1-100) \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta_{\parallel} = 4.7 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}^{-1} \left( \frac{\omega}{1 \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{B}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2$$

$$\Delta_a = -2.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^{-1} \left( \frac{m_a}{\mu\text{eV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\omega}{1 \text{ eV}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_{a\gamma} = 4.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^{-1} \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-7} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{B}{10 \text{ T}} \right)$$

# Linear & non-linear regime

$$P_{A_{\parallel} \leftrightarrow a} = \sin^2 2\theta_{a\gamma} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta_{\text{osc}}}{2} L_B \right)$$

$$\tan 2\theta_{a\gamma} = \frac{2\Delta_{a\gamma}}{\Delta_a}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{\Delta_a^2 + 4\Delta_{a\gamma}^2}$$

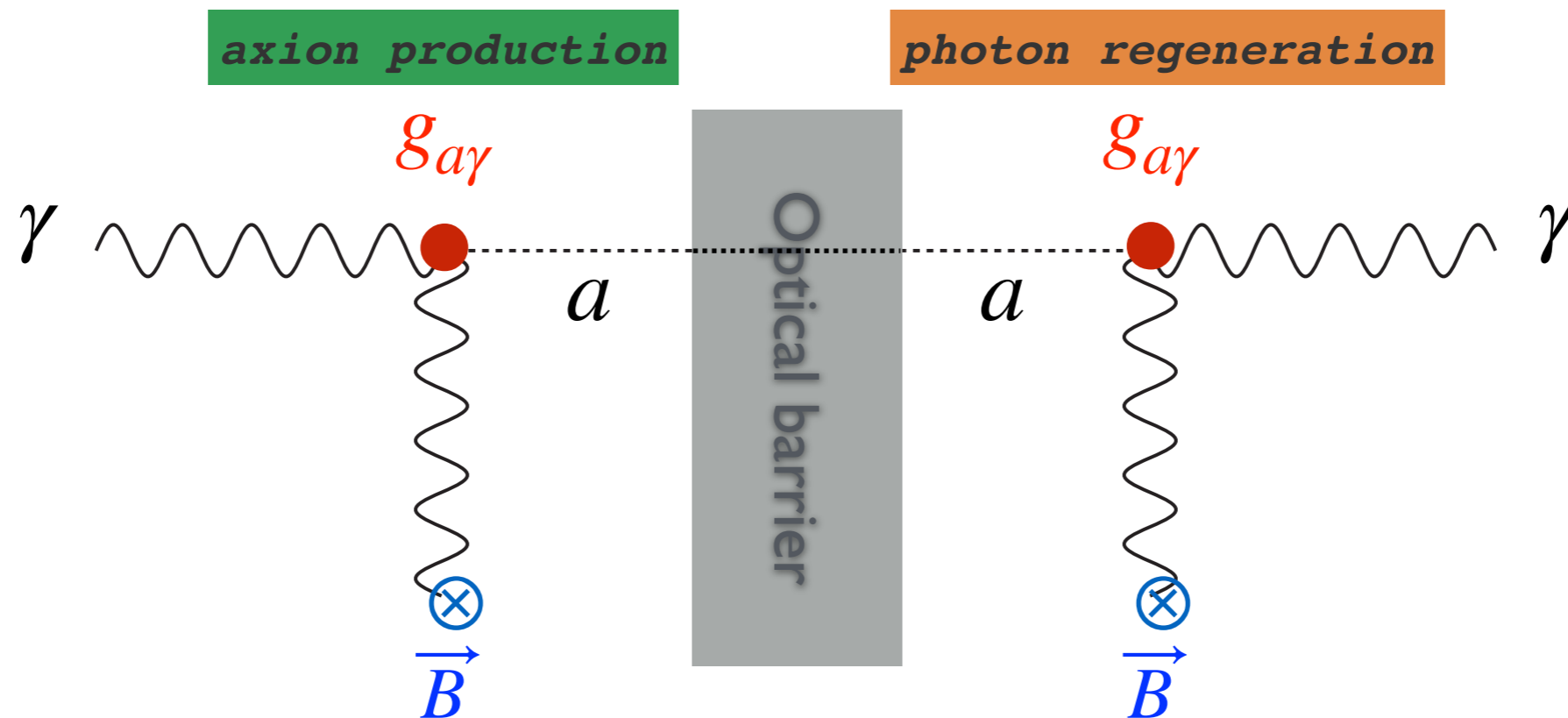
- When  $\Delta_{\text{osc}} L_B \ll 1$ , so-called 'linear regime',

$$P_{A_{\parallel} \leftrightarrow a} \simeq \left( \Delta_{a\gamma} L_B \right)^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-13} \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-7} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{B}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{L_B}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^2$$

- When  $\Delta_{\text{osc}} L_B \gg 1$ , so-called 'non-linear regime', typically  $\Delta_a \gg \Delta_{a\gamma}$  and  $\Delta_{\text{osc}} \approx \Delta_a$

$$P_{A_{\parallel} \leftrightarrow a}^{\text{max}} \simeq \sin^2 2\theta_{a\gamma} = 1.5 \times 10^{-13} \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-7} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{B}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\omega}{1 \text{ eV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{m_a}{\text{meV}} \right)^{-4}$$

# Light-Shining-Through-Walls

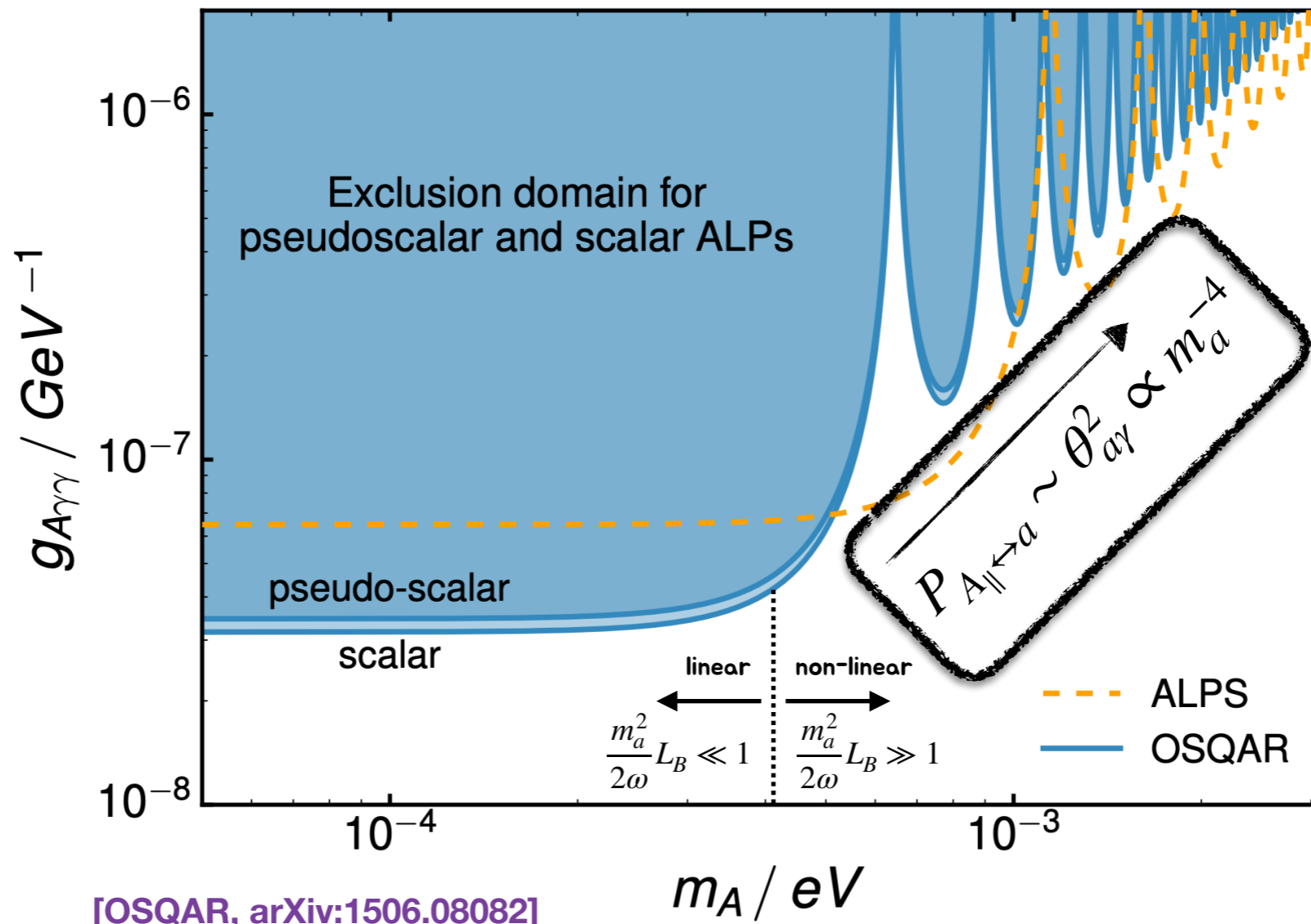


$$\frac{dN_{\gamma}^{\text{reg}}}{dt} = W_{\gamma} \times P_{A_{\parallel} \rightarrow a} \times P_{a \rightarrow A_{\parallel}}$$

$$= 3.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \left( \frac{W_{\gamma}}{10 \text{ Watt}} \right) \left( \frac{\omega}{1 \text{ eV}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-7} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{B}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{L_B}{10 \text{ m}} \right)^4$$

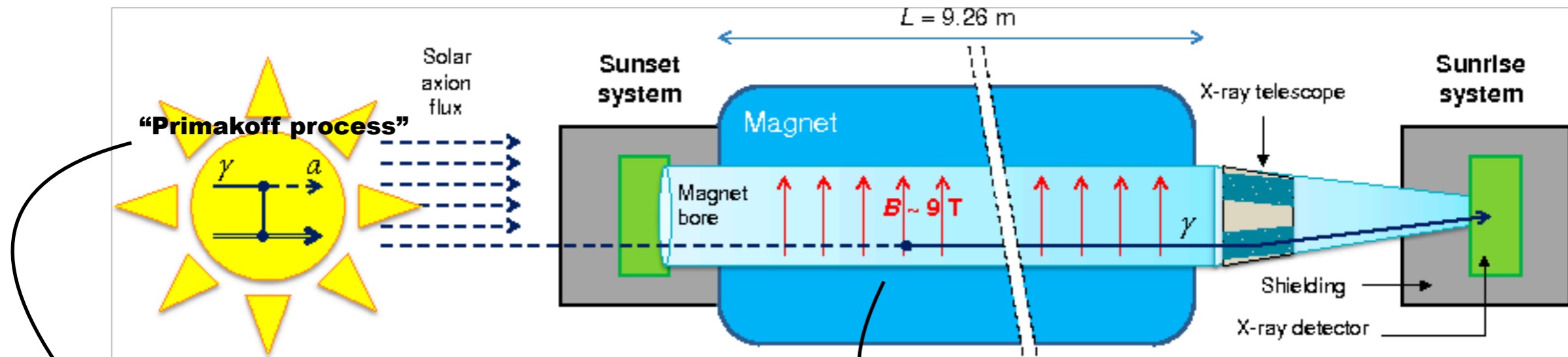
"linear regime"

# Light-Shining-Through-Walls



# Axion helioscope

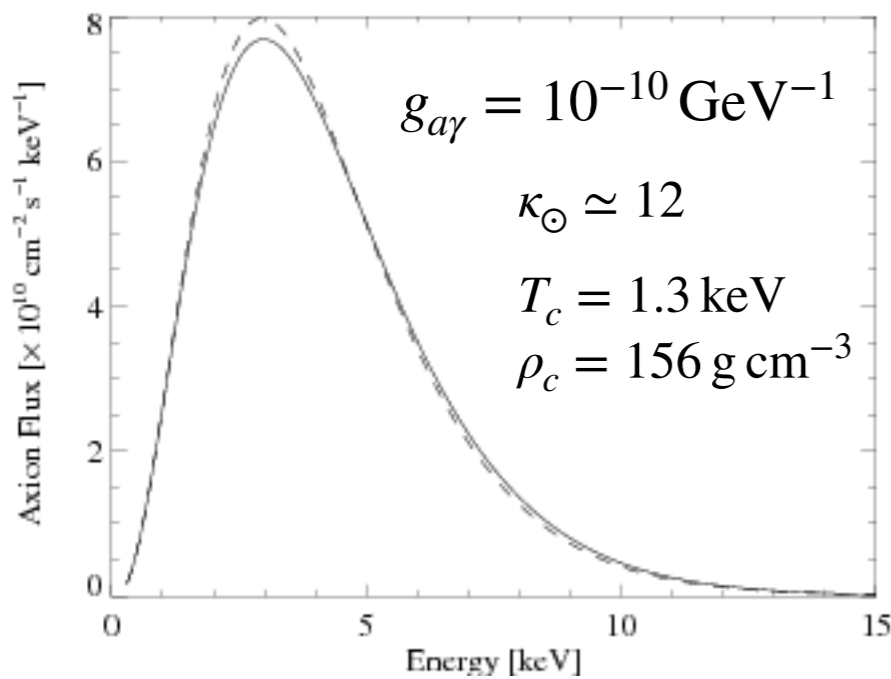
[CAST, arXiv:1705.02290]



- Solar axion flux

- Axion detection via  $\gamma$ -conversion

[CAST, hep-ex/0702006]

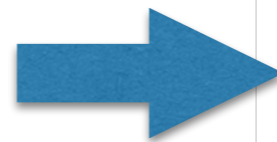
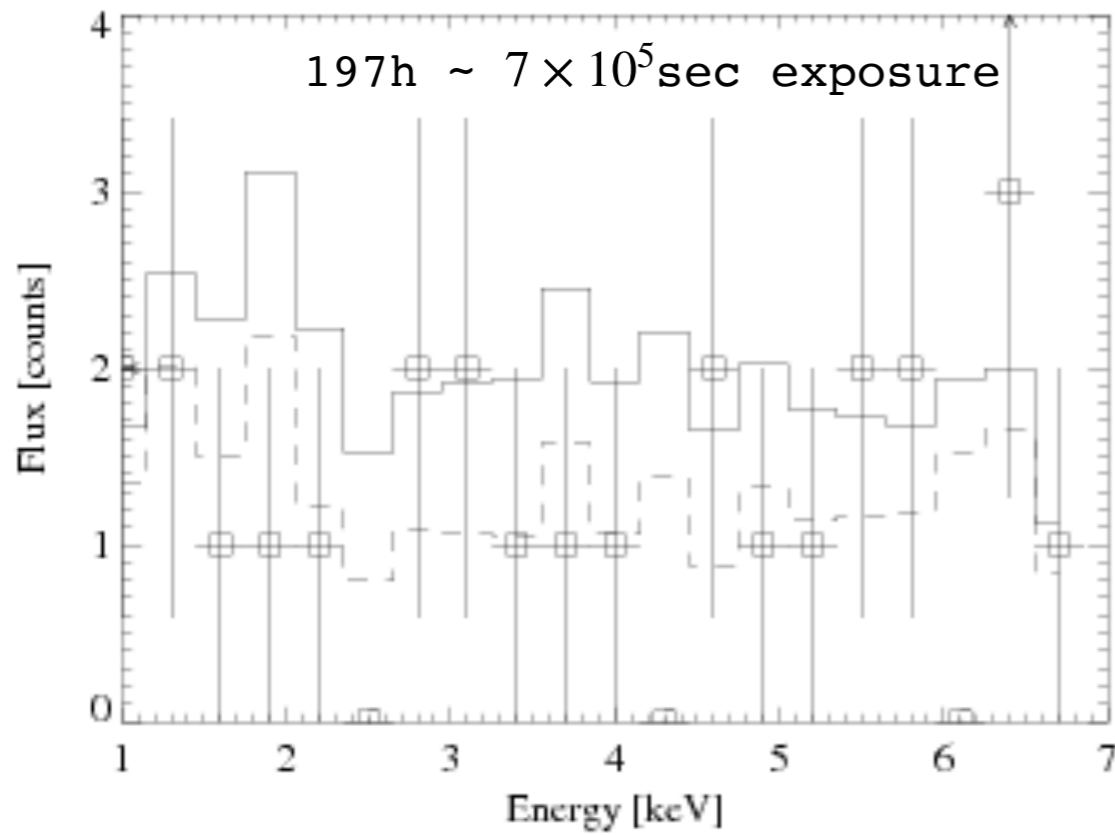


$$P_{A_{\parallel} \rightarrow a} \simeq \left( \Delta_{a\gamma} L_B \right)^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-17} \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{B}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{L_B}{10 \text{ m}} \right)^2$$

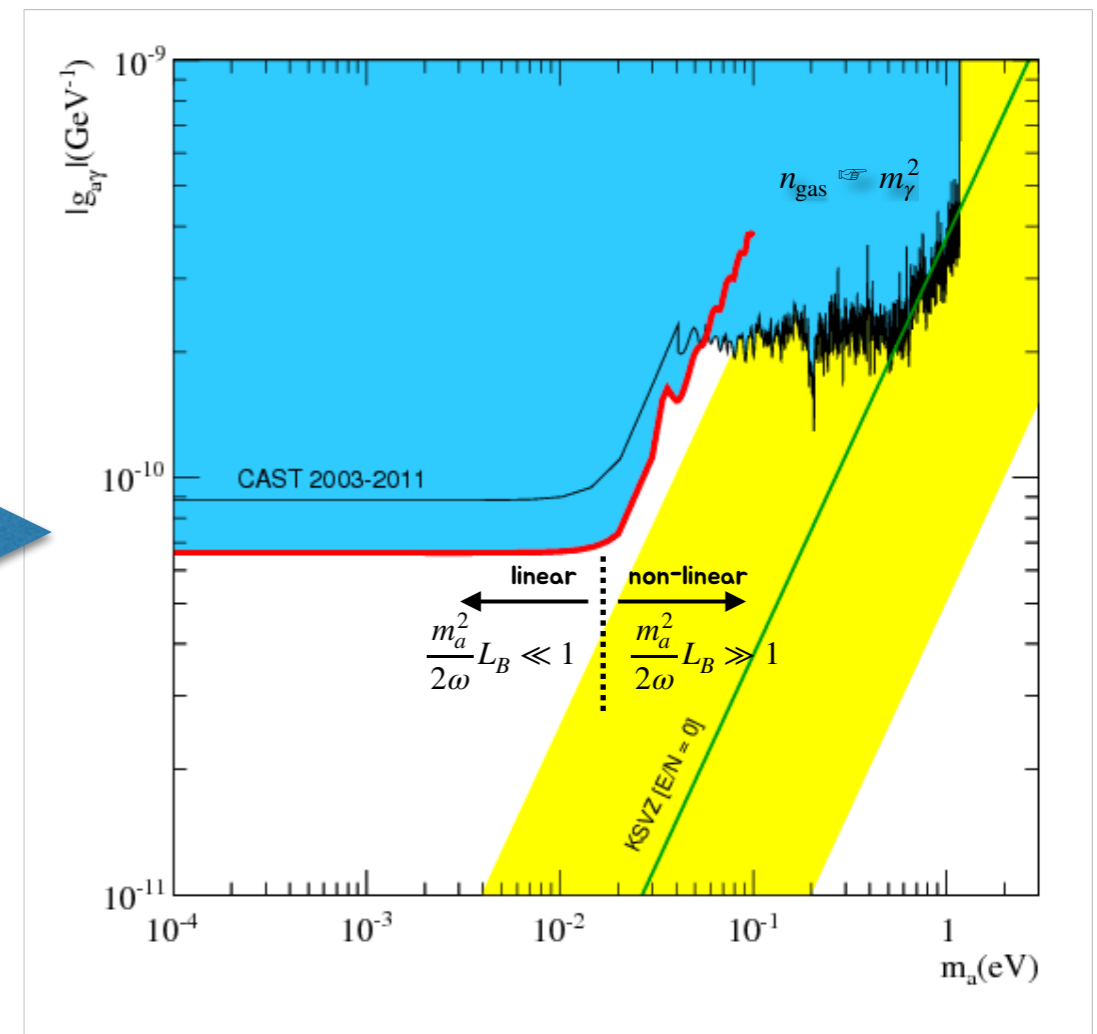
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# Axion helioscope

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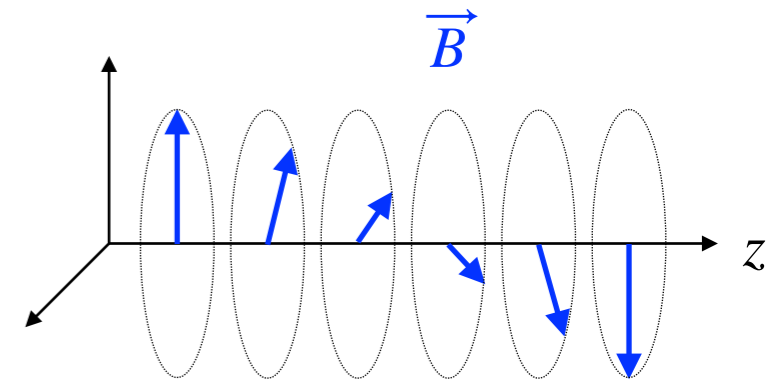
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# ***Axion magnetic resonance***

- Enhancement of axion-photon conversion in a spatially/temporally ***rotating*** magnetic field
- Applications to LSTW & Helioscope

# Axion-Photon oscillation



- Equation motion in “spatially varying”  $\vec{B}$  & assuming negligible refractive index

$$\left[ \omega + i\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & g_{a\gamma} B \sin \theta/2 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{a\gamma} B \cos \theta/2 \\ g_{a\gamma} B \sin \theta/2 & g_{a\gamma} B \cos \theta/2 & -m_a^2/2\omega \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- In the co-rotate basis with respect to  $\vec{B}$  (i.e.,  $A_{\perp}$  &  $A_{\parallel}$ )

$$\left[ \omega + i\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\dot{\theta} & 0 \\ i\dot{\theta} & 0 & g_{a\gamma} B/2 \\ 0 & g_{a\gamma} B/2 & -m_a^2/2\omega \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_{\perp} \\ A_{\parallel} \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Frequency of  $B$  variation  
from  $-iU^\dagger \partial_z U$  with the co-rotation  $U$



# Axion-Photon oscillation

- In the circular-polarized basis as diagonalized in the photon states

$$\left[ \omega + i\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} -\dot{\theta} & 0 & g_{a\gamma}B/2\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \dot{\theta} & g_{a\gamma}B/2\sqrt{2} \\ g_{a\gamma}B/2\sqrt{2} & g_{a\gamma}B/2\sqrt{2} & -m_a^2/2\omega \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_- \\ A_+ \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- Enhancement of conversion probability occurs when  $|\dot{\theta}| = m_a^2/2\omega \approx \Delta_{\text{osc}}$

- Effectively modified photon dispersion due to the co-rotating frame

☞ **Compensation of the momentum transfer**  $m_a^2/2\omega$

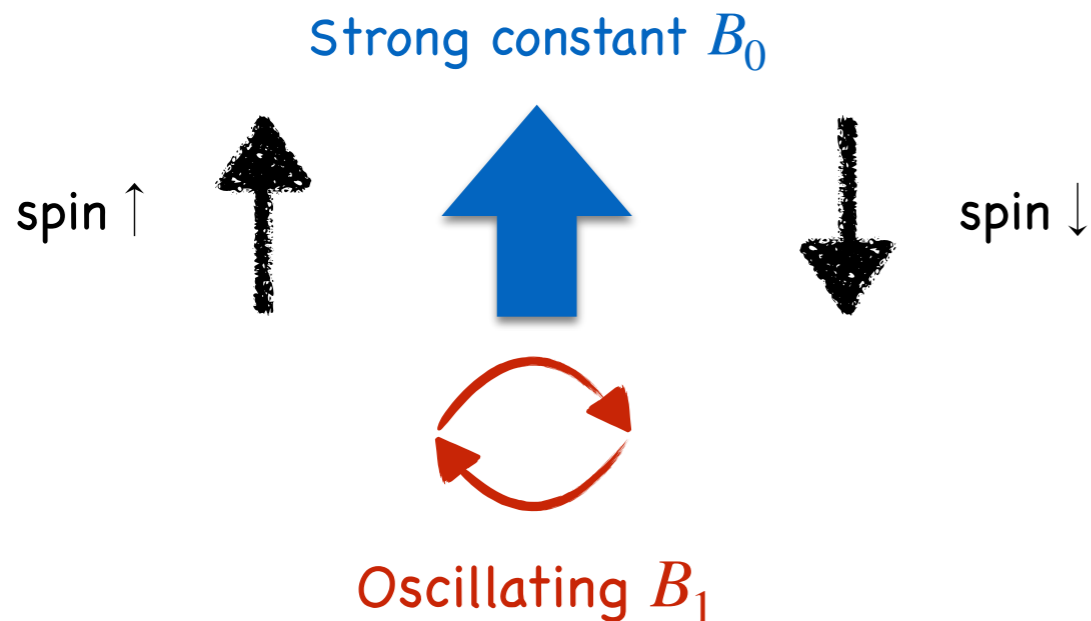
- Parametric resonance

☞ **Oscillation frequency**  $\frac{\Delta_{\text{osc}}}{2} \times 2 =$  **System's frequency**  $\dot{\theta}$

Cavity setup is valid

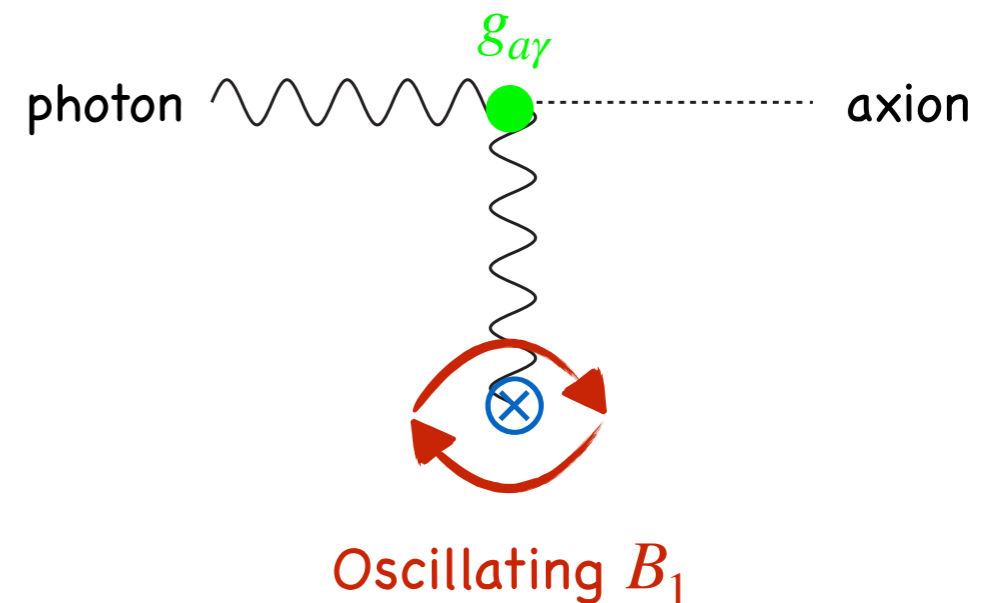
# Axion magnetic resonance (AMR)

## Nuclear magnetic resonance



- Two states: spin  $\uparrow \downarrow$
- Larmor precession frequency  $\omega_0 = \mu B_0$
- Transition in oscillating  $B_1$  with  $\dot{\theta} = d\hat{B}_1/dt$
- Rabi frequency  $\sqrt{(\omega_0 - \dot{\theta})^2 + (\mu B_1)^2}$

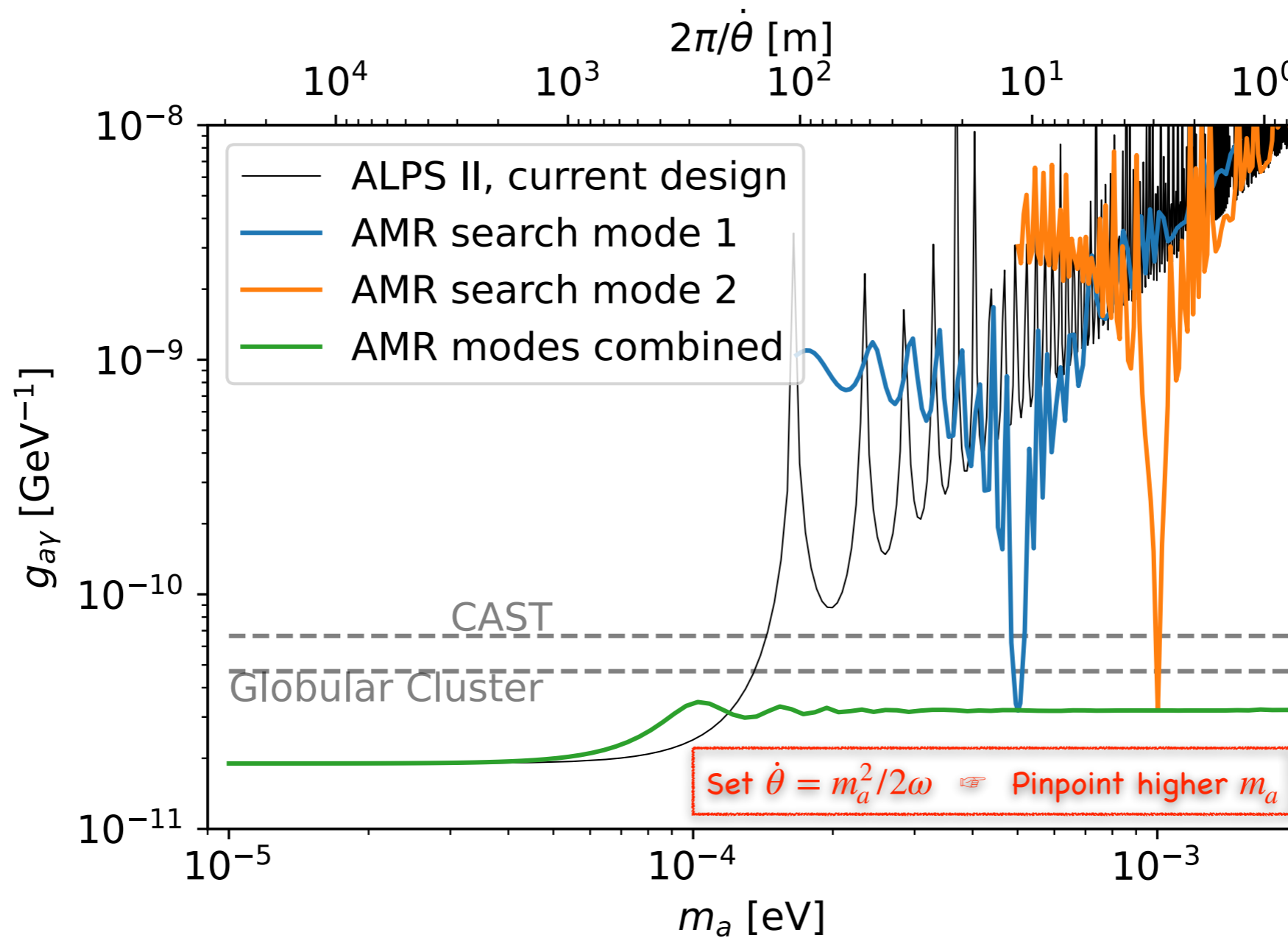
## Axion magnetic resonance



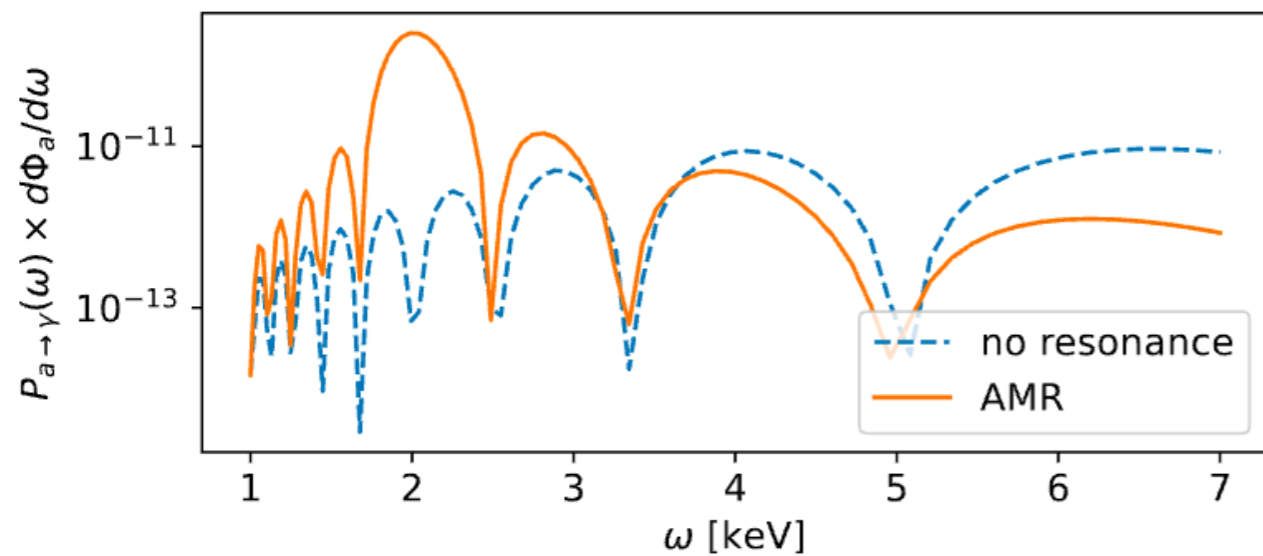
- Two state: photon & axion
- Axion momentum transfer  $\omega_a = m_a^2/2E$
- Transition in oscillating  $B_1$  with  $\dot{\theta} = d\hat{B}_1/dt$
- Rabi frequency  $\sqrt{(\omega_a - \dot{\theta})^2 + (g_{ay} B/2)^2}$

# AMR in LSTW

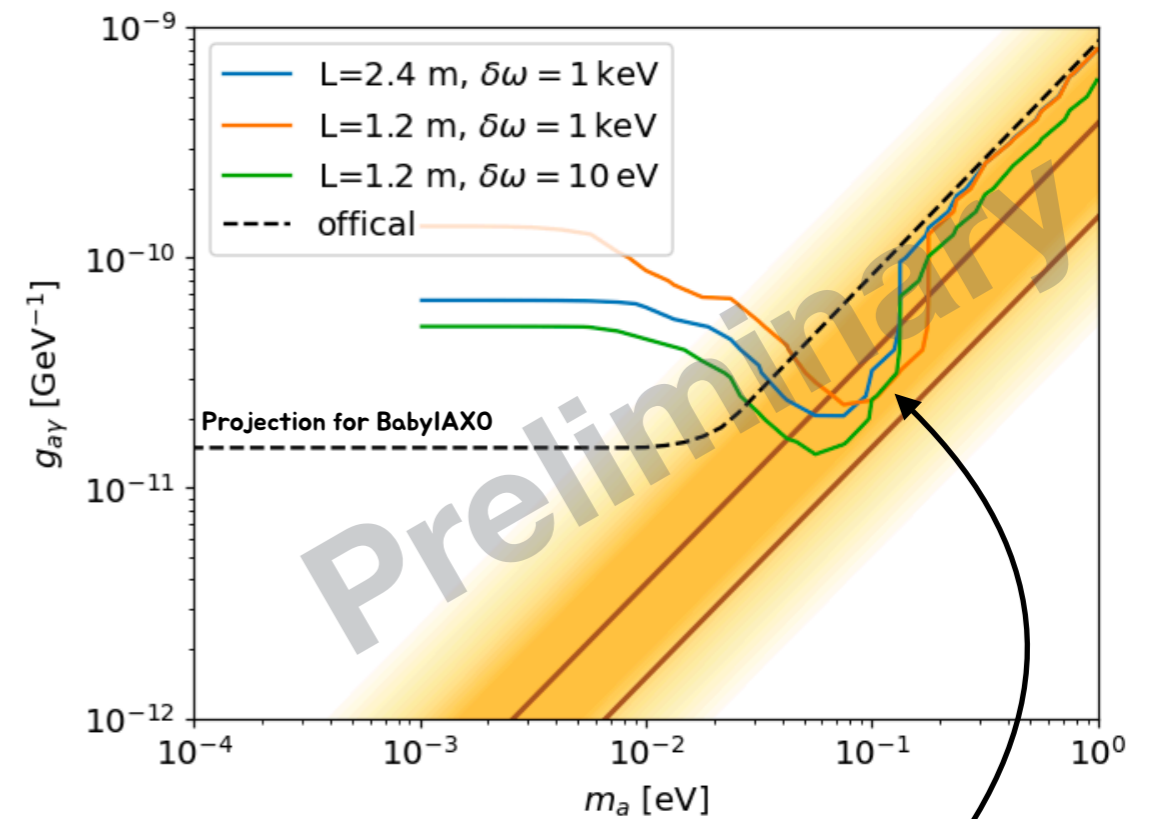
[C. Sun, H. Seong, SY, 23]



# AMR in helioscope



- Solar axion via Primakoff  $\gamma + (N, Z) \rightarrow a + (N, Z)$
- Continuum spectrum in 1-10 keV range



➡ **Broader AMR parametric scanning**

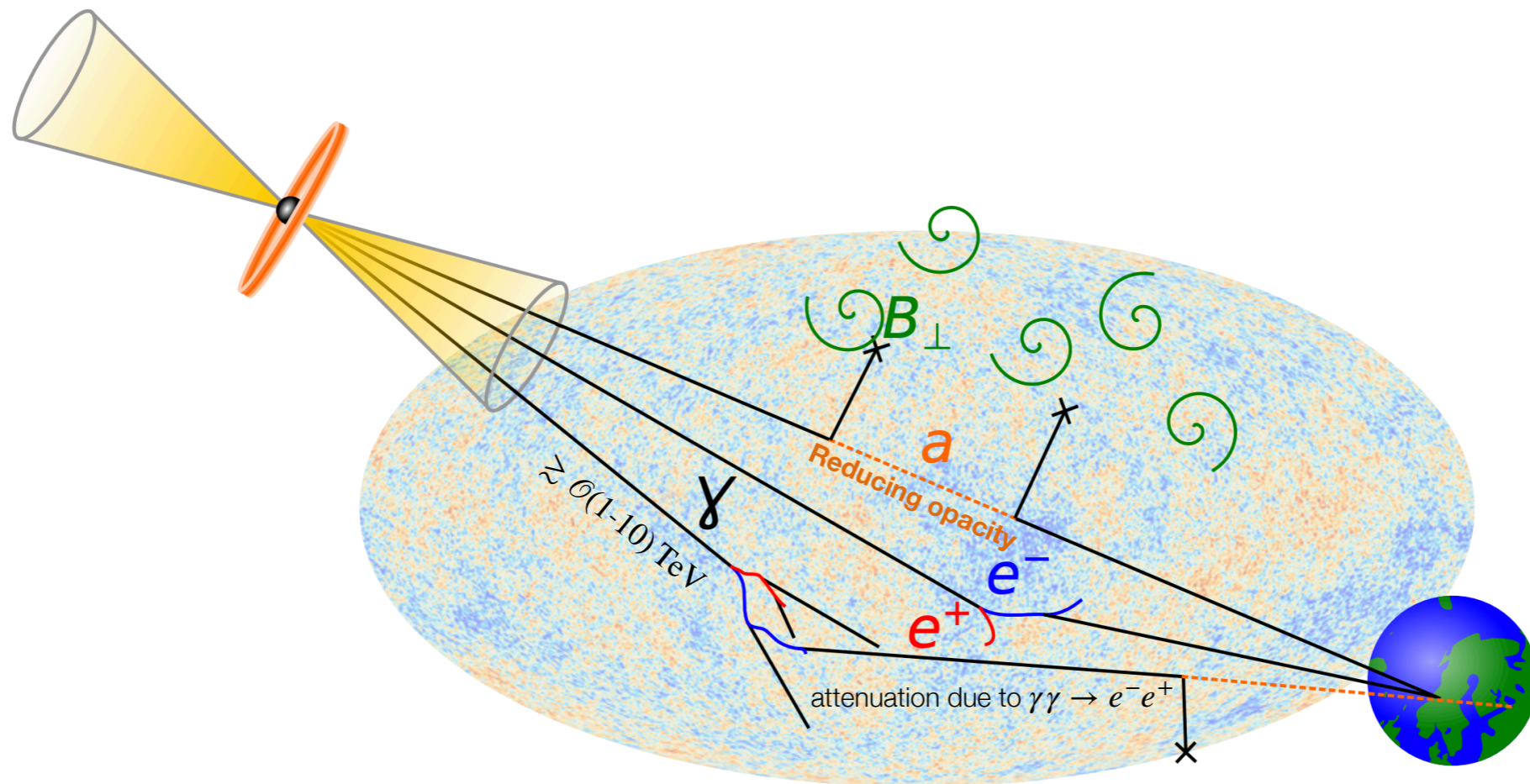
# *Other applications?*

- Impact on axion-photon (resonant) oscillation
- Astrophysical & Cosmological implications

# TeV transparency & Axion wiggles

$\gamma$ -ray opacity

$\gamma$ -ray spectrum



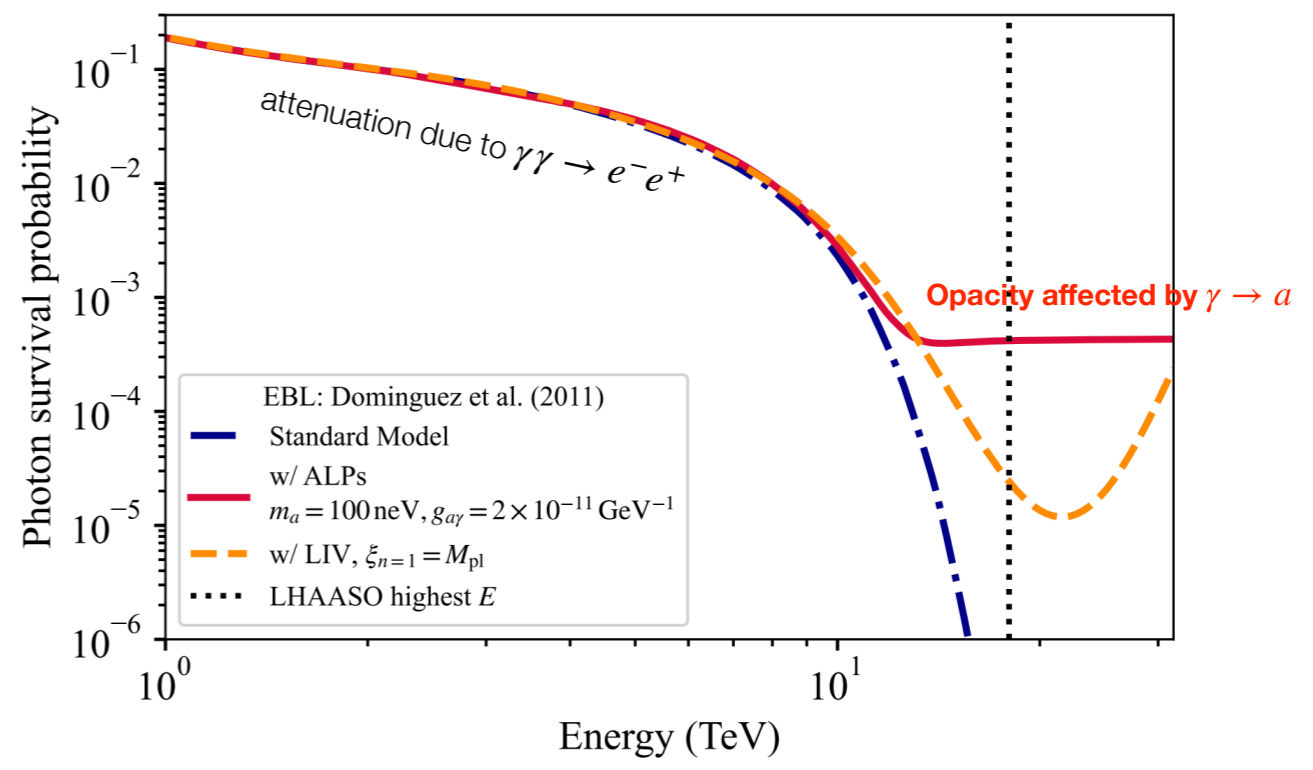
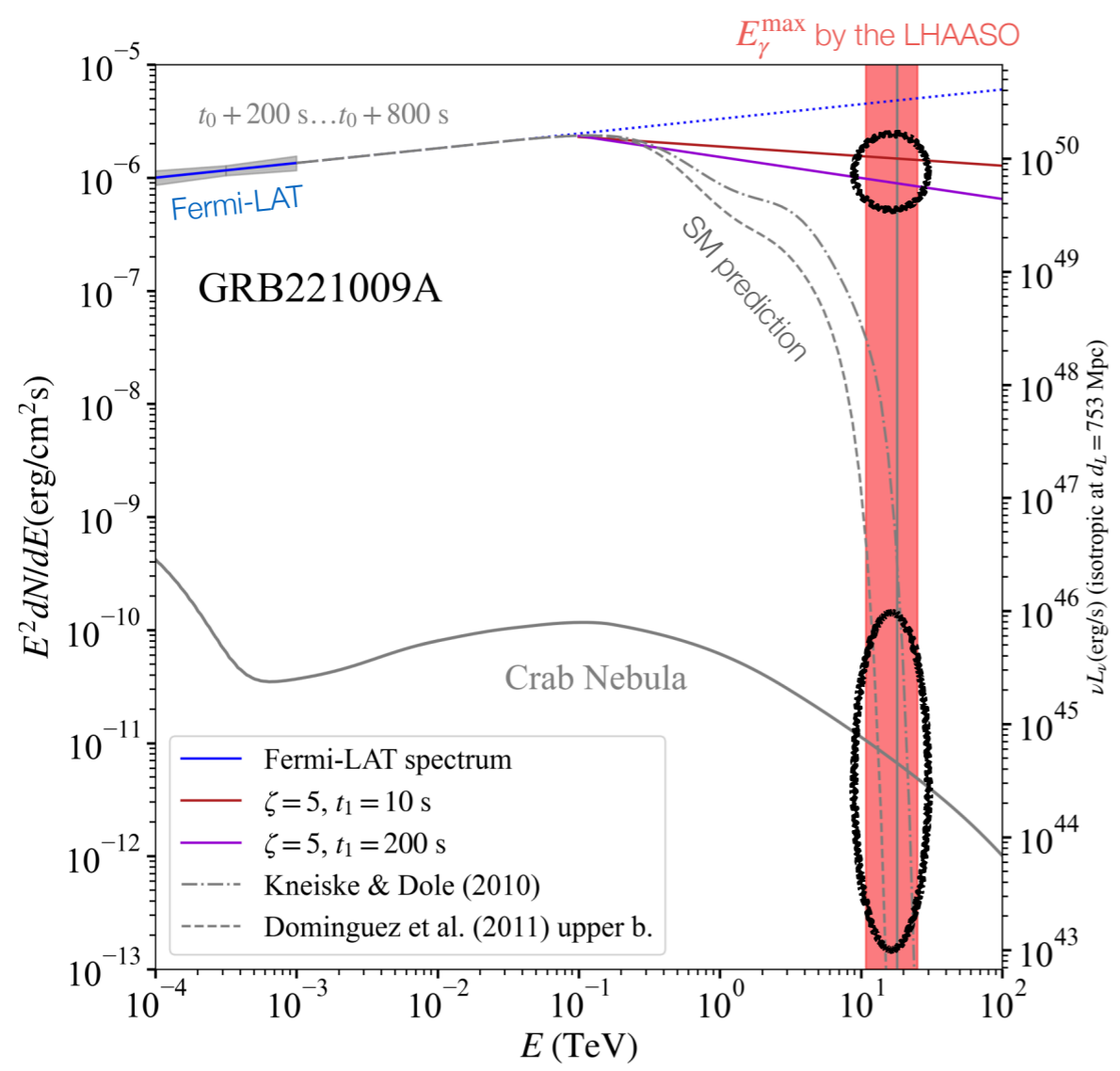
[Michael Kachelrieß's slide @ 1st General Meeting of COST Action COSMIC WISPerS (CA21106)]

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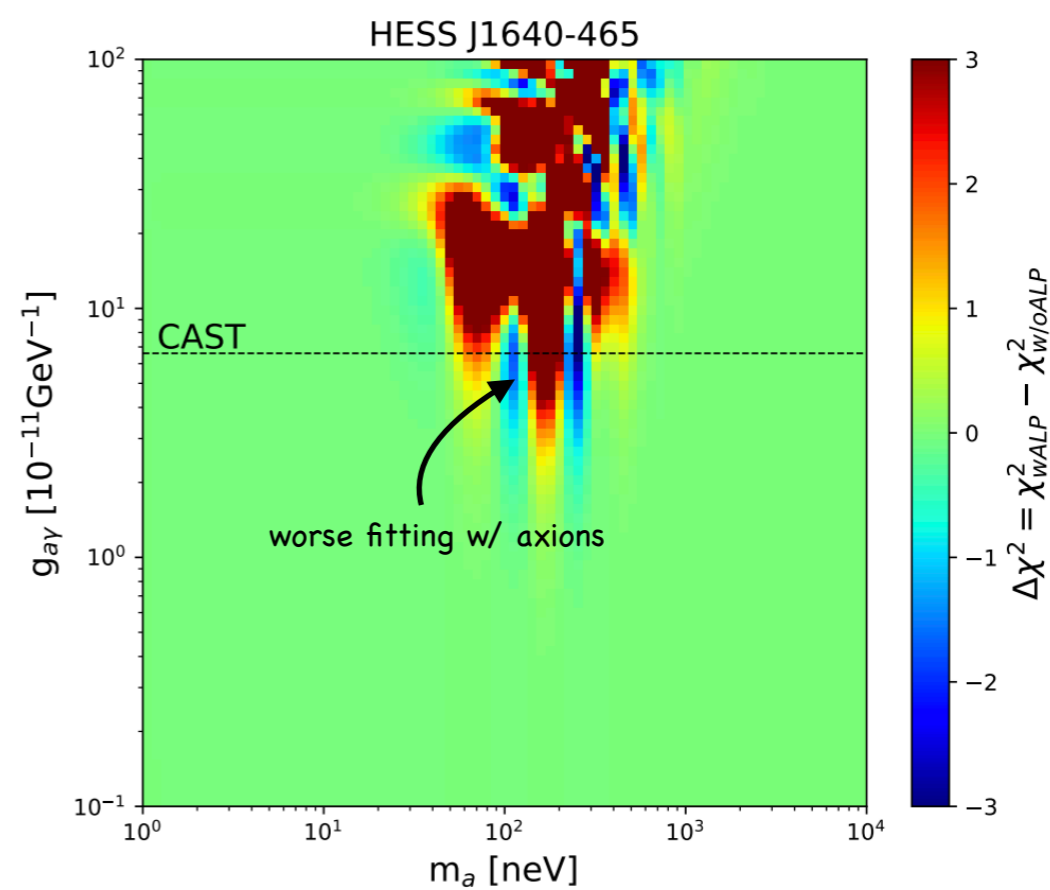
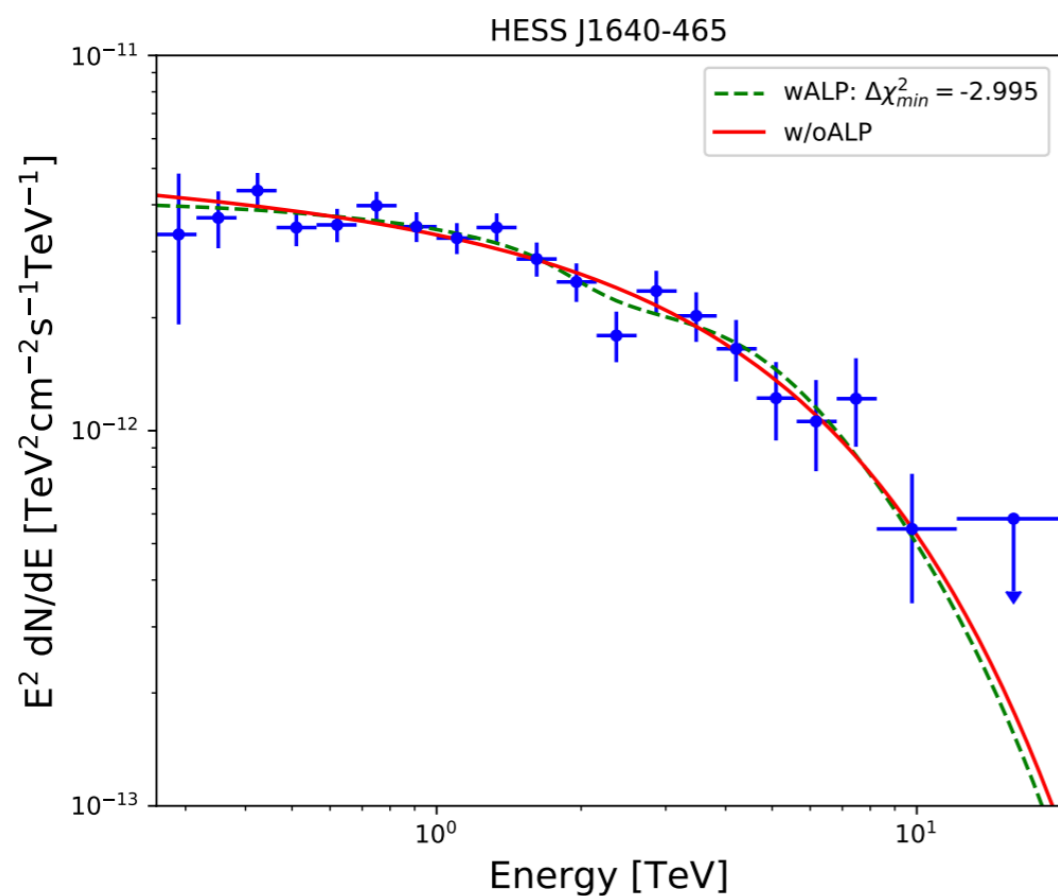


[A. Baktash et al., 23]

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[Y. Liang et al., 18]



# Condition in astrophysical searches

Galactic  $\vec{B}$

$$B \sim \mu\text{G}, \quad l_{\text{coh}} \sim 10 \text{ kpc}$$

$$|\dot{\theta}| = \mathcal{O}(0.1) \text{ kpc}^{-1}$$



$$\Delta_{\parallel} = 0.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kpc}^{-1} \left( \frac{\omega}{\text{TeV}} \right)$$

$$\Delta_a = -0.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kpc}^{-1} \left( \frac{m_a}{\text{neV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\omega}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_{a\gamma} = 1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kpc}^{-1} \left( \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{B}{\mu\text{G}} \right)$$

Intergalactic  $\vec{B}$

$$B \sim \text{nG}, \quad l_{\text{coh}} \sim \text{Mpc}$$

$$|\dot{\theta}| = \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$



$$\Delta_{\parallel} = 0.8 \times 10^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \left( \frac{\omega}{\text{TeV}} \right)$$

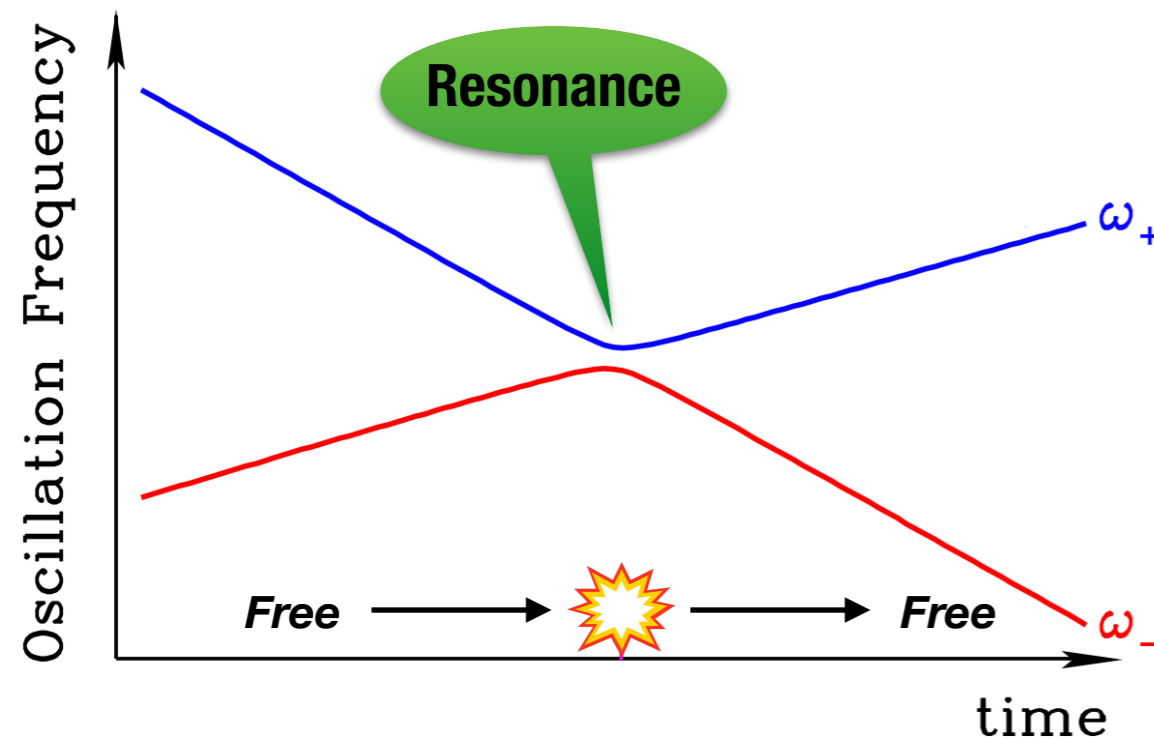
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**Suppression of  $\gamma \leftrightarrow a$ ?**

# Resonant conversion

In the basis of mass eigenstates,



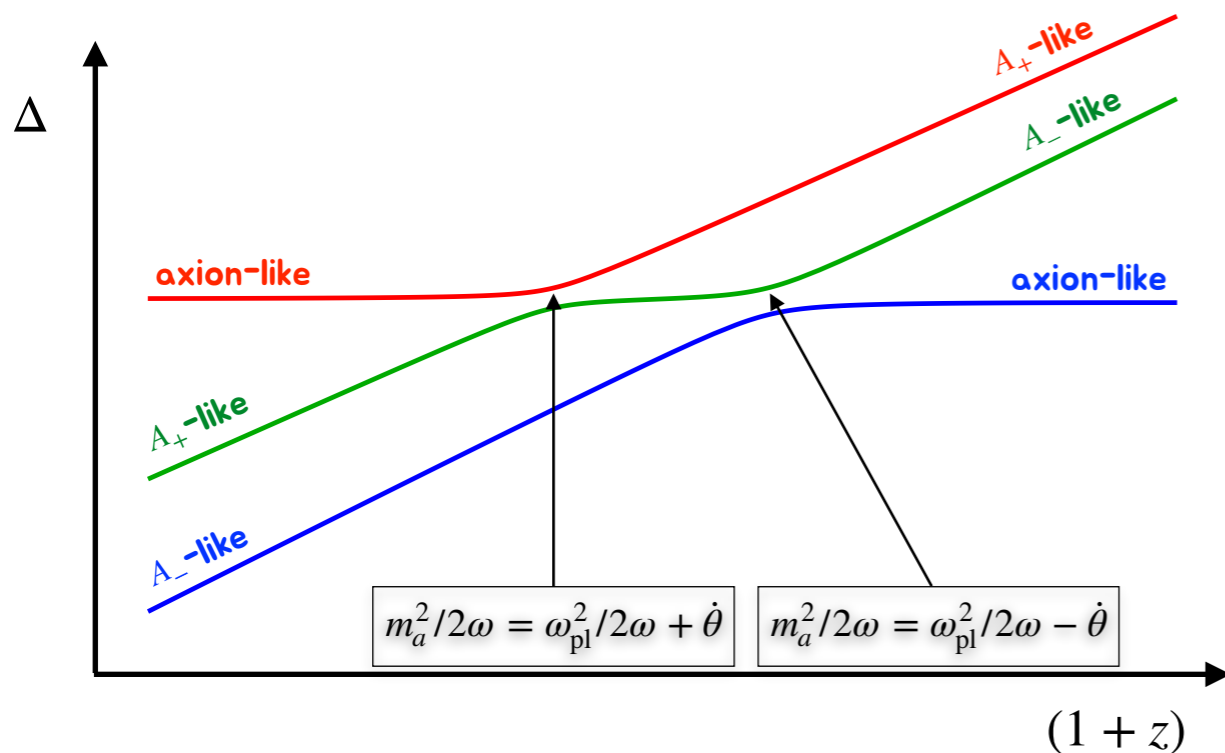
1. Adiabatic condition for eigenstates except the resonance point
2. Resonance period short enough



***Can be derived analytically!***

# Resonant $a$ - $\gamma$ conversion in cosmo

$$\left[ i\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} -\omega_{\text{pl}}^2/2\omega & \dot{\theta} & 0 \\ \dot{\theta} & -\omega_{\text{pl}}^2/2\omega & g_{a\gamma}B/2 \\ 0 & g_{a\gamma}B/2 & -m_a^2/2\omega \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_{\perp} \\ A_{\parallel} \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



- 3-state system, not 2 due to  $\dot{\theta}$
- $\delta t$  between the two resonance points

$$\delta t \sim \frac{\dot{\theta}}{d(\omega_{\text{pl}}^2/2\omega)/dt} \sim \frac{\dot{\theta}}{\omega_{\text{pl}}^2/2\omega} H_{\text{res}}^{-1} \ll H_{\text{res}}^{-1}$$

➡ **no oscillation pattern by  $\dot{\theta}$**

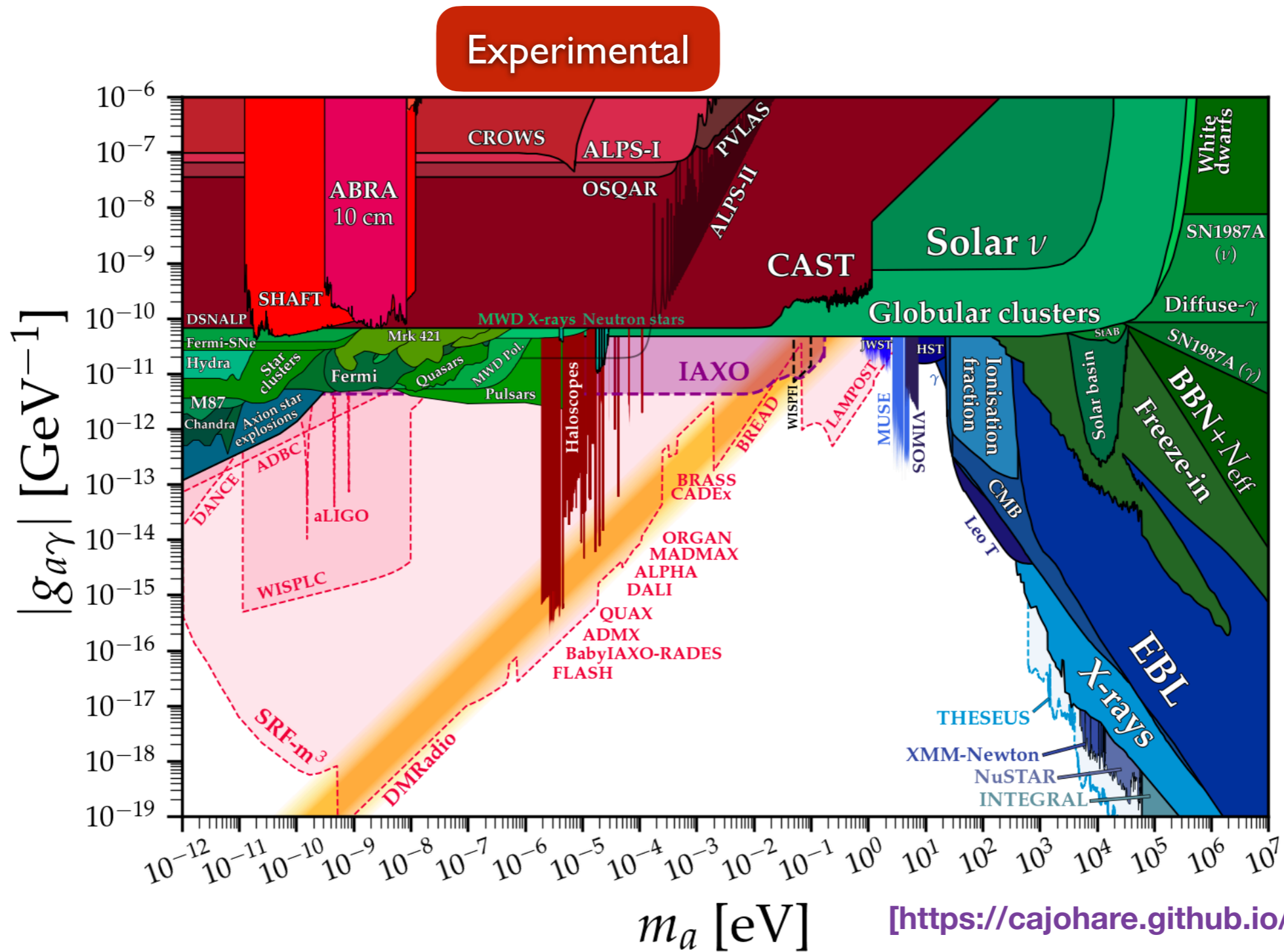
# Conclusion

- Axion-photon oscillations are available in a spin-1 background
- Hamiltonian to describe  $a \leftrightarrow \gamma$  must involve a directional information of a spin-1 background: parametrized by  $\dot{\theta}$
- Parametric resonance due to system's variation  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Axion magnetic resonance**
- More interesting on astrophysical & cosmological implications

**Thank you!**

# Back up

Projection on  $\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$

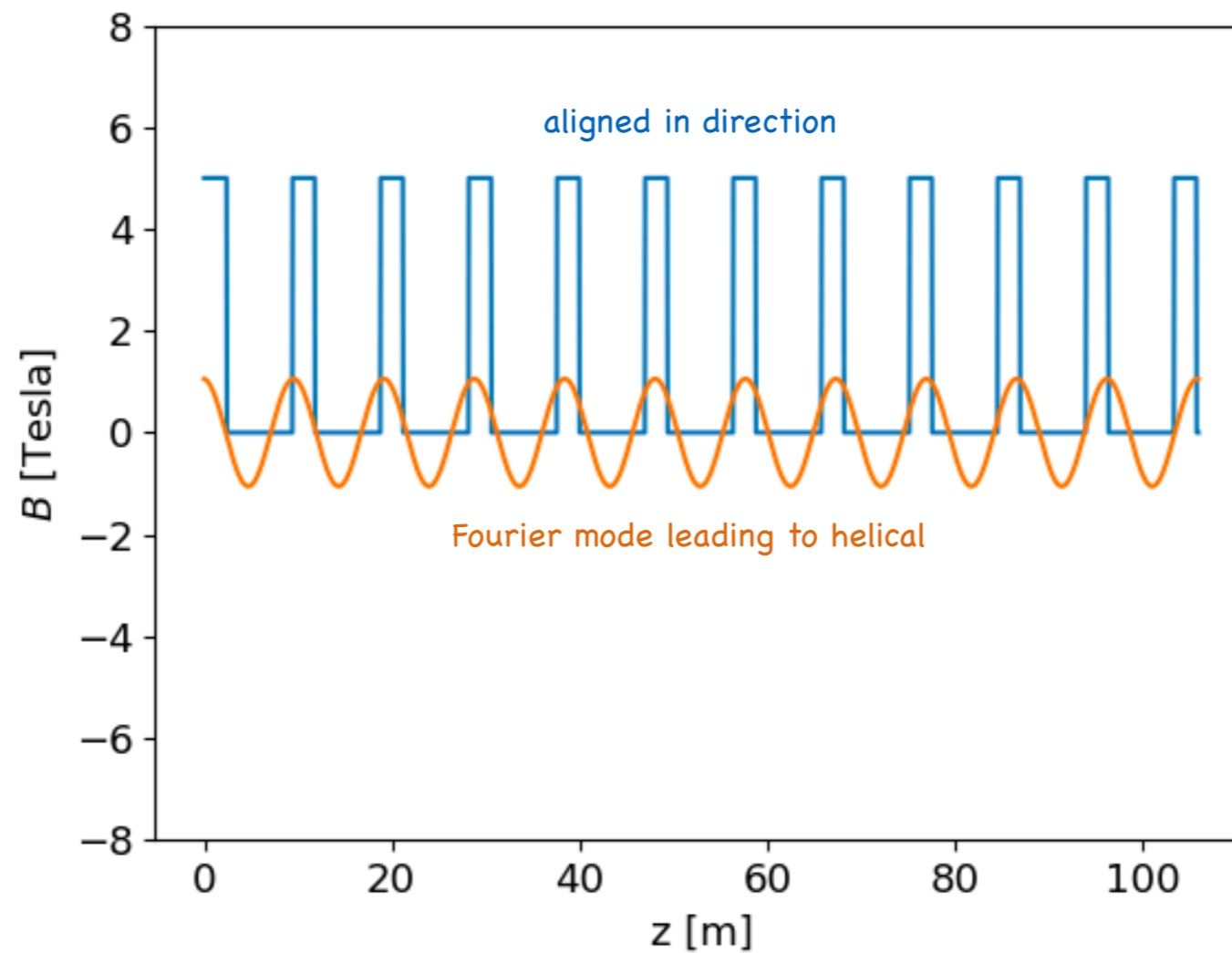


Astrophysical

Cosmological

[<https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/>]

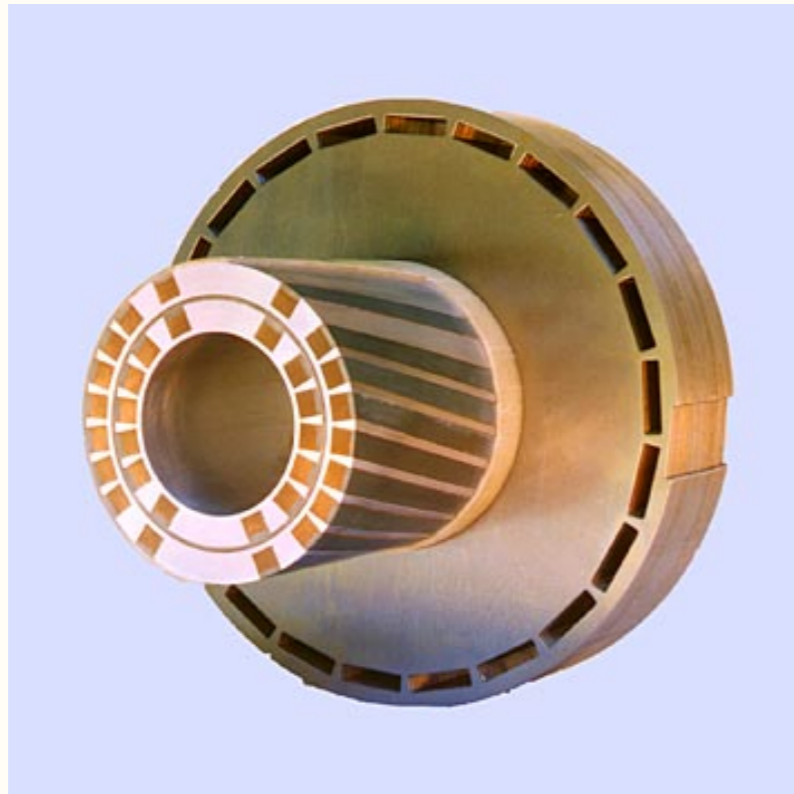
# Wiggler configuration





# Experimental feasibility

## Experimental Implications – B regularity (cont'd)



Magnets at Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC), BNL:

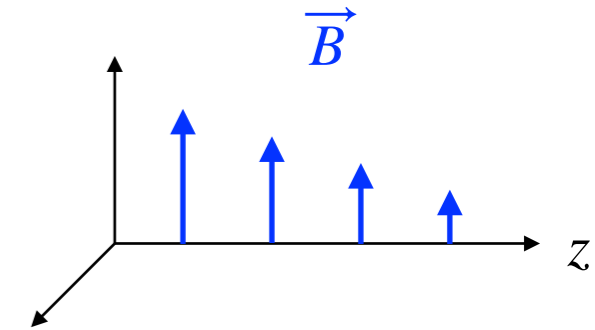
- superconducting dipole magnet  $\sim 5$  T
- 1740 magnets adopted by RHIC
- 30-/36-strand SC cable for...  
... 80-100/130-180 mm apertures
- **B** field rotates 360 degrees in 2.4 meters
- designed to control proton spin for polarized proton colliding
- **sub-percent error in field irregularity easily achieved:**

$$\int |\mathbf{B}| dz \approx 10 \text{ T} \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\left[ \left( \int B_x(z) dz \right)^2 + \left( \int B_y(z) dz \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} < 0.05 \text{ T} \cdot \text{m}$$

10.1016/S0168-9002(02)01940-X

# Axion-Photon oscillation



- Equation motion in “harmonic”  $\vec{B}$  & assuming negligible refractive index

$$\left[ i\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{a\gamma}B(z)/2 \\ 0 & g_{a\gamma}B(z)/2 & -m_a^2/2\omega \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} A_{\perp} \\ A_{\parallel} \\ a \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- Enhancement of conversion probability occurs when  $|\dot{B}/B| = m_a^2/2\omega \approx \Delta_{\text{osc}}$ 
  - Harmonic as mixture of the two opposite rotating background (e.g.,  $\cos\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$ )
    - ☞ **Compensation of the momentum transfer**  $m_a^2/2\omega$
  - Parametric resonance

$$\text{☞ Oscillation frequency } \frac{\Delta_{\text{osc}}}{2} \times 2 = \text{System's frequency } \dot{\theta}$$

# Resonant conversion probability

Level-crossing transition at resonance

- The resonant conversion probability is

$$P_{\text{res}}^{\gamma \leftrightarrow \phi} \simeq \frac{1}{2} + \left( p - \frac{1}{2} \right) \cos 2\theta_0 \cos 2\theta_i$$

$\simeq 1 - p$

Initial mixing angle    Final mixing angle

- The level-crossing transition rate is determined by adiabaticity at the resonance

[S. J. Parke, 86], [C.Zener, 32]

$$p \simeq \exp \left( -2\pi r k \sin^2 \theta_0 \right)_{t=t_{\text{res}}} \quad r = \left| \frac{d \ln \omega_{\text{pl}}^2 / m_\phi^2}{dt} \right|^{-1}$$

- The resonant conversion probability in non-adiabatic level-crossing case  $p \approx 1$

$$P_{\text{res}}^{\gamma \leftrightarrow \phi} \simeq r \frac{\pi m_{\text{mix}}^4}{\omega m_\phi^2}$$