

# **Axions and dark sector searches**

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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

## Based on ...

**New experimental approaches in the search for axion-like particles**

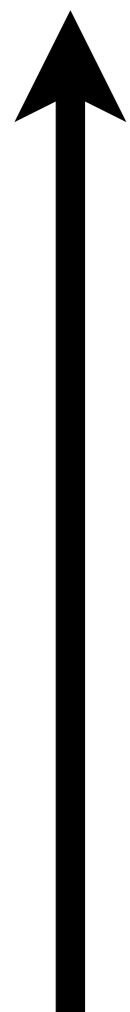
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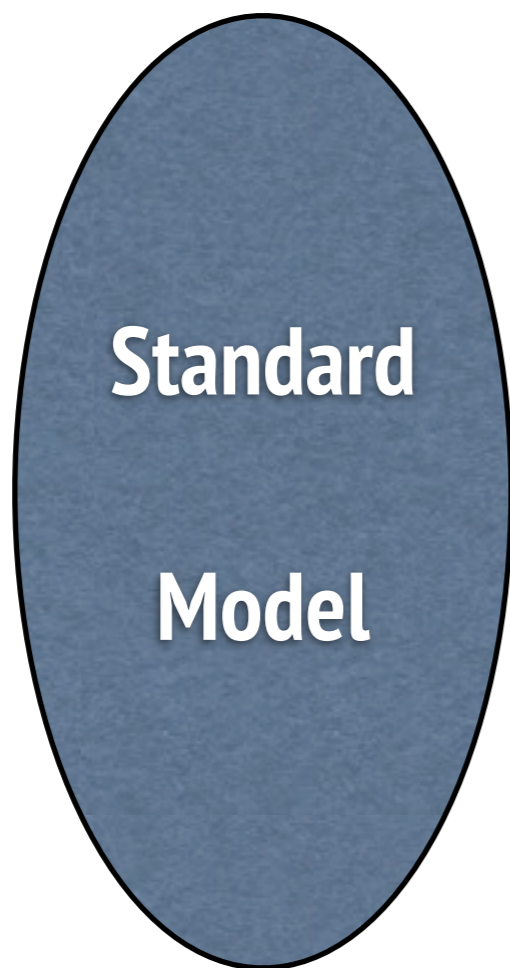
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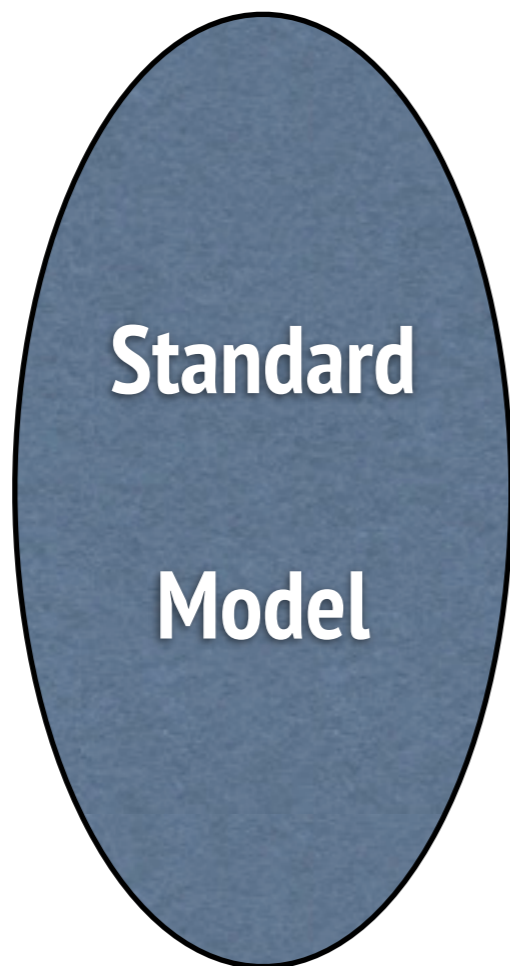
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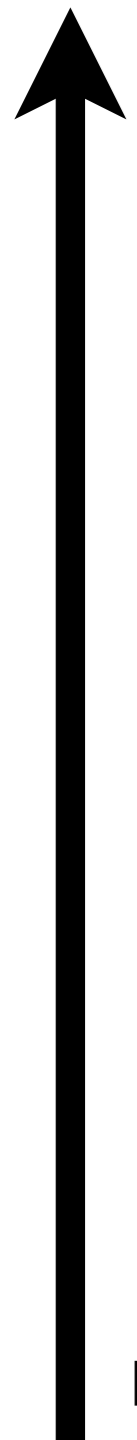
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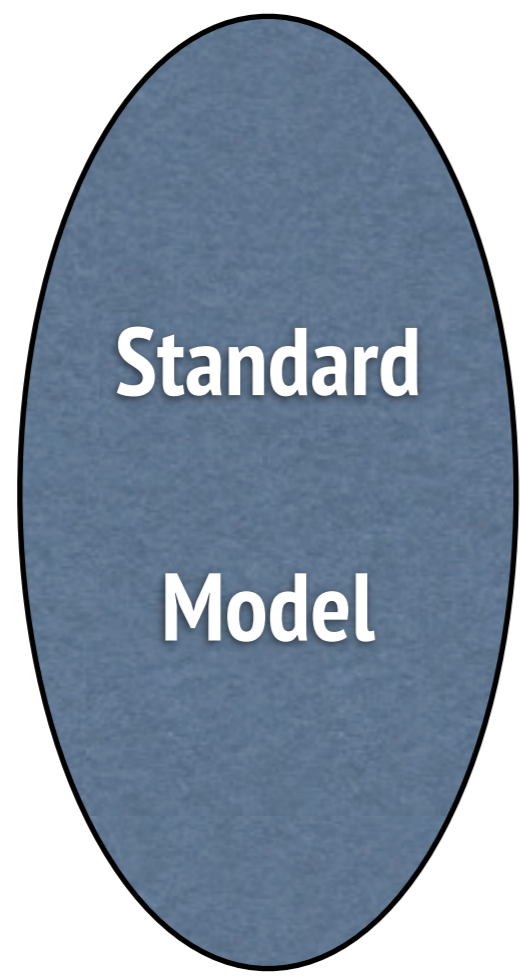
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**but it is certainly ...**

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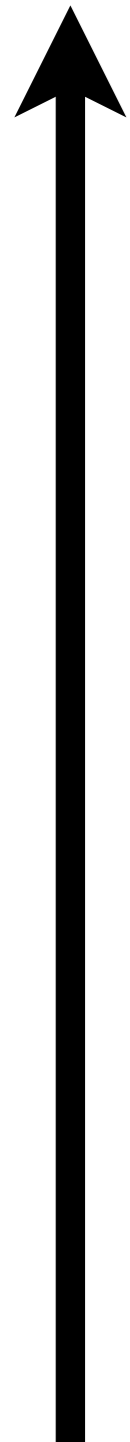
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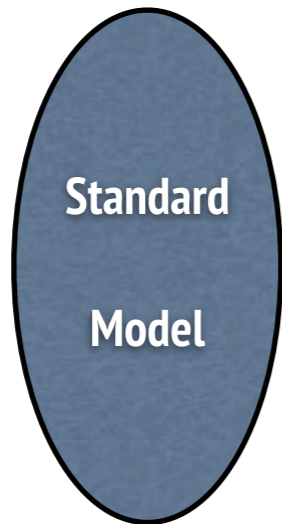
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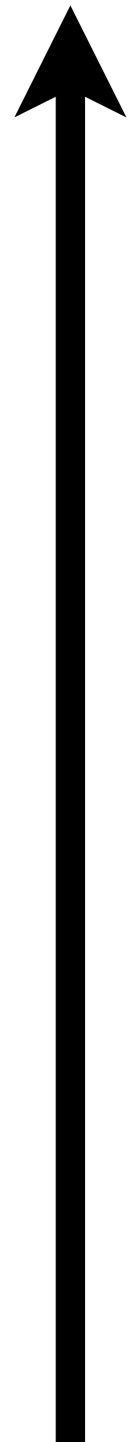
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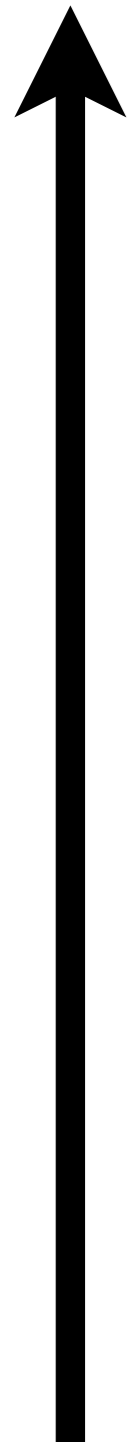


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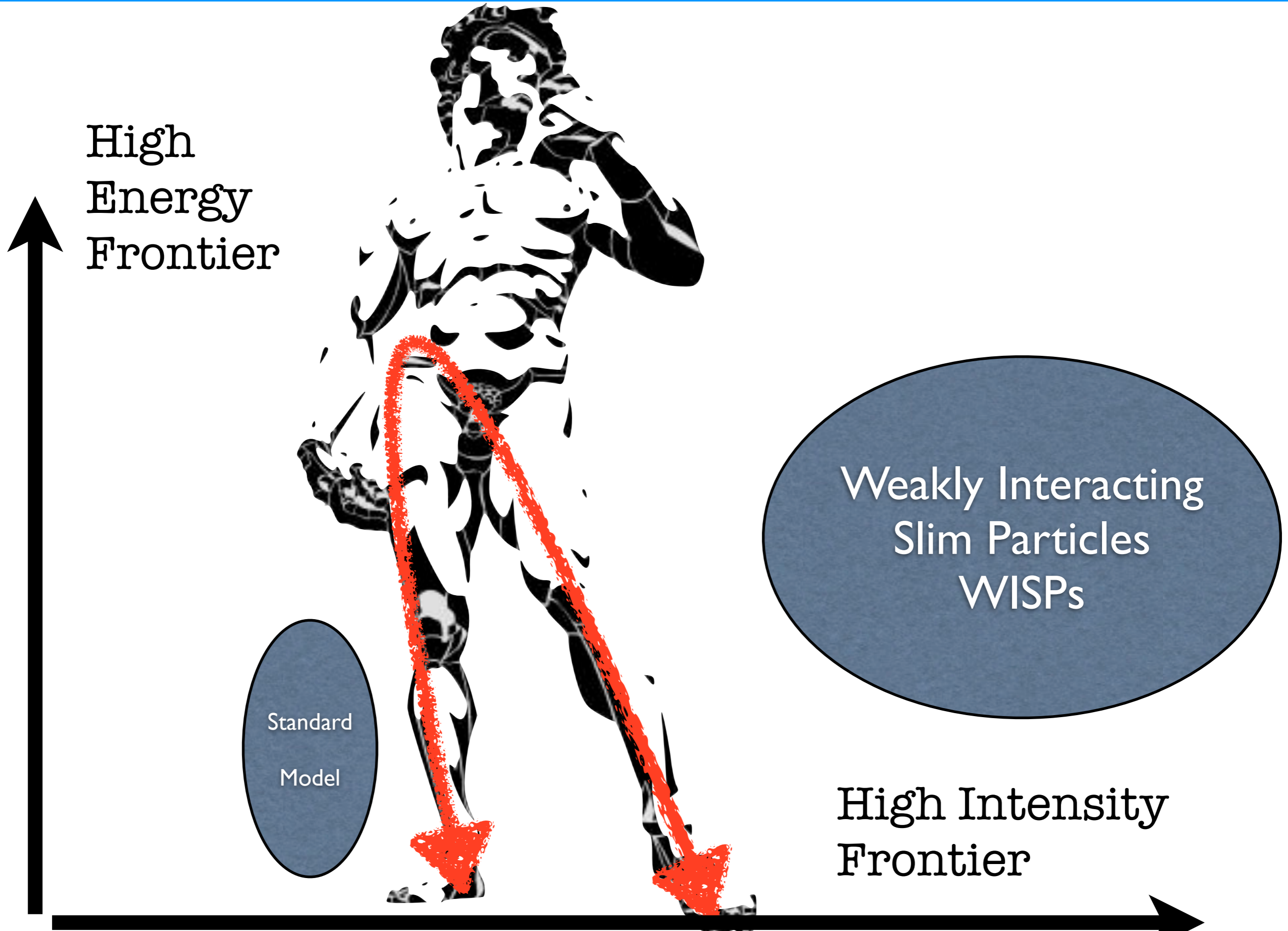


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**new low energy physics!**



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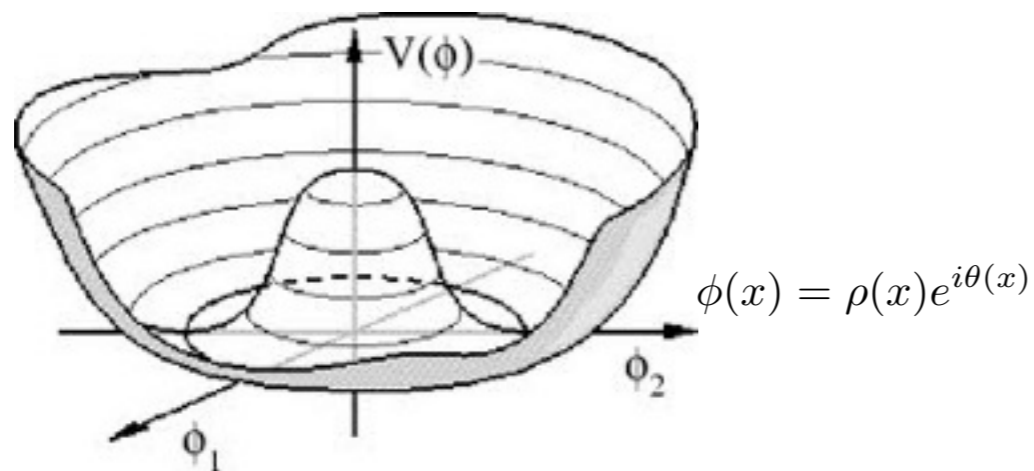
Weakly Interacting  
Slim Particles  
WISPs

High Intensity  
Frontier

# Axion-like particles (ALPs)

## pseudo Goldstone Bosons

- Global symmetry spontaneously broken



- massless Goldstone Boson @ Low Energy

shift symmetry  $\theta(x) \rightarrow \theta(x) + \alpha$

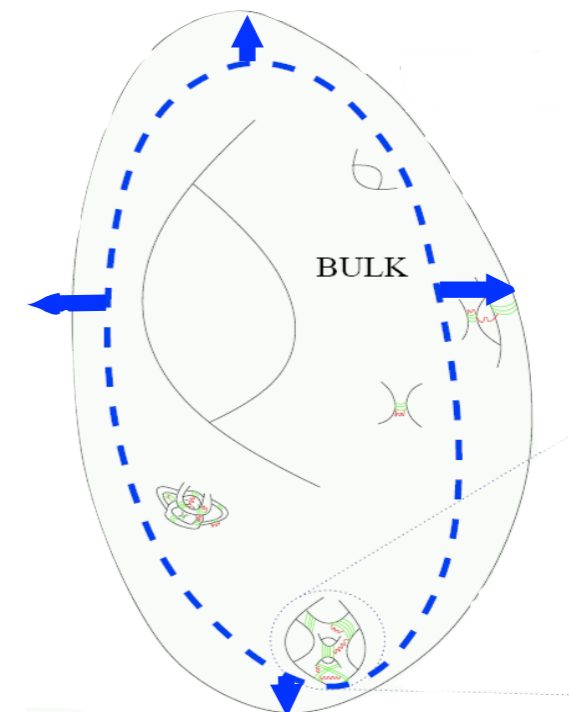
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \theta) (\partial^\mu \theta) f^2$$

- HE decay constant,  $f = \langle \rho \rangle$

- small symmetry breaking  $\longrightarrow$  small mass

## 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

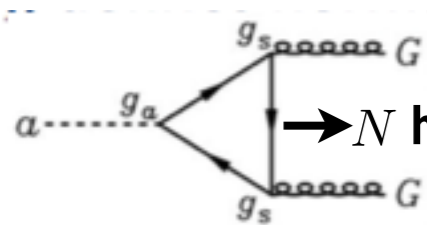
# Low-energy effective action

- Shift symmetry allows some generic types of interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_a = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \theta)(\partial^\mu \theta) f^2 + \sum_f c_f [\bar{f} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 f] \partial_\mu \theta - E \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \theta$$

$$\mathcal{L}_a = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) + \sum_f g_{af} [\bar{f} \gamma_5 f] a - \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} a \quad \text{(canonically normalised)}$$

- SS breaking terms induce mass + new interactions (one example ...)



$$\rightarrow N \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \{ G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \} \theta \equiv \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \{ G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \} \frac{A}{f_A} \rightarrow V(A) \sim \frac{1}{2} \chi_{\text{QCD}} \left( \frac{A}{f_A} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 A^2$$

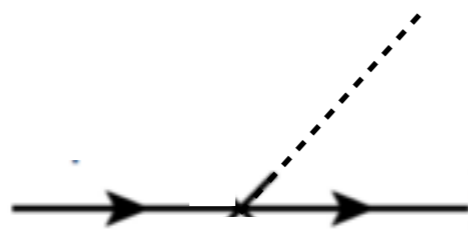
photon coupling

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



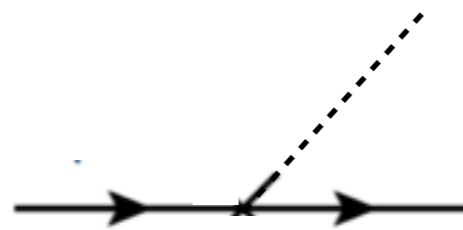
electron coupling

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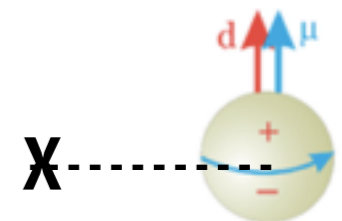
nucleon coupling

$$g_{Nf} [\bar{N} \gamma_5 N] a$$



~~CP~~ Neutron electric dipole

$$\propto \frac{1}{m_n} [F_{\mu\nu} \bar{n} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 n] \frac{A}{f_A}$$



## Strong CP problem / PQ solution

$$\left\{ G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \right\} \theta_{\text{SM}} \longrightarrow d_n \sim \frac{e}{m_n} \theta_{\text{SM}} < 5 \times 10^{-12} \frac{e}{m_n}$$

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

# 4 hints

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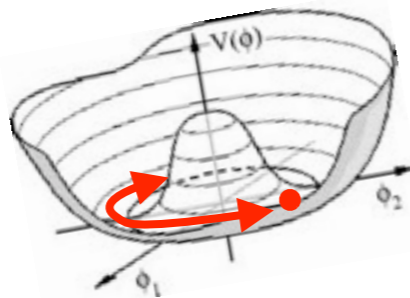
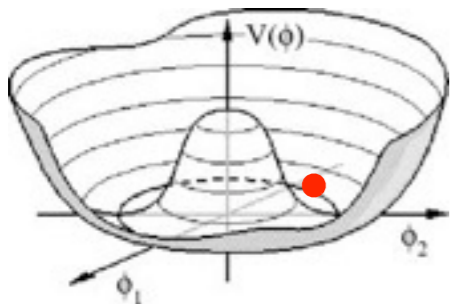
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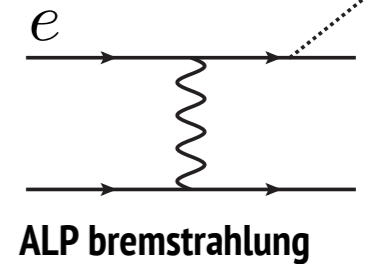
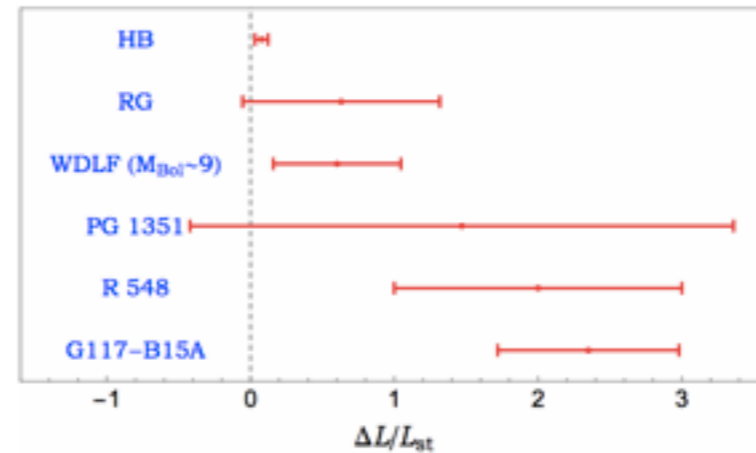
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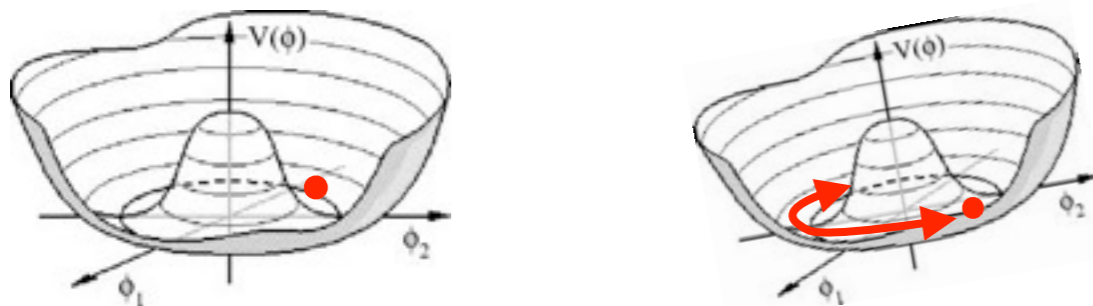
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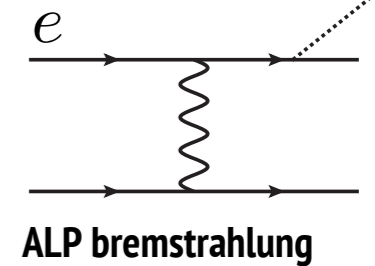
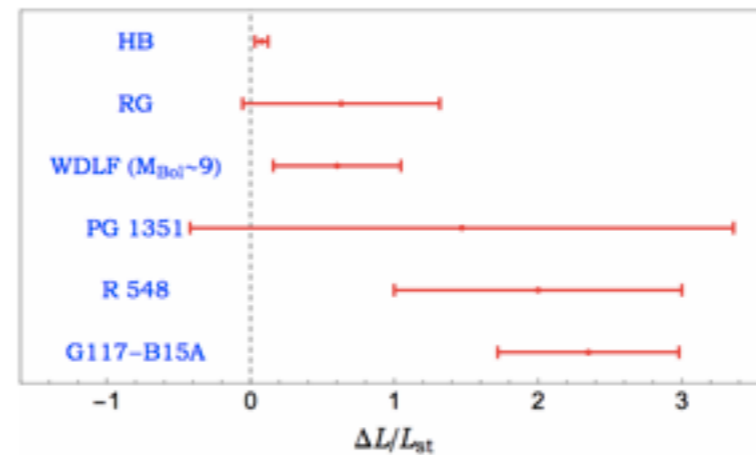
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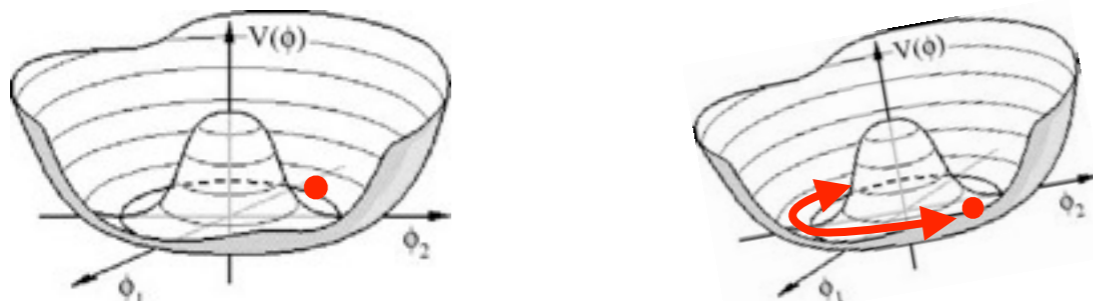
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## $\gamma$ -ray transparency / photon regeneration

Too many gamma-rays from far away sources?

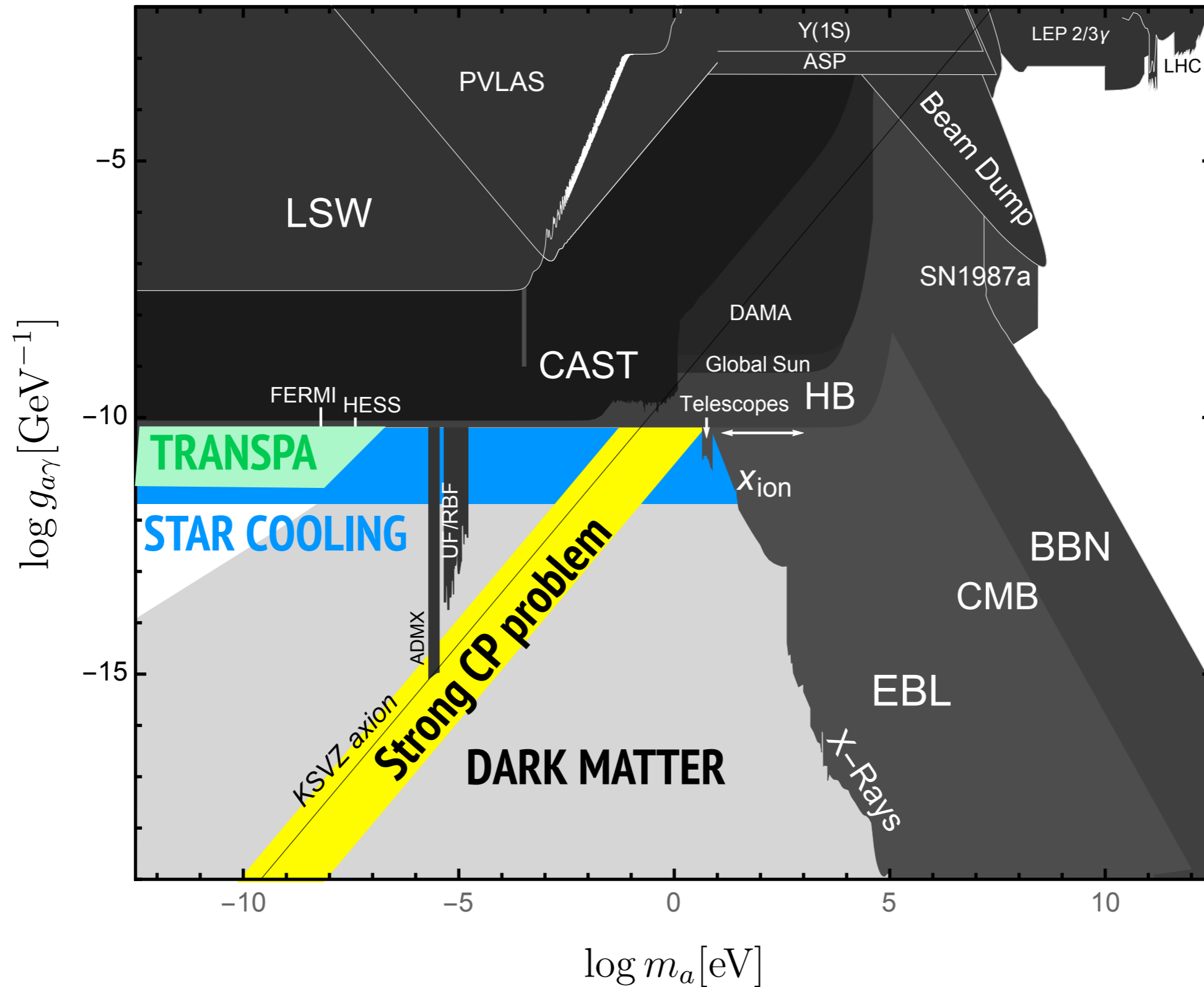


low estimate of opacity vs ALP-mediated regeneration

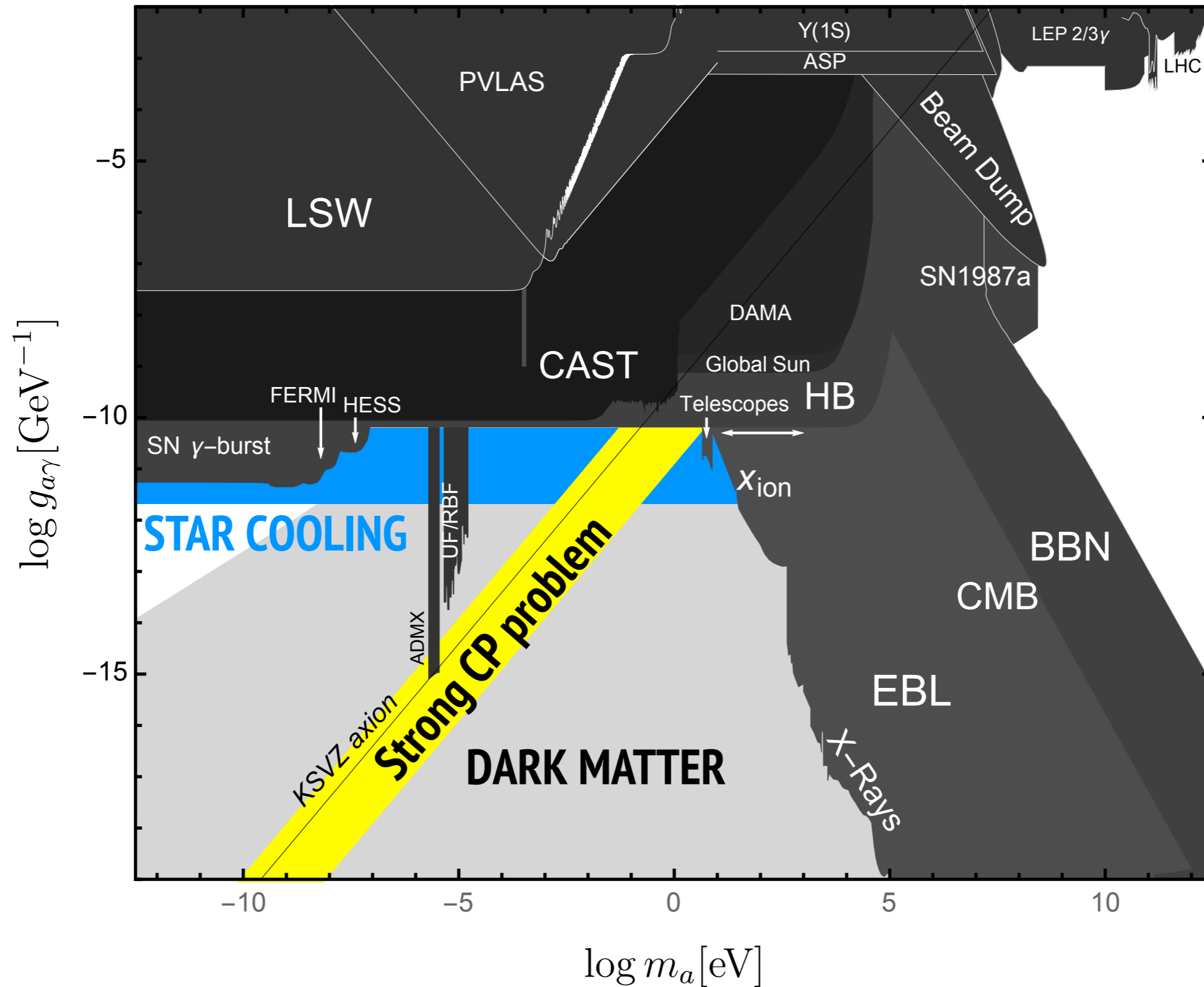
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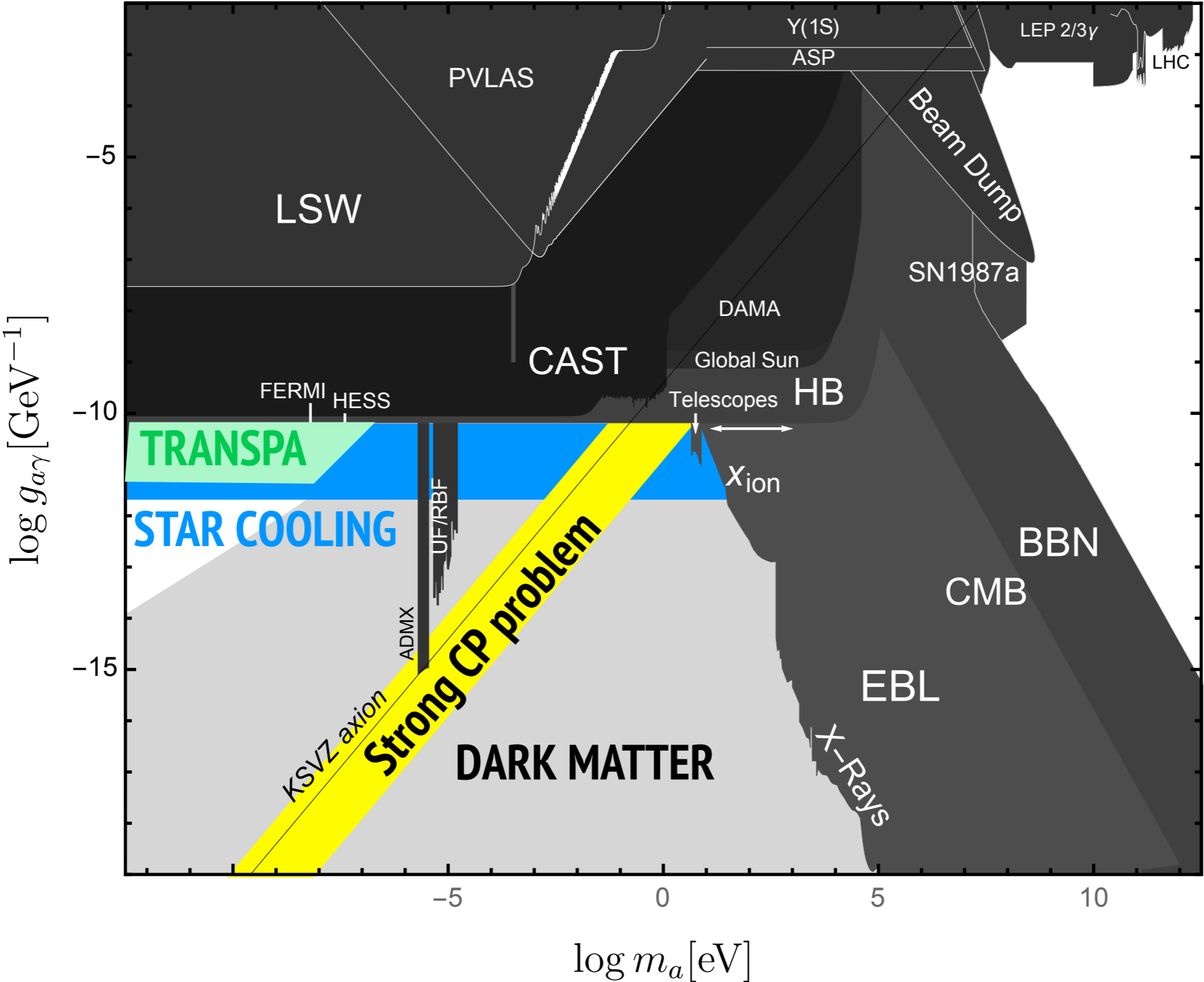
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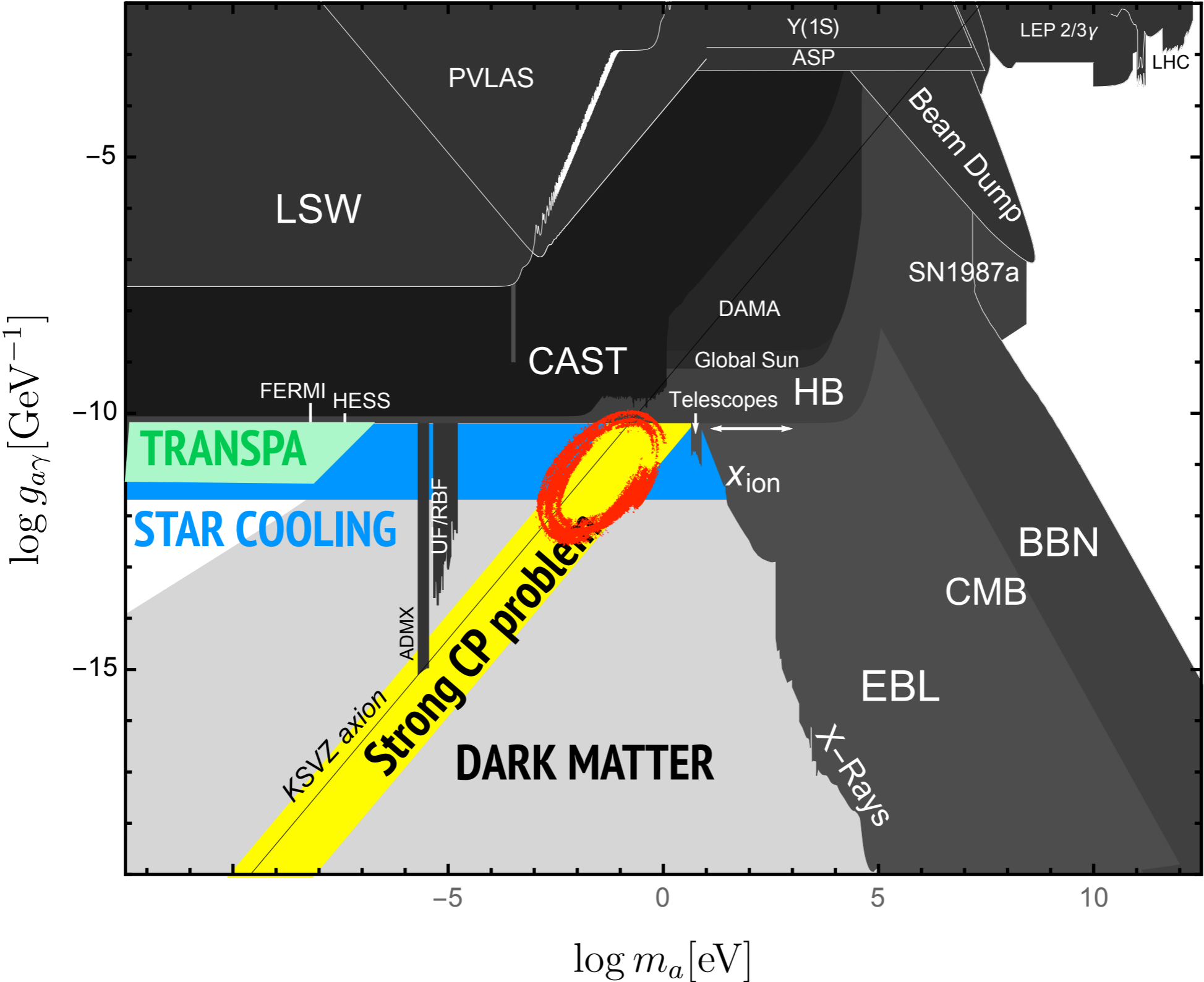
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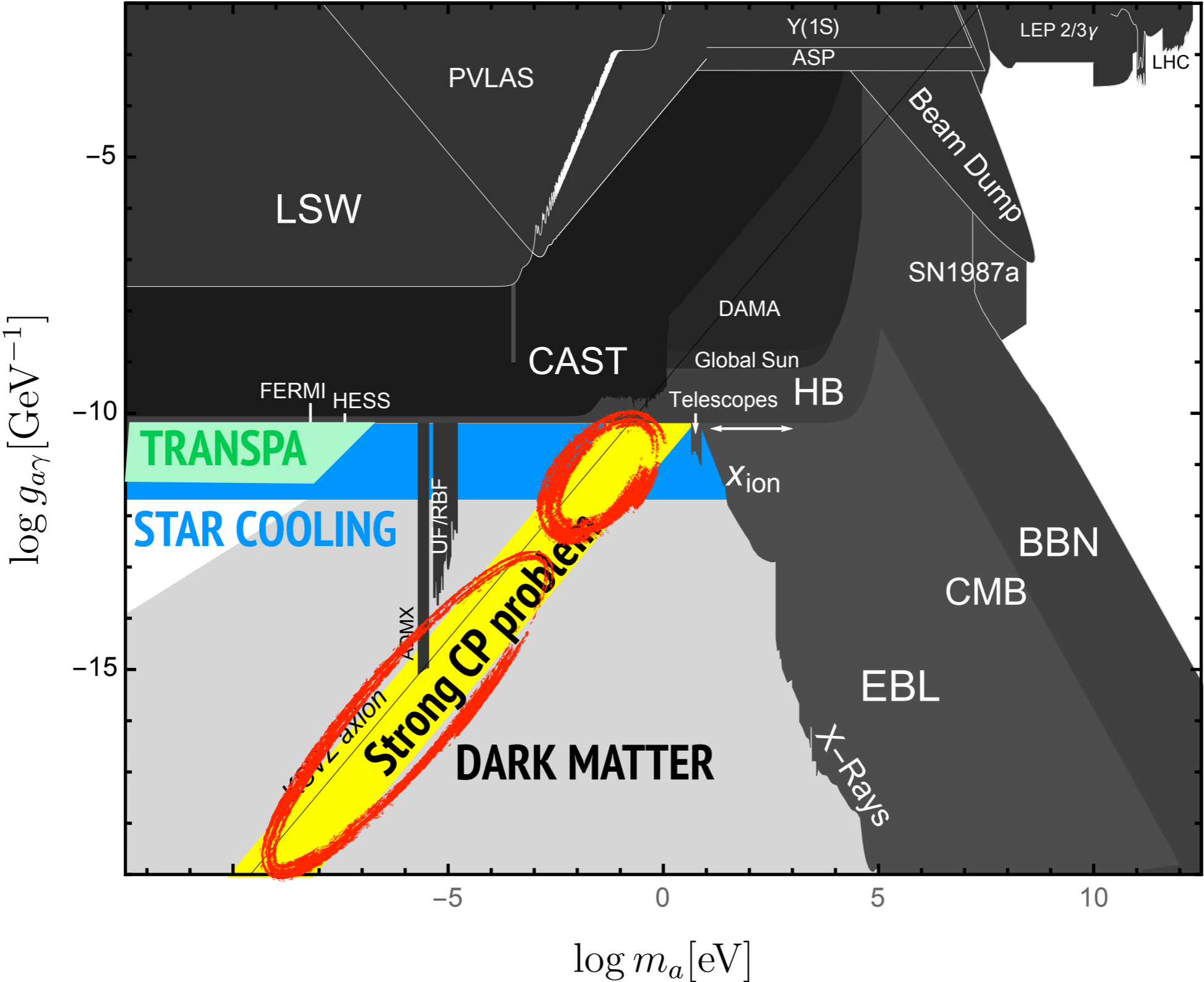
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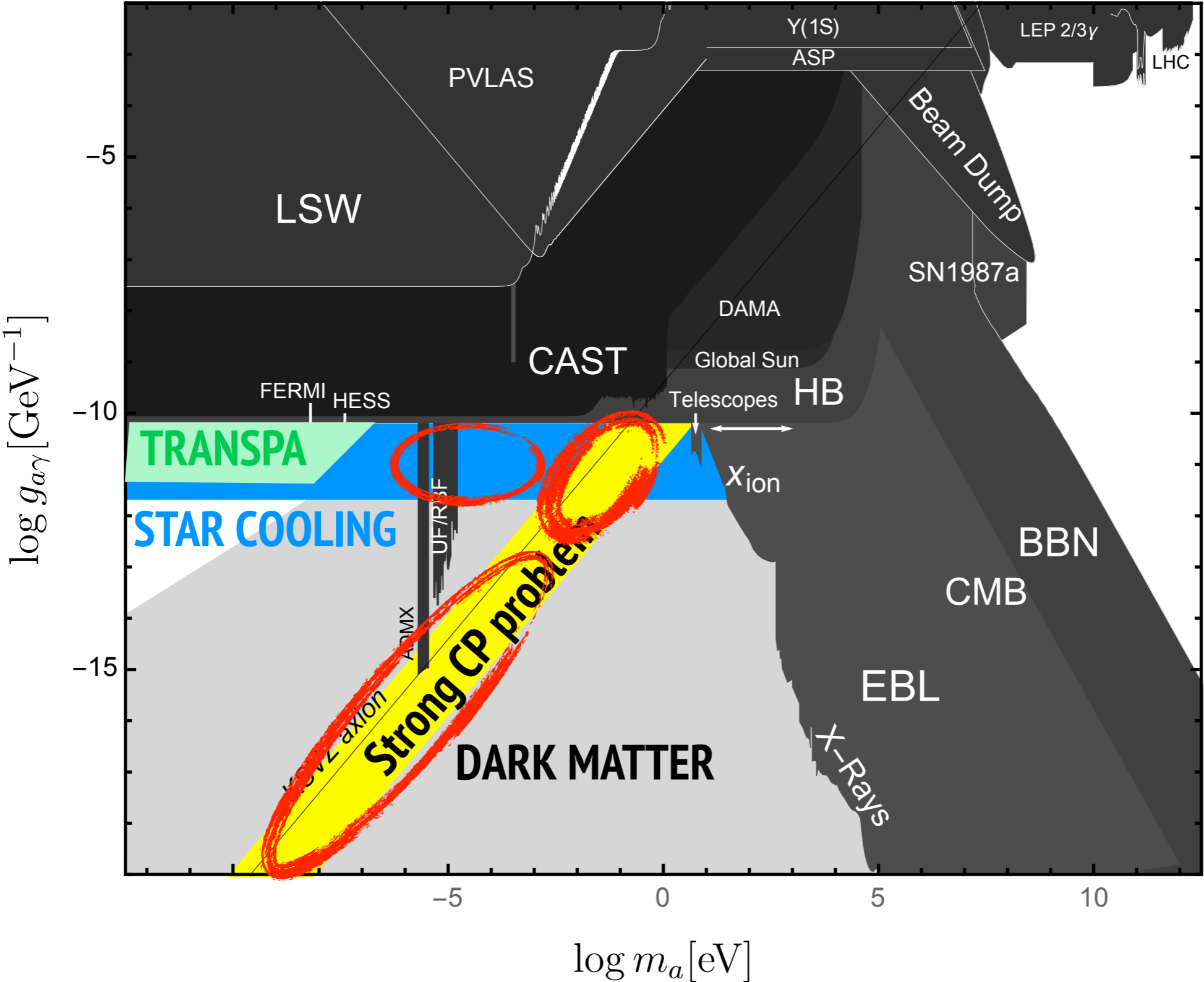
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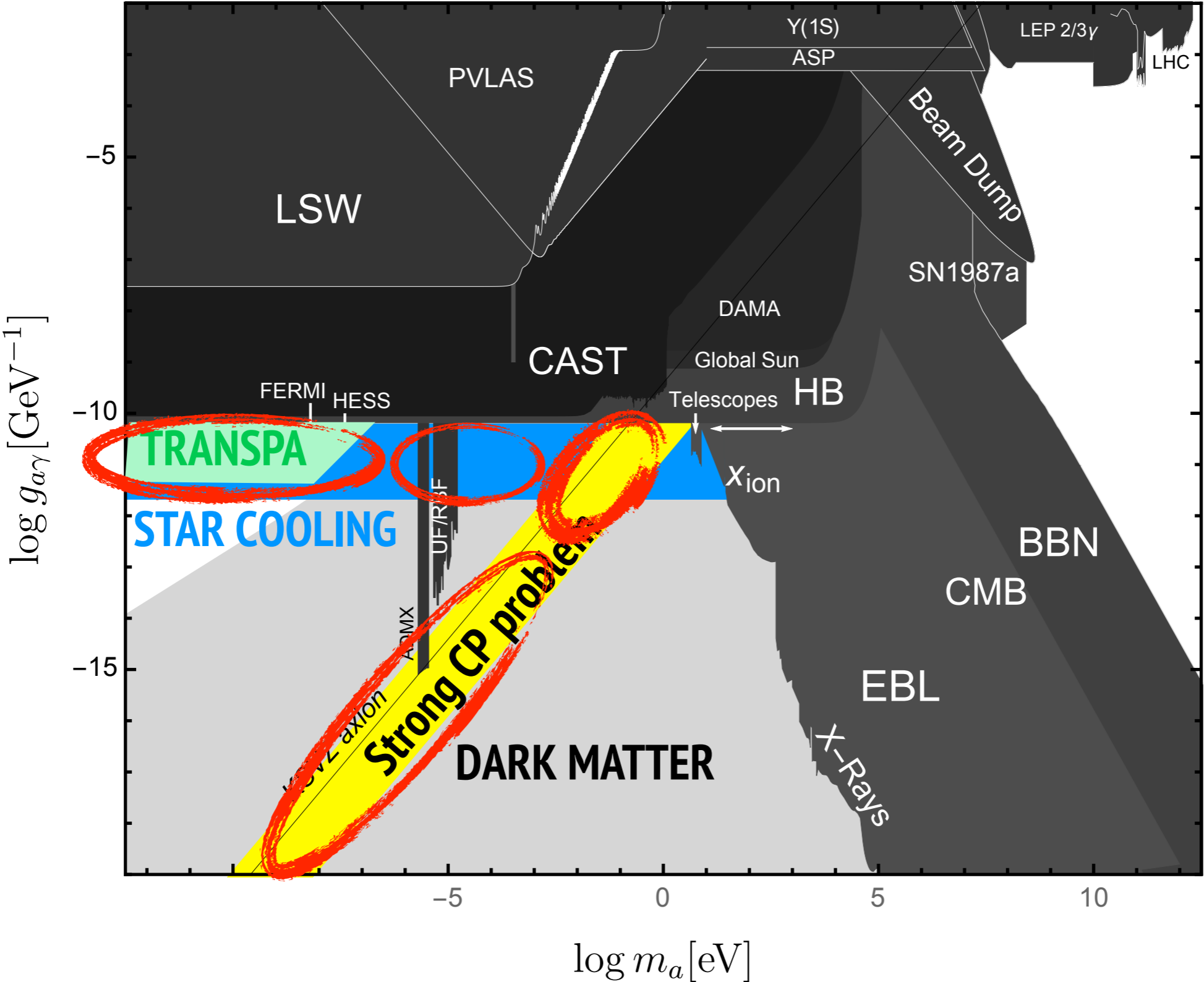
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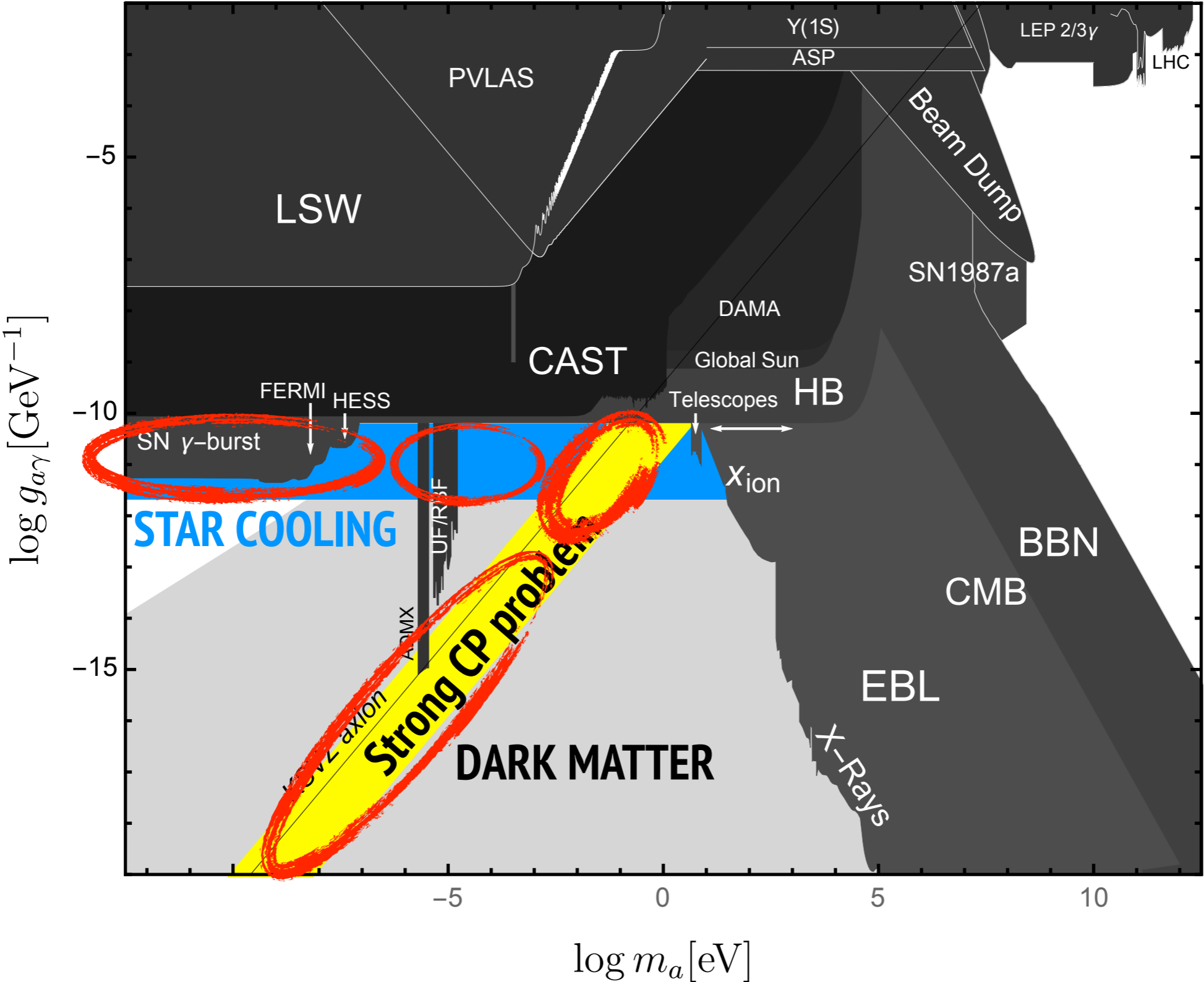
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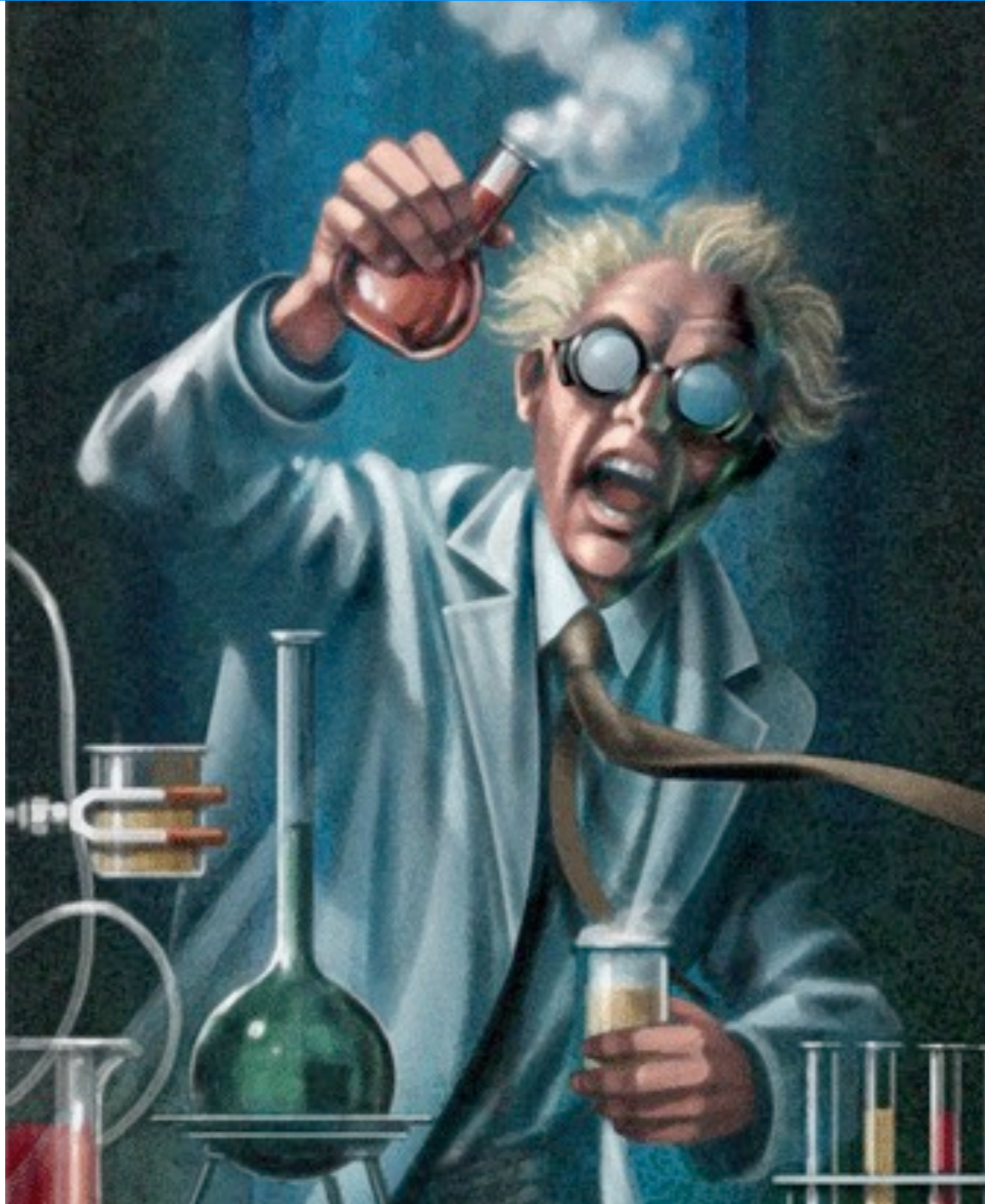


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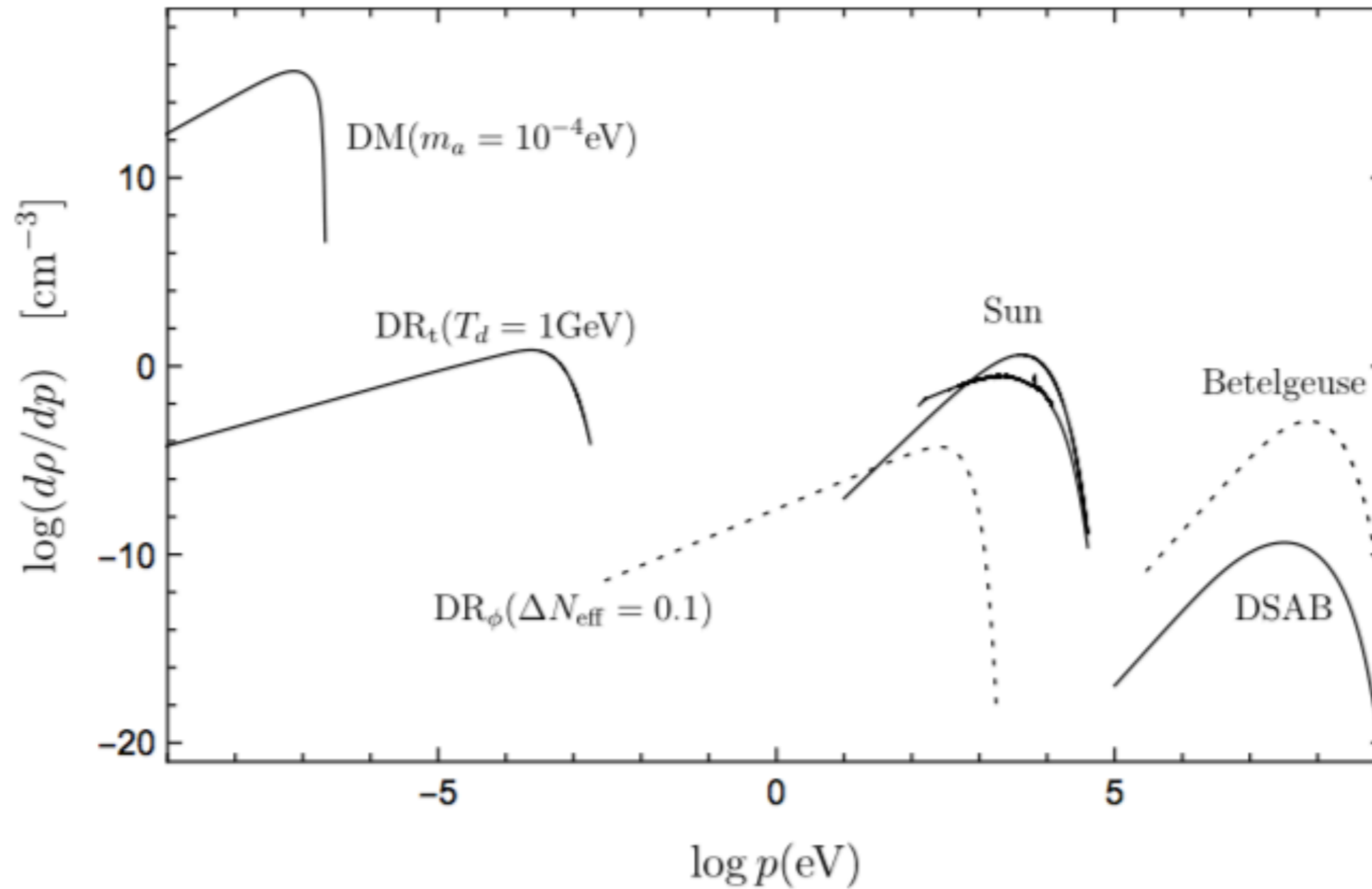




# Direct Detection of ALPs

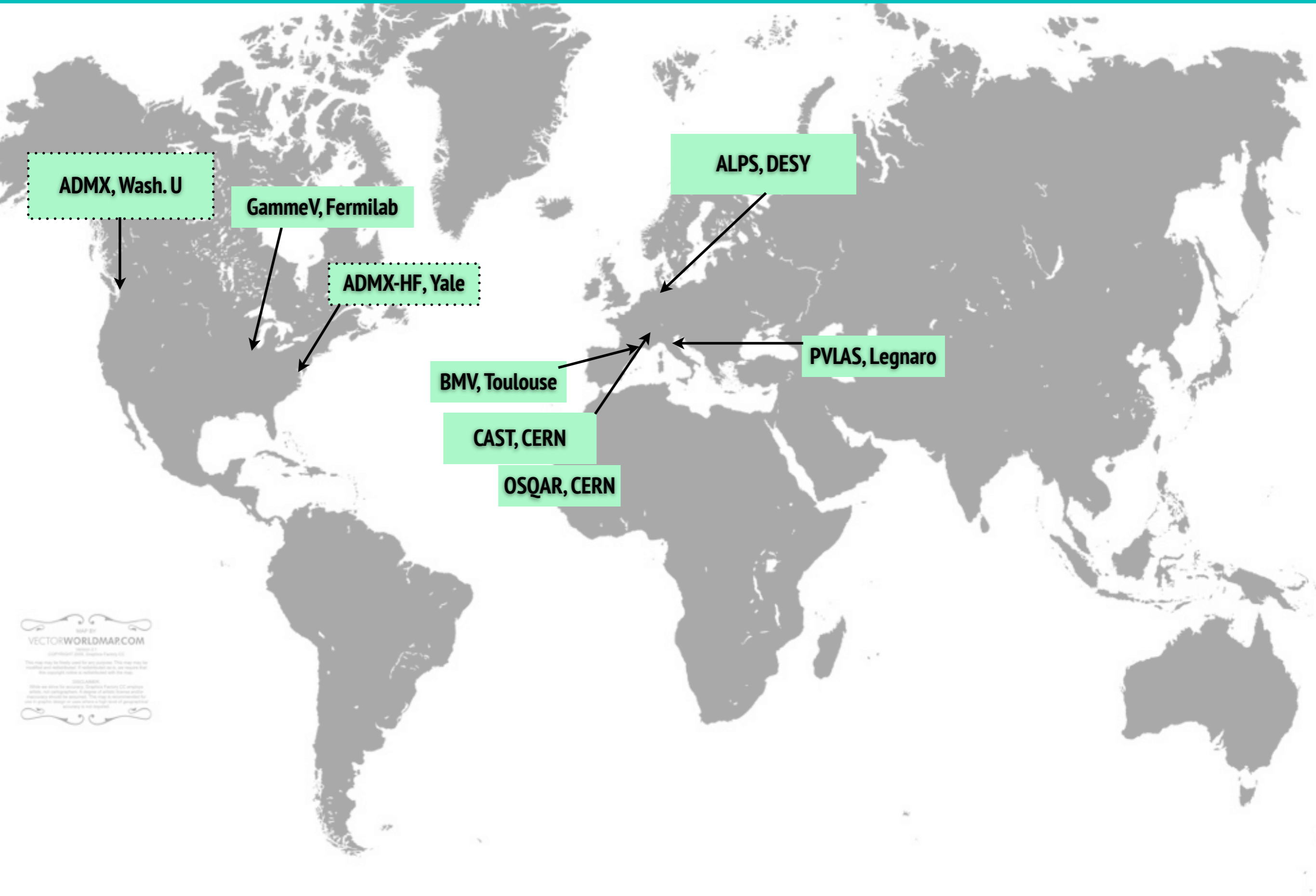


# Natural sources



~ upper limits (predictions vary!)

# Lab experiments 2011



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GammeV, Fermilab

ADMX-HF, Yale

ALPS, DESY

PVLAS, Legnaro

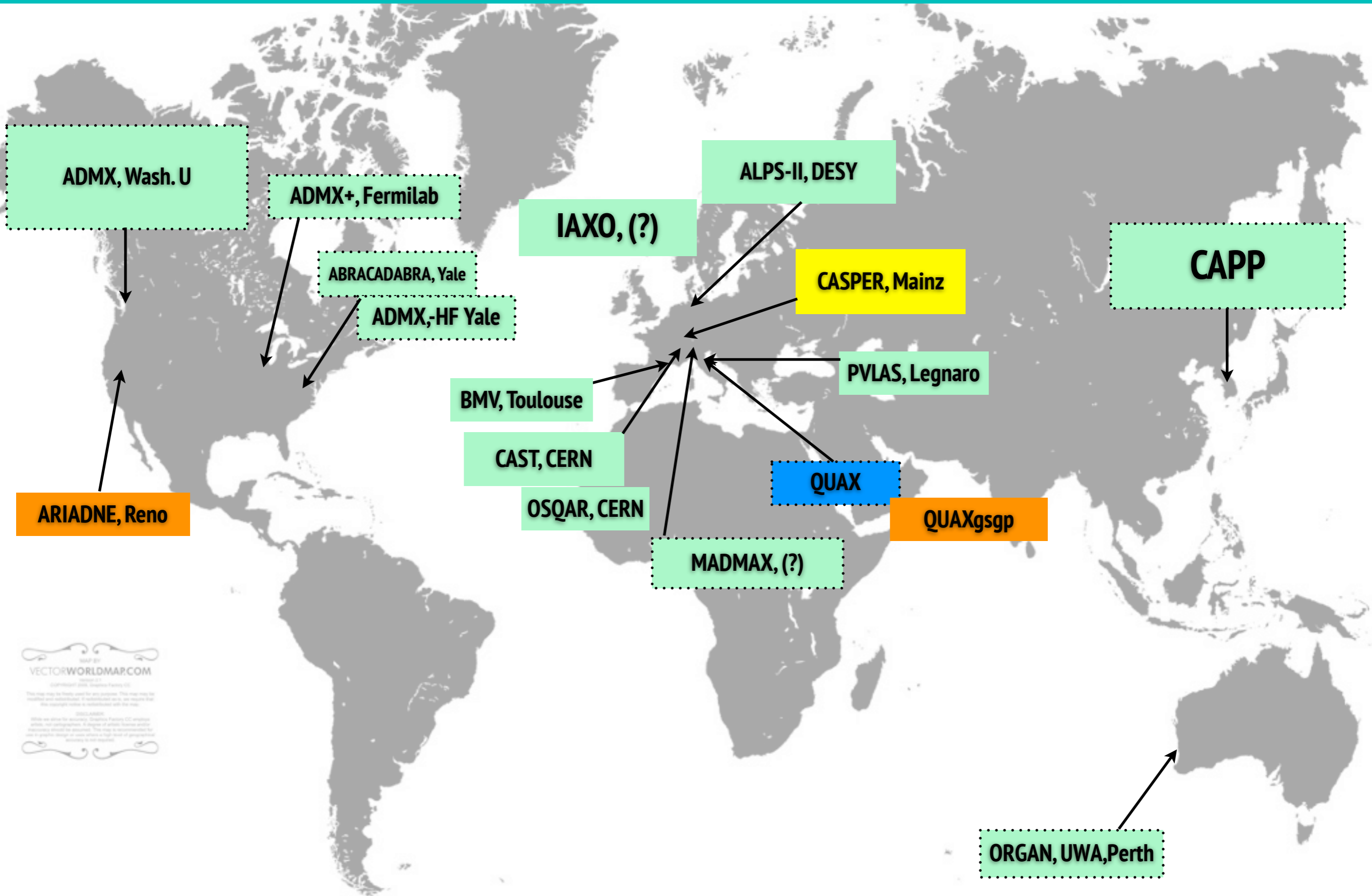
BMV, Toulouse

CAST, CERN

OSQAR, CERN

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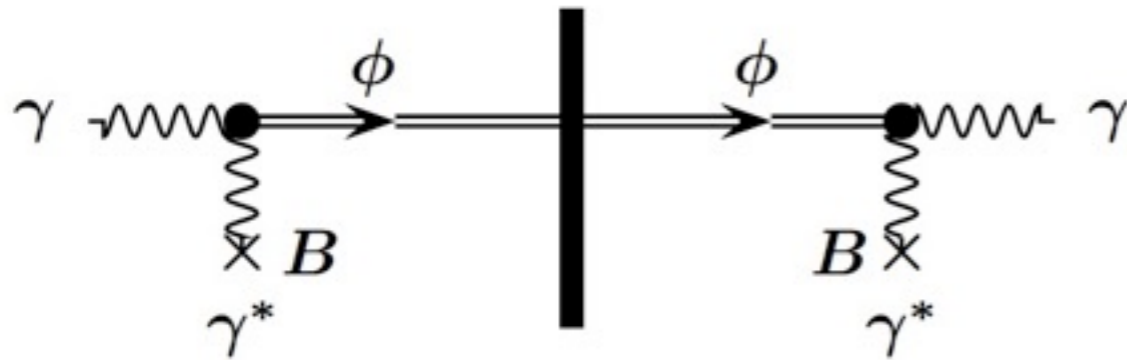
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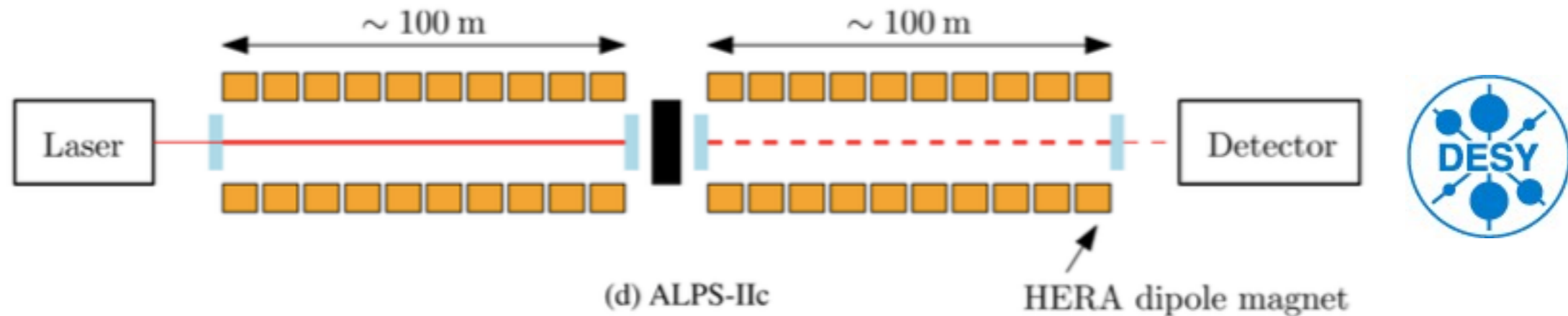
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# the ANY-Light-Particle-Search

## Light shining through walls



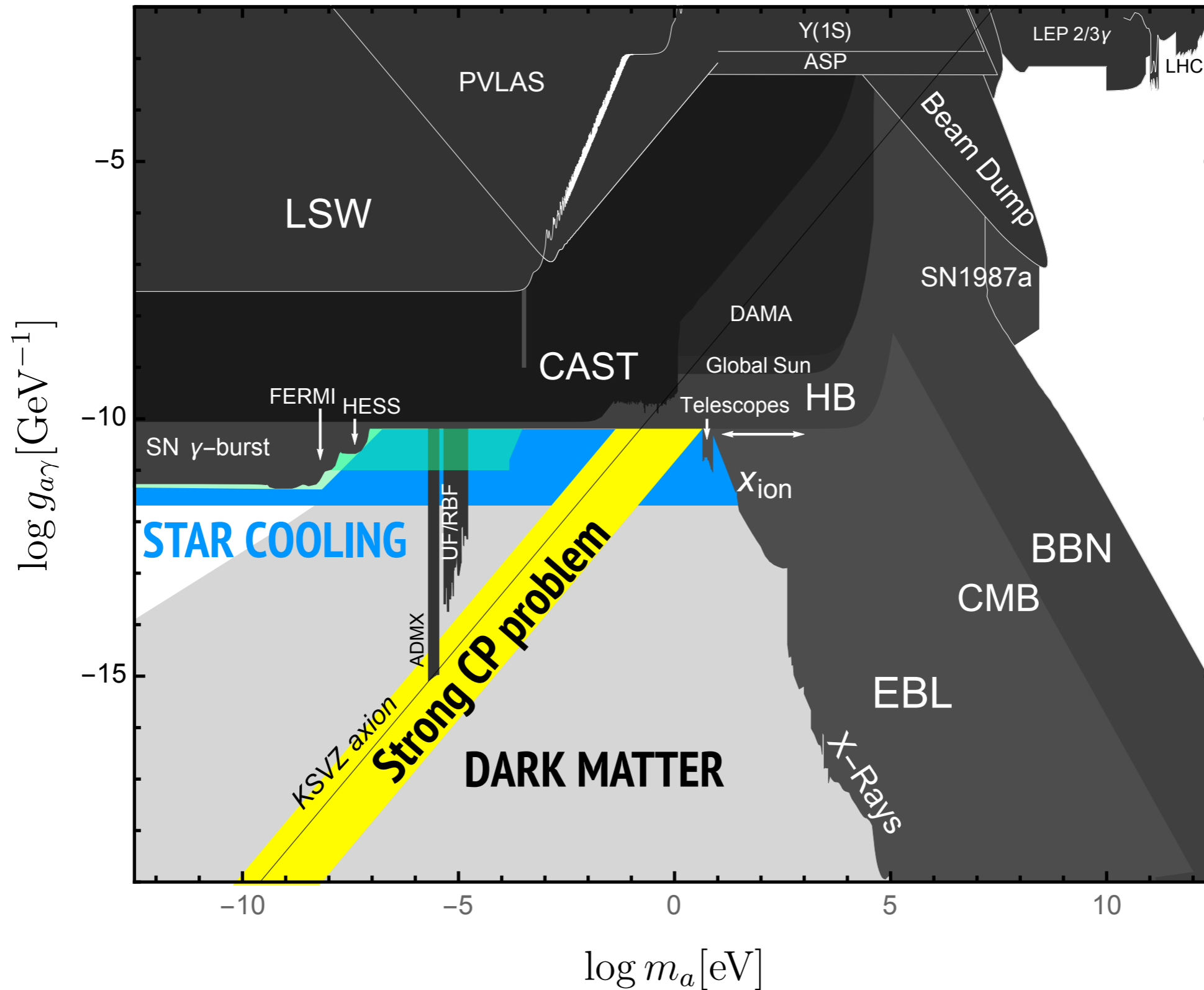
## Resonant regeneration in the receiving cavity (see later)



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

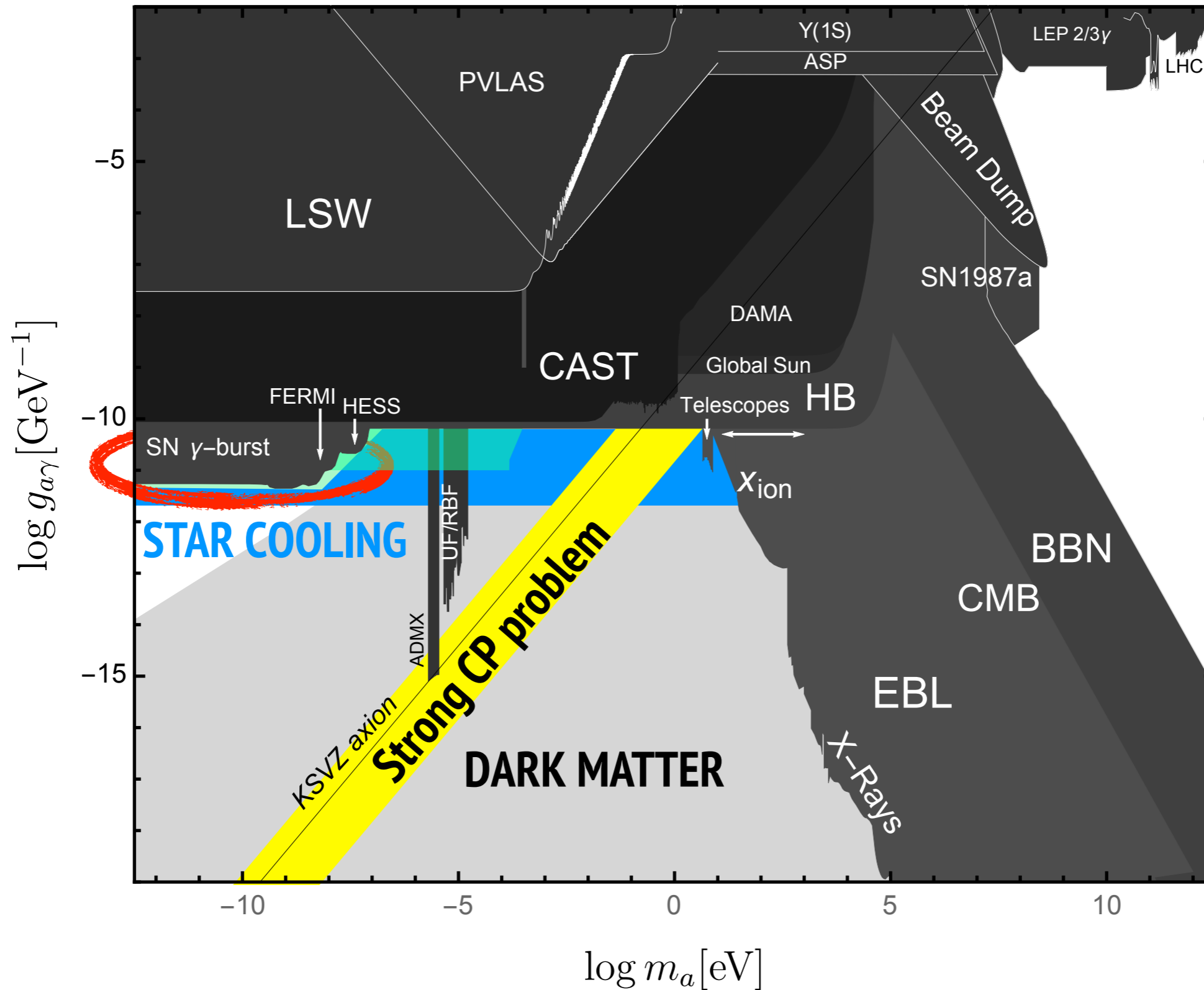
Experiment	status	B (T)	L (m)	Input power (W)	$\beta_P$	$\beta_R$	$g_{\gamma\gamma} [\text{GeV}^{-1}]$
ALPS-I [427]	completed	5	4.3	4	300	1	$5 \cdot 10^{-8}$
CROWS [429]	completed	3	0.15	50	$10^4$	$10^4$	$9.9 \cdot 10^{-8} (*)$
OSQAR [428]	ongoing	9	14.3	18.5	-	-	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$
ALPS-II [430]	in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

# ALPS IIc reach



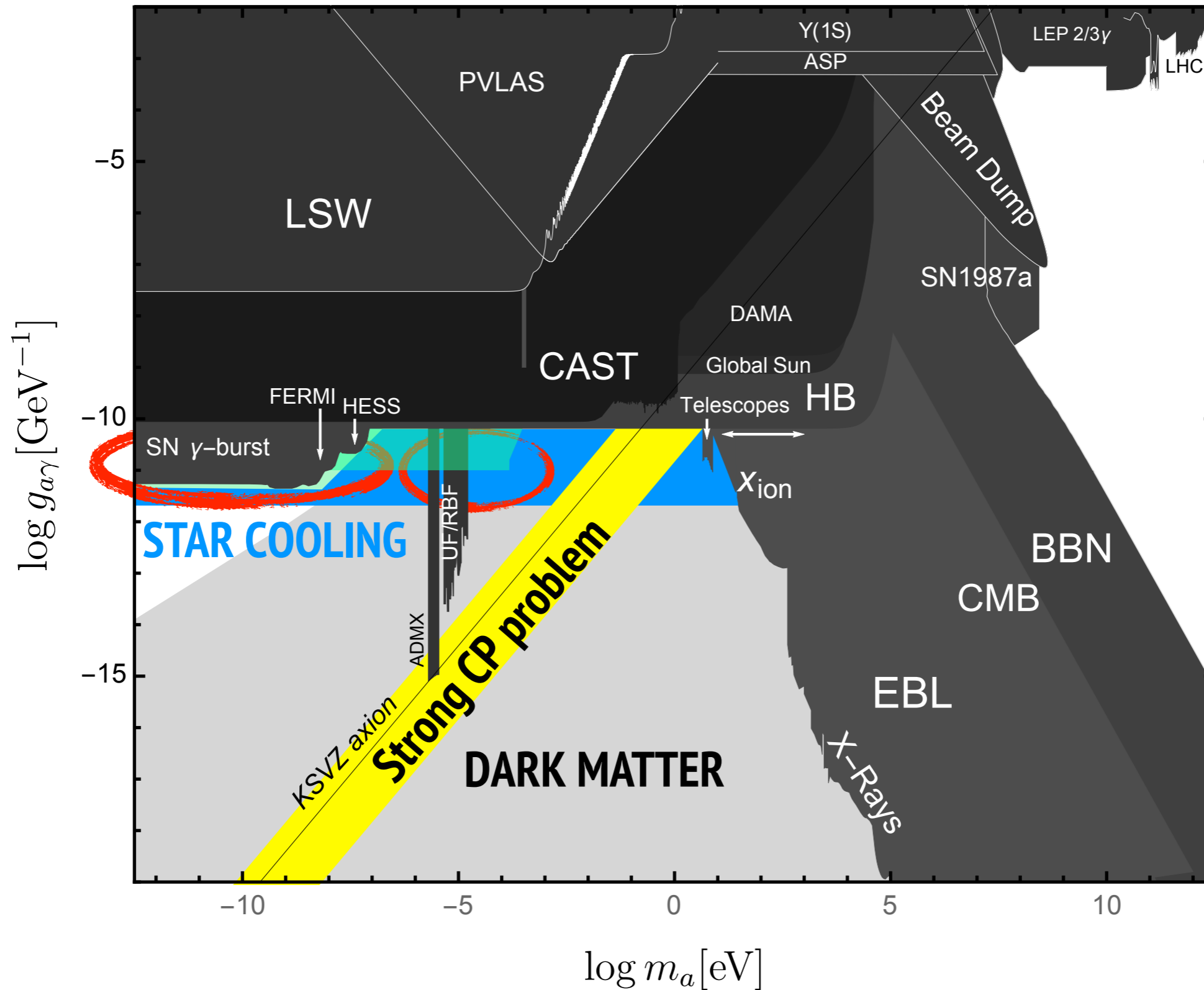
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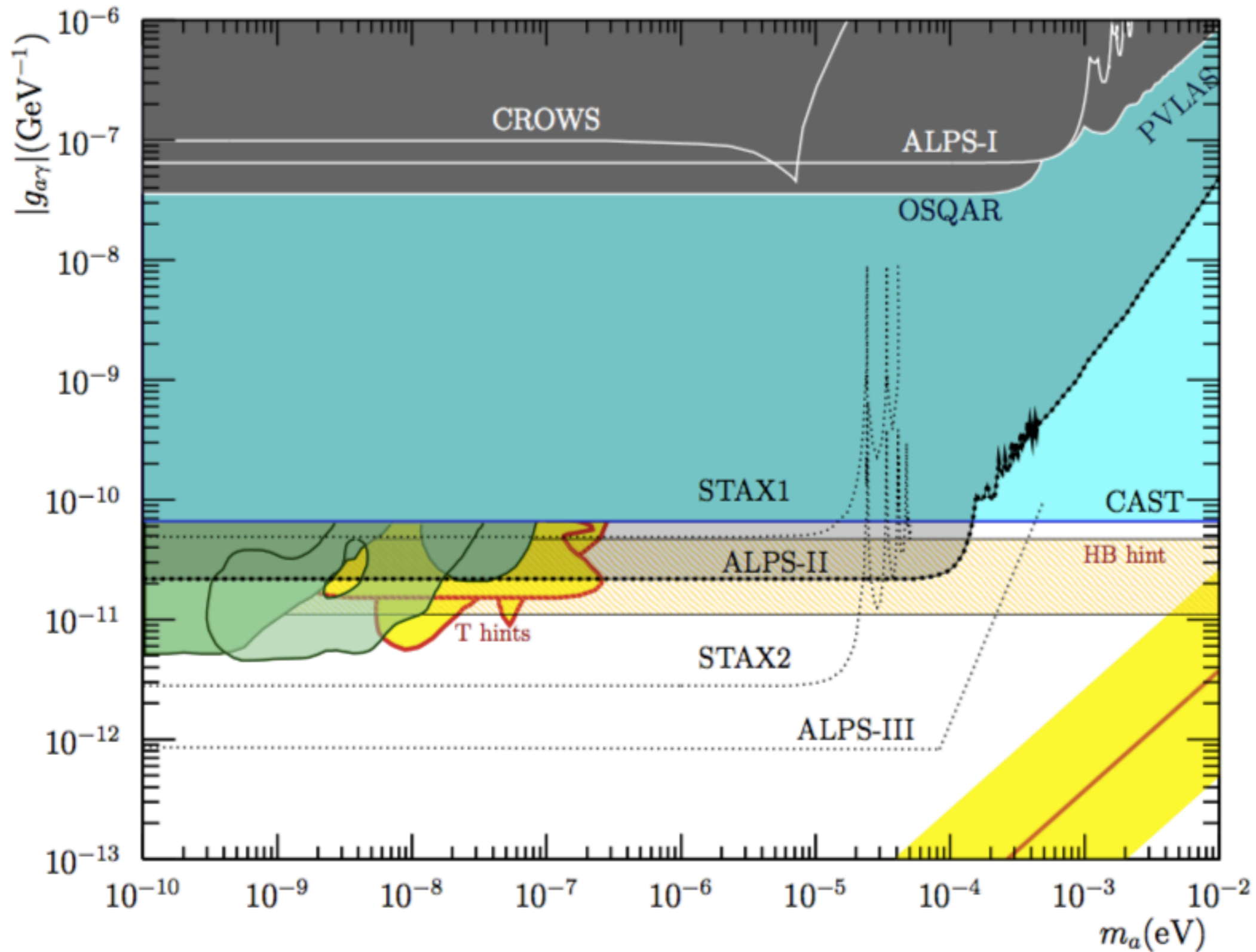
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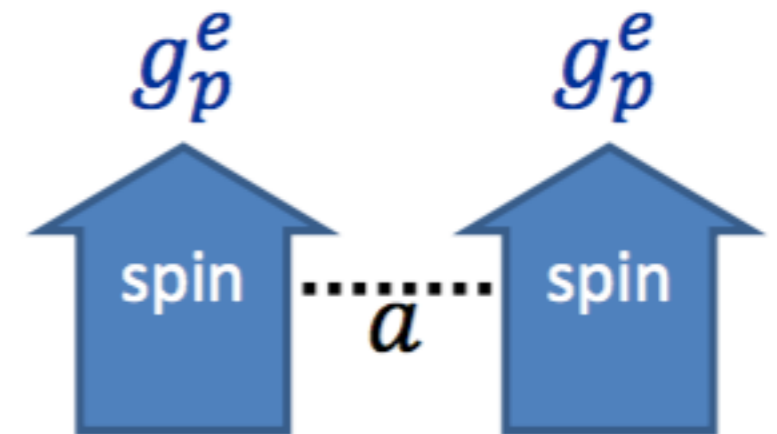


# STAX, ALPS III and beyond



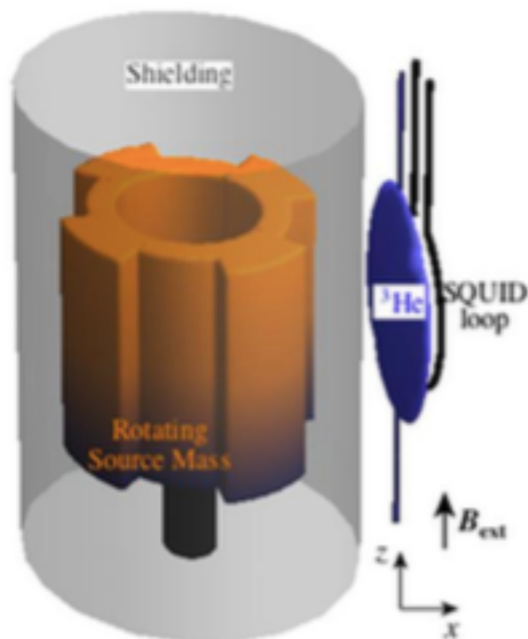
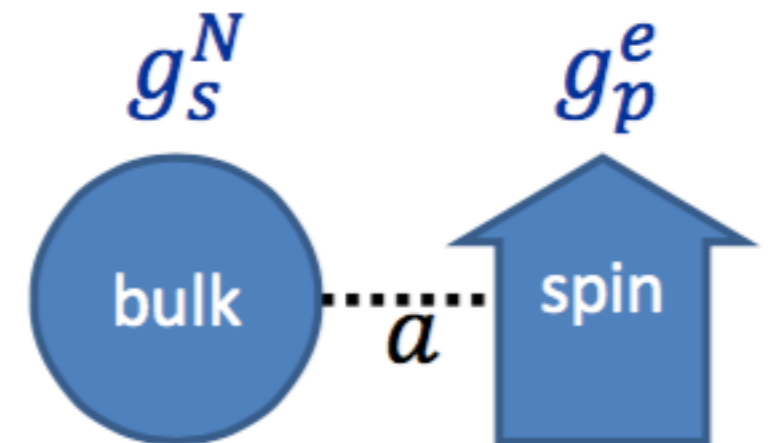
Long-range forces between macroscopic bodies

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

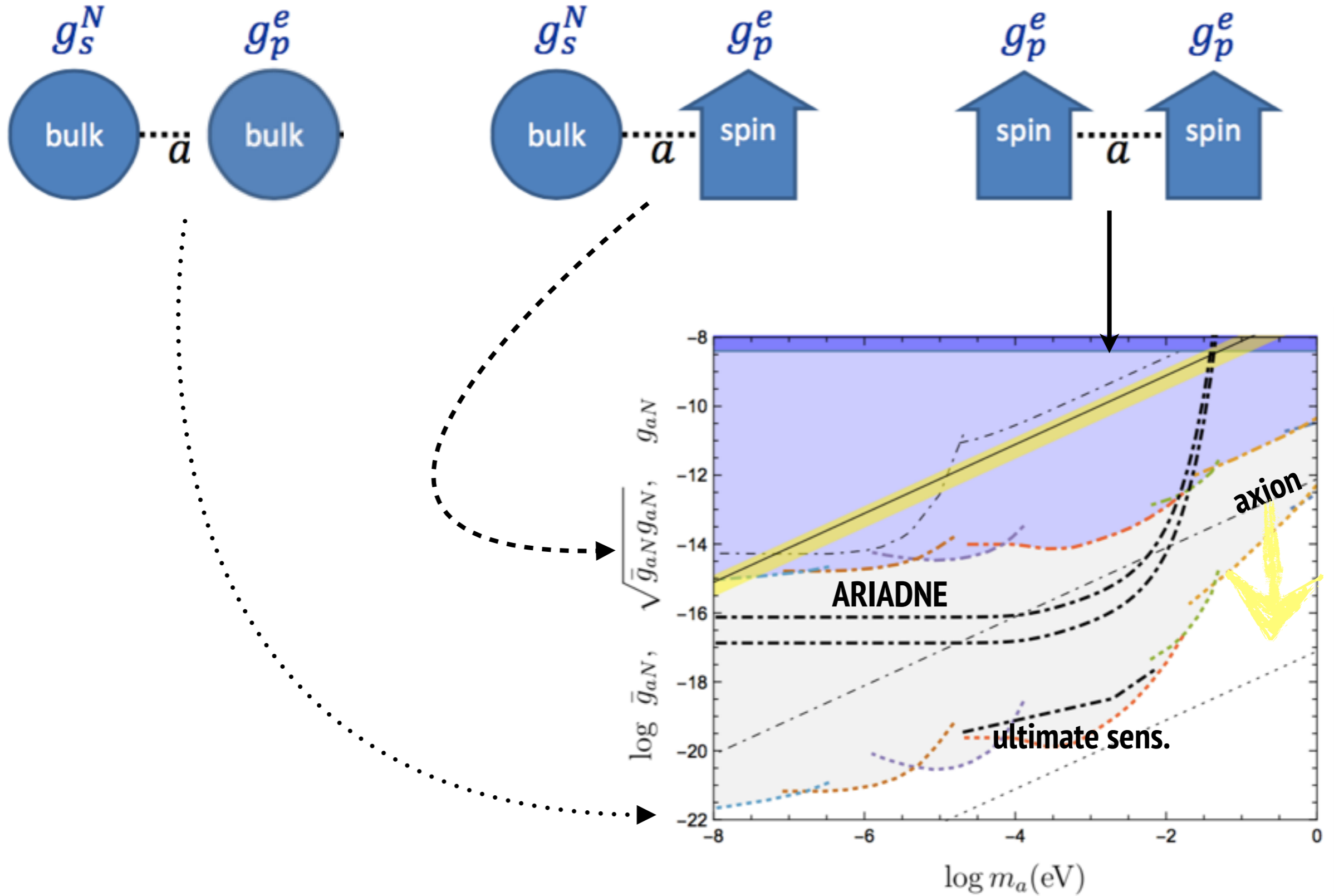


In some case a tiny s-coupling can lead to a larger effect

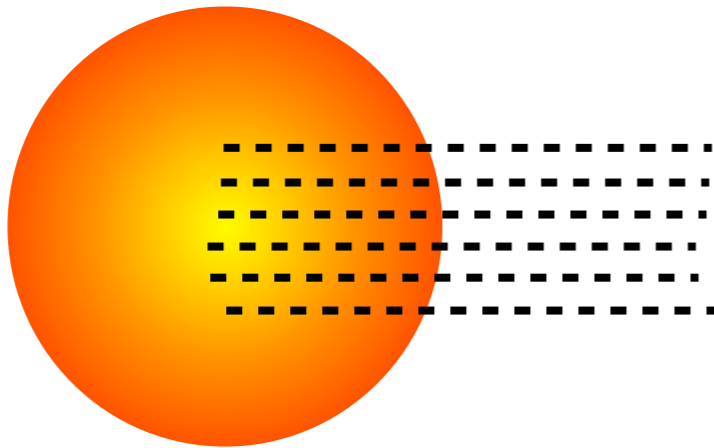
s-p forces are number-spin ... much easier



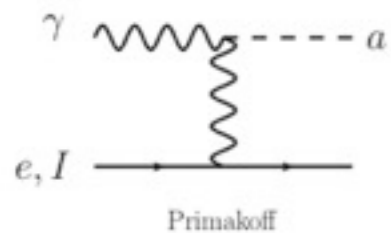
# ARIADNE reach



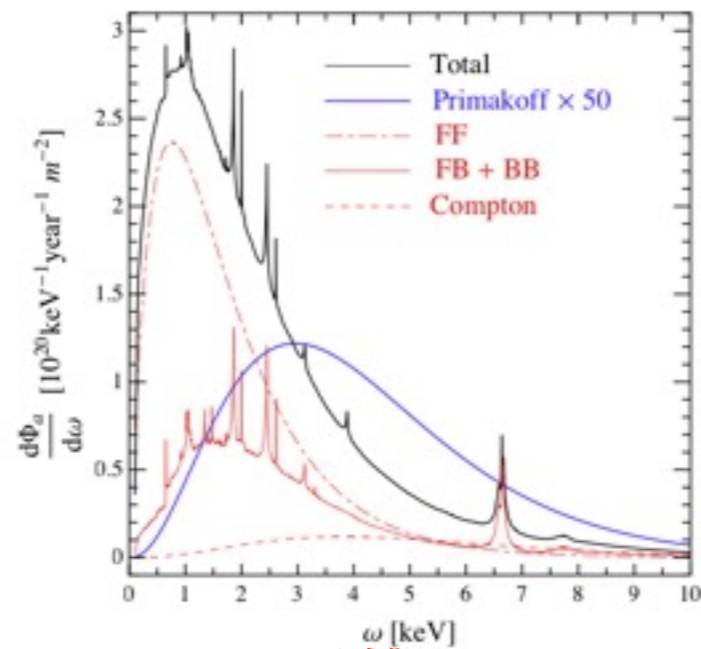
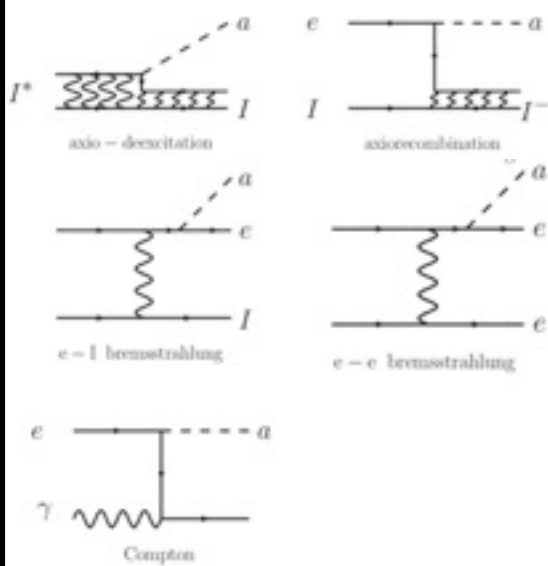
The Sun is a copious emitter of ALPs!



## photon coupling



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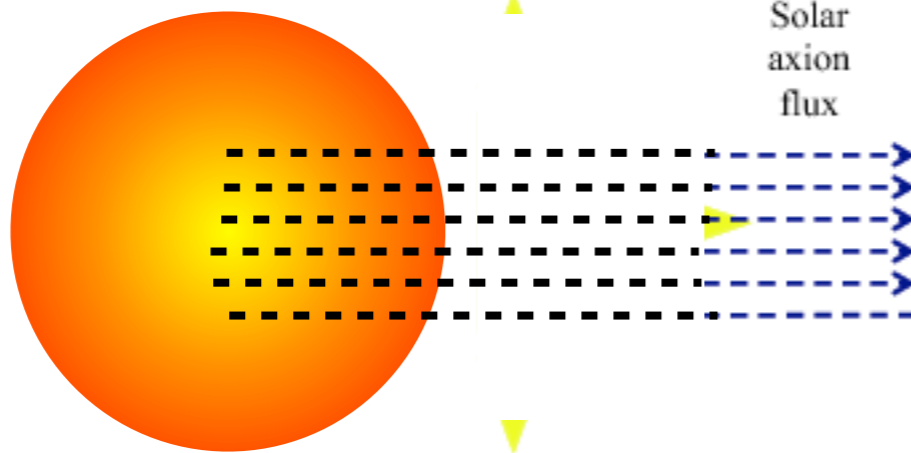
$$g_{ae} = 10^{-13}$$

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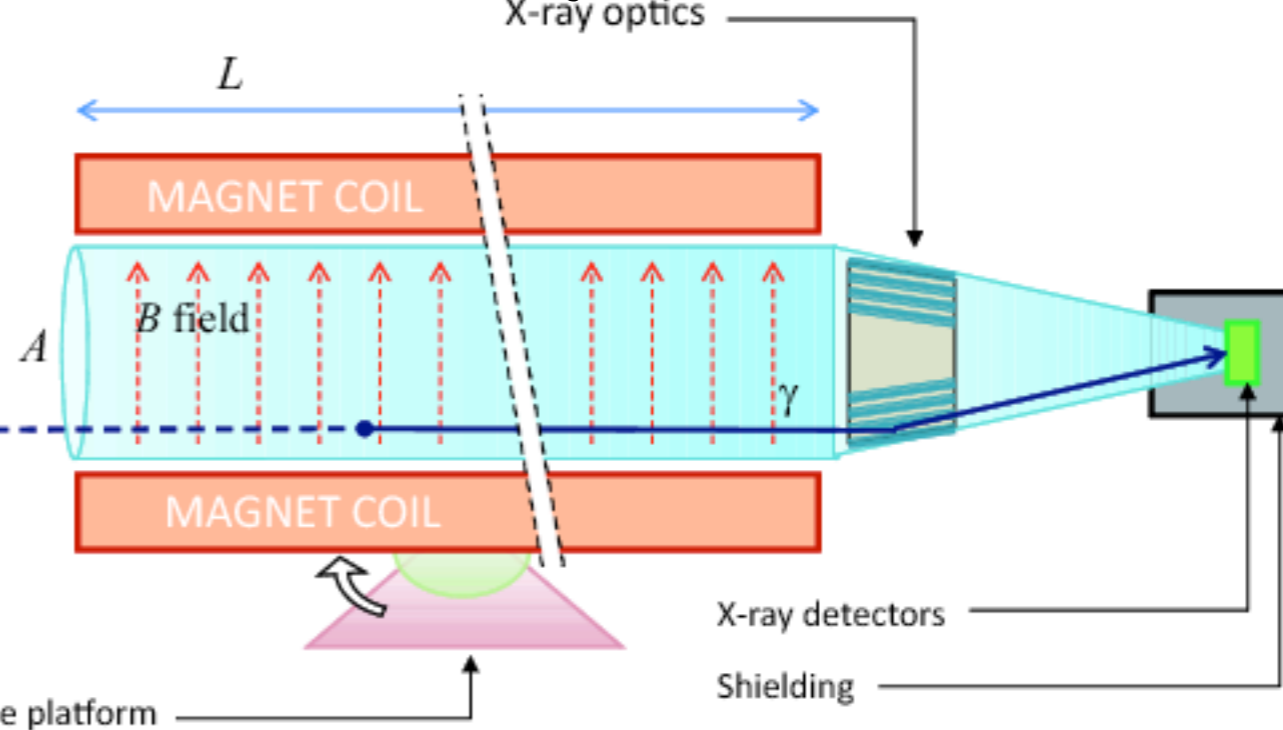
# Helioscopes (search solar ALPs)

Sikivie PRL 1983

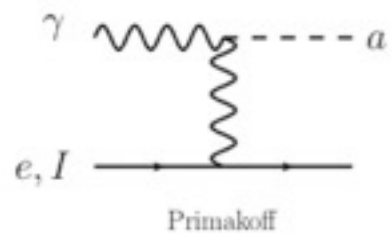
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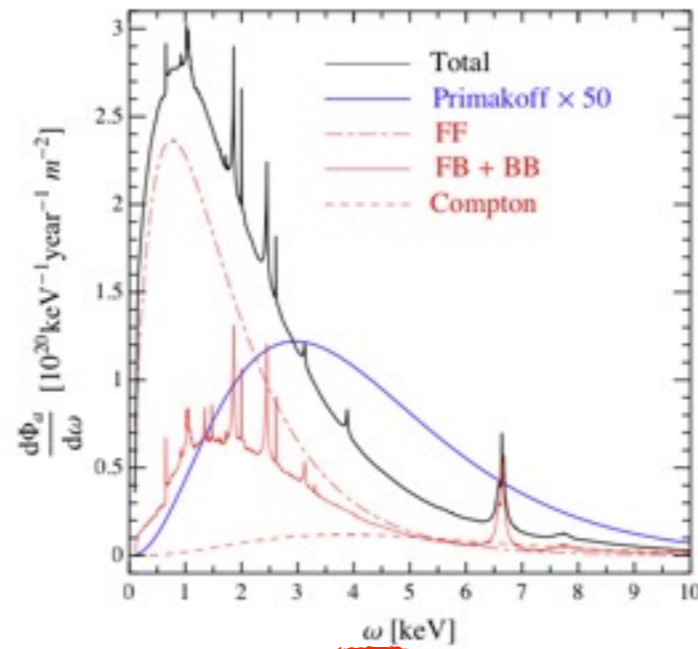
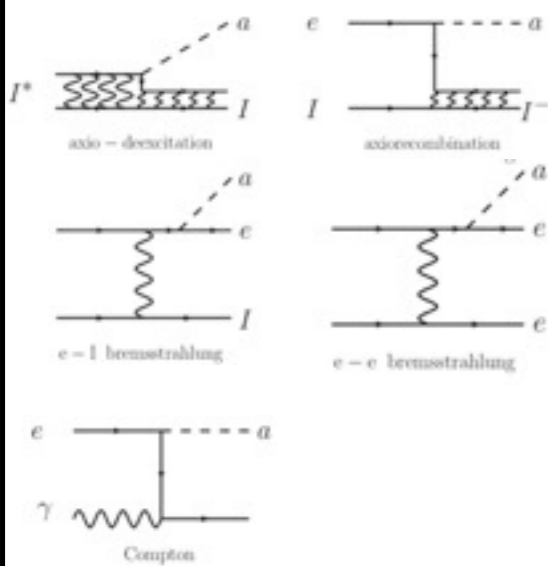
convert into X-rays      focus      detect



photon coupling



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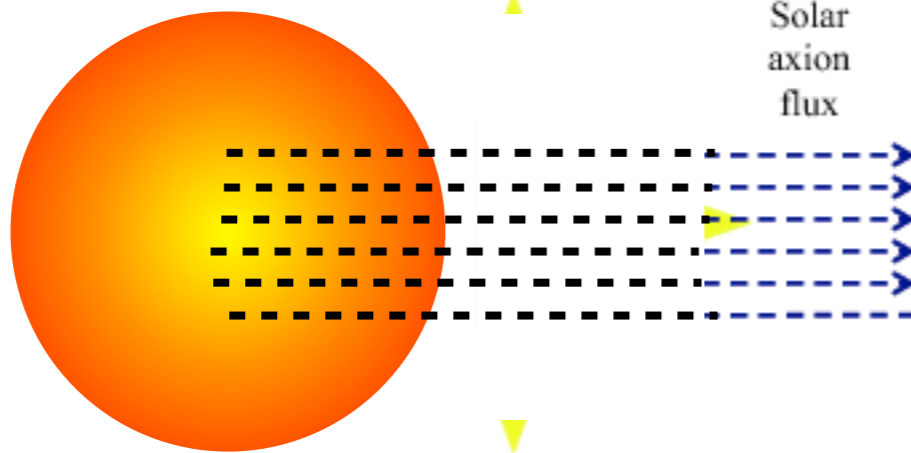
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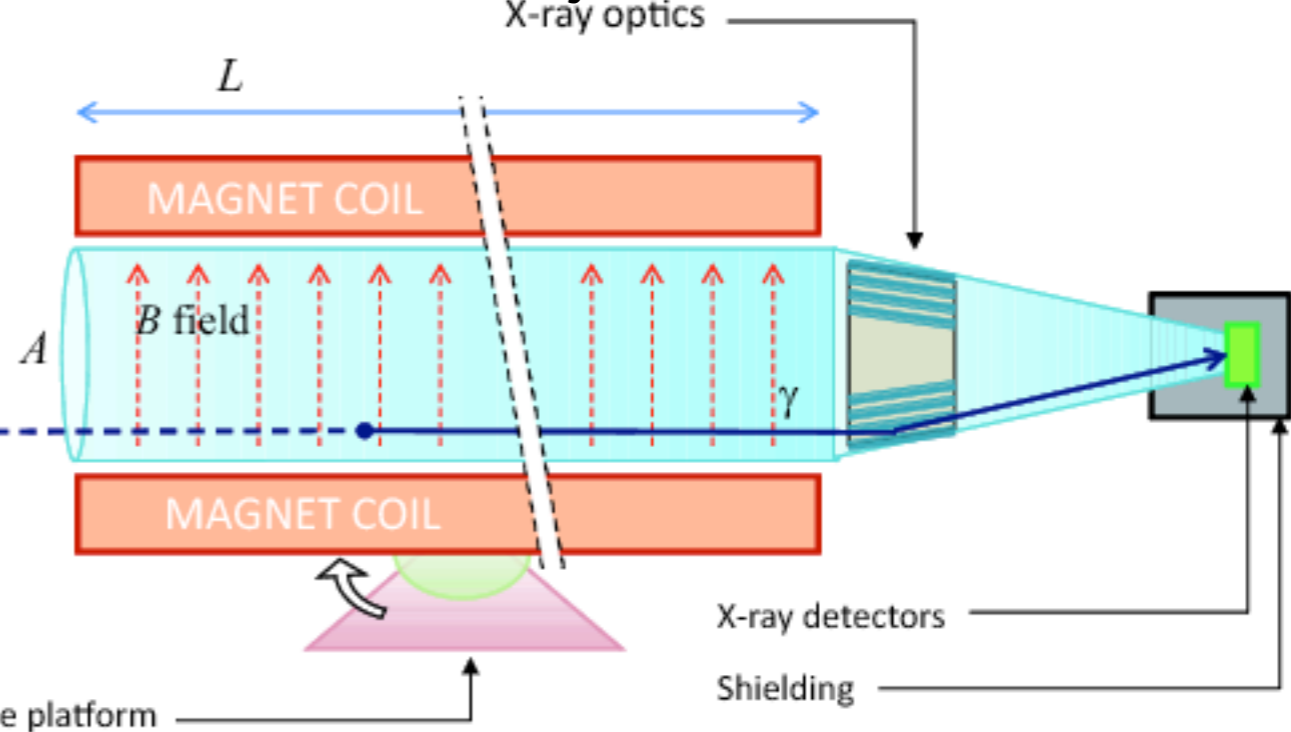
# Helioscopes (search solar ALPs)

Sikivie PRL 1983

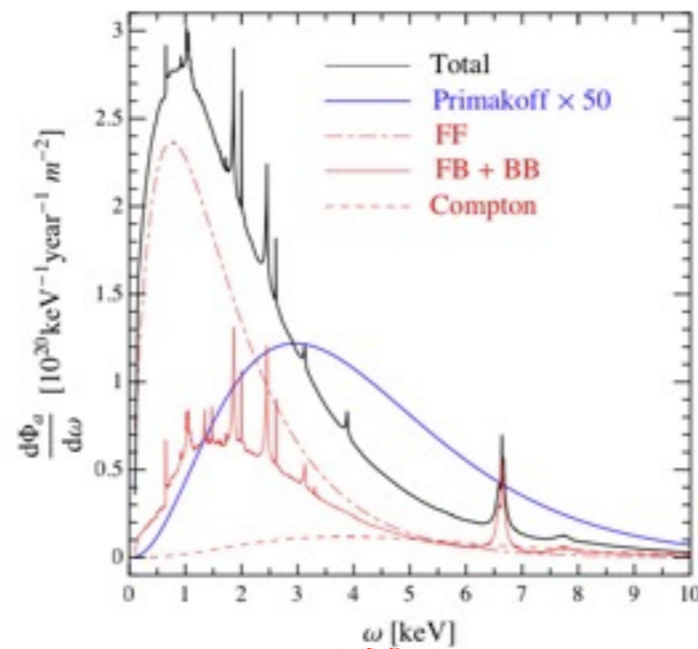
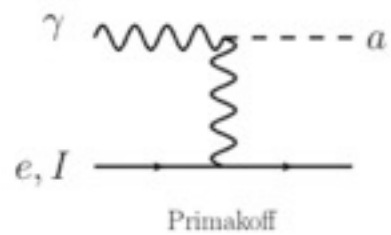
The Sun is a copious emitter of ALPs!



convert into X-rays      focus      detect

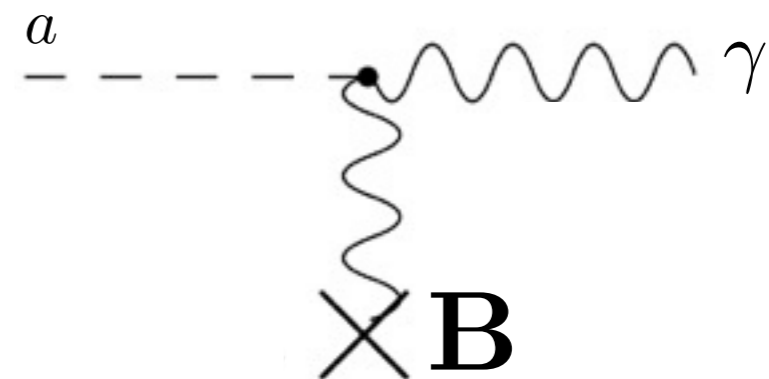


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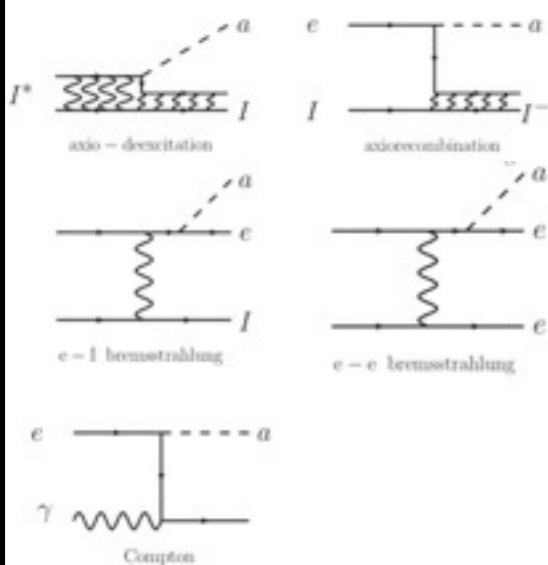


## Coherent Conversion along the B-field

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



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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

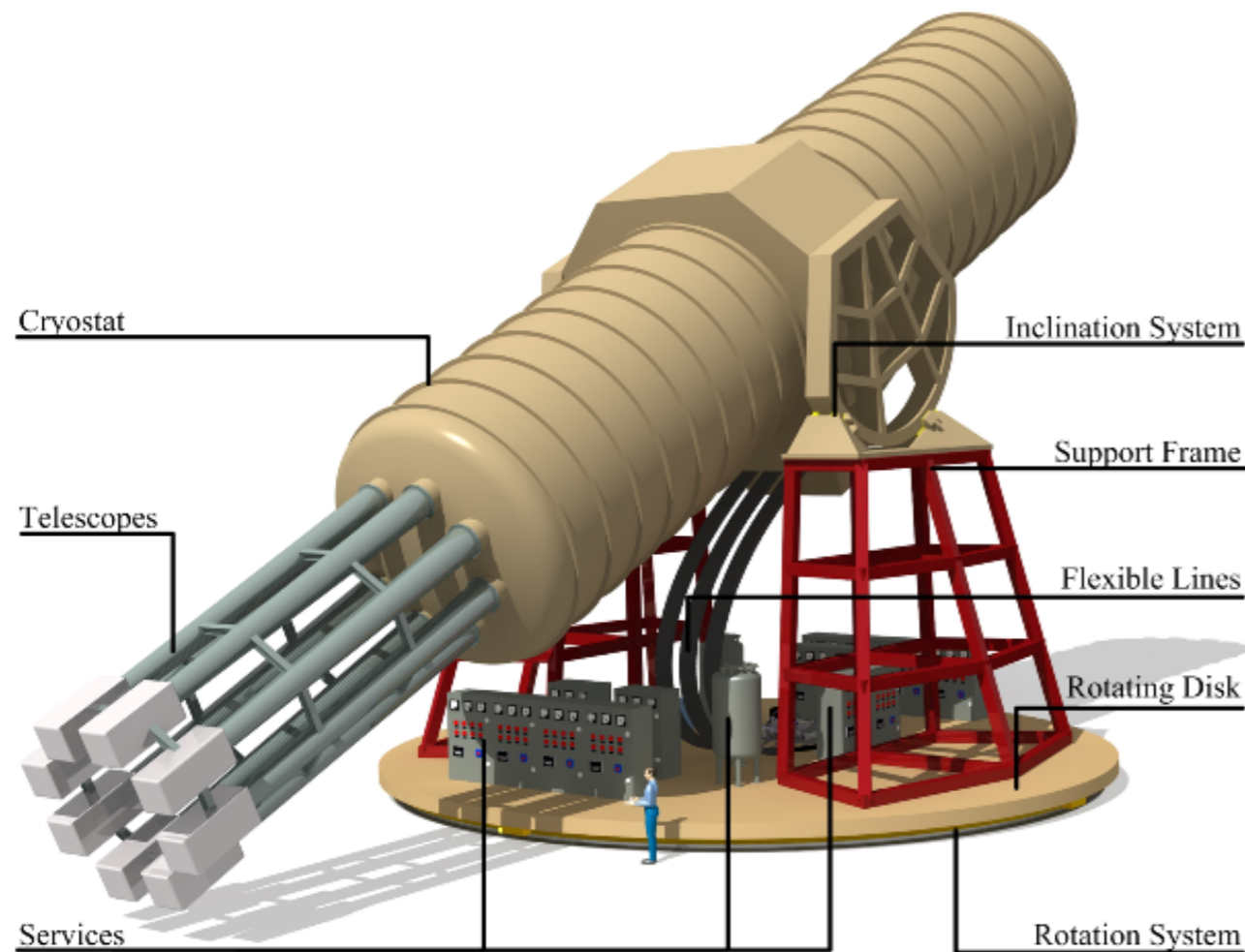
Rotating platform with services

-NGAG paper JCAP 1106:013,2011

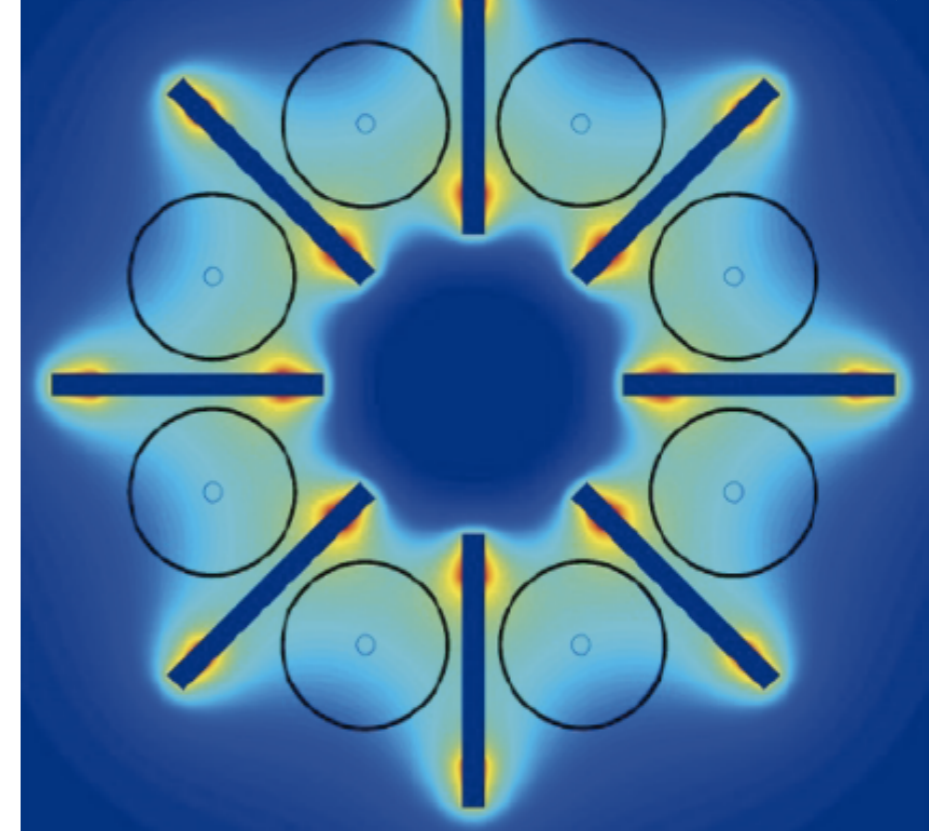
-Conceptual design report IAXO 2014 JINST 9 T05002

-LOI submitted to CERN, TDR in preparation

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



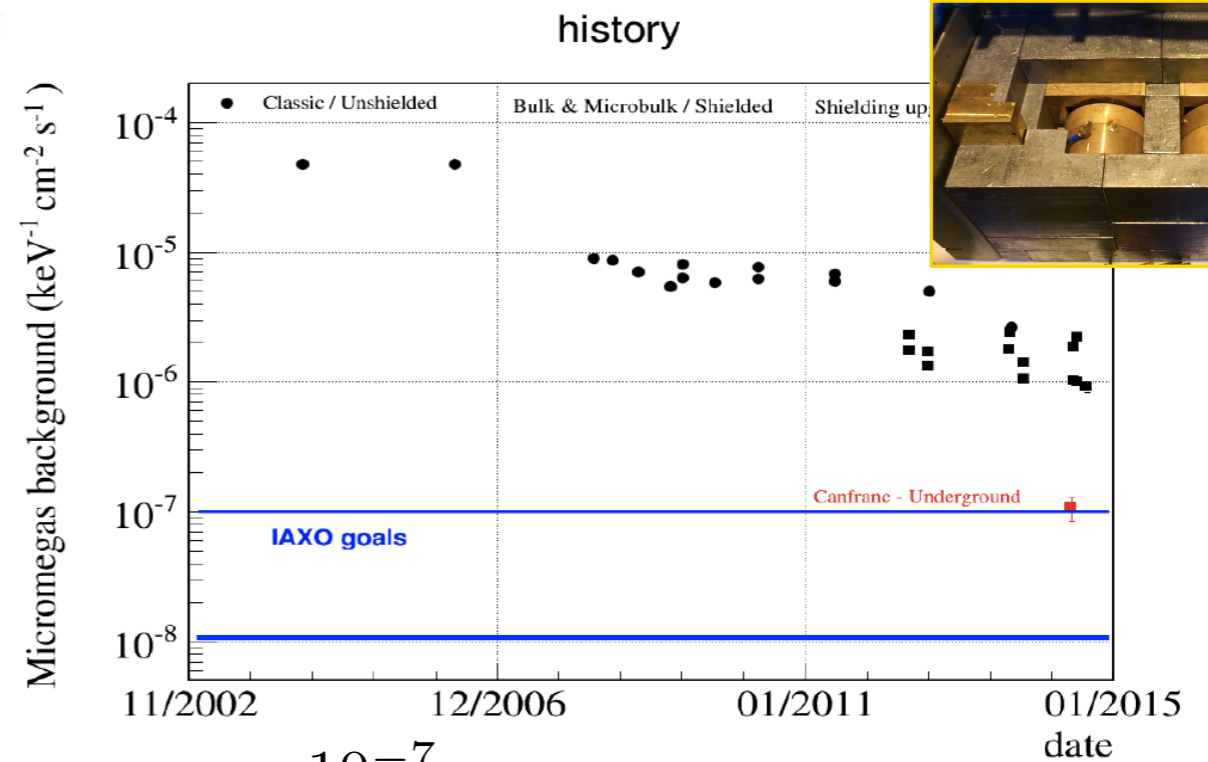
Transverse B-field (peak 5T, average 2.5T)



# IAXO detectors

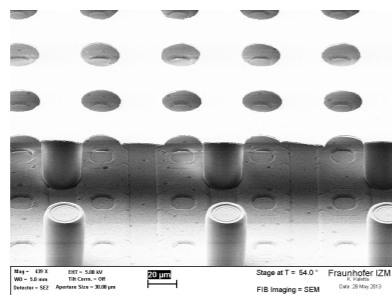
Goal background level for IAXO:  $\frac{10^{-7} \rightarrow 10^{-8}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}}$

- Small Micromegas-TPC chambers:
- Shielding
- Radiopure components
- Offline discrimination

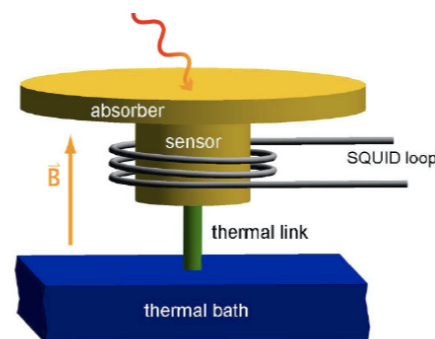


Already demonstrated:  $\frac{8 \times 10^{-7}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}}$  (in CAST 2014 result)  $\frac{10^{-7}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}}$  (underground at LSC)

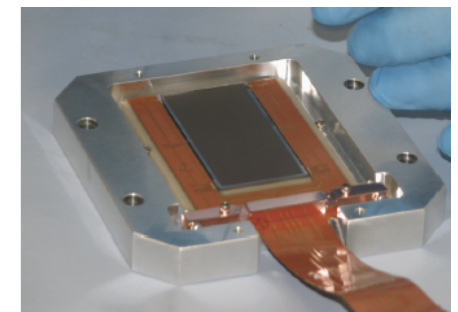
- Gridpix/InGrid,



- MMC

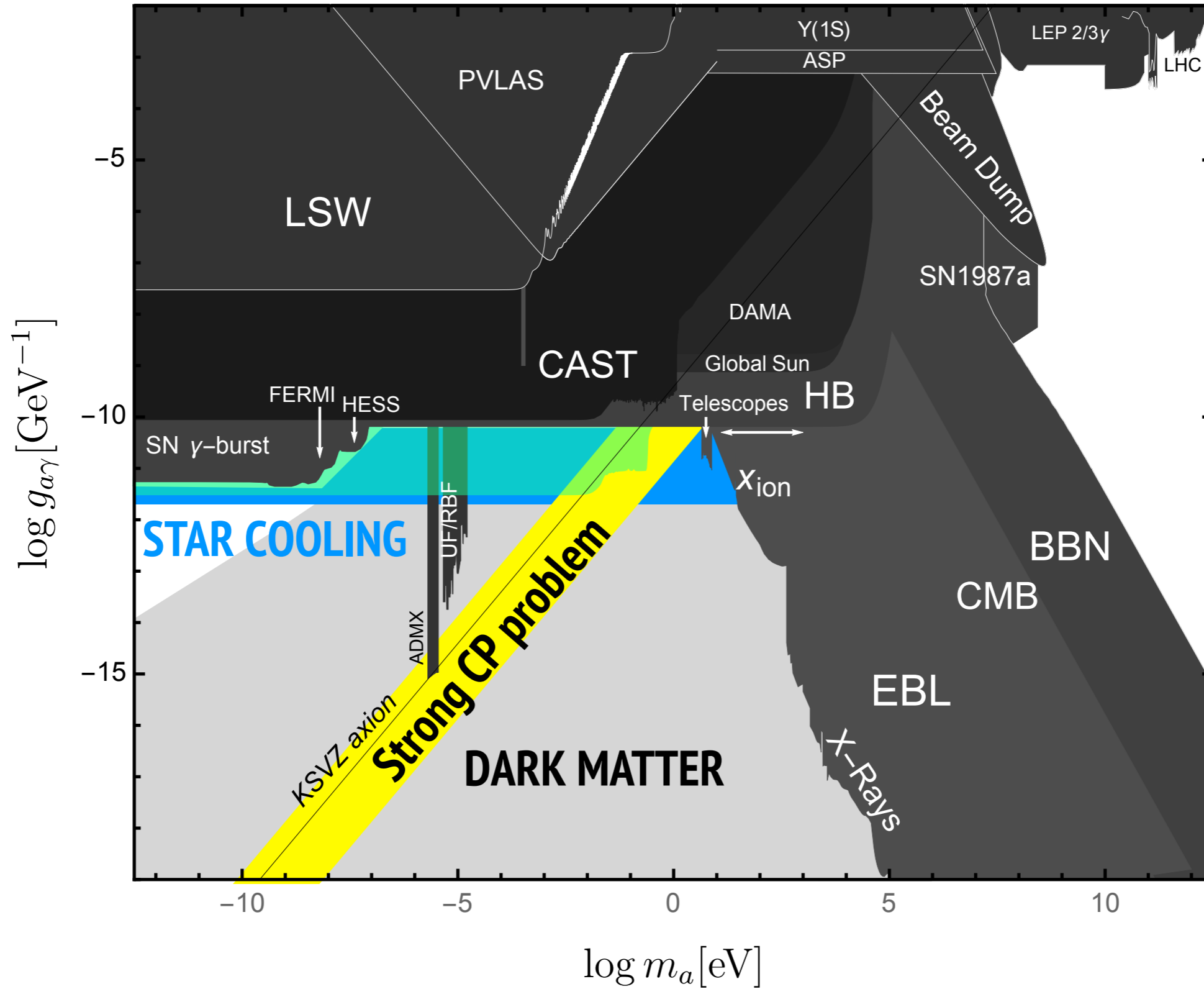


- Low noise CCDs

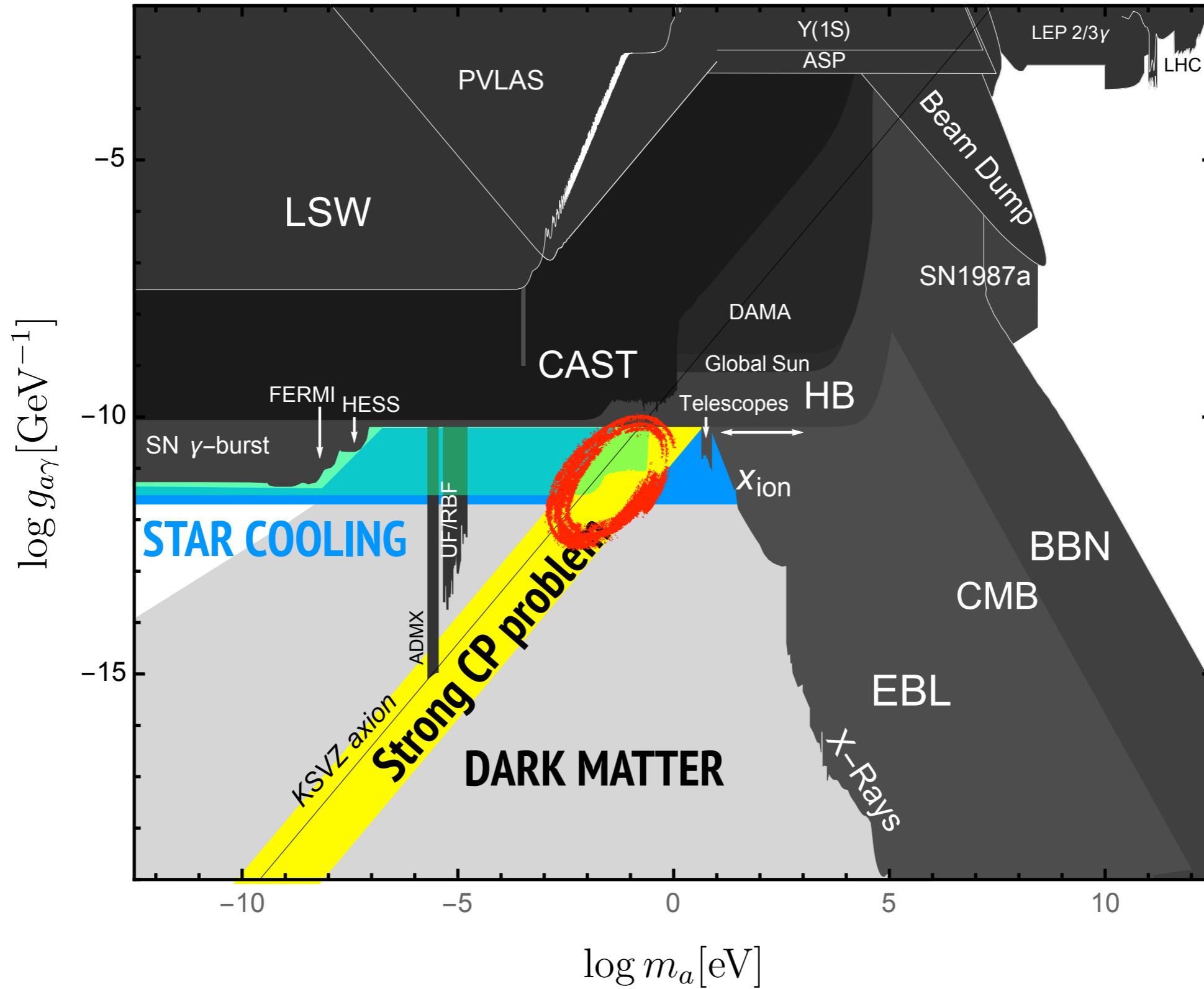




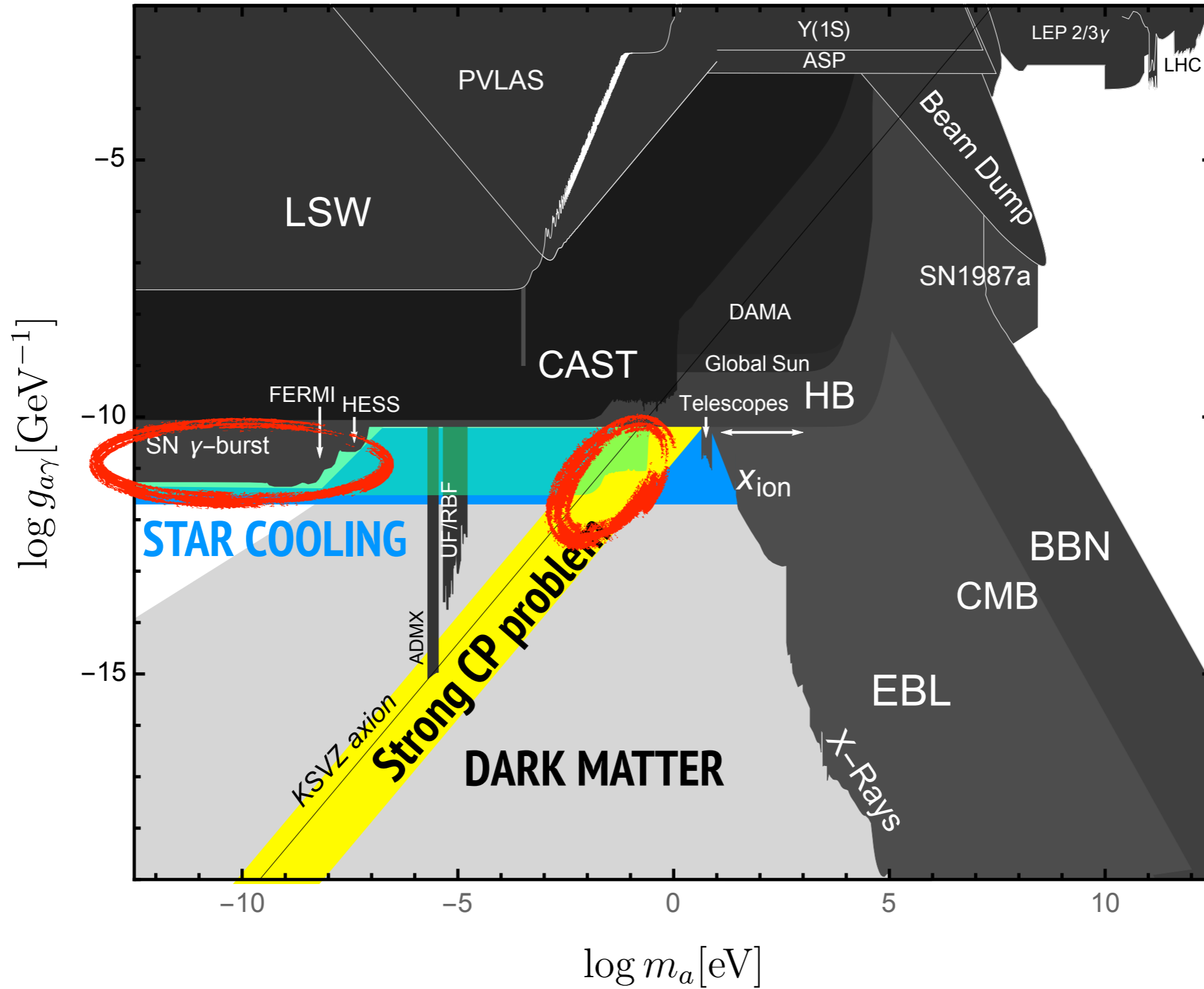
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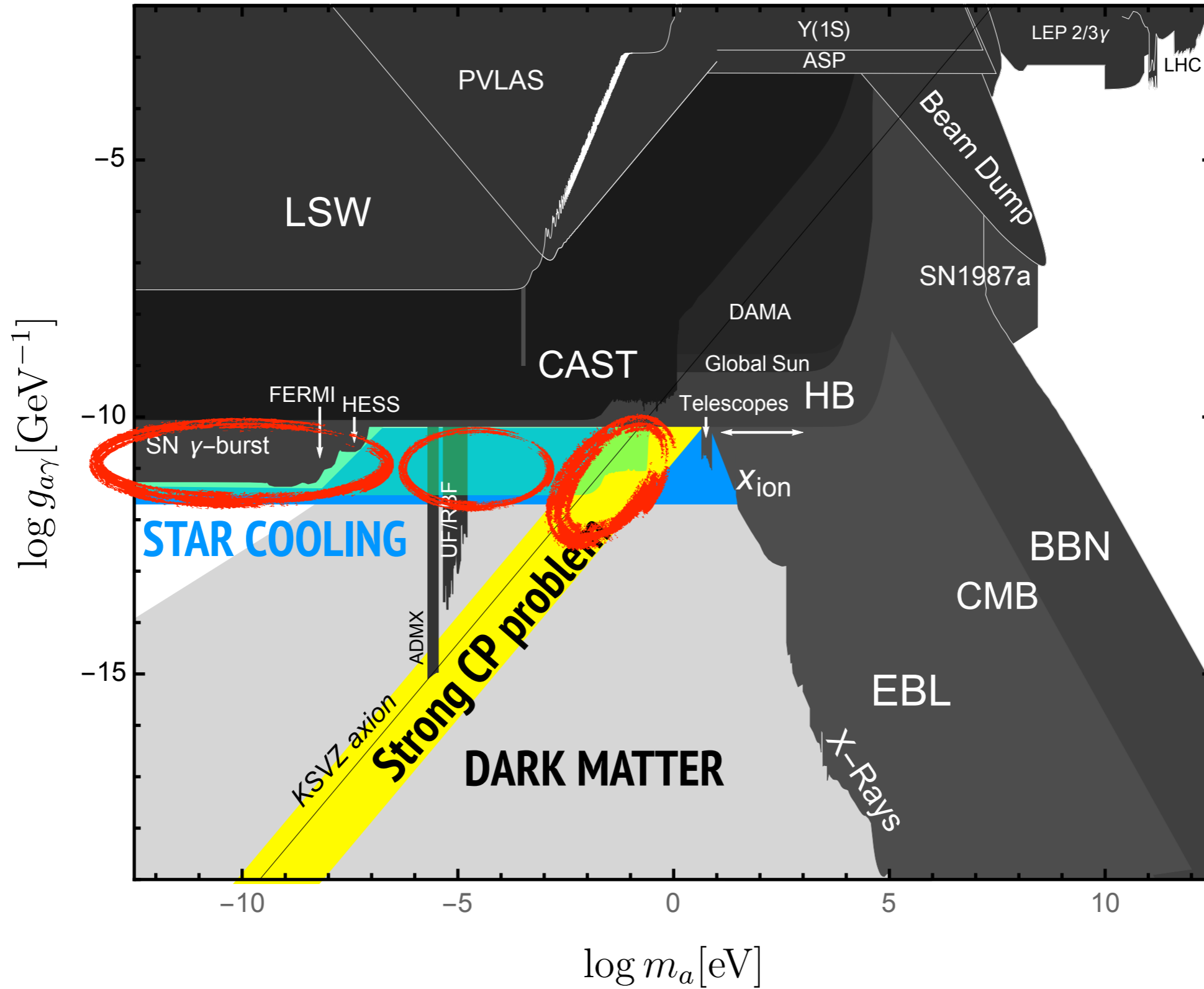
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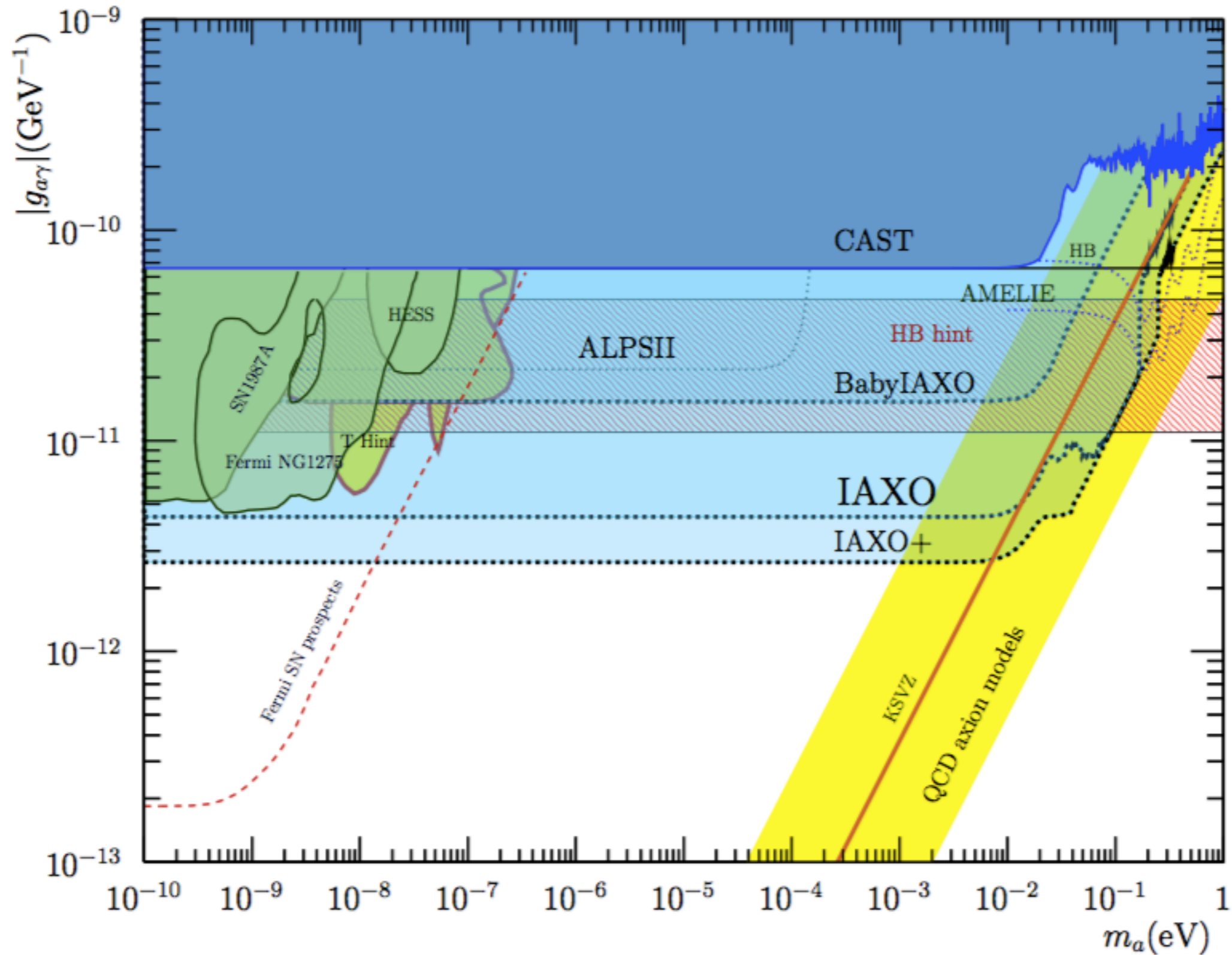
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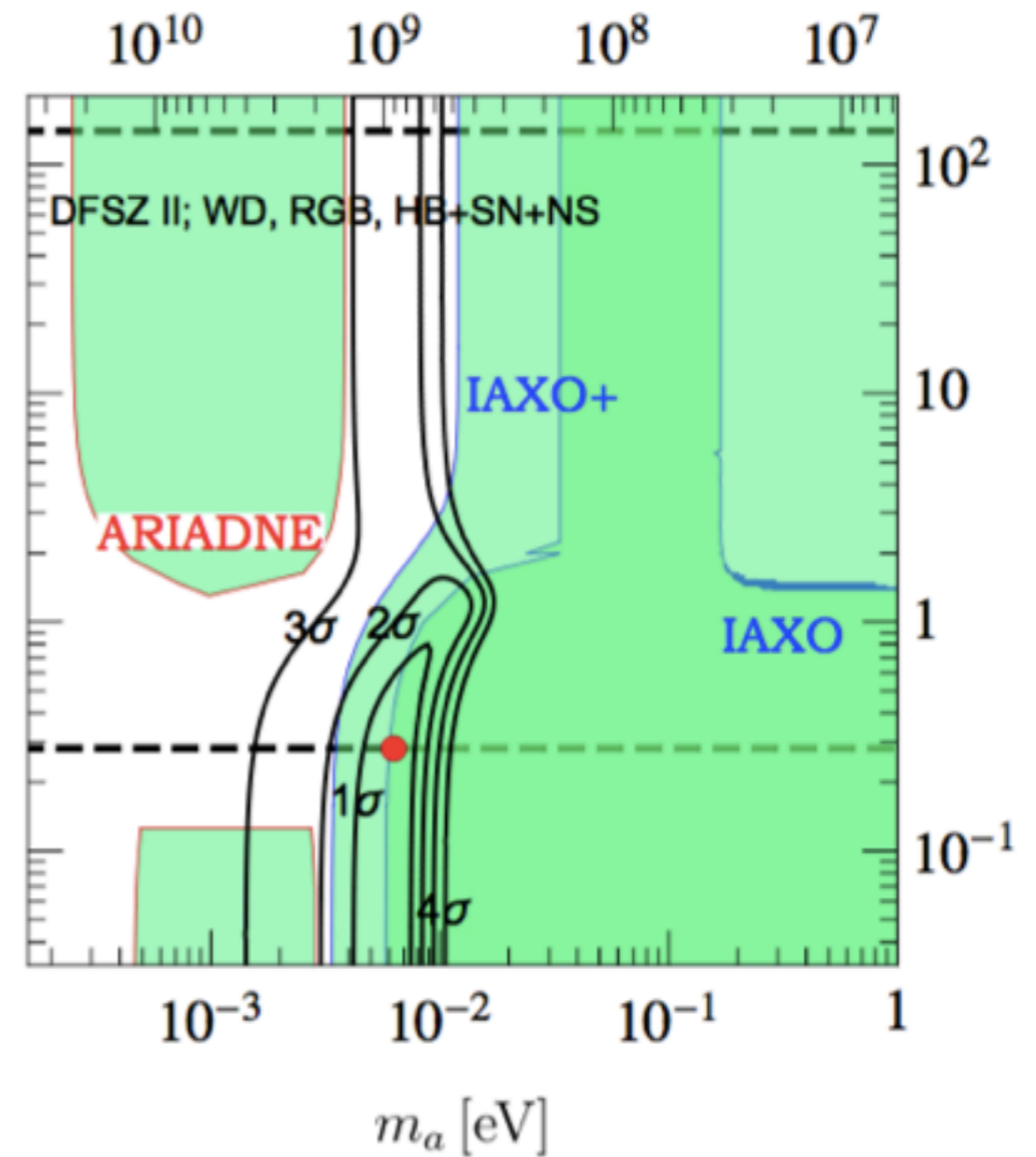
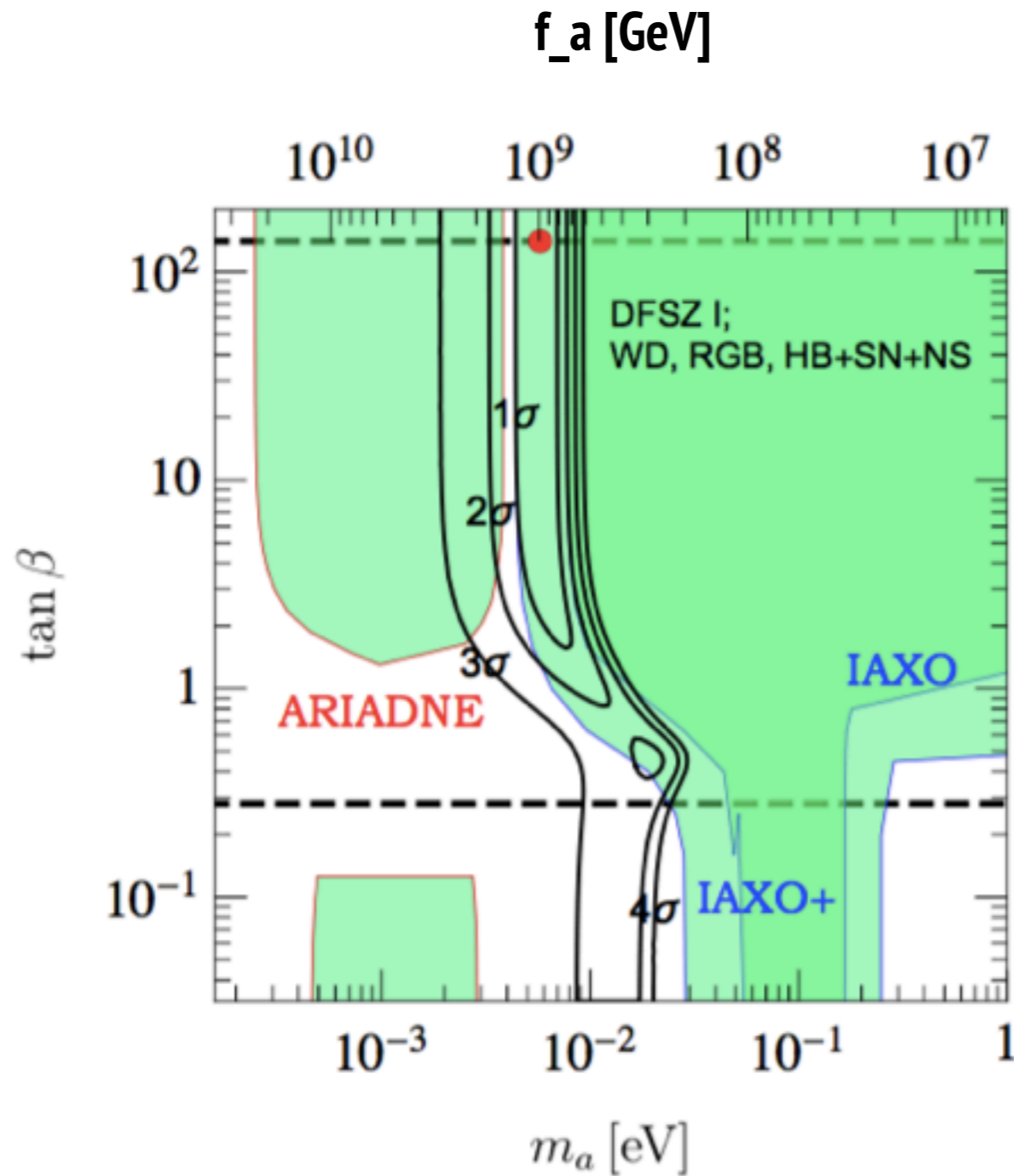
# In mode detail



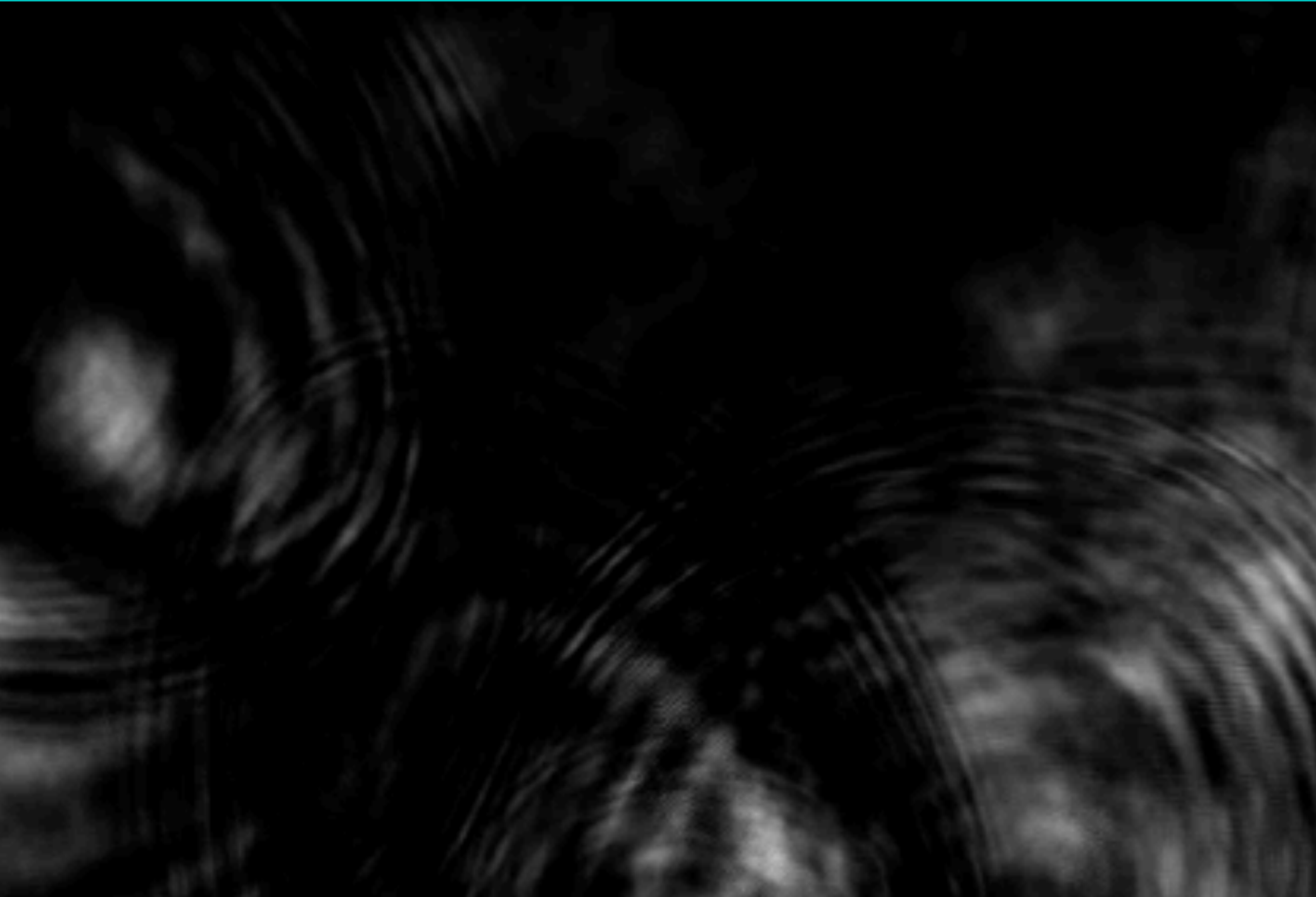
# QCD axions, IAXO and ARIADNE

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

M. Giannotti et al JCAP10(2017)010



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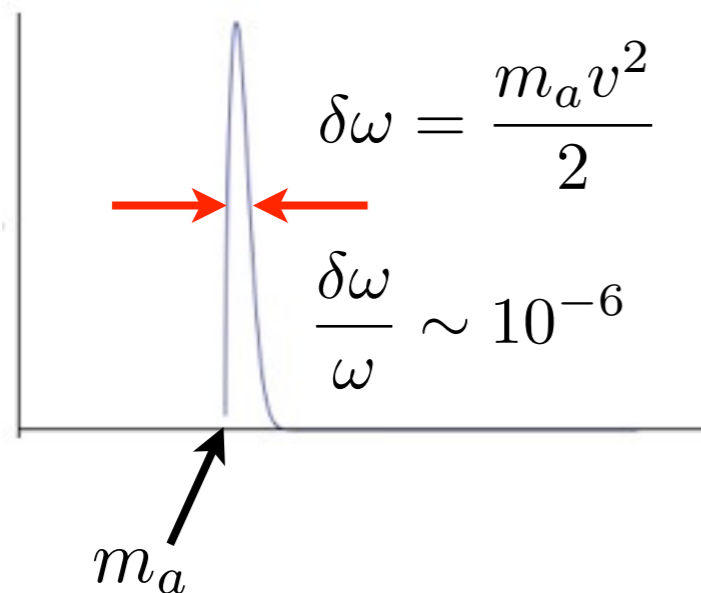
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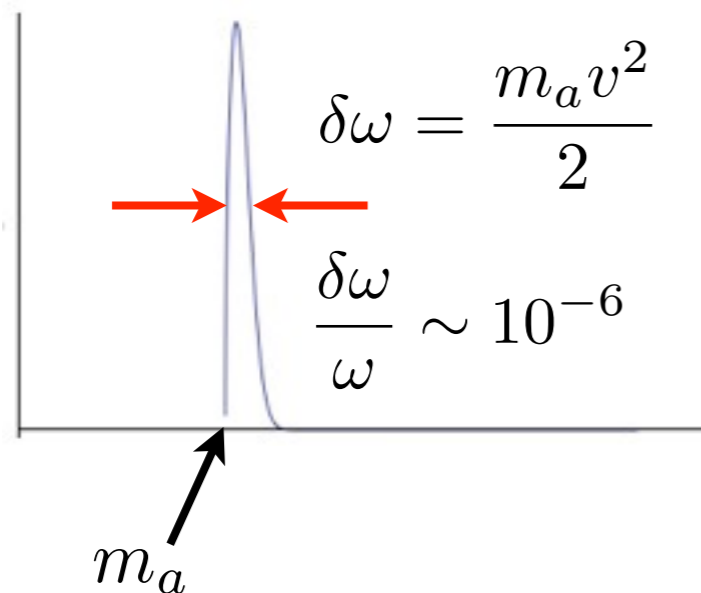
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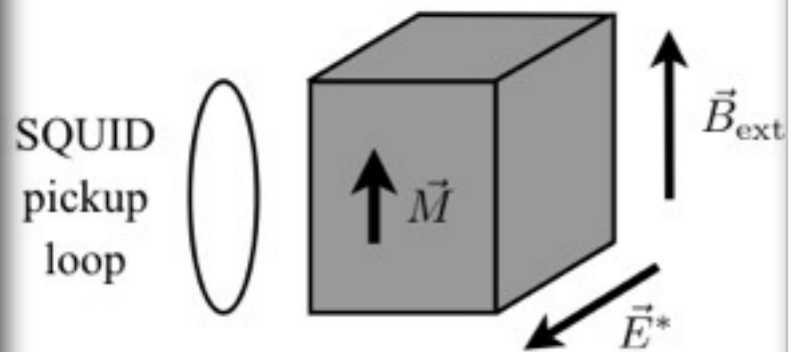
**coherence time**

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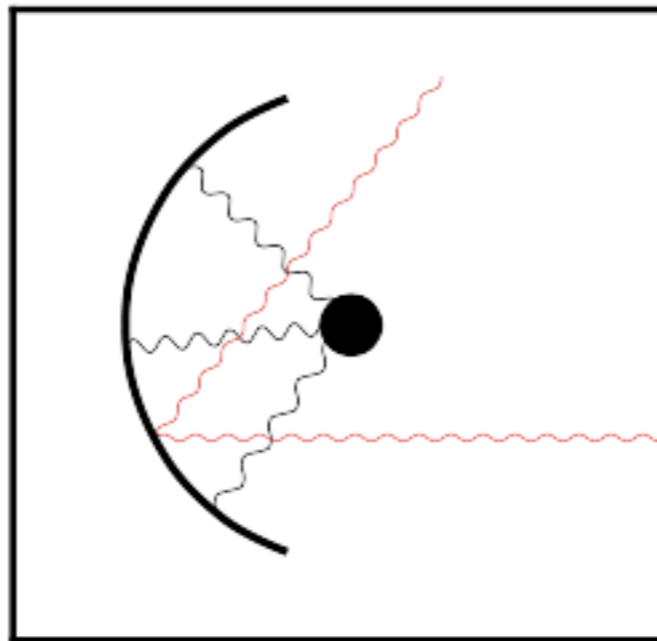
**coherence length**

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

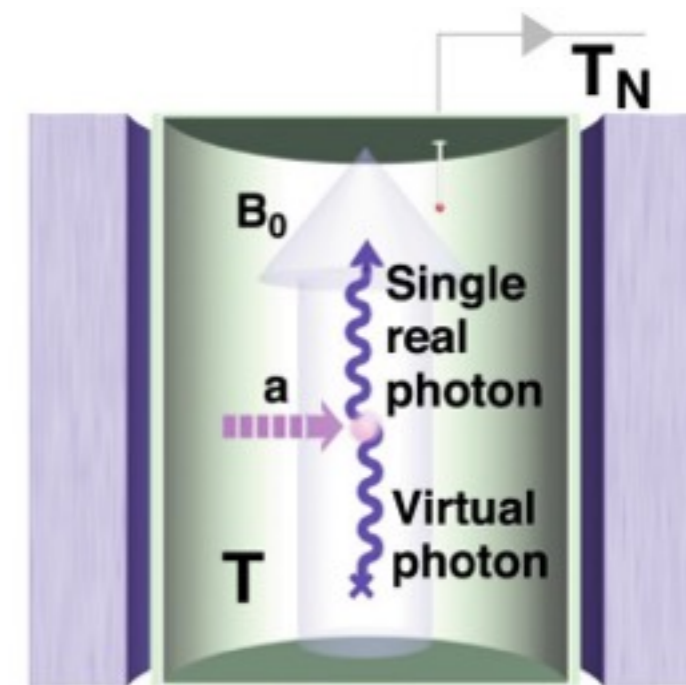
# Spin precession



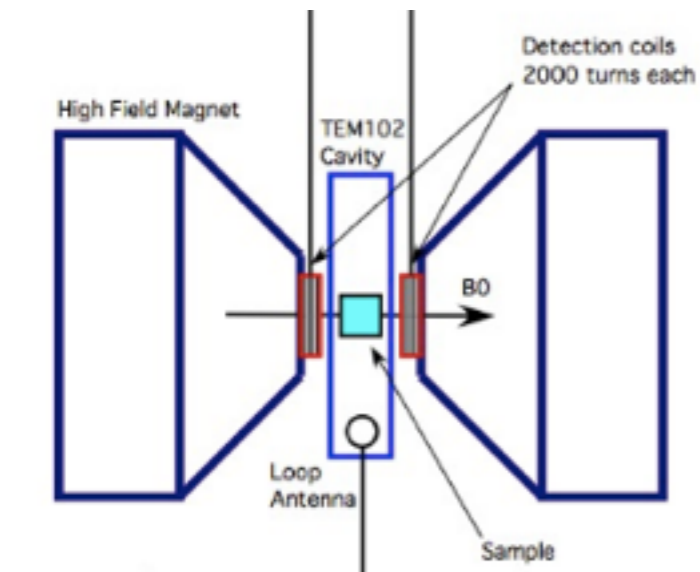
# Mirrors+



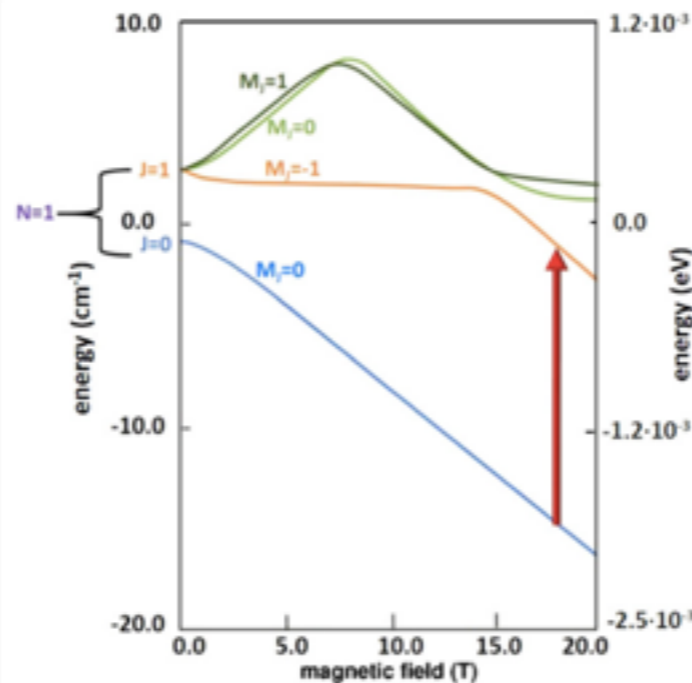
# Cavities



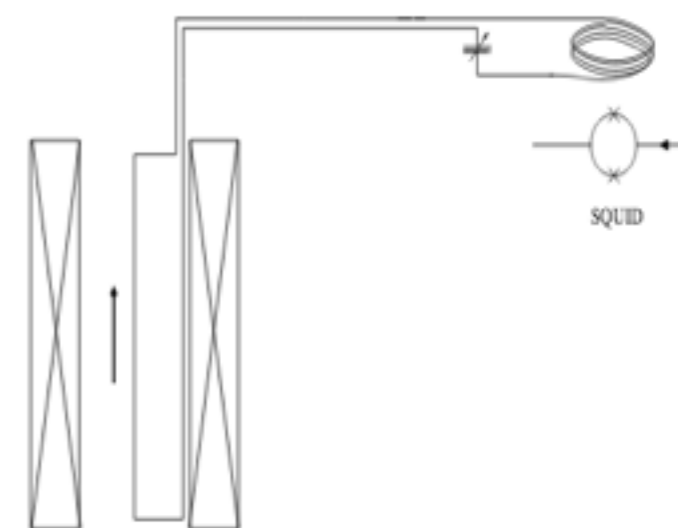
# e-spin precession

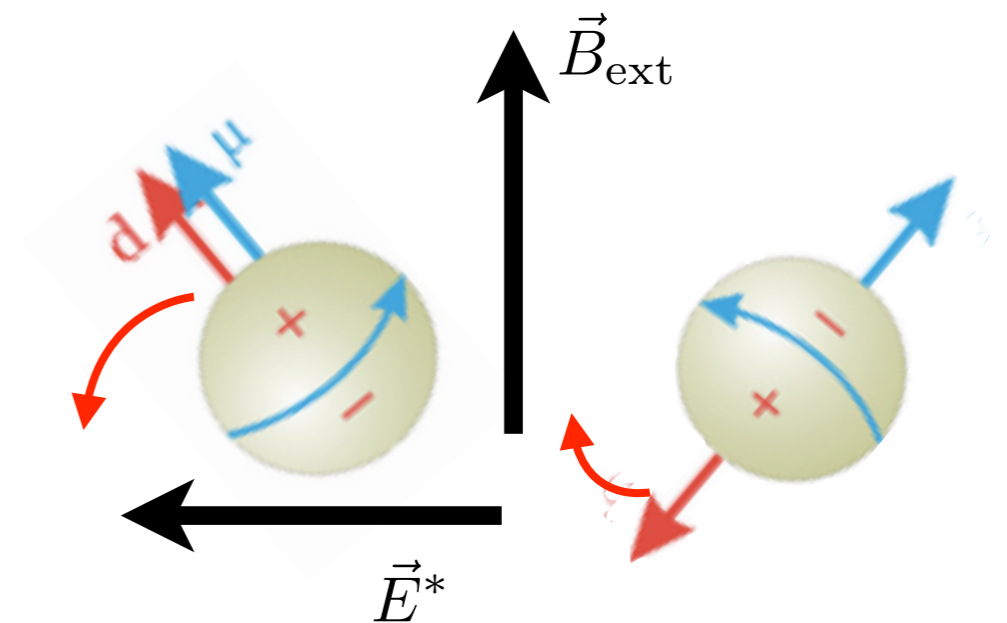
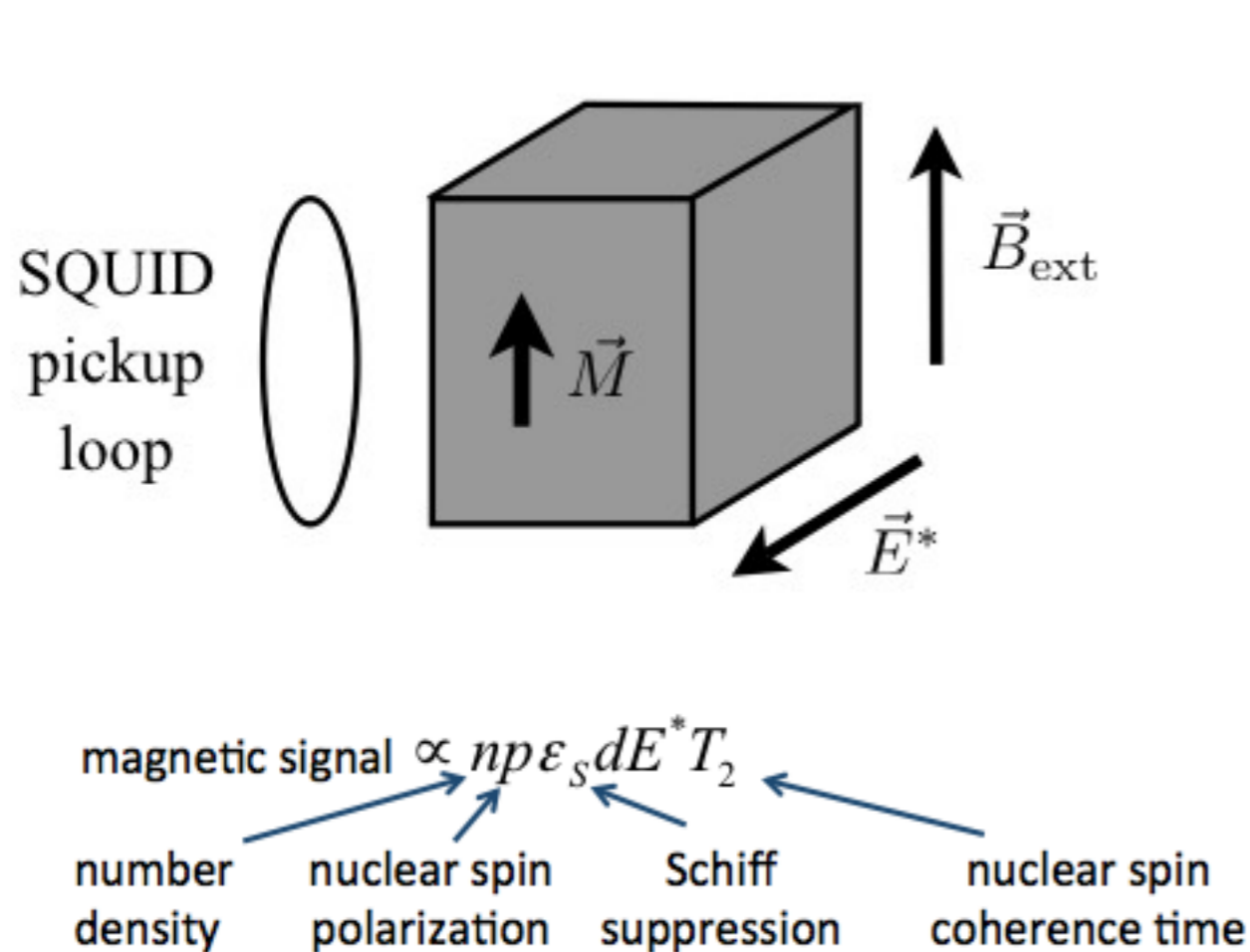


# Atomic transitions



# LC-circuit



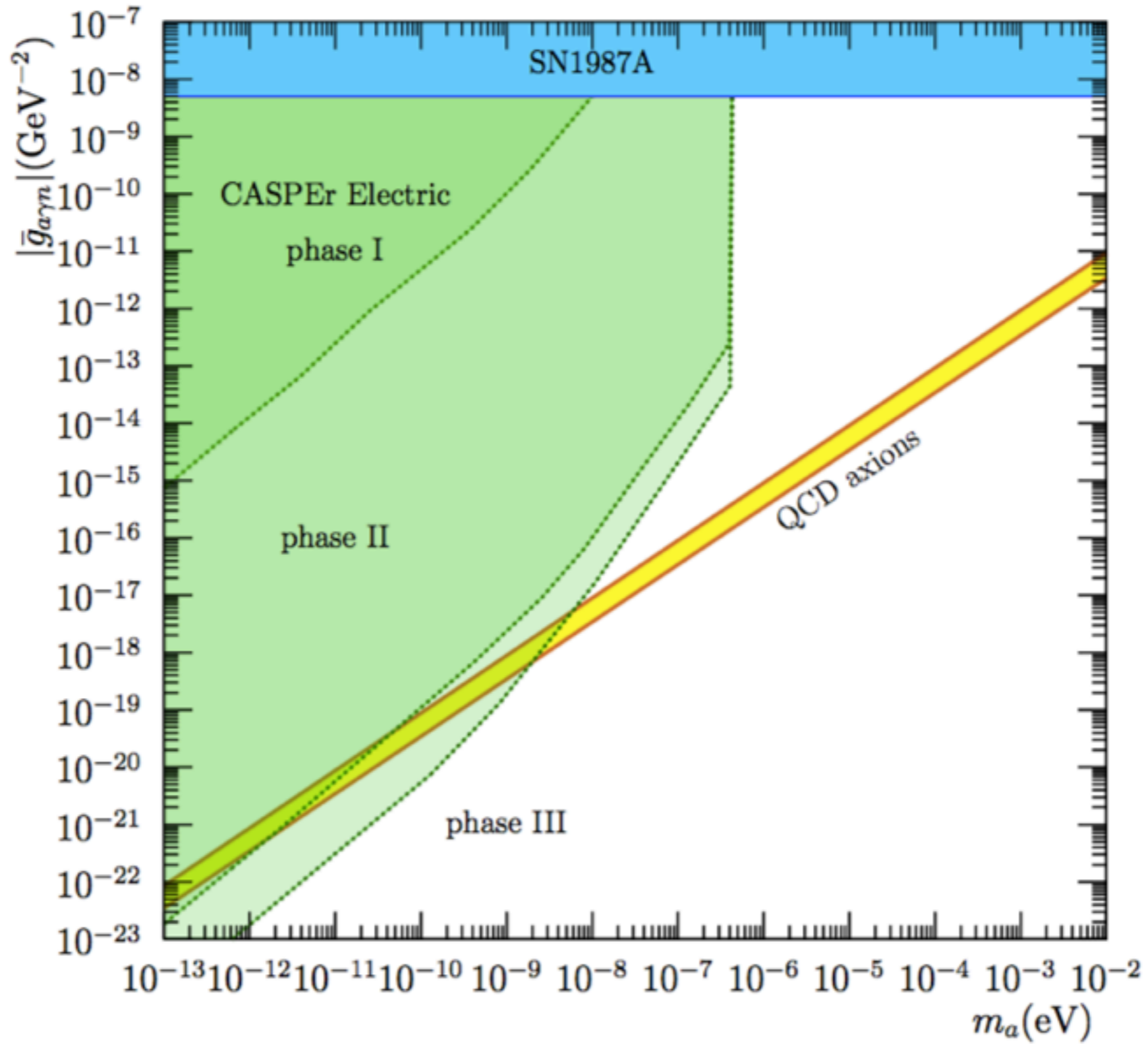


**Oscillating EDM, effects add up,  
transverse magnetisation grows**  
if  $m_a = \omega = \mu |\vec{B}_{\text{ext}}|$

- EDM + Large E-fields in PbTiO3
- Mainz (D. Budker's group) & Berkeley
- B-field, coherence time, sensitivity to  $m < \text{neV}$
- Mass range limited by B-field strength

# CASPER reach

Graham 2012



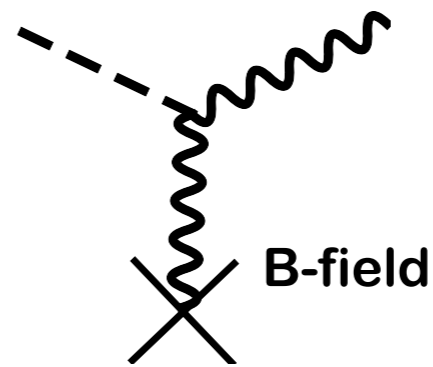
# Axion DM in a B-field

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

- 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  $\omega \simeq m_a$

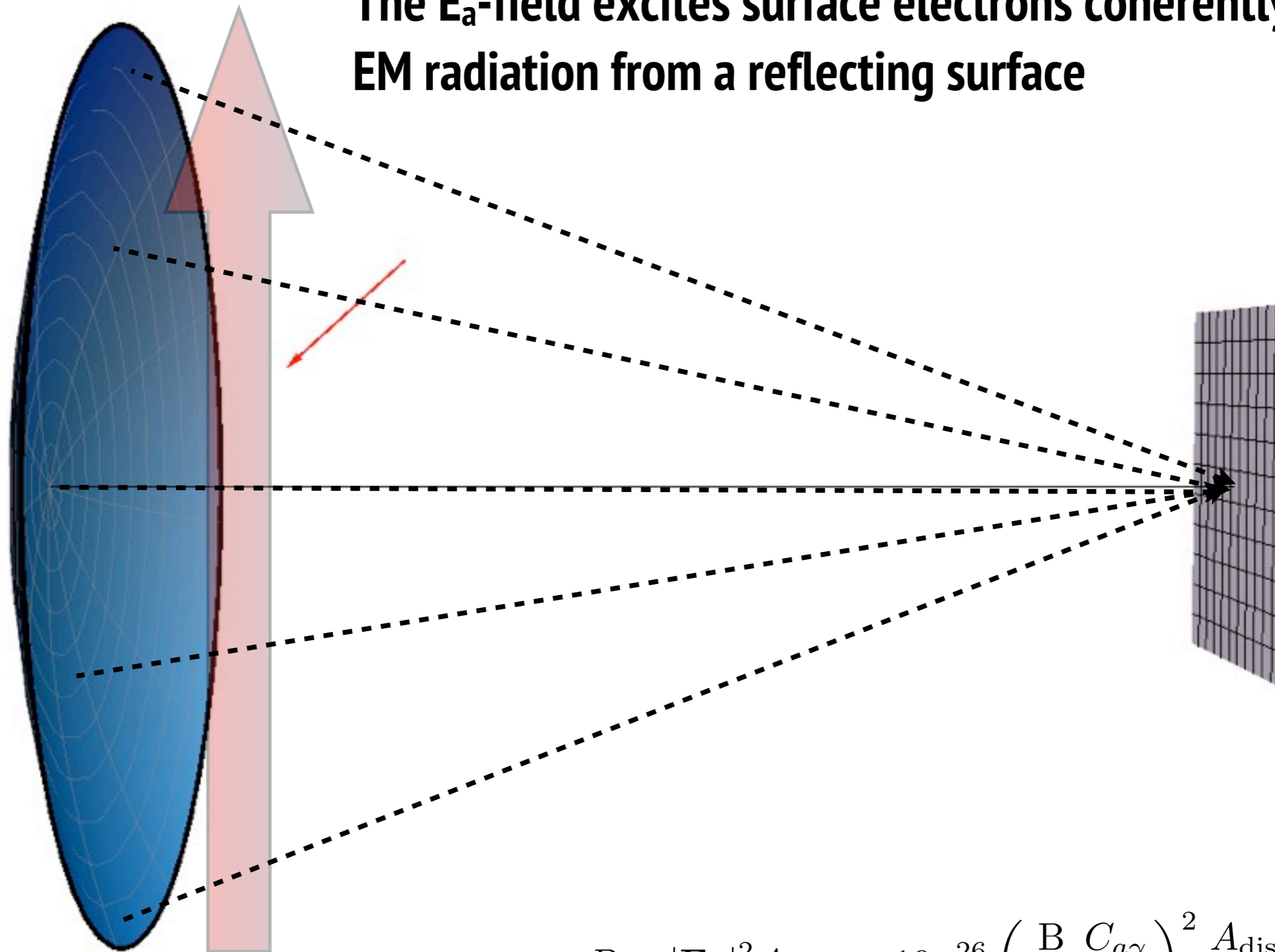
- B-fields  $\propto \nabla \theta$   $|\mathbf{B}_a| \sim \langle v \rangle |\mathbf{E}_a|$

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

# Dish antenna experiment?

Horns 2012

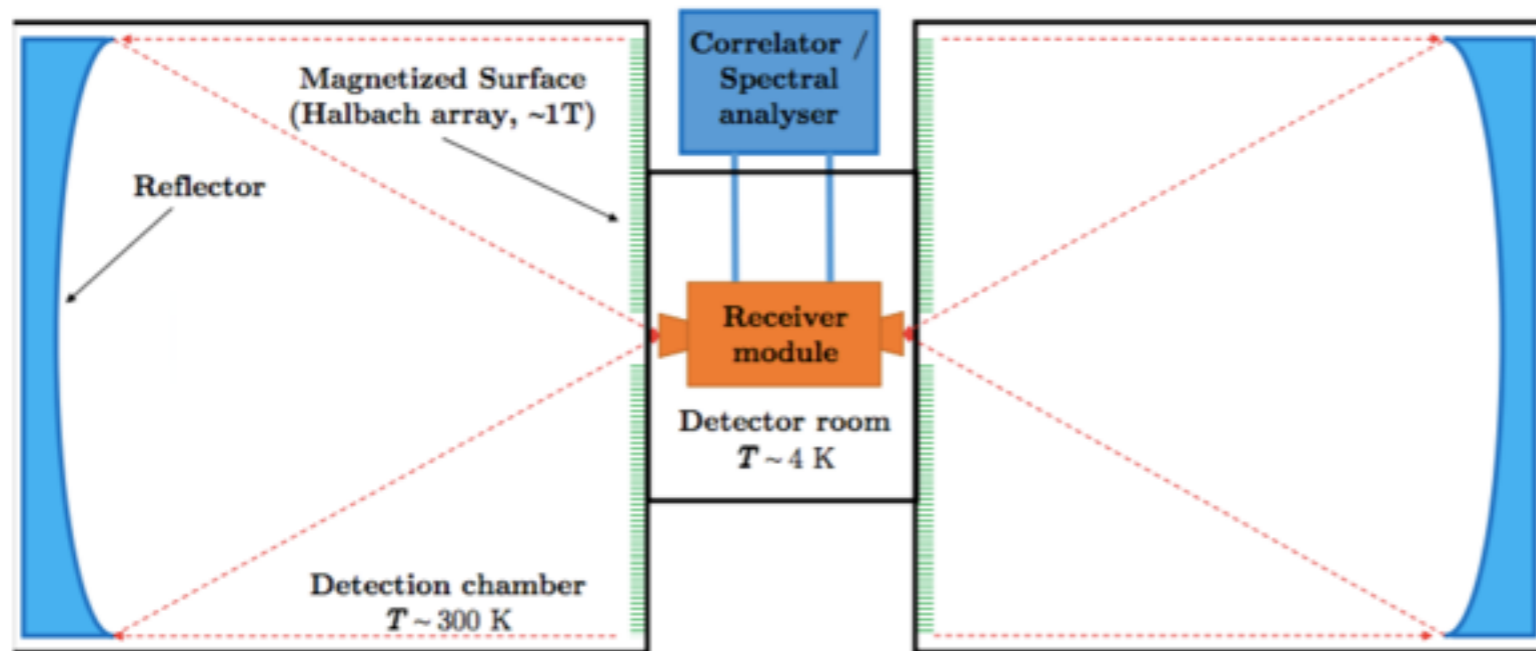
The  $E_a$ -field excites surface electrons coherently  
EM radiation from a reflecting surface



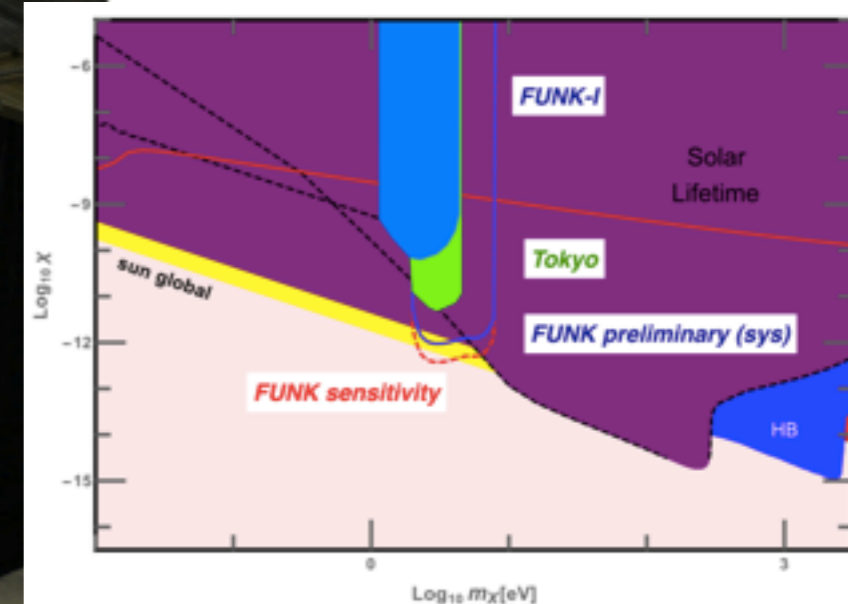
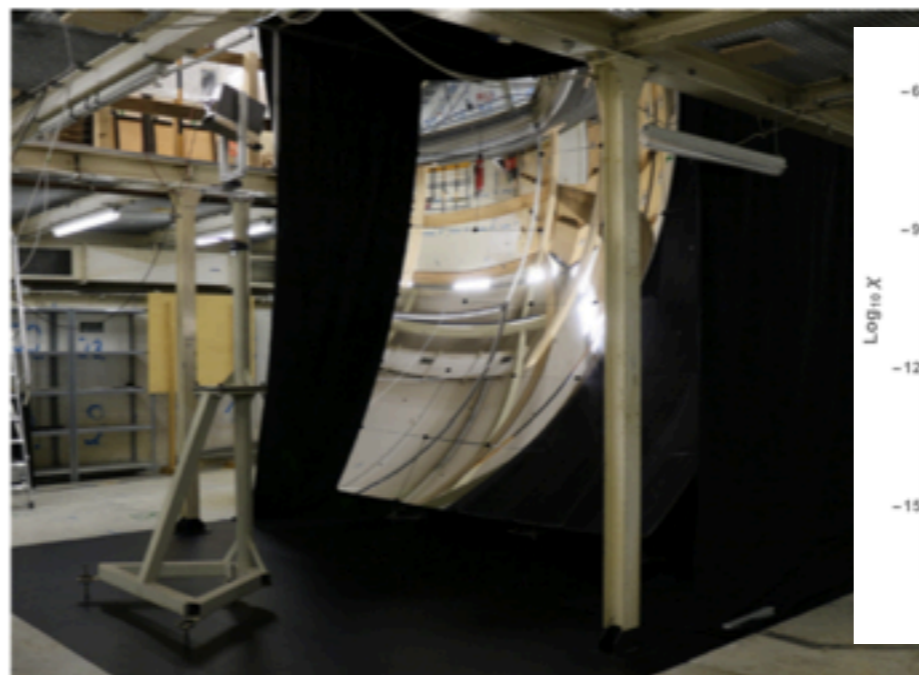
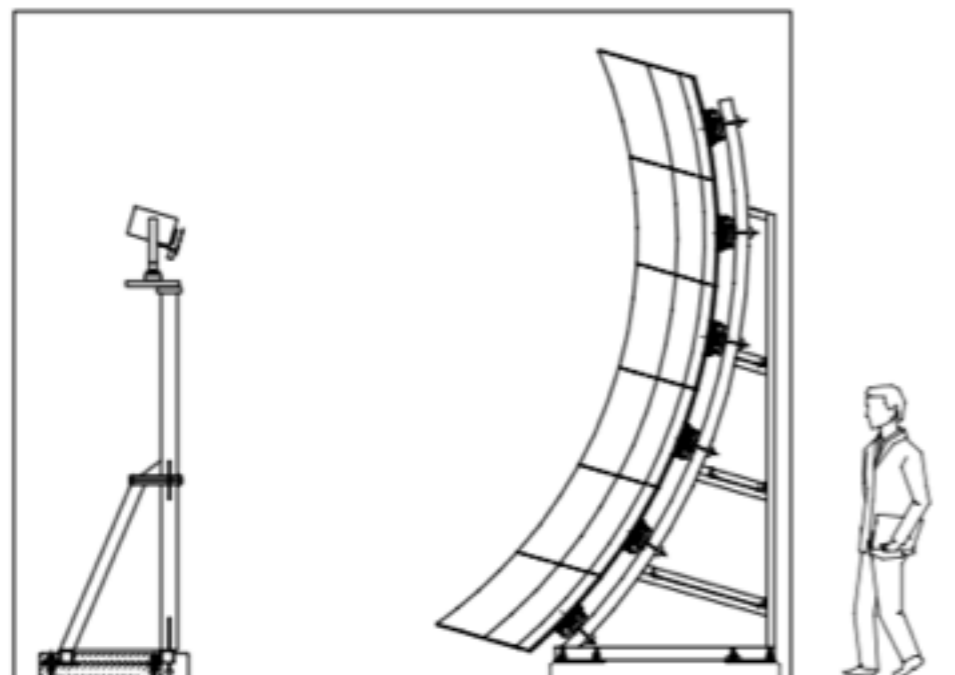
spherical reflecting dish

$$P \sim |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 A_{\text{dish}} \sim 10^{-26} \left( \frac{B}{5T} \frac{C_{a\gamma}}{2} \right)^2 \frac{A_{\text{dish}}}{1 \text{ m}^2} \text{Watt}$$

## Magnetised surface (Hamburg U.)



## FUNK (KIT Karlsruhe) (1711.02961)



# Cavity resonators (Haloscopes)

- Haloscope (Sikivie 83)

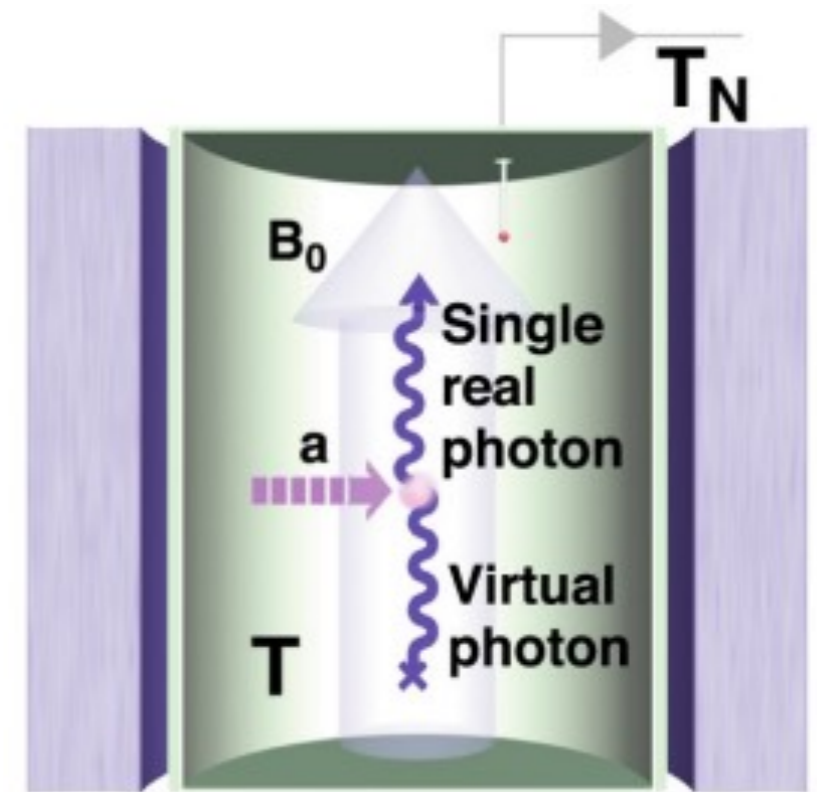
$$P \sim Q |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 (V m_a) \mathcal{G} \kappa \quad (\text{ON RESONANCE})$$

- comparison with Dish antenna ( $P \sim |\mathbf{E}_a|^2 A_{\text{dish}}$ )

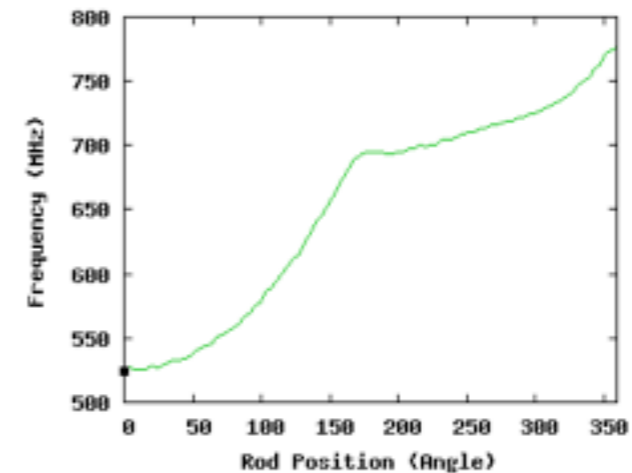
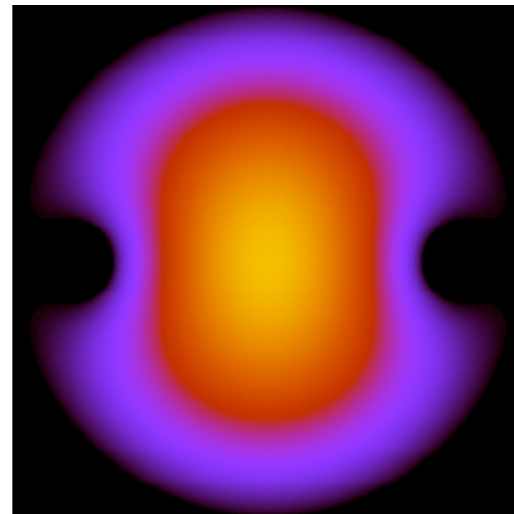
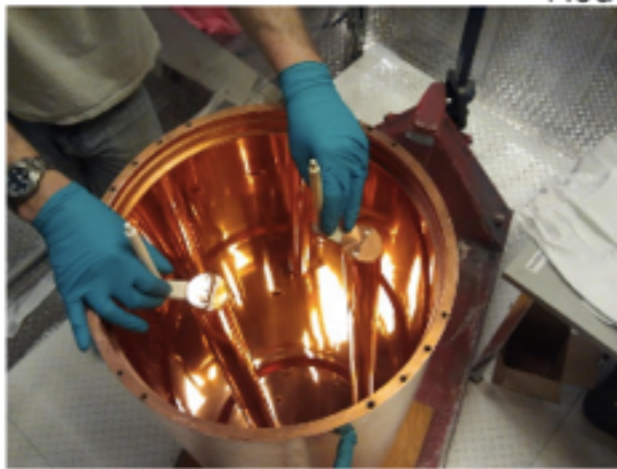
$$V \sim 1/m_a^3$$

extra factor of  $Q \sim 10^5$

on a  $m_a/Q$  band

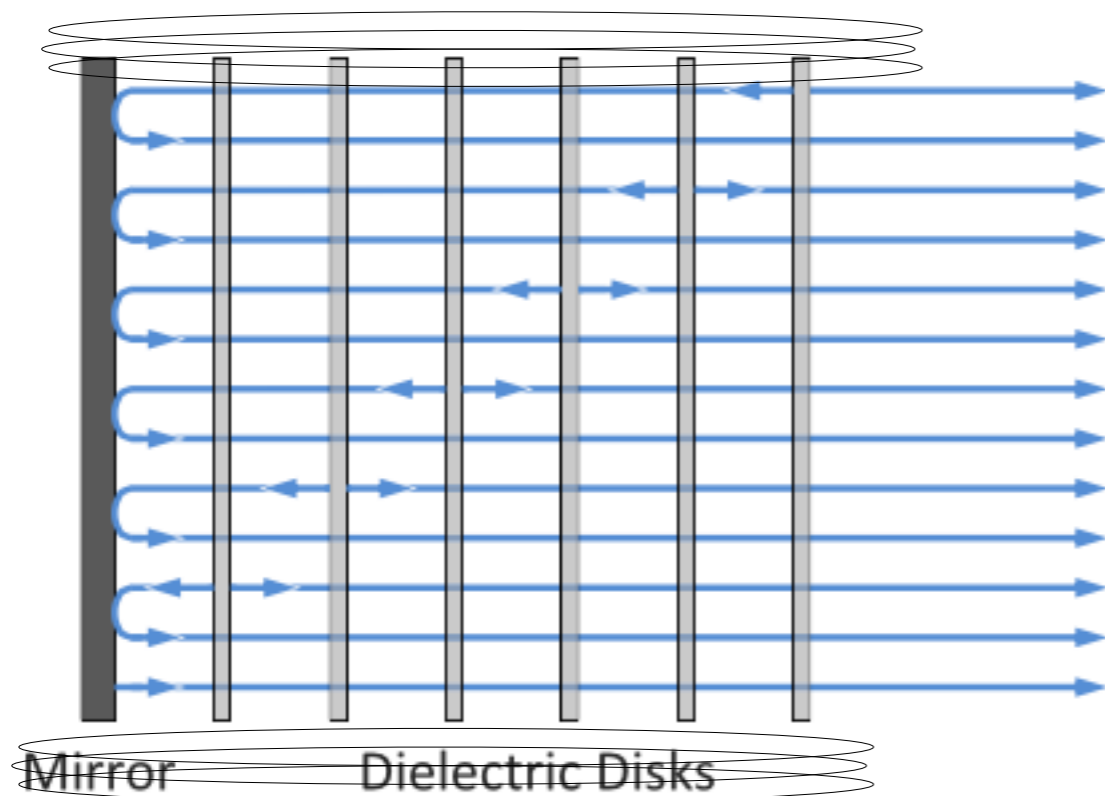


Scanning over frequencies





# MADMAX: MAgnetised Disk and Mirror Axion eXperiment



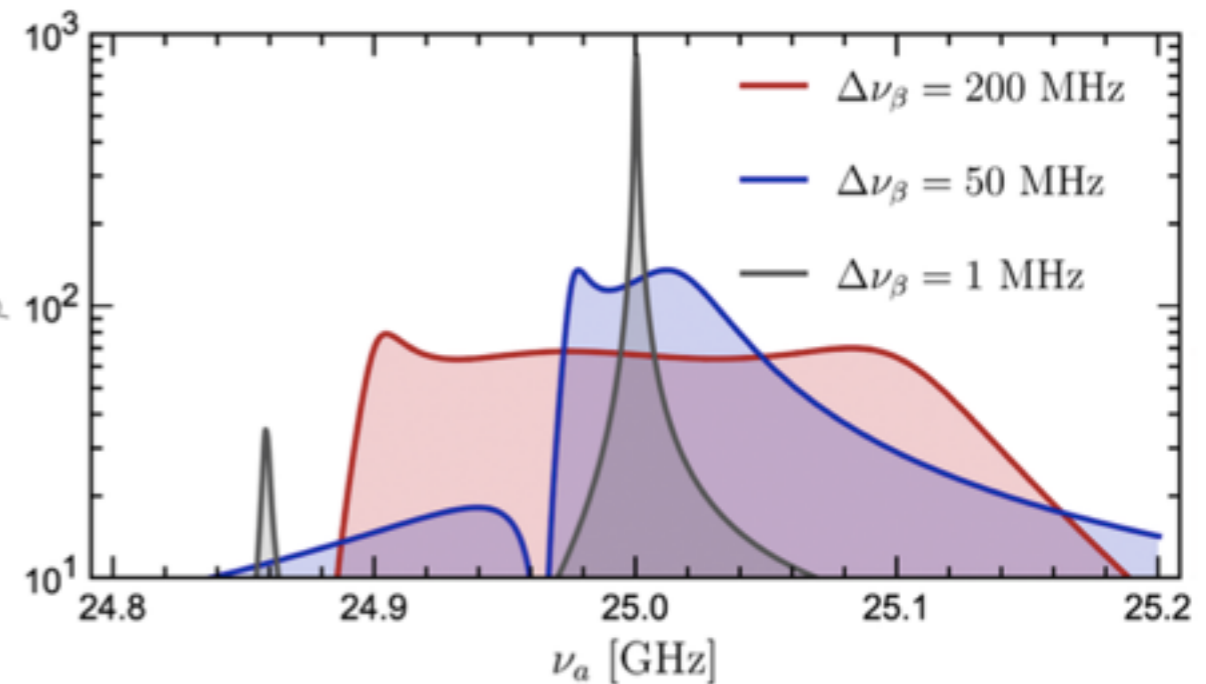
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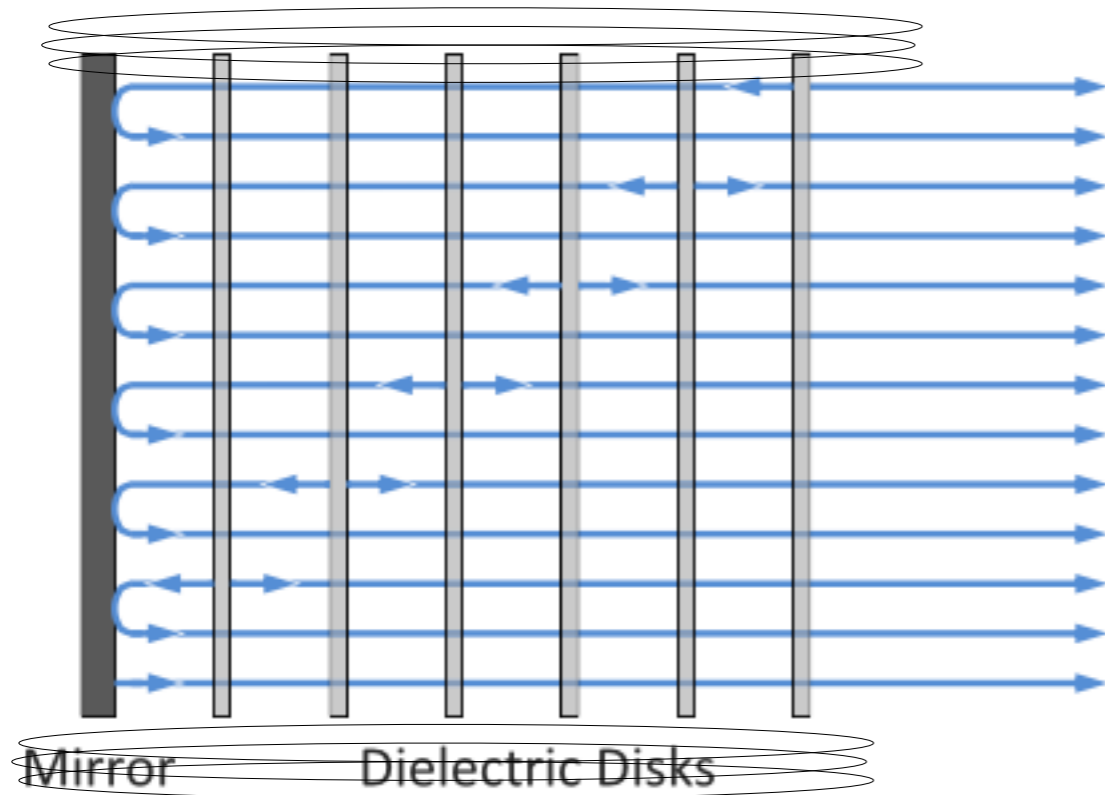


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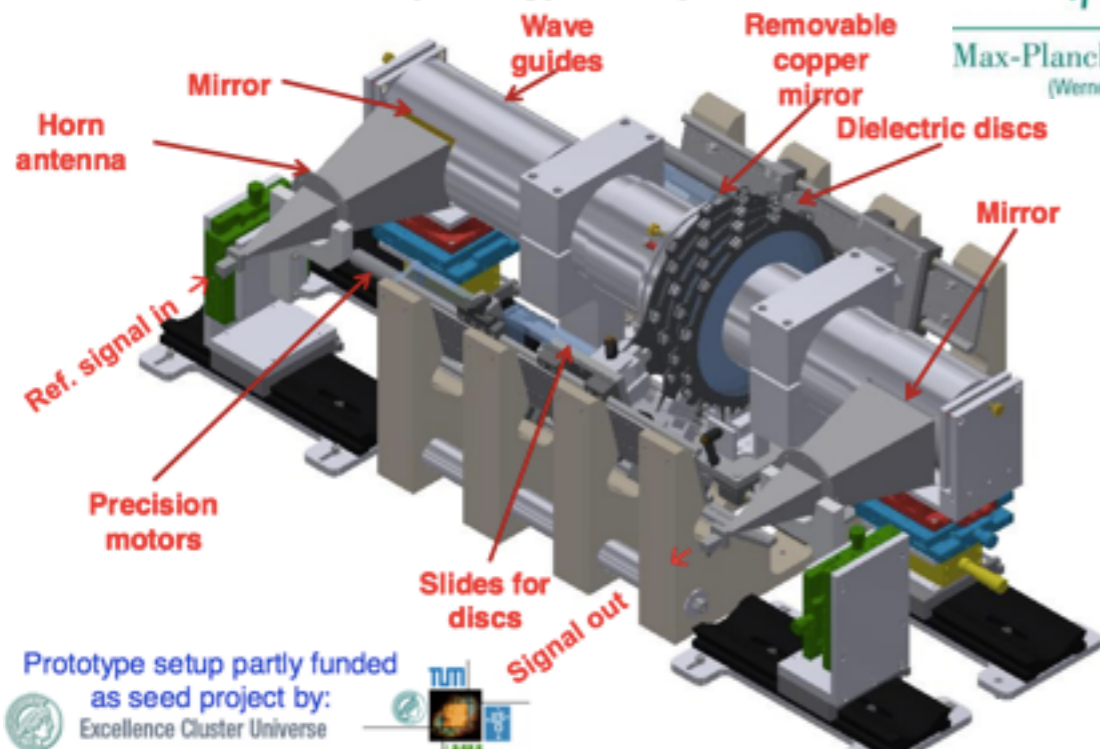


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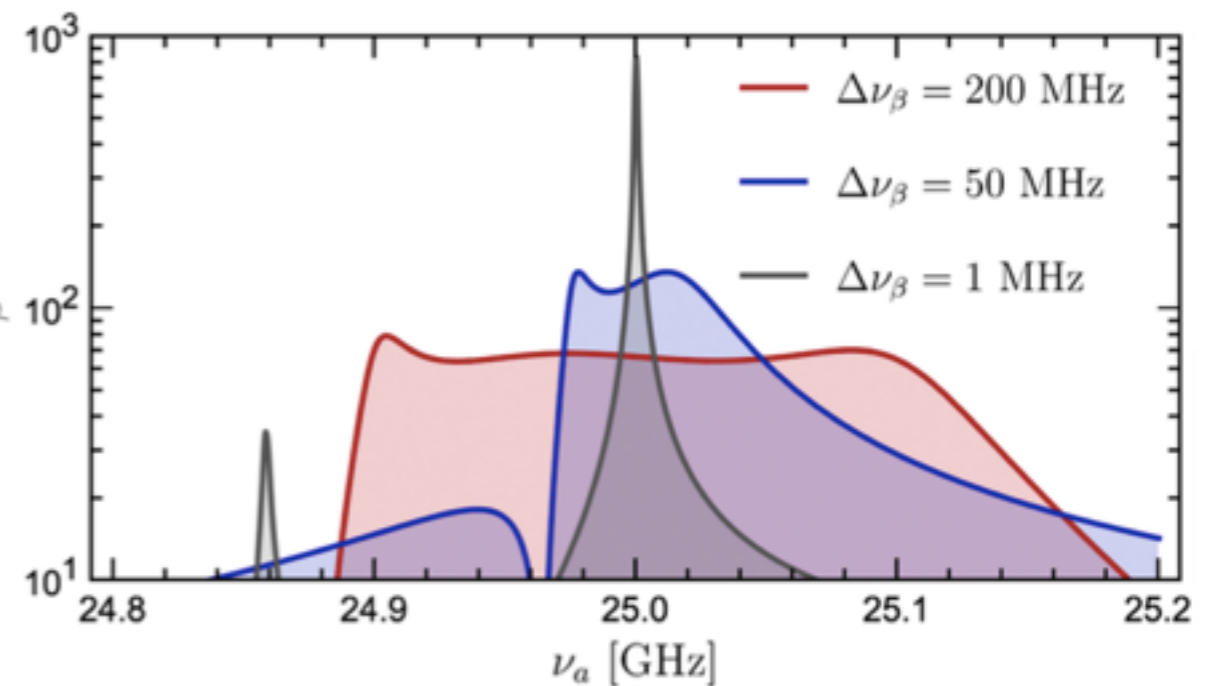
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First prototype setup at MPI

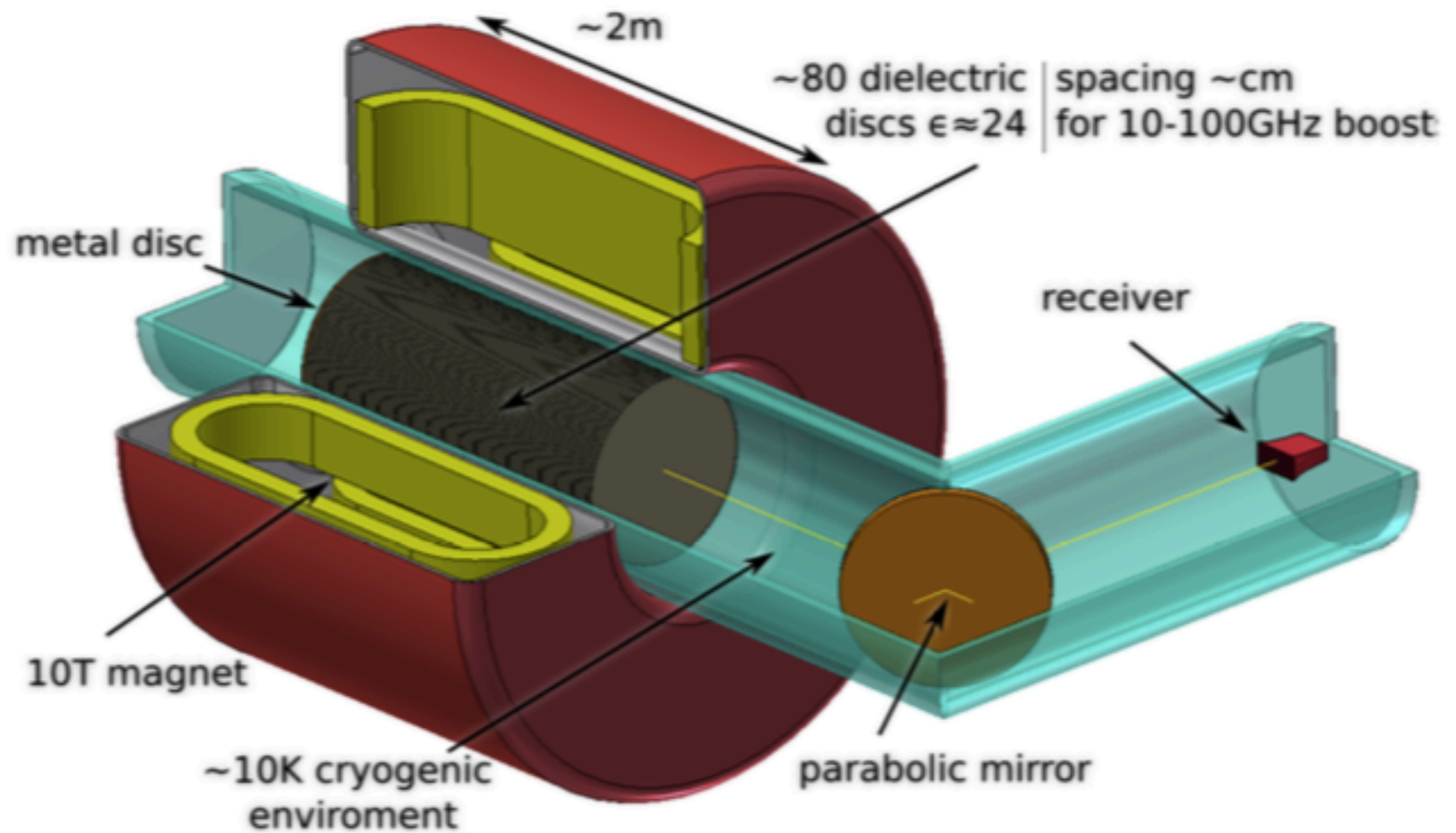


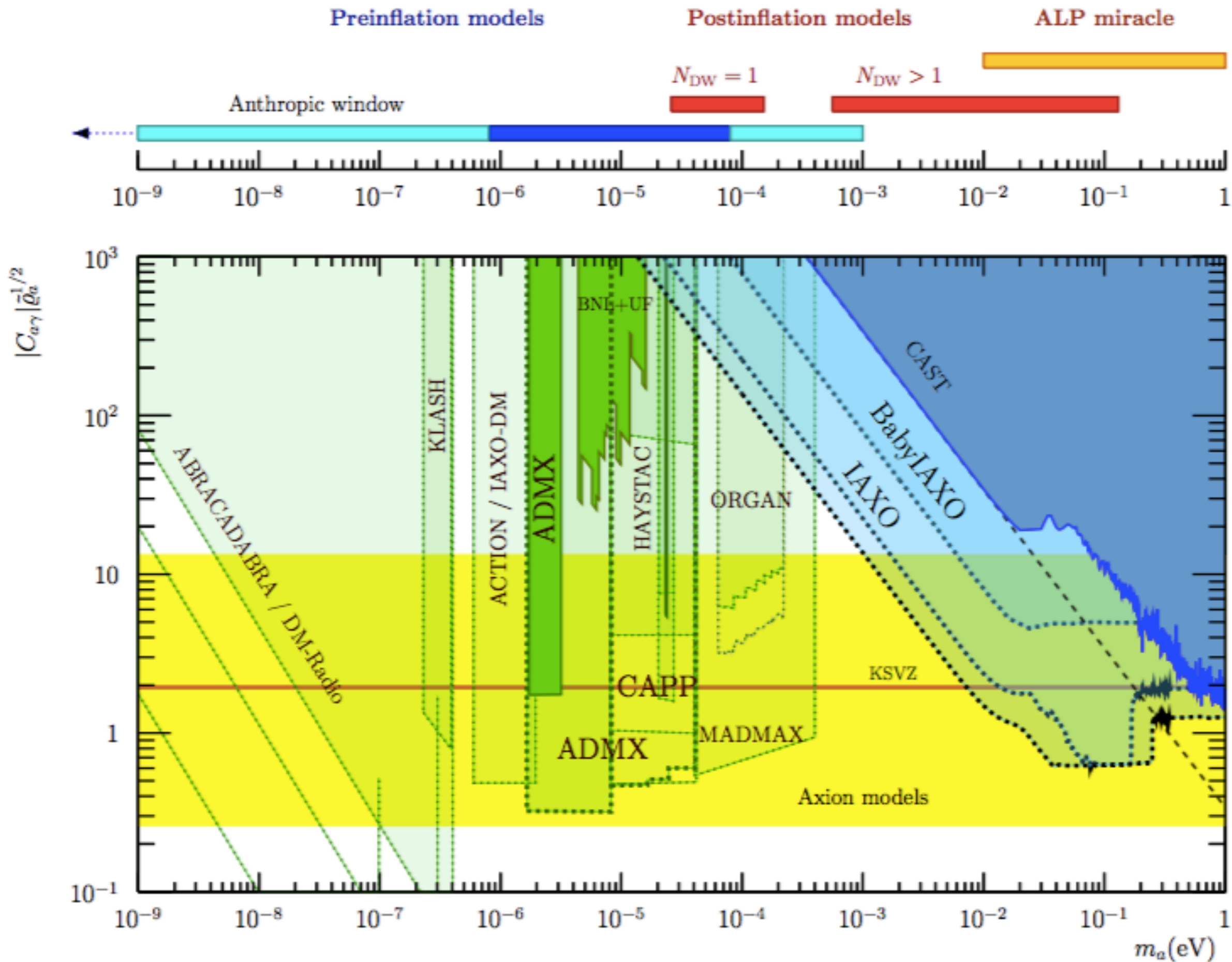
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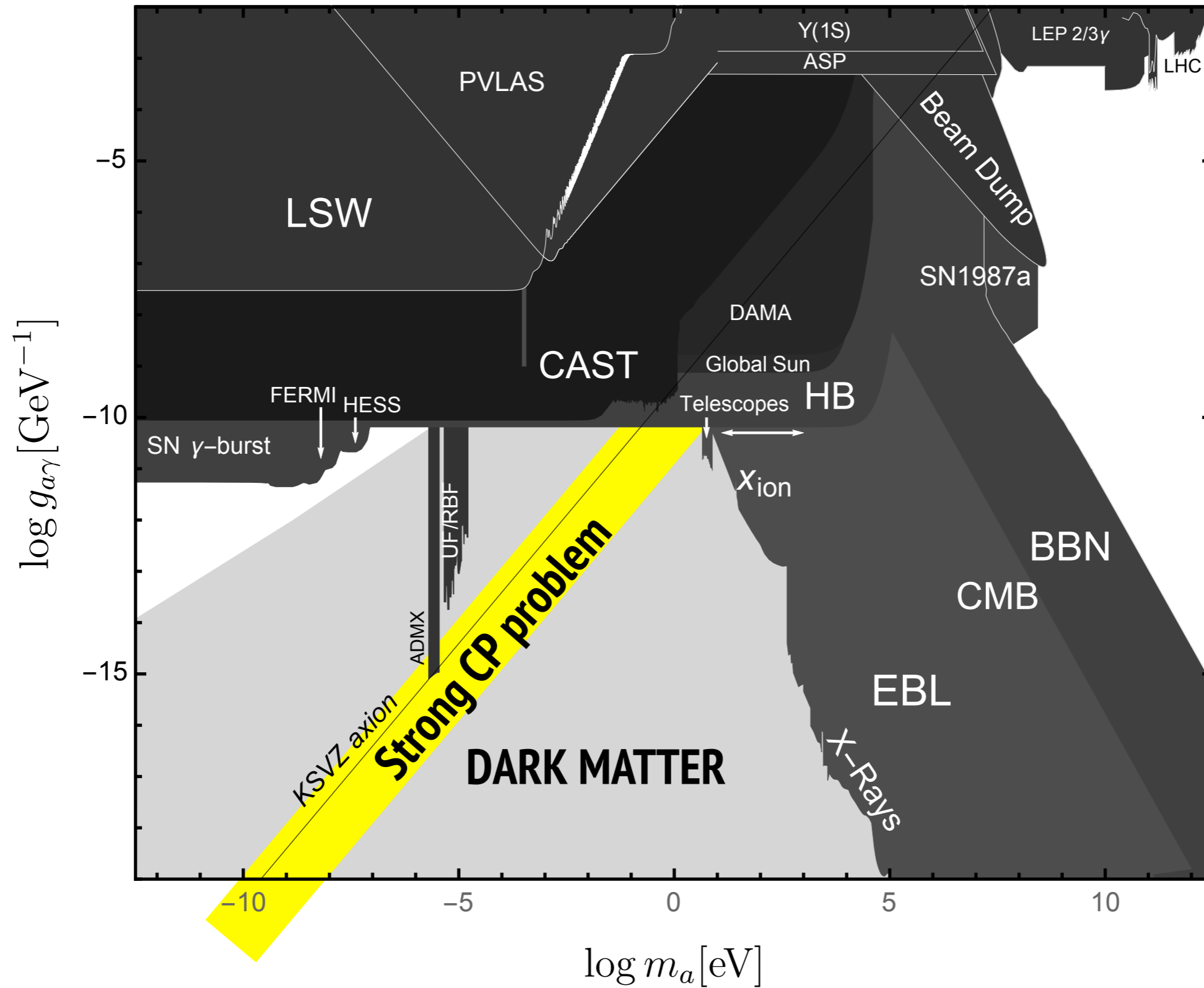
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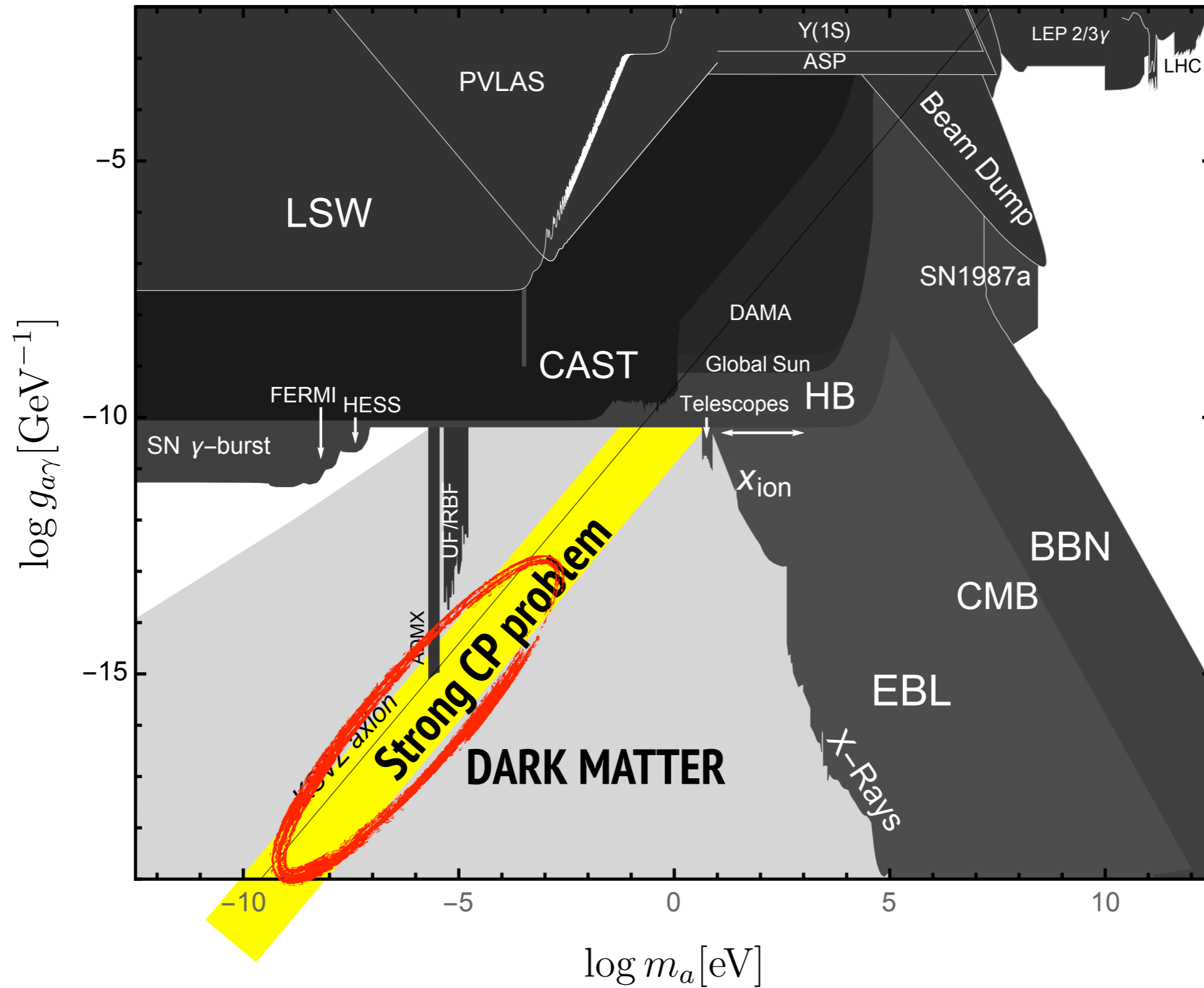




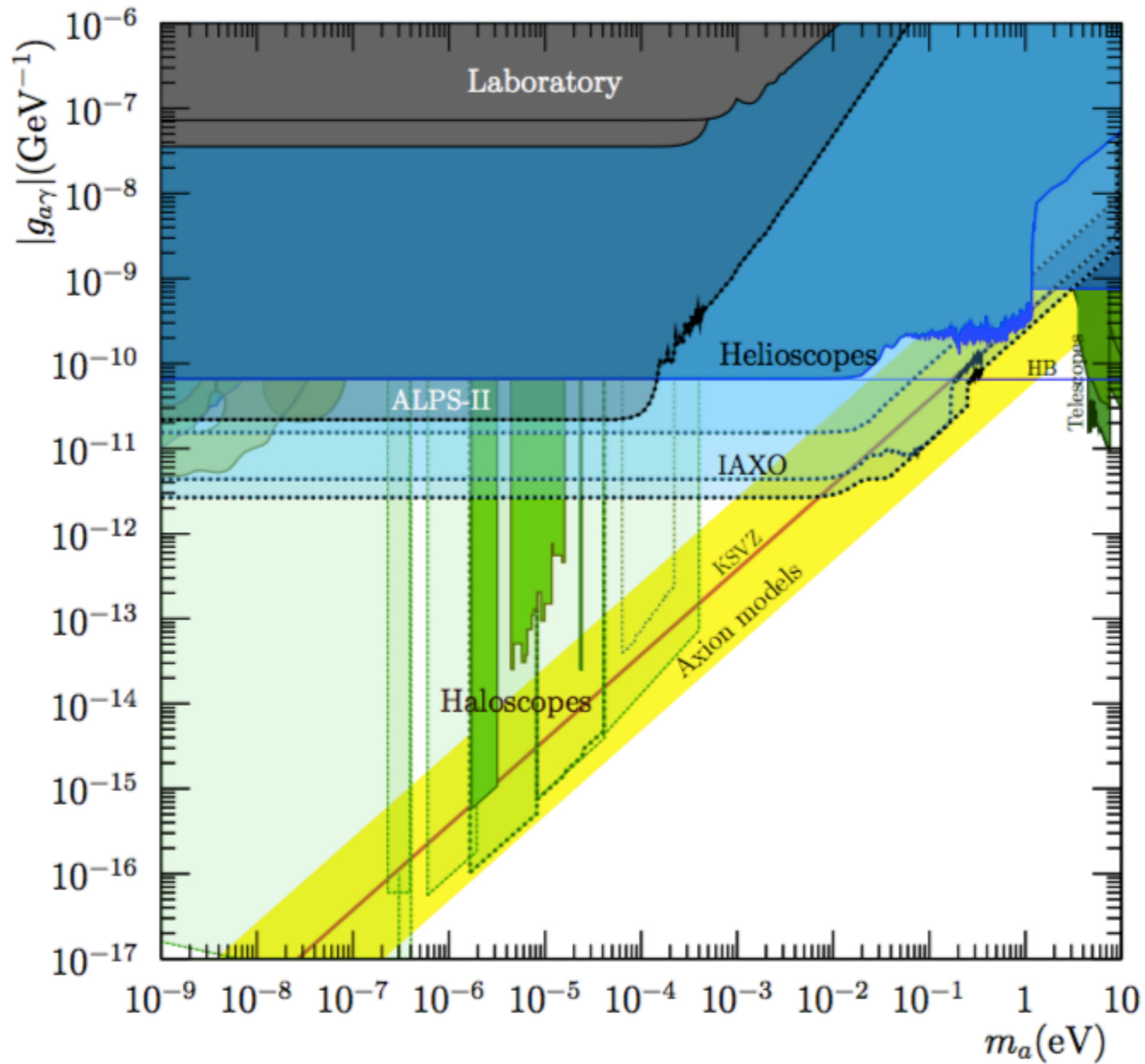
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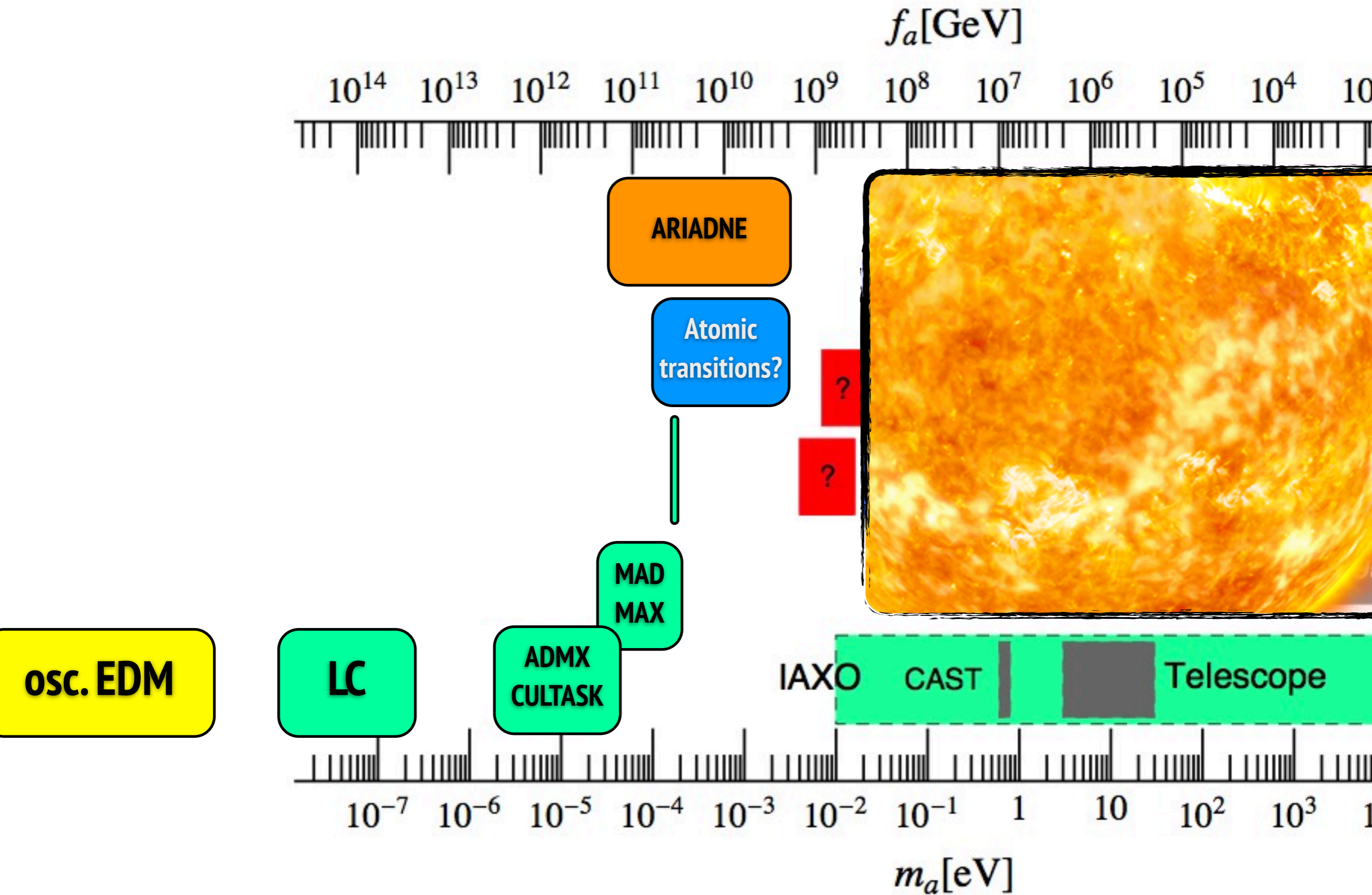
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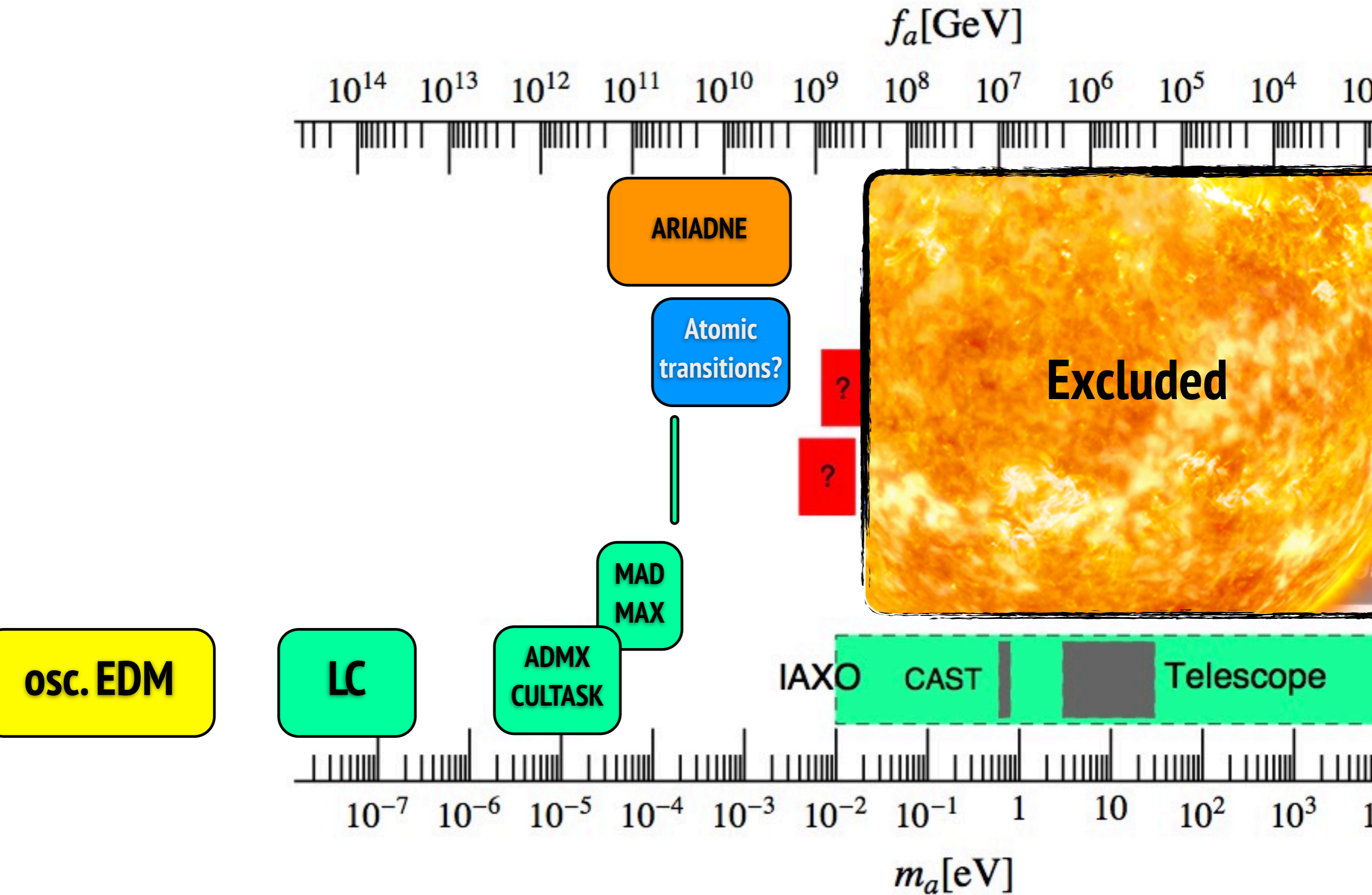


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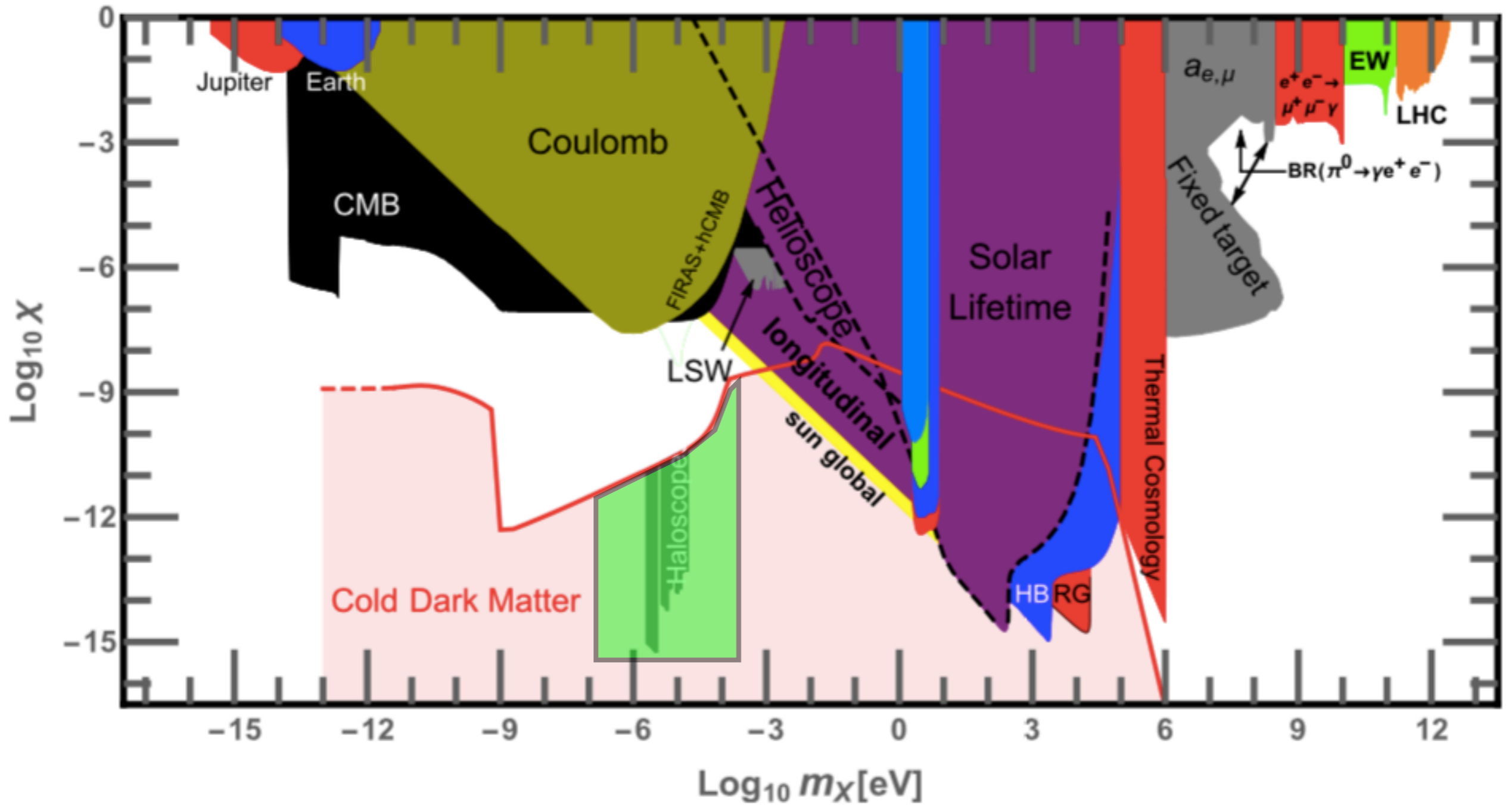




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# Low mass Dark Photons



# 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!**