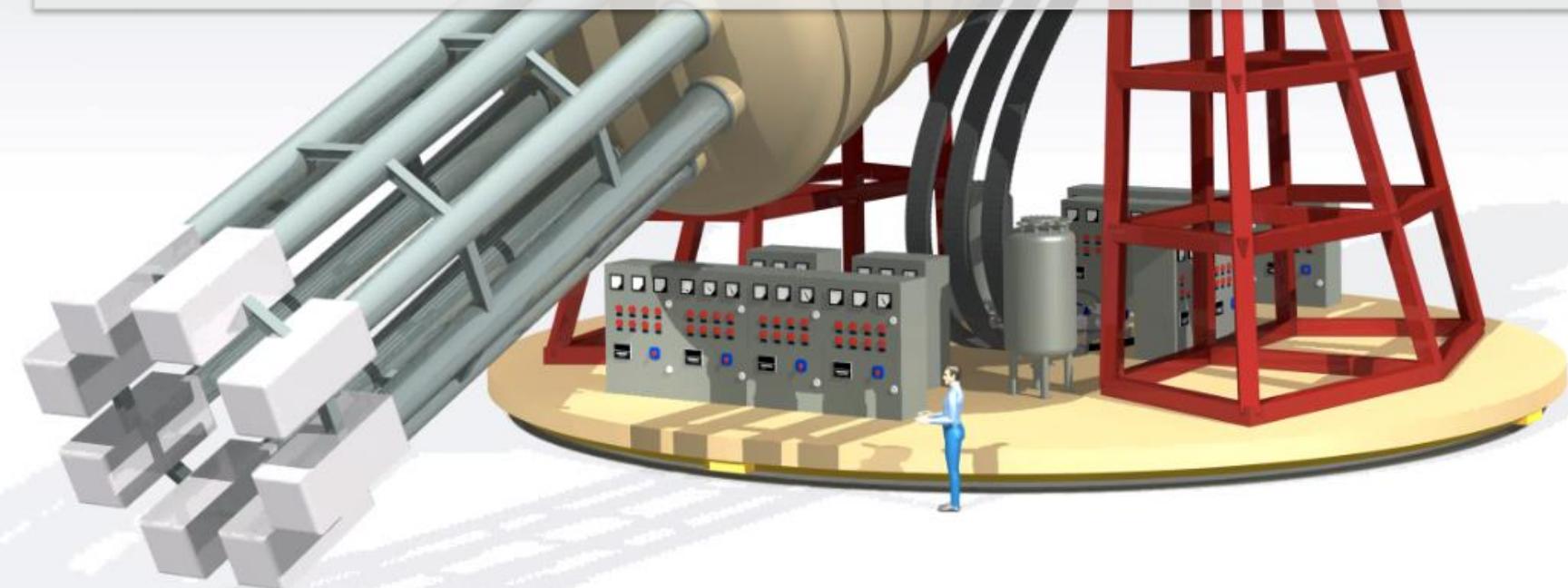


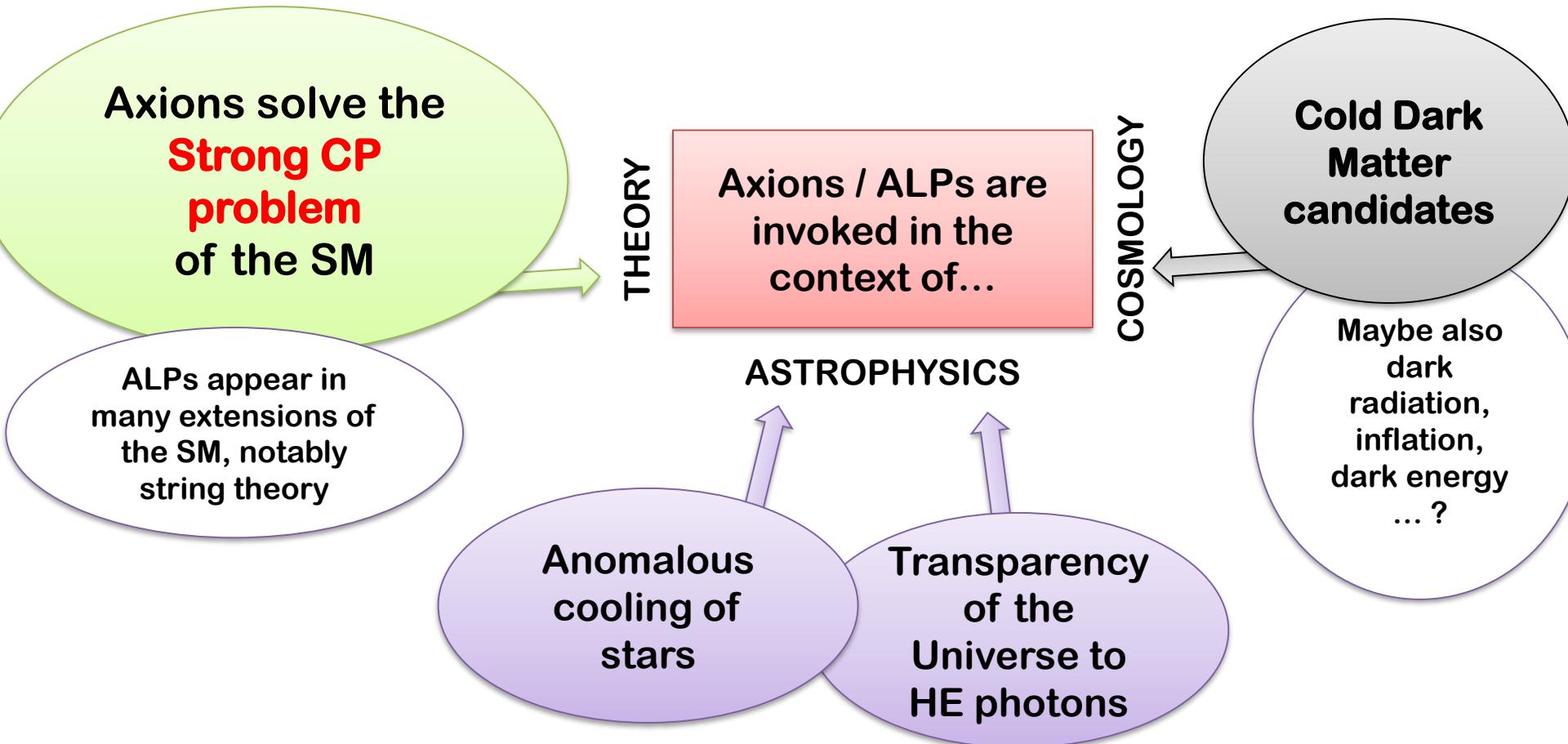
Search for axions with the International AXion Observatory (IAXO)

Igor G. Irastorza (U. Zaragoza)
on behalf of the IAXO collaboration

Dark Matter Review Meeting, LSC, February 7th 2018



Axion motivation in a nutshell

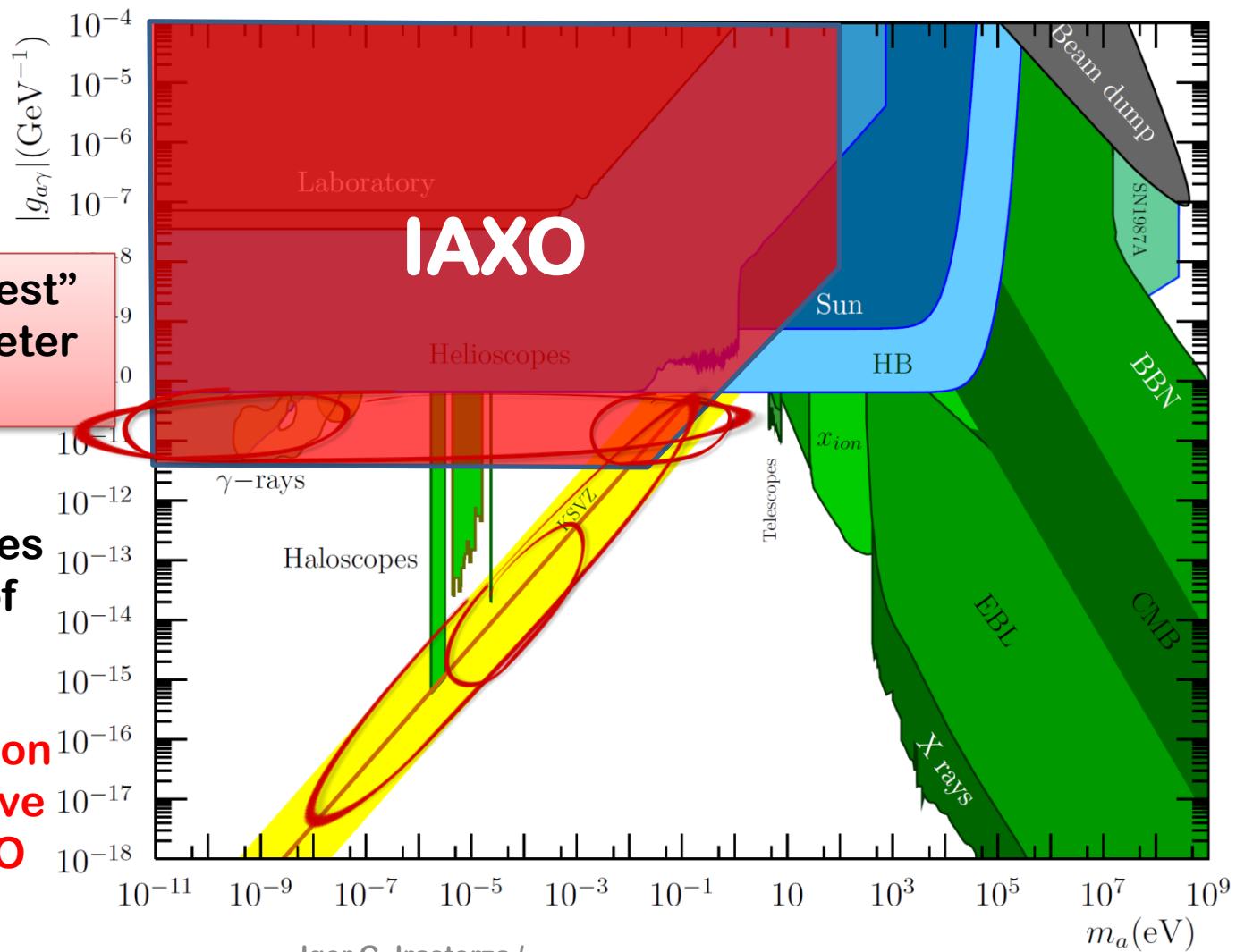


Axion/ALP searches motivation

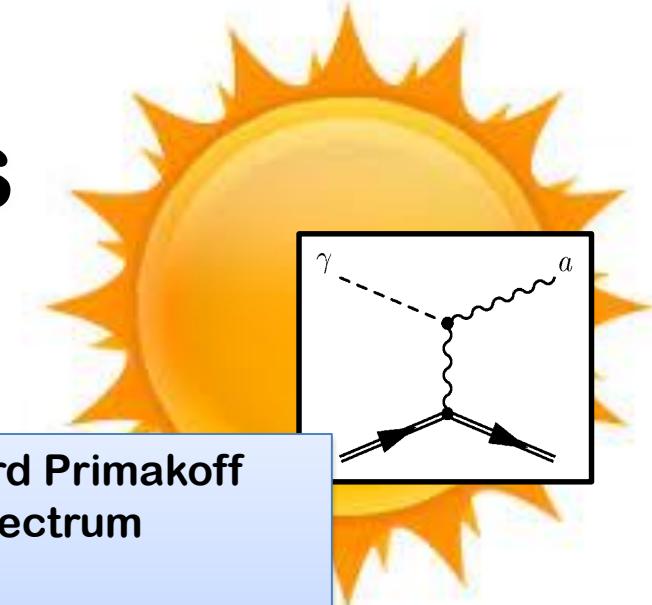
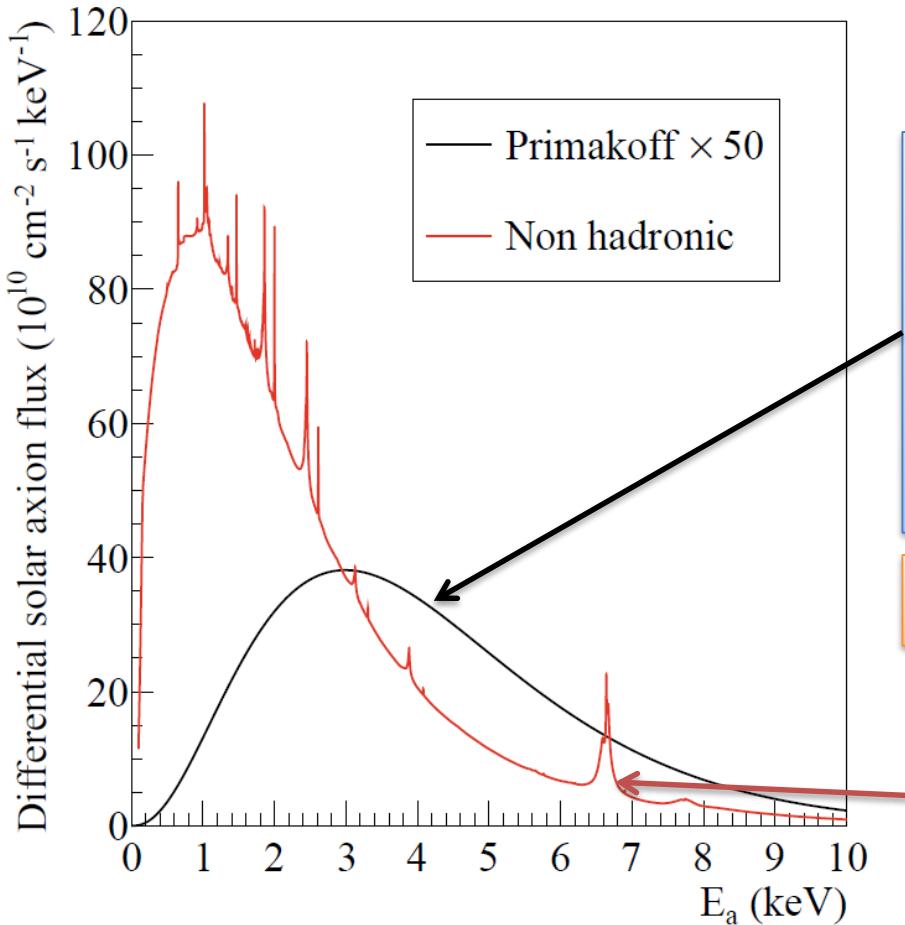
“Focuses of interest”
in the ALP parameter
space

IAXO addresses
partially all of
them

meV+ QCD axion
region exclusive
target of IAXO



Solar Axions



Standard Primakoff spectrum

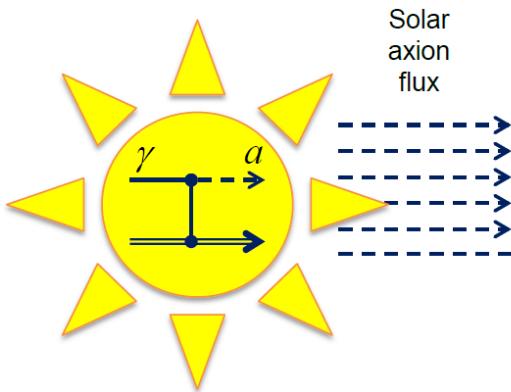
Robust prediction from axion models. Conversion of solar plasma photons into axion (only axion-photon coupling involved)

van Bibber PRD 39 (89)
CAST JCAP 04(2007)010

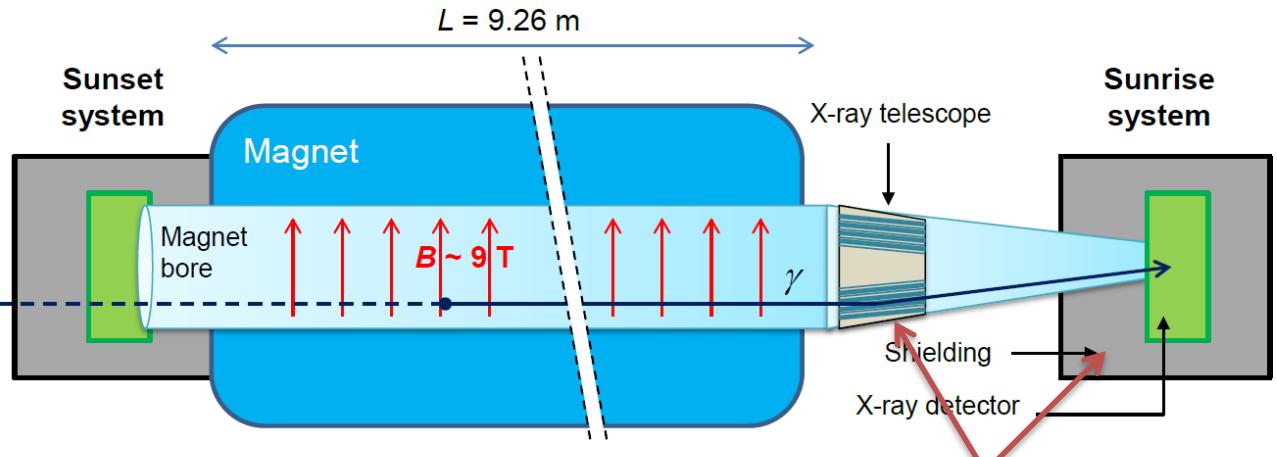
Non-hadronic “ABC” Solar axion flux at Earth (only if axion couples to electron)

Redondo, JCAP 1312 008

Axion helioscopes



Axion helioscope concept
P. Sikivie, 1983
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(use of buffer gas)

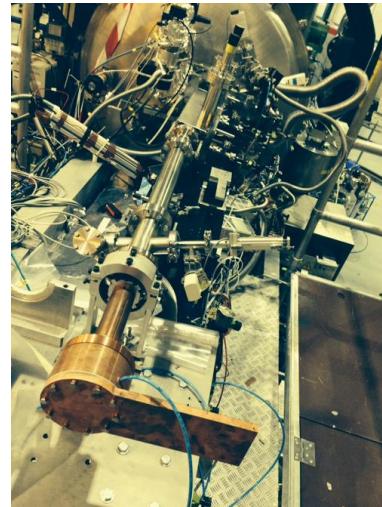
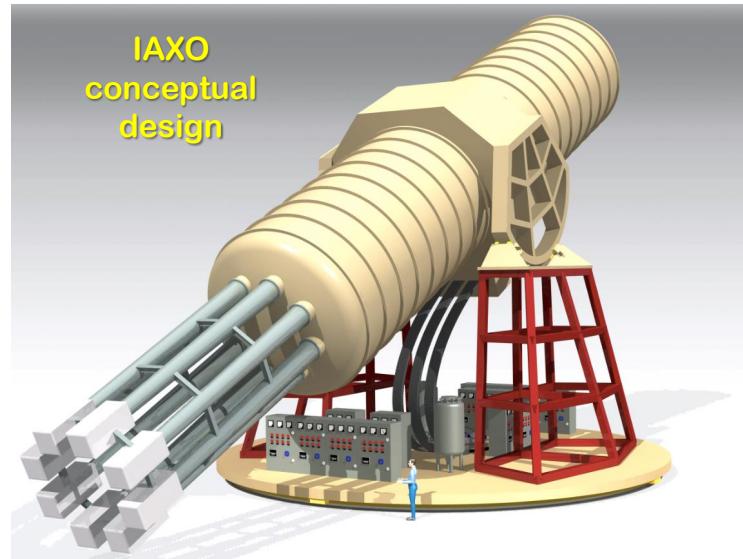


$$g_{a\gamma}^4 \propto \underbrace{b^{1/2} \epsilon^{-1}}_{\text{detectors}} \times \underbrace{a^{1/2} \epsilon_o^{-1}}_{\text{optics}} \times \underbrace{(BL)^{-2} A^{-1}}_{\text{magnet}} \times \underbrace{t^{-1/2}}_{\text{exposure}}$$

Pioneer implementations of helioscope concept:
Brookhaven (just few hours of data) [Lazarus et al. PRL 69 (92)]
TOKYO Helioscope (SUMICO): 2.3 m long 4 T magnet

IAXO experiment reminder

- Next generation “axion helioscope” after CAST
- Purpose-built large-scale magnet
 - >300 times larger B^2L^2A than CAST magnet
 - Toroid geometry
 - 8 conversion bores of 60 cm Ø, ~20 m long
- Detection systems (XRT+detectors)
 - Scaled-up versions based on experience in CAST
 - Low-background techniques for detectors
 - Optics based on slumped-glass technique used in NuStar
- ~50% Sun-tracking time
- Large magnetic volume available for additional “axion” physics (e.g. DM setups)



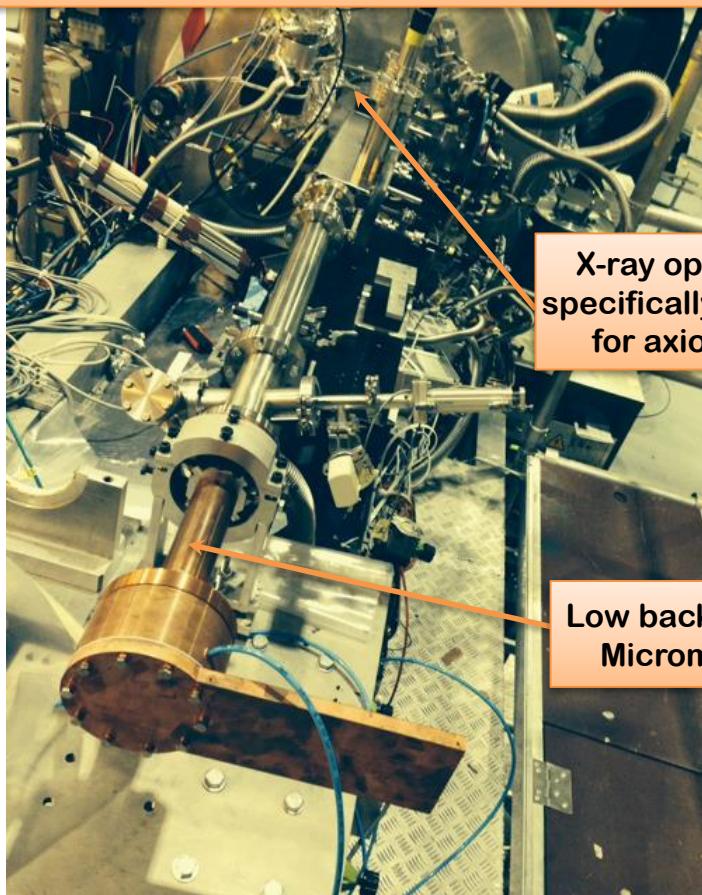
IAXO pathfinder system at CAST

In operation in 2014-15

Last CAST results published in Nature Physics last May
Nature Phys. 13 (2017) 584-590

Latest CAST limit

Enabled by the
IAXO pathfinder system



nature
physics

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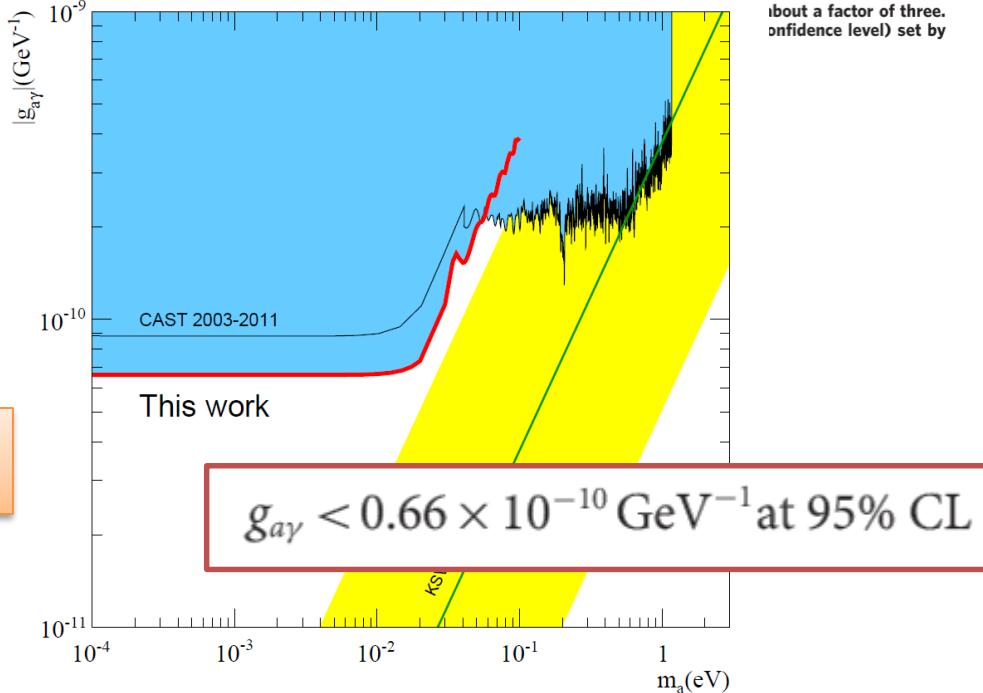
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New CAST limit on the axion-photon interaction

CAST Collaboration[†]

Hypothetical low-mass particles, such as axions, provide a compelling explanation for the dark matter in the universe. Such particles are expected to emerge abundantly from the hot interior of stars. To test this prediction, the CERN Axion Solar Telescope (CAST) uses a 9 T refurbished Large Hadron Collider test magnet directed towards the Sun. In the strong magnetic field of the magnet, axions are converted into photons via the Primakoff effect. The CAST experiment has been running since 2003, and the latest results have set a new upper limit on the coupling constant.



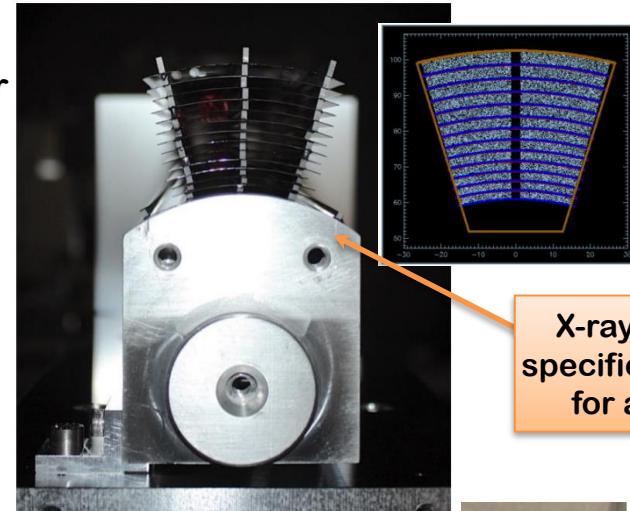
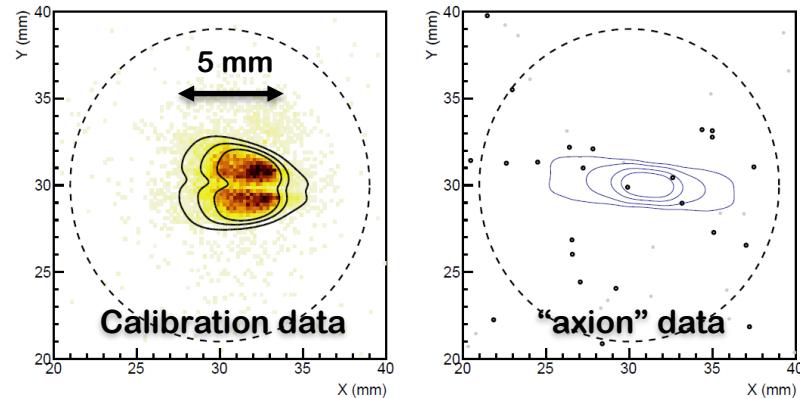
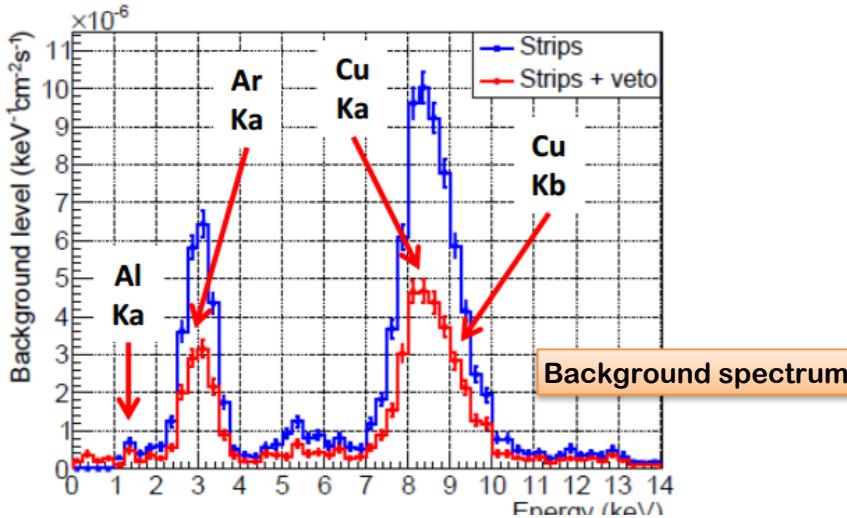
IAXO pathfinder system in CAST

Detector: JCAP12 (2015)

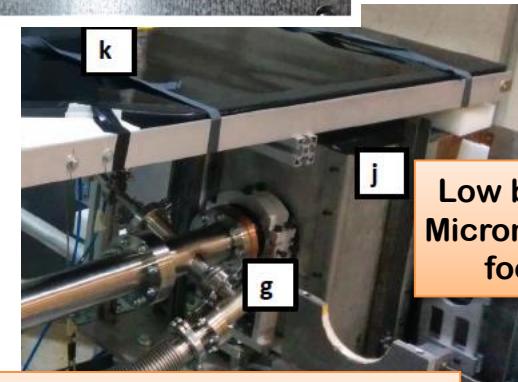
Physics: Nature Physics (10.1038/nphys4109)

Test MM detector + slumped-glass x-ray optics together

Best SNR than any other CAST detector ever!!



X-ray optics
specifically built
for axions



Low background
Micromegas at the
focal point

- Best SNR of any previous detector
- 290 tracking hour acquired (6.5 months operation)
- 3 counts observed in ROI (1 expected)

IAXO-D0 at UNIZAR

- Based on IAXO pathfinder (improved):
 - Electroformed Cu chamber and pipes
 - Enlarged Pb shielding
 - 4π active shielding
 - AGET electronics (auto-trigger)
 - Operation with Xe
- New lab at UNIZAR
 - Commissioning of the system underway
- Software tools available
 - Background model underway



Goals: Bkg level: 10^{-7} - 10^{-8} keV $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$
Energy threshold: ~0.1 keV

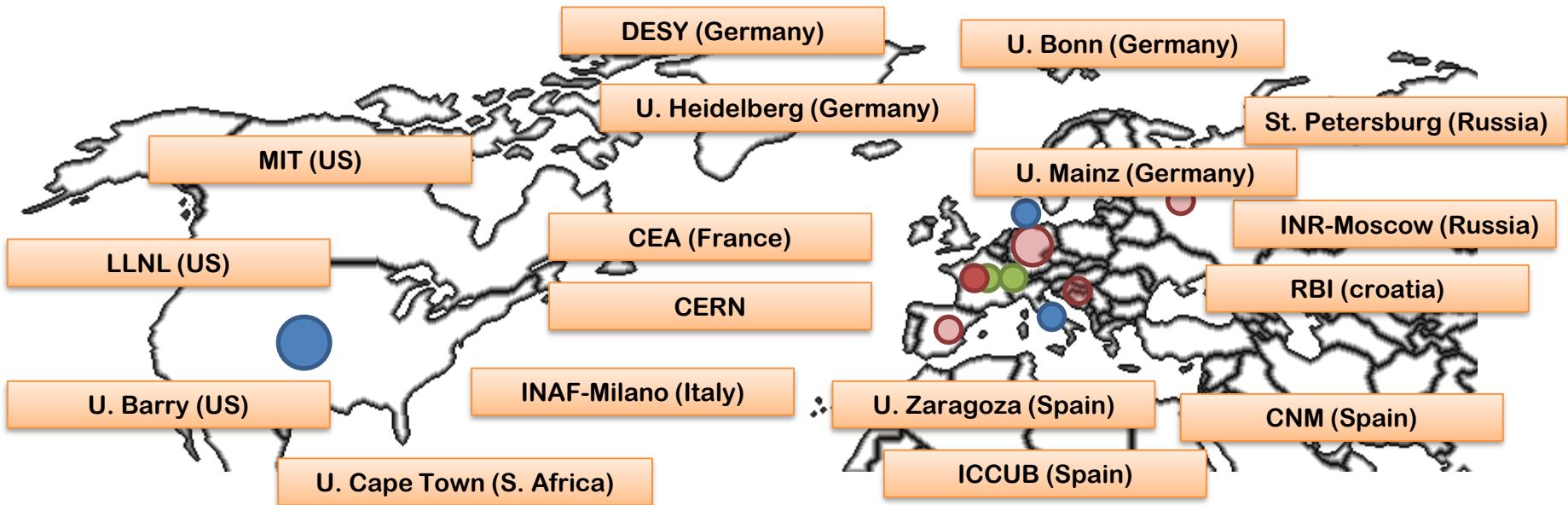
Test facility for other
IAXO detector candidates

IAXO most recent milestones

- Collaboration formally established in the last collaboration meeting at DESY (last July):
 - 17 institutions to sign IAXO bylaws
 - Management structure defined. Positions being elected.
- Near term goal: **BabyIAXO** → Full experiment “scaled-down IAXO”
 - Test bench for magnet, optics and detectors. Risk reduction, but also opportunity to go beyond baseline FOM for IAXO (→ IAXO+)
 - Intermediate scale, but representative of full IAXO dimensions
 - Relevant physics outcome
- Experimental site for IAXO: Strong interest from DESY
 - BabyIAXO: DESY, INR
- Magnet under design with CERN support. (Applied Fellow started last month)
- IAXO progress is being followed by “Physics Beyond Colliders” process at CERN (to provide feedback for the European Strategy Part Phy)
- Construction of BabyIAXO could happen in 2-3 years. MoU under preparation, collaboration addressing funding bodies.

IAXO collaboration

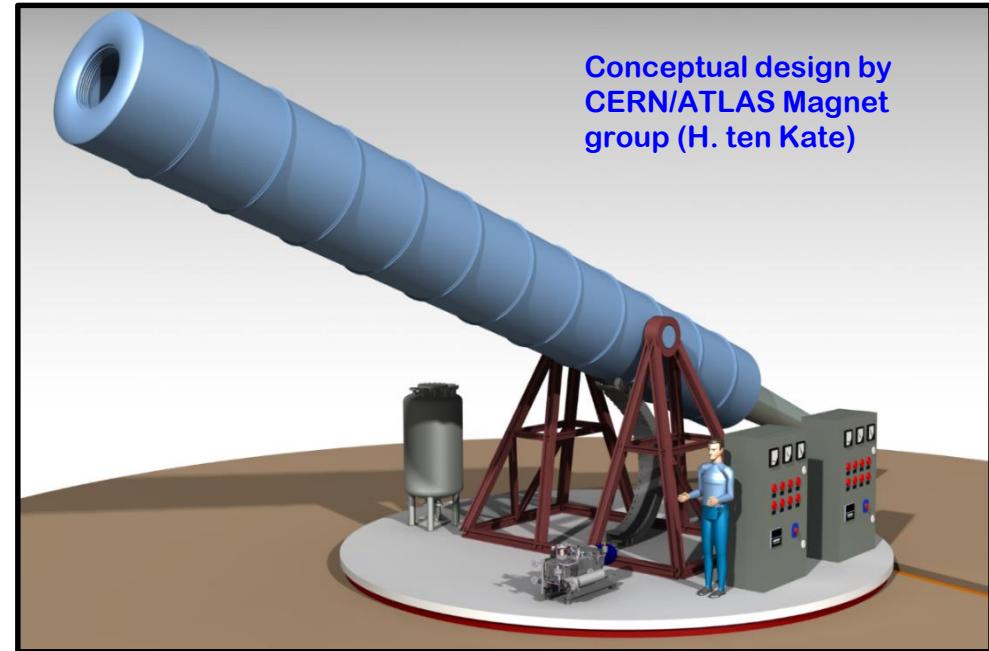
17 institutions from Germany, Spain, US, France, Russia, Croatia, S. Africa, CERN.



- Likely to grow in the future, more groups showing interest...
- New partners welcome...

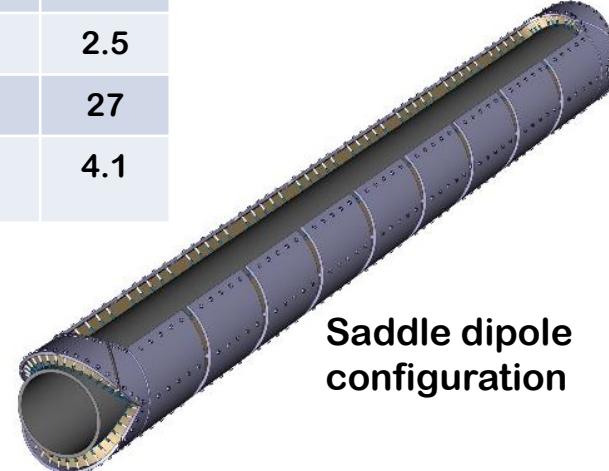
BabyIAXO

- Single bore magnet
- Bore dimensions similar to full IAXO bores → detection line representative of final ones.
- New magnet configuration (saddle dipole). Potential to go to higher B.
- Test & improve all systems. Risk mitigation for full IAXO
- Produce relevant physics
- More staged access to funds
- Move earlier to “experiment mode”
- BabyIAXO CDR finished. Moving to Technical Design



Free bore [m]	0.6
Magnetic length [m]	10
Field in bore [T]	2.5
Stored energy [MJ]	27
Peak field [T]	4.1

10x CAST MFOM



IAXO physics potential (“white paper”)

Physics potential of the International Axion Observatory (IAXO)

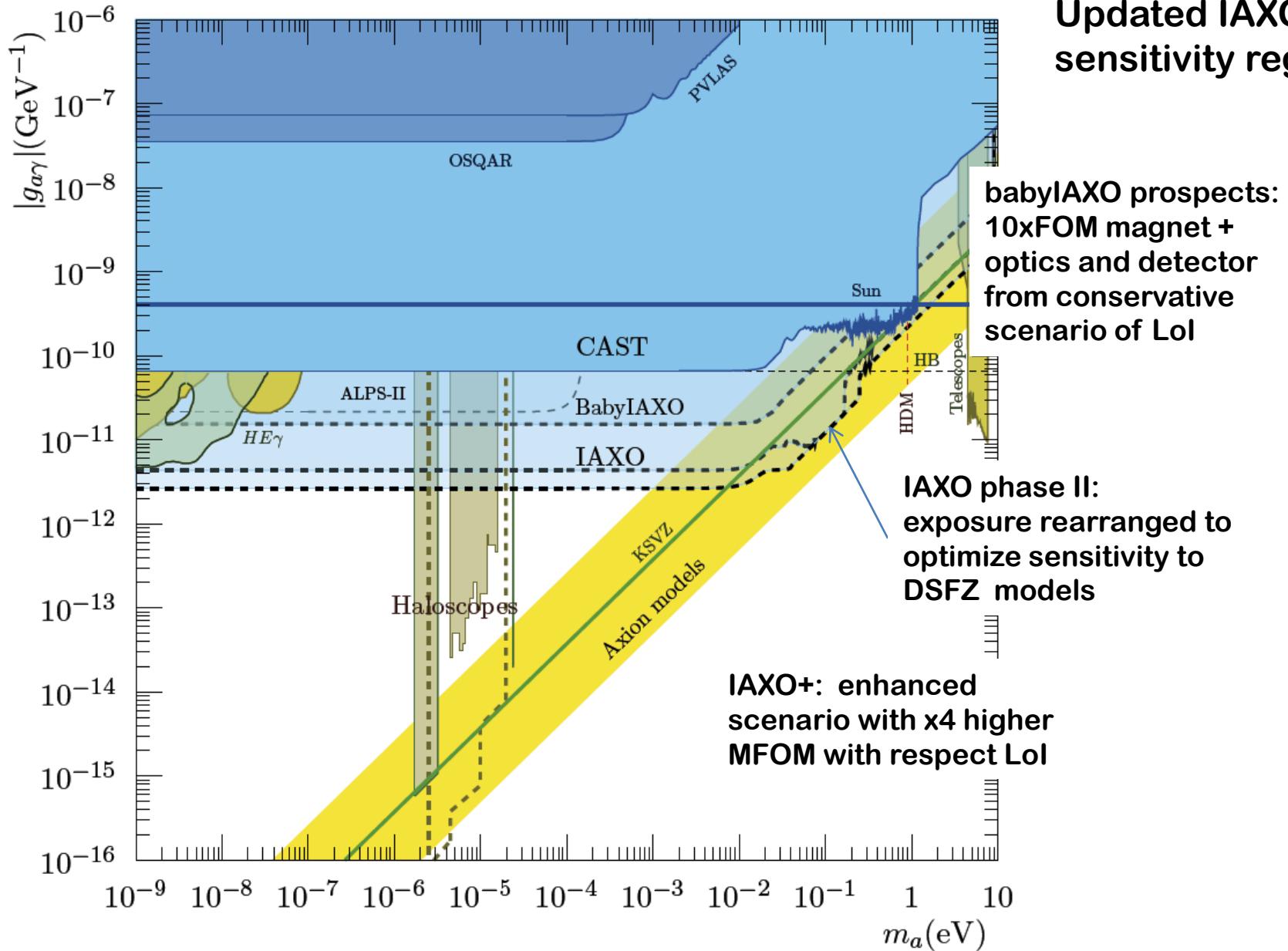
IAXO Collaboration

- **Comprehensive review of IAXO physics case:**
 - Theory
 - Cosmology
 - Astro hints
 - Updated IAXO sensitivity plots
- **Very advanced draft...**
- **Many contributors from the theory/pheno community**

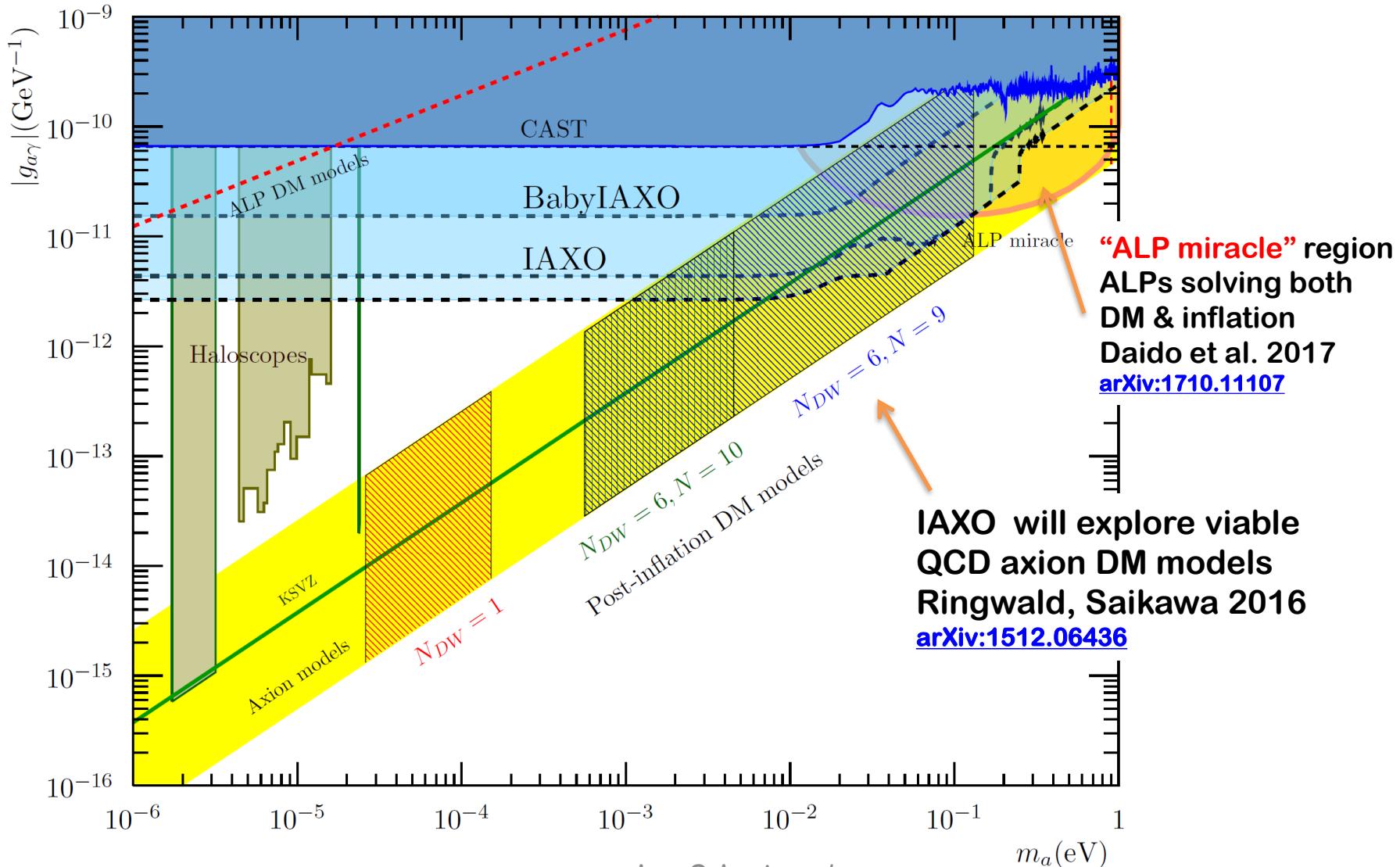
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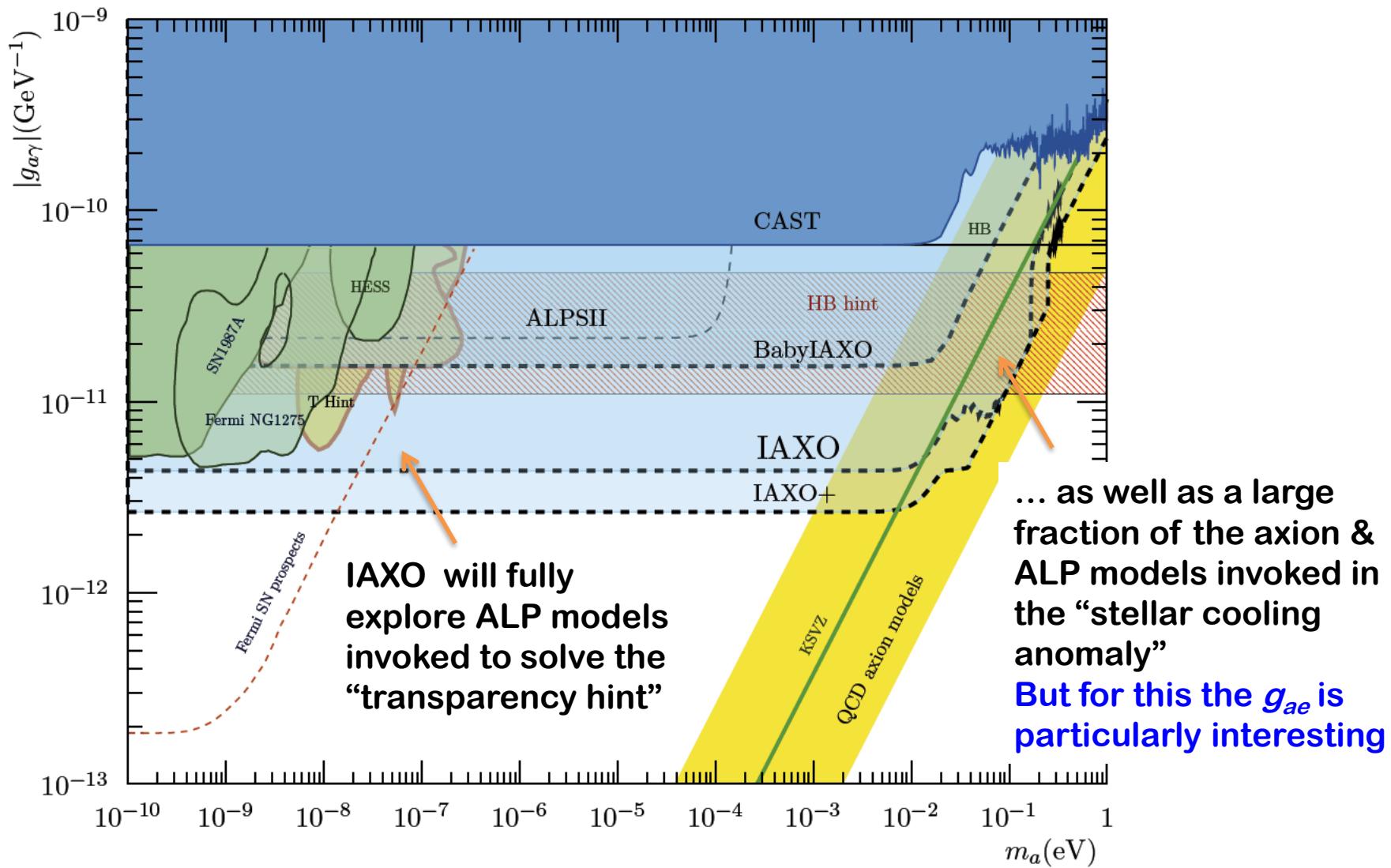
Updated IAXO sensitivity regions



IAXO & meV axion cosmology

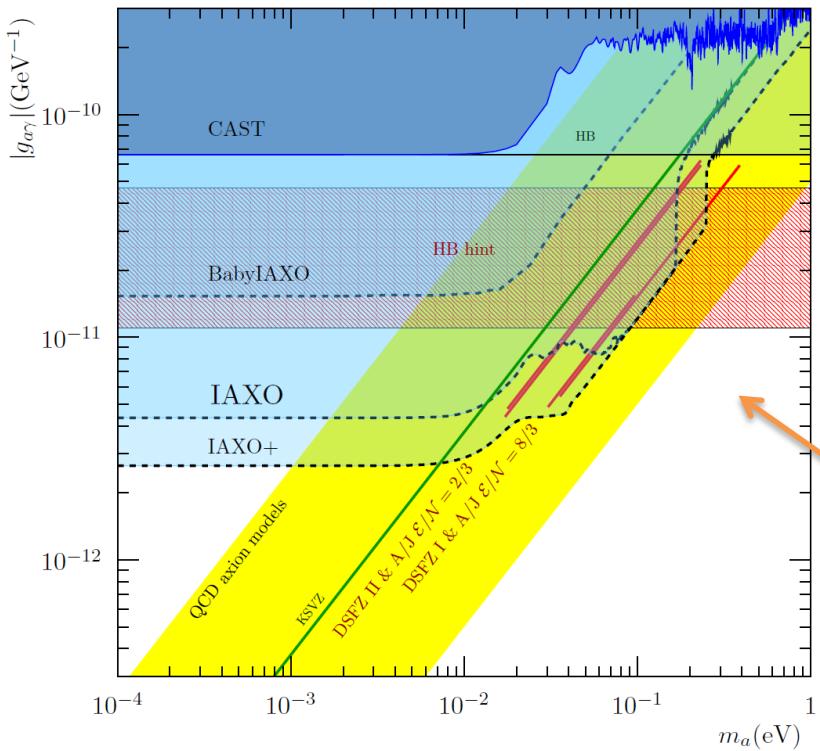


IAXO & astrophysics hints

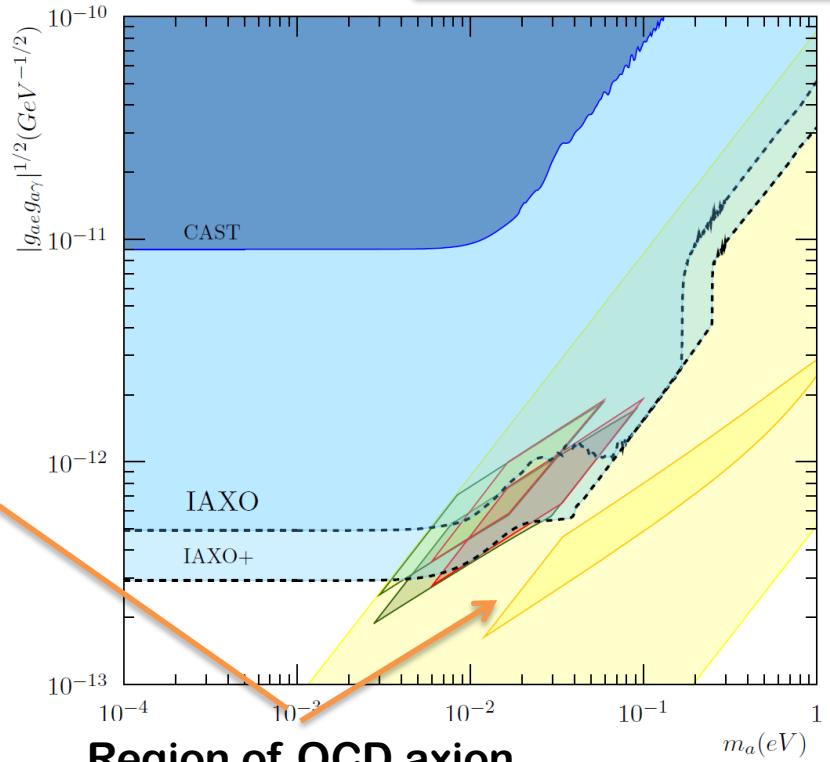


IAXO & stellar cooling

- Multiple stellar anomalies (HB, RG, WD, NS,...). Overall 3σ effect.



- IAXO will explore most of the relevant models (especially with IAXO+)
- Only experiment with such capability



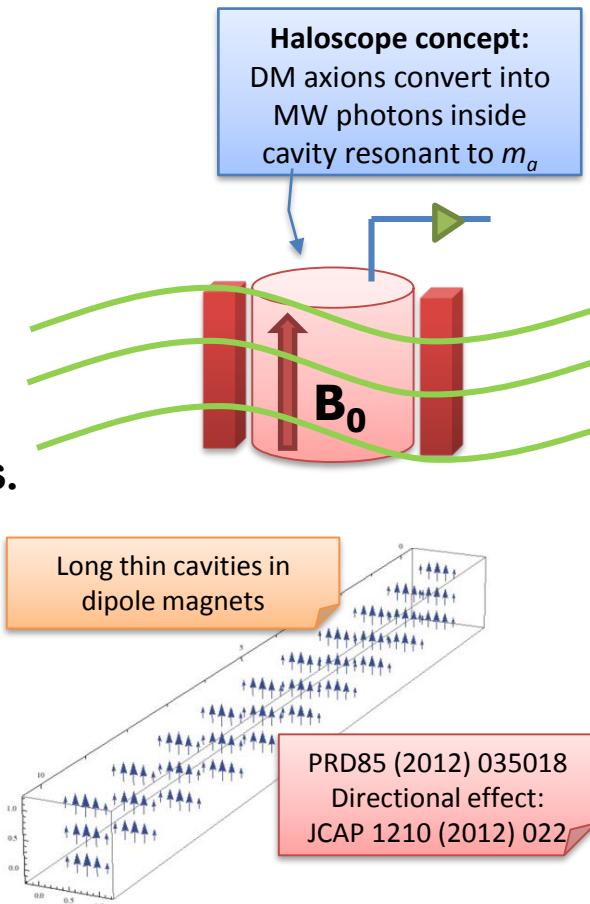
Region of QCD axion models that solve the stellar anomaly

IAXO physics reach summary

- IAXO will improve the experimental “helioscope frontier” by more than 1 order of magnitude in sensitivity to $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$
(= by more than 10000 in terms of signal to noise ratio)
- IAXO will probe a large fraction of **QCD axion models** in the meV to eV mass band.
- **No other proposed technique can probe QCD axions in this region.**
← Uniqueness of IAXO.
- IAXO will fully probe the ALP region invoked to solve the transparency anomaly
- IAXO will largely probe the axion region invoked to solve the stellar cooling anomaly
- IAXO will partially explore viable **QCD axion DM** models, and largely probe the “**ALP miracle**” models solving both DM and inflation.
- IAXO will probe a large unexplored ALP parameter space, also generically motivated dark radiation, string theory,...
- All this, independent of the **axion-as-DM hypothesis**.
- Large complementarity with other detection strategies

IAXO-DM

- IAXO large magnetic volume offers an appealing environment for competitive axion DM setups.
- Various possible arrangements in IAXO. Leverage the huge magnetic volume available:
 1. Single large cavity tuned to low masses
 2. Thin long cavities tuned to mid-high masses. Possibility for directionality. Add several coherently? → **RADES R&D**
 3. Pick-up coils for very low mass detection (toroidal geometry preferred)
- **RADES** (Relic Axion Detector Exploratory Setup): testing multicell cavity geometry inside the CAST Magnet



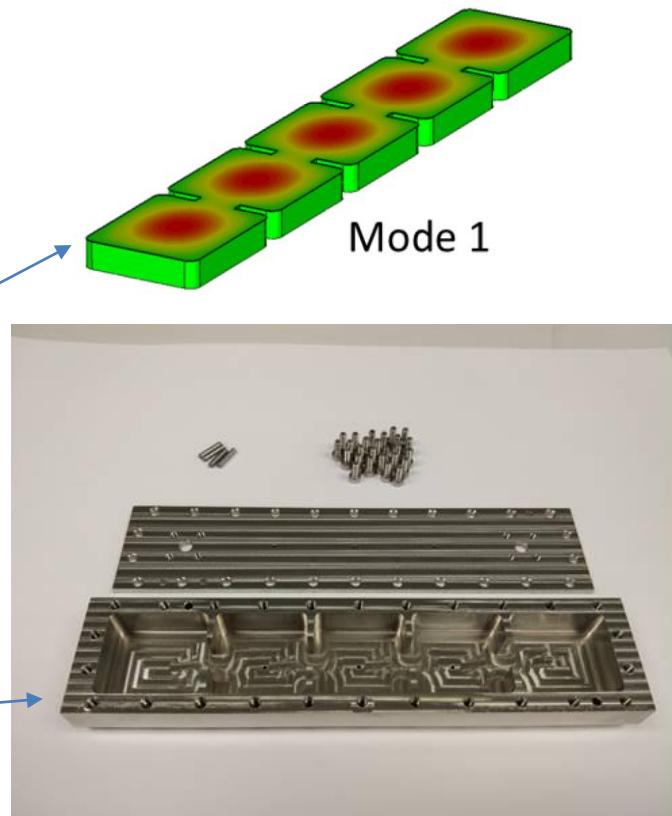
RADES

Haloscope FOM:

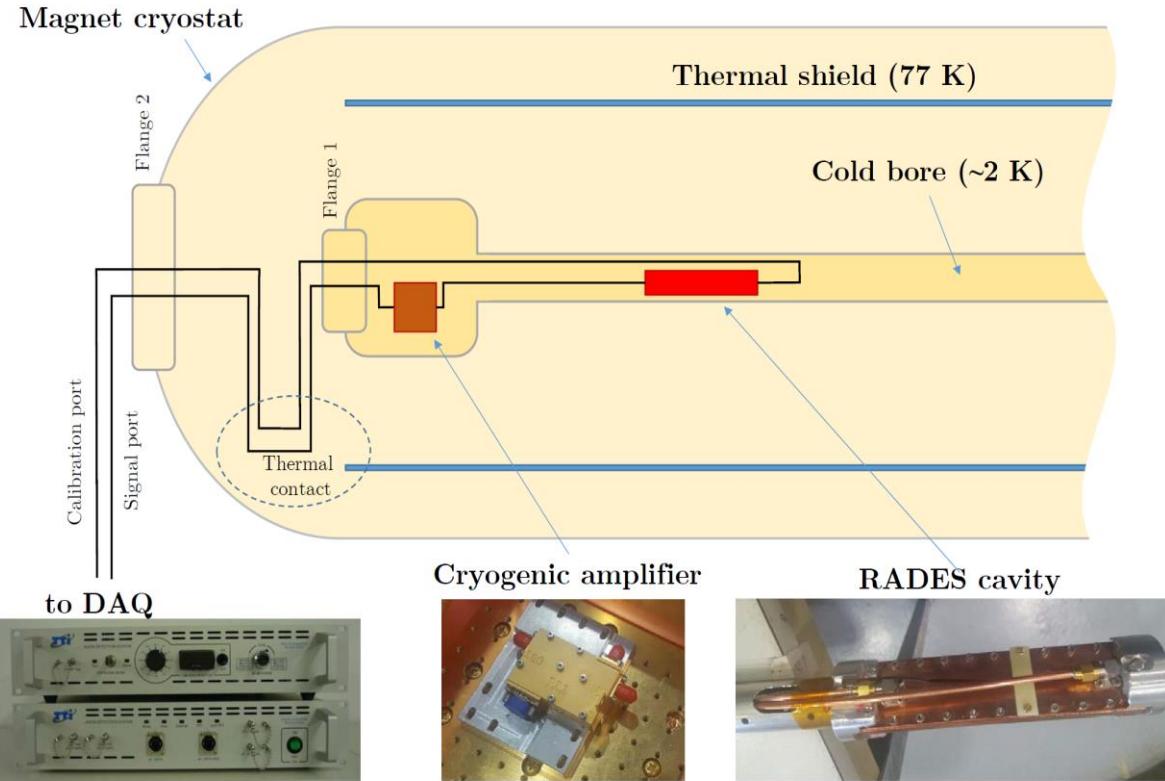
$$\mathcal{F} \sim g_{a\gamma}^4 m_a^2 B^4 V^2 T^{-2} C^2 Q$$

V is usually linked with
 m_a ($V \sim 1/m_a^3$)
 how to go to much higher V
 and higher m_a ?

- RADES concept: array of small cavities interconnected with irises:
 - No need to phase match externally
 - Clear prescription to optimize coupling to axion:
 - Robust and flexible scaling up
 - Preference for long aspect-ratio: CAST (and IAXO) magnets
 - Problem: how to tune.
- First RADES cavity with 5 subcavities, non-tunable ($f = 8.5$ GHz; $m_a = 34.75$ μ eV)

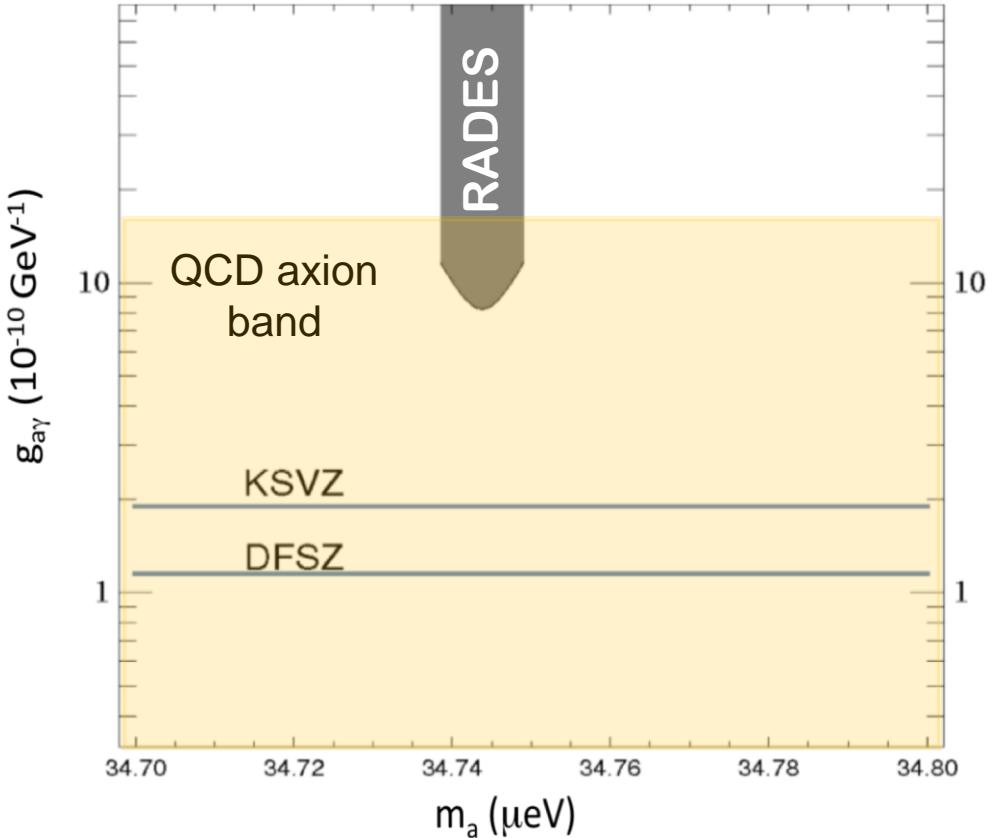


RADES in CAST



Installed successfully in
CAST last year, and first
engineering run took place
Nov-Dec2017

RADES in CAST



Sensitivity to (optimistically coupled) QCD axions with this very simple setup.

Only a factor of a few away from KSVZ.

[But at a fixed m_a value]

Challenge for next runs:

- Larger cavities
- Tuning

IAXO near-term milestones

- 1) Finish definition of management structures of the collaboration (almost there)
- 2) Finish and release “physics potential” paper (next weeks).
- 3) Technical Design of BabyIAXO (2018 – CERN support)
- 4) Site definition (2018)
 - DESY: possible sites identified and “reserved”
 - INR: interest expressed, possible synergy with local resources
- 5) Build BabyIAXO (2-3 years). Collaboration addressing funding bodies
 - MoU under preparation to cover BabyIAXO phase, especially magnet construction.
 - Optics: aim is building full optics. Back-up plan with existing optics (first contacts with ESA Science Directorate already ongoing)
- 6) Full IAXO TDR with feedback from BabyIAXO phase

IAXO and CERN

[from PBC technology subgroup meetings]

- IAXO crucially relies on CERN's expertise on **large-scale superconducting detector magnets**. Both BabyIAXO and IAXO detector magnets are systems of a scale for which CERN's expertise and infrastructure is almost unique.
- The collaboration expects support and significant participation of CERN, in particular, but not exclusively, with knowledge and expert personnel to the **Technical Design Report** of magnets and related infrastructure, as well as the **technical follow-up during construction, testing and commissioning**, first of BabyIAXO and then for IAXO.
- CAST is still active at CERN hosting a number of small-scale prototypes for testing novel concepts or performing R&D. There is potential in further using CAST infrastructure for providing feedback during the preparatory phase of IAXO, for example, to improve the insight on detector backgrounds

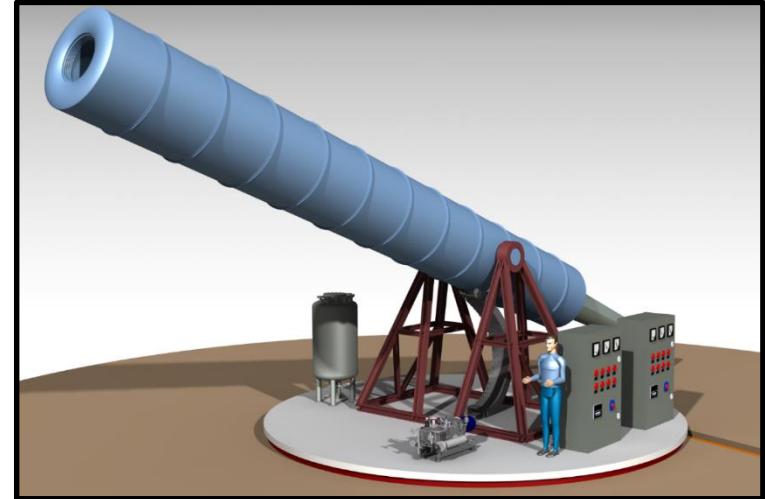
IAXO in Spain

- Axion & IAXO in Spain meeting organized in 2016 to raise awareness in our community
- Coordinated project active (FPA2016-76978-C3):
 - **UNIZAR**: physics / coordination / low background detectors (IAXO-D0)
 - **CNM**: R&D new readouts
 - **UPCT**: R&D RF cavities (RADES)
- New groups showed interest...
 - **ICCUB**: formally joined the collaboration. physics + low background electronics +...
- More groups are very welcome!



Conclusions

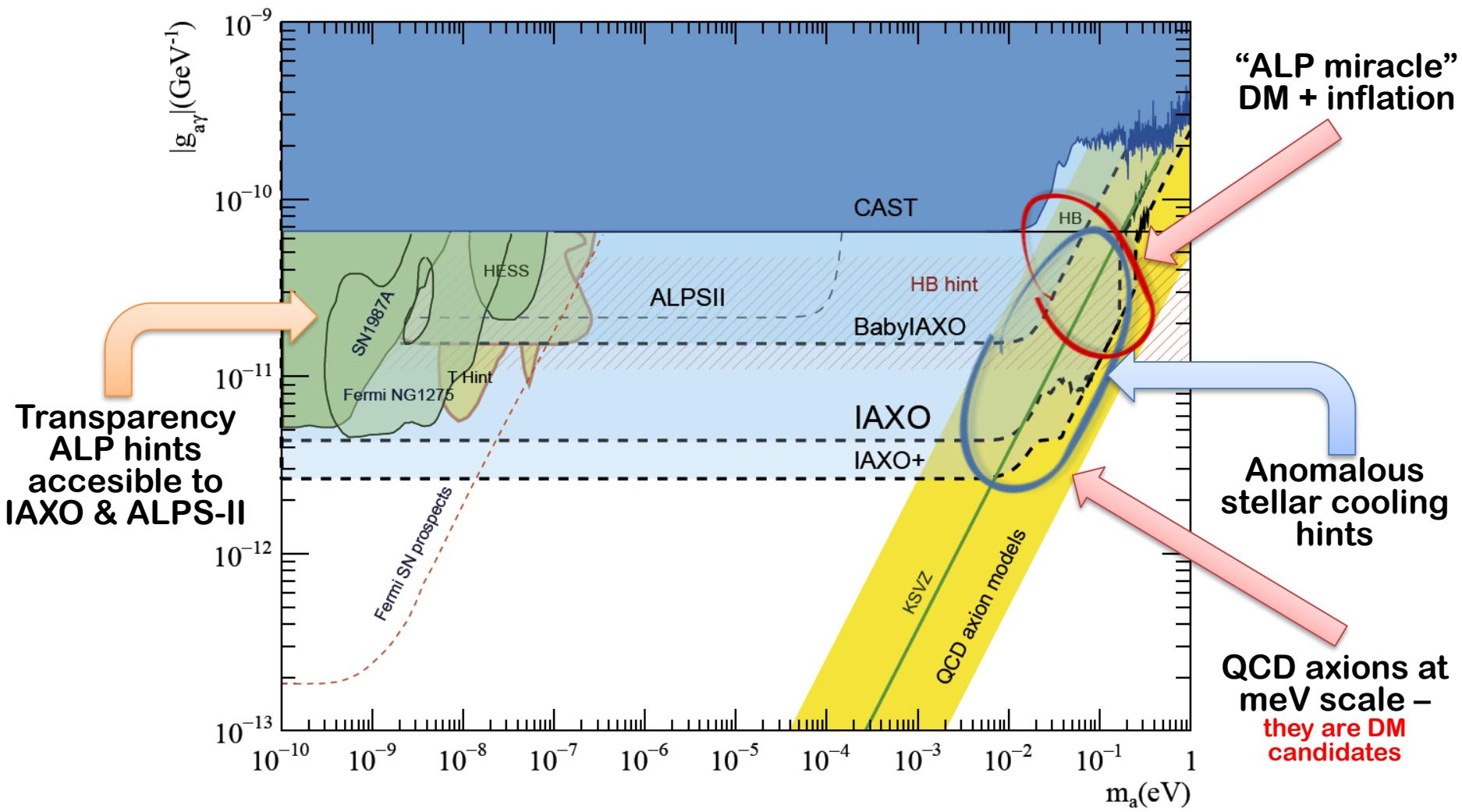
- 1) Important milestones regarding establishment of the collaboration
- 2) Near term planning better defined.
- 3) BabylAUXO → very appealing new experimental stage that can
 - 1) Enhance final FOM of experiment
 - 2) Catalyze near-term activities in the collaboration towards an intermediate experiment with relevant physics outcome
- 4) Physics case of IAXO getting sharpened by recent studies. Physics potential updated – new paper to be published soon



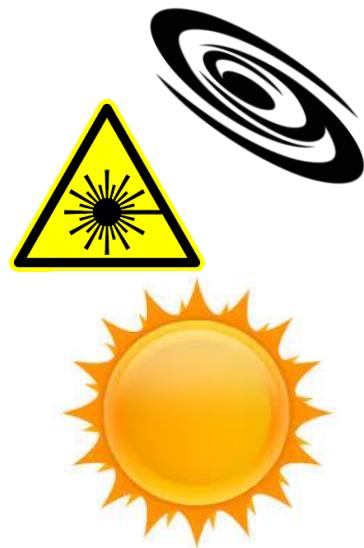
IAXO → singular project in the axion experimental landscape with high visibility of Spanish participation.
Great opportunity for our community. New partners are welcome!

Backup slides...

BabyIAXO & IAXO physics reach



Detecting axions



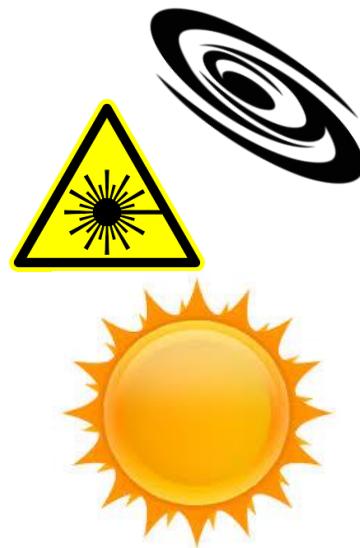
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Lab axions	ALPS, OSQAR, fifth force exps,...	Very low	
Solar axions	SUMICO, CAST, IAXO	Low	Ready for large scale experiment

- Helioscopes → do not rely on the axion being the dominant DM component. Solar axion emission robust prediction
- Helioscopes → No R&D needed. Technology mature enough for a large scale experiment (**IAXO**)
- Large complementarity with other detection strategies

IAXO status of project

- 2011: First studies concluded (JCAP 1106:013,2011)
- 2013: Conceptual Design finished (arXiv:1401.3233) and LoI to CERN SPSC [CERN-SPSC-2013-022]
- 2014: Positive recommendations from SPSC.
- 2015-16: Transition phase towards TDR (technical design)
 - Engaging funding agencies
 - Community meetings in many countries
 - Preparatory activities (IAXO pathfinder system at CAST)
 - Preparation of collaboration bylaws and MoU to carry out TDR work.
 - First discussions on experimental site options
 - First discussion on long-term plan to build full experiment
- 2017: Formal constitution of collaboration (expected for summer)
 - “Founding” IAXO collaboration meeting to happen in July 2017, DESY

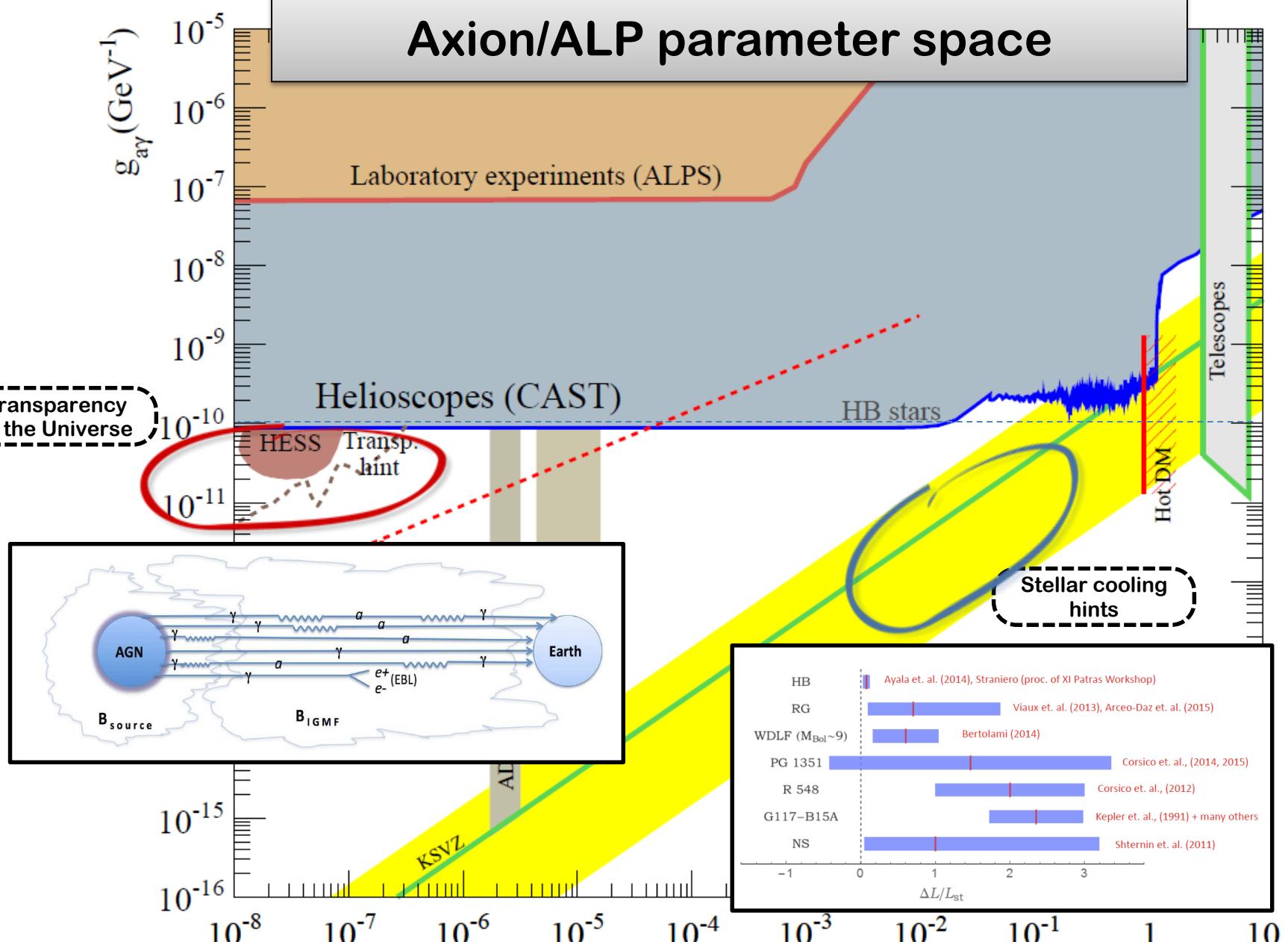
IAXO in the axion landscape



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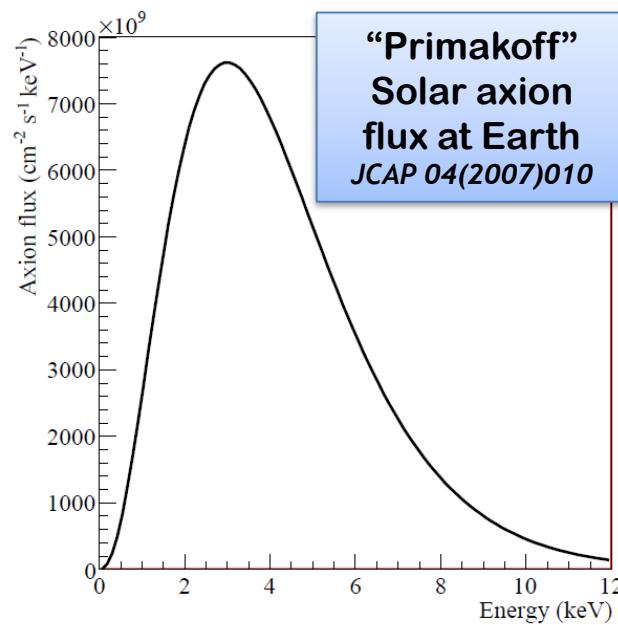
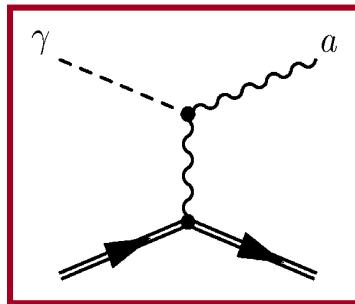
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Axion/ALP parameter space



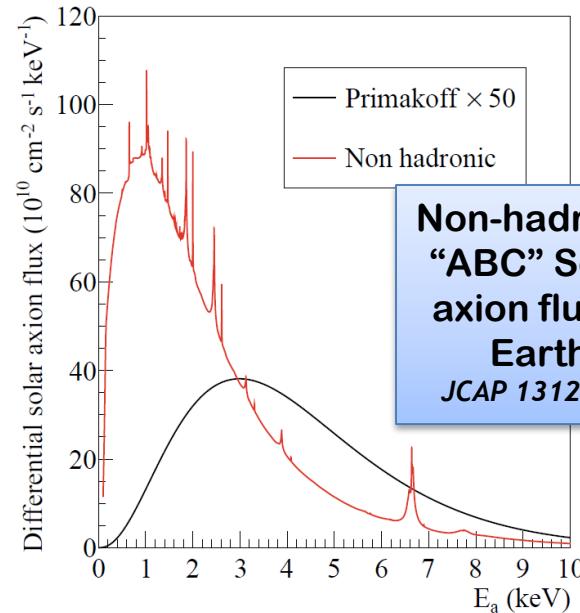
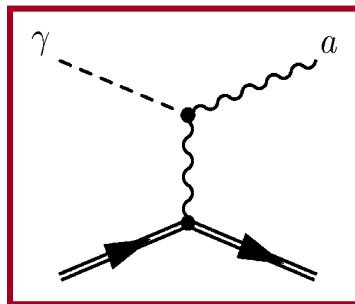
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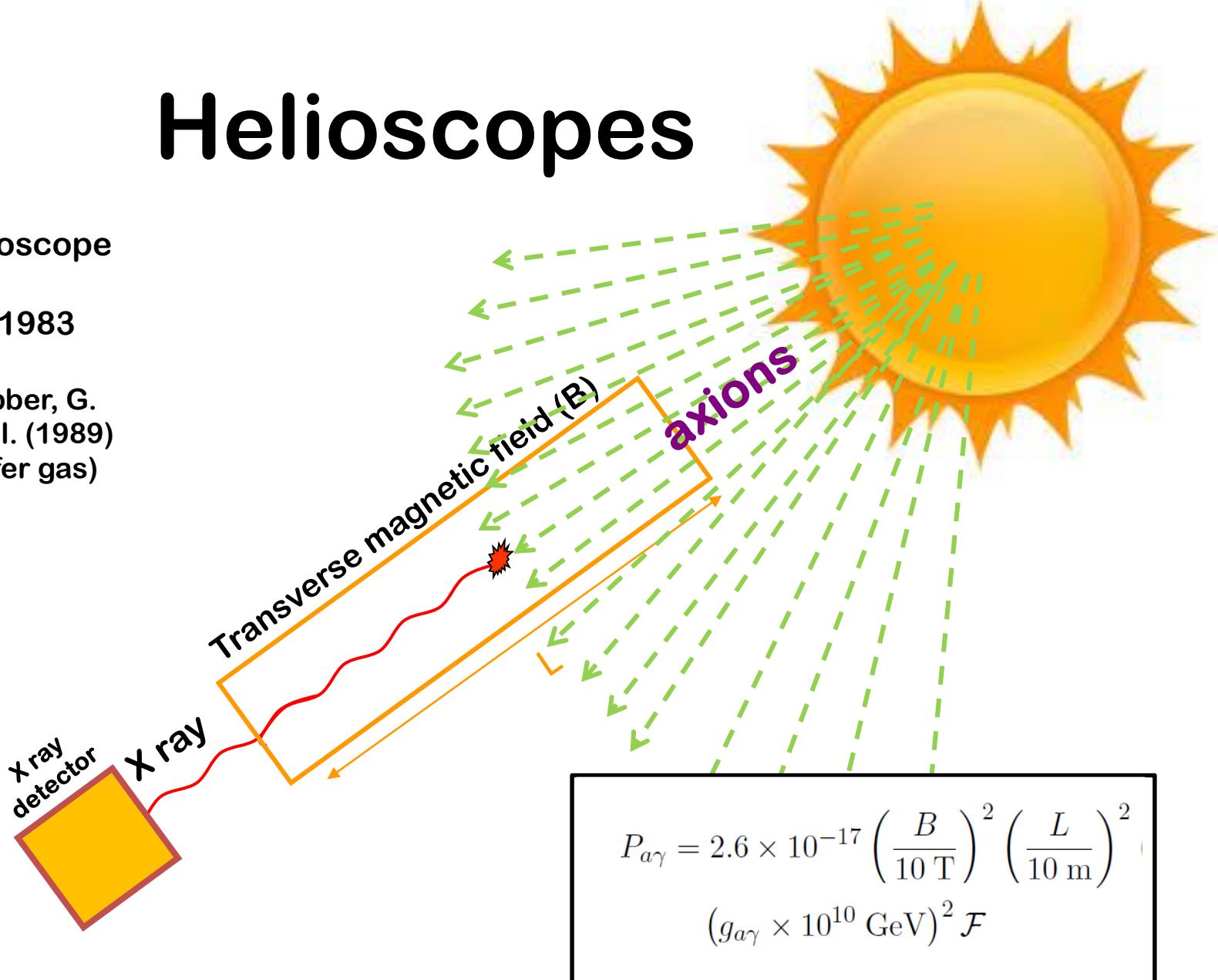
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* if the axion couples
with the electron (g_{ae})
(non hadronic axion)

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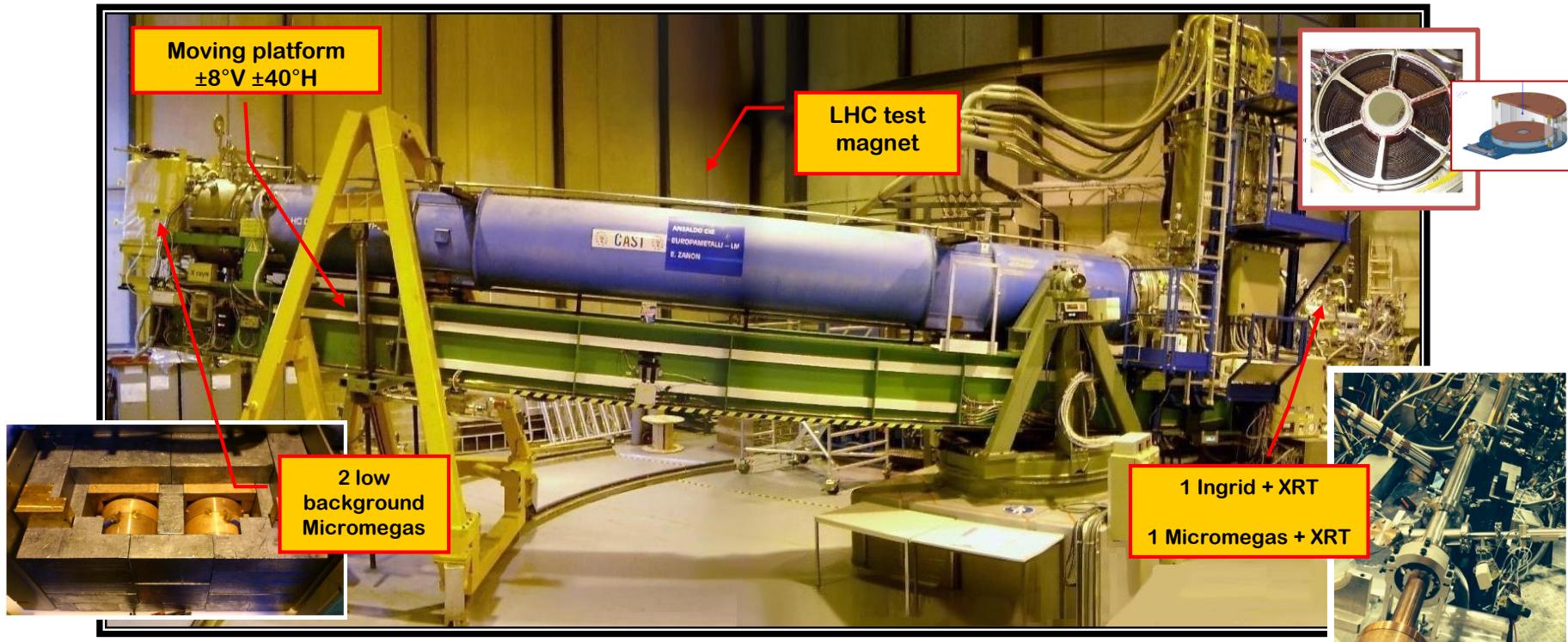
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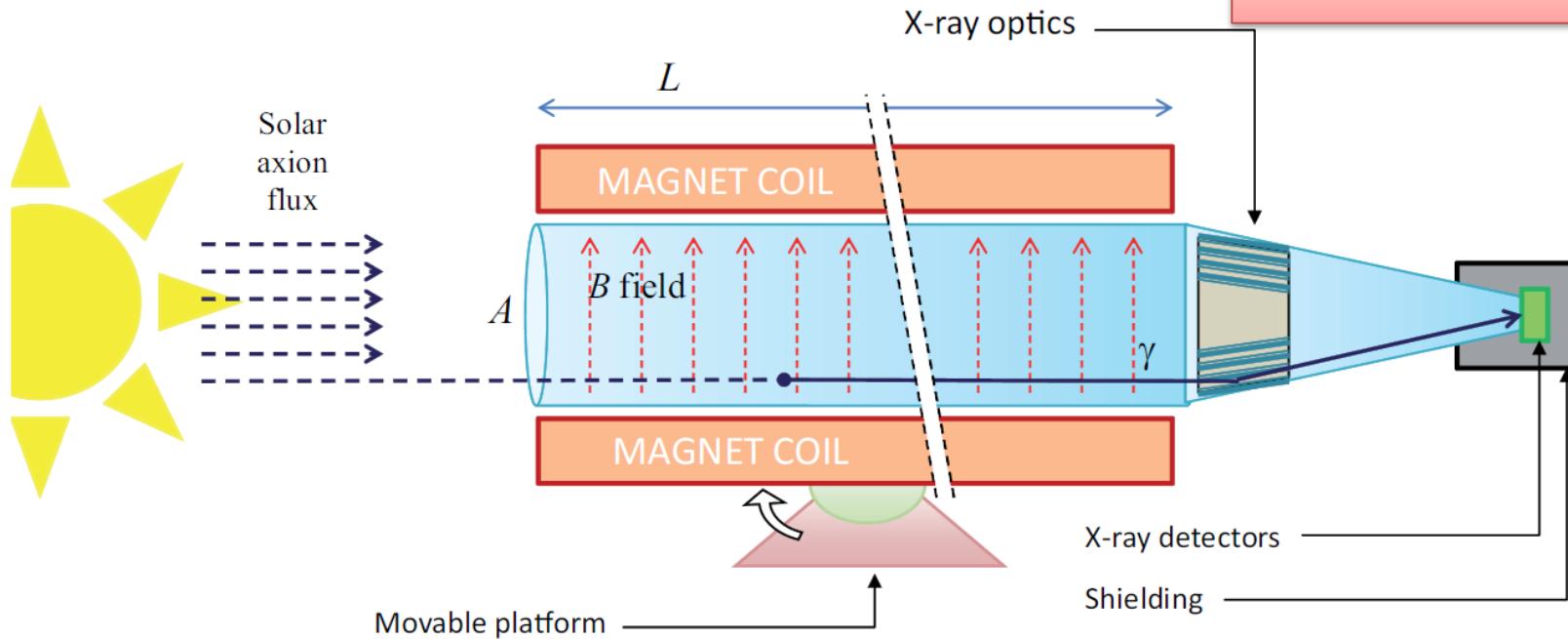
CAST experiment @ CERN

- Decommissioned LHC test magnet (L=10m, B=9 T)
- Moving platform $\pm 8^\circ V \pm 40^\circ H$ (to allow up to 50 days / year of alignment)
- 4 magnet bores to look for X rays
- 2 X ray telescopes to increase signal/noise ratio.



IAXO – Concept

Enhanced axion helioscope:
JCAP 1106:013, 2011

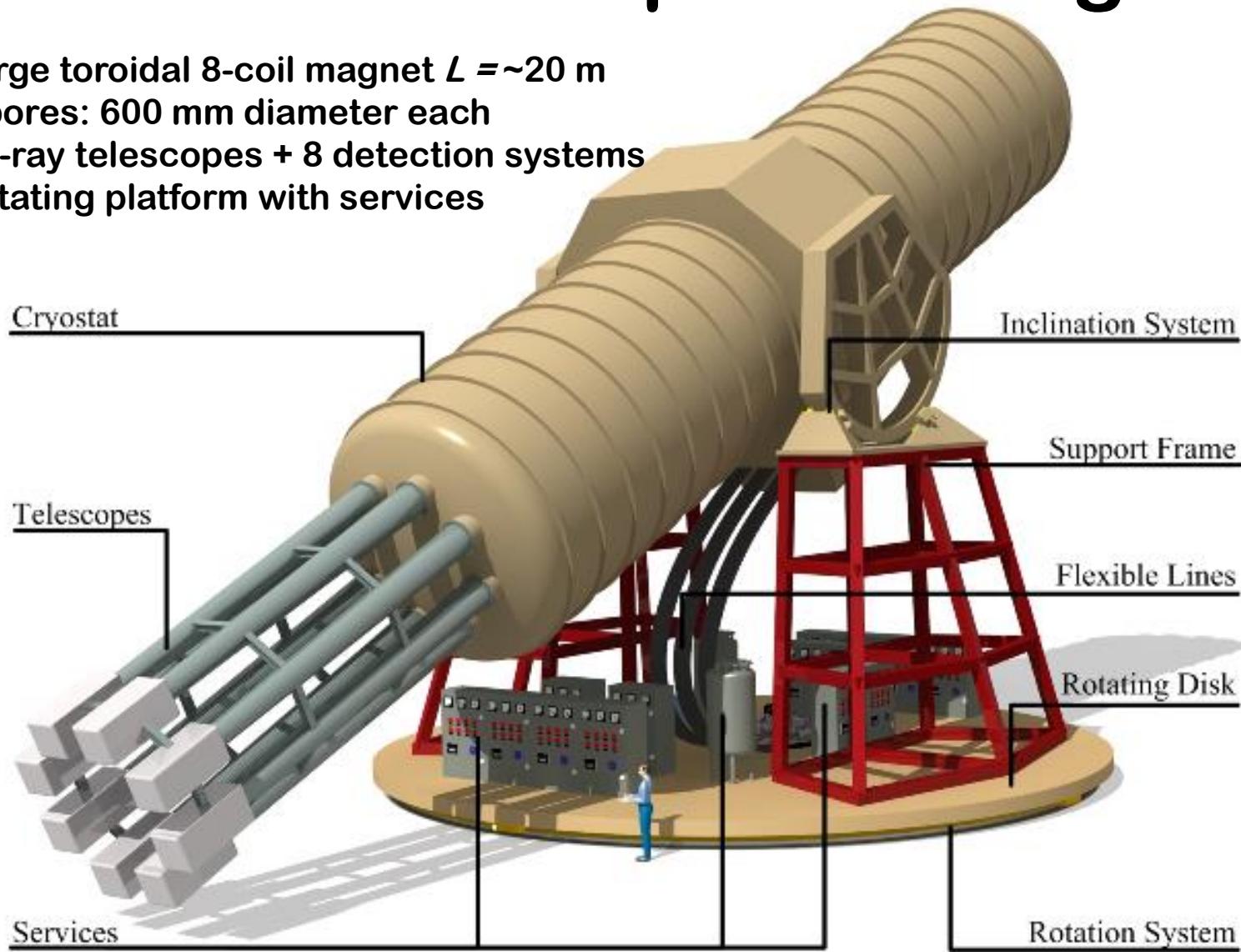


$$g_{a\gamma}^4 \propto b^{1/2} \epsilon^{-1} \text{detectors} \times a^{1/2} \epsilon_o^{-1} \text{optics} \underbrace{(BL)^{-2} A^{-1}}_{\text{magnet}} \times t^{-1/2} \text{exposure}$$

4+ orders of magnitude better SNR than CAST (JCAP 1106:013)

IAXO – Conceptual Design

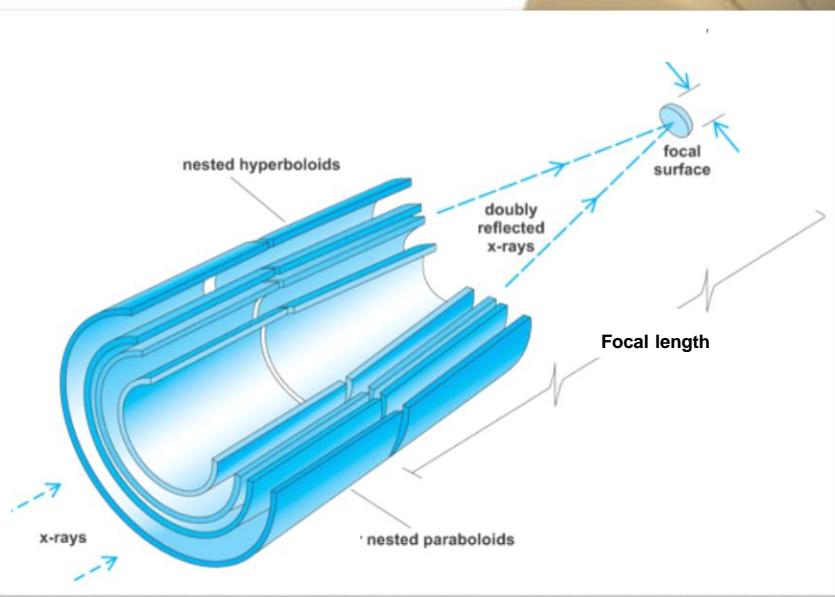
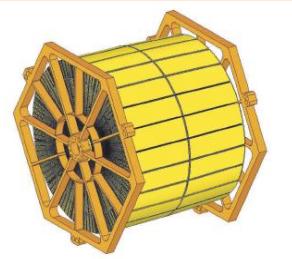
- Large toroidal 8-coil magnet $L = \sim 20$ m
- 8 bores: 600 mm diameter each
- 8 x-ray telescopes + 8 detection systems
- Rotating platform with services



IAXO technologies – Baseline

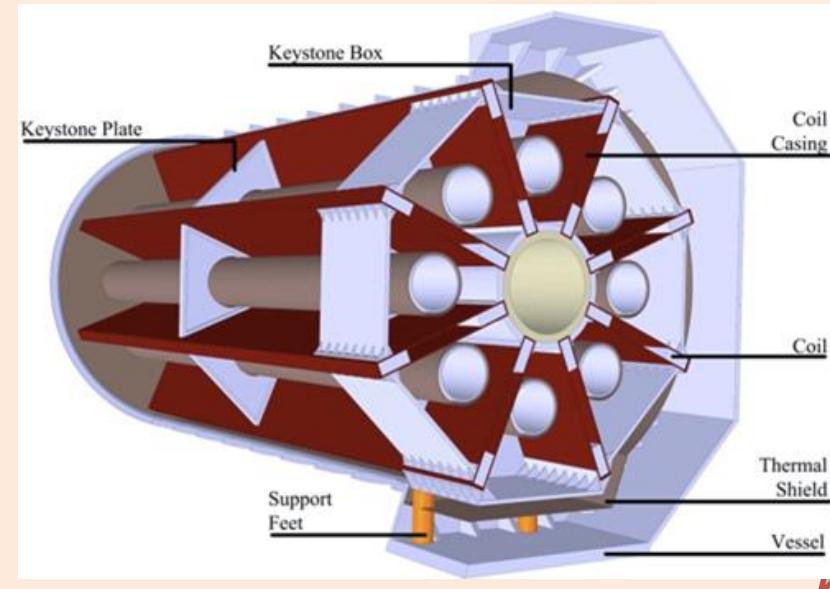
IAXO telescopes

- Slumped glass technology with multilayers
- Cost-effective to cover large areas
- Based on NuSTAR developments
- Focal length ~5 m
- 60-70% efficiency
- LLNL+UC+DTU + MIT + INAF



IAXO magnet

- Superconducting “detector” magnet.
- Toroidal geometry (8 coils)
- Based on ATLAS toroid technical solutions.
- CERN+CEA expertise
- 8 bores / 20 m long / 60 cm Ø per bore



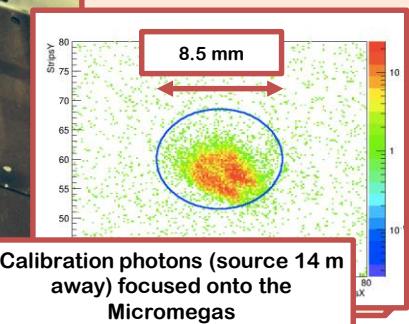
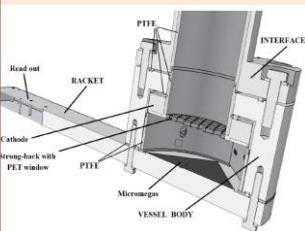
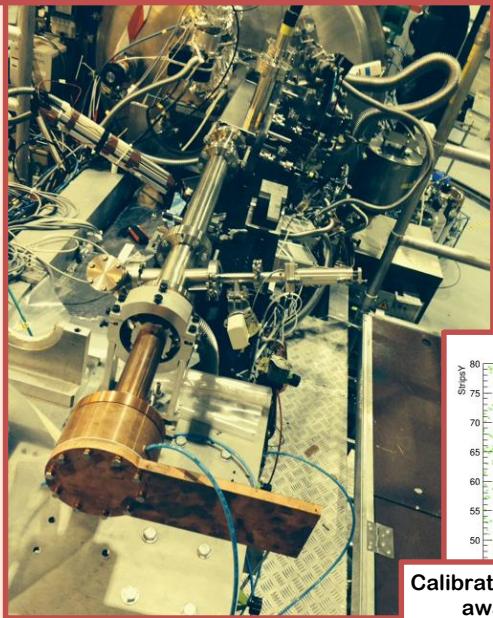
Baseline developed at:
IAXO Letter of Intent: CERN-SPSC-2013-022
IAXO Conceptual Design: JINST 9 (2014)
T05002 (arXiv:1401.3233)

IAXO technologies – Baseline

IAXO detectors

- Micromegas gaseous detectors
- Radiopure components + shielding
- Discrimination from event topology in gas
- Long trajectory in CAST
- Zaragoza + CEA + Bonn + others expertise

Optics+detector IAXO pathfinder system
(in operation in CAST during 2014-5)



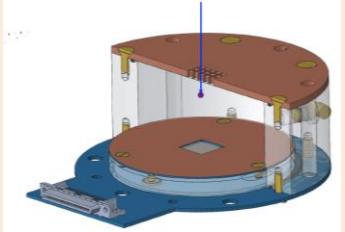
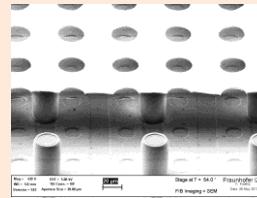
Services

Dark Matter Meeting,
Canfranc, Feb-18

IAXO detectors

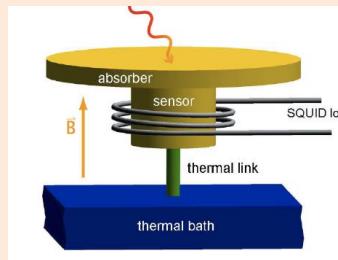
Ingrid detectors

- Better threshold
- U. Bonn

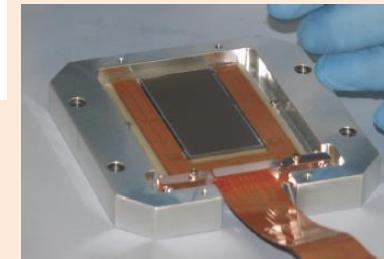


MMC (Magnetic Metallic Calorimeters) TES (Transition Edge Sensors)

- Very good E resolution & threshold
- Heidelberg + CEA + CNSMS



Low noise CCDs



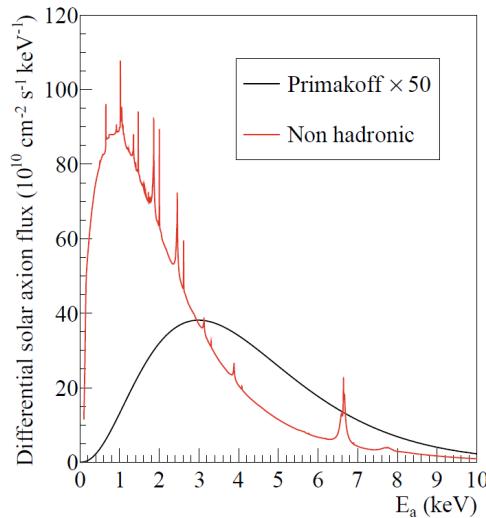
Solar axion spectroscopy:
Axion-electron ABC
spectrum
Axion mass
determination

Rotation System

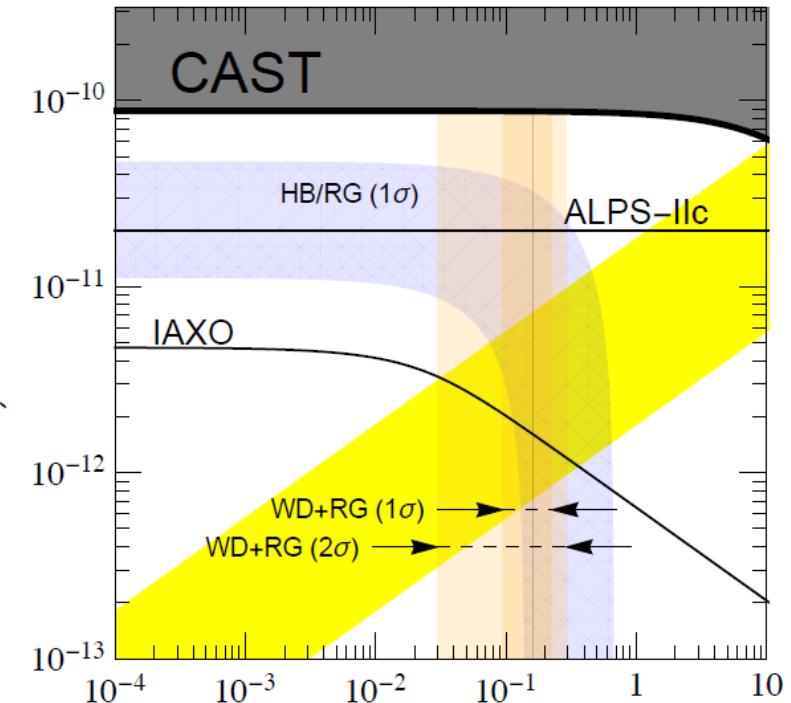
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Axion-electron coupling

ABC-produced
solar axions



Sensitive to g_{ae} values down to $\sim 10^{-13}$

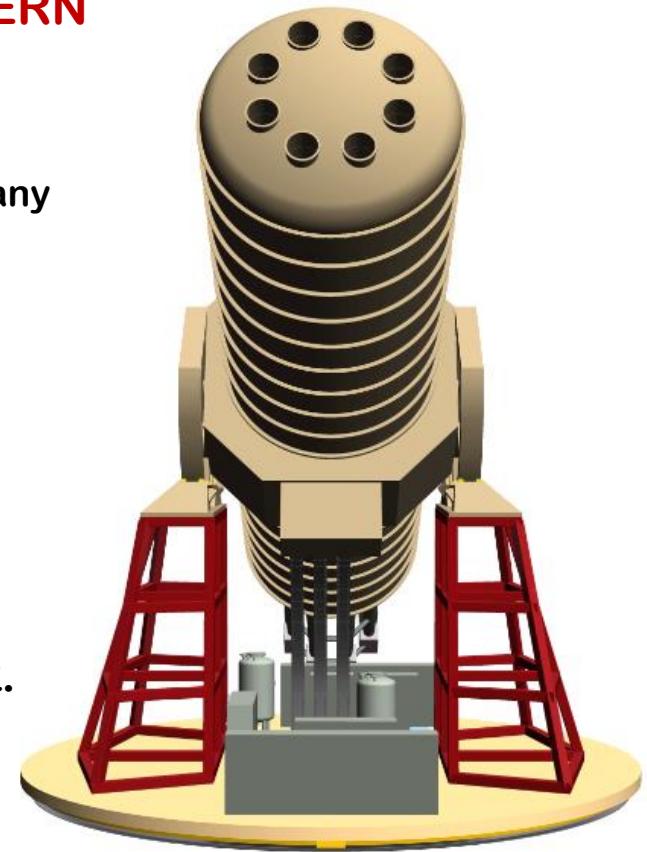


And more...

- Dark Matter Axions (\rightarrow use of IAXO magnet with cavities / RF antennas)
- ALPs from Dark Radiation
- ALPs from nearby Supernova (connection with SNEWS)
 \rightarrow MeV photon detector at the other end
- ...

Conclusions

- **IAXO: best use of technologies (**magnet**, optics, detectors) and past trajectory of CAST at **CERN****
- **IAXO will probe deep into unexplored axion+ALP parameter space:**
 - QCD axions at the few meV scale → not at reach of any other technique
 - ALPs at the $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-12}$ GeV⁻¹ scale
 - ALPs at the $g_{ae} \sim 10^{-13}$ scale
- **IAXO as a generic “axion/ALP facility”**
- First steps towards TDR after the positive recommendation from CERN SPSC.
- Large community now endorsing the project.
- Longer-term strategy towards construction under discussion. Site: CERN but also DESY or LNF
- Looking forward to Study Group process

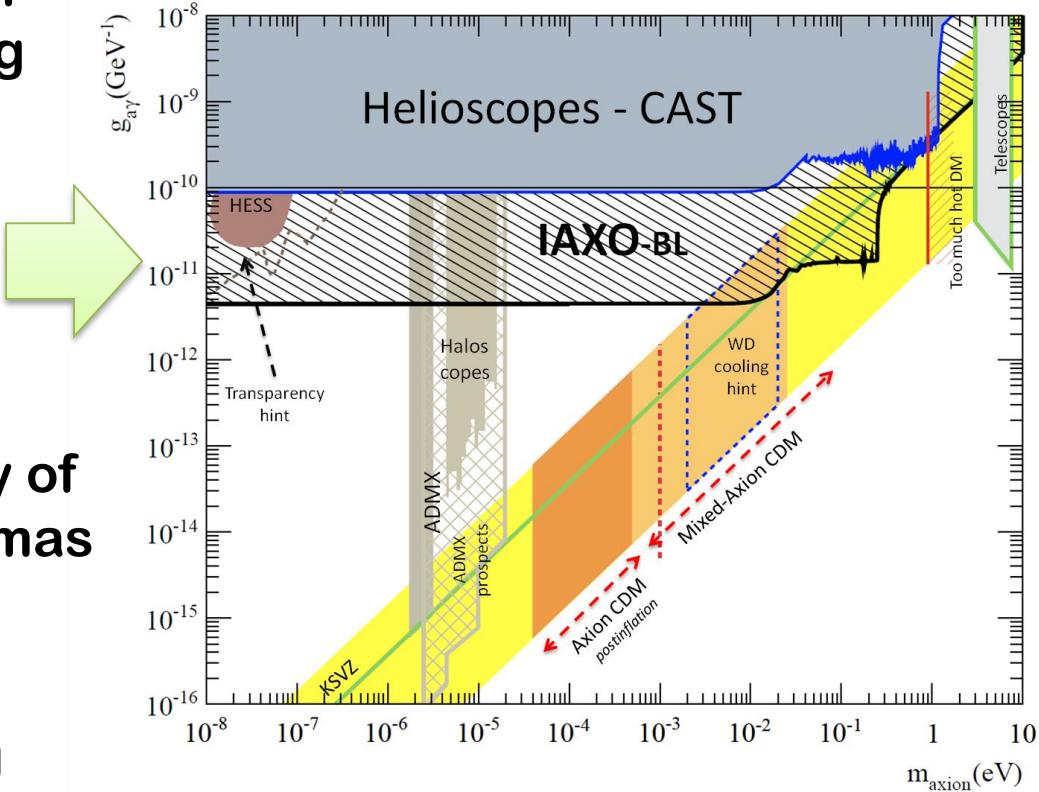


Why to search for axions?

- Most compelling solution to the **Strong CP problem** of the SM
- Axion-like particles (ALPs) **predicted by many extensions** of the SM (e.g. string theory)
- Axions, like WIMPs, may **solve the DM problem *for free*.** (i.e. not *ad hoc* solution to DM)
- **Astrophysical hints** for axion/ALPs?
 - Transparency of the Universe to UHE gammas
 - Anomalous cooling of different types of star
- Relevant axion/ALP parameter space at **reach of current and near-future experiments**
- Still too little experimental effort devoted to axions when compared to WIMPs

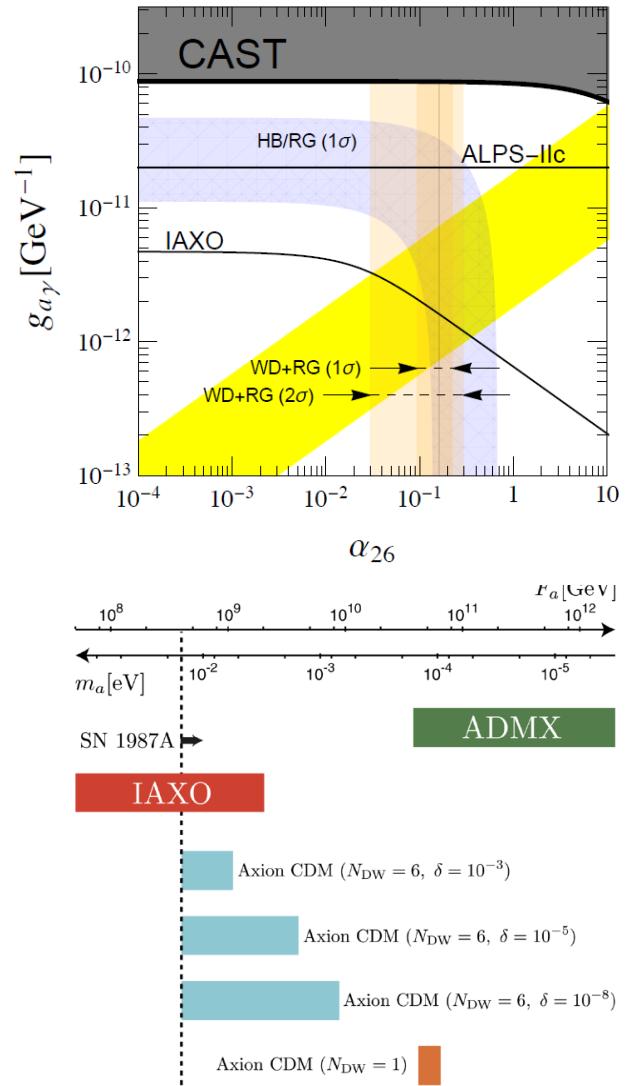
An ALP with $g_{a\gamma} \sim 10^{-11-12} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

- Well beyond current upper bounds on the $g_{a\gamma}$ coupling (CAST & HB stars $\sim 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$)
- String theory ALPs
- Invoked to explain the anomalous transparency of the Universe to UHE gammas
- Could explain some anomalous stellar cooling observations



The multi-meV axion

- Is compatible with all current axion bounds.
- Is invoked in several anomalous stellar cooling scenarios
 - Gianotti et al. JCAP1605 (2016) 057 [arXiv:1512.08108]
- Can be the cold DM in some models
 - with $N_{\text{DW}} > 1$ and bias term to break the discrete symmetry (Kawasaki et al. PRD91 (2015), Ringwald et al. arXiv:1512.06436)
 - or it can be a subdominant DM component
- Very hard to detect (\rightarrow IAXO!)
- SN axion background
 - Raffelt et al. PRD84 (11)

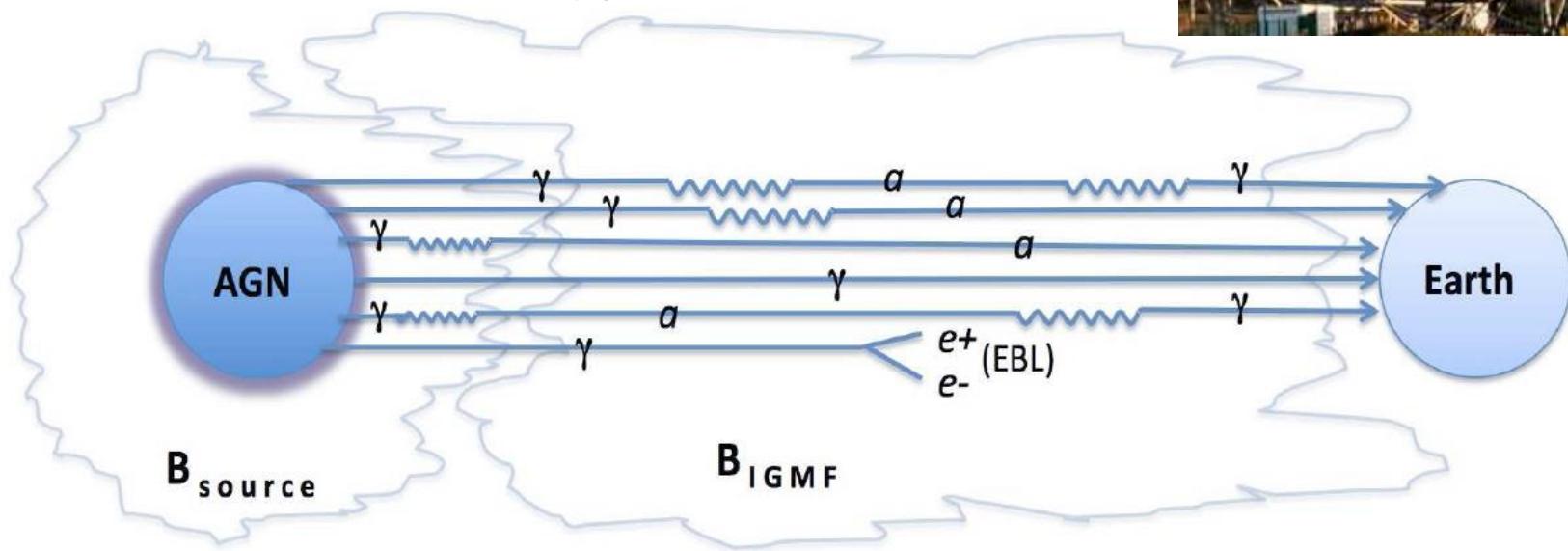


Astrophysical hints for axions

- Gama ray telescopes like MAGIC or HESS observe HE photons from very distant sources...

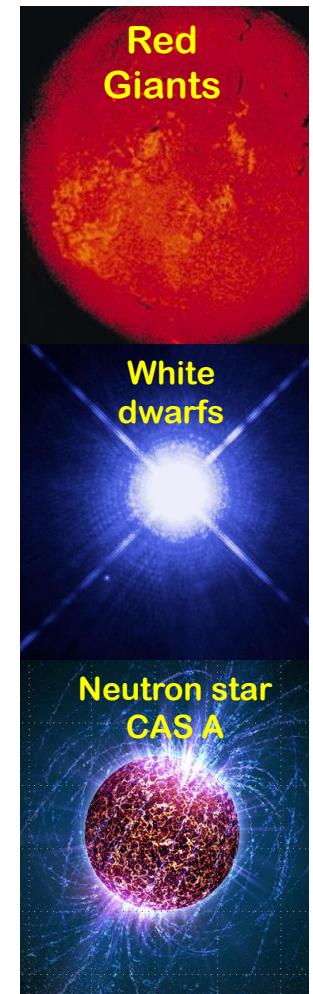
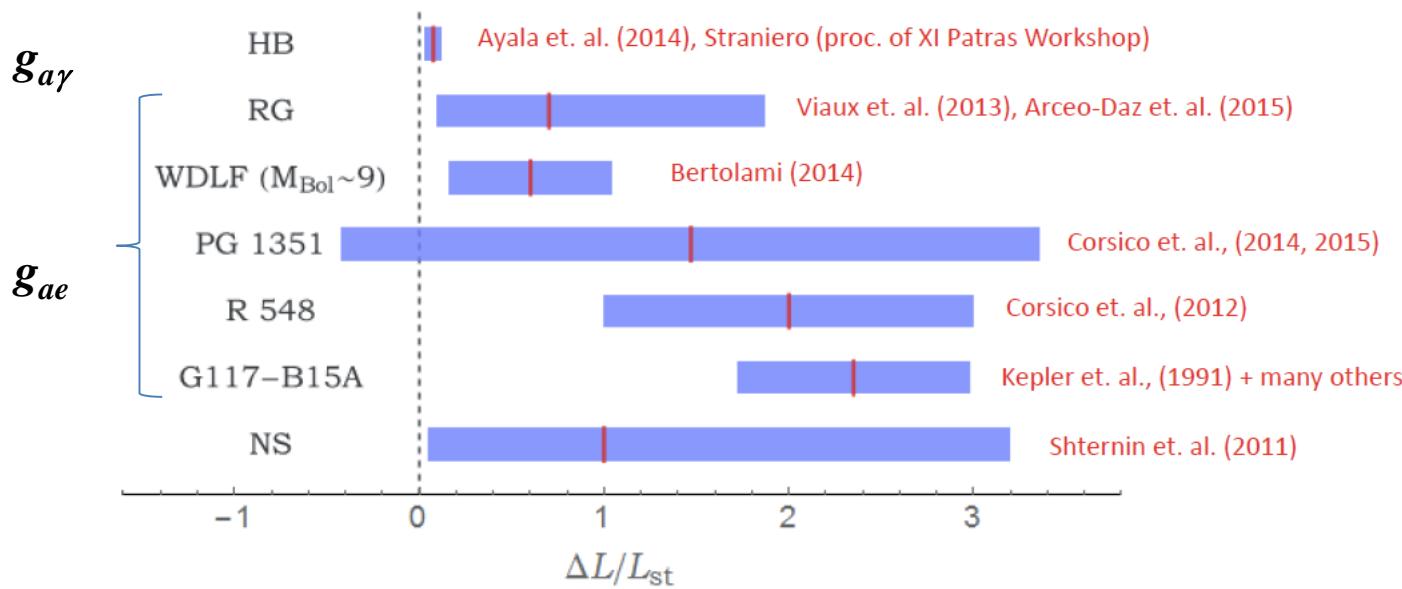
ALP:

$$g_{a\gamma} \sim 10^{-12}-10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$
$$m_a \lesssim 10^{-(10-7)} \text{ eV}$$



Astrophysical hints for axions (II)

- Most stellar systems seem to cool down faster than expected.
- Presence of axions/ALPs offer a good joint explanation (Giannotti et al. JCAP05(2016)057 [arXiv:1512.08108])
- Parameters at reach of IAXO



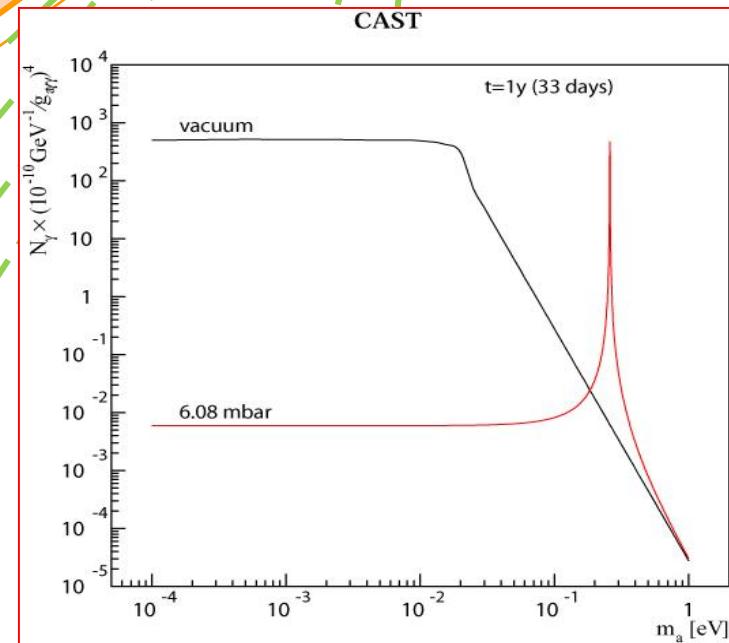
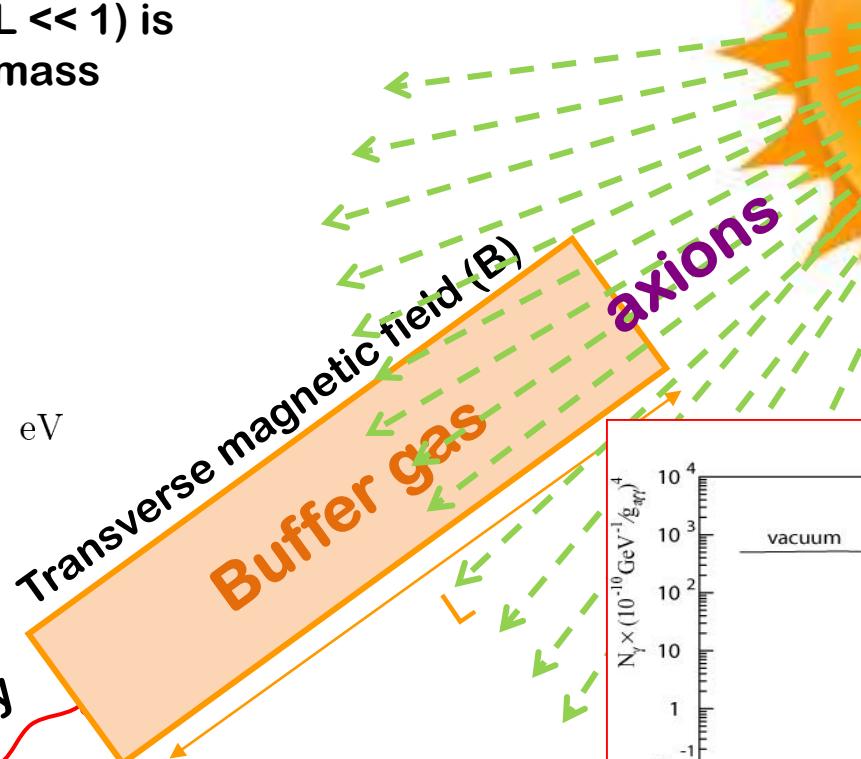
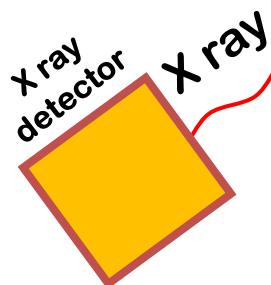
Buffer gas for higher masses

Coherence condition ($qL \ll 1$) is recovered for a narrow mass range around m_γ

$$|q| = \frac{m_a^2 - m_\gamma^2}{2E}$$

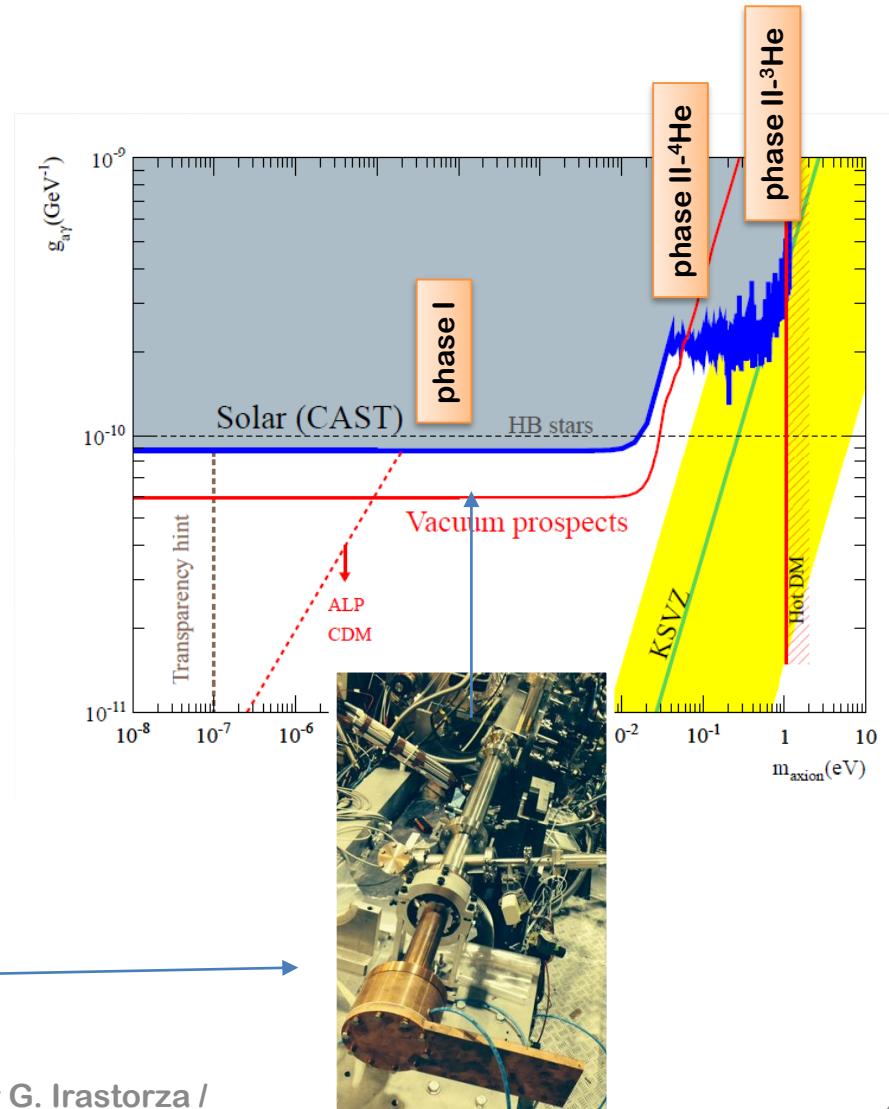
$$m_\gamma \approx \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\alpha N_e}{m_e}} = 28.9 \sqrt{\frac{Z}{A}\rho} \text{ eV}$$

N_e : number of electrons/cm³
 r : gas density (g/cm³)

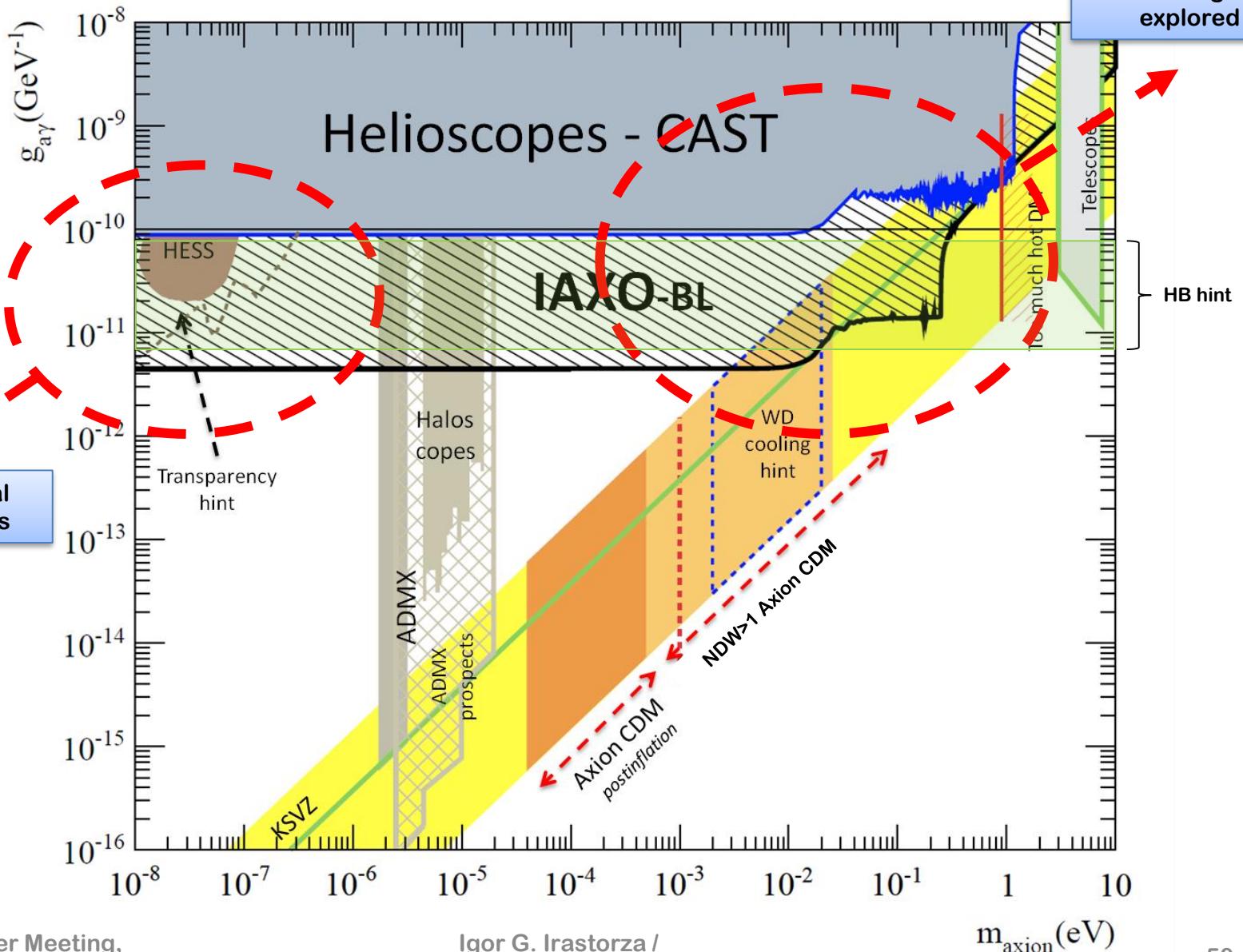


CAST results (solar axions)

2003 – 2004	CAST phase I <ul style="list-style-type: none">vacuum in the magnet bores
2006	CAST phase II - ${}^4\text{He}$ Run <ul style="list-style-type: none">axion masses explored up to 0.39 eV (160 P-steps)
2007	${}^3\text{He}$ Gas system implementation
2008 - 2011	CAST phase II - ${}^3\text{He}$ Run <ul style="list-style-type: none">axion masses explored up to 1.17 eVbridging the dark matter limit
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revisit 4He Run with improved detectors
2013-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revisit vacuum phase with improved detectorsAnalysis ongoing.New result soon available



IAXO sensitivity prospects



CERN SPSC recommendations

SPSC Draft minutes [Jan 2014]

The Committee **recognises** the physics motivation of an International Axion Observatory as described in the Letter of Intent SPSC-I-242, and considers that the proposed setup makes appropriate use of state-of-the-art technologies i.e. magnets, x-ray optics and low-background detectors.

The Committee **encourages** the collaboration to take the next steps towards a **Technical Design Report**.

The Committee recommends that, in the process of preparing the TDR, the possibility to **extend the physics reach** with additional detectors compared to the baseline goal should be investigated. The collaboration should be further strengthened.

Considering the required funding, the SPSC **recommends** that the R&D for the TDR should be pursued within an MOU involving all interested parties.

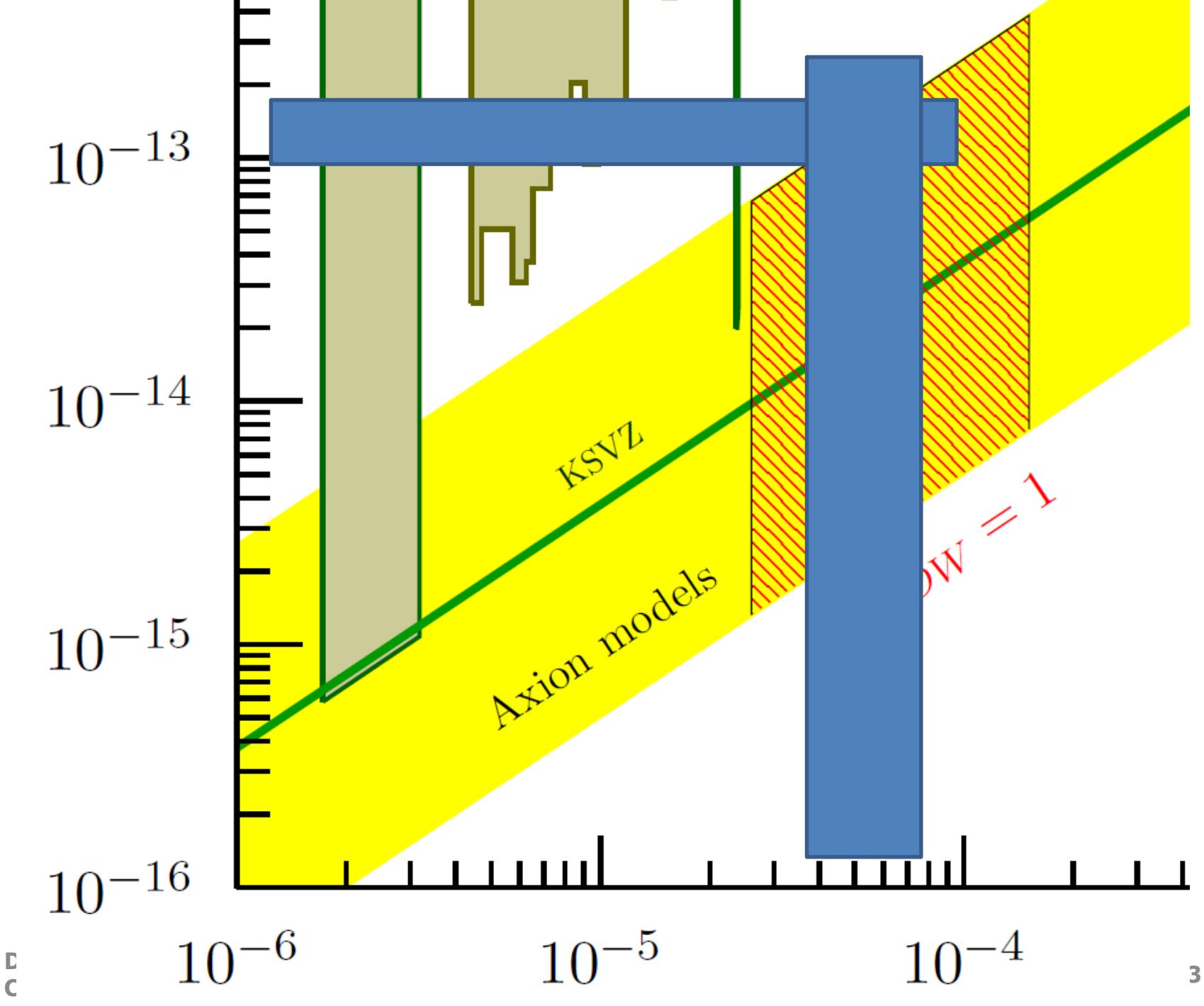
This was endorsed by the Research Board in March2014

Minutes of the 206th CERN Research Board held on March2014:

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/1695812/files/M-207.pdf>

Mid term plans (+4 years) towards IAXO construction

- **Site:**
 - CERN is Plan A, but alternatives under consideration: it may affect funding strategies.
Some preliminary interest from a number of institutions.
- **Magnet:**
 - Magnet construction → main resources challenge
 - Plan A: Form international consortium, coordinated by CERN (+CEA?) to collectively support the magnet construction, by means of inkind contributions to the effort.
 - Plan B: Large investment by host institution (IAXO being hosted outside CERN)
- **X-ray optics:**
 - Construction efforts distributed among groups pushing x-ray technologies for IAXO:
US (LLNL, UC, MIT) + Europe (DTU, INAF-Milano)
- **Detectors:**
 - Efforts distributed among groups pushing each detector technology (actual decisions taken after TDR):
 - Micromegas: Zaragoza, CEA
 - Ingrid: Bonn
 - CCD: FNAL?, LPNHE?
 - MMCs/TES: Heidelberg, Orsay, CEA



IAXO costs

Item	Cost (MCHF)	Subtotals (MCHF)
Magnet		31.3
Eight coils based assembled toroid	28	
Magnet services	3.3	
Optics		16.0
Prototype Optic: Design, Fabrication, Calibration, Analysis	1.0	
IAXO telescopes (8 + 1 spare)	8.0	
Calibration	2.0	
Integration and alignment	5.0	
Detectors		5.8
Shielding & mechanics	2.1	
Readouts, DAQ electronics & computing	0.8	
Calibration systems	1.5	
Gas & vacuum	1.4	
Dome, base, services building and integration	3.7	
Sum		56.8

Table 5: Estimated costs of the IAXO setup: magnet, optics and detectors. It does not include laboratory engineering, as well as maintenance & operation and physics exploitation of the experiment.

Comments/caveats:

- Costs are for construction, and do not include operations and science support
- Costs based on initial estimates that need to be confirmed at TDR
- Labor for engineering, maintenance & operations not included
- Estimates do not include contingencies

IAXO timeline

