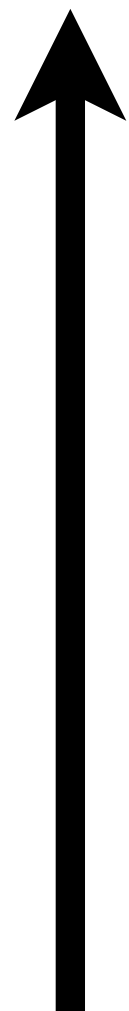


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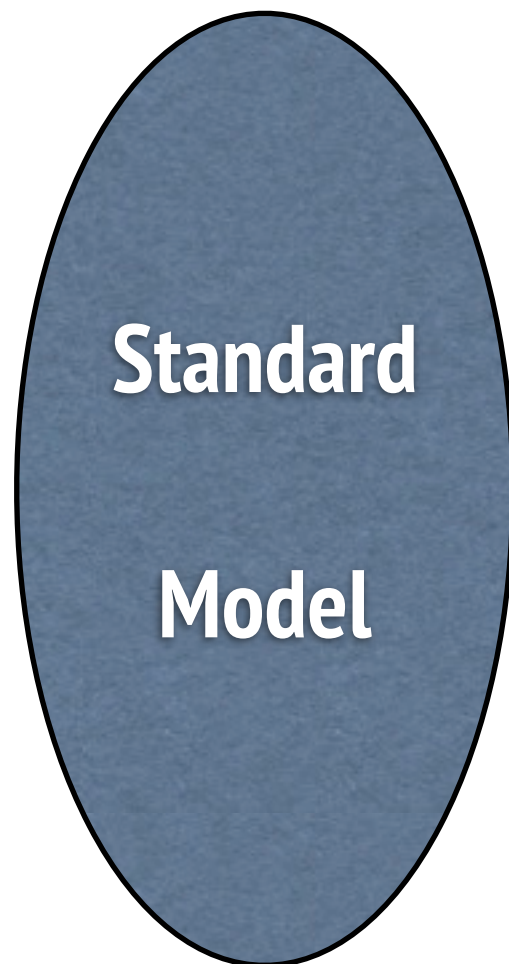
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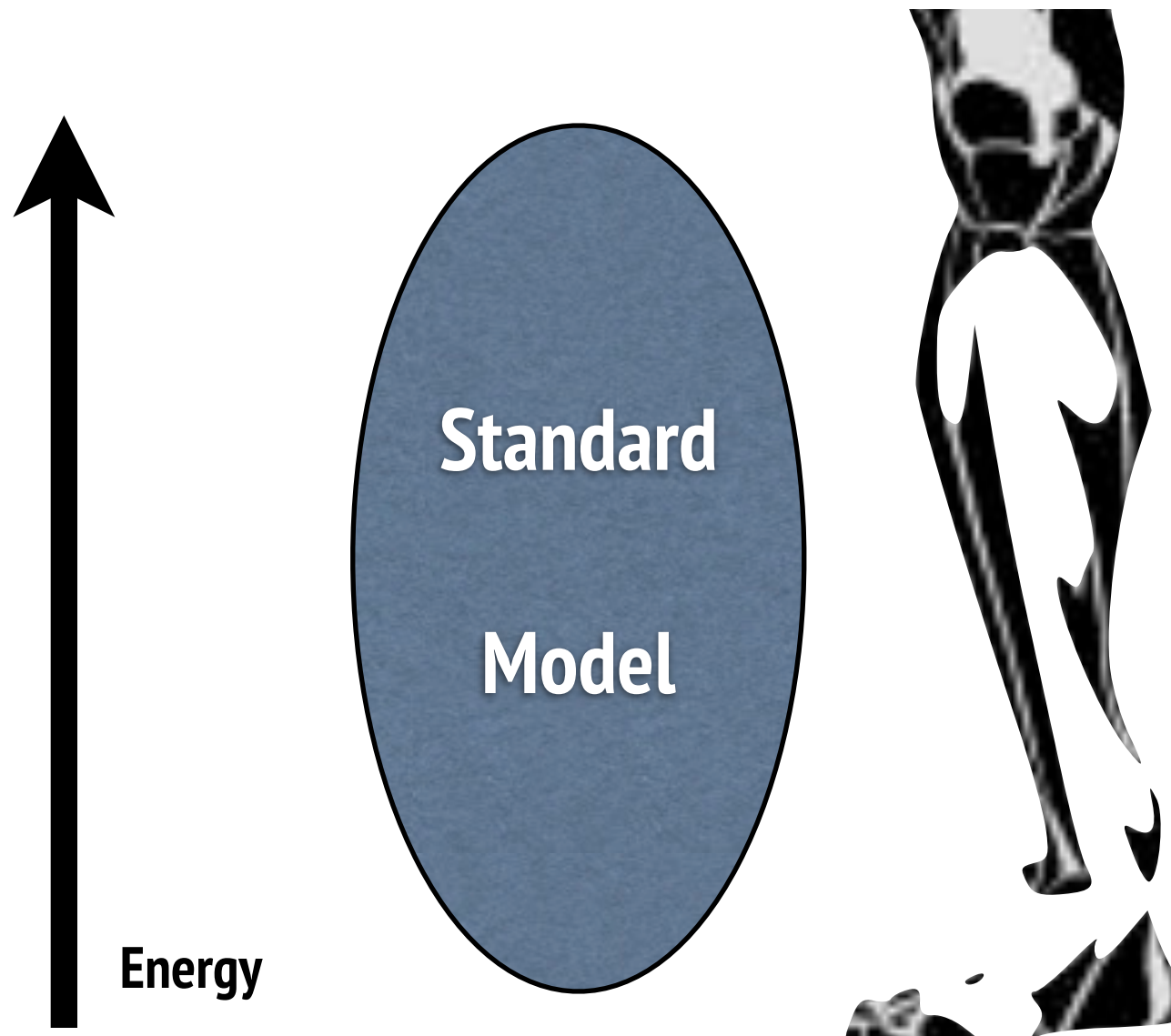
- **1 big picture**
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- **3 types of interactions**
- **4 ~ hints of existence**
- **5 ... Experiments to find them**
- **6 Conclusions**



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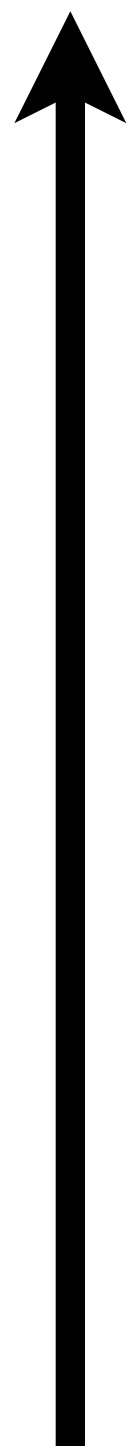
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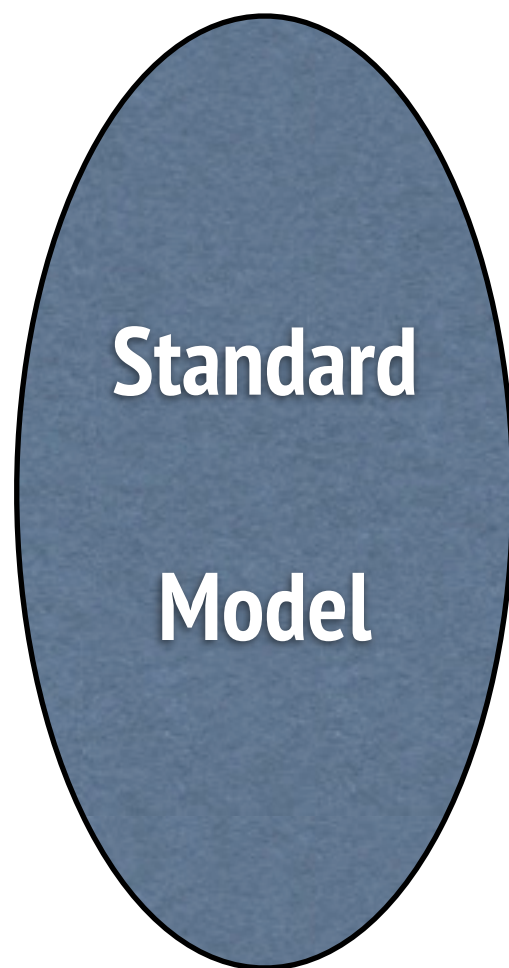
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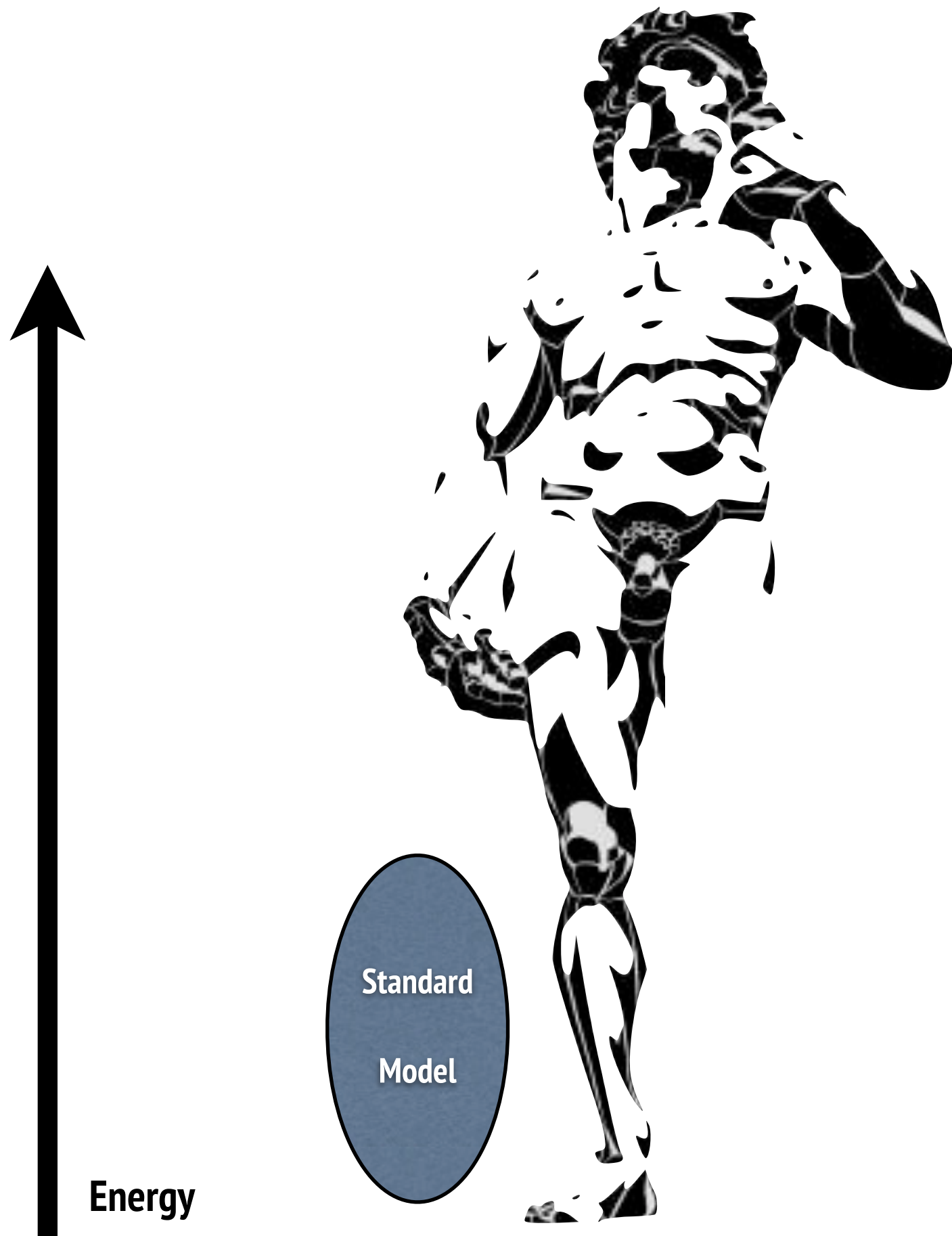
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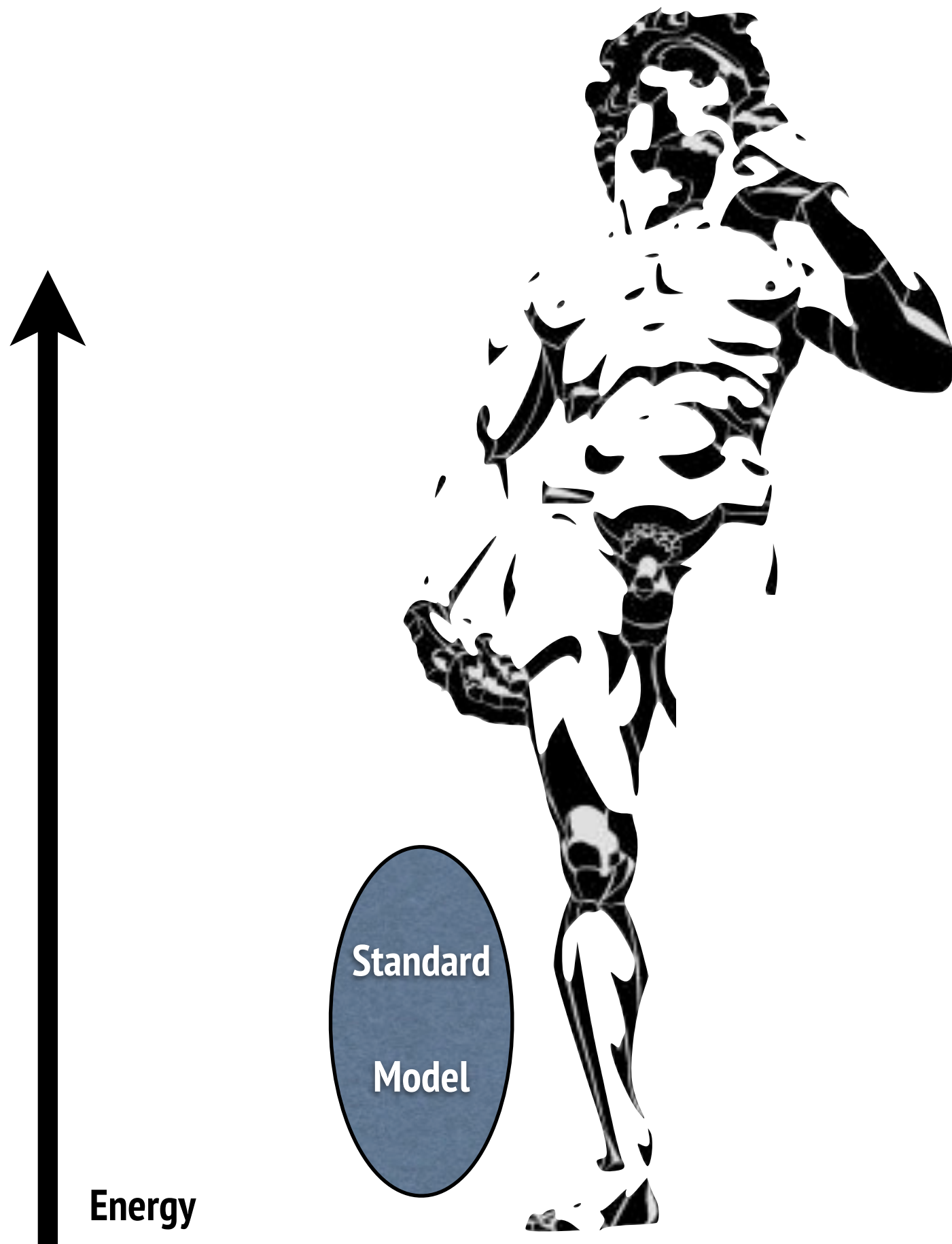
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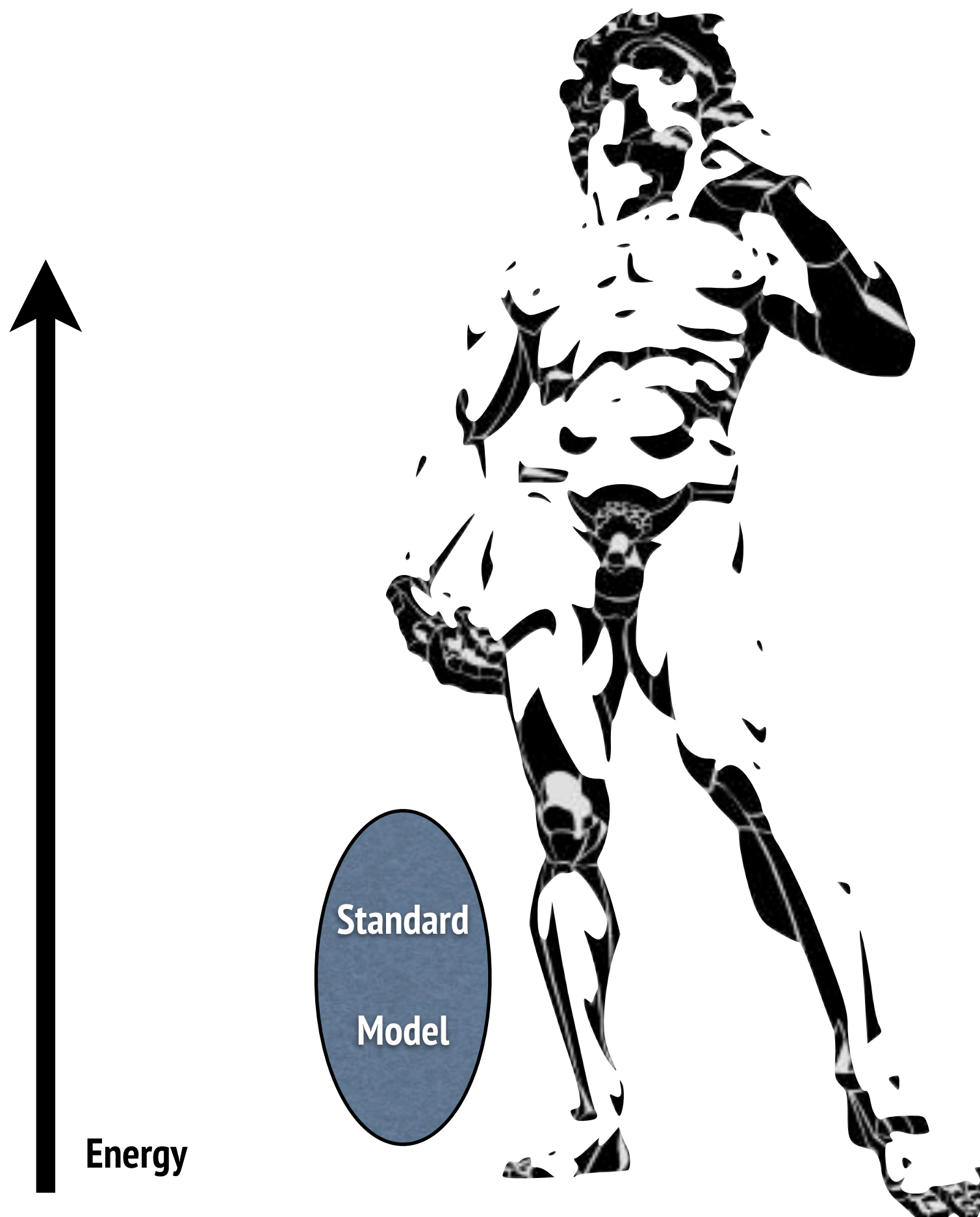
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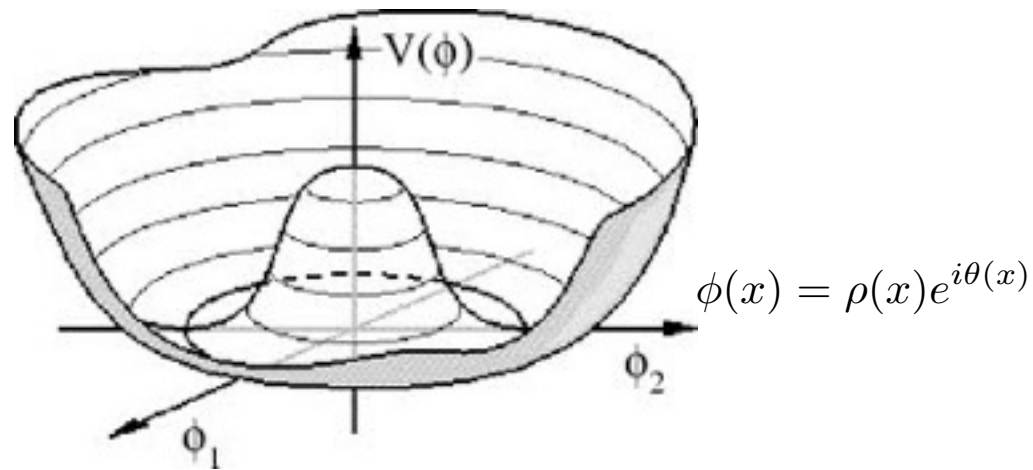
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new low energy physics!

Axion-like particles (ALPs)

pseudo Goldstone Bosons

- Global symmetry spontaneously broken



- massless Goldstone Boson @ Low Energy

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

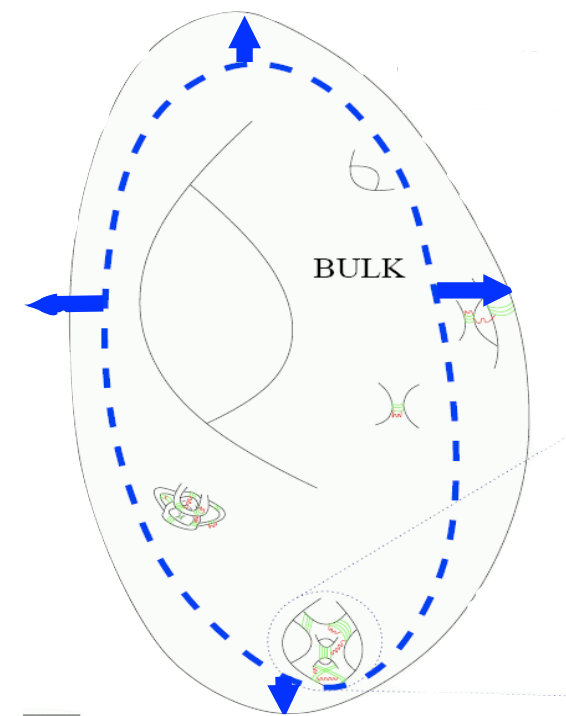
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \theta)(\partial^\mu \theta) f^2$$

- 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

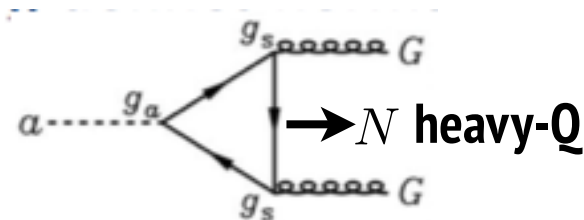
Low-energy effective action

- Shift symmetry allows some generic types of interactions

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

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



$\alpha \dots g_a \rightarrow N \text{ heavy-Q}$

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

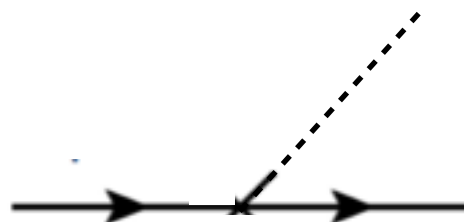
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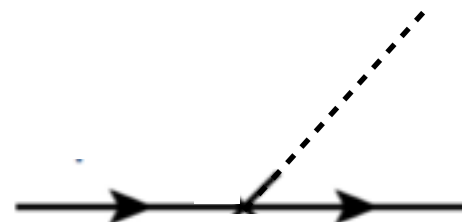
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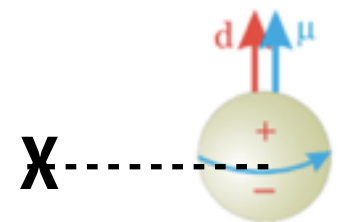
nucleon coupling

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



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

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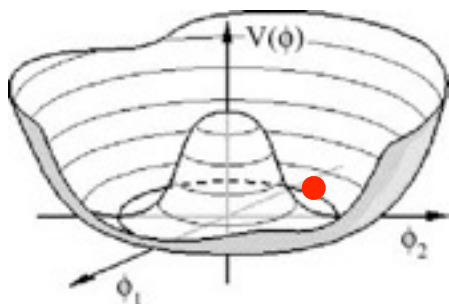
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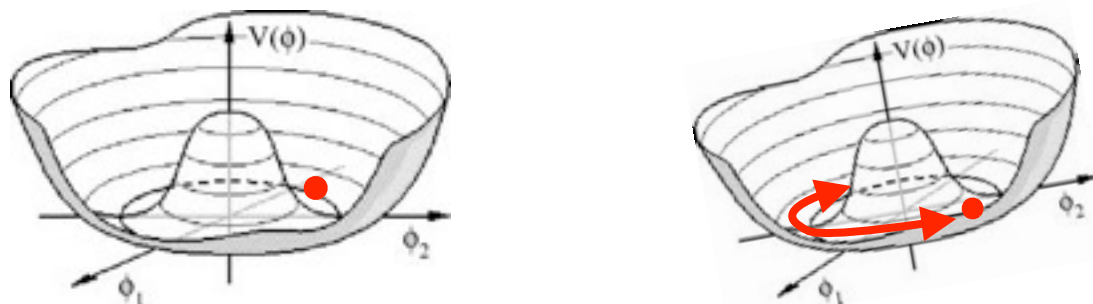
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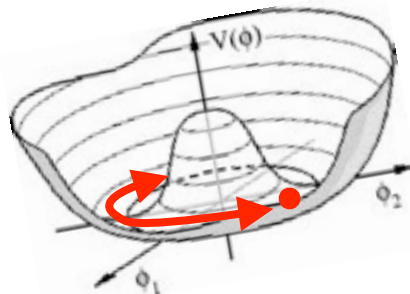
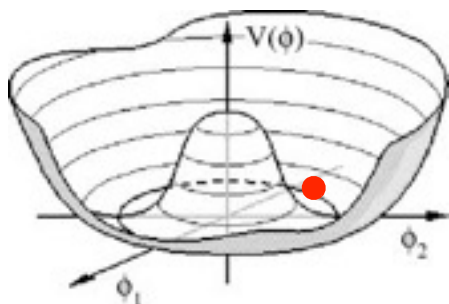
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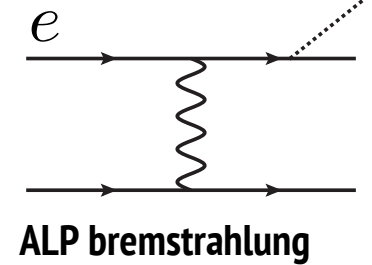
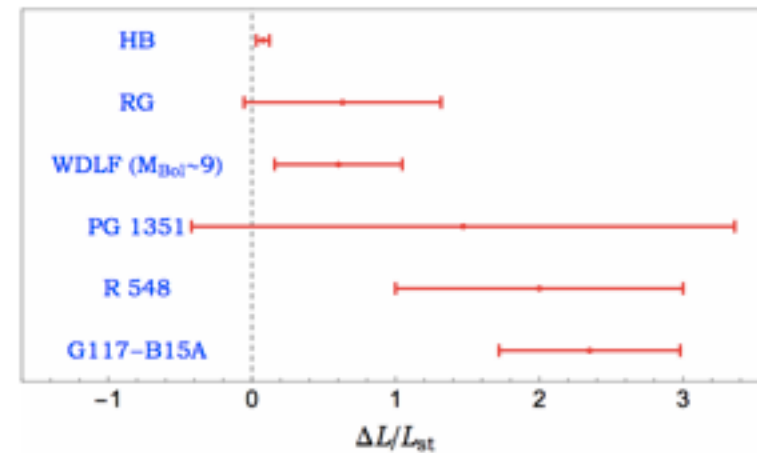
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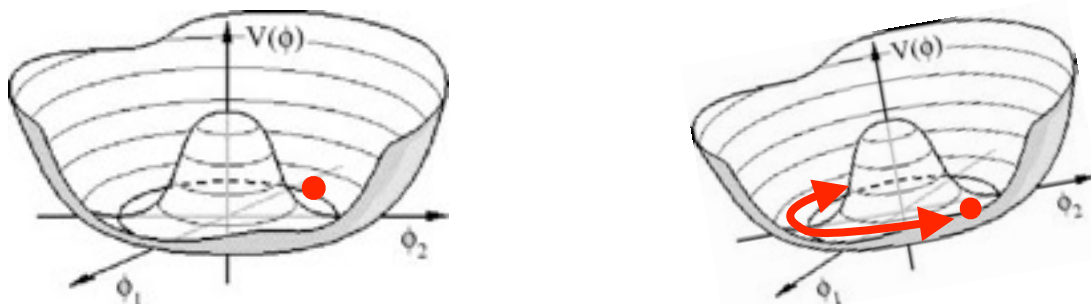
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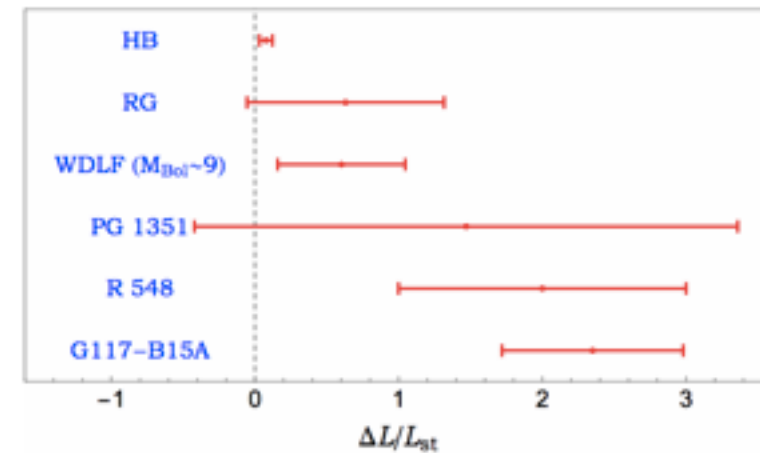
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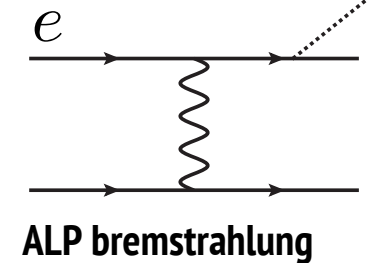
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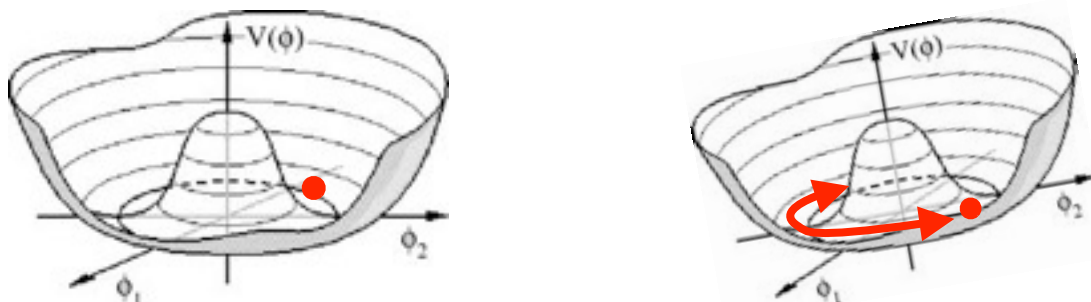
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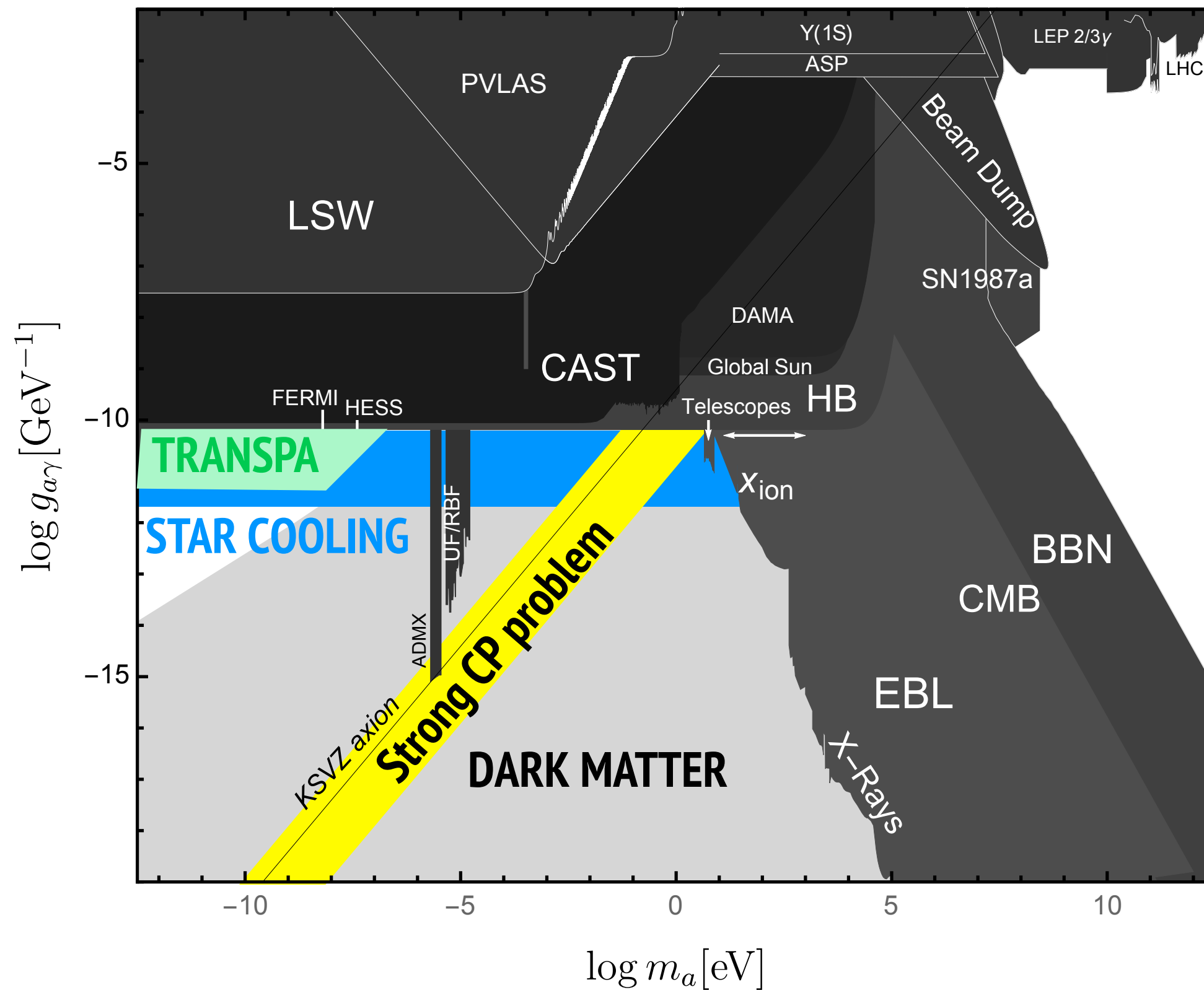
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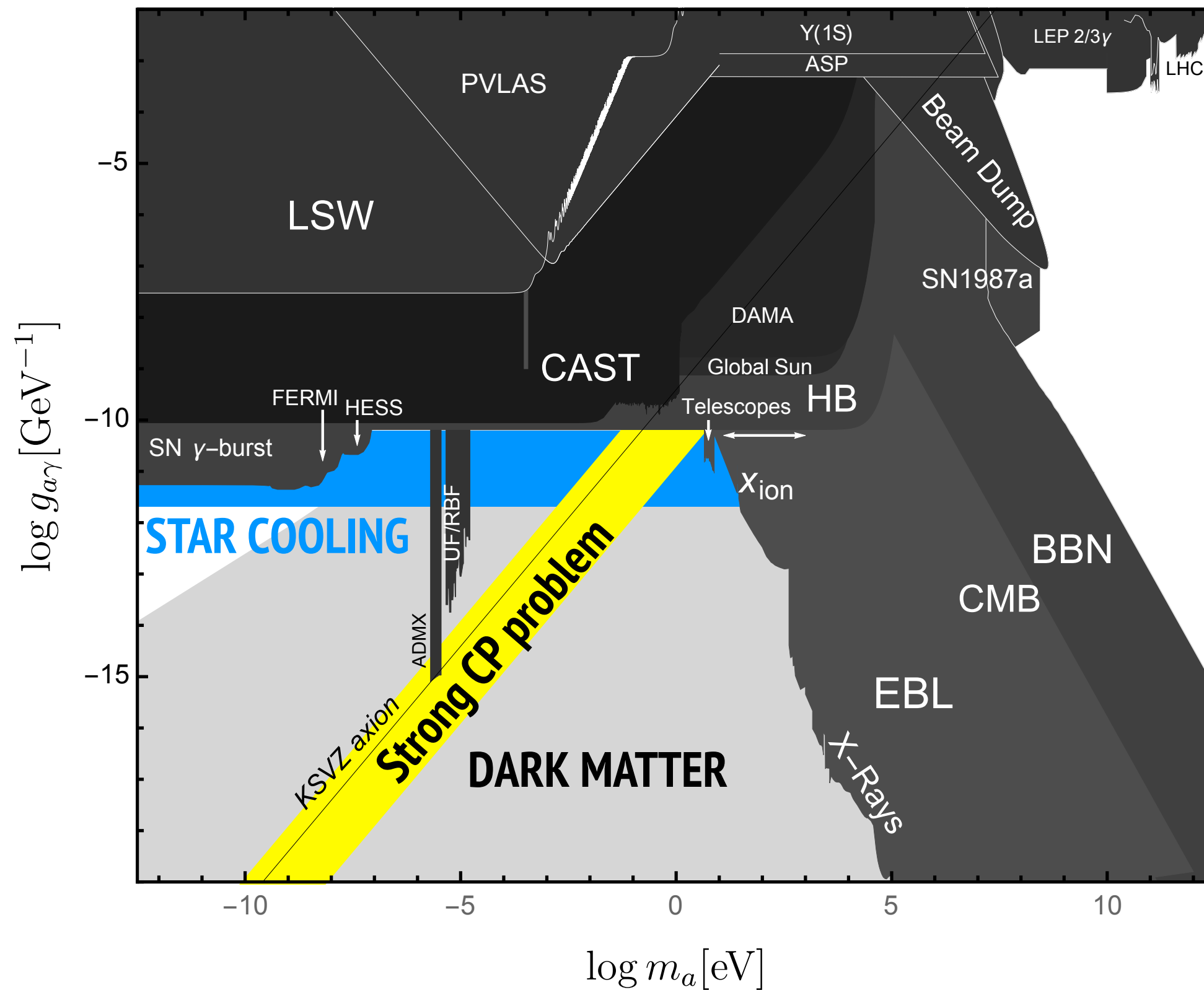
low estimate of opacity vs ALP-mediated regeneration

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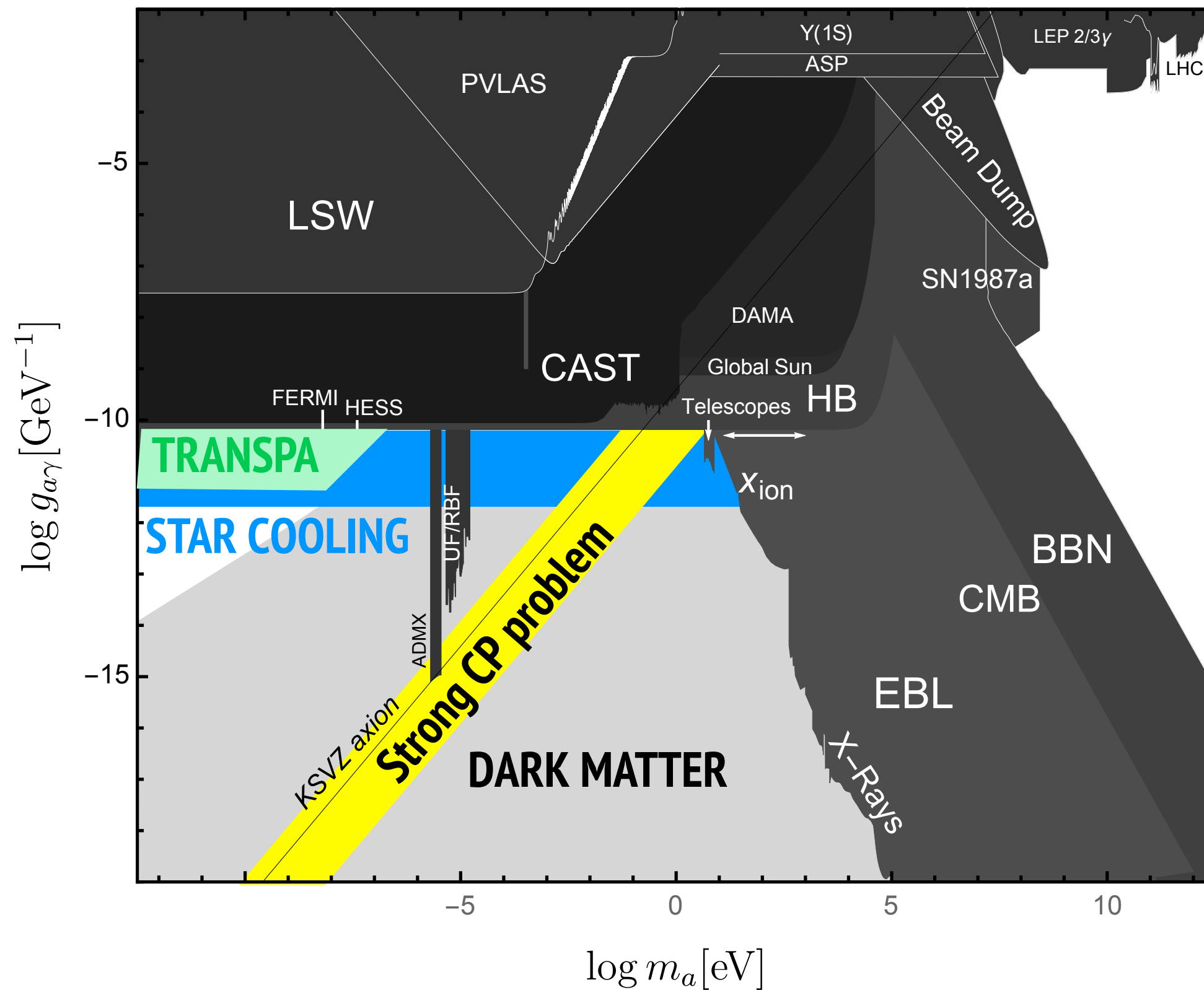
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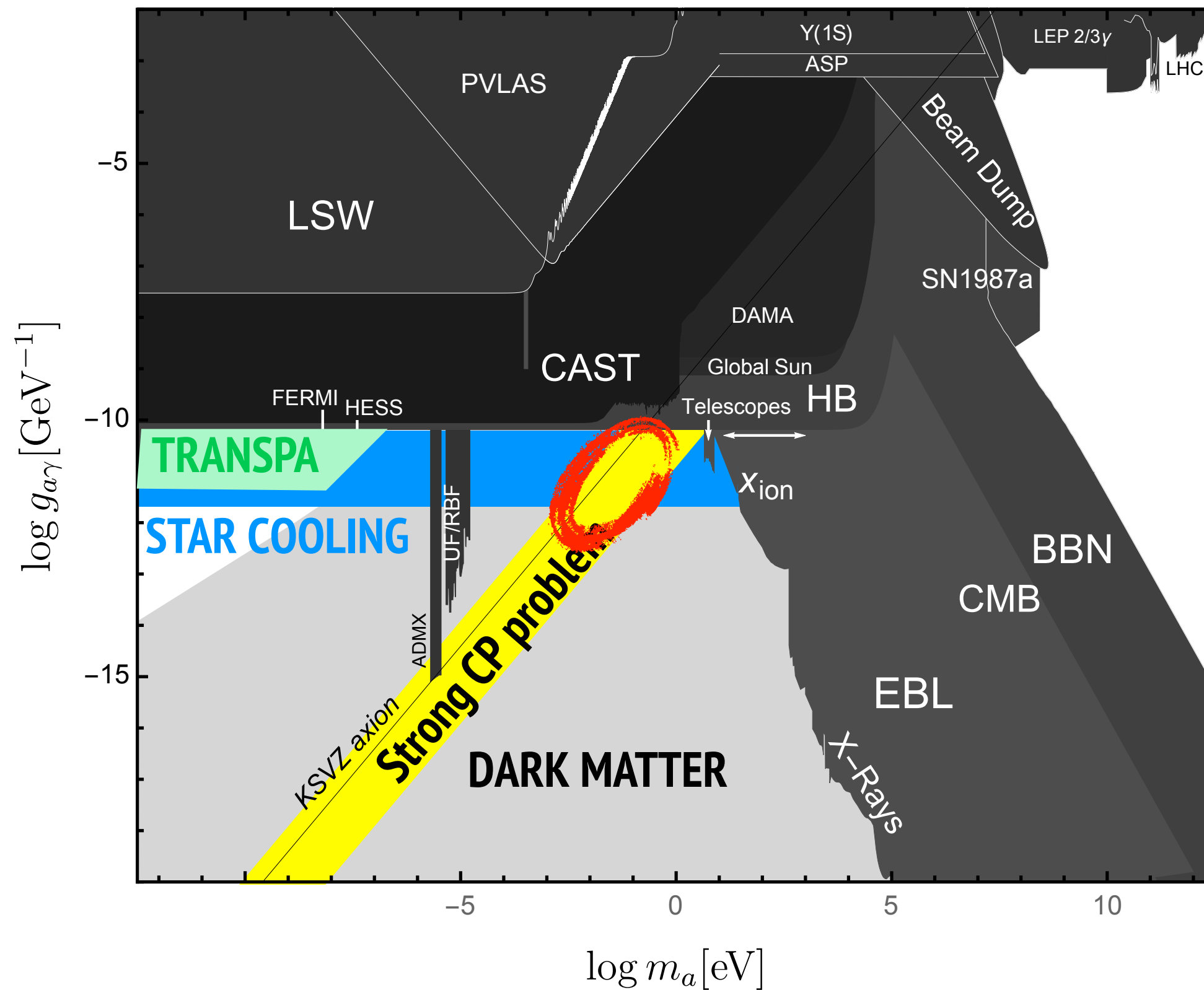
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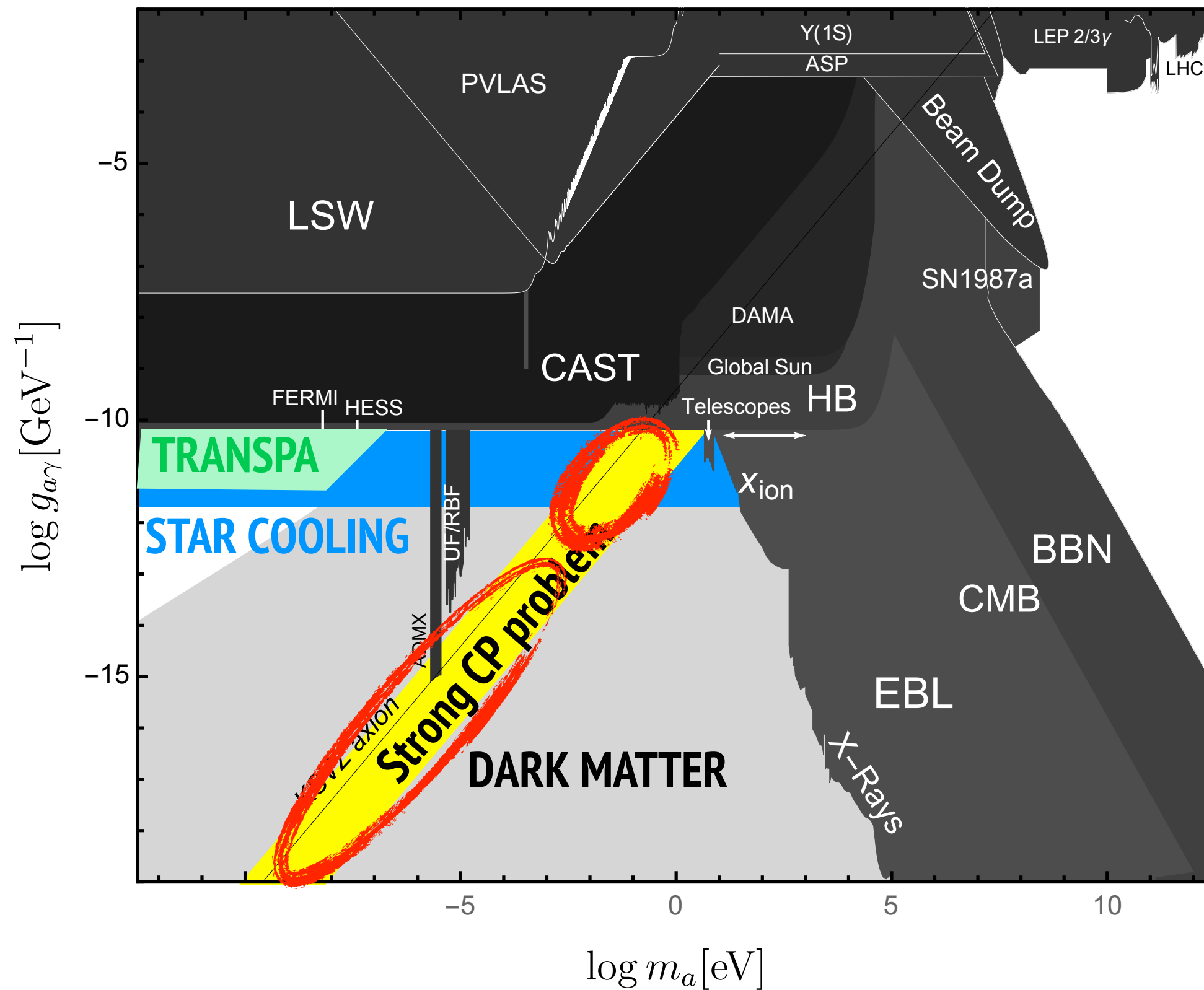
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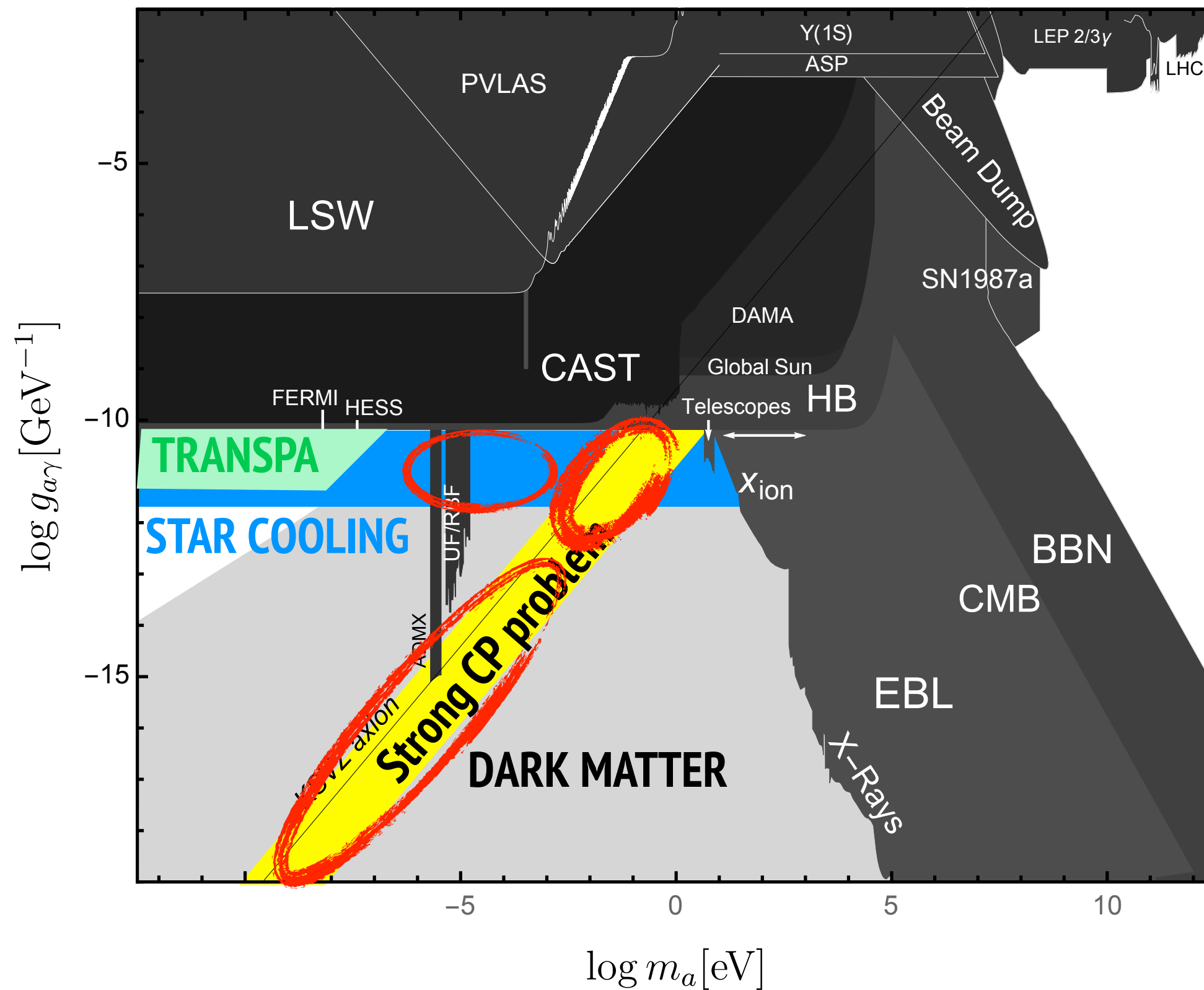
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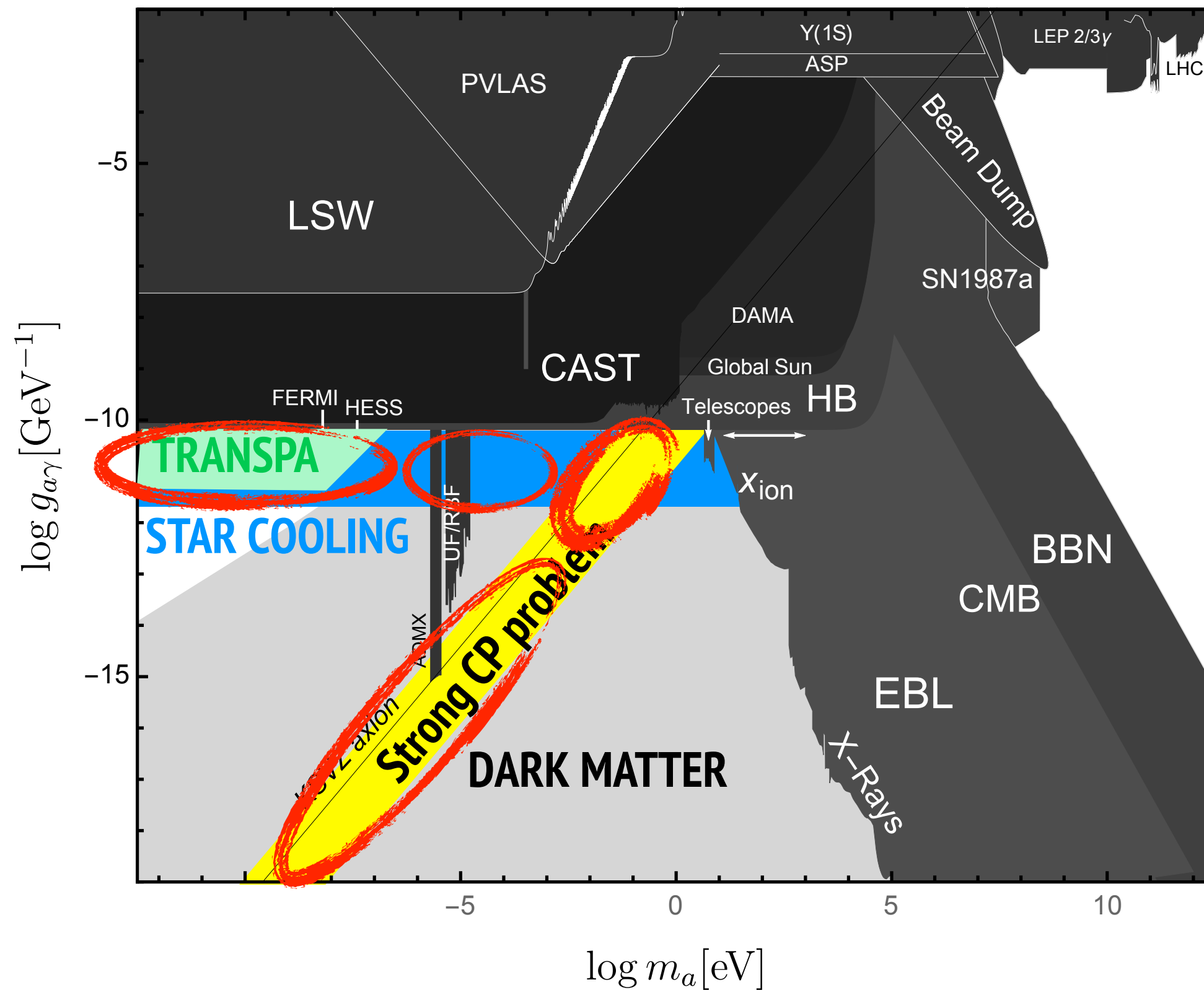
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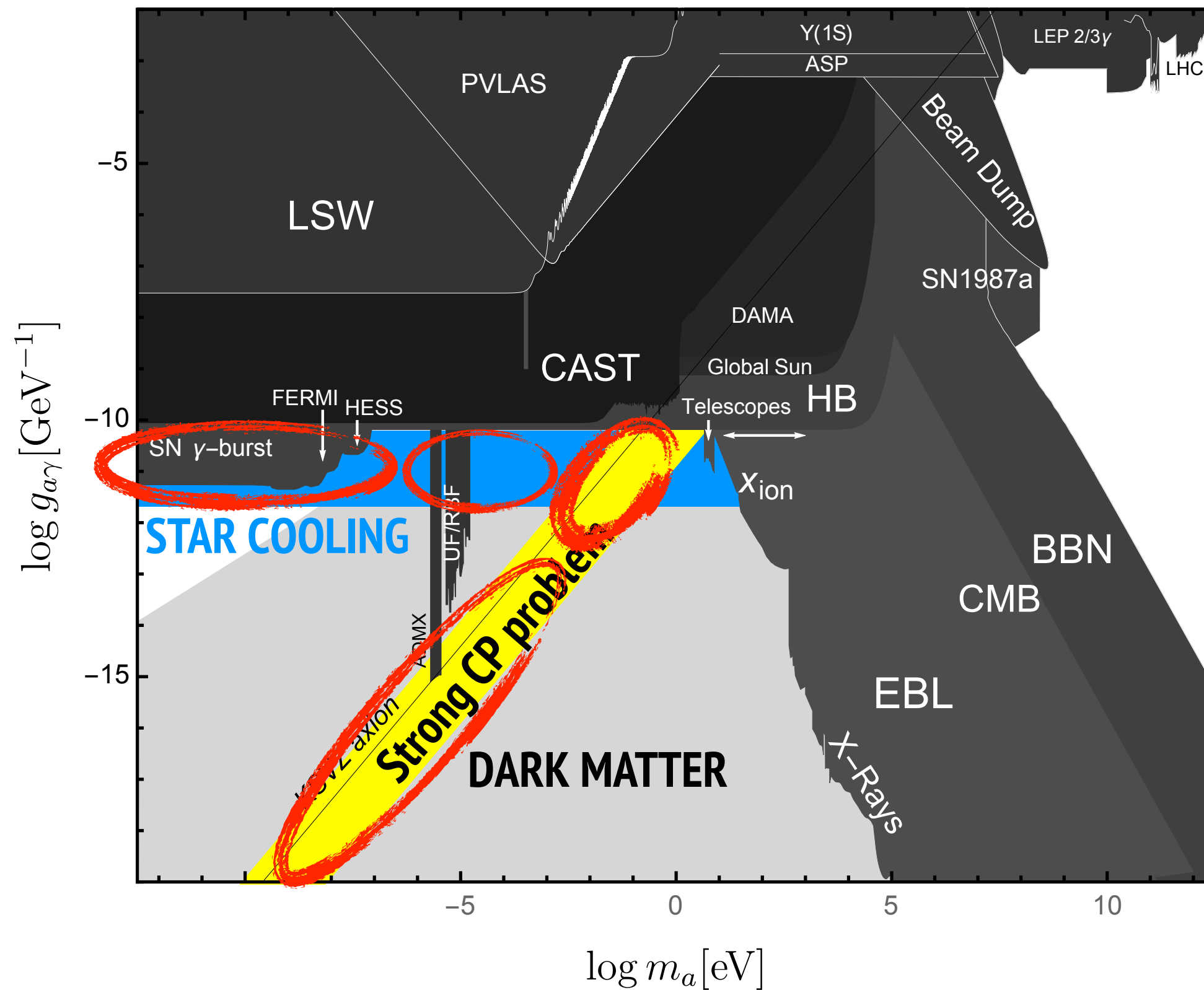
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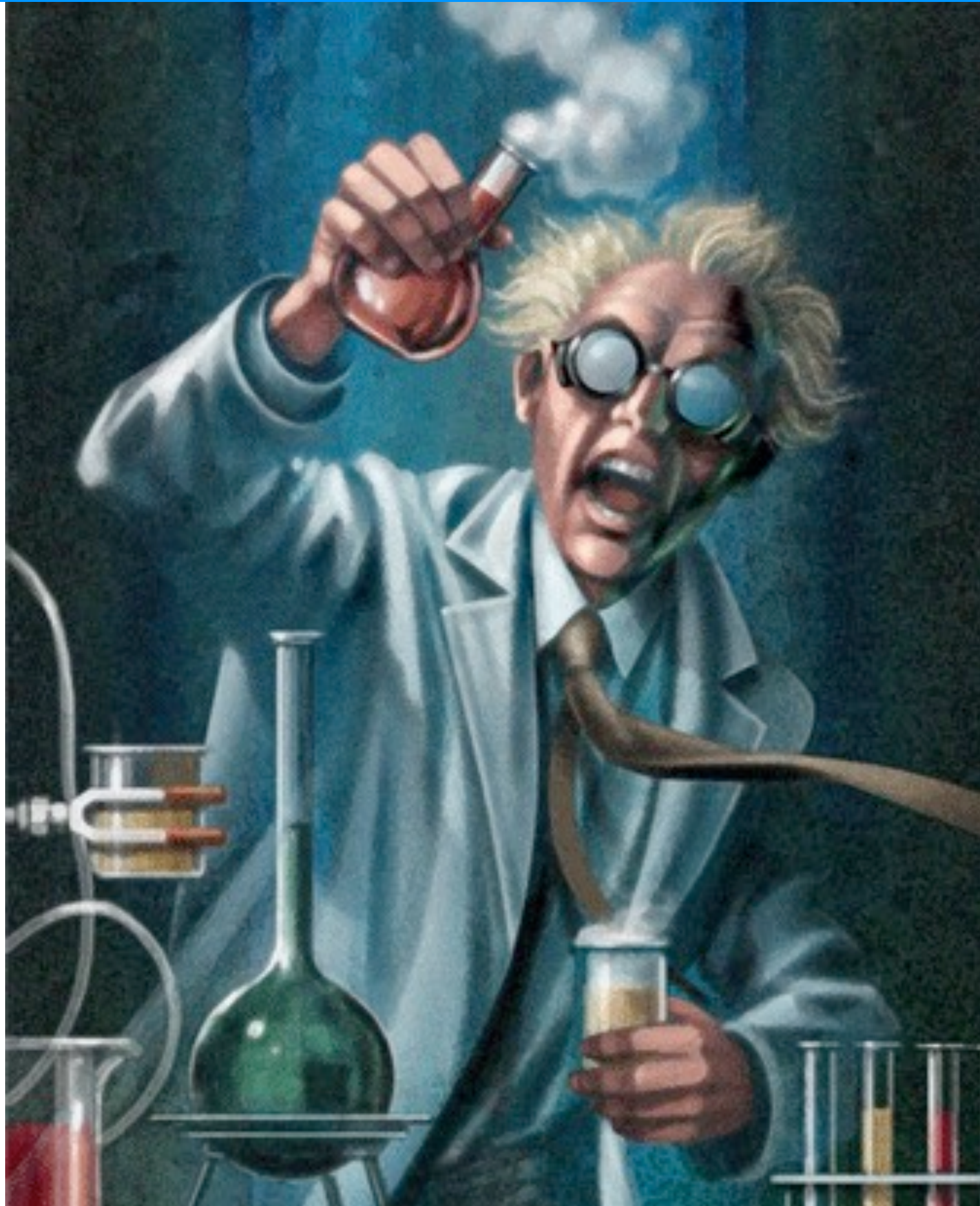
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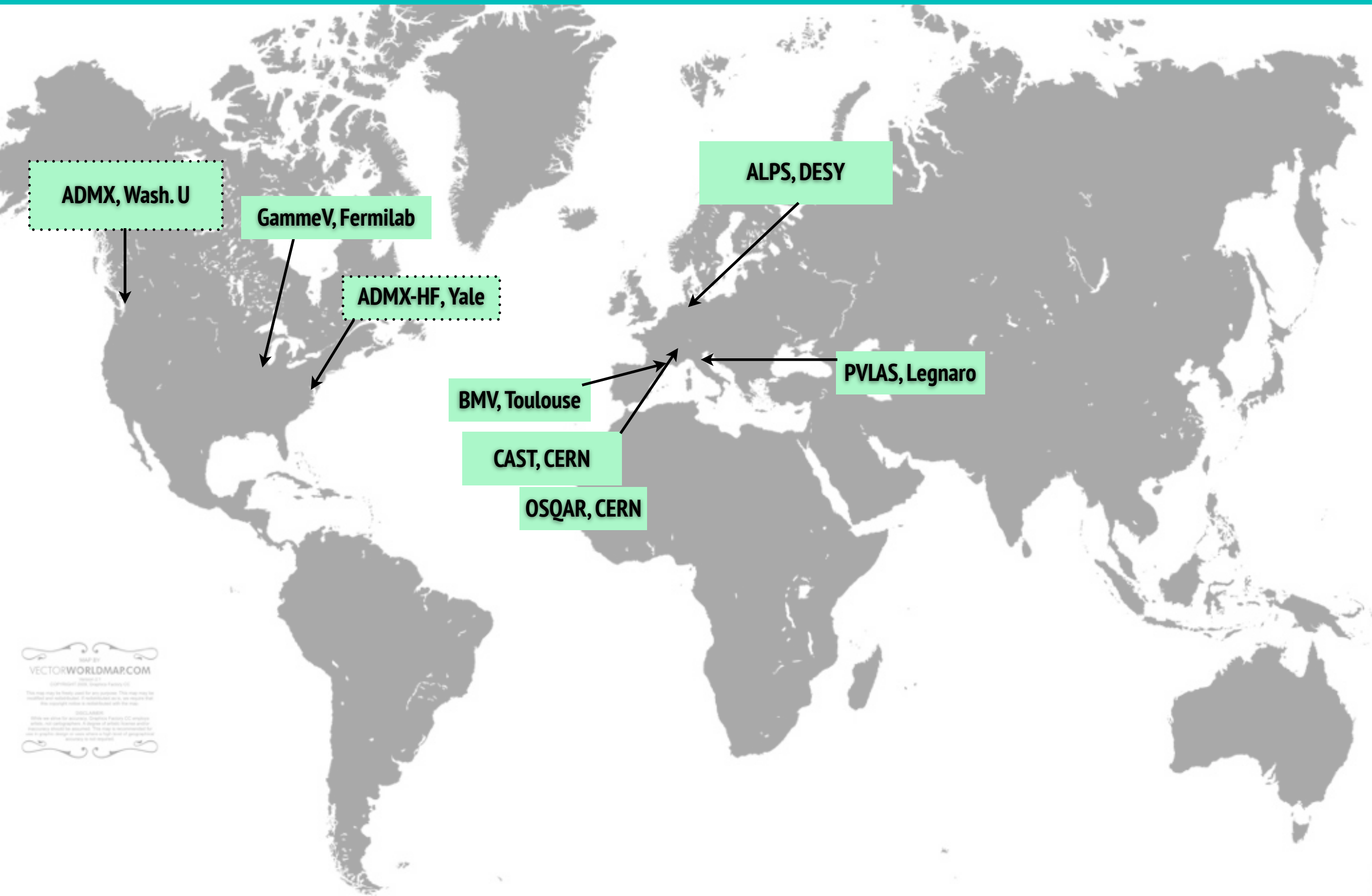
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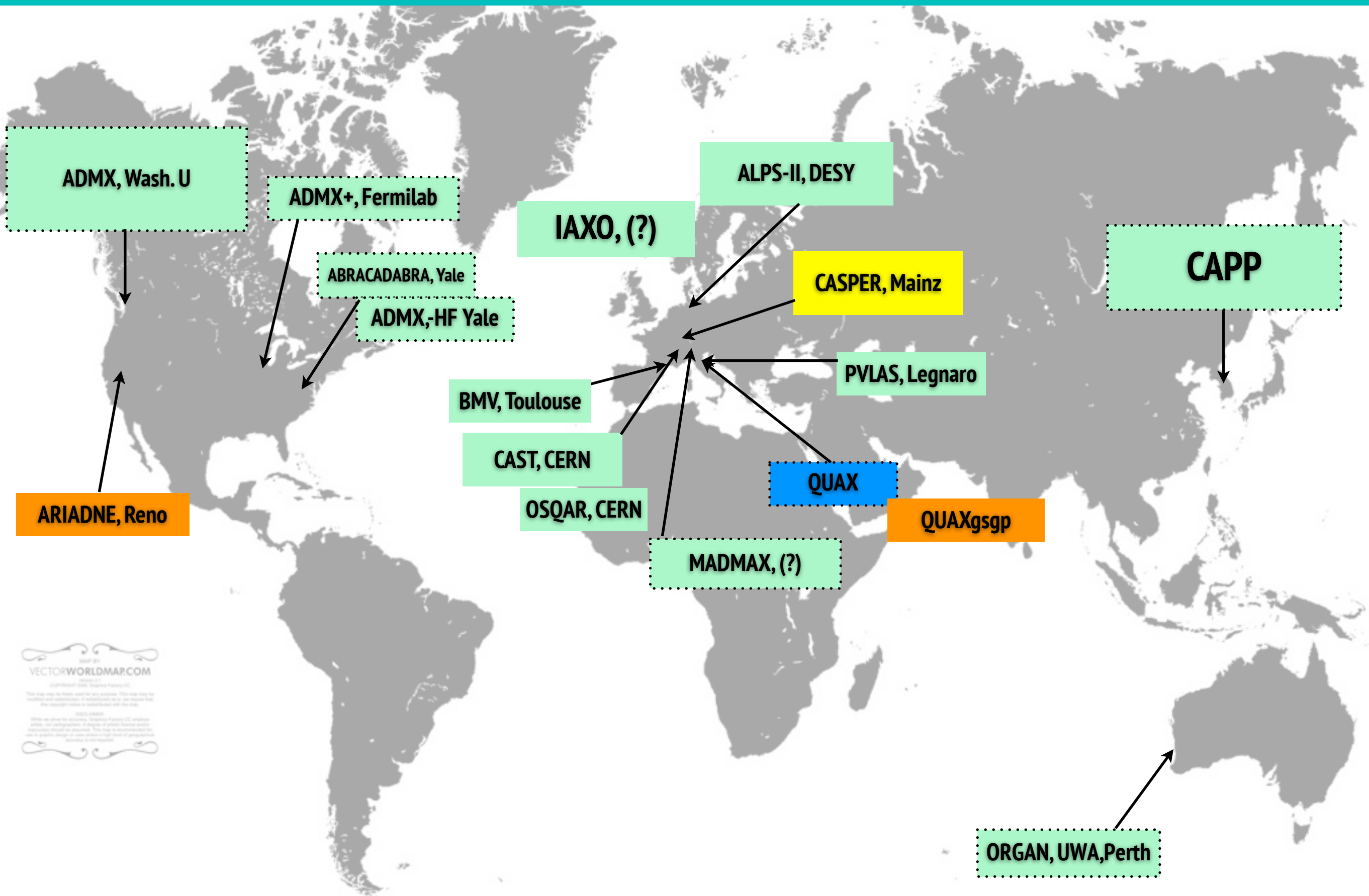
Direct Detection of ALPs



Lab experiments 2011



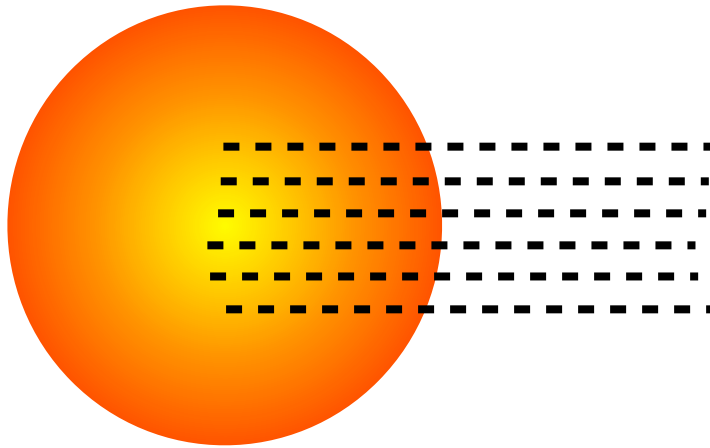
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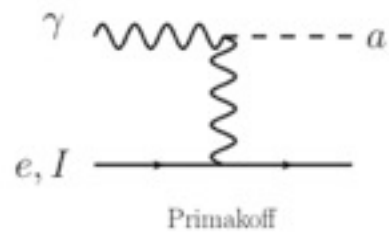
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Sikivie PRL 1983

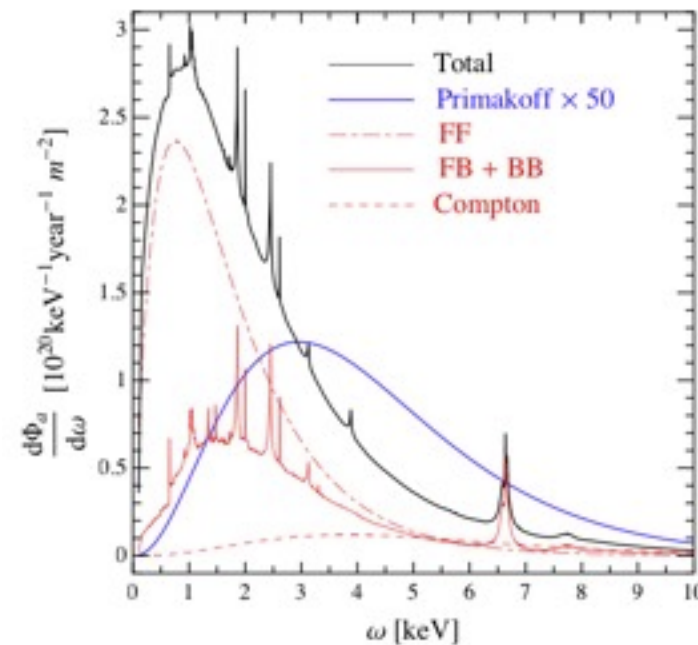
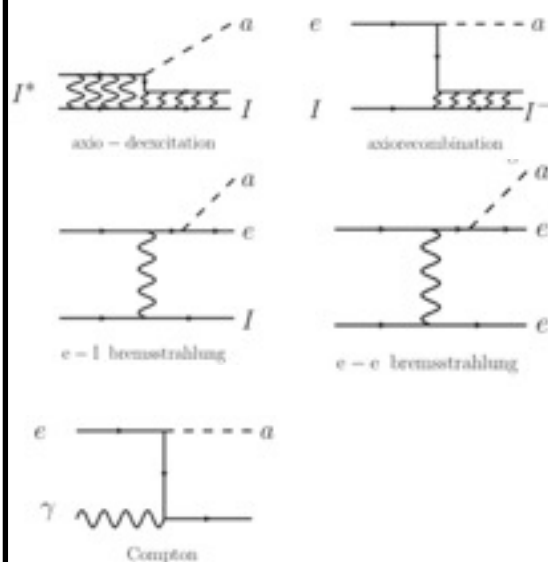
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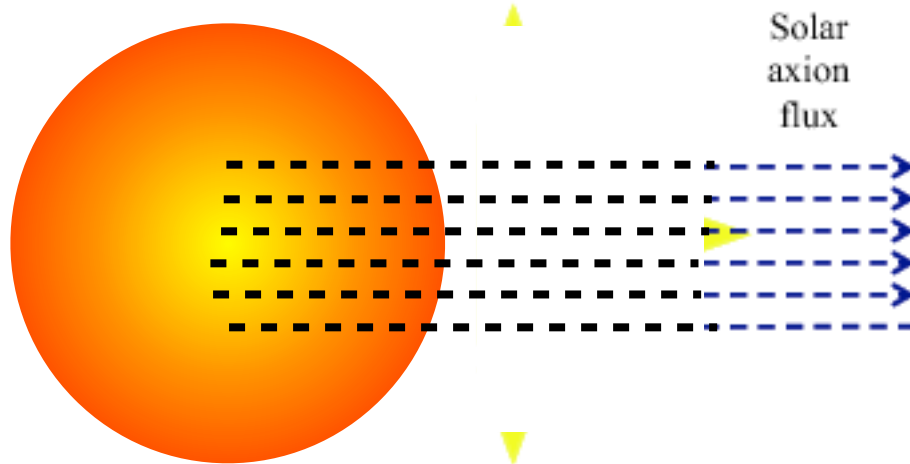
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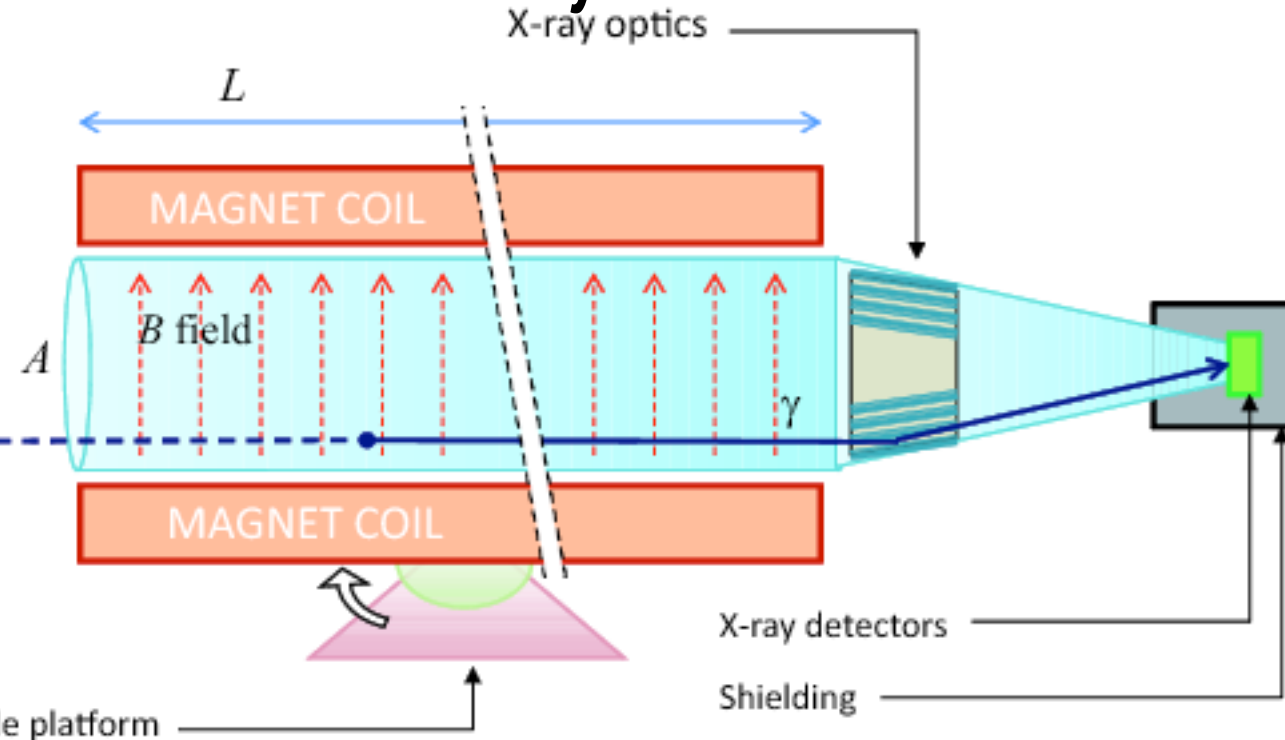
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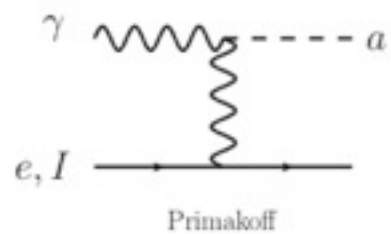
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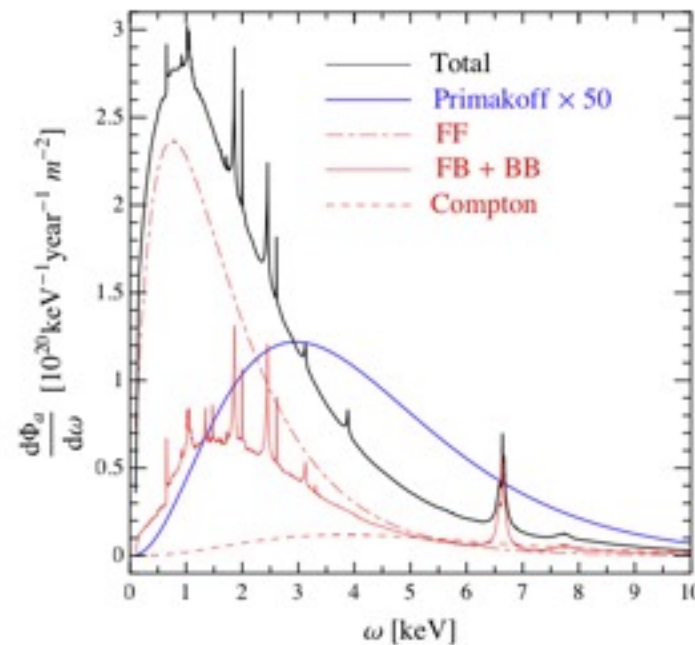
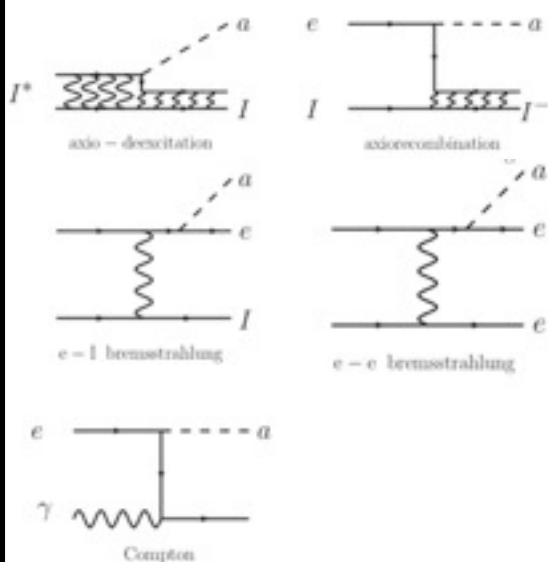
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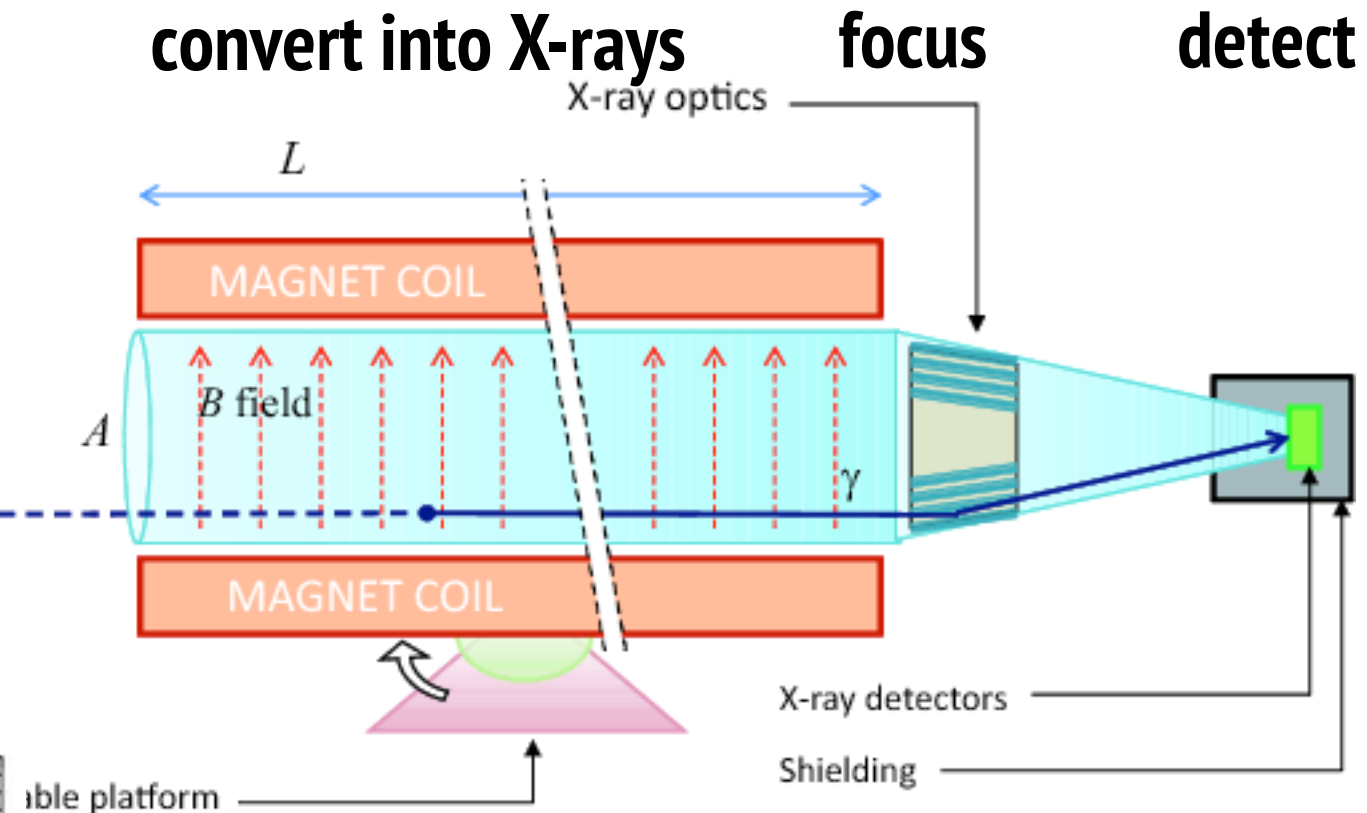
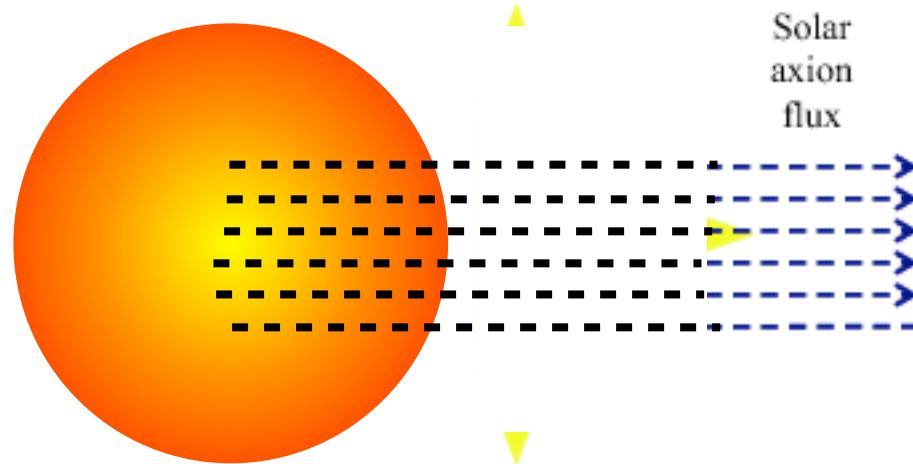
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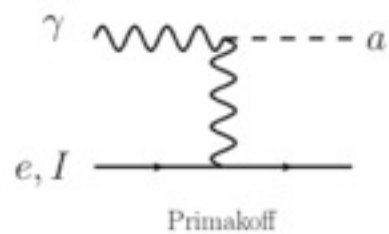
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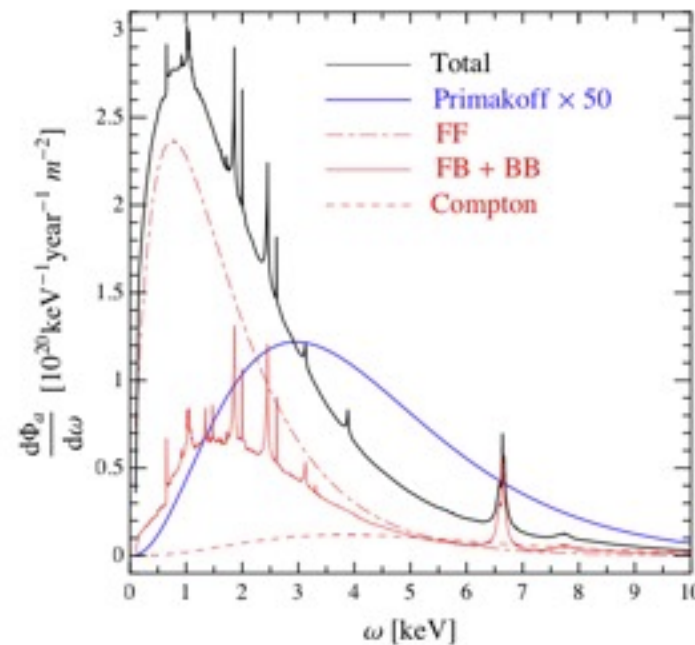
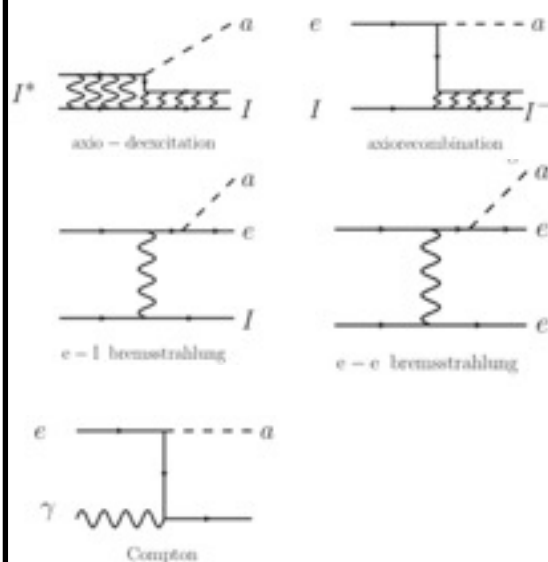
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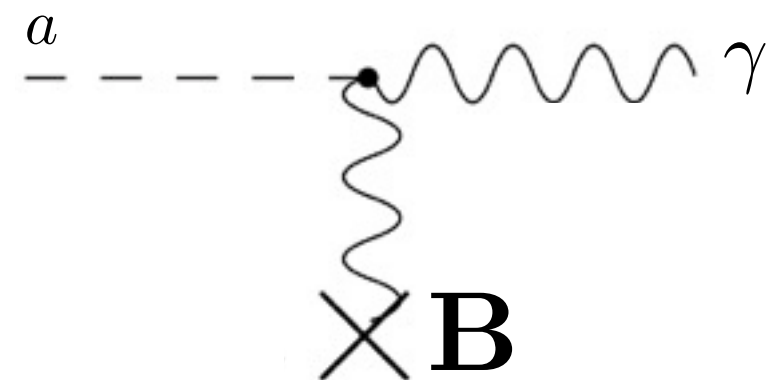


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Coherent Conversion along the B-field

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



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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

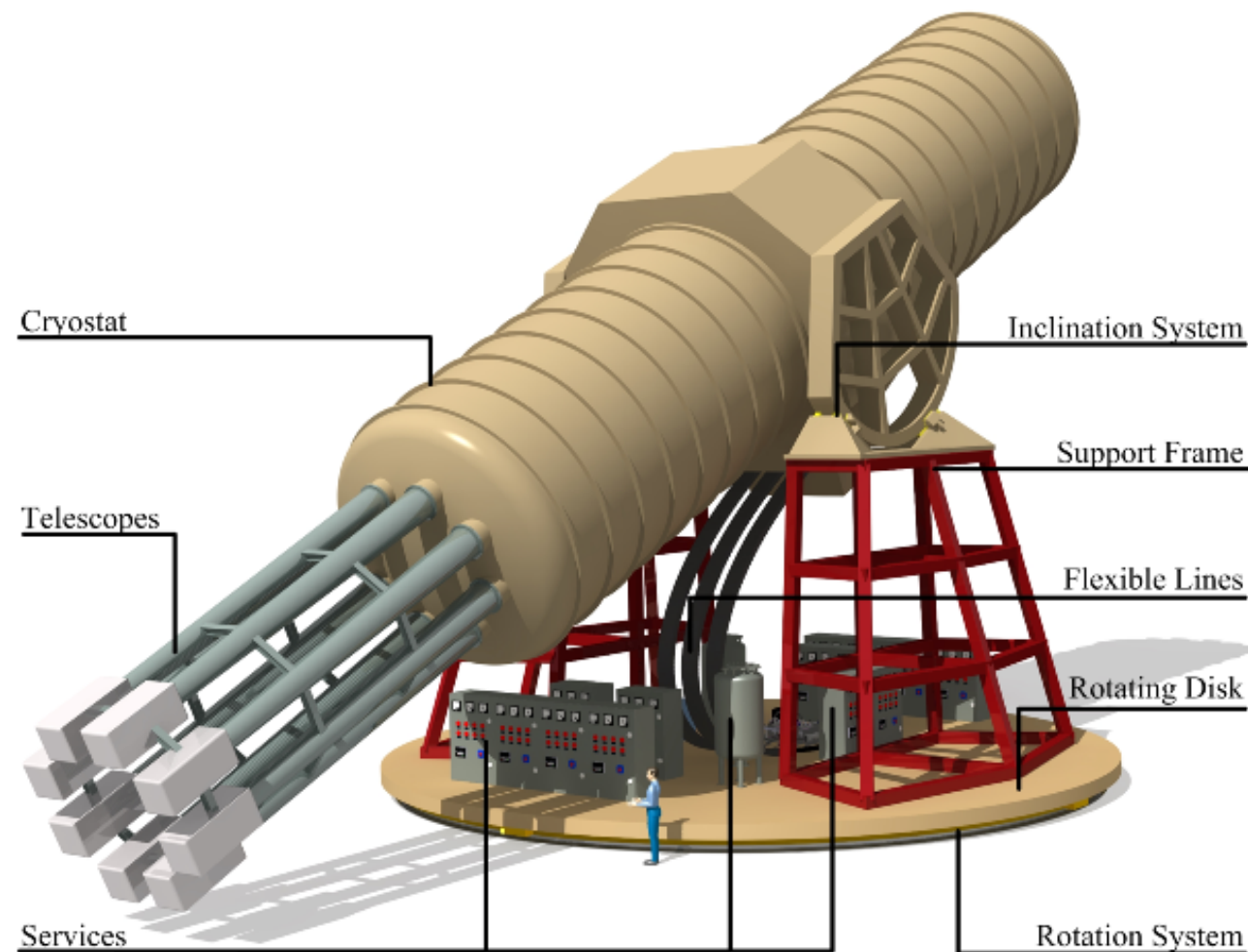
Rotating platform with services

-NGAG paper JCAP 1106:013,2011

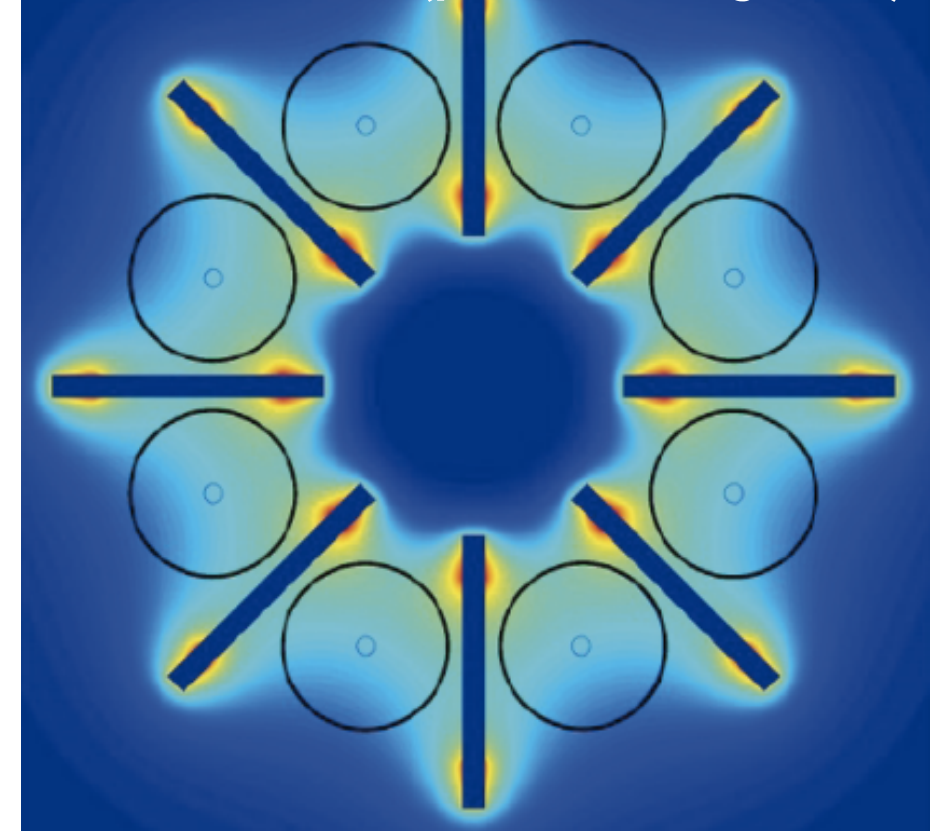
-Conceptual design report IAXO 2014 JINST 9 T05002

-LOI submitted to CERN, TDR in preparation

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



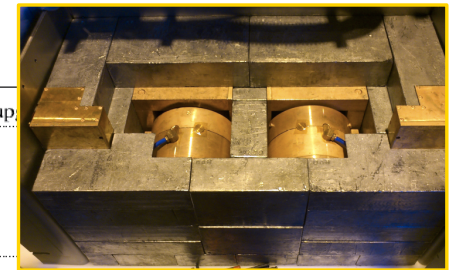
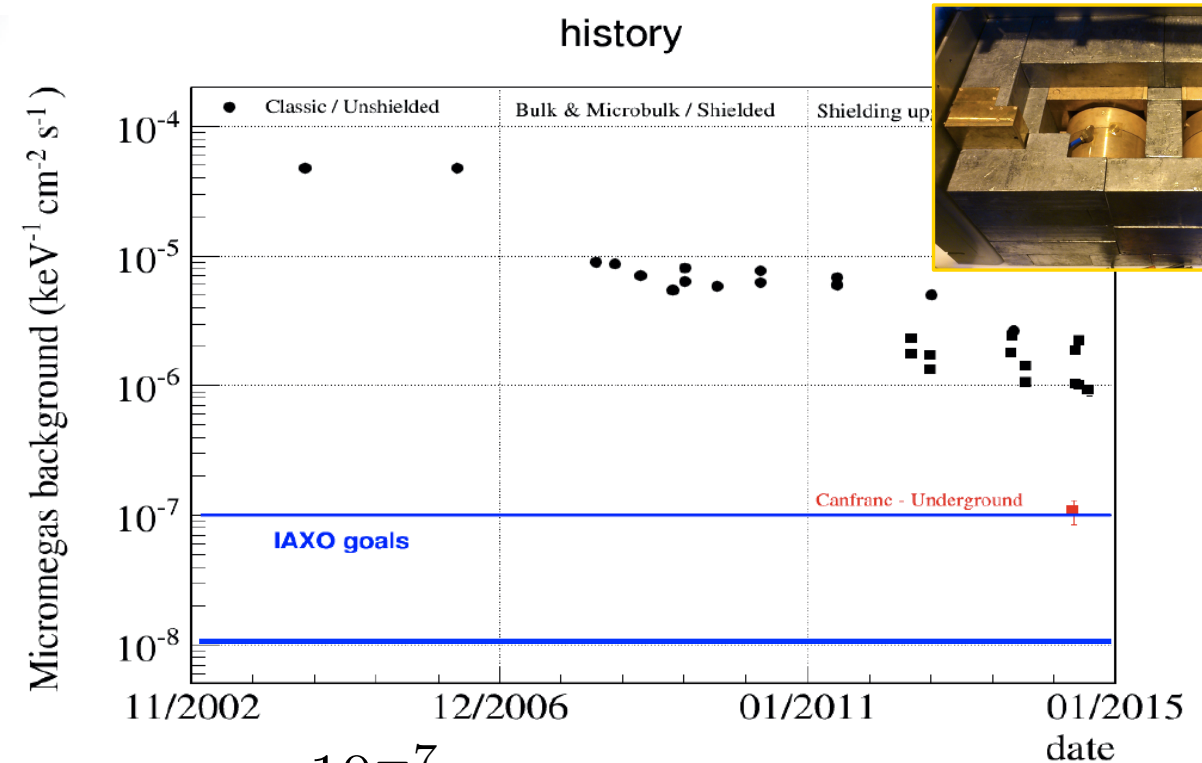
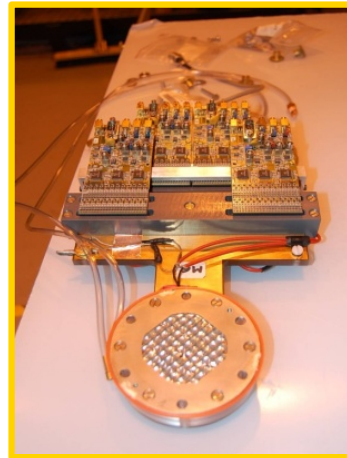
Transverse B-field (peak 5T, average 2.5T)



IAXO detectors

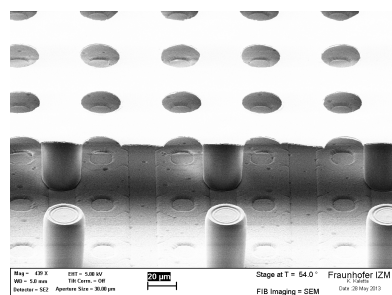
Goal background level for IAXO: $\frac{10^{-7} \rightarrow 10^{-8}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}}$

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

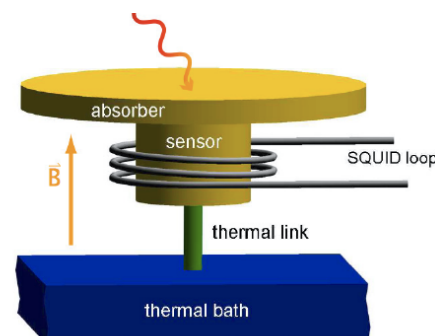


Already demonstrated: $\frac{8 \times 10^{-7}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}}$ (in CAST 2014 result) $\frac{10^{-7}}{\text{keV cm}^2 \text{ s}}$ (underground at LSC)

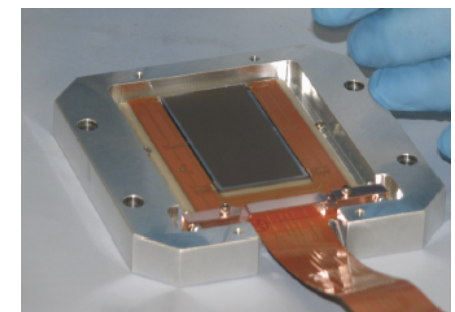
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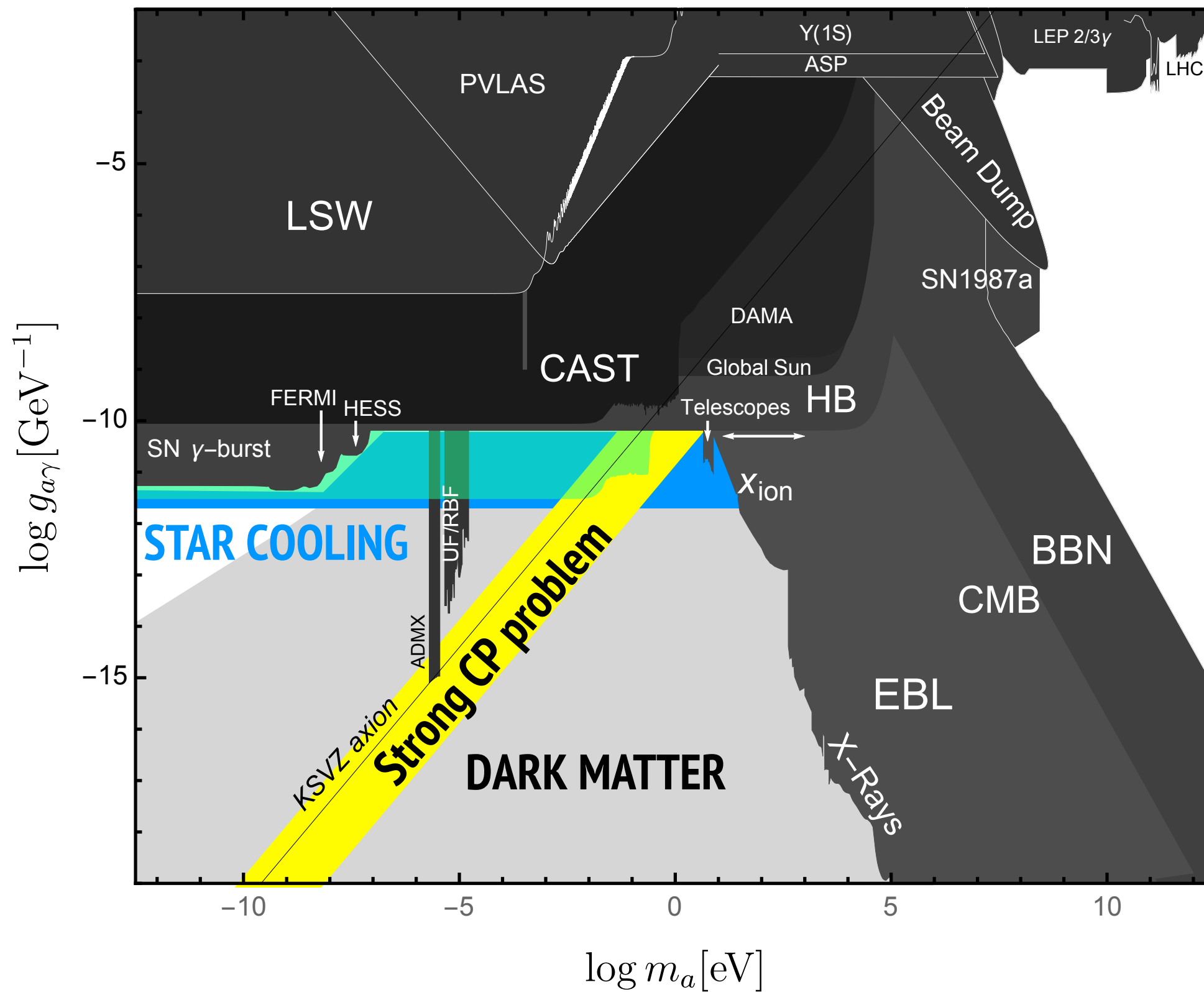
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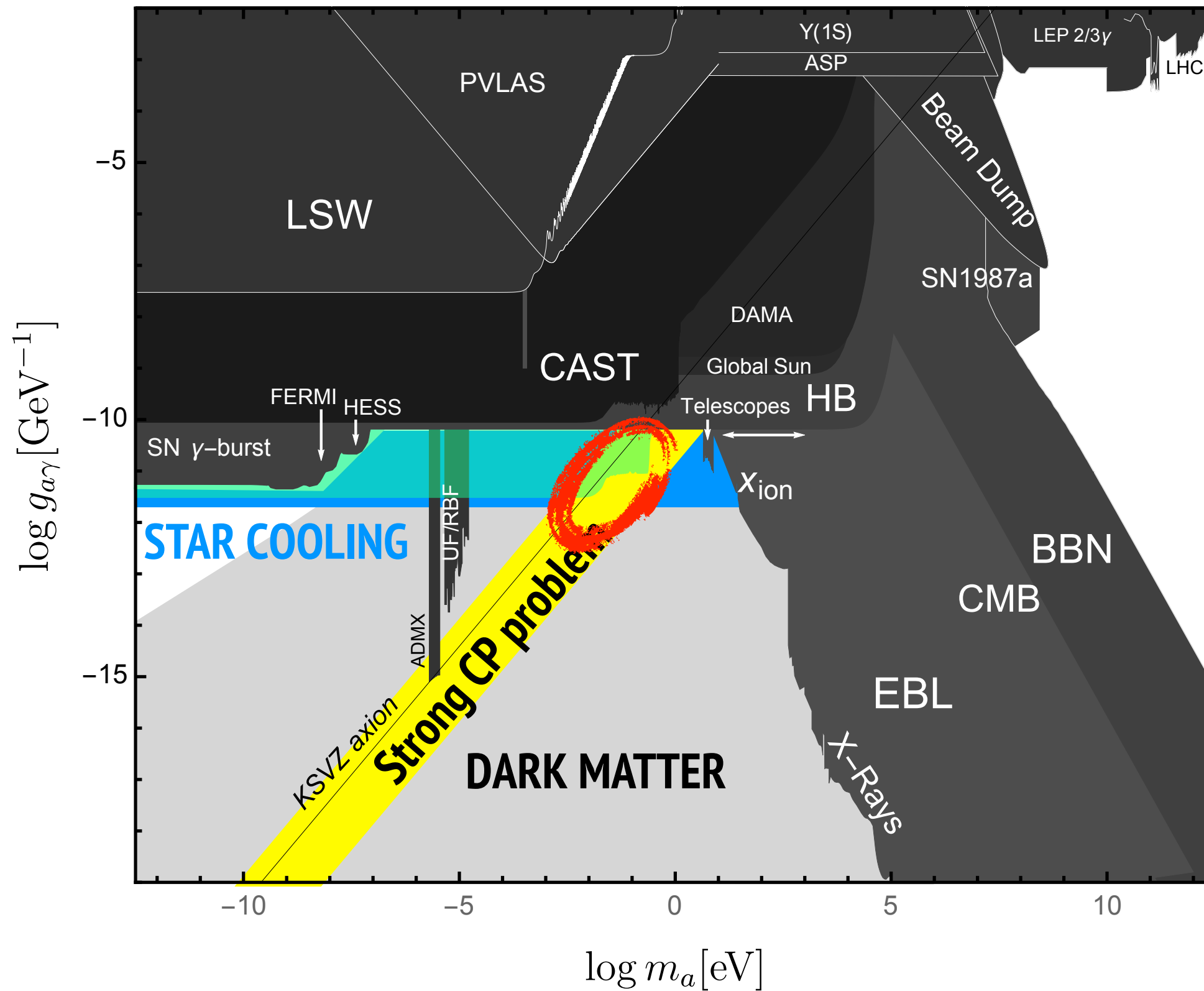
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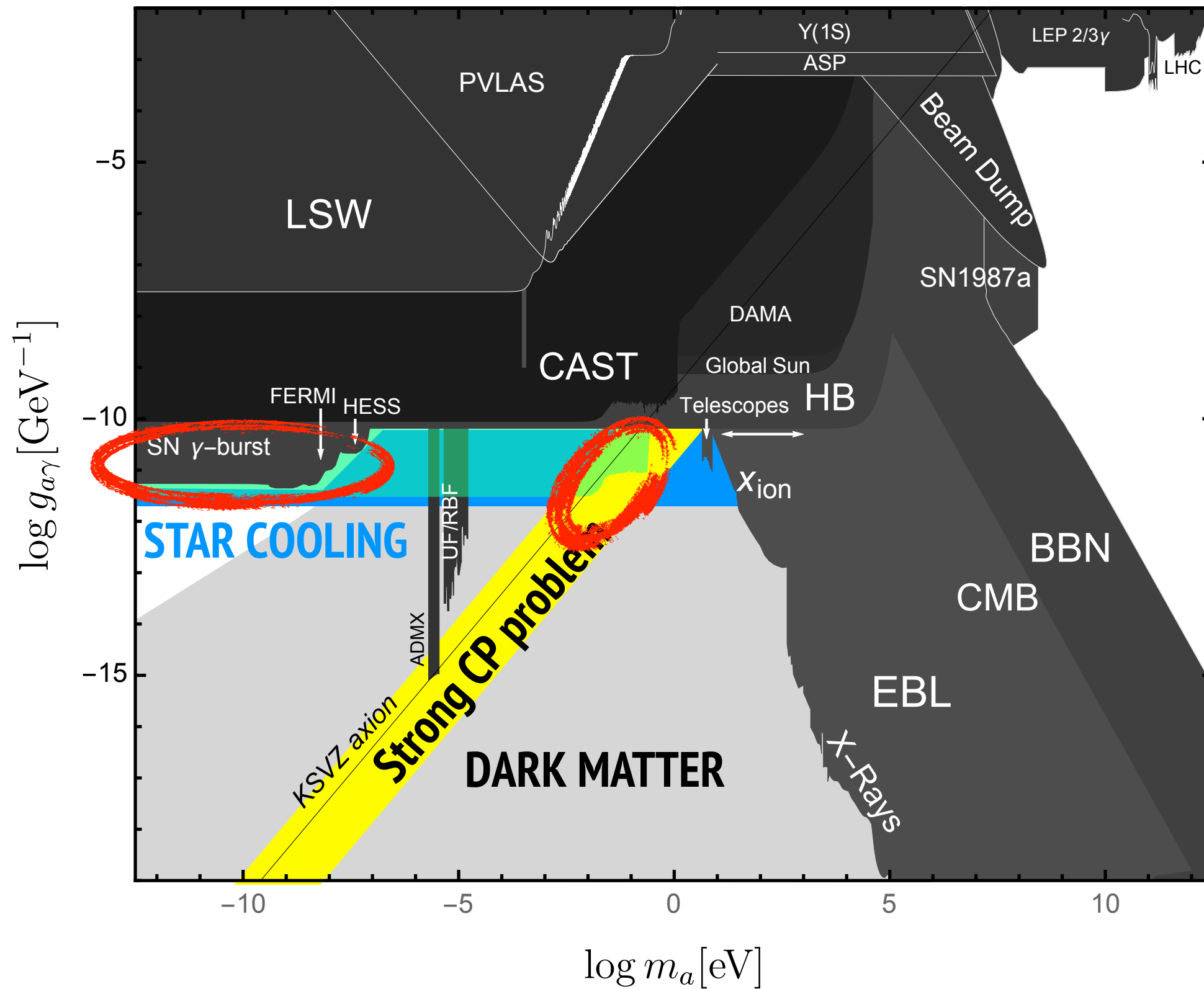
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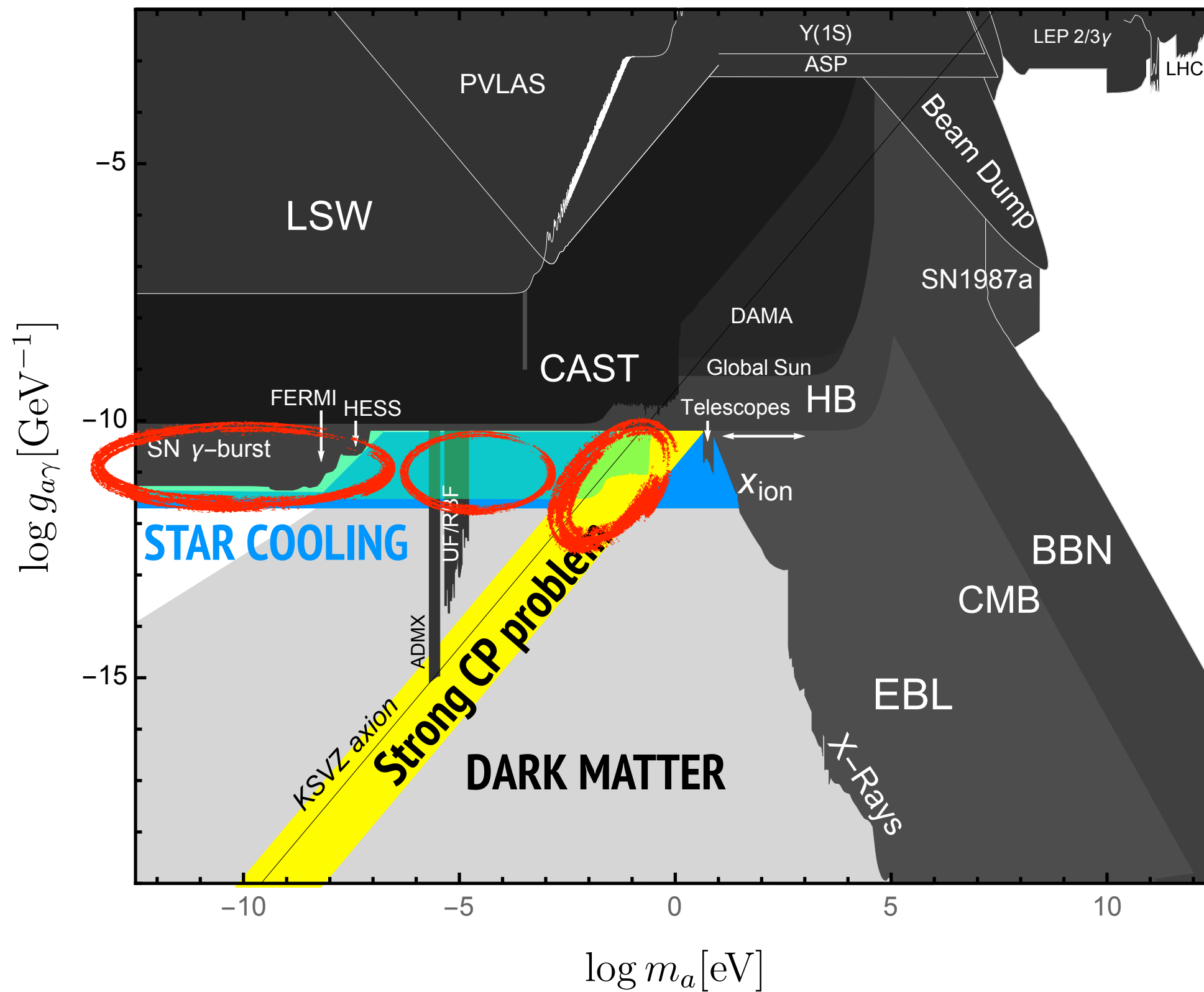
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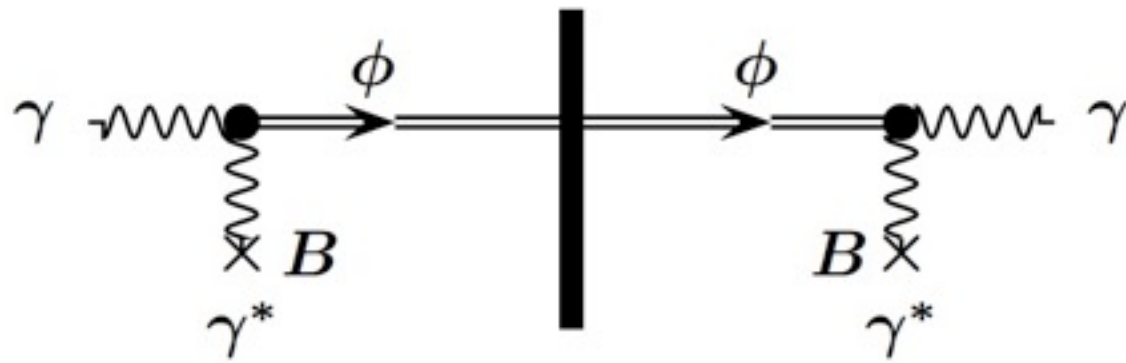


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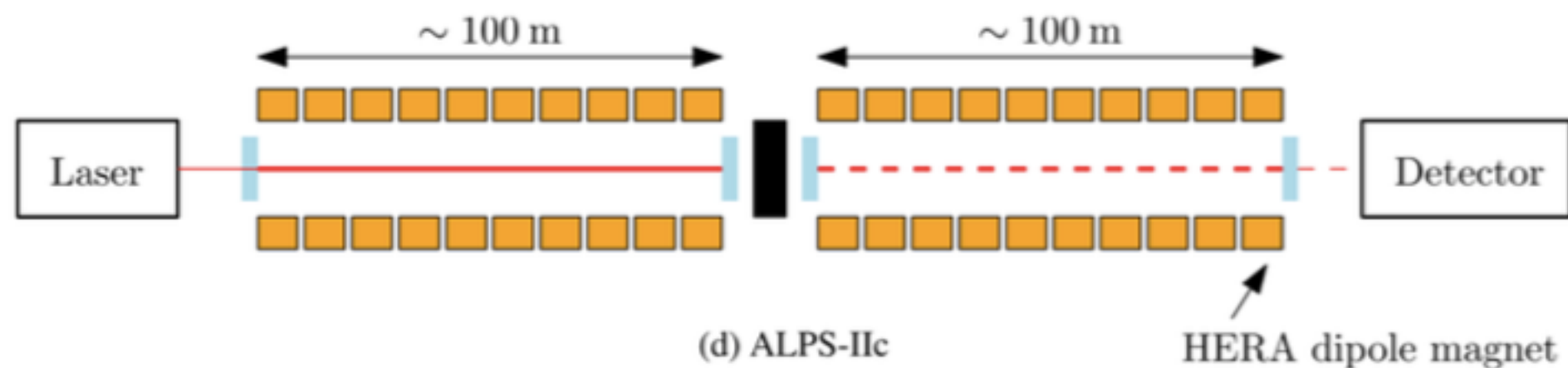


the ANY-Light-Particle-Search

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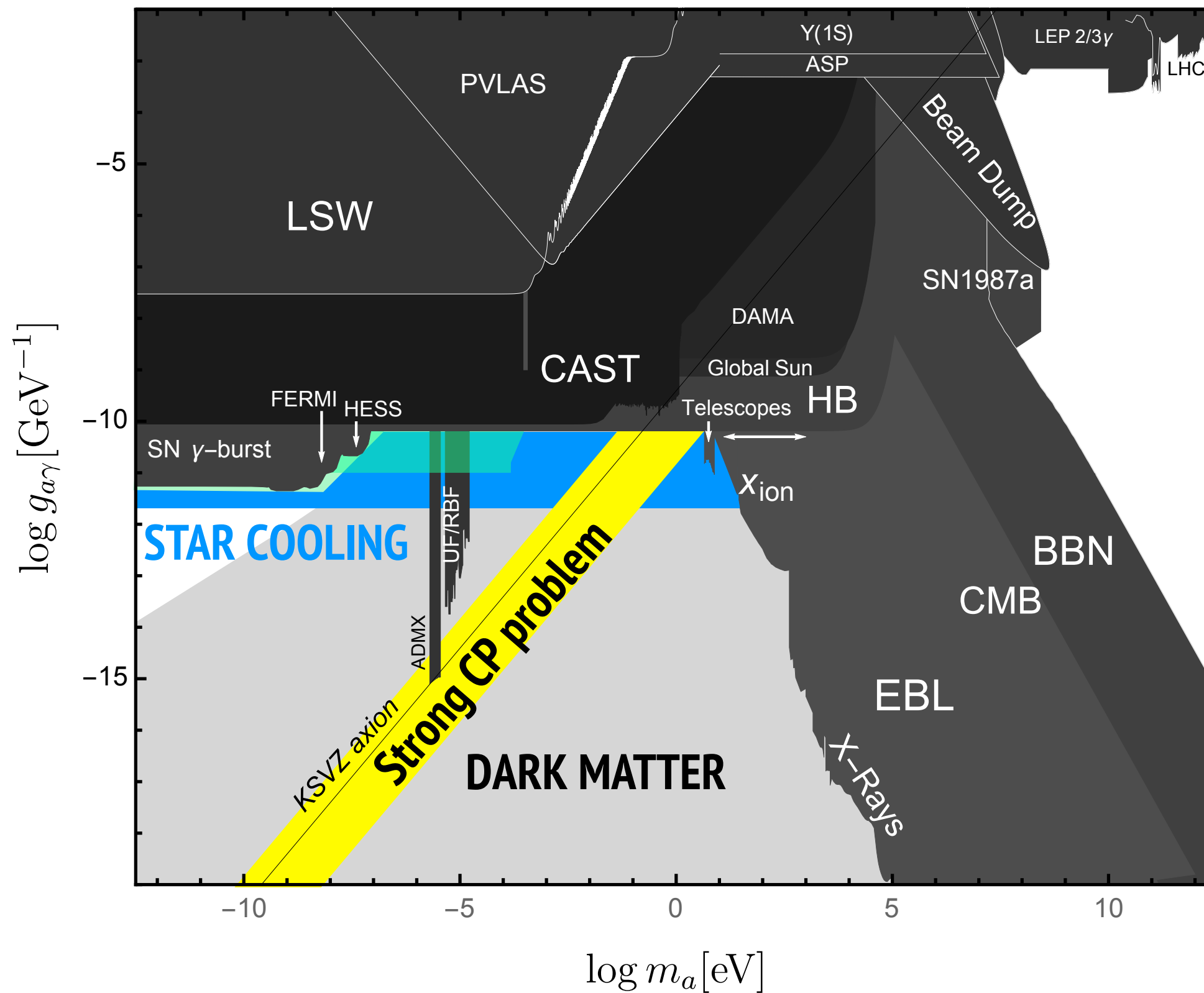


Resonant regeneration in the receiving cavity (see later)



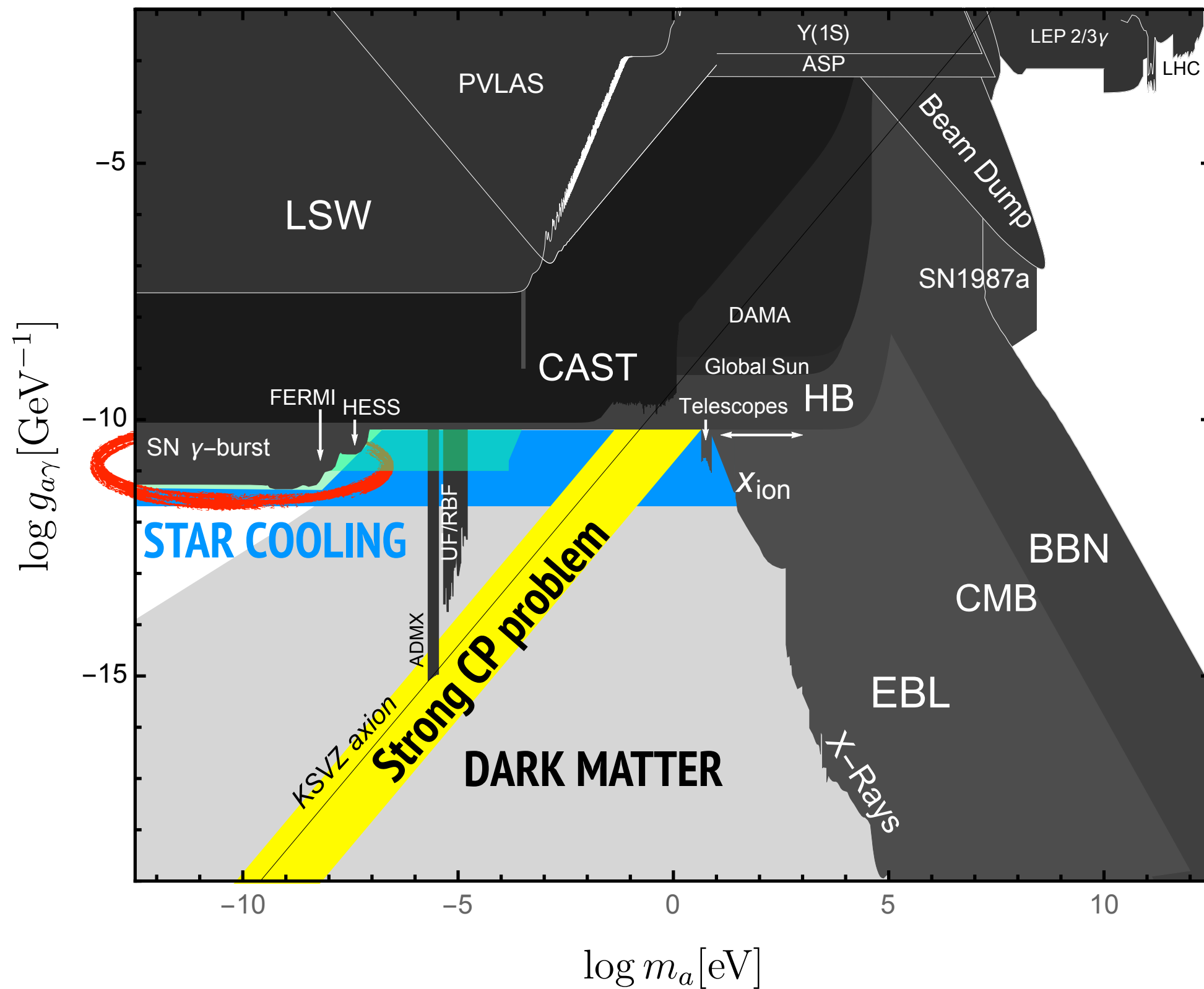
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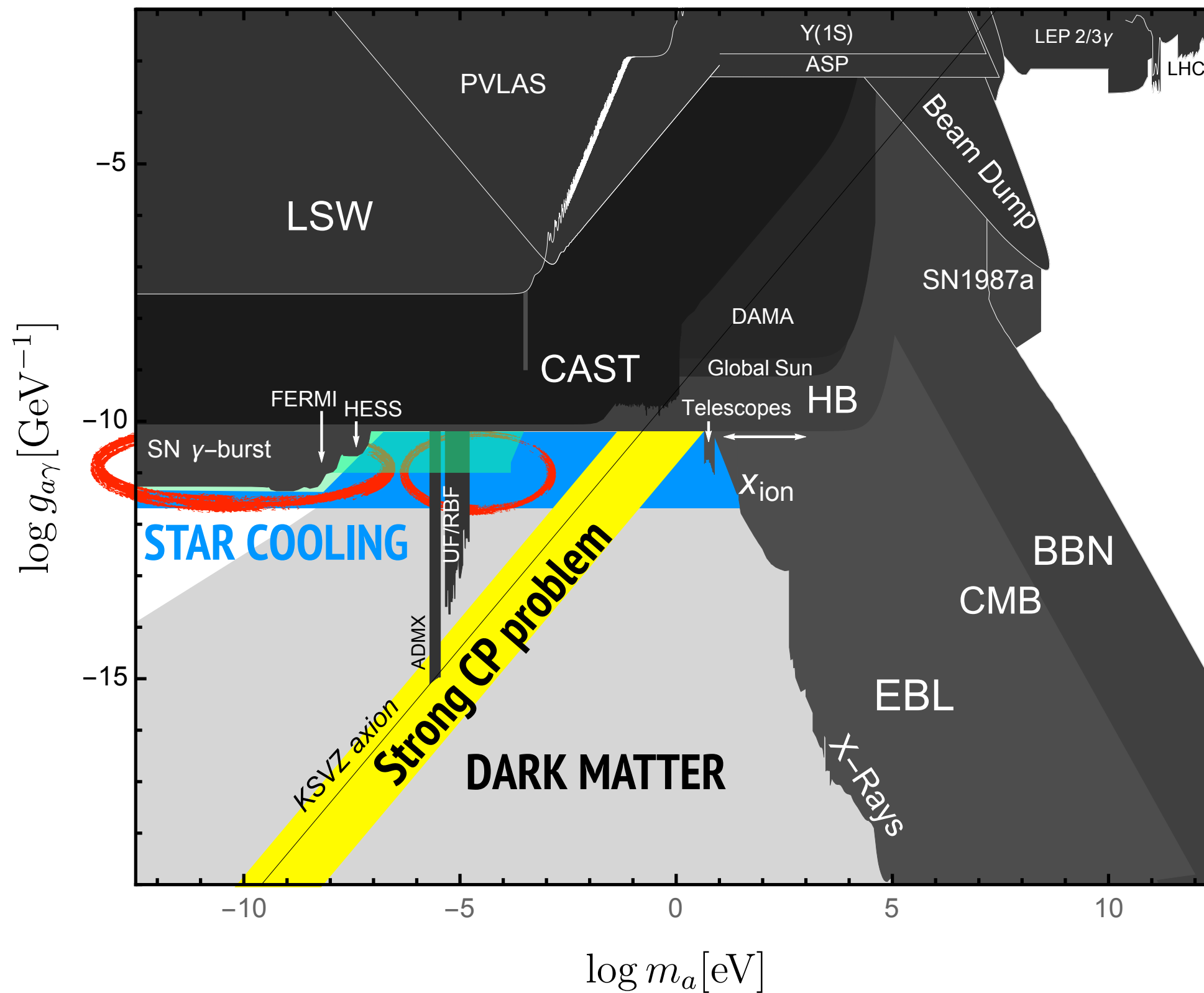
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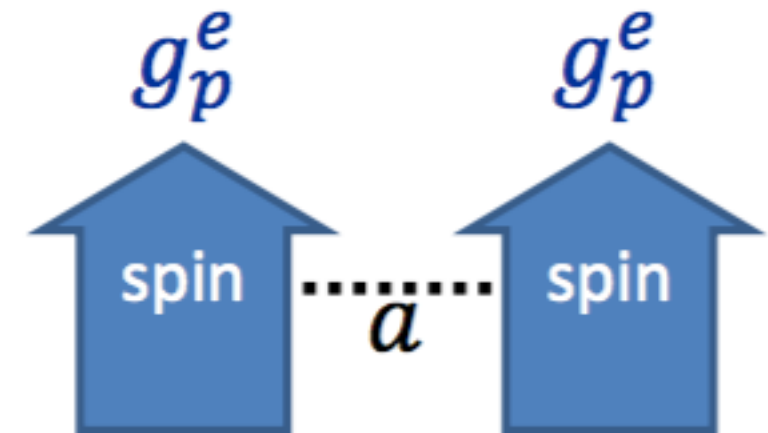
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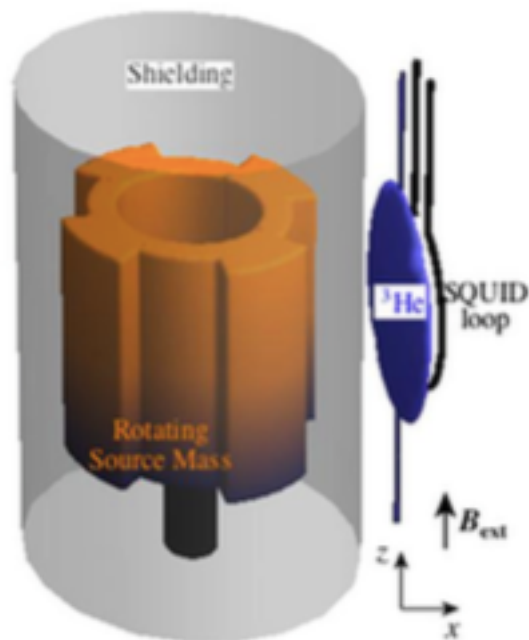
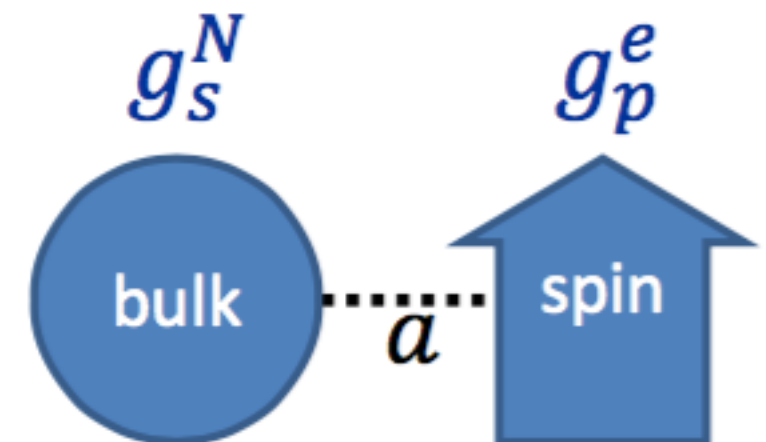
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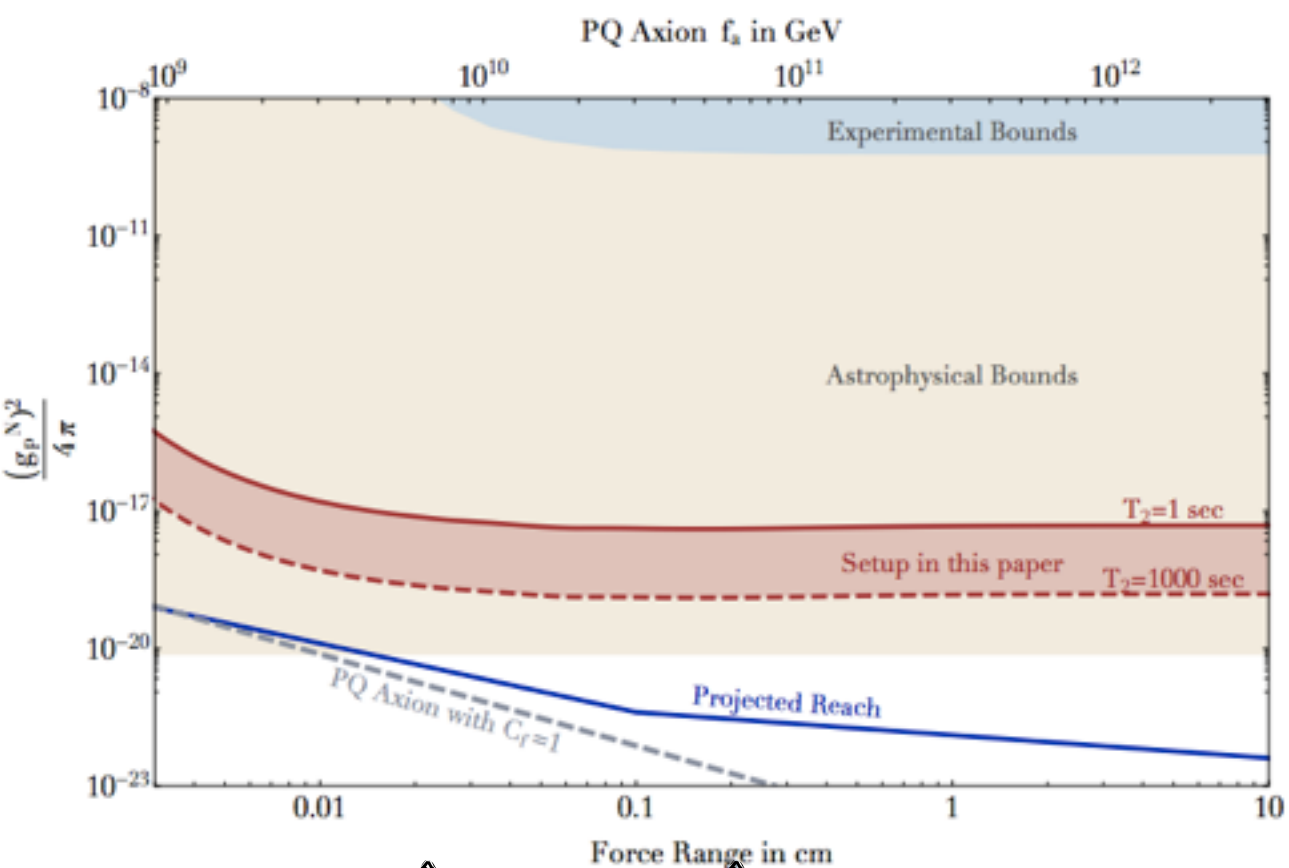
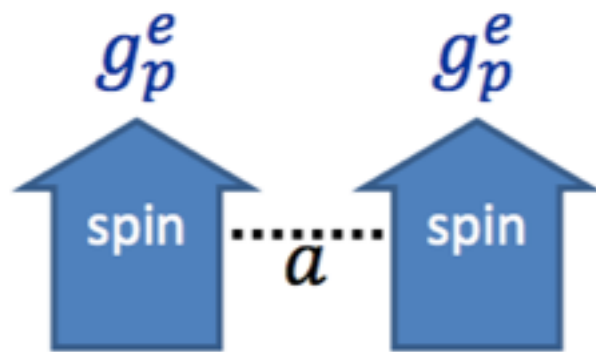
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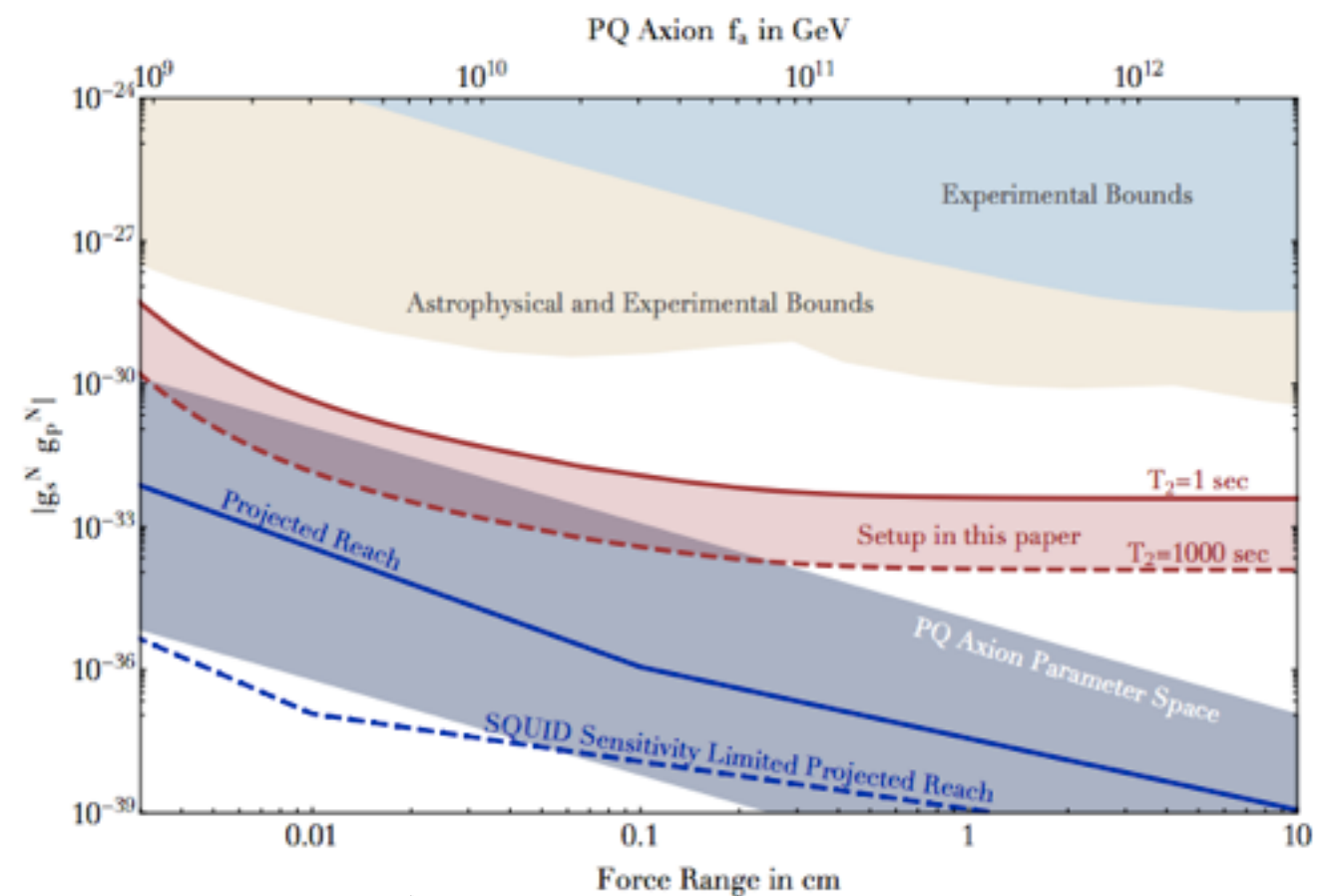
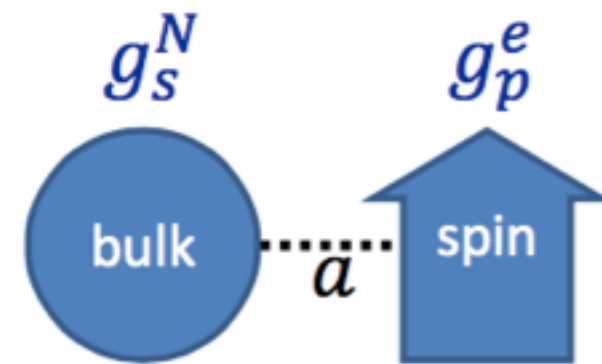
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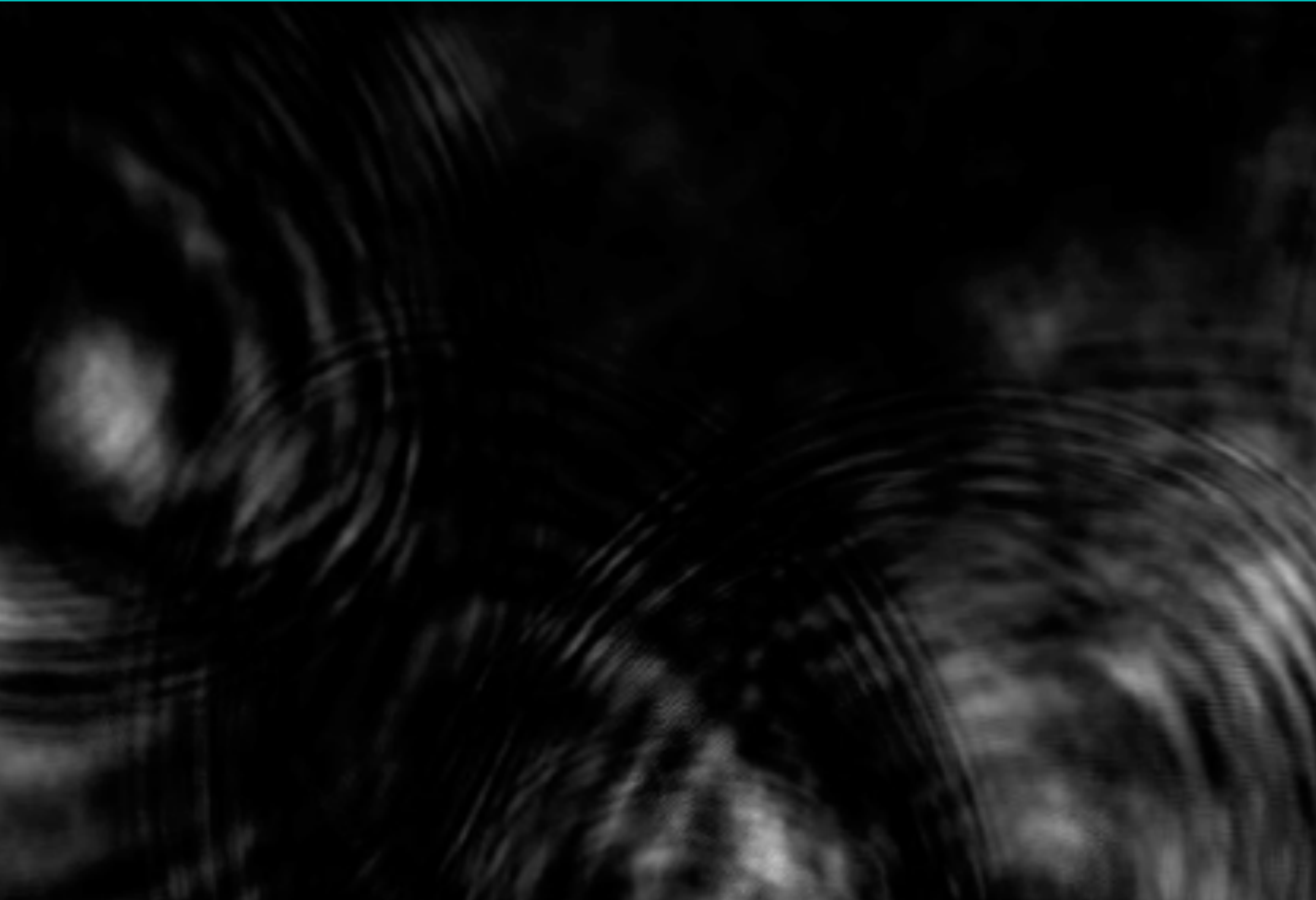
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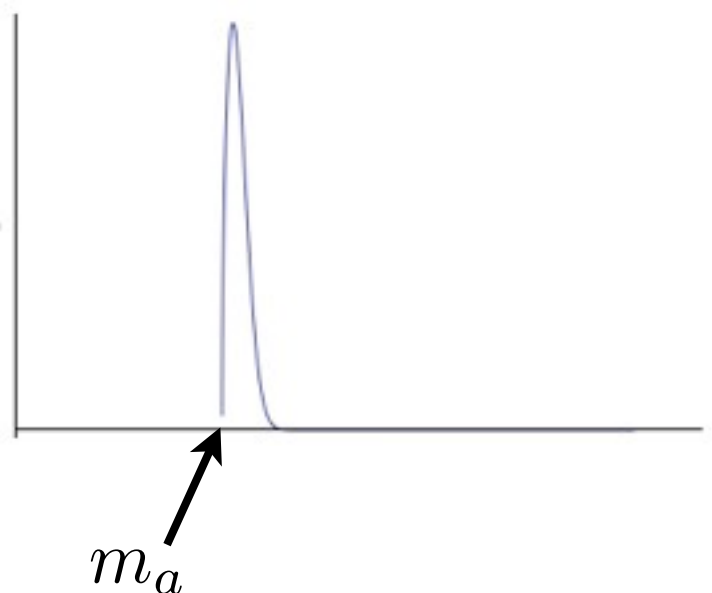
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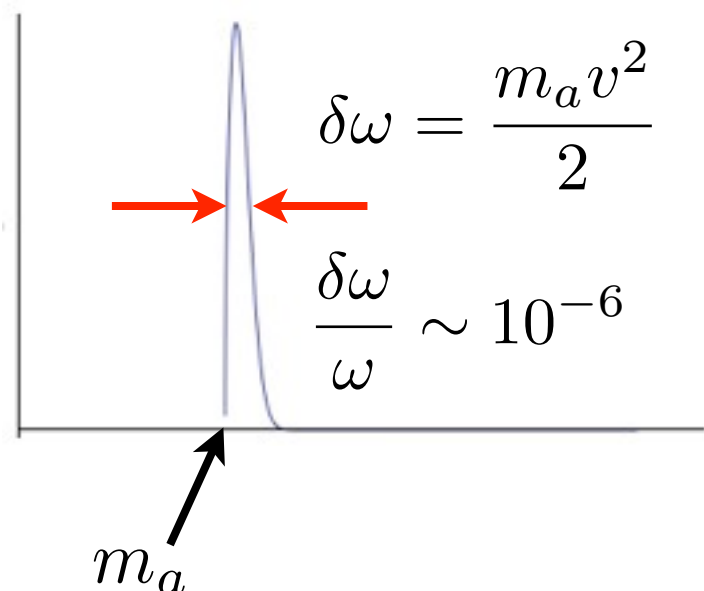
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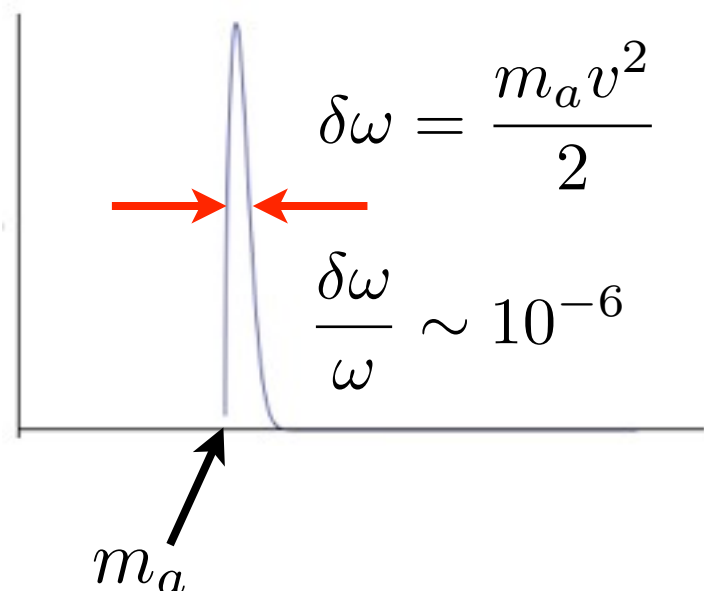
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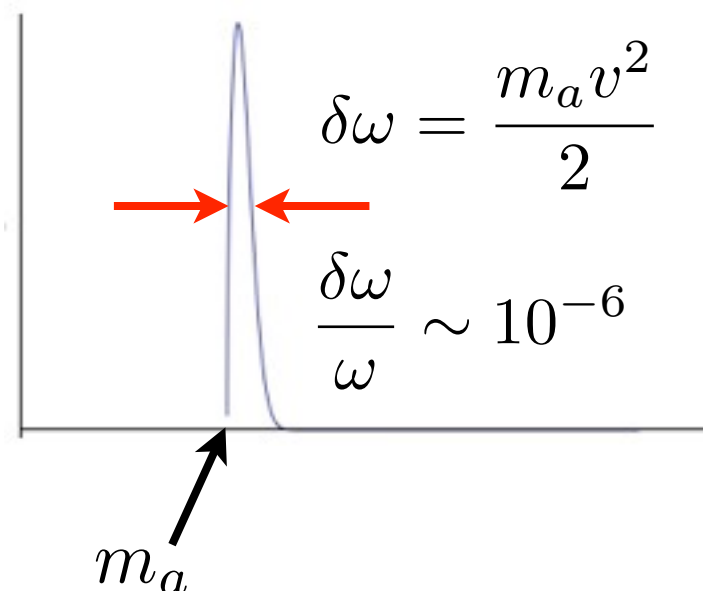
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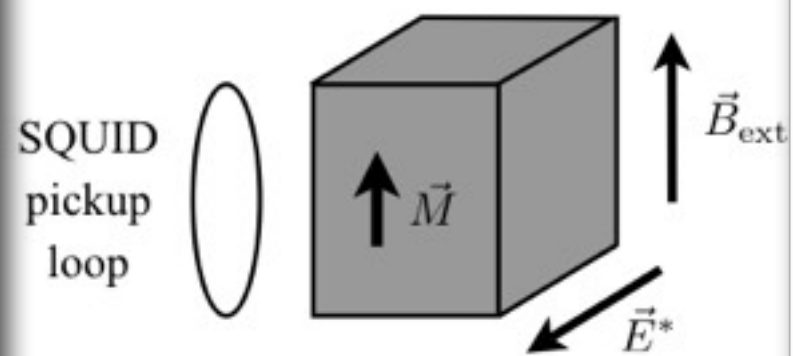
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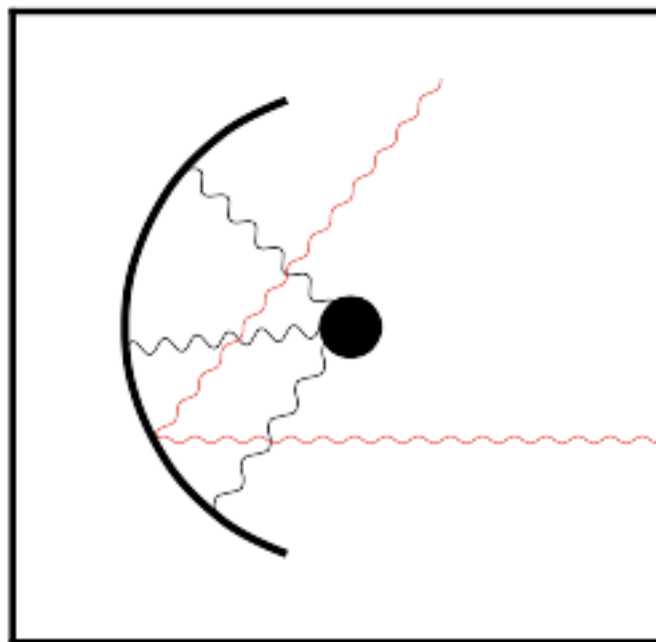
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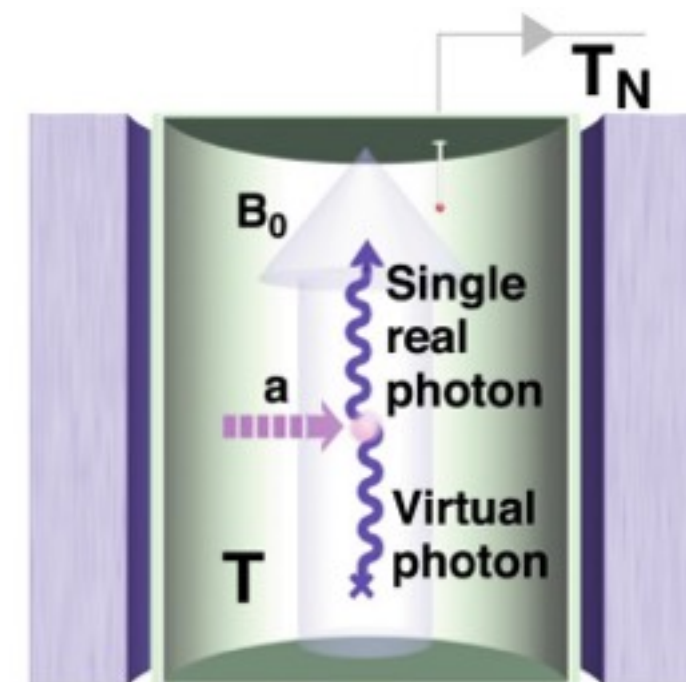
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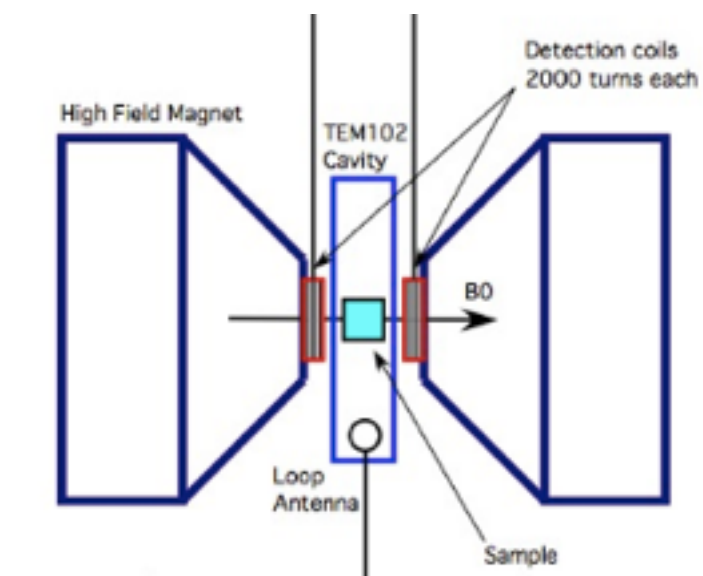
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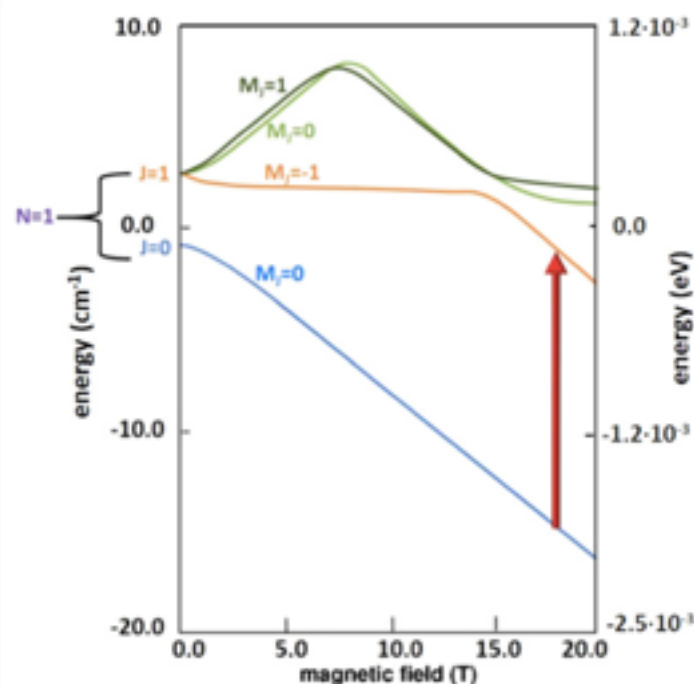
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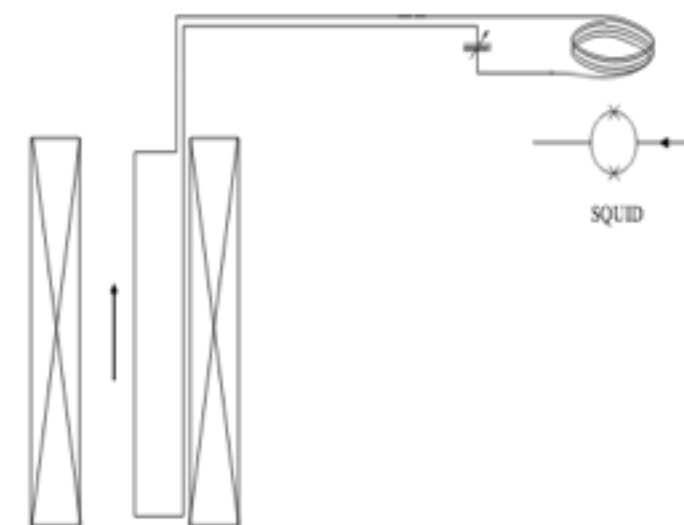
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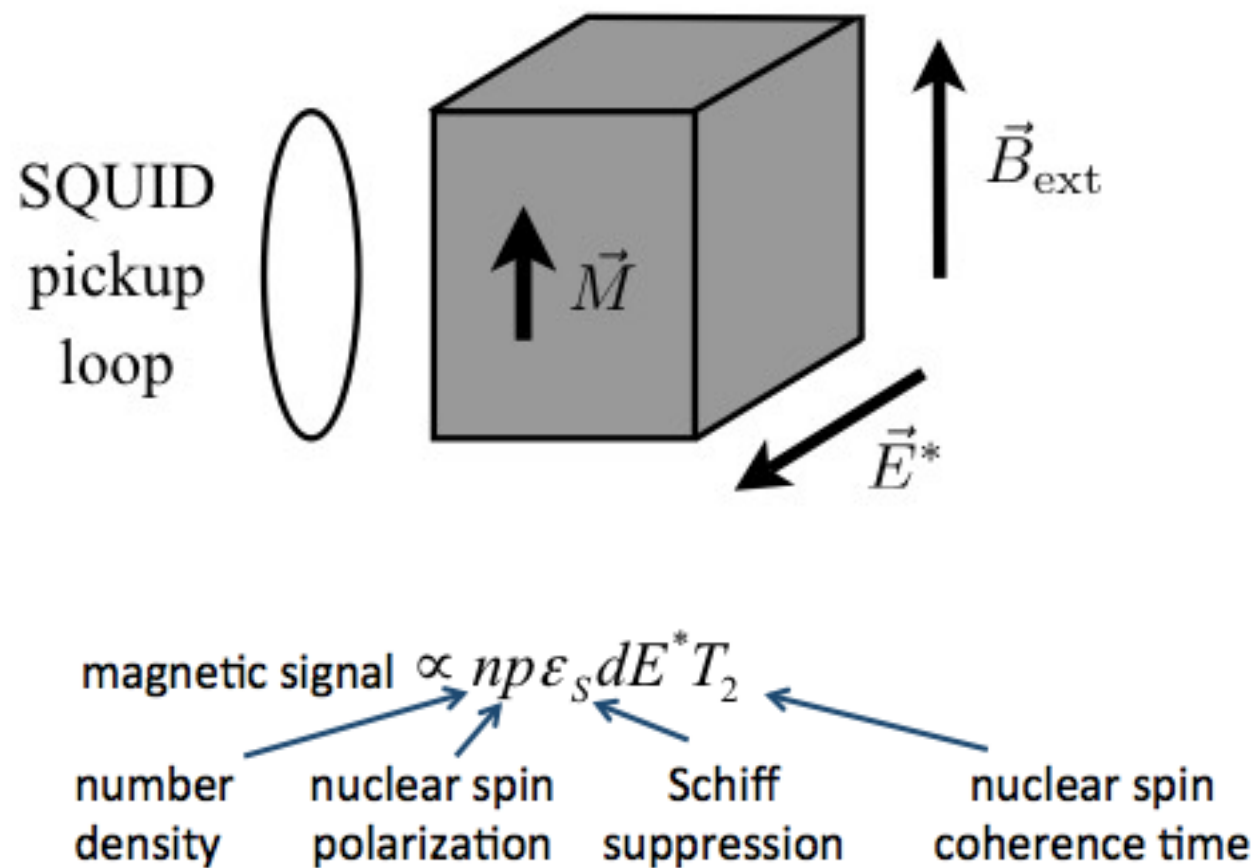


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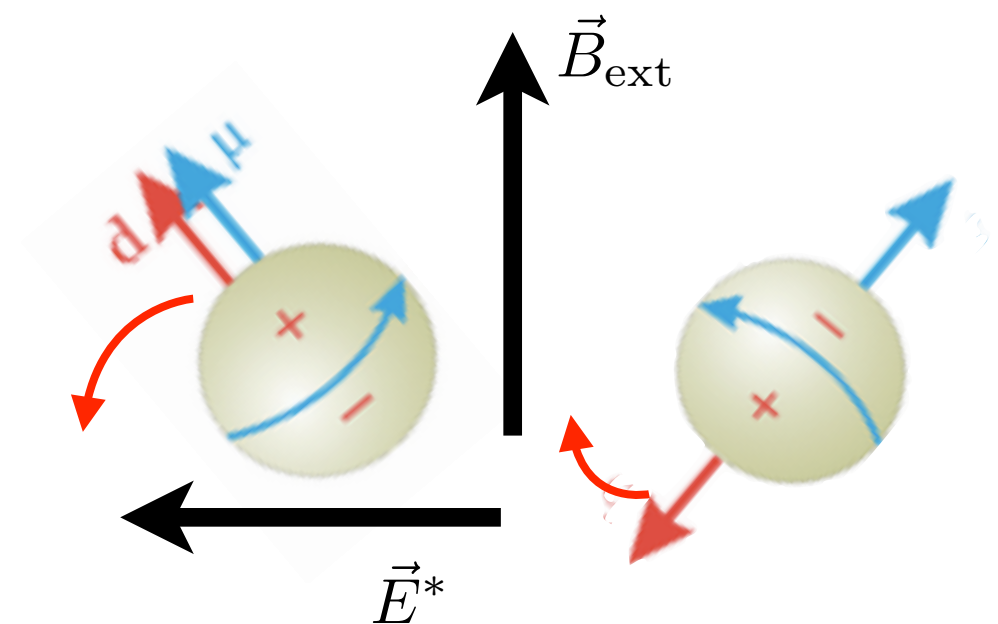
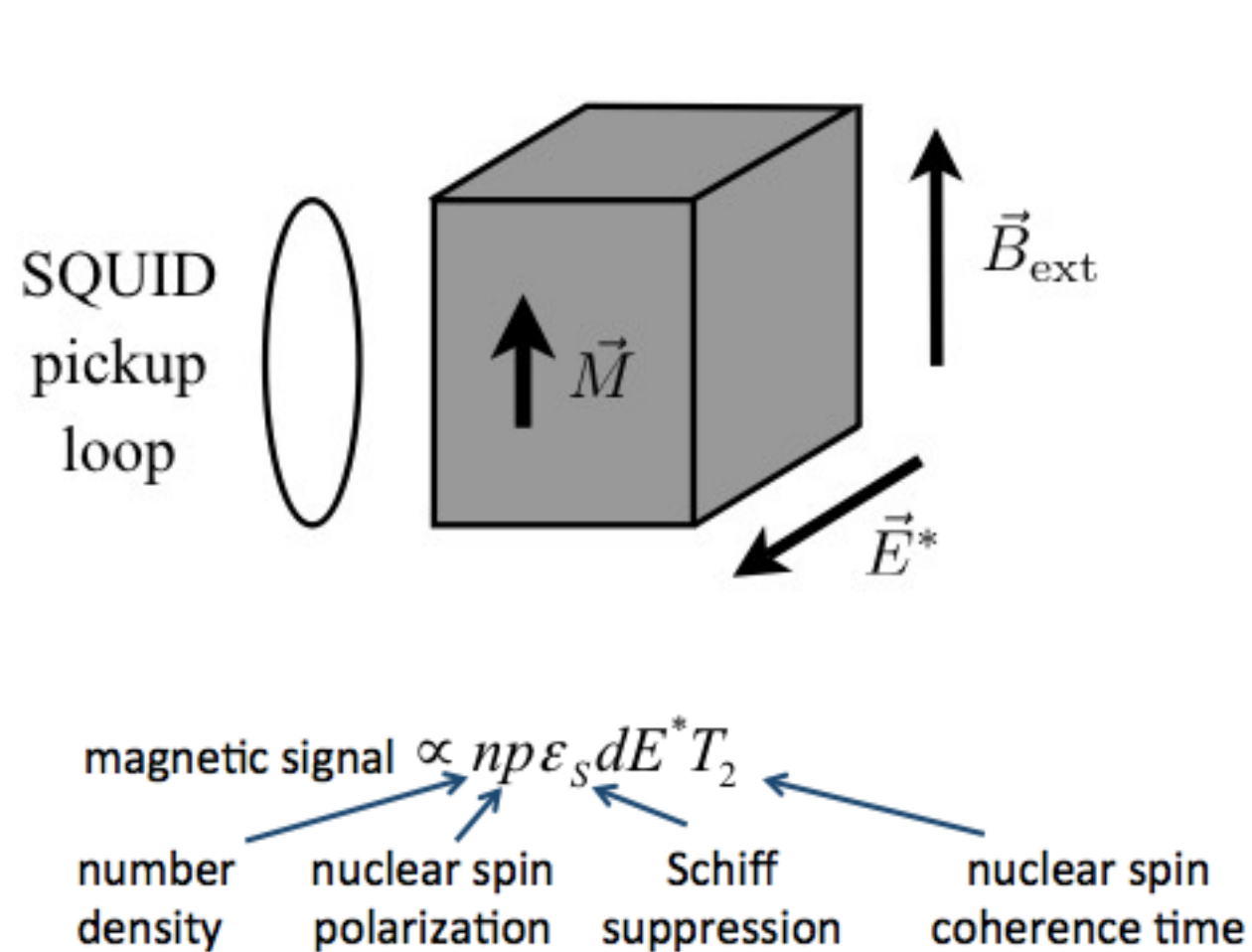


LC-circuit





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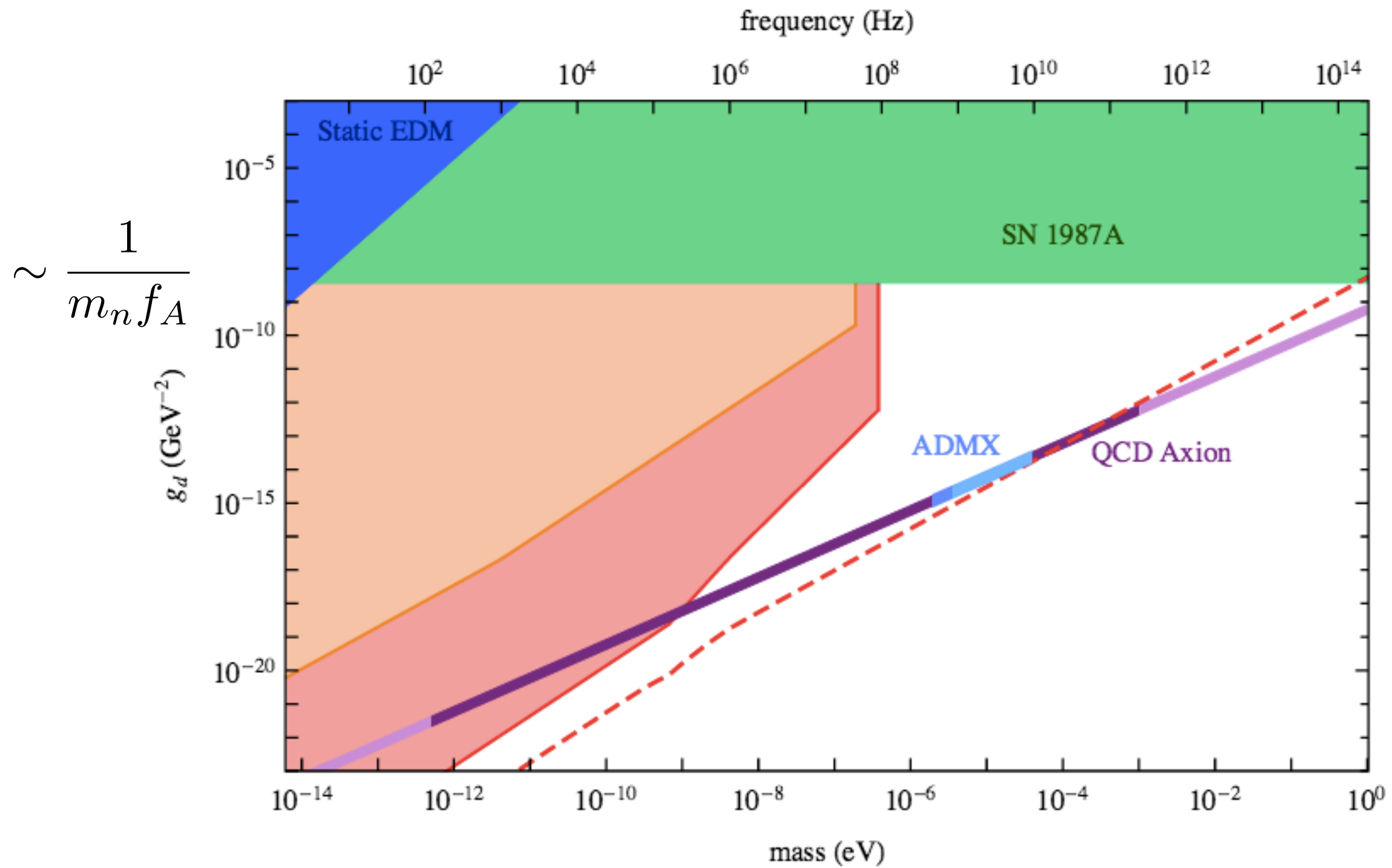
**Oscillating EDM, effects add up,
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if $m_a = \omega = \mu |\vec{B}_{\text{ext}}|$

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Graham 2012

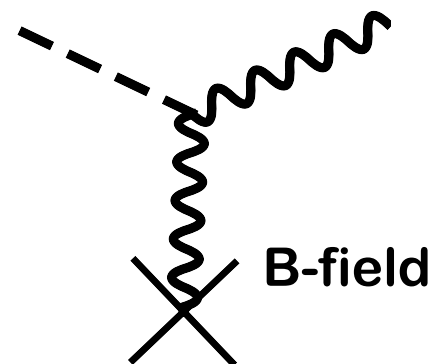


Axion DM in a B-field

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

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

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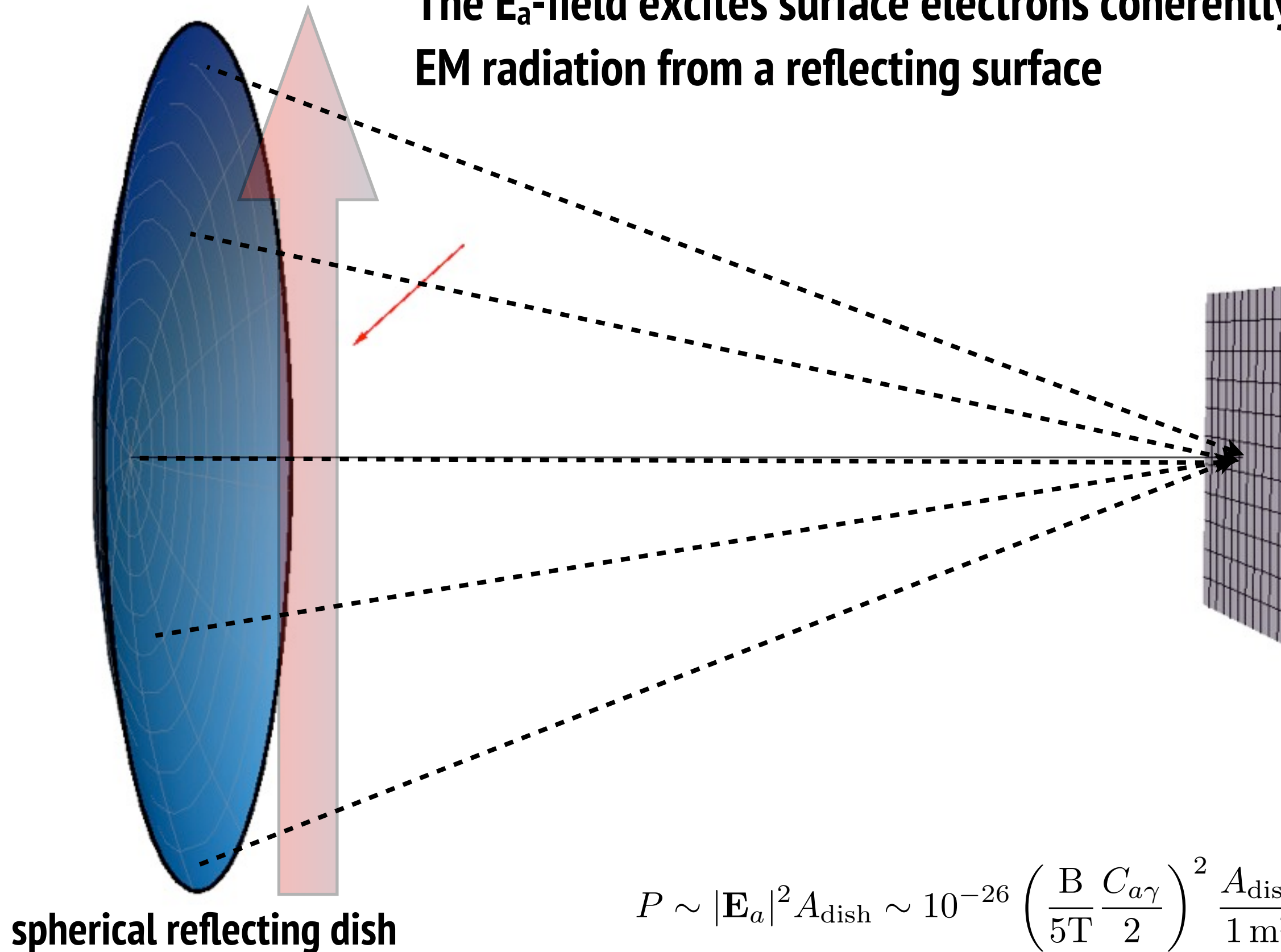
- Oscillating at a frequency $\omega \simeq m_a$

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Dish antenna experiment?

Horns 2012

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



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

Cavity resonators (Haloscopes)

- Haloscope (Sikivie 83)

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

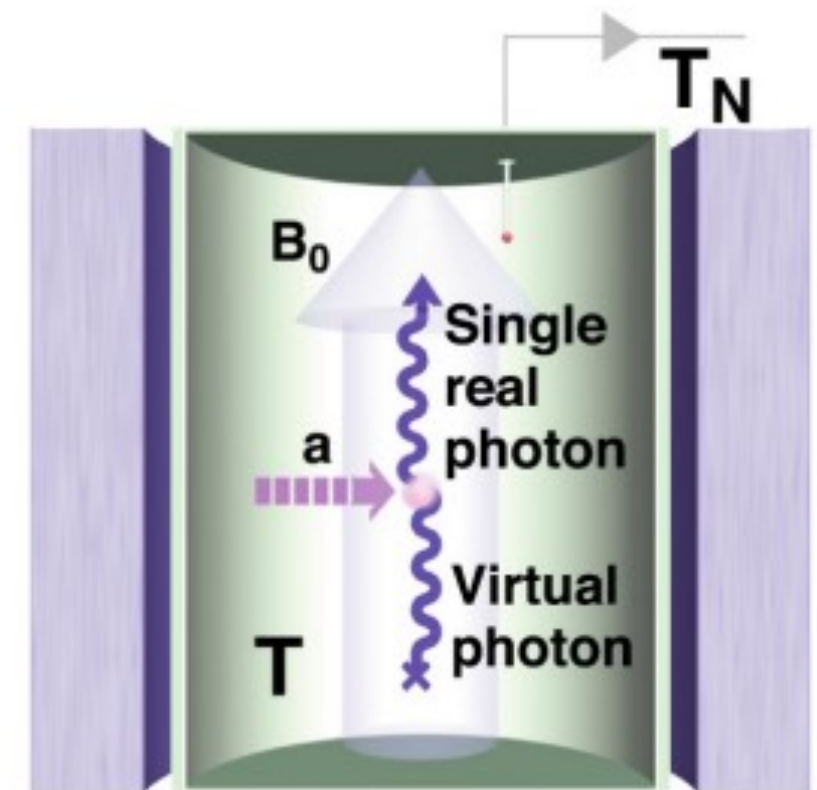
- Naive ADMX scaling (e.g. an ADMX every octave)

- Signal $(V \propto m_a^{-3}) \quad P_{\text{out}} \propto V m_a \sim \frac{1}{m_a^2}$

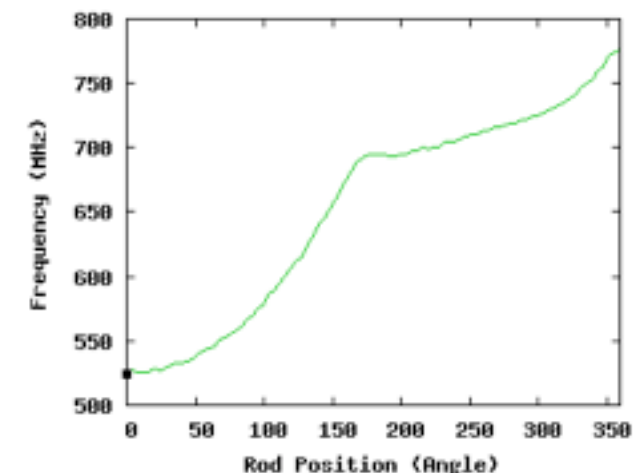
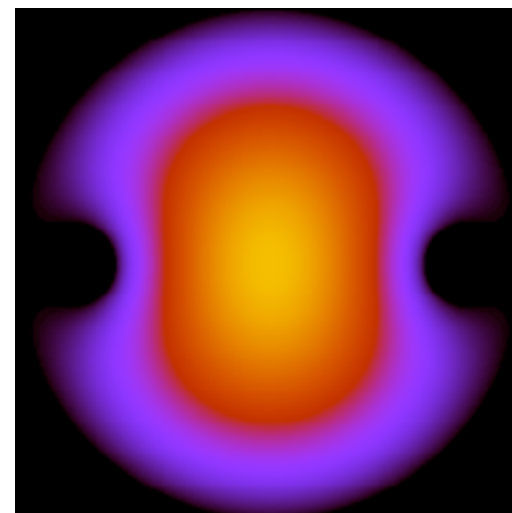
- Noise $P_{\text{noise}} = T_{\text{sys}} \Delta \nu_a \propto m_a^2$

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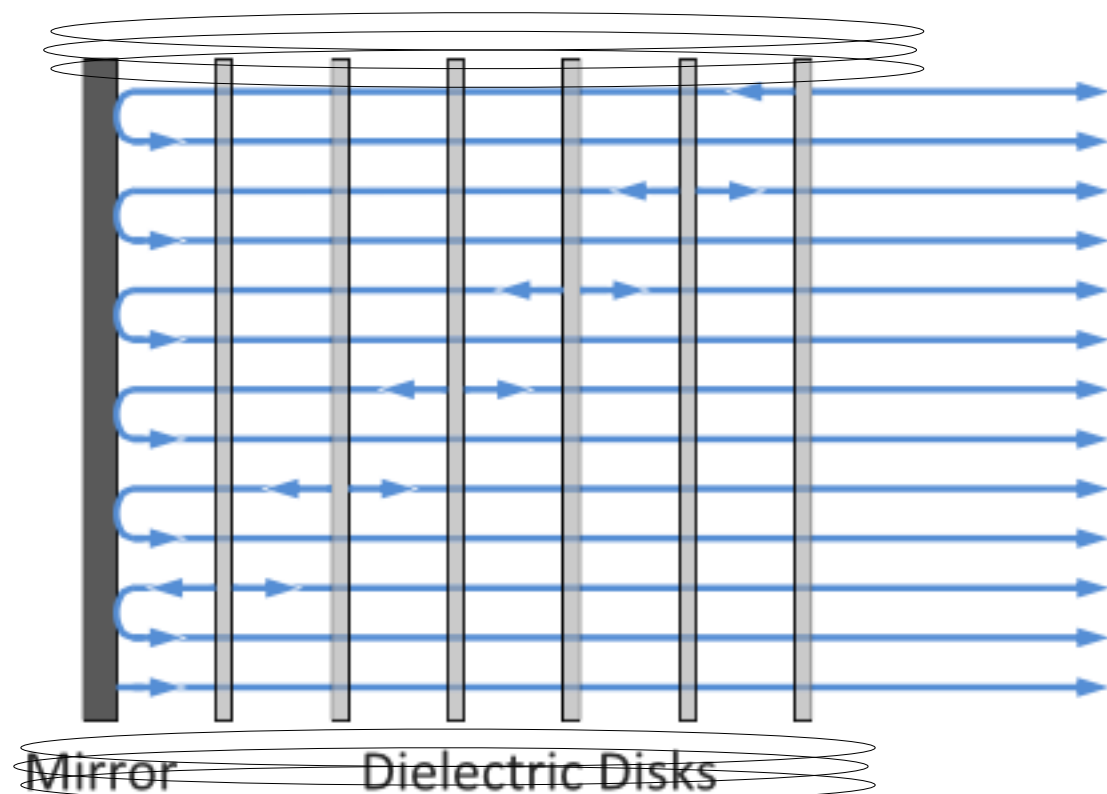
- Scanning rate $\frac{1}{m_a} \frac{d\Delta m_a}{dt} \propto \frac{C_{A\gamma}^4}{m_a^7}$



Scanning over frequencies



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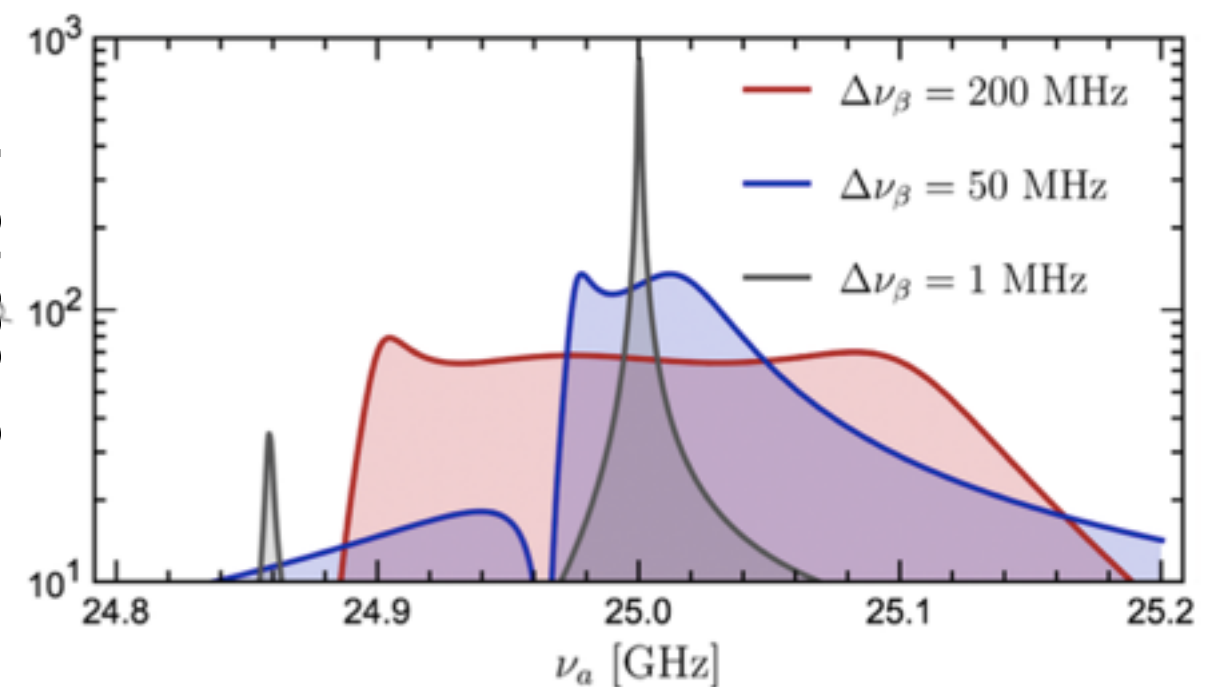
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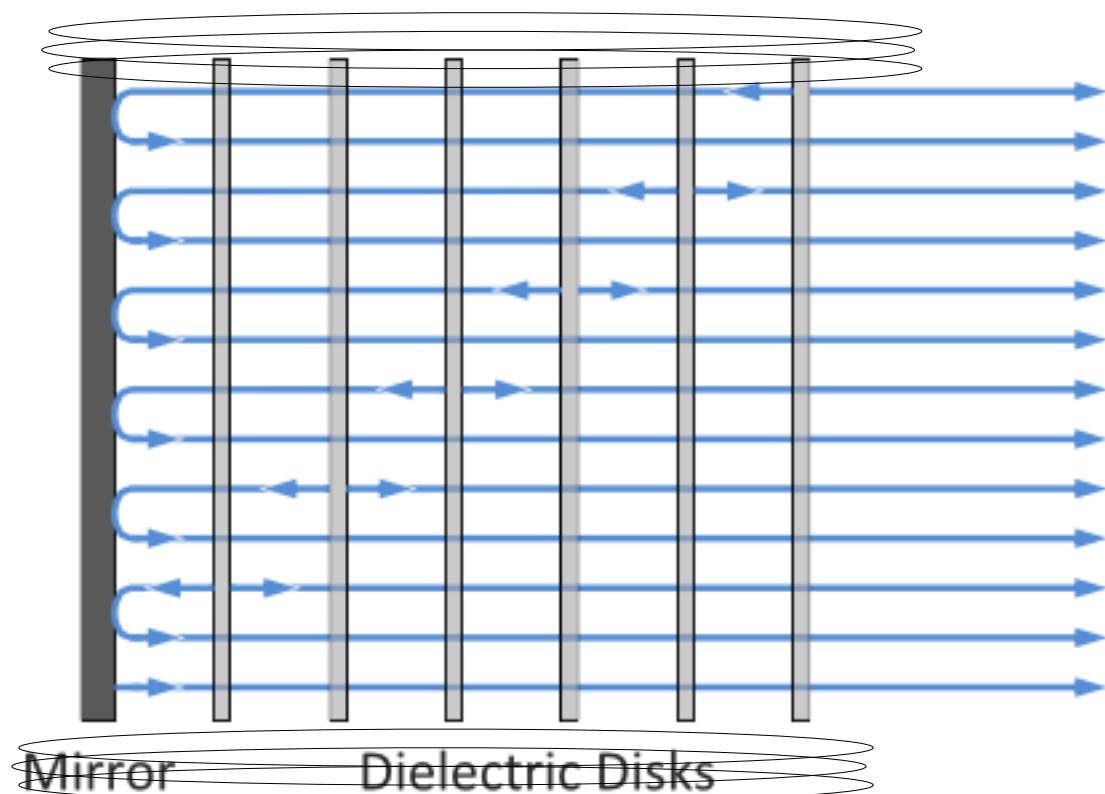
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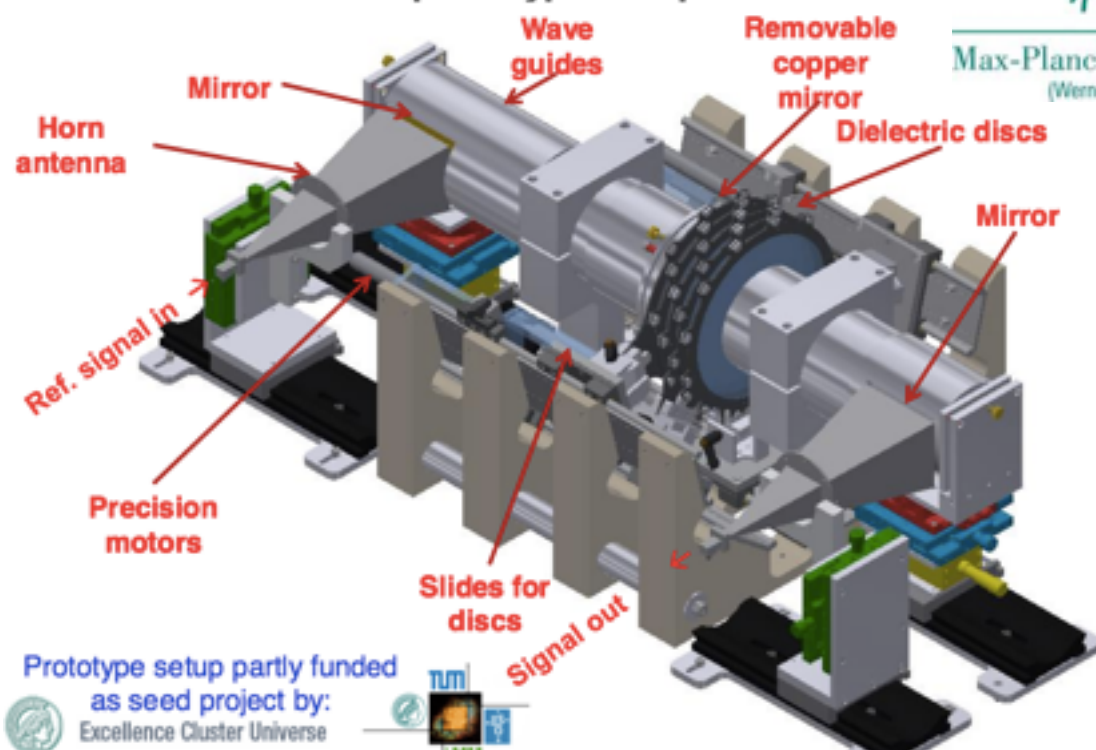
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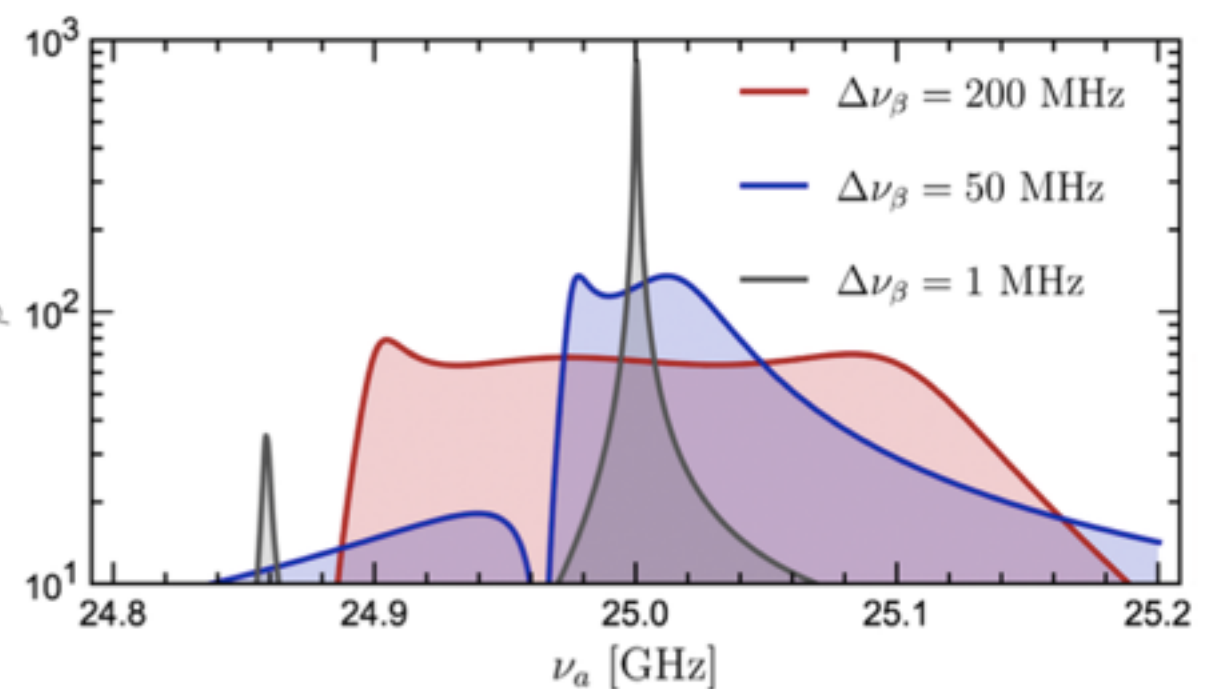
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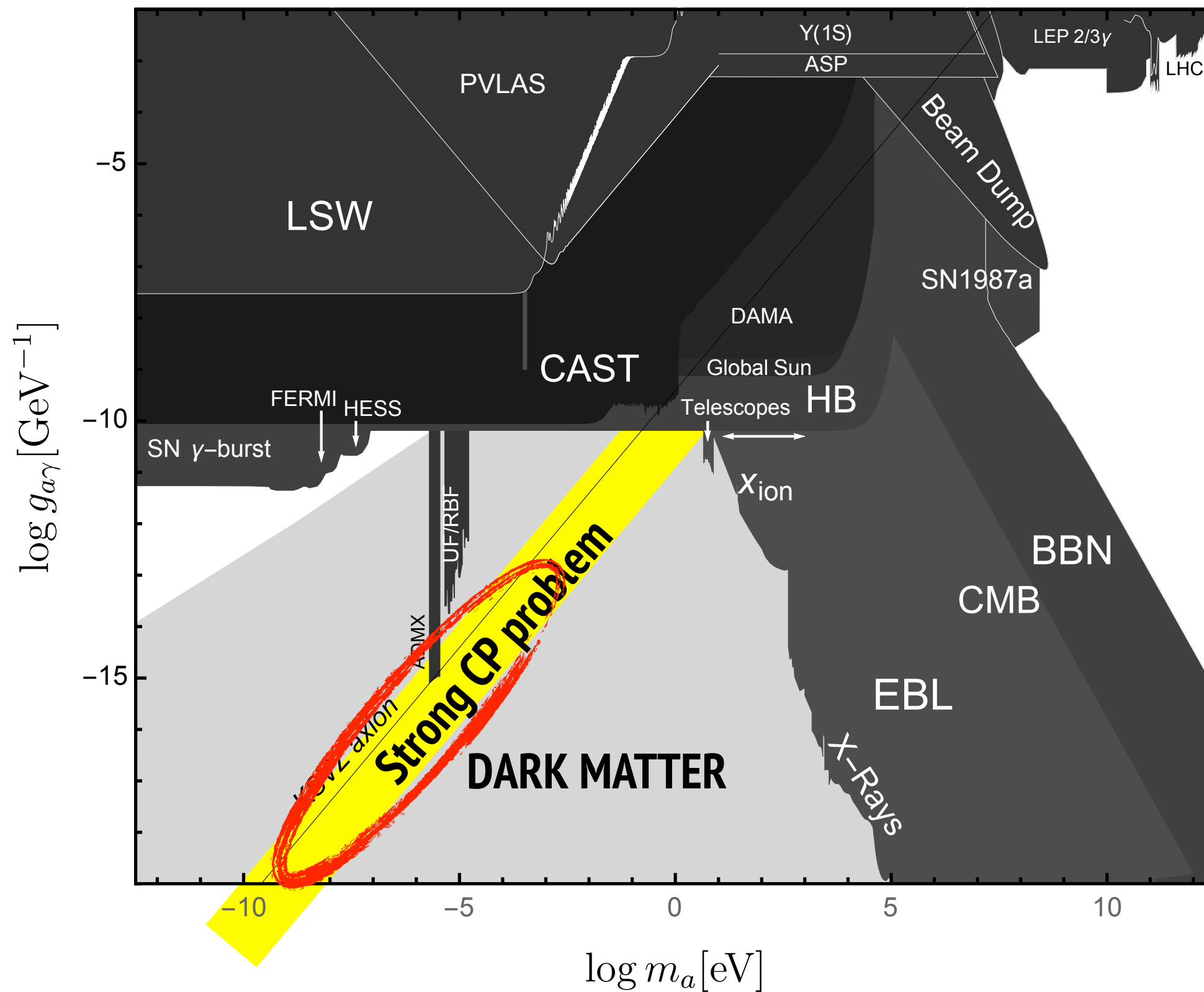
First prototype setup at MPI



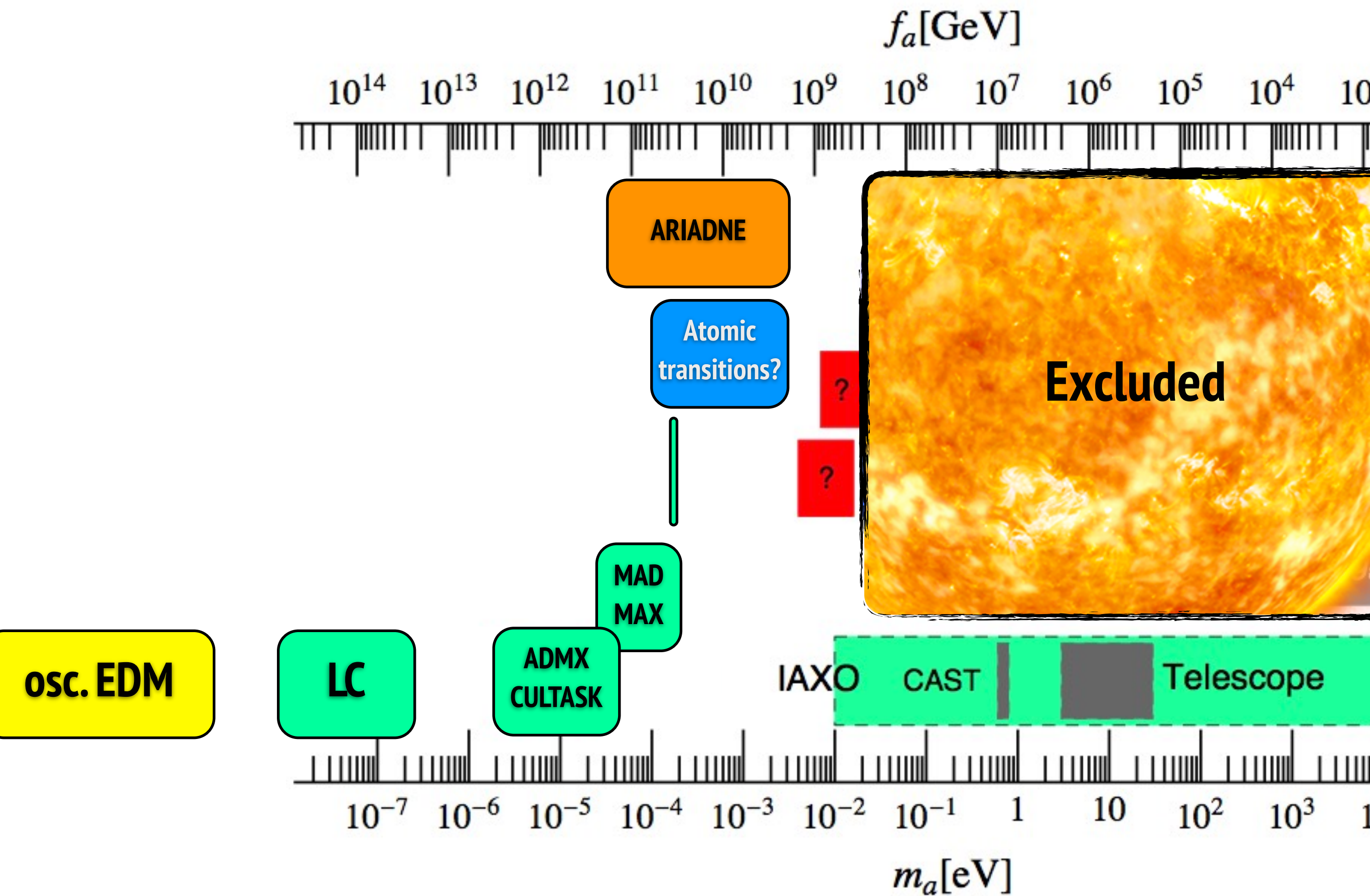
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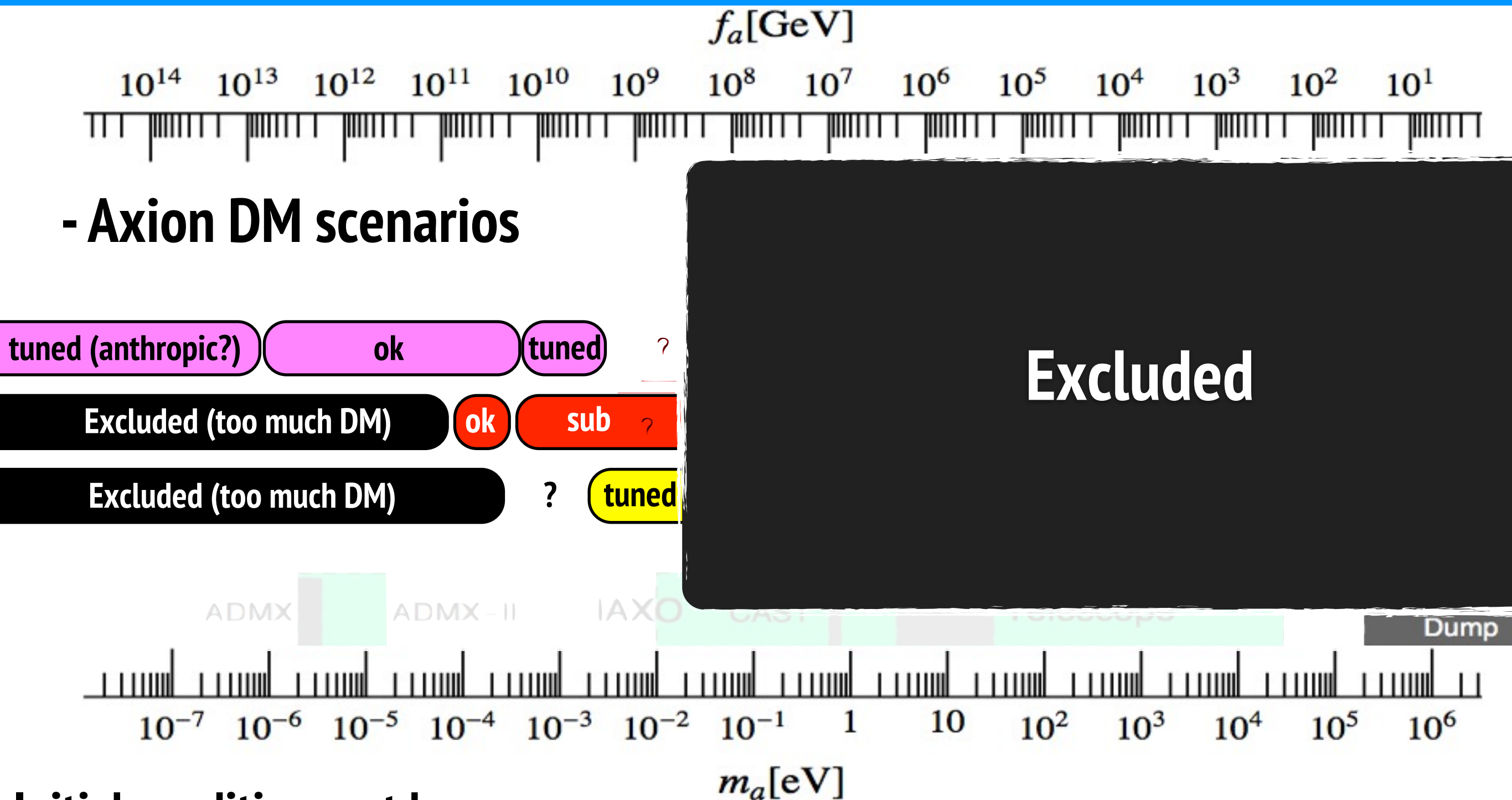


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tuned (anthropic?)

ok

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?

Excluded (too much DM)

ok

sub

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tuned

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