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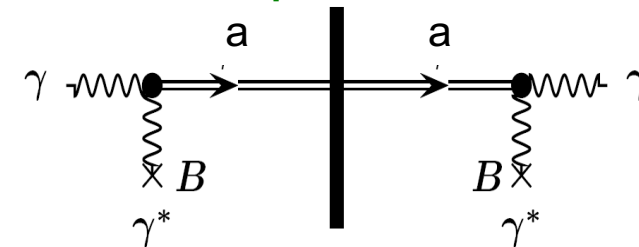
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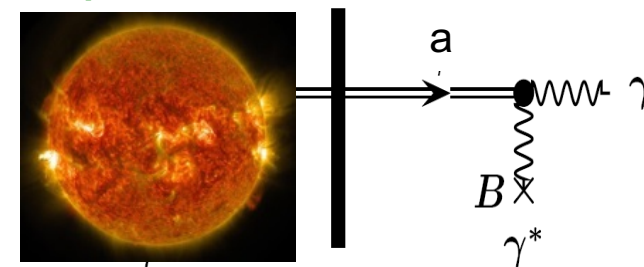
Light shining through a wall

[Anselm 85; van Bibber 87]



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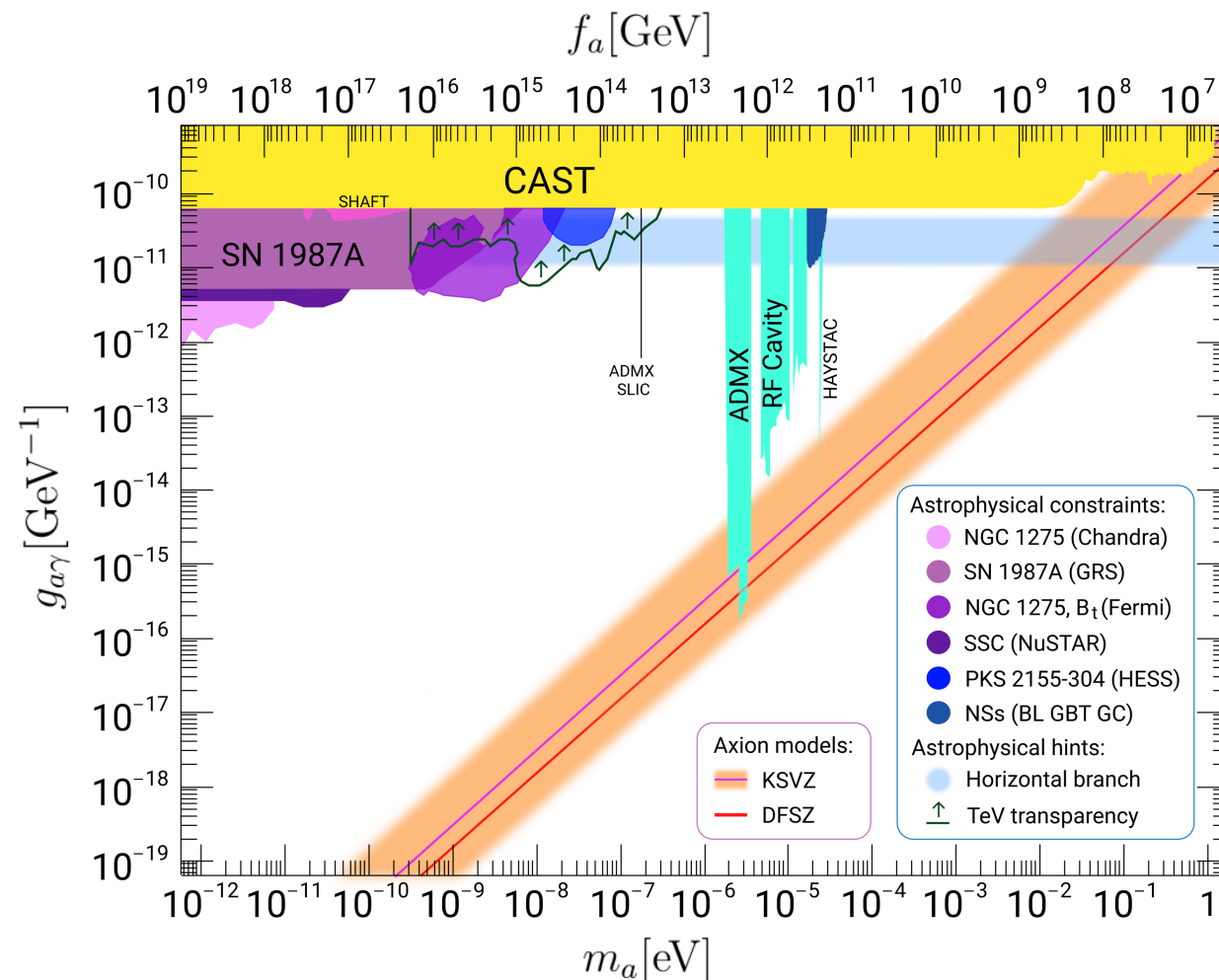
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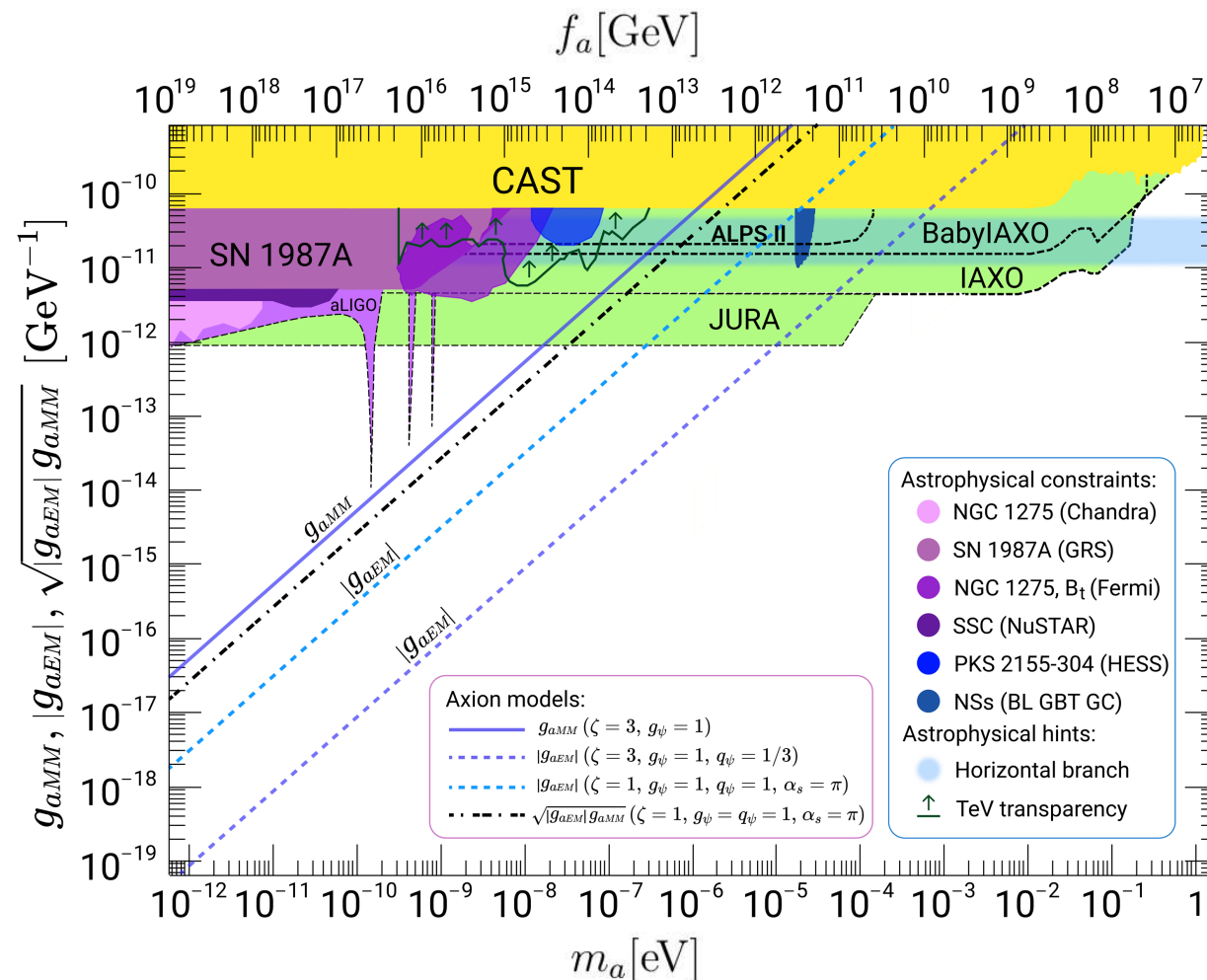
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- **Report here on the construction of variants of the KSVZ model with enhanced electromagnetic couplings which can be probed very soon**

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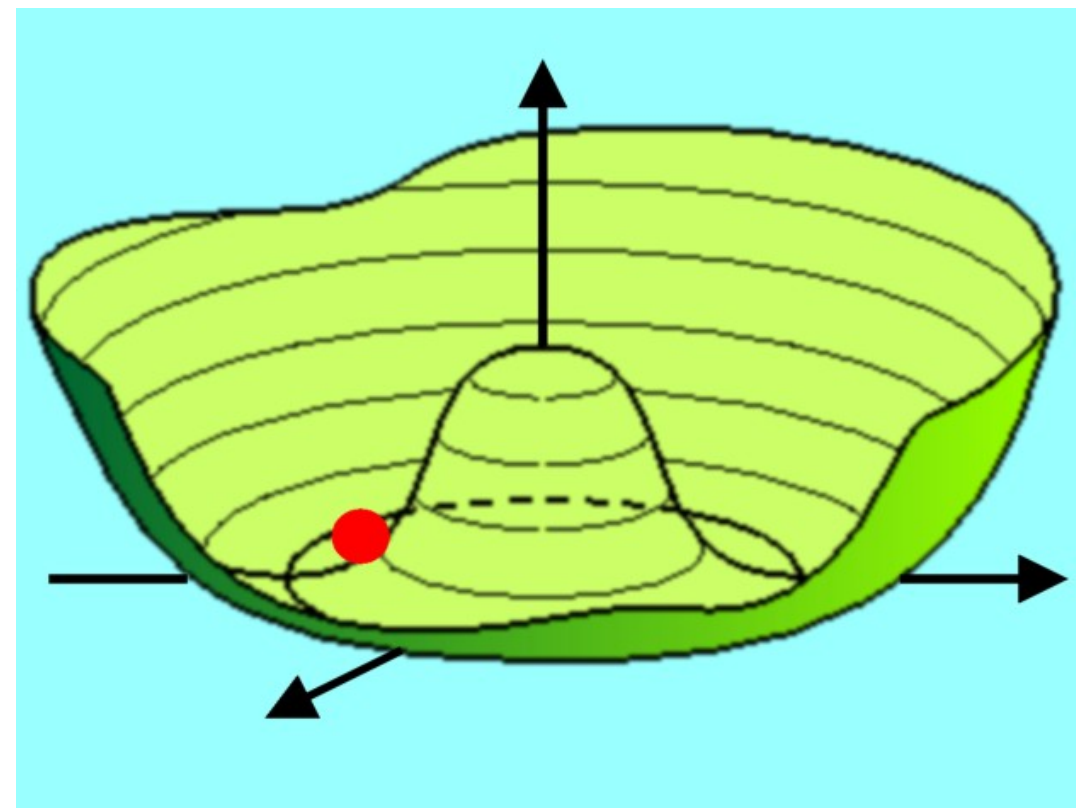
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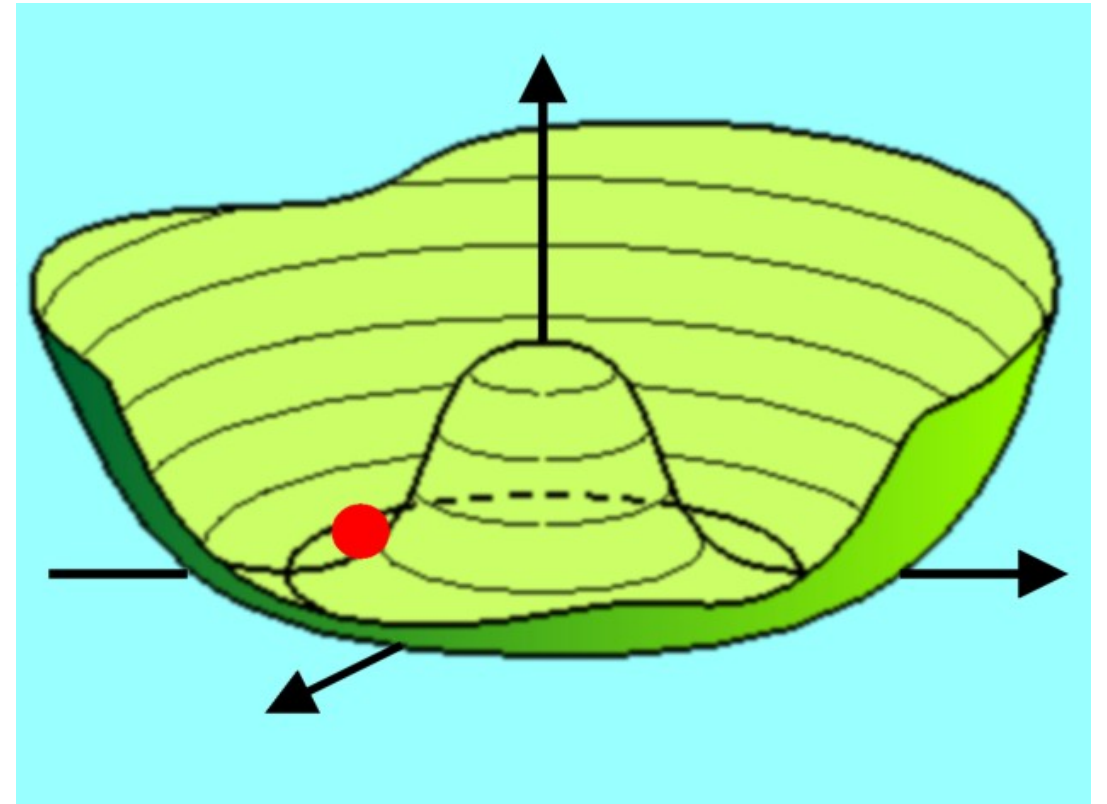
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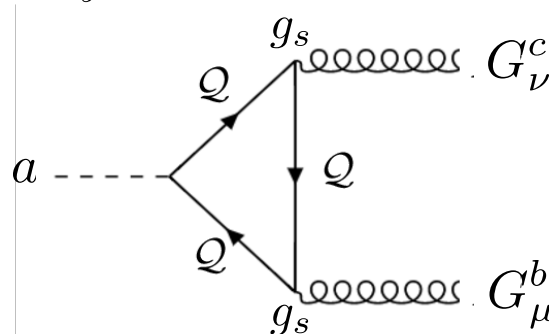
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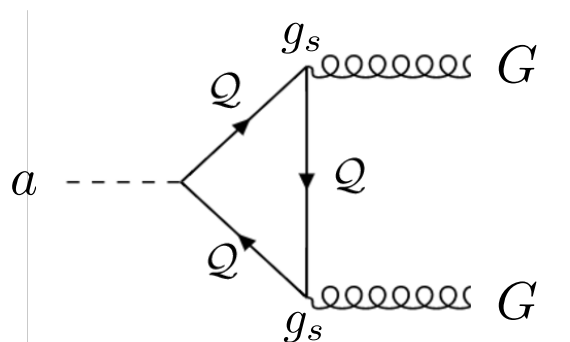
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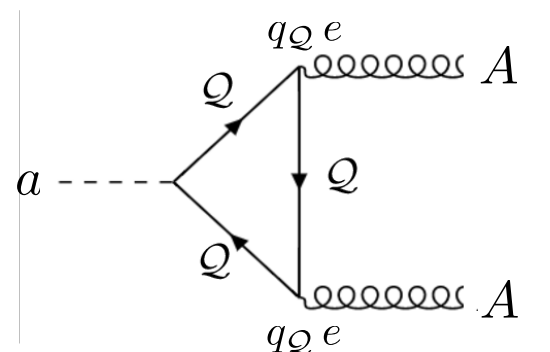
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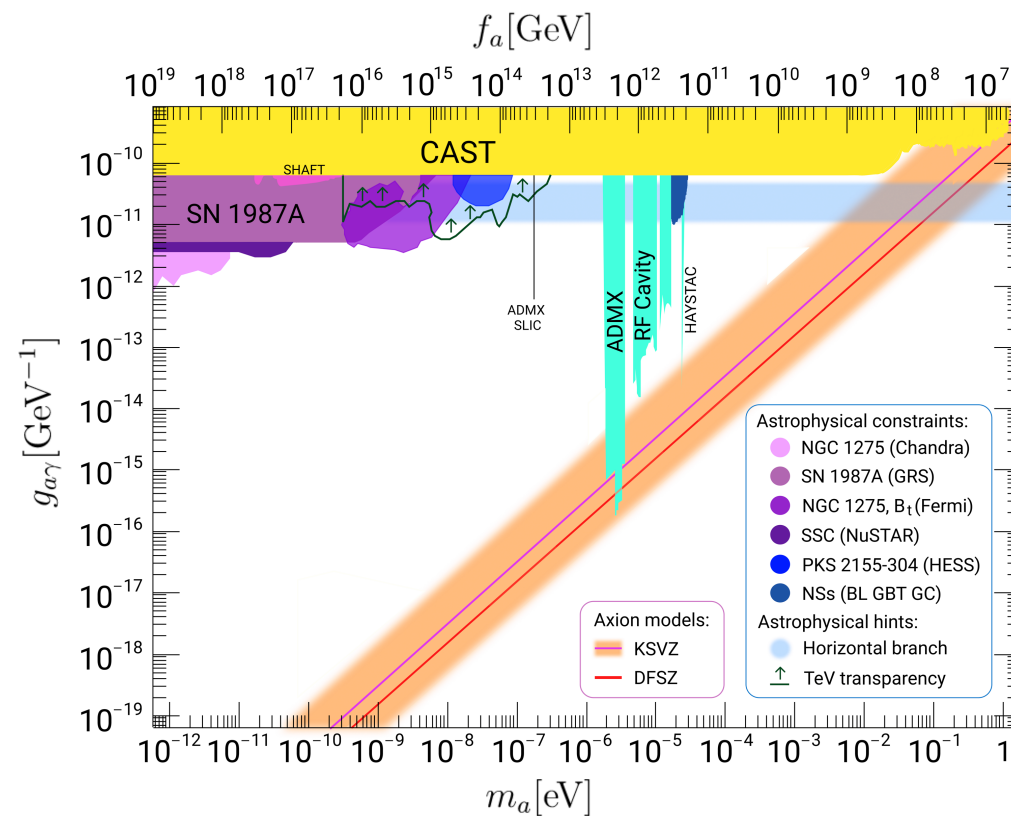
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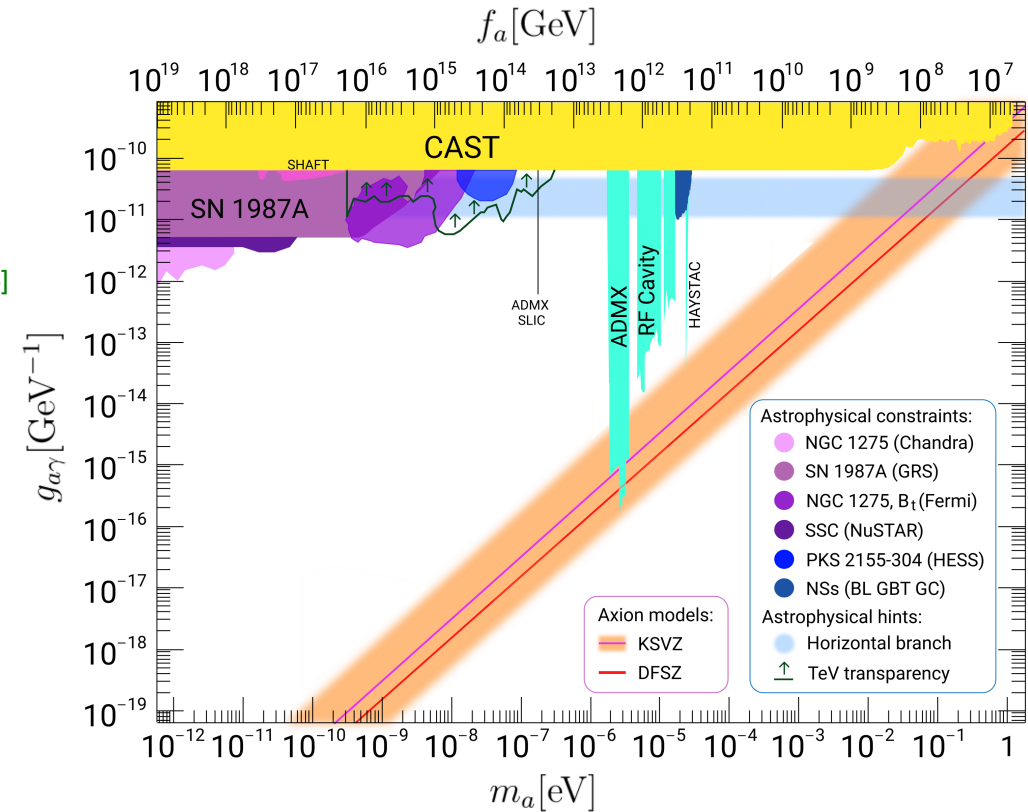
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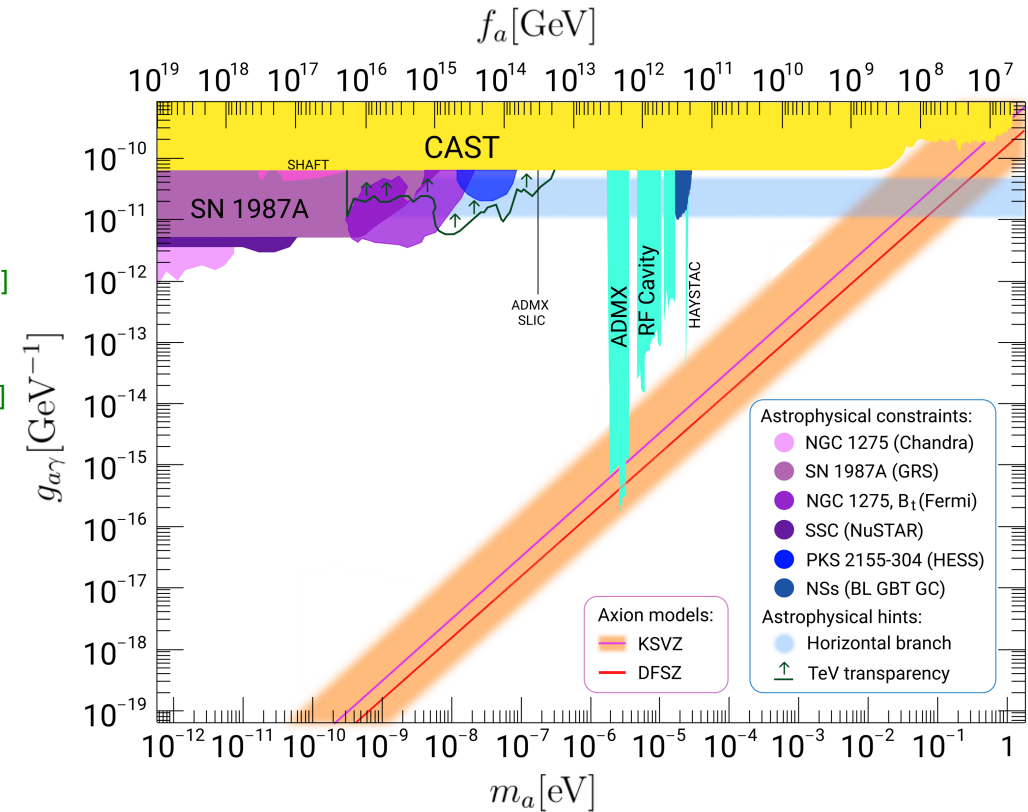
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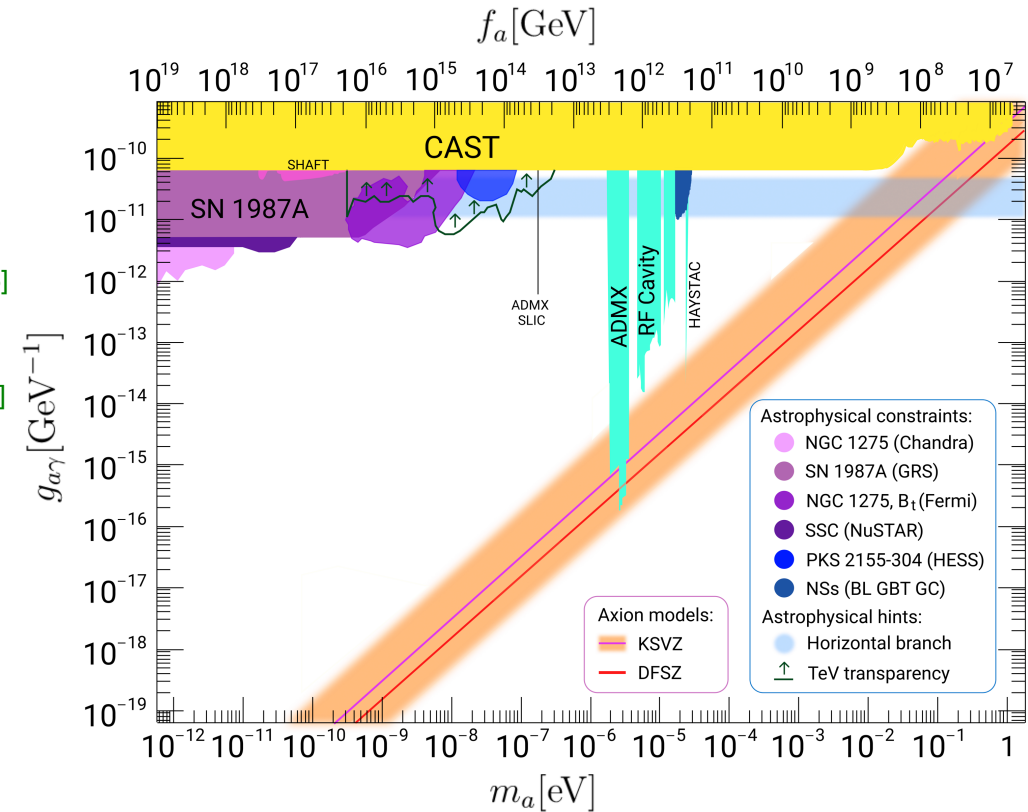
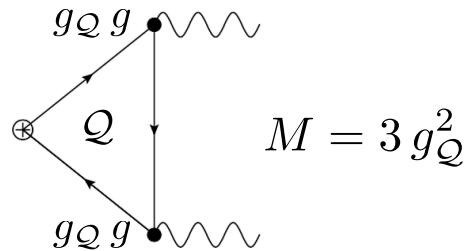
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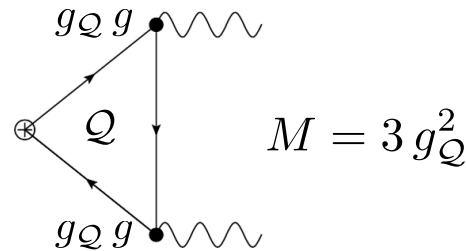
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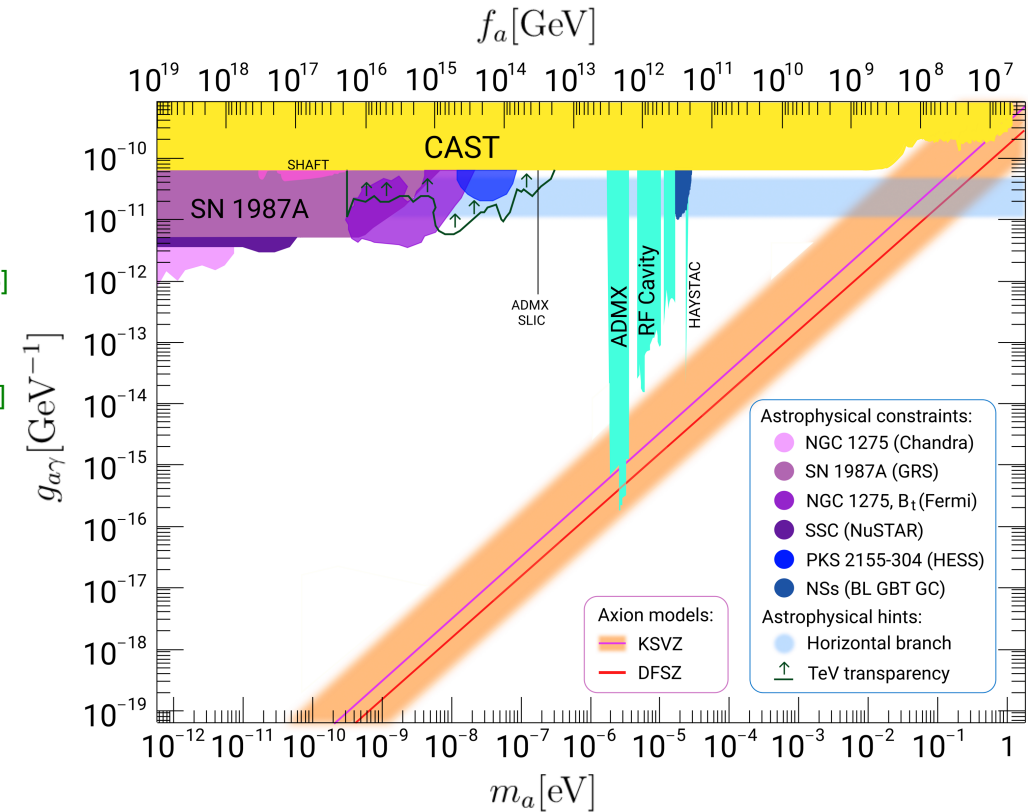
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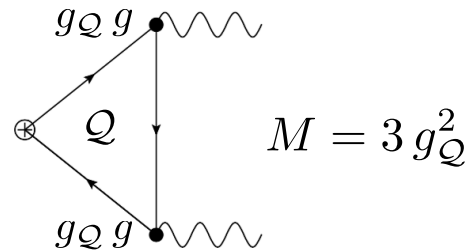
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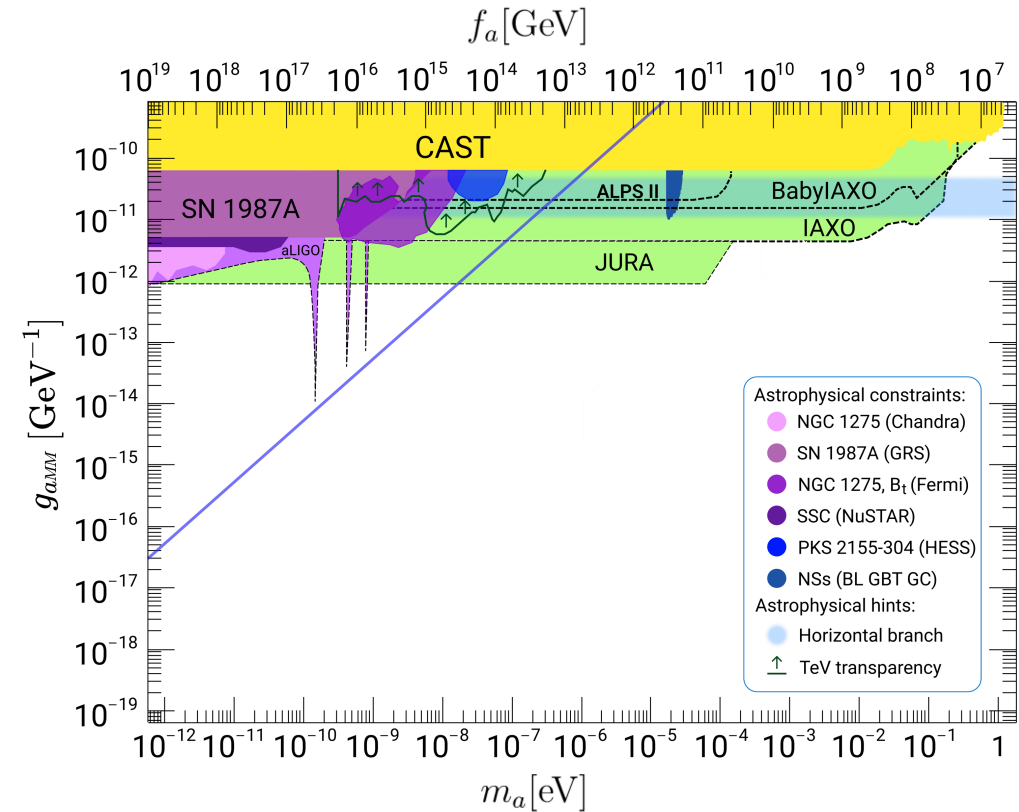
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made up of familiar local term plus interparticle action at a distance depending on $(n \cdot \partial)^{-1} (x - y)$

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one finds that the support of $(n \cdot \partial)^{-1} (x_i(\tau_i) - y_j(\tau_j))$ is restricted to the “string”

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$$\frac{d}{d\tau_i} \left(\frac{m_i u_i}{(u_i^2)^{1/2}} \right) = [e_i F(x_i) + g_i F^d(x_i)] \cdot u_i - \sum_j (e_i g_j - g_i e_j) n \cdot \int (n \cdot \partial)^{-1} (x_i - x_j) (u_i \wedge u_j)^d d\tau_j$$

- Last term, which seems to spoil Lorentz-invariance, does not contribute to dynamics
- Representing the kernel in the form

$$(n \cdot \partial)^{-1}(x) = \int_0^\infty \left(a_s \delta^4(x - ns) - (1 - a_s) \delta^4(x + ns) \right) ds$$

one finds that the support of $(n \cdot \partial)^{-1} (x_i(\tau_i) - y_j(\tau_j))$ is restricted to the “string”

$$x_i^\mu(\tau_i) - y_j^\mu(\tau_j) = n^\mu s, \quad -\infty < s, \tau_i, \tau_j < +\infty$$

- This condition will not be satisfied anywhere along a trajectory unless it is exceptional, because there are four equations, but only three free parameters

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[Brandt, Neri, Zwanziger '78]

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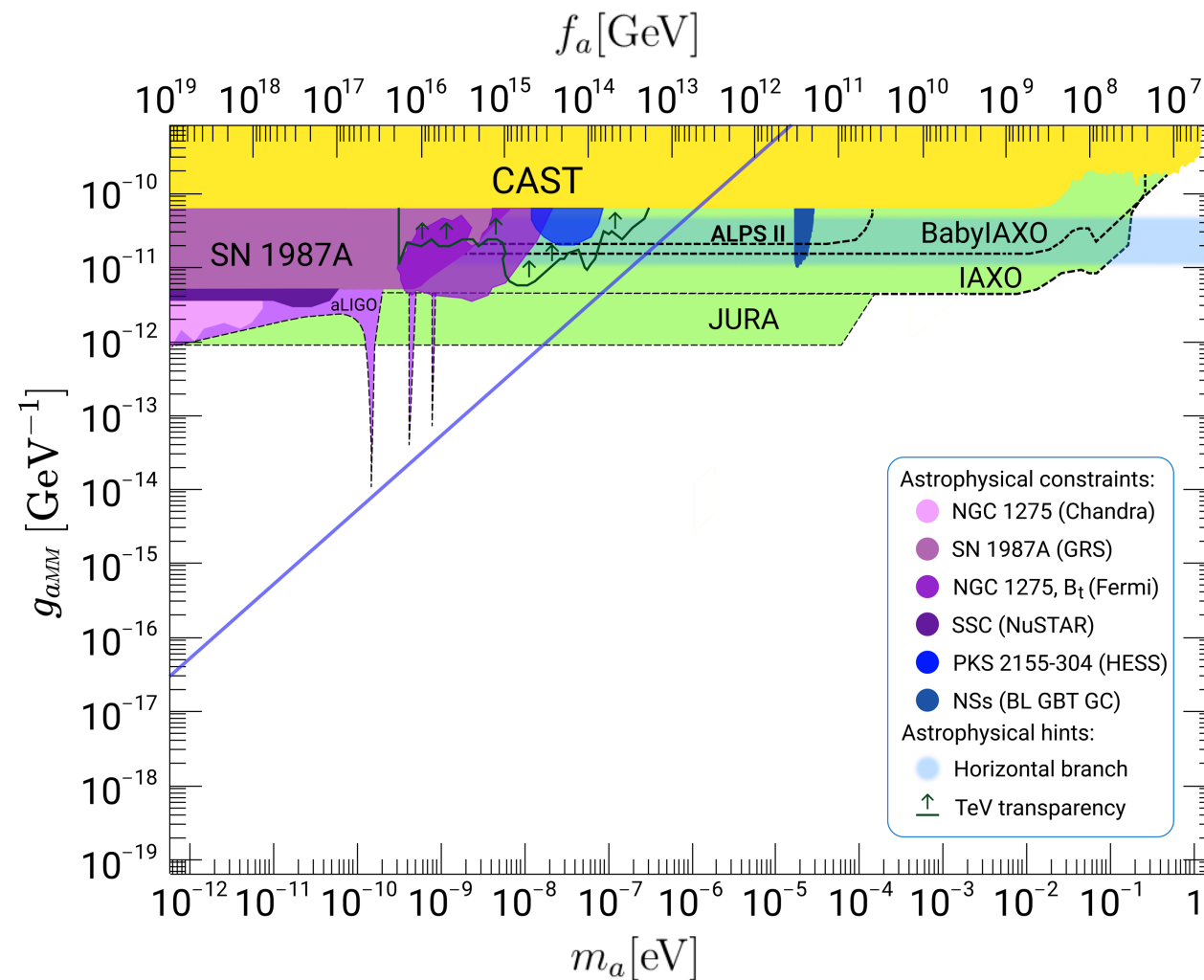
- Huge hierarchy because of DSZ charge quantization condition:

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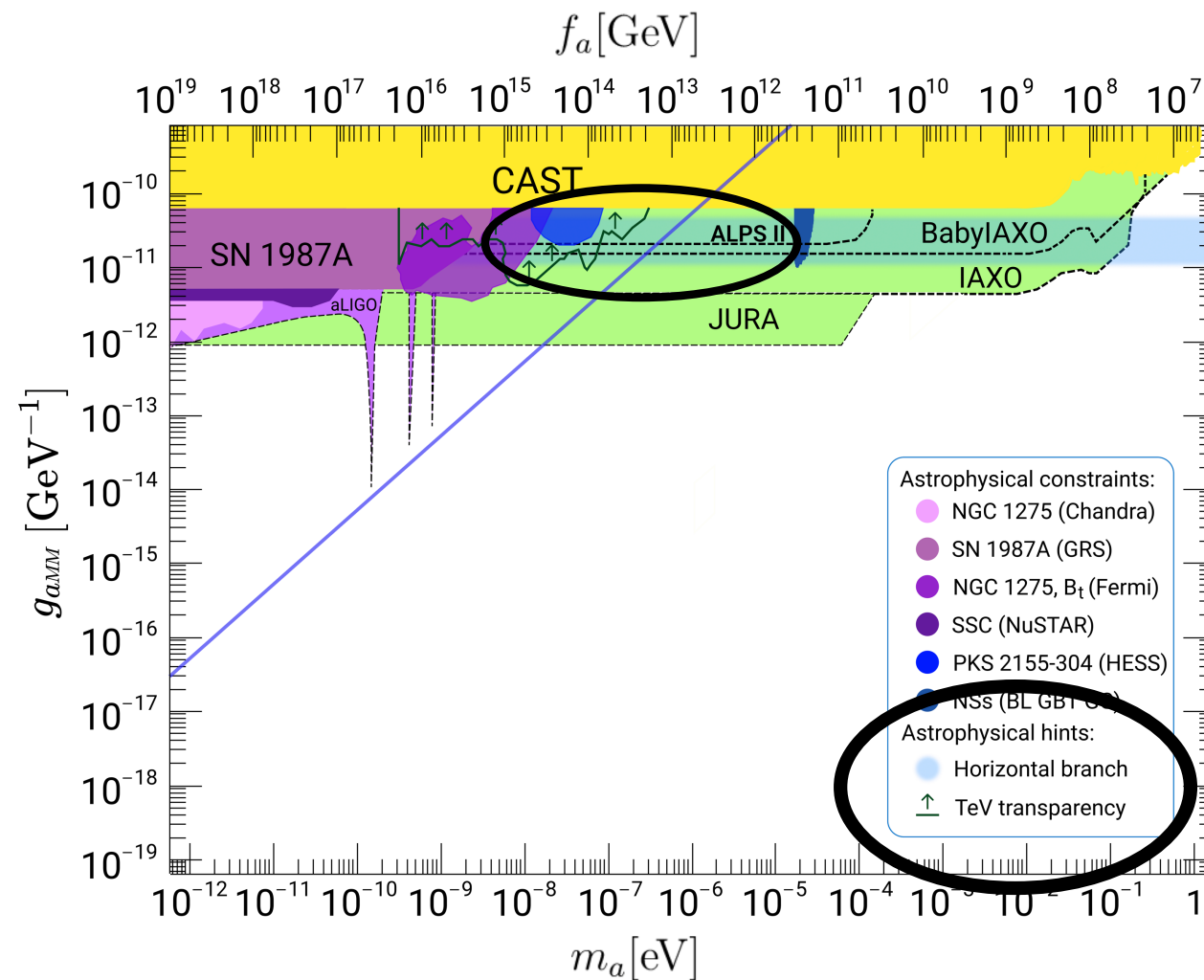


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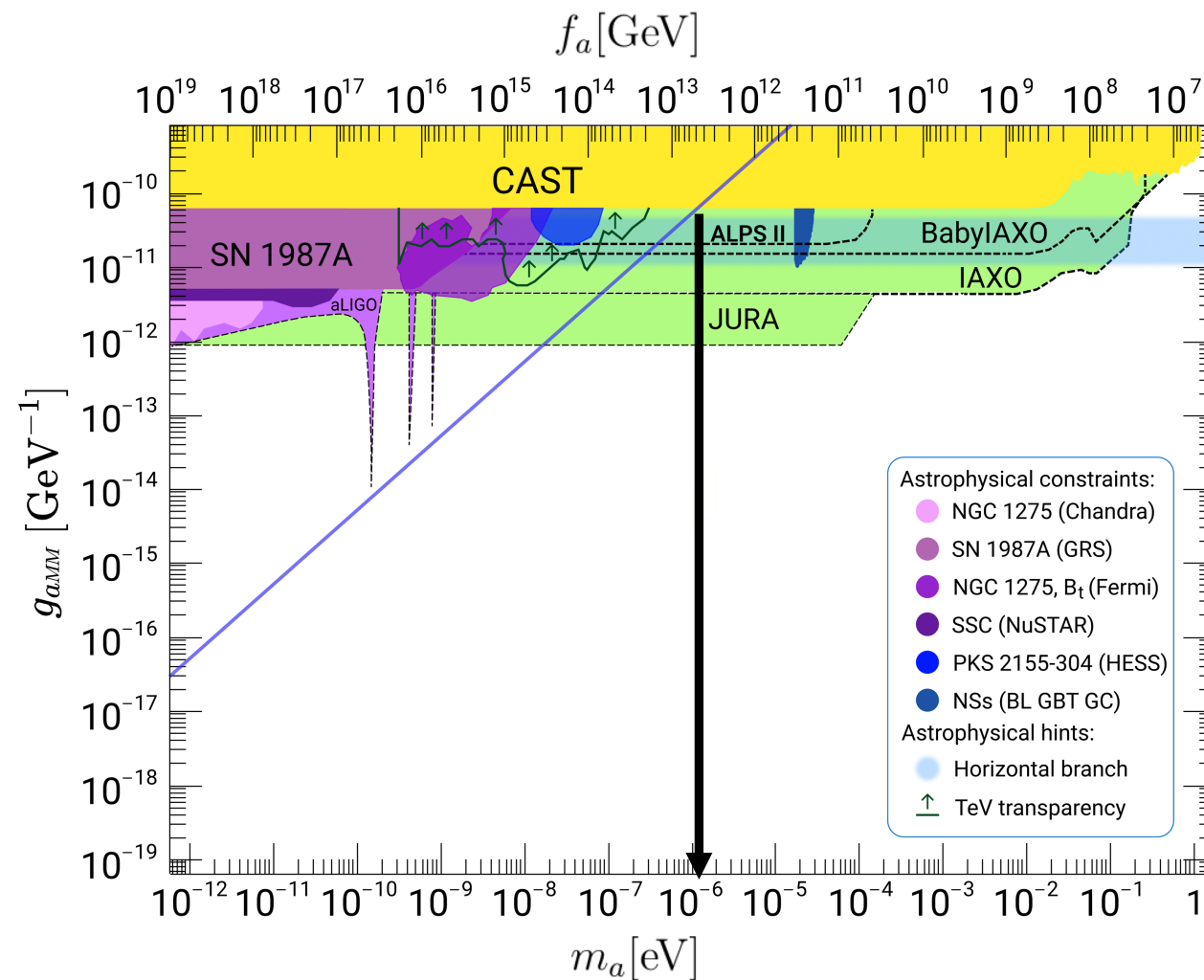


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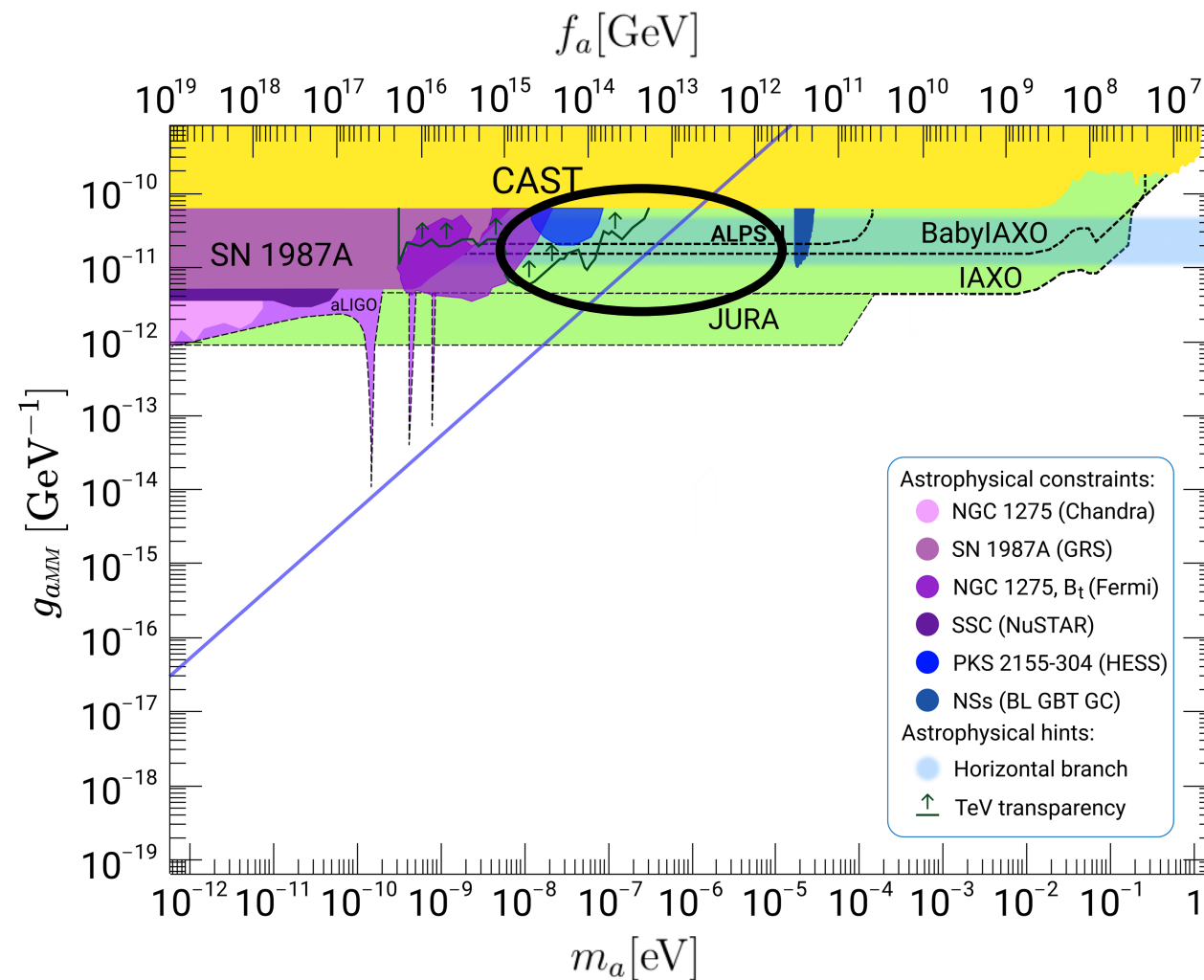


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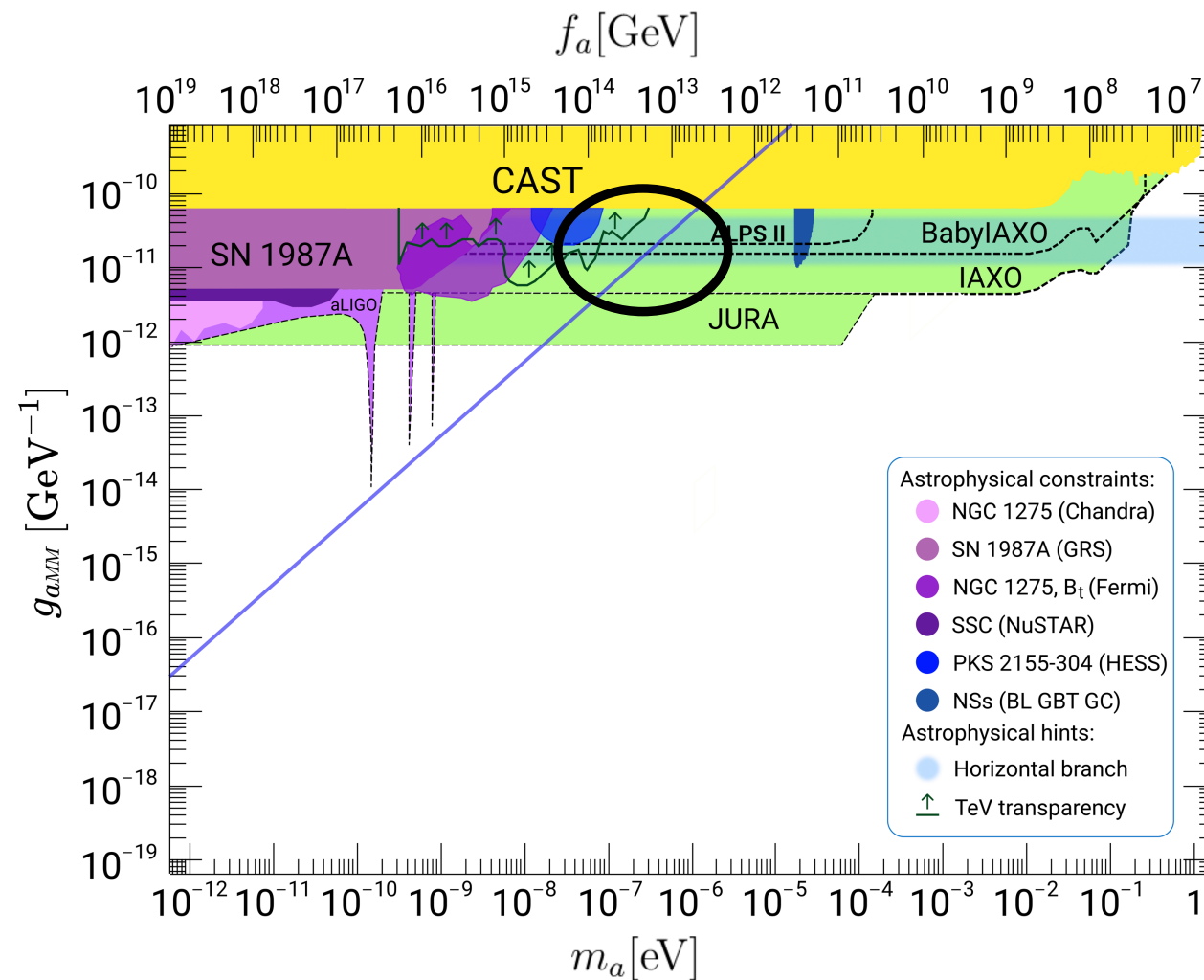
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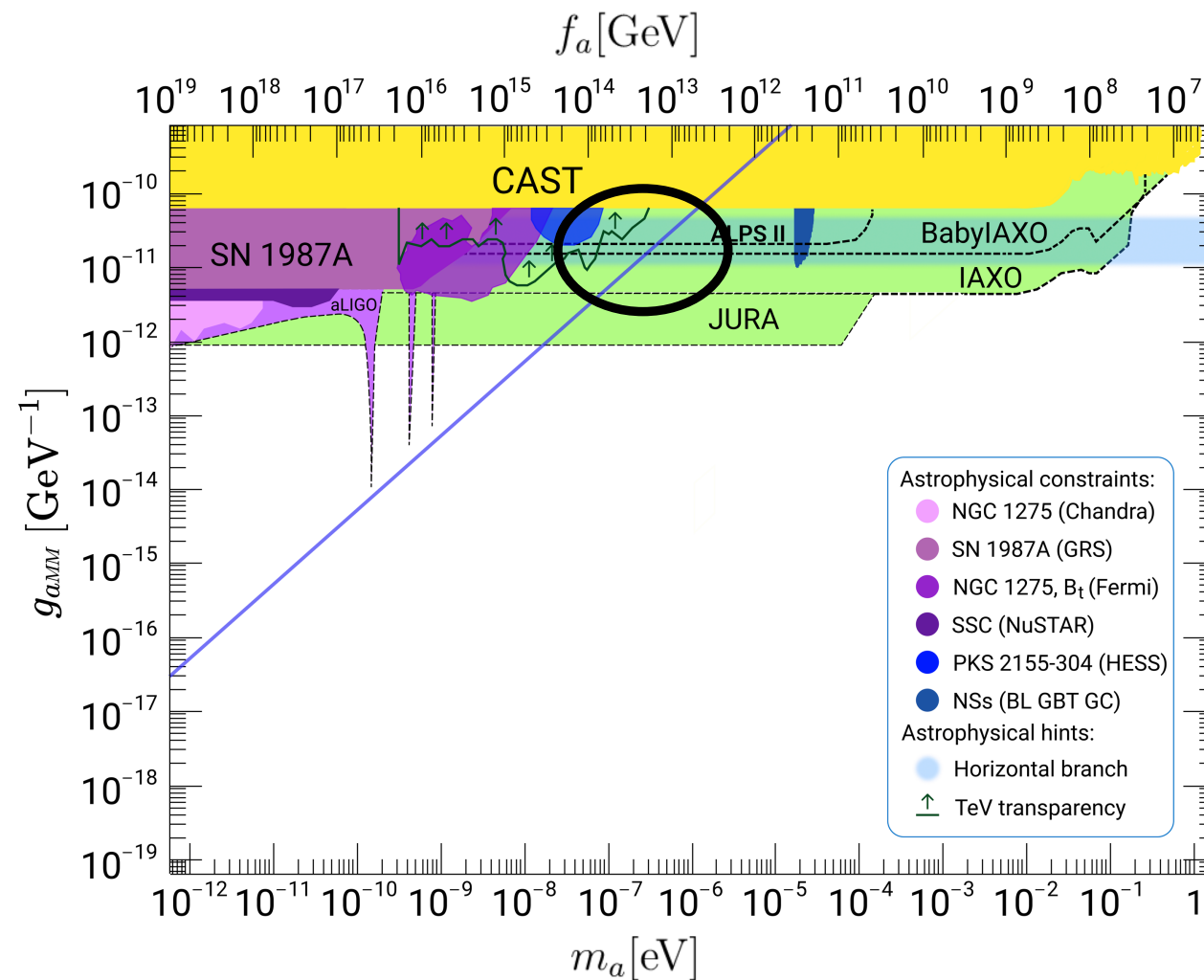
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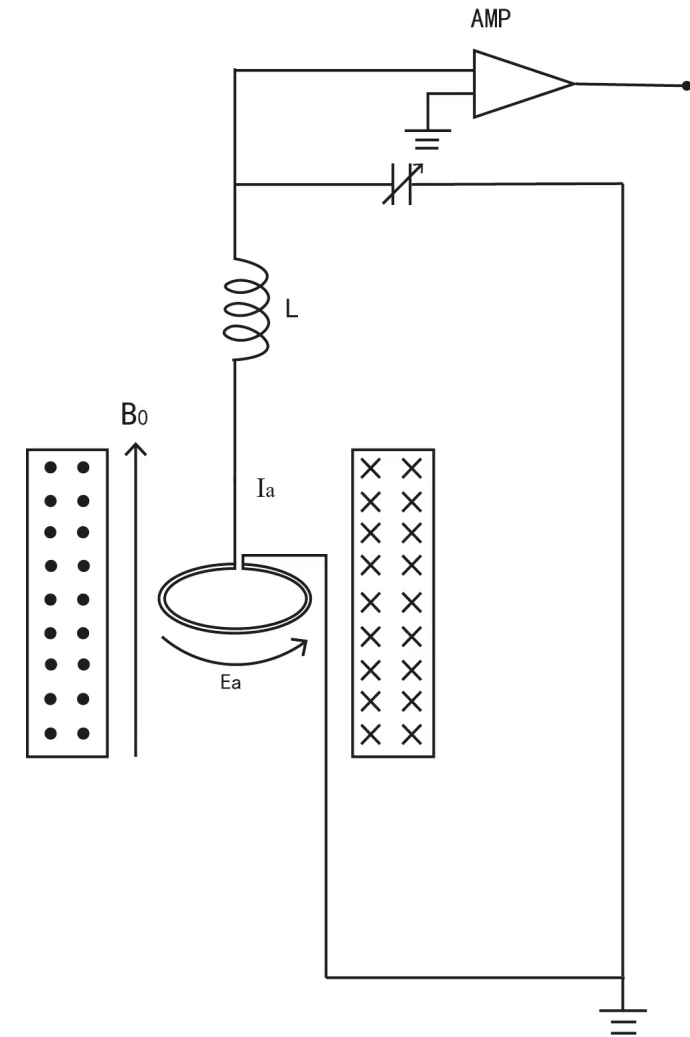
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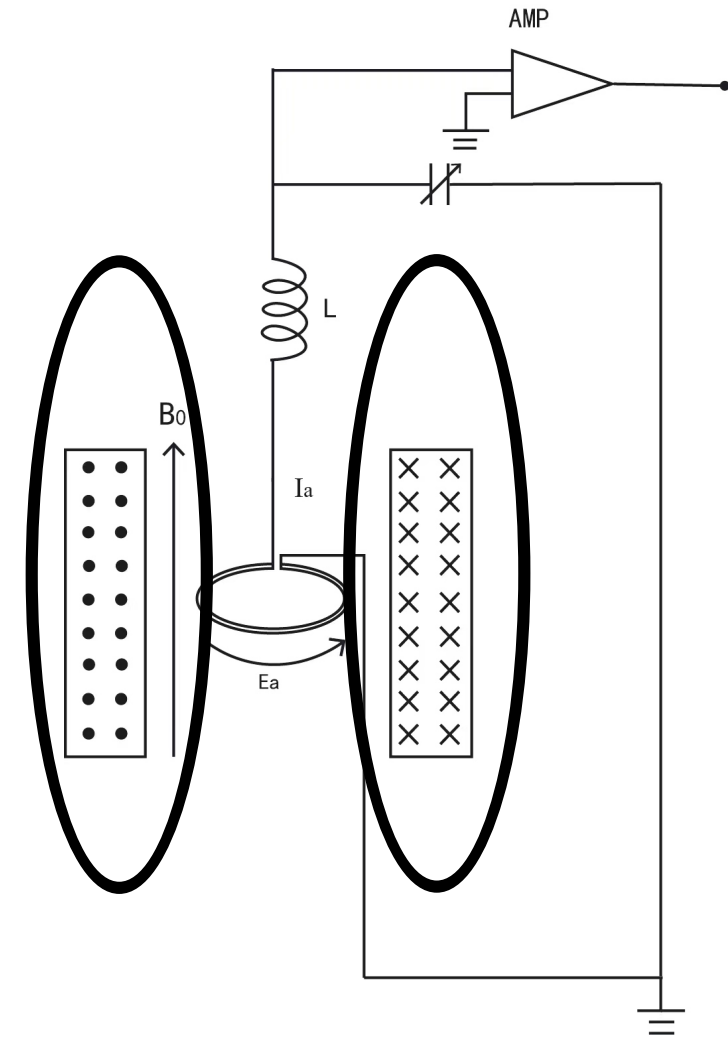
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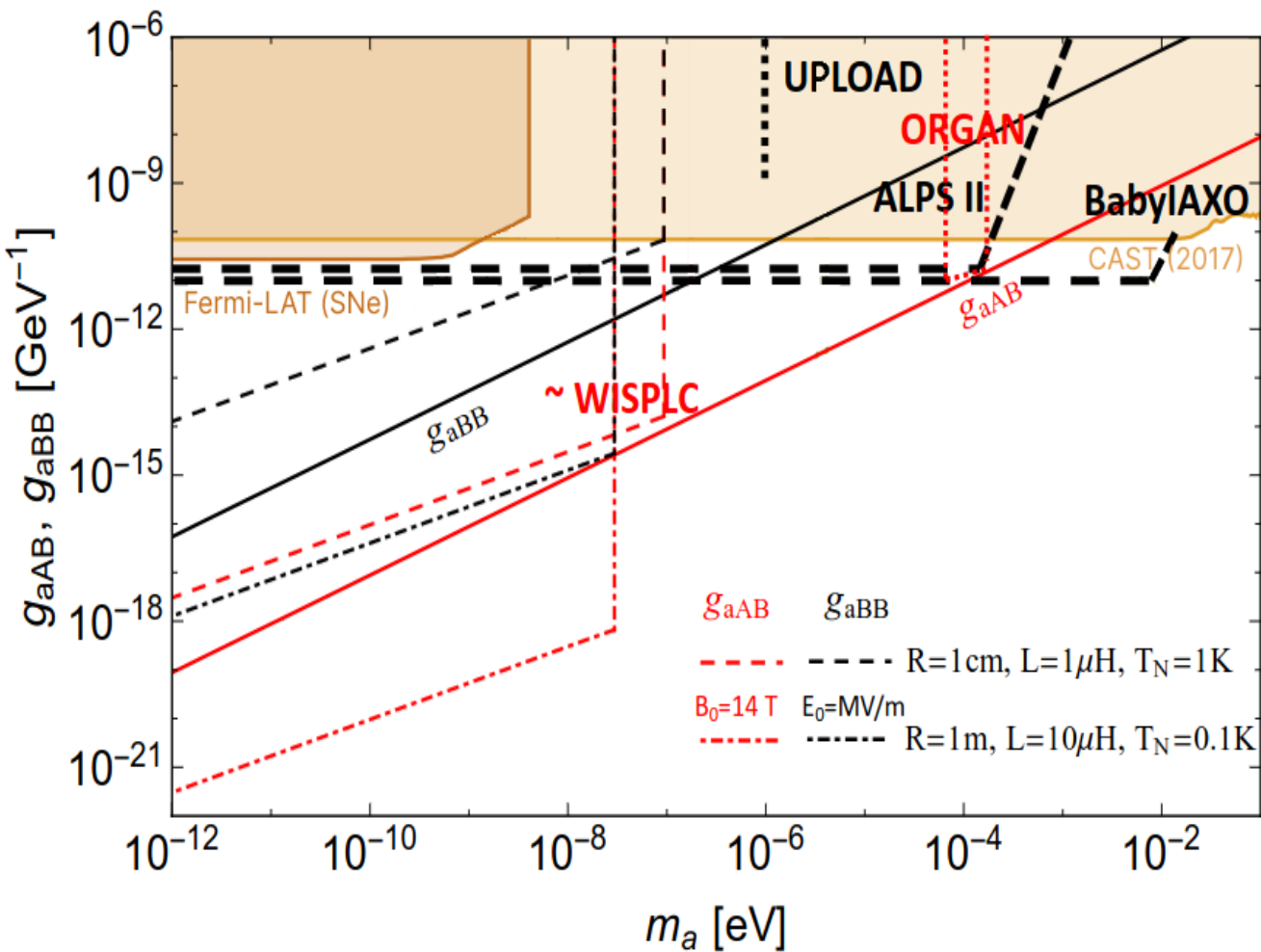
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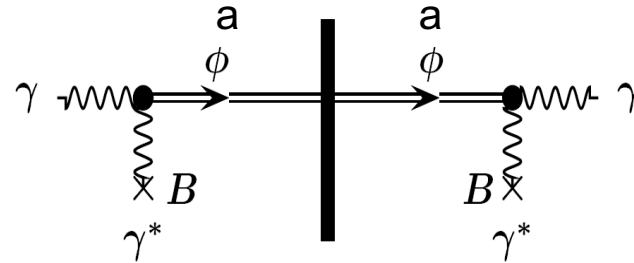
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- Idea of proof of Lorentz invariance of QEMD [Brandt, Neri, Zwanziger '78]
 - For the proof of n-independence (Lorentz invariance) of the point-particle theory it was essential to use the point structure of particle charge
 - The quantum field theoretic proof of n-independence (and Lorentz invariance) is based on the functional integral formulation of QEMD
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$$\mathcal{Z}[\tilde{a}, \tilde{c}] = \mathcal{N} \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}C \exp \left\{ i \left(S_Z[A + \tilde{a}, C + \tilde{c}] + S_G[A + \tilde{a}, C + \tilde{c}] + S_D[A + \tilde{a}, C + \tilde{c}, \psi, \bar{\psi}] \right) \right\}$$
 - Functional integral over fermions can be converted into series of integrals over closed point-particle trajectories
 - Remaining Gaussian integration over gauge fields can be performed [Feynman '48; Schwinger 51]
 - n-dependent term in the effective action functional is proportional to $e_i g_j - e_j g_i$ and the number of times the trajectory of one particle intersects some oriented n_μ -dependent three-surface associated to the trajectory of another particle, which is simply an integer but for some exceptional trajectories that form a measure zero subset and can therefore be omitted in the integral over all trajectories
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