

# Axions as Dark Matter Candidates

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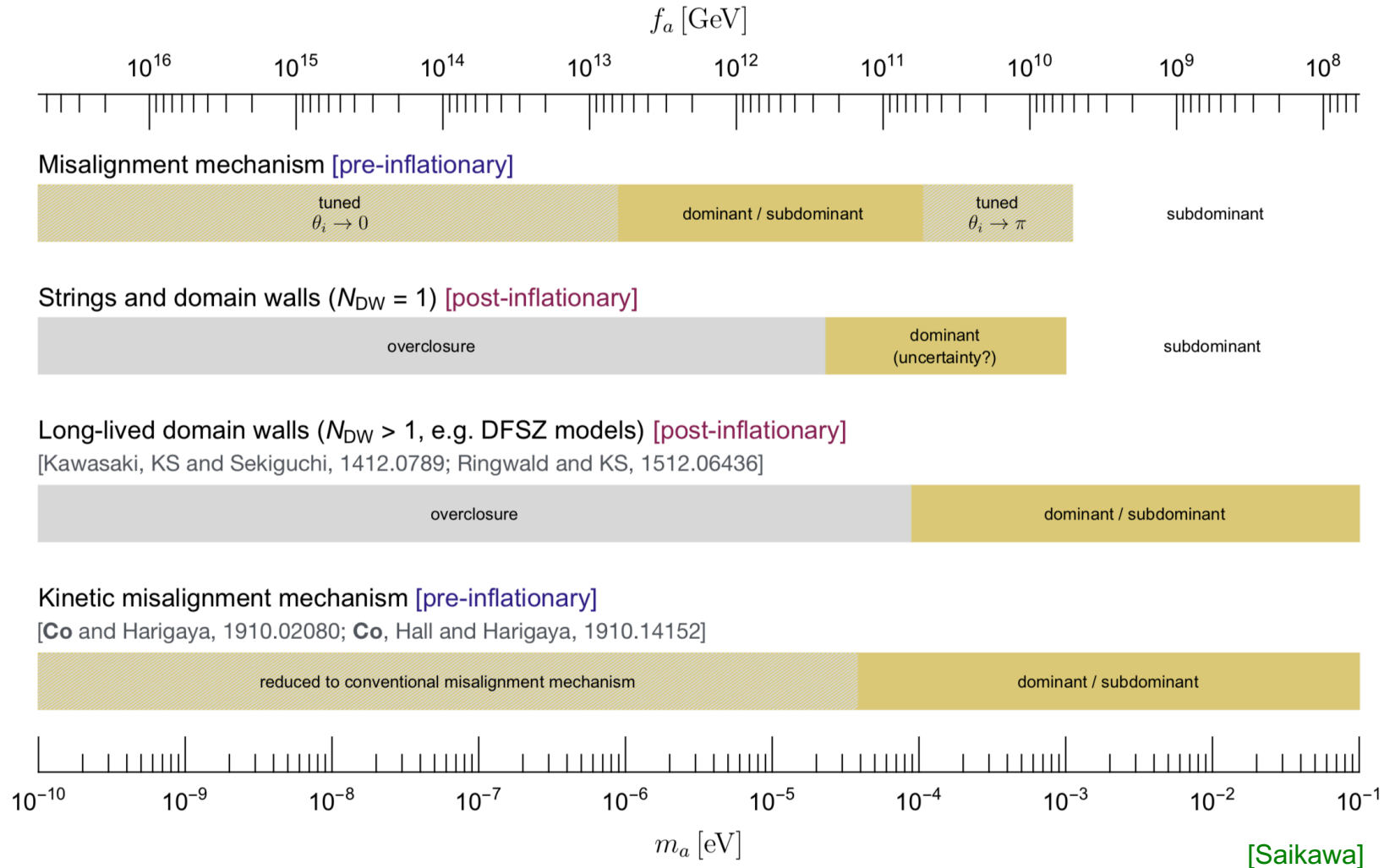


# Today's Plan

- Vacuum Structure in Quantum Chromodynamics
- Strong CP Puzzle
- The Axion
- Axion Dark Matter
- **Axion Experiments (continued)**

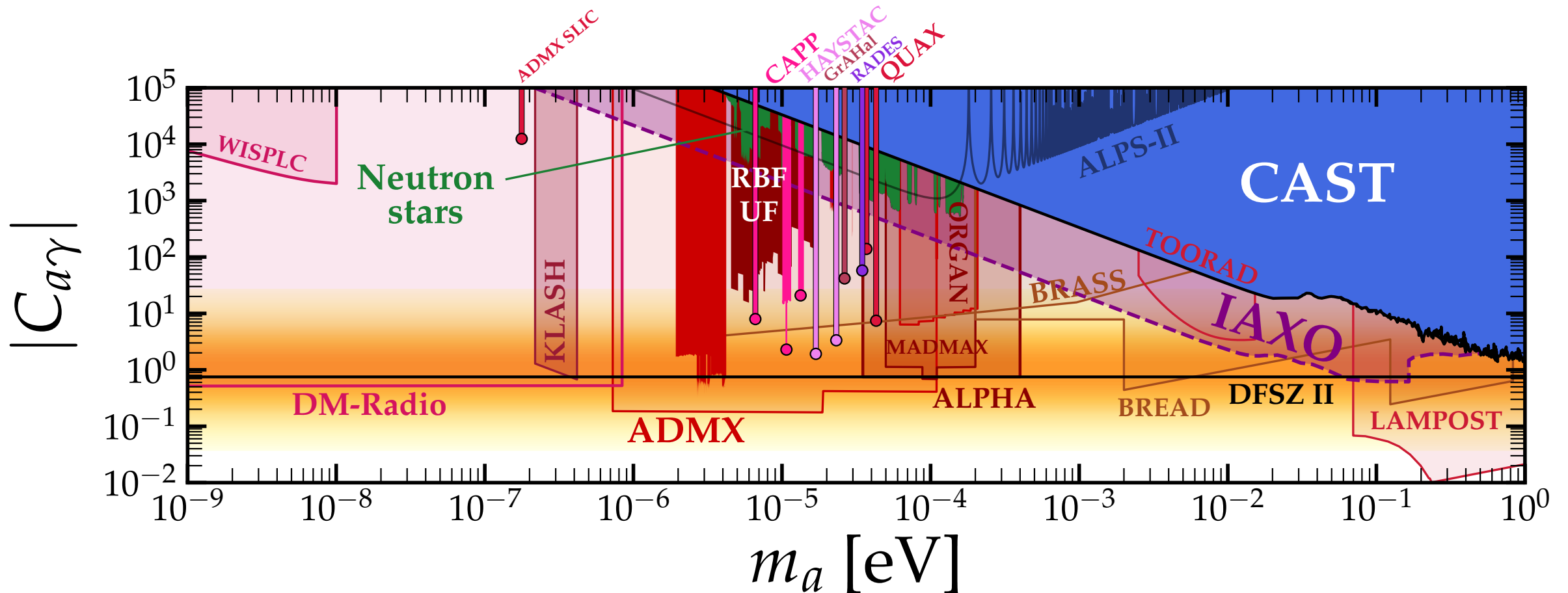
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## Recap :Dark Matter axion mass spans a huge range



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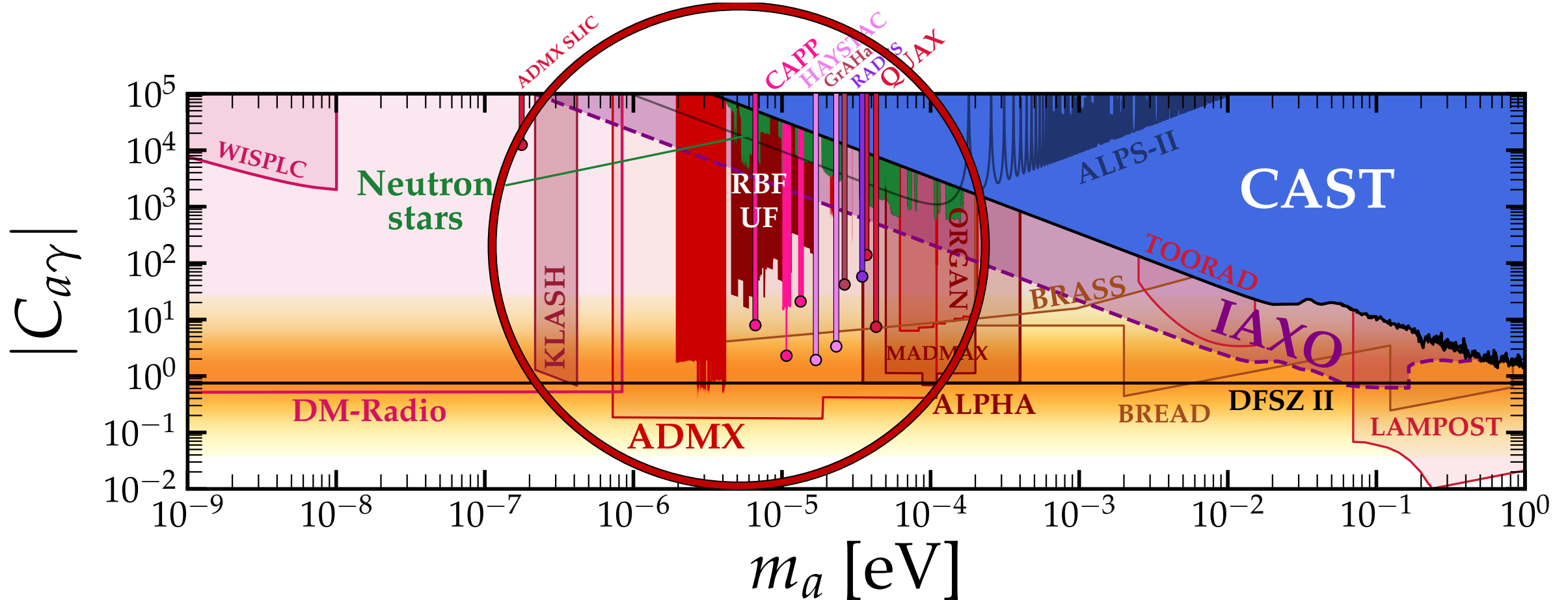
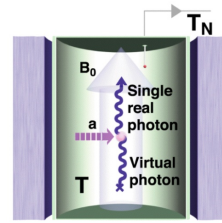
## Recap: Projections of experiments



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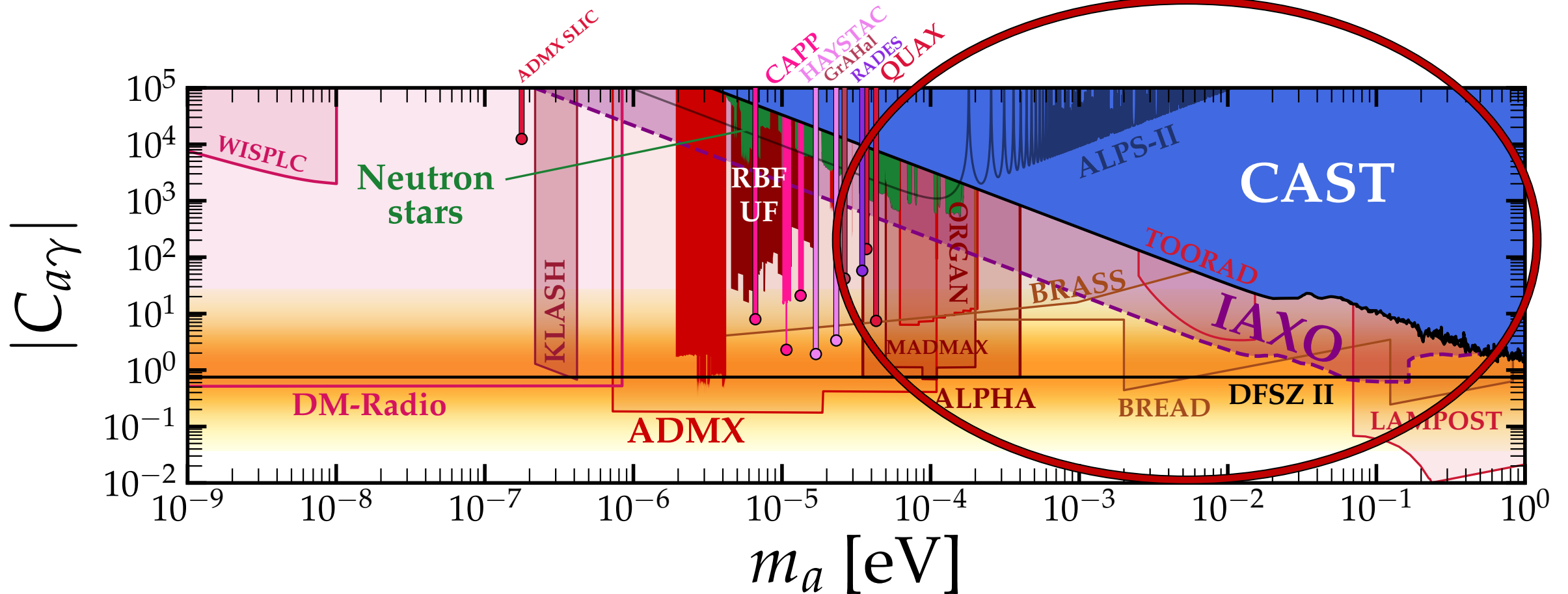
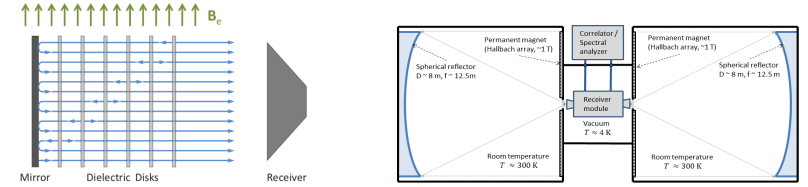
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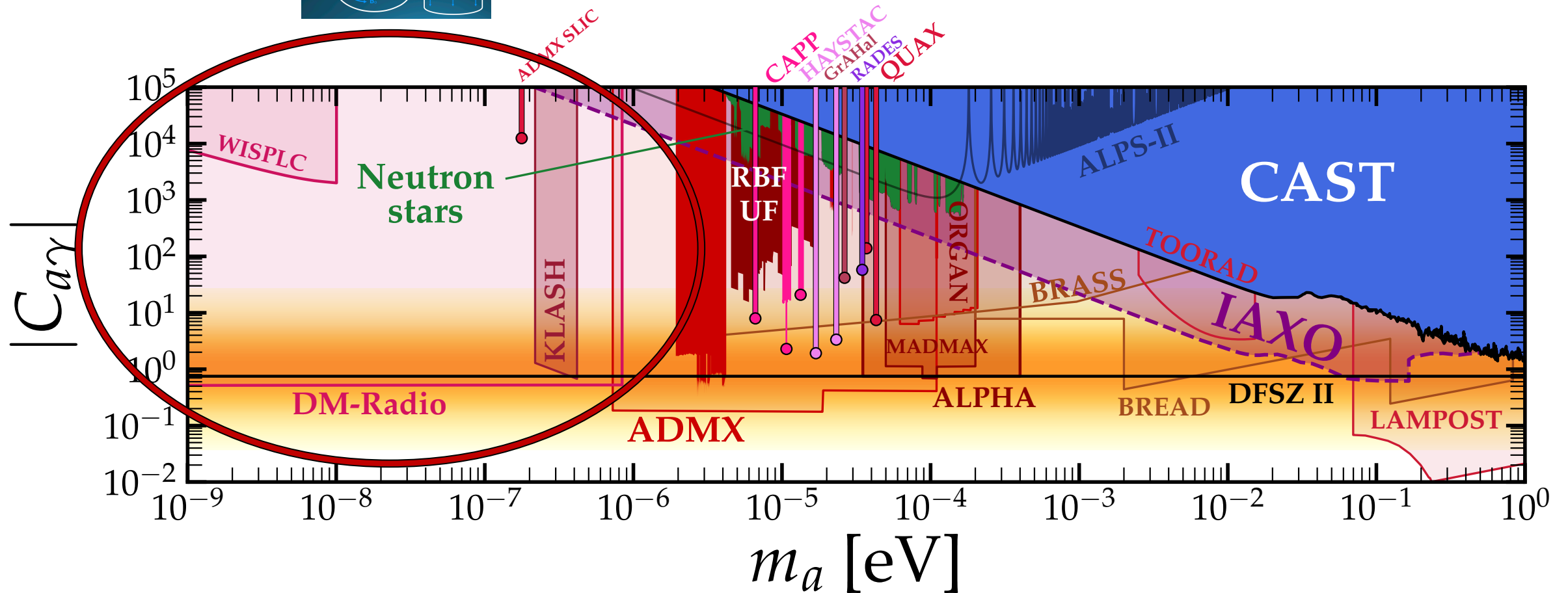
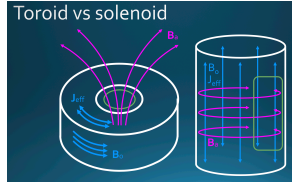
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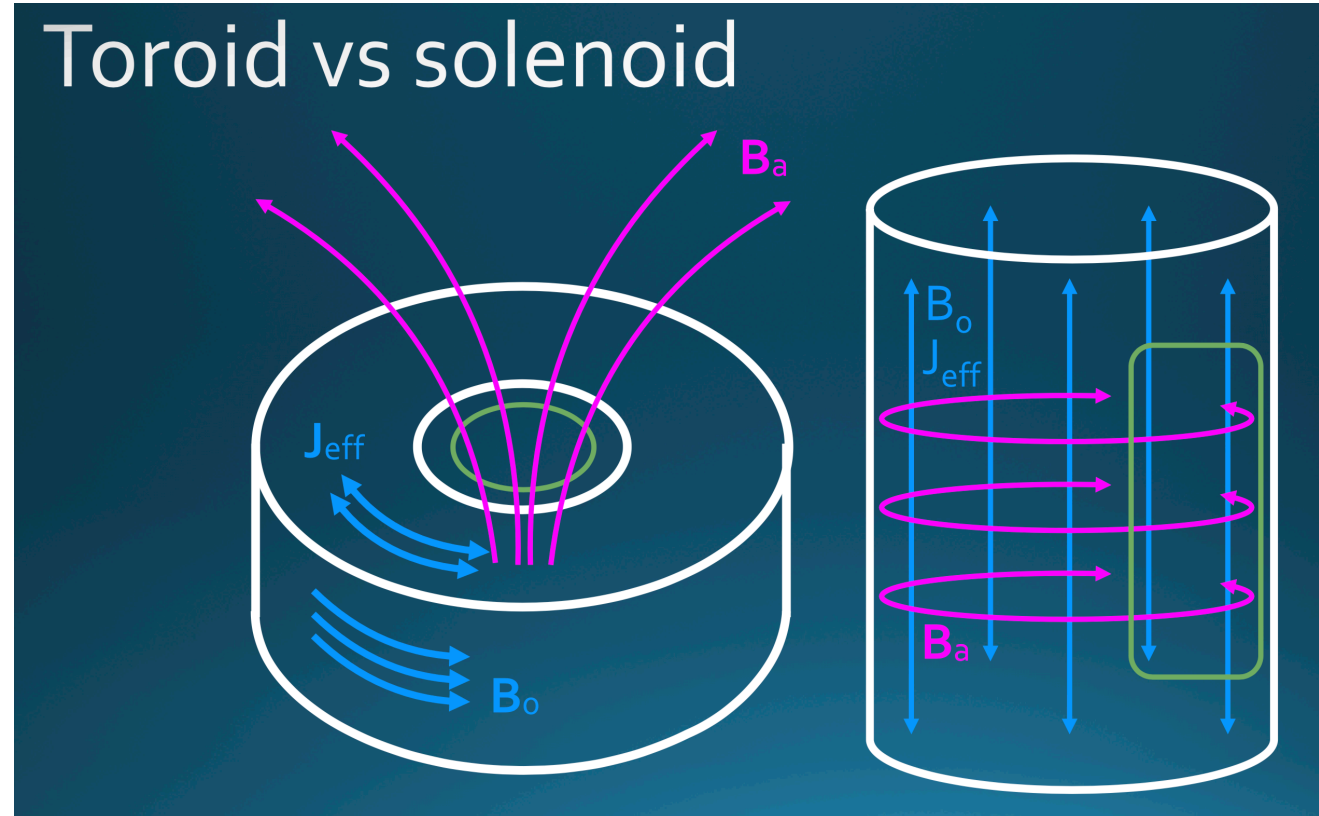
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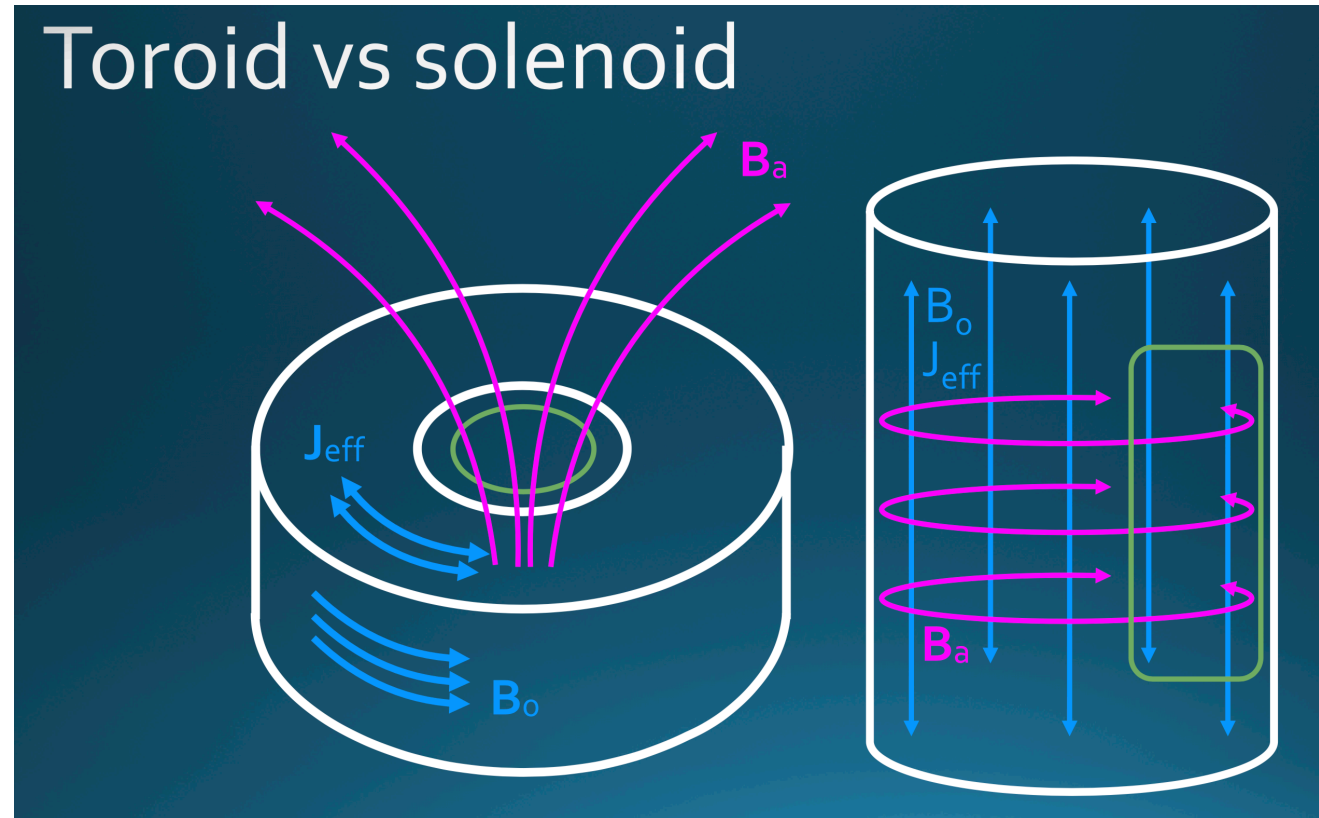


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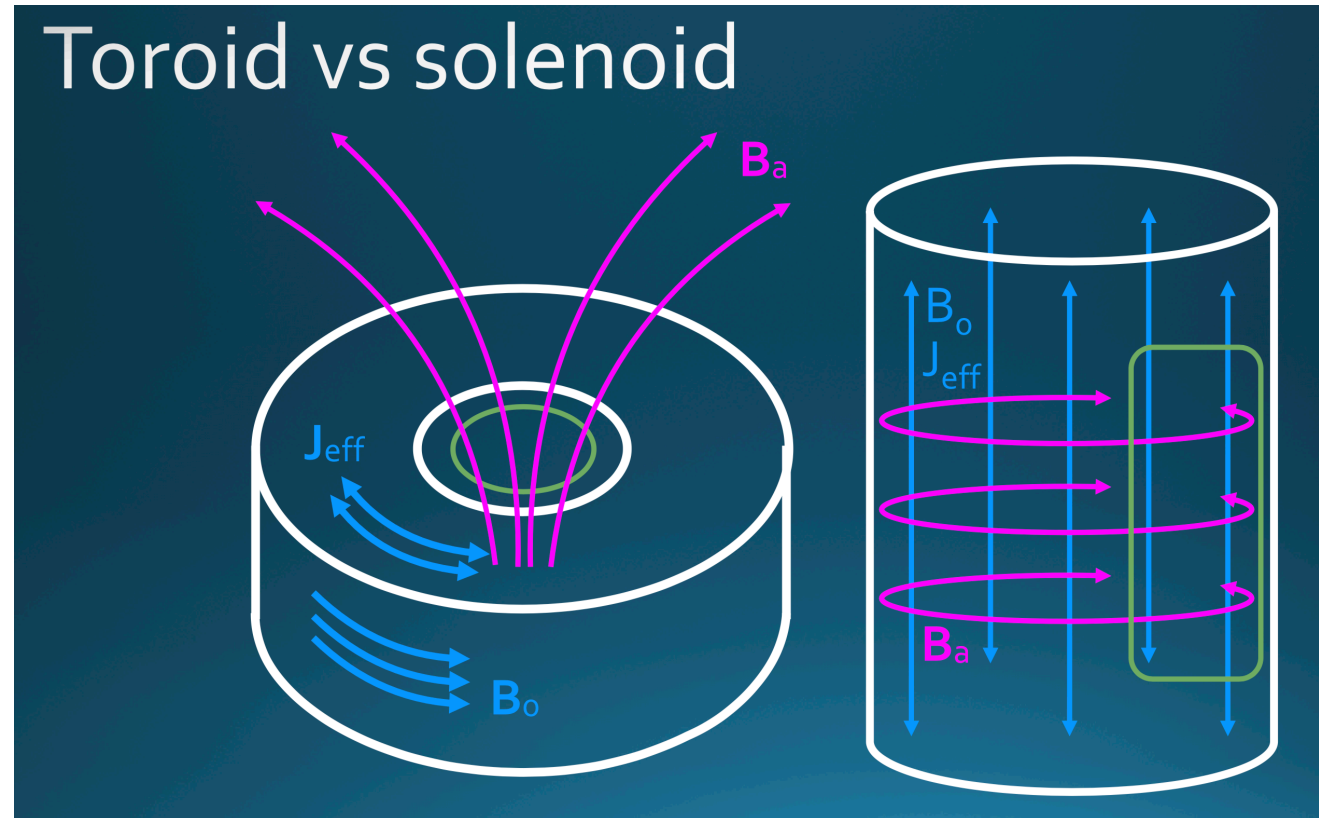
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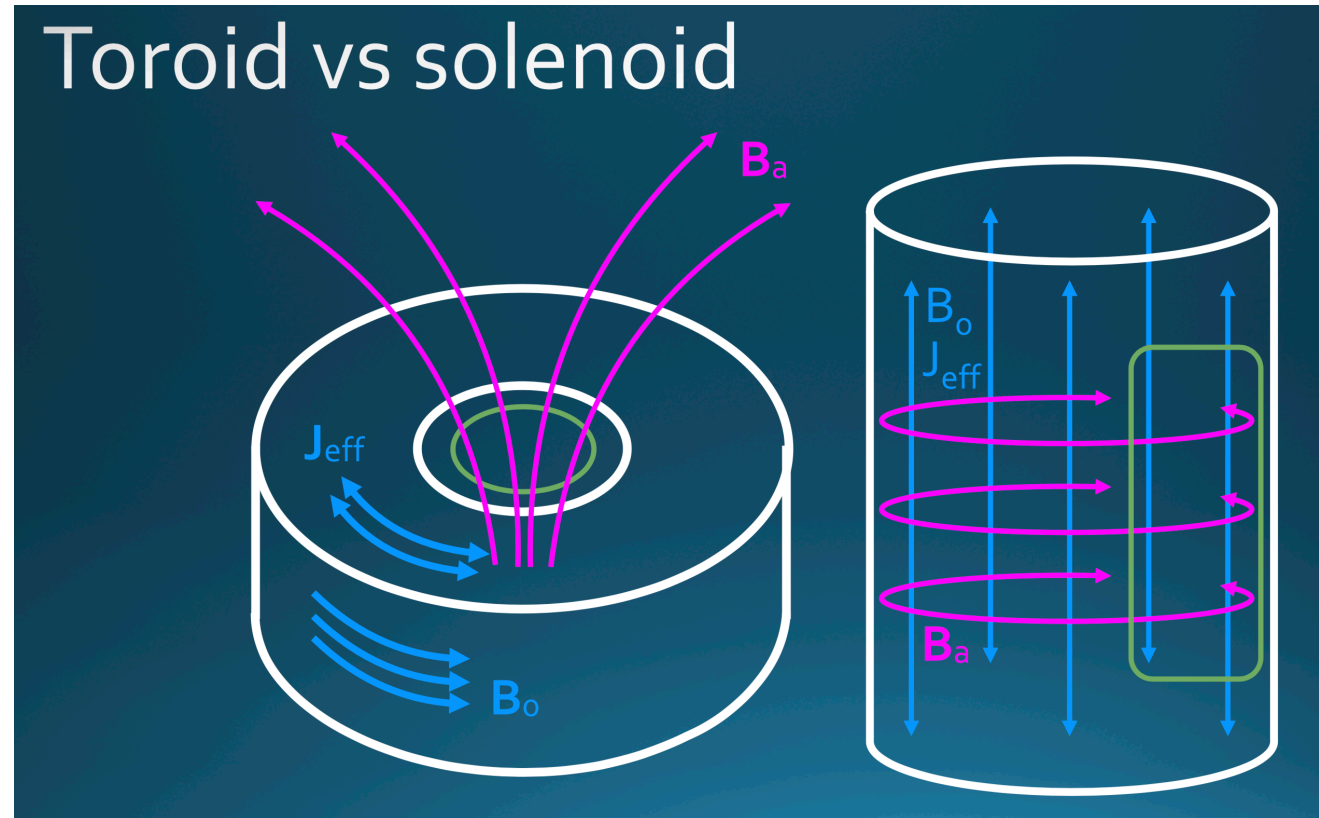
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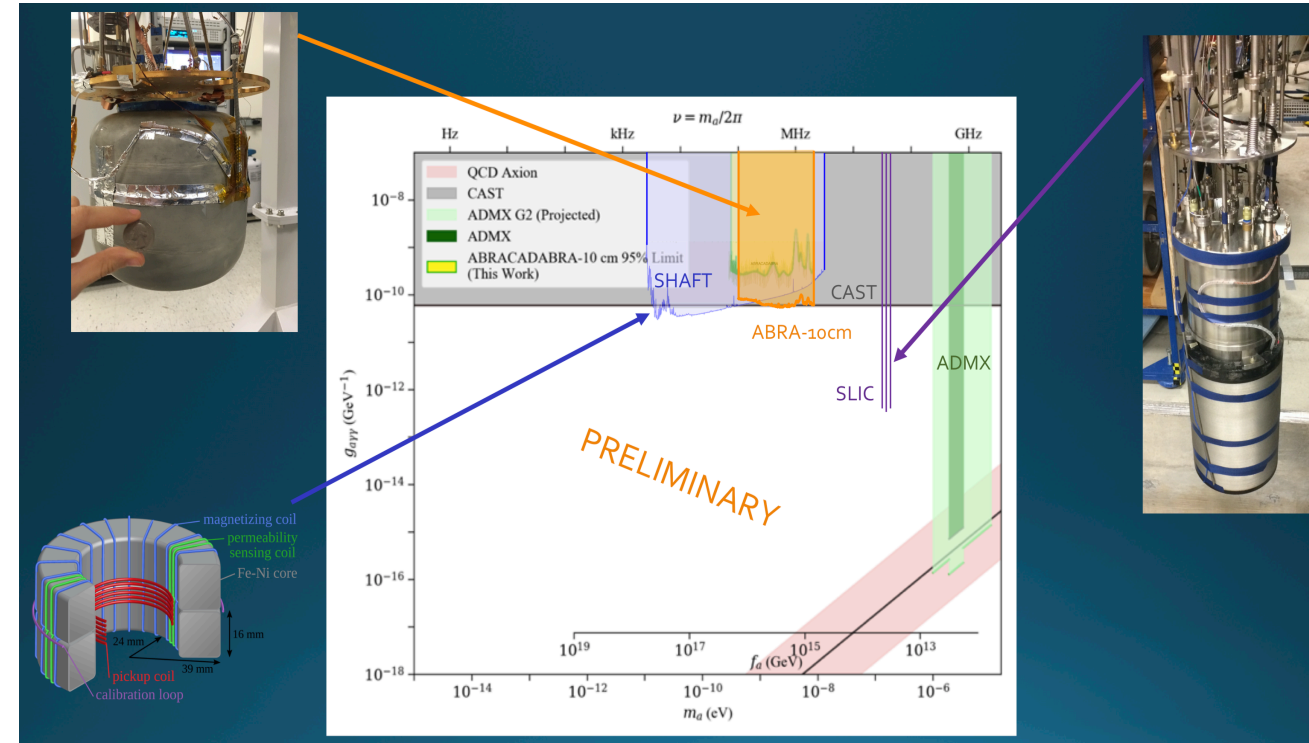
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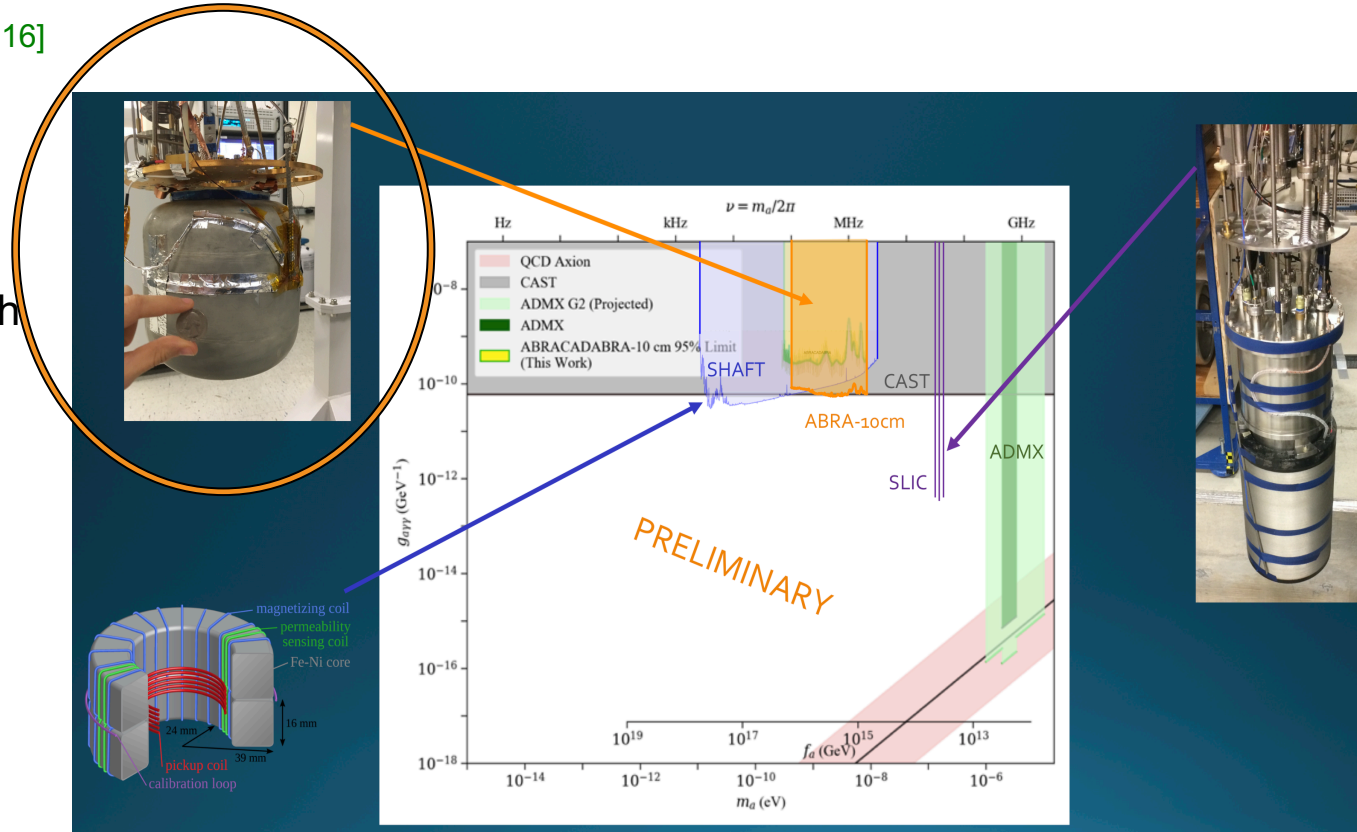
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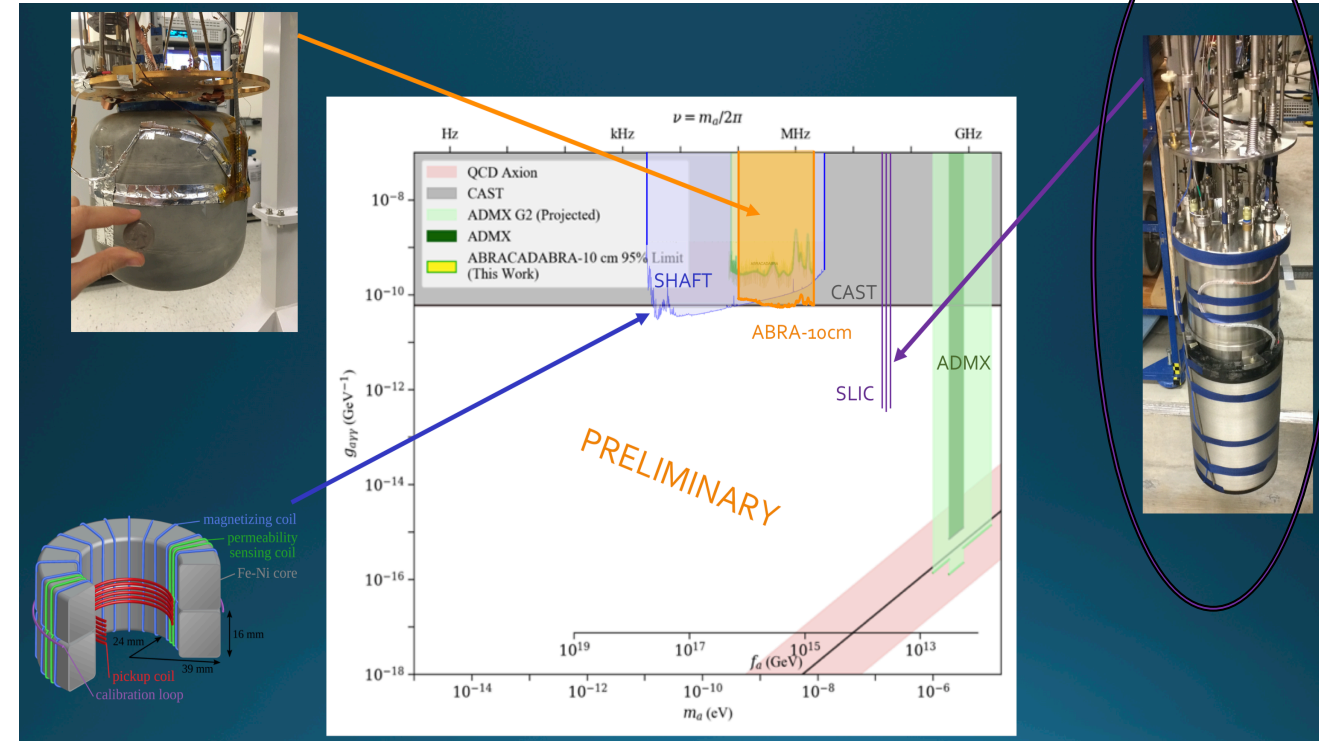
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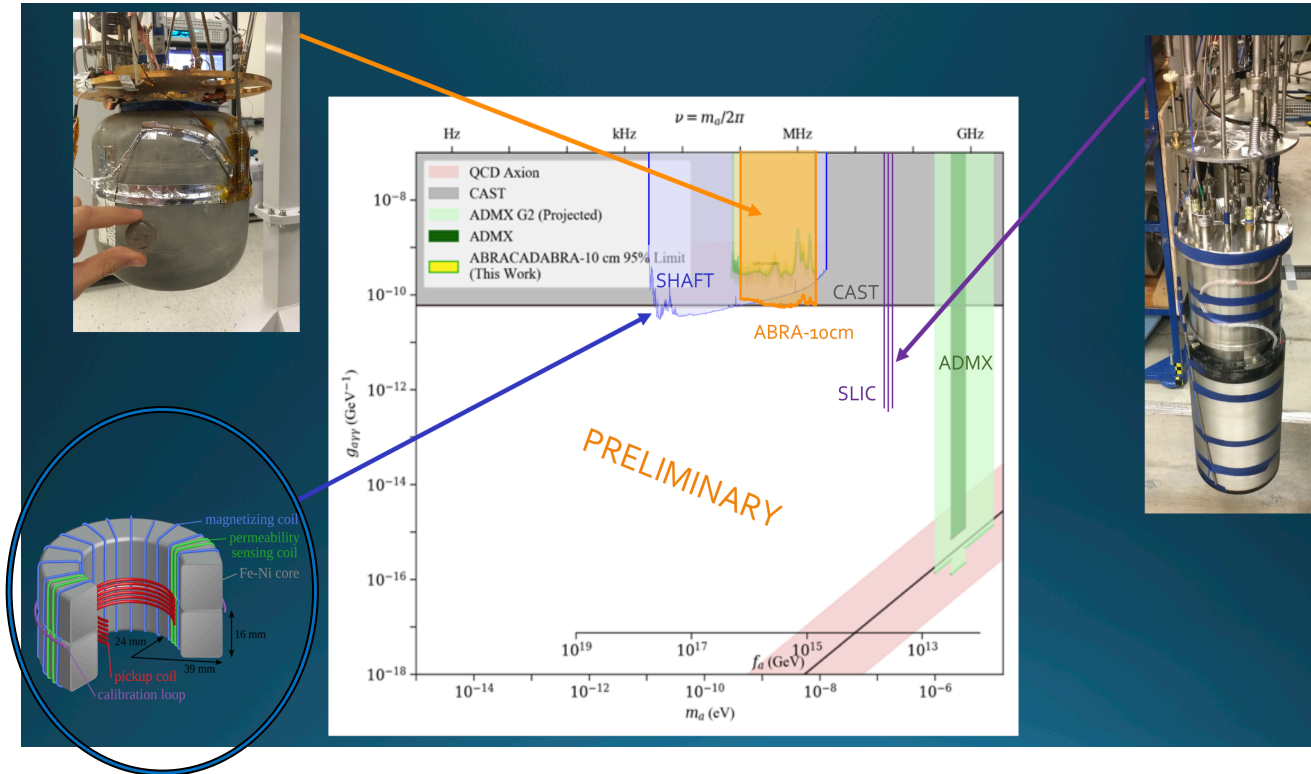
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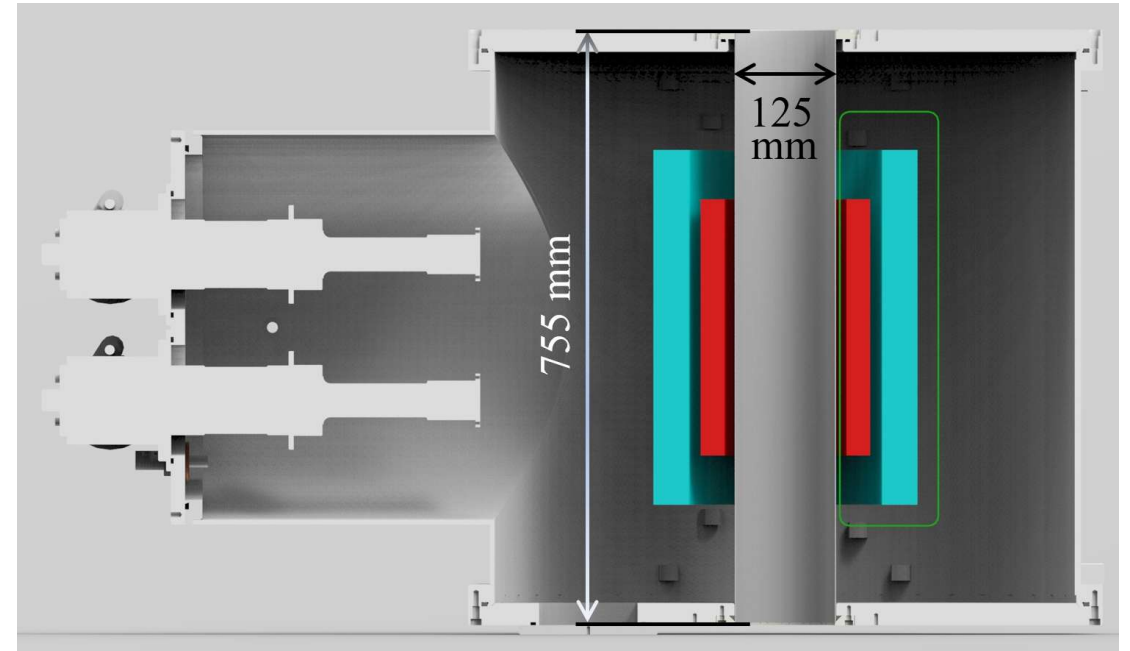
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TABLE I. Comparison of experimental parameters between WISPLC, ABRA. and SHAFT,  $C = |\vec{B}_{\text{max}}| V_{\text{magnet}} \mathcal{G}_V$ .

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ABRA. <sup>c</sup>	1	0.027	$8.9 \times 10^{-4}$	1.55
WISPLC	14	0.074	$2.4 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.60 \times 10^3$

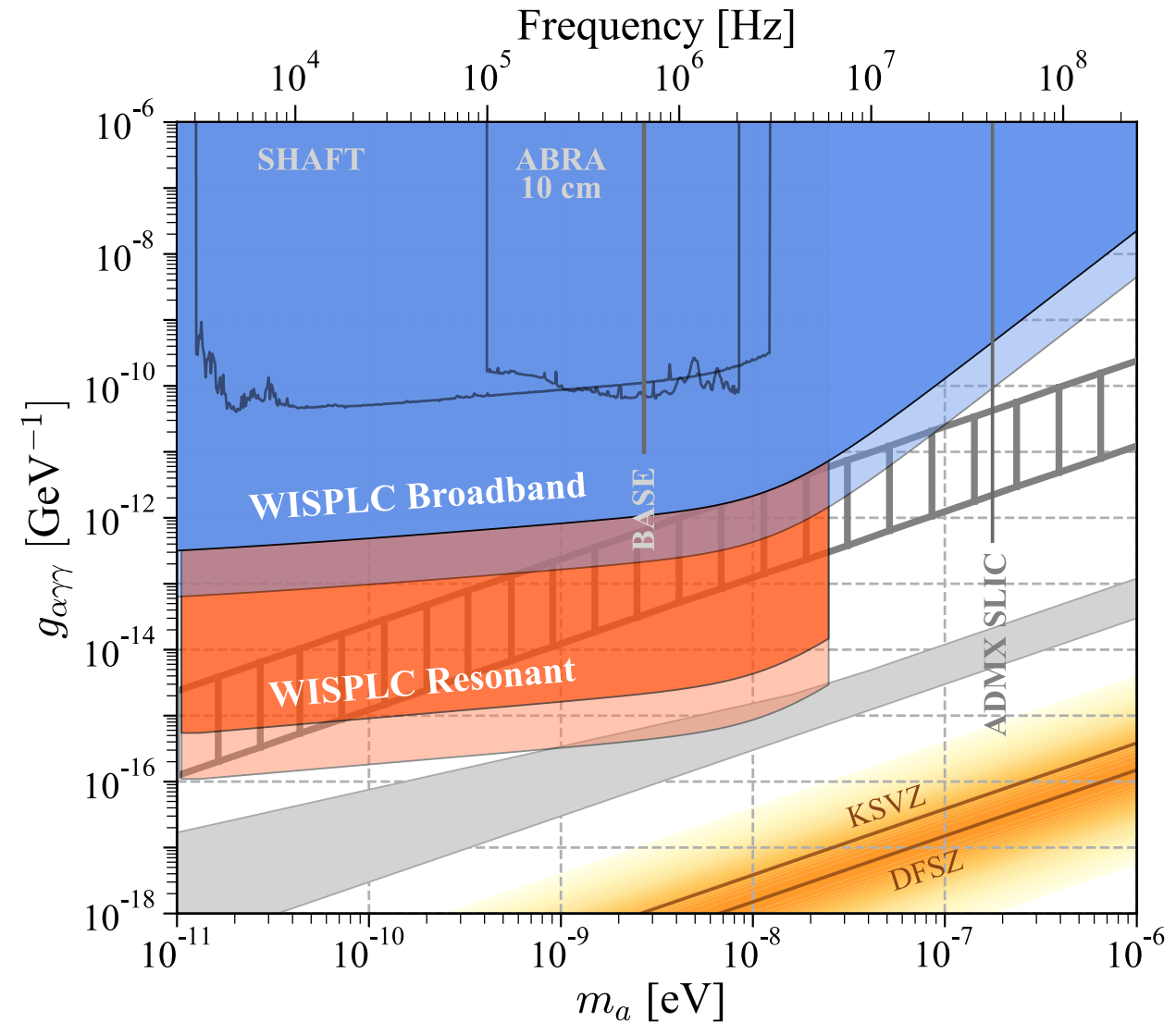


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## DM Radio Cubic Meter Consortium

Funded as part of DOE New Initiatives in Dark Matter program

### R&D Phase Consortium Leadership:

Project manager for R&D phase: Dale Li

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Role / Team Lead</u>
Kent Irwin	SLAC and Stanford	Consortium PI
Karl van Bibber	UC Berkeley	Magnet
Lindley Winslow	MIT	Magnetic shielding, vibration
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Peter Graham	Stanford	Theory
Reyco Henning	UNC Chapel Hill	Calibration and DAQ
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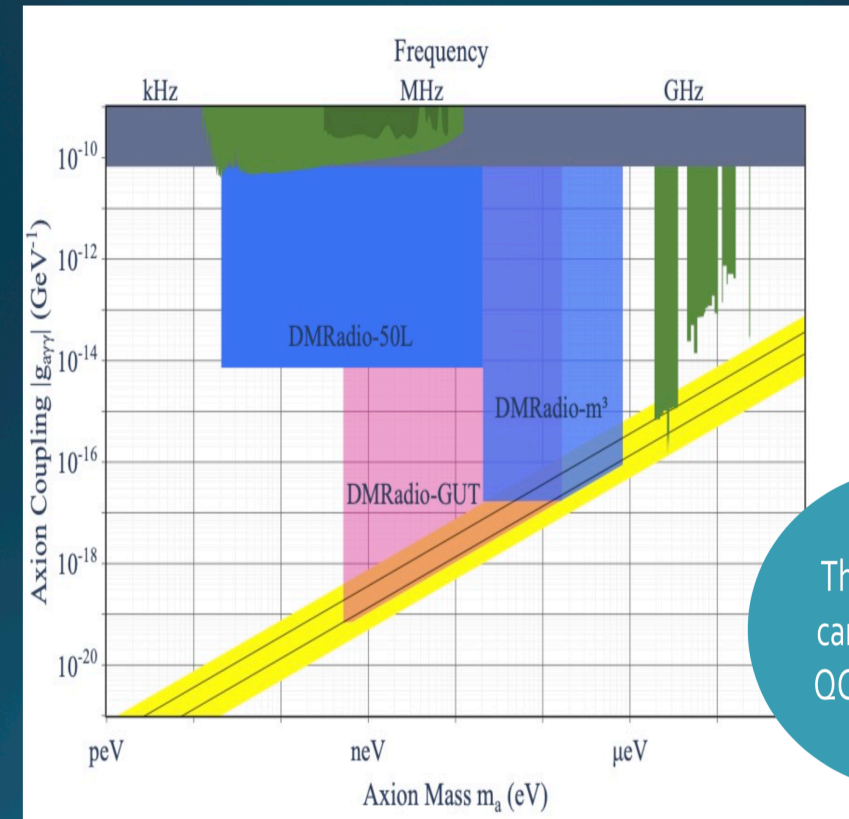
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## Better reach

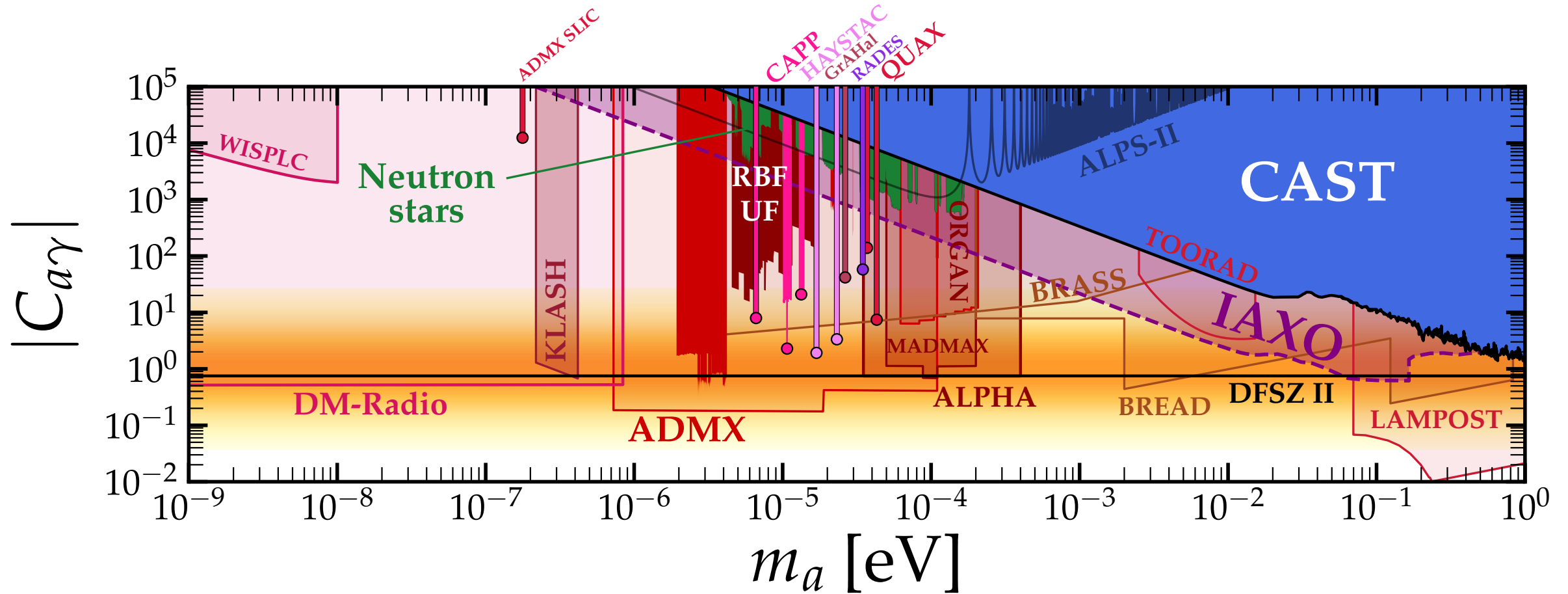


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Planned haloscopes may indeed cover whole mass range within foreseeable future



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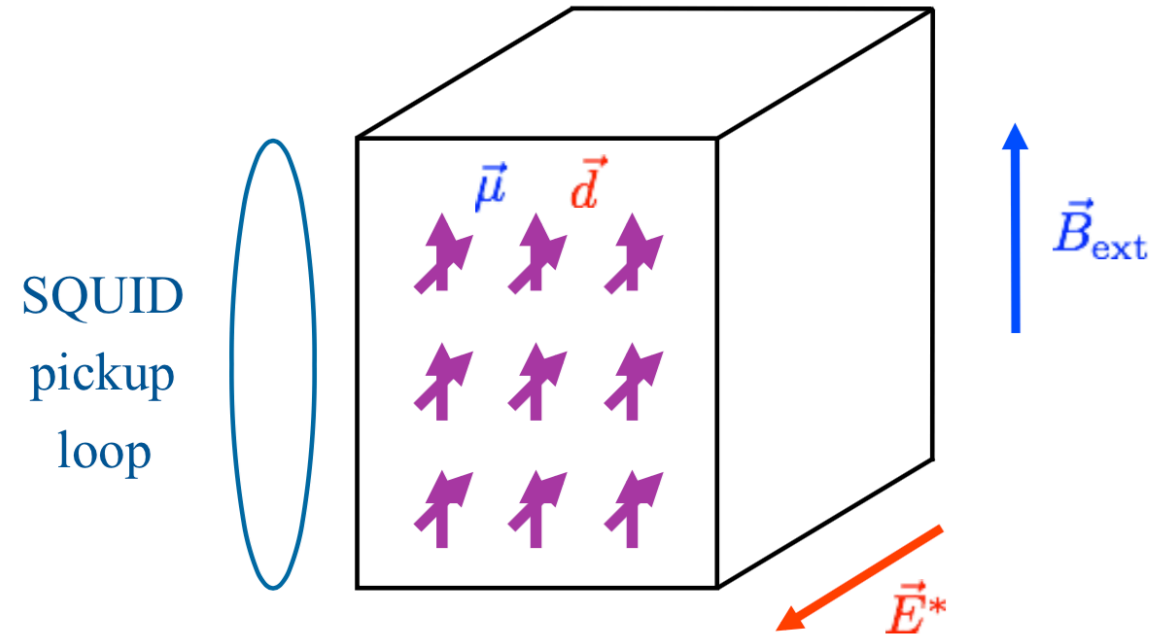
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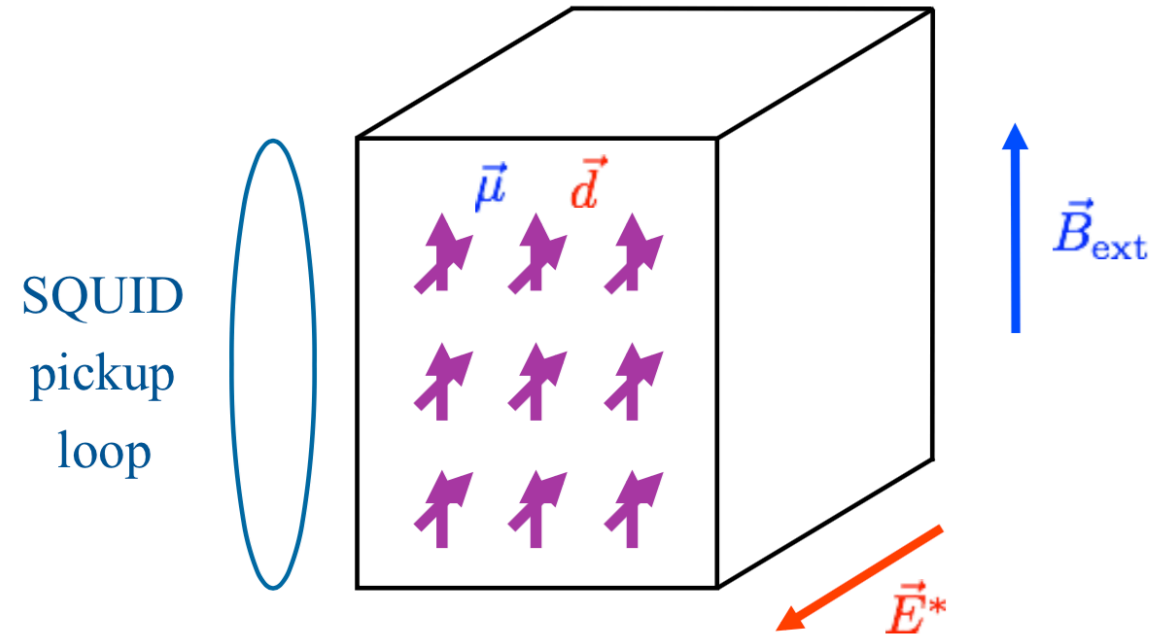
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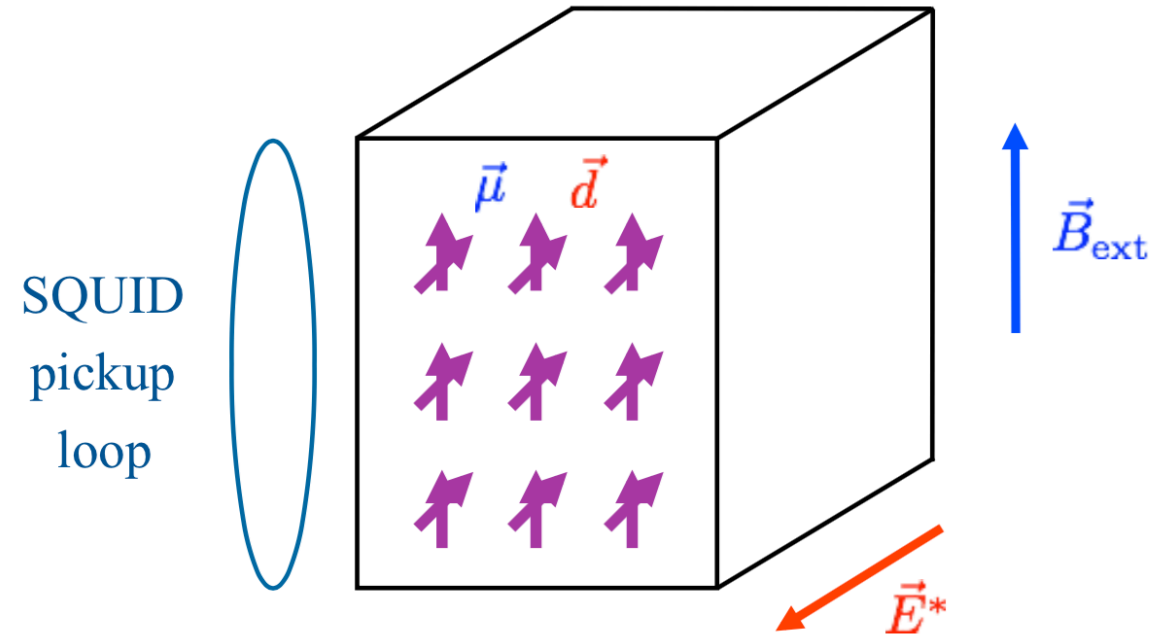
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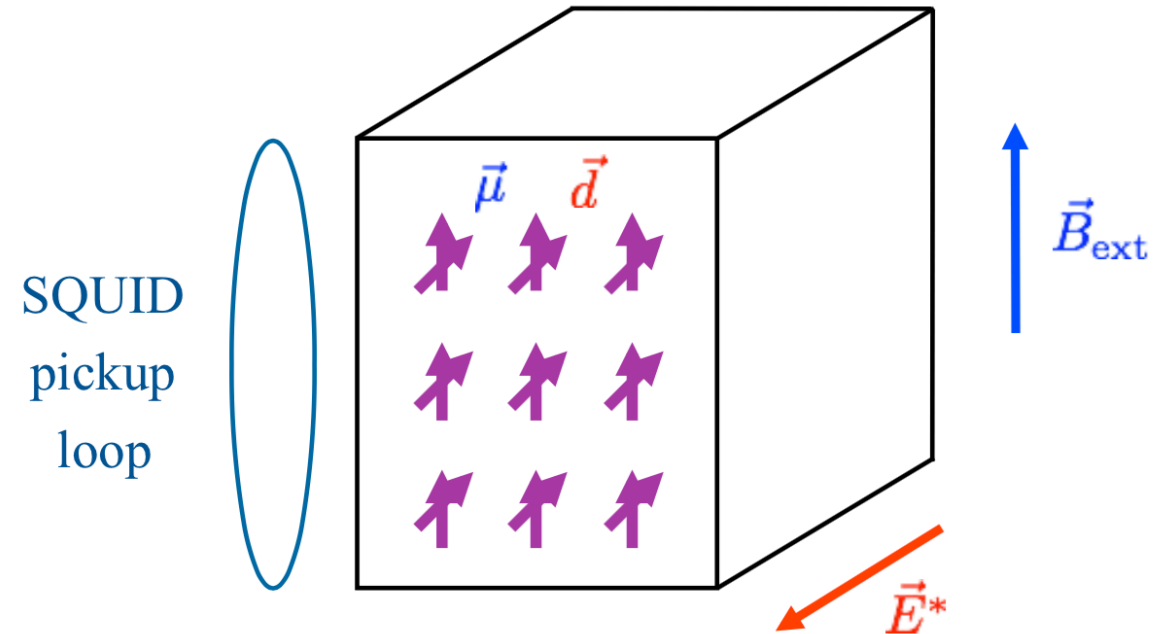
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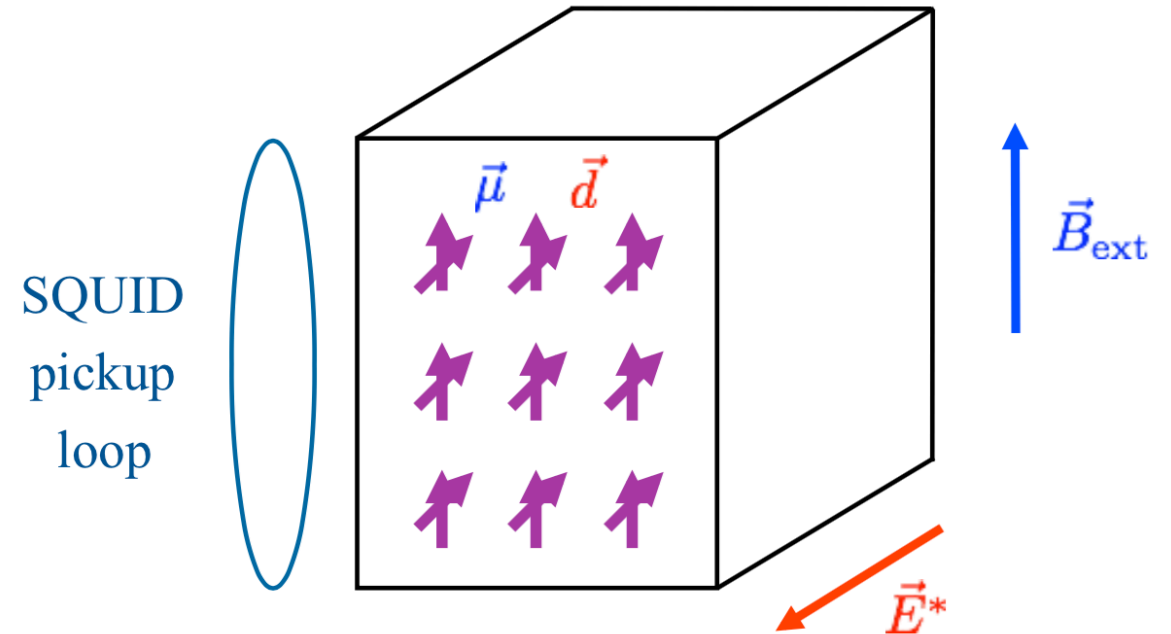
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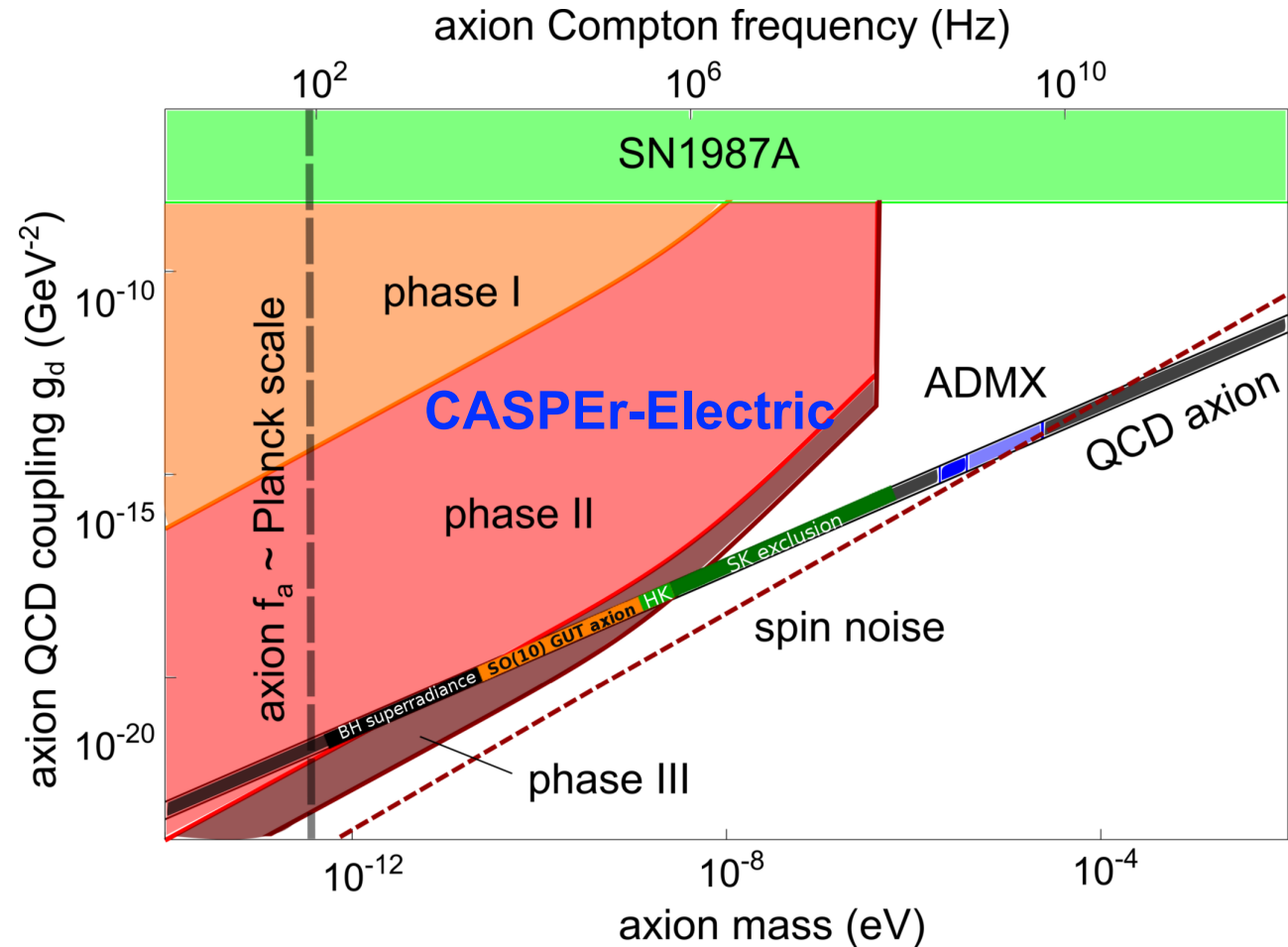
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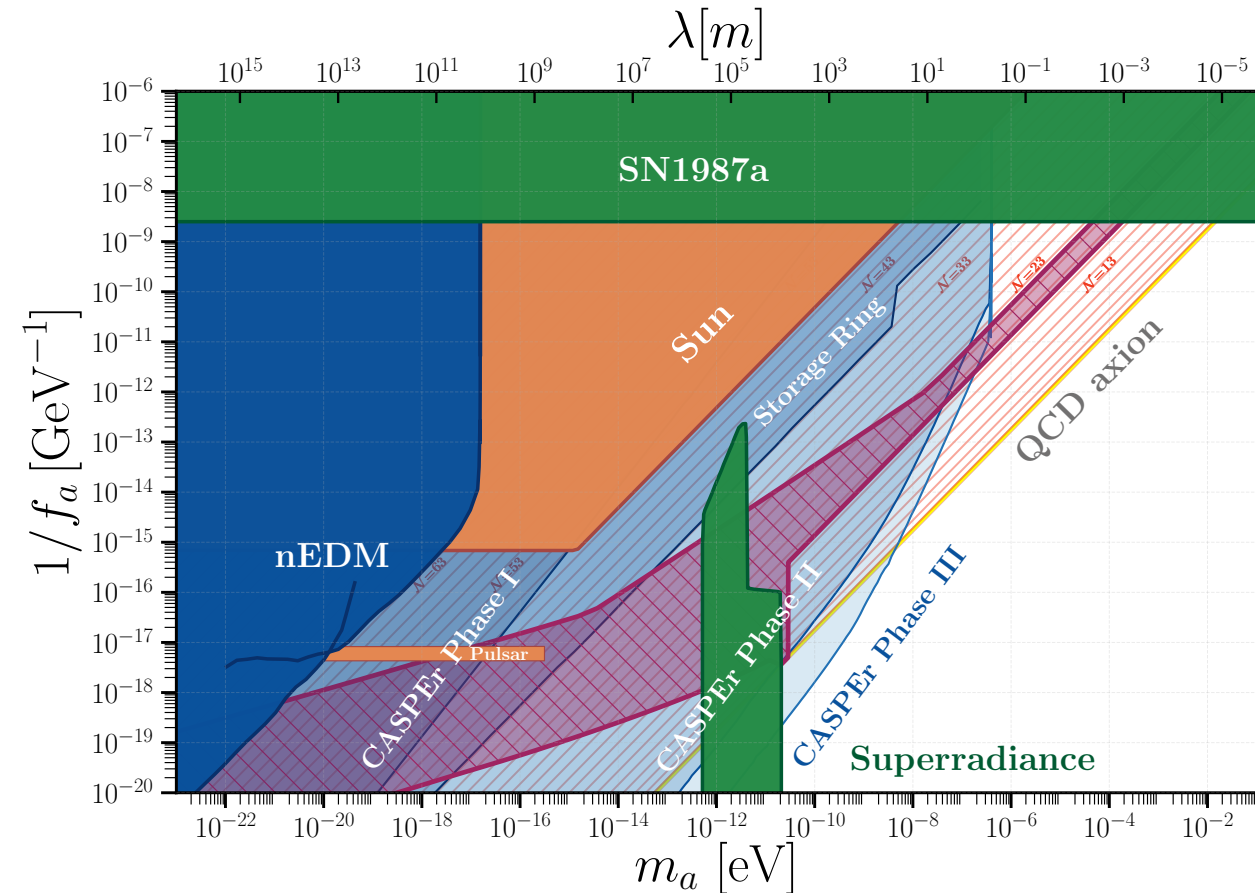
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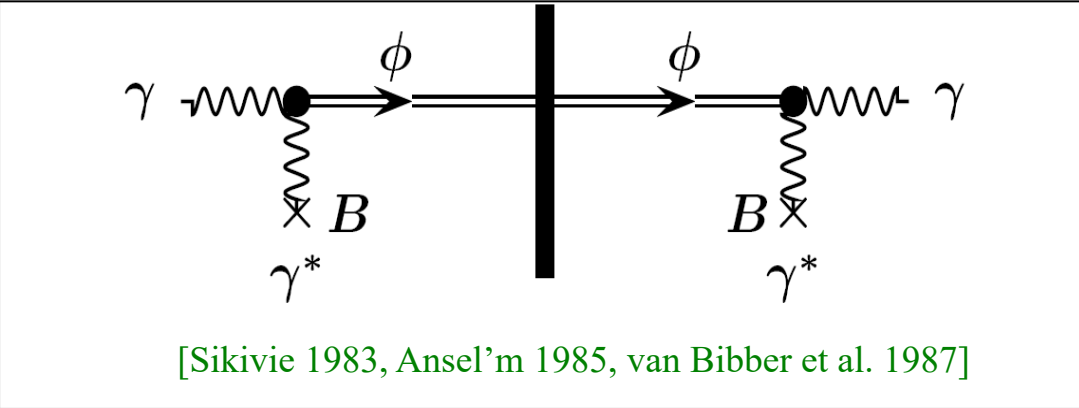
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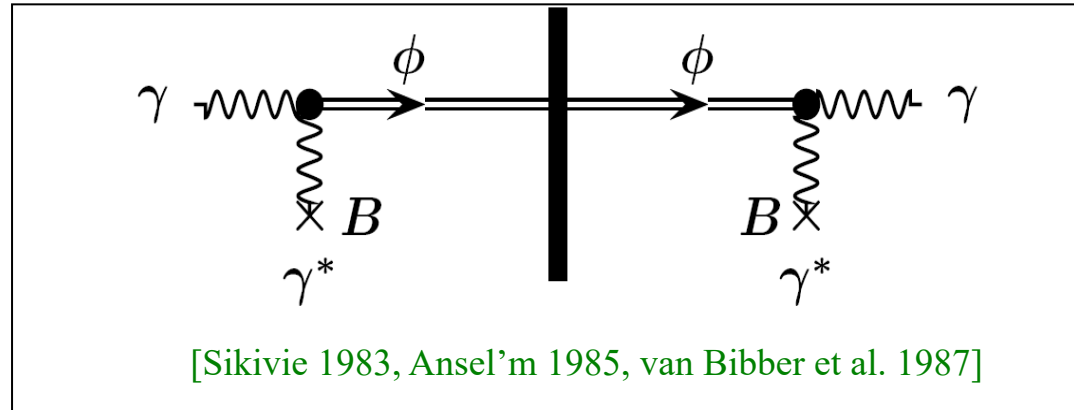
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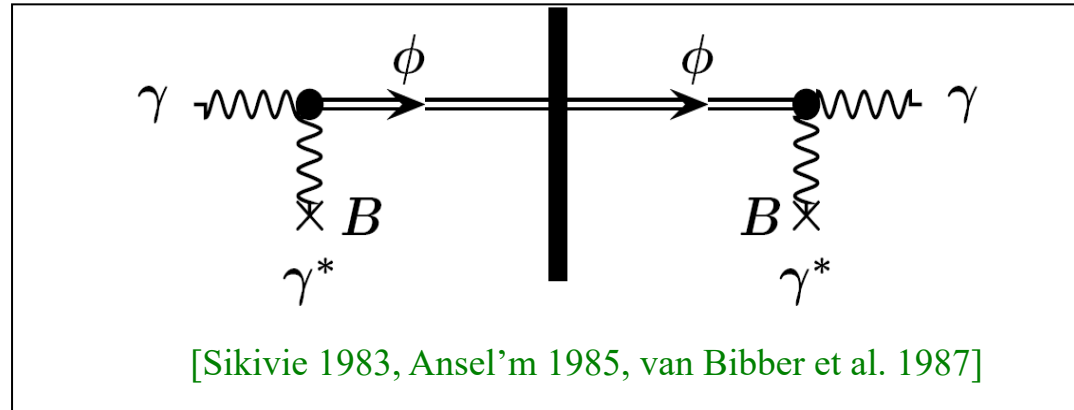
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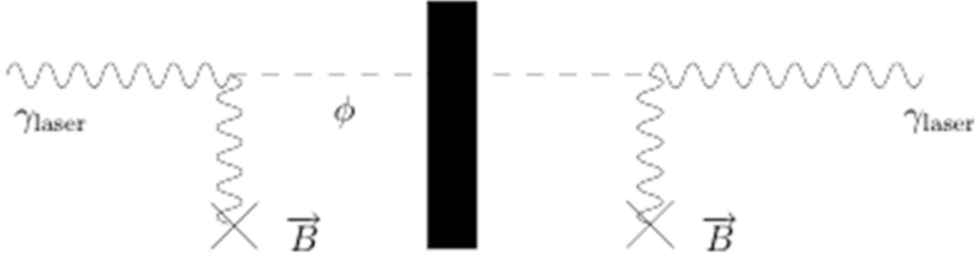
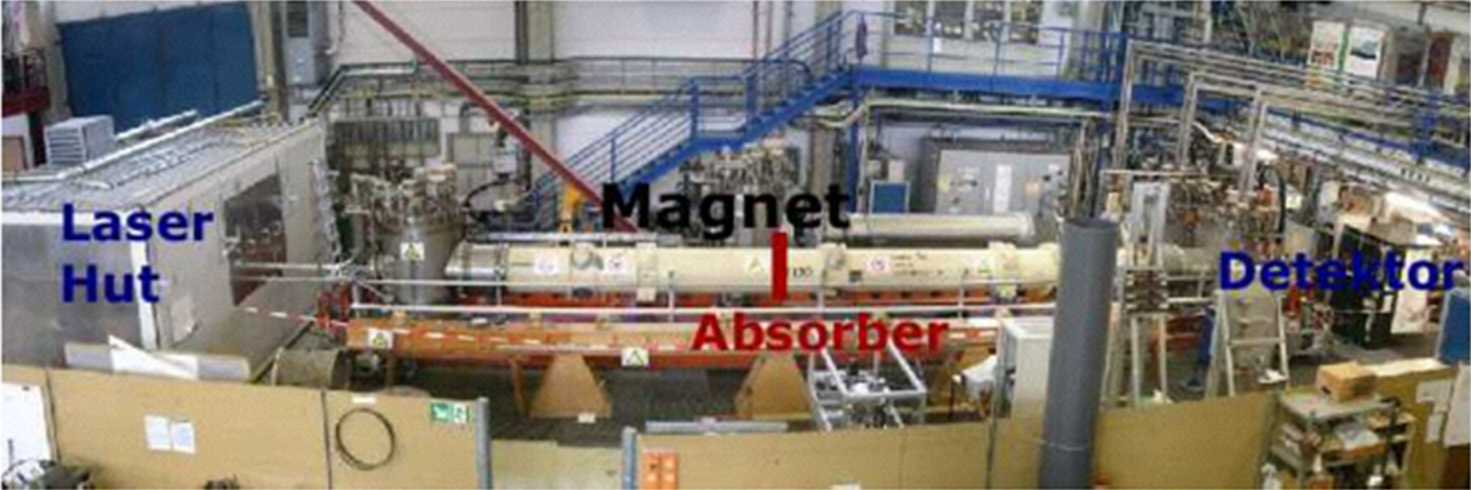
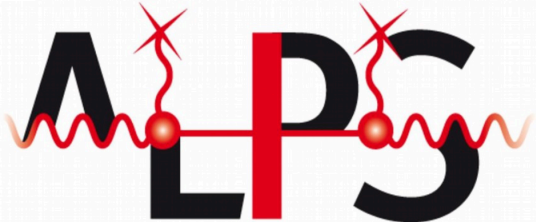
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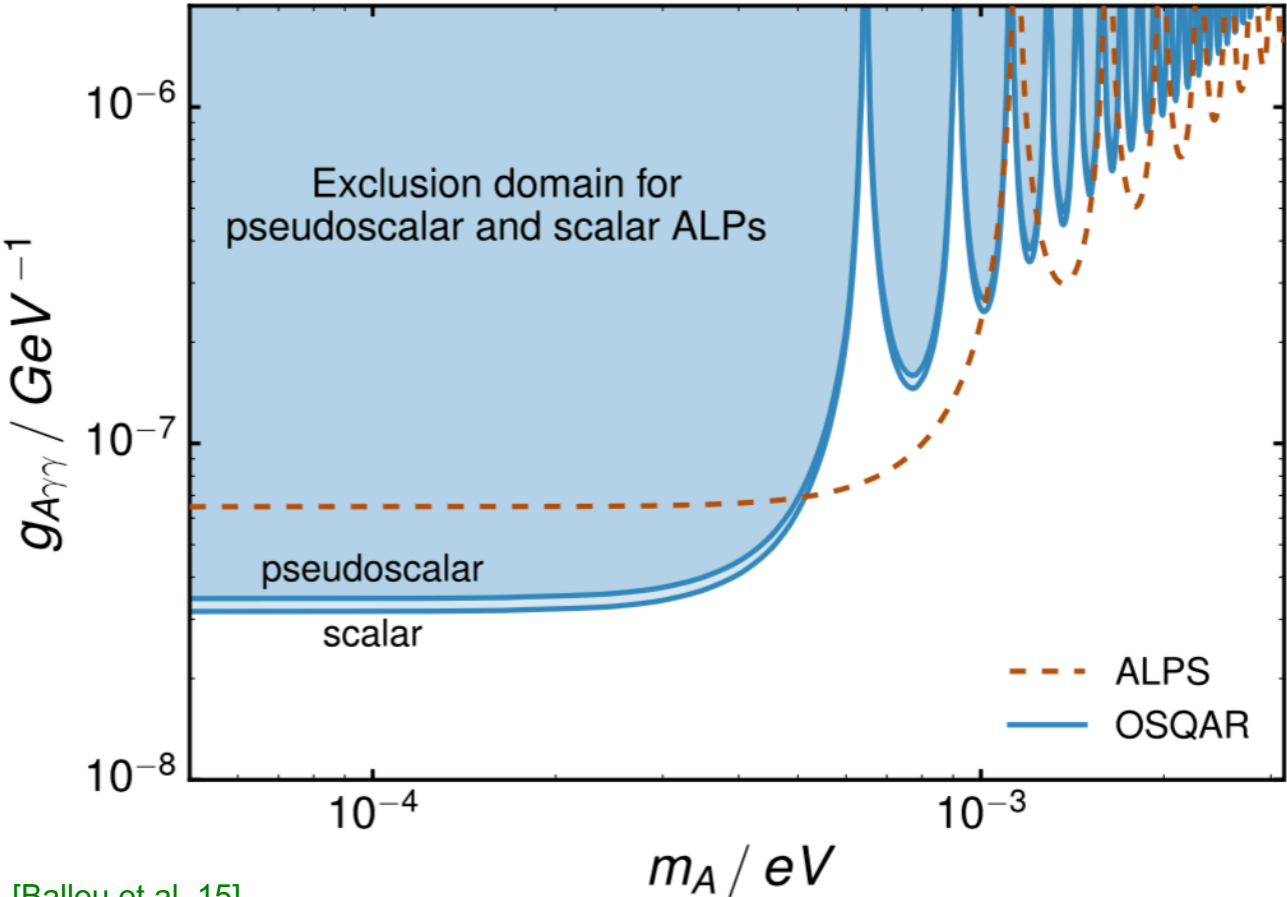
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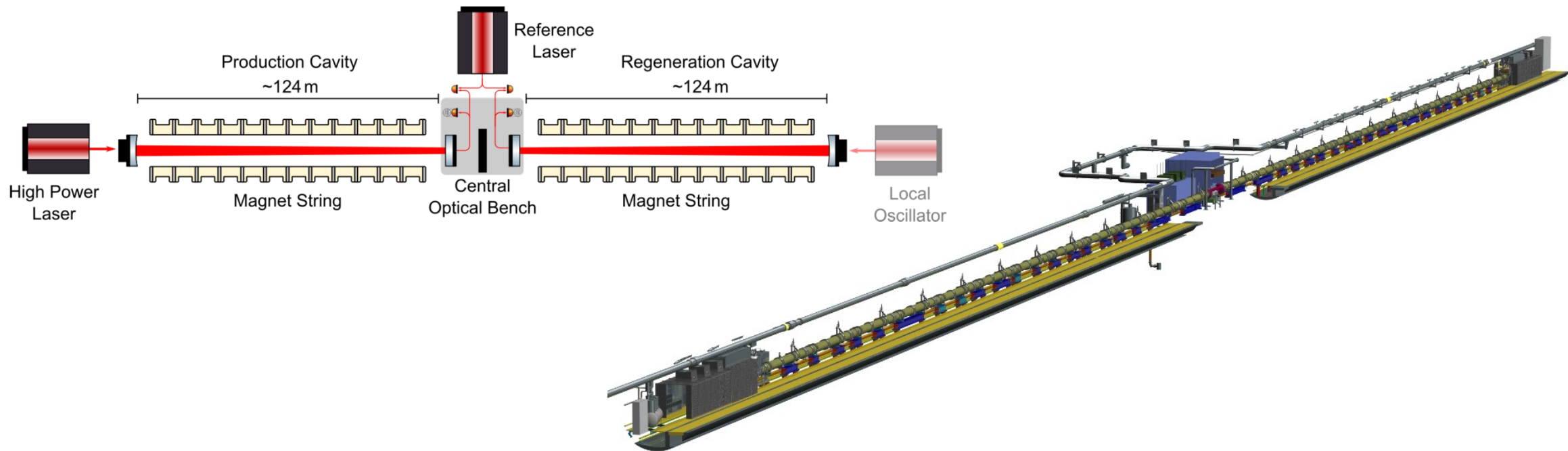
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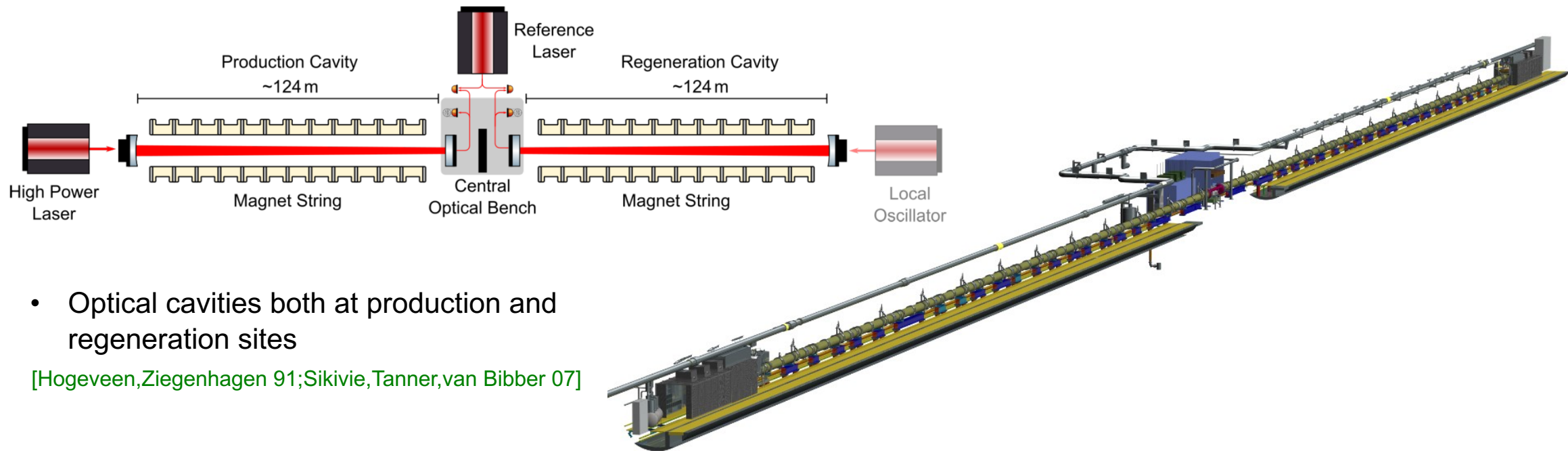
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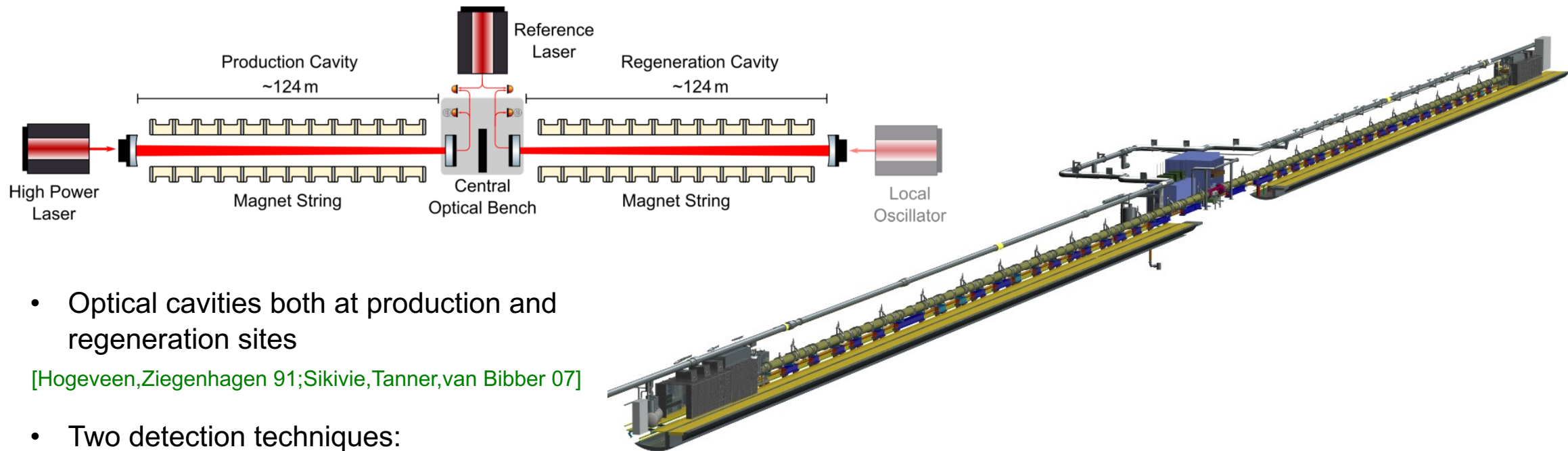


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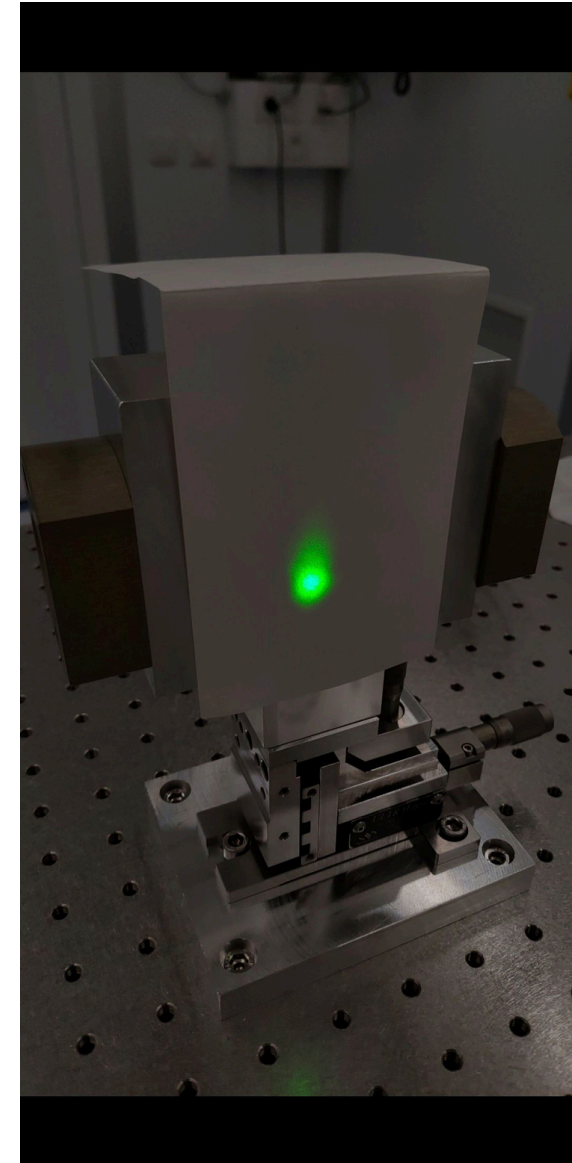
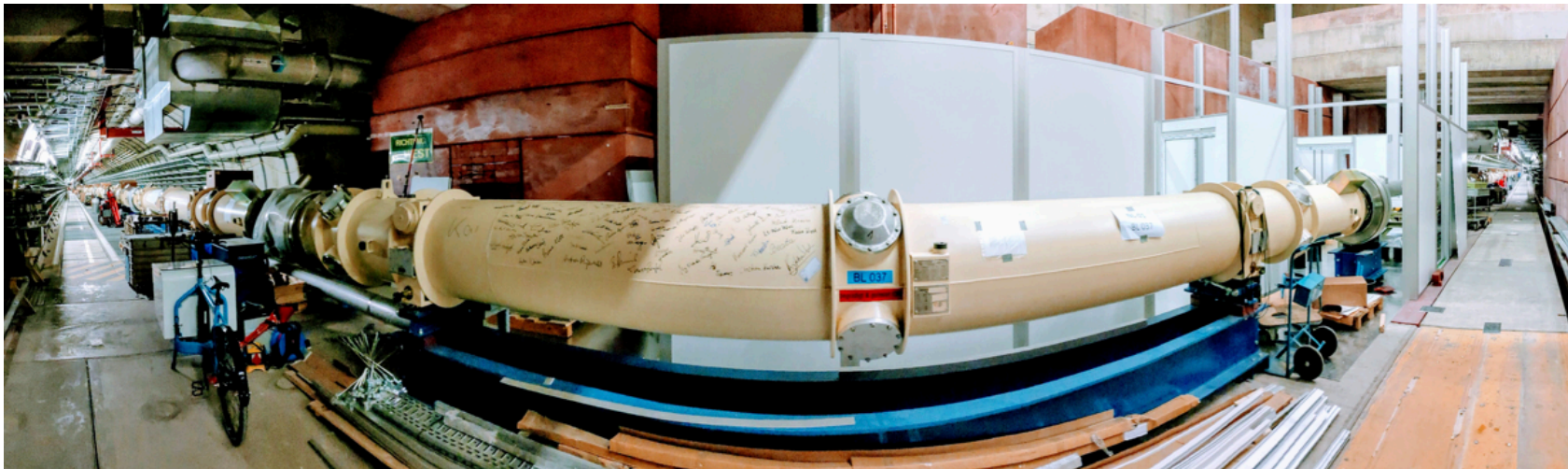
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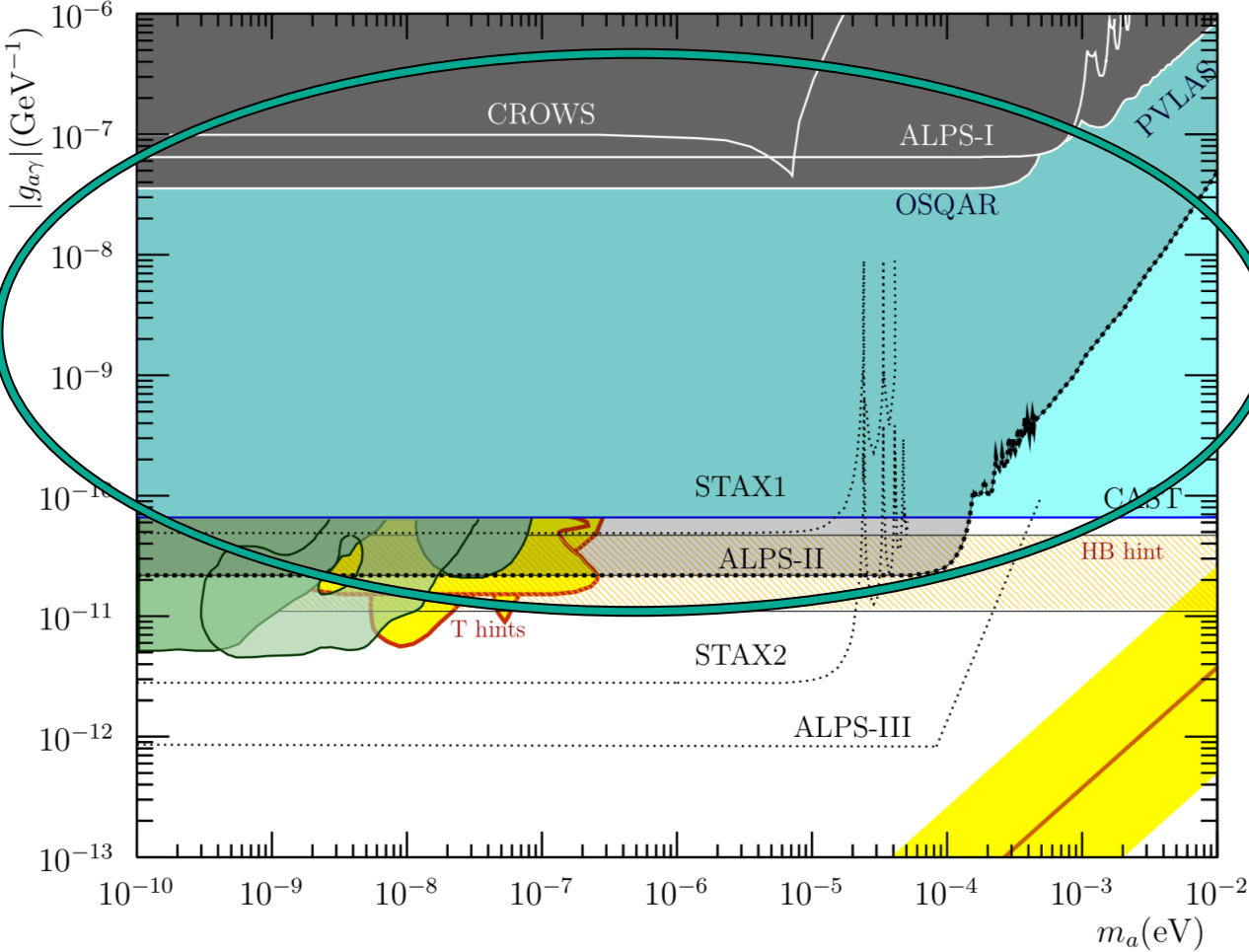
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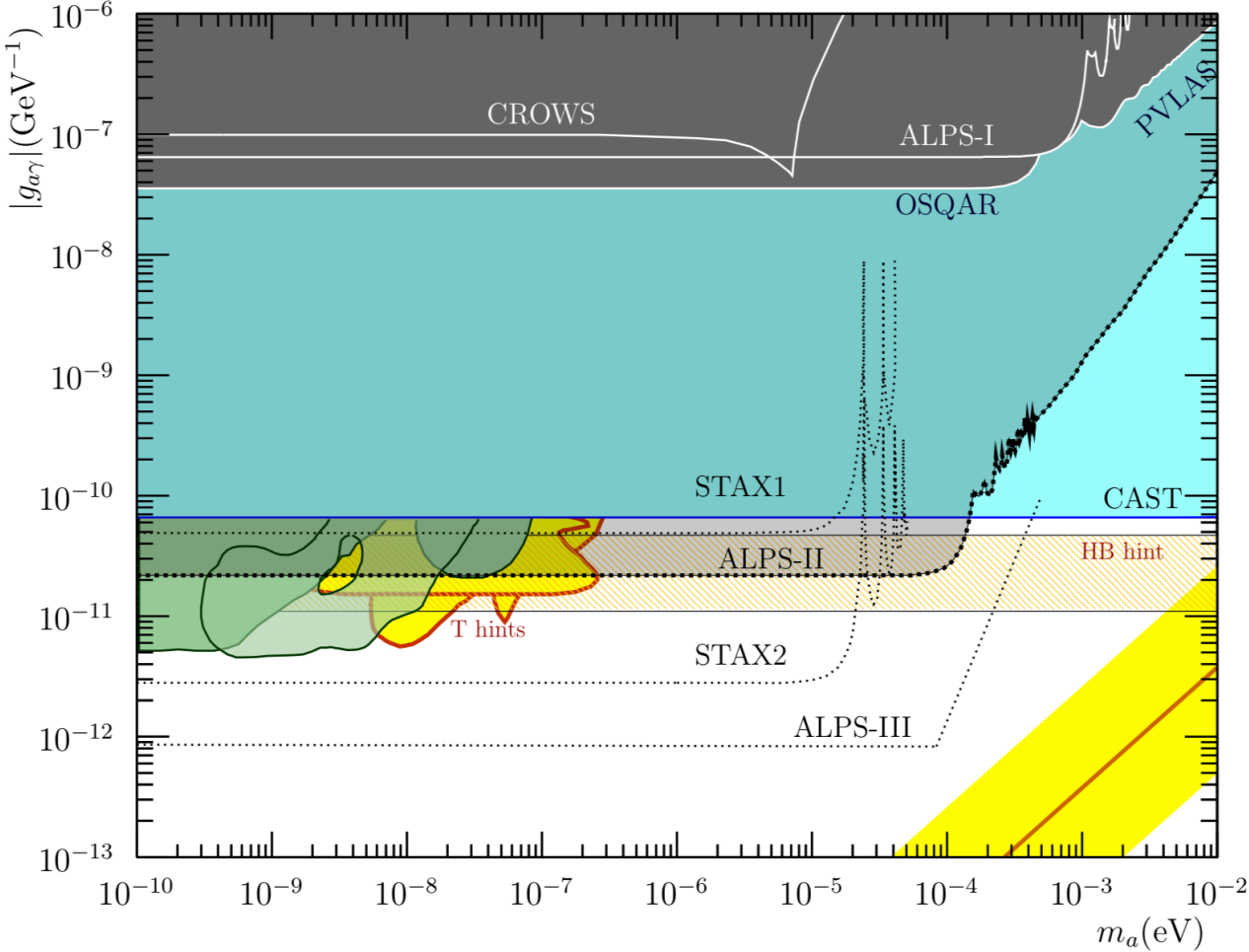


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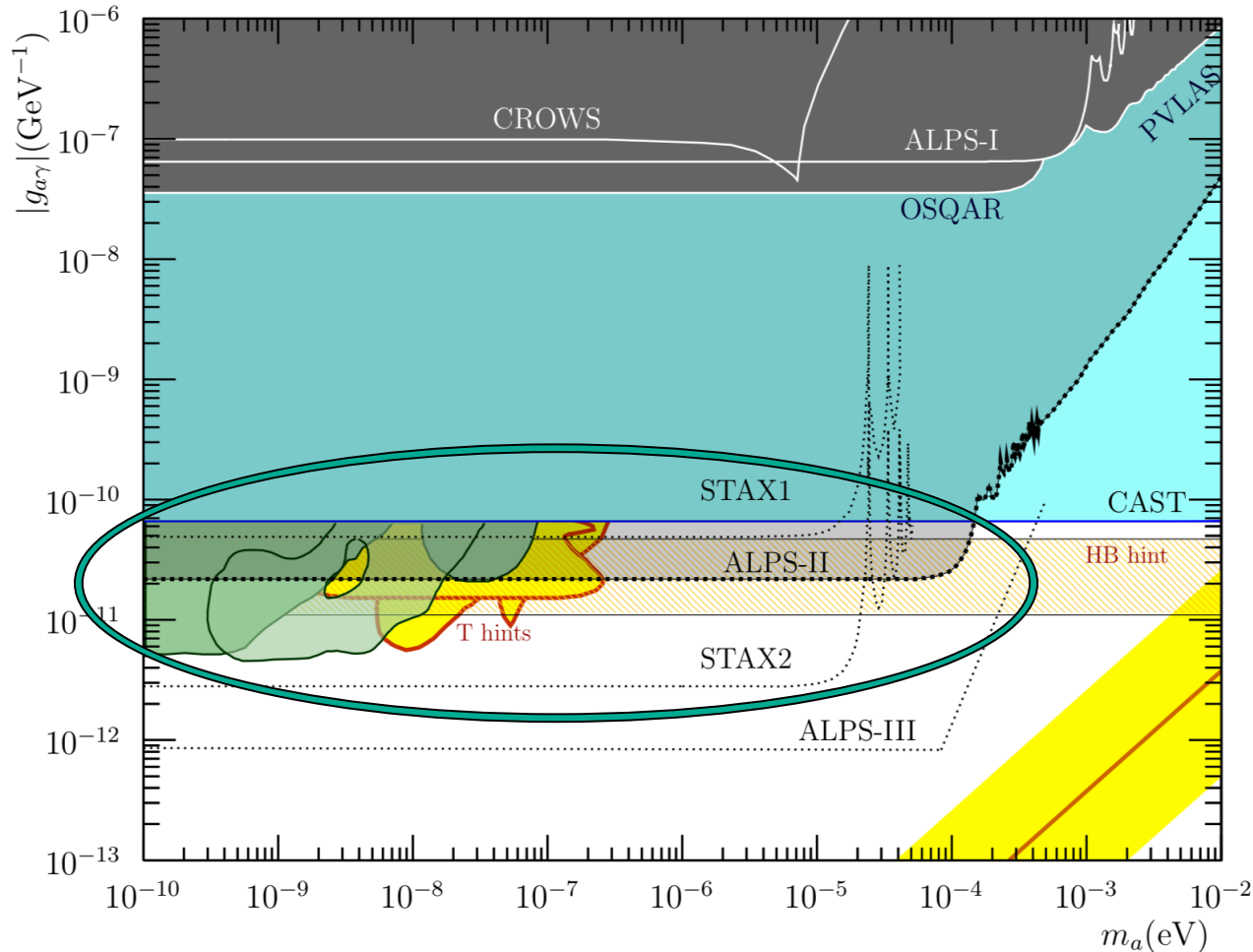


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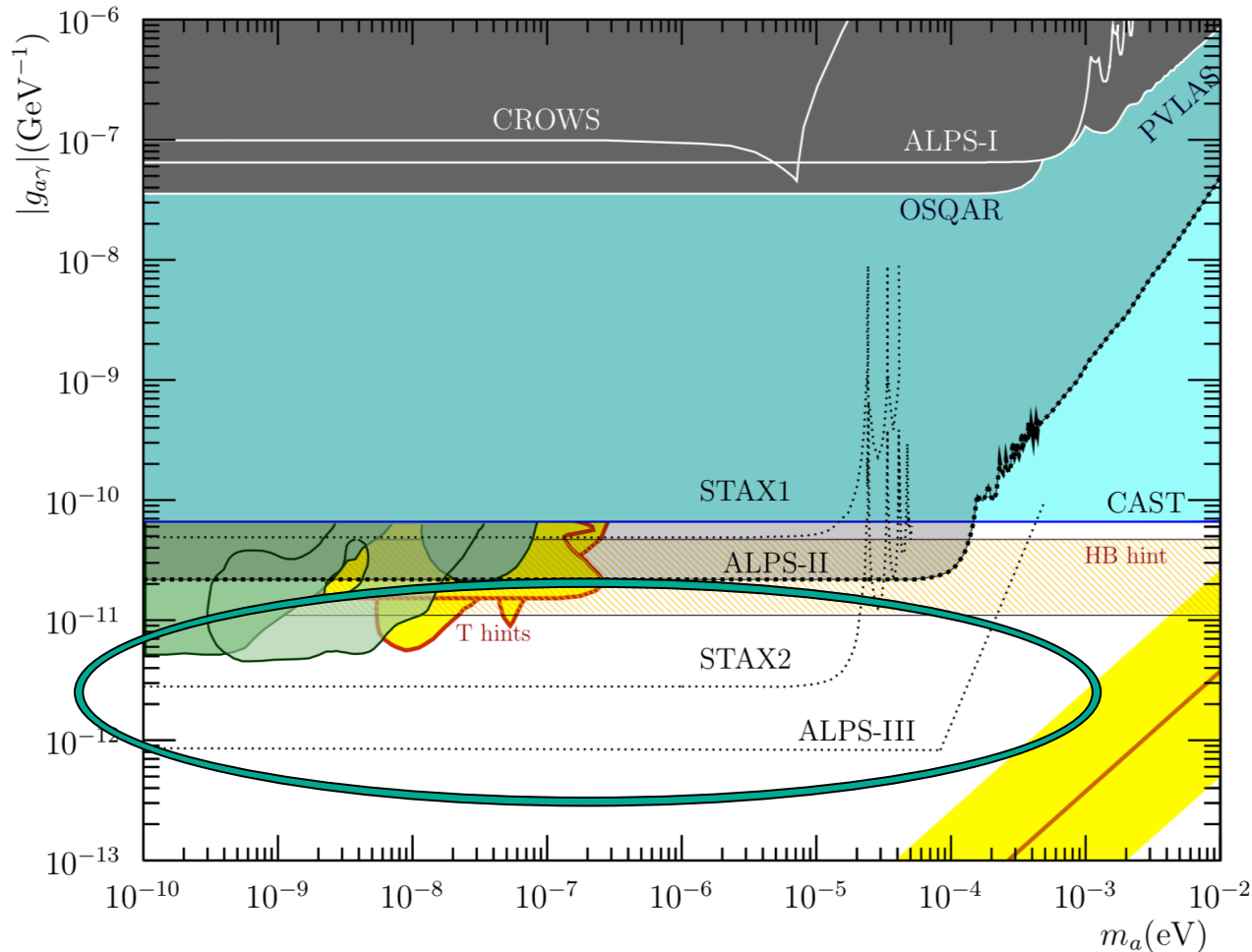


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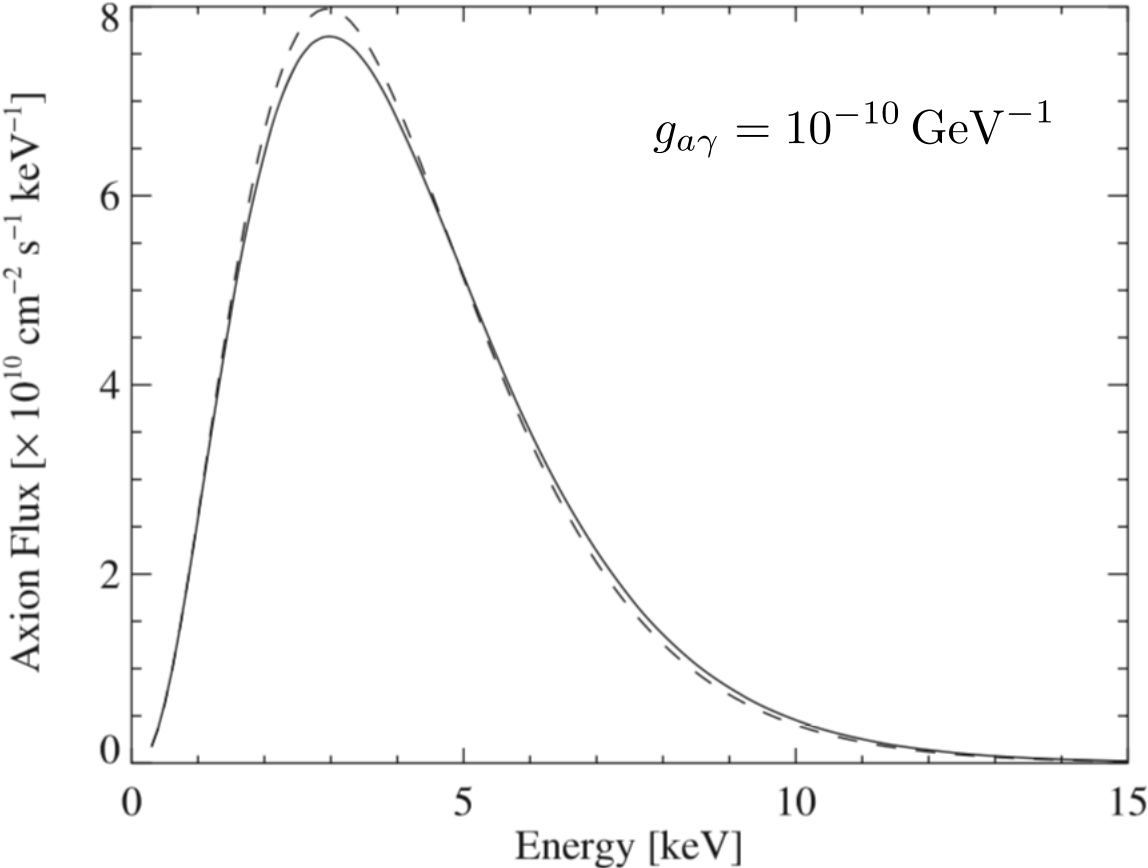


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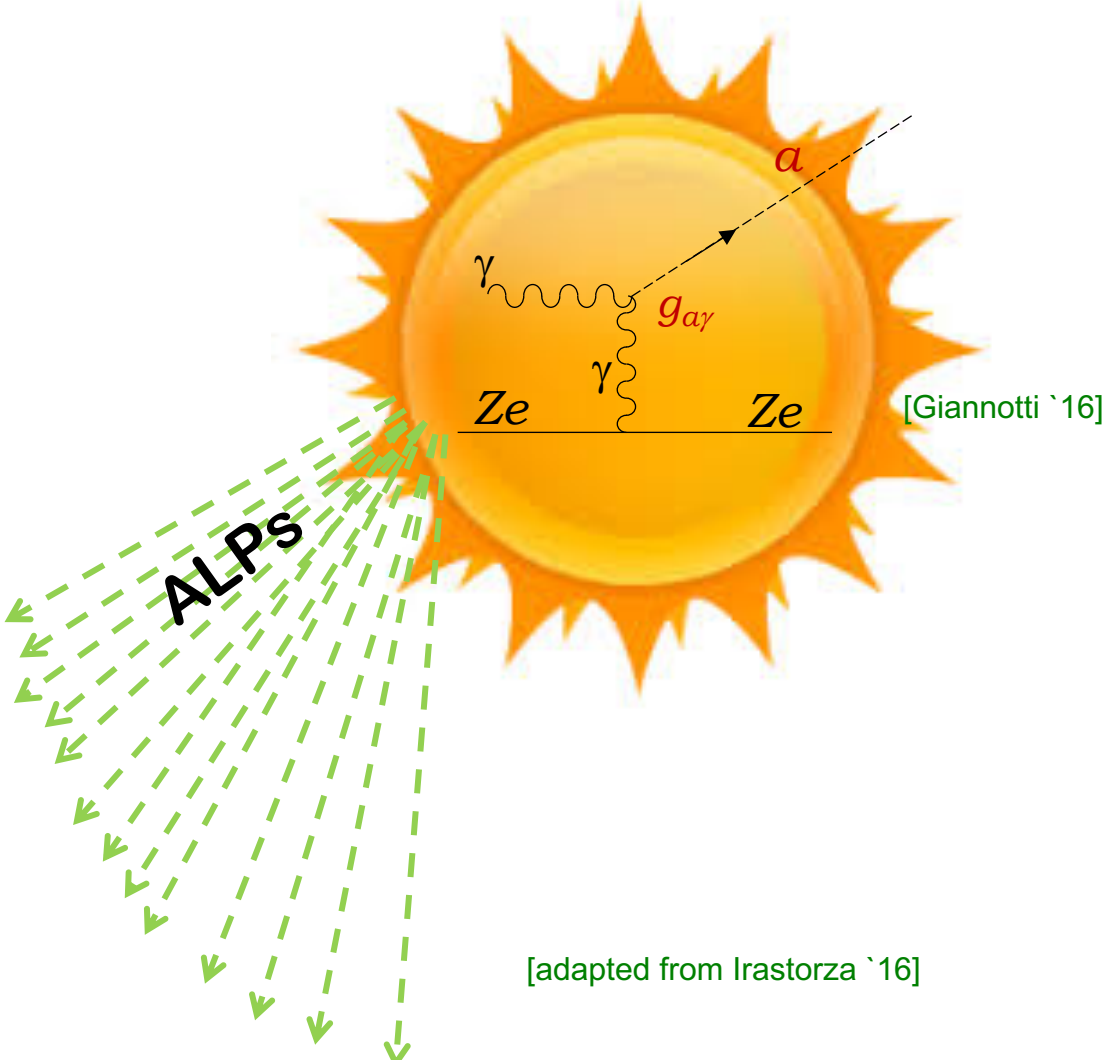
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- Flux of solar axions/ALPs produced by two photon process in core:



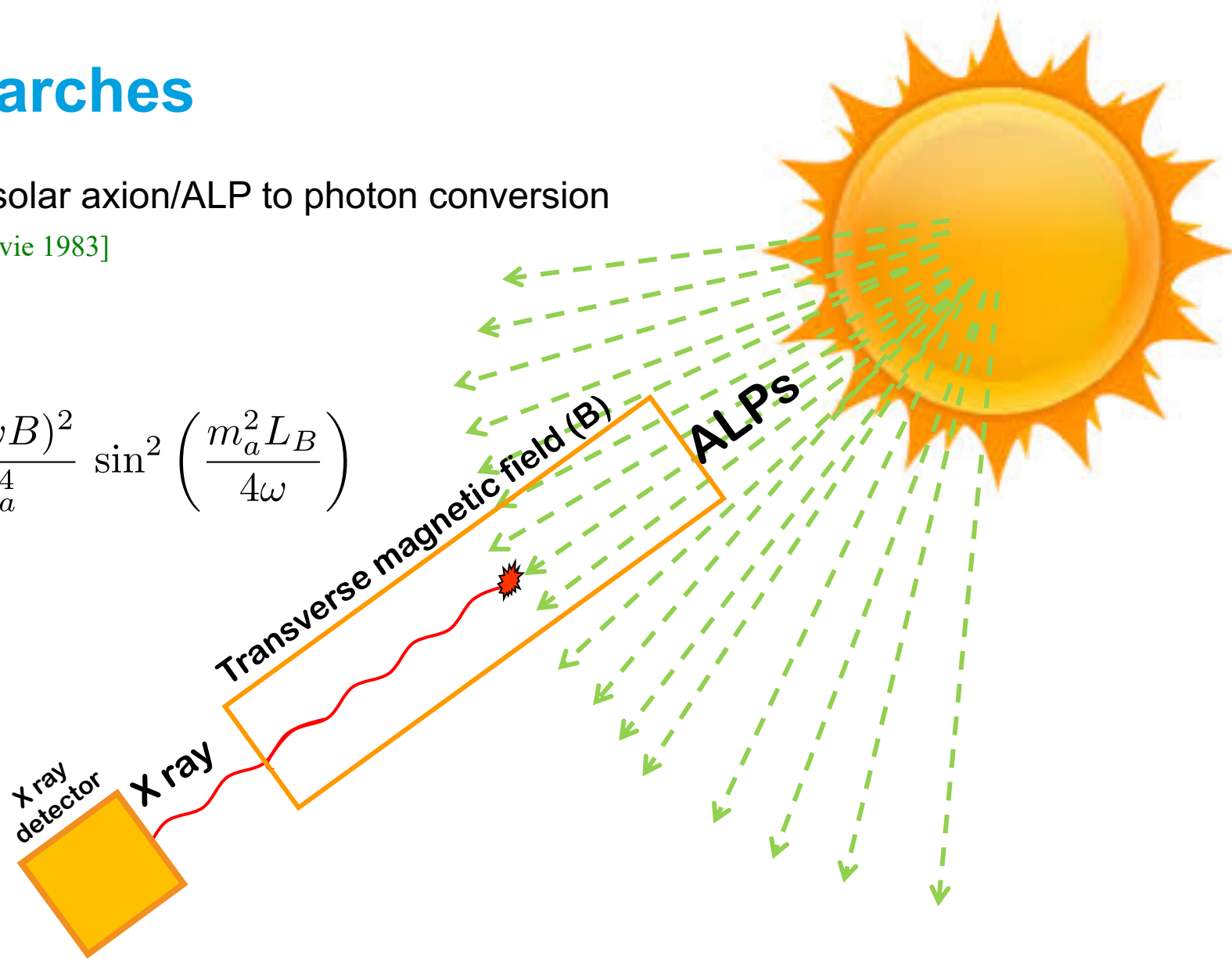
[Adriamonje et al. '07]



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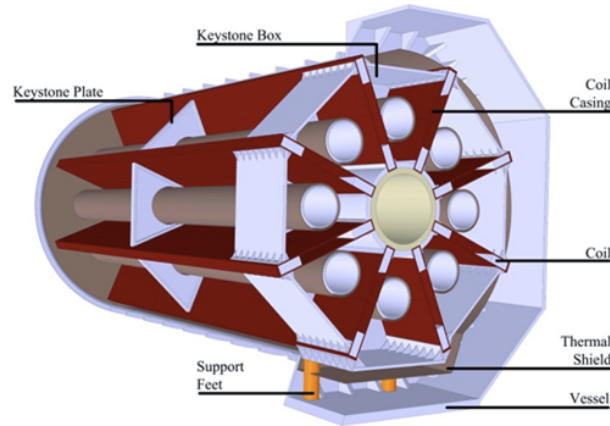
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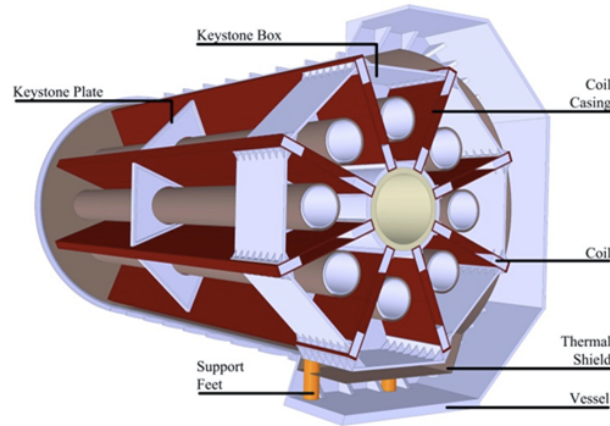
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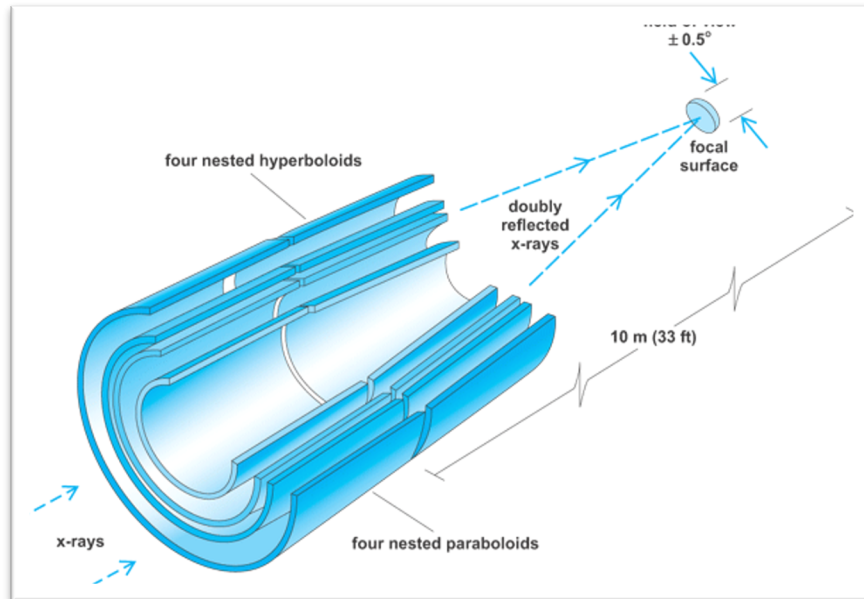
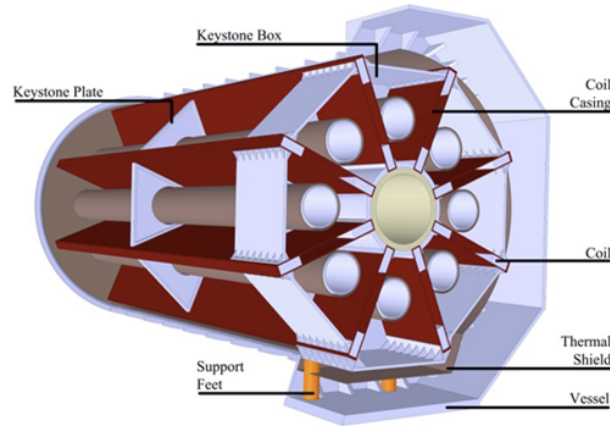
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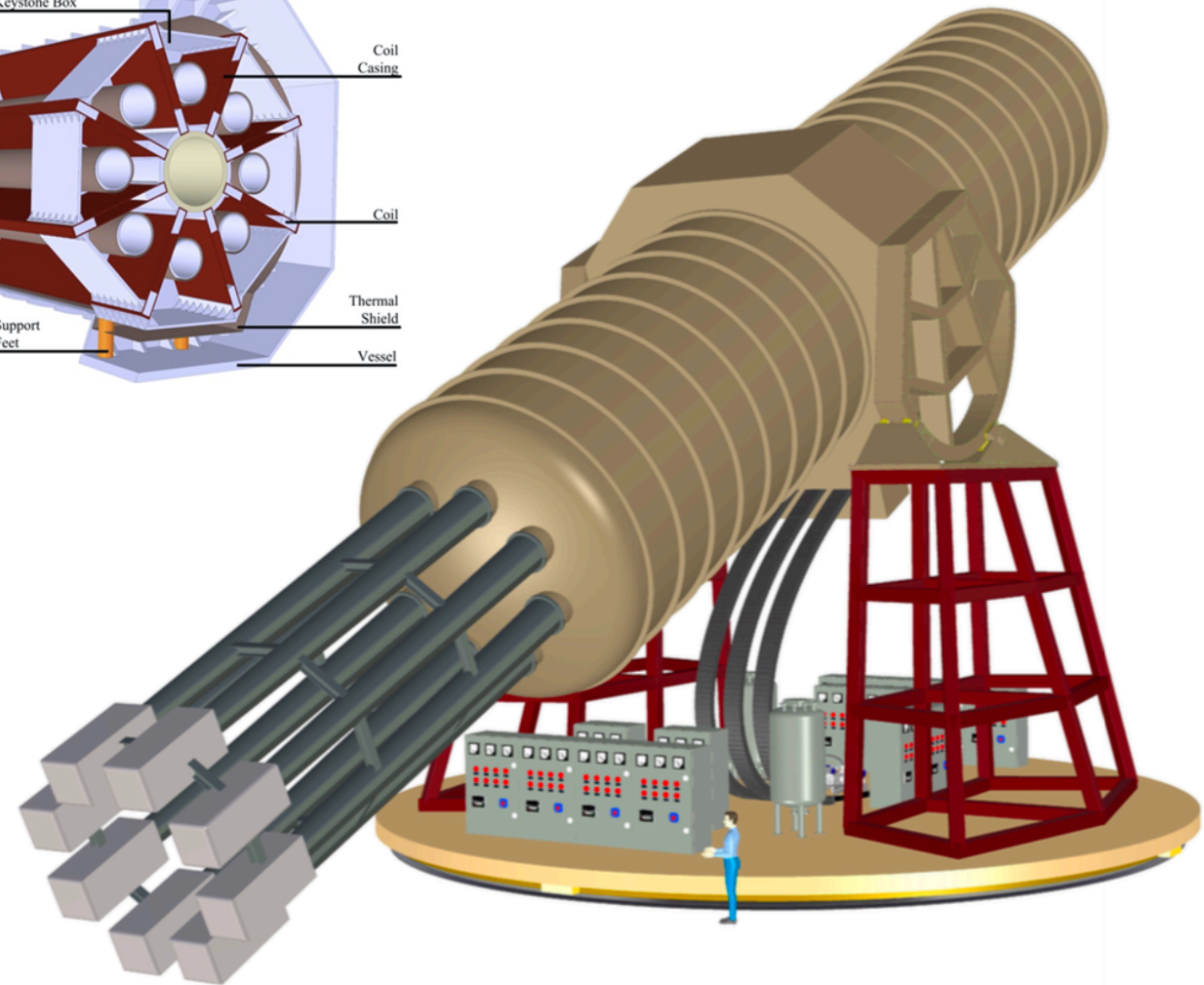
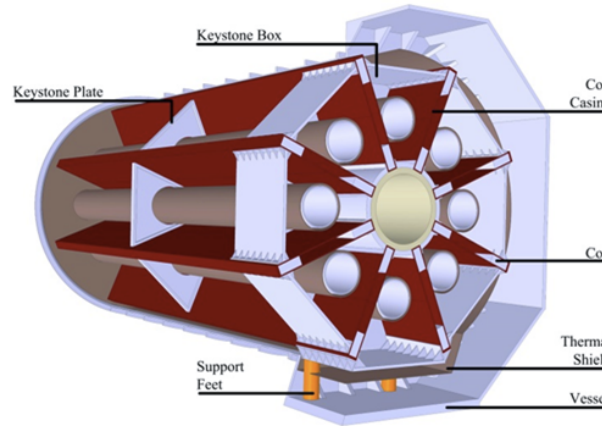
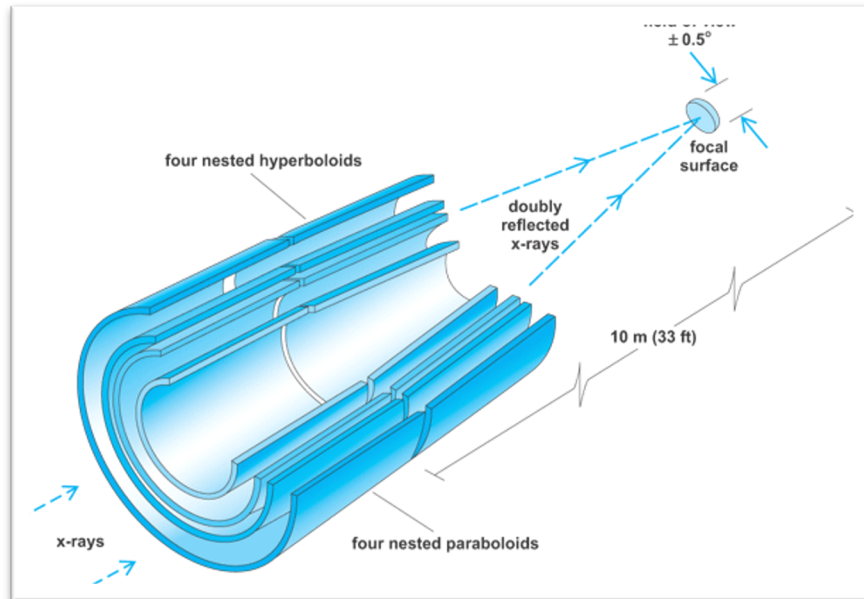
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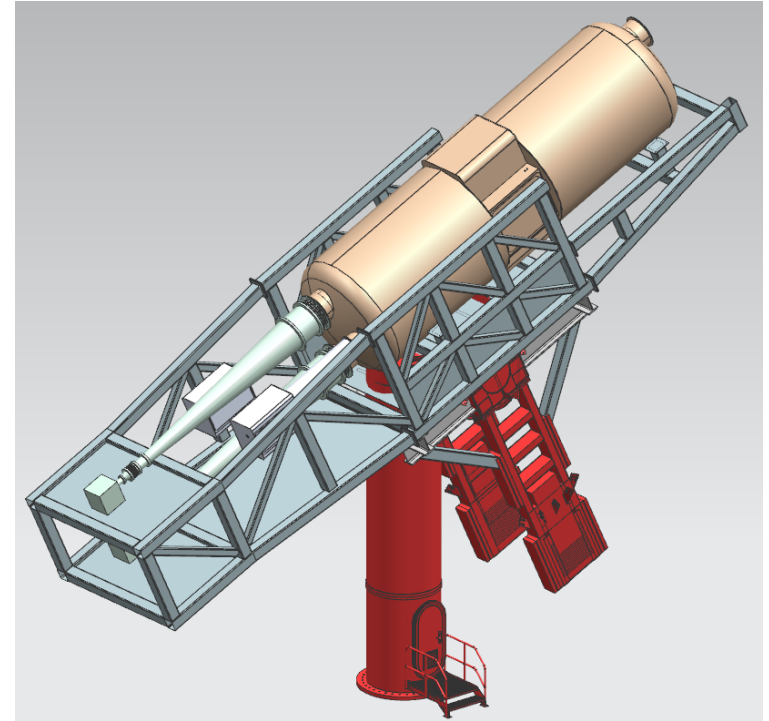
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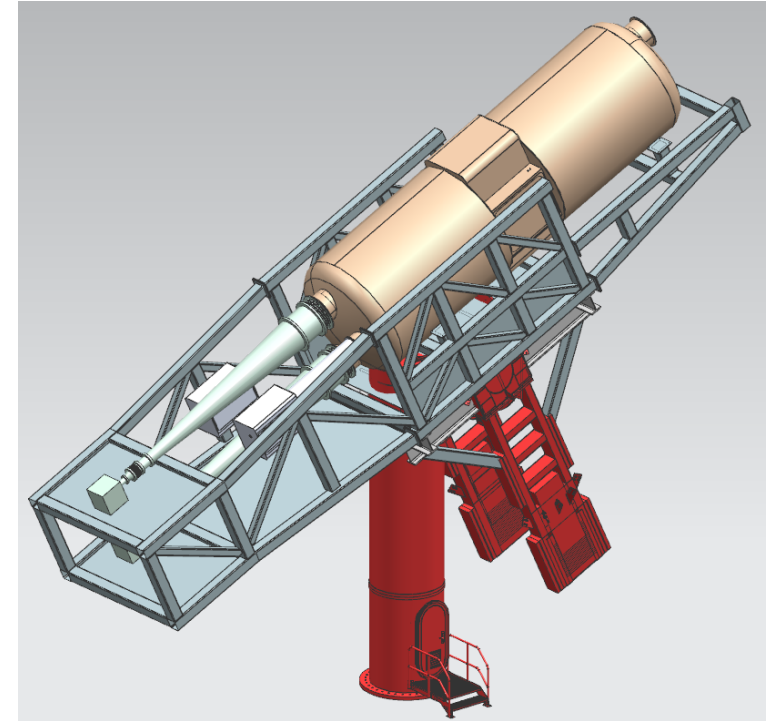
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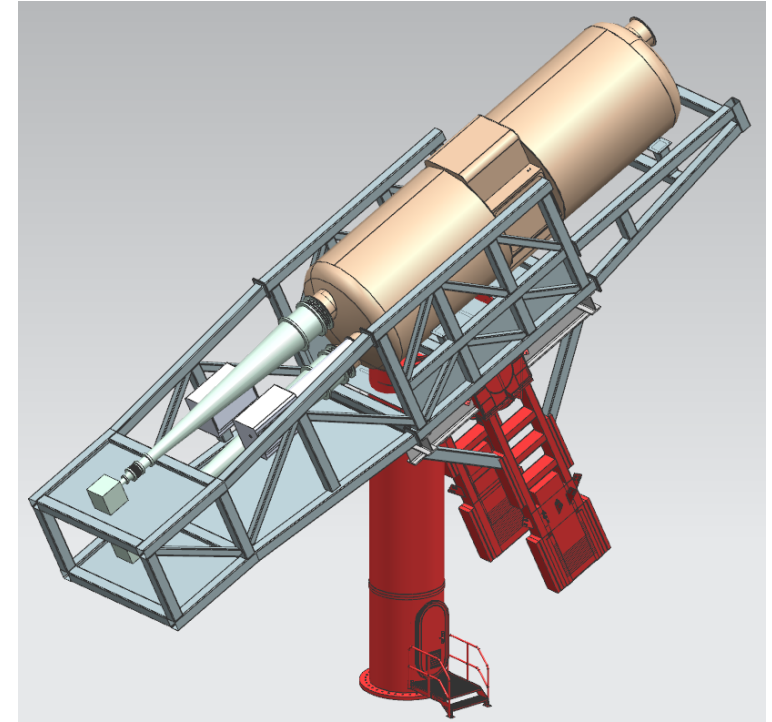
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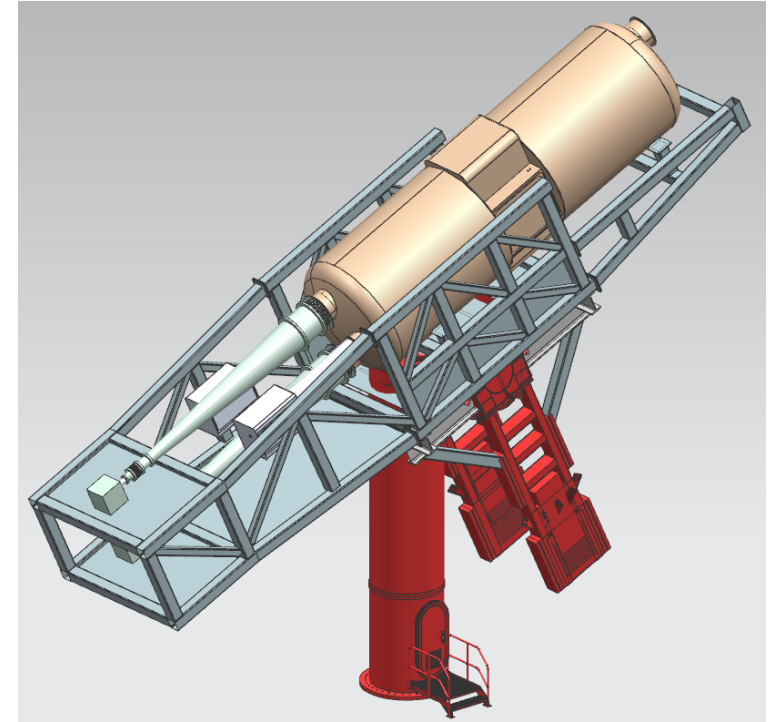
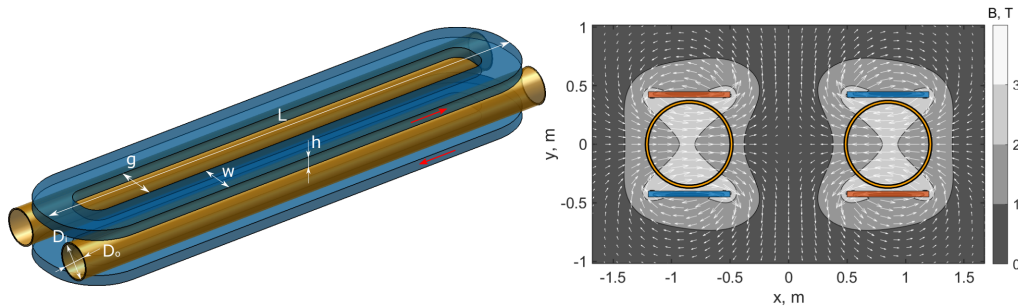
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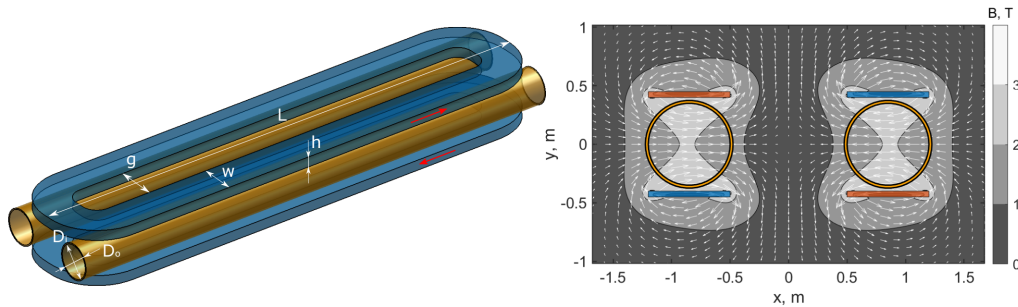
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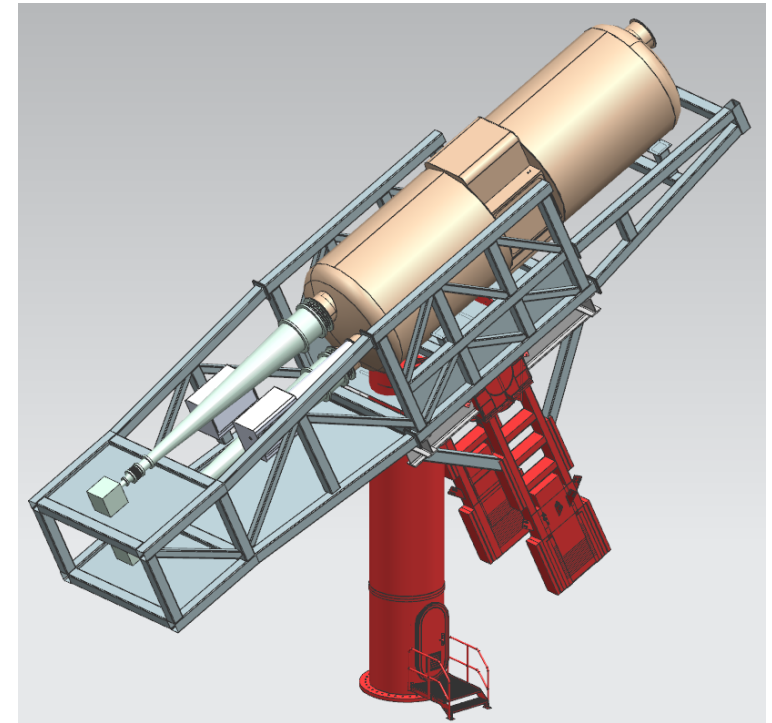


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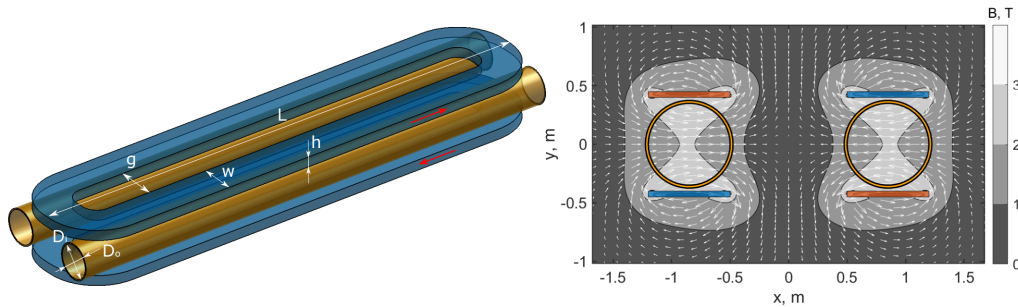


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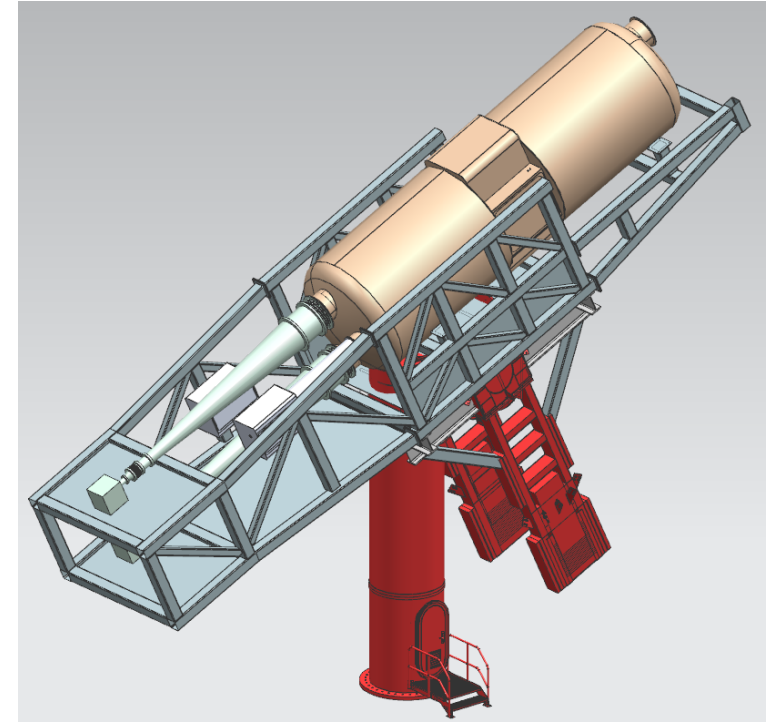


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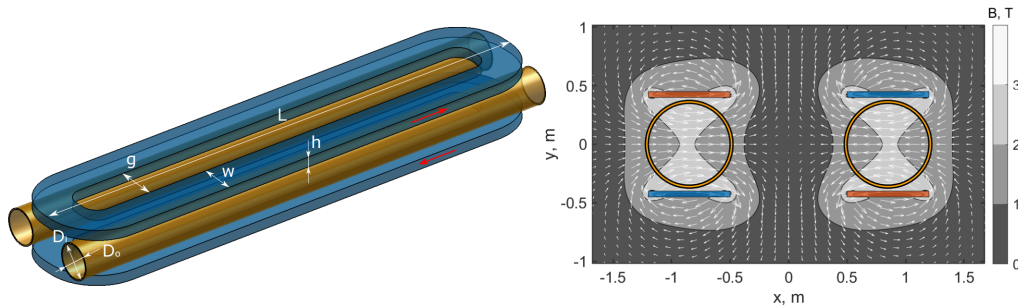


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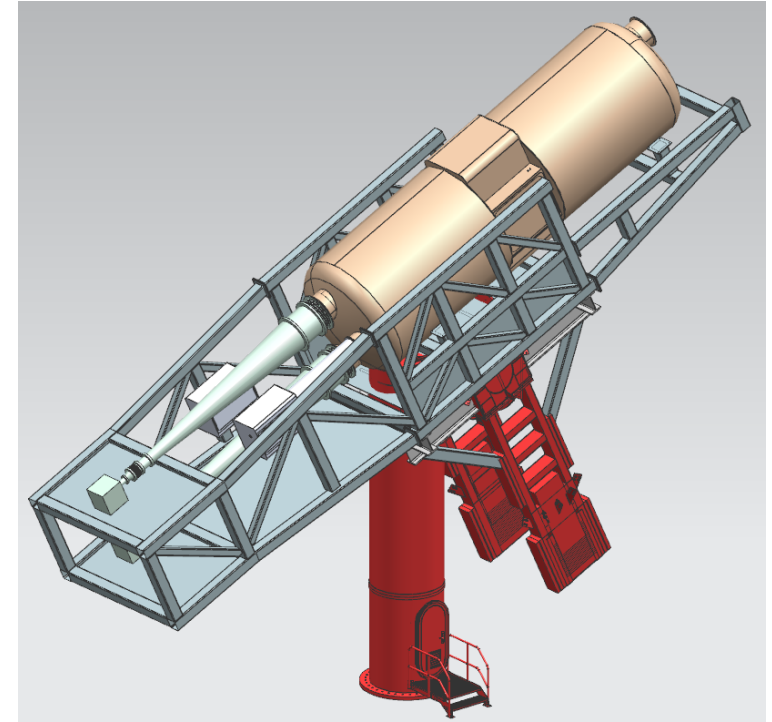


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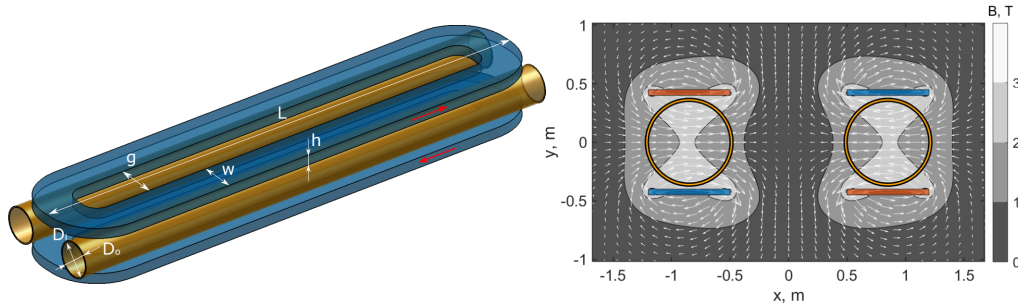


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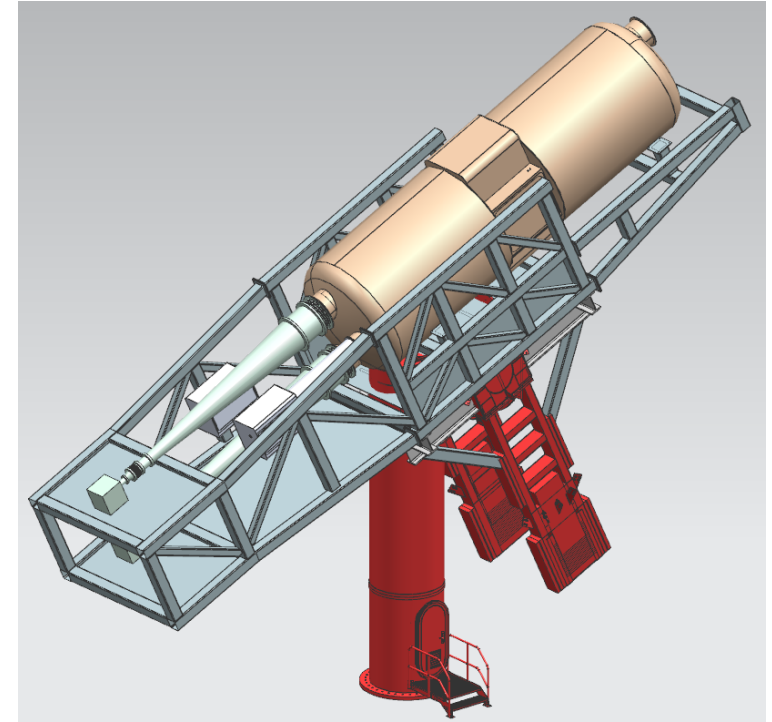


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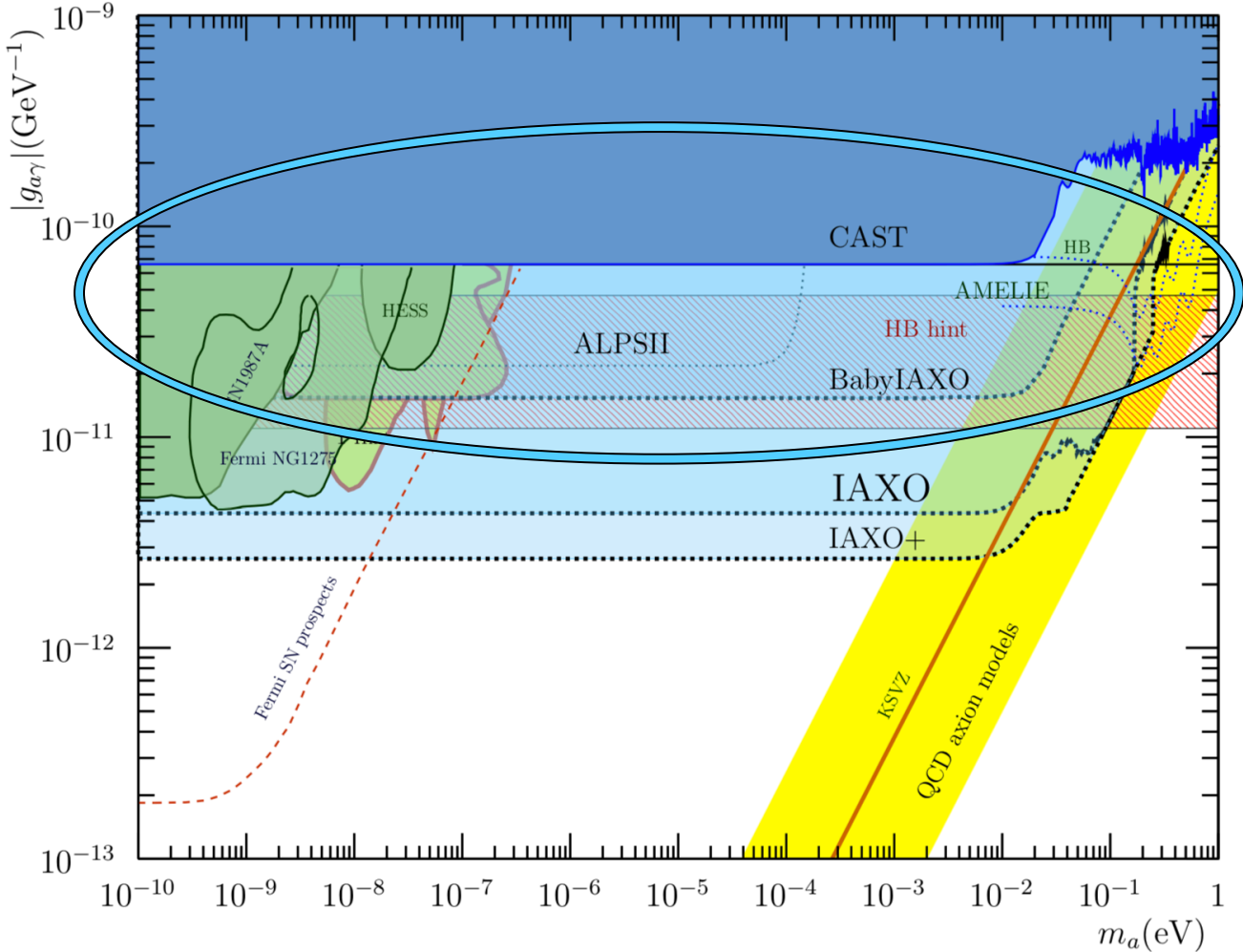
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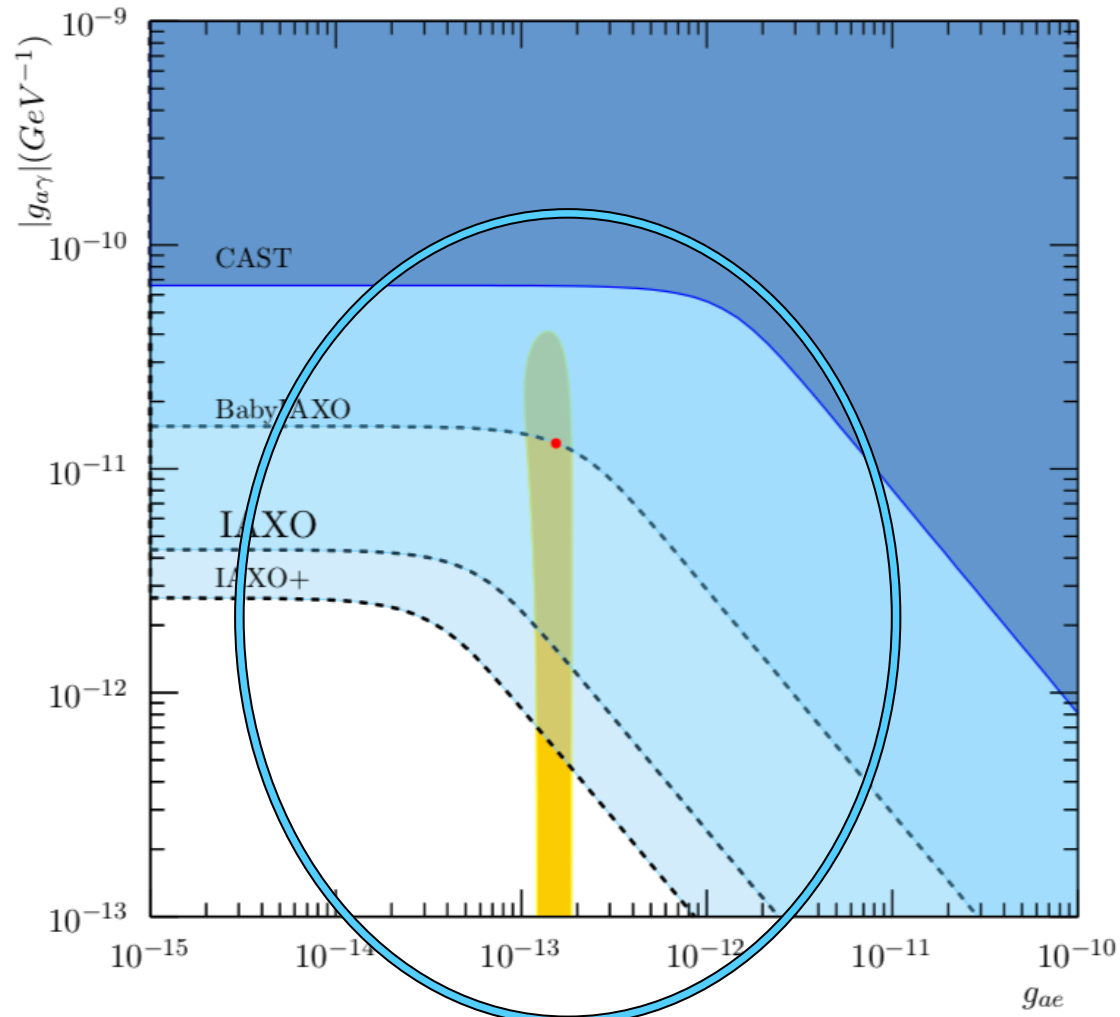
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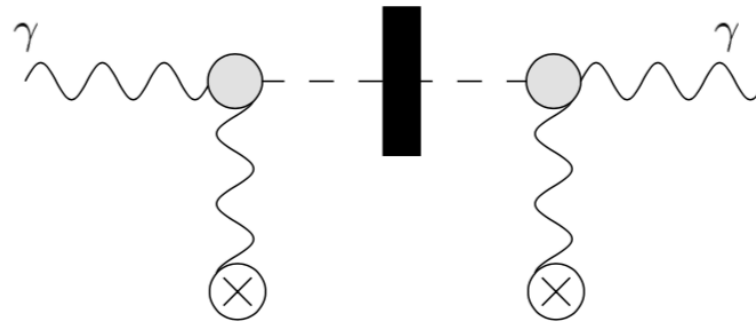


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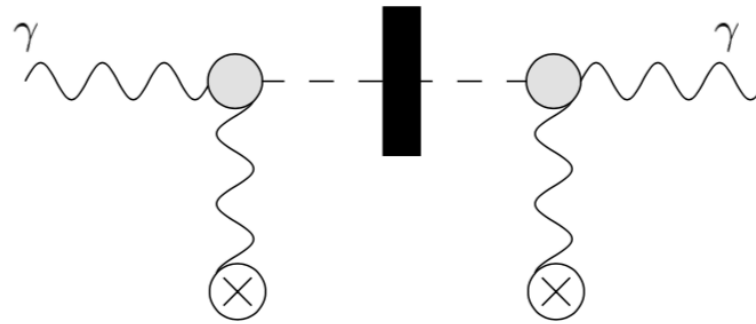
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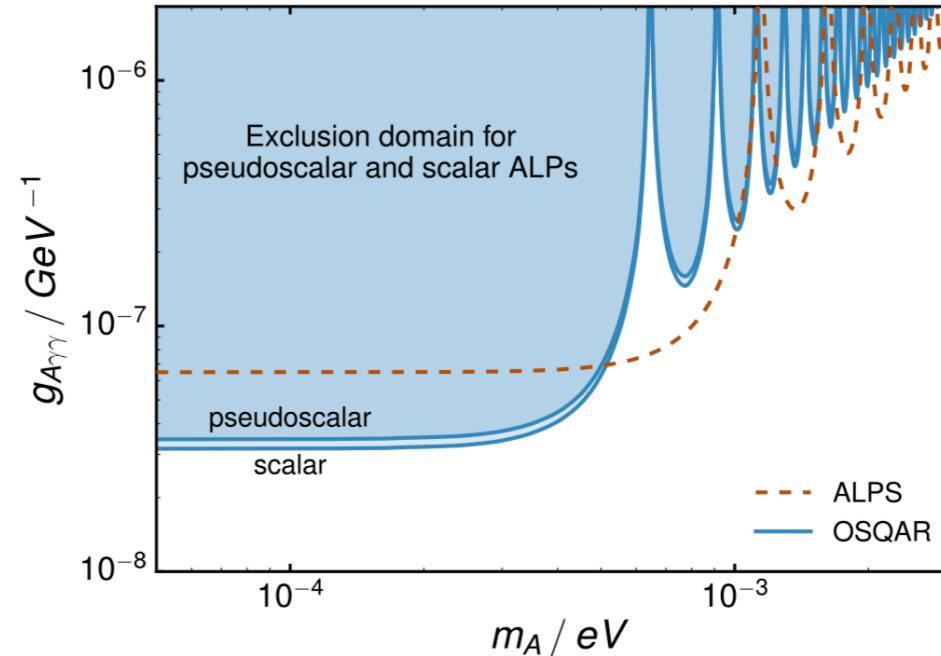
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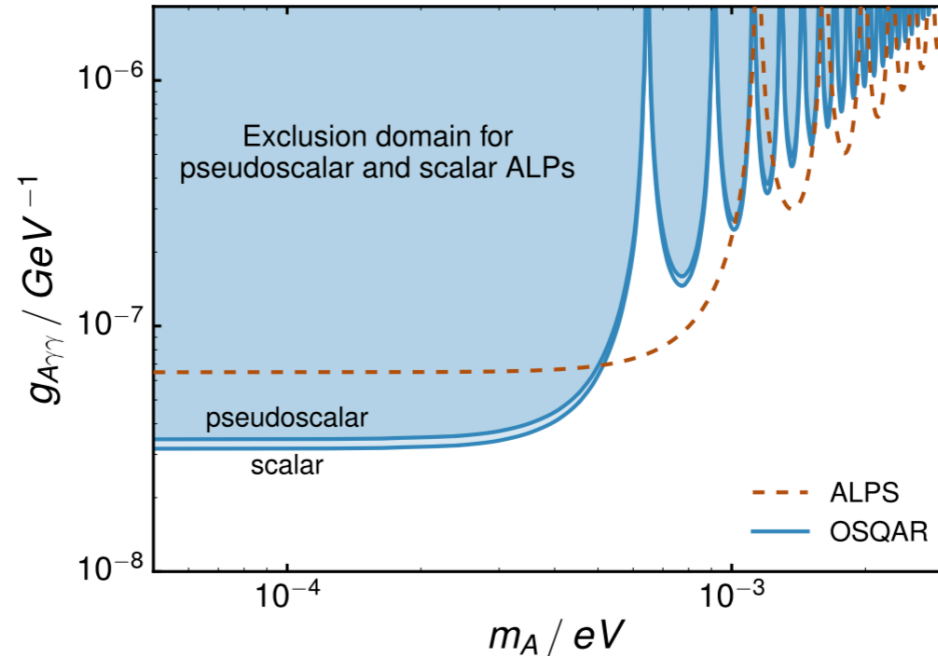
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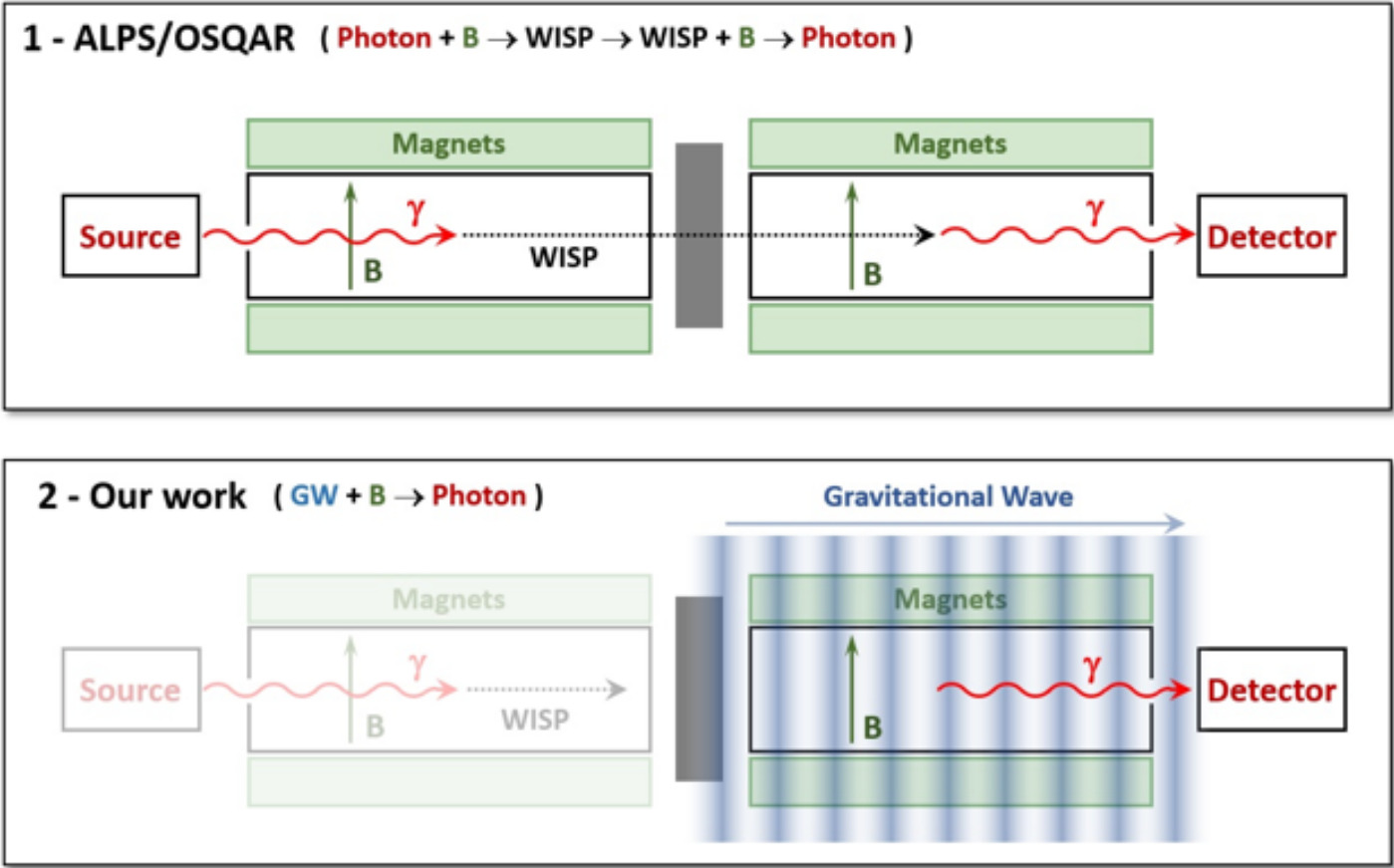
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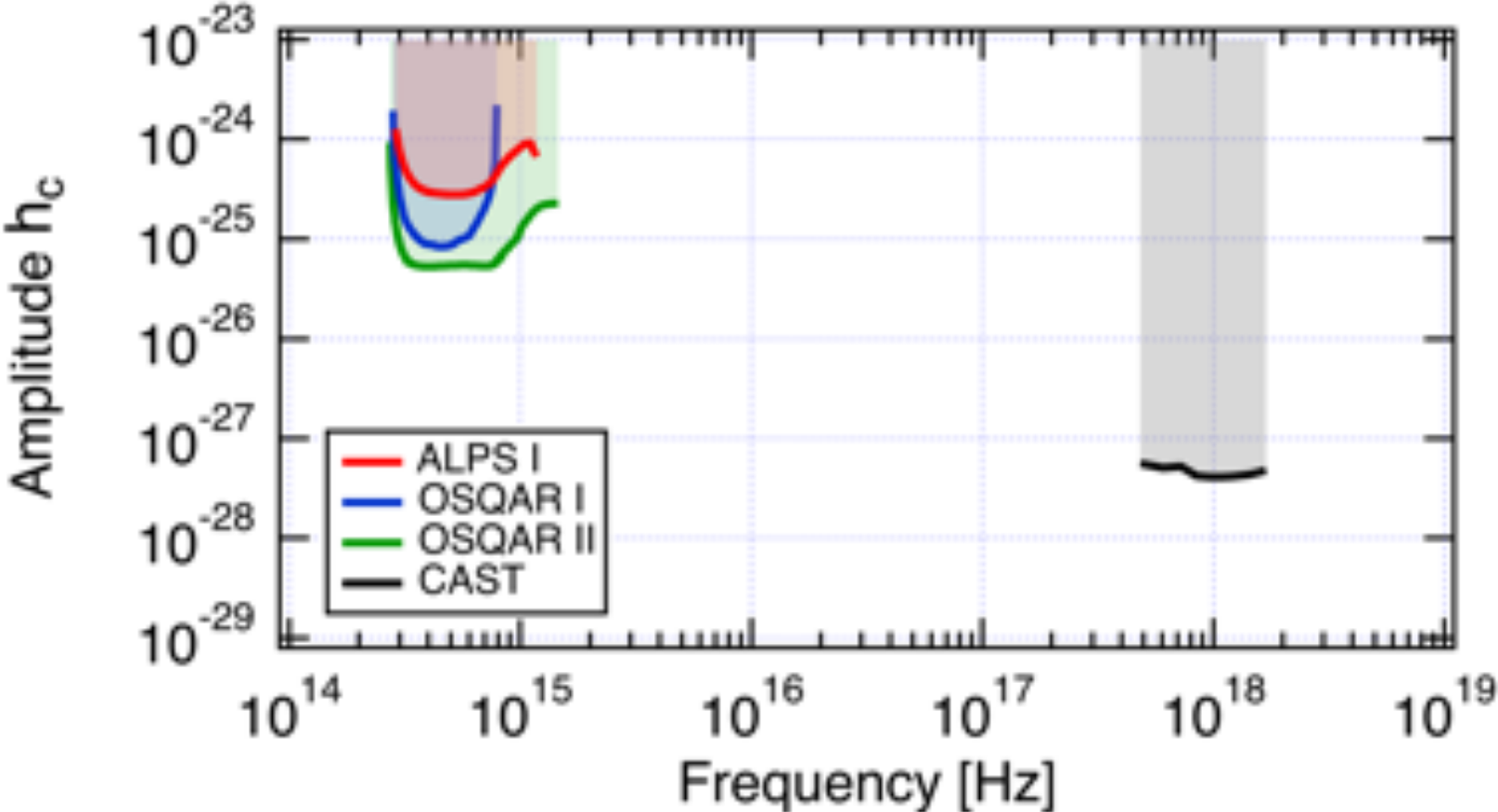


[Ejlli et al 2019]

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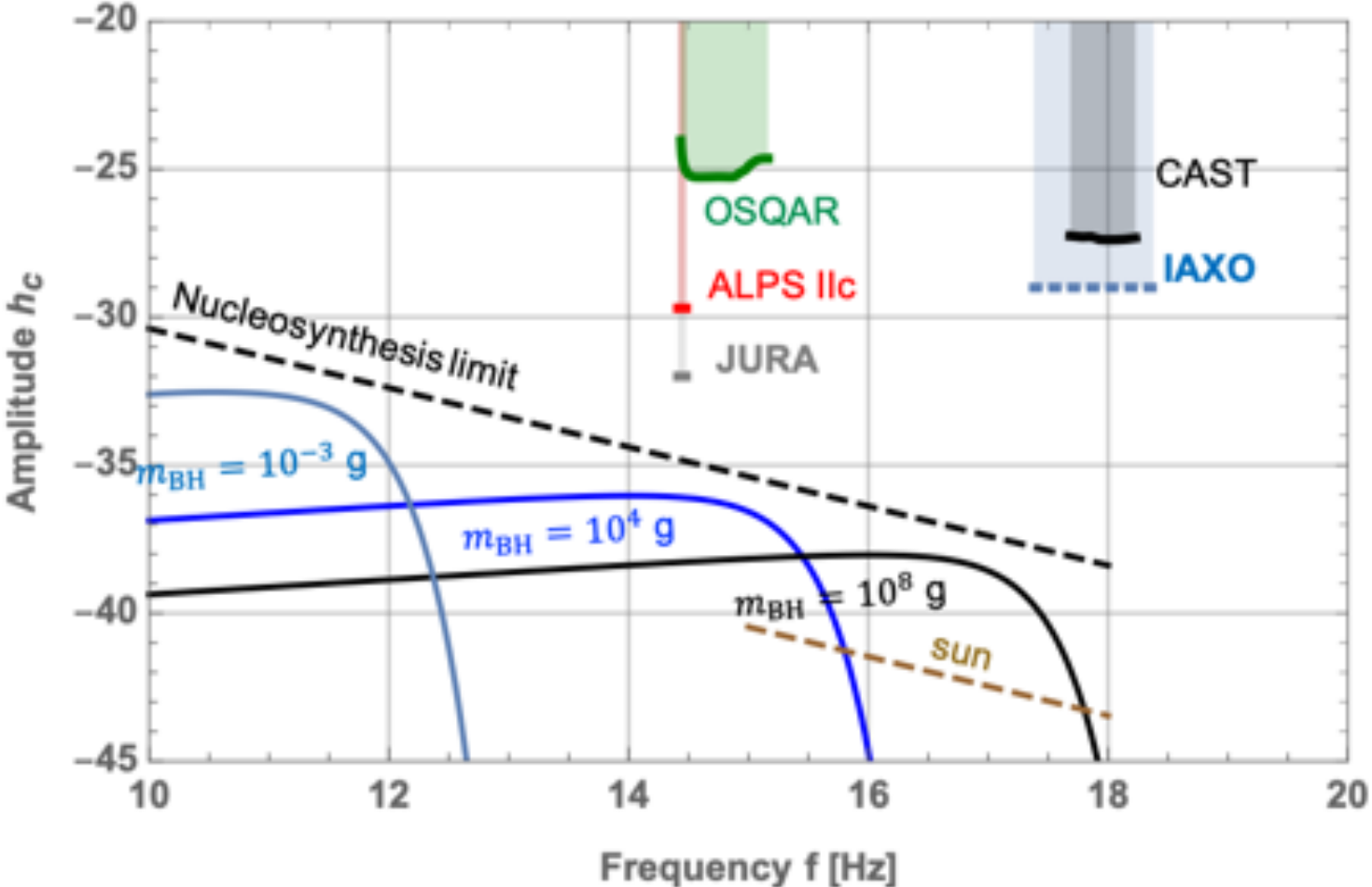
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# GW Detection Opportunities beyond ALPS & Co?

- Currently, a community is forming which seriously considers the search for high-frequency gravitational waves:

CERN-TH-2020-185  
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## Challenges and Opportunities of Gravitational Wave Searches at MHz to GHz Frequencies

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### Abstract

The first direct measurement of gravitational waves by the LIGO and Virgo collaborations has opened up new avenues to explore our Universe. This white paper outlines the challenges and gains expected in gravitational wave searches at frequencies above the LIGO/Virgo band, with a particular focus on the MHz and GHz range. The absence of known astrophysical sources in this frequency range provides a unique opportunity to discover physics beyond the Standard Model operating both in the early and late Universe, and we highlight some of the most promising gravitational sources. We review several detector concepts which have been proposed to take up this challenge, and compare their expected sensitivity with the signal strength predicted in various models. This report is the summary of the workshop *Challenges and opportunities of high-frequency gravitational wave detection* held at ICTP Trieste, Italy in October 2019.

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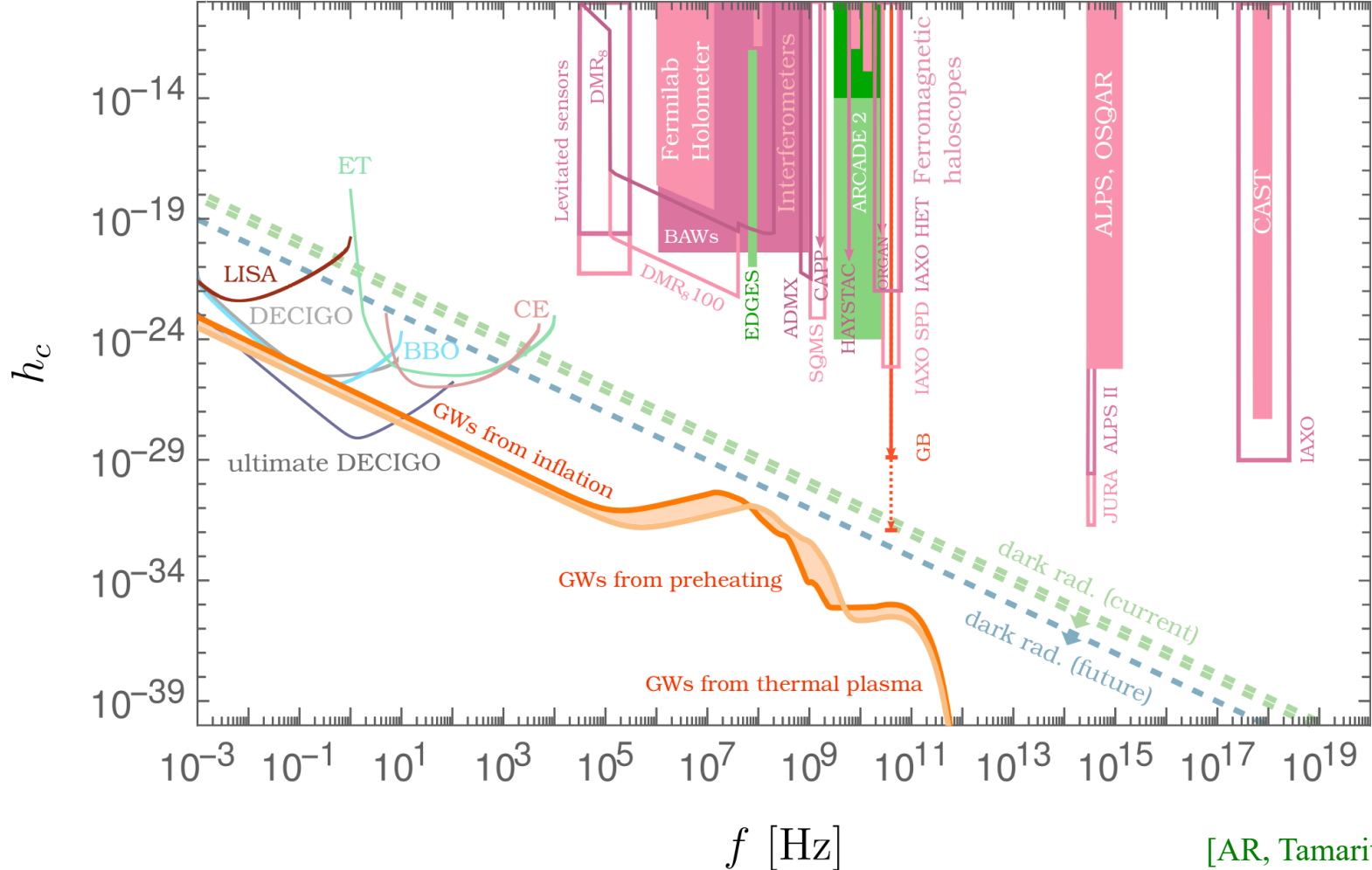
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# GW Detection Opportunities beyond ALPS & Co?

- Techniques developed for axion detection may well be suited for GW detection at high frequencies:



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