

(Benchmark) Axion Models

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Plan

- **Recap: Peccei-Quinn Solution of the Strong CP Problem**
- **KSVZ Model**
- **DFSZ Model**
- **GUT Axion Model**

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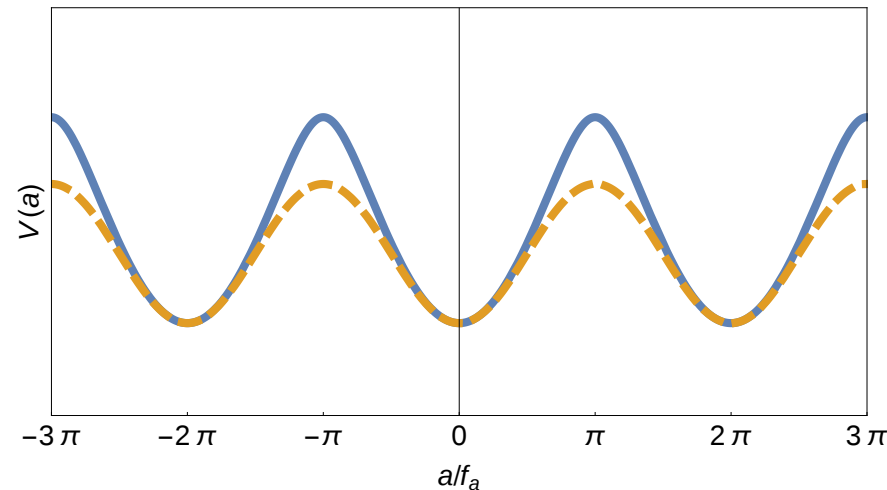
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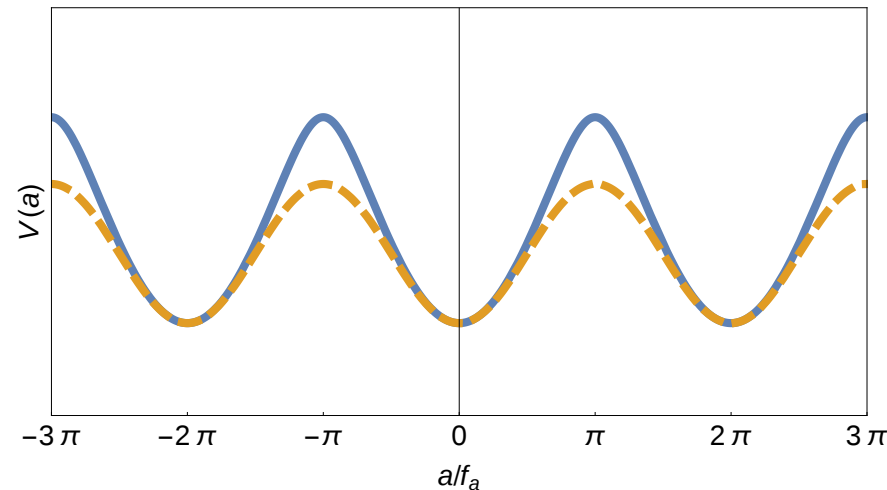
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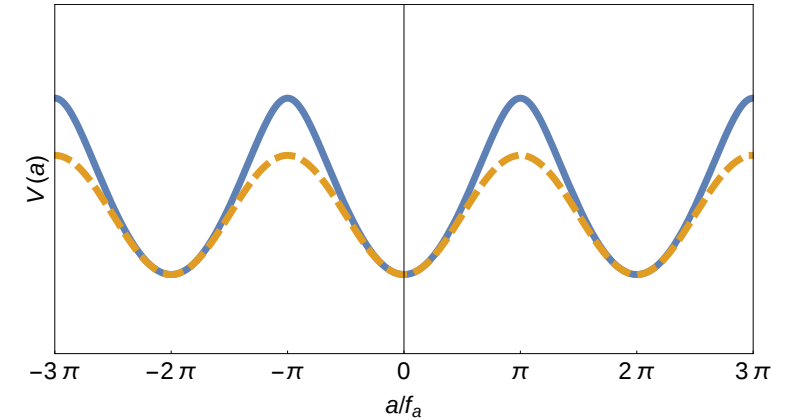
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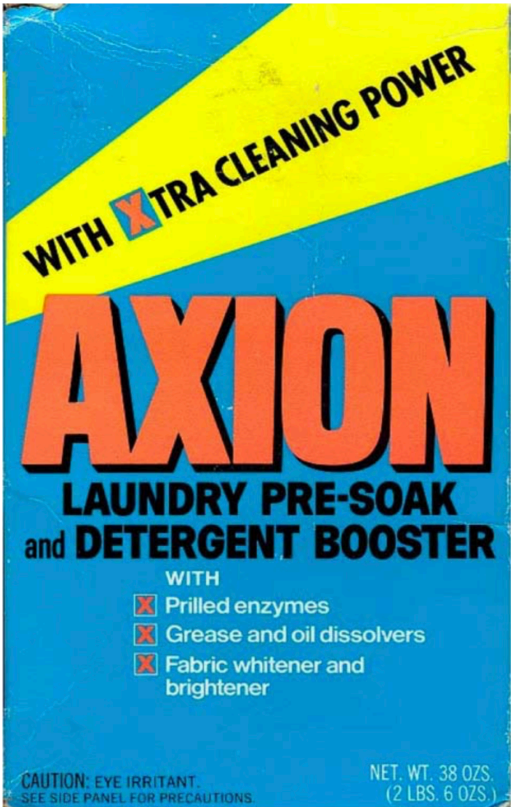
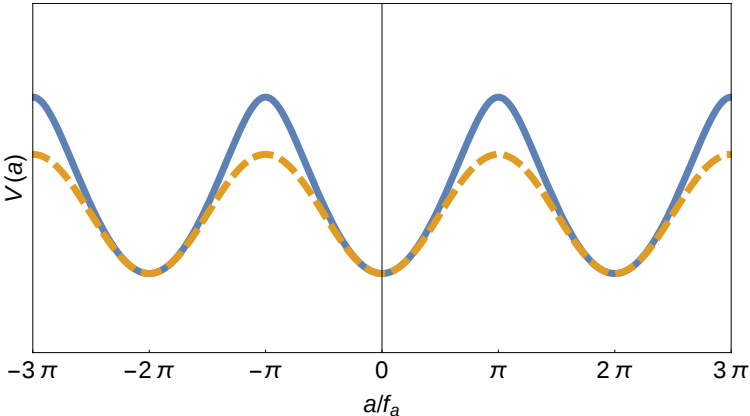
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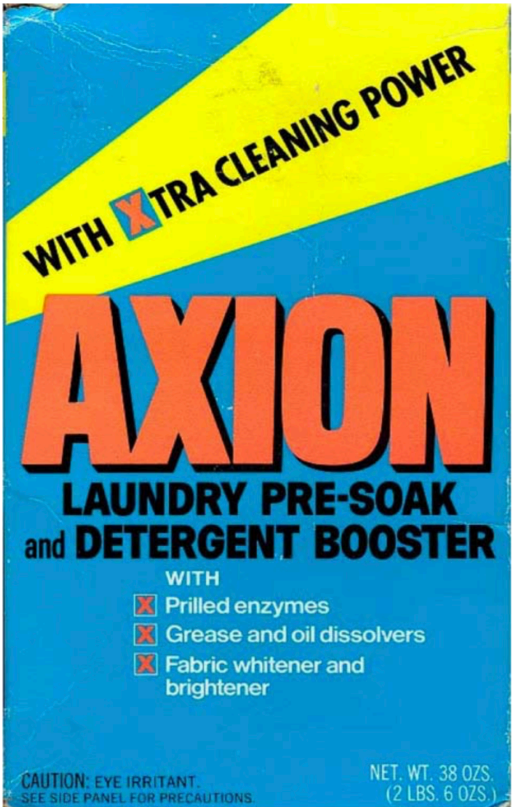
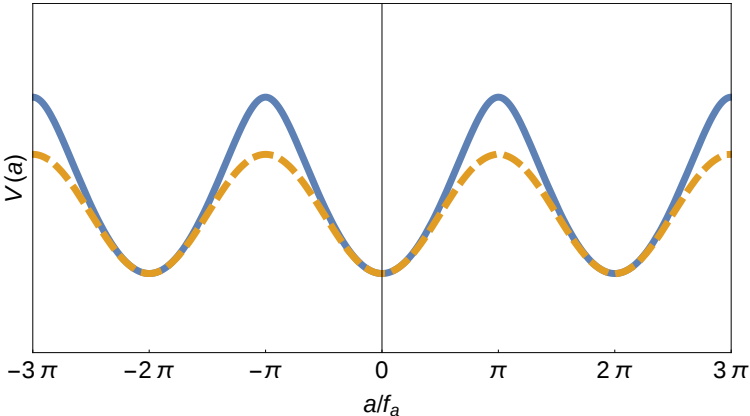
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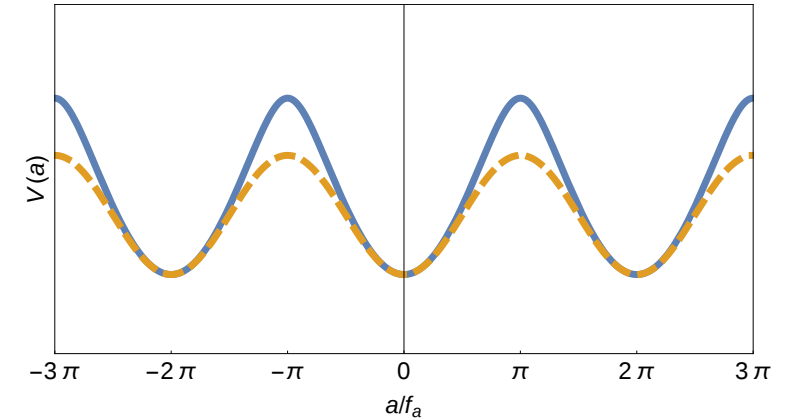


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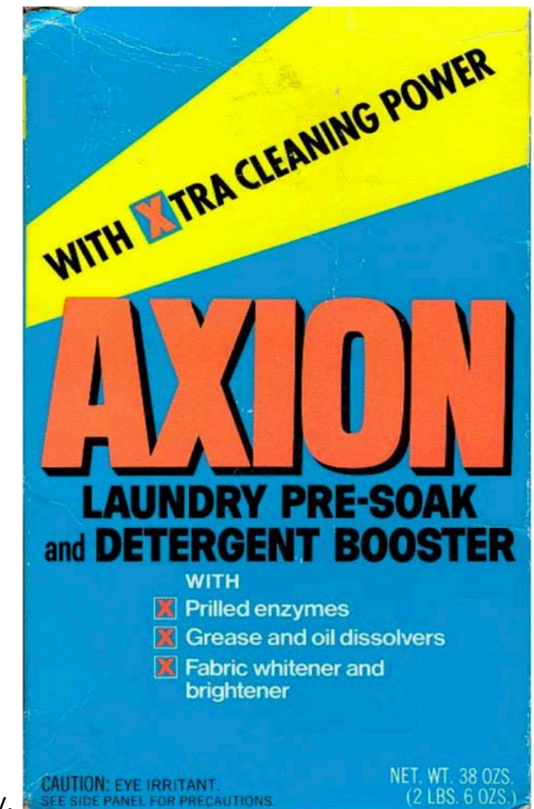


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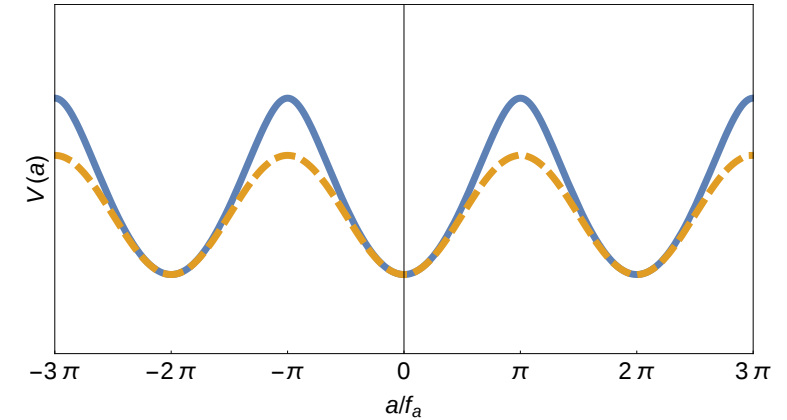


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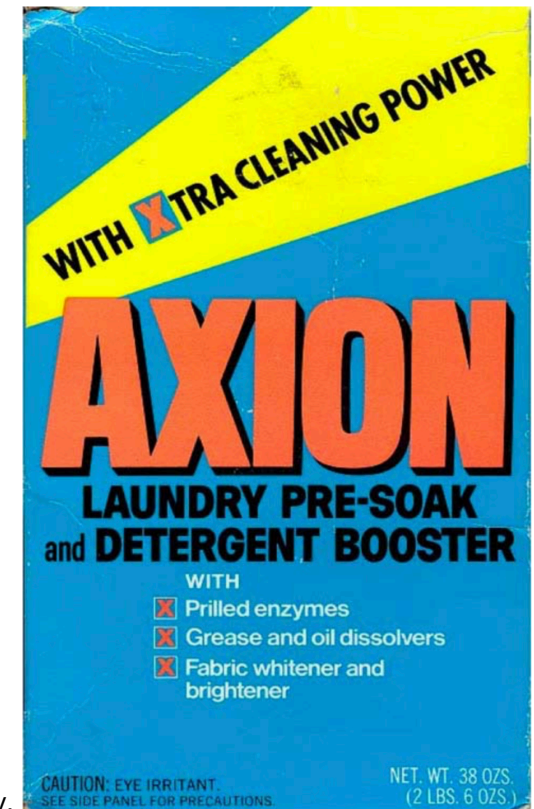
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[Gorghetto et al. 18]



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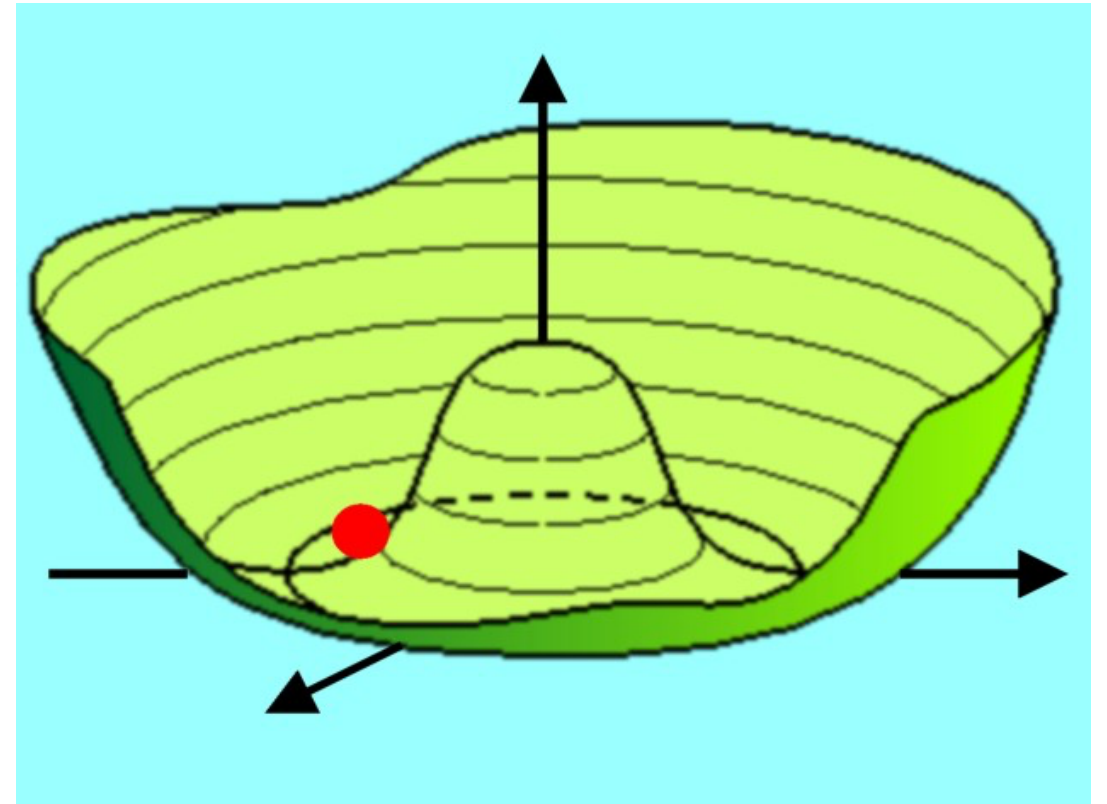
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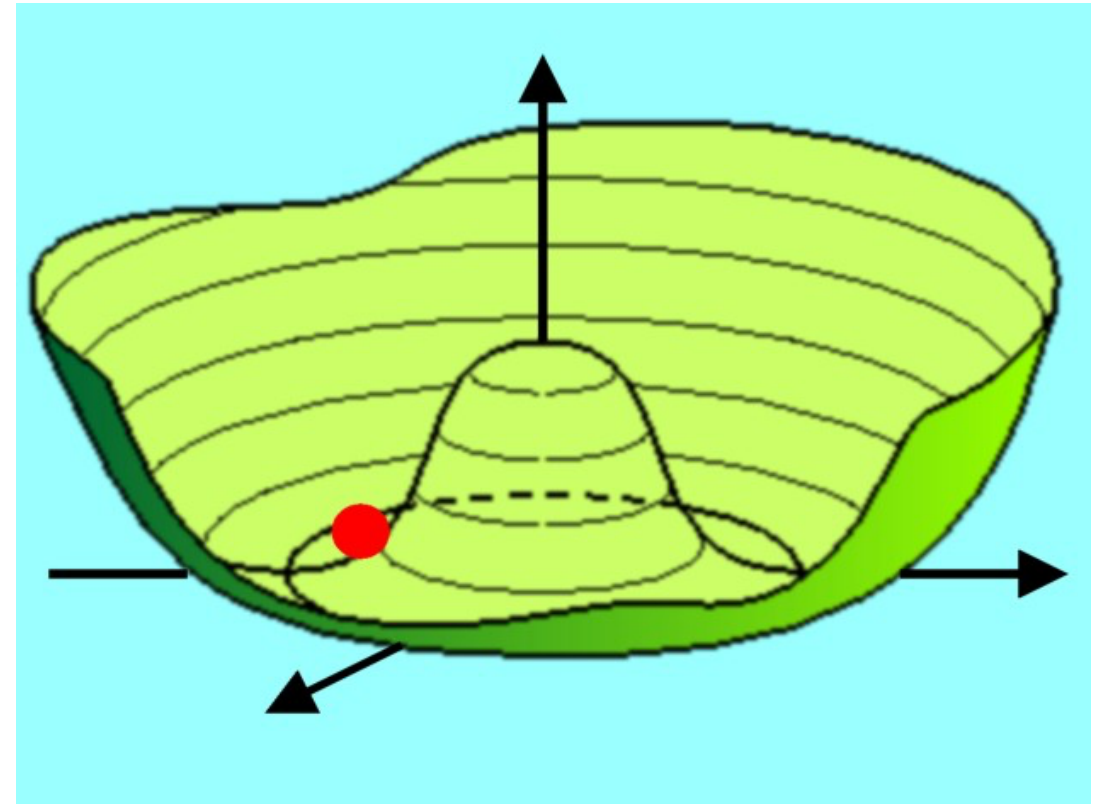
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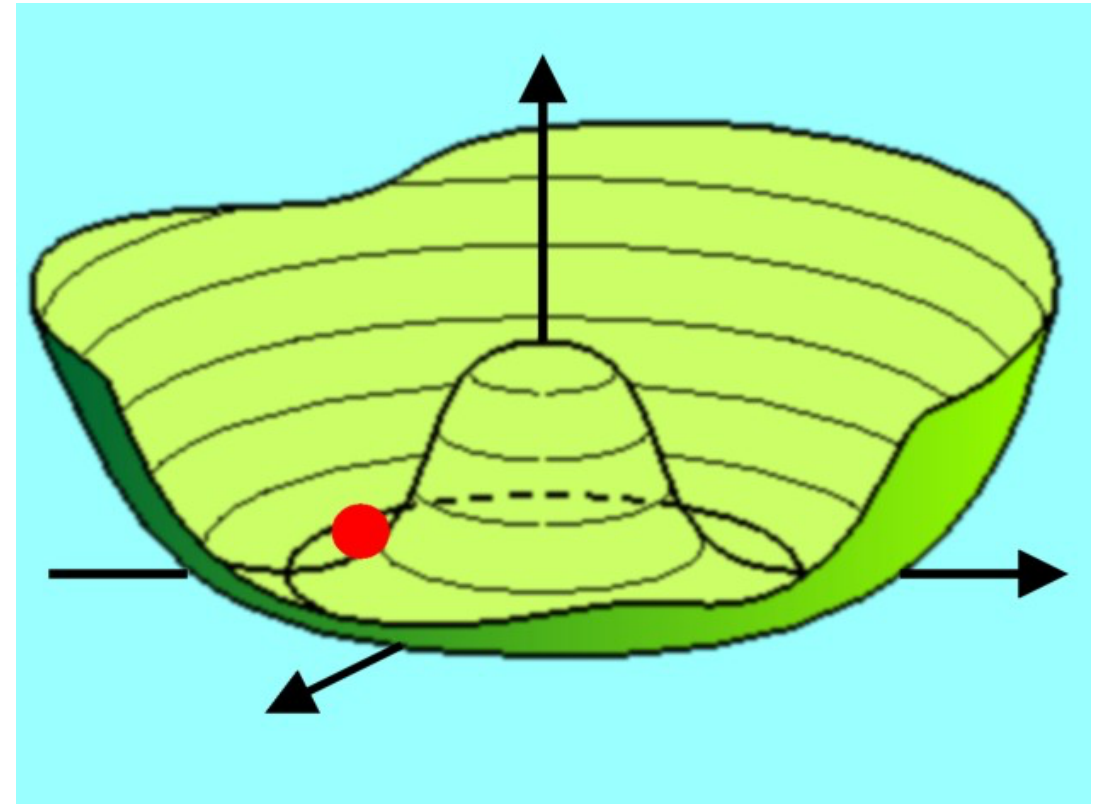
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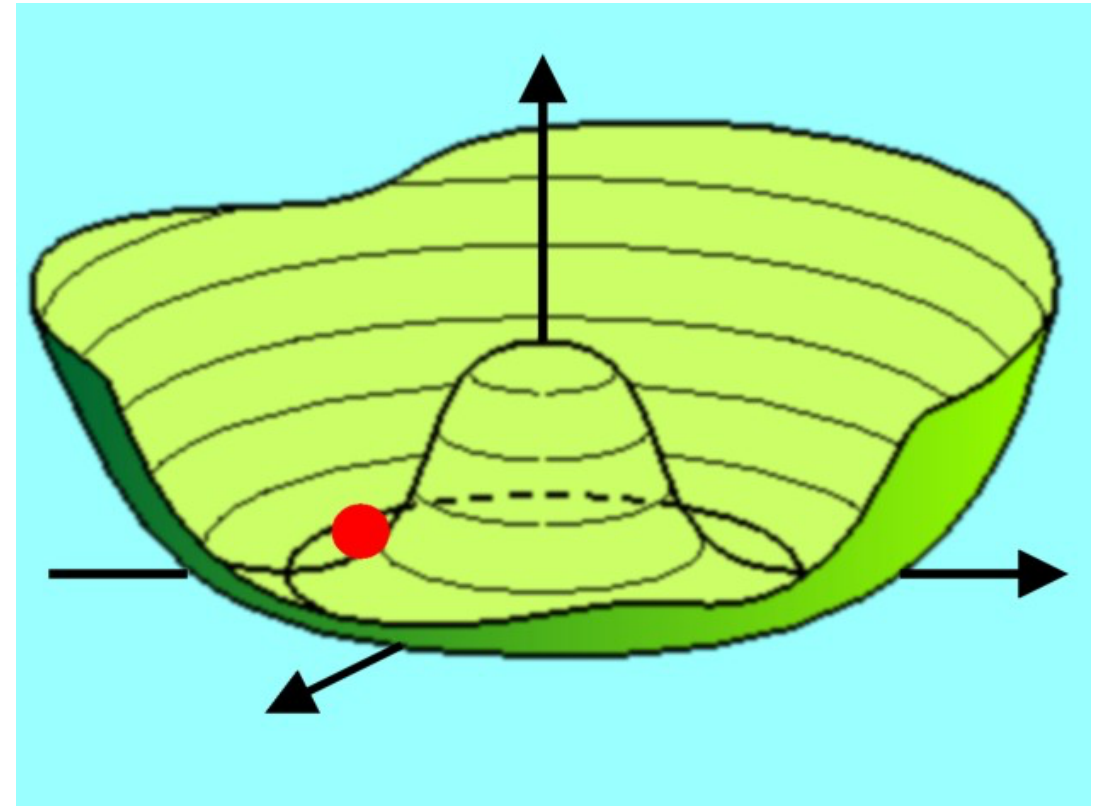
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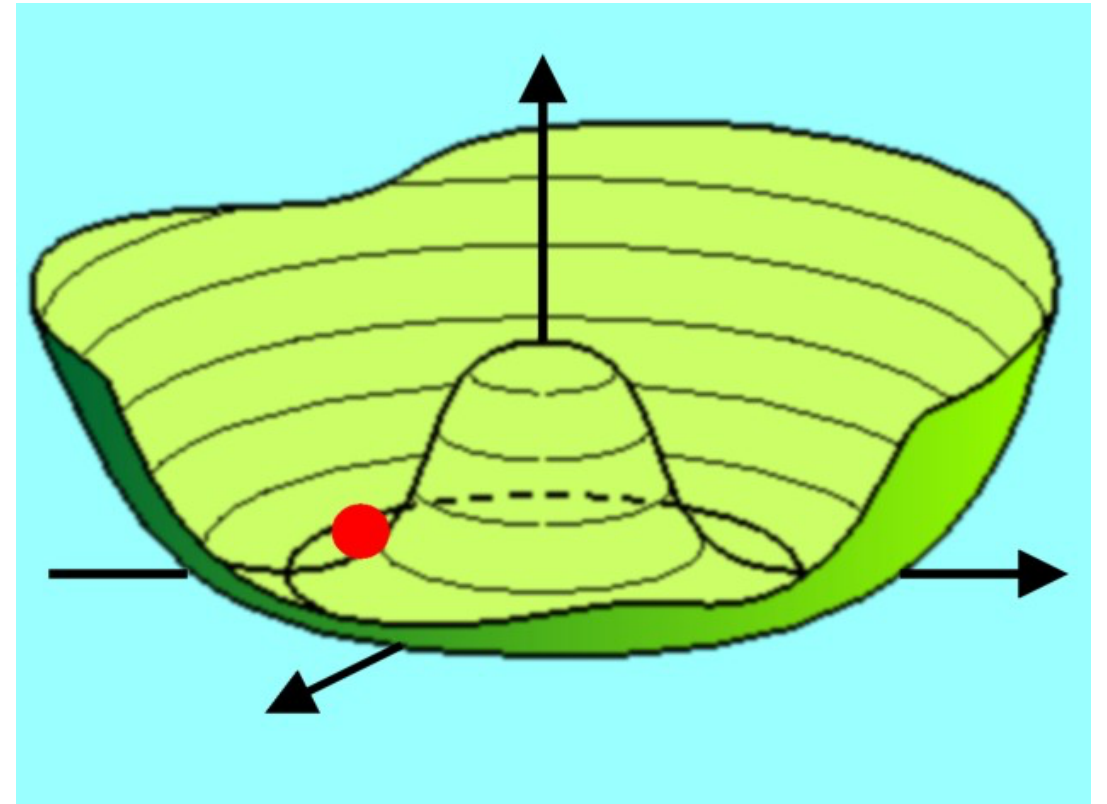
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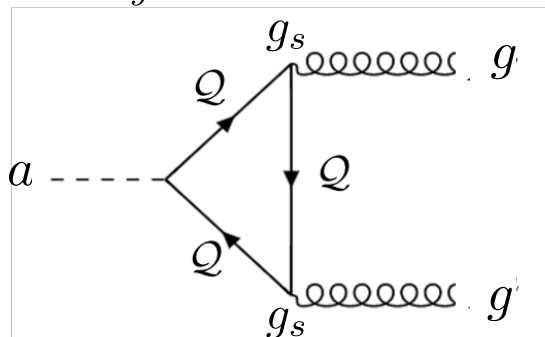
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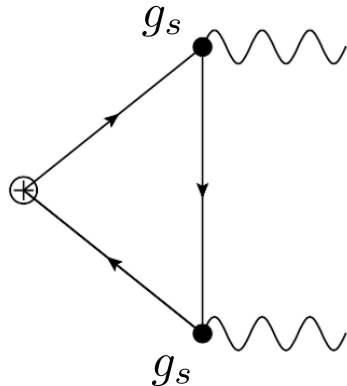
Hadronic axion with direct electromagnetic coupling

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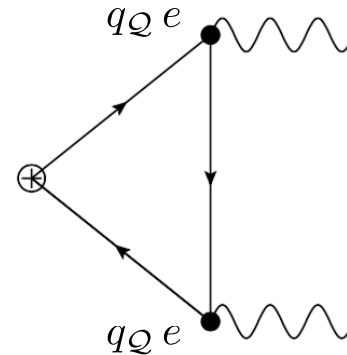
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$$z \equiv m_u/m_d \approx 1/2$$

[Kaplan 85; Srednicki '85; Grilli di Cortona et al. '16]

- Nucleon electric dipole moment coupling:

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[Pospelov, Ritz '00]

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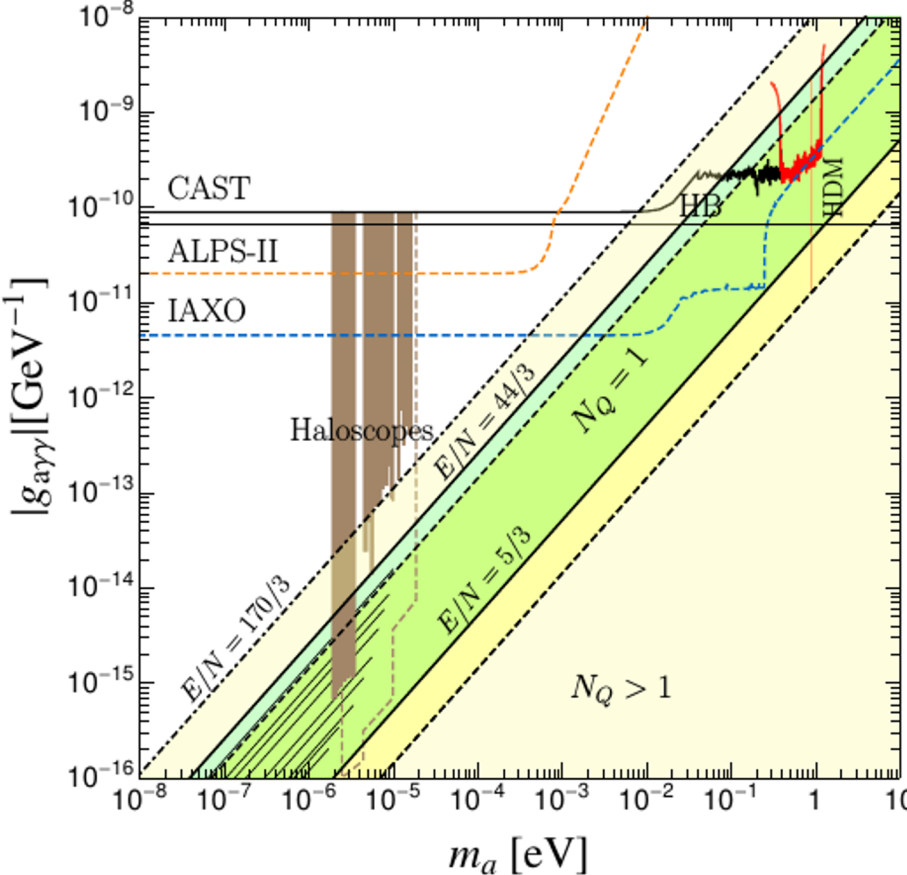
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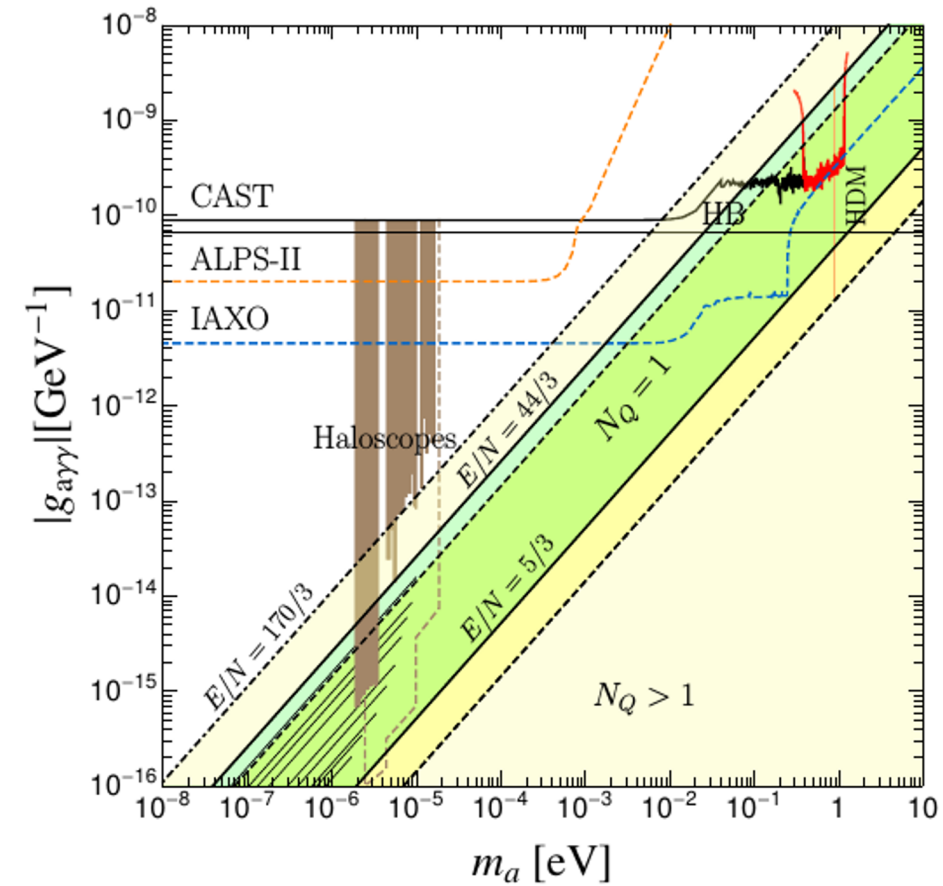
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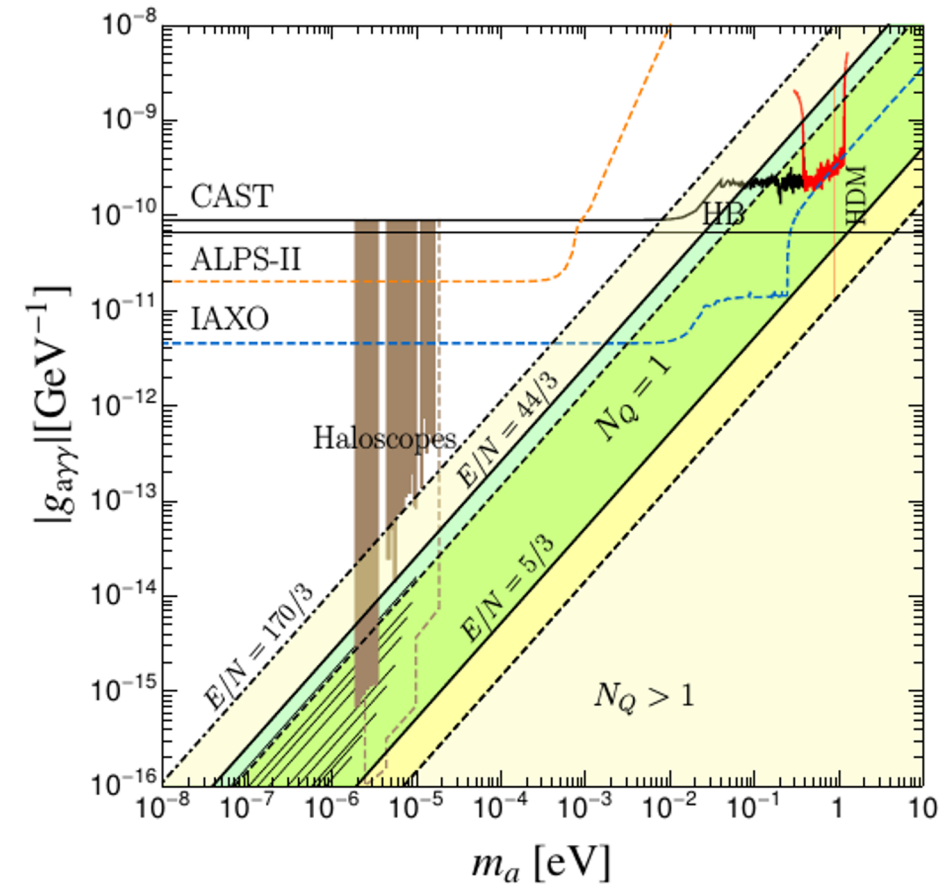
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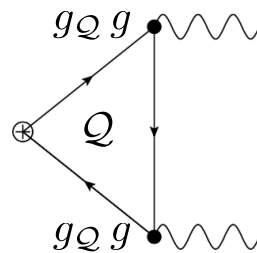
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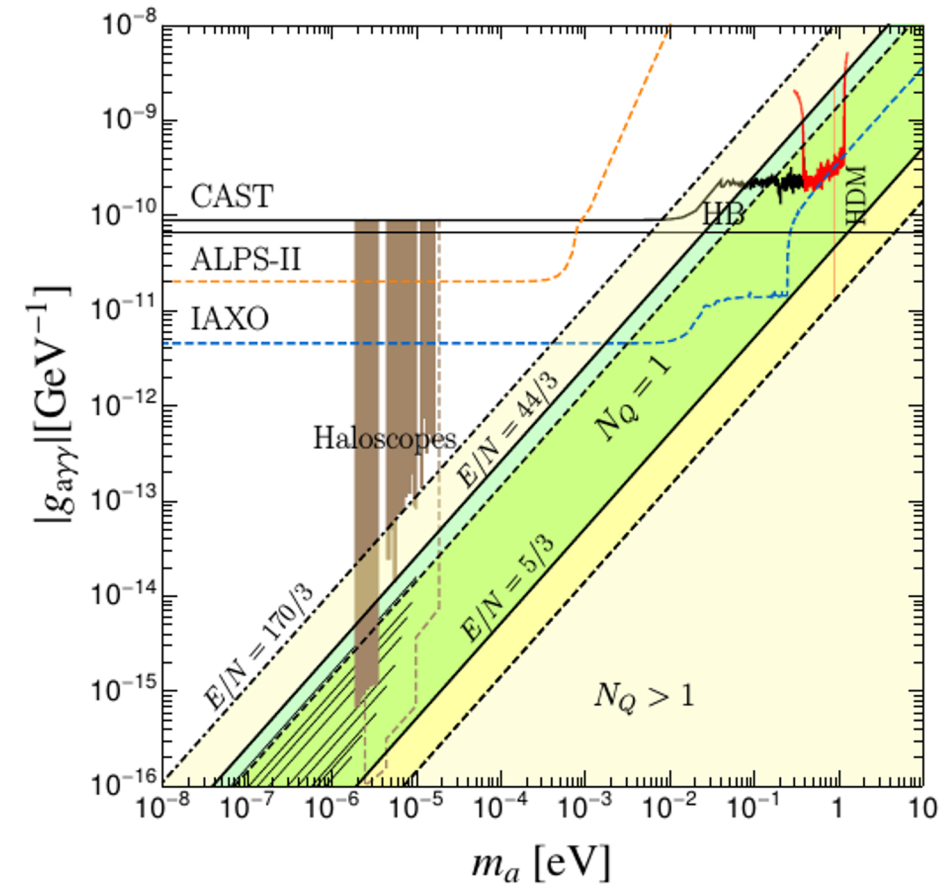
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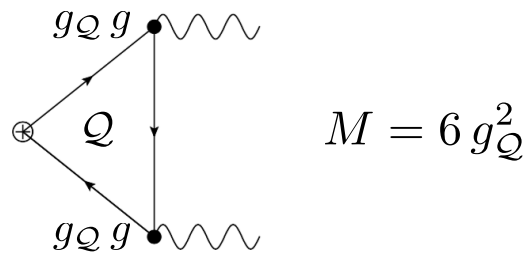
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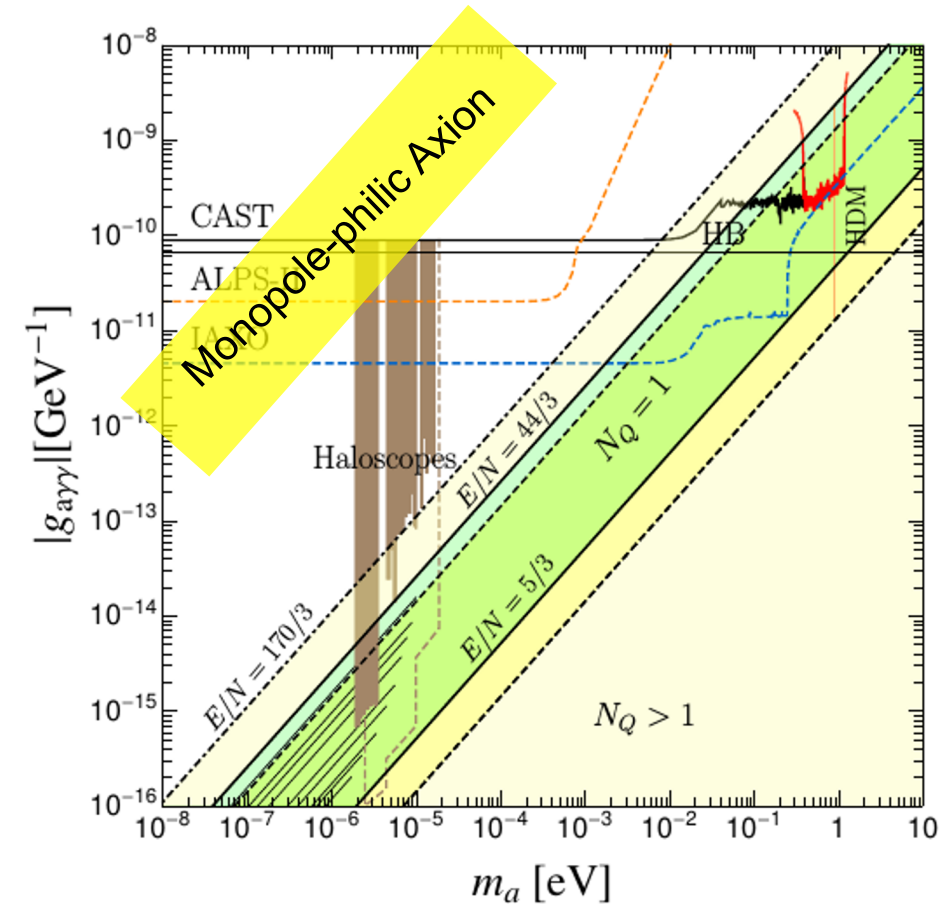
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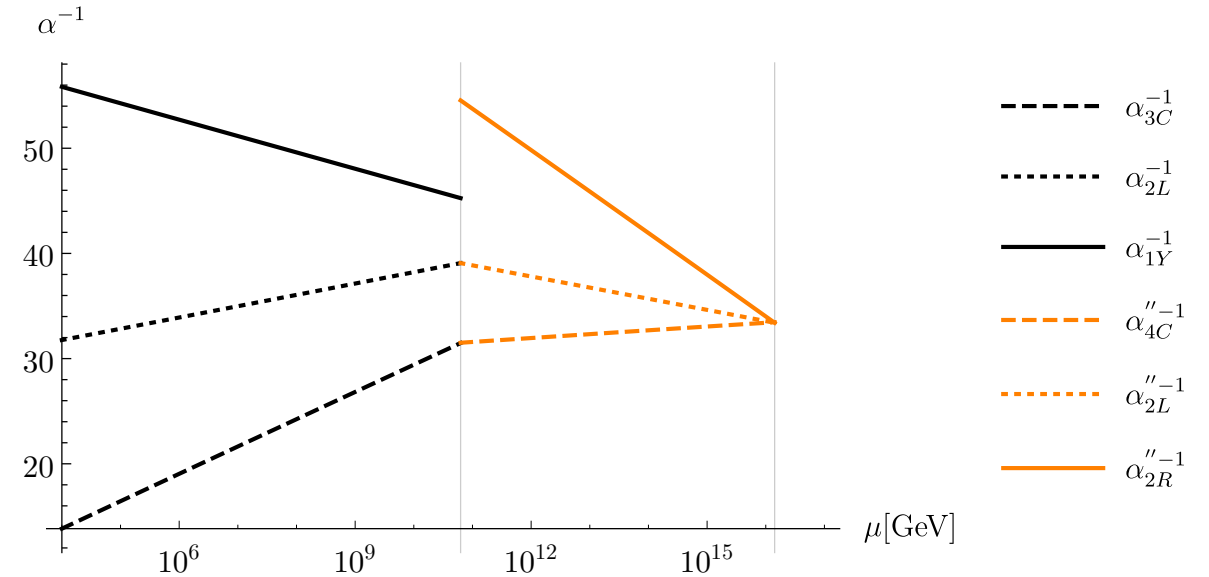
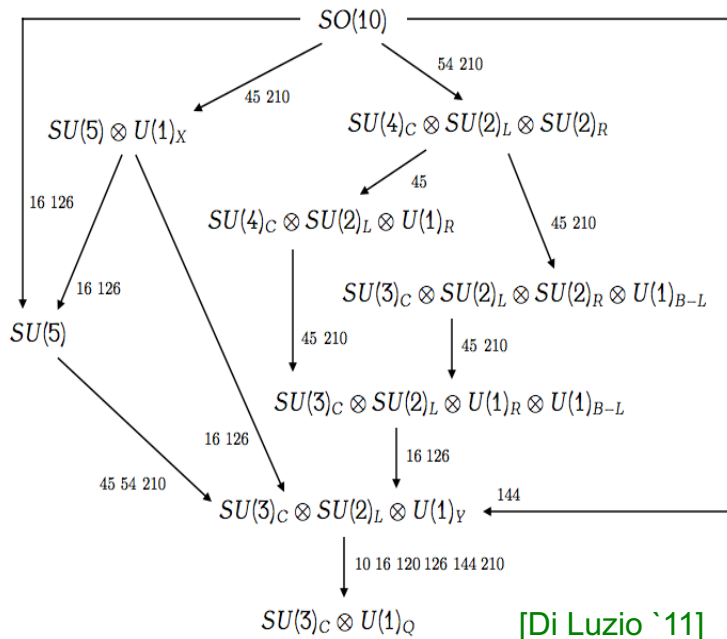
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[Bajc et al. 06; Altarelli, Meloni 13; Babu, Khan 15]

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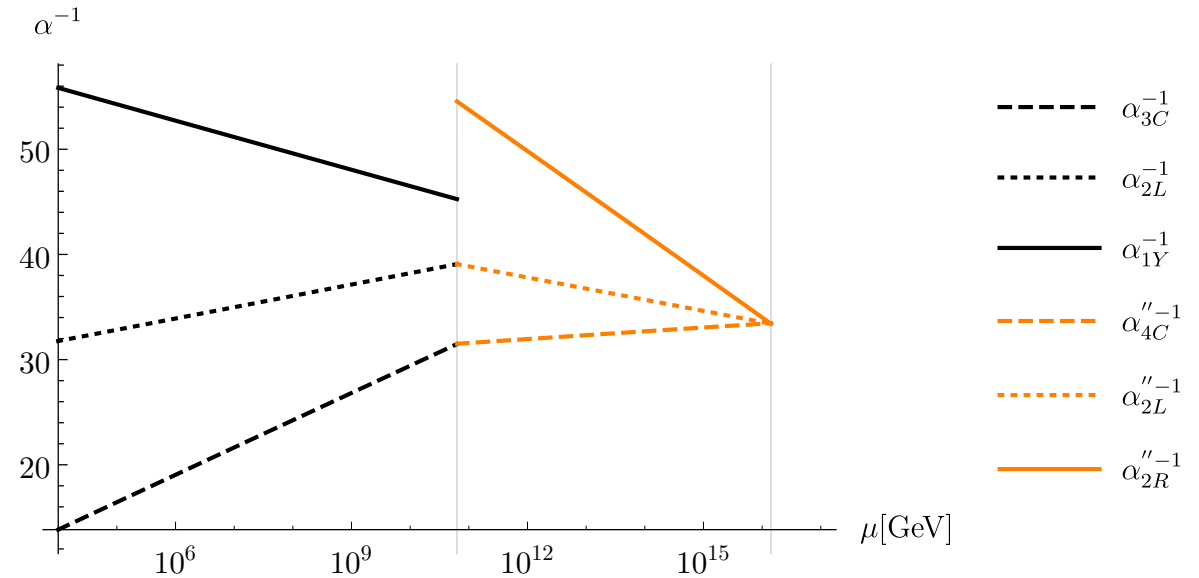
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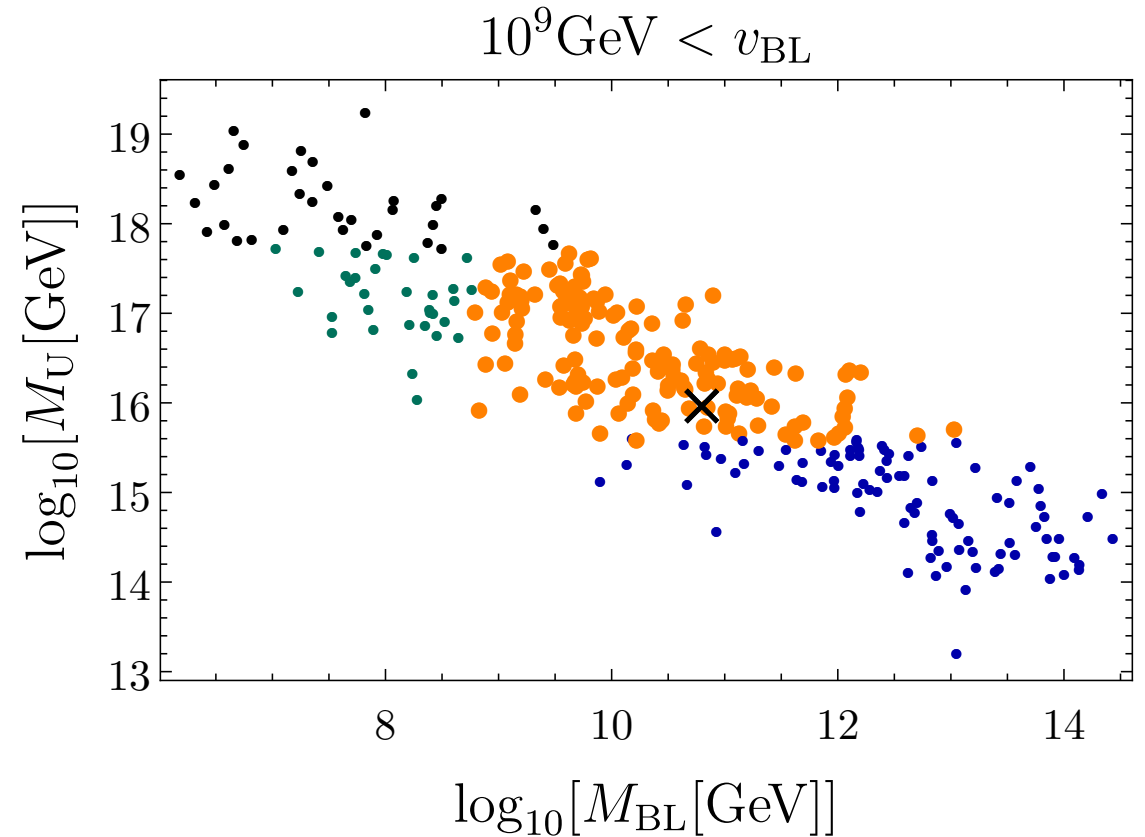
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- Low energy couplings to SM gauge bosons identical to DFSZ axion, but here decay constant fixed by GUT scale [Ernst, AR, Tamarit, arXiv:1801.04906]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\text{QCD}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu A \partial^\mu A - \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 A^2 + \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \frac{C_{A\gamma}}{f_A} A F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu A \left[\frac{C_{AP}}{2f_A} \bar{P}^\dagger \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 P + \frac{C_{AN}}{2f_A} \bar{N}^\dagger \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 N + \frac{C_{AE}}{2f_A} \bar{E}^\dagger \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 E \right],$$

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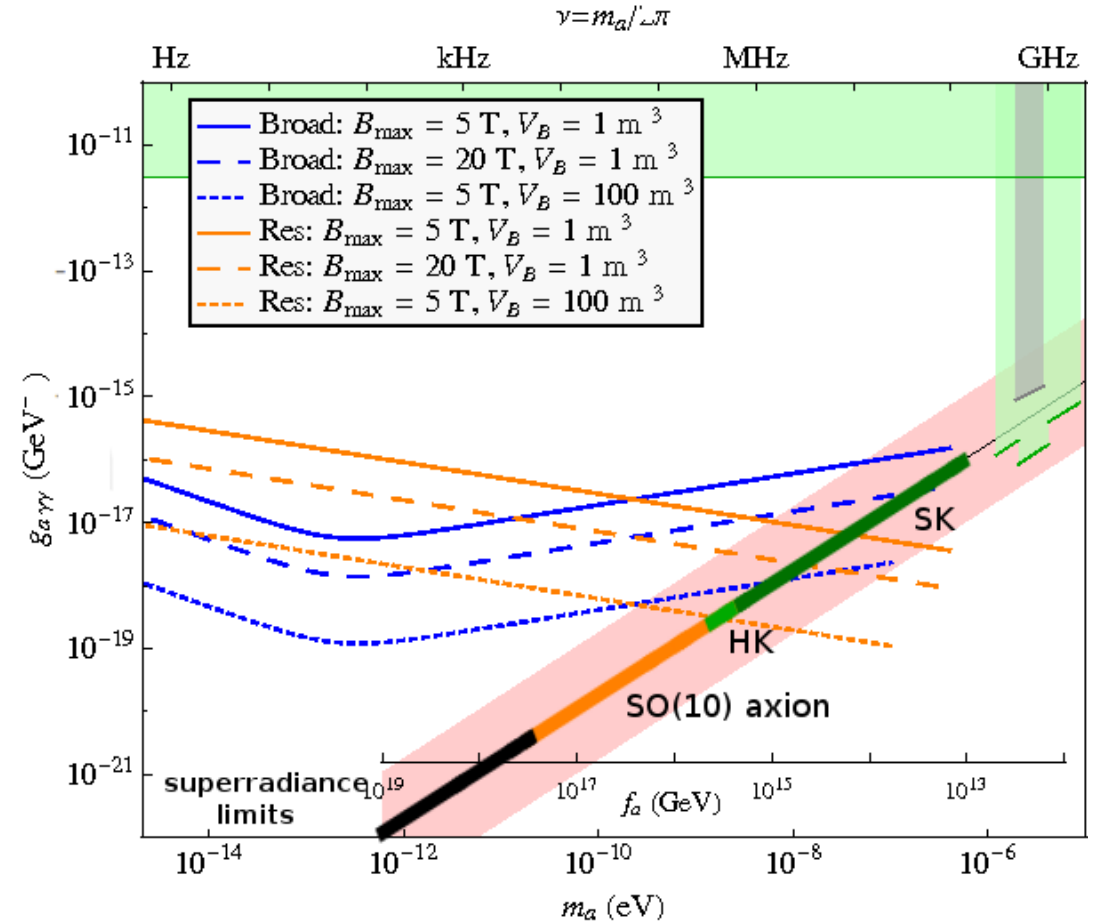
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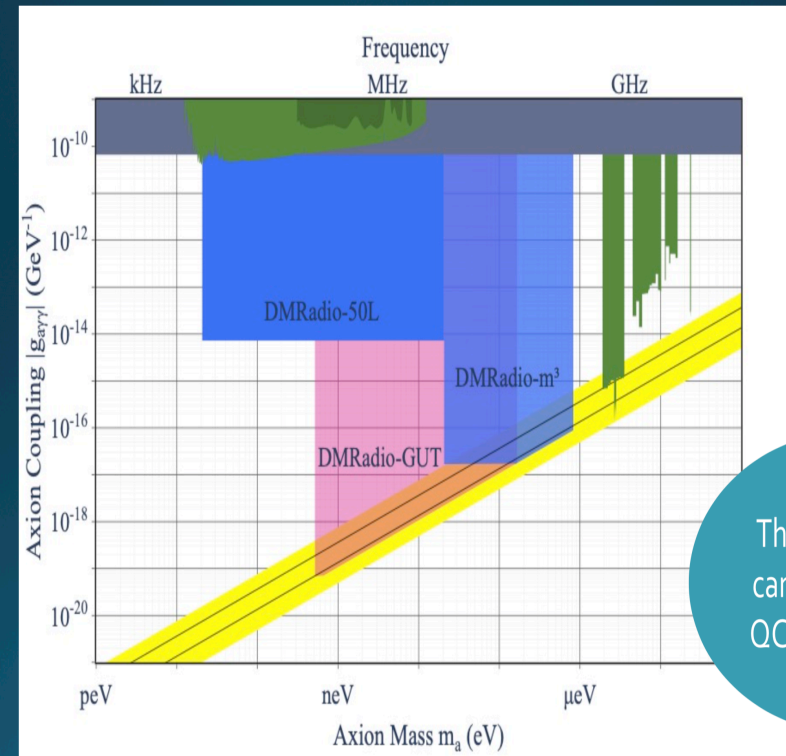
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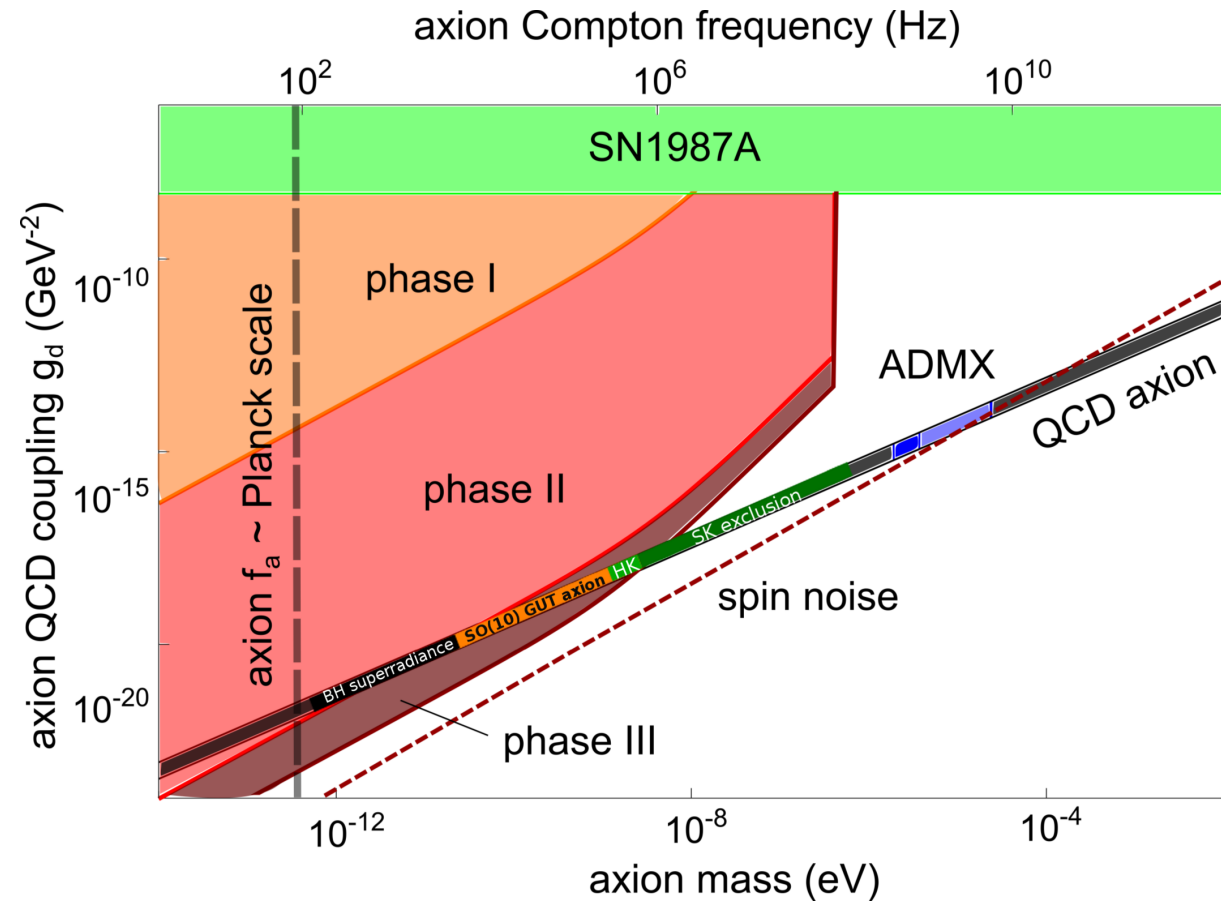
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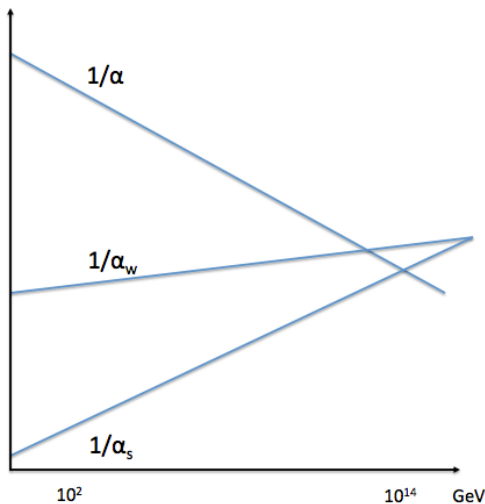
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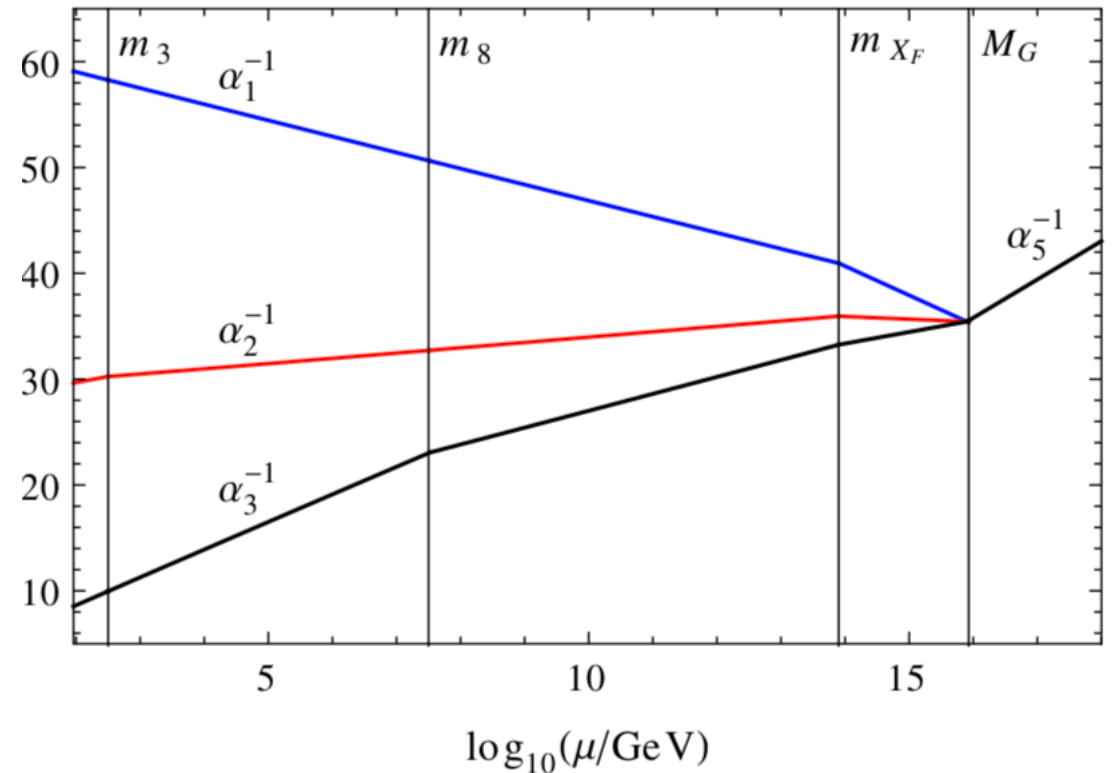
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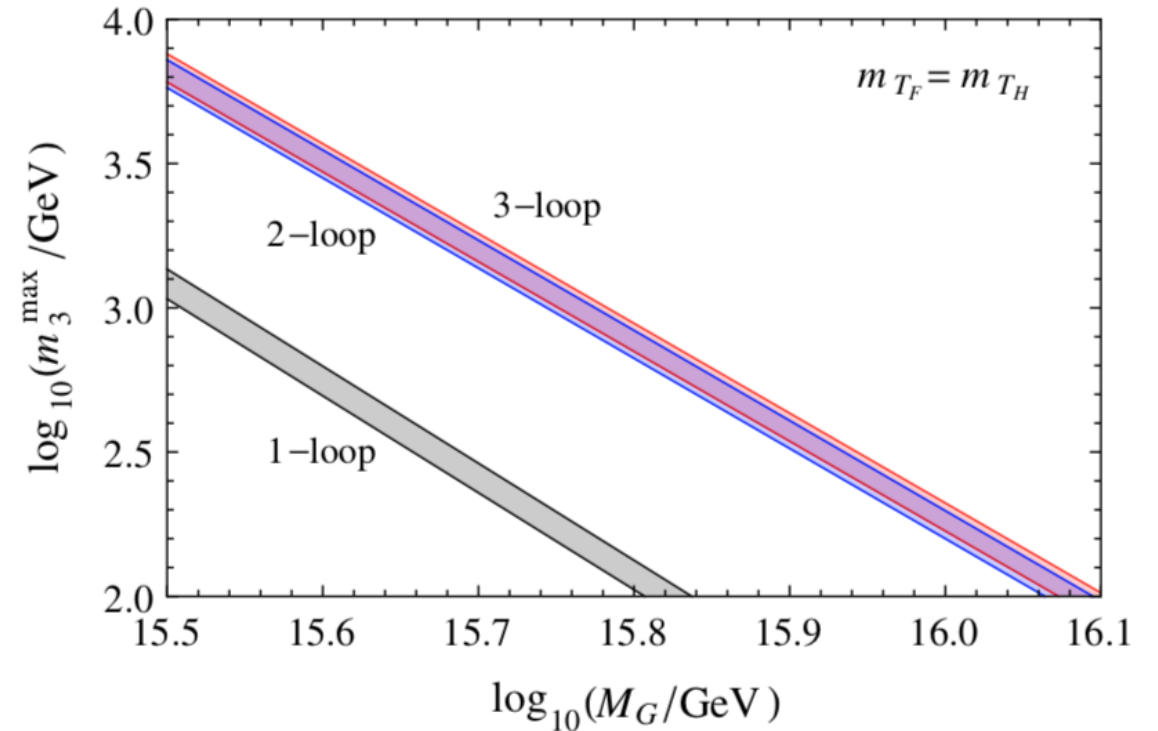
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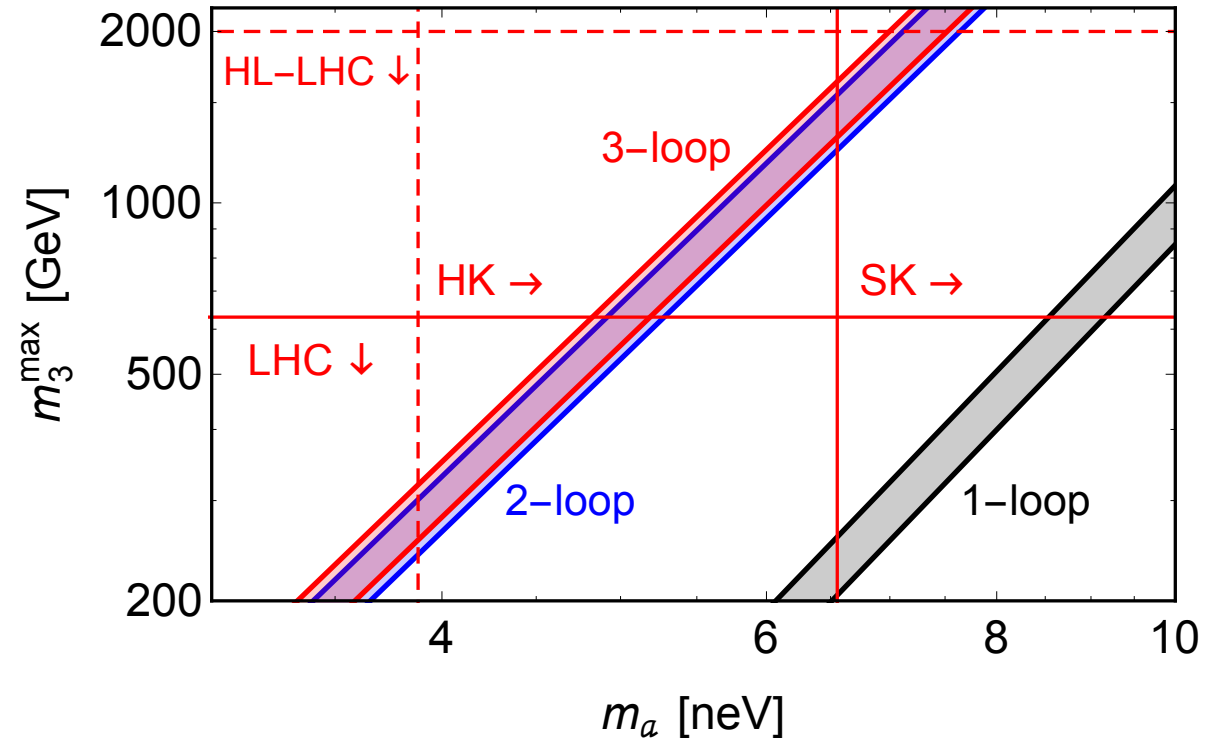
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Sensitivity of future axion DM searches. An axion in this mass range is extremely weakly coupled to SM particles, since its couplings to e.g. photons (γ), electrons (e), protons (p), and neutrons (n) are inversely proportional to the axion decay constant,

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while the coefficients C_{ax} are of order unity. In the WGG+ 24_F model, we find:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{a\gamma} &= \frac{8}{3} - 1.92(4), & C_{ae} &= \frac{2}{11} \sin^2 \beta, \\ C_{ap} &= -0.47(3) \\ &+ \frac{6}{11} [0.288 \cos^2 \beta - 0.146 \sin^2 \beta \pm 0.02], & (13) \\ C_{an} &= -0.02(3) \\ &+ \frac{6}{11} [0.278 \sin^2 \beta - 0.135 \cos^2 \beta \pm 0.02], \end{aligned}$$

where we introduced the ratio of the electroweak VEVs, $\tan \beta = \langle 5_H \rangle / \langle 5_{H'} \rangle$. This makes the GUT axion clearly invisible for purely laboratory based experiments.

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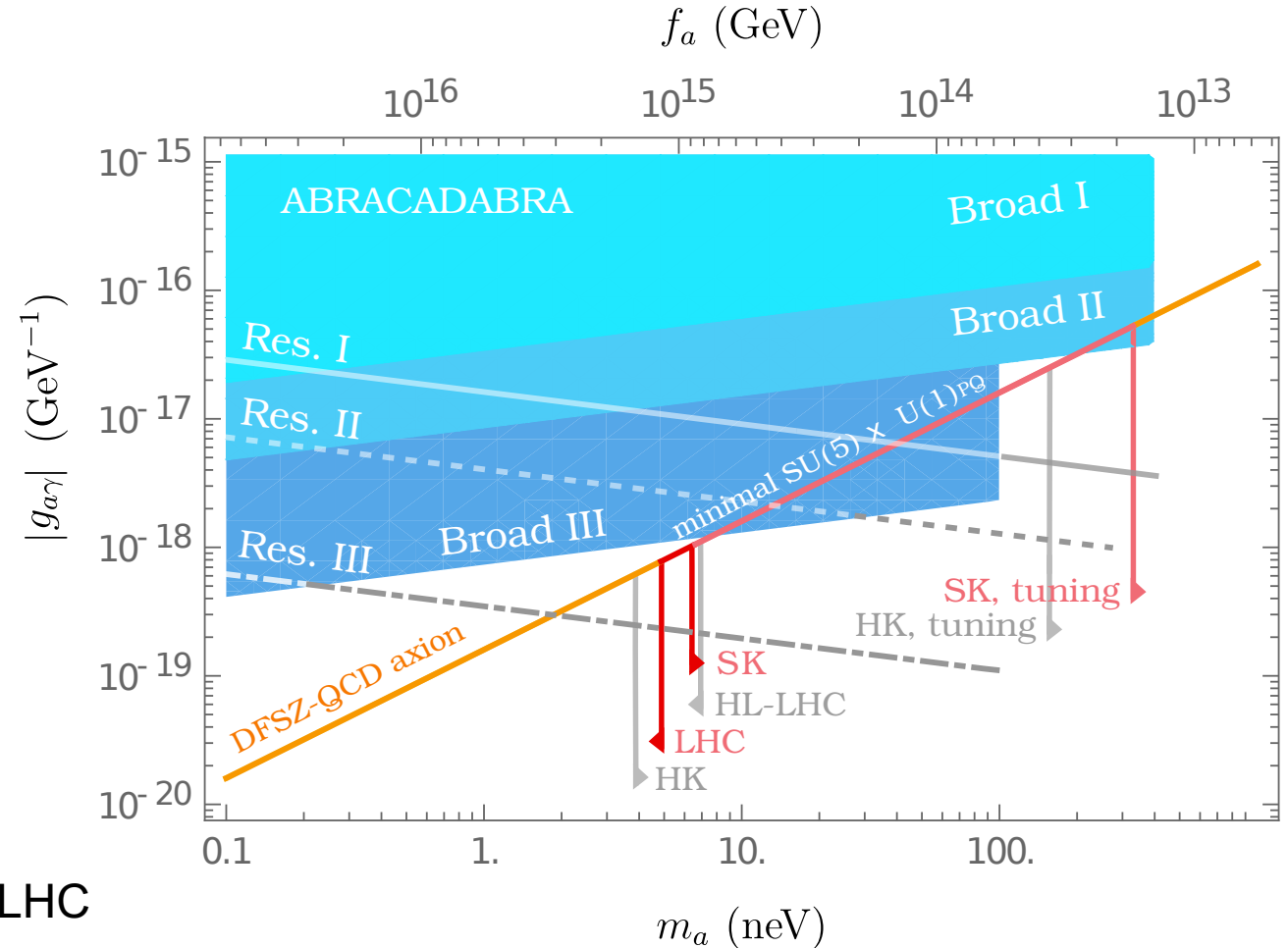
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The End

Questions?

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Z_N axion in mirror world extension of SM

- We consider now \mathcal{N} copies of the SM that are interchanged under a $Z_{\mathcal{N}}$ symmetry which is non-linearly realized by the axion field: [Hook, arXiv:1802.10093]

$$Z_{\mathcal{N}} : \text{SM}_k \longrightarrow \text{SM}_{k+1 \pmod{\mathcal{N}}}, \quad a \longrightarrow a + \frac{2\pi k}{\mathcal{N}} f_a$$

- The most general Lagrangian implementing this symmetry describes \mathcal{N} mirror worlds whose couplings take exactly the same values as in the SM, with the exception of the effective θ -parameter: for each copy the effective θ value is shifted by $2\pi/\mathcal{N}$ with respect to that in the neighbour k sector,

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{k=0}^{\mathcal{N}-1} \left[\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}_k} + \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \left(\frac{a}{f_a} + \frac{2\pi k}{\mathcal{N}} \right) G_k \tilde{G}_k \right] + \dots$$

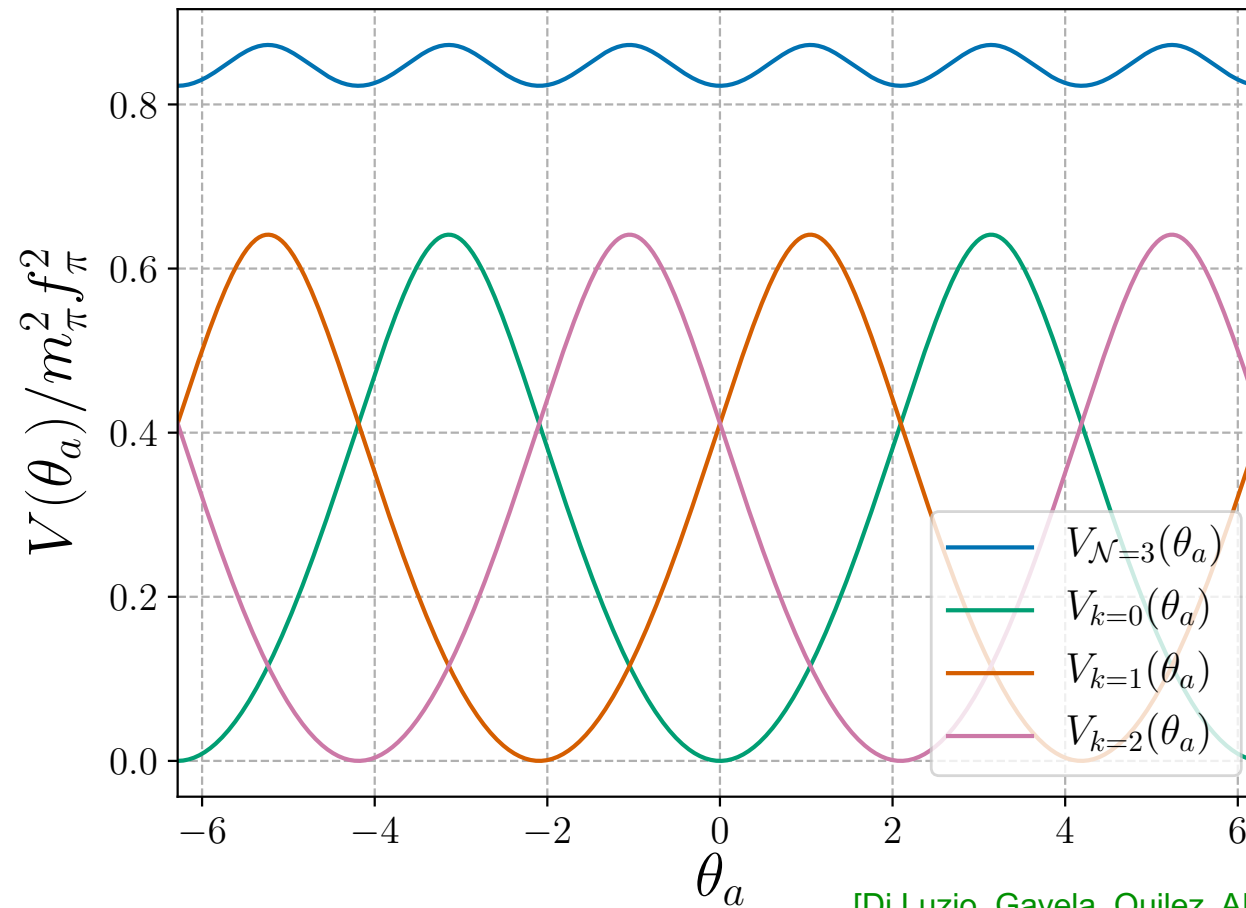
- Each QCD_k sector contributes to the axion potential, which in leading order chiral expansion reads

$$V_{\mathcal{N}}(a) = -\frac{m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2}{1+z} \sum_{k=0}^{\mathcal{N}-1} \sqrt{1+z^2+2z \cos \left(\frac{a}{f_a} + \frac{2\pi k}{\mathcal{N}} \right)}$$

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- For \mathcal{N} odd, strong CP problem solved: potential has \mathcal{N} minima located at $a = \{\pm 2\pi\ell/\mathcal{N}\}f_a$, for $\ell = 0, 1, \dots, (\mathcal{N} - 1)/2$, including the origin, $a = 0$



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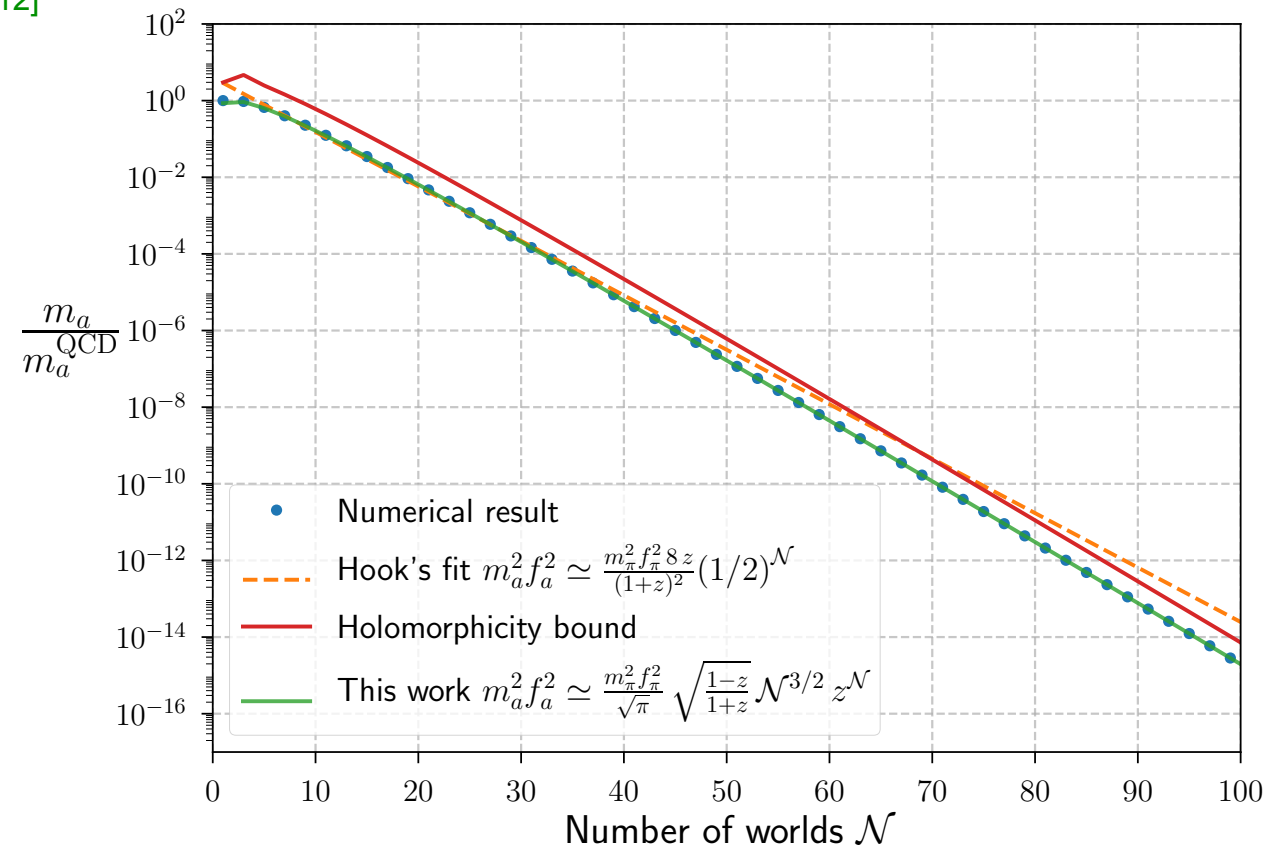
- In the large \mathcal{N} limit: [Di Luzio, Gavela, Quilez, AR, arXiv:2102.00012]

$$V_{\mathcal{N}}(a) \simeq -\frac{m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{1-z}{1+z}} \mathcal{N}^{-1/2} z^{\mathcal{N}} \cos\left(\mathcal{N} \frac{a}{f_a}\right)$$

- In particular:

$$m_a^2 f_a^2 \simeq \frac{m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{1-z}{1+z}} \mathcal{N}^{3/2} z^{\mathcal{N}}$$

- Mass exponentially smaller by factor $z^{\mathcal{N}/2} \sim 2^{-\mathcal{N}/2}$ as compared to the canonical axion mass

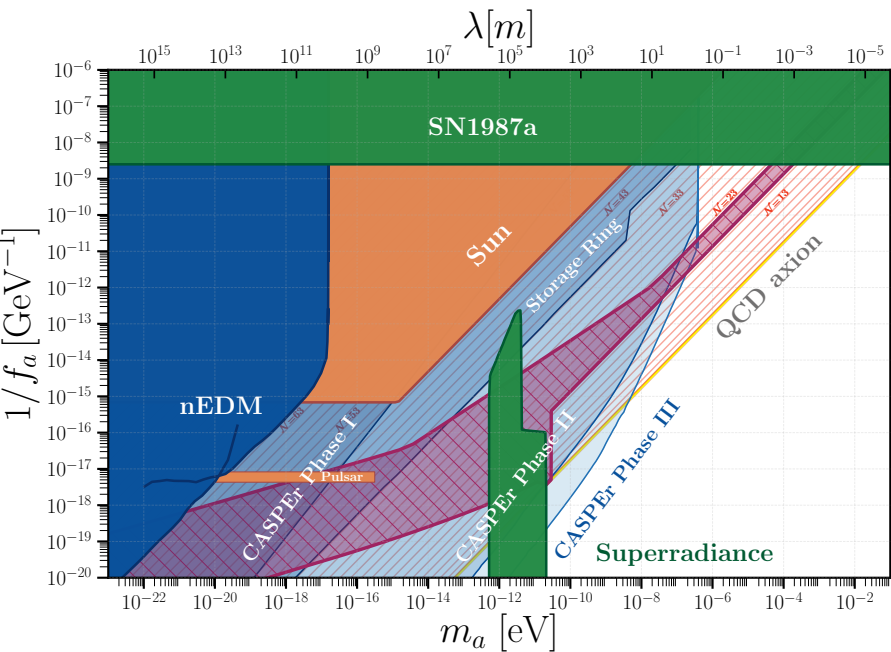


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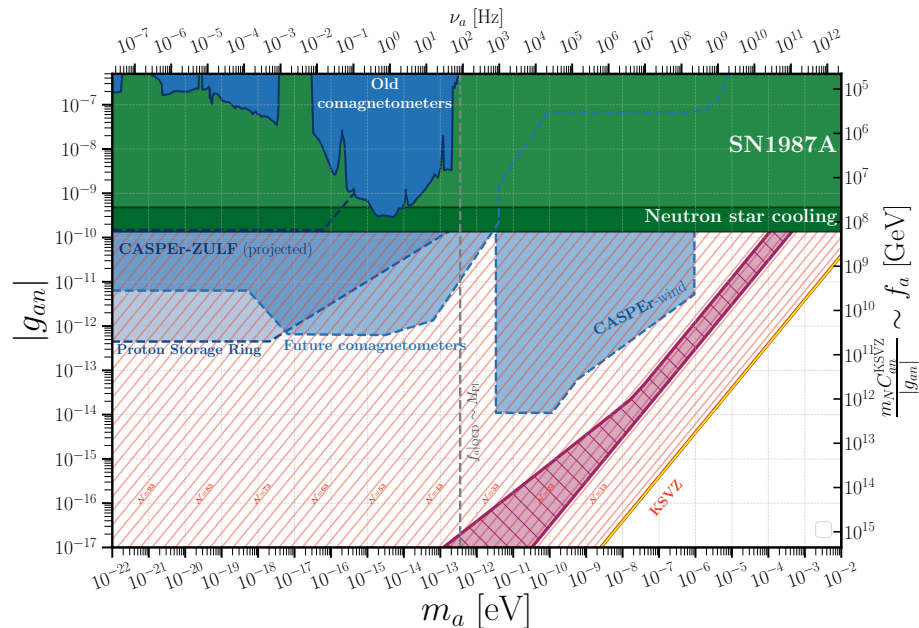
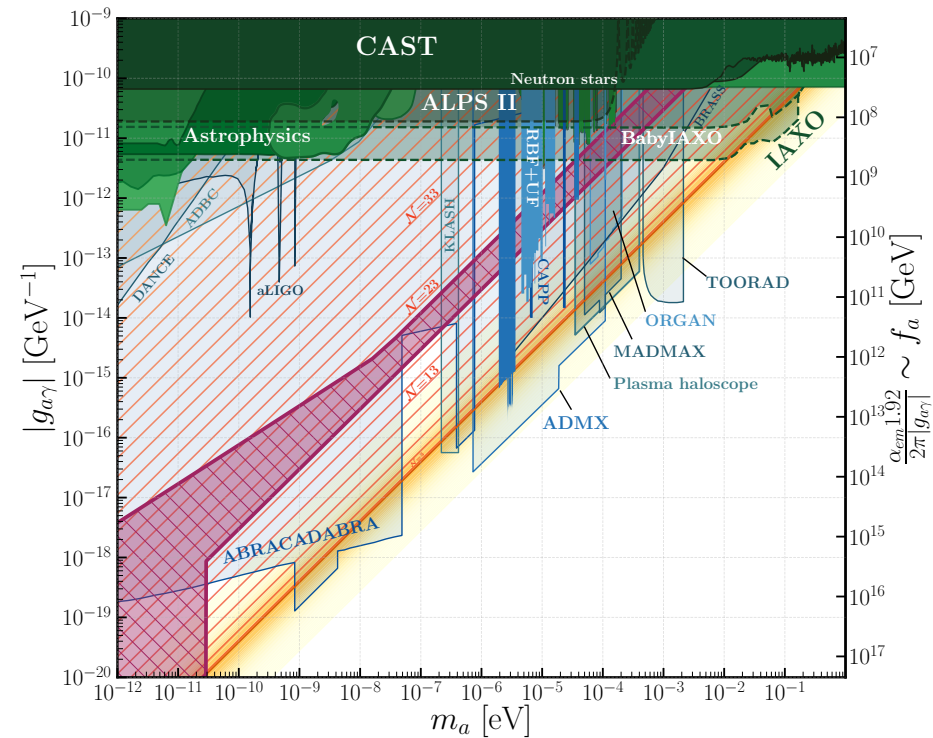
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- Universal increase of axion couplings to SM by factor $z^{-\mathcal{N}/2} \sim 2^{\mathcal{N}/2}$:



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$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_k \bar{\psi}_k \left(i\partial - m_k - e_k A^{(E)} - g_k A^{(M)} \right) \psi_k \quad [\text{Zwanziger '71}]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{8} \text{tr} \left[(\partial \wedge A^{(E)}) \cdot (\partial \wedge A^{(E)}) \right] + \frac{1}{8} \text{tr} \left[(\partial \wedge A^{(M)}) \cdot (\partial \wedge A^{(M)}) \right]$$

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- $U(1)_E \times U(1)_M$ gauge theory involving arbitrary fixed four vector n^μ - field theoretic counterpart of a frozen Dirac string
- Variations of action with respect to matter and gauge fields gives classical equations:

$$\left(i\partial - m_k - e_k A^{(E)} - g_k A^{(M)} \right) \psi_k = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \sum_i e_i \bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\nu \psi_i,$$

$$\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \sum_i g_i \bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\nu \psi_i,$$

where

$$F = \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ n \wedge [n \cdot (\partial \wedge A^{(E)})] - (n \wedge [n \cdot (\partial \wedge A^{(M)})])^d \right\}$$

$$\tilde{F} = \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ (n \wedge [n \cdot (\partial \wedge A^{(E)})])^d + n \wedge [n \cdot (\partial \wedge A^{(M)})] \right\}$$

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- The two gauge fields are not independent:

$$\left[A_\mu^{(E)}(t, \vec{x}), A_\nu^{(M)}(t, \vec{y}) \right] = i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho 0} n^\rho (n \cdot \partial)^{-1} (\vec{x} - \vec{y}) ,$$

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- Only four independent phase space variables, corresponding to the two physical degrees of the photon
- Has been shown by path integral techniques that time-ordered Green's functions of gauge-invariant local operators are independent of n^μ if the **Dirac-Schwinger-Zwanziger charge quantization condition** holds,

$$e_i g_j - e_j g_i = 4\pi n_{ij}, \quad n_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z} \quad [\text{Brandt, Neri, Zwanziger '78}]$$

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- Integrate out $\rho(x)$:

$$\mathcal{L}'_{\text{KSVZ}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a + \bar{Q} i \gamma_\mu D^\mu Q - \left(m_Q \bar{Q}_L Q_R e^{ia/v_\sigma} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

- Last term can be brought to the form of a standard mass term by performing the field-dependent axial transformation, $Q \rightarrow e^{-\frac{i}{2} \gamma_5 \frac{a}{v_\sigma}} Q$, that is

$$Q_L \rightarrow e^{\frac{i}{2} \frac{a}{v_\sigma}} Q_L, \quad Q_R \rightarrow e^{-\frac{i}{2} \frac{a}{v_\sigma}} Q_R$$

- However, fermionic measure in path integral is not invariant under axial transformations, cf.

$$\mathcal{D}Q\mathcal{D}\bar{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}Q\mathcal{D}\bar{Q} e^{i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_F(x)} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{L}_F = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{a}{2N f_a} G\tilde{G} + \mathcal{L}_F^{\text{QEMD}} \quad [\text{Anton Sokolov, AR, arXiv:2205.02605}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_F^{\text{QEMD}} = \frac{a}{f_a} & \left(\frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \frac{E}{N} \text{tr} \left\{ \left(\partial \wedge A^{(\text{E})} \right) \left(\partial \wedge A^{(\text{E})} \right)^d \right\} + \frac{\alpha_M}{8\pi} \frac{M}{N} \text{tr} \left\{ \left(\partial \wedge A^{(\text{M})} \right) \left(\partial \wedge A^{(\text{M})} \right)^d \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha\alpha_M}}{4\pi} \frac{D}{N} \text{tr} \left\{ \left(\partial \wedge A^{(\text{E})} \right) \left(\partial \wedge A^{(\text{M})} \right)^d \right\} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- If Q in fundamental of $\text{SU}(3)_{\text{color}}$ then $N=1/2$ and $E = 3 q_Q^2$, $M = 3 g_Q^2$, $D = 3 q_Q g_Q$
- All three terms respect shift symmetry

Variant KSVZ Axion Model

Phenomenological implications of monopole-philic axion

- Axion Maxwell equations in terms of field strengths:

[Anton Sokolov, AR, arXiv:2205.02605]

$$(\partial^2 - m_a^2) a = (g_{aEE} + g_{aMM}) \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_0 + g_{aEM} (\mathbf{E}_0^2 - \mathbf{B}_0^2) ,$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_a - \dot{\mathbf{E}}_a = g_{aEE} (\mathbf{E}_0 \times \nabla a - \dot{a} \mathbf{B}_0) + g_{aEM} (\mathbf{B}_0 \times \nabla a + \dot{a} \mathbf{E}_0) ,$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}_a + \dot{\mathbf{B}}_a = -g_{aMM} (\mathbf{B}_0 \times \nabla a + \dot{a} \mathbf{E}_0) - g_{aEM} (\mathbf{E}_0 \times \nabla a - \dot{a} \mathbf{B}_0) ,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}_a = -g_{aMM} \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \nabla a + g_{aEM} \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \nabla a ,$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_a = g_{aEE} \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \nabla a - g_{aEM} \mathbf{E}_0 \cdot \nabla a$$

$$g_{aMM} = \frac{\alpha_M}{2\pi f_a} \frac{M}{N} \quad \gg \quad g_{aEM} = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha\alpha_M}}{2\pi f_a} \frac{D}{N} \quad \gg \quad g_{aEE} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \left(\frac{E}{N} - 1.92 \right)$$