

Axions

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Motivated by the Strong Interactions, Perfect for Cosmology

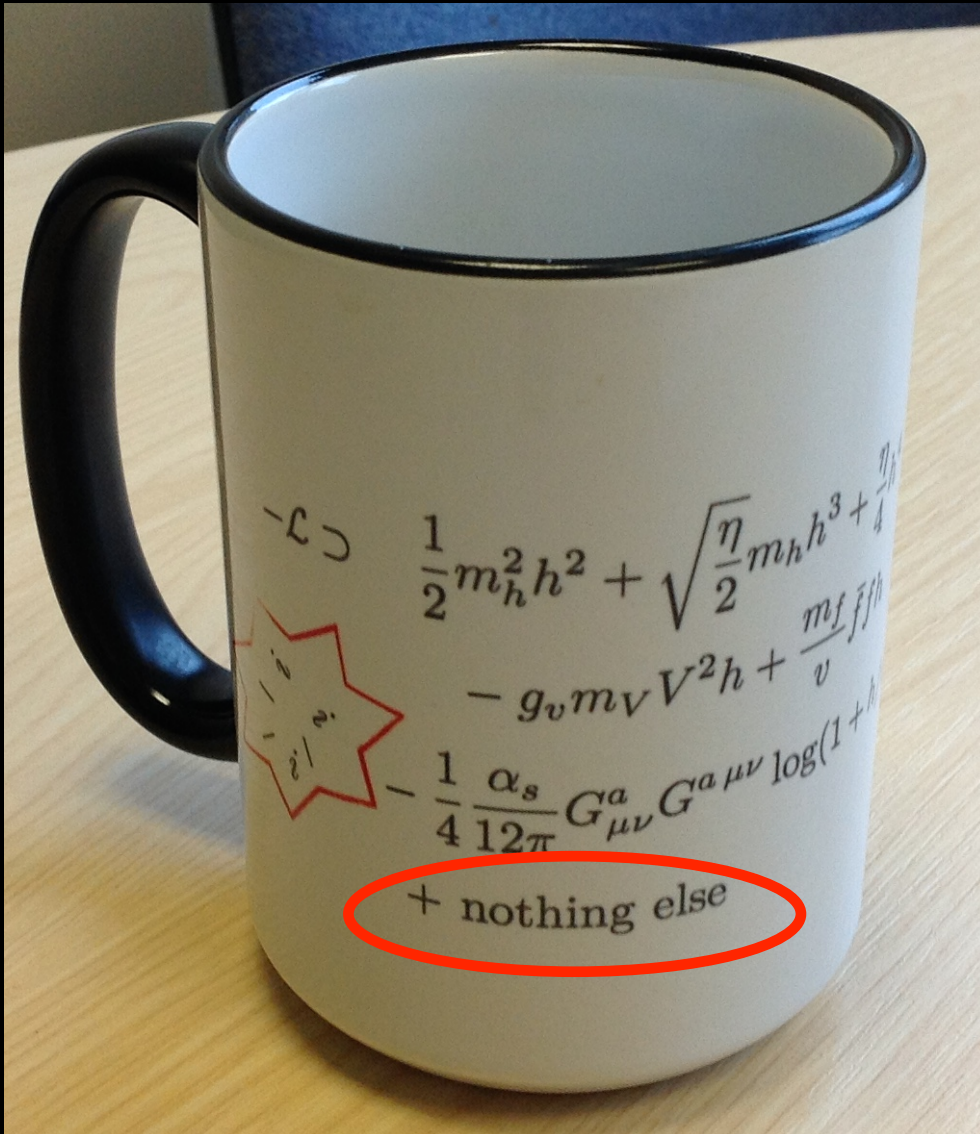
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We need...

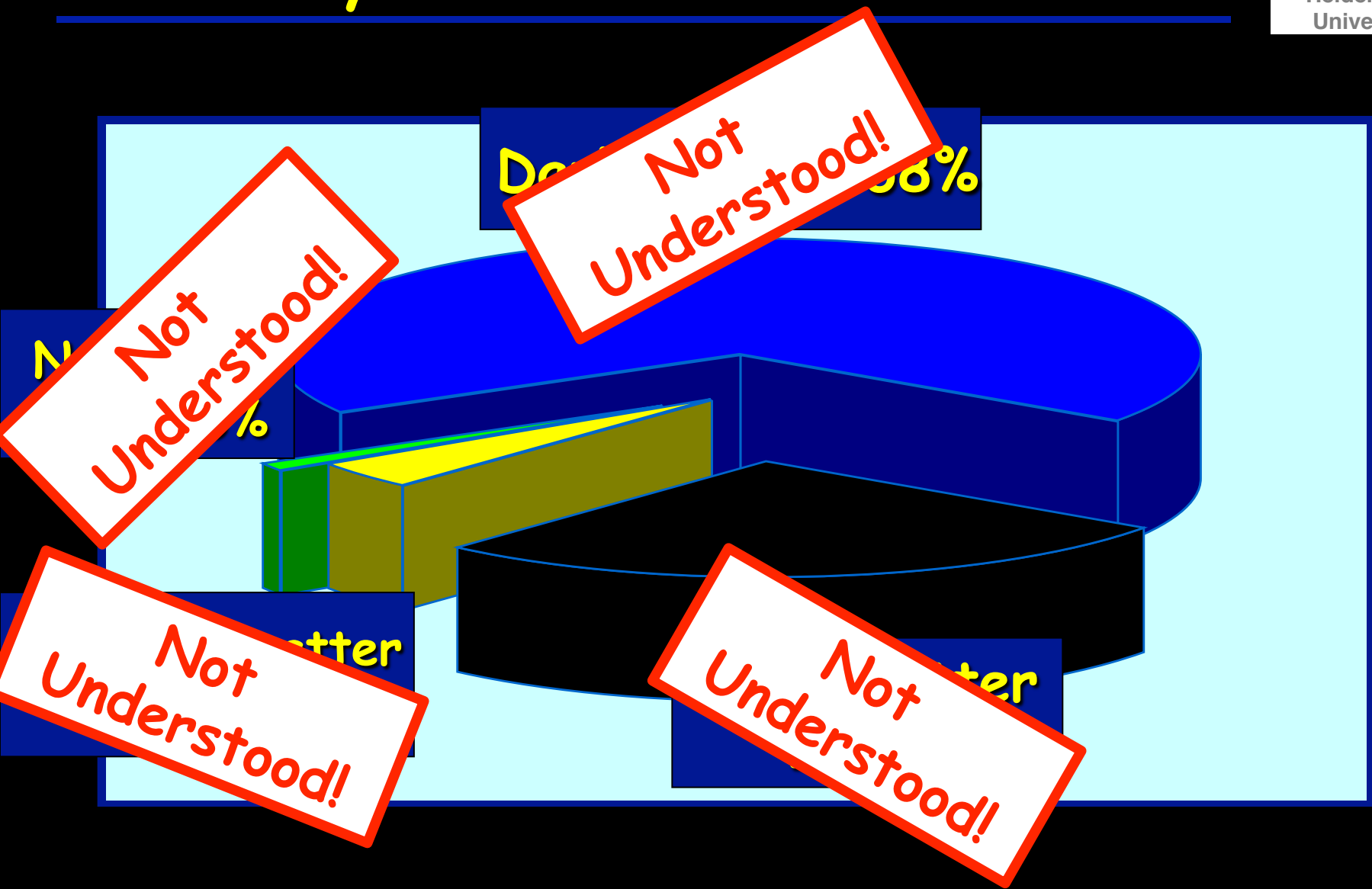
**Physics beyond the
Standard Model**



$$-\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} m_h^2 h^2 + \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{2}} m_h h^3 + \frac{\eta}{4} h^4$$
$$- g_v m_V V^2 h + \frac{m_f \bar{f} f}{v}$$
$$- \frac{1}{4} \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} \log(1 + \frac{h}{v})$$

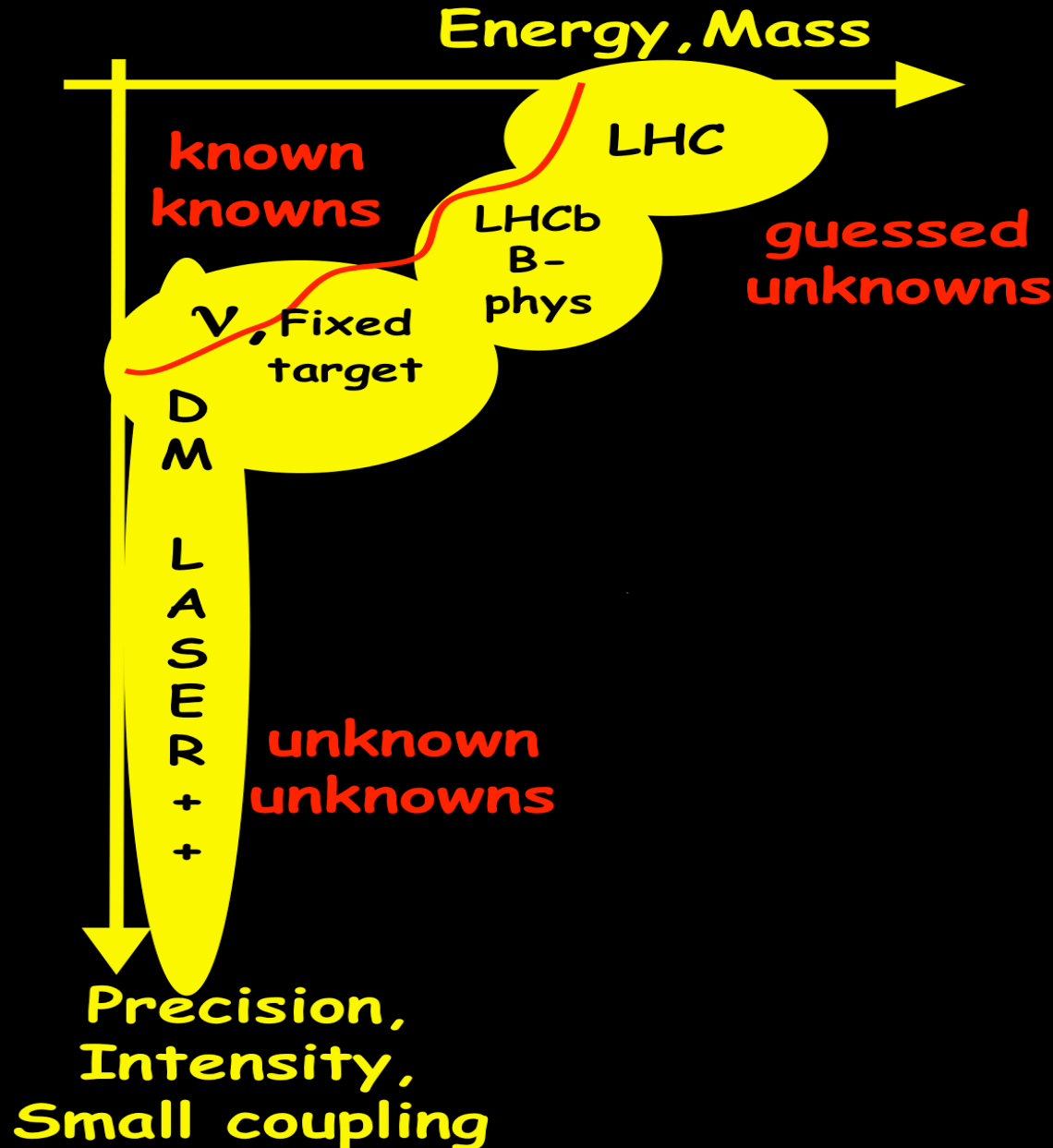
+ nothing else

Inventory of the Universe

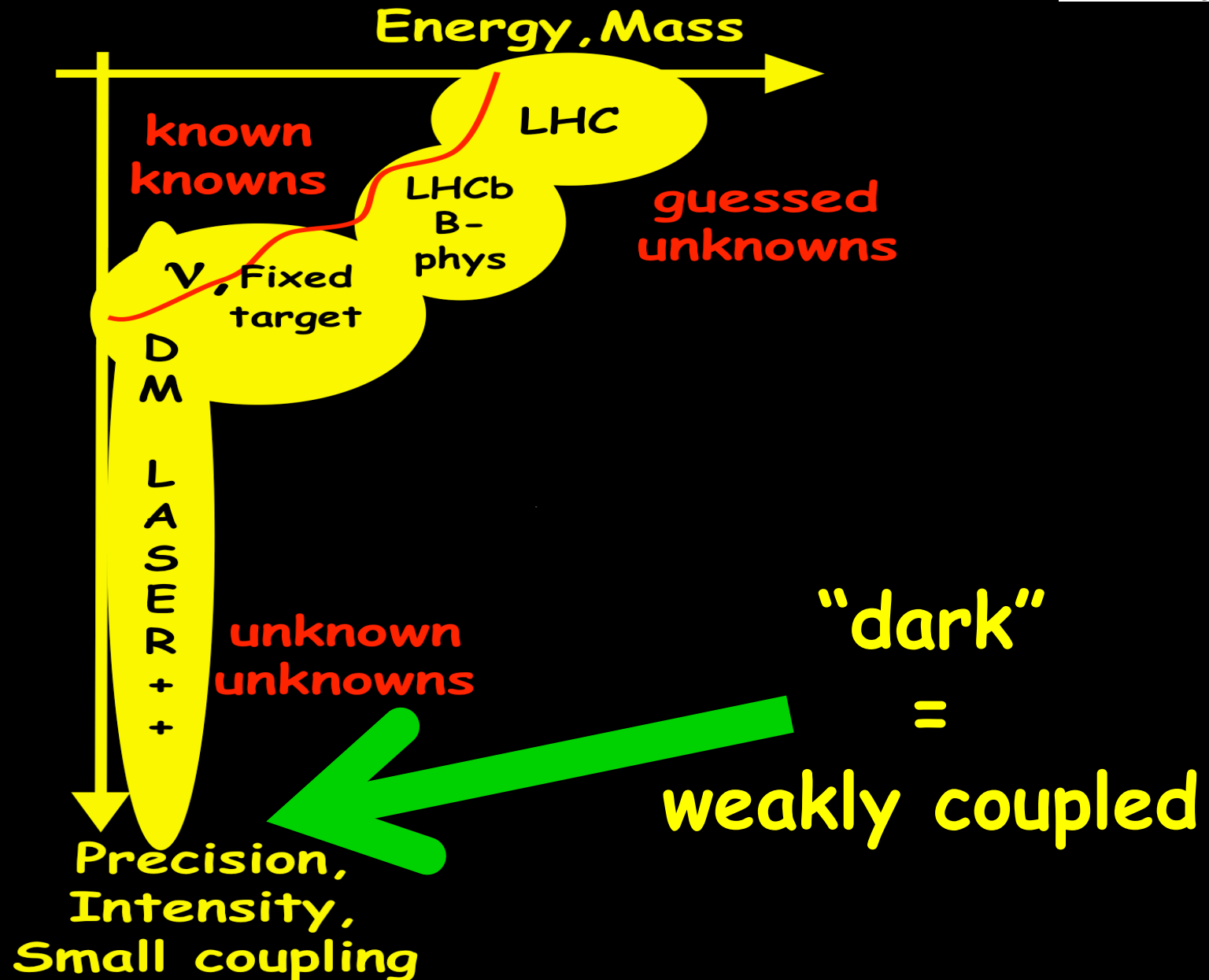


Where does it hide?

Exploring is (at least) 2 dimensional



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What are Axiom?
And why do we need them?

A „visible“ Hint
for new Physics

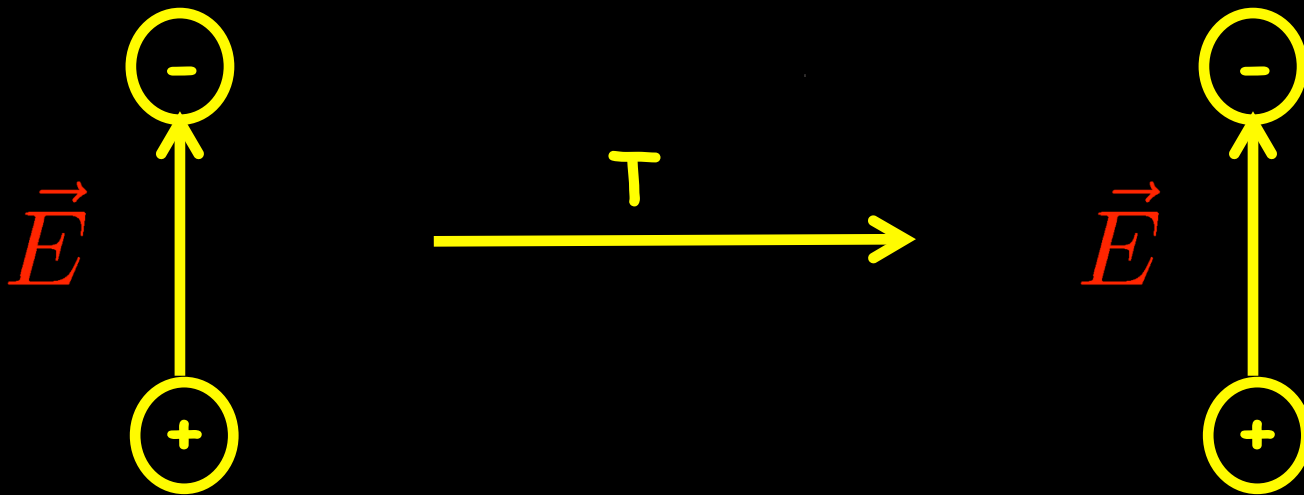
The strong CP Problem

A dirty little secret...

$$S = \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{4} G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\theta}{4} G^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi} D_\mu \gamma^\mu \psi + \bar{\psi} M \psi \right]$$

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- The θ -term violates time reversal (T=CP)!

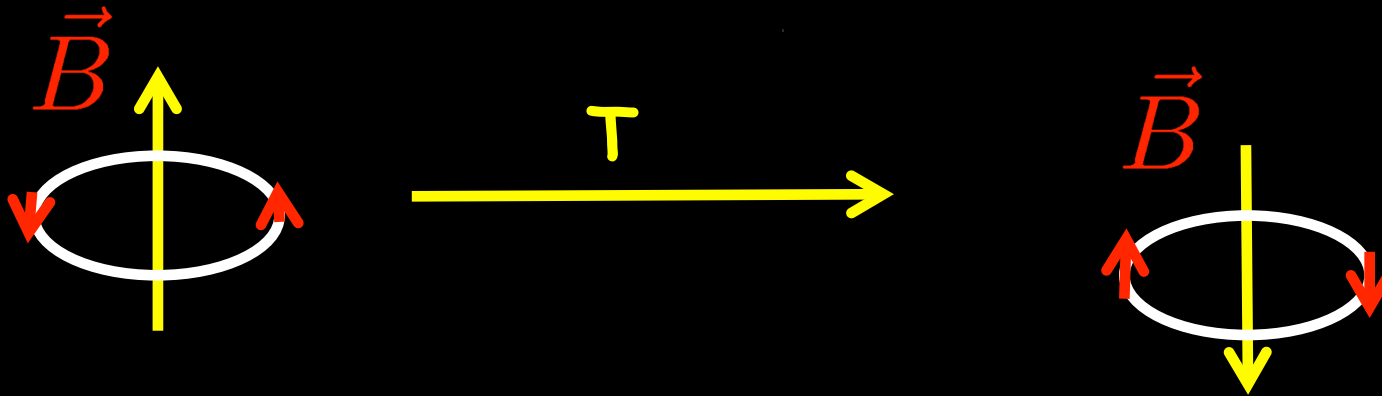


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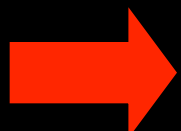
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{T=CP} & \\ \vec{E} & \longrightarrow & \vec{E} \\ \vec{B} & \longrightarrow & -\vec{B} \\ \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} & \longrightarrow & -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \end{array}$$

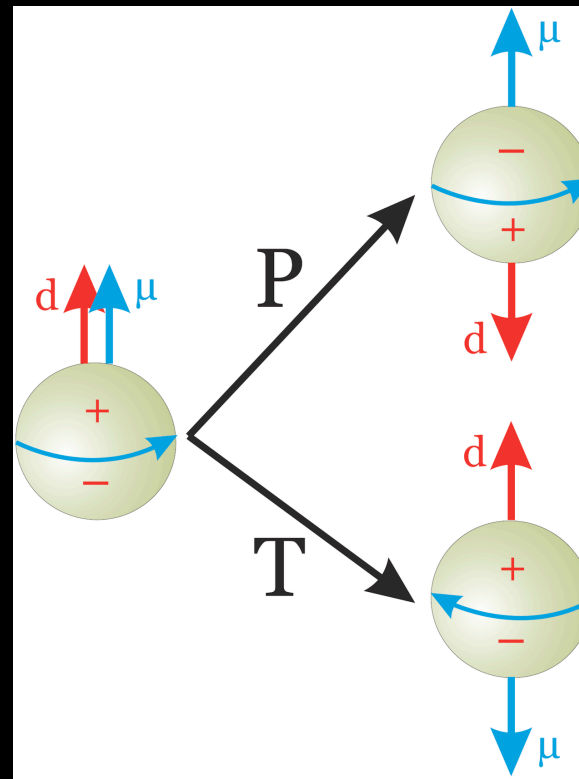
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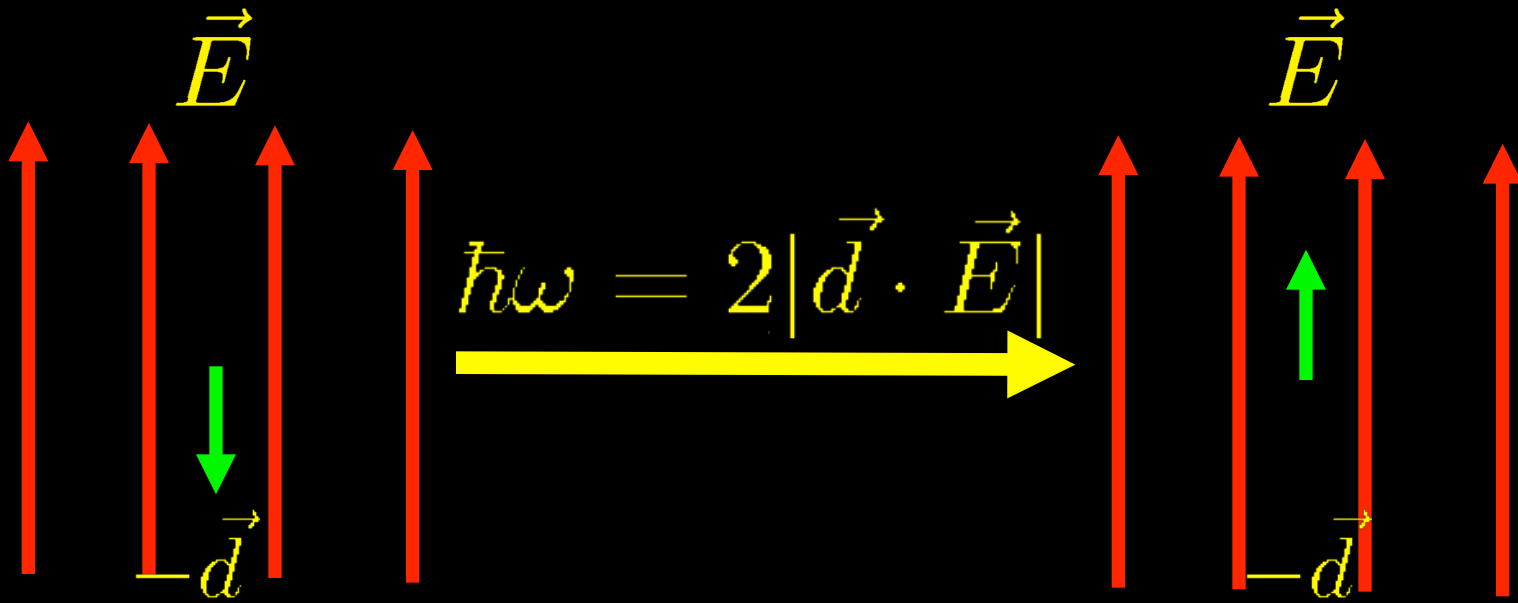
- The θ -term violates time reversal ($T=CP$)!
- Connected to strong interactions!

 **Electric
dipole moment
of the neutron!**



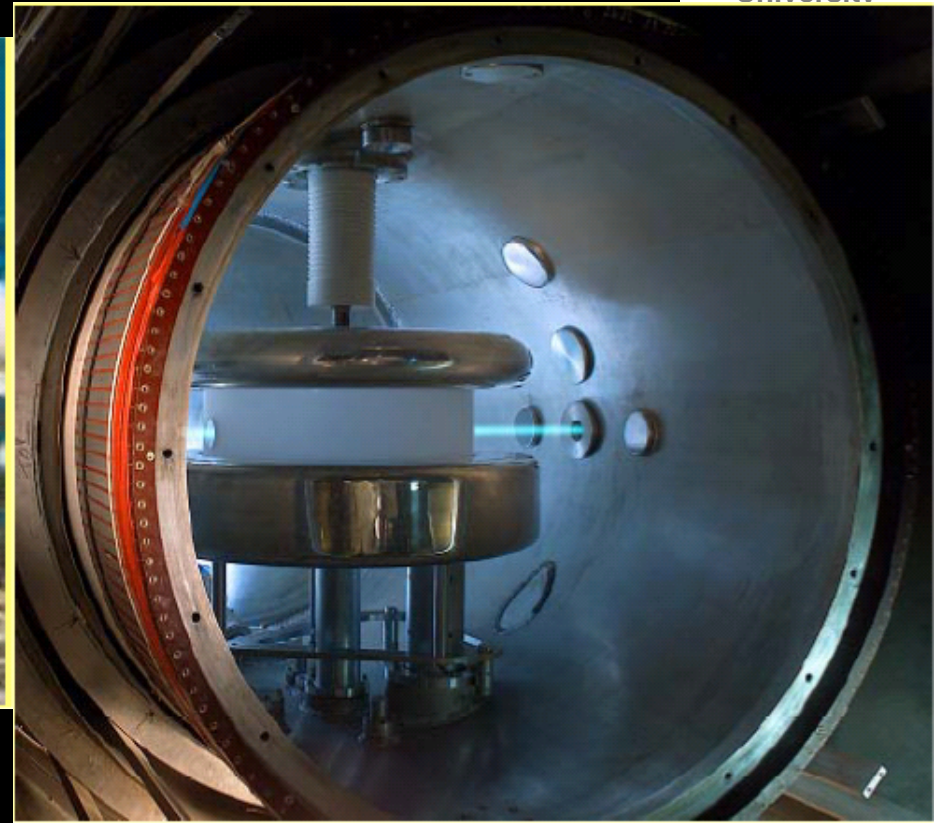
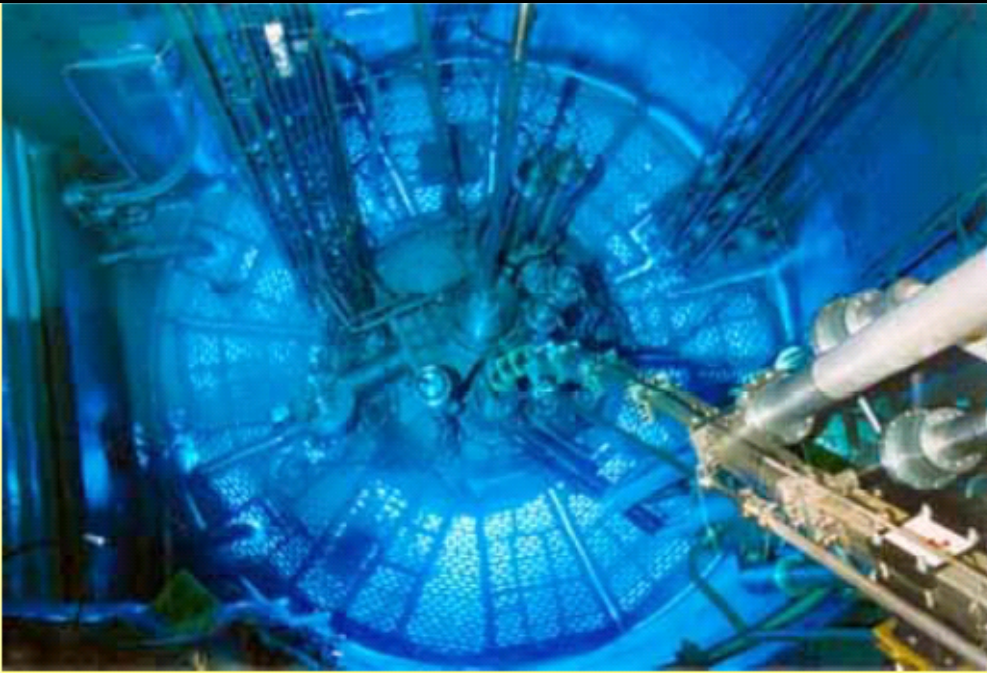
Measure neutron electric dipole moment

- θ would cause neutron EDM \longrightarrow Experiment



\longrightarrow Measure transition frequency.

No neutron electric dipole moment...



RAL-Sussex-ILL EDM collaboration

$$|\vec{d}| < 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ e cm} \\ = 3 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ e fm}$$

What do we expect?

- Two mass scales in the game:

$$m_q \sim 1 - 10 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 300 \text{ MeV}$$

$$d_n \sim e \times \text{length} \times \theta \sim e \times \frac{m_q}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2} \times \theta$$

$$\sim (3 - 30) \times 10^{-16} \text{ e cm } \theta$$

"Argument" EDM Blackboard

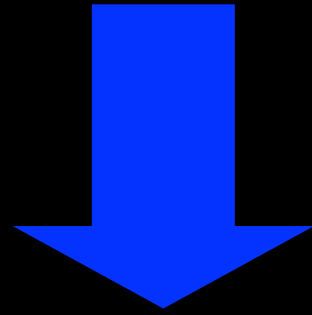
Implications

- Detailed calculation gives

$$|\vec{d}| \sim 1 - 10 \times 10^{-16} e \text{ cm } \theta$$

 $|\theta| < 3 \cdot 10^{-9}$

 **Extremely unnatural!**



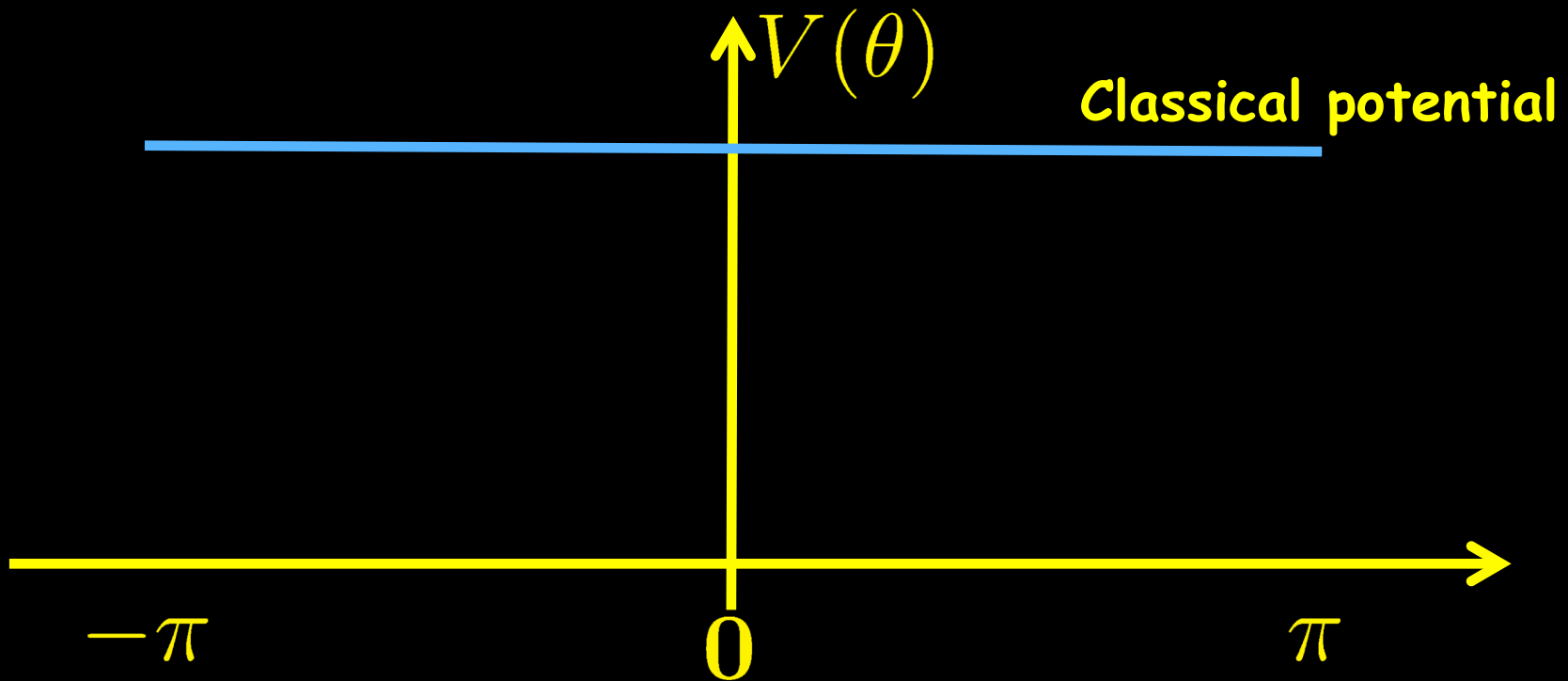
Strong CP Problem

The axion solution
to the strong CP problem

In pictures...

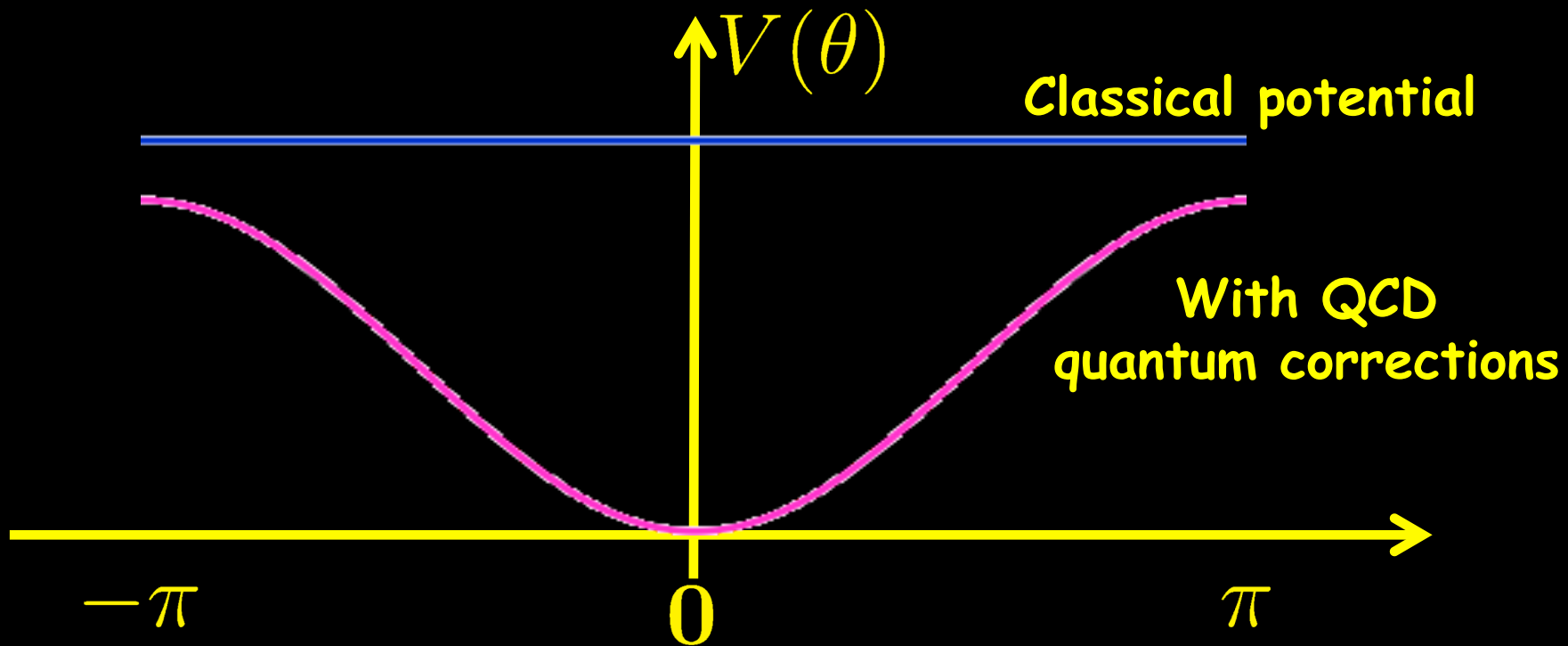
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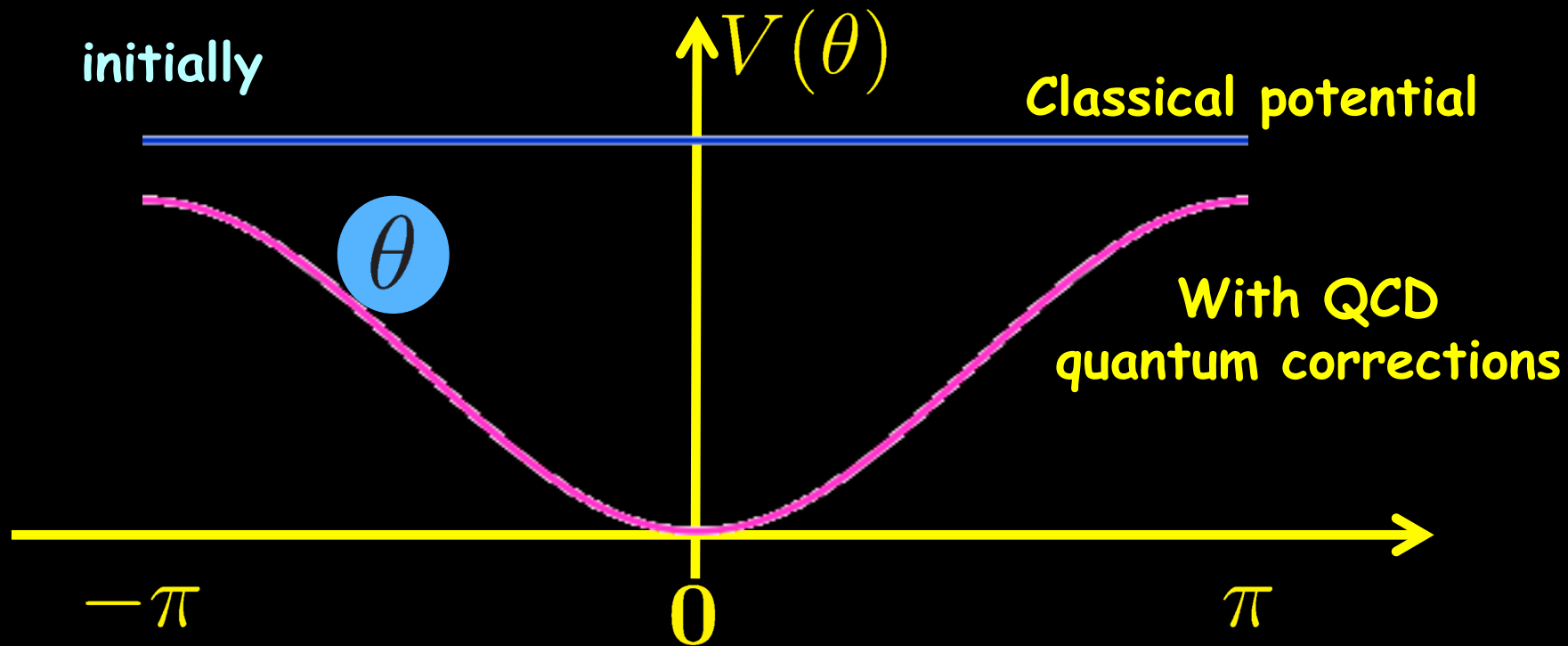
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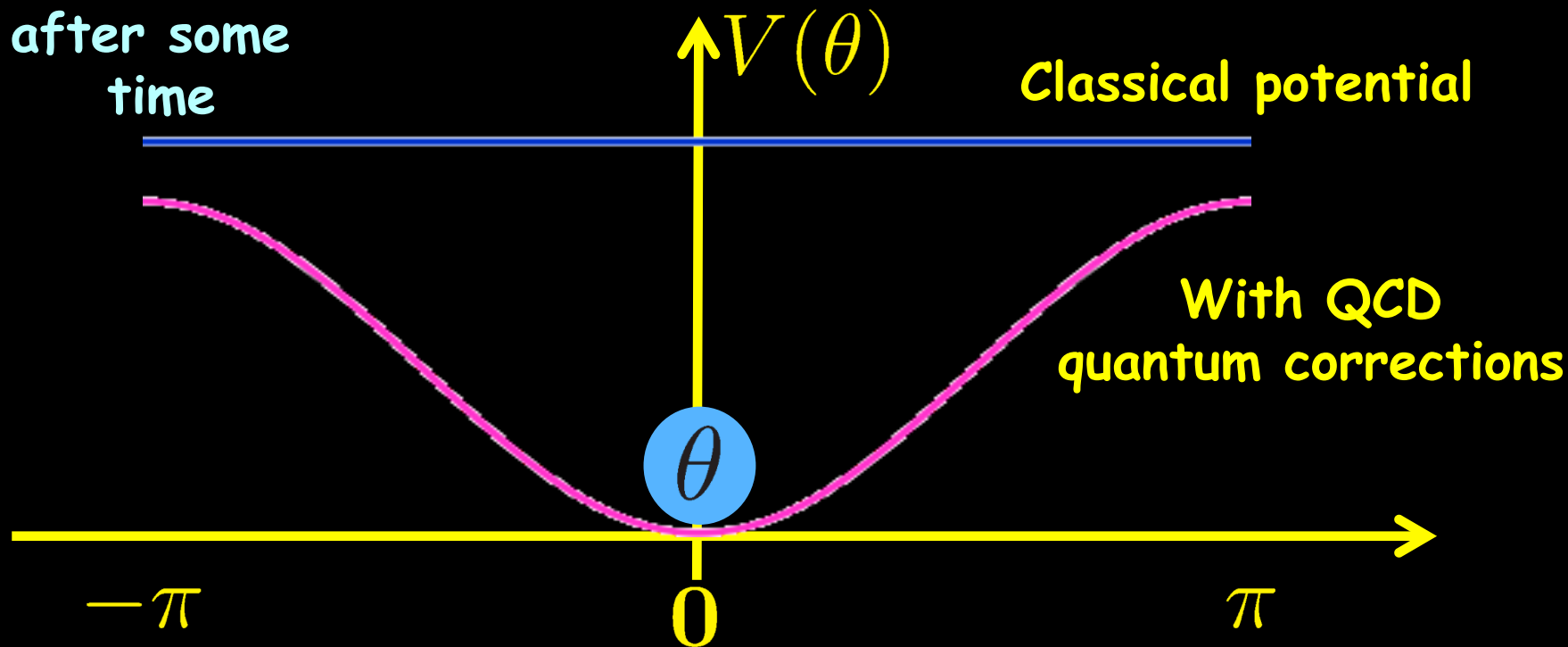
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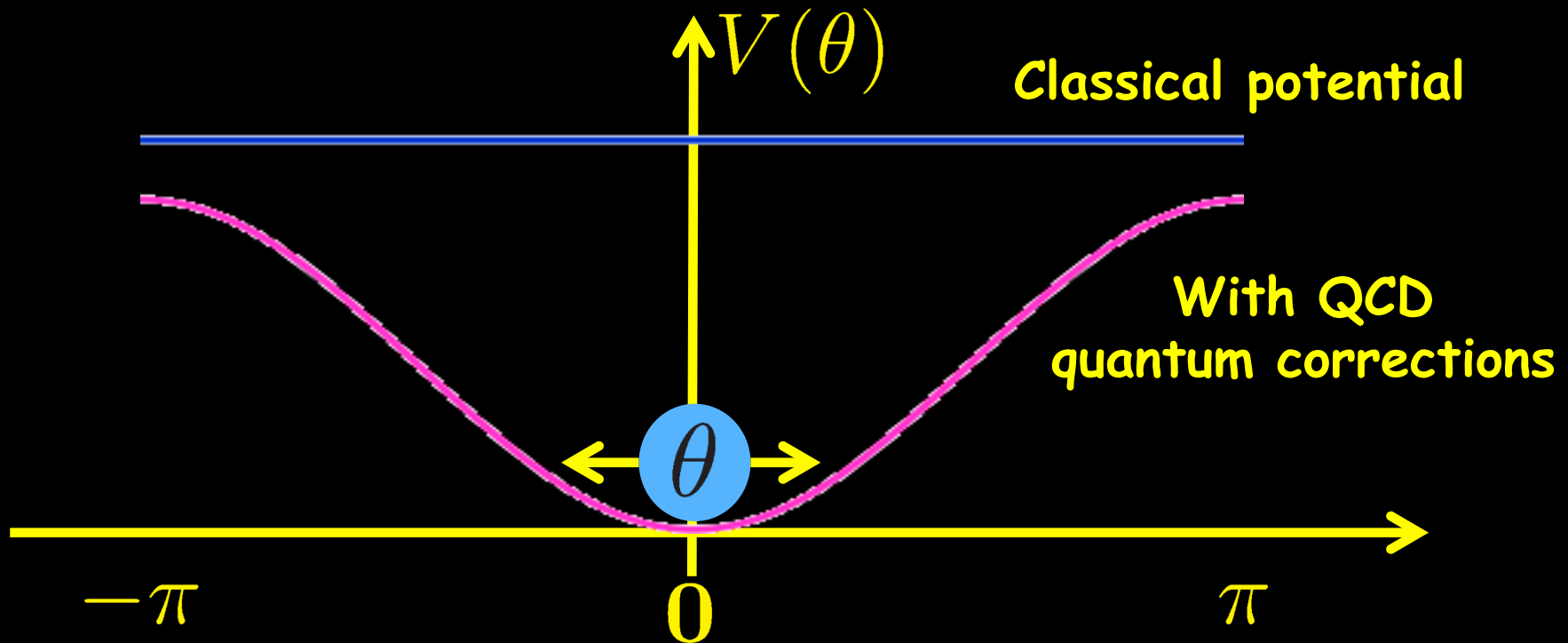
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\rightarrow QCD likes to be CP conserving (if we allow it)

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\rightarrow Can still move

\rightarrow new particle = axion

- Classical flatness from symmetry
- Quantum corrections are small
- New **light** particle: **The Axion**
(it's a **Weakly Interacting Sub-eV Particle**)



In Equations...

A Dynamical θ

- **Idea:**
 - Make θ a dynamical degree of freedom a
 - Let a have no tree level potential
 - Let a have only derivative couplings
- **Then:**

$$\begin{aligned}\exp\left(-\int_x V(a)\right) &= \left| \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \exp(-S_{eff}[\phi, A^\mu]) \exp\left(-ia \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \int_x G^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}\right) \right| \\ &\leq \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \left| \exp(-S_{eff}[\phi, A^\mu]) \exp\left(-ia \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \int_x G^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}\right) \right| \\ &\leq \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \exp(-S_{eff}[\phi, A^\mu]) \\ &\leq \exp\left(-\int_x V[0]\right)\end{aligned}$$

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➔ $V[a = \theta = 0] \leq V[\theta] \quad \forall \theta$

➔ $\theta = a$ will evolve to $a = \theta = 0$

➔ CP is conserved

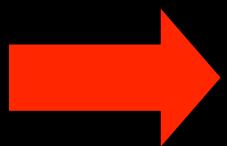
What is a?

- Properties:

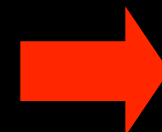
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- $a \in [0, 2\pi]$ since

$$\int d^4x g^2 \frac{F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}}{32\pi^2} = n \in \mathbb{Z}$$



a is Goldstone boson
of a $U(1)$ symmetry



Axion!

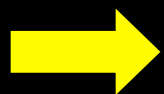
Peccei-Quinn Symmetry

- Toy model:

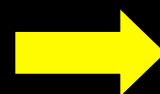
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^2 + i\bar{\psi}D_\mu\gamma^\mu\psi - |\partial_\mu\phi|^2 - \mu^2|\phi|^2 - \lambda|\phi|^4 \\ + \bar{\psi}\left(Y\phi\frac{1+\gamma_5}{2} + Y^*\phi^*\frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}\right)\psi$$

- **U(1):** $\phi \rightarrow \exp(i\beta)\phi$
 $\psi \rightarrow \exp\left(-i\frac{\beta}{2}\gamma_5\right)\psi$

- If $\mu^2 < 0$ we have SSB



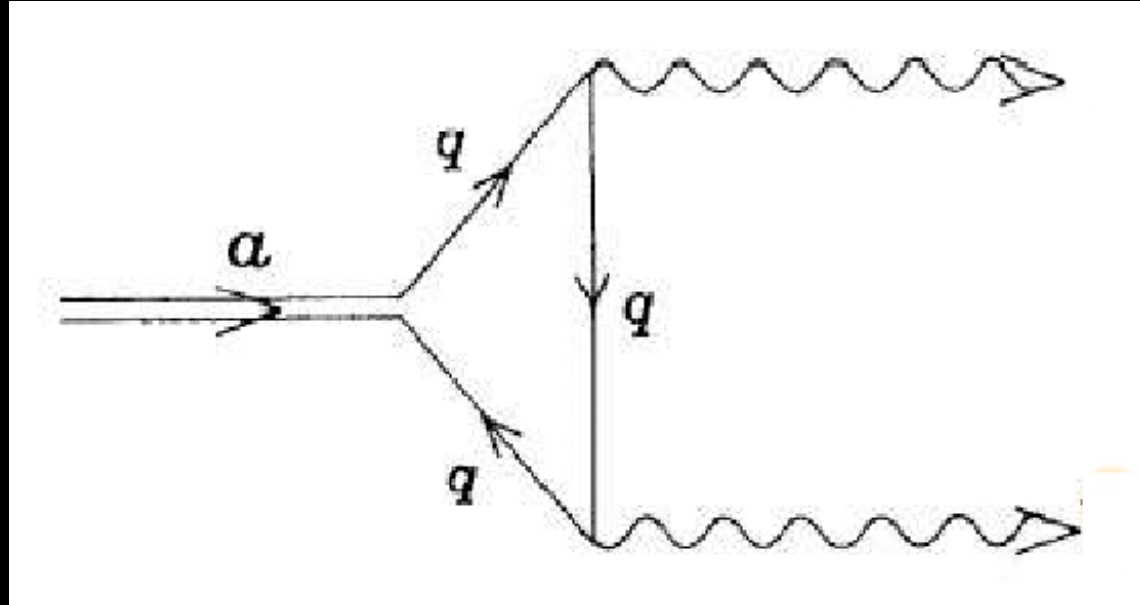
Phase is Goldstone



Use it as Axion

The Coupling to $G\tilde{G}$ and $F\tilde{F}$

- A diagram



- And a dimensional argument:

$$g \sim \frac{1}{\text{mass}} \sim \frac{1}{f_a}$$

The Coupling to $F \tilde{F}$

- Adler-Bell-Jackiw anomaly

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

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$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi f_a} a F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

The mass of the Axion

- $U(1)_{PQ}$ is not exact. It's anomalous!

➡ Goldstone ➡ Pseudogoldstone

- Dimensional considerations

- SSB scale

$$\sim f_a$$

- Quark masses

$$\sim m_q \sim m_\pi$$

- QCD scale

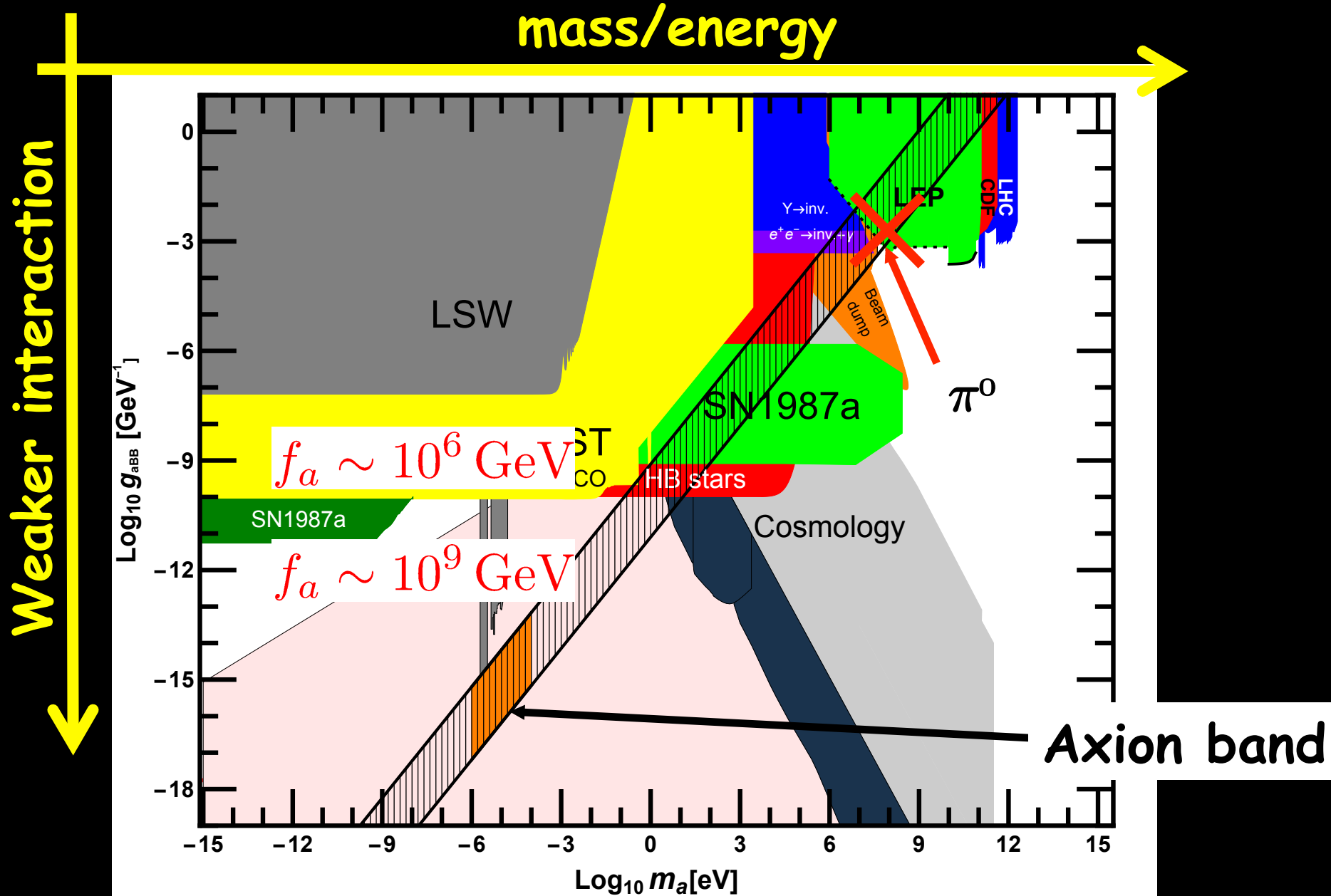
$$\sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim f_\pi$$

➡ PseudoGoldstone mass

$$m_a^2 \sim \frac{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2}{f_a^2}$$

"Argument"
Topological Suszeptibility on
blackboard!

Axion-like Particles

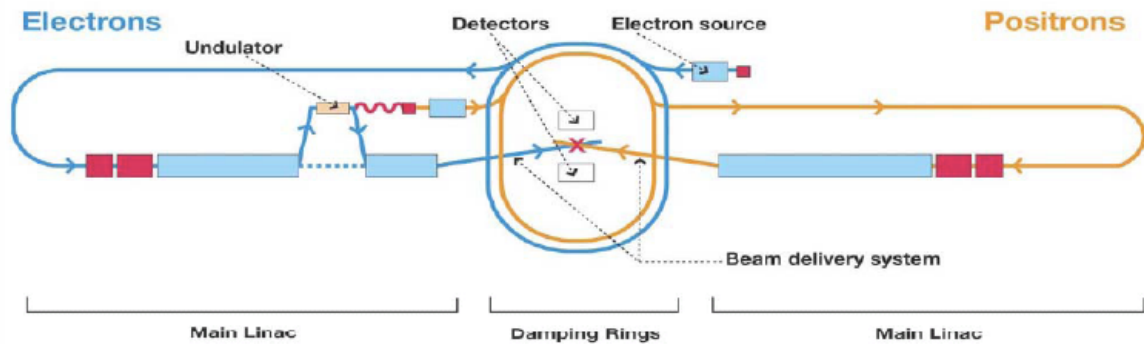
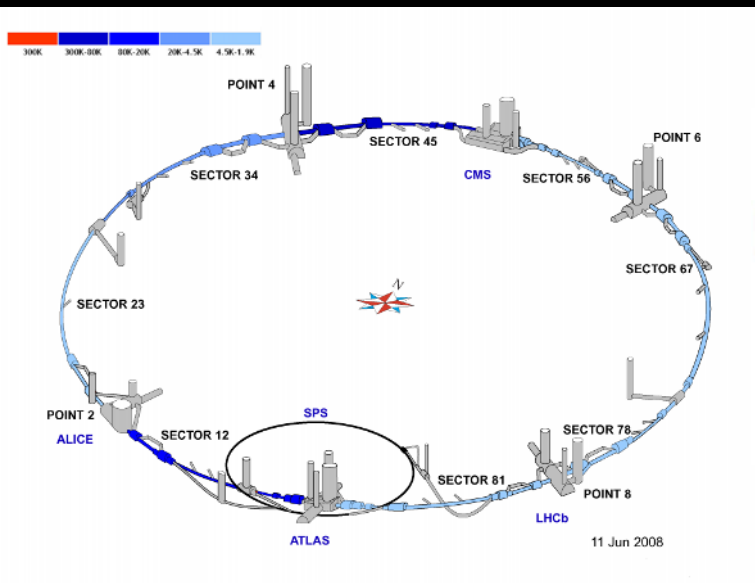


How to find the Axion...

Exploring fundamental high energy physics...

- The direct approach: MORE POWER

LHC, Tevatron + ILC, CLIC



- Detects most things within energy range
- E.g. may find SUSY particles, WIMPs etc.

But...

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- Man it's DANGEROUS...



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- Or much much more horrifying:

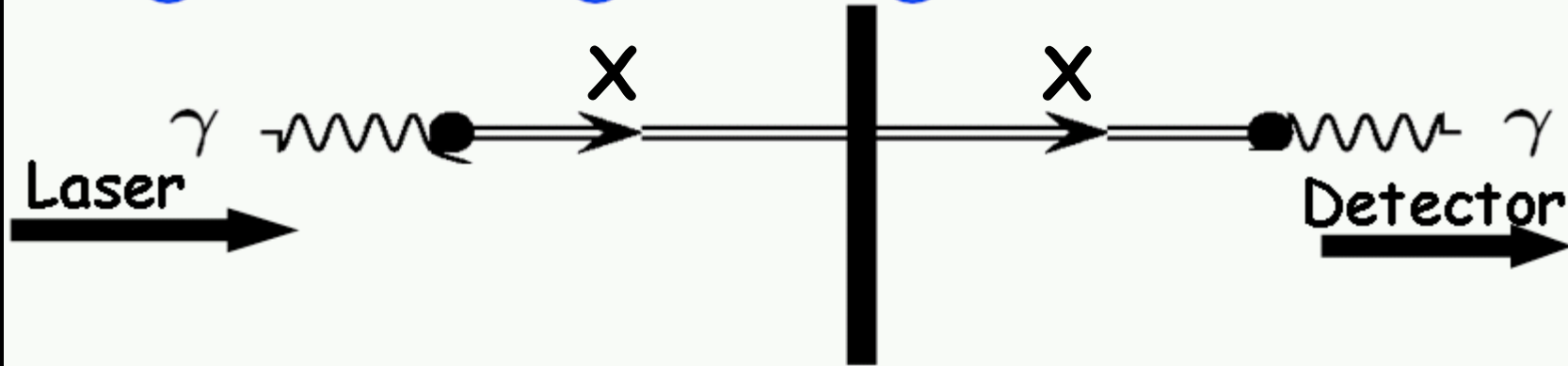
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The Power of Low Energy Experiments

Complementary approaches

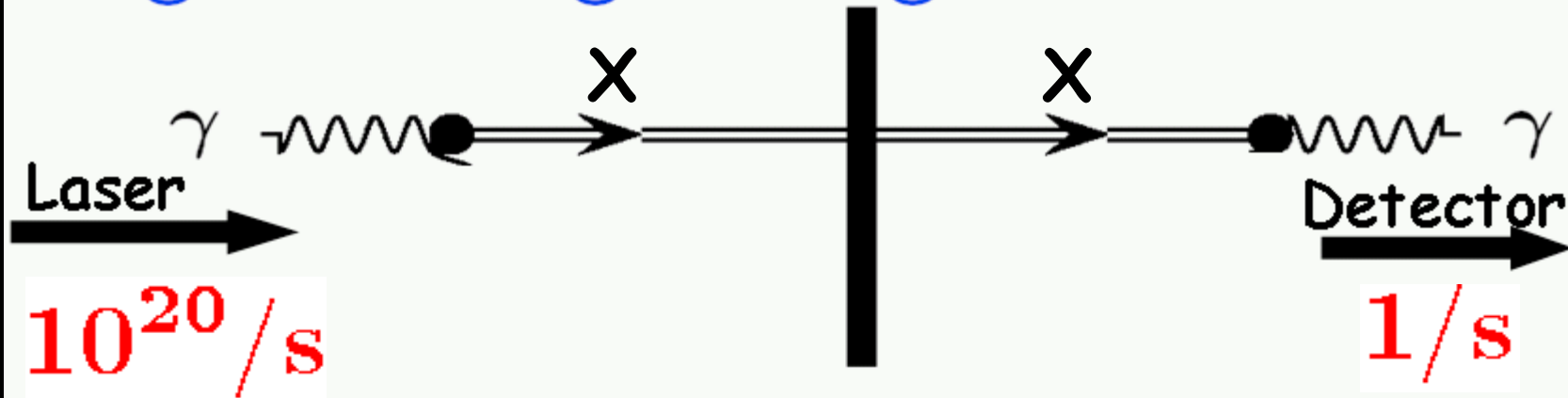
Light shining through walls

“Light shining through a wall”



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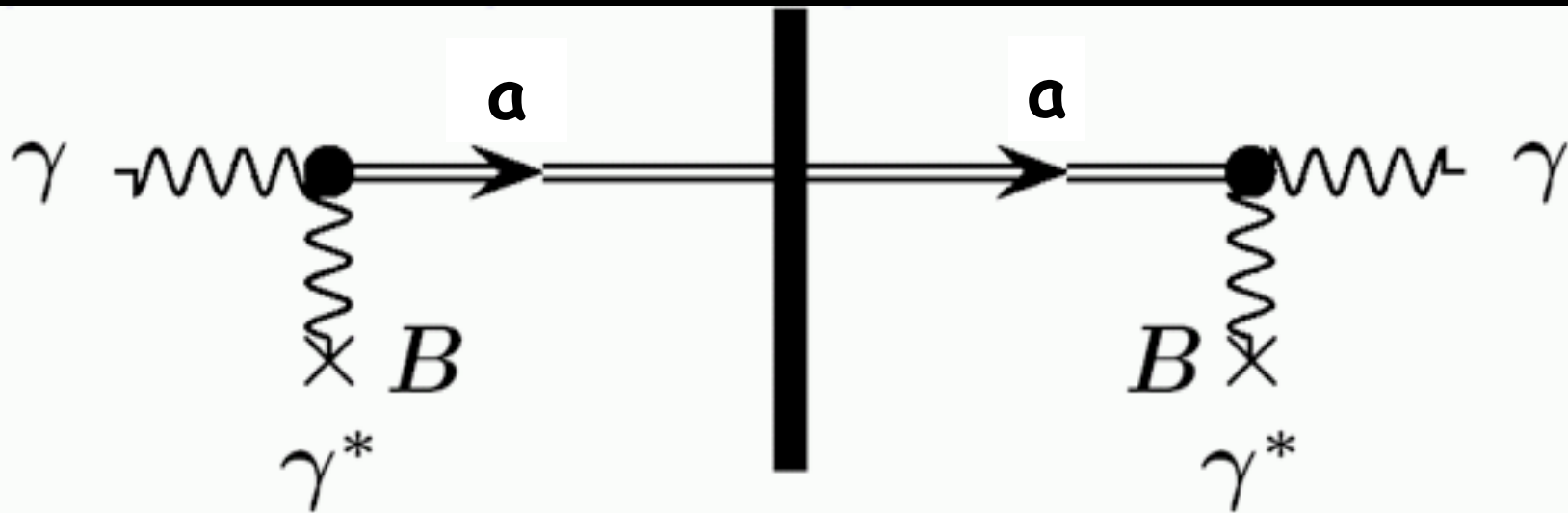


- **Test** $P_{\gamma \rightarrow X \rightarrow \gamma} \lesssim 10^{-20}$
- **Enormous precision!**
- **Study extremely weak couplings!**

Photons coming through the wall!

- It could be Axion(-like particle)s!

- Coupling to two photons: $\frac{1}{M} a \tilde{F} F \sim \frac{1}{M} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$



$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma} \sim N_{\text{pass}} \left(\frac{BL}{M} \right)^4$$

Light Shining Through Walls

- A lot of activity

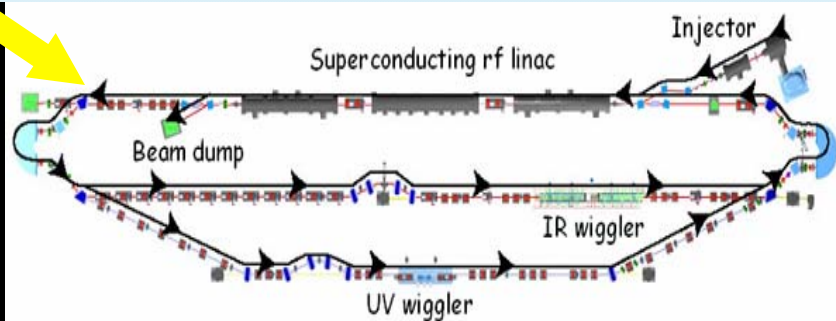
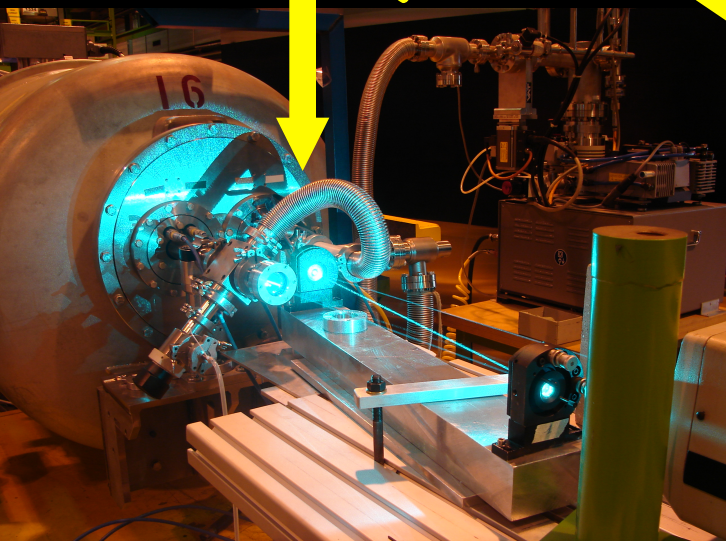
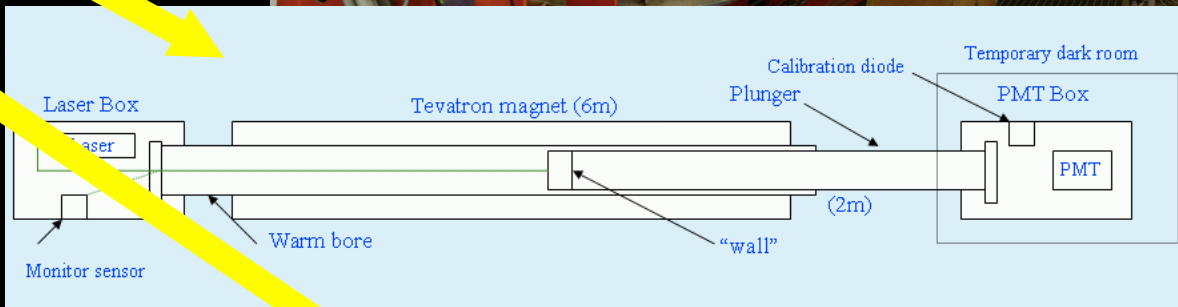
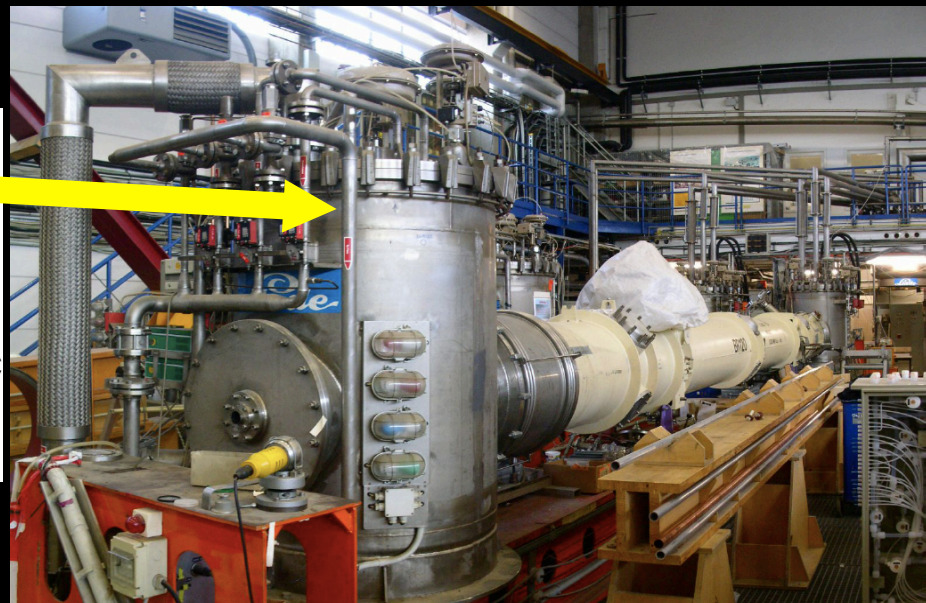
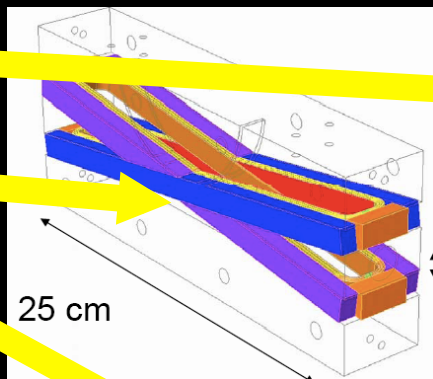
- ALPS

- BMV

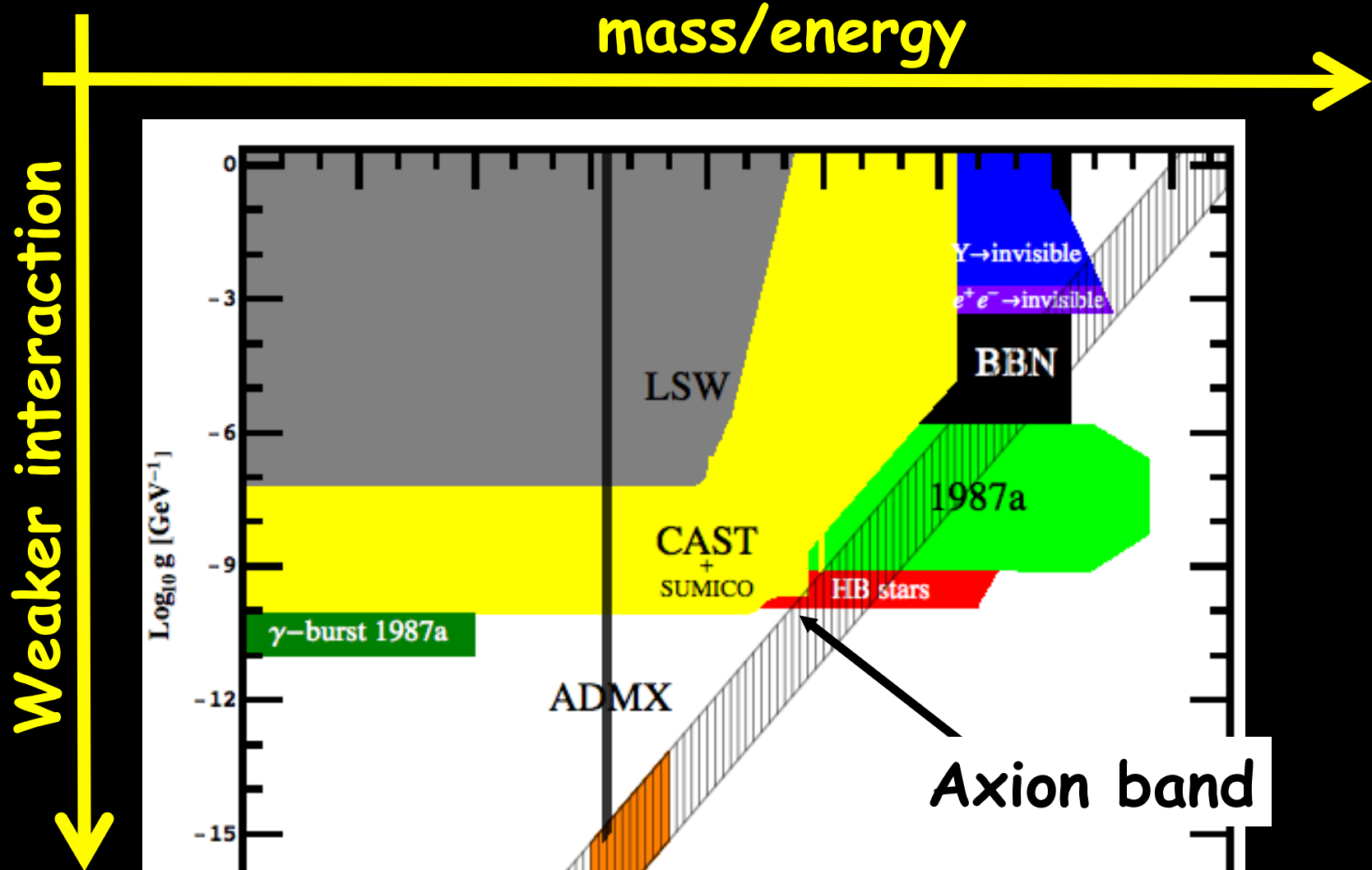
- GammeV

- LIPPS

- OSQAR



Small coupling, small mass

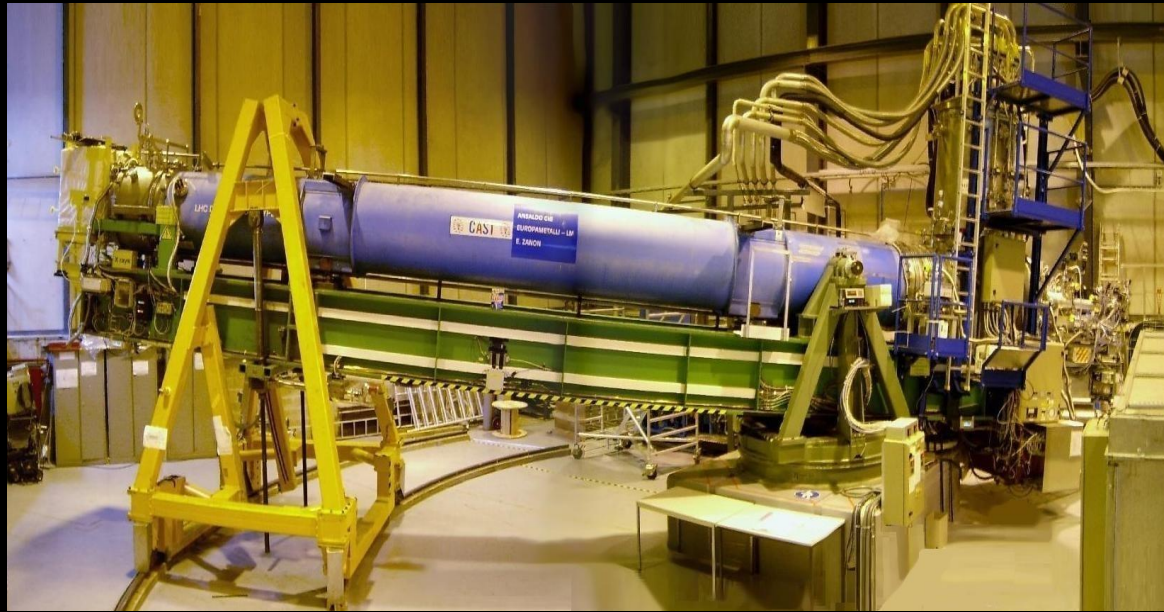


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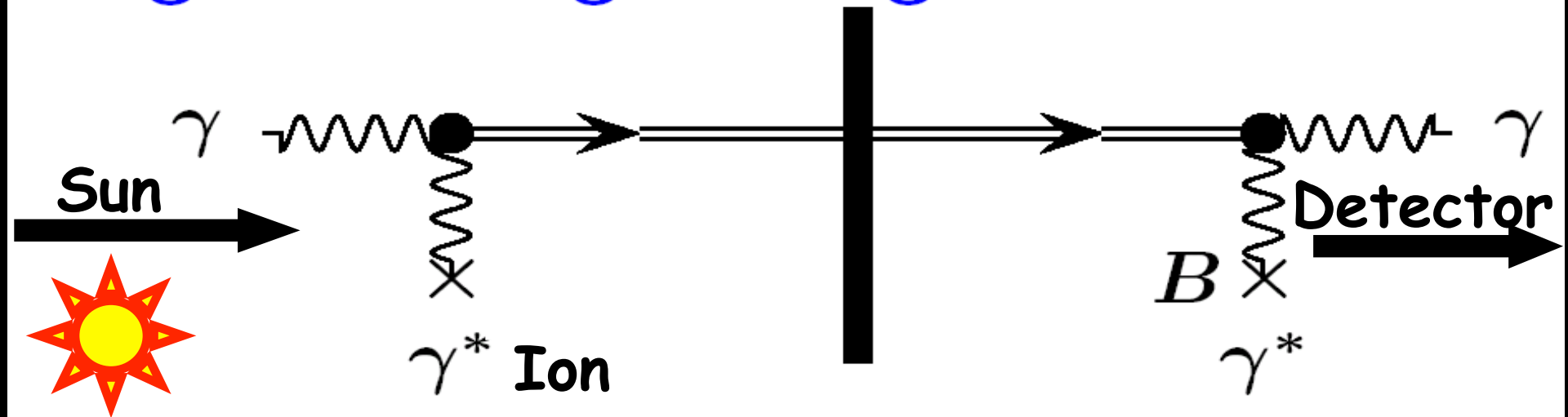
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SUMICO@Tokyo

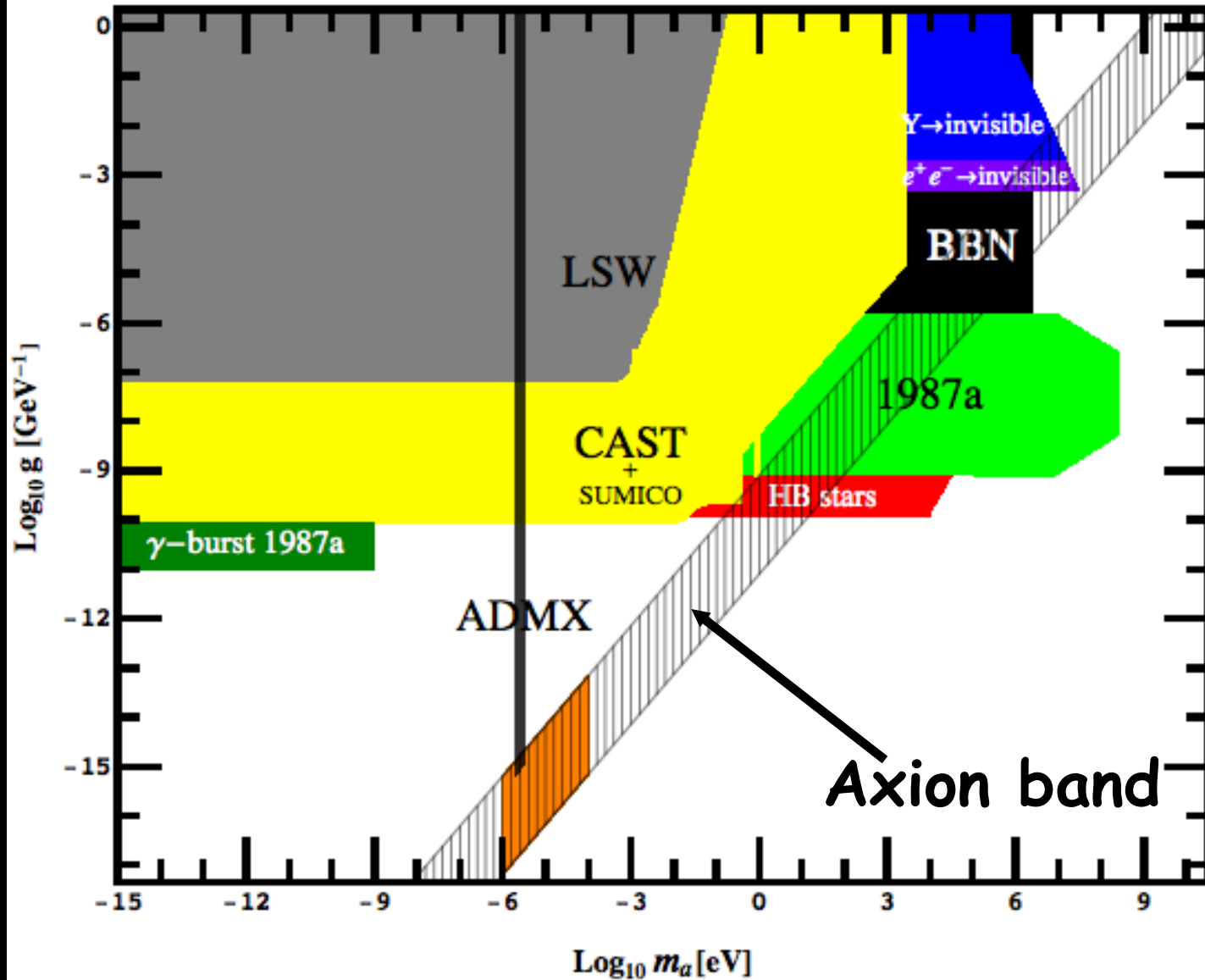
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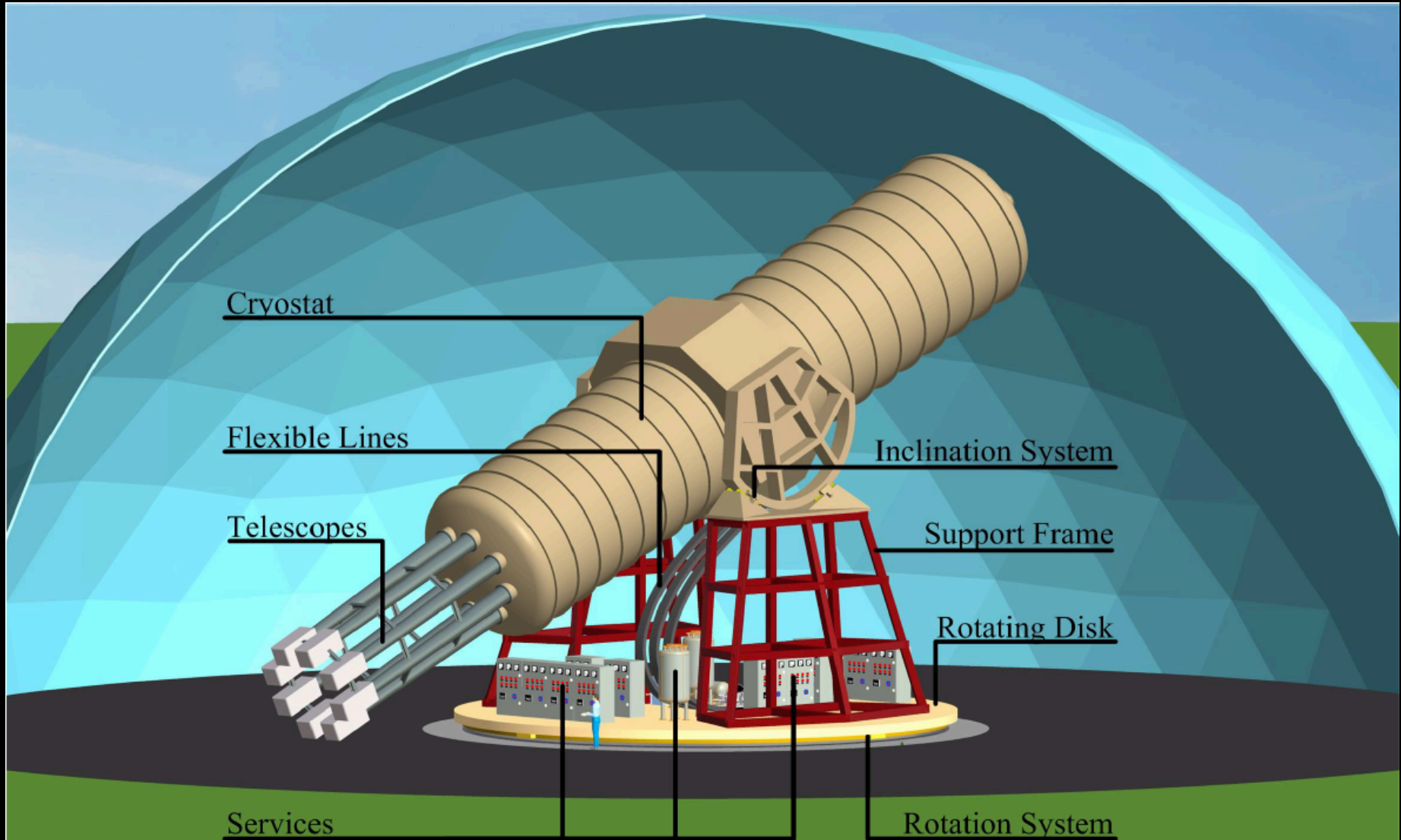


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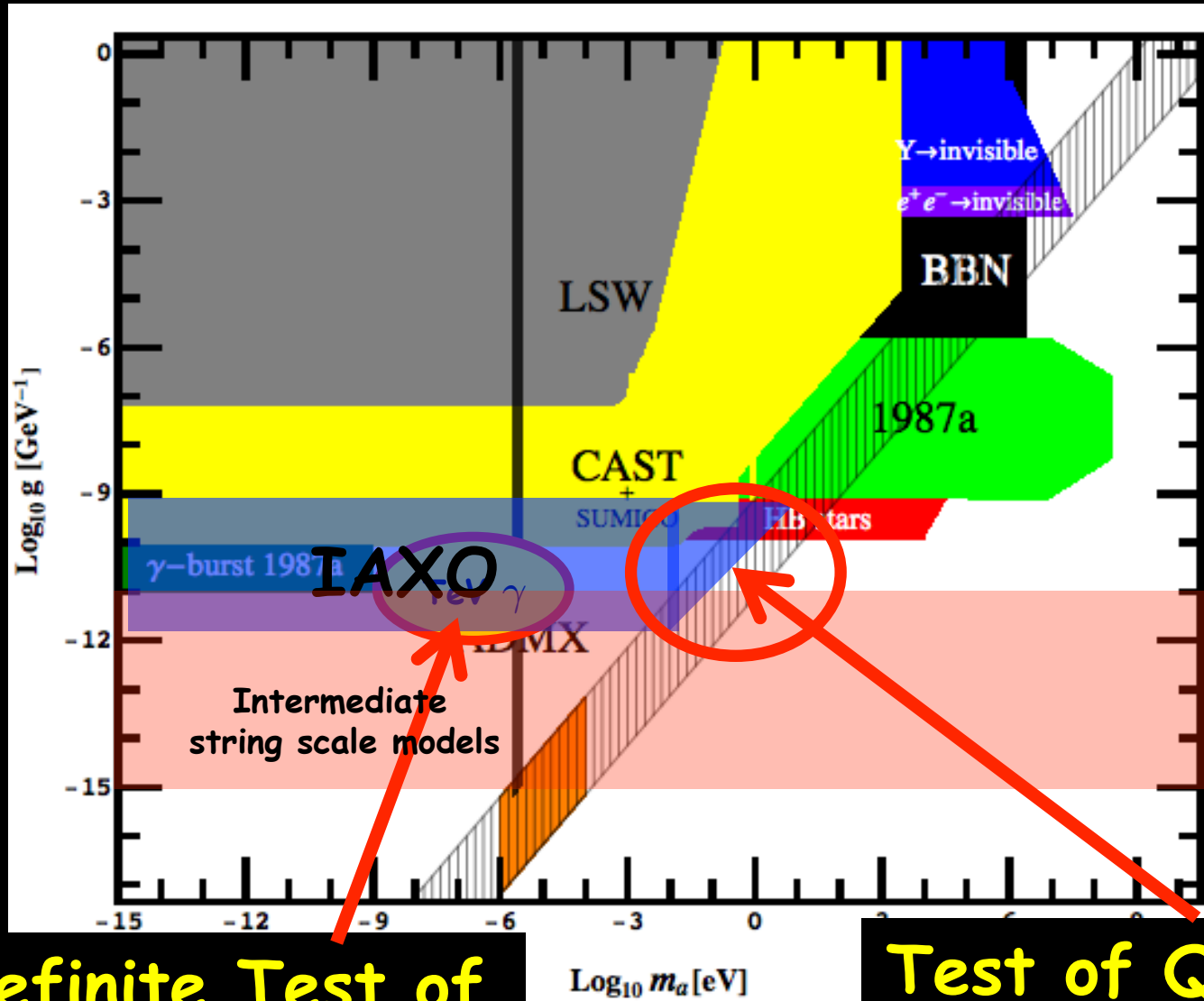


Going to the future: IAXO

The International Axion Observatory



An interesting area...

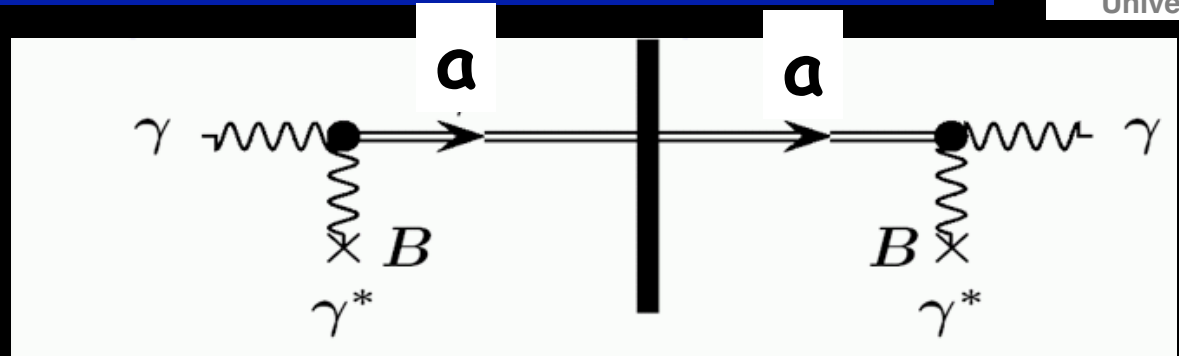


Definite Test of
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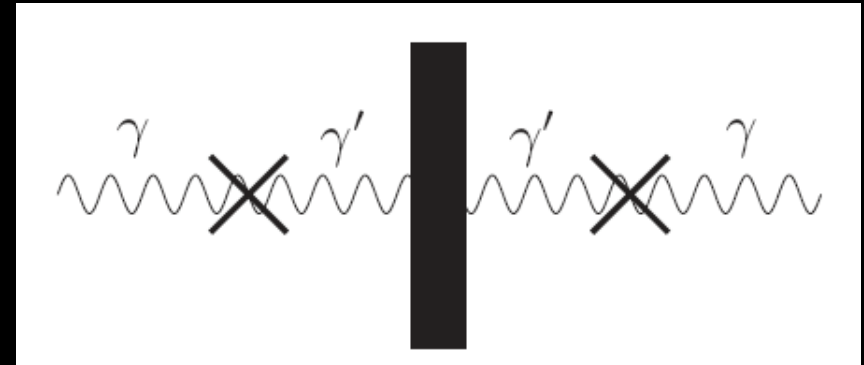
Test of QCD axion
+ white dwarf anomaly

WISPS=Weakly interacting sub-eV particles

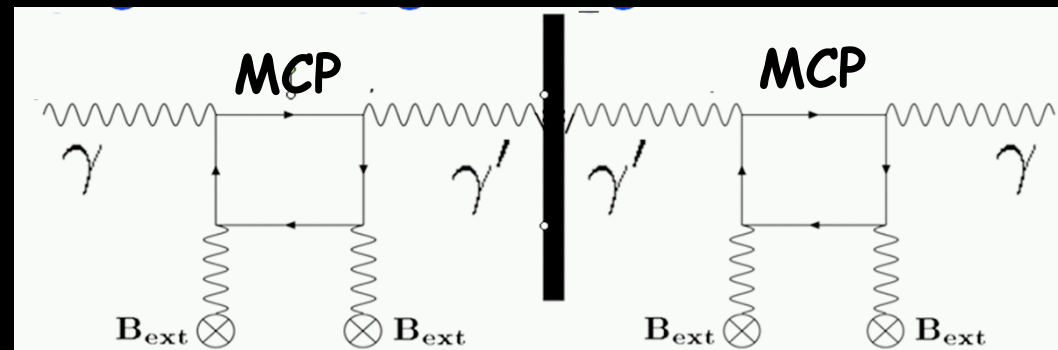
- **Axions**



- **Massive hidden photons (without B-field) = analog ν -oscillations**



- **Hidden photon + minicharged particle (MCP)**



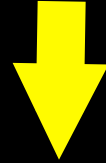
Axions and ALPs
from
String Theory

String theory

- Attempt to unify SM with gravity
- New concept: strings instead of point particles

String theory: Moduli and Axions

- String theory needs Extra Dimensions

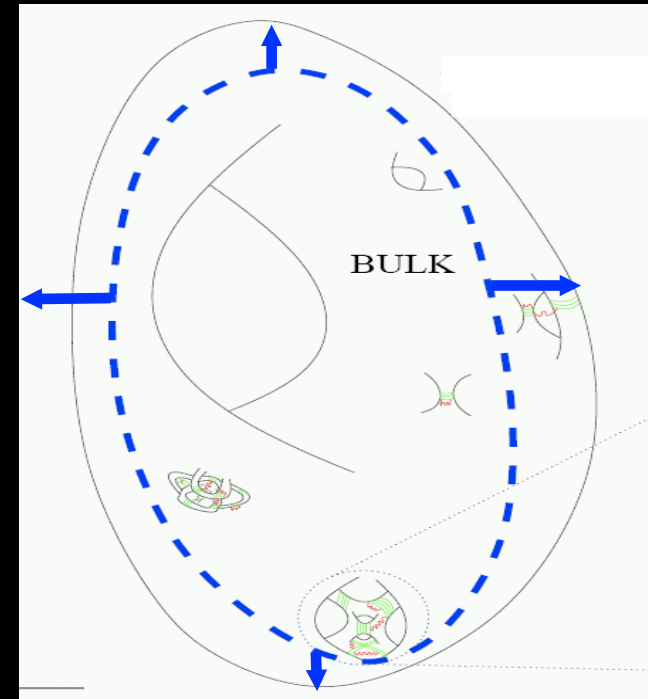


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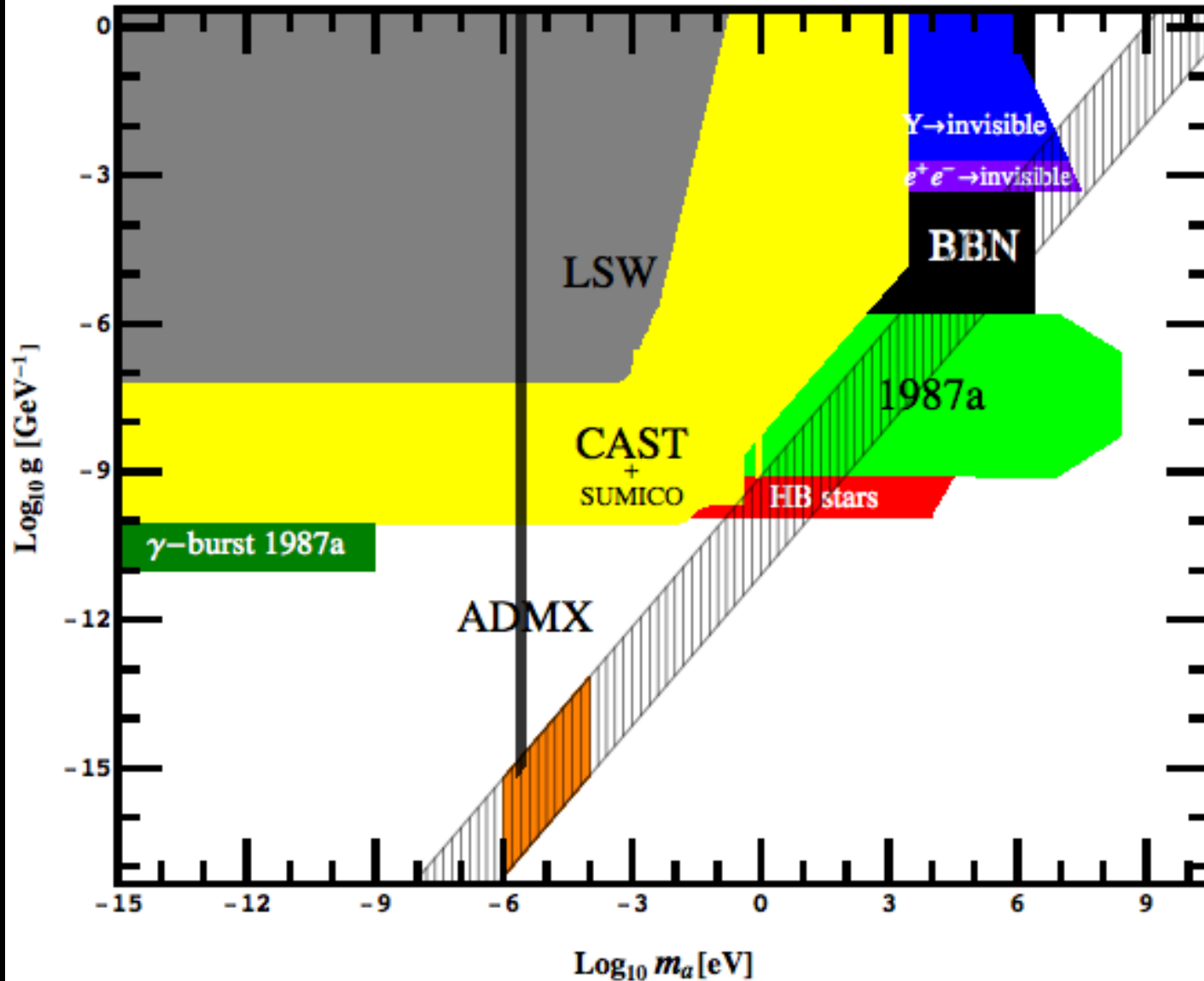
- Shape and size deformations correspond to fields:
Moduli and Axions
Connected to the fundamental scale, here string scale



Axion/ALP candidates



Axion (like particles): Where are we?



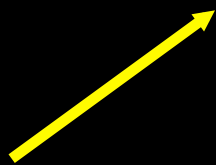
Axions and Moduli

- Gauge field terms

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{g^2} F^2 + i\theta F \tilde{F}$$

- + Supersymmetry/supergravity

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Re}[f(\Phi)] F^2 + \text{Im}[f(\Phi)] F \tilde{F}$$



Scalar ALP/moduli coupling

+

pseudoscalar
ALP coupling

Axions and Moduli

- Gauge couplings always field dependent
(no free coupling constants)
 - Axions + Moduli always present in String theory
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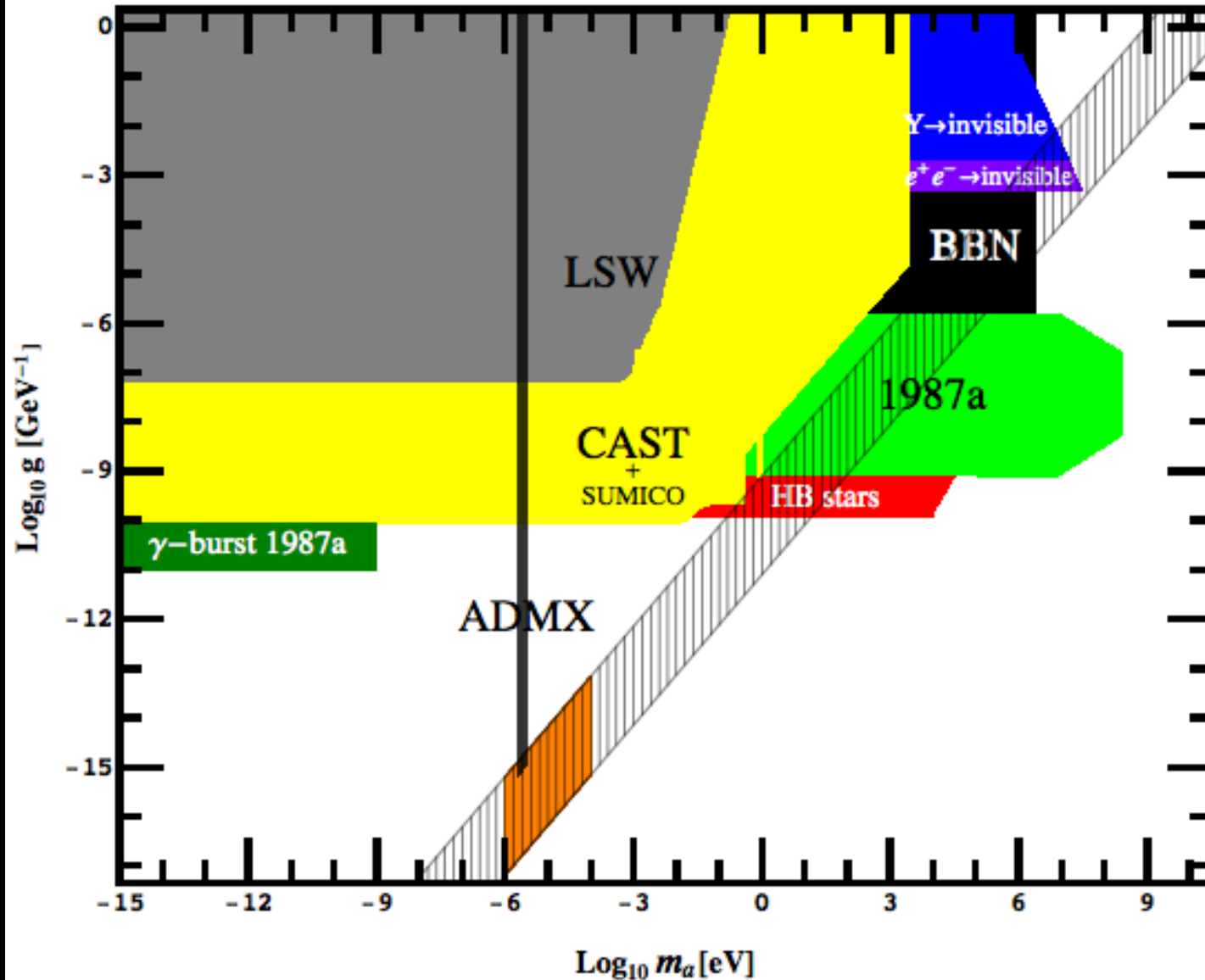
- “Axion scale” related to fundamental scale

$$f_a \sim \frac{M_P}{\text{Volume}^x} \sim M_s \left(\frac{M_s}{M_P} \right)^y$$

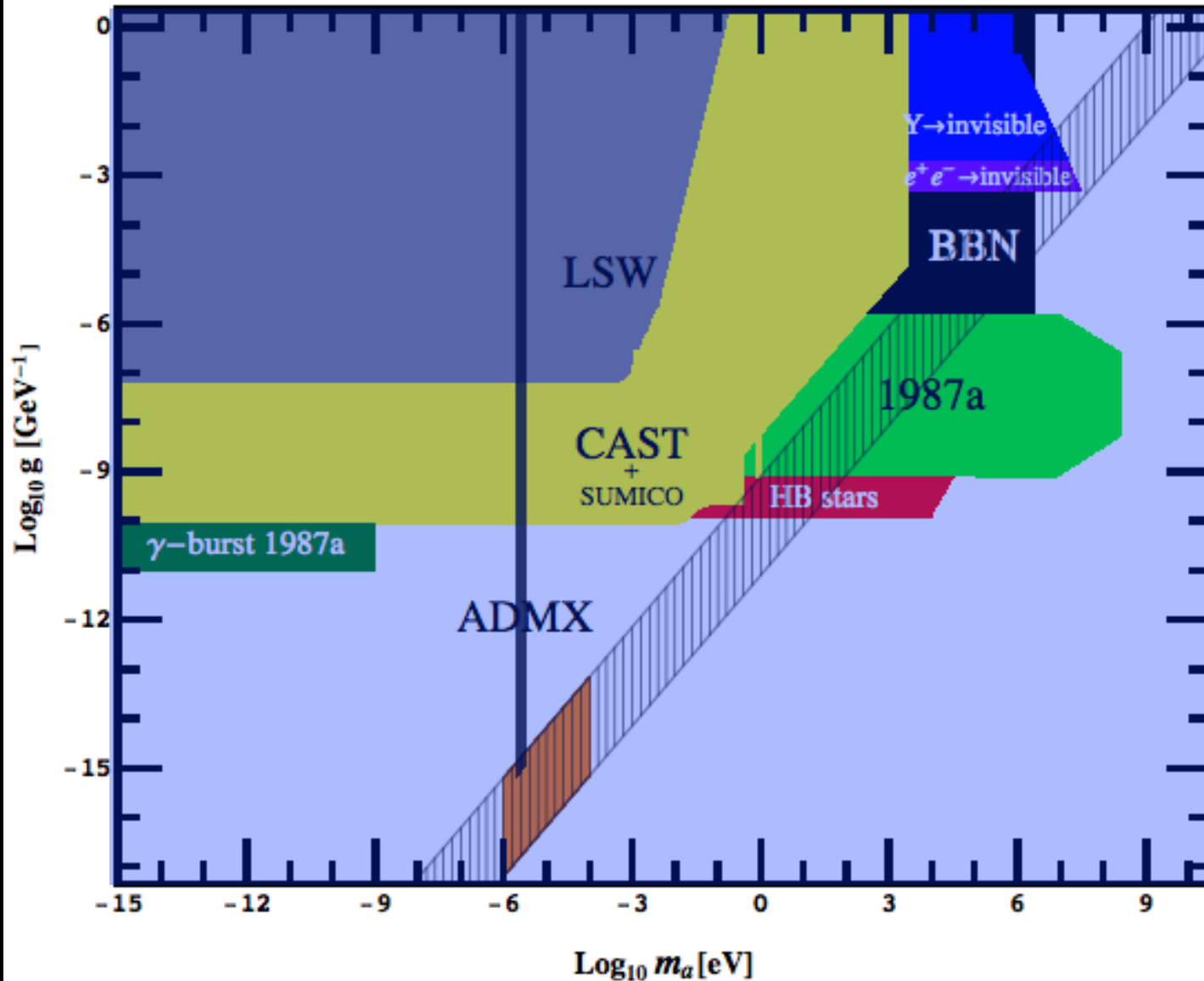
- If QCD axion: m_a fixed
- However, if not QCD axion

$$m_{\text{ALP}} \sim \frac{\Lambda^2}{f_a} \quad \text{(nearly) arbitrary}$$

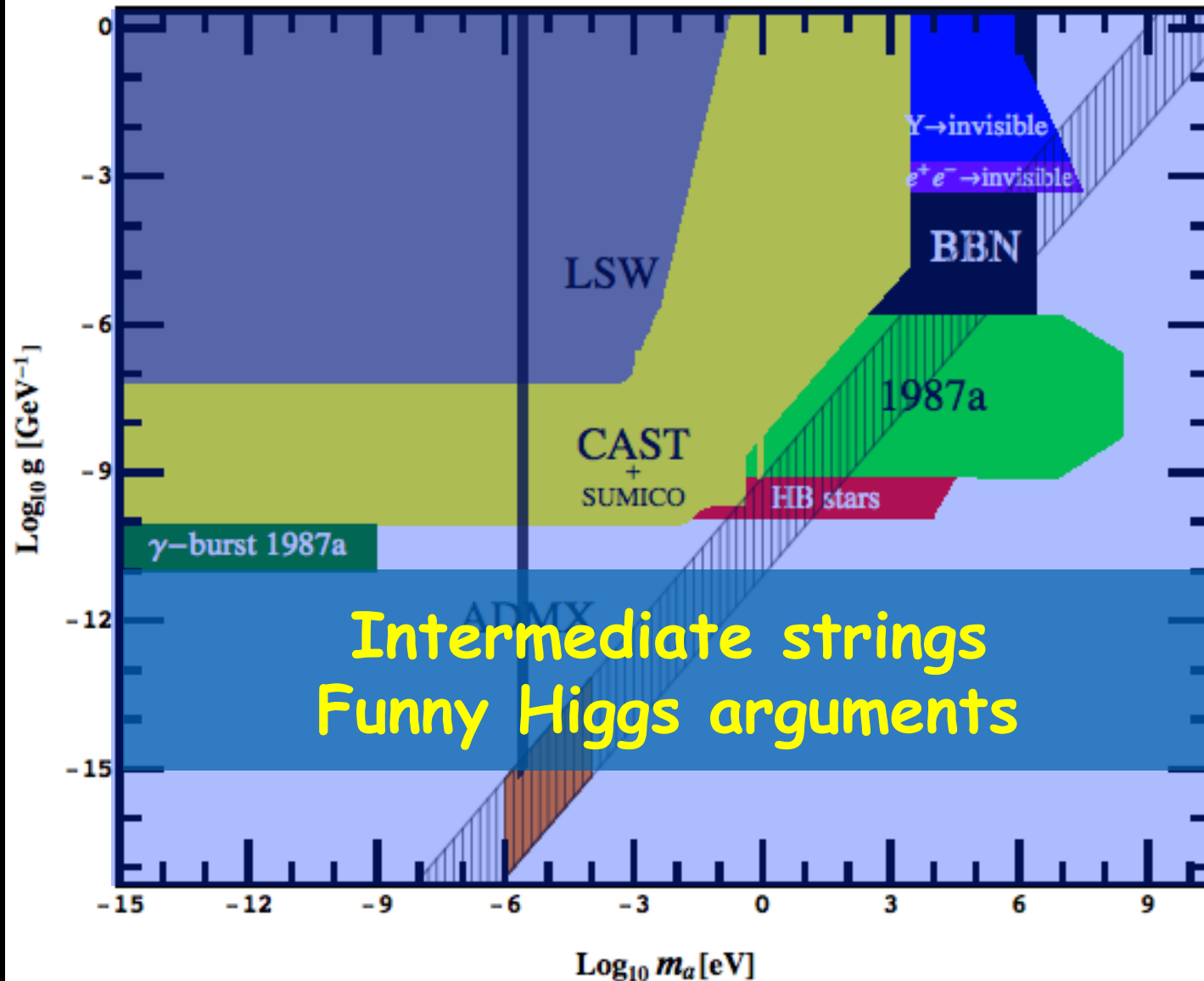
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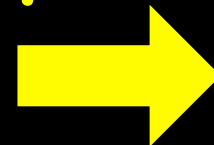


Dark Matter(s)

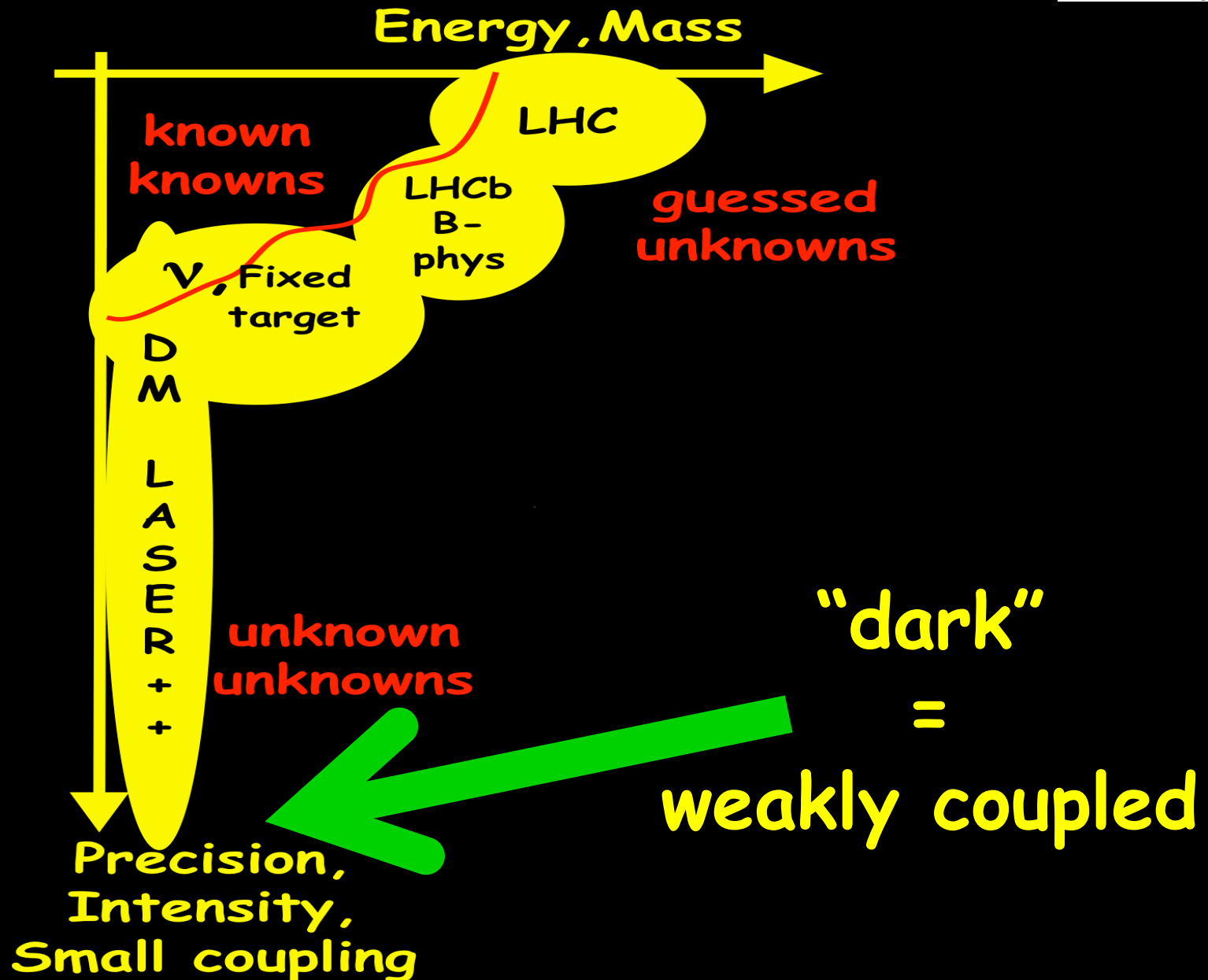
Can Dark Matter
be Axiony/WISPy?
(Weakly Interacting Sub-eV Particley)
Slim

Properties of Dark Matter

- Dark matter is dark, i.e.
it doesn't radiate!
(and also doesn't absorb)
- very, very weak interactions with light
and with ordinary matter
- Exactly the property of
Axions/WISPs



Exploring is (at least) 2 dimensional

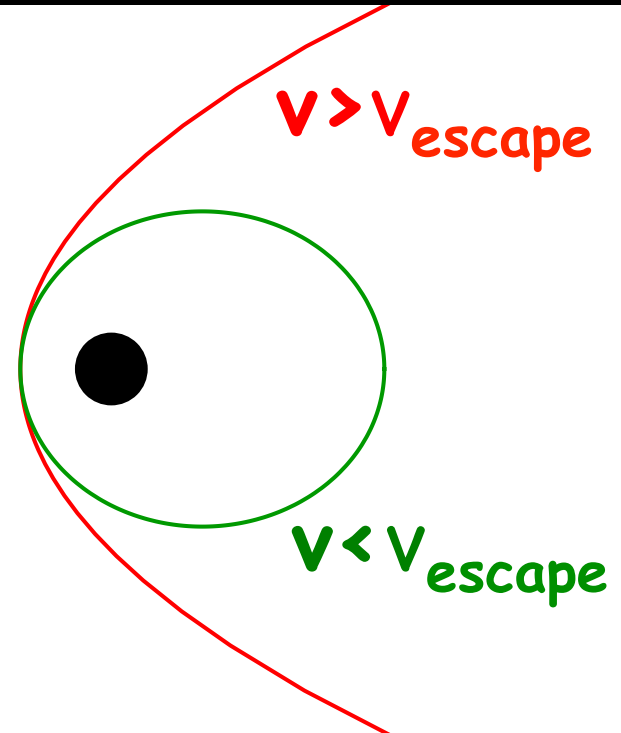


A common prejudice

- Dark Matter has to be heavy: $m_{\text{DM}} \gtrsim \text{keV}$.
- Prejudice based on thermal production!
and/or fermionic DM!

Both assumptions give
minimal velocity

→ galaxy,
i.e. structure,
formation inhibited!



Weakly interacting sub-eV DM

- Has to be non-thermally (cold!!!) produced

→ See misalignment mechanism ✓

- Bosonic!

→ Axion(-like particles)
Hidden Photons ✓

Dark matter has to be heavy...

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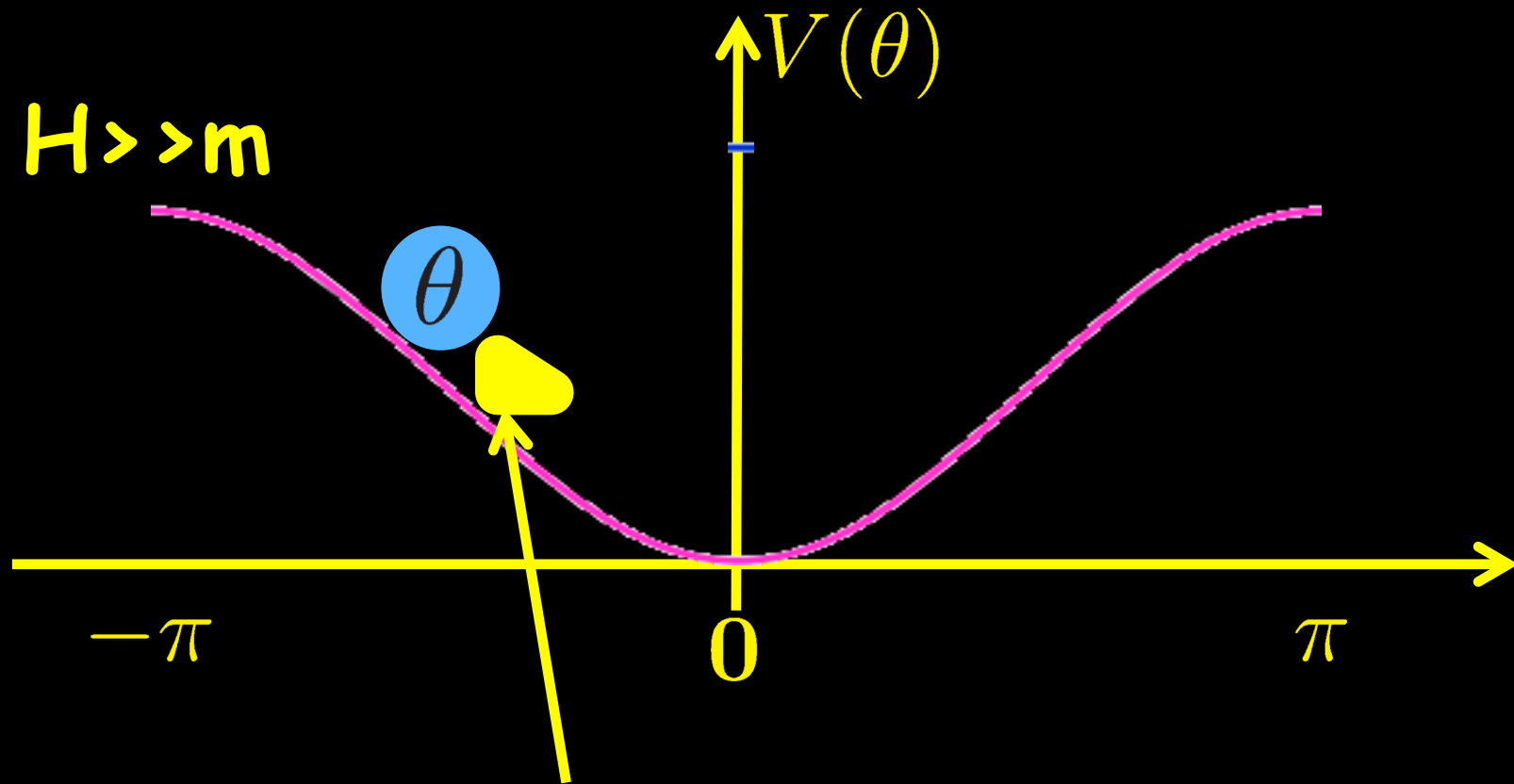
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Myth Busted

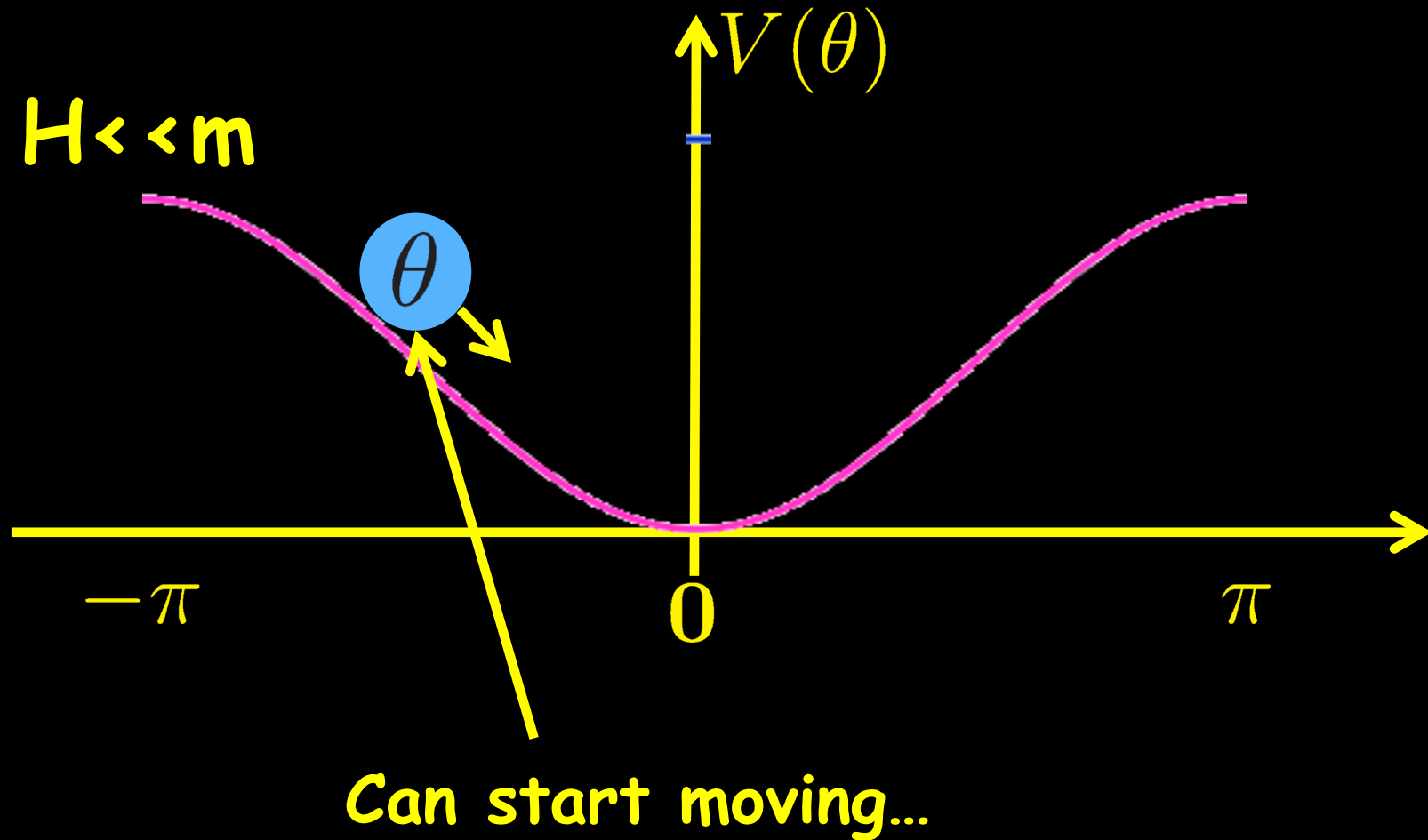
SUPERGOLD DARK MATTER

The axion has no clue where to start

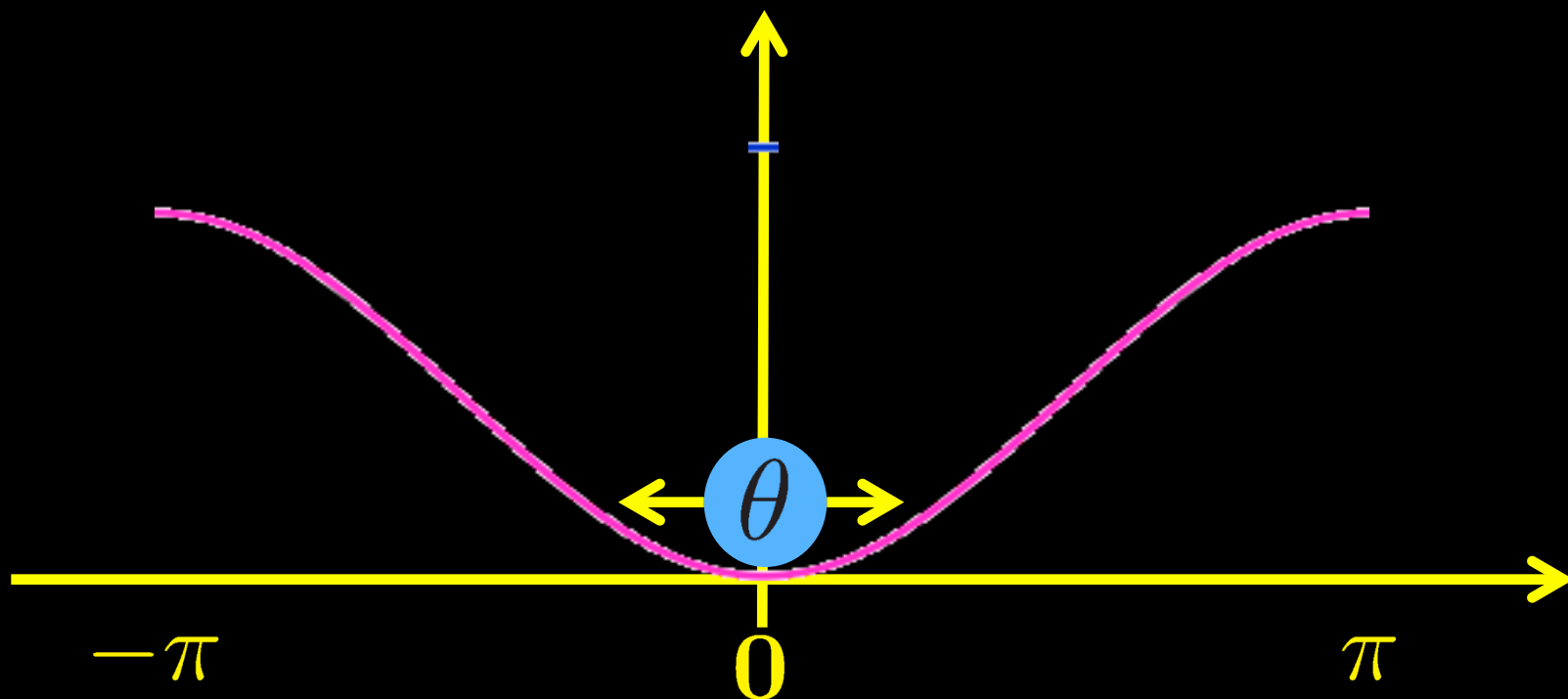


Field is stuck because of Hubble "breaking"

The axion has no clue where to start



The axion solution to the strong CP problem



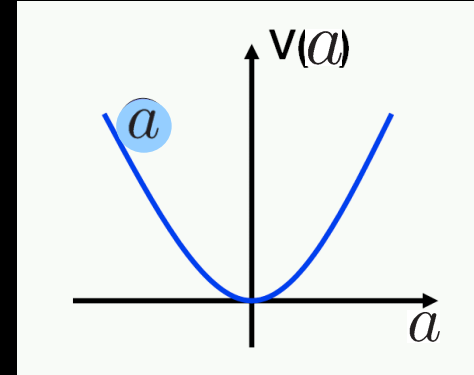
- Oscillations contain energy
- behave like non-relativistic particles ($T=0$)

Axion Dark Matter

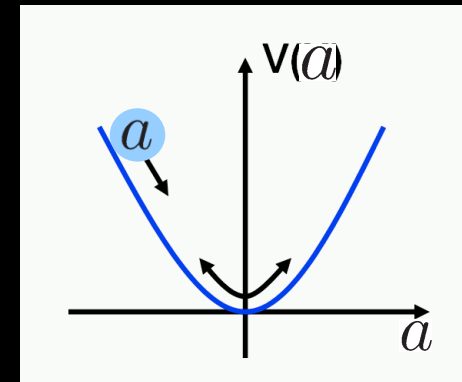
$$\ddot{a} + 3H\dot{a} + m_a^2 a = 0$$

$$H = \frac{\dot{R}(t)}{R(t)}$$

• $H \gg m_a \rightarrow$ overdamped oscillator



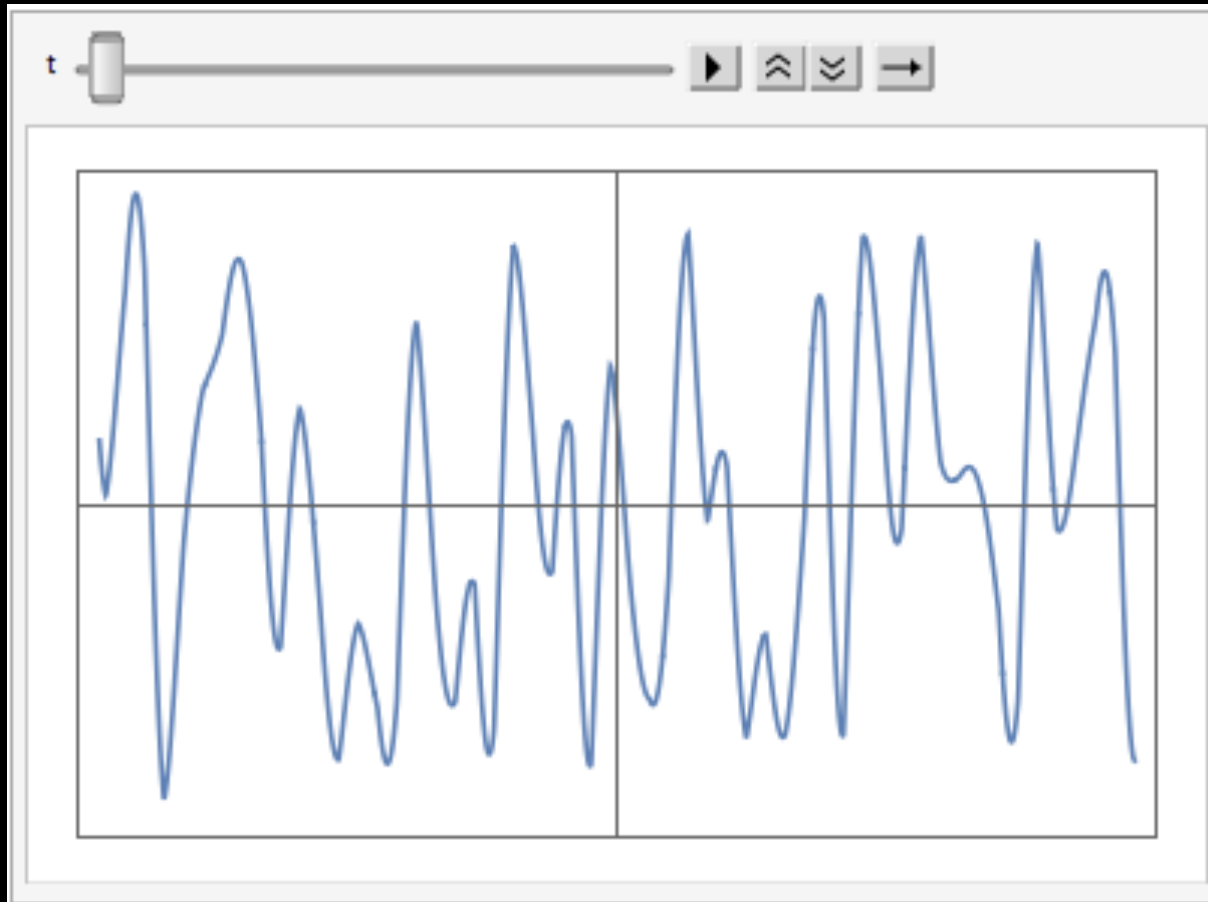
• $H \ll m_a \rightarrow$ damped oscillator



$$\rho_a(t) = \frac{\rho_{ini}}{R^3(t)} \rightarrow \text{Dark Matter}$$

Why Cold? Inflation!

Field
value



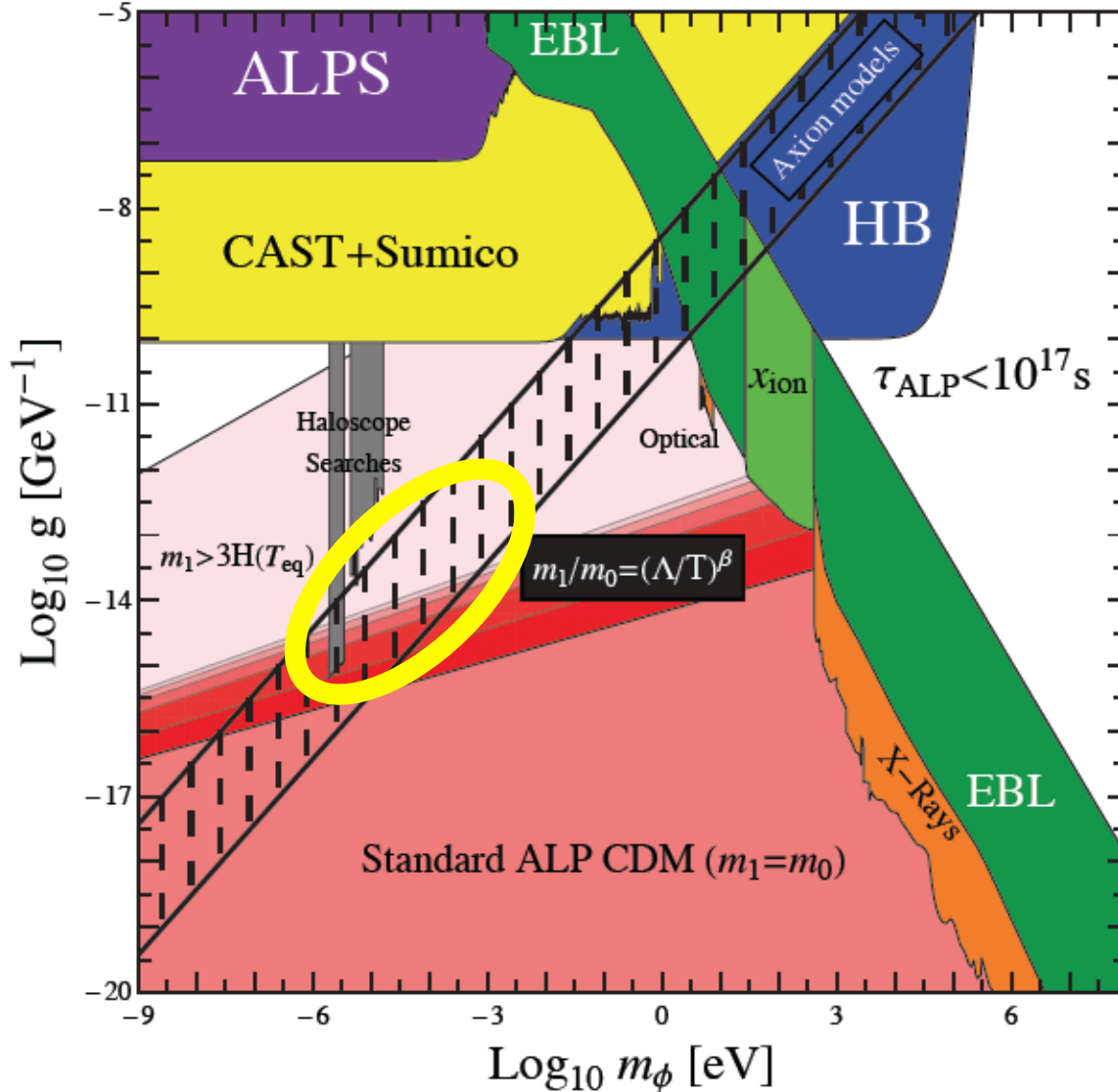
space

$$velocity \sim \frac{p}{m} \sim \frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{d}{dx} \rightarrow 0$$

Axion(-like particle) Dark Matter

$\sim 10^7 \text{ GeV}$

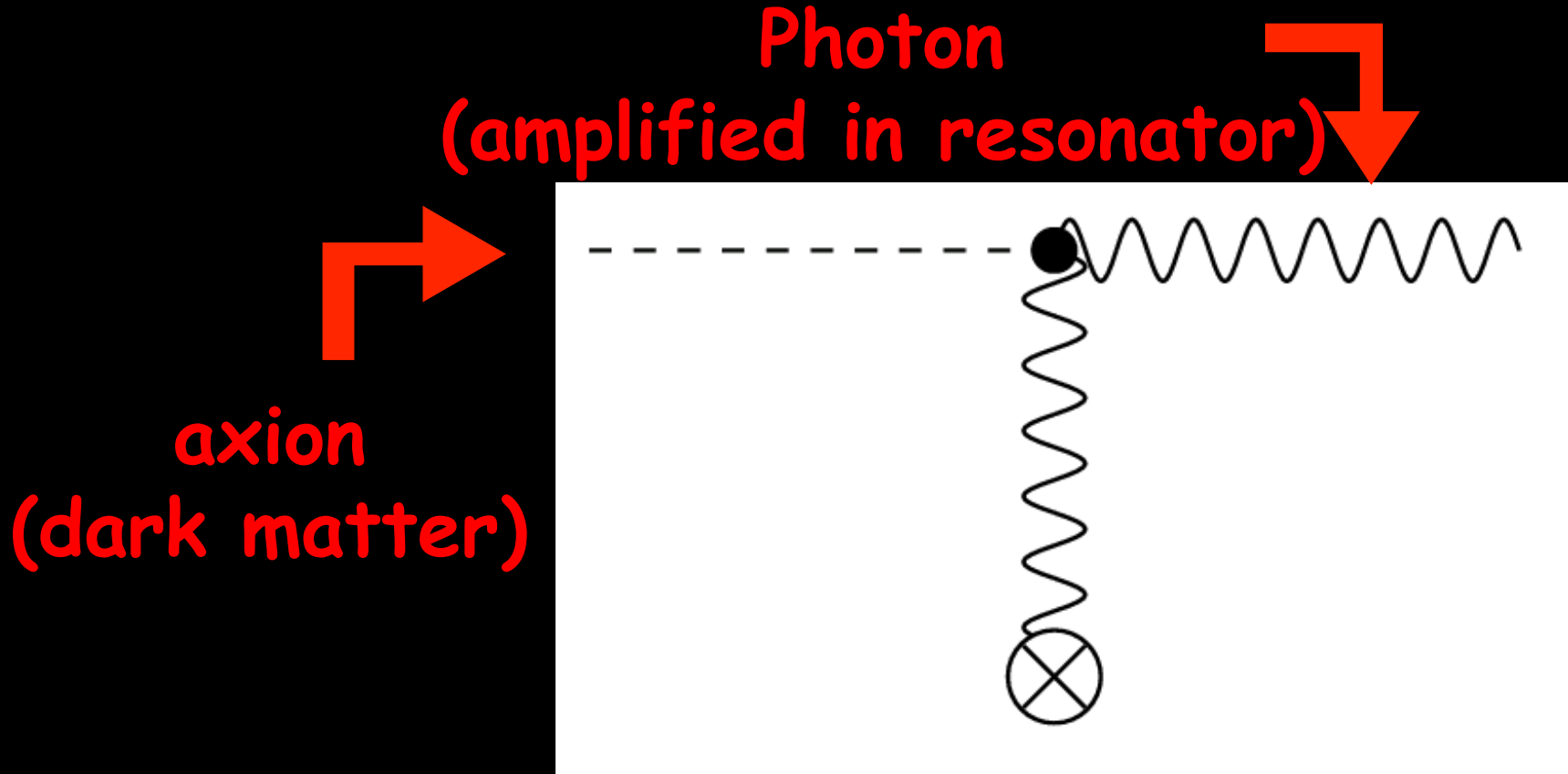
$\sim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$



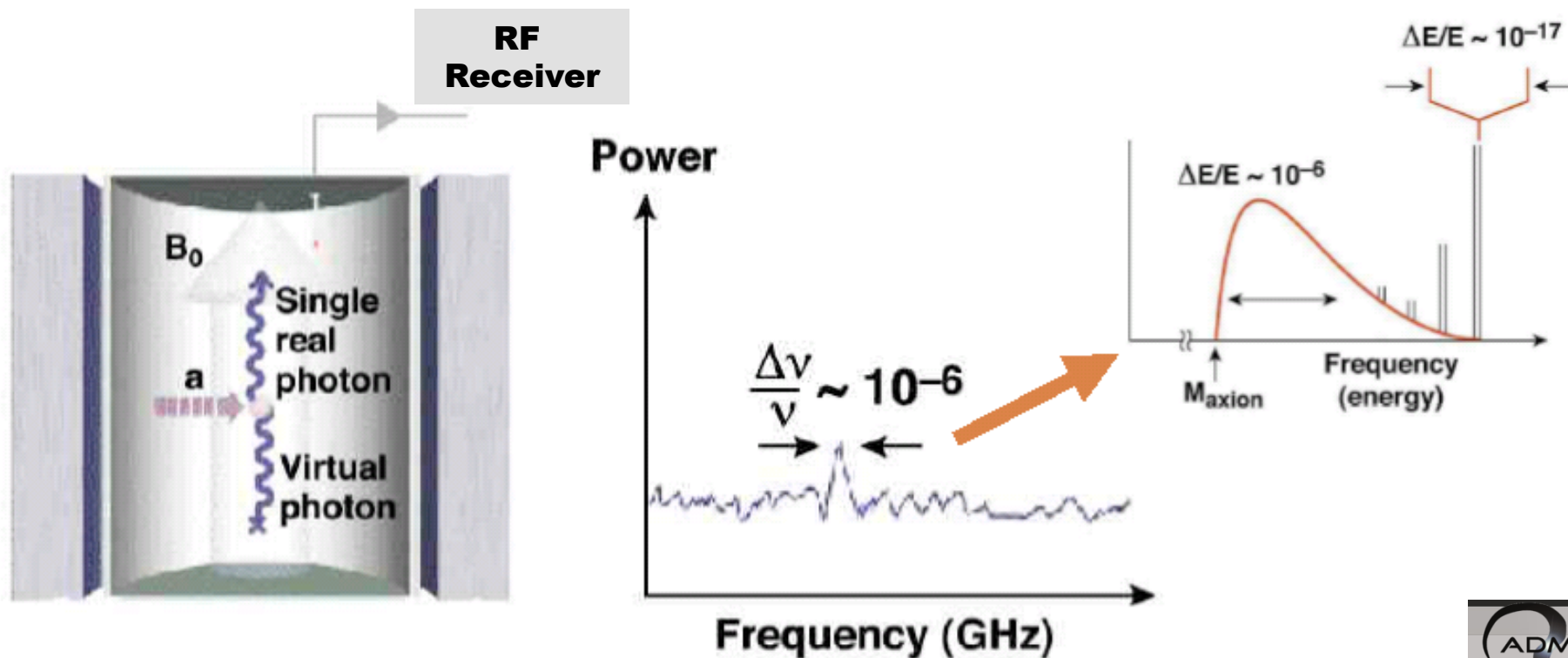
Detecting
Axion/WISPy
DM

Use a plentiful source of axions

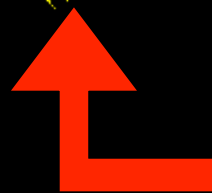
- Photon Regeneration



Signal: Total energy of axion

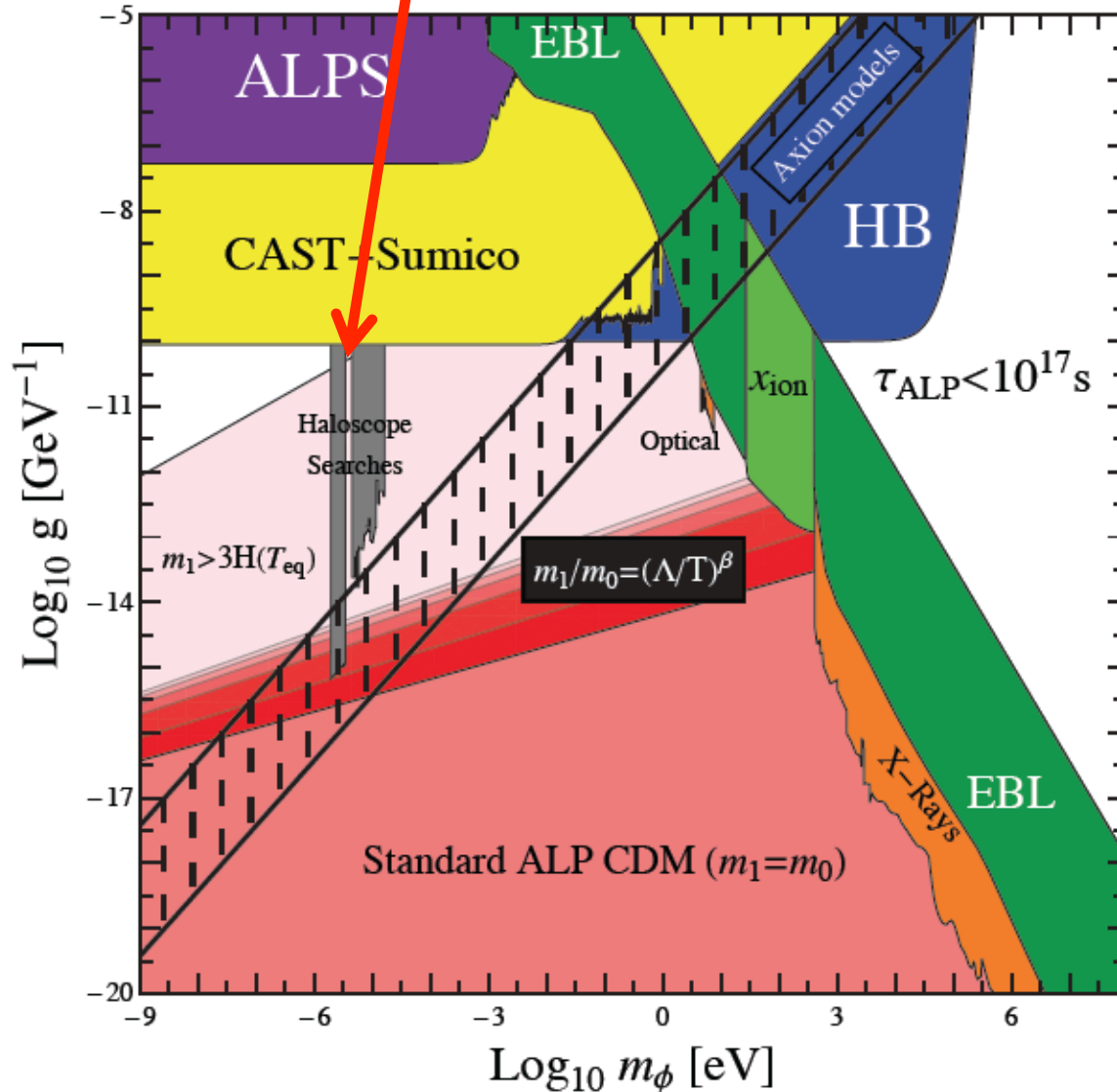


$$h\nu = m_a c^2 [1 + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2 \sim 10^{-6})]$$

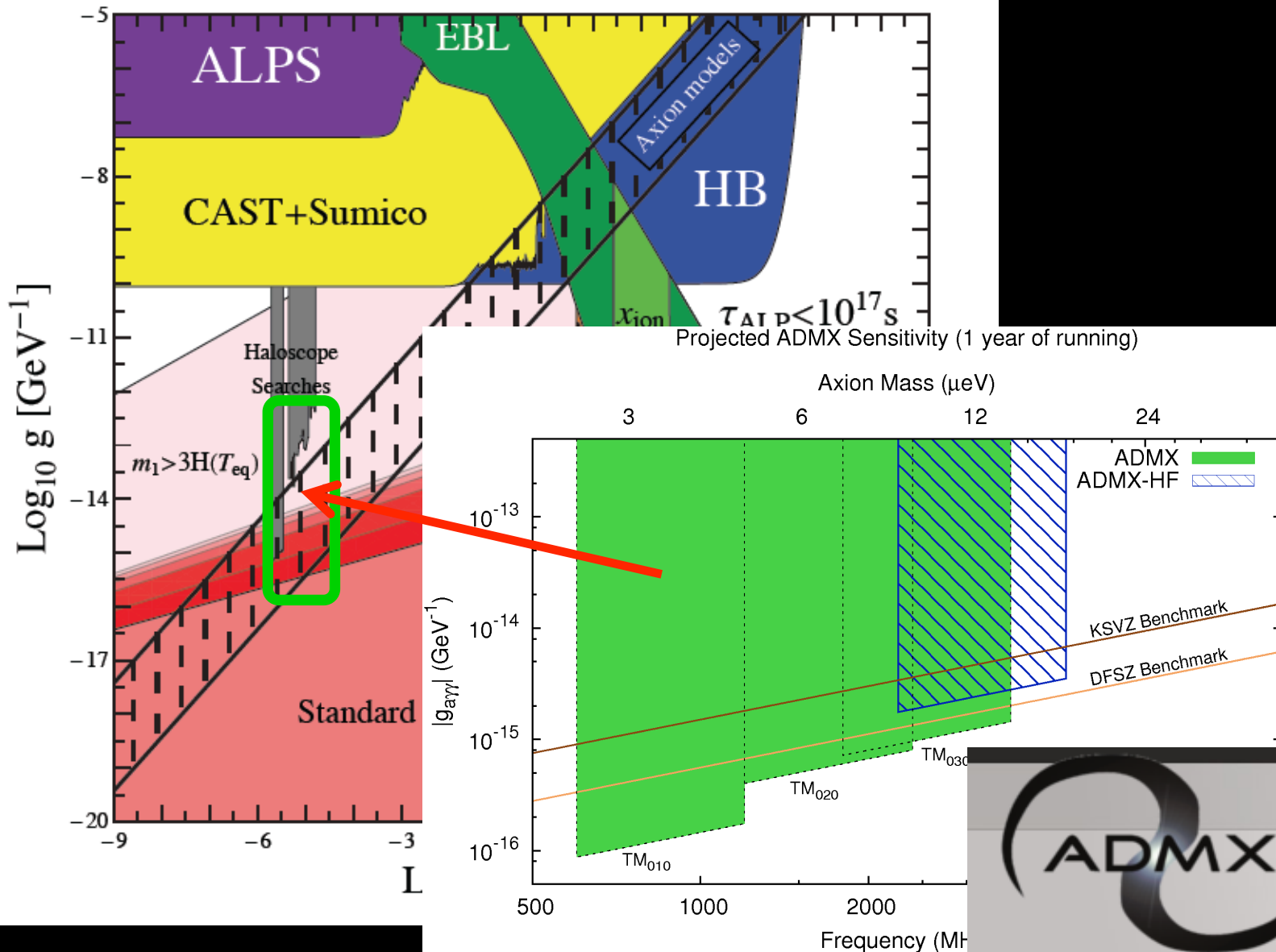


Virial velocity
in galaxy halo!

An extremely sensitive probe!!!



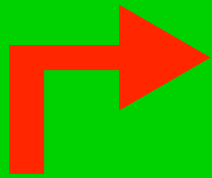
A discovery possible any minute!



Electricity from Dark Matter ;-).

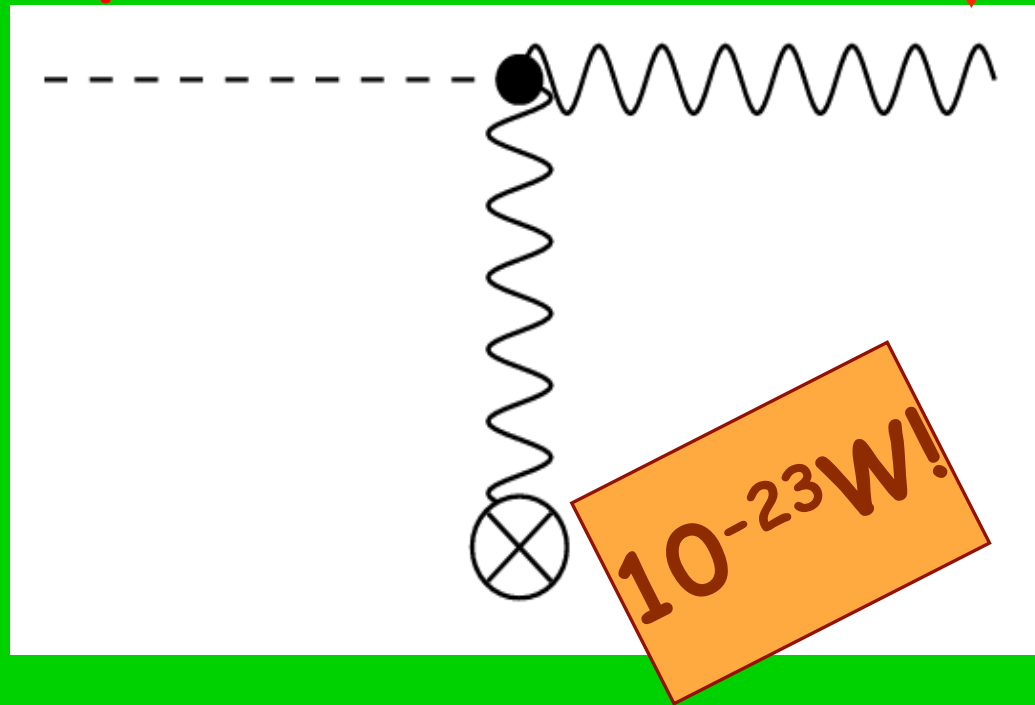
- Photon Regeneration

Photon
(amplified in resonator)



axion

(dark matter)



Really sustainable Energy

- Galaxy contains $(6-30) \times 10^{11}$ solar masses of DM

→ $(3-15) \times 10^{43}$ TWh

@100000 TWh per year (total world today)

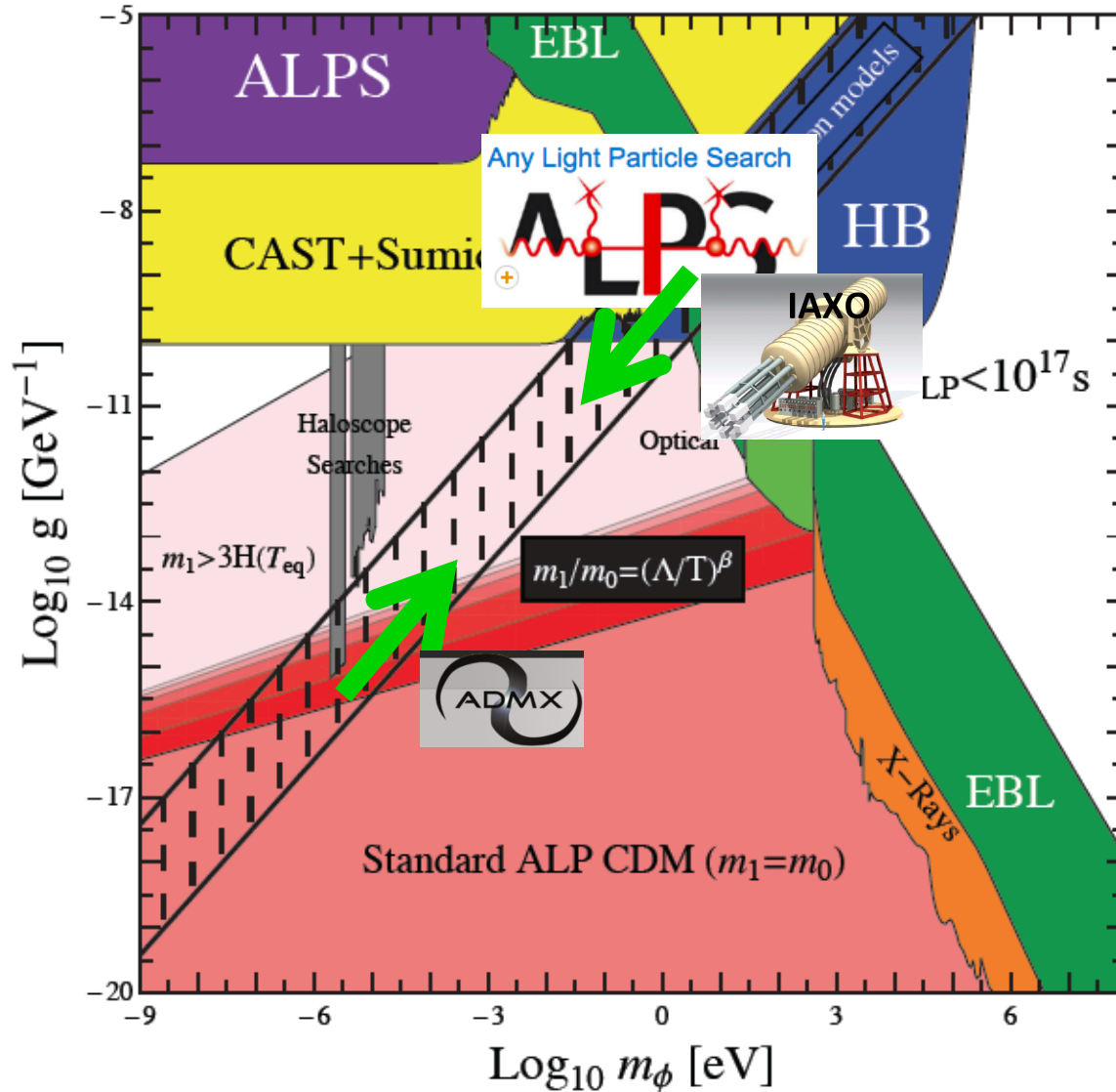
→ 10^{38} years ☺

DM power

$$\rho * v \sim 300 \text{ MeV/cm}^3 * 300 \text{ km/s} \sim 10 \text{ W/m}^2$$

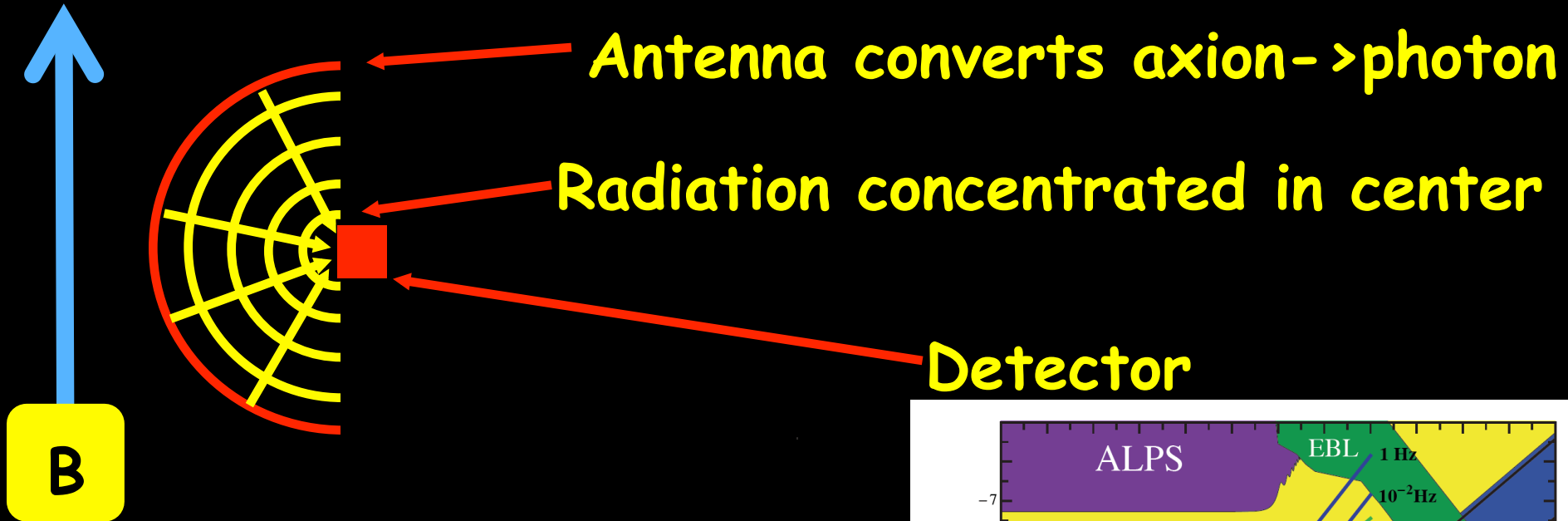
compared to 2 W/m^2 for wind

Encircling the axion...

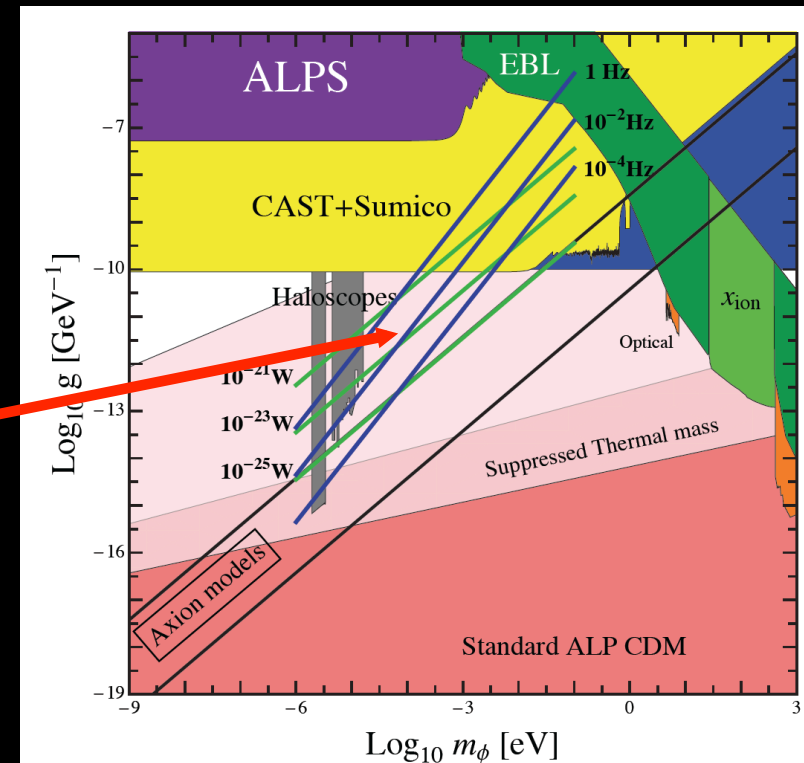


Broadband Search Strategy

Dark Matter Antenna



Probes here;
very sensitive!!



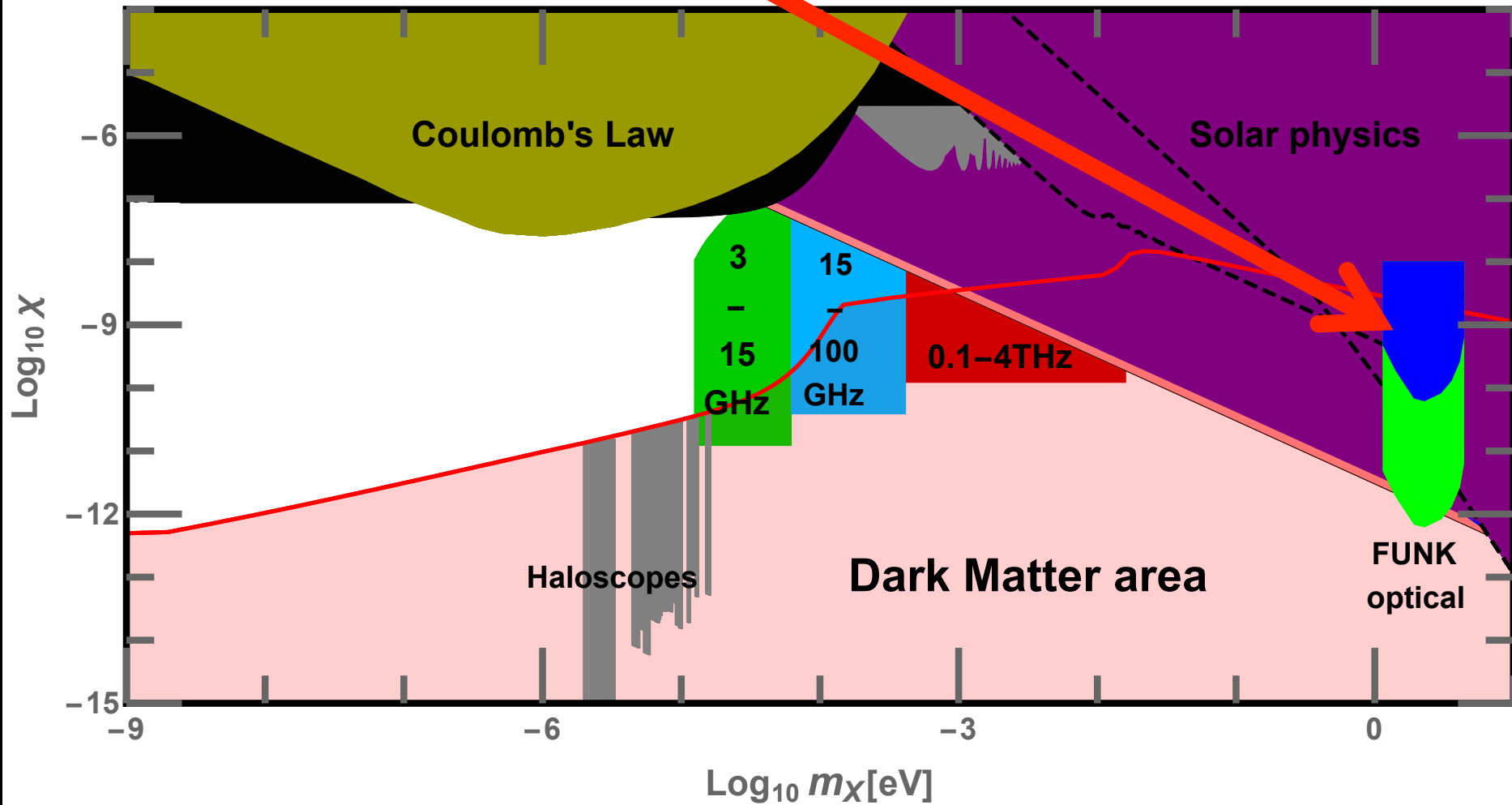
The FUNK Experiment

Recycle Auger mirror

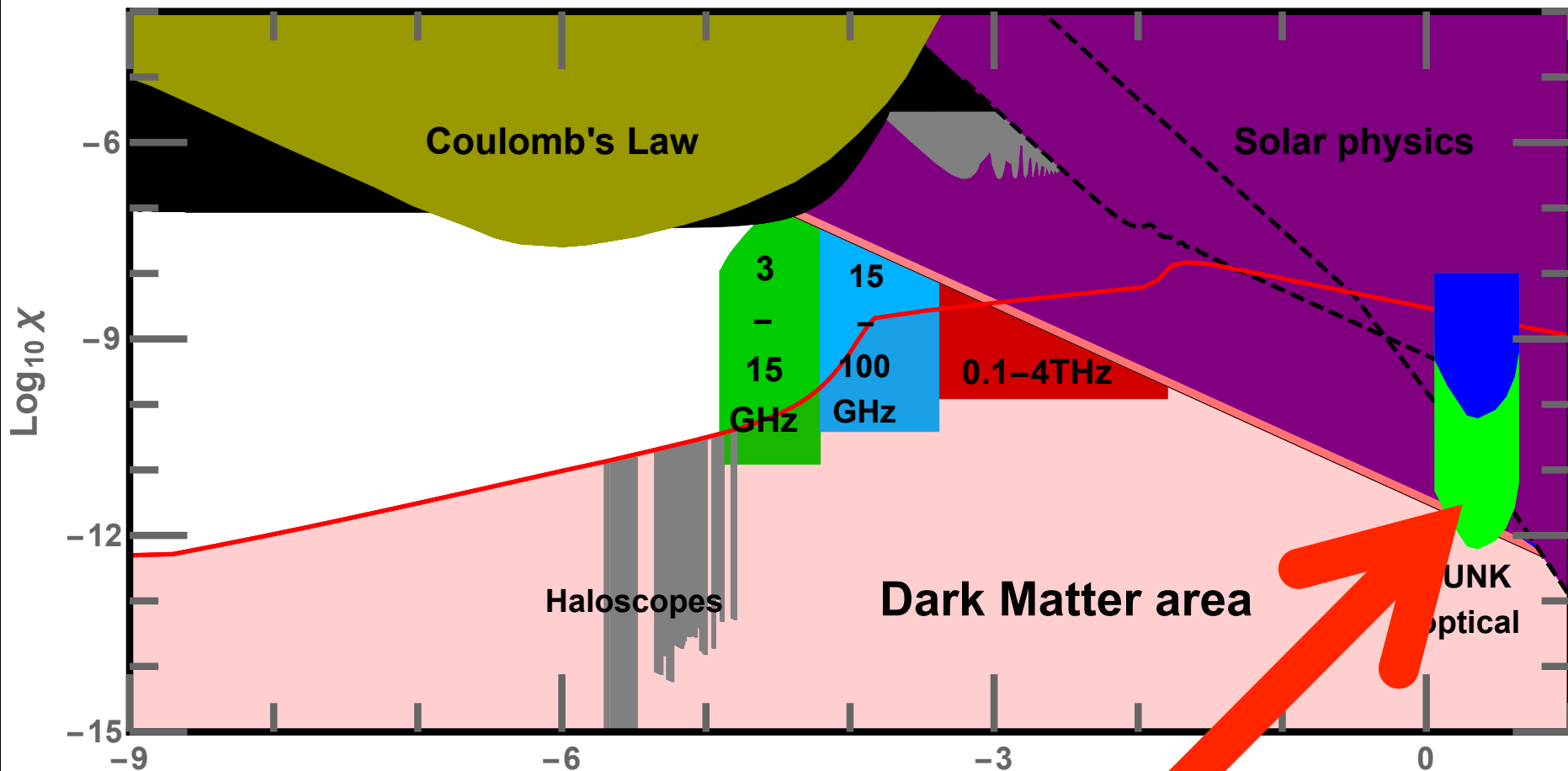
Detector



First Results

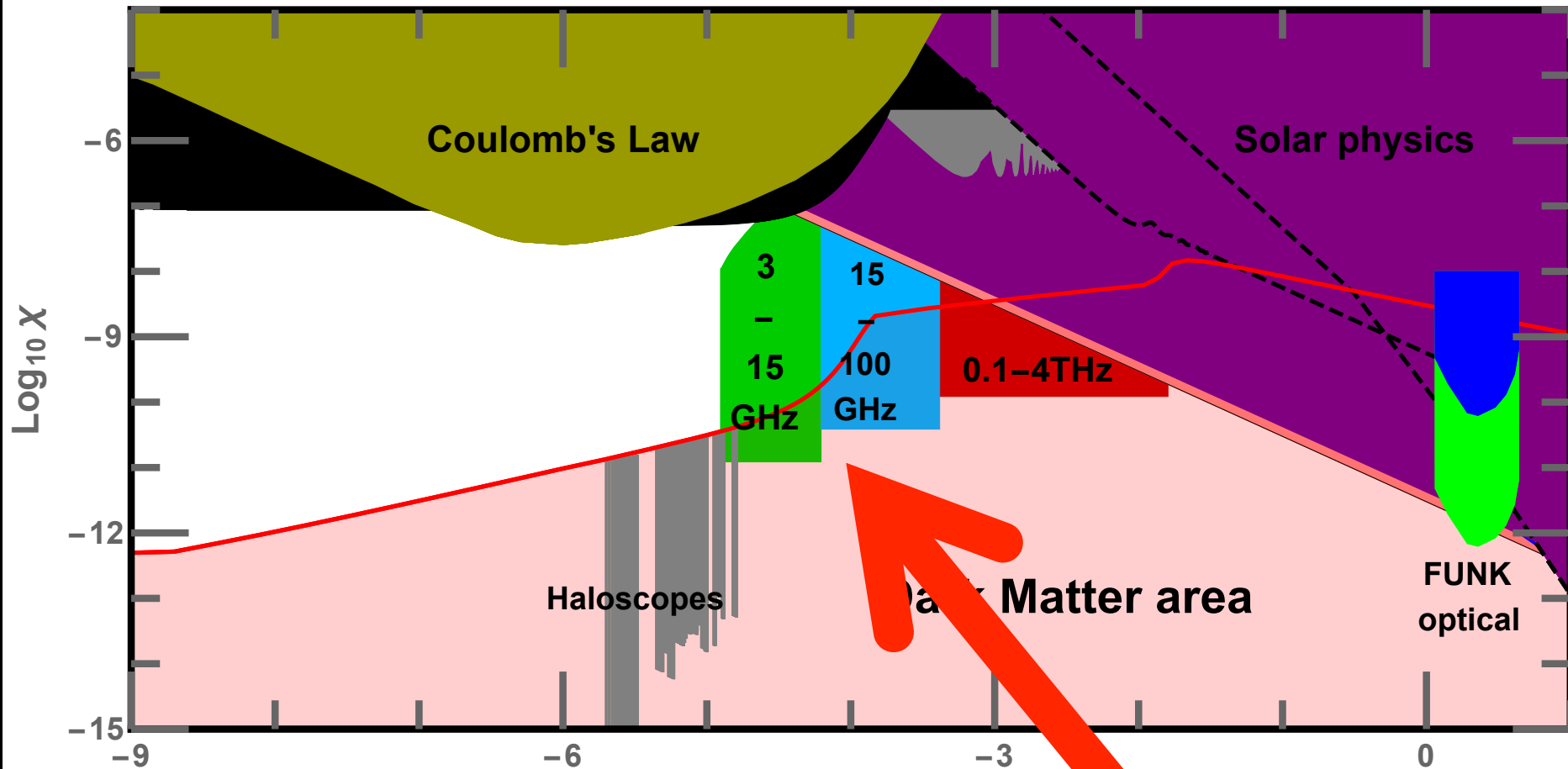


Upgrade: The PMT 9000(+107)



Discovery Potential 😊!!!

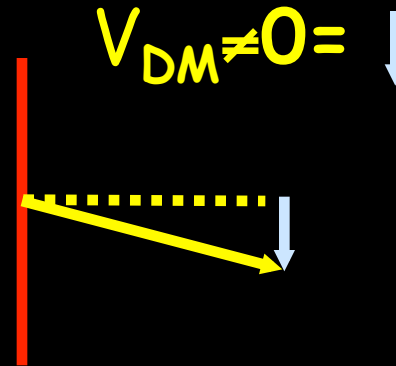
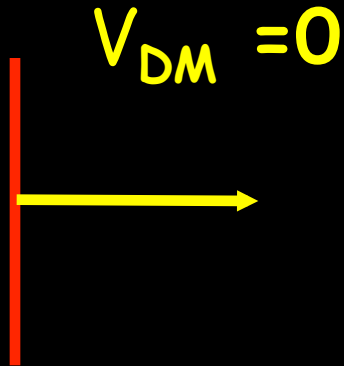
The next years → Lower frequency



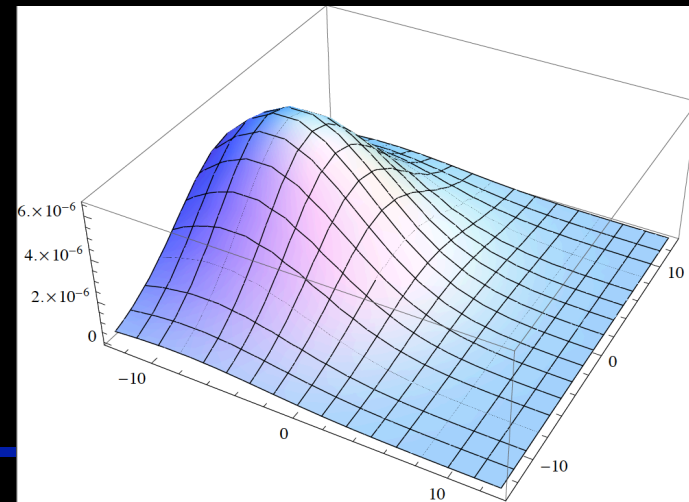
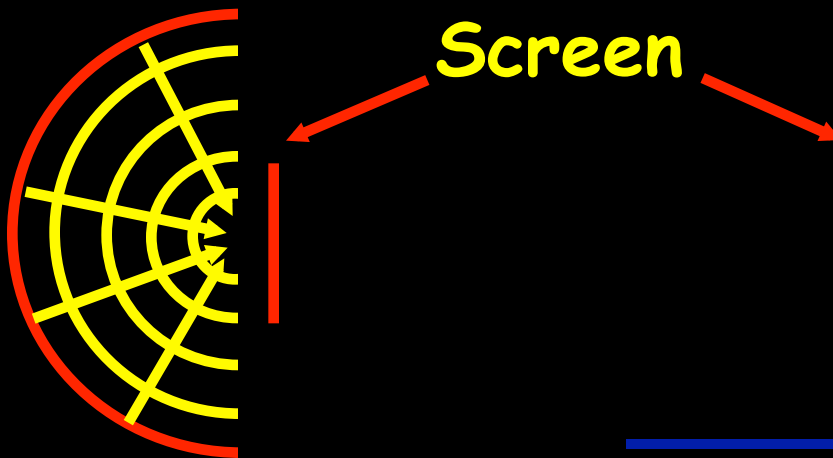
Discovery Potential 😊!!!

A Dream for Astrology ehm Astronomy

- Emission from moving dark matter



- A picture of the DM-velocity distribution



New couplings:
A spin experiment

Looking for oscillating dipoles

- Remember:

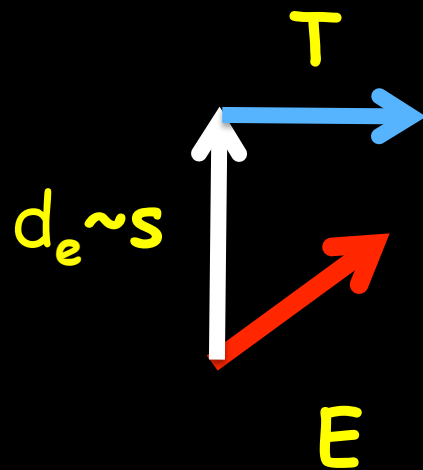
Axion field controls electric dipole moment:

$$d_e \sim \theta \sim \frac{a}{f_a}$$

- Dipole moments follow the oscillating axion field
→ Tiny oscillating electric dipole

$$d_e \sim 10^{-35} e \text{ cm} \cos(m_a t)$$

In an electric field



Energy in an electric field

$$H = -\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E} = -c_{ES} \cdot \mathbf{E}.$$

Torque tries to tilt dipole moment/spin

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{d} \times \mathbf{E} = c_{ES} \times \mathbf{E}.$$

Dealing with oscillation

Problem: the dipole moment is rapidly oscillating $\sim m_a$

→ Danger of cancellation

Solution: Rotate spin to compensate

→ Use Spin Precession in magnetic field

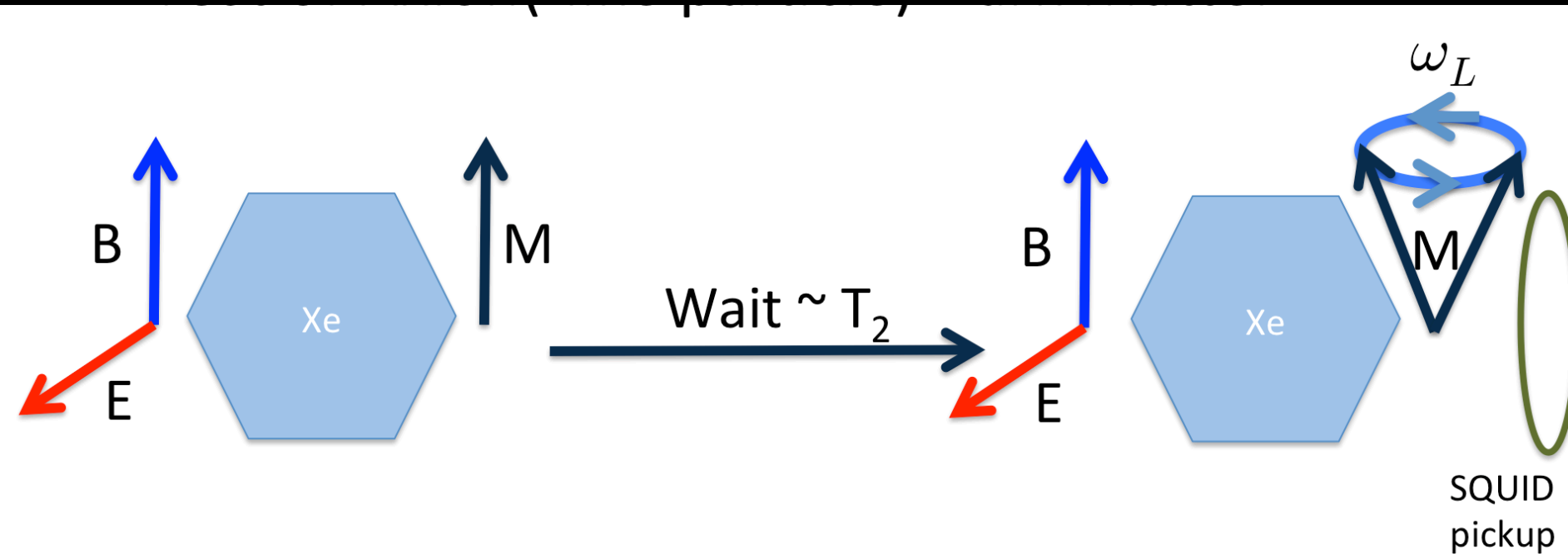
$$\omega_L = 2\mu B$$



Resonance when $\omega_L = m_a$

Modification of Xenon EDM

Modification of Xenon EDM experiment to be sensitive to time varying nuclear EDM



Proposal for a Cosmic Axion Spin Precession Experiment (CASPER)

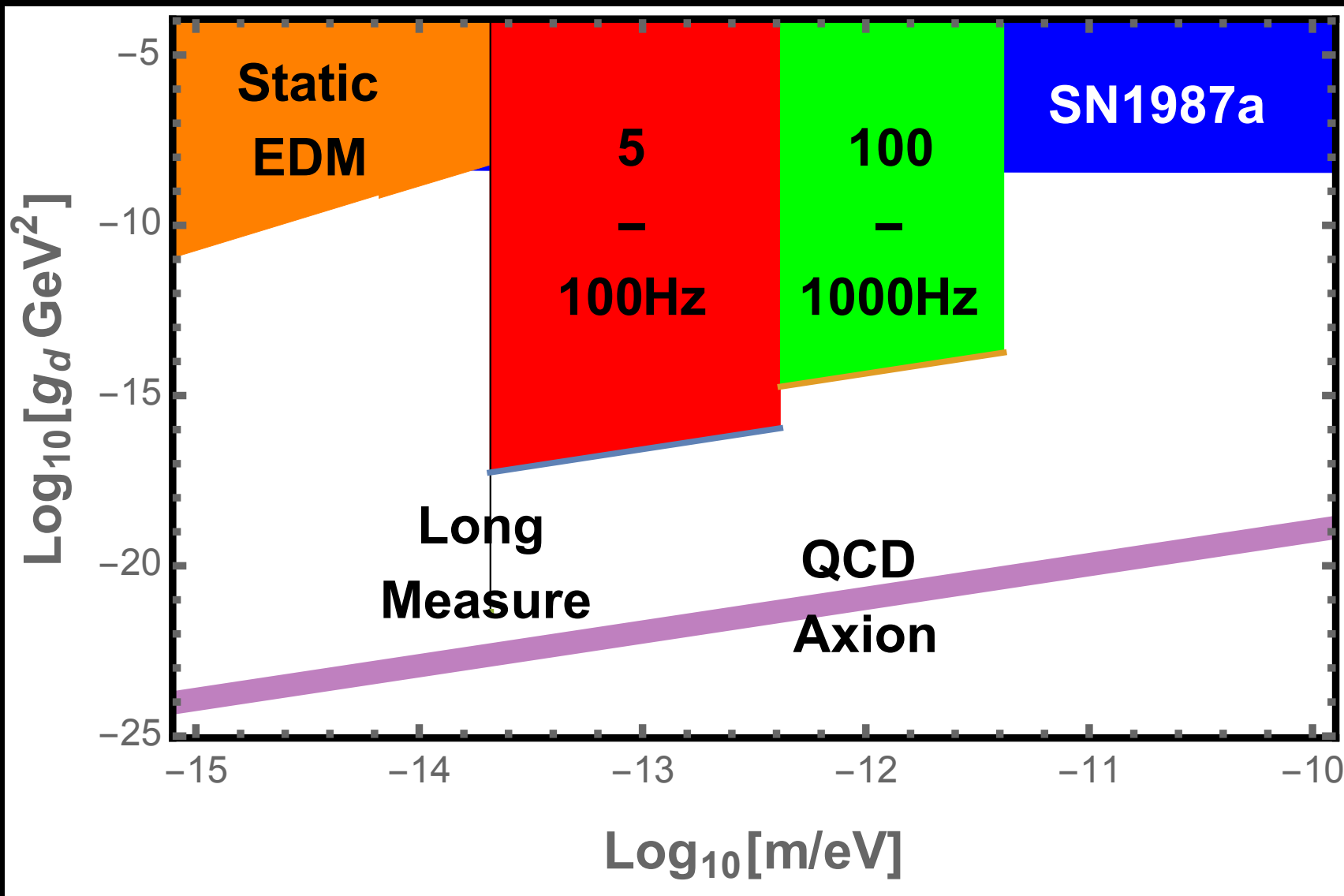
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Sensitivity



Conclusions

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- Good Physics Case for Axions and WISPs
➡ explore 'The Low Energy Frontier'
- Low energy experiments test energy scales much higher than accelerators
➡ Complementary!
- May provide information on hidden sectors and thereby into the underlying fundamental theory
- Dark Matter may be WISPy 😊
➡ New cool Experiments underway.

