

“Invisible” Axion Search Methods

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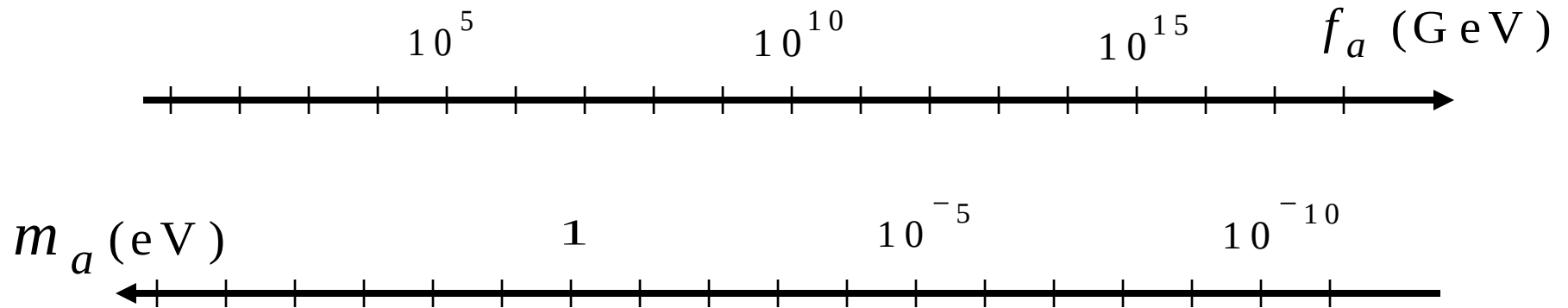
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Axion constraints

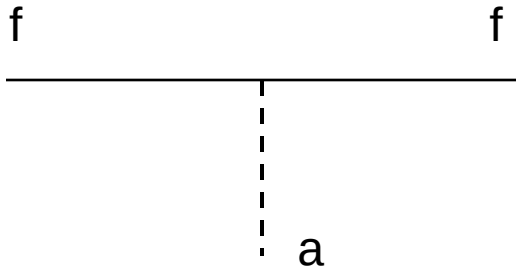


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searches

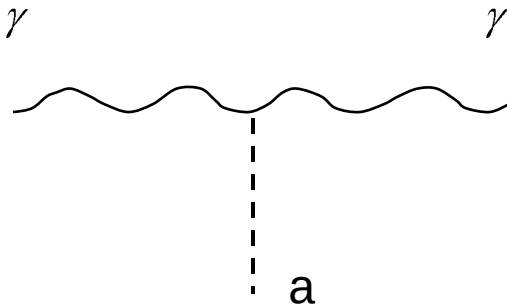
stellar
evolution

cosmology

$$m_a \simeq 6 \text{ eV} \frac{10^6 \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{a\bar{f}f} = ig_f \frac{a(x)}{f_a} \bar{f}(x) \gamma^5 f(x)$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} = -g_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{f_a} a(x) \vec{E}(x) \cdot \vec{B}(x)$$

$$g_\gamma = \begin{array}{ll} 0.97 & \text{in KSVZ model} \\ 0.36 & \text{in DFSZ model} \end{array}$$

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The Witten Effect (1979)

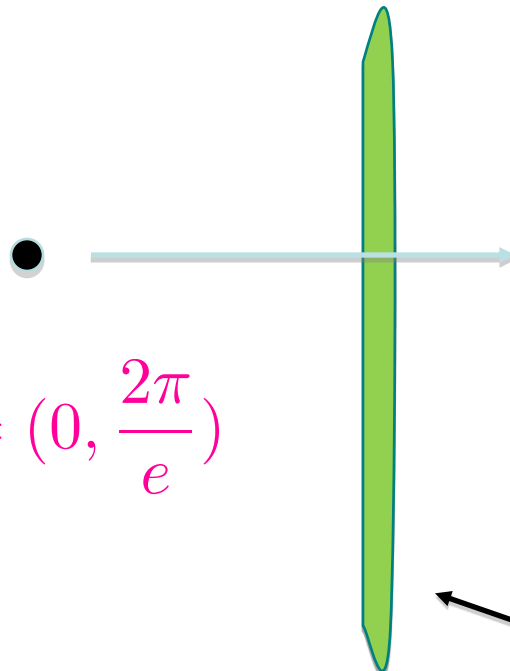
When $\theta \neq 0$ magnetic monopoles acquire electric charge

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with axion

$$(q_e, q_m) = \left(0, \frac{2\pi}{e} \right)$$



axion domain wall

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{2\pi}{e} 2\pi = e$$

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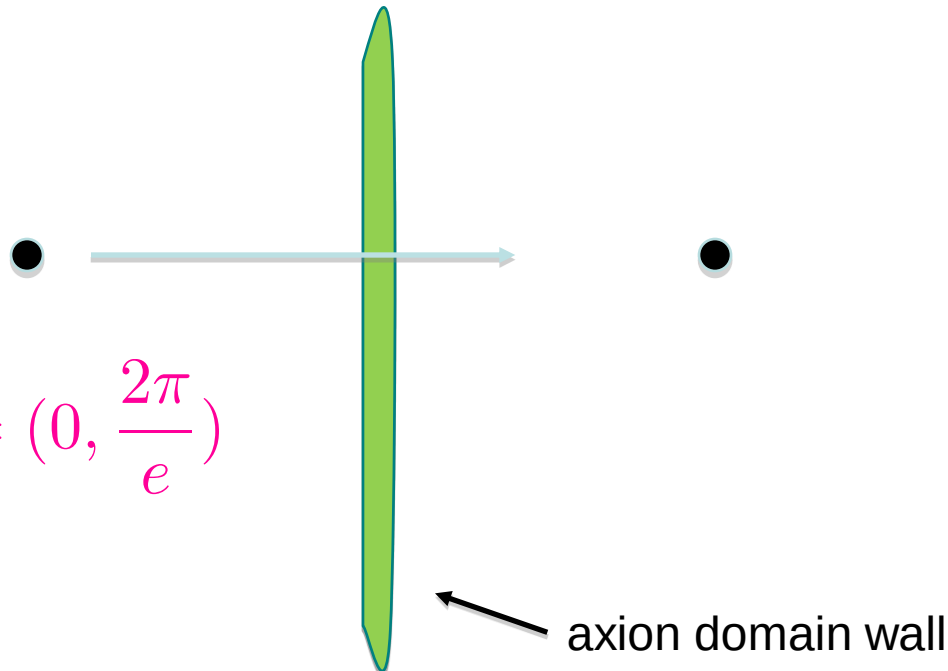
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Axion Electrodynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2}(\vec{E}(x) \cdot \vec{E}(x) - \vec{B}(x) \cdot \vec{B}(x)) \\ & + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t a(x) \partial_t a(x) - \vec{\nabla} a(x) \cdot \vec{\nabla} a(x)) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a(x)^2 \\ & - g_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{f_a} a(x) \vec{E}(x) \cdot \vec{B}(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$g = g_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{f_a}$$

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$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} - ga\vec{B}) = \rho_{\text{el}}$$

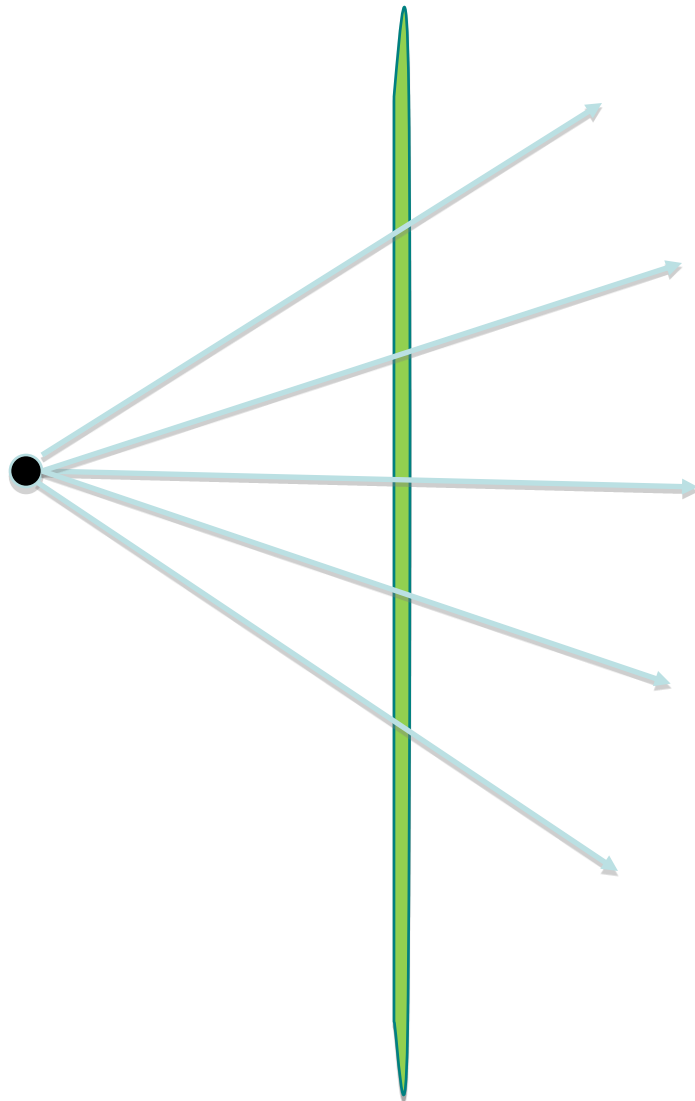
$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{B} + ga\vec{E}) - \partial_t(\vec{E} - ga\vec{B}) = \vec{j}_{\text{el}}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \partial_t \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\partial_t^2 a - \nabla^2 a + m_a^2 a = -g \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = g \vec{\nabla} a \cdot \vec{B} + ga \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}$$



Witten Effect

electric charge
surface density

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = g \Delta a B_{\perp} = 2\alpha B_{\perp}$$

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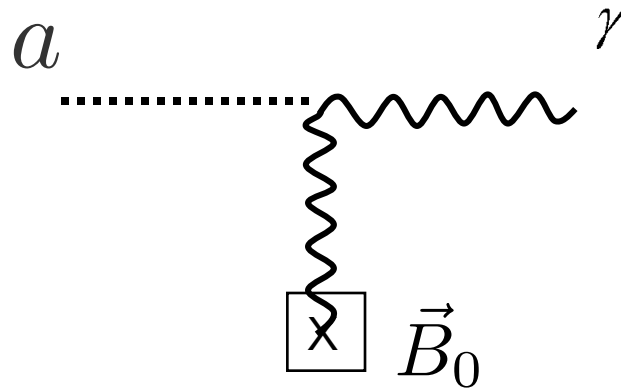
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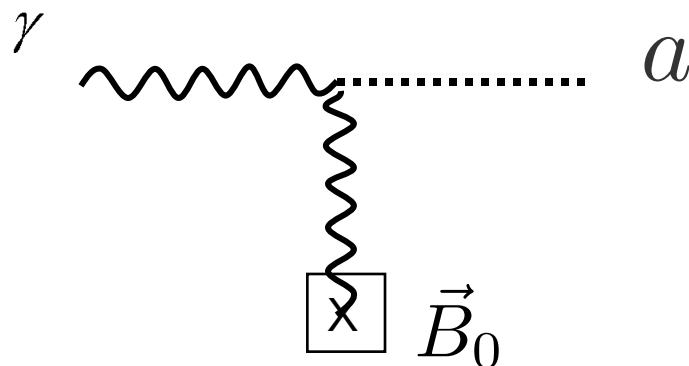
In background electric and magnetic fields
the axion field is a source of electromagnetic radiation

$$\partial_t^2 \vec{A} - \nabla^2 \vec{A} = g(\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{\nabla} a - \vec{B}_0 \partial_t a)$$



Axions convert to photons in a magnetic field and vice-versa

$$\partial_t^2 a - \nabla^2 a + m_a^2 a = -g \vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{E}$$



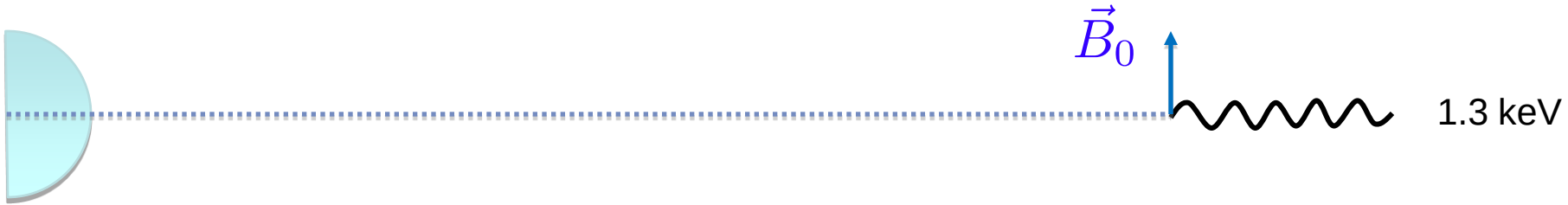
BUT

$$N_{\text{signal}} \sim N_{\gamma} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{B_0}{f_a} L \right)^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{B_0}{f_a} L \right)^2 \sim 10^{-48} N_{\gamma}$$

We may search for axions produced in the Sun
or present on Earth as dark matter

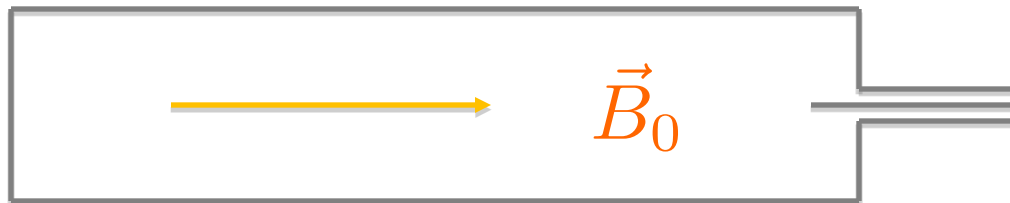
- Axion helioscope

10^{14} axions/cm²sec



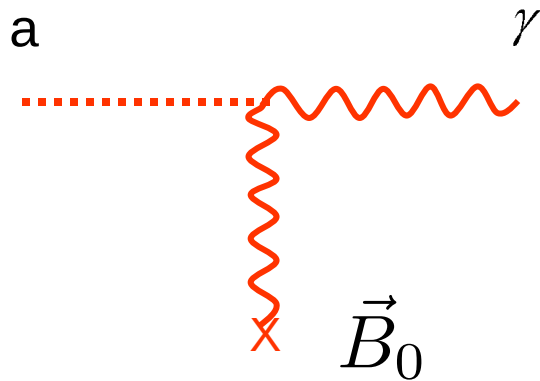
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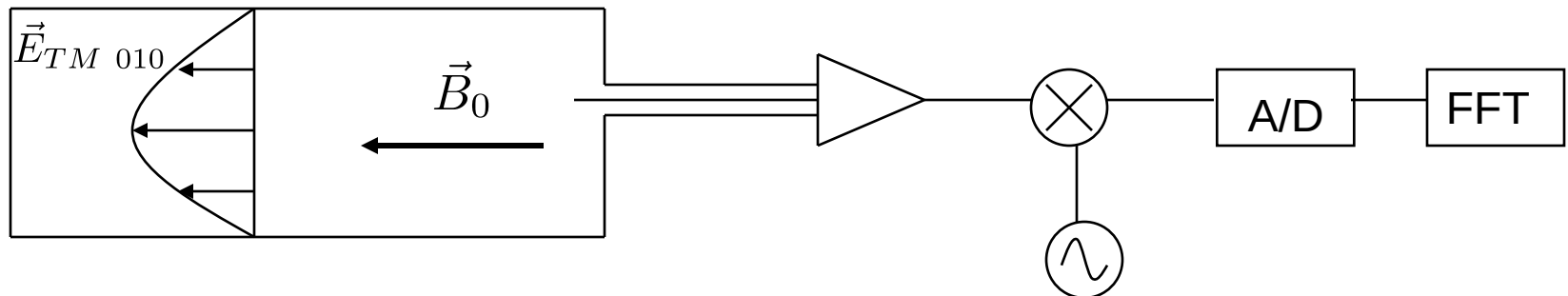


Axion dark matter is detectable

PS, 83



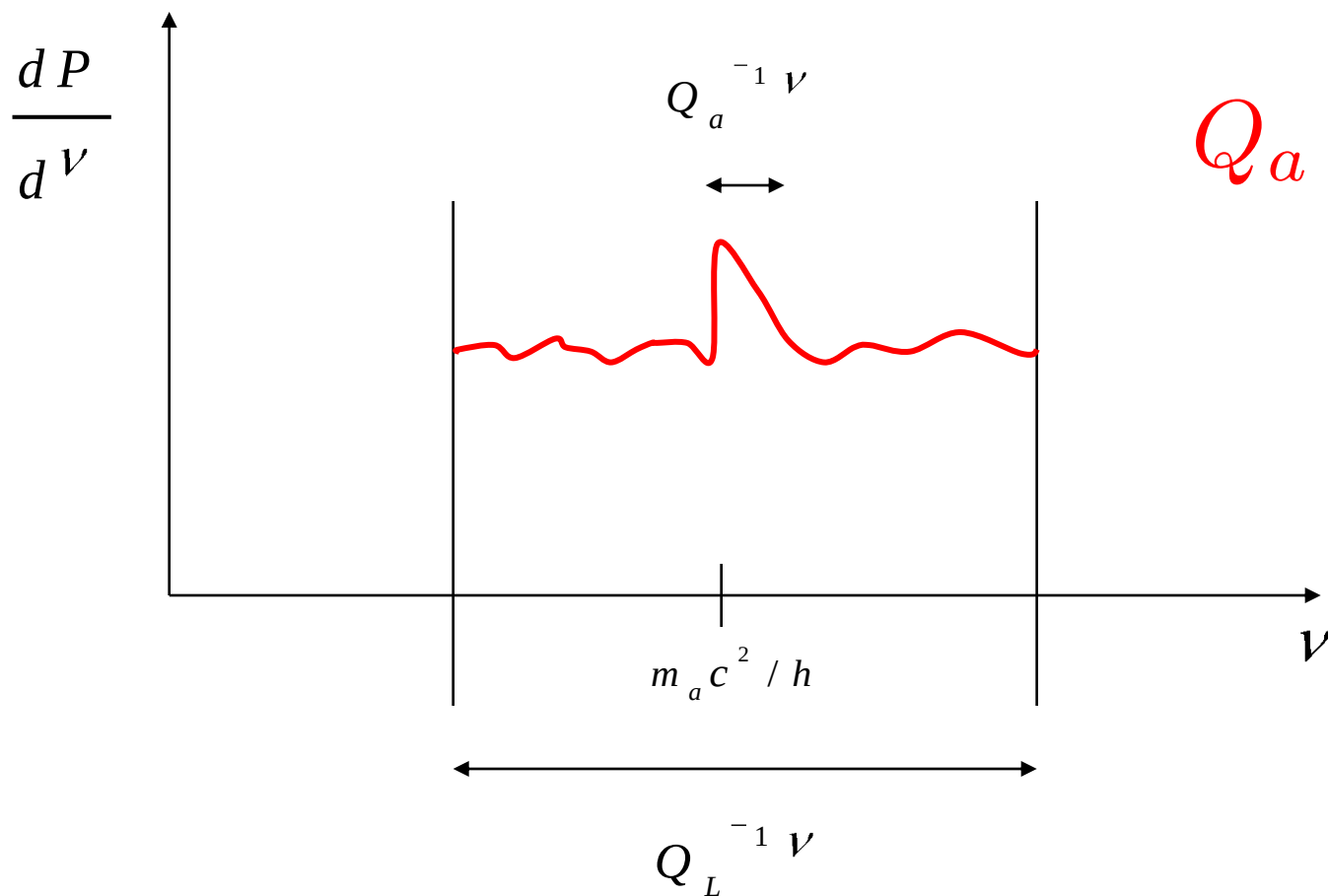
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$$h\nu = m_a c^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \beta^2\right)$$

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} \simeq 10^{-3}$$

$$Q_a \simeq 10^6$$



$$a \rightarrow \gamma$$

conversion power on resonance

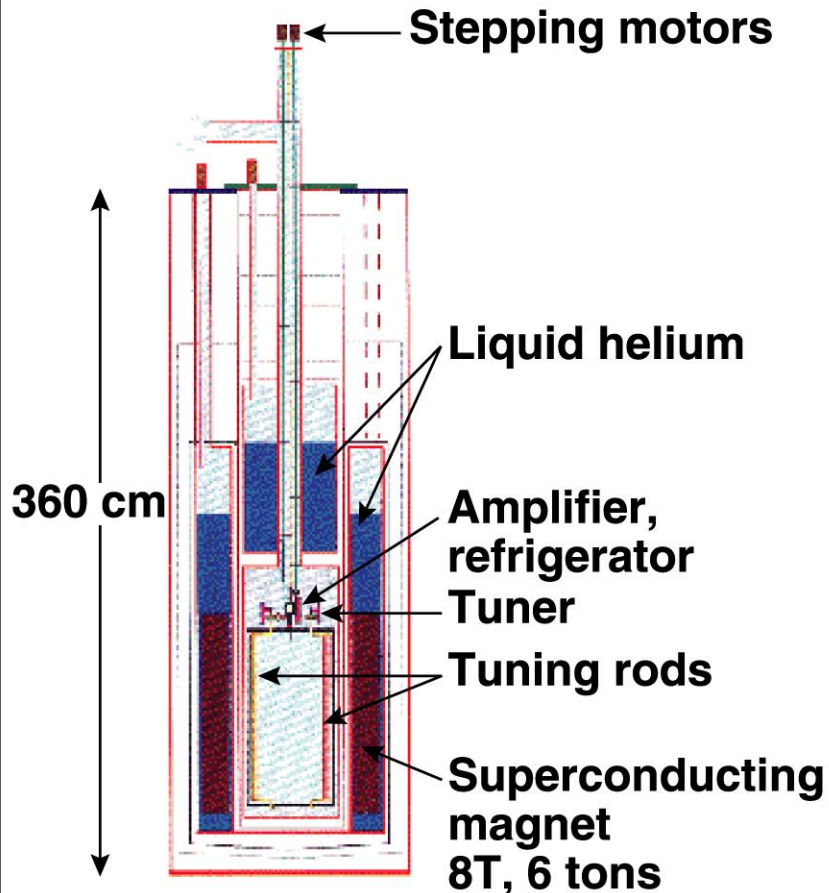
$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \left(\frac{\alpha g_\gamma}{\pi f_a} \right)^2 V B_0^2 \rho_a C m_a^{-1} Q_L \\
 &= 2 \cdot 10^{-22} \text{ Watt} \left(\frac{V}{500 \text{ liter}} \right) \left(\frac{B_0}{7 \text{ Tesla}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{C}{0.4} \right) \\
 &\quad \left(\frac{g_\gamma}{0.36} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_a}{5 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ gr/cm}^3} \right) \left(\frac{m_a c^2}{h \text{ GHz}} \right) \left(\frac{Q_L}{10^5} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

search rate for $s/n = 4$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{1.2 \text{ GHz}}{\text{year}} \left(\frac{P}{2 \cdot 10^{-22} \text{ Watt}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{3 K}{T_n} \right)^2$$

Axion Dark Matter eXperiment

Magnet with Insert (side view)



Pumped LHe $\rightarrow T \sim 1.5$ K

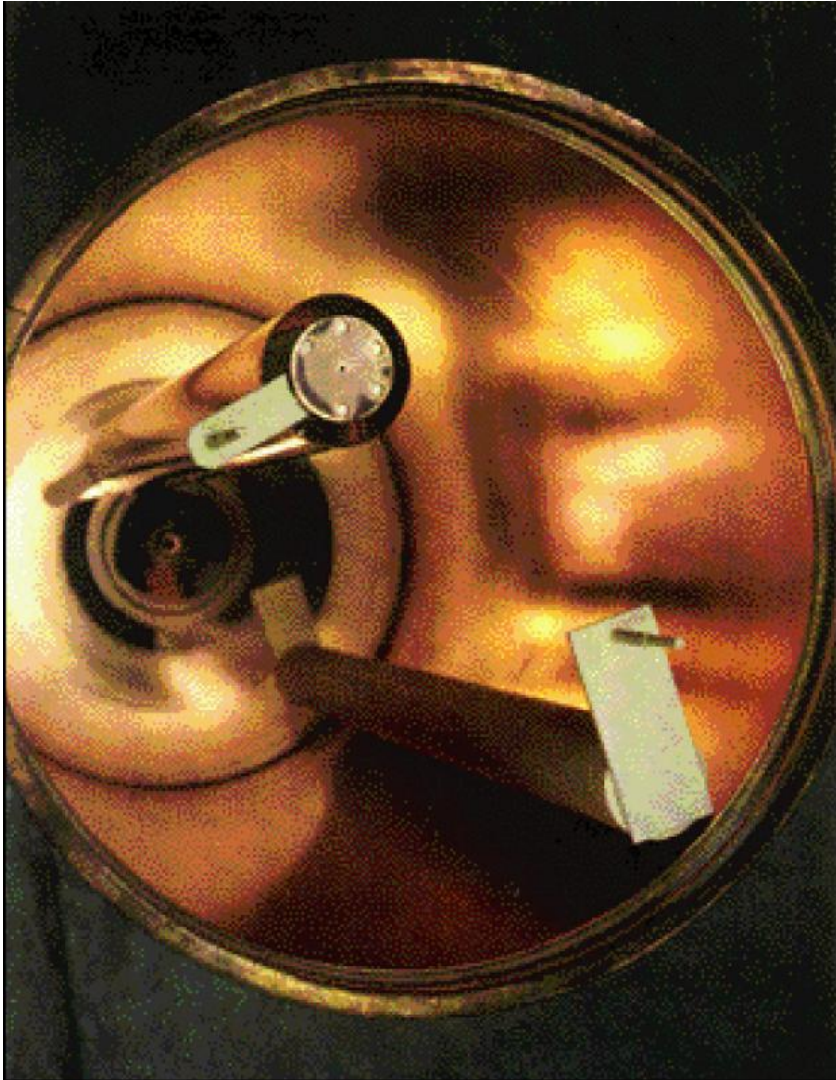
Magnet



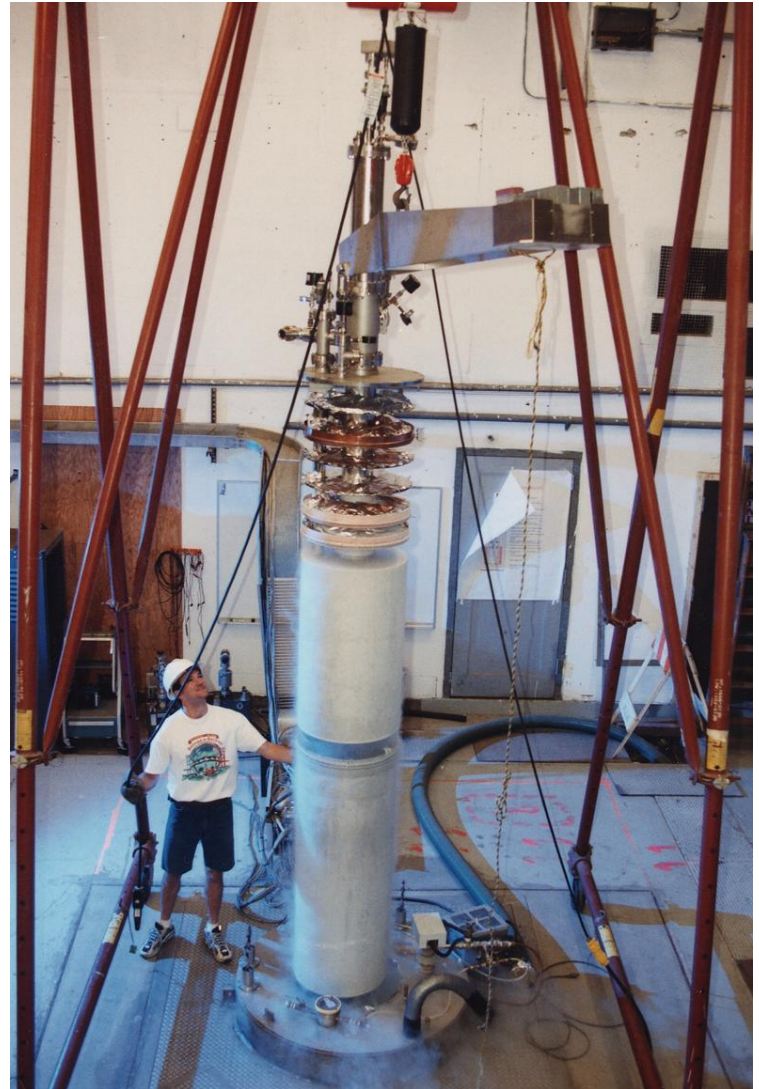
8 T, 1 m $\times$ 60 cm $\varnothing$

ADMX hardware

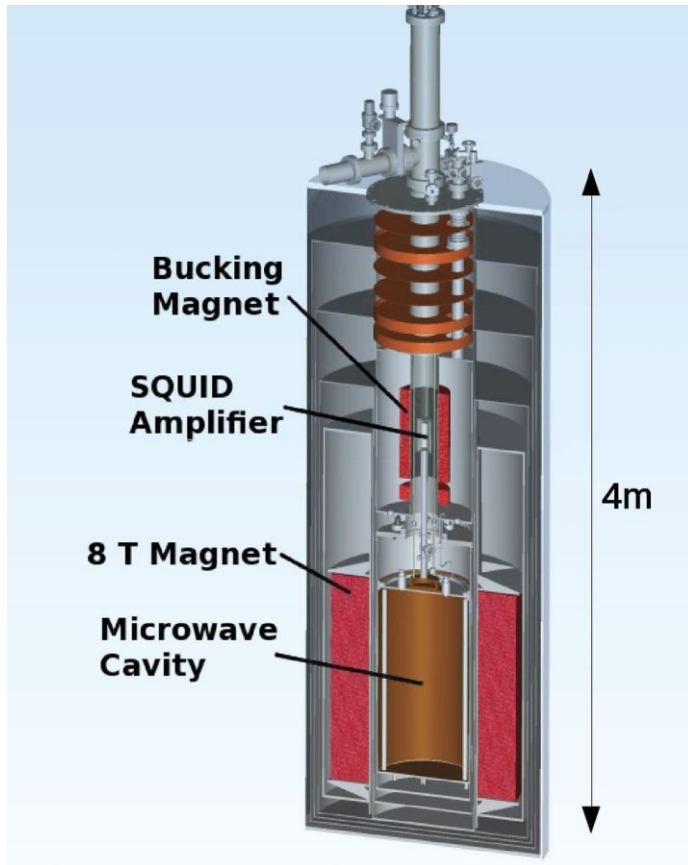
high Q cavity



experimental insert



ADMX 2nd generation



SQUIDs from
J. Clarke's group



Leslie Rosenberg and
Gray Rybka at U. Wash.

ADMX meeting at Fermilab



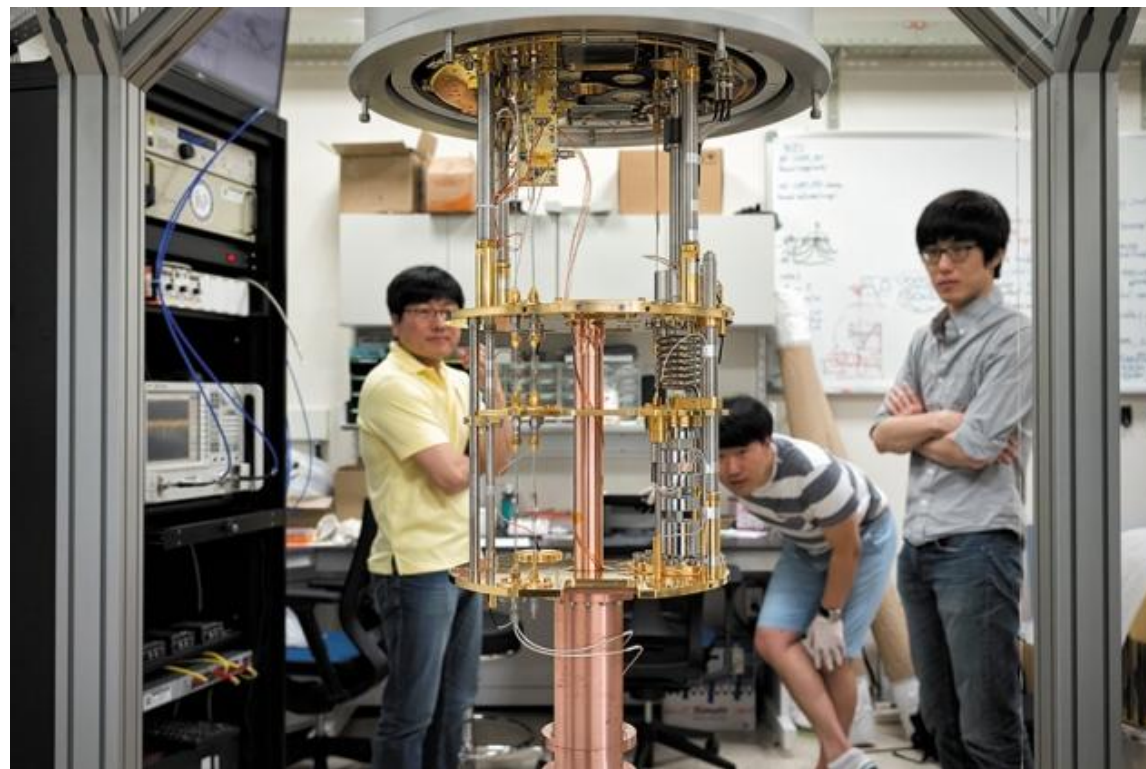
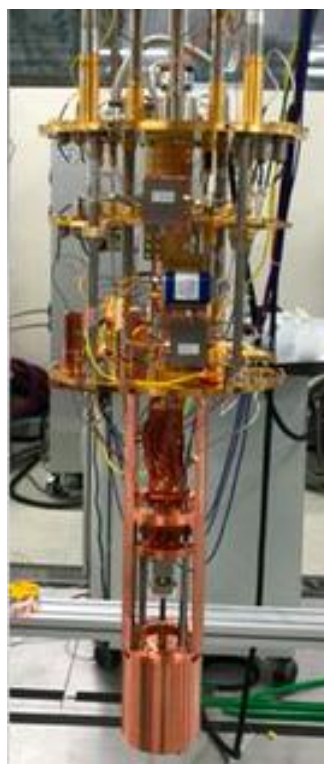
HAYSTAC at Yale





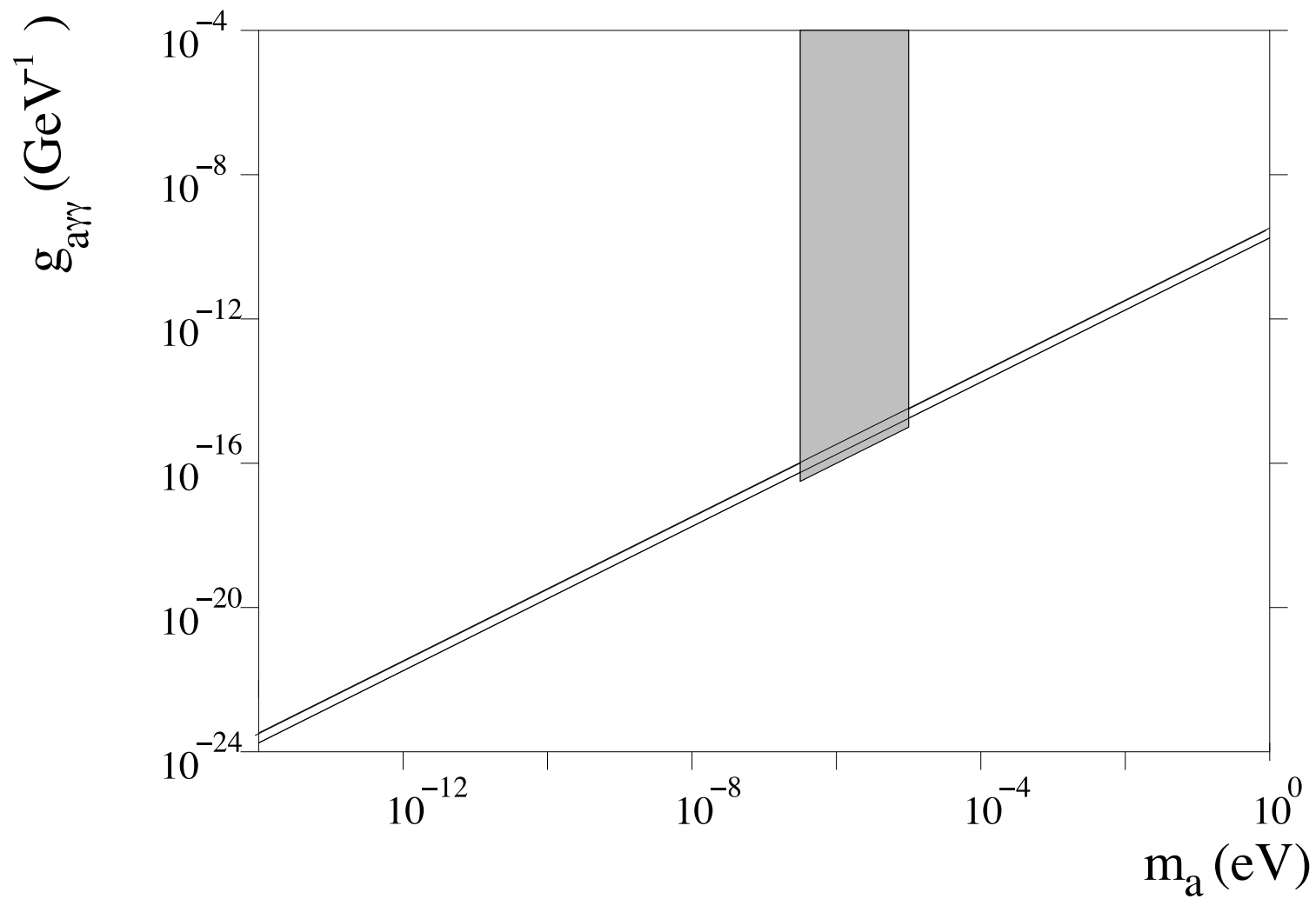
CAPP

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Axion and Precision
Physics Research



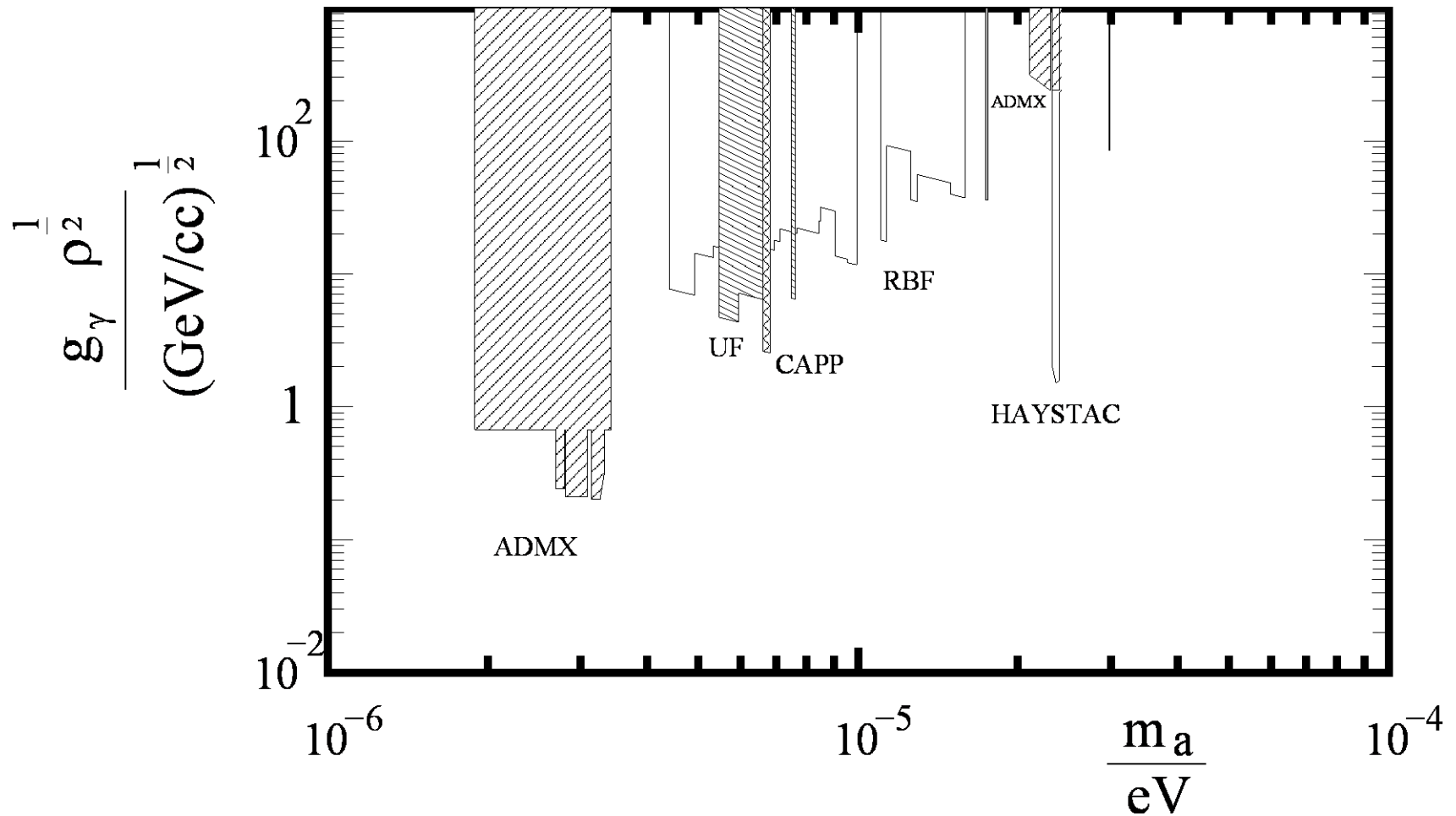
Cavity haloscopes

- ADMX in Seattle & FNAL
- HAYSTAC at Yale
- CAPP in Korea
- QUAX at INFN laboratory in Legnaro
- ORGAN at University of Western Australia
- RADES at CERN
- TASEH in Taiwan



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Constraints on dark matter axions from cavity haloscopes, in 2020



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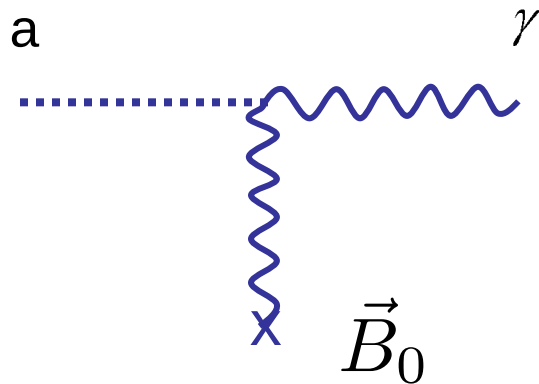
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Axion to photon conversion in a magnetic field

Theory



- P. S. '83
- L. Maiani, R. Petronzio and E. Zavattini '86
- K. van Bibber et al. '87
- G. Raffelt and L. Stodolsky, '88
- K. van Bibber et al. '89
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Experiment

- D. Lazarus et al. '92
- R. Cameron et al. '93
- S. Moriyama et al. '98, Y. Inoue et al. '02
- K. Zioutas et al. 04
- E. Zavattini et al. 05
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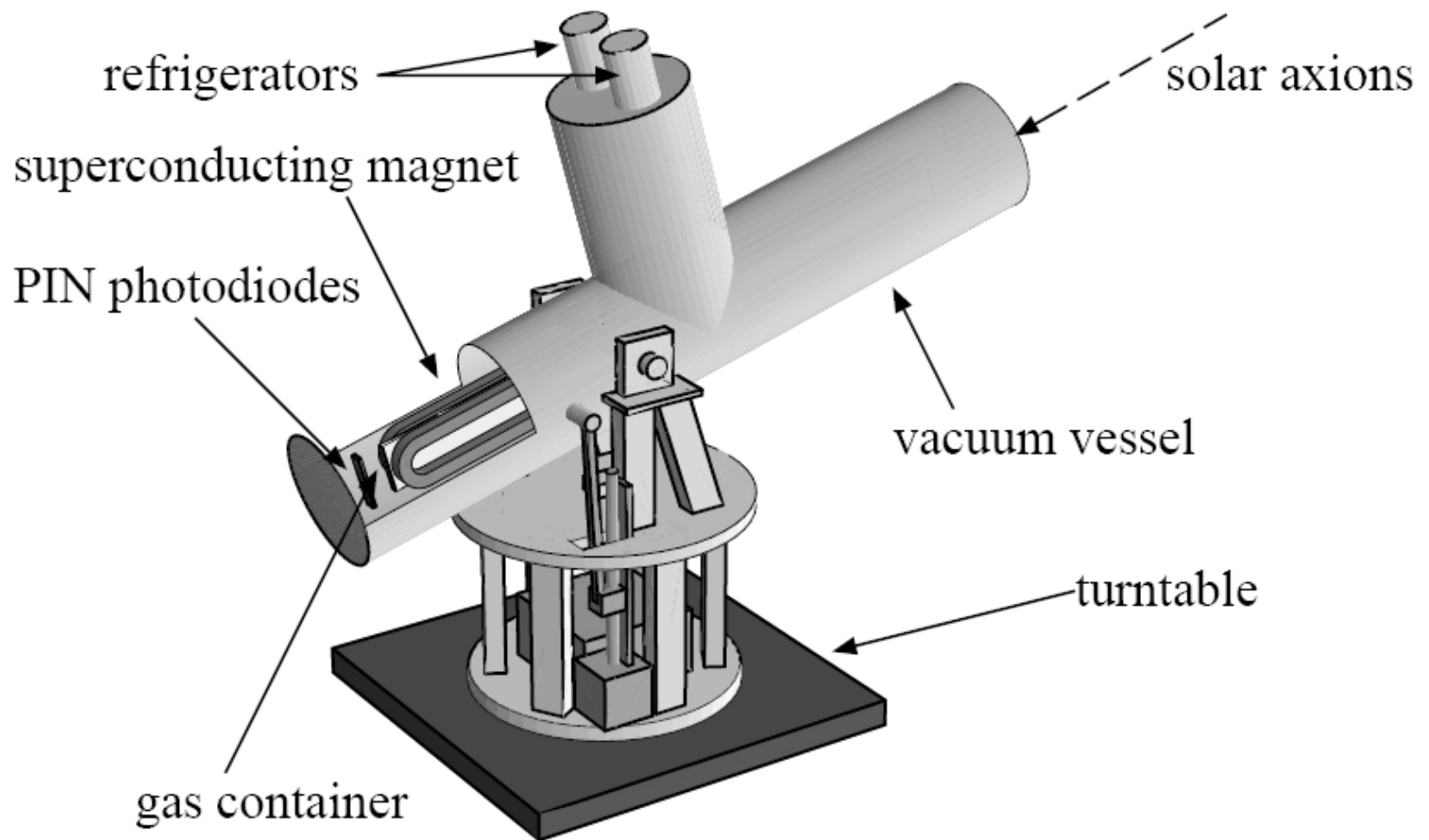
conversion probability

$$p(a \longleftrightarrow \gamma) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{g_\gamma}{f_a} \right)^2 B_0^2 \left(\frac{\sin \frac{q_z L}{2}}{q_z} \right)^2$$

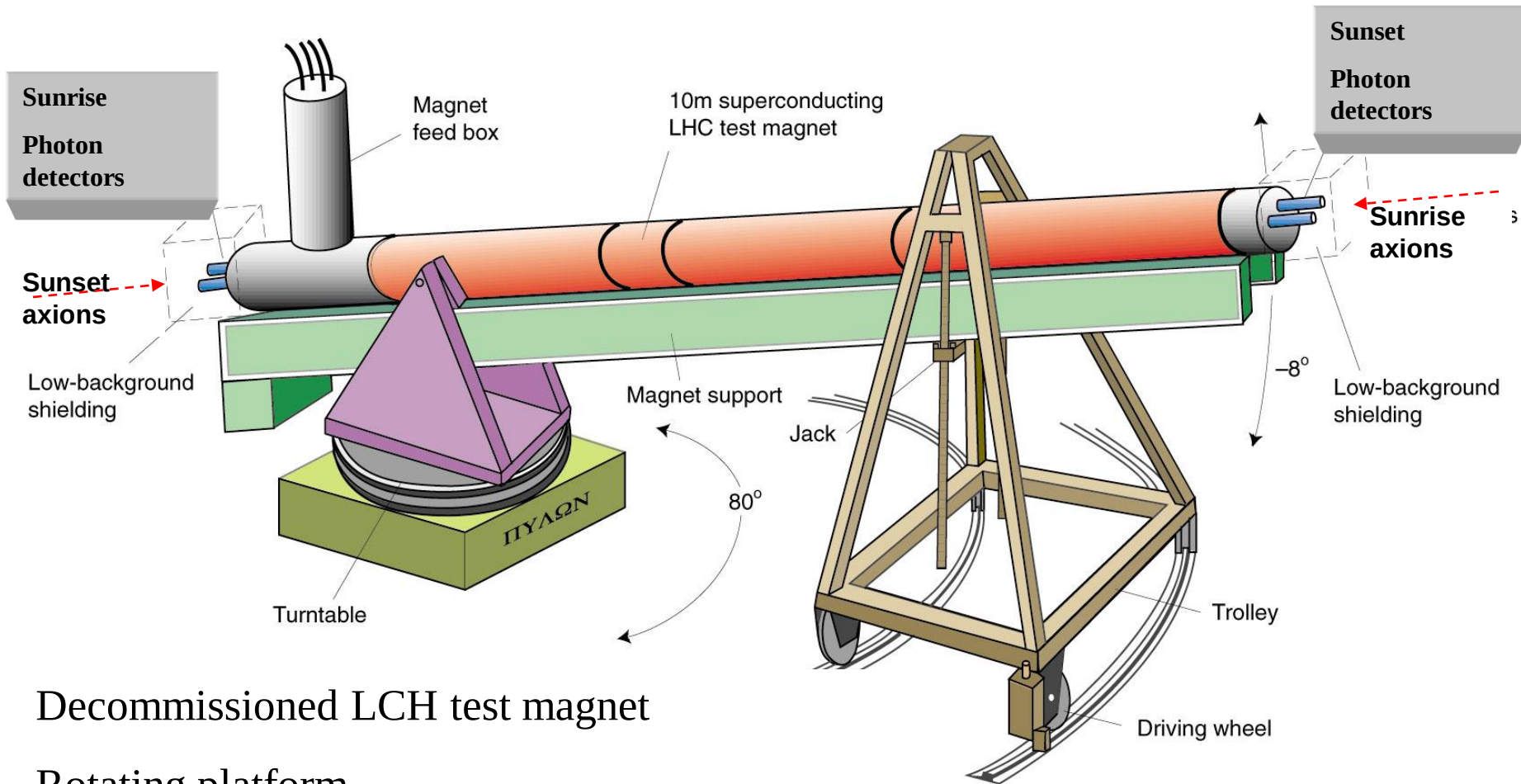
with

$$q_z = \frac{m_a^2 - \omega_{pl}^2}{2E_a}$$

Tokyo Axion Helioscope



Cern Axion Solar Telescope



Decommissioned LCH test magnet

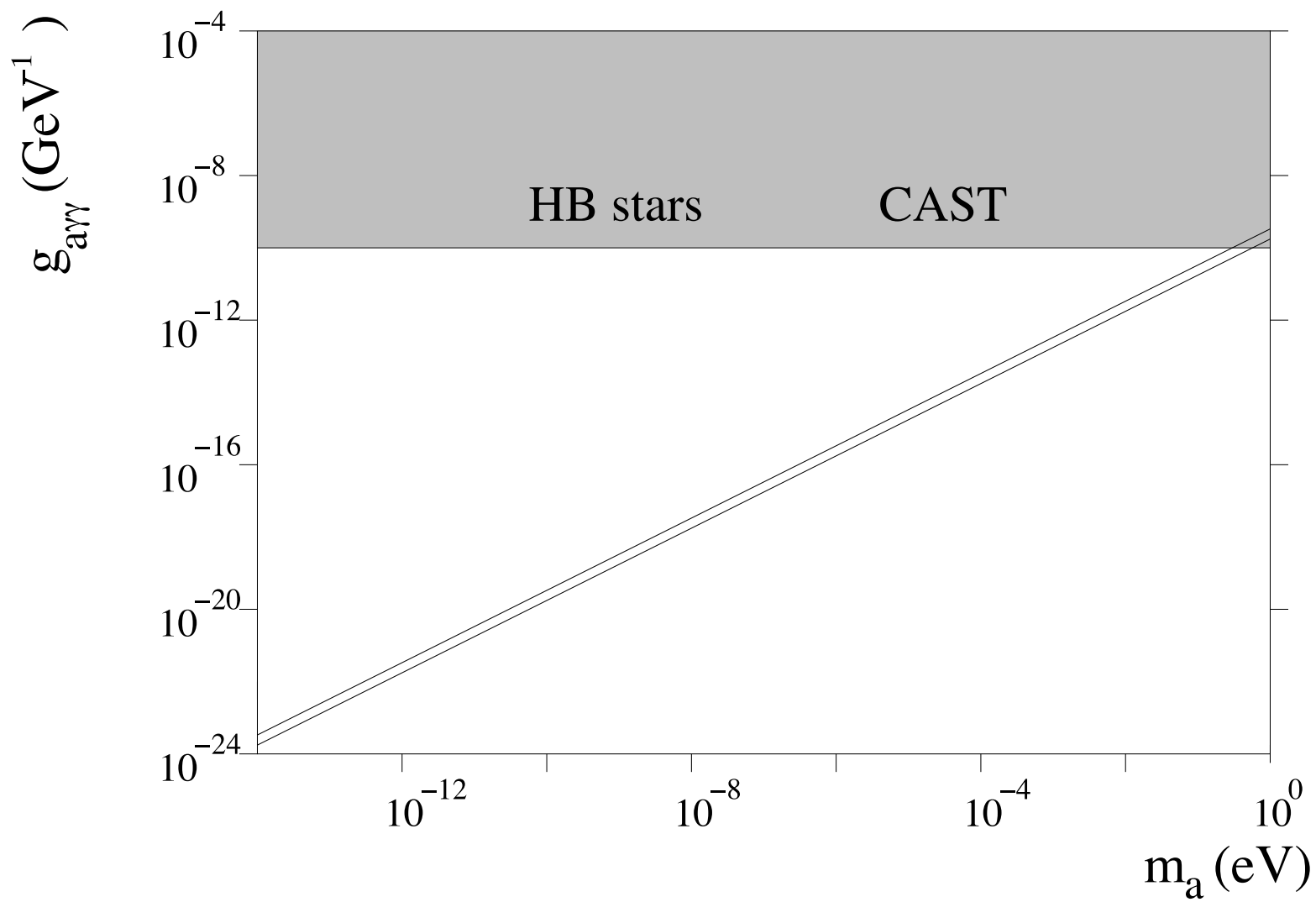
Rotating platform

3 X-ray detectors

X-ray Focusing Device

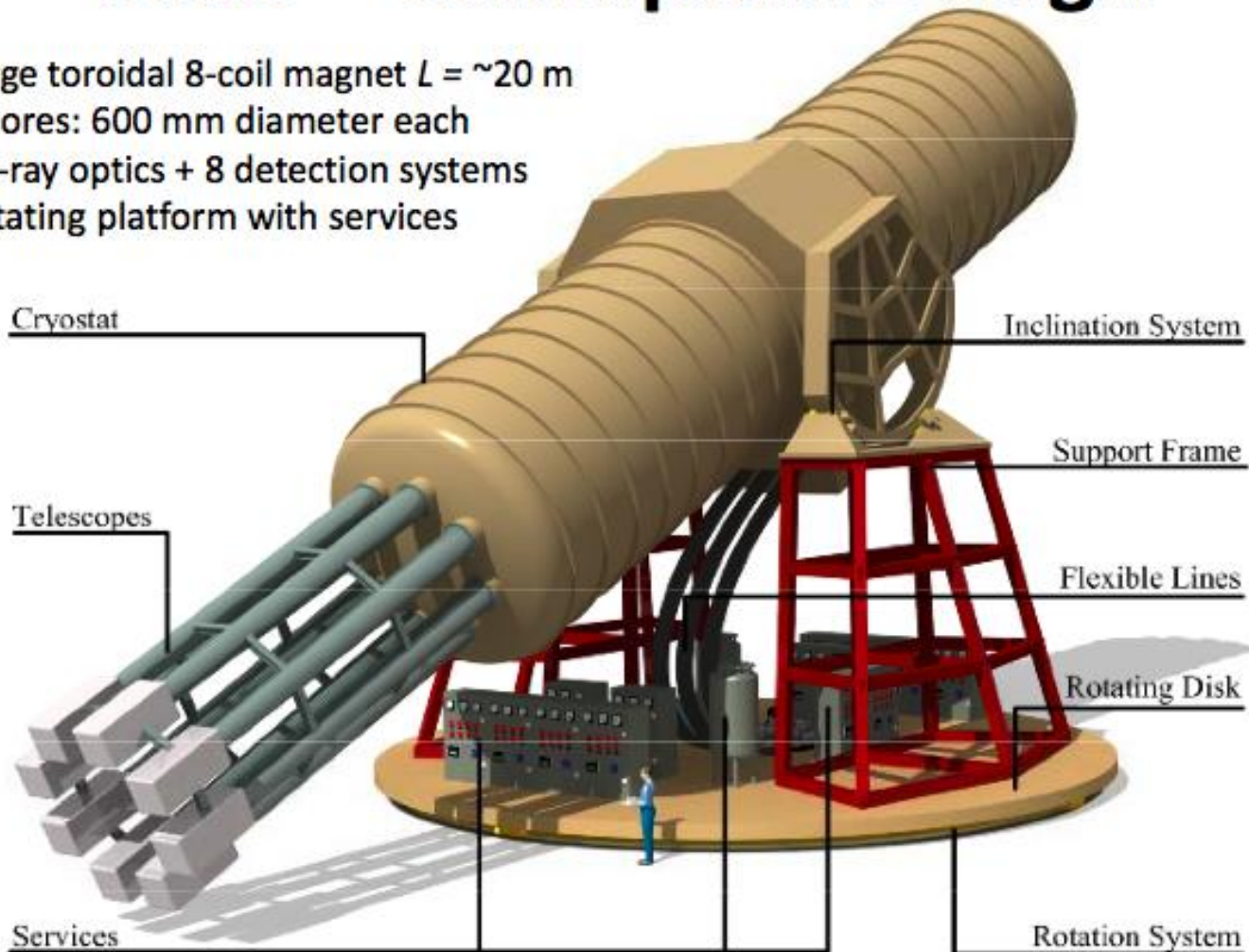






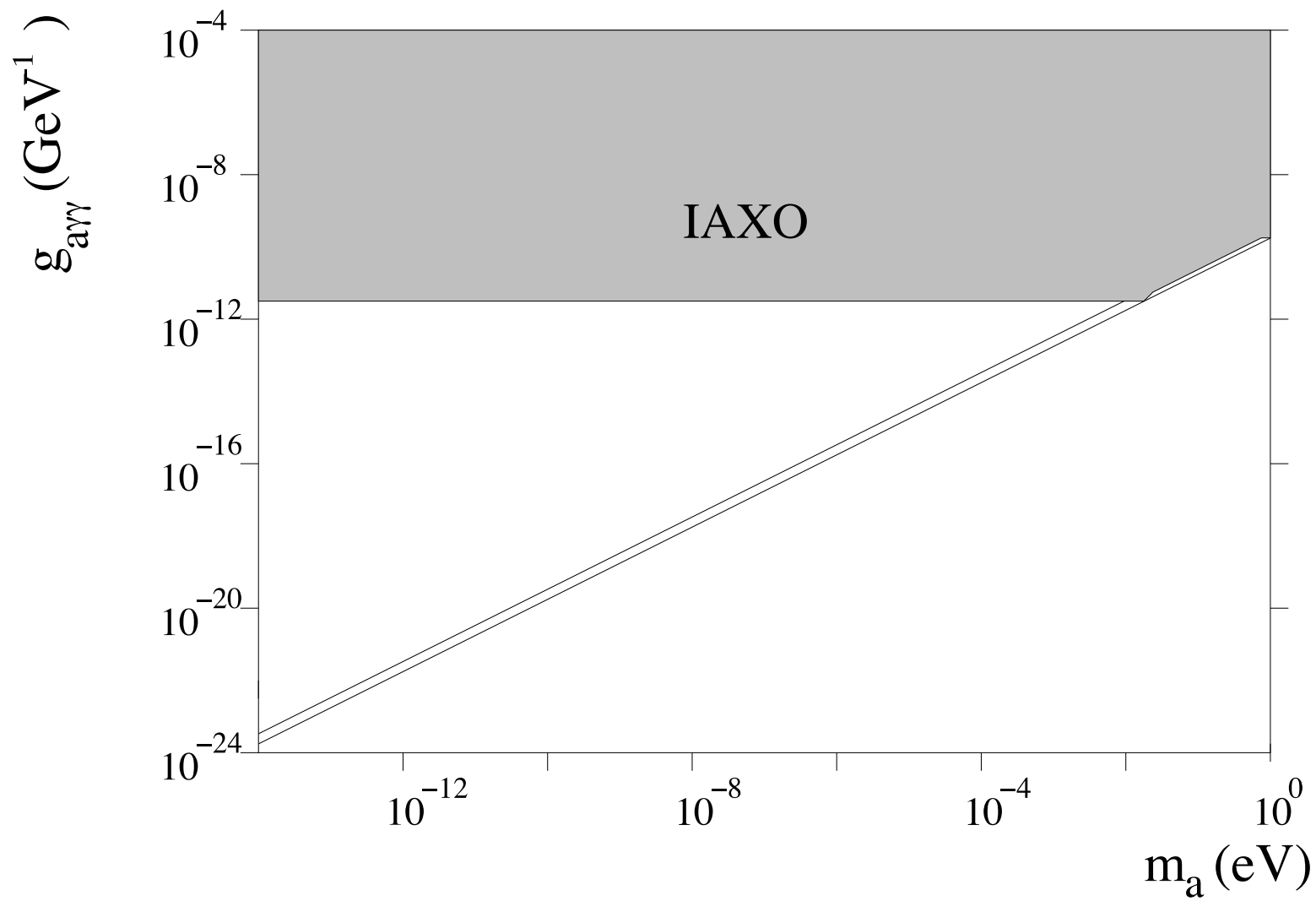
IAXO – Conceptual Design

- 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



Axion DM Meeting,
Canfranc, Mar 2014

Igor G. Irastorza / Universidad de
Zaragoza



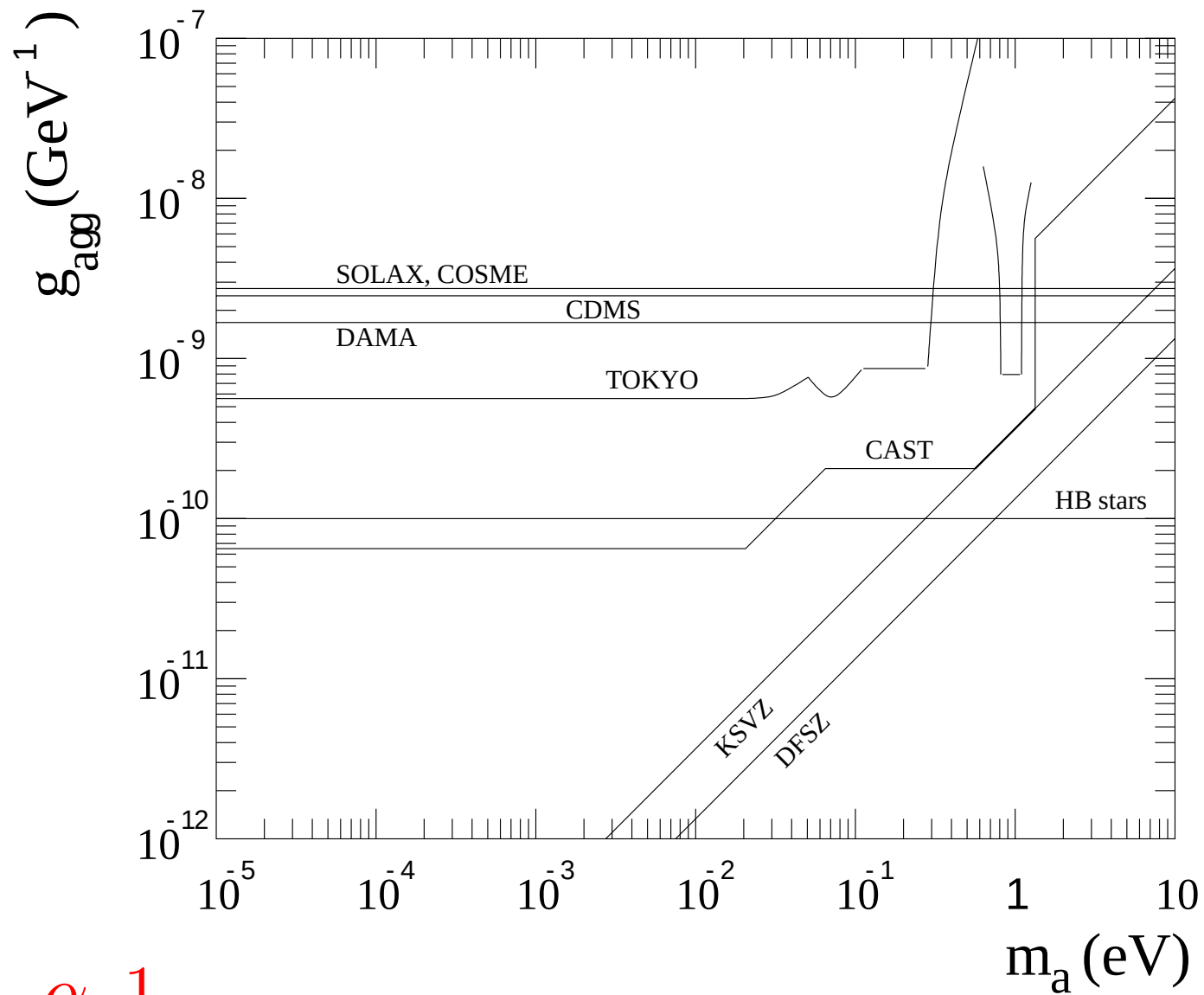
Axio-Electric and Primakoff Effects



Dimopoulos, Starkman & Lynn, 1986



constraints from SOLAX, COSME, DAMA,
CDMS, EDELWEISS, XMASS, CUORE,
CDEX, Xenon, LUX, PandaX



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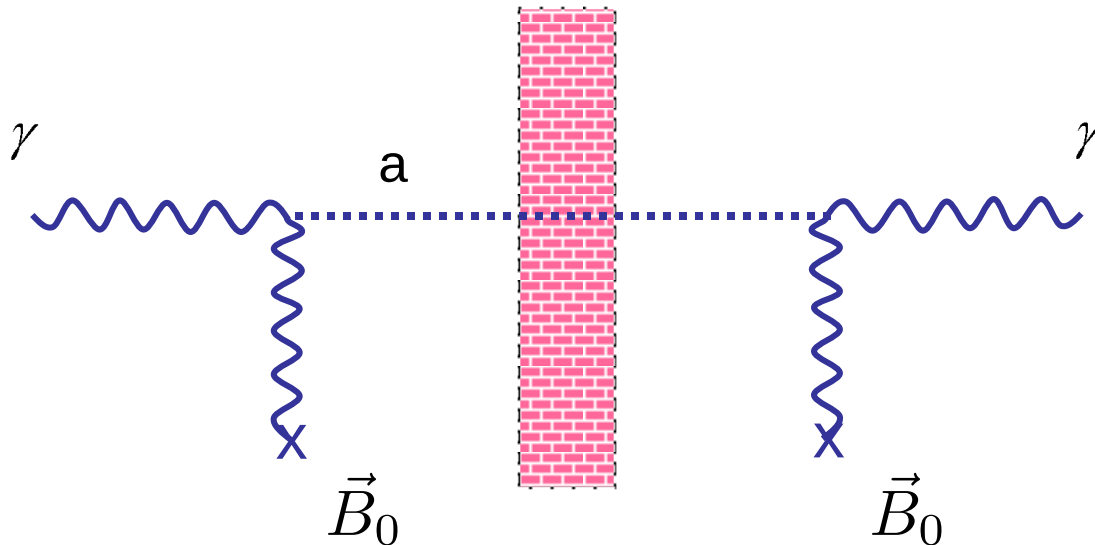
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$$\text{rate} \propto \frac{1}{f_a^4}$$

K. van Bibber et al. '87

A. Ringwald '03

R. Rabadan,
A. Ringwald and
C. Sigurdson '05

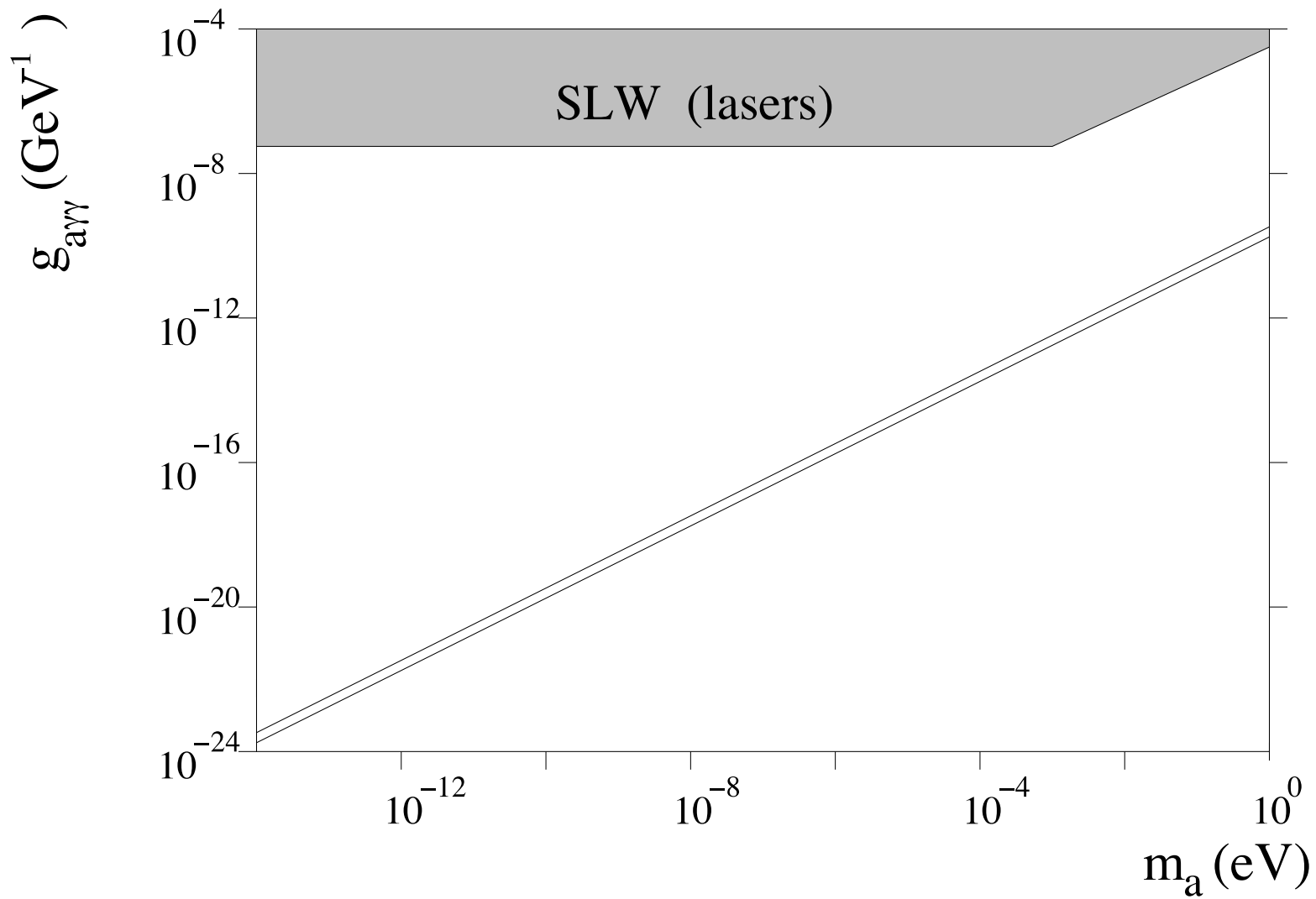
P. Pagnat et al. '05

C. Robilliard et al. '07

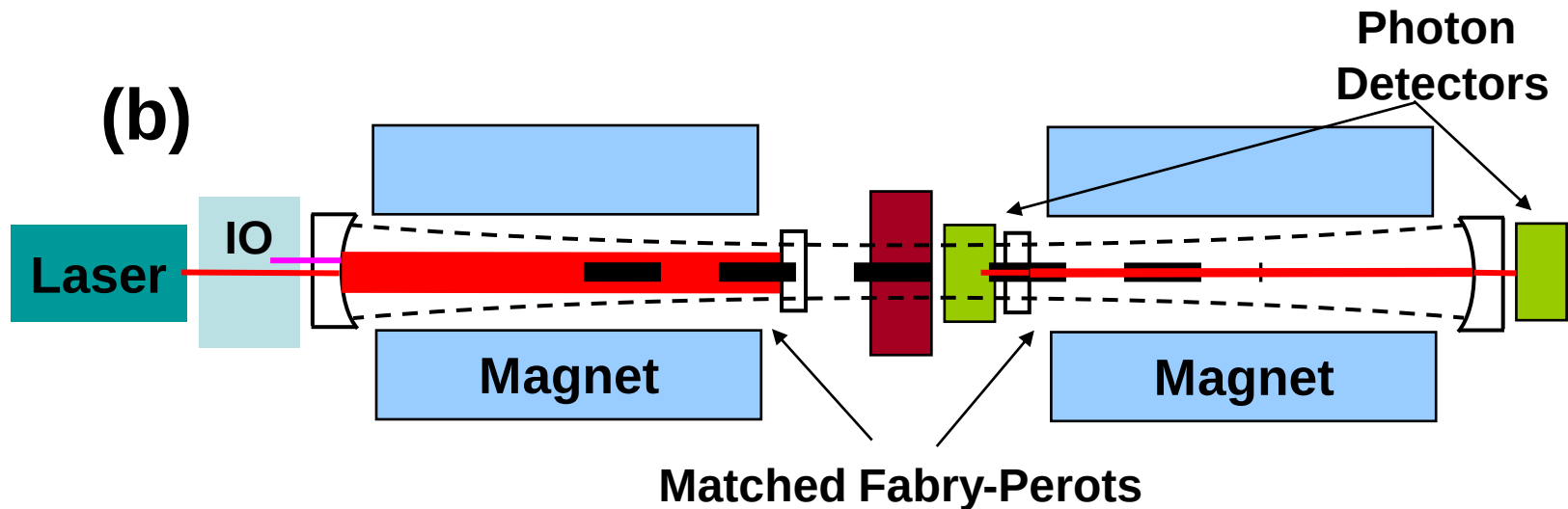
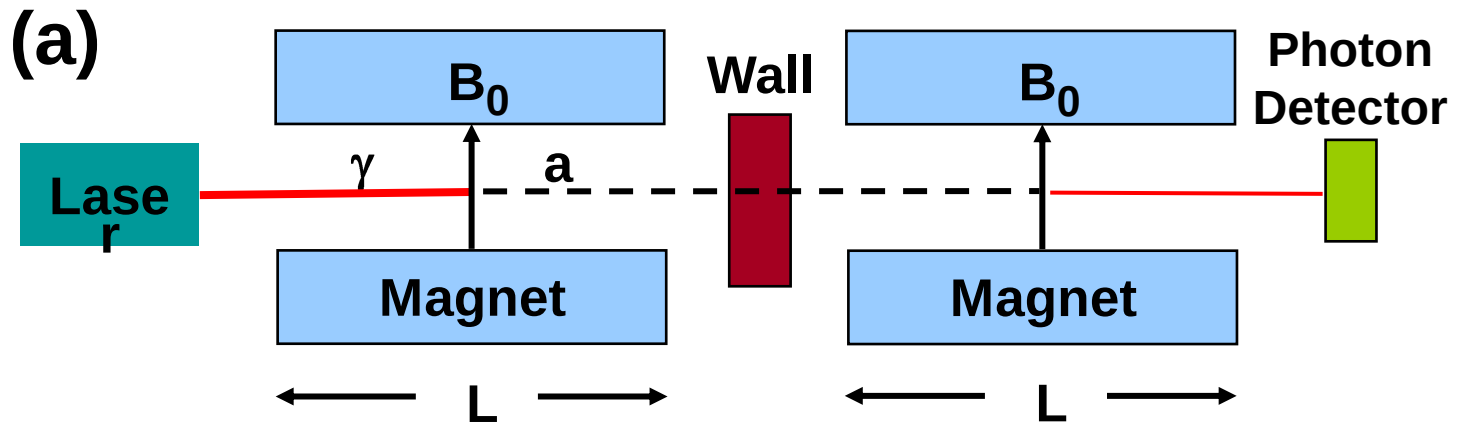
A. Afanasev et al. '08

A. Chou et al. '08

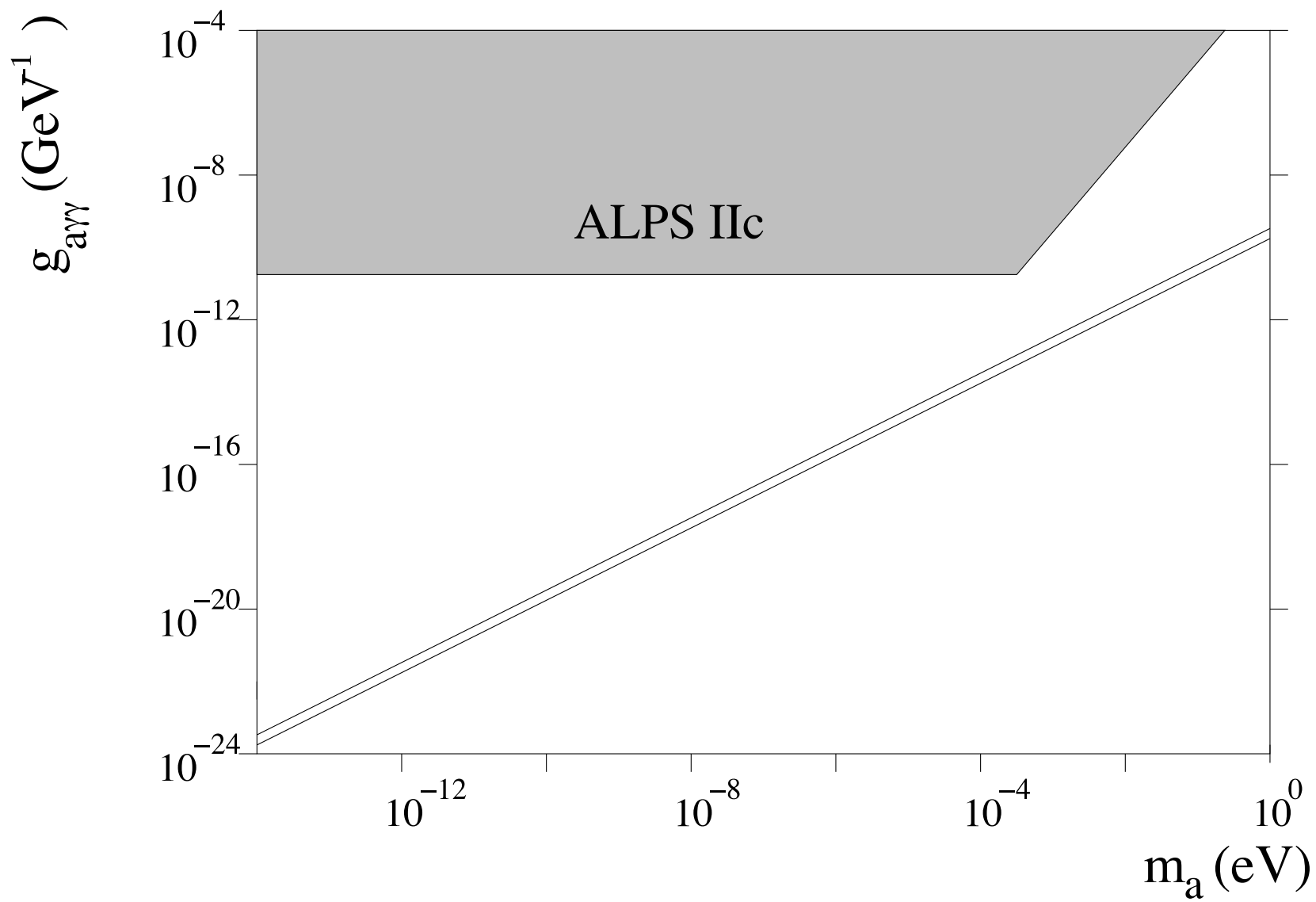
K. Ehret et al. '10



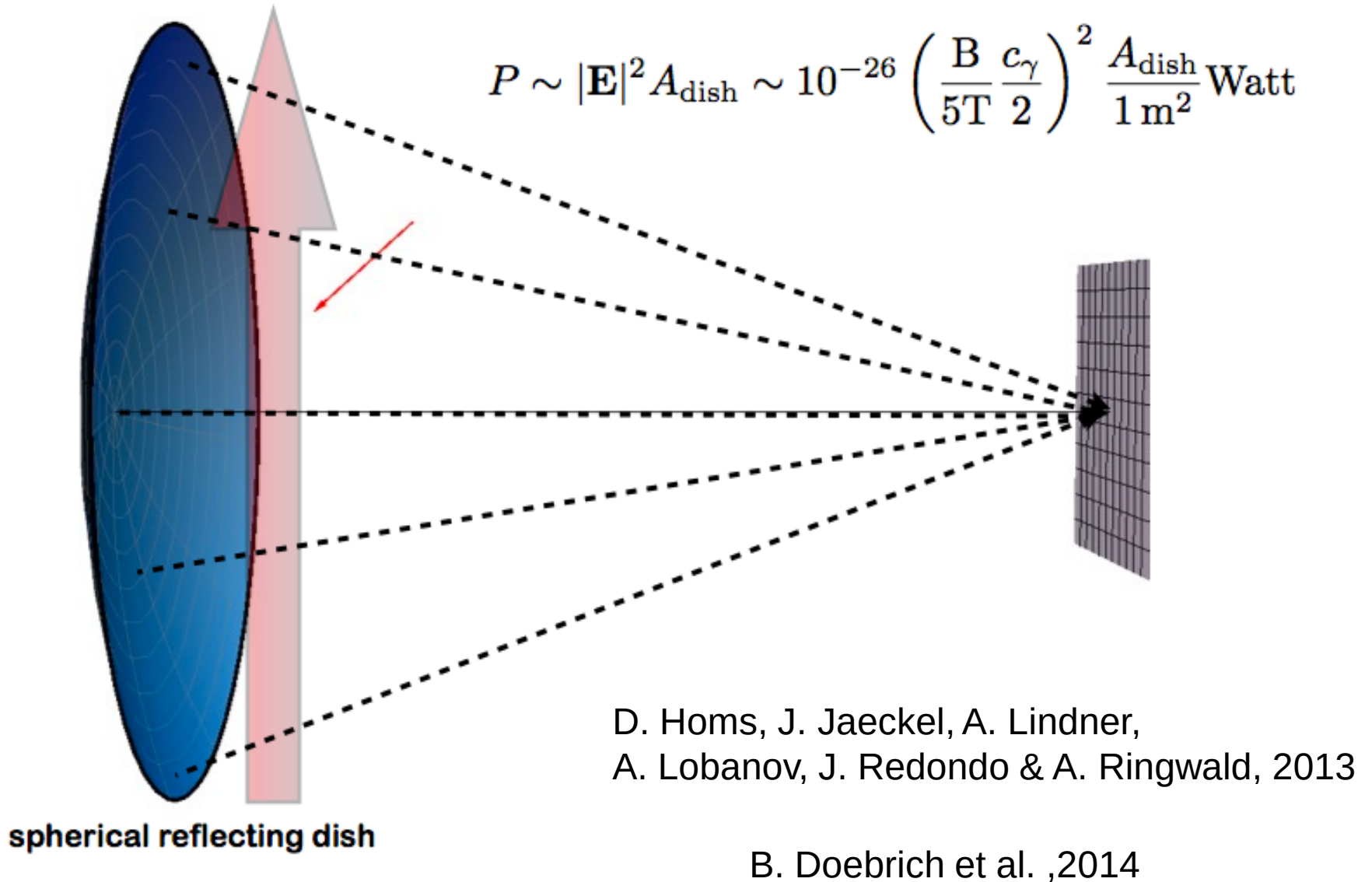
Resonantly Enhanced Axion-Photon Regeneration



Hoogeveen (1996); P.S., Tanner and van Bibber (2007) & G. Mueller (2009)



Dish antenna



Dielectric Haloscope

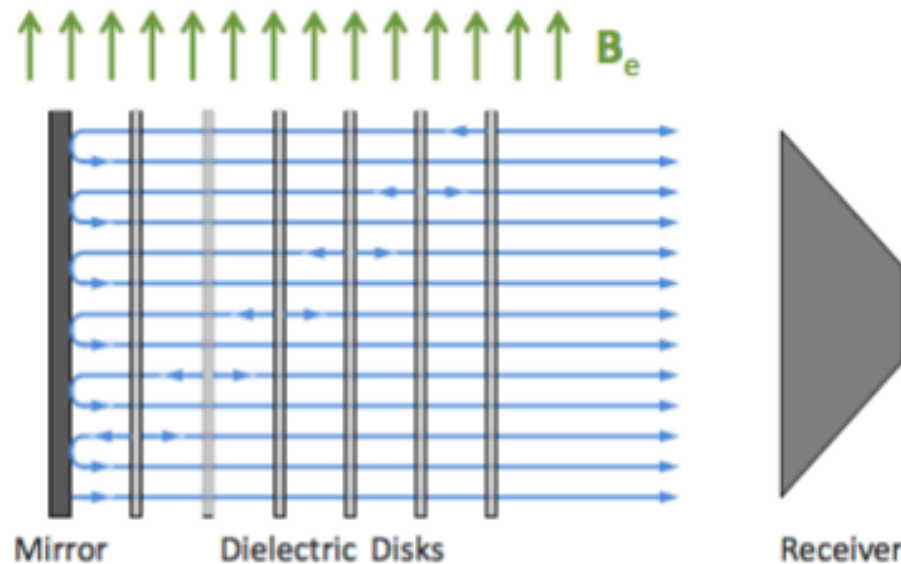


FIG. 1. A dielectric haloscope consisting of a mirror and several dielectric disks placed in an external magnetic field B_e and a receiver in the field-free region. A parabolic mirror (not shown) could be used to concentrate the emitted power into the receiver. Internal reflections are not shown.

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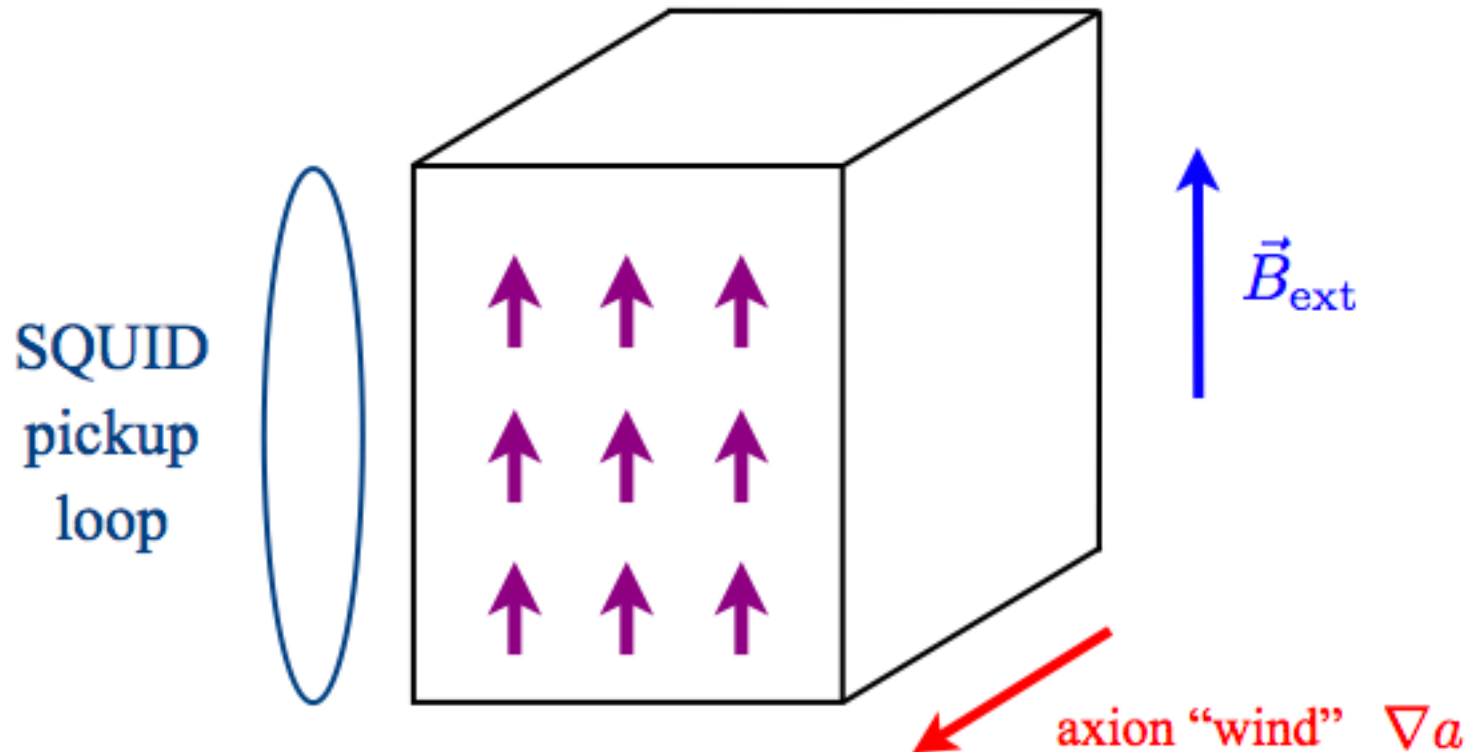
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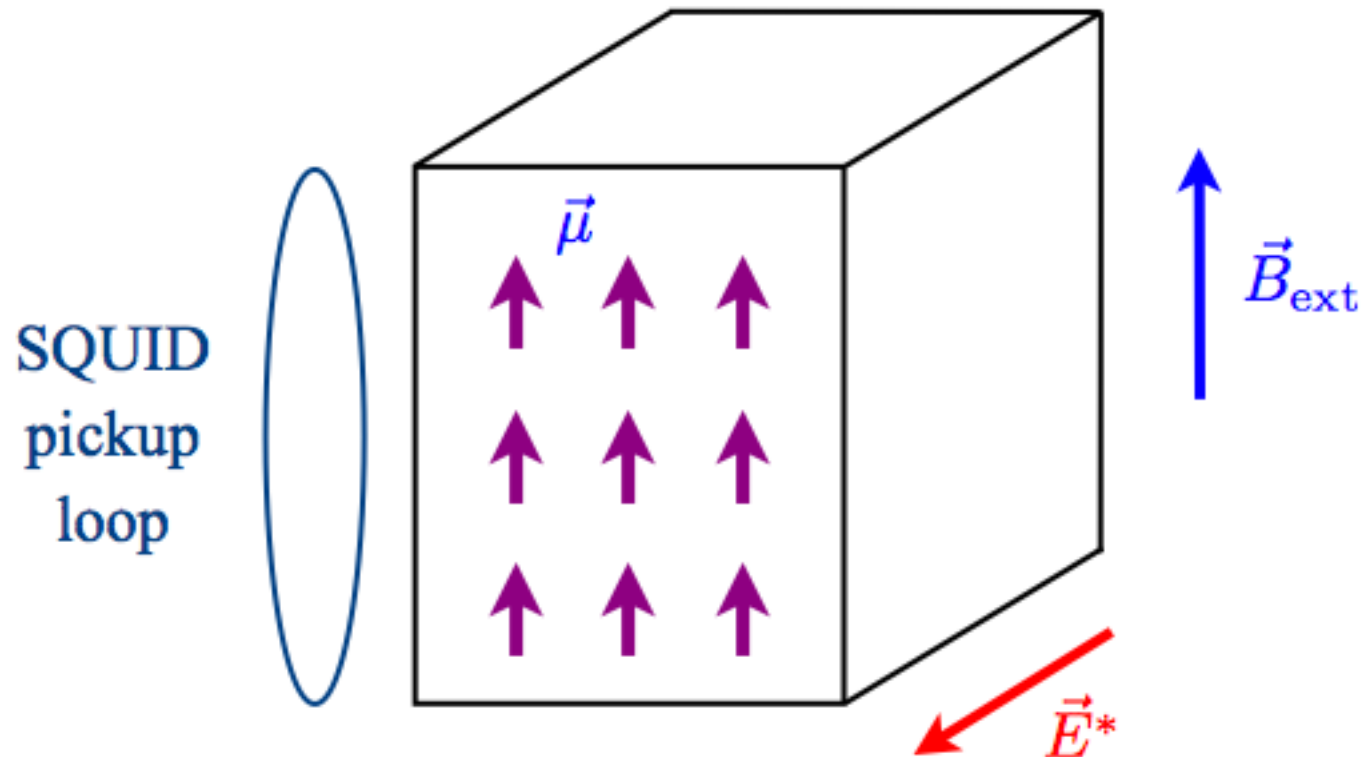
NMR techniques

P. Graham, S. Rajendran; D. Budker, M. Ledbetter, A. Sushkov



use nuclear spins coupled to axion DM

$$g_{\text{aNN}} (\partial_\mu a) \bar{N} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 N \implies H_N \supset g_{\text{aNN}} \vec{\nabla} a \cdot \vec{S}_N$$

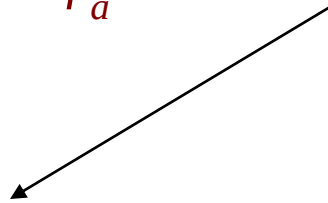


the axion field induces an oscillating nuclear electric dipole moment

$$d_e \sim 10^{-16} \text{ e cm } \frac{a(x)}{f_a}$$

Macroscopic forces mediated by axions

$$L_{a\bar{f}f} = g_f \frac{m_f}{f_a} a \bar{f} i\gamma_5 + \theta_f f$$



forces coupled to
the f spin density



forces coupled to
the f number density

background of
magnetic forces

$$\theta_f \sim 10^{-17}$$

Theory:

J. Moody and
F. Wilczek '84

Experiment:

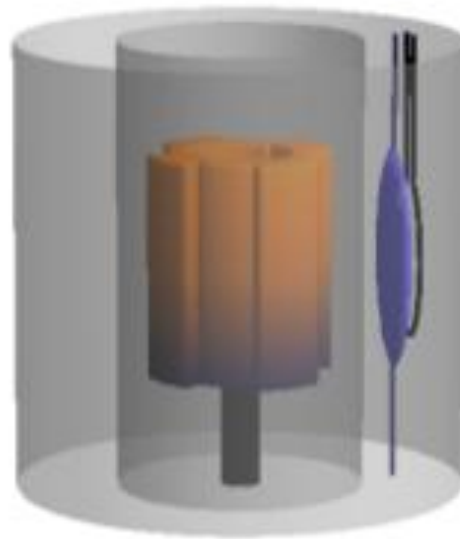
A. Youdin et al. '96
W.-T. Ni et al. '96

NMR with long range axion field

A. Arvanitaki and A. Geraci, 2014

$$H_{\text{int}} = \frac{g_f m_f \theta_f}{f_a} a(x)$$

the rotating mass on the left produces an oscillating axion field



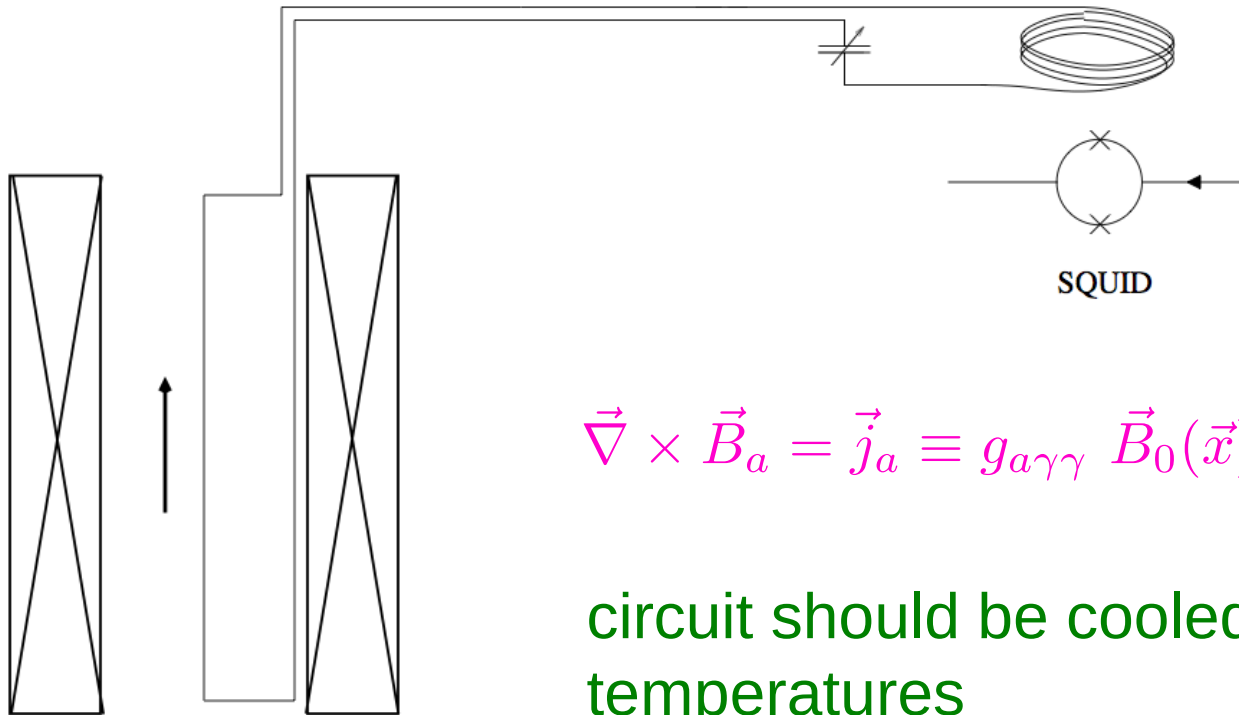
$$H_{\text{int}} = \frac{g_f m_f}{f_a} \vec{\nabla} a(x) \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

the oscillating axion field is an effective magnetic field in an NMR experiment

$$\omega = \gamma_N B_0$$

Axion dark matter detection using an LC circuit

PS, D. Tanner and N. Sullivan, 2013



$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}_a = \vec{j}_a \equiv g_{a\gamma\gamma} \vec{B}_0(\vec{x}) \partial_t a(\vec{x}, t)$$

circuit should be cooled to milli-Kelvin
temperatures

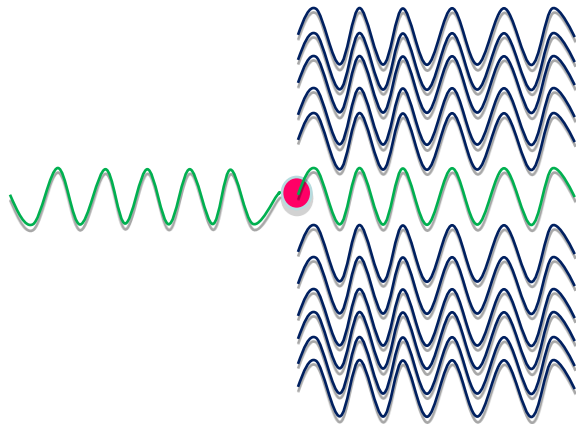
ABRACADABRA, SLIC, DMRadio

Stimulated axion decay

A. Arza
& PS, 2019



$$\Gamma(a \rightarrow 2\gamma) \sim \frac{1}{10^{51} \text{ sec}}$$



$$\omega = \frac{m_a}{2}$$

P_1

P_0

P_0 = outgoing power

P_1 = echo power

Conclusions

- Axions solve the strong CP problem
- A population of cold axions is naturally produced in the early universe which may be the dark matter today
- Axion dark matter is detectable