

A NEW CONCEPT FOR THE DETECTION OF AXION DARK MATTER

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10^{-22} eV m_χ 10^{48} GeV

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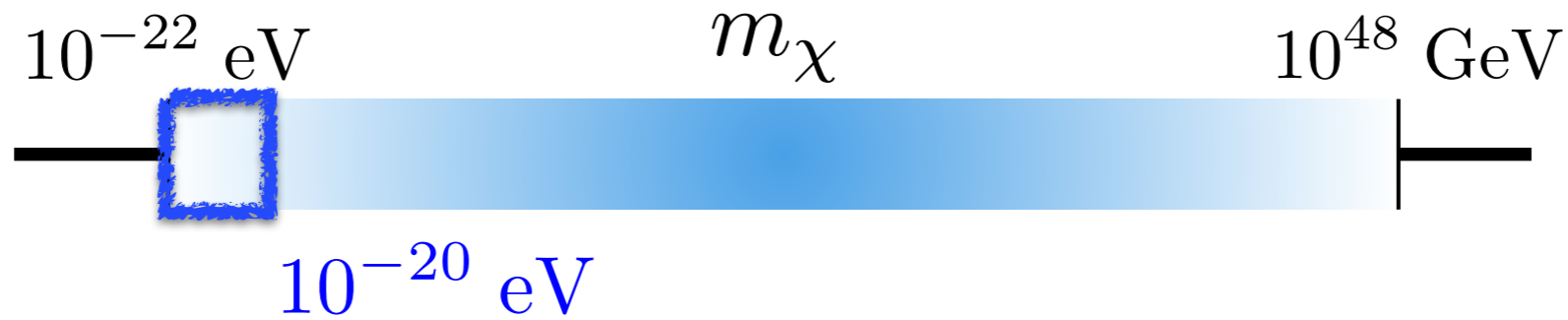
α_{self}

α_{SM}

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Hu, Barkana, Gruzinov '00
Hui, Ostriker, Tremaine, Witten '17

$$\lambda \sim 1/mv \sim \text{kpc}$$

Consistent with CMB

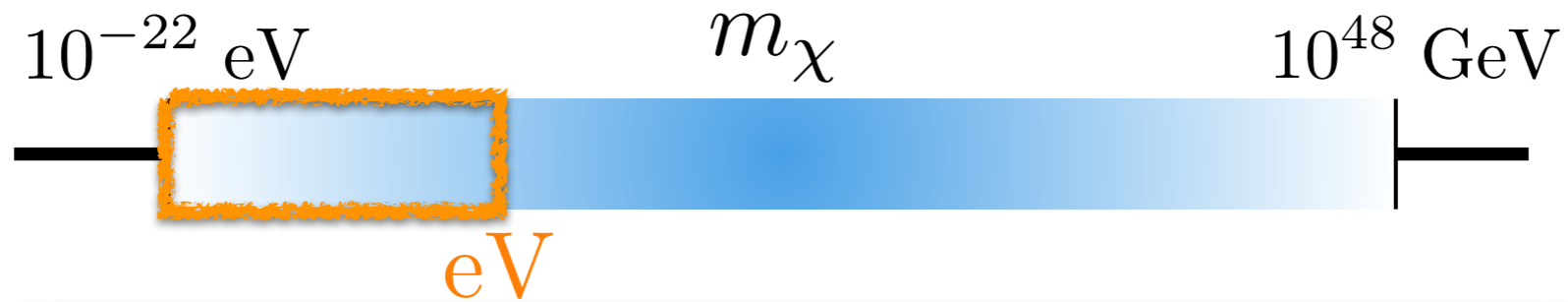
Reduced population of halos smaller than

$$10^{10} M_\odot \left(\frac{10^{-22} \text{ eV}}{m} \right)^{4/3}$$

Central core in galactic halos

but more detailed analyses show tension

Bar, Blas, Blum, Sybiriakov '18
Safarzadeh, Spergel '19



Very good particle physics motivations:

Hui, Ostriker, Tremaine, Witten '17

- Top-Down Motivation from String Theory

$\lambda \sim 1/mv \sim \text{kpc}$

- Strong CP

Consistent with CMB

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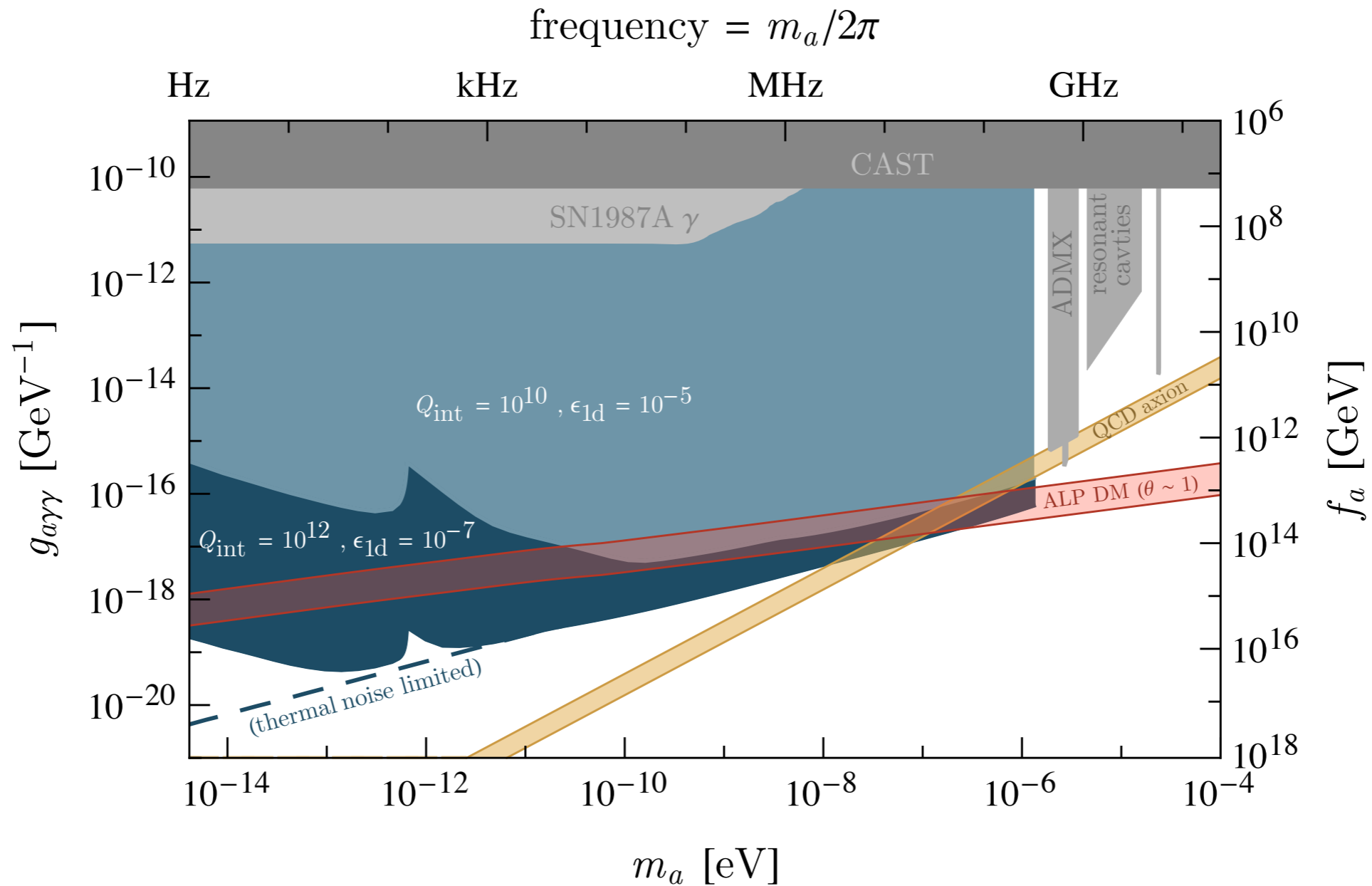
- Generically predicted in a class of solutions to the Hierarchy Problem

$10^{10} M_\odot (10^{-22} \text{ eV}/m)^{1/3}$

- Simple and predictive cosmology

Central core in galactic halos

SNEAK PREVIEW



$$t_{\text{e-fold}} \sim \text{year} \quad B \sim 0.2 \text{ T} \quad V = m^3$$

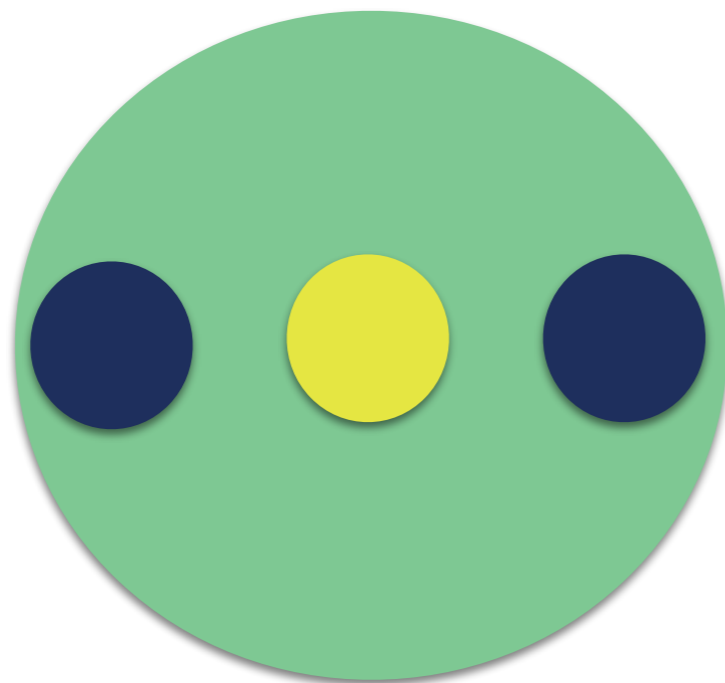
AXION BASICS



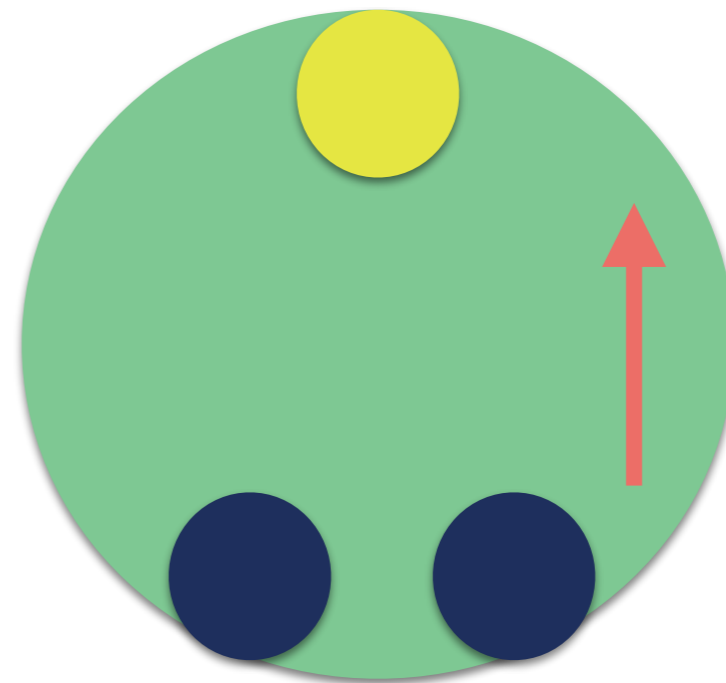
CP IN QCD

$$\theta G\tilde{G}$$

Neutron $\theta = 0$



Neutron $\theta \neq 0$



Electric
Dipole

$$|\theta| \lesssim 10^{-10} \quad \text{Experimentally}$$

THE AXION FROM ABOVE

Introduce a new **global symmetry at f_a**

$$\theta G\tilde{G} \longrightarrow \left(\theta + \frac{a}{f_a} \right) G\tilde{G}$$

At the minimum

$$\langle a \rangle = -\theta f_a$$

AXION BASICS 3

QCD Phase Transition

$$\frac{a}{f_a} G\tilde{G}$$



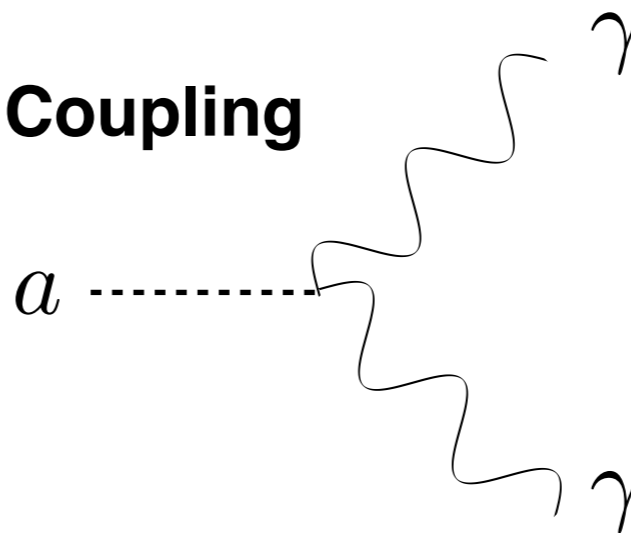
$$\frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\pi}{f_\pi} + \dots$$

Mass

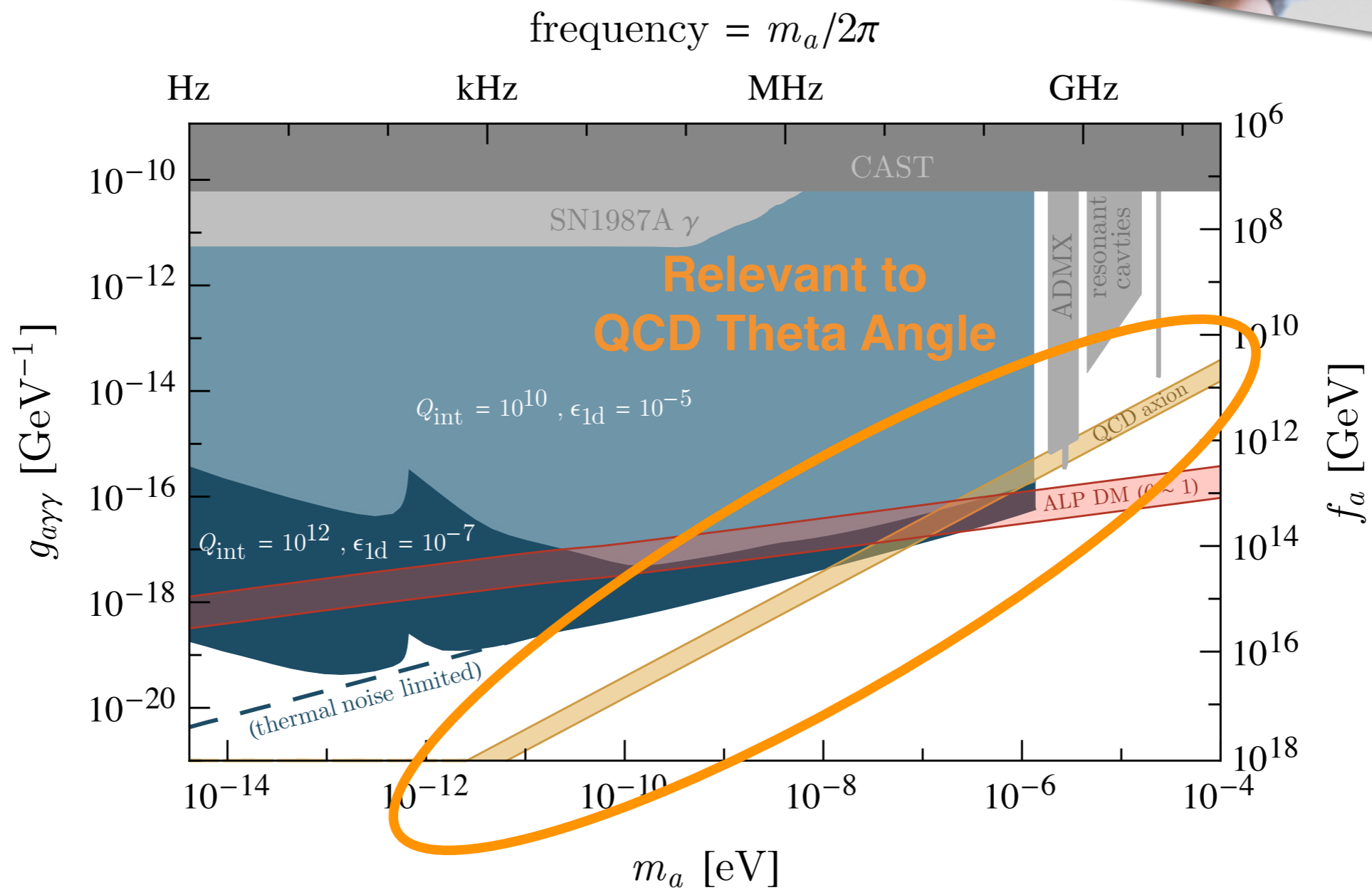
$$m_a \sim \frac{m_\pi^2}{f_a} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ eV} \frac{10^9 \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$$

Relevant Coupling

$$\frac{a}{f_a} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$



SNEAK PREVIEW: QCD AXION



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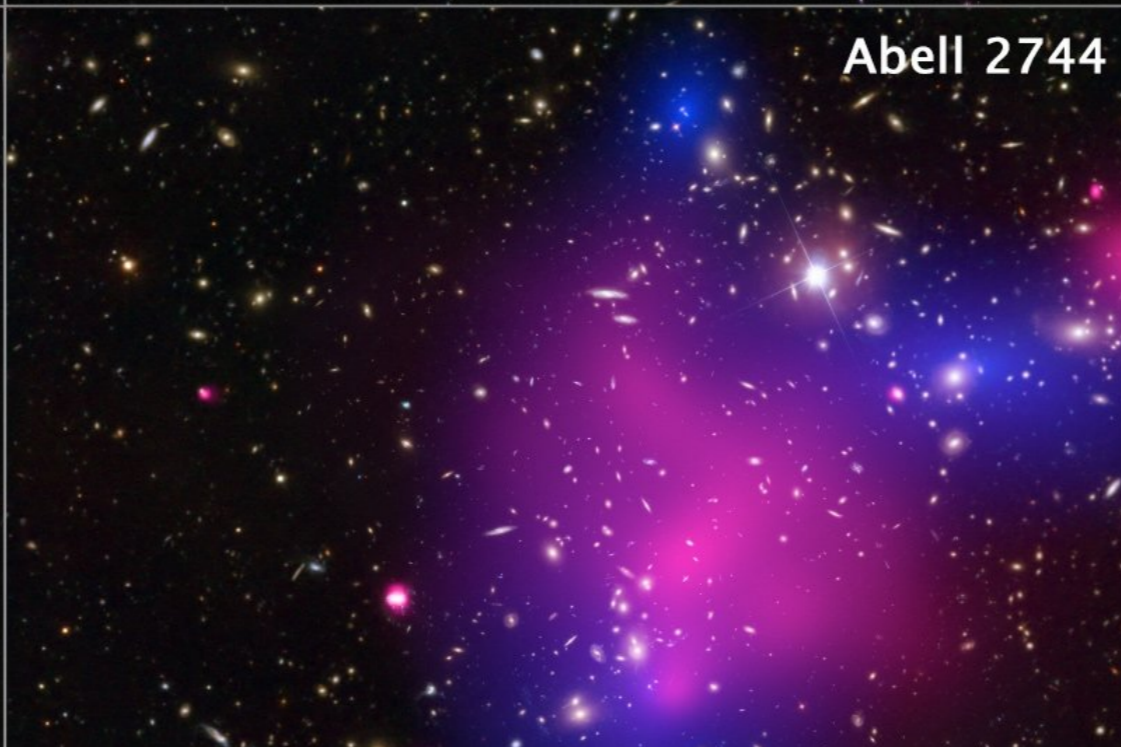
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AXION DARK MATTER

MISALIGNMENT PRODUCTION

PQ breaking before inflation



$$T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

$$V(a) = 0$$

MISALIGNMENT PRODUCTION

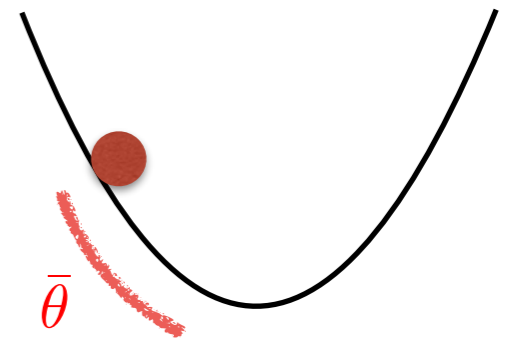
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$$m_a(T) \approx 0.1 m_a \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{T} \right)^4$$

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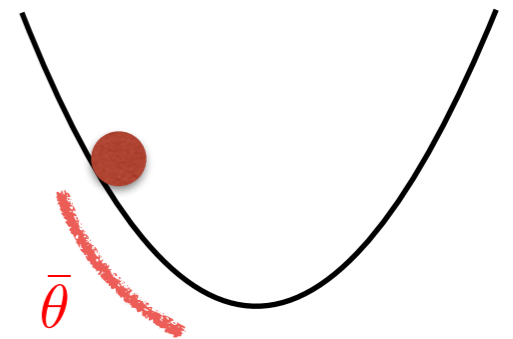
PQ breaking before inflation



$$\rho_a = \frac{m_a^2 f_a^2 \bar{\theta}^2}{2}$$

MISALIGNMENT PRODUCTION

Huge occupation number in a De Broglie volume (+ coherent state)
=
classical field

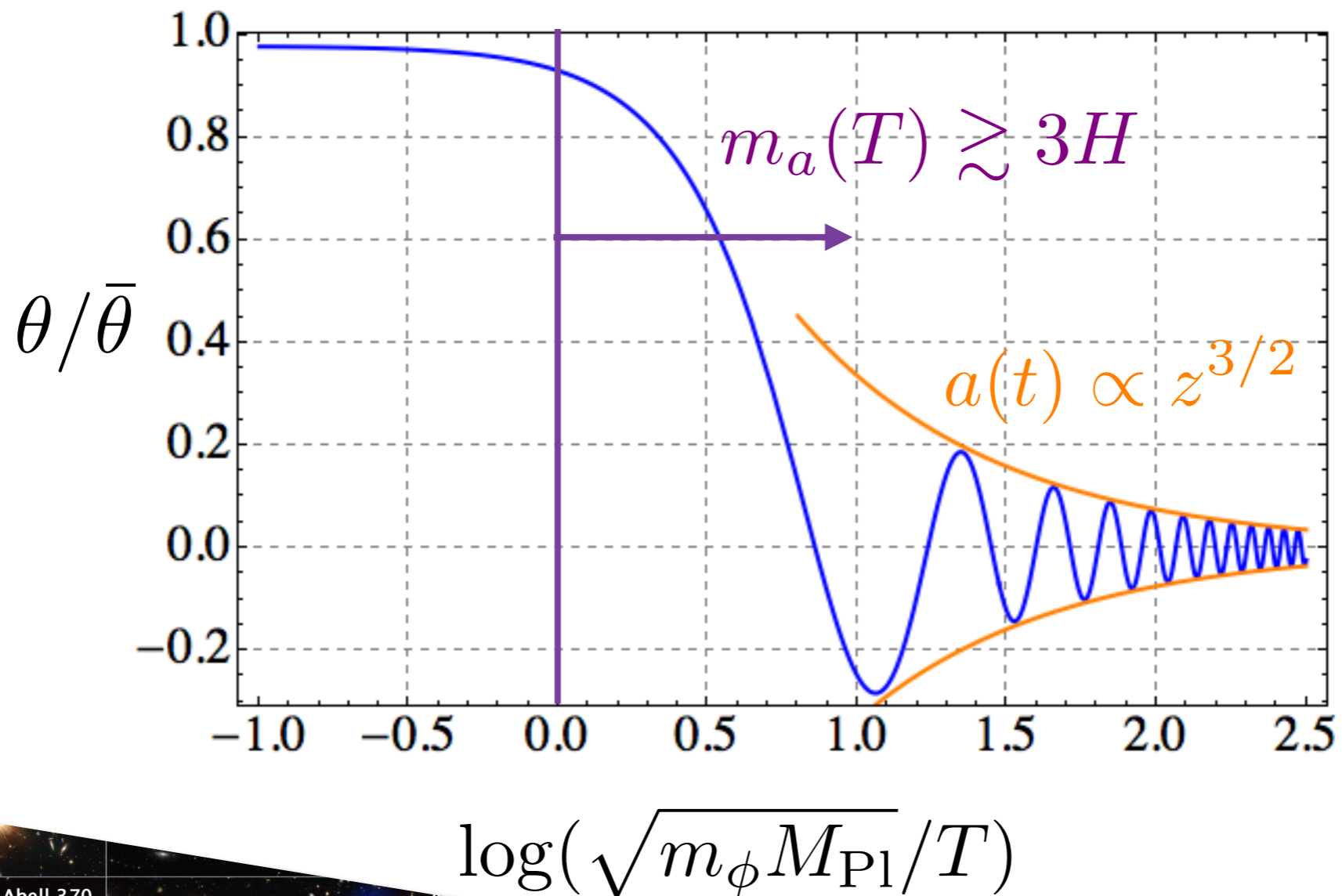


$$\theta \equiv a/f_a$$

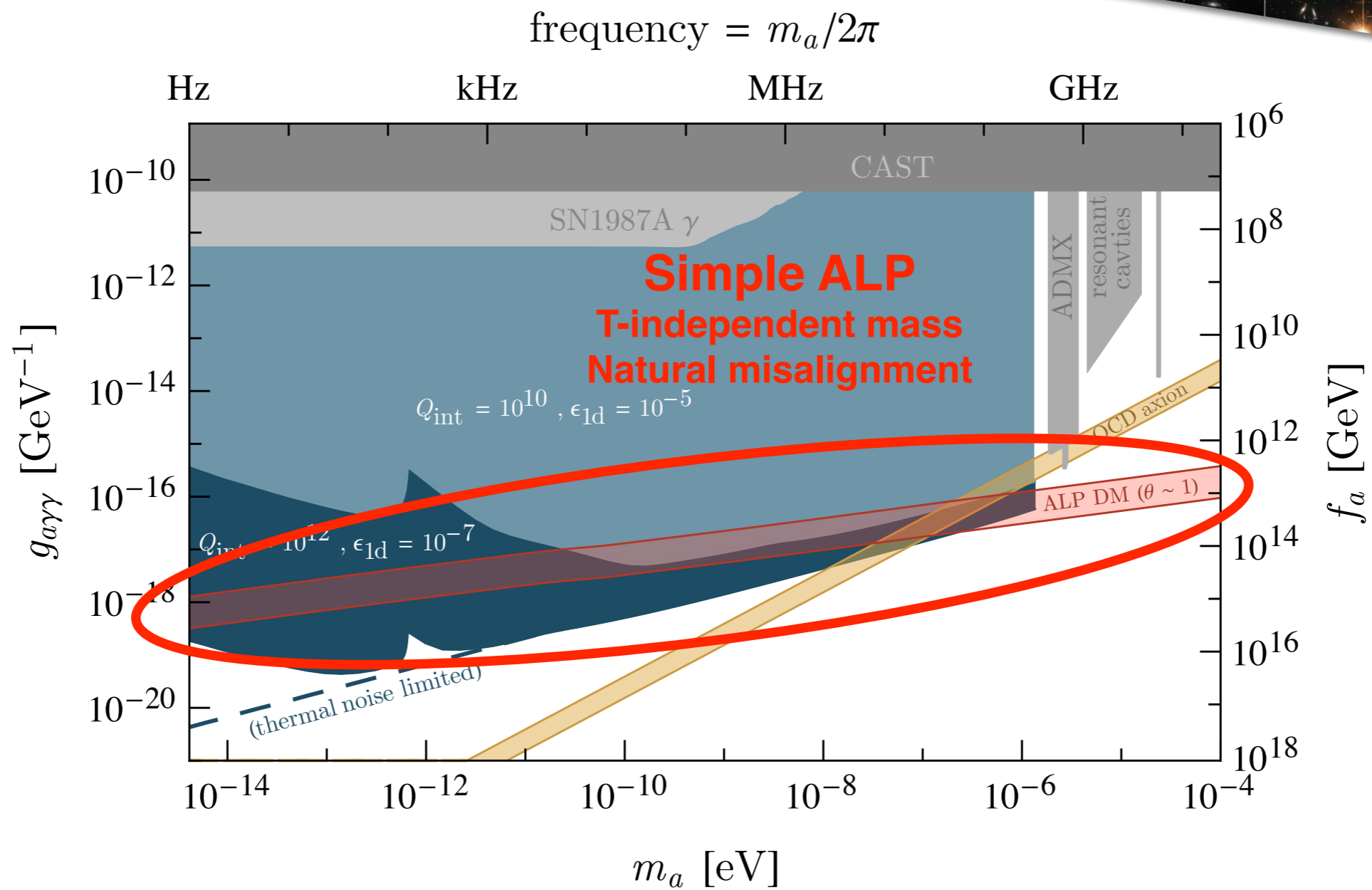
$$\ddot{\theta} + 3H\dot{\theta} + m_a^2(T)\theta = 0$$

AXION COSMOLOGY

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SNEAK PREVIEW: SIMPLEST ALP



AXION COSMOLOGY IN THE GALAXY

Rough Picture at Production (modulo $\delta\rho$)

$$a(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_{\text{DM}}}}{m_a} \cos(m_a t + \phi)$$

Different axions take different paths to reach our galactic potential well where they virialize:

$$\tau_a \sim 1/m_a \langle v_{\text{DM}}^2 \rangle \sim Q_a/m_a \sim 10^6/m_a$$

$$\lambda_a \sim 1/m_a \sqrt{\langle v_{\text{DM}}^2 \rangle} \sim 10^3/m_a$$

AXION COSMOLOGY IN THE GALAXY 2

Lots of axions in each velocity bin that we can resolve (even more in a De Broglie volume):

$$dN_v = \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{m_a} V f(v) dv \simeq 10^{15} \left(\frac{10^{-6} \text{ eV}}{m_a} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\text{year}}{t_{\text{int}}} \right) \left(\frac{V}{\text{m}^3} \right)$$

So in each bin we are **summing over a multitude of plane waves** with different phases:

$$a(t) \propto \sum_v \text{Re} \left[e^{i\omega_v t} \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} e^{i\phi_i} \right]$$

CL Theorem : Gaussian Random Field

$$\langle a(t) \rangle = 0 \qquad \langle |a(t)|^2 \rangle = \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{m_a^2}$$

AXION DARK MATTER DETECTION



STATISTICS INTERLUDE

Time: Gaussian Random Field

$$\langle a(t + \tau)a(t' + \tau) \rangle = \langle a(t)a(t') \rangle$$

$$\text{Mean } \langle a(t) \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{Variance } \langle |a(t)|^2 \rangle = \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{m_a^2}$$

Frequency: Gaussian Random Field

$$\text{Mean } \langle a(\omega) \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{Variance } \langle a(\omega)a^*(\omega') \rangle = \delta(\omega - \omega')S_a(\omega)$$

STATISTICS INTERLUDE

Data: $d(\omega) = n(\omega) + s(\omega) \quad s(\omega) \sim a(\omega)$

Noise: Gaussian Colored $\langle n(\omega) \rangle = 0 \quad \langle n(\omega)n(\omega') \rangle = \delta(\omega - \omega')S_n(\omega)$

Likelihood:

$$L[d(\omega)] = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\int d\omega \frac{d(\omega)d^*(\omega)}{S_n(\omega) + S_{\text{sig}}(\omega)}}$$

Only the average 2-point function matters.

A 'deterministic' axion gives the same result (see next slide)

AXION COSMOLOGY IN THE LABORATORY

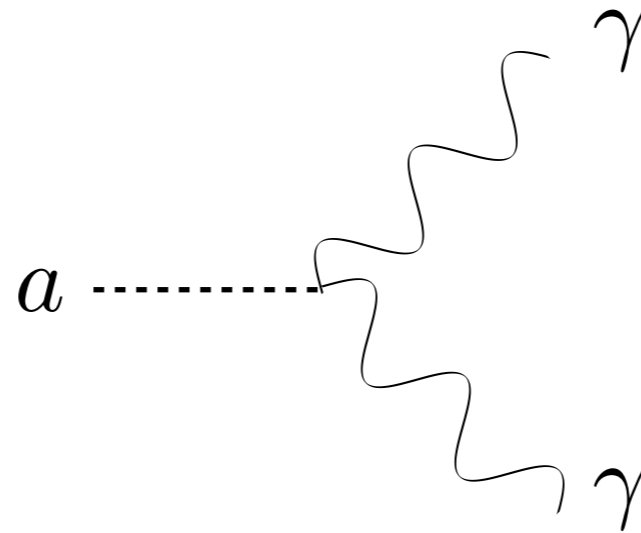
$$a(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_{\text{DM}}}}{m_a} \cos(m_a t + \phi)$$

Frequency: $\omega_a \simeq \text{GHz} \frac{m_a}{10^{-6} \text{ eV}}$

Coherence: $\tau_a \simeq \text{ms} \frac{10^{-6} \text{ eV}}{m_a}$

Max Exp. Size: $\lambda_a \simeq 200 \text{ m} \frac{10^{-6} \text{ eV}}{m_a}$

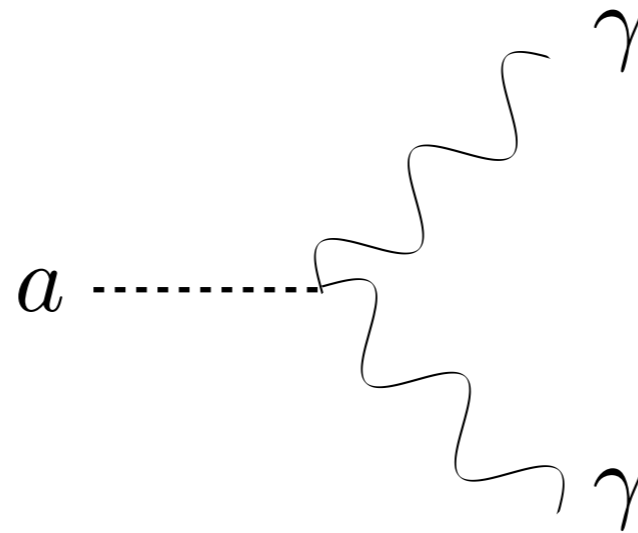
AXION DETECTION




$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} \simeq \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} + \underline{g_{a\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B} \partial_t a}$$

$$J_{\text{eff}}(t) \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma} B_0(t) \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}}} \cos m_a t$$

AXION DETECTION



$$J_{\text{eff}} \sim 10^{-15} \text{ A/cm}^2 \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right) \left(\frac{B_0}{4 \text{ T}} \right)$$

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10^4 A/cm^2 10^7 A/cm^2 10^8 A/cm^2
Flashlamp Copper Graphene

AXION DETECTION

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} \simeq \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} + g_{a\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B} \partial_t a \qquad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial_t \mathbf{B}$$

Cavity:

$$\sum_n \left(\partial_t^2 + \frac{\omega_n}{Q_n} \partial_t + \omega_n^2 \right) \mathbf{E}_n = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \partial_t (\mathbf{B} \partial_t a)$$

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AXION DETECTION

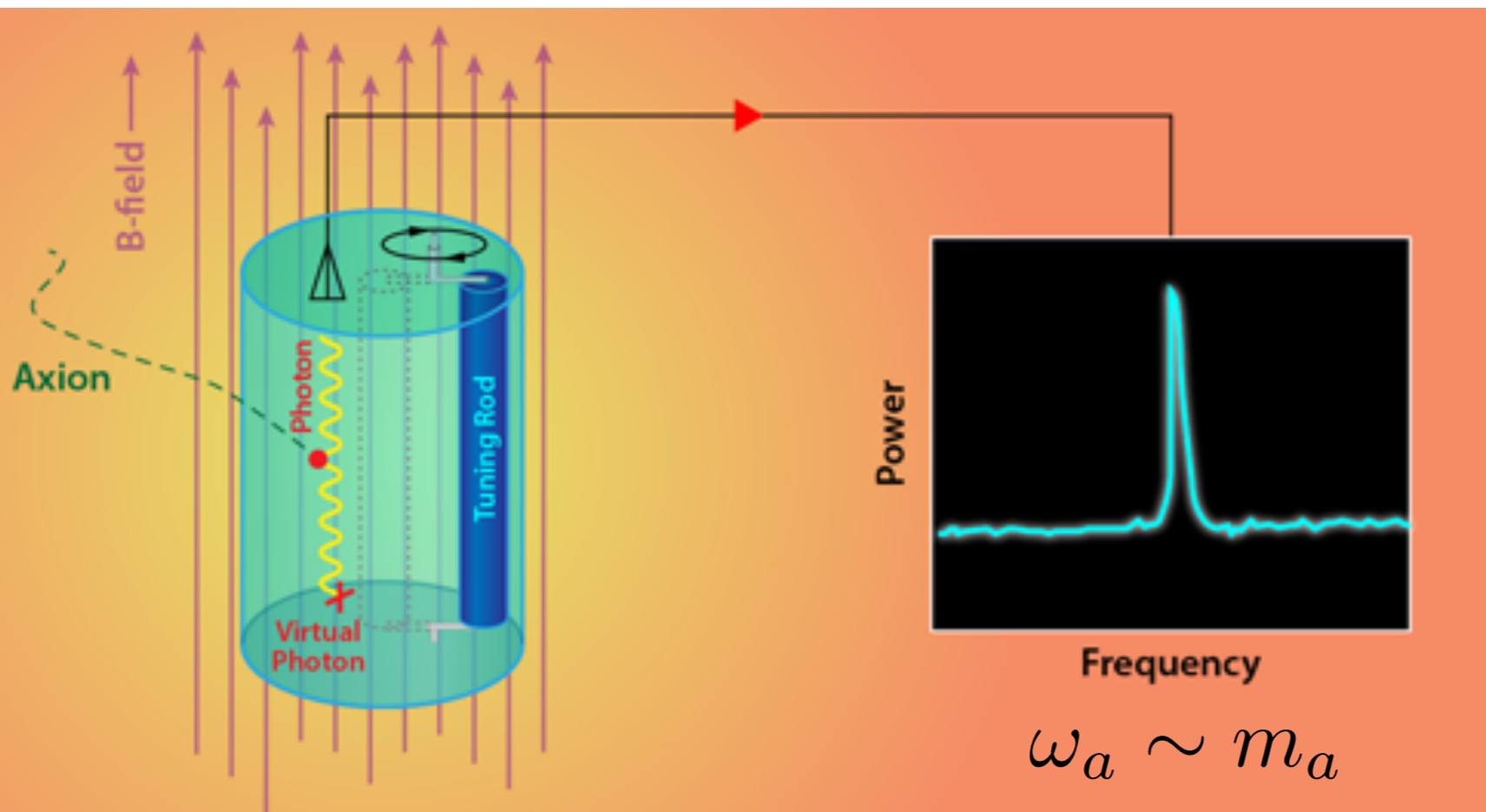
$$\left(\partial_t^2 + \frac{m_a}{Q_1} \partial_t + m_a^2 \right) \mathbf{E}_1 \sim m_a \cos m_a t$$

Resonant for many cycles

$$Q_a \sim 10^6$$

Ideal for

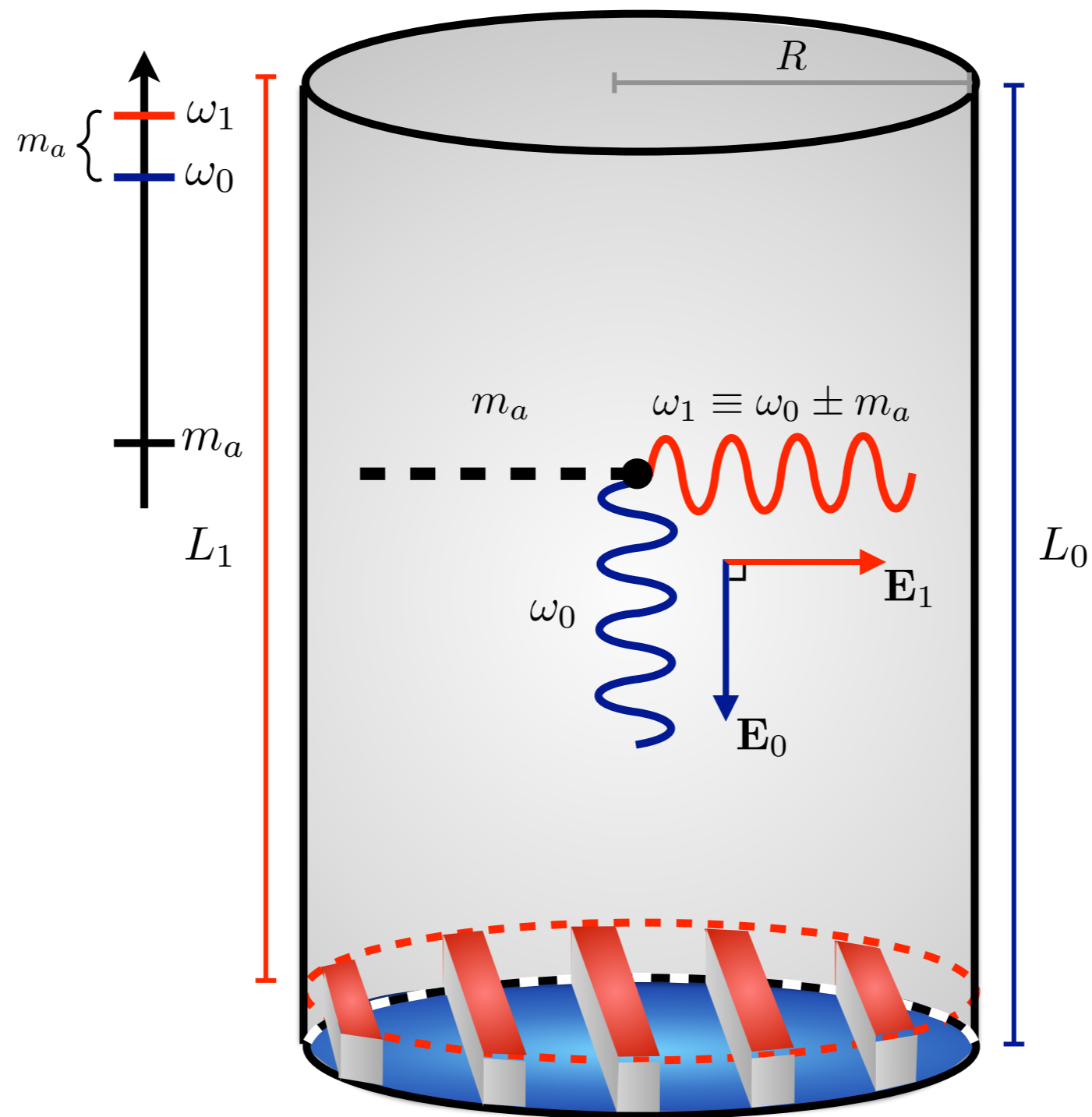
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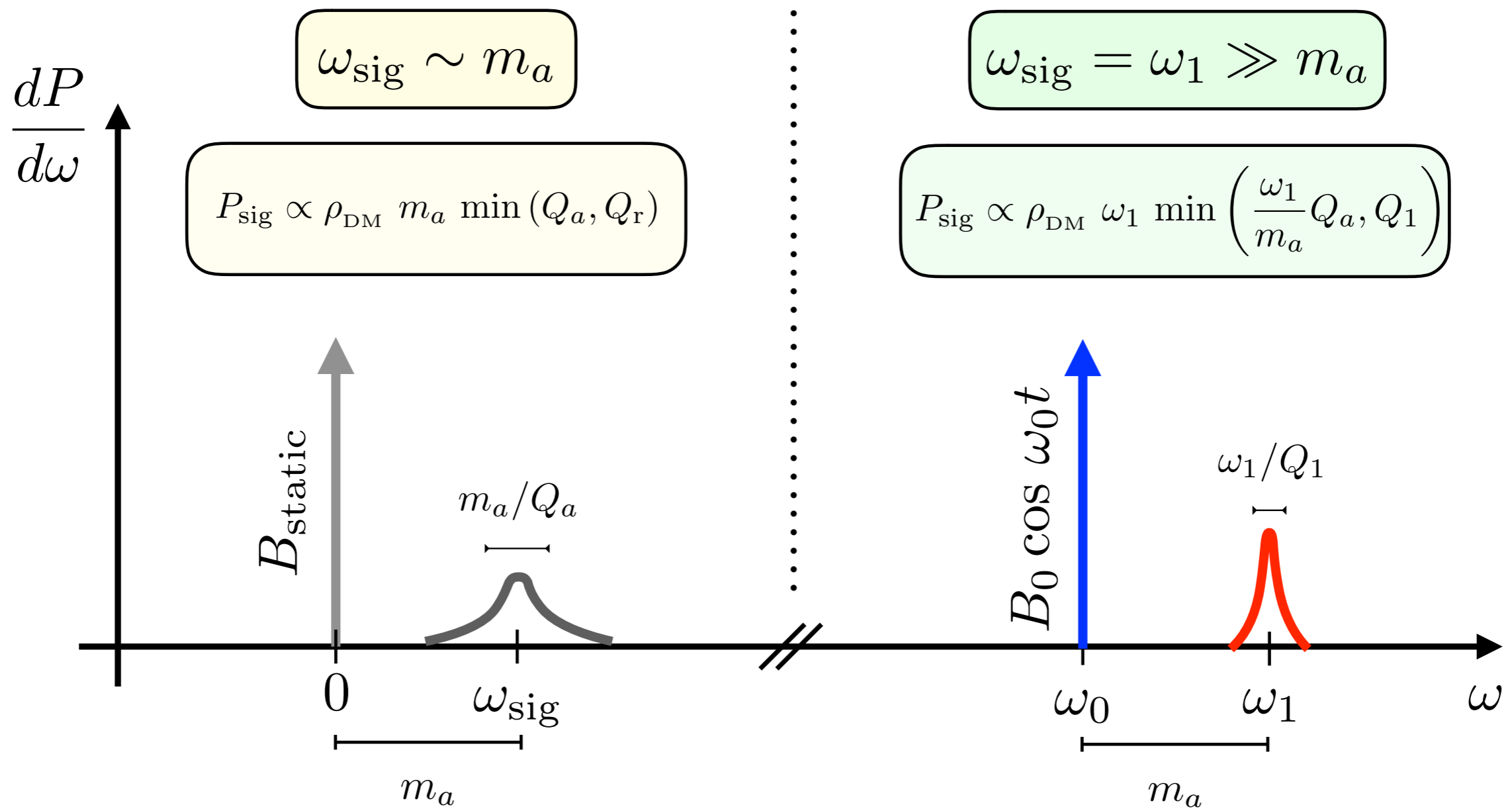
Problems:

1. **Cavity size** $\sim (\text{axion mass})^{-1}$
2. **Signal power** decreases with axion mass

LOW MASS AXION DETECTION

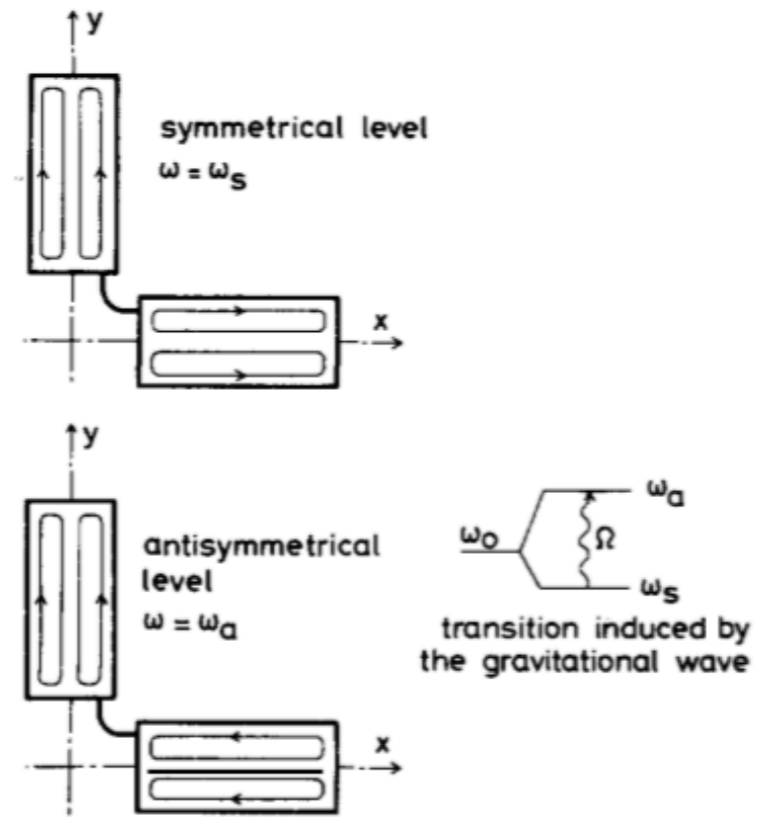
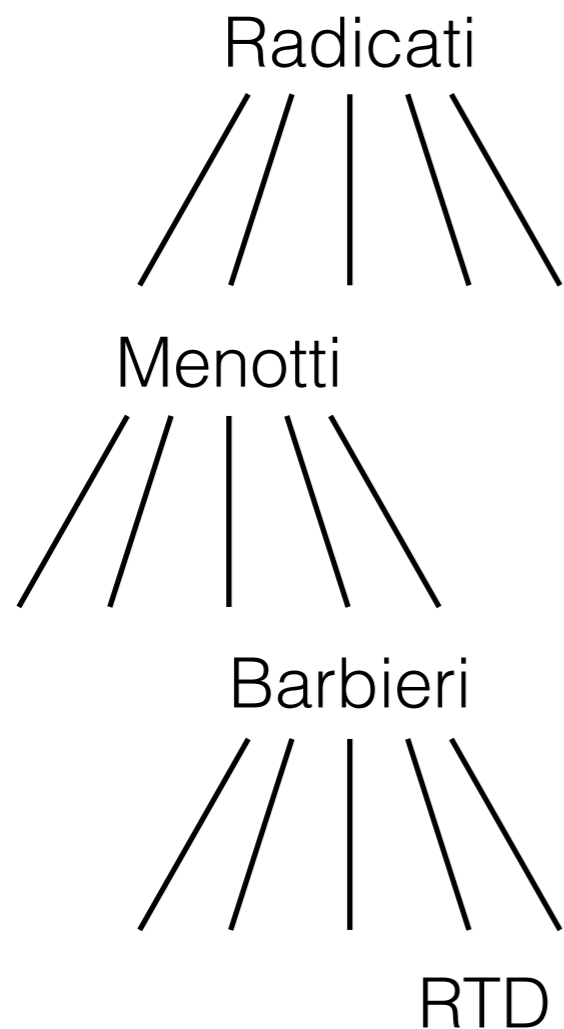


LOW MASS AXION DETECTION



OUR ANCESTORS HUNTING FOR GWs

With a different geometry,
viable also for gravitational waves!
Radicati, Pegoraro, Picasso '78



MAGO '05



SIGNAL POWER



SIGNAL POWER AT LOW MASSES

$$\sum_n \left(\partial_t^2 + \frac{\omega_n}{Q_n} \partial_t + \omega_n^2 \right) \mathbf{E}_n = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \partial_t (\mathbf{B} \partial_t a)$$

$$\partial_t (\mathbf{B}) \simeq i\omega_0 \mathbf{B} \quad \omega_1 \simeq \omega_0 + m_a$$

$$\partial_t J_{\text{eff}} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \partial_t (\mathbf{B} \partial_t a) \propto \omega_0 m_a \gg m_a^2$$

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Static:

$$\mathbf{E}_1 \sim \frac{m_a g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}}} \mathbf{B}}{m_a^2 - \omega_1^2 + i \frac{m_a \omega}{Q_1}}$$

Oscillating:

$$\mathbf{E}_1 \sim \frac{\omega_0 g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{\rho_{\text{DM}}} \mathbf{B}}{(\omega_0 + m_a)^2 - \omega_1^2 + i \frac{(\omega_0 + m_a) \omega}{Q_1}}$$

SIGNAL POWER AT LOW MASSES

Power = Energy/Time

Time

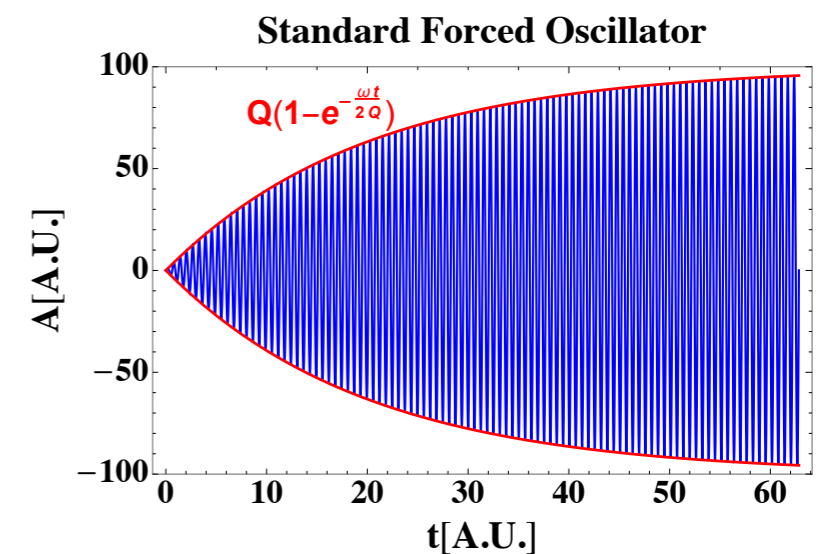
$$\min [\tau_a, \tau_r] = \min \left[\frac{Q_a}{m_a}, \frac{Q}{\omega_1} \right]$$

$$t = \tau_a = \frac{Q_a}{m_a}$$

Axion stops being monochromatic

$$t = \tau_r = \frac{Q}{\omega_1}$$

Steady State



SIGNAL POWER AT LOW MASSES

Power = Energy/Time

Energy

$$\omega_1^2 B_a^2 V \min \left[\frac{Q_a^2}{m_a^2}, \frac{Q^2}{\omega_1^2} \right]$$

Time

$$\min [\tau_a, \tau_r] = \min \left[\frac{Q_a}{m_a}, \frac{Q}{\omega_1} \right]$$

Static: $\omega_1 \simeq m_a$

$$P \simeq m_a B_a^2 V \min [Q_a, Q]$$

Naively no reason to build resonators with $Q > 10^6$

SIGNAL POWER AT LOW MASSES

Power = Energy/Time

Energy

Time

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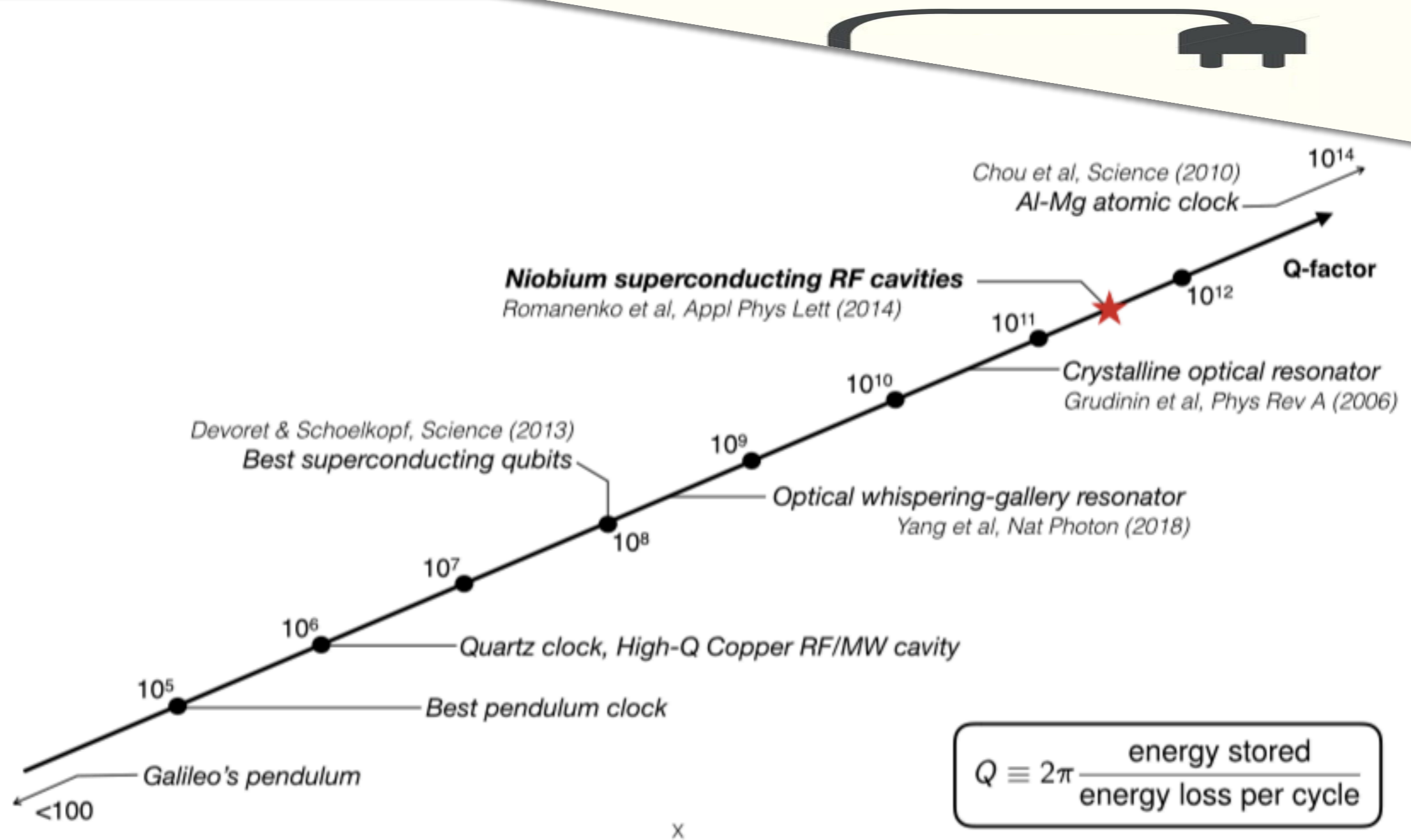
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Oscillating: $\omega_1 > m_a$

$$P \simeq \omega_1 B_a^2 V \min [Q, Q_a (\omega_1 / m_a)]$$

Great advantage of high-Q resonators at low m_a

SUPERCONDUCTING RADIOFREQUENCY CAVITIES

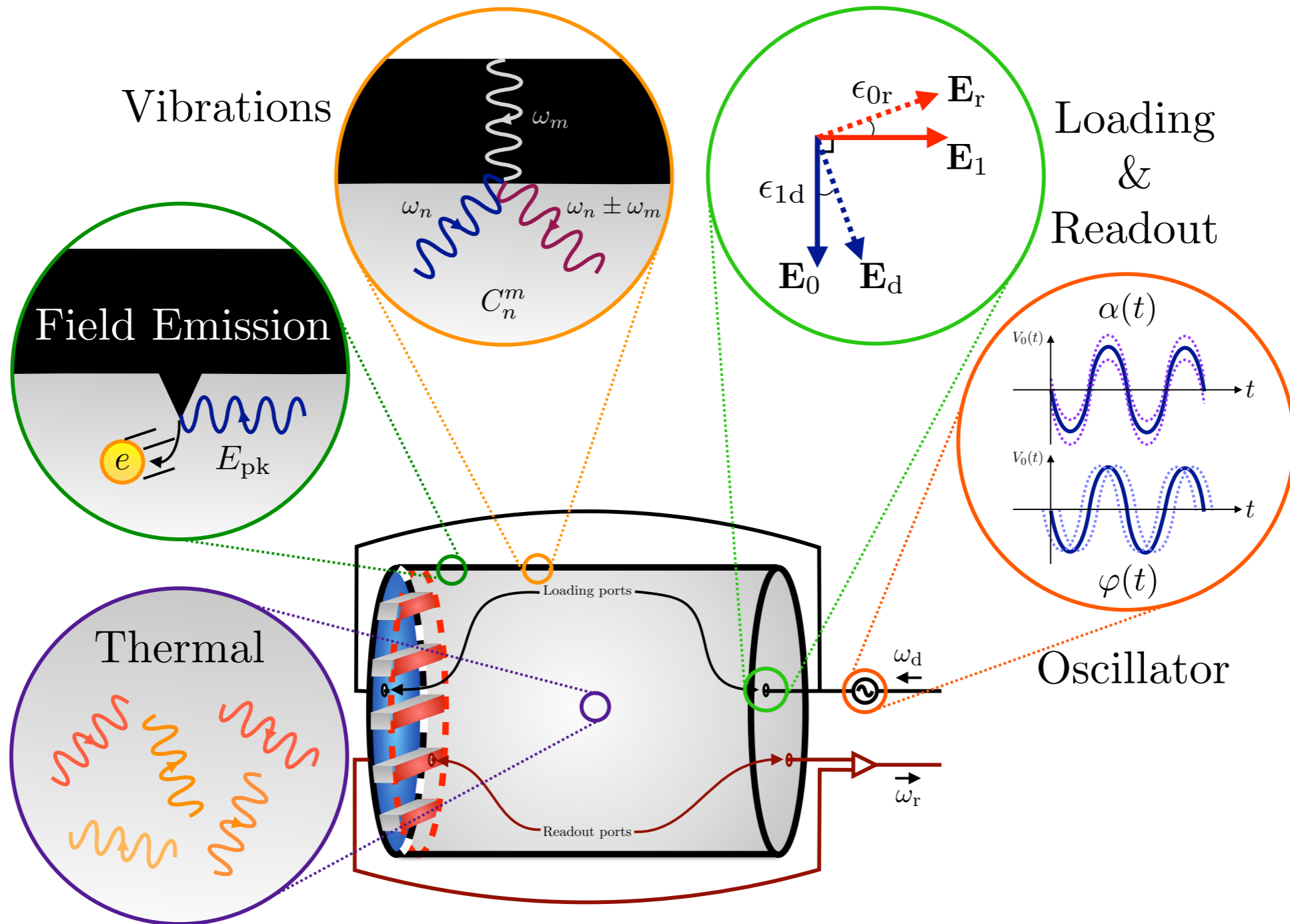


From Anna Grassellino, Fermilab



NOISE AND SENSITIVITY

NOISE

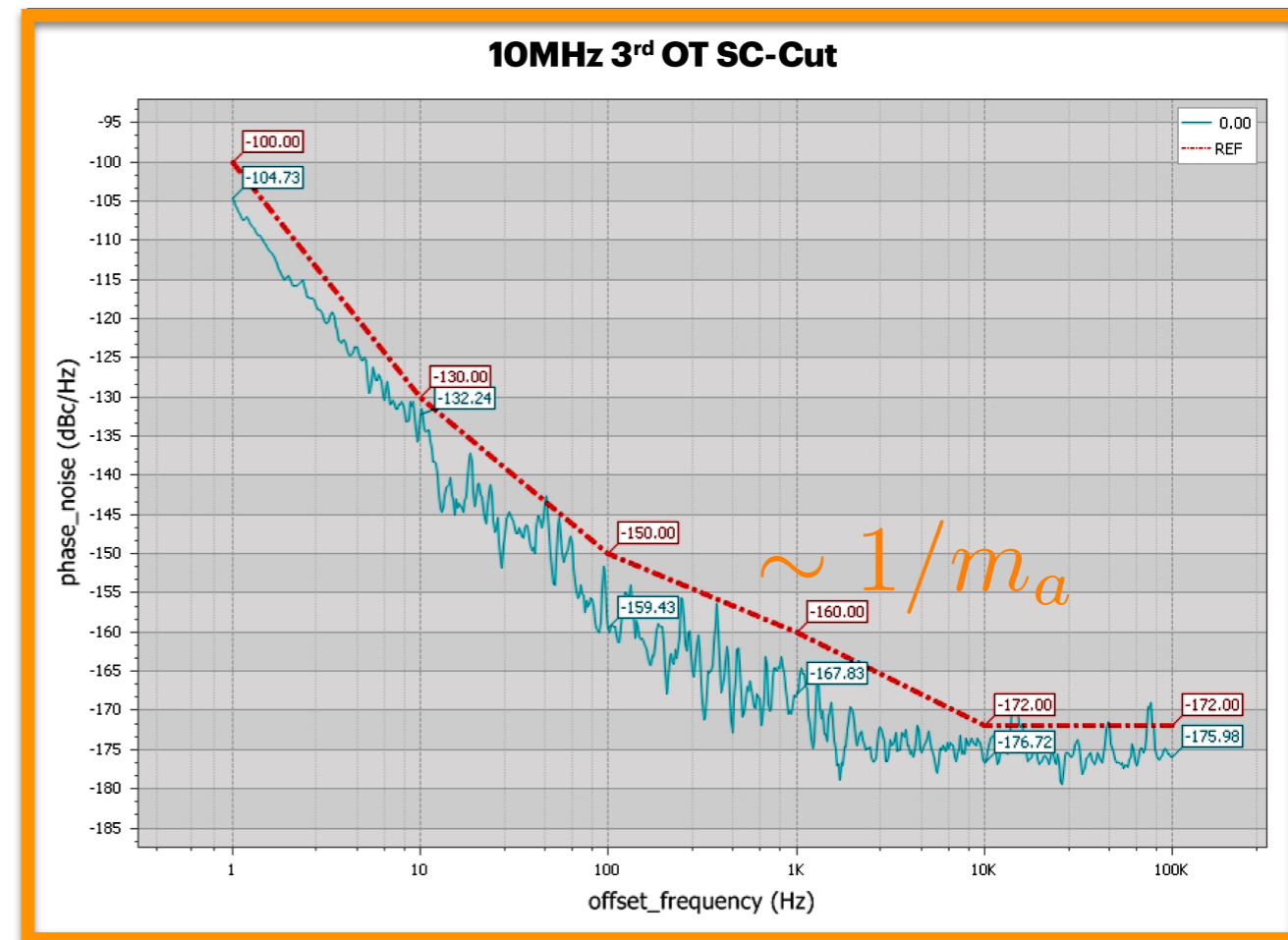
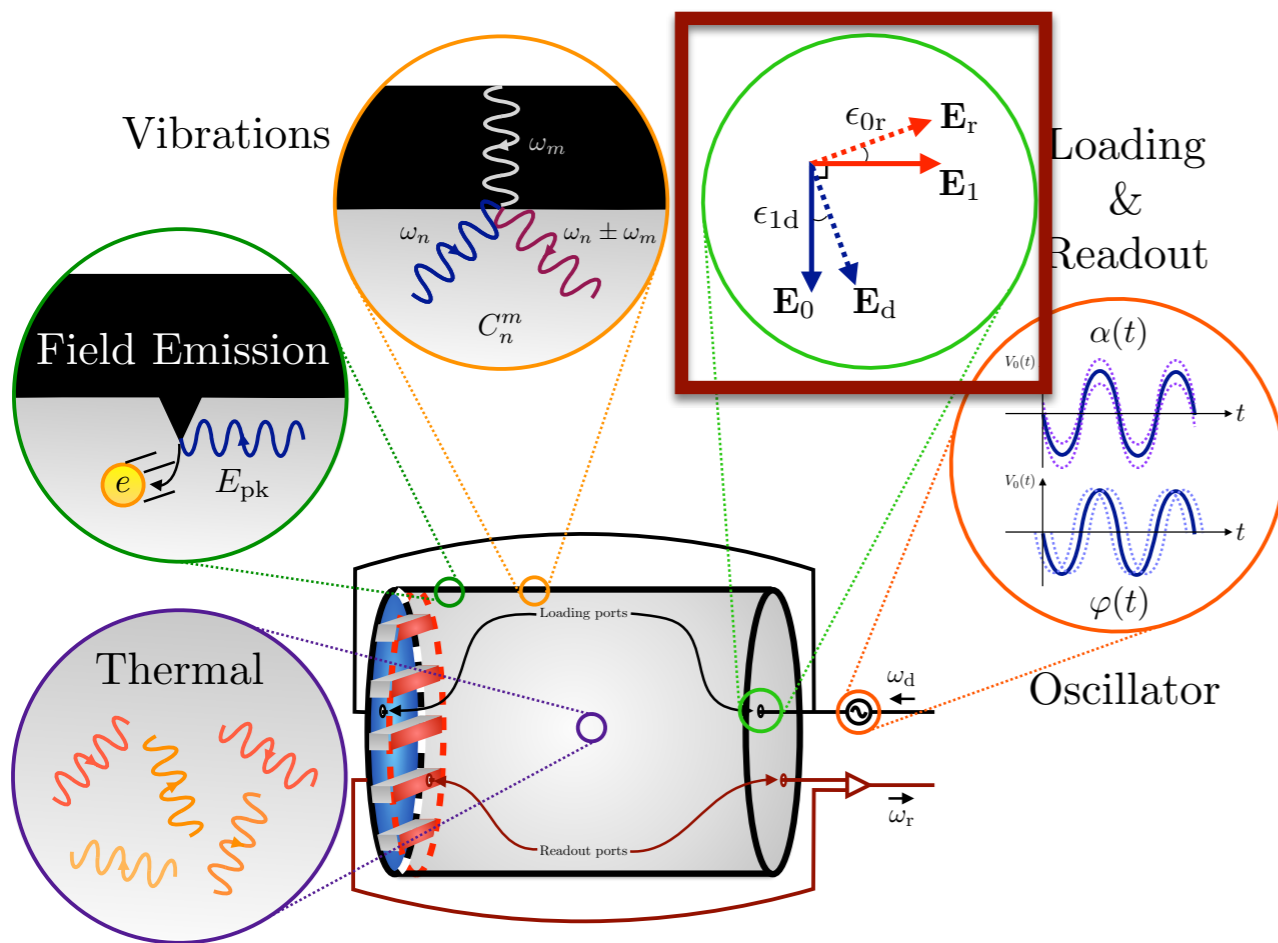


OSCILLATOR NOISE

$$S_{\text{phase}}(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{1d}^2 S_{\phi}(\omega - \omega_0) \frac{(\omega \omega_1 / Q_1)^2}{(\omega^2 - \omega_1^2)^2 + (\omega \omega_1 / Q_1)^2} \frac{\omega_0 Q_1}{\omega_0 Q_0} P_{\text{in}}$$

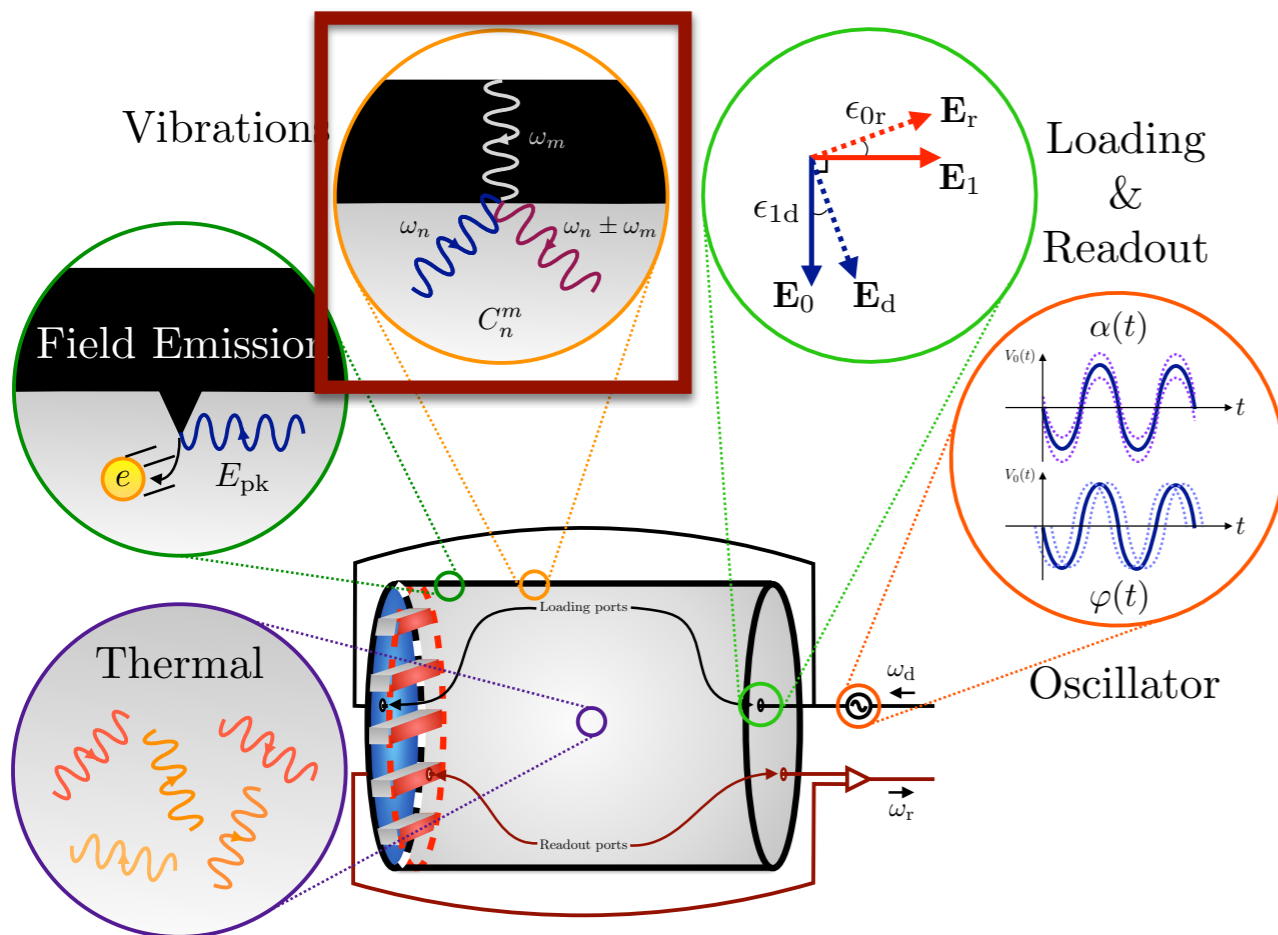
$\sim 1/m_a$

Cavity Response



VIBRATIONAL NOISE

$$S_{\text{mech}}(\omega) = \sum_{n=0,1} S_{\text{mech}}^{(n)}(\omega) \simeq \frac{\epsilon_{1d}^2}{4} \frac{\omega_0}{Q_0} P_{\text{in}} \sum_{n=0,1} \frac{S_{q_m}(\omega - \omega_0) / V^{2/3} (\omega_n / Q_n) \omega_n^4 \omega^2}{[(\omega^2 - \omega_n^2)^2 + (\omega \omega_n / Q_n)^2] [(\omega_0^2 - \omega_n^2)^2 + (\omega_0 \omega_n / Q_n)^2]}$$



Wall Displacement

$$S_{q_m}(\omega) \simeq \frac{1}{M^2} \frac{S_{f_m}(\omega)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_m^2)^2 + (\omega_m \omega / Q_m)^2}$$

On Resonance

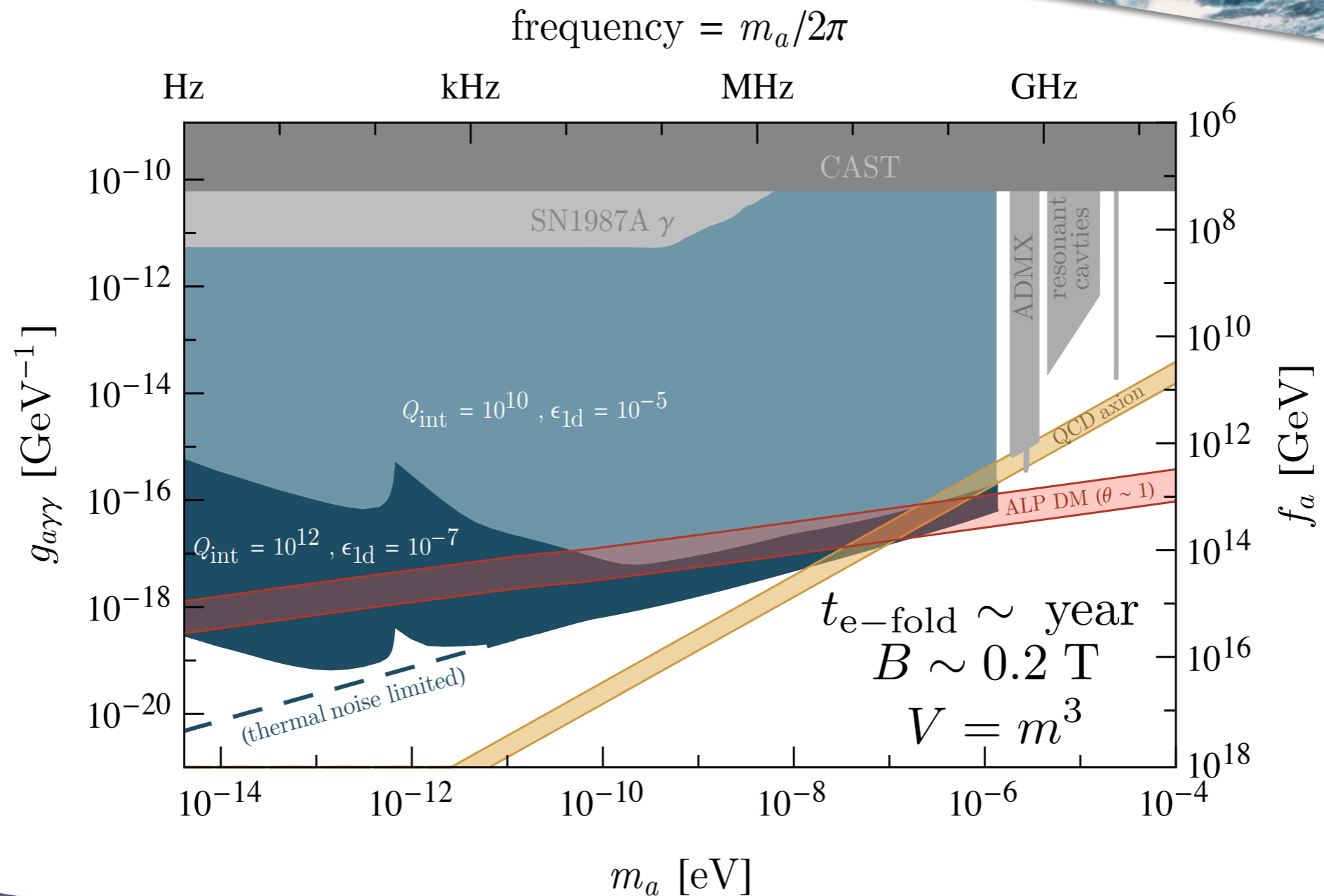
$$\sim 1/m_a^4$$

Off Resonance

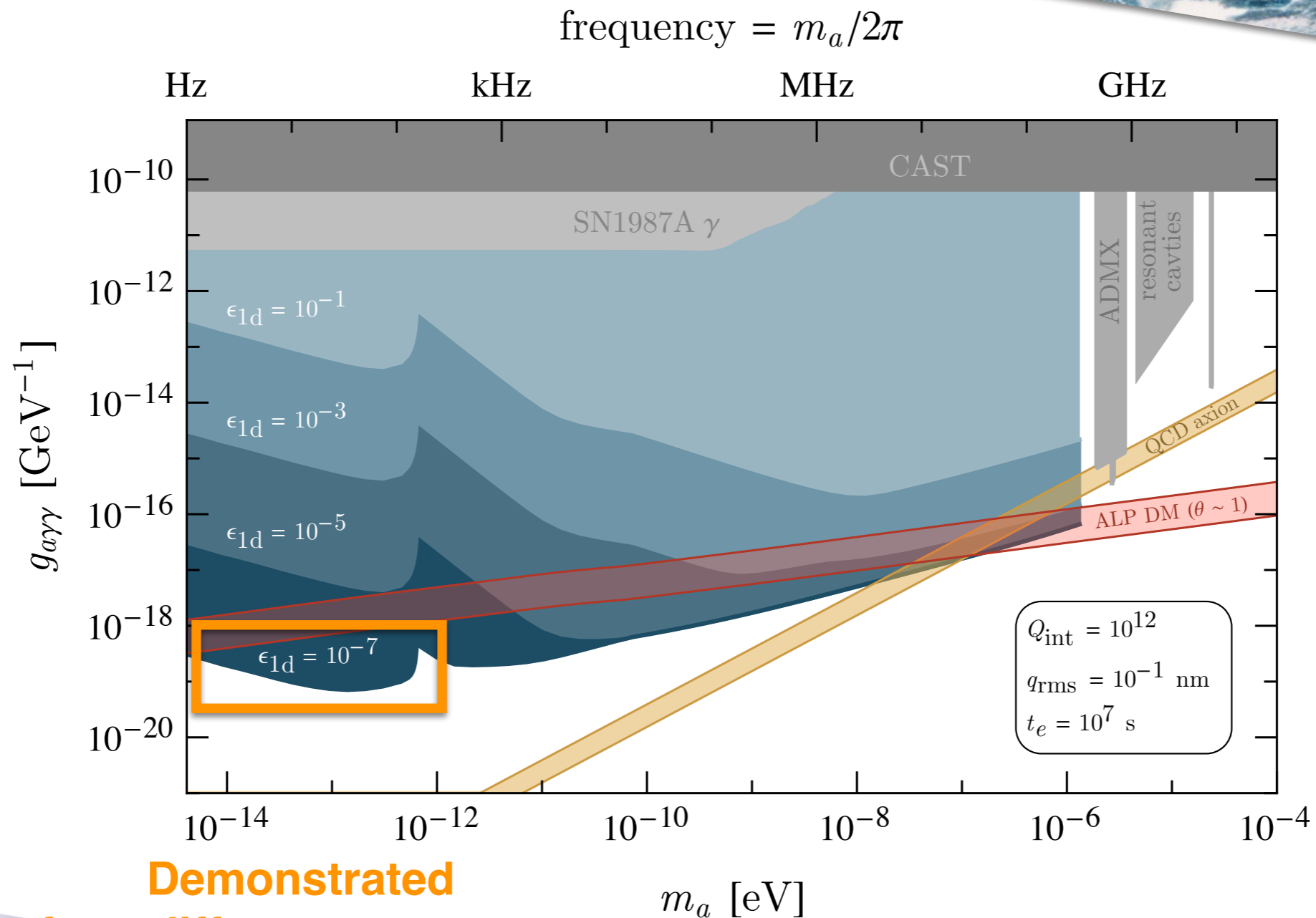
$$\sim 1/m_a^2$$

$$\omega_m^{\text{min}} \simeq \text{kHz}$$

SENSITIVITY

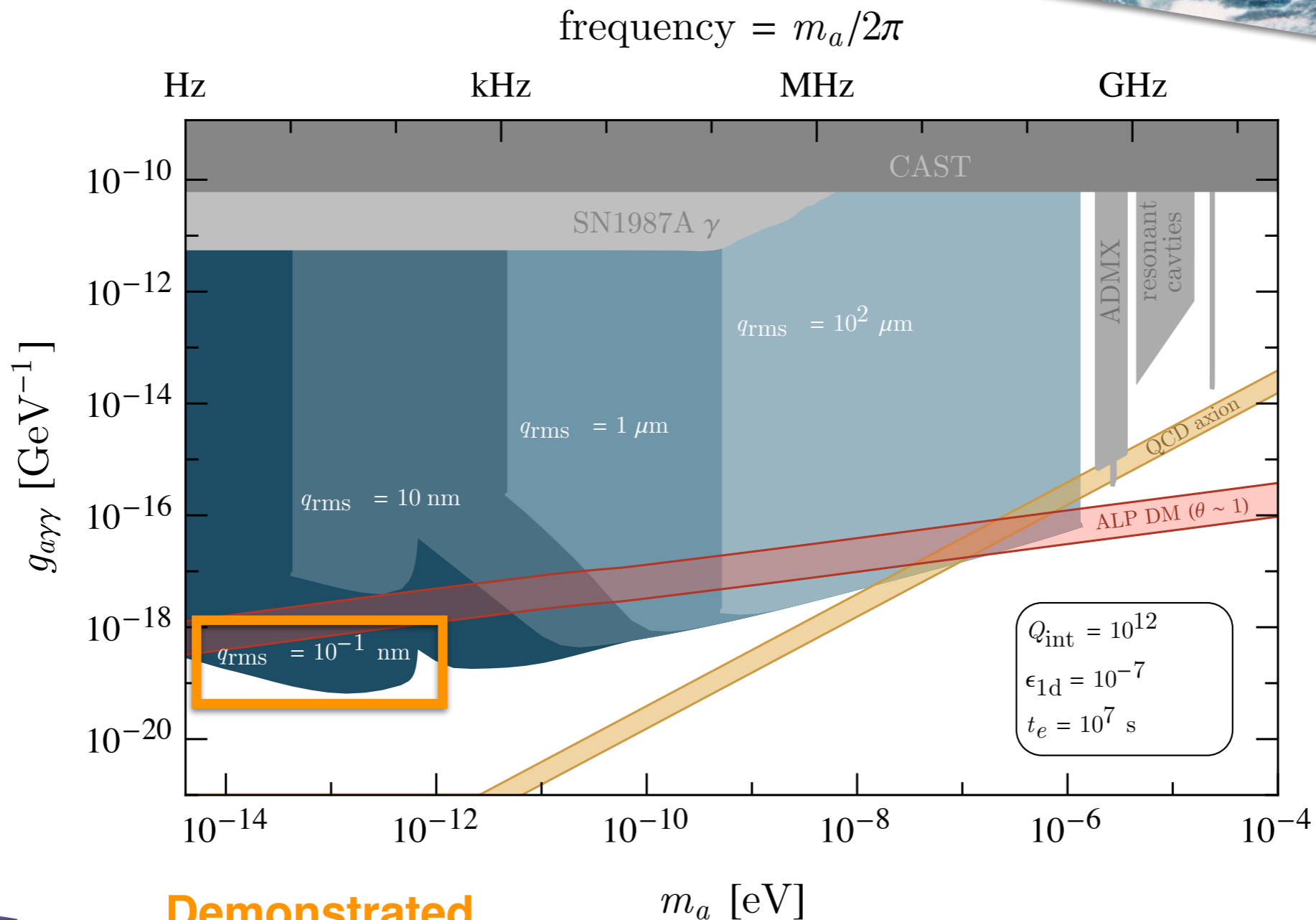


ROBUSTNESS TO LOADING



**Demonstrated
for a different geometry,
but same setup**

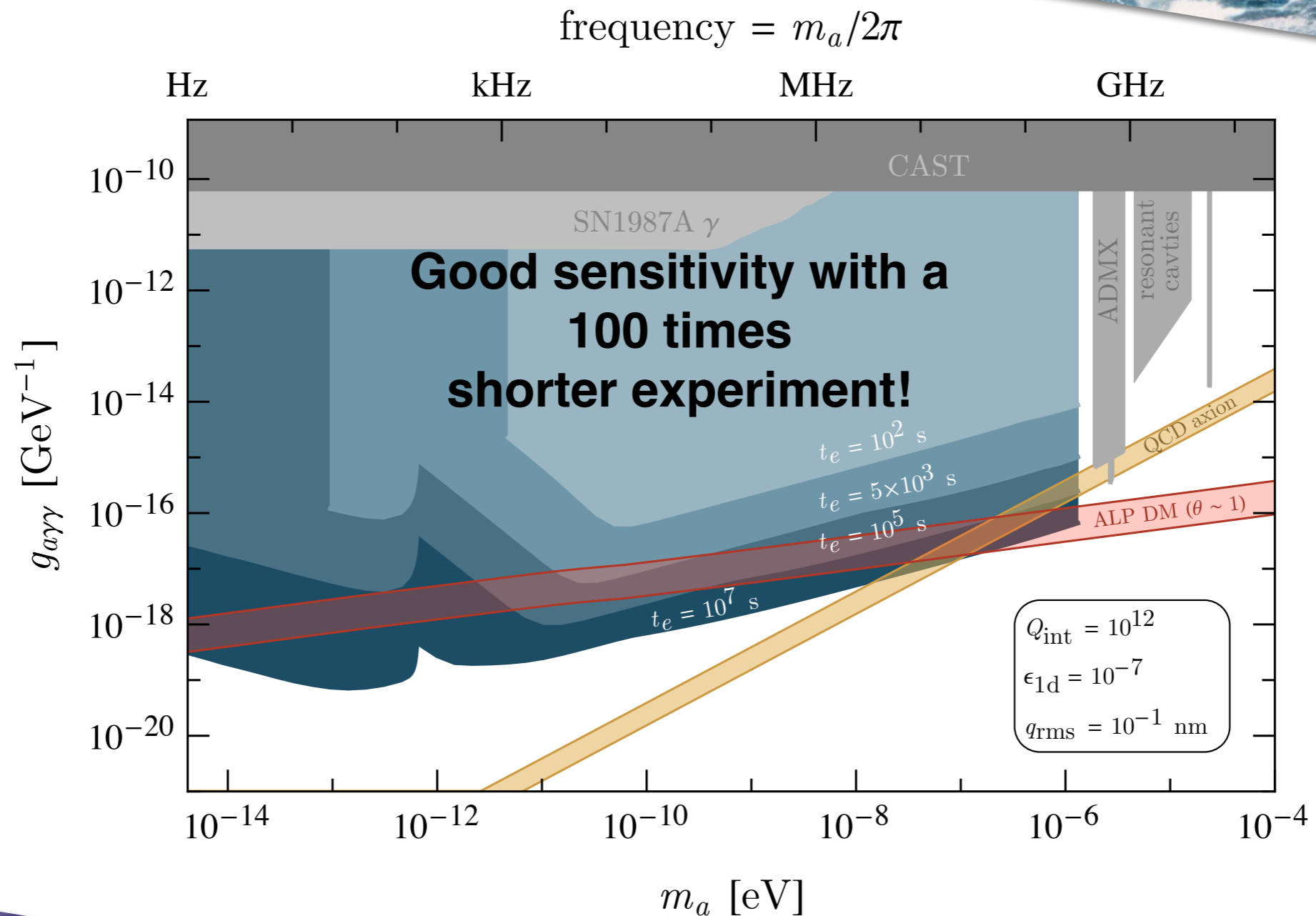
ROBUSTNESS TO ATTENUATION OF VIBRATIONS



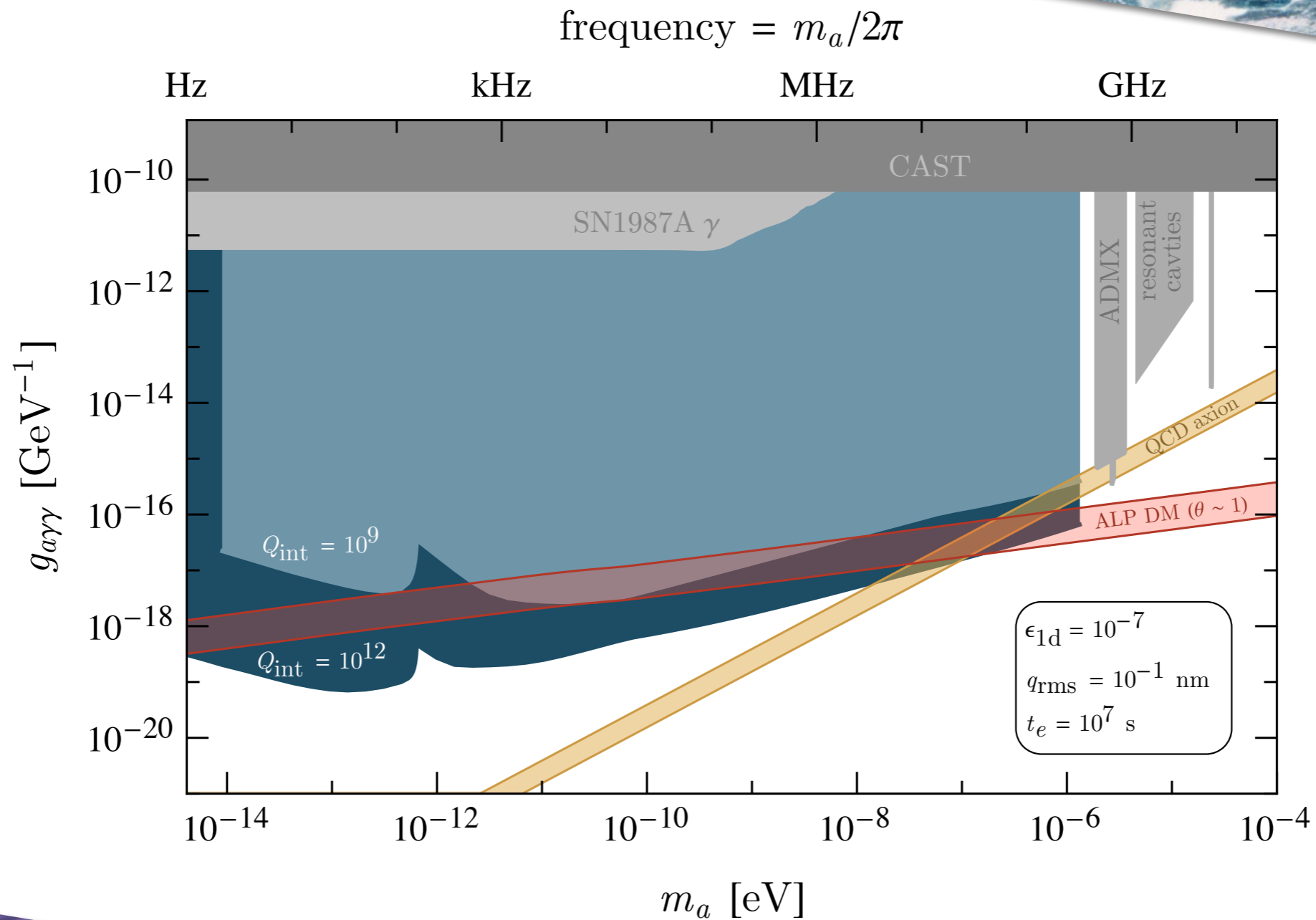
**Demonstrated
in similar cavities**

<https://indico.physics.lbl.gov/indico/event/939/contributions/4371/attachments/2162/2812/DarkSRF-Aspen.pdf>

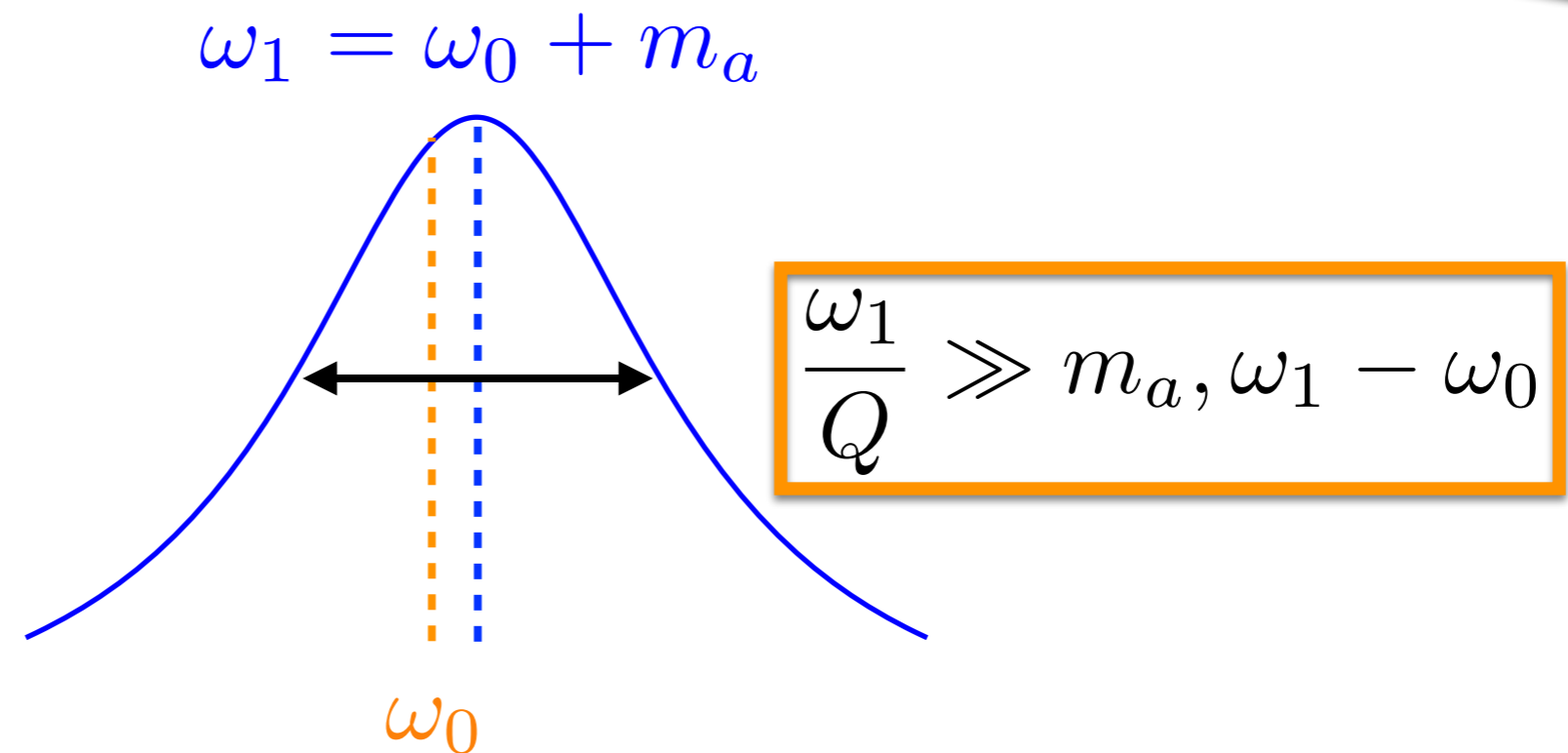
INTEGRATION TIME



THE POWER OF Q



BROADBAND APPROACH

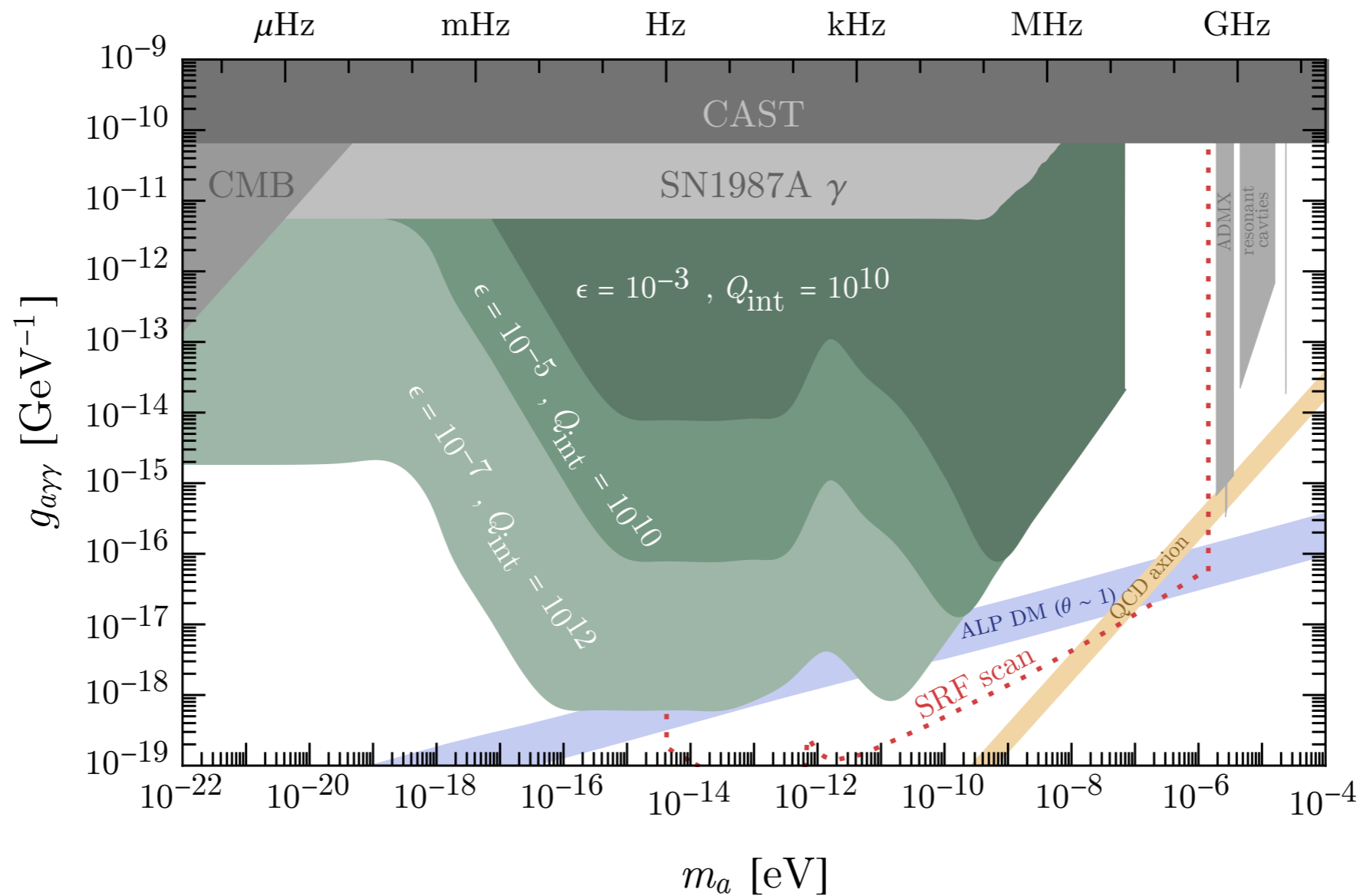


$$\boxed{\mathbf{E}_1} \propto \frac{1}{(\omega_0 \pm m_a)^2 - \omega_1^2 + i \frac{\omega_1(\omega_0 \pm m_a)}{Q}} \propto \boxed{Q}$$

BROADBAND APPROACH

PRELIMINARY!

frequency = $m_a/2\pi$



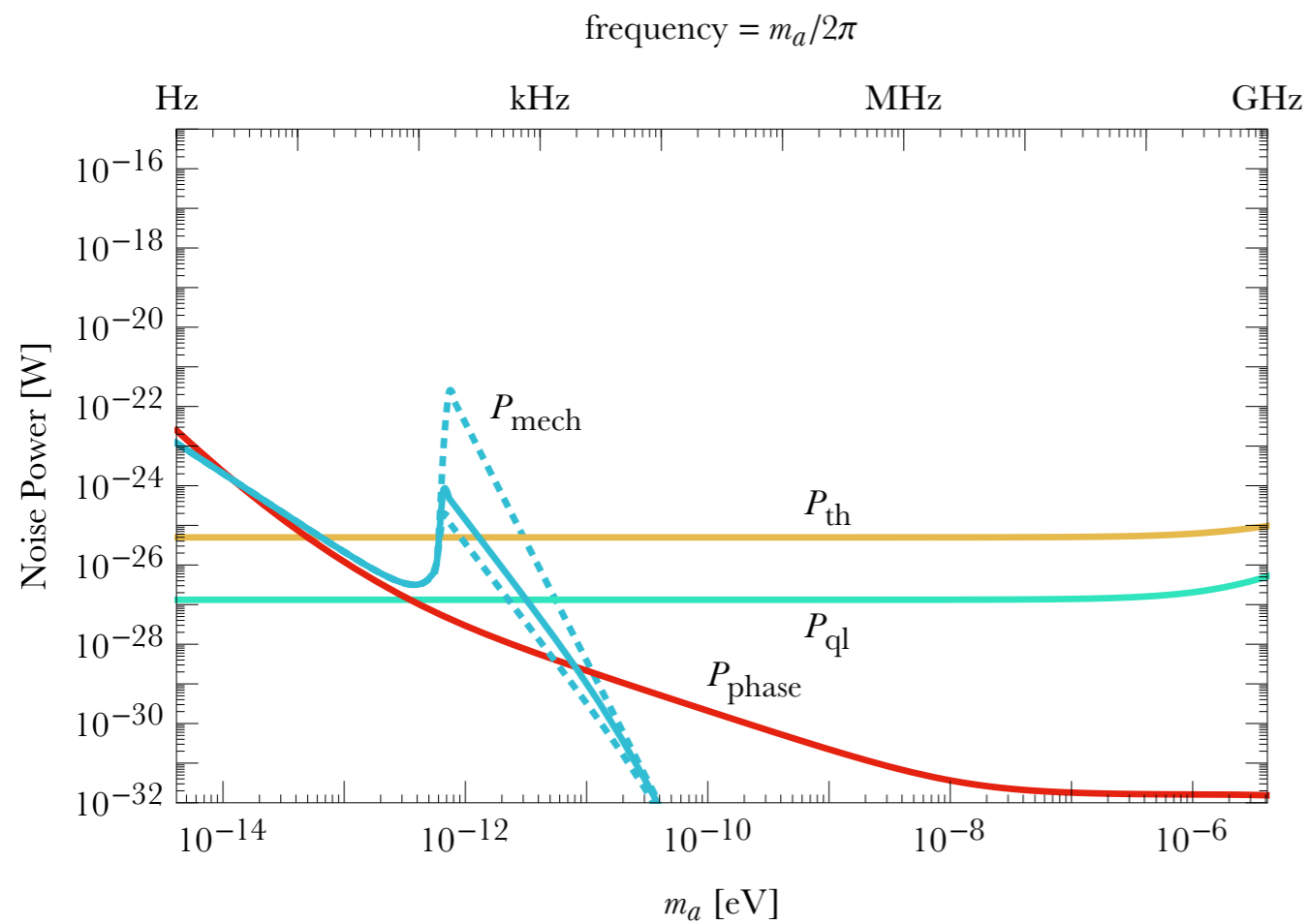
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CONCLUSION

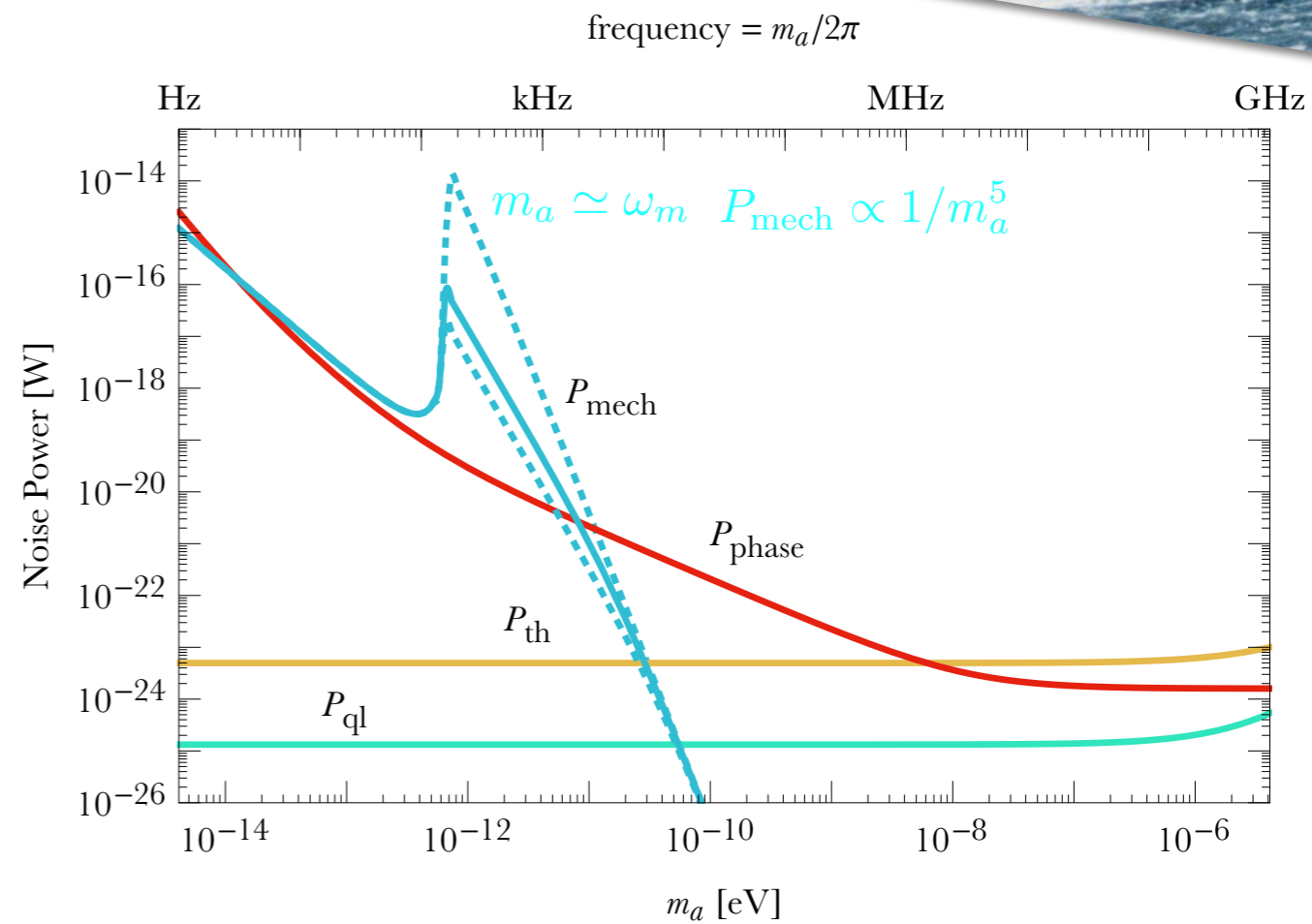
- Light Dark Matter candidates behaving as a classical field are appealing theoretically (strong CP problem, Higgs mass, generically expected from string theory), maybe as appealing as WIMPs were in the past
- We are just starting to explore them experimentally (in this talk **new concept for axion dark matter detection**)

BACKUP

NOISE



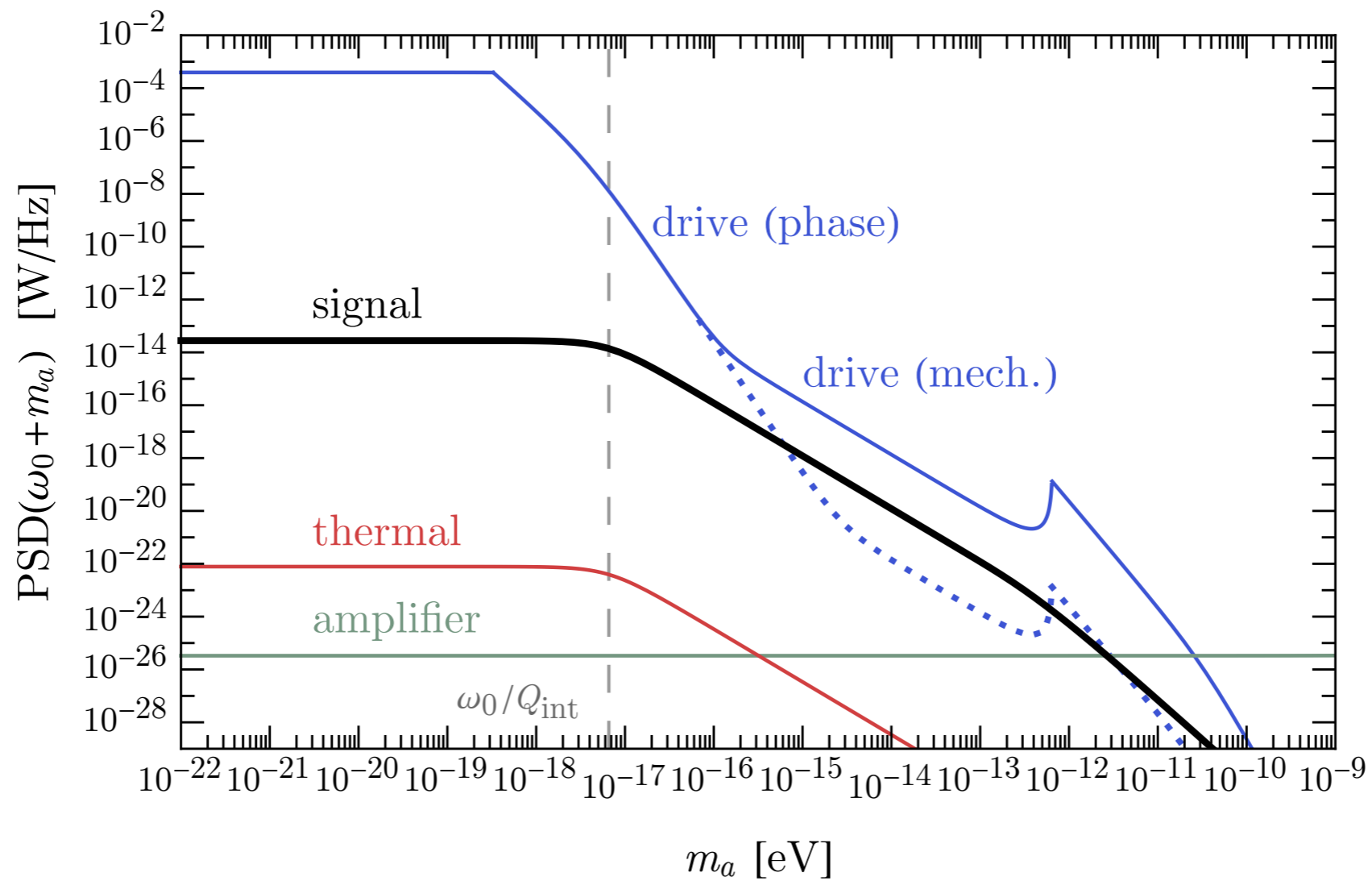
$$\epsilon_{1d} = 10^{-7}, \quad Q = 10^{12}$$



$$\epsilon_{1d} = 10^{-5}, \quad Q = 10^{10}$$

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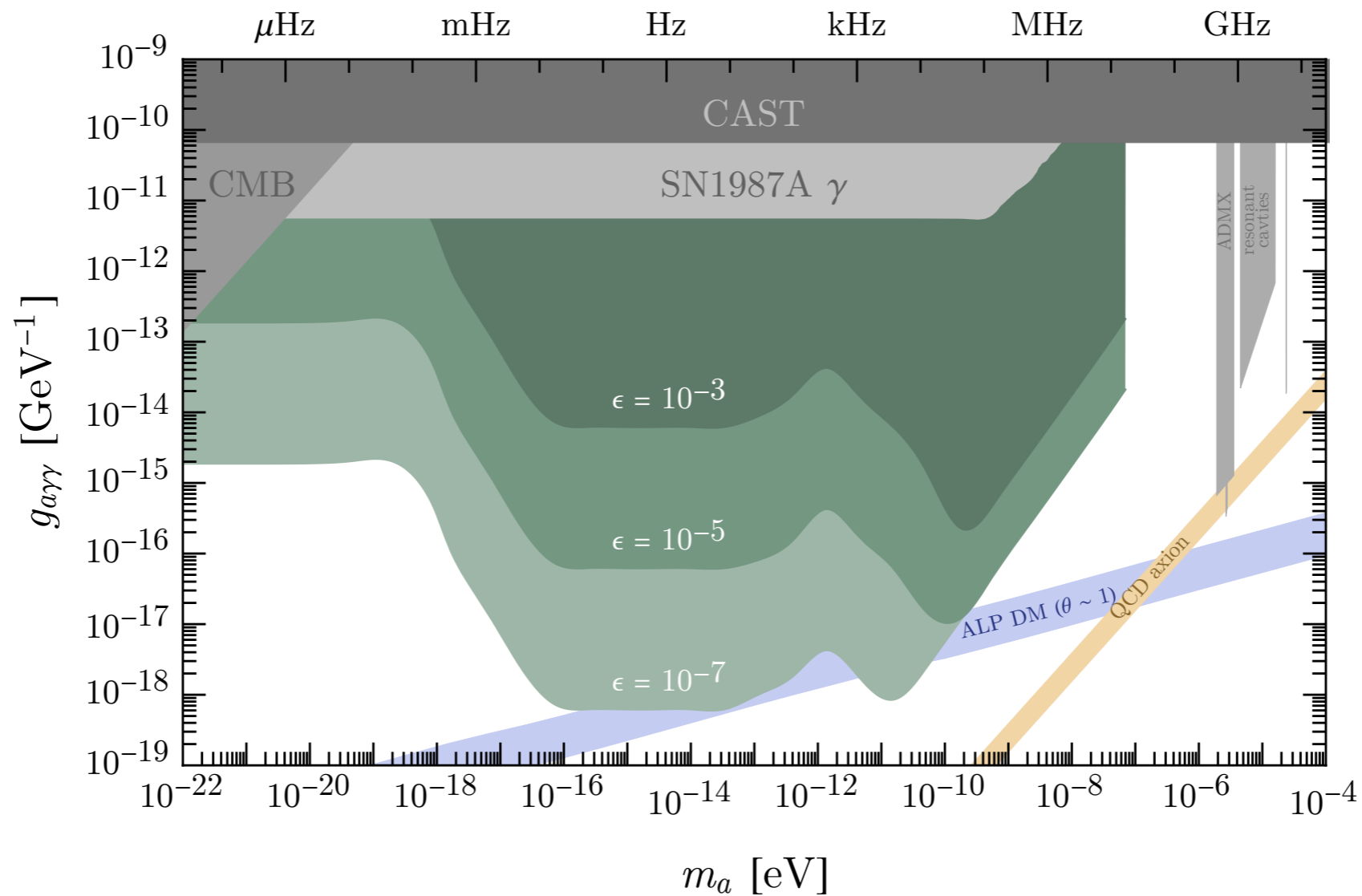
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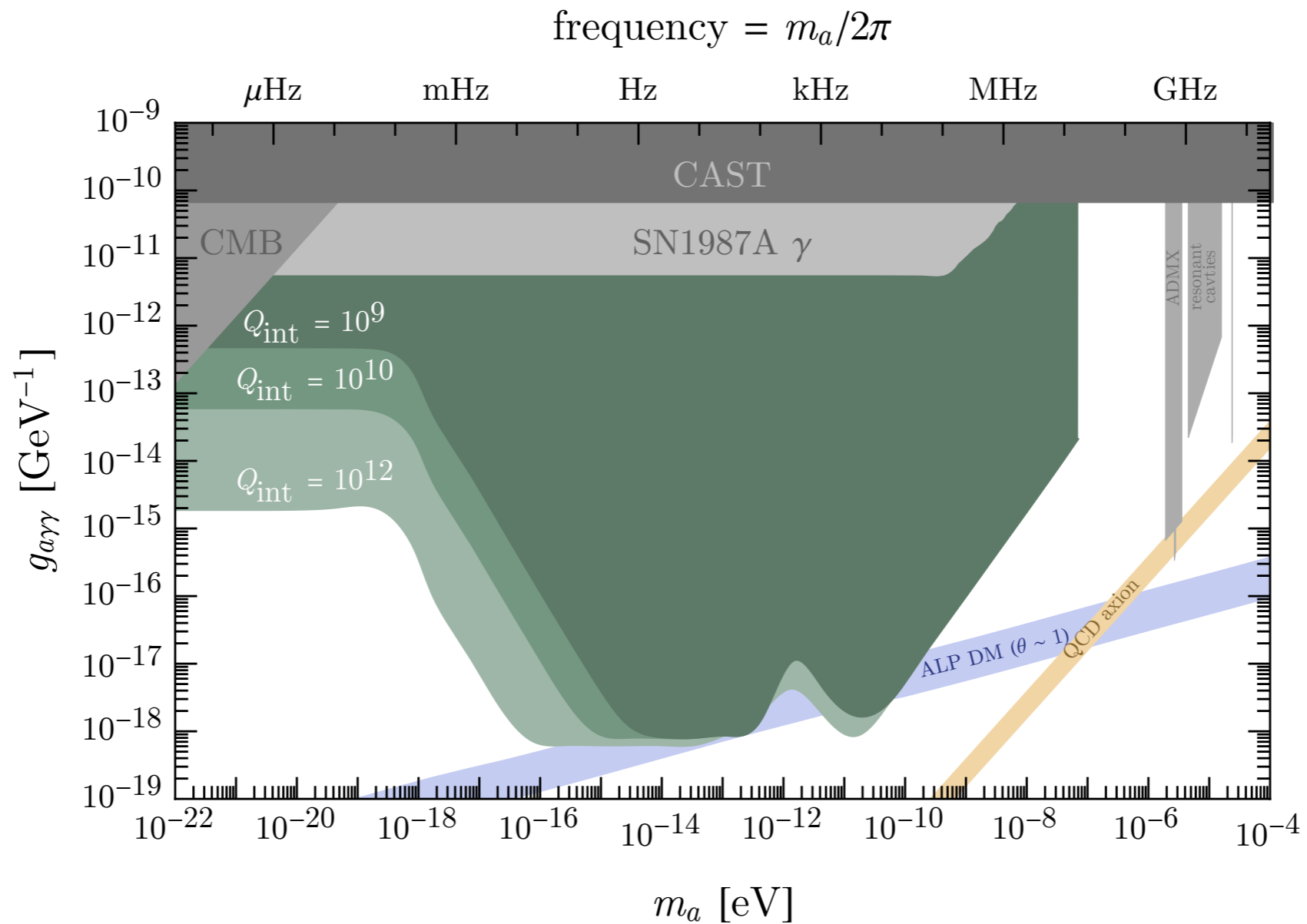
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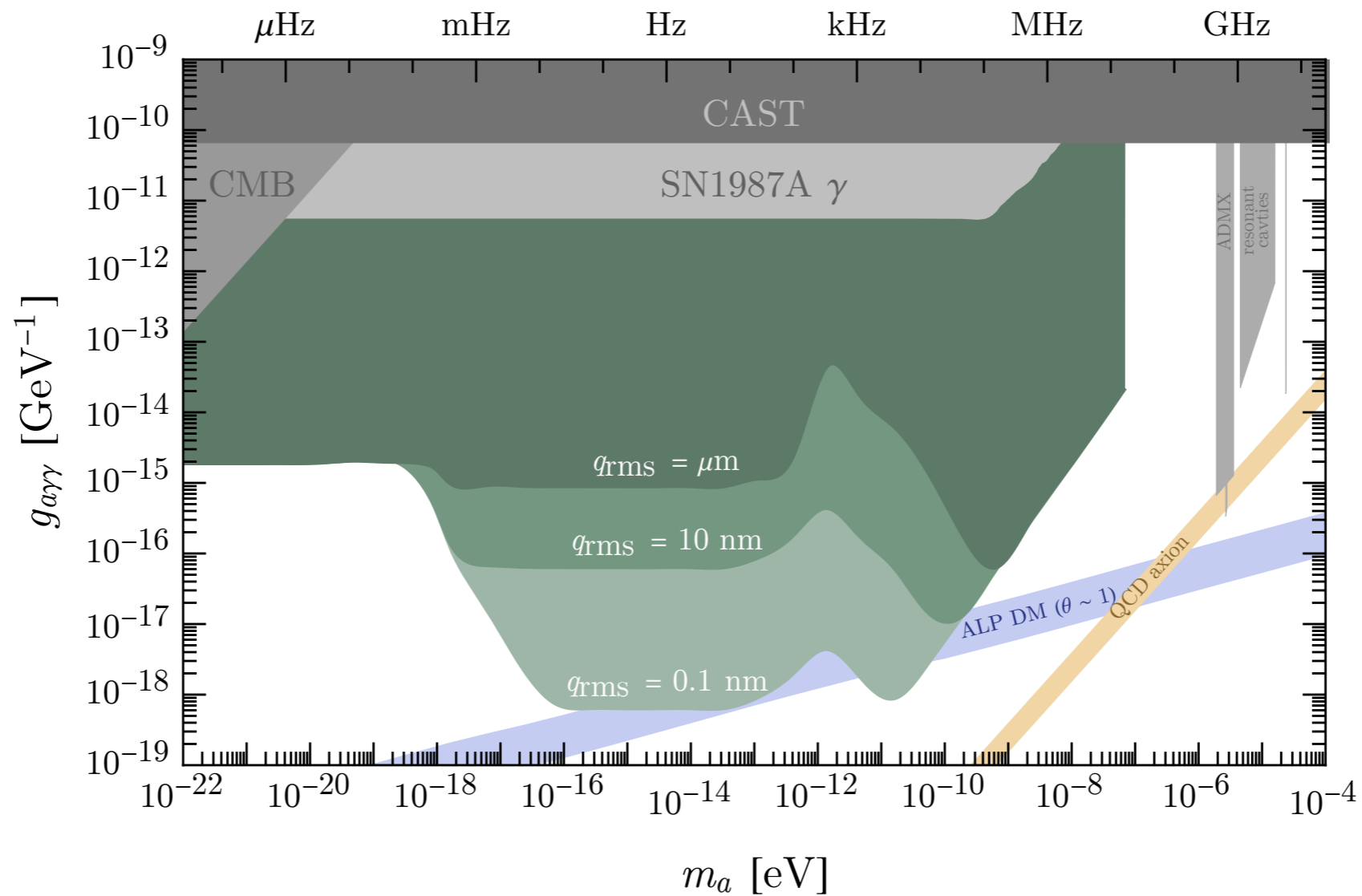


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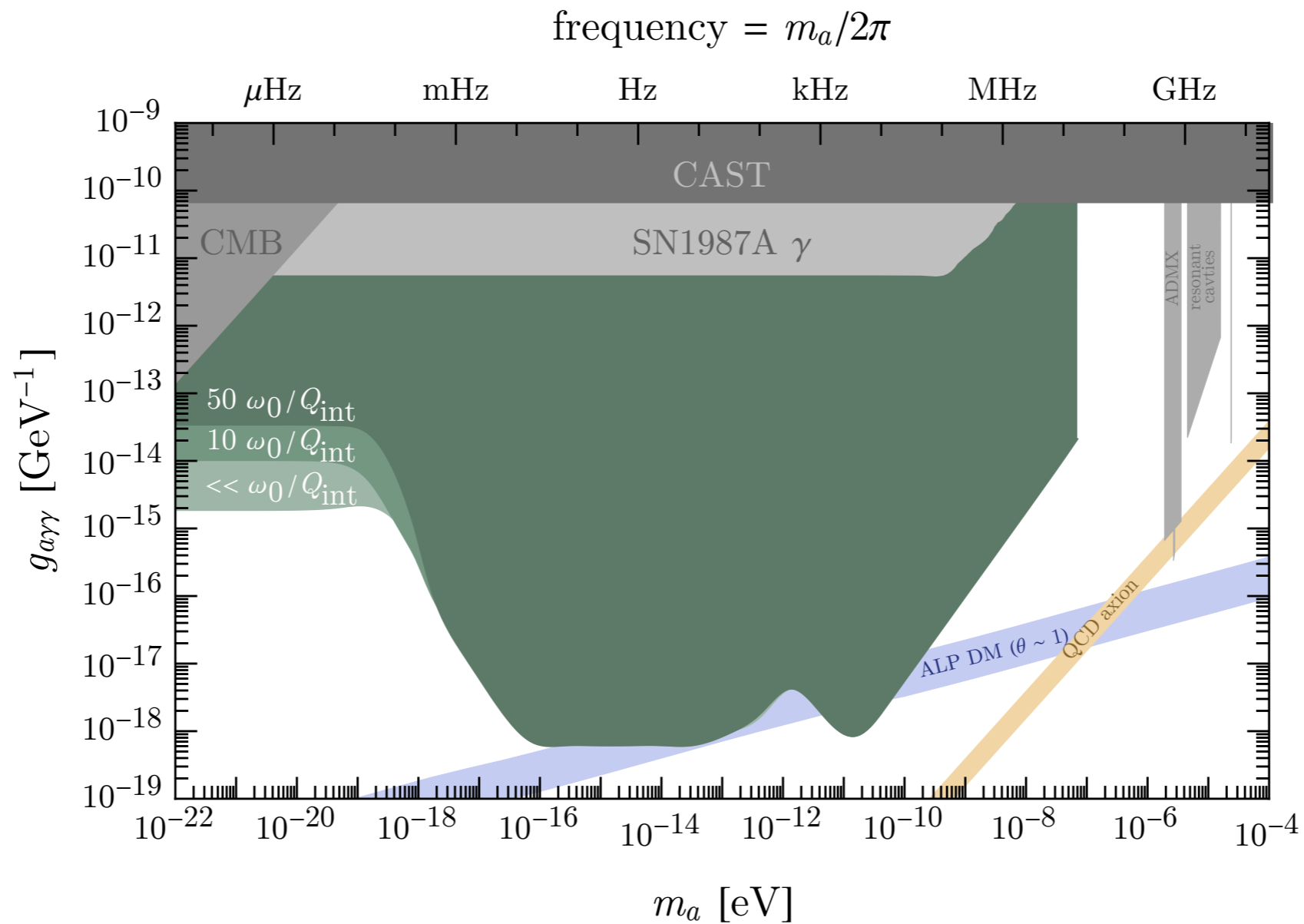
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BROADBAND APPROACH

PRELIMINARY!



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OVERCOUPLING

$$S_{\text{sig}}(\omega) \rightarrow \frac{Q_1}{Q_{\text{cpl}}} S_{\text{sig}}(\omega)$$

**Quantum noise floor
(amplifier)**

$$S_{\text{noise}}(\omega) = \boxed{S_{\text{ql}}(\omega)} + \frac{Q_1}{Q_{\text{cpl}}} \left(S_{\text{th}}(\omega) + S_{\text{phase}}(\omega) + S_{\text{mech}}^{(1)}(\omega) \right) + \frac{Q_0}{Q_{\text{cpl}}} S_{\text{mech}}^{(0)}(\omega)$$

Overcoupling preserves the SNR in each frequency bin, but allows for bigger scan steps

SIGNAL POWER AT LOW MASSES

Power = Energy/Time

Energy

Time

$$\omega_1^2 B_a^2 V \min \left[\frac{Q_a^2}{m_a^2}, \frac{Q^2}{\omega_1^2} \right]$$

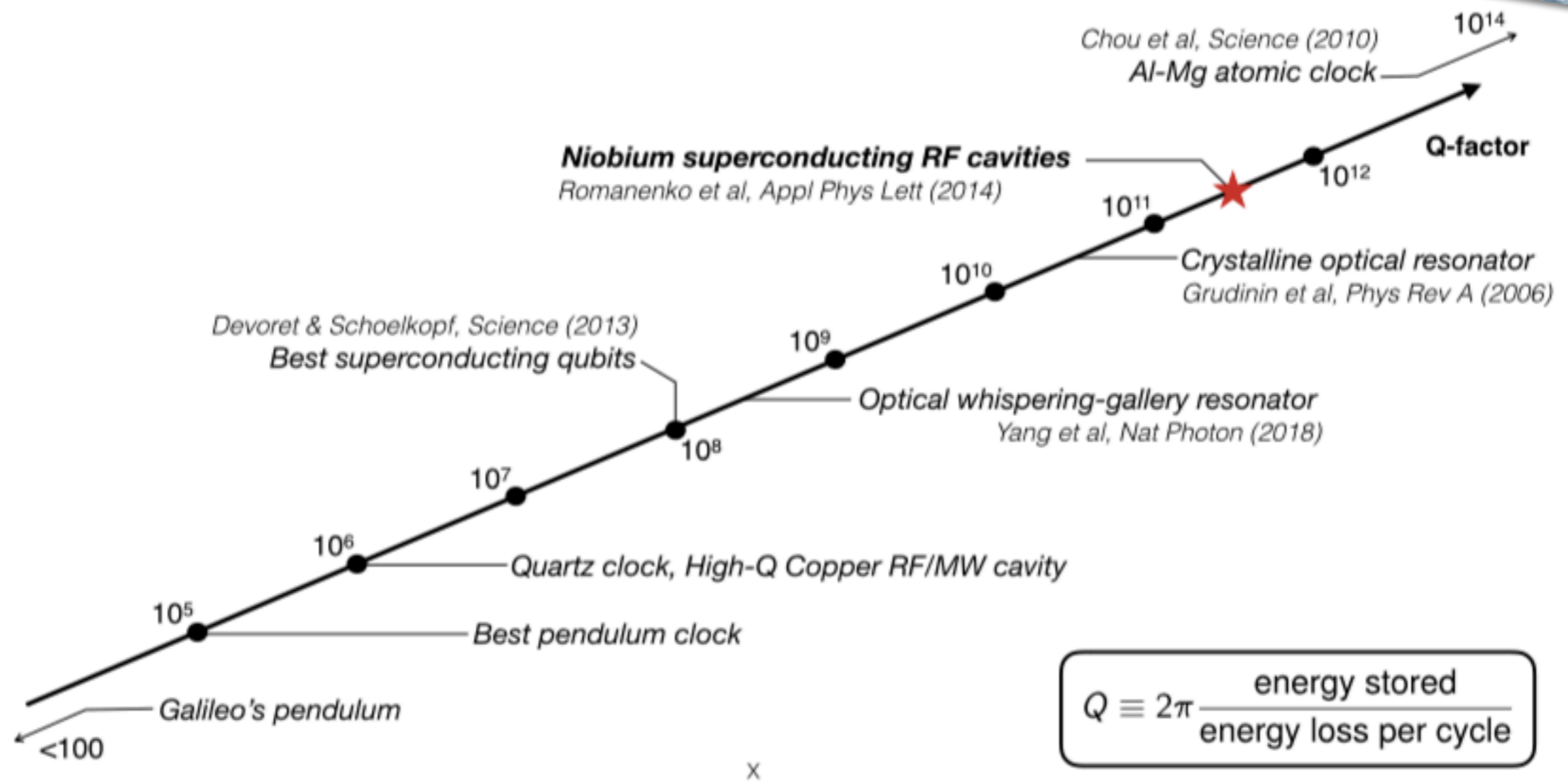
$$\min [\tau_a, \tau_r] = \min \left[\frac{Q_a}{m_a}, \frac{Q}{\omega_1} \right]$$

Ratio: Oscillating/Static

$$\frac{P_{\text{osc}}}{P_{\text{stat}}} \sim \left(\frac{0.2 \text{ T}}{4 \text{ T}} \right)^2 \times \begin{cases} (Q_1/Q_a)^2 \frac{(\omega_1/Q_1)}{(m_a/Q_a)} & \frac{m_a}{Q_a} \ll \frac{\omega_1}{Q_1} \\ (\omega_1/m_a)^2 & \frac{m_a}{Q_a} \gg \frac{\omega_1}{Q_1} \end{cases}$$

Great advantages of our setup at low m_a

SUPERCONDUCTING RADIOFREQUENCY CAVITIES



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