

# **CF2: Wave-like Dark Matter**

**All Cosmic-Frontier Meeting**

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# Wave-like Dark Matter Candidates

**Wave-like Definition:** Mass  $< 1$  eV

**Broad Candidate Categories:**

- Pseudo-scalar
- Scalar
- Vector

**Production:** Athermal production (misalignment).

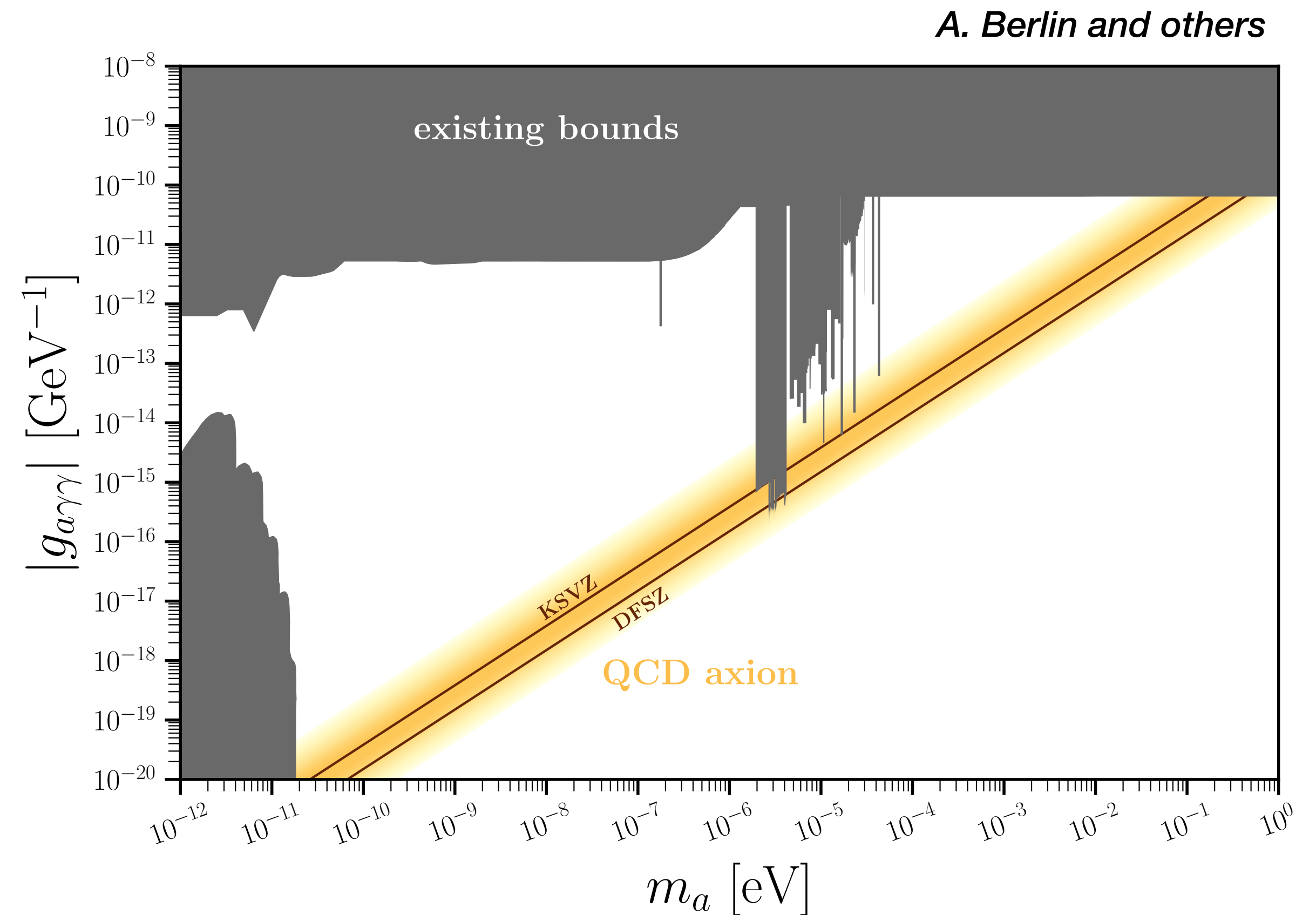
**Detection:** Coherent interaction of the wave with the detector. Resonant amplification often key.



*The most famous candidate in this group is the QCD axion.*

# The QCD Axion

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- The QCD axion is a psuedo-Nambu-Goldstone boson produced by the breaking of  $U(1)_{PQ}$ .
- Couples to **photons**, nucleons, electrons.



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# Axion-Photon Searches

$$\underbrace{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_r}_{\text{Cavity regime}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}_r}{\partial t} + g_{a\gamma\gamma} \mathbf{B}_0 \frac{\partial a}{\partial t}$$

**Cavity regime:**  $\lambda_{\text{Comp}} \sim R_{\text{exp}}$

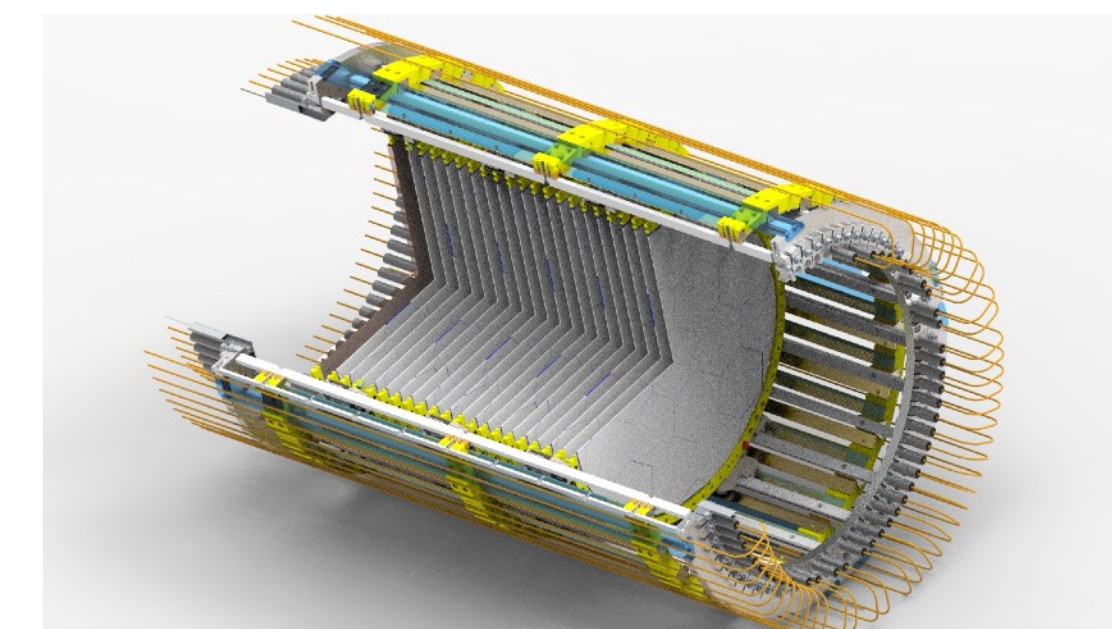
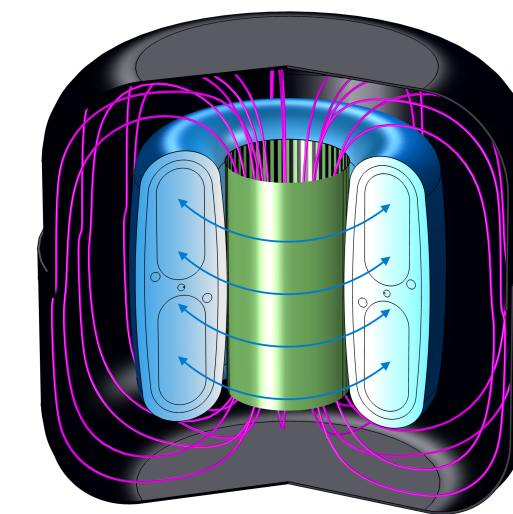
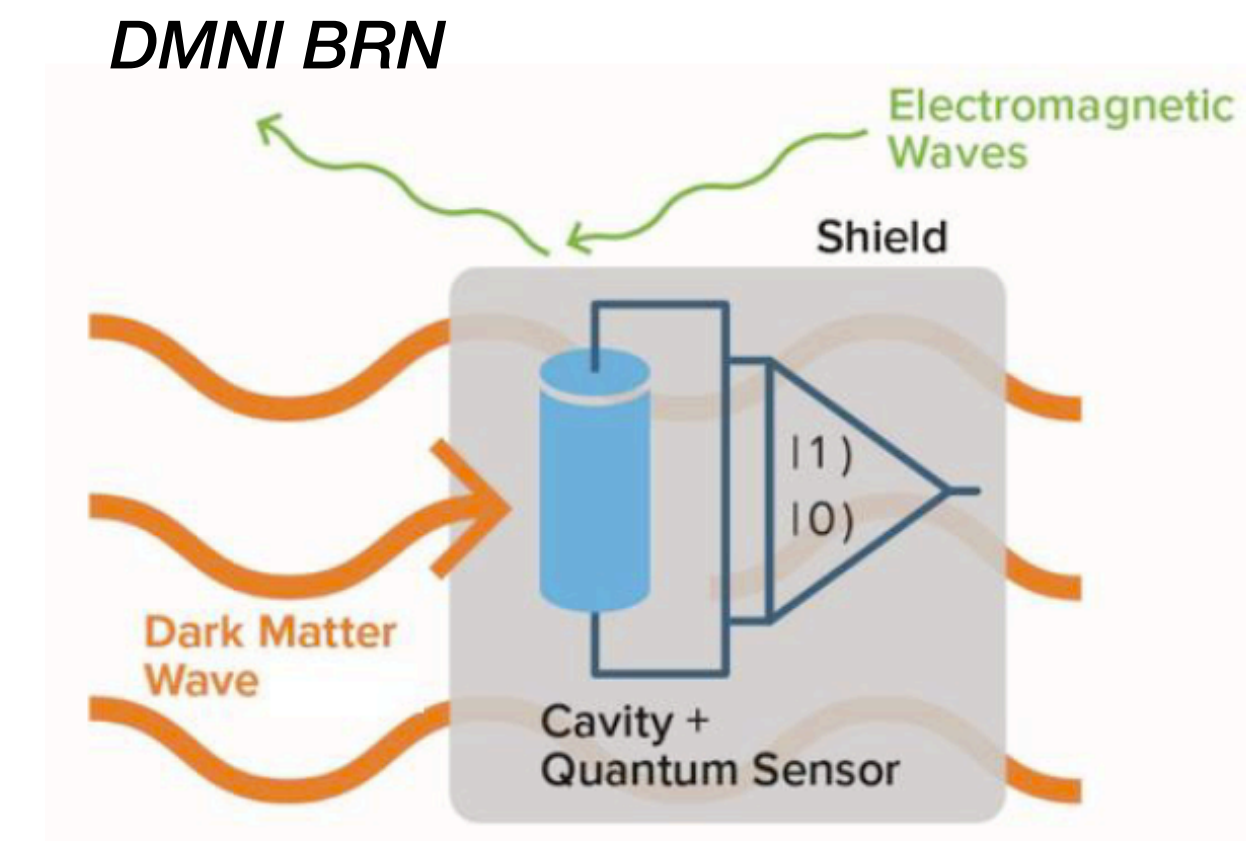
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**Quasistatic regime:**  $\lambda_{\text{Comp}} \gg R_{\text{exp}}$

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**Radiation regime:**  $\lambda_{\text{Comp}} \ll R_{\text{exp}}$

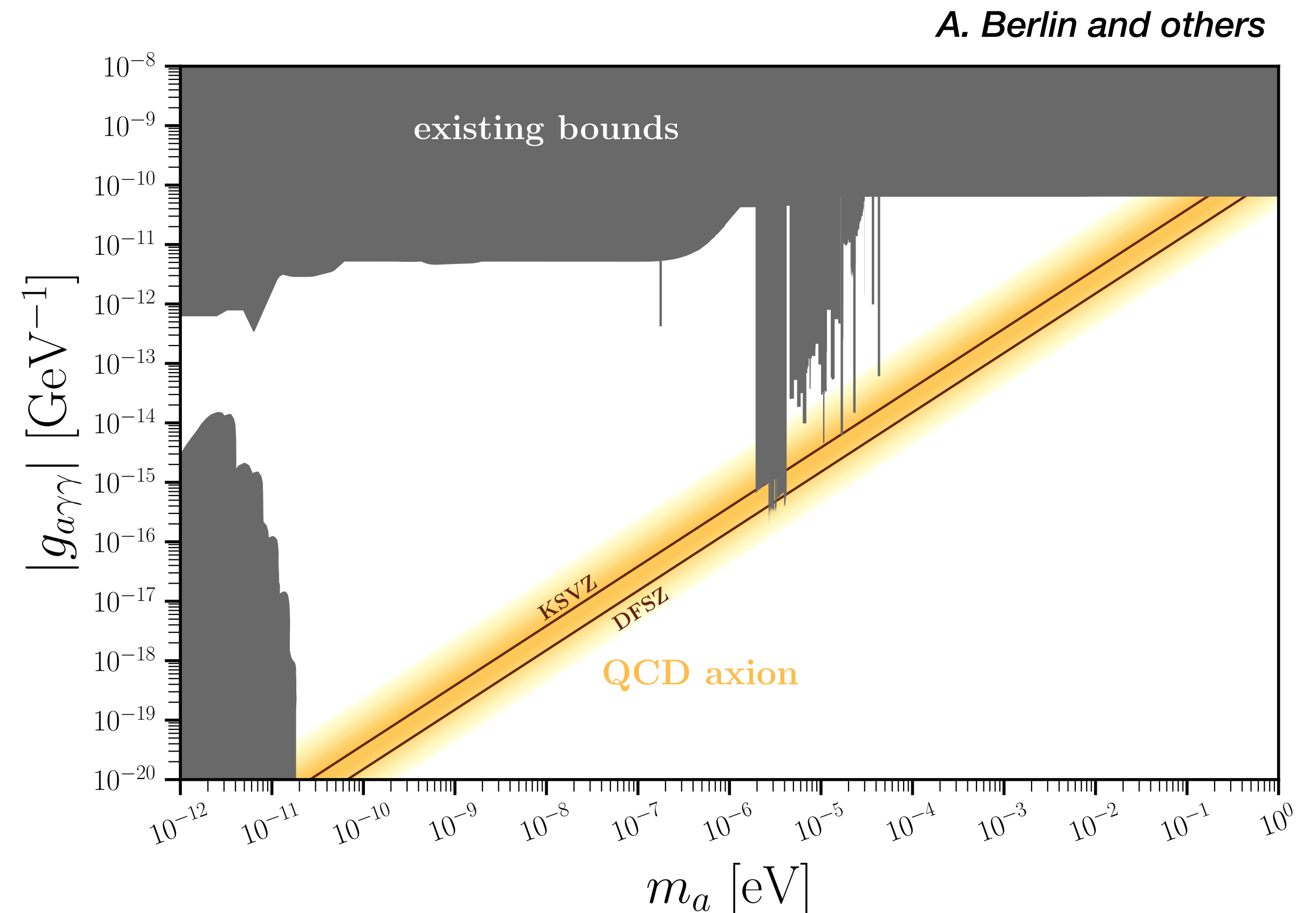
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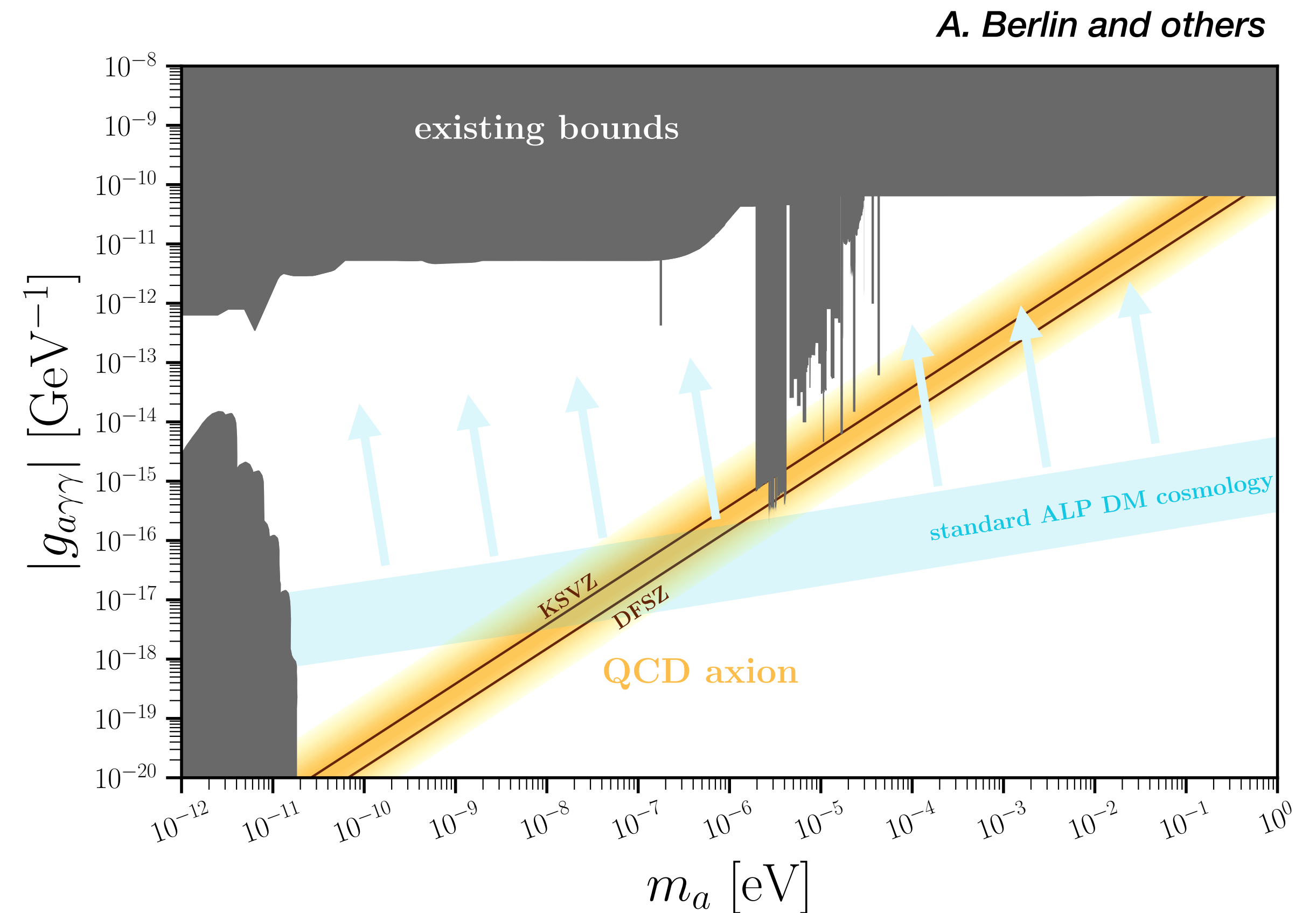
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- Broad Categories of models:
  - **KSVZ** introduces heavy quarks.
  - **DFSZ** introduces additional Higgs fields.\*



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# Axion-Like Particles (ALPs)

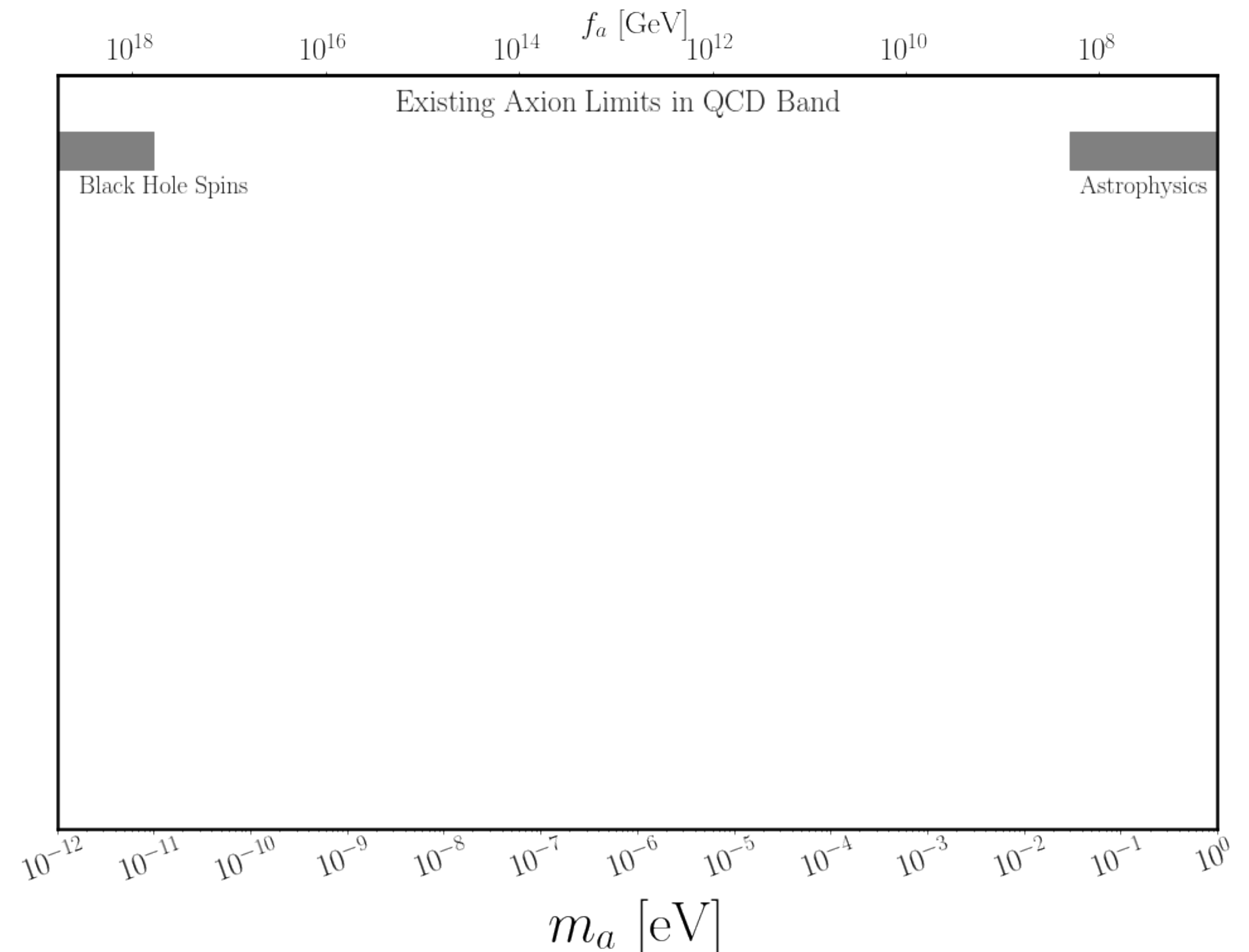
- Similar particles produced in many higher order theories.
- Depending on the details of the theory and the cosmology, discovery possible in many intermediate scale experiments.



# Status: Previous Snowmass

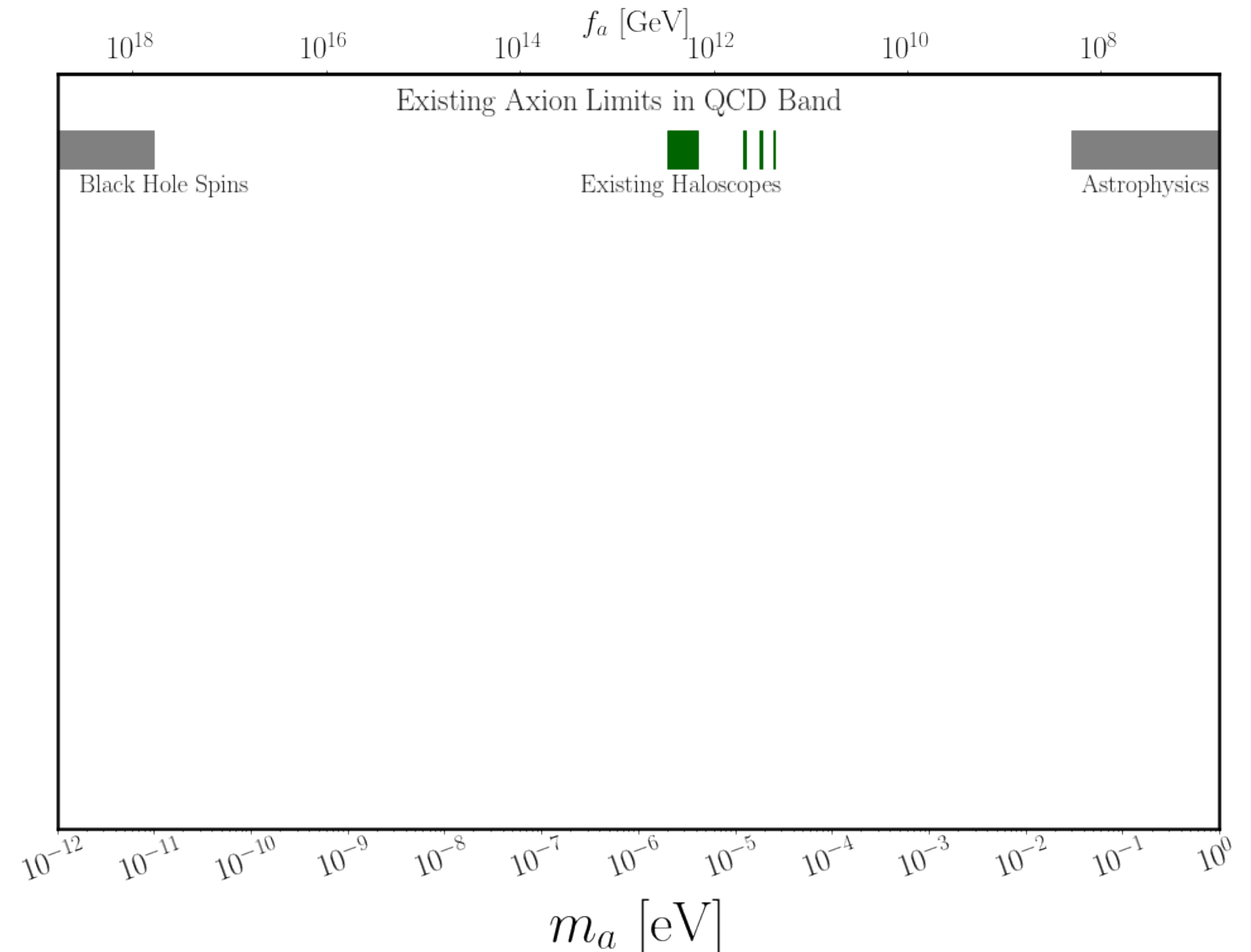
- No Experiments had probed the QCD band.

*Note: Astrophysical probes provide key constraints at high and low masses.*



# Status: Current

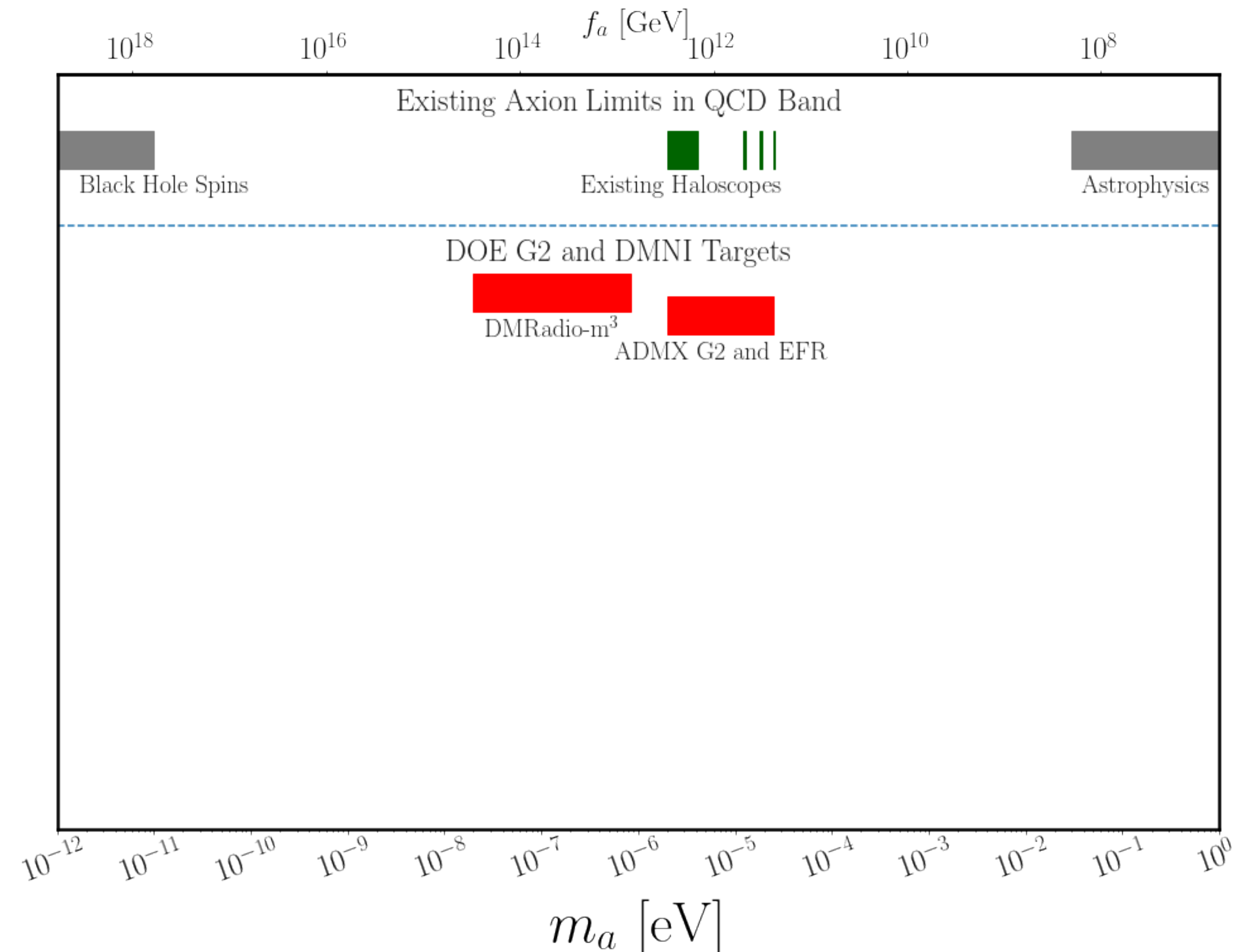
- ADMX G2 has reached DFSZ in some parameter space.
- HAYSTAC and CAPP are exploring the QCD band.





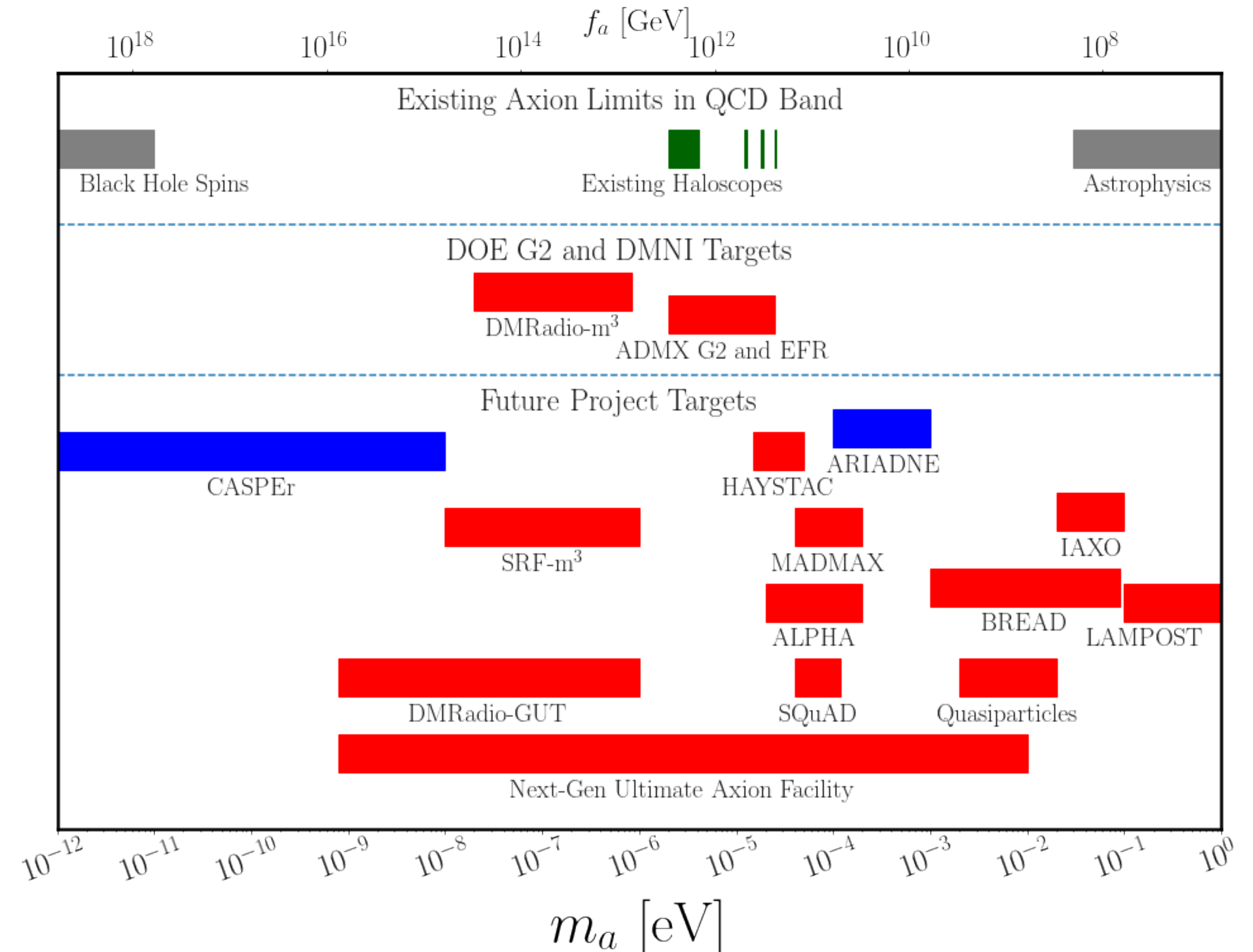
# Dark Matter New Initiatives (DMNI)

- The BRN for Dark Matter New Initiatives and subsequent call for proposals was very successful.
- DMRadio-m3 and ADMX-EFR are poised to make significant inroads into the QCD axion parameter space.



# Technological Advancements

- We have developed techniques to address the full axion parameter space.
- This includes techniques to probe the non-photon couplings (indicated in **blue**).
- These techniques vary in readiness from proof-of-principle to operating experiments.



# Community Roadmap

## **Pursue the QCD Axion by Executing the Current Projects**

The ADMX G2 effort continues to scan exciting axion dark matter parameter space and the experiments DMRadio-m3 and ADMX-EFR are prepared to start executing their project plans.

## **Pursue the QCD Axion with a Collection of Small-Scale Experiments**

The entire axion mass range requires a variety of techniques. The community would benefit from a concerted effort to foster small scale projects. The DOE DMNI process has worked very well for this.

## **Support Enabling Technologies**

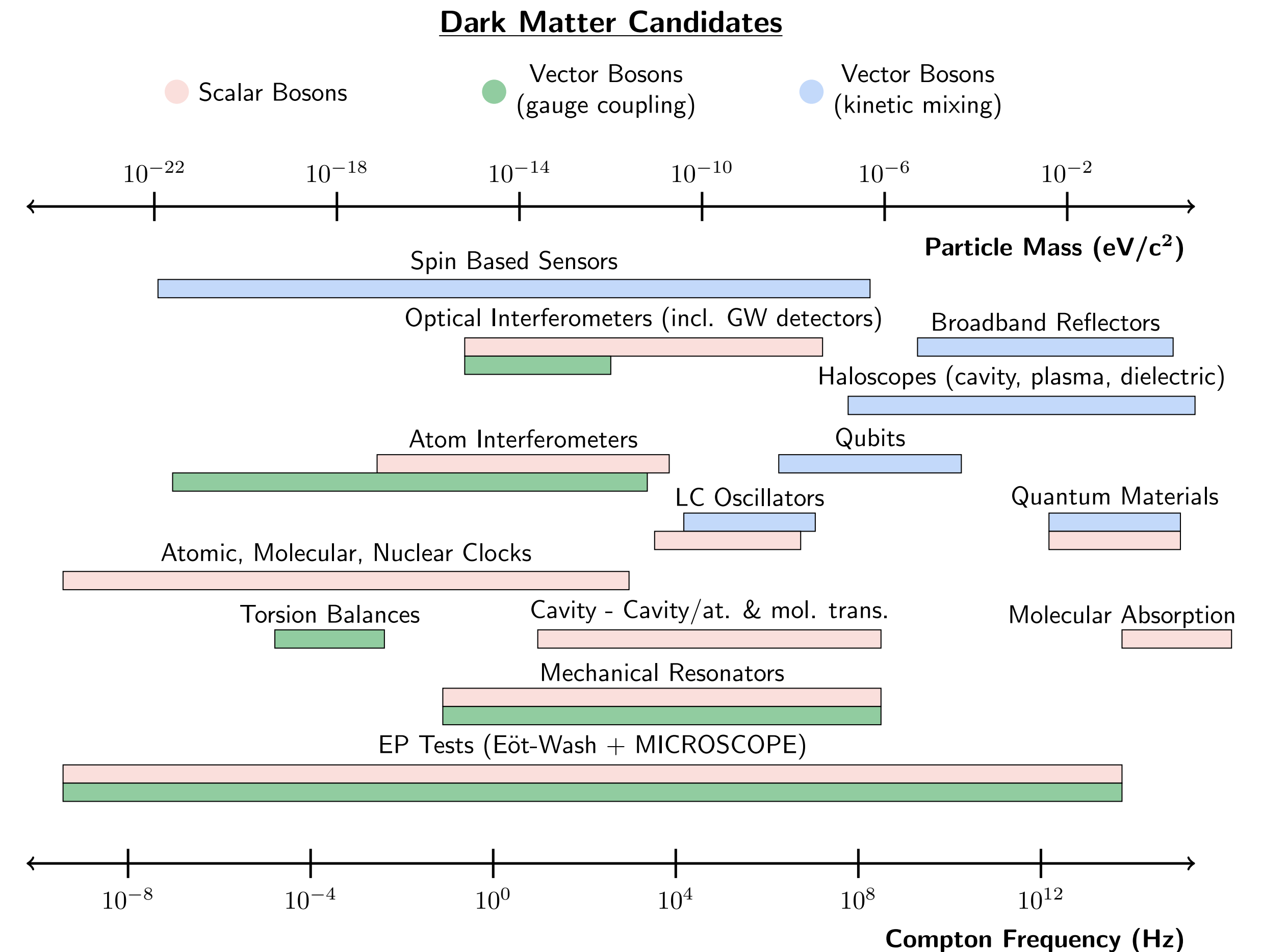
Common needs include ultra-sensitive quantum measurement and quantum control, large high-field magnets, spin ensembles, and sophisticated resonant systems. Strong synergies with other HEP needs.

## **Support Theory and Astrophysics Beyond the Standard QCD Axion**

Theoretical effort should be supported to understand models and cosmology beyond the QCD axion and to better understand the roles axions play in astrophysical phenomena.

# New Horizons: Scalar and Vector Dark Matter

- Wave-like  $< 1\text{eV}$  dark matter must be bosonic because its fermi velocity is greater than escape velocity of the galaxy.
- Beyond the pseudoscalar (Axion/ALPs), we can have scalar and vector candidates.
- A variety of mechanisms including misalignment.

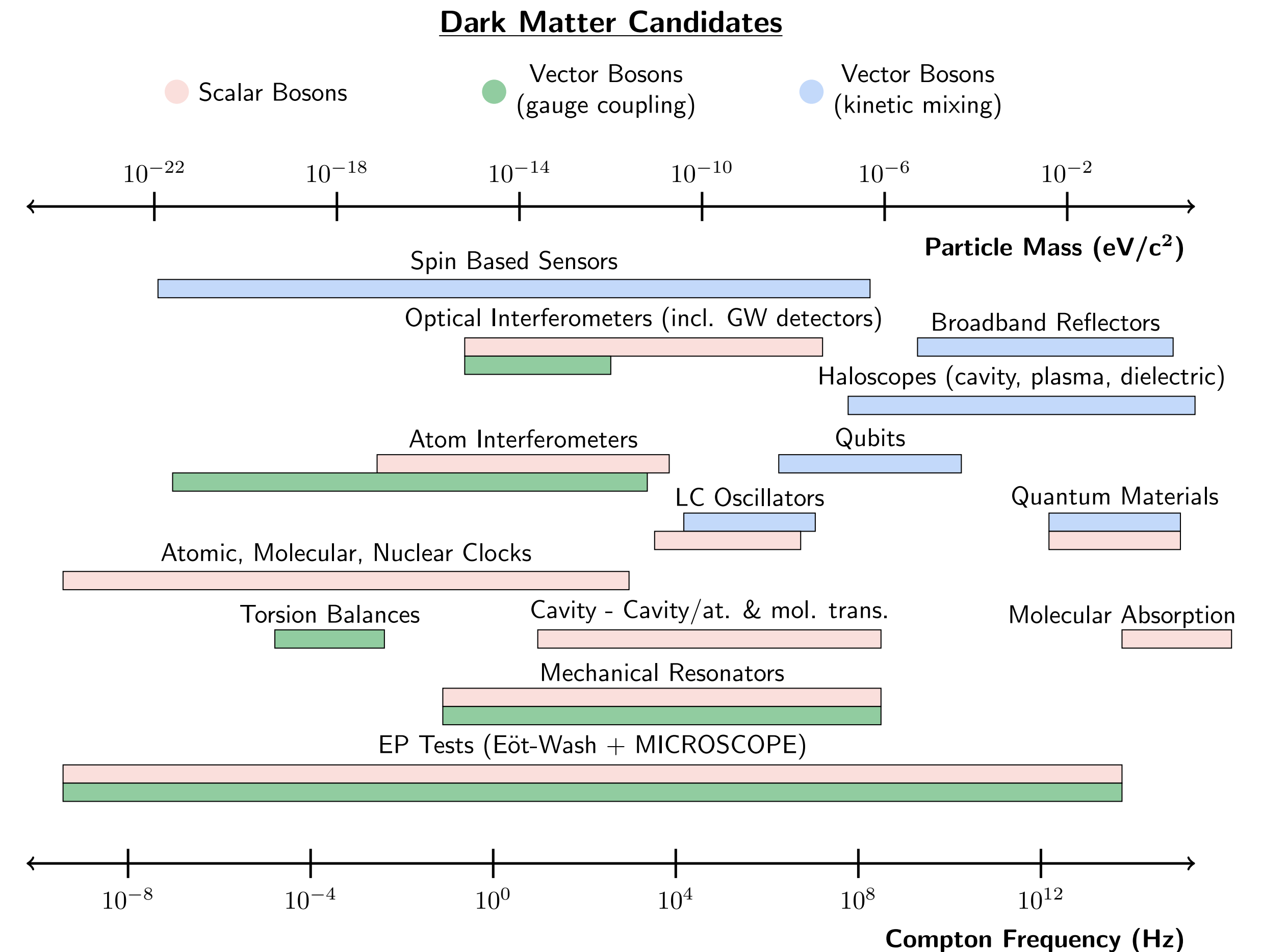




# New Horizons: Scalar and Vector Dark Matter

## Detection Signals:

- Precession of nuclear or electron spins.
- Drive currents in electromagnetic systems, produce photons.
- Induce equivalence principle-violating accelerations of matter.
- Modulate the fundamental constants.
  - ➔ Induce changes in atomic transition frequencies.
  - ➔ Induce changes in local gravitational field.
  - ➔ Affect the length of macroscopic bodies.

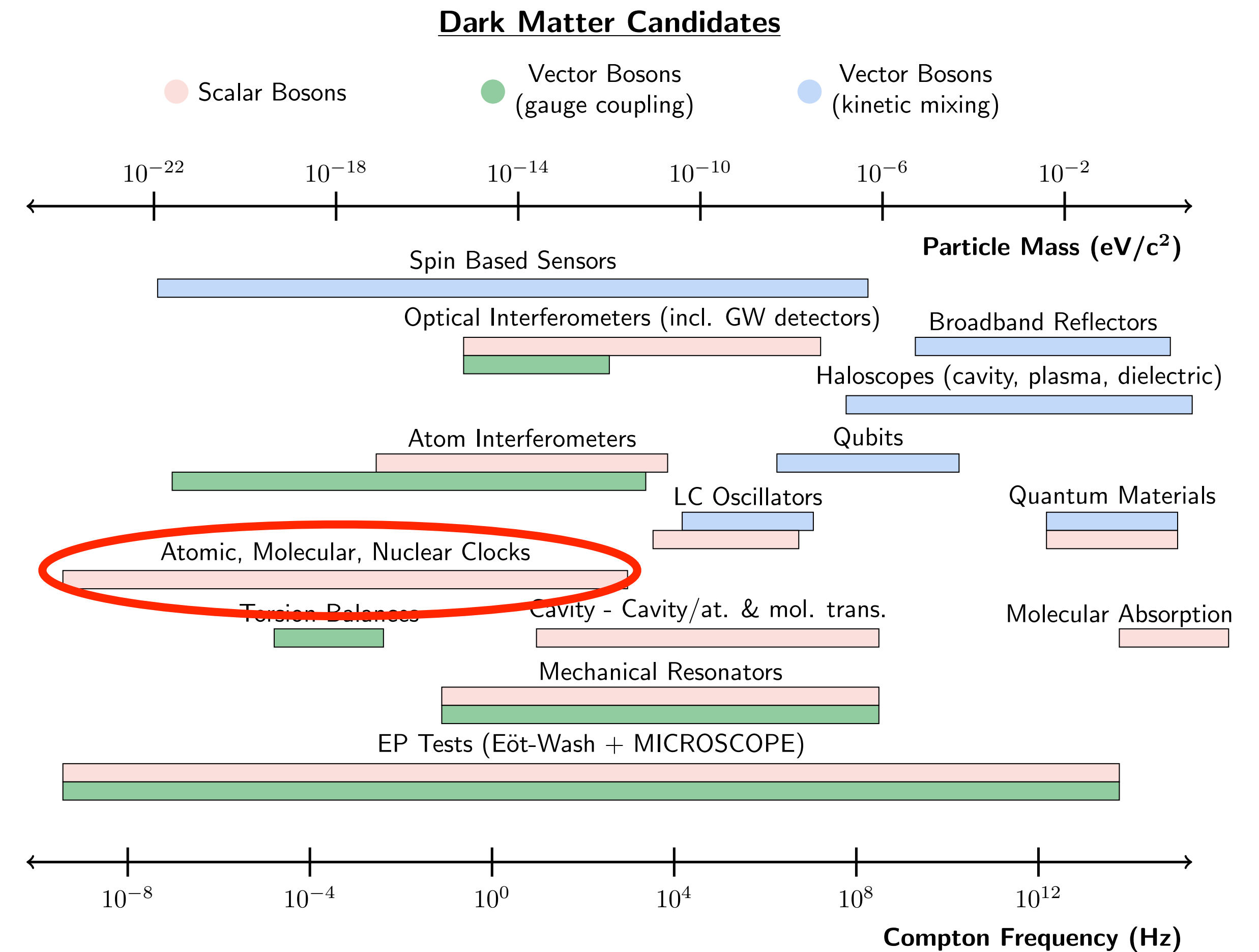


# New Horizons: Scalar and Vector Dark Matter

## Example Clocks:

- Scalar candidate causes time varying  $\alpha$ ,  $m_e/m_p$ ,  $m_q/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
- Different types of clocks affected differently
- Compare different clocks or networks of clocks.
- Could even send them into space! \*

\* SpaceQ, see arXiv:2112.07674



# Community Roadmap

## **Initiate/Maintain an Extensive Theory Program in Scalar and Vector DM**

There are many great scalar and vector DM candidates but there is significant work to do to develop more mature models, production mechanisms and astrophysical signatures.

## **Enable Strong Collaborations with Quantum Science**

Such collaborations are well-positioned to develop new detection signals and strategies including new quantum technologies dedicated to dark matter detection

## **Initiate Robust R&D Program**

The detection of scalar and vector DM requires novel detection strategies and complementary technology, example efforts include the MAGIS program and nuclear clocks. A robust R&D program from proof-of-principle to demonstrator-scale experiments is needed to advance the program.



# Community Whitepapers

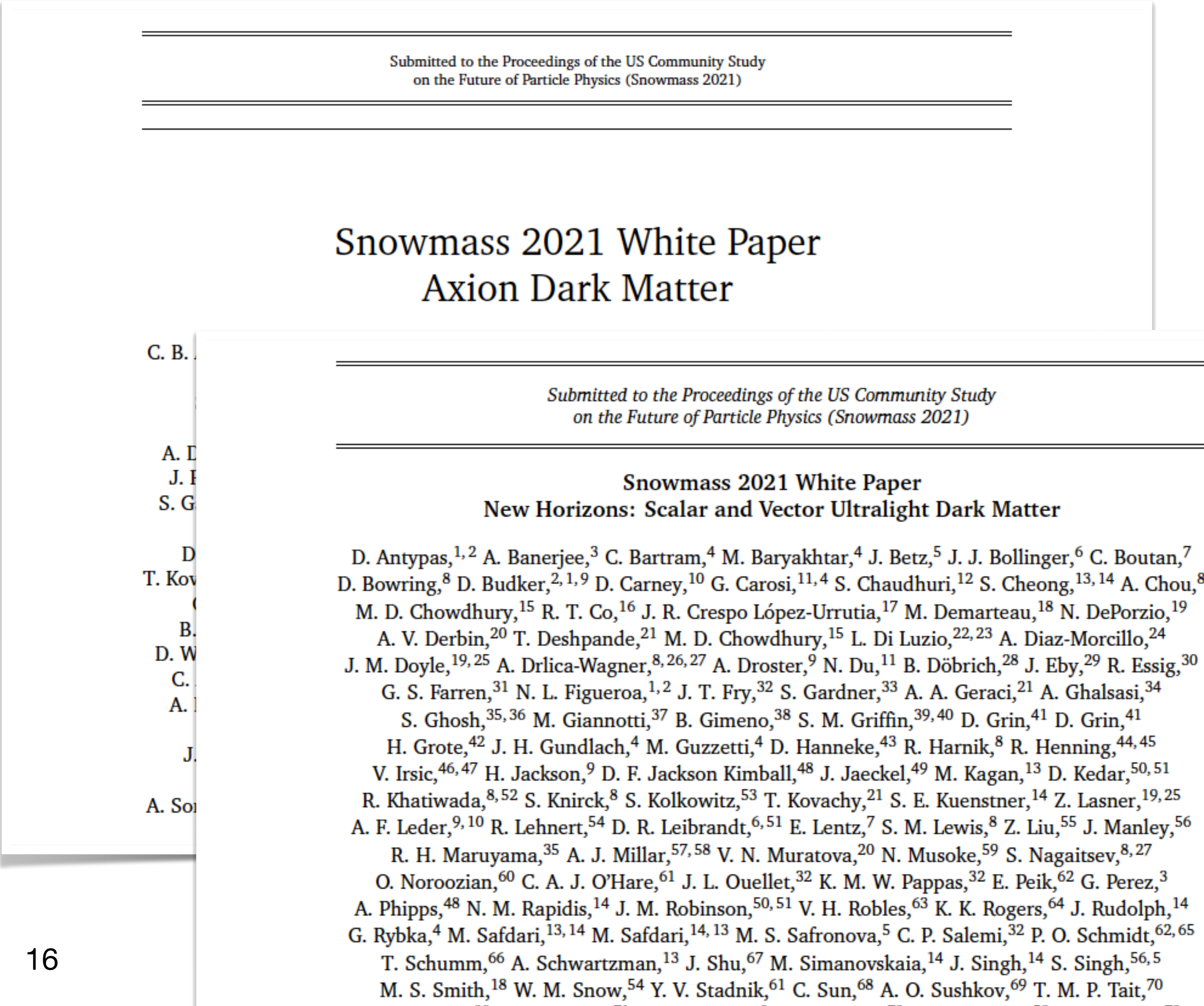
*The community road map, theory, cosmology, and experimental details are presented in our two community white papers.*

## Axion Dark Matter arXiv:2203.14923

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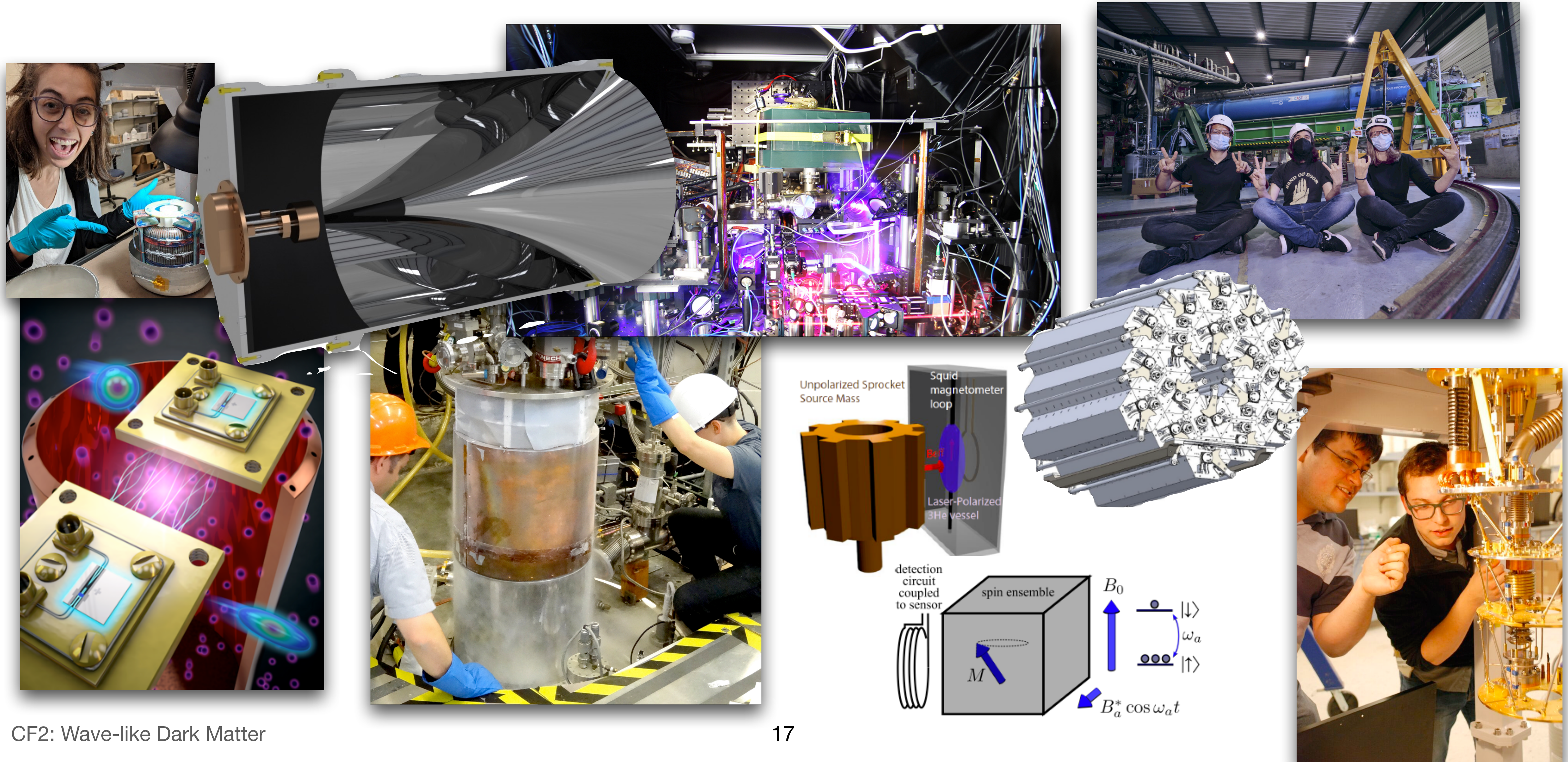
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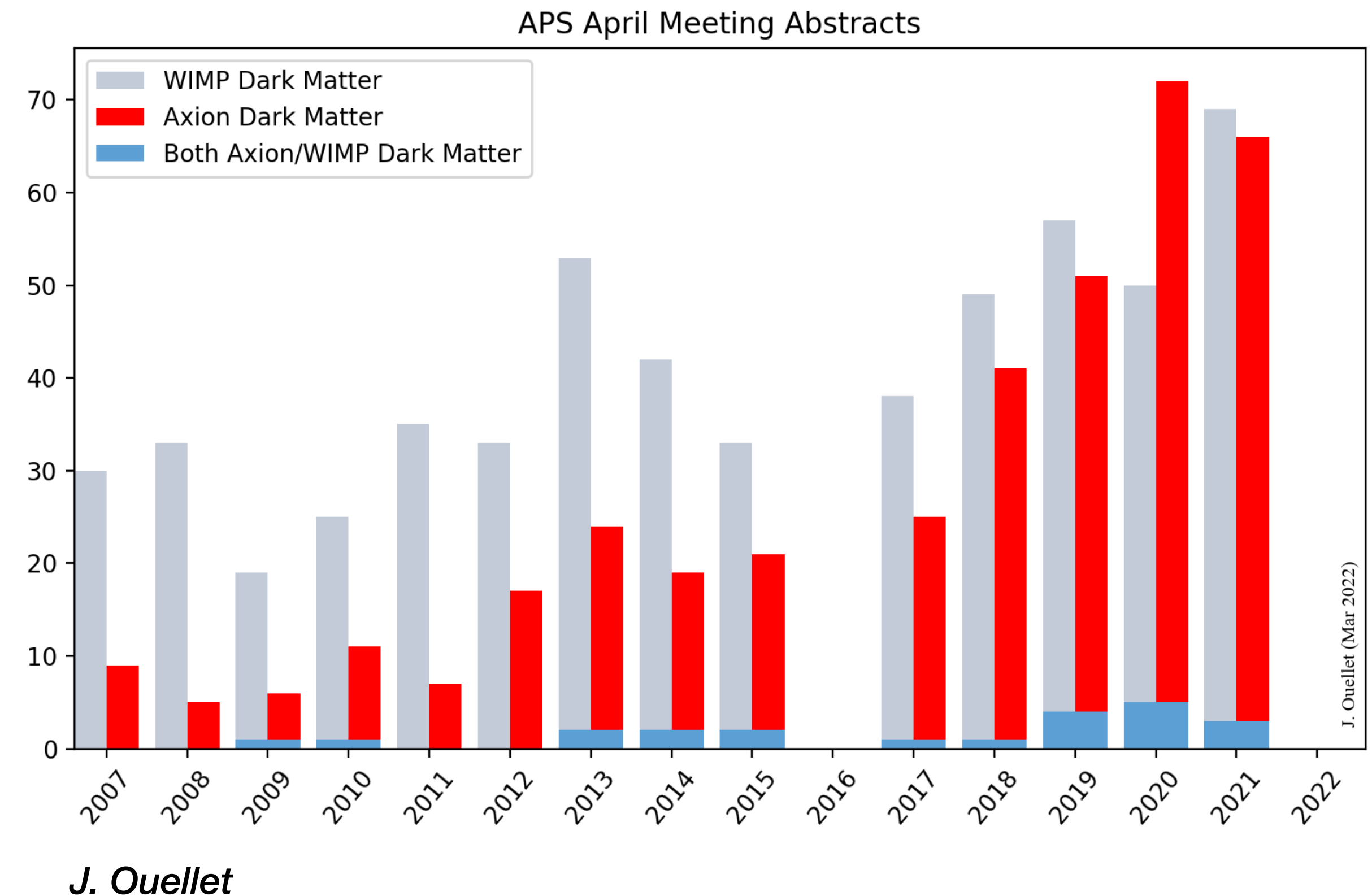
# Thank you Wave-like Dark Matter Community!





# Growing Community

*With advancements in cryogenics, magnet and quantum sensing coupled with better theoretical understanding of the cosmology of wave-like dark matter, the community has grown quickly.*

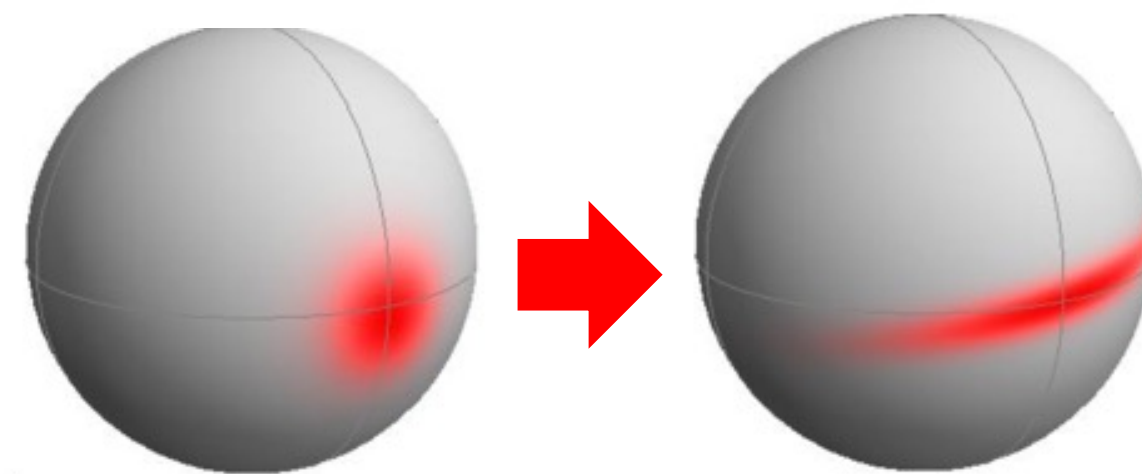


# Conclusion:

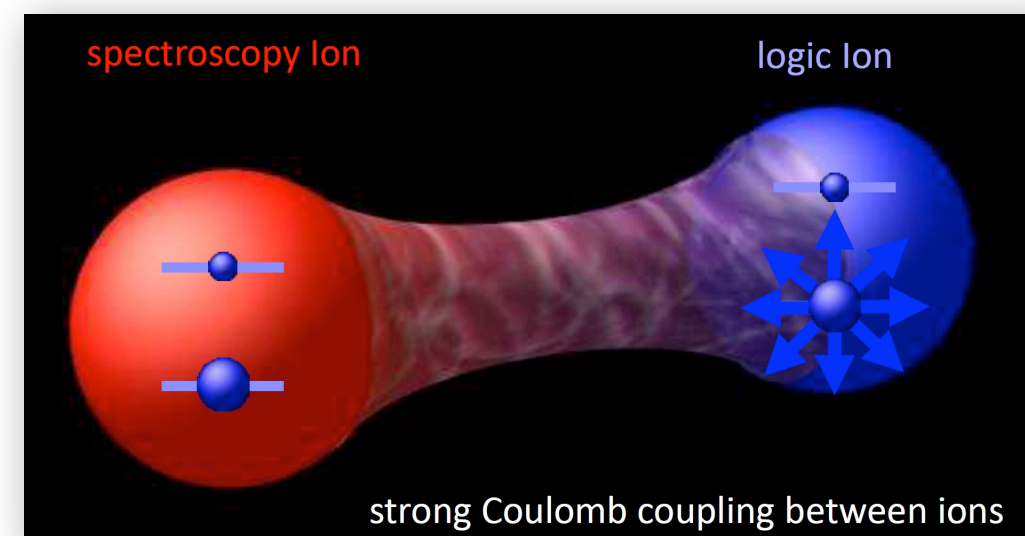
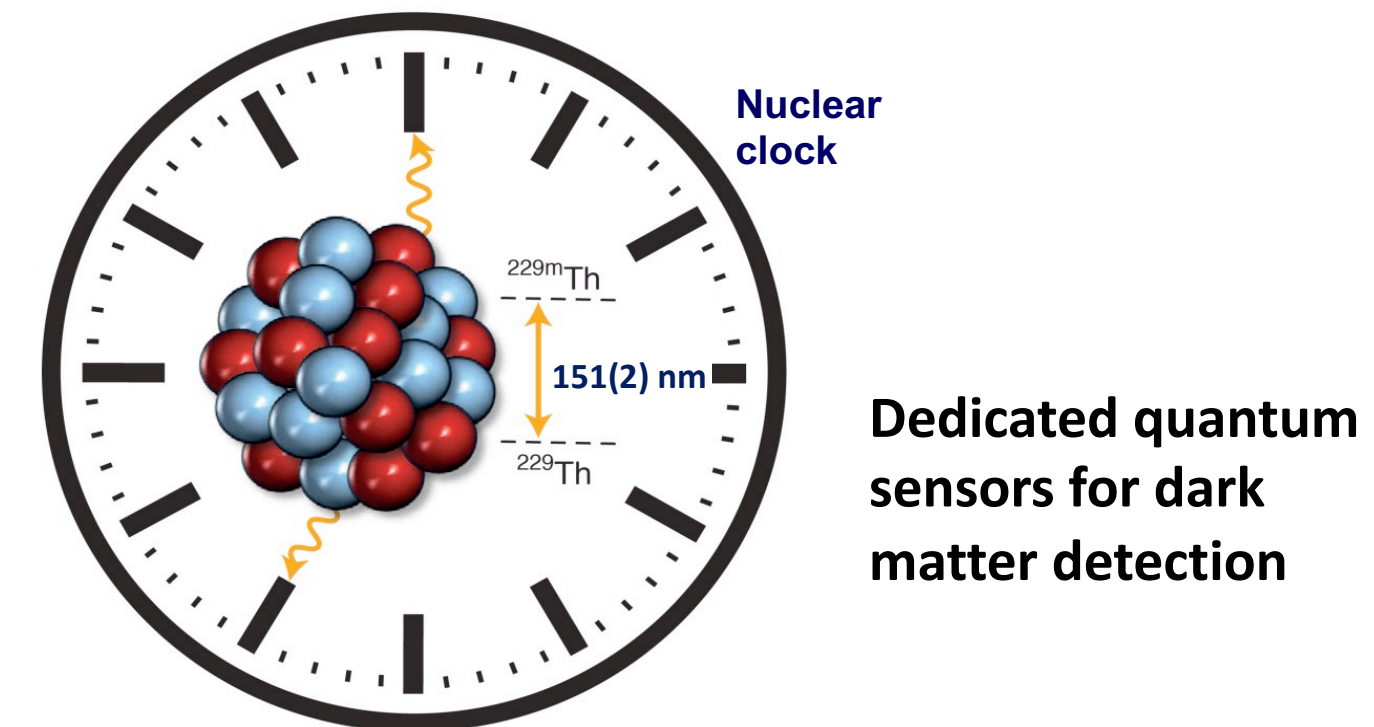
## Great Opportunity for Discovery!

- Significant parameter space for the highly motivated QCD axion ready to be explored.
- A good mix of experiments at different scales (Projects, Demonstrators, Proof-of-Concept).
- R&D opportunities with strong connections across the frontiers with particularly strong ties to quantum measurement and control.
- Interesting theory from model building to cosmology and strong complementarity to astrophysical probes.

## Quantum toolbox & future of quantum sensors for dark matter detection



Measurements beyond the standard quantum limit



Quantum logic spectroscopy

$$\Psi = \left| \begin{array}{c} -1/2 \quad +1/2 \\ \uparrow \vec{B} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} -5/2 \quad +5/2 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

Entanglement: Heisenberg-limited spectroscopy

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