

# Probing Virtual Axion–Like Particles From Light Polarization

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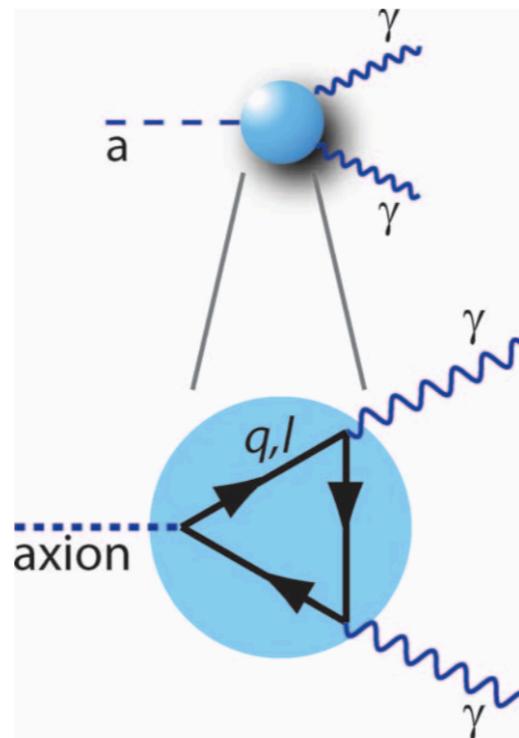


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# Axion – Photon Interaction



$$g_{a\gamma} \equiv \frac{c_{a\gamma}}{2\pi f_a}$$

$$c_{a\gamma} \equiv \alpha_{em}(E/N - 1.92)$$

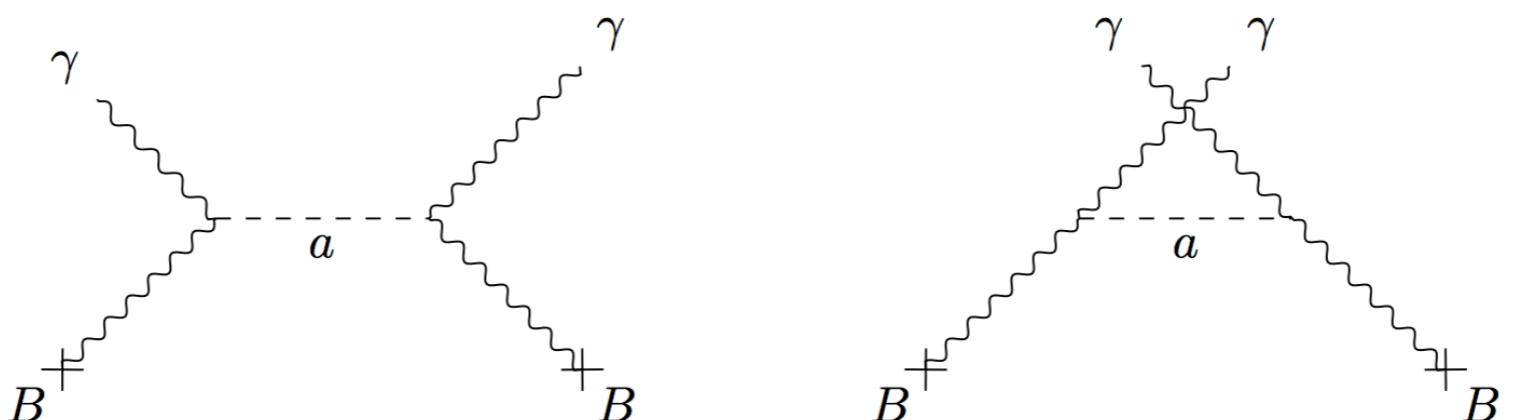
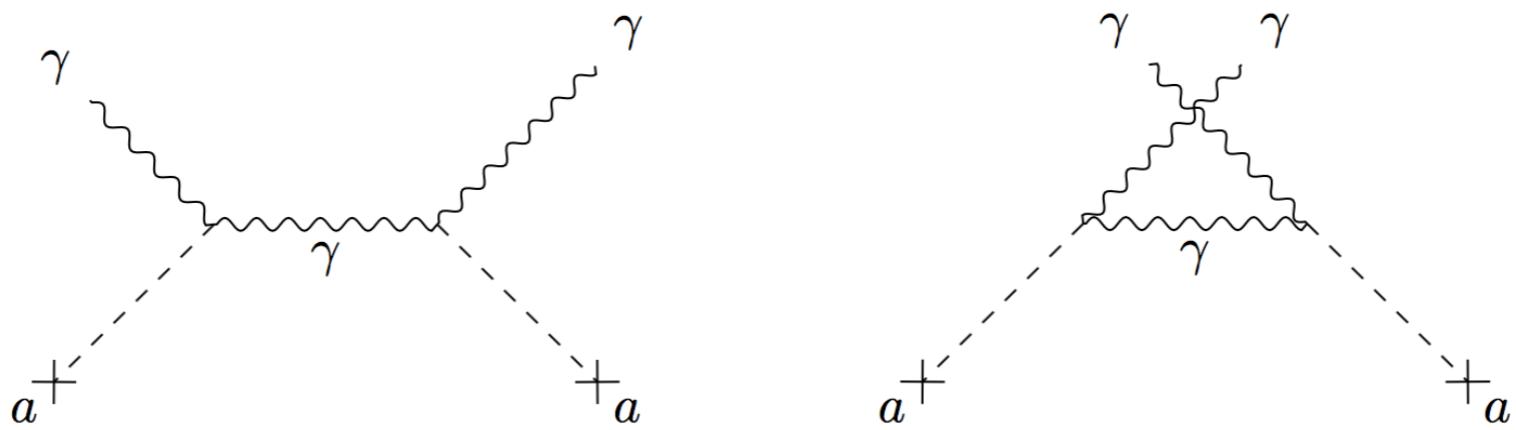
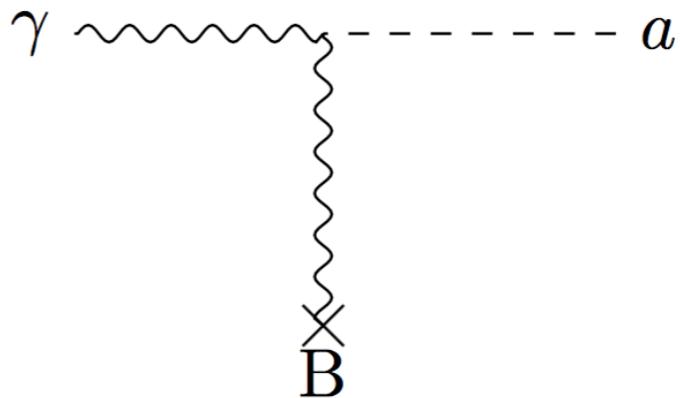
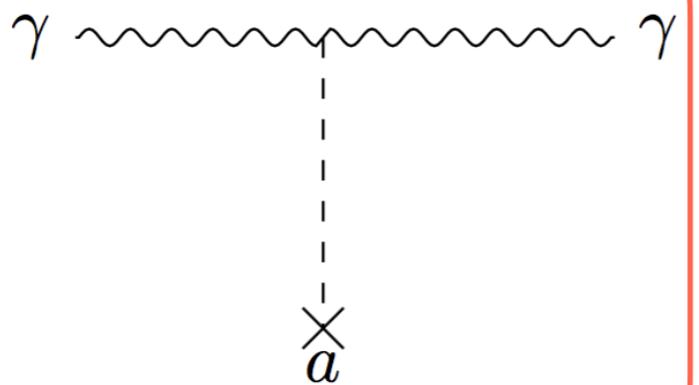
Model Independent Parameter

Model Dependent Parameter

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a - m_a^2 a^2) + \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

We are going to consider :

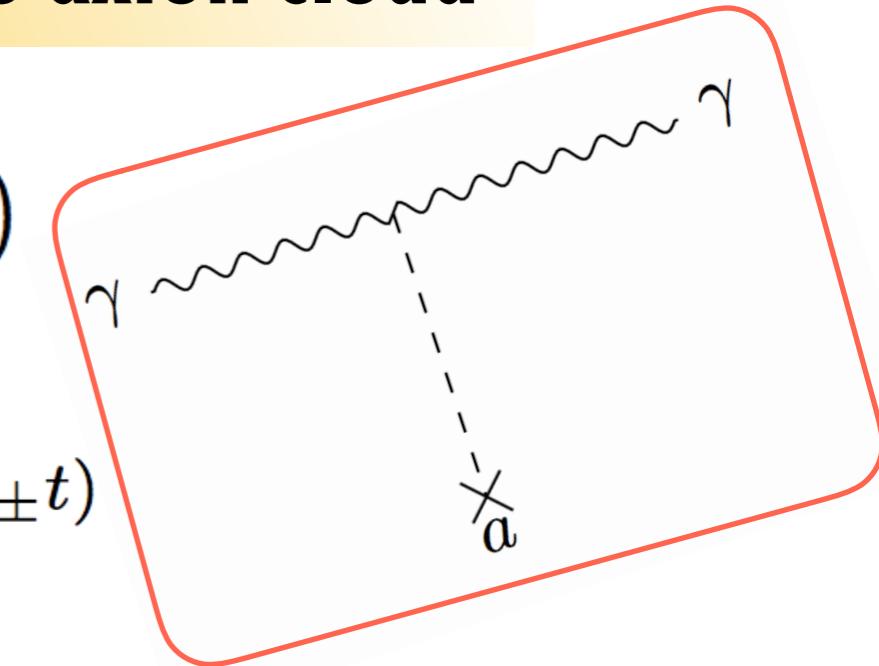
## Axion – Photon Interaction and Scattering processes



# Linear Polarization Angle due to axion cloud

$$\ddot{\mathbf{A}} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = g_{a\gamma} (\dot{a} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} + \dot{\mathbf{A}} \times \nabla a)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\pm} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} A^{\pm}(k) \mathbf{e}^{\pm}(\hat{k}) e^{(ik \cdot x - i\omega_{\pm} t)}$$



## The photon dispersion relation in a axion background

$$k^2 = \omega_{\gamma}^2 - |\vec{k}|^2 \approx \pm g_{a\gamma} [\omega_{\gamma} \dot{a} - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} a] \quad \rightarrow \quad w_{\pm} \simeq k \pm \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{2} \frac{da}{dt}$$

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Rotation of Polarization Plane

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\phi &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_{\text{emit}}}^{t_{\text{obs}}} (w_+ - w_-) dt = \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{2} \int_{t_{\text{emit}}}^{t_{\text{obs}}} \frac{da}{dt} dt \\ &= \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{2} [a(t_{\text{obs}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{obs}}) - a(t_{\text{emit}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{emit}})], \end{aligned}$$

# Coherently Oscillating Axion Field & Time Dependent Polarization Angle

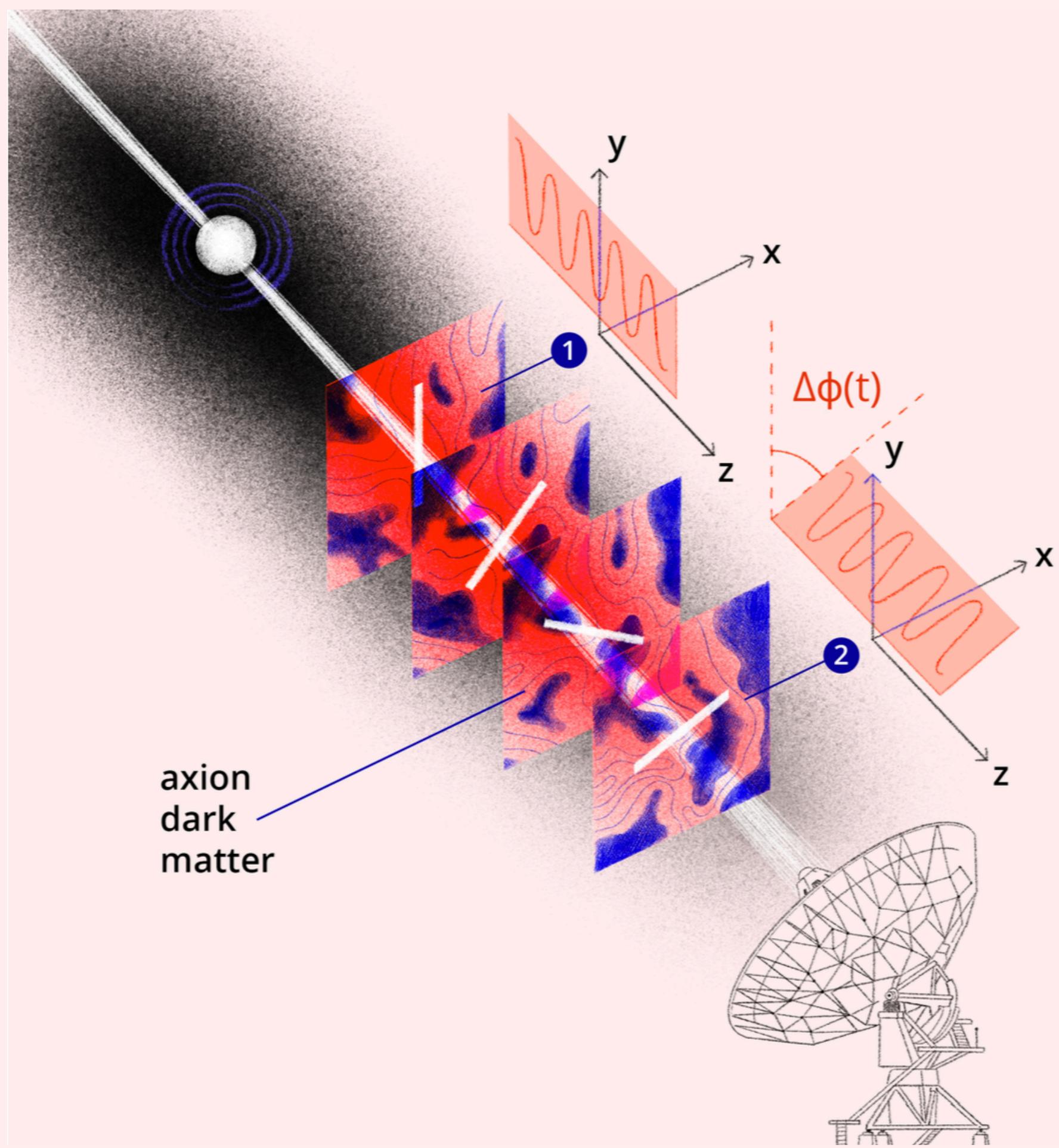
$$a(\vec{r}, t) \equiv \Re e \left( a_0(r) e^{i(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \right) \equiv a_0(r) \cos [m_a t + \delta(r)]$$

**Local DM Density**  $\rho_{DM} = \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2 \sim 0.4 \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cm}^3}$

$$T \simeq \frac{2\pi}{m_a} \simeq 4.2 \times 10^{-9} \left( \frac{10^{-6}\text{eV}}{m_a} \right) \text{s}$$

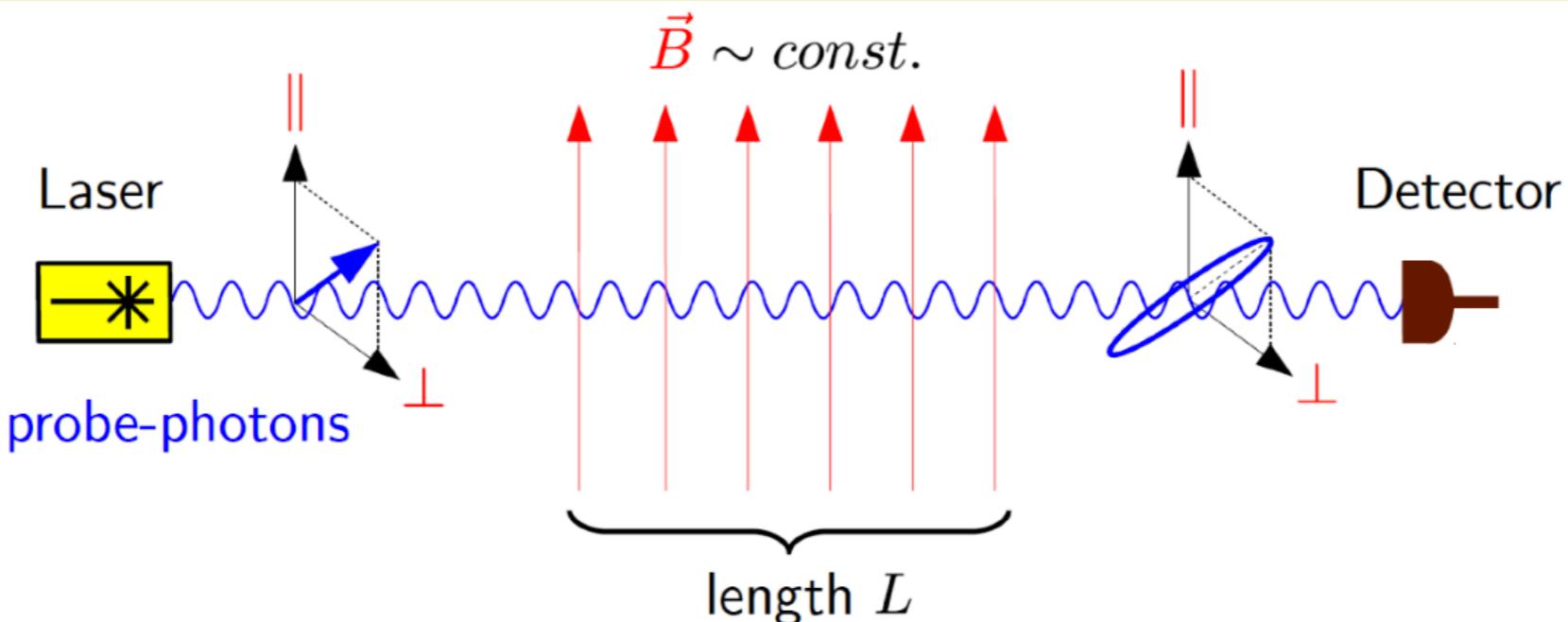


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# Photon propagation in a cold axion background in the presence of a magnetic field.



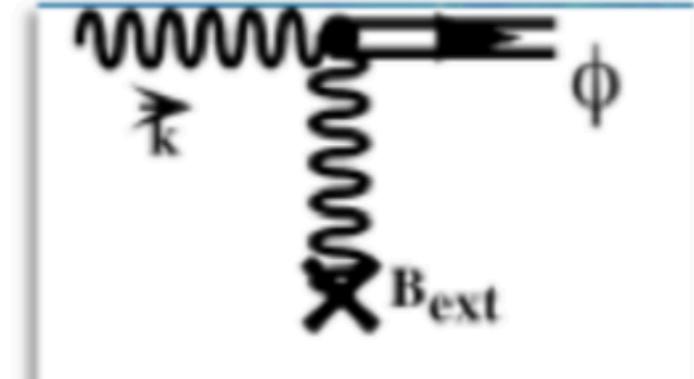
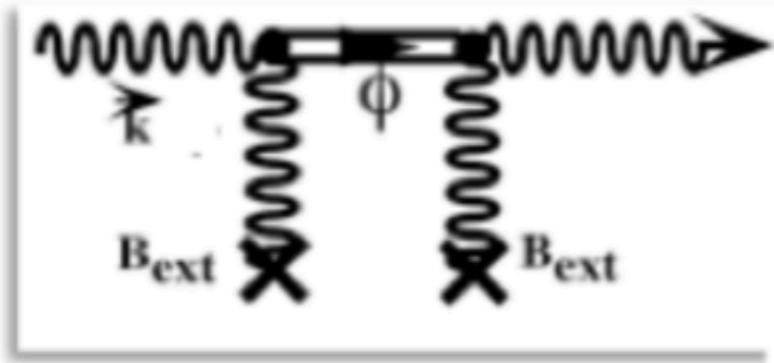
Pseudoscalar  $\phi$ :  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi\gamma\gamma} = \frac{1}{4} g\phi F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -g\phi(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}) = -g\phi(\vec{\mathcal{E}}_r \cdot \vec{\mathcal{B}}) = -g\phi(\vec{\mathcal{E}}_{r,\parallel} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{B}})$

[[Sikivie \(1983\)](#)], [[Maiani et al. \(1986\)](#)], [[Raffelt, Stodolsky \(1988\)](#)], ...

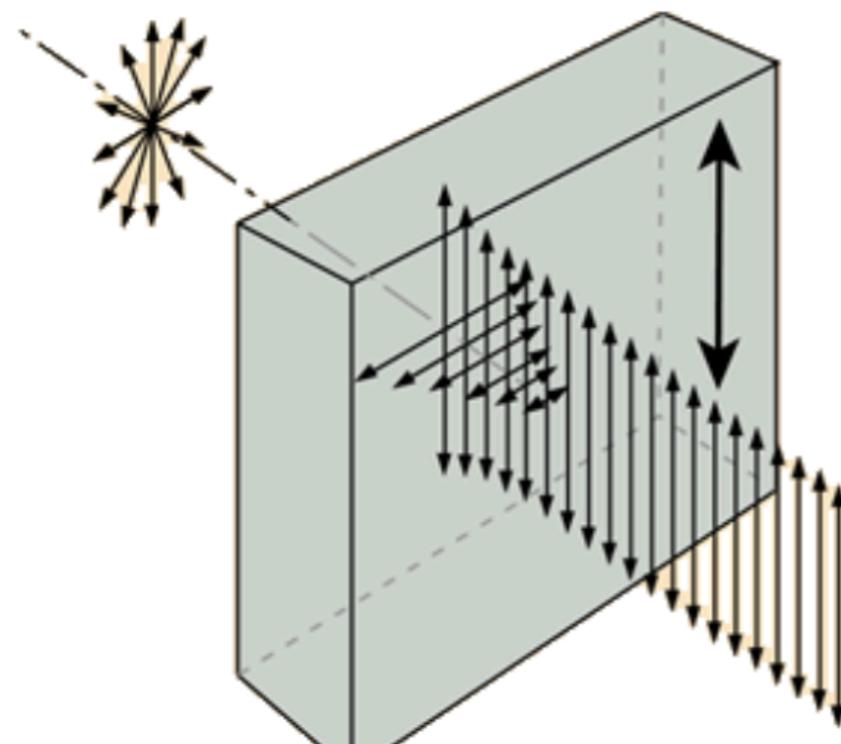
$$\tilde{n} = n + i\kappa$$

Dispersion

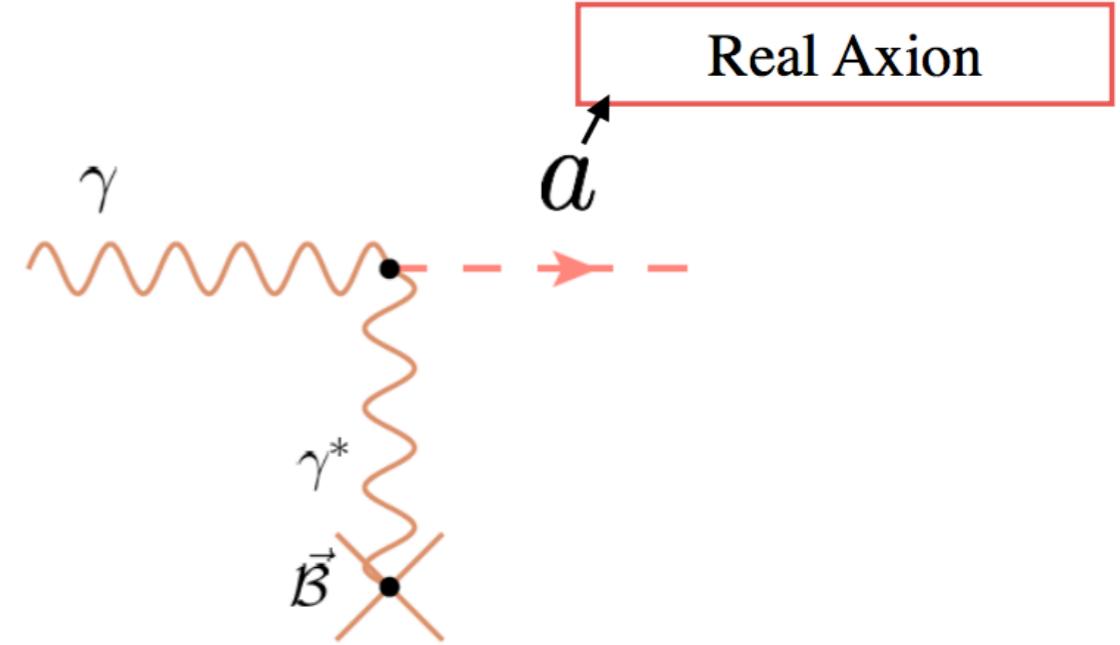
Absorbtion



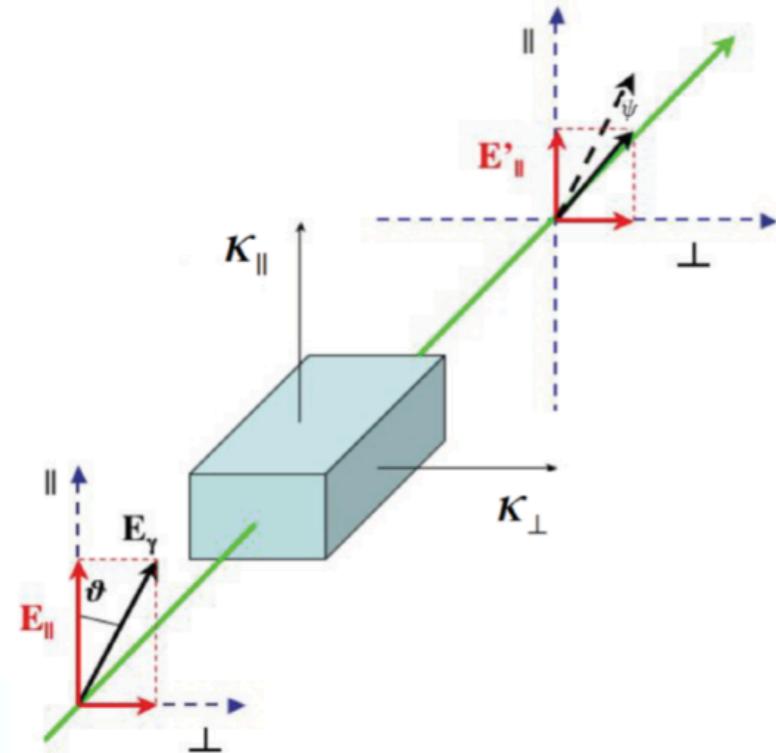
# Axion-Photon Interaction Polarization Consequences



Dichroism



Real Axion



Angle of polarization  
plane

$$\psi = \frac{\pi \Delta \kappa L}{\lambda} \sin 2\vartheta,$$

Linear polarization

Light Amplitude Absorption

Rotation of Polarization Plane

## Axion–photon conversion rate in the presence of a uniform magnetic field

$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow a} = (\Delta_M r)^2 \left( \frac{\sin(\Delta_{osc} r / 2)}{\Delta_{osc} r / 2} \right)^2$$

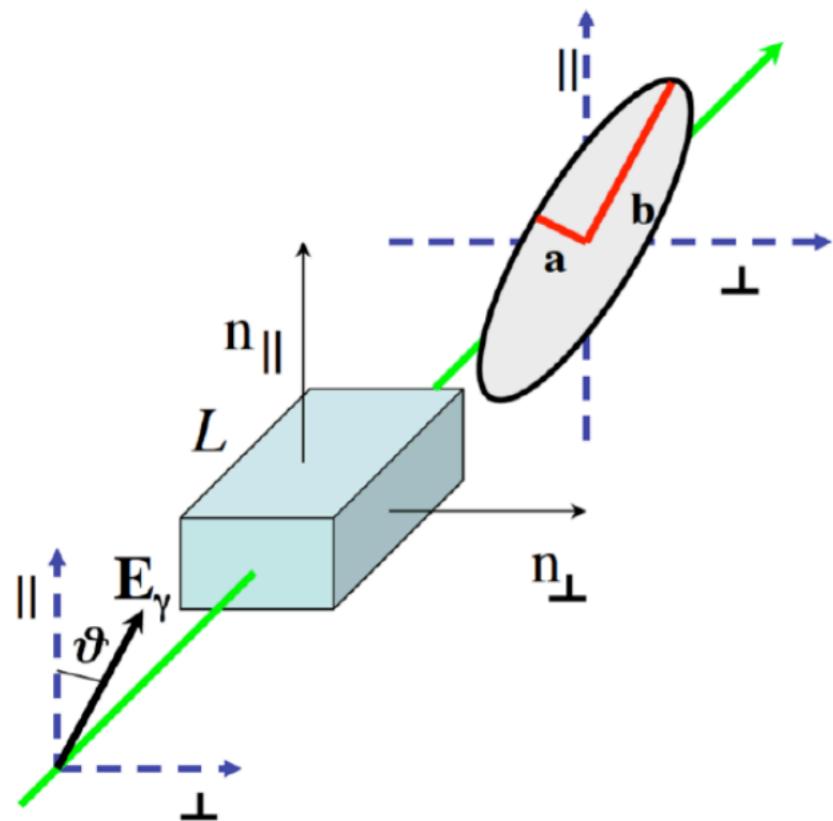
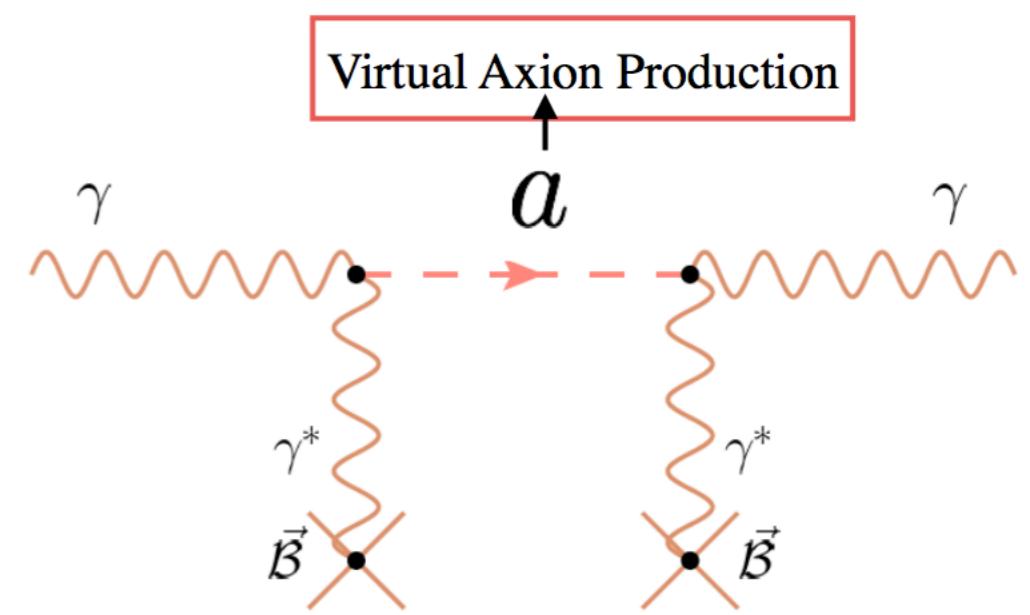
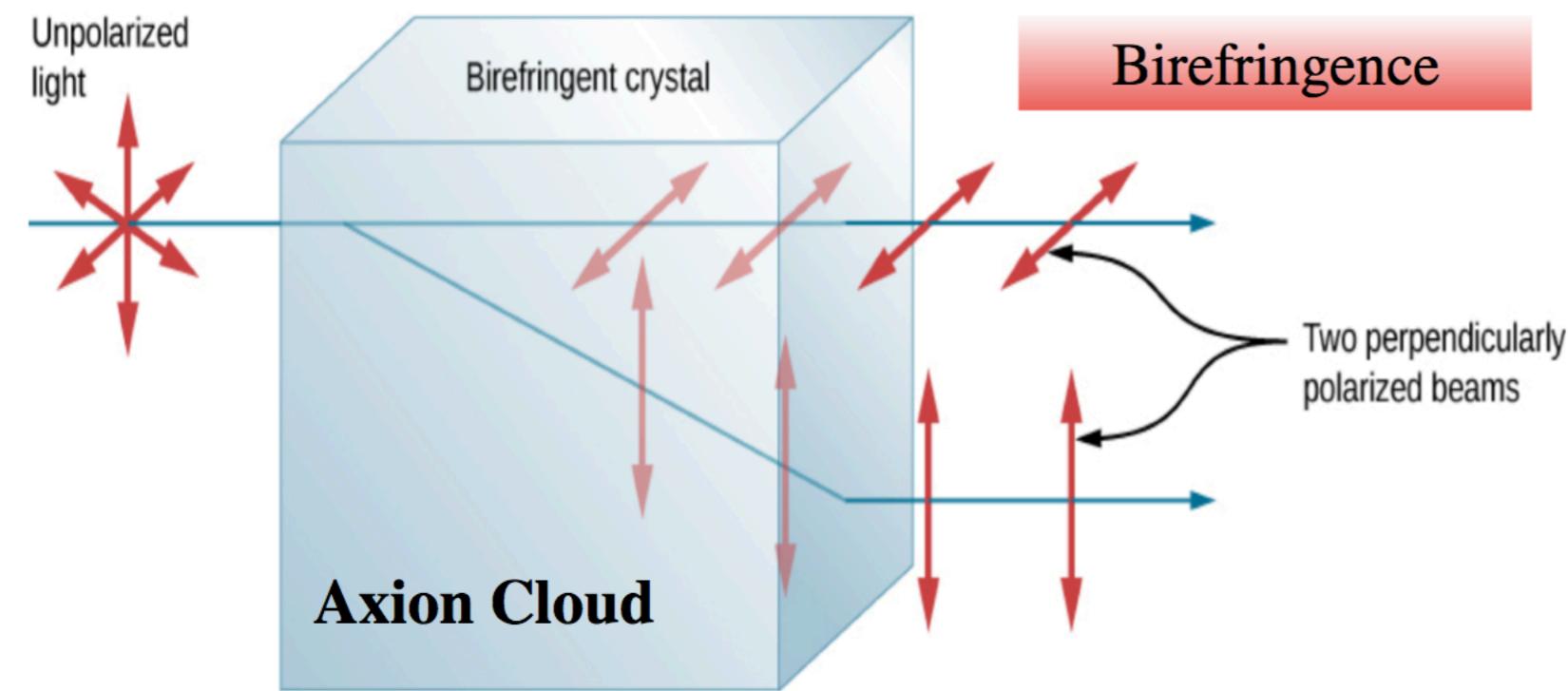
$$\Delta_{osc} = \sqrt{(\Delta_a - \Delta_p + \Delta_{QED})^2 + (2\Delta_M)^2},$$

$$\Delta_p = \frac{\omega_p^2}{2\omega_\gamma} \quad \Delta_a = \frac{m_a^2}{2\omega_\gamma} \quad \Delta_M = \frac{g_{a\gamma} B}{2}$$

$$\Delta_{QED} = \frac{7\alpha\omega_\gamma}{90\pi} \left( \frac{B}{B_c} \right)^2$$

$B_c = m_e^2/e = 4.42 \times 10^{13} G$  is the QED critical magnetic field.

# Axion-Photon Interaction Polarization Consequences



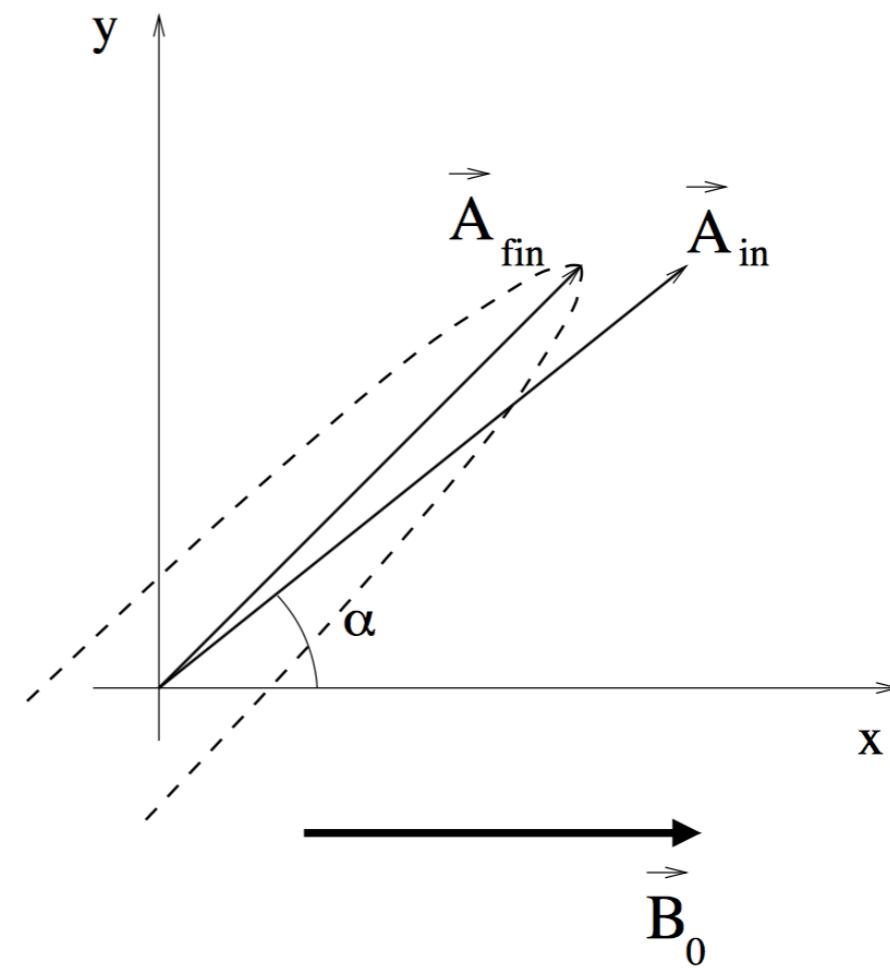
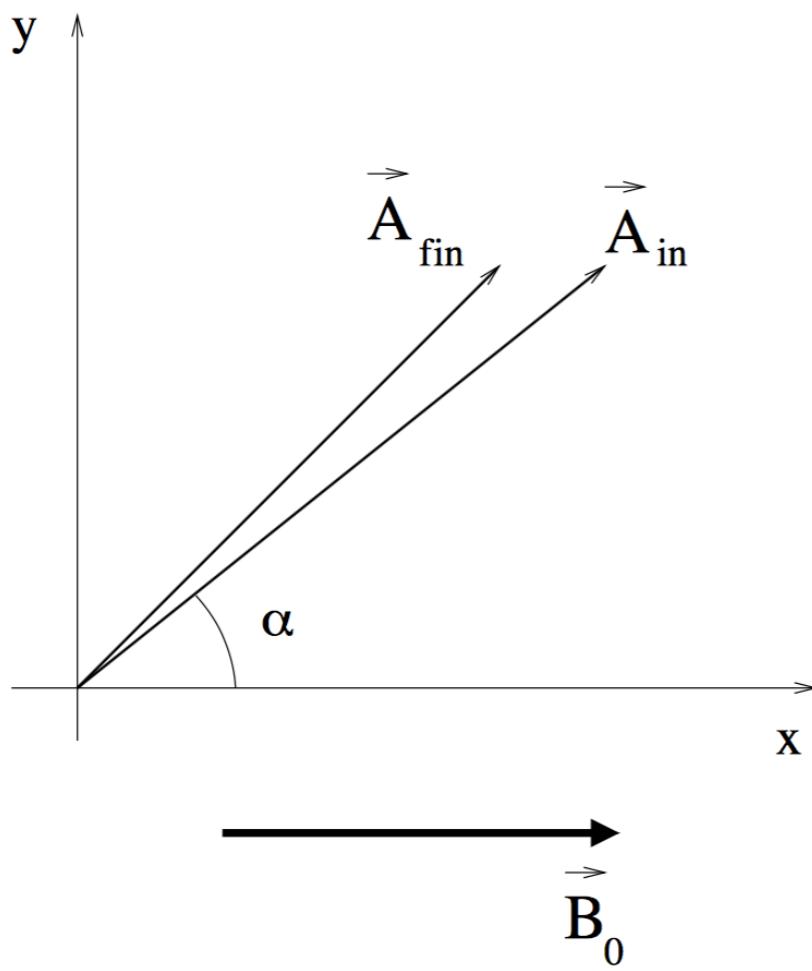
Ellipticity

$$\epsilon = \frac{\pi \Delta n L}{\lambda} \sin 2\vartheta,$$

Linear polarization

Parity -violation interaction

Circular polarization



**light traveling in the z-direction**

$$\mathcal{A}_y \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_y \quad , \quad \mathcal{A}_x \rightarrow [1 - \frac{1}{2}p(L) + i\phi(L)]\mathcal{A}_x$$

$$\Delta\psi = \frac{1}{4}P_{\gamma \rightarrow a} \sin 2\alpha, \quad \varepsilon(L) = \frac{1}{2}|\phi(L)| \sin(2\alpha)$$

In order to enhance the polarization signal



(i) Using ultrahigh magnetic field

(ii) Using moderate magnetic field but increasing the interaction length

(iii) Using a huge numbers ( high-intensity beams) of photons in order to increase interaction rate

# Axion as a Virtual Particle

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$

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

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

J. C. Maxwell

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{f} \nabla a \cdot \vec{B}$$

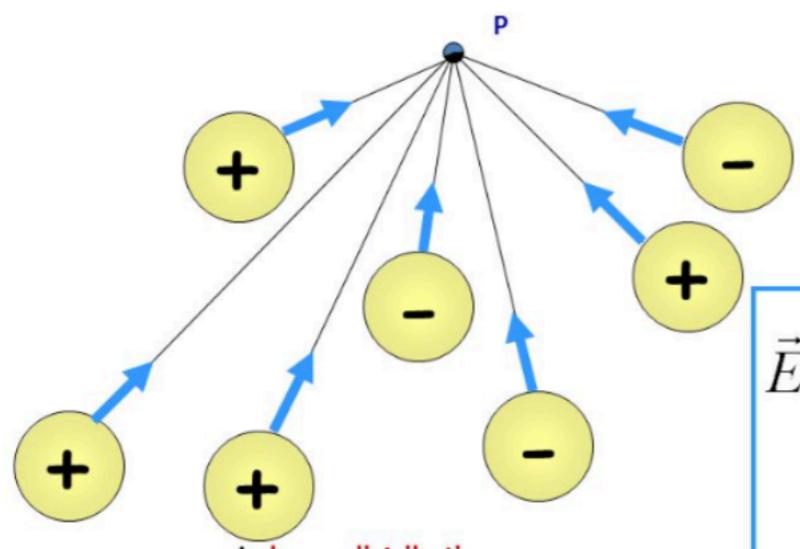
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

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

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{f}(\dot{a}\vec{B} + \nabla a \times \vec{E})$$

Axion Electrodynamics

Nonlinear corrections to Maxwell Eqs

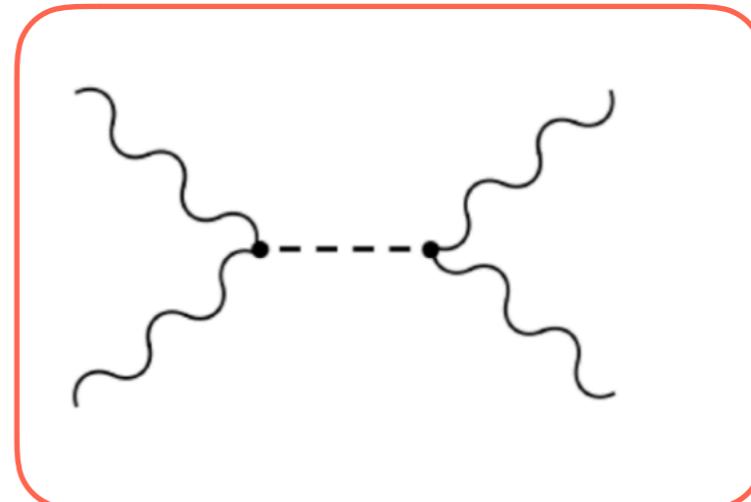


$$\vec{E} = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{E}_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N k \frac{q_i}{r_i^2} \hat{r}_i$$

superposition principle

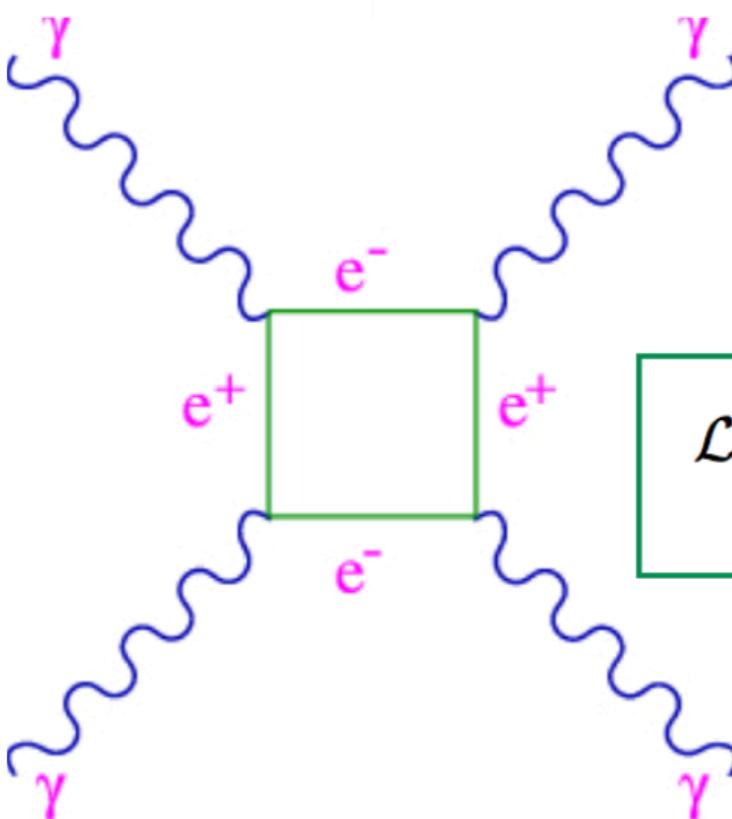
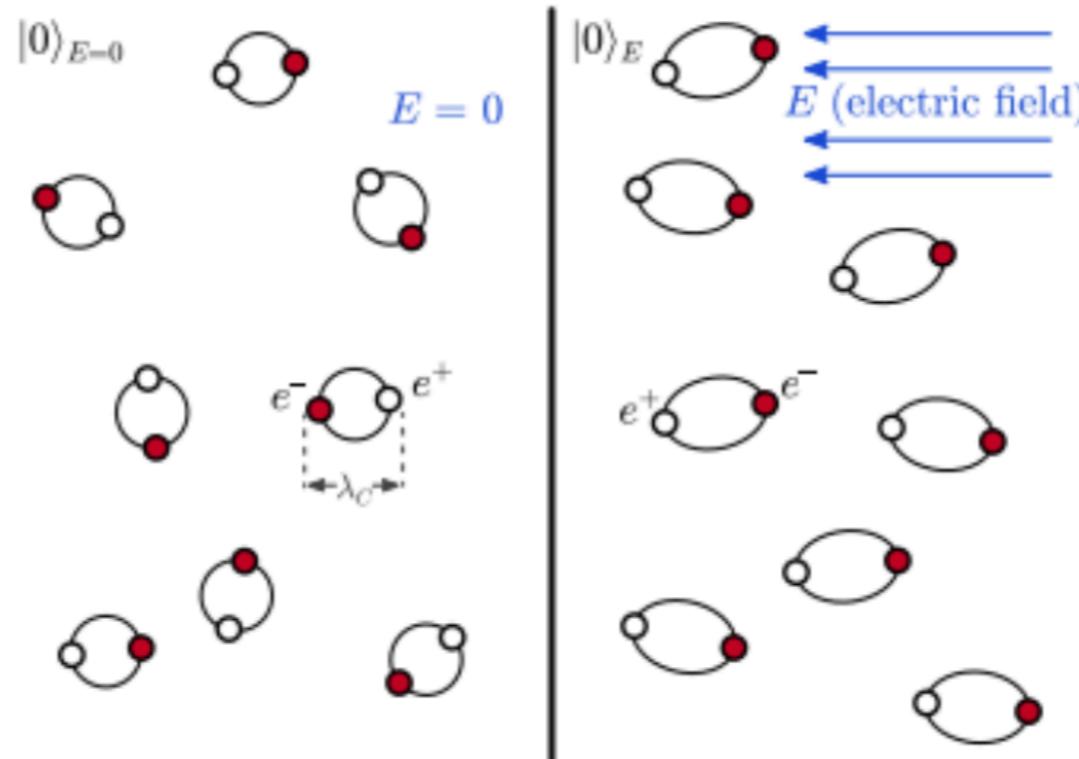
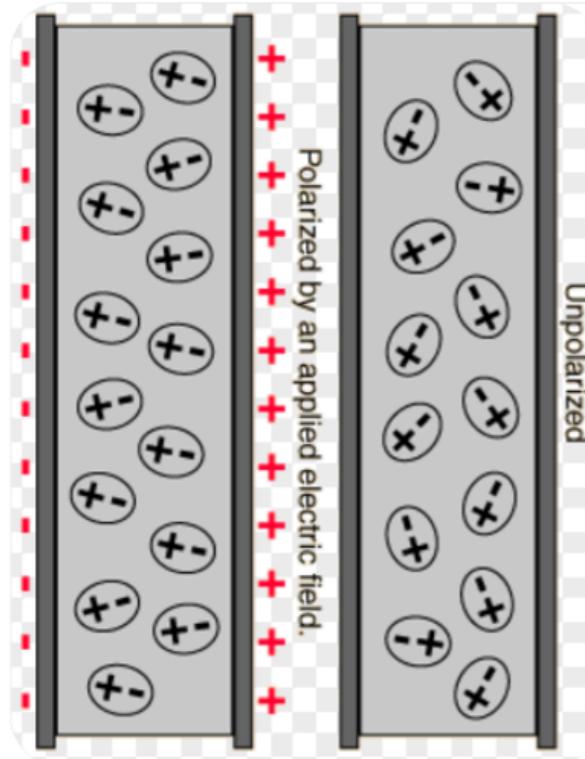
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light-by-light scattering due to virtual ALPs

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# *QED Vacuum birefringence as background noise*



Euler-Heisenberg(EH) Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{int}^{EH} = \frac{\alpha^2}{90m_e^4} \left[ (\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{7}{4}(\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{\mu\nu})^2 \right]$$



Werner Heisenberg (1901-76)  
Foto from 1933 (Wikipedia)



Hans Euler (1909-41)  
Foto ca. 1935 (H. Wergeland)

F. Sauter, Z. Phys. 69, 742 (1931).

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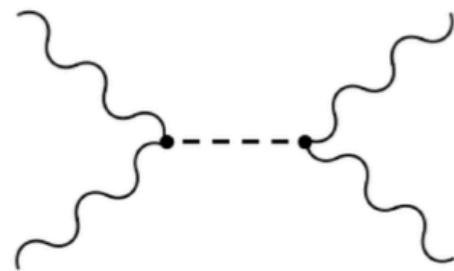
2 refractive index

$$\Delta n = n_{\parallel} - n_{\perp}$$

$$\Delta n = 3A_e B_0^2 = \frac{\alpha}{30\pi} \left( \frac{B}{\mathcal{B}_c} \right)^2$$

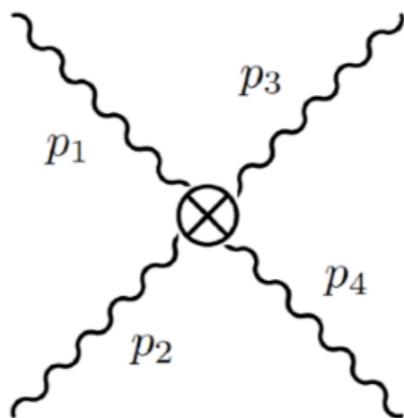
nonlinearity

$$\omega \ll m_a$$



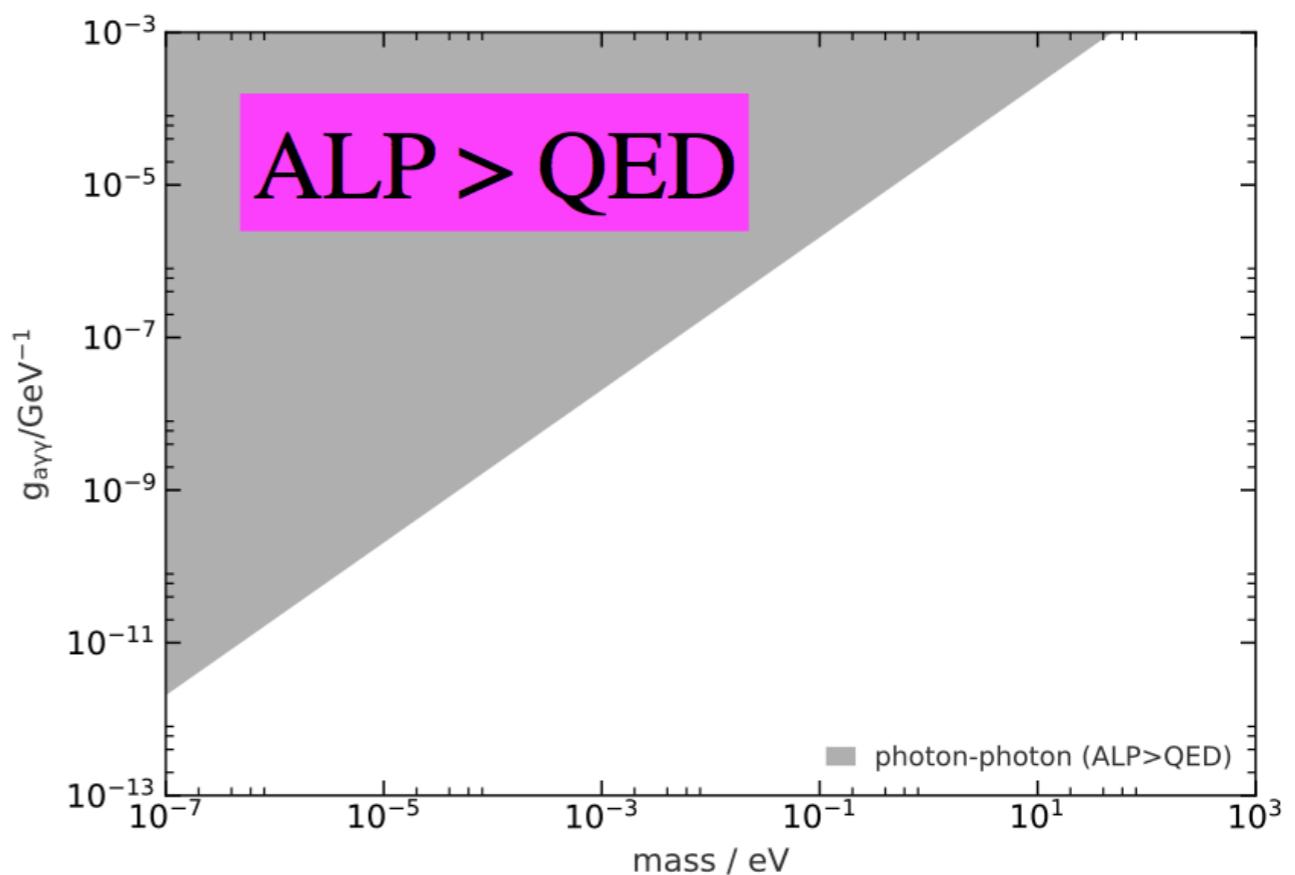
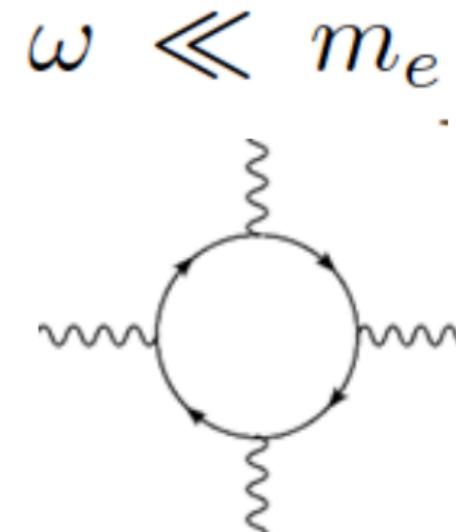
$$\mathcal{L}_{a,\text{eff}} = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2}{32m_a^2} (F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu})^2$$

## QED as a Background noise for Axions in Light-Light Scattering



$$\mathcal{L}_{int}^{EH} = \frac{\alpha^2}{90m_e^4} \left[ (\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{7}{4}(\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}\tilde{\mathcal{F}}^{\mu\nu})^2 \right]$$

$$\left( \frac{g_{\phi\gamma\gamma}}{m_\phi} \right) \gtrsim 0.73 \times \left( \frac{\alpha}{m_e^2} \right) = \frac{2.05 \times 10^{-5}}{(eV)(GeV)}$$



Moreover, close to the resonance ( $\omega \simeq m_a$ ) the ALP vacuum effect surpasses the virtual electron-positron effect in an even wider parameter region

# Probing virtual axion-like particles by precision phase measurements

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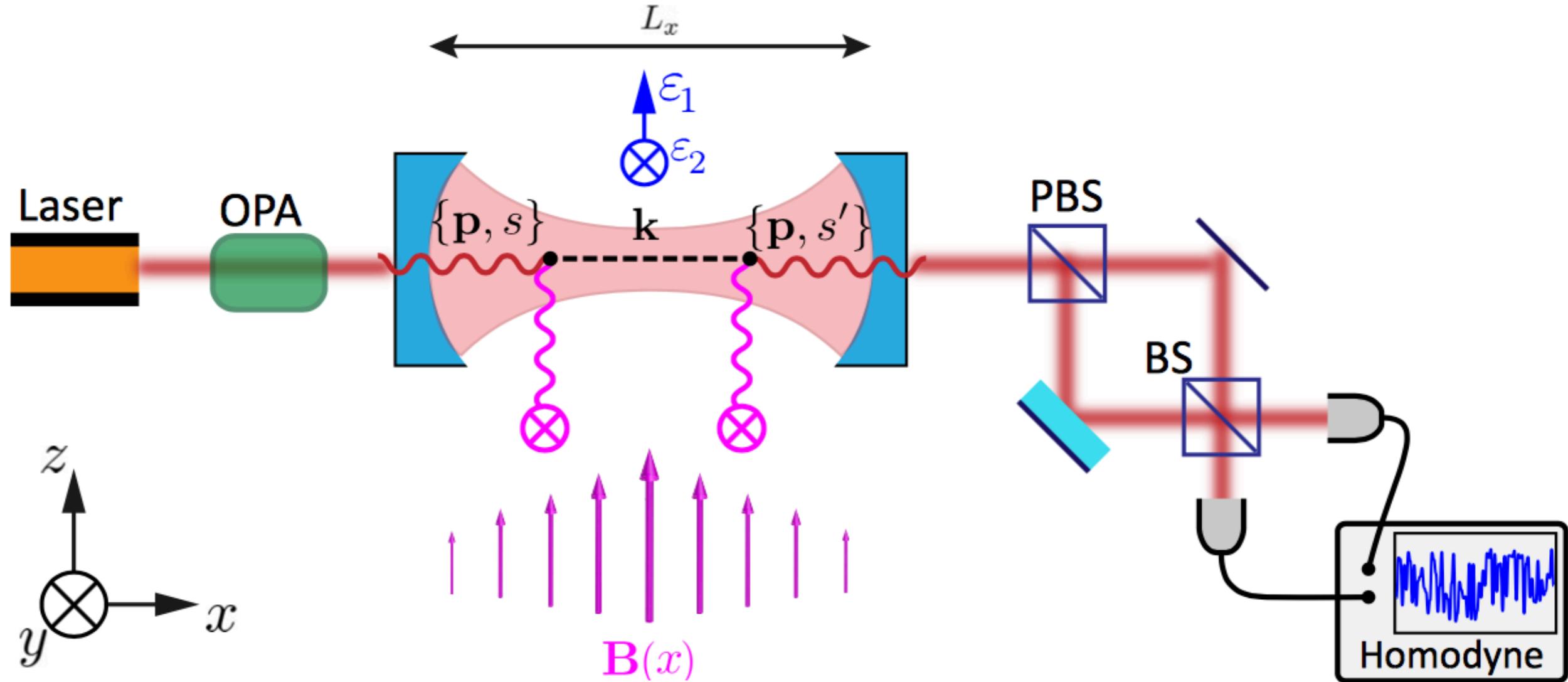
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# The scheme of our proposed experiment to probe Virtual Axions

we propose a novel experiment based on the forward scattering of photons via virtual Ahs exchange from an inhomogeneous magnetic field inside a cavity



$$H_{\gamma B} = \sum_{s,s',\mathbf{p}} \mathcal{F}^{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{s'} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}})(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^s \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}) a_{s'}^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) a_s(\mathbf{p})$$

Phase difference  
between two cavity modes  $\overline{\delta\phi} \approx \mathcal{F}_r \tau$

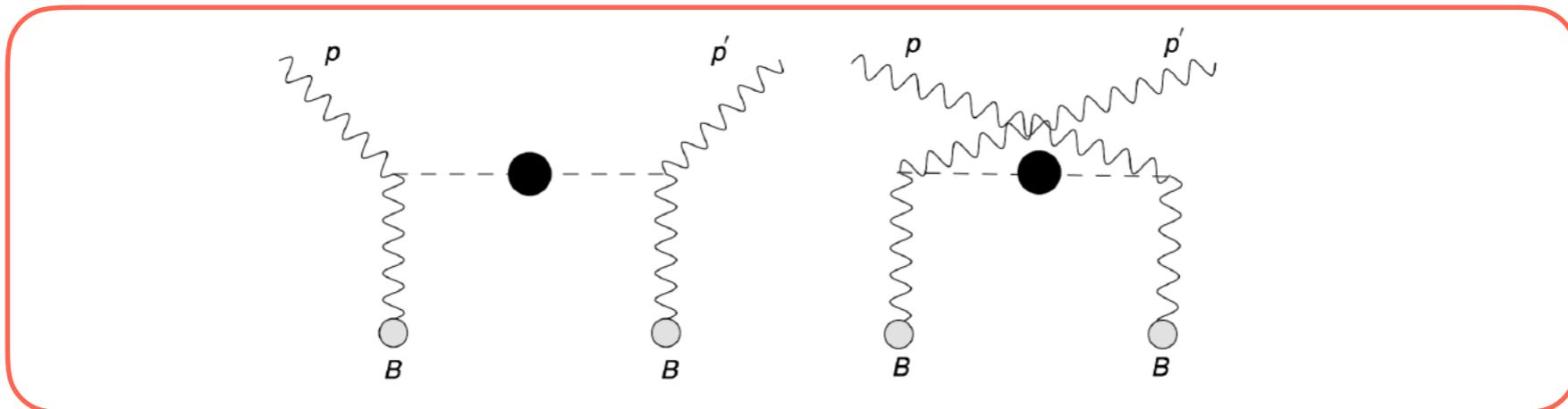
## quantizing the photon field inside the cavity

$$A_\nu(x) = A_\nu^+(x) + A_\nu^-(x) = \sum_s \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_{\mathbf{p}} V}} \left[ i \sin \left( p_x x + \frac{p_x L_x}{2} \right) a_s(\mathbf{p}) e^{ip_y y} e^{ip_z z} e^{-i\omega_{\mathbf{p}} t} \varepsilon_\nu^s(\mathbf{p}) + \text{h.c.} \right],$$

$\mathbf{p} = (p_x, p_y, p_z) = \left( \frac{\pi l_1}{L_x}, \frac{2\pi l_2}{L_y}, \frac{2\pi l_3}{L_z} \right)$  with  $l_2, l_3 = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$  and  $l_1 = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,

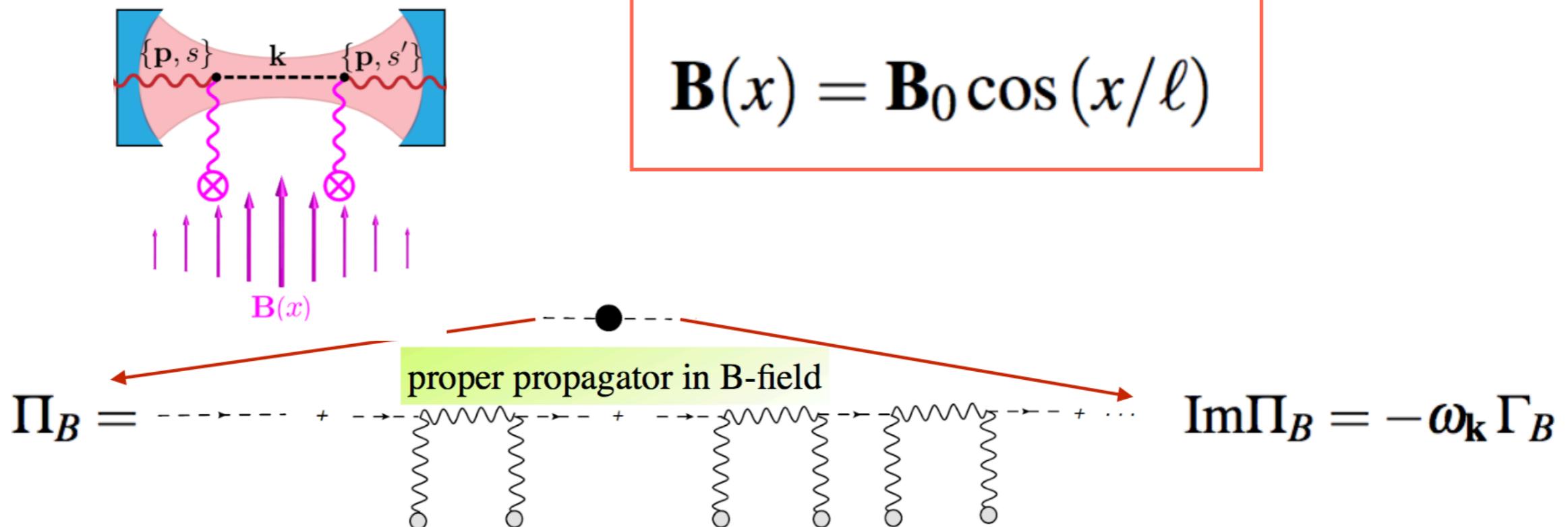
**K. Kakazu and Y.S. Kim, , Phys. Rev. A 50 (1994) 1830 .**

## Forward Scattering of photons from magnetic field inside the cavity



$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{\gamma B}(t) = & \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2}{2V} \sum_{s,s'} \sum_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p}'} \sqrt{\omega_{\mathbf{p}} \omega_{\mathbf{p}'}} \int dt' dx' d^2 \mathbf{x}'_\perp dx d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} D(k) \\
 & \times [\varepsilon^{s'*}(\mathbf{p}') \cdot \mathbf{B}(x')] [\varepsilon^s(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{B}(x)] \\
 & \times a_{s'}^\dagger(\mathbf{p}') a_s(\mathbf{p}) \left[ \sin \left( p'_x x + \frac{p'_x L_x}{2} \right) \sin \left( p_x x' + \frac{p_x L_x}{2} \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \times e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}'} e^{-i\mathbf{p}'_\perp \cdot \mathbf{x}_\perp} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{i\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{x}'_\perp} e^{-i(-k^0 + \omega_{\mathbf{p}})t'} e^{-i(k^0 - \omega_{\mathbf{p}'})t} \\
 & \quad + \sin \left( p'_x x' + \frac{p'_x L_x}{2} \right) \sin \left( p_x x + \frac{p_x L_x}{2} \right) \\
 & \quad \left. \times e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}'} e^{-i\mathbf{p}'_\perp \cdot \mathbf{x}'_\perp} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{i\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{x}_\perp} e^{-i(-k^0 - \omega_{\mathbf{p}'})t'} e^{-i(k^0 + \omega_{\mathbf{p}})t} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

# Axion interaction with a Spatially harmonic magnetic field profile



$$H_{\gamma B} = \sum_{s,s',\mathbf{p}} \mathcal{F}^{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{s'} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}})(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^s \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}) a_{s'}^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) a_s(\mathbf{p})$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{\mathbf{p}} \equiv \mathcal{F}_r^{\mathbf{p}} + i\mathcal{F}_i^{\mathbf{p}}$$

$\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  is a unit vector pointing in the direction of magnetic field

$$\mathcal{F}_r^{\mathbf{p}} = G_a \int dk_x \frac{\omega_{\mathbf{p}}(p_x^2 - k_x^2 - m_a^2)\mathcal{P}(k_x, p_x)}{(p_x^2 - k_x^2 - m_a^2)^2 + (\omega_{\mathbf{p}}\Gamma_B)^2}$$

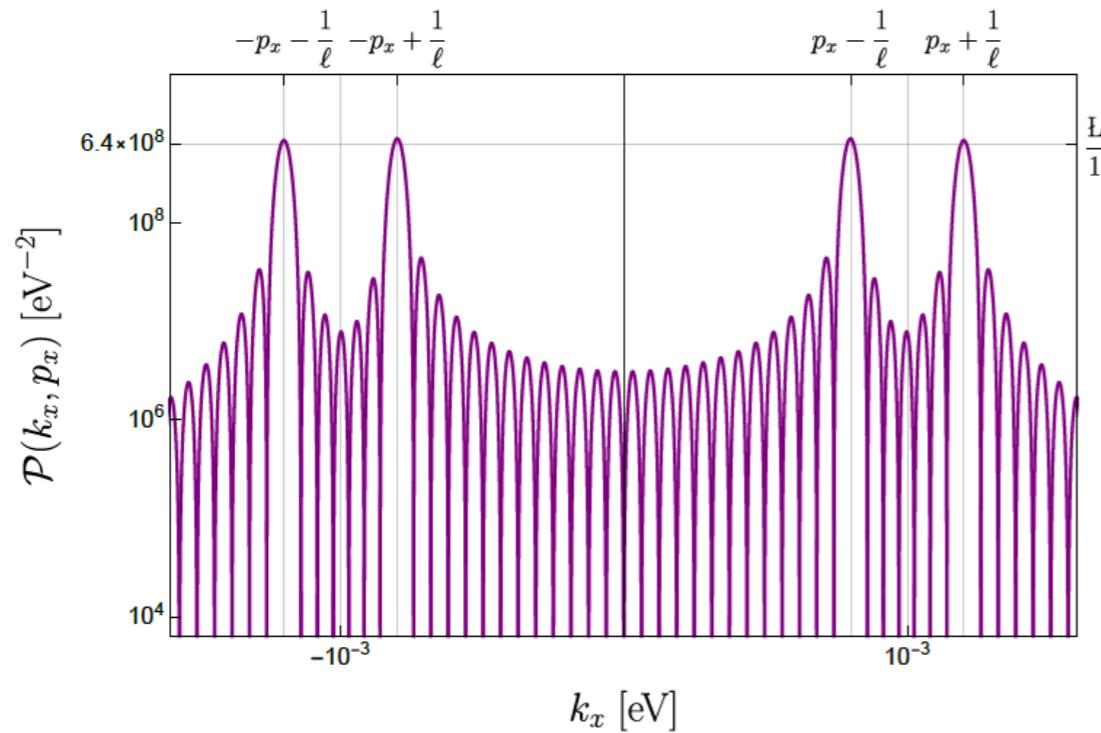
$$\mathcal{F}_i^{\mathbf{p}} = G_a \int dk_x \frac{\omega_{\mathbf{p}}^2 \Gamma_B \mathcal{P}(k_x, p_x)}{(p_x^2 - k_x^2 - m_a^2)^2 + (\omega_{\mathbf{p}}\Gamma_B)^2}$$

$$G_a \equiv g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 / 2\pi L_x$$

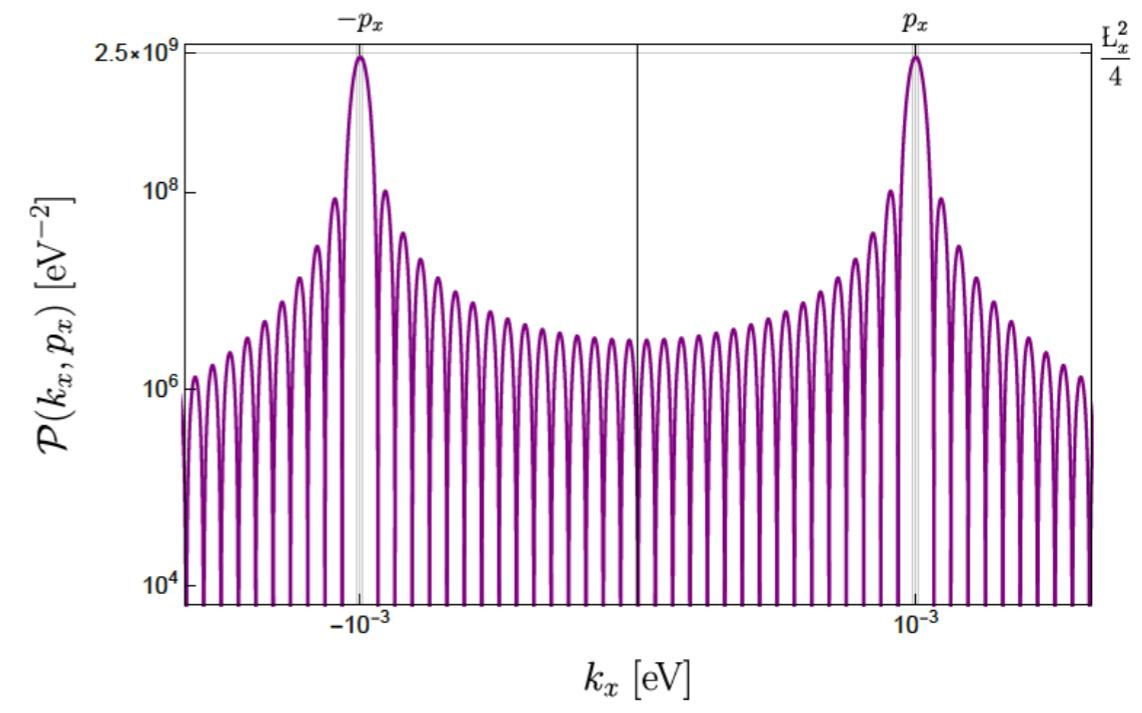
# Resonance Enhancement of Birefringence Signal

$$\mathcal{P}(k_x, p_x) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ (-1)^{l_1} \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{L_x}{2}\Delta_1)}{\Delta_1} + \frac{\sin(\frac{L_x}{2}\Delta_2)}{\Delta_2} \right) - \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{L_x}{2}\Delta_3)}{\Delta_3} + \frac{\sin(\frac{L_x}{2}\Delta_4)}{\Delta_4} \right) \right]^2$$

$\Delta_1 = k_x + p_x + \frac{1}{\ell}$ ,  $\Delta_2 = k_x + p_x - \frac{1}{\ell}$ ,  $\Delta_3 = k_x - p_x + \frac{1}{\ell}$ ,  $\Delta_4 = k_x - p_x - \frac{1}{\ell}$ , and  $l_1 = p_x L_x / \pi$



(a)



(b)

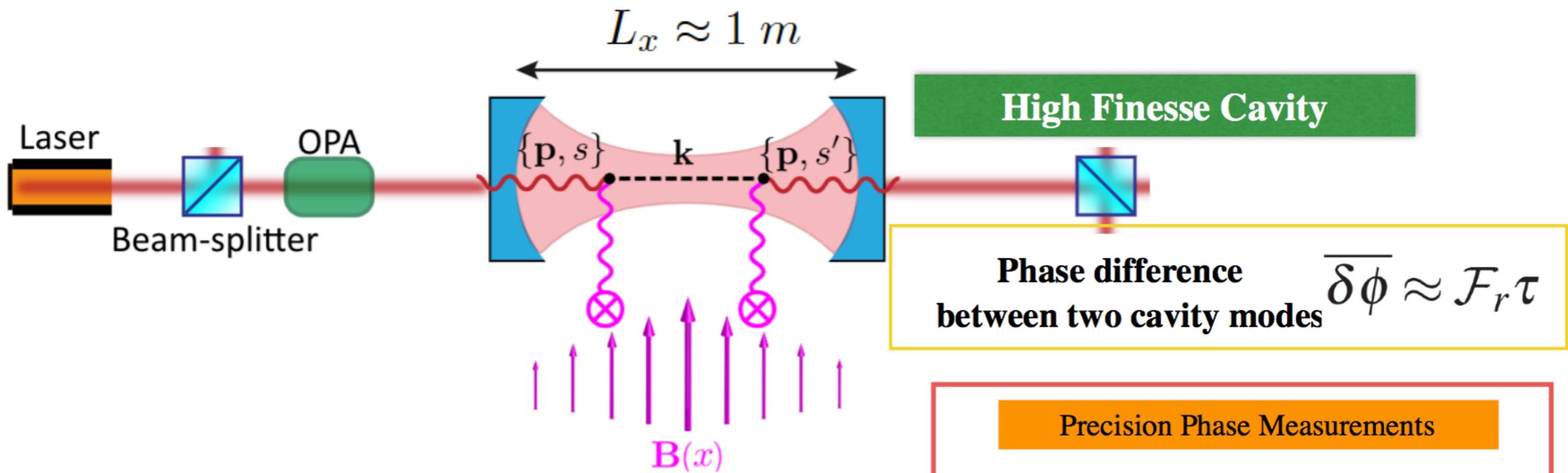
- (a) The profile function of  $\mathcal{P}(k_x, p_x)$  for a 2 cm cavity which is pumped by  $p_x = 10^{-3}$  eV photons and exposed to a magnetic field with  $\ell = 0.05 L_x$ . There are four distinct peaks on  $\pm p_x \pm \frac{1}{\ell}$ .
- (b) The same profile function with  $\ell = L_x$ .

## In the Presence of a Uniform Magnetic Field

$$\mathcal{F}^P = -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 \omega_P}{2} \left( \frac{m_a^2 + i\omega_P \Gamma_{B_0}}{m_a^4 + (\omega_P \Gamma_{B_0})^2} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{B_0} = g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B_0^2 L_x / 8$$

# Cavity detection scheme



By using a Fabry-Perot cavity

$$L_{eff} = \frac{2FL}{\pi}$$

$$F = 10^5 \text{ cavity finesse}$$

Precision Phase Measurements

$$\delta \mathcal{F}_r = \frac{e^{-r}}{\sqrt{N_{ph} N_{exp}}} \cdot \frac{\pi c}{2FL}$$

average pulse photon number  $N_{ph} = 10^{14}$ ,  
repetition of the experiment  $N_{exp} = 10^6$   
squeezing parameter up to  $r = 1.73$

run of the experiment takes about  $\tau_{exp} \sim \tau$ . In our scenario using the above-mentioned number of repetitions  $N_{exp} = 10^6$  and a cavity with the length and finesse of  $F = 10^5$  and  $L_x = 1$  m, respectively, examining each ALP mass needs about  $N_{exp}\tau_{exp} \approx 17$  minutes. Therefore, by our scheme one examines about 2500 ALP masses in a period of one-month experiment.

# Cavity modes, FSR, The width of the modes

Moreover, practical considerations of optical cavities enforce us to use laser frequencies of the range  $0.03 \text{ eV} \leq \omega_L \leq 3 \text{ eV}$  and due to the resonance condition  $\omega_p \simeq \frac{\ell}{2}(m_a^2 + \frac{1}{\ell^2})$  the best performance of the scheme is limited to a mass range of  $6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV} \leq m_a \leq 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$

cavity modes

$$\omega_n = n\pi c/L \text{ with } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

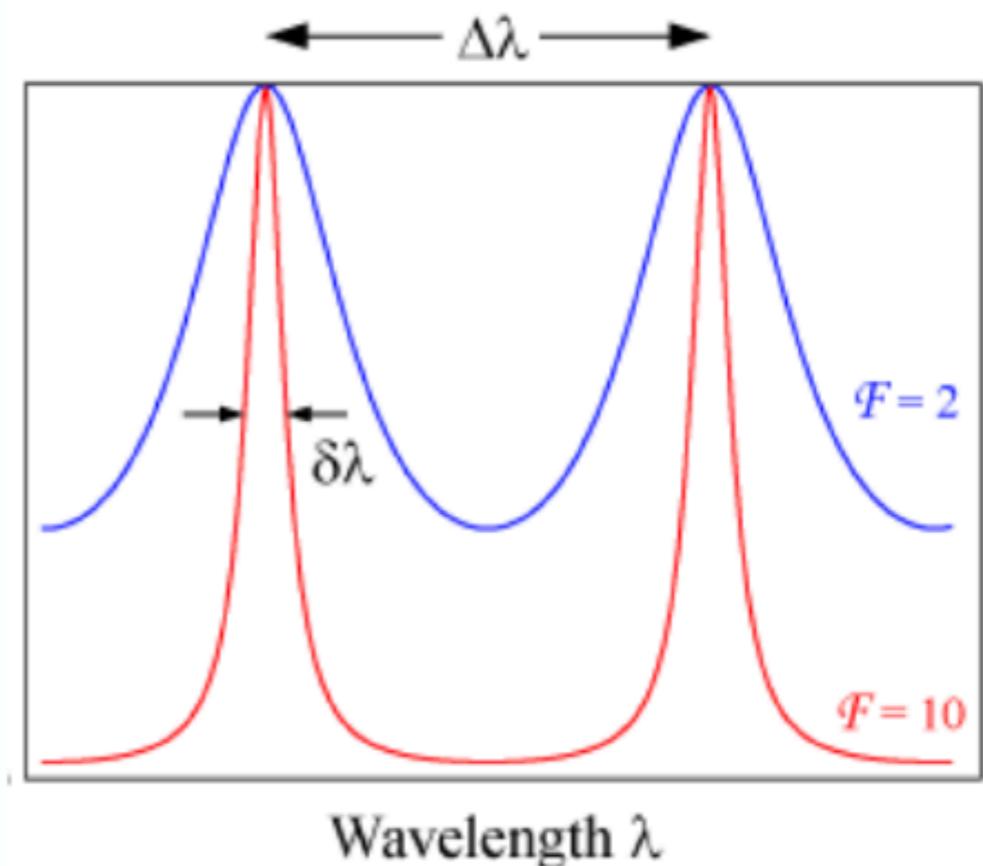
free spectral range (FSR)  $\Delta_{\text{FSR}} = \pi c/L$

$$L_x \approx 1 \text{ m}$$

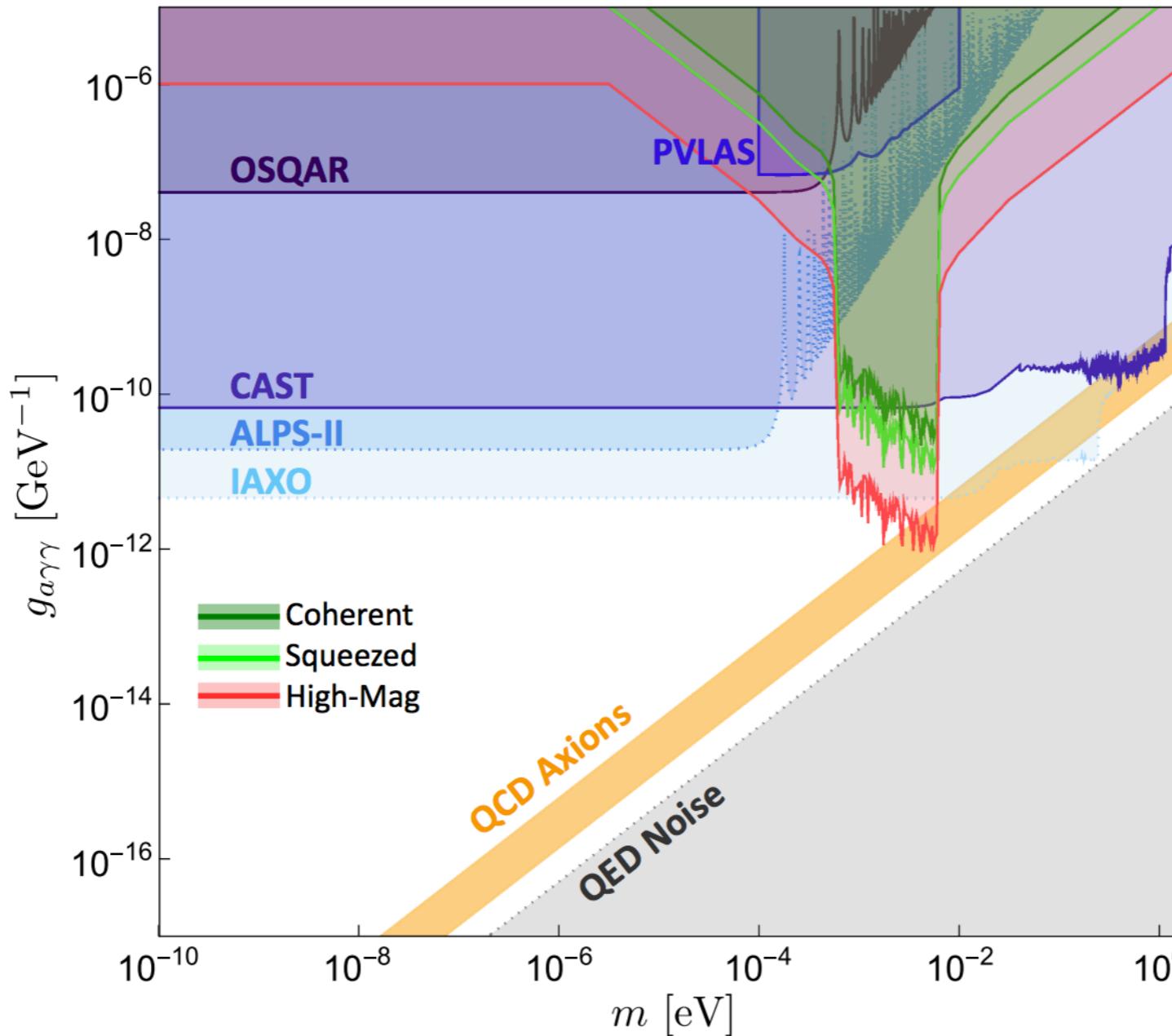
$$(\Delta_{\text{FSR}} \approx 6.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ eV})$$

The width of the cavity modes

$$\Delta\nu = \nu_{fsr}/\mathcal{F}$$



# Exclusion Region Resonance Birefringence Signal

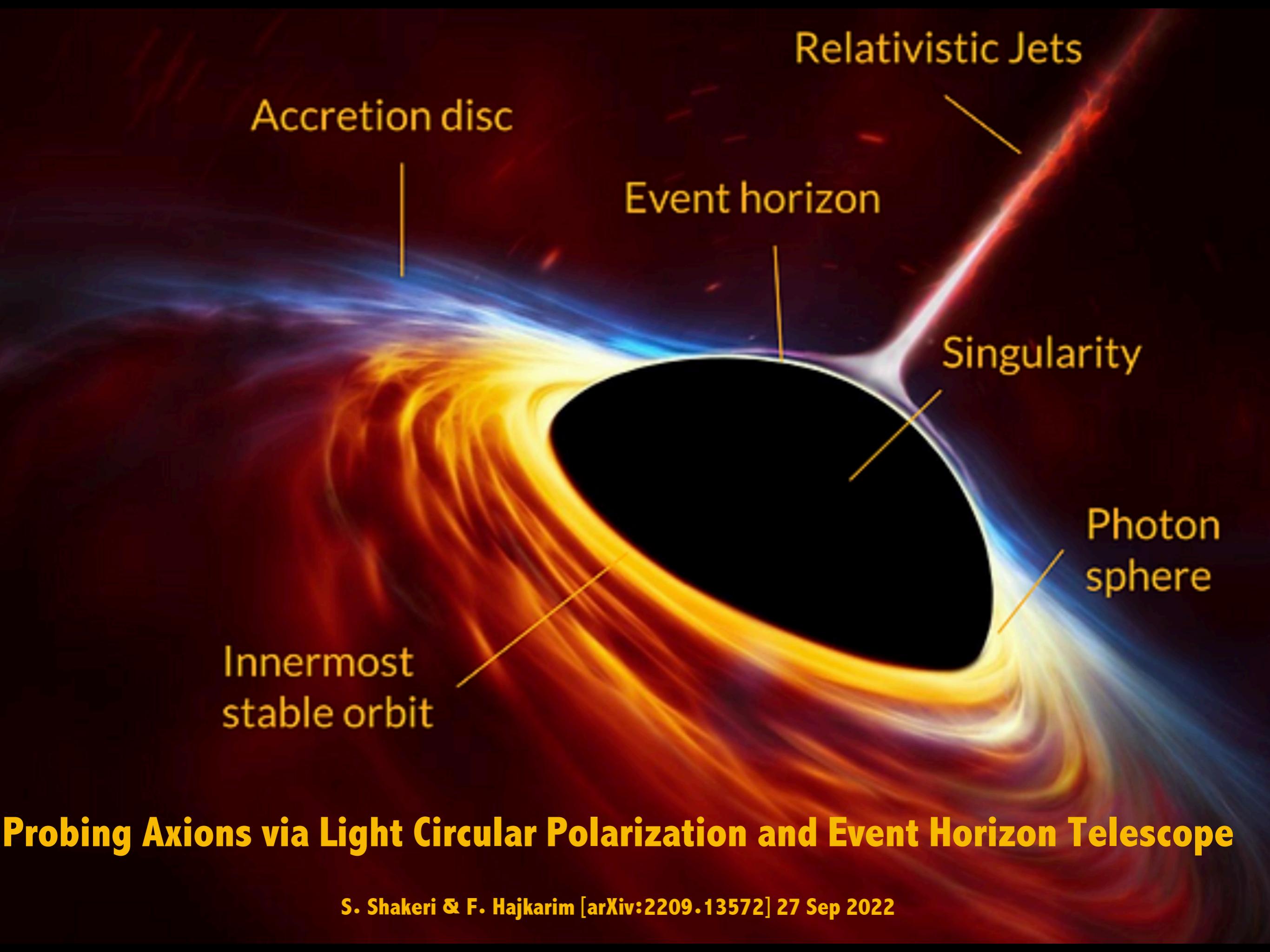


Different stages

(i) Coherent light pump and moderate magnetic fields ( $B_0 = 10$  T).

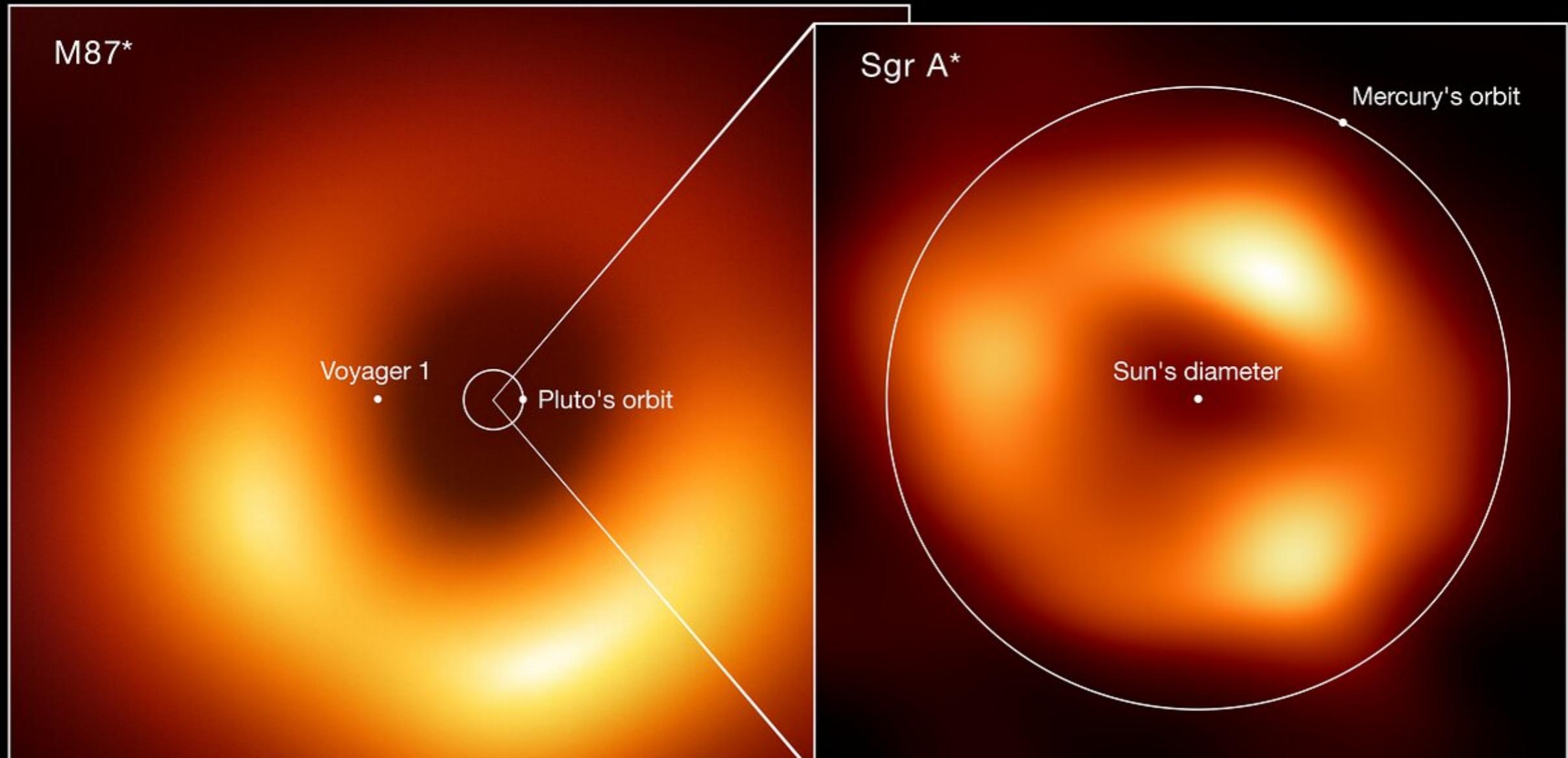
(ii) Squeezed state ( $r = 1.73$ ) and moderate magnetic field ( $B_0 = 10$  T)

(iii) Squeezed state and ultrahigh magnetic field ( $B_0 = 100$  T).



## Probing Axions via Light Circular Polarization and Event Horizon Telescope

# Axion – Photon Around Supermassive Black Holes (SMBHs)



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# Light polarization

- 1-Intrinsic to the emission process
- 2- Due to the propagation effect

- It has known for many years ;
  - 1-The Synchrotron emission, Bremsstrahlung, curvature radiation ... (Intrinsic)
  - 2-The Compton scattering, plasma effect,.. (propagation effect)

Can produce linear polarization

BUT  
Usual scattering process (like usual Compton scattering) can't produce circular polarization

Axion–Photon  
Interaction

Circular polarization can be produced by

1-Parity violating interactions

2- Intrinsic asymmetric distribution of left- and right- handed components in target beams

3-The presence of an anisotropic background in the medium

# Circular Polarization Sources

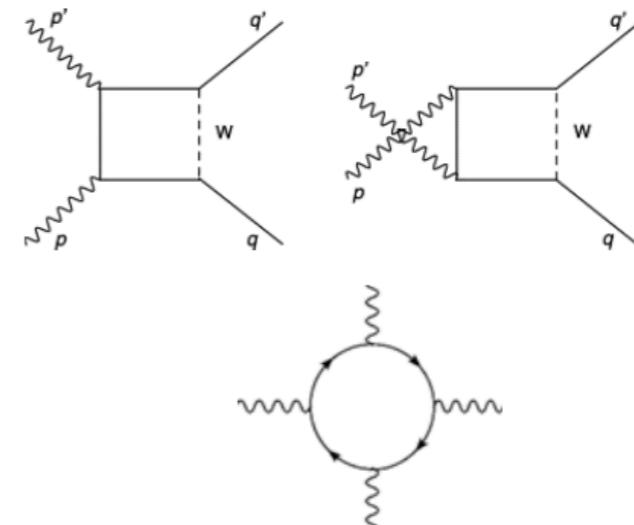
Compton scattering in a background whether the **external magnetic field or noncommutative space time**

**Photon-neutrino interaction**

**Photon-photon scattering -nonlinear QED effects**

**Axion-photon interaction**

**Photon-Gravition Interaction**



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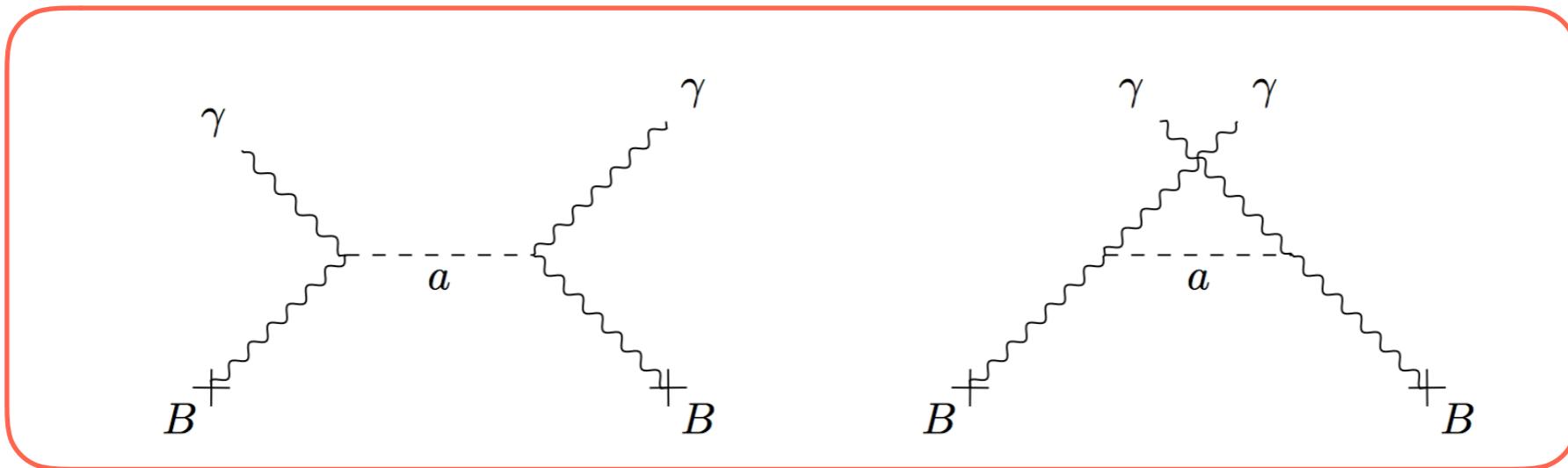
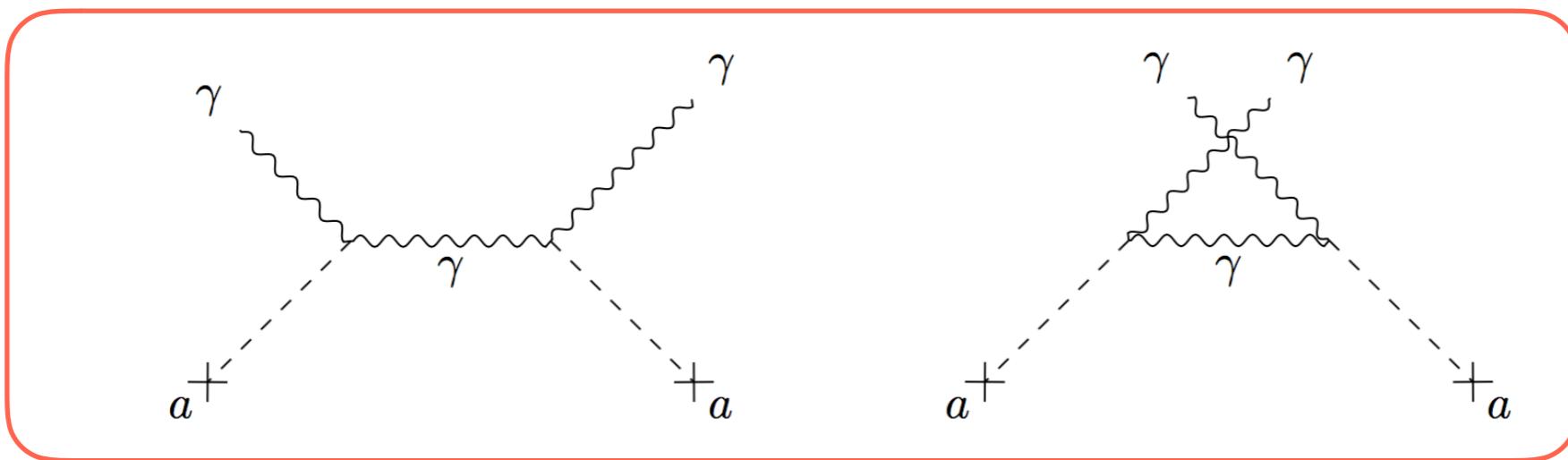
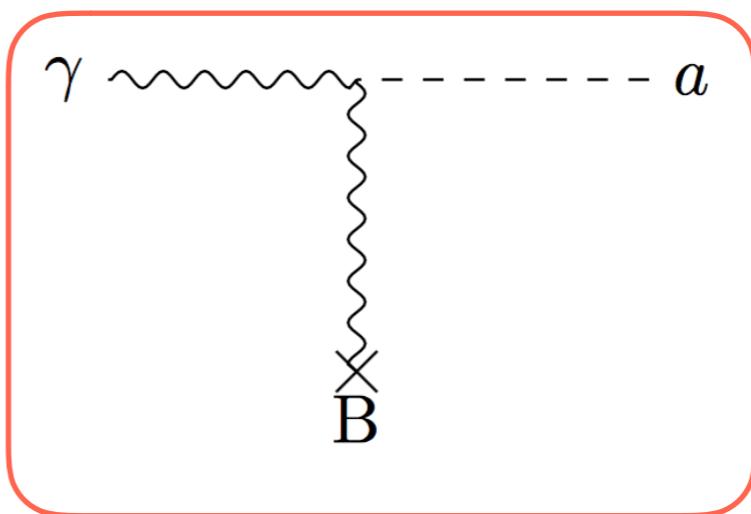
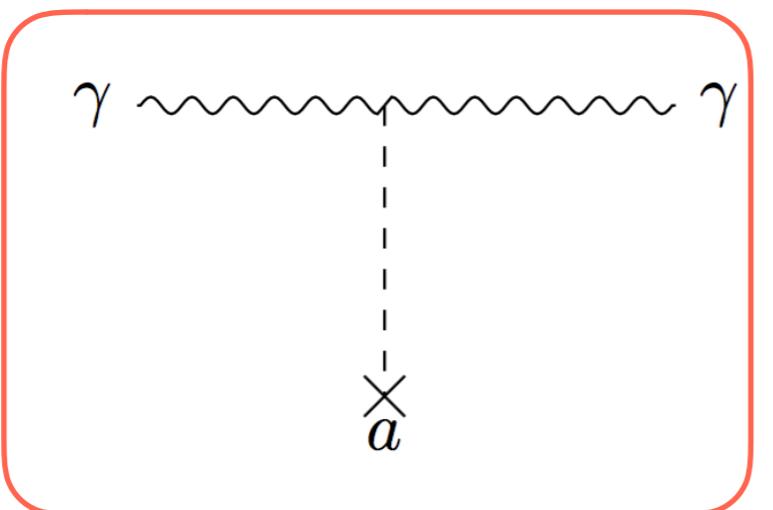
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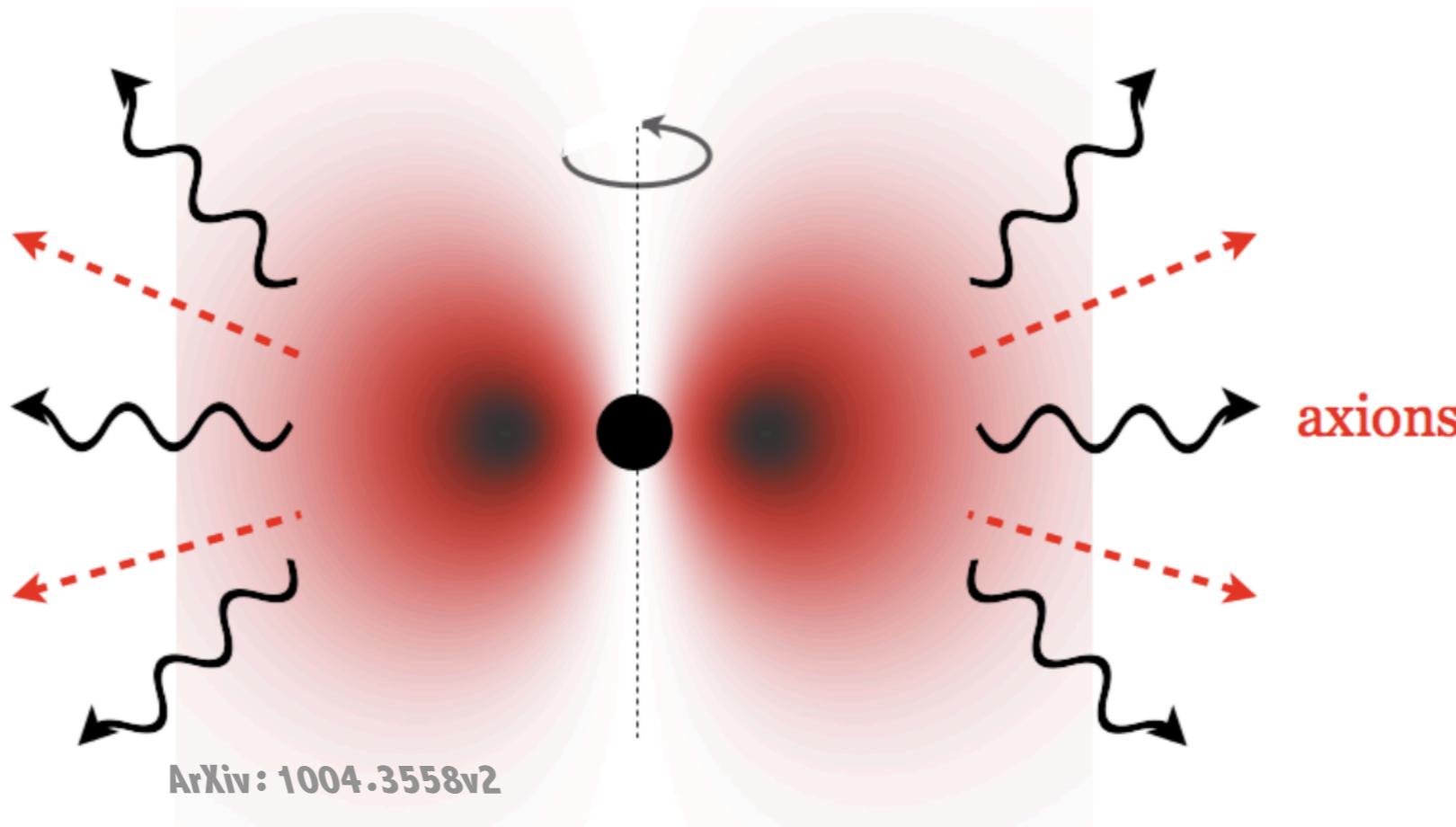
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**We consider the Polarization effects of below processes assuming the Physical condition around SMBH M87**



# Axion Density near a SMBH



$$(\rho_{\text{DM}})_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2|_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 f_a^2 \approx 3.83 \times 10^{11} \left( \frac{m_a}{10^{-20} \text{eV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{16} \text{GeV}} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cm}^3} \right]$$

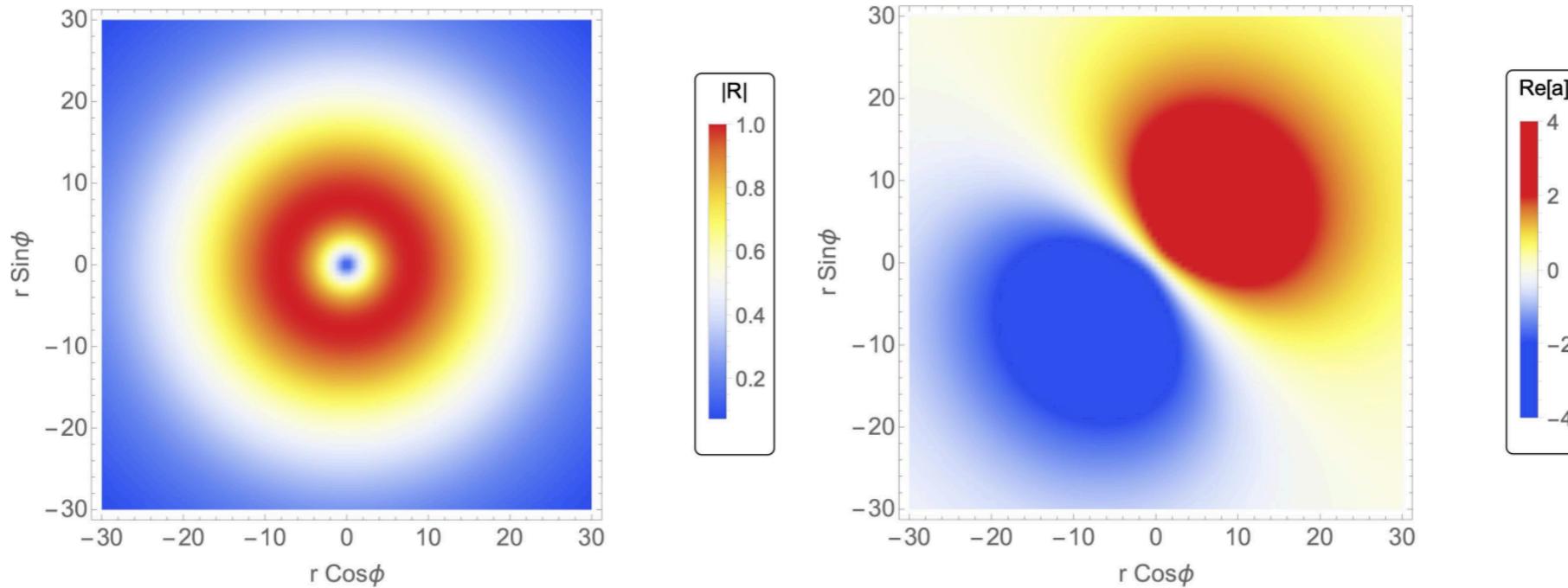
$$r_g \equiv GM_{BH} = 2.97 \times 10^{-4} \text{pc} \left( \frac{M_{BH}}{6.2 \times 10^9 M_\odot} \right)$$

**The emission region**  $\sim 5r_g$

**The electron density**  $n_e \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$M_{BH} \approx 6.2 \times 10^9 M_\odot$

# Axion Field around the BH



Axion field around the black hole is shown. The left and right panels are for the radial part of axion field  $|R|$  (scaled to its maximum) and its real part  $\text{Re}[a]$  scaled to its numerical factor at  $\theta = \pi/2$  from Eqs. **(1)** and **(2)** with  $l = 1$ , respectively. The radial distance has been scaled to  $r_{\text{cloud}} \sim 8$  which means that  $M_{\text{BH}} m_a^2 = 0.25$ .

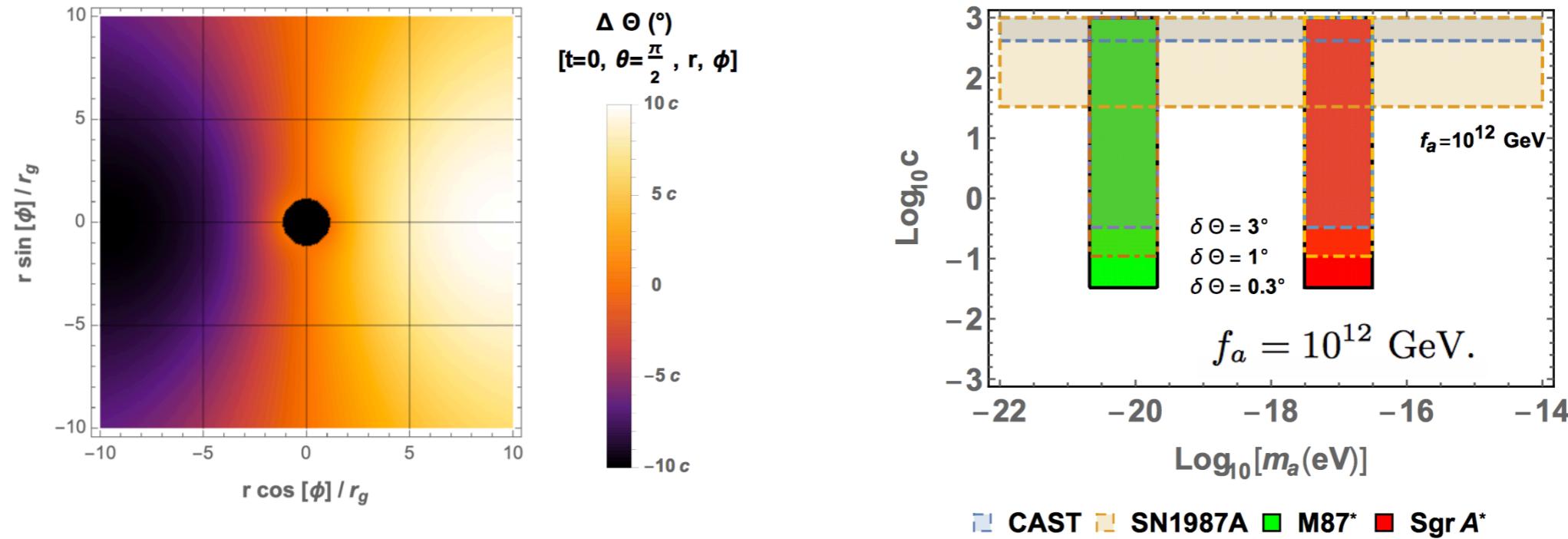
$$\square a = m_a^2 a \quad \rightarrow \quad a(t, r, \theta, \phi) = e^{im\phi} S_{lm}(\theta) e^{-i\omega t} R_{nl}(r), \quad (1)$$

$$R_{nl}(r) = A_{nl} g(\tilde{r}), \quad g(\tilde{r}) = \tilde{r}^l e^{-\tilde{r}/2} L_n^{2l+1}(\tilde{r}), \quad \tilde{r} = \frac{2r M_{\text{BH}} m_a^2}{l + n + 1}.$$

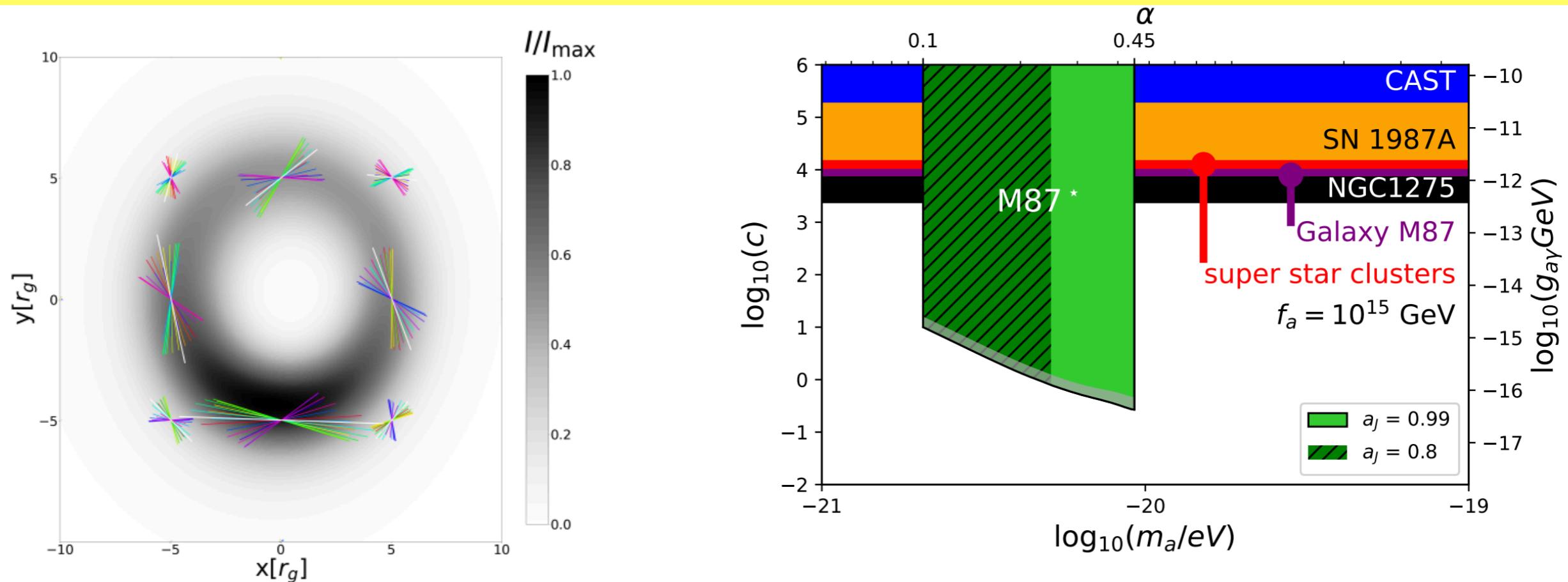
$$r_{\text{cloud}} \sim \frac{l + n + 1}{M_{\text{BH}} m_a^2}$$

$$a(t, r, \theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{3M_S}{4\pi I_2 M_{\text{BH}}}} (M_{\text{BH}} m_a)^2 g(\tilde{r}) \cos(\phi - \omega_R t) \sin \theta, \quad (2)$$

# Previous Studies : Linear Polarization & Axion

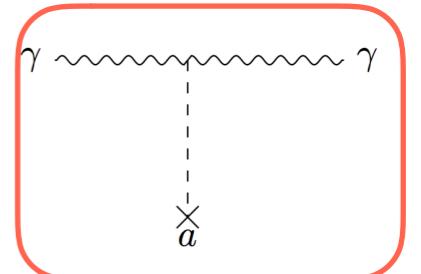
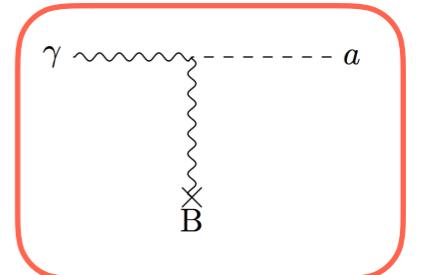


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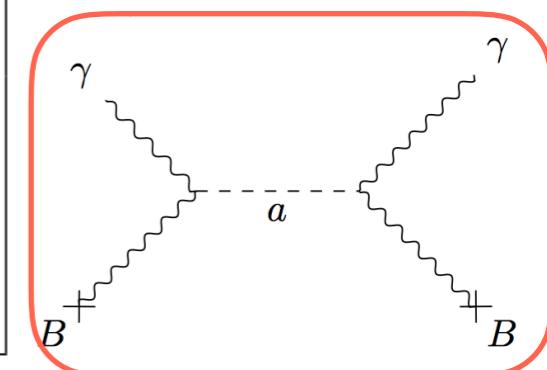
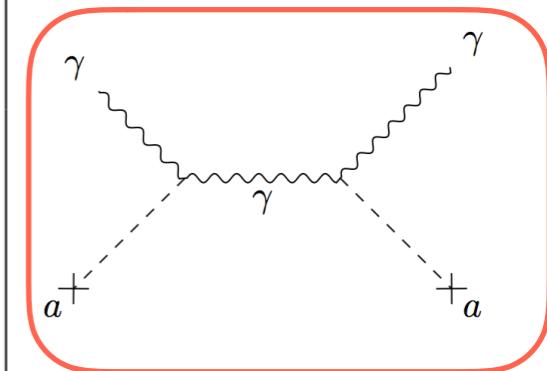
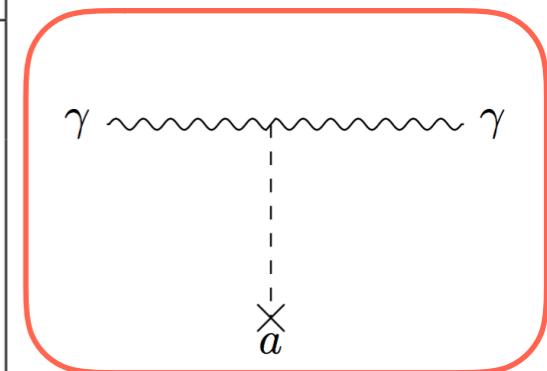
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# Polarization Angle $\Delta\psi$ of Linearly Polarized Emission

Physical Process	The Axion Polarization Angle
Propagation of Photons in an Axion Background	$\Delta\psi = g_{a\gamma}\Delta a(\vec{r}, t)$ 
Axion-photon Conversion in a Magnetic Field	$\Delta\psi = \frac{1}{4}P_{\gamma \rightarrow a} \sin 2\epsilon$ 

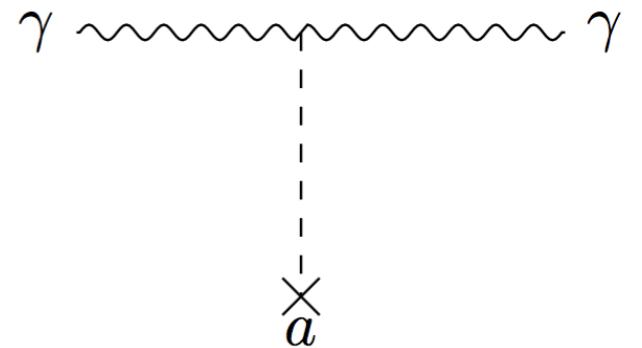
# Sources of Circular Polarization

Physical Process	Form of the Axion Polarization Term
Axion Induced Propagation Effect	$\Pi_V = \frac{2\pi g_{a\gamma} \dot{a}}{\omega_\gamma} + \mathcal{O}(g_{a\gamma}^2)$
Scattering of Photon from Axion	$\Pi_V = 8g_{a\gamma}^2 a_0^2 \frac{\omega_\gamma}{m_a^2 - 4\omega_\gamma^2} (\mathbf{p}_x^2 + \mathbf{p}_y^2) r$
Photon Scattering from a Magnetic Field	$\Pi_V = \frac{\omega_\gamma g_{a\gamma}^2}{m_a^2} (B_x^2 + B_y^2) r$



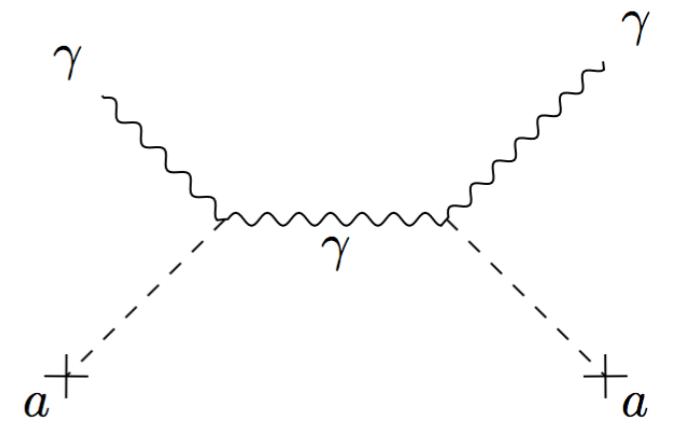
# Axion Induced Circular Polarization

$$\Pi_V \equiv \frac{V}{I} \equiv \frac{|\dot{A}_+|^2 - |\dot{A}_-|^2}{|\dot{A}_+|^2 + |\dot{A}_-|^2} = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_+^2 - \omega_-^2) \simeq \frac{2\pi g_{a\gamma} \dot{a}}{\omega_\gamma} + \mathcal{O}(g_{a\gamma}^2)$$



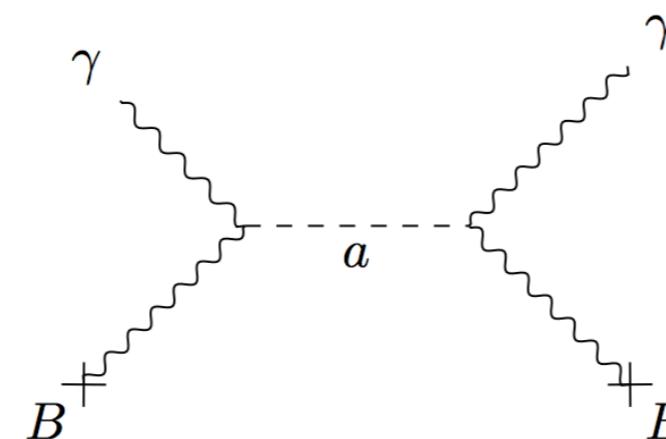
$$\Pi_V = \frac{2\pi g_{a\gamma} \dot{a}}{\omega_\gamma} = 5.41 \times 10^{-19} c_{a\gamma} \left( \frac{m_a}{10^{-20} \text{eV}} \right) \left( \frac{230 \text{GHz}}{\nu_\gamma} \right) \sin(\phi - m_a t) \sin \theta,$$

$$\Pi_V \equiv \frac{|V|}{I} = |\sin(\Omega t)| \approx |\Omega|t = 4.94 \times 10^{-25} c_{a\gamma}^2 \left( \frac{r}{r_g} \right)$$



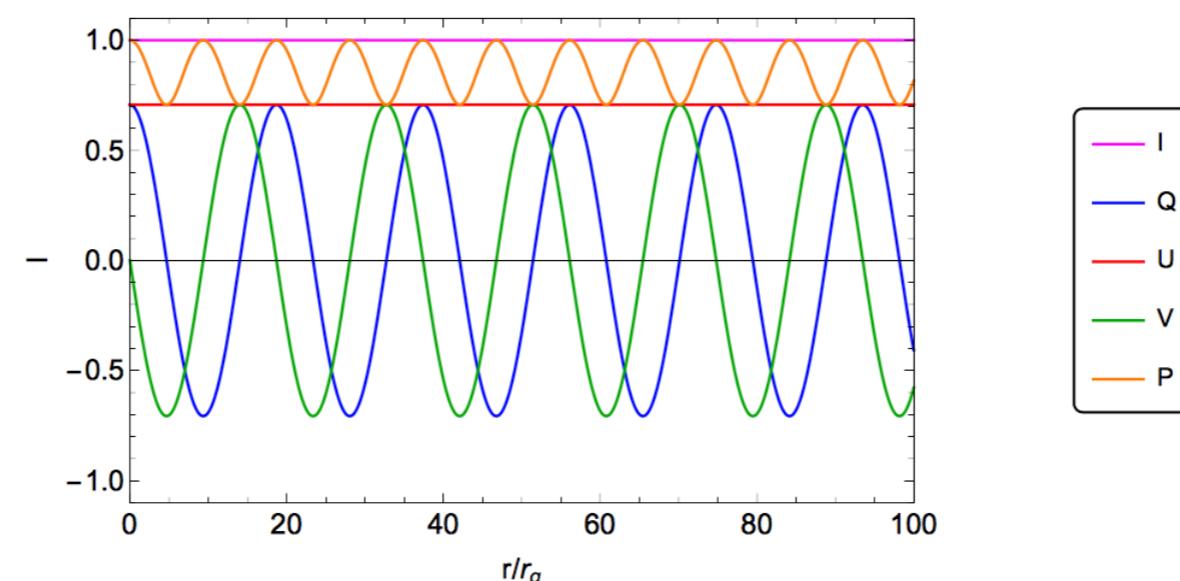
$$\Omega \approx 1.62 \times 10^{-30} c_{a\gamma}^2 \left( \frac{m_a}{10^{-20} \text{eV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{230 \text{GHz}}{\nu_\gamma} \right) s^{-1}$$

# Dominant Contribution of Circular Polarization



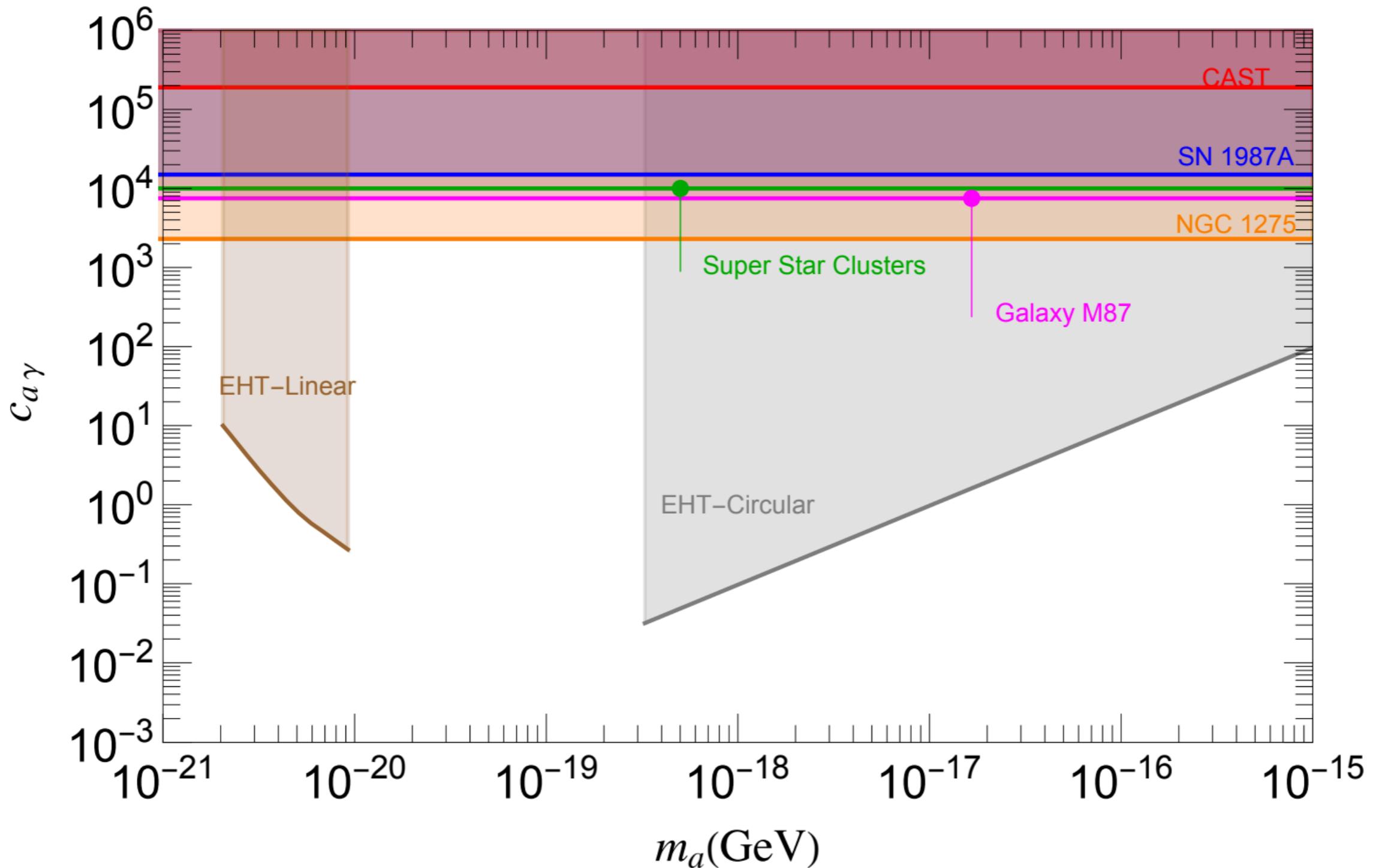
$$\Pi_V \equiv \frac{|V|}{I} = |\sin(\Omega t)| \approx |\Omega|t = 0.85 \left( \frac{c_{a\gamma}}{0.1} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\nu_\gamma}{230\text{GHz}} \right) \left( \frac{10^{-19}\text{eV}}{m_a} \right)^2 \left( \frac{B_0}{1\text{G}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{r}{r_g} \right)$$

From ALMA data we have only a conservative upper bound on the measurement of the circular polarization of M87\* at 230 GHz which is around **0.8%**



The initial conditions are  $I_0 = 1$ ,  $Q_0 = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $U_0 = 1/\sqrt{2}$  and  $V_0 = 0$ .

# Bound Obtain from Circular Polarization of Light from M87



*Thank you for  
your attention*

