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# New approaches to explore dark matter

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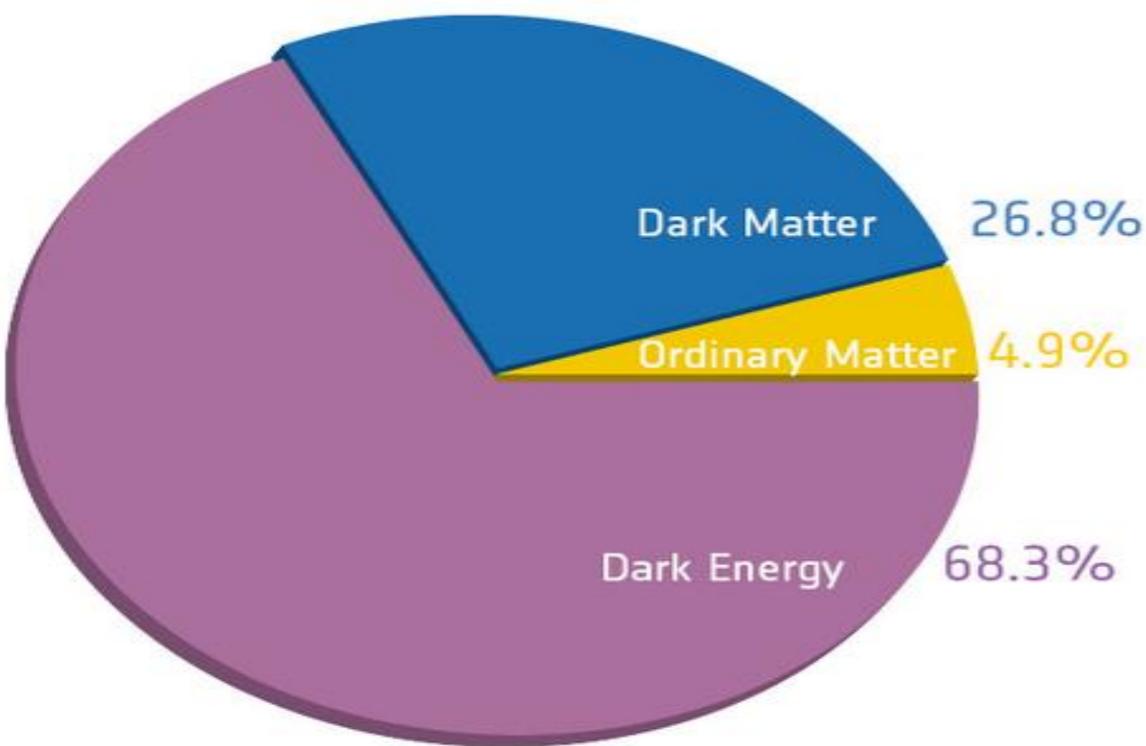
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# Outline

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- **Explore light dark photon DM by SKA**
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# Motivation



**What is the nature of DM ?**

**Many experiments have been done to unravel the long-standing problem.**

**No expected signals**

**at LHC and DM direct search.**

**(See Prof. Ang haipeng's review talk.)**

**This situation may point us towards new ways, such as **radio telescope (SKA/FAST)****

**gravitational wave experiments (LISA/TianQin/Taiji).**

**Focus on exploring light DM by SKA, not mention new DM mechanism from phase transition and its gravitational wave detection.**

# The Square Kilometre Array (SKA)



Early science observations are expected to start in 2021 with a partial array,  
**High sensitivity sub  $\mu J$**

# The Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST)



**From 25 Sep. 2016**

# The Green Bank Telescope (GBT)



**GBT is running observations roughly 6,500 hours each year**

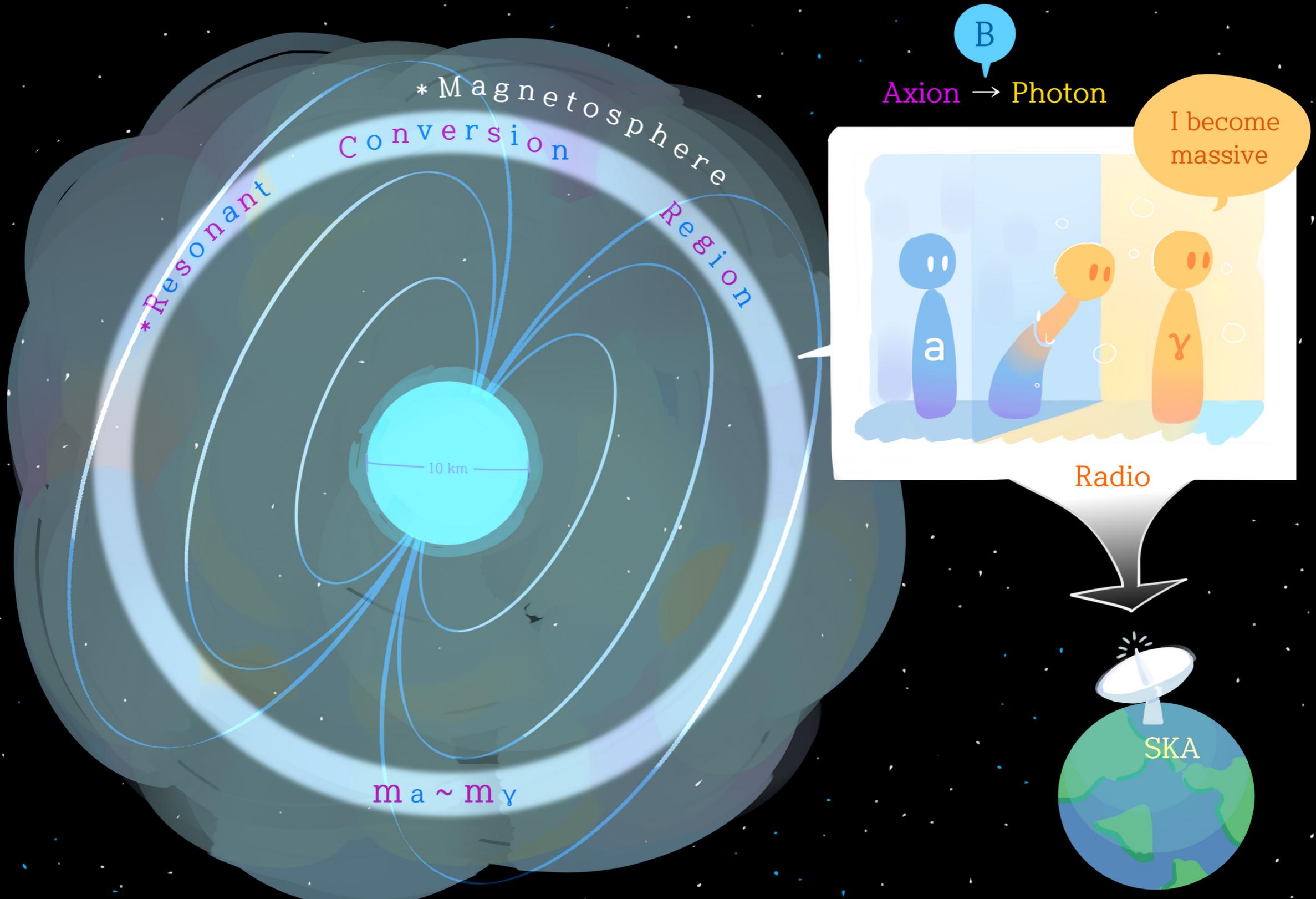
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# **I. Explore light axion dark matter**

**Axion or axion-like particle motivated from strong CP problem or string theory is still one of the most attractive and promising DM candidate.**

**We firstly study using the SKA-like experiments to explore the resonant conversion of axion cold DM to radio signal from magnetized astrophysical sources, such as neutron star, magnetar and pulsar.**

\*Axion cold dark matter



# Axion-photon conversion in the magnetosphere

$$L_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{4} g \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} a = -g \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} a,$$

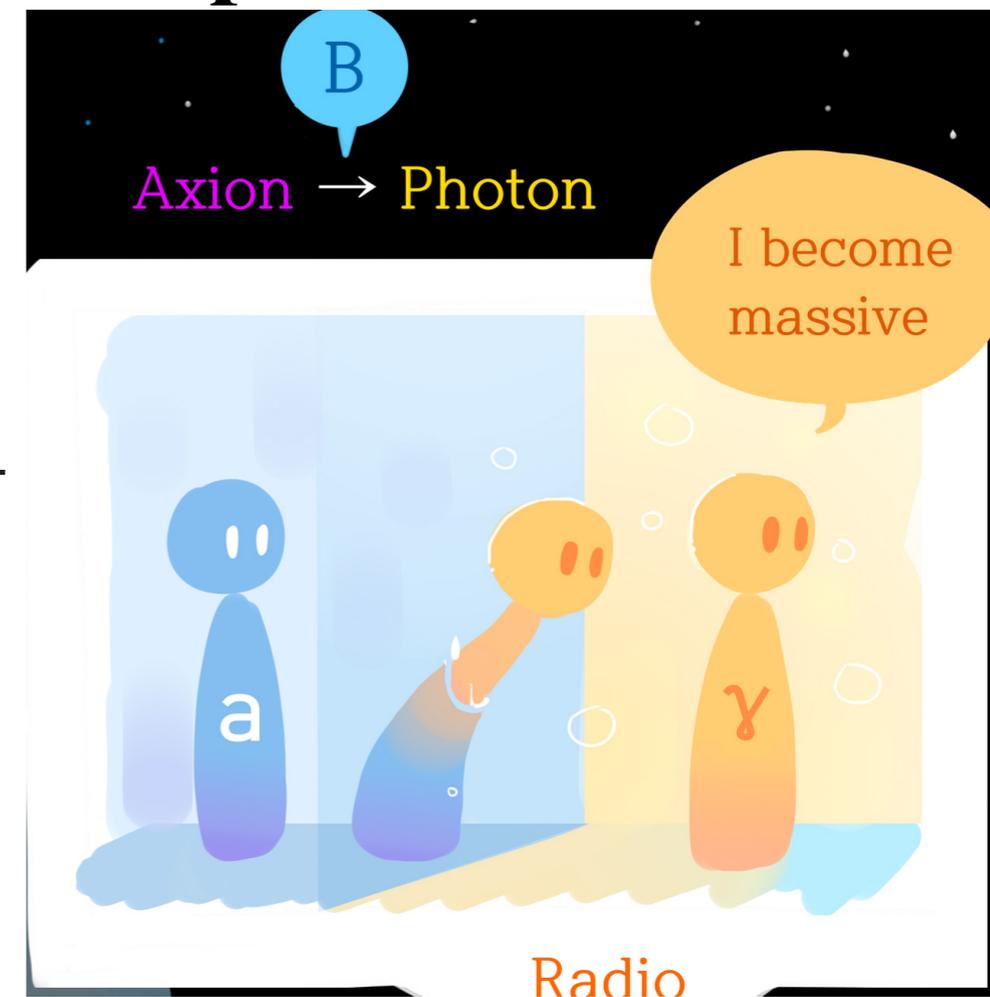
**Massive Photon:** In the magnetosphere of the neutron star, photon obtains effective mass in the plasma.

$$m_{\gamma}^2 = \omega_{\text{plasma}}^2 = 4\pi\alpha \frac{n_e}{m_e}$$

$$n_e(r) = n_e^{\text{GJ}}(r) = 7 \times 10^{-2} \frac{1s}{P} \frac{B(r)}{1 \text{ G}} \frac{1}{\text{cm}^3}$$

$$B(r) = B_0 \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{-3}$$

Thus, the photon mass is location dependent, and within some region  $m_{\gamma}^2(r_{\text{res}}) = m_a^2$



# The Adiabatic Resonant Conversion

**Within the resonance region, the axion-photon conversion rate is greatly enhanced due to resonant effects.**

$$\sin 2\tilde{\theta} = \frac{2gB\omega}{\sqrt{4g^2B^2\omega^2 + (m_\gamma^2 - m_a^2)^2}} \quad m_\gamma^2(r_{\text{res}}) = m_a^2$$

**The adiabatic resonant conversion requires the resonance region is valid inside the resonance width.**

**Coherent condition is also needed.**

**Resonant conversion is essential to observe the radio signal from axion DM.**

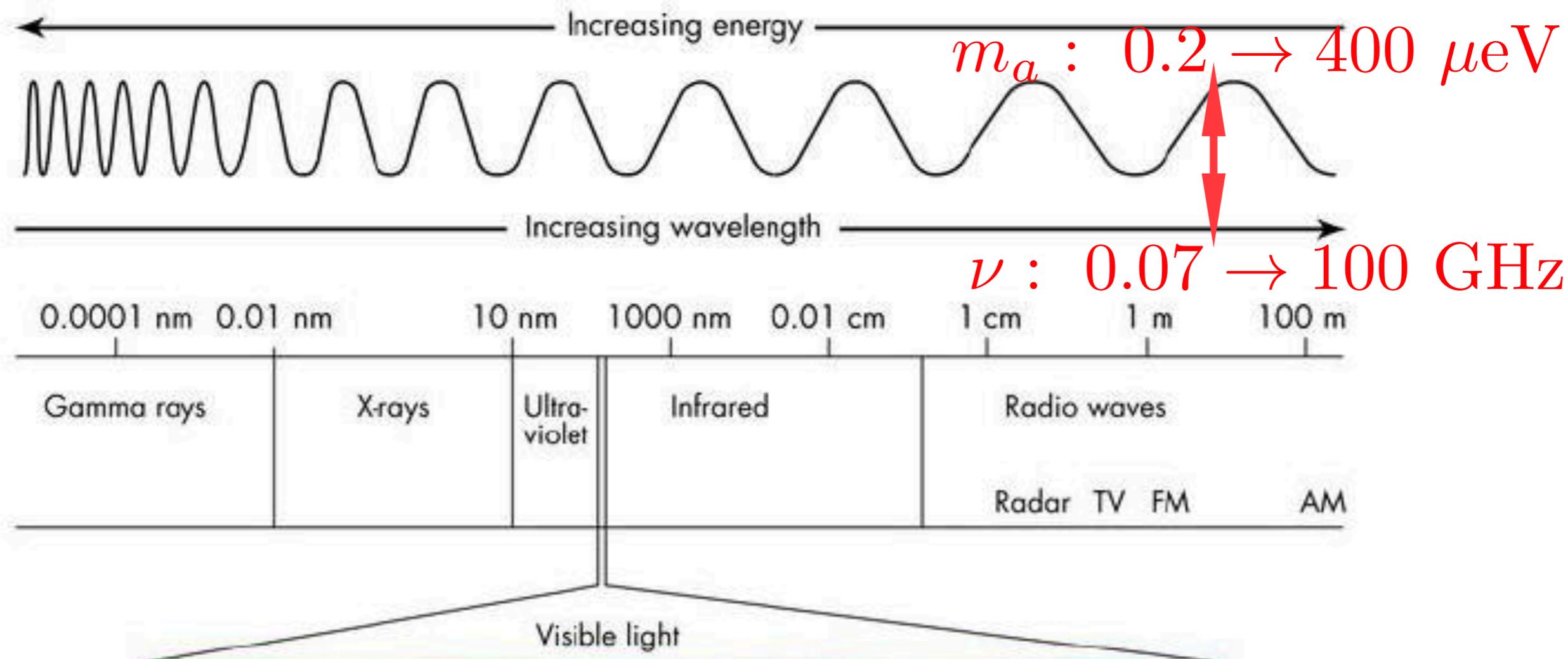
# Radio Signal

**Line-like radio signal for non-relativistic axion**

**conversion:**

$$\nu_{\text{peak}} \approx \frac{m_a}{2\pi} \approx 240 \frac{m_a}{\mu\text{eV}} \text{ MHz} \quad \mathbf{1 \text{ GHz} \sim 4 \mu\text{eV}}$$

**FAST covers 70 MHz–3 GHz, SKA covers 50 MHz–14 GHz, and GBT covers 0.3–100 GHz, so that the radio telescopes can probe axion mass range of 0.2–400  $\mu\text{eV}$**



# Radio Signal

**Signal:** For a trial parameter set,  $B_0 = 10^{15}$  G,  $m_a = 50 \mu\text{eV}$

$P = 10$  s,  $g = 5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ ,  $r_0 = 10$  km,  $M = 1.5M_{\text{sun}}$ ,  $d = 1$  kpc

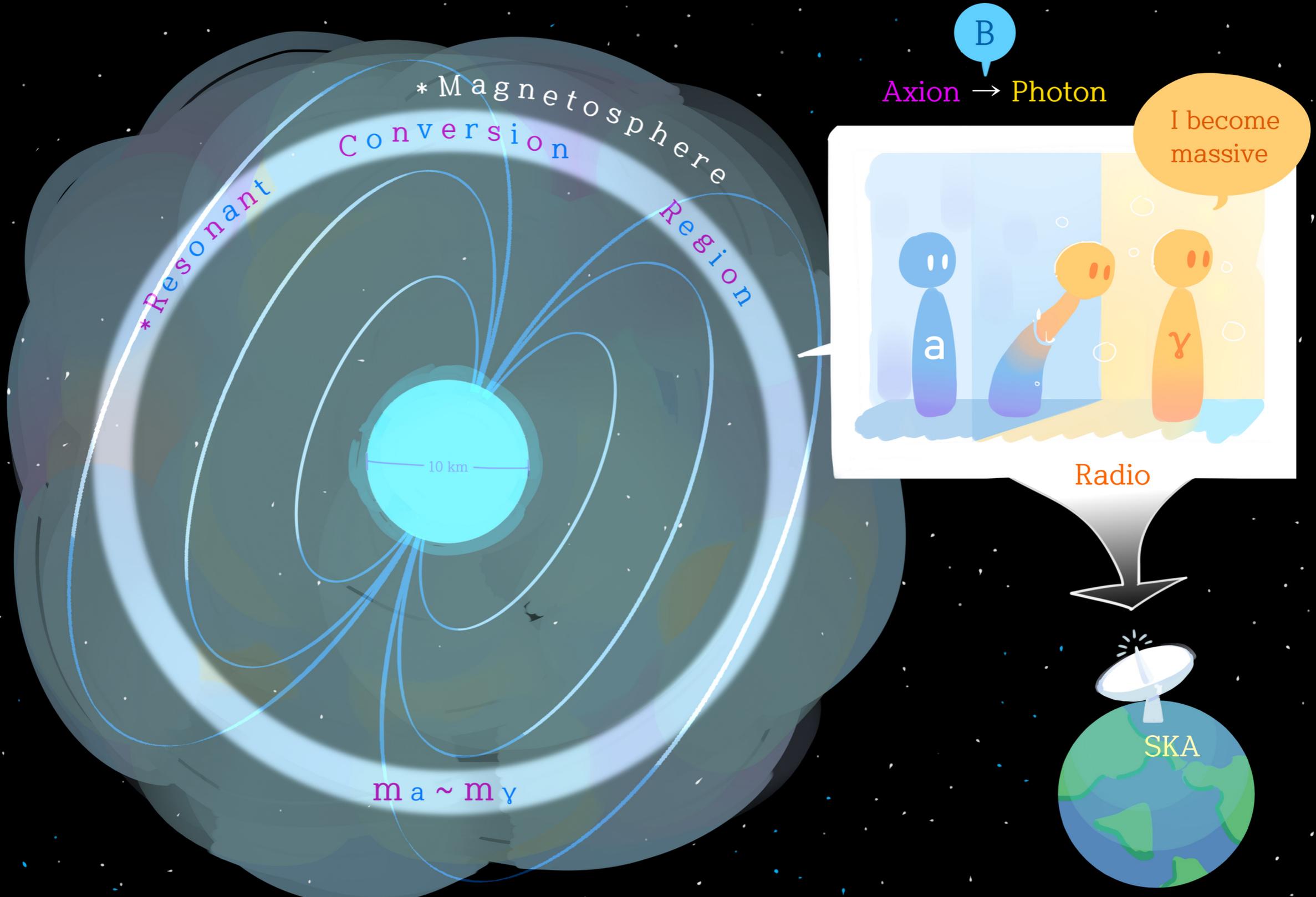
**satisfies the conditions for the adiabatic resonance conditions and the existed axion search constraints with signal**  $S_\gamma \sim 0.51 \mu\text{Jy}$ .

**Sensitivity:**  $S_{\min} \sim 0.48 \mu\text{Jy}$  for the SKA1

$S_{\min} \sim 0.016 \mu\text{Jy}$  for SKA2 with 100 hours observation time.

**SKA-like experiment can probe the axion DM and the axion mass which corresponds to peak frequency.**

\*Axion cold dark matter



# Comments on the radio probe of axion DM

- 1. Astrophysical uncertainties: the magnetic field distribution, DM density distribution, the velocity dispersion, the plasma effects...**
- 2. There are more and more detailed studies after our simple estimation on the radio signal:**

**arXiv:1804.03145** They consider more details and extremely high dark matter density around the neutron star, thus the signal is more stronger.

**arXiv:1811.01020** by Benjamin R. Safdi, Zhiquan Sun, Alexander Y. Chen

**arXiv:1905.04686**, They consider multi-messenger of axion DM detection. Namely, using LISA to detect the DM density around the neutron star, which can determine the radio strength detected by SKA.

**Up to now, the most precise study is arXiv:2104.08290**

# This idea becomes a hot topic.

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## FAST+SKA

### Physics Briefing Book : Input for the European Strategy for Particle Physics Update 2020

Richard Keith Ellis (Durham U., IPPP) *et al.*. Oct 25, 2019. 254 pp.

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e-Print: [arXiv:1910.11775](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.11775) [

#### 9.5.3 Complementarity with direct and indirect detection searches

Radio searches for the conversion of axion/ALP dark matter into photons inside the magnetosphere of neutron stars can have sensitivity [630–632] for ALP masses in the range  $\sim 0.2\text{--}40\mu\text{eV}$ , and potentially above. The signature is the emission of a narrow radio line from individual neutron stars, with a frequency that corresponds to the mass of the ALP. Several of such searches are now underway, with expected sensitivities to the photon-ALP coupling down to  $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-12}\text{GeV}^{-1}$ . The future SKA may have the ability to probe significant parts of the QCD axion parameter space [633].

#### Invisible Axion Search Methods

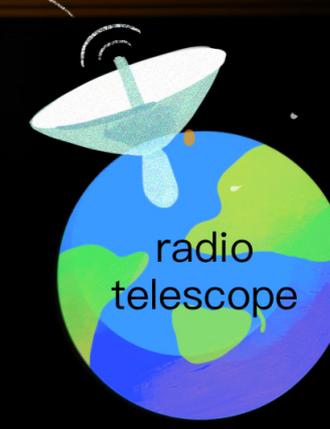
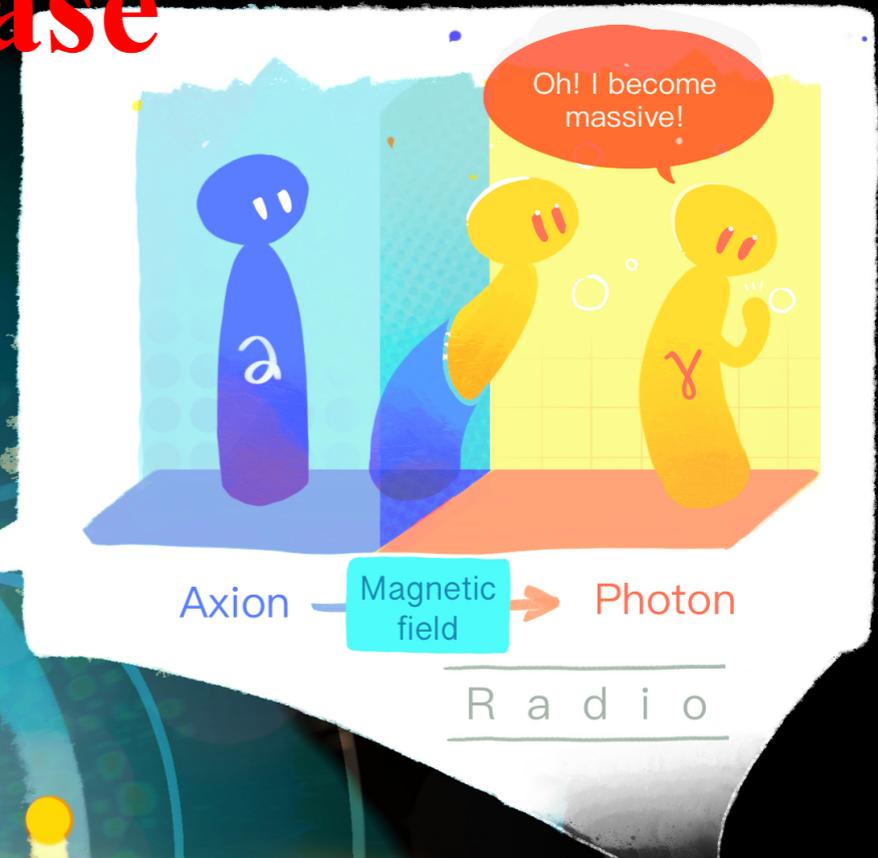
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Axion-photon conversion can occur in astrophysical magnetic fields, and may have implications for observation. Axions can readily convert to photons, and vice-versa, in the magnetospheres of neutron stars (Hook *et al.*, 2018; Huang *et al.*, 2018; Morris, 1986). With

**See Yin Peng-Fei's talk for axion search by white dwarf**

# Generalization to axion star case



**Axion could condense to BEC and star.**

**FRB-Axion star correlation**

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## II. Generalize to dark photon DM case

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**Recently, people realize light dark photon can be a promising DM candidate.**

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**We study how to detect light dark photon DM by radio telescope, following the same idea as the axion DM case.**

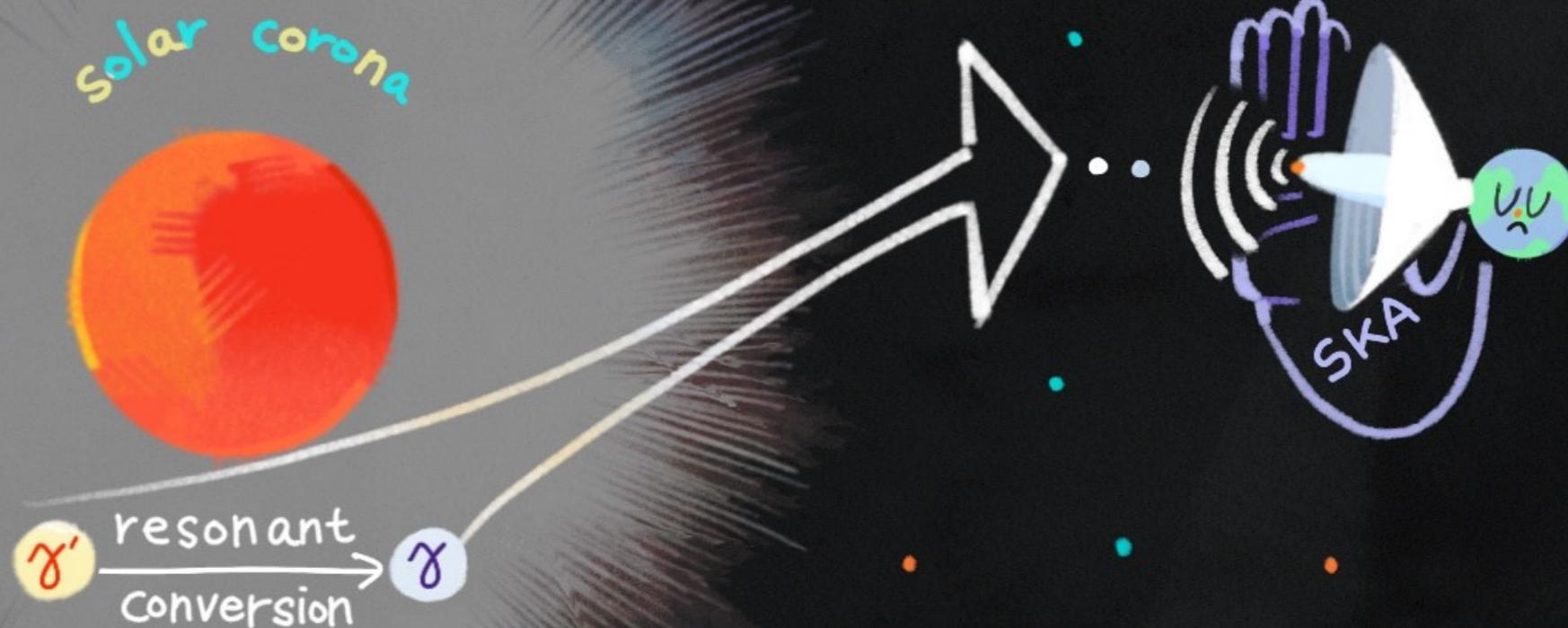
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$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m_{A'}^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon F_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu}$$

# Resonant conversion process

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# Resonant production

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$$\begin{aligned} P_{A' \rightarrow \gamma}(v_r) &= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{dt}{2\omega} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_{A'}^\mu - p_\gamma^\mu) \sum_{\text{pol}} |\mathcal{M}|^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \times \pi \epsilon^2 m_{A'} v_r^{-1} \left| \frac{\partial \ln \omega_p^2(r)}{\partial r} \right|_{\omega_p(r)=m_{A'}}^{-1}, \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{P}}{d\Omega} &\approx 2 \times \frac{1}{4\pi} \rho_{\text{DM}} v_0 \int_0^b dz 2\pi z P_{A' \rightarrow \gamma}(v_r) \\ &= P_{A' \rightarrow \gamma}(v_0) \rho_{\text{DM}} v(r_c) r_c^2, \end{aligned}$$

# Propagation effects

It turns out that the dominant absorption process is the inverse bremsstrahlung process.

$$\Gamma_{\text{inv}} \approx \frac{8\pi n_e n_N \alpha^3}{3\omega^3 m_e^2} \left( \frac{2\pi m_e}{T} \right)^{1/2} \log \left( \frac{2T^2}{\omega_p^2} \right) \left( 1 - e^{-\omega/T} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{Com}} = \frac{8\pi\alpha^2}{3m_e^2} n_e.$$

$$P_s \equiv e^{-\int \Gamma_{\text{att}} dt} \simeq \exp \left( - \int_{r_c}^{r_{\text{max}}} \Gamma_{\text{att}} dr / v_r \right)$$

# Sensitivity of radio telescope

The minimum detectable flux density of a radio telescope is

$$S_{\min} = \frac{\text{SEFD}}{\eta_s \sqrt{n_{\text{pol}}} \mathcal{B} t_{\text{obs}}}$$

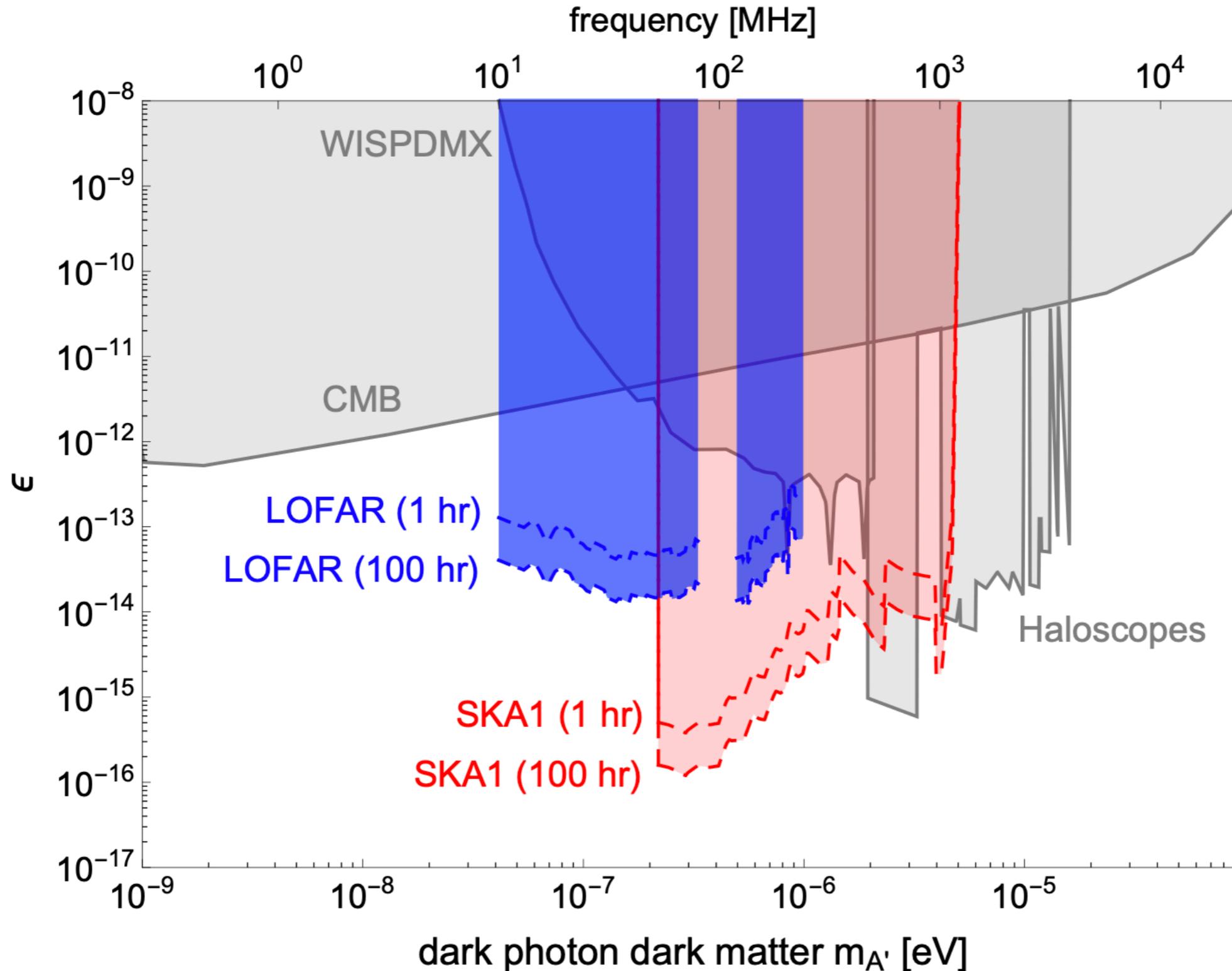
$$\text{SEFD} = 2k_B \frac{T_{\text{sys}} + T_{\odot}^{\text{nos}}}{A_{\text{eff}}}$$

Name	$f$ [MHz]	$B_{\text{res}}$ [kHz]	$\langle T_{\text{sys}} \rangle$ [K]	$\langle A_{\text{eff}} \rangle$ [m <sup>2</sup> ]
SKA1-Low	(50, 350)	1	680	$2.2 \times 10^5$
SKA1-Mid B1	(350, 1050)	3.9	28	$2.7 \times 10^4$
SKA1-Mid B2	(950, 1760)	3.9	20	$3.5 \times 10^4$
LOFAR	(10, 80)	195	28,110	1,830
LOFAR	(120, 240)	195	1,770	1,530

# The sensitivity reach

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# Conclusion

**SKA-like radio telescope could provide new ideas to explore the light dark matter.**

**Work in progress:  
multi-messenger (radio signal plus gravitational wave signal) to explore light dark matter**

**Thanks for your attention!**

**Comments and collaborations are welcome!**



# Thank you!

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## Final Remark:

1. Collaboration is welcome!
2. Welcome to join as faculty.
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