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COSMIC WISPers in the Dark Universe:

Theory, astrophysics and experiments



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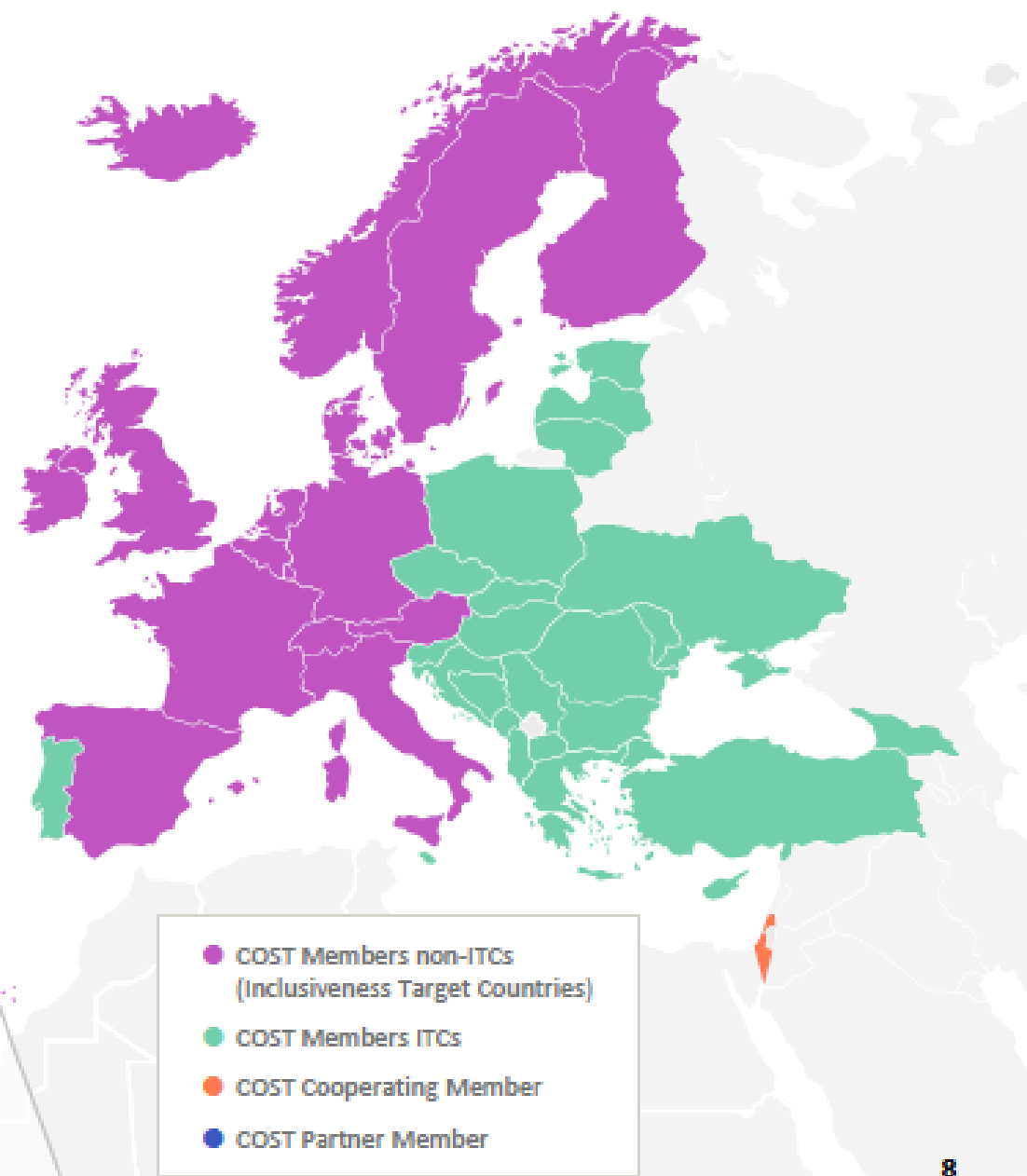
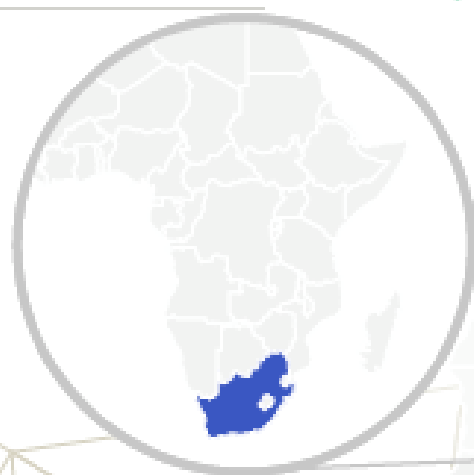
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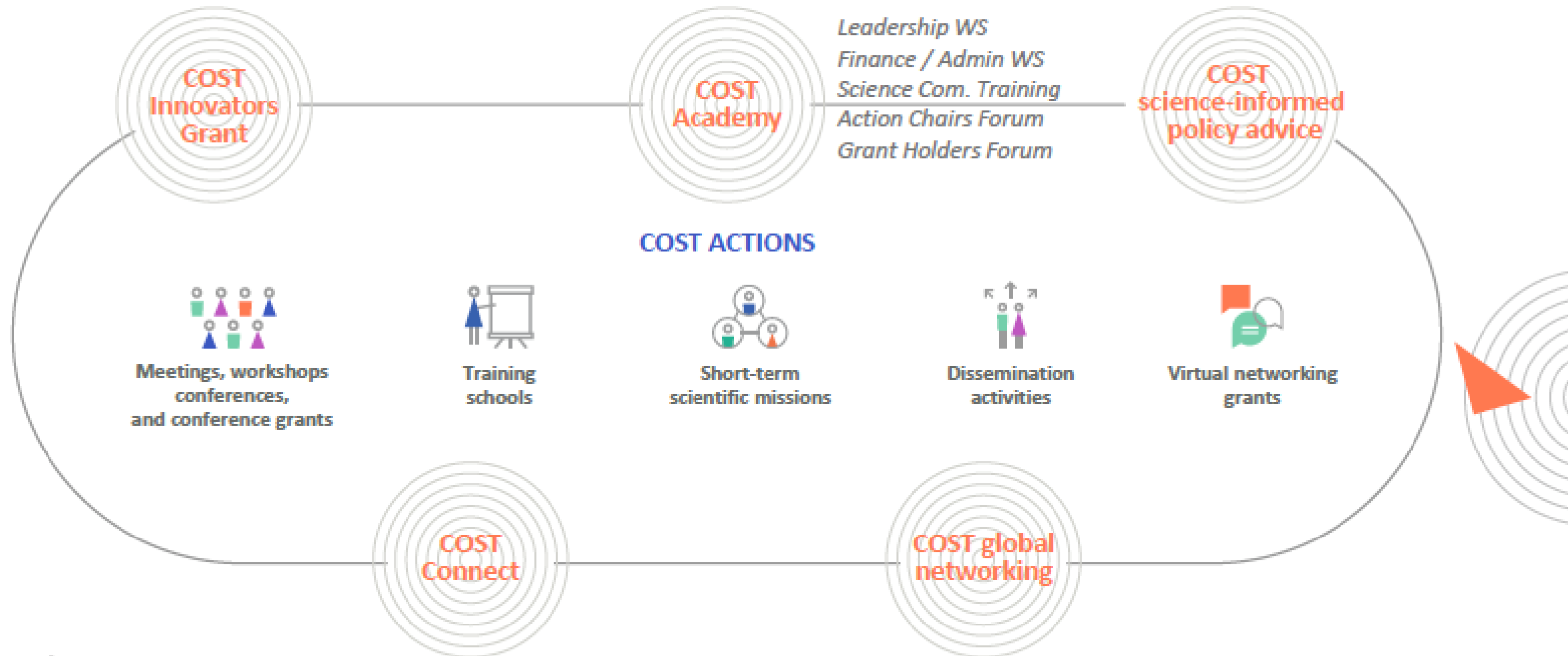
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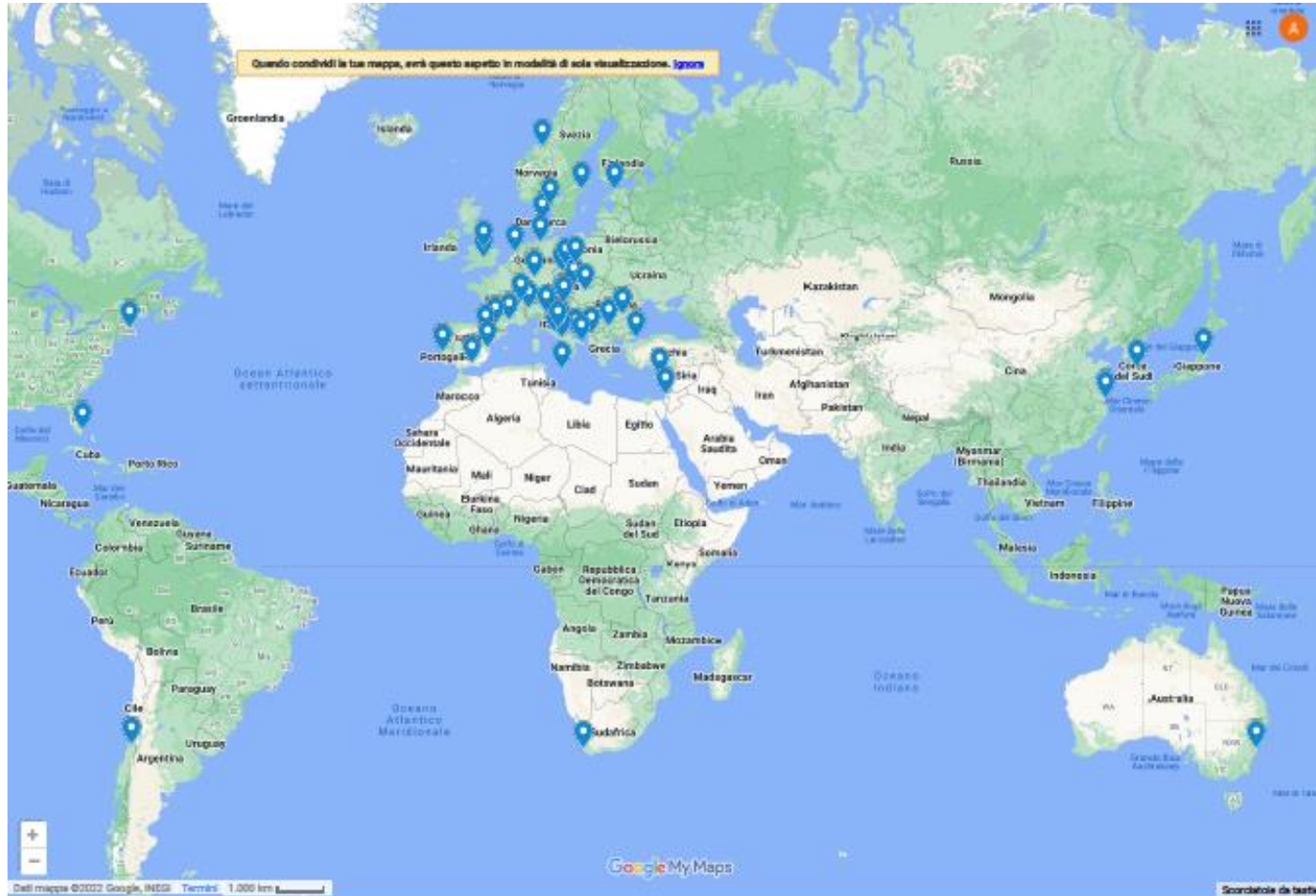
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# COSMIC WISPErs NETWORK



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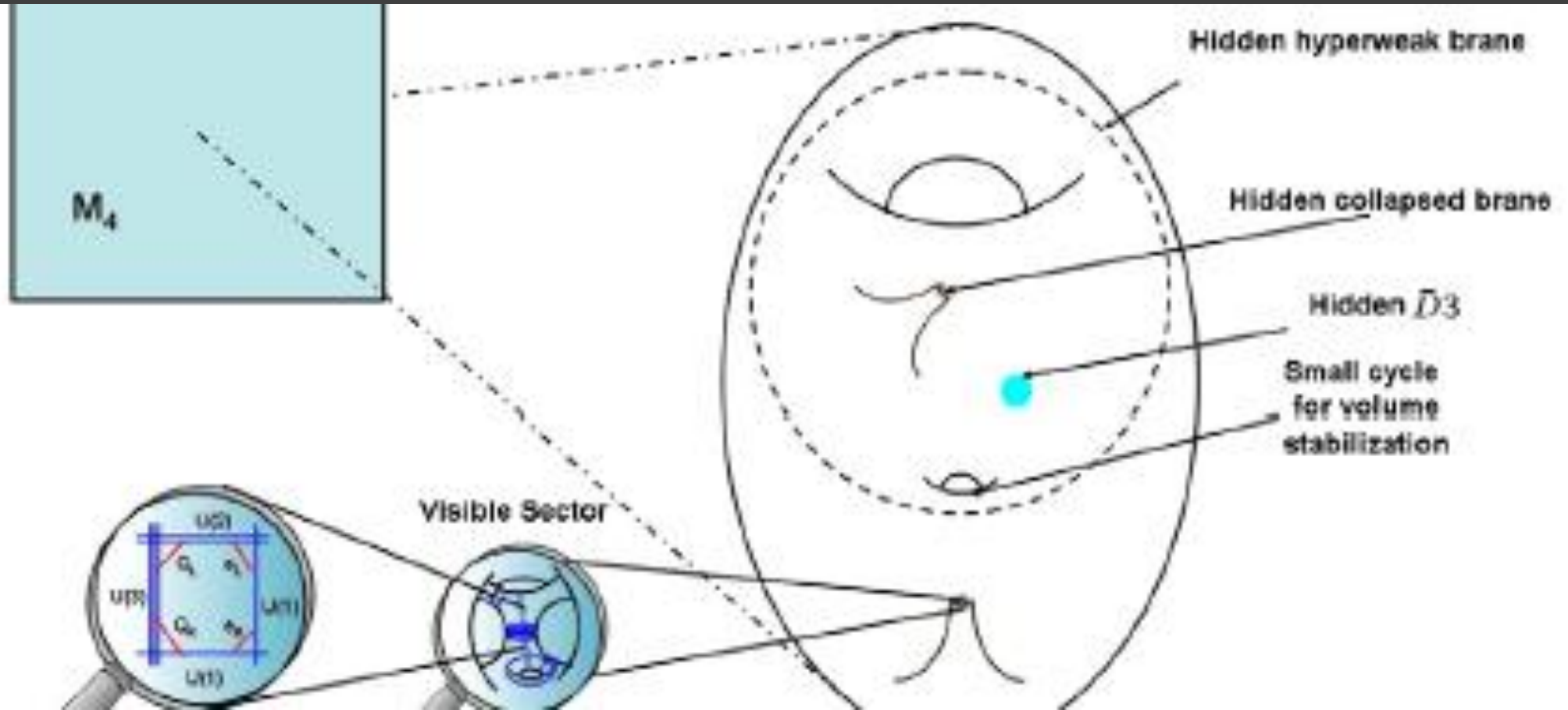
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# WISPs

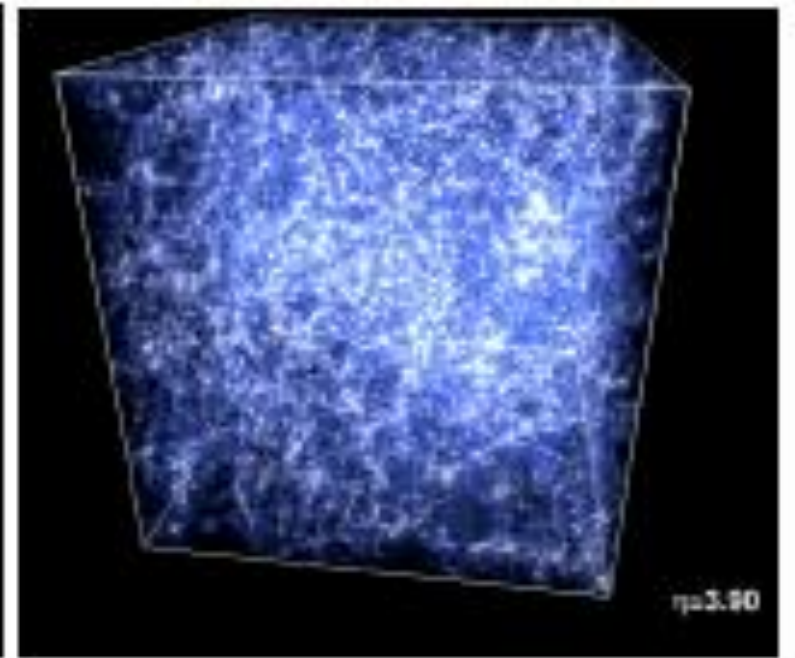
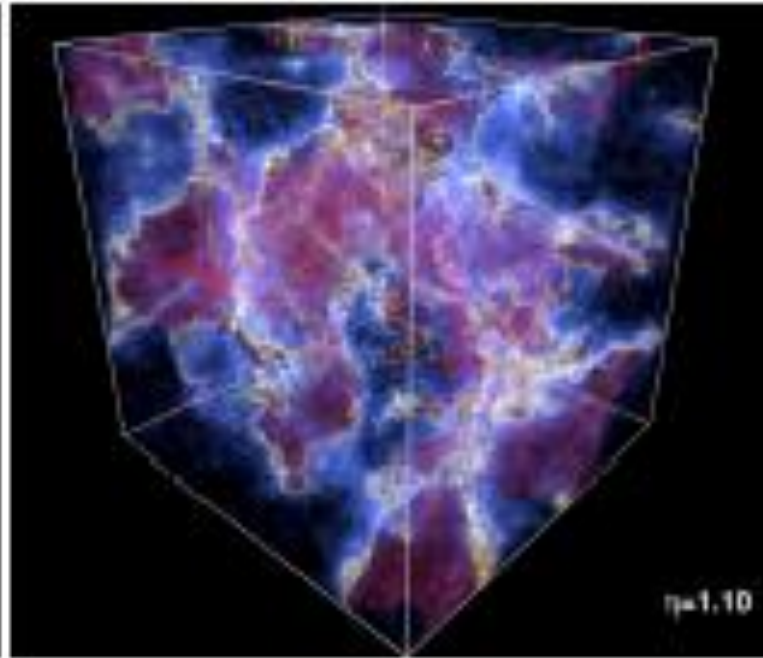
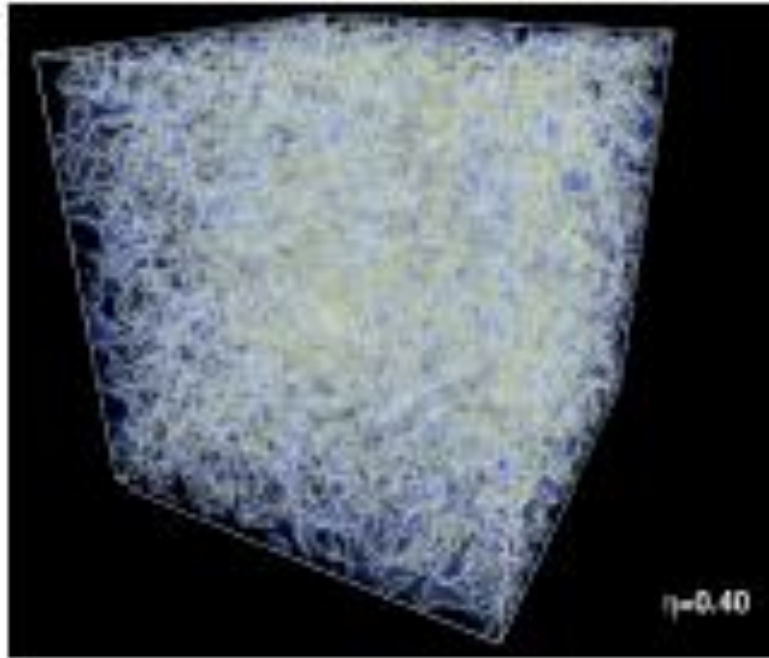


WISPs are very Weakly Interacting Slim ( $m < \text{GeV}$ ) Particles which emerge in several extensions of the Standard Model of Particle Physics. The aim of this Action is an exhaustive study of these WISPs, notably axions, axion-like particles (ALPs) and dark photons, ranging from their theoretical underpinning, over their indirect observational consequences in astrophysics, to their search at colliders and beam-dump and their direct detection in laboratory experiments.



## WG1: THEORY AND MODEL BUILDING

Determine the nature, number, masses and couplings of WISPs that arise in well-motivated theories of fundamental physics, and in particular within string compactifications that join moduli stabilisation with (semi)-realistic matter sectors



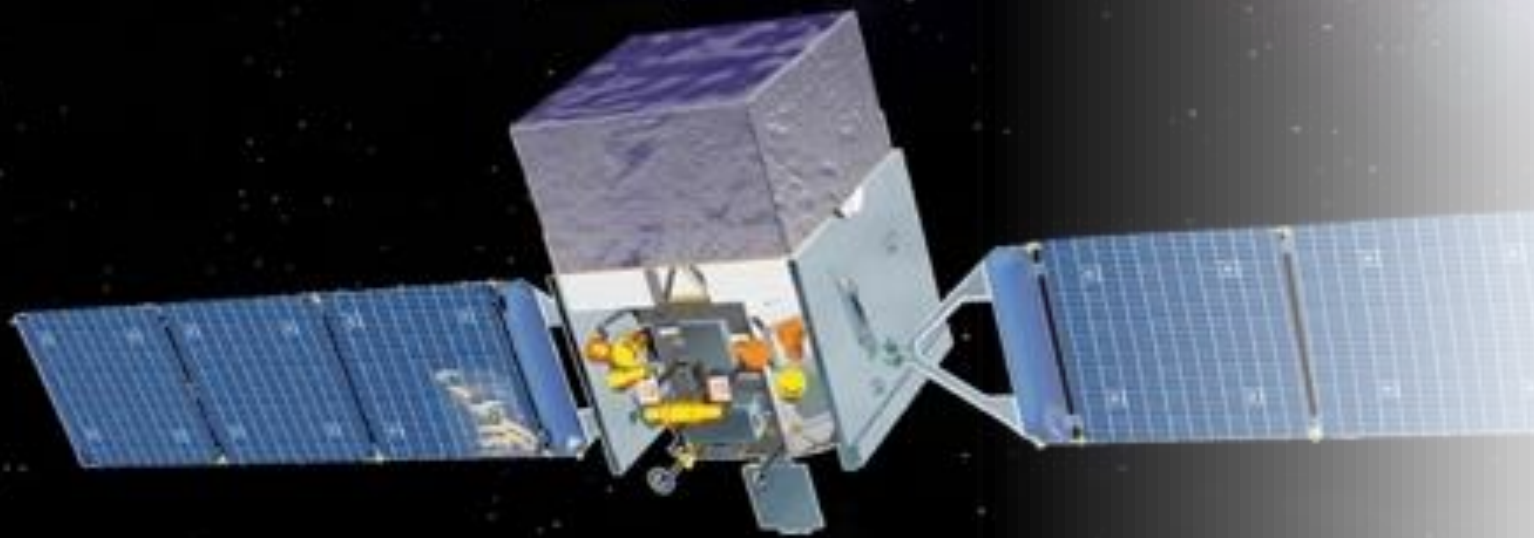
## WG2: DARK MATTER AND COSMOLOGY

Obtain precise predictions of axion and WISP DM relic abundance and identify distinguishing features of WISP DM in Large Scale Structure data



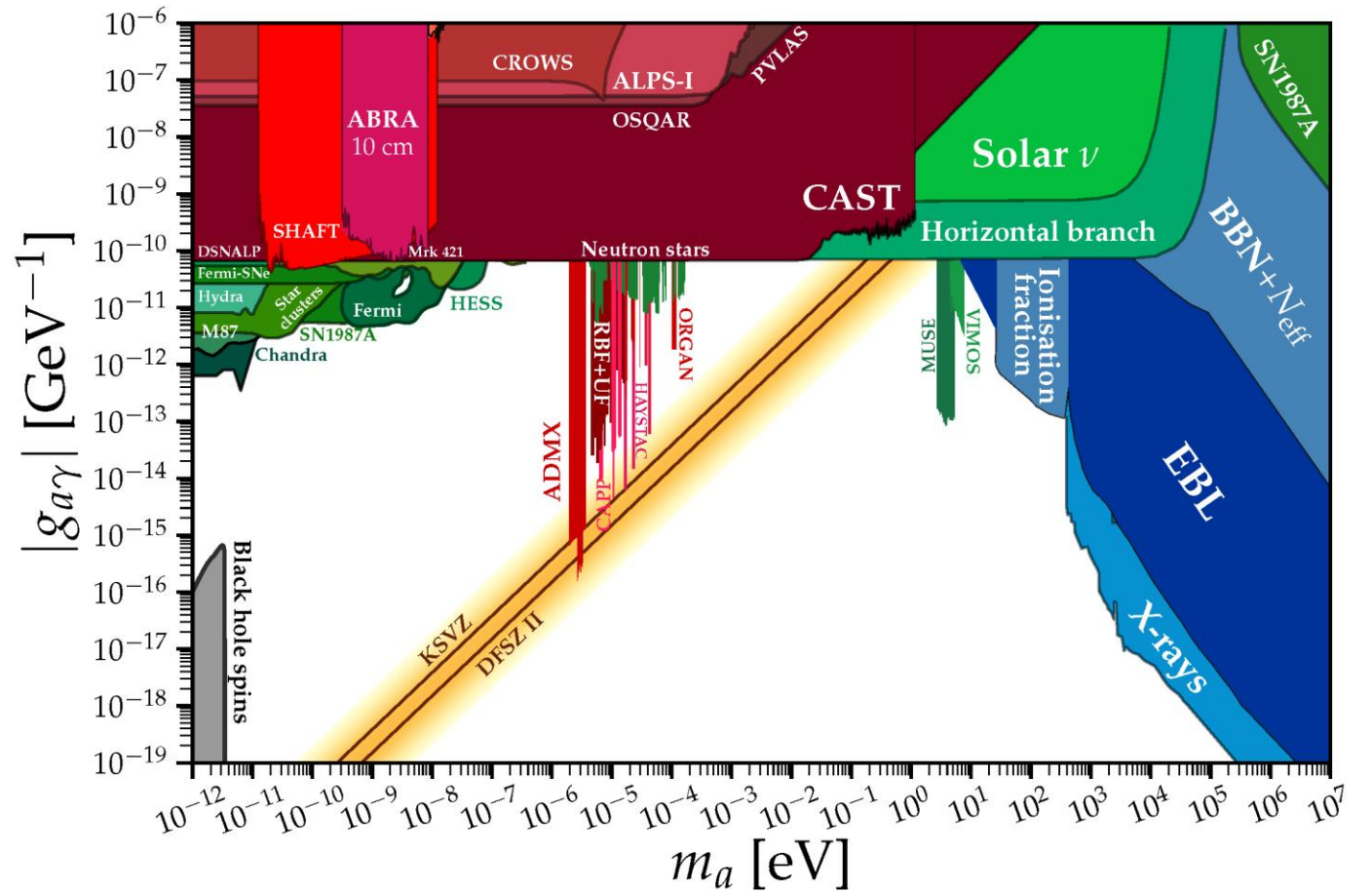
# WG3: WISPs IN ASTROPHYSICS

Deepen the studies of the signatures of WISPs in astroparticle physics. These include WISP oscillations into photons, WISP-induced energy loss in stellar systems and signatures from gravitational waves and from primordial black-hole superradiance.



# WG4: DIRECT WISPs SEARCHES

Produce a complete, updated and revised summary of the status of WISP searches, highlighting parts of the parameter space, models or couplings that are not under test by present or future searches. Outline a roadmap to WISP discovery and a way to disentangle among different WISP models



## WG5: DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH

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Enhance the dissemination and communication of the results, and to structure outreach activities to attract public awareness to the challenges and achievements in astro-particle physics.



## HOW TO JOIN

- Apply to join the WG of your interest on the Action webpage <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21106/>
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