

# CP violation with ALPs and Singlet Scalars

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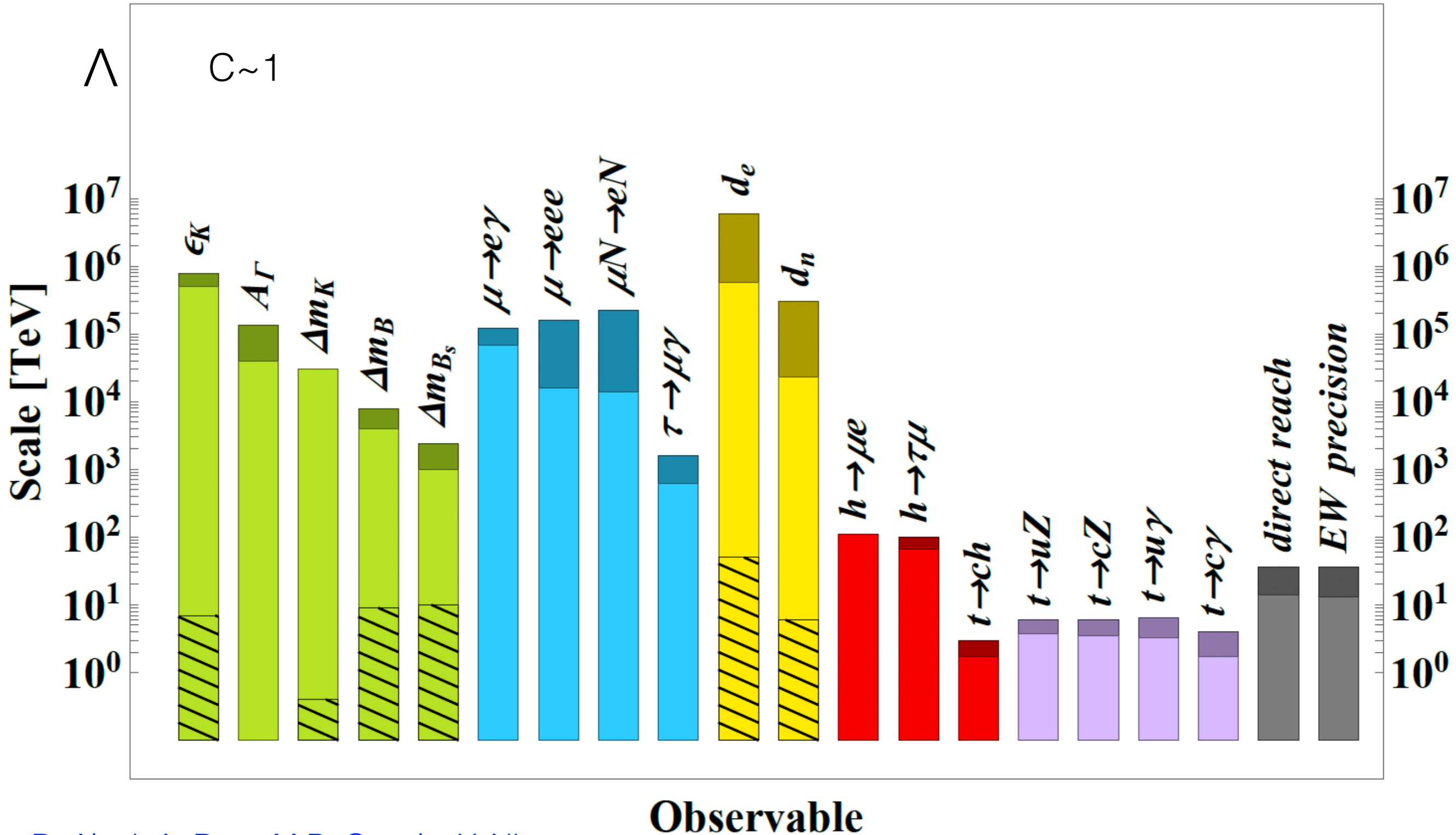
**Why 3 generations of quarks and leptons, with mixing and leading to CP-violation.... for “nothing”?**

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**CP-violation is a fantastic  
window to BSM**

# Flavour physics

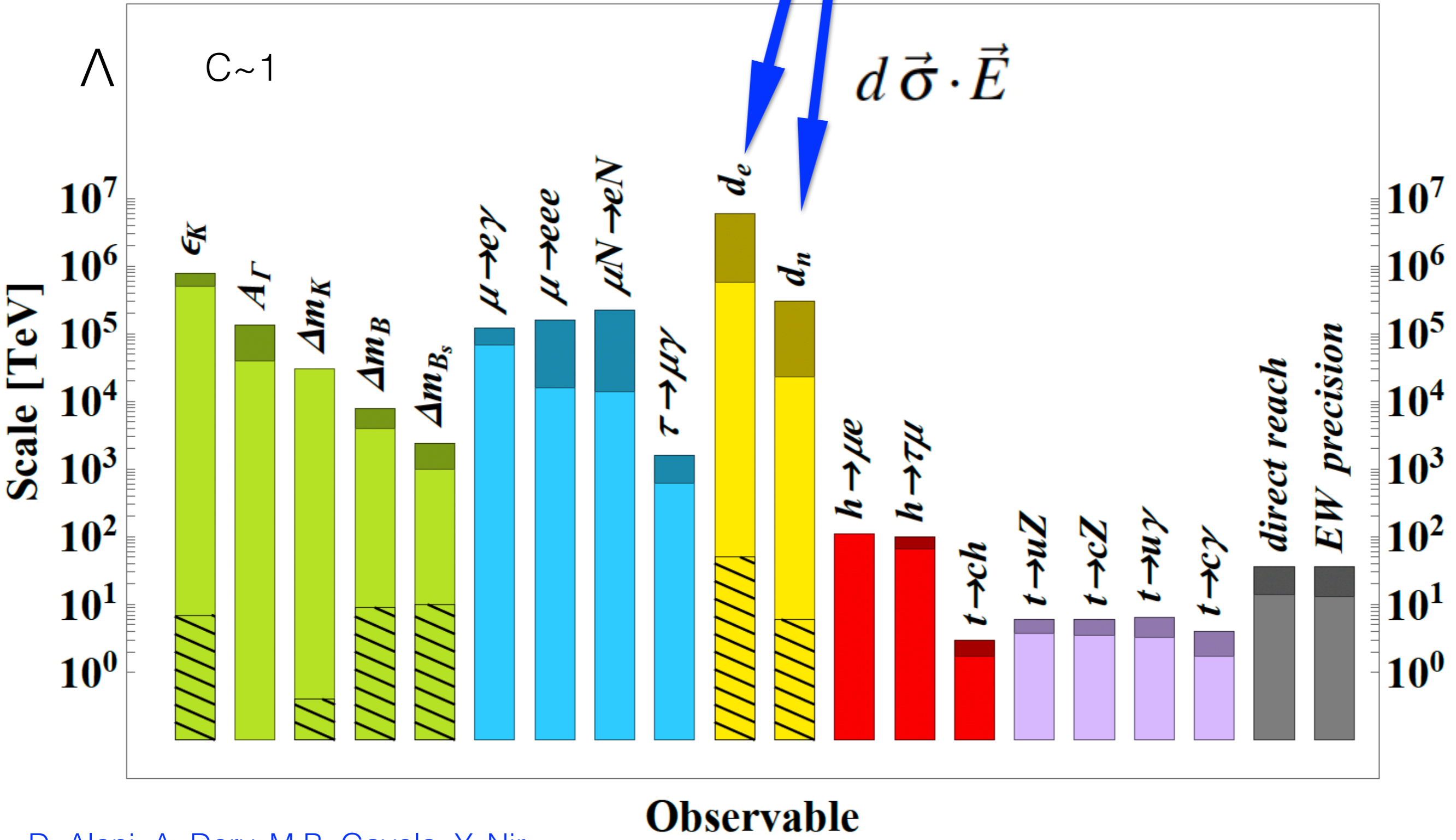
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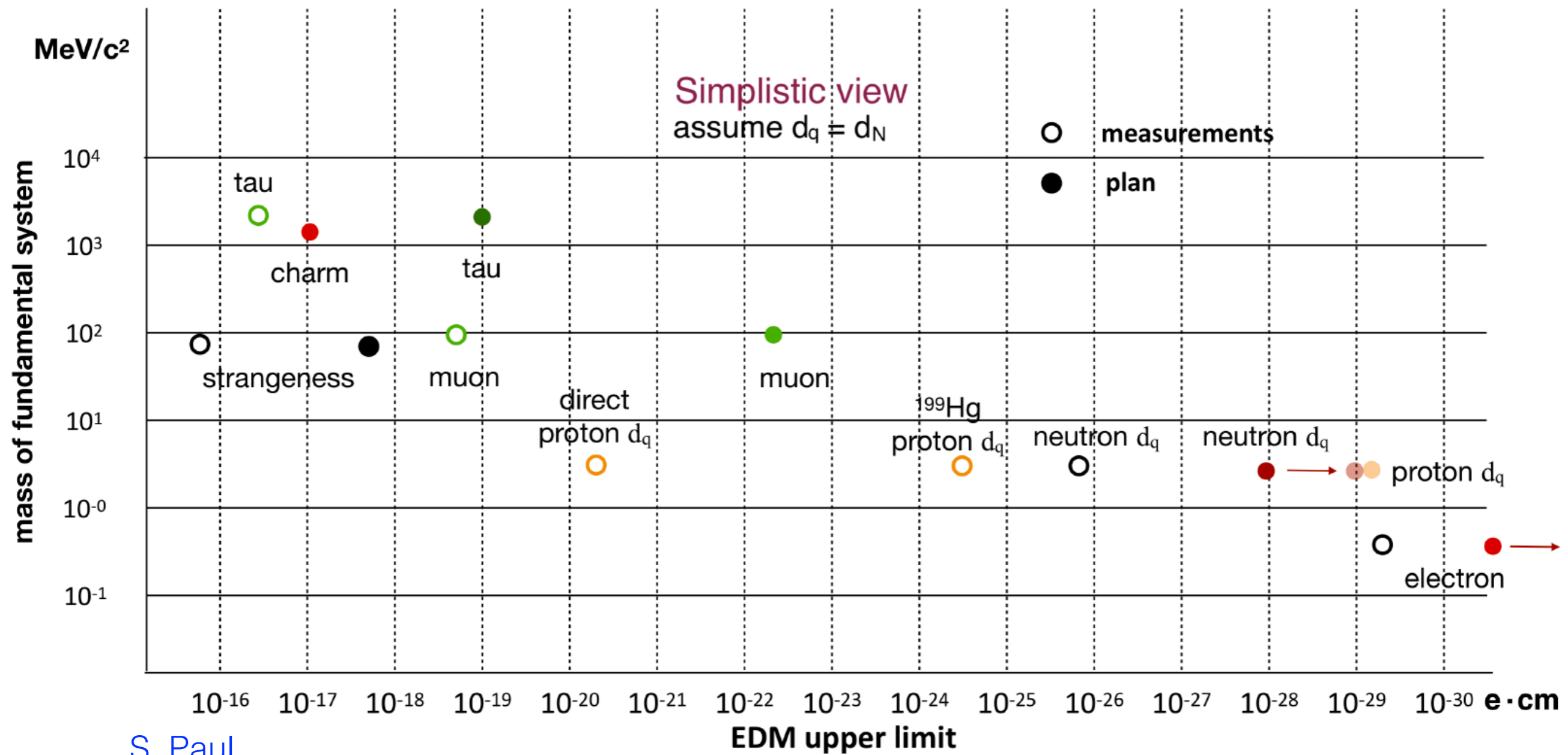
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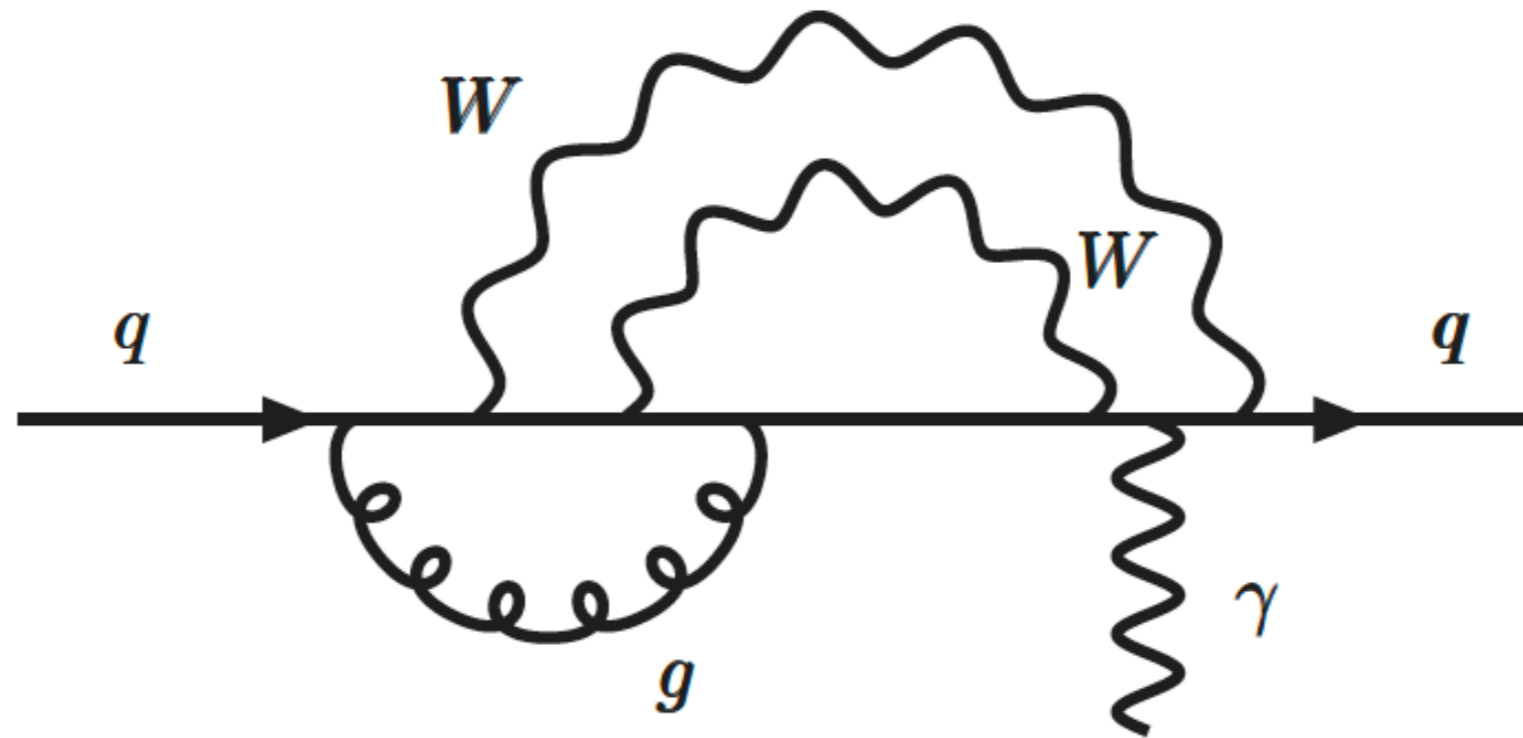
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Fig. 5.3: Summary of current EDM limits (empty circles) and short/mid-term planned sensitivities (full circles) for light quarks, strange and charm quarks, electron, muon and tau [257].

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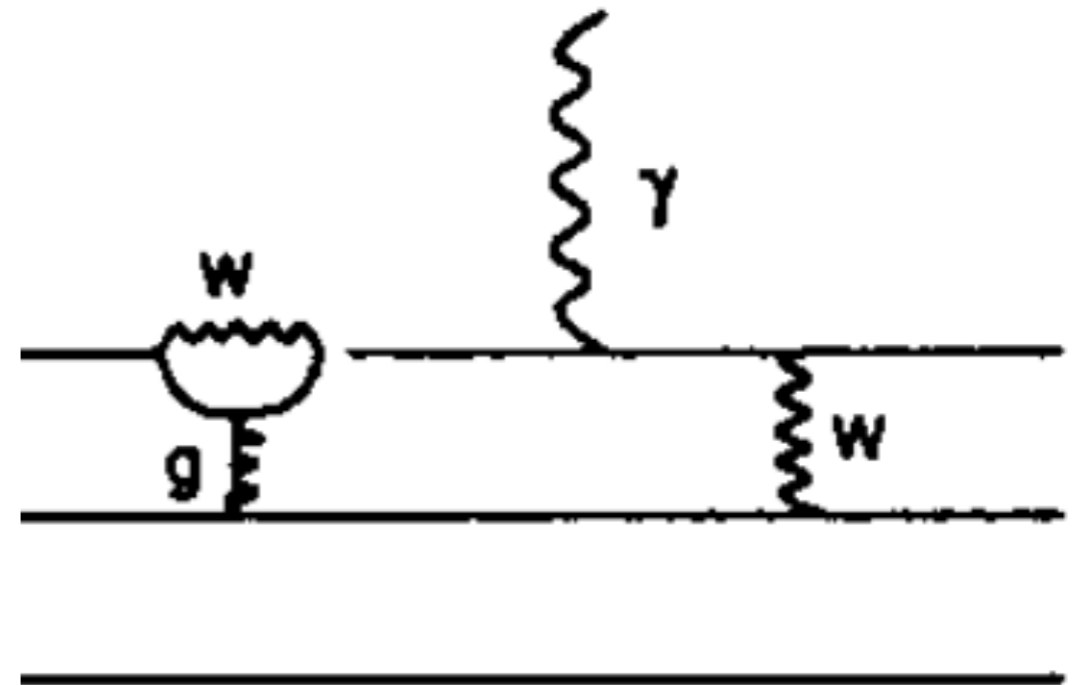
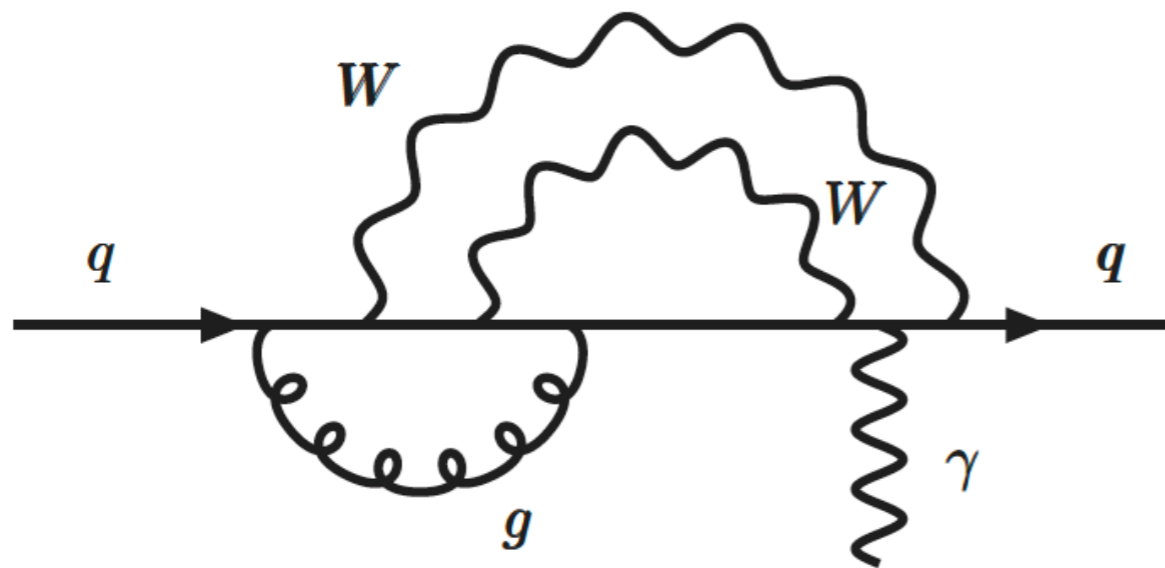
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“penguin dominated”



(80's: Gavela et al.,  
Khriplovich+Zhitnitsky)

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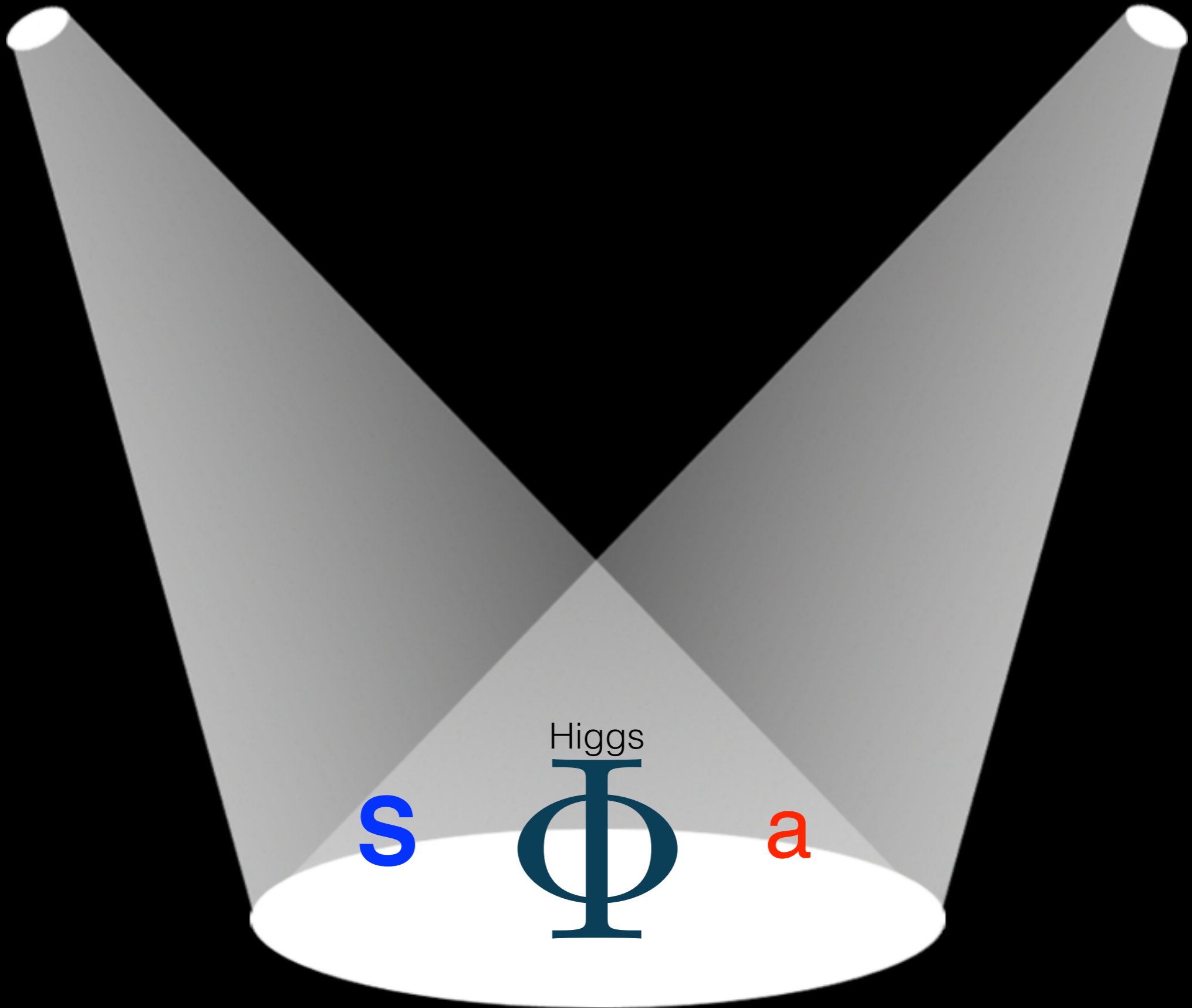


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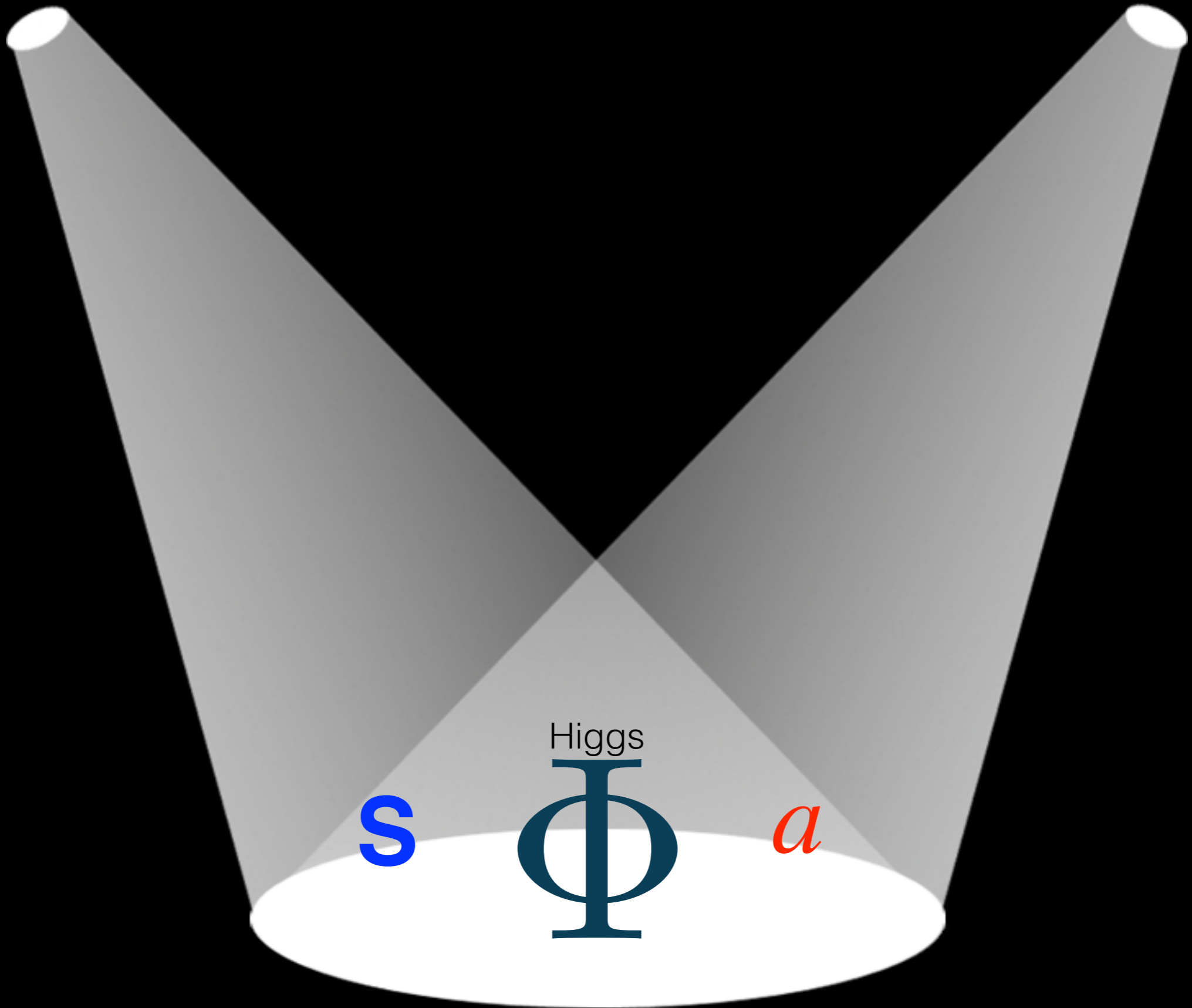
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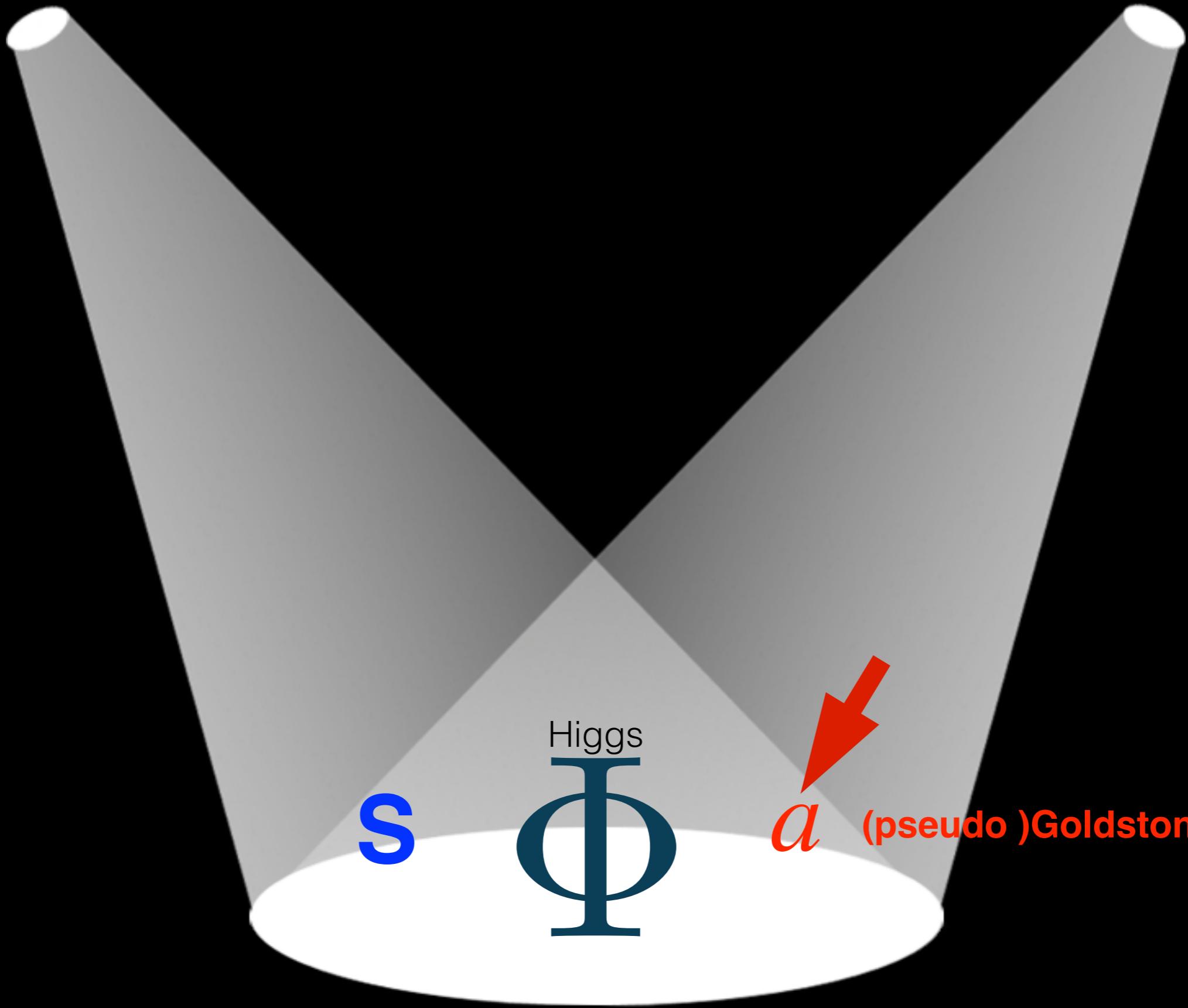


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$$\sim \partial_\mu a$$

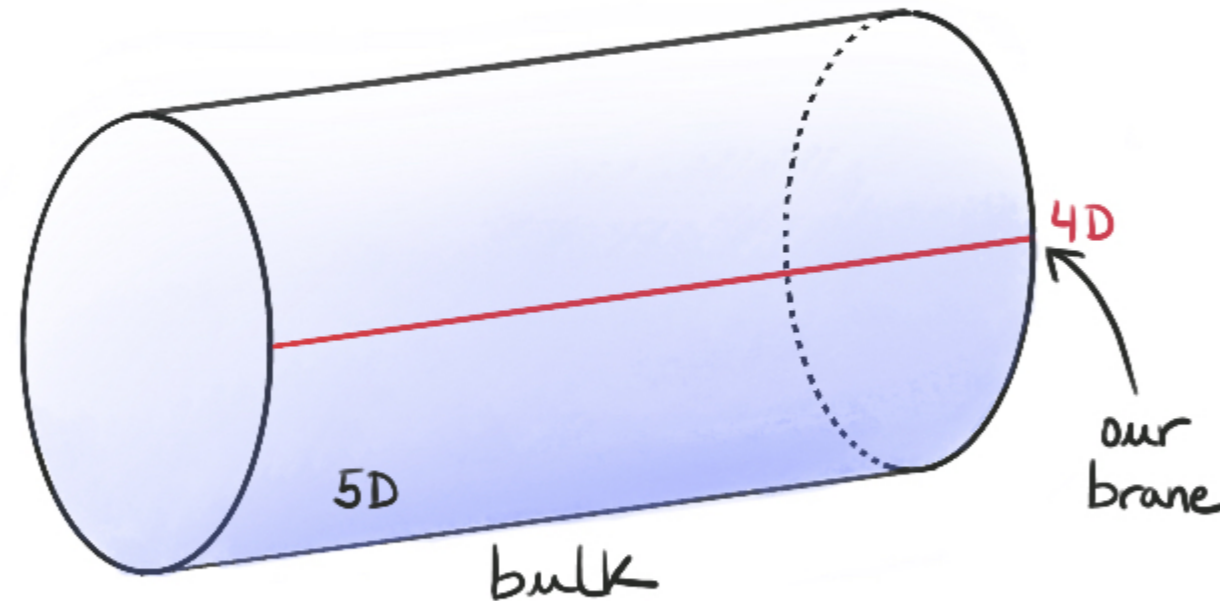
**Also excellent DM candidate**

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# (Pseudo)Goldstone Bosons appear in many BSM theories

\* e.g. Extra-dim Kaluza-Klein: 5d gauge field compactified to 4d

The Wilson line around the circle is a GB, which behaves as an axion in 4d



\* Majorons, for dynamical neutrino masses

\* From string models

\* The Higgs itself may be a pGB ! (“composite Higgs” models)

\* Axions  $a$  that solve the strong CP problem, and ALPs (axion-like particles)

.....

**Because they are (pseudo)Goldstone bosons,**

**Axions and ALPs *a***

**are the tell-tale of hidden**

**symmetries**

**awaiting discovery**

**Think of the pions...**

**and of the massive W and Z...**

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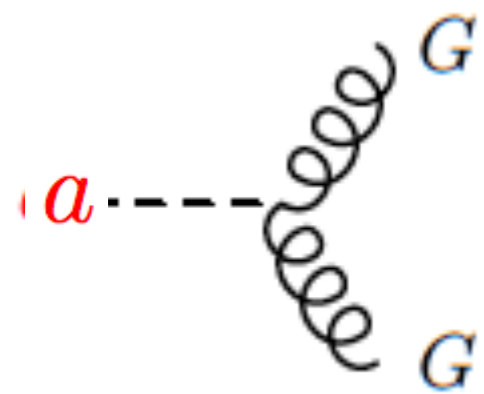
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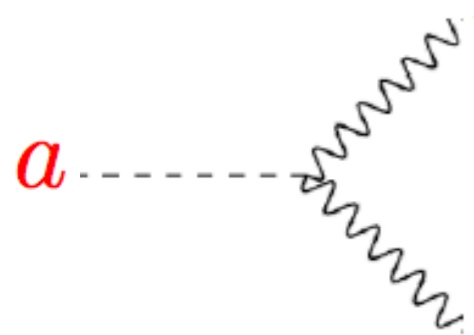
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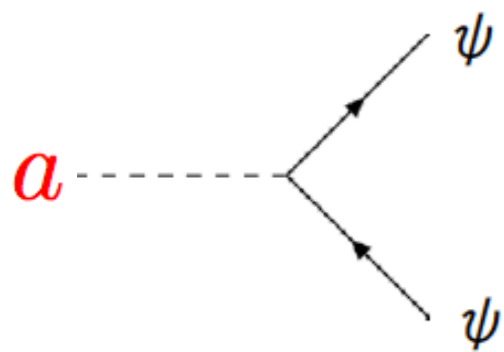
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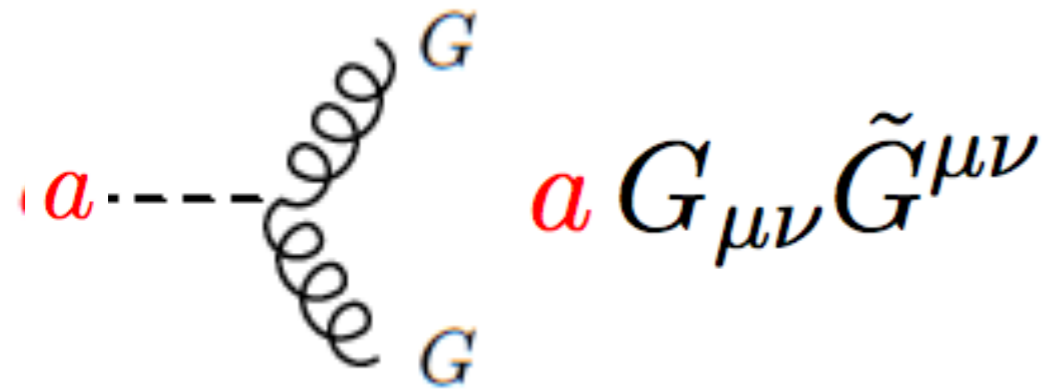
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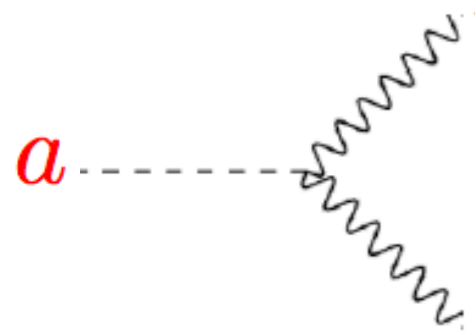
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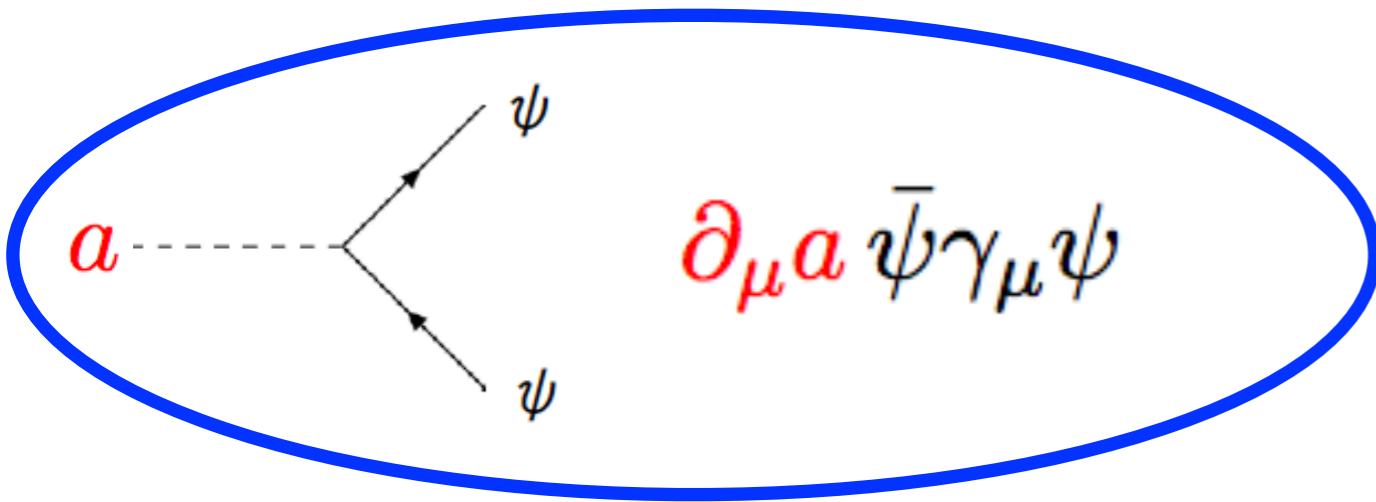
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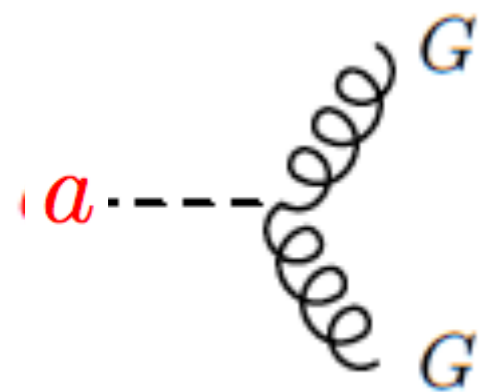
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**CP-violation**

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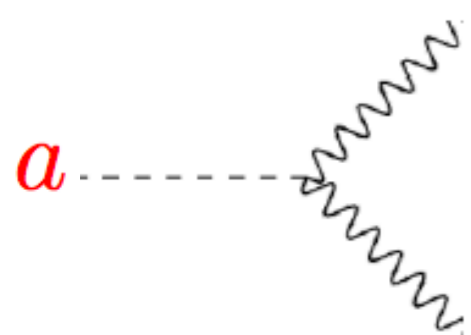
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$$m_a > 1 \text{ GeV}$$



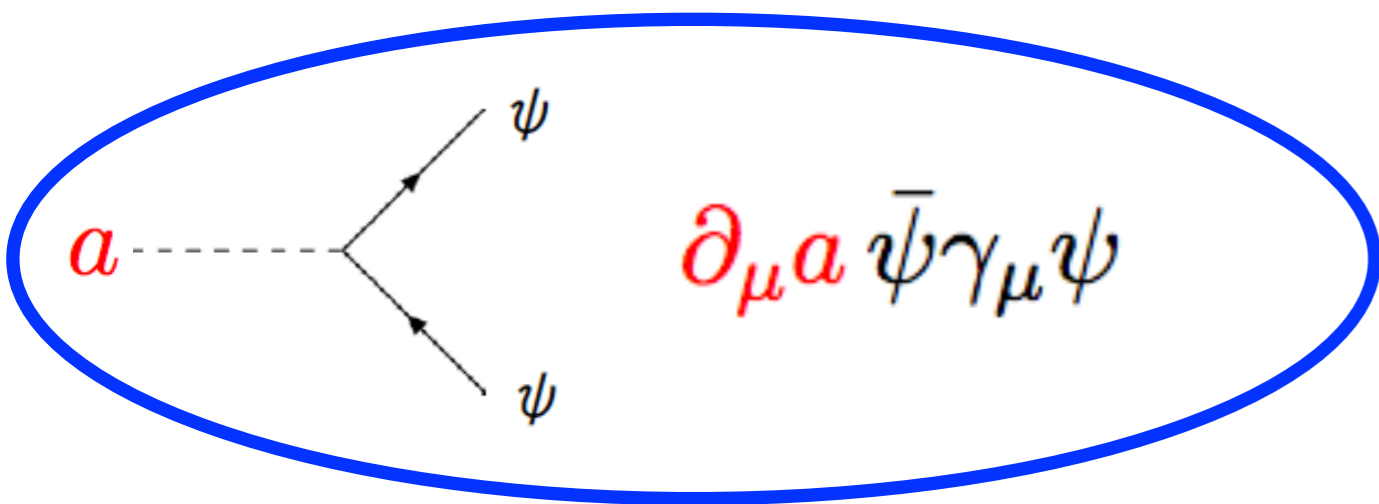
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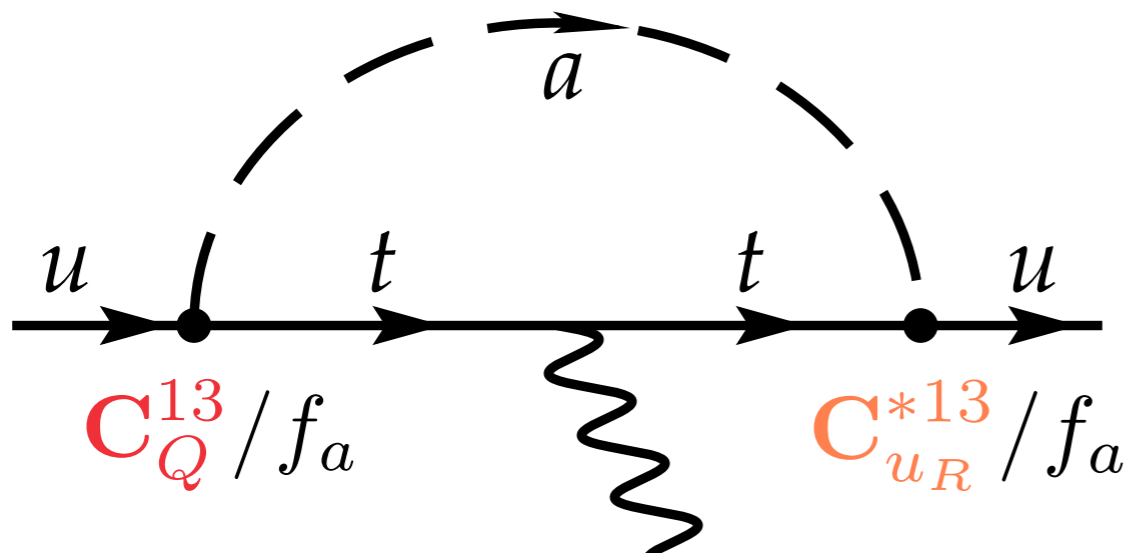
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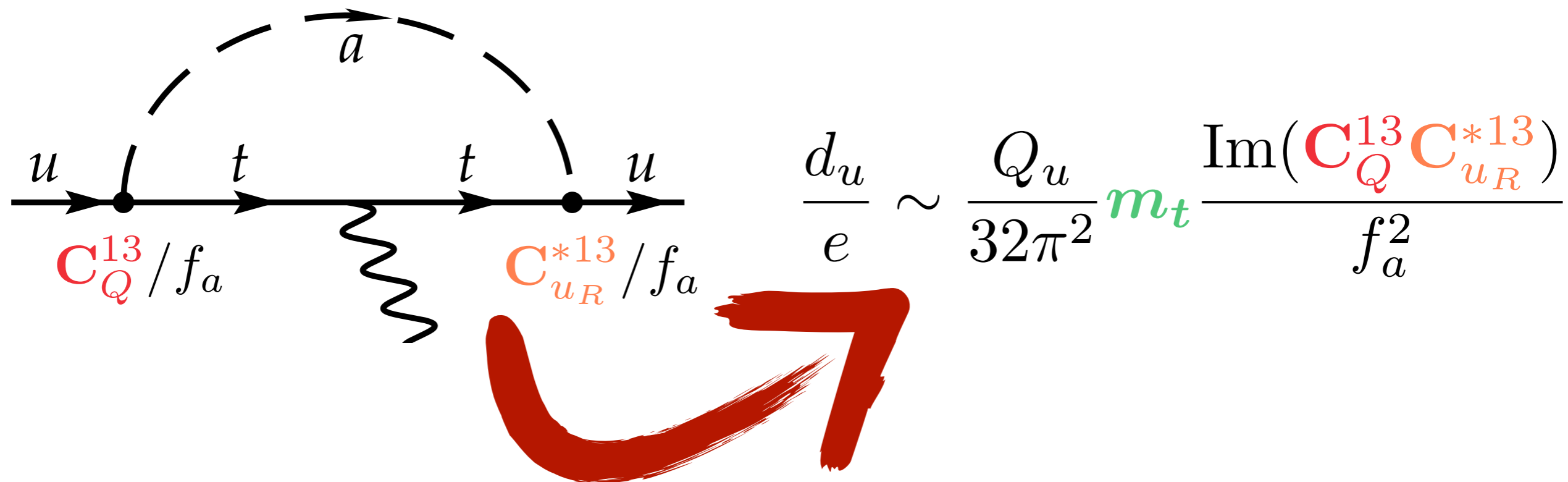


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[Di Luzio et al., 2010.13760]

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Related by the  $U_A(1)$  anomaly

**physical**  $\bar{\theta} = \theta + \text{Arg det}(\mathbf{M}_u \mathbf{M}_d)$

nEDM data imply  $\bar{\theta} < \sim 10^{-10}$



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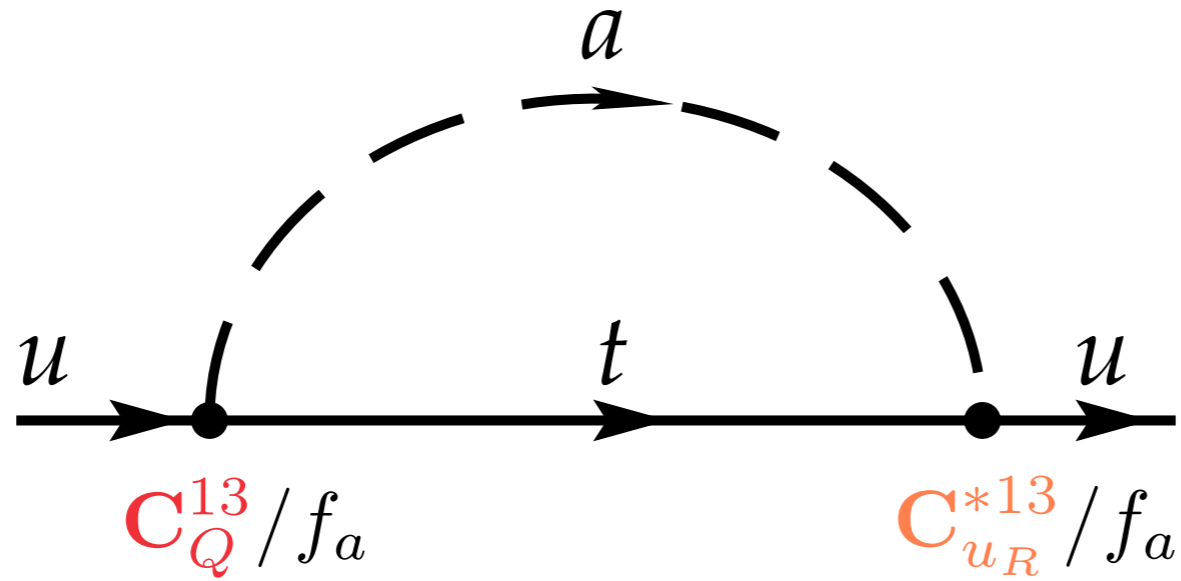
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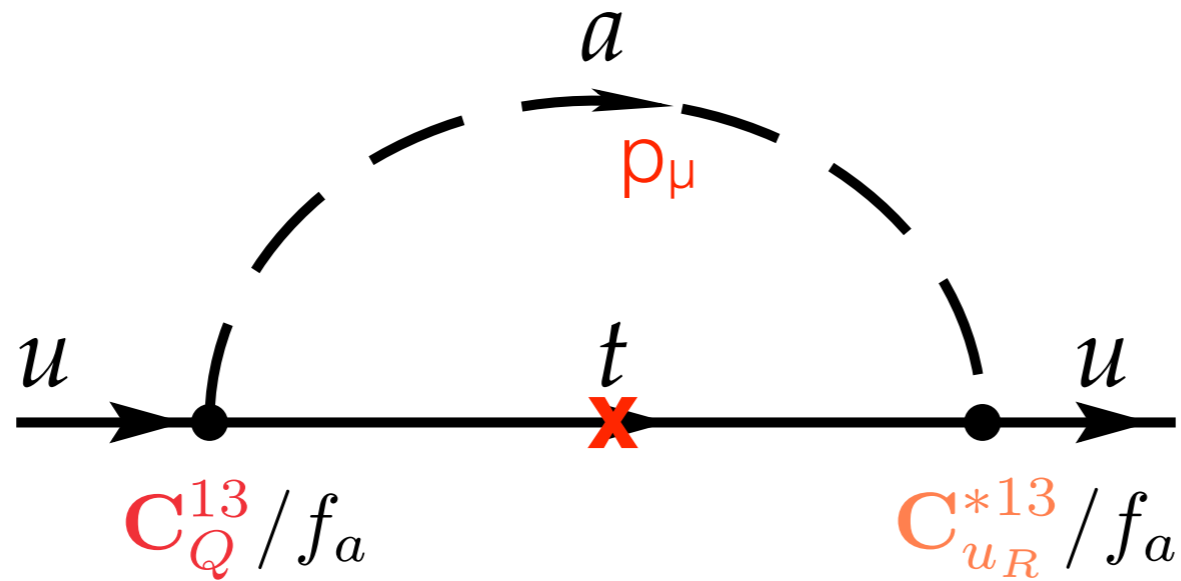
**ALPs contribute at one-loop to the quark mass terms,  
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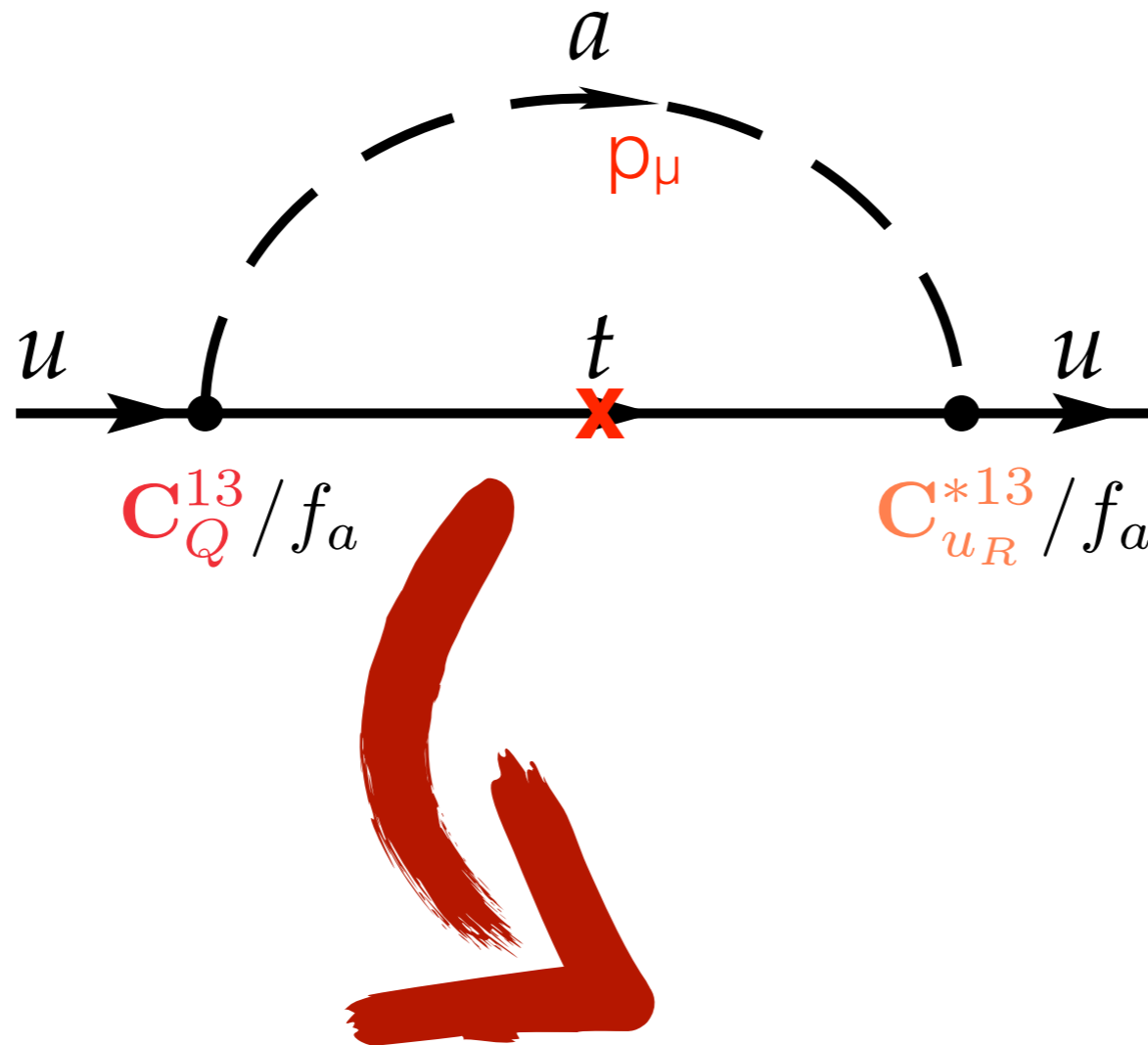
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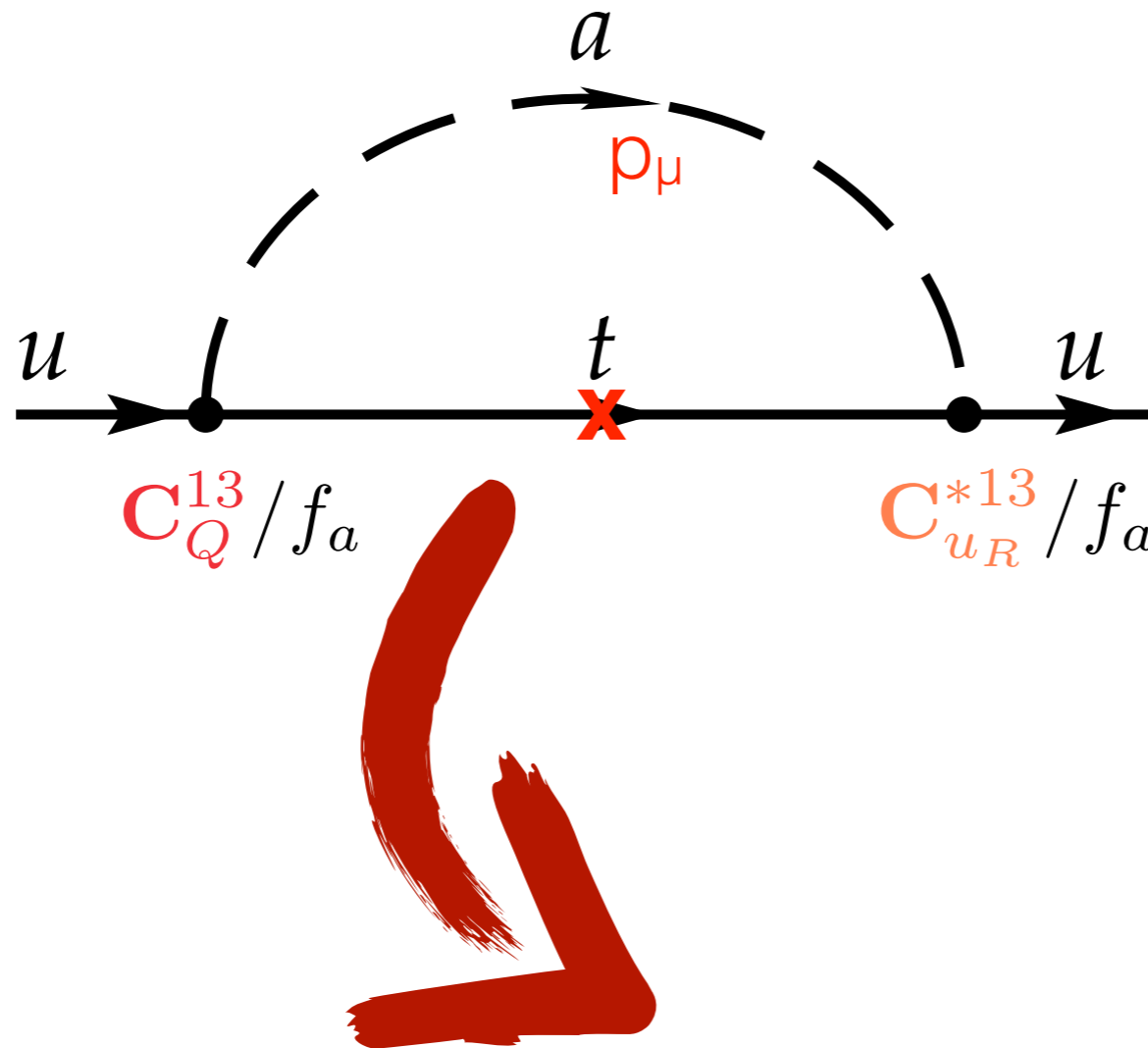
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# Neglecting threshold corrections

**For an ALP:**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\theta}(\mu_{\text{IR}}) &\simeq \bar{\theta}_0 + \\ &\sum_{u_i=\{u,c,t\}} \frac{m_{u_k} (m_a^2 + \hat{m}_{u_k}^2)}{16\pi^2 f_a^2 m_{u_i}} \text{Im} \left( C_Q^{ik} C_{u_R}^{*ik} \right) \log \frac{f_a^2}{\max(m_a^2, m_{u_k}^2)} \\ &+ \sum_{d_i=\{d,s,b\}} \frac{m_{d_k} (m_a^2 + \hat{m}_{d_k}^2)}{16\pi^2 f_a^2 m_{d_i}} \text{Im} \left( C_Q^{ik} C_{d_R}^{*ik} \right) \log \frac{f_a^2}{\max(m_a^2, m_{d_k}^2)}\end{aligned}$$

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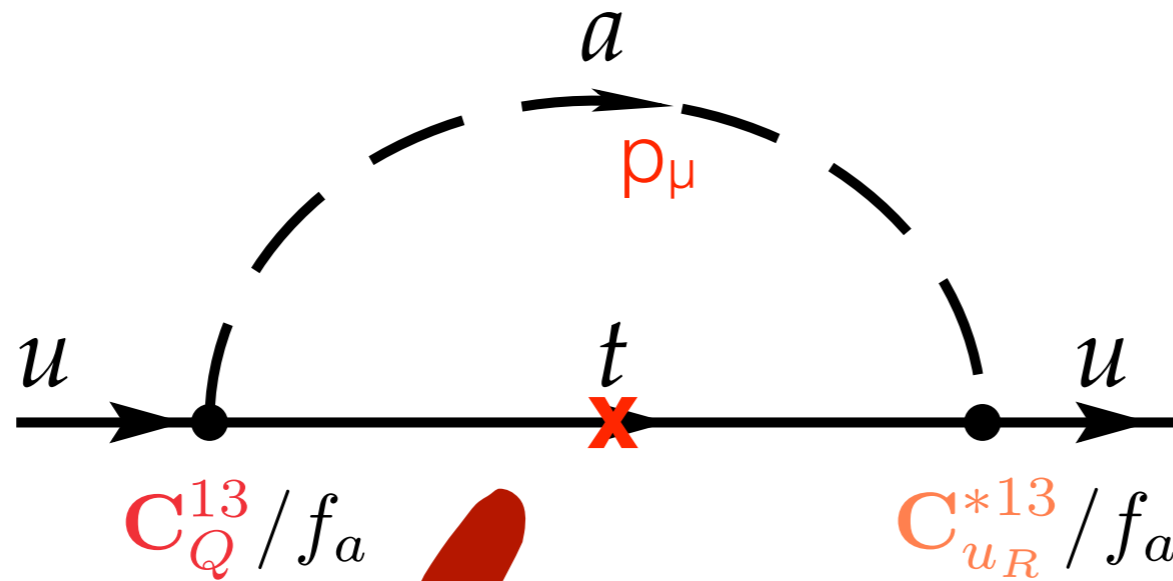


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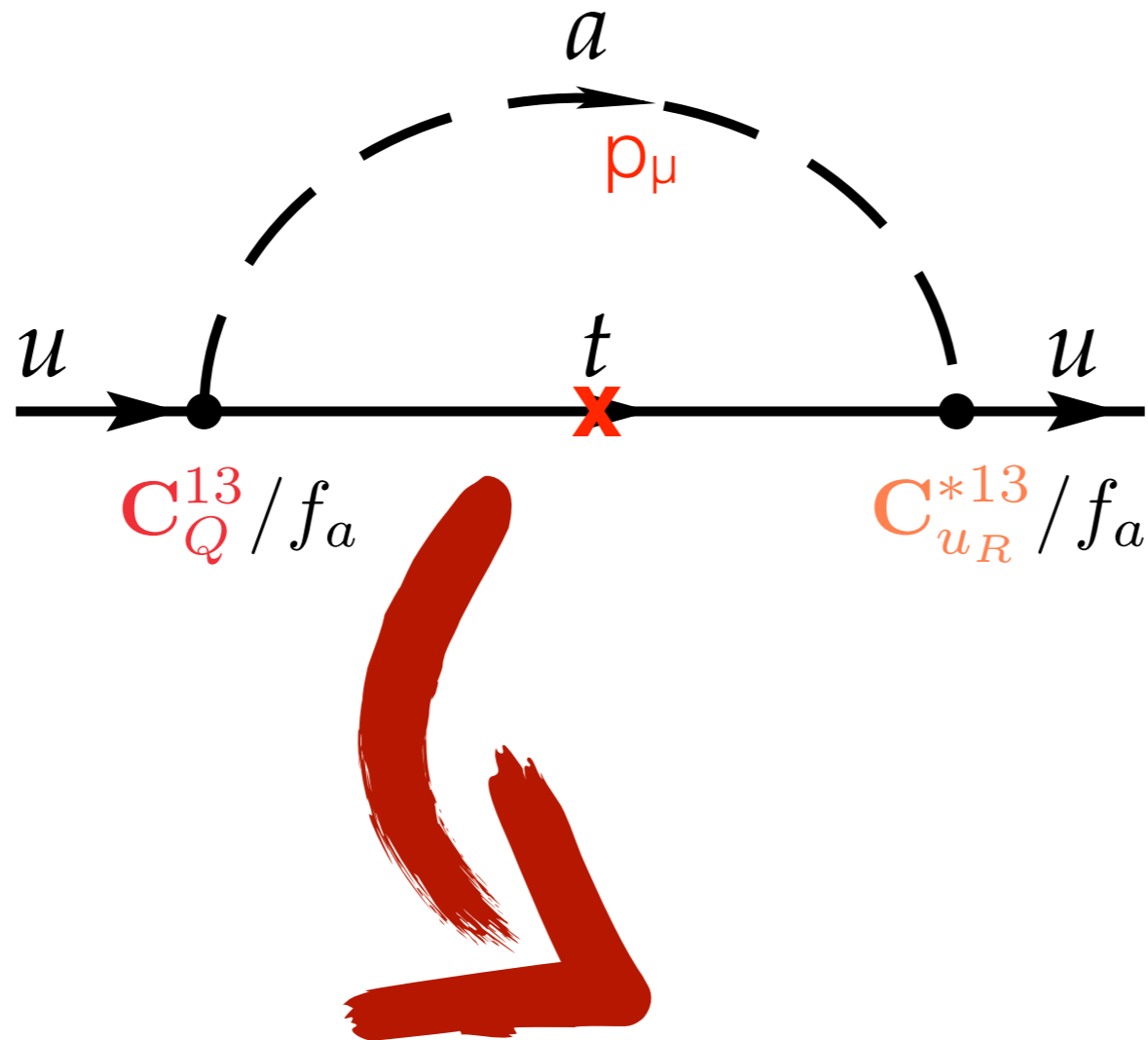
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$m_a < m_t$ :

$$\Delta\bar{\theta}_{\text{ALP}} \sim \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{m_t^3}{m_u} \right) \frac{\text{Im}(C_Q^{13} C_{u_R}^{*13})}{f_a^2}$$



# ALP contribution to $\bar{\theta}$



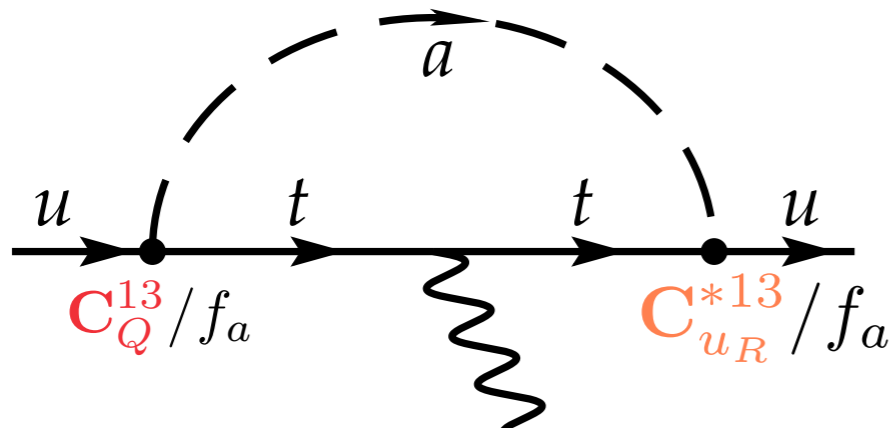
\* Factor  $m_t$  for chirality flip

\* Factor  $p_\mu^2$  from vertices

$m_a < m_t$ :

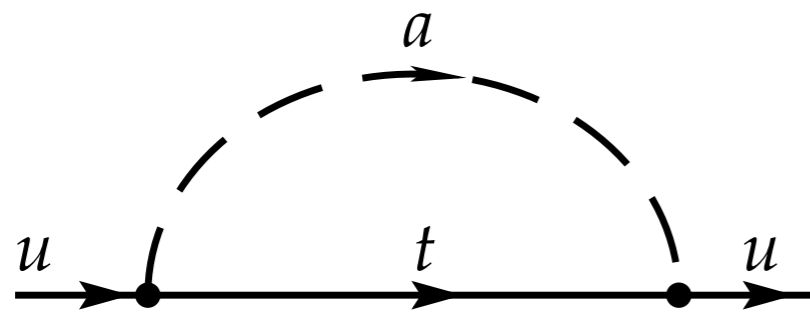
$$\frac{d_n}{e} \Big|_{\bar{\theta}} \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}(10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^{-1})}{16\pi^2} \times \left( \frac{m_t^3}{m_u} \right) \frac{\text{Im}(C_Q^{13} C_{u_R}^{*13})}{f_a^2}$$

# nEDM limits on ALP-fermion couplings



$$\frac{d_n}{e} \Big|_{d_q, \tilde{d}_q} \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \times \frac{Q_u}{32\pi^2} m_t \frac{\text{Im}(C_Q^{13} C_{uR}^{*13})}{f_a^2}$$

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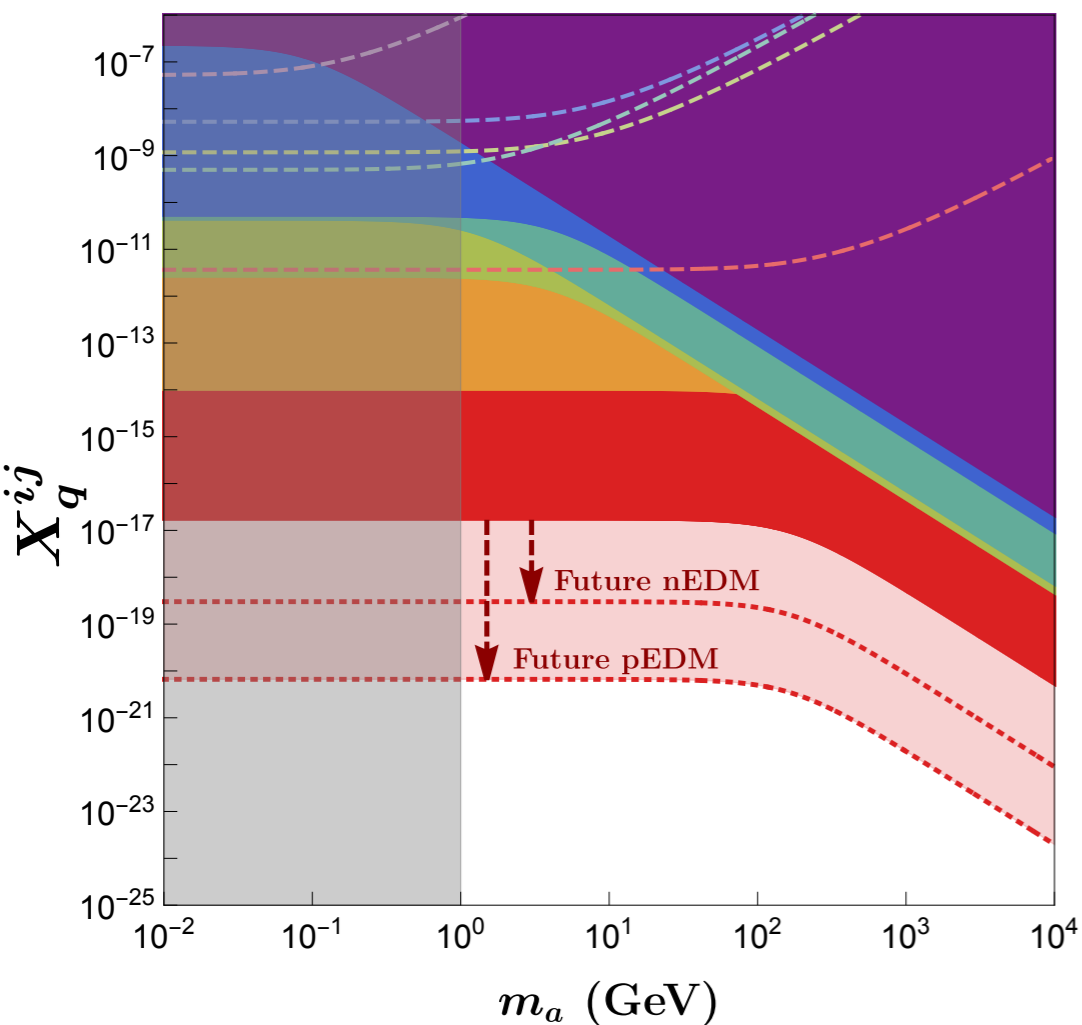
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**Bounds many orders of magnitude stronger**

NEW

# nEDM limits on ALP-fermion couplings

$$X_q^{ij} = \text{Im}(C_L^{ij} C_{qR}^{*ij}) / f_a^2 \text{ (GeV}^{-2}\text{)}$$



Dotted lines:

$$\frac{d_n}{e} \Big|_{d_q, \tilde{d}_q} \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \times \frac{Q_u}{32\pi^2} m_t \frac{\text{Im}(C_Q^{13} C_{uR}^{*13})}{f_a^2}$$

- $X_u^{13}$
- $X_u^{23}$
- $X_d^{13}$
- $X_u^{12}$
- $X_d^{23}$
- $X_d^{12}$

OLD

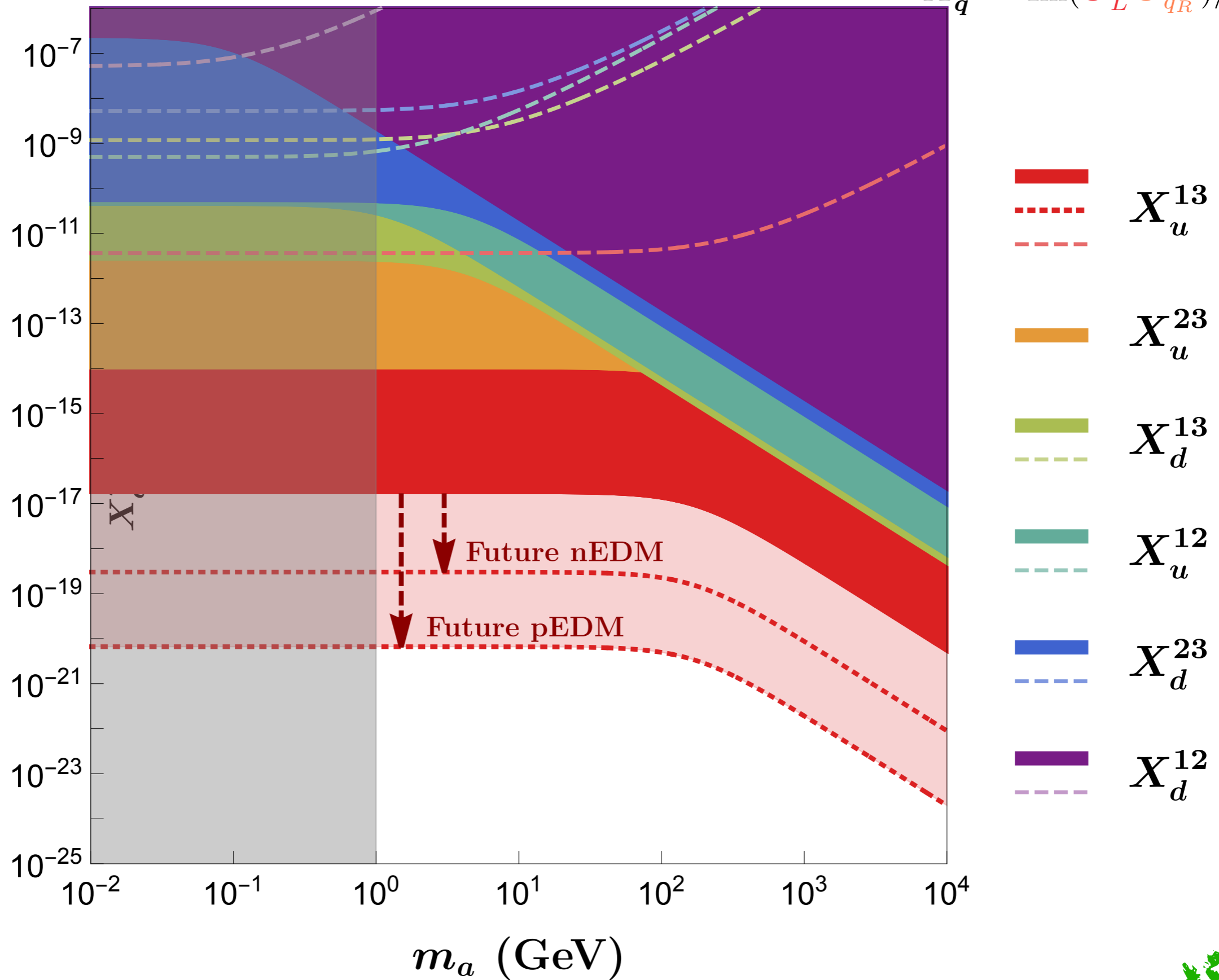
Solid regions:

$$\frac{d_n}{e} \Big|_{\bar{\theta}} \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}(10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^{-1})}{16\pi^2} \times \left( \frac{m_t^3}{m_u} \right) \frac{\text{Im}(C_Q^{13} C_{uR}^{*13})}{f_a^2}$$

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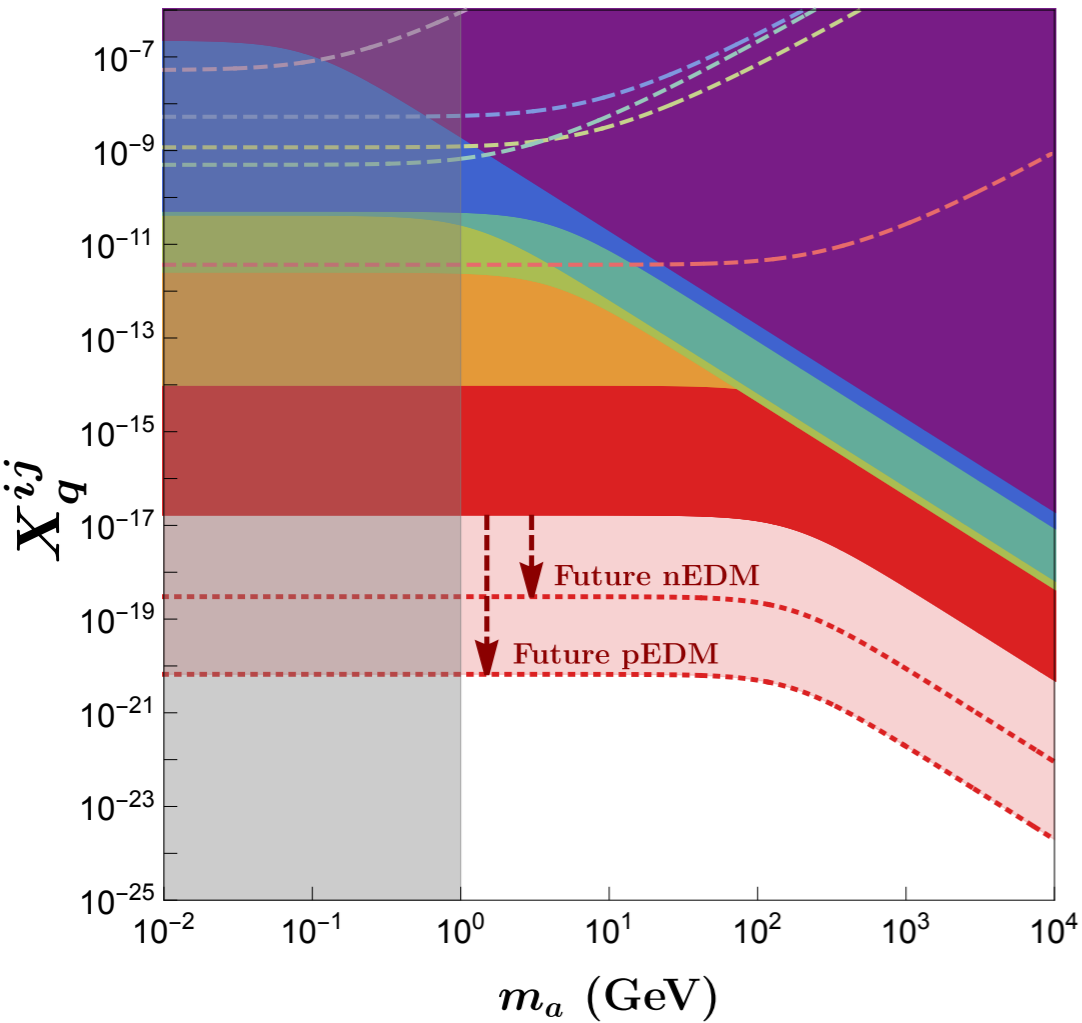


**Bounds many orders of magnitude stronger**

**NEW**

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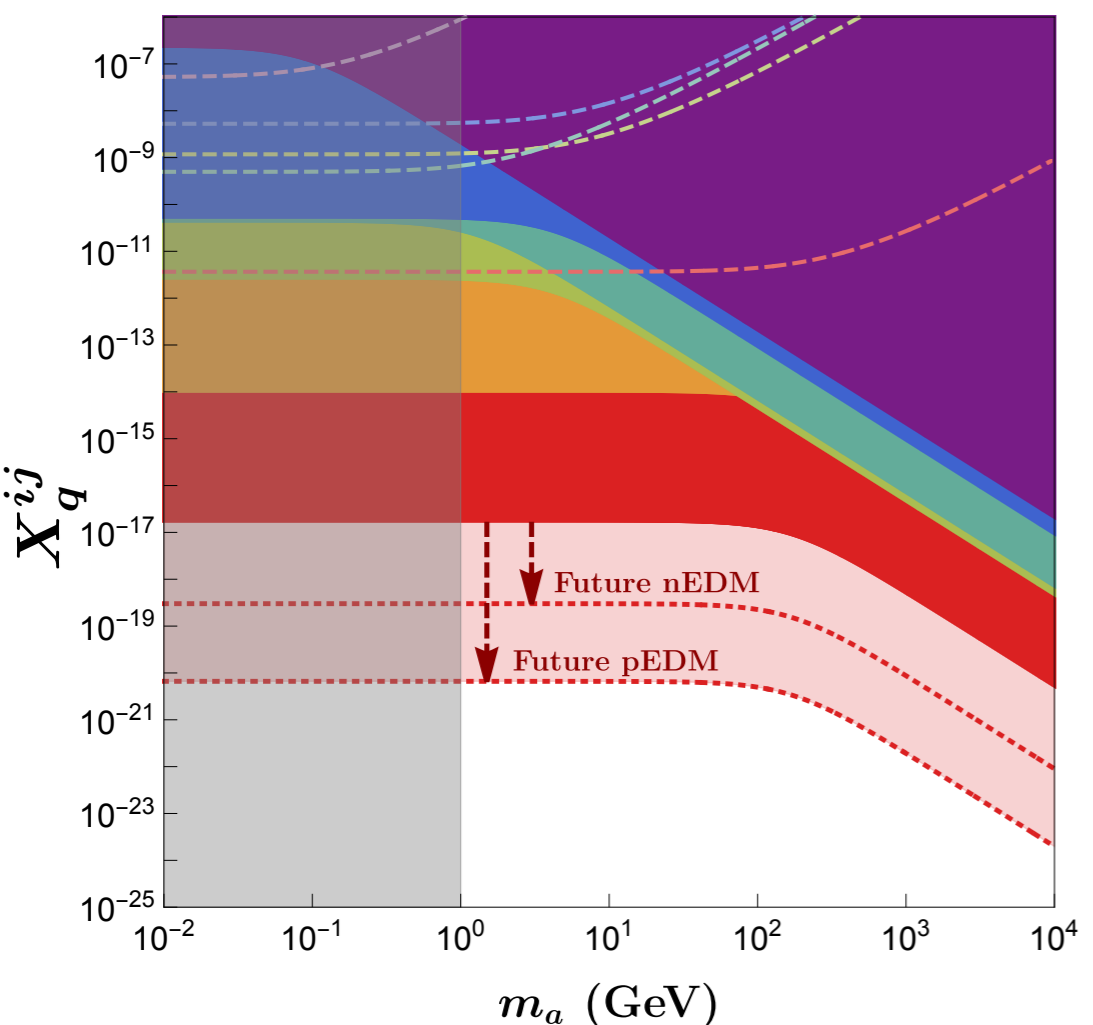
	Combination	$\bar{\theta}$ -bounds (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	qEDM & cEDM (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	
—	$X_u^{13}$	$\text{Im}[C_Q^{13} C_{uR}^{*13}] / f_a^2$	$1.8 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-12}$
⋯	$X_u^{23}$	$\text{Im}[C_Q^{23} C_{uR}^{*23}] / f_a^2$	$1.1 \times 10^{-14}$	—
—	$X_d^{13}$	$\text{Im}[C_Q^{13} C_{dR}^{*13}] / f_a^2$	$1.1 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-9}$
—	$X_u^{12}$	$\text{Im}[C_Q^{12} C_{uR}^{*12}] / f_a^2$	$2.7 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.3 \times 10^{-9}$
—	$X_d^{23}$	$\text{Im}[C_Q^{23} C_{dR}^{*23}] / f_a^2$	$2.3 \times 10^{-11}$	$8.7 \times 10^{-9}$
—	$X_d^{12}$	$\text{Im}[C_Q^{12} C_{dR}^{*12}] / f_a^2$	$8.6 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$

$m_a = 5 \text{ GeV}$

# nEDM limits on ALP-fermion couplings

$$\mathbf{X}_q^{ij} = \text{Im}(\mathbf{C}_L^{ij} \mathbf{C}_{qR}^{*ij}) / f_a^2 \text{ (GeV}^{-2}\text{)}$$

As a function of  $m_a$



$\text{---}$	$\mathbf{X}_u^1$	$\text{Im}[\mathbf{C}_Q^{13} \mathbf{C}_{uR}^{*13}] / f_a^2 < \left( \frac{m_t^2}{m_a^2 + m_t^2} \right) 2 \times 10^{-17}$
$\text{- - -}$	$\mathbf{X}_u^2$	$\text{Im}[\mathbf{C}_Q^{23} \mathbf{C}_{uR}^{*23}] / f_a^2 < \left( \frac{m_t^2}{m_a^2 + m_t^2} \right) 1 \times 10^{-14}$
$\text{---}$	$\mathbf{X}_d^1$	$\text{Im}[\mathbf{C}_Q^{13} \mathbf{C}_{dR}^{*13}] / f_a^2 < \left( \frac{m_b^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \right) 3 \times 10^{-12}$
$\text{- - -}$	$\mathbf{X}_u^1$	$\text{Im}[\mathbf{C}_Q^{12} \mathbf{C}_{uR}^{*12}] / f_a^2 < \left( \frac{m_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_c^2} \right) 5 \times 10^{-11}$
$\text{---}$	$\mathbf{X}_d^2$	$\text{Im}[\mathbf{C}_Q^{23} \mathbf{C}_{dR}^{*23}] / f_a^2 < \left( \frac{m_b^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \right) 6 \times 10^{-11}$
$\text{- - -}$	$\mathbf{X}_d^1$	$\text{Im}[\mathbf{C}_Q^{12} \mathbf{C}_{dR}^{*12}] / f_a^2 < \left( \frac{m_s^2}{m_a^2 + m_s^2} \right) 3 \times 10^{-7}$

*LP case.* Bounds on  $\text{Im}[\mathbf{C}_Q^{ij} \mathbf{C}_{qR}^{*ij}] / f_a^2$  in  $\text{GeV}^{-2}$  obtained from the  $\bar{\theta}$  correction.

We checked our results in the “chirality-flip” basis

$$\mathcal{L}_a \supset \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu C_Q Q_L + \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu C_{u_R} u_R + \bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu C_{d_R} d_R)$$

Chiral rot.:


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u_L \longrightarrow e^{i \frac{a}{f_a} C_Q} u_L, & d_L \longrightarrow e^{i \frac{a}{f_a} C_Q} d_L, \\ u_R \longrightarrow e^{i \frac{a}{f_a} C_{u_R}} u_R, & d_R \longrightarrow e^{i \frac{a}{f_a} C_{d_R}} d_R \end{array} \right.$$

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$$\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{u}_L v \left[ i \frac{a}{f_a} \mathbf{K}_u + \frac{a^2}{f_a^2} \mathbf{F}_u \right] u_R \\ + \bar{d}_L v \left[ i \frac{a}{f_a} \mathbf{K}_d + \frac{a^2}{f_a^2} \mathbf{F}_d \right] d_R + \text{h.c.} + \dots$$



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where

$$\begin{aligned} v \mathbf{K}_q &\equiv \mathbf{C}_Q \mathbf{M}_q - \mathbf{M}_q \mathbf{C}_{qR}, \\ 2v \mathbf{F}_q &\equiv 2\mathbf{C}_Q \mathbf{M}_q \mathbf{C}_{qR} - \mathbf{C}_Q^2 \mathbf{M}_q - \mathbf{M}_q \mathbf{C}_{qR}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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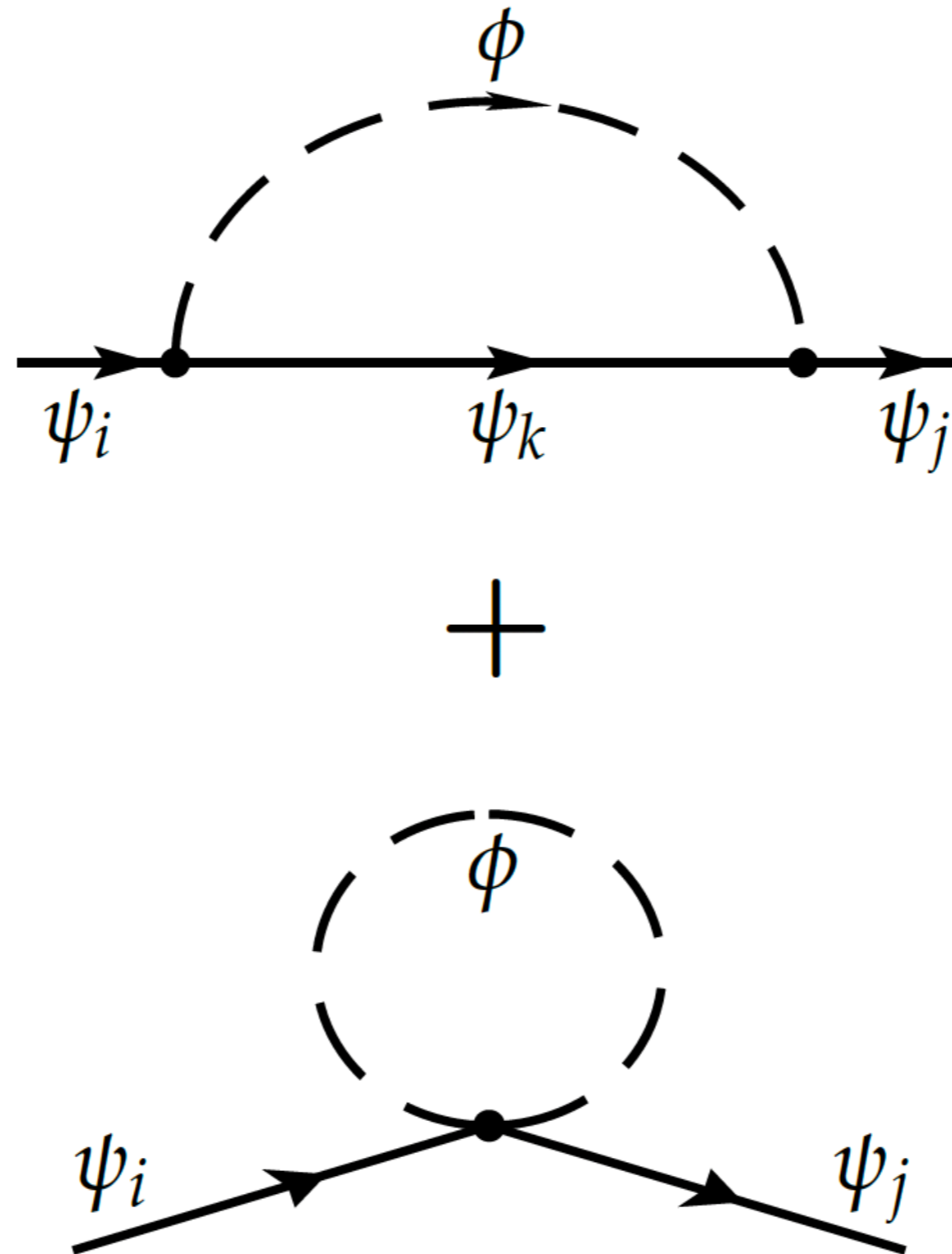
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There are two diagrams in the “chirality-flip” basis:



# *General Scalar*

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_S$$

**CP-violation**

# Generic scalar

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{u}_L v \left[ i \mathbf{K}_u \frac{S}{\Lambda} + \mathbf{F}_u \frac{S^2}{\Lambda^2} \right] u_R$$
$$+ \bar{d}_L v \left[ i \frac{S}{\Lambda} \mathbf{K}_d + \frac{S^2}{\Lambda^2} \mathbf{F}_d \right] d_R + \text{h.c.}$$

**K** and **F** arbitrary: more parameters than for ALPs

e.g. CP-violation in flavour-diagonal couplings

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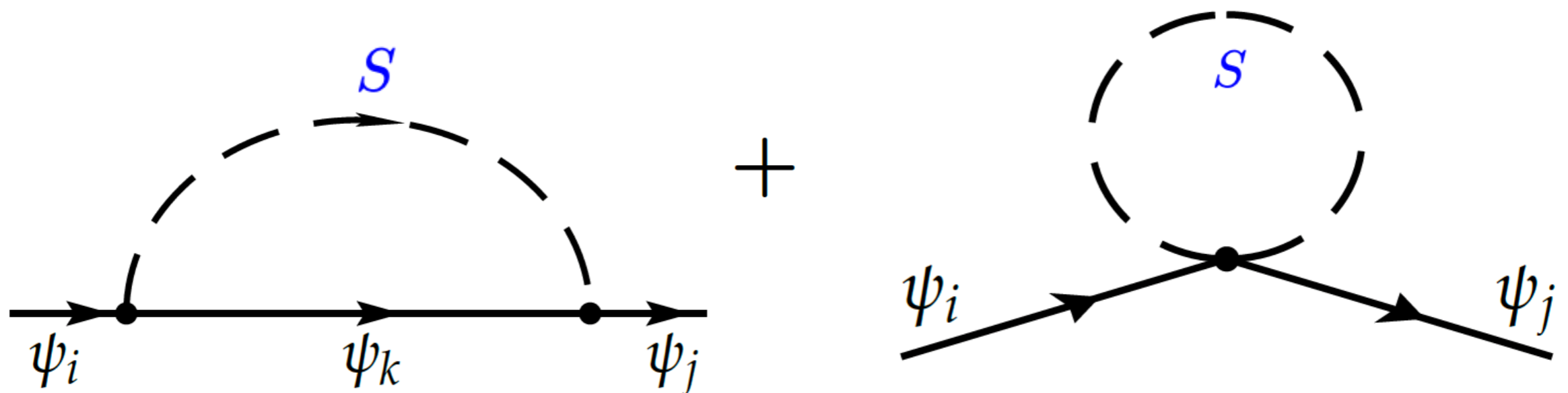
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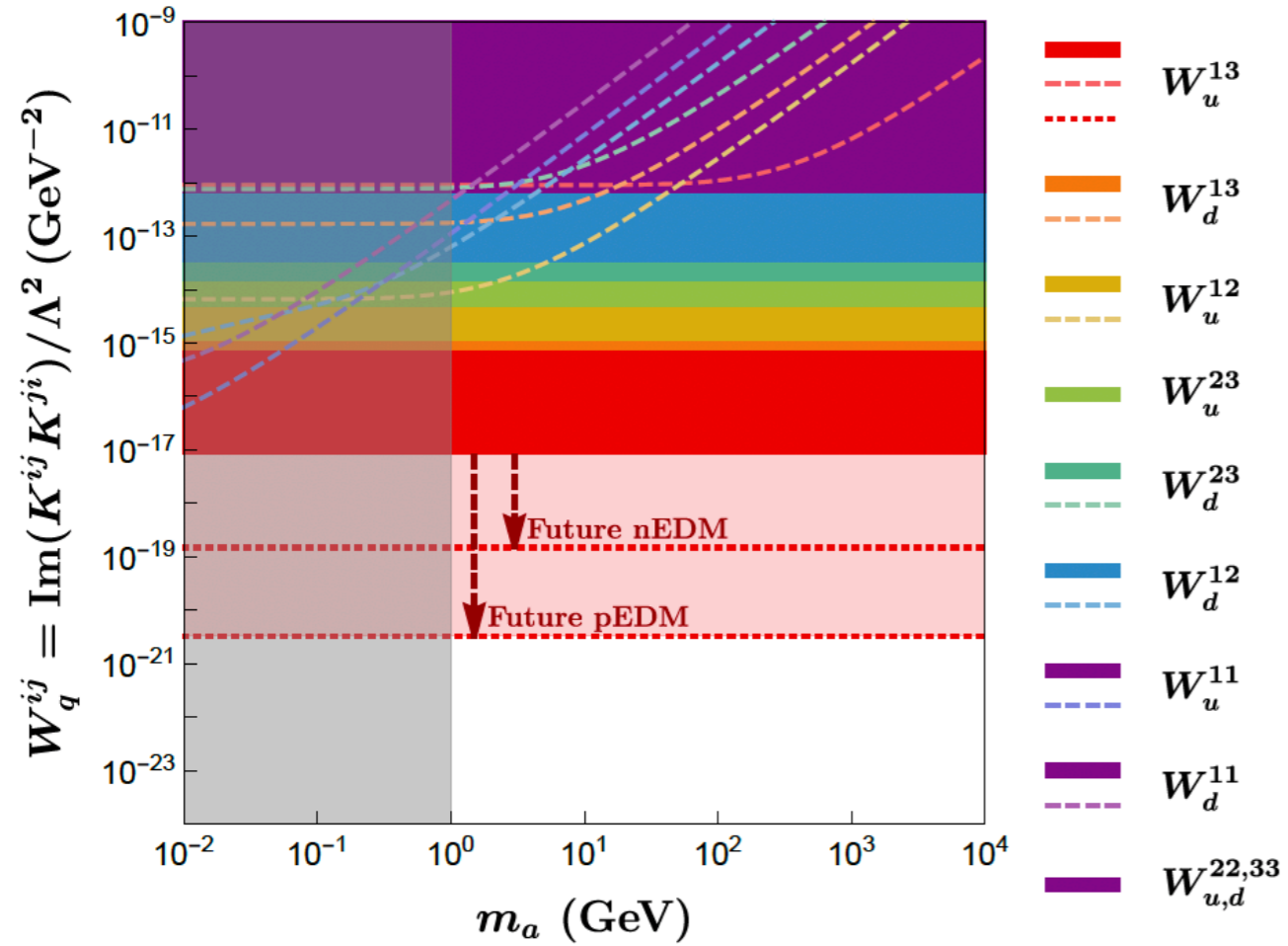
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Contribution to  $\bar{\theta}$  from:

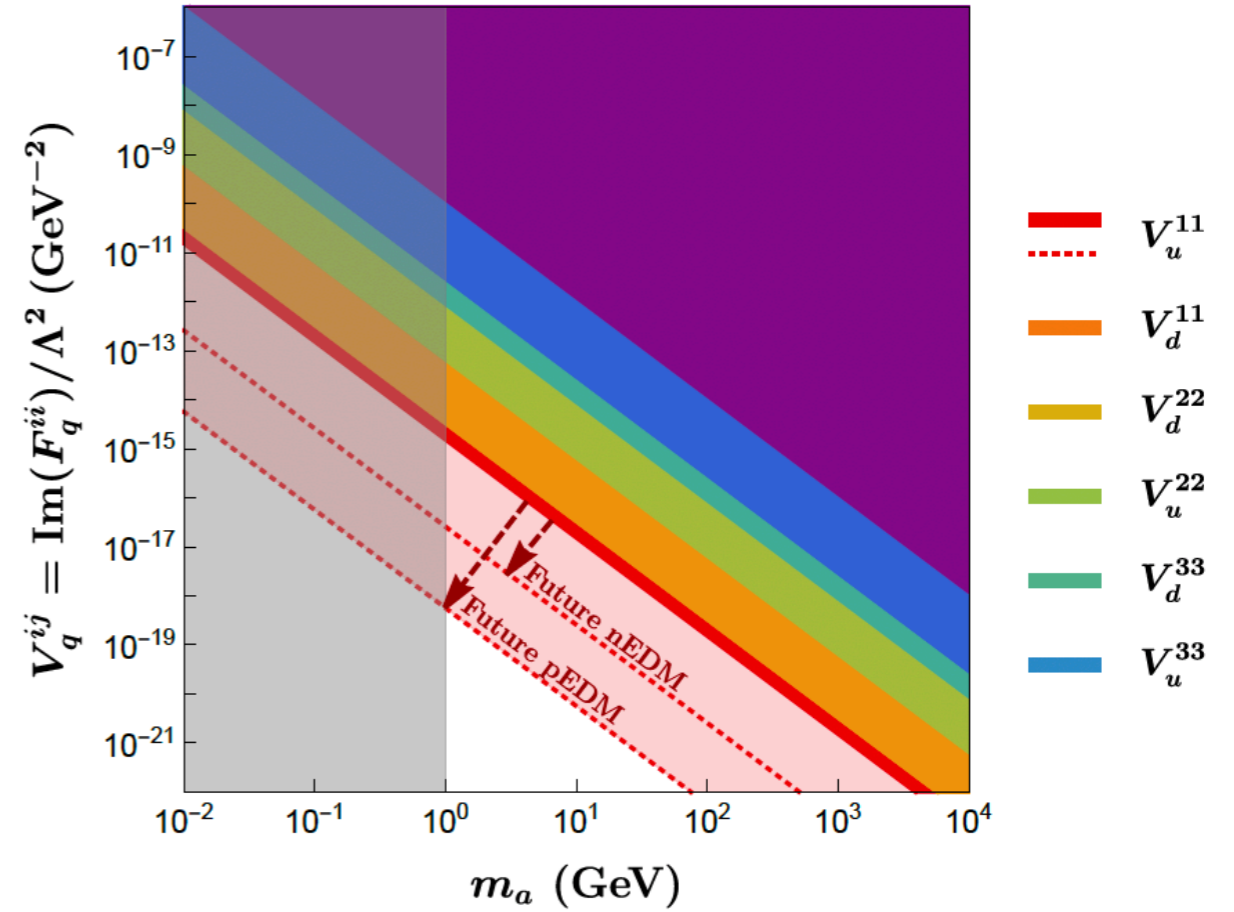


**bounds also improved by orders of magnitude**

# Generic scalar



**FIG. 5:** *General scalar.* Upper bounds on  $W_q^{ij} \equiv \text{Im}(K_q^{ij} K_q^{ji})/\Lambda^2$  stemming from the contributions of  $\bar{\theta}$  (solid regions) and from the sum of qEDMs and cEDMs (dashed lines) to the nEDM. The red dotted line shows the projected bounds on  $W_u^{13}$  from future nEDM and pEDM experiments [44, 45]. The grey shaded area is as described in Fig. 2.



**FIG. 6:** *General scalar.* Upper bounds on  $V_q^{ij} \equiv \text{Im}(F_q^{ij})/\Lambda^2$  stemming from the contributions of  $\bar{\theta}$  (solid regions) to the nEDM. The red dotted line shows the projected bounds on  $V_u^{11}$  from future nEDM and pEDM experiments [44, 45]. The grey shaded area is as described in previous plots.



*What happens if there is a  
PQ symmetry (in addition) ?*

**either for ALPs or generic scalars**

**With a PQ symmetry present:**

**$\bar{\theta}$  disappears but a residual  $\bar{\theta}$  induced remains:**

Vafa-Witten theorem does not apply with extra explicit CP sources and

$$\bar{\theta}_{\text{ind}} = \frac{m_0^2}{2} \sum_{q=u,d,s} \frac{\tilde{d}_q}{m_q}$$

**we have updated the bounds in this case**

**Without a PQ mechanism:**

$$\begin{aligned}d_n &= 0.6(3) \times 10^{-16} \bar{\theta} [e \cdot \text{cm}] \\ &- 0.204(11) d_u + 0.784(28) d_d - 0.0028(17) d_s \\ &- 0.32(15) e \tilde{d}_u + 0.32(15) e \tilde{d}_d - 0.014(7) e \tilde{d}_s.\end{aligned}$$

**In the presence of a PQ mechanism:**

$$\begin{aligned}d_n^{\text{PQ}} &= -0.204(11) d_u + 0.784(28) d_d - 0.0028(17) d_s \\ &- 0.31(15) e \tilde{d}_u + 0.62(31) e \tilde{d}_d\end{aligned}$$

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chromo-electric EDMs

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chromo-electric EDMs

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*sum rules* Hisano et al.

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$$- 0.204(11) d_u + 0.784(28) d_d - 0.0028(17) d_s$$

*Lattice  
+ sum rules*

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# ALPs

Combination	With PQ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	Without PQ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{C}_L^{13} \mathbf{C}_{u_R}^{13}) / f_a^2$	$3.7 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-12}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{C}_L^{13} \mathbf{C}_{d_R}^{13}) / f_a^2$	$1.9 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-9}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{C}_L^{12} \mathbf{C}_{u_R}^{12}) / f_a^2$	$2.3 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-9}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{C}_L^{23} \mathbf{C}_{d_R}^{23}) / f_a^2$	$8.7 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-7}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{C}_L^{12} \mathbf{C}_{d_R}^{12}) / f_a^2$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-6}$

**TABLE IV:** *ALP case.* Comparison of bounds w/o the presence of a PQ symmetry. All bounds are in units of GeV<sup>-2</sup>, and  $m_a = 5$  GeV has been assumed for illustration.

# Generic scalar

Combination	With PQ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	Without PQ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_u^{13} \mathbf{K}_u^{31})/\Lambda^2$	$9.0 \times 10^{-7}$	$9.2 \times 10^{-7}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{13} \mathbf{K}_d^{31})/\Lambda^2$	$2.8 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.6 \times 10^{-8}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_u^{12} \mathbf{K}_u^{21})/\Lambda^2$	$3.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-8}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{23} \mathbf{K}_d^{23})/\Lambda^2$	$1.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{12} \mathbf{K}_d^{21})/\Lambda^2$	$8.2 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-7}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{22} \mathbf{K}_d^{22})/\Lambda^2$	$3.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.3 \times 10^{-5}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_u^{11} \mathbf{K}_u^{11})/\Lambda^2$	$2.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-6}$
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{11} \mathbf{K}_d^{11})/\Lambda^2$	$8.7 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-6}$

V. Enguita, M.B. Gavela, B. Grinstein, P. Quilez, arXiv: 2403.13133

**TABLE V:** *General scalar.* Comparison of bounds w/o the presence of a PQ symmetry. All bounds are in units of GeV<sup>-2</sup>, and for  $m_\phi = 5$  GeV.

# CONCLUSIONS

- \* ALP couplings to fermions induce one-loop corrections to  $\bar{\theta}$   $\rightarrow$  to the nEDM**
- \* We have improved the bounds on CP-odd ALP-fermion couplings by  $\sim 4$  orders of magnitude**
- \* The same kind of improvement applies to generic singlet scalars**
- \* Novel bounds on ALP-neutrino couplings



# Backup

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{M}_{u,d}^{1\text{ loop}} &= \mathbf{M}_{u,d} + \Delta\mathbf{M}_{u,d} \\
\Delta\bar{\theta}_{\text{ALP}}(\mu) &= \sum_{q=u,d} \arg \left[ \det \left( \mathbf{M}_q \left( 1 + \mathbf{M}_q^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{M}_q \right) \right) \right] \\
&\simeq \sum_{q=u,d} \text{Im Tr} \left( \mathbf{M}_q^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{M}_q \right) \\
\Delta\bar{\theta}_{\text{ALP}}(\mu) &\simeq \frac{1}{f_a^2} \sum_{q=u,d} \text{Im Tr} \left[ \mathbf{M}_q^{-1} \mathbf{C}_Q \mathbf{L} \mathbf{C}_{qR} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{L} \equiv \text{diag}(L_1, L_2, L_3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L_k &= \frac{m_{q_k}}{16\pi^2} \left[ (m_a^2 + m_{q_k}^2) \left( 1 + \log \frac{\mu^2}{m_a^2} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{m_{q_k}^4}{m_{q_k}^2 - m_a^2} \log \frac{m_a^2}{m_{q_k}^2} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\bar{\theta}}{d\mu} &= \sum_{q=u,d} \text{Im} \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln \det \mathcal{M}_q = \sum_{q=u,d} \text{Im} \frac{d}{d\mu} \text{Tr} \ln \mathcal{M}_q \\
&= \sum_{q=u,d} \text{Im} \text{Tr} \left( \mathcal{M}_q^{-1} \frac{d}{d\mu} \mathcal{M}_q \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu \frac{d\bar{\theta}}{d\mu} \simeq \frac{1}{f_a^2} \sum_{q=u,d} \text{Im} \text{Tr} \left[ \mathbf{M}_q^{-1} \mathbf{C}_Q \mathcal{L} \mathbf{C}_{qR} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_k = \frac{m_{qk}}{8\pi^2} (m_a^2 + m_{qk}^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{M}_{u,d}^{1\text{ loop}} &= \mathbf{M}_{u,d} + \Delta\mathbf{M}_{u,d} \\
\Delta\bar{\theta}_{\text{ALP}}(\mu) &= \sum_{q=u,d} \arg [\det (\mathbf{M}_q (1 + \mathbf{M}_q^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{M}_q))] \\
&\simeq \sum_{q=u,d} \text{Im Tr} (\mathbf{M}_q^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{M}_q) \\
\Delta\bar{\theta}_{\text{ALP}}(\mu) &\simeq \frac{1}{f_a^2} \sum_{q=u,d} \text{Im Tr} [\mathbf{M}_q^{-1} \mathbf{C}_Q \mathbf{L} \mathbf{C}_{qR}]
\end{aligned}$$

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# Neglecting threshold corrections

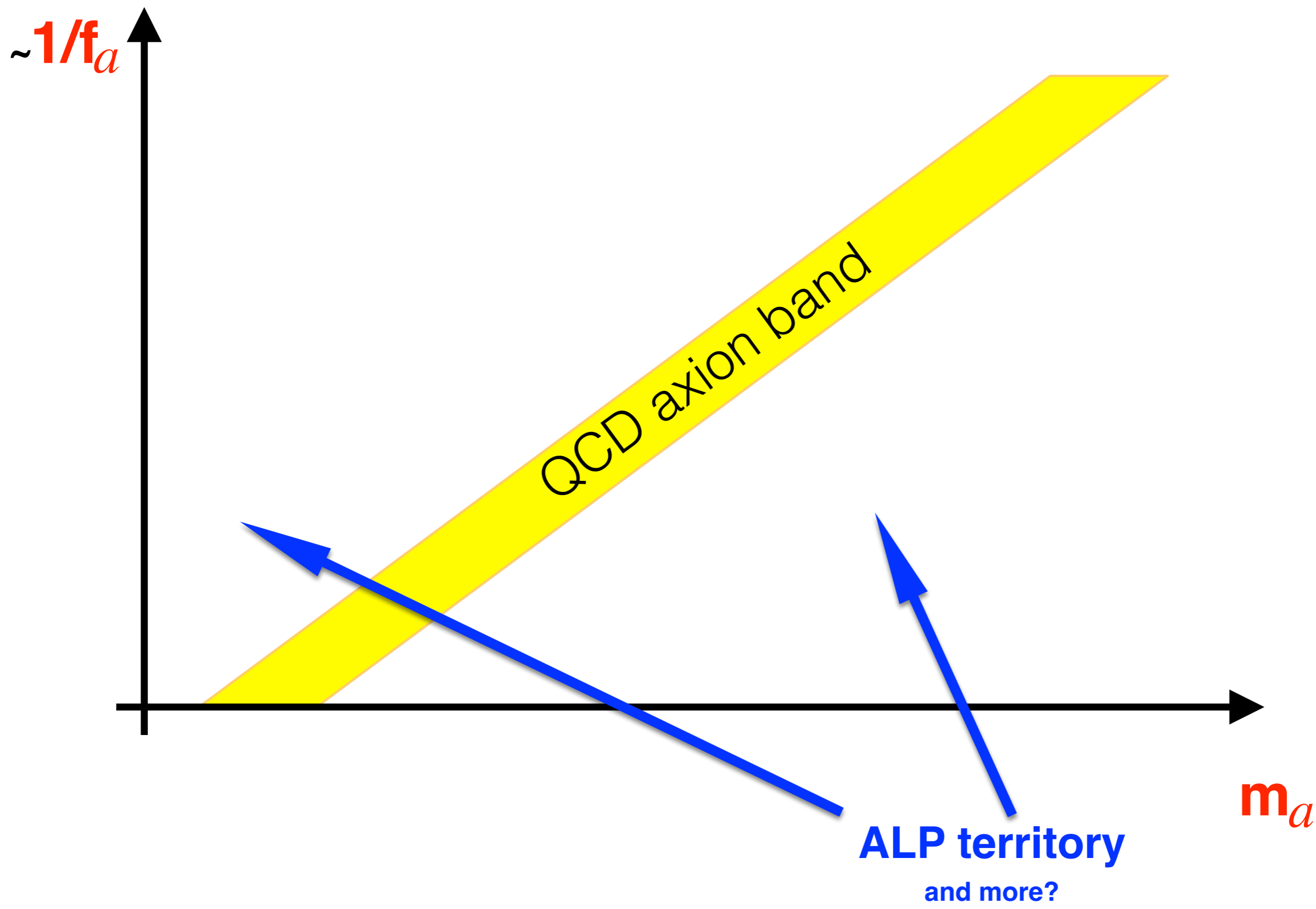
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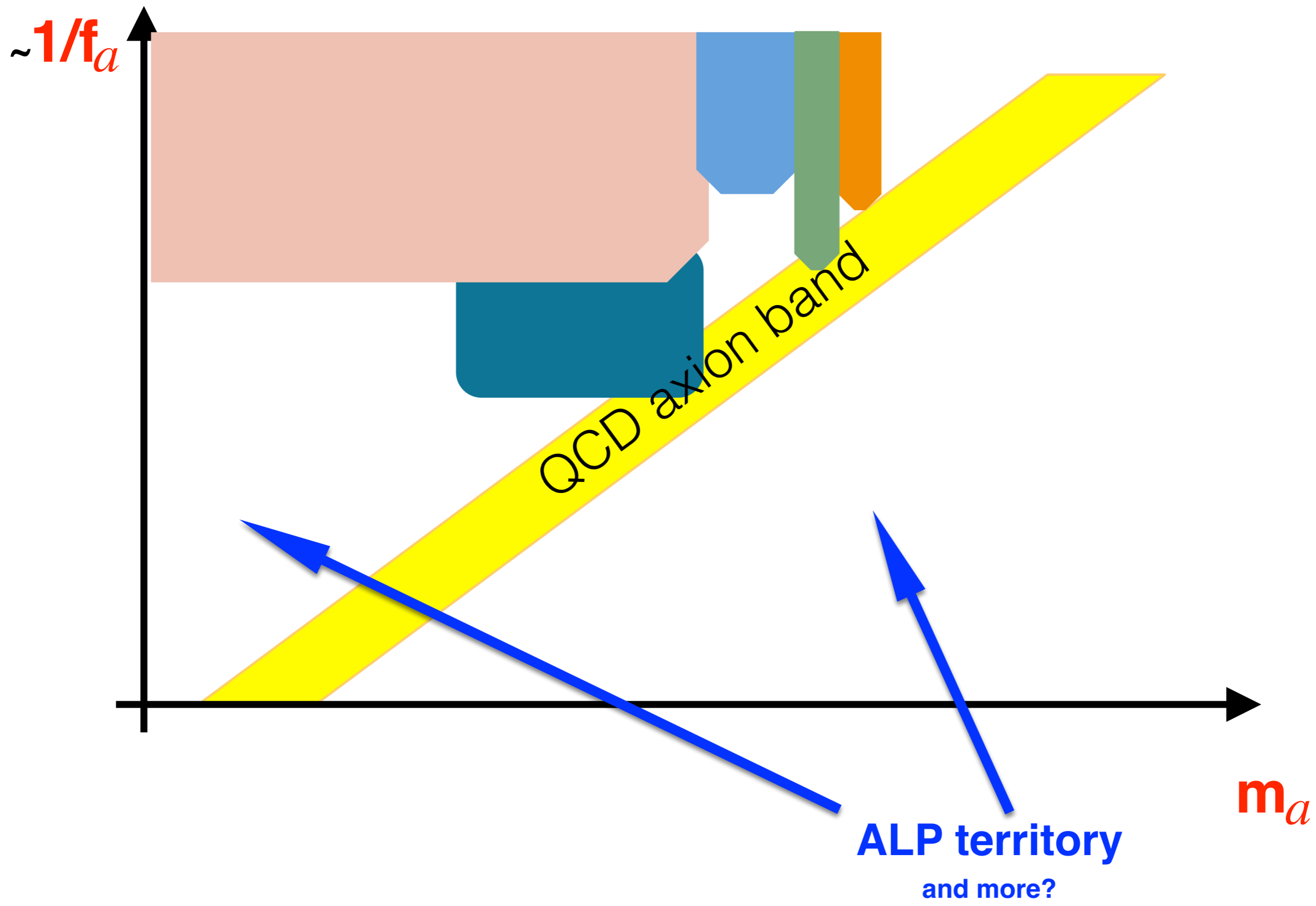
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\theta}(\mu_{\text{IR}}) &\simeq \bar{\theta}_0 + \\ &\sum_{u_i=\{u,c,t\}} \frac{m_{u_k} (m_a^2 + \hat{m}_{u_k}^2)}{16\pi^2 f_a^2 m_{u_i}} \text{Im} \left( C_Q^{ik} C_{u_R}^{*ik} \right) \log \frac{f_a^2}{\max(m_a^2, m_{u_k}^2)} \\ &+ \sum_{d_i=\{d,s,b\}} \frac{m_{d_k} (m_a^2 + \hat{m}_{d_k}^2)}{16\pi^2 f_a^2 m_{d_i}} \text{Im} \left( C_Q^{ik} C_{d_R}^{*ik} \right) \log \frac{f_a^2}{\max(m_a^2, m_{d_k}^2)}\end{aligned}$$

Neglecting threshold corrections

**For a generic scalar:**

$$\bar{\theta}(\mu_{IR}) \simeq \bar{\theta}_0 + \frac{v^2}{16\pi^2\Lambda^2} \times \left( \sum_{i,k} \left[ \frac{m_{u_k} \operatorname{Im}(K_u^{ik} K_u^{ki})}{m_{u_i}} - \frac{m_\phi^2 \operatorname{Im}(F_u^{ik})}{m_{u_i}} \right] \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{\max(m_\phi^2, m_{u_k}^2)} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{i,k} \left[ \frac{m_{d_k} \operatorname{Im}(K_d^{ik} K_d^{ki})}{m_{d_i}} - \frac{m_\phi^2 \operatorname{Im}(F_d^{ik})}{m_{d_i}} \right] \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{\max(m_\phi^2, m_{d_k}^2)} \right)$$







# Intensely looked for experimentally...

direct  $a$ -gluon coupling

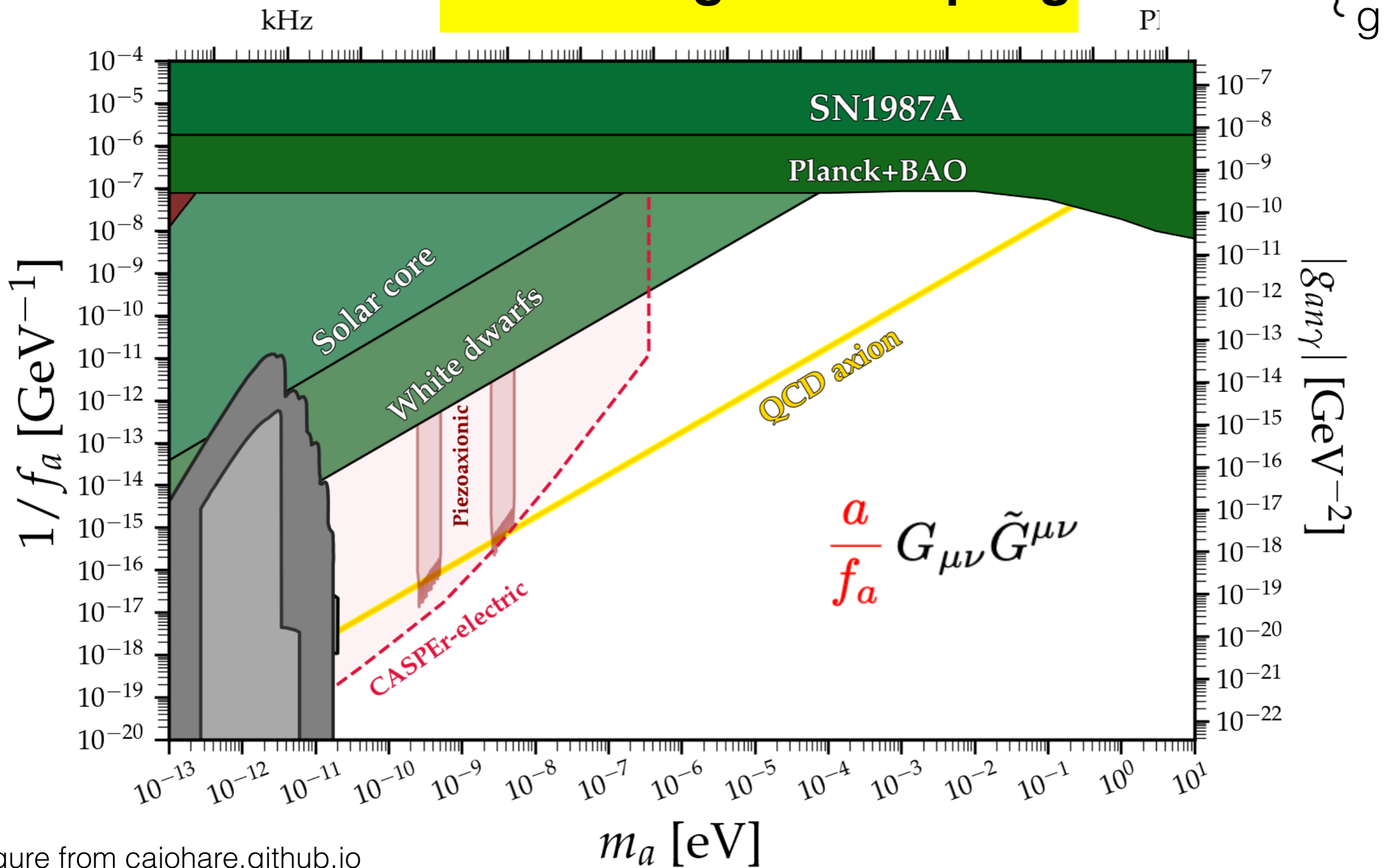
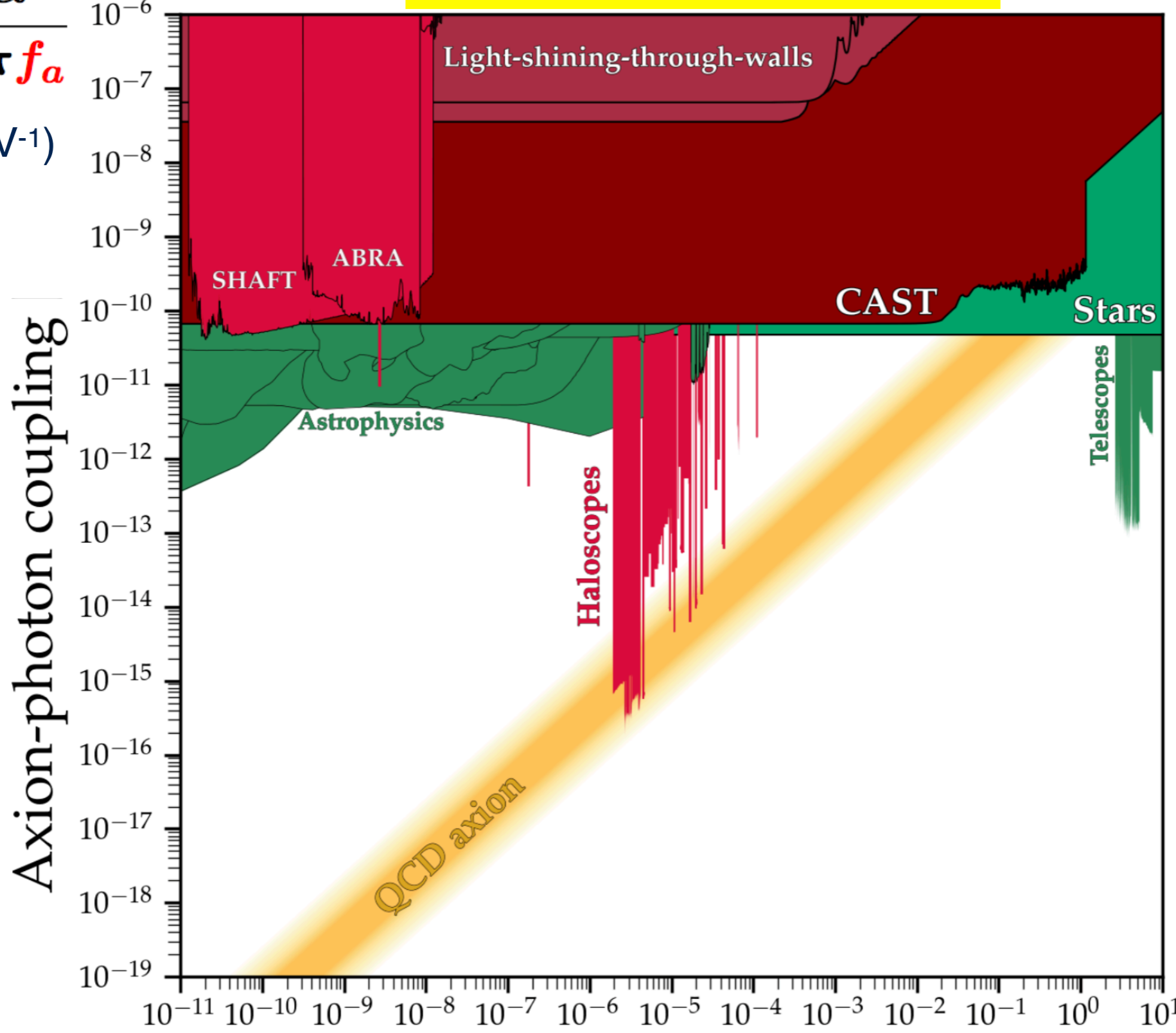
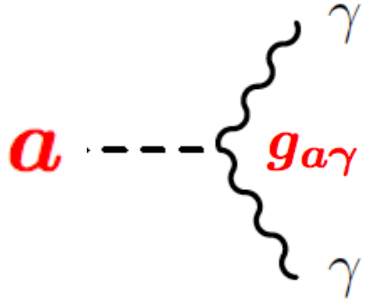


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# *a*-photon coupling

$$g_{a\gamma} \sim \frac{C \alpha}{8\pi f_a} \quad (\text{GeV}^{-1})$$

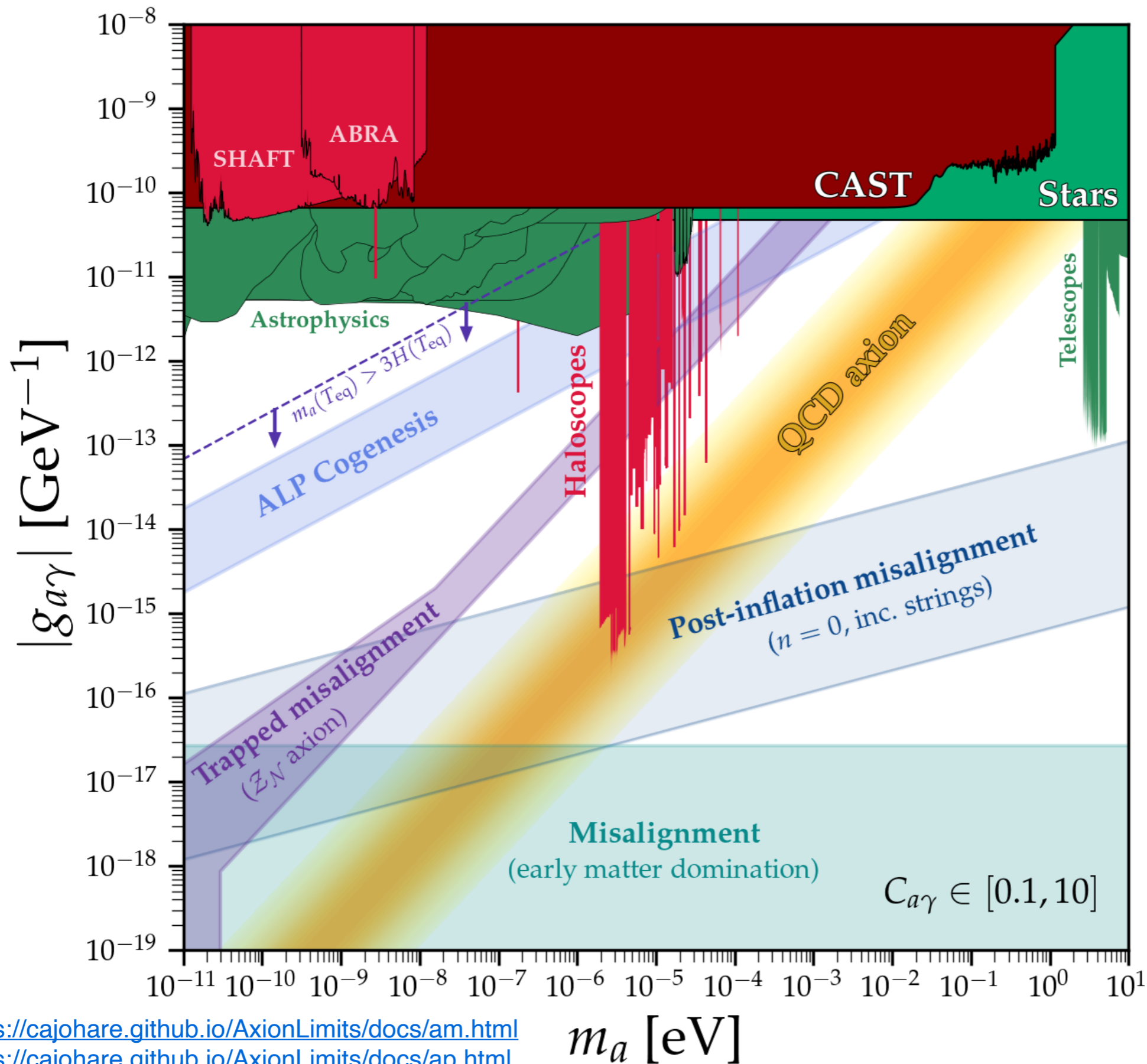


$$\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

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$m_a$  (eV)

# Axions and ALPs can explain Dark Matter

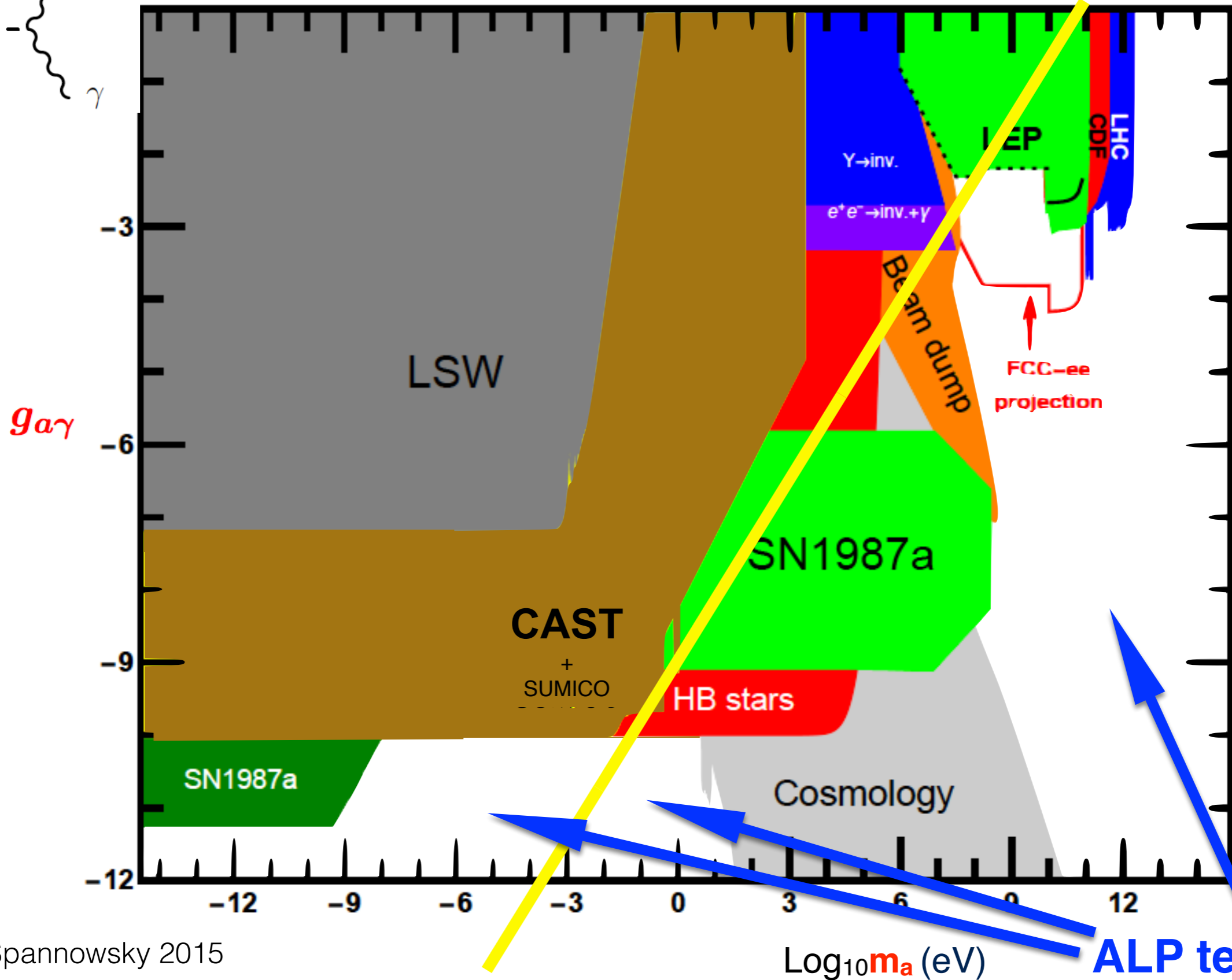
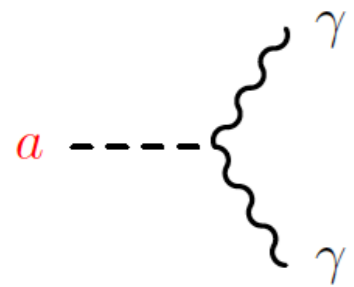


$a$  - photon  
coupling

within the blueish  
bands  
axions/ALPs would  
account for all the DM

# ALPs (axion-like particles) territory

$$\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$



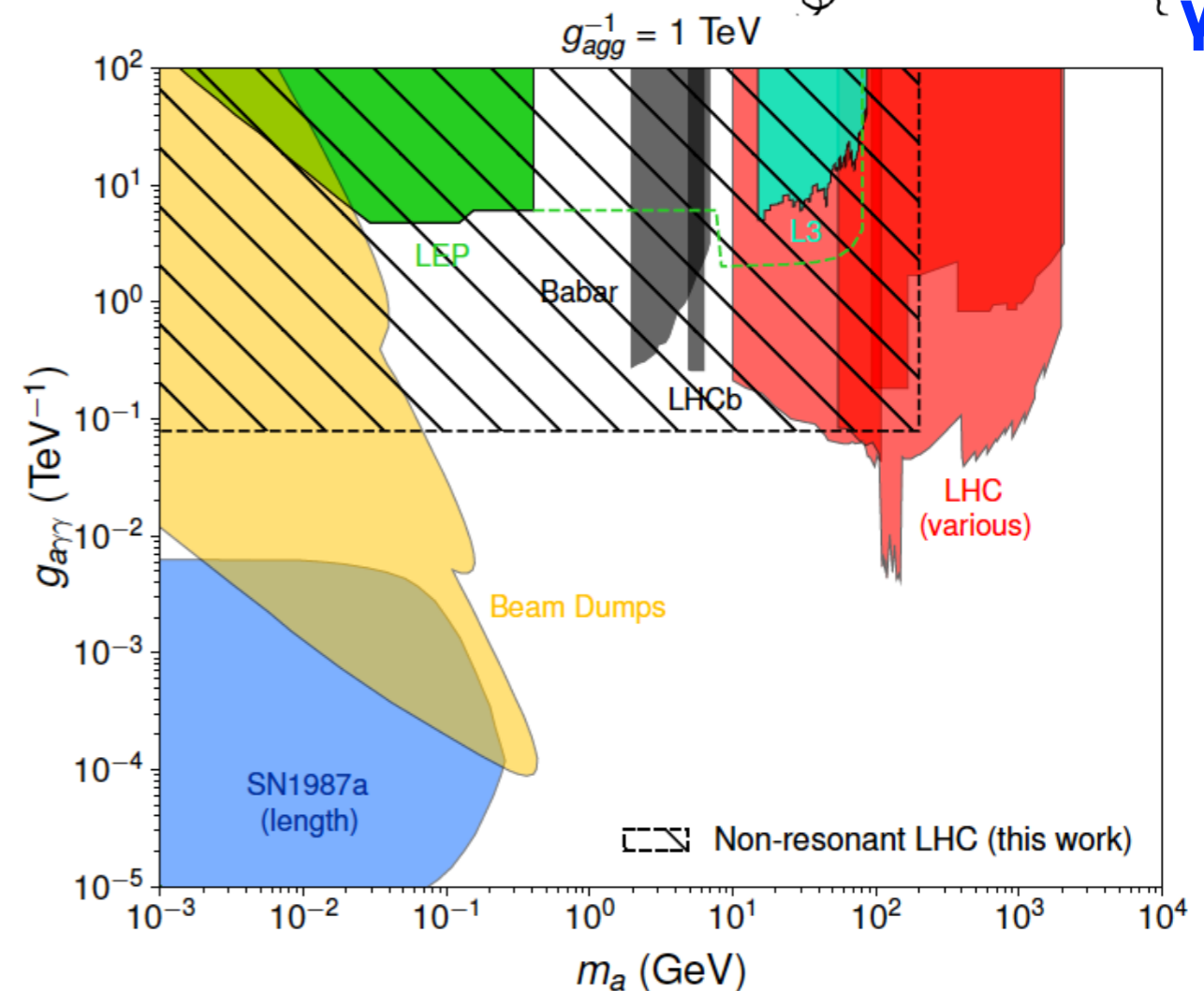
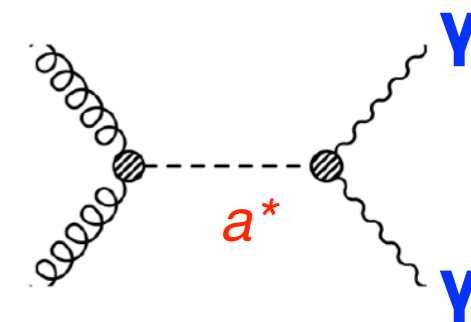
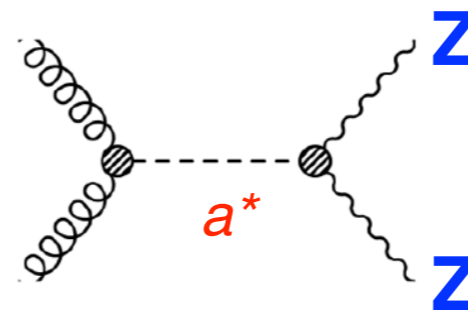
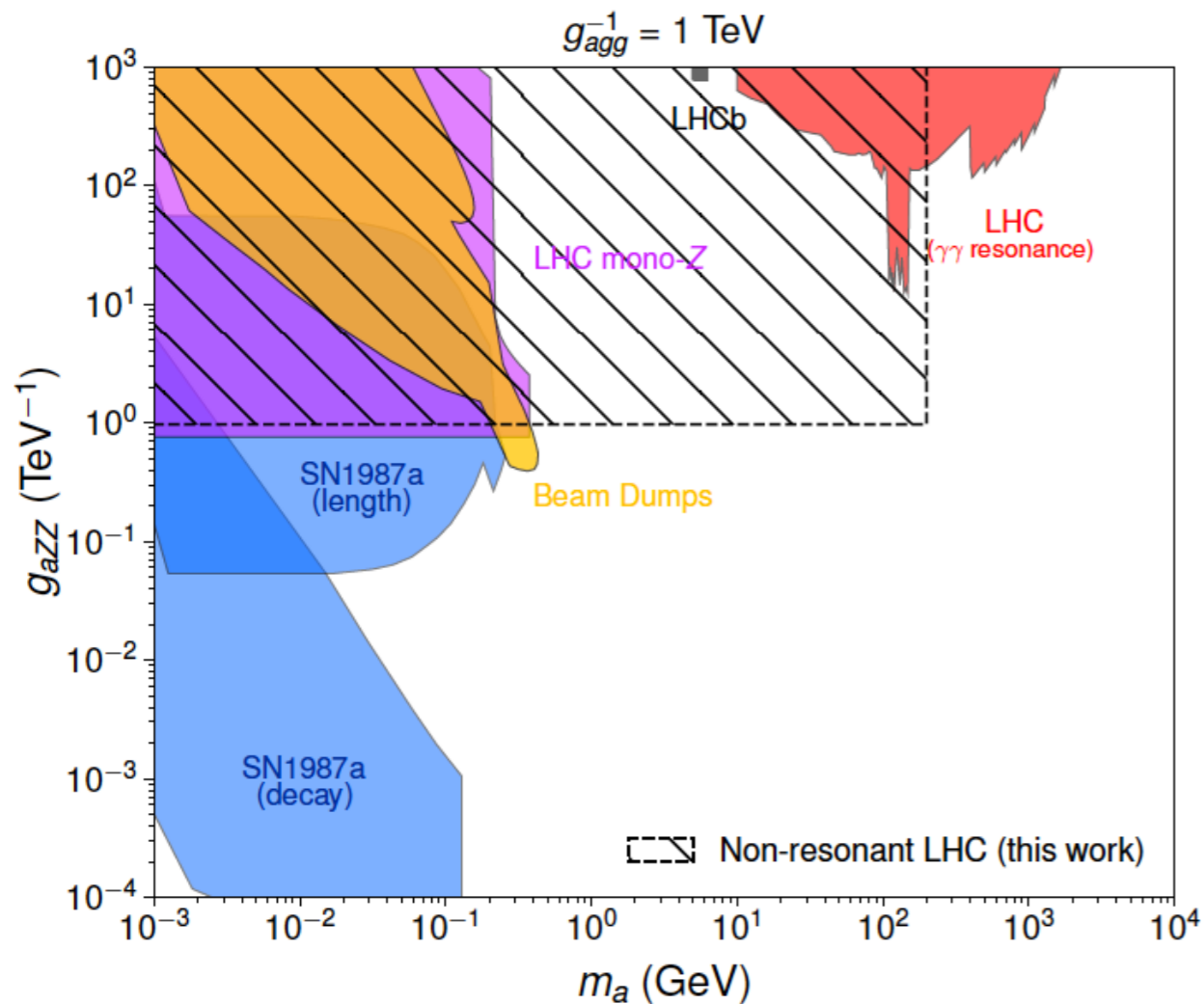
FCC-ee projection

**ALP territory**  
and more?

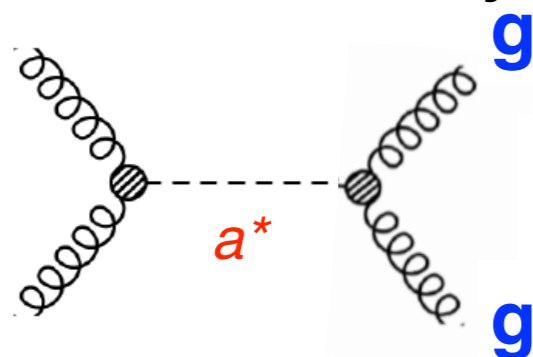
# Other new ways to probe ALPs at LHC

(Fdez. de Troconiz, Gavela, No, Sanz, 2019)

## Non - resonant diboson searches



We also looked at two jets:



$\rightarrow f_a/c_{\tilde{G}} > 2.5 \text{ TeV}$

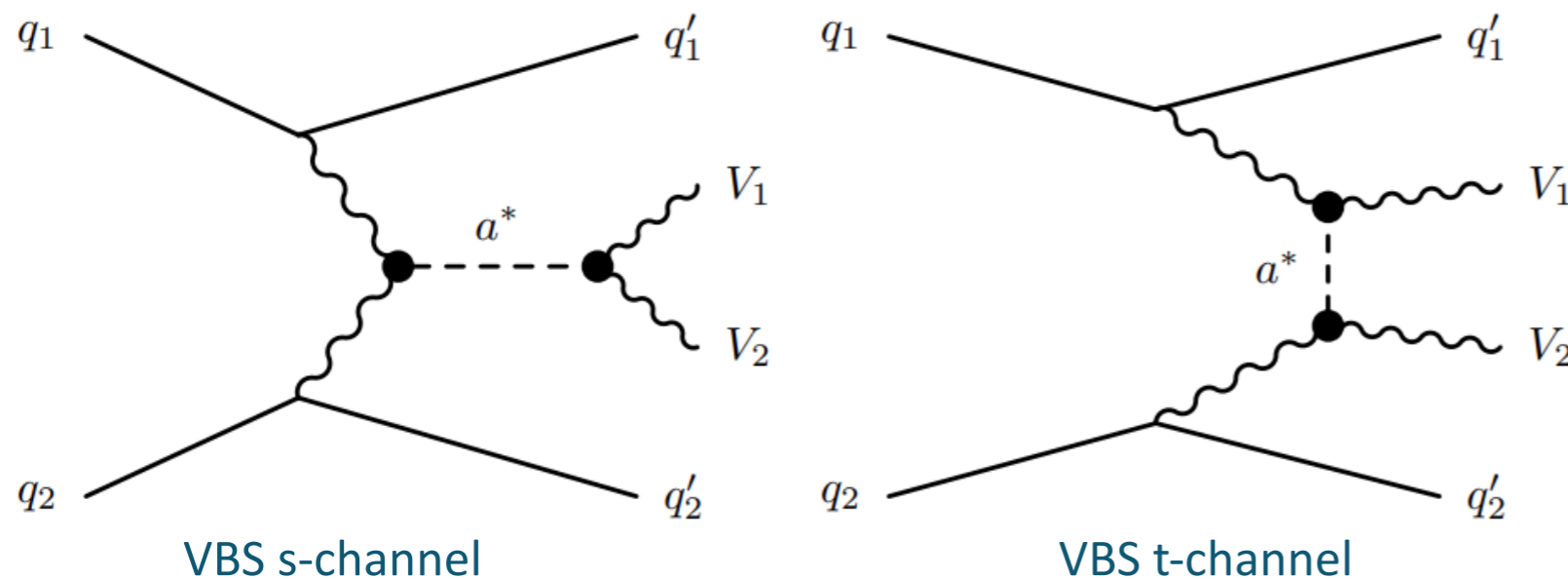
## 2022: ALP-mediated EW VBS (vector-boson fusion)

- **Vector Boson Scattering**

→ production of a diboson pair + 2 face-to-face jets with high invariant mass

→ explore **ALP EW couplings** with reduced dependence on the gluon coupling

- EW ALP-mediated processes  $q_1 q_2 \rightarrow q'_1 q'_2 V_1 V_2$

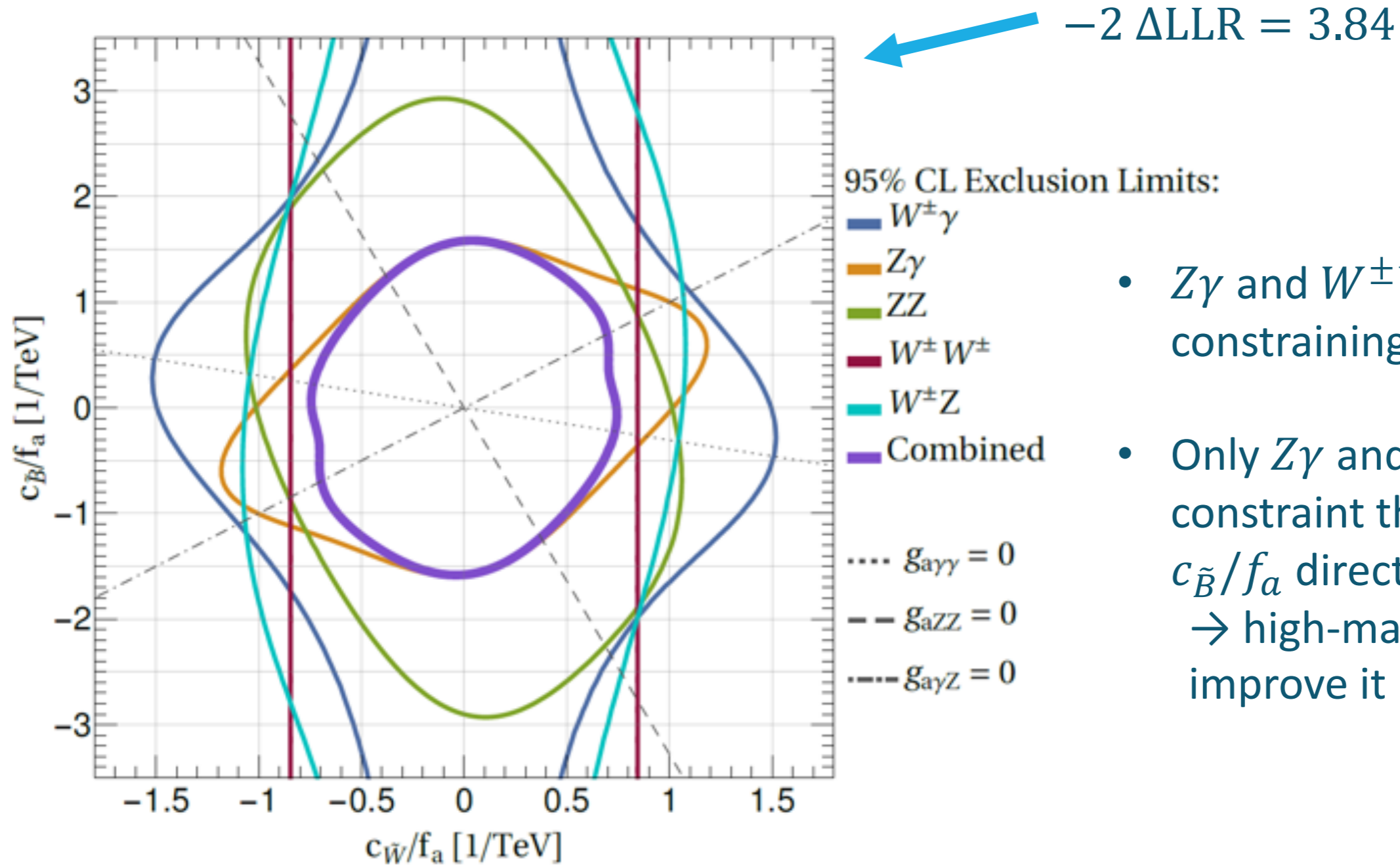


Reinterpretation of Run 2 CMS analysis:

$$V_1 V_2 = ZZ, Z\gamma, W^\pm\gamma, W^\pm Z, W^\pm W^\pm$$

CMS-SMP-20-001, CMS-SMP-20-016,  
CMS-SMP-19-008, CMS-SMP-19-012

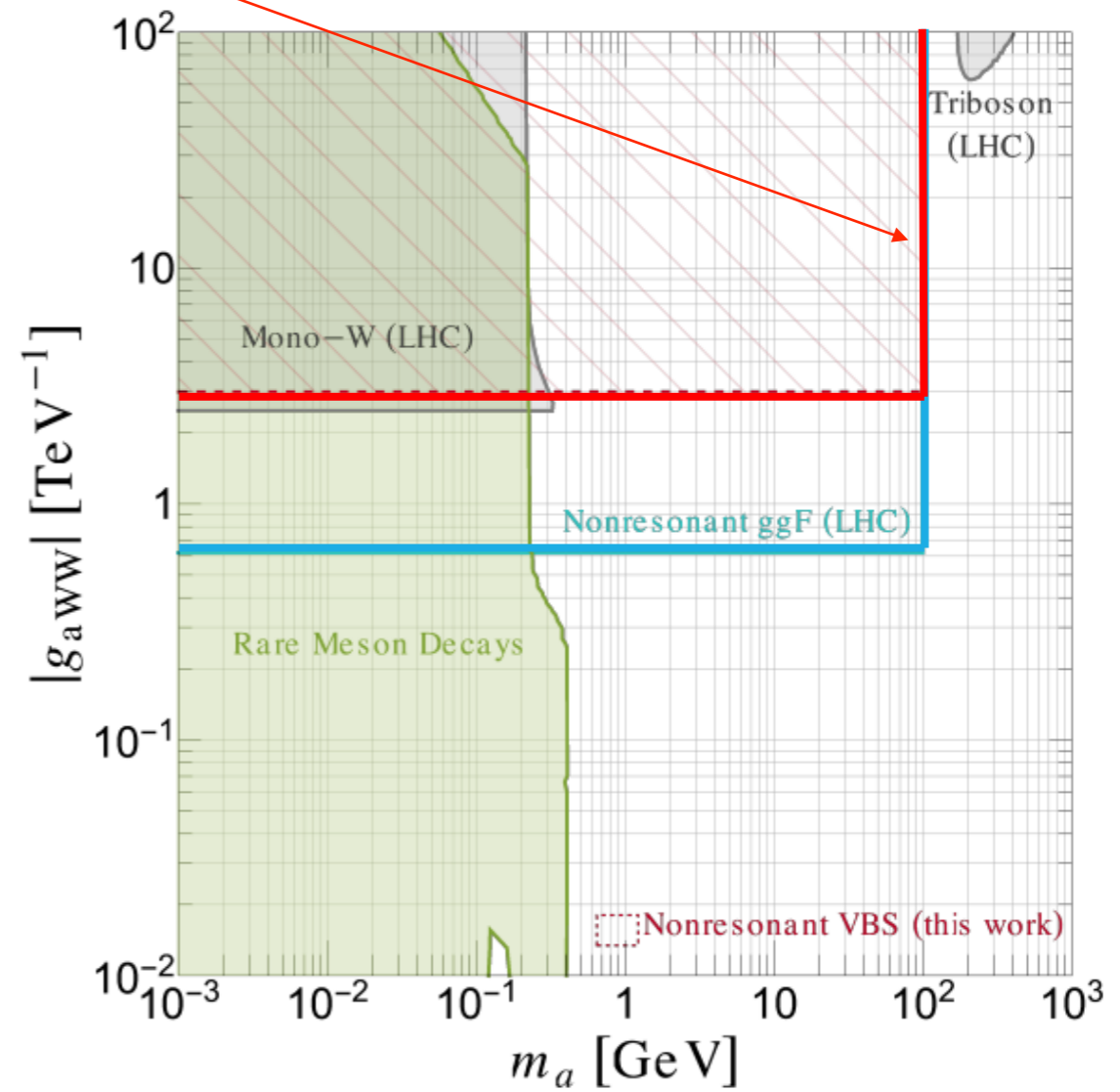
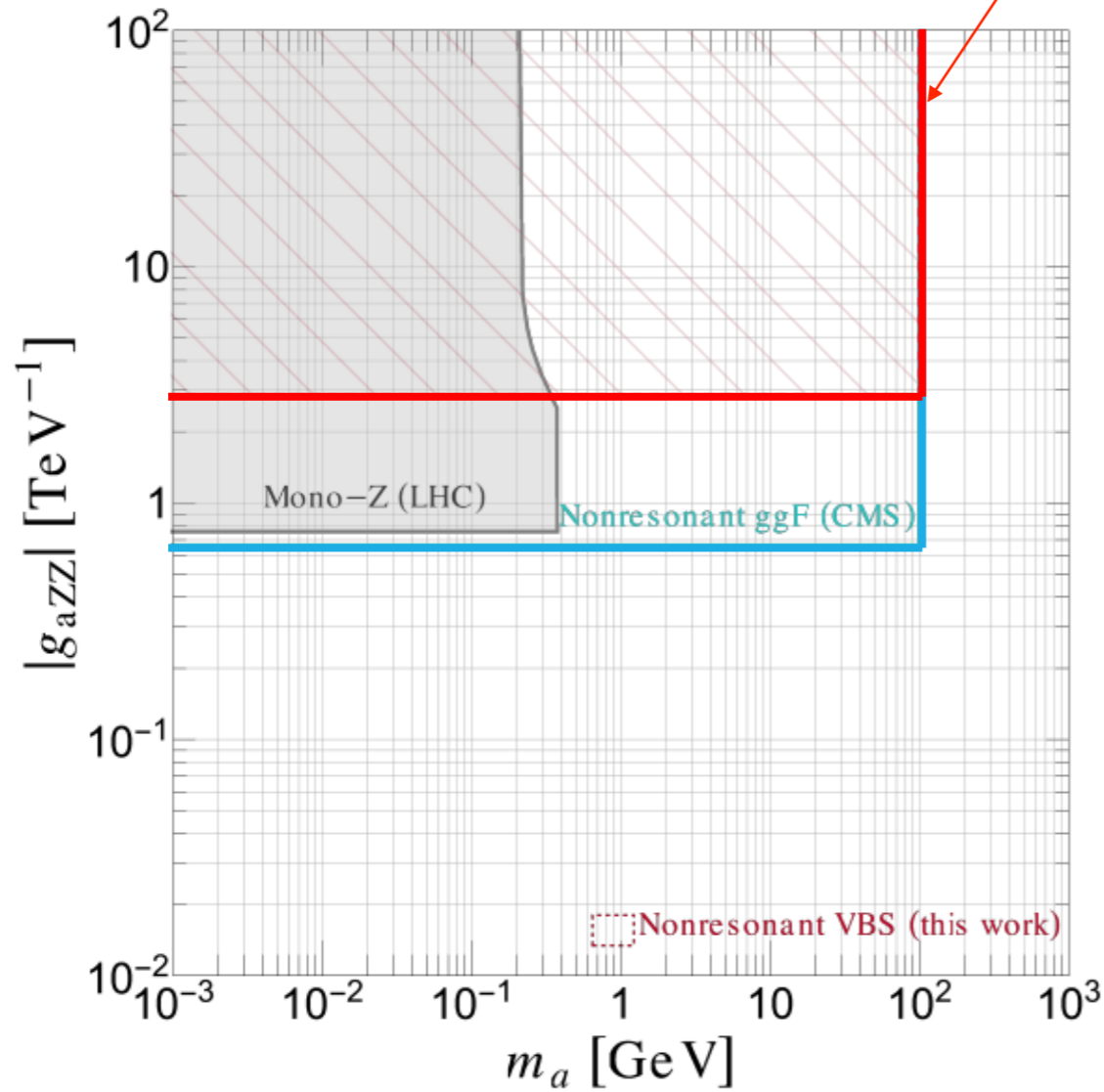
# RESULTS



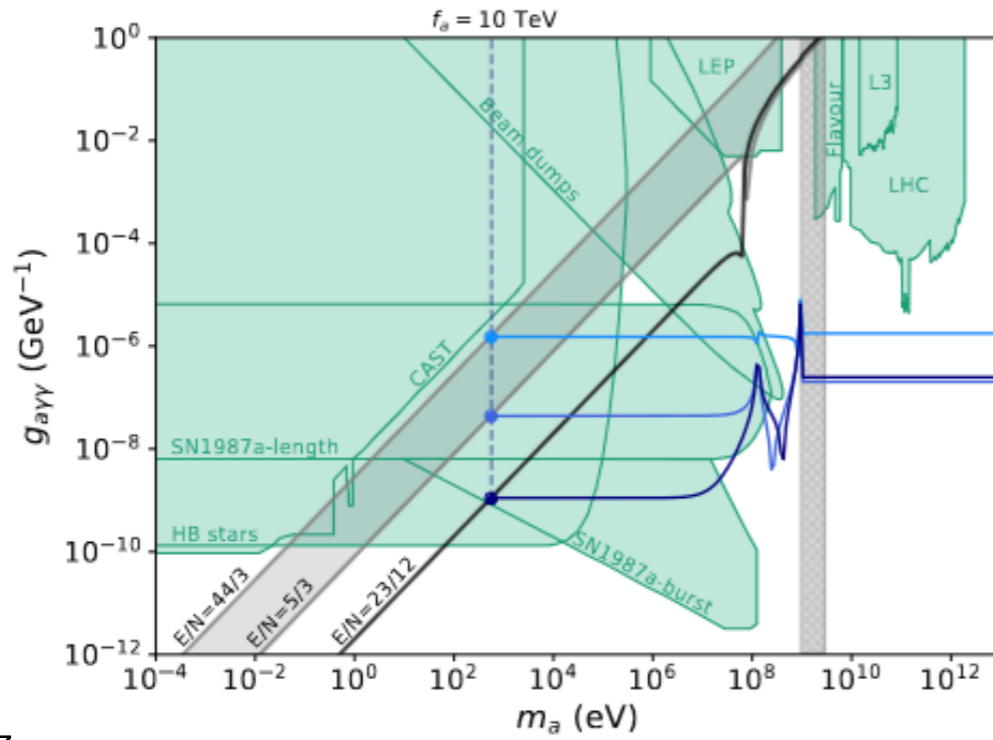
- $Z\gamma$  and  $W^\pm W^\pm$  are the most constraining channels
- Only  $Z\gamma$  and  $ZZ$  can constraint the plane in the  $c_{\tilde{B}}/f_a$  direction.  
 → high-mass  $\gamma\gamma$  channel can improve it

# Comparison with existing bounds

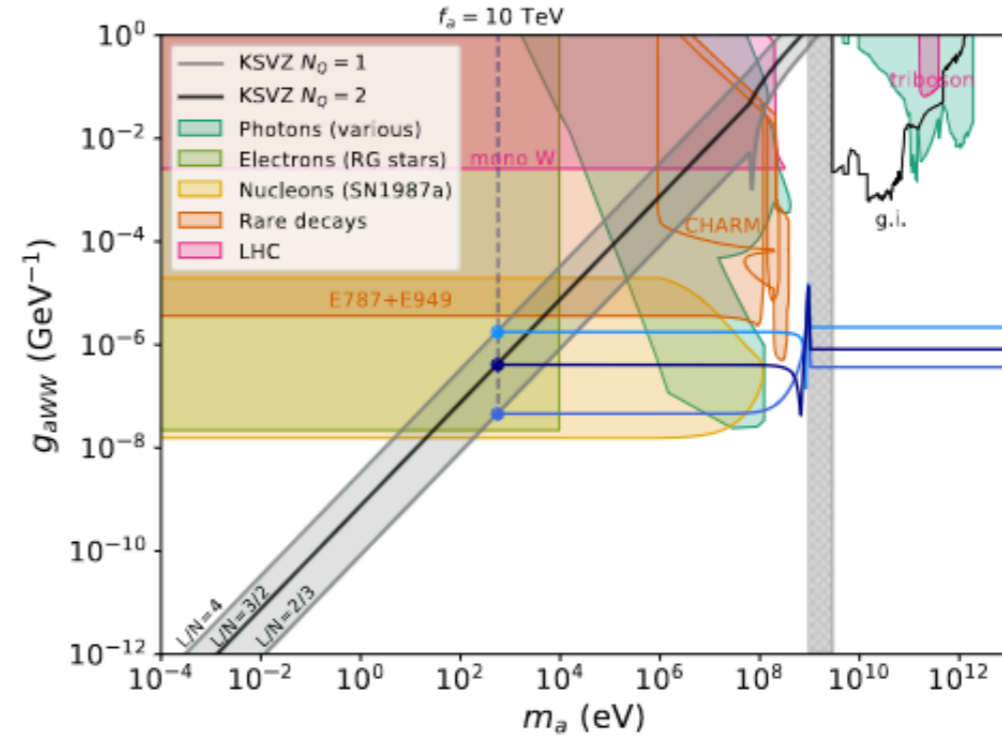
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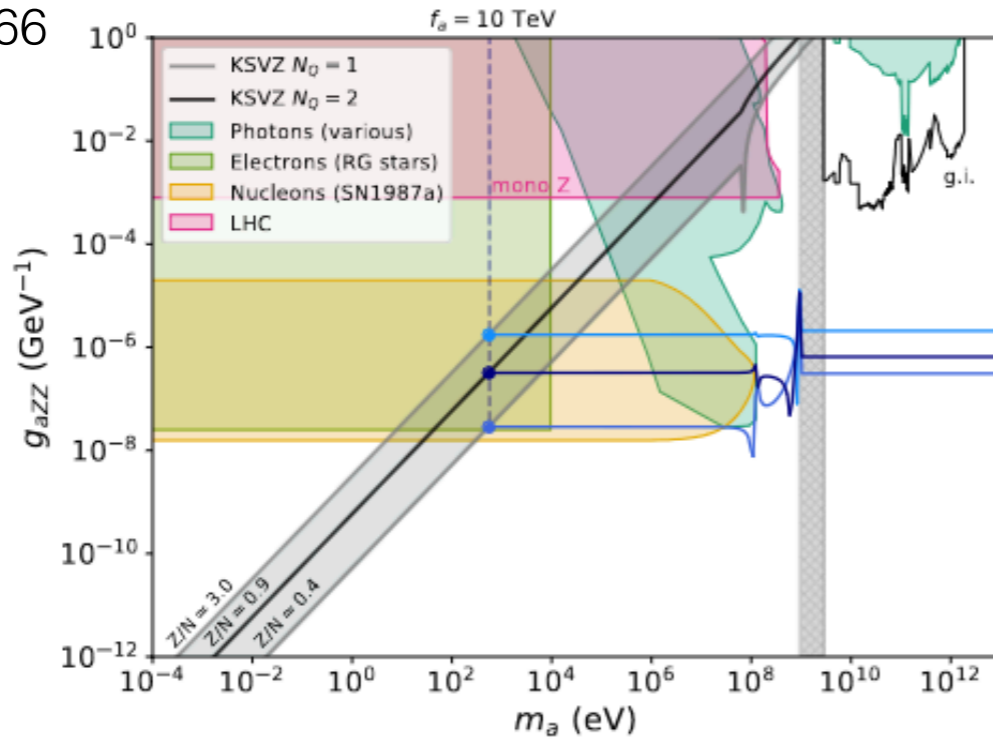




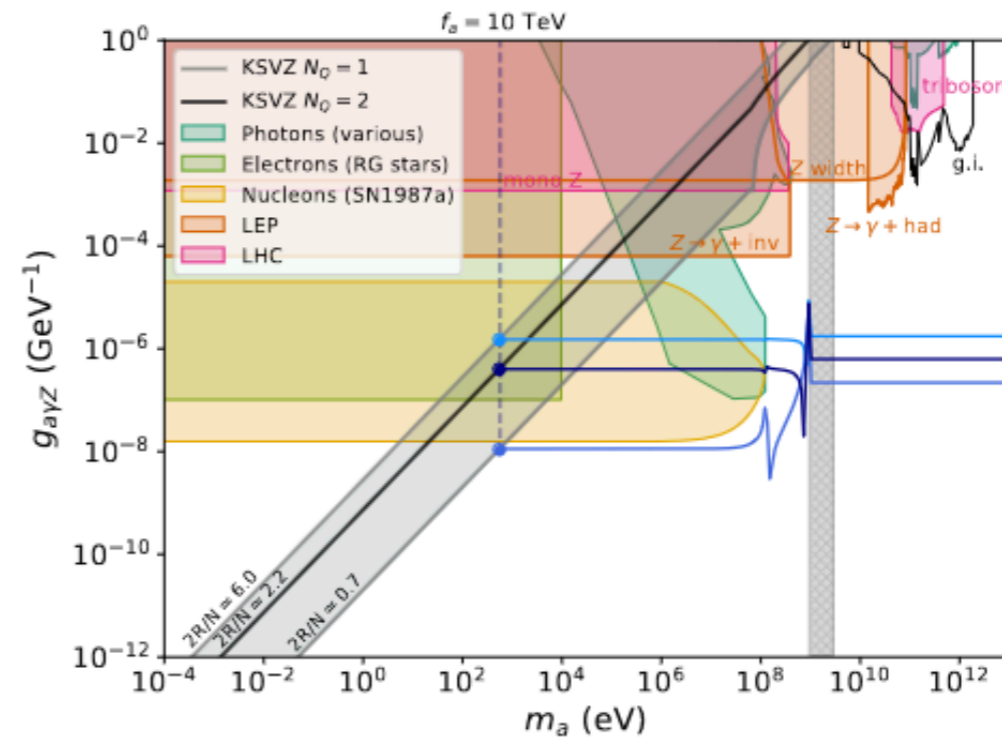
(a) Coupling to photons.



(b) Coupling to  $W$  bosons.



(c) Coupling to  $Z$  bosons.



(d) Coupling to a photon and a  $Z$  boson.

Figure 4: Coupling to EW gauge bosons. A two-operator framework is used: each panel assumes the existence of the corresponding electroweak coupling plus the axion-gluon coupling. The

Alonso-Alvarez,  
Gavela, Quilez,  
arXiv:1811.05466

## e.g. Casper electric

$\{m_a, 1/f_a\}$ : direct **a** - gluon coupling

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G\tilde{G}$$

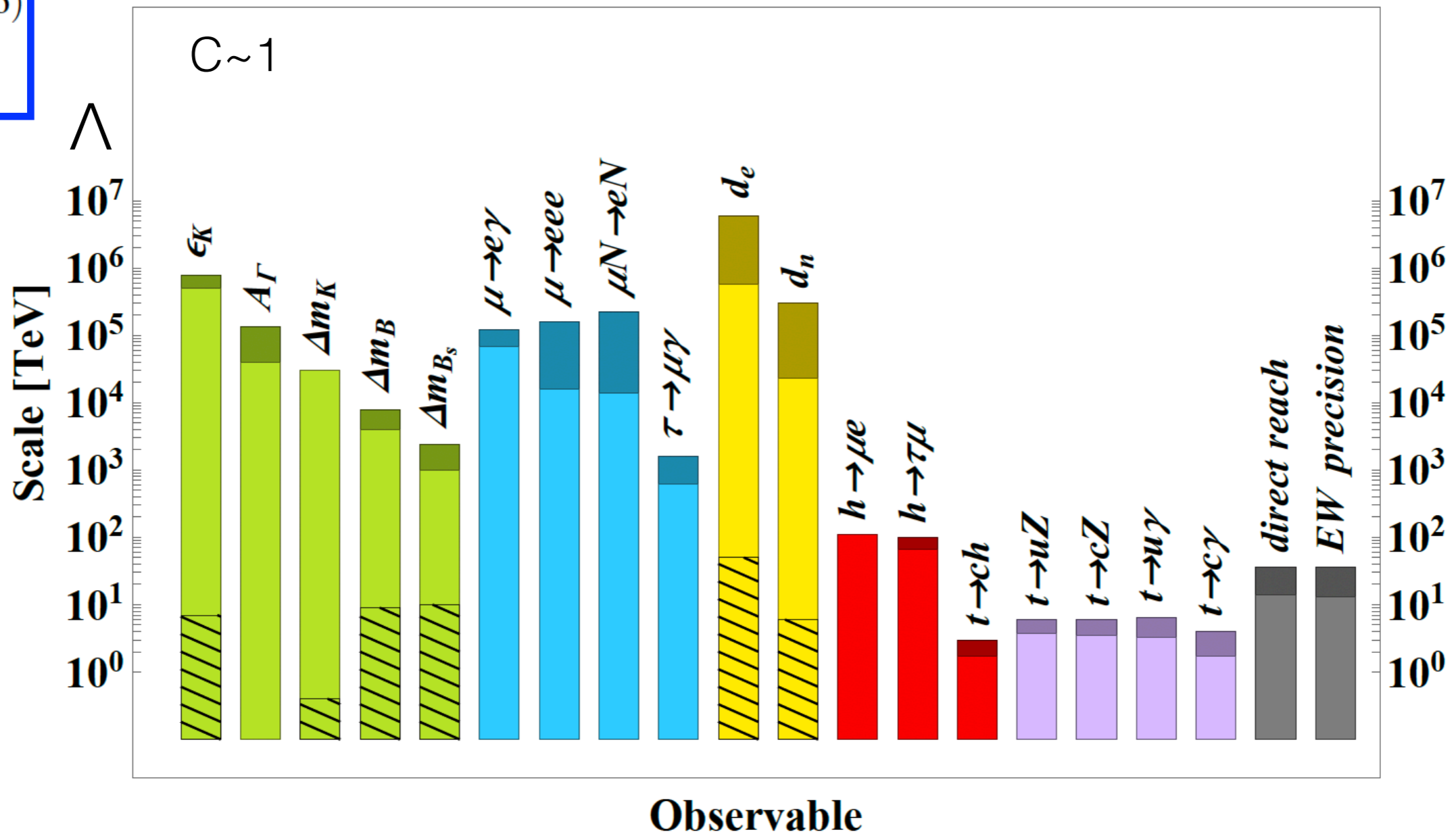
$$\delta\mathcal{L} \equiv -\frac{i}{2} \frac{0.011 e}{m_n} \frac{a}{f_a} \bar{n} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 n F^{\mu\nu}$$
$$\equiv g_a \gamma n$$

Coupling to the  
nEDM

$$m_a^2 f_a^2 \simeq m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 \frac{m_u m_d}{(m_u + m_d)^2}$$

Axion mass

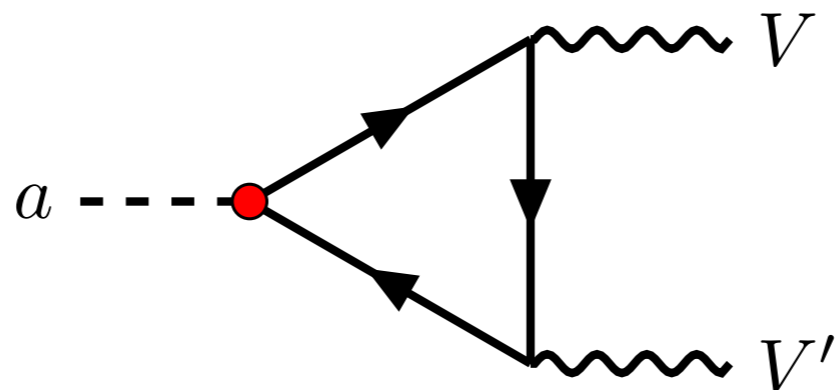
$$\frac{C_6^a}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_a^{(6)}$$



D. Aloni, A. Dery, M.B. Gavela, Y. Nir

Fig. 5.1: Reach in new physics scale of present and future facilities, from generic dimension six operators. Colour coding of observables is: green for mesons, blue for leptons, yellow for EDMs, red for Higgs flavoured couplings and purple for the top quark. The grey columns illustrate the reach of direct flavour-blind searches and EW precision measurements. The operator coefficients are taken to be either  $\sim 1$  (plain coloured columns) or suppressed by MFV factors (hatch filled surfaces). Light (dark) colours correspond to present data (mid-term prospects, including HL-LHC, Belle II, MEG II, Mu3e, Mu2e, COMET, ACME, PIK and SNS).

# One-loop induced couplings



$$g_{a\gamma\gamma}^{\text{loop}} = -\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi f_a} \left[ \underbrace{\text{Tr}\{(\mathbf{c}_{ee})\}}_{\text{ANOMALOUS}} + 2 \sum_{\ell} \underbrace{(\mathbf{c}_{ee})_{\ell\ell} m_{\ell}^2}_{\text{MASS-DEPENDENT}} \mathcal{C}_0(0, 0, m_a^2, m_{\ell}, m_{\ell}, m_{\ell}) \right]$$

$$g_{aZZ}^{\text{loop}} = -\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{2c_w^2 s_w^2 \pi f_a} \left[ (1 - 2s_w^2) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}_{\nu\nu}) + 2s_w^4 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}_{ee}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_{\ell}^2}{M_Z^2}\right) \right]$$

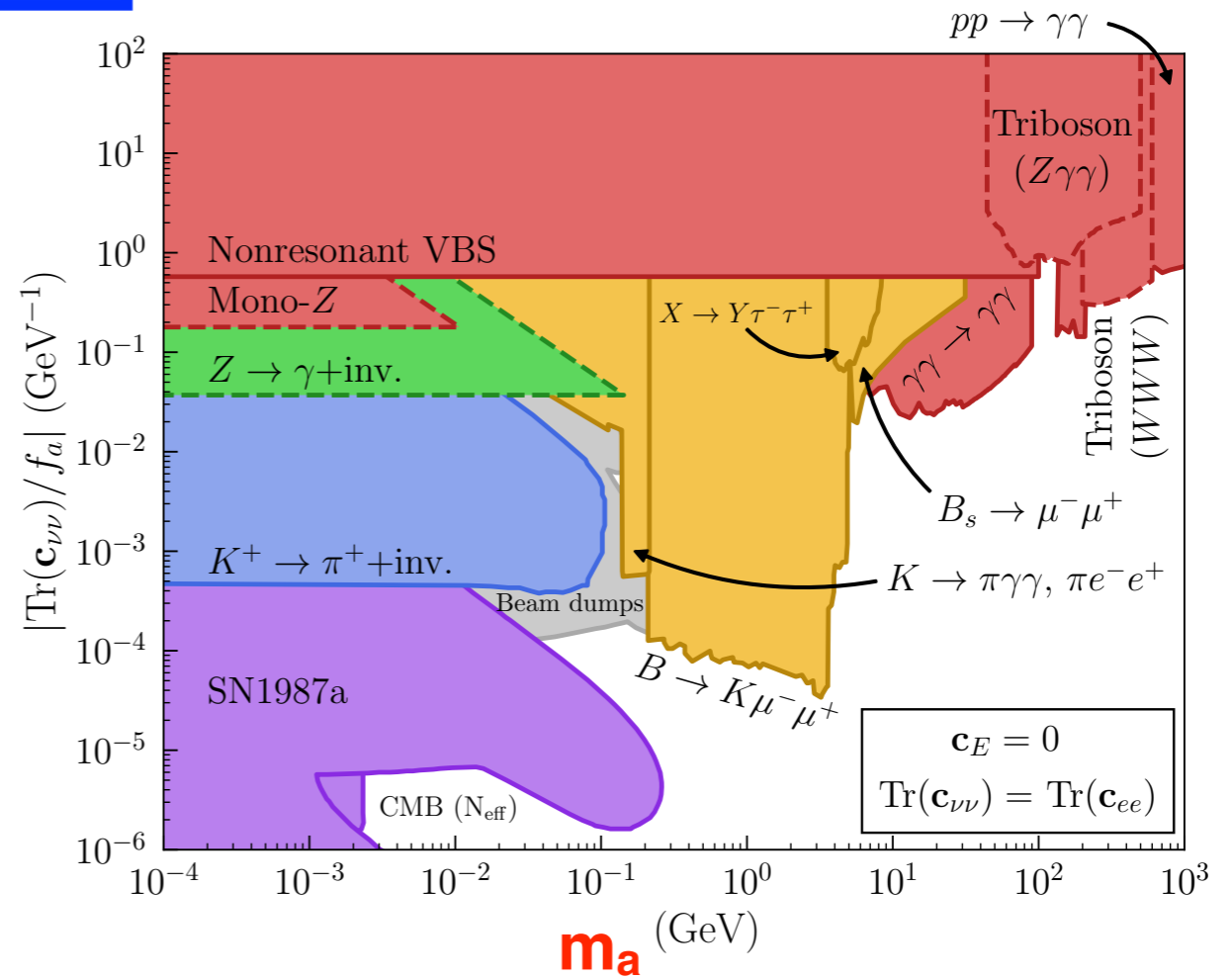
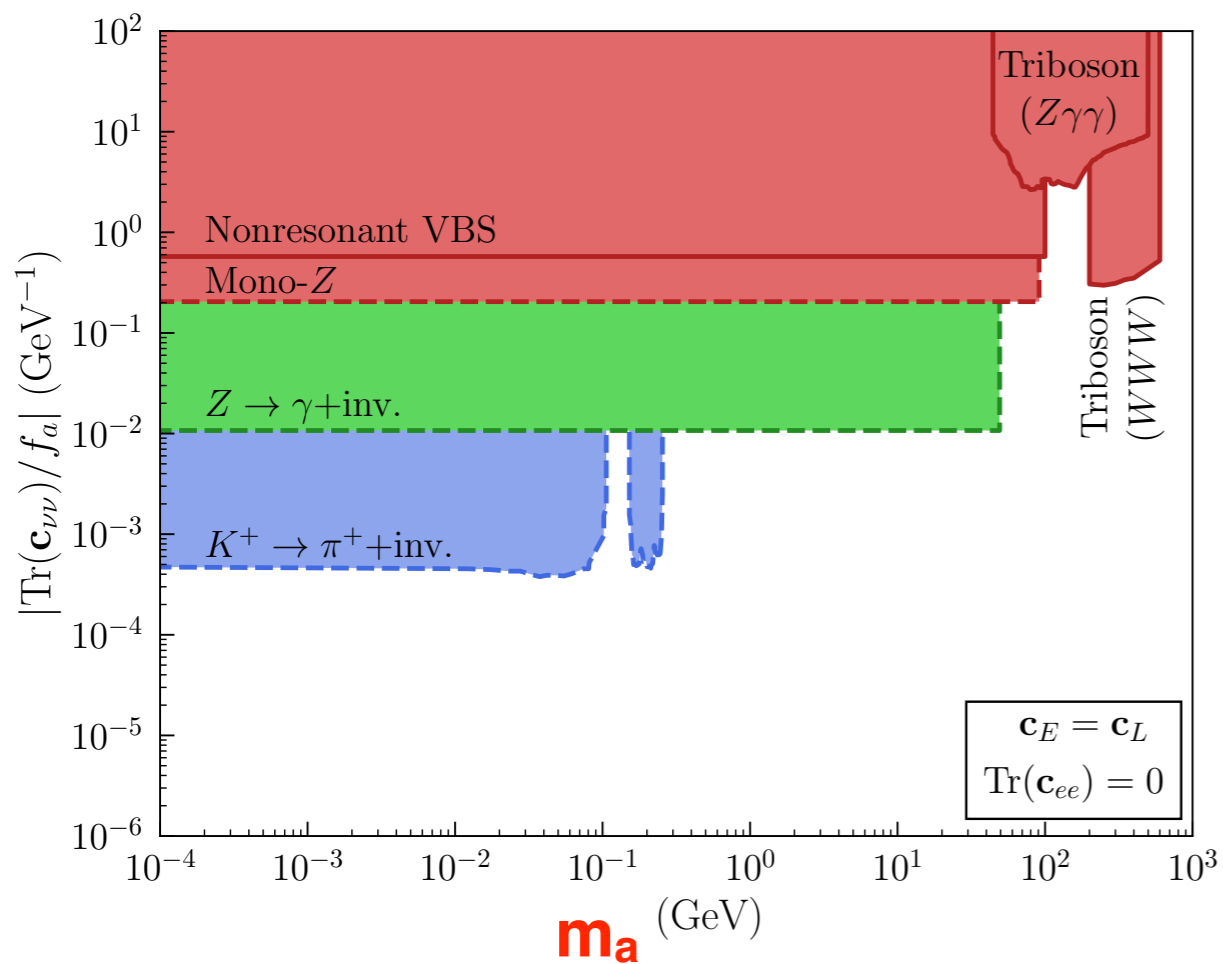
$$g_{a\gamma Z}^{\text{loop}} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{c_w s_w \pi f_a} \left[ \text{Tr}\{(\mathbf{c}_{\nu\nu})\} - 2s_w^2 \text{Tr}\{(\mathbf{c}_{ee})\} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_{\ell}^2}{M_Z^2}\right) \right]$$

$$g_{aWW}^{\text{loop}} = -\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{2s_w^2 \pi f_a} \left[ \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}_{\nu\nu}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_{\ell}^2}{M_W^2}\right) \right]$$

Package X, arXiv:1612.00009  
FeynCalc, arXiv:2001.04407

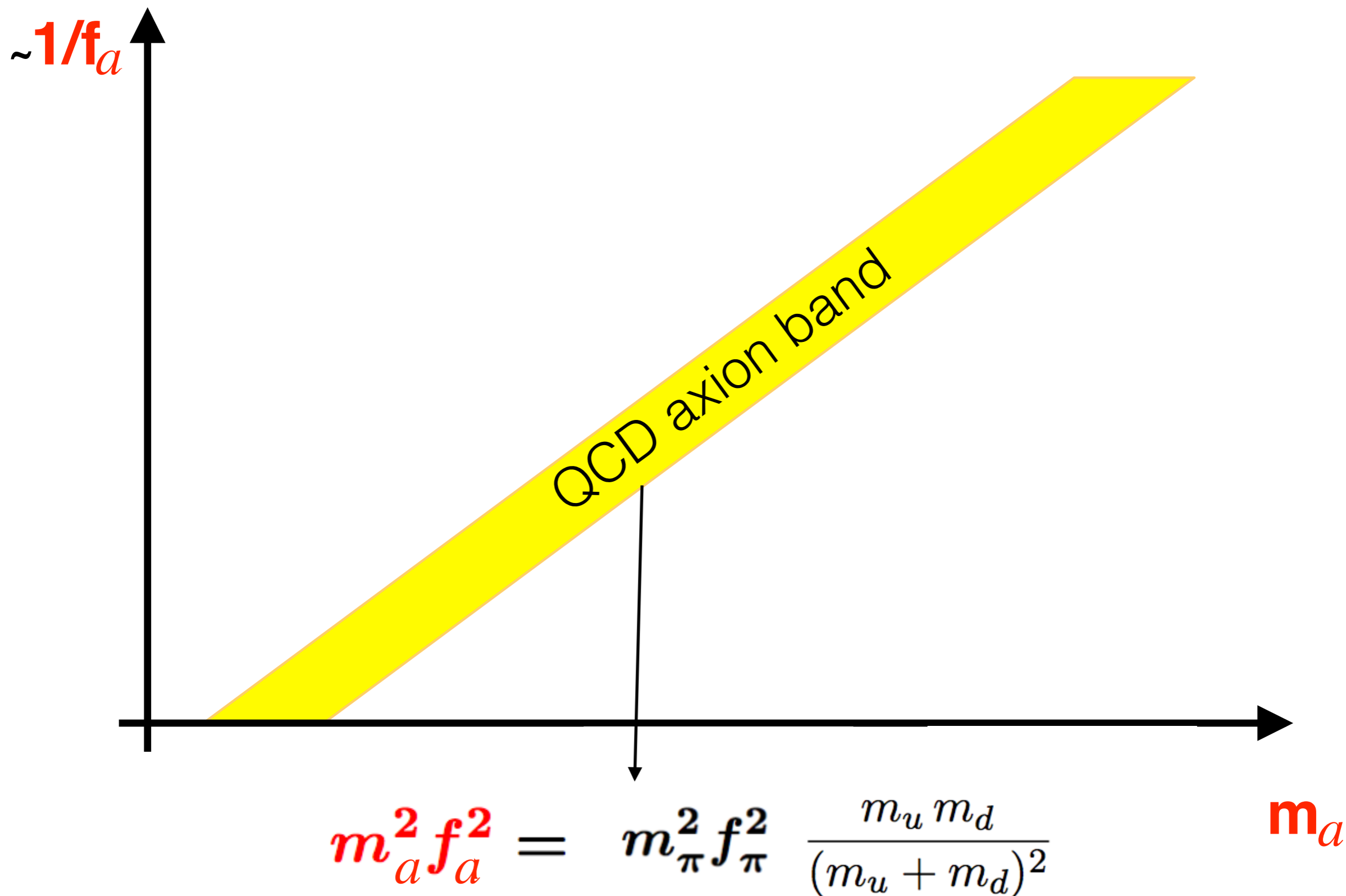
# Bounds on ALP-neutrino coupling

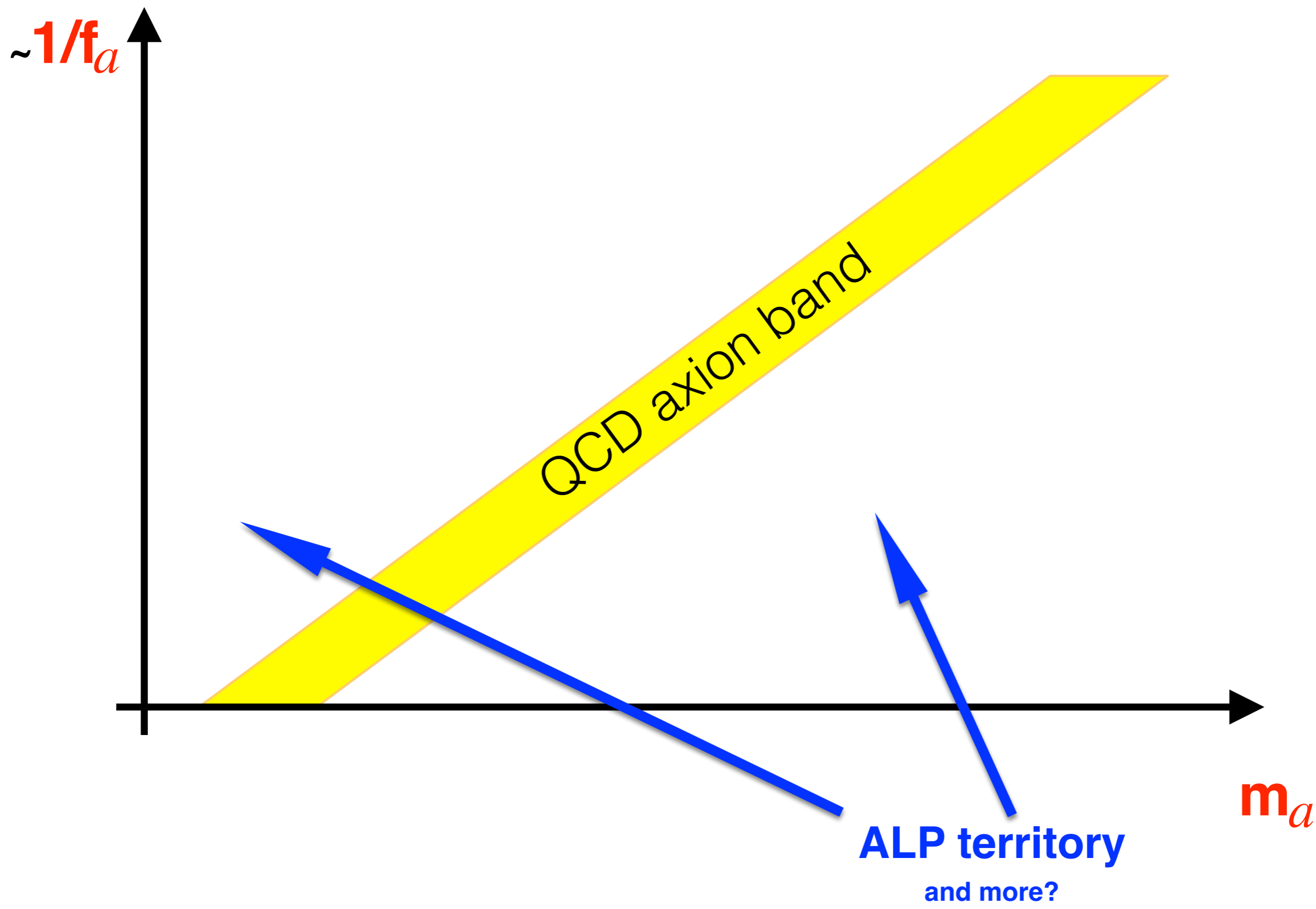
$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}_{\nu\nu}/f_a)$$

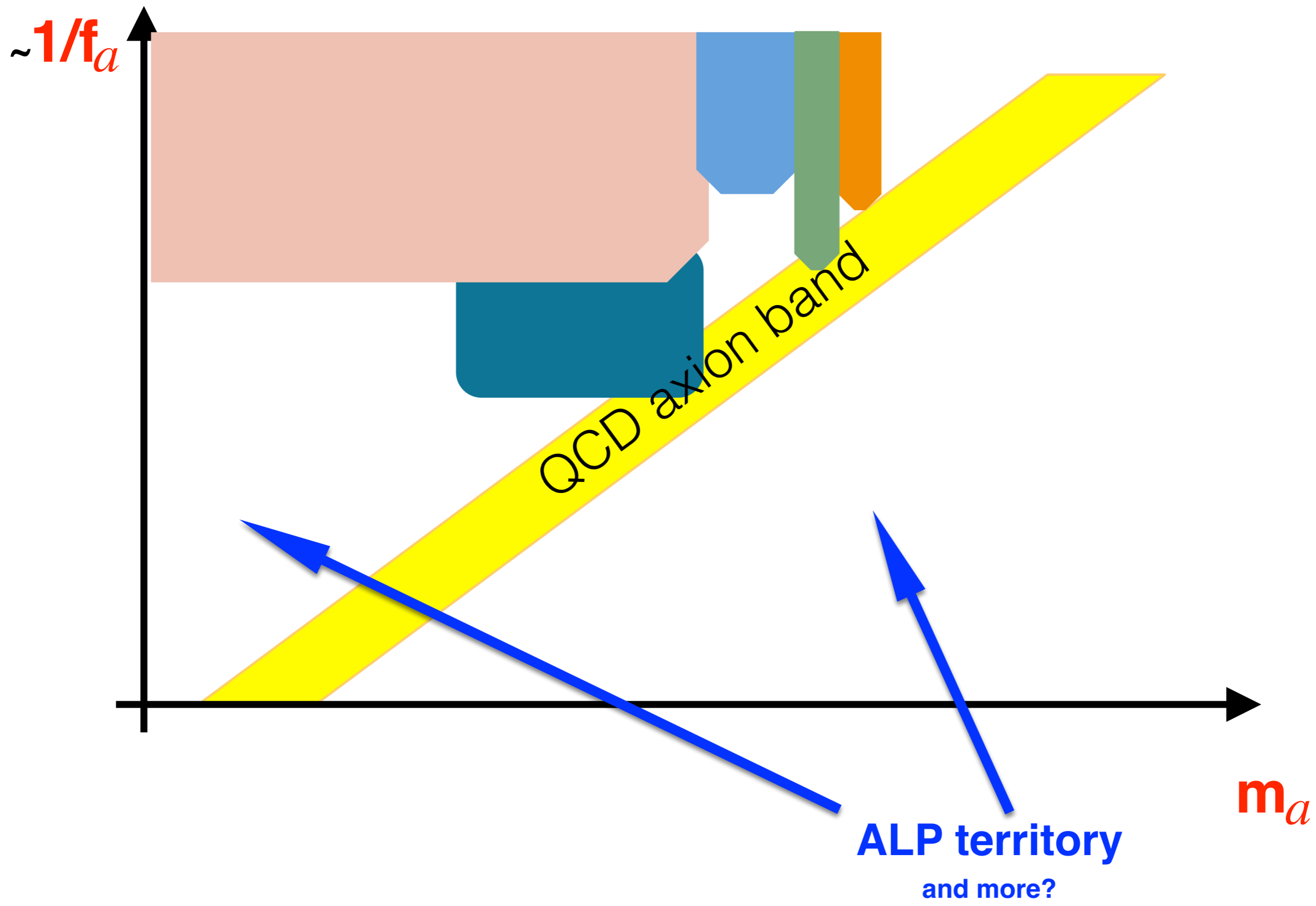


In “true axion” models (= which solve the strong CP problem):

$$m_a f_a = \text{cte.}$$











**Difference between ALP and a true axion:**

**an ALP does not intend to solve the strong CP problem**

**otherwise, the phenomenology is alike**

**ALP territory**

and more?

$m_a$



**Difference between the ALP and a true axion:**

$$\{ m_a, f_a \}$$

**are independent parameters for ALPs**

**ALP territory**

and more?

$m_a$

# *a*-neutron coupling

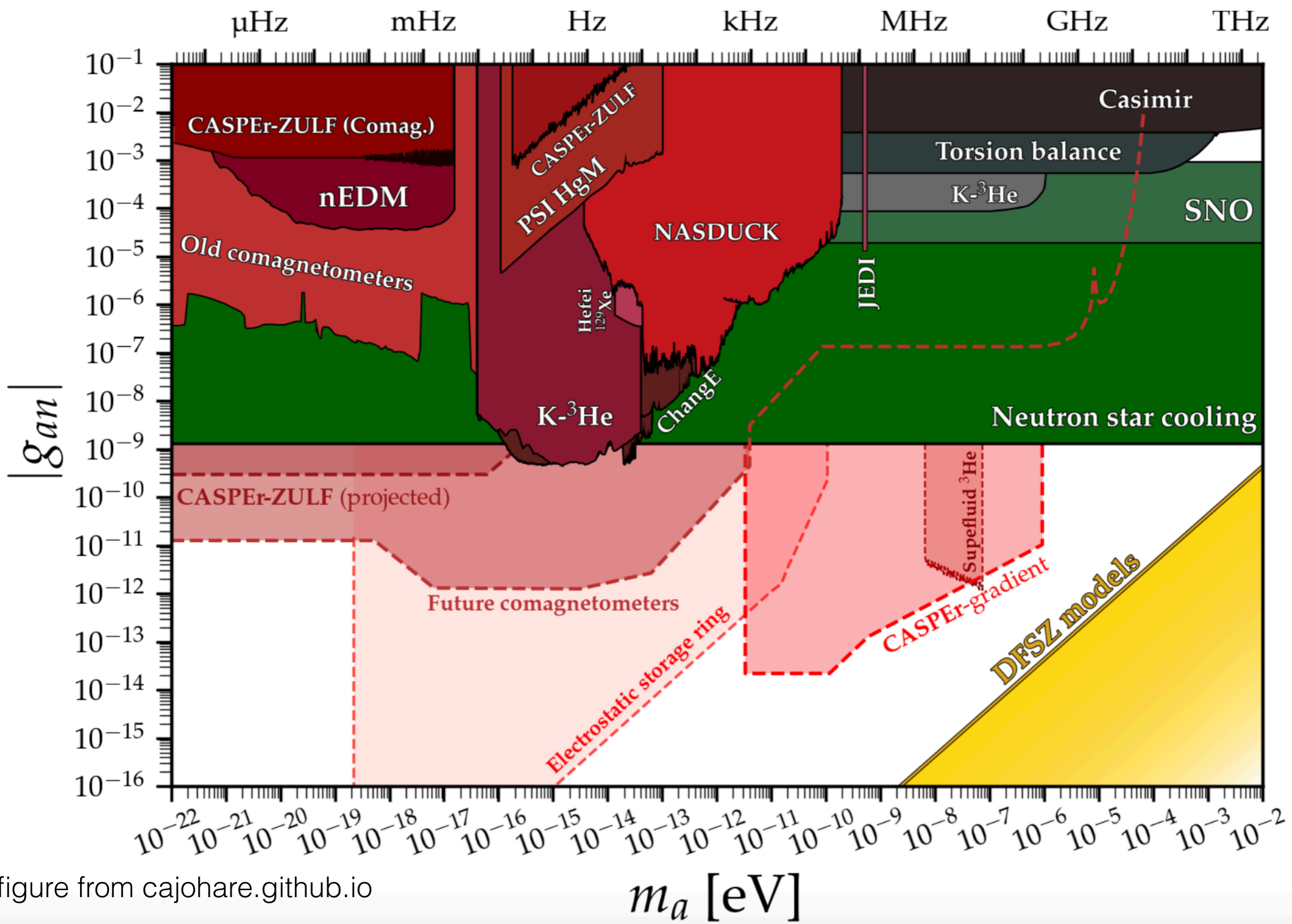
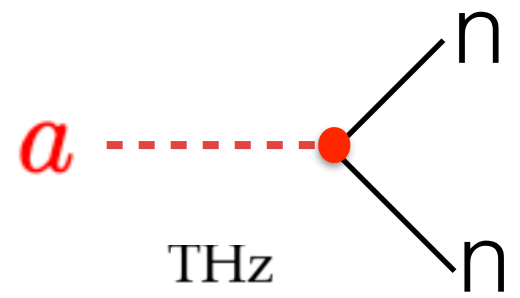


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# *a*-proton coupling

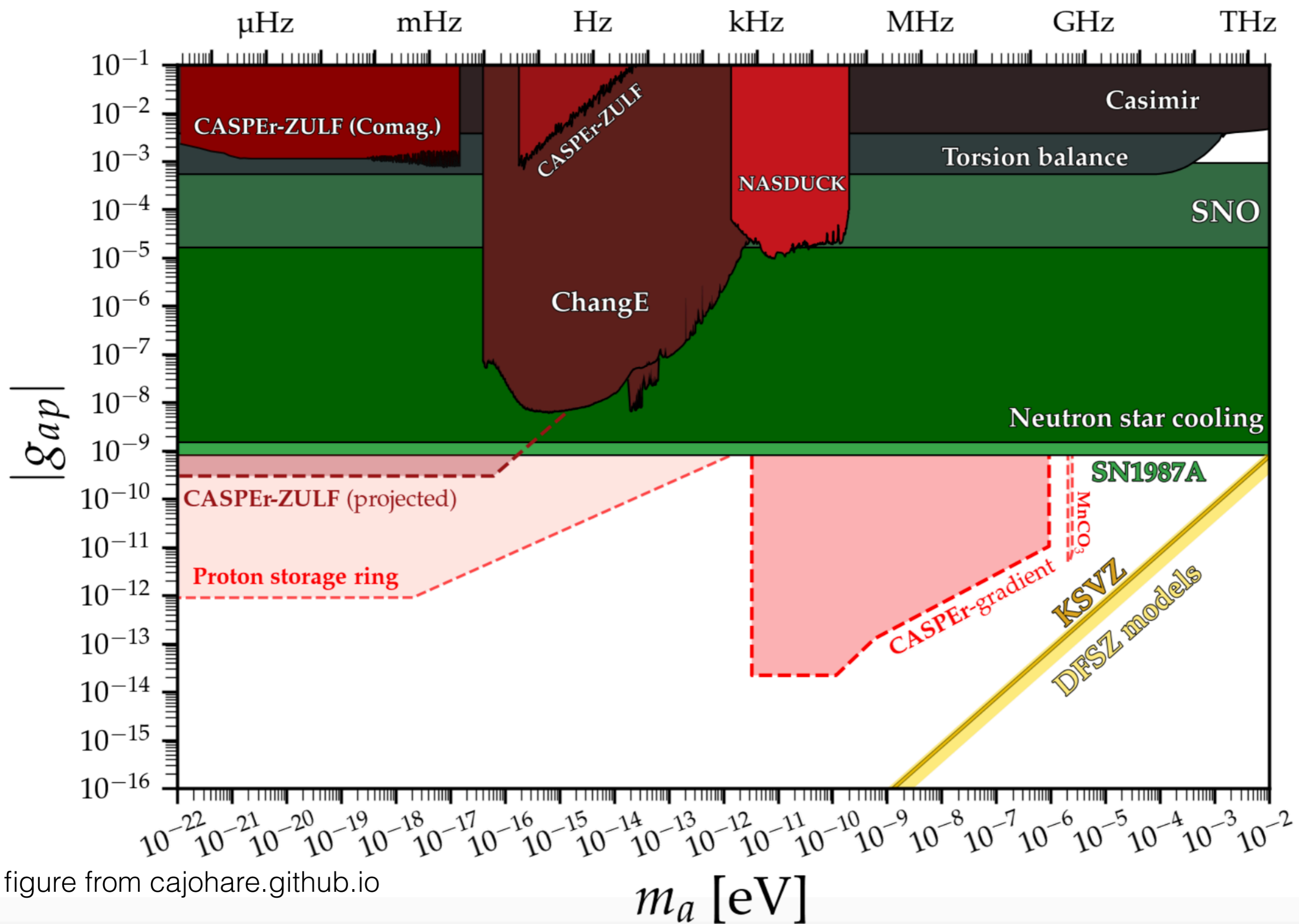
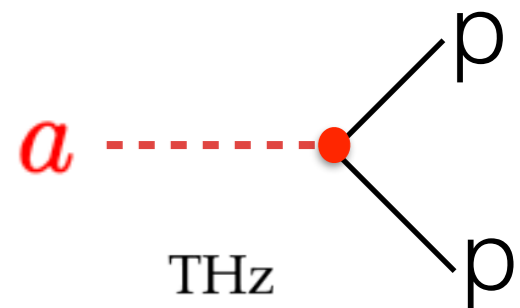


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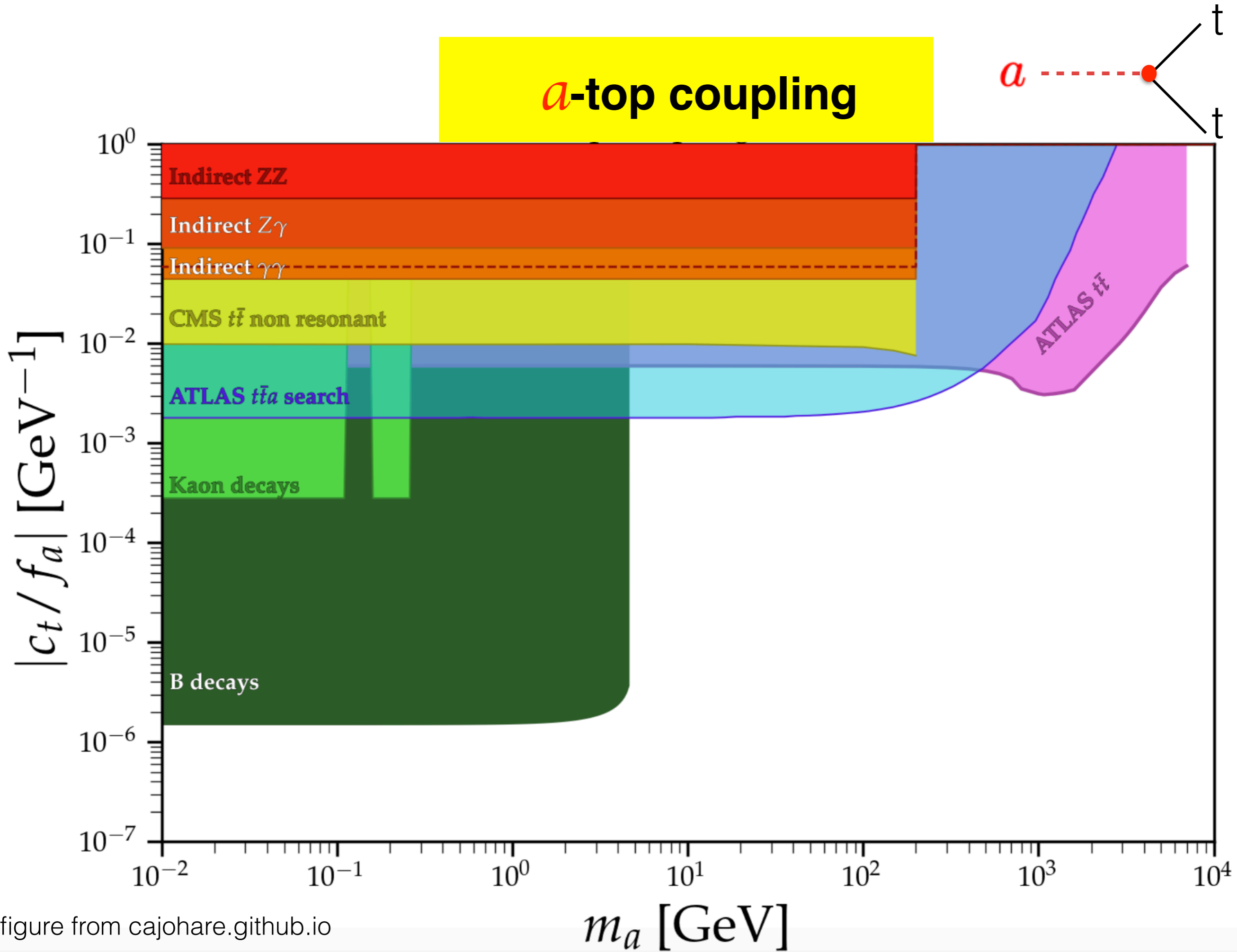


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# $a$ -electron coupling

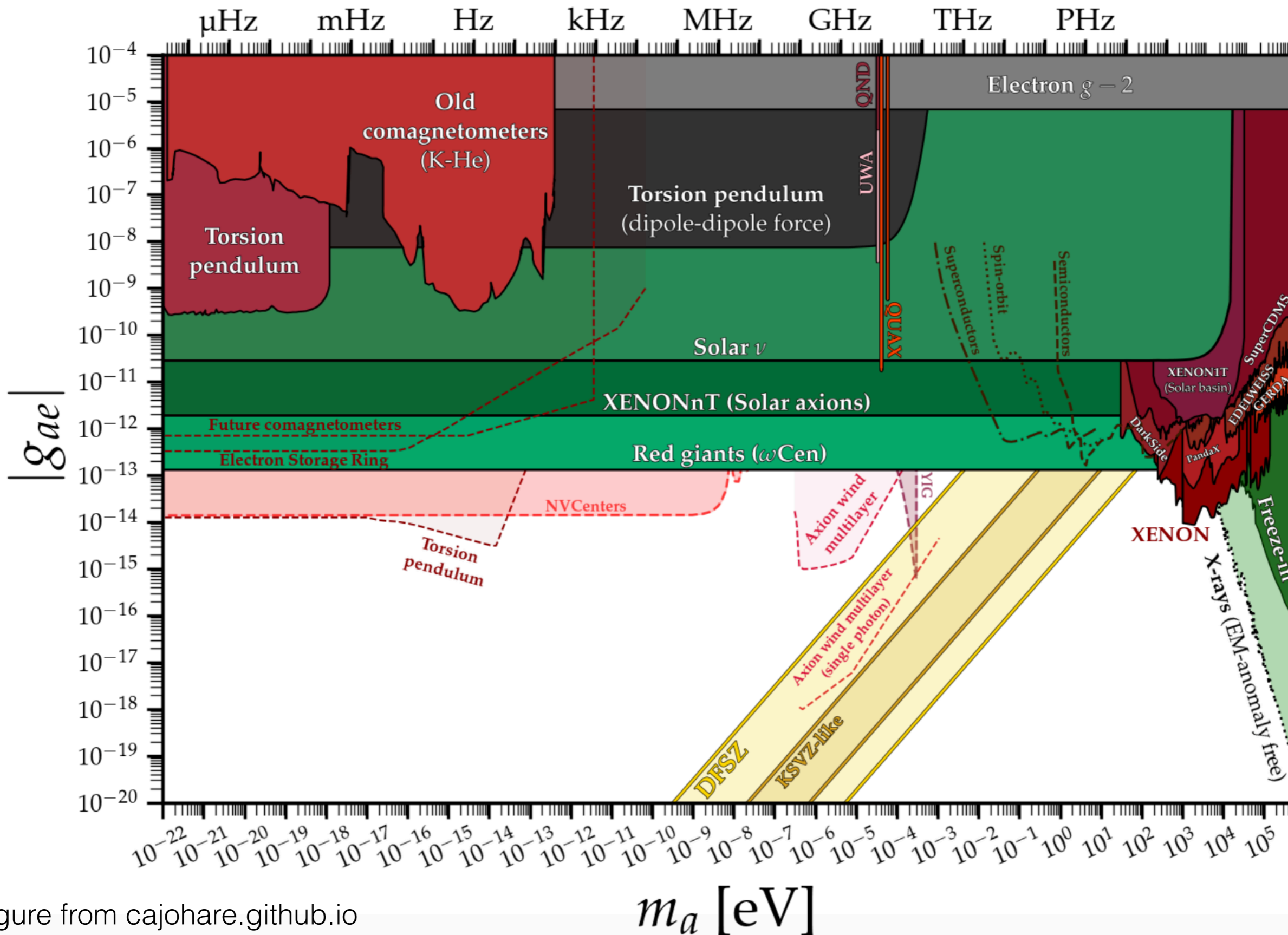
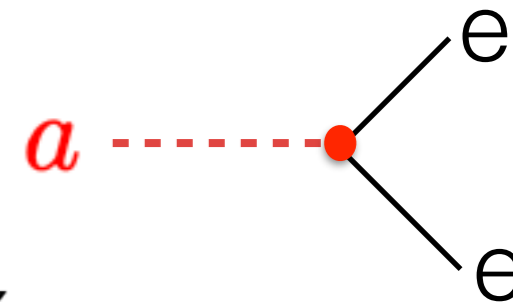


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# *a*-neutrino couplings

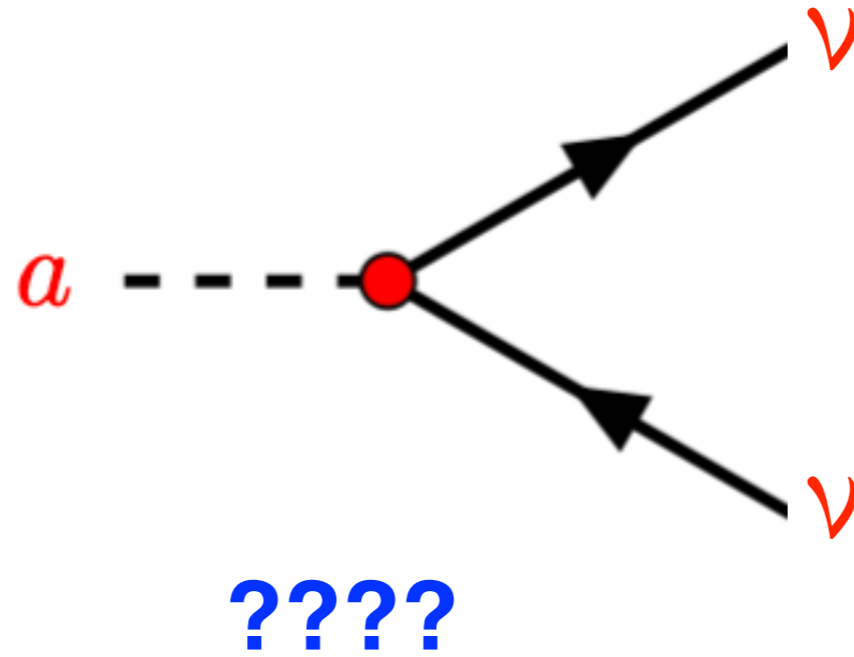
Neutrinos are excellent messengers onto the dark sectors  
of the universe

What about *a*-neutrino couplings ?

Bonilla, Gavela, Machado [arXiv:2309.15910] Phys.Rev.D 109 (2024)

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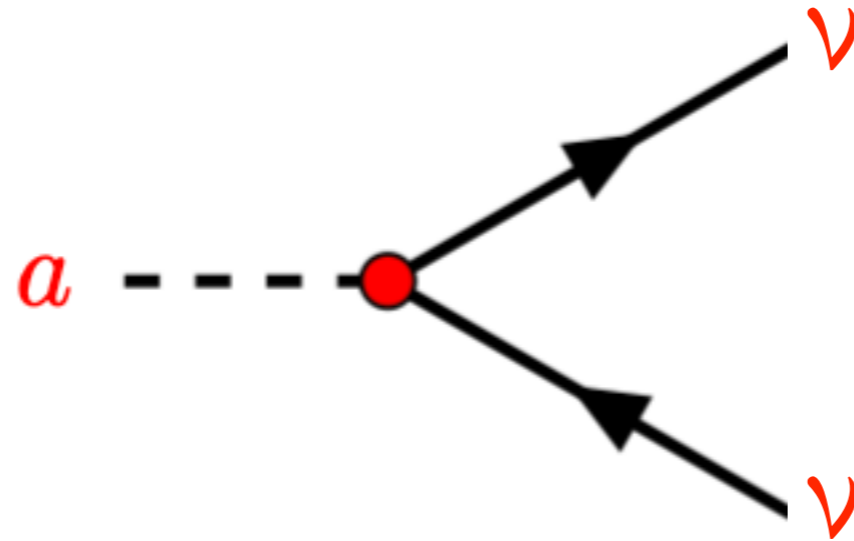
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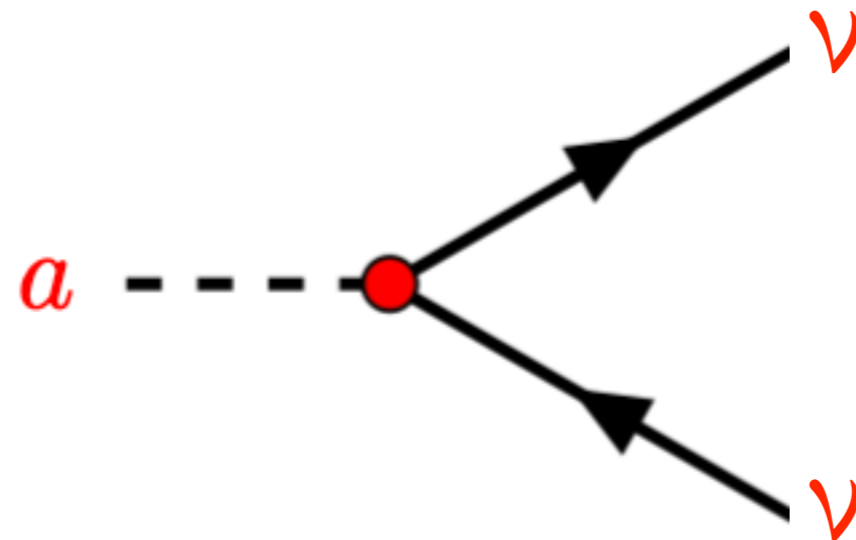


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EOM

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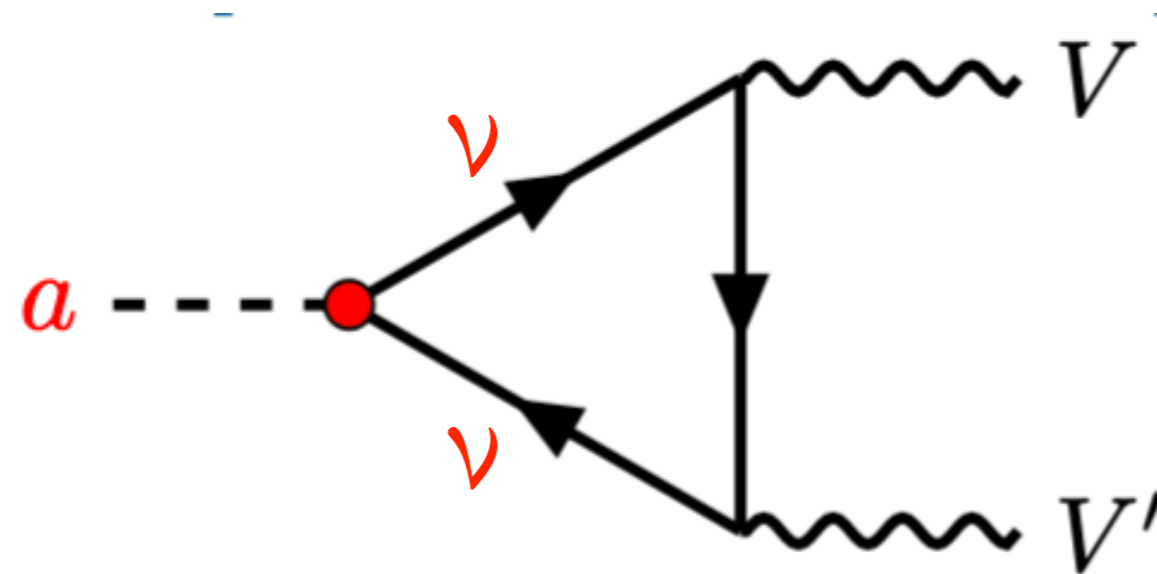


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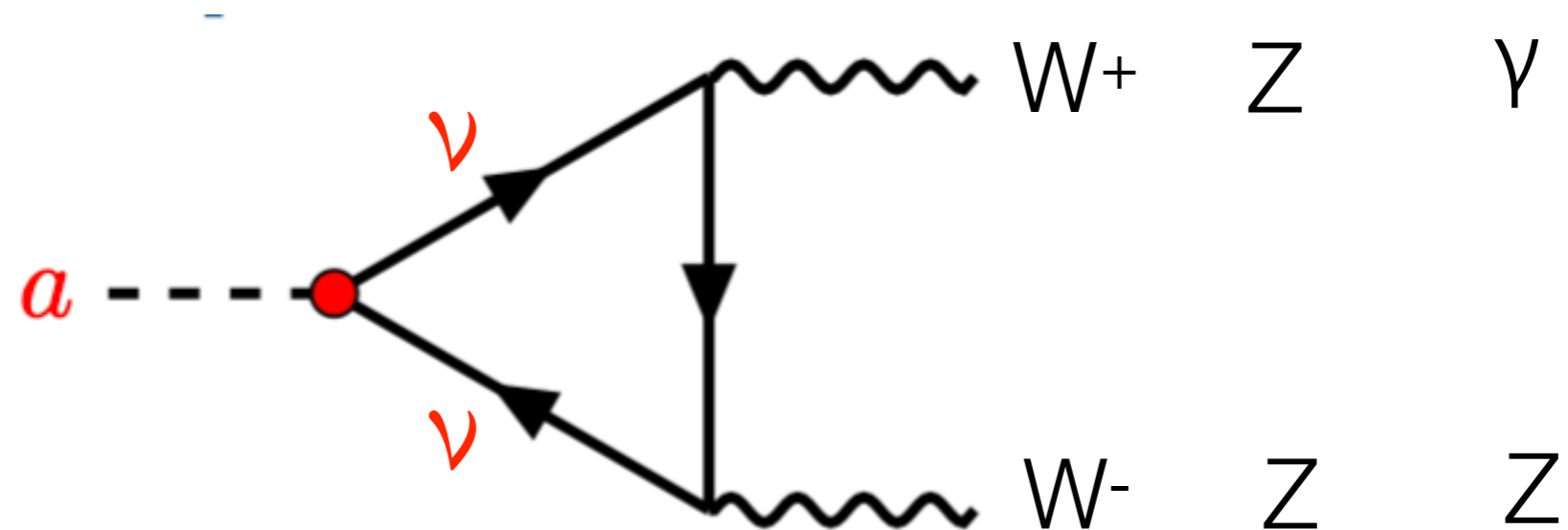


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$$L_L \equiv \begin{pmatrix} e_L \\ \nu_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{connected by gauge invariance}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ALP} \supset \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu c_L L_L + \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu c_E e_R$$

### CLASSICAL EOM

$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu c_E e_R = - \left( i \frac{a}{f_a} \bar{e}_L \mathbf{M}_E c_E e_R + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

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Mass-suppressed

M. Chala *et al*, Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021), no. 2 181  
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**CLASSICAL EOM**

**ONE-LOOP EFFECT**

$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu c_E e_R = - \left( i \frac{a}{f_a} \bar{e}_L \mathbf{M}_E c_E e_R + \text{h.c.} \right) + \text{Tr} [c_E] \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{g'^2}{16\pi^2} B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu}$$

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Mass-suppressed

Mass-independent

**Bounds  
ALP-gauge  
bosons**



**Bounds  
ALP-neutrino**

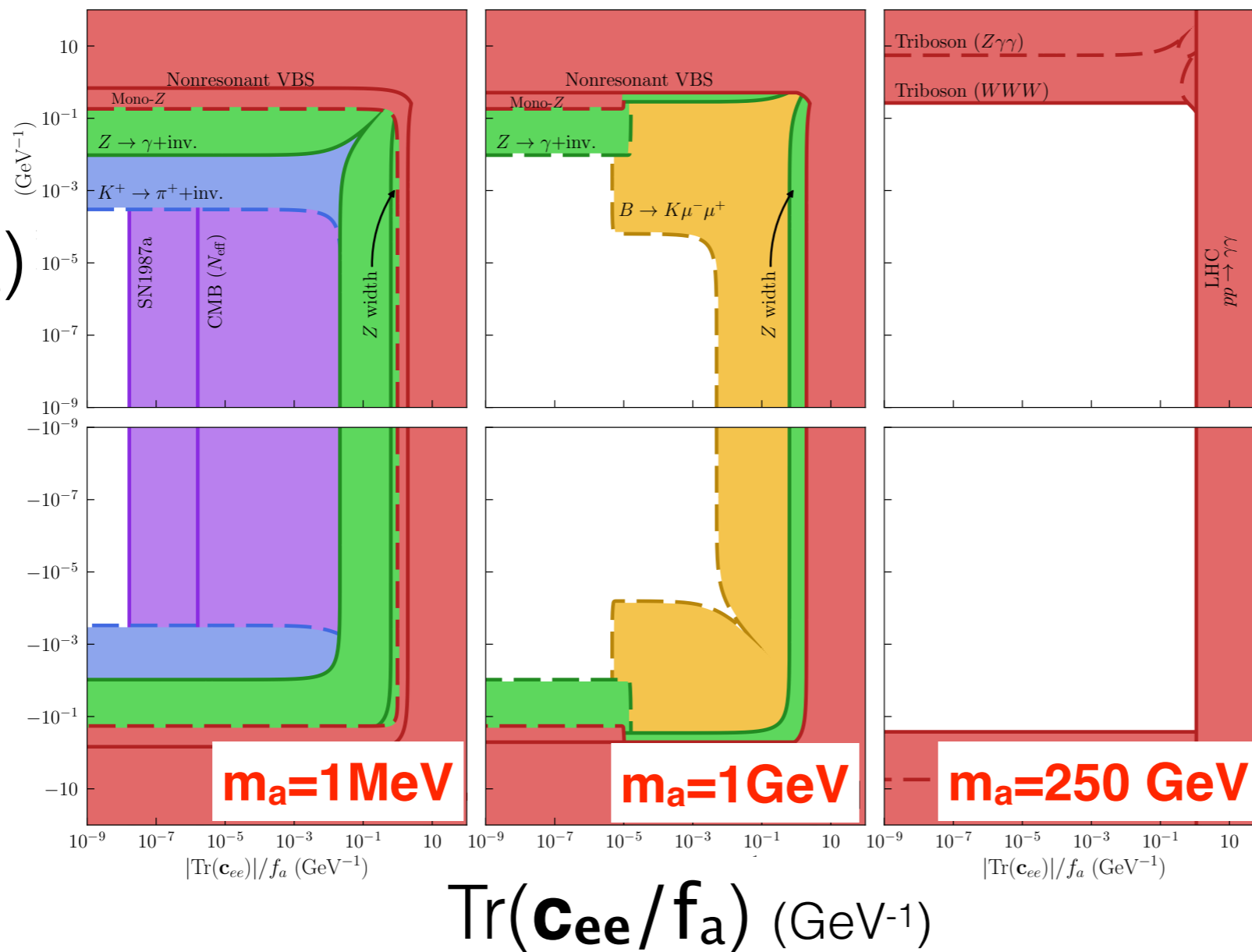
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one-loop anomalous current

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}_{\nu\nu}/f_a) \text{ vs. } \text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}_{ee}/f_a)$$

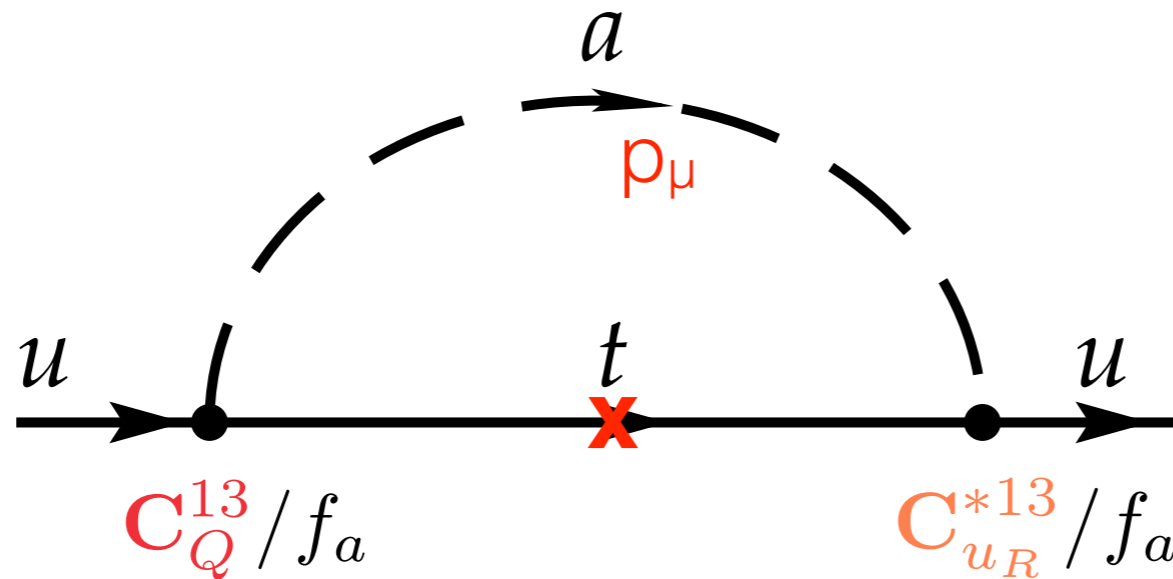
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$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{c}_{\nu\nu}/f_a)$



**Lots of space to explore by LHC and future colliders**

# ALP contribution to $\bar{\theta}$



\* Factor  $m_t$  for chirality flip

\* Factor  $p_\mu^2$  from vertices

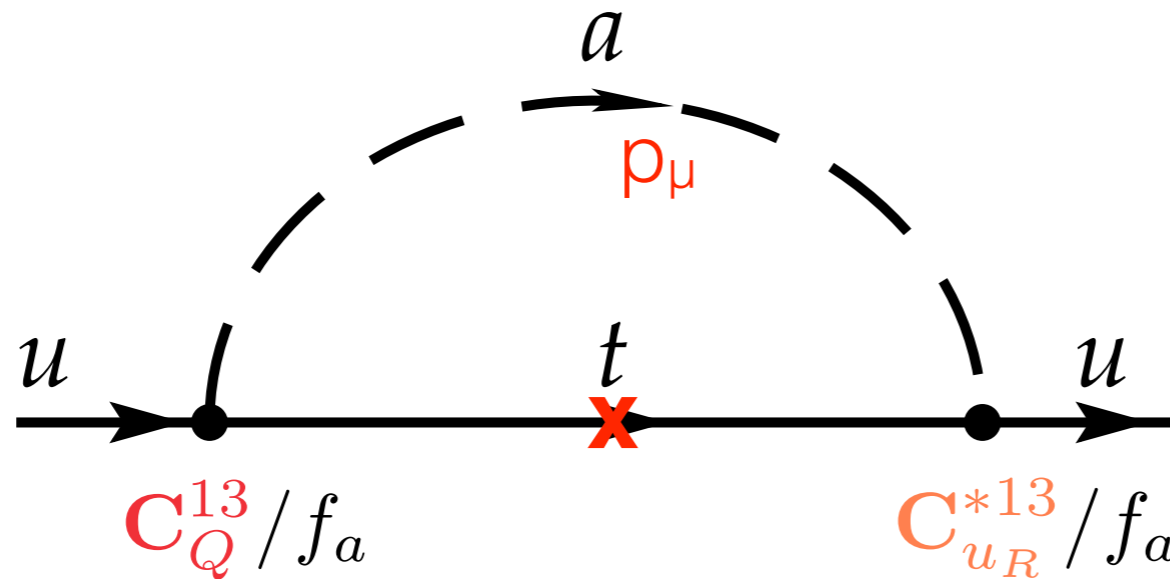
$$\begin{aligned}
 d_n &= 0.6(3) \times 10^{-16} \bar{\theta} [e \cdot \text{cm}] \\
 &- 0.204(11) d_u + 0.784(28) d_d - 0.0028(17) d_s \\
 &- 0.32(15) e \tilde{d}_u + 0.32(15) e \tilde{d}_d - 0.014(7) e \tilde{d}_s.
 \end{aligned}$$

M. Pospelov, A. Ritz,  
[hep-ph/0504321](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0504321),  
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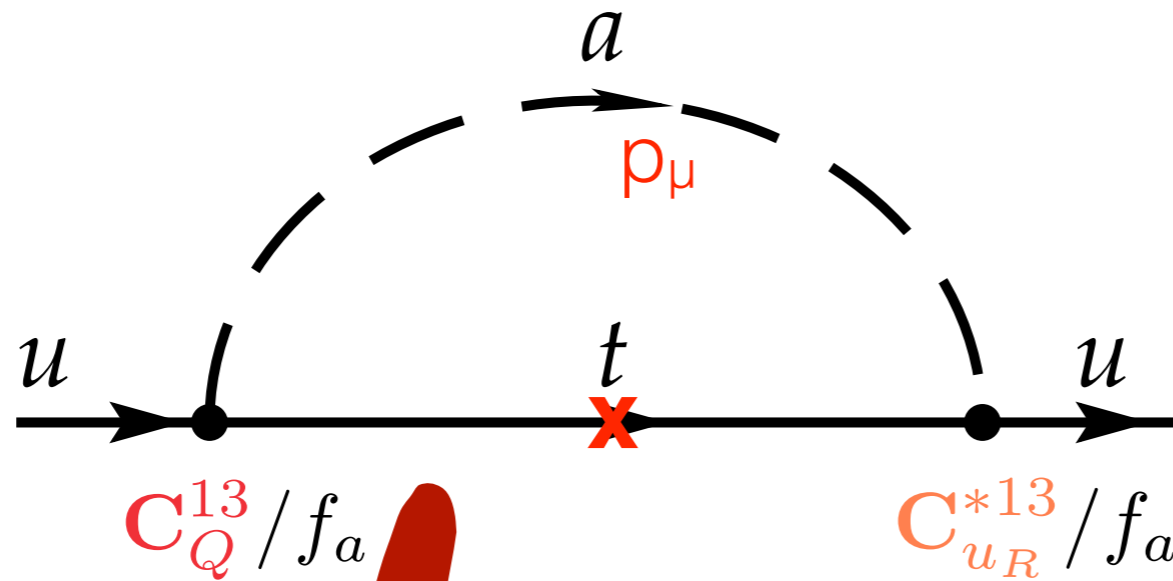
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