

ALPs coupling to fermions: CP-even and CP-odd

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Why 3 generations of quarks and leptons,

with mixing and CP-violation....

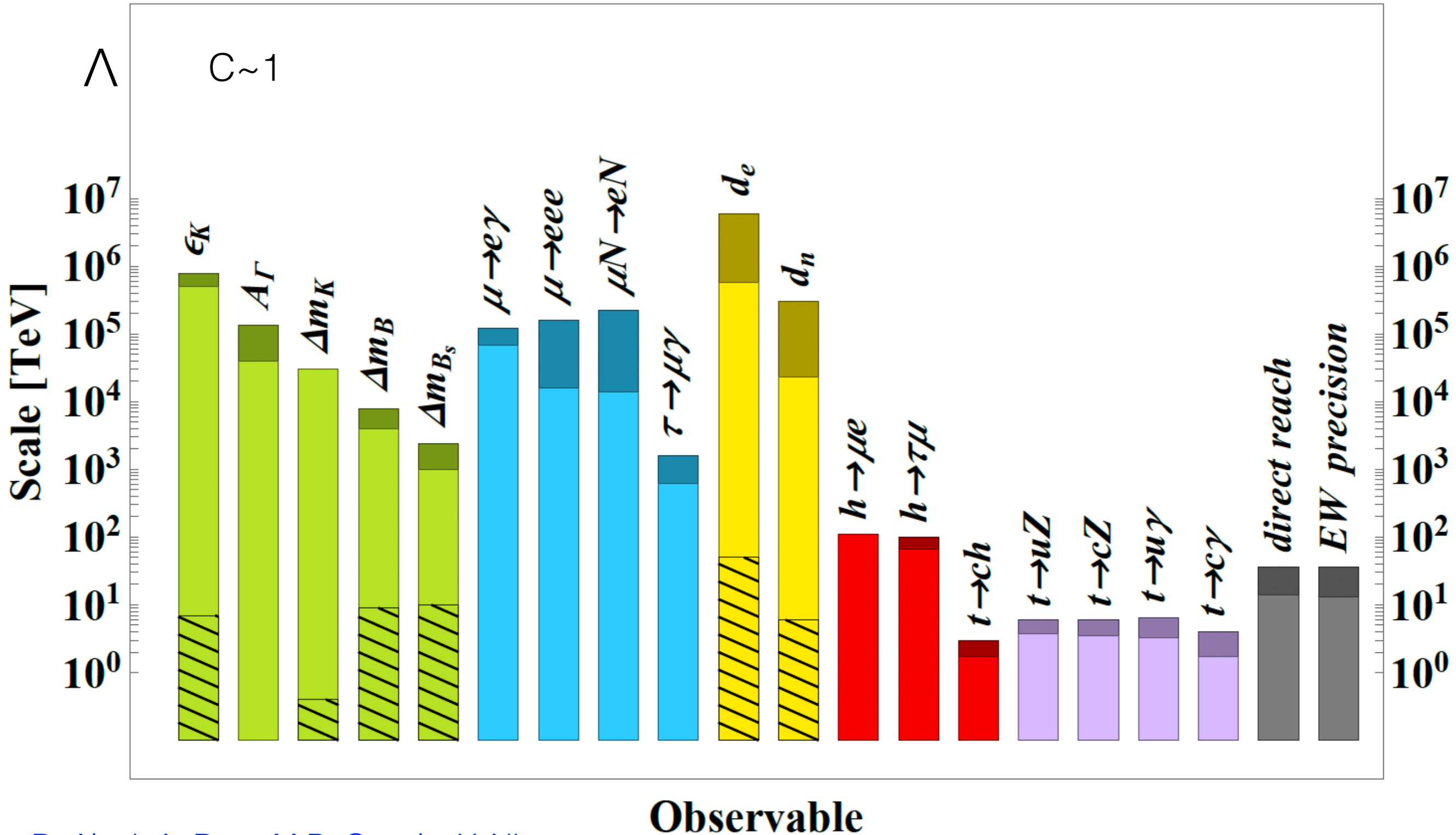
for “nothing”?

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

Flavour physics

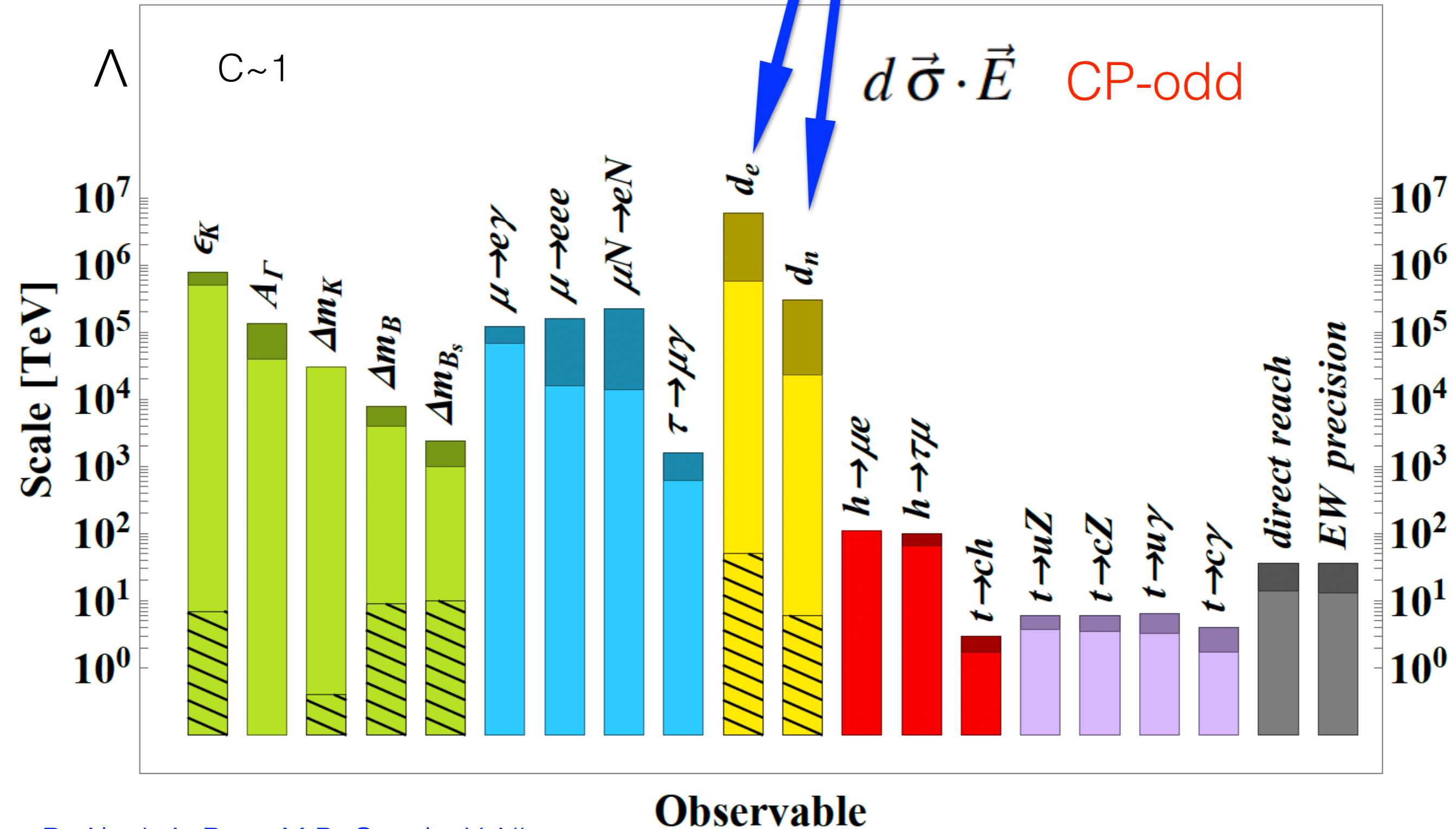
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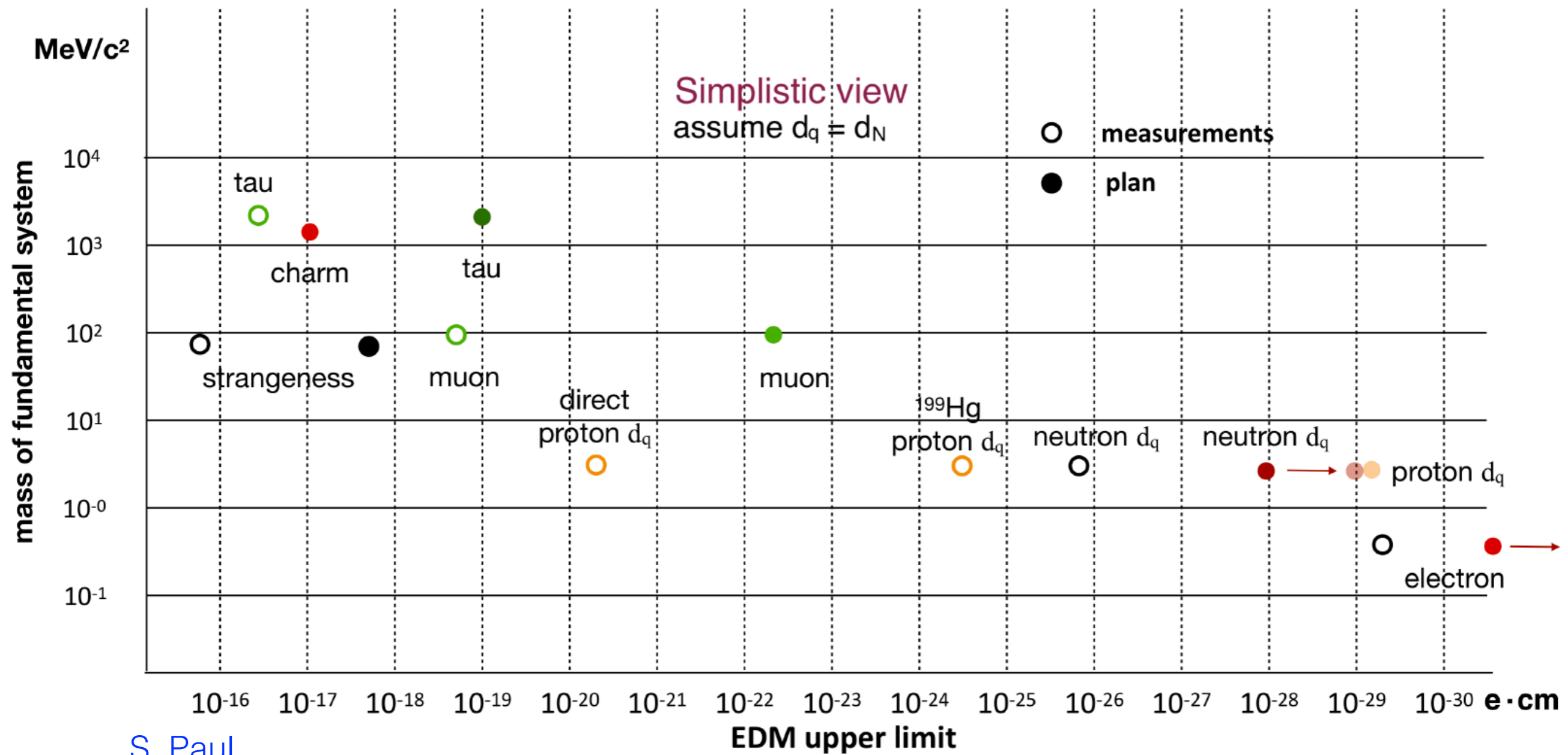
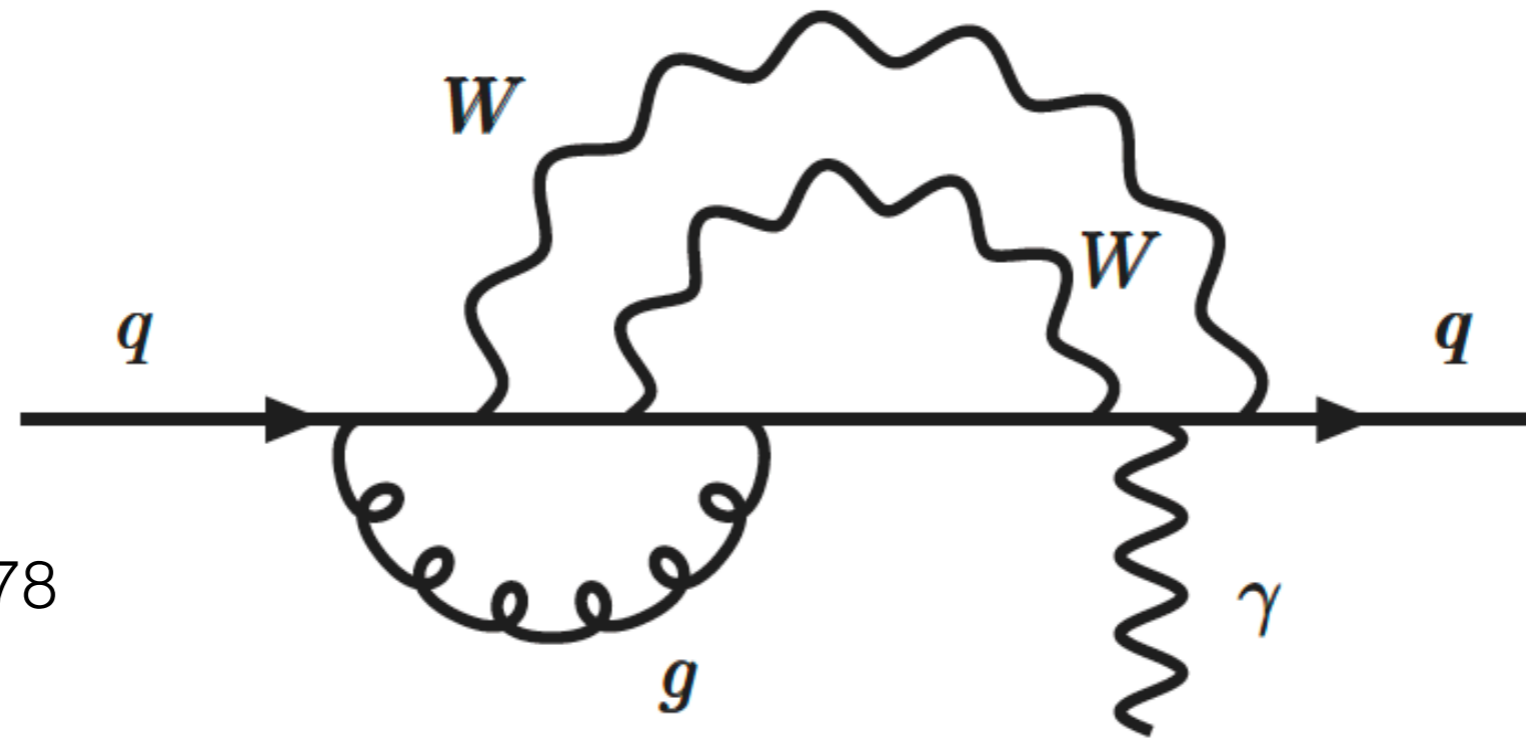


Fig. 5.3: Summary of current EDM limits (empty circles) and short/mid-term planned sensitivities (full circles) for light quarks, strange and charm quarks, electron, muon and tau [257].

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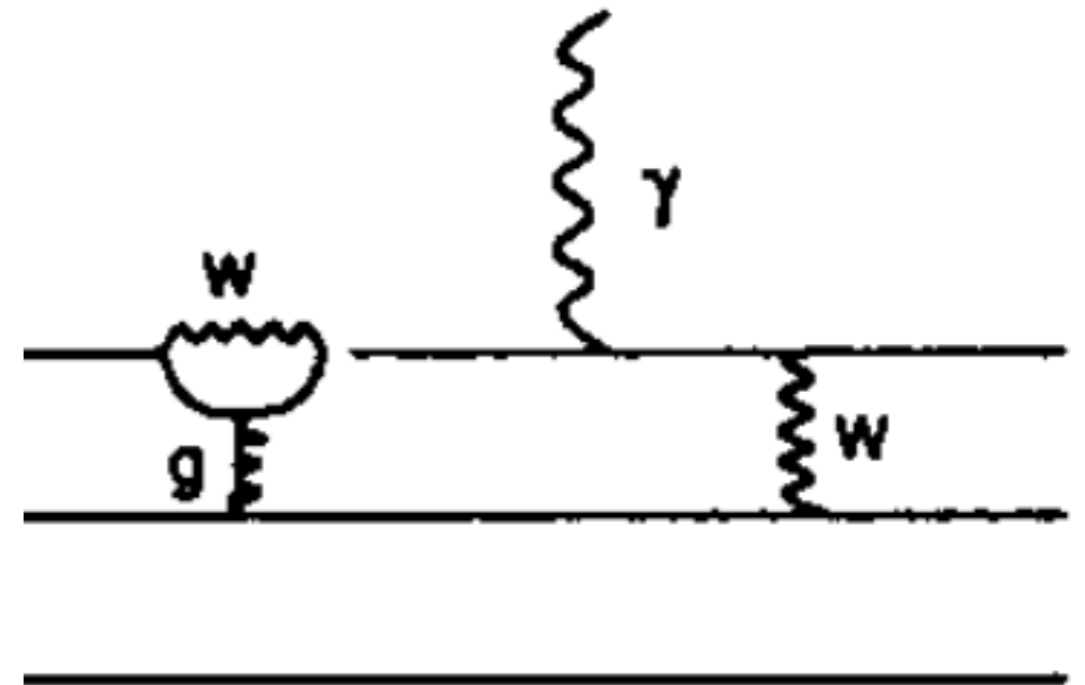
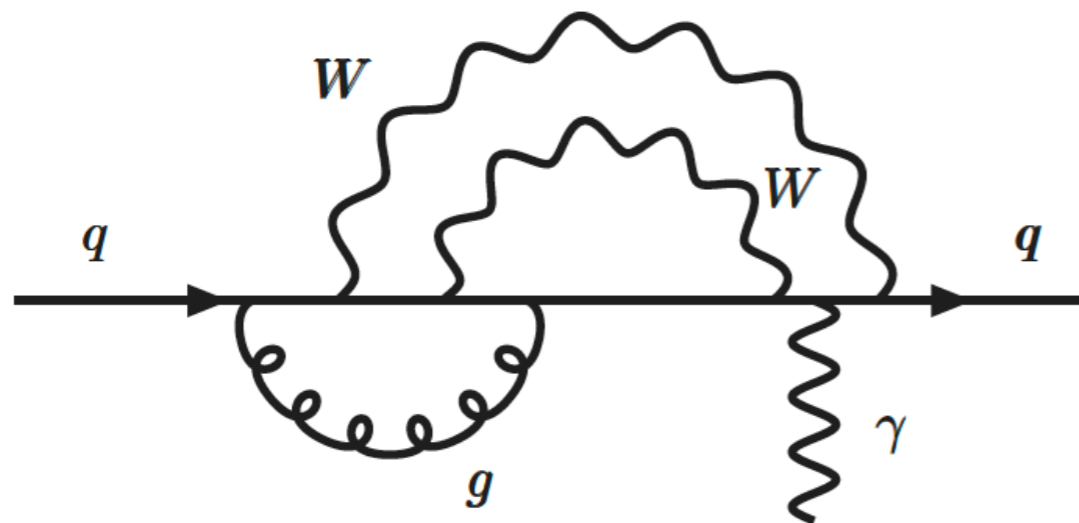
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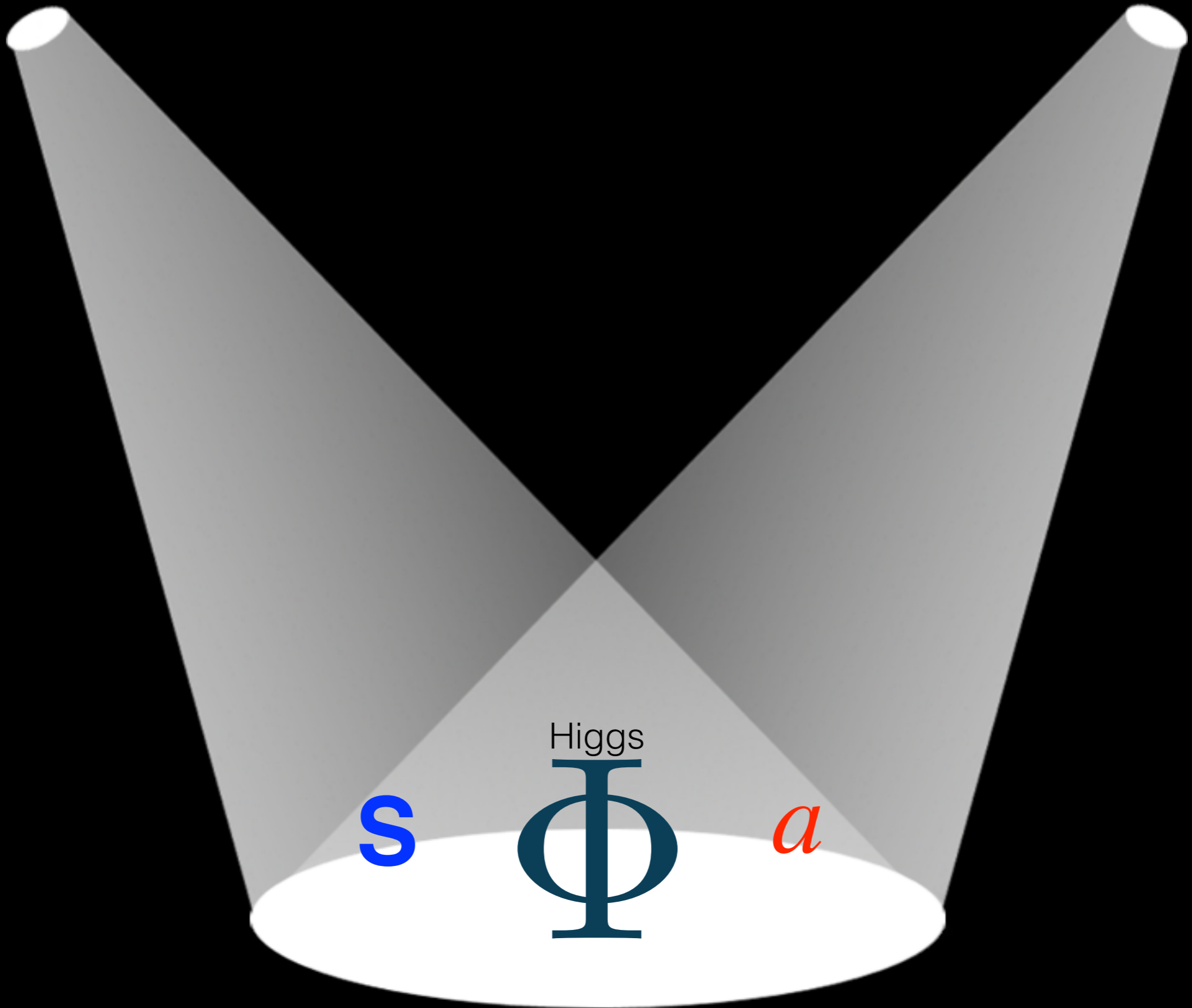


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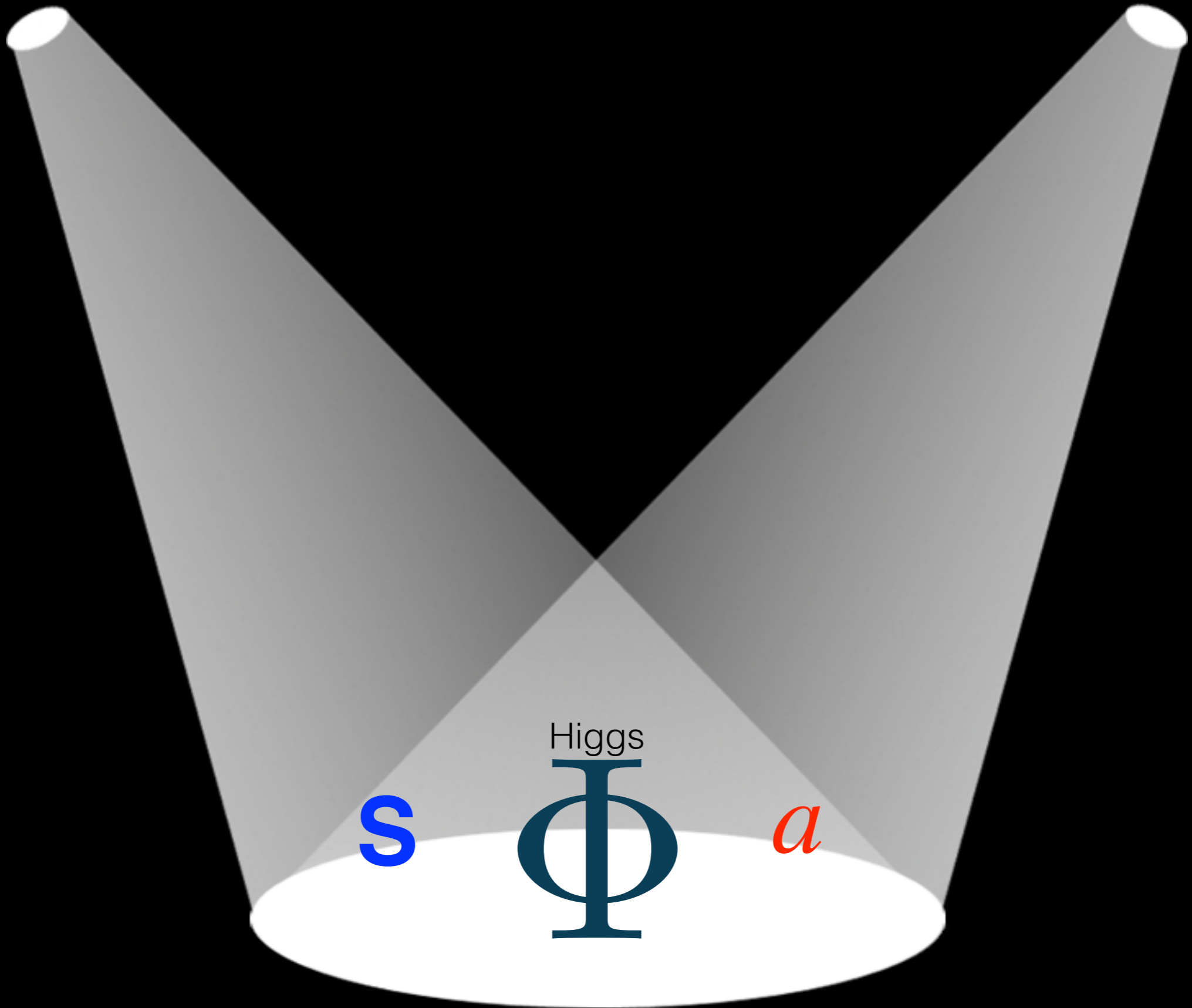
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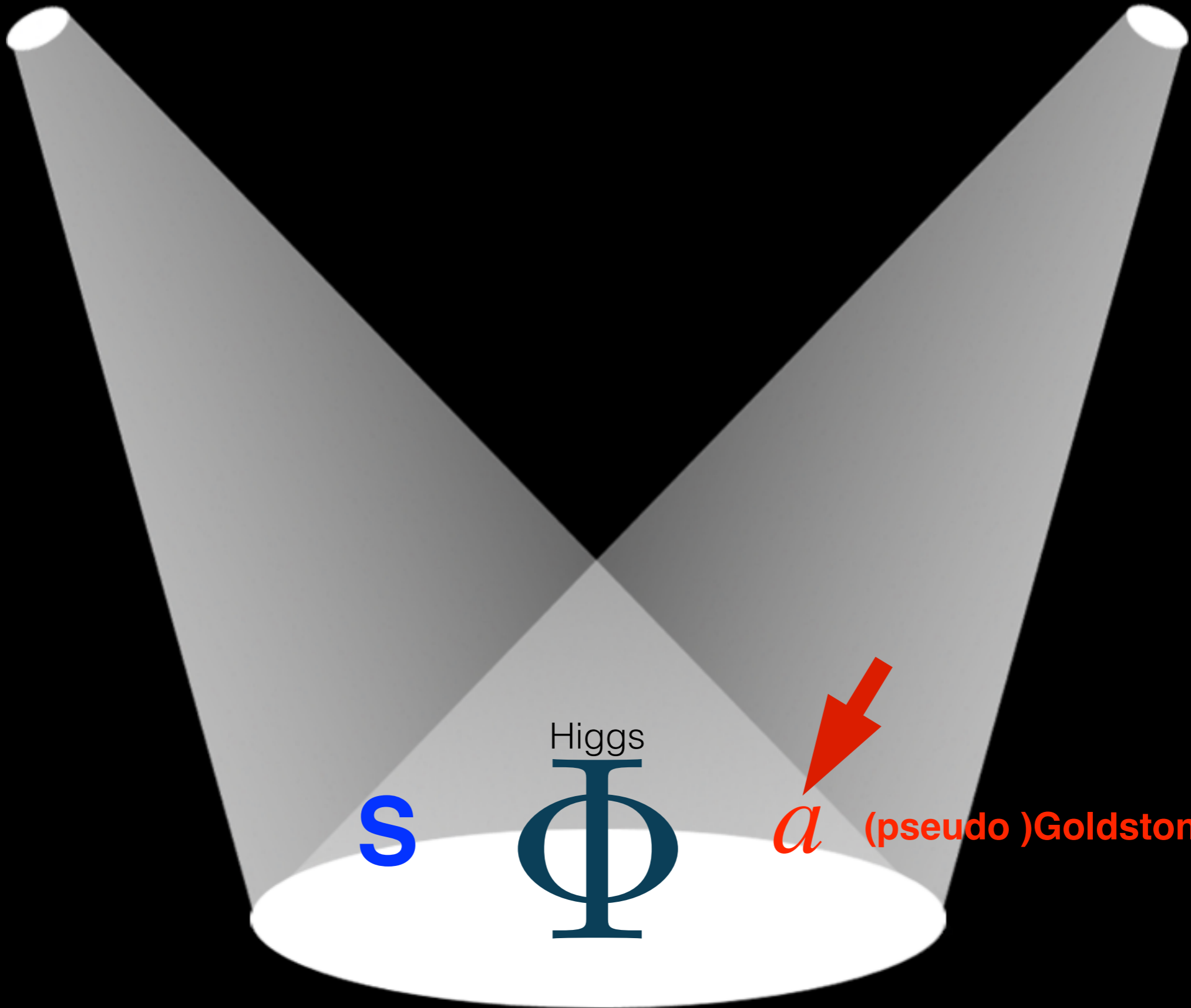


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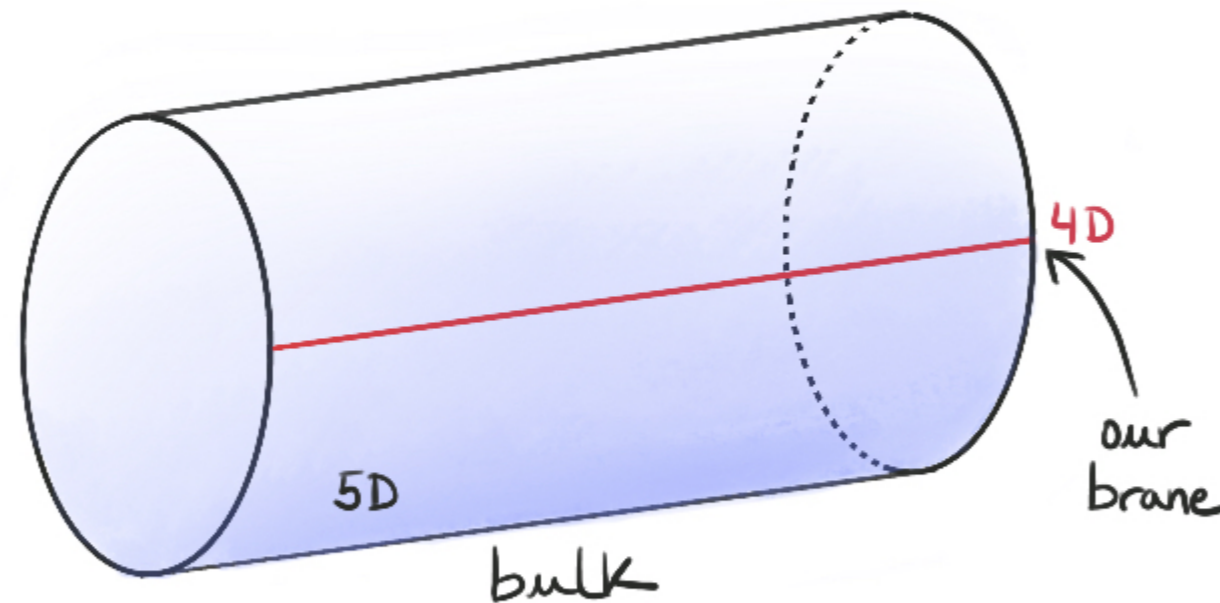
Also excellent DM candidate

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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...

ALPs (axion-like-particles)

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Difference between and ALP and a true axion:

an ALP does not intend to solve the strong CP problem

otherwise, the phenomenology is alike (even for DM)

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Choi + Kang + Kim, 1986

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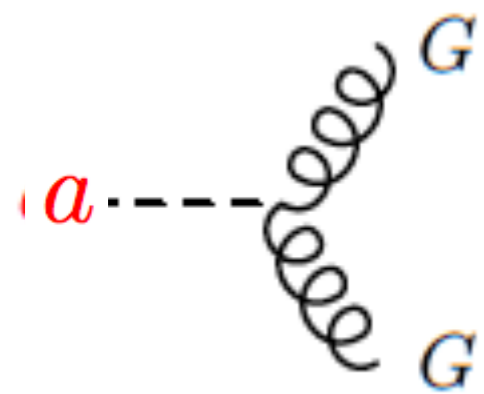
$$\{ m_a, f_a \}$$

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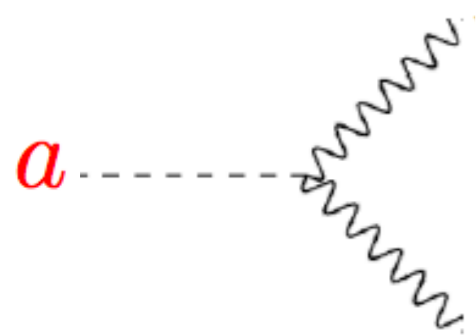
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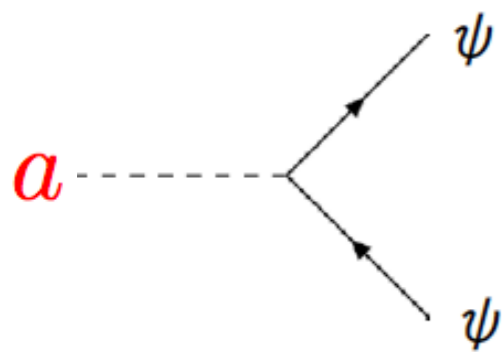
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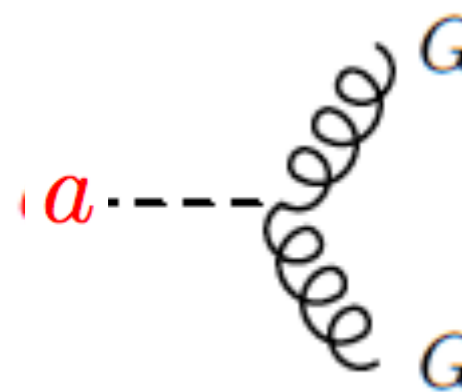
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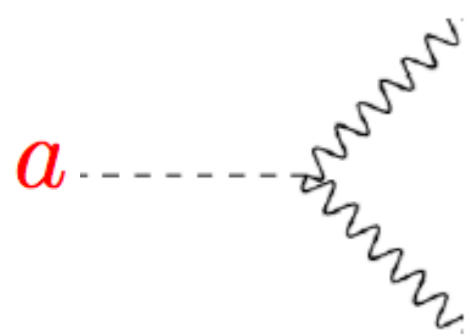
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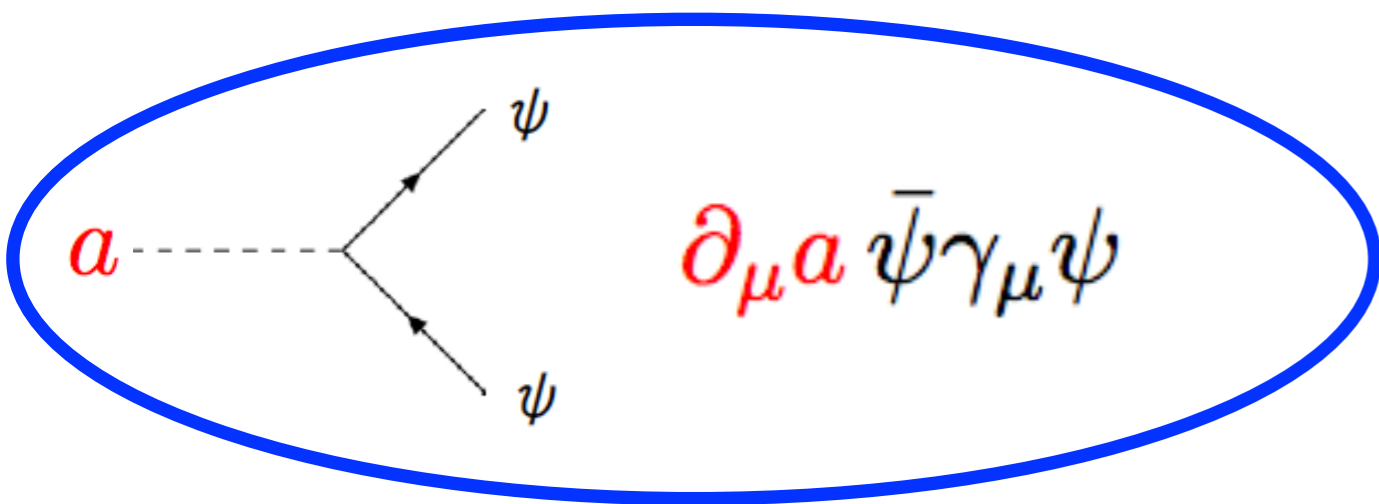
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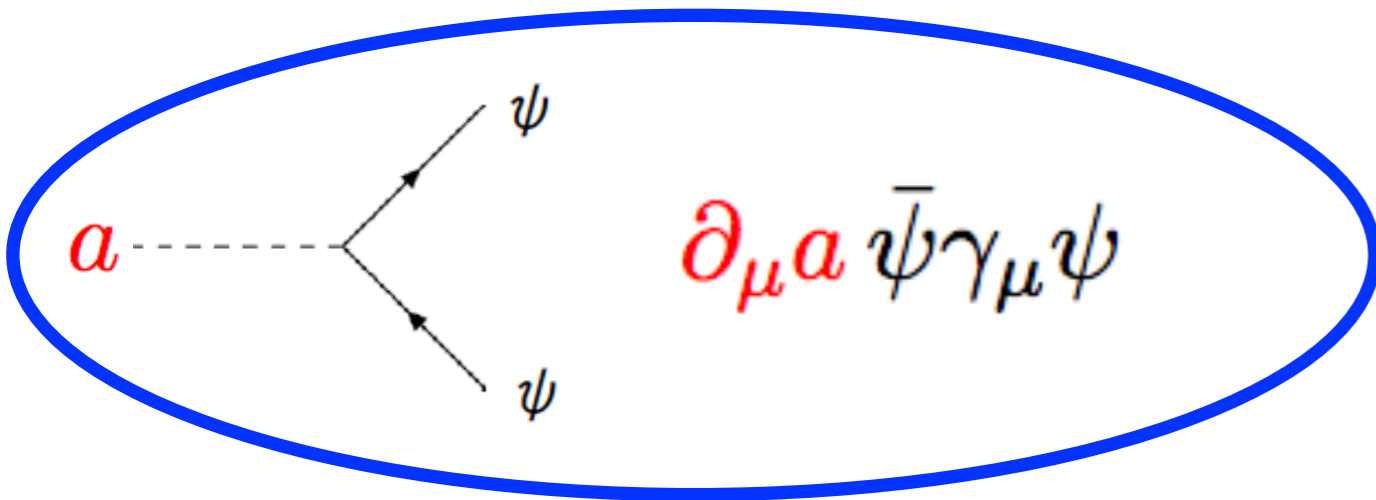
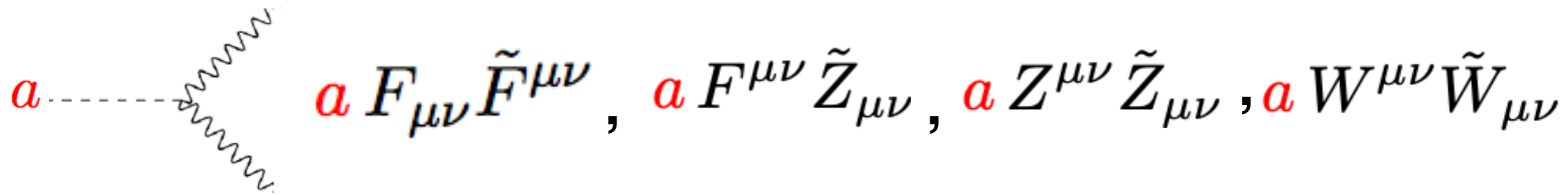
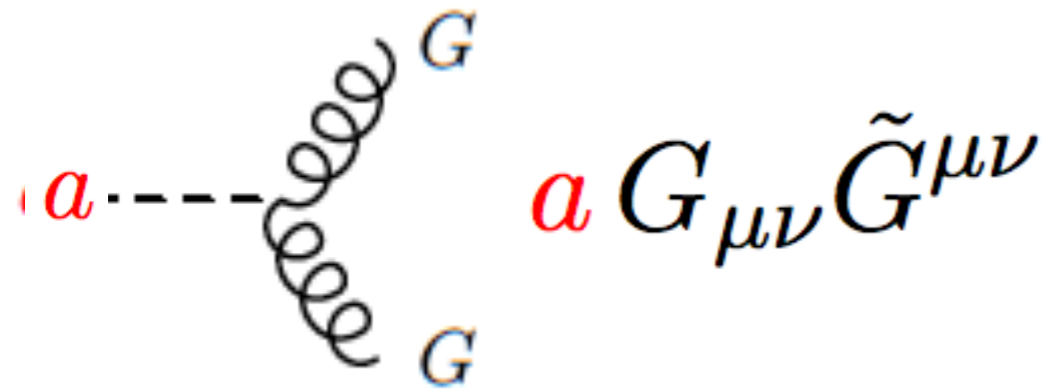


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neutron, proton, top,
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neutrinos ?

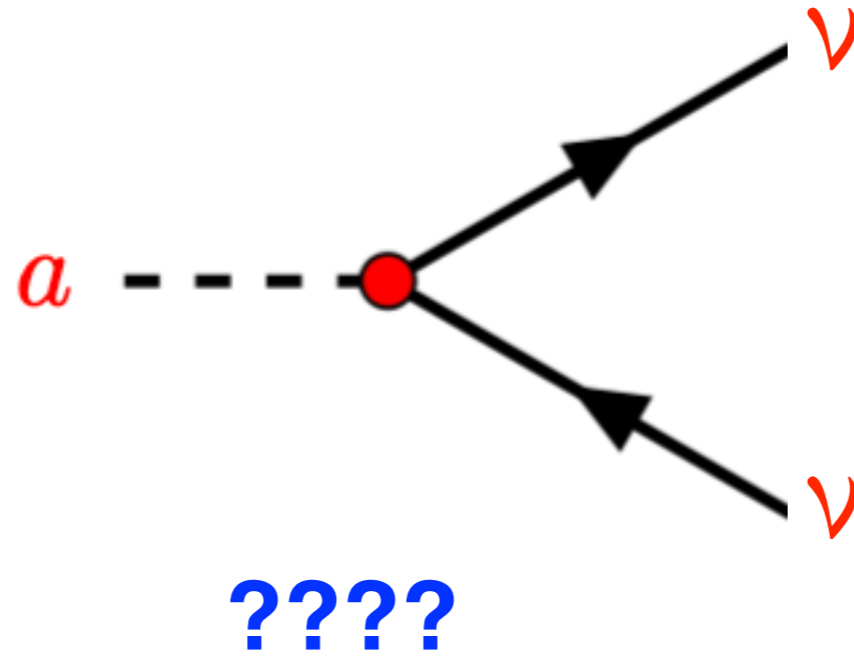
a-neutrino couplings

**Neutrinos are excellent messengers onto the dark sectors
of the universe**

What about *a*-neutrino couplings ?

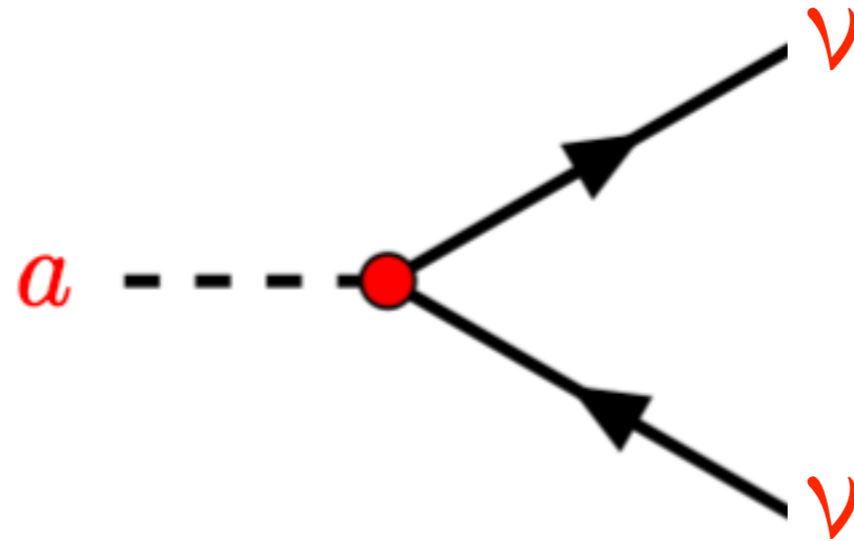
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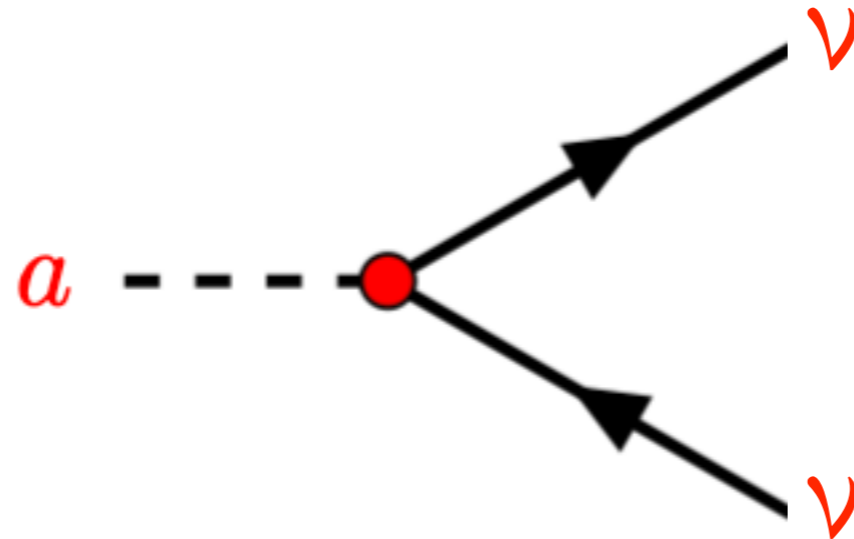


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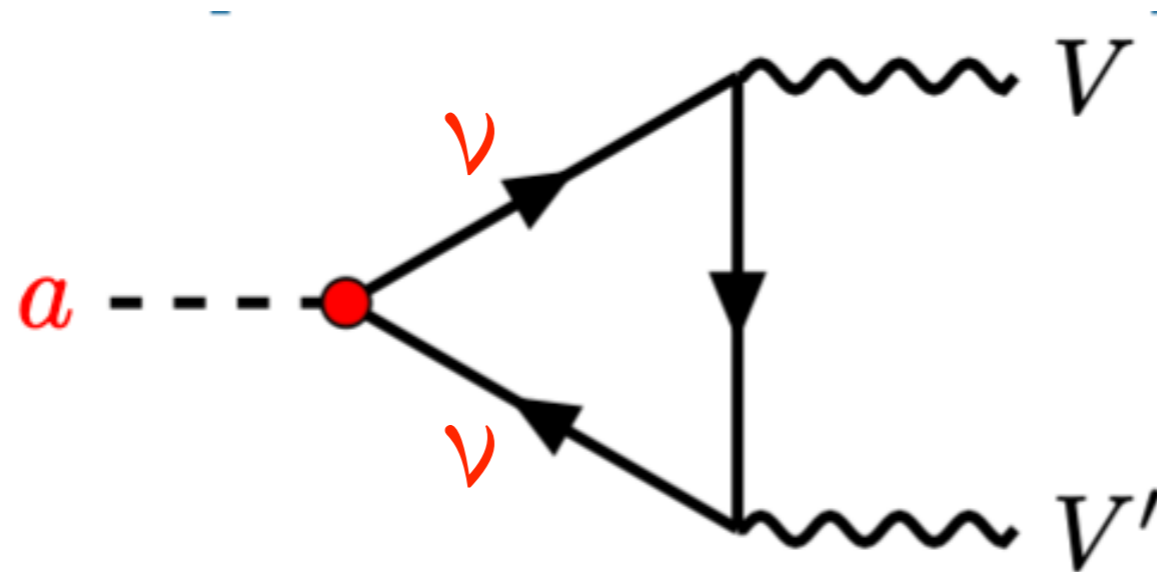


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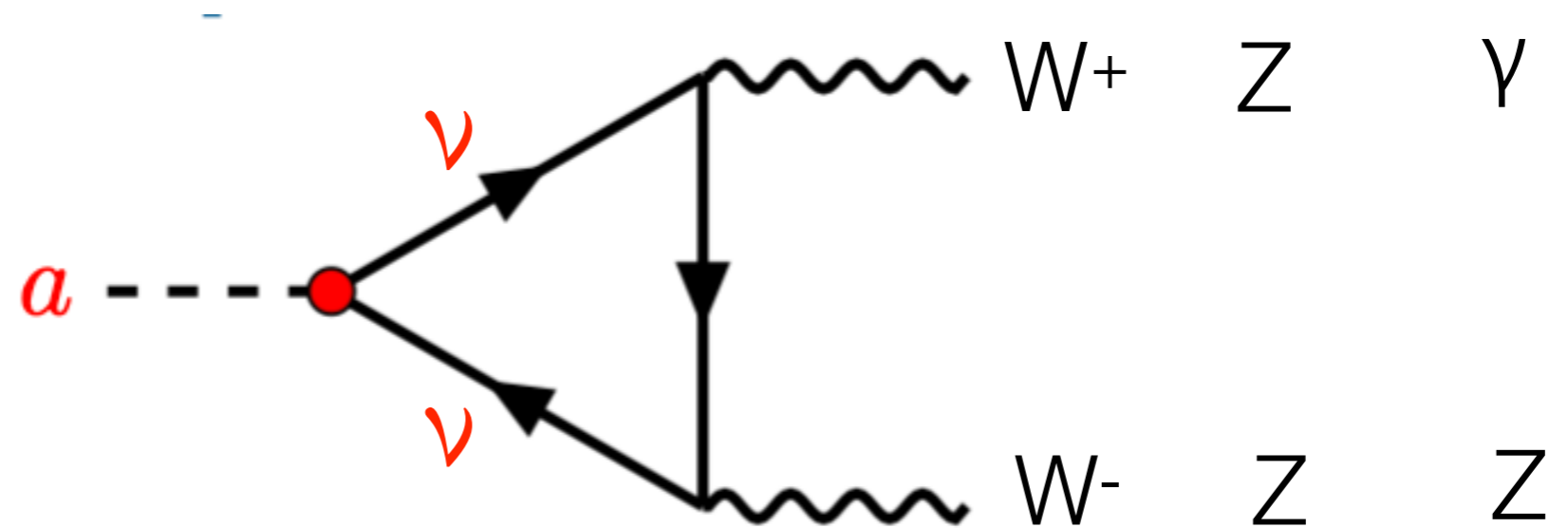


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ONE-LOOP EFFECT

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**Bounds
ALP-gauge
bosons**



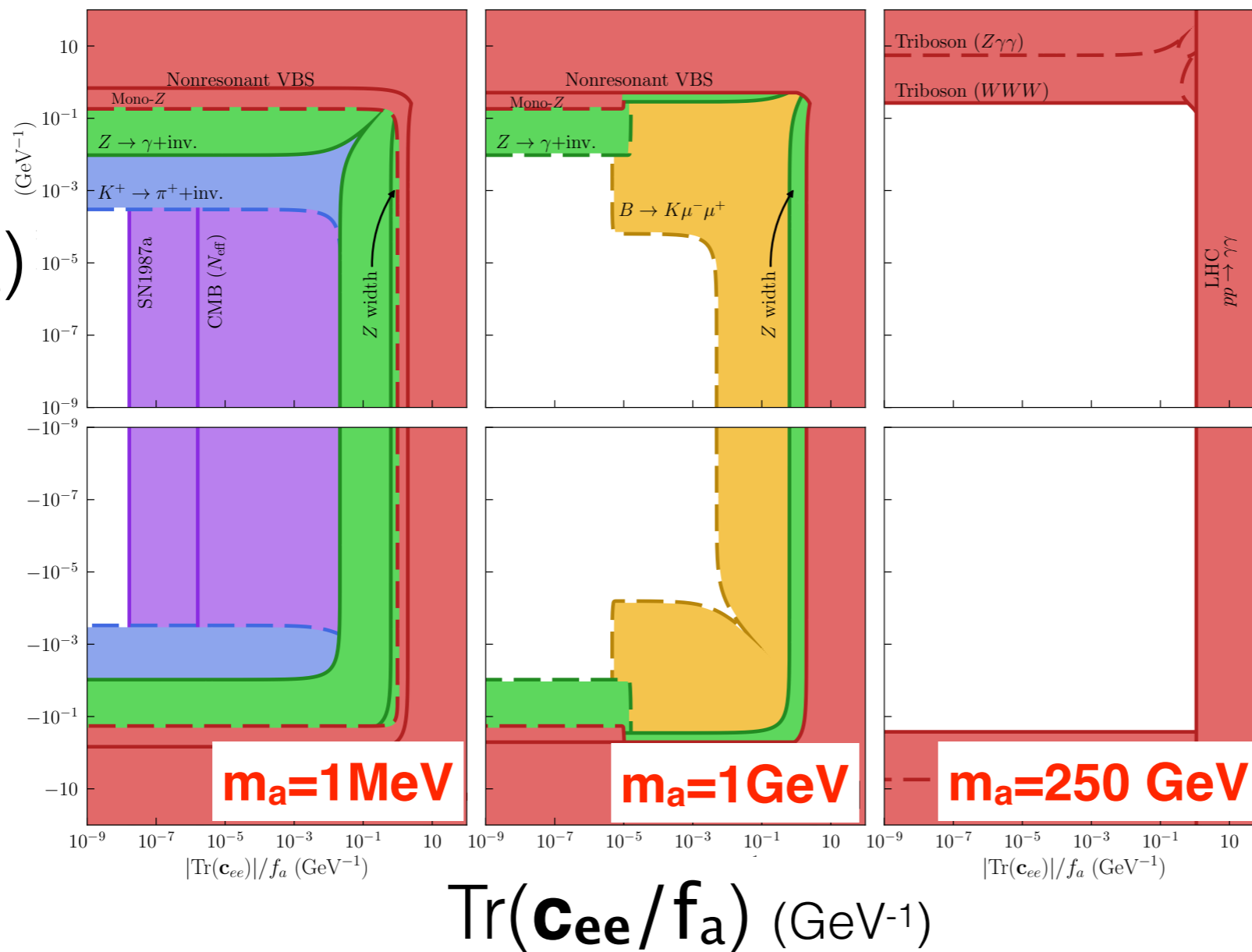
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one-loop anomalous current

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

Bounds on ALP-neutrino coupling

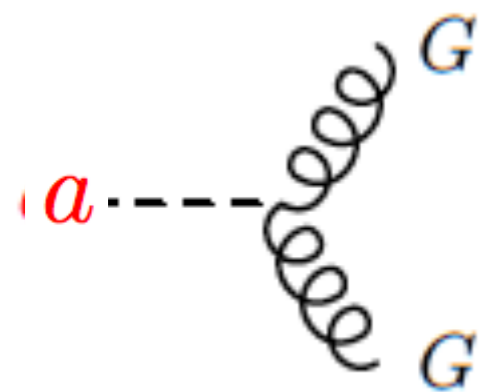
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Lots of space to explore by LHC and future colliders

ALPs (axion-like-particles)

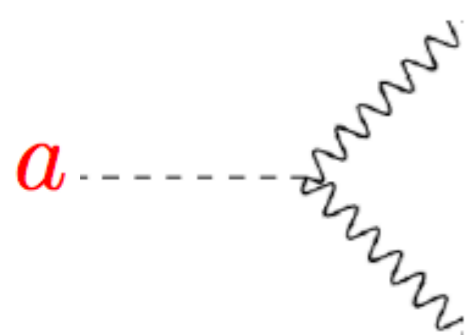
CP-violation

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



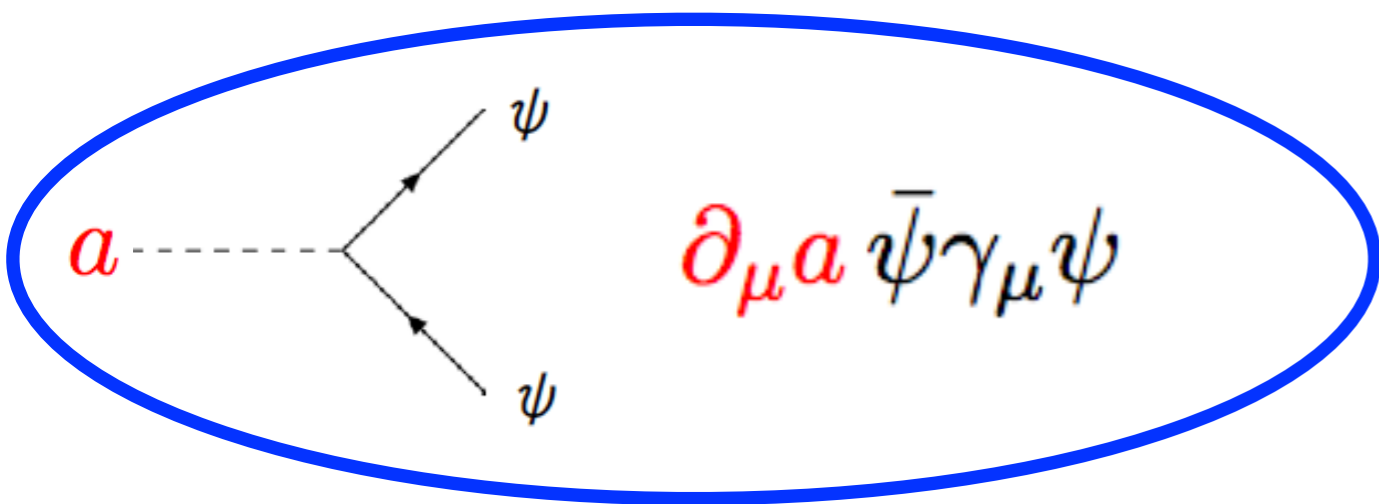
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A Feynman diagram showing a dashed line labeled a on the left that splits into a loop of two photons. Each photon is represented by a wavy line.

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The ALP EFT

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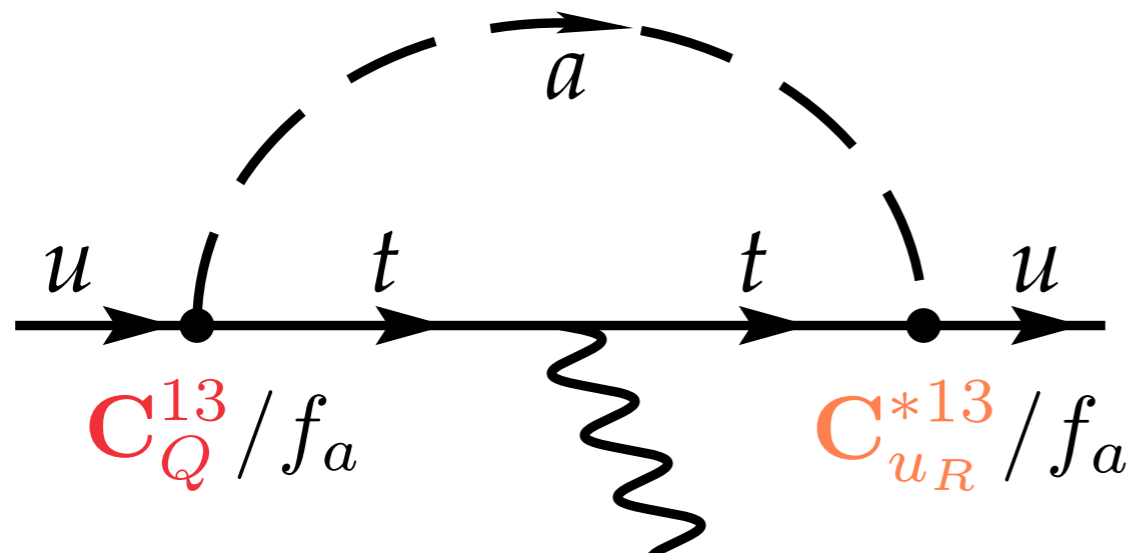
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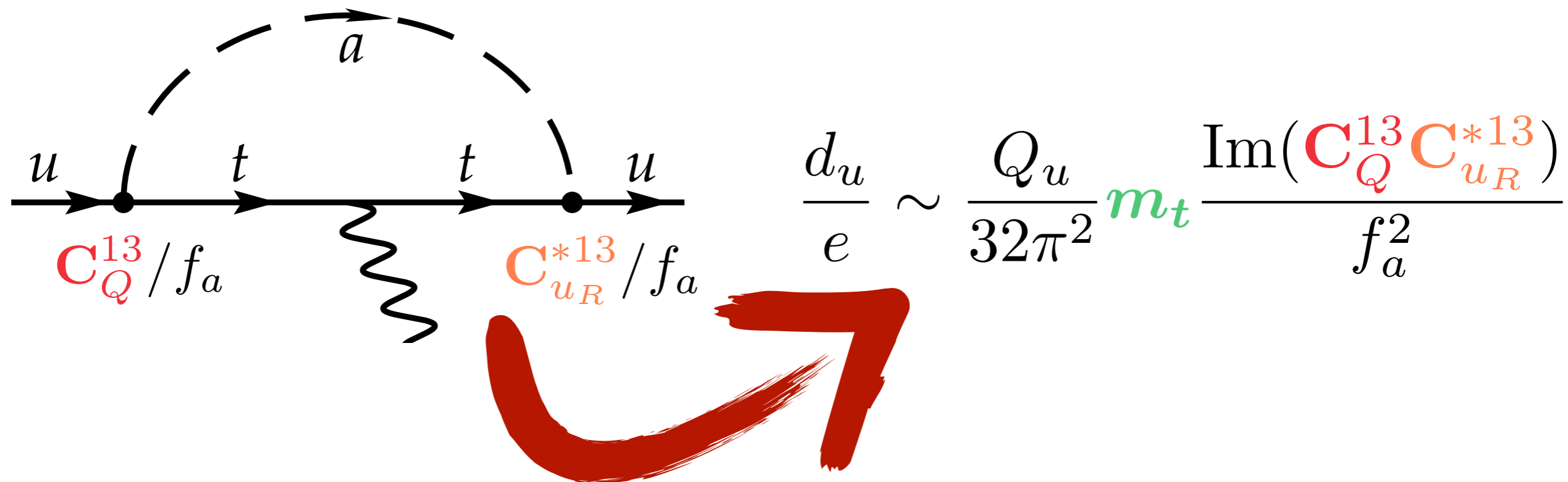


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[Di Luzio et al., 2010.13760]

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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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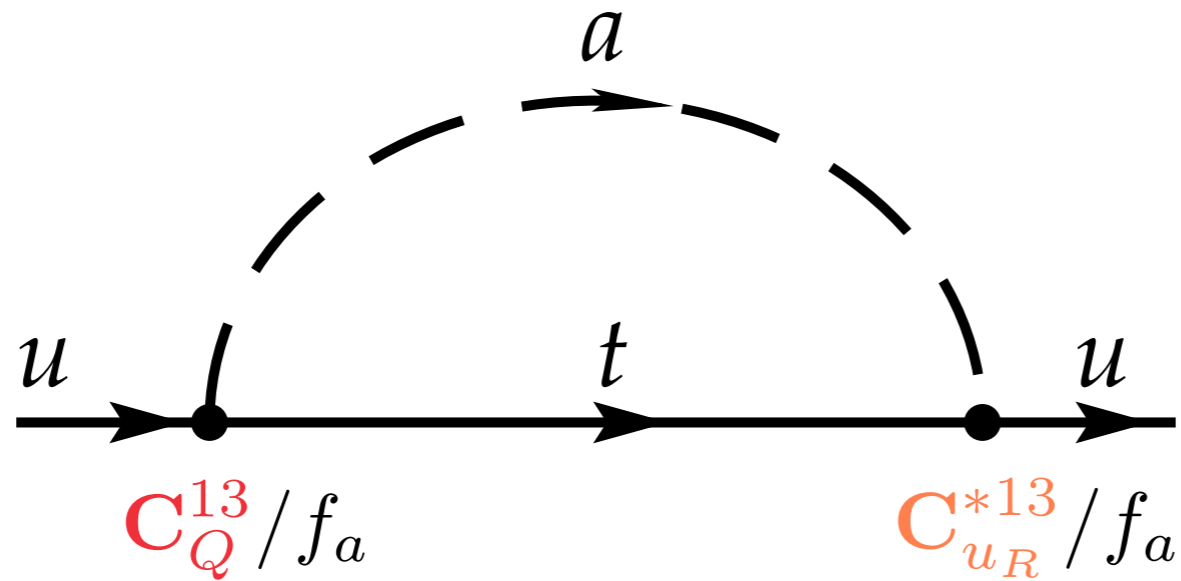
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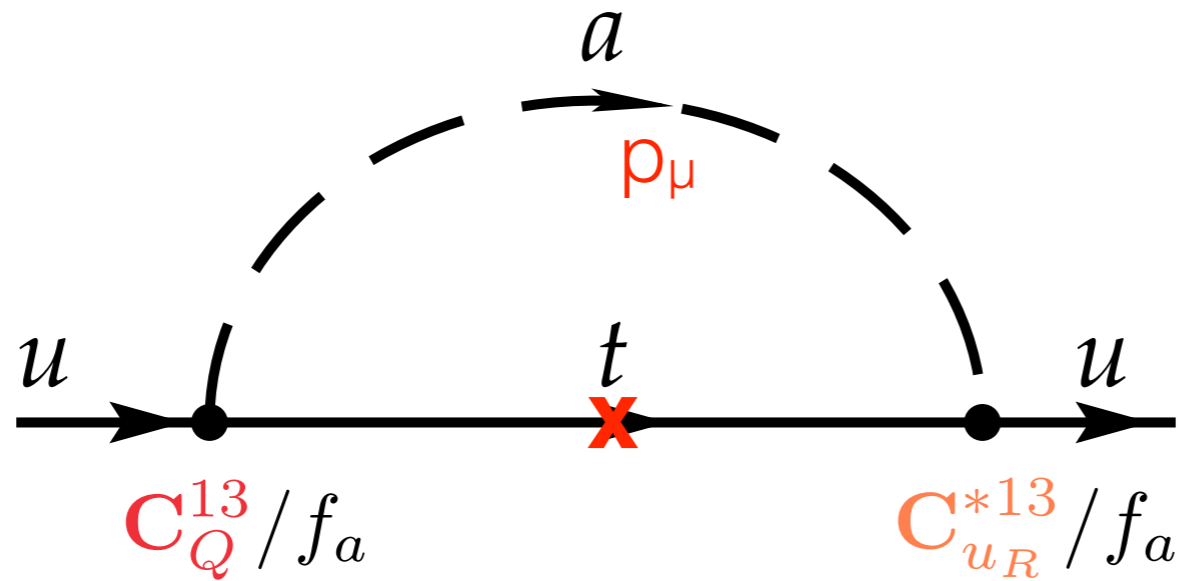
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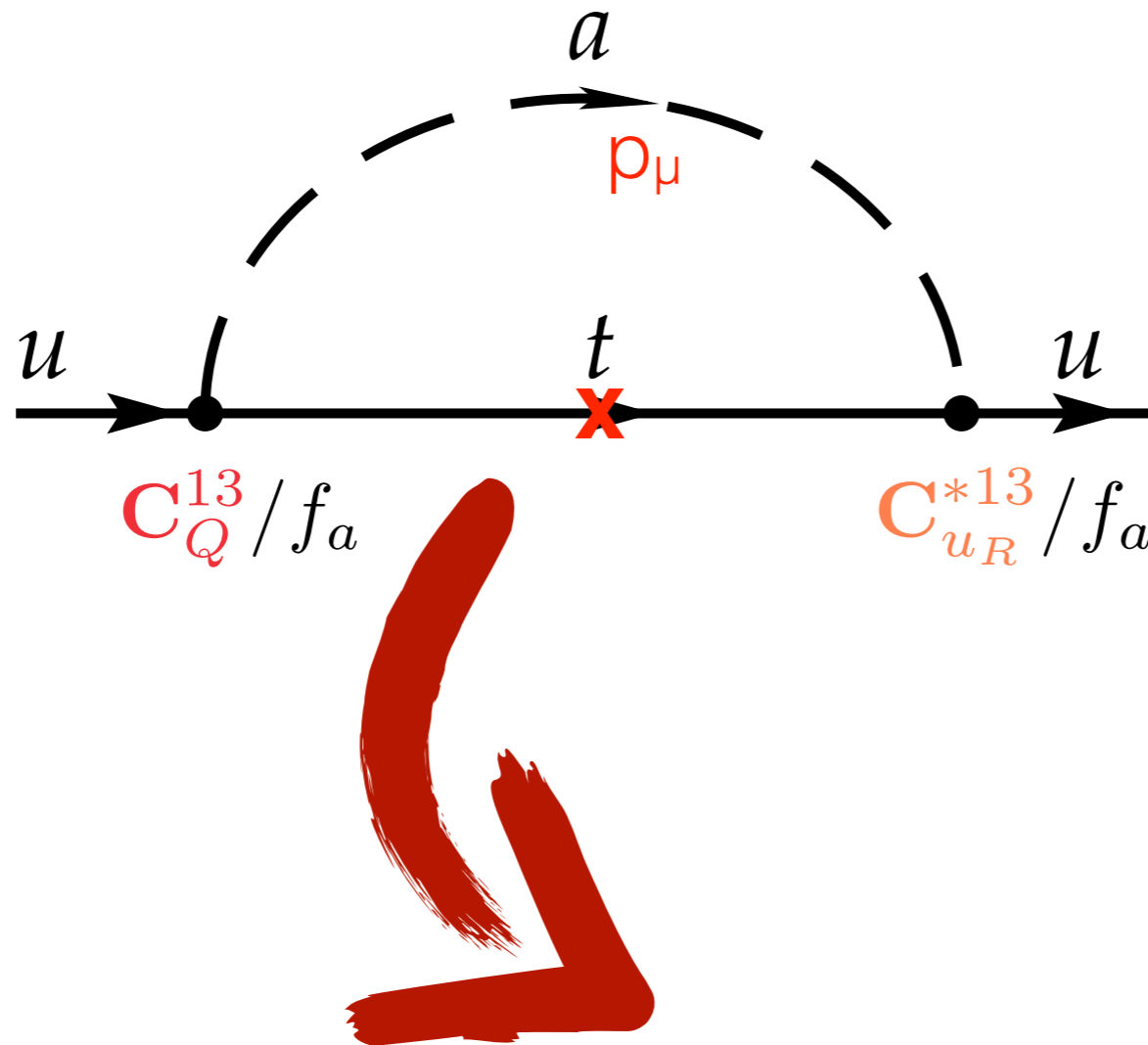
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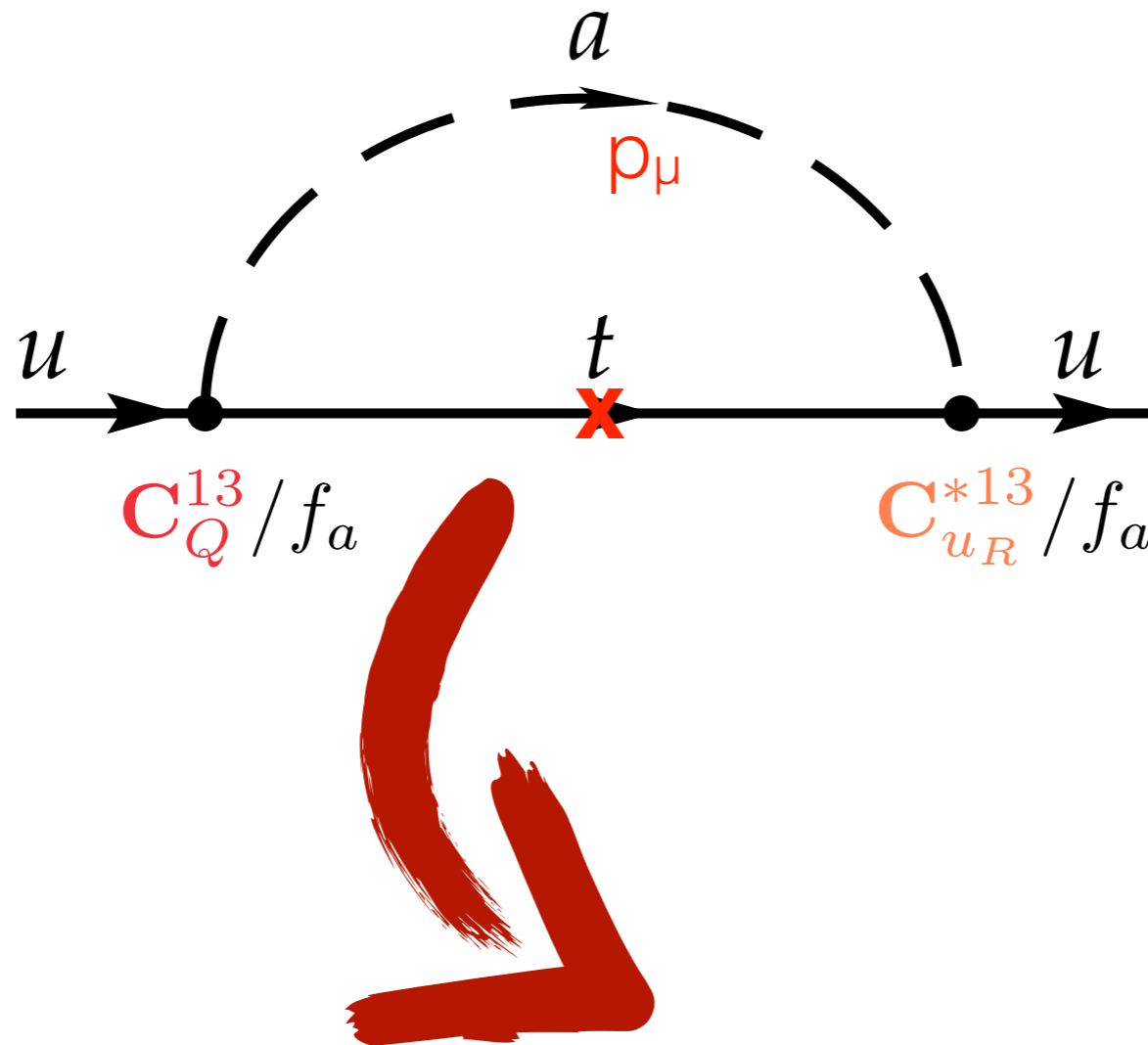


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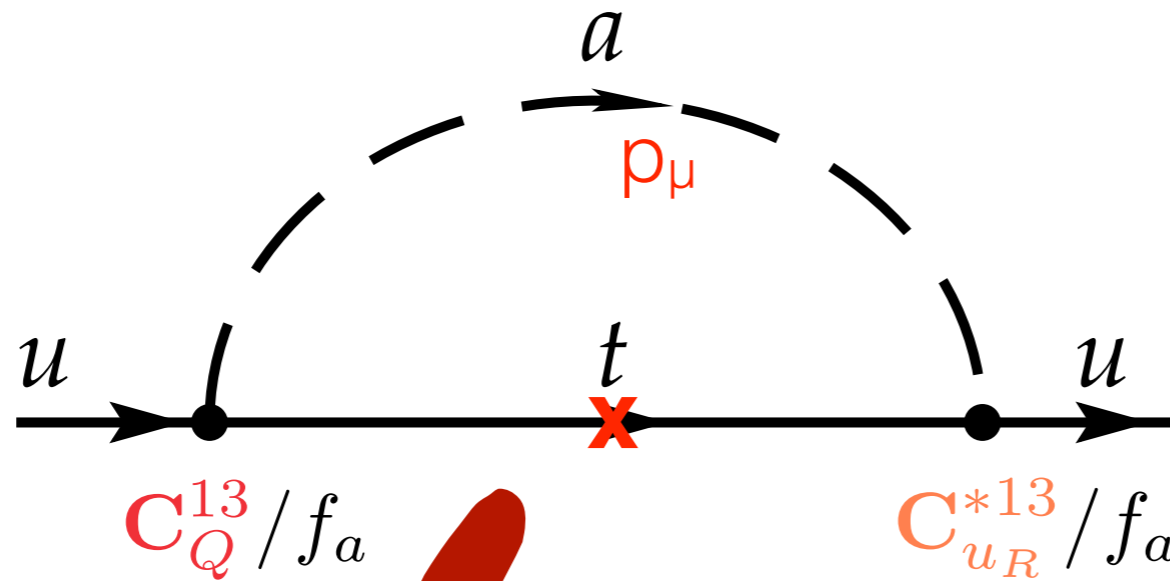


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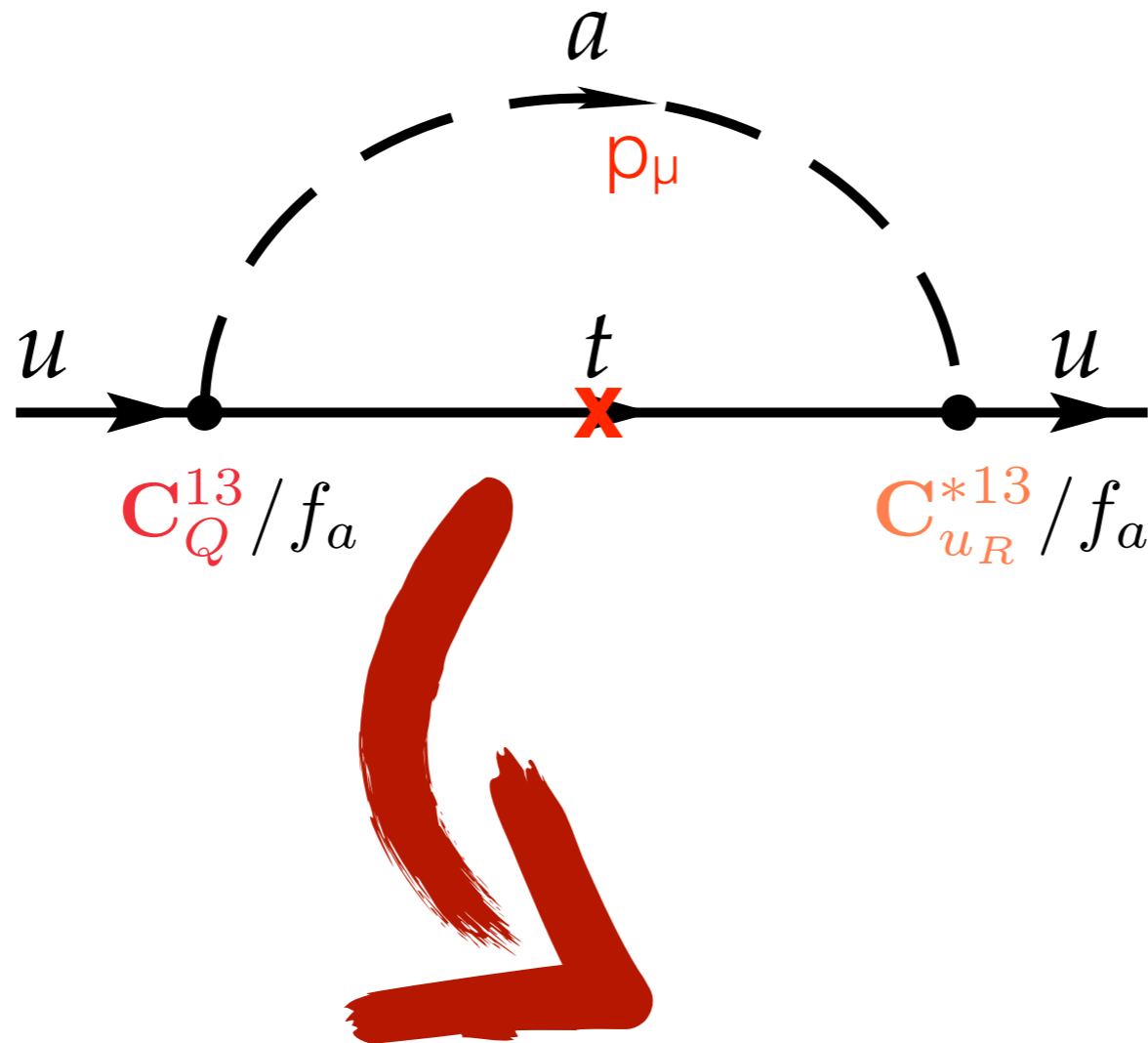
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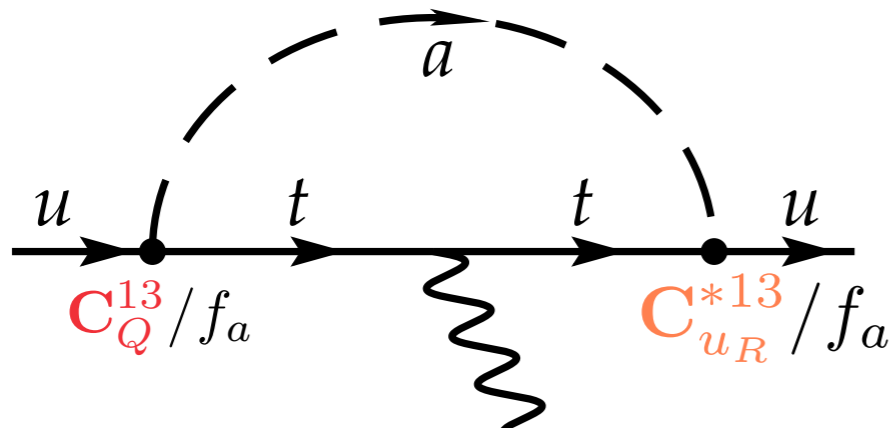
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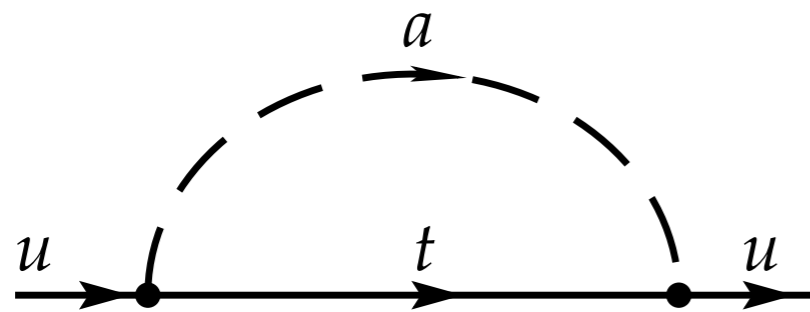
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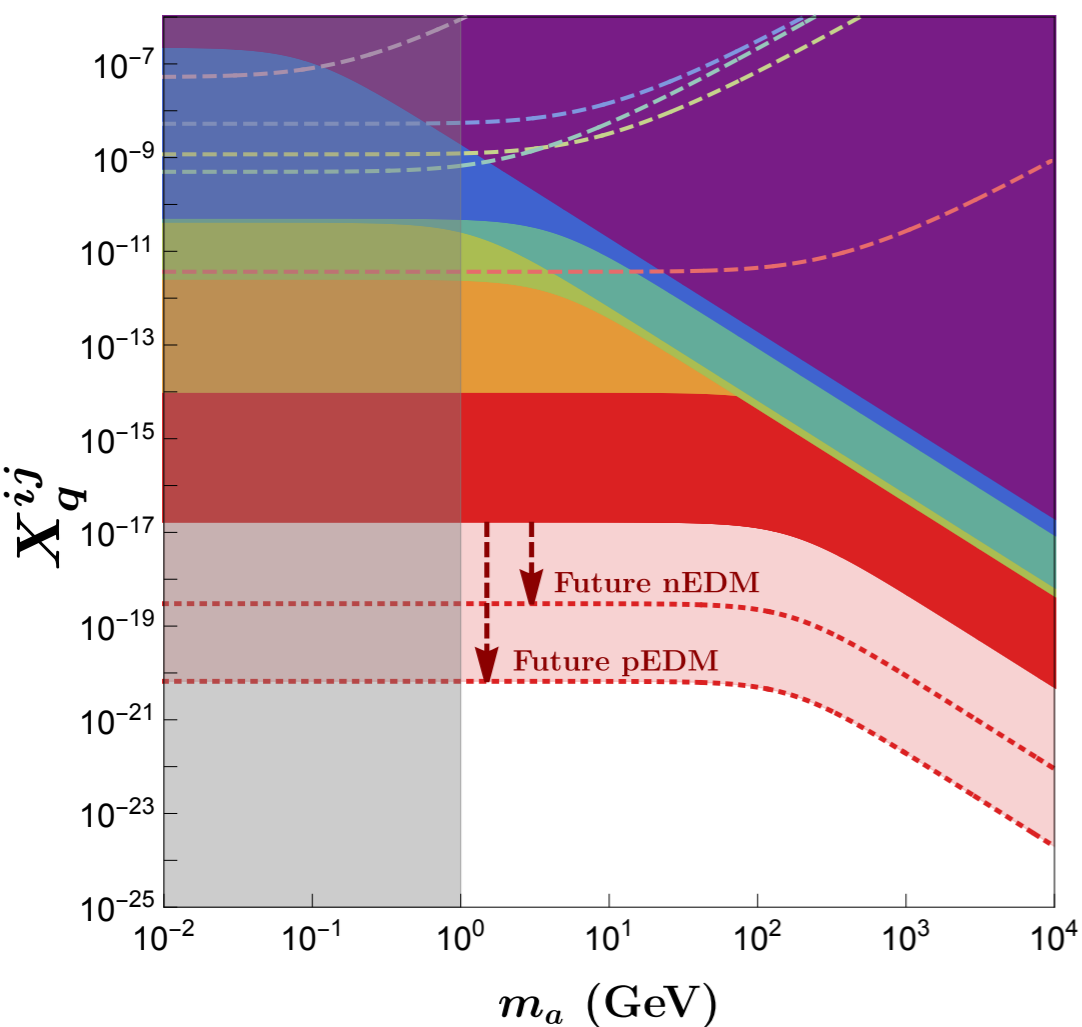
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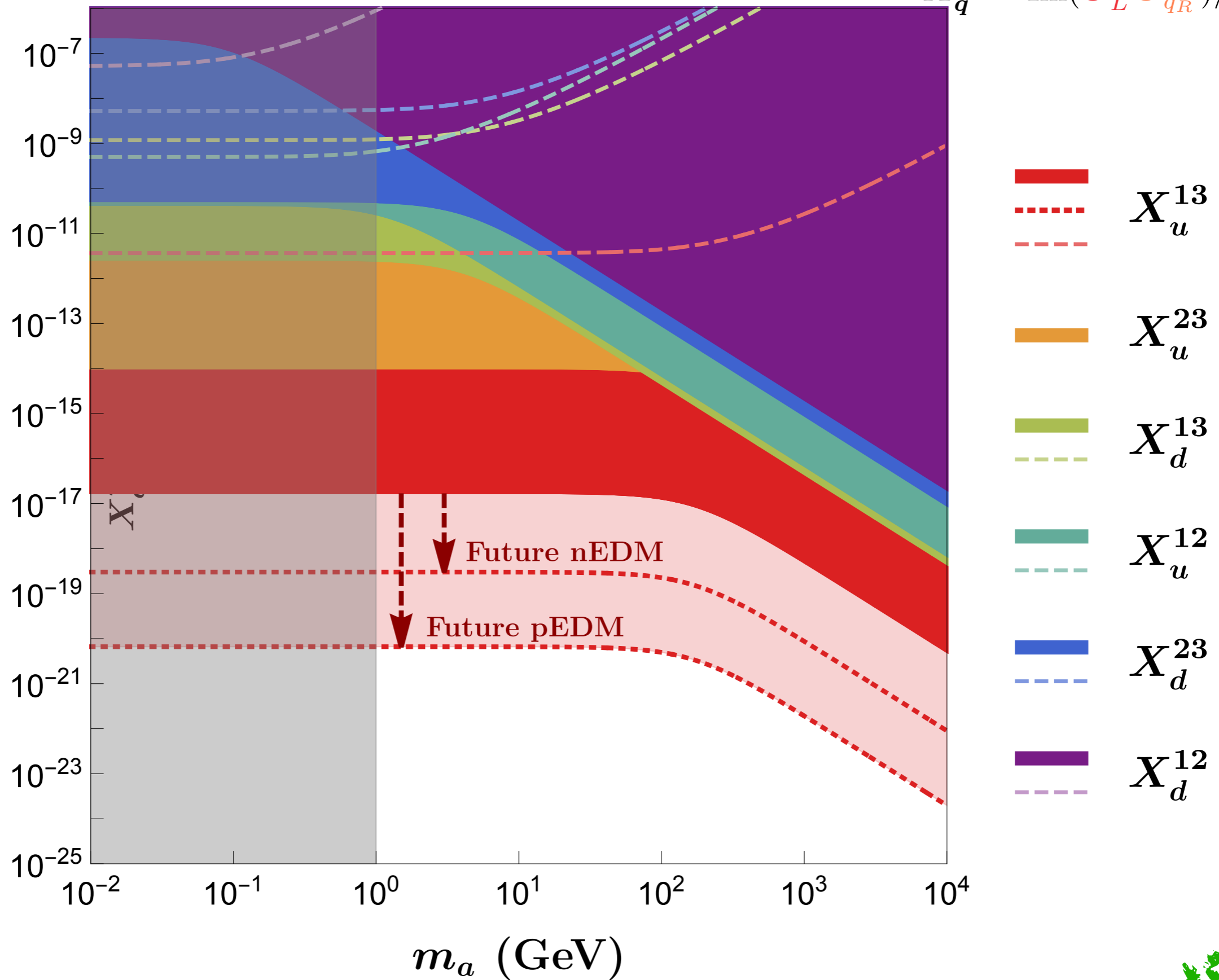
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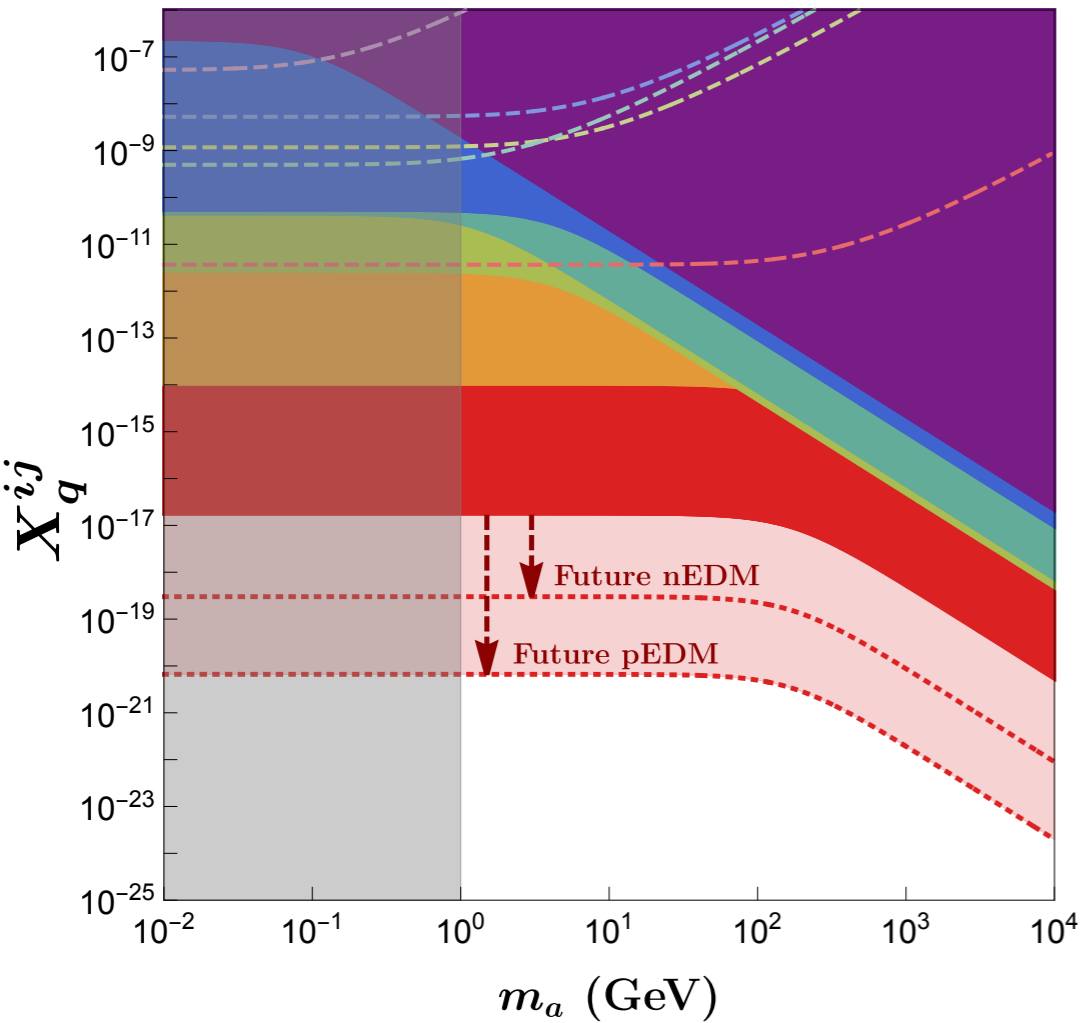


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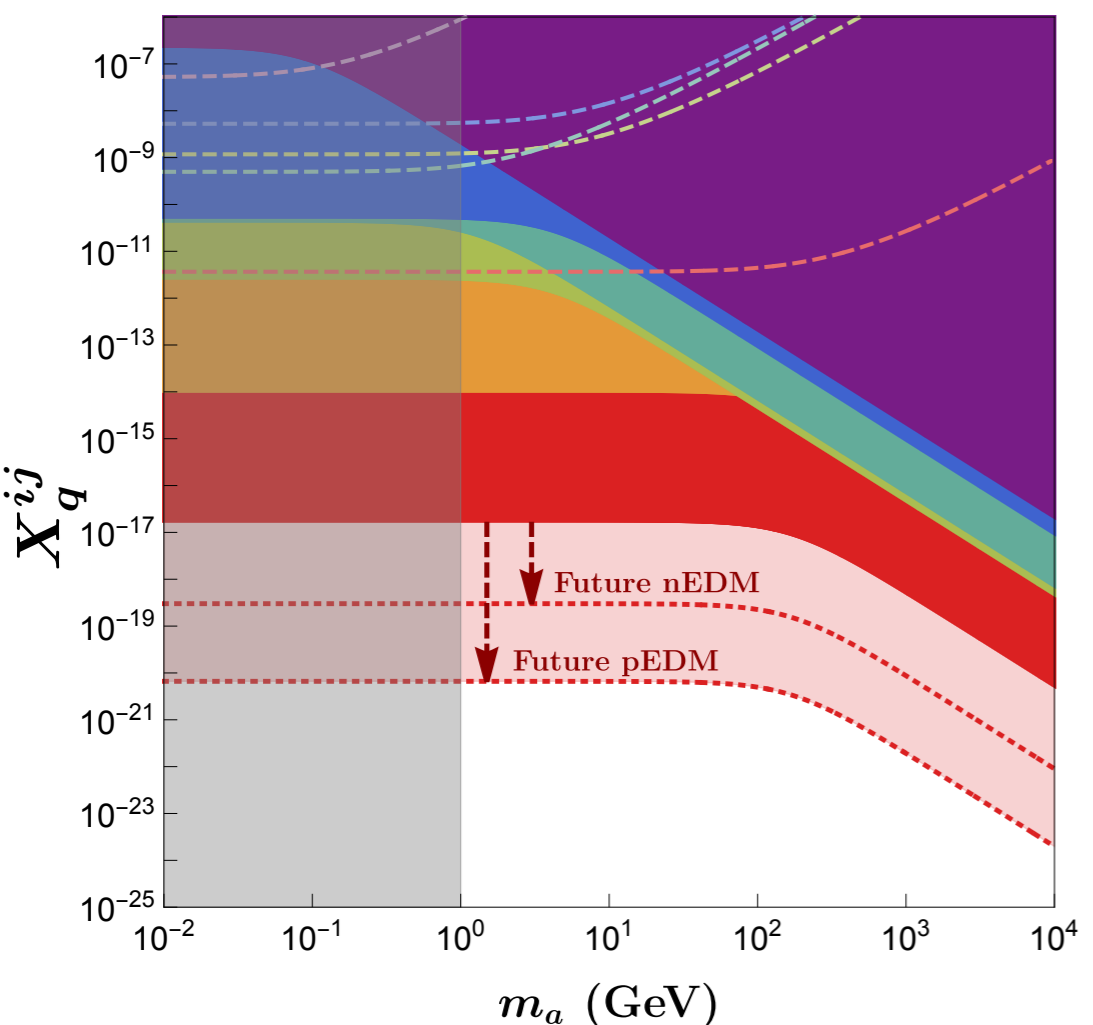
	Combination	$\bar{\theta}$ -bounds (GeV ⁻²)	qEDM & cEDM (GeV ⁻²)	
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—	X_d^{23}	$ \text{Im}[C_Q^{23} C_{dR}^{*23}] / f_a^2 $	2.3×10^{-11}	8.7×10^{-9}
⋯	X_d^{12}	$ \text{Im}[C_Q^{12} C_{dR}^{*12}] / f_a^2 $	8.6×10^{-11}	1.2×10^{-5}

$m_a = 5 \text{ GeV}$

nEDM limits on ALP-fermion couplings

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As a function of m_a



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

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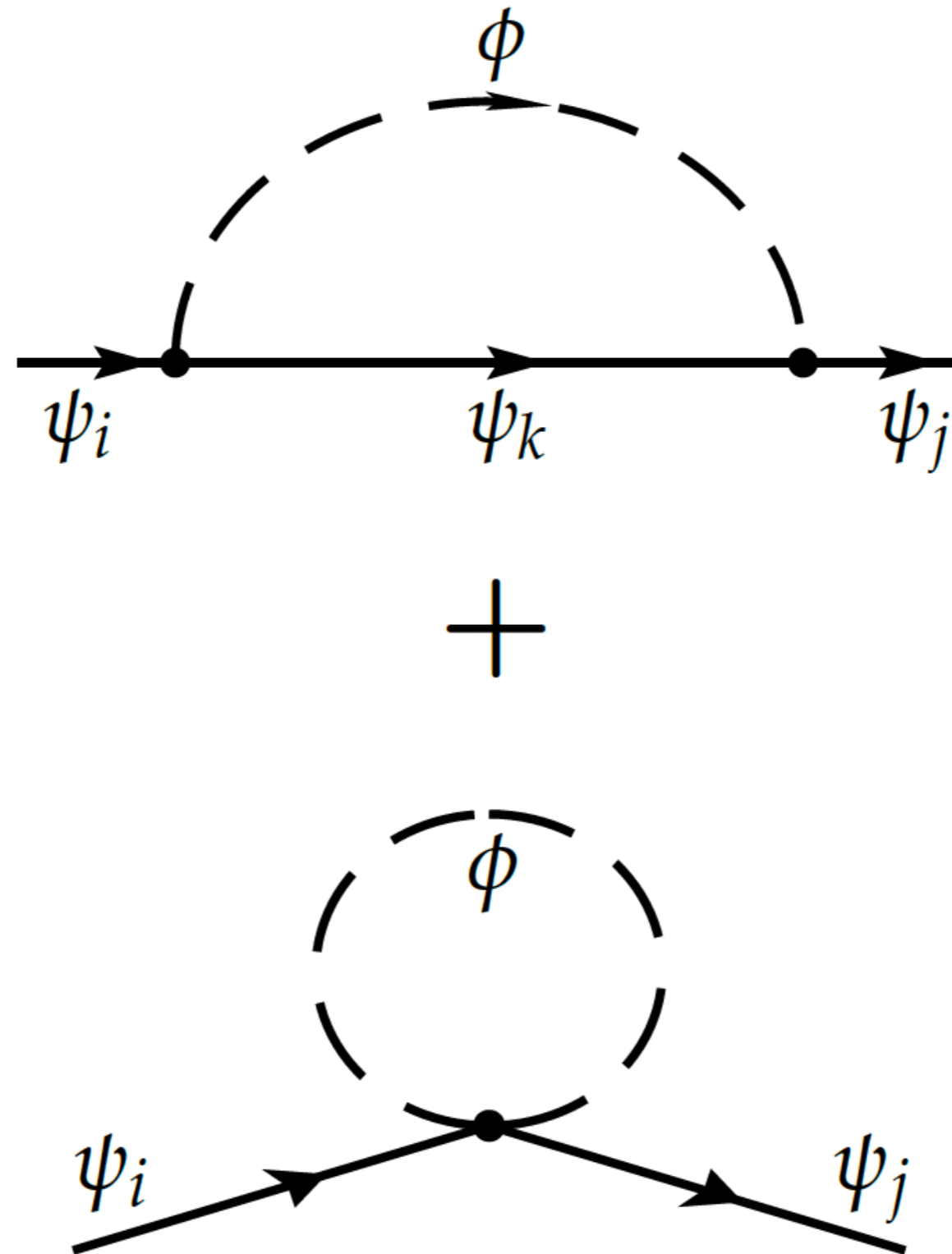
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There are two diagrams in the “chirality-flip” basis:



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$\bar{\theta}$ -> bounds also improved by orders of magnitude

see talk by Victor Enguita tomorrow afternoon

*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:

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

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sum rules Hisano et al.

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*Lattice
+ sum rules*

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ALPs

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

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

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 ~ 4 orders of magnitude**
- * The same kind of improvement applies to generic singlet scalars**
- * Novel bounds on ALP-neutrino couplings

Backup

$$\mathbf{M}_{u,d}^{1\text{ loop}} = \mathbf{M}_{u,d} + \Delta\mathbf{M}_{u,d}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Neglecting threshold corrections

For an ALP:

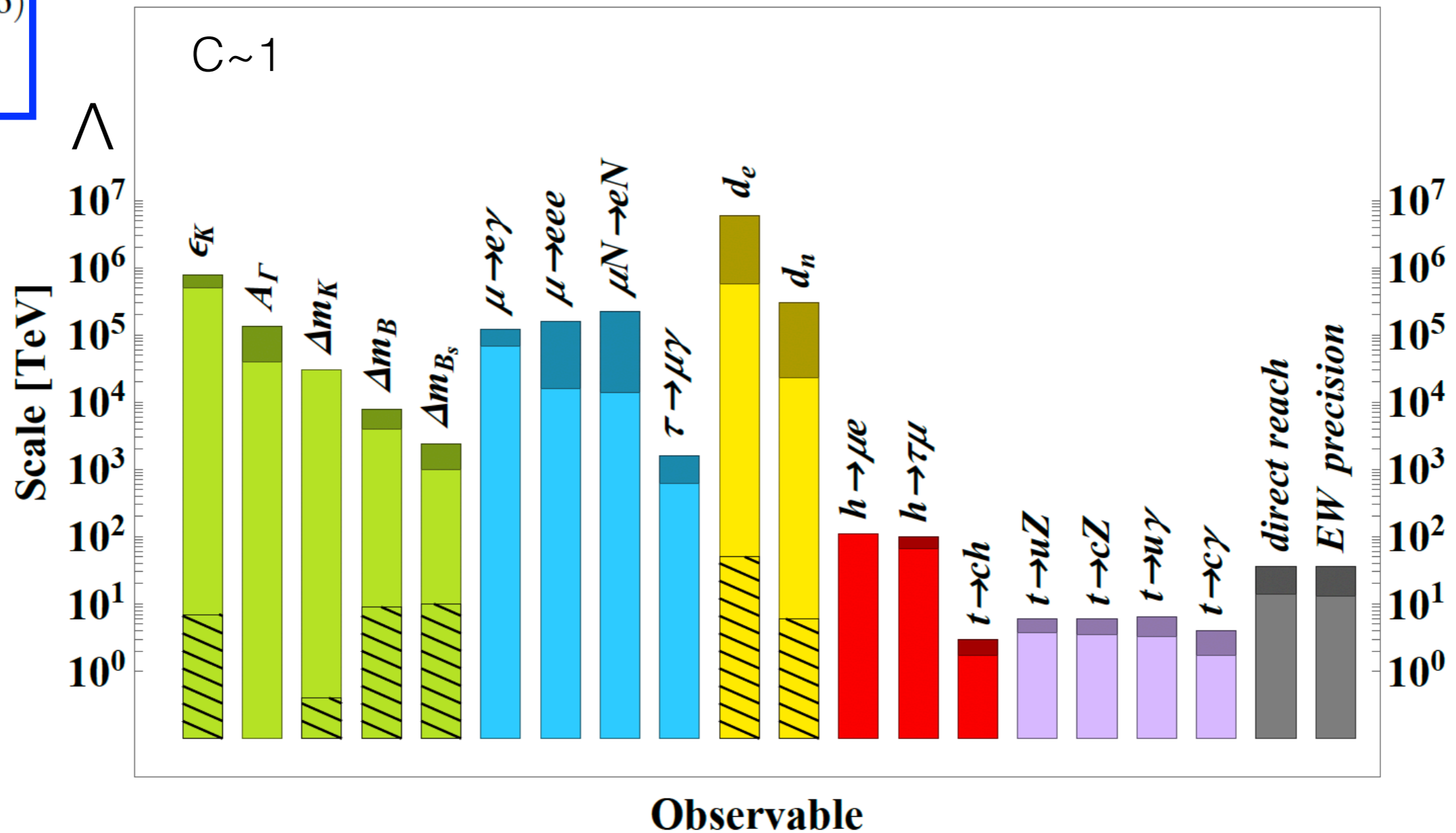
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\theta}(\mu_{\text{IR}}) &\simeq \bar{\theta}_0 + \\ &\sum_{u_i=\{u,c,t\}} \frac{m_{u_k} (m_a^2 + \hat{m}_{u_k}^2)}{16\pi^2 f_a^2 m_{u_i}} \text{Im} \left(C_Q^{ik} C_{u_R}^{*ik} \right) \log \frac{f_a^2}{\max(m_a^2, m_{u_k}^2)} \\ &+ \sum_{d_i=\{d,s,b\}} \frac{m_{d_k} (m_a^2 + \hat{m}_{d_k}^2)}{16\pi^2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

Neglecting threshold corrections

For a generic scalar:

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

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



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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 ~ 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).

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

Intensely looked for experimentally...

direct a -gluon coupling

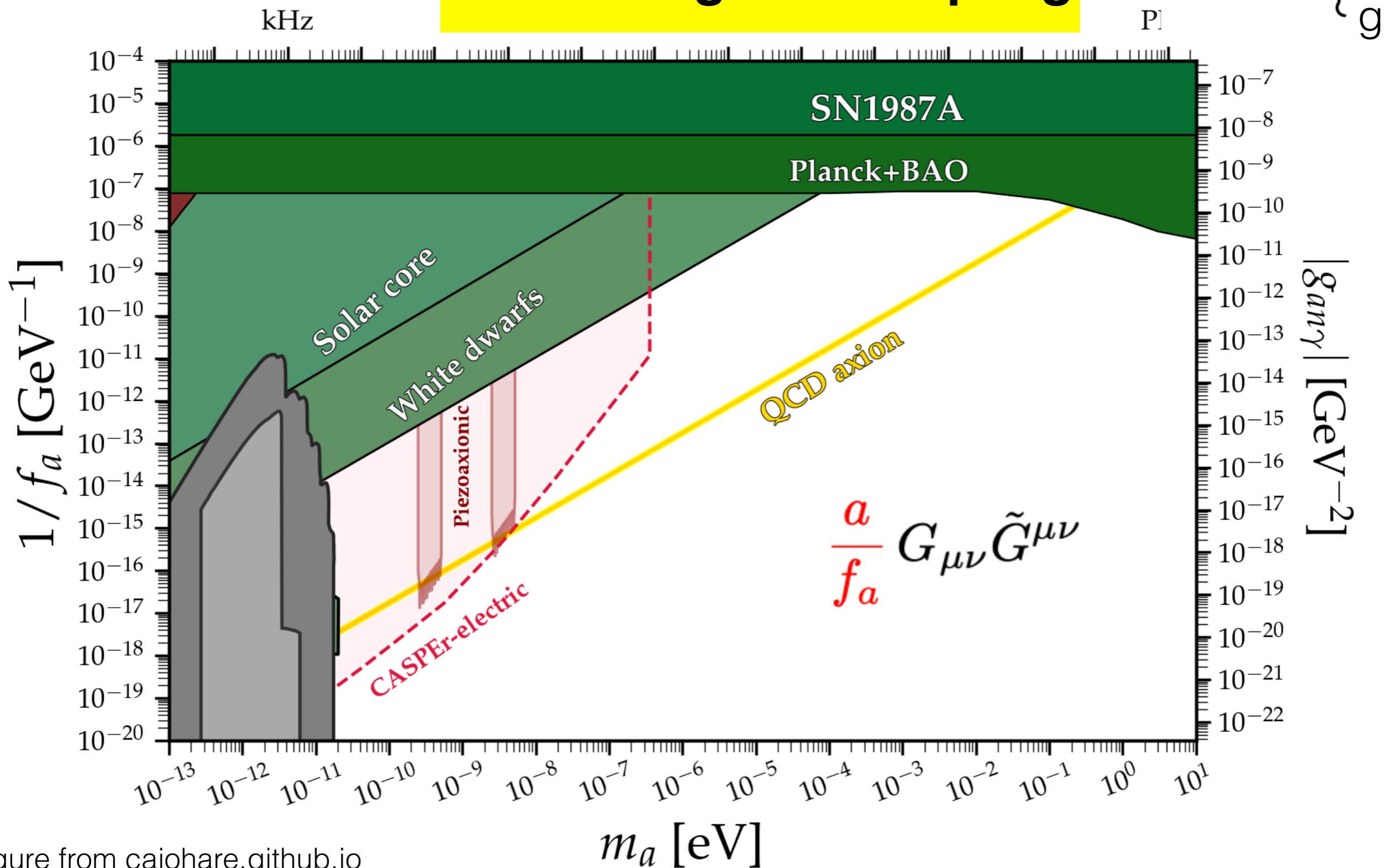
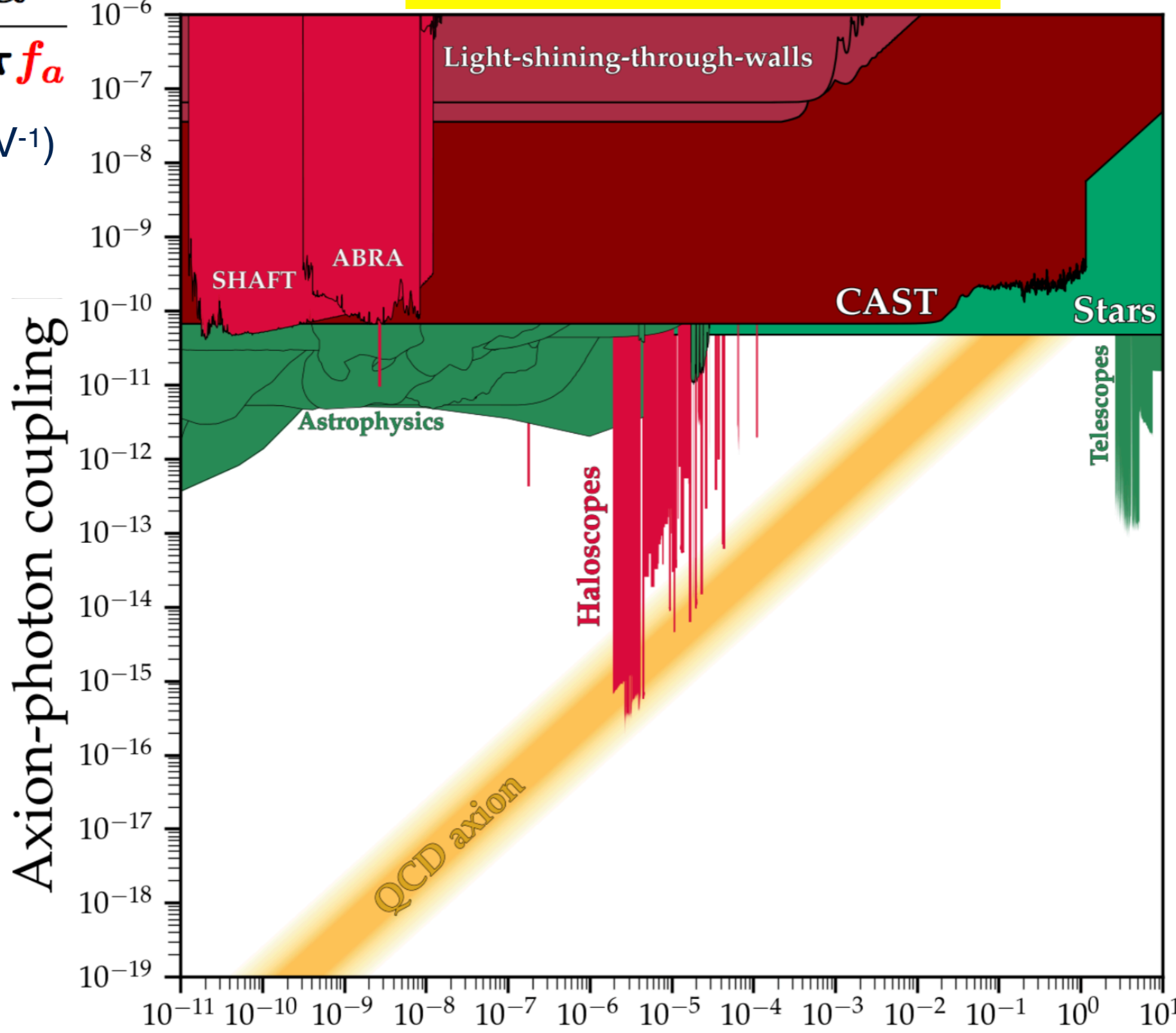
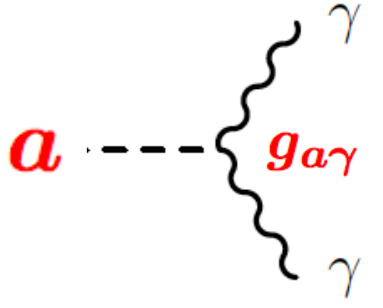


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a-photon coupling

$$g_{a\gamma} \sim \frac{C}{8\pi f_a} \alpha$$

(GeV⁻¹)

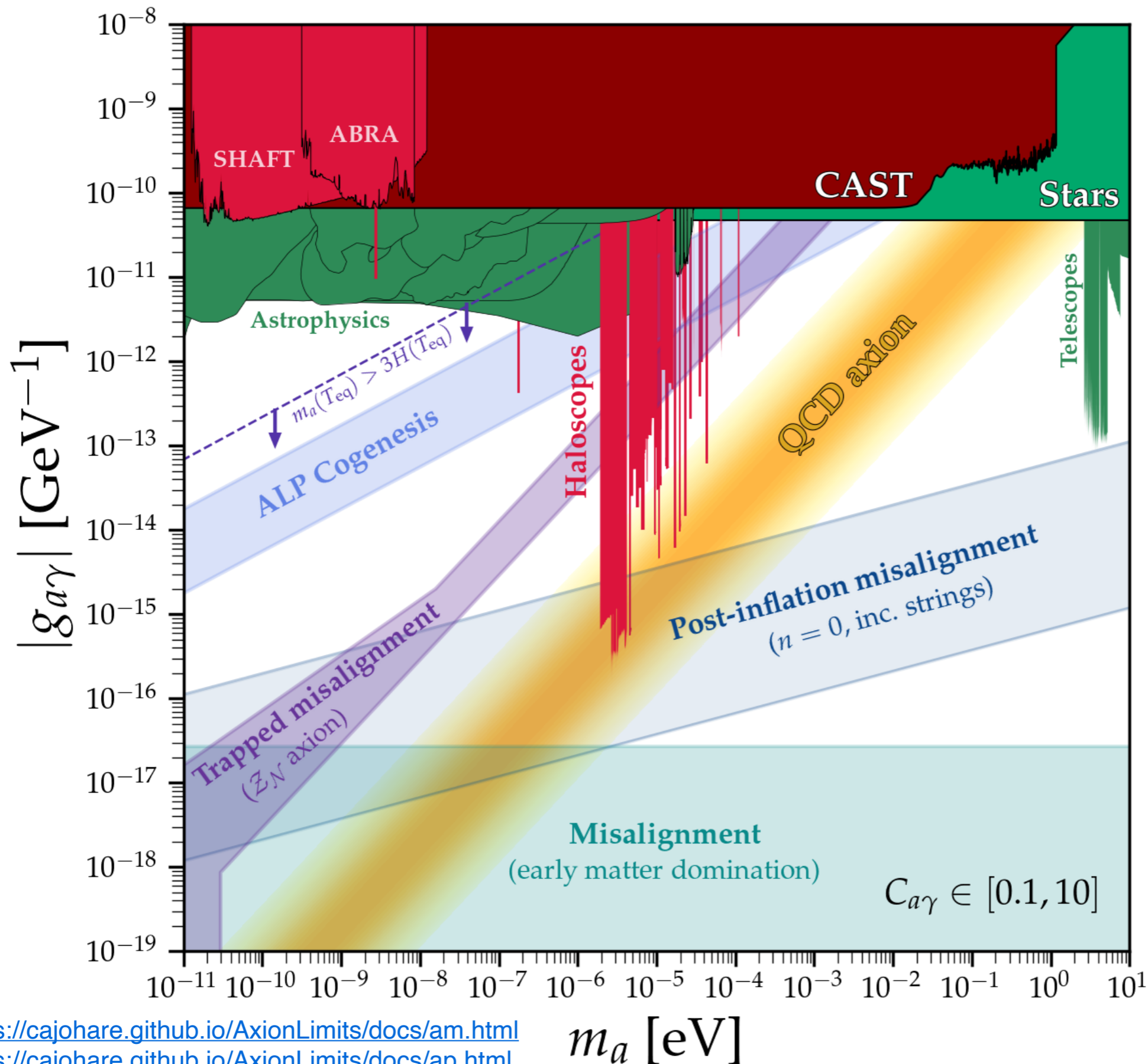


$$\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

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m_a (eV)

Axions and ALPs can explain Dark Matter

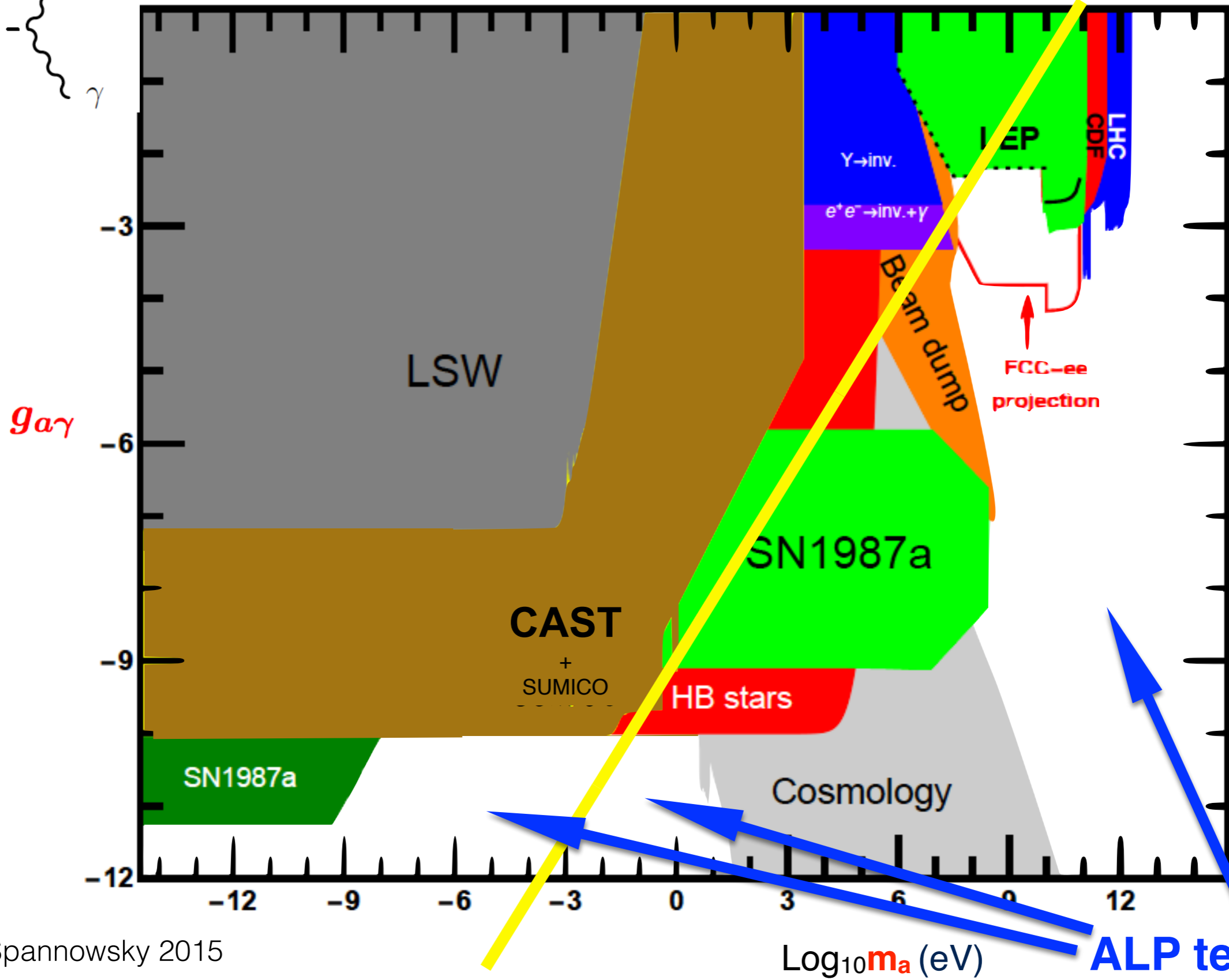
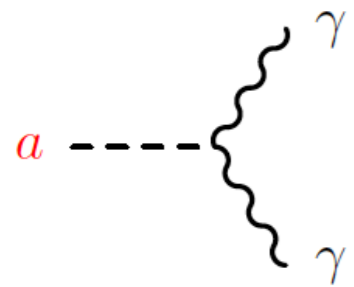


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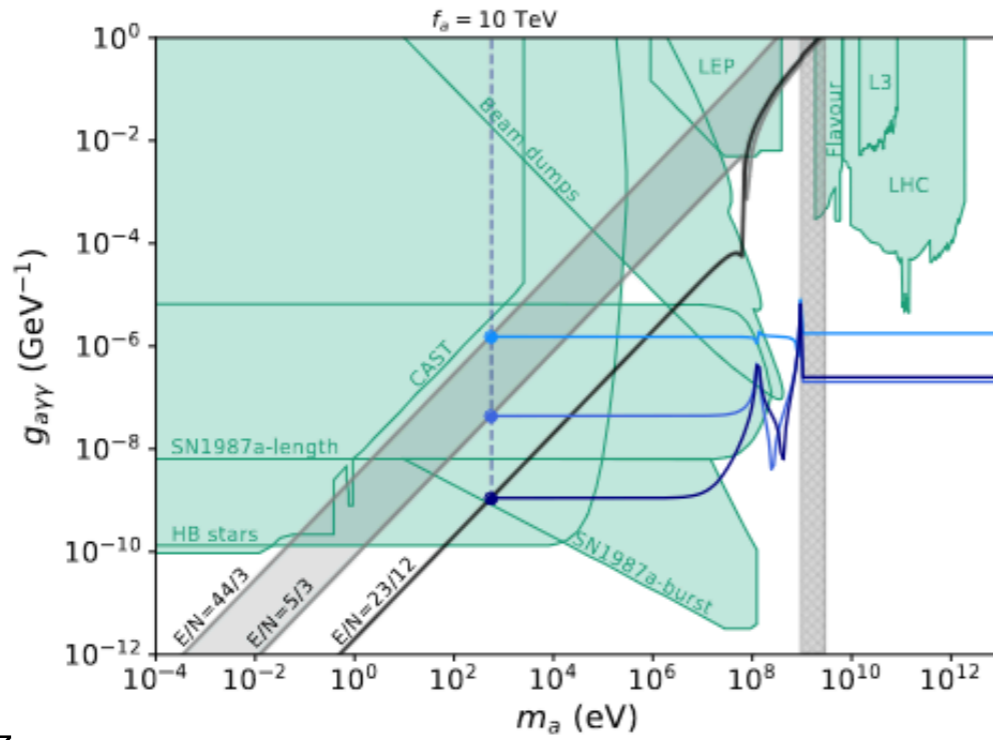
within the blueish
bands
axions/ALPs would
account for all the DM

ALPs (axion-like particles) territory

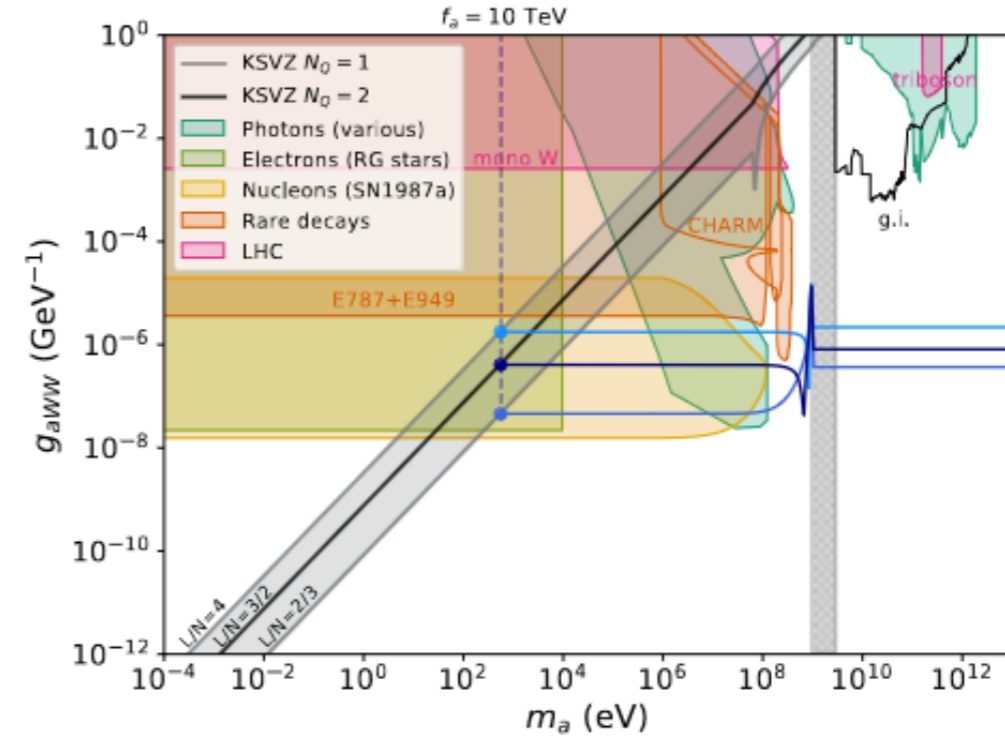
$$\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$



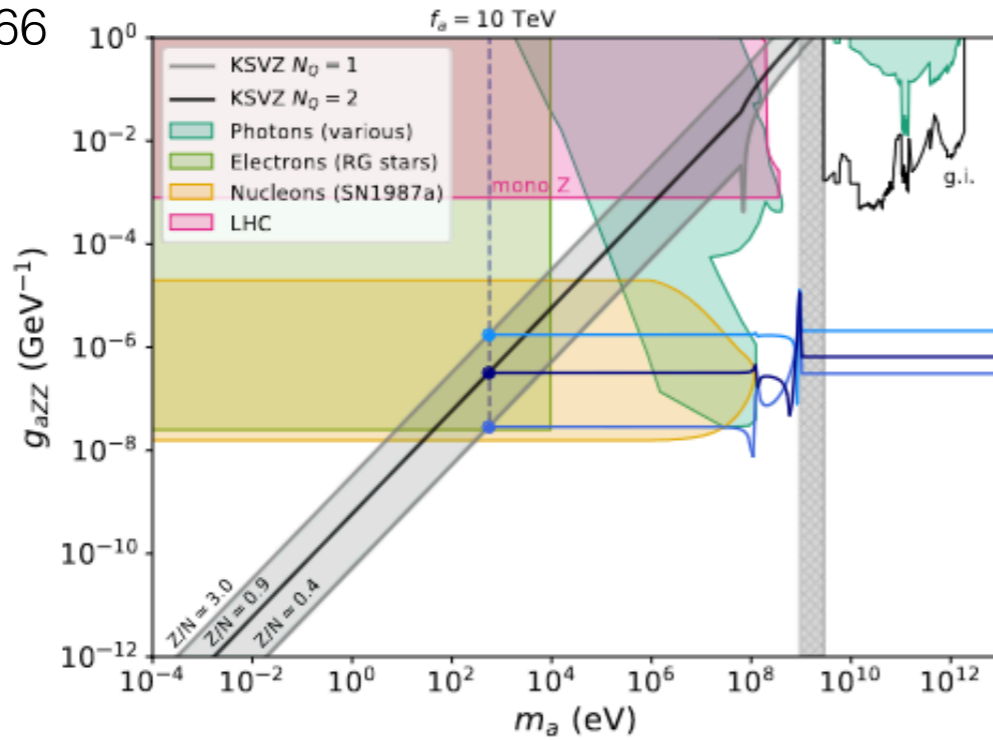
ALP territory
and more?



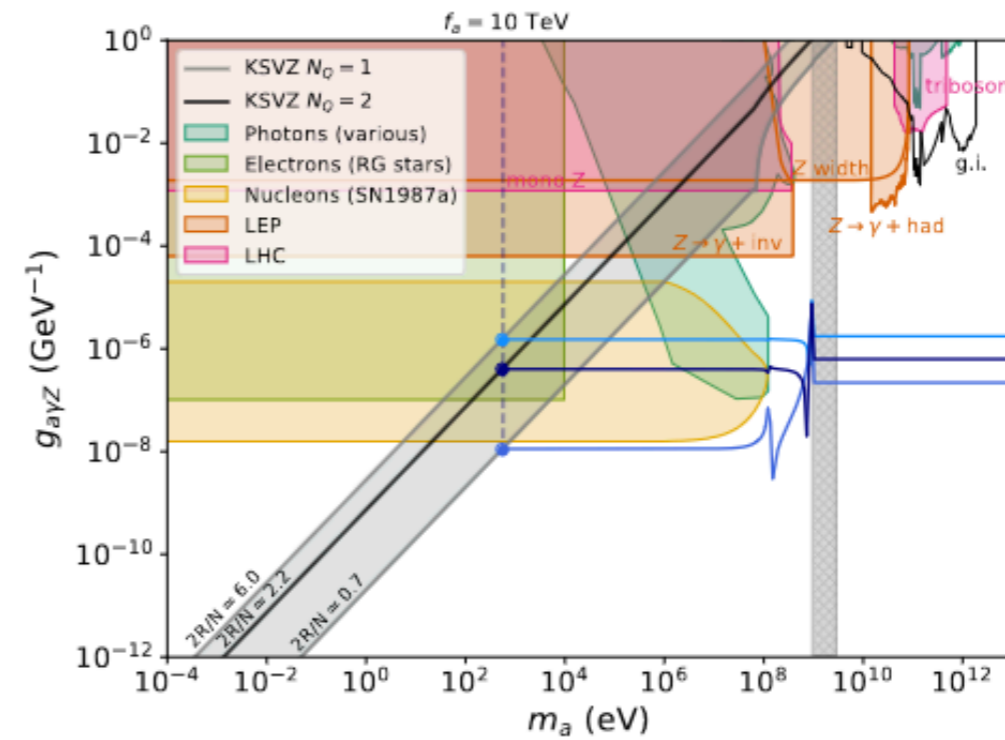
(a) Coupling to photons.



(b) Coupling to W bosons.



(c) Coupling to Z bosons.

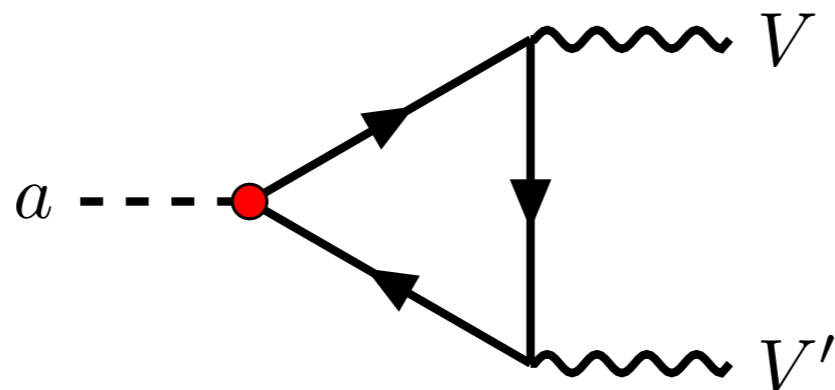


(d) Coupling to a photon and a Z boson.

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

One-loop induced couplings



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

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

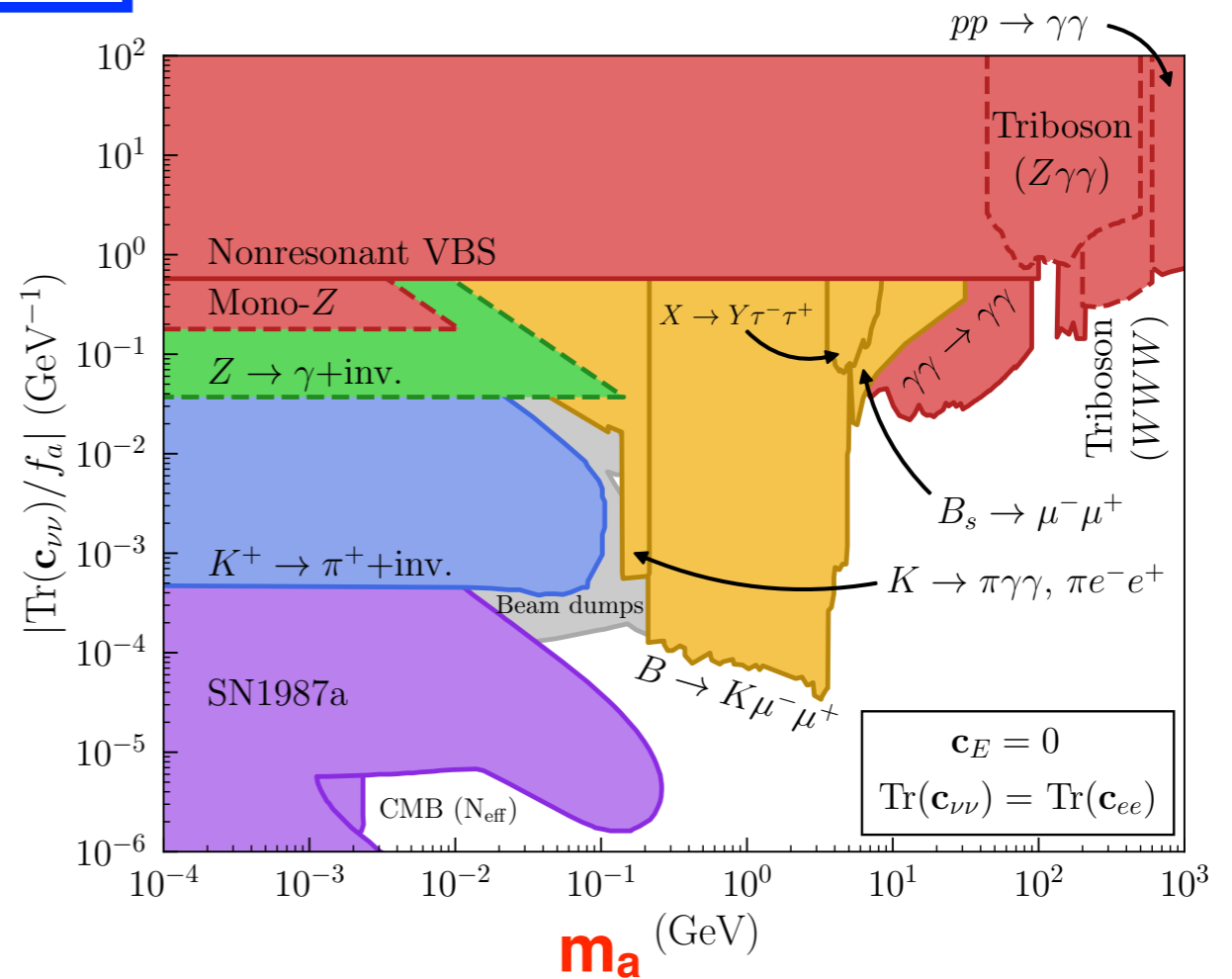
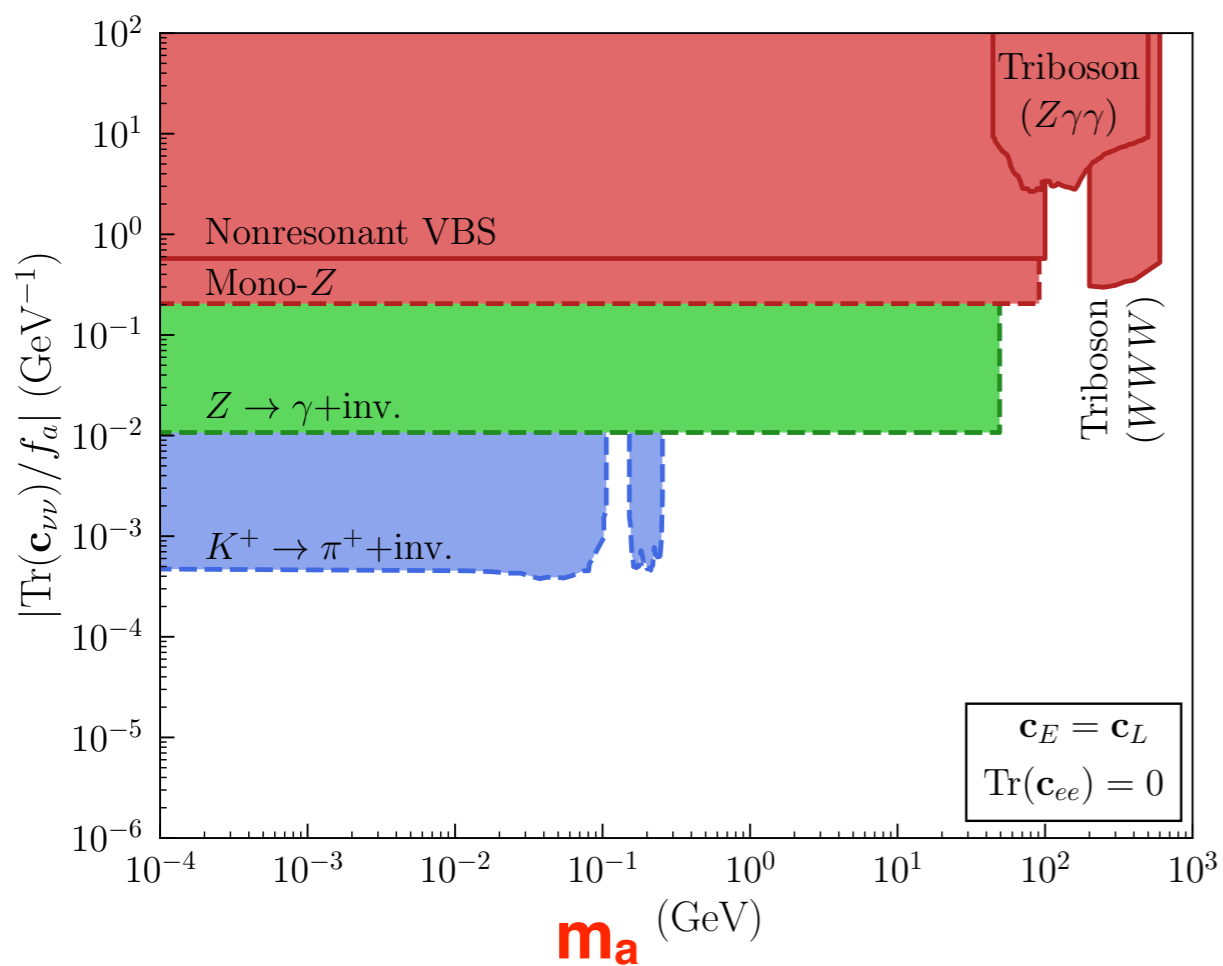
$$g_{a\gamma Z}^{\text{loop}} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{c_w s_w \pi f_a} \left[\text{Tr}\{(\mathbf{c}_{\nu\nu})\} - 2s_w^2 \text{Tr}\{(\mathbf{c}_{ee})\} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_{\ell}^2}{M_Z^2}\right) \right]$$

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

Package X, arXiv:1612.00009
FeynCalc, arXiv:2001.04407

Bounds on ALP-neutrino coupling

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



a -neutron coupling

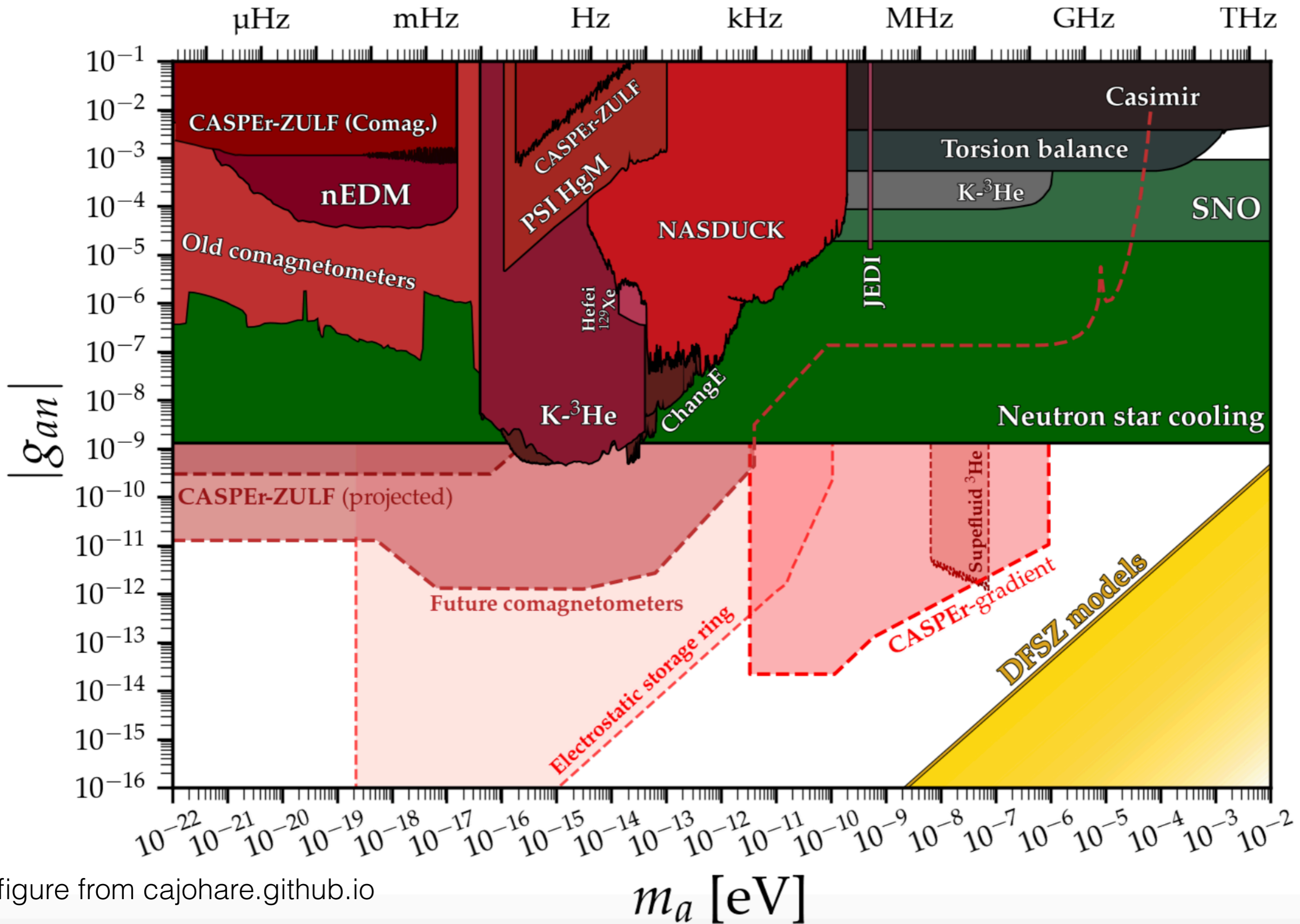


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a-proton coupling

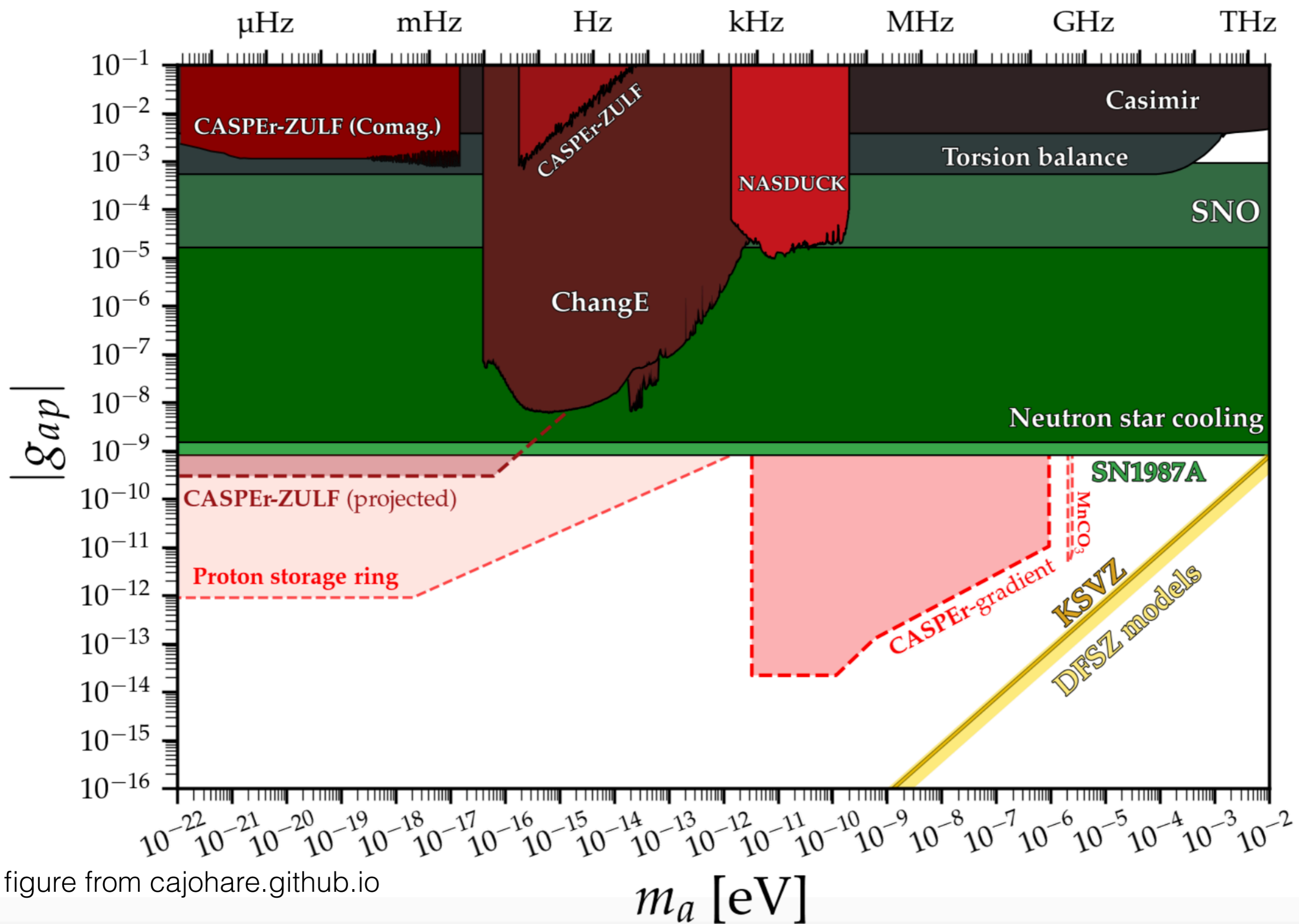
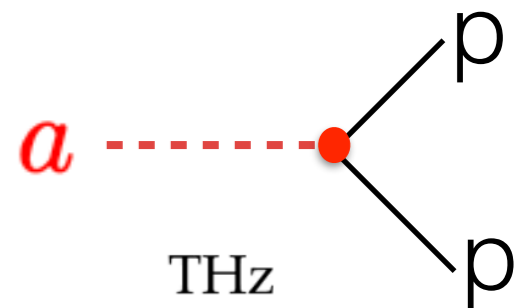


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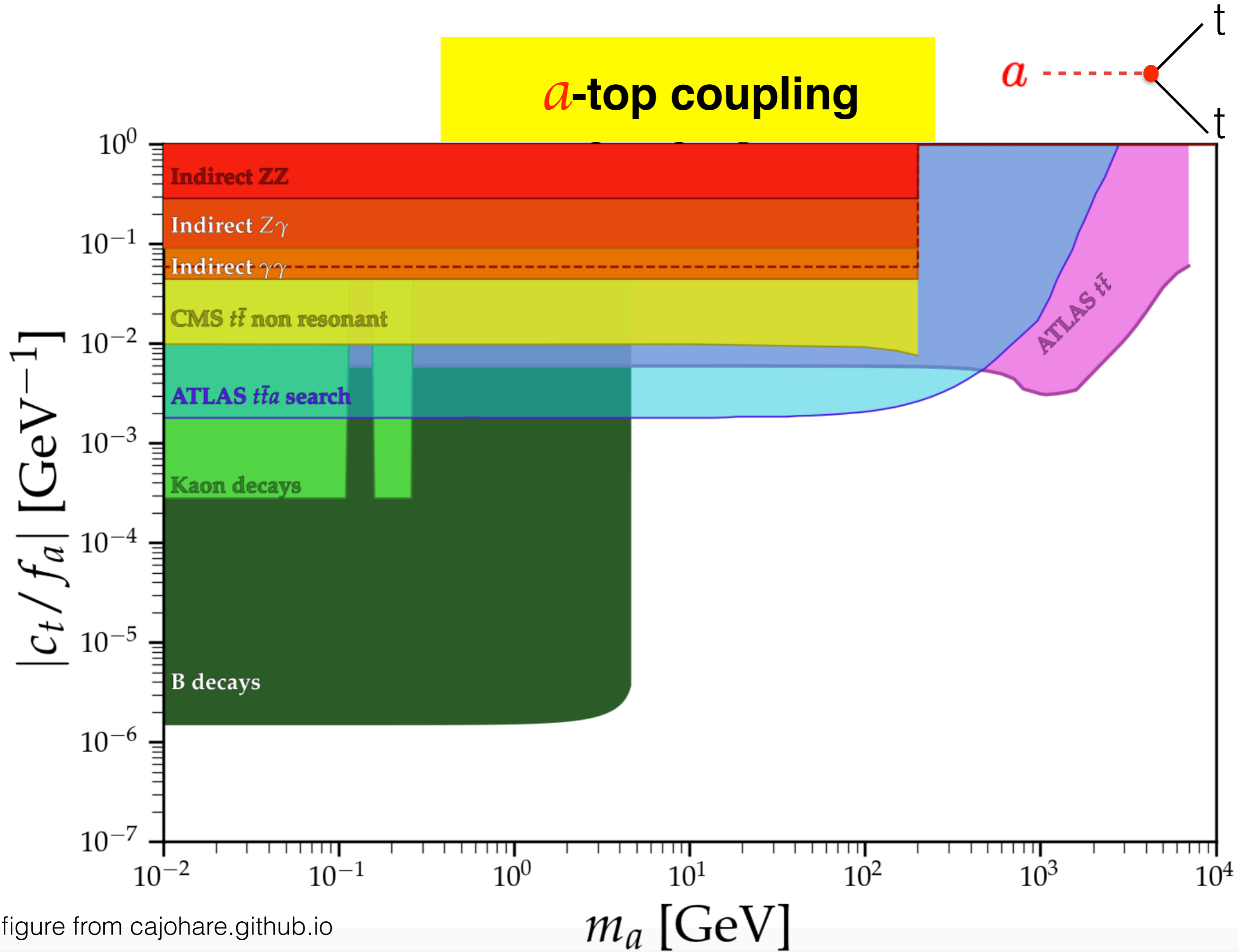


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a -electron coupling

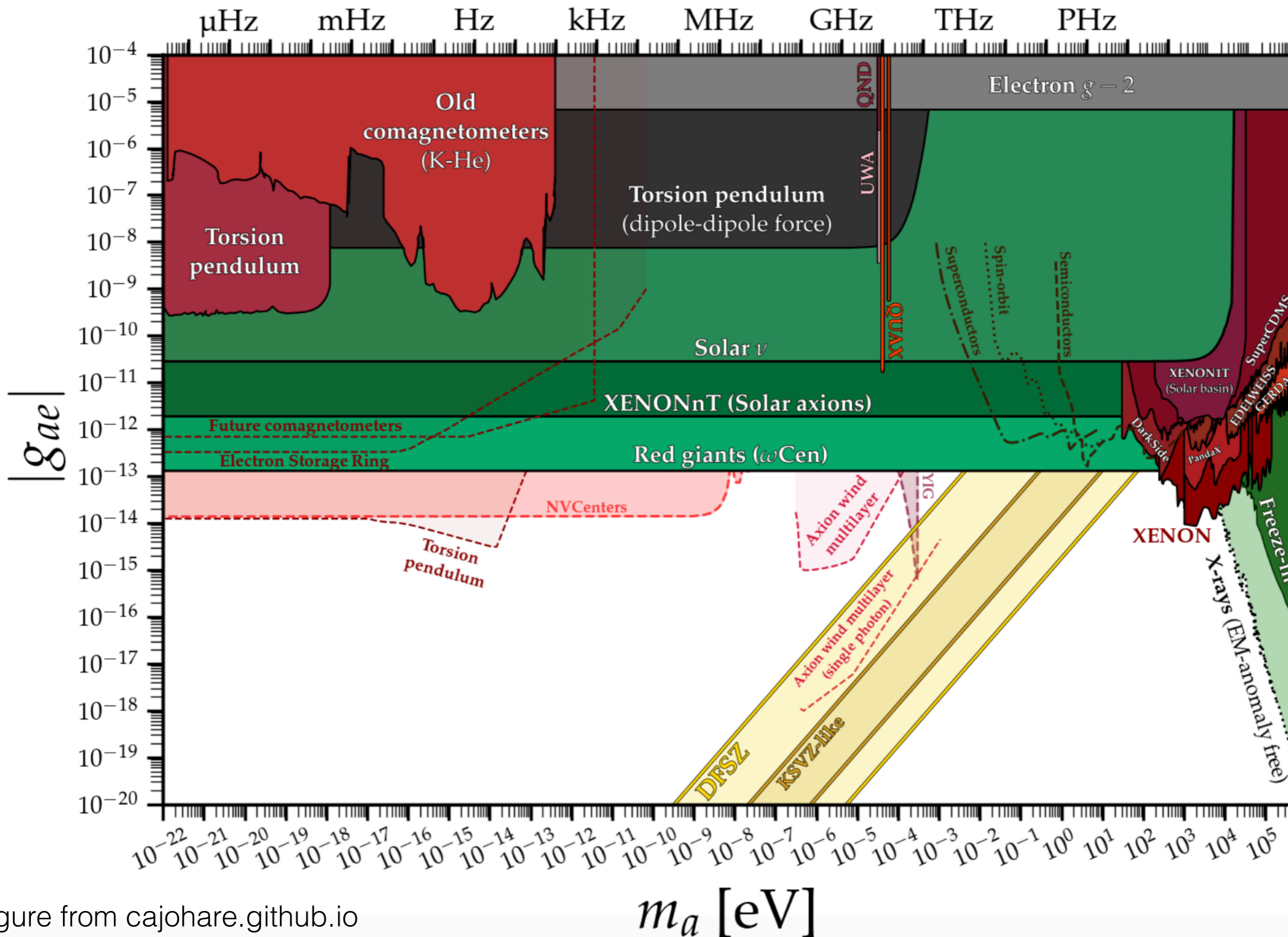
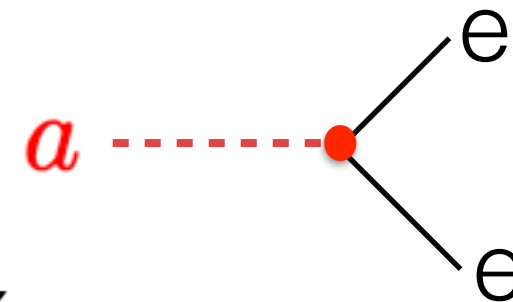


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Generic scalar

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{u}_L v \left[i \mathbf{K}_u \frac{S}{\Lambda} + \mathbf{F}_u \frac{S^2}{\Lambda^2} \right] u_R$$
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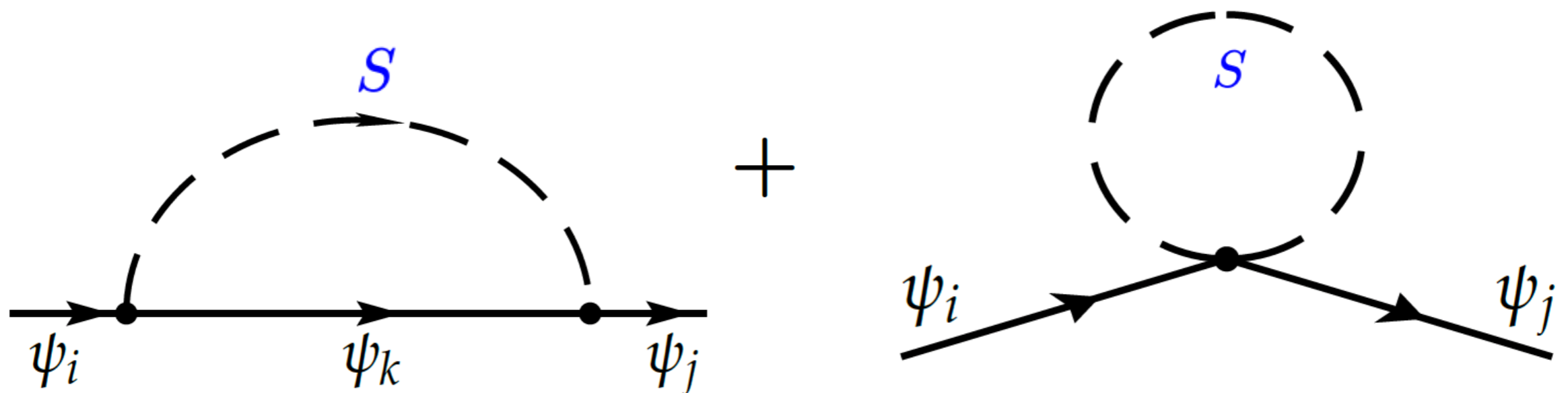
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Contribution to $\bar{\theta}$ from:



bounds also improved by orders of magnitude

Generic scalar

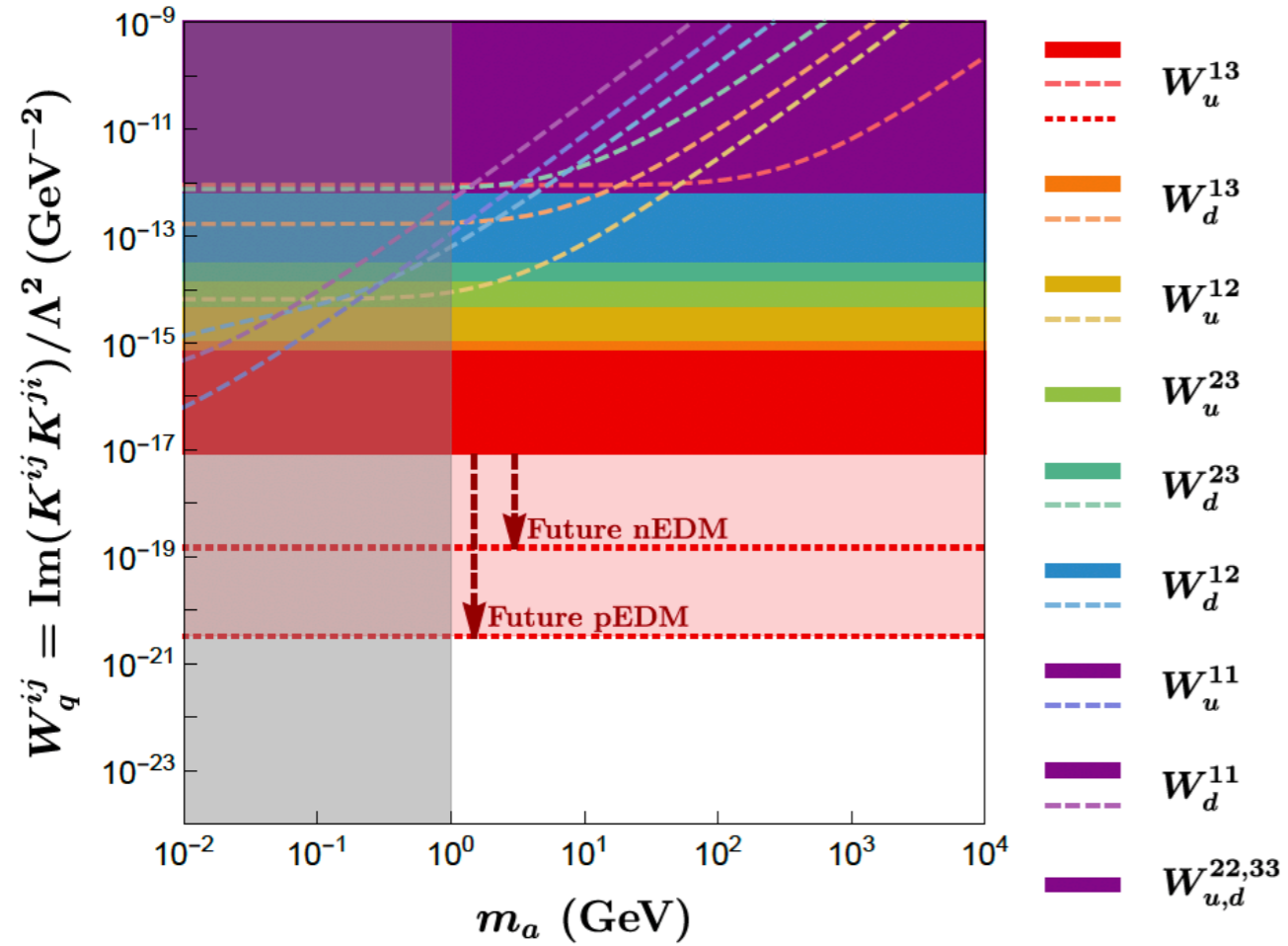


FIG. 5: *General scalar.* Upper bounds on $W_q^{ij} \equiv \text{Im}(K_q^{ij} K_q^{ji})/\Lambda^2$ stemming from the contributions of $\bar{\theta}$ (solid regions) and from the sum of qEDMs and cEDMs (dashed lines) to the nEDM. The red dotted line shows the projected bounds on W_u^{13} from future nEDM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

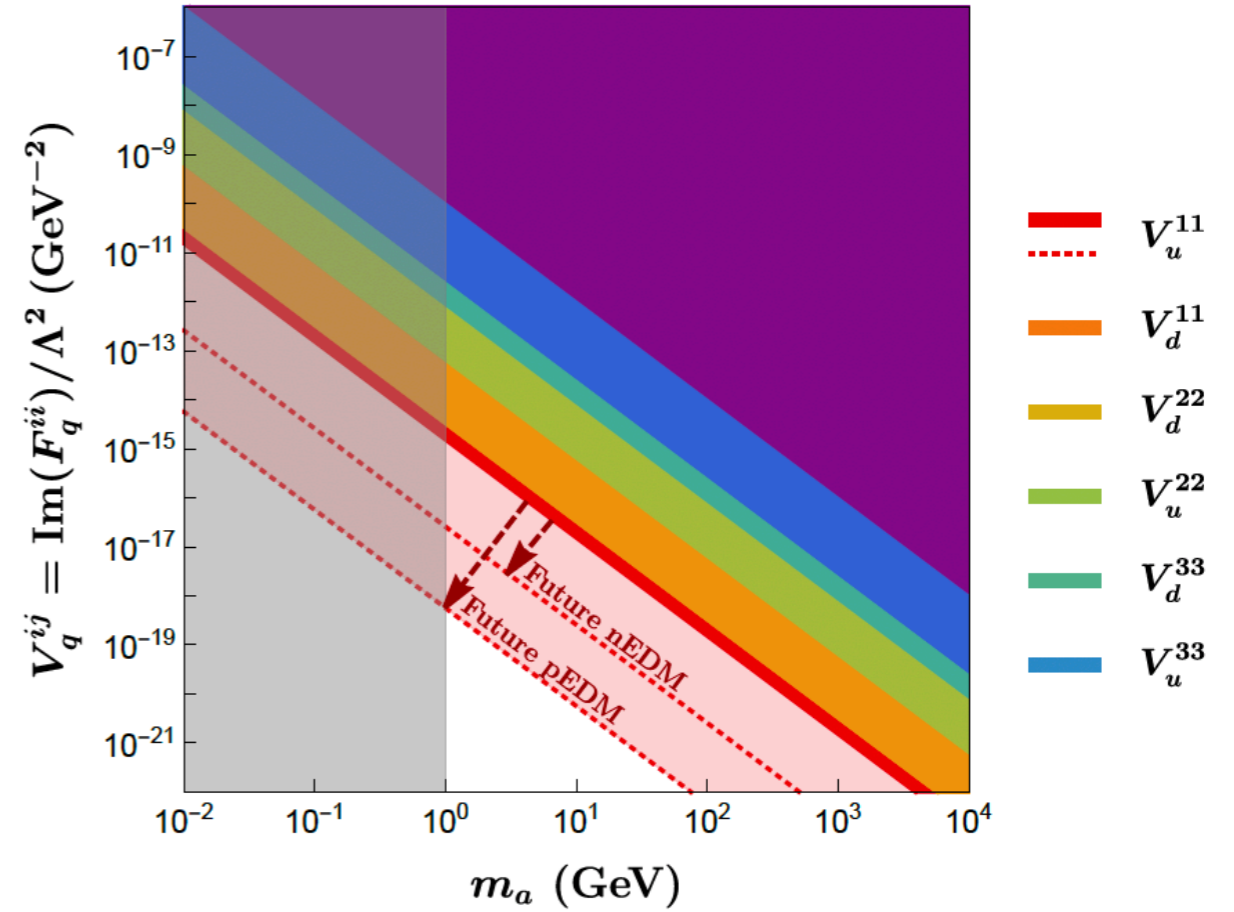


FIG. 6: *General scalar.* Upper bounds on $V_q^{ij} \equiv \text{Im}(F_q^{ij})/\Lambda^2$ stemming from the contributions of $\bar{\theta}$ (solid regions) to the nEDM. The red dotted line shows the projected bounds on V_u^{11} from future nEDM and pEDM experiments [44, 45]. The grey shaded area is as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

Generic scalar

Combination	With PQ (GeV ⁻²)	Without PQ (GeV ⁻²)
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_u^{13} \mathbf{K}_u^{31})/\Lambda^2$	9.0×10^{-7}	9.2×10^{-7}
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{13} \mathbf{K}_d^{31})/\Lambda^2$	2.8×10^{-7}	4.6×10^{-8}
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_u^{12} \mathbf{K}_u^{21})/\Lambda^2$	3.1×10^{-8}	3.1×10^{-8}
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{23} \mathbf{K}_d^{23})/\Lambda^2$	1.3×10^{-6}	1.8×10^{-5}
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{12} \mathbf{K}_d^{21})/\Lambda^2$	8.2×10^{-7}	1.4×10^{-7}
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{22} \mathbf{K}_d^{22})/\Lambda^2$	3.8×10^{-6}	5.3×10^{-5}
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_u^{11} \mathbf{K}_u^{11})/\Lambda^2$	2.2×10^{-6}	2.2×10^{-6}
$\text{Im}(\mathbf{K}_d^{11} \mathbf{K}_d^{11})/\Lambda^2$	8.7×10^{-6}	1.4×10^{-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⁻², and for $m_\phi = 5$ GeV.

* Other contributions to $\bar{\theta}$?

General scalar, toy model, Fock-Schwinger gauge

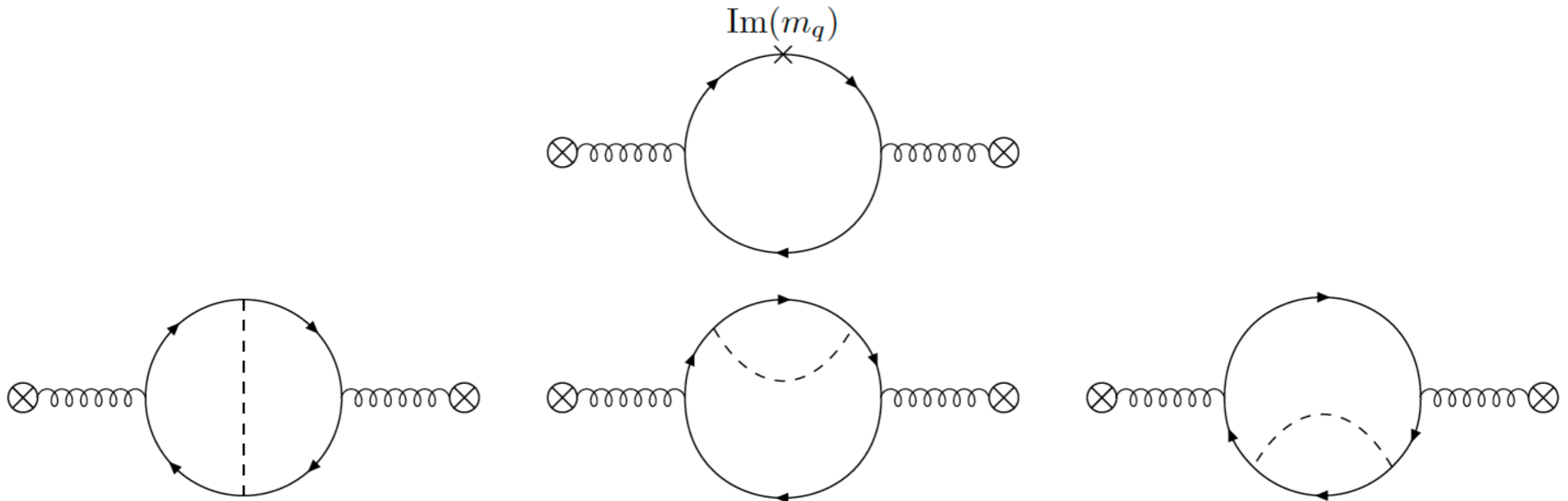


Figure 2: The one-loop and two-loop bubble diagrams which contribute to the radiative corrections to the QCD θ parameter. The one-loop diagram gives a simple result $\delta\theta|_{1L} = -\text{Im}(m_q)/\text{Re}(m_q)$. For the two-loop diagrams, the first one generates $I_{(2;2)}$ loop function in Eq. (3.4), while the others $2\bar{I}_{(3;1)}$ in total.