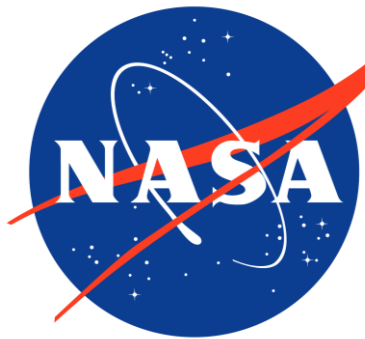
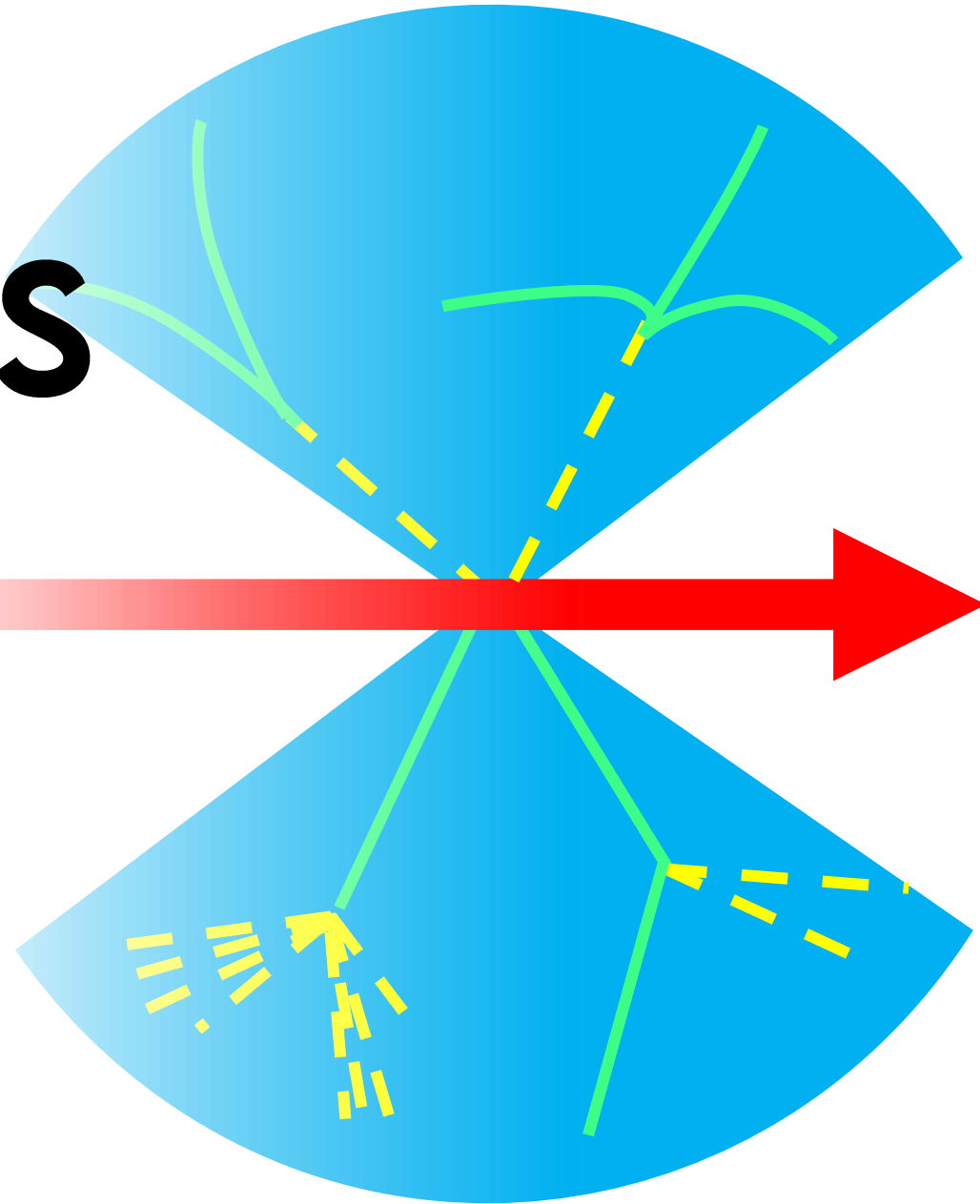


# Z PORTAL DARK PIONS

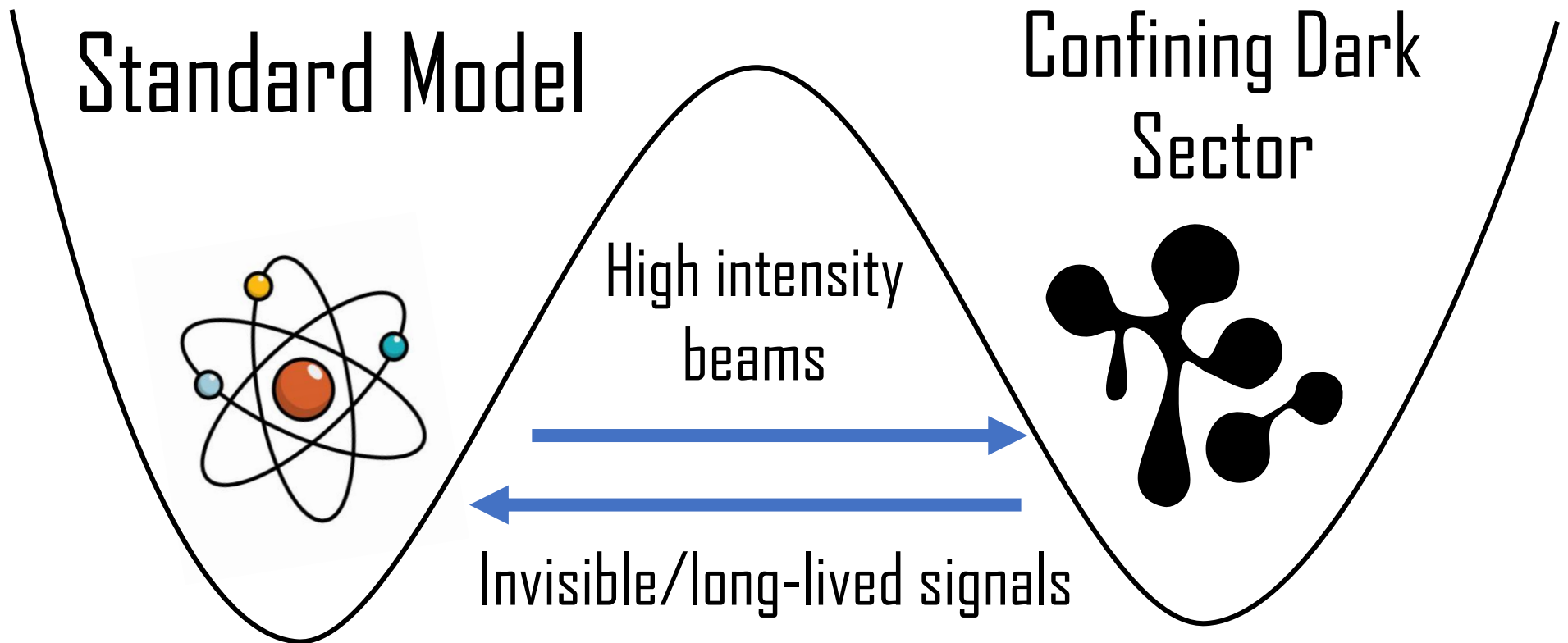


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# Hidden Valley Models



$\epsilon \mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}} J_{\text{Dark}}$  **Relevant portal:** small couplings to keep the valley hidden

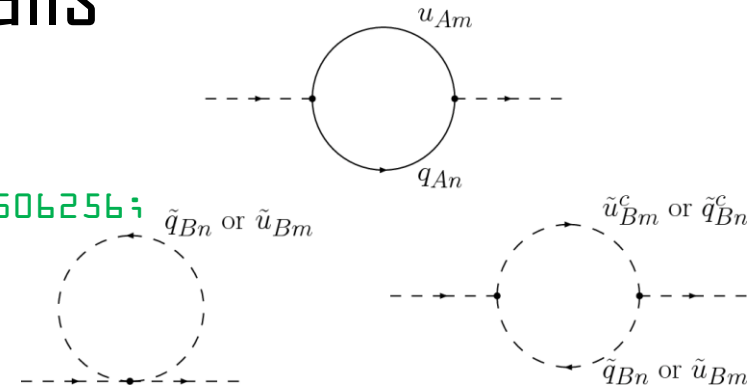
$\frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}} J_{\text{Dark}}$  **Irrelevant portal:** Hidden behind EFTs

# The **Dark Force** for Confinement



➤ Neutral naturalness calls for a non-QCD color

Z. Chacko, H.-S. Goh, and R. Harnik, 0506256;  
 G. Burdman, Z. Chacko, H.S. Goh and R. Harnik, 0609152;  
 H-C. Cheng, LL, E. Salvioni, and C. Verhaaren, 1803.03561



➤ Makes good dark matter candidate



Y. Hochberg, E. Kuflik, H. Murayama, T. Volansky, J. Wacker, 1411.3727;  
 A. Katz, E. Salvioni, and B. B. Shakya, 2006.15148;  
 H-C. Cheng, X. Jiang, LL, E. Salvioni, In Prep.

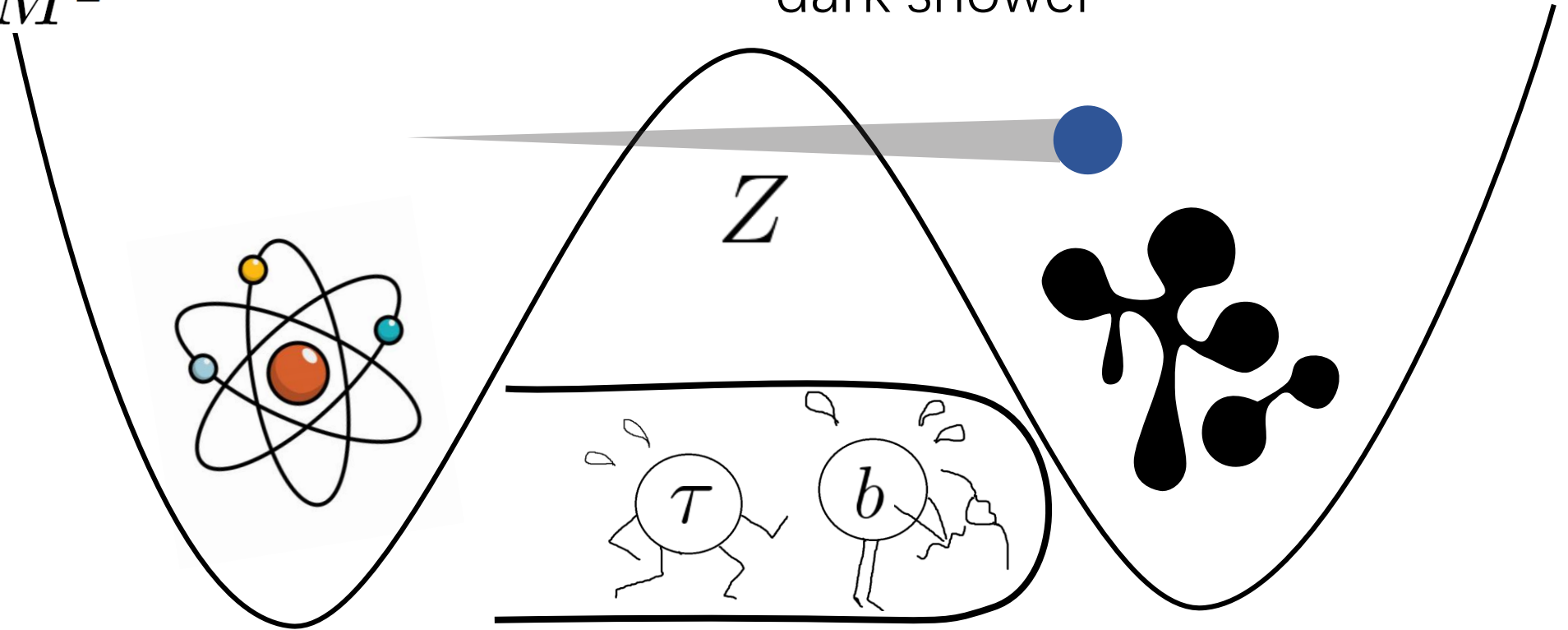
P. Schwaller, D. Stolarski, A. Weiler, 1502.05409;  
 CMS, 1810.10069;  
 S. Knapen, J. Shelton, D. Xu, 2103.01238;  
 S. Born, R. Karur, S. Knapen, J. Shelton, 2303.04167;  
 J. Carroscio, J. Zivita, 2307.04847



➤ Rich collider phenomenology

# The Z (& Flavor) Portal

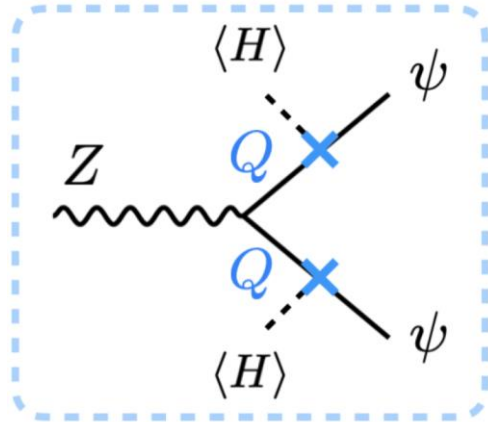
$$\frac{c}{M^2} (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) \quad \text{Tree level, meson decay and dark shower}$$



$$\frac{\kappa}{M^2} (\bar{d}_i \gamma^\mu d_j) (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi) \quad \text{One loop, complementary at lower energies, respects MFV}$$

# The Z Portal: $\frac{c}{M^2} (iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi)$ from Two UV Models

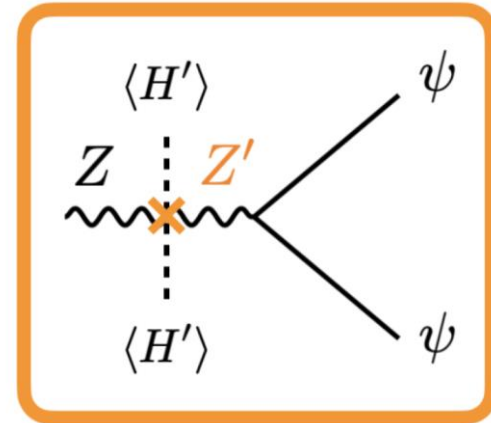
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} \supset \bar{Q} Y \psi H \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{c}{M^2} \sim \frac{Y^2}{M_Q^2}$$



Heavy fermion doublet model:  
a heavy scale above TeV

H-C. Cheng, LL, E.  
Salvioni, 2110.10691

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} \supset \delta \hat{M}^2 Z^\mu Z'_\mu \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{c}{M^2} \sim \frac{g_D^2 \delta \hat{M}^2}{m_Z^2 m_{Z'}^2}$$

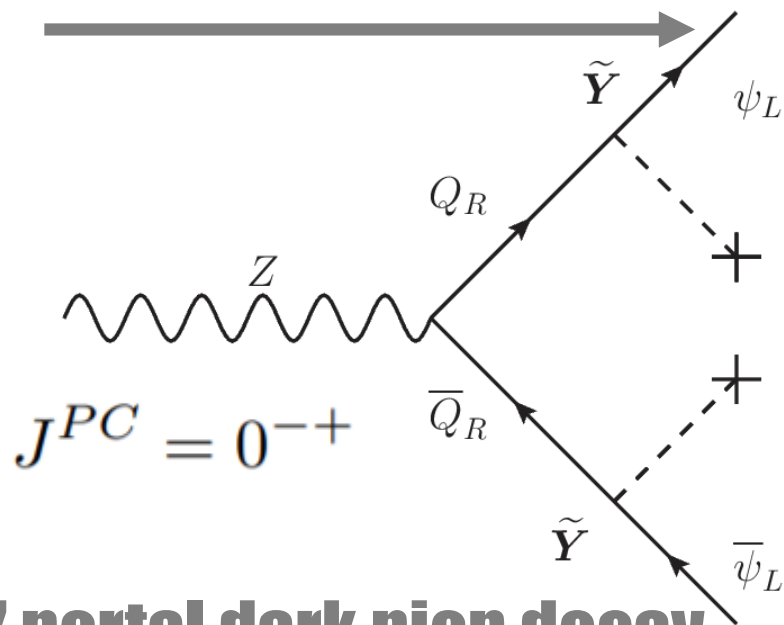


Dark Z' model: a Z' heavier or lighter(!)  
than Z, must have a mass mixing

H-C. Cheng, X. Jiang, LL,  
E. Salvioni, 2401.08785

# Two Flavor, Three Dark Pions

## Z portal dark pion production



Dark pions rearrange into **CP eigenstates** (like  $K_S$  and  $K_L$  in the SM)

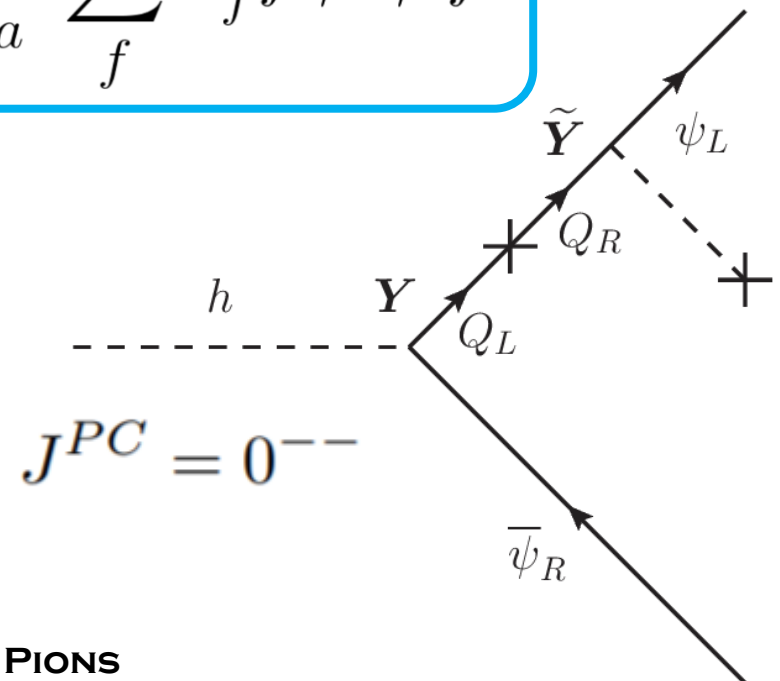
The  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_3$  decay via Z portal, ALP-like (axion-like-particle) with **effective ALP decay constants**:

$$\mathcal{L}_a \supset -\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \sum_f T_f^3 \bar{f} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 f$$

## Z portal dark pion decay

The  $\pi_2$  mix with the Higgs since it's CP-even, with **mixing angle**:

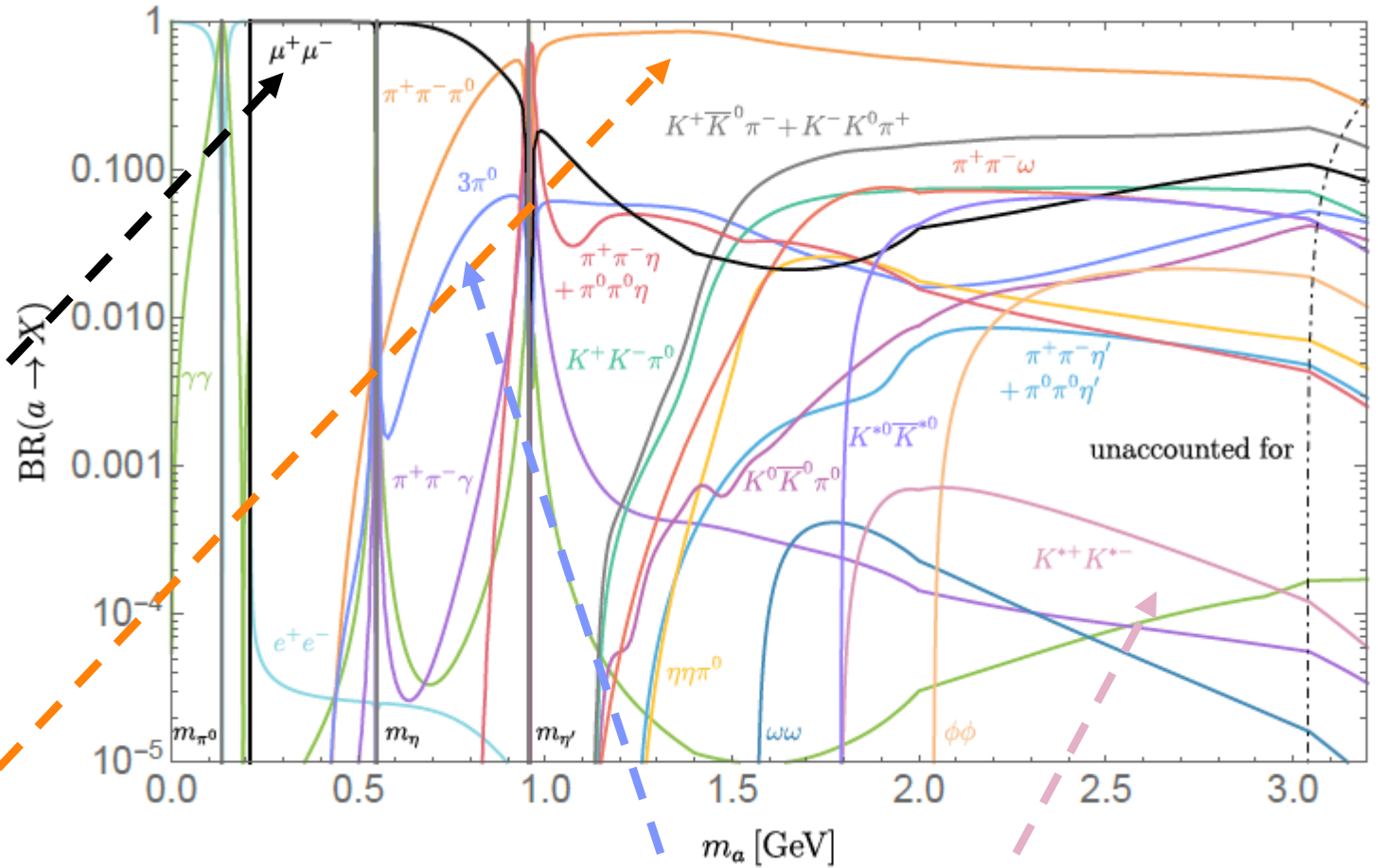
$$\mathcal{L}_s \supset -\sin \theta_s \frac{m_f}{v} s \bar{f} f, \quad \theta_s \lesssim 10^{-6}$$



# Dark Pion Decays (ALP-Like)

ALP with arbitrary flavor diagonal couplings

$m_\pi < m_{\eta'}$ : dimuon mode dominates



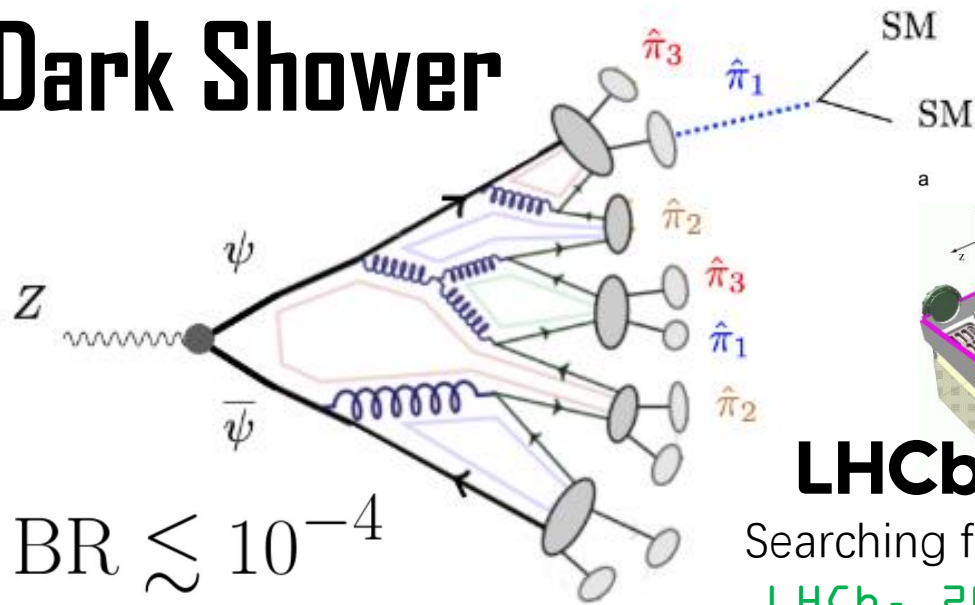
SM isospin suppressed modes

$m_\pi > m_{\eta'}$ : PPP modes  
(mostly SM  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ )

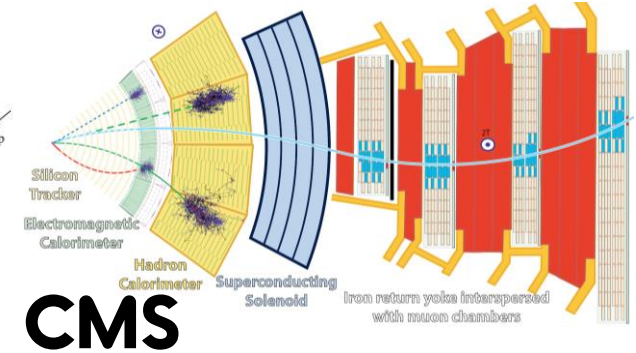
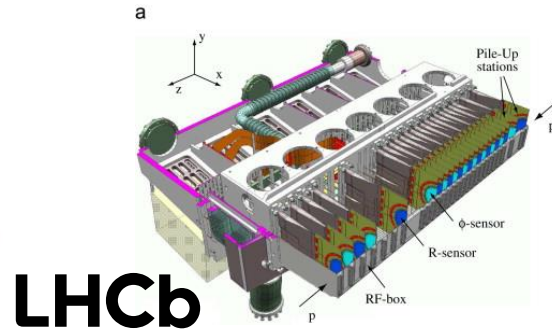
$$f_a \sim \frac{M^2}{f_{\hat{\pi}} Y^2} \text{ or } \frac{m_Z^2 m_{Z'}^2}{f_{\hat{\pi}} \delta M^2} \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{PeV})$$

# LHC Phenomenology

## Dark Shower

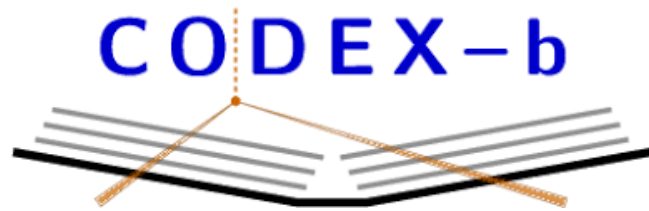


Signal: Muon rich jet-like structure with long-lived tracks & MET



Searching for displaced dimuon resonances (one or more)

LHCb, 2007.03923; CMS, 2112.13769

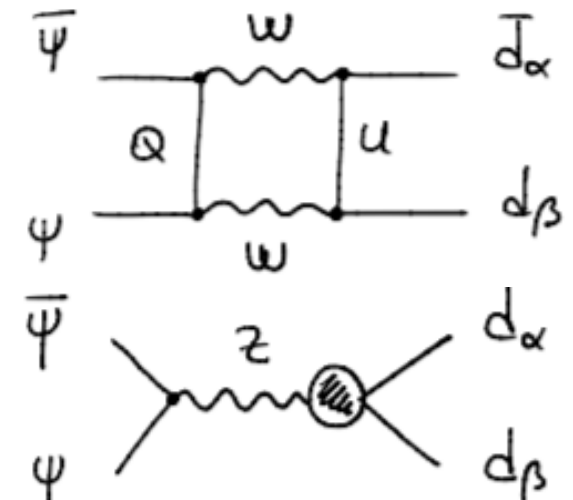


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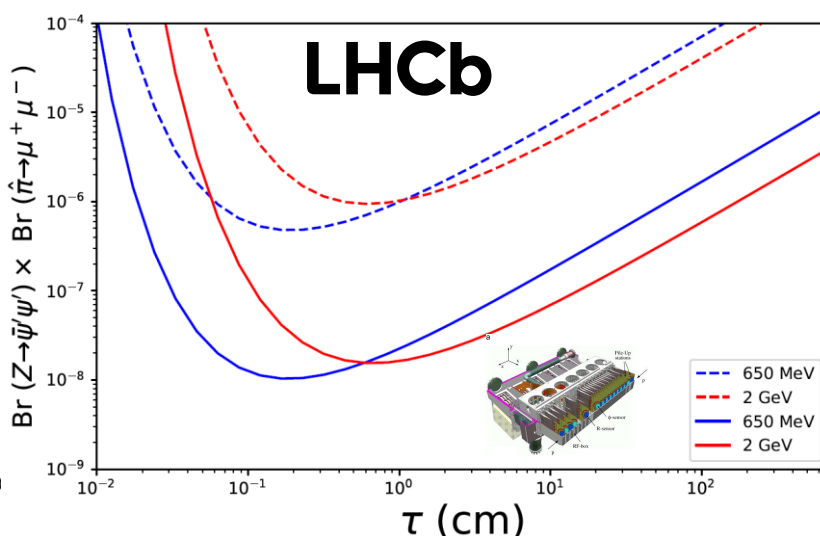
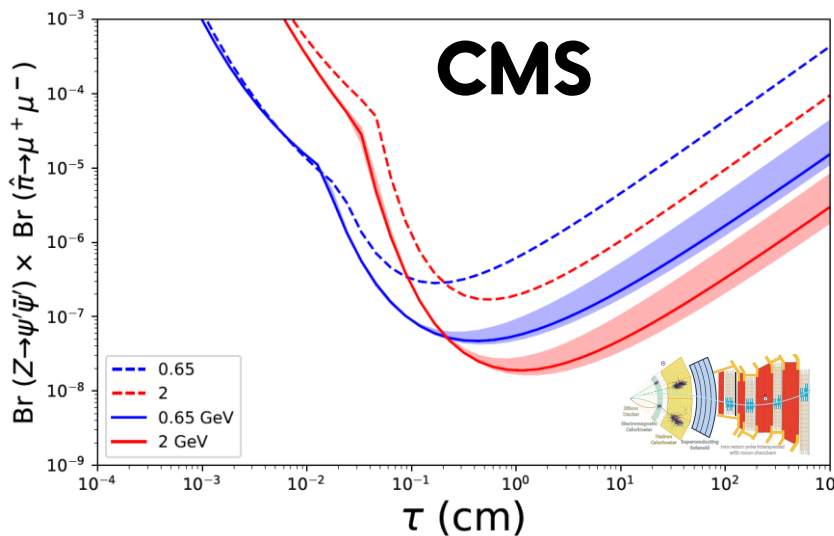
$$\text{BR} \approx 10^{-8} \left( \frac{1 \text{ PeV}}{f_a} \right)^2$$



**FCNC Decays**

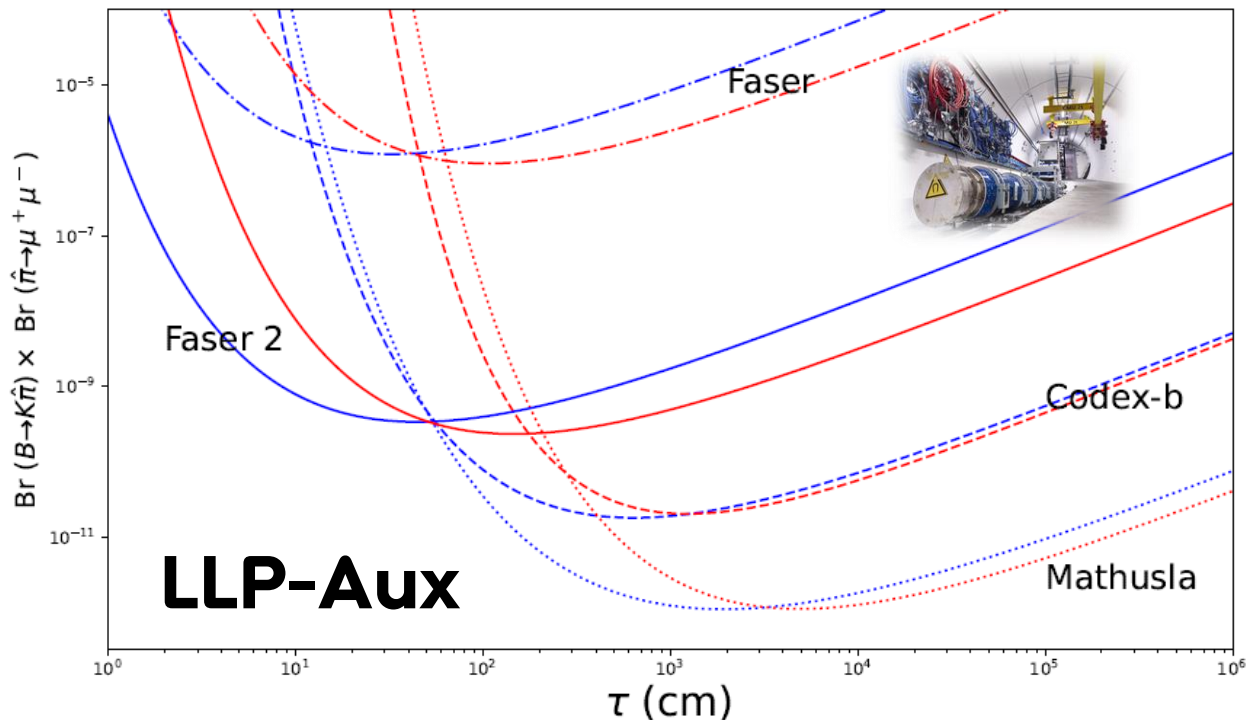


# Model-Independent Limits

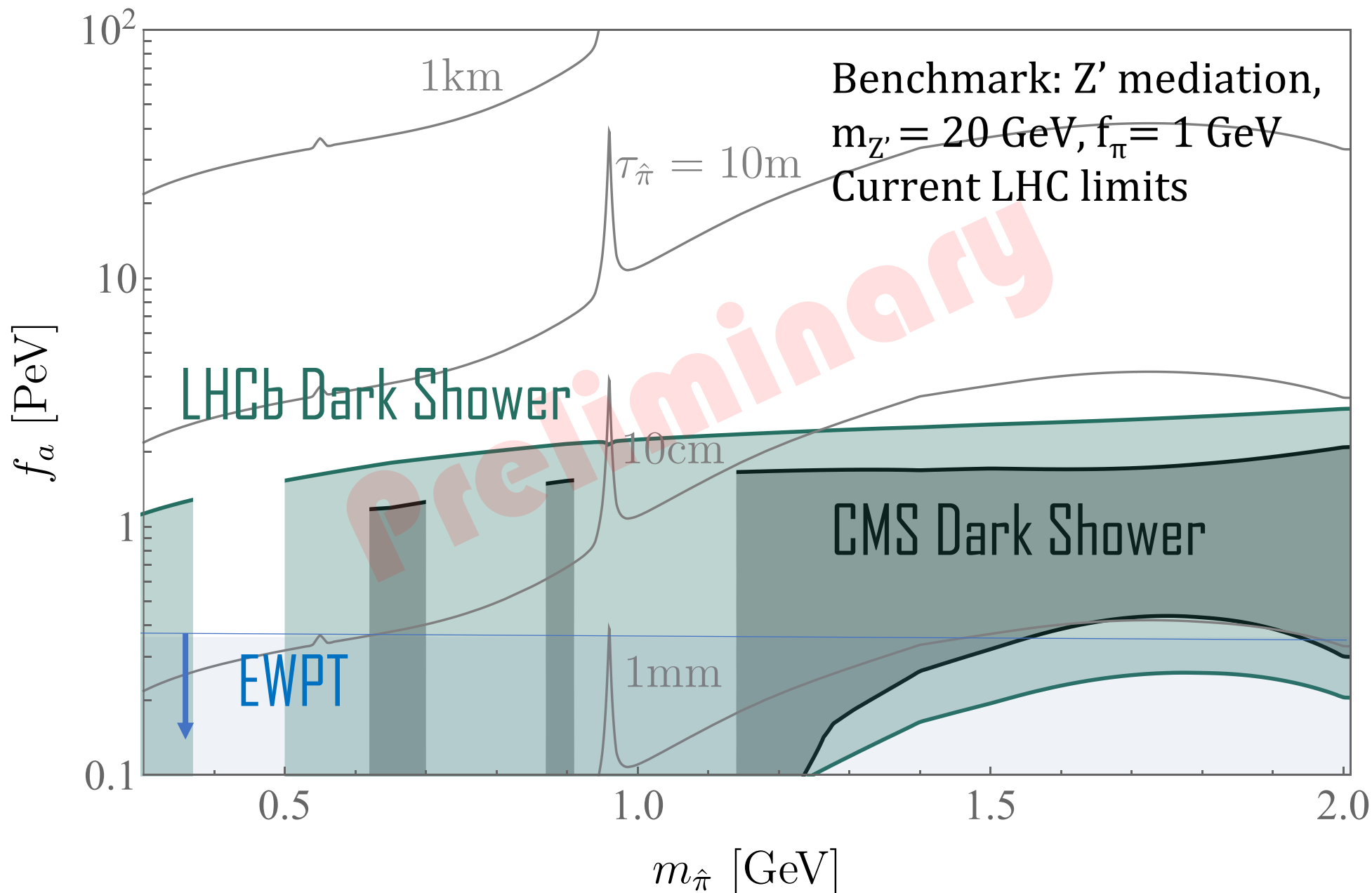


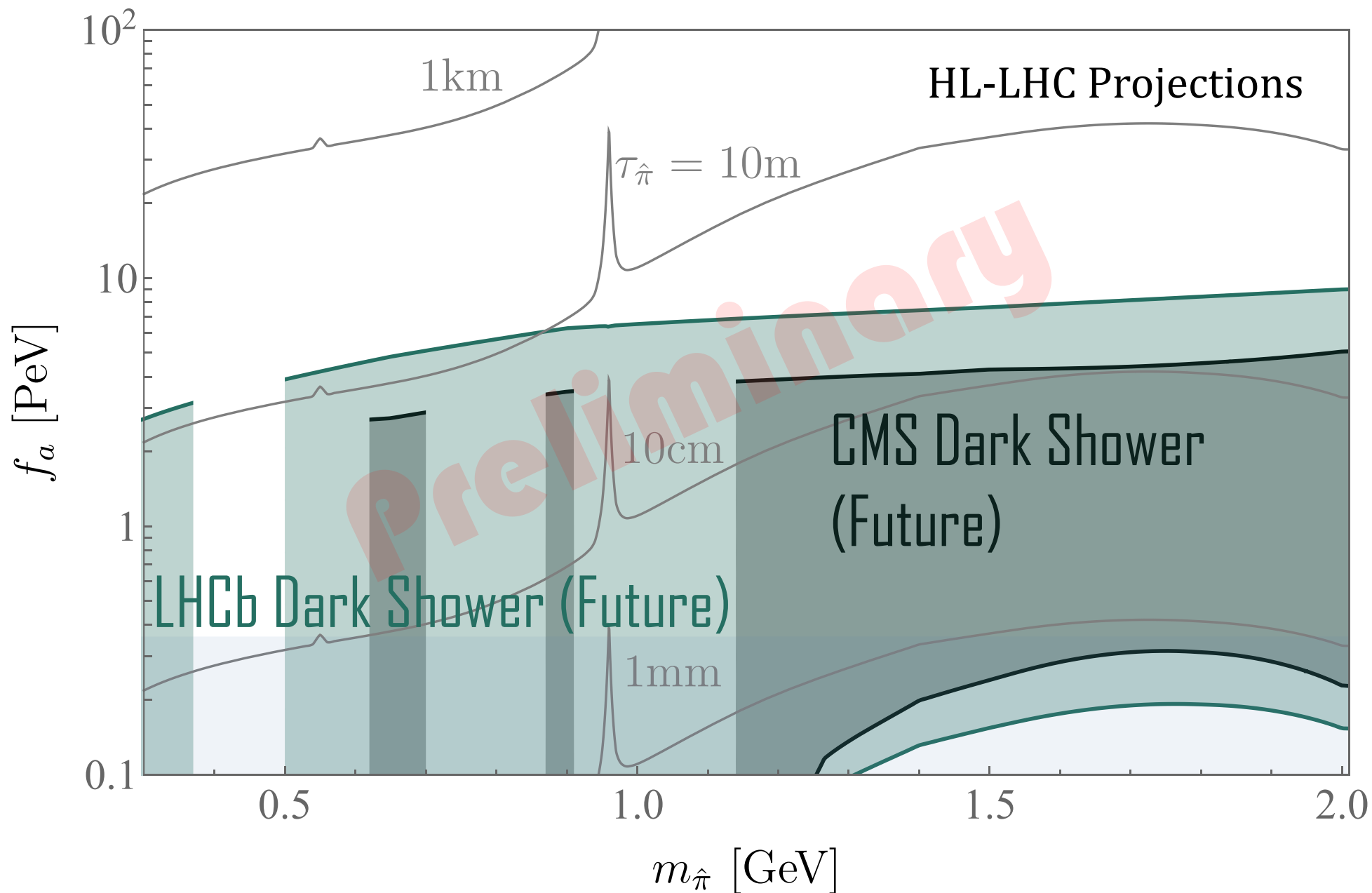
- Z boson initiated dark shower limits at LHC
- : Current
- : Future

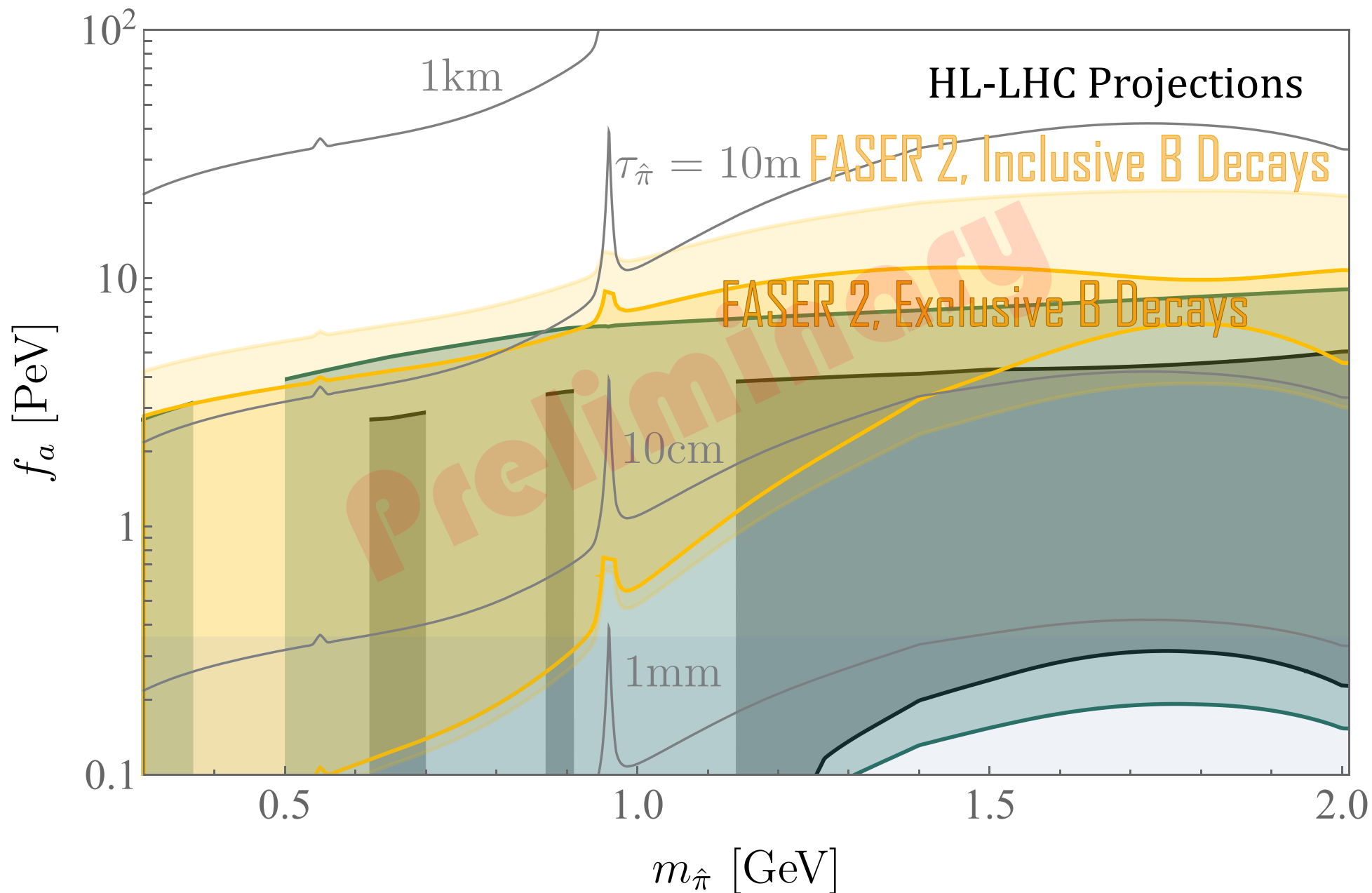
- Exclusive B FCNC limits at various auxiliary LLP detectors, even more when include more final states



# Model-Dependent Constraints







# Summary

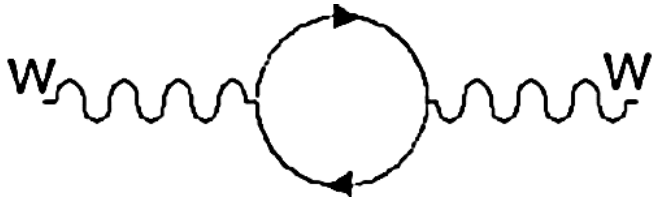
- Dark shower from the  $Z$  portal gives rise to decaying dark pions having lifetimes within collider reach, making the dark shower more visible (and likely muon rich)
- We describe two classes of underlying theories: doublet fermion and light  $Z'$  portal
- Recasted LHC limits and future limits from main and auxiliary limits
- FCNC decays offer complementary probes, good target for forward LLP detectors

# Backup Slides

# Indirect/Precision Constraints

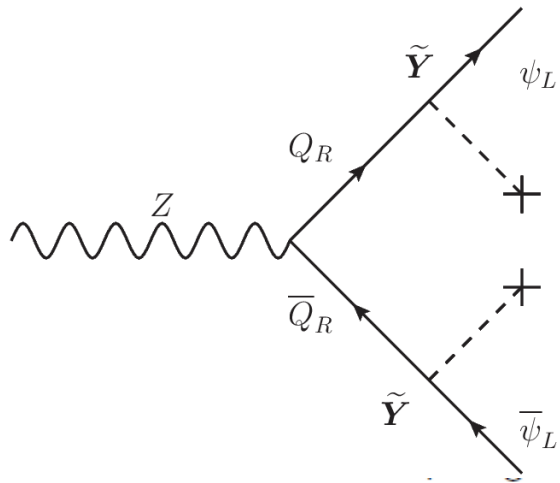
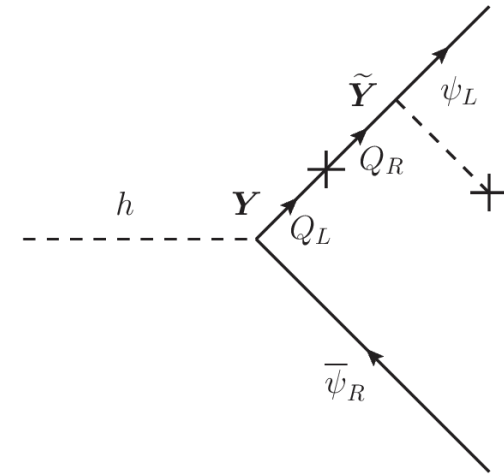
$$M \gtrsim 0.9 \text{ TeV } Y^2 \left( \frac{N_d N}{6} \right)^{1/2}$$

From EW oblique parameter  $T < O(10^{-3})$



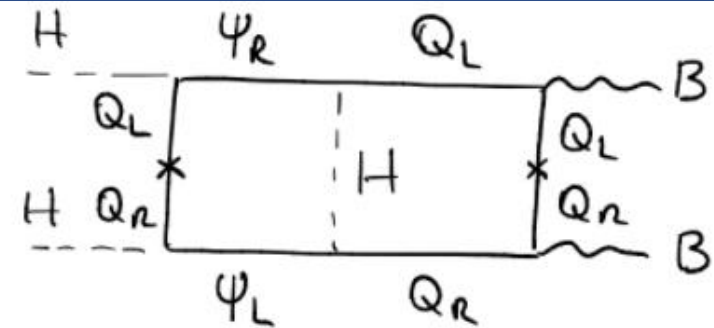
$$M \gtrsim 0.4 \text{ TeV } \left( \frac{N_d \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^\dagger \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^\dagger)}{3 \times 10^{-4}} \right)^{1/2}$$

From Higgs invisible decay BR < 13%



$$M \gtrsim 0.8 \text{ TeV } Y \left( \frac{N_d N}{6} \right)^{1/4}$$

From Z invisible decay width < ~2 MeV



$$M \gtrsim 1.5 \text{ TeV } Y \tilde{Y}$$

From electron EDM  
if CP is violated maximally