

# On axions and ALPs

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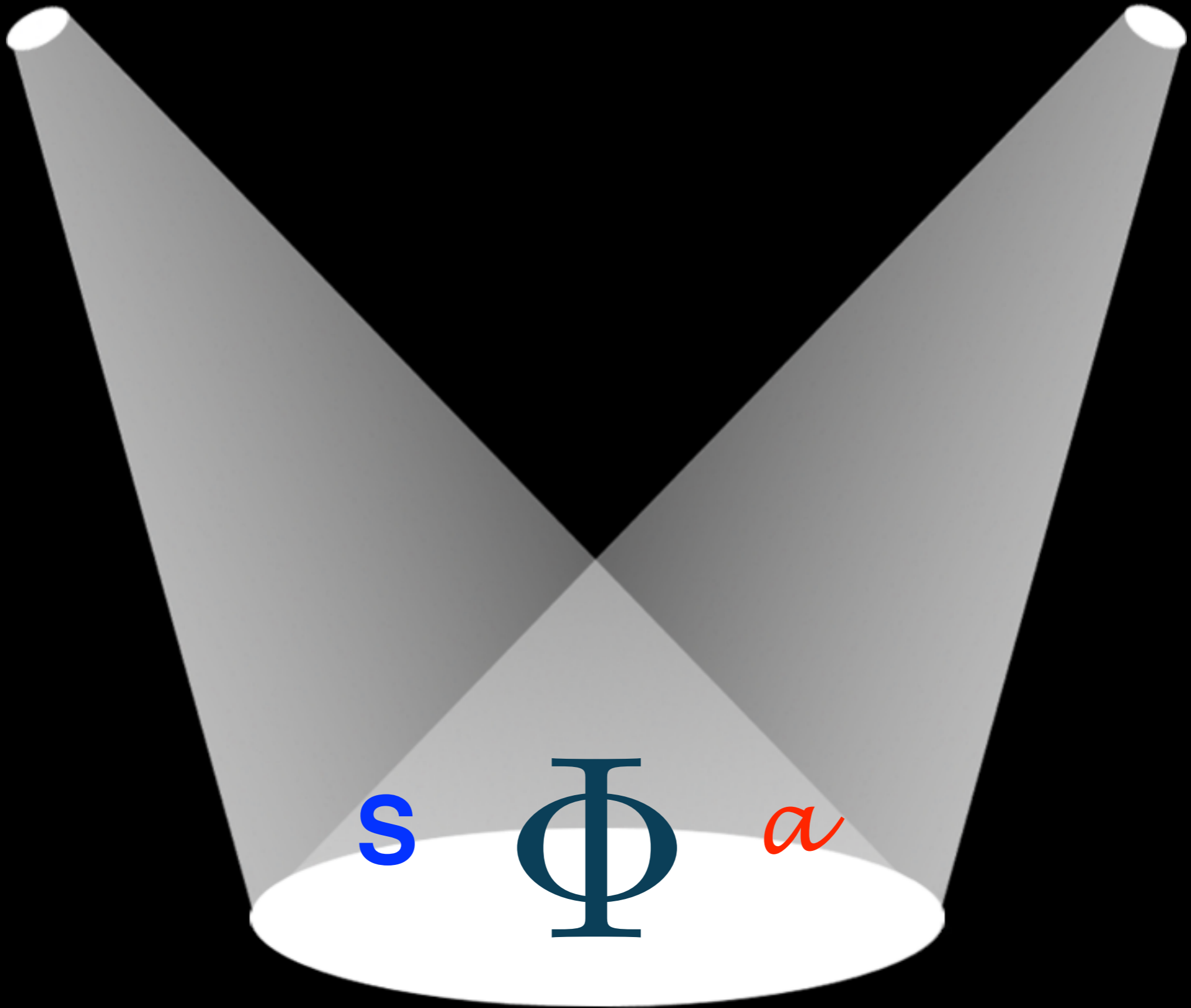
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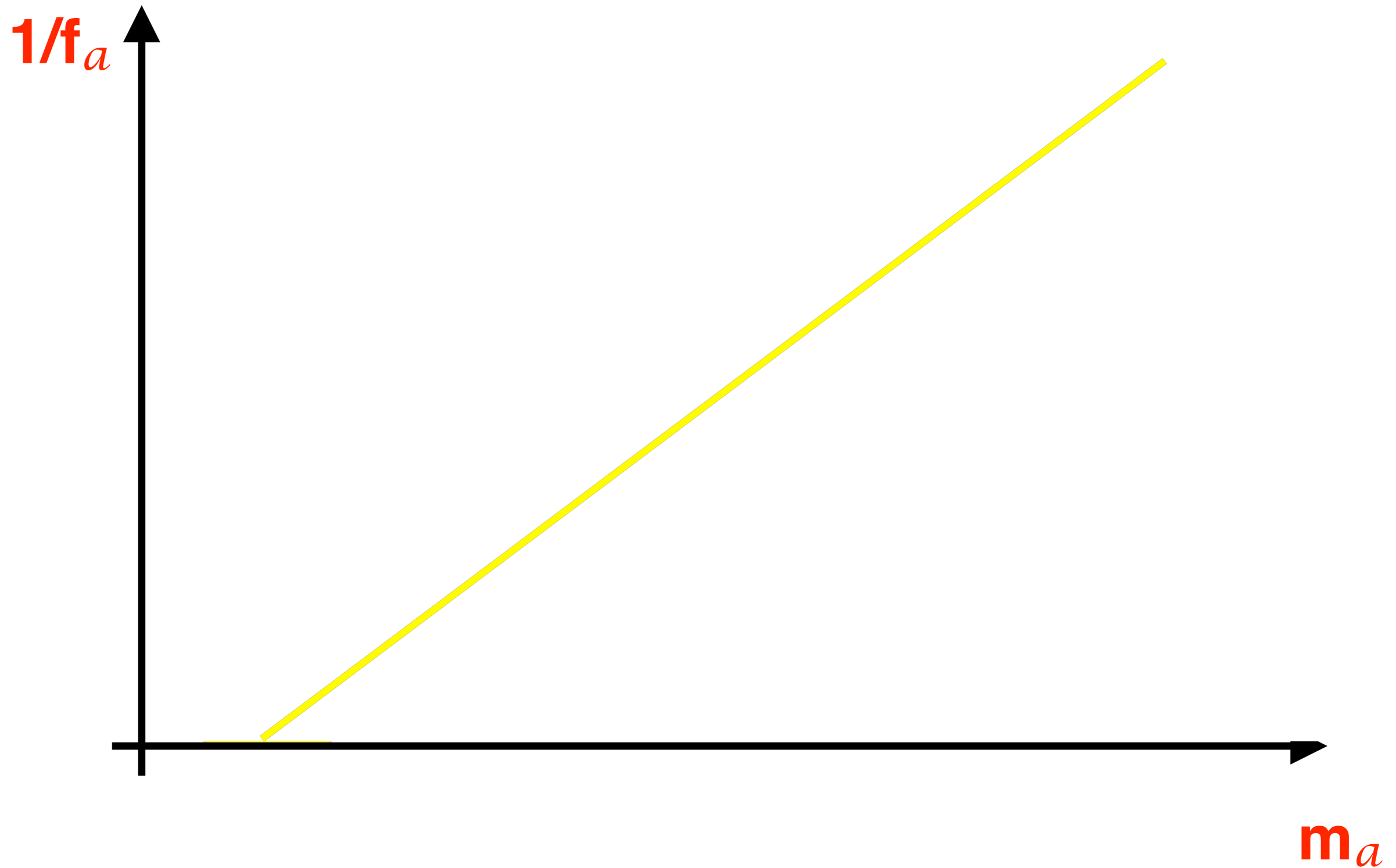
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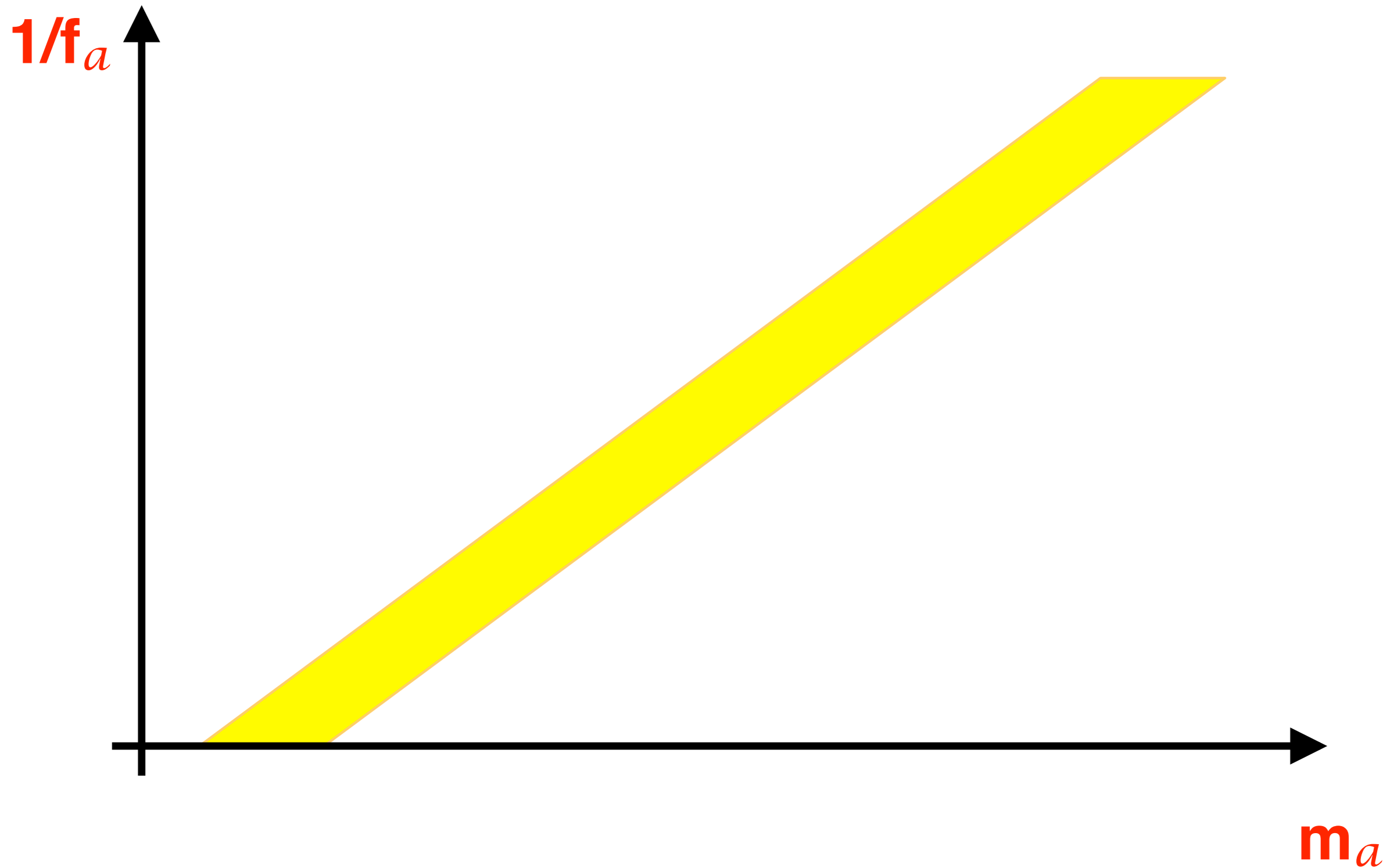
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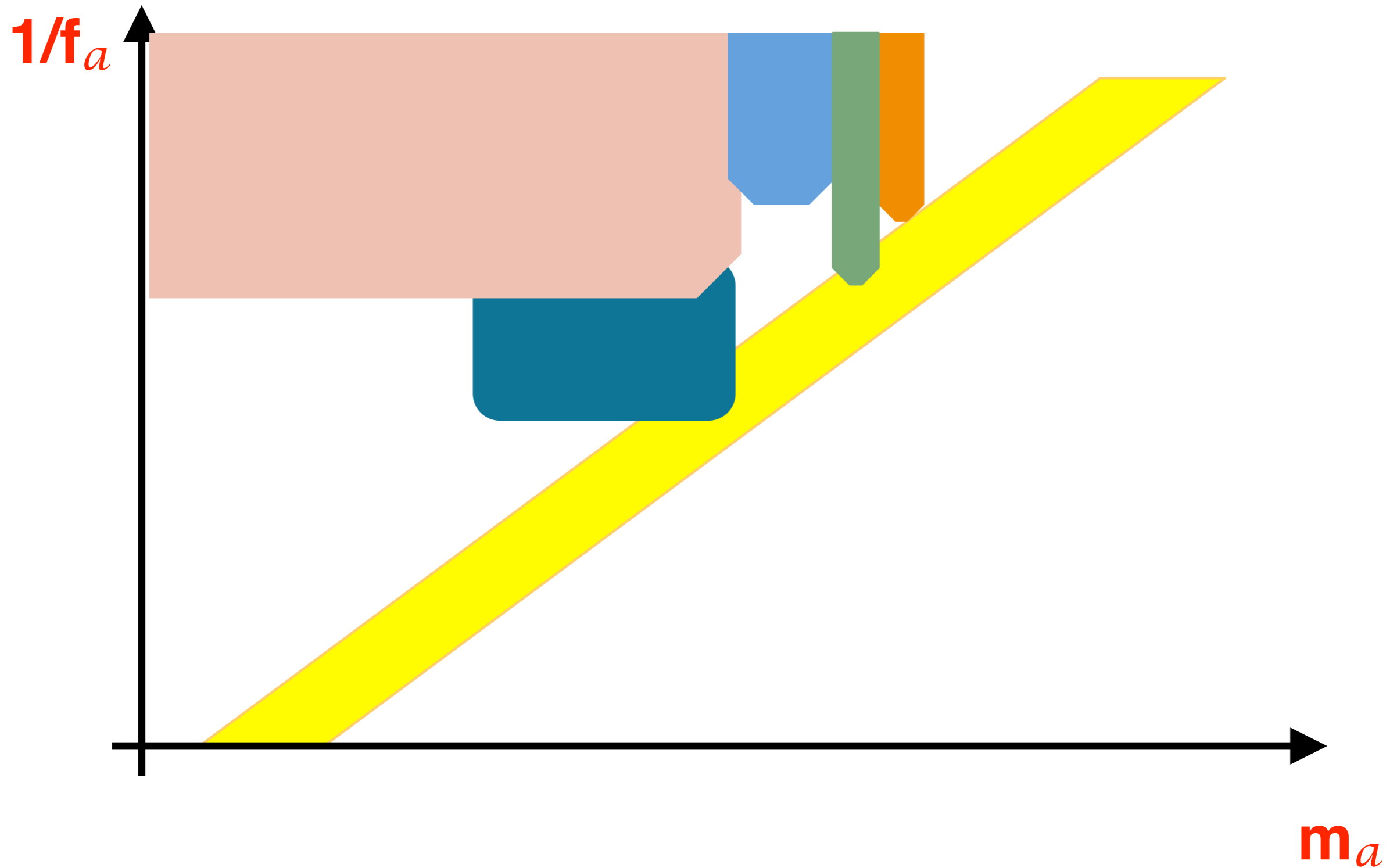


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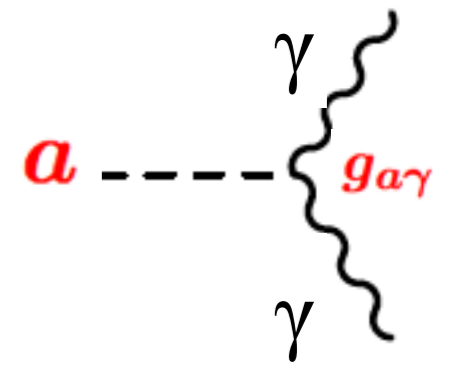
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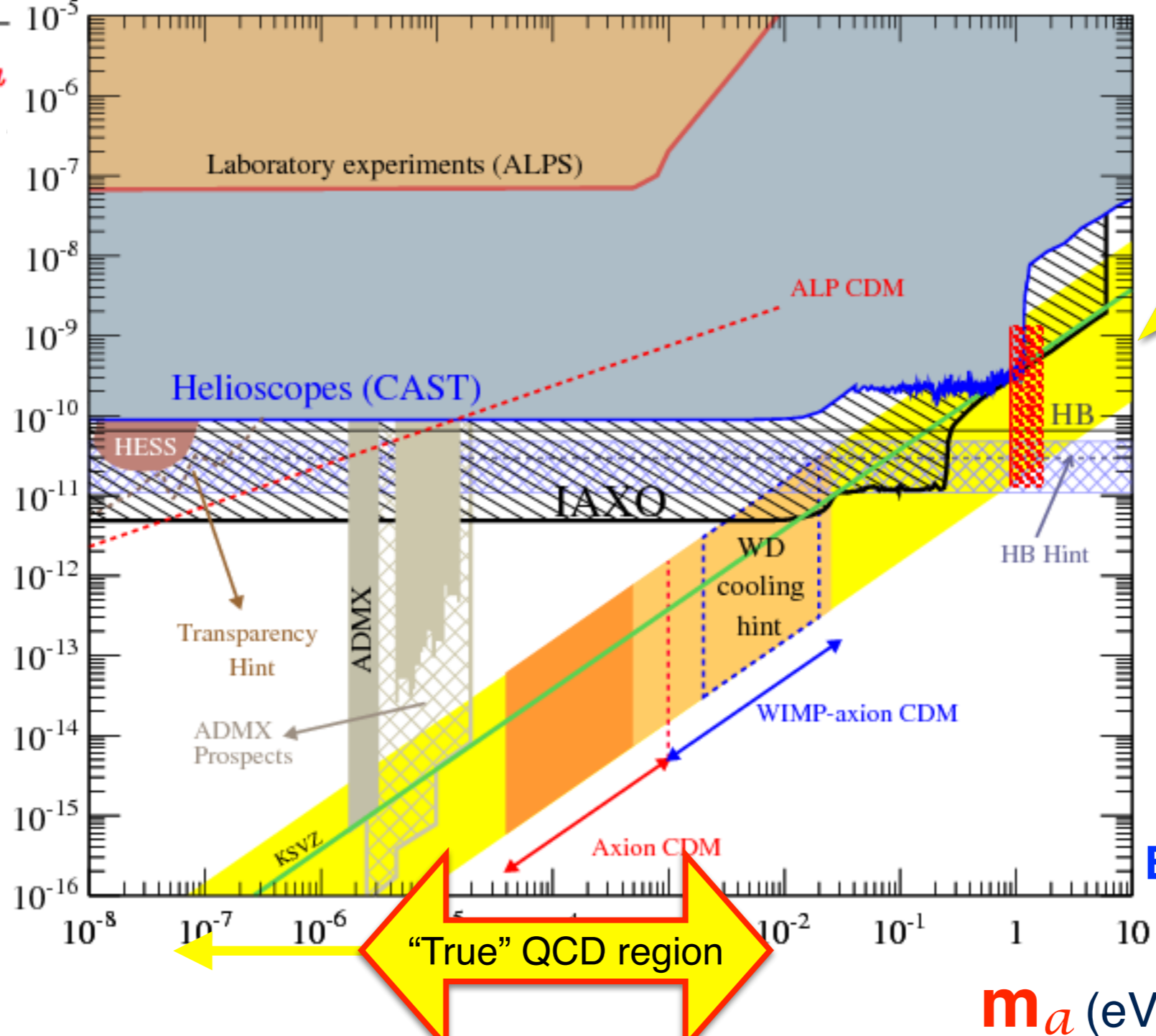
Because SN and hadronic data, if axions light enough to be emitted (and  $m_a f_a = \text{cte.}$ )

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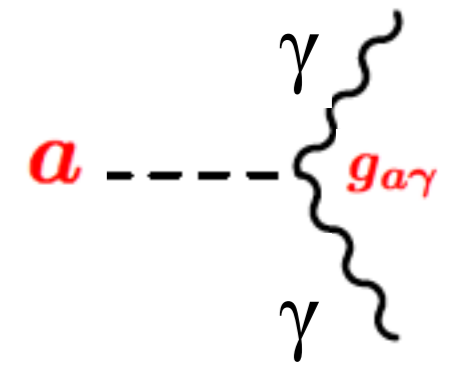
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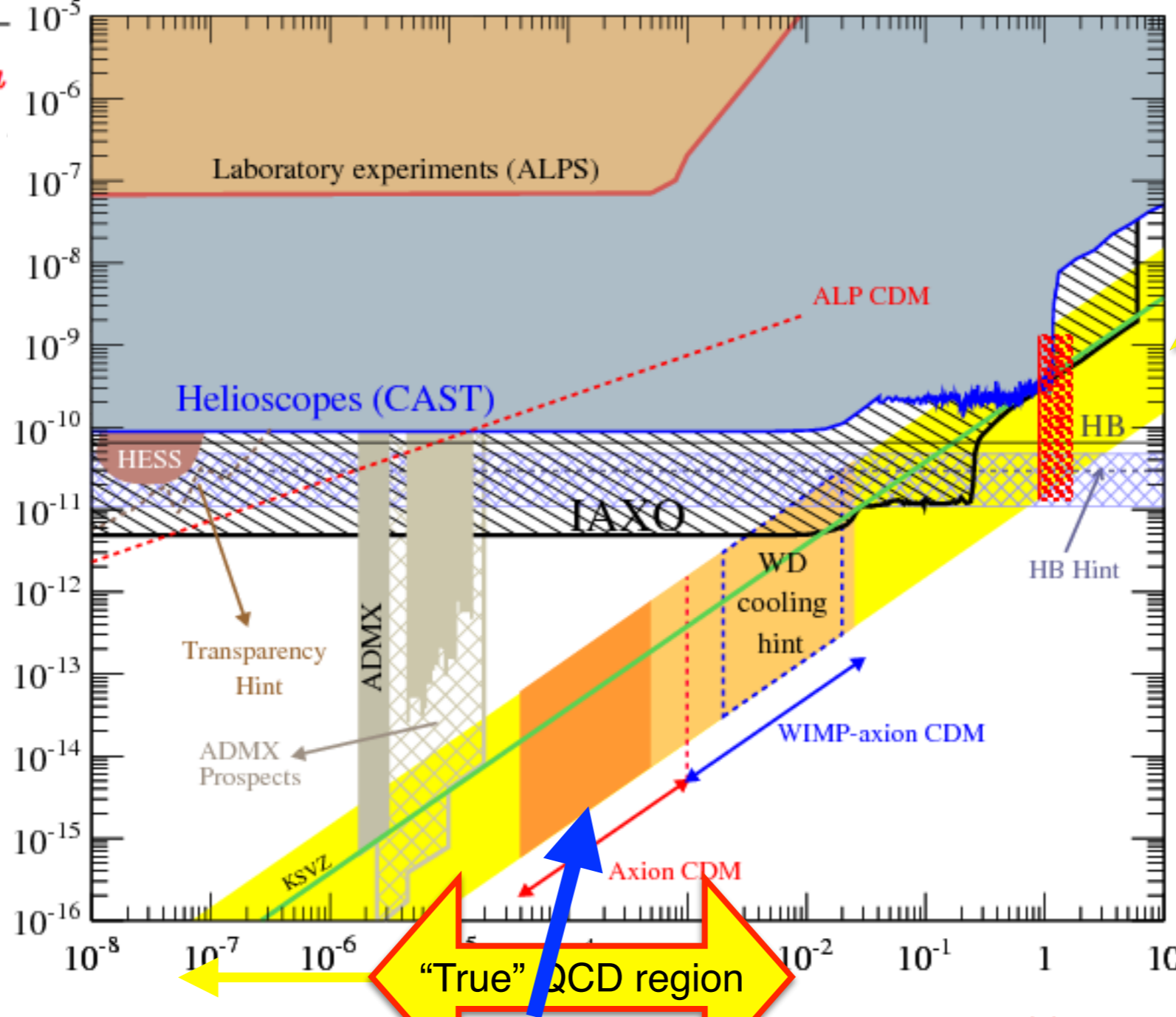
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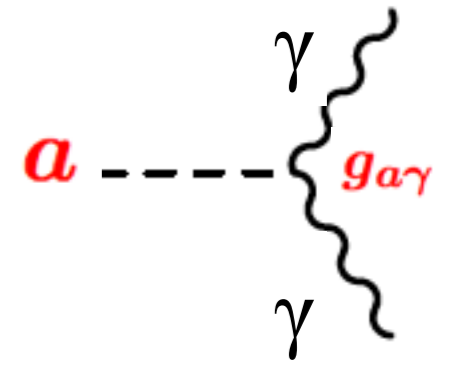
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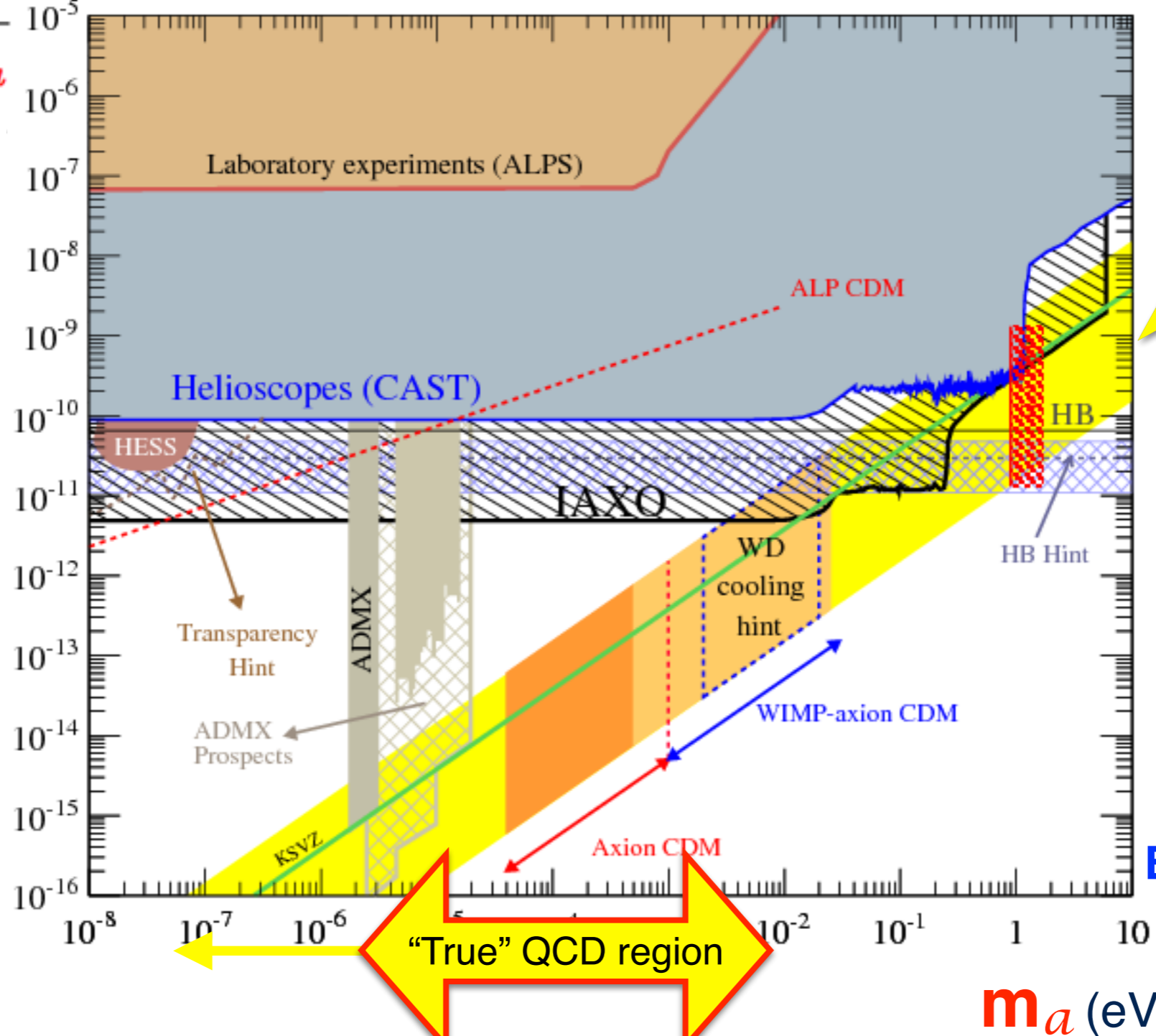
**Much activity in estimating the value of the “cte.” =  $m_a f_a$  with lattice QCD.** 2015: Cortona et al. ;Trunin et al.; 2016: Borsanyi et al., Petreczky et al., Taniguchi et al., Frison et al.



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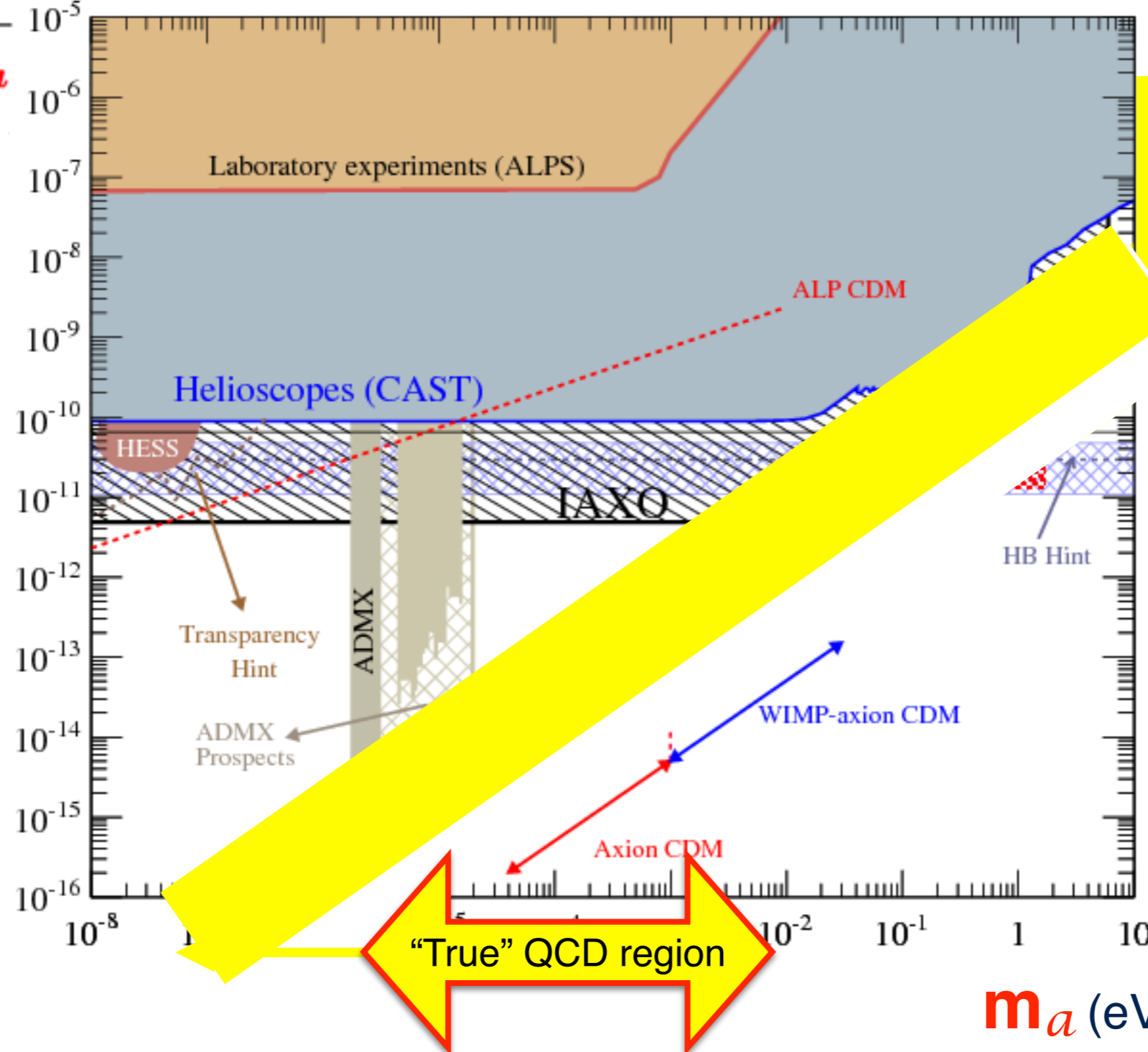
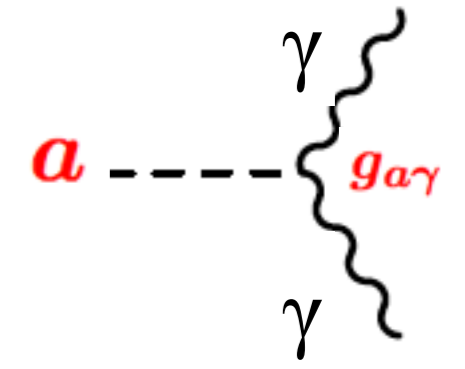
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**Refined KSVZ axion band:  
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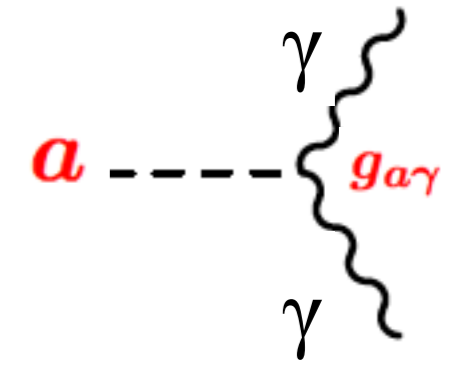
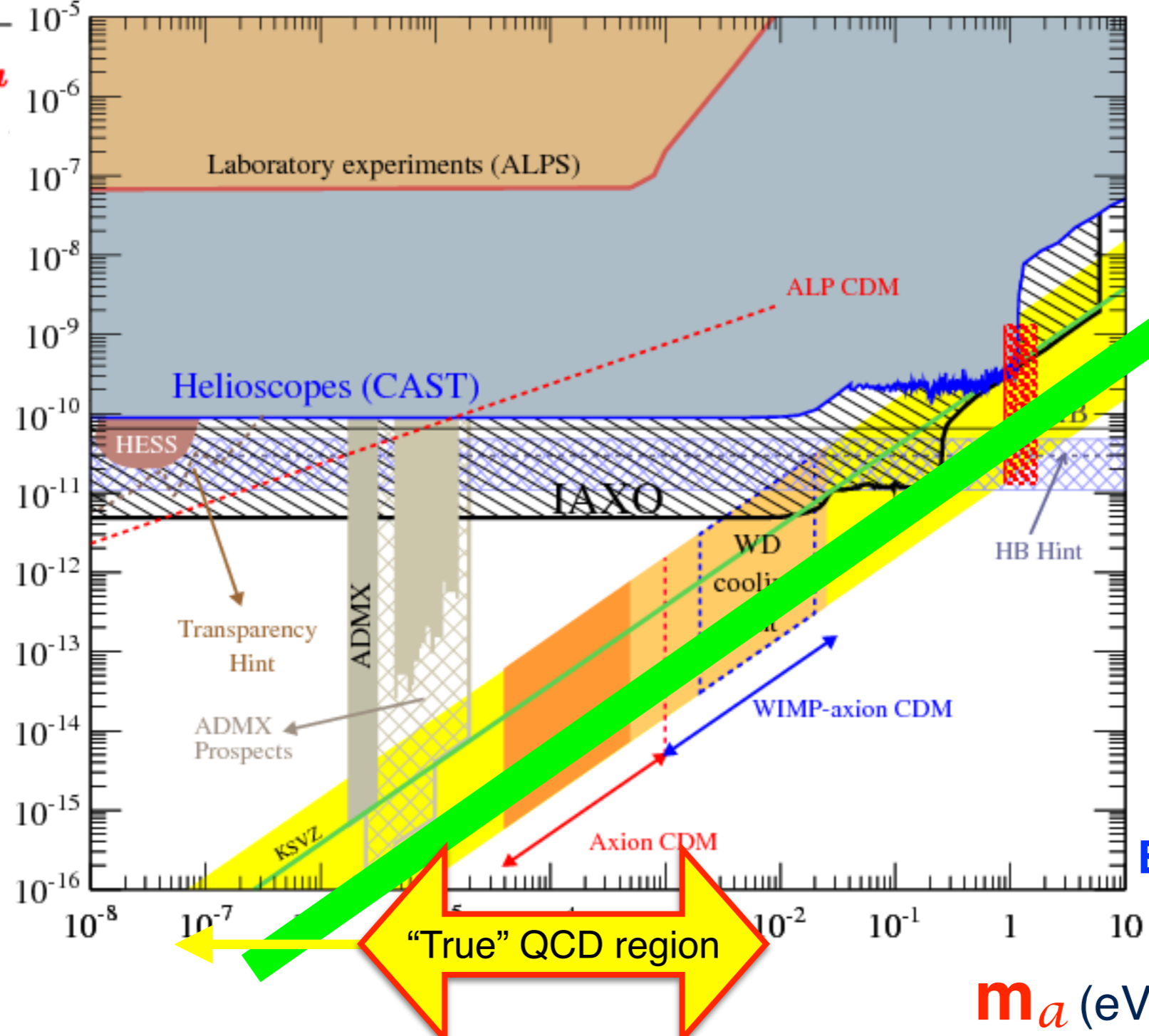
from  $\Omega_{\text{DM}}$   
+ Landau-poles analysis  
(Luzio+Mescia+Nardi 2017)

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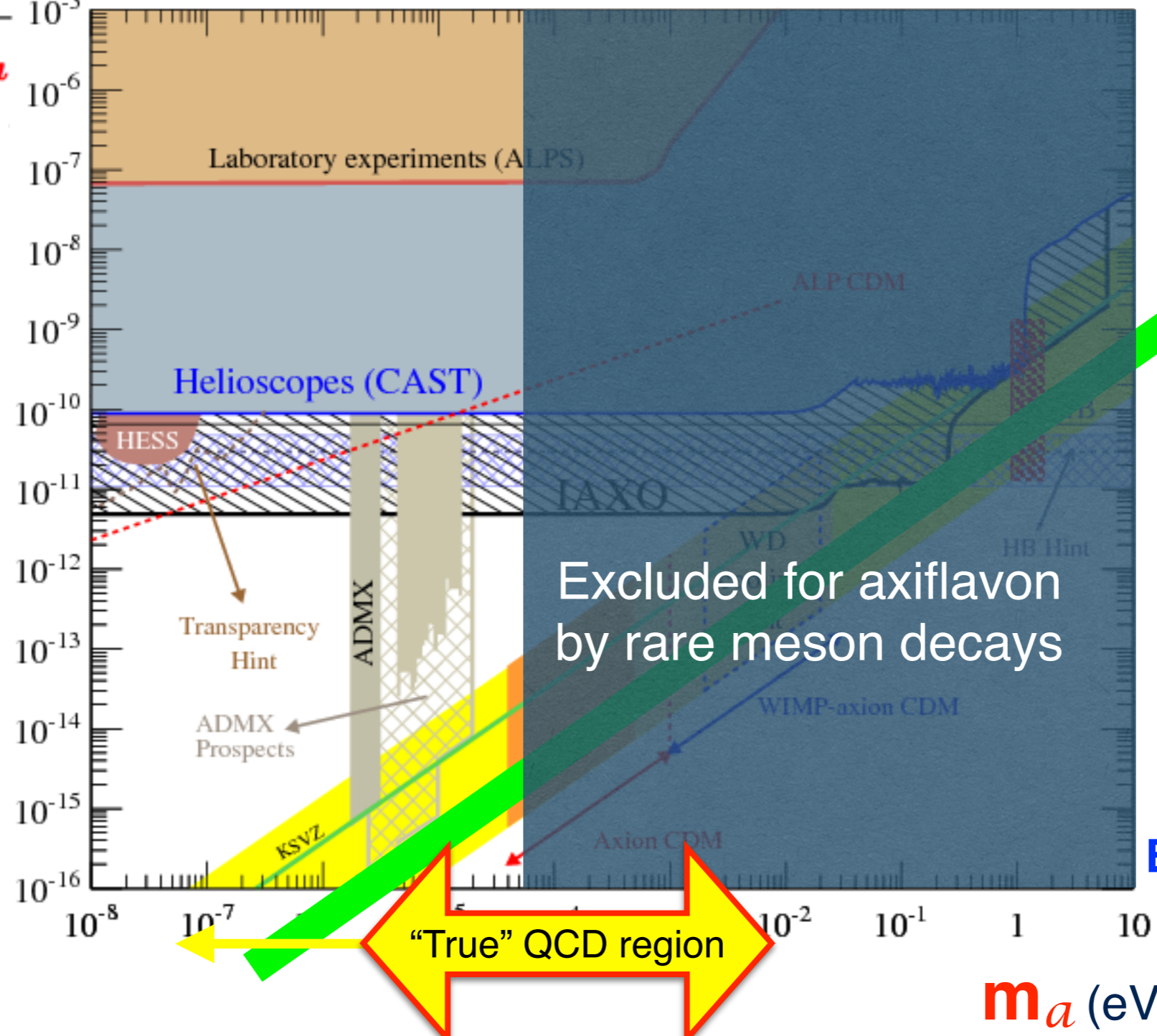
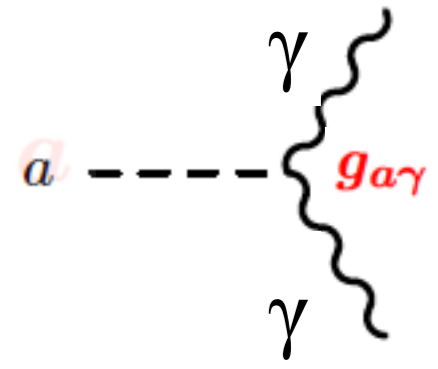
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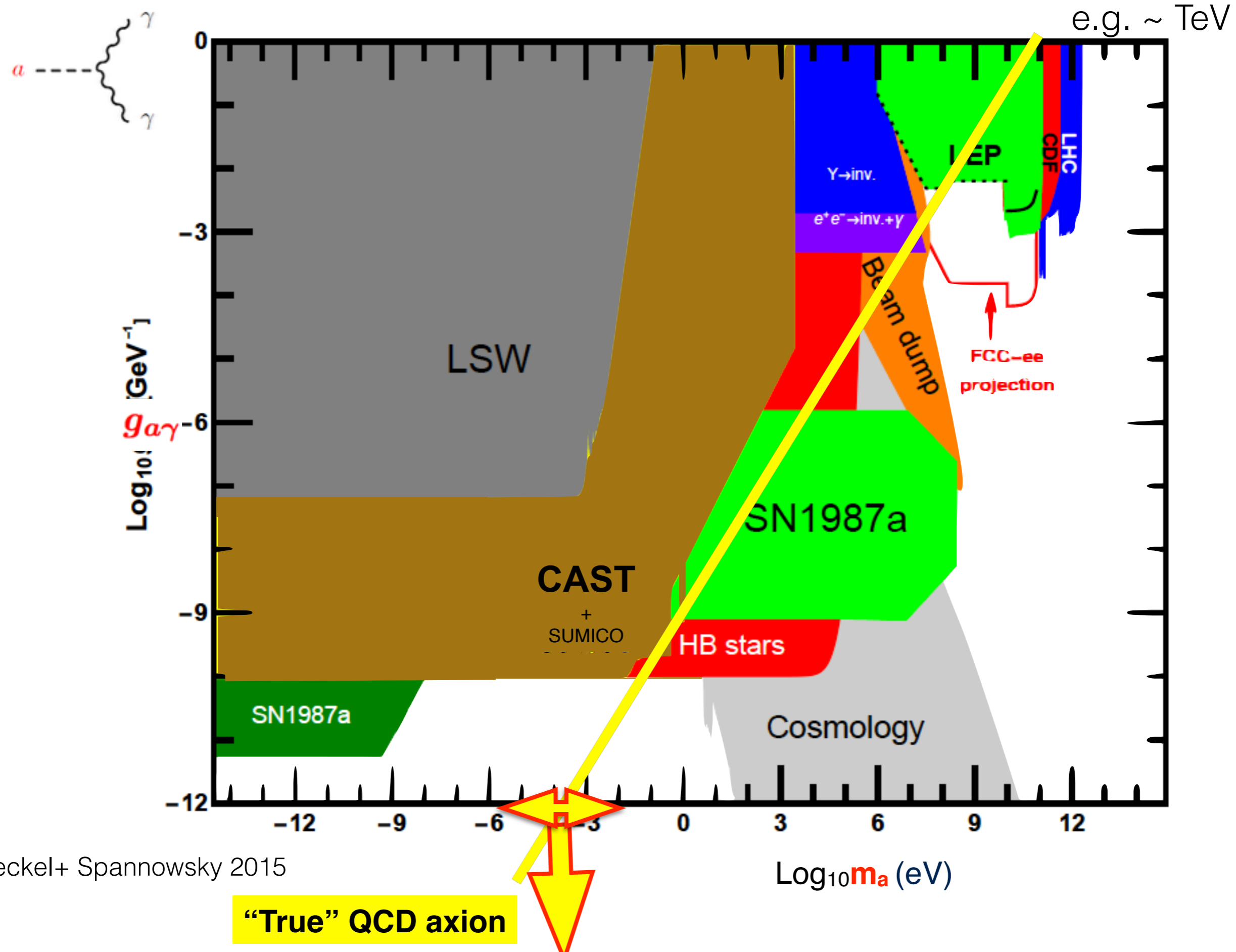
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—> To reabsorb both : unification, and/or SM mirror world related by  $Z_2$ ,  
or other constructions ... *all require tunings*

*Nothing works very nicely, but there is movement*

—> e.g.  $f_a \sim \text{TeV}$ ,  $m_a \sim \text{MeV} - \text{TeV}$  still solve the strong CP problem

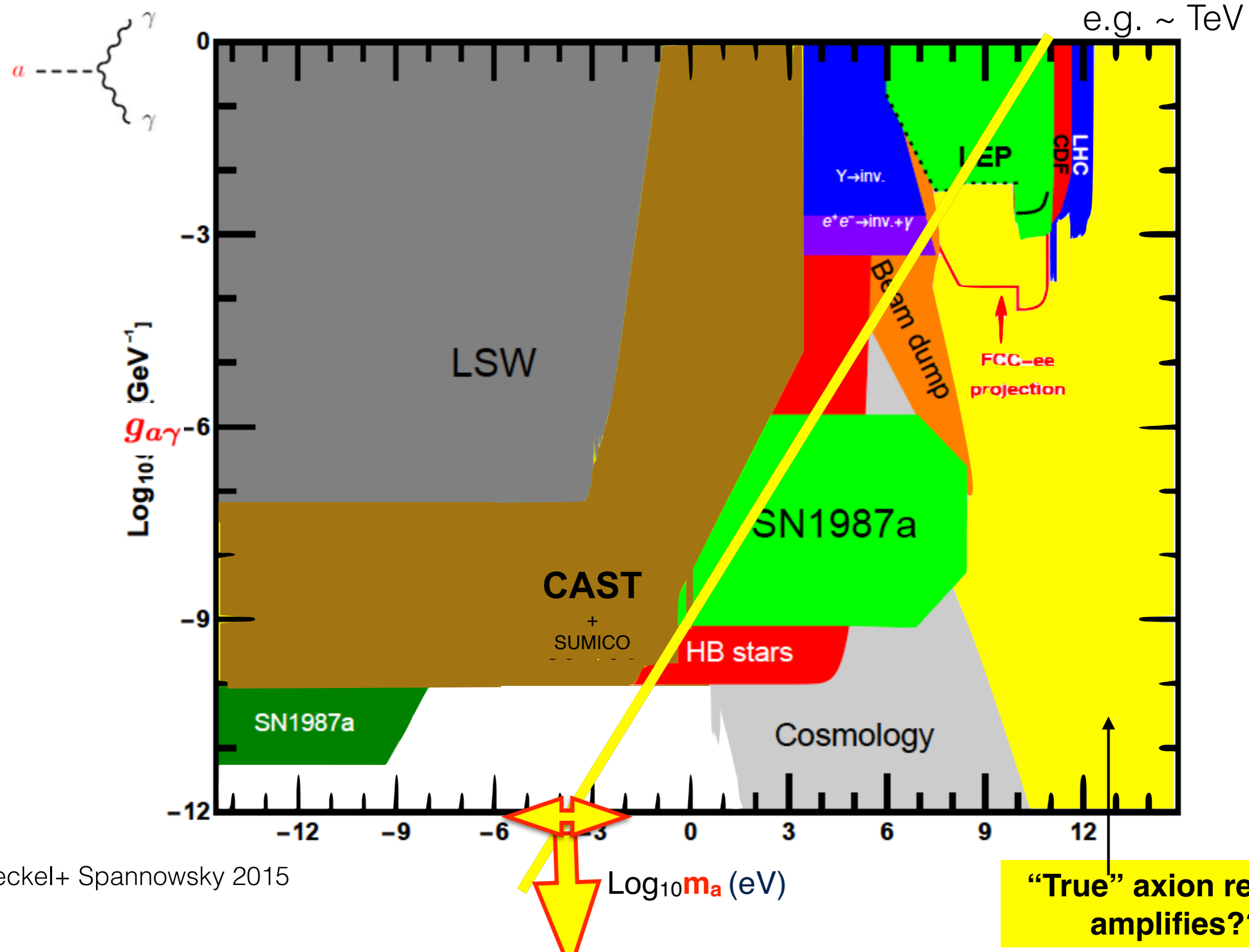
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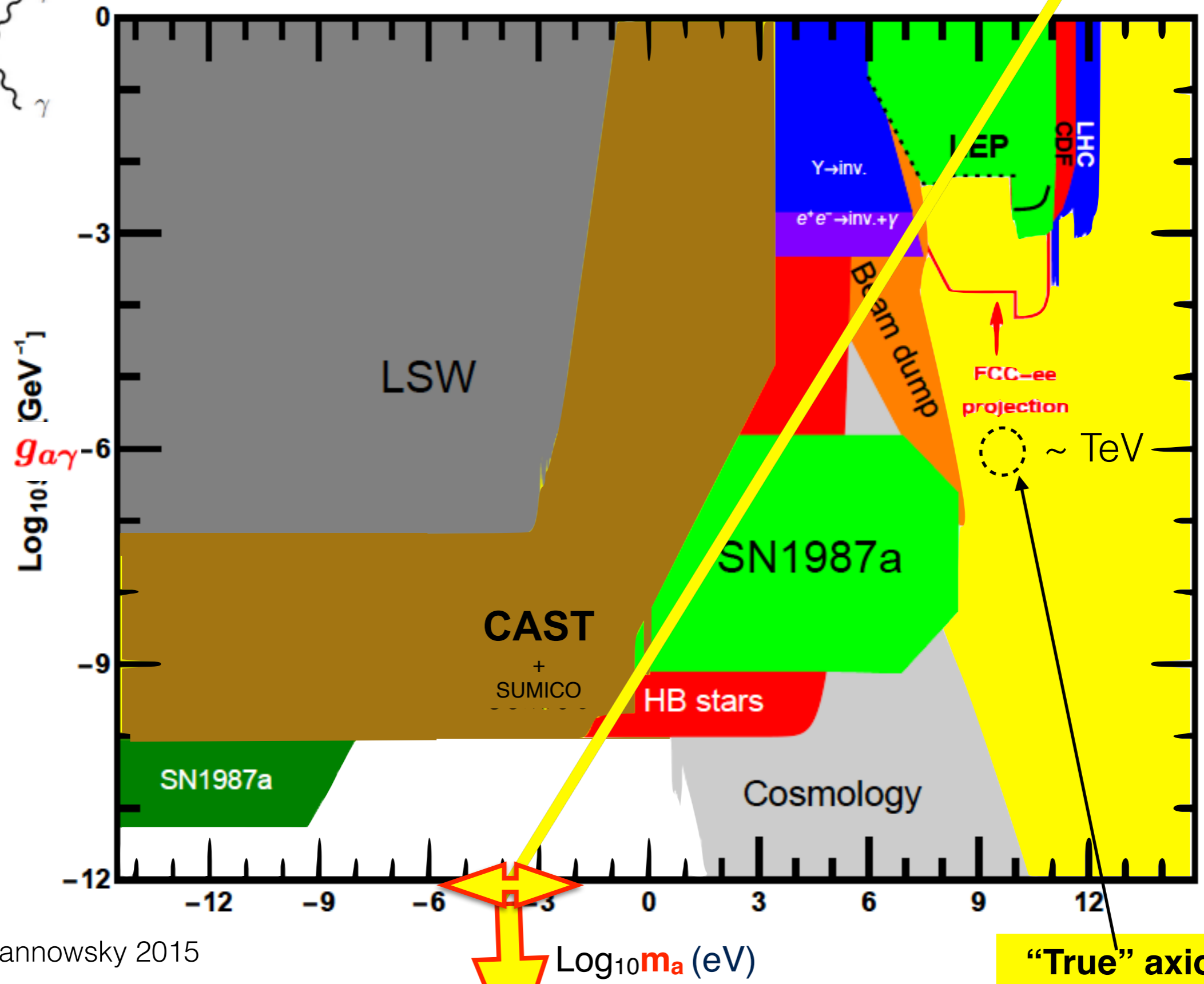
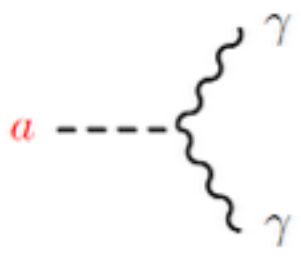
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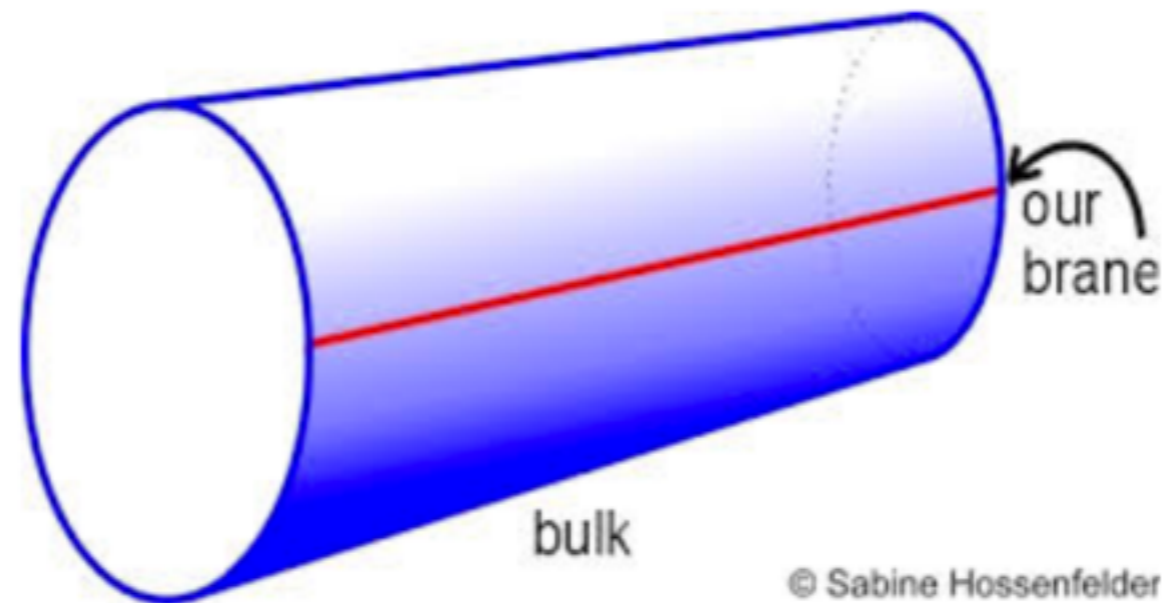
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“True” axion region amplifies??

# (Pseudo)Goldstone Bosons also 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

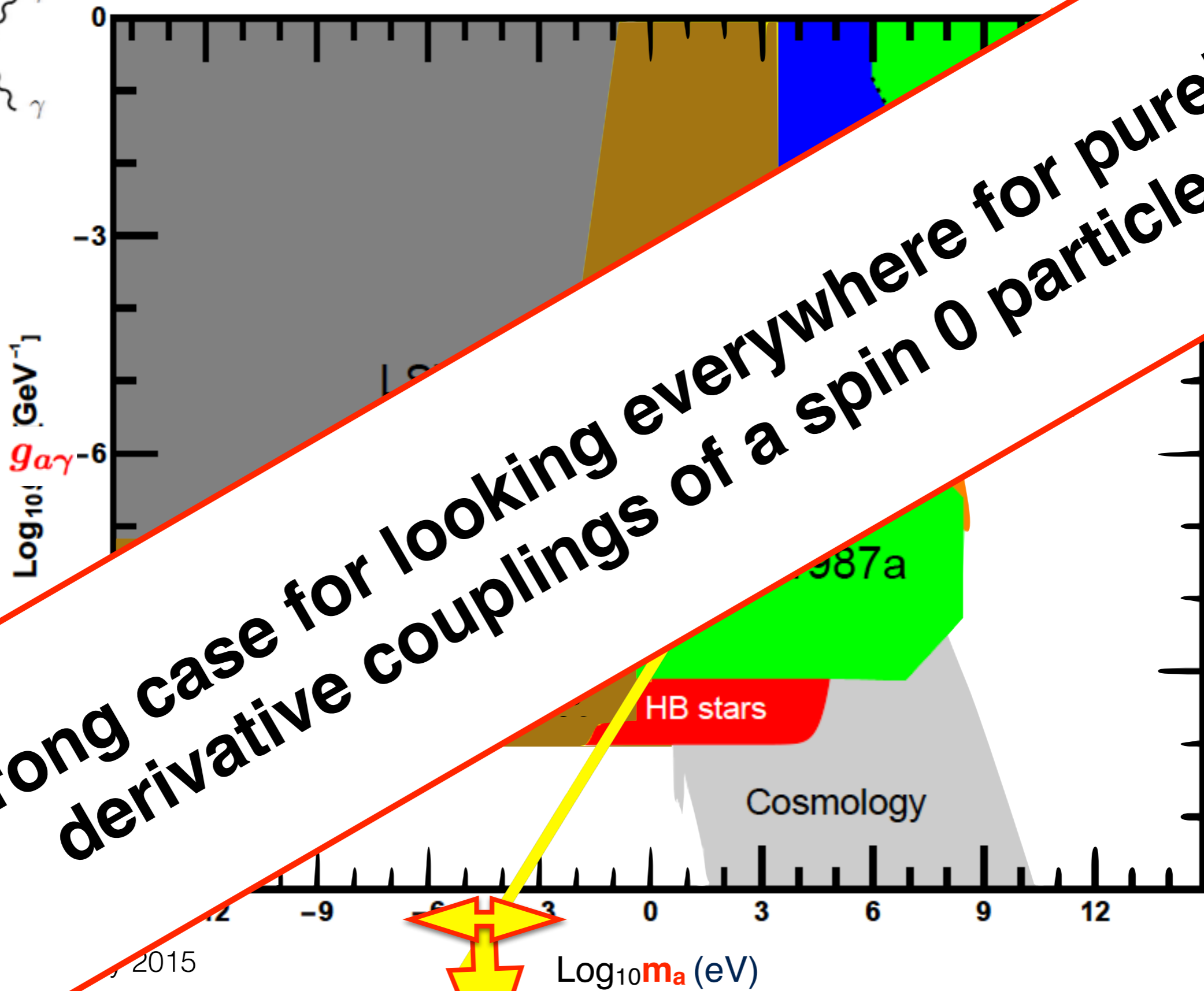
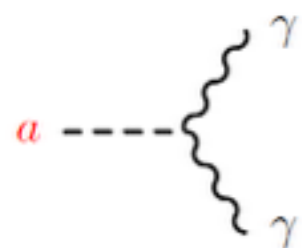


- \* Majorons, for dynamical neutrino masses
- \* From string models
- \* A recent example: the “relaxion” is not a GB but part of its couplings are purely derivative as those of ALPs, e.g.  $\phi W_{\mu\nu} \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu}$  (Flacke et al. 2016)

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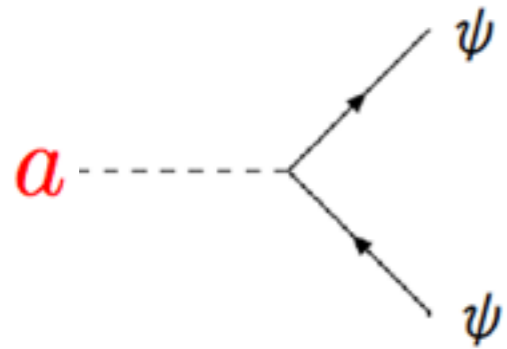
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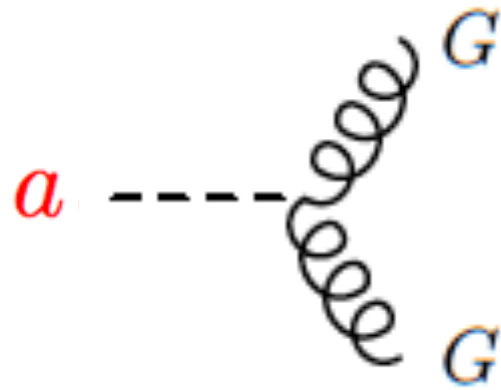
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**THEORY plus NEW SIGNALS at colliders**

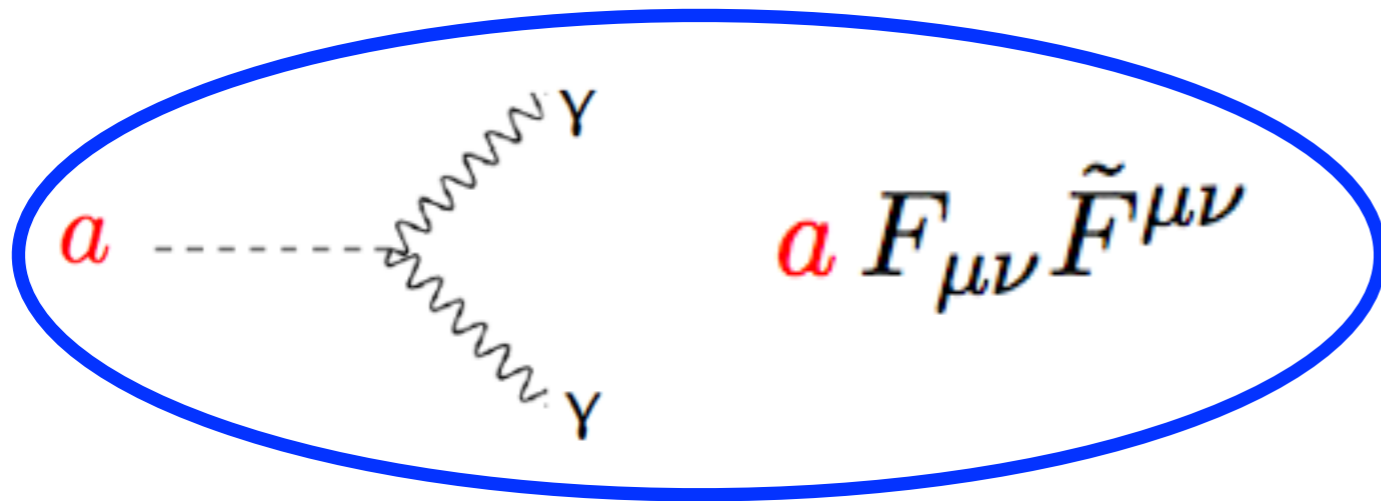
Up to date, phenomenological studies have mostly focused on ALP couplings to fermions, gluons, and especially photons



$$\partial_\mu a \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi$$

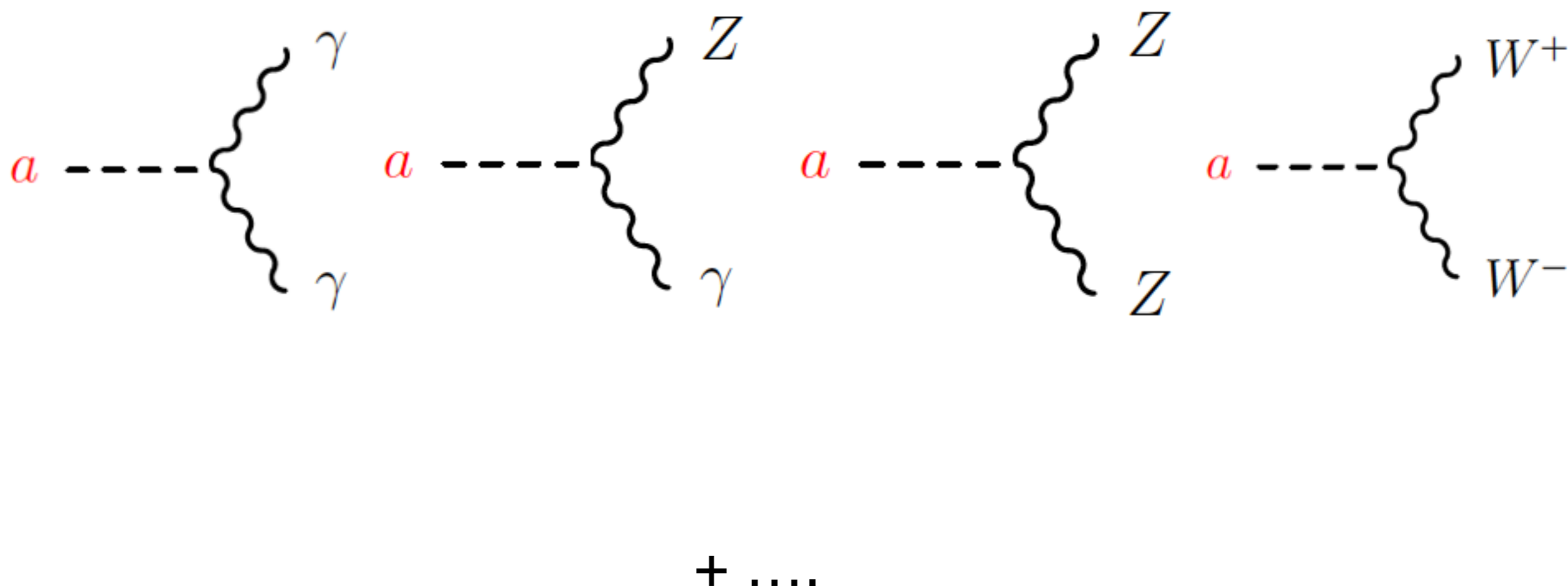


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But because of  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  gauge invariance,  $a$ - $\gamma\gamma$  should come together with  $a$ - $\gamma Z$ ,  $a$ - $ZZ$  and  $a$ - $W^+W^-$ :



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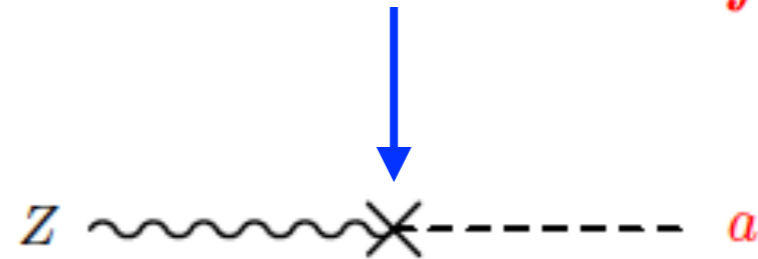
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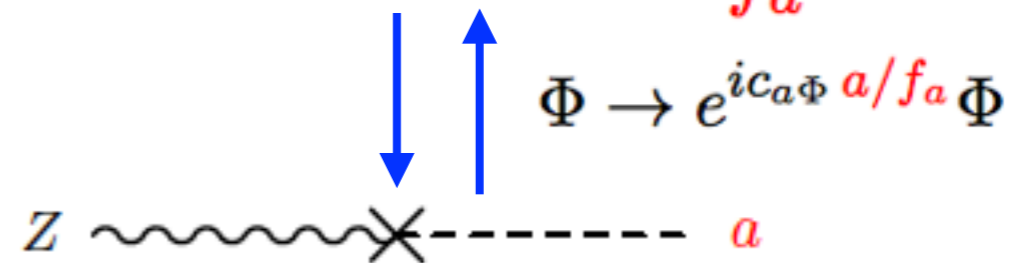
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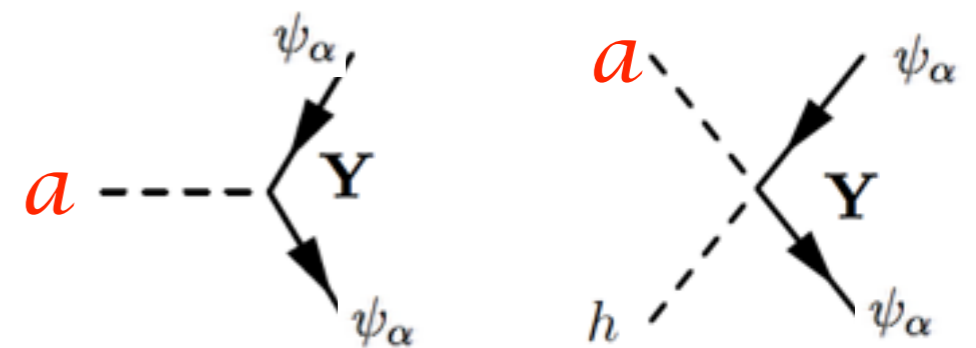
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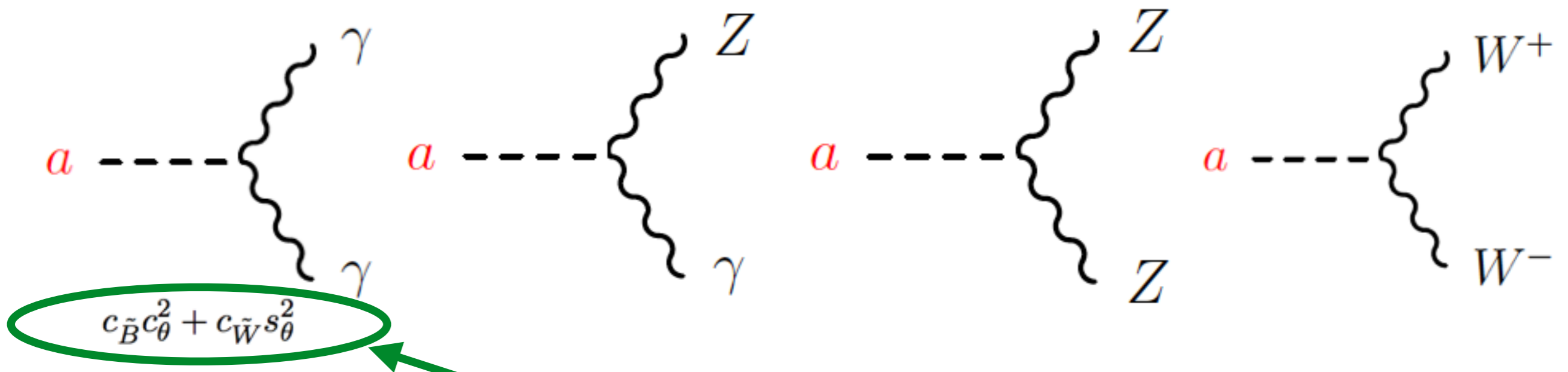
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Georgi + Kaplan + Randall 1986

Choi + Kang + Kim, 1986

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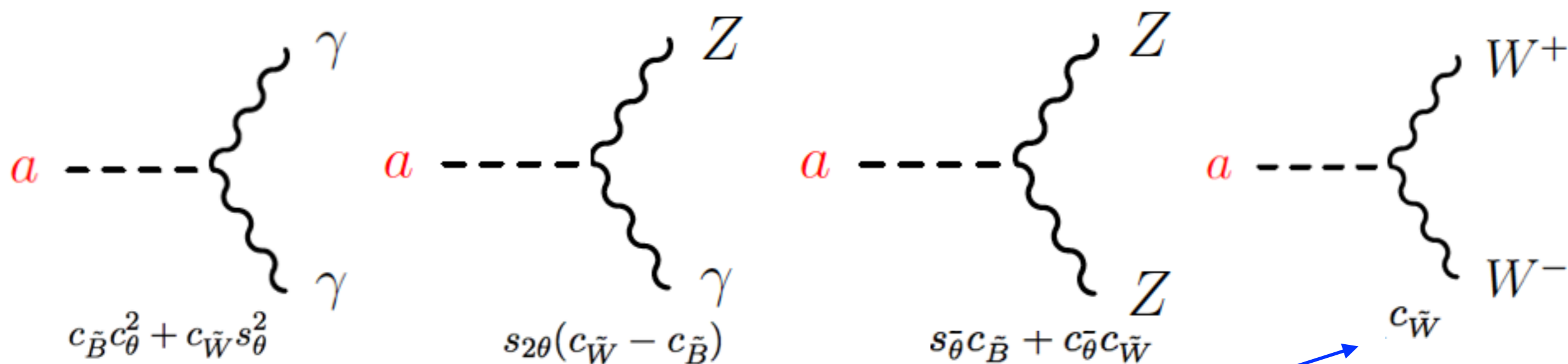


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90% CL:  $|c_{\tilde{B}}c_\theta^2 + c_{\tilde{W}}s_\theta^2| \lesssim$

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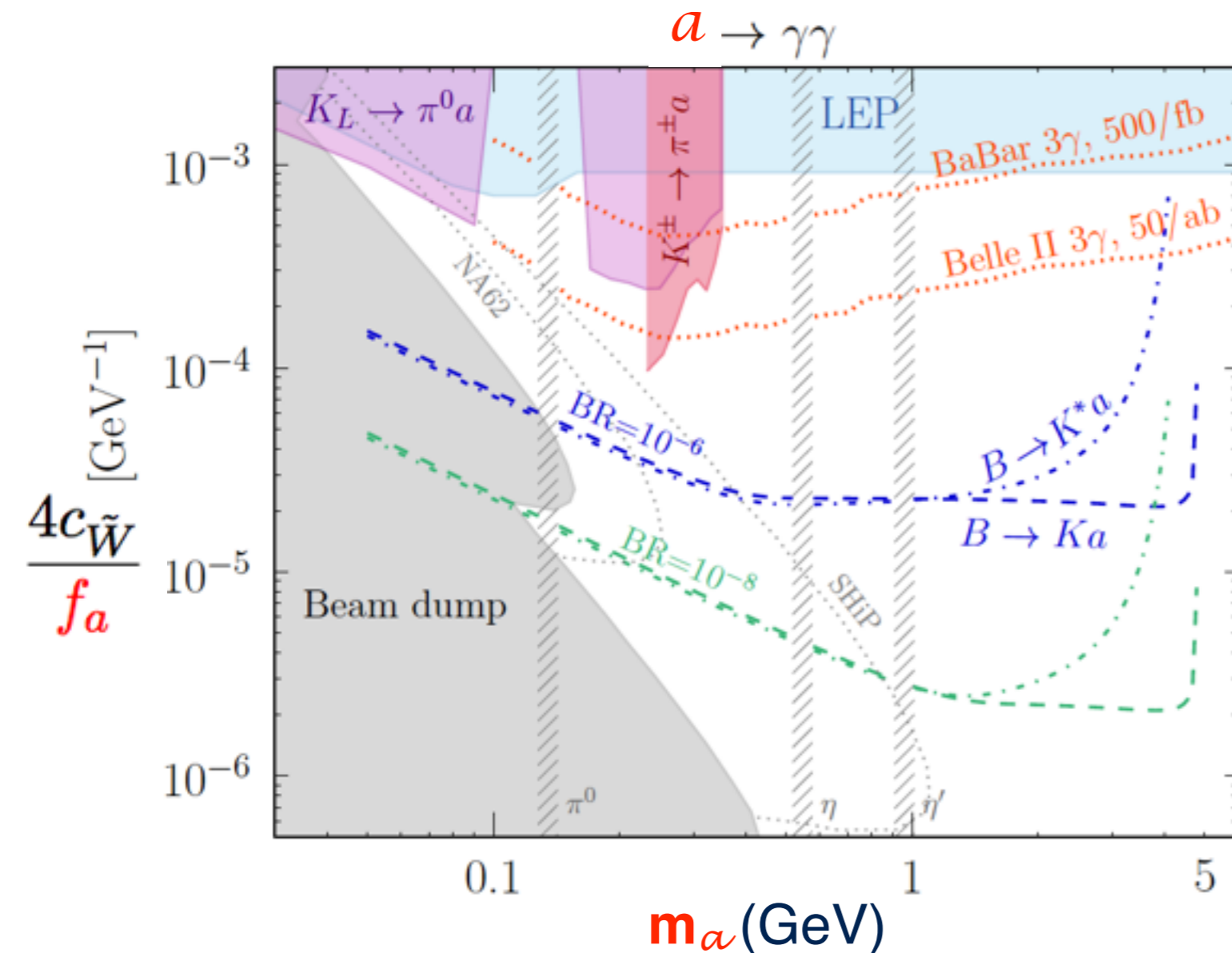
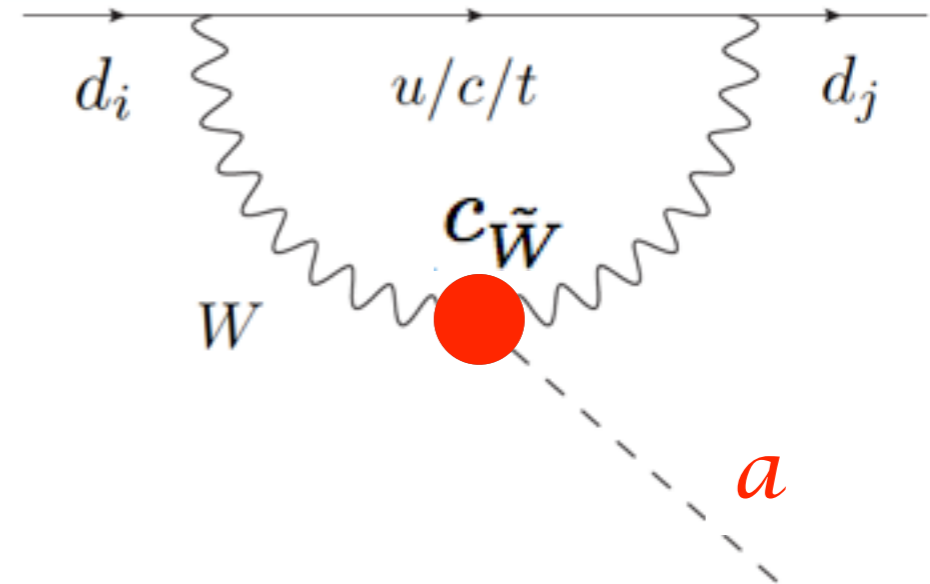


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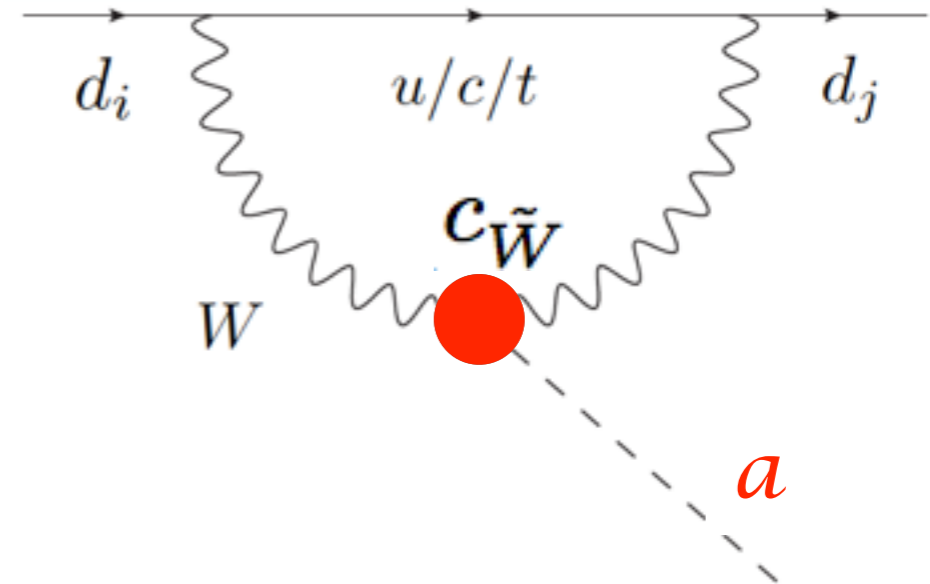




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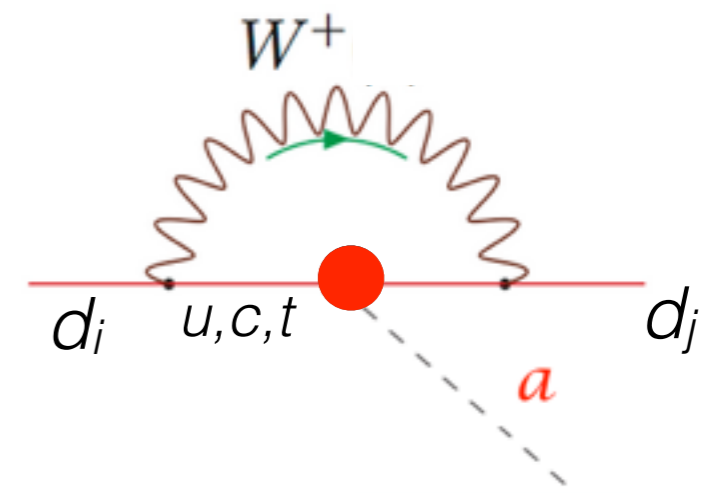
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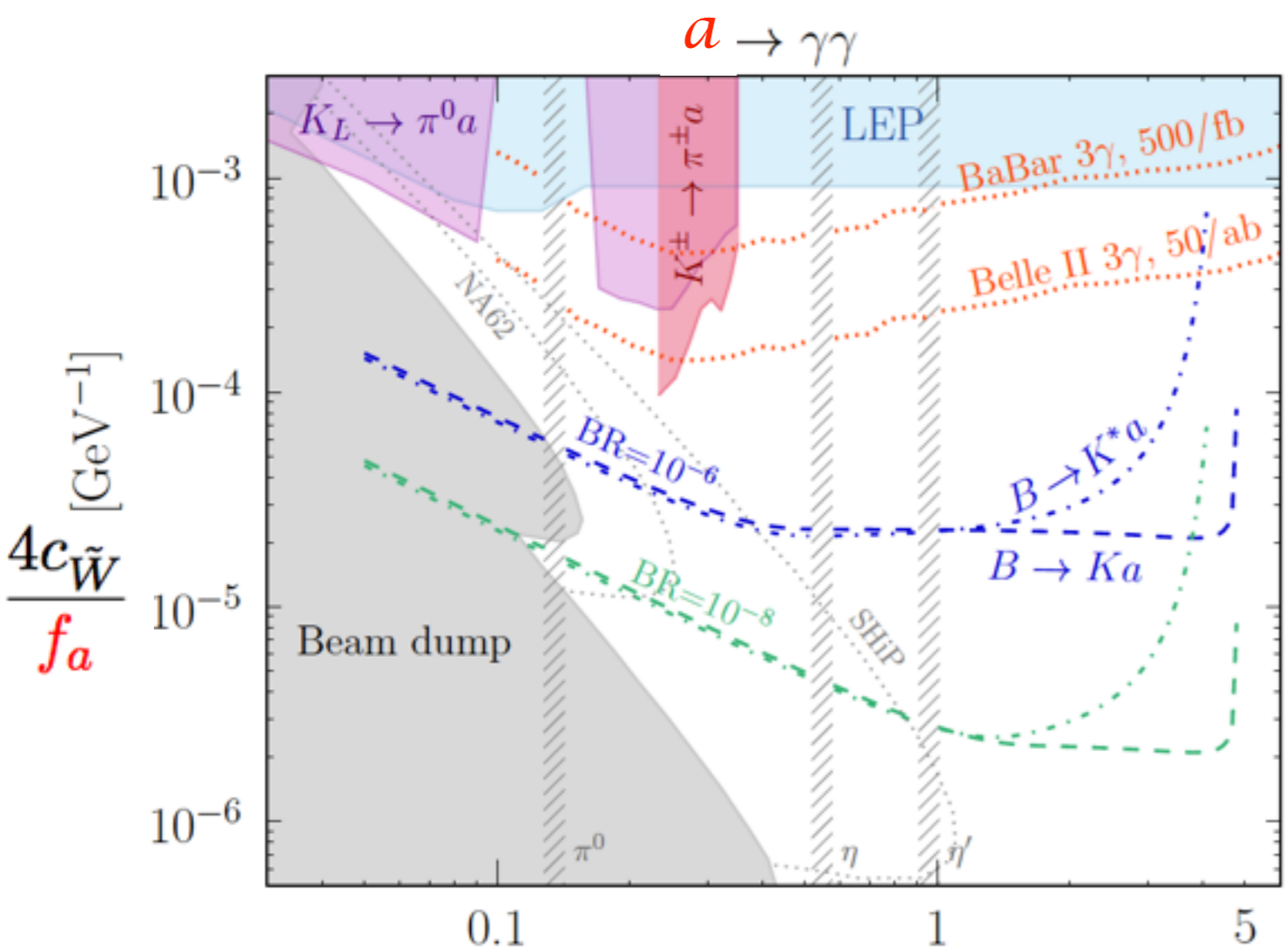


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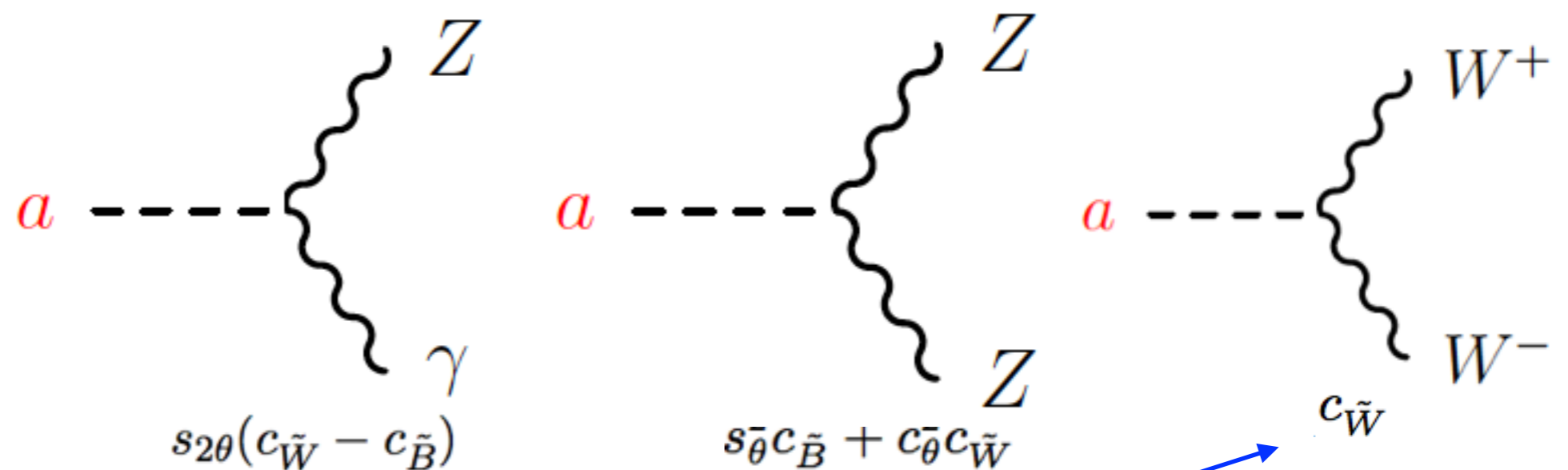
+Del Rey et al. in preparation



$m_a$  (GeV)

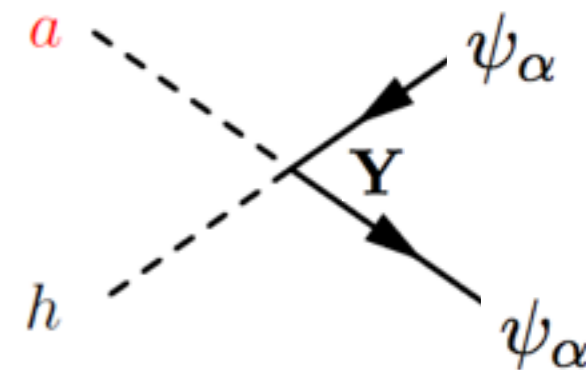
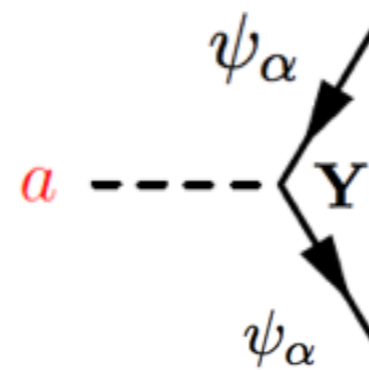
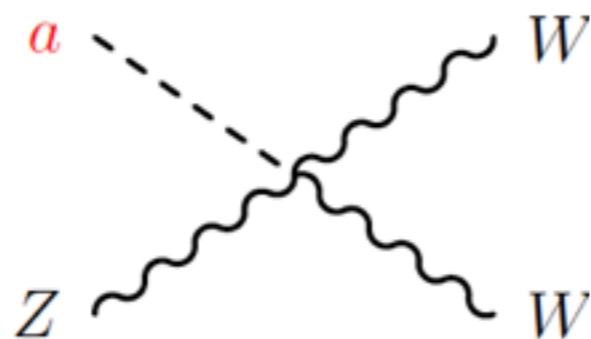
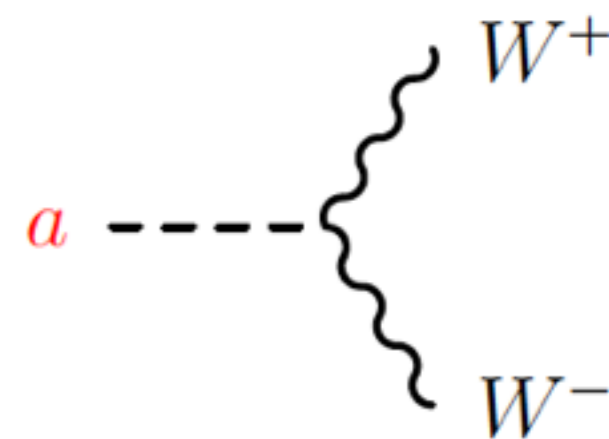
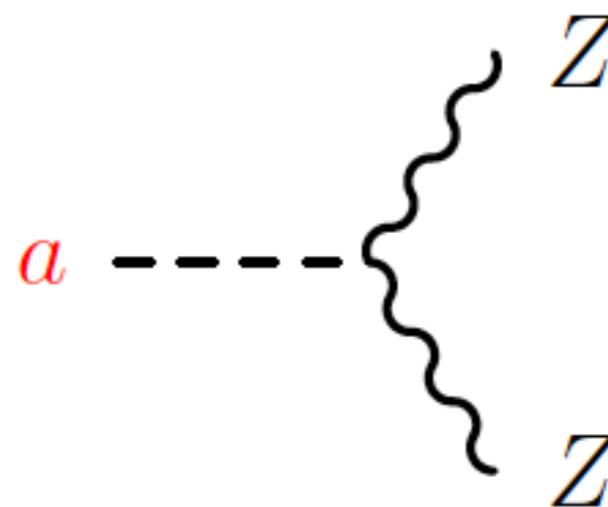
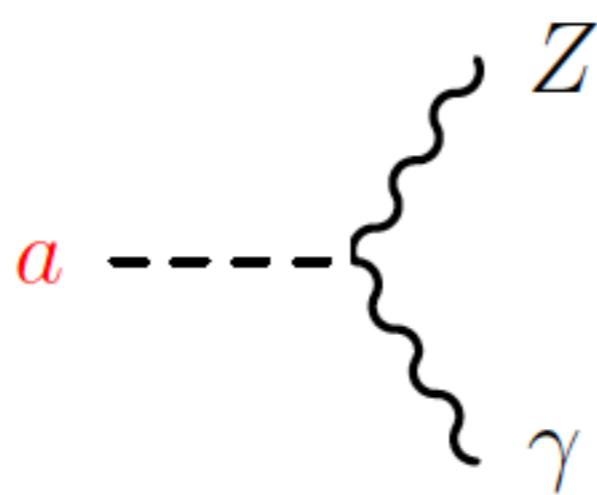
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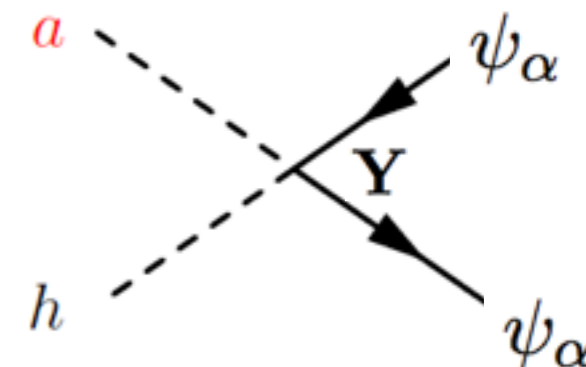
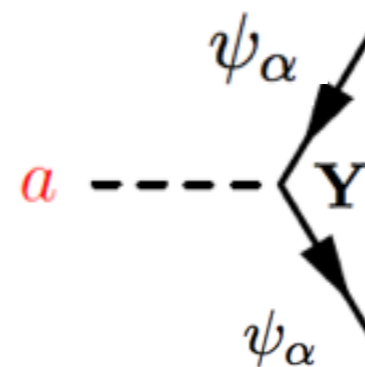
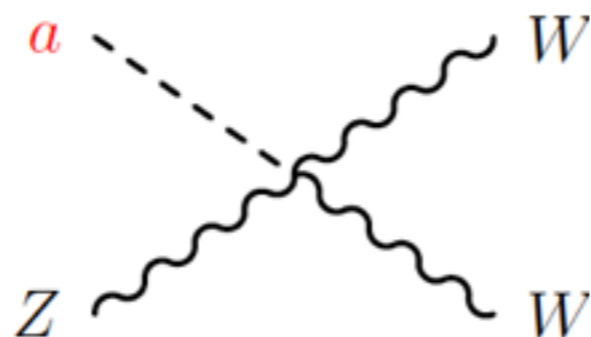
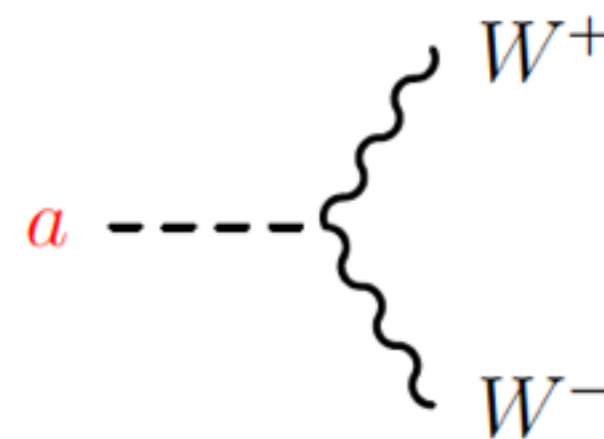
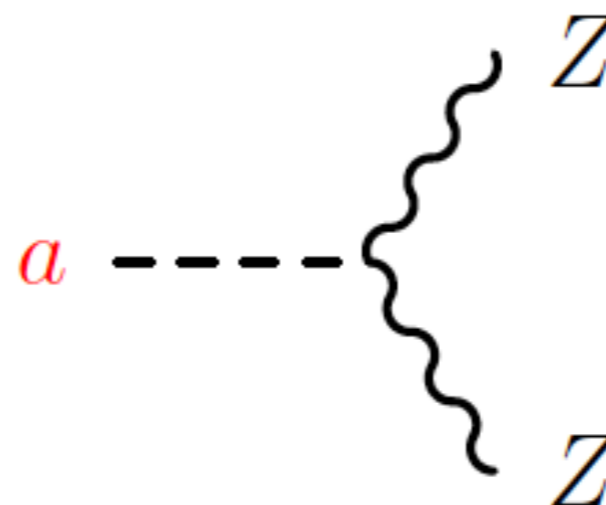
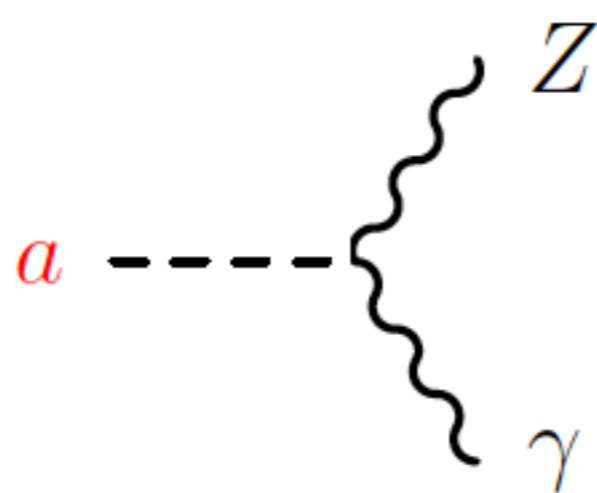
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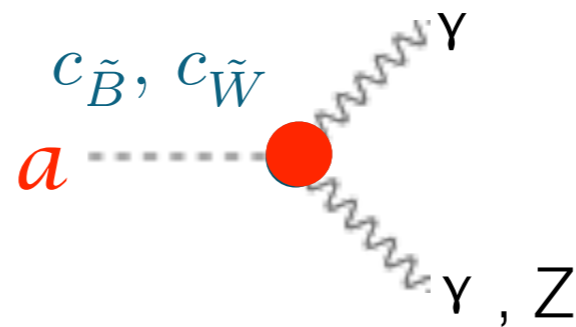
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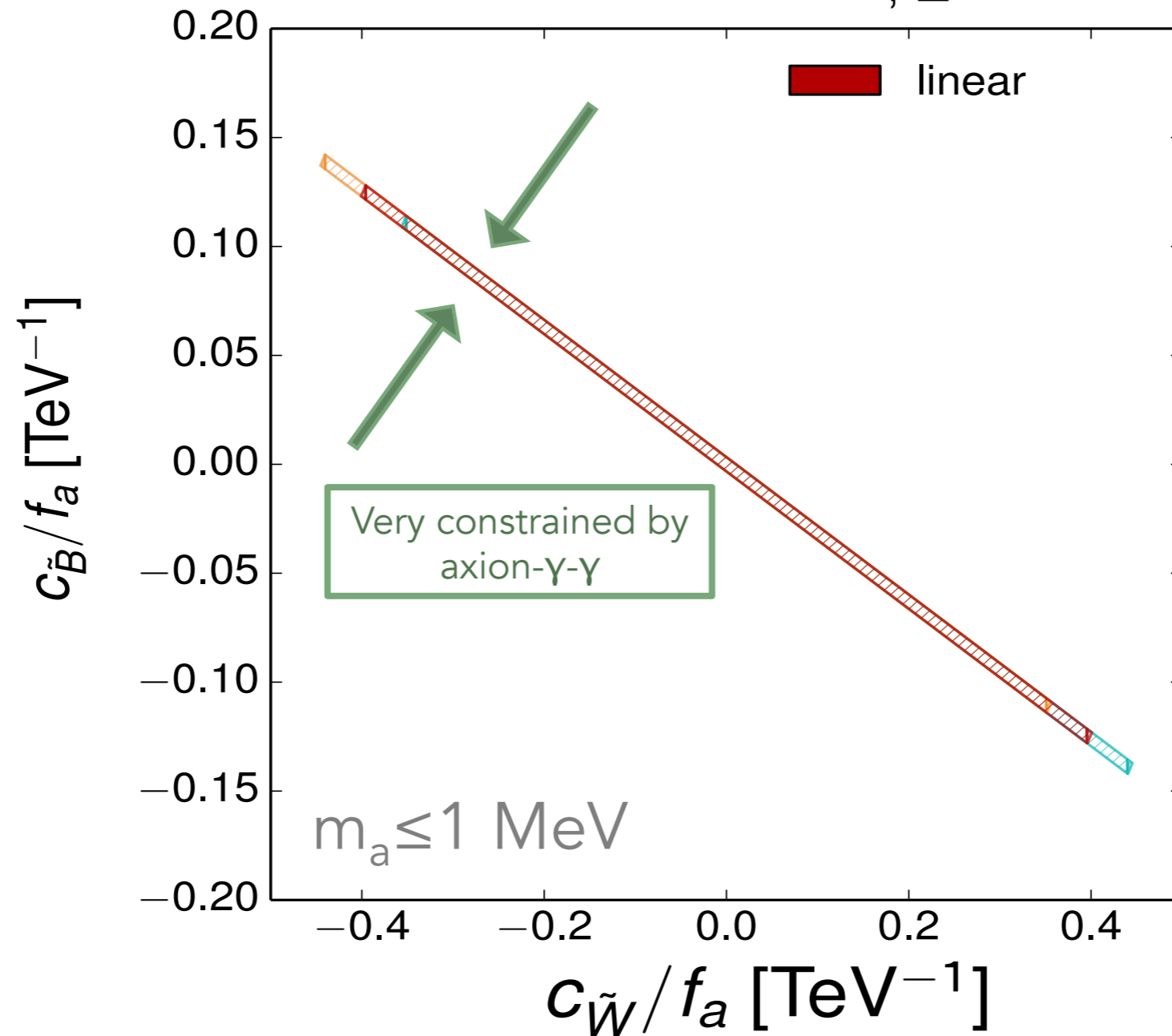
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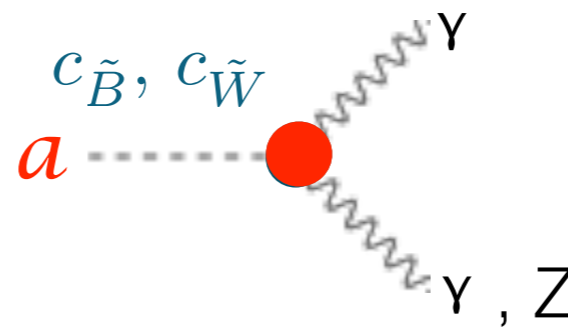
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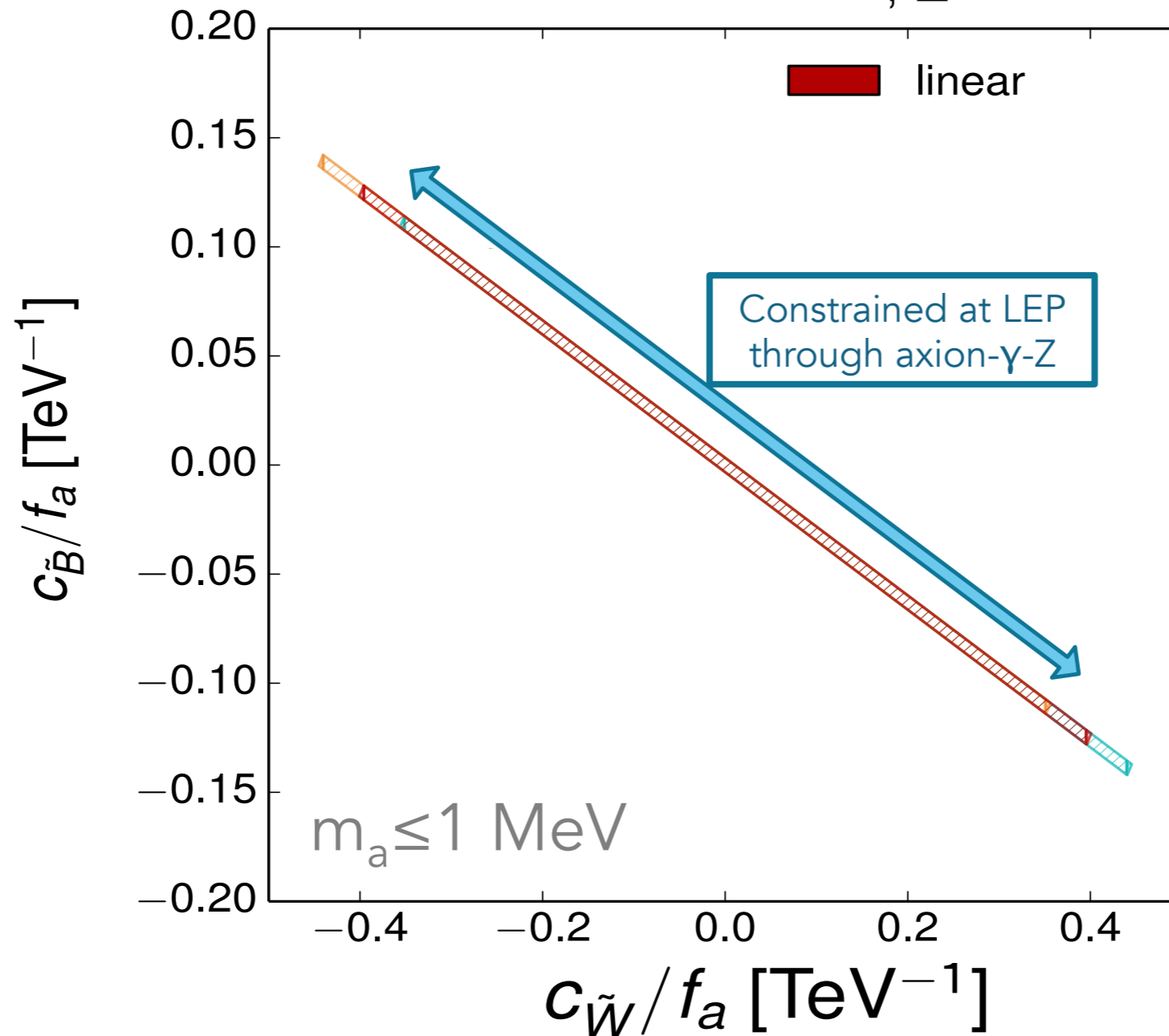
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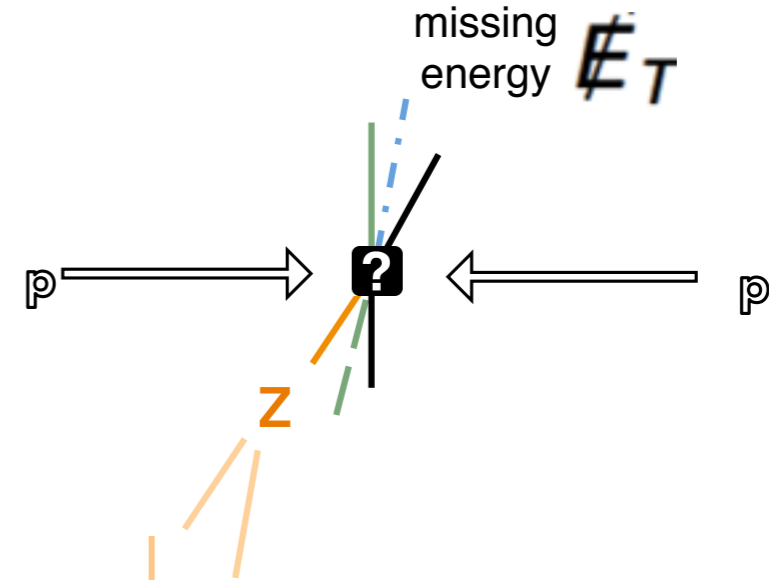
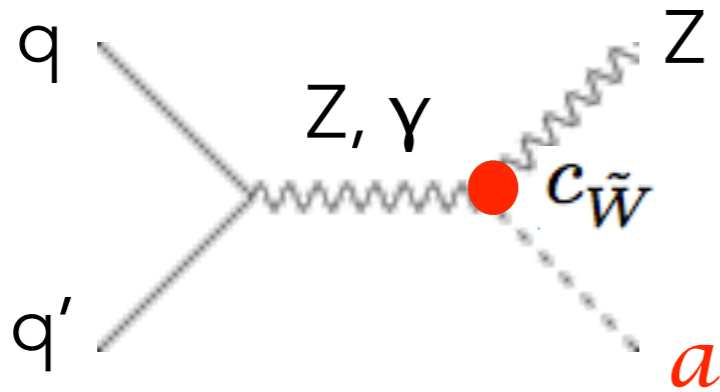


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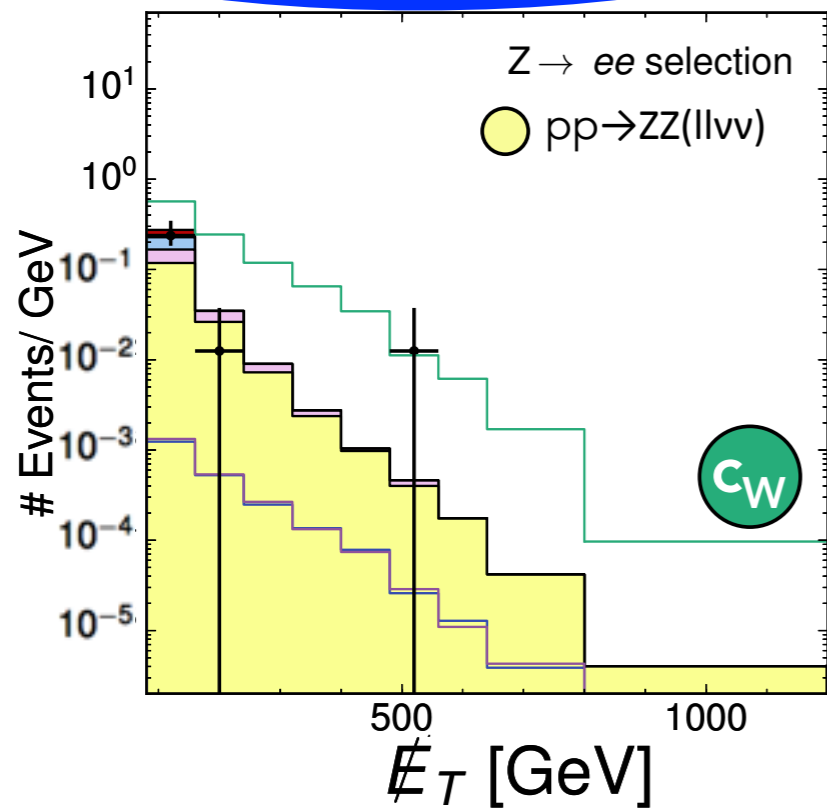
+ even more at LHC!

# Mono - Z ALP signals

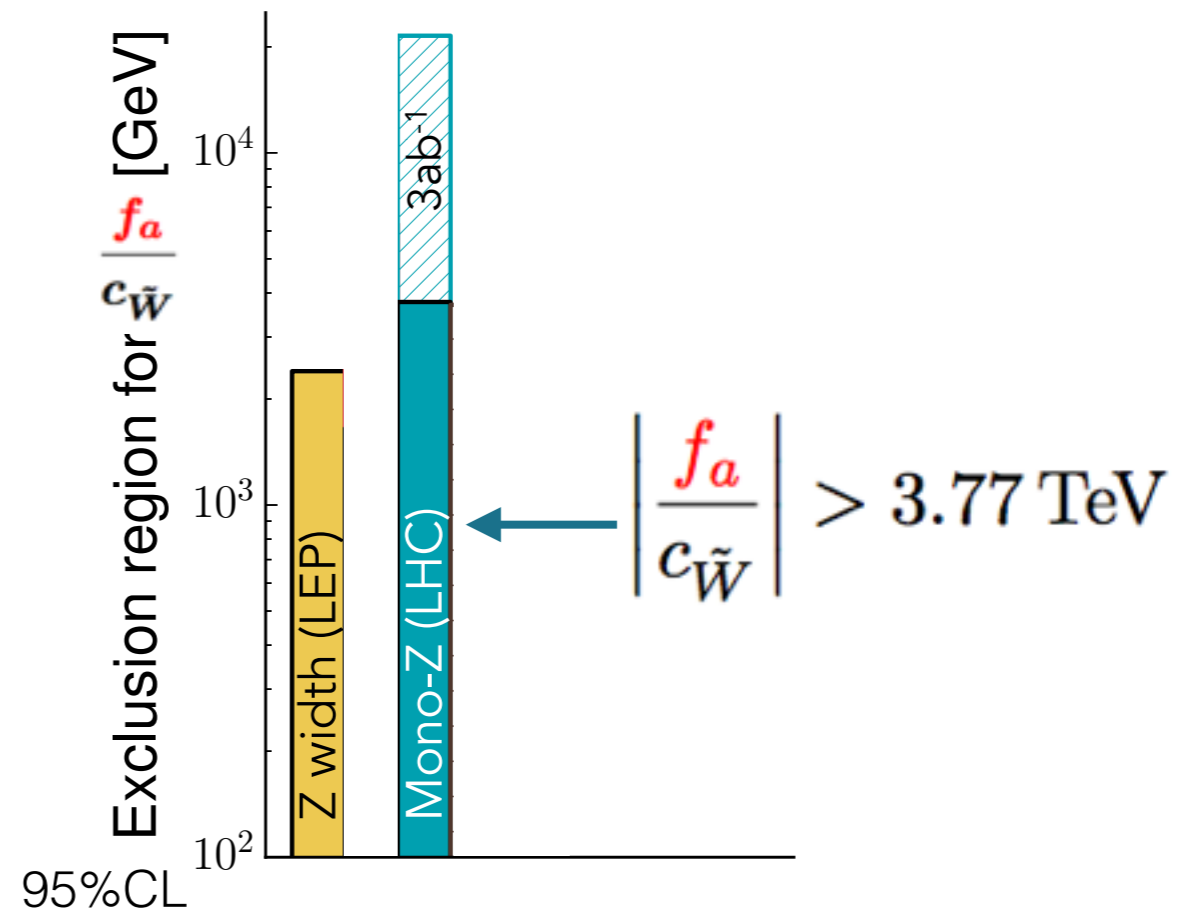
mono - Z:



e.g. 
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13 TeV  $2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  CMS  $Z + \cancel{E}_T$   
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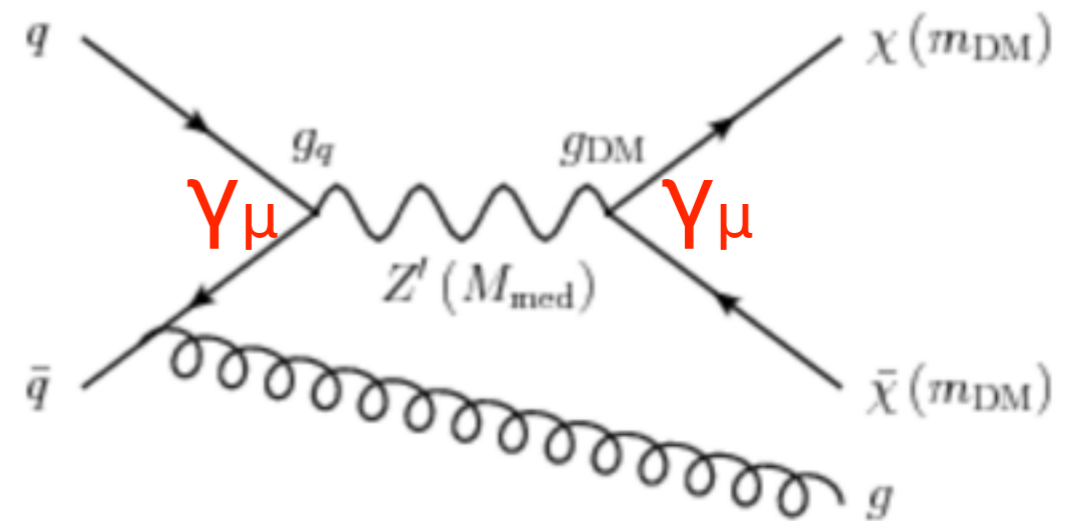
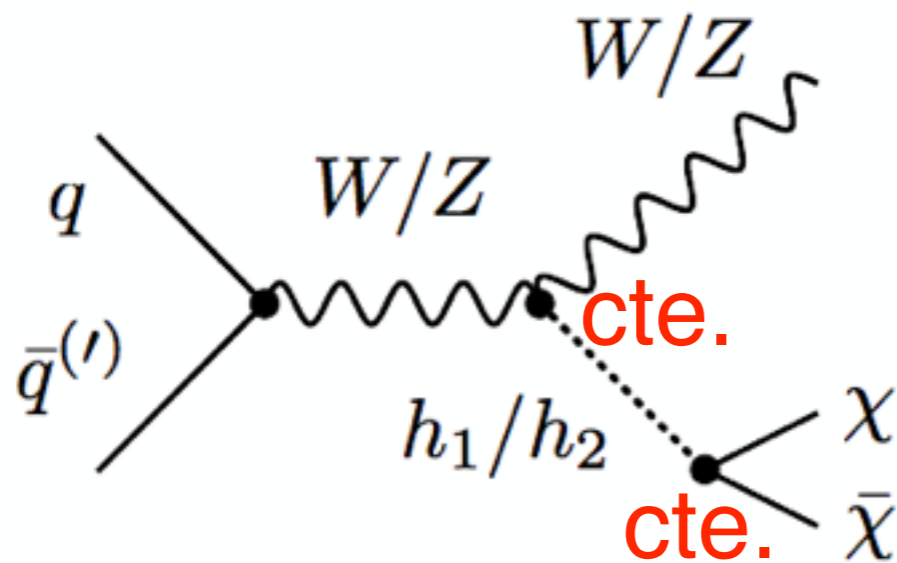


3ab<sup>-1</sup>: assuming no improvement in systematics

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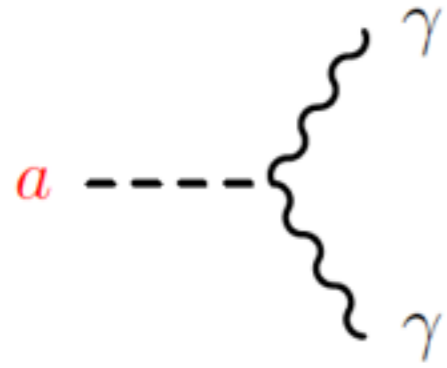
for instance  $Z'$  or DM searches typically assume vectorial or scalar couplings:





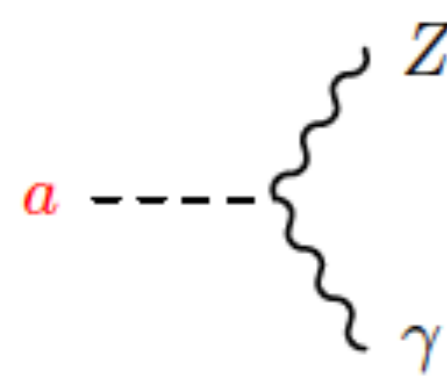
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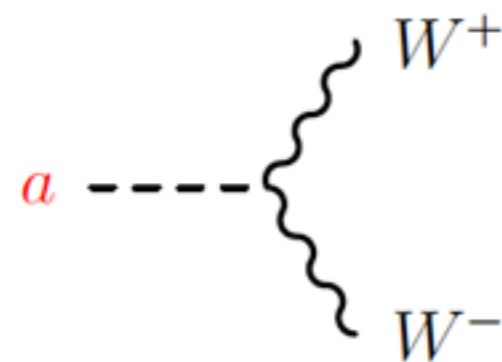
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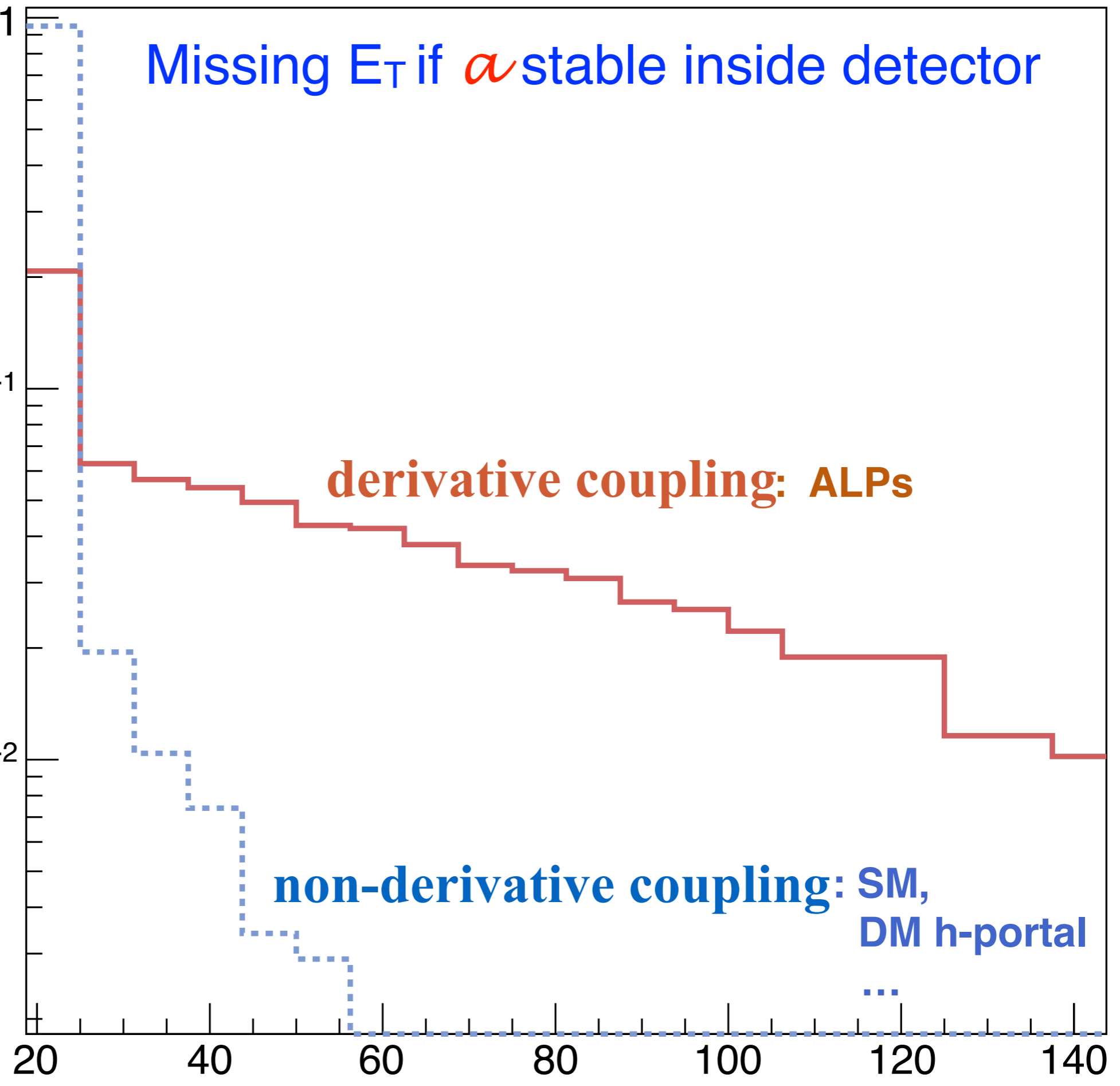
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example: mono-Z

derivative coupling: ALPs

non-derivative coupling: SM,  
DM h-portal

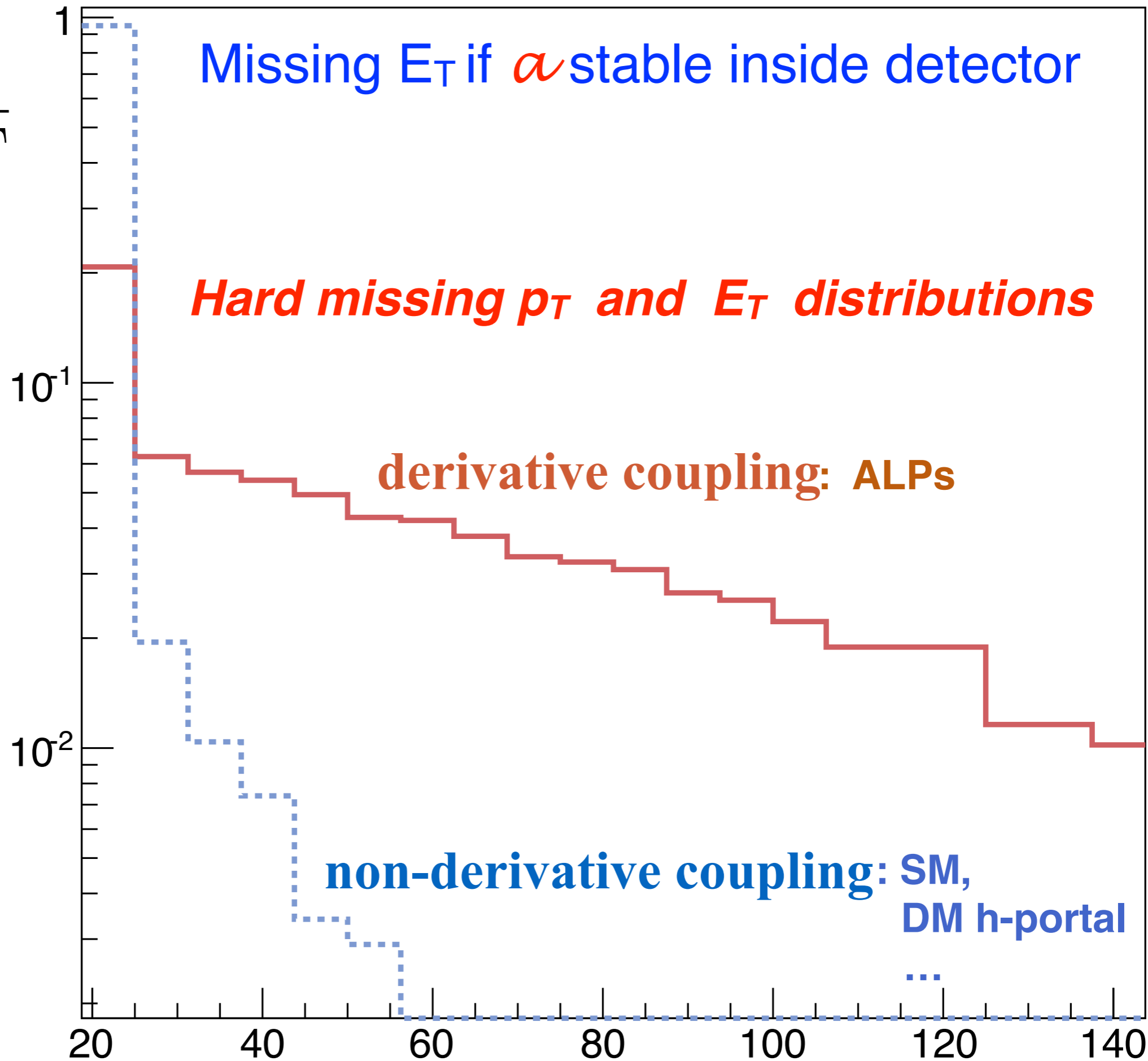
SM: h-z-z con un h ligero  
→ eta\_munu



e.g. for  $m_a \leq 1 \text{ MeV}$

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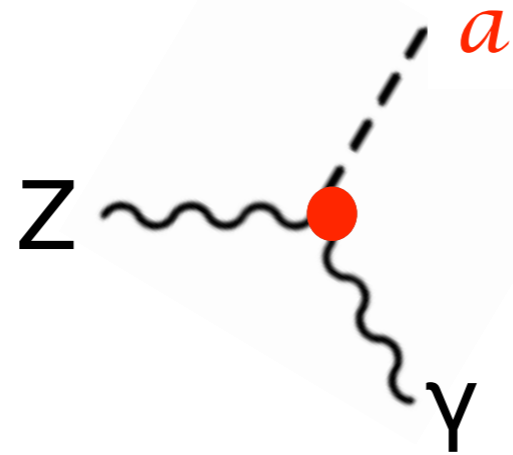


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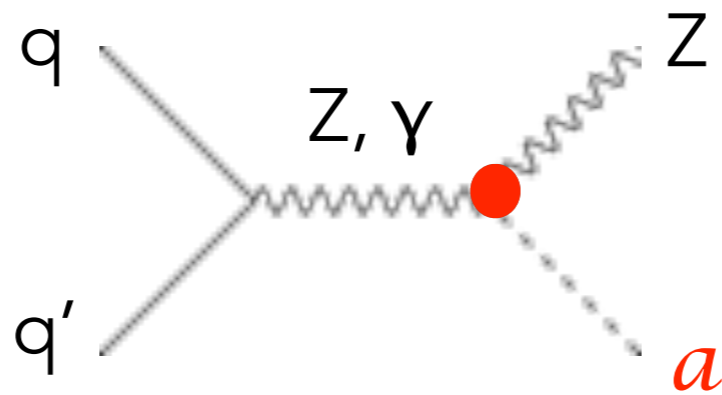
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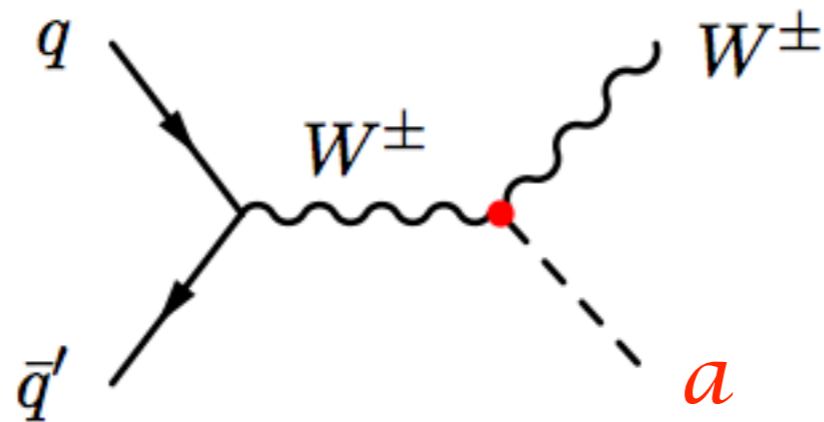
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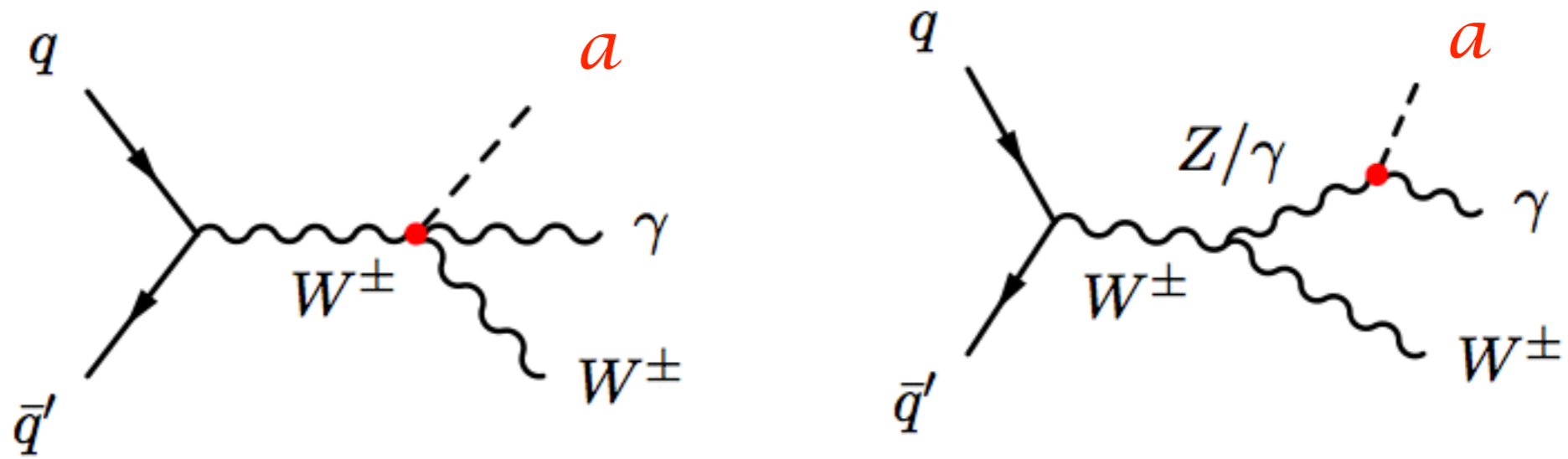


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for mono-Z/W we used present ATLAS and CMS searches and study prospects

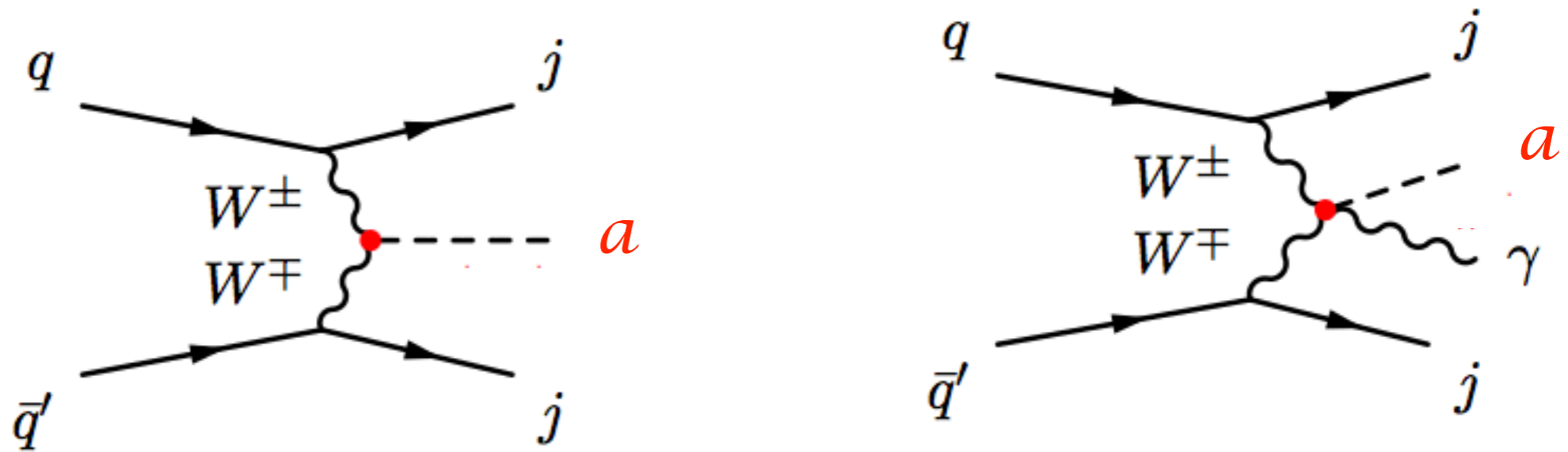
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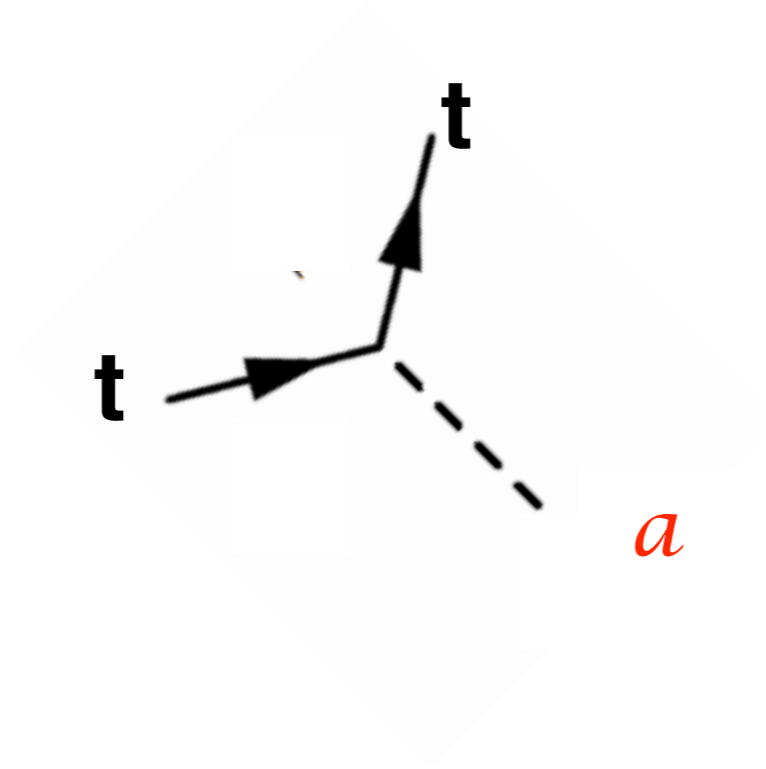
this channel not yet analysed by ATLAS and CMS

Promising at HL-LHC

\* Others:



\* **ALP** emission off a top as final state radiation at LHC:



We bound or showed a reach on  $\frac{f_a}{C_i}$  within 0.5 - 16 TeV  
for  $m_a < \text{MeV}$  or simply not decaying in the detector

		Observables/Processes		
				Linear
		Astrophysical obs.	$g_{a\gamma\gamma}$	$c_{\tilde{W}} c_{\tilde{B}}$
		Rare meson decays		$c_{\tilde{W}} c_{a\Phi}$
New constraints	<b>LEP data</b>			
	BSM $Z$ width	$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow a\gamma)$	$c_{\tilde{W}} c_{\tilde{B}}$	
	<b>LHC processes</b>			
	Non-standard $h$ decays	$\Gamma(h \rightarrow aZ)$		
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Typical of “composite Higgs” models

e.g. in SO(5)/SO(4):

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**independent !**

some couplings decorrelate:  
more operators at given order

the chiral expansion is an  
expansion in derivatives

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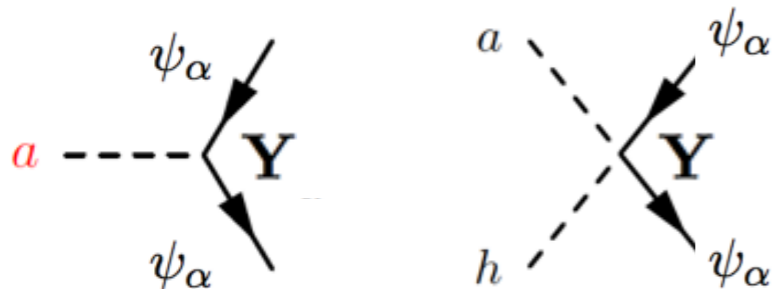
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$$\mathbf{U}(x) \rightarrow \mathbf{U}(x) e^{2i c_{2D} \frac{a(x)}{f_a}}$$



as in the linear case



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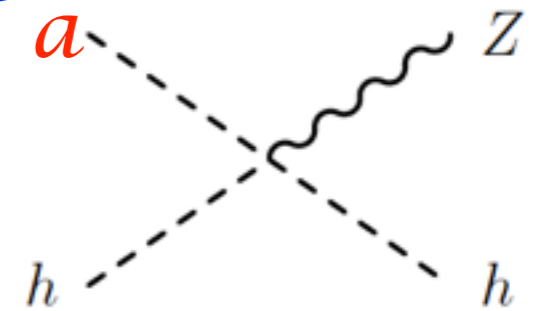
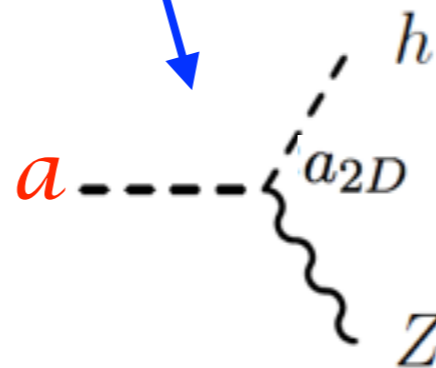
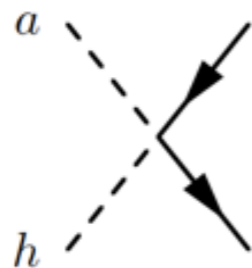
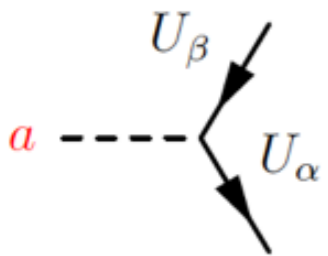
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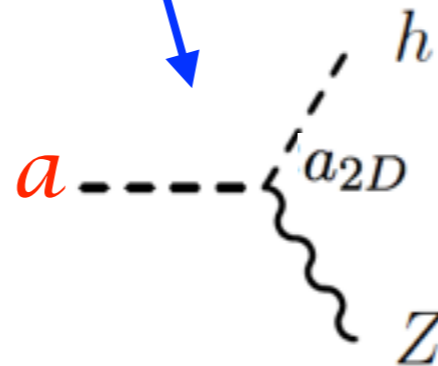
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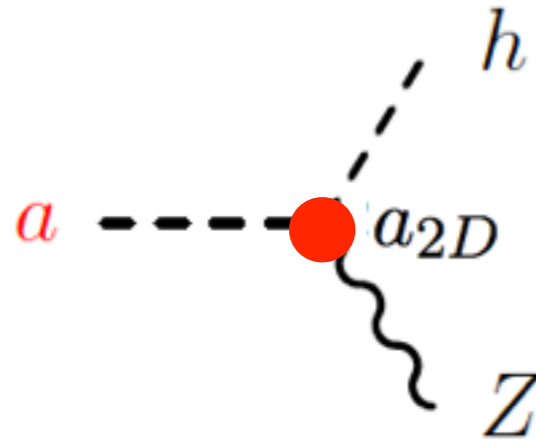
(unlike linear case: at NNLO)



**➔ New additional signals: mono-h, BSM Higgs decays**

(we also proposed first this type of ALP signals)

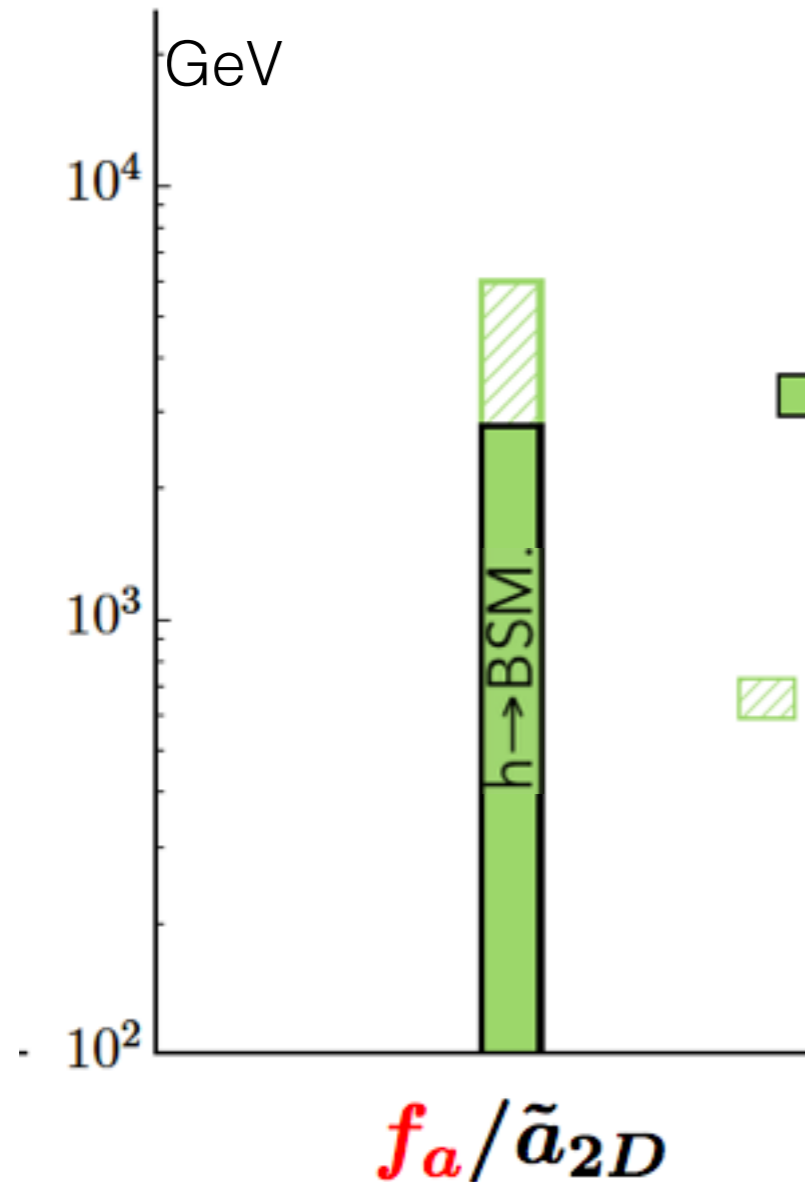
# Non-standard Higgs decays



$$\Gamma_{\text{BSM}} = \Gamma_{h \rightarrow aZ} + \Gamma_{h \rightarrow aZ\gamma} + \Gamma_{h \rightarrow a f\bar{f}}$$

$$\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \text{BSM}) = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{BSM}}}{\Gamma_{\text{BSM}} + \Gamma_{\text{SM}}} \leq 0.34 \quad (95\% \text{ C.L.})$$

ATLAS and CMS  
7 and 8 TeV



■  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{BSM})$

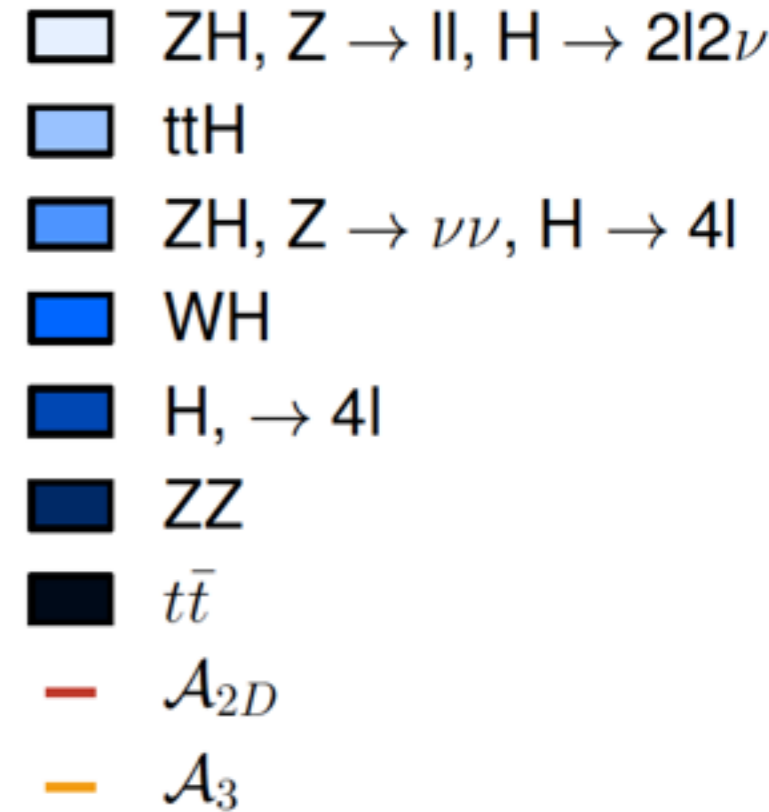
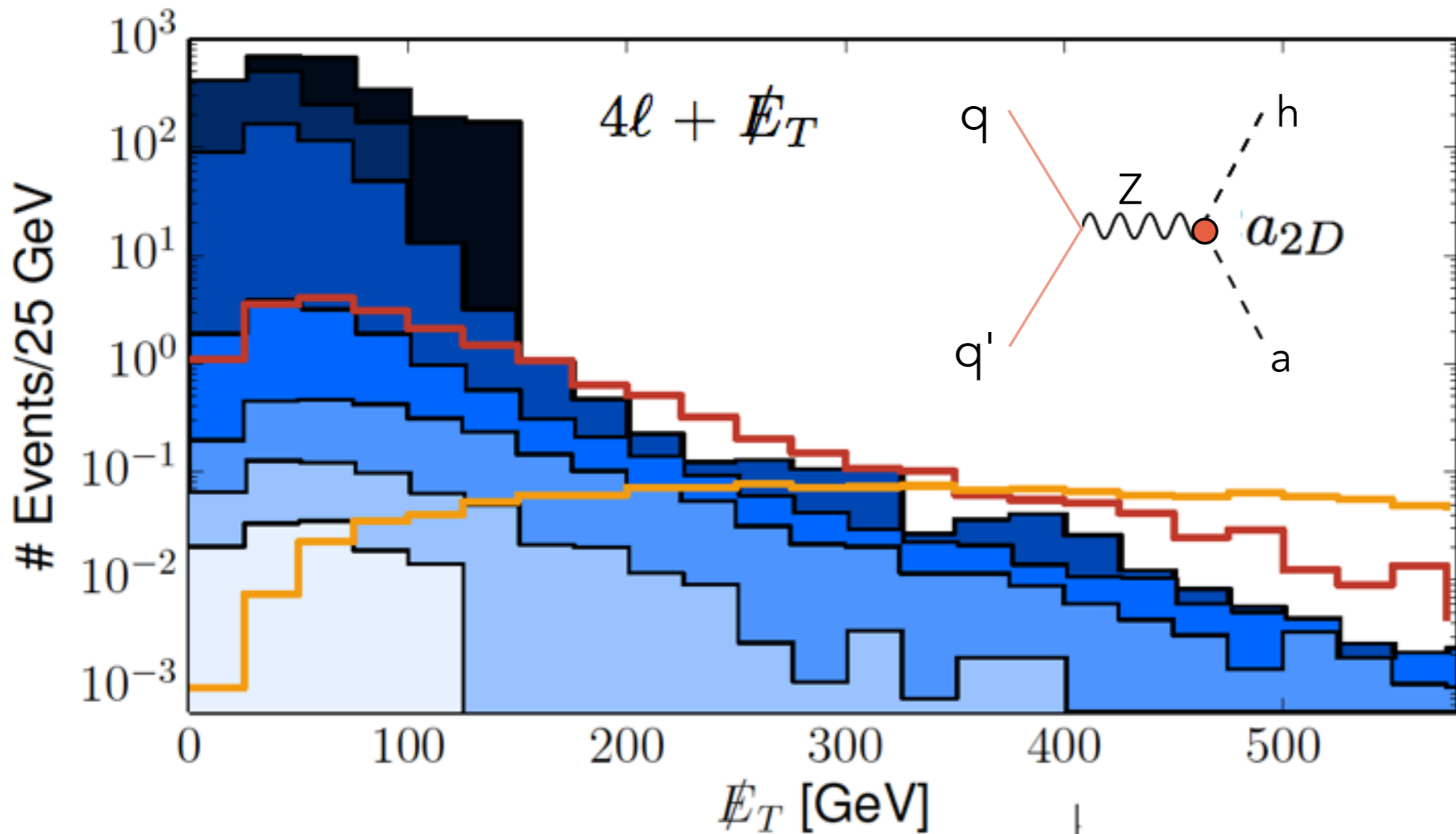
▨  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{BSM}) 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$$\frac{f_a}{\tilde{a}_{2D}} \gtrsim 2.78 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\frac{f_a}{\tilde{a}_{2D}} \gtrsim 6 \text{ TeV}$$

for  $m_a \lesssim 34 \text{ GeV}$

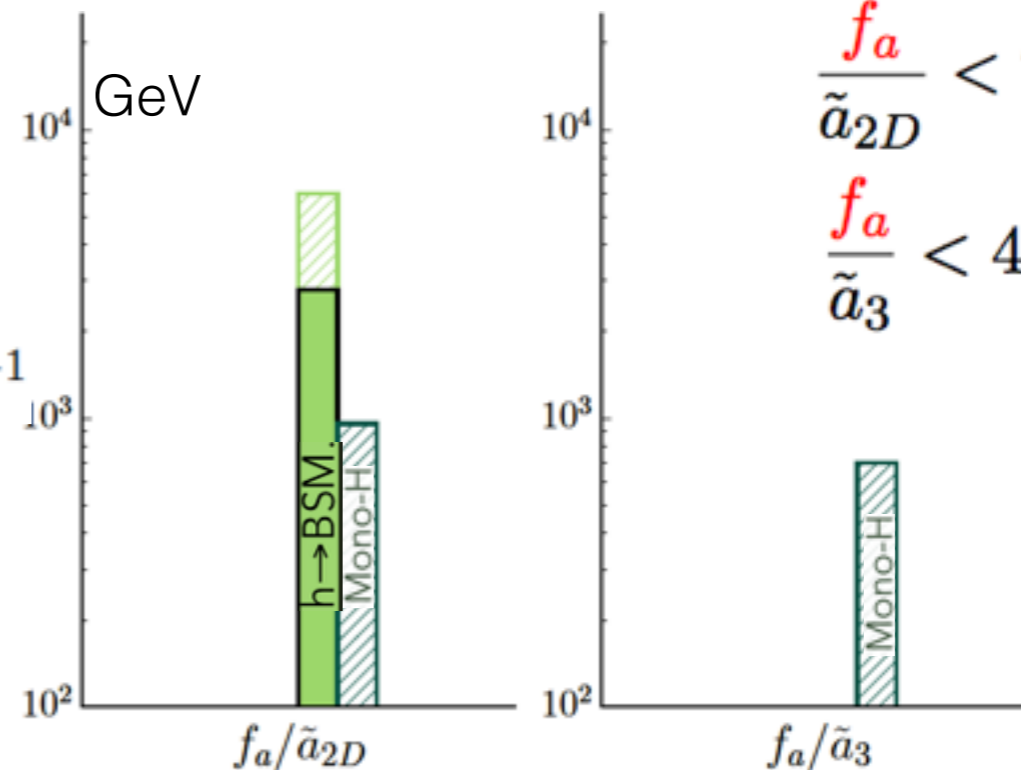
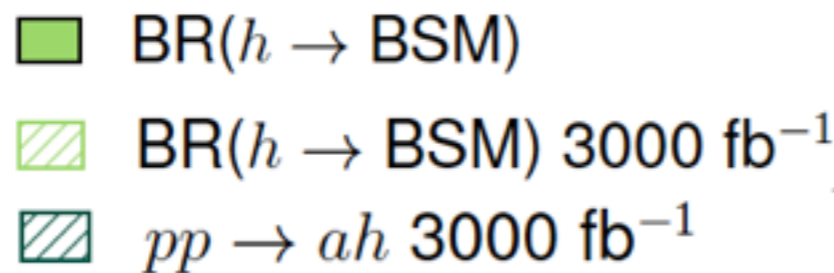
# Mono-Higgs : $pp \rightarrow a h$



HL-LHC sensitivity:

$$\frac{f_a}{\tilde{a}_{2D}} < 780 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\frac{f_a}{\tilde{a}_3} < 470 \text{ TeV}$$



“Les Houches 2015”

MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO Pythia 8 FastJet

$\cancel{E}_T^{\min} = 150 \text{ GeV}$   $\cancel{E}_T^{\max} = f_a/2$

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**NLO**, bosonic custodial preserving:

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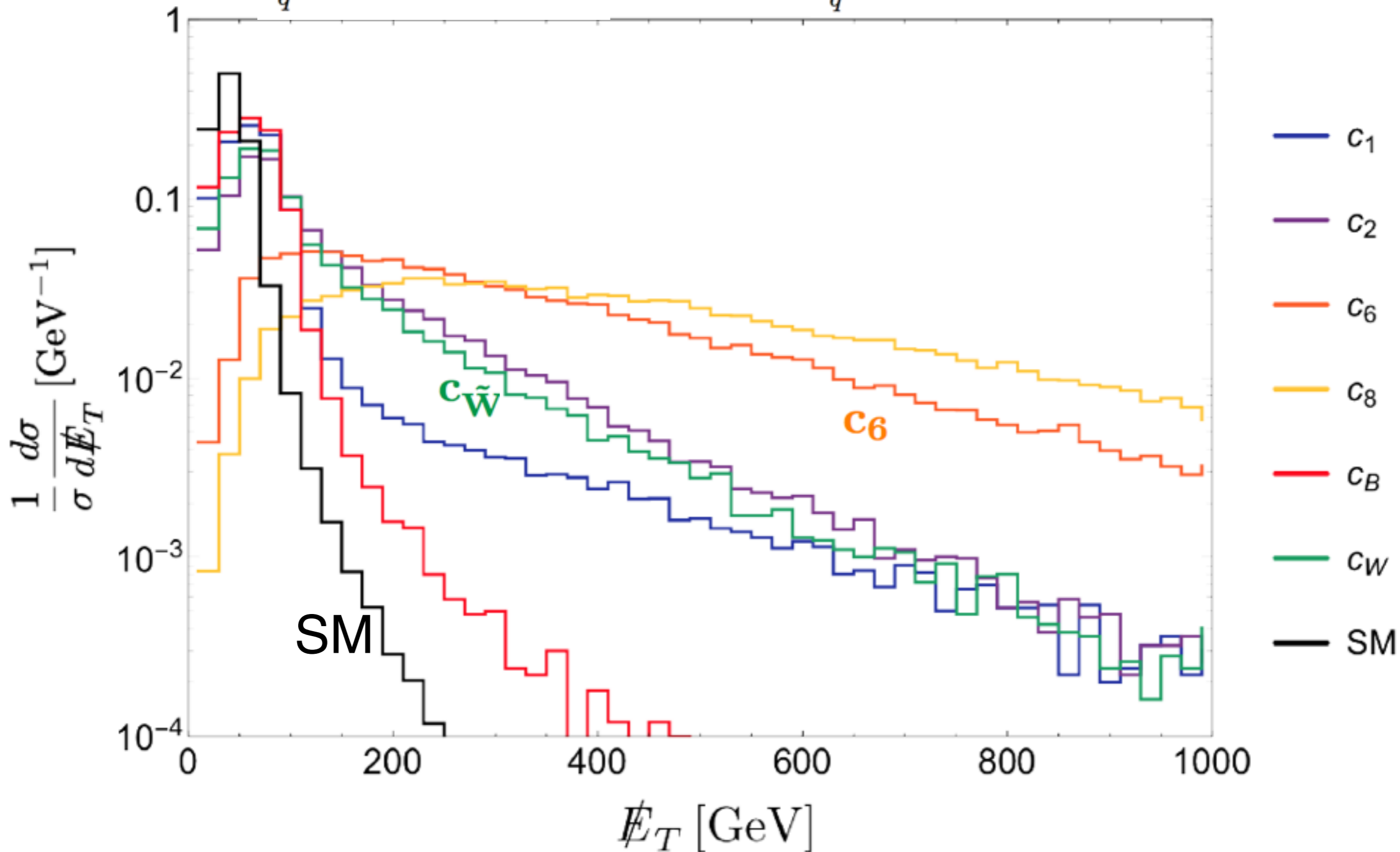
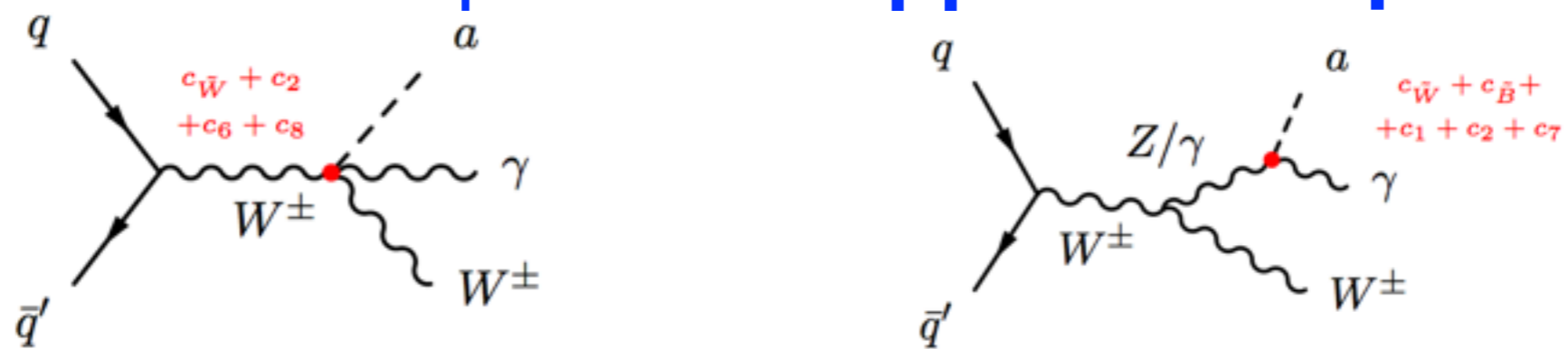
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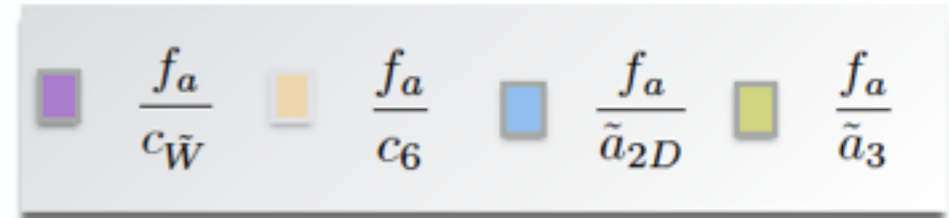




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	Mono- $h$ prod.	$pp \rightarrow ha$	
	$att$ prod.	$pp \rightarrow att$	$c_{a\Phi}$

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# ALPs: collider constraints



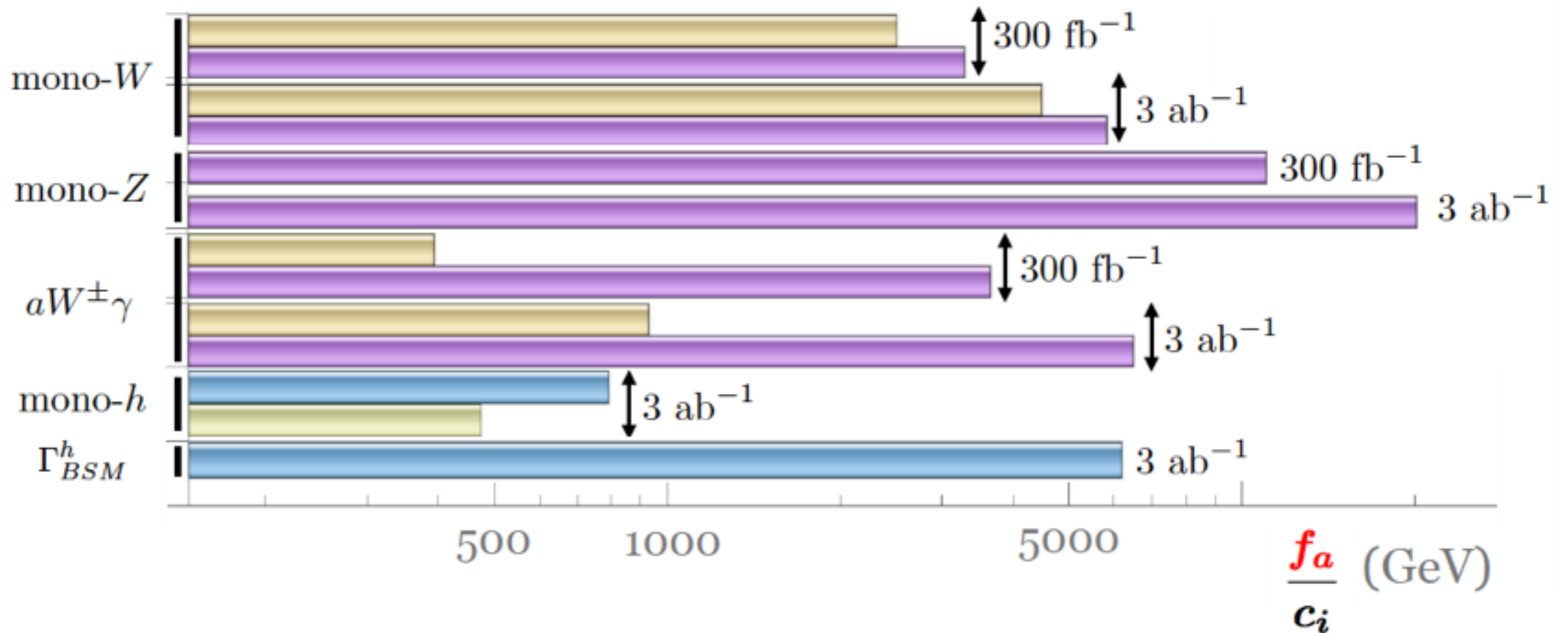
## Current limits

95%CL



## Prospects HL-LHC

LHC 13 TeV  
2 $\sigma$  reach



flattish MET are ALP signals

# Conclusions

- \* (pseudo) Goldstone Bosons in **solutions to fundamental SM problems** and BSM theories  $\rightarrow$  derivative couplings.  
Strong case for hunting them
- \* **New theoretical development: ALP effective Lagrangian for non-linear EWSB.**  $\rightarrow$  **ALP-Higgs-V signals!**
- \* **New ALP signals from linear(SMEFT) and non-linear Lags.**  
MET (if  $a$  decaying beyond detector)  $\rightarrow$  mono- $\gamma$ , -W/Z, -h,  $\Gamma_{\text{BSM}}(h)$   
besides rare decays

**Fish for them in your data!**

To do:  $a$  decaying inside detector

# Backup

# Higgs EFTs

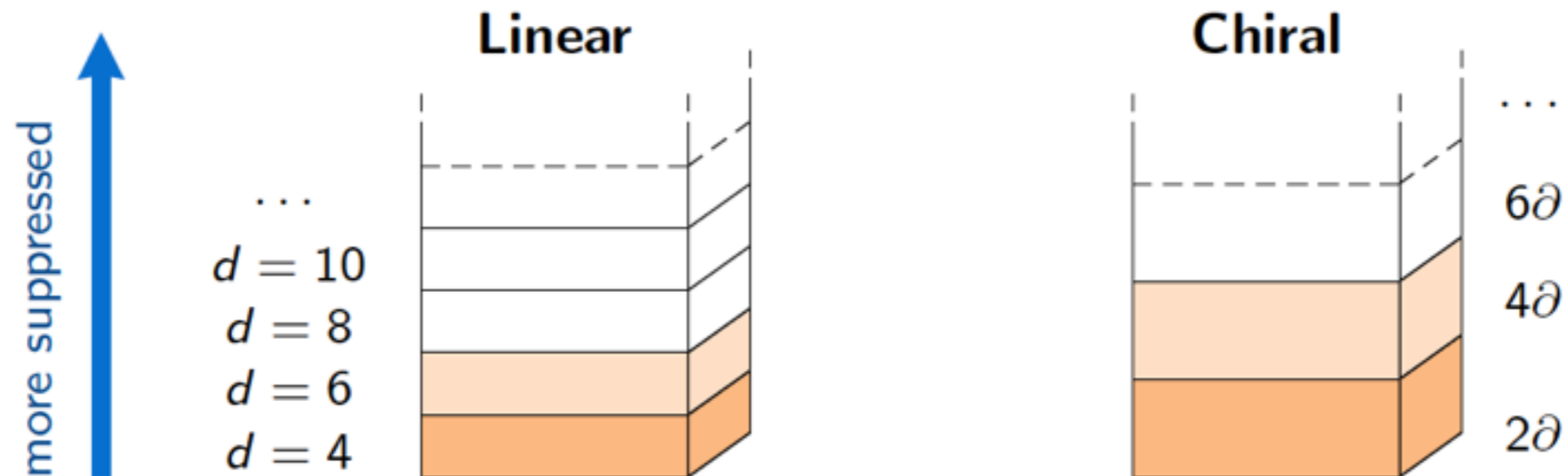
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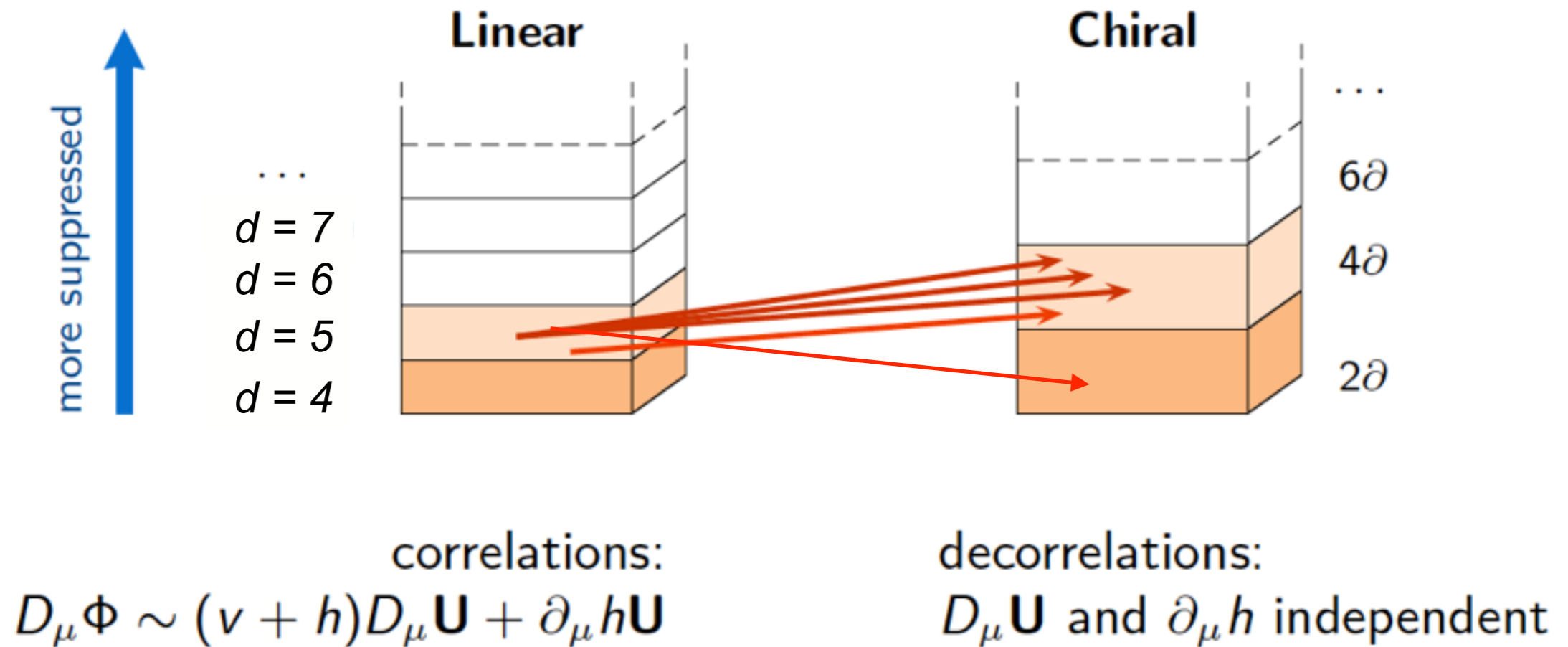
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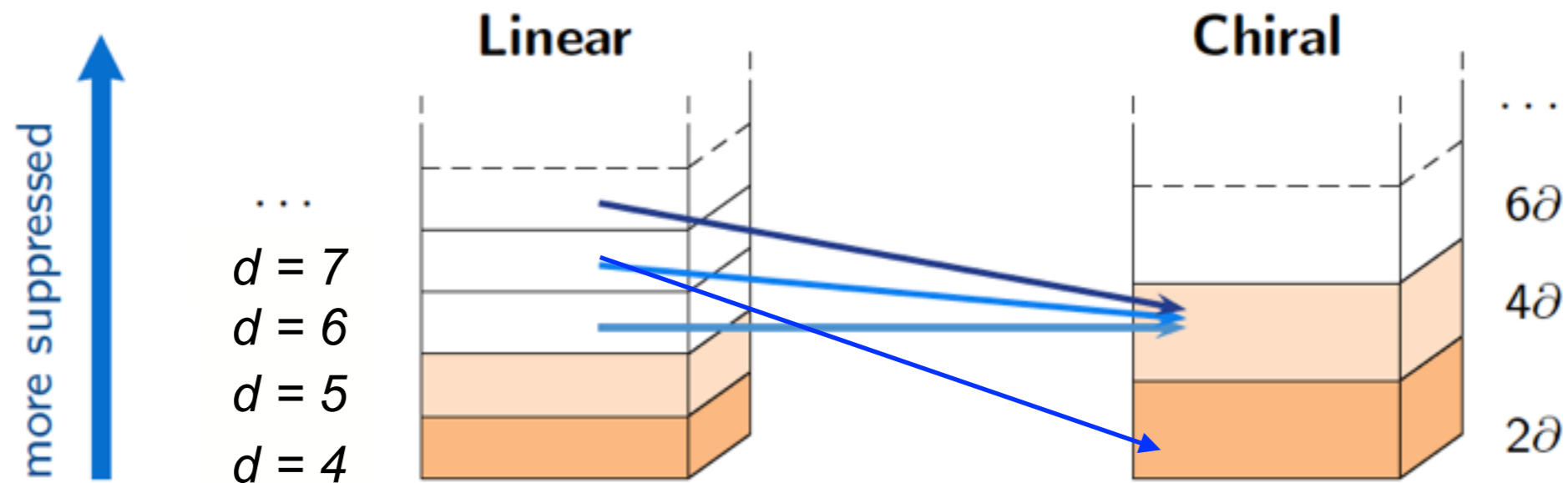
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Connected to **NLO**  $d = 5$  operators in the **linear** expansion

**LO Chiral:**

Fermionic vertices induced by  $\mathcal{A}_{2D} \longrightarrow \frac{-i}{2} (\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \Phi) \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a}$

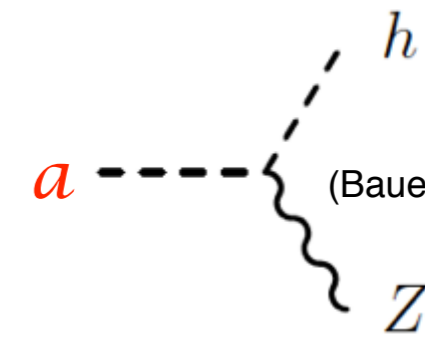
**NLO Chiral**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{B}} &\longrightarrow -B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} \frac{a}{f_a} \\ \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{W}} &\longrightarrow -W_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{W}^{a\mu\nu} \frac{a}{f_a} \\ \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{G}} &\longrightarrow -G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} \frac{a}{f_a} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Connected to NNLO  $d = 7$  operators in the linear

**LO Chiral:**

Bosonic vertices induced by  $\mathcal{A}_{2D} \rightarrow a$



(Bauer, Neubert, Tham 2016)

**NLO Chiral**

- $\mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow -\frac{2i}{(4\pi)v^2} \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} (\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi) \frac{\partial_\nu a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_2 \rightarrow -\frac{i}{(4\pi)v^2} (D_\mu \Phi^\dagger \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu} \Phi - \Phi^\dagger \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu} D_\mu \Phi) \frac{\partial^\nu a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_3 \rightarrow \frac{-2}{(4\pi)v^2} B_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial^\mu a}{f_a} D(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)$
- $\mathcal{A}_4, \mathcal{A}_8 \rightarrow \frac{4i}{(4\pi)^2 v^2} (D^\mu \Phi^\dagger D_\mu D_\nu \Phi - D_\mu D_\nu \Phi^\dagger D^\mu \Phi) \frac{\partial^\nu a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_5 \rightarrow \frac{4i}{(4\pi)^2 v^2} (D^\nu \Phi^\dagger \square \Phi - \square \Phi^\dagger D^\mu \Phi) \frac{\partial_\nu a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_6 \rightarrow -\frac{4}{(4\pi)iv^2} (\Phi^\dagger W_{\mu\nu} D^\mu \Phi + D^\mu \Phi^\dagger W_{\mu\nu} \Phi) \frac{\partial^\nu a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_{10} \rightarrow \frac{4}{(4\pi)v^2} (\Phi^\dagger W_{\mu\nu} D^\mu \Phi + D^\mu \Phi^\dagger W_{\mu\nu} \Phi) \frac{\partial^\nu a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_{11} \rightarrow -\frac{2i}{(4\pi)^2 v^2} (\Phi^\dagger \square \Phi - \Phi \square \Phi^\dagger) \frac{\square a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_{12} \rightarrow -\frac{2i}{(4\pi)^2 v^2} (\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu D_\nu \Phi) \frac{\partial^\mu \partial^\nu a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_{15}, \mathcal{A}_{16} \rightarrow -\frac{8i}{(4\pi)^2 v^2} (D^\mu \Phi^\dagger D_\mu D_\nu \Phi - D_\mu D_\nu \Phi^\dagger D^\mu \Phi) \frac{\partial^\nu a}{f_a}$
- $\mathcal{A}_{17} \rightarrow 2 \frac{2i}{(4\pi)^2 v^2} (\Phi^\dagger D_\mu \Phi) \frac{\partial^\mu \square a}{f_a}$

Connected to  $\text{N}^3\text{LO } d = 9$  operators in the linear expansion

**NLO Chiral**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{A}_7 \longrightarrow \frac{8i}{(4\pi)^2 v^4} (\Phi^\dagger \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu} \Phi) (\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \Phi) \frac{\partial^\nu a}{f_a} \\ \mathcal{A}_{13} \longrightarrow -\frac{4i}{(4\pi)^2 v^4} (\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi) \square [\Phi^\dagger \Phi] \frac{\partial^\mu a}{f_a} \\ \mathcal{A}_{14} \longrightarrow -\frac{4i}{(4\pi)^2 v^4} (\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi) \partial^\mu \partial^\nu [\Phi^\dagger \Phi] \frac{\partial_\nu a}{f_a} \end{array} \right.$$

Connected to  $\text{N}^4\text{LO } d = 11$  operators in the linear expansion

**NLO Chiral:**  $\mathcal{A}_9 \longrightarrow -\frac{i}{2\pi v^6} (\Phi^\dagger D_\mu \Phi) (\Phi^\dagger D^\mu \Phi) (\Phi^\dagger D_\nu \Phi) \frac{\partial^\nu a}{f_a}$

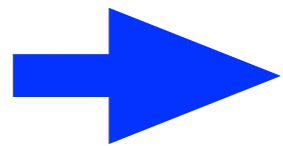
# Validity of the EFT

$f_a$  must be significantly larger than the typical energies of the process.

For each given  $f_a$ , validity conditions:

- $m_T^{\max} < f_a$  for mono- $W$ s, because the ATLAS search uses  $m_T$  as discriminating variable;  
 $m_T^{\max}$  denotes the highest  $m_T$  data bin.
- $2\cancel{E}_T^{\max} < f_a$  for the rest of accelerator signals, where  $\cancel{E}_T^{\max}$  denotes the highest  $\cancel{E}_T$  data bin.

e.g. In mono-Z analysis with  $2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , the  $\cancel{E}_T$  value for the highest bin considered is 1.2 TeV



That analysis valid for scales  $f_a > 2.4 \text{ TeV}$ .

Is this safe, give the fact that  $m_{inv.} \geq m_T, \cancel{E}_T$ ?

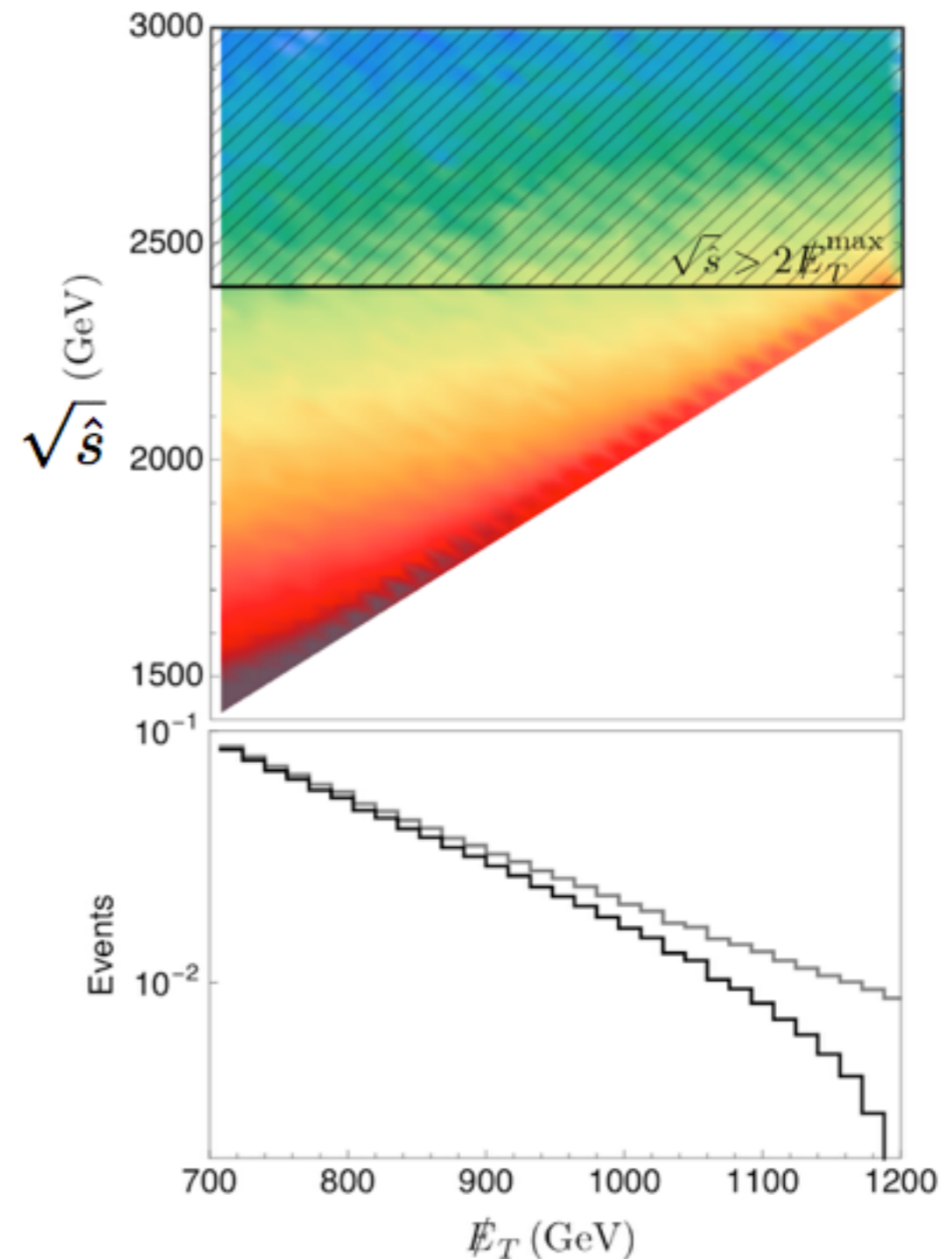
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# Validity of the EFT,

$$2\cancel{E}_T^{\max} < f_\alpha \text{ vs } \sqrt{\hat{s}} < f_\alpha$$

e.g. probability density  
of mono-Z events

e.g. the difference in the bounds  
between a cut in  $2\cancel{E}_T^{\max}$  and a cut in  
 $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$  is negligible





# ALP stability at the LHC vs $m_a$

e.g. for  $m_a = 1 \text{ MeV}$

$a \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}\nu\bar{\nu}$  It would simply become part of the  $\cancel{E}_T$  contributions

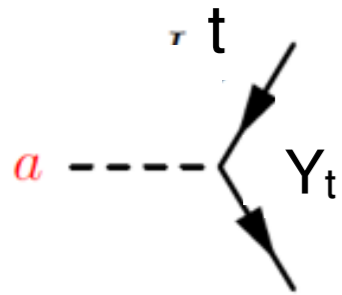
$a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  The distance  $d$  covered in the laboratory frame before decaying

$$d = \tau\beta c = \frac{\hbar}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{|\vec{p}_a|}{m_a} c > 4 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m} \times \left( \frac{|\vec{p}_a|}{\text{GeV}} \right)$$

$a \rightarrow \gamma\nu\bar{\nu}$  ALP-Z- $\gamma$

$$d \simeq 10^{22} \text{ m} \times \left( \frac{|\vec{p}_a|/g_{aZ\gamma}^2}{\text{GeV}^3} \right) > 3.3 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ m} \times \left( \frac{|\vec{p}_a|}{\text{GeV}} \right)$$

## Final state radiation off a top



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}a)[\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}] = c_{2D}^2 \left( \frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{f_a} \right)^2 (50 \text{ fb})$$

Compare with susy searches of  $t\bar{t} + 2$  neutralinos

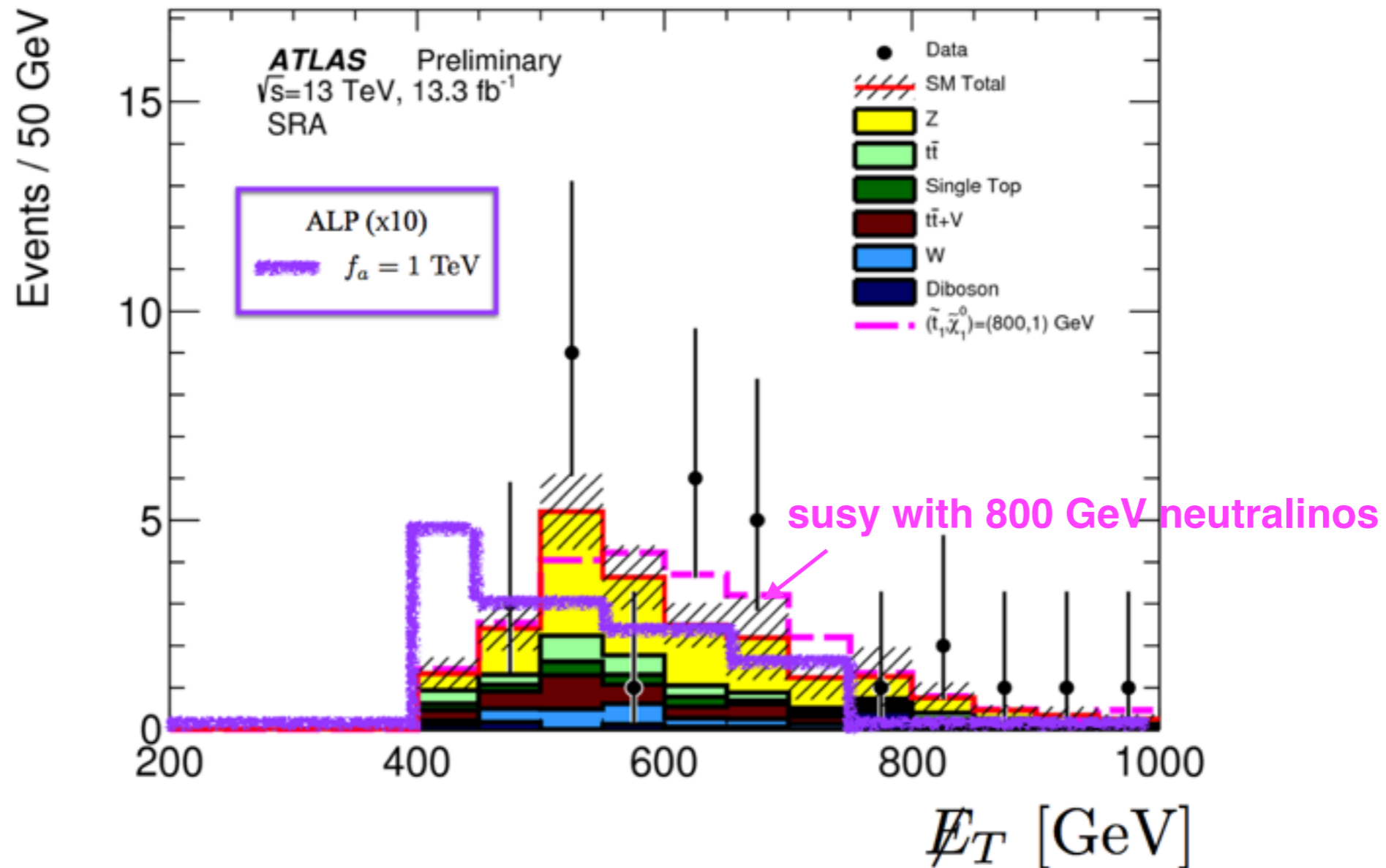


Figure 13: Missing energy distribution for the production of a light ALP in association with  $t\bar{t}$  for  $13.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of  $13 \text{ TeV}$  data. The normalization has been chosen with  $f_a = 1 \text{ TeV}$  and then multiplied by a factor 10. We show the corresponding simulation of supersymmetric scenarios by ATLAS, as well as their event count.

## Present exclusion limits on $c_W$ from mono-W and mono-Z

$\ell$	$c_{\tilde{W}}$ (mono-W)		$c_{\tilde{W}}$ (mono-Z)	
	e	$\mu$	e	$\mu$
$(f_a/c_{\tilde{W}})_{\min}$ [TeV]	1.28	1.65	3.77	2.54
$(f_a/c_{\tilde{W}})_{\min}$ [TeV] [No Syst.]	1.72	2.46	3.79	2.54

Table 3: Present 95% C.L.  $f_a/c_{\tilde{W}}$  exclusion limits for the effective operator  $\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{W}}$  from mono-W (left), inferred from the search presented in Ref. [98] as detailed in Sect. 6.3.1 and mono-Z (right) inferred from the search presented in Ref. [100] as detailed in Sect. 7.1.1. Values obtained without including background systematics are labeled [No Syst.].

## Prospects on $c_W$ from mono-Z

$\ell$	$c_{\tilde{W}}$ (mono-Z)			
	e		$\mu$	
Luminosity [ $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ]	300	3000	300	3000
$f_a/c_i$ [TeV]	10.5	15.87	9.77	14.37
$f_a/c_i$ [TeV] [Syst. $\times 1/2$ ]	11.14	18.45	10.38	16.7
$f_a/c_i$ [TeV] [No Syst.]	11.68	21.5	10.9	19.66

Table 4: Projected 95% C.L.  $f_a/c_i$  reach at LHC, with  $\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{L} = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for  $\mu_{\tilde{W}} = (c_{\tilde{W}}/f_a)^2$  for the effective operators relevant to mono-Z production, as detailed in Sect. 6.3.2. Top row: Assuming future systematic uncertainties on the background scale as present ones. Middle row: Assuming systematic uncertainties are reduced by a factor 2 w.r.t. present ones. Bottom row: Assuming no background systematic uncertainties.



# Mono-W

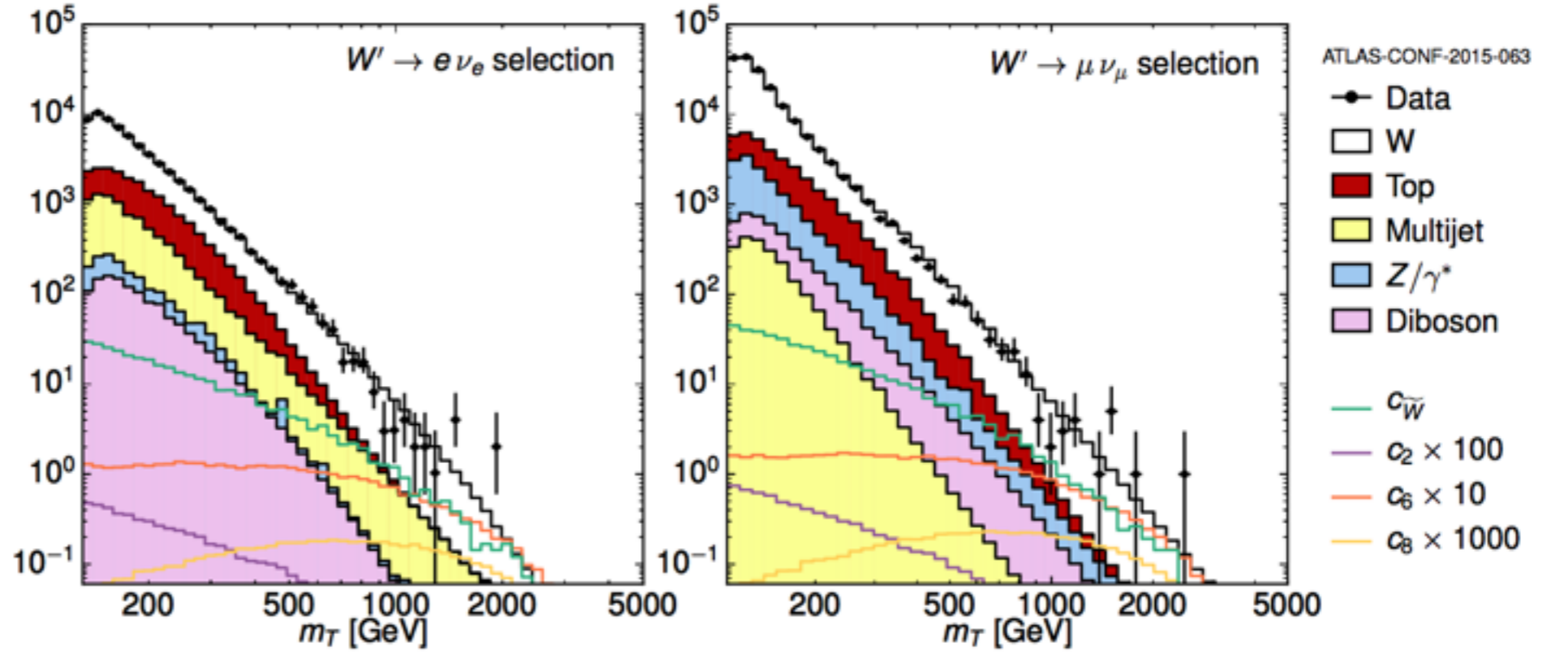
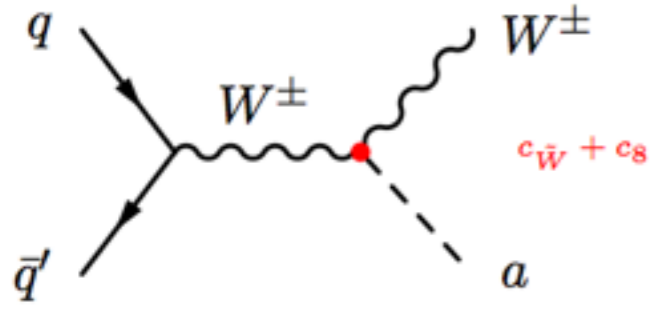


Figure 3: Transverse mass  $m_T$  distribution for a  $W^\pm$  ( $W^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu_\ell$ ) production in the  $e + \cancel{E}_T$  final state (Left) and  $\mu + \cancel{E}_T$  final state (Right), generated from  $\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{W}}$  (green),  $\mathcal{A}_2$  (purple),  $\mathcal{A}_6$  (orange) and  $\mathcal{A}_8$  (yellow). Also shown are the binned experimental data and dominant backgrounds from the 13 TeV ( $3.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) ATLAS analysis [98].

	$c_6$ (mono- $W$ )		$c_{\tilde{W}}$ (mono- $W$ )	
Luminosity [ $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ]	300	3000	300	3000
$f_a/c_i$ [TeV]	2.09	2.71	1.90	2.32
$f_a/c_i$ [TeV] [Syst. $\times 1/2$ ]	2.35	3.44	2.29	3.01
$f_a/c_i$ [TeV] [No Syst.]	2.60	4.68	3.43	6.10

Table 5: Projected 95% C.L.  $f_a/c_i$  LHC reach for  $\ell = e$  final states, with  $\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{L} = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for the effective operators relevant to mono- $W$  production, as detailed in Sect. 6.3.1. Top row: Assuming future systematic uncertainties on the background scale as present ones. Middle row: Assuming systematic uncertainties are reduced by a factor 2 w.r.t. present ones. Bottom row: Assuming no background systematic uncertainties.

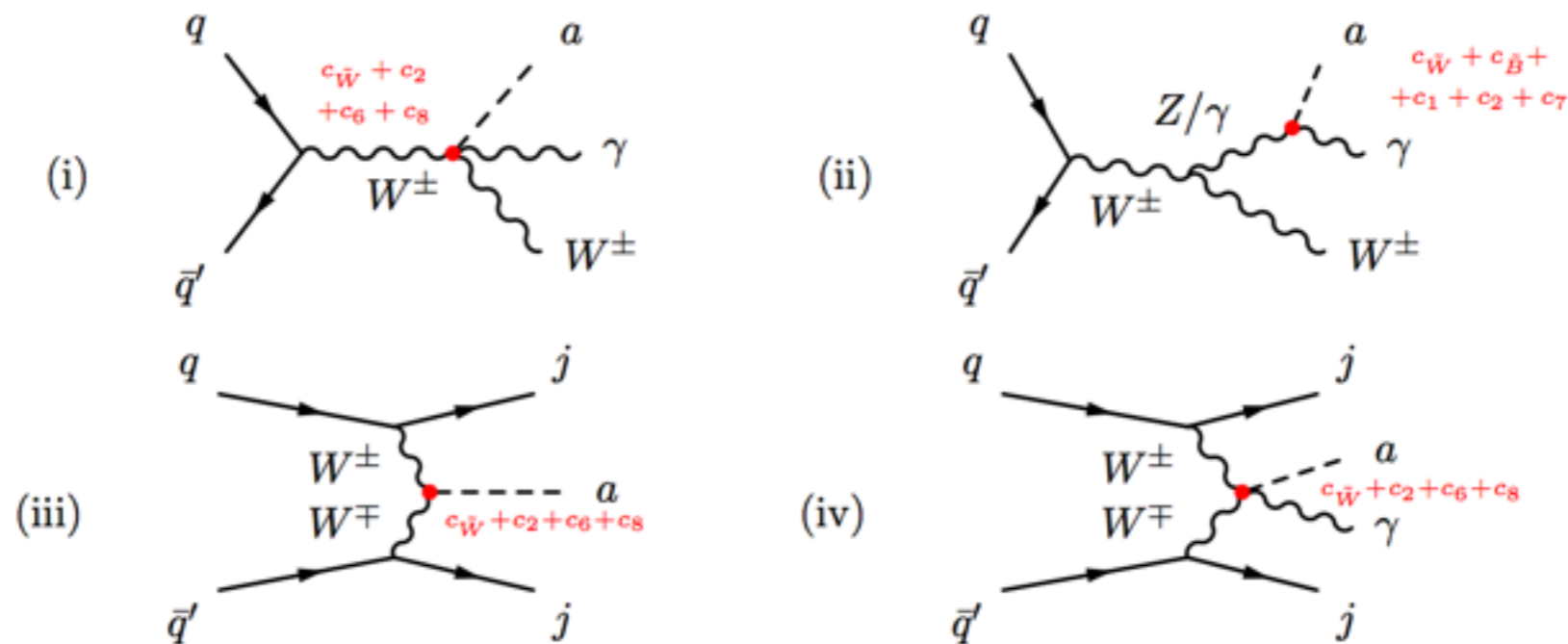


Figure 5: Main diagrams contributing to the processes analysed in Sect. 7.2. Upper line:  $a\gamma W$  associated production. Lower line: VBF-type interaction producing  $ajj$  (iii) and  $ajj\gamma$  (iv). The proportionality of each diagram to the non-linear parameters is indicated in the figure (overall factors and relative coefficients are not displayed).

	$c_6$		$c_{\tilde{W}}$	
Luminosity [ $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ]	300	3000	300	3000
Optimal $\cancel{E}_T^{\min}$ [GeV]	300	330	220	220
$(f_a/c_i)_{\max}$ [GeV]	470	950	3800	6800

Table 6: Optimal missing transverse energy cut  $\cancel{E}_T^{\min}$ , and  $(f_a/c_i)_{\max}$   $2\sigma$  projected sensitivity reach for  $aW\gamma$  production, for  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV and integrated luminosities  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .



## Associated $aW\gamma$

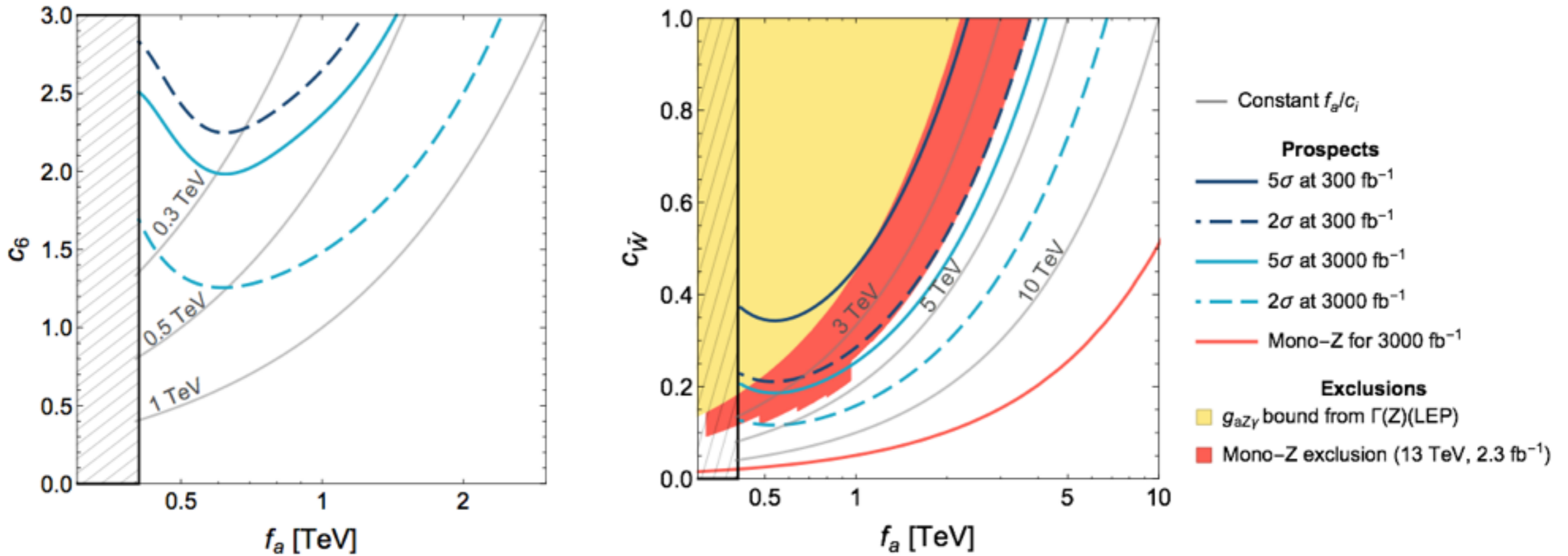


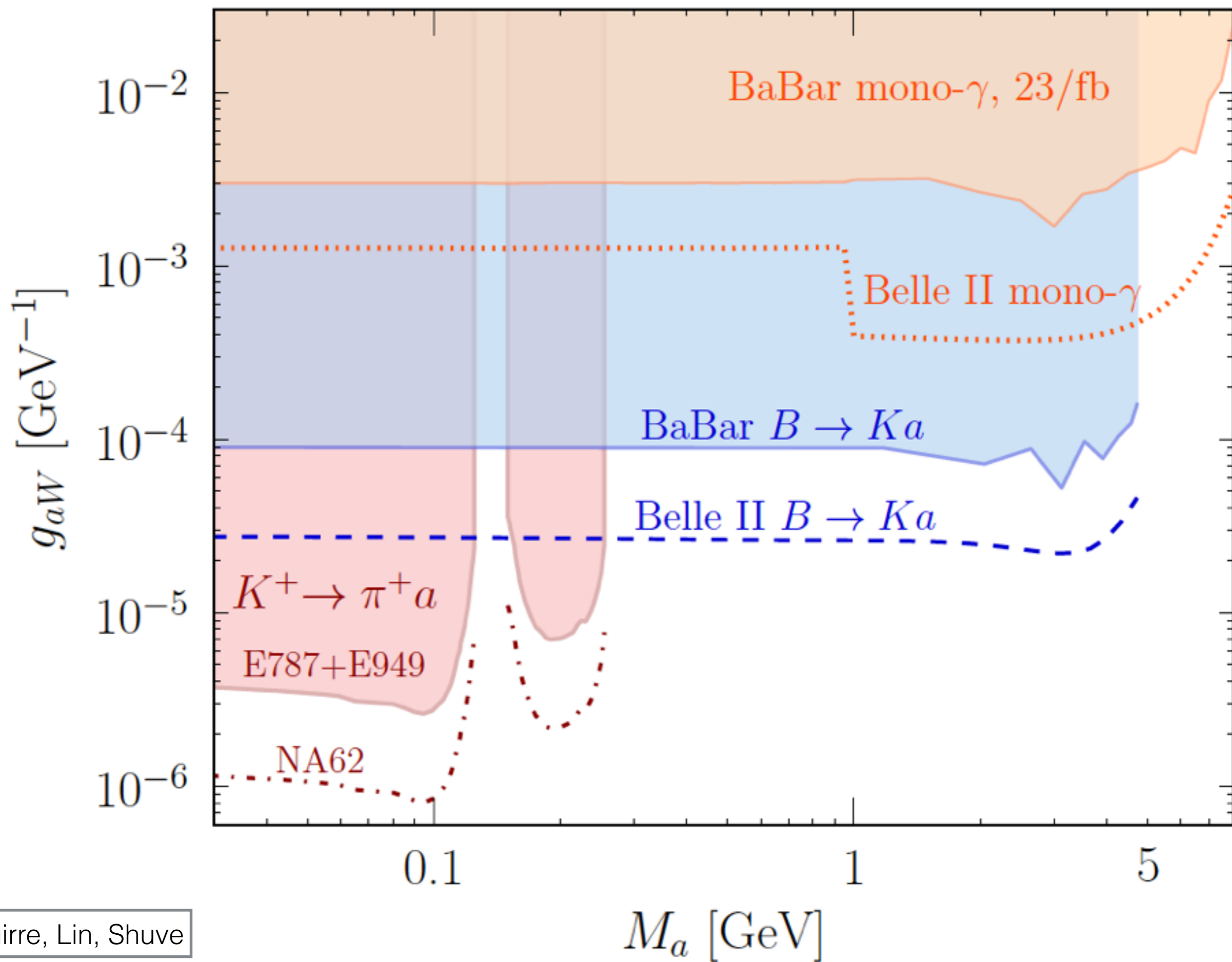
Figure 8: Contours for  $\sigma = 2$  (dashed) and  $\sigma = 5$  (solid) sensitivity to  $pp \rightarrow aW^\pm\gamma$  ( $W^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm\nu$ ) signal at the LHC with  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV and for an integrated luminosity of  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (dark blue) and  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (light blue), as a function of  $\{f_a, c_i\}$ . The left (right) panel shows the results obtained assuming that only the operator  $\mathcal{A}_6$  (the combination of operators  $(\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{W}} - t_\theta^2 \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{B}})$ ) is contributing. The hatched region corresponds to  $f_a < 2E_T^{\min}$ , and is excluded by the EFT validity. The yellow region is excluded by the bound on  $g_{aZ\gamma}$  reported in Eq. (125). The mono-Z exclusion region from  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV LHC with  $2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data is depicted by the red region. The gray reference lines correspond to constant values of  $f_a/c_i$ . The region

Main backg.:  $W\gamma$ , measured in LHC 7TeV. scaled here by 20% to account for subdominant backs.

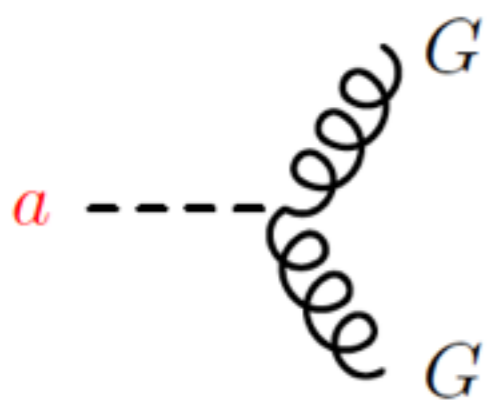
Parton level analysis.  $p_T^\gamma > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T^\ell > 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta^\gamma| < 2.5$  and  $|\eta^\ell| < 2.5$

Sensitivity reach:  $f_a/c_{\tilde{W}} \lesssim 3.8 \text{ TeV}$  (6.8 TeV)  $f_a/c_6 \lesssim 0.4 \text{ TeV}$  (0.8 TeV)

$a \rightarrow \text{invisible}$



# Present bounds on gluon-ALP couplings



$$\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{G}} = -G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} \frac{a}{f_a}$$

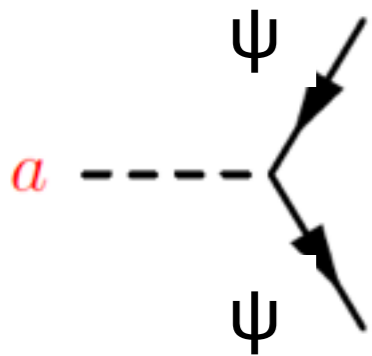
ATLAS+CMS:  
(Mimasu+Sanz, 2015)

$$\frac{c_{\tilde{G}}}{f_a} \lesssim 2.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \quad m_a \lesssim 0.1 \text{ GeV}$$

K → π, SN, etc...

$$\frac{c_{\tilde{G}}}{f_a} \lesssim 2.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \quad m_a \lesssim 60 \text{ MeV}$$

# Present bounds on fermion-ALP couplings



$$\delta\mathcal{L}_a \supset \frac{ia}{f_a} \sum_{\psi=Q,L} g_{a\psi} m_{\psi}^{\text{diag}} \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi$$

Beam Dump:  
(Dolan et al. 2014)

$$g_{a\psi}/f_a < (3.4 \cdot 10^{-8} - 2.9 \cdot 10^{-6}) \text{ GeV}^{-1} \quad 1 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 3 \text{ GeV}$$

XENON100:  
(Aprile et al. 2014)

$$g_{ae}/f_a < 1.5 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \quad m_a < 1 \text{ keV}$$

Red Giants:  
(Viaux et al. 2013)

$$g_{ae}/f_a < 8.6 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \quad m_a \lesssim \text{eV}$$

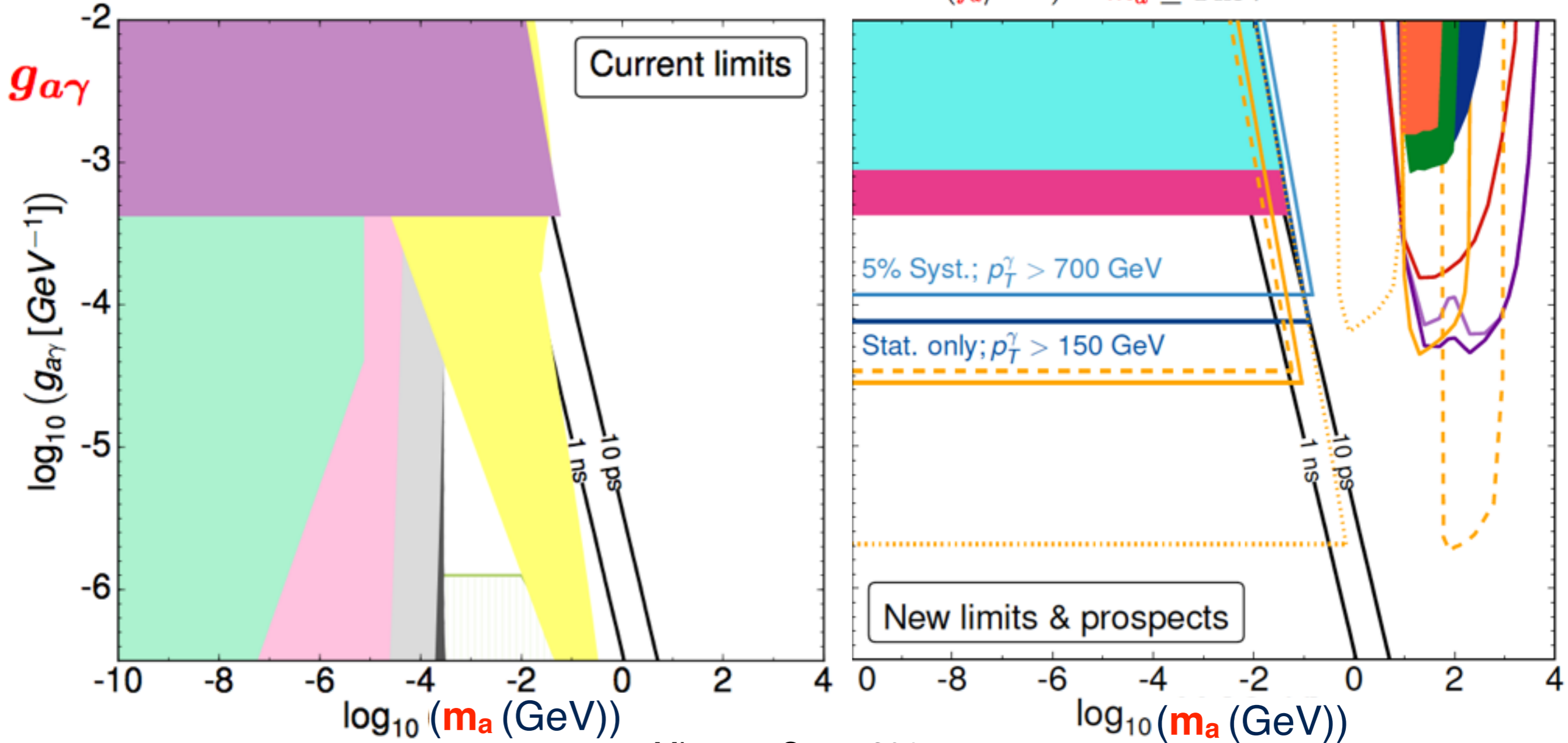


# Bounds on photon-ALP coupling

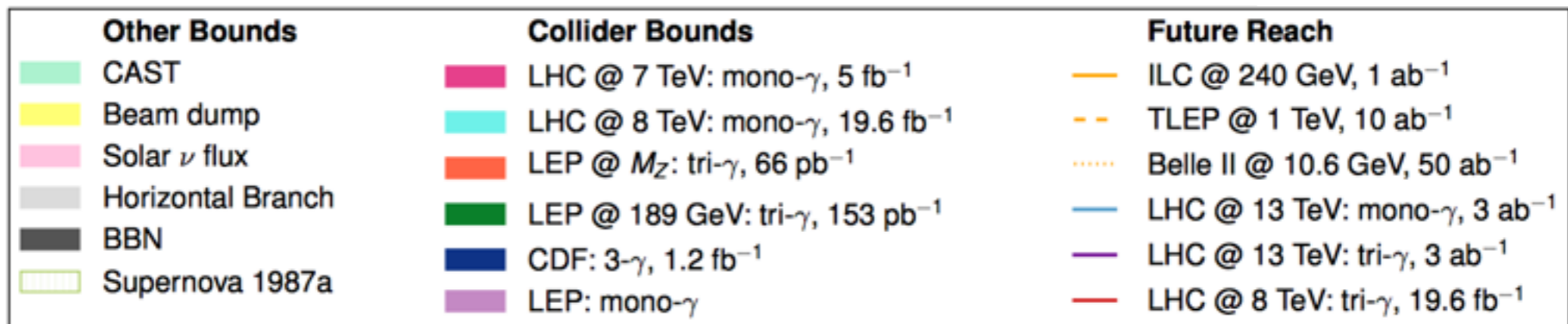
e.g. 90% CL:  $|c_{\tilde{B}}c_{\theta}^2 + c_{\tilde{W}}s_{\theta}^2| \lesssim$

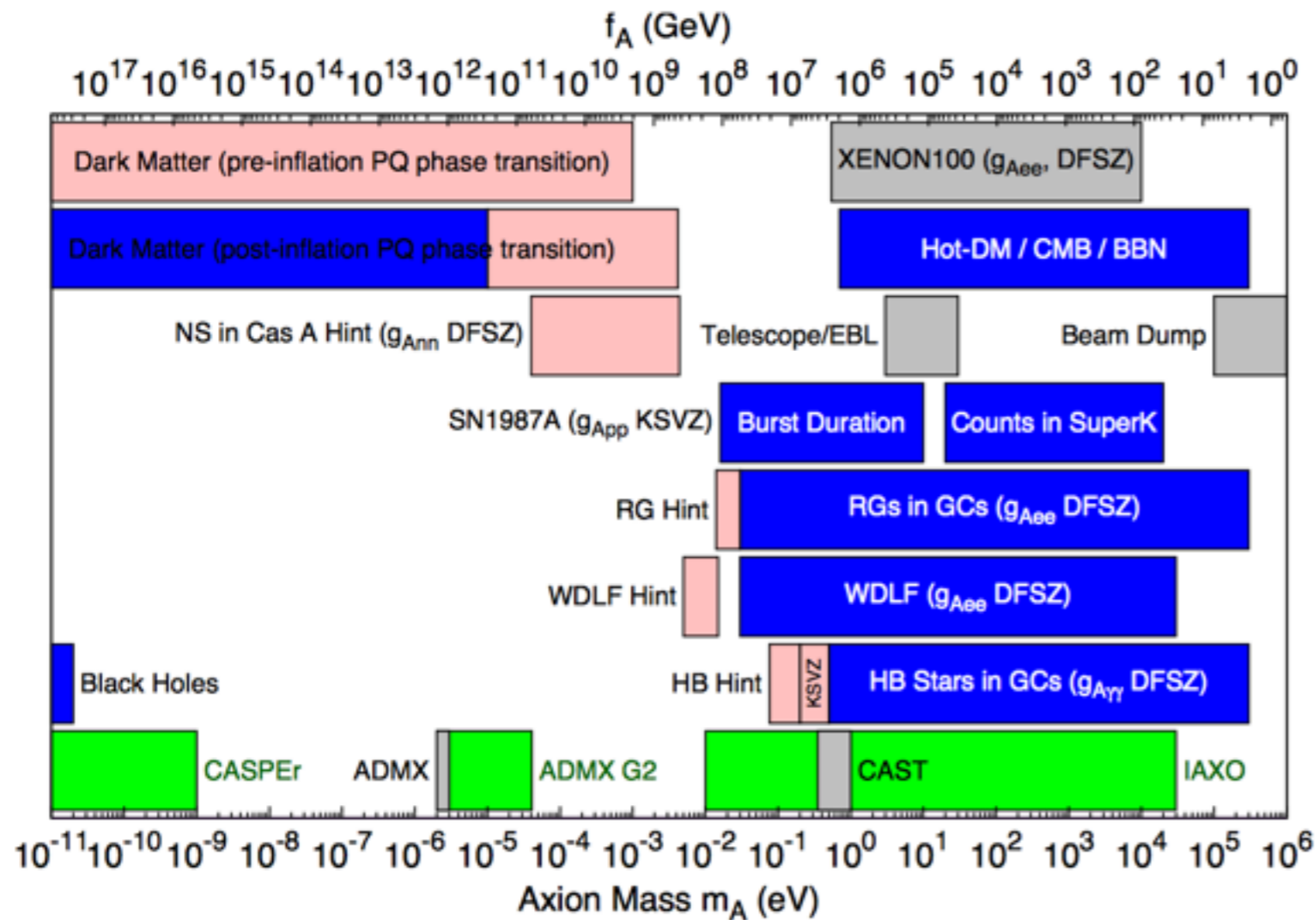
0.0025 ( $f_a/\text{TeV}$ )      $m_a \leq 1 \text{ MeV}$

$2.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$  ( $f_a/\text{TeV}$ )      $m_a \leq 1 \text{ keV}$



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Exclusion ranges as described in the intervals in the bottom row are the approximate ADMX, CASPEr, CAST, and IAXO search ranges, with green regions indicating the projected reach. Limits on coupling strengths are translated into limits on  $m_A$  and  $f_A$  using  $z = 0.56$  and the KSVZ values for the coupling strengths, if not indicated otherwise. The “Beam Dump” bar is a rough representation of the exclusion range for standard or variant axions. The limits for the axion-electron coupling are determined for the DFSZ model with an axion-electron coupling corresponding to  $\cos^2 \beta' = 1/2$ .