

# A global view on dark sector searches

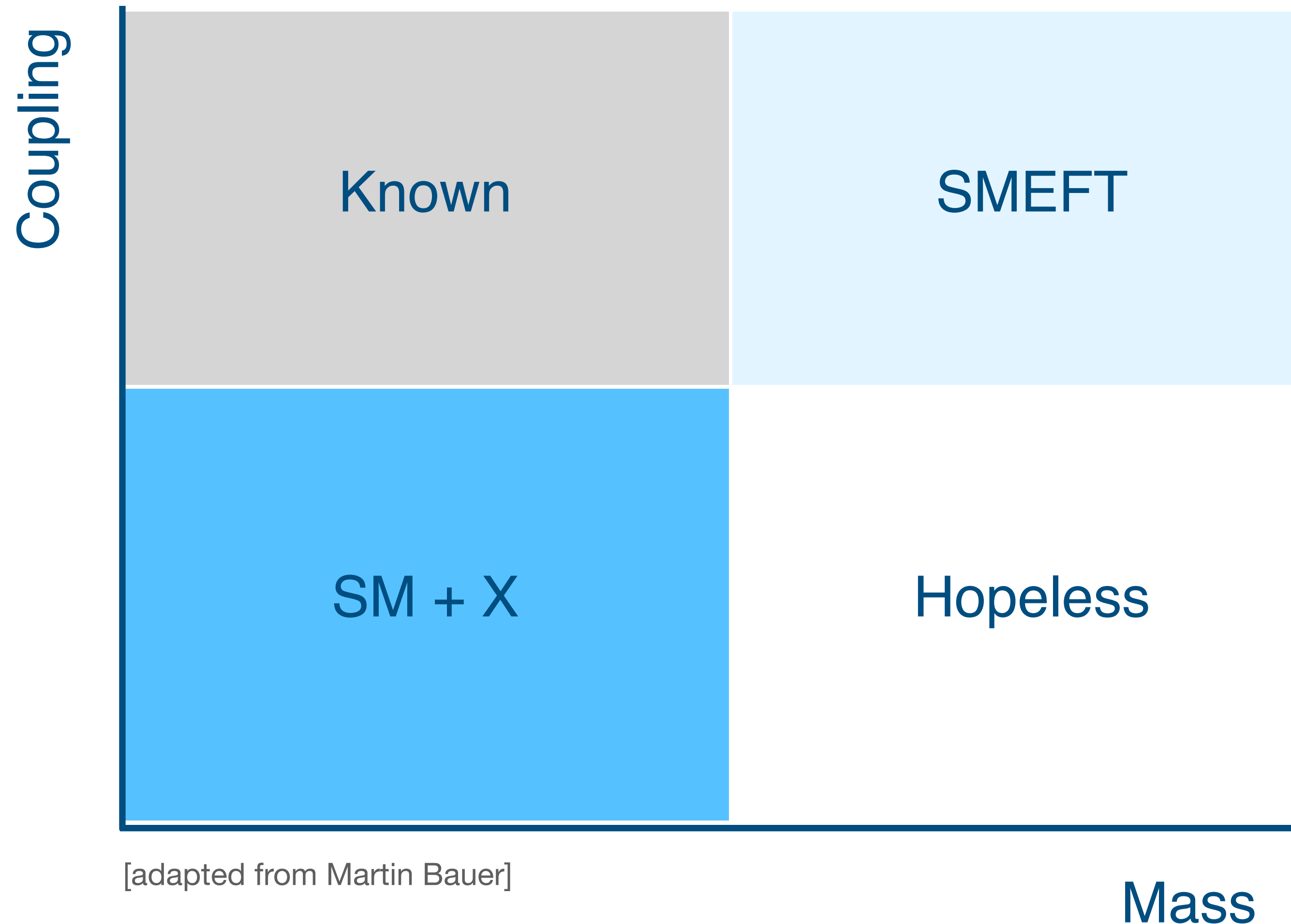
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# Feebly-interacting particles



[adapted from Martin Bauer]

Light new physics?

- Spin-0: scalars, axion-like particles
- Spin-1/2: heavy neutral leptons
- Spin-1: dark photons

[Robert's talk]

# Outline

- Light (pseudo-)scalars
- Belle II phenomenology
- Global analyses

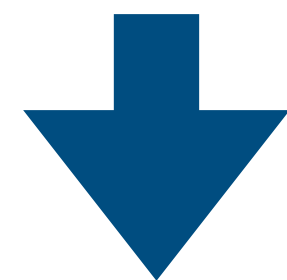
Interplay between experiments

Reinterpretability

HepData

Fast simulation

**How can we test this model?**



**Which models can we test?**

# Light scalars - motivation

Does Dark Matter (DM) receive its mass via a coupling to a scalar particle?

Is there a whole Dark Sector?

Dark Higgs and SM Higgs could mix

$T_{rh}$  reheating temperature  
 $T_p$  percolation temperature

$$V(\Phi, H) \subset \lambda_{h\phi} |\Phi|^2 |H|^2$$

$$h \rightarrow \cos \theta h + \sin \theta \phi$$

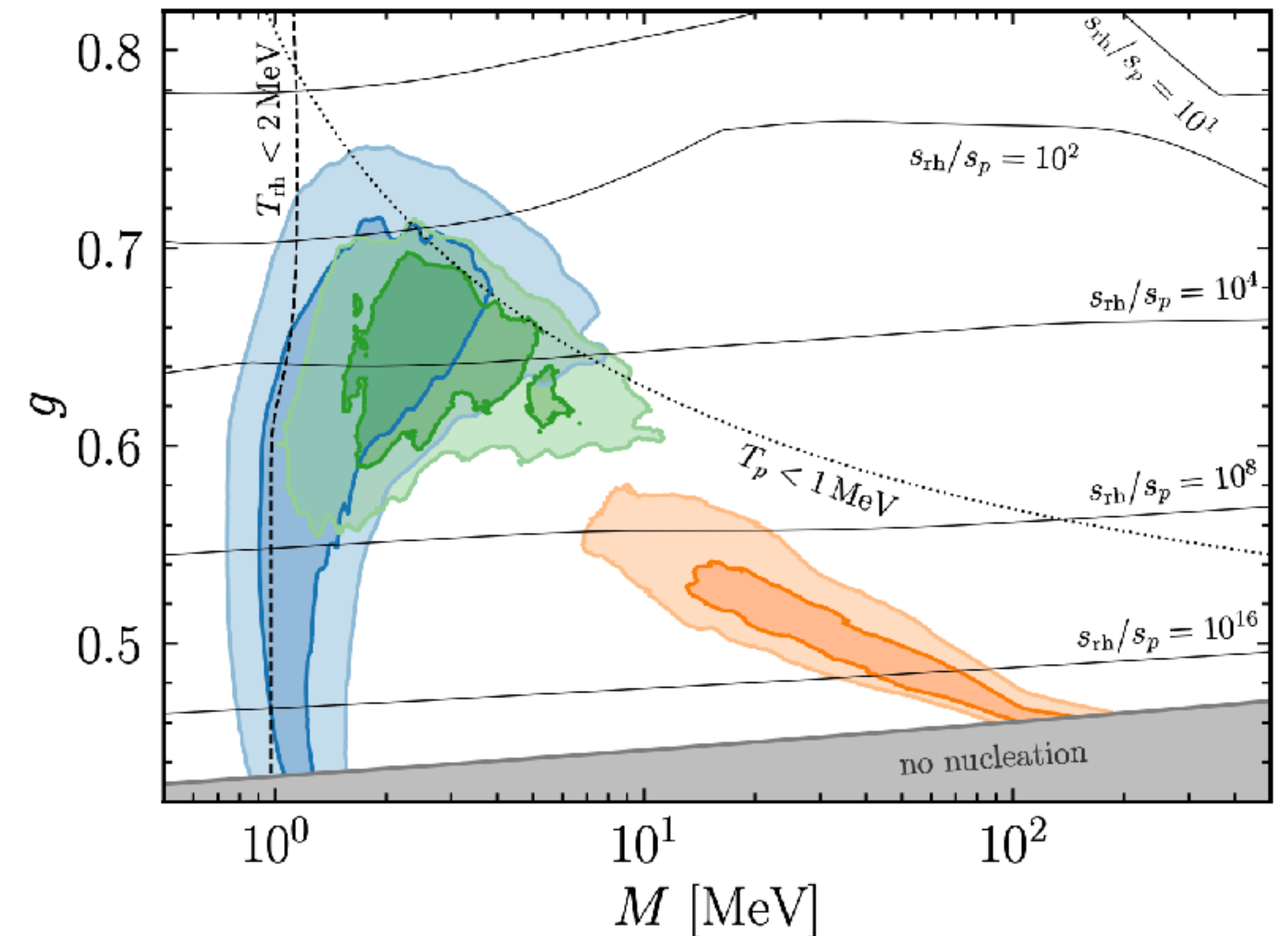
$$\phi \rightarrow -\sin \theta h + \cos \theta \phi$$

Pulsar Timing Array (PTA) data compatible with a light scalar

(0.92 – 6.9) MeV **NANOGrav**

(11.5 – 124) MeV **IPTA**

[Madge et al. (2306.14856)]





# Axions

$$\mathcal{L} = \theta \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

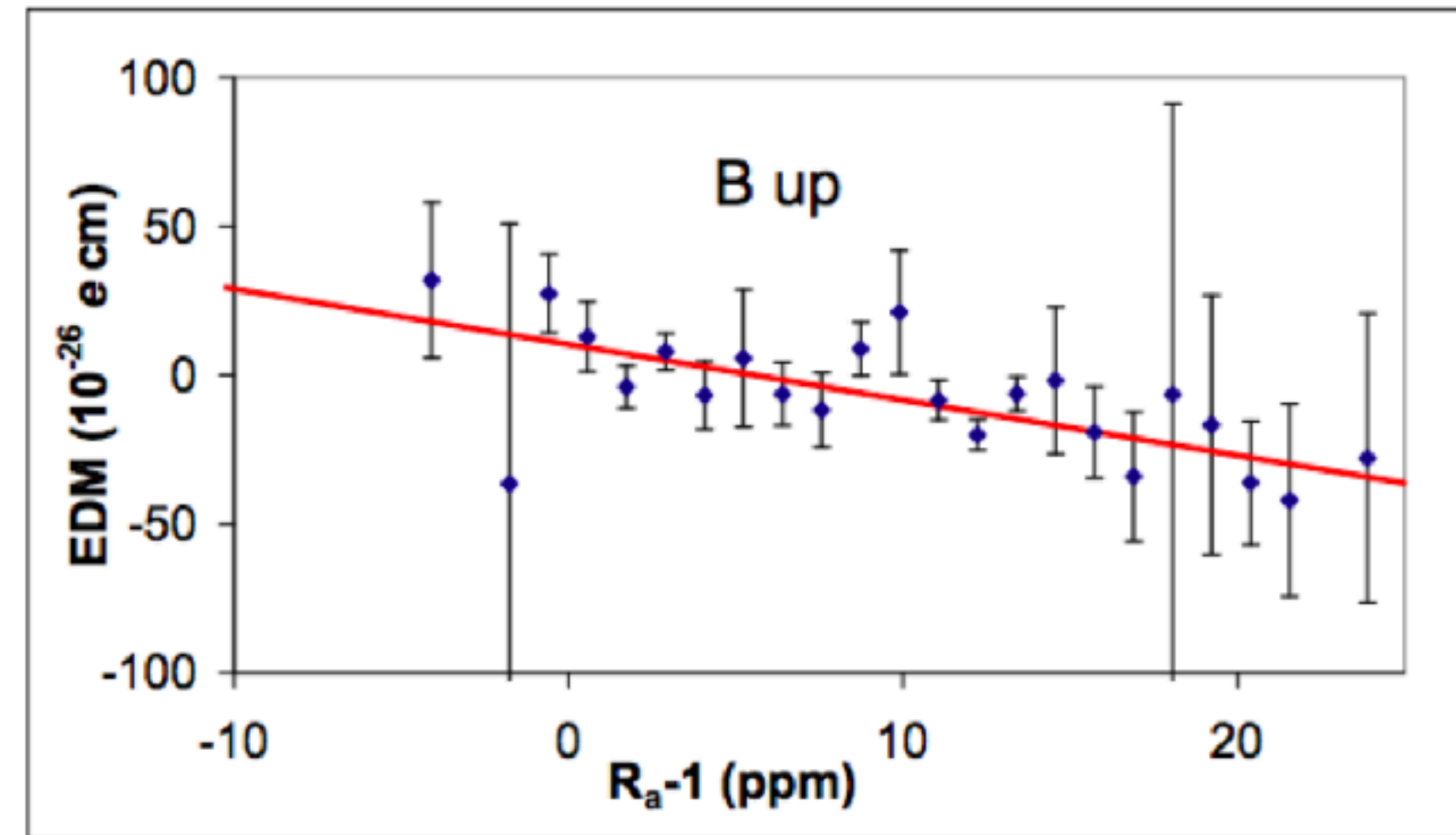
Why is the theta term so small?

$$\mathcal{L} = \left( \theta - \frac{a}{f_a} \right) \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

Dynamical solution to the strong CP problem

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

[Baker et al. ([hep-ex/0602020](#))]



Electric dipole moment of the neutron

[Peccei, Quinn ([ref1](#), [ref2](#))]

[Weinberg] [Wilczek]



# Axion-like particles - motivation

A spontaneously broken continuous symmetry gives rise to massless spin-0 fields.

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

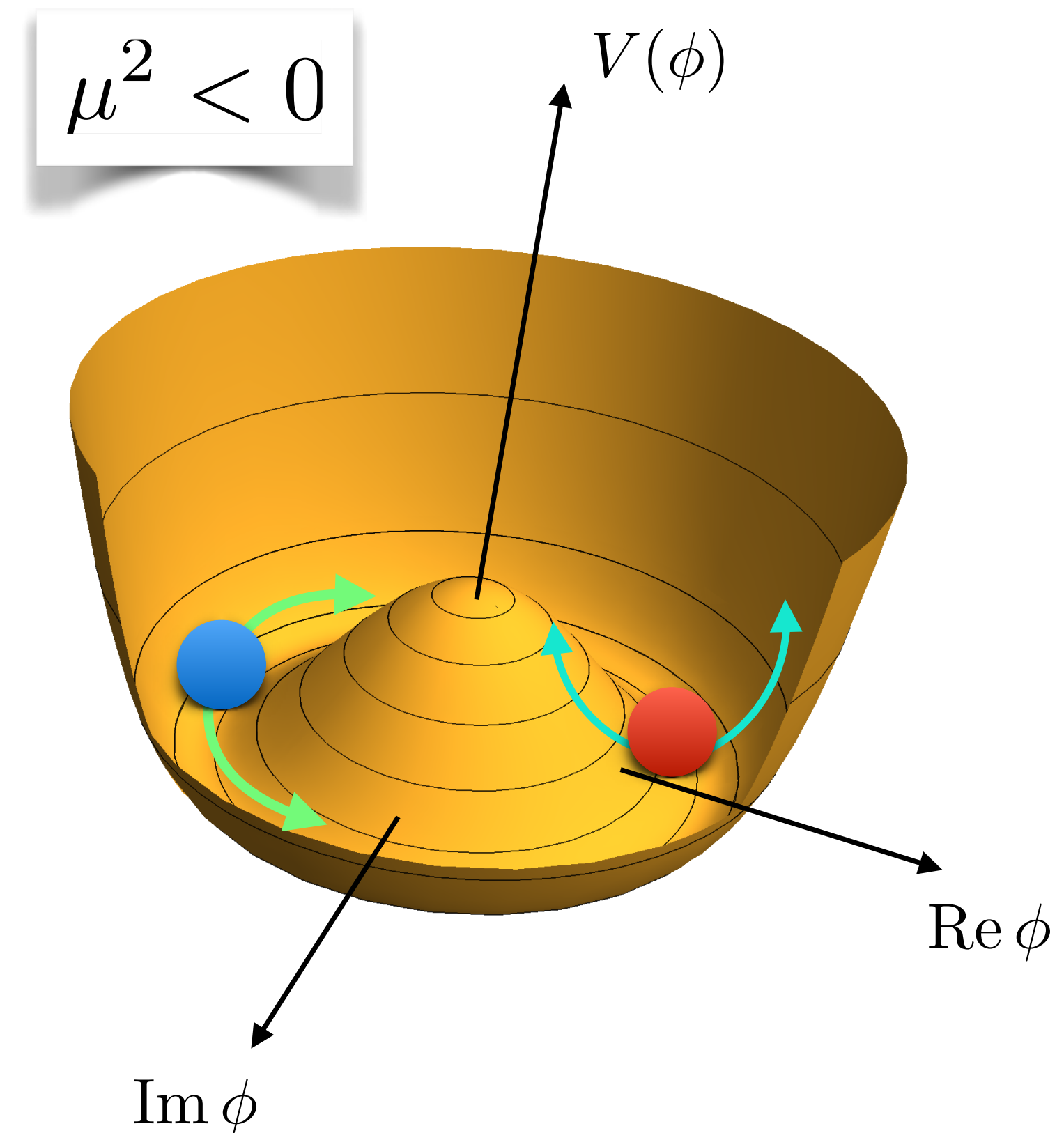
$$\phi = (f + s)e^{ia/f}$$

$$m_s^2 = 4\lambda f^2 = |\mu|^2$$

$$m_a^2 = 0$$

Shift symmetry

$$a \rightarrow a + a_0$$



[Bauer (PADUA23)]

# Axion-like particles

EFT with an additional light d.o.f.  
and at dimension 5

- Featured in many BSM scenarios: “Higgs portal” dark matter, composite Higgs models, ...
- Consider a generic ALP with effective Lagrangian

[Peccei, Quinn ([ref1](#), [ref2](#))]  
[Weinberg] [Wilczek]

[Brivio et al. ([1701.05379](#))]  
[Bauer et al. ([1708.00443](#))]

- Shift symmetry  $a \rightarrow a + a_0$ , Lagrangian terms:  $\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} (\text{SM})^\mu$

[Stefania's talks]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{D \leq 5} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2} a^2 + \frac{\partial^\mu a}{f} \sum_F \bar{\psi}_F c_F \gamma_\mu \psi_F + c_\phi \frac{\partial^\mu a}{f} (\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) \\ + c_{GG} \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \frac{a}{f} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,a} + c_{WW} \frac{\alpha_2}{4\pi} \frac{a}{f} W_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu,A} + c_{BB} \frac{\alpha_1}{4\pi} \frac{a}{f} B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} .$$

# Light BSM particles at the LHC

[Thamm (LHCP24)]

Example: axion-like-particles

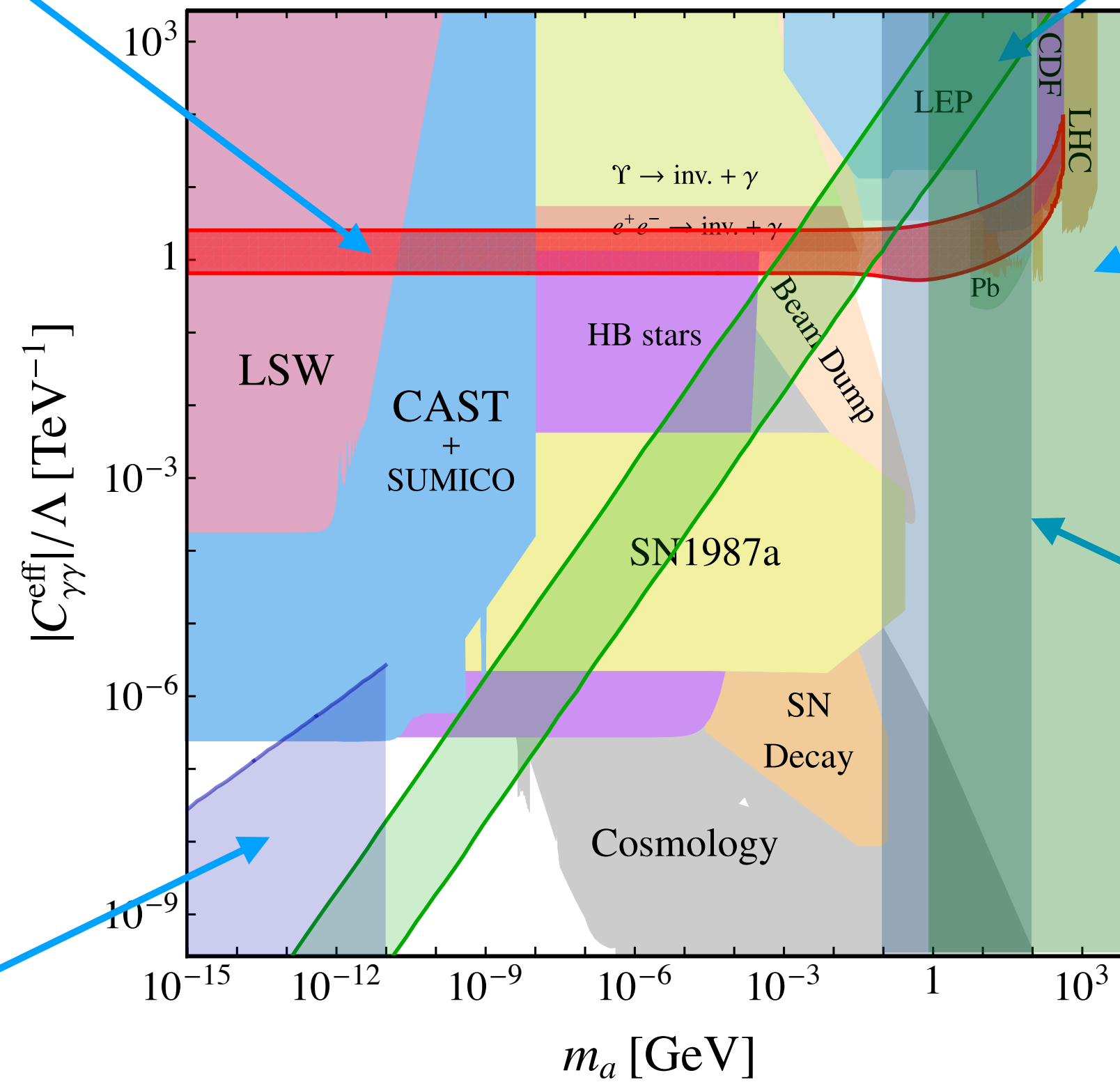
Solves  $(g - 2)_\mu$  anomaly

1708.00443, 1908.00008

QCD axion

9703409, 0009290, 1411.3325, 1504.06084, 1604.01127, 1606.03097

Heavy axion



pNGB in supersymmetric or composite models

0902.1483, 1312.5330, 1702.02152, 2104.11064

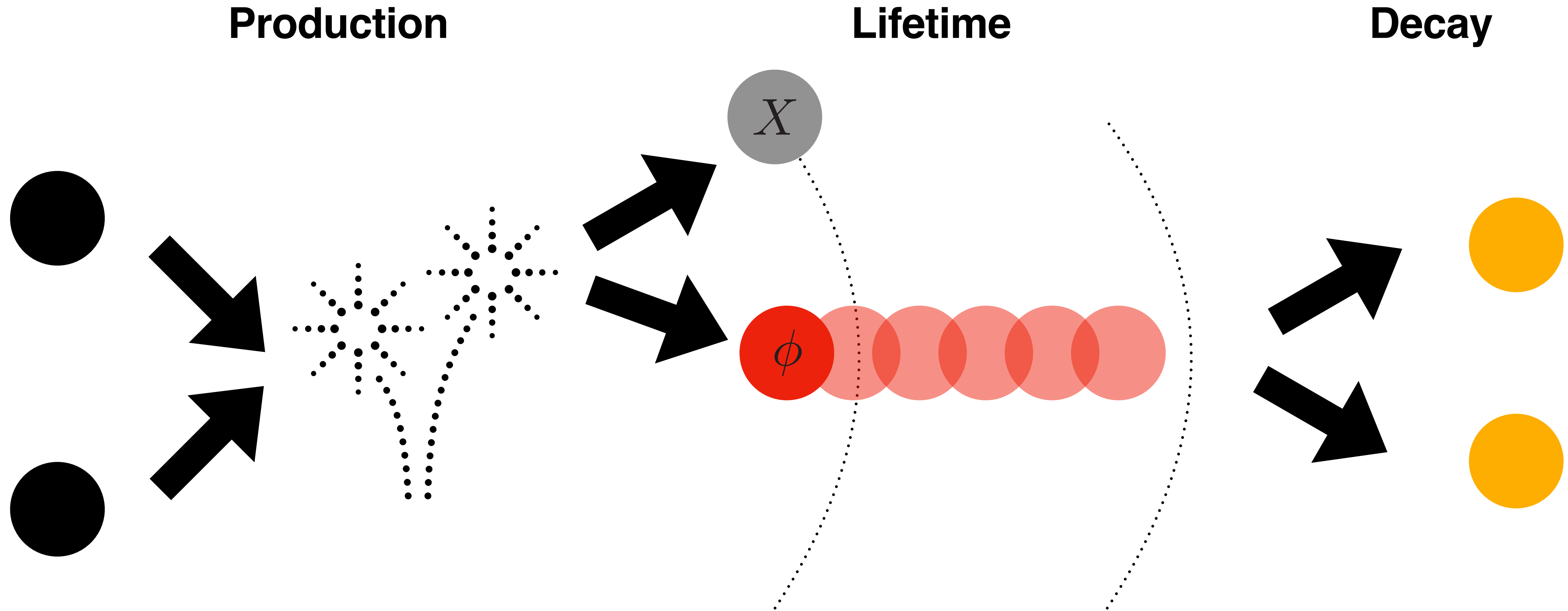
DM candidate

ALP mass range covered by **Belle II** interesting in the context of

- Heavy axions
- Pseudo Nambu Goldstone bosons from SUSY, composite Higgs
- $g-2$

Interplay of experiments/ observations crucial

# Phenomenology of (pseudo-)scalars





# (Pseudo-)scalar production at Belle II

## Rare meson decays

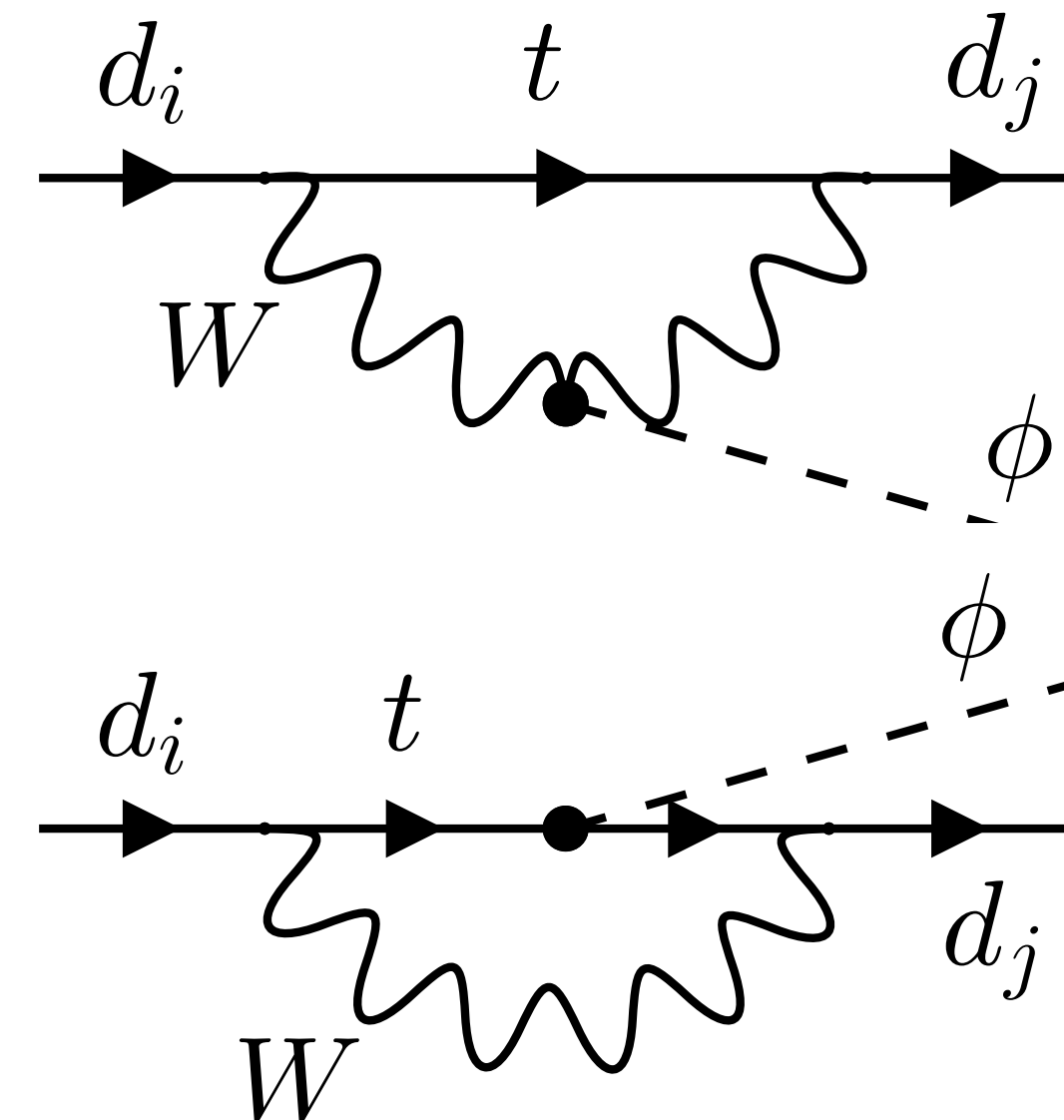
Sizeable top/W couplings lead to loop-induced decays

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \phi$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \phi$$

## Mixing with SM particles

$$\pi^0 \leftrightarrow a$$

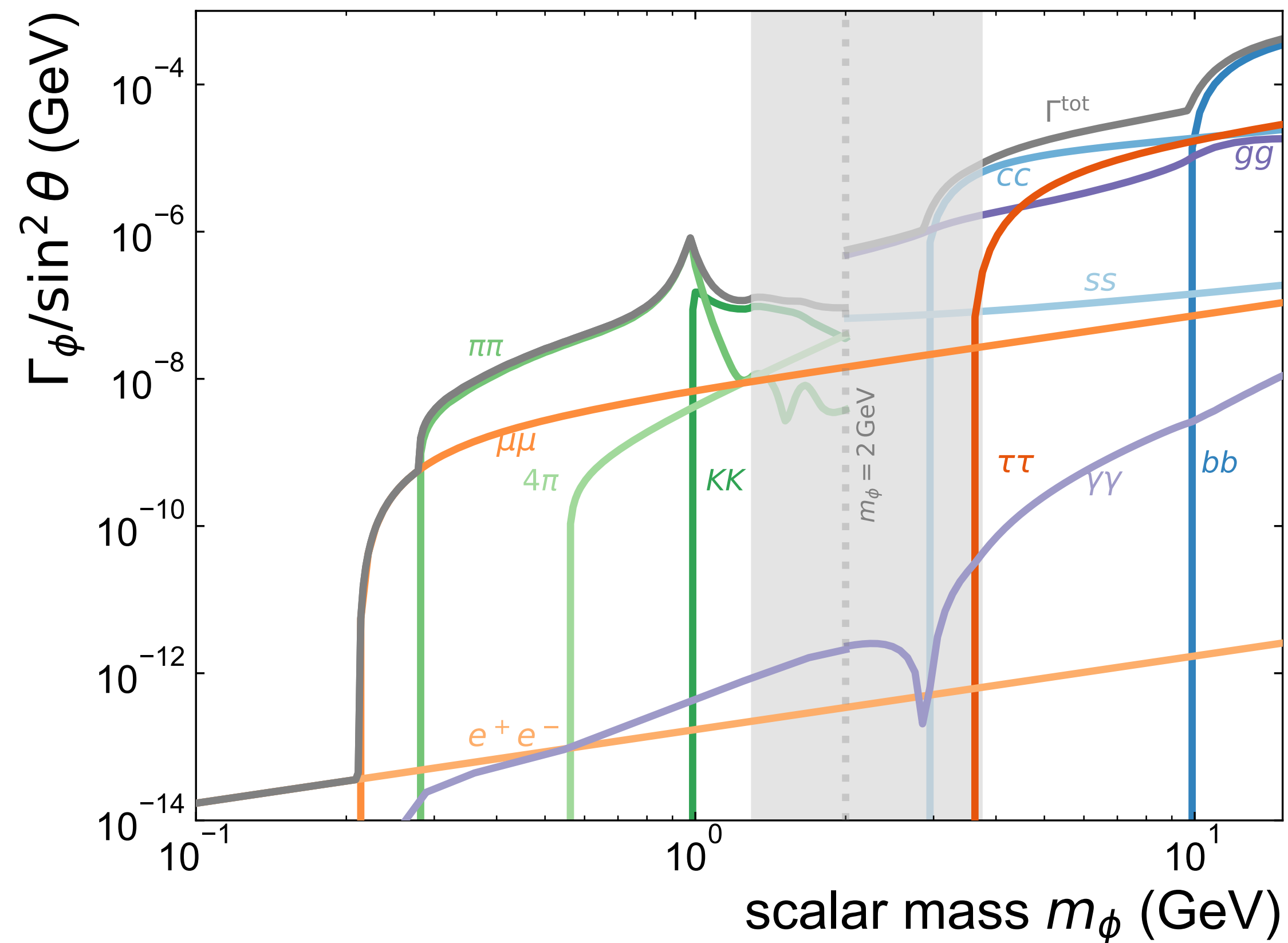


## Photon coupling



# (Pseudo-)scalar decays

[Ferber, Grohsjean, Kahlhöfer (2305.16169)]



Photons, leptons, hadrons

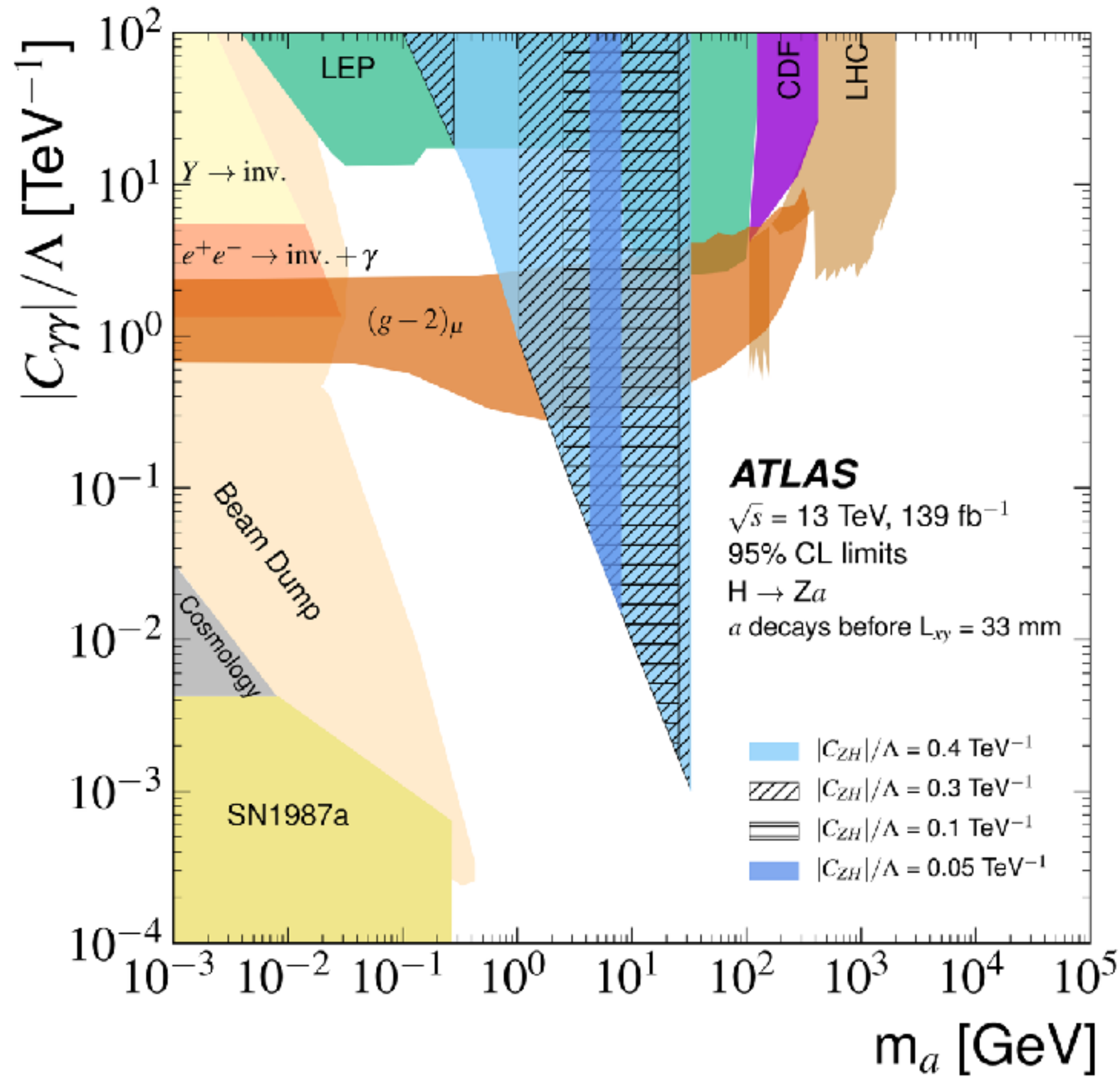
Known hierarchy for a scalar mixing with the SM Higgs

For a general (pseudo)scalar, the hierarchy of the various decay channels might be different

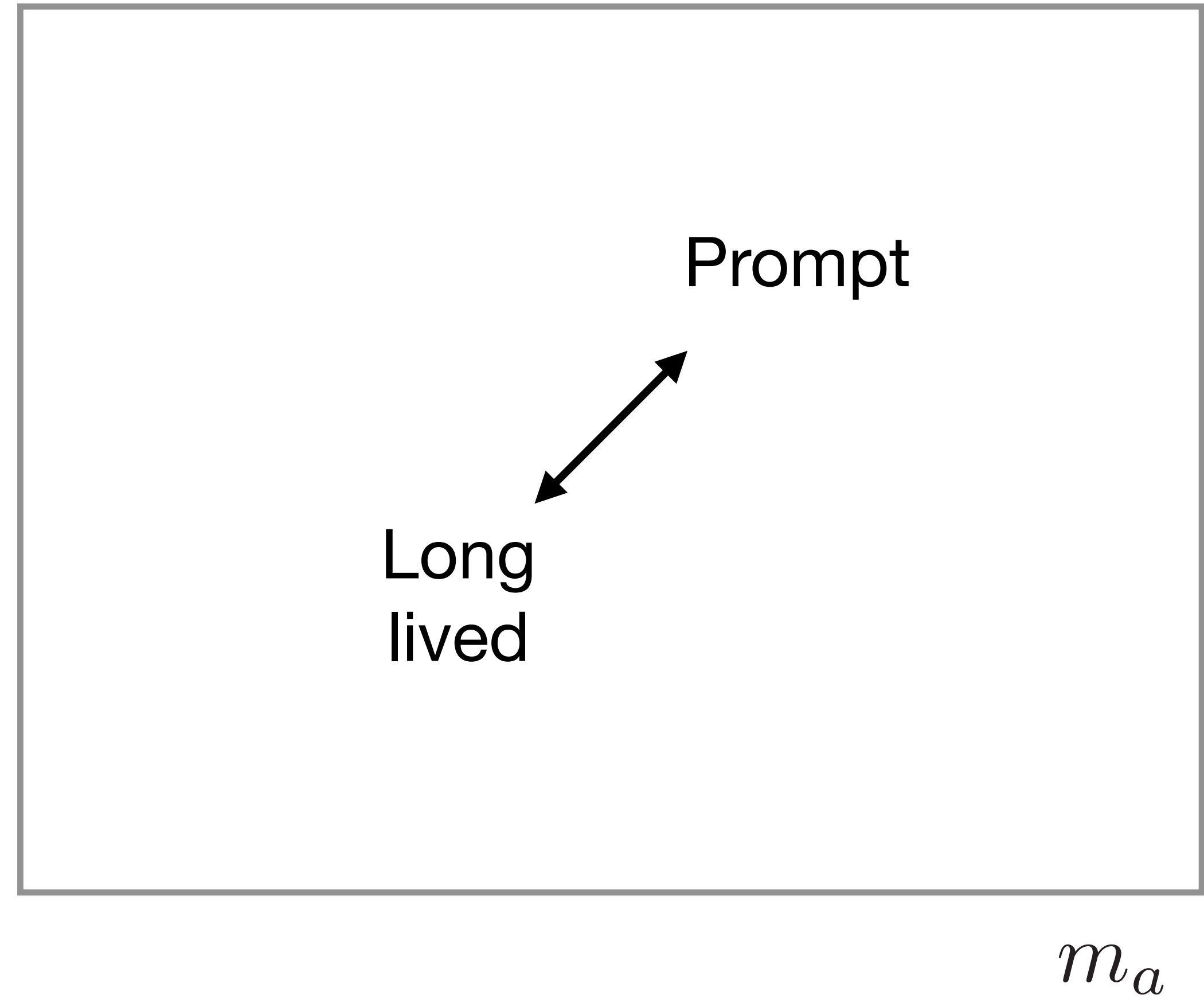
What if we are not in a minimal scenario?



# ALPs at colliders

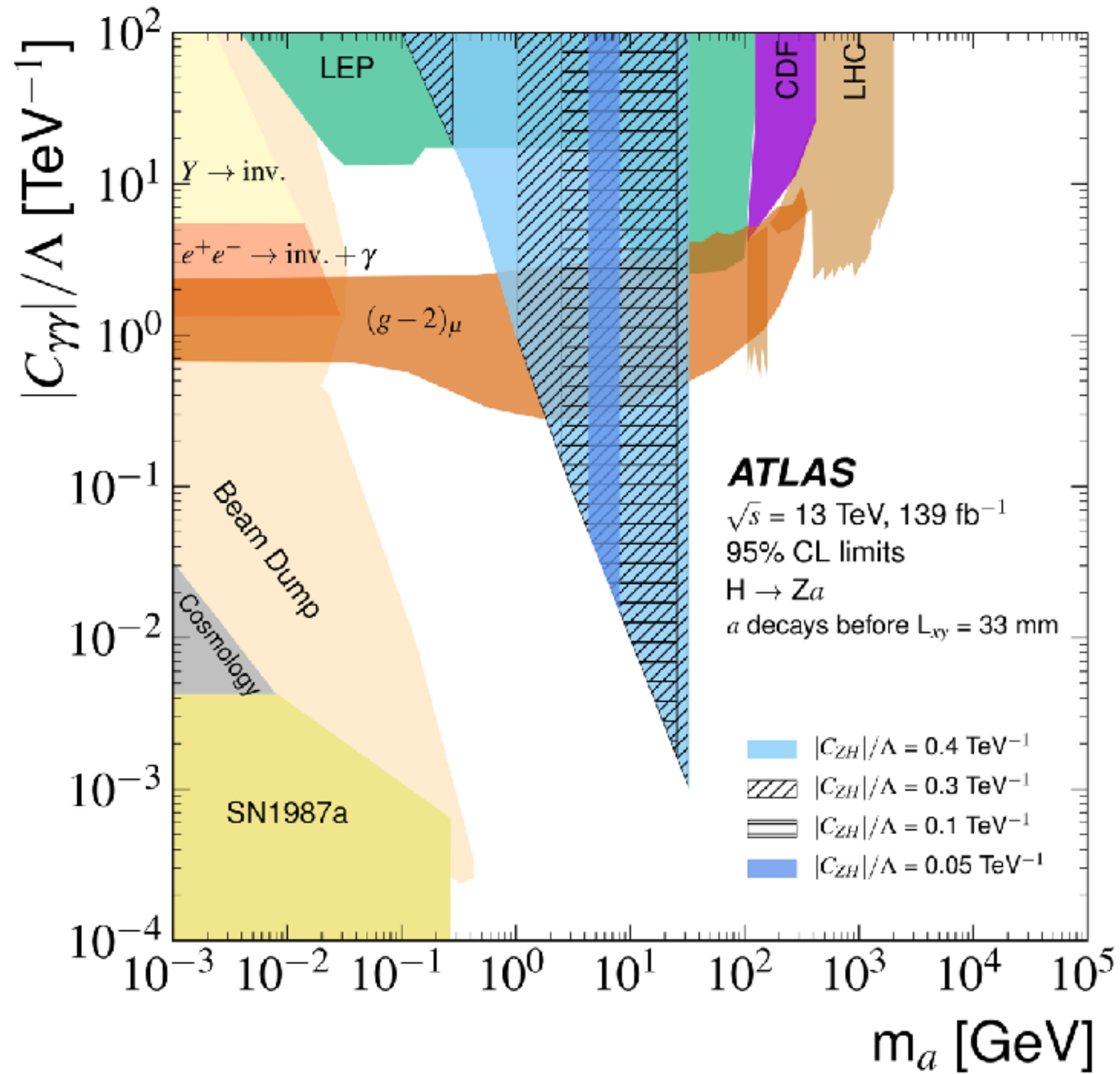


$g_{aXX}$

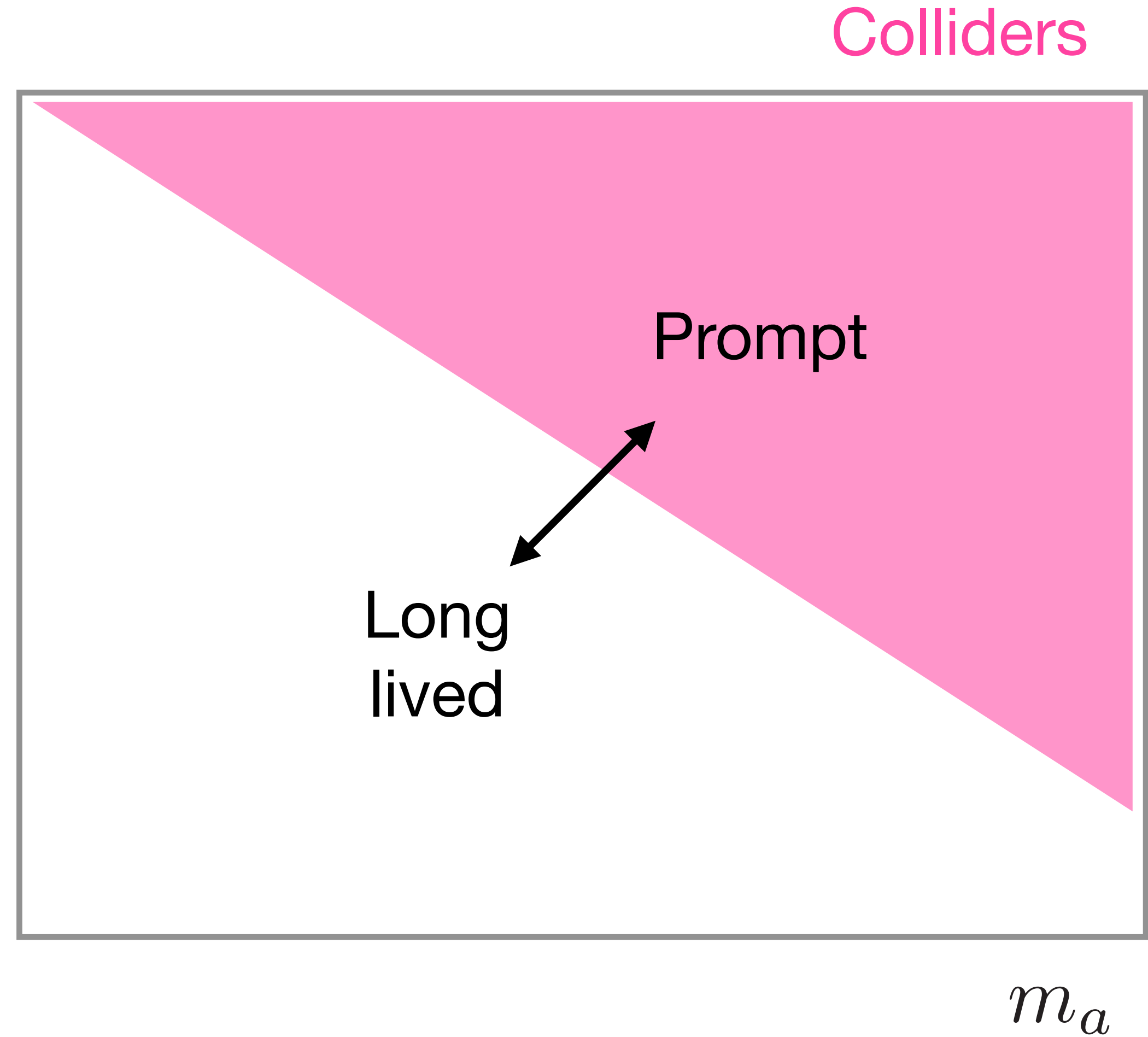


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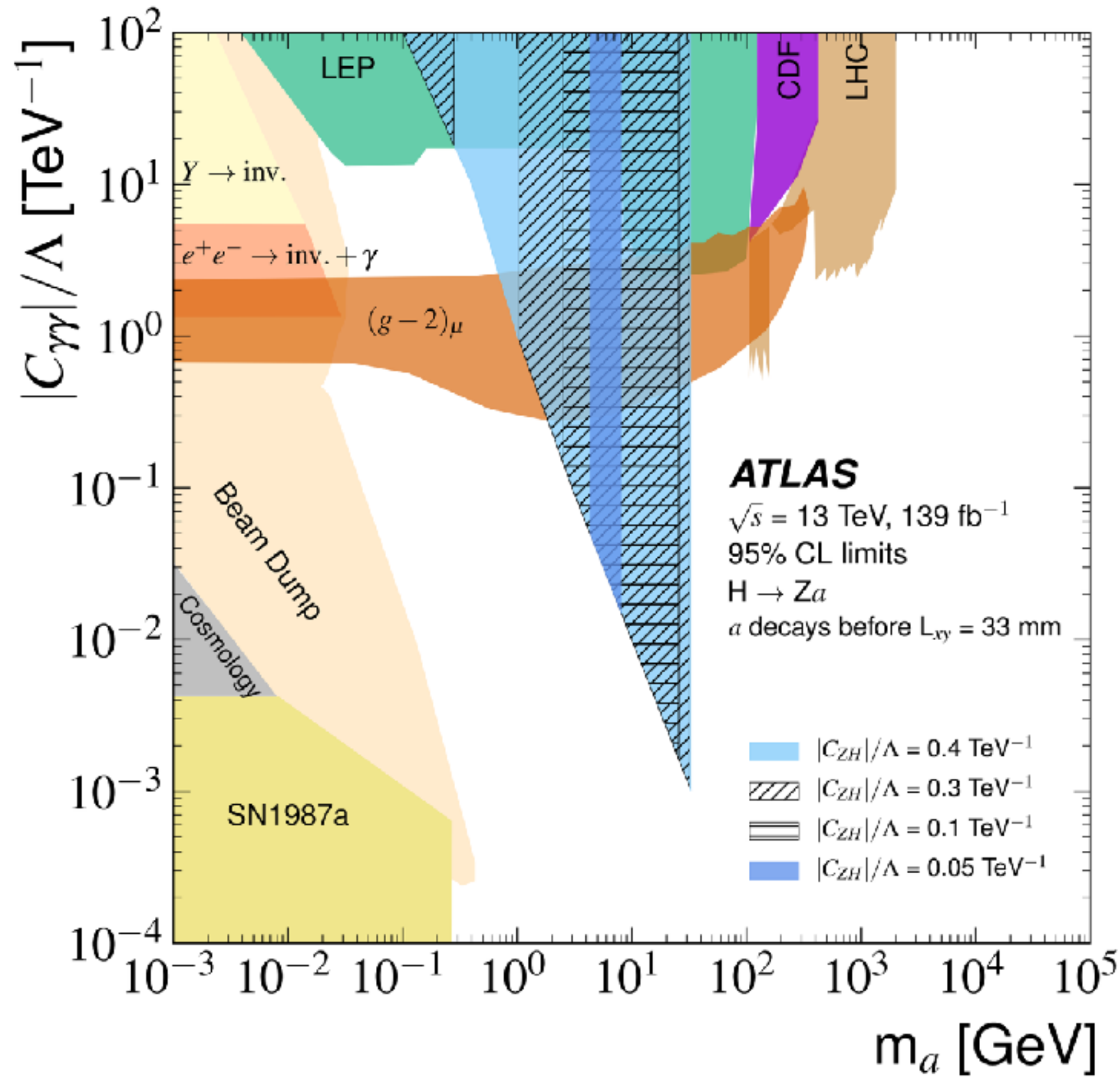


$g_a X X$

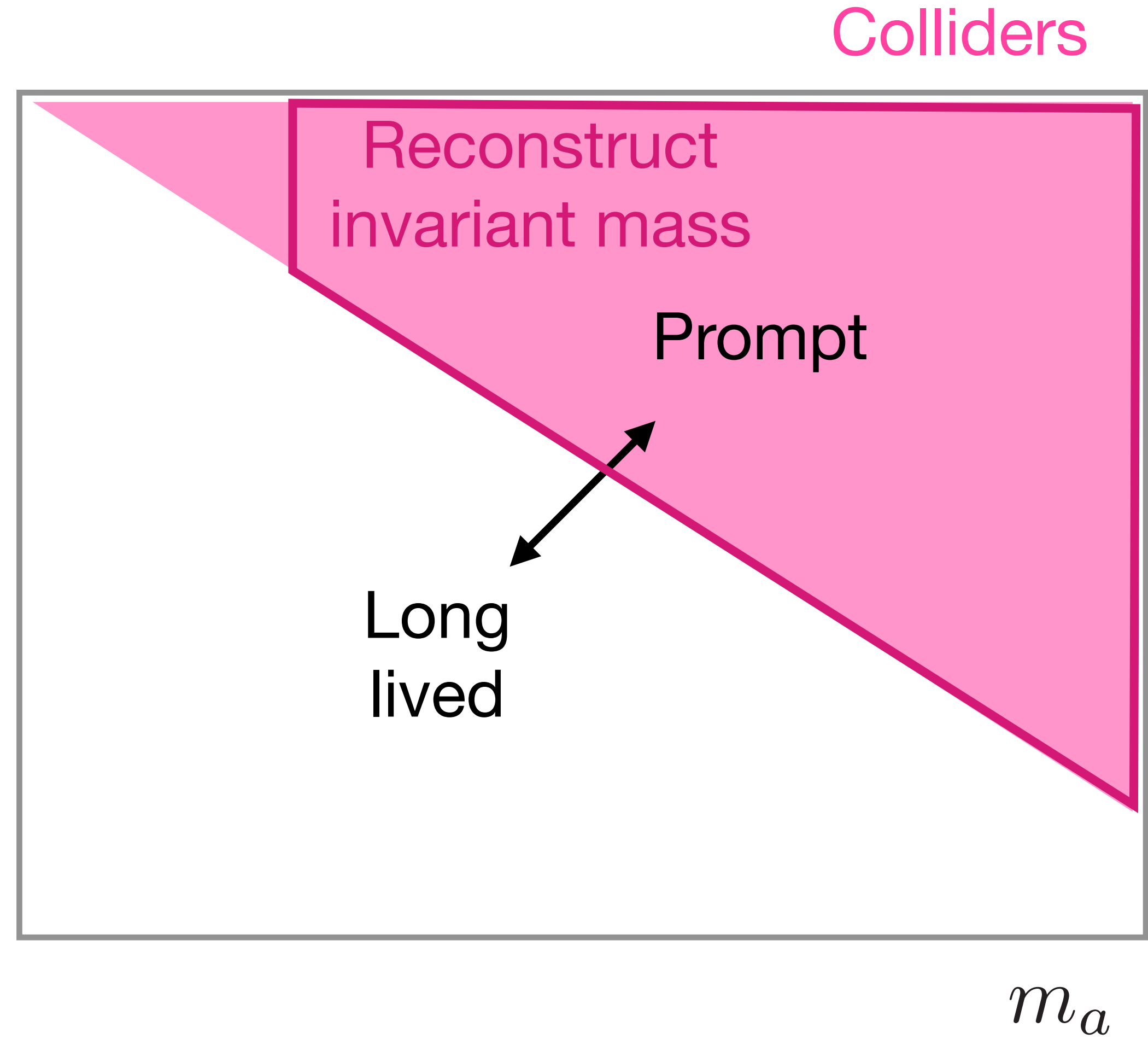


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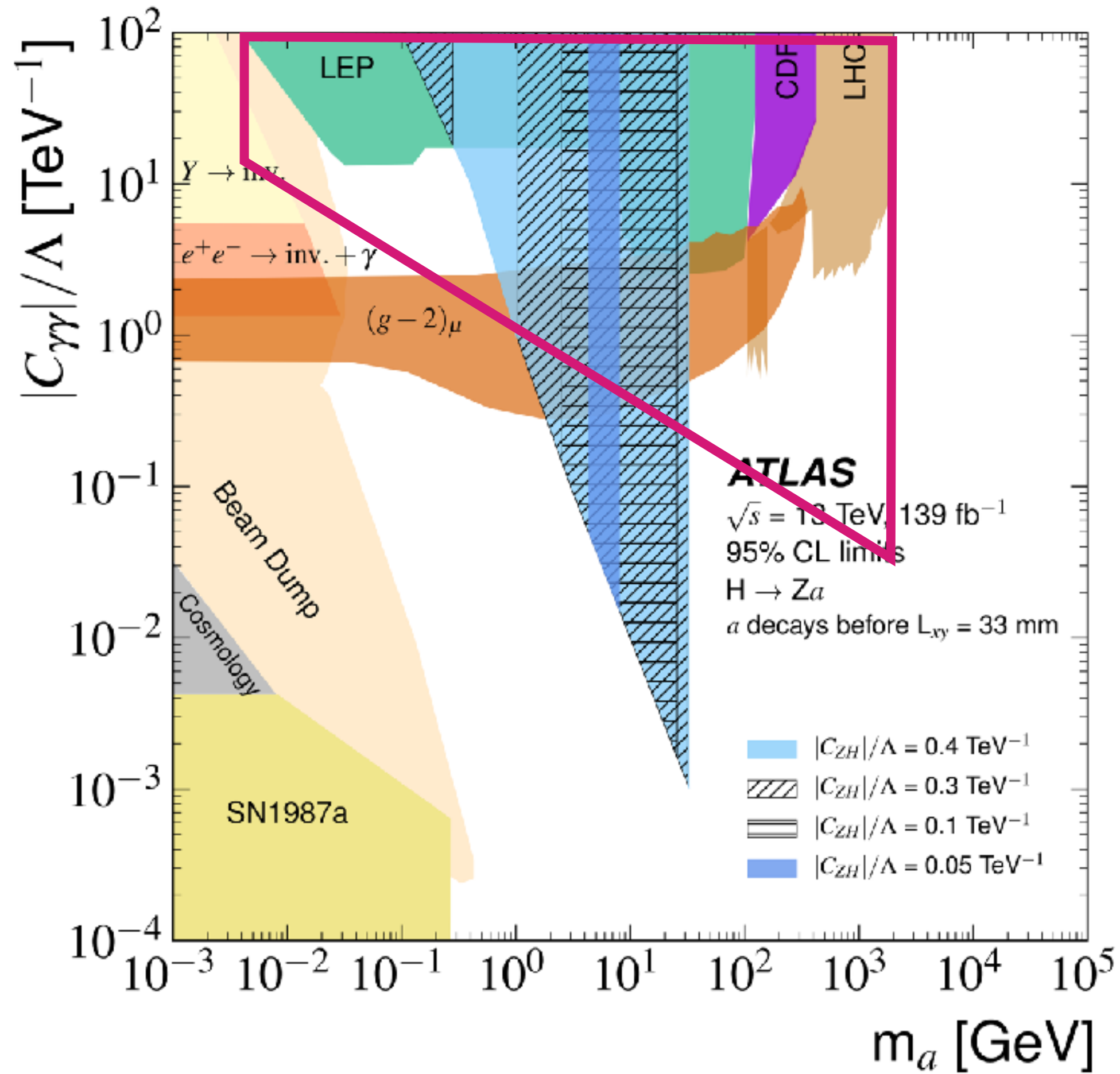
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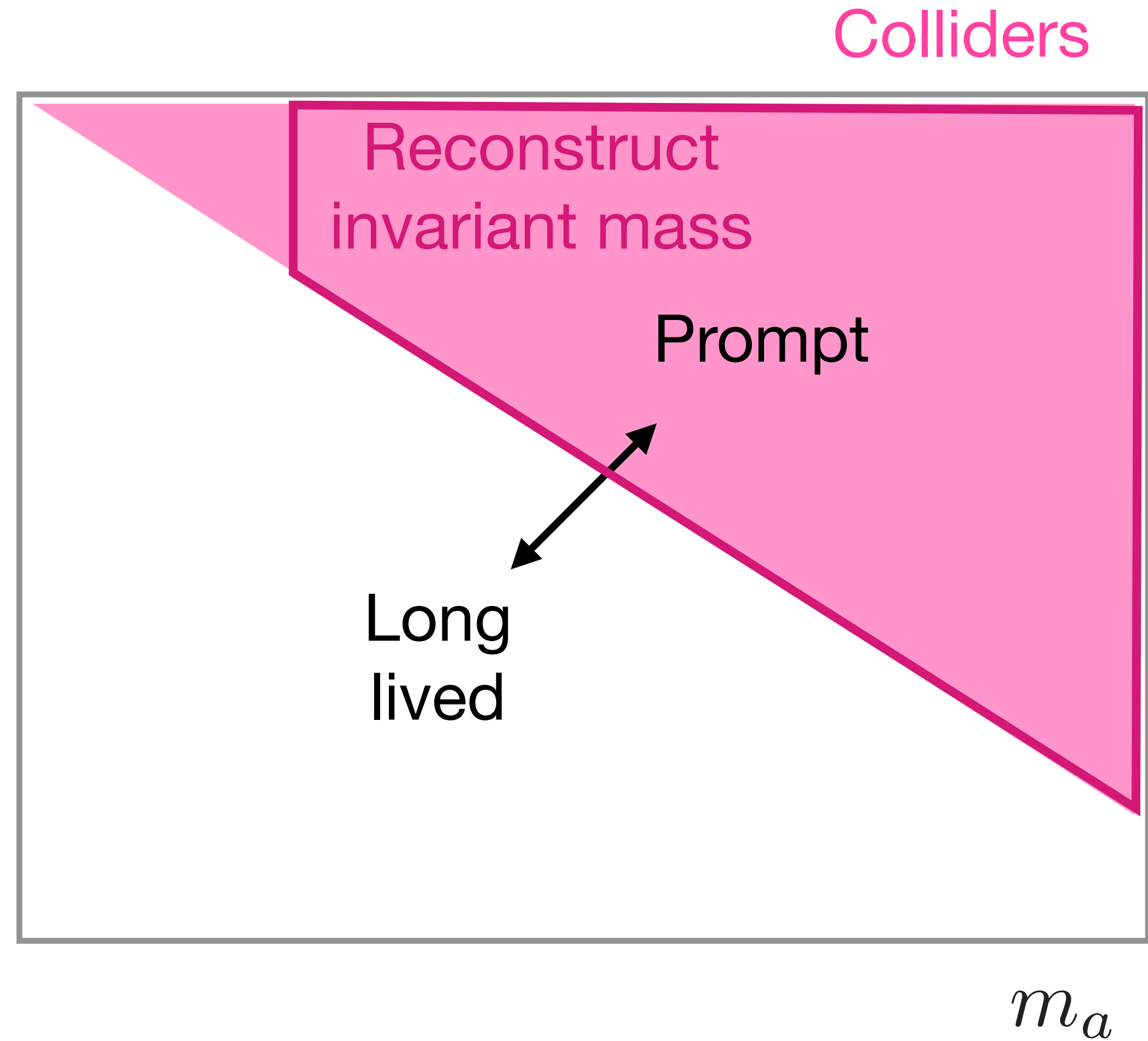
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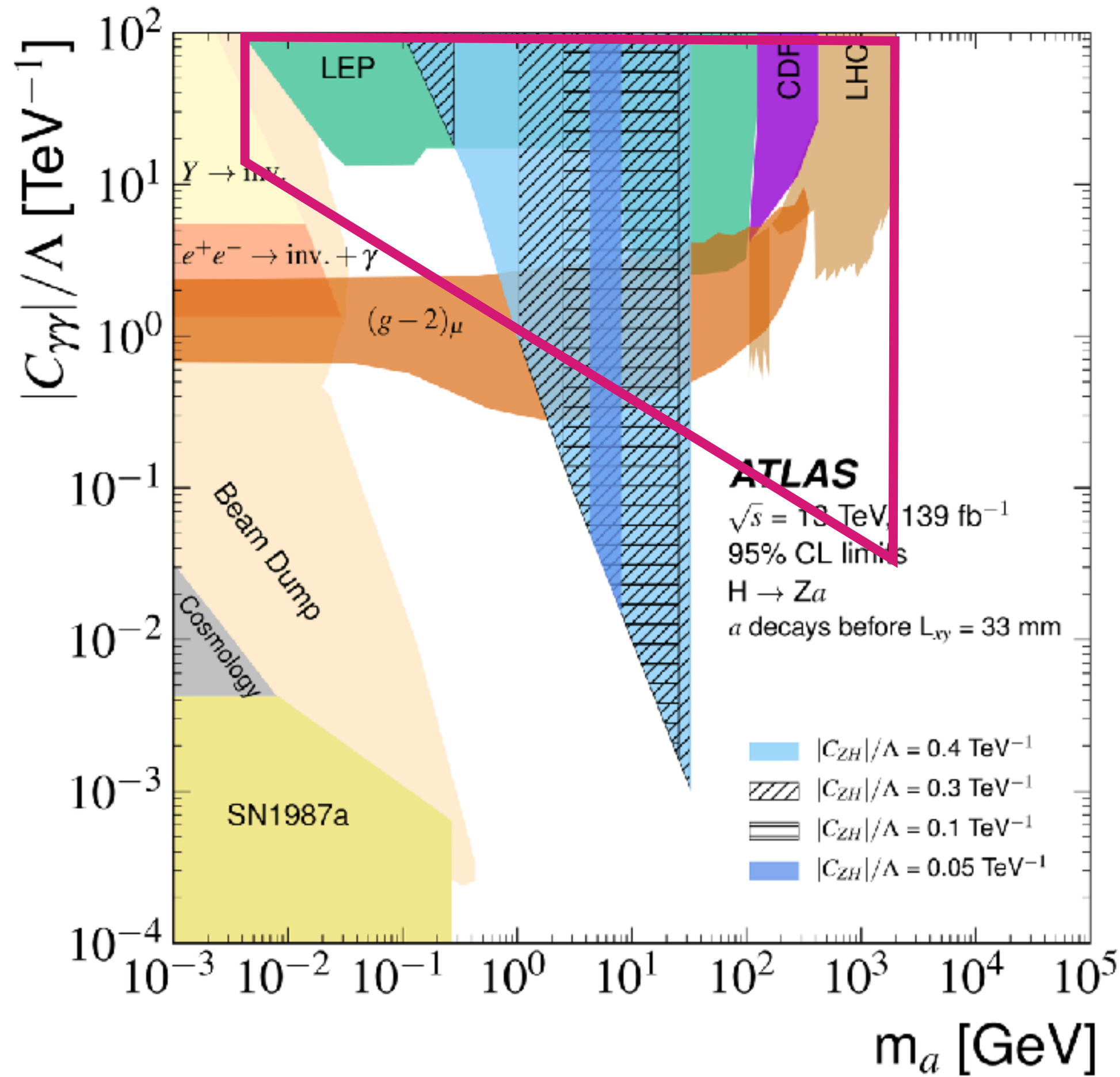


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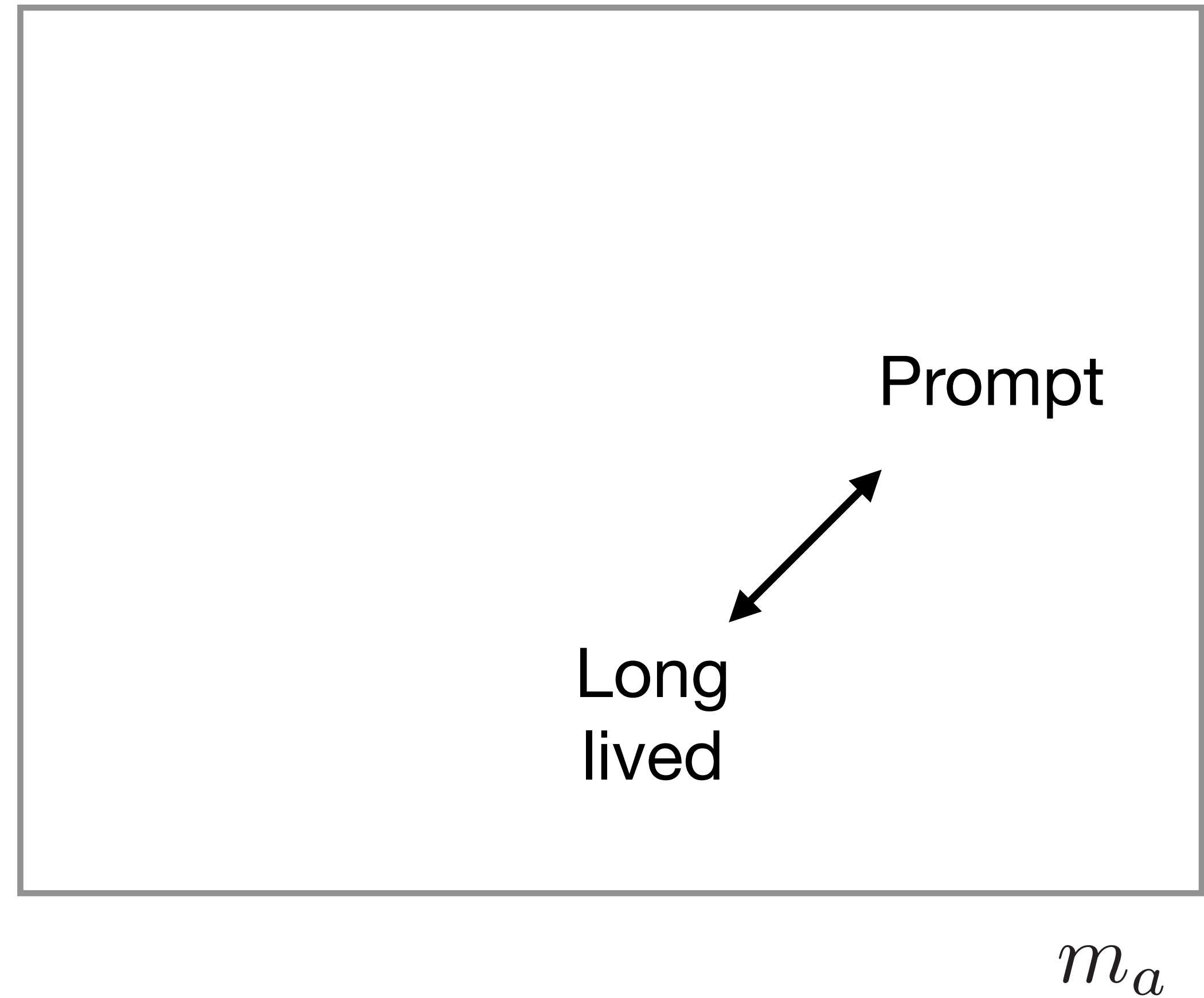
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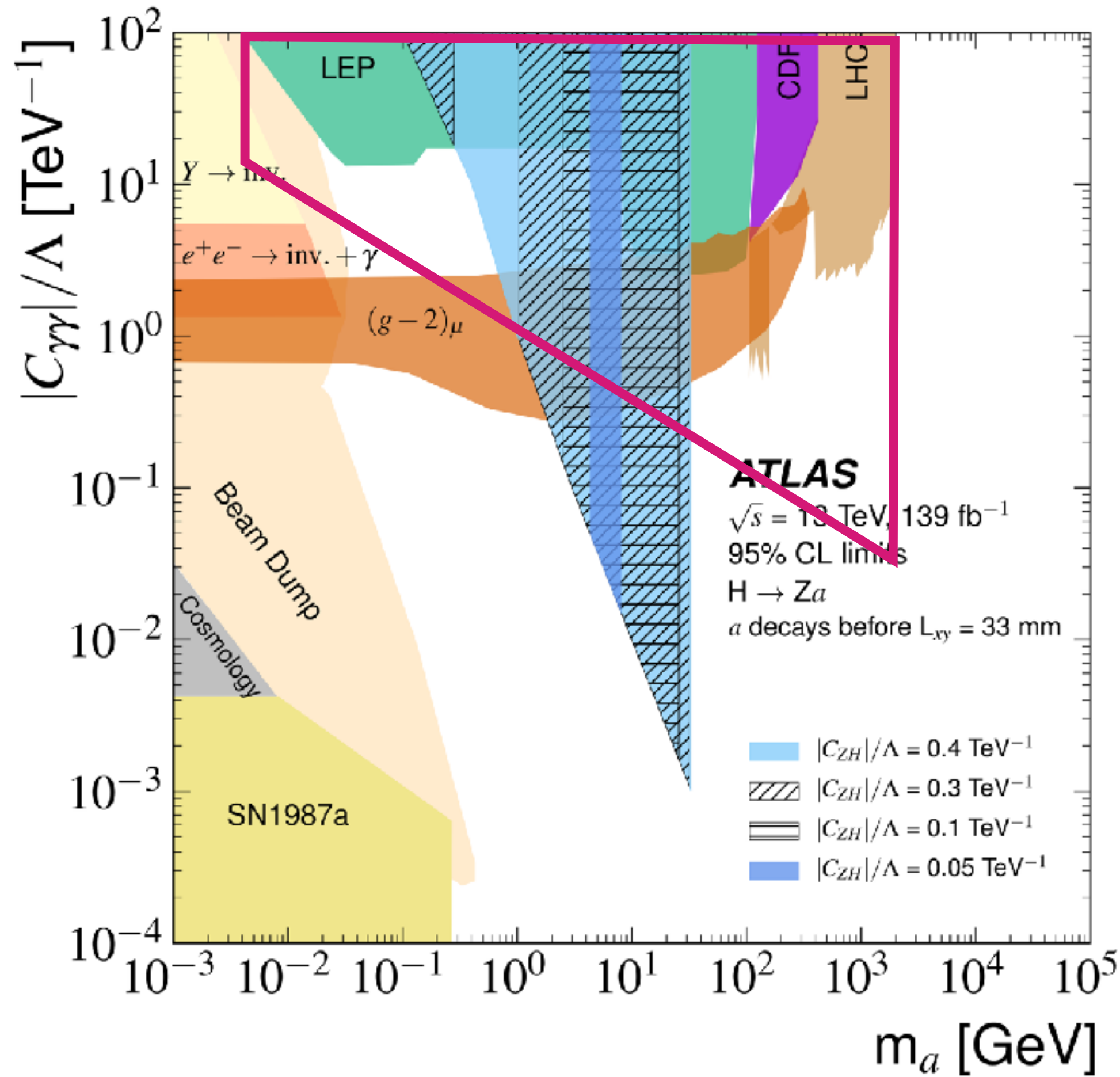
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Beam dumps



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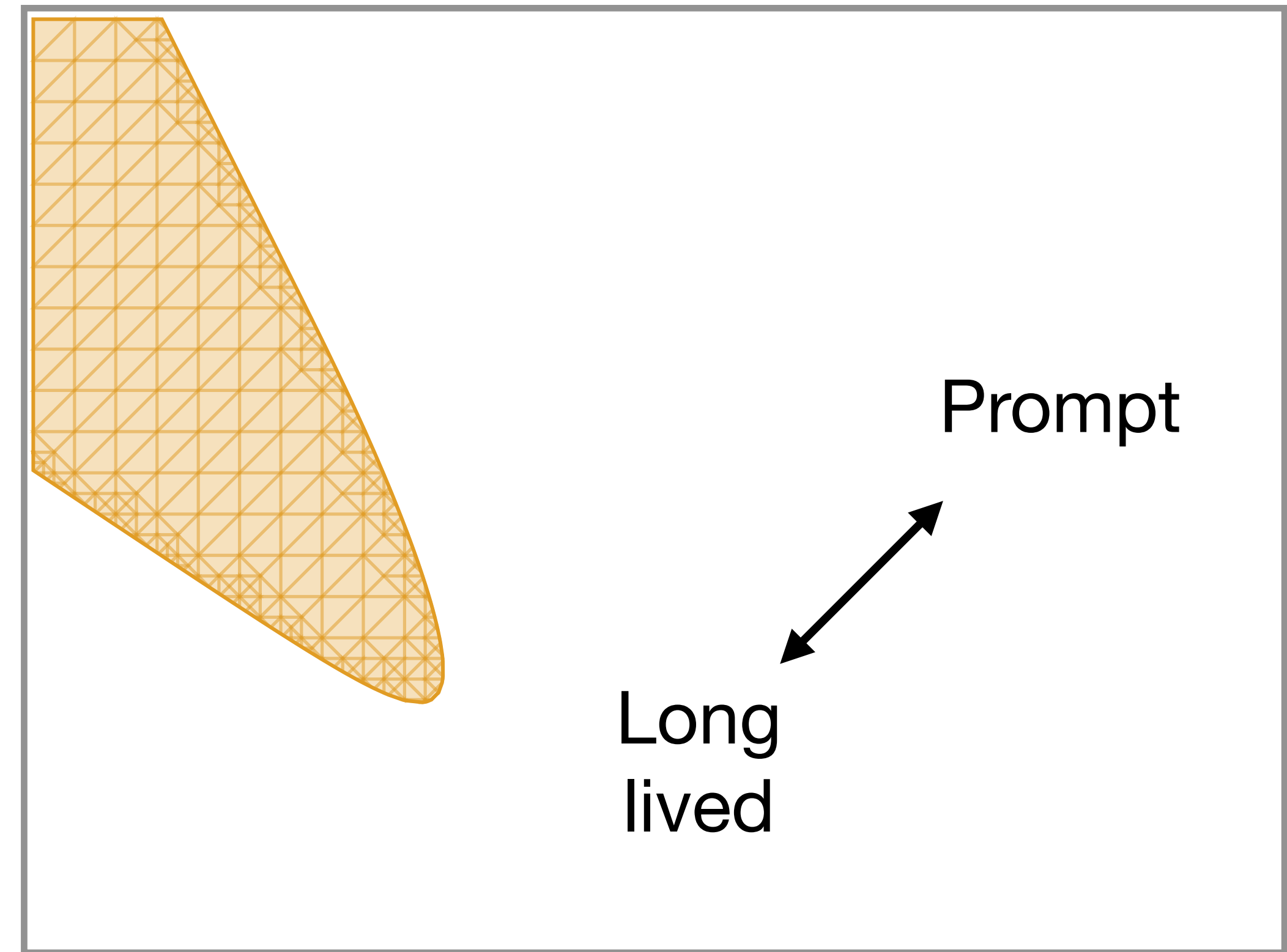
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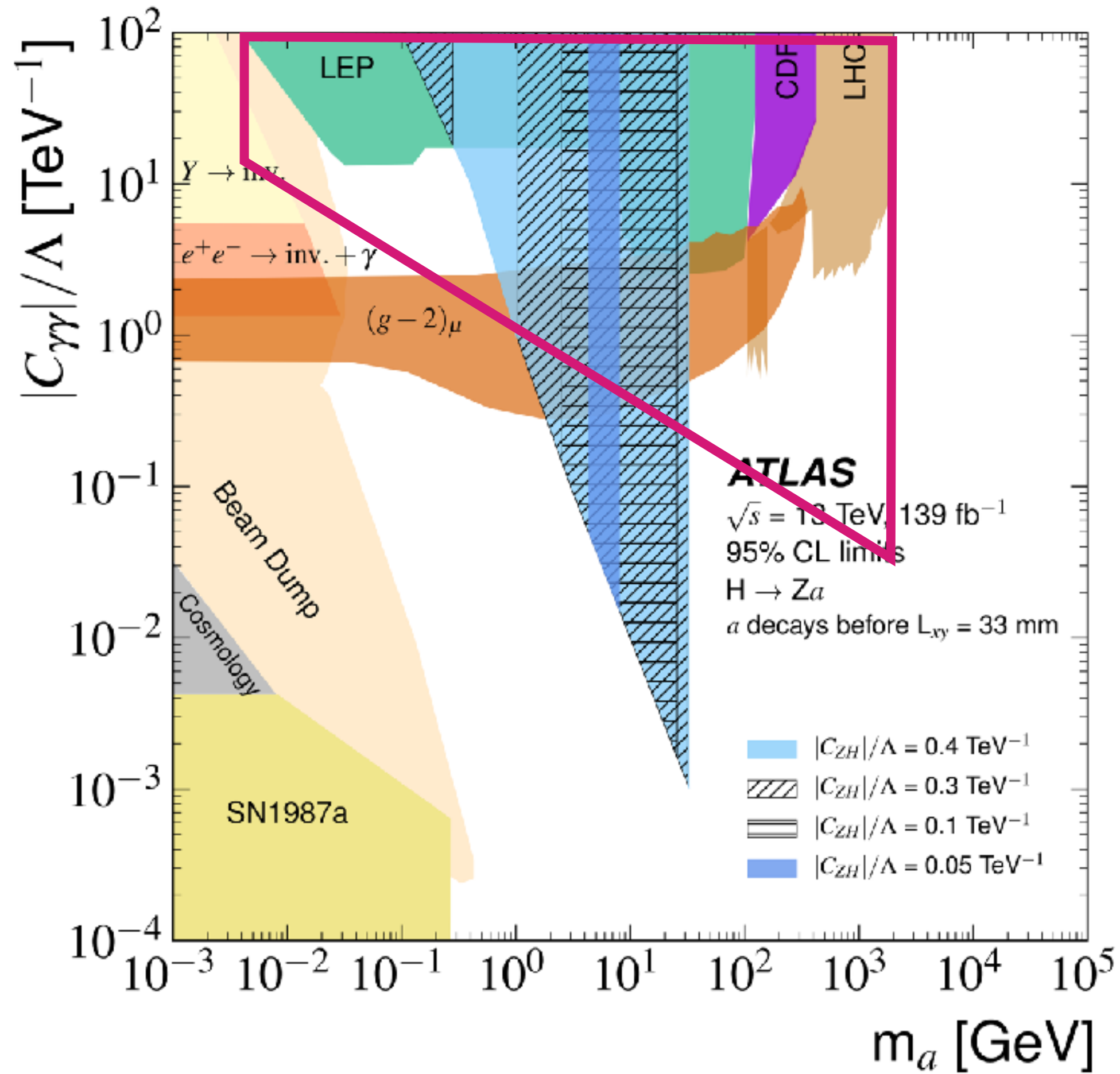
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$$\exp\left(-\frac{L_a}{L_{\text{det}}}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{\beta c}{\Gamma_a L_{\text{det}}}\right)$$



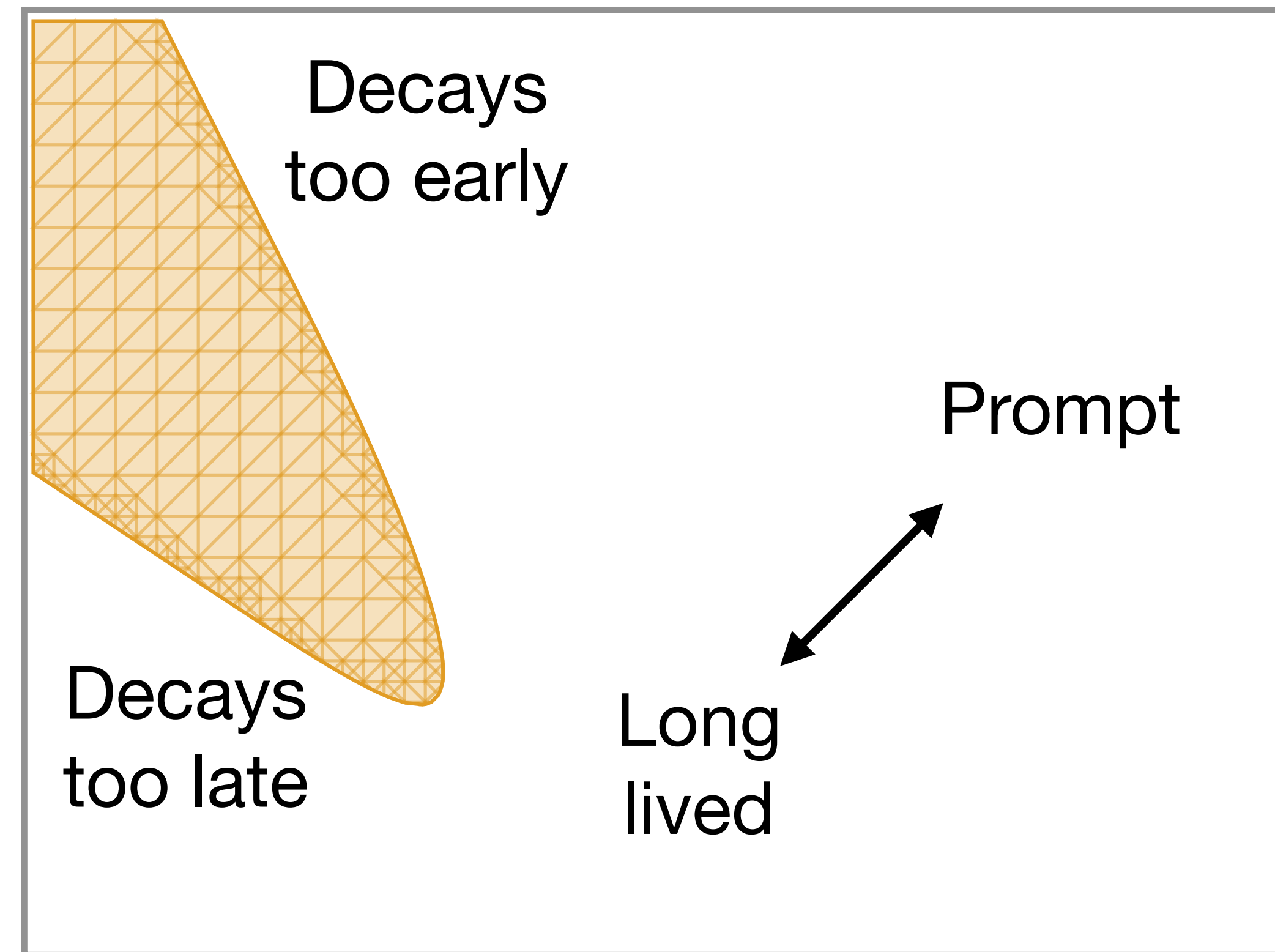
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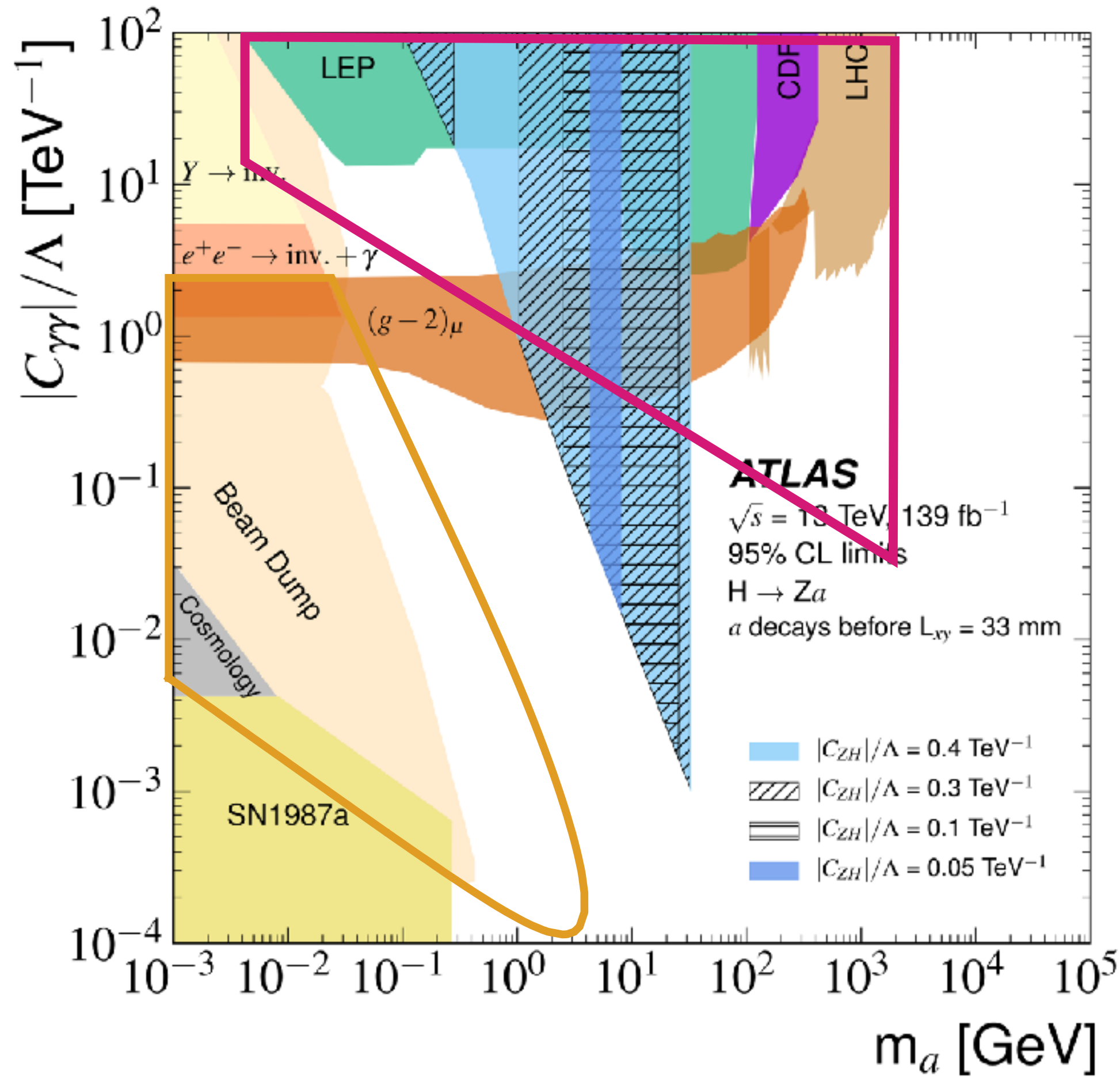
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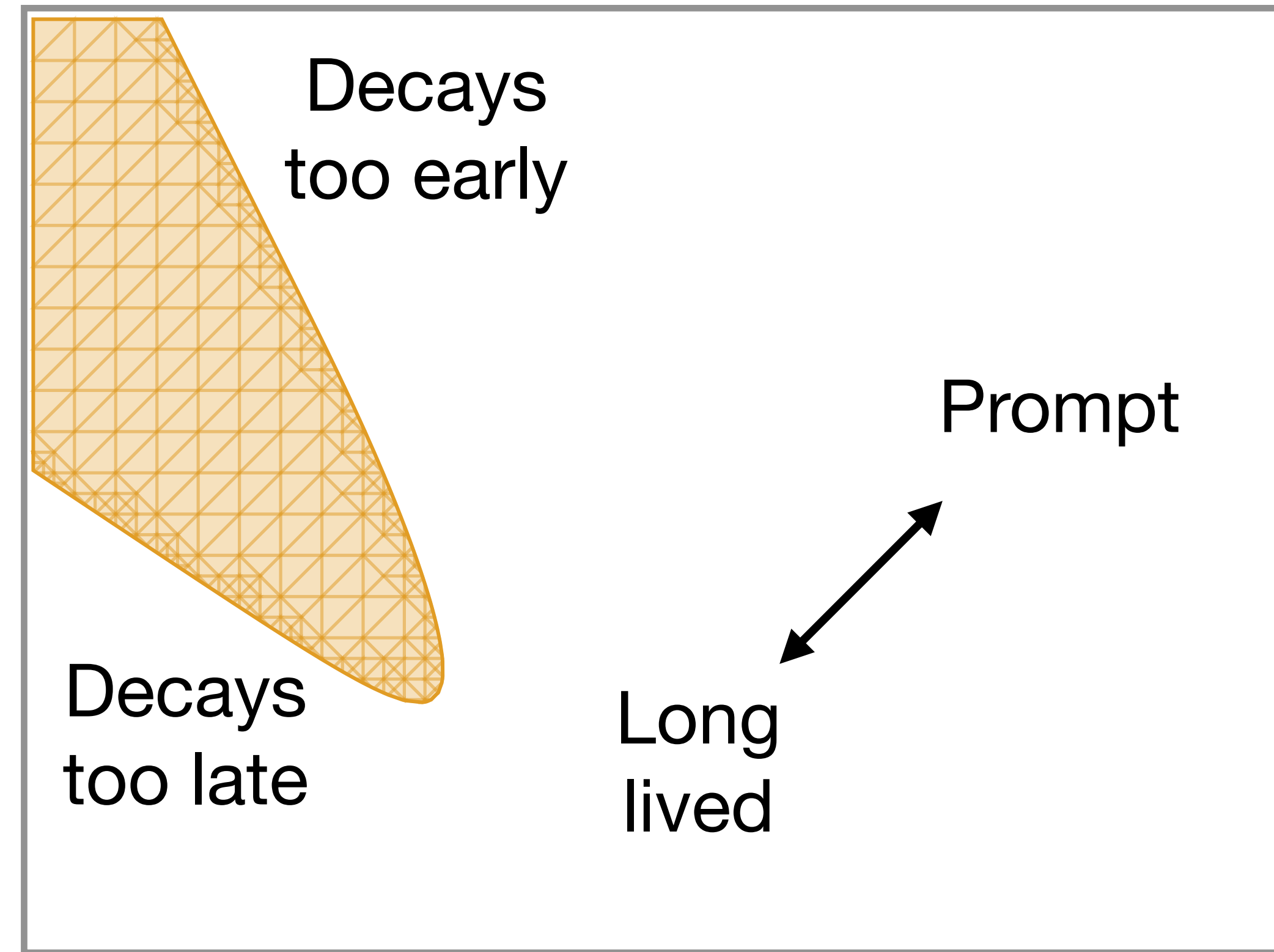
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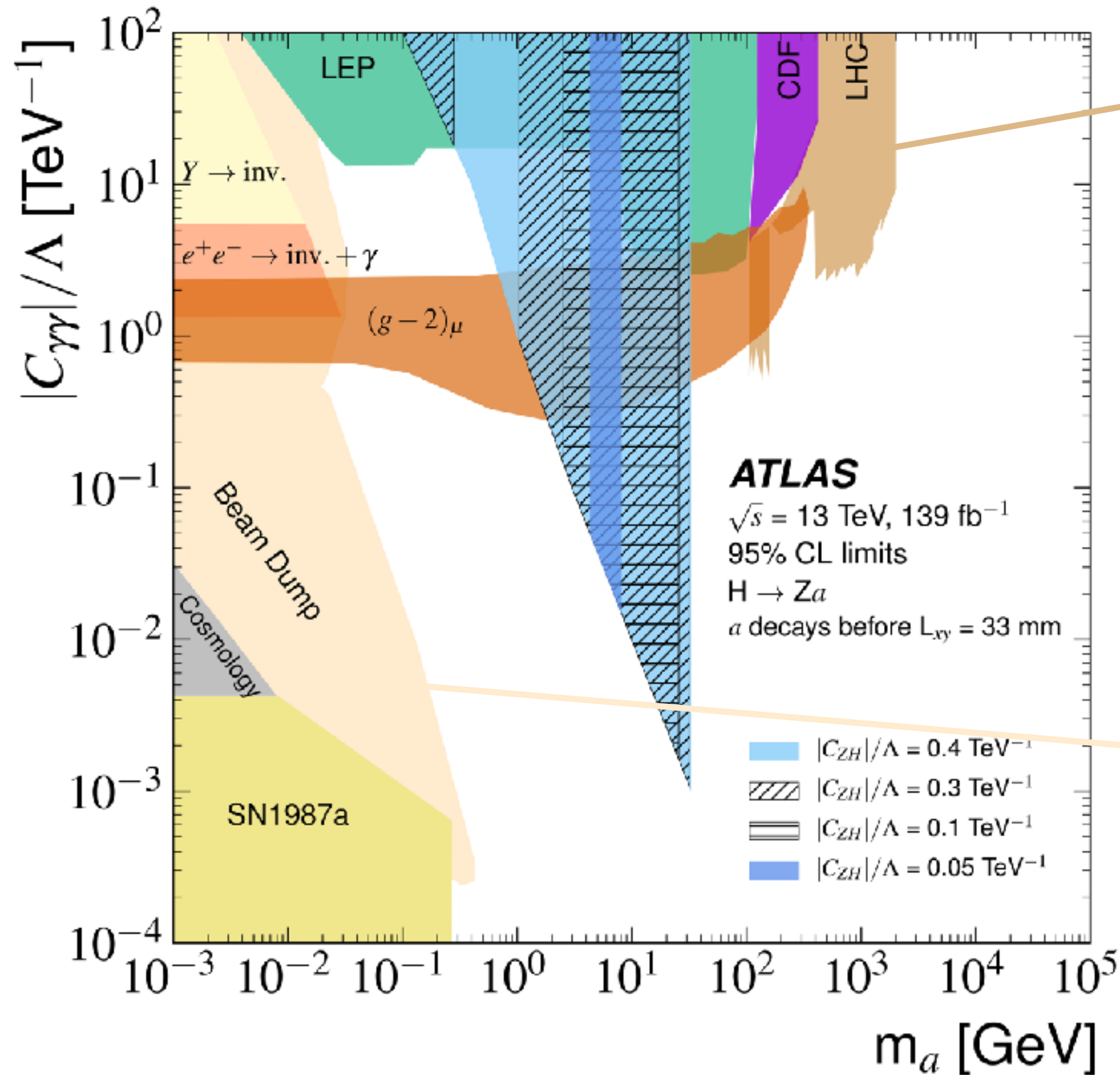


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# 2D bounds



[ATLAS (2312.01942)]

## LHC limits

$$pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

Mass-dependent (resonance search)

Assuming  $\text{BR}(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 100\%$

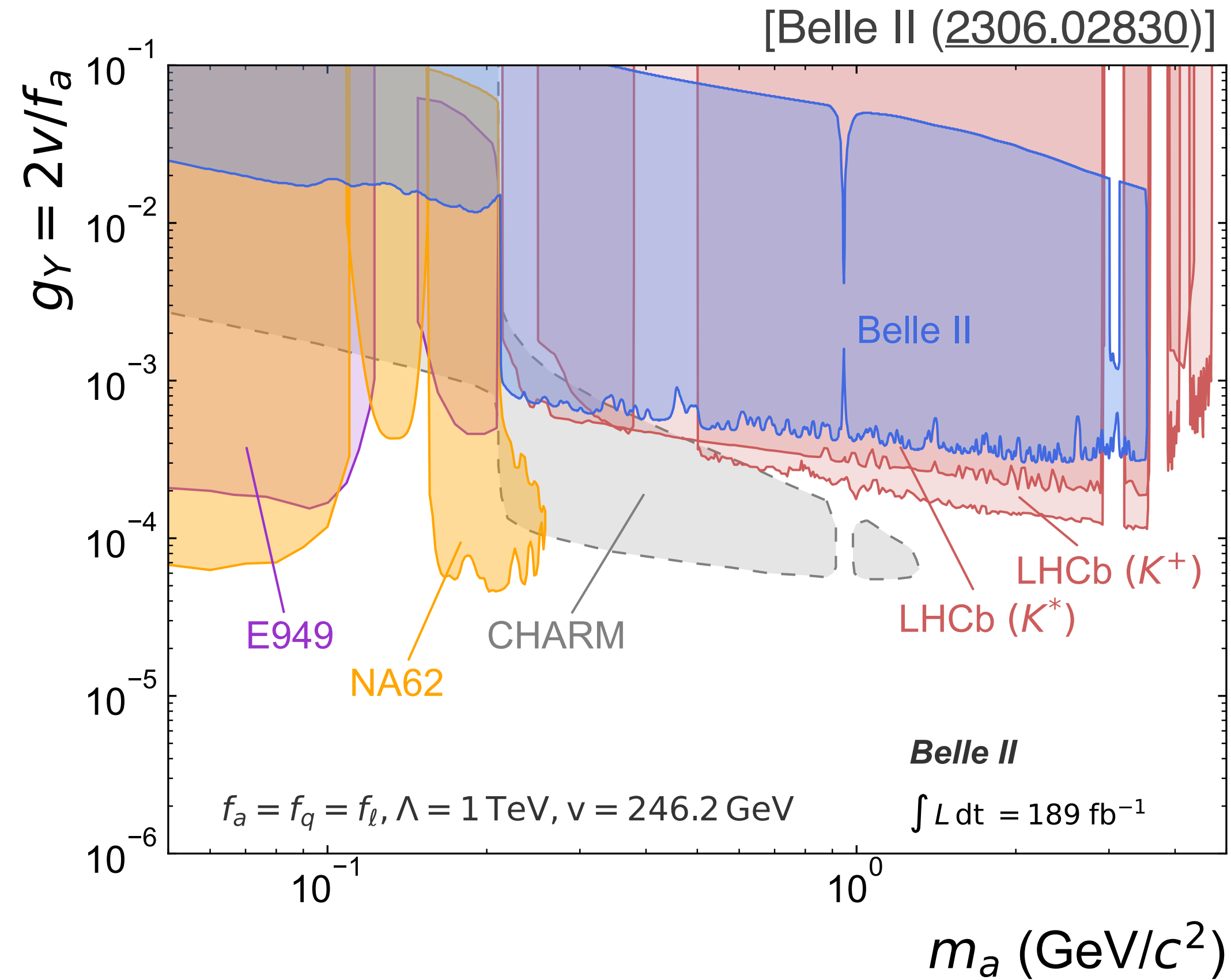
$\text{BR}(a \rightarrow ZZ)?$

$\text{BR}(a \rightarrow Z\gamma)?$

## Beam dump limits

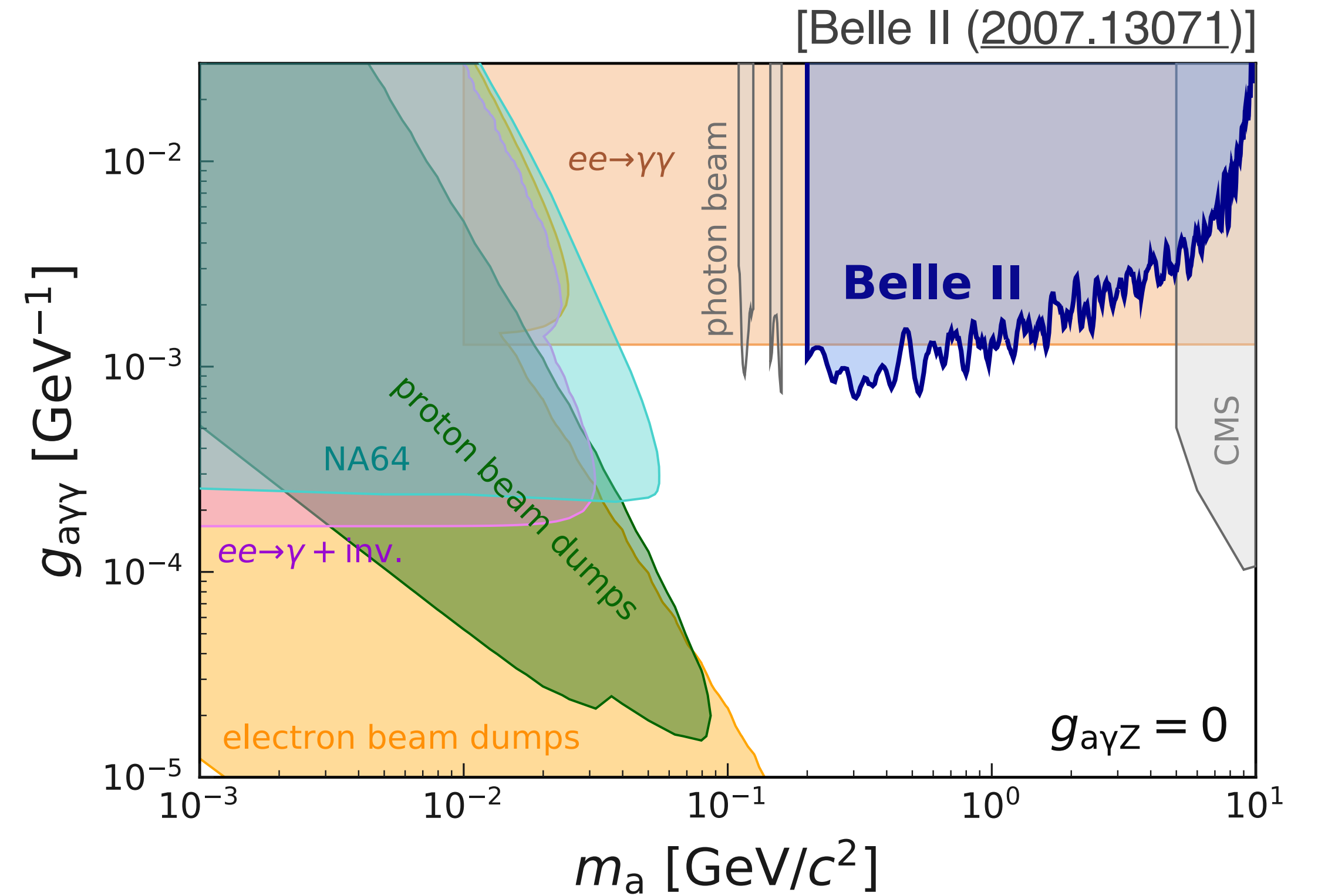
Can be changed (or invalidated) if  
 $a \rightarrow e^+e^-$  decay possible

# Limits on ALPs



Universal couplings to fermions

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\psi} \frac{\partial_{\mu} a}{f_{\psi}} \bar{\psi} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma^5 \psi$$



Coupling to photons

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$



# ALPs and scalars couplings to tau leptons

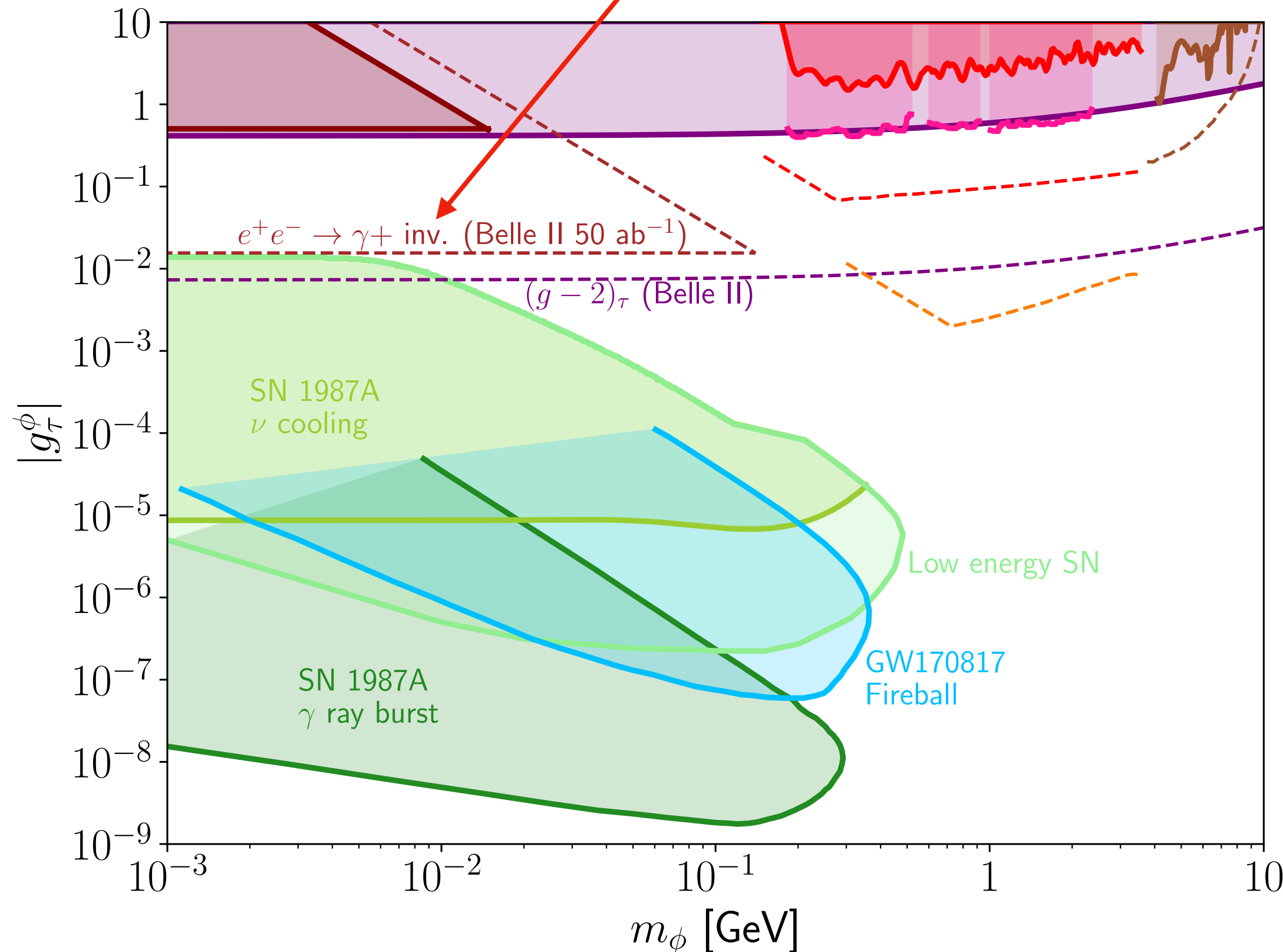
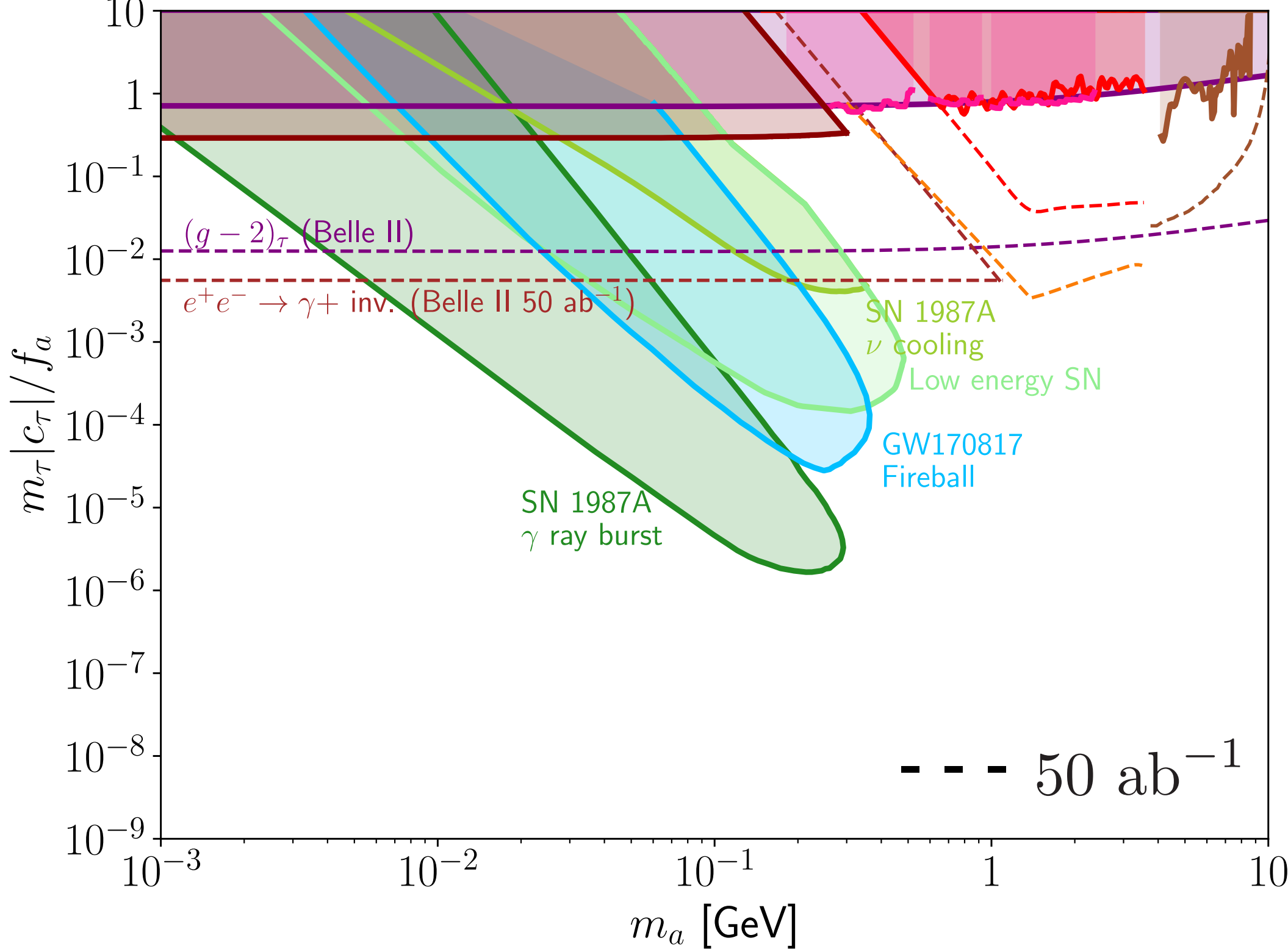
$e^+e^- \rightarrow 3\gamma$  (Belle II)

$(g - 2)_\tau$  (CMS)

$J/\psi \rightarrow 3\gamma$  (BESIII)

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\tau^+\tau^-$  (Belle II)

Remarkable complementarity

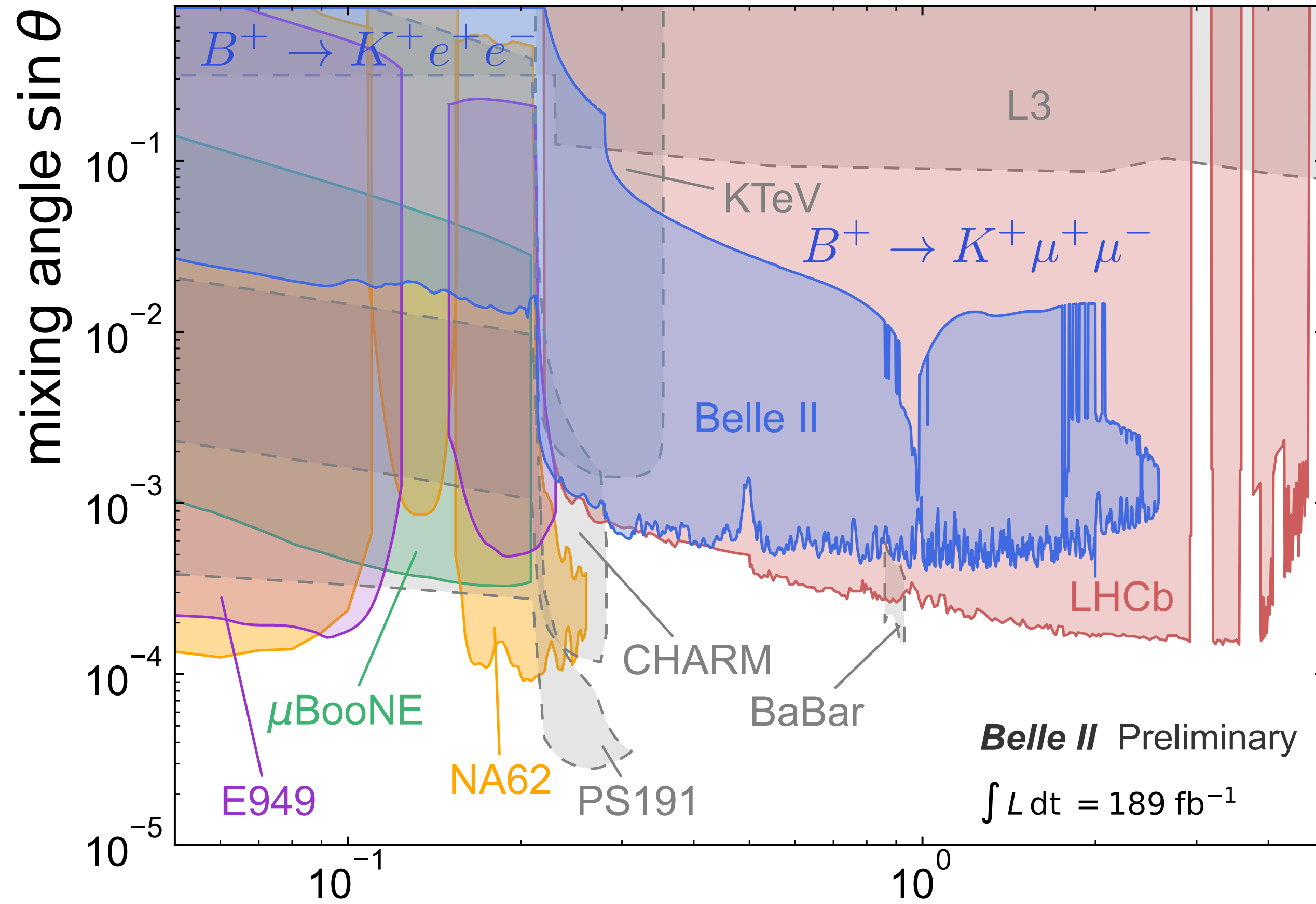


Constant  $L_{lab}^a$  for  $|c_\tau| m_\tau f_a \propto m_a^{-4}$

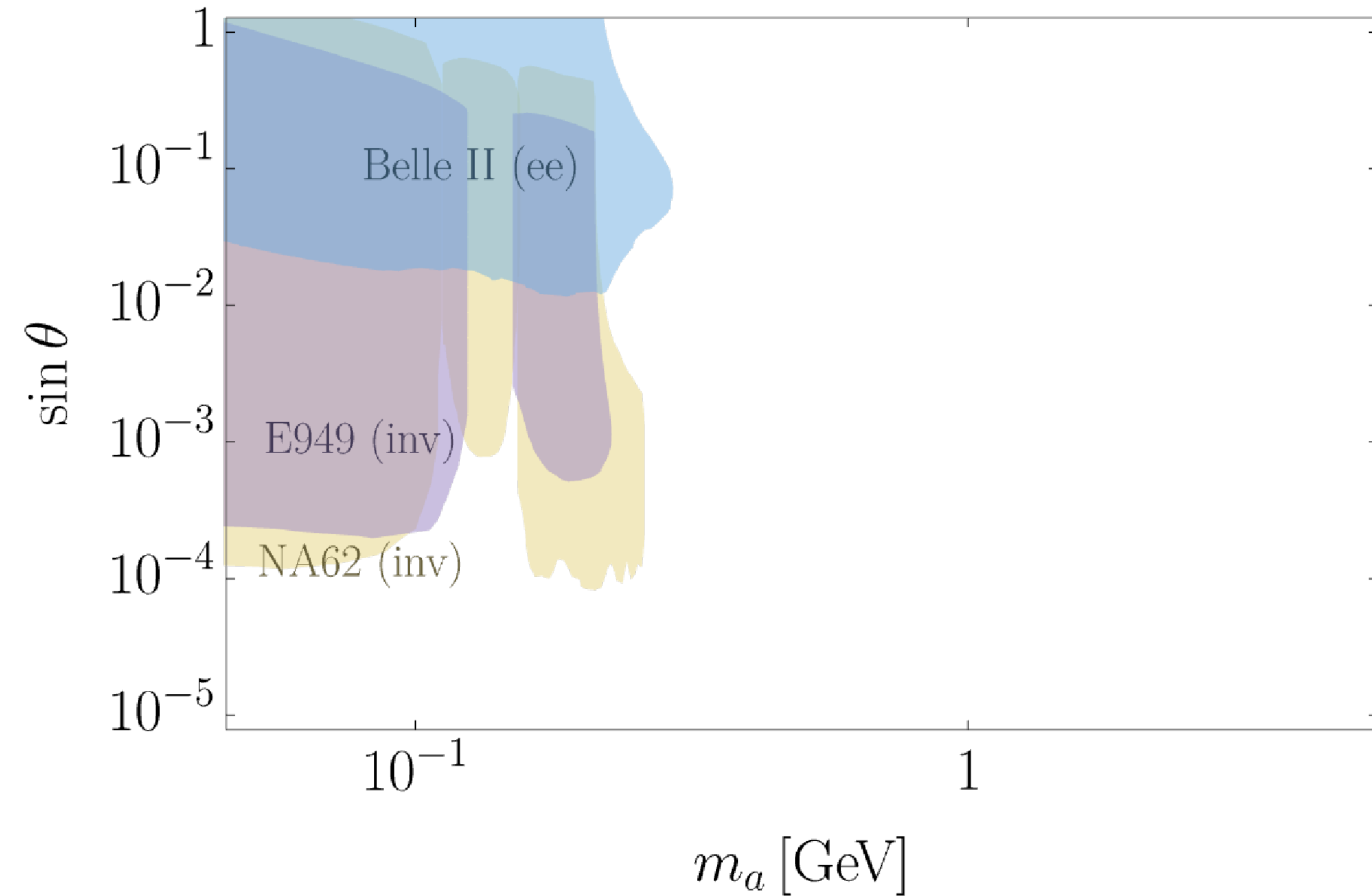
Constant  $L_{lab}^\phi$  for  $|g_\tau^\phi| \propto m_a^{-2}$

# Light scalar mixing with the SM Higgs

[Ferber, Grohsjean, Kahlhöfer (2305.16169)]



[AB, Díaz Carmona, Schwaller (WIP)]



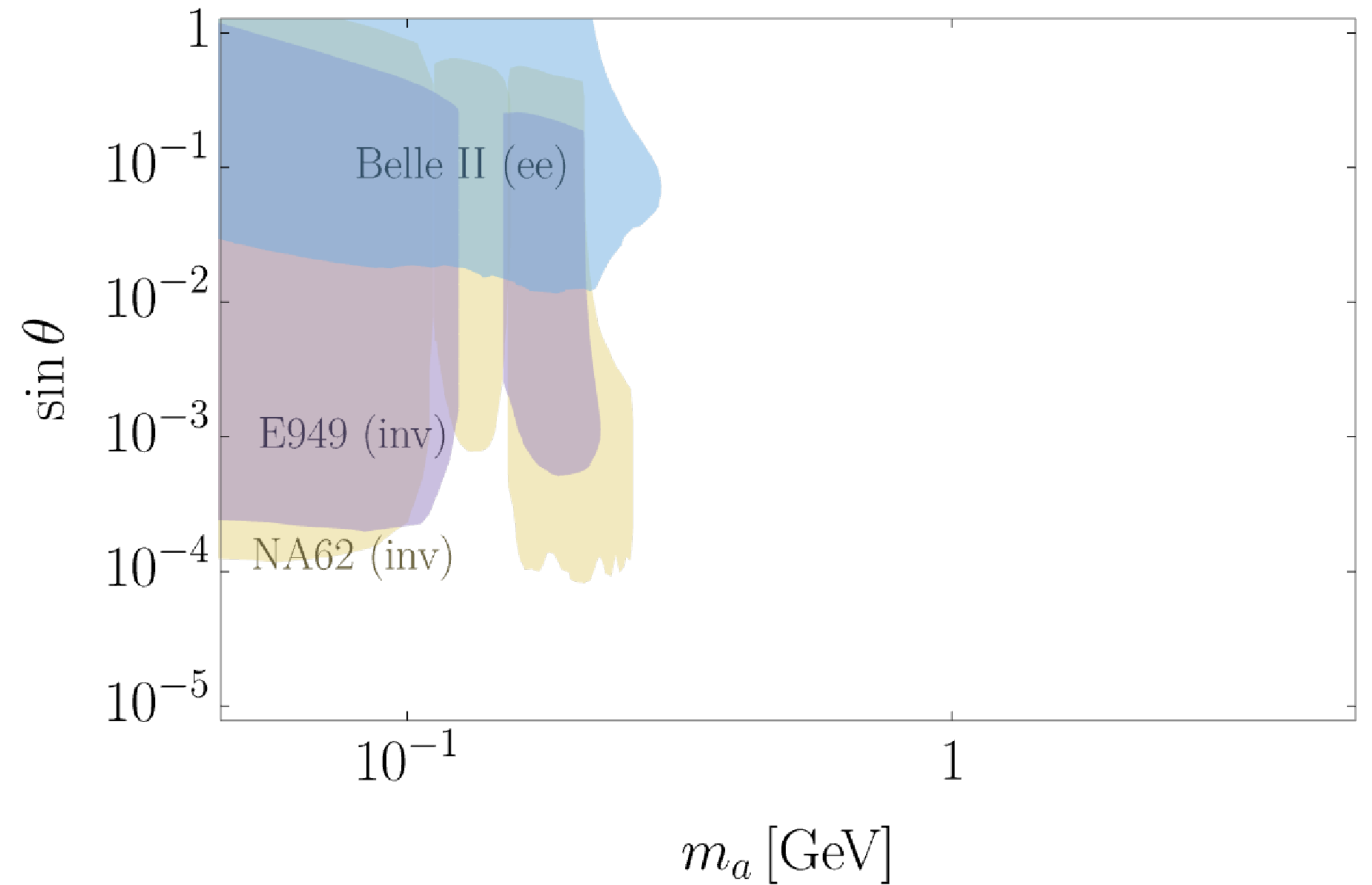
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + E_{\text{miss}}$  scalar mass  $m_S$  ( $\text{GeV}/c^2$ )  
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 $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$

# Light scalars

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} = \sin \theta \sum_f \frac{m_f}{v} \phi \bar{f} f + \sin \theta \frac{2M_W^2}{v} \phi W_\mu^+ W^{-,\mu}$$

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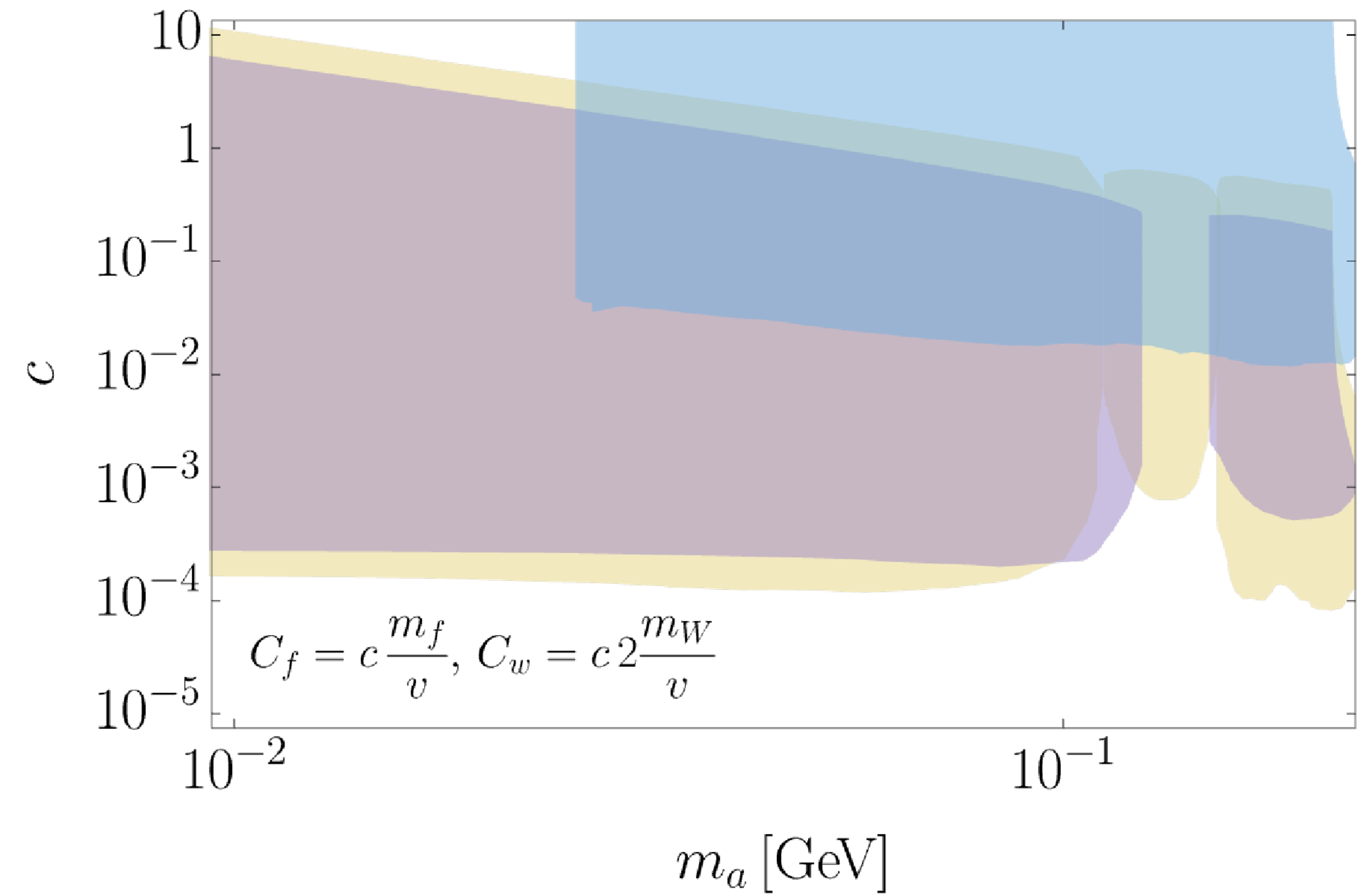


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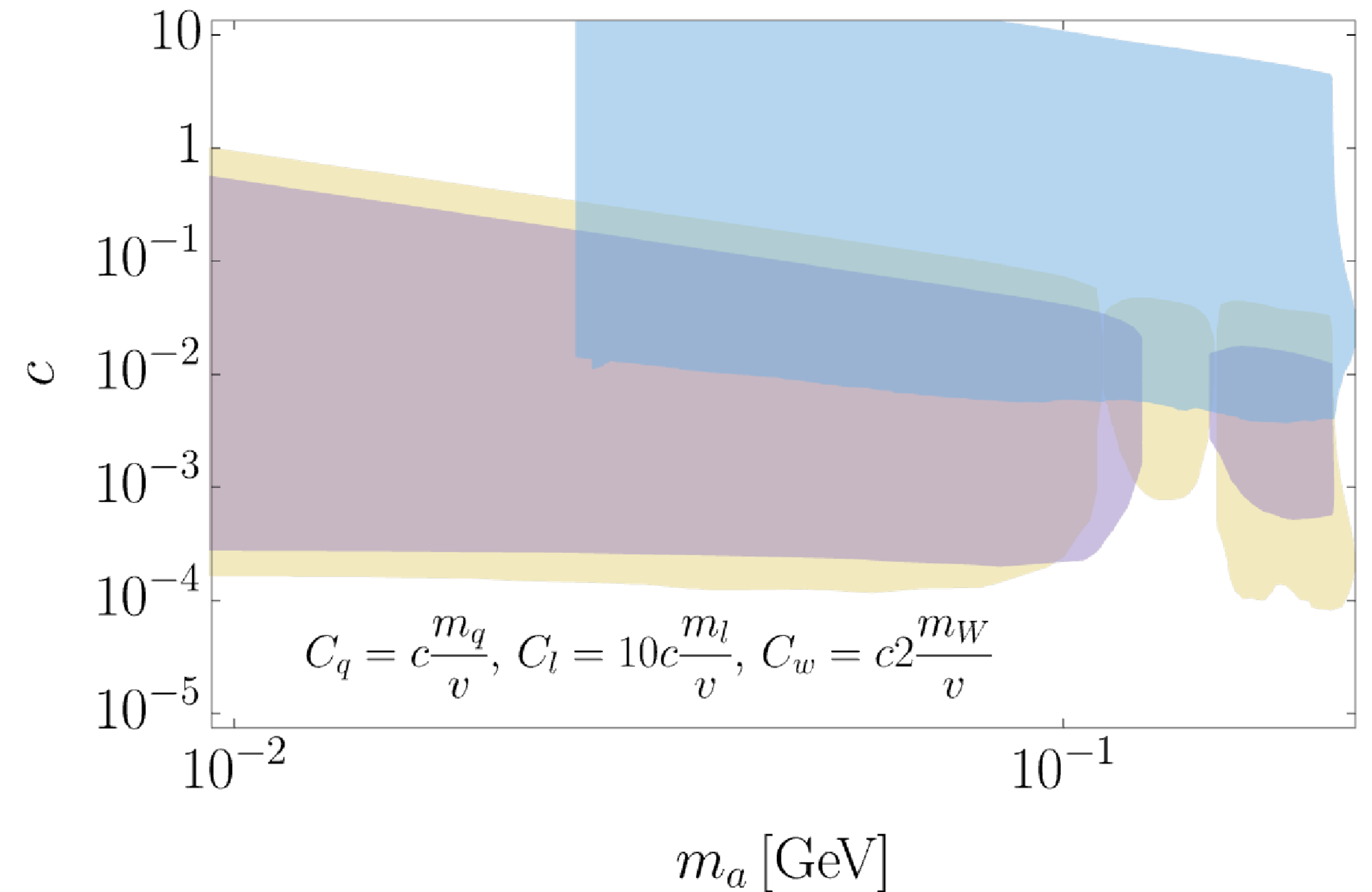
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Different decay rate

Lepton couplings increased by factor 10

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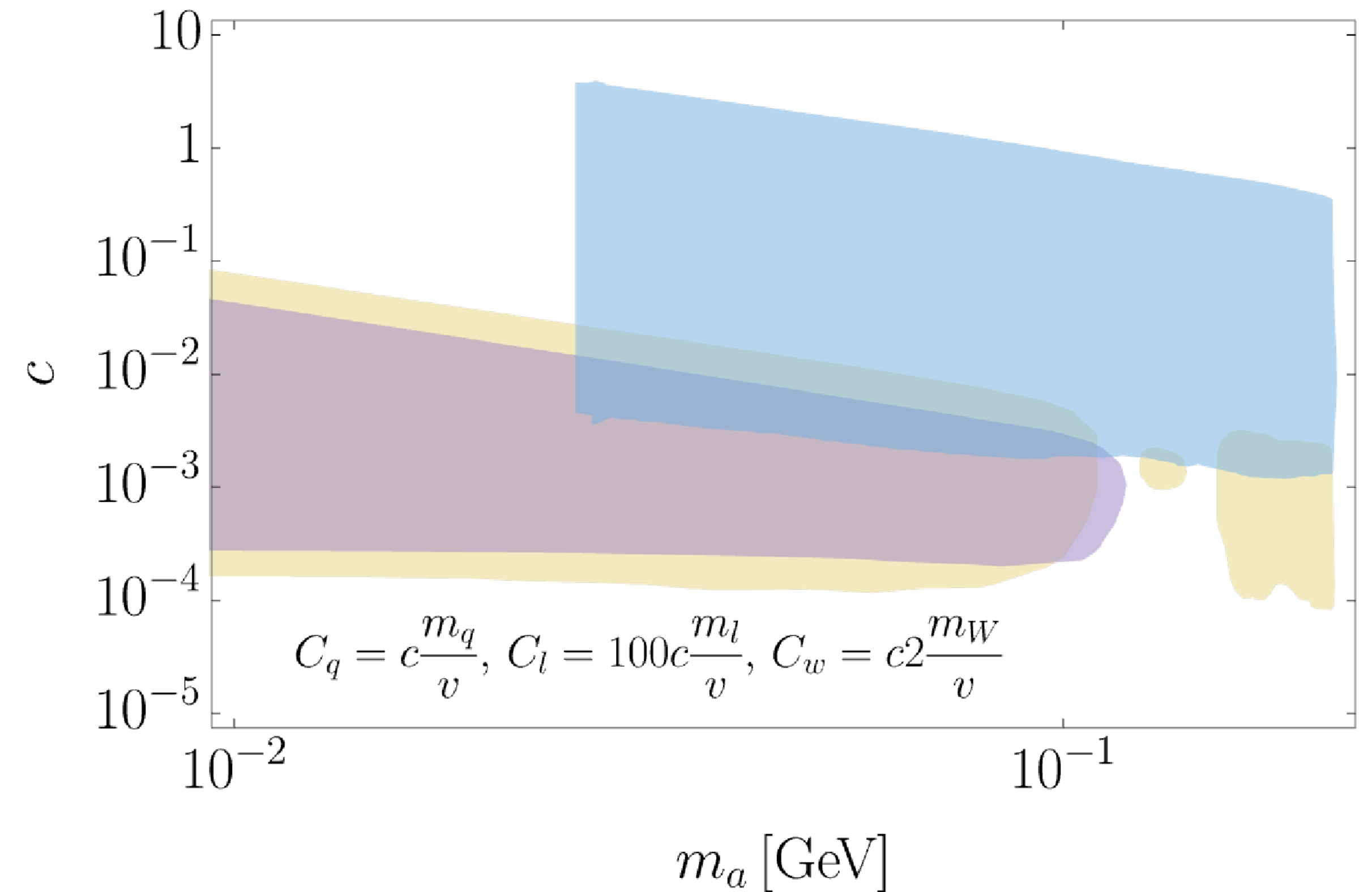
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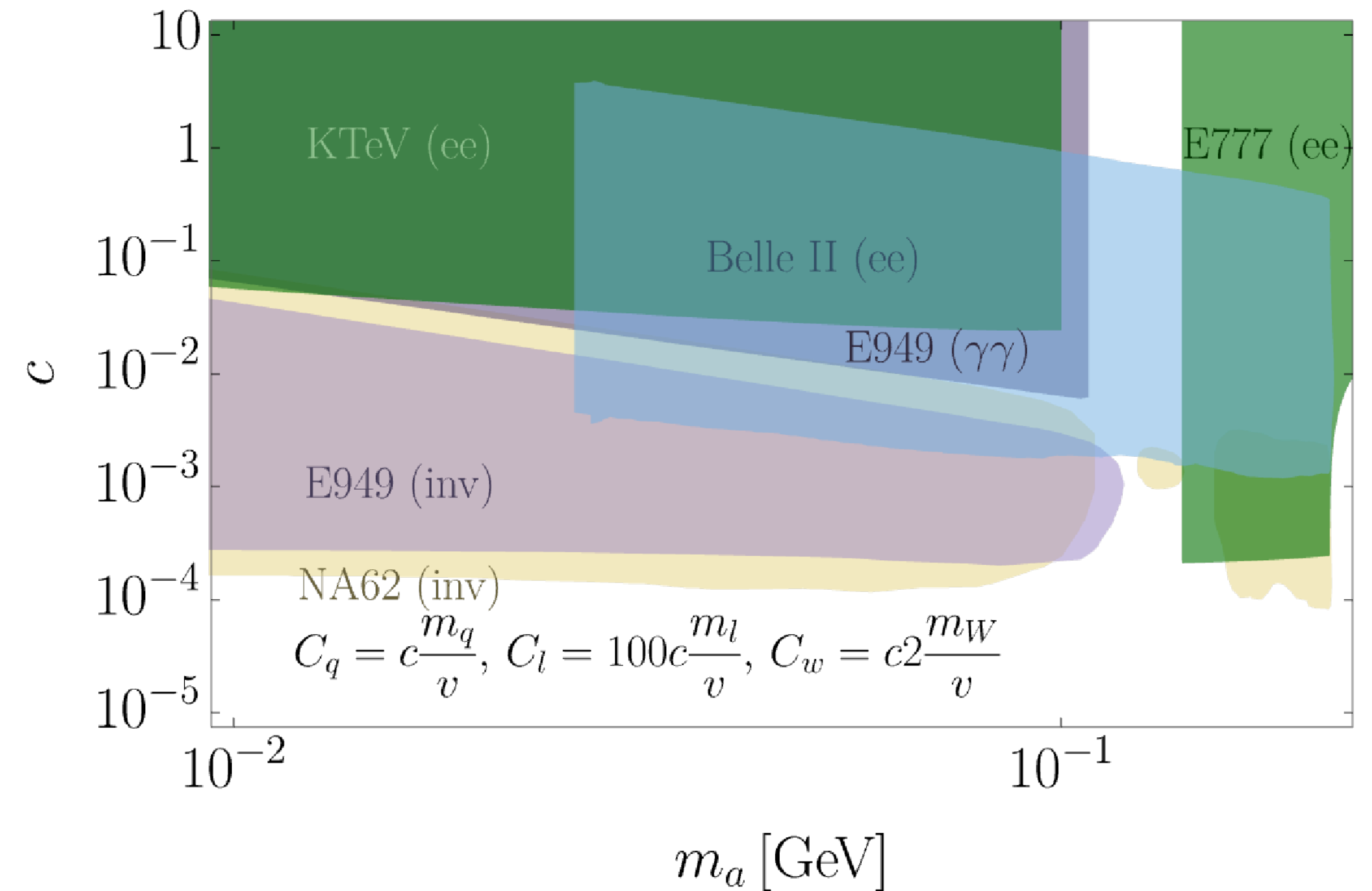
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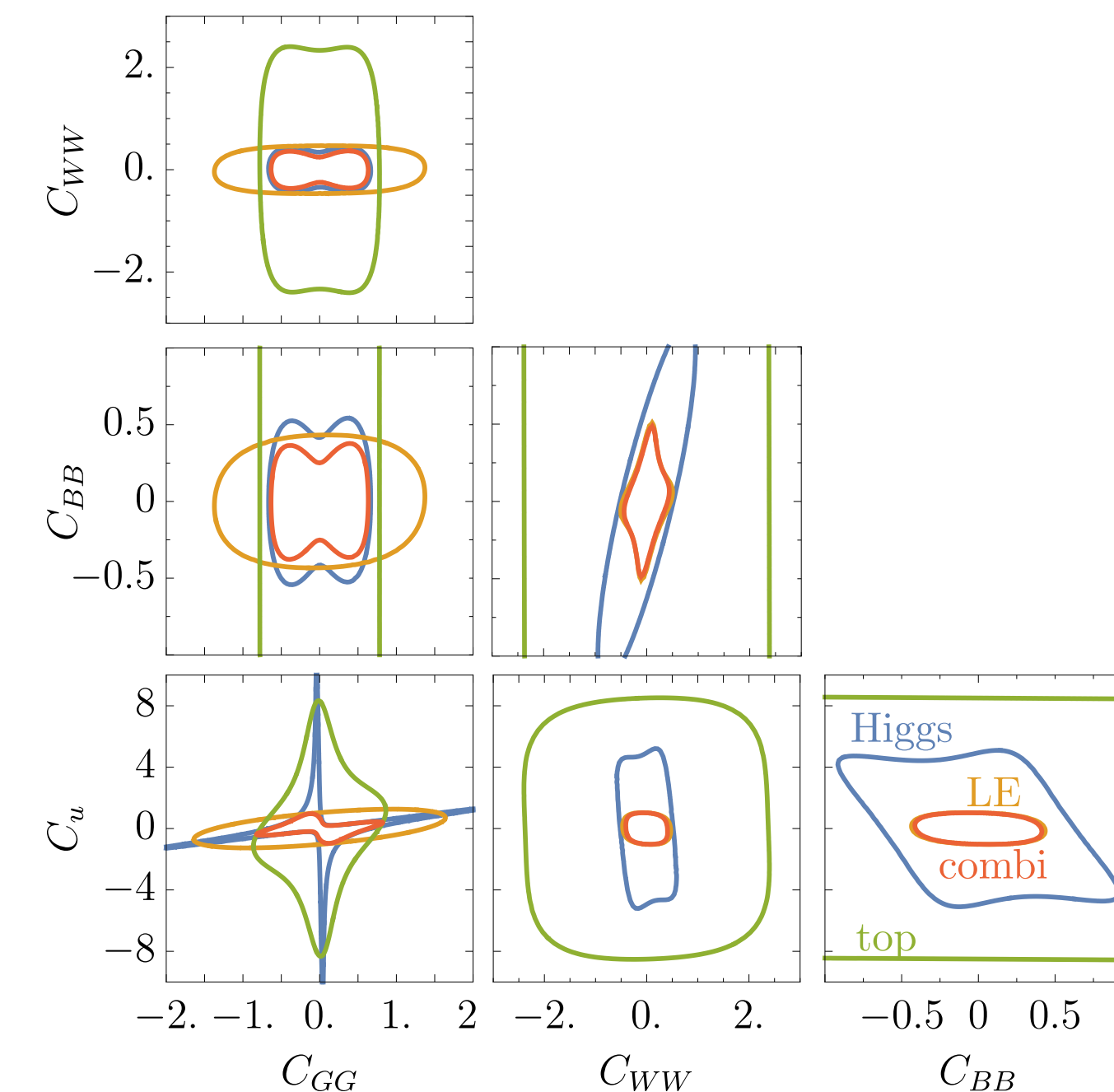
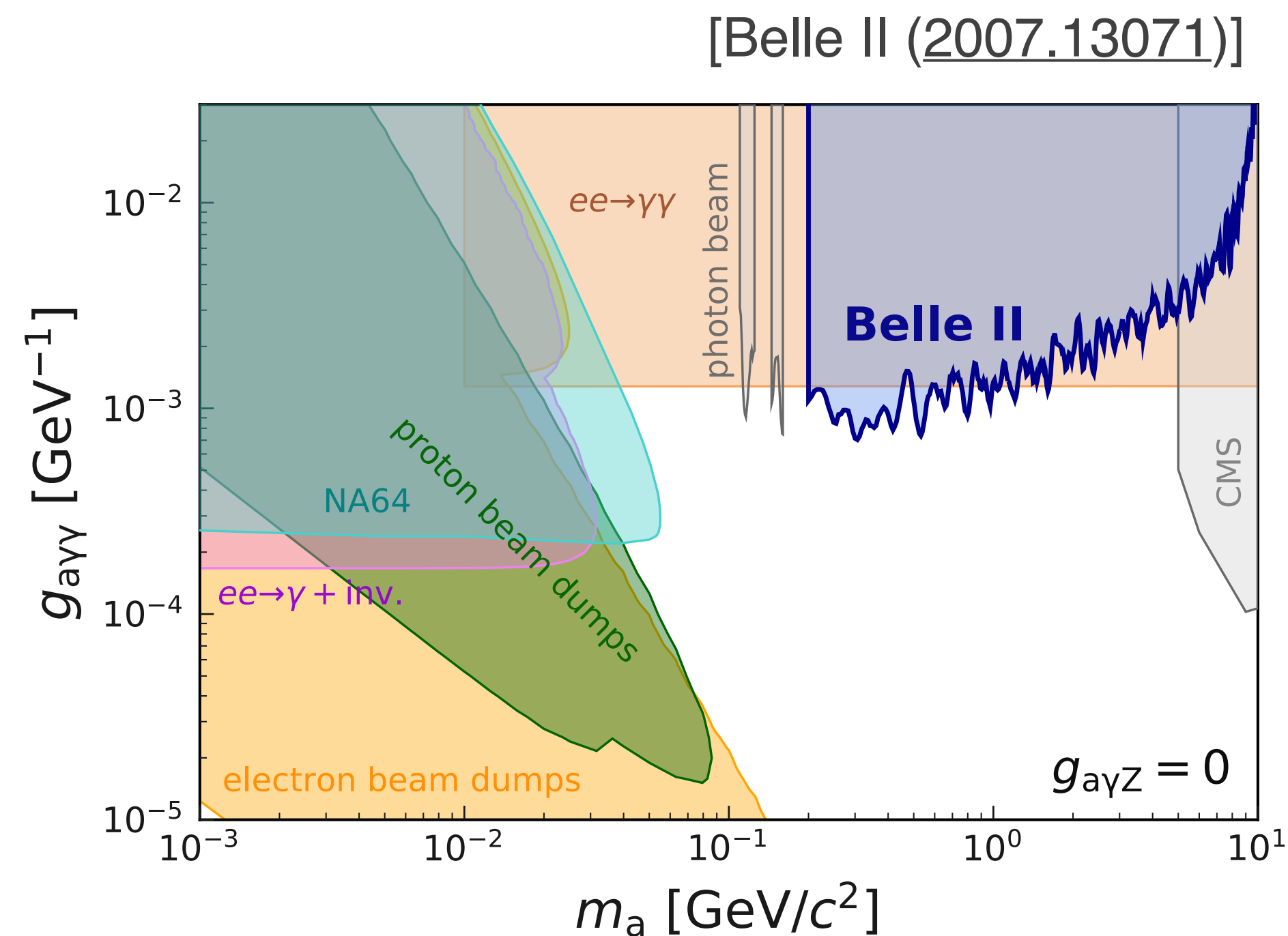
# Likelihoods and statistics

**Global analysis:** Combination of results from different observables/experiments

Correlations (also between experiments)

Publishing **likelihoods** would be a big help for phenomenologists!

[\[Lorenz' talk\]](#)



# Reinterpretation

- Different kinematics compared to SM processes: *two vs three-body decay*

e.g., for the invisible ALP

Assumption:

$$\mathcal{B}(a \rightarrow \text{inv}) = 1$$

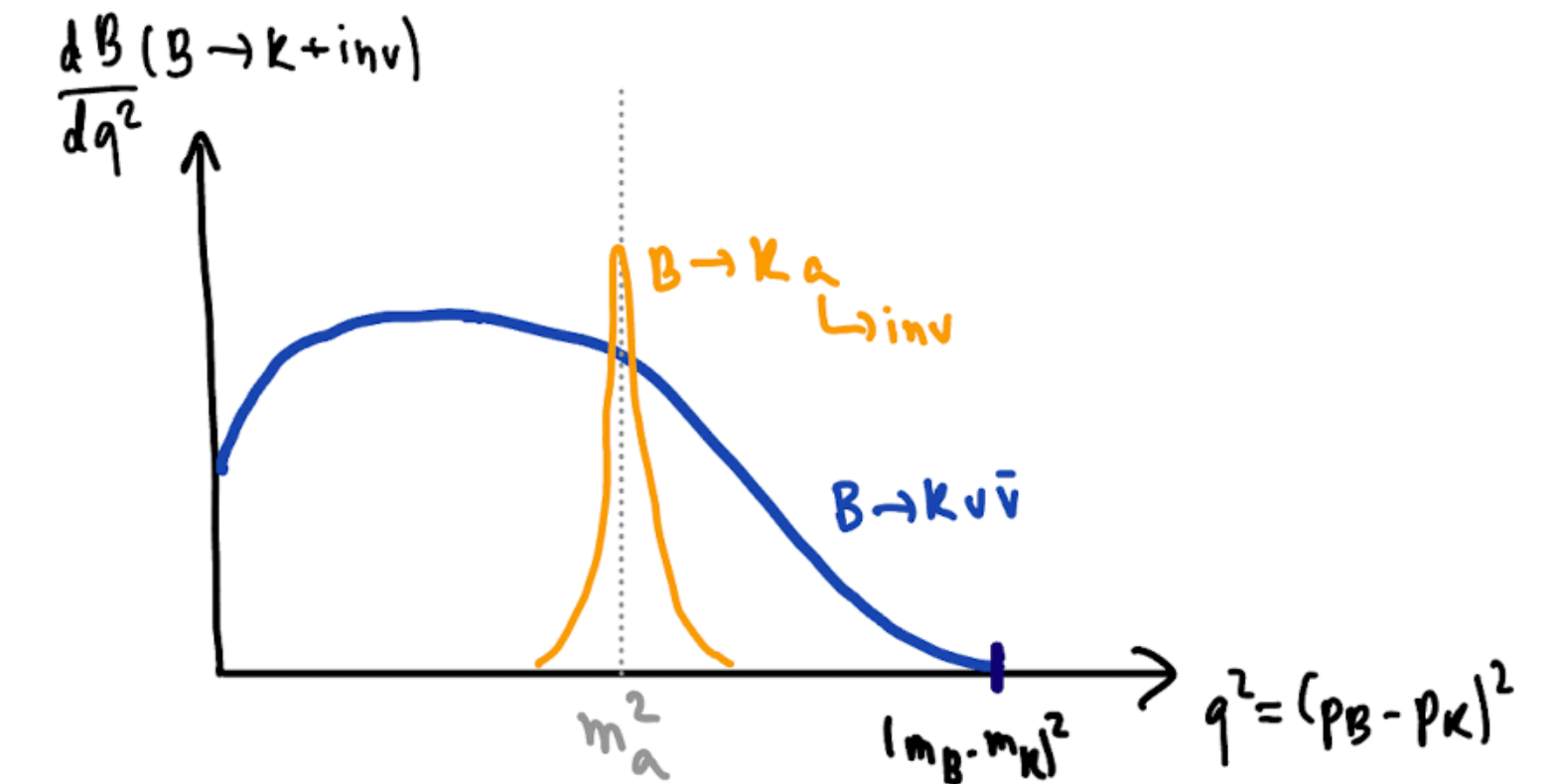
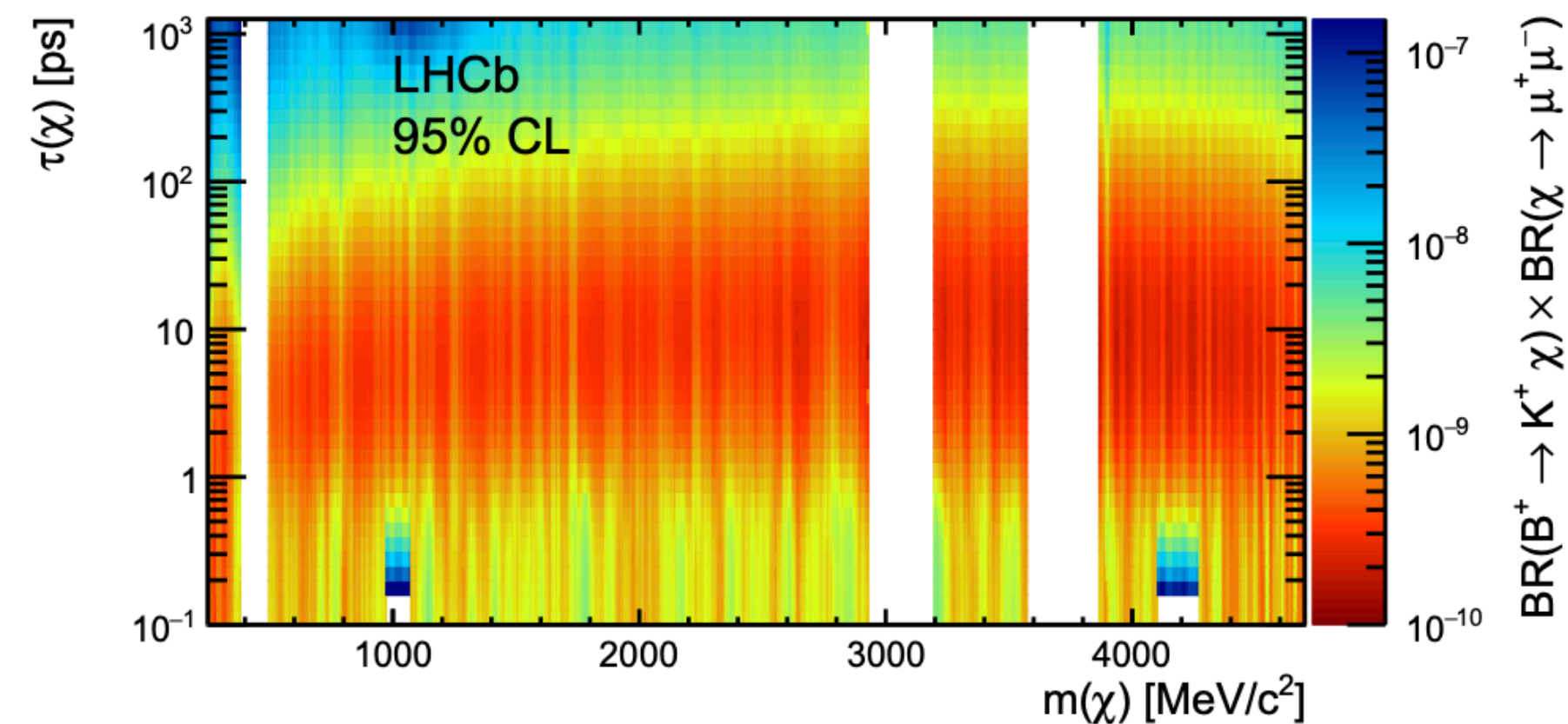
## [Intermezzo] $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} a (\rightarrow \mu\mu)$ at LHCb

- A caveat of searches for long-lived particles (such as ALPs) decaying into visible final states is the **dependence** of the signal yields on the **lifetime** (very model-dependent!).

[Dobrich et al. '18]

- Good examples are the searches of  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} a (\rightarrow \mu\mu)$  by LHCb, which provide not only the limit on the branching fraction but also its **dependence on the lifetime** ( $\tau_a$ ):

[LHCb, 1508.04094,1612.07818]

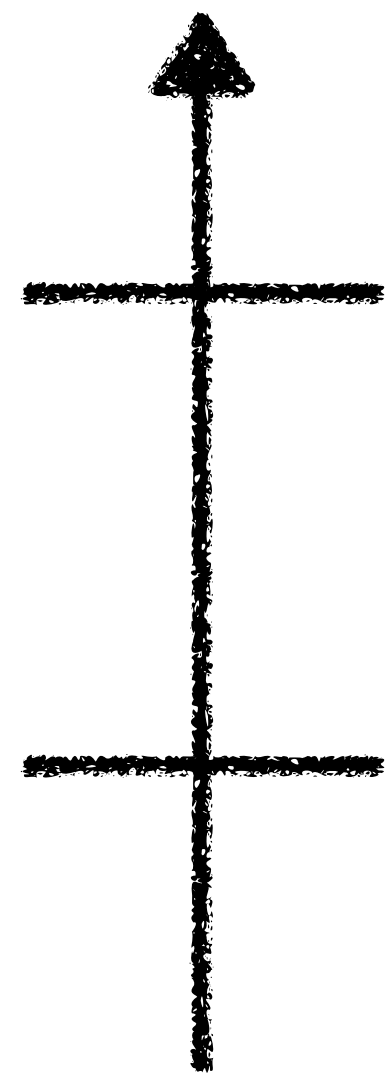


[Olcyr's talk]

# ALP-SMEFT interference

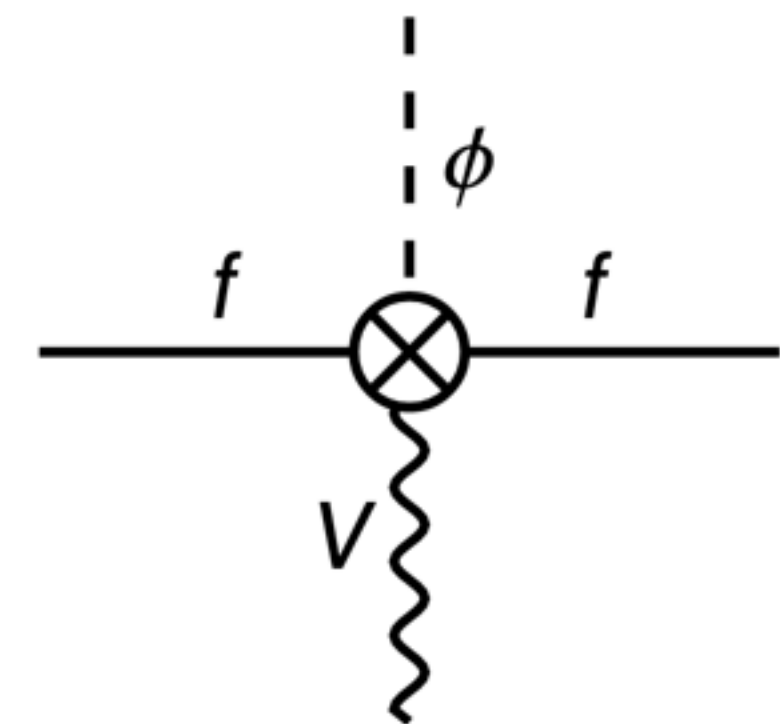
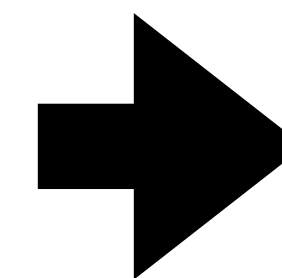
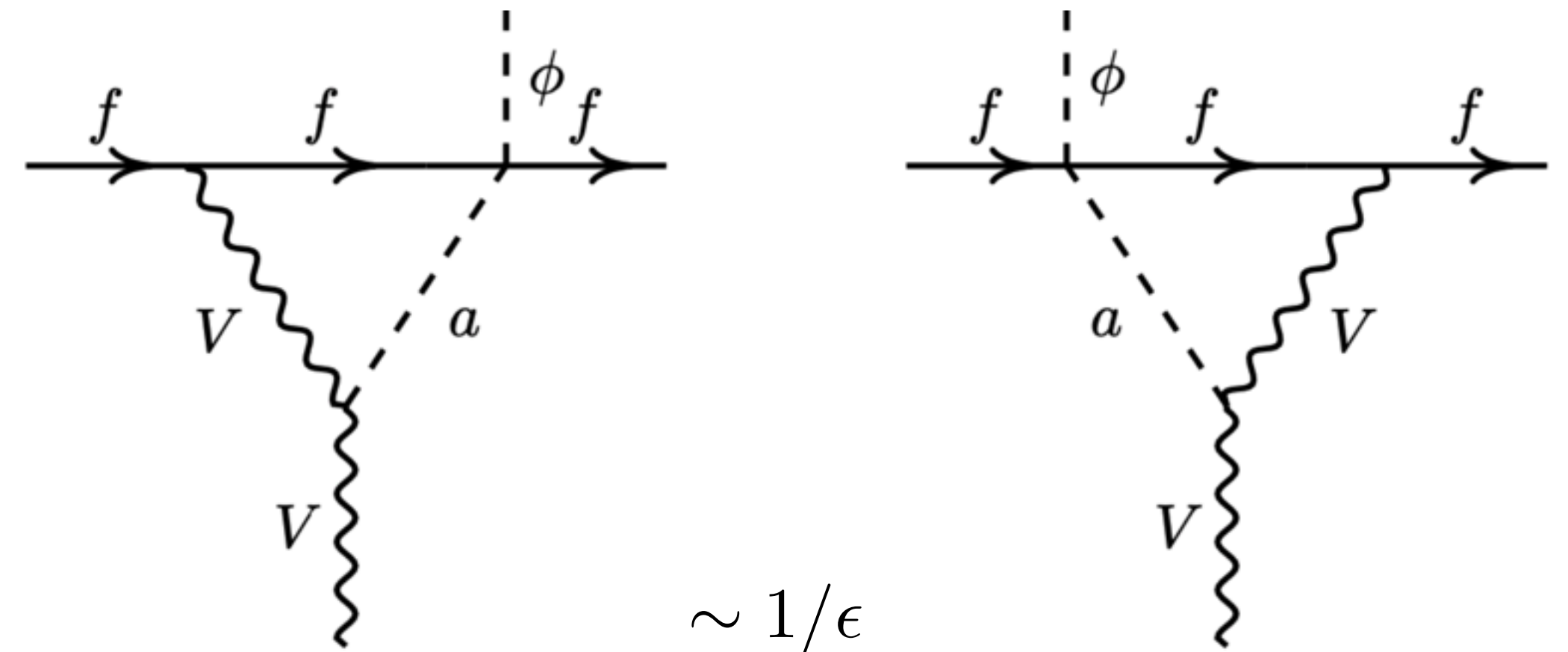
[Galda, Neubert, Renner ([2105.01078](#))]

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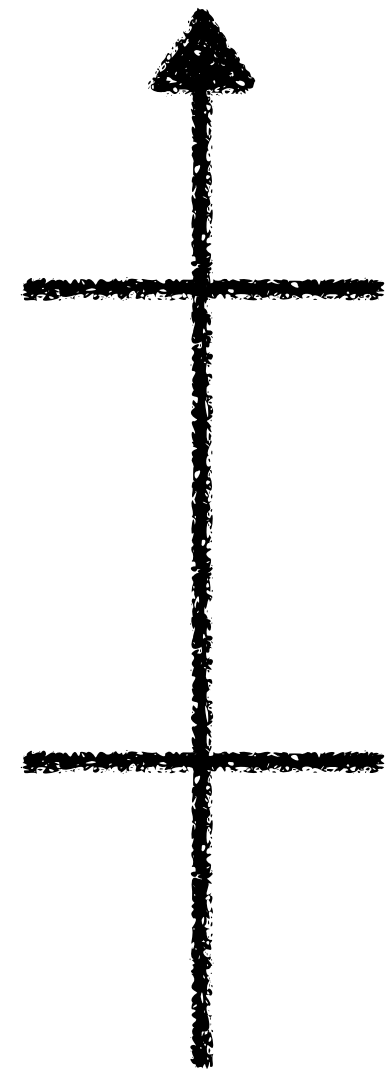




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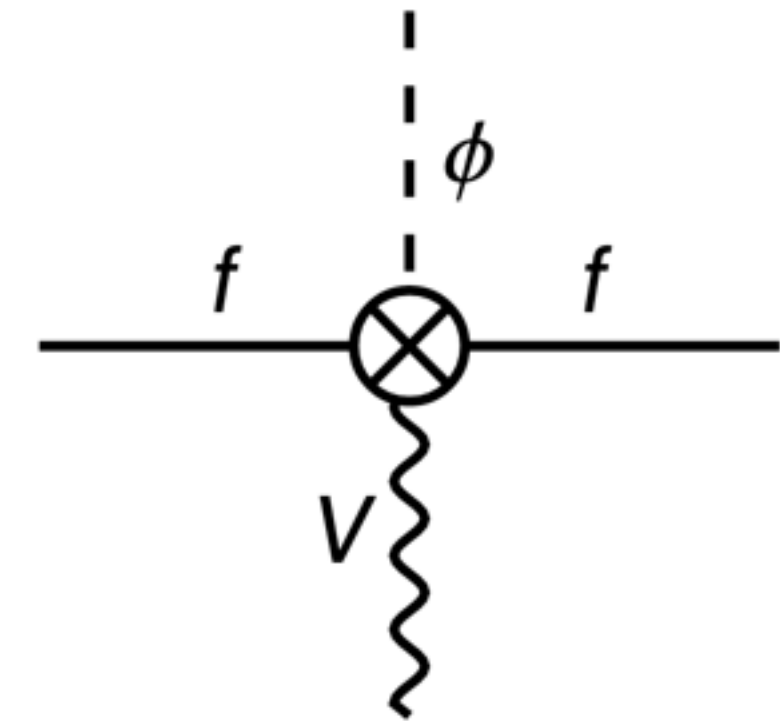
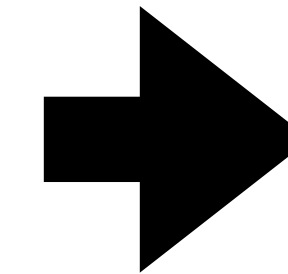
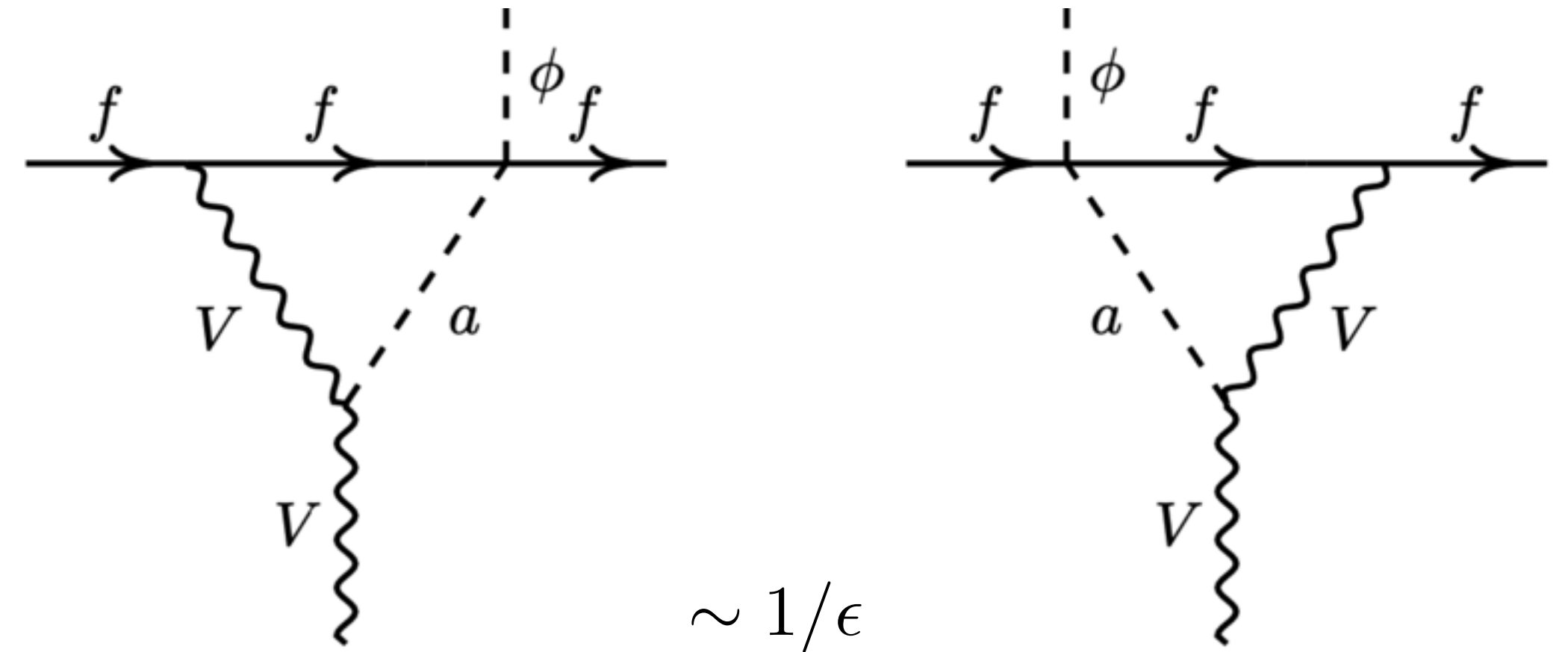
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ALP running induces non-zero SMEFT coefficients!

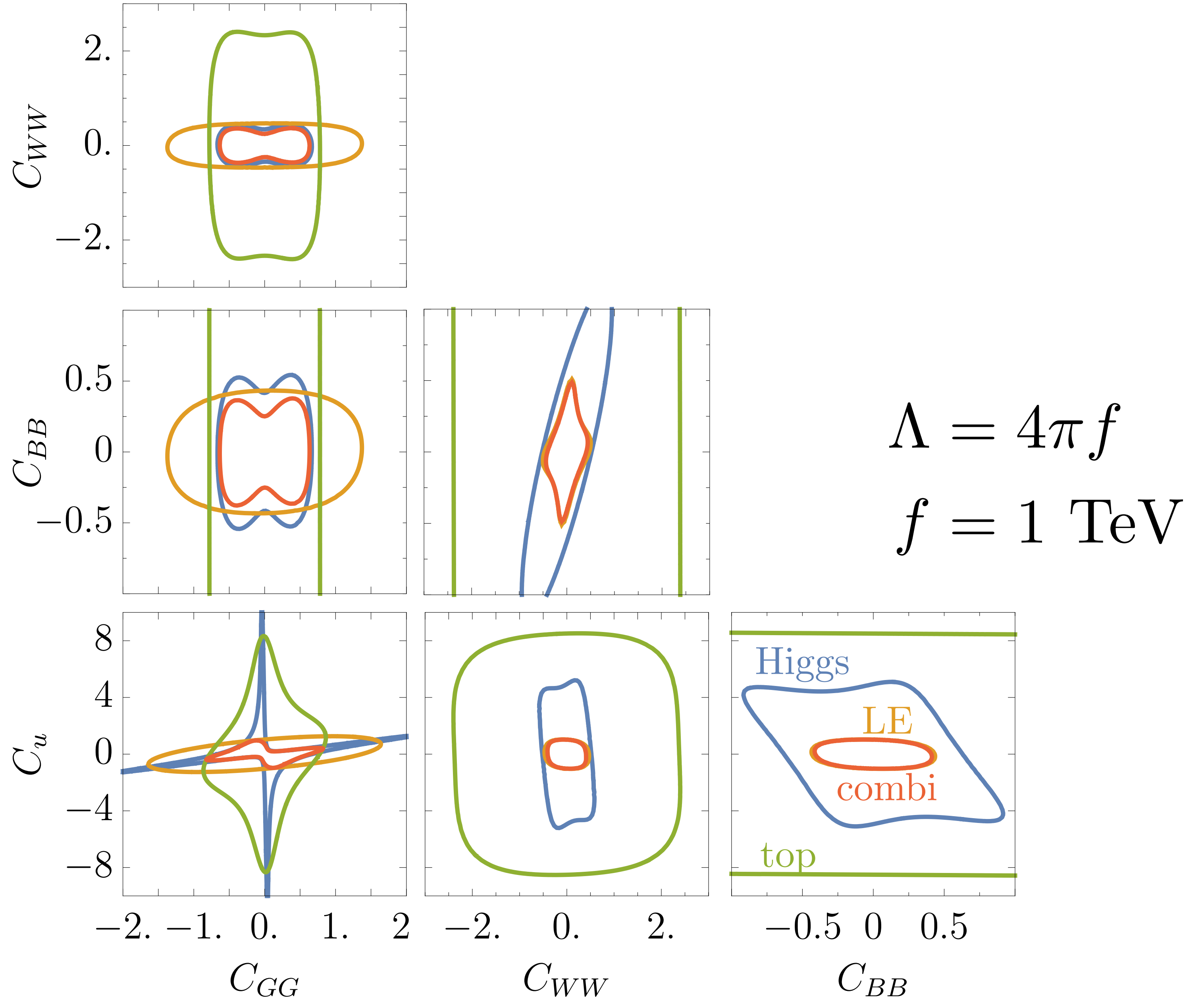
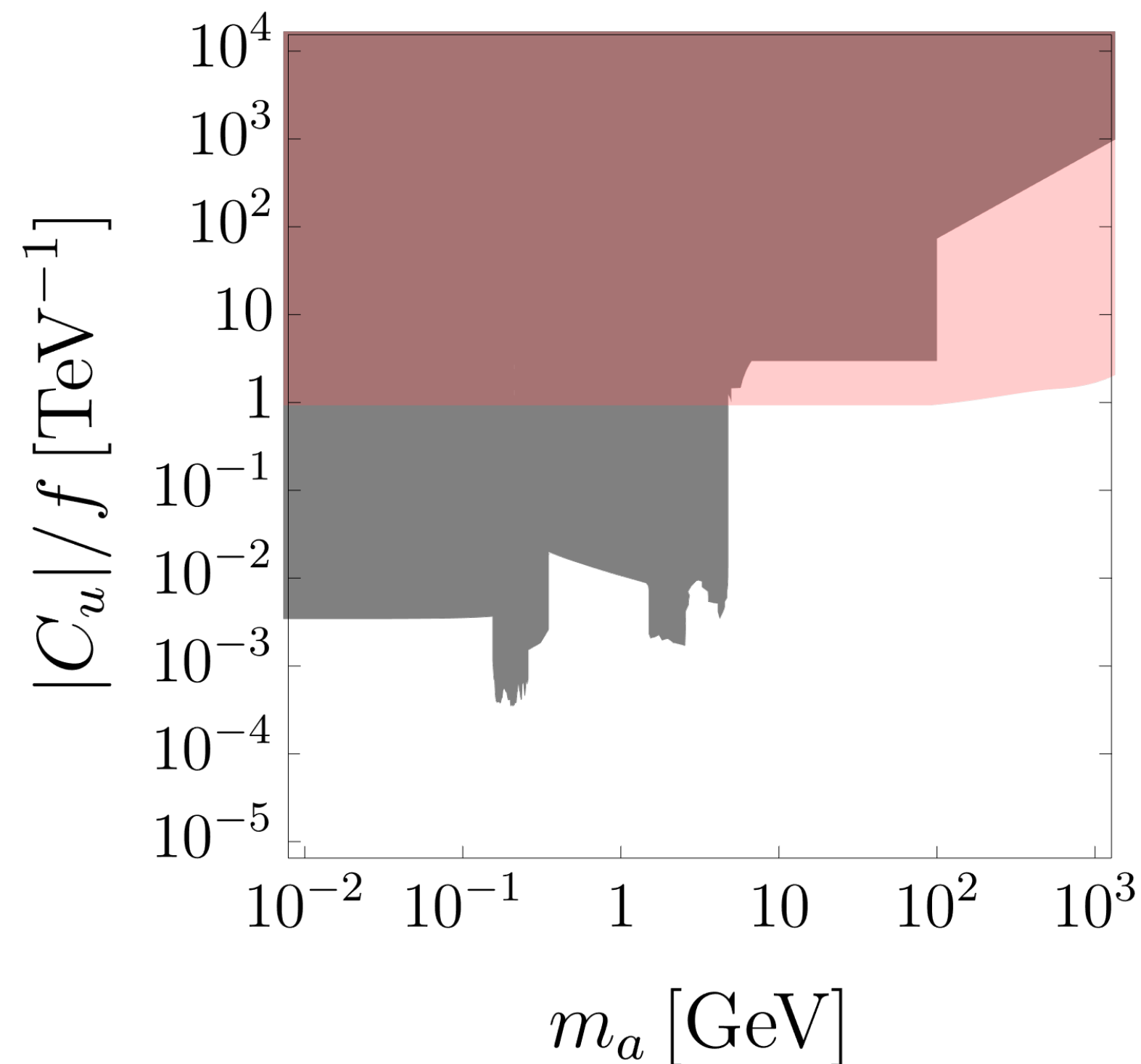




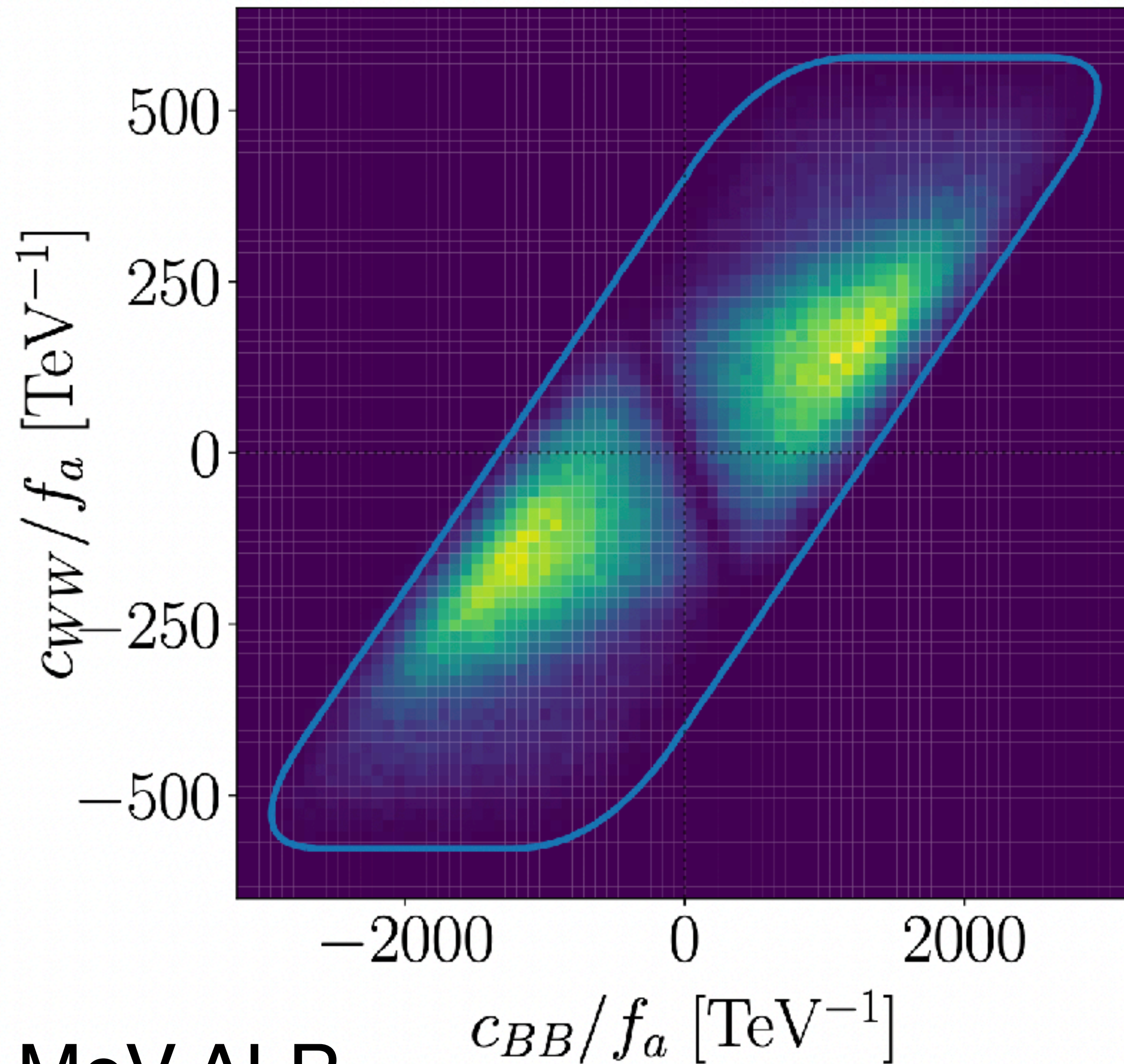
# 2D ALP limits

## Limits from ALP-SMEFT interference

[Galda, Neubert, Renner (2105.01078)]



# Global fits - LHC + flavor



LHC

Same-sign diboson

Z boson width

Flavor

[Bruggisser, Grabitz, Westhof ([2308.11703](#))]

300 MeV ALP

# Reinterpreting the limits for UV axion models

## KSVZ

[Kim-Shifman-Vainshtein-Zakharov ([1979](#), [1980](#))]

Vector-like quark + Scalar singlet

Boson-philic ALP

## DFSZ

[Dine-Fischler-Srednicki-Zhitnitsky ([1980](#), [1981](#))]

2HDM + Scalar singlet

Fermion-philic ALP

# KSVZ model

[Kim-Shifman-Vainshtein-Zakharov (1979, 1980)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{KSVZ}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + |\partial_\mu S|^2 + \bar{Q} i \not{D} Q - y_Q (S \bar{Q}_L Q_R + \text{h.c.}) \\ + \mu_S |S|^2 - \frac{\lambda_S}{2} |S|^4 - \lambda_{SH} |S|^2 (H^\dagger H) + \mathcal{L}_{Qq}$$

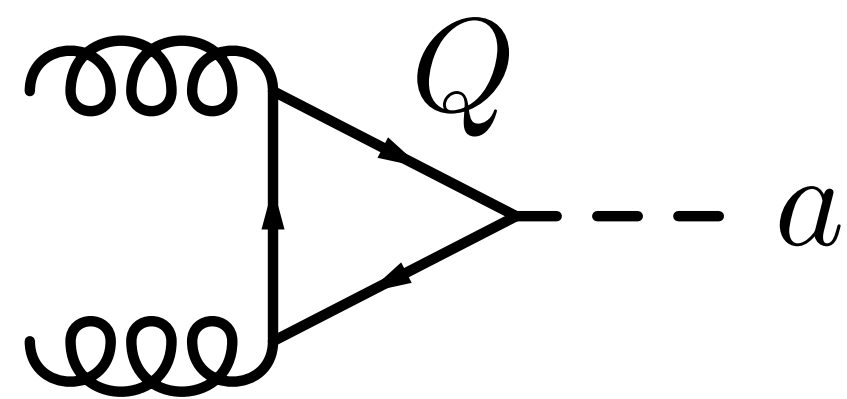
VLQ decay

$$\mathcal{L}_{Qq} = -y_q^p \bar{q}_L^p H Q_R + \text{h.c.}$$

$$Q_{L,R} \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-1/3}$$

Vector-like quark  $Q$

Singlet scalar  $S$   $S(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [f + \rho(x)] e^{\frac{ia(x)}{f}}$ ,



Heavy particles  $Q$  and  $\rho$

$$M_Q = y_Q f / \sqrt{2}, \quad M_\rho^2 = \lambda_S f^2$$

Integrate out

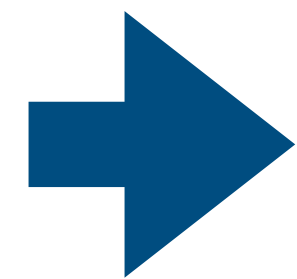
# KSVZ model - EFT

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} \supset +\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_a^2 a^2 \left[ -\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{a}{f} G_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu A} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\alpha_Y}{4\pi} \frac{a}{f} B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

$$- \frac{\lambda_{SH}^2 f^2}{2M_\rho^4} Q_{H\Box} + \frac{y_q^p y_q^{r*}}{2M_Q^2} \left( \mathbf{Y}_d^{rs} [Q_{dH}]^{ps} - \frac{1}{2} [Q_{Hq}^{(1)}]^{pr} - \frac{1}{2} [Q_{Hq}^{(3)}]^{pr} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

At scale  $\Lambda$ : **ALP couplings** and **SMEFT contributions**



Limits on  $f$  can be obtained for fixed CGG and CBB from  
one-parameter ALP fit

Additional Limits on scalar parameters and portal

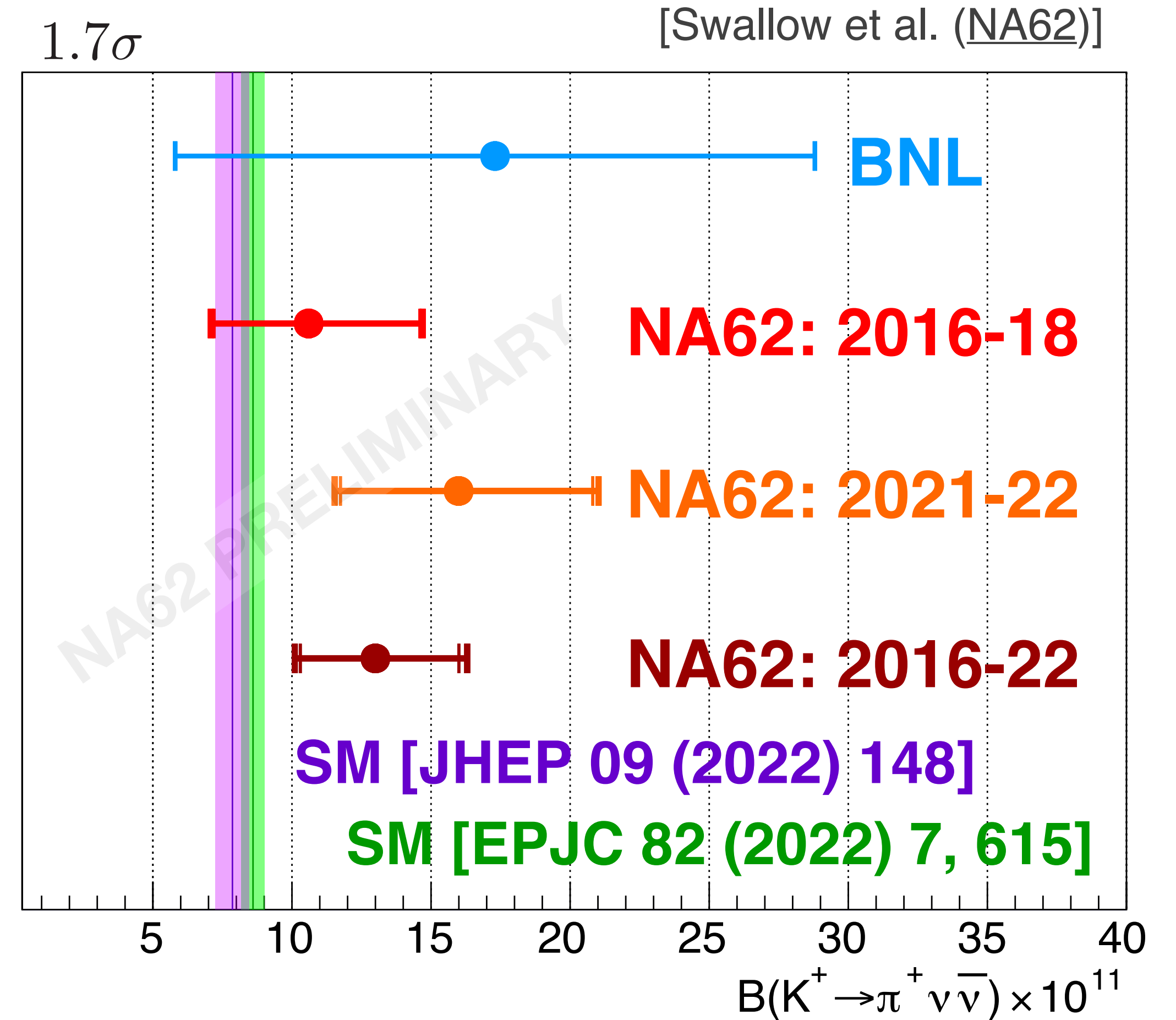
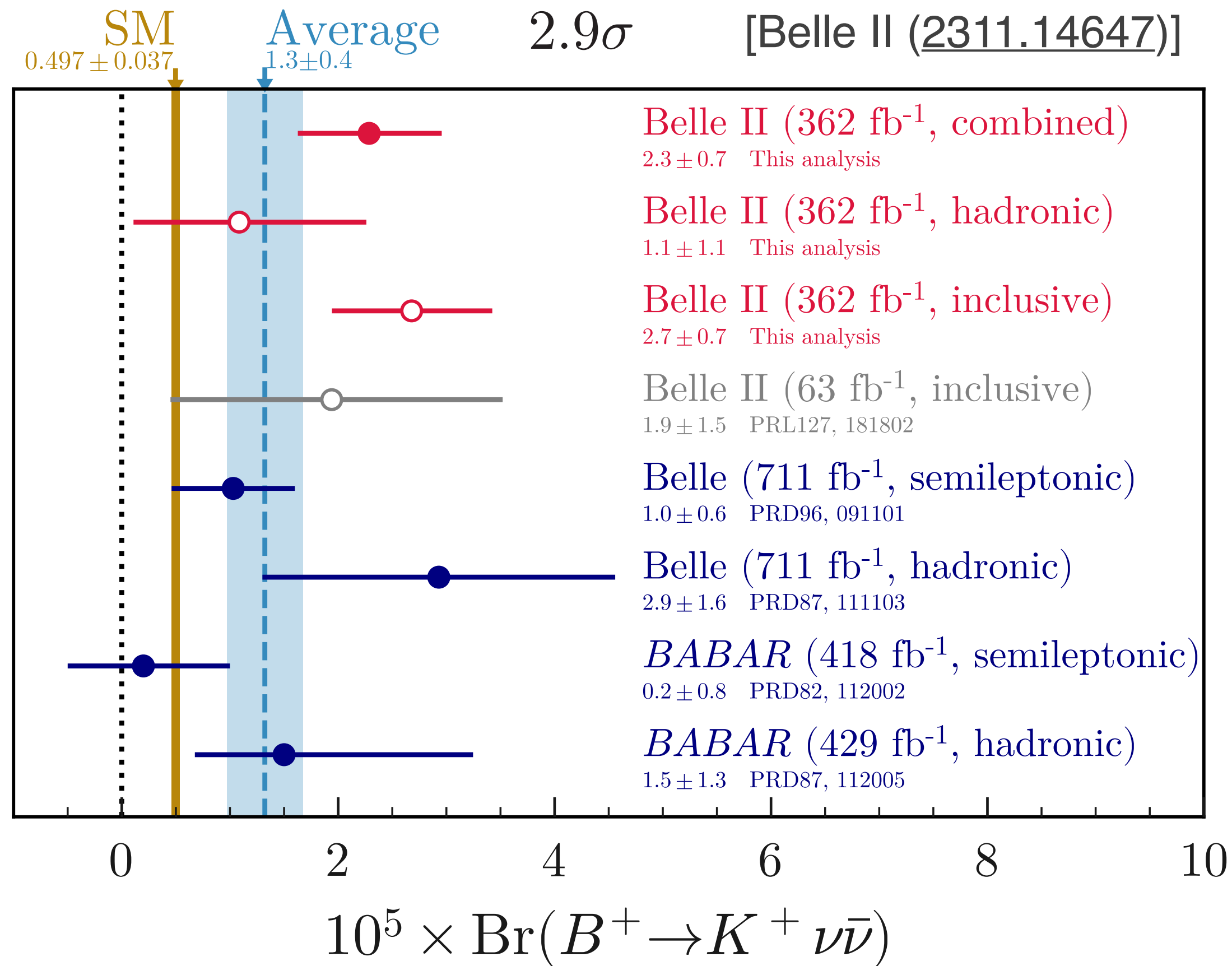
$$\lambda_S^2 f / \lambda_{SH} > 2.8 \text{ TeV}$$

$$|y_q / M_Q| < 0.1 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$



# Have we seen first hints of new light scalars already?

[Tobioka's talk]



See e.g. [Altmannshofer et al. (2311.14629)], [McKeen, Ng, Tuckler (2312.00982)], [Fridell, Ghosh, Okui, Kohsaku (2312.12507)]

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Thank you for your attention!

Backup

# DFSZ model

Two-Higgs doublet model + scalar singlet

$$S(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [f + \rho(x)] e^{\frac{ia(x)}{f}},$$

Two options for relation to SM Yukawas

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{DFSZ}} \supset & |D_\mu H_1|^2 + |D_\mu H_2|^2 + |\partial_\mu S|^2 - (\bar{q} \tilde{H}_1 \mathbf{\Gamma}_u u_R + \bar{q} H_2 \mathbf{\Gamma}_d d_R + \boxed{\bar{\ell} H_i \mathbf{\Gamma}_e e_R} + \text{h.c.}) \\ & - m_1^2 |H_1|^2 - m_2^2 |H_2|^2 - \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_1|^4 - \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_2|^4 - \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 - \lambda_4 |H_1^\dagger H_2|^2 \\ & + \mu_S |S|^2 - \frac{\lambda_S}{2} |S|^4 - \lambda_{SH_1} |S|^2 |H_1|^2 - \lambda_{SH_2} |S|^2 |H_2|^2 - \lambda_{SH_{12}} [(H_1^\dagger H_2) S^2 + \text{h.c.}] \end{aligned}$$

Heavy particles  $\Phi$  and  $\rho$



# DFSZ model - EFT

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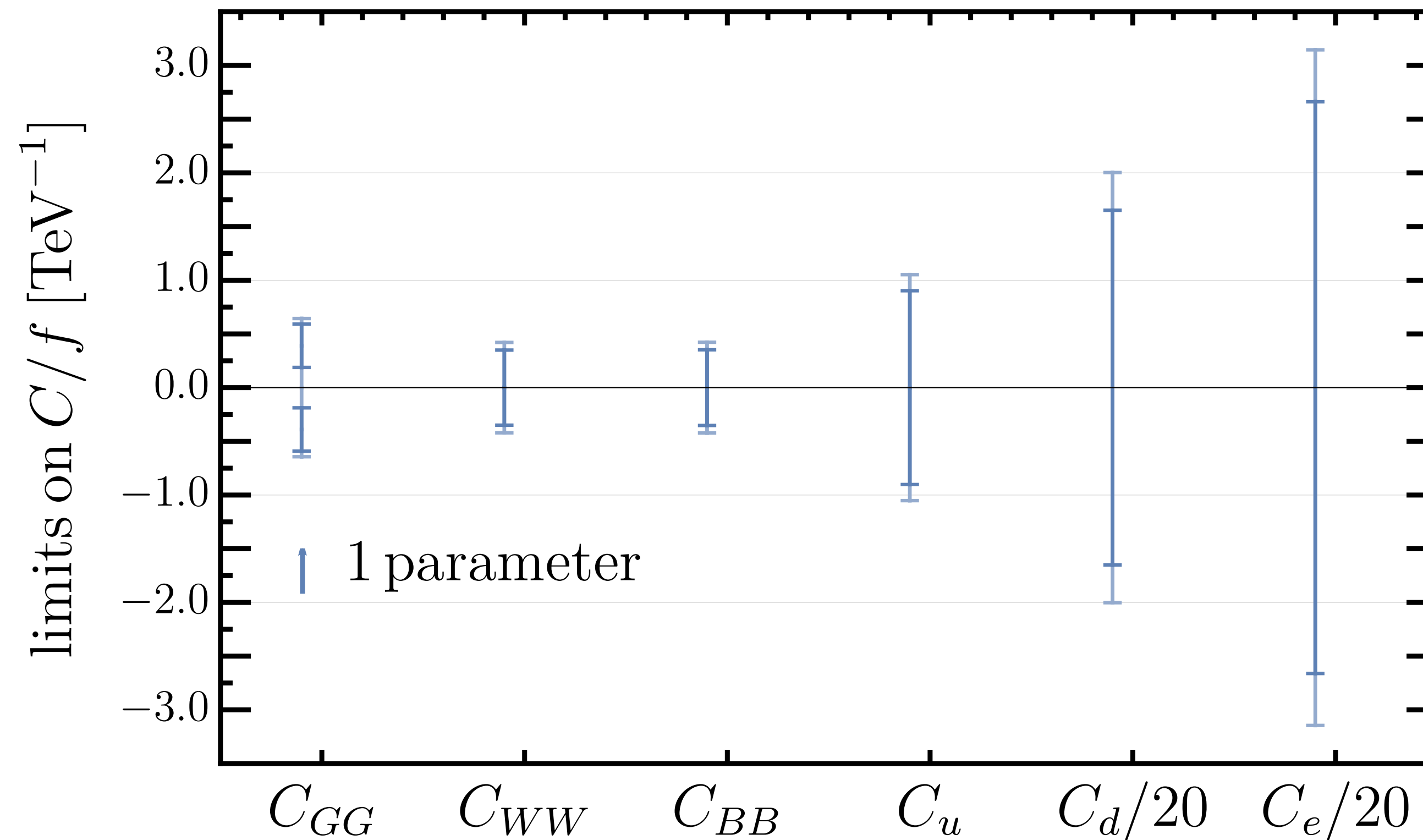
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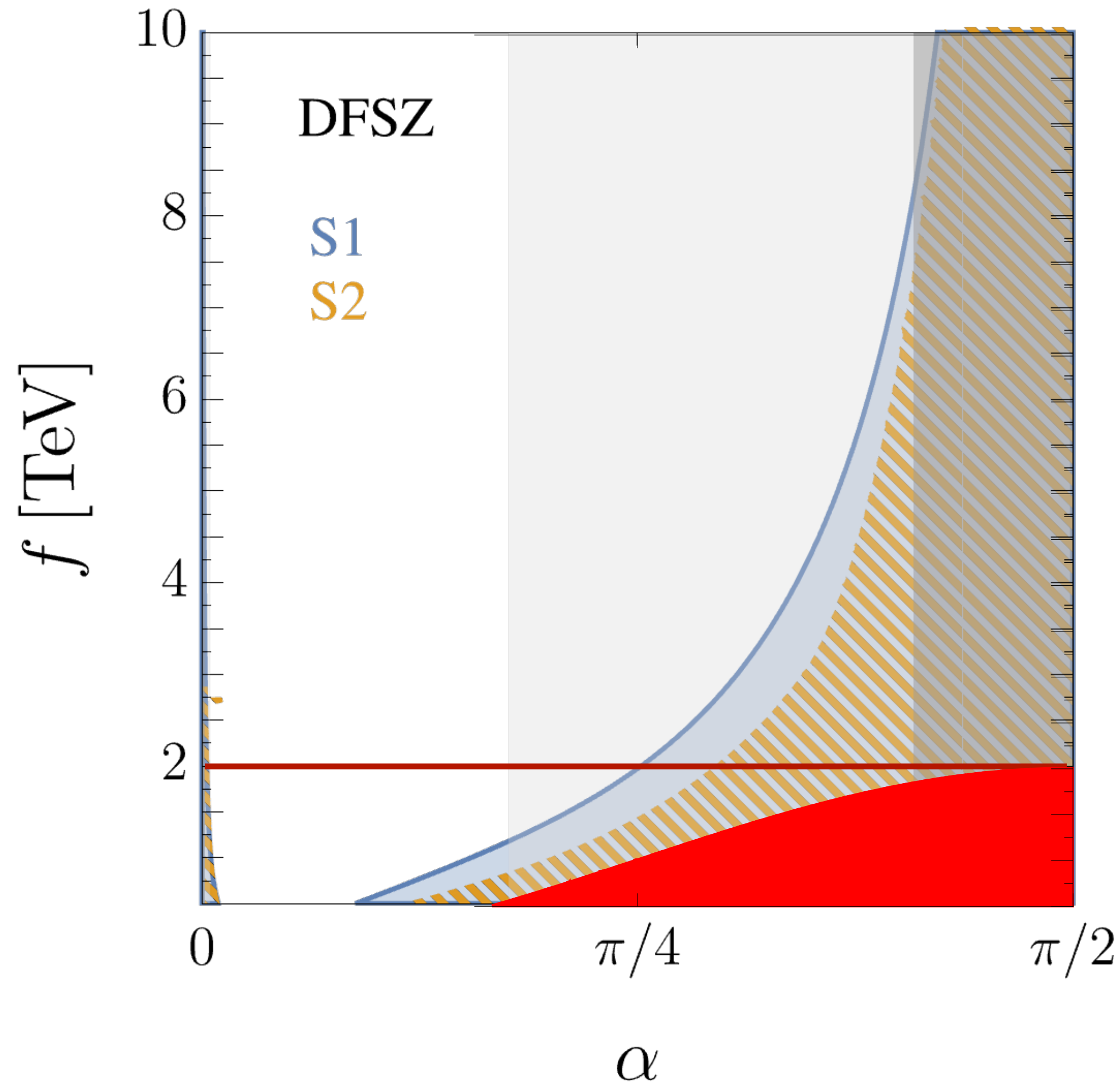
ALP couplings and SMEFT operators depend on same parameters  $\alpha$  and  $f$

# DFSZ models - results

$$C_u = -2s_\alpha^2$$

$$|C_u|/f < 1/\text{TeV}$$

$$\Gamma_u^{33} \gtrsim 1 \quad \Gamma_u^{33} \gtrsim 3$$



S1: negligible scalar parameters  
 S2: profiling of scalar parameters

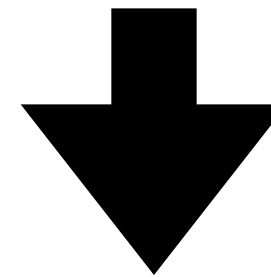
Limits on  $f$  dominated by  
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# ALP Lagrangian

derivative  
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}+\text{ALP}}^{D\leq 5} = c_{GG} \frac{a}{f} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} + c_{WW} \frac{a}{f} W_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{W}^{A,\mu\nu} + c_{BB} \frac{a}{f} B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\partial^\mu a}{f} \sum_F \bar{\psi}_F \mathbf{c}_F \gamma_\mu \psi_F$$

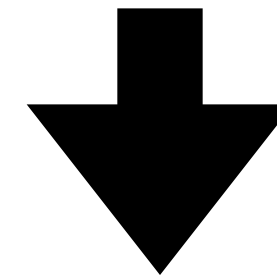


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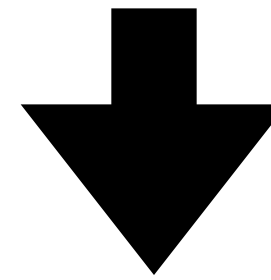
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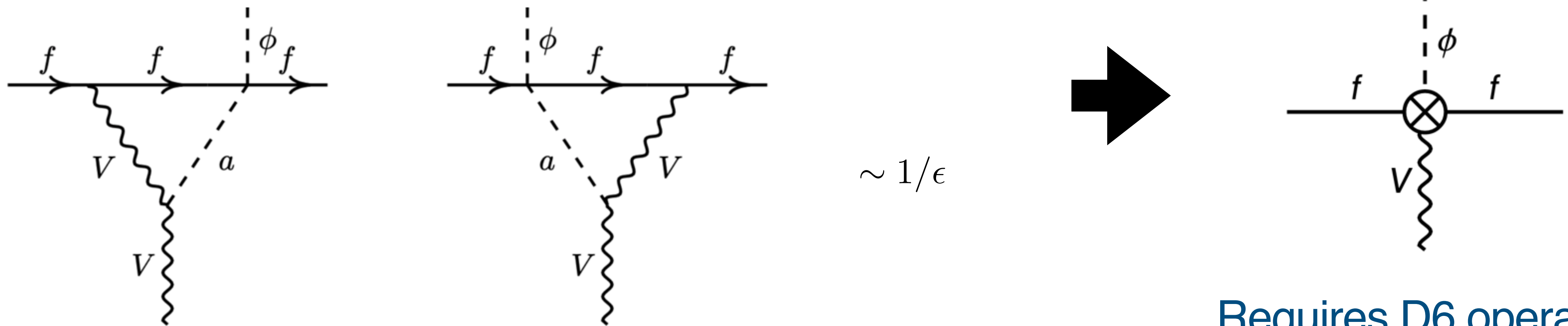
$$\tilde{c}_X = c_X \mathbb{1}_3 \quad \text{Flavor universal}$$

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# Indirect ALP effects

[Marciano, Masiero, Paradisi, Passera ([1607.01022](#))]  
 [Bauer, Neubert, Thamm ([1704.08207](#))]

- Virtual ALP exchange induces UV-divergent one-loop graphs
- Dimension-6 operators required as counterterms



ALP as a solution for  $g - 2$  discrepancy

Requires D6 operator  
as counterterm

**SMEFT!**

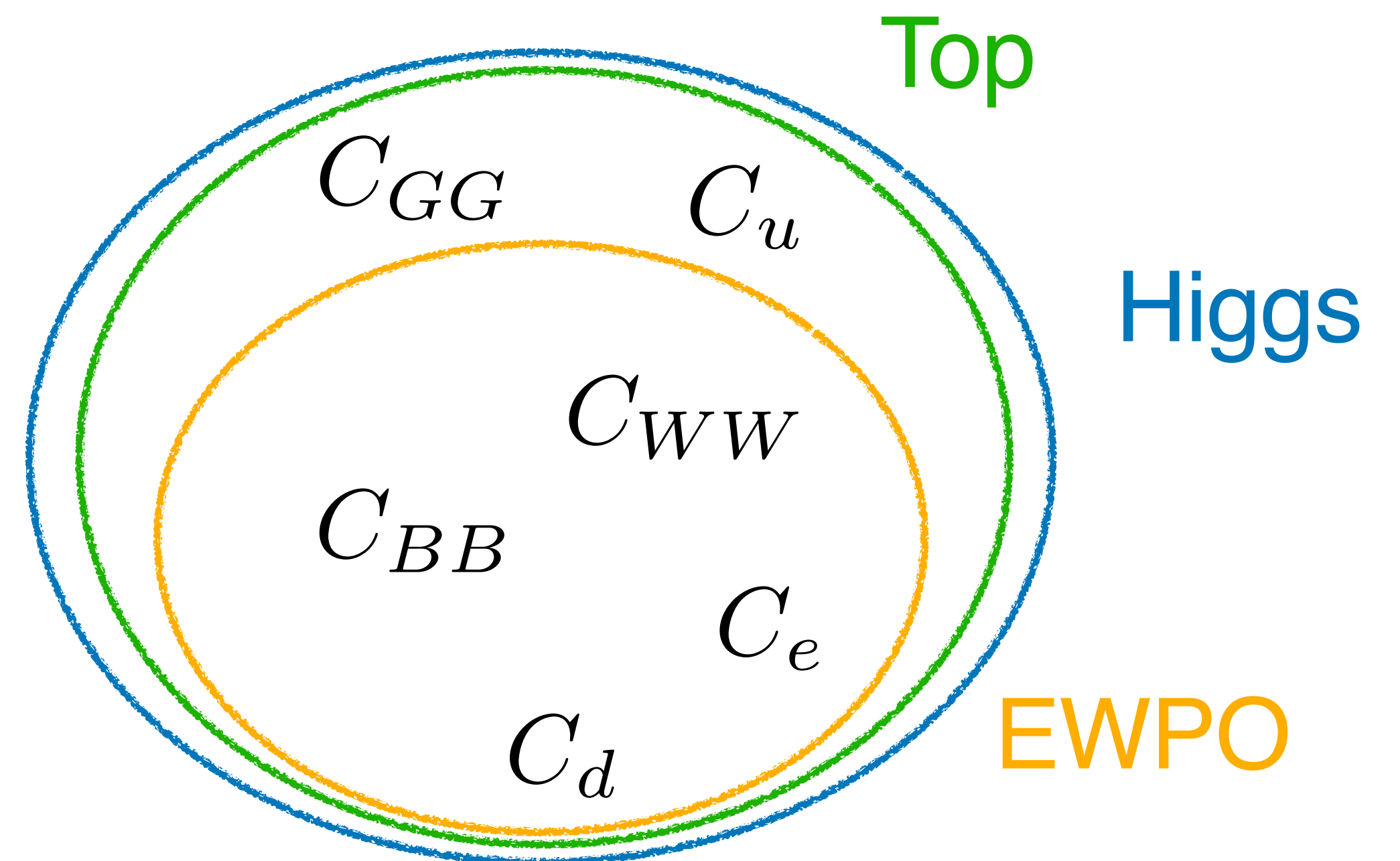
# Exploiting the ALP-SMEFT interference

## Observables used

- Low energy:
  - Electroweak precision observables (EWPO)
  - Parity violation experiments
  - Lepton scattering
- Higgs [Falkowski et al. (1706.03783)]
- Top [Ellis et al. (2012.02779)]

## Six free parameters

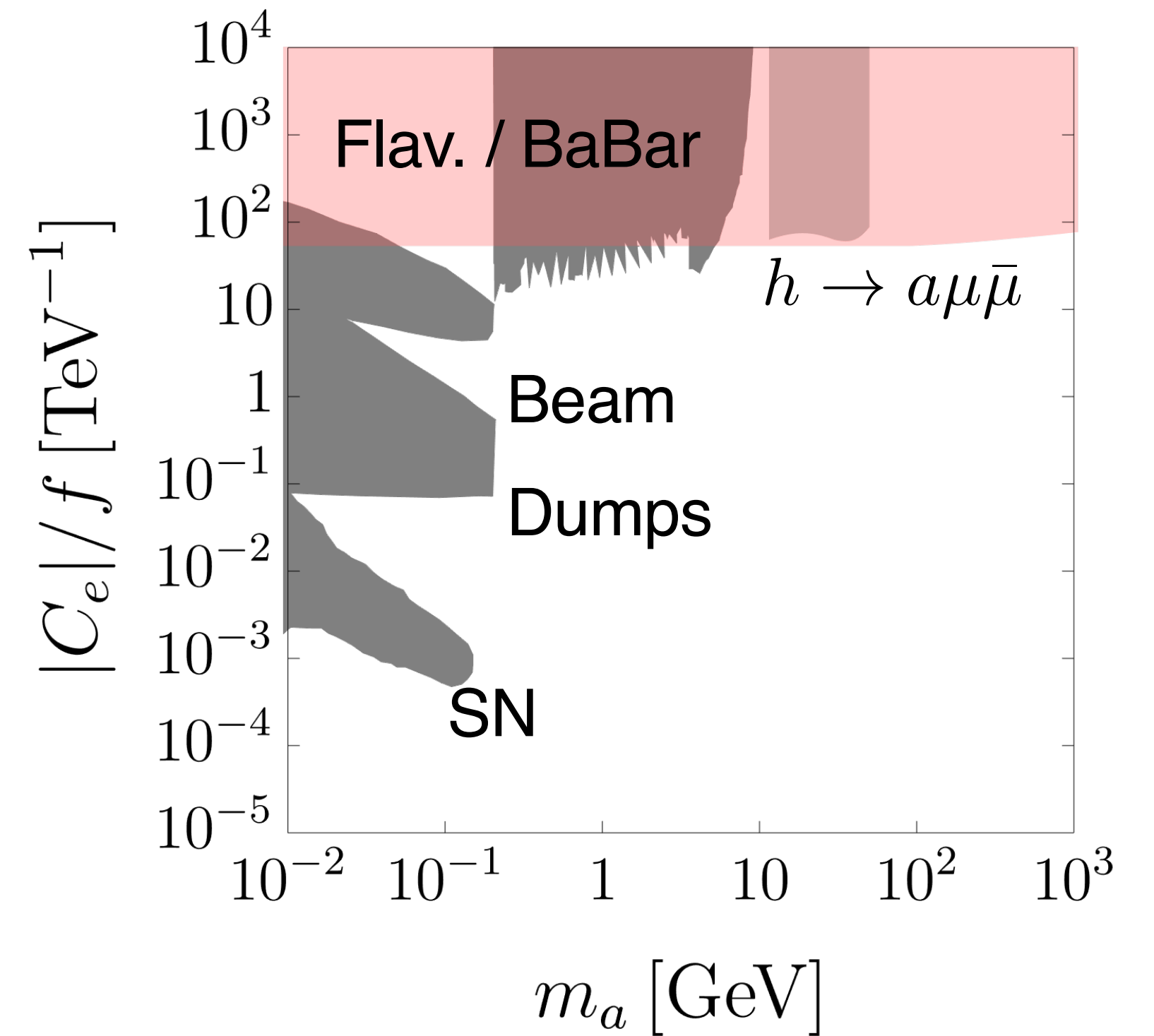
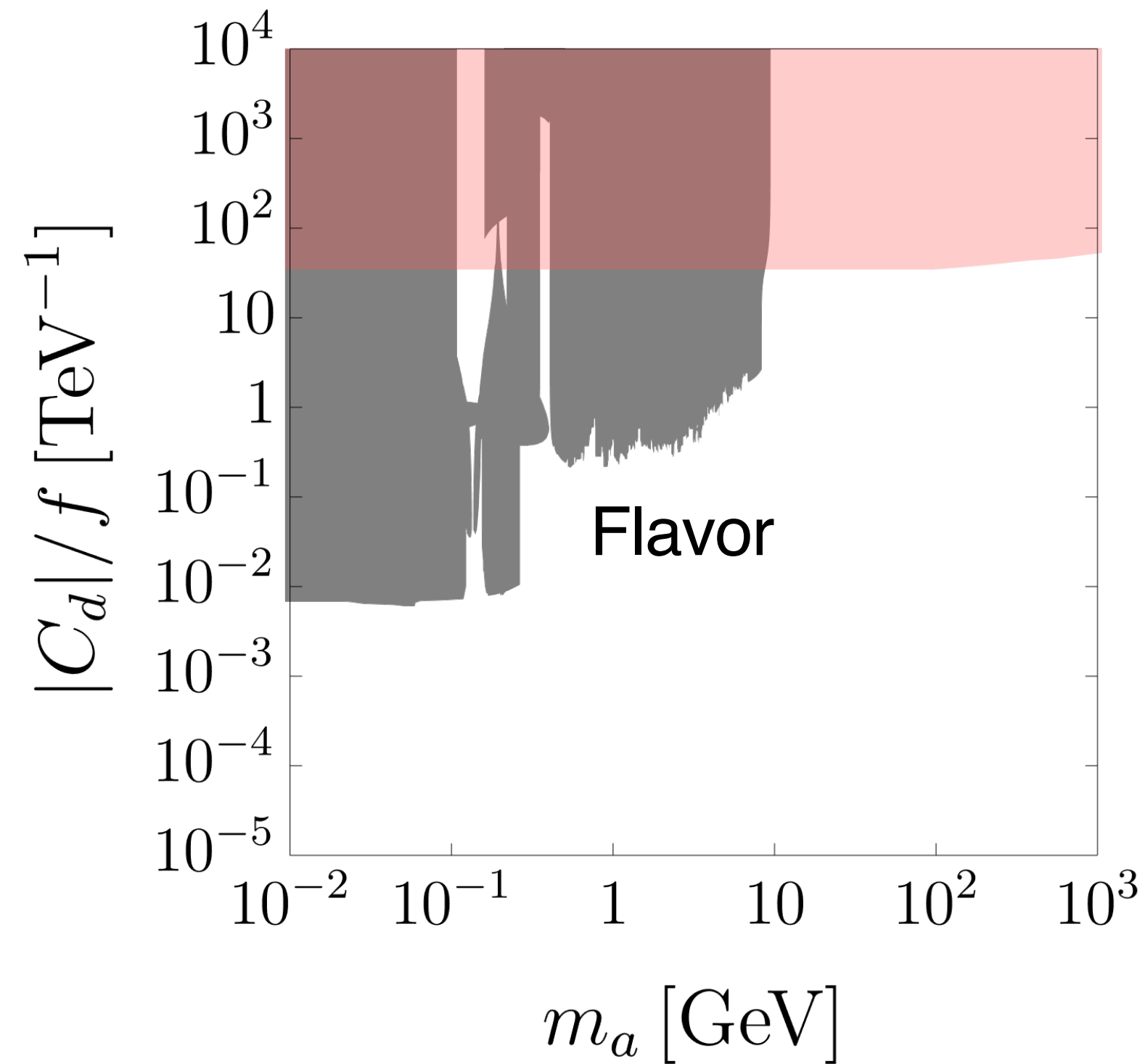
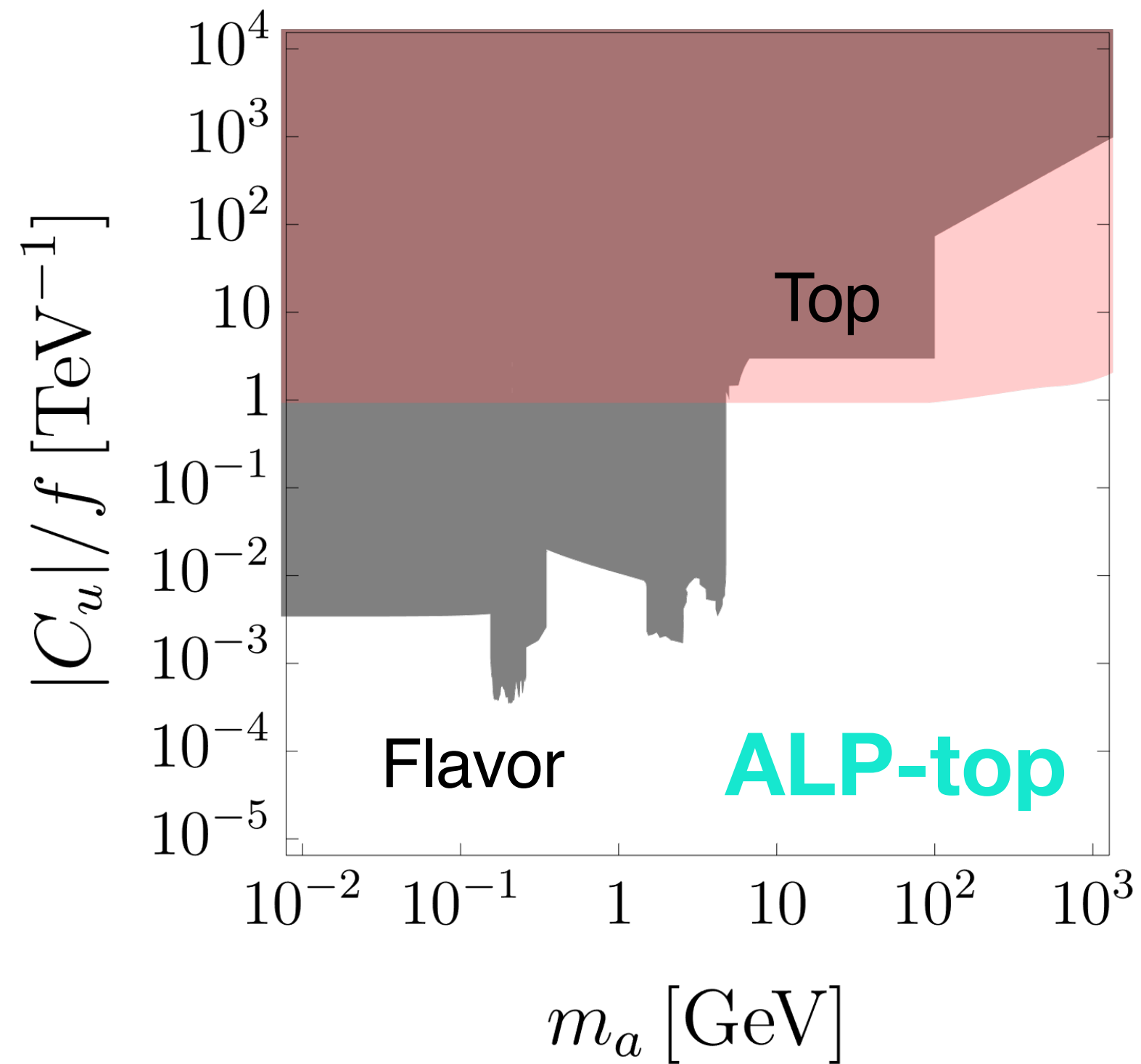
$$C_{GG}, C_{WW}, C_{BB}, C_u, C_d, C_e$$





# Comparison with direct bounds - fermions

[AB, Fuentes Martín, Galda, Neubert ([2307.10372](#))]



[BaBar ([1406.2980](#))]

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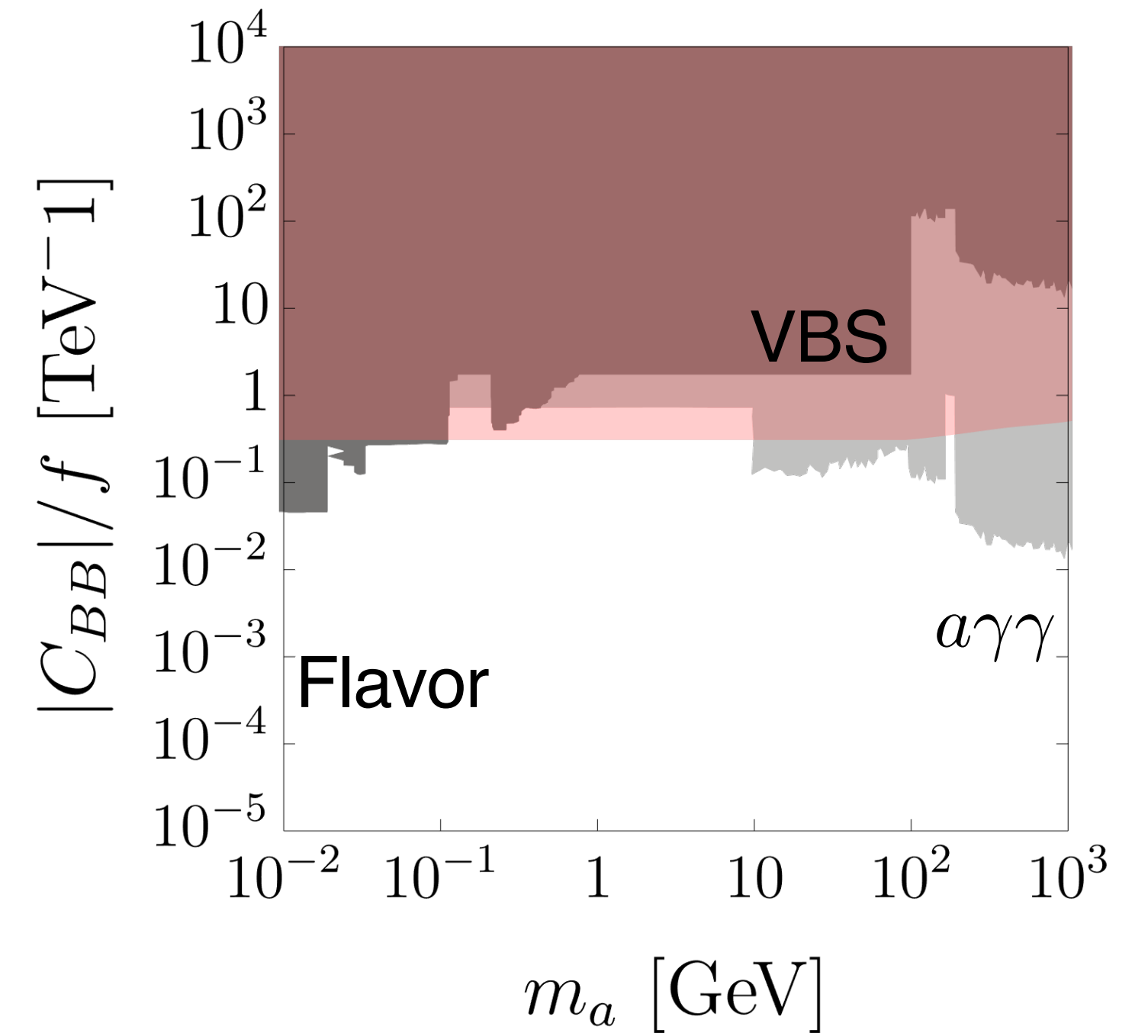
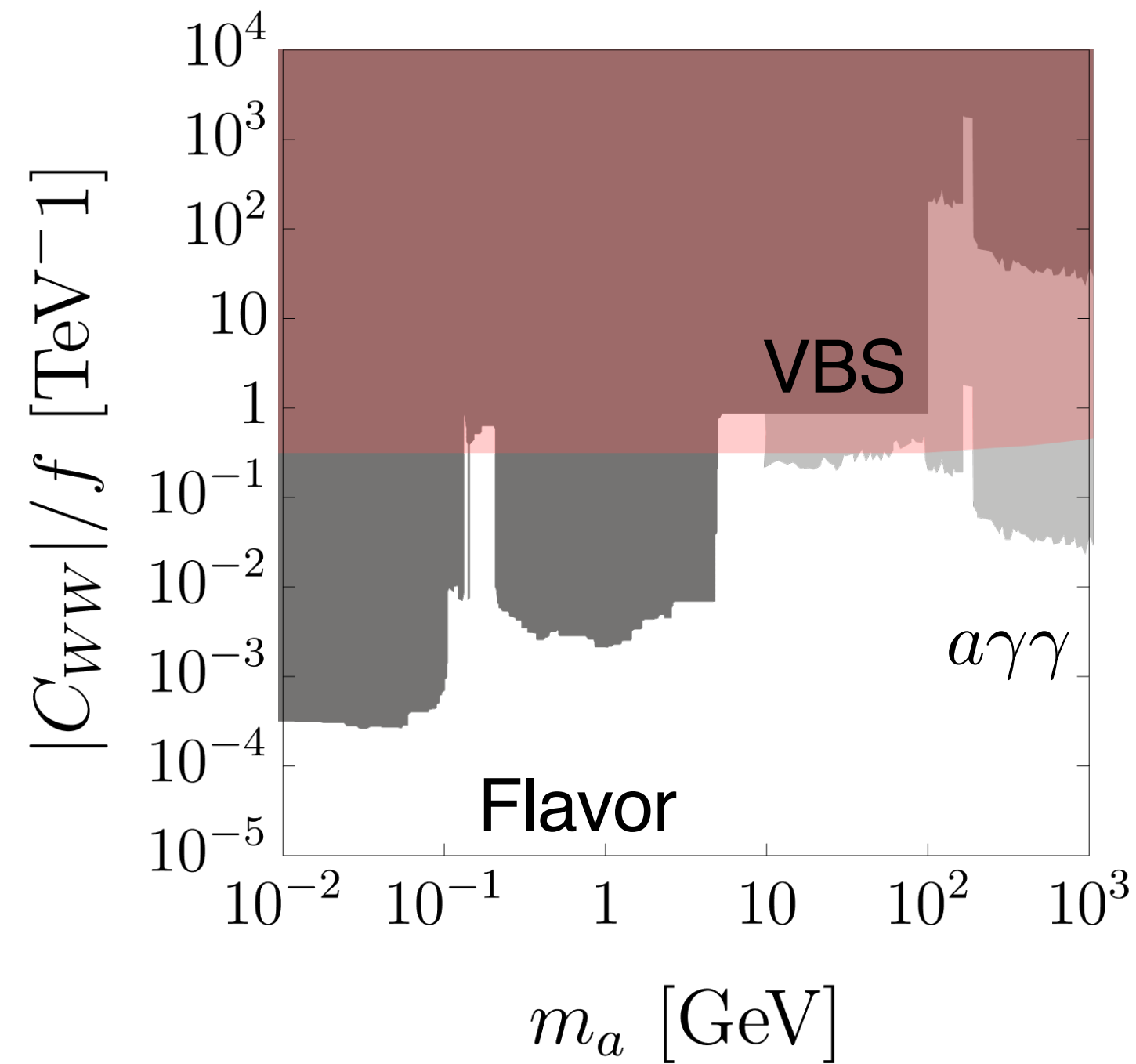
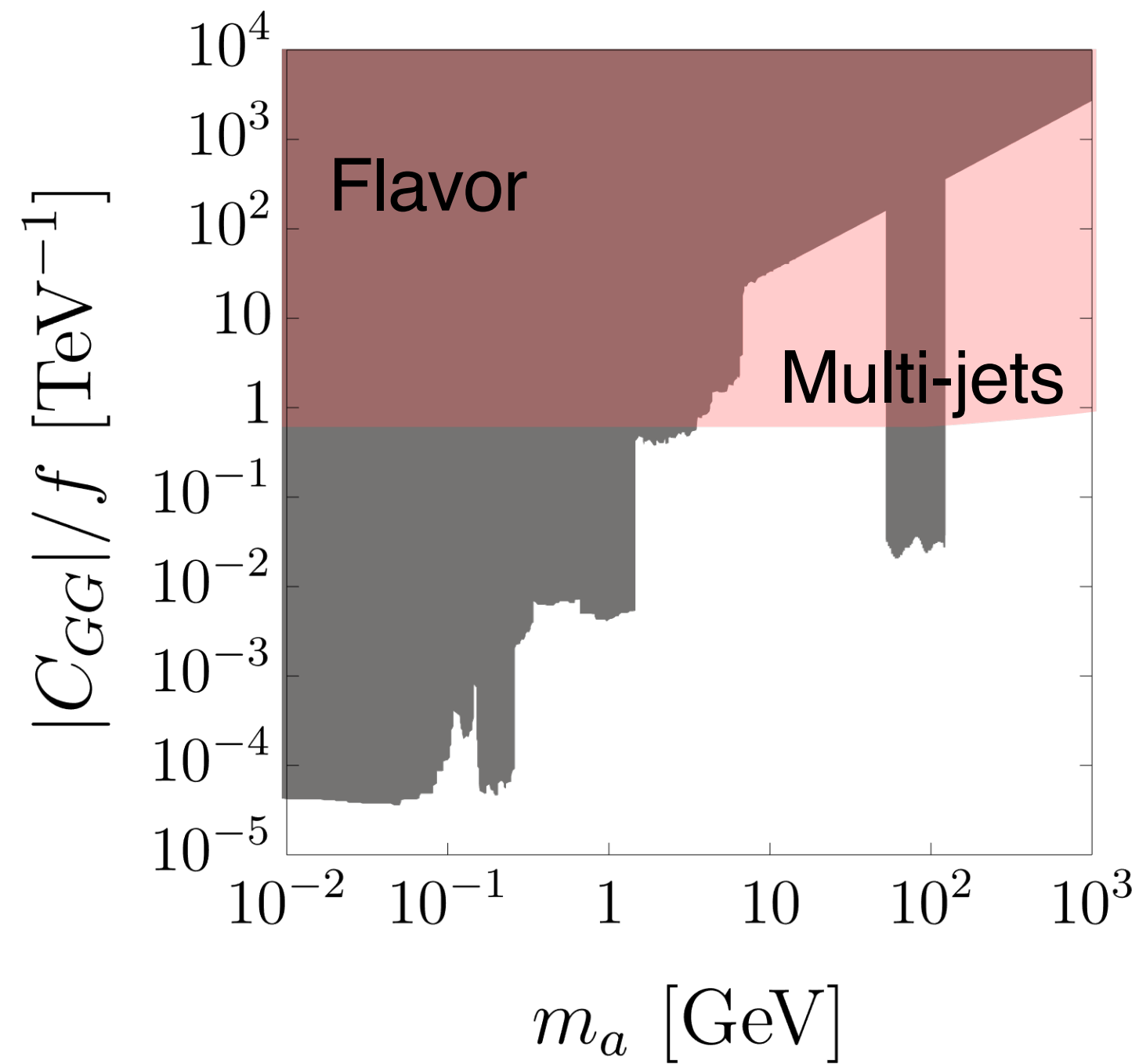
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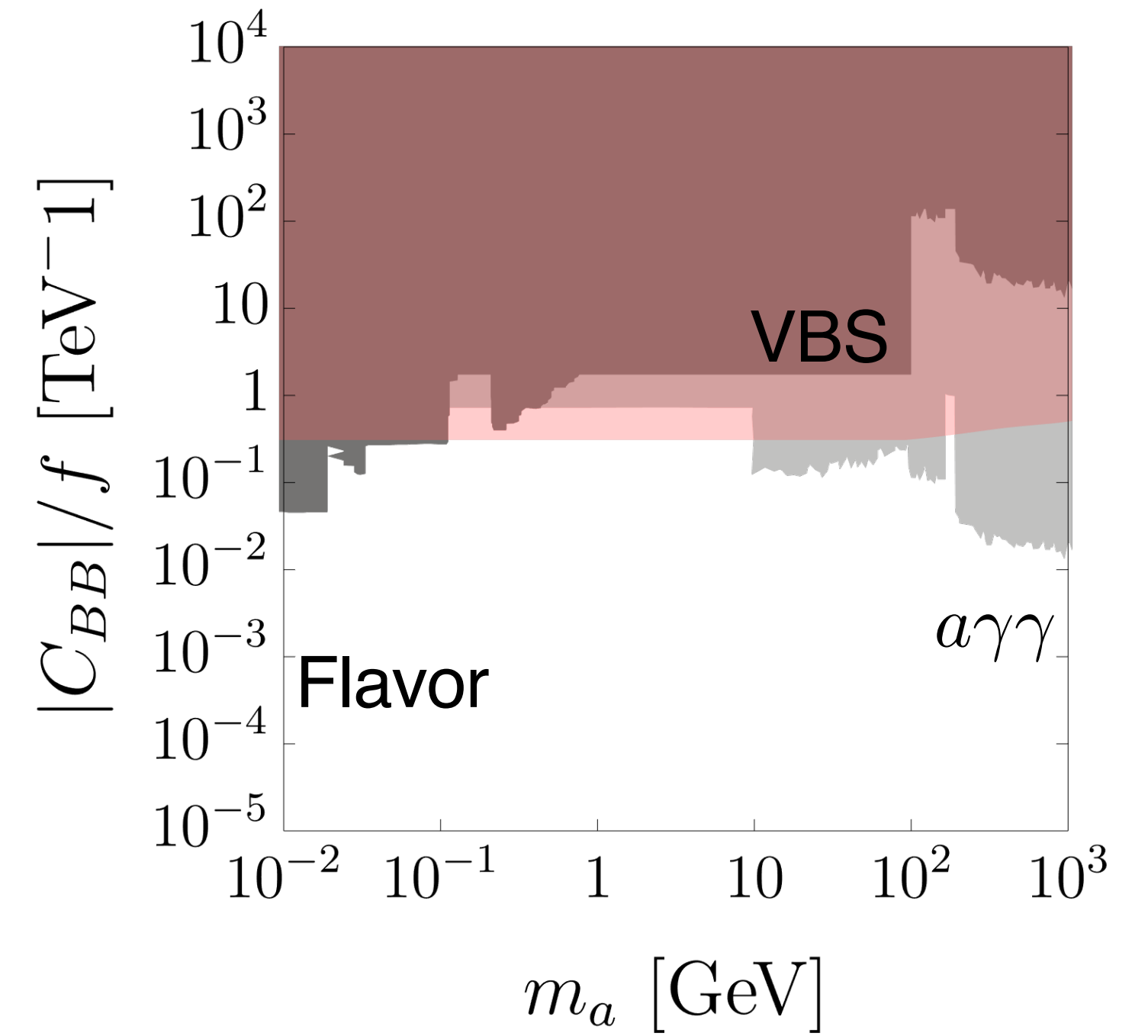
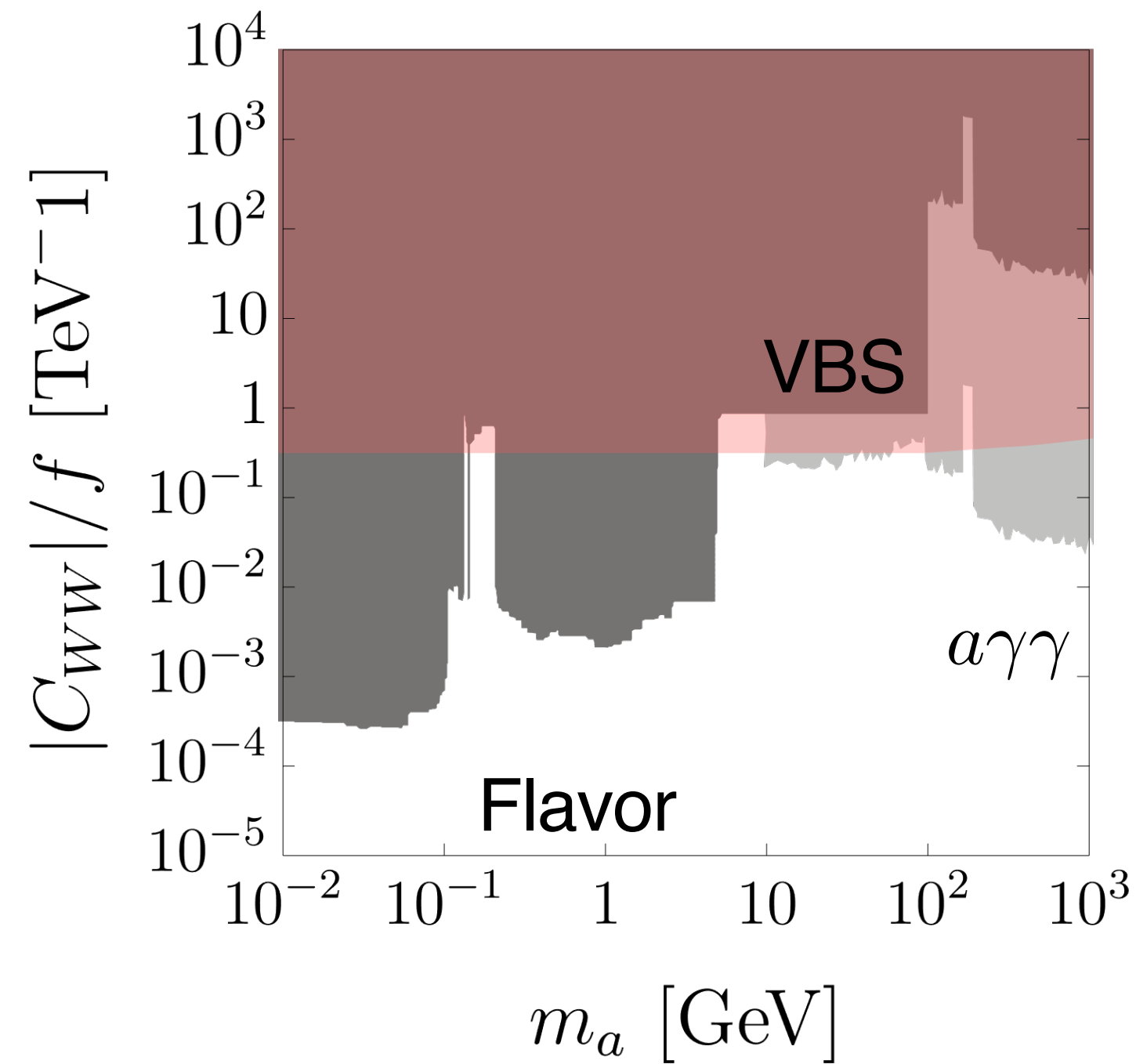
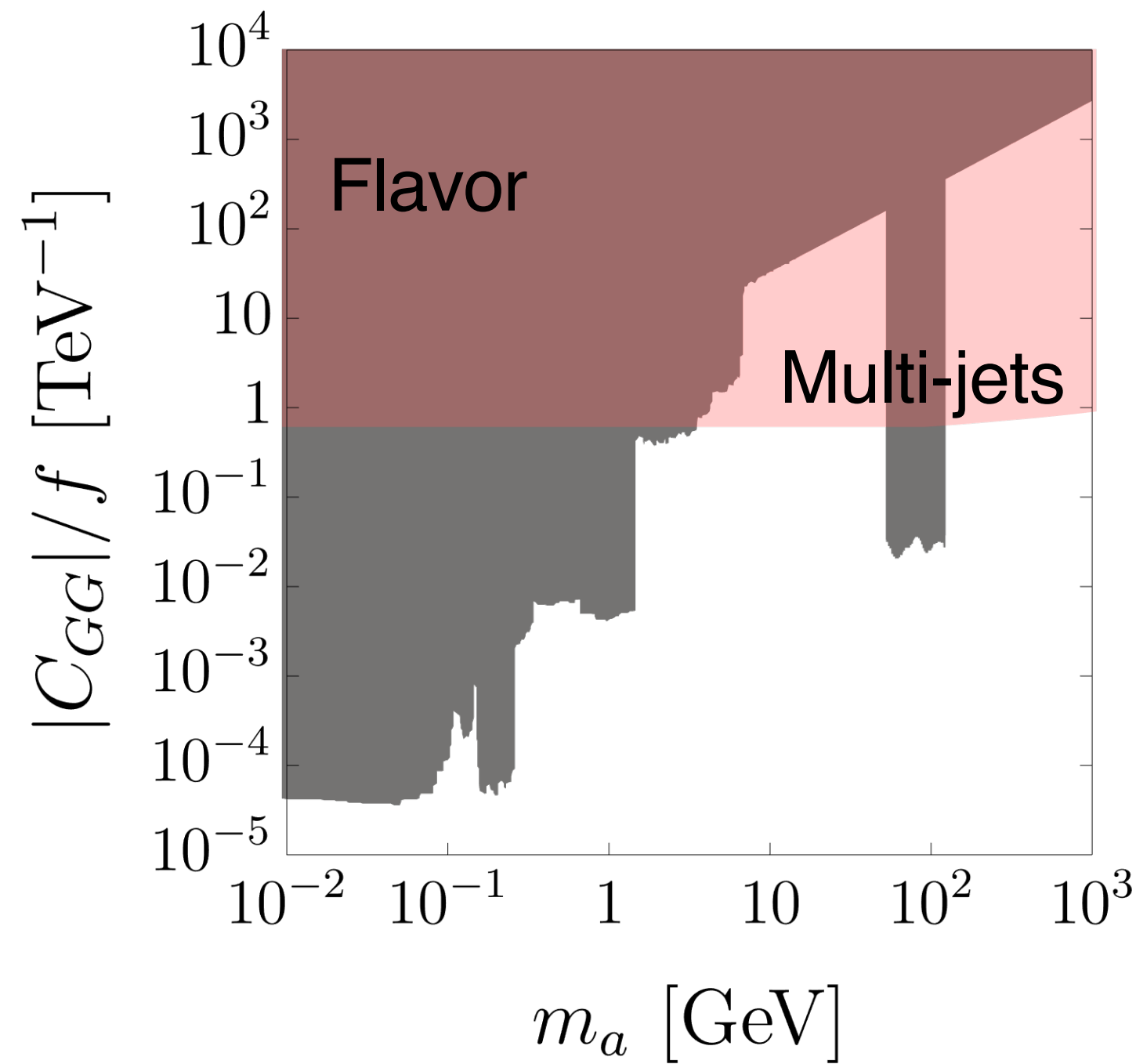
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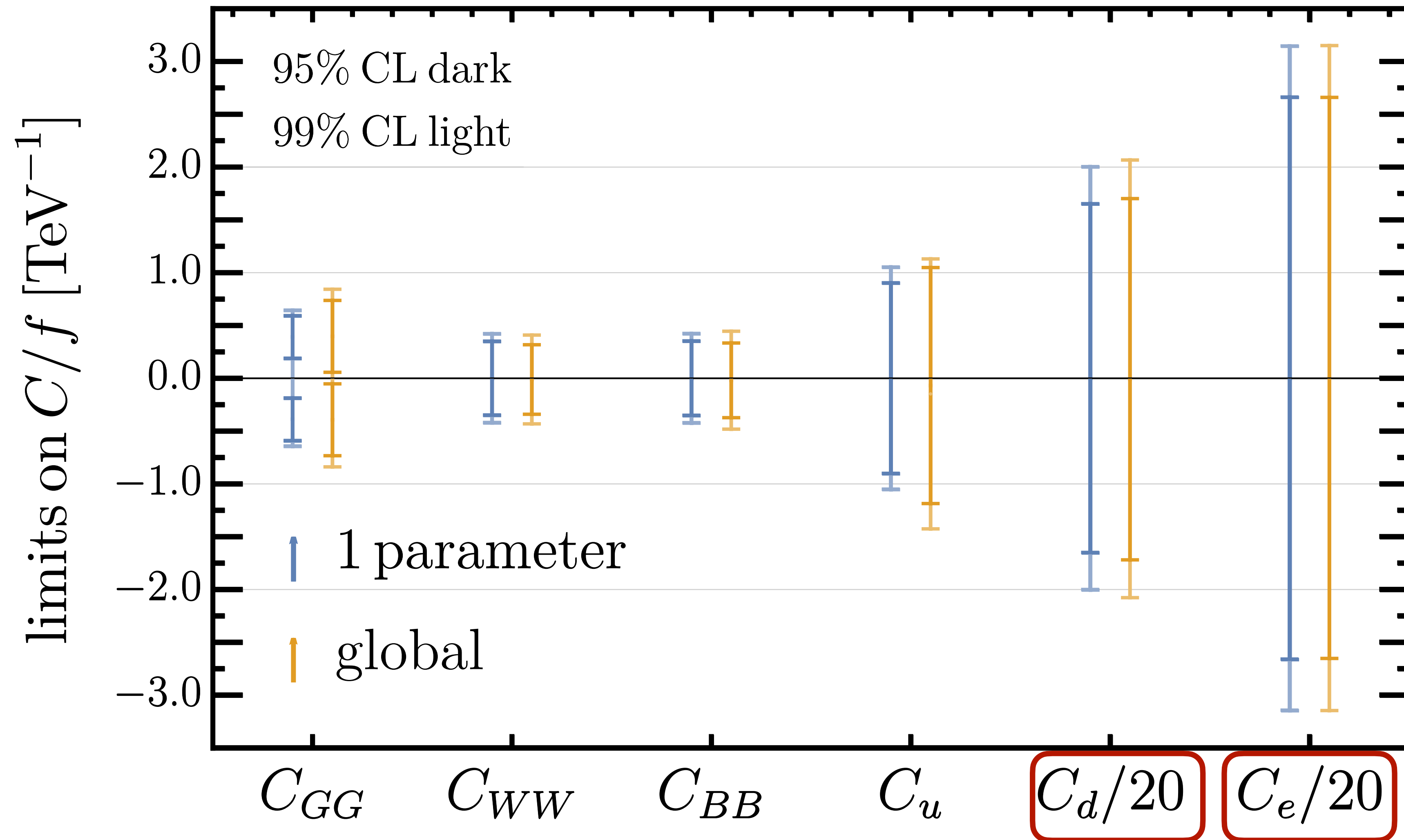
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**ALP-SMEFT interference tests unconstrained parameter space**

# A global analysis

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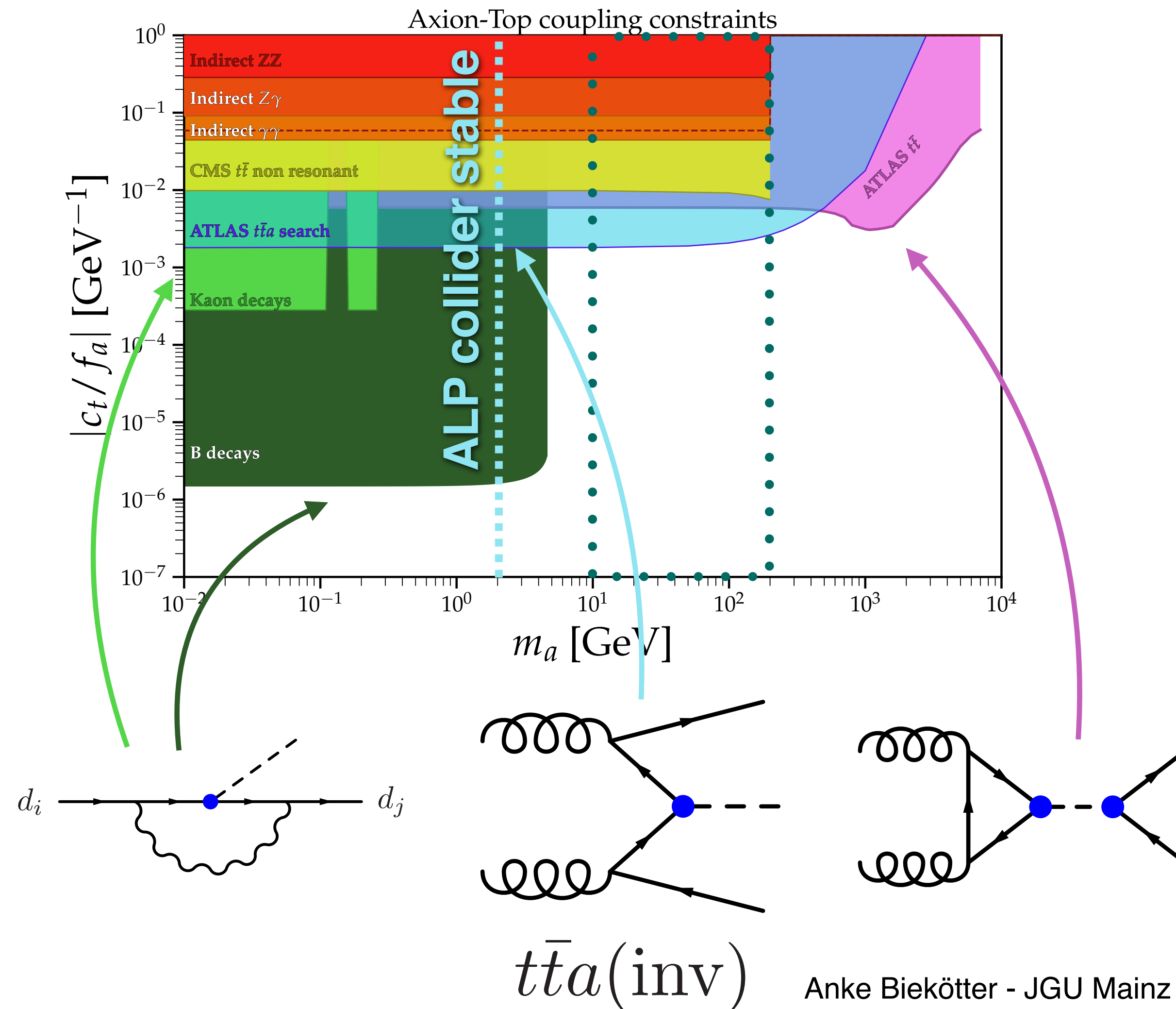
$\mathcal{O}(1)$  limits on ALP

couplings for  $f = 1$  TeV

Interplay between  
couplings is relatively  
small

# ALPs and tops @ colliders

[Esser, Madigan, Sanz, Ubiali ([2303.17634](#))]



see also

[Phan, Westhoff ([2312.00872](#))]

[Blasi, Maltoni, Mariotti, Mimasu, Pagani, Tentori ([2311.16048](#))]

$t\bar{t}$  most relevant at high ALP masses