



The consistent interactions between the axion and vector mesons

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- Axion general introduction
- Axion-scalar meson interactions
- Axion-vector meson interactions
- Phenomenology at BESIII and STCF
- Summary

The QCD axion and the Strong CP problem

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\theta g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G} - (\bar{u}_L M_u u_R + \bar{d}_L M_d d_R + \text{h.c.})$$

- The CKM matrix from $M_{u,d}$
 - CP violating phase $\theta_{\text{CP}} \sim 1.2$ radian
- QCD induced CP violating phase, $\bar{\theta}$

$$\bar{\theta} = \theta + \arg [\det [M_u M_d]]$$

- $\bar{\theta}$ is invariant under quark chiral rotation
- According to neutron EDM experiment

$$d_{\text{EDM}}^n \sim \bar{\theta} \times 10^{-16} \text{ e cm}$$

$$d_{\text{exp}}^n < 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$$

$$\bar{\theta} \lesssim 1.3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ radian}$$

The Peccei-Quinn solution to Strong CP problem

- Experiment requires $\bar{\theta} = \theta + \arg [\det [M_u M_d]] \lesssim 10^{-1} \text{rad}$
- PQ: promote the constant $\bar{\theta}$ to a dynamical field, a
- Vafa-Witten theorem: vector-like theory (QCD) has ground state $\langle \theta \rangle = 0$
- Introduce a *global* PQ-symmetry $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$, *anomalous* under the QCD
- The massless Goldstone boson a is called *axion*

- $a \rightarrow a + \kappa f_a \Rightarrow \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} + \frac{\kappa}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x G\tilde{G}$, cancels $\bar{\theta}$

- Low energy: $\mathcal{L} = \sum_q \bar{q} \left(iD_\mu \gamma^\mu - m_q \right) q - \frac{1}{4} GG + \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{a}{f_a} G\tilde{G} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_\mu a \right)^2 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}[\partial_\mu a]$

The invisible axion models

- SM particles does not directly charge under $U(1)_{PQ}$
 - KSVZ model:
 - Heavy vector-like quark: $Q_{L,R}$
 - Q_L and Q_R has different charge under $U(1)_{PQ}$
 - A heavy complex scalar $\Phi = re^{ia}$ charge under $U(1)_{PQ}$
 - Yukawa: $y\Phi\bar{Q}_L Q_R \supset \frac{yf_a}{\sqrt{2}}e^{ia/f_a}\bar{Q}_L Q_R$
 - $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{a}{f_a} G\tilde{G}$

The invisible axion models

- DFSZ model:

- Two Higgs doublet $H_{u,d}$ and a complex singlet Φ charged under $U(1)_{PQ}$, with phase factor $e^{i\phi_{u,d,0}}$

- Similar to previous UV model, but $\langle \Phi \rangle \gg v_h$

- Yukawa: $(\bar{Q}Y_u H_u u_R + \bar{Q}Y_d H_d d_R + \bar{L}Y_e H_d e_R) + h.c.$

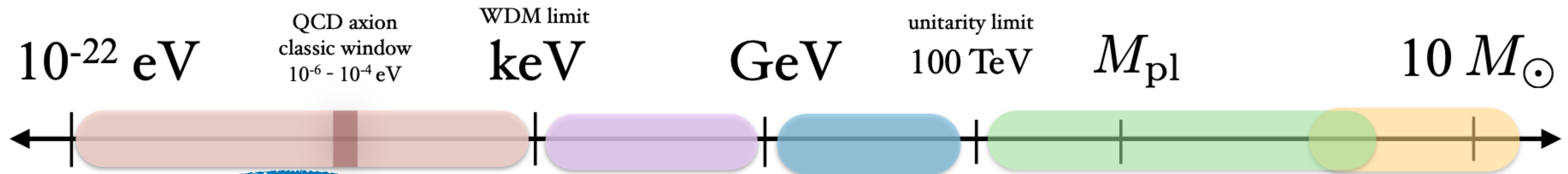
- Potential term: e.g. $H_u H_d \Phi^2$, Axion mode: $a = \frac{1}{f_a} \sum_{i=u,d,0} Q_i v_i \phi_i$

- Axion have direct quark and lepton couplings

- Low energy: $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi^2} \frac{a}{f_a} G\tilde{G} + \frac{\alpha_{em}}{8\pi} \frac{E}{N} \frac{a}{f_a} F\tilde{F} - \bar{f}_L M_f f_R + \frac{\partial_\mu a}{2f_a} \bar{f} c_f \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 f$

The dark matter candidate models

1904.07915, TASI lecture



“Ultralight” DM

non-thermal
bosonic fields

“Light” DM

dark sectors
sterile ν
can be thermal

WIMP

Composite DM
(Q-balls, nuggets, etc)

**Primordial
black holes**

Axion and ALP dark matter



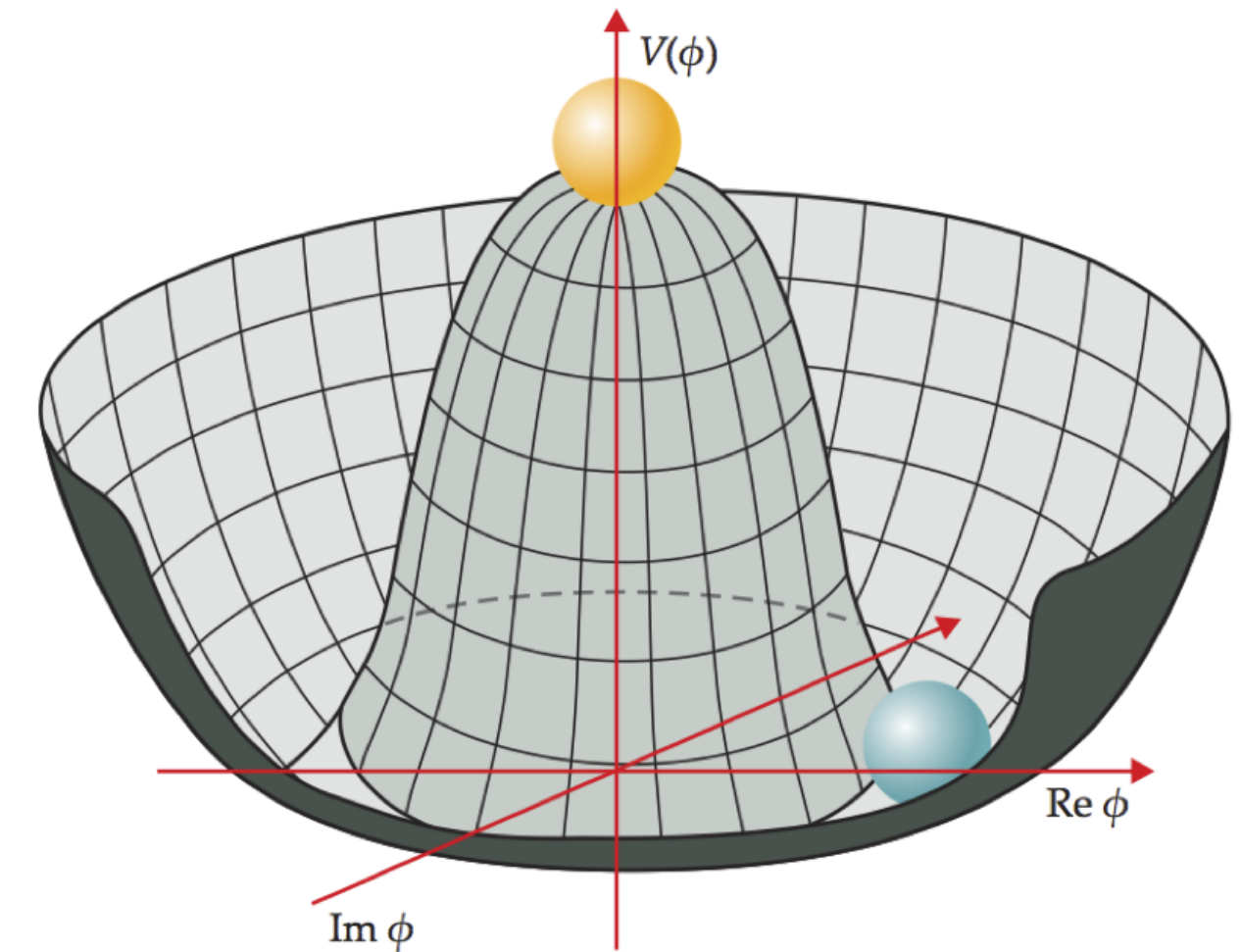
HEP at a cross-road: explore all directions!

Misalignment and Axion Dark Matter

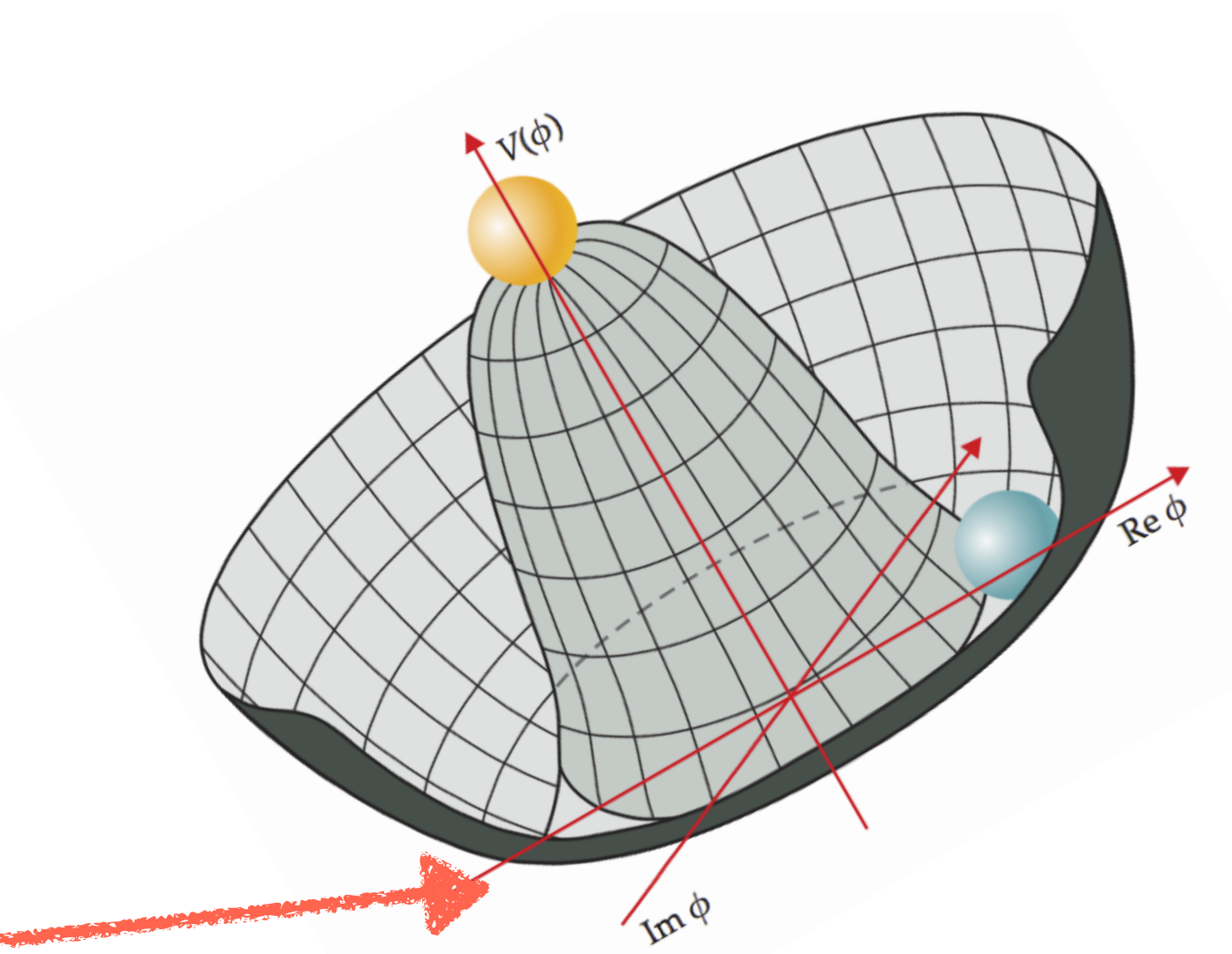
- Global $U(1)_{PQ}$ symmetry
- Spontaneous broken leads to massless goldstone (**Axion**)

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{dV}{d\phi} = 0$$

- At QCD scale $\sim O(1)$ GeV,
- Potential from Chiral Lagrangian explicitly breaks the symmetry leads to massive axion
- Energy stored in coherent oscillation of axion field



- When $m_\phi \sim \frac{\Lambda^2}{f_\phi} \sim H$, misalignment happens and the fields turns into particles: **cold dark matter**




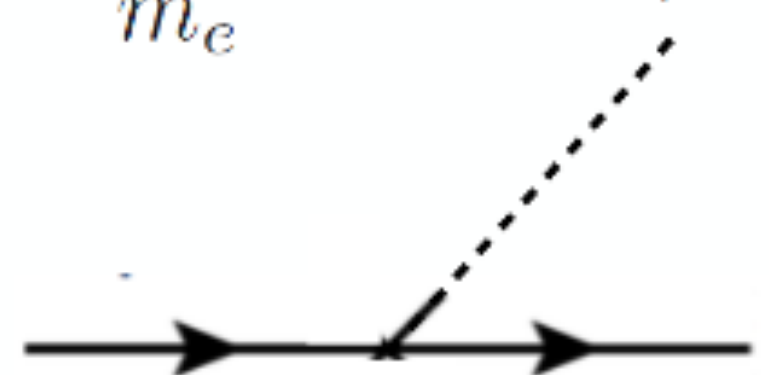
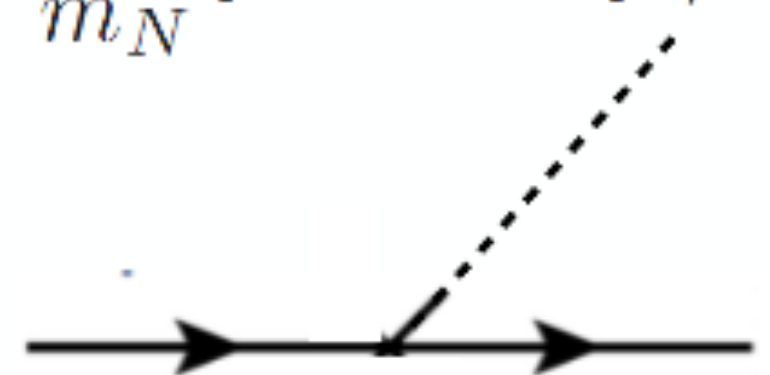
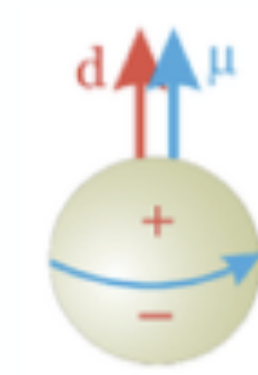
- QCD vacuum picks $\Theta = \theta_{QCD} + \xi \langle a \rangle / f_a = 0$

The axion effective Lagrangian at quark-level

- Axion can couple to SM gauge bosons and fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}} = g_{ag} \frac{a}{f_a} G\tilde{G} + g_{a\gamma} \frac{a}{f_a} F\tilde{F} + g_{af} \frac{\partial_\mu a}{2f_a} \bar{f}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 f$$

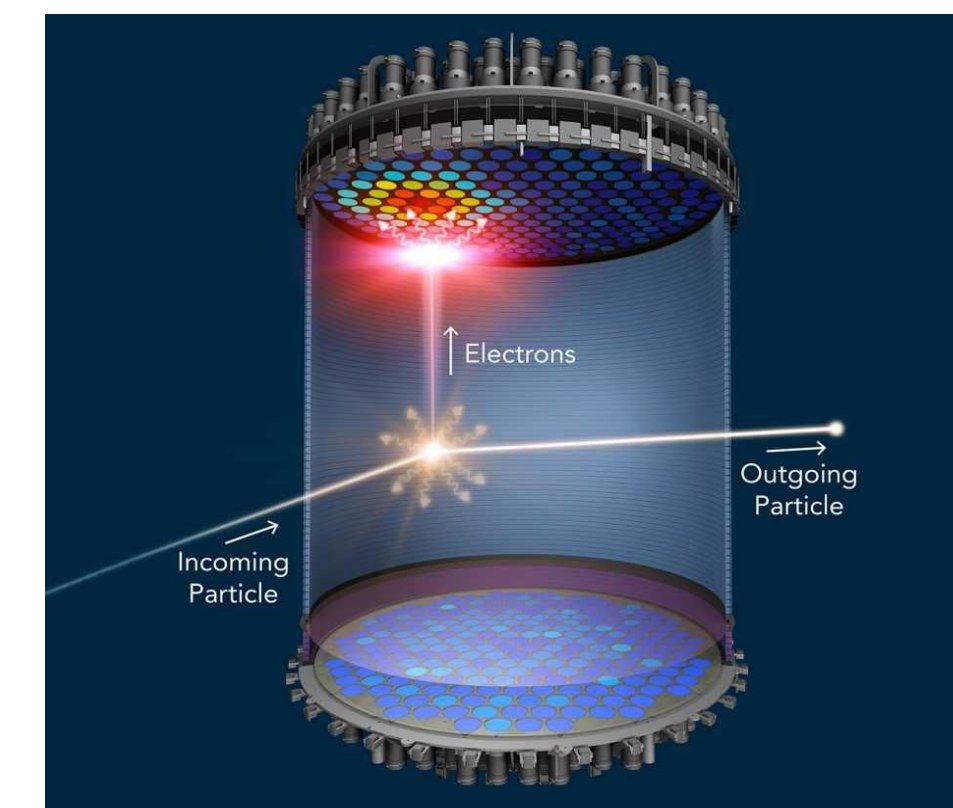
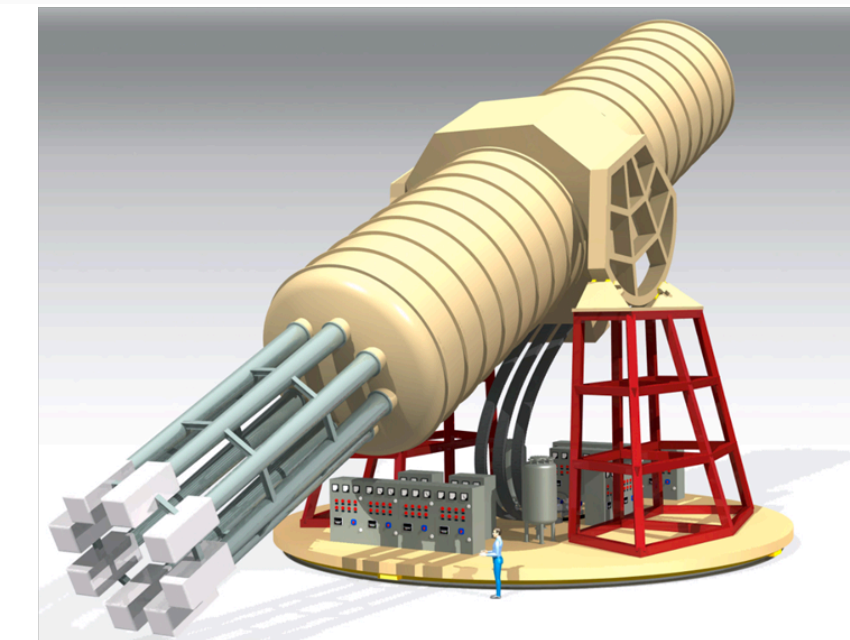
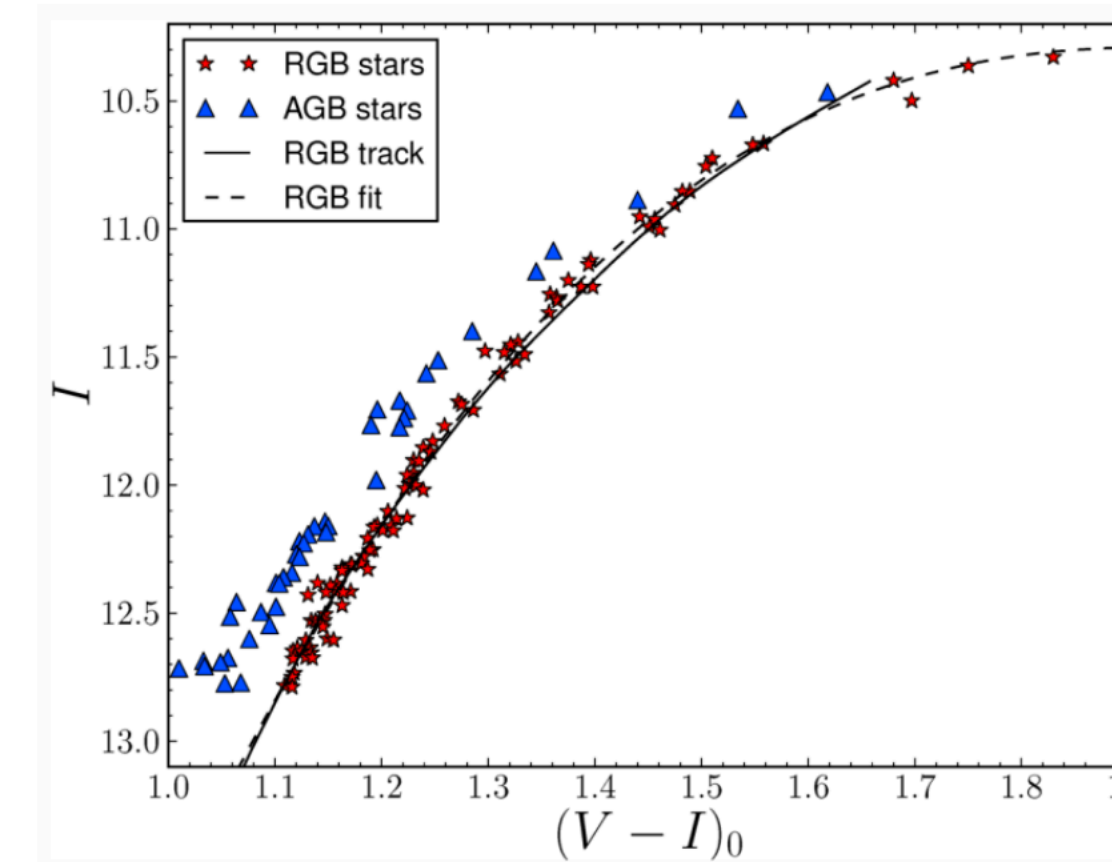
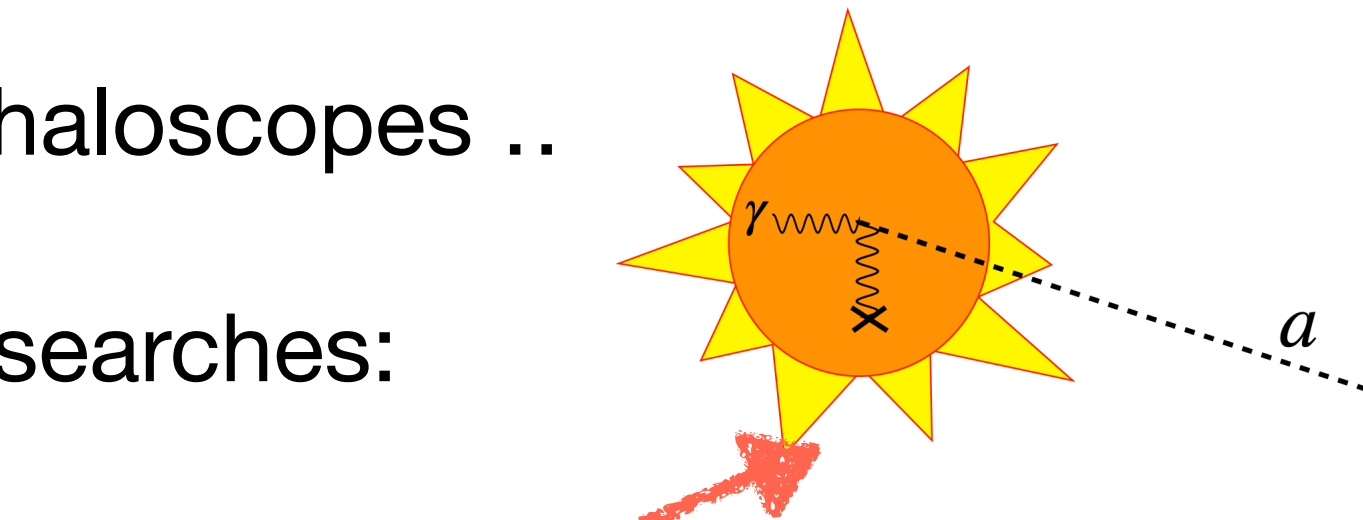
- Detection of axion through various couplings

photon coupling	electron coupling	nucleon coupling	\mathcal{P} Neutron electric dipole
$-\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} a$ 	$\frac{g_{ae}}{m_e} [\bar{e}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 e] \partial_\mu a$ 	$\frac{g_{aN}}{m_N} [\bar{N}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5 N] \partial_\mu a$ 	$\propto \frac{1}{m_n} [F_{\mu\nu} \bar{n}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\gamma_5 n] \frac{A}{f_A}$ 

Experimental searches for Axion-Like Particles axion

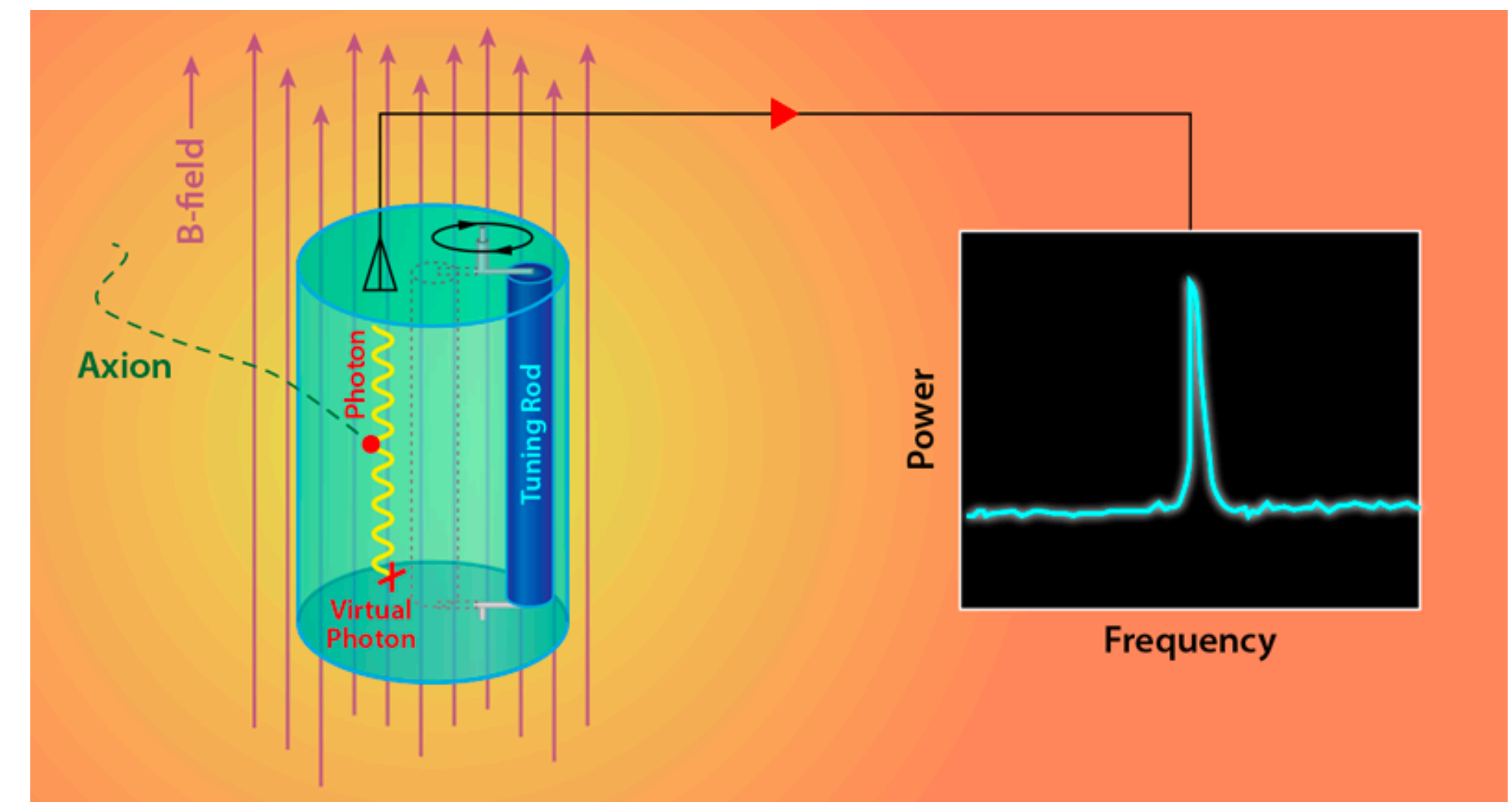
Methodology:

- Dark Matter Axion: haloscopes ..
- Axion independent searches:
 - Rare meson decays
 - **Stellar cooling**
 - Supernova
 - **Helioscopes: solar axion (CAST, IAXO, or DM direct detection searches)**
 - Light shining through walls
 - Polarization
 - Fifth force
 - Radio wave detection



The detection of ultralight bosonic dark matter

- Mass ranges from $[10^{-22}, 10^3]$ eV, DM exist as **classical fields**
- **Interacting feebly** with SM sector, interdisciplinary collaboration with **Atomic Molecular Optics, Astrophysics, Astronomy and Cosmology**
- Various detection methods:
 - Star as Laboratory: exotic energy loss (A', ALP, S)
 - Early universe CMB, Gamma ray propagation, Black Hole picture and polarization (ALP, A')
 - **Lab resonant cavity searches: (ADMX, HAYSTAC ...)** (ALP, A')
 - **Lab broad-band searches: (WISPDMMX, Dark E-field)** (ALP, A')
 - 5th force, Equivalent Principle test (S, A')
 - DM direct detection experiments (XENONnT, PANDAX-4T, CDEX) (ALP, A')
 - **Radio astronomy (ALP, A')**



Experimental searches is related to model and couplings

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

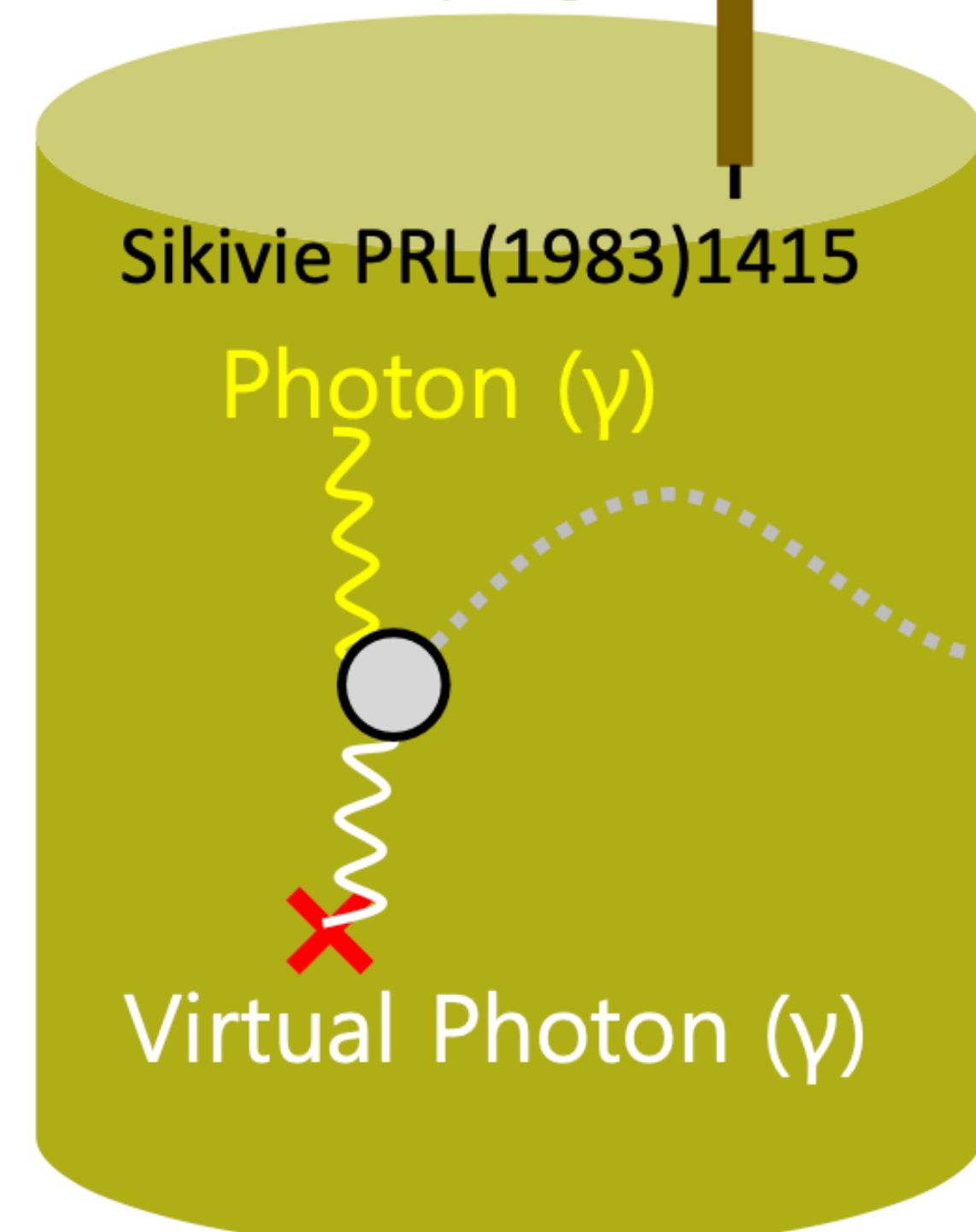
The resonant searches for ALP via photon coupling

- Tuning cavity resonant frequency to match axion mass

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \sim g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

From Danho Ahn@Patras2023

Antenna Coupling (β)



Sikivie PRL(1983)1415

Photon (γ)

Virtual Photon (γ)



Magnetic Field (B)

Loaded Quality Factor (Q_l)

Volume (V)

Resonant Angular Frequency (ω_0)

Form Factor (C)

System Temperature (T_{sys})

Signal Power

$$P_{sig} = \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta} g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a^2} B^2 V \omega_0 C \frac{Q_a Q_l}{Q_a + Q_l}$$

Coupling Constant β , Dark Matter Axion Density ρ_a , Axion Mass m_a , Axion Quality Factor Q_a , Axion Quality Factor Q_l

Kim *et al.* JCAP03(2020)066

Scan Rate

$$\frac{df}{dt} \propto \frac{B^4 V^2 C^2}{k_B^2 T_{sys}^2} Q_l Q_a$$

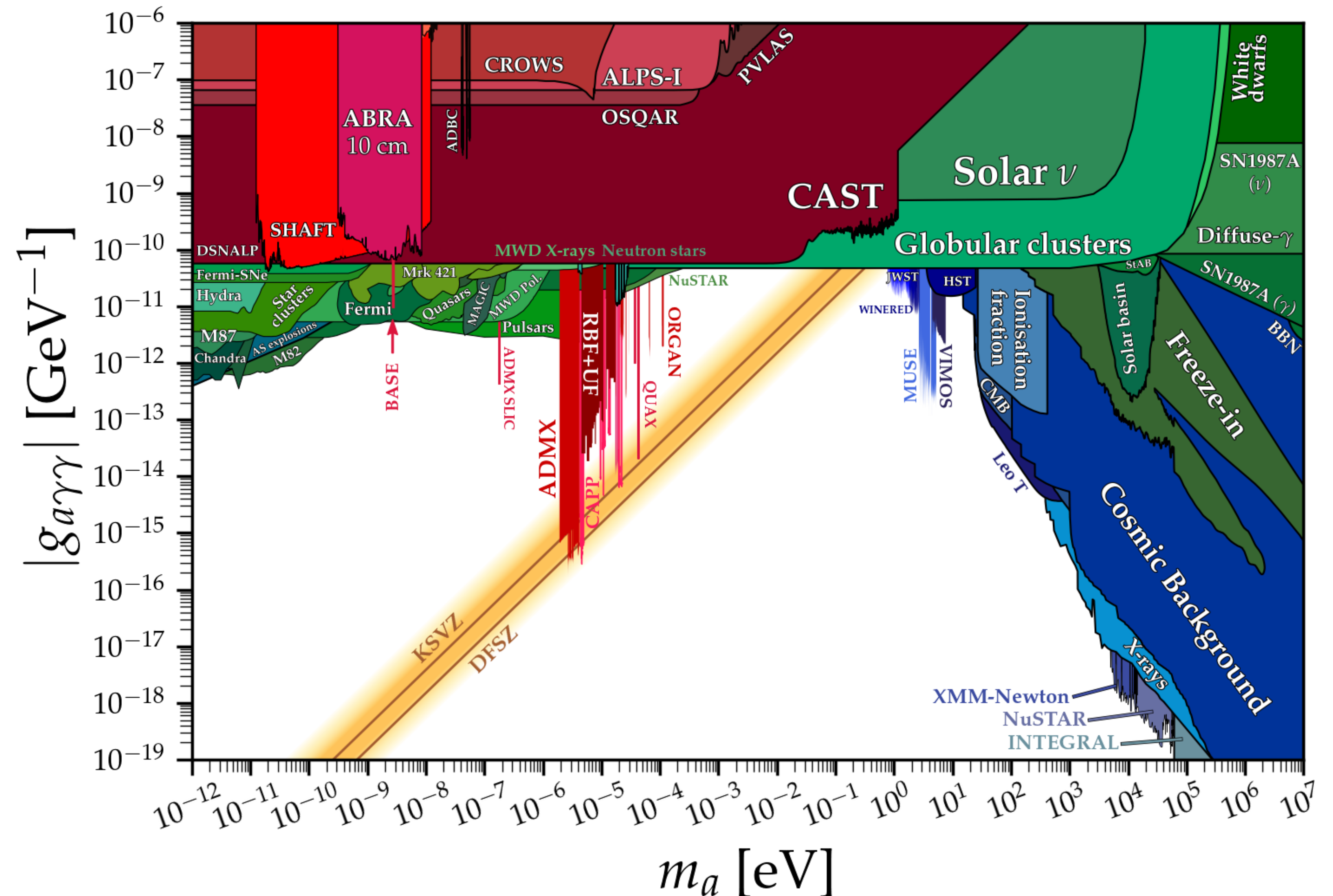
System Noise Temperature ~ 200 mK

$Q_l \gg Q_a \sim 10^6$

Refer to Session 02, Thu, Dr. Jinsu Kim

The resonant searches for ALP via photon coupling

- The overview of ALP-photon coupling searches
- Very competitive research field



<https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/>

The resonant searches for ALP via photon coupling



Axion
Dark photon
Scalar/vector

The resonant searches of nucleon couplings

- The ALP DM field

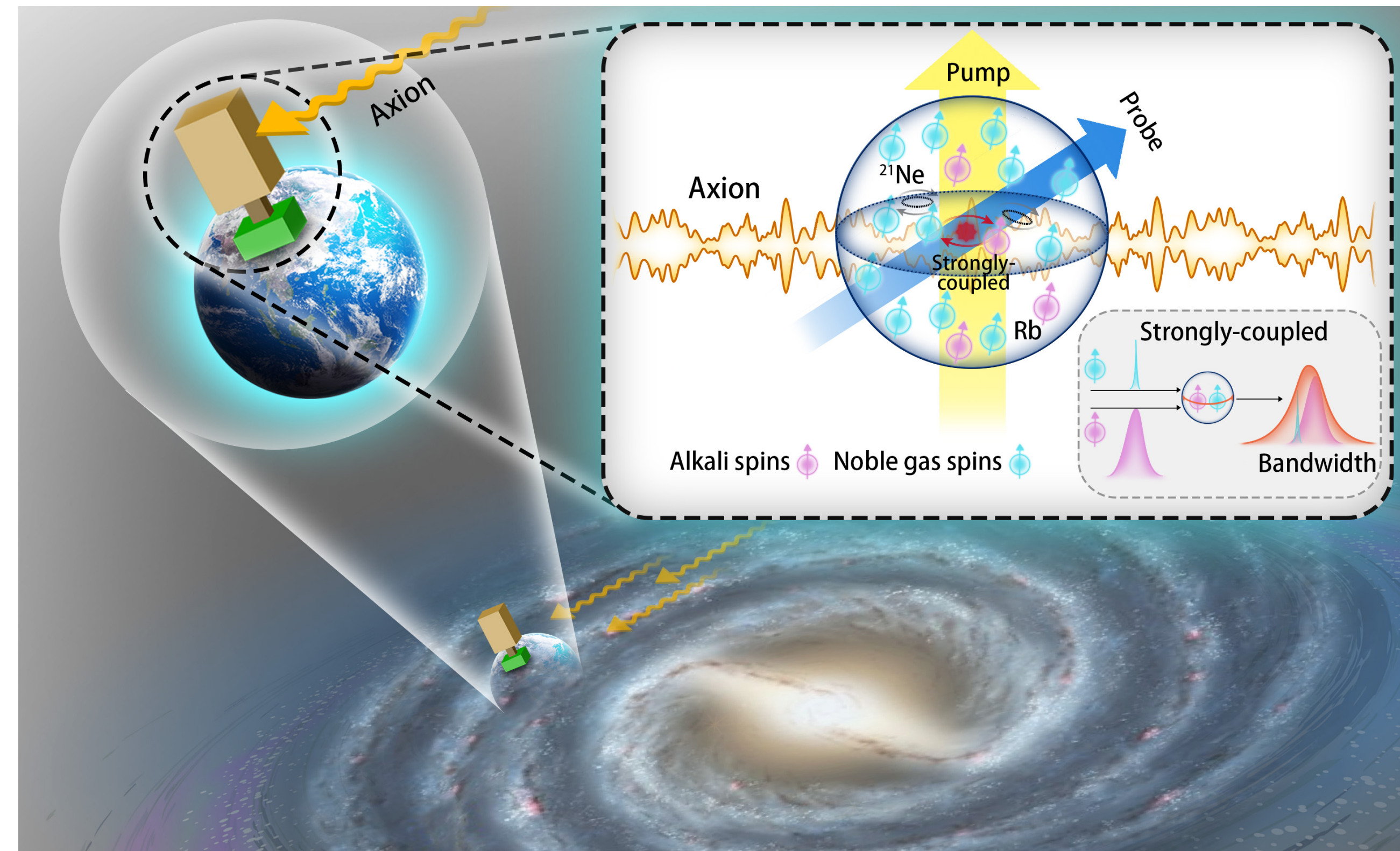
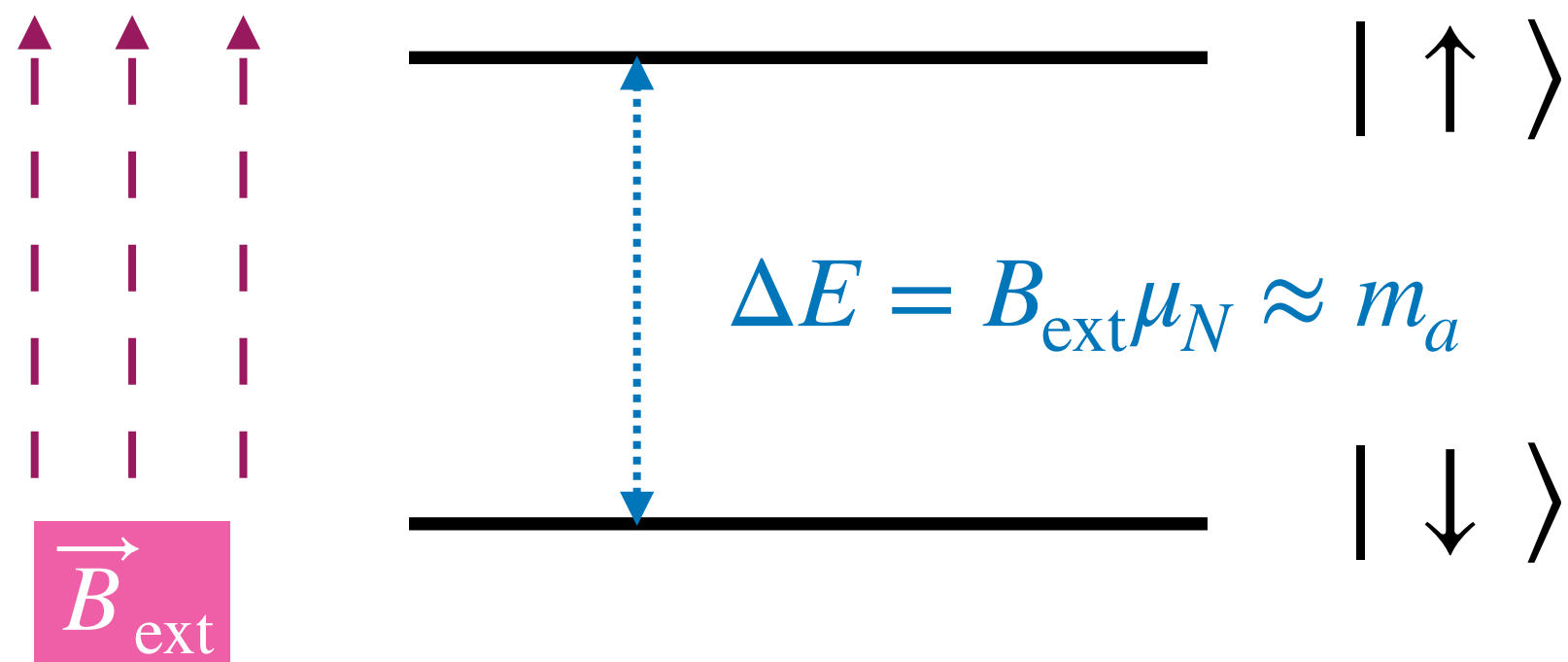
$$a(x, t) \approx a_0 \cos(\omega t - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{x} + \theta_0)$$

- The **axion-wind** Hamiltonian

$$H = g_{aNN} \frac{\partial_\mu a}{2f_a} \bar{N} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 N = g_{aNN} \vec{\nabla} a \cdot \vec{\sigma}_N$$

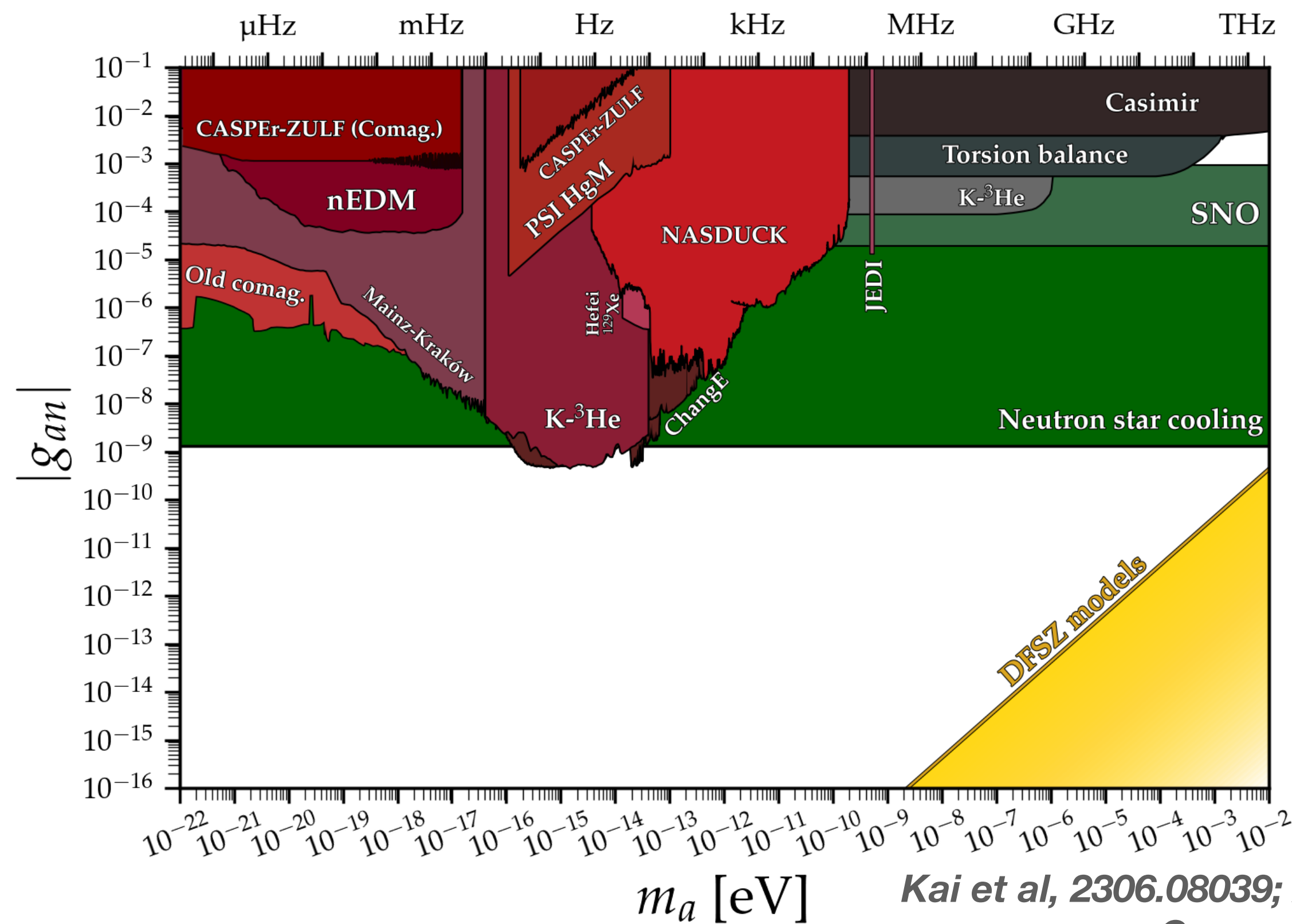
$$\approx g_{aNN} \vec{v}_a \cdot \vec{\sigma}_N \times \sqrt{2\rho_a} \sin(p \cdot x)$$

- A Zeeman split in B field



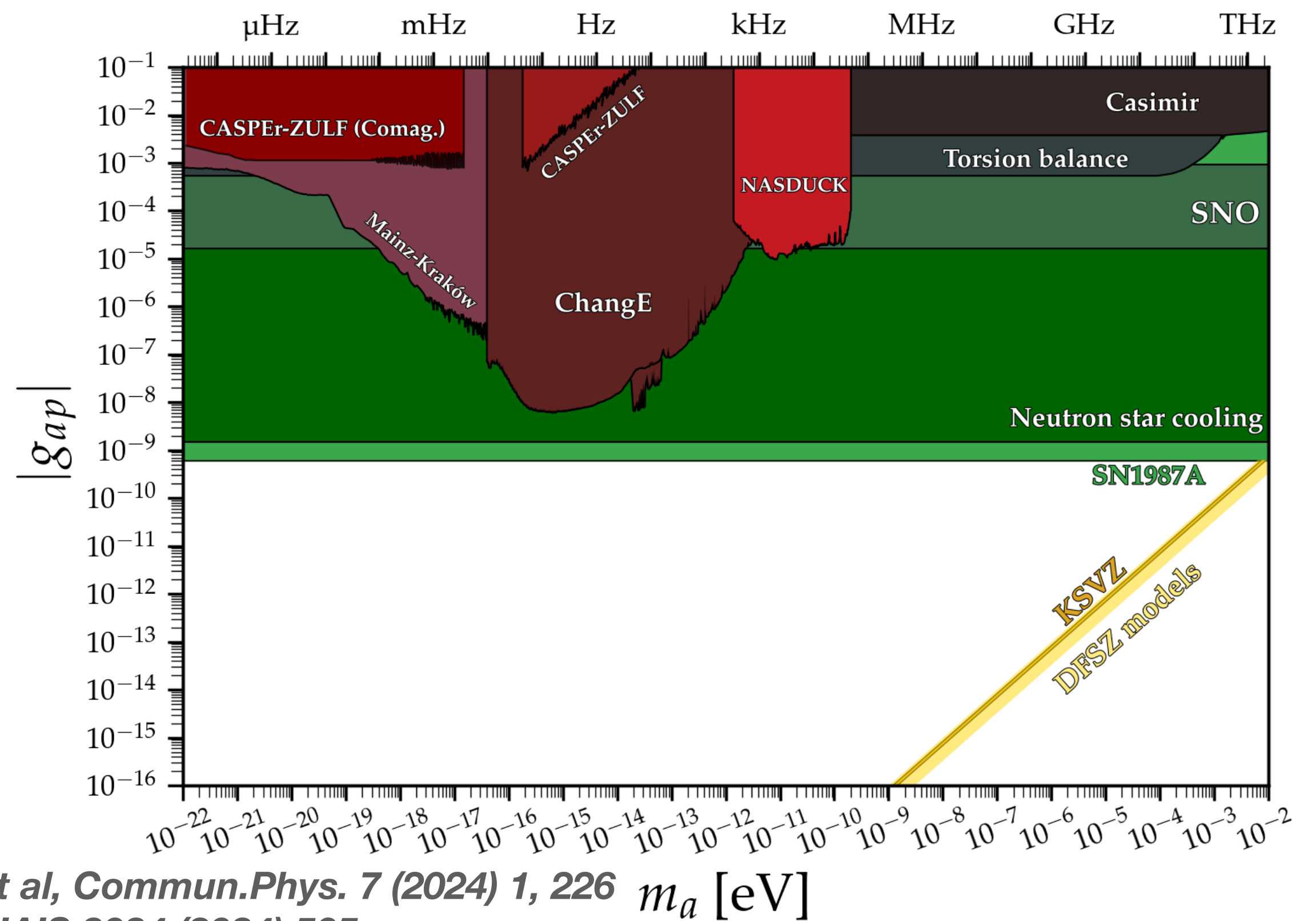
ChangE results

- ChangE experiments set competitive limits on ALP-nucleon couplings (AxionLimits version)
- Improving ALP-proton coupling limits by $10^5 - 10^6$
- Provideing best limits on ALP-neutron couplings at $\sim [0.02, 0.2]$ Hz and $[10, 200]$ Hz



Kai et al, 2306.08039; Xu et al, Commun.Phys. 7 (2024) 1, 226

Cong et al, JAIS 2024 (2024) 505



m_a [eV]

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The axion effective Lagrangian at quark-level

- A more detailed effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff},0} = \bar{q}_0(iD_\mu\gamma^\mu - \mathbf{m}_{q,0})q_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2 \\ + g_{ag,0}\frac{a}{f_a}G\tilde{G} + g_{a\gamma,0}\frac{a}{f_a}F\tilde{F} + \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a}(\bar{q}_L\mathbf{k}_{L,0}\gamma^\mu q_L + \bar{q}_R\mathbf{k}_{R,0}\gamma^\mu q_R + \dots)$$

Bauer et al, PRL 127 (2021), 081803

- Quark mass $\mathbf{m}_{q,0}$ diagonal and real
- Coupling to both left/right fermions $\mathbf{k}_{L,0}$ and $\mathbf{k}_{R,0}$

The axion-dependent chiral rotation

- Use an axion-dependent chiral rotation to eliminate $aG\tilde{G}$ term

$$q_0(x) = \exp \left[-i(\delta_{q,0} + \kappa_{q,0}\gamma_5)c_{gg} \frac{a(x)}{f_a} \right] q(x) \quad \text{Tr}(\kappa_{q,0}) = 1$$

Bauer et al, PRL 127 (2021), 081803

- New effective Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = & \bar{q}(iD_\mu\gamma^\mu - \mathbf{m}_q(a))q + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2 \\ & + g_{a\gamma} \frac{a}{f_a} F\tilde{F} + \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} (\bar{q}_L \mathbf{k}_L(a)\gamma^\mu q_L + \bar{q}_R \mathbf{k}_R(a)\gamma^\mu q_R + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

The axion-dependent chiral rotation

- Define the chiral rotations (2-flavor for simplicity)

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\theta}_L &\equiv \boldsymbol{\delta}_{q,0} - \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{q,0} & U_L &\equiv \exp \left[-i\boldsymbol{\theta}_L a/f_a \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_R &\equiv \boldsymbol{\delta}_{q,0} + \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{q,0} & U_R &\equiv \exp \left[-i\boldsymbol{\theta}_R a/f_a \right]\end{aligned}$$

- The relations between parameters

$$\mathbf{m}_q(a) = U_L^\dagger \mathbf{m}_0 U_R \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} m_{u,0} e^{-2i\kappa_{u,0} c_{gg}} & 0 \\ 0 & m_{d,0} e^{-2i\kappa_{d,0} c_{gg}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{k}_L(a) = U_L^\dagger [\mathbf{k}_{L,0} + c_{gg} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{L,0}] U_L \rightarrow \mathbf{k}_{L,0} + c_{gg} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{L,0}$$

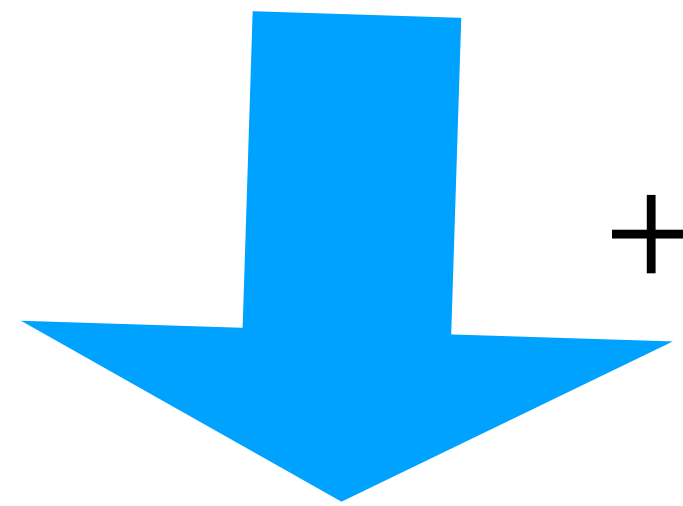
$$\mathbf{k}_R(a) = U_R^\dagger [\mathbf{k}_{R,0} + c_{gg} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{R,0}] U_R \rightarrow \mathbf{k}_{R,0} + c_{gg} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{R,0}$$

Anomalous axion contribution

$$g_{a\gamma} = g_{a\gamma_0} - 2N_c c_{gg} \text{Tr} \left[\mathbf{Q}^2 \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{q,0} \right]$$

The consistent ChPT axion Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \bar{q}(iD_\mu\gamma^\mu - \mathbf{m}_q(a))q + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2$$



$$+ g_{a\gamma} \frac{a}{f_a} F\tilde{F} + \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} (\bar{q}_L \mathbf{k}_L(a) \gamma^\mu q_L + \bar{q}_R \mathbf{k}_R(a) \gamma^\mu q_R + \dots)$$

- ChPT Lagrangian matching

$$U = \exp[(\sqrt{2}i/f_\pi)\pi^a \tau^a]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{8} [(D^\mu U)(D_\mu U)^\dagger] + \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} B_0 \text{Tr} [\mathbf{m}_q(a) U^\dagger + h.c.] + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2 + g_{a\gamma} \frac{a}{f_a} F\tilde{F}$$

- The axion derivative coupling

Bauer et al, PRL 127 (2021), 081803

$$D^\mu U \rightarrow D^\mu U - i \frac{\partial^\mu a}{f_a} (\mathbf{k}_L U - U \mathbf{k}_R)$$

The importance of consistency

- The physical results should be independent of auxiliary parameters

$$q_0(x) = \exp \left[-i(\delta_{q,0} + \kappa_{q,0}\gamma_5)c_{gg} \frac{a(x)}{f_a} \right] q(x)$$

- The most important channel $\text{BR}(K \rightarrow \pi a)$ is off by a factor of 37 for 35 years

H. Georgi, D. B. Kaplan and L. Randall, Phys. Lett. B 169, 73-78 (1986)

- Model-independent expression for $K \rightarrow \pi a$ and $\pi^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e a$ have been obtained for all axion couplings

Bauer et al, PRL 127 (2021), 081803

Axion couplings to other mesons/baryons/EFT

- Axion couplings to other mesons , e.g. η , η' etc

Gao, Guo, Oller, Zhou JHEP04(2023)022; Wang, Guo, Zhou PRD 109(2024)075030; Wang, Guo Lu, Zhou 2403.16064; Cao, Guo, 2408.15825

- Axion couplings to baryons

Vonk, Guo, Meissner JHEP03(2020)138, Lu, Du, Guo, Meissner, Vonk JHEP05(2020)001, Vonk Guo, Meissner JHEP08(2021)024 ...

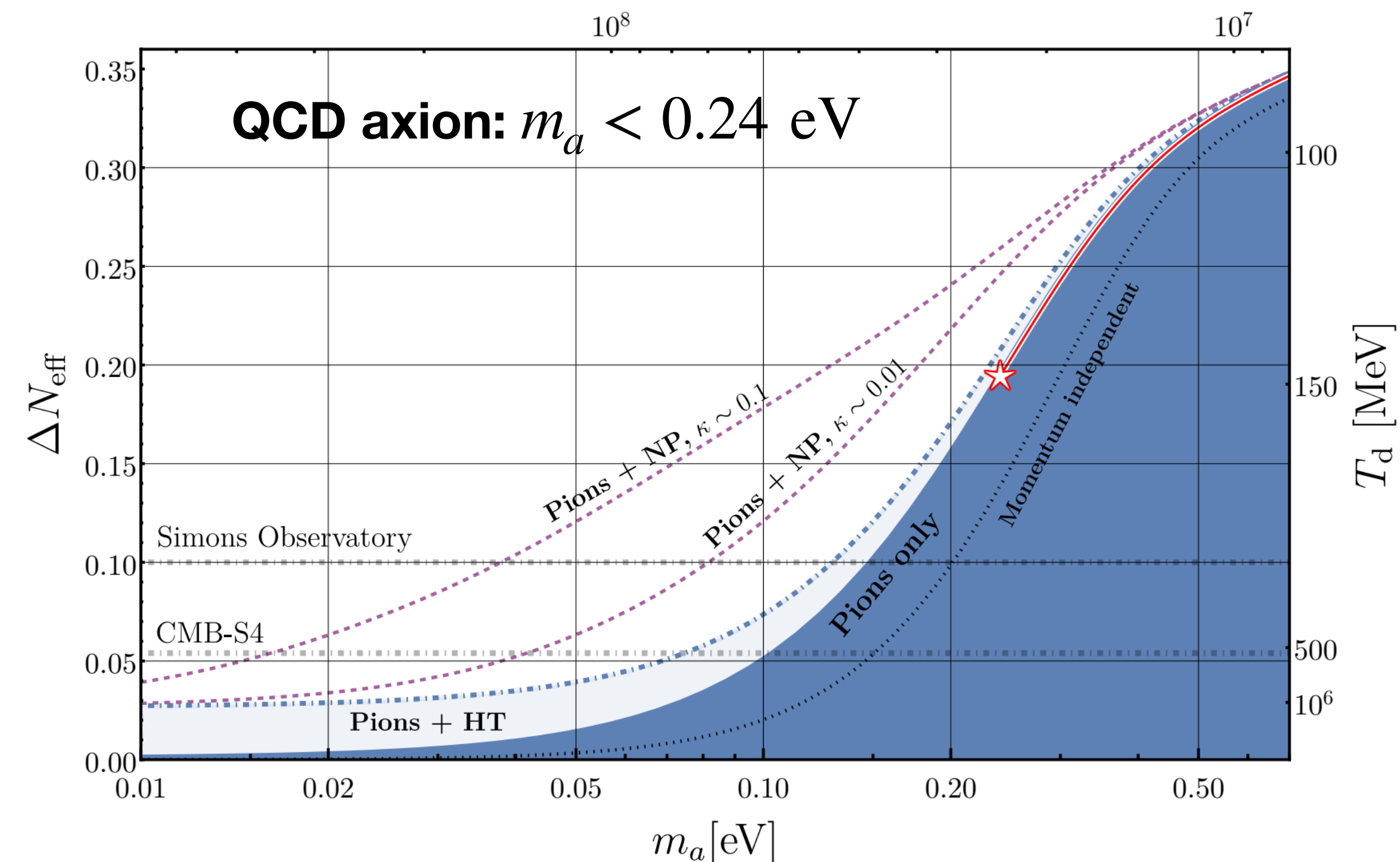
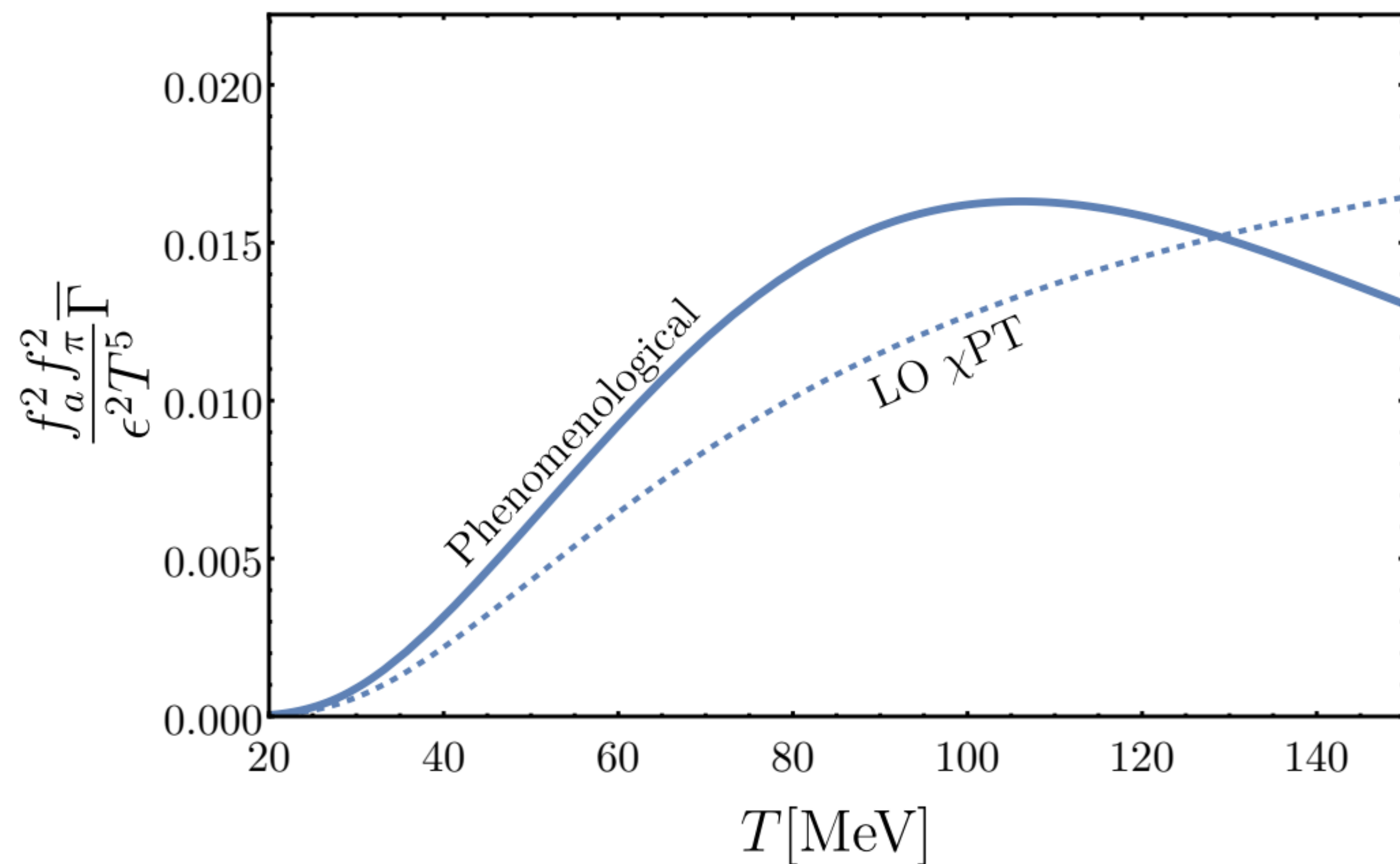
- Axion EFT

Hu, Jiang, Li, Xiao, Yu, PRD 103(2021)095025; Song, Sun, Yu JHEP01(2024)161

- ...

Why accurate interactions are important?

- 1. Prediction for thermal axion and its near future test by CMB observation
 - Thermal axion production (high T): $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ga, qg \rightarrow qa$ *Ferreira, Notari PRL 120 (2018)191301*
 - QCD phase transition: *D'Eramo, Hajkarim, Yun PRL 128 (2022)152001*
 - Improved axion-pion scattering production: $\pi\pi \leftrightarrow \pi a$ *Notari, Rompineve, Villadoro PRL 131 (2023)011004*



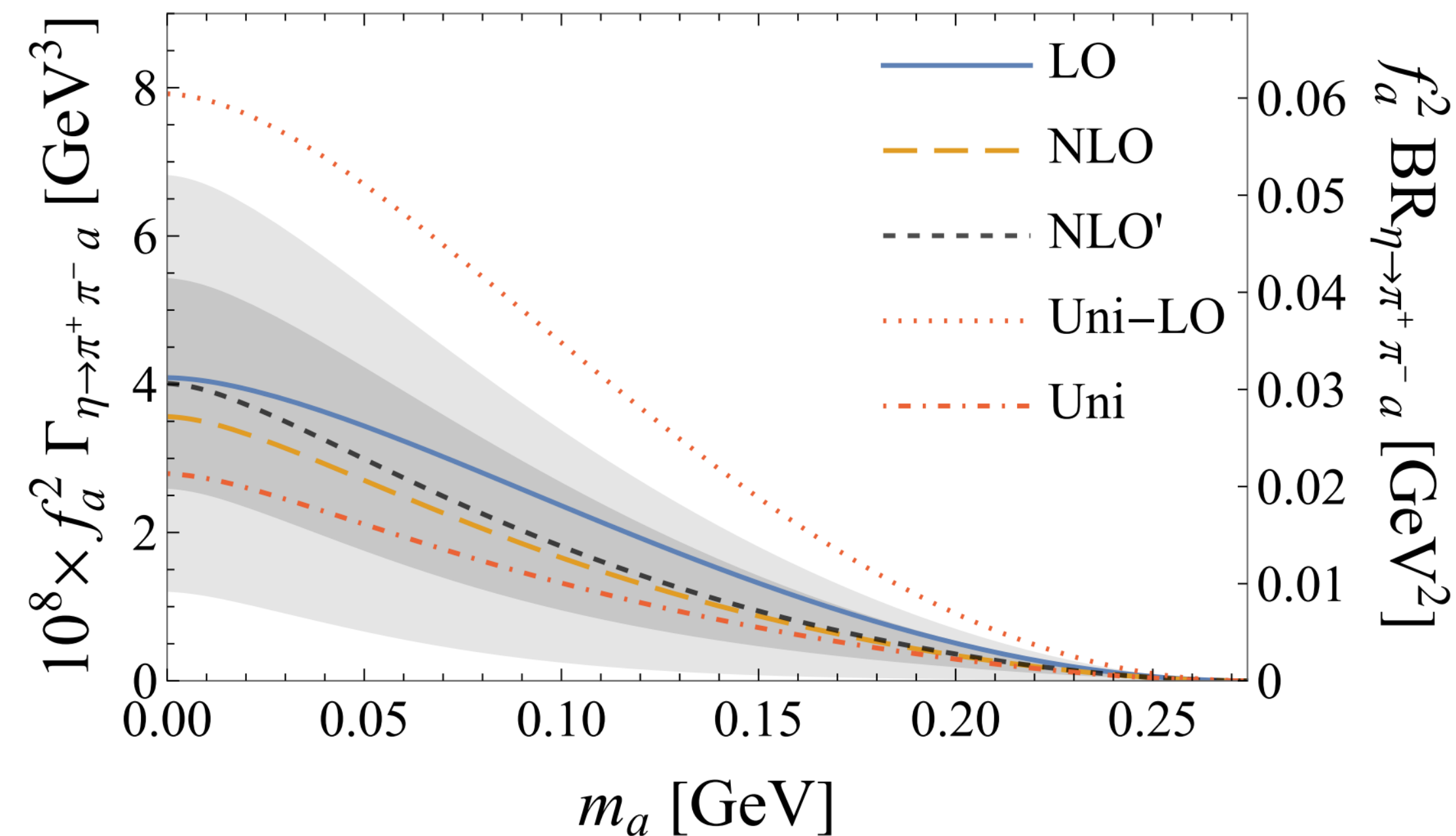
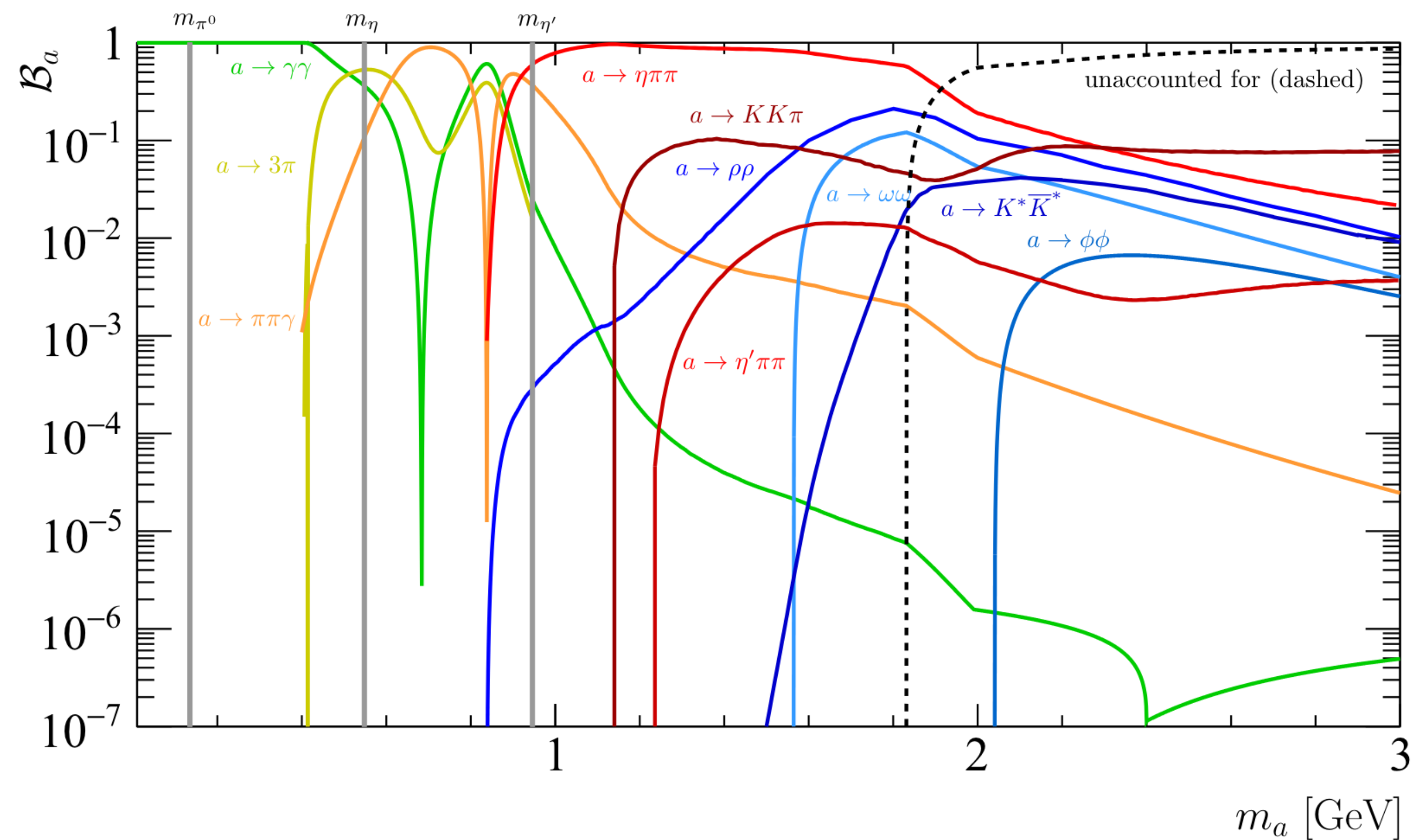
Why accurate interactions are important?

- 2. Axion related exotic decay width and BR

- Axion decay BR: *Aloni, Soreq, Williams PRL 123 (2019) 031803*

- Other meson decays to Axion: $K \rightarrow \pi a, \eta \rightarrow \pi \pi a$ etc...

Bauer et al, PRL 127 (2021), 081803
Wang, Guo Lu, Zhou 2403.16064



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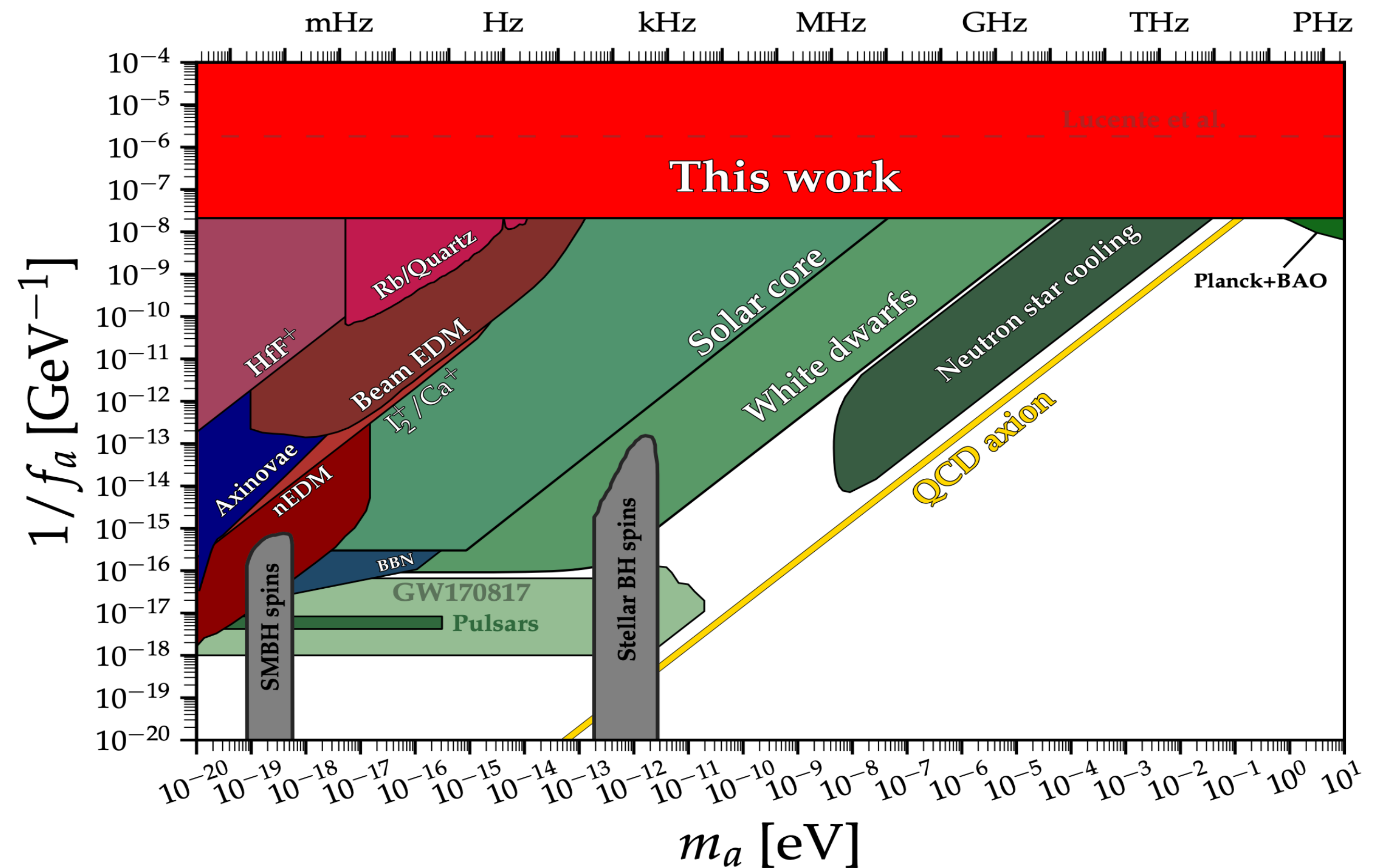
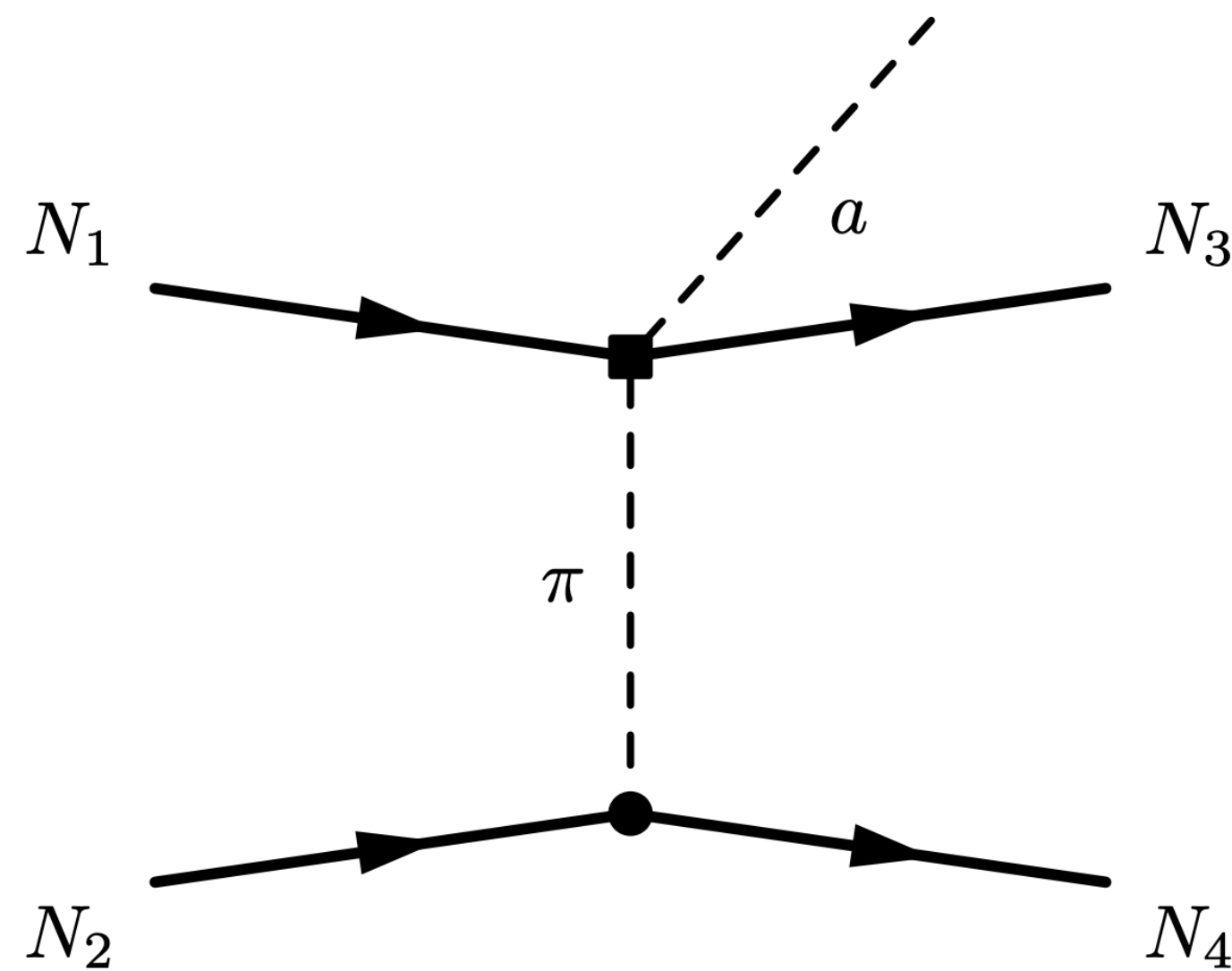
- 3. Astrophysical bounds for axions

- Supernova constraints on axion coupling f_a :

Springmann, Stadlbauer, Stelzl, Weiler 2410.19902

- Isospin breaking operator at NLO improves bound by two orders?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)} \supset -\hat{c}_5 m_\pi^2 \frac{4z}{(1+z)^2} \bar{N} \left(\frac{\pi^a a}{f_\pi f_a} \right) \tau^a N,$$



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Wess-Zumino-Witten Interactions in QCD

- Describing anomalies in QCD
- Ensuring gauge invariance and completing chiral L
- Low-energy dynamics of mesons
e.g. multiple mesons and photons interactions, $\pi_0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\Gamma_{WZW}(U, \mathcal{A}_L, \mathcal{A}_R) = \Gamma_0(U) + \mathcal{C} \int \text{Tr} \left\{ (\mathcal{A}_L \alpha^3 + \mathcal{A}_R \beta^3) - \frac{i}{2} [(\mathcal{A}_L \alpha)^2 - (\mathcal{A}_R \beta)^2] \right. \\ \left. + i(\mathcal{A}_L U \mathcal{A}_R U^\dagger \alpha^2 - \mathcal{A}_R U^\dagger \mathcal{A}_L U \beta^2) + i(d\mathcal{A}_R dU^\dagger \mathcal{A}_L U - d\mathcal{A}_L dU \mathcal{A}_R U^\dagger) \right. \\ \left. + i[(d\mathcal{A}_L \mathcal{A}_L + \mathcal{A}_L d\mathcal{A}_L) \alpha + (d\mathcal{A}_R \mathcal{A}_R + \mathcal{A}_R d\mathcal{A}_R) \beta] + (\mathcal{A}_L^3 \alpha + \mathcal{A}_R^3 \beta) \right. \\ \left. - (d\mathcal{A}_L \mathcal{A}_L + \mathcal{A}_L d\mathcal{A}_L) U \mathcal{A}_R U^\dagger + (d\mathcal{A}_R \mathcal{A}_R + \mathcal{A}_R d\mathcal{A}_R) U^\dagger \mathcal{A}_L U \right. \\ \left. + (\mathcal{A}_L U \mathcal{A}_R U^\dagger \mathcal{A}_L \alpha + \mathcal{A}_R U^\dagger \mathcal{A}_L U \mathcal{A}_R \beta) + i \left[\mathcal{A}_L^3 U \mathcal{A}_R U^\dagger - \mathcal{A}_R^3 U^\dagger \mathcal{A}_L U - \frac{1}{2} (U \mathcal{A}_R U^\dagger \mathcal{A}_L)^2 \right] \right\}.$$

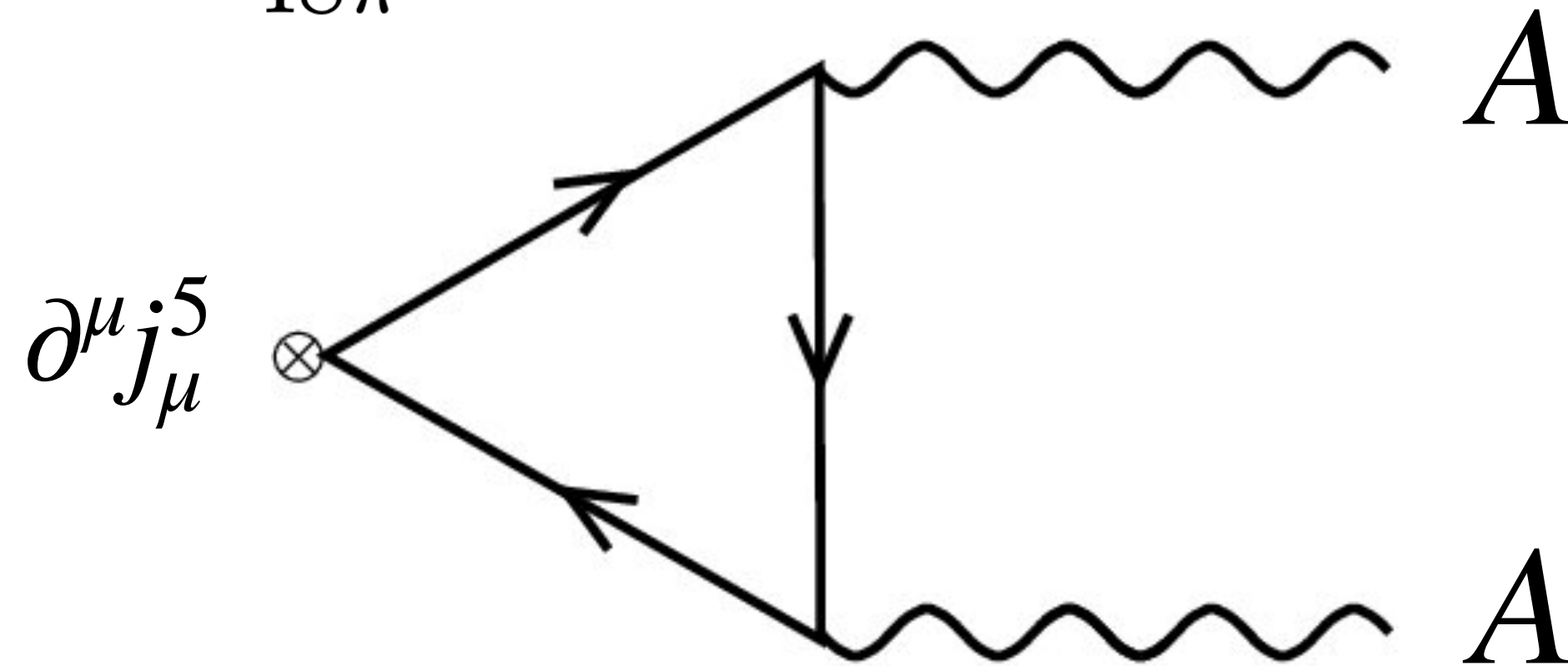
$$\alpha = dU U^\dagger \\ \beta = U^\dagger dU$$

$$\Gamma_0(U) = -\frac{i\mathcal{C}}{5} \int_{M^5} \text{Tr} (\alpha^5) = \frac{iN_c}{240\pi^2} \int d^5x \epsilon^{ABCDE} \text{Tr} (\alpha_A \alpha_B \alpha_C \alpha_D \alpha_E),$$

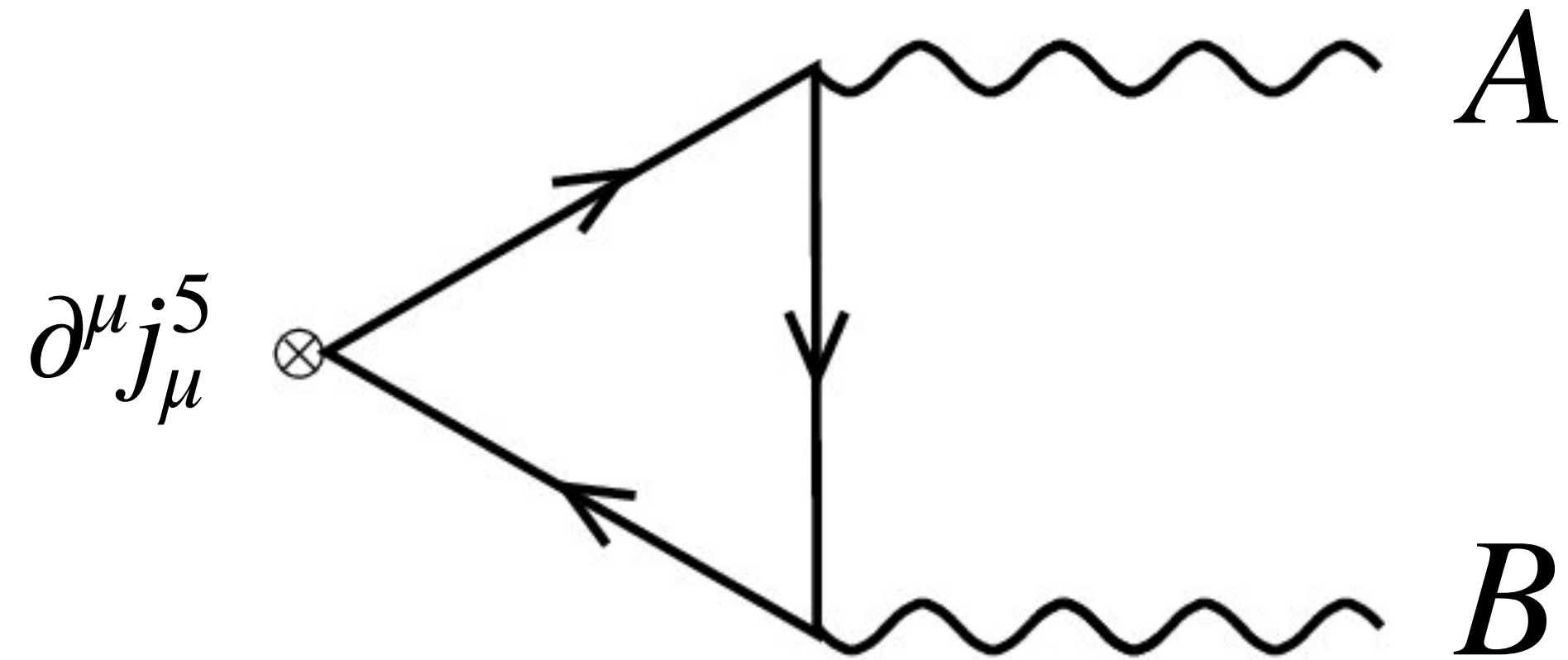
Global currents and background vector fields

- Background fields can couple to currents of $\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}}$
 - Baryon currents $U(1)_B$ in neutron star, ω meson
 - Z boson vector in neutrino dense environment
- SM gauge invariance needs counter terms

$$\partial^\mu j_\mu^5 = \frac{1}{48\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\mu\nu} F^{\rho\sigma}$$



$$\delta \partial^\mu j_\mu^5 \propto \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A^{\mu\nu} B^{\rho\sigma}$$



WZW counter terms for global symmetry

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- Generic WZW interactions with counter terms
- Vector fields in 1-form: $\mathcal{A}_{L/R} \equiv \mathbb{A}_{L/R} + \mathbb{B}_{L/R}$
Similar to Hidden Local Symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}^{\text{full}}(U, \mathcal{A}_{L/R}) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}(U, \mathcal{A}_L, \mathcal{A}_R) + \mathcal{L}_c(\mathbb{A}_{L/R}, \mathbb{B}_{L/R})$$

- Counter terms ensures SM invariance

$$\Gamma_c = -2\mathcal{C} \int \text{Tr} \left[(\mathbb{A}_L d\mathbb{A}_L + d\mathbb{A}_L \mathbb{A}_L) \mathbb{B}_L + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{A}_L (\mathbb{B}_L d\mathbb{B}_L + d\mathbb{B}_L \mathbb{B}_L) - \frac{3}{2} i \mathbb{A}_L^3 \mathbb{B}_L - \frac{3}{4} i \mathbb{A}_L \mathbb{B}_L \mathbb{A}_L \mathbb{B}_L - \frac{i}{2} \mathbb{A}_L \mathbb{B}_L^3 \right] - (L \leftrightarrow R)$$

- Suitable for chiral gauge fields and background fields

Axion treatment as a fictitious background field

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \bar{q}(iD_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu} - \mathbf{m}_q(a))q + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}a)(\partial^{\mu}a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2$$

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$$+ g_{a\gamma} \frac{a}{f_a} F\tilde{F} + \frac{\partial_{\mu}a}{f_a} (\bar{q}_L \mathbf{k}_L(a) \gamma^{\mu} q_L + \bar{q}_R \mathbf{k}_R(a) \gamma^{\mu} q_R + \dots)$$

- $D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - ig(A_L P_L + A_R P_R)$

- Hints from quark-level L: $D_{\mu} \rightarrow D_{\mu} + i \frac{\partial_{\mu}a}{f_a} (\mathbf{k}_L P_L + \mathbf{k}_R P_R)$

- Hints from ChPT L: $D^{\mu}U \rightarrow D^{\mu}U - i \frac{\partial^{\mu}a}{f_a} (\mathbf{k}_L U - U \mathbf{k}_R)$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}} = \frac{f_{\pi}^2}{8} \left[(D^{\mu}U)(D_{\mu}U)^{\dagger} \right] + \frac{f_{\pi}^2}{4} B_0 \text{Tr} \left[\mathbf{m}_q(a) U^{\dagger} + h.c. \right] + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}a)(\partial^{\mu}a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2 + g_{a\gamma} \frac{a}{f_a} F\tilde{F}$$

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- Axion 1-form field can be added into background fields:

$$\mathbb{B}_{L/R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}_{L/R,0} \frac{da}{f_a}$$

- 2-flavor ChPT with SM gauge bosons and background fields

$$\mathbb{A}_L = \frac{e}{s_w} W^a \frac{\boldsymbol{\tau}^a}{2} + \frac{e}{c_w} W^0 \mathbf{Y}_Q, \quad \mathbb{A}_R = \frac{e}{c_w} W^0 \mathbf{Y}_q$$

$$\mathbb{B}_V \equiv \mathbb{B}_L + \mathbb{B}_R = g \begin{pmatrix} \rho_0 & \sqrt{2}\rho^+ \\ \sqrt{2}\rho^- & -\rho_0 \end{pmatrix} + g' \begin{pmatrix} \omega & \\ & \omega \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{k}_{L,0} + \mathbf{k}_{R,0}) \frac{da}{f}$$

$$\mathbb{B}_A \equiv \mathbb{B}_L - \mathbb{B}_R = g \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & \sqrt{2}a^+ \\ \sqrt{2}a^- & -a_1 \end{pmatrix} + g' \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & \\ & f_1 \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{k}_{L,0} - \mathbf{k}_{R,0}) \frac{da}{f}$$

The consistent axion Lagrangian at low energy

- ChPT:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{8} \text{Tr} [(D^\mu U)(D_\mu U)^\dagger] + \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} B_0 \text{Tr} [\mathbf{m}_q(a)U^\dagger + h.c.] + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2 + \frac{a}{f} \sum_{\mathcal{A}_{1,2}} c_{\mathcal{A}_1\mathcal{A}_2} F_{\mathcal{A}_1\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mathcal{A}_2}^{\mu\nu}$$

- Full WZW: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}^{\text{full}}(U, \mathcal{A}_{L/R}) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}(U, \mathcal{A}_L, \mathcal{A}_R) + \mathcal{L}_c(\mathbb{A}_{L/R}, \mathbb{B}_{L/R})$

- Full \mathcal{L} : $\mathcal{L}_{\text{axion}}^{\text{full}} \equiv \left[\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}^{\text{full}} \right] \left(U, \mathbf{m}_q(a), \mathcal{A}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}_{L/R}(a)da/f_a \right)$

Matching between \mathcal{L}_{eff} and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{axion}}^{\text{full}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff},0}(q_0, \mathbf{m}_{q,0}, \mathbf{k}_{L,0}, \mathbf{k}_{R,0})$$

$$\downarrow q_0 = \exp\left(-i c_{gg} \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{q,0} \gamma_5 \frac{a}{f}\right) q$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(q, \mathbf{m}_q, \mathbf{k}_L, \mathbf{k}_R) \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(q', \mathbf{m}'_q, \mathbf{k}'_L, \mathbf{k}'_R) + \delta\mathcal{L}_a^{\text{ano}}$$

$$q' = \exp\left[i\left(\delta_q + \boldsymbol{\kappa}_q \gamma_5\right) \frac{a}{f}\right] q$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{axion}}^{\text{full}} \equiv & \mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}}(U, \mathbf{m}_q, \mathcal{A}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}_{L/R} da) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}^{\text{full}}(U, \mathbf{m}_q, \mathcal{A}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}_{L/R} da) \\ & \xrightarrow{U' = U_L^\dagger U U_R} \mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}}(U', \mathbf{m}'_q, \mathcal{A}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}'_{L/R} da) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}^{\text{full}}(U', \mathbf{m}'_q, \mathcal{A}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}'_{L/R} da) + \delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}^{\text{ano}} \end{aligned}$$

Effective Lagrangian for axions

- Initial effective Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff},0} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \bar{q}_0(i\not{D} - \mathbf{m}_{q,0})q_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2 + c_{gg} \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \frac{a}{f} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{a}{f} \sum_{\mathcal{A}_{1,2}} c_{\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{A}_2}^0 F_{\mathcal{A}_1 \mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mathcal{A}_2}^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_c$$

- Eliminating aGG term:

$$q_0(x) = \exp \left[-i(\boldsymbol{\delta}_{q,0} + \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{q,0} \gamma_5) c_{gg} \frac{a(x)}{f} \right] q(x), \quad \text{with } \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}_{q,0}) = 1$$

- New effective Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \bar{q} i\not{D} q - [\bar{q}_L \mathbf{m}_q(a) q_R + h.c.] + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a) - \frac{m_{a,0}^2}{2}a^2 + \frac{a}{f} \sum_{\mathcal{A}_{1,2}} c_{\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{A}_2} F_{\mathcal{A}_1 \mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mathcal{A}_2}^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_c$$

Auxiliary chiral rotation for effective Lagrangian

- Chiral rotation without regenerating aGG term $\text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}_q) = 0$

$$q' = \exp \left[i \left(\boldsymbol{\delta}_q + \boldsymbol{\kappa}_q \gamma_5 \right) a/f \right] q$$

- Left/right rotation matrices

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{L/R} \equiv \boldsymbol{\delta}_q \mp \boldsymbol{\kappa}_q \quad U_{L/R} \equiv \exp \left[-i \boldsymbol{\theta}_{L/R} a/f \right]$$

- Mass and coupling shifts

$$\mathbf{m}'_q = U_L^\dagger \mathbf{m}_q U_R, \quad \mathbf{k}'_{L/R} = U_{L/R}^\dagger (\mathbf{k}_{L/R} + \boldsymbol{\theta}_{L/R}) U_{L/R} = \mathbf{k}_{L/R} + \boldsymbol{\theta}_{L/R}$$

- Chiral basis change for effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(q, \mathbf{m}_q, \mathbf{k}_L, \mathbf{k}_R) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(q', \mathbf{m}'_q, \mathbf{k}'_L, \mathbf{k}'_R) + \delta \mathcal{L}_a^{\text{ano}}$$

The axion anomalous interactions

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- The exact expressions

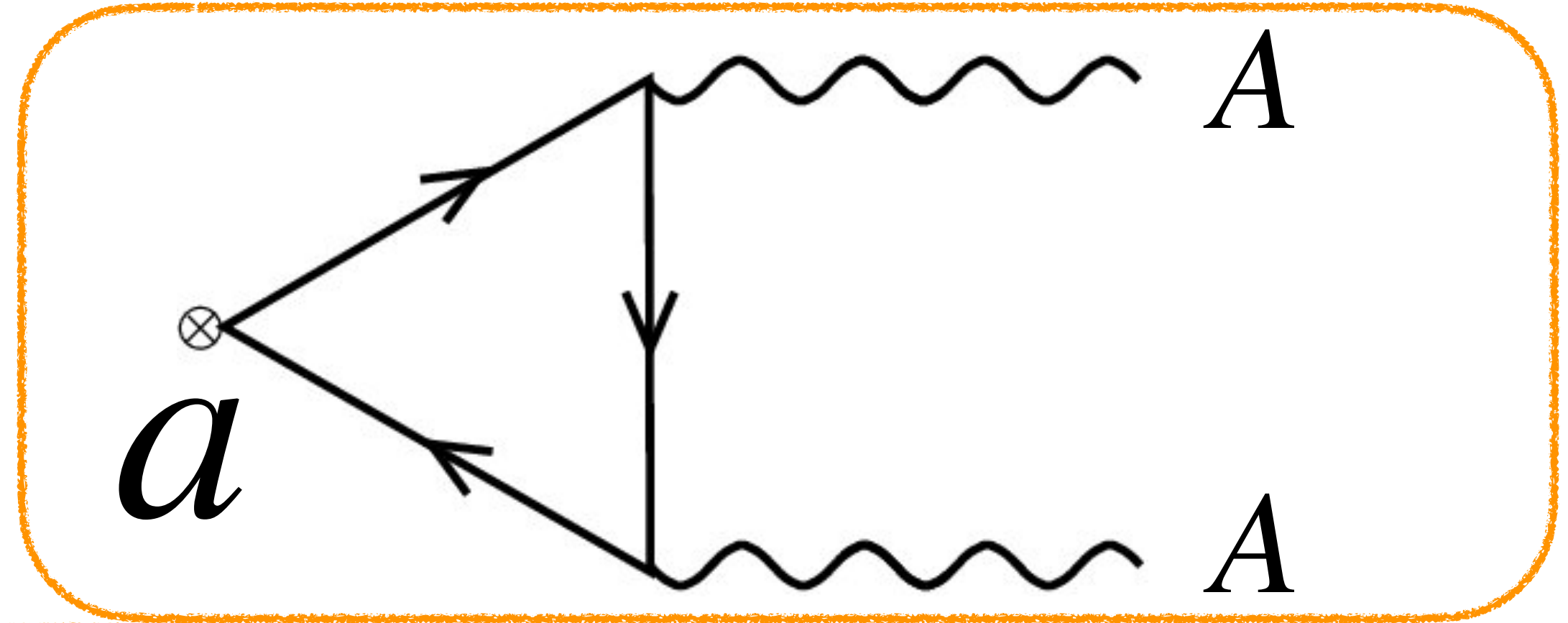
$$\delta [\Gamma_{\text{WZW}} + \Gamma_c](\boldsymbol{\theta}_L, \boldsymbol{\theta}_R) = -2\mathcal{C} \frac{a}{f} \int \text{Tr} \left\{ \boldsymbol{\theta}_L \left[3(d\mathbb{A}_L - i\mathbb{A}_L^2)^2 + 3(d\mathbb{A}_L - i\mathbb{A}_L^2)(D\mathbb{B}_L) + D\mathbb{B}_L D\mathbb{B}_L - \frac{i}{2} D(\mathbb{B}_L^3) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + i\mathbb{B}_L(d\mathbb{A}_L - i\mathbb{A}_L^2)\mathbb{B}_L - i(d\mathbb{A}_L - i\mathbb{A}_L^2)\mathbb{B}_L^2 \right] \right\} - (L \leftrightarrow R),$$

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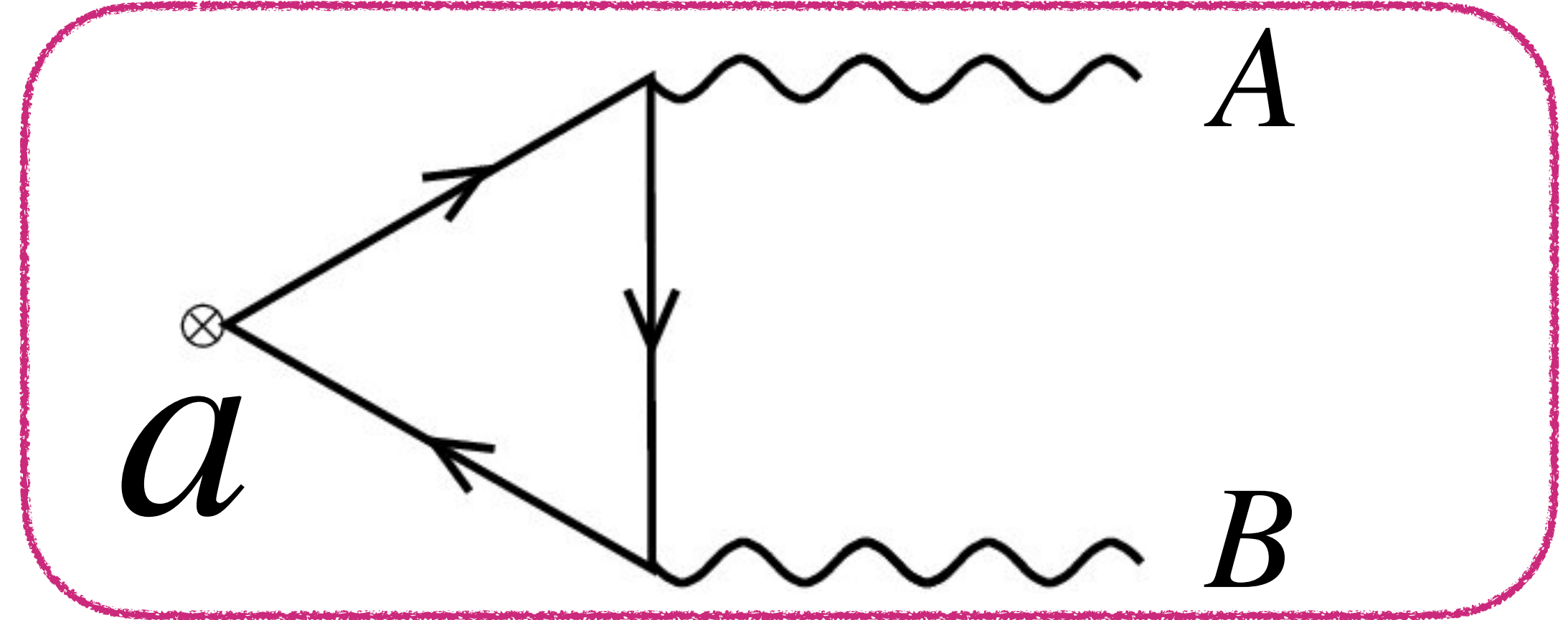
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Effective and Chiral Lagrangian matching

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(q, \mathbf{m}_q, \mathbf{k}_L, \mathbf{k}_R) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}}(q, \mathbf{m}_q, \mathbf{k}_L, \mathbf{k}_R)$$

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- The anomalous matching condition between UV and IR

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}}^{\text{ano}} \equiv \frac{a}{f_a} \sum_{\mathcal{A}_{1,2}} c_{\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{A}_2} F_{\mathcal{A}_1 \mu\nu} \widetilde{F}_{\mathcal{A}_2}^{\mu\nu}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{axion}}^{\text{full}} \equiv \mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}}(U, \mathbf{m}_q, \mathcal{A}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}_{L/R} da) \quad U' = U_L^\dagger U U_R$$

$$+ \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}^{\text{full}}(U, \mathbf{m}_q, \mathcal{A}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}_{L/R} da)$$

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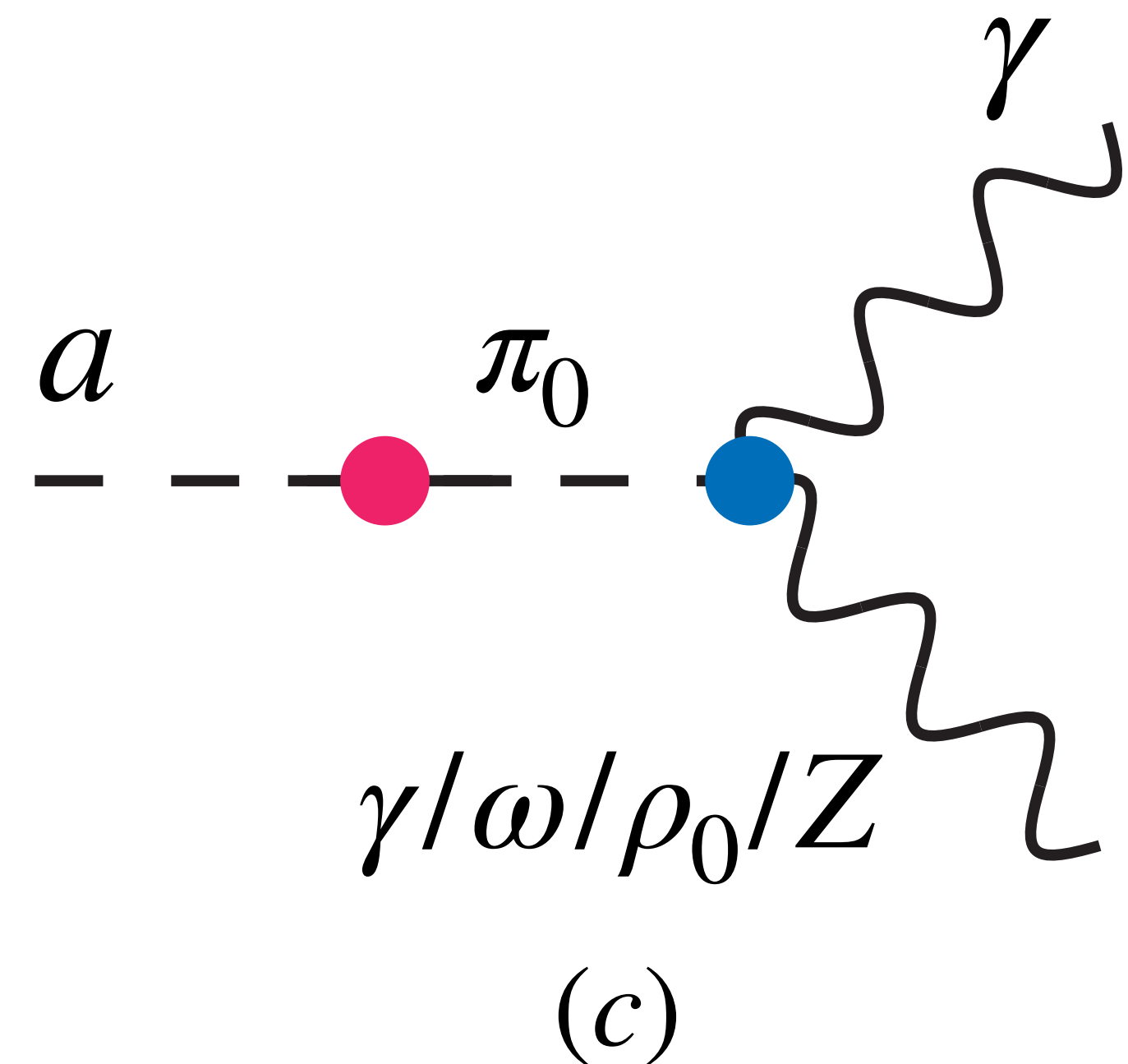
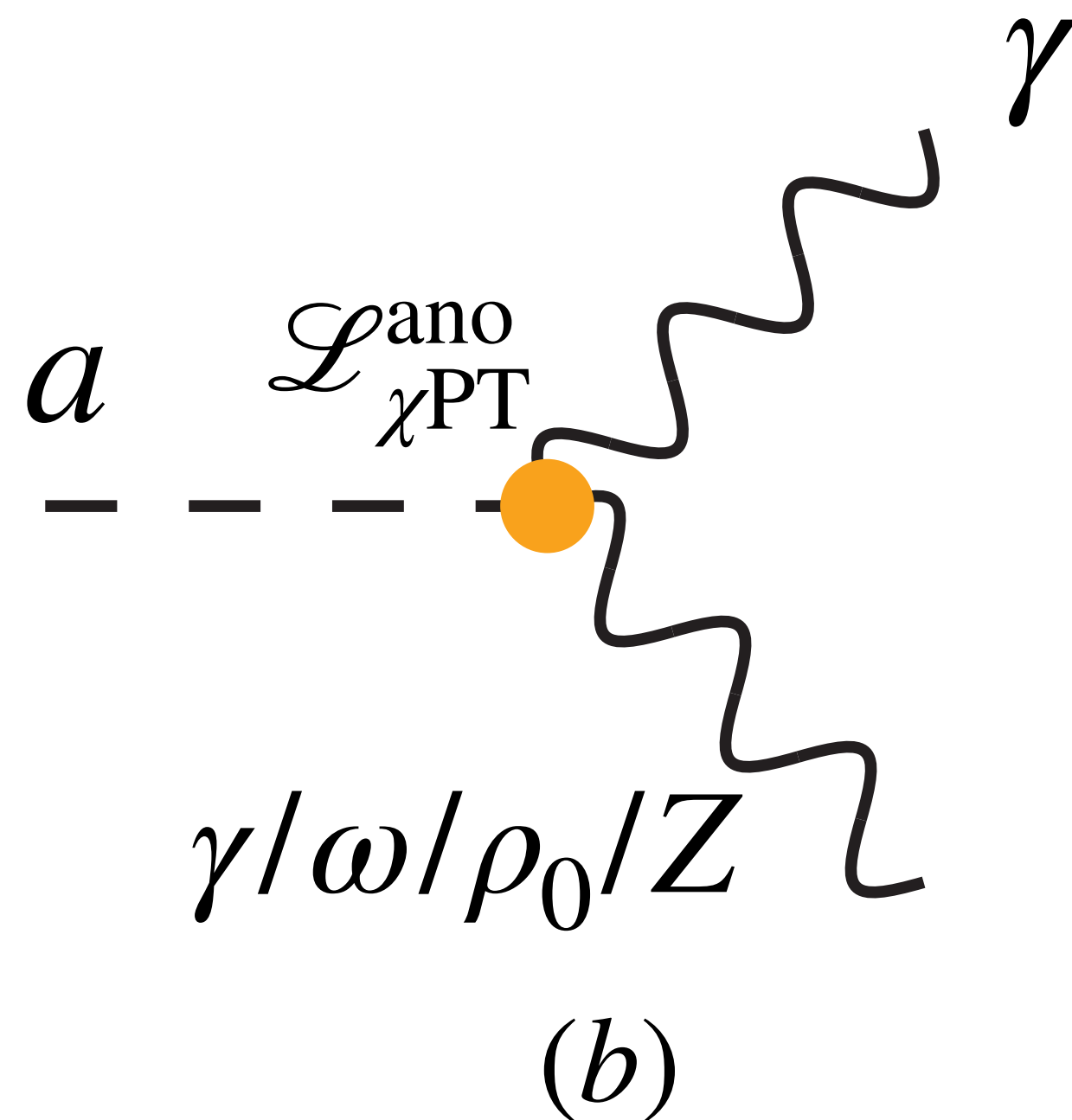
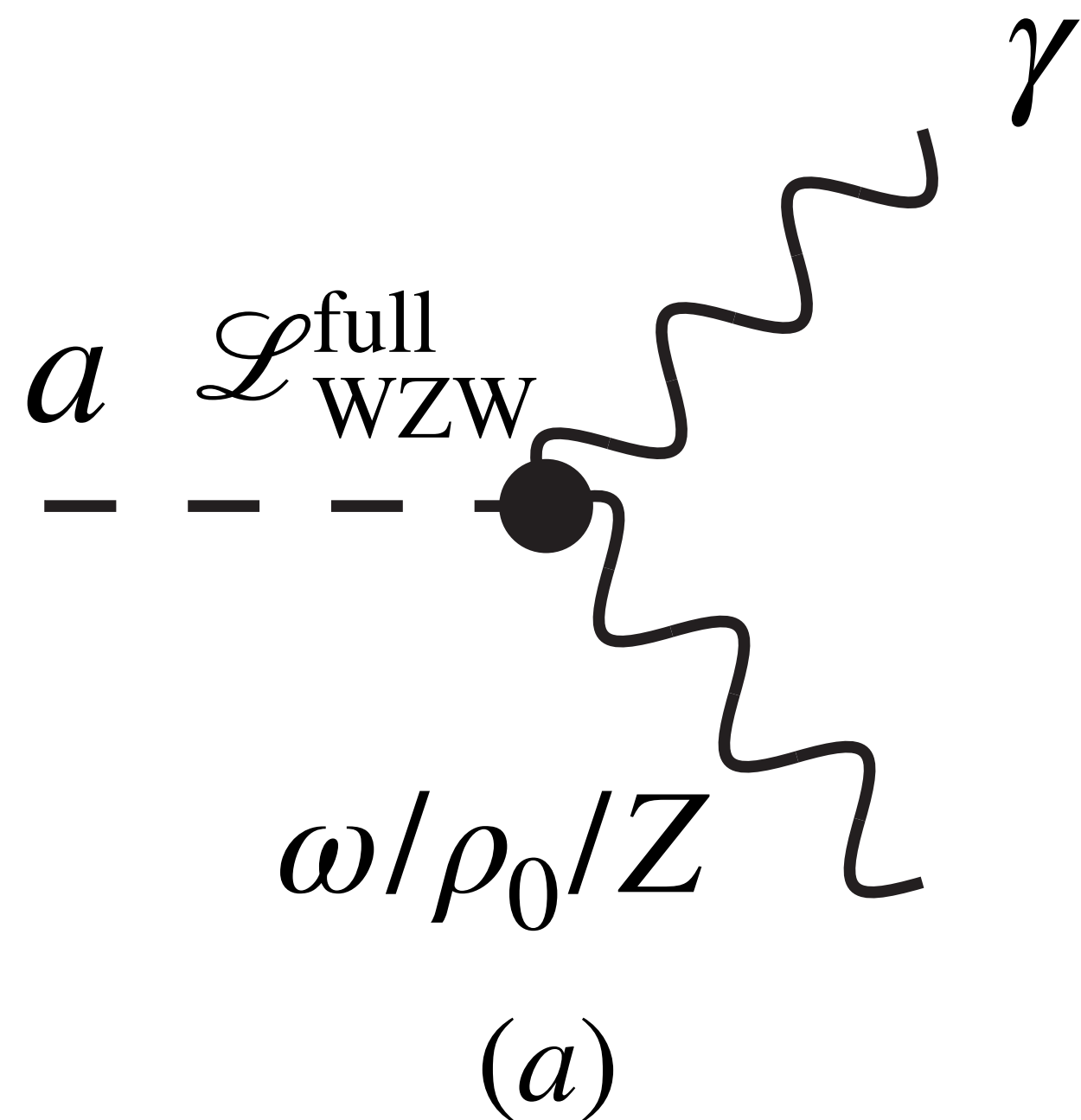
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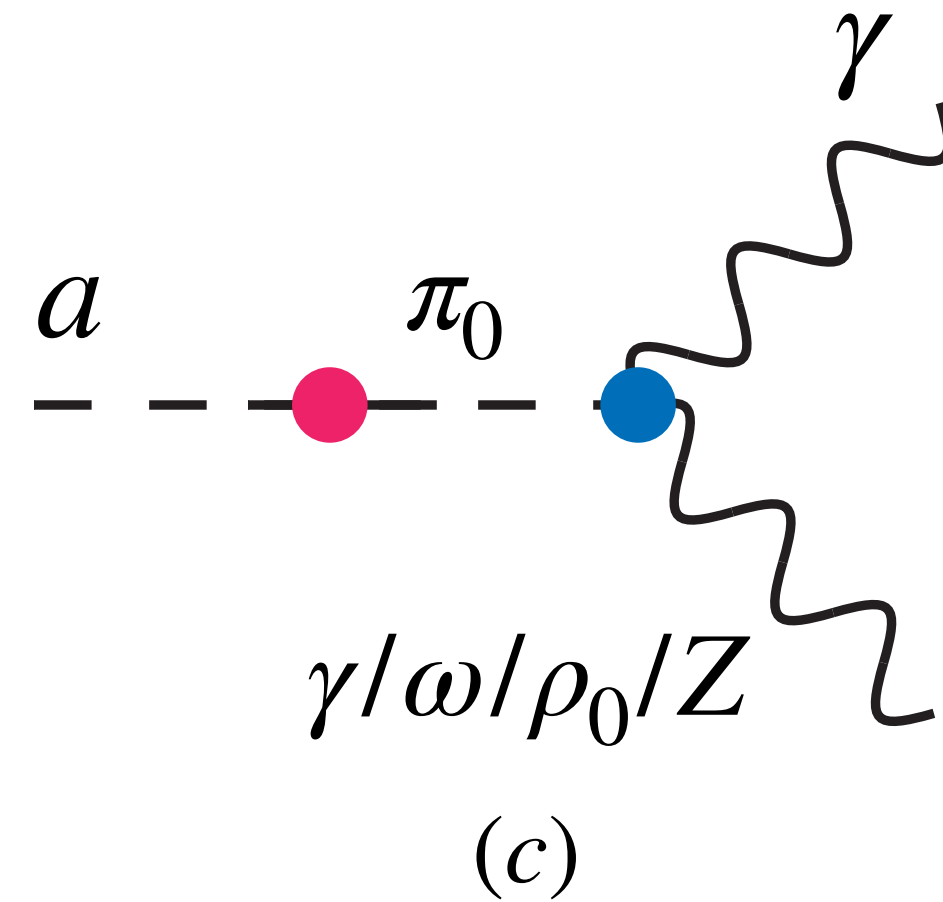
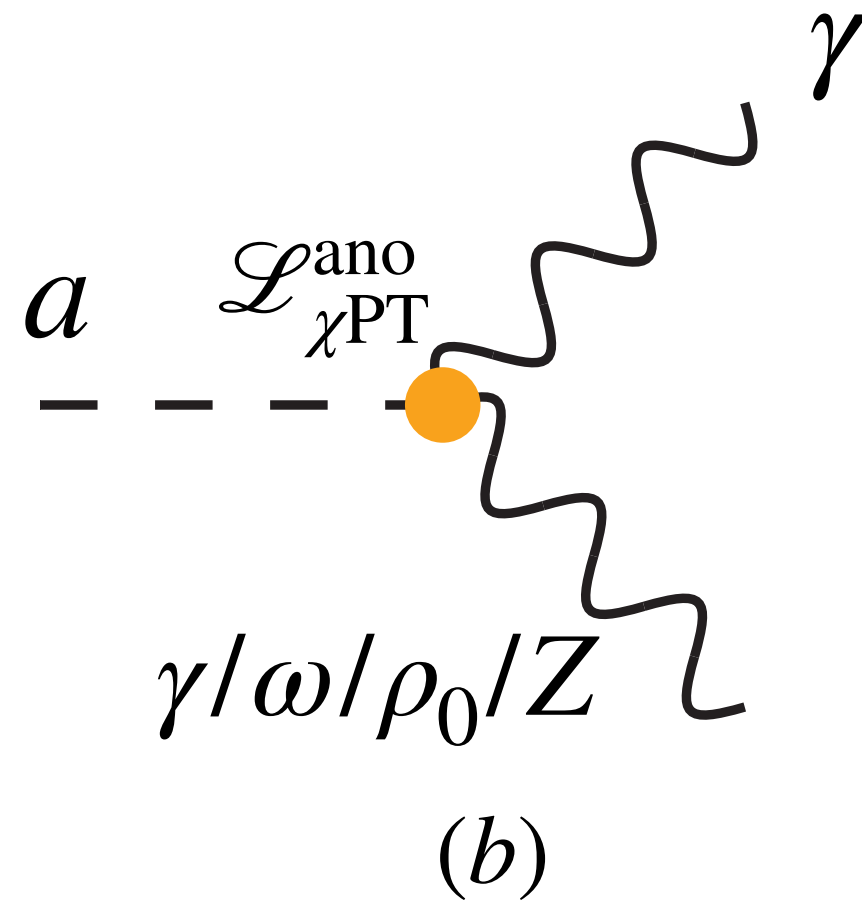
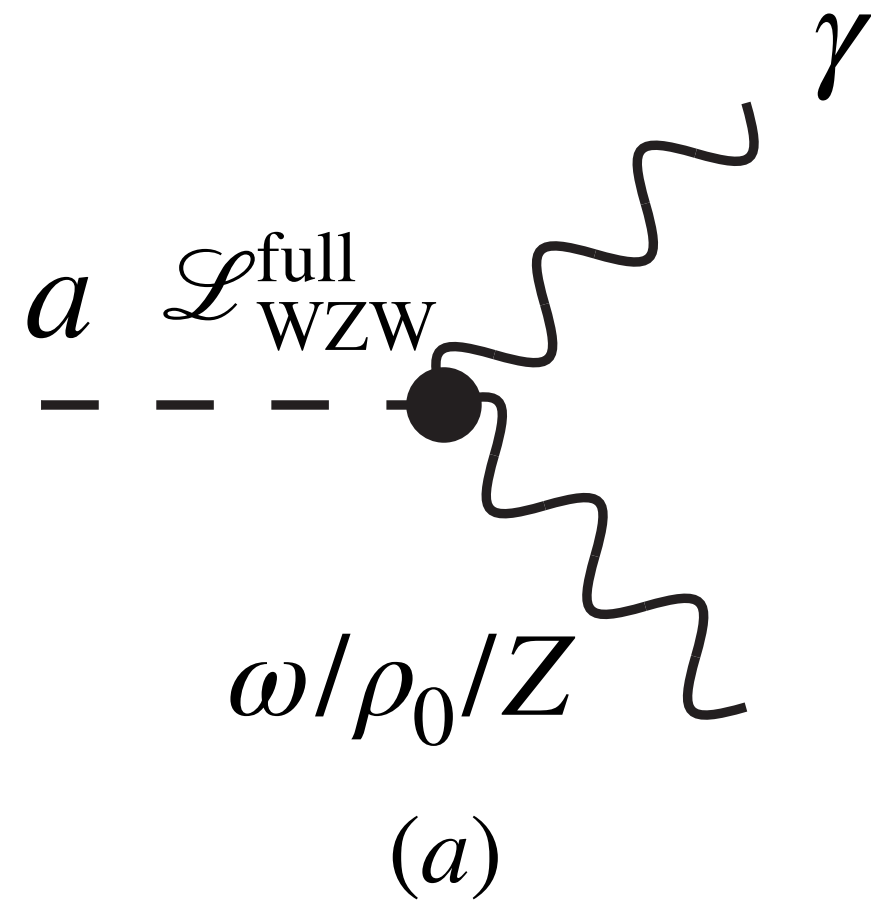
Consistent physical amplitudes

- A consistent Lagrangian will give physical amplitudes independent of auxiliary rotations
- Full WZW interactions are important for a-A-B amplitudes



Consistent physical amplitudes for $a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- Auxiliary rotations are cancelled



$$ad\gamma d\gamma: c_{\text{WZW}} \equiv 0 \quad ad\gamma d\gamma: c_{\text{ano}} \equiv -\frac{e^2 N_c}{48\pi^2 f} 12(Q_u^2 \kappa_u + Q_d^2 \kappa_d) \quad \pi_0 d\gamma d\gamma: c_{\pi_0} \equiv \frac{e^2 N_c}{48\pi^2 f_\pi} 6\sqrt{2}(Q_d^2 - Q_u^2)$$

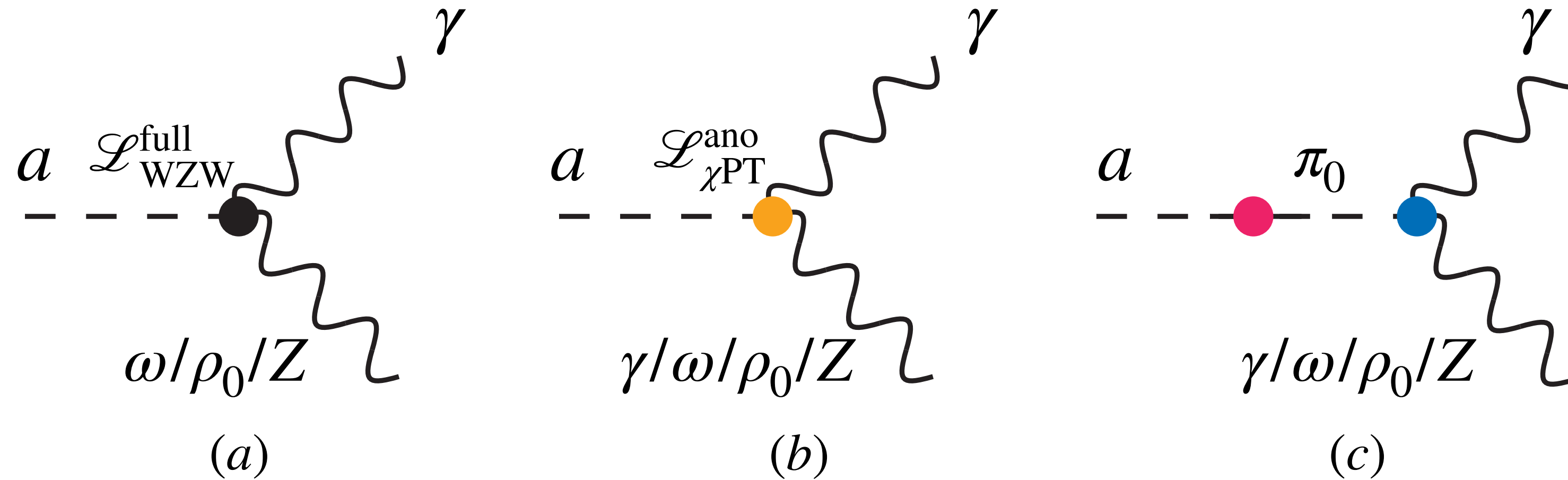
$$\mathcal{M}(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)(\text{auxiliary}) = CF \times (c_{\text{ano}} + \theta'_{a-\pi_0} c_{\pi_0} + c_{\text{WZW}})$$

$$= CF \times e^2 \left\{ \frac{-N_c}{48\pi^2 f_a} 12(Q_u^2 \kappa_u + Q_d^2 \kappa_d) + i \frac{f_\pi}{\sqrt{2}f} \left[(\kappa_u - \kappa_d) p_a^2 - 2 \frac{m_u \kappa_u - m_d \kappa_d}{m_u + m_d} m_\pi^2 \right] \frac{i}{p_a^2 - m_\pi^2} \times \frac{N_c}{48\pi^2 f_\pi} 6\sqrt{2}(Q_d^2 - Q_u^2) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_u + \kappa_d &= 0 \\ p_a^2 &= m_a^2 \end{aligned} \rightarrow 0$$

Consistent physical amplitudes for $a - \gamma - \omega$

- Auxiliary rotations are cancelled



$$ad\omega d\gamma: c_{\text{wzw}} = \frac{-eg'N_c}{48\pi^2 f} 6(Q_u\kappa_u + Q_d\kappa_d)$$

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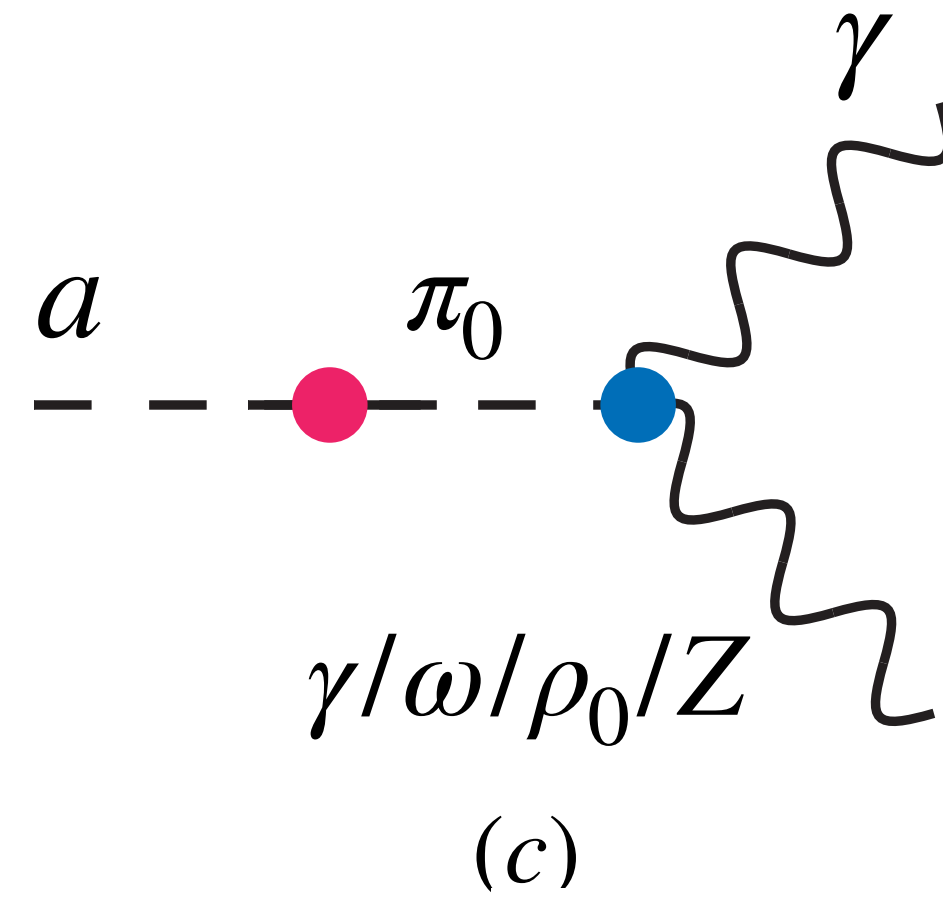
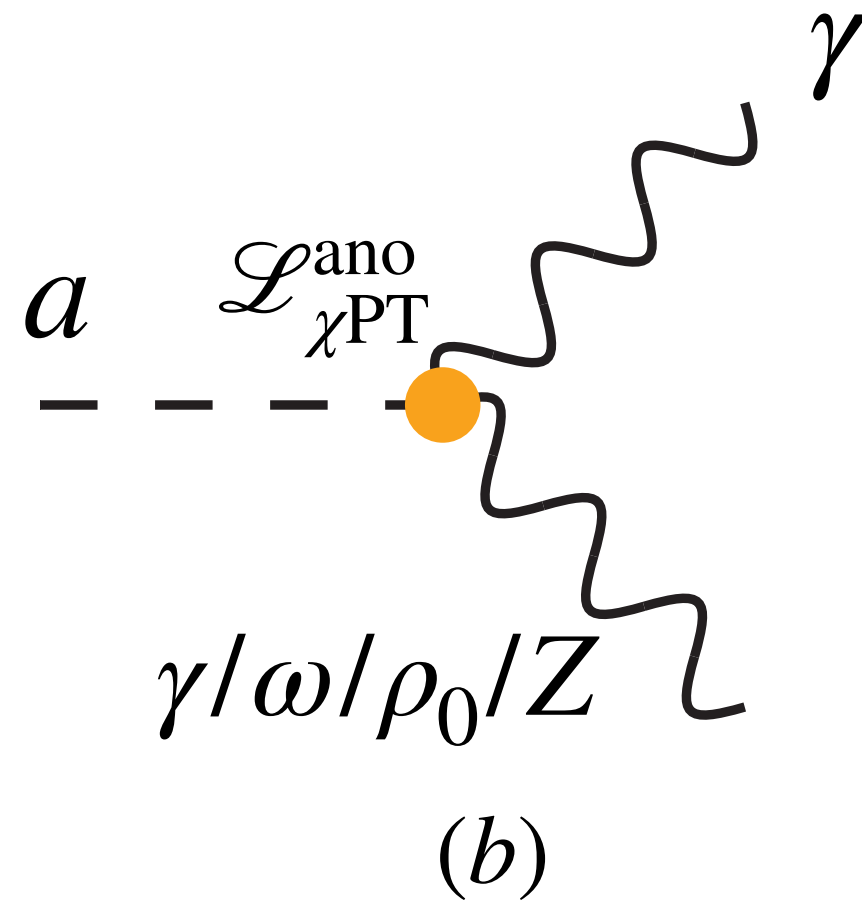
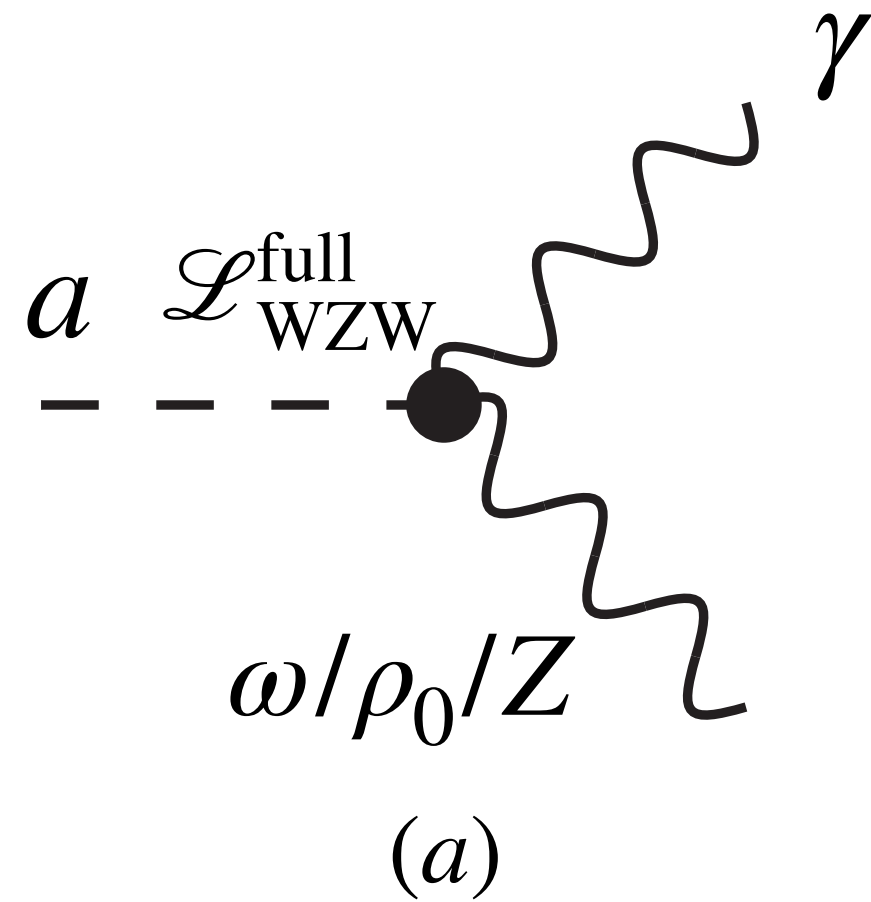
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$$\rightarrow 0$$

Consistent physical amplitudes for $a - \gamma - Z$

- Auxiliary rotations are cancelled $ad\gamma dZ: c_{\text{ano}} = \frac{N_c}{48\pi^2 f} \frac{2e^2}{3c_w s_w} [3\delta_d + 6\delta_u - 3\kappa_d - 6\kappa_u + 4s_w^2(\kappa_d + 4\kappa_u)]$



$$ad\gamma dZ: c_{\text{wzw}} = \frac{-2e^2 N_c}{48\pi^2 f s_w c_w} (\delta_d + 2\delta_u)$$

$$\pi_0 d\gamma dZ: c_{\pi_0} = \frac{-e^2 N_c}{48\pi^2 f_\pi s_w c_w} \sqrt{2} (c_w^2 - 3s_w^2)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(a \rightarrow Z^* \gamma) (\text{auxiliary}) = CF \times (c_{\text{ano}} + \theta'_{a-\pi_0} c_{\pi_0} + c_{\text{wzw}})$$

$$= CF \times \left[c_{\text{wzw}} + c_{\text{ano}} + i \frac{f_\pi}{\sqrt{2}f} \left((\kappa_u - \kappa_d) p_a^2 - 2 \frac{m_u \kappa_u - m_d \kappa_d}{m_u + m_d} m_\pi^2 \right) \frac{i}{p_a^2 - m_\pi^2} \times c_{\pi_0} \right]$$

$\rightarrow 0$

Consistent amplitudes for three point vertex

$$c_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{eff}} = c_{\gamma\gamma}^0 + \frac{e^2 c_{gg}}{16\pi^2 f} \left(-\frac{10}{3} - 2 \frac{m_u - m_d}{m_u + m_d} \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_a^2 - m_\pi^2} \right) - \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2 f} \frac{m_a^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_a^2} (c_u - c_d)$$

$$c_{\omega\gamma}^{\text{eff}} = eg' \left\{ \frac{-c_{gg}}{8\pi^2 f} - \frac{3}{8\pi^2 f} \left[\frac{m_a^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_a^2} \left(\frac{c_u - c_d}{2} \right) + c_{gg} \frac{m_u - m_d}{m_u + m_d} \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_a^2 - m_\pi^2} \right] + \frac{1}{16\pi^2 f} (c_d + c_Q - 2c_u) \right\}$$

$$c_{\rho\gamma}^{\text{eff}} = eg \left\{ \frac{-3c_{gg}}{8\pi^2 f} - \frac{1}{8\pi^2 f} \left[\frac{m_a^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_a^2} \left(\frac{c_u - c_d}{2} \right) + c_{gg} \frac{m_u - m_d}{m_u + m_d} \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_a^2 - m_\pi^2} \right] + \frac{1}{16\pi^2 f} (3c_Q - 2c_u - c_d) \right\}$$

$$c_{\gamma Z}^{\text{eff}} = c_{\gamma Z}^0 + \frac{N_c c_{gg}}{48\pi^2 f} \frac{e^2}{s_w c_w} (-9 + 20s_w^2) - c_{\pi_0} \frac{f_\pi}{\sqrt{2}f} \left(\frac{m_a^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_a^2} \frac{c_d - c_u}{2} - c_{gg} \frac{m_u - m_d}{m_u + m_d} \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_a^2 - m_\pi^2} \right) - \frac{N_c}{48\pi^2 f} \frac{2e^2}{s_{2w}} (c_d + 2c_u + 3c_Q)$$

- Vertex $\omega \rightarrow \gamma a$ benefit from large $g' \approx 5.7 \gg e$

$$\mathbf{k}_{L,0} = \{c_Q, c_Q\} \quad \mathbf{k}_{R,0} = \{c_u, c_d\}$$

Phenomenology at BESIII and STCF

- New channel $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*(J/\Psi) \rightarrow \omega a$

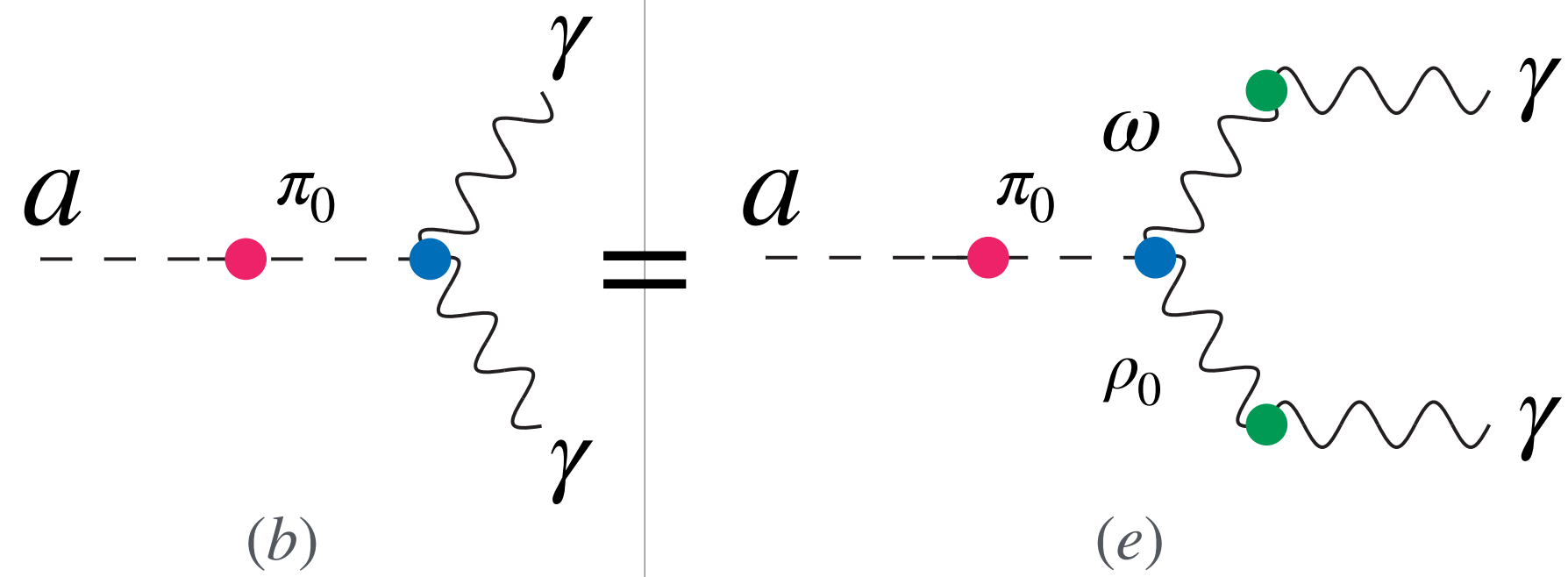
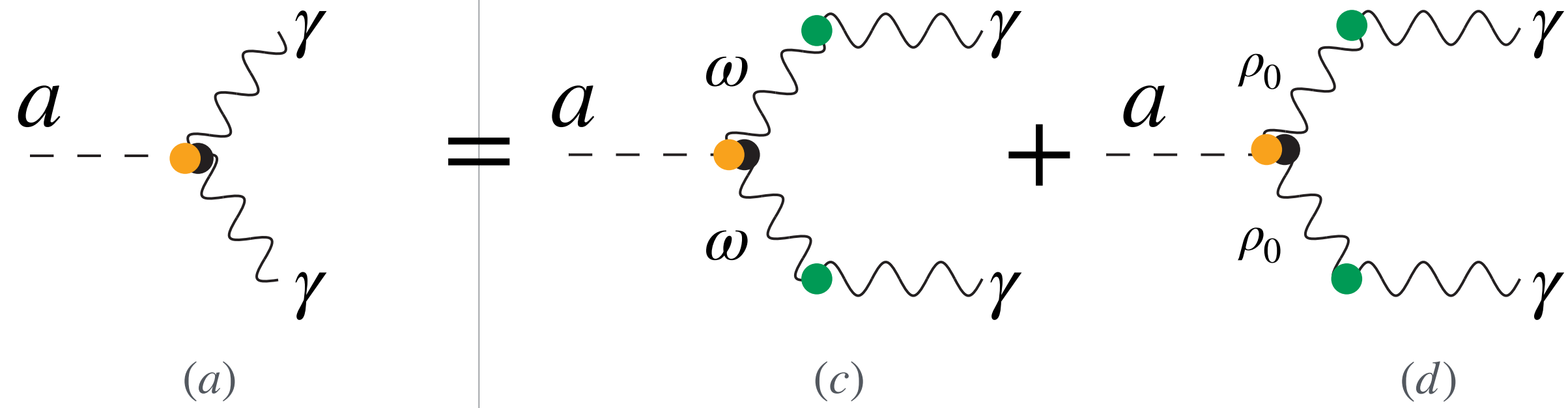
$$c_{\omega\gamma}^{\text{eff}}(q^2) = -\frac{eg'c_{gg}}{8\pi^2f} \frac{m_\omega^2}{m_\omega^2 - q^2 - i\sqrt{q^2}\Gamma_\omega} - \frac{3eg'c_{gg}}{8\pi^2f} \frac{m_u - m_d}{m_u + m_d} \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_a^2 - m_\pi^2} \sum_{i=0}^3 \frac{A_i M_i^2 e^{i\phi_i}}{M_i^2 - q^2 - i\sqrt{q^2}\Gamma_i(\sqrt{q^2})}$$

- The model satisfies partial Vector Meson Dominance, therefore we can use form factor for $\gamma^* \rightarrow \omega \rightarrow a$
- The differential cross-section

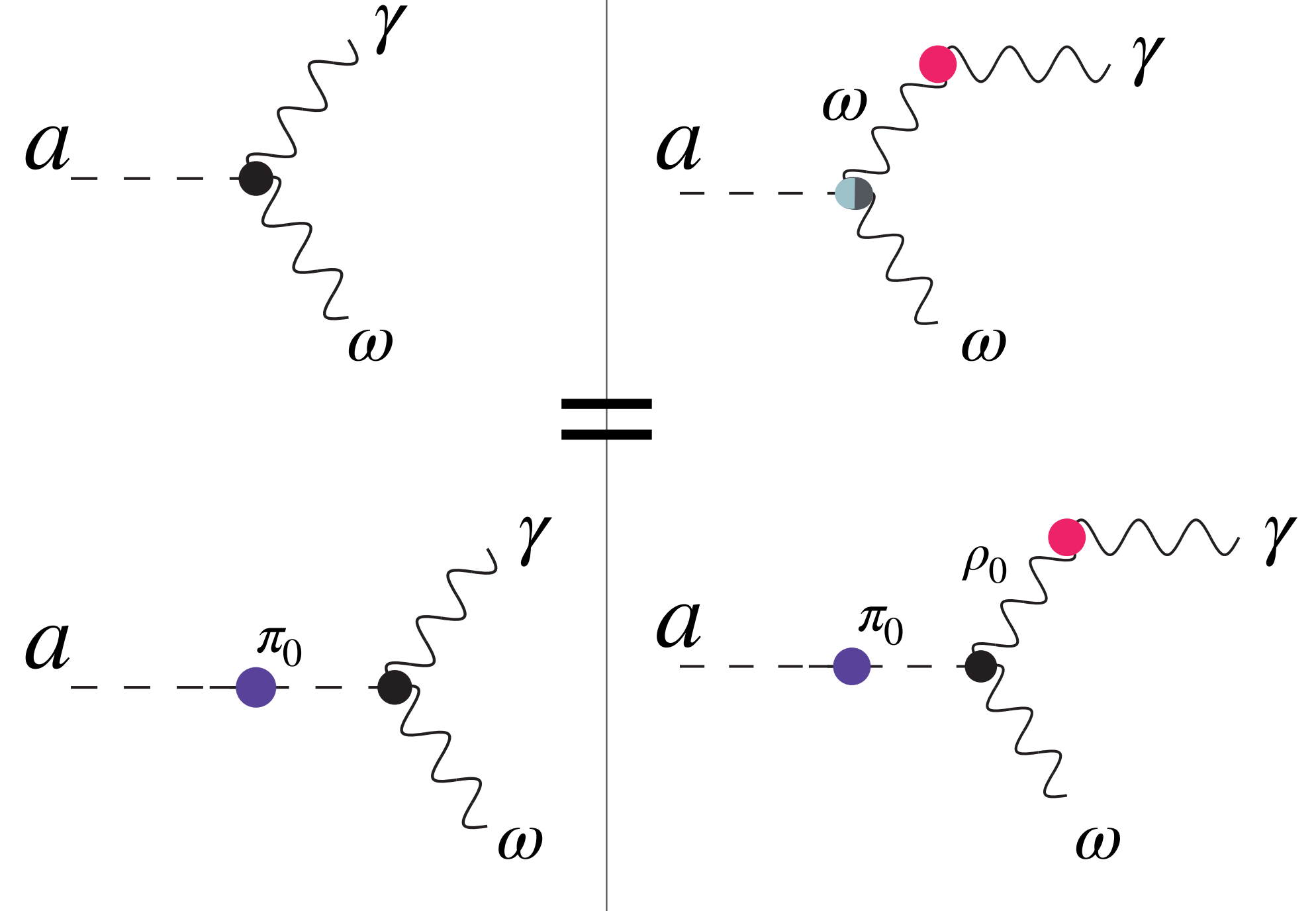
$$\frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \omega a)}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{\alpha |c_{\omega\gamma}^{\text{eff}}(q^2)|^2 [m_a^4 + (m_\omega^2 - s)^2 - 2m_a^2(m_\omega^2 + s)]}{64f^2s^2} (1 + \cos\theta^2)$$

Vector Meson Dominance

$$a - \gamma - \gamma$$

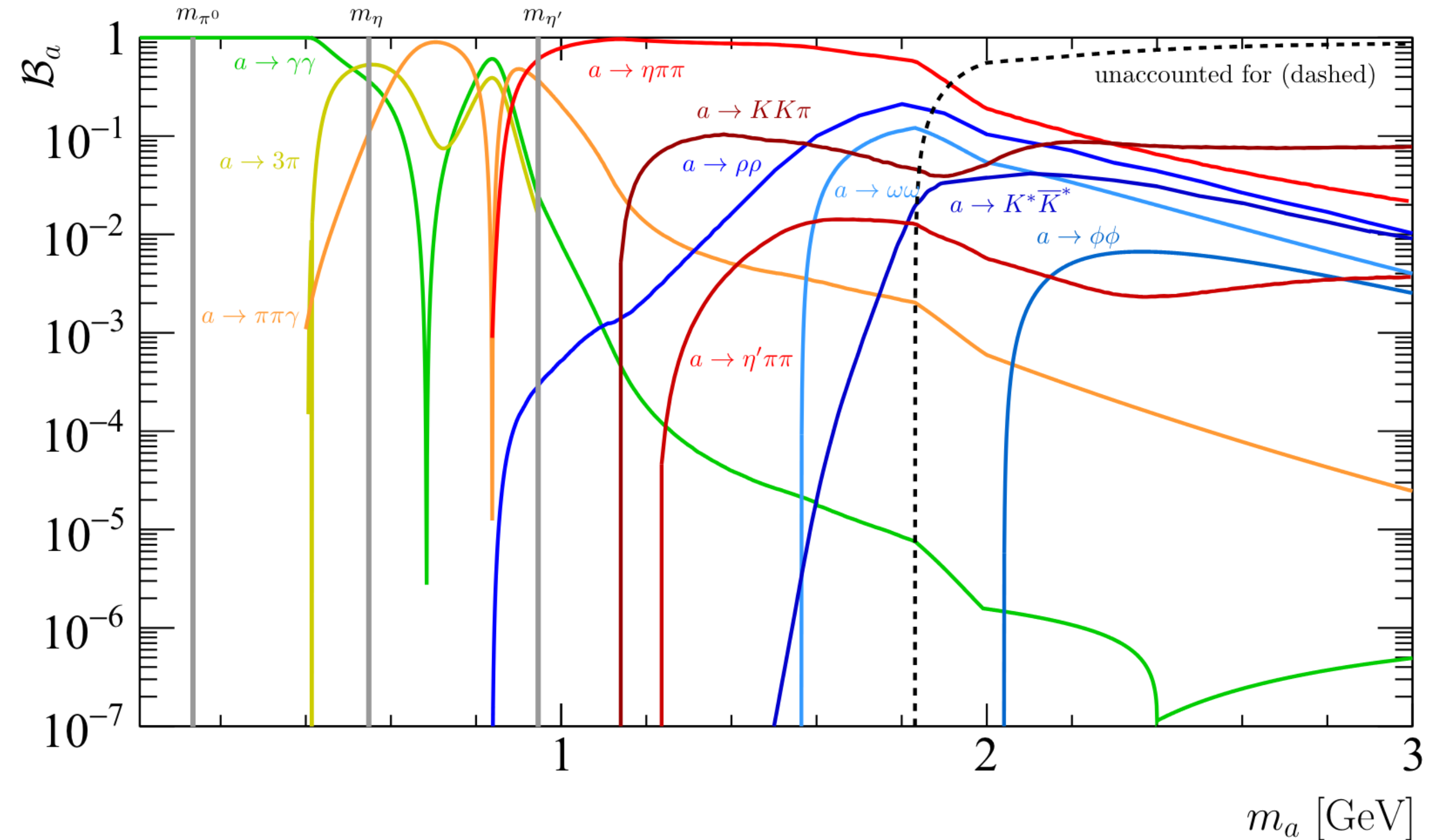


$$a - \gamma - \omega$$



The decay of axion

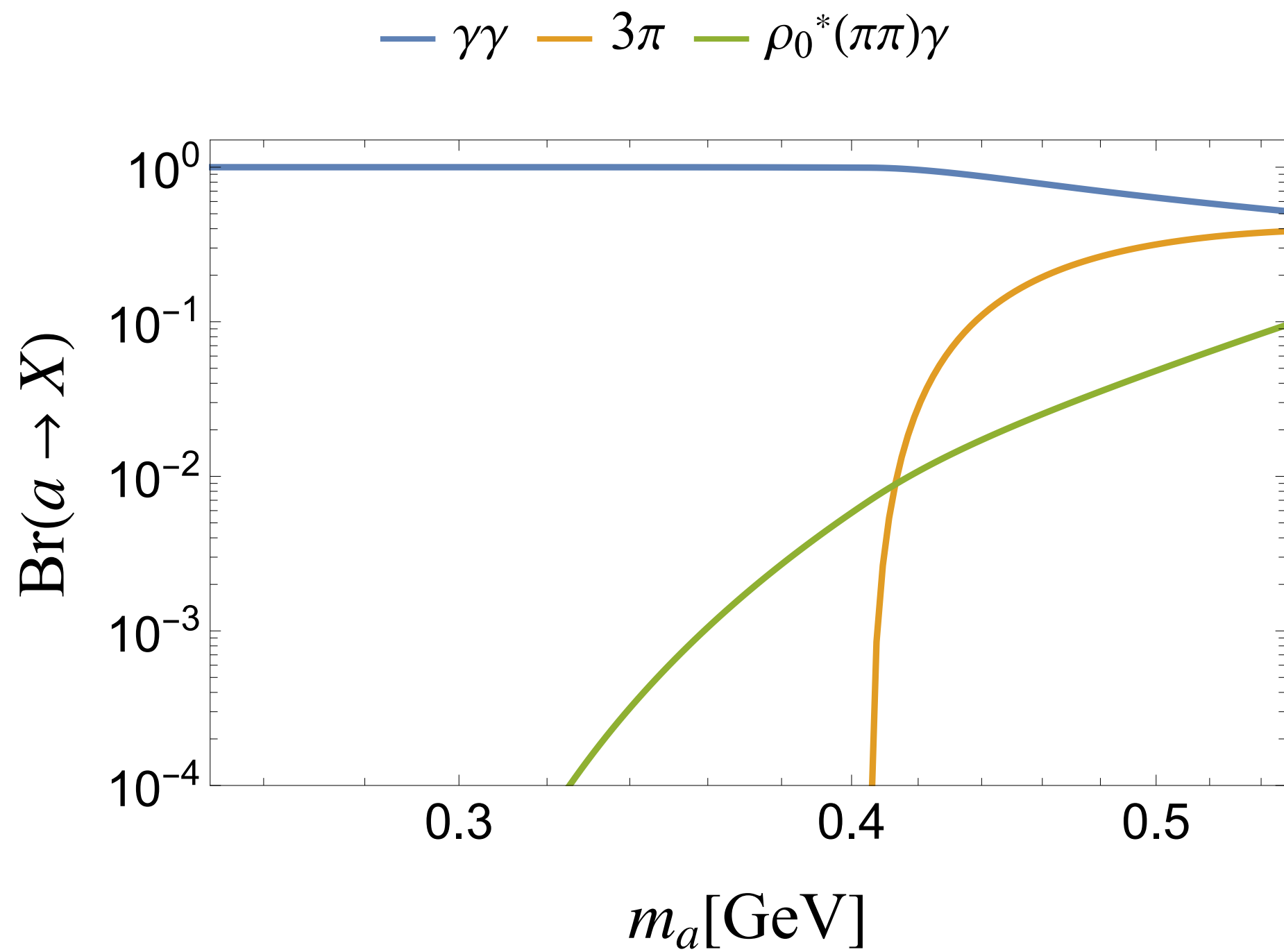
- Previous work (PRL 123 (2019) 031803) use Hidden Local Symmetry to describe pseudo scalar meson + vector meson interactions
- Assume axion mixes with π, η, η'
- Use data driven method to obtain form factor



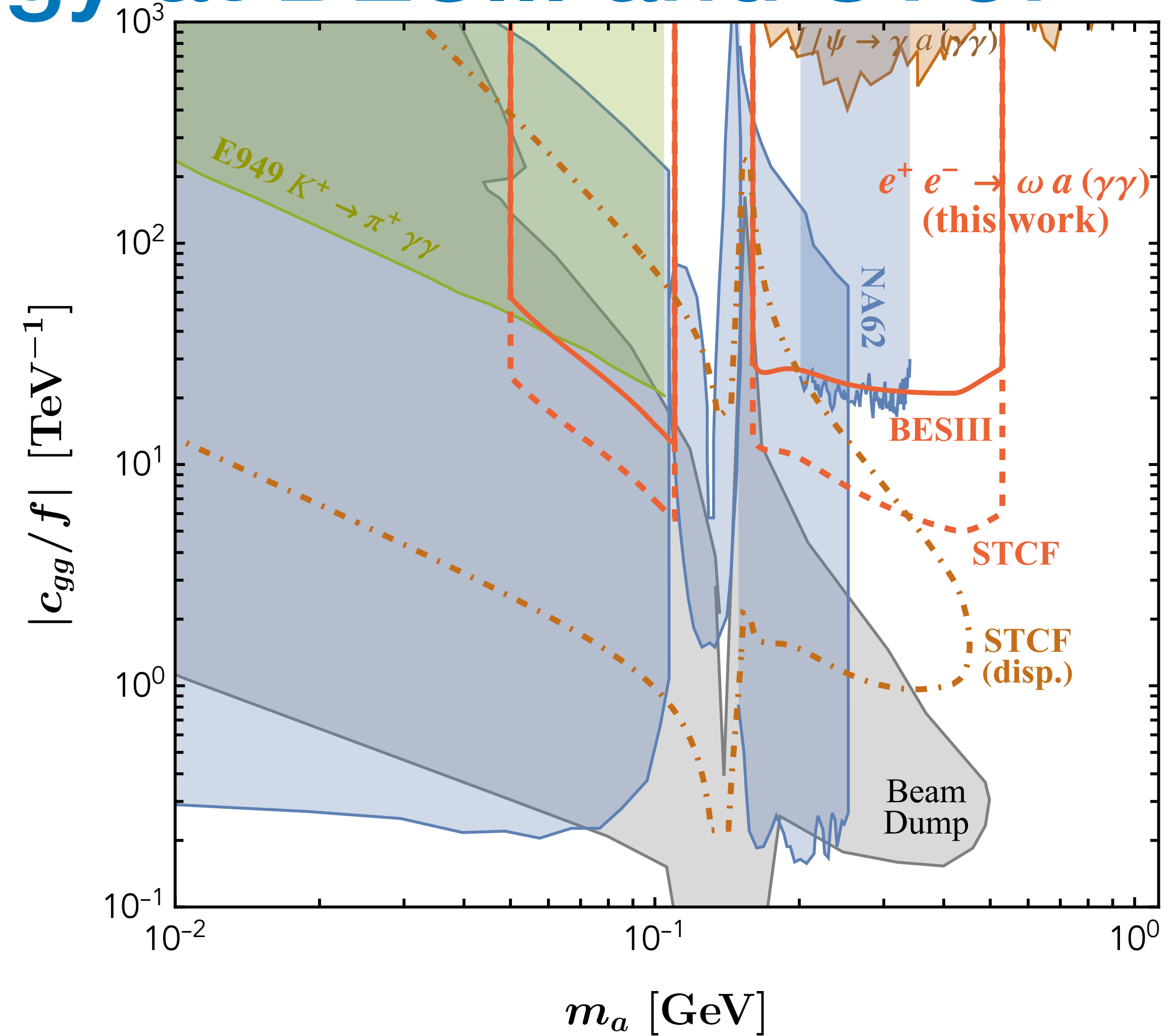
- Lacks first chiral rotation contribution from $\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}}^{\text{ano}}$

- Lacks full WZW contribution from $\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}^{\text{full}}$

Light axion phenomenology at BESIII and STCF



- Production $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*(J/\Psi) \rightarrow \omega a$
- Prompt decay: $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Displaced decay of a



$$\frac{\text{BR}(J/\psi \rightarrow \omega a)}{\text{BR}(J/\psi \rightarrow ee)} = \frac{m_{J/\psi}^2}{32\pi\alpha} \left| c_{\omega\gamma}^{\text{eff}}(q^2 = m_{J/\psi}^2) \right|^2 \left[\left(1 - \frac{(m_a + m_\omega)^2}{m_{J/\psi}^2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{(m_a - m_\omega)^2}{m_{J/\psi}^2} \right) \right]^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Summary

- A full chiral axion Lagrangian for axion-pseudo-vector meson
 - Wess-Zumino-Witten counter term is necessary for gauge invariance
 - $\mathbb{B}_{L/R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_{L/R} + \mathbf{k}_{L/R} da/f_a$
 - UV-IR anomaly matching is necessary
- Consistent physical amplitudes without auxiliary rotation parameters
- New search channel involving $\omega \rightarrow \gamma a$ vertex at BESIII & STCF
- Future plan: extending to three light quarks scheme
Needs to deal with η' ; vector meson mediated processes in astrophysics

Backup: axion related WZW interactions

• Convention $\int d^4x \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A^\mu B^\nu \partial^\rho C^\sigma \equiv \int ABdC$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{XdYda} = & \frac{\mathcal{C}}{f} \int da \left\{ \frac{2e^2}{s_{2w}} (k_d + 2k_u + 3k_Q) \gamma dZ + eg(k_d + 2k_u + 3k_Q) \gamma da_1 - eg'(k_d - k_Q - 2k_u) \gamma df_1 \right. \\ & + eg(k_d - 3k_Q + 2k_u) \gamma d\rho_0 - eg'(k_d + k_Q - 2k_u) \gamma d\omega + \frac{2e^2}{s_{2w}^2} \left[(k_d + 4k_Q + k_u) - 2s_w^2(k_d + 3k_Q + 2k_u) \right] ZdZ \\ & + \frac{eg}{s_{2w}} \left[(k_d + 4k_Q + k_u) - 2s_w^2(k_d + 3k_Q + 2k_u) \right] Zda_1 - \frac{eg'}{s_{2w}} \left[k_d - k_u + s_w^2(-2k_d + 2k_Q + 4k_u) \right] Zdf_1 \\ & - \frac{eg}{s_{2w}} \left[-3k_d - 3k_u + 2s_w^2(k_d - 3k_Q + 2k_u) \right] Zd\rho_0 - \frac{eg'}{s_{2w}} \left[3k_d - 3k_u - 2s_w^2(k_d + k_Q - 2k_u) \right] Zd\omega \\ & + g^2(k_d + 2k_Q + k_u) a_1 d\rho_0 + gg'(k_u - k_d) a_1 d\omega + gg'(k_u - k_d) f_1 d\rho_0 + g^2(k_d + 2k_Q + k_u) f_1 d\omega \\ & + g^2(k_d - 2k_Q + k_u) \rho_0 d\rho_0 + 2gg'(k_u - k_d) \rho_0 d\omega + g^2(k_d - 2k_Q + k_u) \omega d\omega + \frac{3eg}{2s_w} (k_u + k_d) W^\pm d\rho^\mp \\ & \left. + \frac{eg}{2s_w} (k_d + 4k_Q + k_u) a^\mp dW^\pm + g^2(k_d + 2k_Q + k_u) a^\mp d\rho^\pm + \frac{e^2}{s_w^2} (k_d + 4k_Q + k_u) W^- dW^+ \right\} \end{aligned}$$