

# A global analysis of axion-like particle interactions using SMEFT fits

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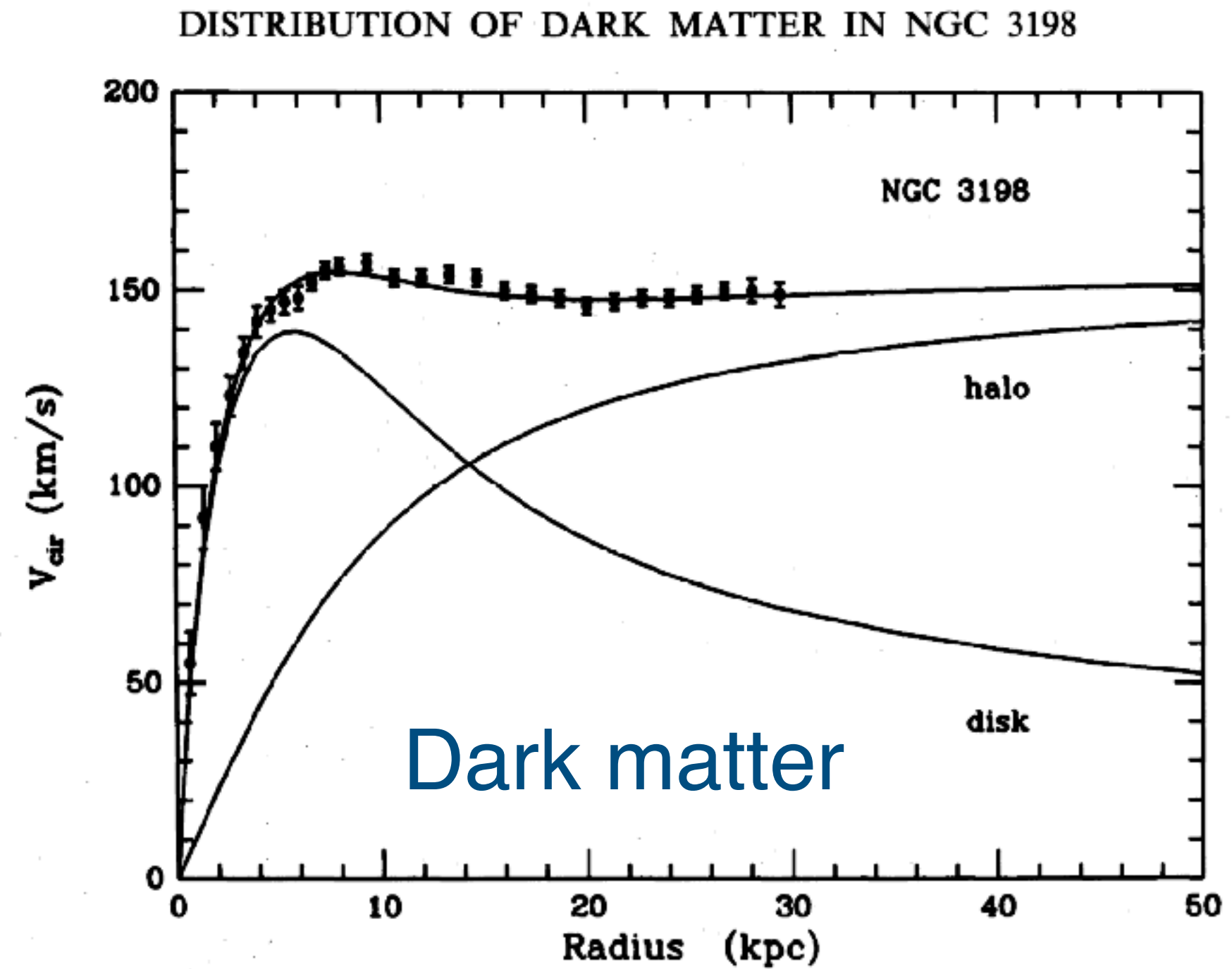
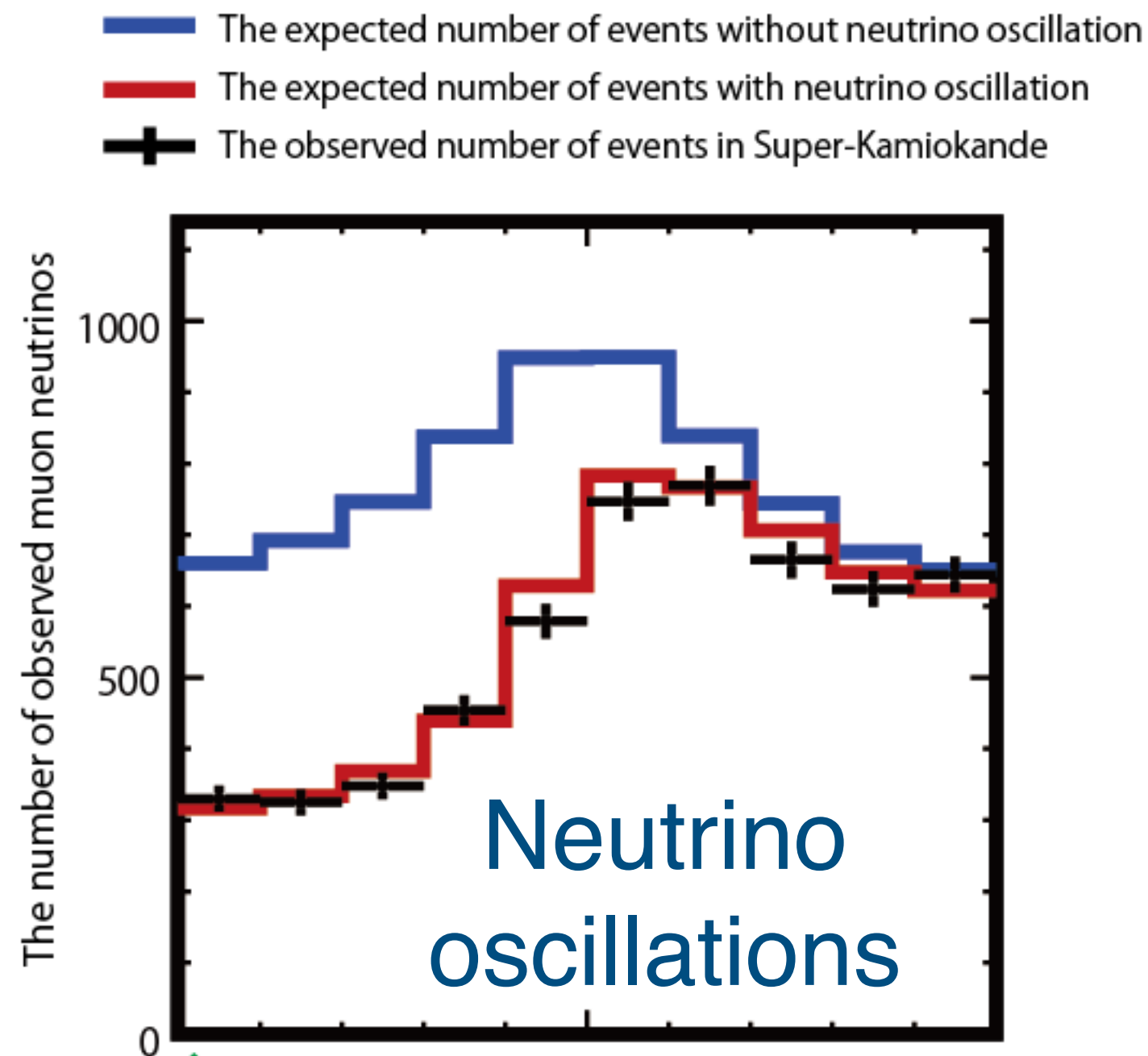
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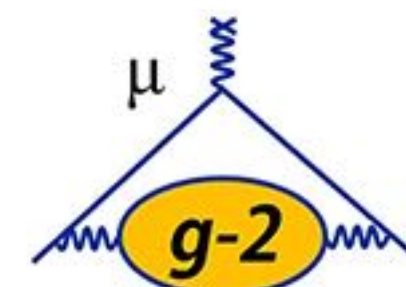
# Physics beyond the Standard Model



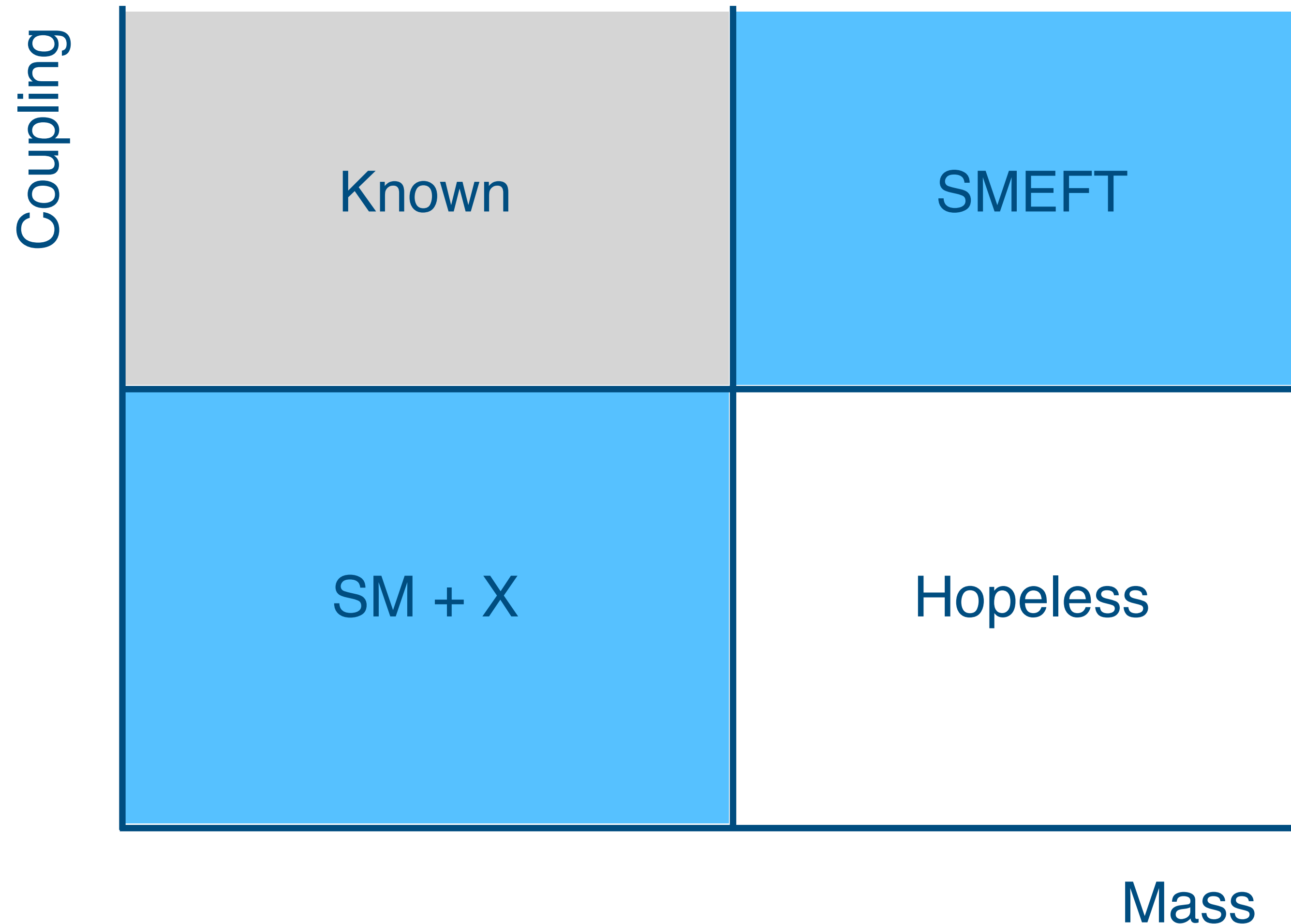
W boson mass (?)



Muon  $g-2$



# The Landscape of (new) physics



New physics has to be...

... very heavy

SMEFT

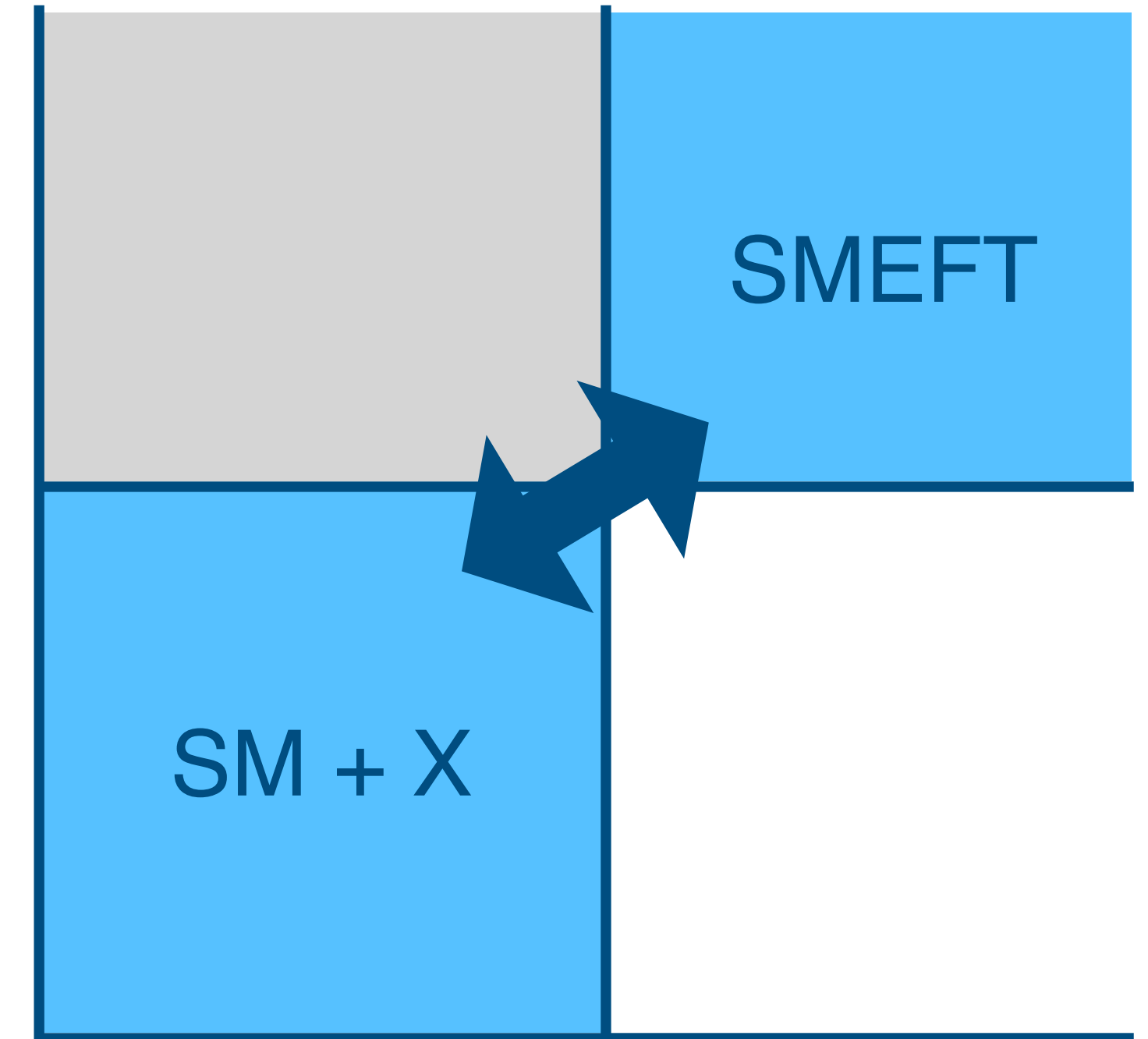
Leptoquarks      Z' bosons  
Supersymmetry

... (light and) very weakly  
interacting with the SM

Axion-like  
particles

# Outline

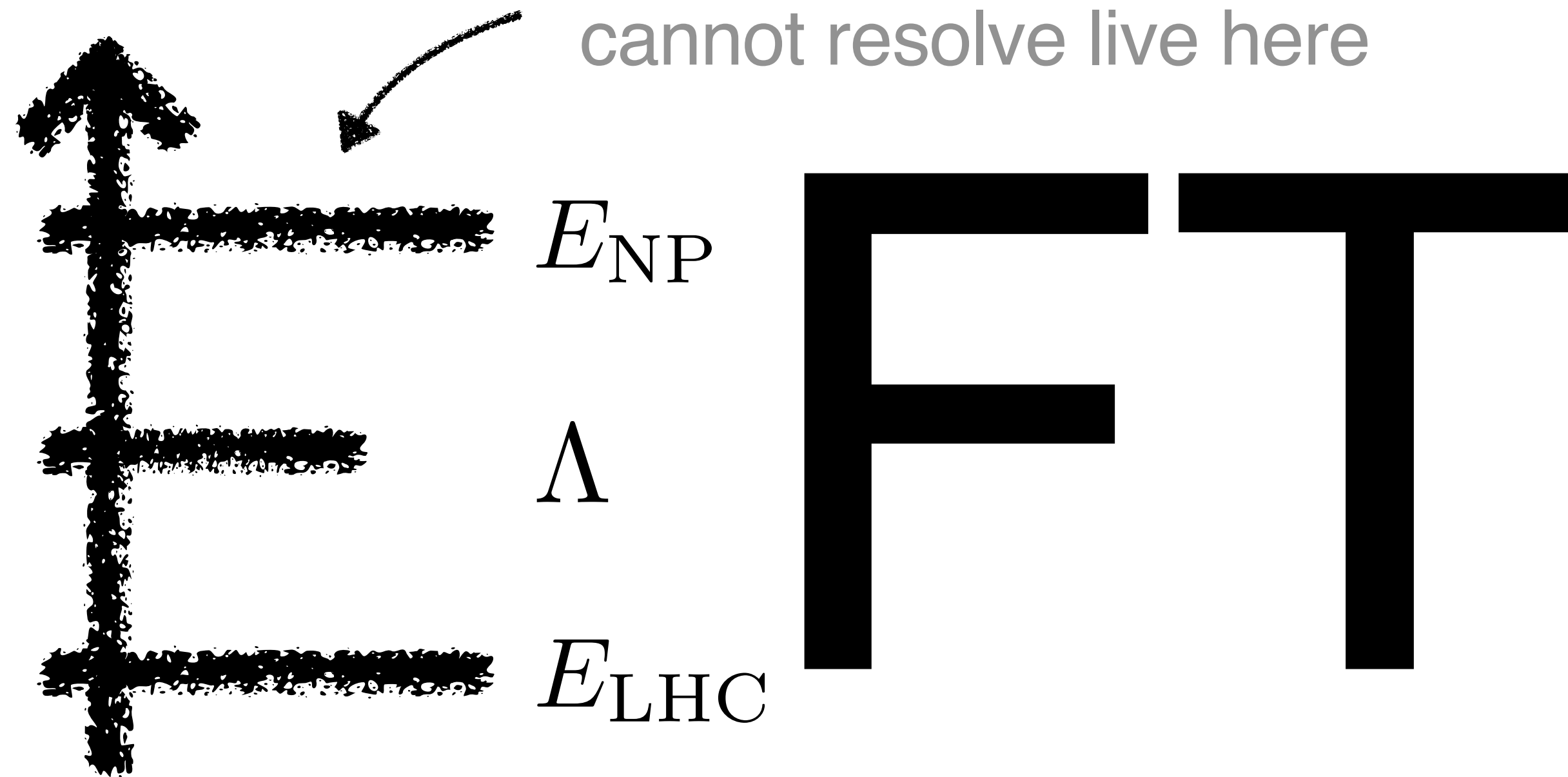
- A (very brief) intro to effective field theory
- Axion-like particle (ALP) EFT
  - ALP-SMEFT interference
  - Indirect bounds on ALP couplings from the SMEFT
  - Global analysis
  - Comparison with direct bounds
  - Interpretation in terms of UV models



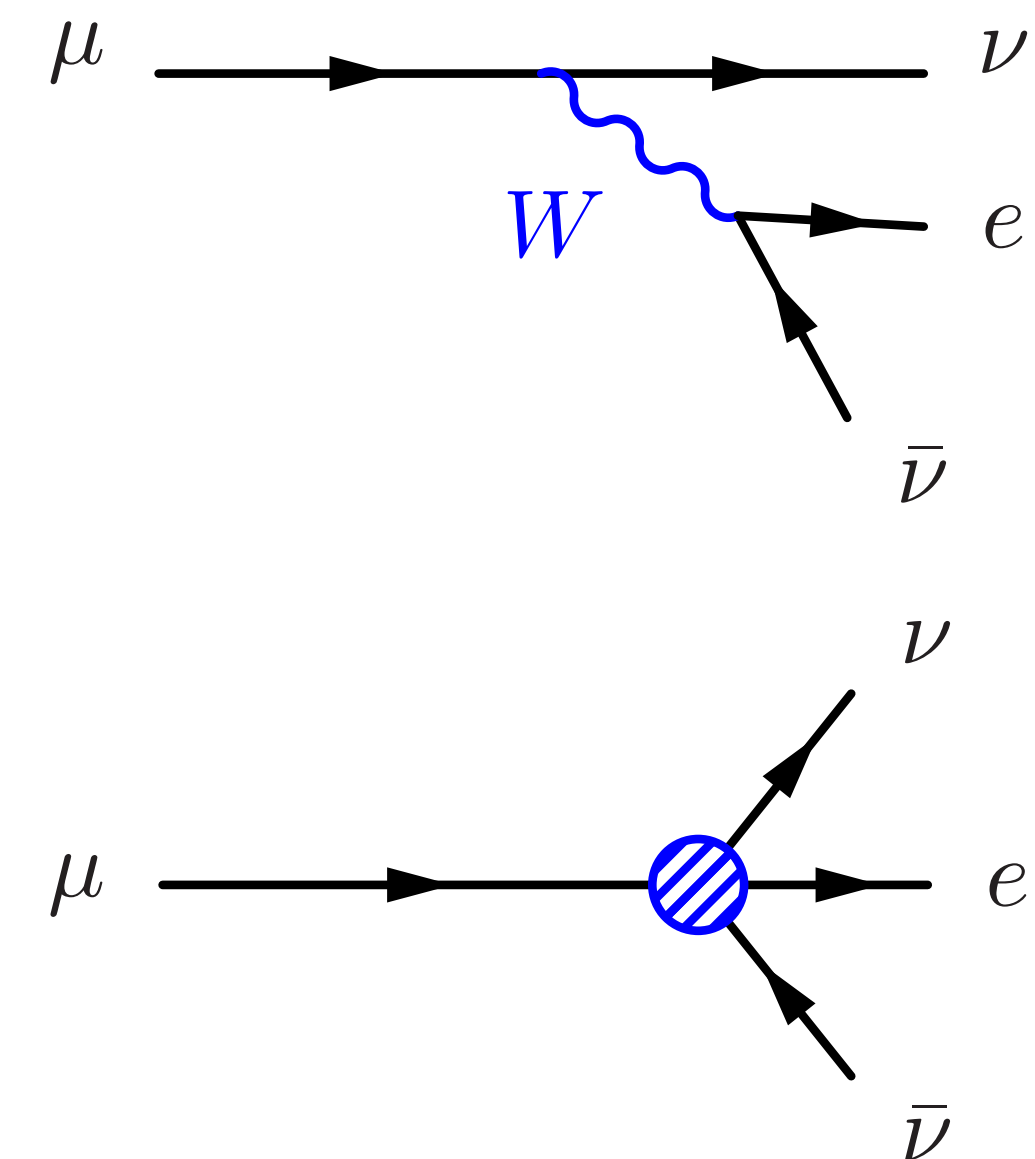
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# Effective field theory - EFT

Heavy particles that we cannot resolve live here



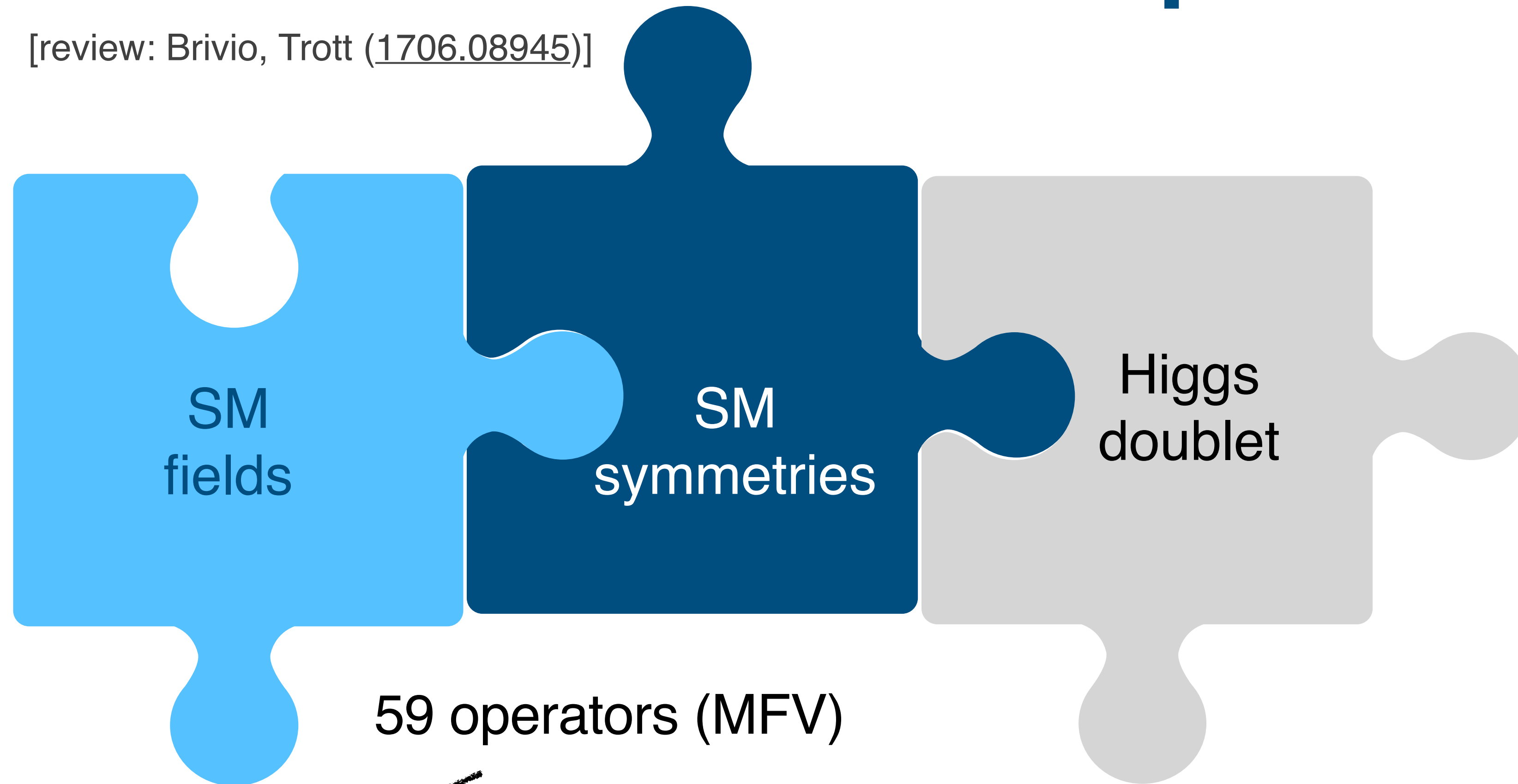
Hierarchy of scales



Describe NP by higher-order interactions of SM fields

# EFTs from the bottom-up

[review: Brivio, Trott ([1706.08945](#))]



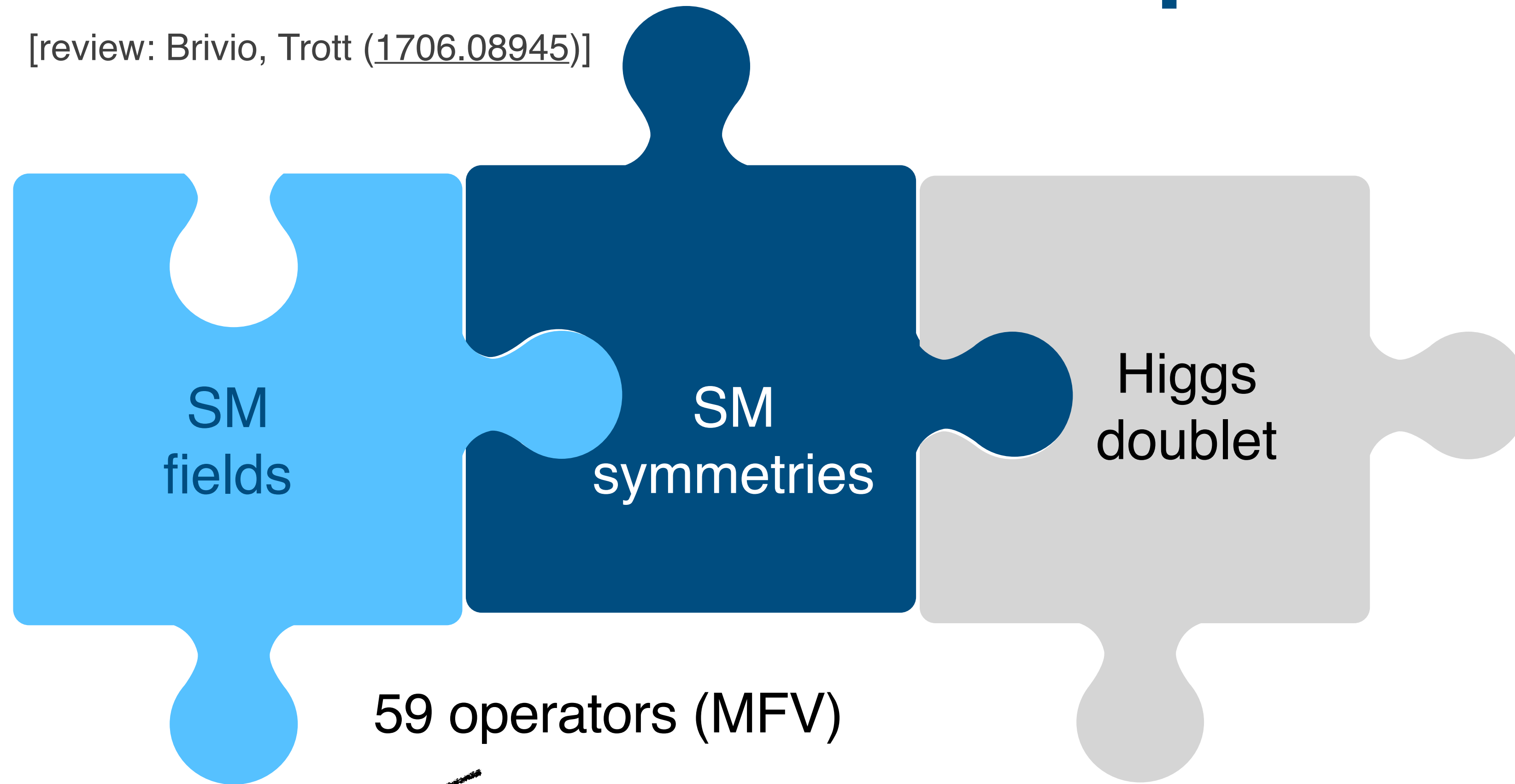
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# Warsaw basis

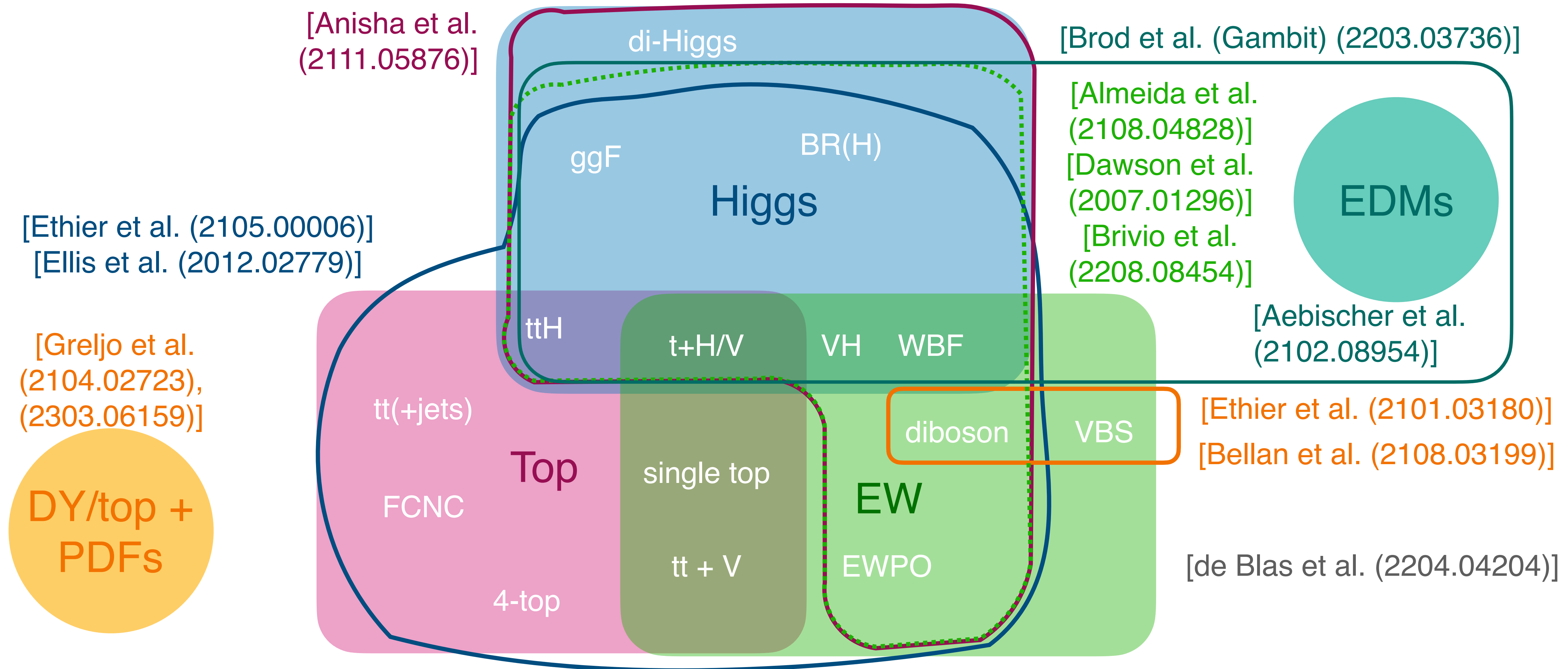
[Grzadkowski et al. (1008.4884)]

1 : $X^3$		2 : $H^6$		3 : $H^4 D^2$		5 : $\psi^2 H^3 + \text{h.c.}$	
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_H$	$(H^\dagger H)^3$	$Q_{H\Box}$	$(H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H)$	$Q_{eH}$	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{l}_p e_r H)$
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8 : $(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$							
$Q_{\ell\ell}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$						

Plus another 24 four-fermion operators



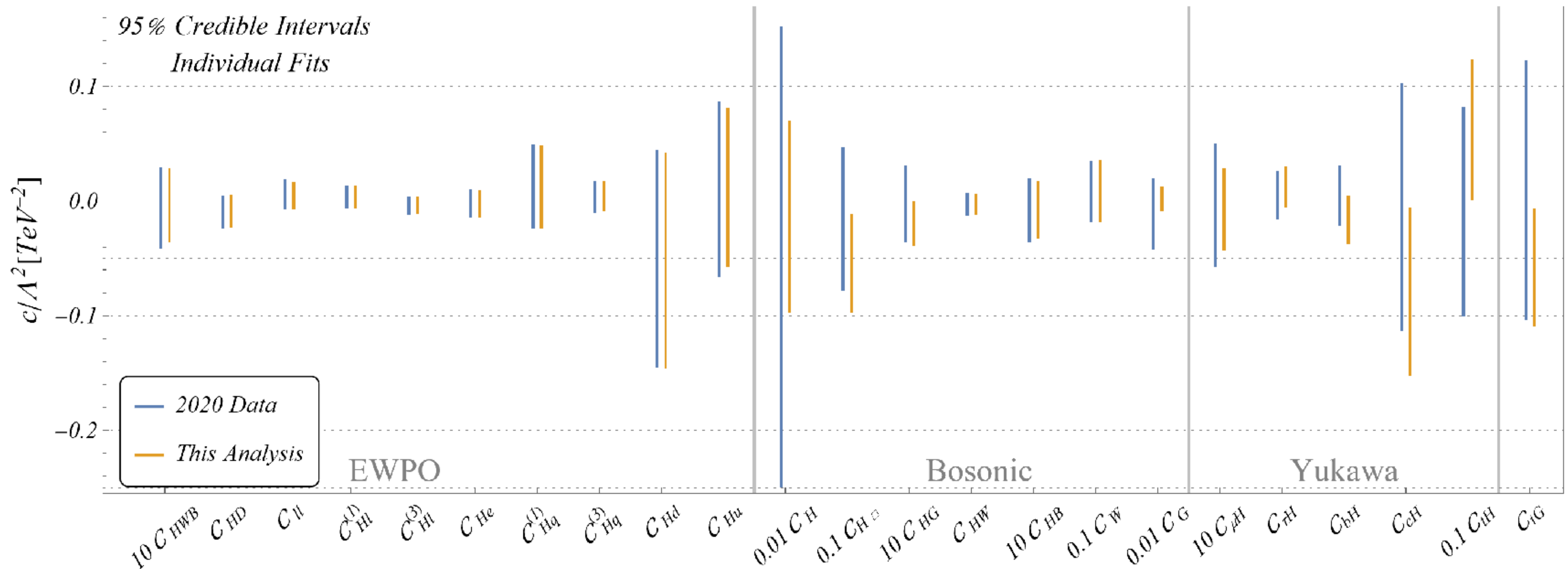
# Confronting the SMEFT with data



# Global fits

[Anisha, Bashi, Banerjee, AB, Chakraborty, Patra, Spannowsky ([2111.05876](#))]

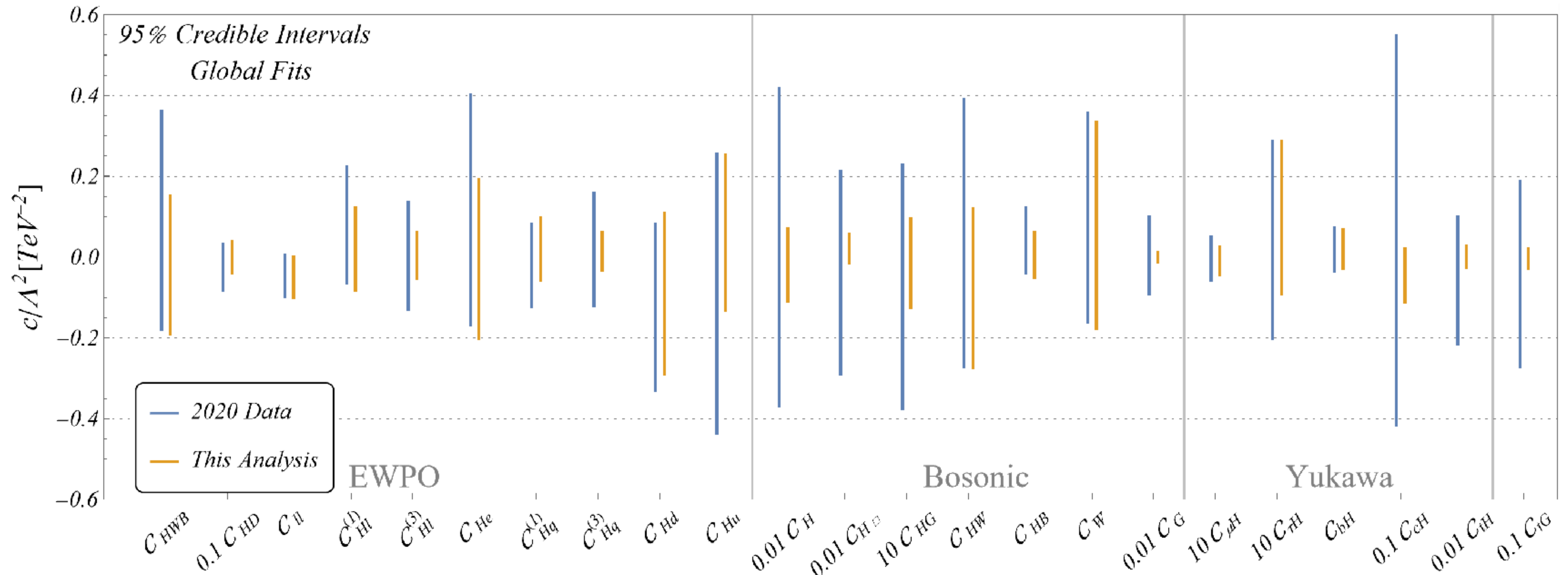
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# Exploiting the ALP-SMEFT interference

Can we give SMEFT fits a second life for light new physics?

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# Axions

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

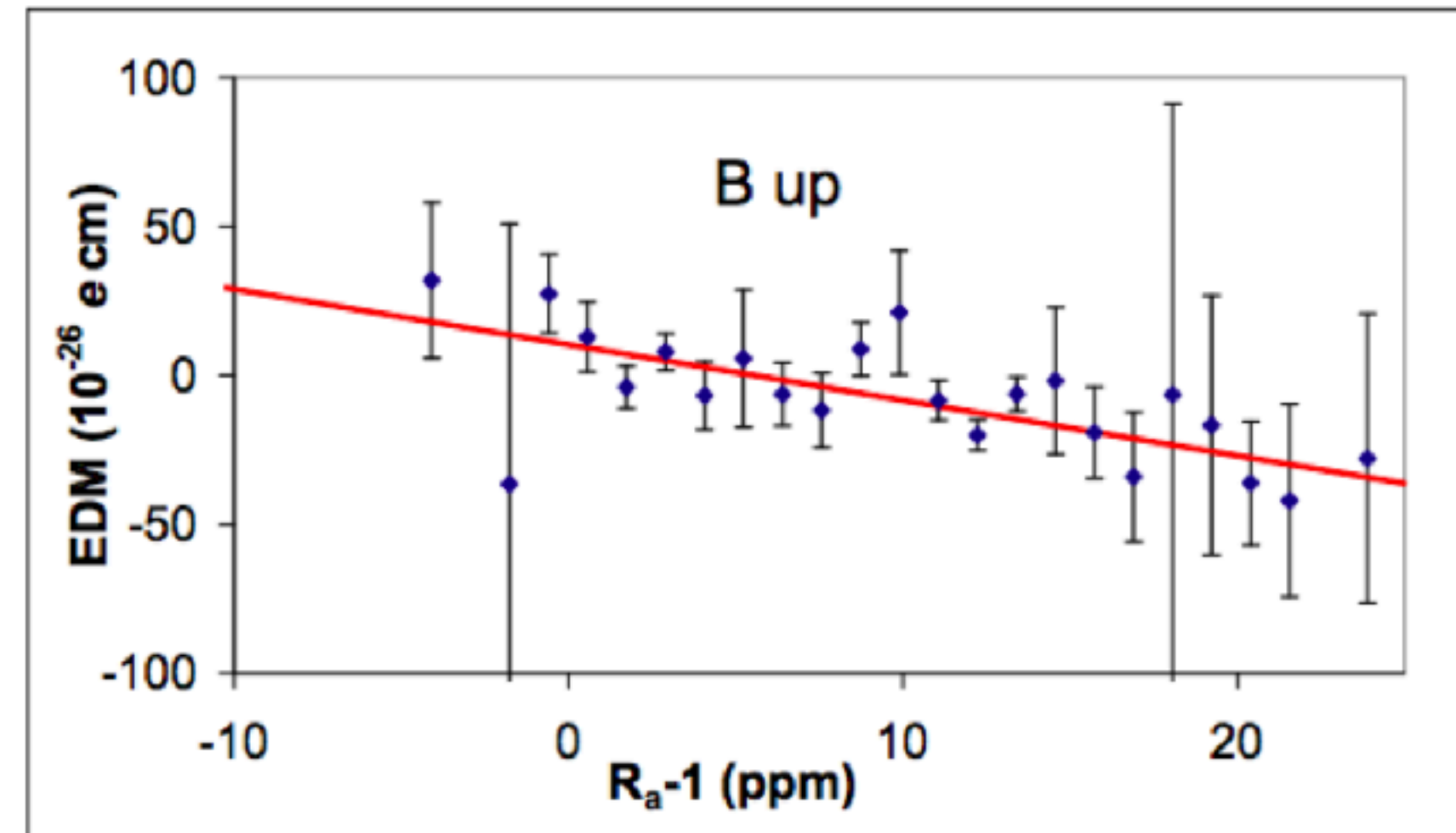
Why is the theta term so small?

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

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

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

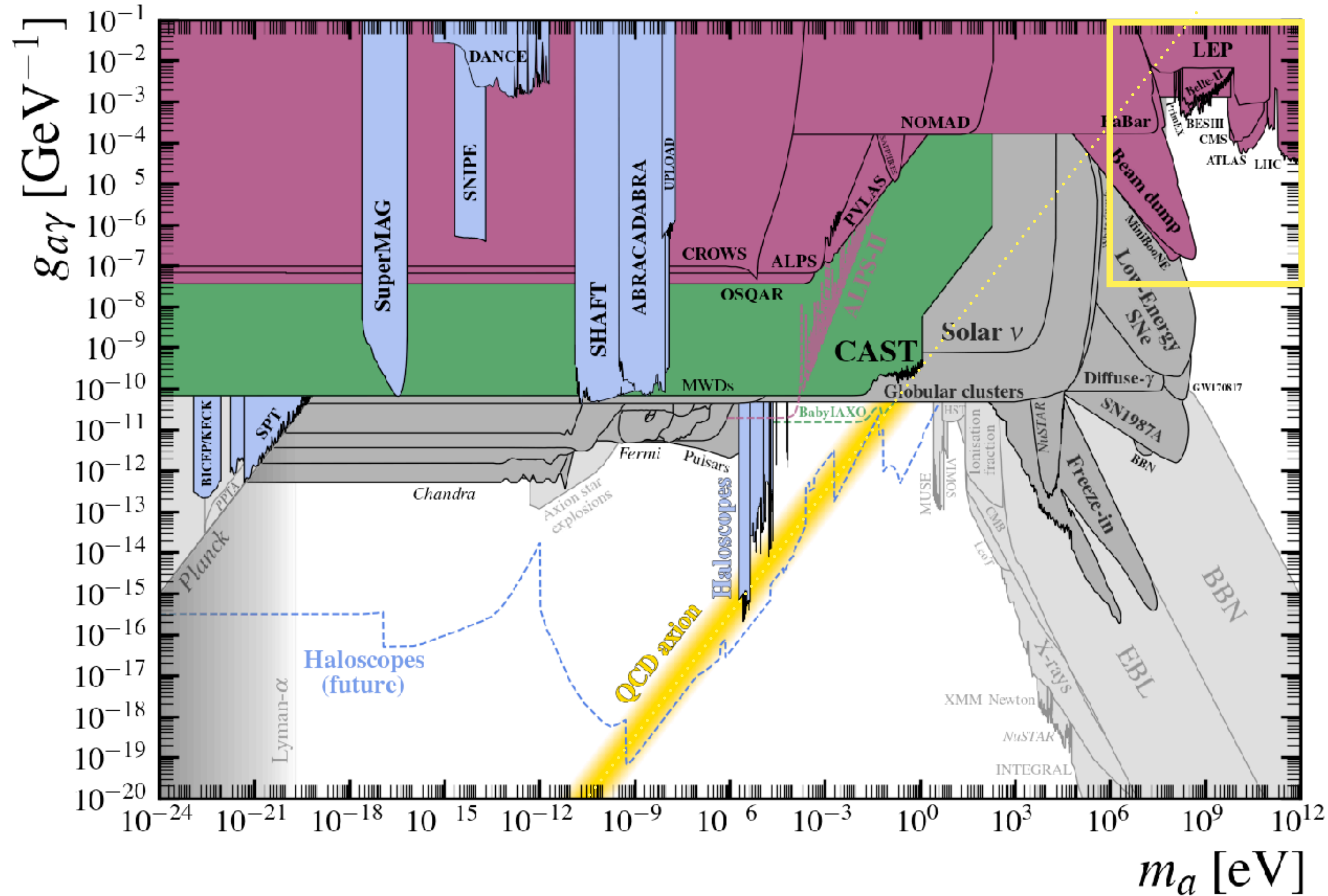
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[Brivio et al. ([1701.05379](#))]  
[Bauer et al. ([1708.00443](#))]

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

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

# Axion-like particles



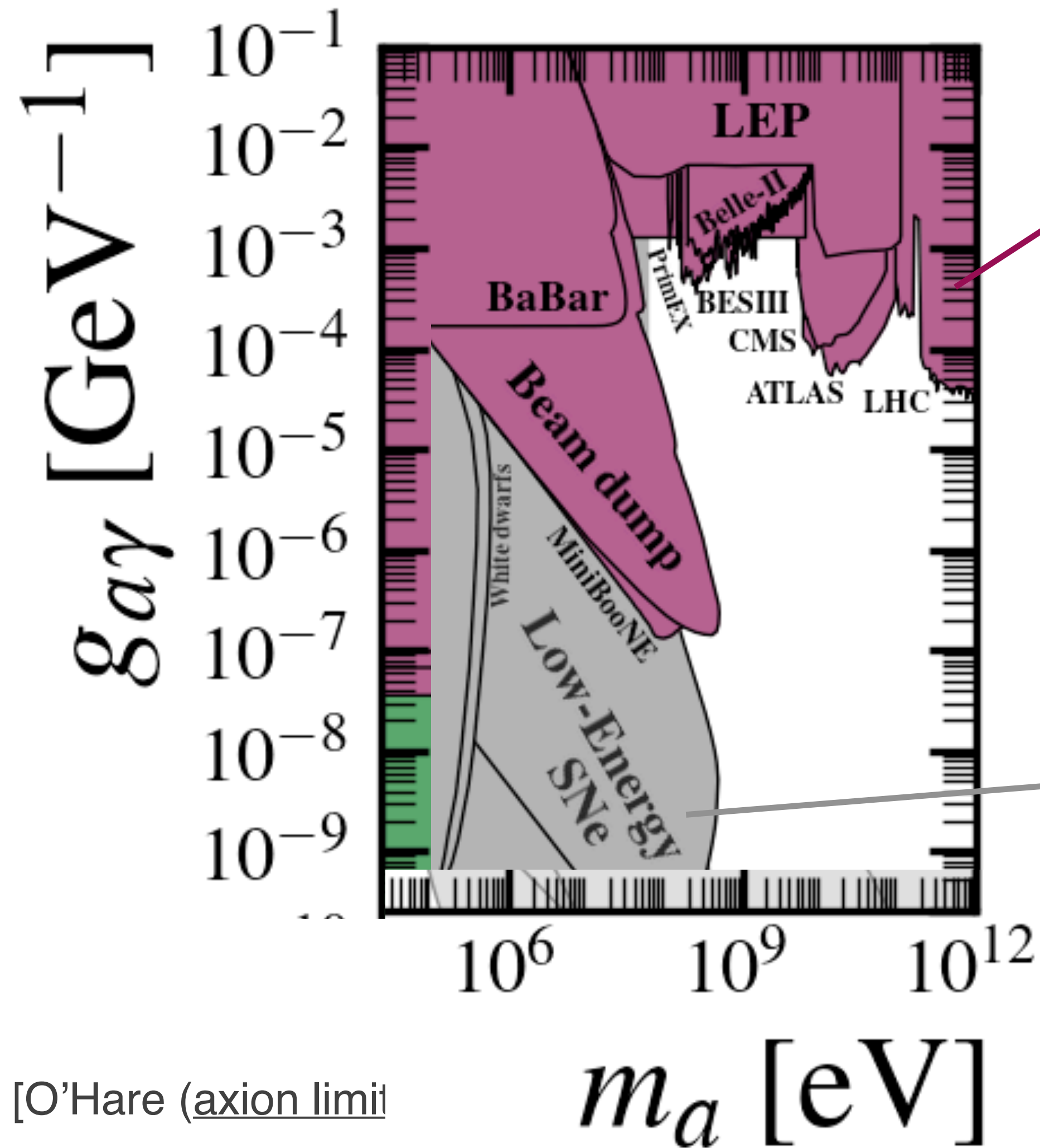
Current status - 2D fits

Assumptions of

- Production mode
- Lifetime
- Branching ratios

[O'Hare (axion limits)]

# 2D axion-like bounds



[O'Hare (axion limit

## LHC limits

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

Mass-dependent (resonance search)

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

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

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

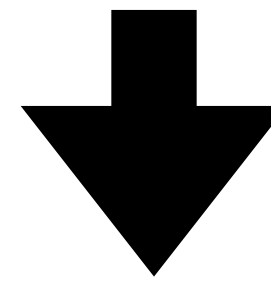
## Supernova limits

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



# ALP Lagrangian

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$$\psi_F \rightarrow \psi_F + i \frac{a}{f} \mathbf{c}_F \psi_F$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM+ALP}}^{D \leq 5} = C_{GG} \frac{a}{f} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,a} + C_{WW} \frac{a}{f} W_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu,A} + C_{BB} \frac{a}{f} B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} \\ - \frac{a}{f} \left( \bar{Q} \tilde{H} \tilde{Y}_u u_R + \bar{Q} H \tilde{Y}_d d_R + \bar{L} H \tilde{Y}_e e_R + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$\tilde{Y}_u = i(Y_u c_u - c_Q Y_u), \quad \tilde{Y}_d = i(Y_d c_d - c_Q Y_d), \quad \tilde{Y}_e = i(Y_e c_e - c_L Y_e)$$

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# ALP Lagrangian

$\mathcal{L}$

Six free parameters in the flavor-universal case

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

$(\vec{D}_\mu \phi)$

$\tilde{B}^{\mu\nu}$

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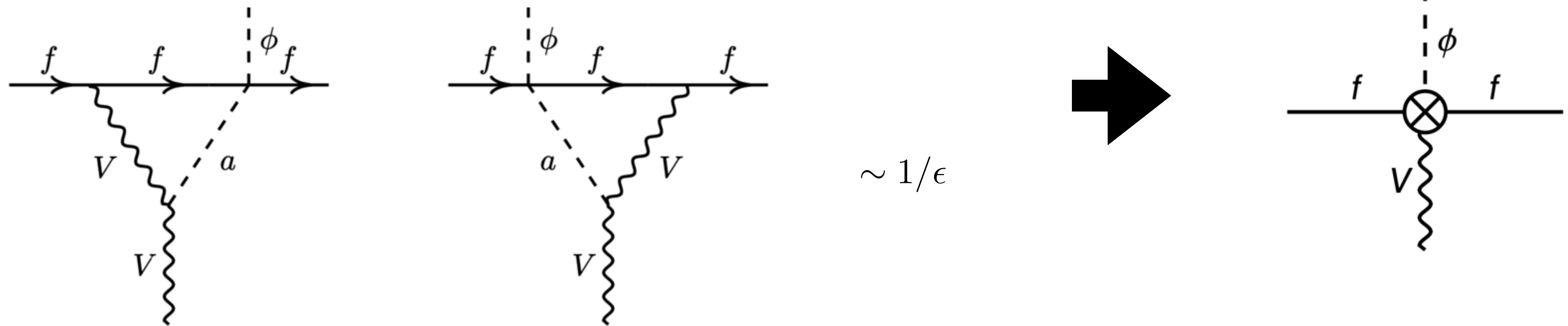
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# Virtual ALP exchanges

[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



# Renormalisation Group Evolution

Physics does not rely on an arbitrary energy scale  $\mu$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d \log \mu} = \frac{d}{d \log \mu} \sum_i C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i(\mu) = 0$$

RGE for SMEFT + ALP

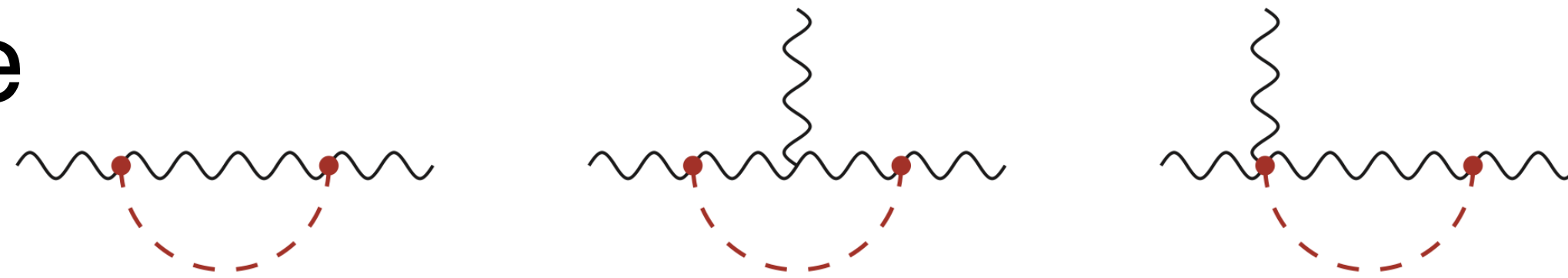
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# ALP-SMEFT interference

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

Virtual ALP exchanges contribute to (almost) all D6 SMEFT operators

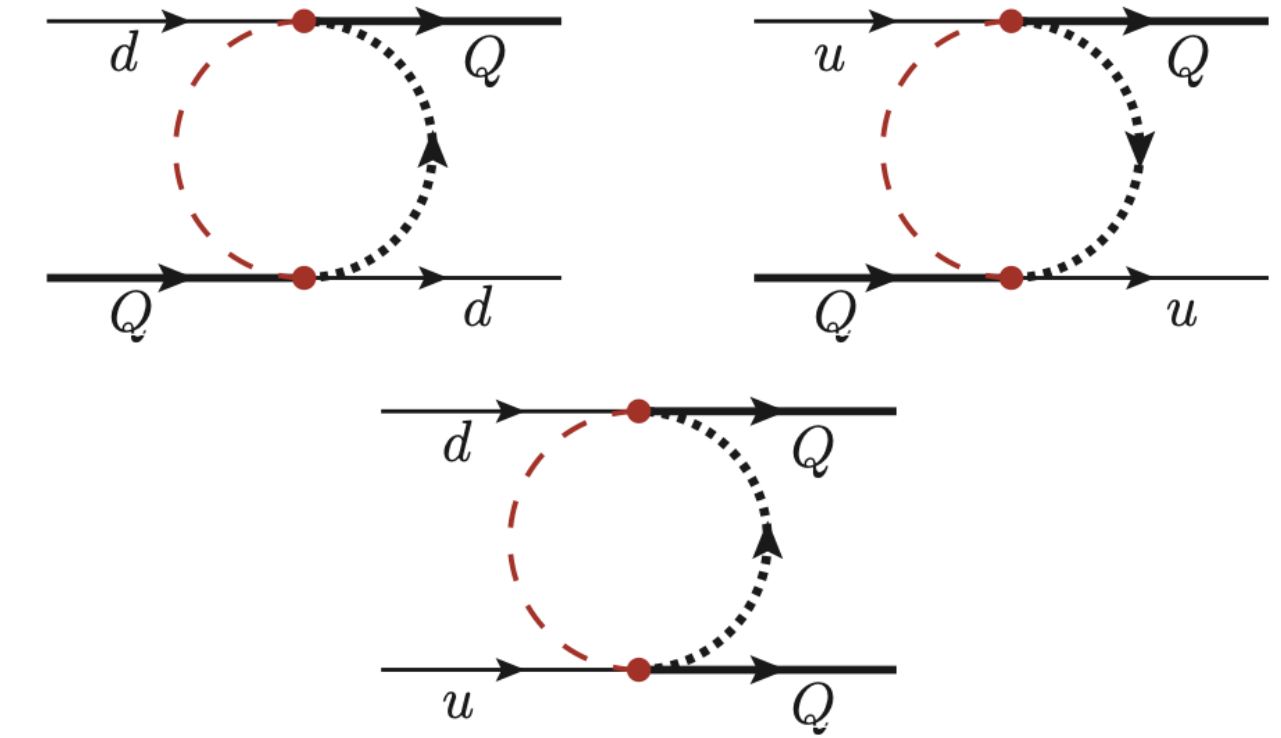
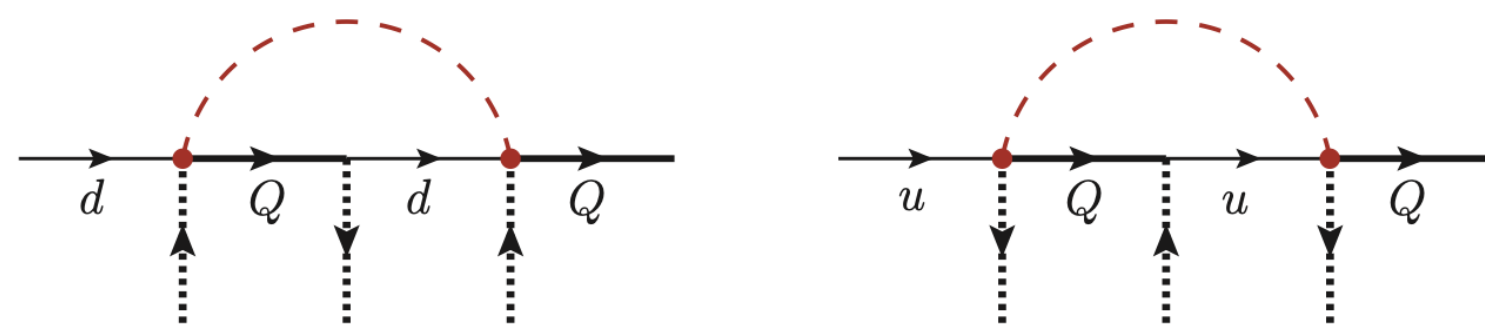
## Gauge



## Gauge-Higgs



## Fermion-Higgs



## Four-fermion

# Source terms

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ALP extension of DsixTool coming soon!

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Independent of ALP mass

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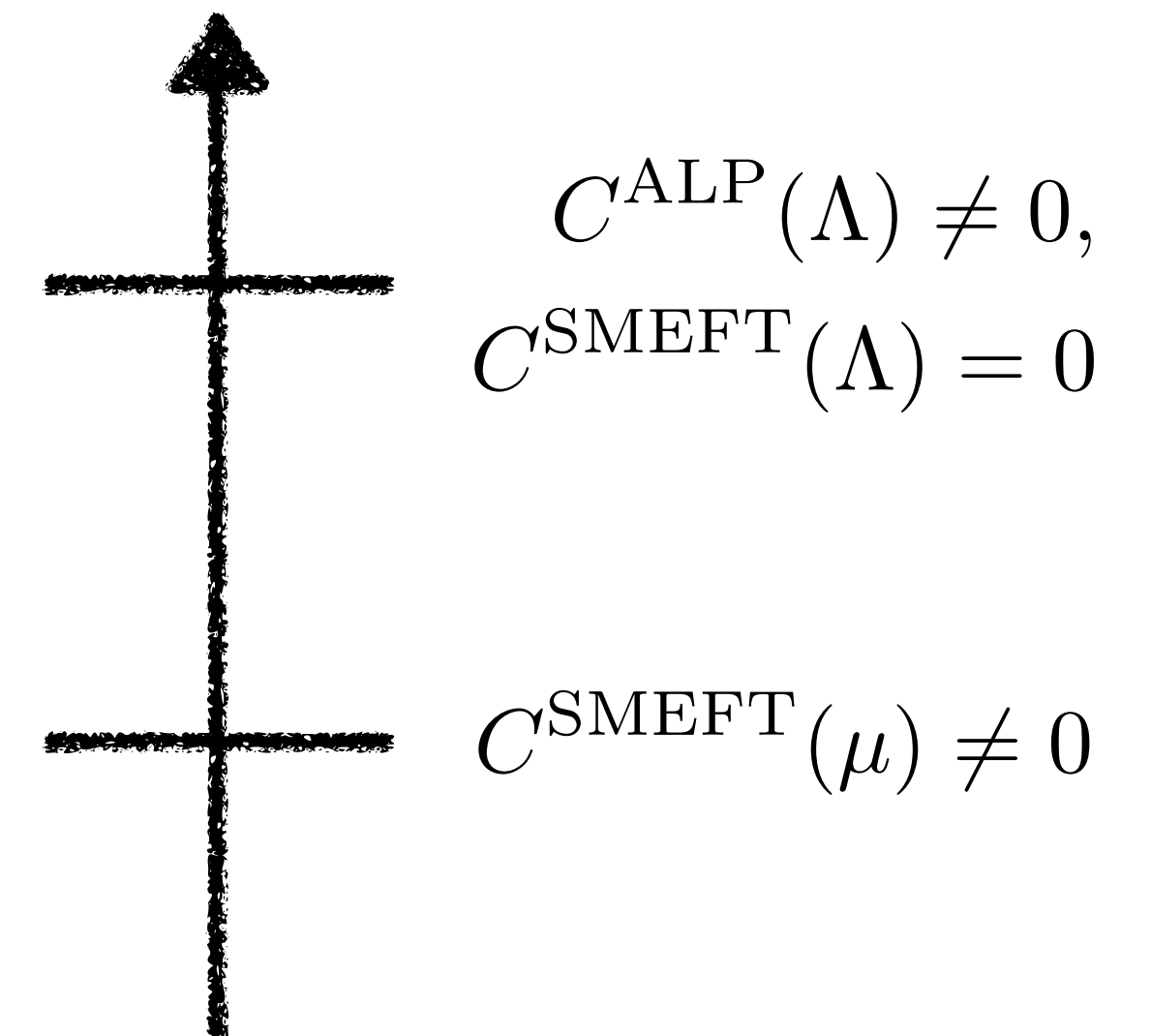
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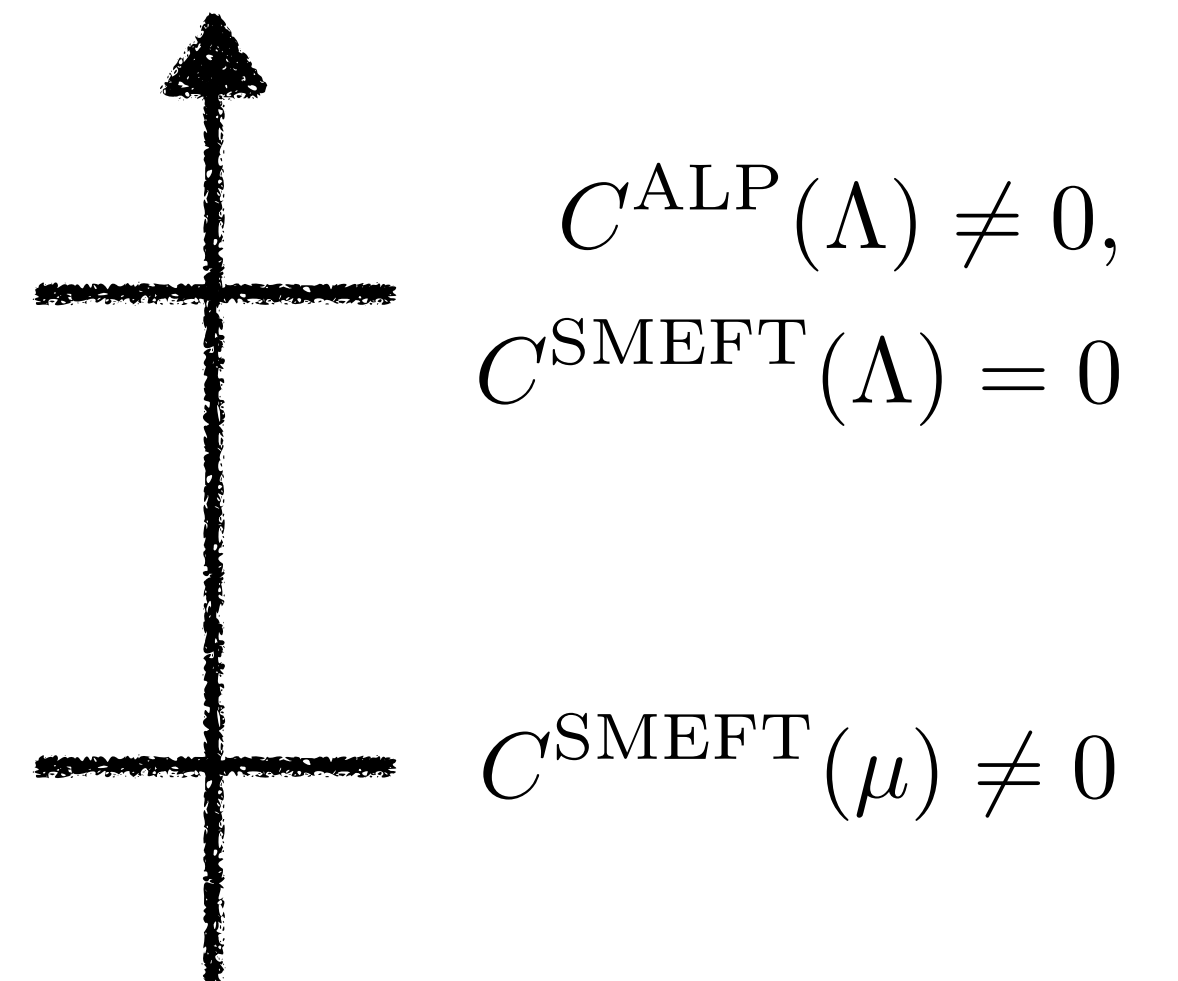
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ALP running induces non-zero SMEFT coefficients!



Operator $Q$	Source Term $D$
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$Q_W$	$g_2 \epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{\nu,I} W_\nu^{\rho,J} W_\rho^{\mu,K}$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$g_2 \epsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{\nu,I} W_\nu^{\rho,J} W_\rho^{\mu,K}$
$Q_{\phi G}$	$g_3^2 \phi^\dagger \phi G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu,a}$
$Q_{\phi \tilde{G}}$	$g_3^2 \phi^\dagger \phi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu,a}$
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$Q_{\phi \tilde{W}}$	$g_2^2 \phi^\dagger \phi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{\mu\nu,I}$
$Q_{\phi B}$	$g_1^2 \phi^\dagger \phi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$
$Q_{\phi \tilde{B}}$	$g_1^2 \phi^\dagger \phi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$
$Q_{\phi WB}$	$g_1 g_2 \phi^\dagger \phi W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$
$Q_{\phi \tilde{W}B}$	$g_1 g_2 \phi^\dagger \phi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$
$Q_{\phi \square}$	$(\phi^\dagger \phi) \square (\phi^\dagger \phi)$
$Q_{\Delta \Gamma}$	$(\phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi)^* (\phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi)$

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$Q_{LL}^{ijkl}$	$(\bar{L}_L^i \gamma_\mu L_L^j) (\bar{L}_L^k \gamma^\mu L_L^l)$
$Q_{QQ}^{(1)ijkl}$	$(\bar{Q}_L^i \gamma_\mu Q_L^j) (\bar{Q}_L^k \gamma^\mu Q_L^l)$
$Q_{QQ}^{(3)ijkl}$	$(\bar{Q}_L^i \gamma_\mu \sigma^I Q_L^j) (\bar{Q}_L^k \gamma^\mu \sigma^I Q_L^l)$
$Q_{LQ}^{(1)ijkl}$	$(\bar{L}_L^i \gamma_\mu L_L^j) (\bar{Q}_L^k \gamma^\mu Q_L^l)$
$Q_{LQ}^{(3)ijkl}$	$(\bar{L}_L^i \gamma_\mu \sigma^I L_L^j) (\bar{Q}_L^k \gamma^\mu \sigma^I Q_L^l)$
$Q_{ee}^{ijkl}$	$(\bar{e}_R^i \gamma_\mu e_R^j) (\bar{e}_R^k \gamma^\mu e_R^l)$
$Q_{uu}^{ijkl}$	$(\bar{u}_R^i \gamma_\mu u_R^j) (\bar{u}_R^k \gamma^\mu u_R^l)$
$Q_{dd}^{ijkl}$	$(\bar{d}_R^i \gamma_\mu d_R^j) (\bar{d}_R^k \gamma^\mu d_R^l)$
$Q_{eu}^{ijkl}$	$(\bar{e}_R^i \gamma_\mu e_R^j) (\bar{u}_R^k \gamma^\mu u_R^l)$

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$Q_{eW}^{ij}$	$g_2 (\bar{L}_L^i \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R^j) \tau^I \phi W_{\mu\nu}^I$
$Q_{eB}^{ij}$	$g_1 (\bar{L}_L^i \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R^j) \phi B_{\mu\nu}$
$Q_{uG}^{ij}$	$g_3 (\bar{Q}_L^i \sigma^{\mu\nu} t^a u_R^j) \phi G_{\mu\nu}^a$
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$Q_{dB}^{ij}$	$g_1 (\bar{Q}_L^i \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_R^j) \phi B_{\mu\nu}$
$Q_{e\phi}^{ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger \phi) (\bar{L}_L^i e_R^j)$
$Q_{u\phi}^{ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger \phi) (\bar{Q}_L^i u_R^j)$
$Q_{d\phi}^{ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger \phi) (\bar{Q}_L^i d_R^j)$
$Q_{\phi L}^{(1)ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{L}_L^i \gamma^\mu L_L^j)$
$Q_{\phi L}^{(3)ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \phi) (\bar{L}_L^i \sigma^I \gamma^\mu L_L^j)$
$Q_{\phi e}^{ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{e}_R^i \gamma^\mu e_R^j)$
$Q_{\phi Q}^{(1)ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{Q}_L^i \gamma^\mu Q_L^j)$
$Q_{\phi Q}^{(3)ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \phi) (\bar{Q}_L^i \sigma^I \gamma^\mu Q_L^j)$
$Q_{\phi u}^{ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{u}_R^i \gamma^\mu u_R^j)$
$Q_{\phi d}^{ij}$	$(\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{d}_R^i \gamma^\mu d_R^j)$
$Q_{\phi u} + \text{h.c.}$	$i (\phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi) (\bar{u}_R^i \gamma^\mu d_R^j)$

Can we use SMEFT constraints to obtain mass-independent constraints on the ALP Wilson coefficients?

$Q_{Qd}^{(1)ijkl}$	$(\bar{Q}_L^i \gamma_\mu Q_L^j) (\bar{d}_R^k \gamma^\mu d_R^l)$	$\frac{1}{N_c}$
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$Q_{LeQu}^{(1)ijkl}$	$(\bar{L}_L^{i,m} e_R^j) \epsilon_{mn} (\bar{Q}_L^{k,n} u_R^l)$
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Nearly the whole Warsaw basis is sourced by the ALP at one-loop order!

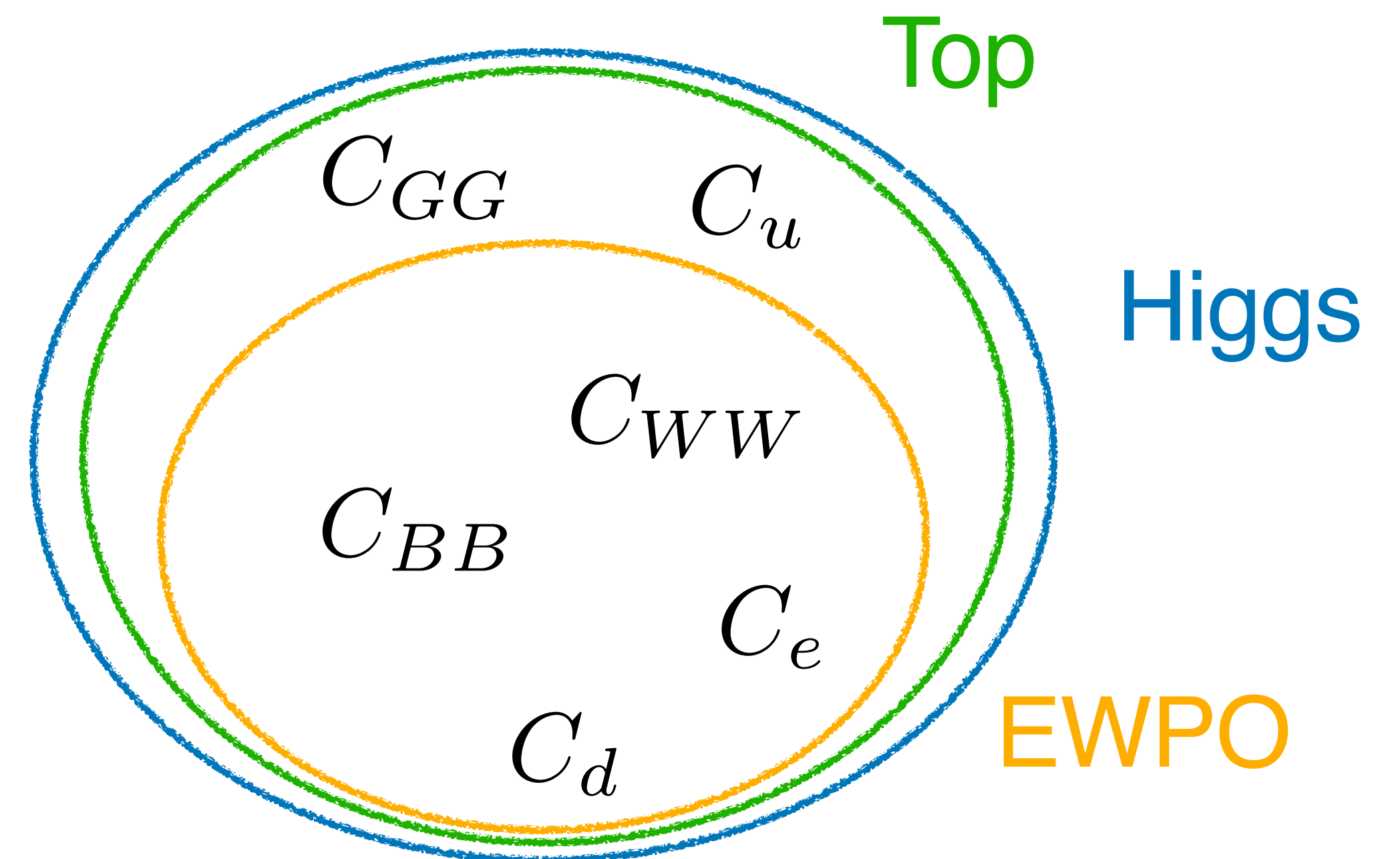
# Exploiting the ALP-SMEFT interference

## Observables used

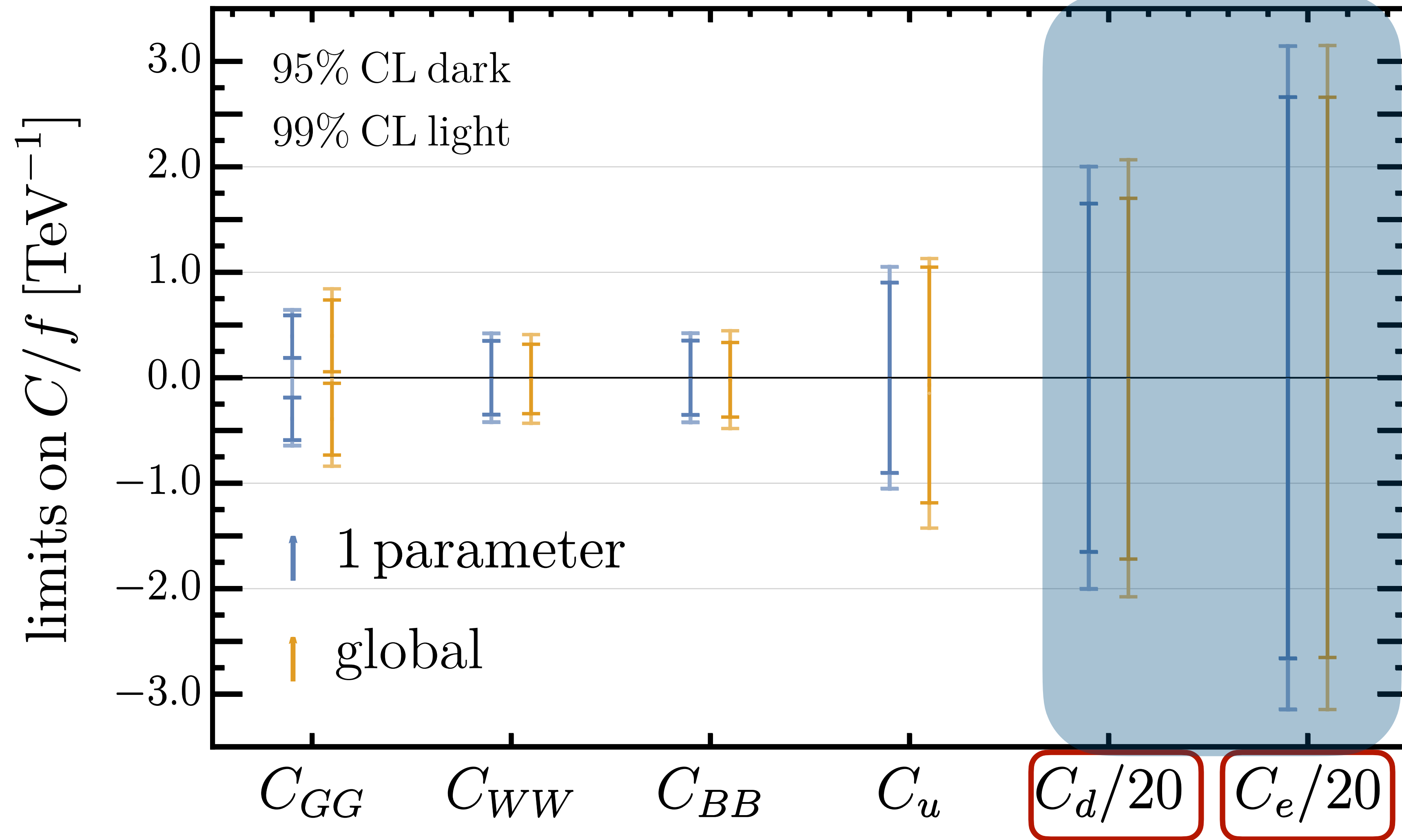
- Low energy:
  - Electroweak precision observables (EWPO)
  - Parity violation experiments
  - Lepton scattering
- Higgs [Falkowski et al. (1706.03783)]
- Top [Ellis et al. (2012.02779)]

## Six free parameters

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



# A global analysis



$$\Lambda = 4\pi f$$

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

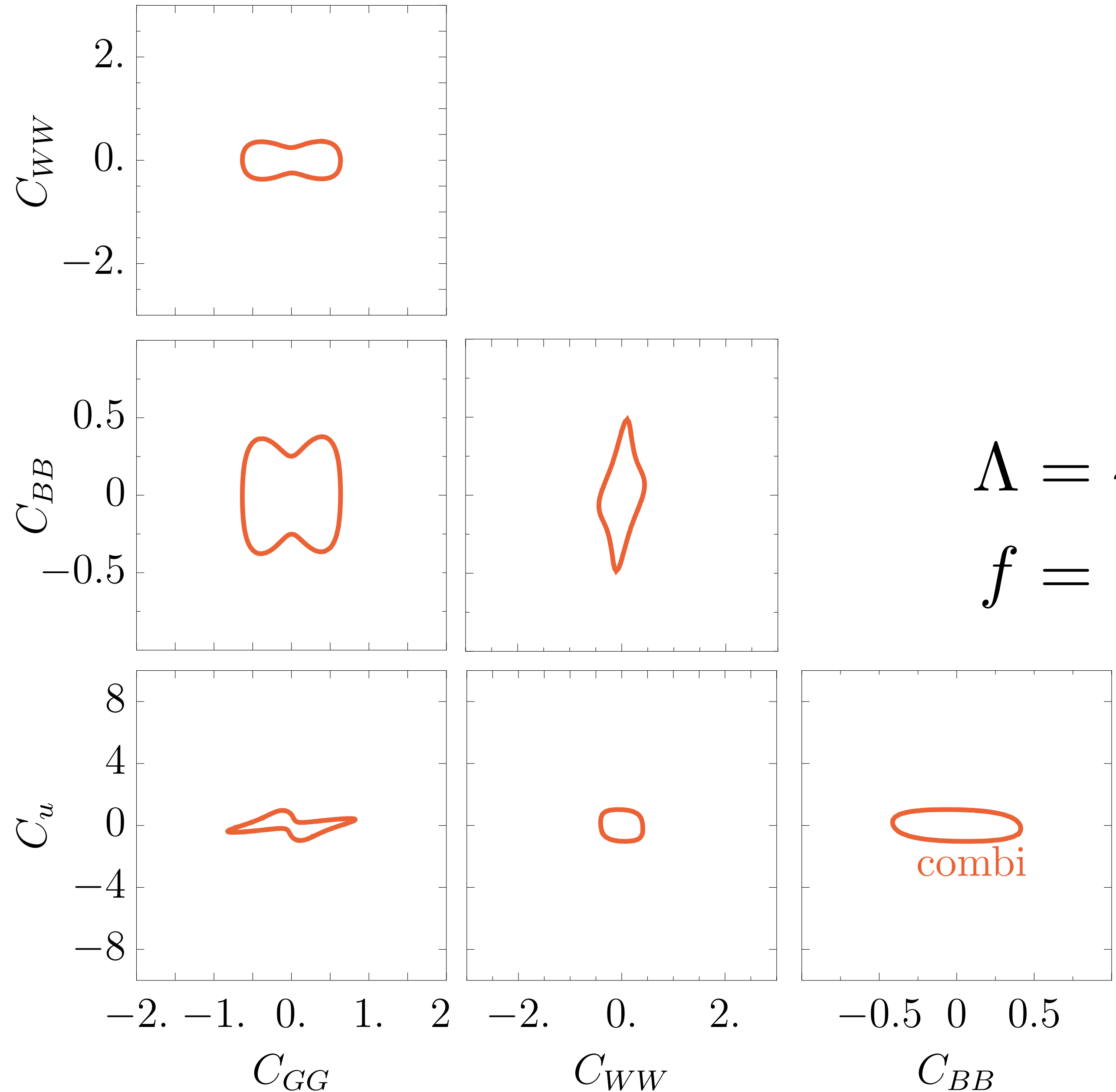
couplings for  $f = 1$  TeV

Interplay between couplings is relatively small

# Correlations

## Dominant constraints

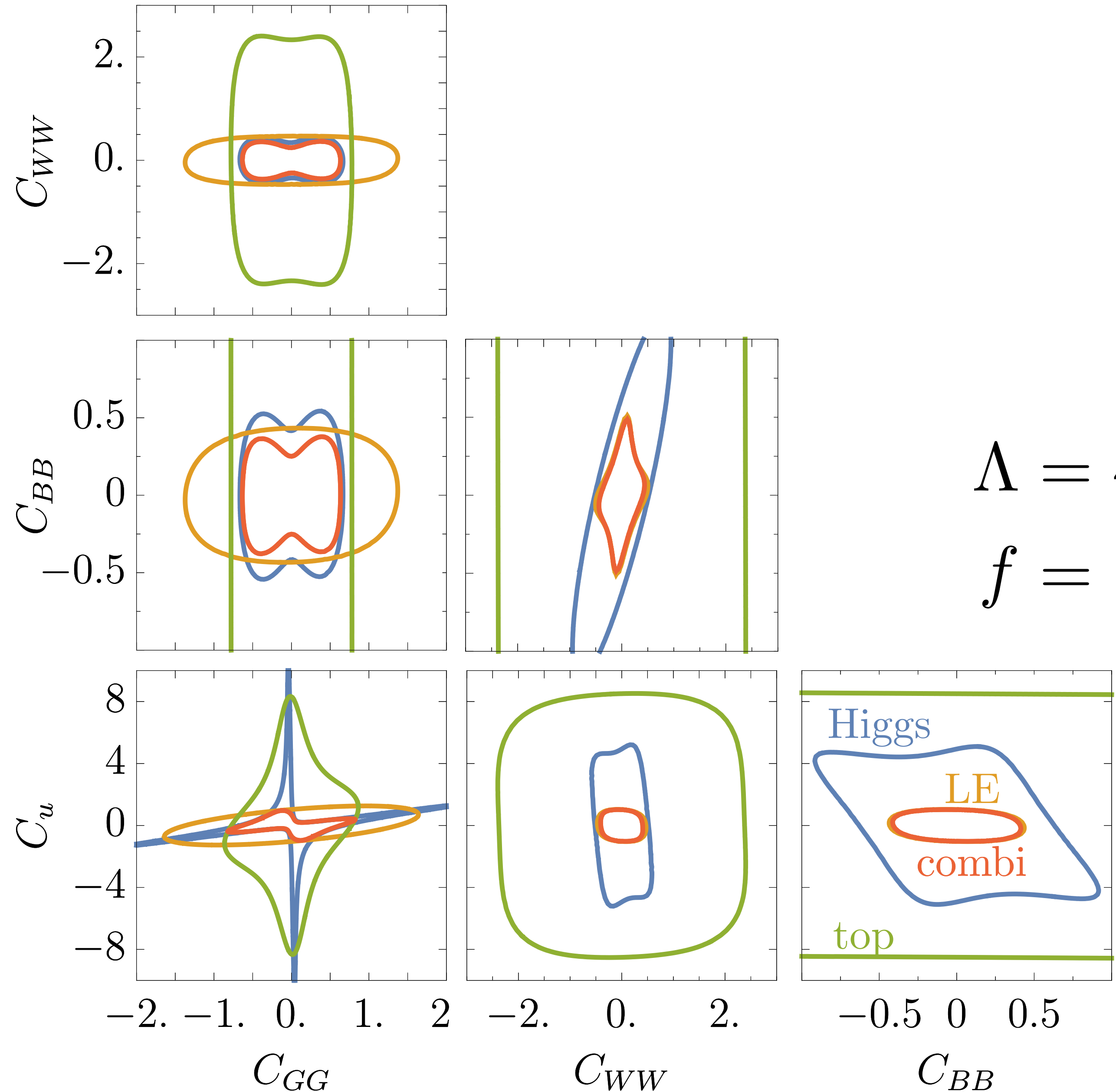
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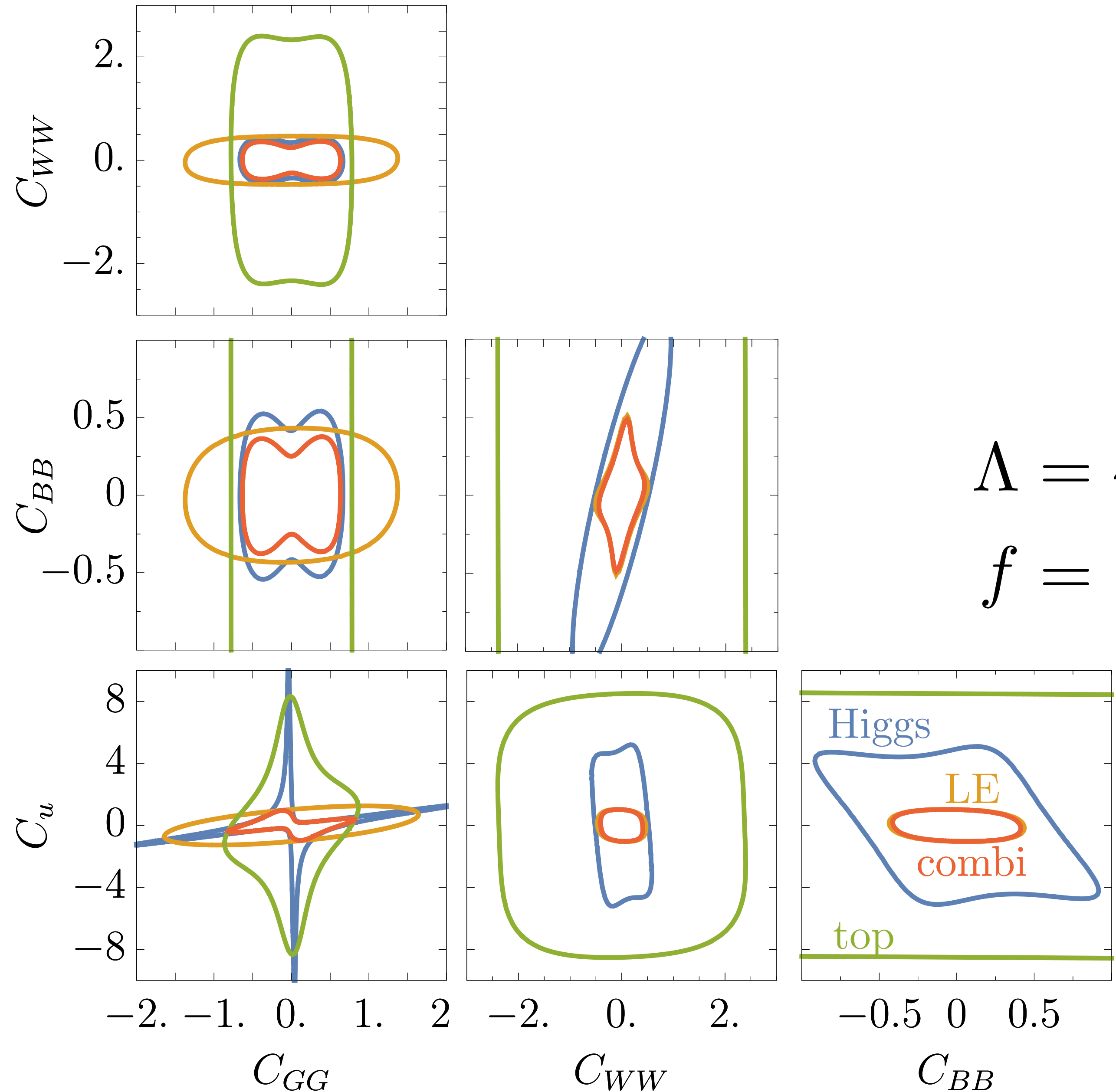
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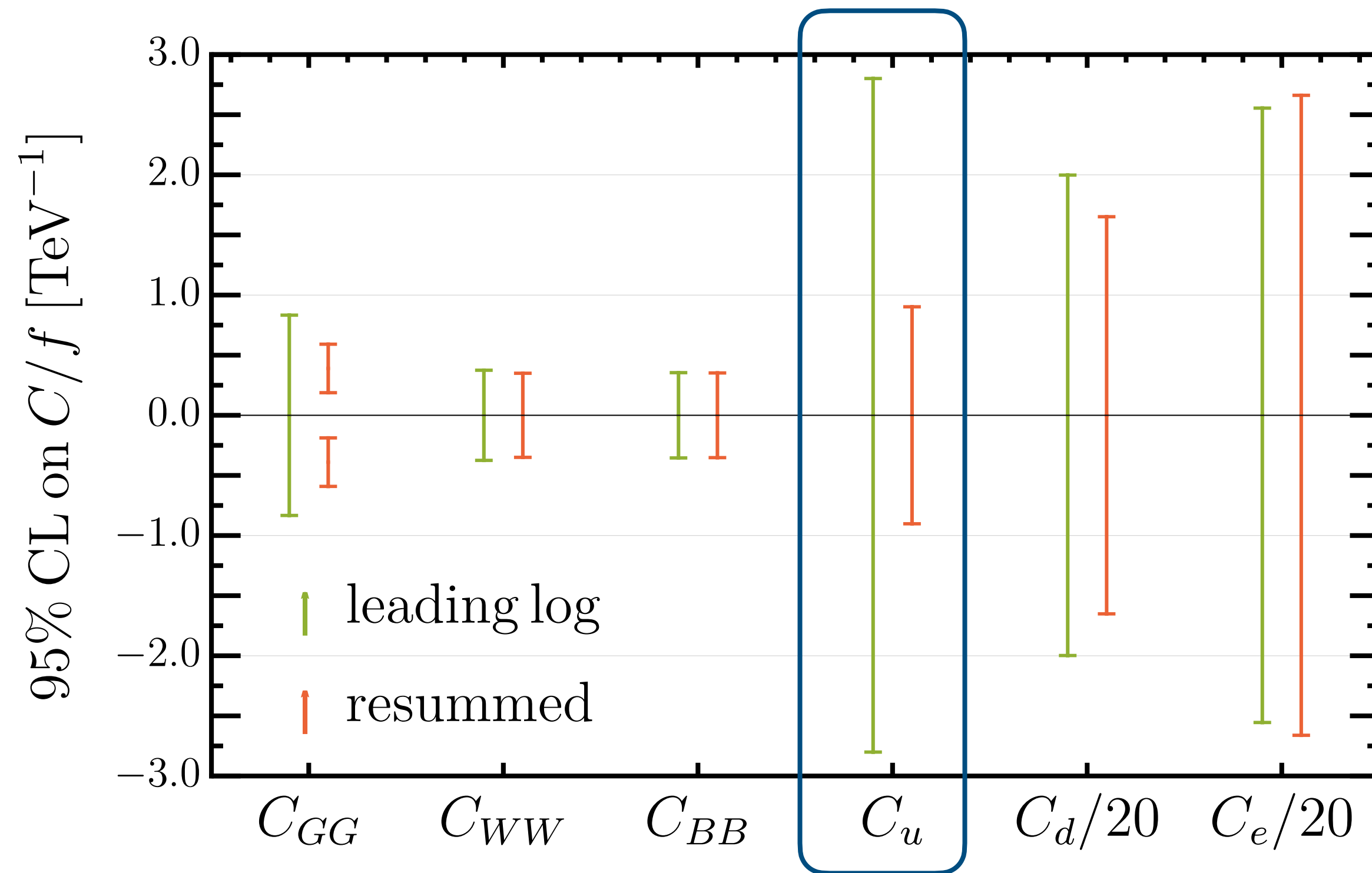
Why?



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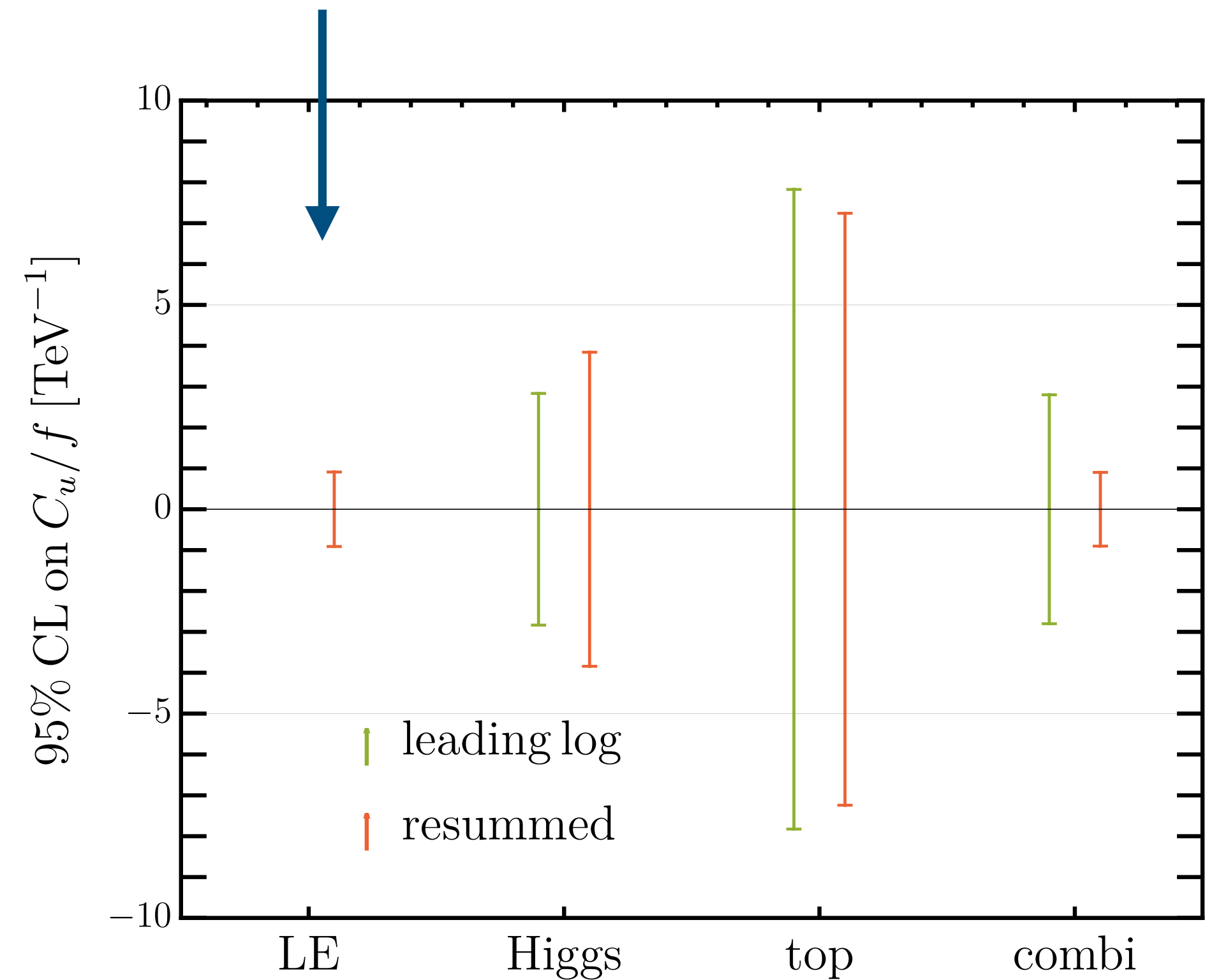
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# LL approximation



$$C_i^{\text{SMEFT}}(\mu) \approx \frac{S_i}{(4\pi f)^2} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{\Lambda}\right)$$

Strongest bound from low energy  
Absent at LL order



# LL approximation - Cu

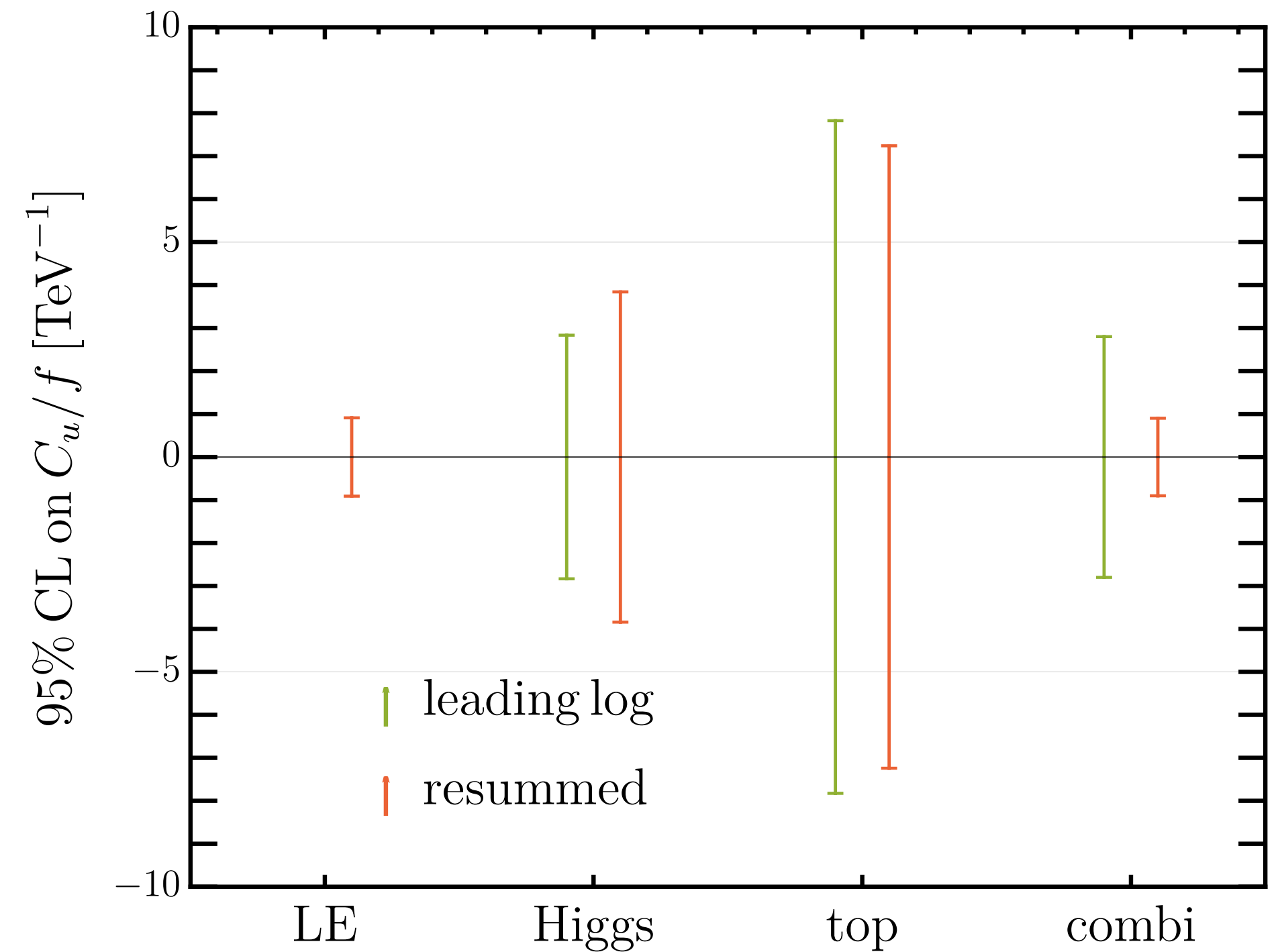
$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} C_{HD} = \left( \frac{3 \alpha_t}{\pi} + \frac{3 \lambda}{8 \pi^2} \right) C_{HD} + \frac{6 \alpha_t}{\pi} [C_{Hq}^{(1)}]_{33} - \frac{6 \alpha_t}{\pi} [C_{Hu}]_{33}$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} [C_{Hq}^{(1)}]_{33} = -\pi \alpha_t C_u^2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} [C_{Hu}]_{33} = 2\pi \alpha_t C_u^2 + \dots$$

$$C_{HD}(\mu) = -9 \alpha_t^2 C_u^2 \ln^2 \frac{\mu}{\Lambda}$$

CHD strongly constrained from measurement of W boson mass





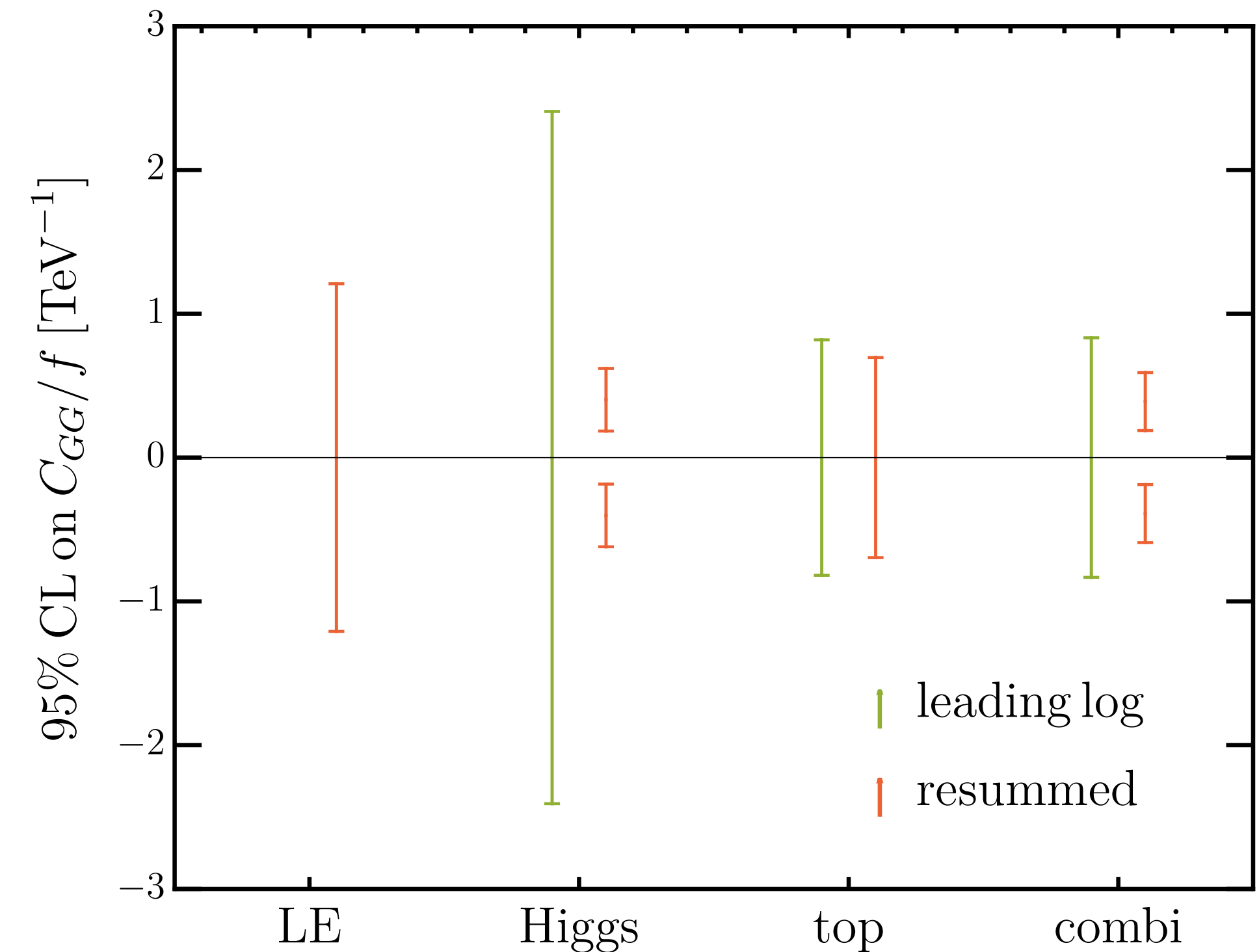
# LL approximation - CGG

(Small) experimental anomaly in CMS  
Higgs STXS causes deviation at 95% CL

$$[C_{uG}]_{33}(\mu) \supset -\frac{25 g_s y_t \alpha_s}{\pi} C_{GG}^2 \ln^2 \frac{\mu}{\Lambda}$$

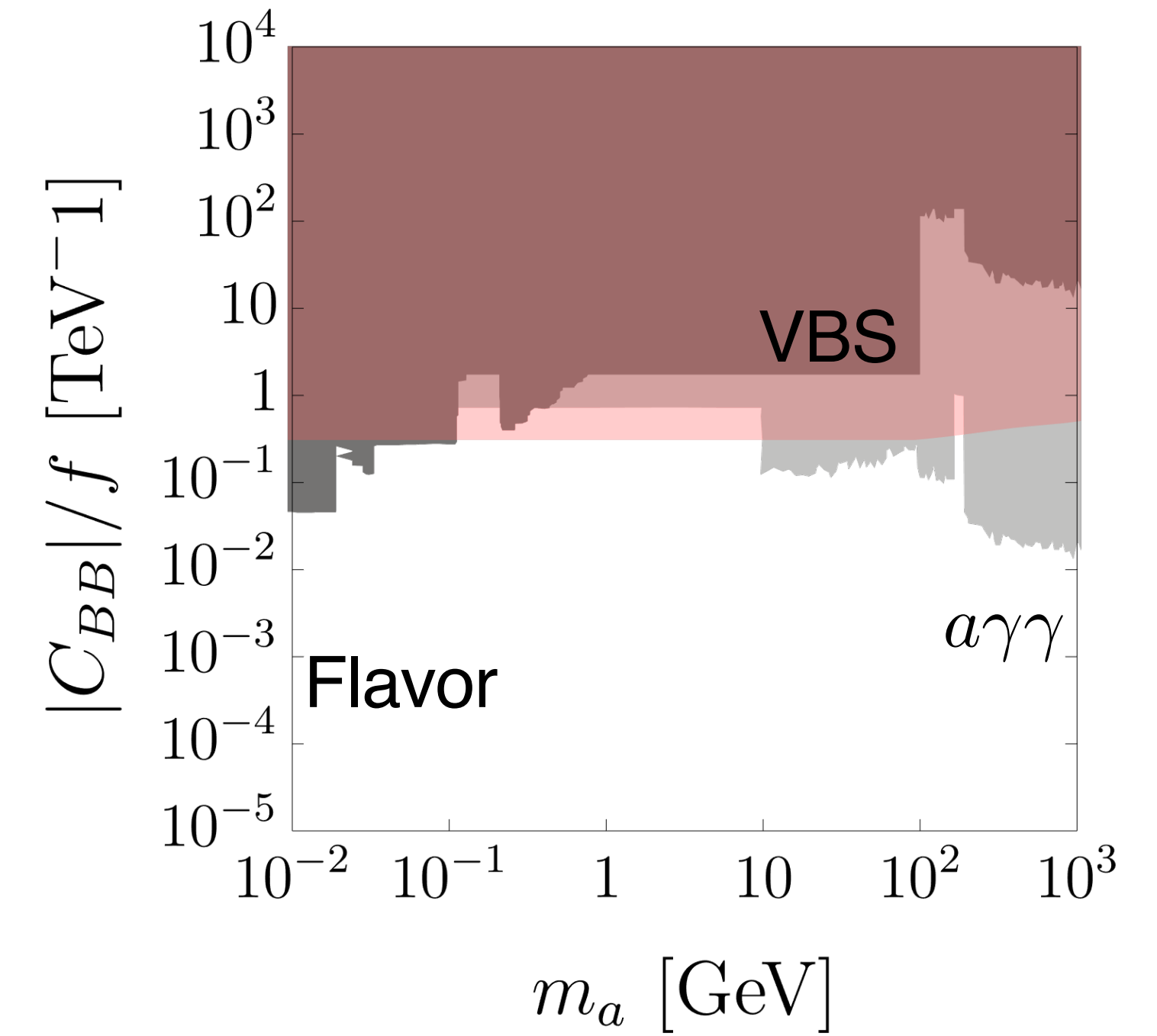
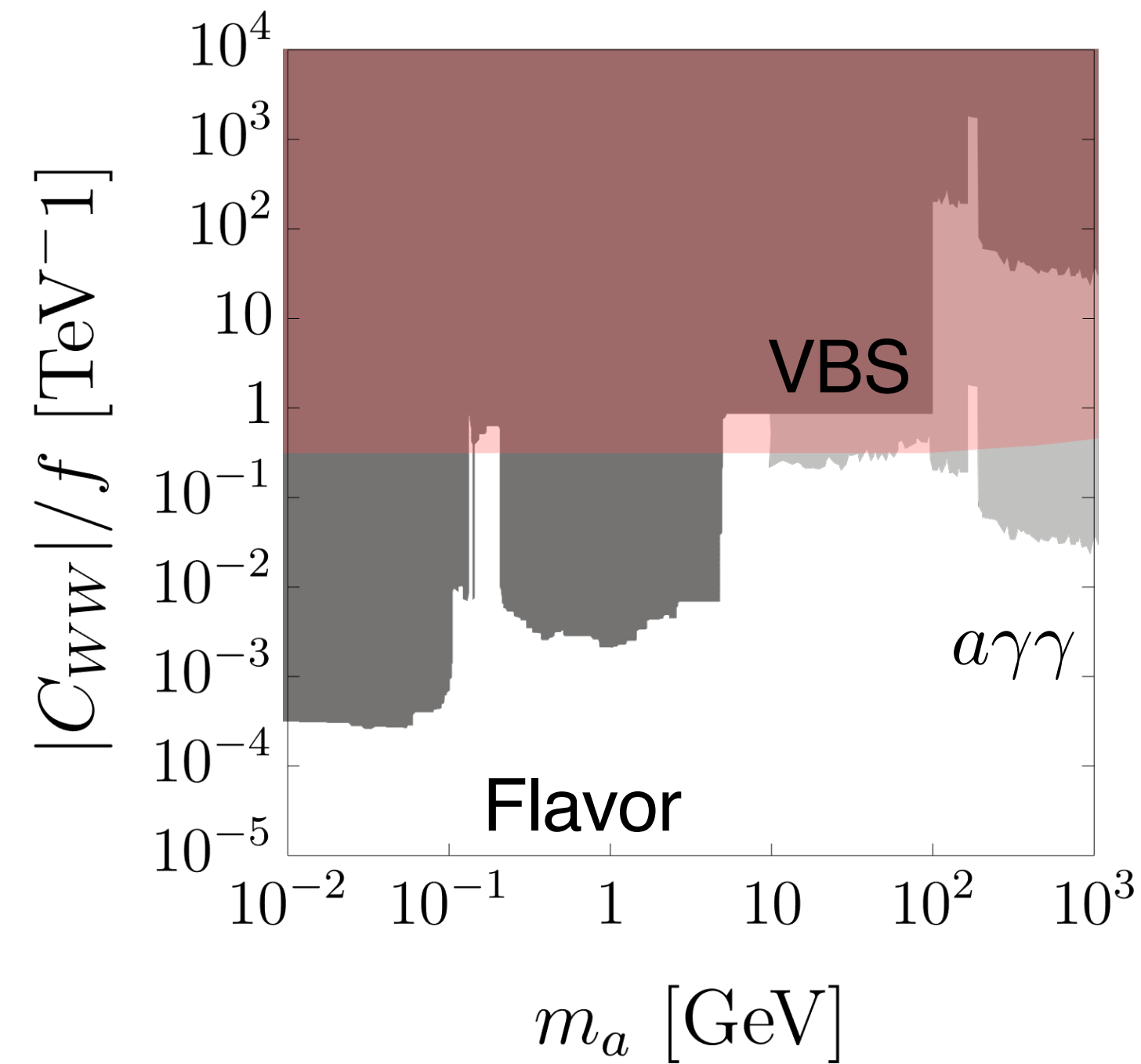
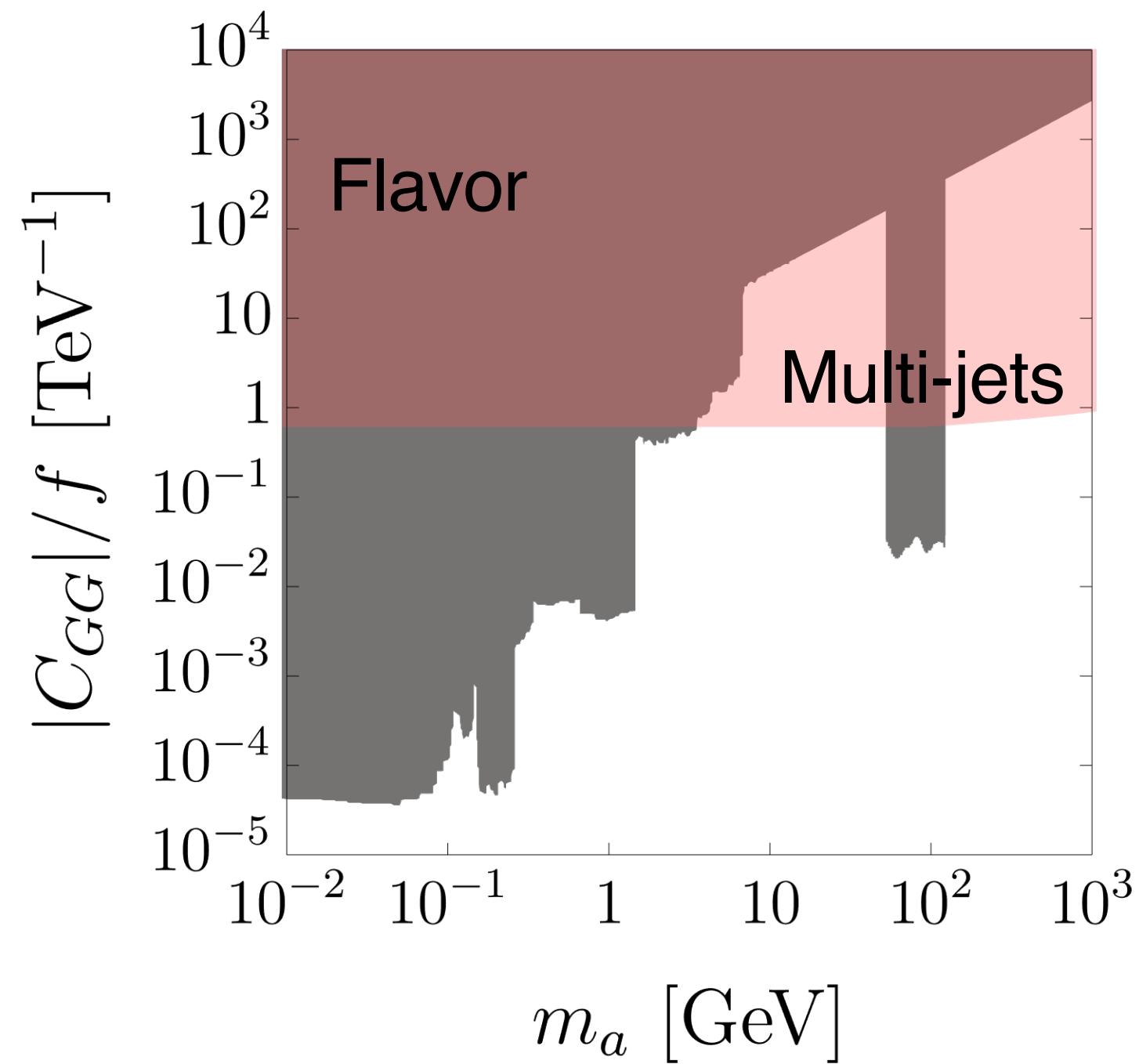
$$C_{HG}(\mu) \supset \frac{100 \alpha_s^2 \alpha_t}{3} C_{GG}^2 \ln^3 \frac{\mu}{\Lambda}$$

CHG (Higgs-gluon coupling) and CuG (top-gluon coupling) strongly constrained through gluon-fusion Higgs production



# Comparison with direct bounds

Light gray bounds with additional assumptions



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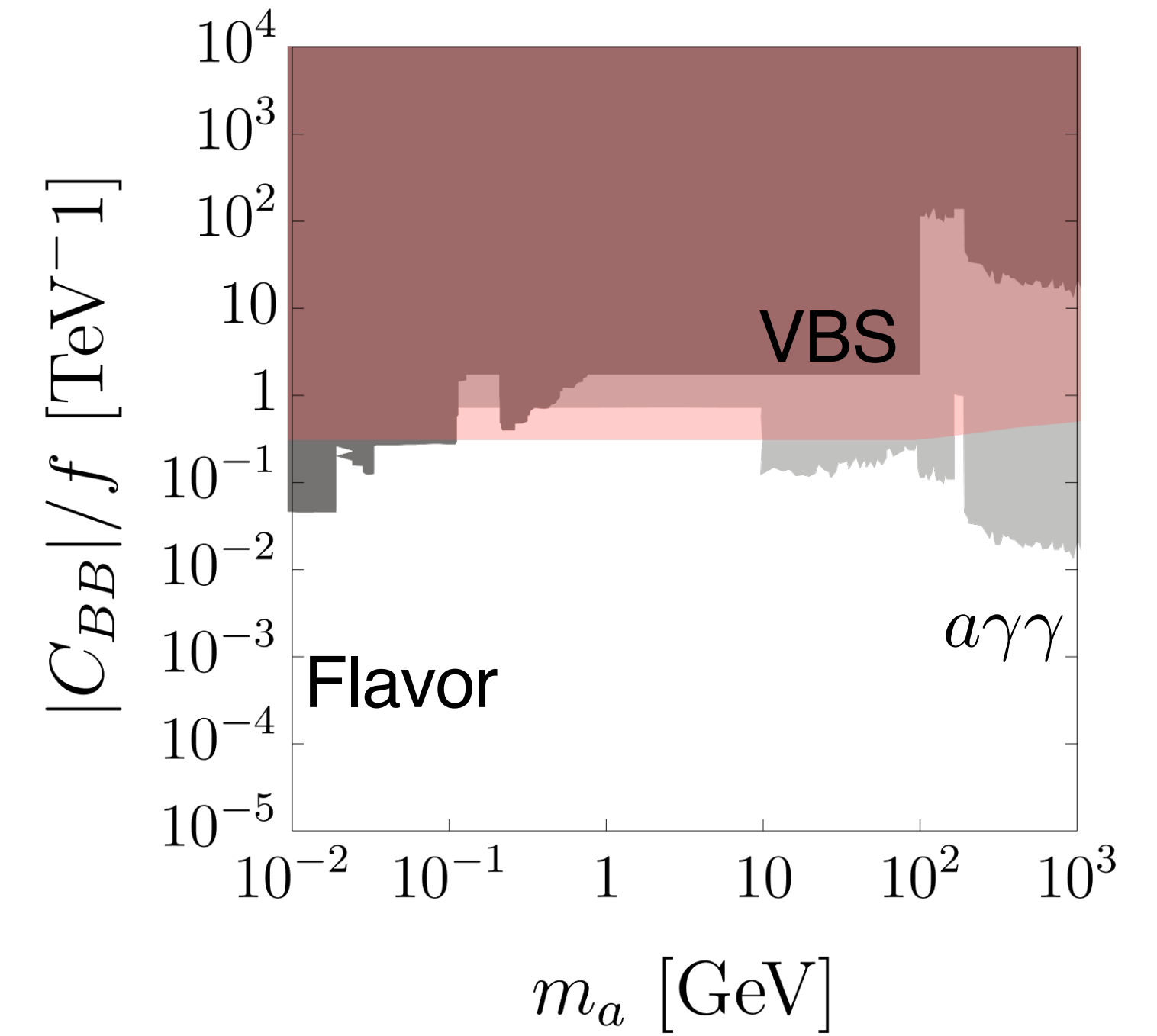
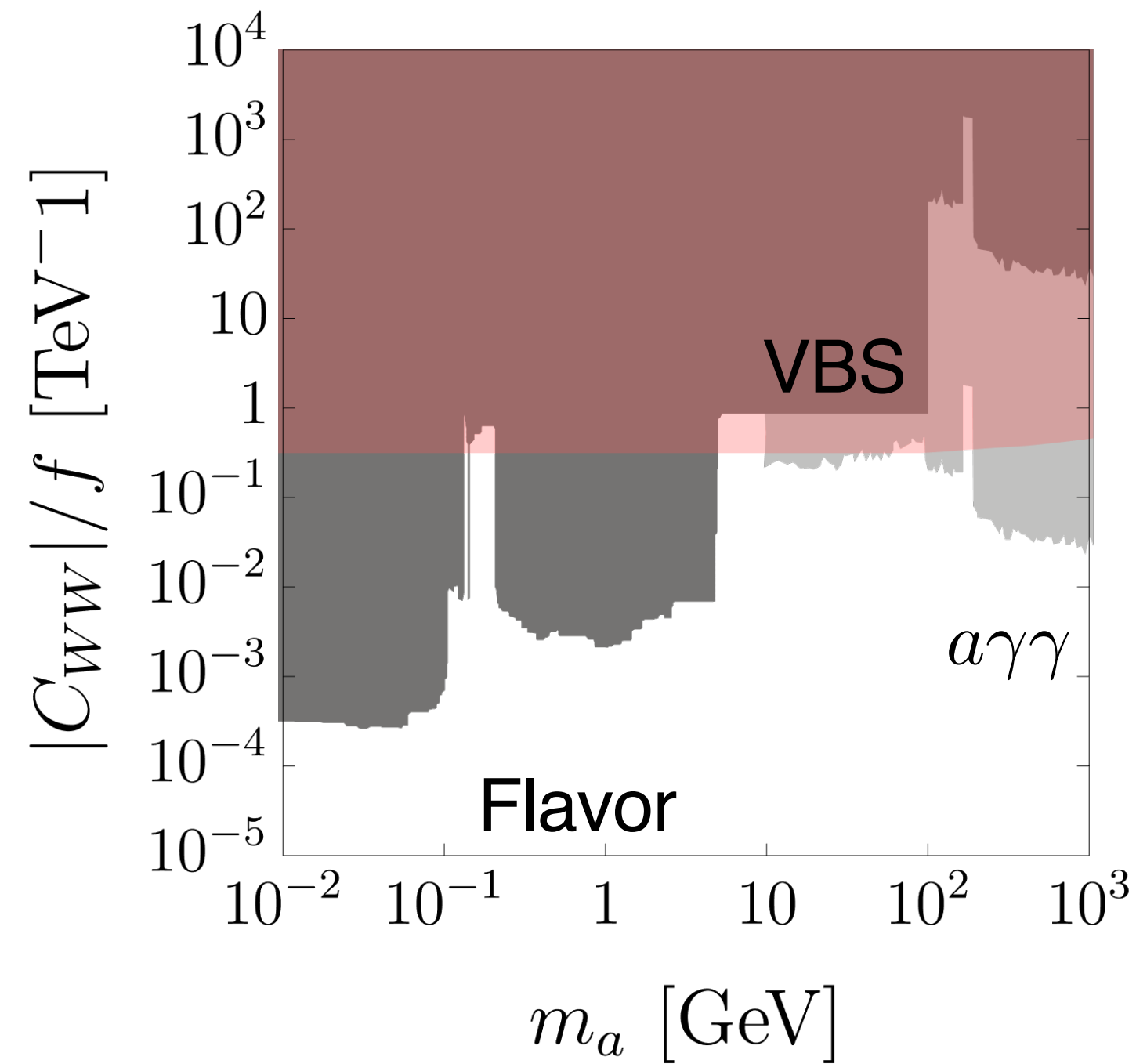
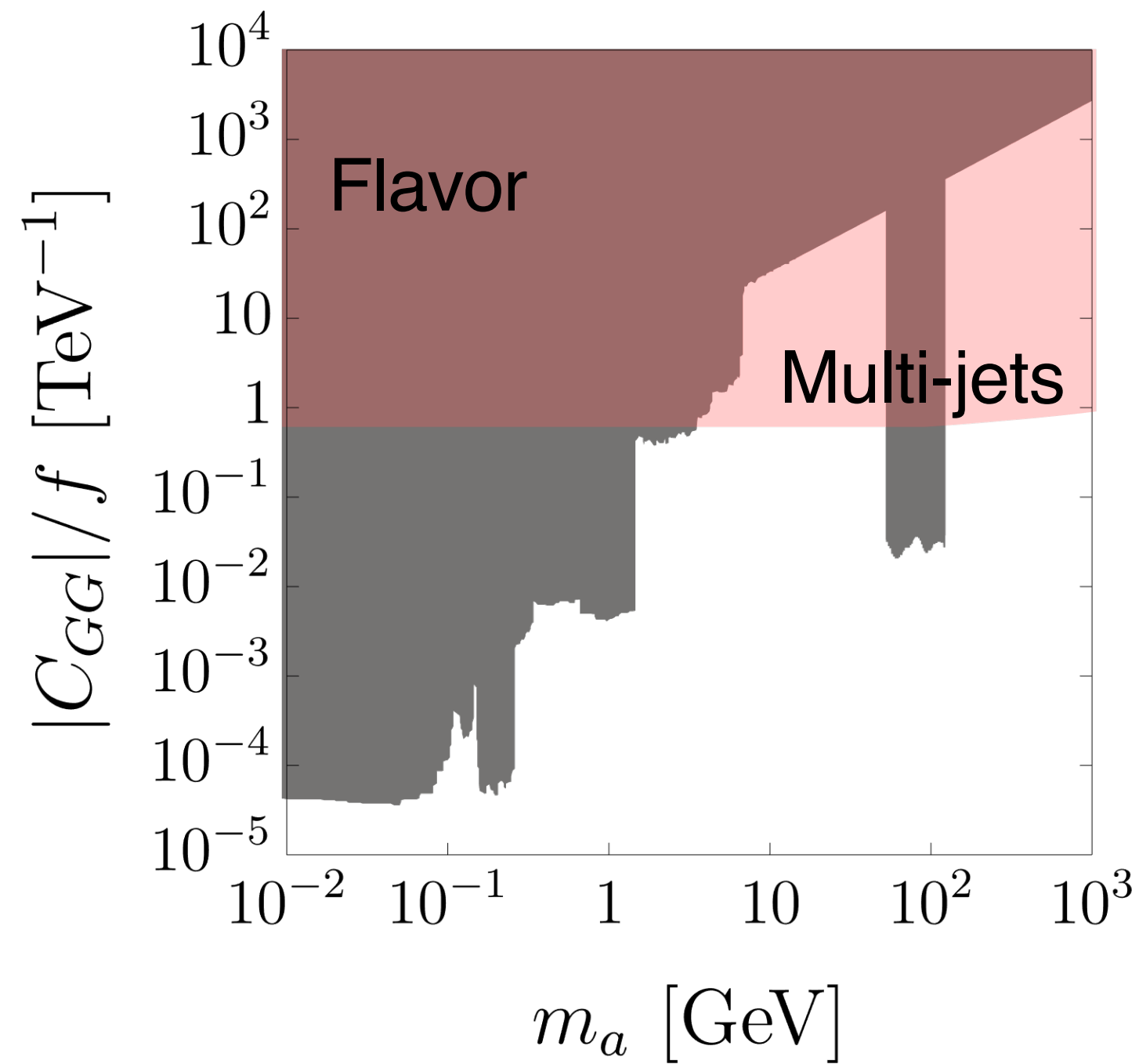
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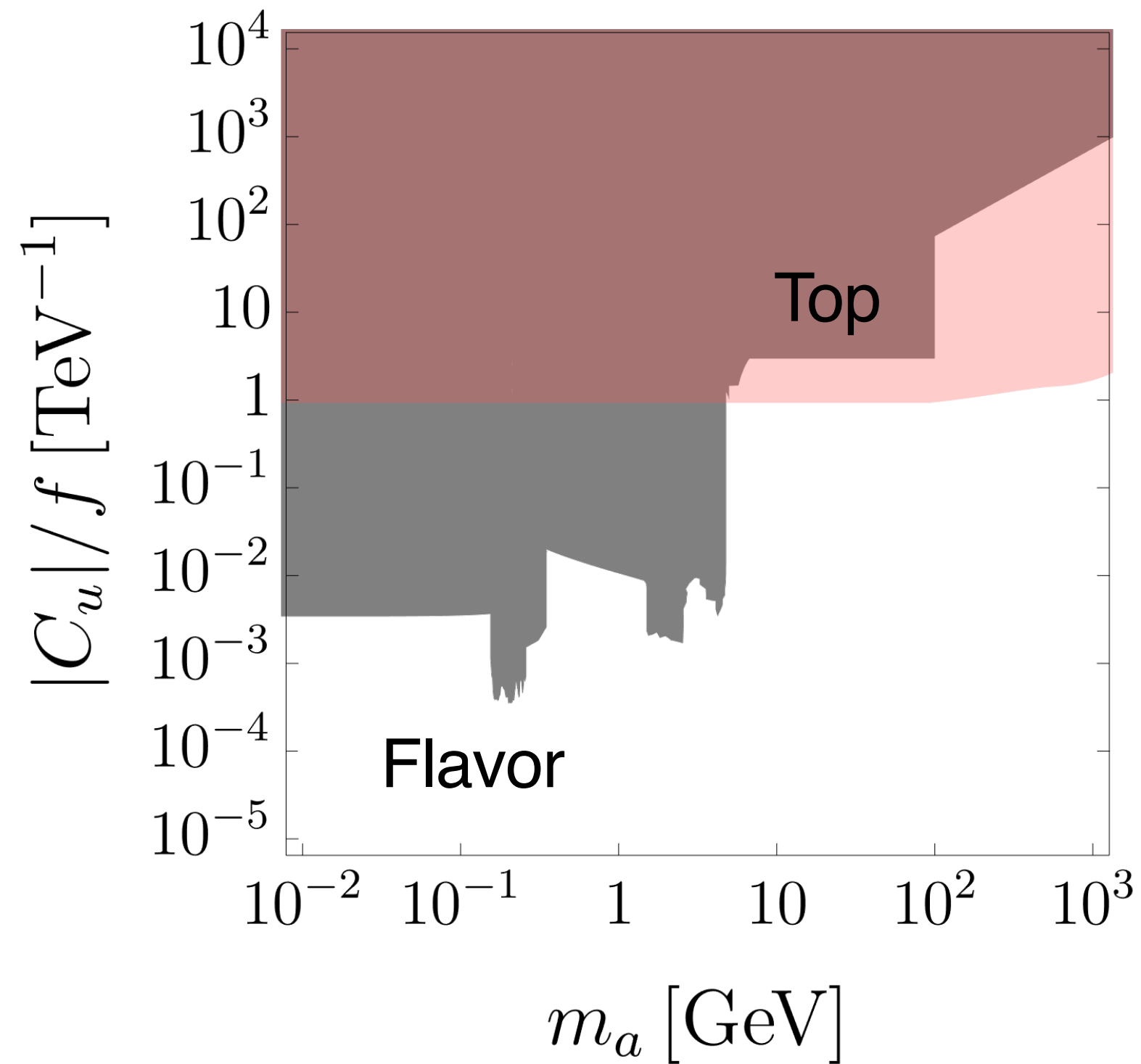
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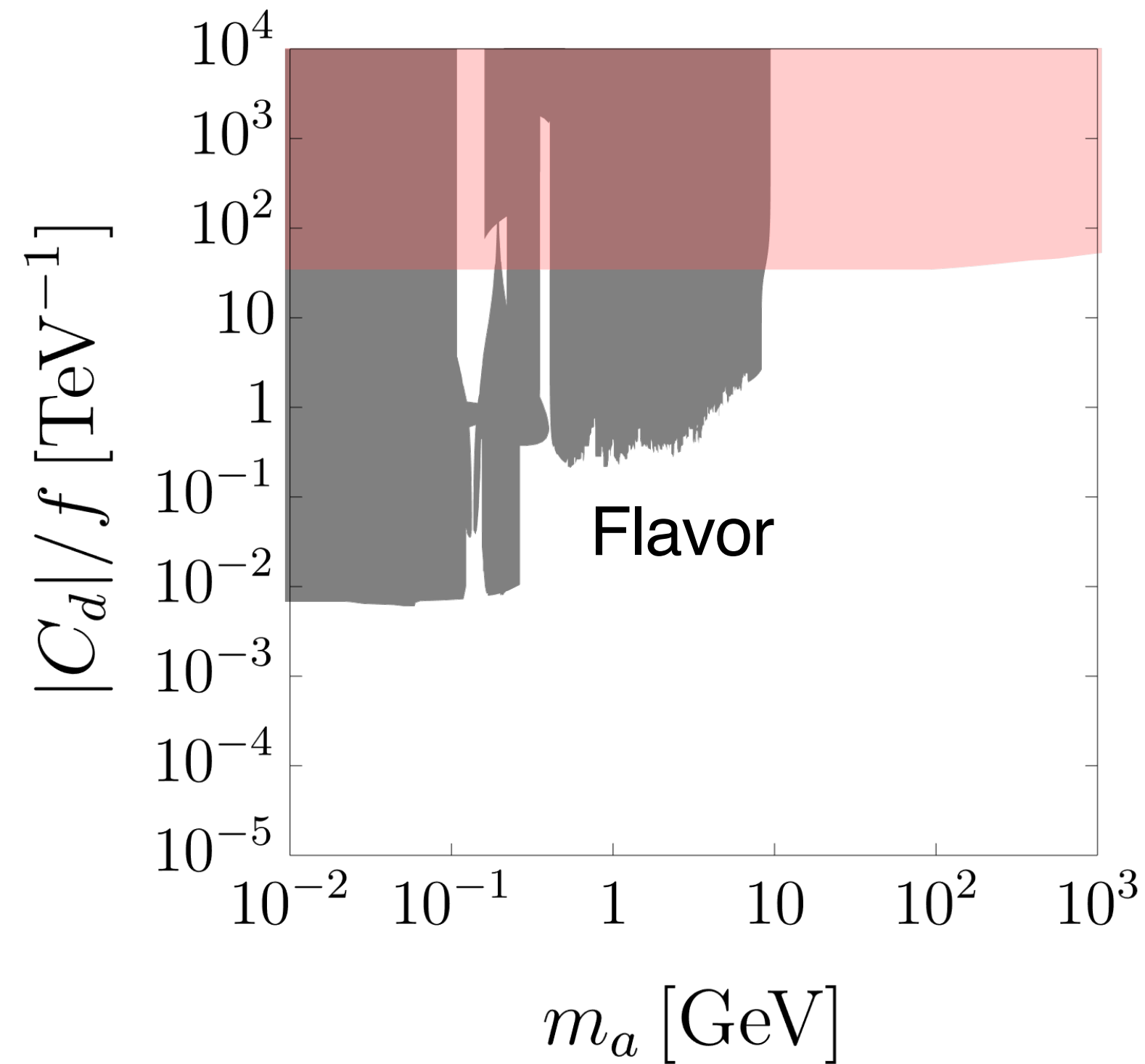
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ALP-SMEFT interference  
tests unconstrained parameter  
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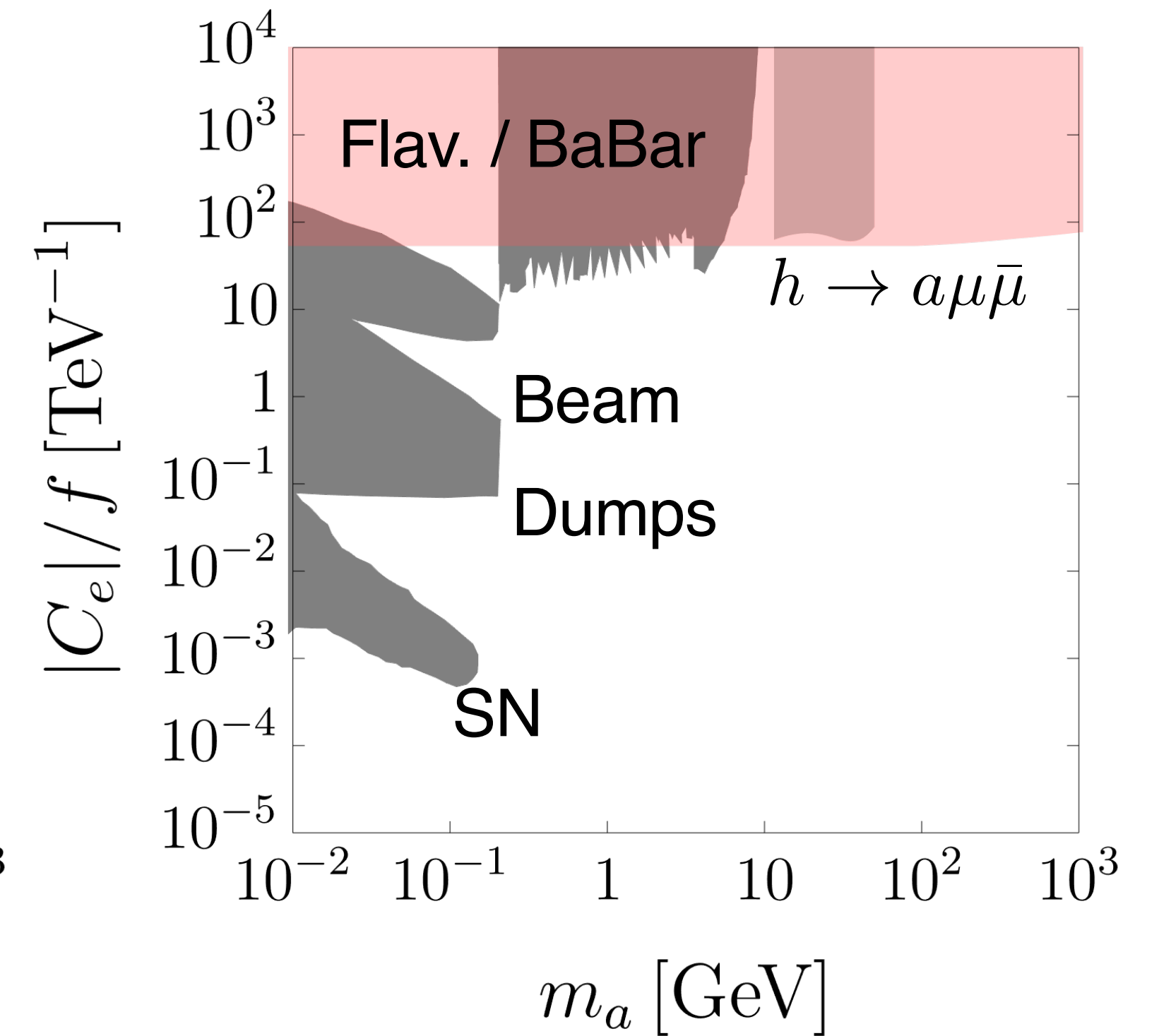
# Comparison with direct bounds - fermions



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



[Bauer, Neubert, Renner, Schnubel, Thamm ([2110.10698](#))]



[BaBar ([1406.2980](#))]

[AB, Chala, Spannowski ([2203.14984](#))]

[Lucente, Carena ([2107.12393](#))]

[Essig, Harnik, Kaplan, Toro ([1008.0636](#))]

# Can I translate these limits for UV axion models?

Matching a UV model onto an EFT would lead to additional SMEFT operators. What is the influence of those?

[Arias-Aragón, Quevillon, Smith ([2211.04489](#))]

## KSVZ

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

Vector-like quark + Scalar singlet

Boson-philic

## DFSZ

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

2HDM + Scalar singlet

Fermion-philic

# KSVZ model

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

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

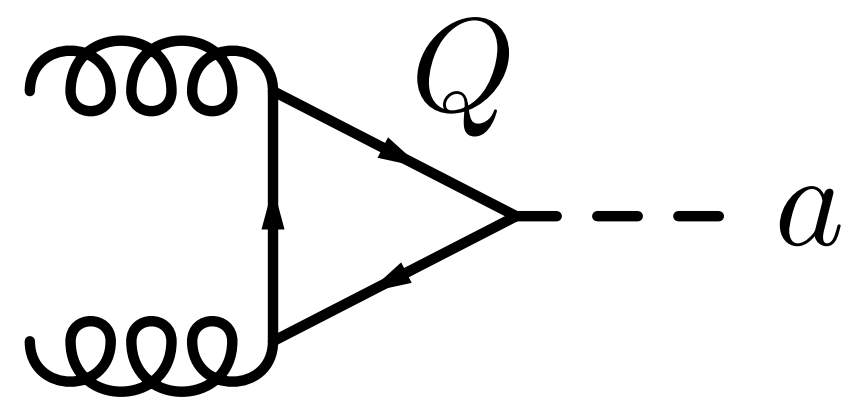
VLQ decay

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

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

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

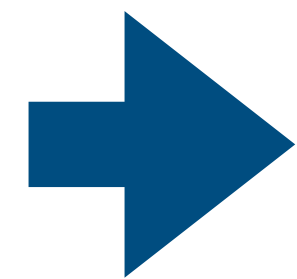
# KSVZ model - EFT

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 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

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

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Mixing angle  $\alpha$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \end{pmatrix} = R(\alpha) \begin{pmatrix} H \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix}$$

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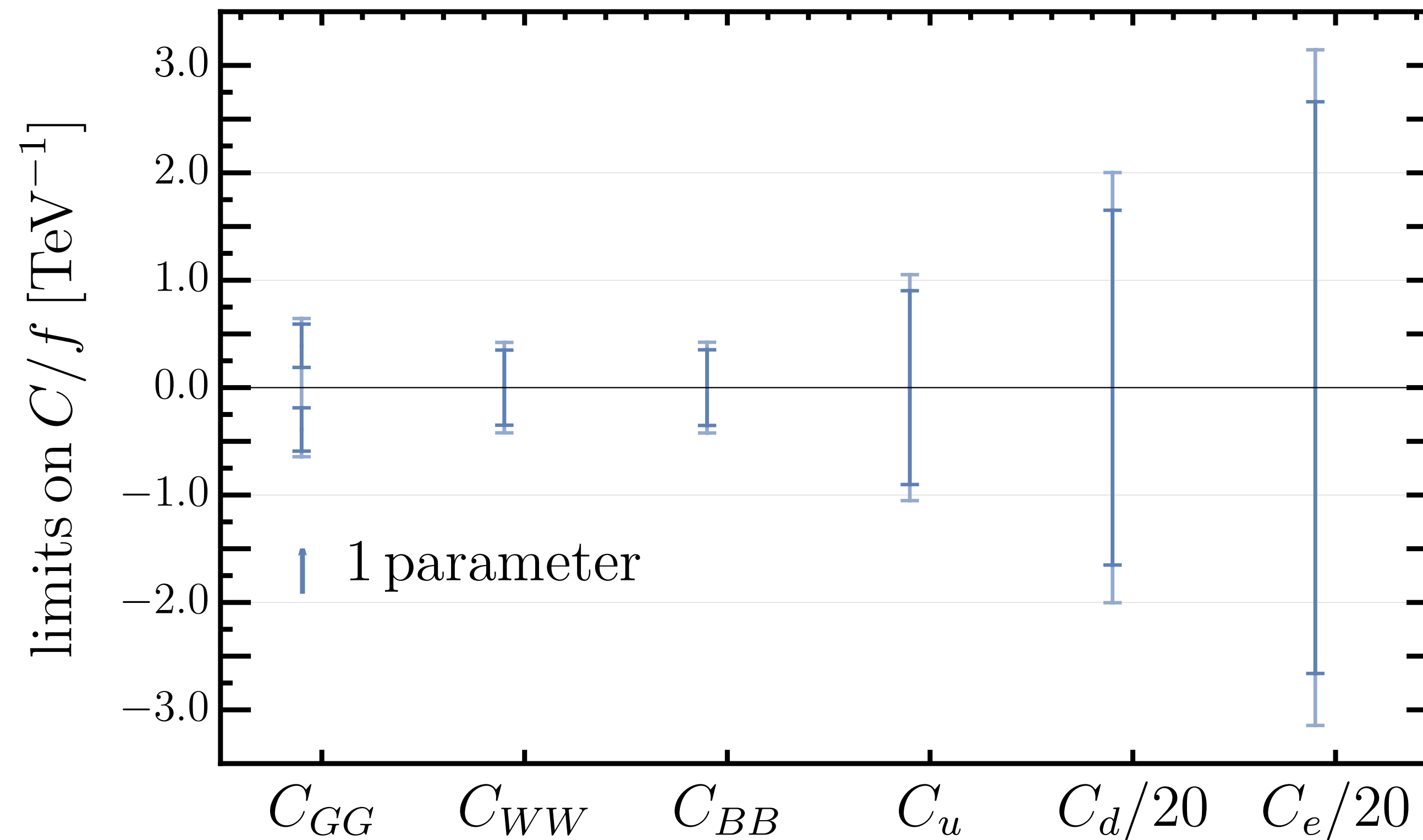
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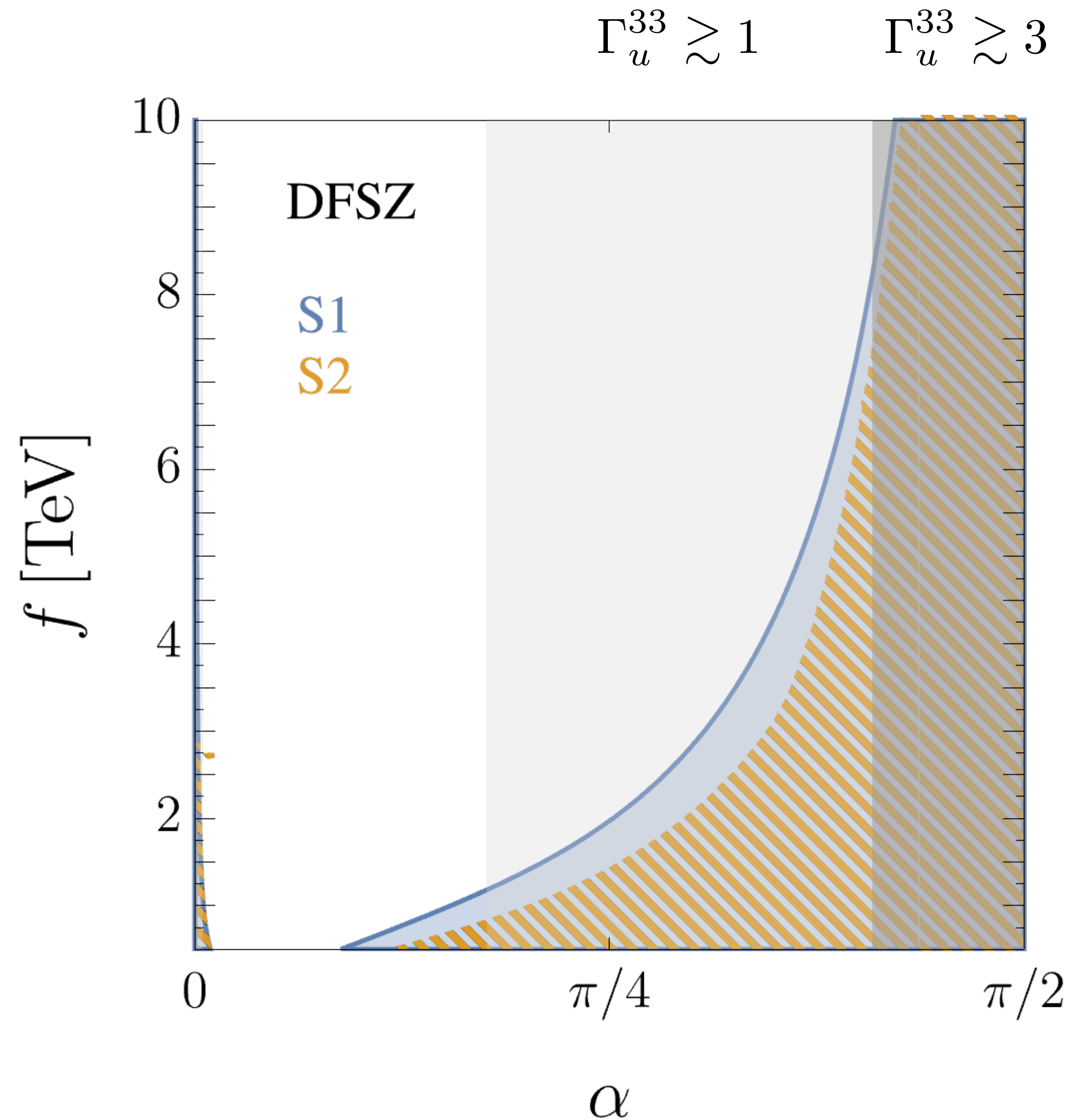
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ALP couplings and SMEFT operators depend on same parameters  $\alpha$  and  $f$

# DFSZ models - results



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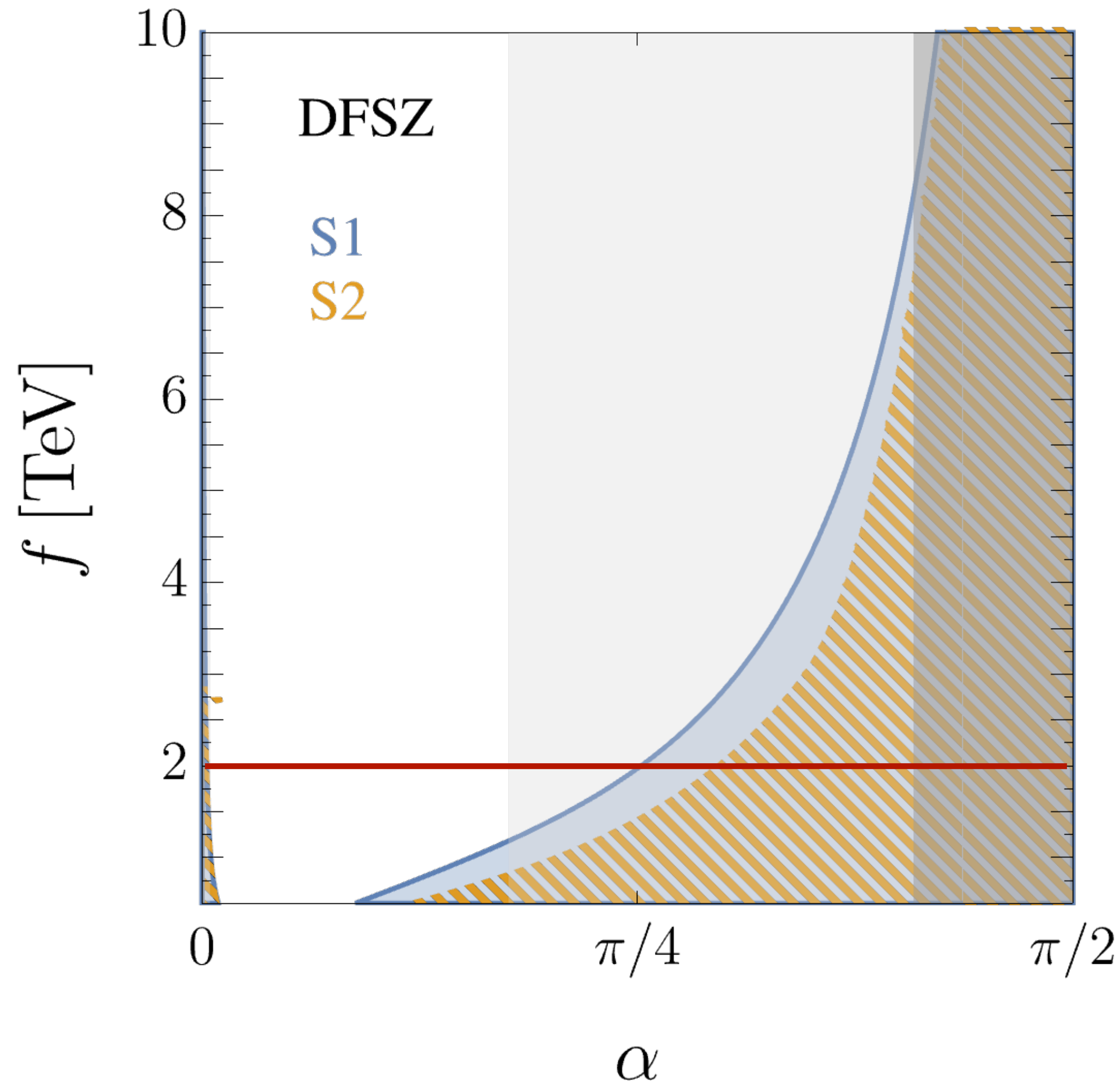
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$$\Gamma_u^{33} \gtrsim 1 \quad \Gamma_u^{33} \gtrsim 3$$

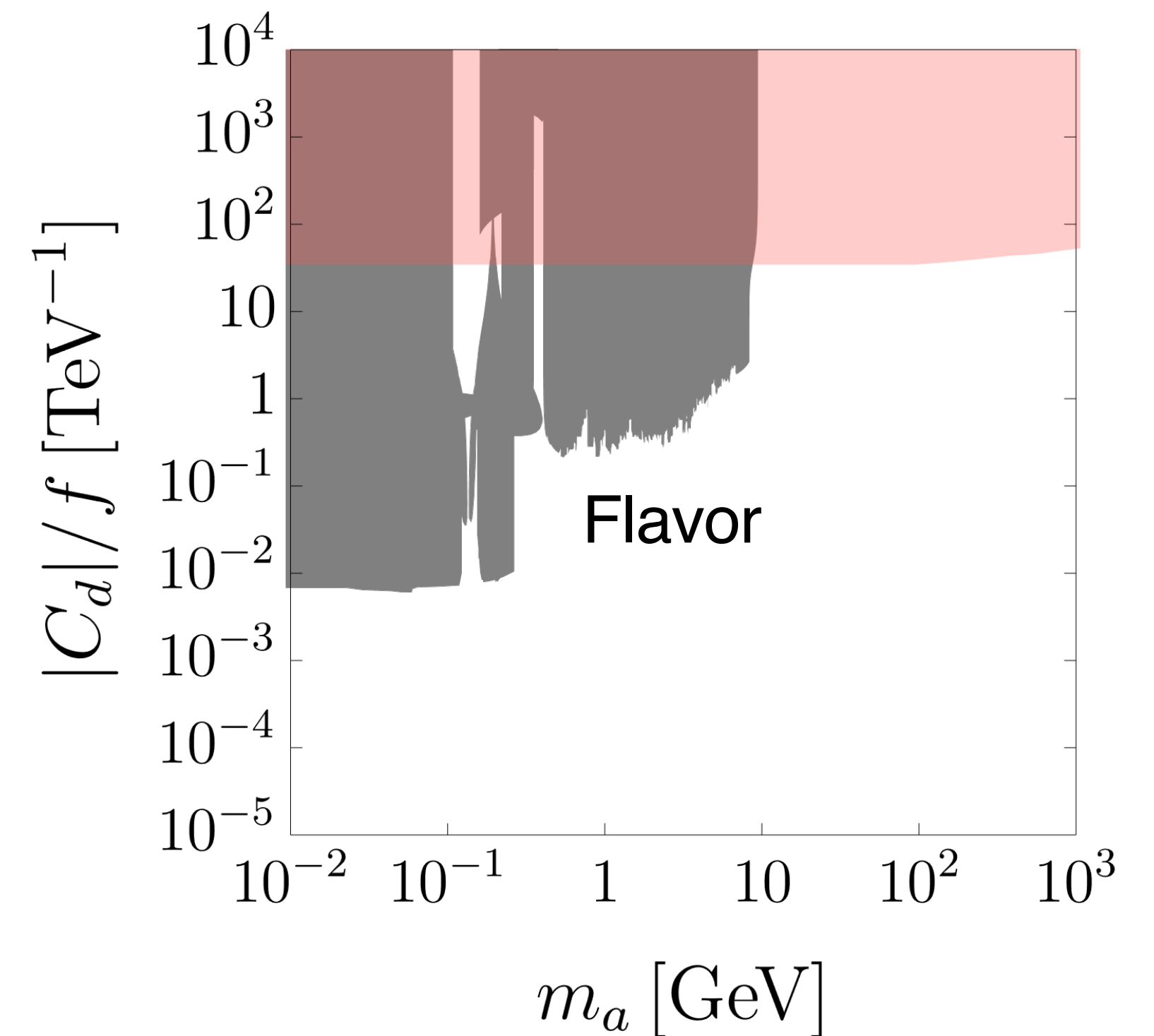


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 SMEFT contributions

# Conclusions

- (Almost) **mass-independent** bounds on ALP couplings
- Interesting reuse of SMEFT analyses
- Complementary to direct bounds and competitive for high ALP masses
- Interpretation in terms of UV models works



Thank you for your attention!