

New Physics Searches in Hadronic Processes

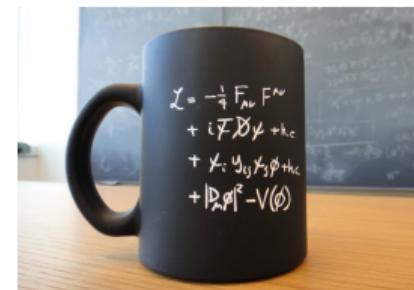
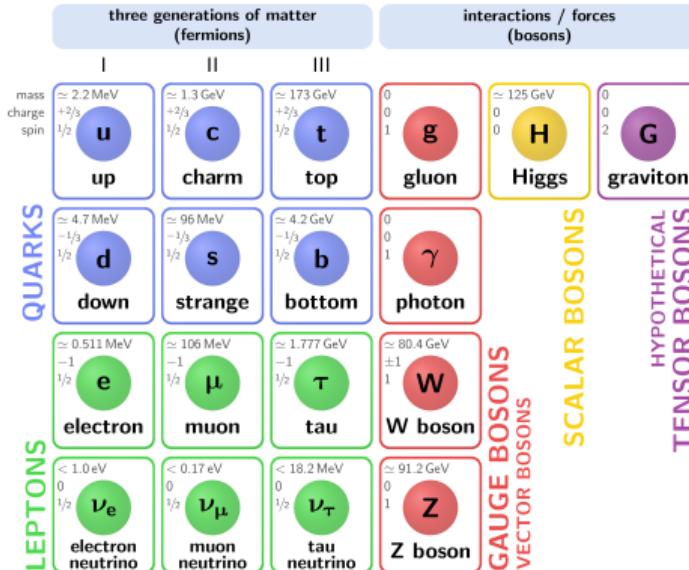
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The Standard Model of Particle Physics

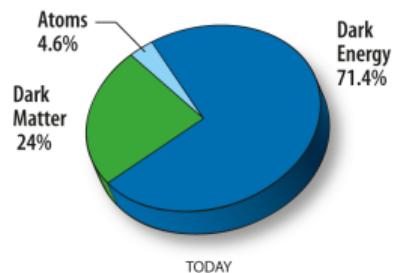
- Describes **Nature** in a economic and elegant way



- Validated over a wide variety of energy scales
- Is the SM the **final** theory of Nature?

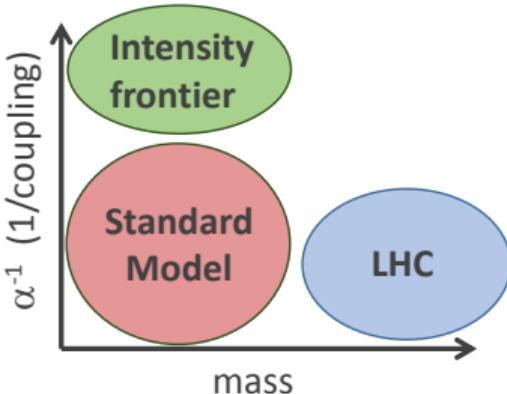
Beyond the Standard Model

- The SM fails to explain:
 - **Dark matter:** what is the most prevalent kind of matter in our Universe?
 - **Dark Energy:** what drives the accelerated expansion of the Universe?
 - **Neutrino** masses and oscillations: why do neutrinos have mass? what makes neutrinos disappear and then re-appear in a different form?
 - **Baryon asymmetry** of the Universe: what mechanism created the tiny matter-antimatter imbalance in the early Universe?
 - Several **anomalies in data:** $(g - 2)_\mu$, B -physics anomalies, KOTO anomaly ($K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$), ${}^8\text{Be}$ excited decay, ...
- **Where** can we look for BSM physics?

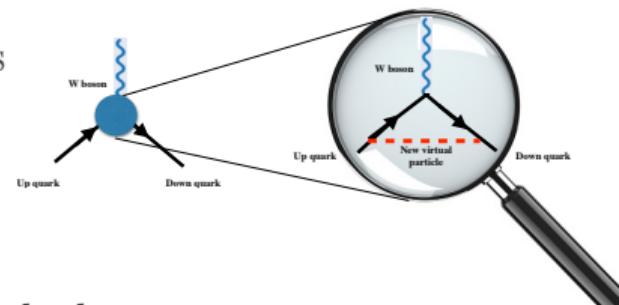


Finding New Physics: energy vs precision frontier

- **Energy frontier:** smash protons as hard as you can, and see what comes out (LHC, FCC 9,000M€)
 - create **new** (heavy) particles and/or study their **effects** on rare processes

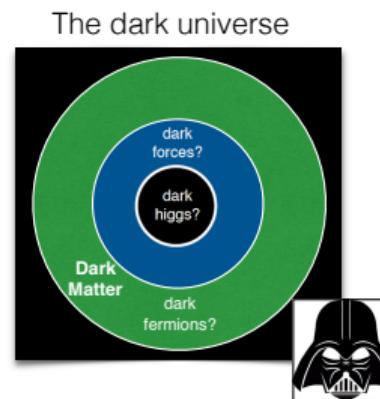
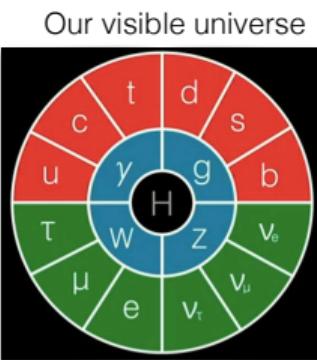


- **Intensity frontier:** new feebly interacting particles
 - search for tiny indirect effects, with no (or very precisely known) SM background
- We don't know in which **direction** BSM physics might be



Dark sector physics

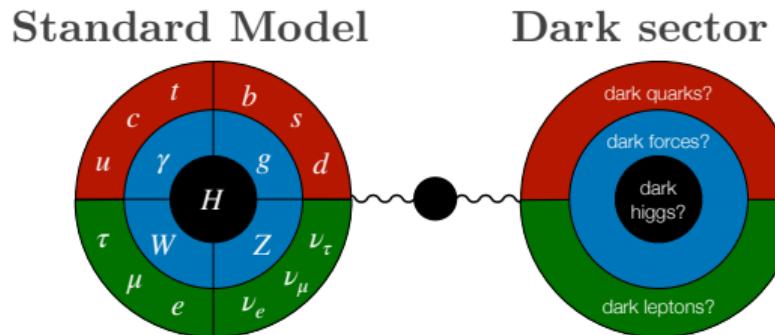
- Why a dark sector?
 - Many open problem in particle physics, *e.g.* dark matter, neutrino mass generation or anomalies in data, let us think about dark particles
- What is a dark sector particle?
 - Any particle that does not interact through the SM forces (not charged under the SM symmetries)



- How can we access (and test) the **dark sector**?

Dark sector portals to the Standard Model

⇒ Portal interactions with the SM, only a few are allowed by the SM symmetries



Portal

Vector

Scalar

Neutrino

Axion

Mediators

Dark photon

Dark scalar

Sterile Neutrino

Axion

Portal interactions

$$\epsilon B^{\mu\nu} A'_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\kappa |H|^2 |S|^2$$

$$y H L N$$

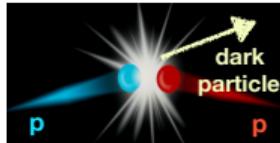
$$\frac{a}{f_a} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

A broad program of searches of dark particles

- Vigorous effort of the community proposing new experiments & measurements

Energy frontier

LHC



Novel search strategies
are needed!

Flavor-factories

High-luminosity e^+e^- colliders



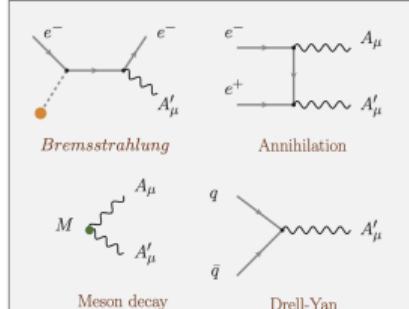
Unique access to dark
sectors!

Other ongoing/future
experiments

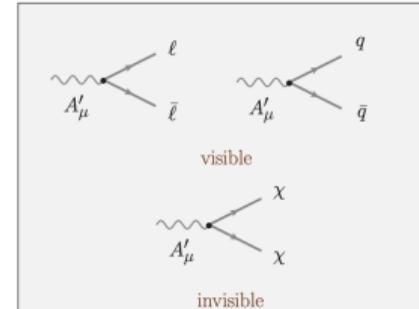


- Plenty of dark particles can be produced from meson decays!!

Production modes

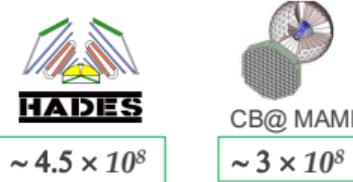


Decay modes



High-intensity programs in meson factories

- η/η' -factories



$\eta \sim 10^{12}$

Experiment	Technique	η Total mesons
<i>GlueX@JLAB (running)</i>	$\gamma_{12 \text{ GeV}} p \rightarrow \eta X \rightarrow \text{ neutrals}$	$5.5 \times 10^7/\text{yr}$
<i>JEF@JLAB (approved)</i>	$\gamma_{12 \text{ GeV}} p \rightarrow \eta X \rightarrow \text{ neutrals}$	$1.5 \times 10^8/\text{yr}$
<i>HIAF (approved)</i>		$\sim 10^{13}/\text{yr}$
<i>REDTOP (proposing)</i>	$p_{1.8 \text{ GeV}} Li \rightarrow \eta X$	$3.4 \times 10^{13}/\text{yr}$

- π -factories (PIENU, PIONEER), K -factories (E949, E391, NA62, KOTO), B -factories (LHCb, Belle-(II))

η/η' laboratory for dark sectors

- The η is a pNGB, with $m_\eta \simeq 548$ MeV and $\Gamma_\eta = 1.31$ keV
- The η' : not a pNGB due to $U(1)_A$ anomaly, $m_{\eta'} \simeq 958$ MeV, $\Gamma_{\eta'} = 196$ keV
- Eigenstates of the C, P, CP and G operators: $I^G J^{PC} = 0^+0^{-+}$
- Flavor **conserving** decays \Rightarrow laboratory for symmetry tests
- All their EM and strong decays are **suppressed** at LO $\sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{em}}^2)$ or $\mathcal{O}((m_u - m_d)^2)$
- **Search** strategies (visible final states):
 - Resonance searches (bump hunting)
 - Displaced vertices (long-lived decays)
 - Rare decays: new physics process mimics highly-suppressed SM channels
- Other possibilities: Invisible (or partially-invisible) decays
- Perfect **laboratory** to stress-test the SM in search for BSM physics

Rich physics program at η, η' factories

Standard Model highlights

- Theory input for light-by-light scattering for $(g-2)_\mu$
- Extraction of light quark masses
- QCD scalar dynamics

Fundamental symmetry tests

- P,CP violation
- C,CP violation

[Kobzarev & Okun (1964), Prentki & Veltman (1965), Lee (1965), Lee & Wolfenstein (1965), Bernstein et al (1965)]

Dark sectors (MeV—GeV)

- Vector bosons (dark photon, B boson, X boson)
- Scalars
- Pseudoscalars (ALPs)

(Plus other channels that have not been searched for to date)

Channel	Expt. branching ratio	Discussion
$\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$	39.41(20)%	chiral anomaly, $\eta-\eta'$ mixing
$\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$	32.68(23)%	$m_u - m_d$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$	$2.56(22) \times 10^{-4}$	χ PT at $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$, leptophobic B boson, light Higgs scalars
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$\eta \rightarrow 4\gamma$	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-11}$ [52]
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	22.92(28)%	$m_u - m_d, C/CP$ violation, light Higgs scalars
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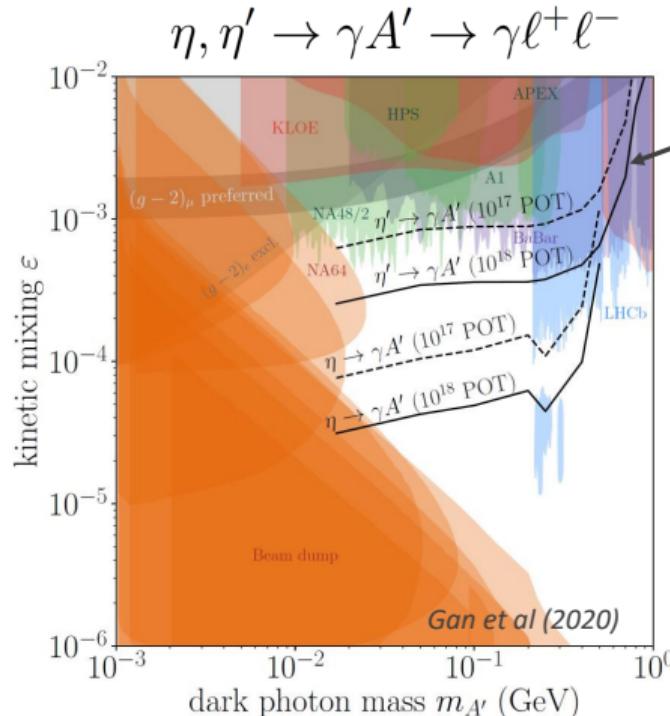
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Dark photon searches

- Broad worldwide effort to search for dark photons (A')
- Most searches are for A' coupling to leptons, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -e\varepsilon j_{\text{em}}^\mu A'_\mu$



REDTOP sensitivities projected for FNAL/BNL (10^{18}) or CERN (10^{17}) POT

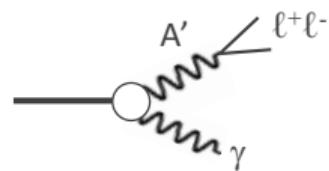
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Many other experiments targeting same dark photon parameter space

Worthwhile to also consider

$$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- A' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \ell^+ \ell^-$$

since $\mathcal{B}(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma) \approx 10 \times \mathcal{B}(\eta' \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$



Searches of a leptophobic dark photon in rare $\eta^{(\prime)}$ decays

- What if a **new force** couples mainly to quarks?
- **New** boson from a new $U(1)_B$ gauge symmetry (aka B boson, leptophobic Z')

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{g}_B \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q B_\mu ,$$

- New gauge coupling: $\alpha_B = \mathbf{g}_B^2 / 4\pi$
- B is a singlet under isospin: $I^G(J^{PC}) = 0^-(1^{--}) \Rightarrow B$ is **ω meson** like

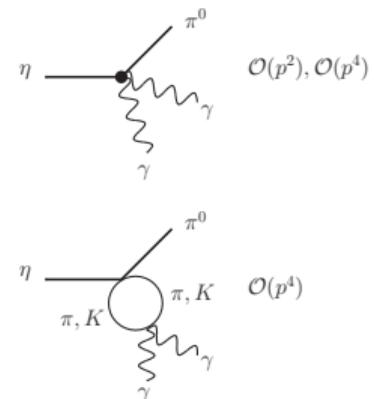
Decay \rightarrow	$m_B \sim 1 - 140$ MeV	Dark-photon-like		m_B [MeV]	Novel signatures
		$B \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$B \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$		
$\pi^0 \rightarrow B\gamma$	$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$	—	—	140 – 620 MeV	—
$\eta \rightarrow B\gamma$	$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$	$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$	—	620 – 1000 MeV	—
$\eta' \rightarrow B\gamma$	$\eta' \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$	$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$	$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma$	—	$\eta' \rightarrow \eta \gamma \gamma$
$\omega \rightarrow \eta B$	$\omega \rightarrow \eta e^+ e^-$	$\omega \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \gamma$	—	—	—
$\phi \rightarrow \eta B$	$\phi \rightarrow \eta e^+ e^-$	$\phi \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \gamma$	—	—	—

- Searches in meson factories are gaining attention
 - $\eta \rightarrow \gamma B \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \pi^0$ (JEF), $\phi \rightarrow \eta B \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \gamma$ (KLOE-II), $\eta \rightarrow B\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ (Belle-II)

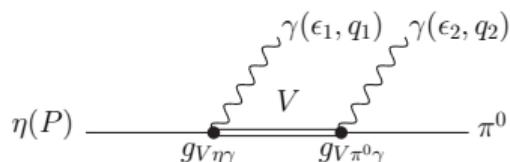
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ decays: Theoretical motivation

- SM motivation:

Reference	$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)$ [eV]
$\mathcal{O}(p^2), \mathcal{O}(p^4)$ tree-level χ PT	0
$\pi + K$ loops at $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$	1.87×10^{-3}
Experimental value (pdg)	0.34(3)



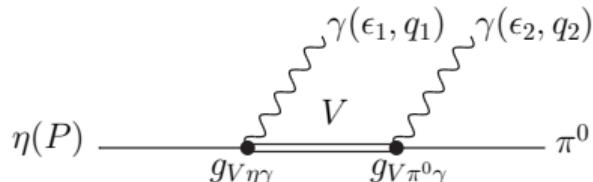
- 1st sizable contribution comes at $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$, but LEC's are not well known
- To test ChPT and a wide range of chiral models, *e.g.* VMD and L σ M



- BSM motivation: search for a B boson via $\eta \rightarrow B\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$

$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ decays: VMD calculation

- Six **diagrams** corresponding to the exchange of $V = \rho^0, \omega, \phi$

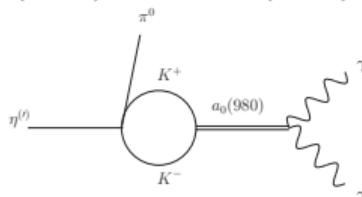


- **$g_{VP\gamma}$ couplings:** $\Gamma_{V \rightarrow P\gamma}^{\text{exp}} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{g_{VP\gamma}^2}{32\pi} \left(\frac{m_V^2 - m_P^2}{m_V} \right)^3$, $\Gamma_{P \rightarrow V\gamma}^{\text{exp}} = \frac{g_{VP\gamma}^2}{32\pi} \left(\frac{m_P^2 - m_V^2}{m_P} \right)^3$,

Decay	Branching ratio (pdg)	$ g_{VP\gamma} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$	$(4.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-4}$	0.22(1)
$\rho^0 \rightarrow \eta \gamma$	$(3.00 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-4}$	0.48(2)
$\eta' \rightarrow \rho^0 \gamma$	$(28.9 \pm 0.5)\%$	0.40(1)
$\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$	$(8.40 \pm 0.22)\%$	0.70(1)
$\omega \rightarrow \eta \gamma$	$(4.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$	0.135(6)
$\eta' \rightarrow \omega \gamma$	$(2.62 \pm 0.13)\%$	0.127(4)
$\phi \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$	$(1.30 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-3}$	0.041(1)
$\phi \rightarrow \eta \gamma$	$(1.303 \pm 0.025)\%$	0.2093(20)
$\phi \rightarrow \eta' \gamma$	$(6.22 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-5}$	0.216(4)

L σ M for the scalar resonance contributions

- χ PT loops complemented by the exchange of scalar resonances, $a_0(980), \kappa, \sigma, f_0(980)$, e.g.:



$$\mathcal{A}_{\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma}^{\text{L}\sigma\text{M}} = \frac{2\alpha}{\pi} \frac{1}{m_{K^+}^2} L(s_K)\{a\} \times \mathcal{A}_{K^+ K^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta^{(\prime)}}^{\text{L}\sigma\text{M}} ,$$

- Scalar amplitudes:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{K^+ K^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \eta^{(\prime)}}^{\text{L}\sigma\text{M}} = & \frac{1}{2f_\pi f_K} \left\{ (s - m_{\eta^{(\prime)}}^2) \frac{m_K^2 - m_{a_0}^2}{D_{a_0}(s)} \cos \varphi_P + \frac{1}{6} \left[(5m_{\eta^{(\prime)}}^2 + m_\pi^2 - 3s) \cos \varphi_P \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \sqrt{2}(m_{\eta^{(\prime)}}^2 + 4m_K^2 + m_\pi^2 - 3s) \sin \varphi_P \right] \right\} , \end{aligned}$$

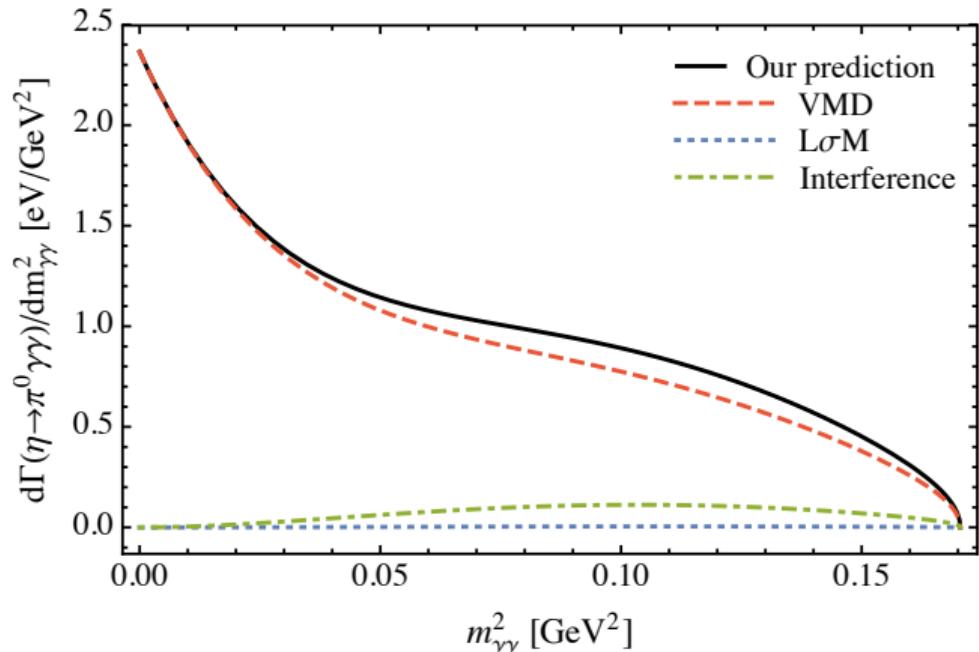
- Complete one-loop propagator for the scalar resonances:

$$D_R(s) = s - m_R^2 + \text{Re}\Pi(s) - \text{Re}\Pi(m_R^2) + i\text{Im}\Pi(s) ,$$

$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma\gamma$ predictions

- Our theoretical prediction: $\text{BR} = 1.35(8) \times 10^{-4}$
(Escribano, SGS, Jora, Royo, Phys.Rev.D 102, 034026 (2020))

- VMD dominates:
- ρ : 27% of the signal
- ω : 21% of the signal
- ϕ : 0% of the signal
- interference between ρ - ω - ϕ : 52%
- interference between scalar and vector mesons: 7%

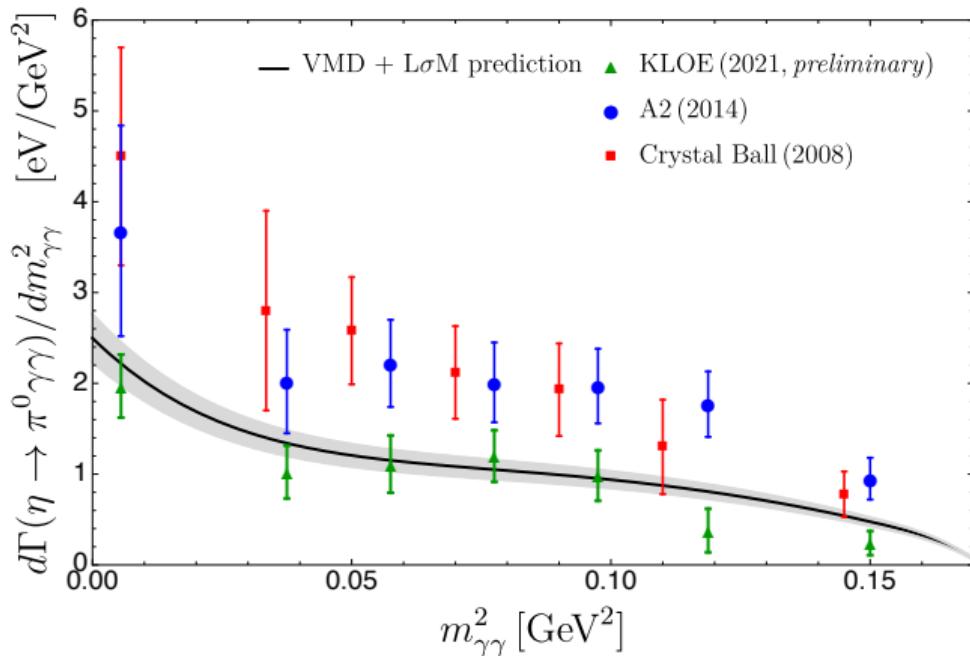


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- Comparison of our prediction ($\text{BR} = 1.35(8) \times 10^{-4}$) with experimental data
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— Shape of the A2
($\text{BR} = 2.54(27) \times 10^{-4}$) and
Crystal Ball
($\text{BR} = 2.21(24)(47) \times 10^{-4}$)
spectra is captured well
(normalization offset)

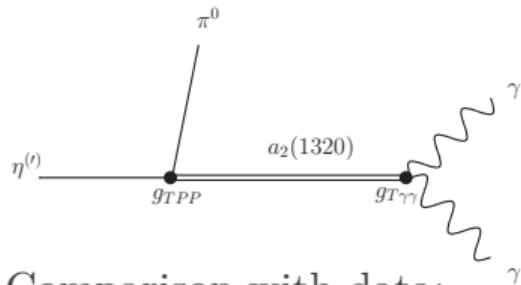
— Good agreement
with KLOE data
($\text{BR} = 0.98(11)(14) \times 10^{-4}$)



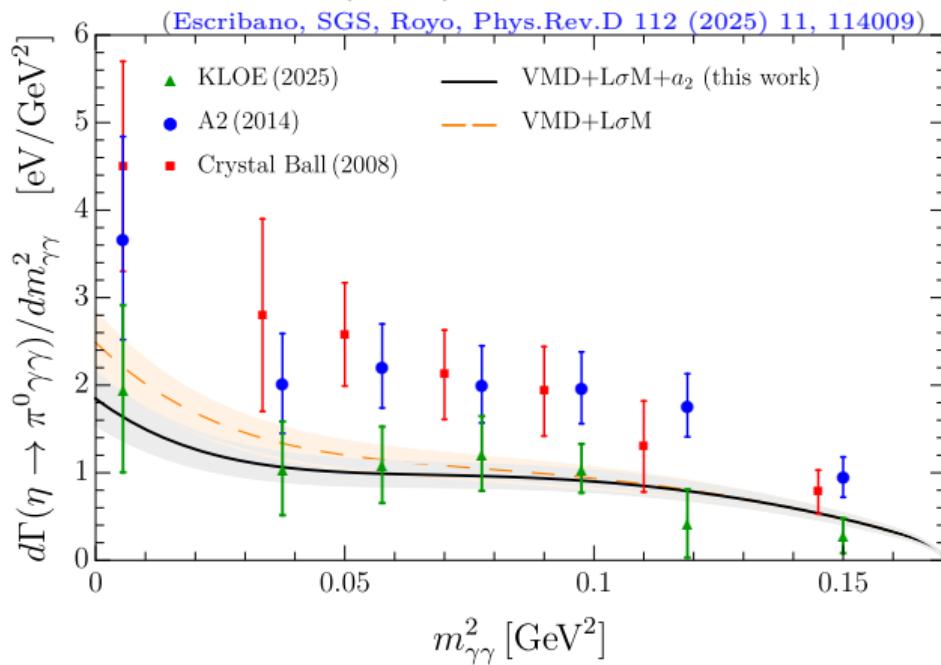
- The experimental situation needs to be **clarified** (A2, JEF, REDTOP)

$a_2(1320)$ tensor meson contribution to $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$

- One diagram corresponding to the exchange of $a_2(1320)$ in the s -channel



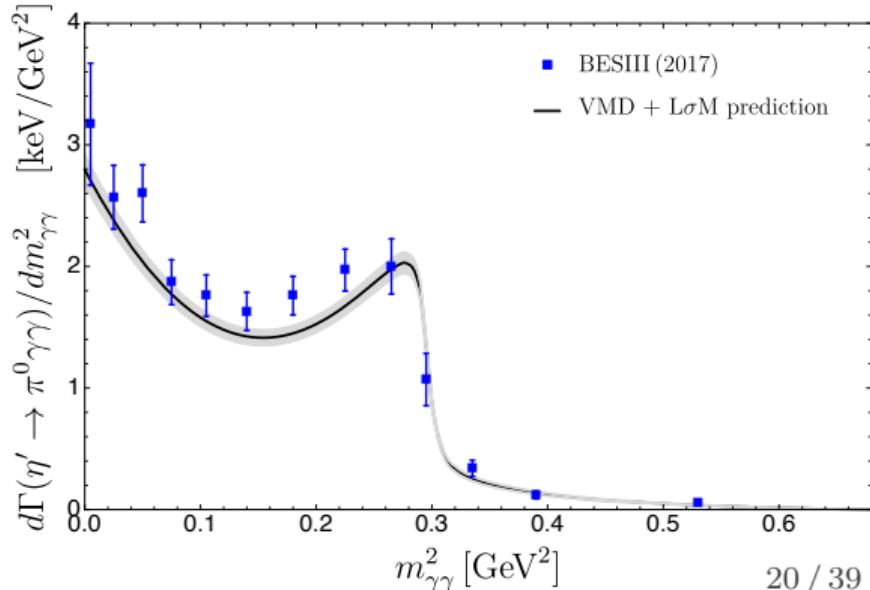
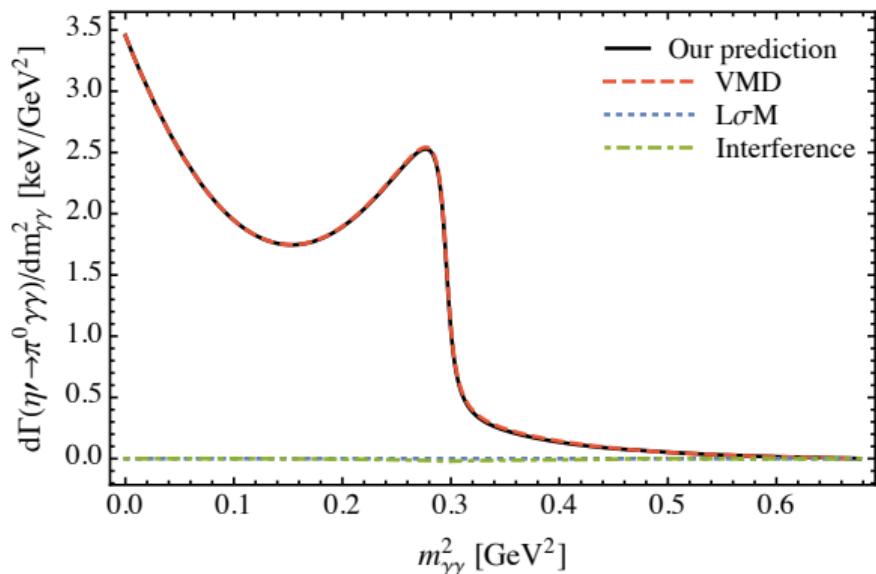
- Comparison with data:
 - Destructive** vector-tensor interference: good agreement with KLOE-II data ([2505.09285](#))



- VMD- a_2 interference $\sim 20\%$ of the signal (could be tested and distinguished from VMD with precise measurements at *e.g.* JEF)

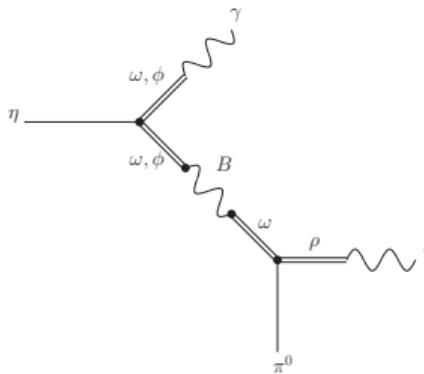
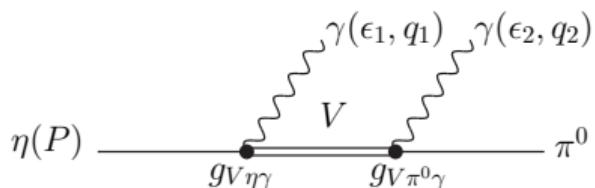
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 - VMD completely dominates: ω (78%), ρ (5%), ϕ (0%), interference (17%)
- First time $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ invariant mass distribution by BESIII;
 $\text{BR} = 3.20(7)(23) \times 10^{-3}$ ([Ablikim *et. al.* Phys.Rev.D 96, 012005 \(2017\)](#))



New limits on α_B, m_B

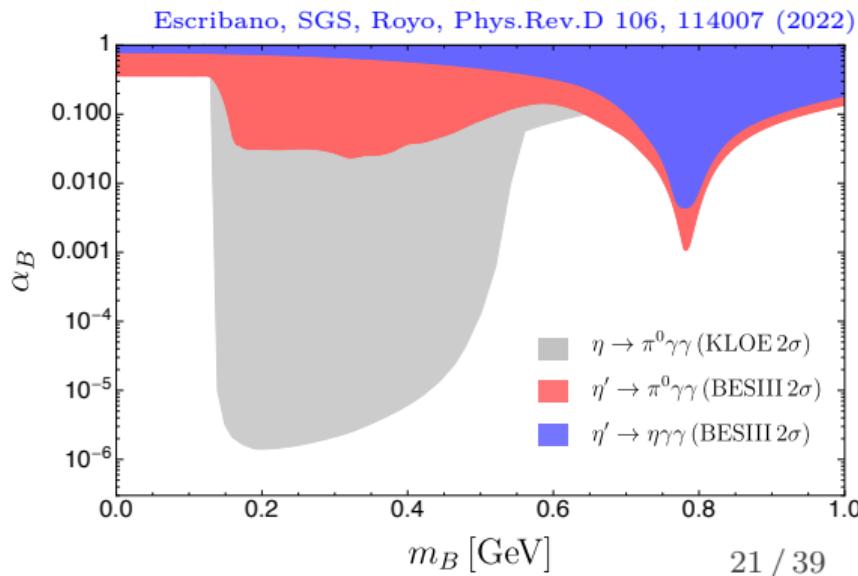
- SM+ B -boson



- $\text{BR}_{\text{VMD}+\text{Bboson}} < \text{BR}_{\text{exp}}$ at 2σ

$\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)_{\text{exp}}^{\text{pdg}} = 2.56(22) \times 10^{-4}$

$\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)_{\text{exp}}^{\text{KLOE}} = 0.98(11)(14) \times 10^{-4}$



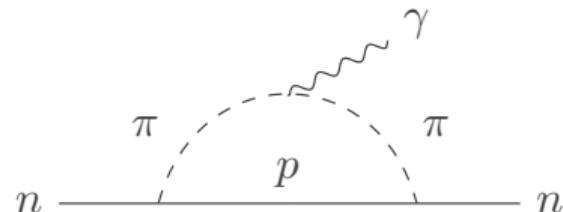
Strong CP problem

- QCD Lagrangian with a θ term:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{quarks}} - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} + \theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu},$$

- The θ term implies that QCD violates P and CP
- This CP-violation is measurable: the θ term causes an EDM for the neutron

$$|d_n| \sim \bar{\theta}, \text{ with } \bar{\theta} = \theta + \arg(\det M_q)$$



- Experimental upper limits on the neutron EDM:
 $|d_n| \lesssim 1.8 \times 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$ (C. Abel et. al., PRL 124, 081803 (2020))
- Constrains $\bar{\theta} \lesssim 10^{-10}$
- Why is θ so small? (one of the open issues of the SM)

The QCD axion

- The Peccei-Quinn solution of the strong CP-problem (Peccei, Quinn'77)
 - New $U(1)_A$ global symmetry (a.k.a $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$),
 - Broken spontaneously at the high energy scale f_a and anomalous
- Nambu-Goldstone boson: the axion a (Weinberg'78; Wilczek'78)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset - \left(\theta + \frac{a}{f_a} \right) \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu}.$$

- Its VEV cancels the θ -term: $\theta + \frac{\langle a \rangle}{f_a} = 0$, and solves the strong CP-problem:

$$a \rightarrow \langle a \rangle + a, \quad \mathcal{L} \supset - \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu}.$$

- Axion mass: $m_a^2 = \frac{m_u m_d}{(m_u + m_d)^2} \frac{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2}{f_a^2}$
- The scale f_a is identified with the electroweak symmetry breaking scale v :

$$f_a \sim v = (\sqrt{2} G_F)^{-1/2} \approx 246 \text{ GeV},$$

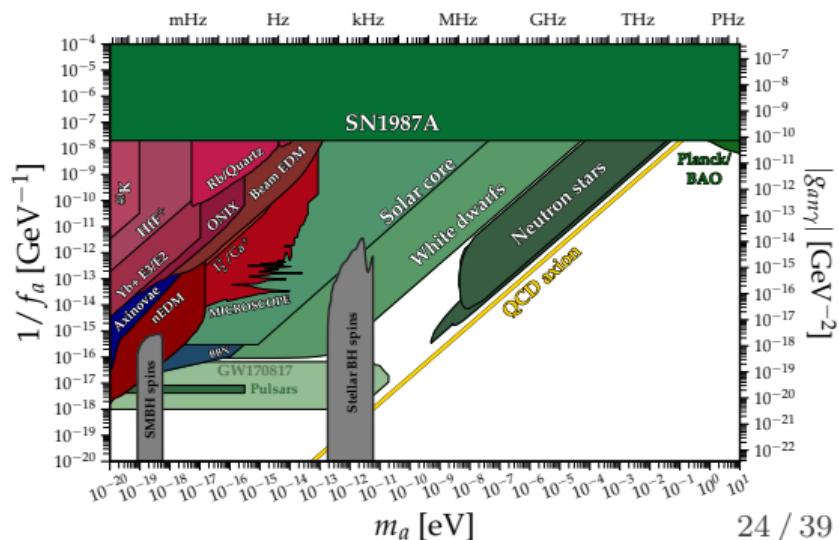
- The PQWW axion ruled out experimentally

Invisible axion models

- *Invisible* models were developed to make the axion weakly coupled ($f_a \gg v$):
 - Dine-Fischler-Srednicki-Zhitnisky (DFSZ) (PLB 104, 199 (1981), SJNP 31, 260 (1980))
SM quarks carry PQ charges
 - Kim-Shifman-Vainshtein-Zakharov (KSVZ) (PRL 43, 103 (1979), NPB 166, 493 (1980))
SM quarks uncharged under the PQ symmetry
- Axion decay constant window from astrophysical and cosmological data:

$$10^8 \text{ GeV} \lesssim f_a \lesssim 10^{18} \text{ GeV},$$

(for compilations of various constraints,
see: <https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/>)



Axion-Like Particles (ALPs)

- “Yukawa basis”: ALP with gluon and quark couplings (*à la* DFSZ)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}} = & \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu a) (\partial^\mu a) - \frac{1}{2} M_{PQ}^2 a^2 \\ & - Q_G \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{a}{f_a} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{q=u,d,s} m_q \bar{q} \left(e^{i Q_q \frac{a}{f_a} \gamma_5} \right) q,\end{aligned}$$

M_{PQ} : PQ-breaking contribution to the mass

$Q_{q,G}$: PQ charges

- The heavy-flavor c, b, t quarks contributions have been integrated out
- Equivalent to the “usual” derivative basis (related via chiral rotations of the quarks)¹

¹if weak interactions are neglected

Lagrangian for ALPs coupled to mesons

- Step 1: map \mathcal{L}_{ALP} into χPT at leading order:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}}^{\chi\text{PT}@LO} = & \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu a\partial^\mu a - \frac{1}{2}M_{\cancel{P}\cancel{Q}}^2 a^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_0^2 \left(\eta_0 - \frac{Q_G}{\sqrt{6}}\frac{f_\pi}{f_a}a\right)^2 \\ & + \frac{f_\pi^2}{4}\text{Tr}\left[\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U\right] + \frac{f_\pi^2}{4}\text{Tr}\left[2B_0(M_q(a)U + M_q(a)^\dagger U^\dagger)\right],\end{aligned}$$

with the ALP-dependent quark mass matrix:

$$M_q(a) = \text{diag}\left(m_u e^{iQ_u a/f_a}, m_d e^{iQ_d a/f_a}, m_s e^{iQ_s a/f_a}\right),$$

and the representation of the pNGB chiral meson nonet:

$$U = \exp\left(\frac{i\sqrt{2}\Phi}{f}\right), \quad \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi_3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta_8 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\eta_0 & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi_3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta_8 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\eta_0 & K^0 \\ K^- & K^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\eta_8 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\eta_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Diagonalization of the mass matrix

- Step 2: diagonalization of the mass matrix ($\phi \equiv (\pi_3, \eta_8, \eta_0, a)$)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}}^{\chi\text{PT@LO}} \supset -\frac{1}{2}\phi^T \widetilde{M}^2 \phi, \quad \widetilde{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_{\pi_3}^2 & m_{\pi_3 \eta_8}^2 & m_{\pi \eta_0}^2 & m_{\pi_3 a}^2 \\ & m_{\eta_8}^2 & m_{\eta_8 \eta_0}^2 & m_{\eta_8 a}^2 \\ & & m_{\eta_0}^2 & m_{\eta_0 a}^2 \\ & & & m_a^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pi_3 \\ \eta_8 \\ \eta_0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} & & \begin{matrix} \theta_{a\pi} \\ \theta_{a\eta_8} \\ \theta_{a\eta_0} \\ 1 \end{matrix} \\ \mathbb{1}_{3 \times 3} & & \\ & \begin{matrix} -\theta_{a\pi} \\ -\theta_{a\eta_8} \\ -\theta_{a\eta_0} \end{matrix} & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \bar{1} \end{matrix} \\ \mathbb{R}_{3 \times 3} & & \\ & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \bar{1} \end{matrix} & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \pi^0 \\ \eta \\ \eta' \\ a_{\text{phys}} \end{pmatrix},$$

where \mathbb{R} is an orthogonal matrix that diagonalizes of the π^0 - η - η' subsystem

$$\mathbb{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\theta_{\pi\eta} & -\theta_{\pi\eta'} \\ (\theta_{\pi\eta} \cos \theta_{\eta\eta'} + \theta_{\pi\eta'} \sin \theta_{\eta\eta'}) & \cos \theta_{\eta\eta'} & \sin \theta_{\eta\eta'} \\ (\theta_{\pi\eta'} \cos \theta_{\eta\eta'} - \theta_{\pi\eta} \sin \theta_{\eta\eta'}) & -\sin \theta_{\eta\eta'} & \cos \theta_{\eta\eta'} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Mixing angles and physical axion mass

- In the PQ-preserving limit, *i.e.* $M_{PQ} = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{a\pi}^{(PQ)} &= -\frac{f_\pi}{f_a} \frac{1}{(1+\epsilon)} \left(\frac{Q_u m_u - Q_d m_d}{m_u + m_d} + \frac{m_u - m_d}{m_u + m_d} \frac{Q_s + Q_G}{2} + \epsilon \frac{Q_u - Q_d}{2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(f_a^{-2}), \\ \theta_{a\eta_8}^{(PQ)} &= \frac{f_\pi}{f_a} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{1}{(1+\epsilon)} \left(Q_s + \frac{Q_G}{3} - \epsilon \frac{(Q_u + Q_d + 2Q_G/3) + \frac{2B_0 m_s}{m_0^2} (Q_u + Q_d - 2Q_s)}{1 + \frac{6B_0 m_s}{m_0^2}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(f_a^{-2}), \\ \theta_{a\eta_0}^{(PQ)} &= \frac{f_\pi}{f_a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{1}{(1+\epsilon)} \left(Q_G + \epsilon \frac{Q_G - \frac{6B_0 m_s}{m_0^2} (Q_u + Q_d + Q_s)}{1 + \frac{6B_0 m_s}{m_0^2}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(f_a^{-2}),\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \epsilon \equiv \frac{m_u m_d}{m_s(m_u + m_d)} \left(1 + 6 \frac{B_0 m_s}{m_0^2} \right) \approx 0.04.$$

- Physical axion mass:

$$(m_{a_{\text{phys}}}^{(PQ)})^2 = (Q_u + Q_d + Q_s + Q_G)^2 \frac{B_0 m_u m_d m_s}{\left(m_u m_d + m_u m_s + m_d m_s + \frac{6B_0 m_u m_d m_s}{m_0^2} \right)} \frac{f_\pi^2}{f_a^2},$$

ALP-meson mixing angles

- In the PQ-breaking limit, *i.e.* $M_{\text{PQ}} \neq 0$:

$$\theta_{a\pi} = \theta_{a\pi}^{(\text{PQ})} \left(1 + \frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_a^2} \right),$$

$$\theta_{a\eta_8} = \theta_{a\eta_8}^{(\text{PQ})} \left(1 + \cos^2 \theta_{\eta\eta'} \frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_\eta^2 - m_a^2} + \sin^2 \theta_{\eta\eta'} \frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_{\eta'}^2 - m_a^2} \right) + \theta_{a\eta_0}^{(\text{PQ})} \frac{\sin 2\theta_{\eta\eta'}}{2} \left(\frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_{\eta'}^2 - m_a^2} - \frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_\eta^2 - m_a^2} \right),$$

$$\theta_{a\eta_0} = \theta_{a\eta_0}^{(\text{PQ})} \left(1 + \sin^2 \theta_{\eta\eta'} \frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_\eta^2 - m_a^2} + \cos^2 \theta_{\eta\eta'} \frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_{\eta'}^2 - m_a^2} \right) + \theta_{a\eta_8}^{(\text{PQ})} \frac{\sin 2\theta_{\eta\eta'}}{2} \left(\frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_{\eta'}^2 - m_a^2} - \frac{M_{\text{PQ}}^2}{m_\eta^2 - m_a^2} \right).$$

- Valid in the small mixing angle approximation, *i.e.* when $\theta_{a\pi}^{(\text{PQ})}, \theta_{a\eta_8}^{(\text{PQ})}, \theta_{a\eta_0}^{(\text{PQ})} \ll 1$
- Physical ALP mass:

$$m_a^2 \equiv m_{a\text{phys}}^2 = (m_{a\text{phys}}^{(\text{PQ})})^2 + M_{\text{PQ}}^2.$$

- Step 3: re-express $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}}^{\chi\text{PT@LO}}$ in terms of the **physical states**

$$\pi_3 \rightarrow \pi^0 + \theta_{a\pi} a^{\text{phys}}, \eta_8 \rightarrow \cos \theta_{\eta\eta'} \eta + \sin \theta_{\eta\eta'} \eta' + \theta_{a\eta_8} a^{\text{phys}}, \eta_0 \rightarrow -\sin \theta_{\eta\eta'} \eta + \cos \theta_{\eta\eta'} \eta' + \theta_{a\eta_0} a^{\text{phys}},$$

$\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi a$ decay amplitudes at LO

$$\mathcal{A}(\eta \rightarrow 2\pi^0 a) = 2! \frac{m_\pi^2}{f_\pi^2} (\cos \theta - \sqrt{2} \sin \theta) \left[\frac{f_\pi}{2\sqrt{3}f_a} \frac{Q_u m_u + Q_d m_d}{m_u + m_d} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \frac{m_d - m_u}{m_u + m_d} \theta_{\pi_3 a} + \frac{1}{6} \theta_{\eta_8 a} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} \theta_{\eta_0 a} \right],$$

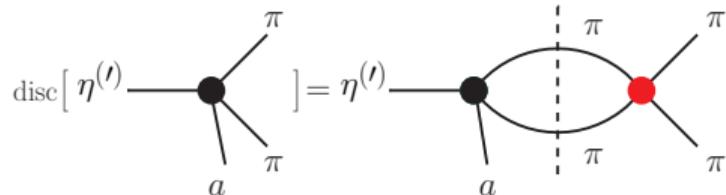
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Effects of pion-pion final-state interactions (FSI)

- Unitarity:



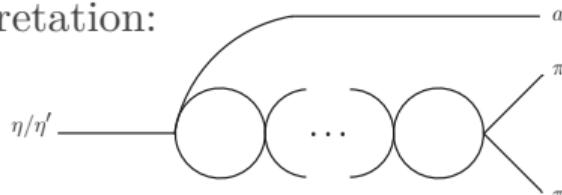
$$\text{disc}\mathcal{A}(s) = 2i\mathcal{A}(s)\sigma_\pi(s)T_0^{0*}(s) = 2i\mathcal{A}(s)\sin\delta_0^0(s)e^{-i\delta_0^0(s)},$$

$$\mathcal{A}(s) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^\infty ds' \frac{\text{disc}\mathcal{A}(s')}{s' - s - i\varepsilon}$$

- Analytic solution:

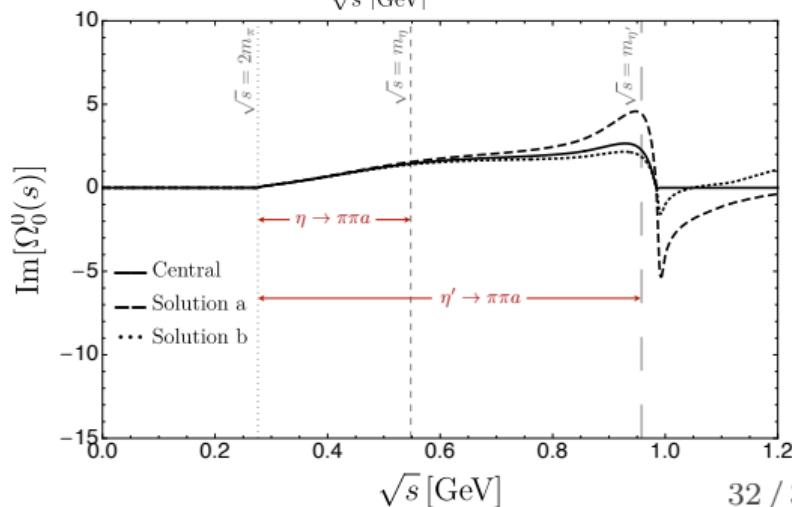
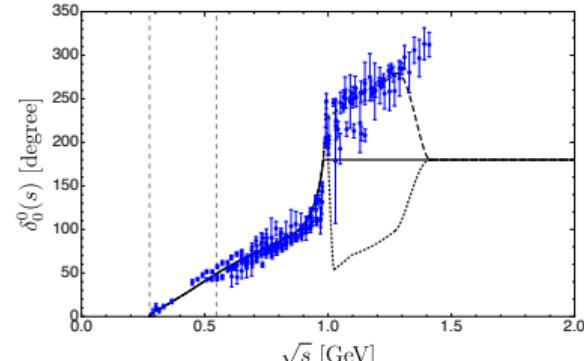
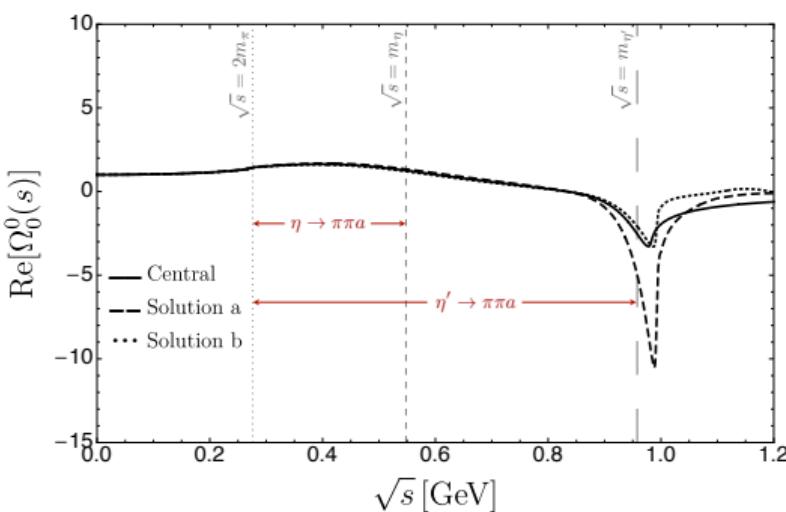
$$\mathcal{A}(s) = \mathcal{A}(\eta \rightarrow 2\pi a)|_{\text{LO}} \times \Omega_0^0(s), \quad \Omega_0^0(s) = \exp \left\{ \frac{s}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^\infty ds' \frac{\delta_0^0(s')}{s'(s' - s - i\varepsilon)} \right\},$$

- Diagrammatic interpretation:



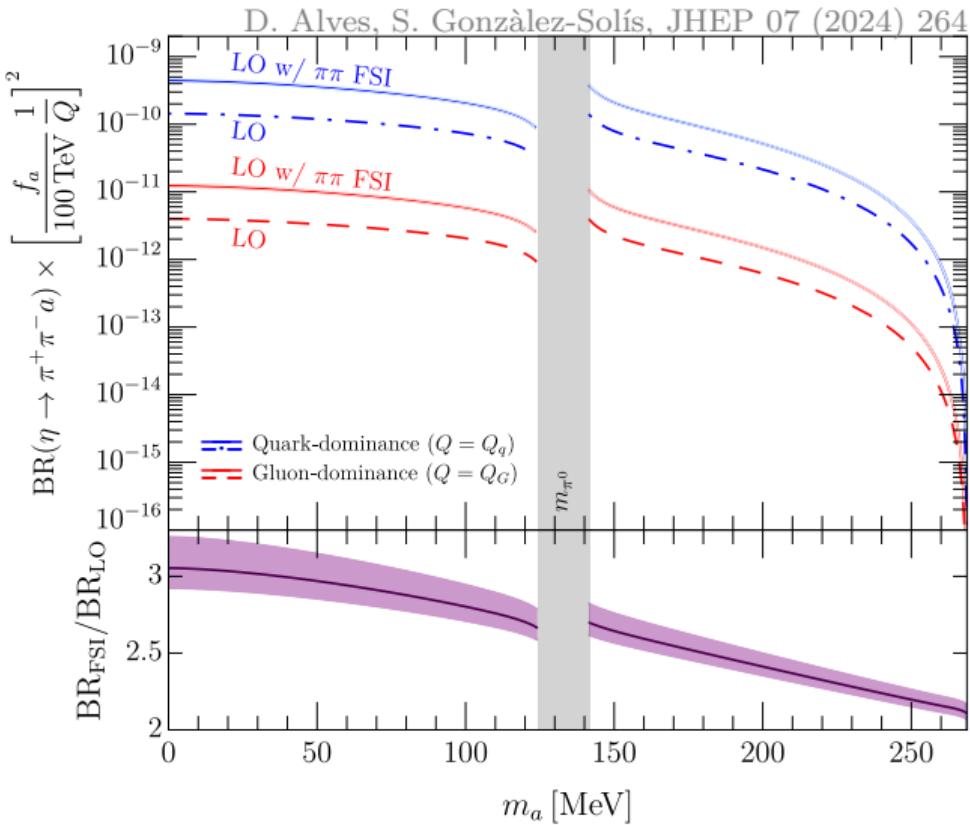
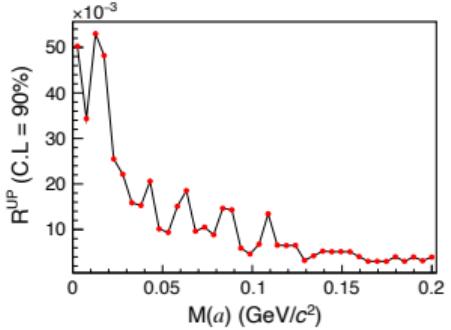
Solution of the Omnès function $\Omega_0^0(s)$

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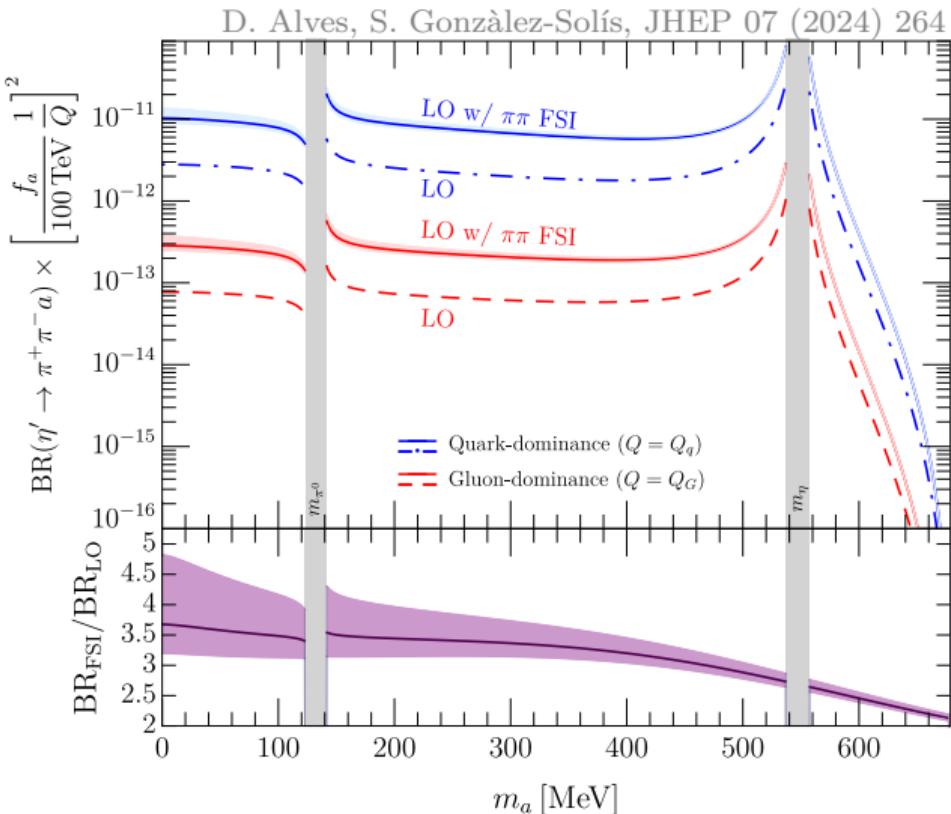
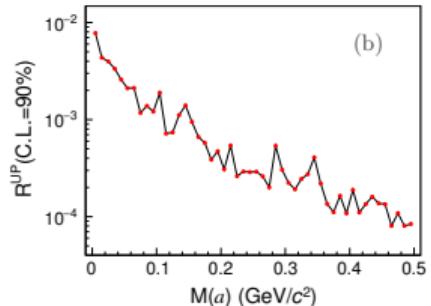
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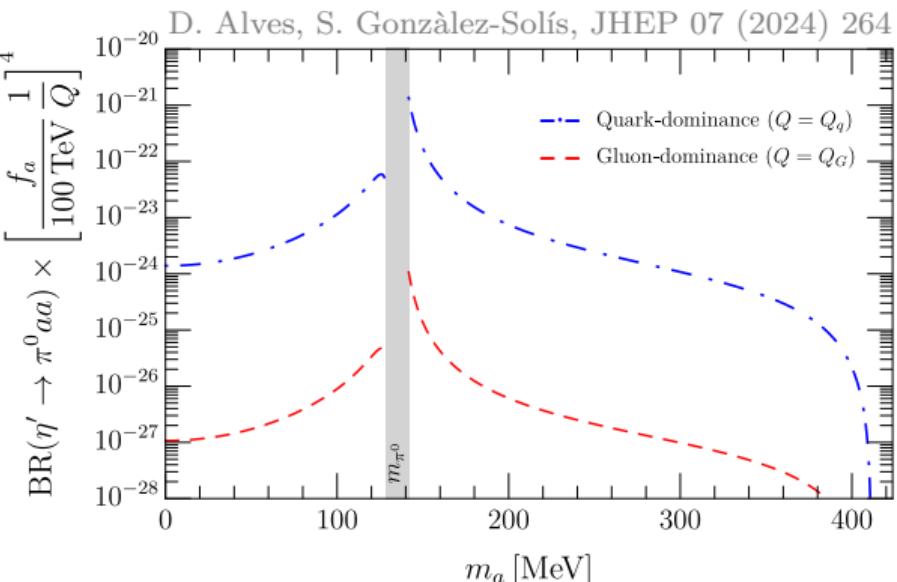
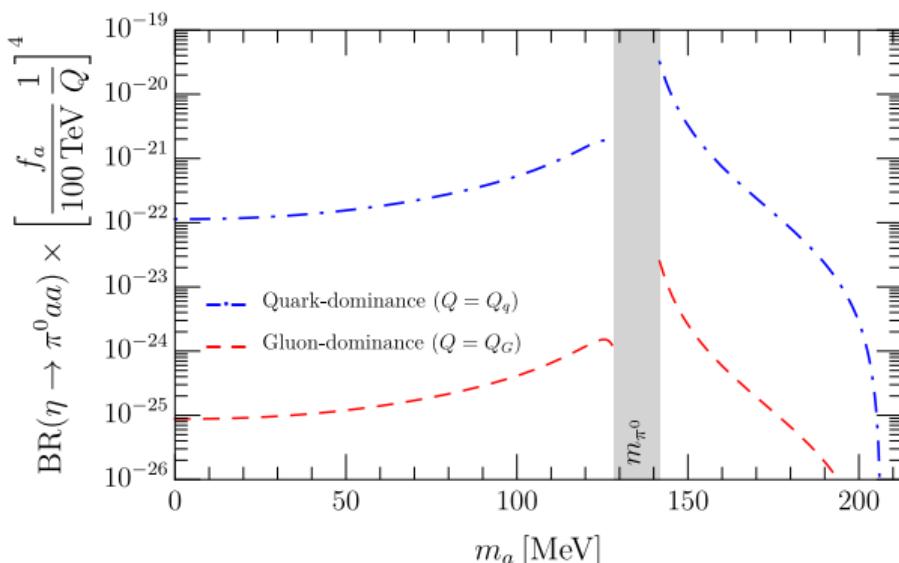
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Double production of ALPs in η/η' decays

- $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 aa$ decays
- One extra power of $1/f_a$ suppression, $\text{BR} \sim \mathcal{O}(1/f_a^4)$
- $f_a \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 10)$ GeV to be sensitive probes of ALPs

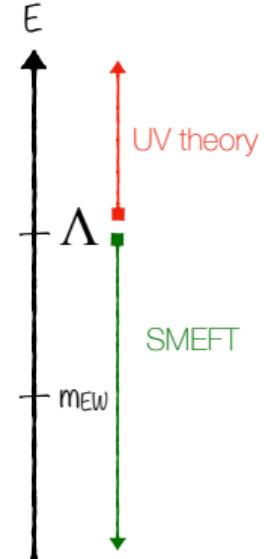


SMEFT

- The SM is an EFT valid up to some scale Λ , beyond it must be extended
- If we are interested in physics at $E \ll \Lambda$ we can write the low-energy Lagrangian as a series in powers of $1/\Lambda$: SMEFT

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}^{(d=4)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d=6)}$$

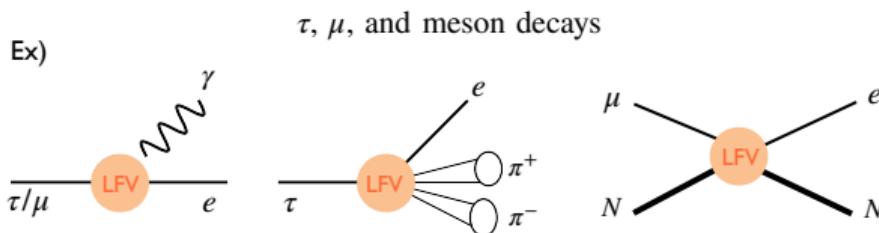
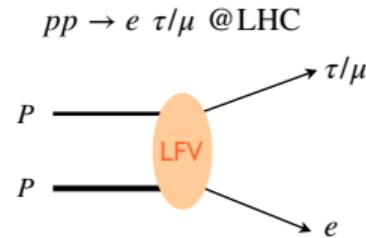
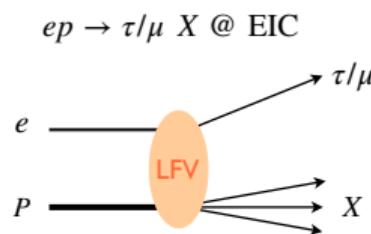
- In general $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}}^{(d=6)}$ violate all the accidental symmetries and properties of the SM: LFV, CP effects, suppression of FCNC, etc.
- Precision test of forbidden or suppressed processes in the SM are powerful probes of physics BSM



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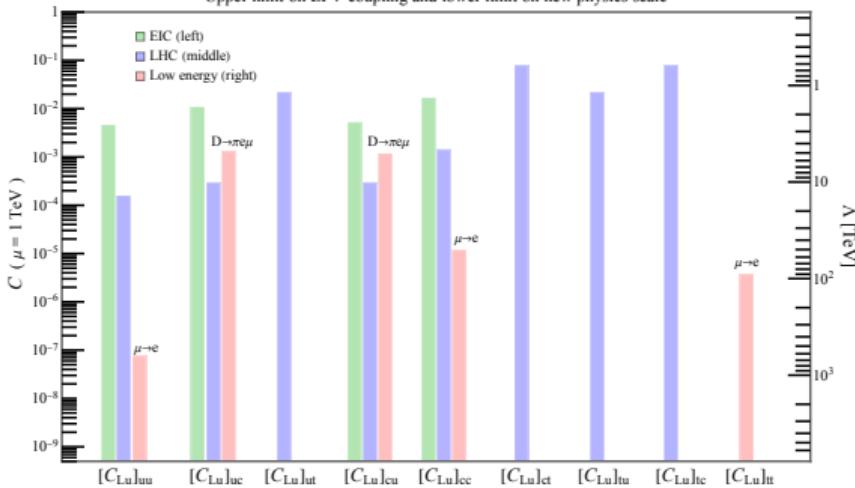


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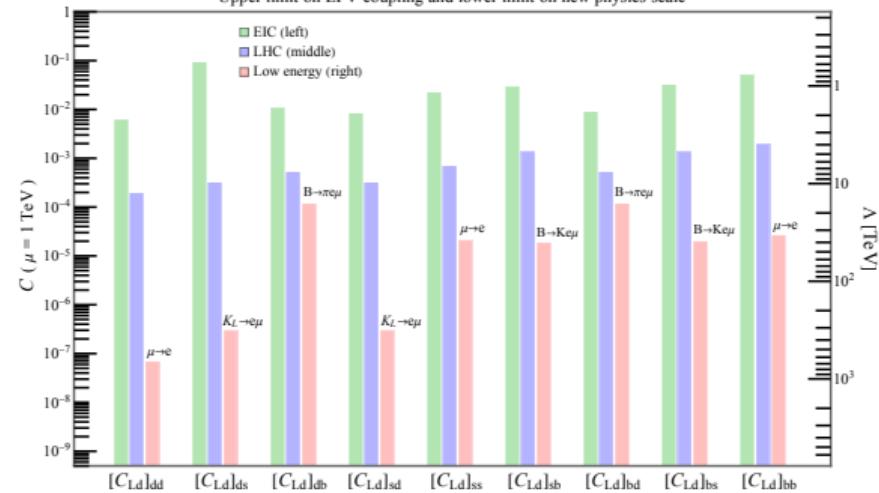
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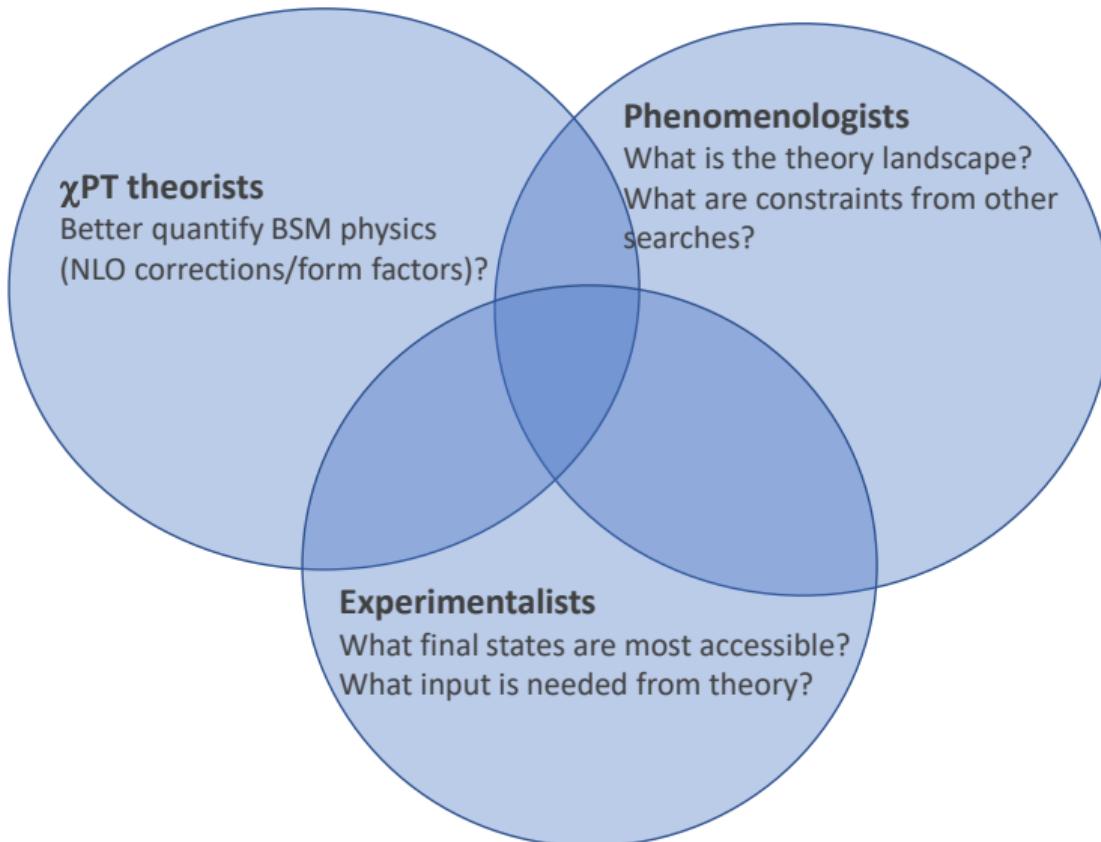
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Conclusions



Vector meson exchange contributions

- Six **diagrams** corresponding to the exchange of $V = \rho^0, \omega, \phi$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma}^{\text{VMD}} = \sum_{V=\rho^0, \omega, \phi} g_{V\eta\gamma} g_{V\pi^0\gamma} \left[\frac{(P \cdot q_2 - m_\eta^2)\{a\} - \{b\}}{D_V(t)} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_2 \leftrightarrow q_1 \\ t \leftrightarrow u \end{array} \right\} \right],$$

- Mandelstam variables and Lorentz structures given by:

$$t, u = (P - q_{2,1})^2 = m_\eta^2 - 2P \cdot q_{2,1},$$

$$\{a\} = (\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)(q_1 \cdot q_2) - (\epsilon_1 \cdot q_2)(\epsilon_2 \cdot q_1),$$

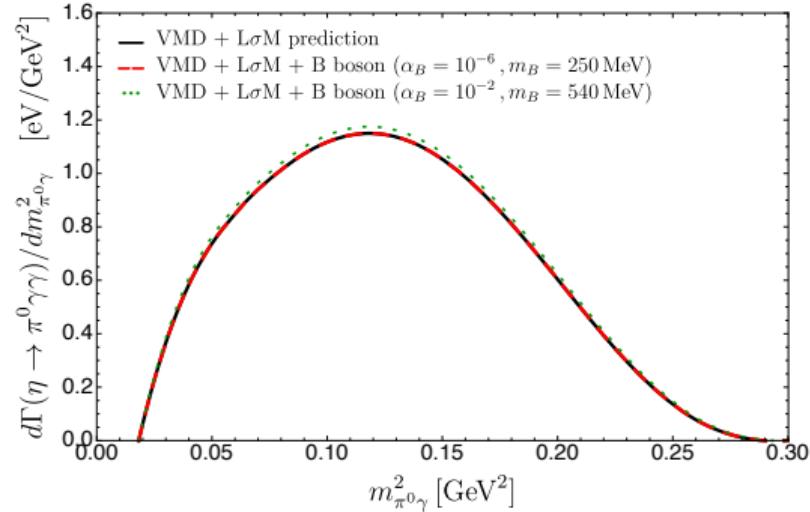
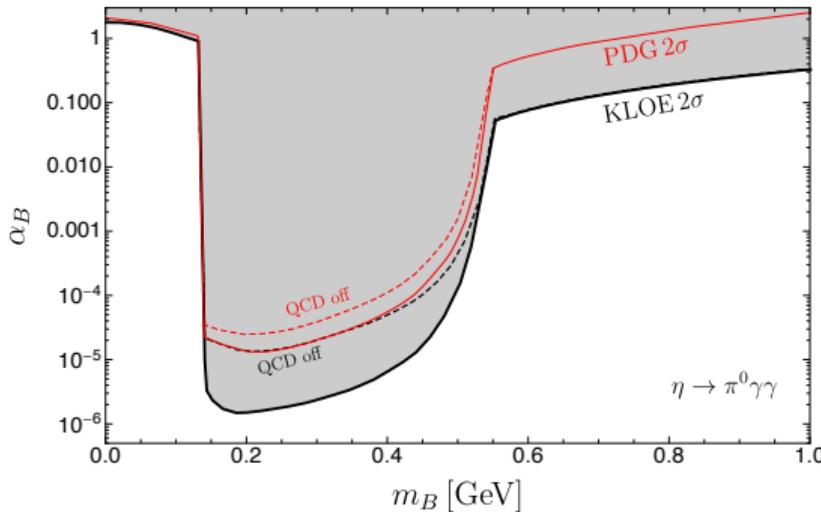
$$\begin{aligned} \{b\} = & (\epsilon_1 \cdot q_2)(\epsilon_2 \cdot P)(P \cdot q_1) + (\epsilon_2 \cdot q_1)(\epsilon_1 \cdot P)(P \cdot q_2) \\ & - (\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)(P \cdot q_1)(P \cdot q_2) - (\epsilon_1 \cdot P)(\epsilon_2 \cdot P)(q_1 \cdot q_2) \end{aligned}$$

- The decays $\eta' \rightarrow \{\pi^0, \eta\} \gamma \gamma$ are formally identical: $g_{V\eta\gamma} g_{V\pi^0\gamma} \rightarrow g_{V\eta'\gamma} g_{V\{\pi^0, \eta\}\gamma}$

$\pi^0\gamma$ mass distribution

- These constraints would make a B boson signature suppressed

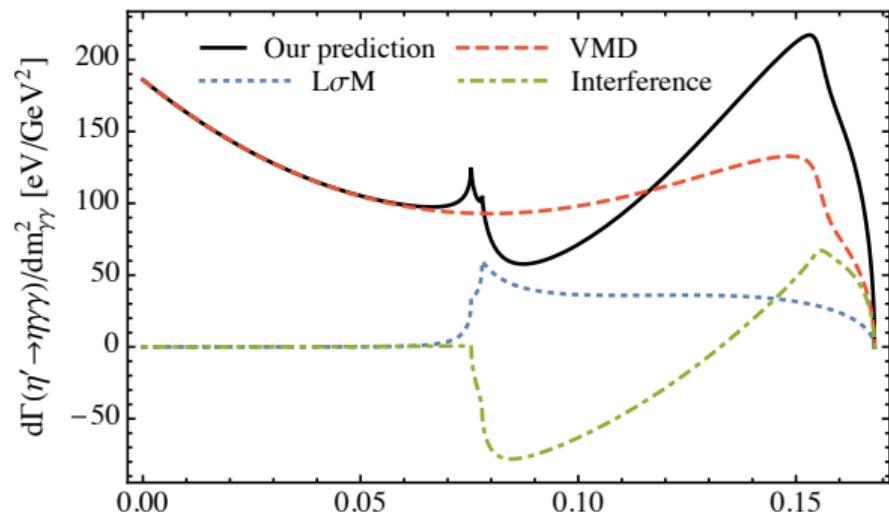
$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma\gamma) \propto \int \frac{\alpha_B^2 dt}{|\mathcal{D}_B(t)|^2} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_B^2 \pi}{m_B \Gamma_B(m_B^2)} .$$



- Experimental $\pi^0\gamma$ distribution will be very welcome (JEF?)

$\eta' \rightarrow \eta\gamma\gamma$ predictions

- 1st BR measurement by BESIII, $BR = 8.25(3.41)(0.72) \times 10^{-5}$ or $BR < 1.33 \times 10^{-4}$ at 90% C.L. ([Ablikim *et. al.* Phys.Rev.D 100, 052015 \(2019\)](#))
- Our theoretical predictions $BR = 1.17(8) \times 10^{-4}$
([R. Escribano, S. G-S, R. Jora, E. Royo, Phys.Rev.D 102, 034026 \(2020\)](#))
 - VMD predominates (91% of the signal)
 - Substantial scalar meson effects (16%)
 - Interference between scalar and vector mesons (7%)



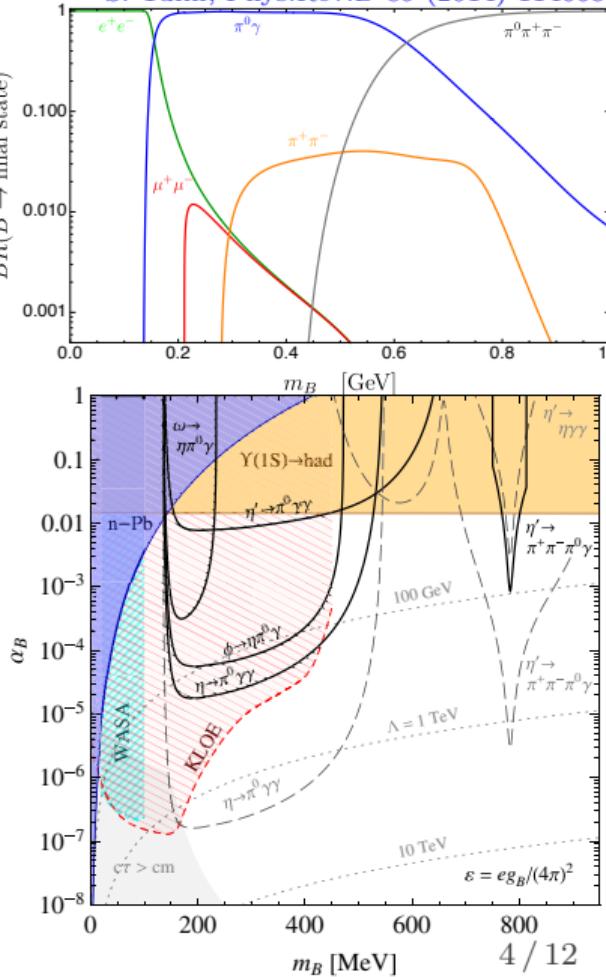
- We look forward to the release of the $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ spectrum

Previous limits on α_B and m_B

- New boson from a new $U(1)_B$ gauge symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \left(\frac{1}{3} \mathbf{g}_B + \mathbf{e} Q_q e \right) \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q B_\mu - \mathbf{e} \bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell B_\mu ,$$

- New gauge coupling: $\alpha_B = g_B^2 / 4\pi$,
- B is a singlet under isospin: $\Rightarrow B$ is **ω -meson** like
- Assuming **Narrow-Width** Approximation:
 $\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) = \text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow B \gamma) \times \text{BR}(B \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma)$
- Assuming **zero** SM contribution
- $\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma) < \text{BR}_{\text{exp}}$ at 2σ
 - $\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)_{\text{exp}} = 2.21(53) \times 10^{-4}$
 - $\text{BR}(\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)_{\text{exp}} < 8 \times 10^{-4}$ (90% C.L.)
 - $\text{BR}(\eta' \rightarrow \eta \gamma \gamma)_{\text{exp}}$ no data



Dark particles in η/η' decays

BSM particle	Decay mode	Signal channel	Search strategy
Dark photon (A')	$\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \gamma^{(*)} A'$	$A' \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ $A' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\ell\ell}$ Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\pi\pi}$
Leptophobic boson (B)	$\eta \rightarrow \gamma B$	$B \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0$	Enhancement in $m_{\pi^0 \gamma}$
		$B \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	Isospin suppressed
	$\eta' \rightarrow \gamma B$	$B \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0, \pi^+ \pi^-, \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0, \gamma \eta$	Enhancement in $m_{\pi^0 \gamma}$
ALPs (a)	$\eta \rightarrow \pi \pi a$	$a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, \ell^+ \ell^- (\ell = e, \mu)$	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma}$
	$\eta' \rightarrow \pi \pi a$	$a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, \ell^+ \ell^-, \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma, 3\pi$	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma}$
	$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$		$\eta^{(\prime)}$ - a mixing
Scalar boson (S)	$\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi^0 S$	$S \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, \ell^+ \ell^-, \pi \pi$	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma}$
	$\eta' \rightarrow \eta S$	$S \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, \ell^+ \ell^-, \pi \pi$	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma}$

Lagrangian for ALPs coupled to QCD

- “Derivative basis”: ALPs with gluon and derivative couplings

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}} = & \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu a) (\partial^\mu a) - \frac{1}{2} \textcolor{red}{M}_a^2 a^2 \\ & - \left(Q_G + \sum_{q=u,d,s} Q_q \right) \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{a}{\textcolor{red}{f}_a} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\partial_\mu a}{\textcolor{red}{f}_a} \sum_{q=u,d,s} \frac{Q_q}{2} \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 q,\end{aligned}$$

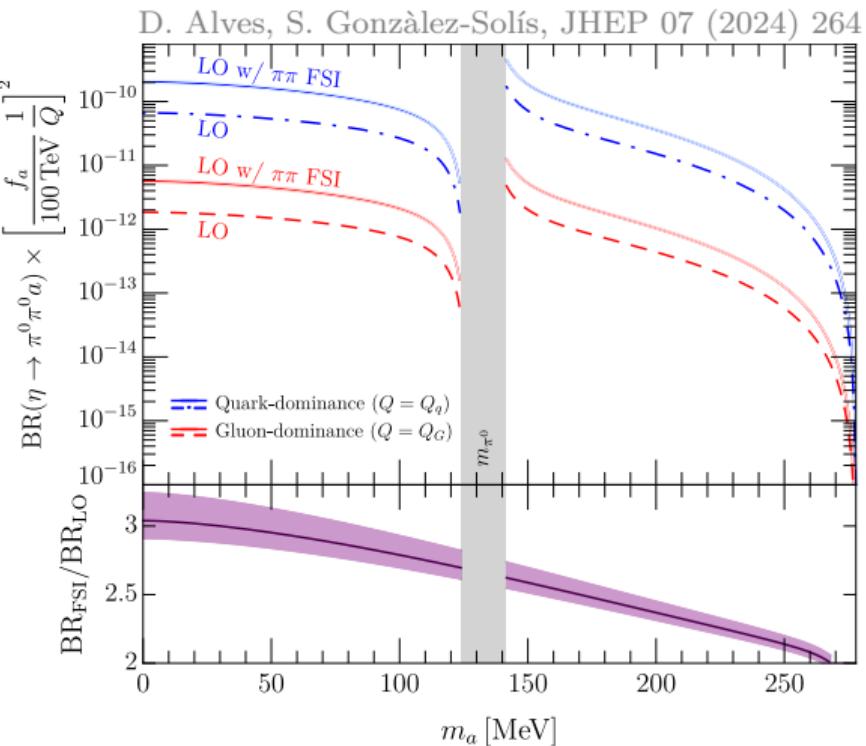
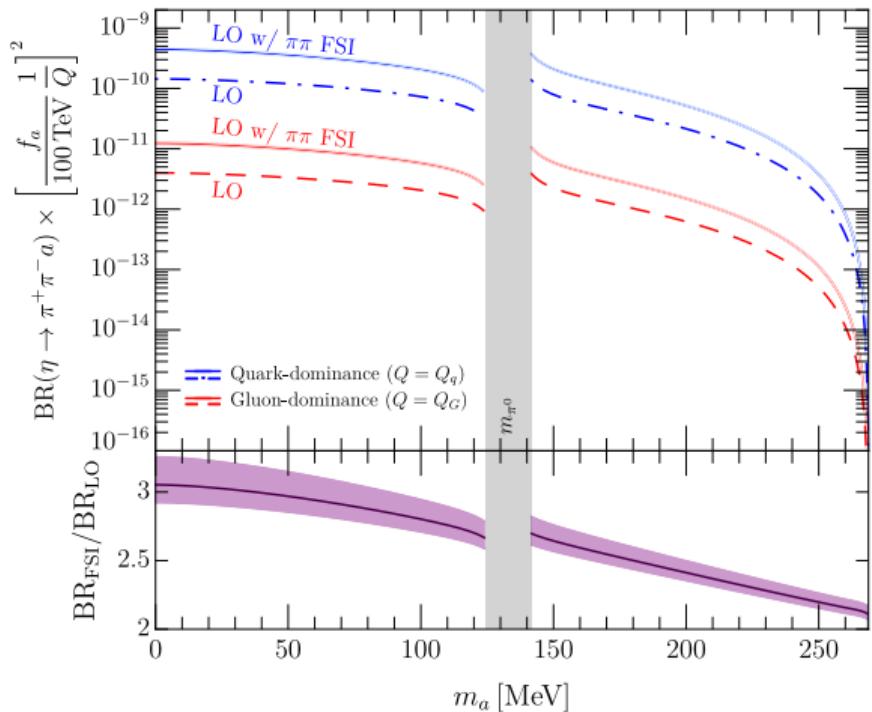
$\textcolor{red}{M}_a^2$: PQ contribution to the mass, $\textcolor{red}{f}_a$: axion decay constant, $Q_{q,G}$: PQ charges

- “Yukawa basis” (this work, at GeV scale): ALP with gluon and mass couplings

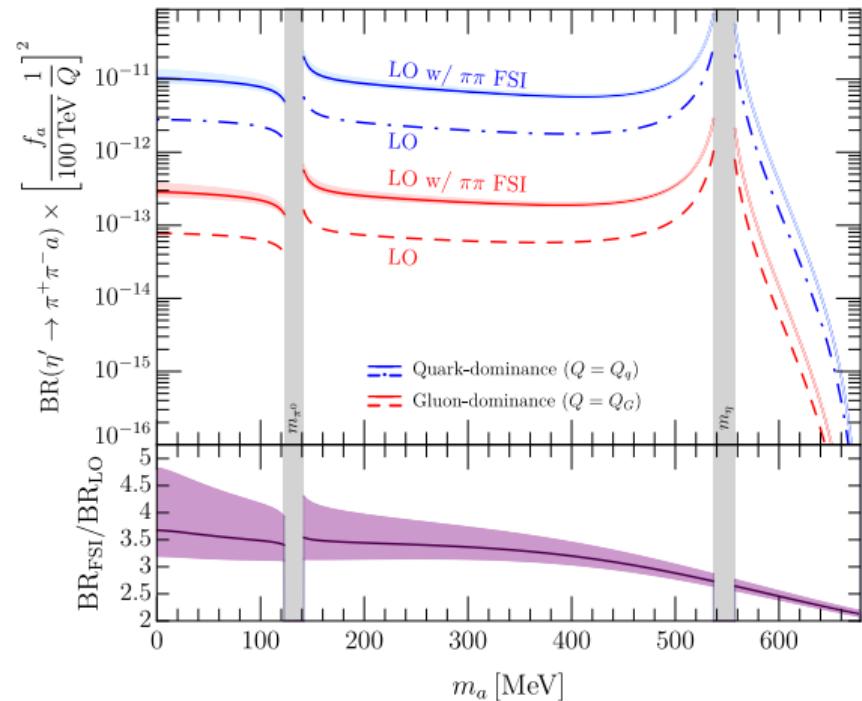
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu a) (\partial^\mu a) - \frac{1}{2} \textcolor{red}{M}_a^2 a^2 - Q_G \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{a}{\textcolor{red}{f}_a} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{q=u,d,s} m_q \bar{q} \left(e^{i Q_q \frac{a}{\textcolor{red}{f}_a} \gamma_5} \right) q,$$

- Equivalent bases (related via chiral rotations of the quarks) if weak interactions are neglected
- The heavy-flavor c, b, t quarks contributions are absorbed in $Q_G \rightarrow Q_G + Q_{t,b,c}$

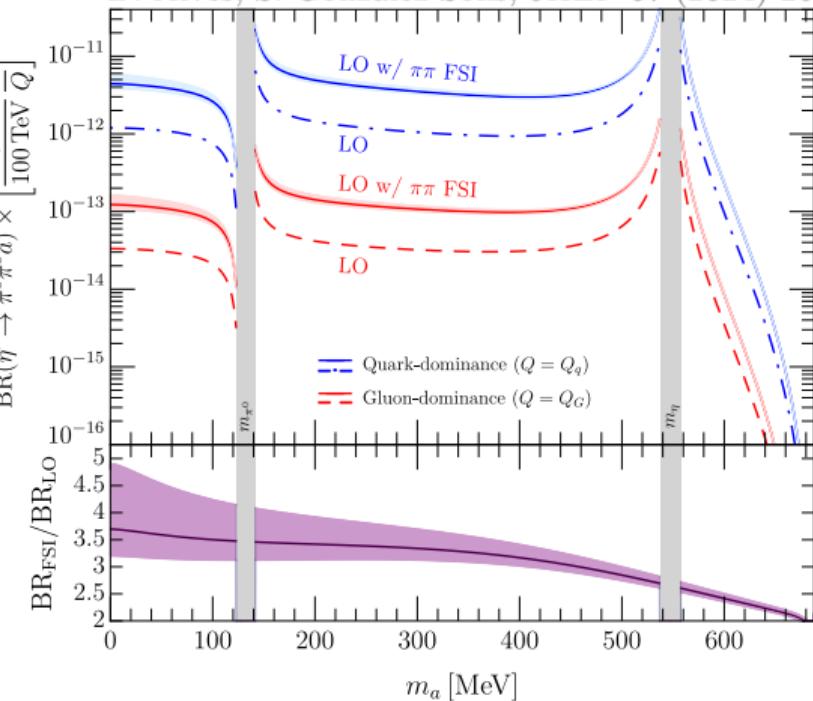
Branching ratio predictions for $\eta \rightarrow \pi\pi a$ ($\pi\pi = \pi^+\pi^-, \pi^0\pi^0$)



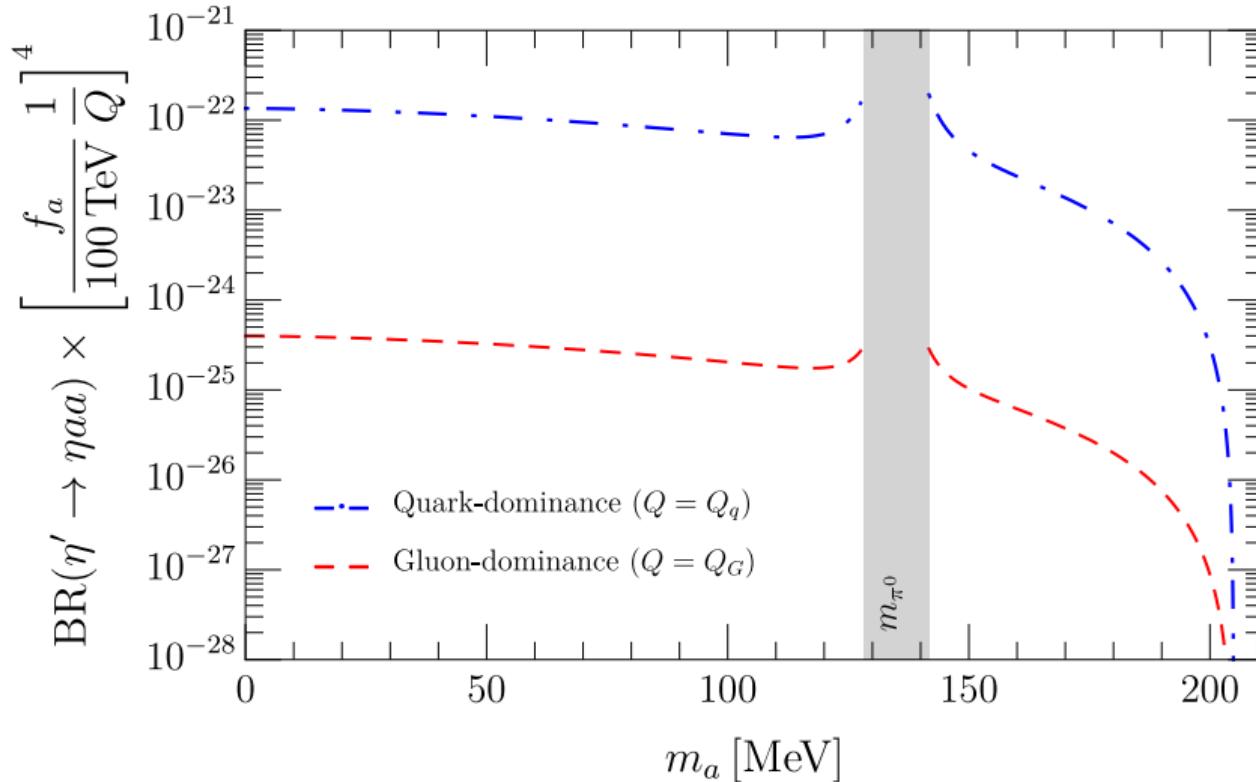
Branching ratio predictions for $\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi a$



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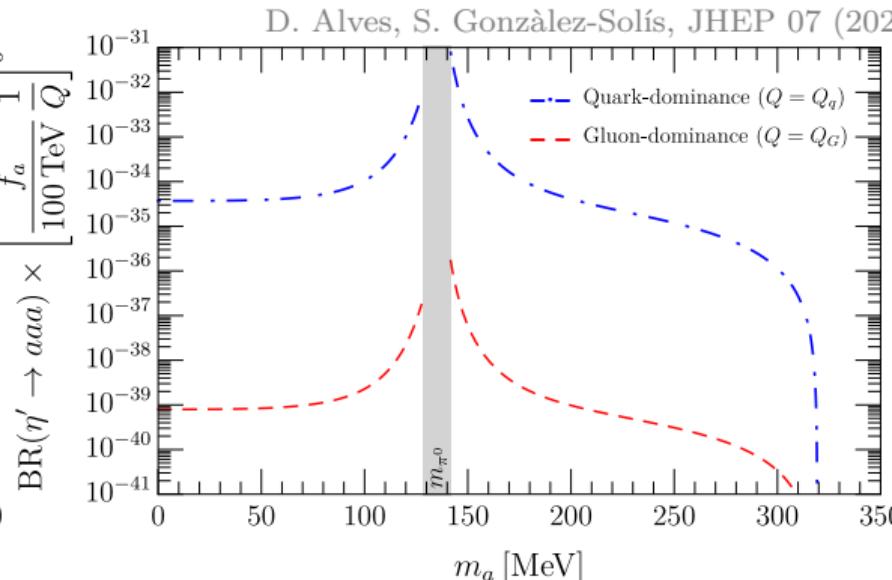
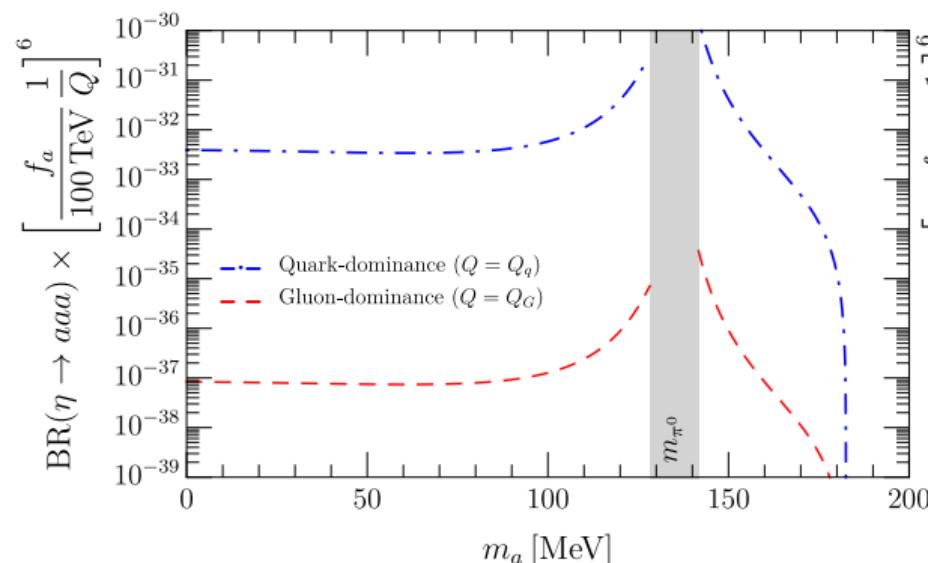


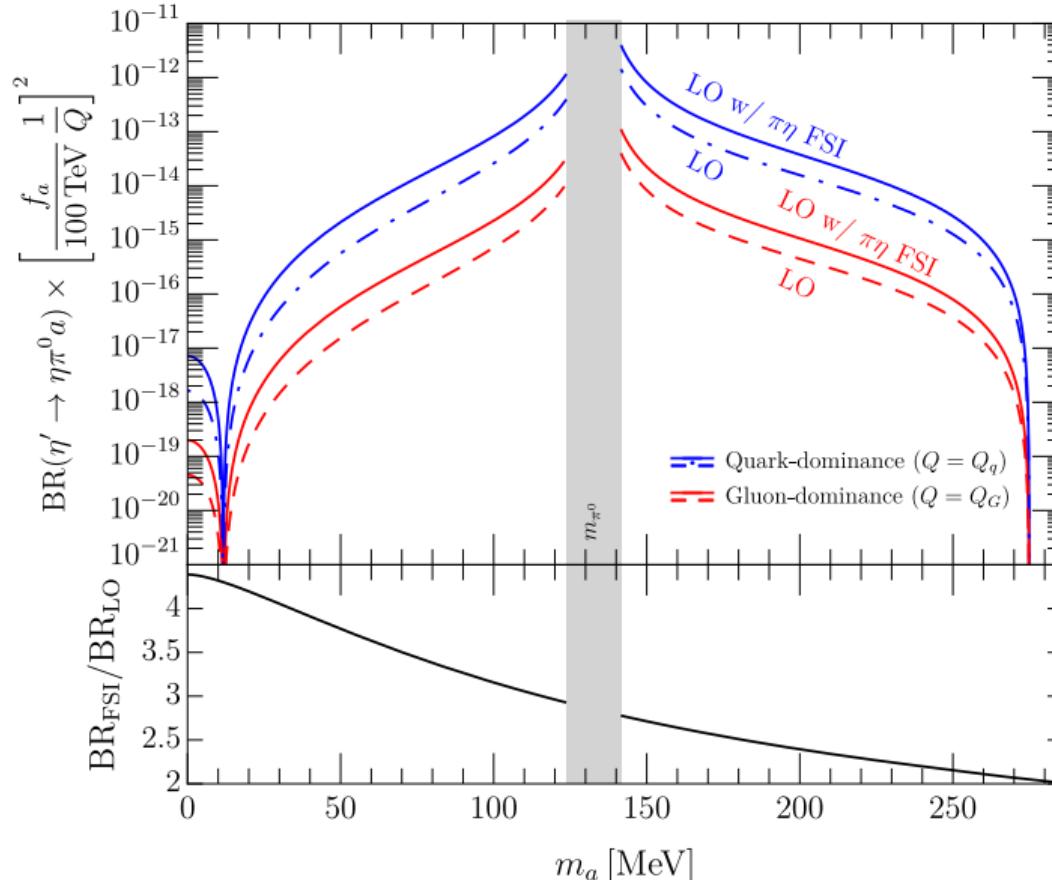
Double production of ALPs in η/η' decays



Triple production of ALPs in η/η' decays

- $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow aaa$ decays
- $\text{BR} \sim \mathcal{O}(1/f_a^6)$
- $f_a \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ GeV to be sensitive probes of ALPs



$\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^0 a$ 

Other meson decays

BSM particle	Decay mode	Signal channel	Search strategy
ALPs (a)	$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm a$	$a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma, \ell\ell}$
	$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 a$	$a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma, \ell, \ell}$
	$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 a$	$a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma, \ell\ell}$
	$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 a$	$a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma, \ell\ell}$
	$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- a$	$a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma, \ell\ell}$
	$B^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm a$	$a \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-, 3\pi, \eta\pi\pi, KK\pi$	Higher ALP masses
	$B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm a$	$a \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-, 3\pi, \eta\pi\pi, KK\pi$	Higher ALP masses
	$B \rightarrow K^* a$	$a \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-, 3\pi, \eta\pi\pi, KK\pi$	Higher ALP masses
	$\omega/\phi/J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 a$	$a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	Bump-hunt in $d\Gamma/dm_{\gamma\gamma, \ell\ell}$
	$\omega/\phi/J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 a$	$a \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma, 3\pi$	
Dark photon (A')	$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma A'$	$A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$e^+ e^-$ resonance
	$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma^* A'$	$\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+ e^-, A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$e^+ e^-$ resonance
	$\omega/\phi/J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 A'$	$A' \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$)	$\ell^+\ell^-$ resonance
	$\omega/\phi/J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 A'$	$A' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	$\pi^+ \pi^-$ resonance
Leptophobic boson (B)	$\omega/\phi \rightarrow \eta B$	$B \rightarrow \gamma\pi^0$	Enhancement in $m_{\pi^0\gamma}$