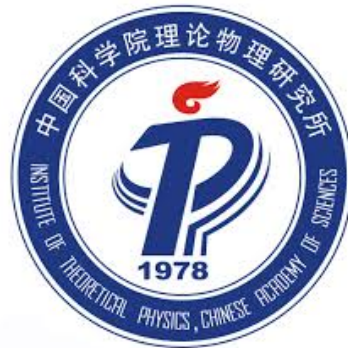


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Two ways of connecting flavour to Dark Matter: flavour portals and axiflavor

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Why are we interested in Flavour Physics?

SM flavour puzzle

- Why three families?
- Why the hierarchies?
(*e.g.* $m_t / m_e = 3.4 \times 10^5$)

We need to find the scale of New Physics!

- LHC found a SM-like Higgs
- No evidence of new phenomena
- We know there is new physics somewhere (DM, neutrino masses, baryogenesis etc.)

Hierarchy of SM fermion masses and mixing

Up quarks:

$$\frac{m_c}{m_t} \approx \epsilon^4, \quad \frac{m_u}{m_t} \approx \epsilon^8$$

Down quarks:

$$\frac{m_s}{m_b} \approx \epsilon^3, \quad \frac{m_d}{m_b} \approx \epsilon^5$$

CKM matrix

$$V_{CKM} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & \epsilon^3 \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon \approx 0.23$$

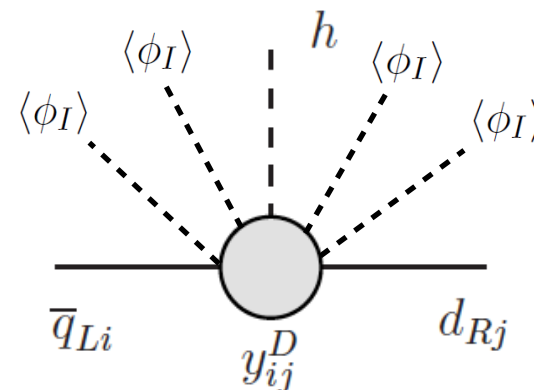
Hints for an organizing principle: is there a dynamical explanation?

Froggatt-Nielsen flavour models

- SM fermions charged under a new horizontal symmetry G_F Froggatt Nielsen '79
Leurer Seiberg Nir '92, '93
- G_F forbids Yukawa couplings at the renormalisable level
- G_F spontaneously broken by “flavons” vevs $\langle \phi_I \rangle$
- Yukawas arise as higher dimensional operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{yuk} = y_{ij}^U \bar{q}_{Li} u_{Rj} \tilde{h} + y_{ij}^D \bar{q}_{Li} d_{Rj} h + \text{h.c.}$$

$$y_{ij}^{U,D} \sim \prod_I \left(\frac{\langle \phi_I \rangle}{M} \right)^{n_{I,ij}^{U,D}}$$



$\phi_I < M \implies \epsilon_I \equiv \langle \phi_I \rangle / M$ small exp. parameter

$n_{I,ij}^{U,D}$ dictated by the symmetry

What is G_F ?

Froggatt-Nielsen flavour models

G_F abelian or non-abelian, continuous or discrete

$U(1)$, $U(1) \times U(1)$, $SU(2)$, $SU(3)$, $SO(3)$, $A_4 \dots$

Froggatt Nielsen '79; Leurer Seiberg Nir '92, '93; Ibanez Ross '94; Dudas Pokorski Savoy '95; Binetruy Lavignac Ramond '96; Barbieri Dvali Hall '95; Pomarol Tommasini '95; Berezhiani Rossi '98; King Ross '01; Ma '02; Altarelli Feruglio '05...

U(1) example

Chankowski et al. '05

$$(\mathcal{Q}_{q_1}, \mathcal{Q}_{q_2}, \mathcal{Q}_{q_3}) = (3, 2, 0)$$

$$(\mathcal{Q}_{u_1}, \mathcal{Q}_{u_2}, \mathcal{Q}_{u_3}) = (5, 2, 0)$$

$$(\mathcal{Q}_{d_1}, \mathcal{Q}_{d_2}, \mathcal{Q}_{d_3}) = (4, 2, 2)$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_\phi = -1 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$y_{ij}^u = a_{ij}^u \epsilon^{\mathcal{Q}_{q_i} + \mathcal{Q}_{u_j}}$$

$$y_{ij}^d = a_{ij}^d \epsilon^{\mathcal{Q}_{q_i} + \mathcal{Q}_{d_j}}$$

$$\epsilon = \phi/M \approx 0.23$$

$$Y_u \sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^8 & \epsilon^5 & \epsilon^3 \\ \epsilon^7 & \epsilon^4 & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon^5 & \epsilon^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_d \sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^7 & \epsilon^5 & \epsilon^5 \\ \epsilon^6 & \epsilon^4 & \epsilon^4 \\ \epsilon^4 & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

M can be interpreted as the mass scale of new degrees of freedom: the “flavour messengers”

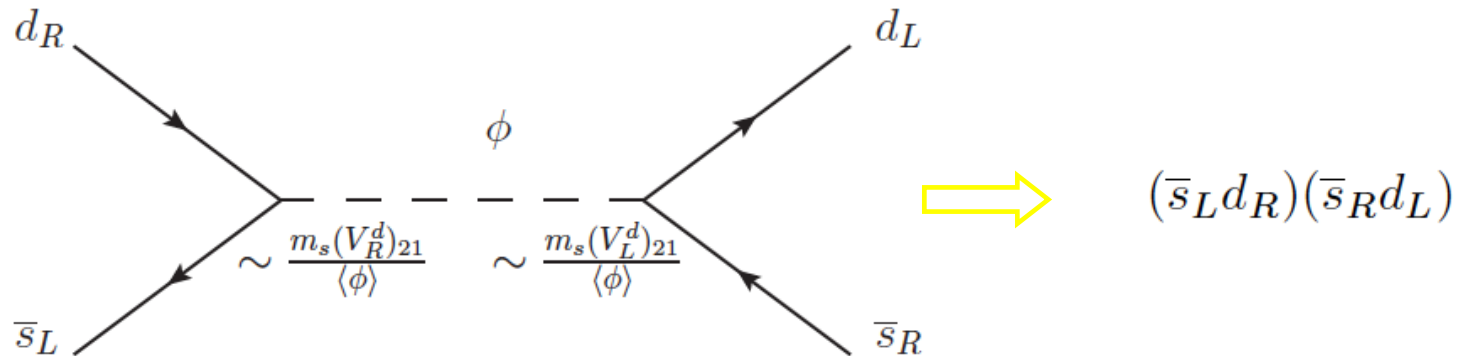
How light can the flavour dynamics be?

- Effective Yukawas imply fermion-flavon couplings

$$(m_f)_{ij} = a_{ij}^f \left(\frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{M} \right)^{n_{ij}^f} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L} \supset n^f \frac{m_f}{\langle \phi \rangle} f_L f_R \phi$$

- Generically flavour violating
- FCNC induced at tree-level, but suppressed by small quark masses, *e.g.*:

Leurer Seiberg Nir '92, '93



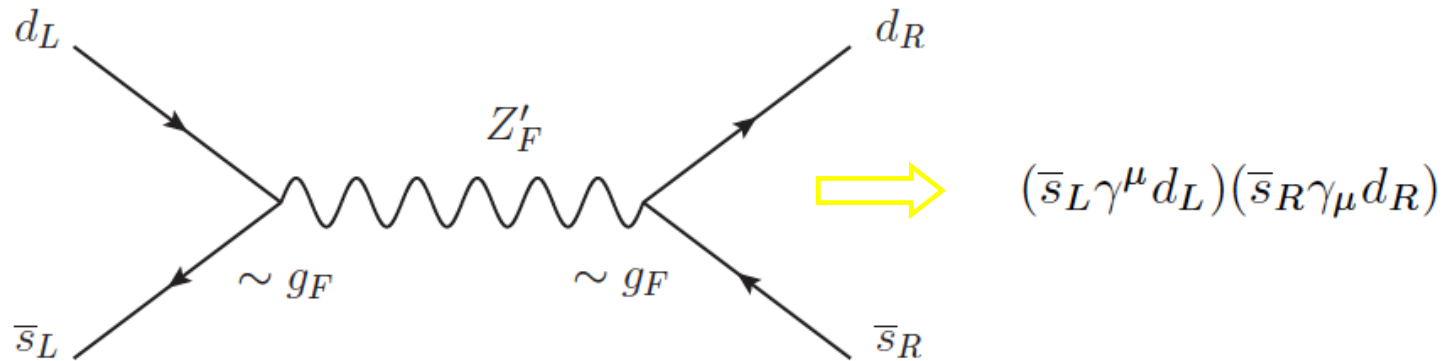
- What if the flavour symmetry is local?

How light can the flavour dynamics be?

- Local flavour symmetry \Rightarrow flavour gauge bosons, *e.g.* abelian Z' :

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_F \bar{f} \gamma^\mu (\mathcal{Q}_{f_L} P_L + \mathcal{Q}_{f_R} P_R) f Z'_\mu$$

- FV couplings to fermions (different generations have different charges)
- FCNC also arise at tree-level, *e.g.*:

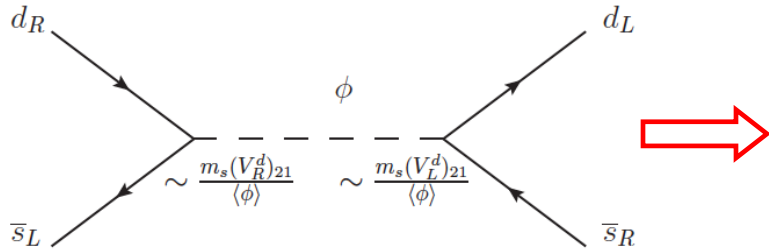


- Additional contributions arise from the messenger sector

FCNC bounds on FN models

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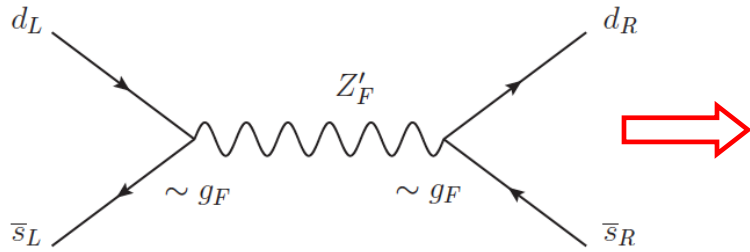
TeV-scale flavons are possible!



$$\Delta M_K : m_\phi \gtrsim 580 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\epsilon_K : m_\phi \gtrsim 2.3 \text{ TeV}$$

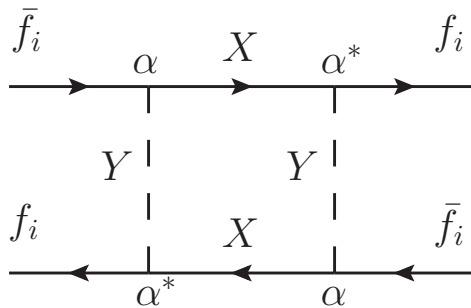
[with $\mathcal{O}(1)$ phases]



$$\Delta M_K : m_\phi \gtrsim \left(\frac{g_F}{10^{-3}} \right) \times 210 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\epsilon_K : m_\phi \gtrsim \left(\frac{g_F}{10^{-3}} \right) \times 3.3 \text{ TeV}$$

[with $\mathcal{O}(1)$ phases]



$$\Delta M_K : m_\phi \gtrsim 1.7 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\epsilon_K : m_\phi \gtrsim 27 \text{ TeV} \quad [\text{with } \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ phases}]$$

(indirect bounds from messenger sector)

LC Lalak Pokorski Ziegler '12

- DM must interact weakly with the SM, likely to be a SM singlet
- We introduce DM: fermionic SM singlets charged under G_F
- Flavour interactions are the only connection between dark and visible sector
- Global G_F : DM and SM communicate only through flavon exchange
- Local G_F : interactions can be also mediated by flavour gauge bosons

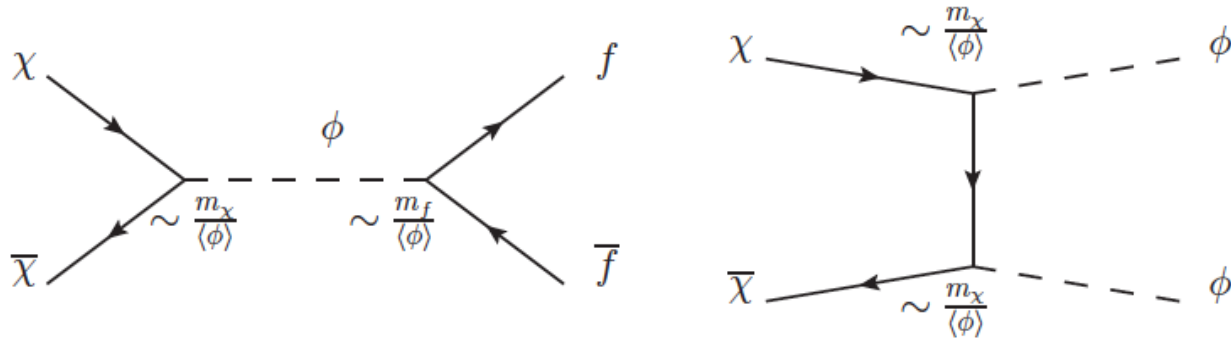
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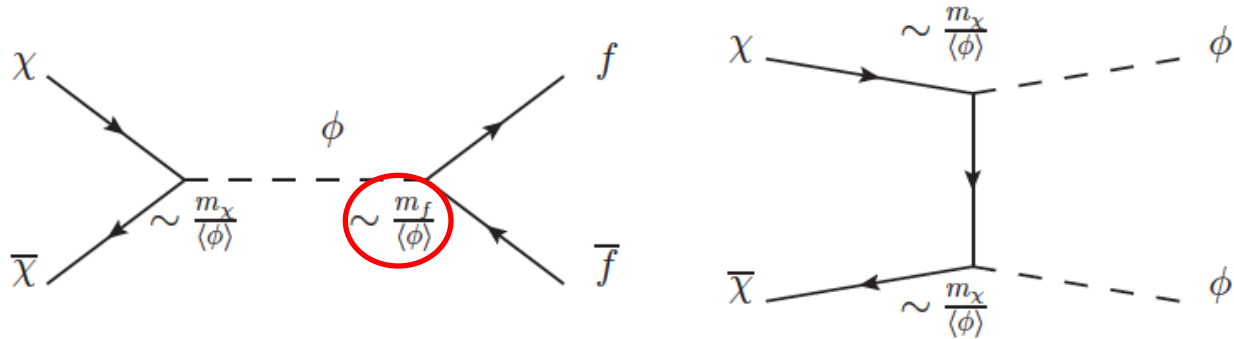
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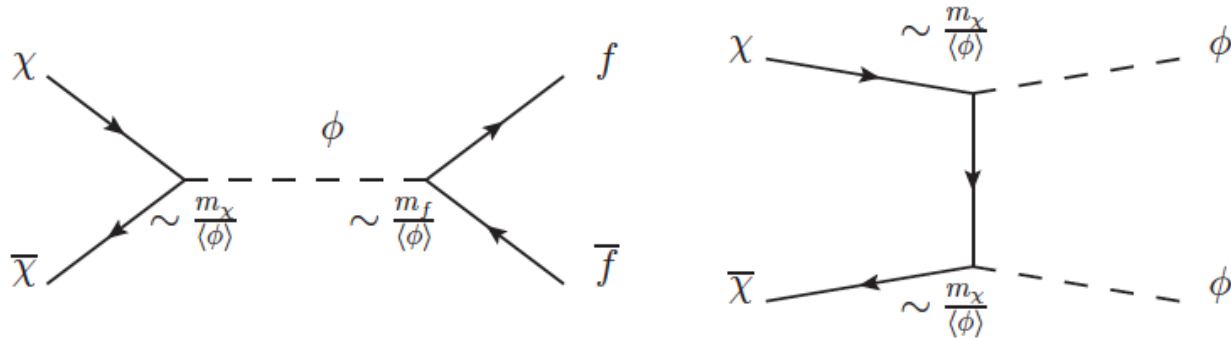
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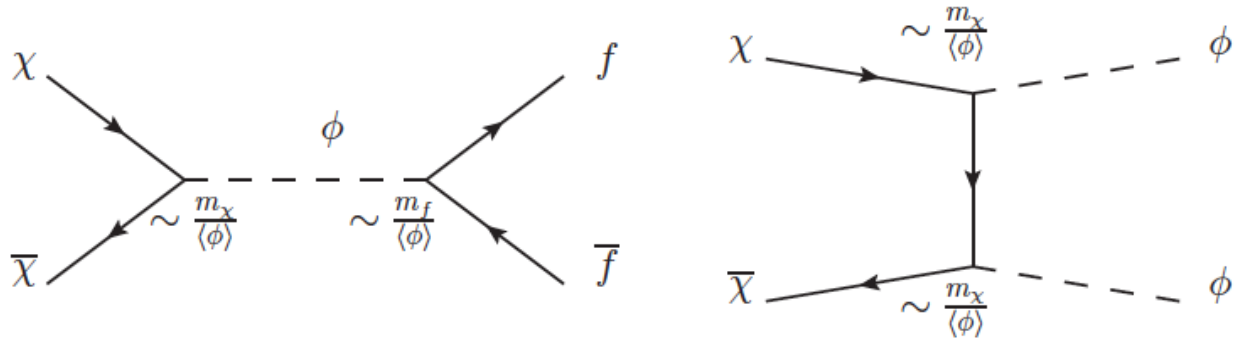
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p-wave (velocity suppressed)

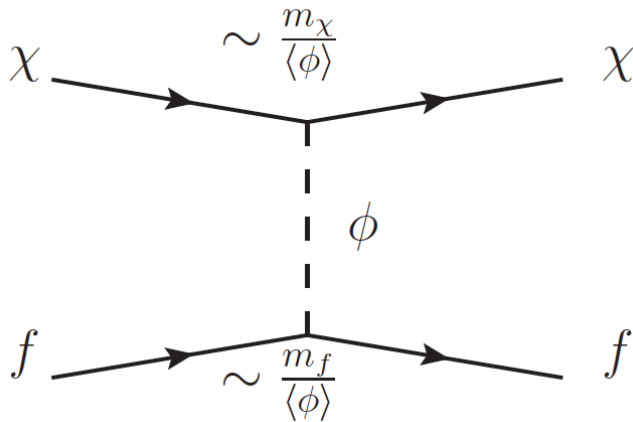
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DM scattering with nuclei:



$$\sigma_\phi^{\text{SI}} \sim \frac{\lambda_\chi^2 \lambda_{\phi N}^2}{m_\phi^4} \mu_{\chi N}^2$$

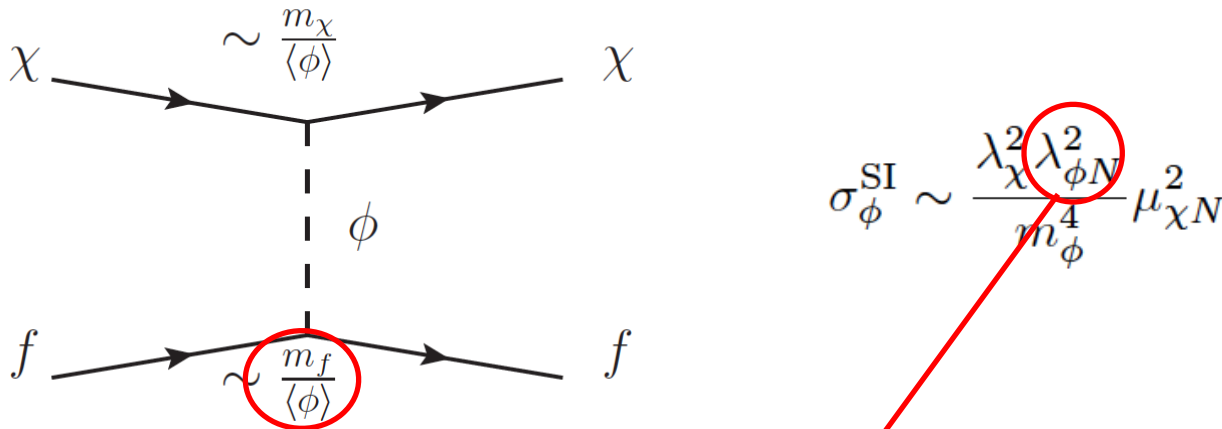
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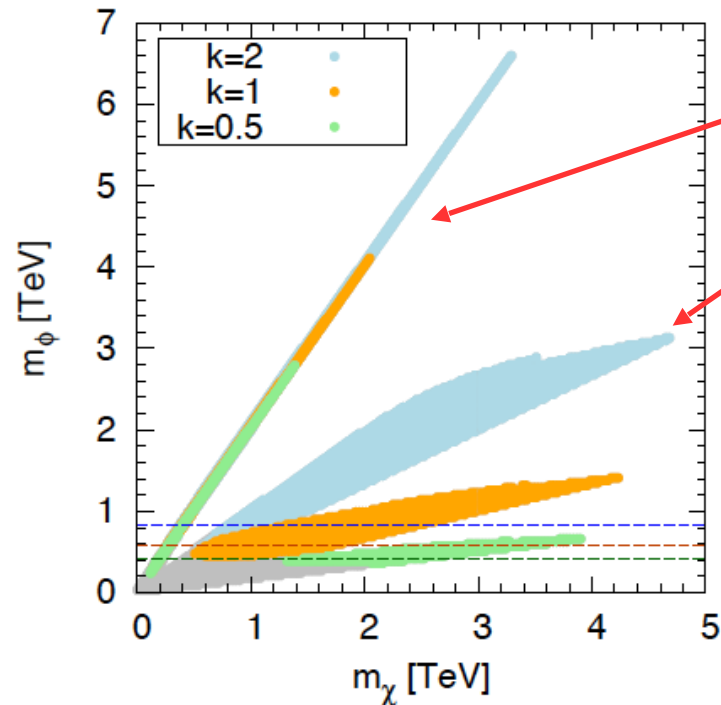


suppressed by light quark masses/matrix elements

Explicit example

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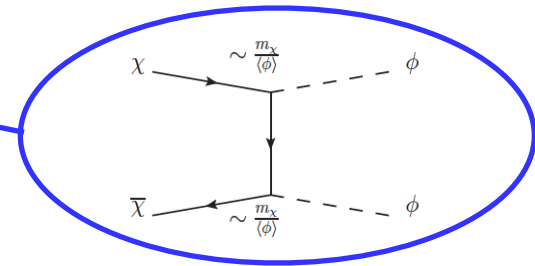
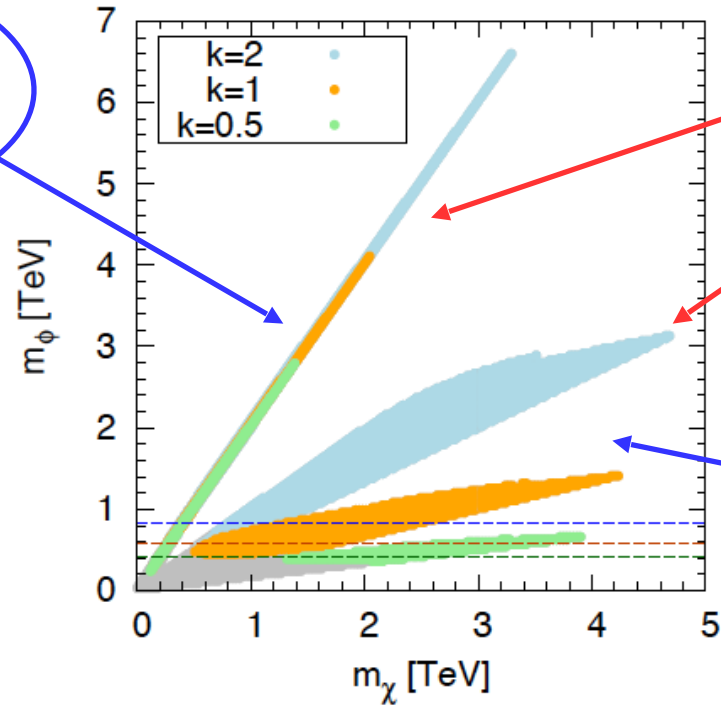
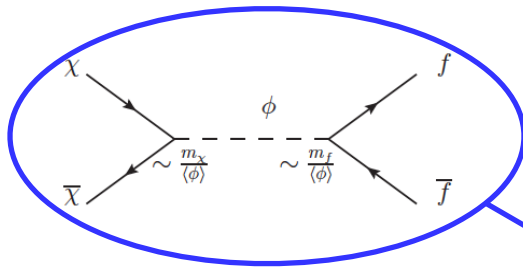
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Thermal freeze-out via flavour portal motivation for TeV-scale flavour dynamics!

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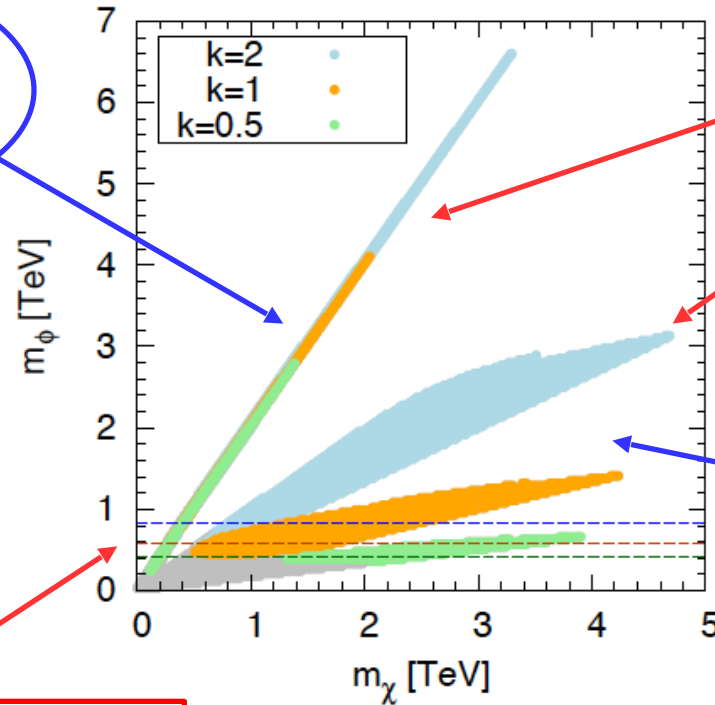
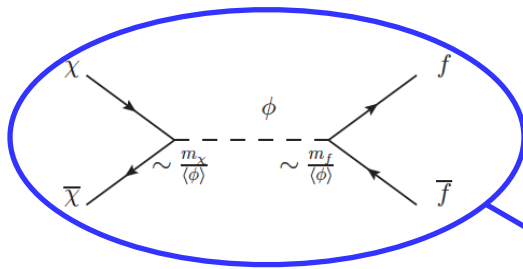
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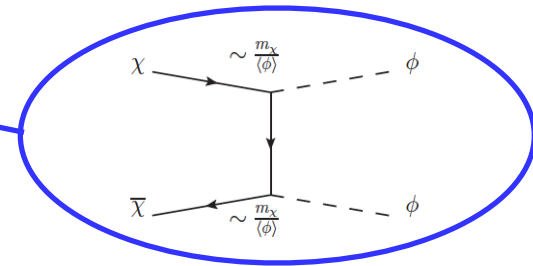
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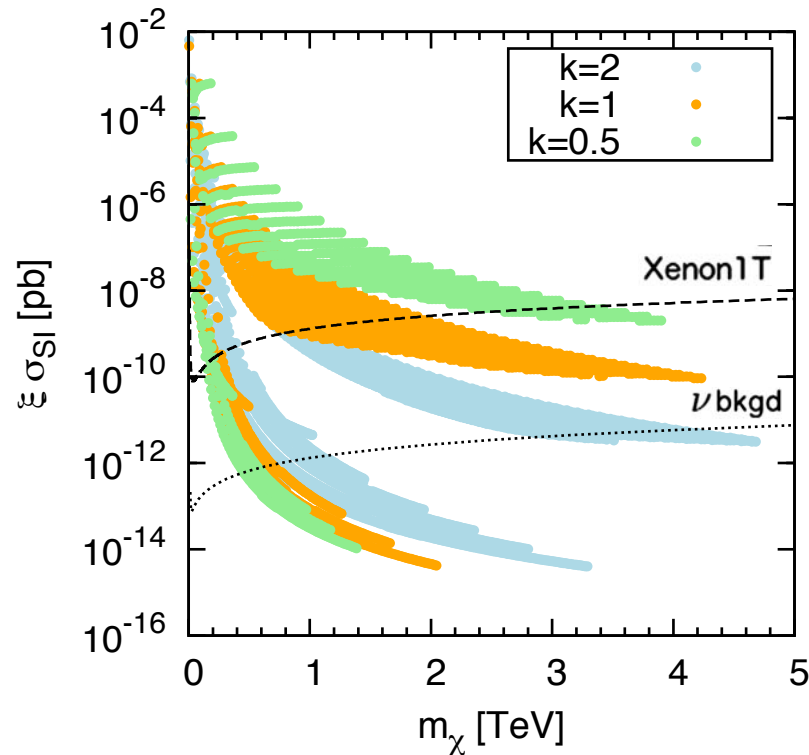
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Realisation of an old idea by Wilczek of using a subgroup of the global $U(3)^5$ flavour symmetry of the SM [as is the PQ $U(1)$]

Wilczek '82

The strong CP problem ...

Why is the coefficient of the CP operator
 $\mathcal{L}_{SM} \supset \bar{\theta} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{a\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_a^{\mu\nu}$ so tiny?



- Limits on Neutron EDMs:

$$d_n \approx 3.6 \times 10^{-16} \bar{\theta} \text{ e cm} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\bar{\theta}| \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

$$|d_n| < 2.9 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm (95\%CL)}$$

Crewther, Vecchia, Veneziano, Witten, PLB 88, 123-127 (1979)

Baker et. al., hep-ex/0602020

- θ receives ($\mathcal{O}(1)$) contributions from two different sectors:

$$\bar{\theta} = \theta + \arg \det(M_u M_d)$$

↑
Theta-vacua of QCD

↑
Electroweak Sector

$$|\bar{\theta}| \lesssim 10^{-10} \quad \Rightarrow$$

Fine-tuning
problem!

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... and its Peccei-Quinn axion solution

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- Promote $\bar{\theta}$ from parameter to dynamical variable:
axion $a = \text{PNGB of spontaneously broken } U(1)_{PQ} \text{ symmetry}$
 \rightarrow solves strong CP problem:

$$\sigma \sim \frac{f}{\sqrt{2}} e^{ia/f}$$

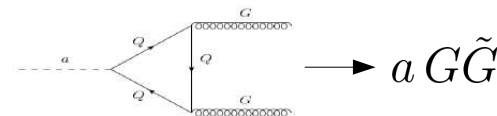
- $\mathcal{L} \supset \theta_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G\tilde{G} + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} N \frac{a}{f} G\tilde{G}$

Potential induced by QCD instantons

\rightarrow minimum CP conserving $\langle a \rangle = -af/(2N)\theta_0 \rightarrow G\tilde{G}$ term vanishes

Peccei, Quinn, PRL 38, 1440, Vafa, Witten, PRL 53, 535

- axion coupled to $G\tilde{G}$ via chiral anomaly

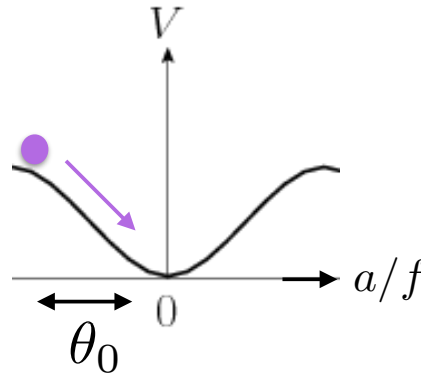


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Axion Dark Matter

{axion essentially stable for $m_a \lesssim 20$ eV }

In early universe axion displaced from minimum



As universe expands axion rolls down and starts oscillating around minimum: energy stored in oscillations contributes to DM relic density

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \approx 0.1 \left(\frac{10^{-5} \text{ eV}}{m_a} \right)^{1.18} \theta_0^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Right abundance for } 10^{-6} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$

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The axiflavin setup

The axion identified with the Nambu-Goldstone boson of a broken global FN U(1), *i.e.* as the phase of the flavon field \rightarrow “axiflavin”

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (V_\Phi + \phi) e^{ia/V_\Phi}$$

The axiflavin couples to the SM fermions exactly like the flavon:

$$\mathcal{L}_{aff} = \lambda_{ij}^f a F_i F_j^c + \text{h.c.} \quad \lambda_{ij}^{u,d,e} = i([L]_i + [R]_j) \frac{v}{V_\Phi} y_{ij}^{u,d,e}$$

flavour violating!

And to gluons and photons via colour and electromagnetic anomalies:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \frac{a}{f_a} G\tilde{G} + \frac{E}{N} \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{8\pi} \frac{a}{f_a} F\tilde{F} \quad f_a = V_\Phi/2N$$

QCD $N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i 2[q]_i + [u]_i + [d]_i,$

E.M. $E = \sum_i \frac{4}{3} ([q]_i + [u]_i) + \frac{1}{3} ([q]_i + [d]_i) + [l]_i + [e]_i,$

[no contributions from messengers, vectorlike under U(1)]

Usual axion mass induced by the QCD anomaly:

$$m_a = 5.7 \mu\text{eV} \left(\frac{10^{12} \text{GeV}}{f_a} \right)$$

The axiflavin setup

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Key observation: FN U(1) to reproduce observed Yukawas is necessarily anomalous and the coefficients are linked to the quark masses:

$$\det m_u \det m_d = \alpha_{ud} v^6 \epsilon^{2N},$$

$$\det m_d / \det m_e = \alpha_{de} \epsilon^{\frac{8}{3}N - E},$$

$$\alpha_{ud} = \det a_u \det a_d, \quad \alpha_{de} = \det a_d / \det a_e$$



$$\frac{E}{N} = \frac{8}{3} - 2 \frac{\log \frac{\det m_d}{\det m_e} - \log \alpha_{de}}{\log \frac{\det m_u \det m_d}{v^6} - \log \alpha_{ud}} \approx -0.4 \quad \mathcal{O}(1)$$

$$\approx -44 \quad \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Ibanez Ross '94, Bineury Lavignac Ramond '94 '96

Sharp prediction for the coupling to photons $\frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F\tilde{F}$, independent of U(1) charges and little sensitive to O(1)s:

$$\frac{E}{N} \in [2.4, 3.0] \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_{a\gamma\gamma} \in \frac{[1.0, 2.2]}{10^{16} \text{GeV}} \frac{m_a}{\mu\text{eV}}$$

Compare to DFSZ and KSVZ axions:

$$|\mathbf{E}/\mathbf{N}| \in [0.3, 2.7] \quad |\mathbf{E}/\mathbf{N}| \in [0, 6]$$

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Axiflavor phenomenology

Stellar evolution bounds $f_a > 10^8$ GeV [natural DM window 10^{10} GeV $< f_a < 10^{13}$ GeV]



flavour processes considered before are suppressed

Despite the tiny couplings low-energy searches for rare processes are sensitive to flavour-violating decays to ultralight axiflavons! *E.g.:*

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ a$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ a$$

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ a$$

Small rates but strong constraints! Most stringent from Kaons:

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$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ a) < 7.3 \cdot 10^{-11} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_a \gtrsim \frac{\kappa_{sd}}{N} \times 7.5 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$$

E787, E949

Increased sensitivity $\sim 70x$ is expected at NA62!

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Interesting effects in the lepton sector too:

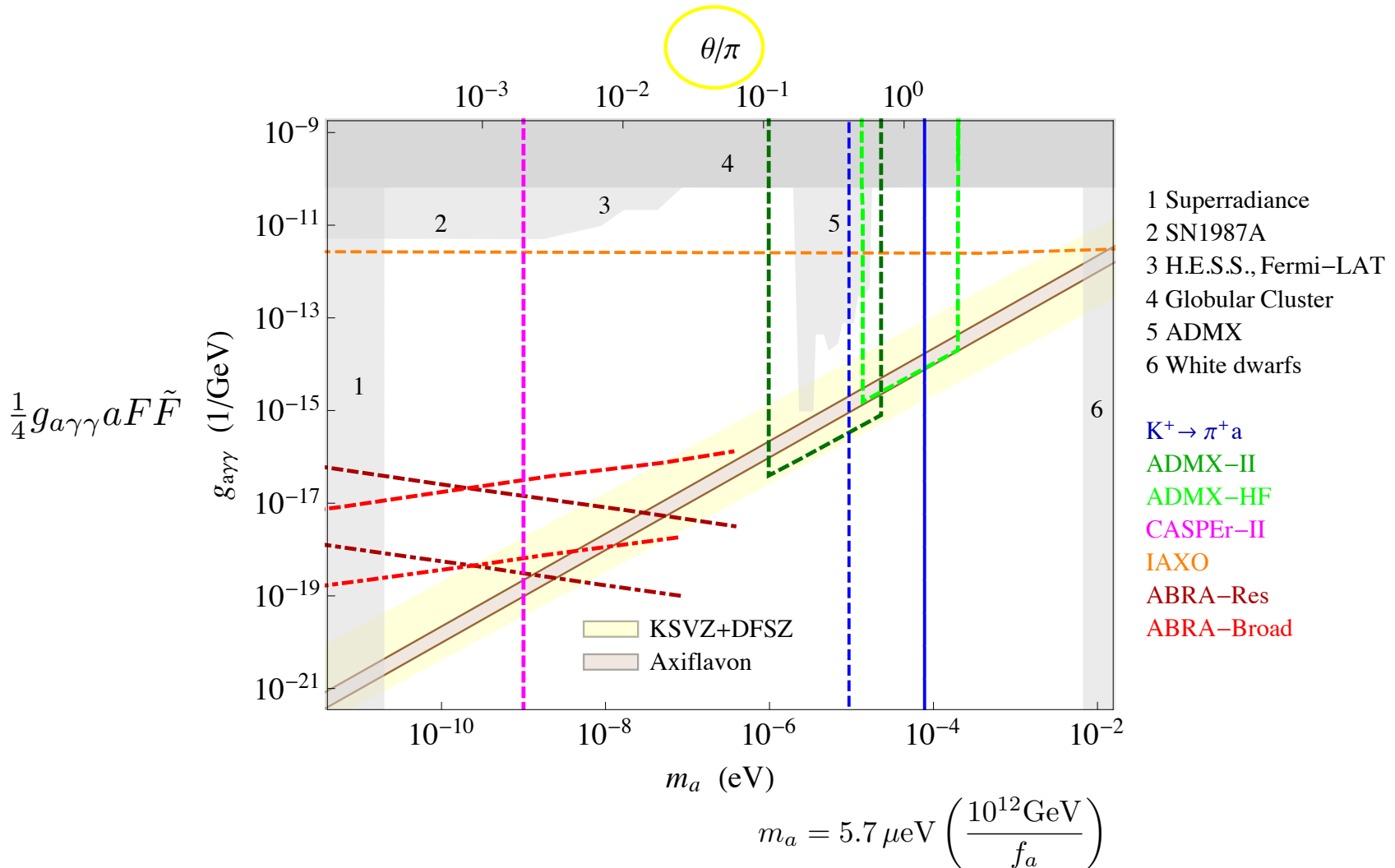
$$\Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ a) \simeq \frac{m_\mu}{16\pi} |\lambda_{21}^e + \lambda_{12}^{e*}|^2 \qquad \lambda_{12}^e \sim \frac{m_\mu}{f_a} \quad \text{for anarchical neutrinos}$$

$$\text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ a) \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{m_a}{0.1 \text{ meV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\kappa_{\mu e}}{N} \right)^2$$

Limit on muon decay to “Majoron”: 2.6×10^{-6} , 30 years old! TRIUMF '86

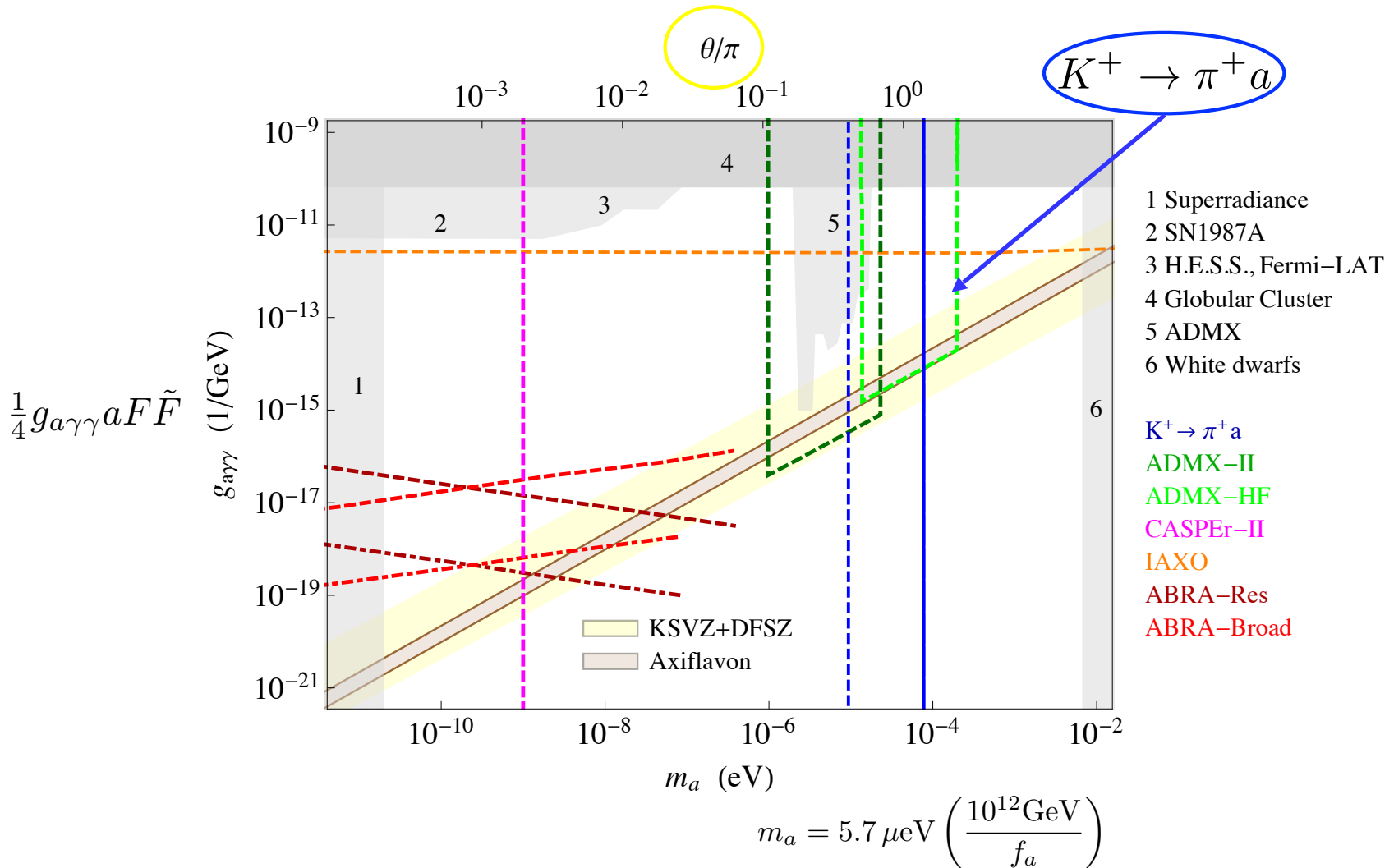
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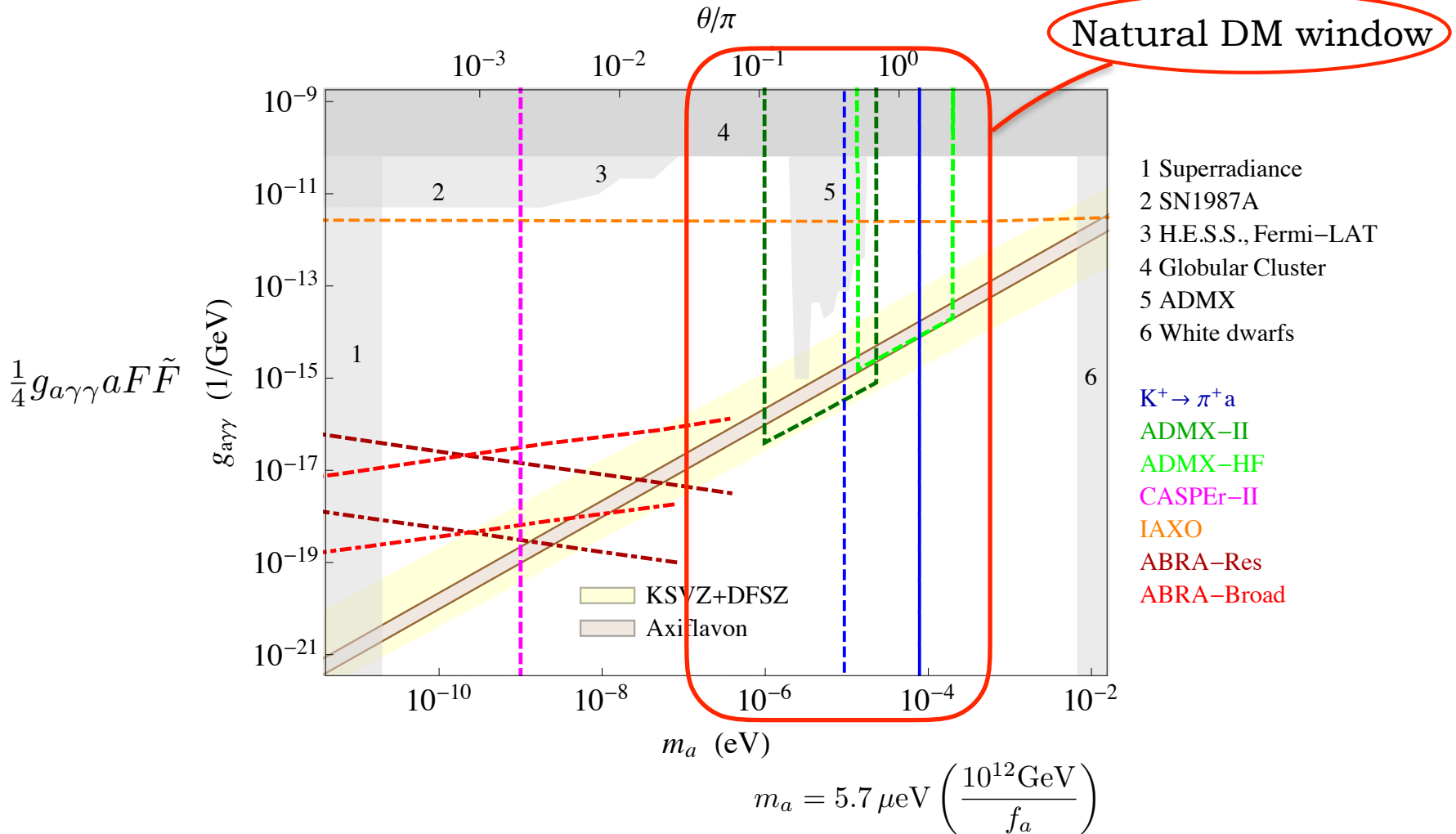
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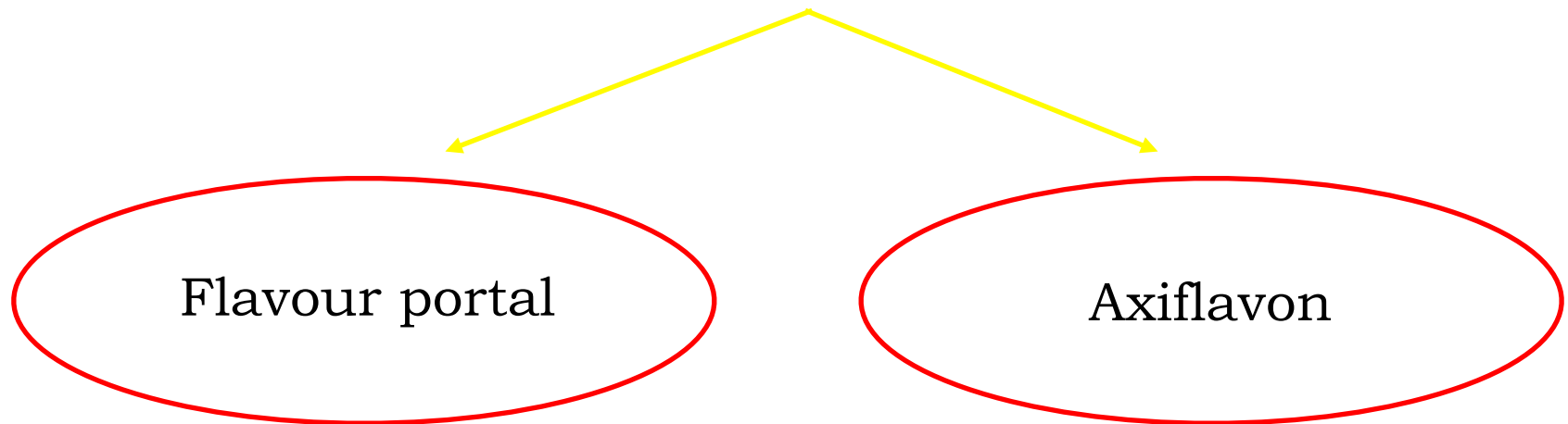
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Conclusions

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Flavour and Dark Matter



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Froggatt-Nielsen flavour models are possible explanation of hierarchies in fermion masses and mixing

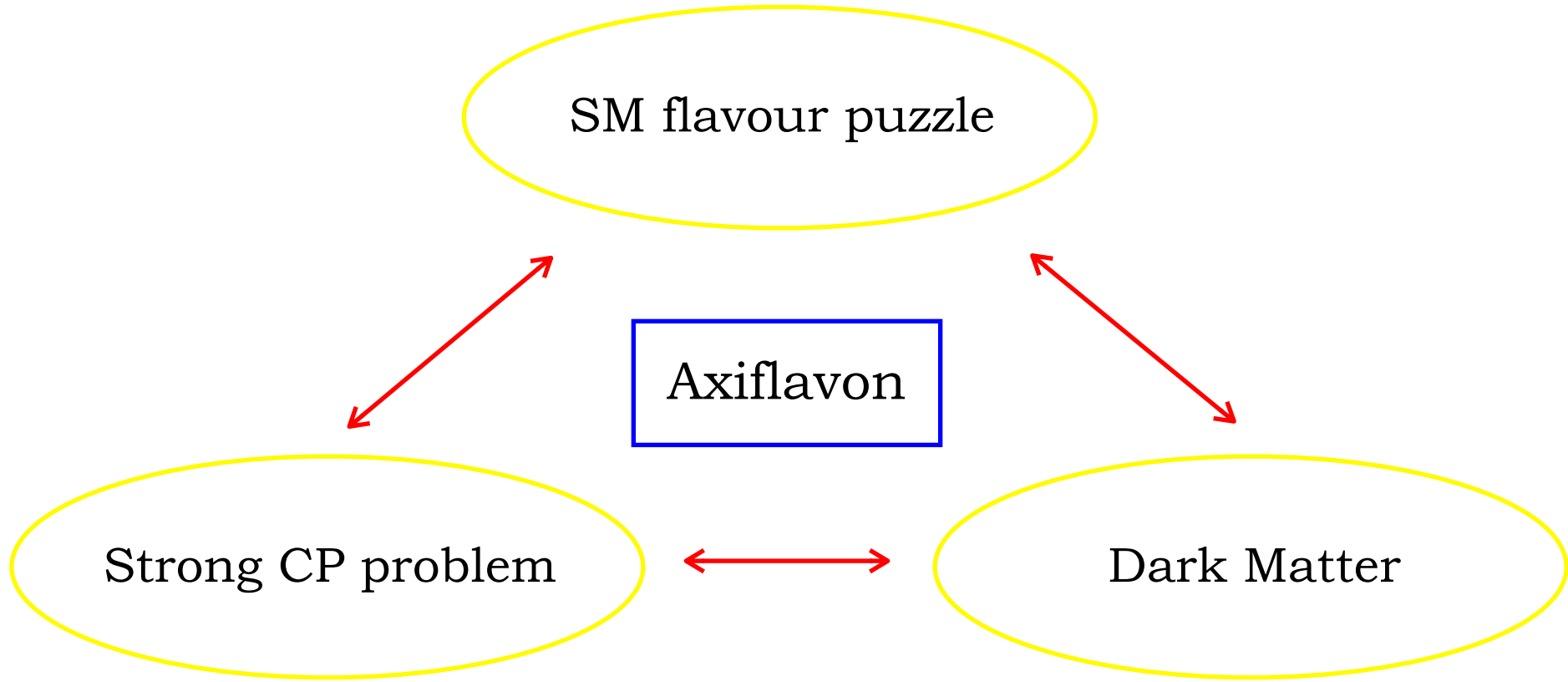
FCNC constraints still allows TeV-scale flavour dynamics

Dark Matter can be a thermal relic charged under the flavour symmetry only

No ad hoc quantum numbers: SM-DM interactions dictated by the flavour dynamics (“Flavour Portal”)

Direct DM searches and flavour experiments can test this class of models

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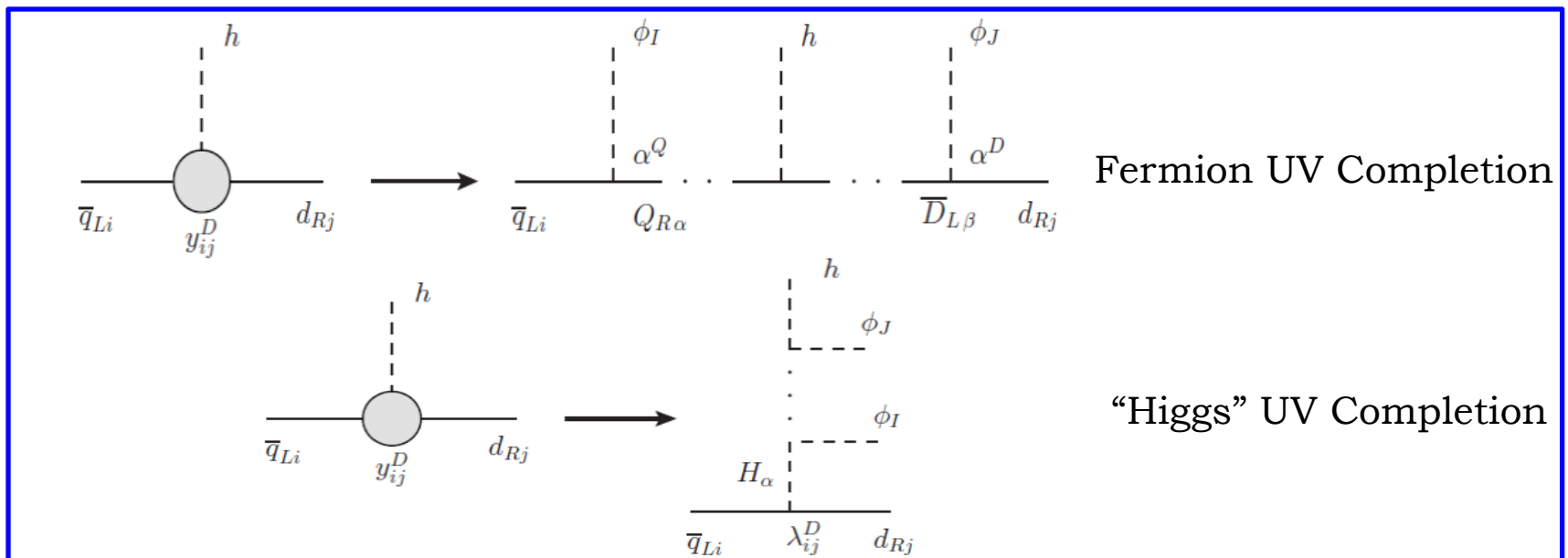
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Additional slides

The messenger sector

- If smaller than M_{Pl} , M can be interpreted as the mass scale of new degrees of freedom: the “flavour messengers”
- New fields in vector-like representations of the SM group and G_F -charged
- Effective Yukawa couplings generated by integrating out the messengers. Two possibilities: heavy fermions or heavy scalars:

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messengers mix with SM fermions or scalar fields and induce FCNC

Low-energy messengers

How light can the messenger sector be?

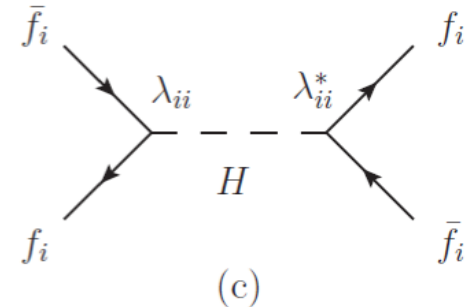
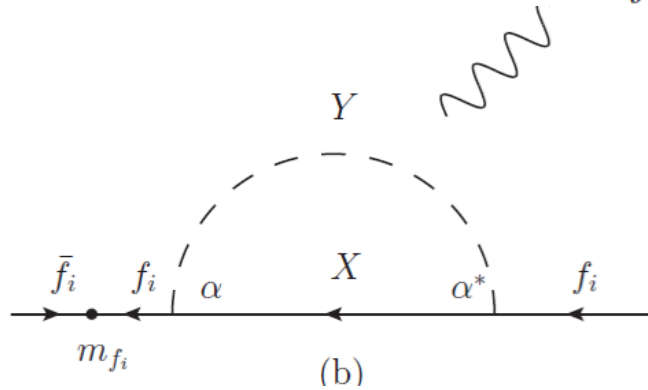
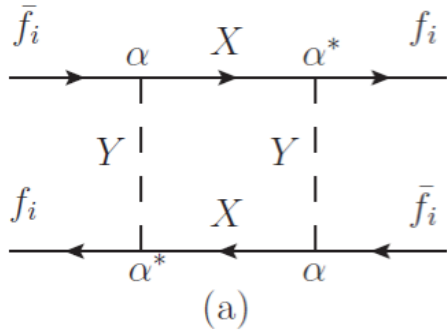
By construction always present couplings (with O(1) coeffs.) of the form:

FUVC

HUVC

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \alpha^Q \bar{q}_{Li} Q_{R\alpha} \phi_I + \alpha^D \bar{D}_{L\beta} d_{Rj} \phi_J + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \lambda_{ij}^D \bar{q}_{Li} d_{Rj} H_\alpha + \text{h.c.}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset \frac{|\alpha|^4}{16\pi^2 M^2} (\bar{f}_{Li} \gamma^\mu f_{Li})^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset \frac{|\alpha|^2}{16\pi^2 M^2} m_i \bar{f}_{Li} \sigma^{\mu\nu} f_{Ri} F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset \frac{|\lambda_{ij}|^2}{M^2} (\bar{d}_{Li} d_{Rj}) (\bar{d}_{Rj} d_{Li})$$

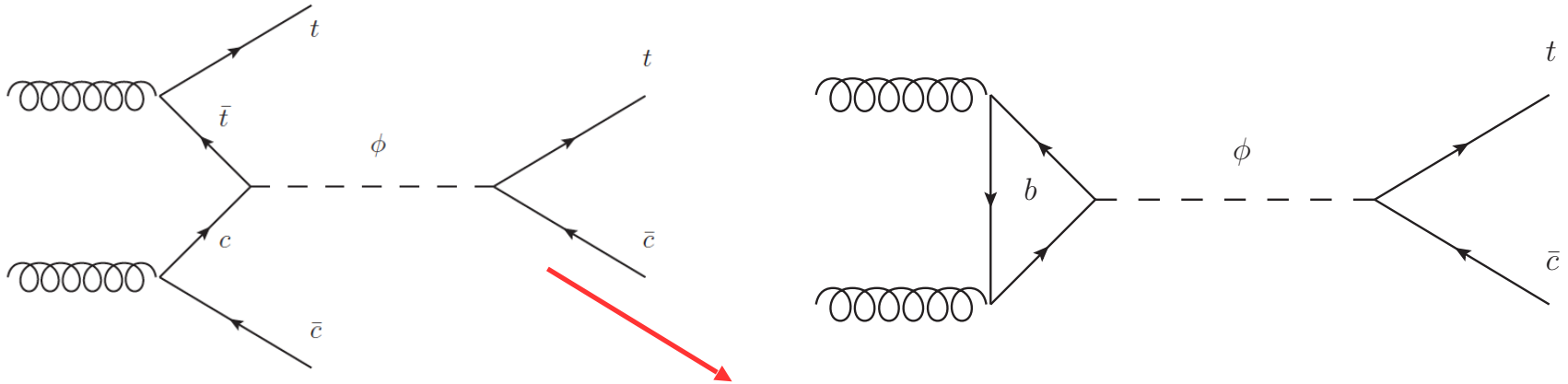
Flavour conserving \Rightarrow Flavour violating in the mass $d_{Li} \rightarrow d_{Li} + \sum_{j \neq i} \theta_{ij}^{DL} d_{Lj}$

[Abelian models: no cancellations (different O(1) coefficients)]

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Collider signatures?

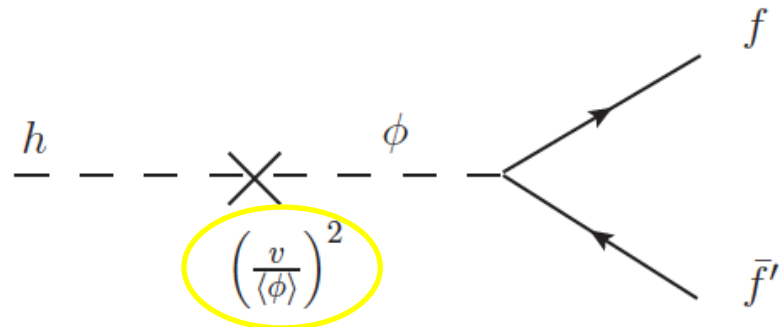
Flavon production and decay \rightarrow distinctive signatures, *e.g.* same-sign tops



Low production at the LHC: 0.1 (10^{-3}) fb for 500 (1000) GeV flavon

Flavon-Higgs mixing \rightarrow flavour-violating Higgs decays

$$\mathcal{L} \supset H^\dagger H \phi^\dagger \phi$$

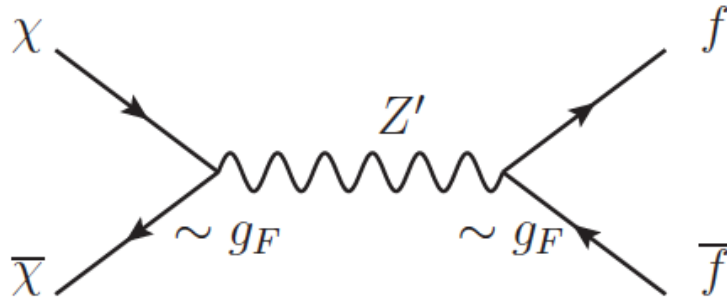


Generic setup: flavour gauge bosons mediation

Local G_F

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_F \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu (\mathcal{Q}_{\chi L} P_L + \mathcal{Q}_{\chi R} P_R) \chi Z'_\mu + g_F \bar{f} \gamma^\mu (\mathcal{Q}_{f L} P_L + \mathcal{Q}_{f R} P_R) f Z'_\mu$$

DM annihilation to SM:

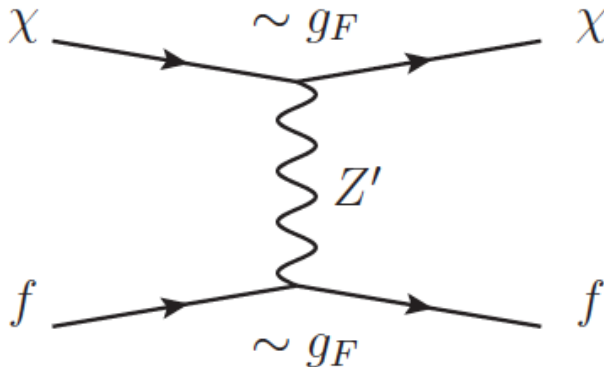


$$m_{Z'} = \sqrt{2} g_F \langle \phi \rangle$$

$$\langle \sigma_{Z'v} \rangle \sim \frac{g_F^4}{(m_{Z'}^2 - 4m_\chi^2)^2 + \Gamma_{Z'}^2 m_{Z'}^2} m_\chi^2$$

no velocity suppression
no quark mass dependence

DM scattering with nuclei:

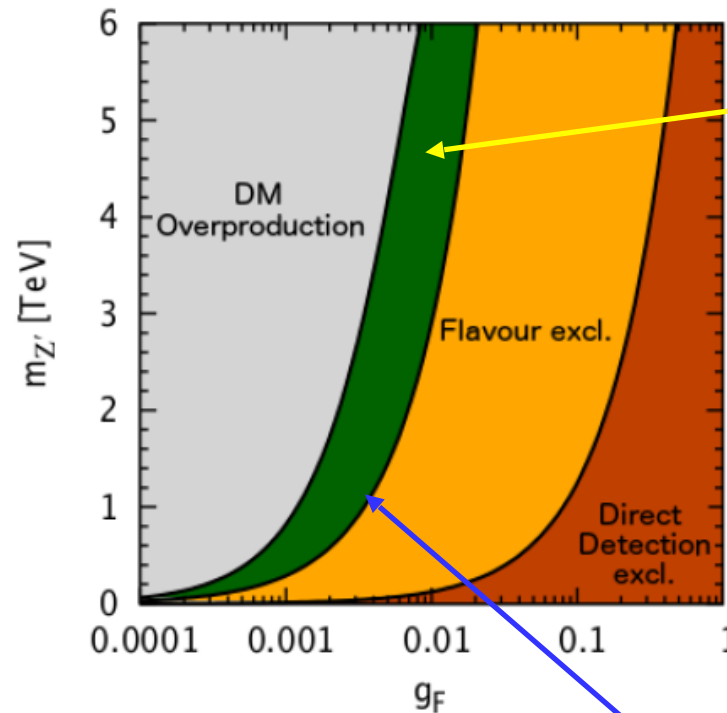


$$\sigma_{Z'}^{\text{SI}} \sim \frac{g_F^2 \lambda_{Z'N}^2}{m_{Z'}^4} \mu_{\chi N}^2 \quad \lambda_{Z'N} \propto g_F$$

Explicit example

Local $U(1)_F$, relic density bound only fulfilled on the resonance: $m_\chi \approx m_{Z'}/2$

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Viable region

$$m_{Z'} \gtrsim \left(\frac{g_F}{10^{-3}} \right) \times 210 \text{ GeV}$$