

Enhanced Axion-Photon Coupling in GUT with Hidden Photon

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Outline

- Motivations to go beyond the SM
- Unbroken $U(1)_H$ mixing with $U(1)_Y$
- Grand unification with $U(1)_H$
- Enhanced axion-photon coupling in GUT axion models with $U(1)_H$

Motivations to go beyond the SM

- Strong CP problem
- Dark matter

Unification of SM gauge couplings and matter fields, and charge quantization

Strong CP problem

In QCD, θ -term breaks P and CP symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

$G_{\mu\nu}^a$: gluon field strength $\tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$: dual

The size of θ is severely constrained from the neutron EDM experiment

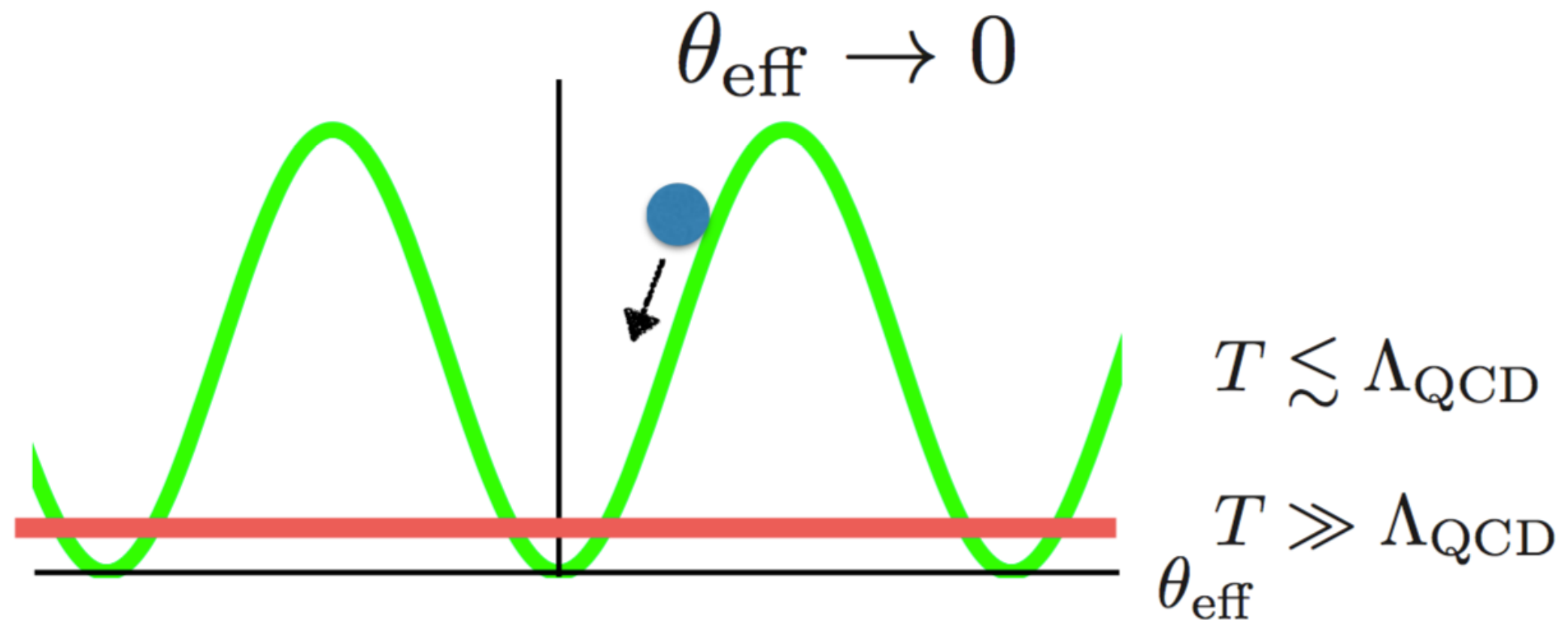
$$|\theta| \lesssim 10^{-10} - 10^{-11}$$

Why θ is so small? This is **strong CP problem**

Peccei-Quinn introduced a (anomalous) global symmetry,
which makes θ parameter a dynamical field

$$\left(\theta + \frac{a}{f_a} \right) \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

$$= \theta_{\text{eff}}$$



[fig. from R. Daido's slide]

$$m_a \simeq 5.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV} \left(\frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right) \quad \text{for } T \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

Axion as dark matter

The axion is produced as coherent oscillation
[misalignment mechanism]

Axion field starts to oscillate when $m_a(T) \sim H$

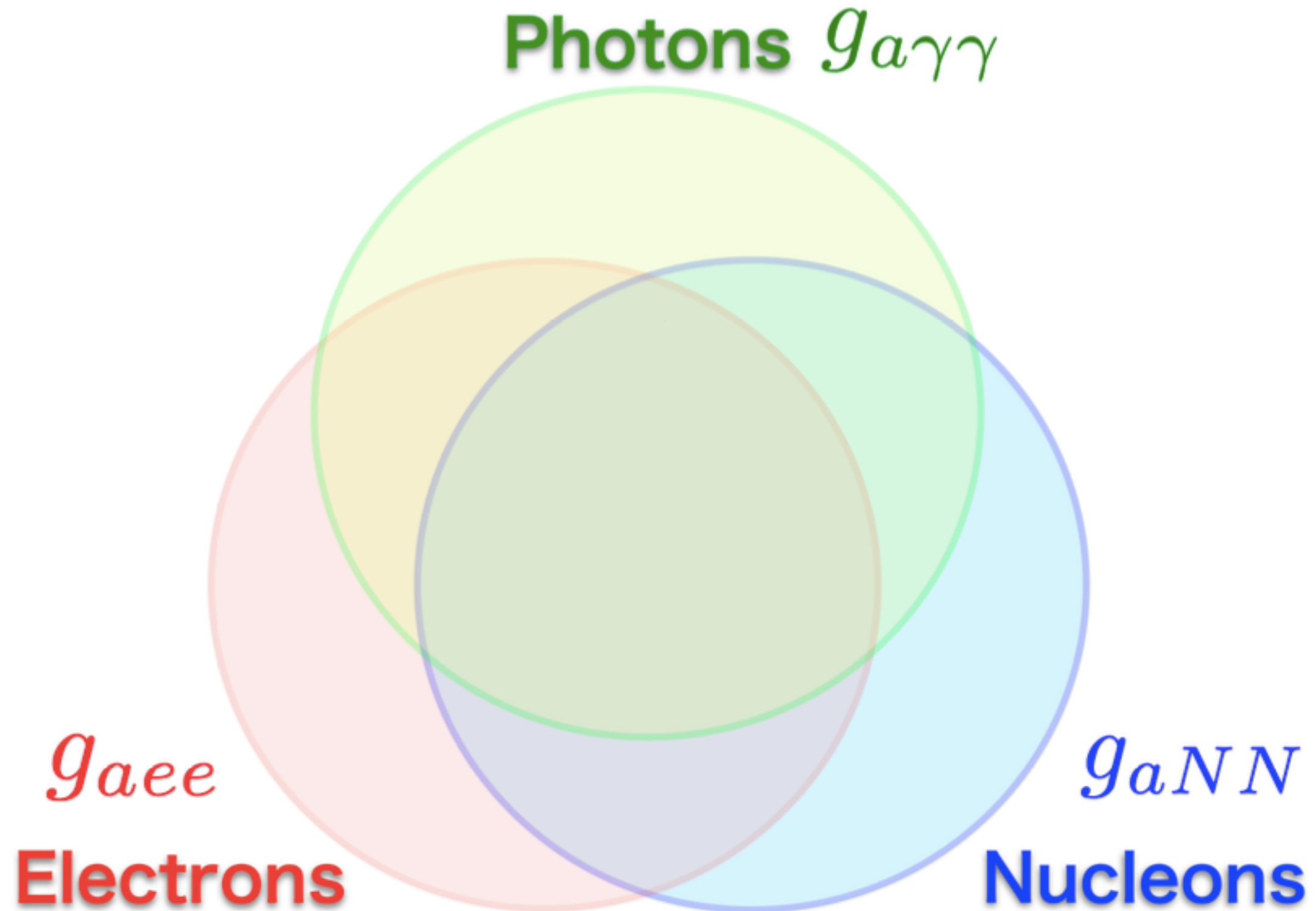
$$\Omega_a h^2 \approx 0.18 \theta_I^2 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1.19}$$

The axion can be cold dark matter

(Almost) Stable due to very weak interaction and small mass

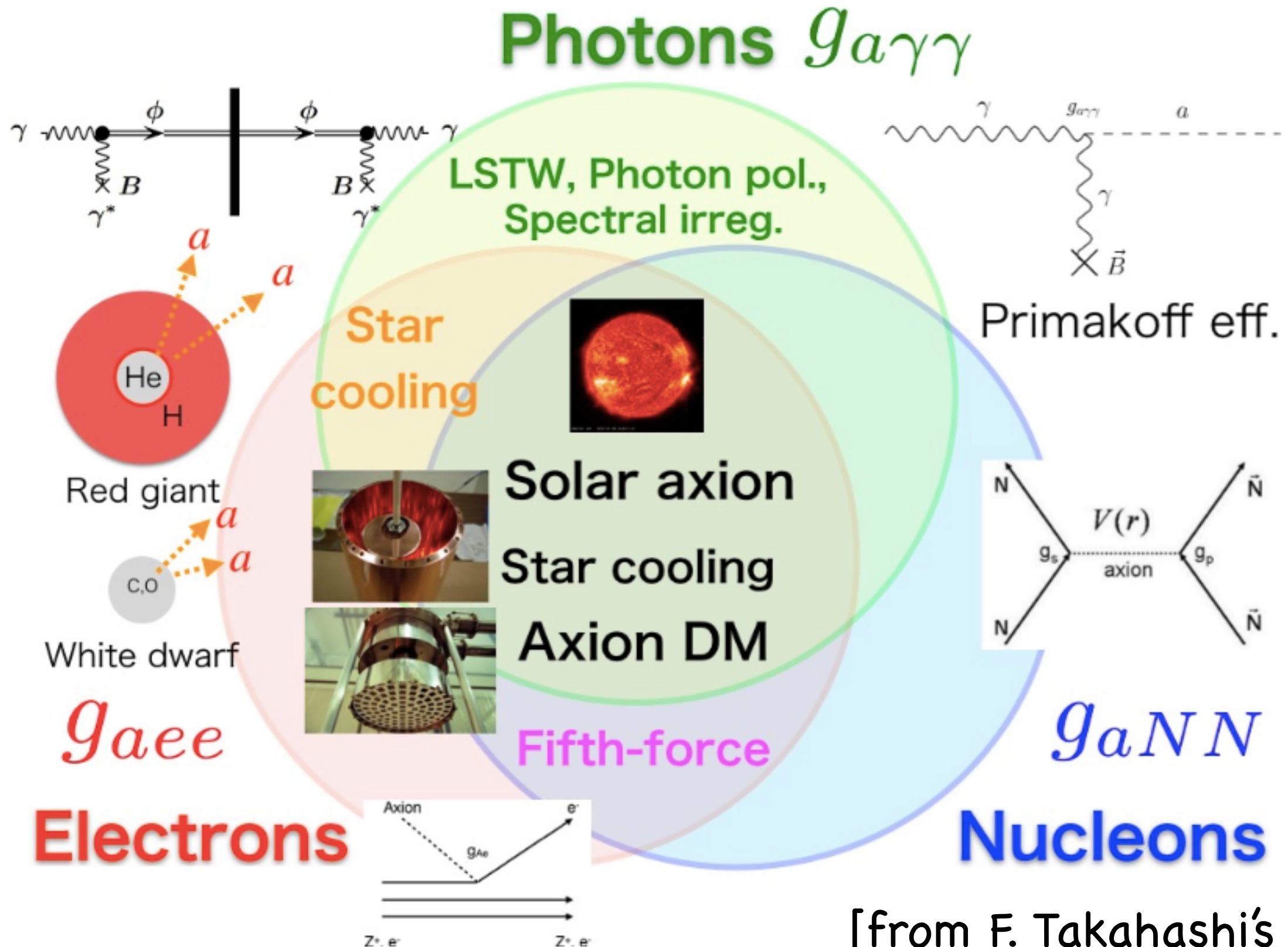
Behave as non-relativistic matter

Axion couplings



[from F. Takahashi's slide]

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Production

Terrestrial

Celestial

Cosmological

Detection

Direct

LSTW,
Photon pol.
ALPS, PVLAS,
SAPPHIRES

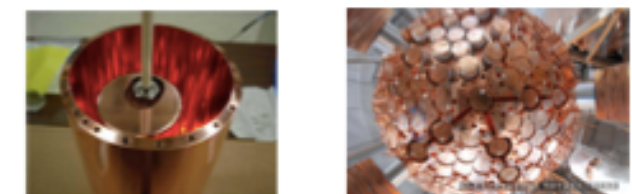


Solar axion
CAST, IAXO,
TASTE



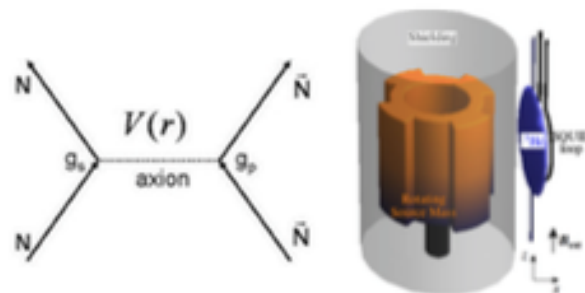
Axion DM

ADMX, CAPP, ORPHEUS
MADMAX, LC-circuits,
ABRACADABRA, CASPEr,
LUX, XMASS,
EDELWISE, XENON100

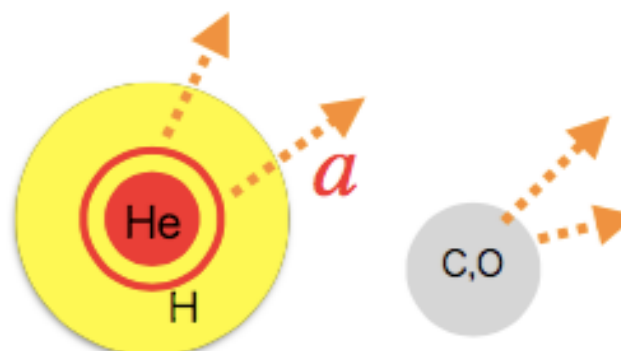


Indirect

Fifth force
ARIADNE

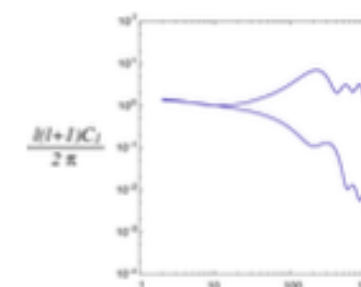


Excessive cooling
of WD, RGB, HB,
and NS



Isocurvature, DR, HDM,
caustics, Spectral irreg.
transparencv

Fermi, Chandra, IACT
CMB, lensing, shear



[from F. Takahashi's slide]

Axion photon coupling

As an example, let's consider KSVZ axion model:

PQ field:
$$\phi = \frac{v_{PQ} + \rho(x)}{\sqrt{2}} \exp\left(i \frac{a(x)}{v_{PQ}}\right)$$

Interaction: $\mathcal{L} \supset \lambda \phi \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + h.c.$

with $Q_{PQ}(\psi_L) = 1, Q_{PQ}(\Psi_R) = 0$



$$N \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{a}{v_{PQ}} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{a}{f_a} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

$$N = \text{Tr}(Q_{PQ} T^a T^a) \times 2$$

$$E \frac{e^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{a}{v_{PQ}} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{E}{N} \frac{e^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$E = \text{Tr}(Q_{PQ} Q_{\text{EM}}^2) \times 2$$

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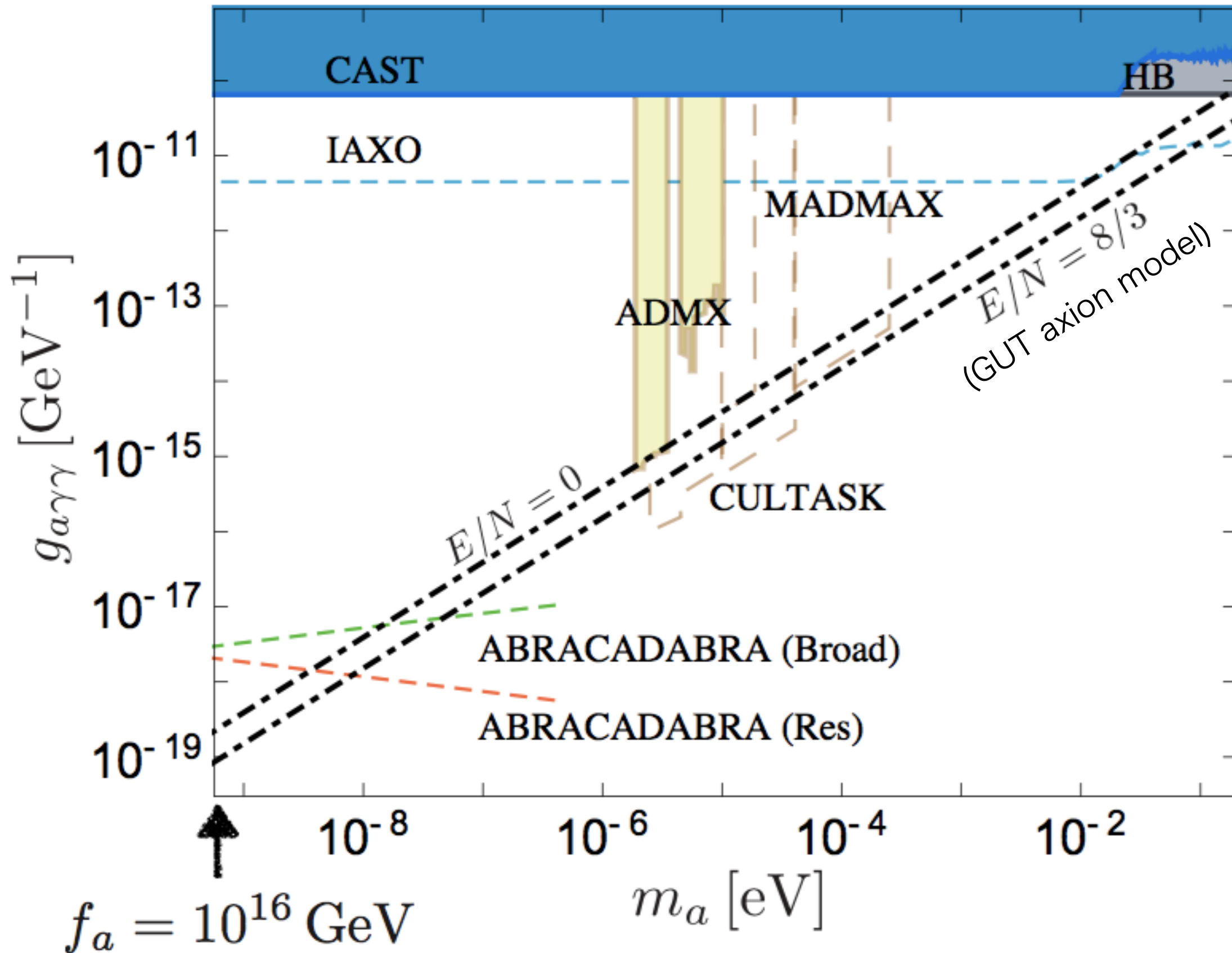
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$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$g_{\phi\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{2\pi f_a} \left(\frac{E}{N} - 1.92 \right).$$

from axion-meson mixing

Current and future experiments



Motivations to go beyond the SM

- Strong CP problem
 - Dark matter
- } Solved by QCD axion

Unification of SM gauge couplings and matter fields, and charge quantization

known quarks and leptons nicely fit into **5** and **10** in SU(5)

$$\bar{\mathbf{5}} = \begin{pmatrix} (d^1)^c \\ (d^2)^c \\ (d^3)^c \\ e^- \\ -\nu_e \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (u^3)^c & -(u^2)^c & -u^1 & -d^1 \\ -(u^3)^c & 0 & (u^1)^c & -u^2 & -d^2 \\ (u^2)^c & -(u^1)^c & 0 & -u^3 & -d^3 \\ u^1 & u^2 & u^3 & 0 & -e^+ \\ d^1 & d^2 & d^3 & e^+ & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

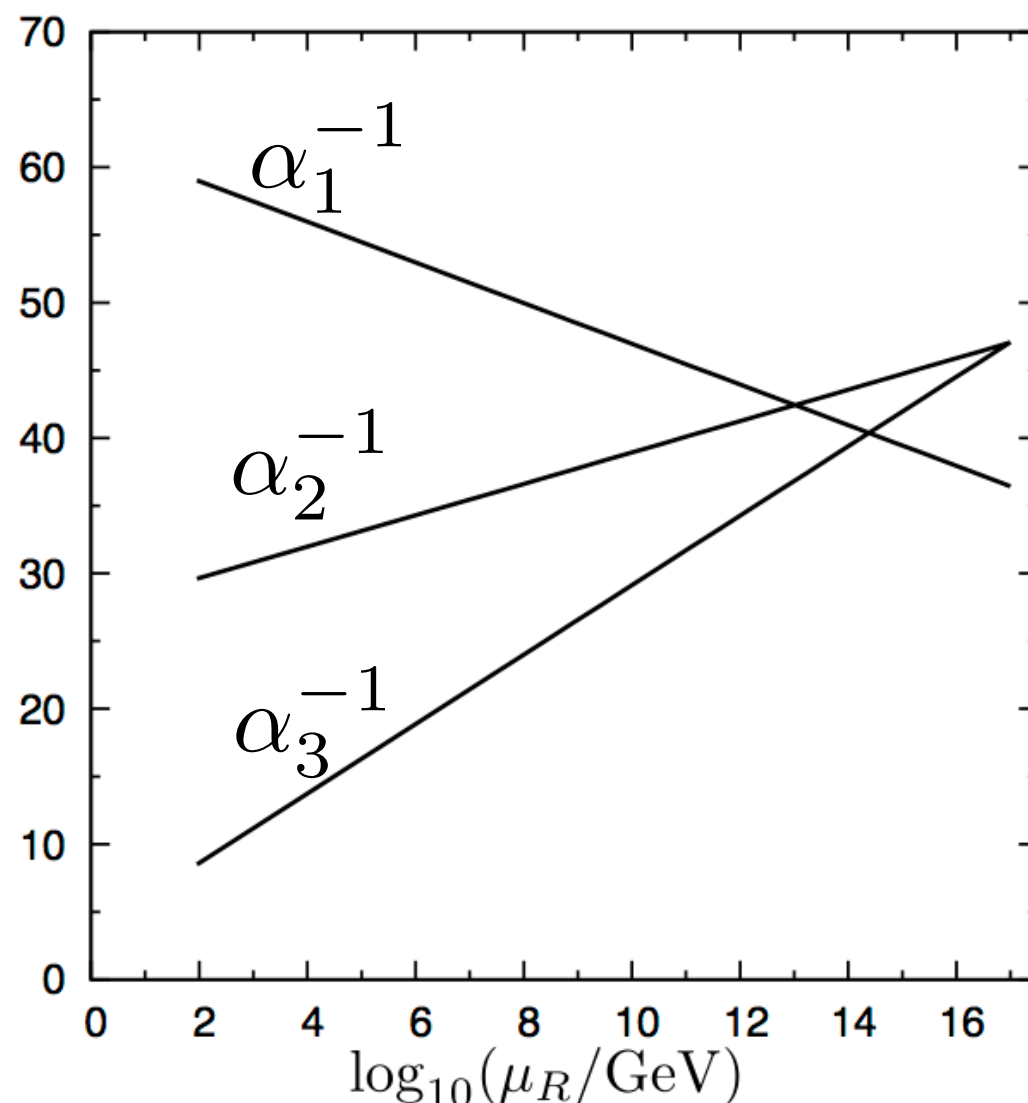
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Explains the charge quantization

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However, for the couplings ...

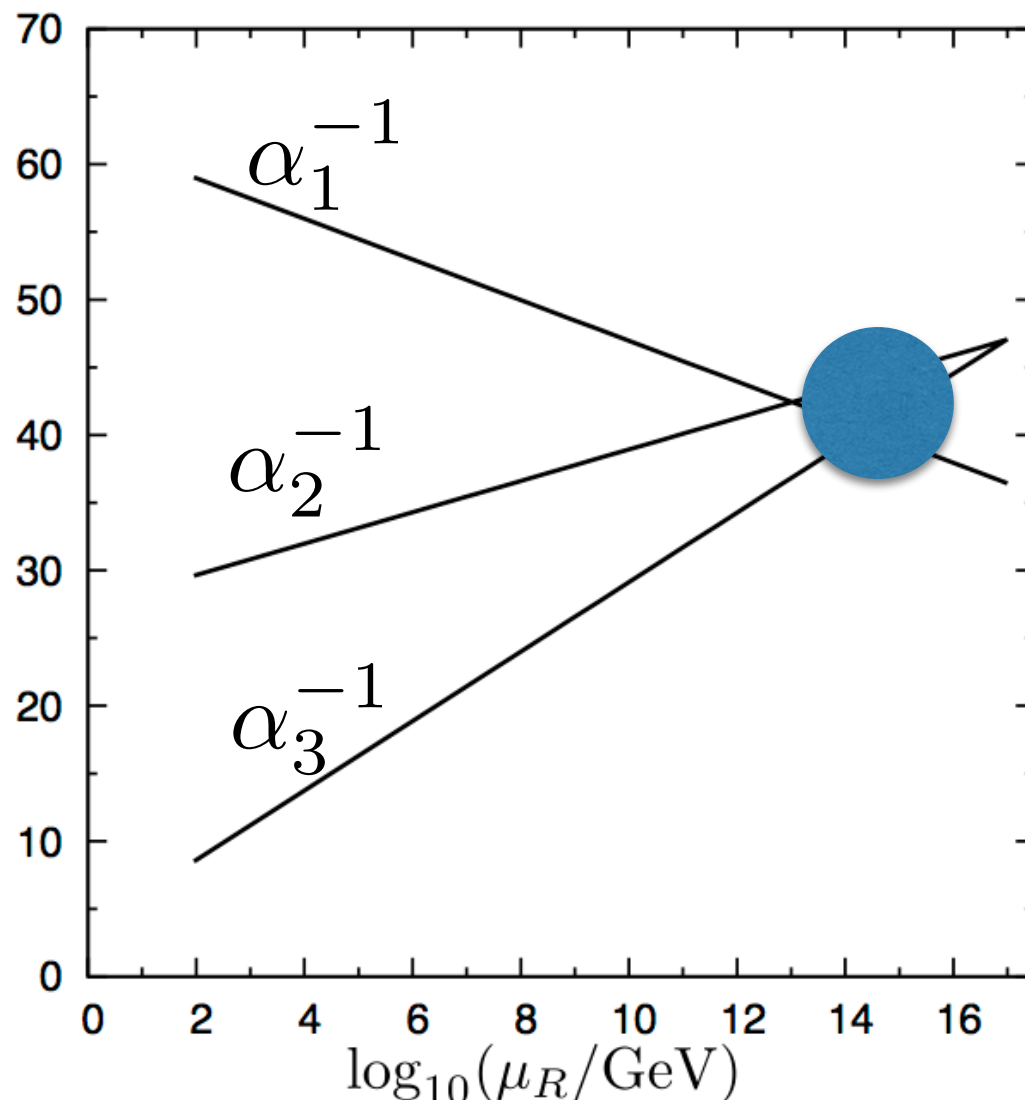
The figure shows the RG running of the SM gauge couplings

In SM, the unification fails

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Moreover, it predicts too rapid proton decay

For $M_X = 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$

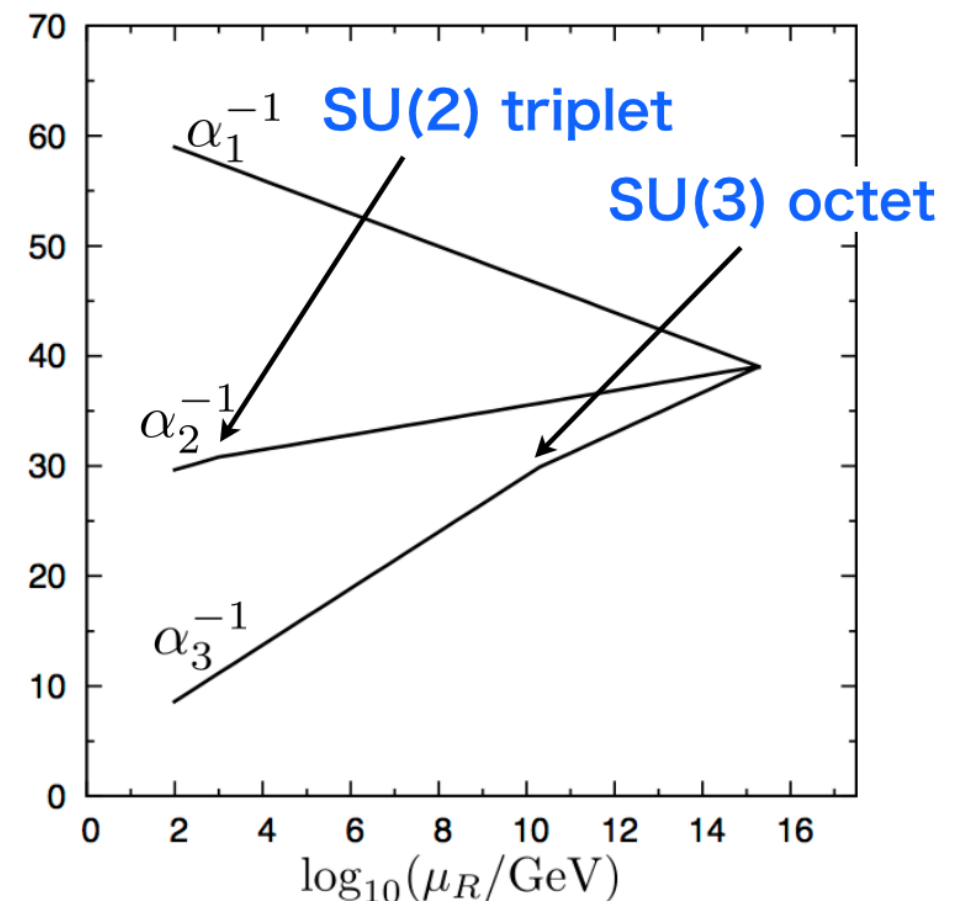
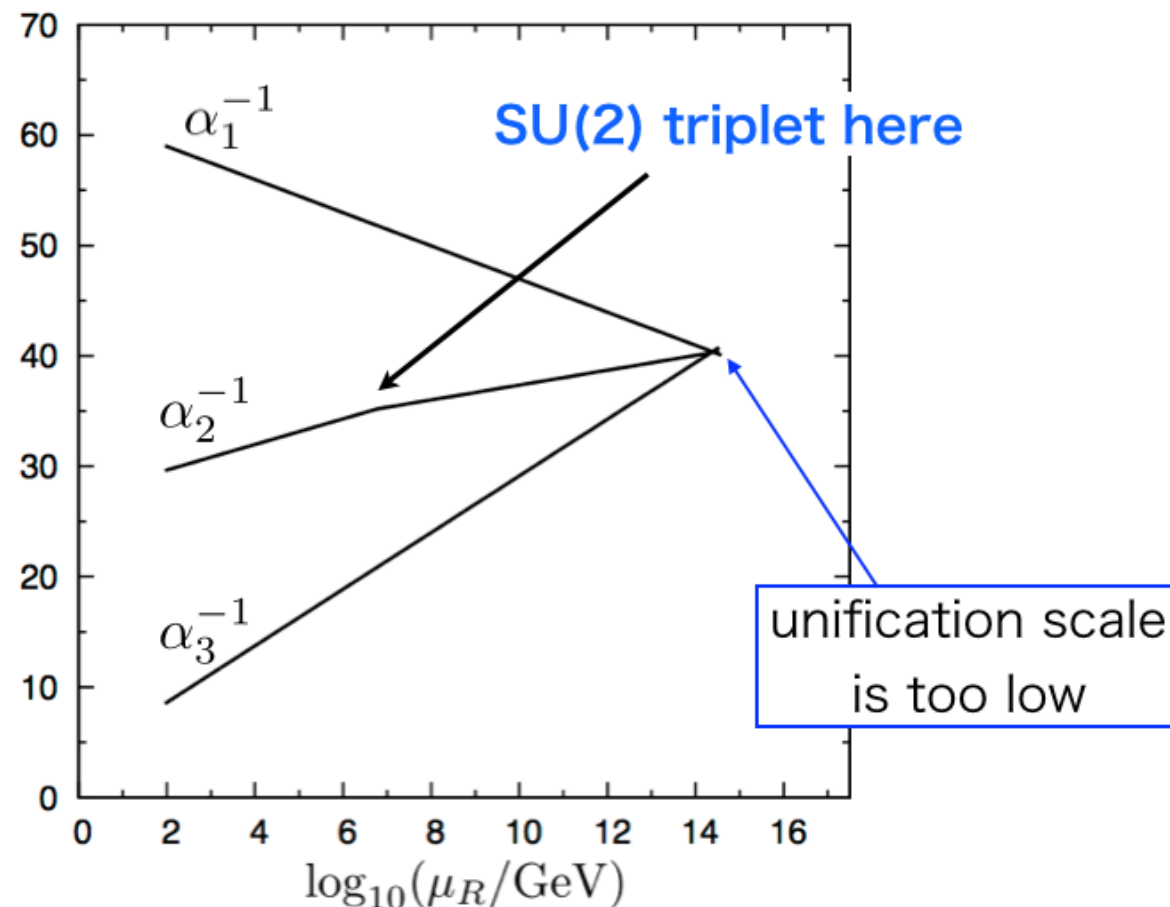
$\approx 5 \times 10^{31}$ years ($p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$)

exp: $> 1.7 \times 10^{34}$ years

[Takhistov, 2016]

Possible ways for unification

- Adding incomplete SU(5) multiplets



- Supersymmetry
- **Unbroken hidden $U(1)_H$ symmetry, which mixes with $U(1)_Y$**

A model with a hidden
photon ($U(1)_H$ gauge boson)

unbroken

Consider $U(1)_Y \times U(1)_H$ model with a kinetic mixing

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_Y'^{\mu\nu}F_{Y\mu\nu}' - \frac{1}{4}F_H'^{\mu\nu}F_{H\mu\nu}' - \frac{\chi}{2}F_Y'^{\mu\nu}F_{H\mu\nu}'$$

$$F_i'^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^\mu A_i'^\nu - \partial^\nu A_i'^\mu \quad (i = Y, H)$$

[Holdom, 1986]

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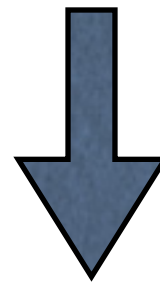
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$$F_i'^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^\mu A_i'^\nu - \partial^\nu A_i'^\mu \quad (i = Y, H)$$

By the field redefinitions, we can go to the canonical basis

$$A_Y^{\mu'} = \frac{A_Y^\mu}{\sqrt{1-\chi^2}}$$

$$A_H^{\mu'} = A_H^\mu - \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{1-\chi^2}}A_Y^\mu$$



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Let's consider a matter field charged only under $U(1)_H$

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma_\mu (g_H' q_{Hi} A_H'^\mu) \Psi_i \\ = & \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma_\mu \left(-\frac{q_{Hi} g_H \chi}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}} A_Y^\mu + g_H q_{Hi} A_H^\mu \right) \Psi_i \end{aligned}$$

The hidden matter obtains fractional $U(1)_Y$ charge in the canonical basis

Consider $U(1)_Y \times U(1)_H$ model with a kinetic mixing

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F'^{\mu\nu}_Y F'_{Y\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}F'^{\mu\nu}_H F'_{H\mu\nu} - \frac{\chi}{2}F'^{\mu\nu}_Y F'_{H\mu\nu}$$

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The visible matter does not couple to $U(1)_H$

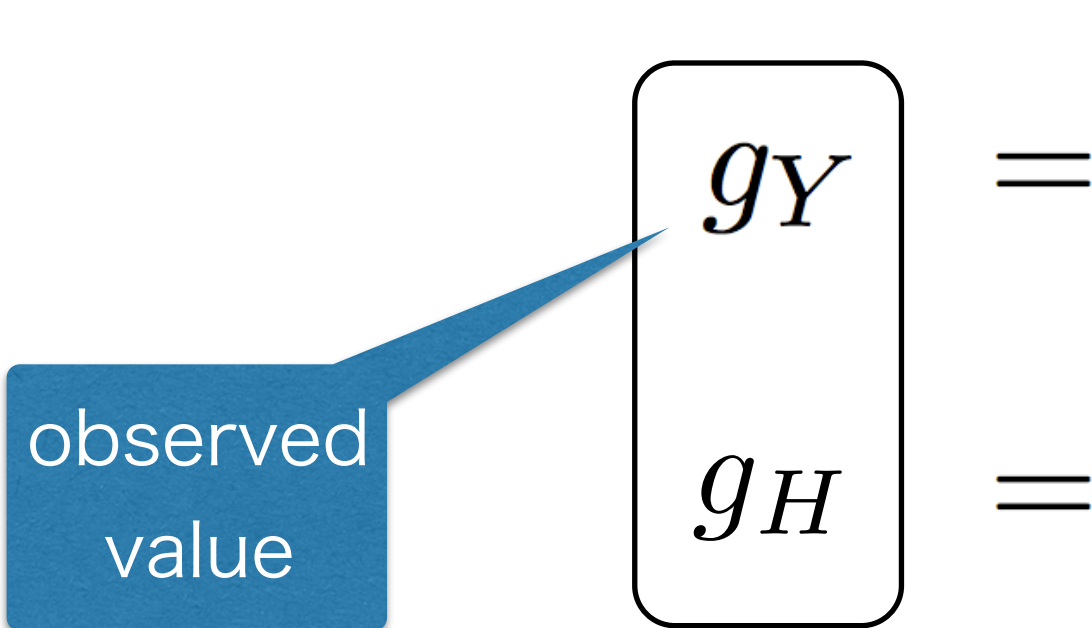
The normalization of $U(1)_Y$ coupling changes

Consider $U(1)_Y \times U(1)_H$ model with a kinetic mixing

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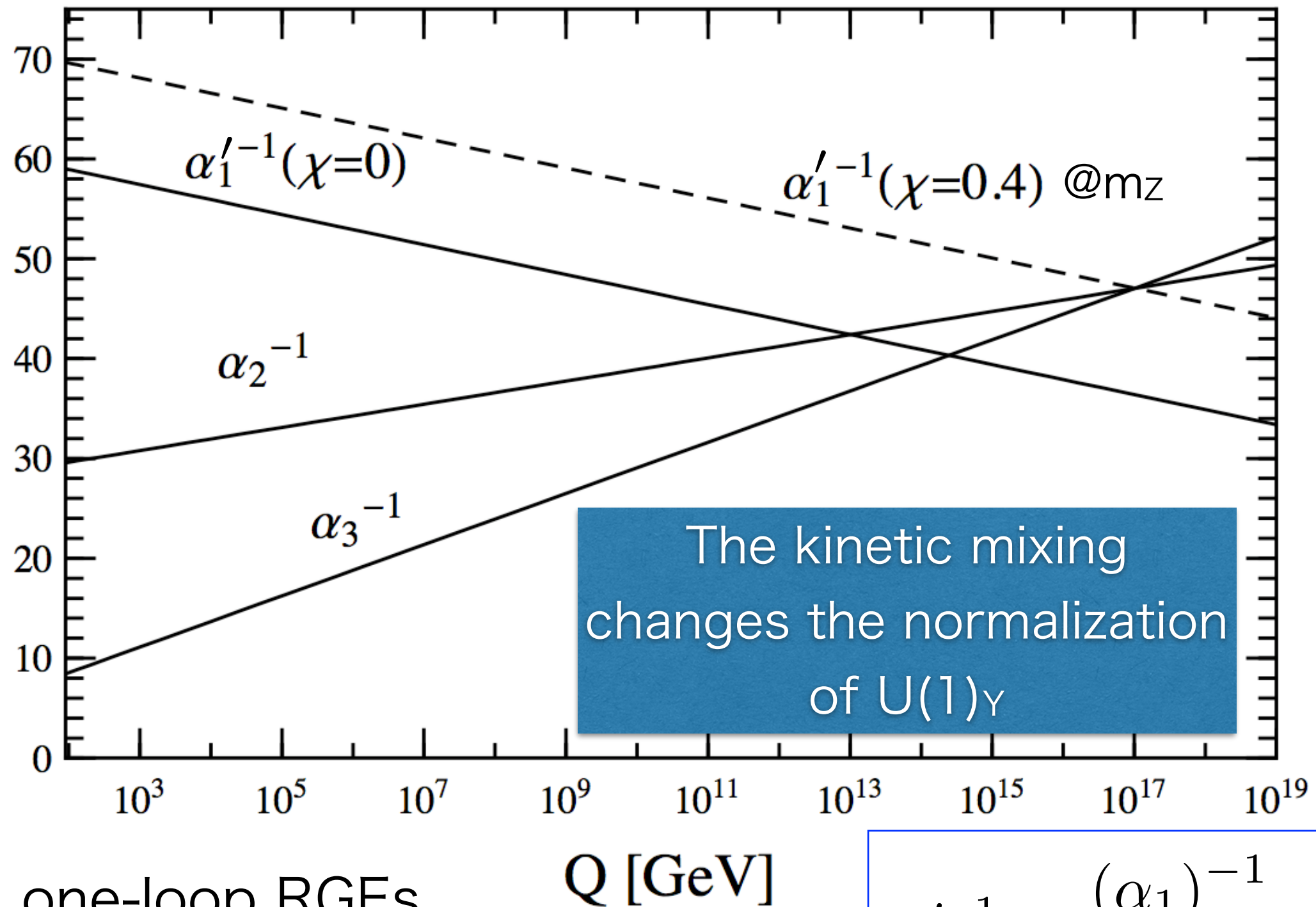
The gauge couplings in the two basis are related as


$$\begin{array}{l} g_Y \\ g_H \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \frac{g_Y'}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}} \\ g_H' \end{array}$$

couplings in the
canonical basis

Grand unification with $U(1)_H$

Without matter fields



With one-loop RGEs

[J. Redondo, 2008]

$$\alpha_1'^{-1} = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{\text{canonical}}^{-1}}{(1 - \chi^2)}$$

However, without a hidden charged field, unification basis
is not fixed

$$\bar{\Psi} \gamma_{\mu} (g'_Y Q_Y A_Y'^{\mu}) \Psi = \bar{\Psi} \gamma_{\mu} (g_Y Q_Y A_Y^{\mu}) \Psi$$

(original basis)

(canonical basis)

$$A_Y^{\mu'} = \frac{A_Y^{\mu}}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}}$$

$$A_H^{\mu'} = A_H^{\mu} - \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}} A_Y^{\mu}$$

$$g_Y = \frac{g'_Y}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}},$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{15}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & & & & \\ & 2 & & & \\ & & 2 & & \\ & & & -3 & \\ & & & & -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ A generator of SU(5)}$$

Once we have the hidden charged field

$$\bar{\Psi} \gamma_{\mu} (g'_Y Q_Y A'^{\mu}_Y + g_H q_H A'^{\mu}_H) \Psi = \bar{\Psi} \gamma_{\mu} (\underbrace{g_Y (Q_Y + \delta Q_Y)}_{\text{(canonical basis)}} A^{\mu}_Y + g_H q_H A^{\mu}_H) \Psi$$

(original basis) (canonical basis)

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(canonical basis)

This basis is not ready to be
embedded into SU(5)

(There is a fractional charge)

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{15}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & & & & \\ & 2 & & & \\ & & 2 & & \\ & & & -3 & \\ & & & & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\delta Q_Y = -\frac{g_H q_H}{g_Y} \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}}$$

The basis of the unification becomes manifest

Does the hidden charged field affect the unification?

With matter fields

Let's consider the Lagrangian including matter fields charged under $U(1)_H$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}F'_{H\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu}_H - \frac{\chi}{2}F'_{H\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} - \sum_i M_\Psi \bar{\Psi}_i \Psi_i$$

Ψ_i has a hypercharge of Q_i and a $U(1)_H$ charge of q_{H_i} .

$$Q_i \rightarrow Q_i - \frac{g_H q_{H_i}}{g_Y} \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}}$$
$$q_{H_i} \rightarrow q_{H_i}$$

In the canonical basis, the field gets a fractional $U(1)_Y$ charge

The RG equations

RGEs in the canonical basis

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dg_Y}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2}(b_Y g_Y^3 + b_H g_Y g_{\text{mix}}^2 + 2b_{\text{mix}} g_Y^2 g_{\text{mix}}), \\ \frac{dg_H}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} b_H g_H^3, \\ \frac{dg_{\text{mix}}}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2}(b_Y g_{\text{mix}} g_Y^2 + 2b_H g_{\text{mix}} g_H^2 + b_H g_{\text{mix}}^3 + 2b_{\text{mix}} g_Y g_H^2 + 2b_{\text{mix}} g_Y g_{\text{mix}}^2),\end{aligned}$$

[Babu, Kolda, March-Russell, 1996]

$t = \ln \mu_R$ (μ_R is a renormalization scale)

$$b_Y = \frac{41}{6} + \frac{4}{3} \sum_i Q_i^2, \quad b_H = \frac{4}{3} \sum_i q_{H_i}^2, \quad b_{\text{mix}} = \frac{4}{3} \sum_i Q_i q_{H_i}$$

$$g_{\text{mix}} = -\frac{g_H \chi}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}}$$

It looks like GUT is non-trivial.

The RG equations

However, RGEs in the original basis are simple:

$$\frac{dg'_Y}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} b_Y g_Y'^3, \quad g'_Y = g_Y \sqrt{1 - \chi^2}$$

$$\frac{dg_H}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} b_H g_H^3,$$

$$\frac{d\chi}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} [\chi(b_Y g_Y'^2 + b_H g_H^2) - 2b_{\text{mix}} g'_Y g_H]$$

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RGE running is trivial at the one-loop level in this basis.

How does it affect if two-loop RGEs are considered?

Case with a hidden matter which is a singlet of SU(5)

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}F'_{H\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu}_H - \frac{\chi}{2}F'_{H\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu}$$

$$-M_0\bar{\Psi}_0\Psi_0$$

1 TeV

$$q_H(\Psi_0) = 1$$

one-loop RGEs are

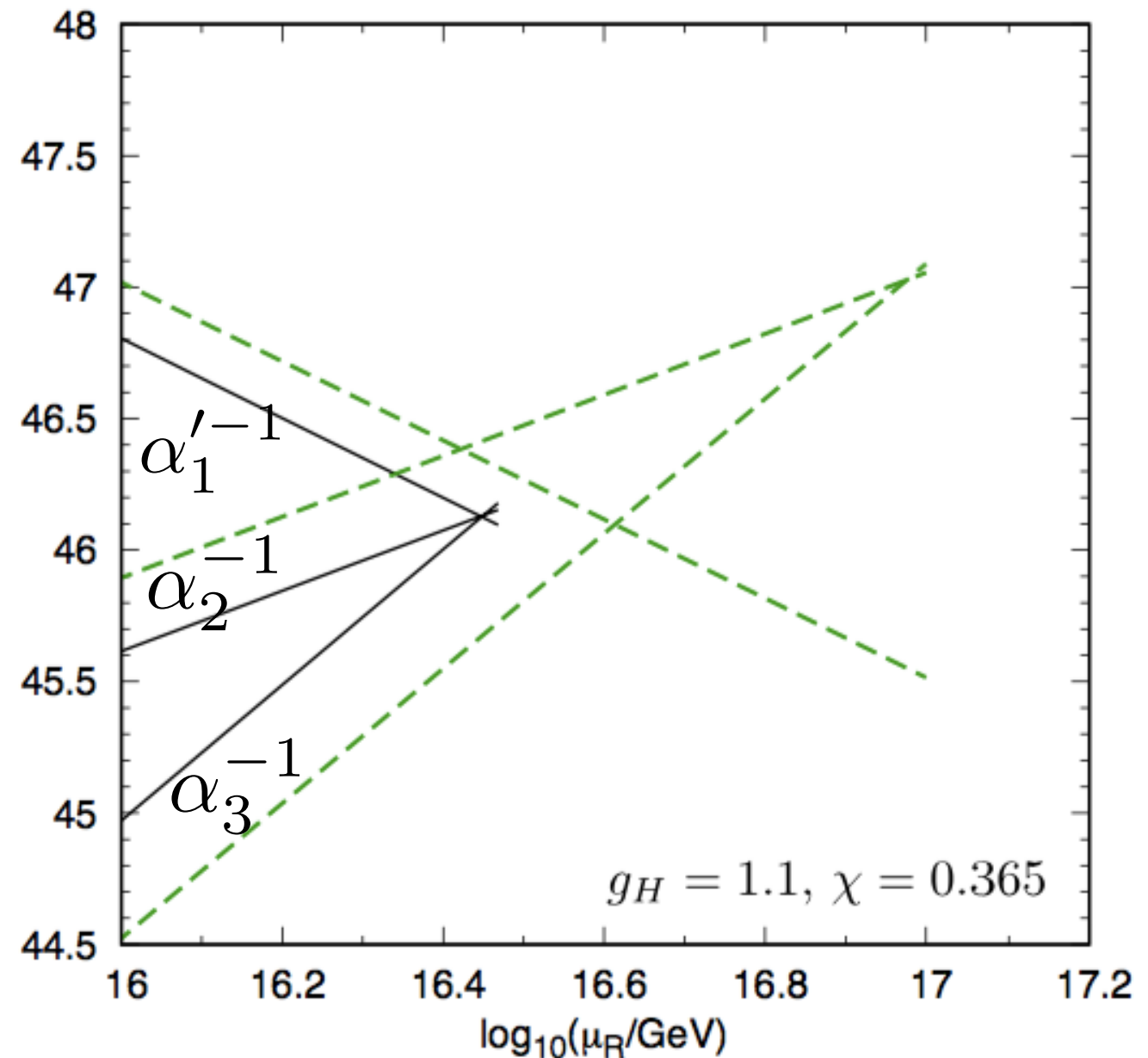
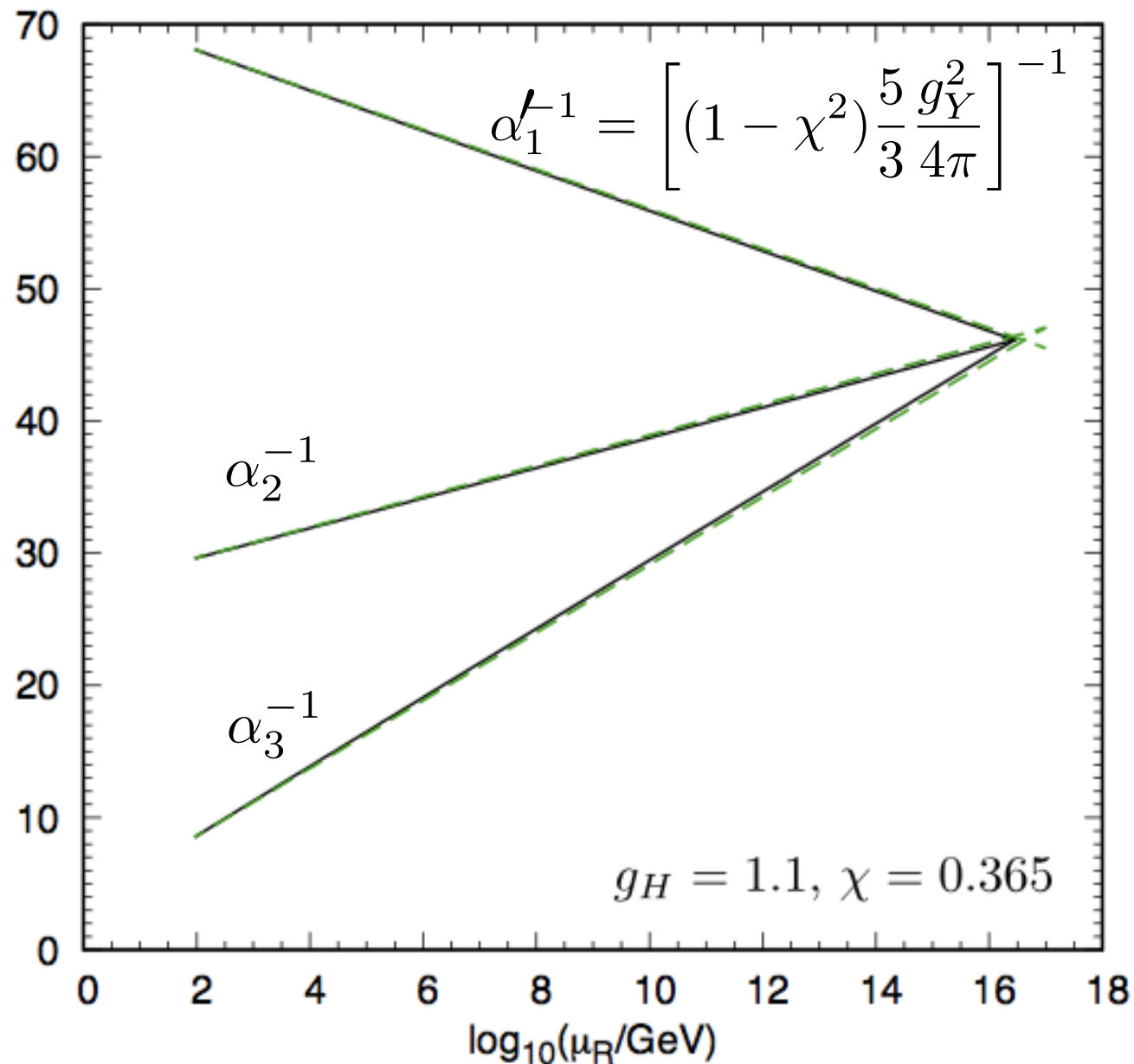
$$\frac{dg'_Y}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{41}{6} \right) g'^3_Y,$$

$$\frac{dg_2}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(-\frac{19}{6} \right) g_2^3,$$

$$\frac{dg_3}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} (-7) g_3^3$$

$$\frac{dg_H}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) g_H^3$$

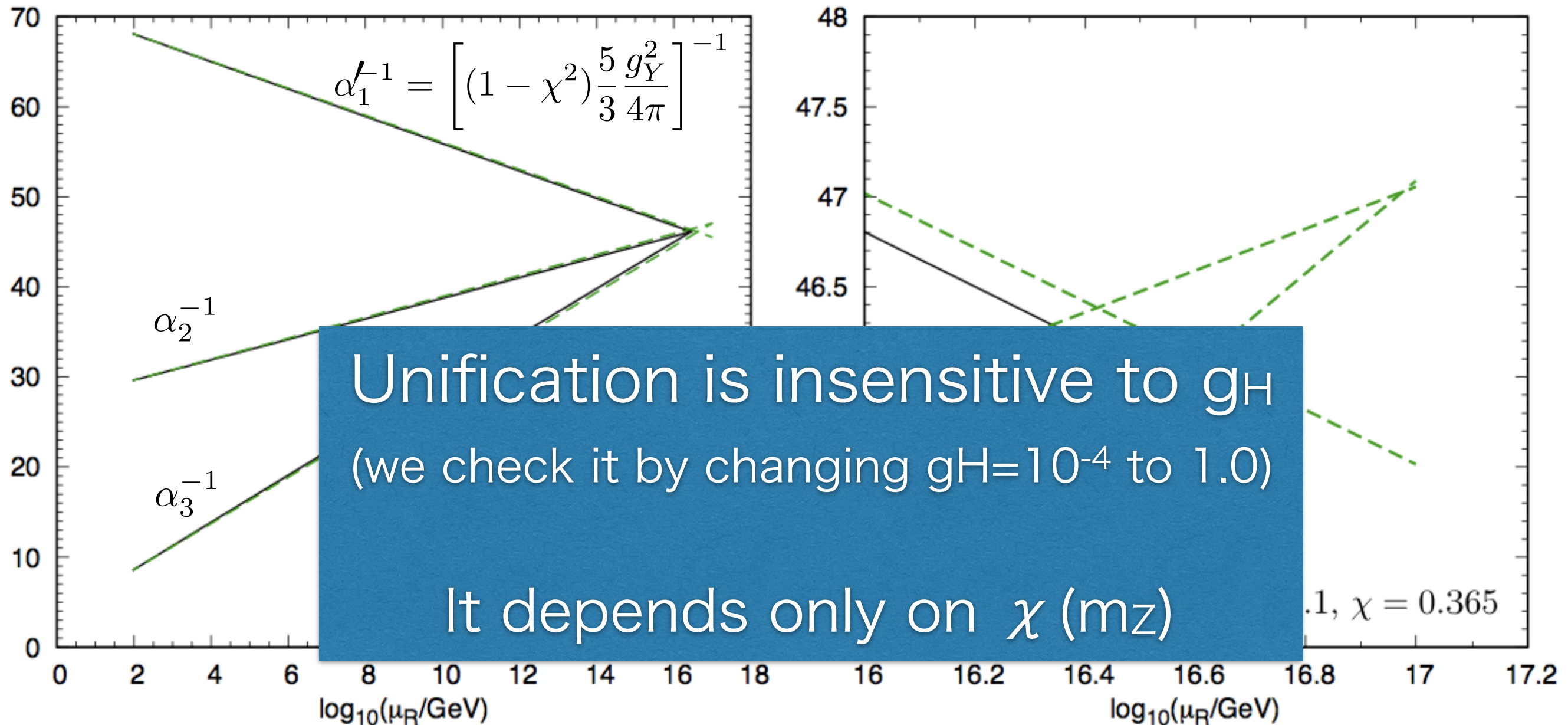
Running of the gauge couplings



green dashed: one-loop

black solid: two-loop

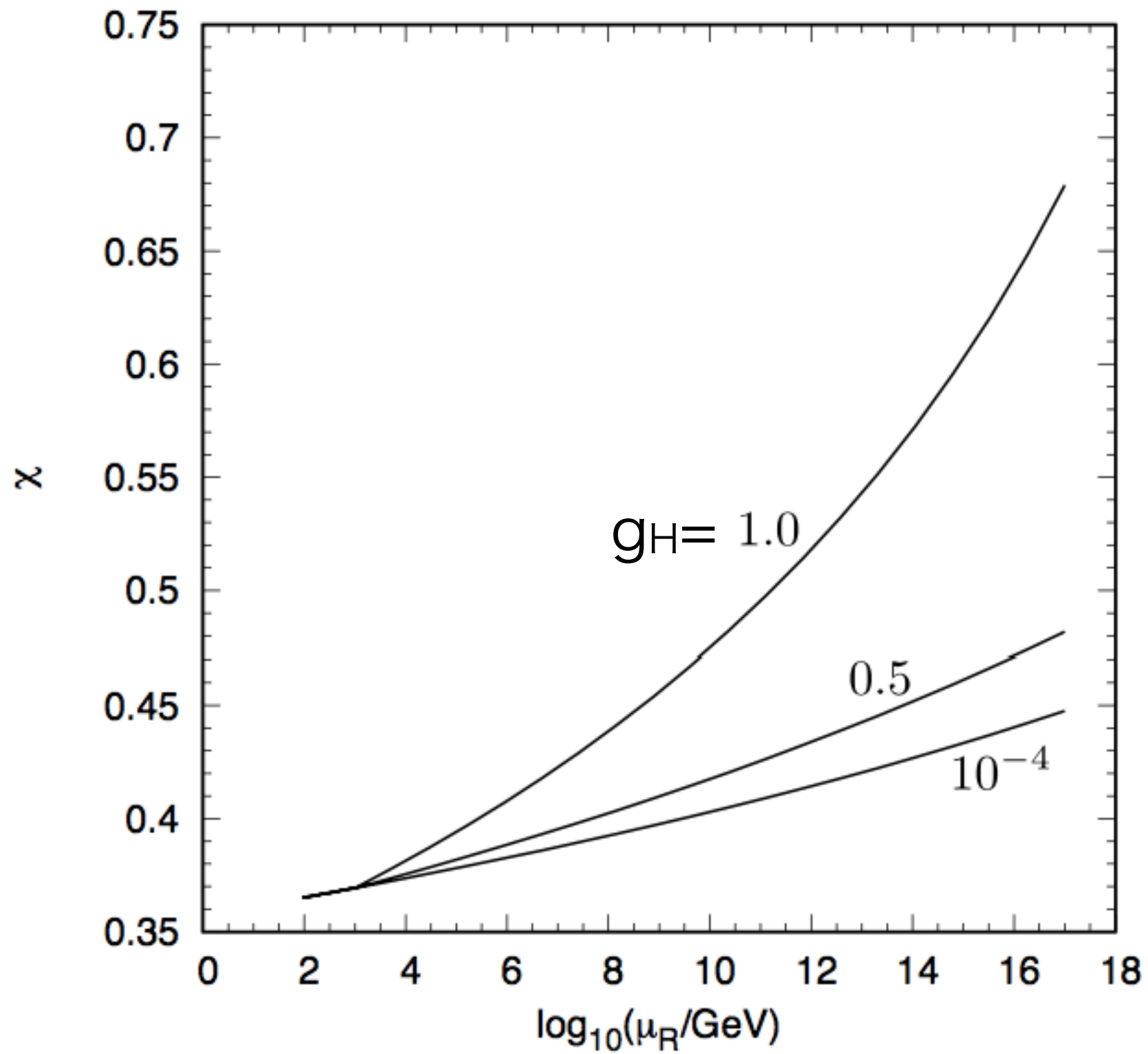
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Running of the kinetic mixing



Large kinetic mixing at the GUT scale

With SU(5) multiplets charged under U(1)_H

$$\mathcal{L} = -M_V \sum_{i=1}^{N_b} (\bar{\Psi}_{L,i} \Psi_{L,i} + \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{D},i} \Psi_{\bar{D},i}),$$

$\Psi_{L,i}$ ($\Psi_{\bar{D},i}$) is **2** of SU(2)_L (**$\bar{3}$** of SU(3)_C);

$(Q_{L,i}, q_{H L,i}) = (-1/2, 1)$ and $(Q_{\bar{D},i}, q_{H \bar{D},i}) = (1/3, 1)$.

one-loop RGEs are

$$\frac{dg'_Y}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{41}{6} + \frac{10}{9} N_b \right) g'^3_Y, \quad \frac{dg_H}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{20}{3} N_b \right) g^3_H$$

$$\frac{dg_2}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(-\frac{19}{6} + \frac{2}{3} N_b \right) g^3_2,$$

$$\frac{dg_3}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(-7 + \frac{2}{3} N_b \right) g^3_3,$$

and two-loop corrections...

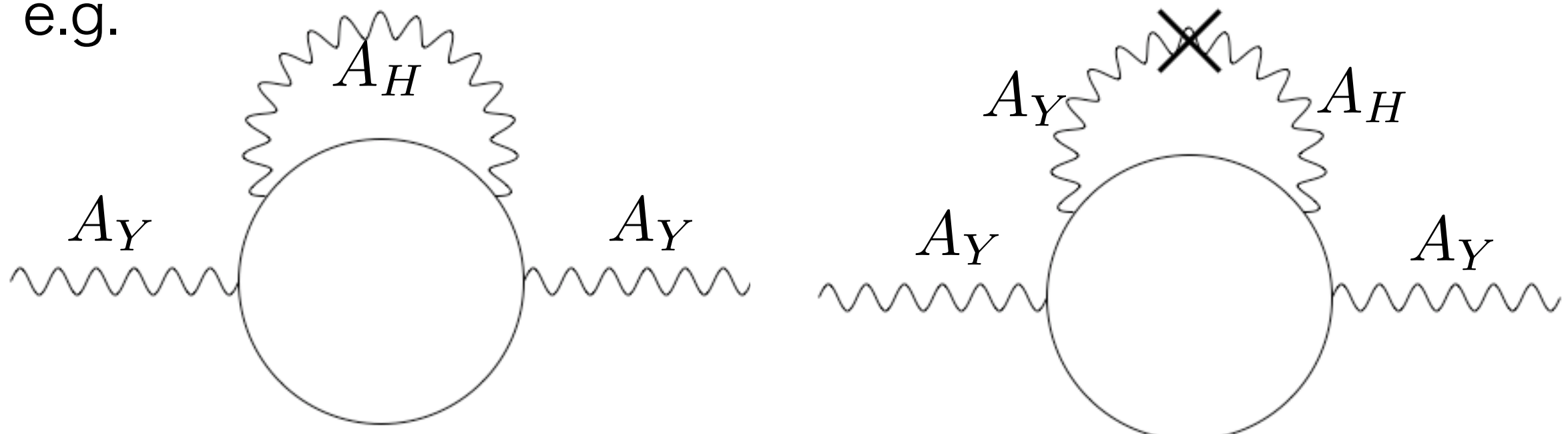
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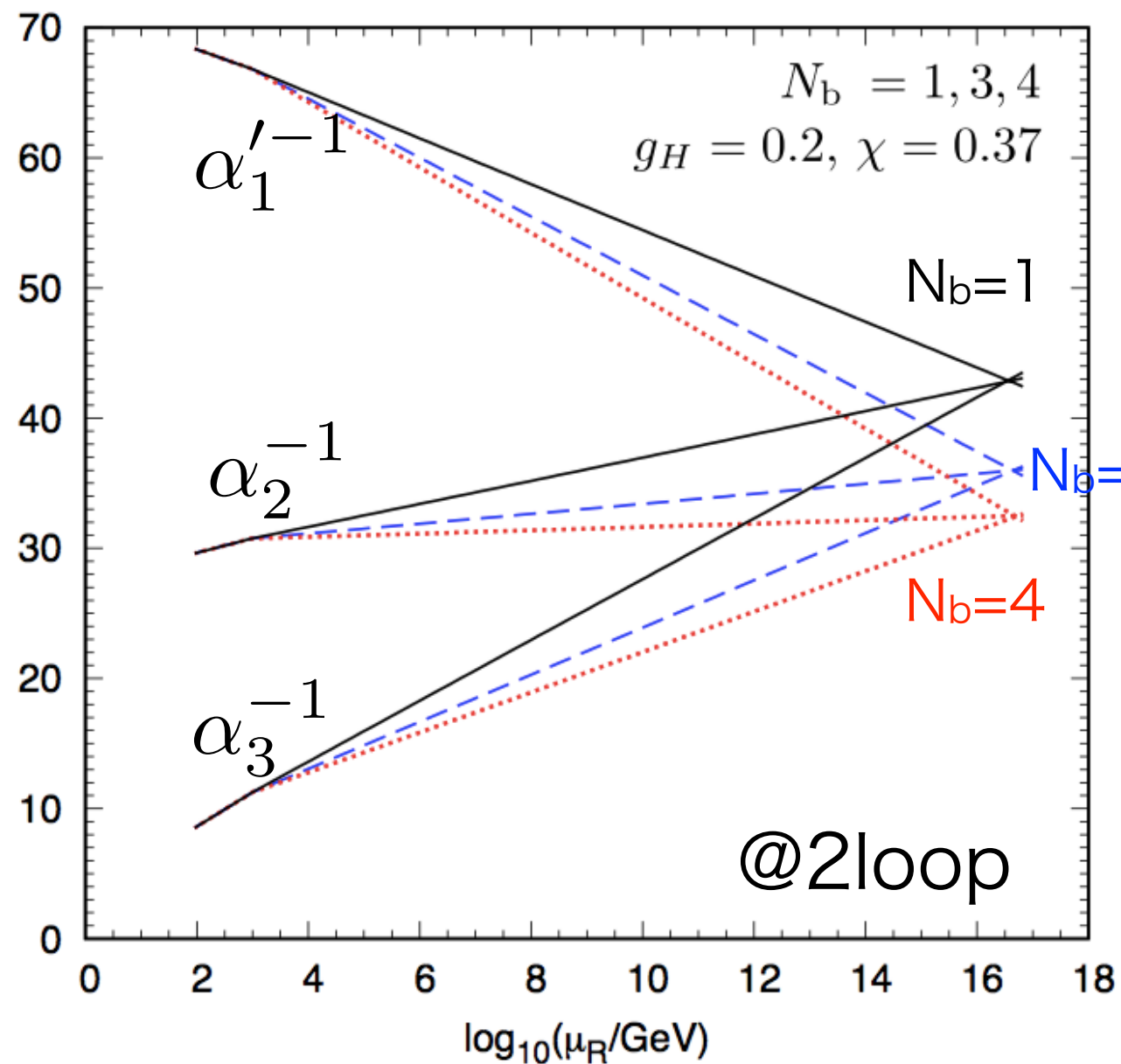
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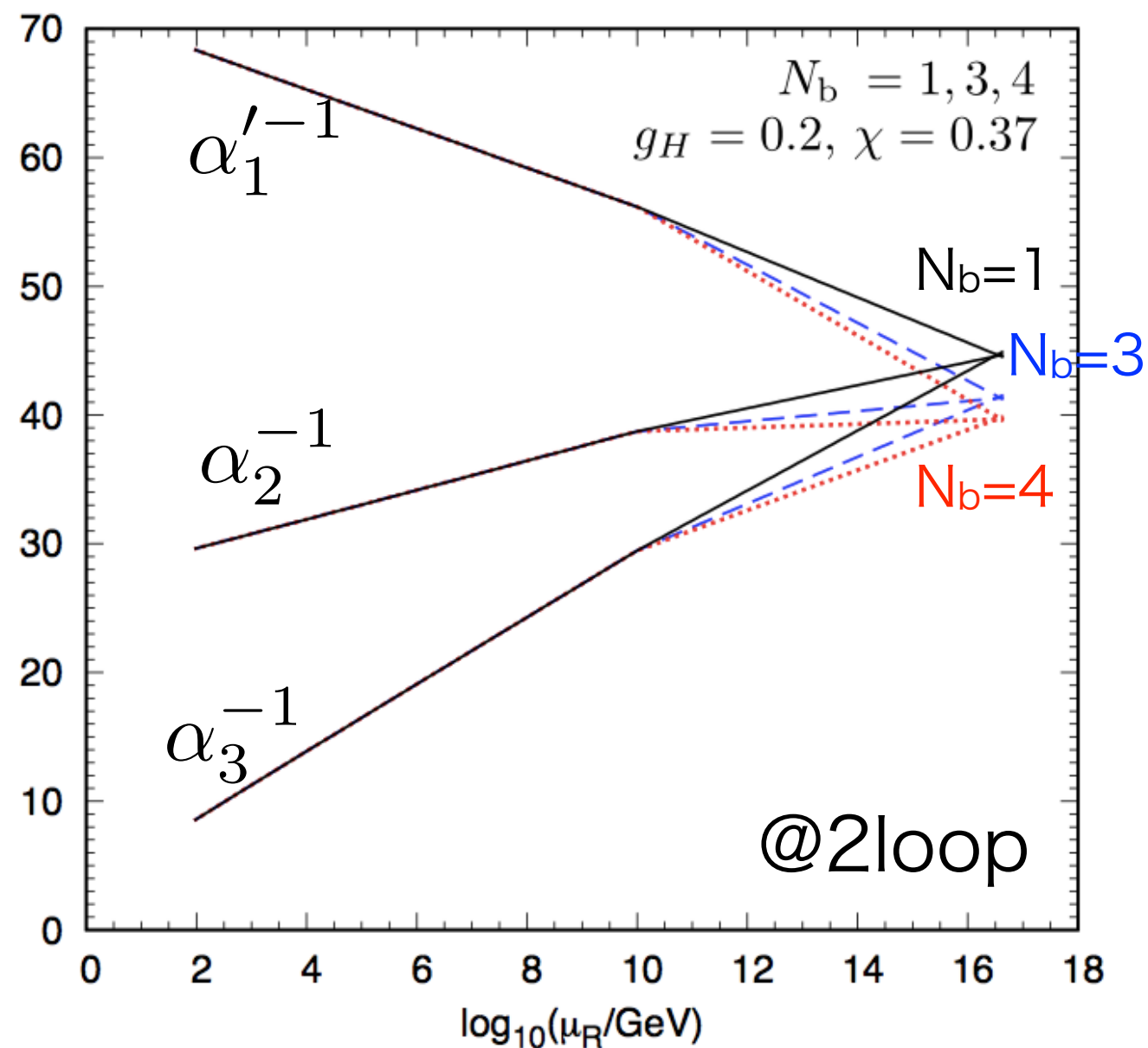
e.g.



However, the effects are loop suppressed and small



$$M_V = 1 \text{ TeV}$$



$$M_V = 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$$

(Almost) insensitive to N_b , g_H and M_V

Again, the unification depends only on χ (mz)

Short summary

- The unification depends only on χ (mz)
- We need a hidden charged field to fix the unification basis
- The unification does not depend on the hidden gauge coupling nor matter fields charged under $SU(5)$ and/or $U(1)_H$.
- **The above statement implies that we can easily accommodate the PQ symmetric solution to the strong CP problem.**

A GUT axion model

Setup

$$\mathcal{L} \supset - \left[\sqrt{2} \phi (\bar{\psi}_{5L} \psi_{5R} + \bar{\psi}_{HL} \psi_{HR}) + h.c. \right]$$

PQ breaking field
including axion

SU(5) complete
multiplet

Hidden matter
with charge of q_H

$$\phi = \frac{v_{PQ} + \rho(x)}{\sqrt{2}} \exp \left(i \frac{a(x)}{v_{PQ}} \right) \quad f_a = \frac{v_{PQ}}{N_{DW}} = v_{PQ}$$

ϕ contains the axion in its phase component

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Hidden matter
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In the canonical basis, hidden matter
gets an effective electric charge:

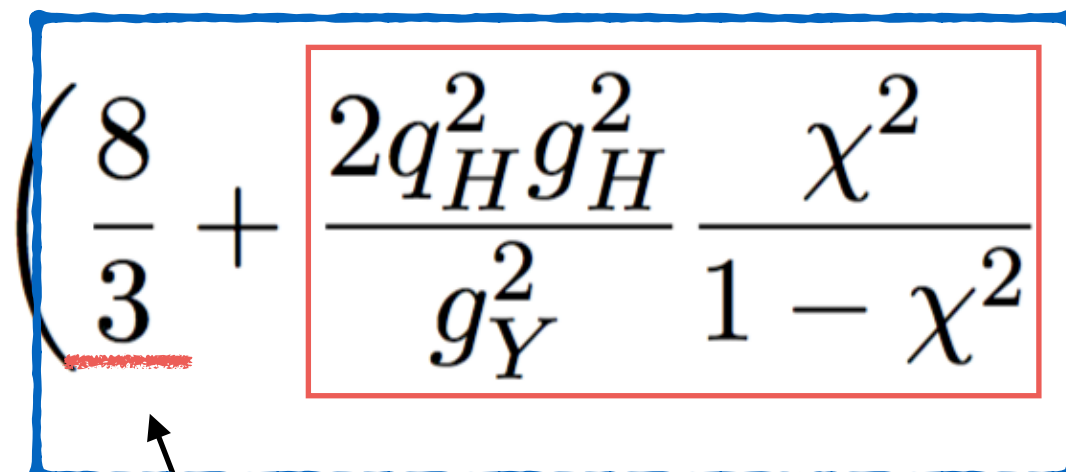
$$q_{\text{eff}} = -q_H \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}} \frac{g_H}{g_Y}$$

Then, axion-photon coupling gets an additional contribution from the hidden matter field through the electromagnetic anomaly

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

E/N 


$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} \simeq \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{2\pi f_a} \left(\frac{8}{3} + \frac{2q_H^2 g_H^2}{g_Y^2} \frac{\chi^2}{1 - \chi^2} - 1.92 \right)$$


from SU(5) complete multiplet

For large g_H and χ , the enhancement is significant.

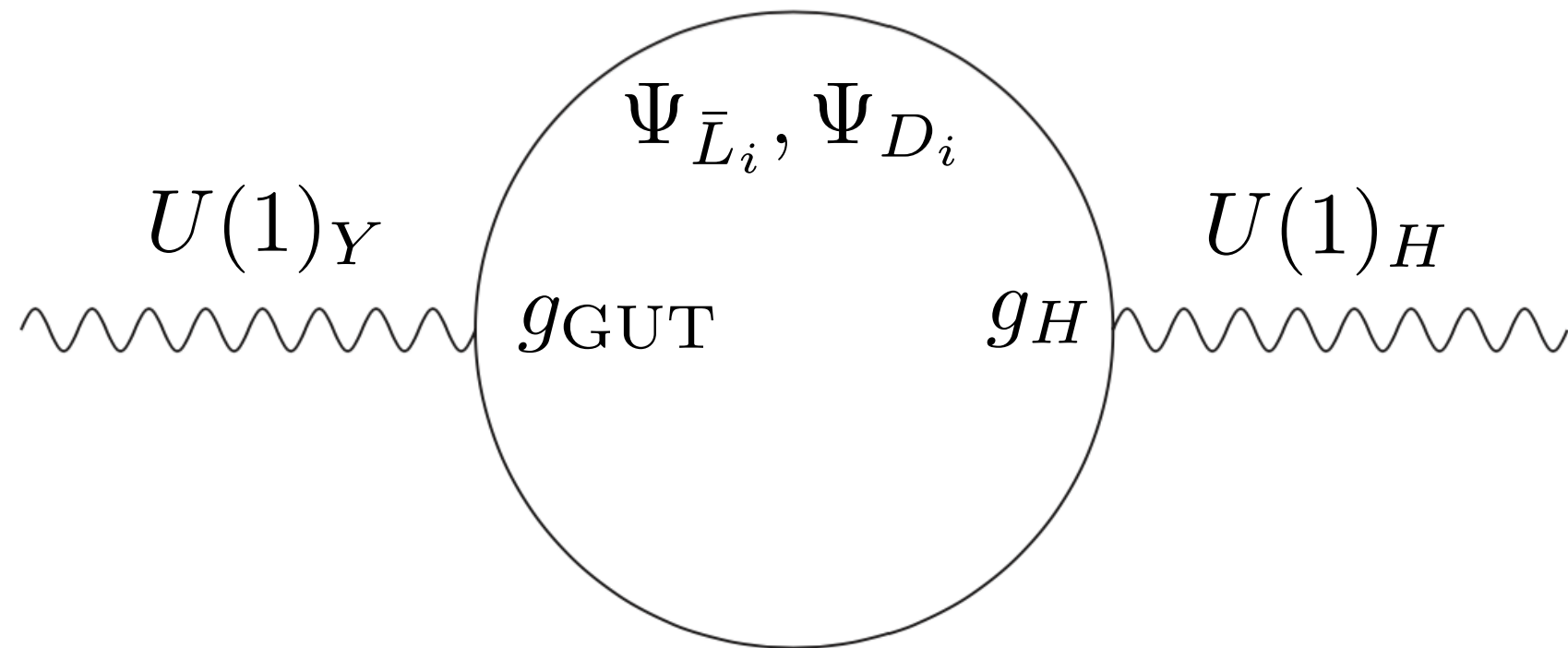
Large χ and g_H are required for consistency with GUT

Gauge coupling unification  $\chi(m_Z) \approx 0.37$

large χ of $O(0.1)$  large g_H

Generation of large χ

Around the GUT scale

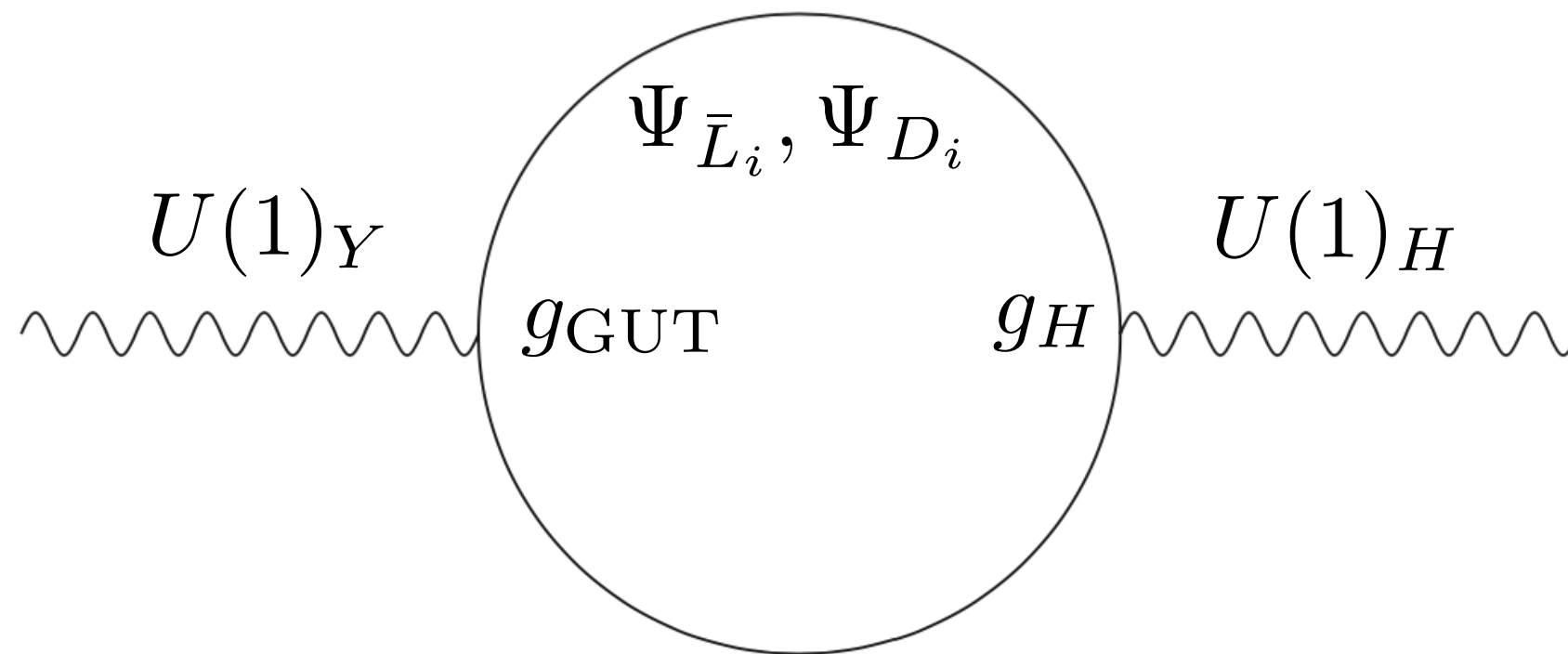


With the GUT breaking mass induced by Σ_{24} :

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\mathcal{L} &\supset \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \left(M_5 \bar{\Psi}_{5_i} \Psi_{5_i} + k \bar{\Psi}_{5_i} \langle \Sigma_{24} \rangle \Psi_{5_i} \right) \quad q_H(\Psi_{5_i}) = -1 \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \left(M_D \bar{\Psi}_{D_i} \Psi_{D_i} + M_L \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{L}_i} \Psi_{\bar{L}_i} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

Generation of large χ

Around the GUT scale



With the GUT breaking mass induced by Σ_{24} :

$$\chi(M_{\text{GUT}}) \approx 0.12 N_f \left(\frac{g_{\text{GUT}}}{0.53} \right) \times \left[\frac{g_H(M_{\text{GUT}})}{4\pi} \right] \left[\frac{\ln(M_{D'}/M_{L'})}{\ln 4} \right]$$

large g_H is required

Enhanced Axion-Photon Coupling

We take the possibly large g_H avoiding the Landau Pole

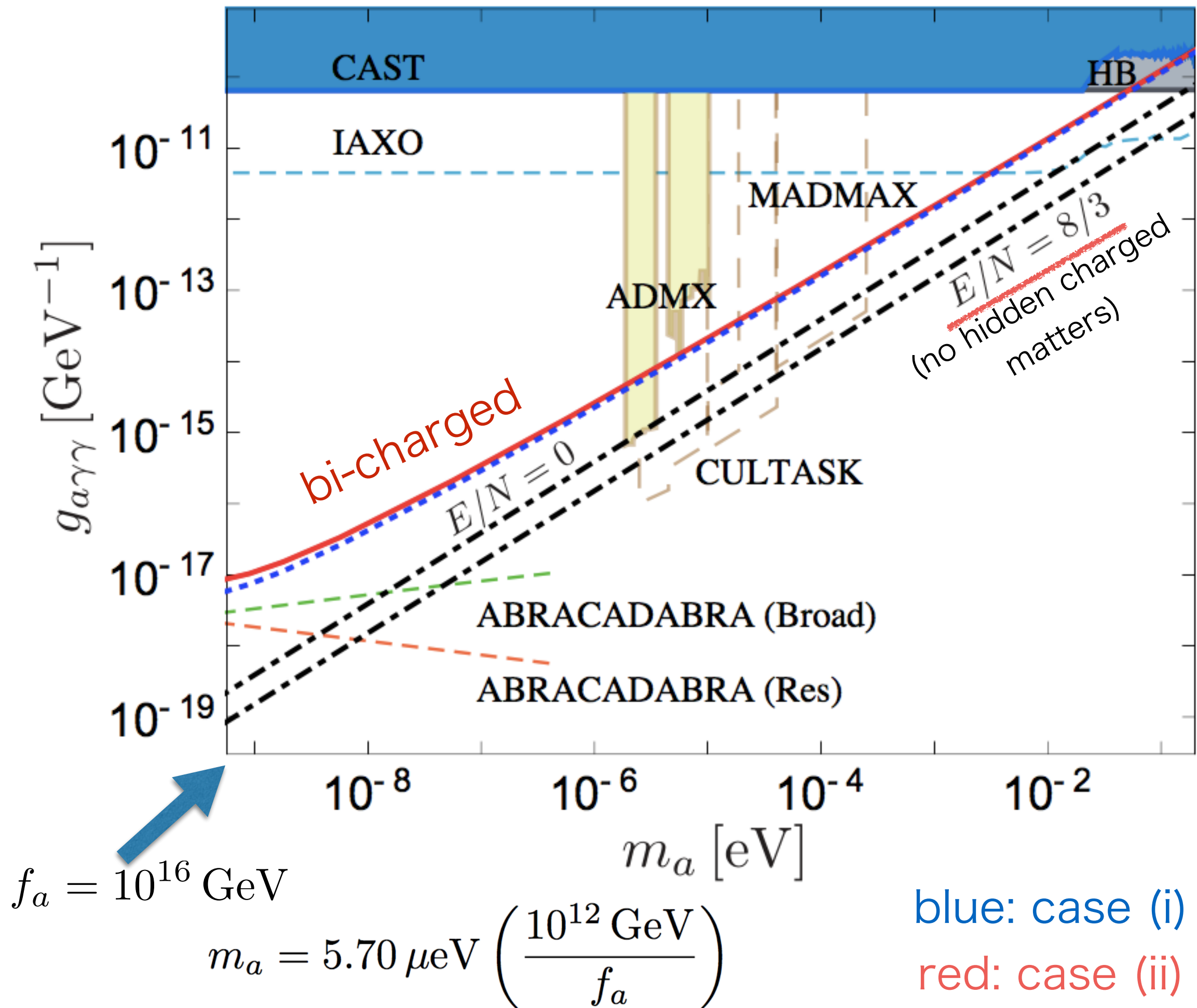
The kinetic mixing is taken as $\chi(m_Z) = 0.365$
required for GUT

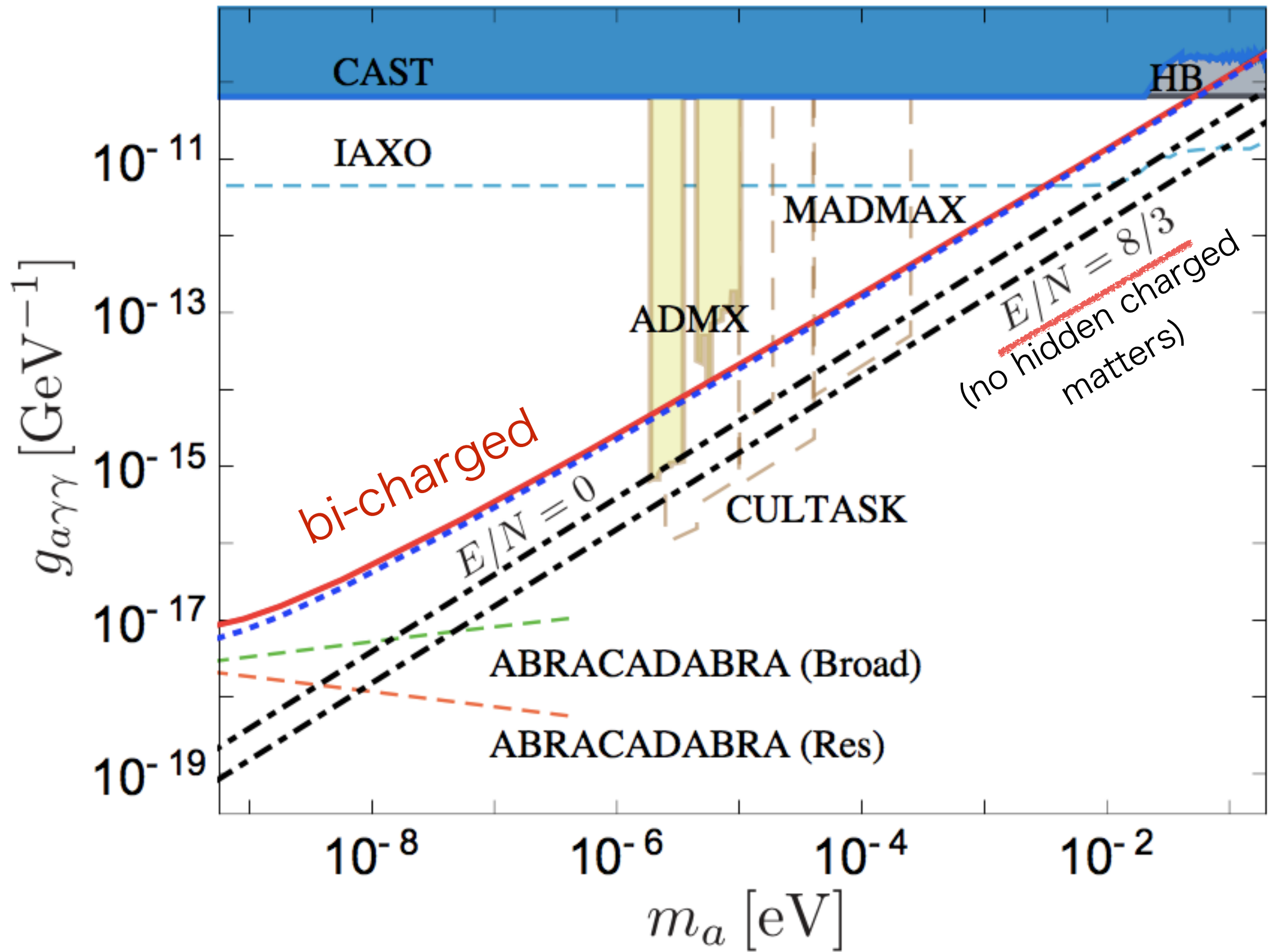
$$\text{Case (i) : } \mathcal{L} \supset - \left[\sqrt{2} \phi (\bar{\psi}_{5L} \psi_{5R} + \bar{\psi}_{HL} \psi_{HR}) + h.c. \right],$$

$$\text{Case (ii) : } \mathcal{L} \supset - \left[\sqrt{2} \phi \bar{\psi}_{5L}^b \psi_{5R}^b + h.c. \right],$$

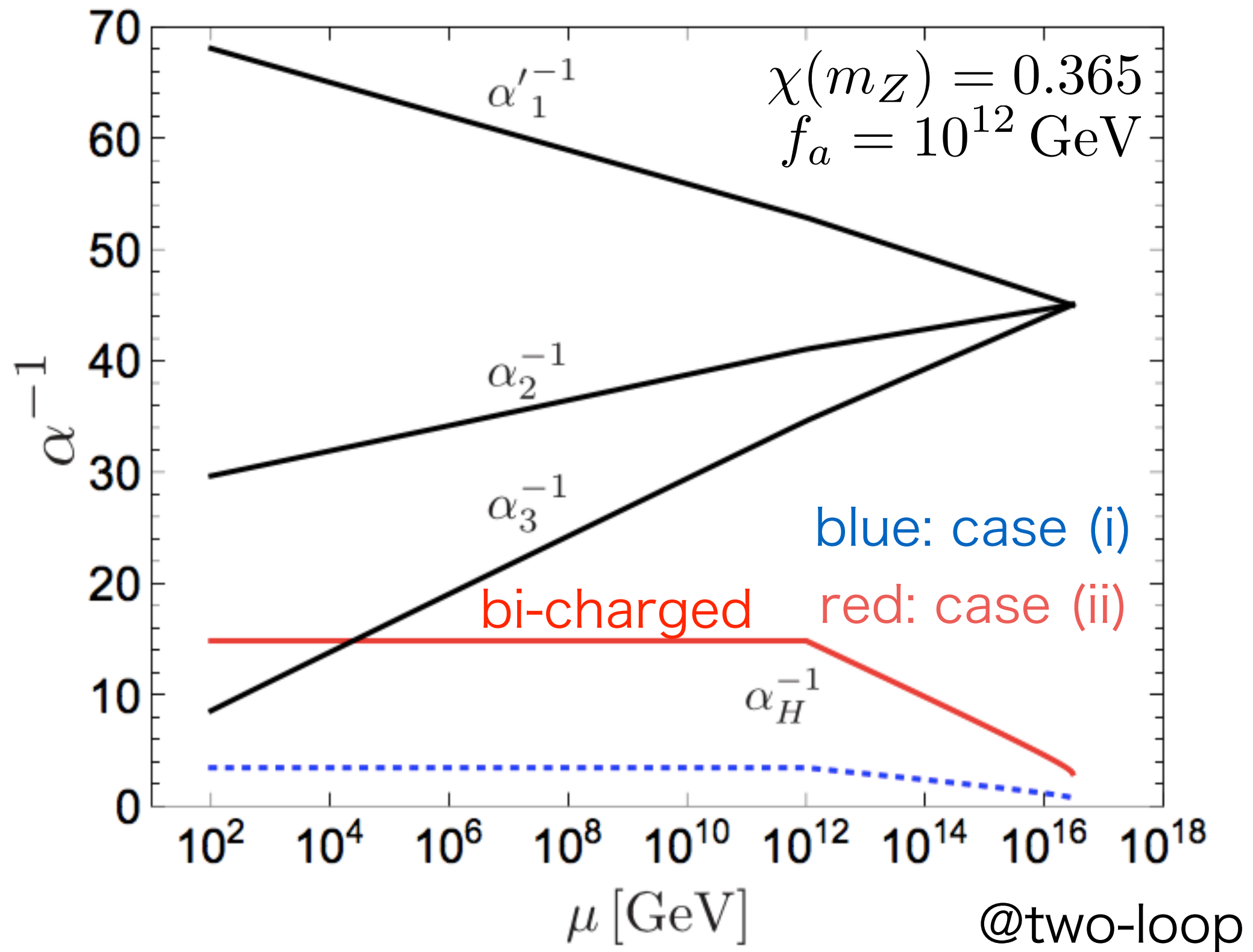
$U(1)_H$ charges are

$$q_H(\psi_H) = 1 \quad q_H(\psi_5) = 0 \quad q_H(\psi_5^b) = -1$$





Axion-photon coupling is enhanced by about a factor 10-100 for $f_a = 10^{10} \text{ GeV} - 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ compared to the case without $U(1)_H$



Of course, the gauge coupling unification is maintained.

Summary

- Massless hidden photon can achieve the gauge coupling unification
- The unification is rather robust, allowing the existence of matter fields charged under $SU(5)/U(1)_H$
- No rapid proton decay problem
- If the QCD axion is accommodated, axion-photon coupling is significantly enhanced (by about a factor 10-100).
- With the enhancement, the QCD axion is more easily tested in future experiments

**Thank you for your
attention!**