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# 付加的ヒッグスボソンによる アクシオンの熱的生成

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# Introduction

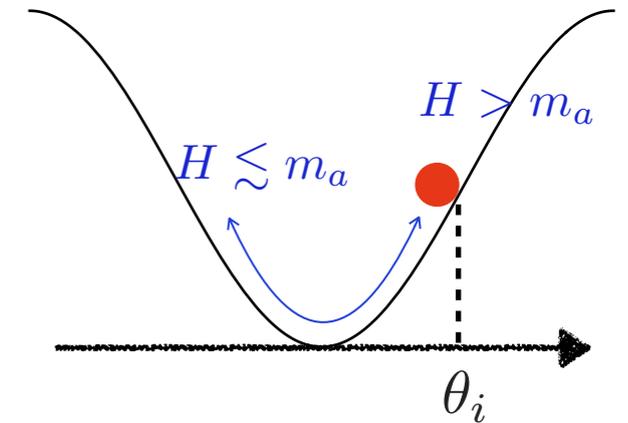
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- Dark matter (DM) is one of the unsolved problems in the SM.
- Dark matter may be light and feeble interactions.
  - promising candidate: **axions**
- Axions can solve DM and strong CP problems.
- The nature of the axion is unknown.
  - Mass scale, interactions
  - **Production mechanisms** → In this talk, we will discuss axion production from heavy Higgs bosons.

# Axion productions in early Universe

## Non-thermal productions (Misalignment mechanism)

- Axion acquires potential due to the explicit  $U(1)$ .
- It starts to oscillate when  $m_a \gtrsim H$ .



## Thermal productions

- Axion is thermalized (i.e., small  $f_a$ ).
  - It is in thermal equilibrium.
  - It decouples from thermal plasma at a certain temperature.
- Axion is not thermalized (i.e., large  $f_a$ ).  $\rightarrow$  Freeze-in mechanism

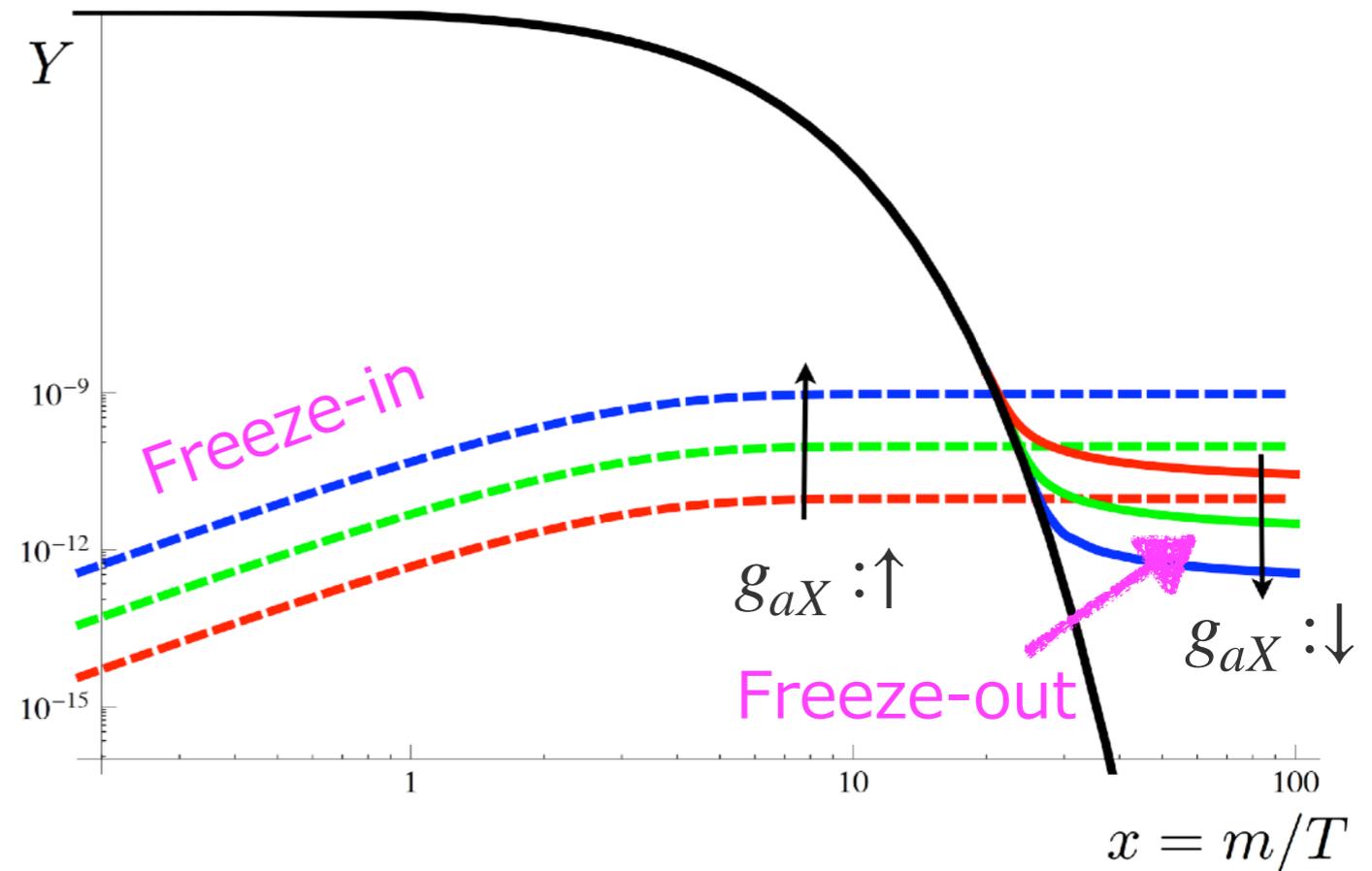
# Freeze-in mechanism

## Assumptions

- Axion couple with bath particles in thermal plasma.
- It never reaches thermal equilibrium.

## Features

- Axion is produced from the thermal plasma.
- The energy density increases as temperature decreases.
- The production of axion stops at  $T \sim m_a$ .



# Concrete axion models

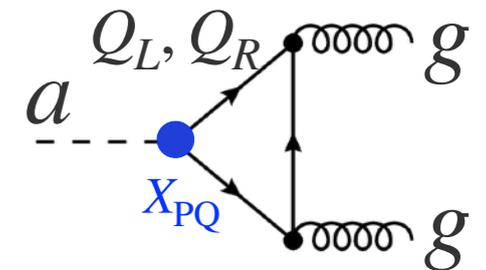
## KSVZ-type model [Original model: J. E. Kim (1979); M. A. Shifman, A. I. Vainshtein, V. I. Zakharov (1980)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{KSVZ}} \ni y_Q \bar{Q}_L Q_R S + \text{h.c.}$$

$Q$ : extra vector like singlet fermions

$S$ : extra singlet scalar:  $S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_s + \rho) \exp(ia/v_s)$

- Extra fields ( $Q, S$ ) are U(1) charged.
- Axion mainly couples with gluon. No Axion-fermion coupling at the tree-level.



## DFSZ-type model [Original model: A. R. Zhitnitsky (1980); M. Dine, W. Fischler, M. Srednicki (1981)]

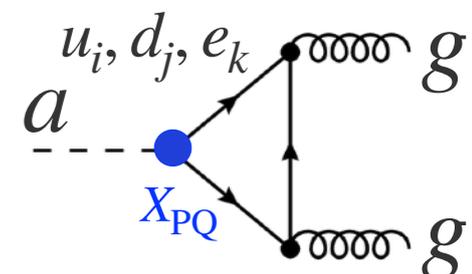
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DFSZ}} \ni \kappa H_1^\dagger H_2 S^2 + y_u \bar{Q} H_2^c u_R + y_d \bar{Q} H_1 d_R + \text{h.c.}$$

$H_1$  : SM Higgs doublet

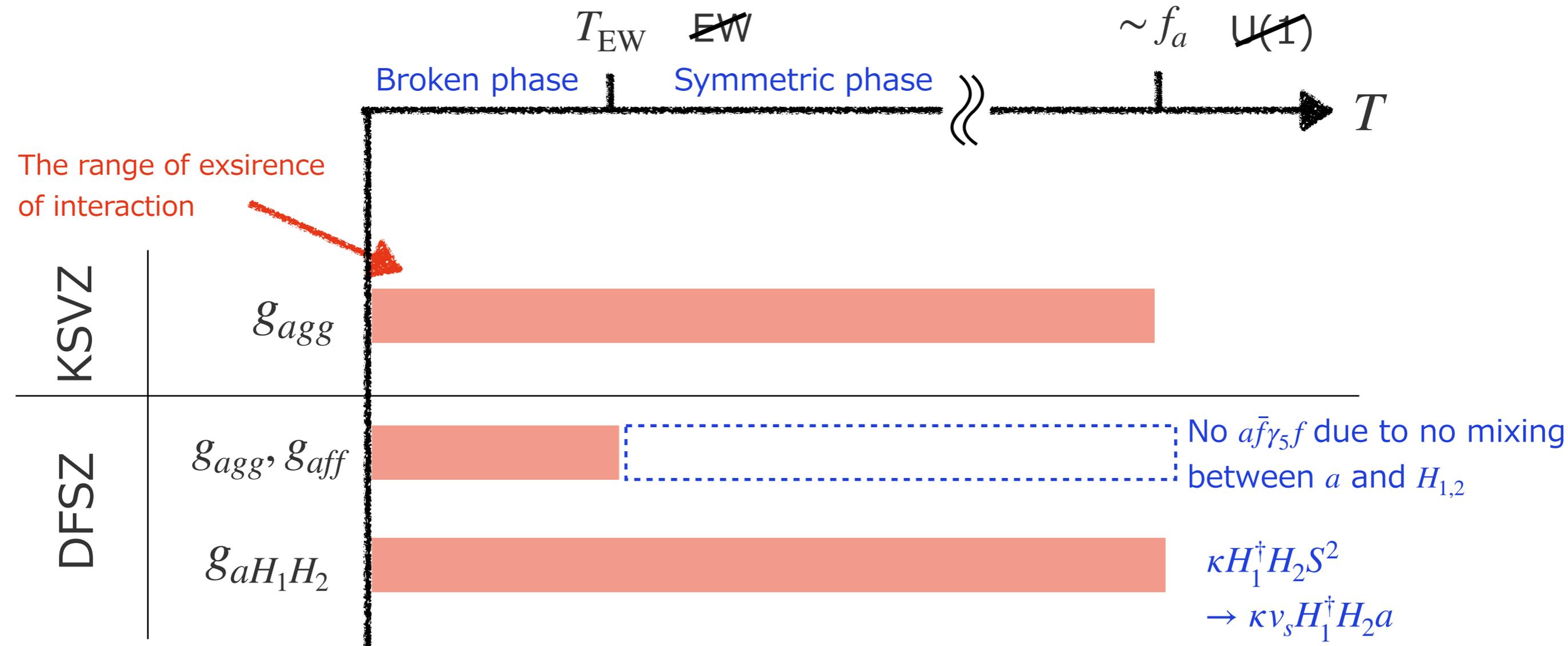
$H_2$  : extra Higgs doublet  $\ni H, A, H^\pm$

$S$ : extra singlet scalar

- Axion couple with Higgs bosons
- Axion-gluon couplings are realized by SM-fermions.



# Thermal productions in KSVZ/DSFZ type models



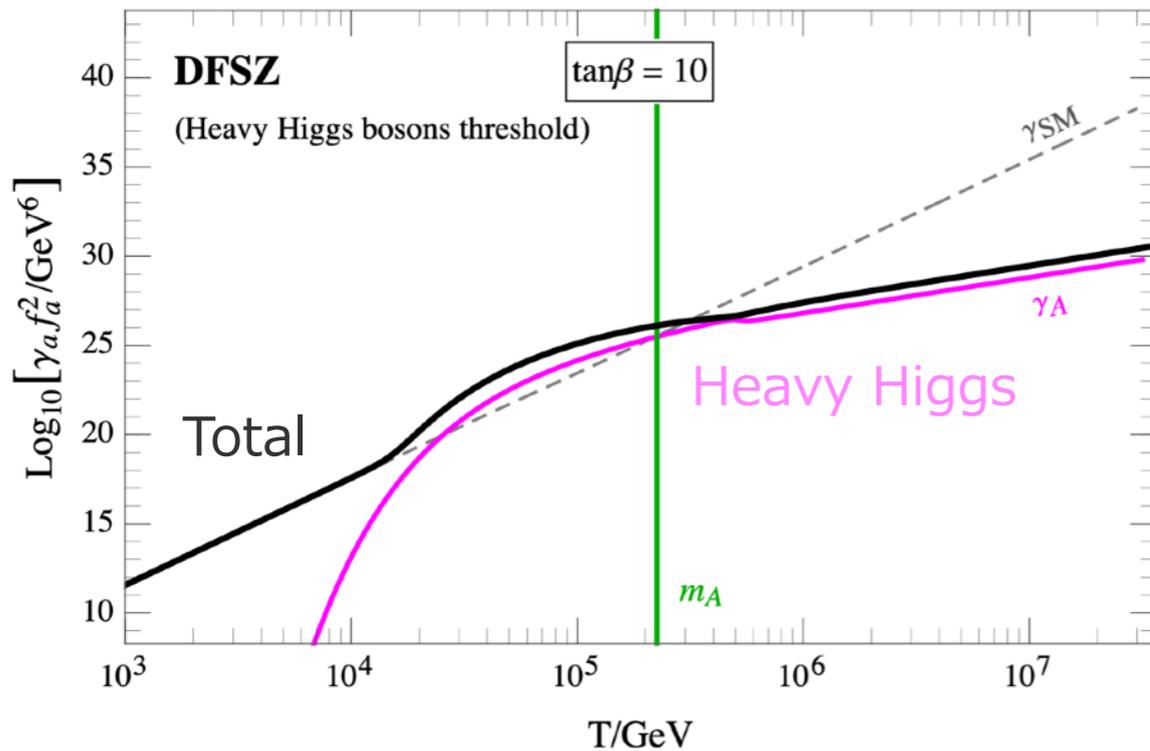
- For DFSZ type-model, axion is mainly produced from Higgs in sym. phase.
- Renormalizable int. generates IR dominant contributions for  $a$  production.

→ Axion production from heavy Higgs is important.

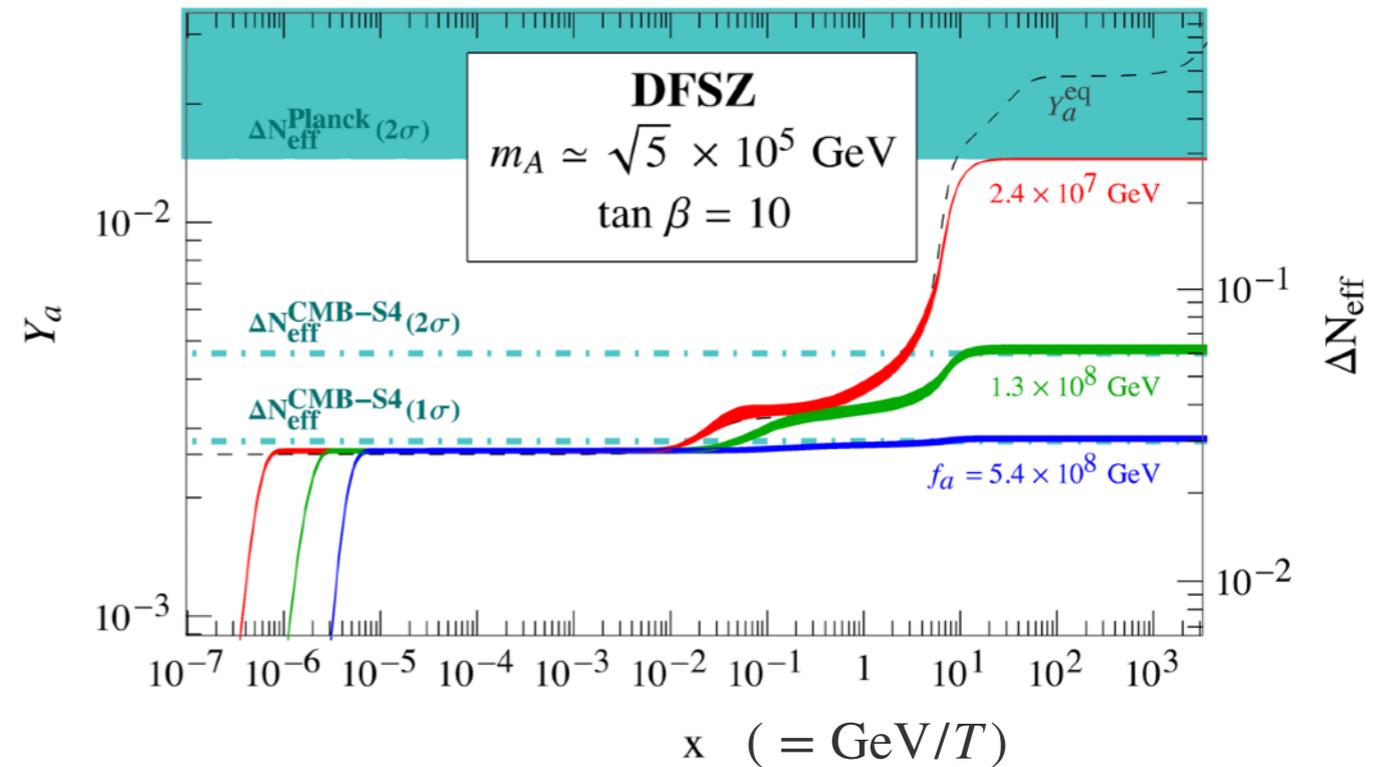
# Thermal axion productions in DFSZ QCD axion model

[D'Eramo, Hajkarim, Yun, JCAP 10 (2021) 045]

Production rate  $\gamma_a$



Comoving number density  $Y_a = n_a/s$



- Heavy Higgs contributions overcomes SM contributions when  $T \sim m_A$ .
- Number density of  $a$  is evaluated in the case that  $a$  is thermalized.

# Our works

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## Previous works:

- The previous literature does not include contribution from **decays of heavy Higgs bosons**

SM particle scatterings, heavy Higgs boson scatterings

- Axion is assumed to be thermalized.

## Our works:

- We newly calculate contributions from **decays of heavy Higgs bosons** for axion productions.
- We clarify that it is dominant contribution in **the axion freeze-in production.**

# Axion freeze-in production from heavy Higgs

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# Set up : DFSZ type-axion model

- Higgs potential:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V = & m_{11}^2(\phi_1^\dagger\phi_1) + m_{22}^2(\phi_2^\dagger\phi_2) - (m_{12}^2\phi_1^\dagger\phi_2 + \text{h.c.}) \\
 & + \lambda_1(\phi_1^\dagger\phi_1)^2 + \lambda_2(\phi_2^\dagger\phi_2)^2 + \lambda_3(\phi_1^\dagger\phi_1)(\phi_2^\dagger\phi_2) + \lambda_4(\phi_1^\dagger\phi_2)(\phi_2^\dagger\phi_1) \\
 & - \left[ m_{12}^2\phi_1^\dagger\phi_2 \left( 2i\frac{\tilde{a}}{v_s} - 2\frac{\tilde{a}^2}{v_s^2} + \dots \right) + \text{h.c.} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

Two Higgs doublet models

Axion- Higgs interaction

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}w_1^+ \\ v_1 + h_1 + iz_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}w_2^+ \\ v_2 + h_2 + iz_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_s = (v_s + \rho)e^{i\frac{\tilde{a}}{v_s}} \text{ Integrated out. } m_\rho \sim f_a$$

- Physical states:

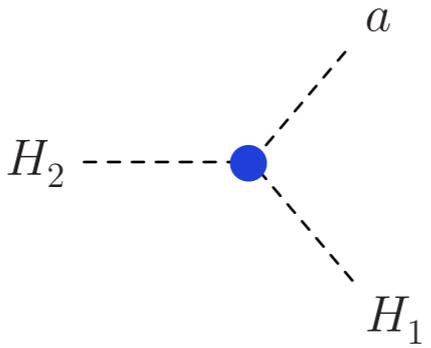
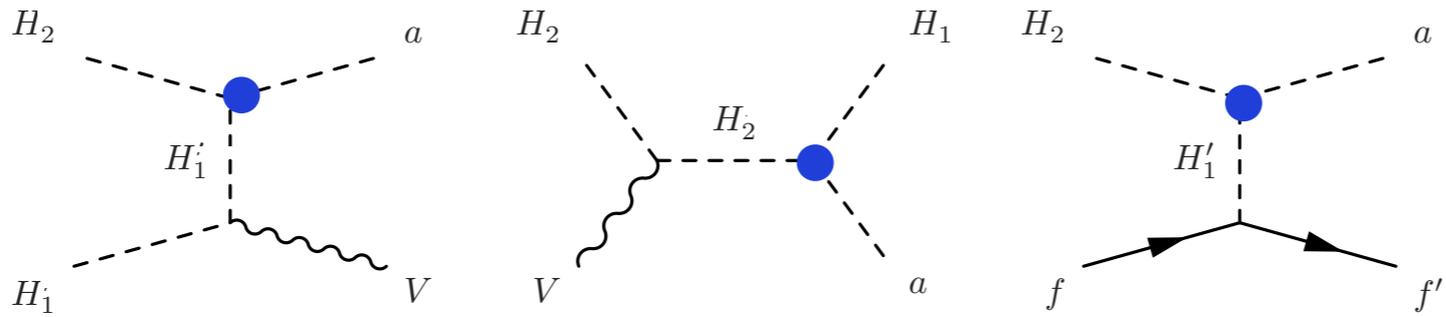
$H, A, H^+, H^-$  : additional Higgs bosons,  $h$  : SM-like Higgs boson,  $a$  : axion

- Assumptions for axion freeze-in productions:

-  $T_R > m_H$   $\longrightarrow$  Heavy Higgs in thermal equilibrium

-  $m_H > v_{EW}$   $\longrightarrow$  Axion productions in symmetric phase

# Production processes from heavy Higgs

Decay	 $H_2 = H, A, H^+, H^-$ $H_1 = h, G, G^+, G^-$
Scattering	

$$\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{m_A}{v_S} s_{2\beta} a H_2 H_1$$

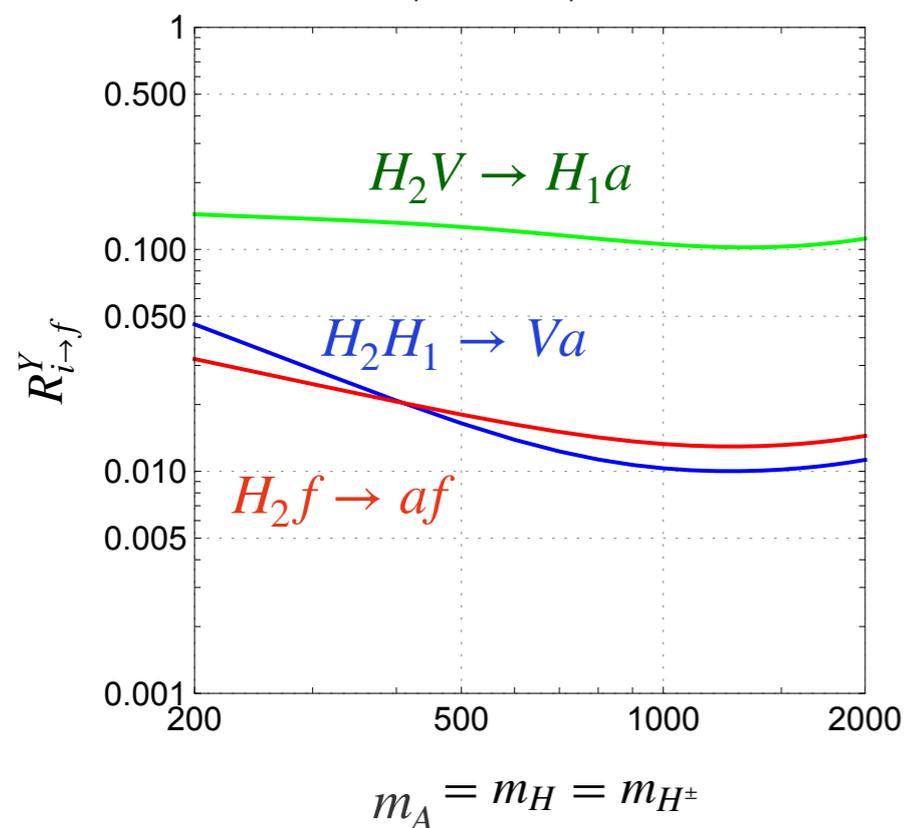
$\beta$  : Higgs mixing angle

$(H_1, H_2) = (h, A), (G^0, H)$

$(G^\pm, H^\pm)$

[ Double  $a$  production is suppressed by  $(m_A/v_S)^2$ . ]

$$s_{\beta-\alpha} = 1, t_\beta = 1$$



$$R_{H_2' X_1 \rightarrow X_2 a}^Y \equiv \frac{Y_{H_2' X_1 \rightarrow X_2 a}}{Y_{H_2' \rightarrow H_1' a}}$$

$$- Y_{\text{decay}}^a \sim 10 Y_{\text{scattering}}^a$$

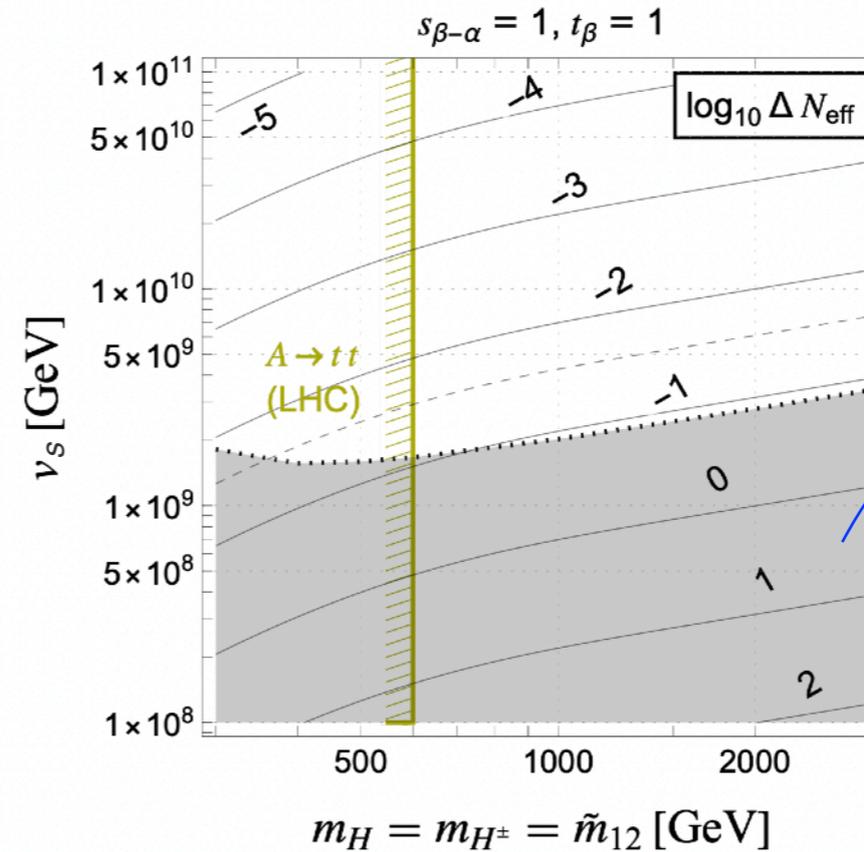
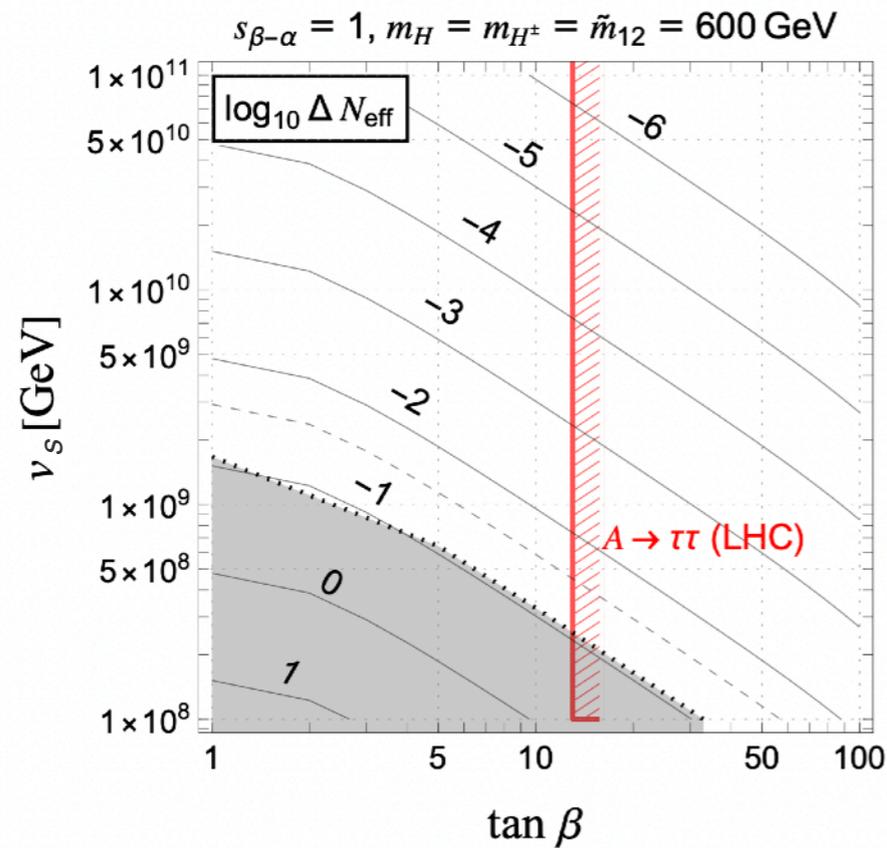
- Heavy Higgs boson decays are the main channels for the axion productions.

# Axion freeze-in production from heavy Higgs decays

$$m_a \lesssim 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

[KS, F. Takahashi]

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\rho_a}{\rho_\nu^{(1)}} \Big|_{\text{MeV}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1) * Y_a$$



$$Y_a^D \simeq 4 \frac{45 m_{\text{pl}}}{1.66 \cdot 4\pi^4 g_*^{3/2}} \frac{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow a G^0}}{m_A^2} \int_{x_{\text{min.}}}^{x_{\text{max.}}} x^3 K_1(x) dx, \quad \Gamma(H \rightarrow a G^0) \simeq \frac{1}{16\pi} \frac{m_A^3}{v_a^2} s_{2\beta}^2$$

- $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  can be  $\mathcal{O}(0.01)$  at  $v_s \sim \mathcal{O}(10^9) \text{ GeV}$ .

→ Axion could be tested by future CMB measurements.

→ This gives complementary bounds with direct searches of  $A$ .

# Cosmological bounds for the keV scale axion

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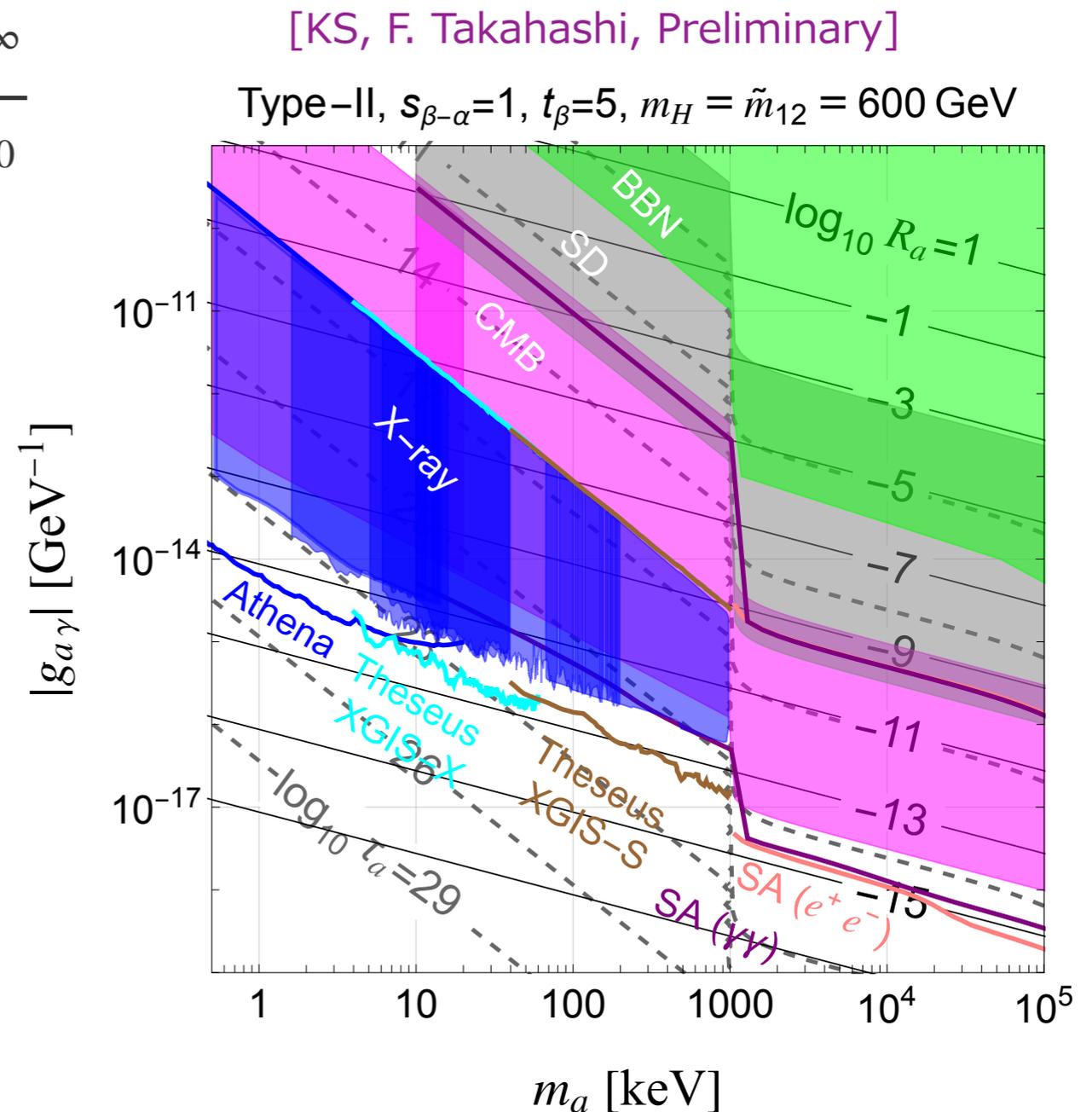
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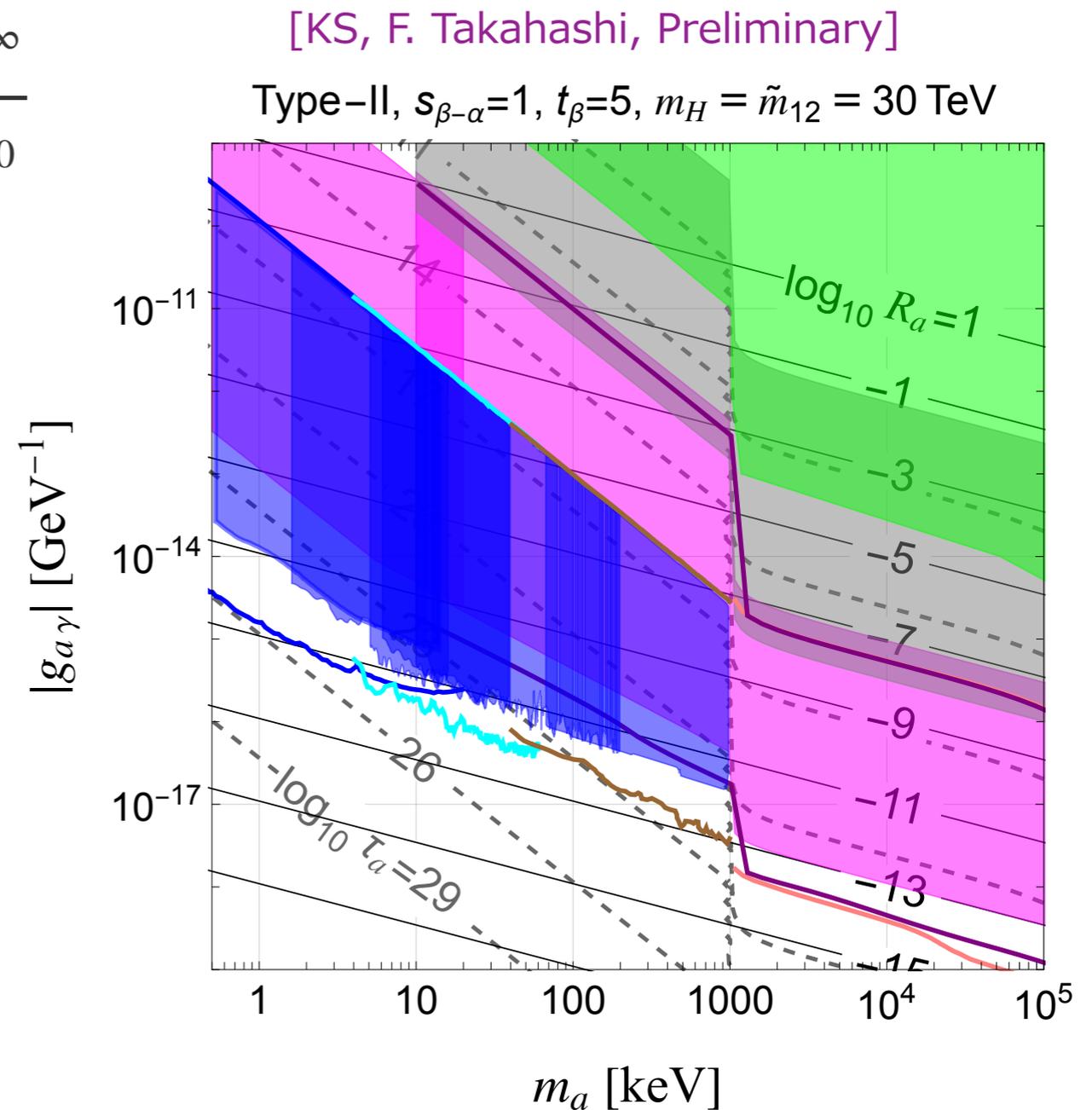
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# Summary

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- We have discussed axion thermal productions from the heavy Higgs bosons in DFSZ type axioin models.
- We find that the amount of axion produced from the **heavy Higgs decays** is lager than that of heavy Higgs scatterings, which is overlooked in the previous literature.
- The axion energy density depends on the model parameters of the Higgs sector. The Higgs sector can be explored by the cosmorogical observations (Xray, CMB,  $N_{\text{eff}}$  etc. ).