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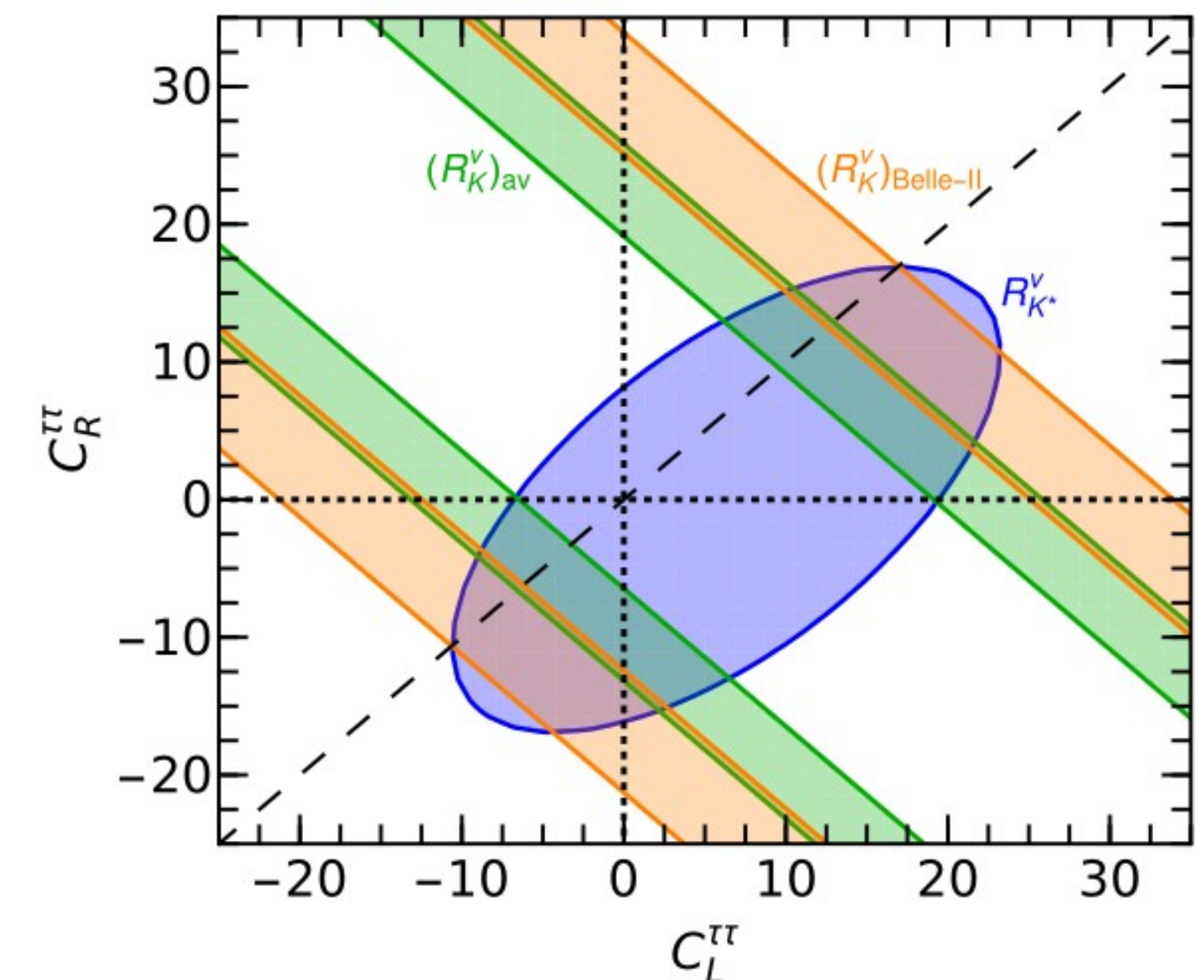
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Note:  $C_L^{\tau\tau} = 0, C_R^{\tau\tau} \neq 0$  could explain the anomaly

$C_R^{\tau\tau} \in [-6.49, -13.19]$  Green + blue regions

$[-12.41, -16.20]$  Orange + blue regions



# Framework: KSVZ-type QCD axion model

Fields content:

Also see: [Batra, Câmara, Joaquim, Srivastava, Valle, PRL 132 \(2024\) 5, 051801](#)

SM Fields				BSM Fields			
Fields	$SM$	$U(1)_{PQ}$	Families	Fields	$SM$	$U(1)_{PQ}$	Multiplicities
$L_L$	$(1, 2, -1/2)$	0	3	$\Psi_L$	$(3, 1, -1/3)$	0	2
$e_R$	$(1, 1, -1)$	0	3	$\Psi_R$	$(3, 1, -1/3)$	$-1/2$	2
$Q_L$	$(3, 2, 1/6)$	0	3	$\sigma$	$(1, 1, 0)$	$1/2$	1
$d_R$	$(3, 1, -1/3)$	0	3	$\eta$	$(3, 2, 1/6)$	$-1/2$	1
$u_R$	$(3, 1, 2/3)$	0	3	$\chi$	$(3, 1, -1/3)$	$-1/2$	1
$\Phi$	$(1, 2, 1/2)$	0	1	$\Sigma$	$(\bar{6}, 1, 2/3)$	1	1

} Vector-like quarks  
} Leptoquark-like  
} Colored-scalars

Interaction Lagrangian:

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk.}} \supset Y_{ab}^{\Psi} \overline{\Psi}_{aL} \Psi_{bR} \sigma + \frac{Y_{ab}^{\Sigma}}{2} \Psi_{aR}^T C \Sigma \Psi_{bR} + Y_{ia} \overline{L}_{iL} \tilde{\eta} \Psi_{aR} + M_{ai}^{\Psi d} \overline{\Psi}_{aL} d_{iR} + y_{ij}^d \overline{Q}_{iL} \Phi d_{jR} + \text{H.c.}$$

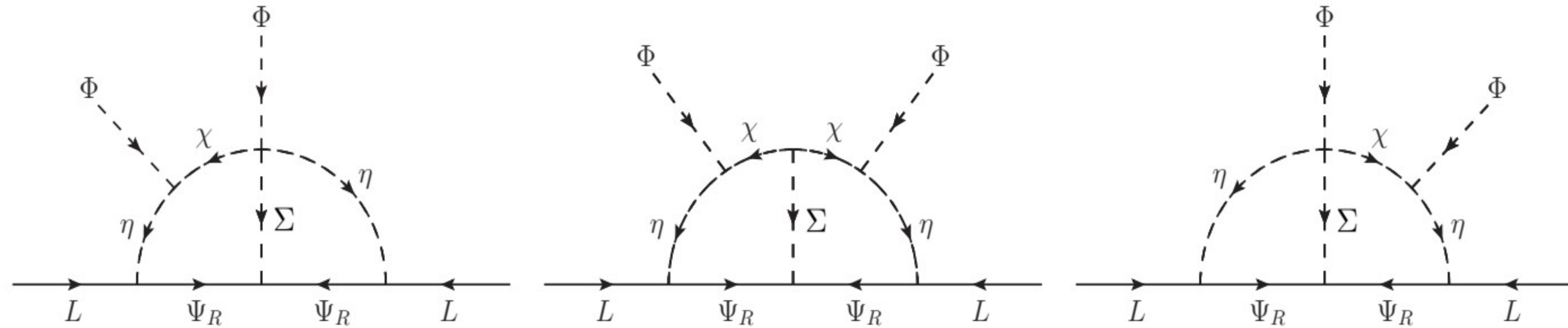
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The relevant Lagrangian for  $\eta$ -mediated  $b \rightarrow s \nu_{\tau} \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$  transition

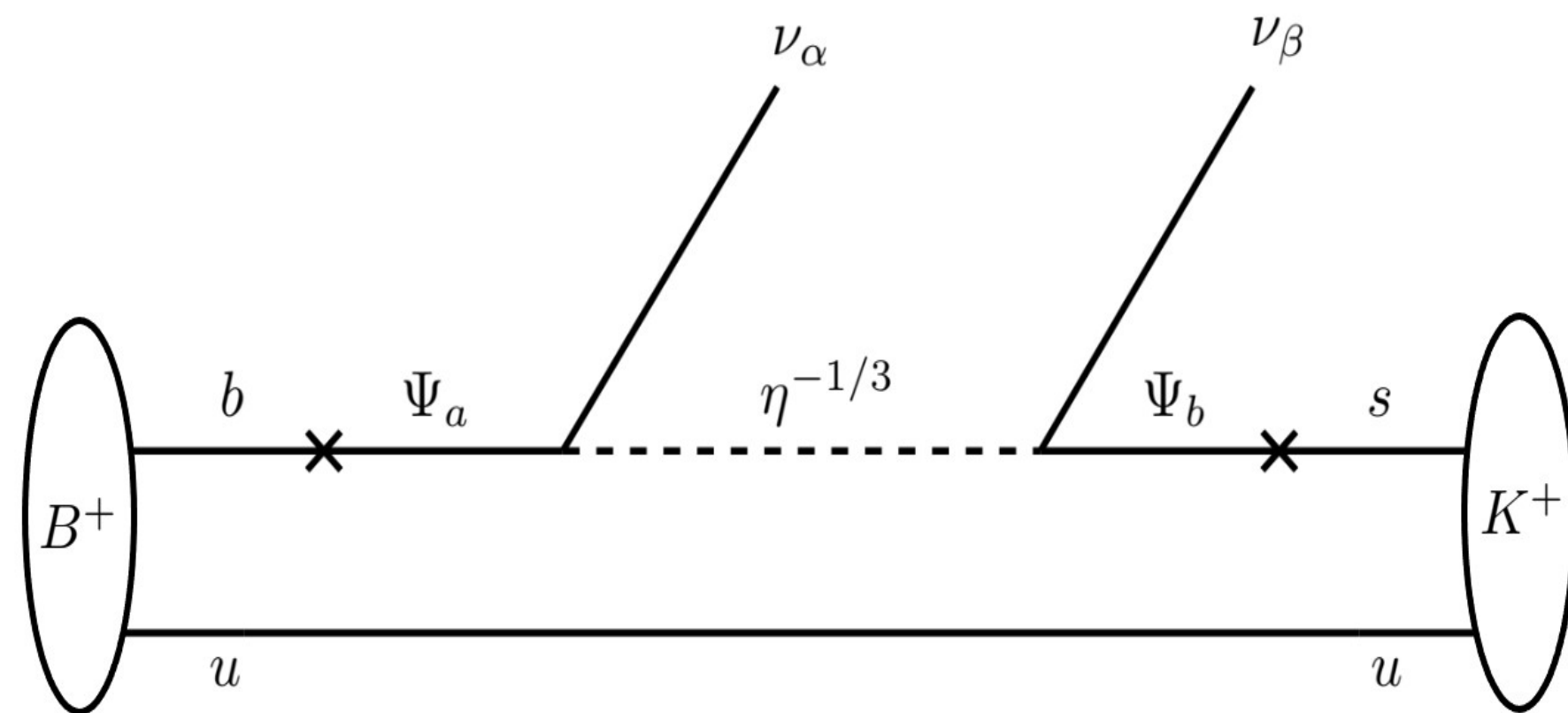
$$\mathcal{L}_{\eta}^{\text{mass}} = \overline{\nu}_{\tau L} \lambda_{33} b_R \eta^{1/3} + \overline{\nu}_{\tau L} \lambda_{32} s_R \eta^{1/3} + \overline{b}_R \lambda_{33}^* \nu_{\tau L} \eta^{-1/3} + \overline{s}_R \lambda_{32}^* \nu_{\tau L} \eta^{-1/3}$$

# Cont...

## Neutrino mass



The diagram for  $b \rightarrow s \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$  transition



The effective Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{bs\nu\nu} \supset -\frac{\lambda_{32}^* \lambda_{33}}{2m_\eta^2} (\bar{s}_R \gamma_\mu b_R) (\bar{\nu}_\tau L \gamma^\mu \nu_\tau L)$$

The relevant Wilson coefficient:

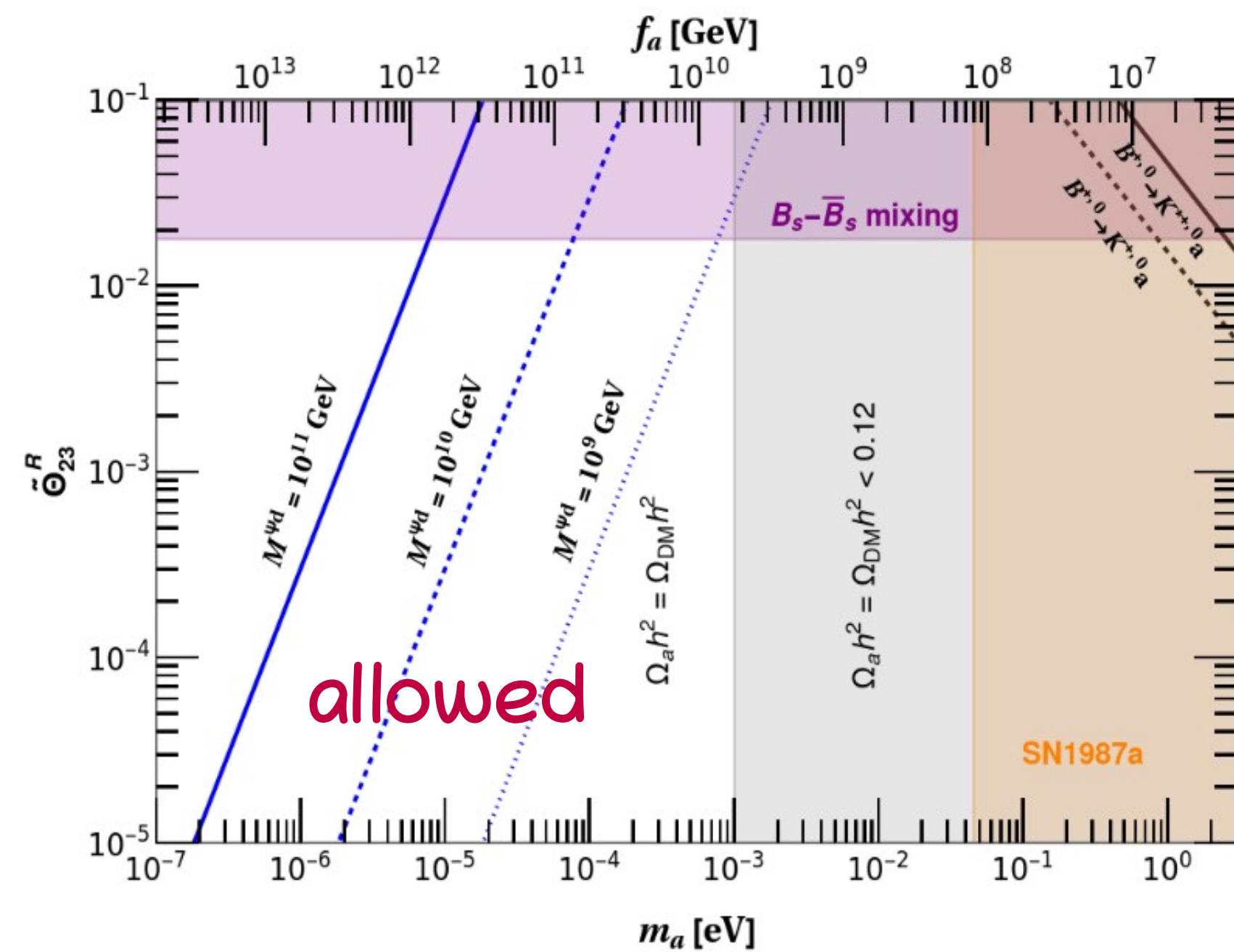
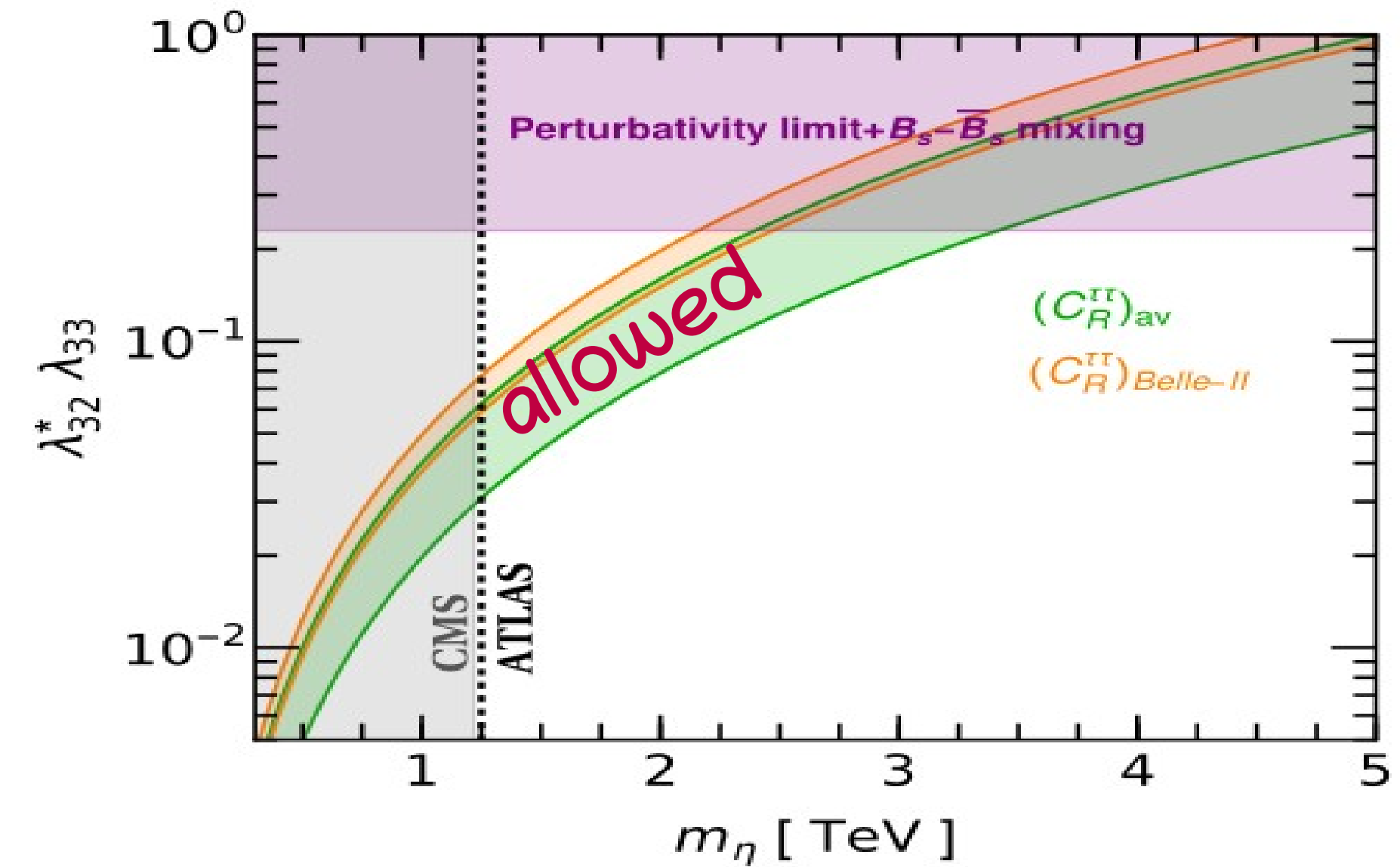
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# Results

We have  $C_R^{sb\tau\tau} = - \left( \frac{8G_F V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \alpha}{\sqrt{2} 4\pi} \right)^{-1} \frac{\lambda_{32}^* \lambda_{33}}{2m_\eta^2}$

Allowed parameter space that could explain  $b \rightarrow s\nu_\tau\bar{\nu}_\tau$



Flavor-violating interaction terms between down-type quarks and the axion

$$\mathcal{L}_a^{\text{FV}} = \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{d}'_i \gamma^\mu (c_{ij}^V + c_{ij}^A \gamma_5) d'_{jR}$$

Where,  $c_{bs}^V = c_{bs}^A = \frac{1}{2} Q_R \tilde{\Theta}_{23}^R$

Mixing parameter

$$\tilde{\Theta}_{23}^R = \frac{M_{22}^{\Psi d} M_{23}^{\Psi d}}{M_2^{\Psi^2}} = \frac{M_{22}^{\Psi d} M_{23}^{\Psi d}}{(Y_{22}^{\Psi} f_a)^2} < 0.018 \text{ from } B_s - \bar{B}_s \text{ mixing}$$

# Final remarks

- The framework explains neutrino mass, strong CP problem and Belle II anomaly

- KSVZ-type QCD axion model has been adopted:

The SM is extended with a new pair of vector-like isosinglet quarks, one scalar leptoquark, and two coloured scalar mediators with non-zero PQ charges.

- Crucial: Mass-mixing of vector-like quarks with the SM quarks explain the anomaly

- $B_s - \bar{B}_s$ : Mixing is important to probe relevant parameter space

- The QCD axion in the model could explain the relic Dark matter abundance of the Universe

