

IR - UV interplay in axion flavour violation

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Motivation

- Many reasons for a **Flavour-Violating (FV)** axion:

- Phenomenology: $K \rightarrow \pi a \quad \mu \rightarrow e a$

- Astrophobic scenario: $m_a \lesssim 0.2 \text{ eV}$

- Flavour Connections:

- Froggatt-Nielsen axion: Flaxion/Axiflavoron

- Quality Problem and Flavour

[\[Wilczek '82\]](#)

[\[Di Luzio, Mescia, Nardi, Panci, Ziegler '16\]](#)

[\[Badziak, Harigaya '23\]](#)

[\[Takahashi, Yin '23\]](#)

[\[Ema, Hamaguchi, Moroi, Nakayama '16\]](#)

[\[Calibbi, Goertz, Redigolo, Ziegler, Zupan '16\]](#)

[\[Darmé, Nardi, Smarra '22\]](#)

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If an axion is observed in a **FV** golden channel, e.g. $K \rightarrow \pi a$ would it possible to obtain any information about the **UV** modes?

related work by [[Badziak, di Cortona, Tabet, Ziegler '21](#)]

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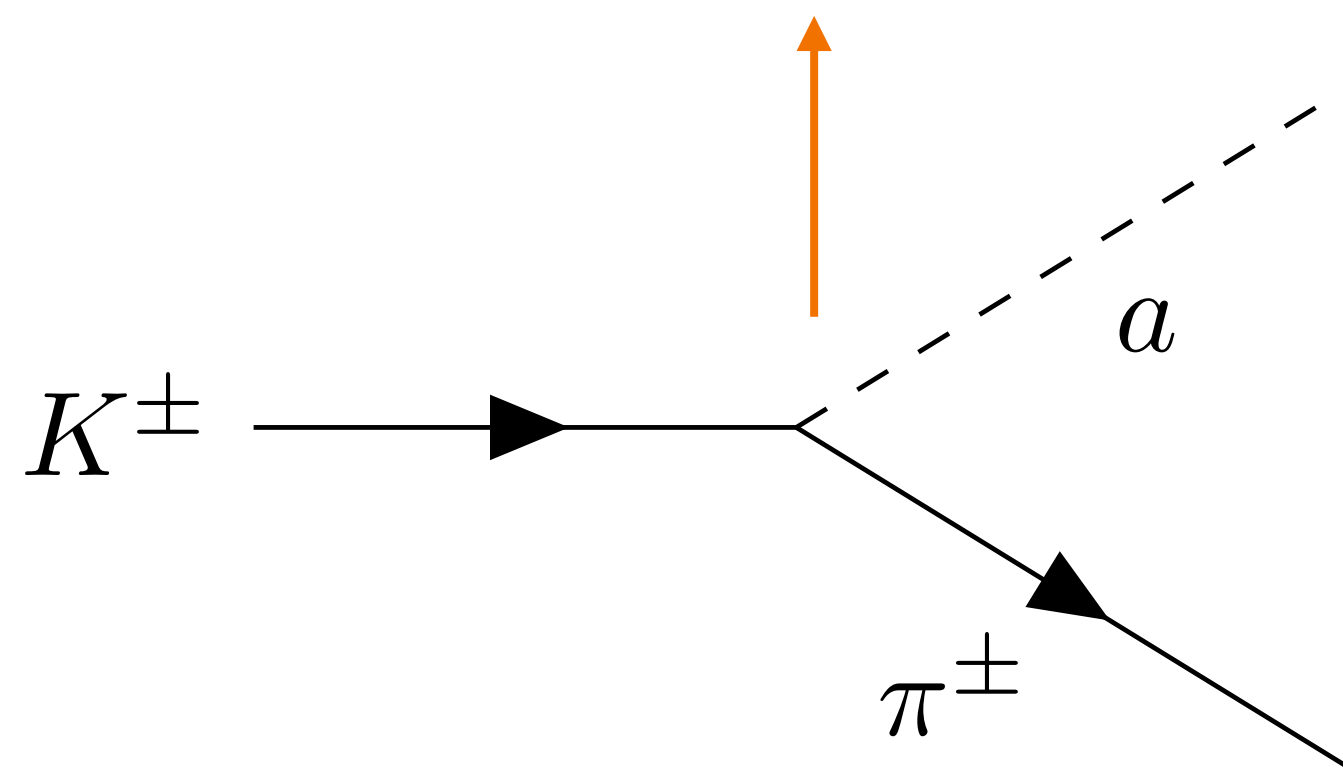
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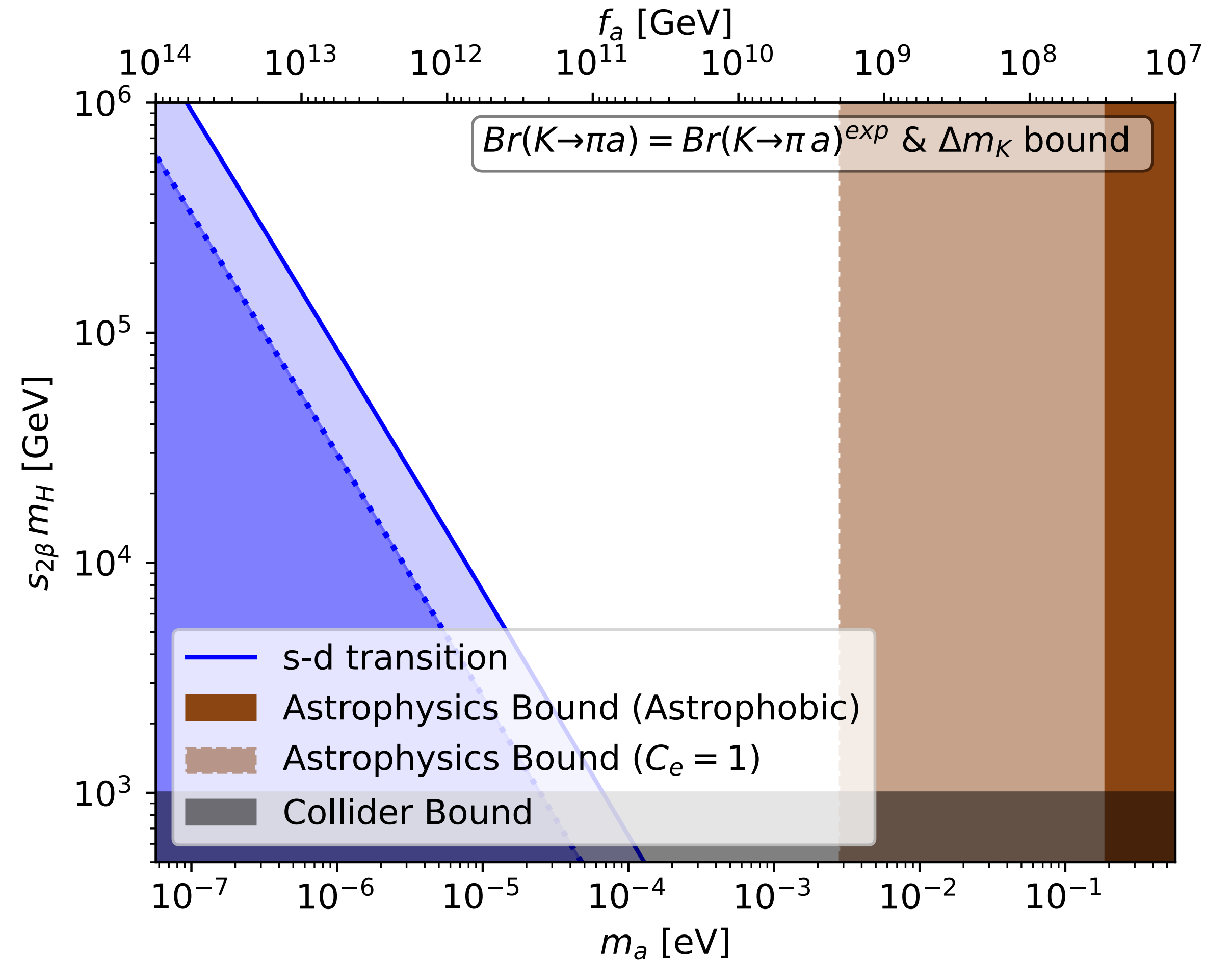
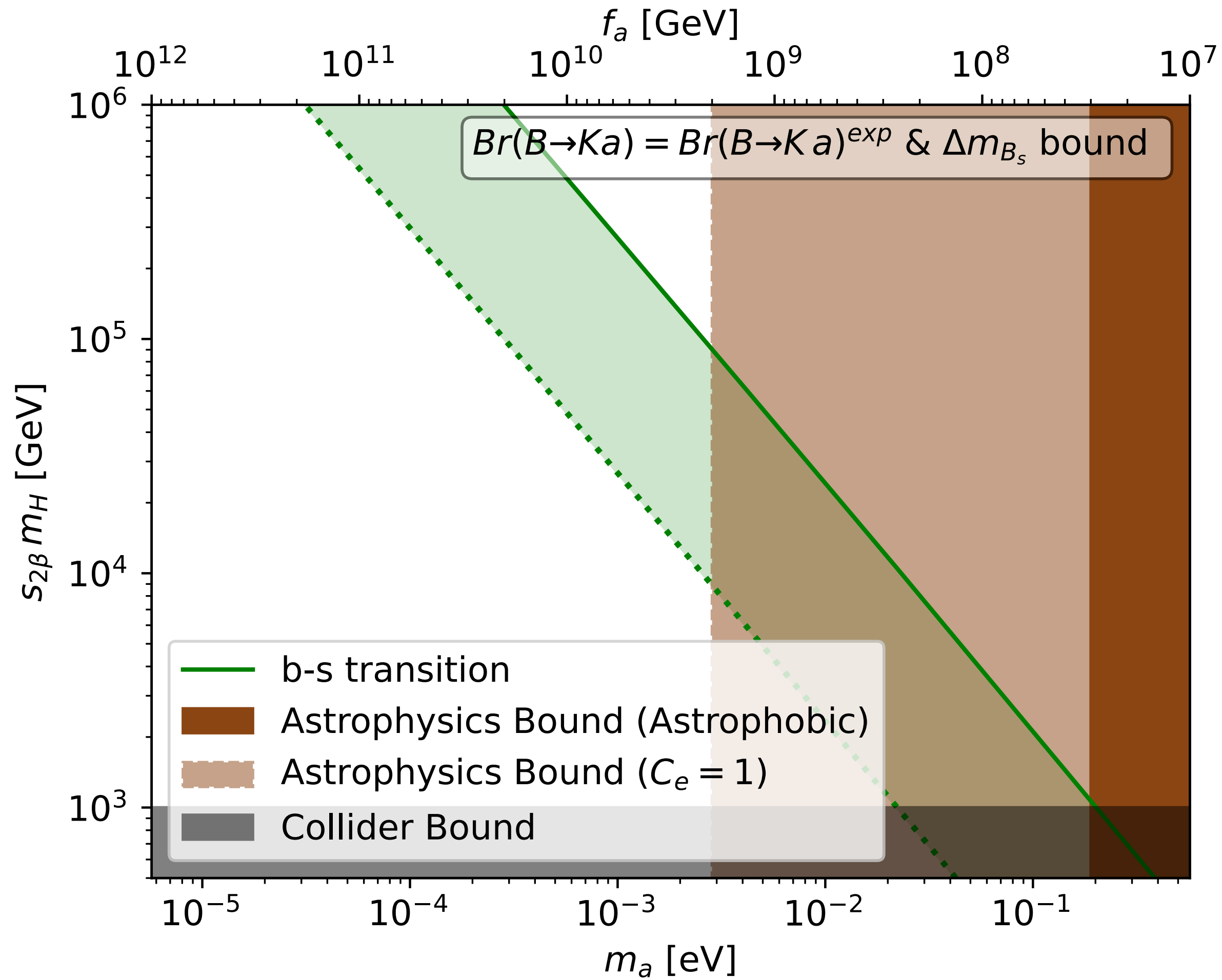
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The diagram illustrates the relationship between the decay constant f_a , the Higgs mass m_H , and the branching ratio $\text{Br}(K \rightarrow \pi a)$ in the context of axion flavour violation. The left diagram shows a K^\pm meson decaying into a π^\pm meson and an axion a . The right diagram shows a K^0 meson decaying into a π^0 meson and an axion a . The diagrams are connected by a blue arrow pointing from the right diagram to the equation above.

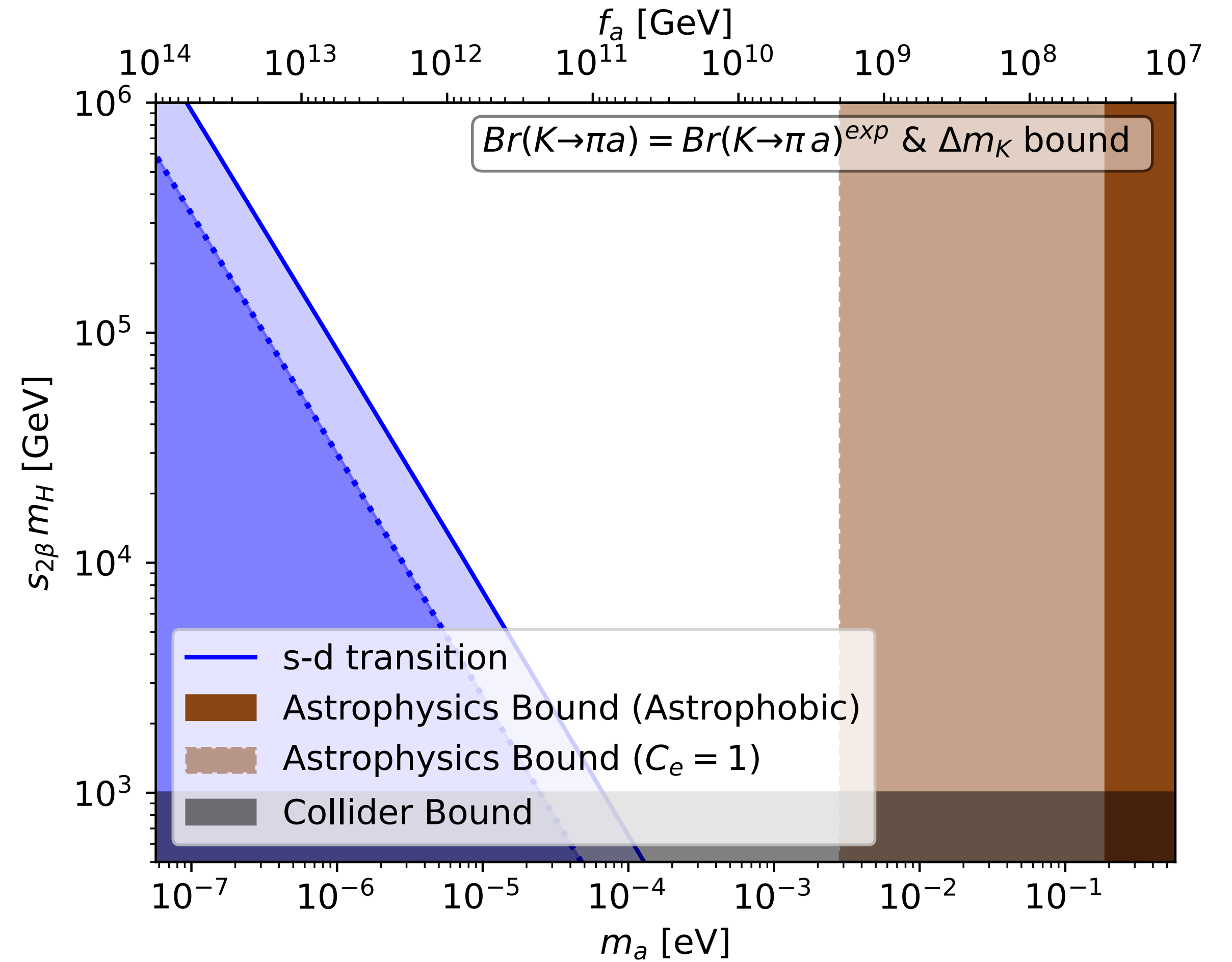
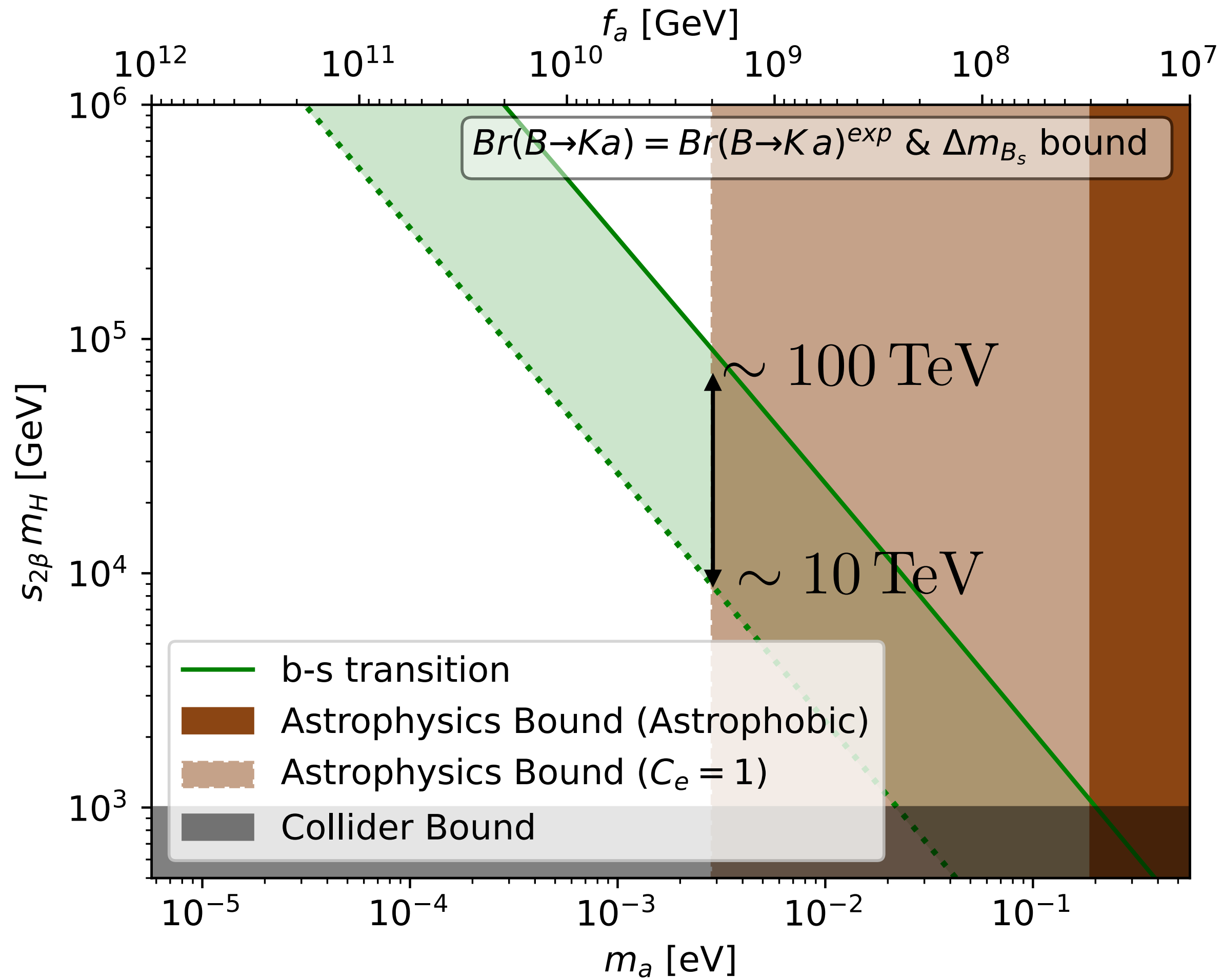
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Conclusions

- We have shown a model independent way of parameterising the flavour violation between the **IR** and **UV**.
- This allows you to relate **UV-IR** observables with their scales: $(\Delta m, \text{Br}) \rightarrow (m_H, f_a)$
- If we find a **FV** axion, we could say if it is possible to observe the **UV** modes at LHC.
- More in the paper:
 - Analysis of 2HDM meson mixing with and without alignment limit,
 - Lepton Flavour Violation,
 - Model-dependent bounds.

Thanks for your attention!



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The Scalar Sector

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(H_1, H_2, \phi) = & \mu_1^2 |H_1|^2 + \mu_2^2 |H_2|^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_1|^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_2|^4 + \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 \\
 & + \lambda_4 (H_1^\dagger H_2)(H_2^\dagger H_1) + \frac{\lambda_1^\phi}{2} |\phi|^2 |H_1|^2 + \frac{\lambda_2^\phi}{2} |\phi|^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_3^\phi \left(|\phi|^2 - \frac{v_\phi^2}{2} \right)^2 \\
 & - \left(\mu_\phi H_2^\dagger H_1 \phi + \text{h.c.} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Common problem to invisible axion models.

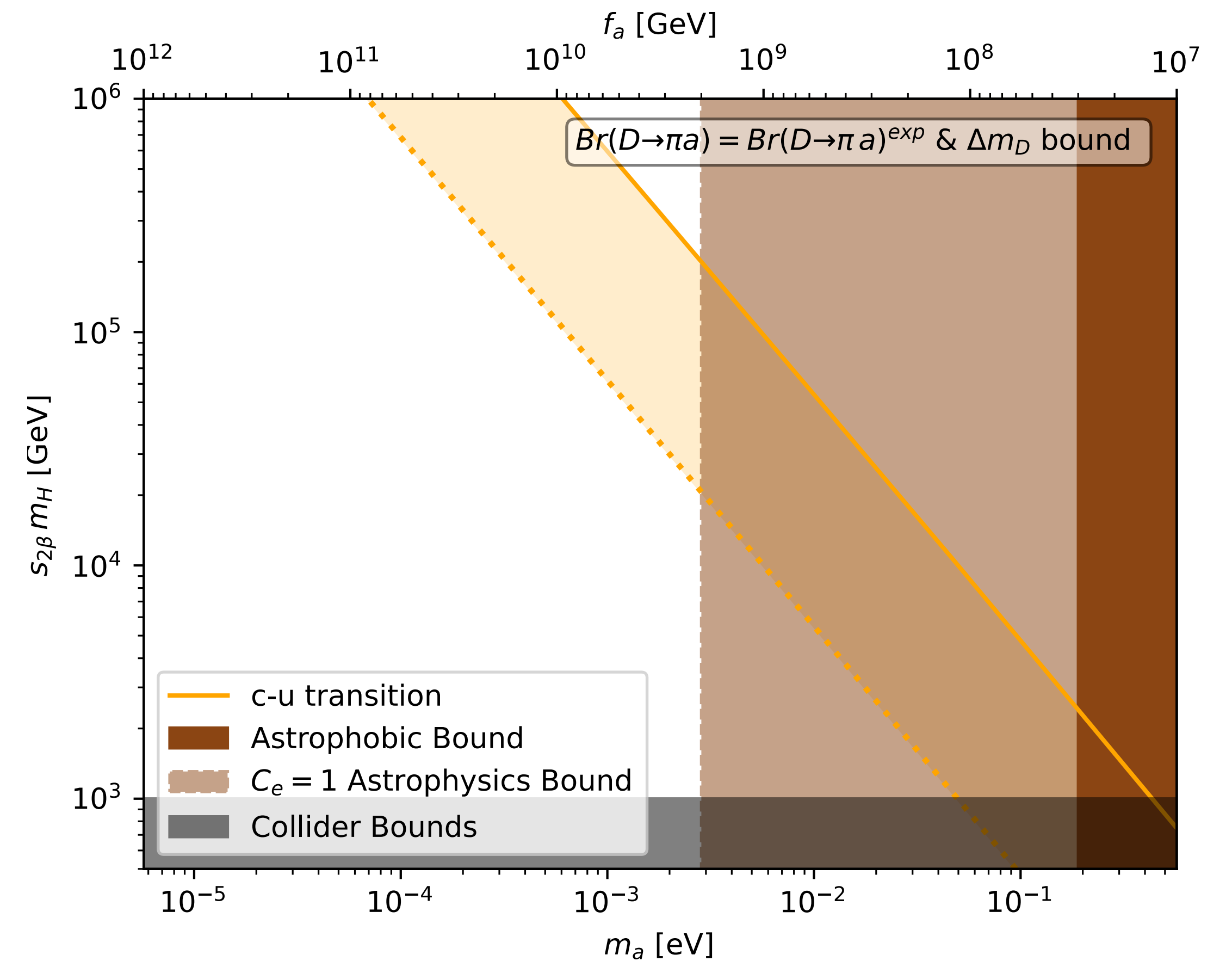
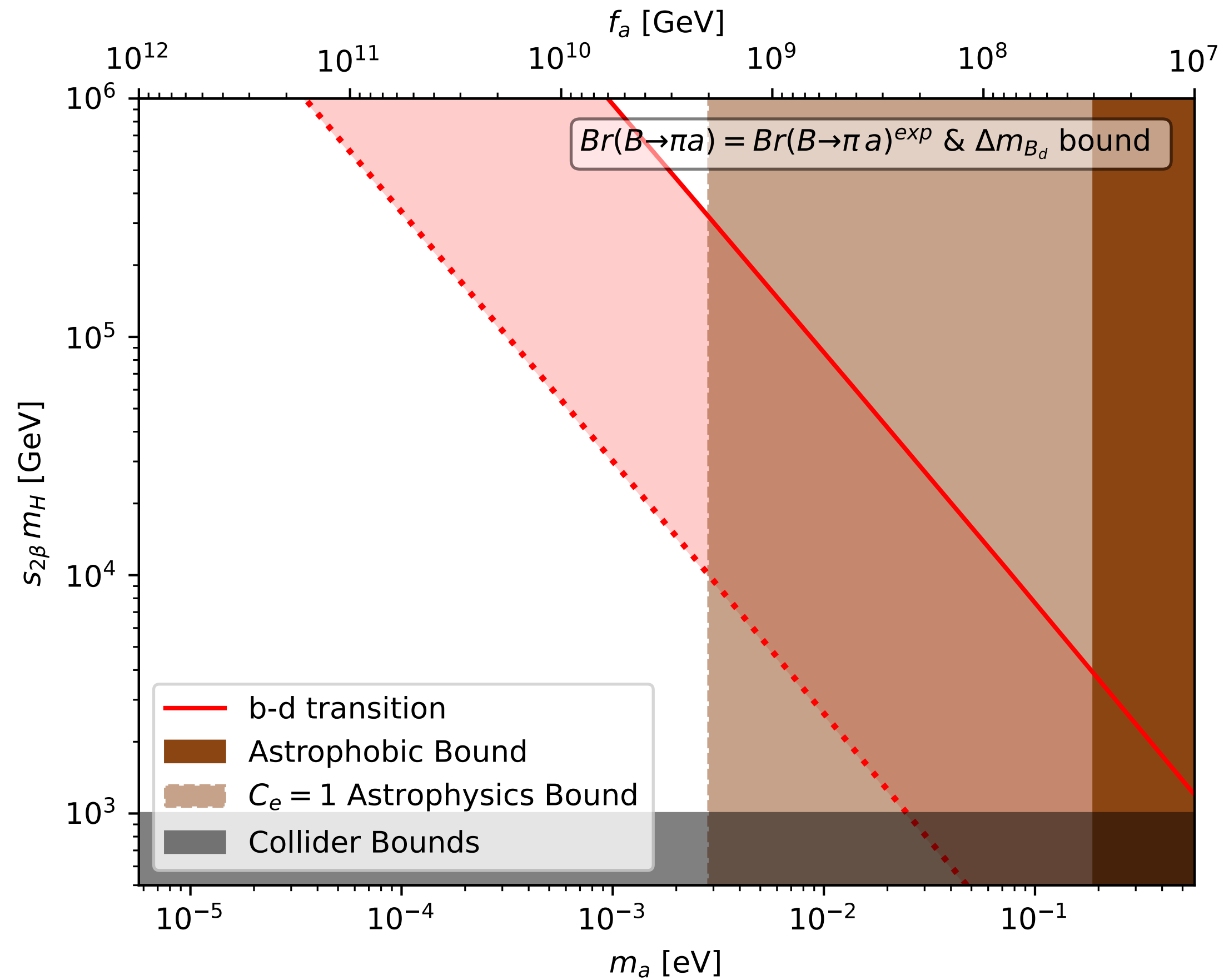
Possible solution: use “ultra-weak” couplings which allows to separate the scales in a “technically natural way” [\[Foot, Kobakhidze, McDonald, Volkas '13\]](#)

$$\lambda_{1,2}^\phi \sim v^2 / v_\phi^2, \quad \mu_\phi \sim v^2 / v_\phi$$

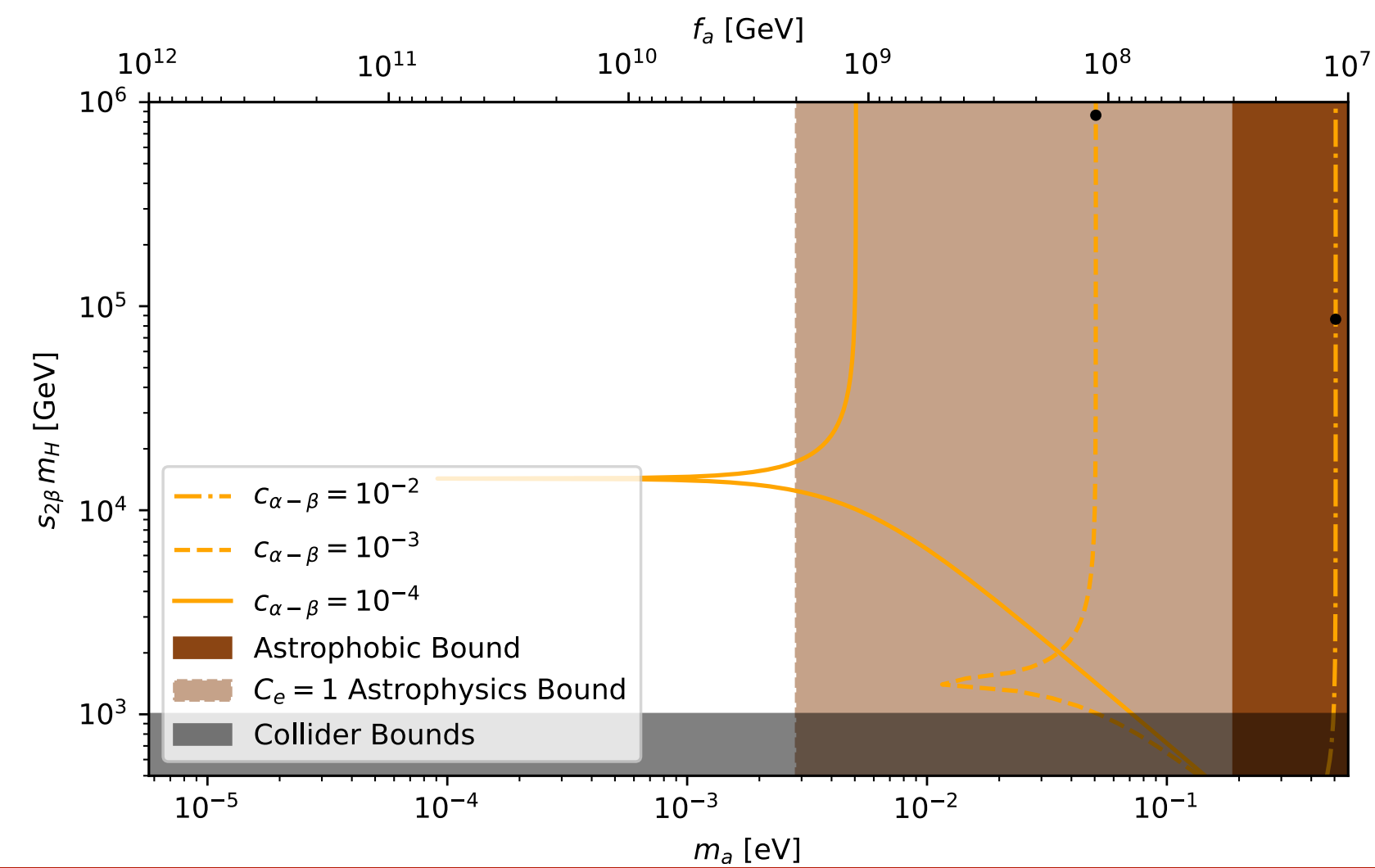
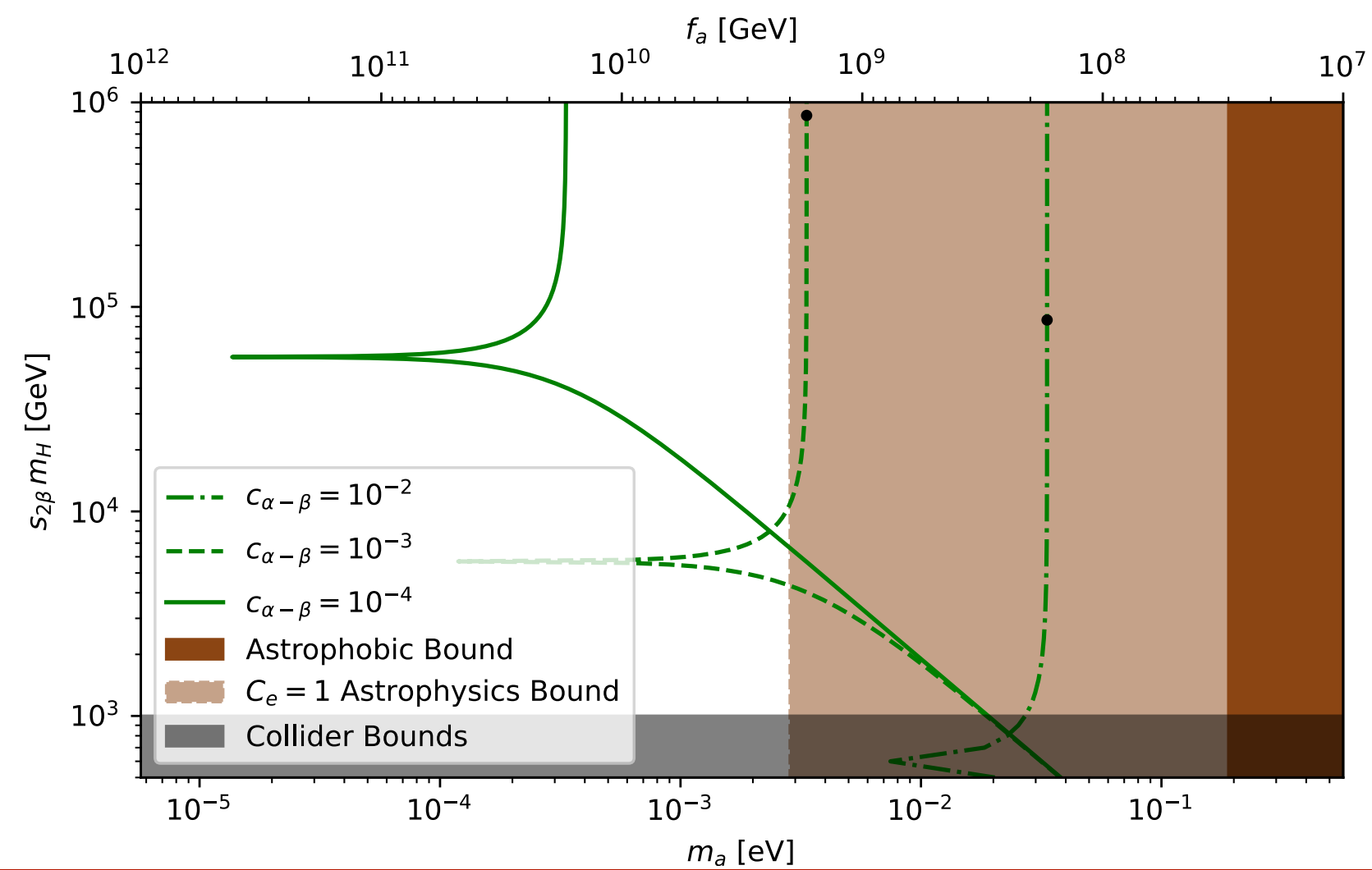
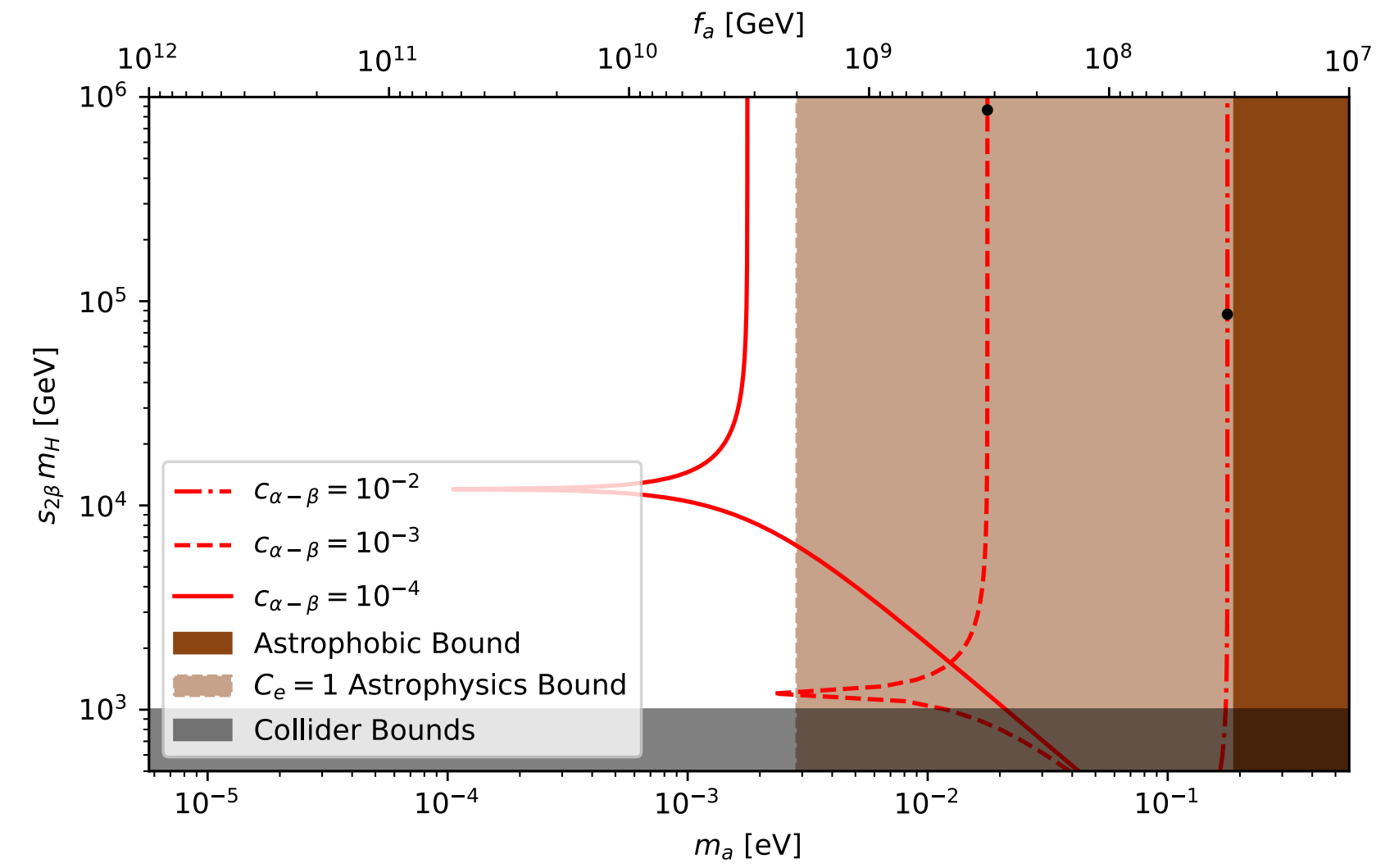
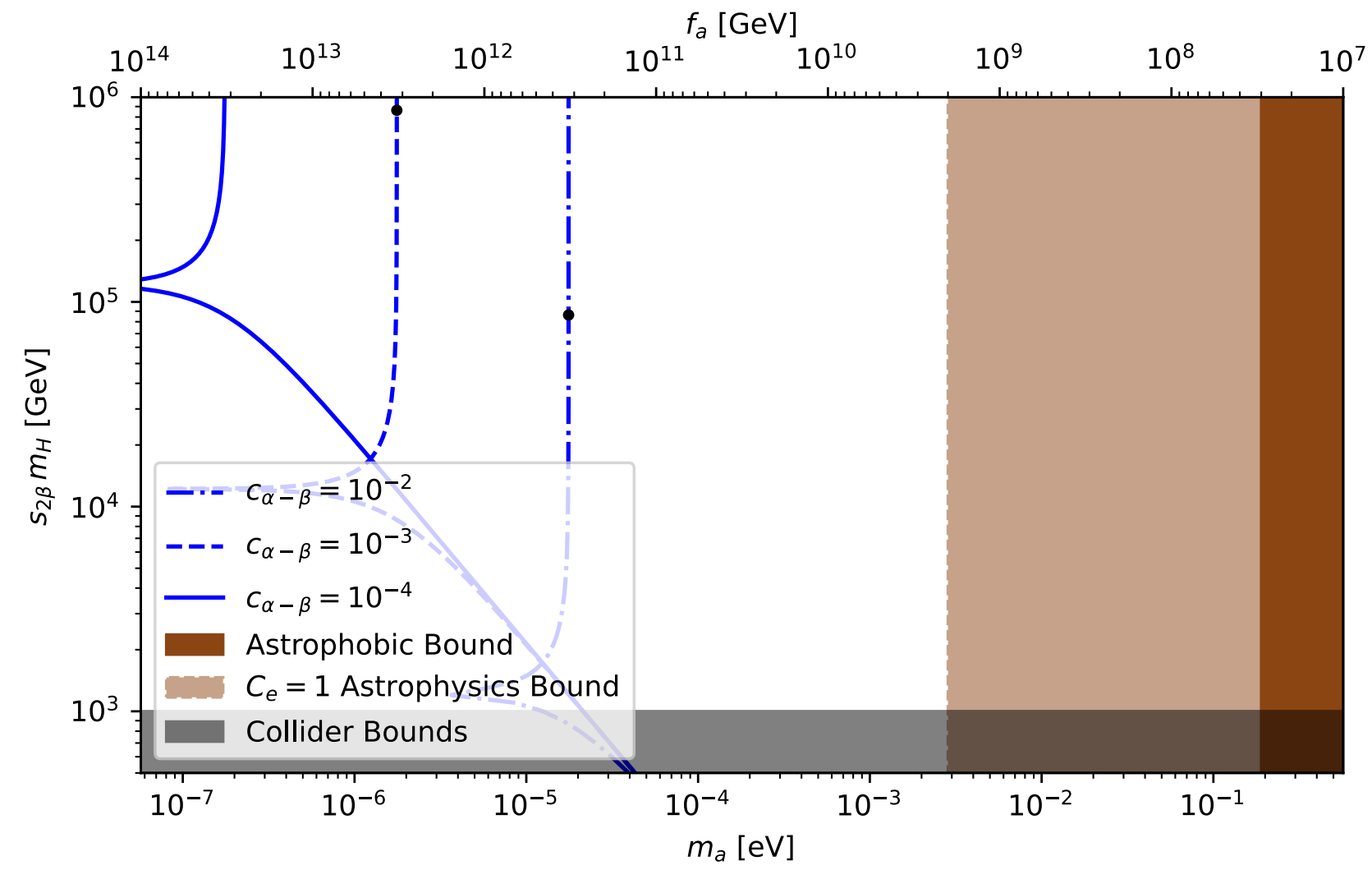
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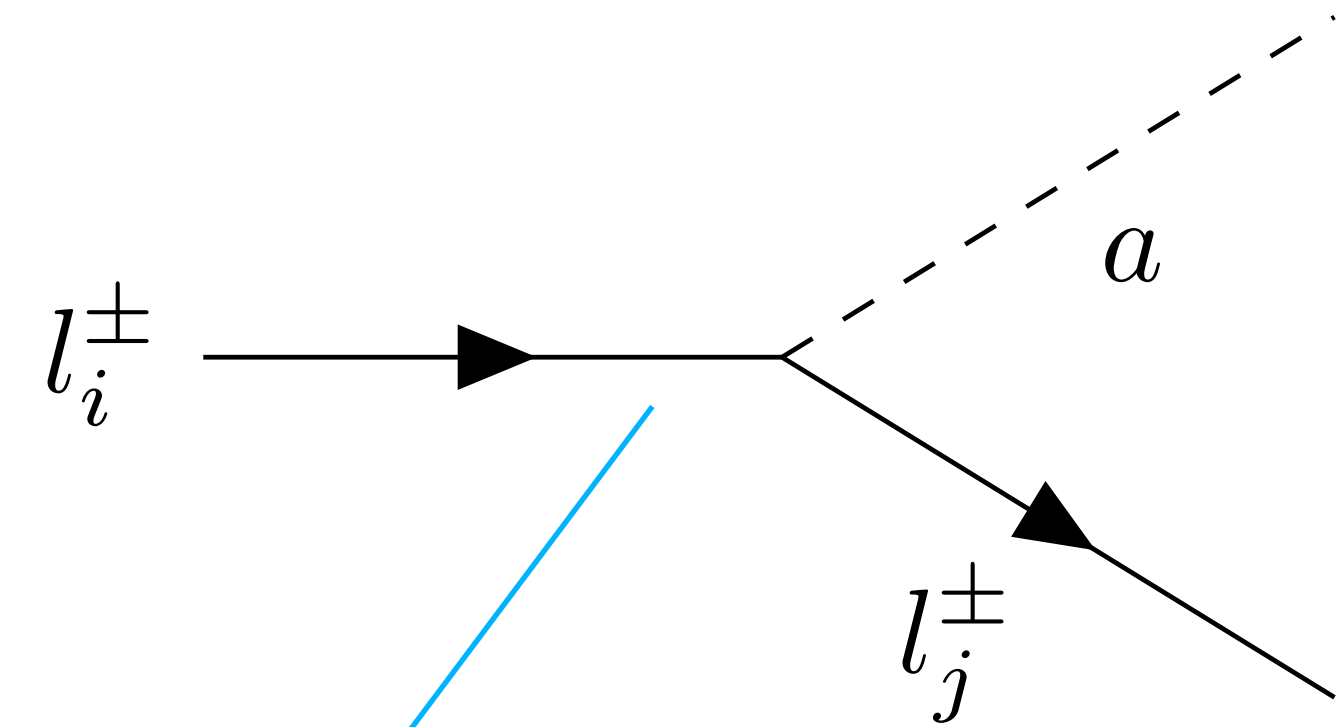
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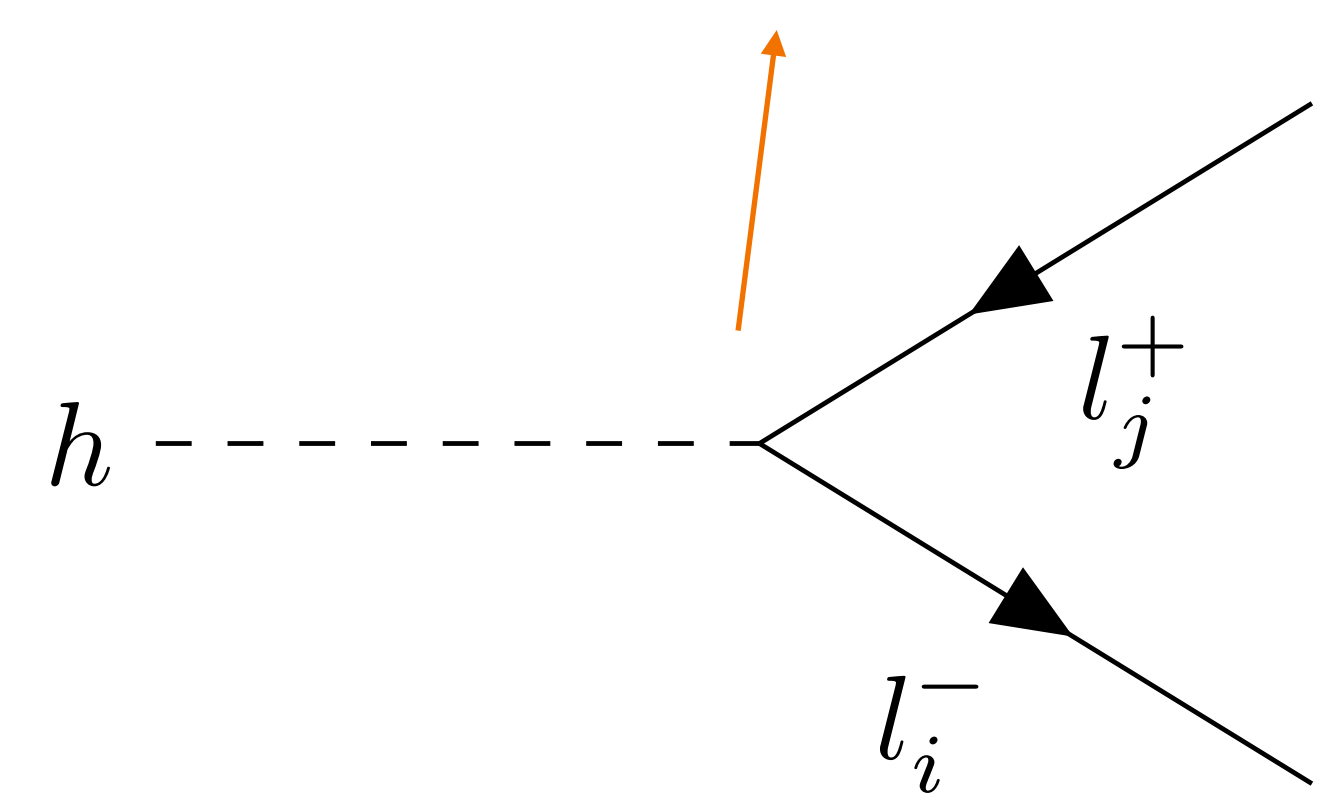
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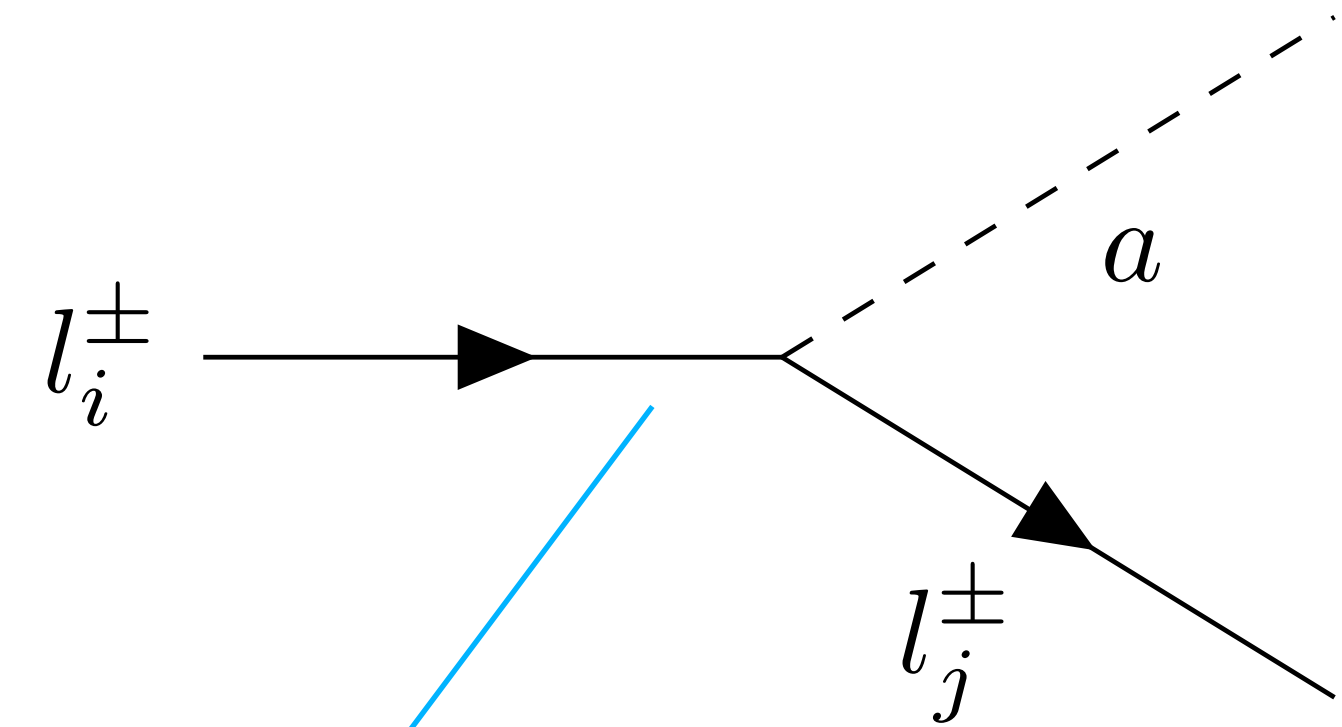
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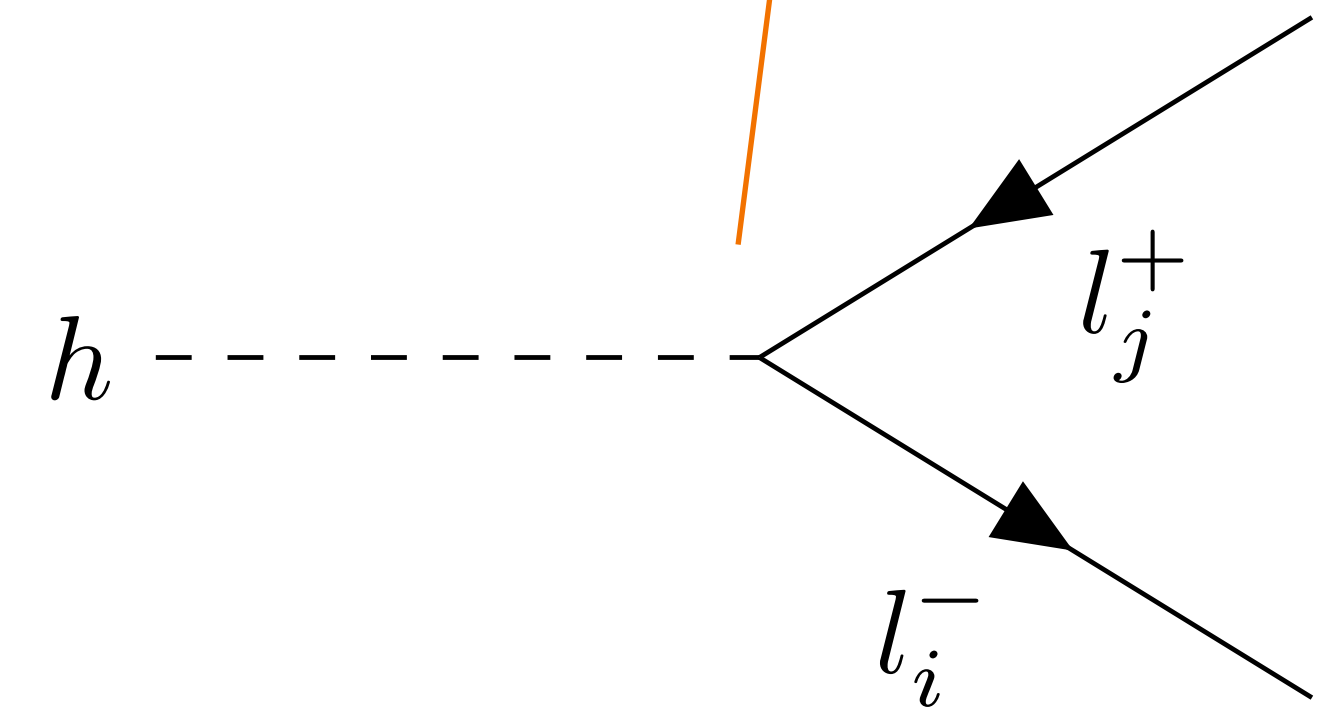
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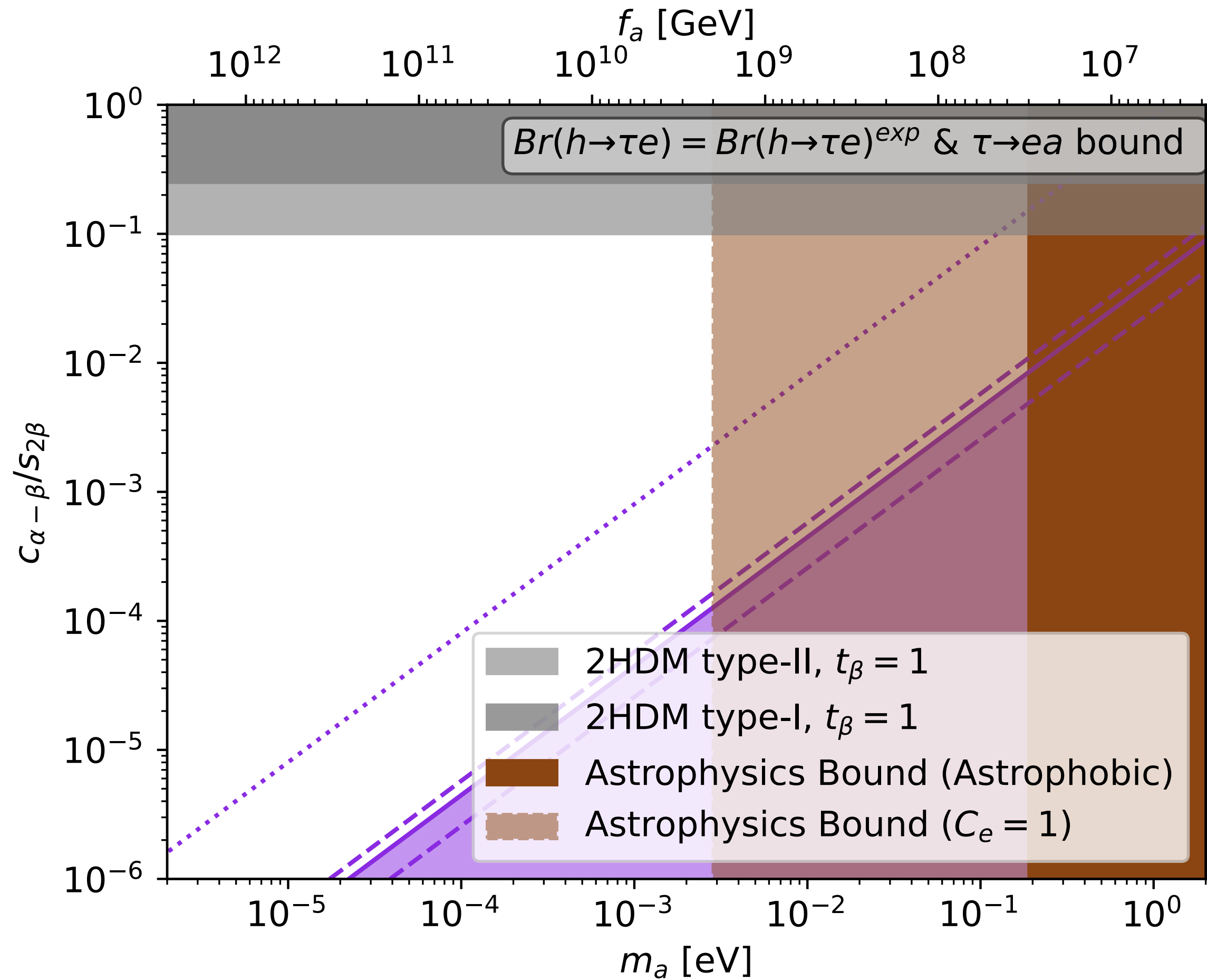
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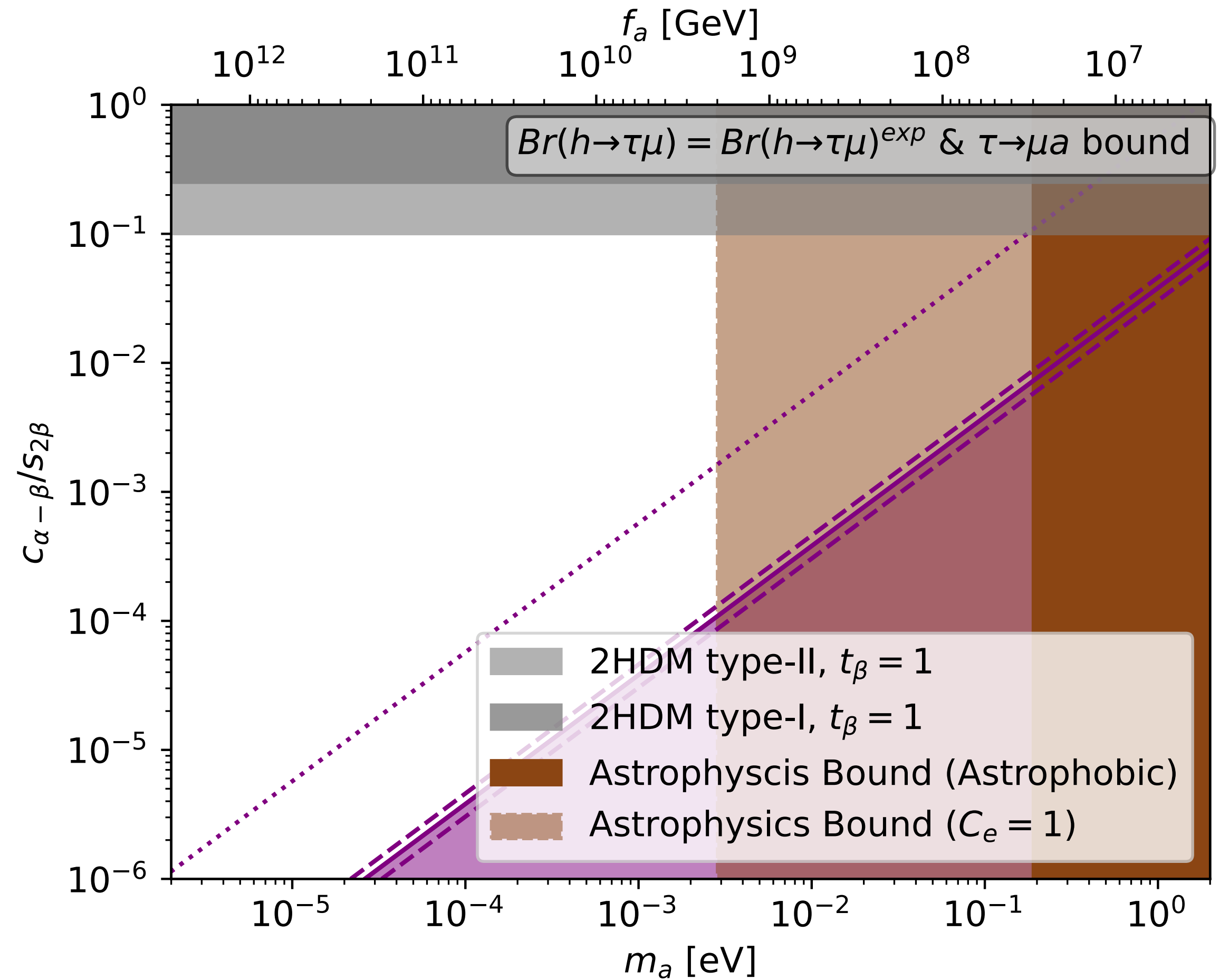
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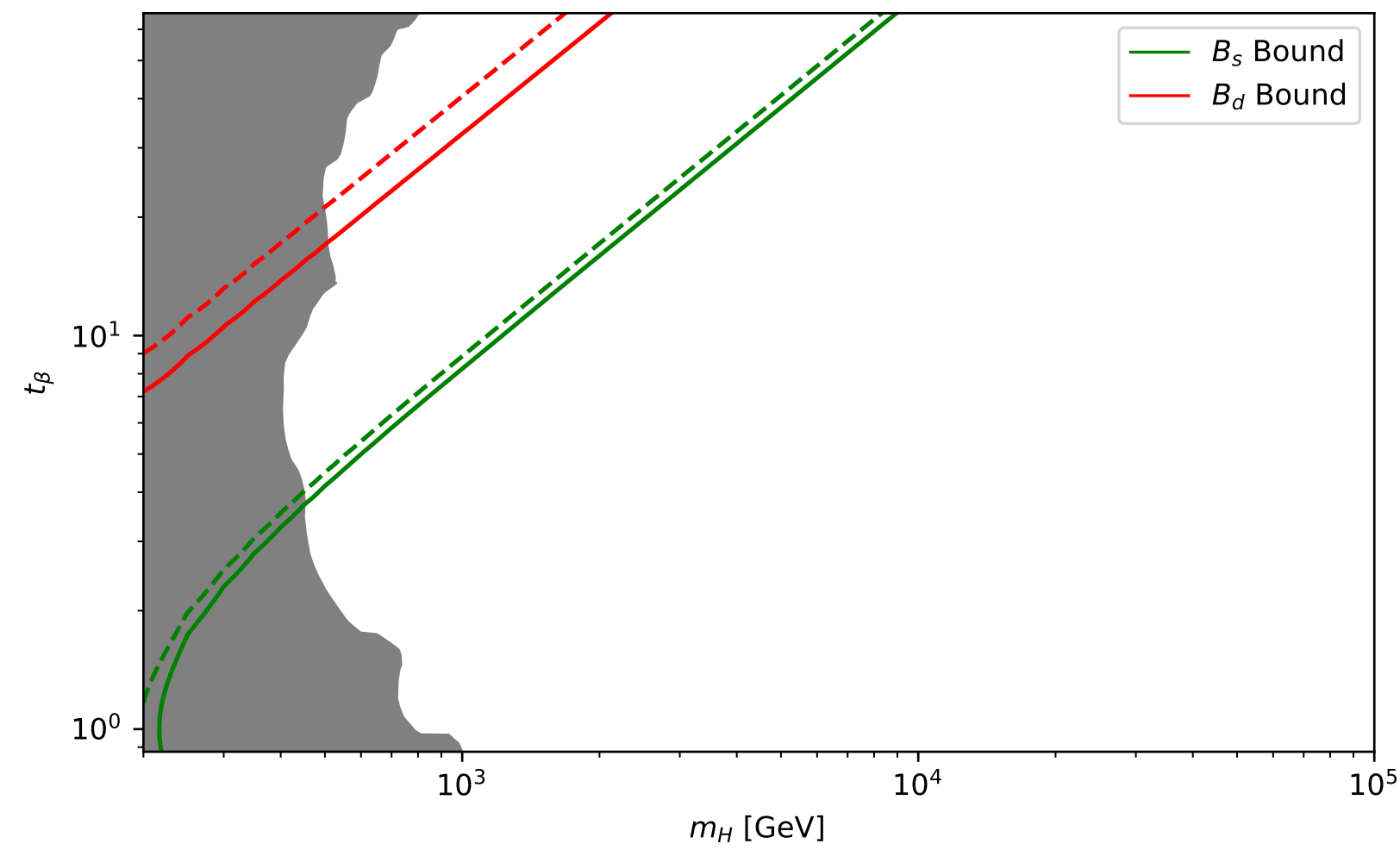
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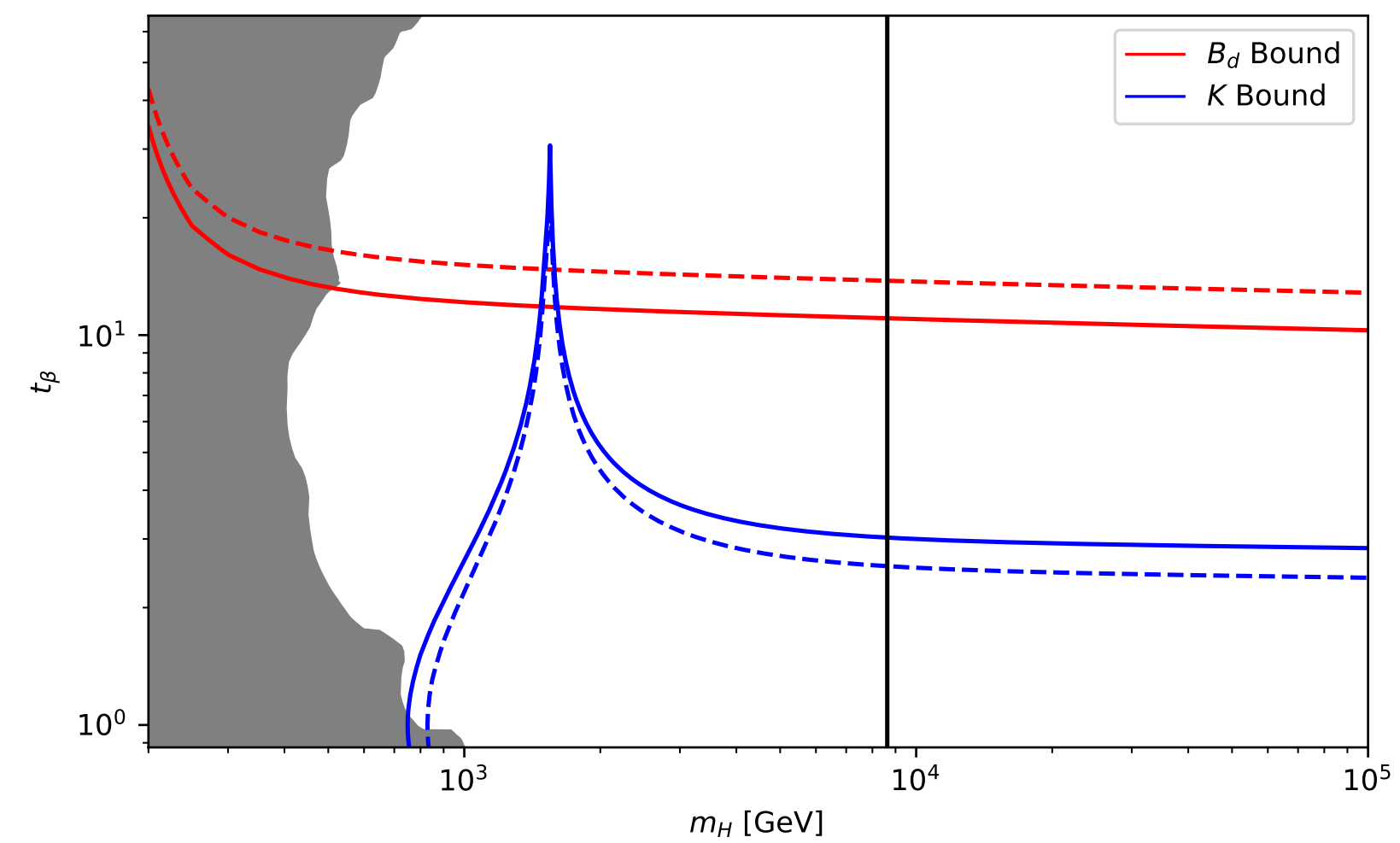
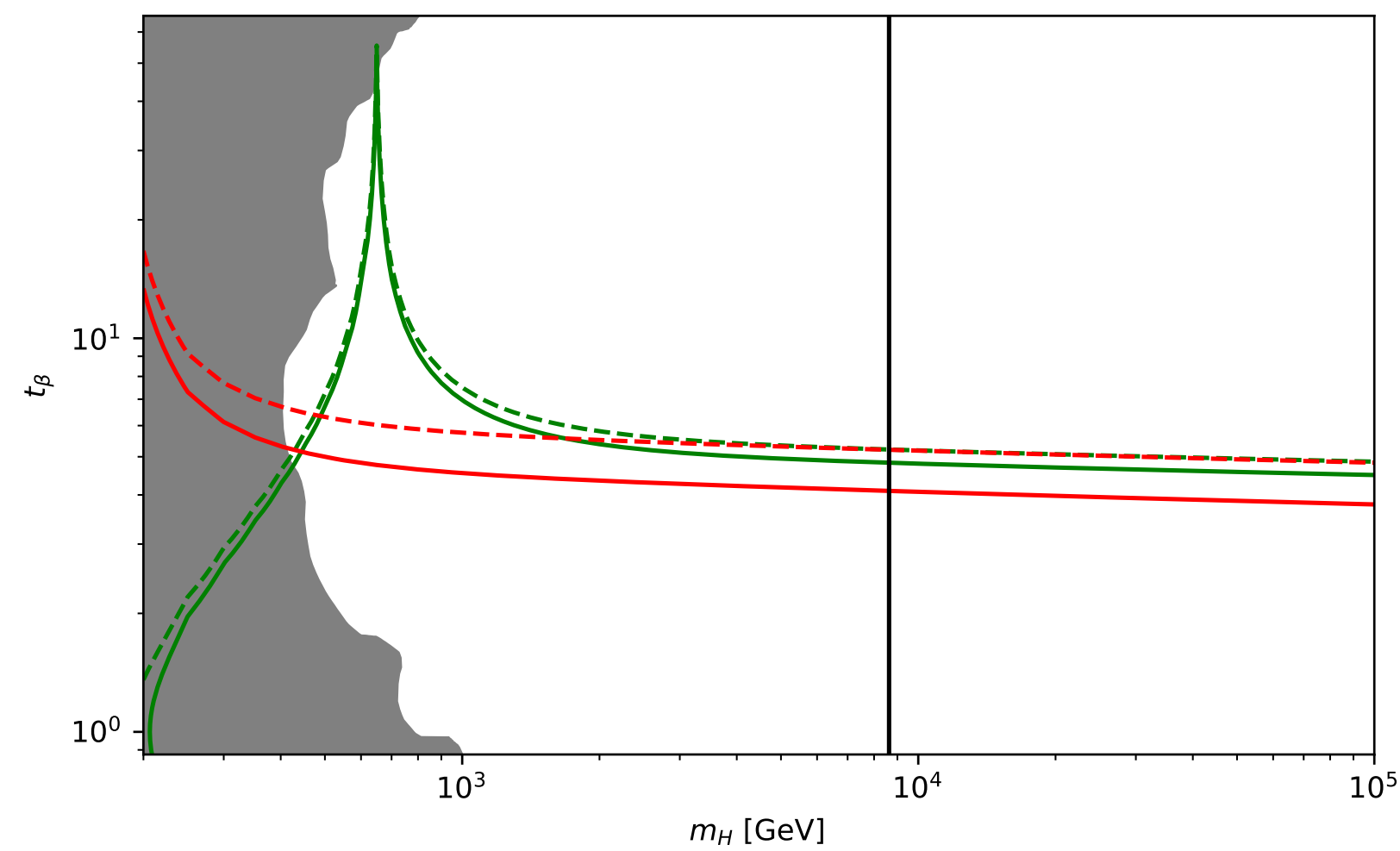
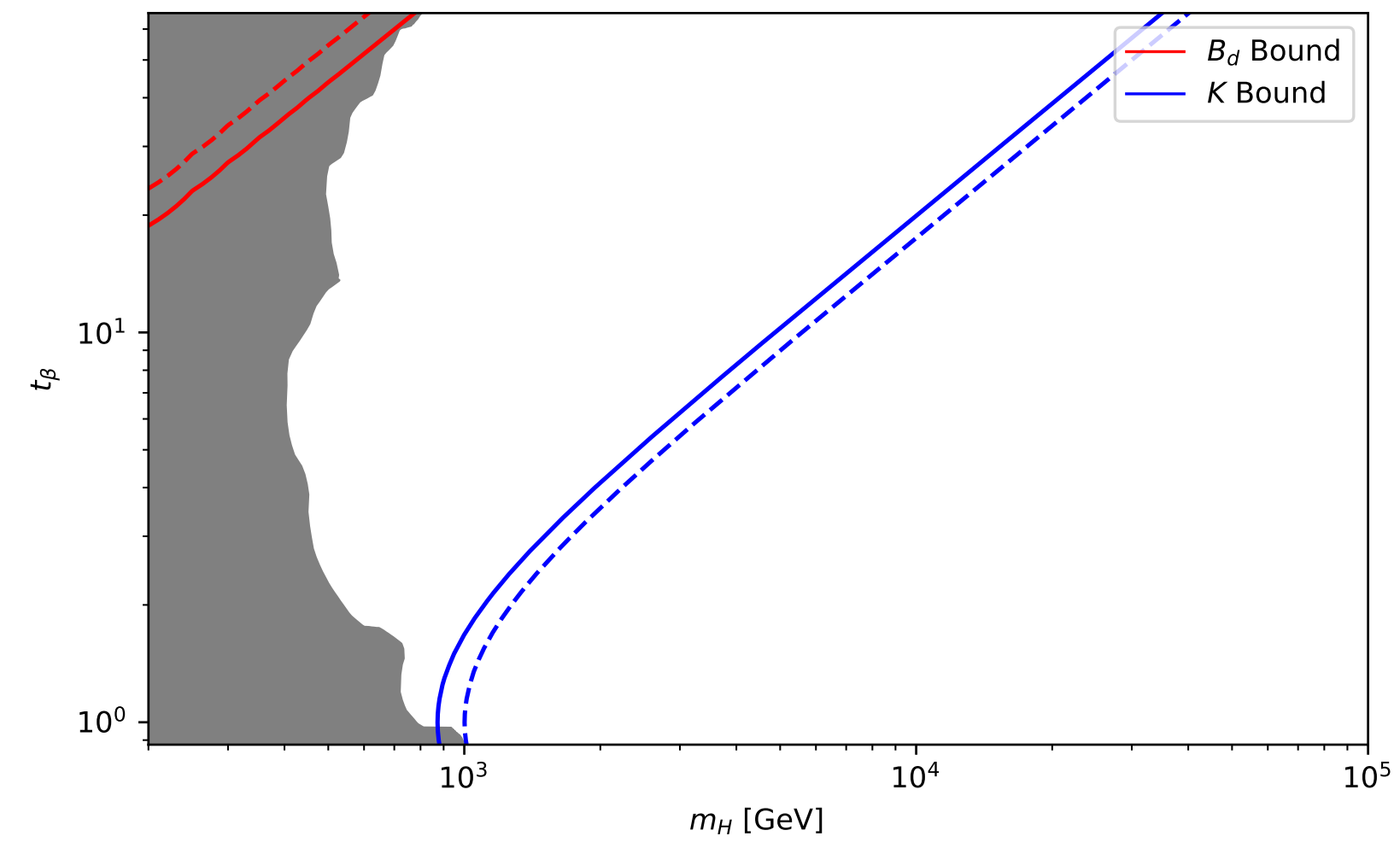
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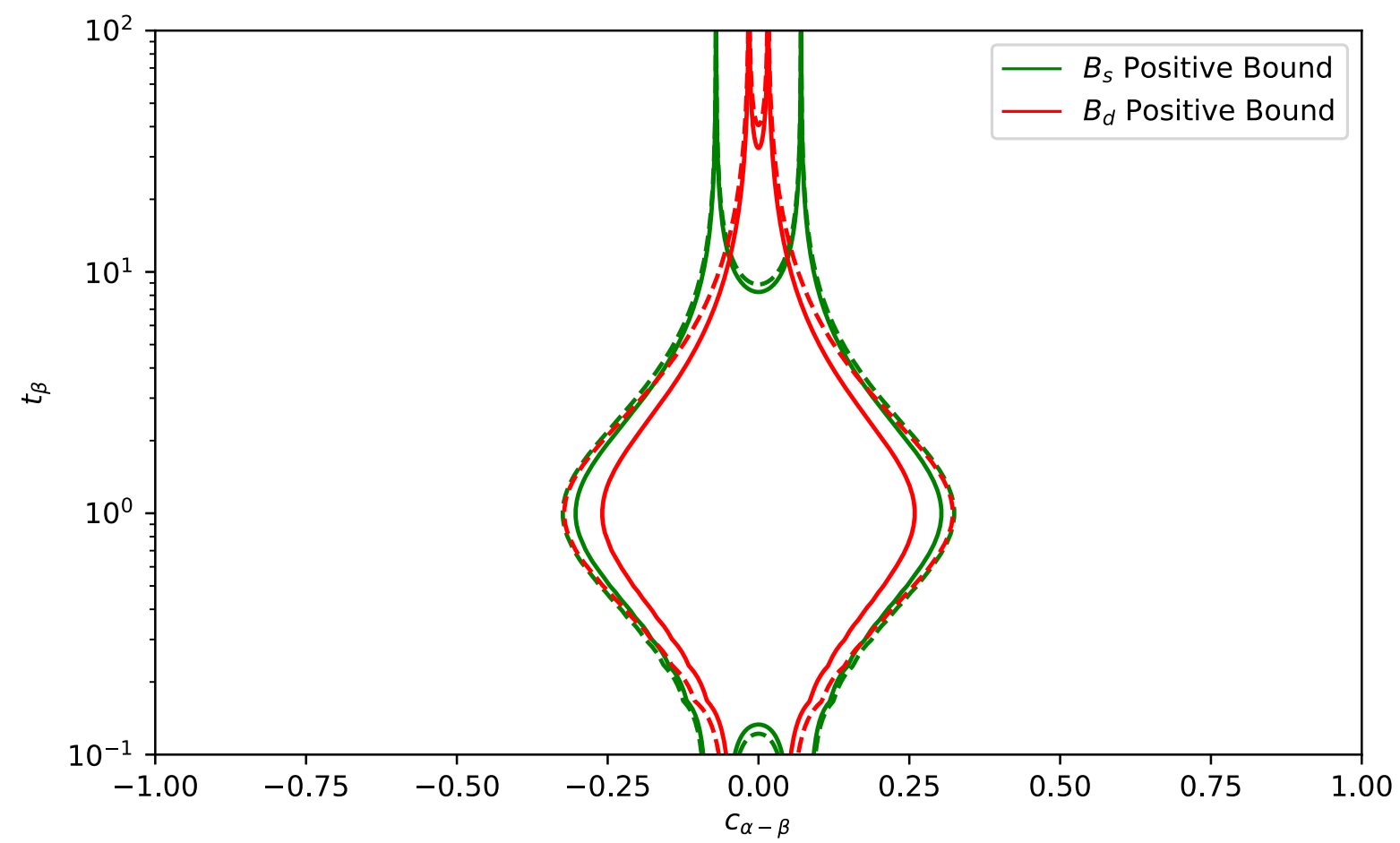
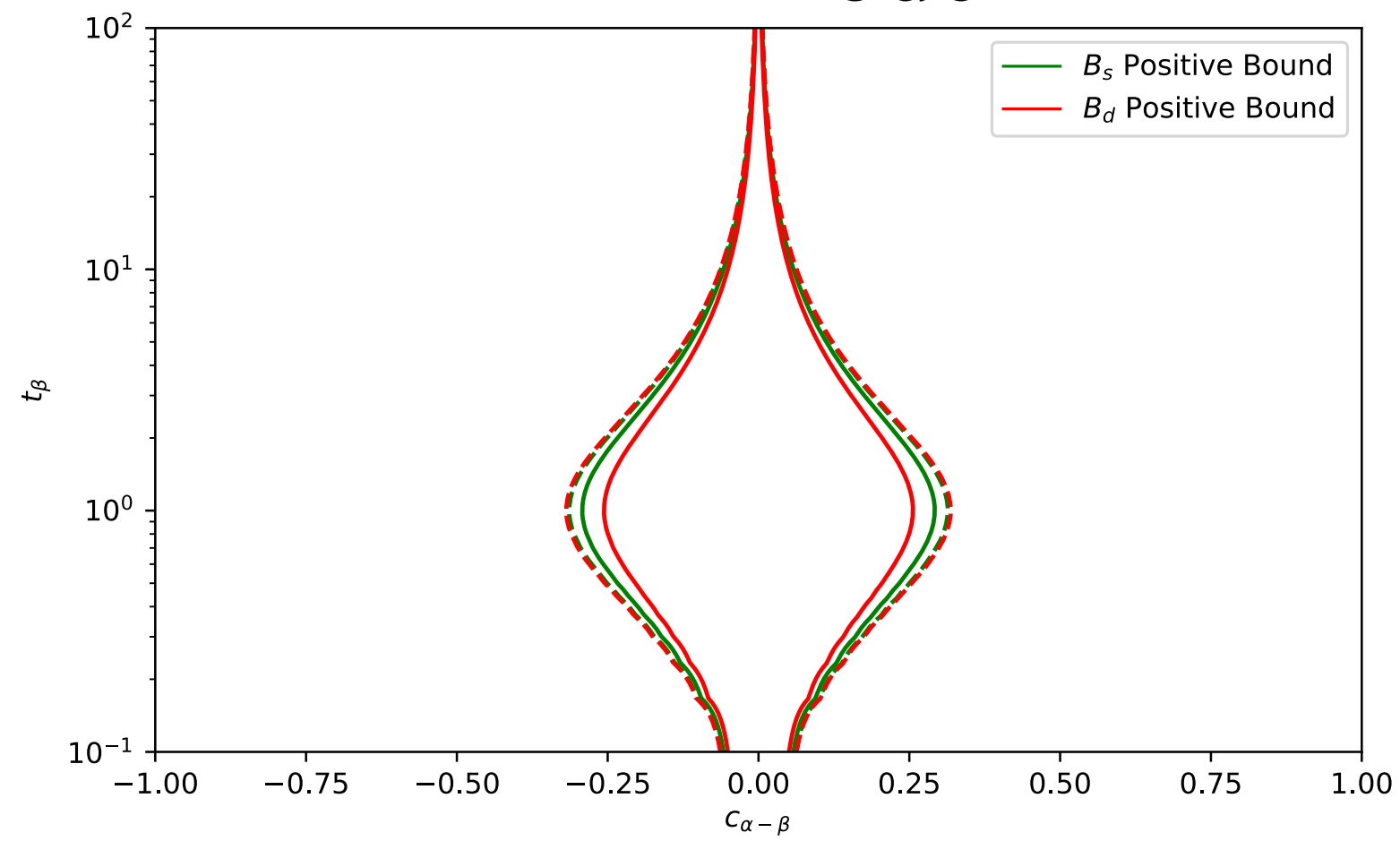


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