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# Lattice QCD Input to Axion Cosmology

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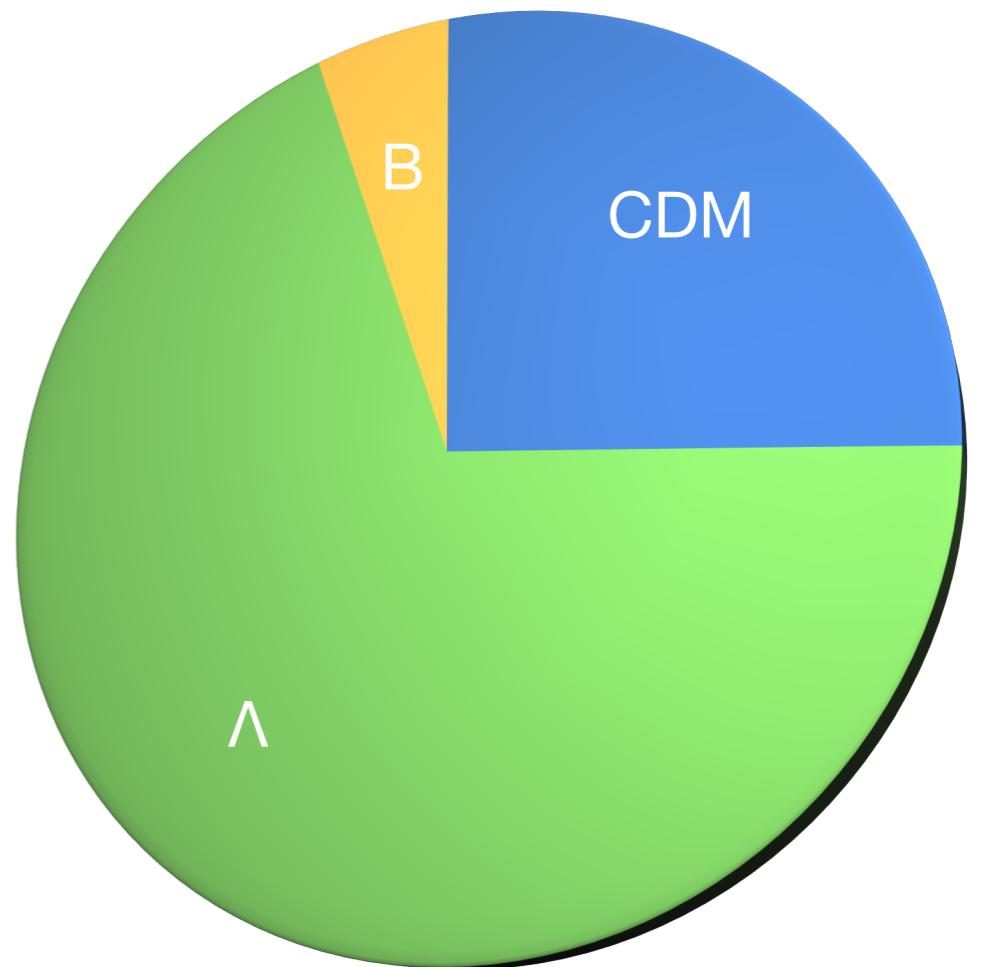
# Big Idea

- Axions were originally proposed to deal with the Strong CP Problem, also form a plausible DM candidate.
  - Calculating the axion energy density requires nonperturbative QCD input.
- Being sought in ADMX (LLNL, UW) & CAST (CERN) with large discovery potential in the next few years.
- Requiring  $\Omega_a \leq \Omega_{\text{CDM}}$  yields a lower bound on the axion mass today.

Preskill, Wise & Wilczek, Phys Lett B **120** (1983) 127-132



The Economist, 19 Dec 2006



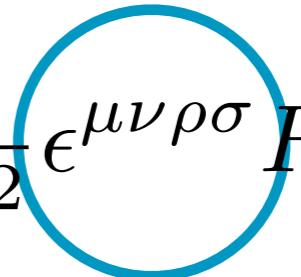
$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = 1.000(7)$   
PDG 2014 via

P.A.R. Ade, et al., (Planck Collab. 2013 XVI), arXiv: 1303.5076v1.

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  - Topological.
- $\theta$  can take any value in  $(-\pi, \pi]$ .
- Neutron EDM  $\lesssim 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$   
Baker et al., PRL 97, 131801 (2006) / hep-ex/0602020
  - $\Rightarrow |\theta| \lesssim 10^{-10}$

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$$Q = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x \ \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$e^{iS} \propto e^{iQ\theta}$$

Strong CP Problem:  
Why is  $\theta$  so small?

# (Some) Resolutions of the Strong CP Problem

- Just declare CP to be good in the strong sector
  - Weak sector can reintroduce the problem

- $m_u = 0$

$$\bar{q} \left( iD - me^{i\theta' \gamma_5} \right) q$$

't Hooft PRL **37** 8 (1976)

Jackiw & Rebbi, PRL **37** 127 (1976)

Callan, Dashen & Gross PLB **63** 335 (1976)

Kaplan & Manohar PRL **56** 2004 (1986)

- $m_u \neq 0$

Gasser & Leutwyler PhysRept **87** 77-169 (1982)

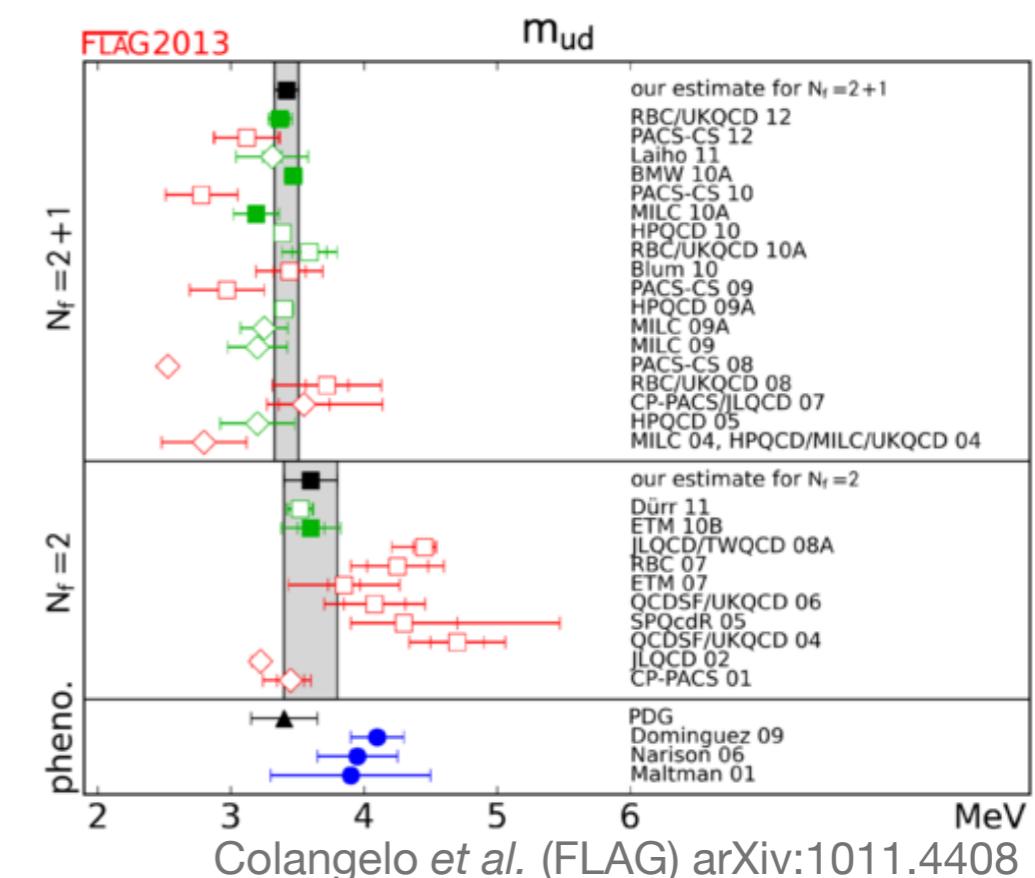
- Additional Peccei-Quinn symmetry & axions

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- Fine tuning problem can be reintroduced via high-dimensional operators at Planck scale.

Holman *et al.* arXiv:hep-ph/9203206

Cheung arXiv:1003.0941



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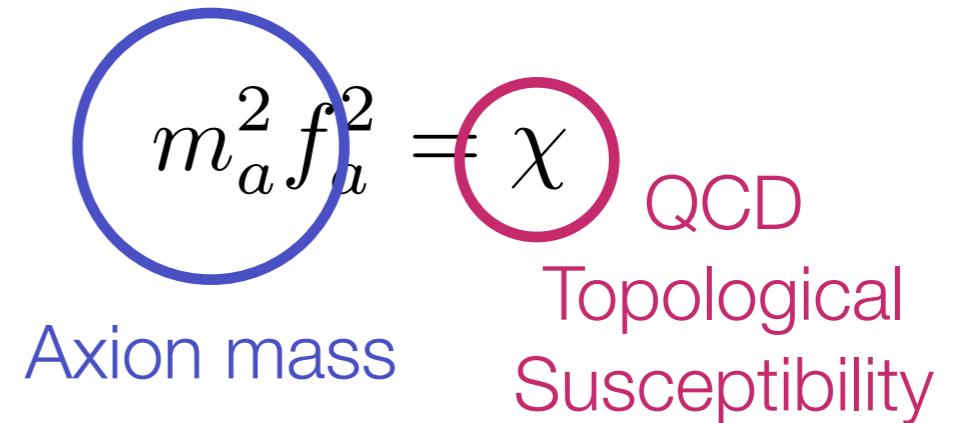
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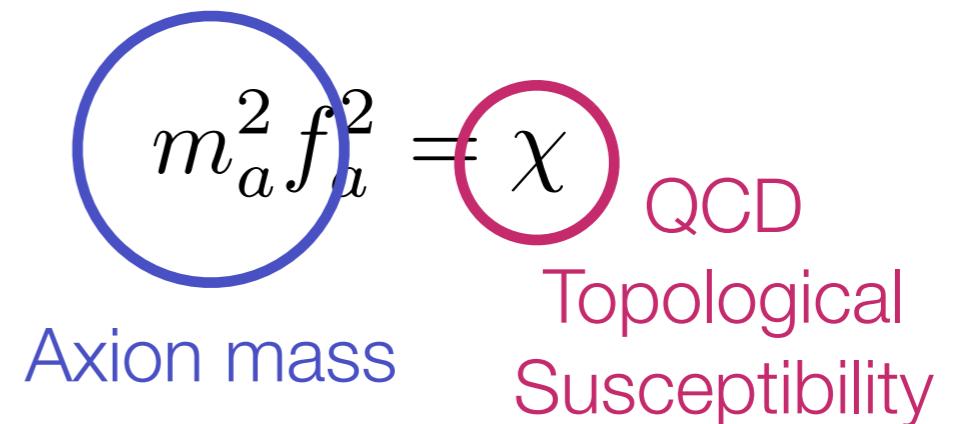
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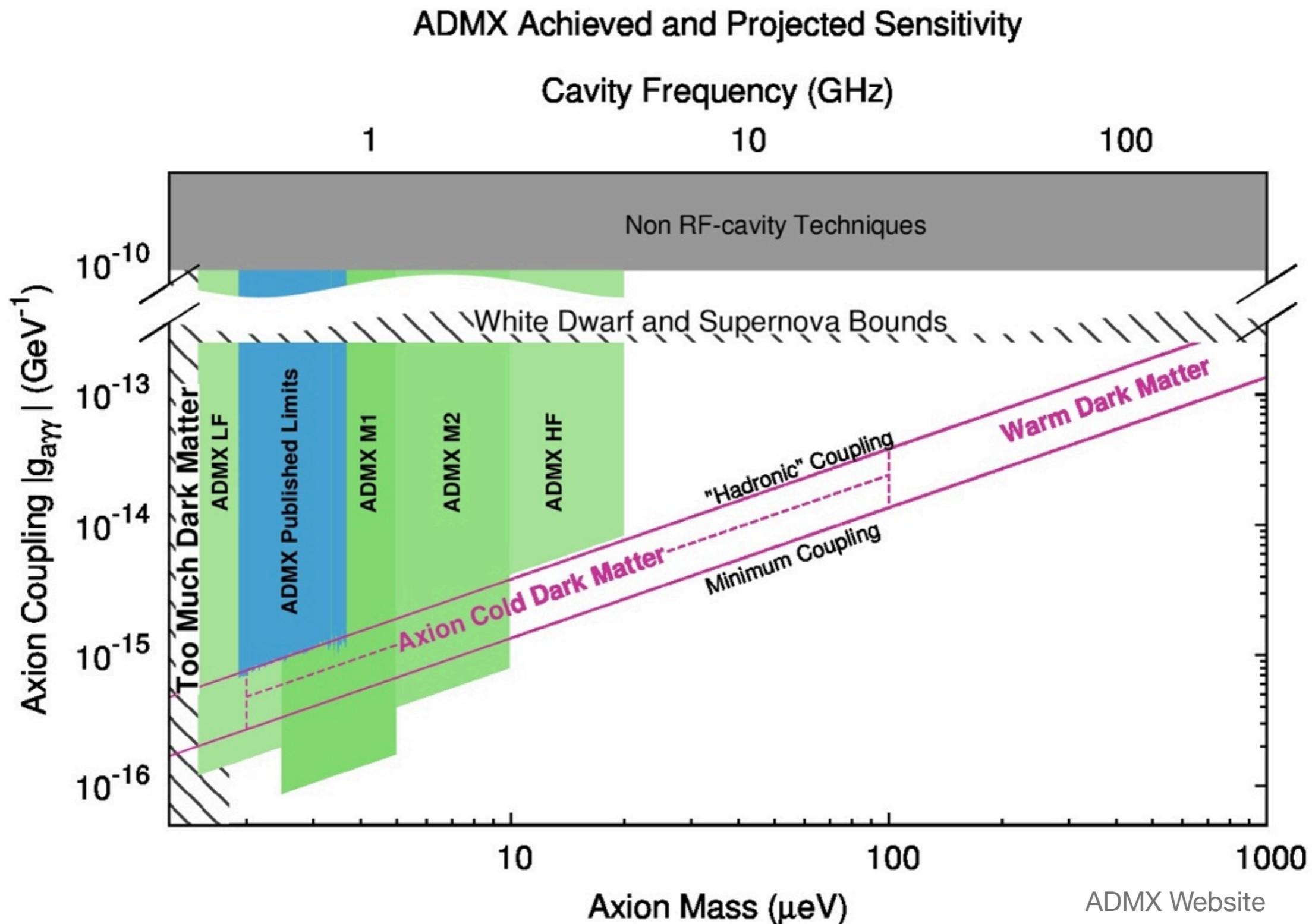
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Average over initial  $\theta$

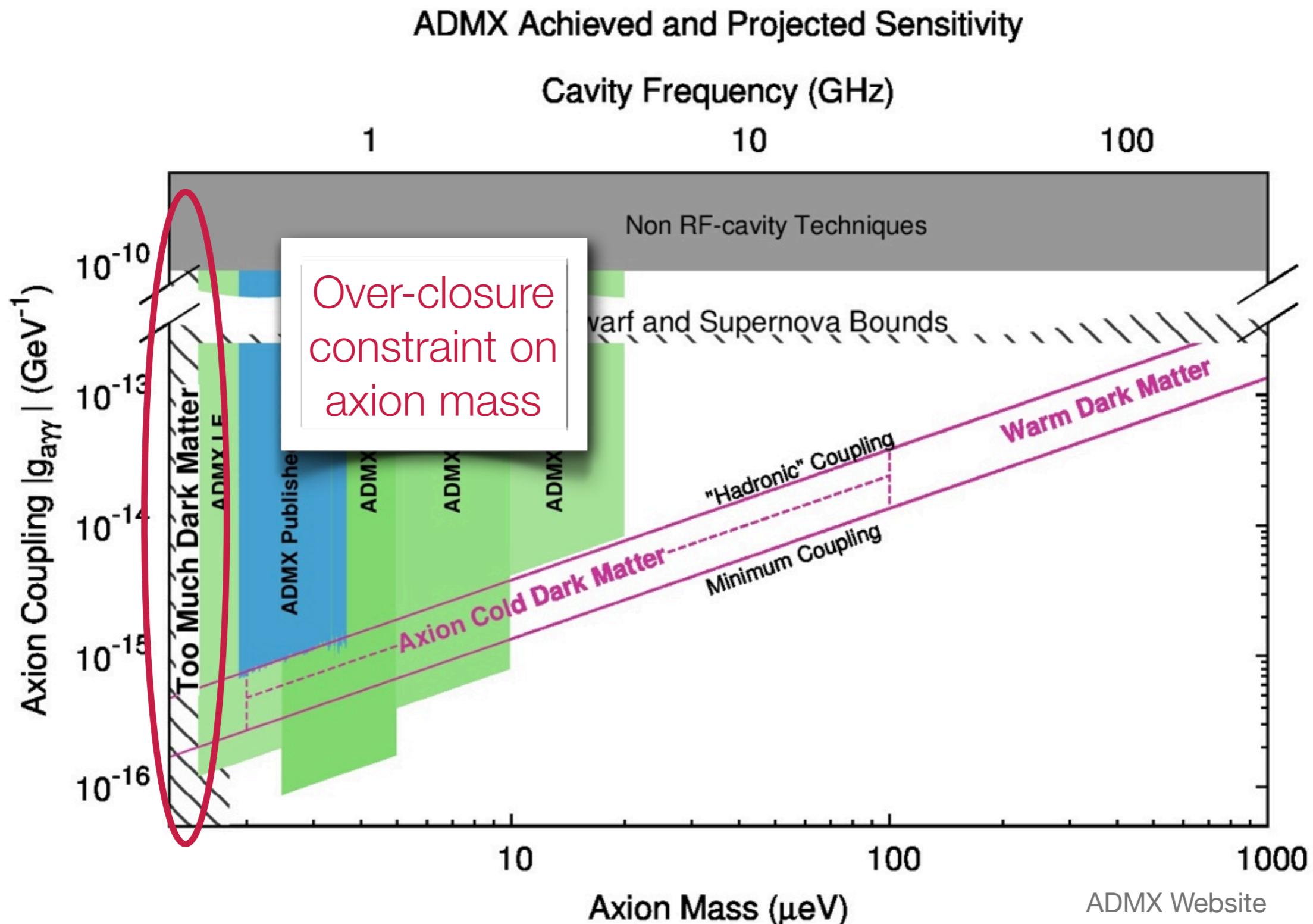
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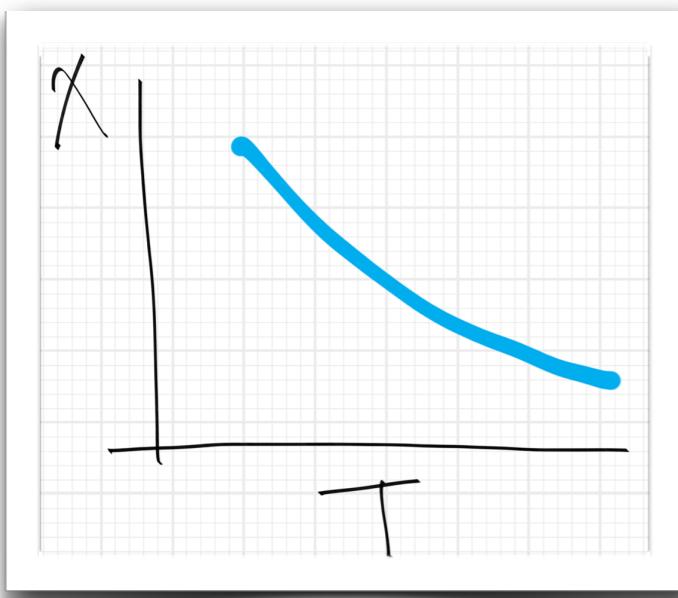


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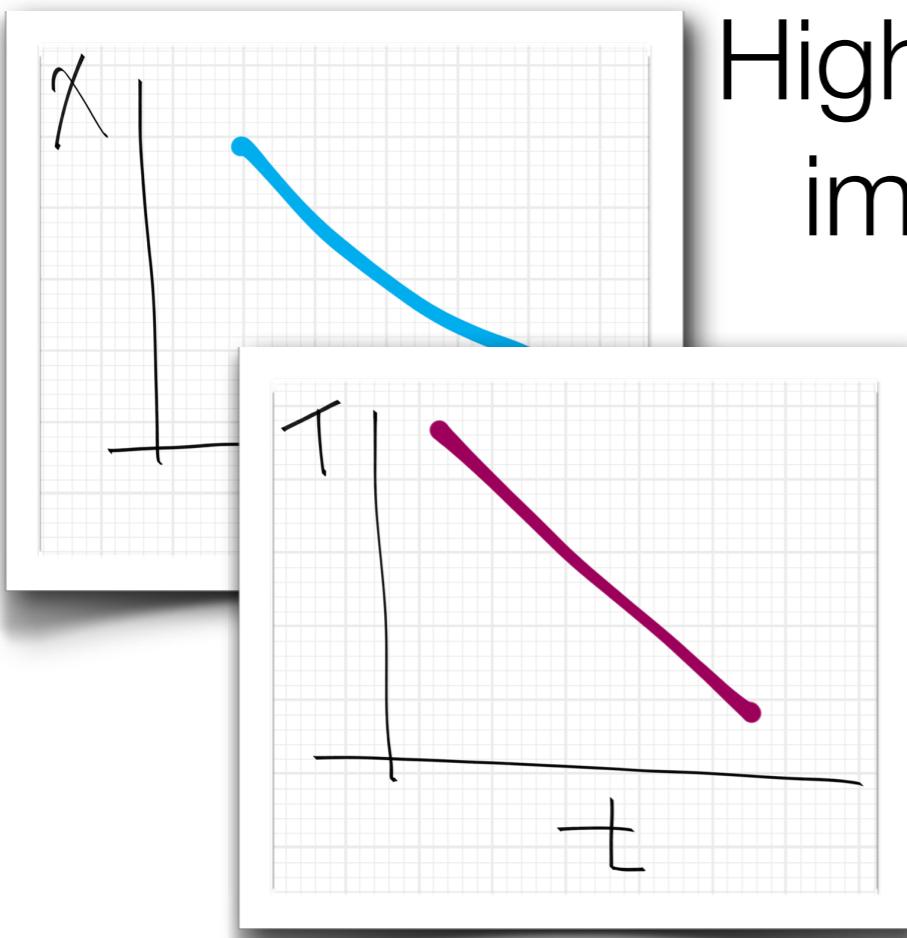
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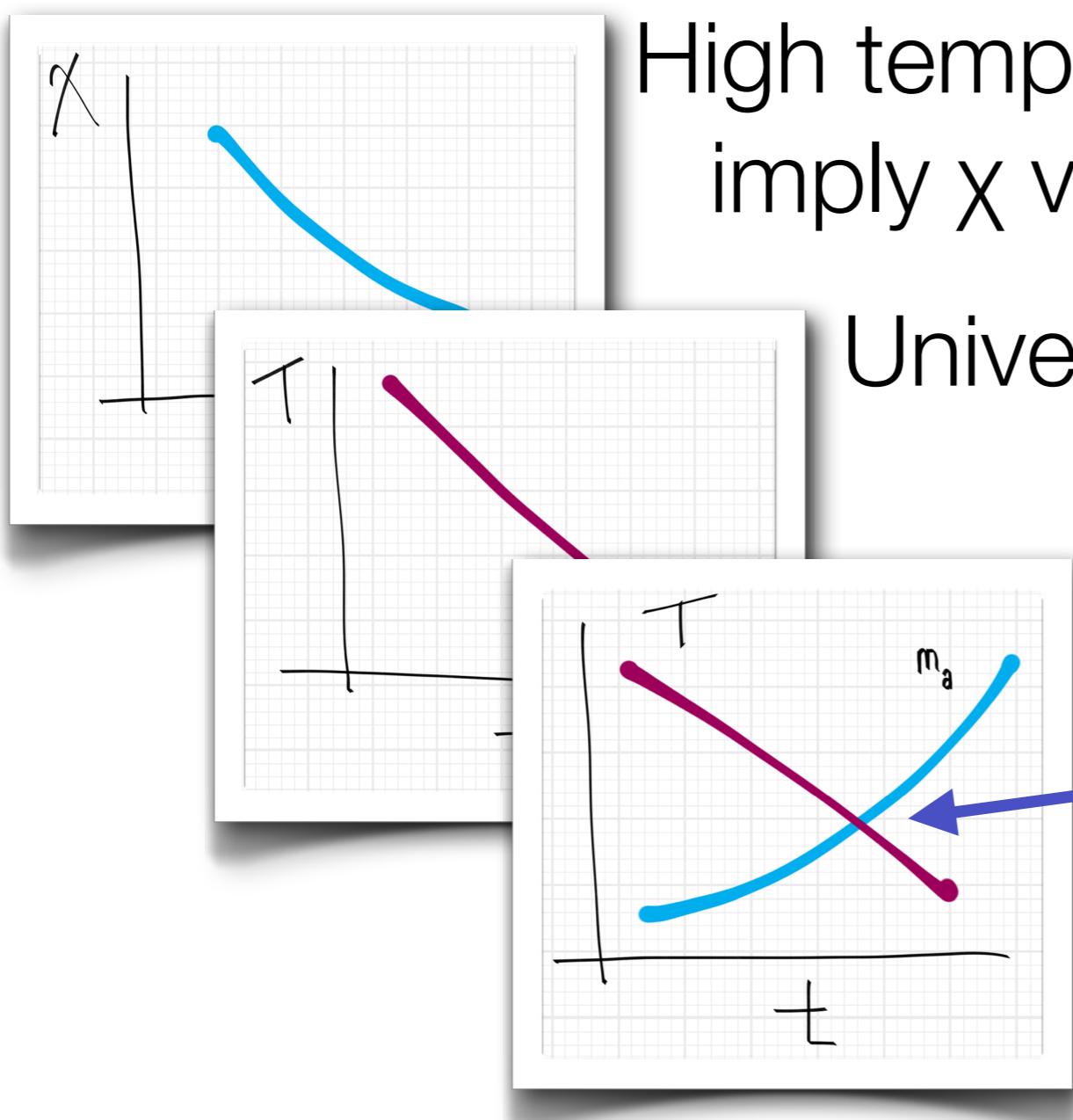
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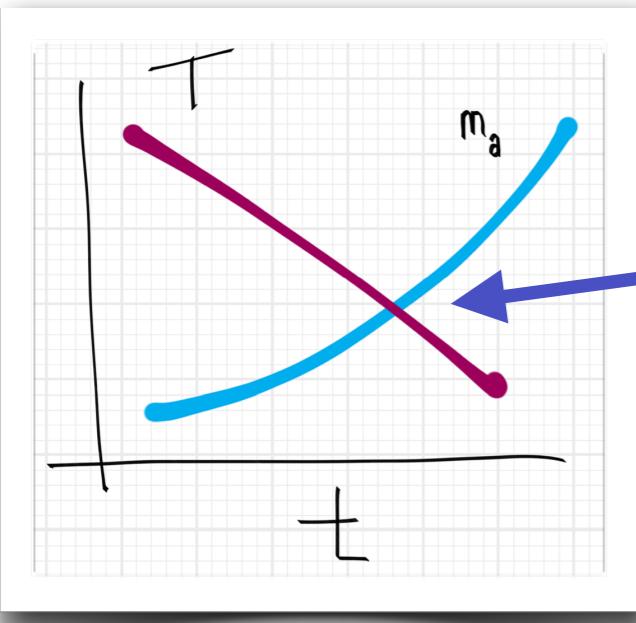
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$H$ : Hubble constant

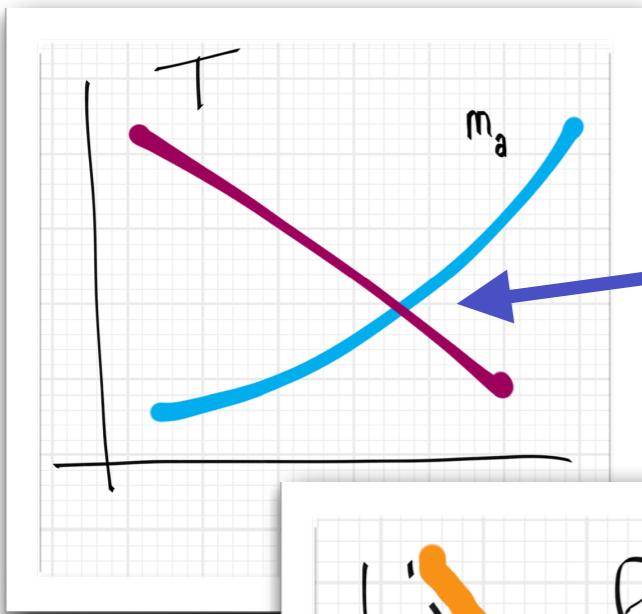
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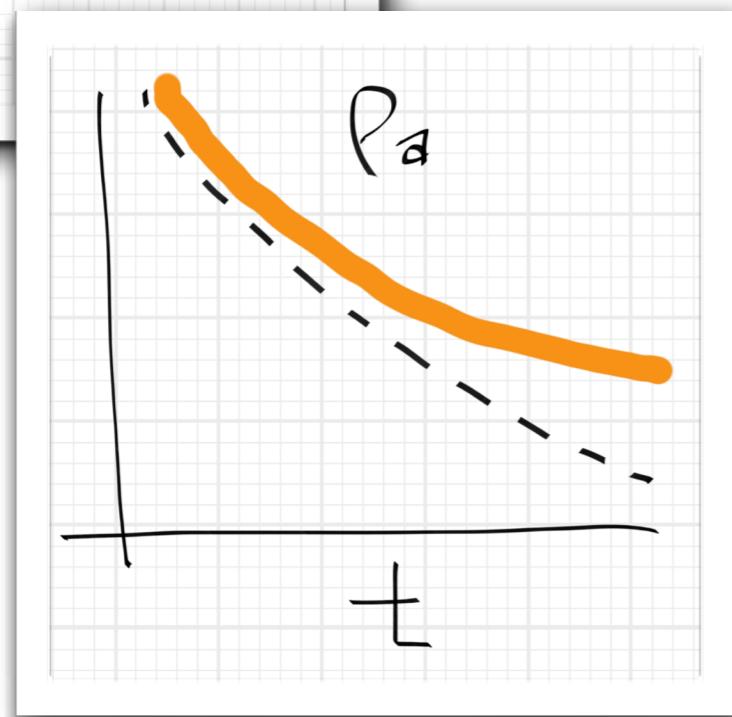


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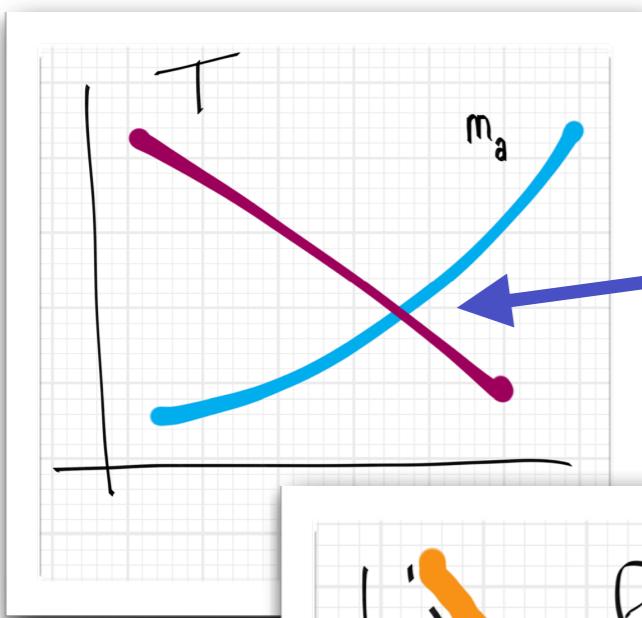
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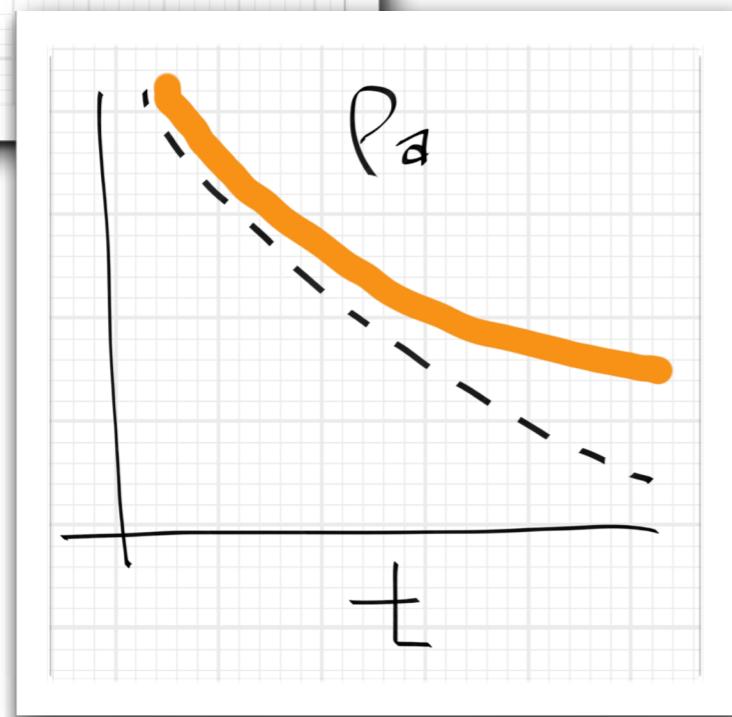
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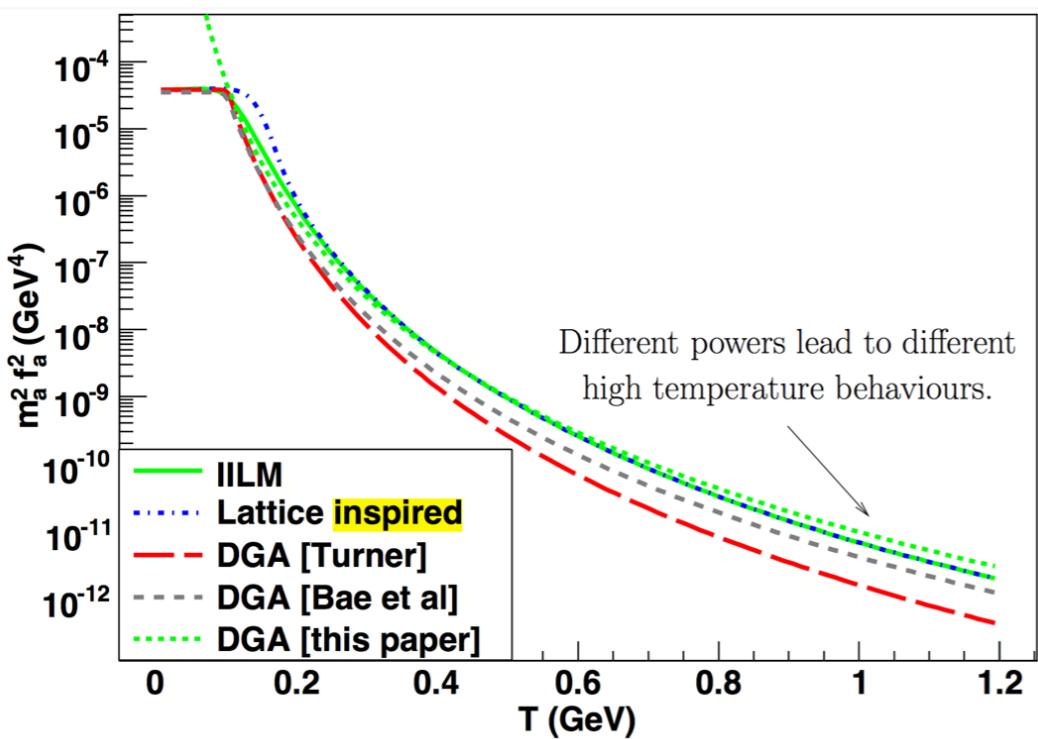
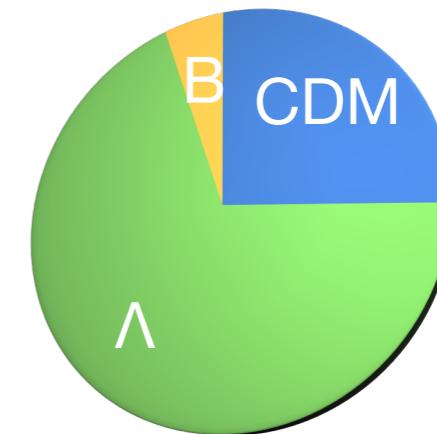
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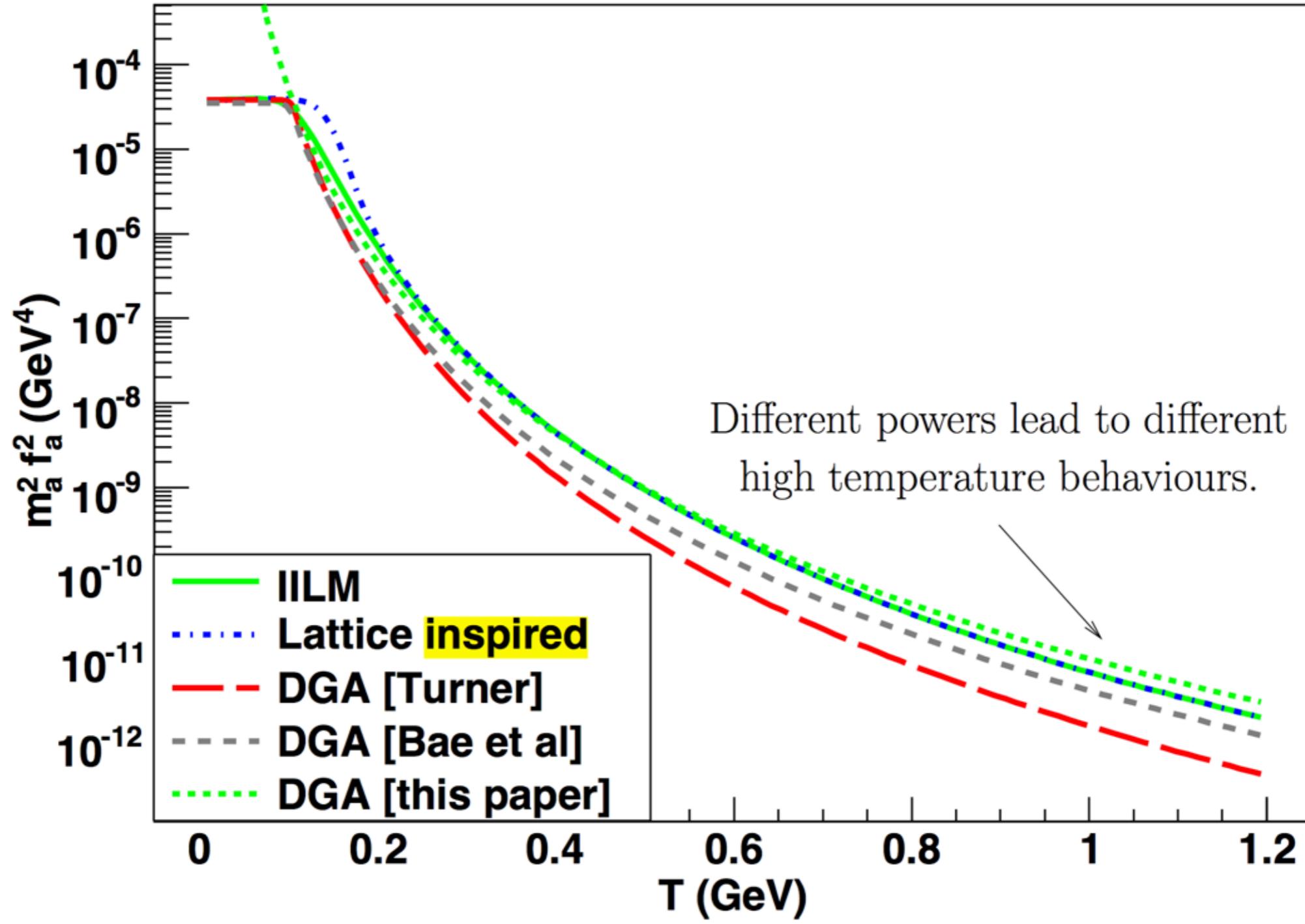
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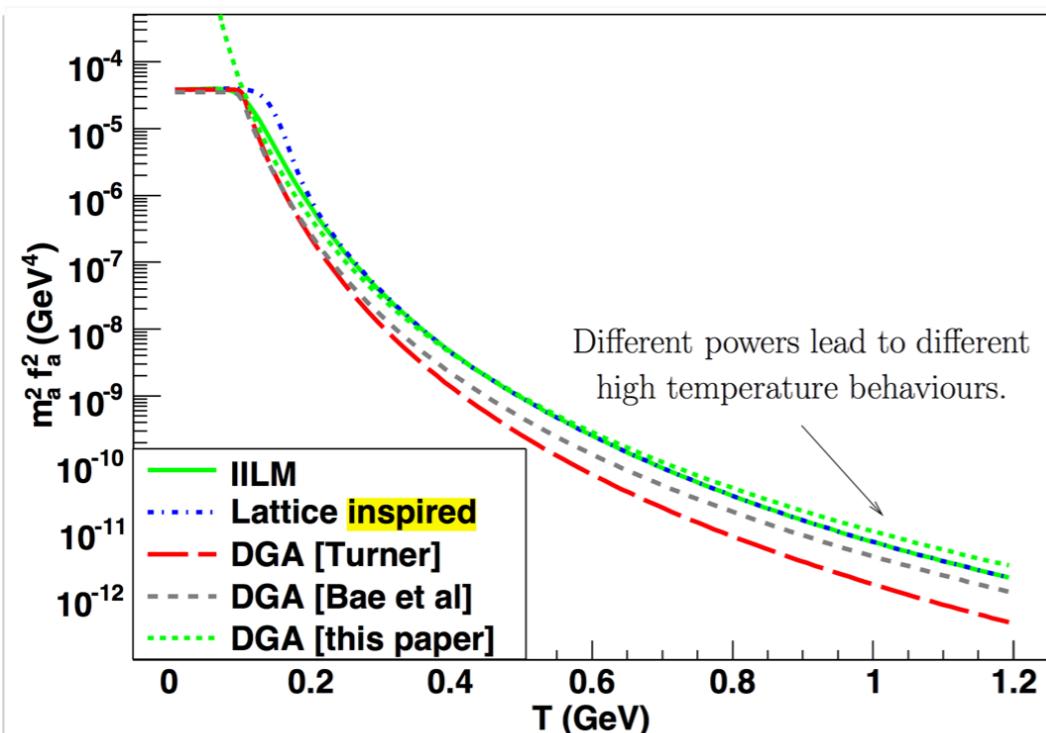
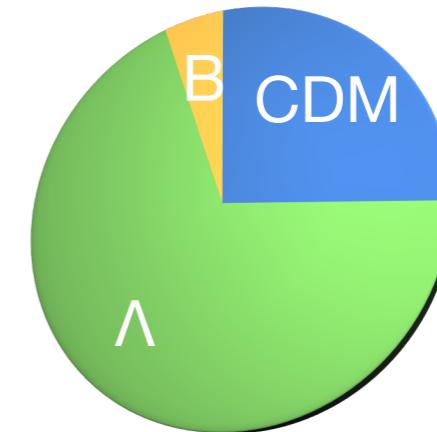
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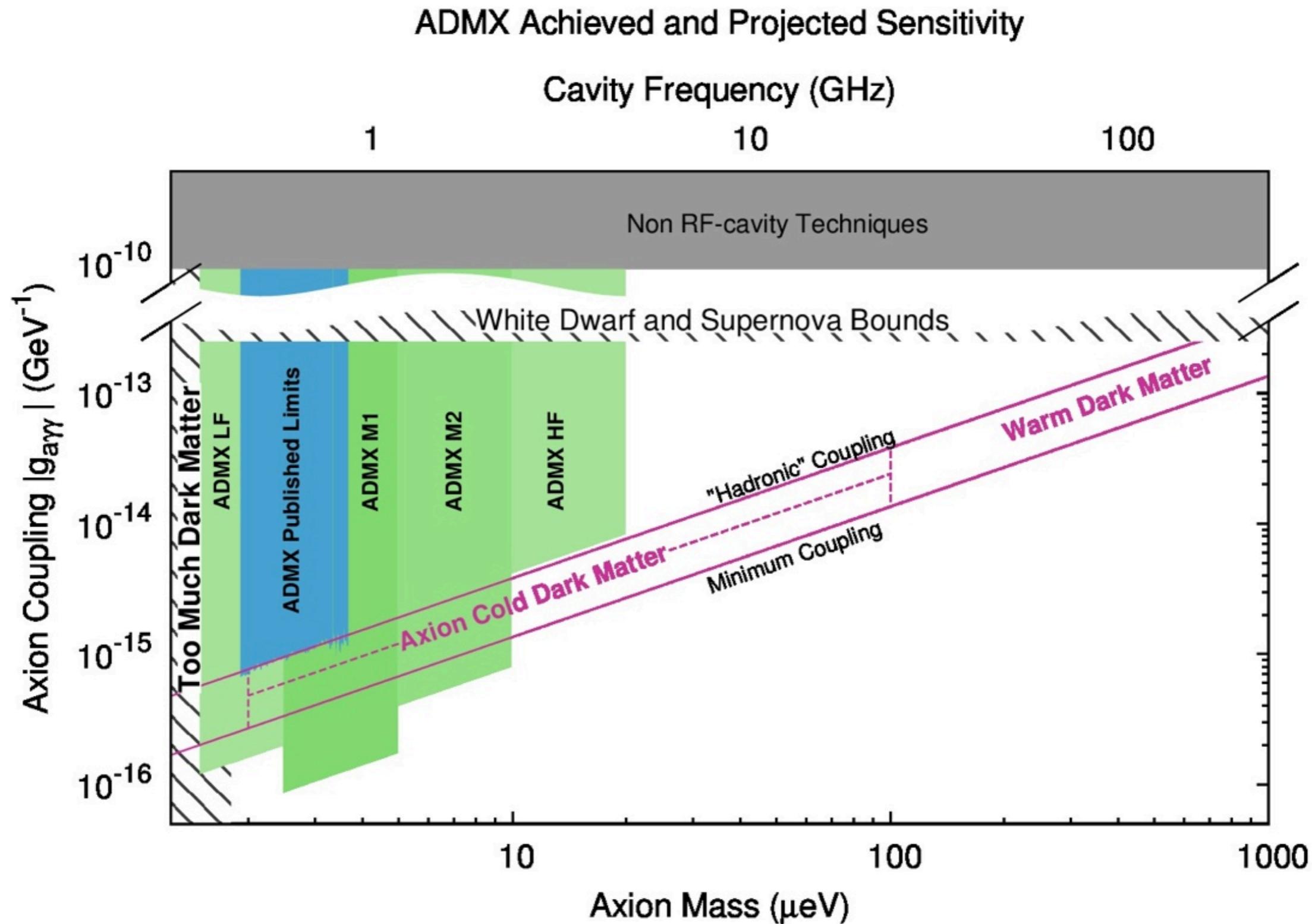


$$f_a \leq (2.8 \pm 2) 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$$
$$m_a \geq 21 \pm 2 \mu\text{eV}$$

(  $\pm$  uncontrolled systematic)

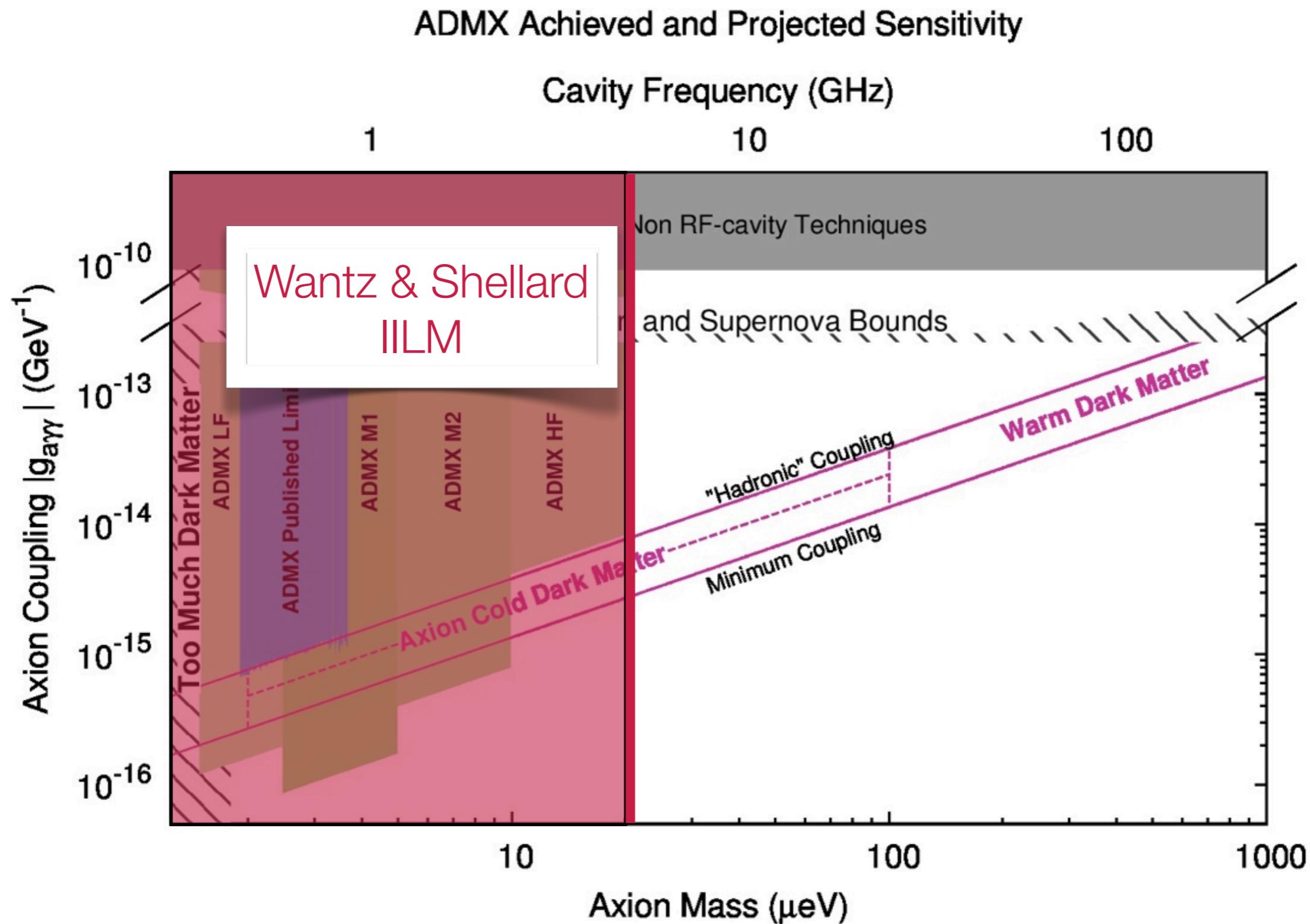
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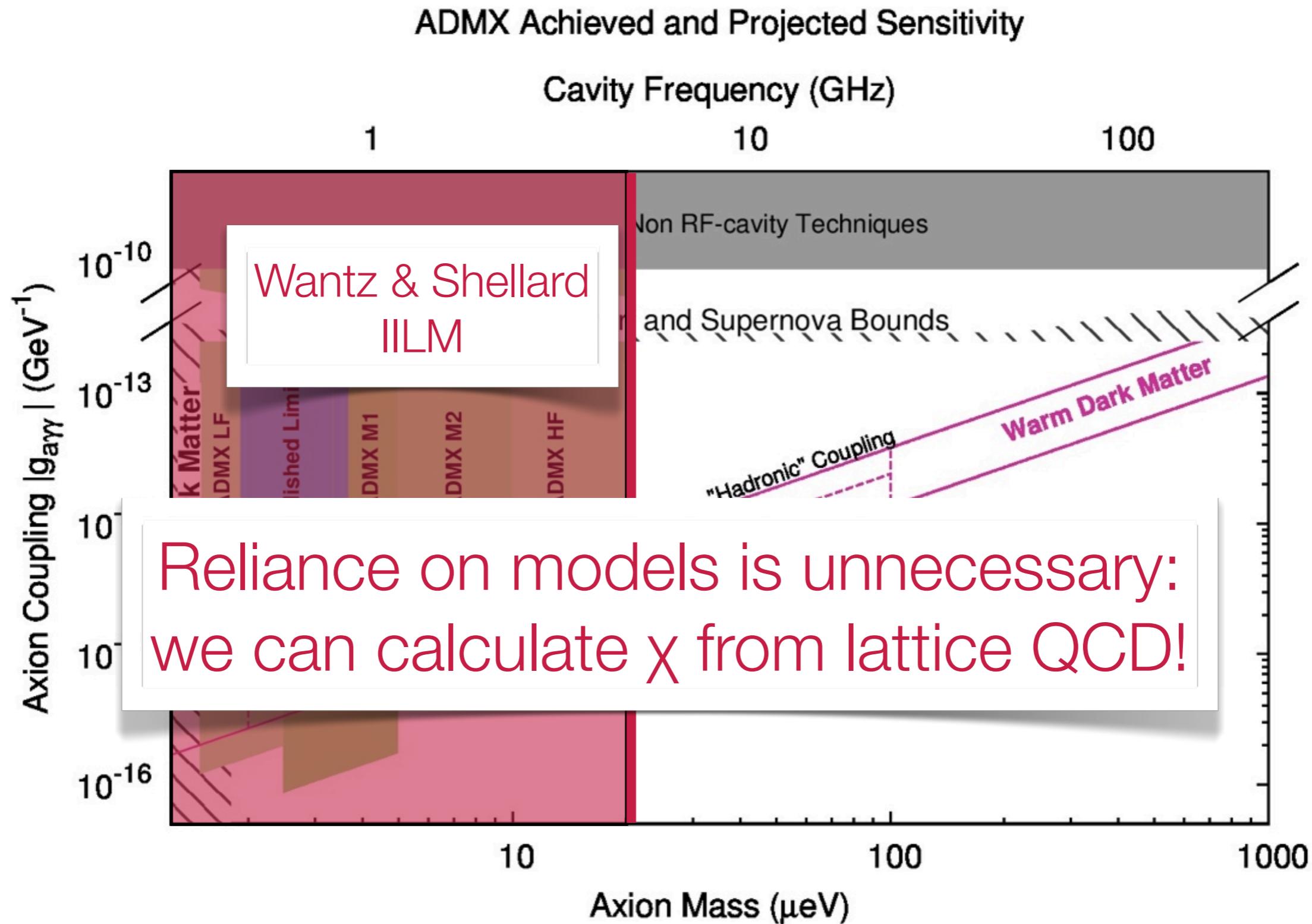
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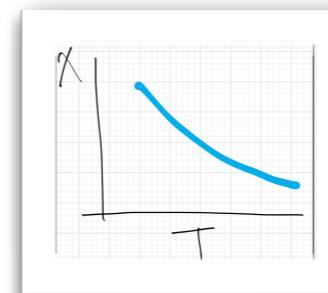
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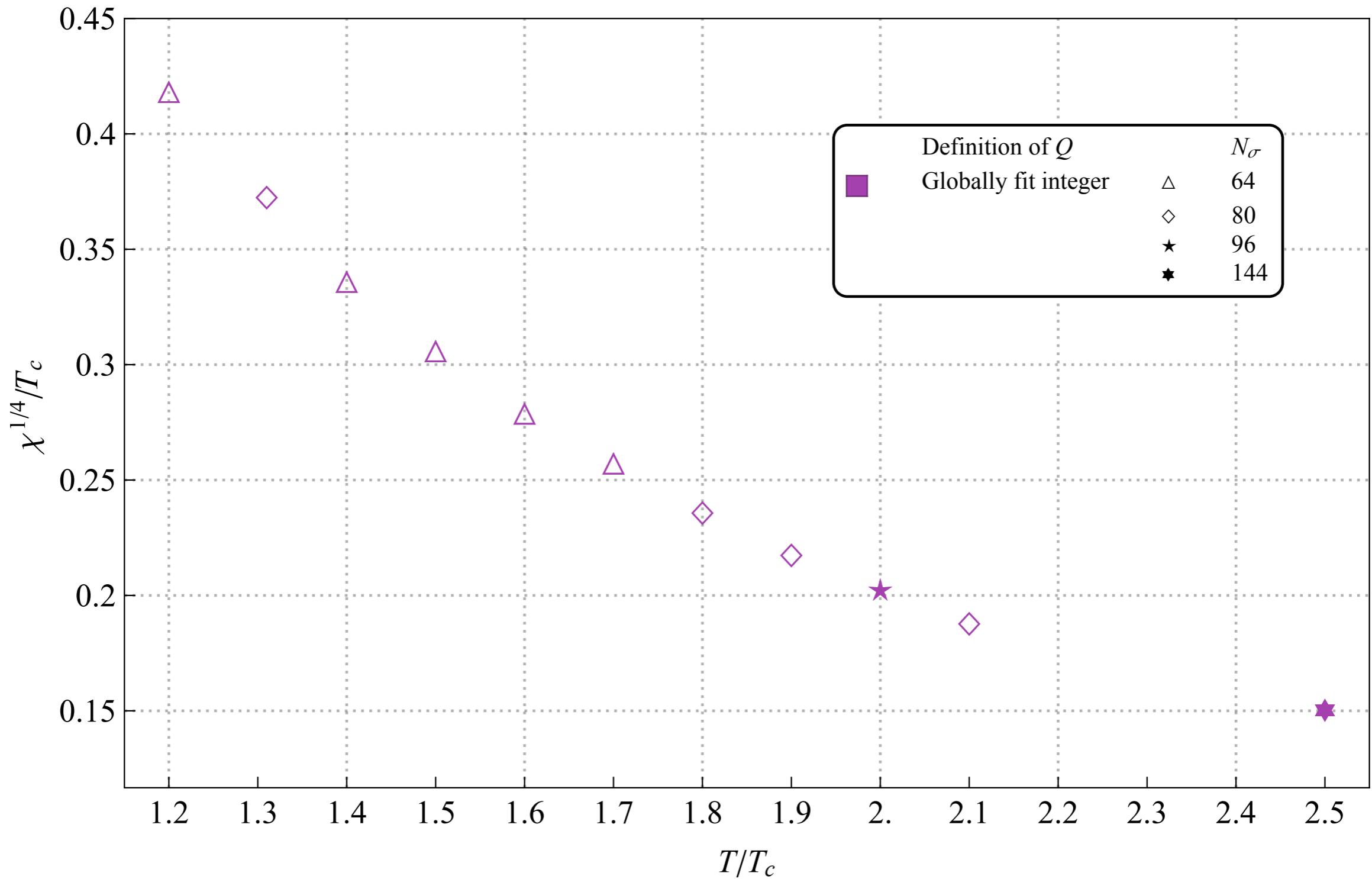
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# Best Lattice Results

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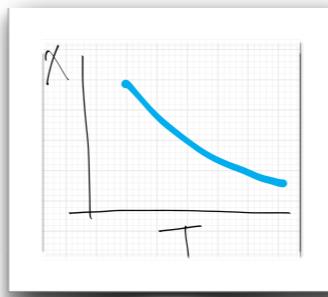
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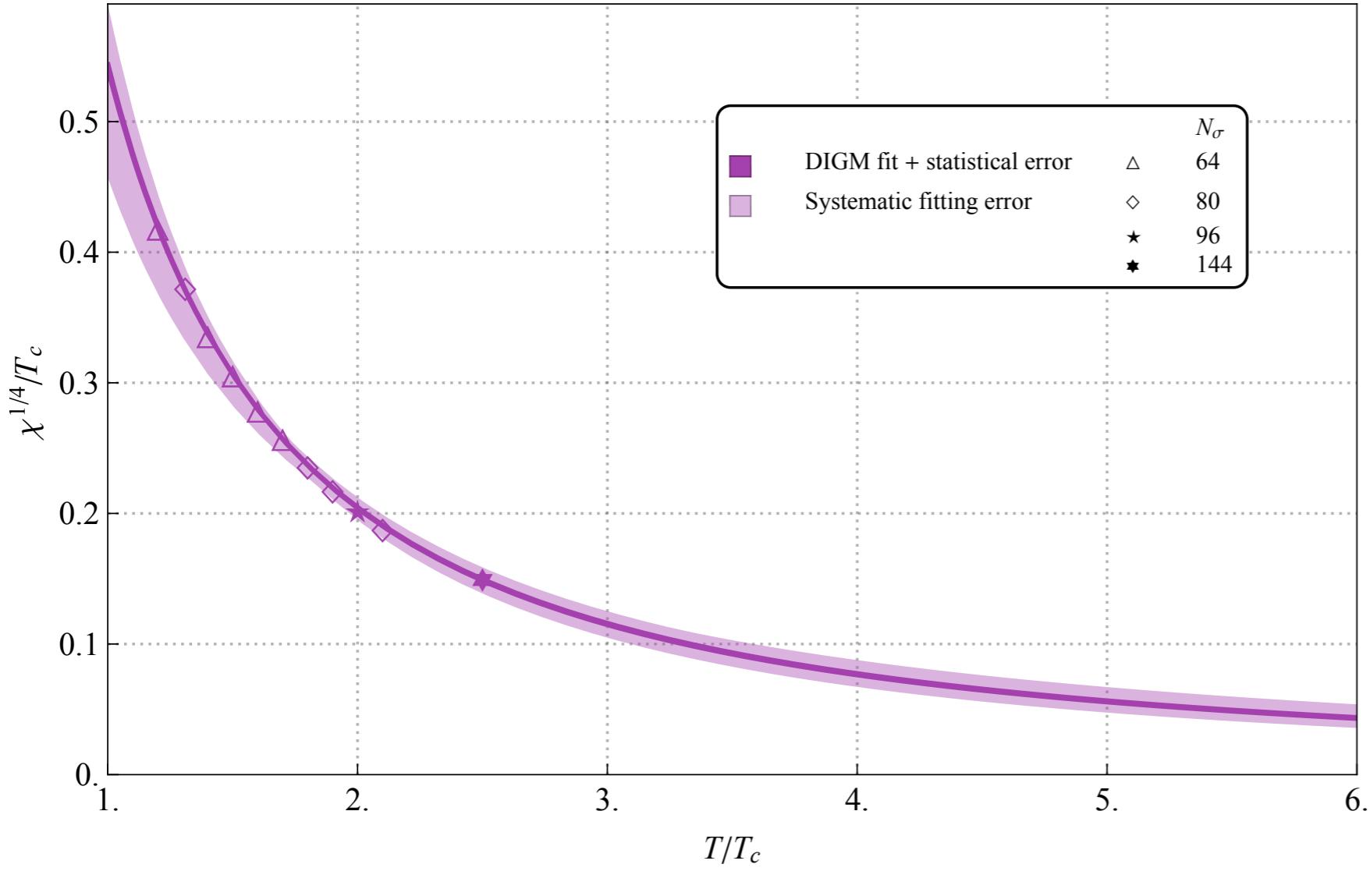
Compare with Gattringer et al., arXiv:hep-lat/0203013 up to  $T/T_c = 1.31$

# DIGM Best Fit & Extrapolation

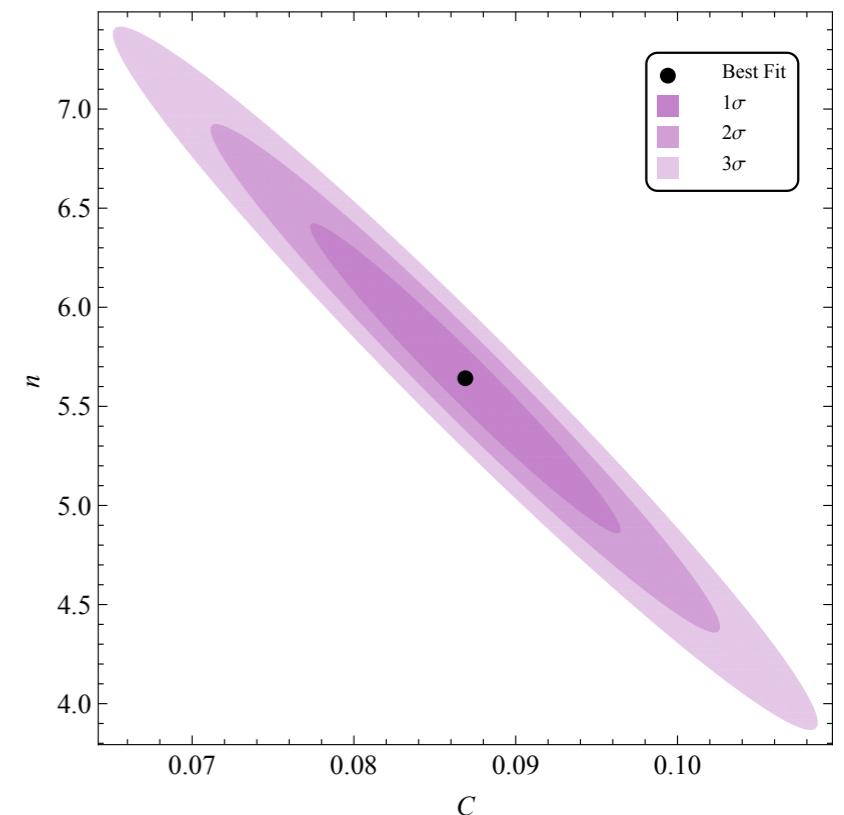
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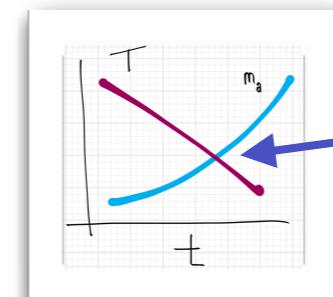
$$\frac{\chi}{T_c^4} = \frac{C}{(T/T_c)^n}$$



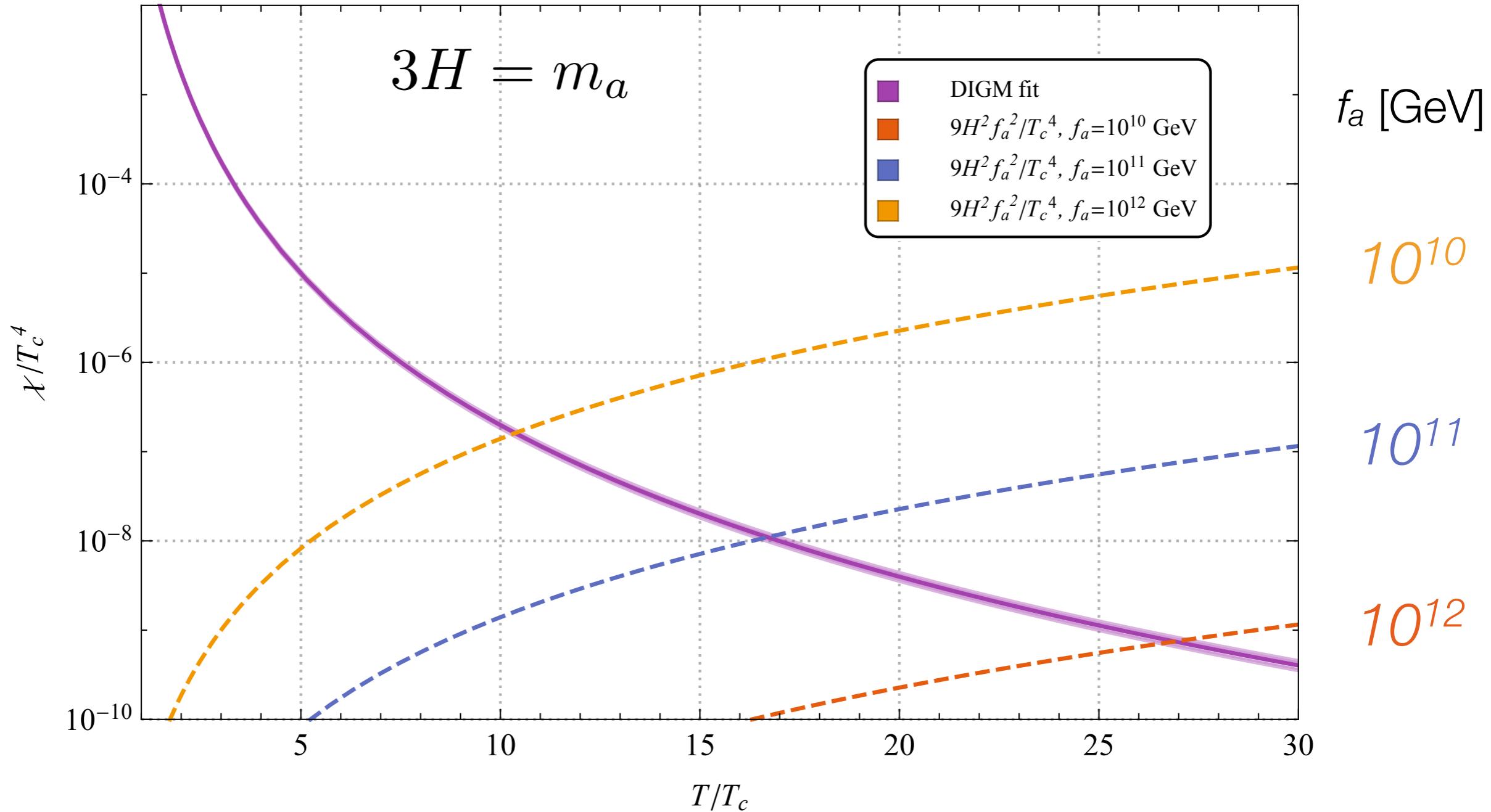
	$C$	$n$
Best Fit	0.0869	5.64
Covariance Matrix		
$C$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
$n$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	0.001

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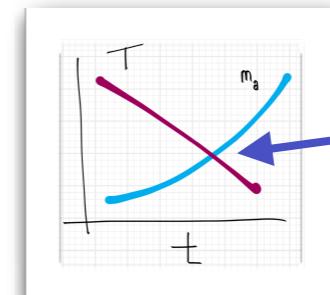


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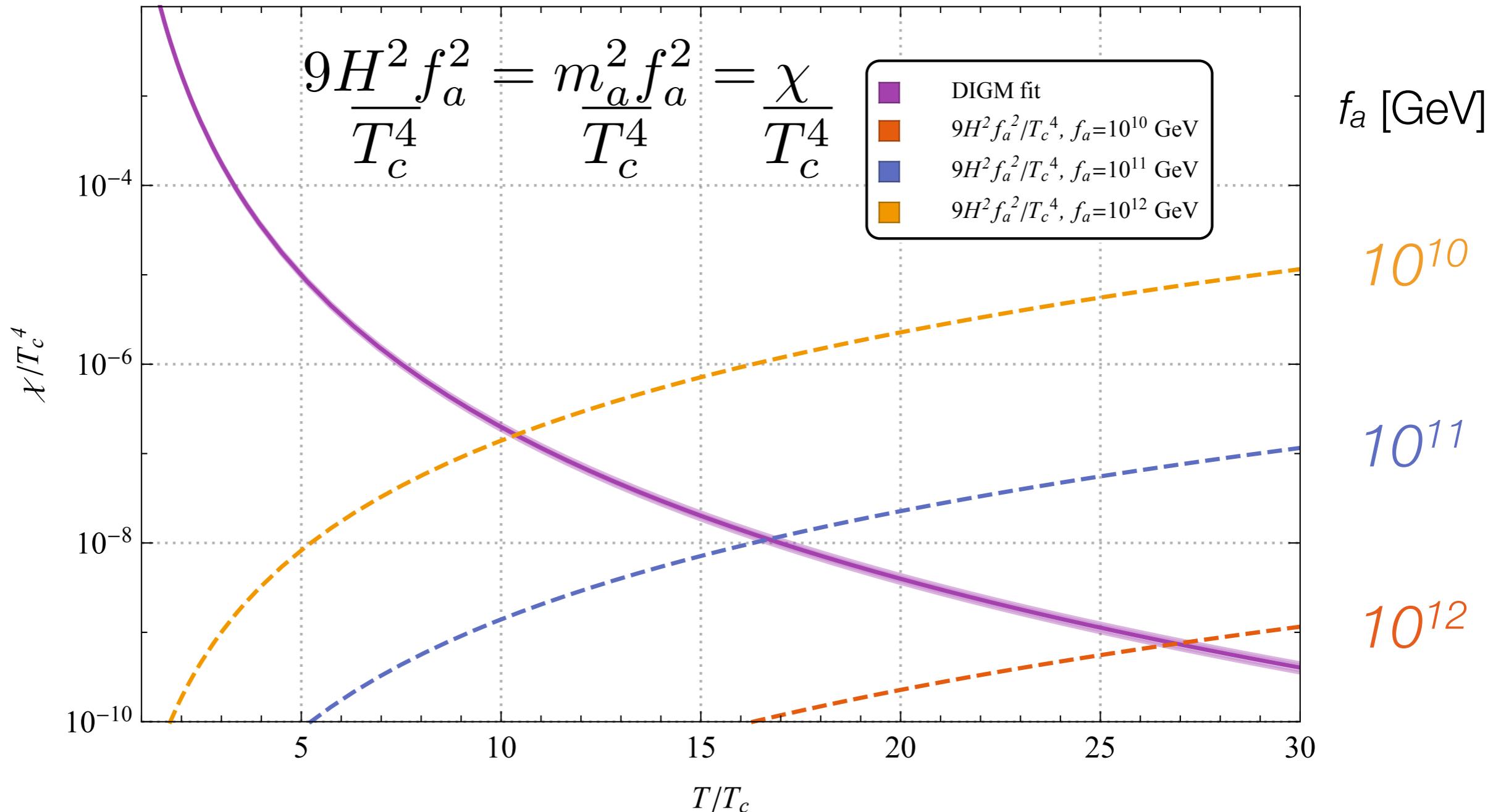


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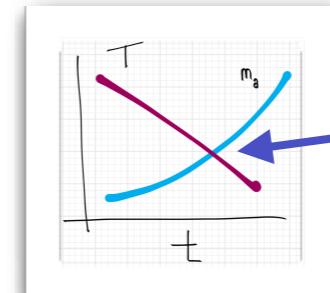
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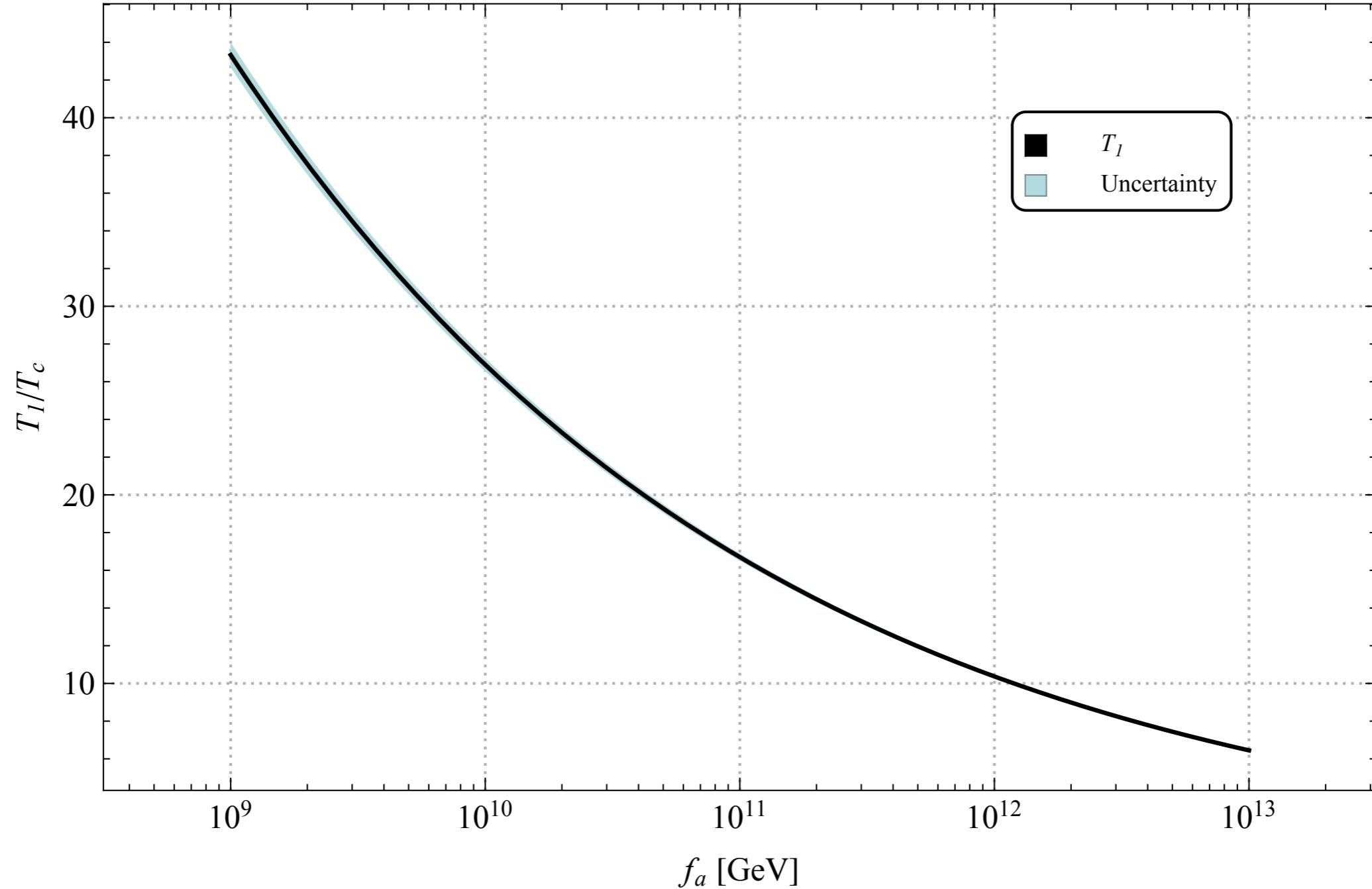
$$H^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{90} \frac{1}{m_P^2} g_{*R}(T) T^4$$

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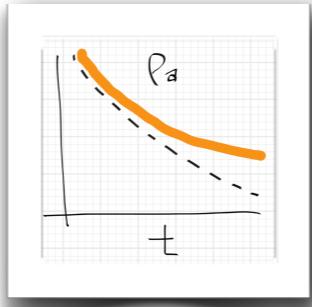
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Freezeout temperature  $T_1$  for  
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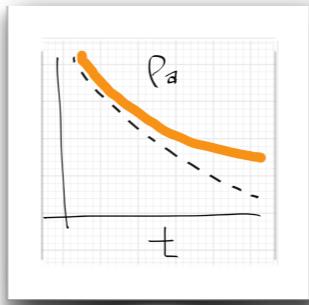
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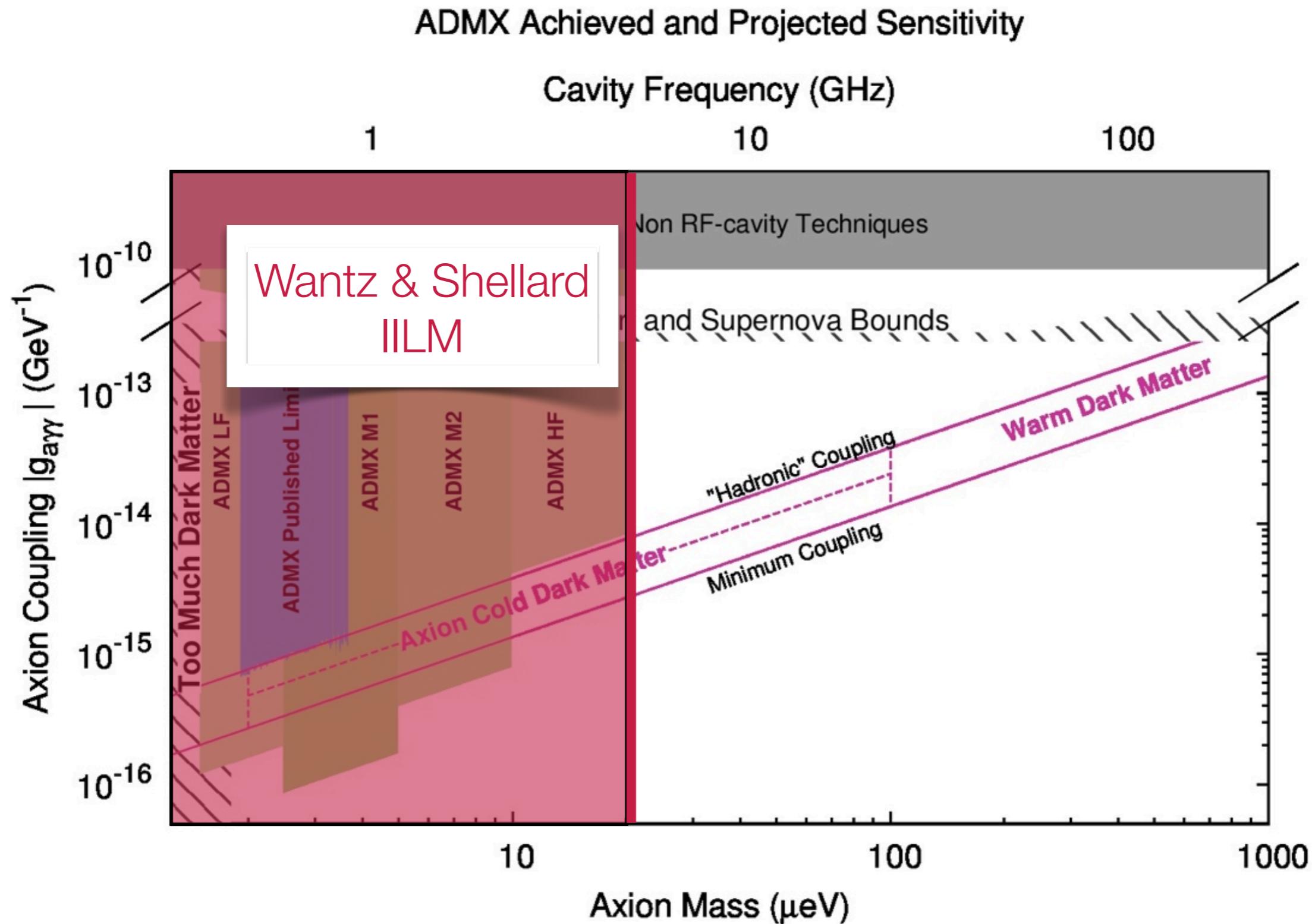
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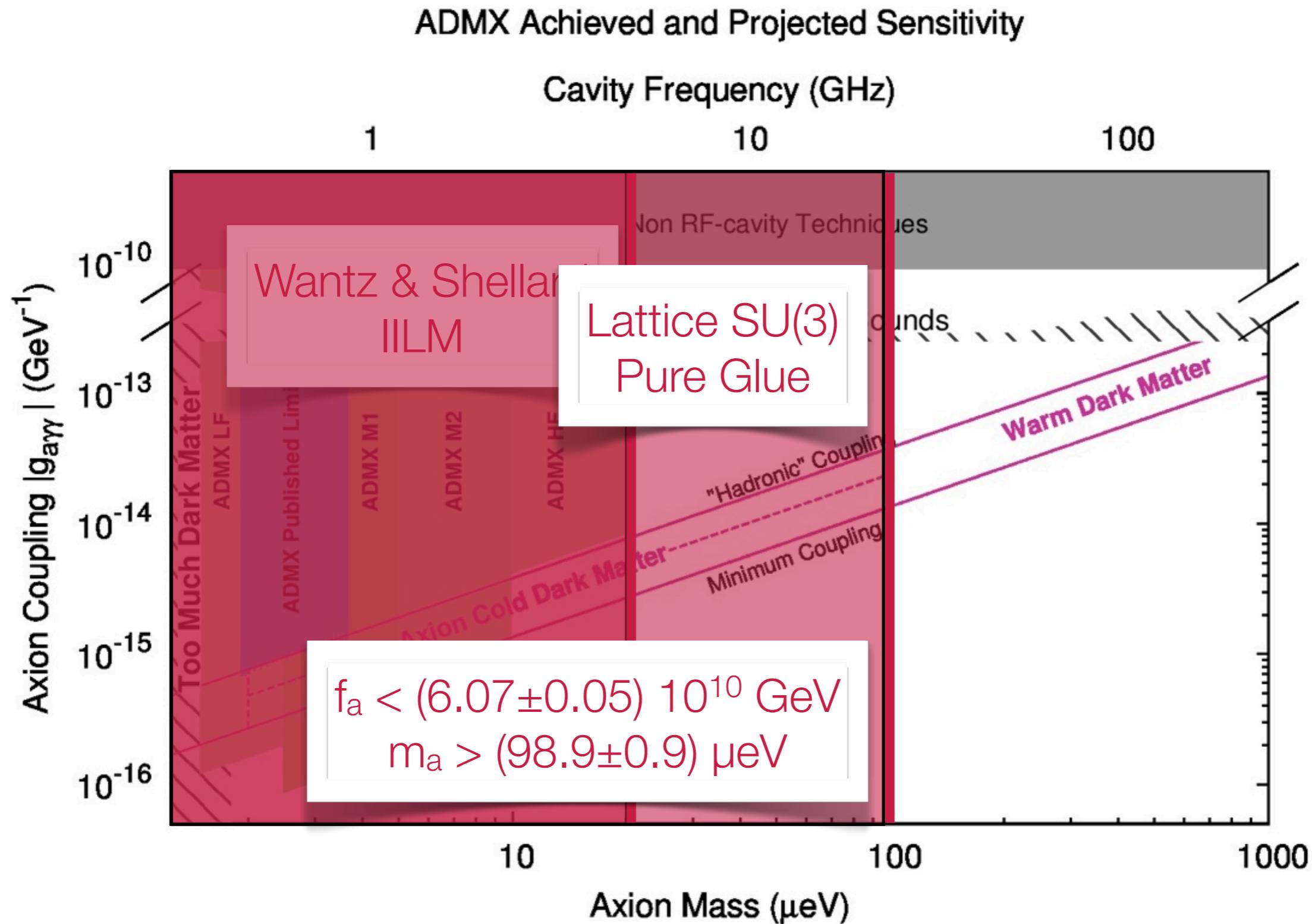
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# Conclusions & Outlook

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- PQ symmetry:
  - cleans up the Strong CP problem
  - provides a plausible, largely unconstrained DM candidate: the axion.
- Axion searches will search large swaths of interesting parameter space soon.
  - Lattice QCD can provide important nonperturbative input for calculating  $\Omega_a$
- DIGM fits outstandingly to pure glue at high temperature.
- Pure glue predicts a high over closure bound!



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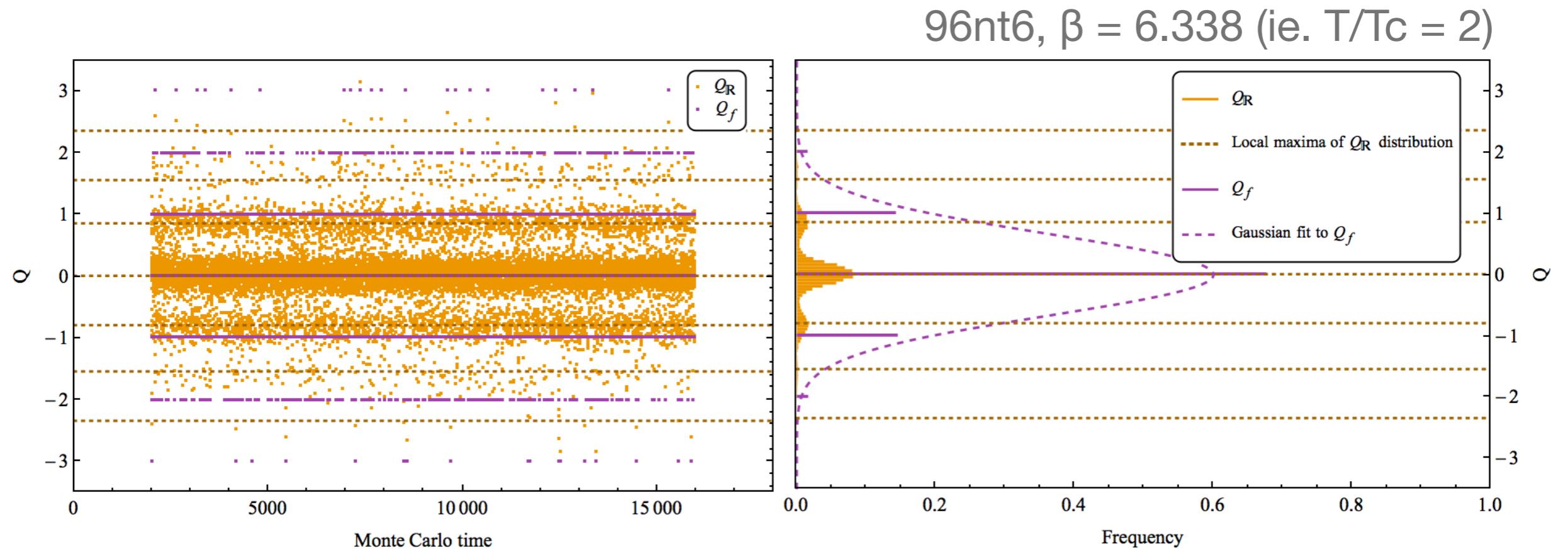
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- Measure higher moments? May be able to get  $x_4, x_6$ .
- Incorporate quarks
  - It may be sufficient to use heavy quarks.
- Fermionic definition of  $Q$
- Move to anisotropic lattices to alleviate finite-volume effects at high  $T$ .
- Fixed topology methods / open boundary conditions at high  $T$ .  
Aoki *et al.*, arXiv:0707.0396v2      Lüscher & Schaefer, arXiv:1105.4749
- Finite  $\theta$ :
  - Imaginary- $\theta$  has no sign problem
  - Real, finite  $\theta$  may be amenable to Langevin methods

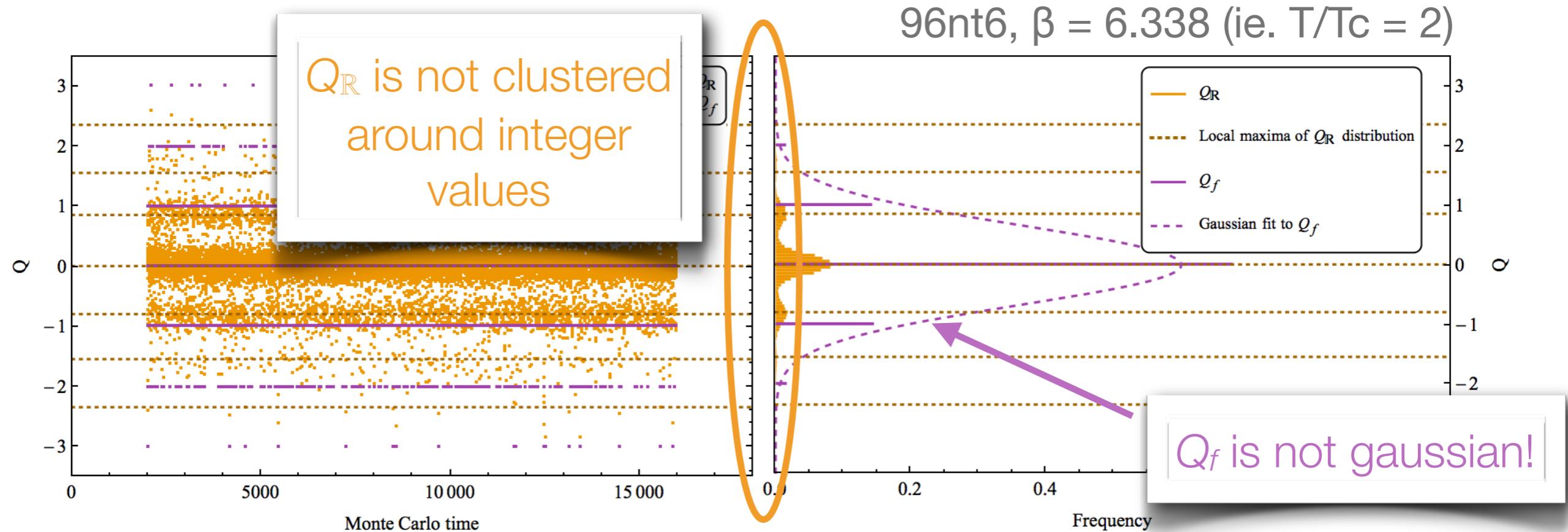
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# Example MC History



Topology fluctuates sufficiently for measuring  $\chi$

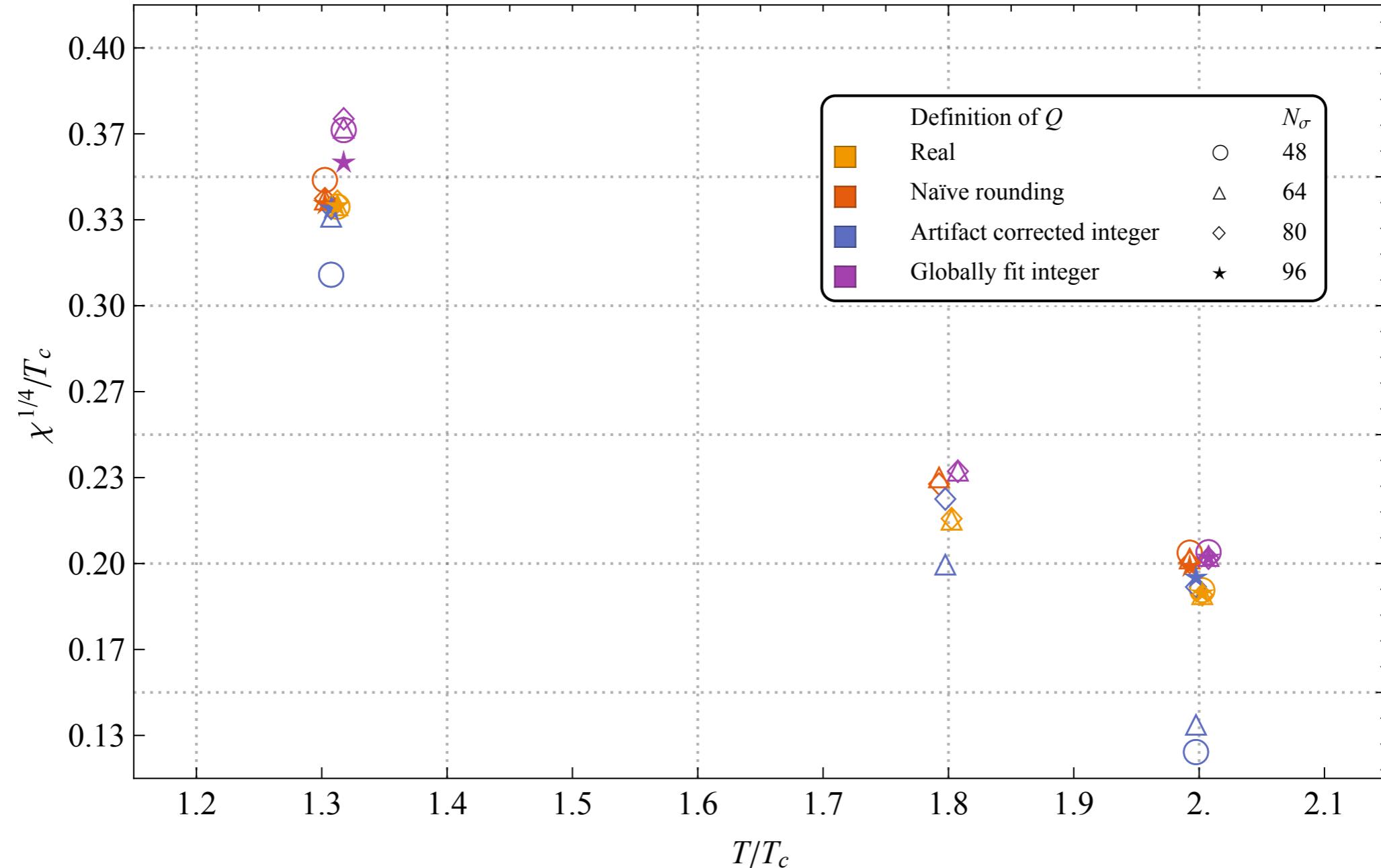
# Example MC History



Topology fluctuates sufficiently for measuring  $x$

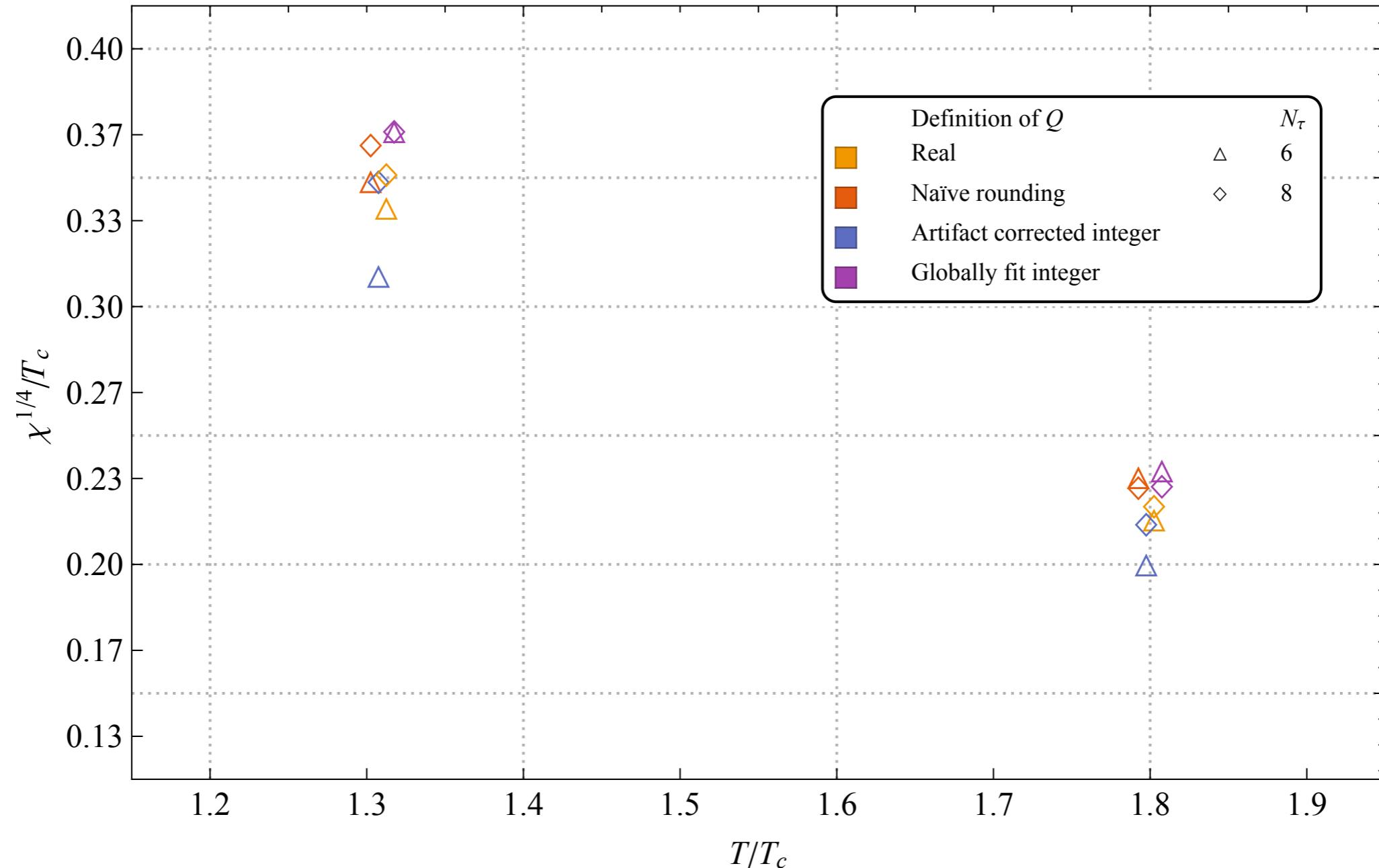
# Finite Volume Effects

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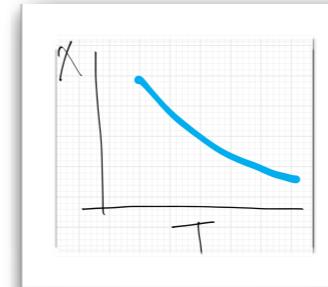


# Discretization Effects

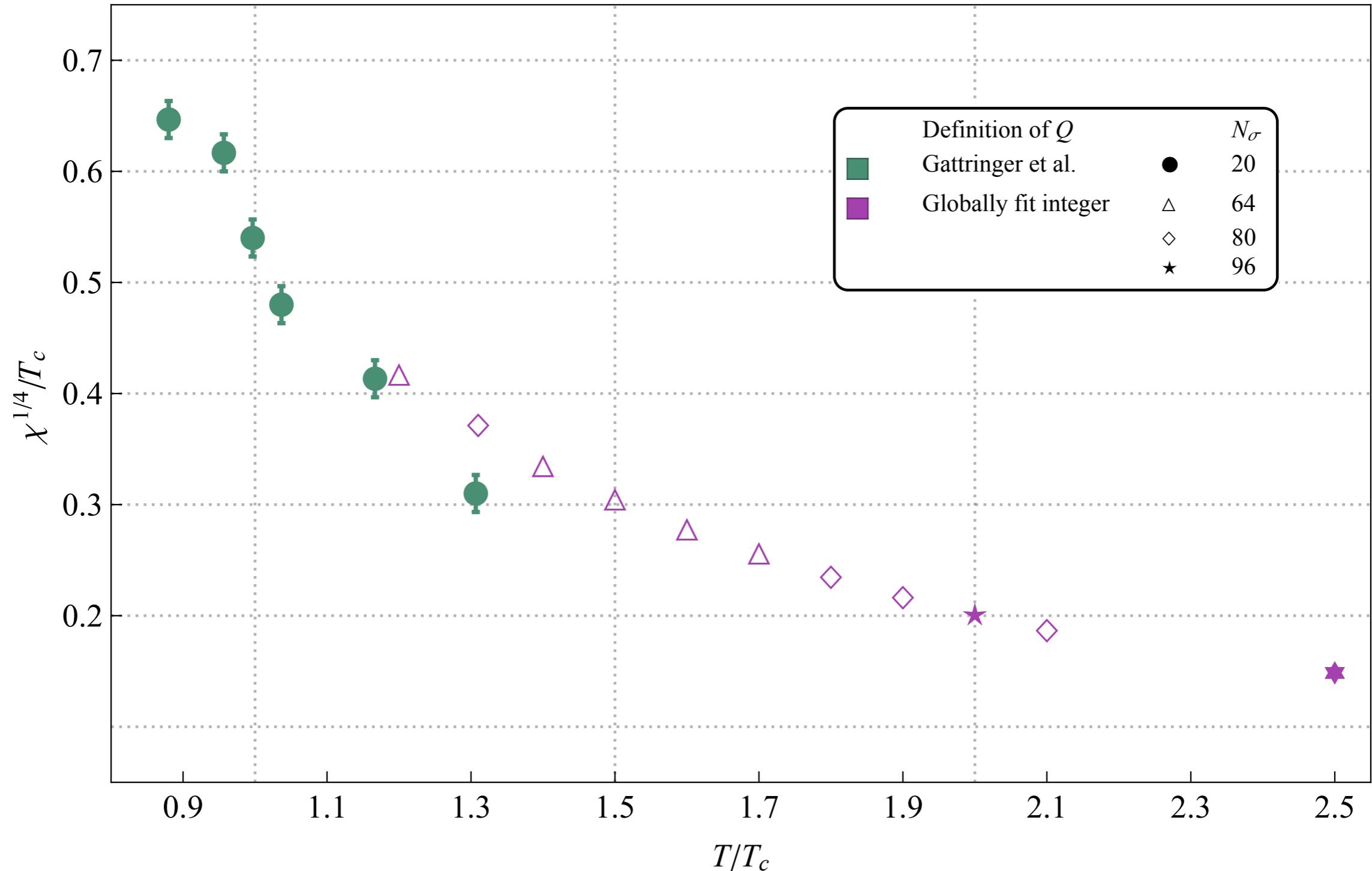
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# Comparison with Gattringer



Pure glue measurements  
show  $\chi$  vanishes as  $T \rightarrow \infty$



# Ensemble & Measurement Information

Berkowitz, Buchoff & Rinaldi, arXiv:1505.XXXX - possibly slightly outdated

$T/T_c$	$\beta$	$a\sqrt{\sigma}$	$N_\tau$	$N_\sigma$	$N_{meas}$	central value $\chi^{1/4}/T_c \pm \delta\chi^{1/4}/T_c$				statistical	measured from
						$Q_R$	$Q_Z$	$Q_a$	$Q_f$		
1.2	6.00106	0.2161	6	64	12000	0.3871 0.0013	0.3881 0.0013	0.3815 0.0013	<b>0.4193 0.0014</b>		
1.31	6.05386	0.1979	6	48	13600	0.3390 0.0011	0.3494 0.0010	0.3126 0.0010	0.3688 0.0012		
				64	34000	0.3401 0.0007	0.3423 0.0007	0.3356 0.0007	0.3701 0.0007		
				80	12000	0.3415 0.0011	0.3425 0.0011	0.3387 0.0011	<b>0.3734 0.0012</b>		
				96	12000	0.3401 0.0011	0.3409 0.0011	0.3392 0.0011	0.3570 0.0011		
	6.2423	0.1484	8	64	31998	0.3520 0.0010	0.3634 0.0010	0.3492 0.0010	0.3687 0.0011		
				96	12000	0.3542 0.0016	0.3561 0.0016	0.3537 0.0015	0.3707 0.0017		
1.4	6.0953	0.1852	6	64	52000	0.3095 0.0005	0.3154 0.0005	0.3077 0.0005	<b>0.3370 0.0006</b>		
1.5	6.1397	0.1729	6	64	52000	0.2816 0.0005	0.2930 0.0005	0.2835 0.0005	<b>0.3070 0.0005</b>		
1.6	6.1825	0.1621	6	64	51998	0.2568 0.0005	0.2721 0.0005	0.2586 0.0005	<b>0.2799 0.0005</b>		
1.7	6.22365	0.1525	6	64	22000	0.2367 0.0008	0.2535 0.0008	0.2329 0.0008	<b>0.2583 0.0009</b>		
1.8	6.26323	0.1441	6	64	22000	0.2181 0.0008	0.2346 0.0008	0.2007 0.0009	0.2372 0.0009		
				80	30000	0.2184 0.0006	0.2318 0.0006	0.2260 0.0006	<b>0.2367 0.0006</b>		
				6.47163	0.1080	8	96	12000	0.2233 0.0017	0.2305 0.0017	0.2163 0.0018
1.9	6.30132	0.1365	6	64	22000	0.2021 0.0008	0.2178 0.0009	0.1677 0.0011	0.2193 0.0009		
				80	32000	0.2021 0.0006	0.2159 0.0006	0.2090 0.0006	<b>0.2184 0.0006</b>		
1.99	6.55	0.0973	8	64	12795	0.2012 0.0030	0.2041 0.0036	0.1836 0.0037	0.2041 0.0036		
2.0	6.338	0.1297	6	48	13600	0.1903 0.0017	0.2048 0.0020	0.1275 0.0030	0.2050 0.0020		
				64	23598	0.1892 0.0010	0.2031 0.0011	0.1386 0.0014	0.2040 0.0011		
				80	24000	0.1888 0.0007	0.2014 0.0008	0.1919 0.0008	0.2030 0.0008		
				96	12000	0.1898 0.0009	0.2002 0.0009	0.1959 0.0009	<b>0.2037 0.0010</b>		
2.1	6.37331	0.1235	6	80	22000	0.1773 0.0008	0.1879 0.0009	0.1746 0.0009	<b>0.1887 0.0010</b>		
2.5	6.50204	0.1037	6	128	12000	0.1493 0.0008	0.1495 0.0011	0.1477 0.0010	0.1490 0.0011		
				144	13797	0.1496 0.0007	0.1525 0.0008	0.1513 0.0008	<b>0.1518 0.0008</b>		

$$Q_R = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \sum_x \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \square_{\mu\nu} \square_{\rho\sigma}$$

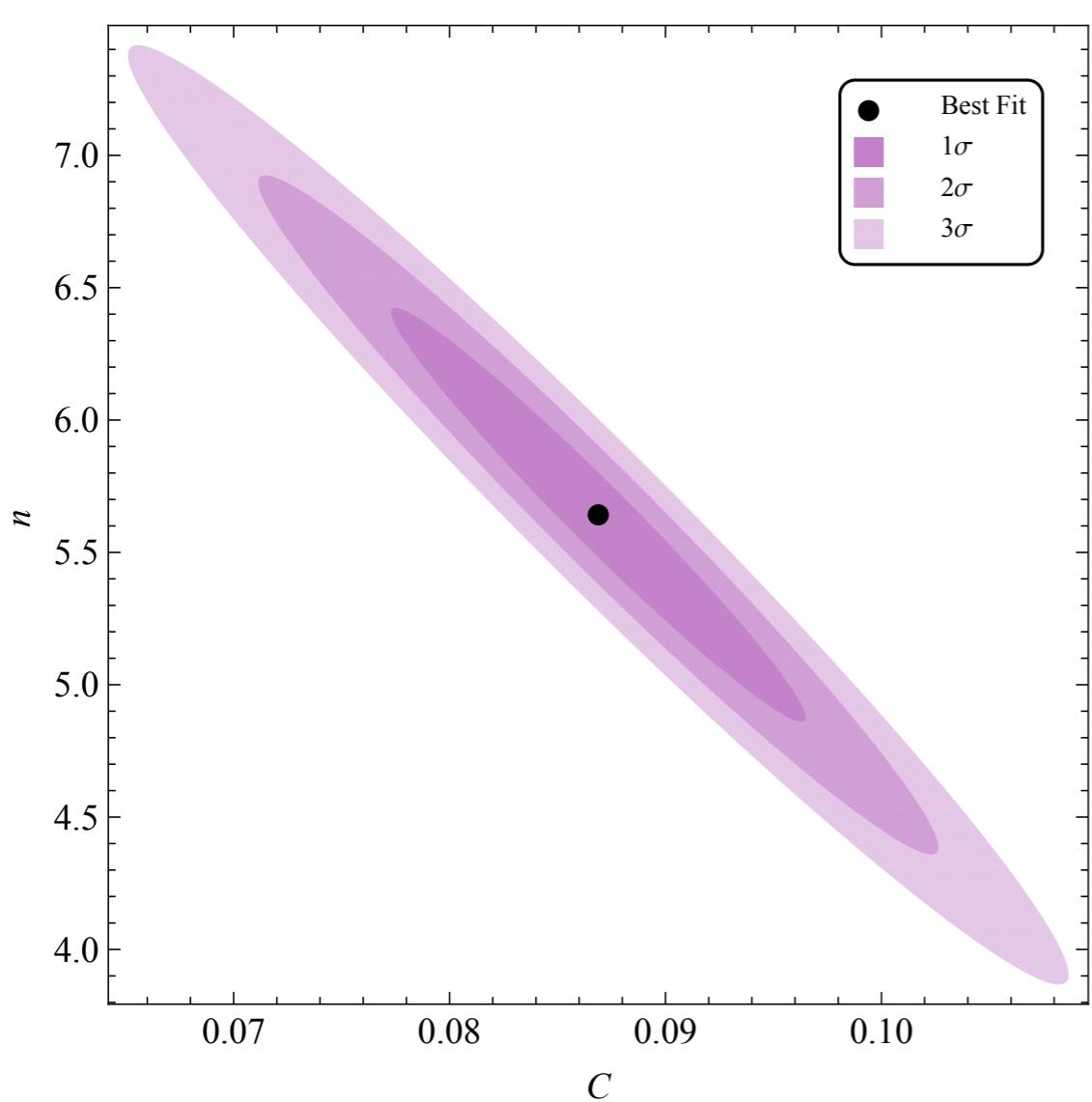
$Q_Z$  raw measurement

$Q_a$  artifact corrected  
Lucini & Teper, hep-lat/0103027

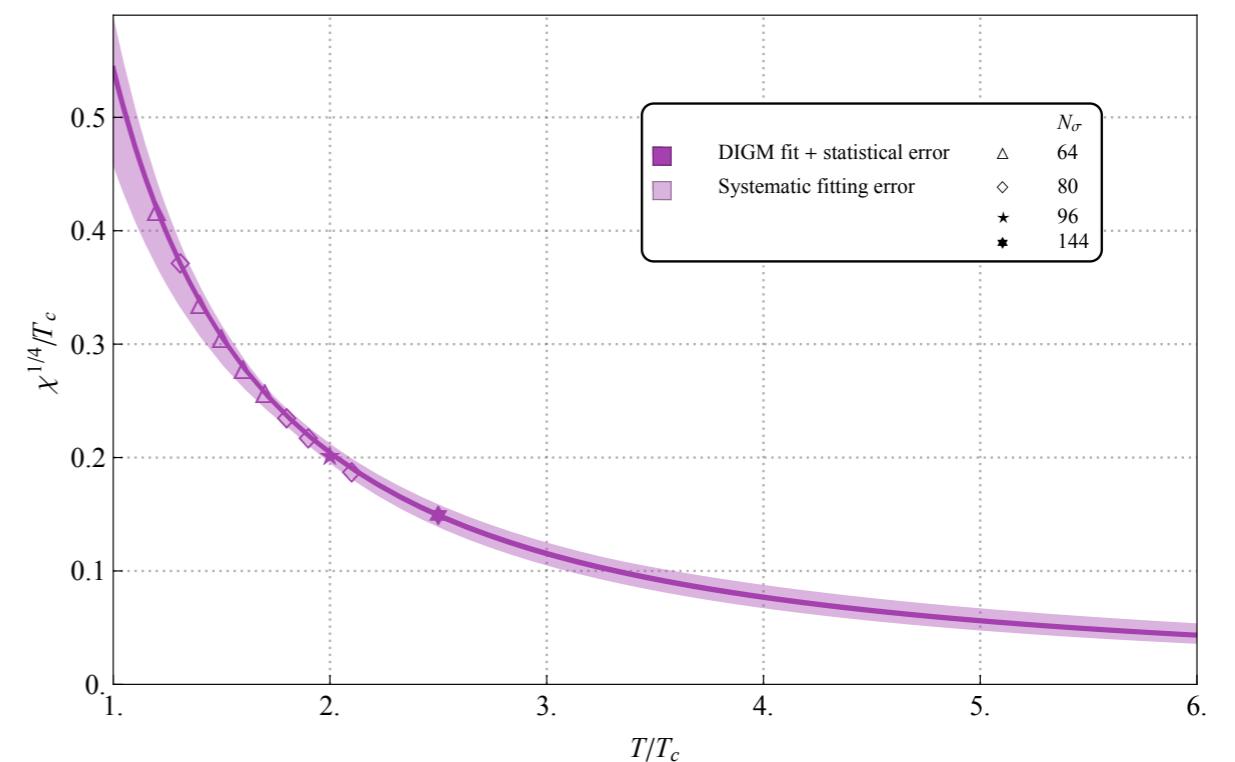
$Q_f$  globally fit  
del Debbio et al., hep-th/0204125

# Backup Slide: DIGM Best Fit

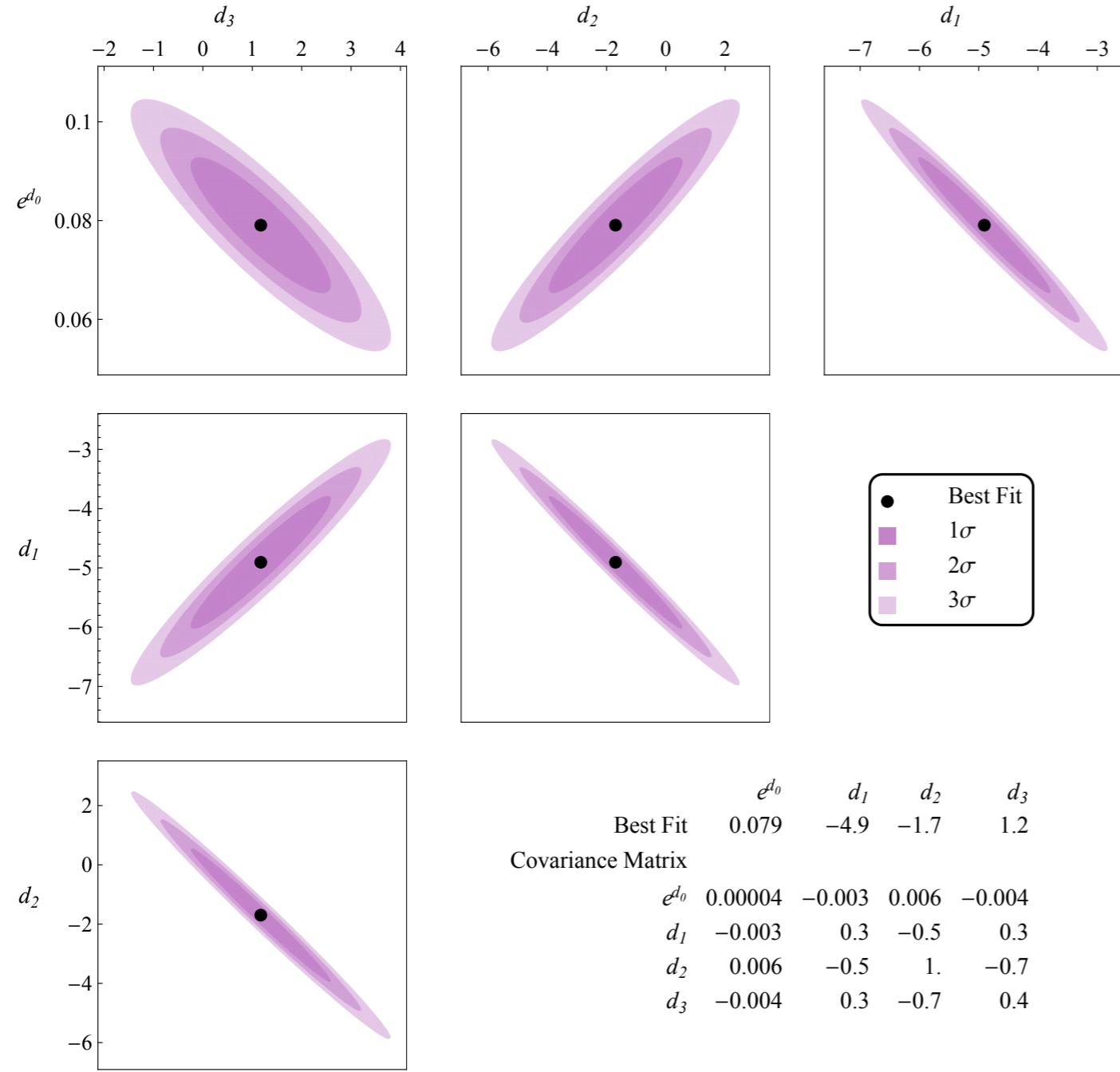
$$\frac{\chi}{T_c^4} = \frac{C}{(T/T_c)^n}$$



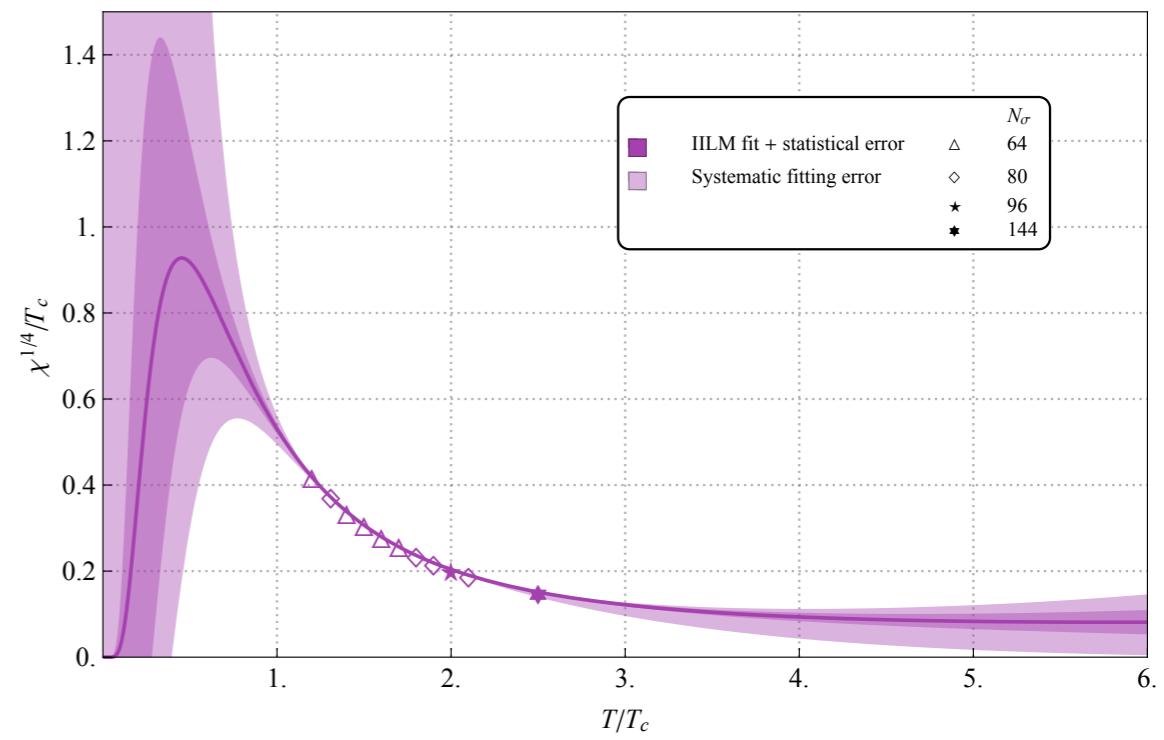
	$C$	$n$
Best Fit	0.0869	5.64
Covariance Matrix		
$C$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
$n$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	0.001



# Backup Slide: IILM Best Fit



$$\frac{\chi}{T_c^4} = \frac{e^{d_0}}{(T/T_c)^{-d_1}} \exp \left[ d_2 \left( \ln \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 + d_3 \left( \ln \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^3 \right]$$



# Backup Slide: Scale Setting Systematic

- Temperature is set through  $a\sigma^{1/2}(\beta_c)$  so that everything is naturally in units of  $T_c$

$$T_c^{\text{glue}} \approx 2T_c^{\text{QCD}}$$

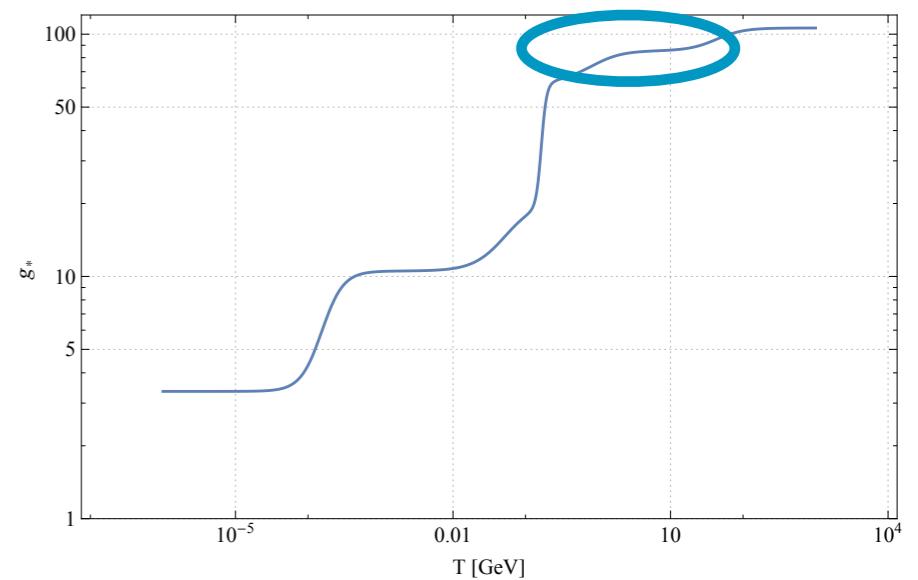
- $3H \sim m_a$  is a particularly fortuitous form

$$\frac{T}{T_c}(\beta, N_\tau) = \frac{a\sqrt{\sigma}(\beta_c)N_{\tau_c}}{a\sqrt{\sigma}(\beta)N_\tau}$$

$$H^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{90} \frac{1}{m_P^2} g_{*R}(T) T^4$$

$$\frac{\chi}{T_c^4} = \frac{9H^2 f_a^2}{T_c^4} \propto g_{*R} \left( \frac{T}{T_c} T_c \right) \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^4$$

Scale comes in extremely mildly



# Backup Slide: Cosmological R

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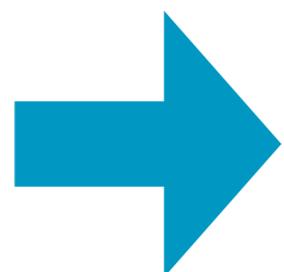
$$\left(\frac{\dot{R}}{R}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{kc^2}{R^2}$$

$$\ddot{R} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left( \rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right) R$$

EOS

$$\rho = \rho(T)$$

$$p = p(T)$$



$$T = T(t)$$
$$R = R(T)$$

State of Universe