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Probing light dark sector by invisible decays of dark and SM-like Higgs bosons at the ILC

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Motivations

There are many BSM models with the dark sector (DS).

- Dark sector connects with the SM sector via portal int.
- Most of them require small portal interactions.

Dark sector may be difficult to test...

- Can we construct models for the dark sector with sizable portal coupling?
- If yes, what is possible signals to probe the dark sector through the portal int.?

→ In this talk,

- We propose a simple renormalizable model that contains DS with sizable portal coupling.
- We show that (dark) Higgs invisible decays can probe light dark sector.

Simplest model of dark sector

We consider SM + Dark Higgs field:

SM Higgs doublet field: $H = \begin{pmatrix} G^+ \\ v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\rho + iG_0) \end{pmatrix}$

Dark Higgs field: $\langle \Phi \rangle = v_\Phi$

$$V = -m_\Phi^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda |\Phi|^4 + \underbrace{\lambda_P |H|^2 |\Phi|^2}_{\text{Portal coupling}} + \lambda_H |H|^4 - \mu_H^2 |H|^2 ,$$

Portal coupling

- There are two possibilities for the DS.
 - U(1) global symmetry \rightarrow Axion like particle
 - U(1) local symmetry \rightarrow Hidden photon (mass from $|D_\mu \Phi|^2$)

Discussion of 't Hooft naturalness

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Portal coupling

- The region with $\lambda_P \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ is favored region by the argument of naturalness.

[Gerard 't Hooft, NATO Sci.Ser.B 59 (1980) 135-157]

- In the limits $\lambda, \lambda_P, \lambda_H \rightarrow 0$, any symmetry is not restored.

- $\lambda, \lambda_{P,H} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ is natural, following the arguments of 't Hooft.

- This follows that v_Φ and m_Φ should be at around the EW scale.

Minimization conditions: $\mu_H^2 = \lambda_H v^2 + \frac{\lambda_P}{2} v_\Phi^2$ $\mu_\Phi^2 = \lambda_\Phi v_\Phi^2 + \frac{\lambda_P}{2} v^2$

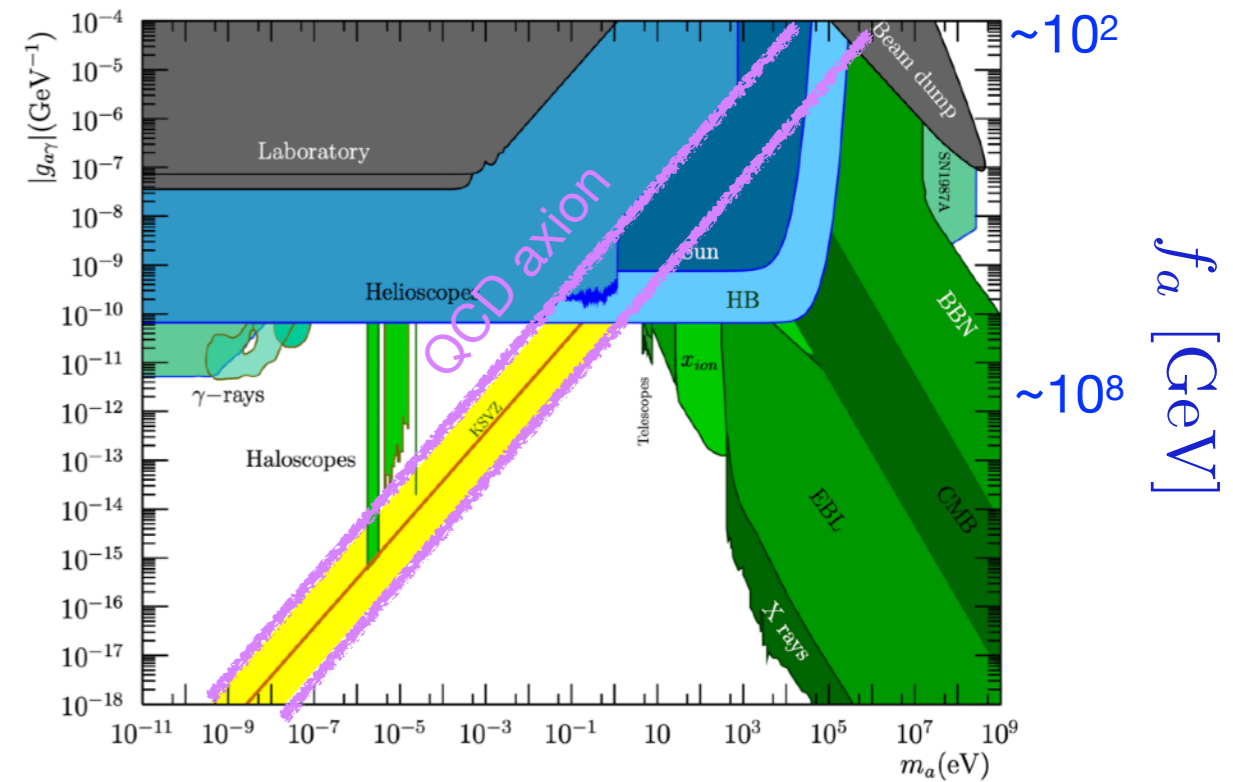
- $100\text{GeV} \sim \mu_H \sim v_\Phi \sim m_\Phi$

➔ v_Φ and $m_\Phi \sim v$ is favored parameter space by the naturalness.

Viability parameter space for axion/ALPs

QCD axion

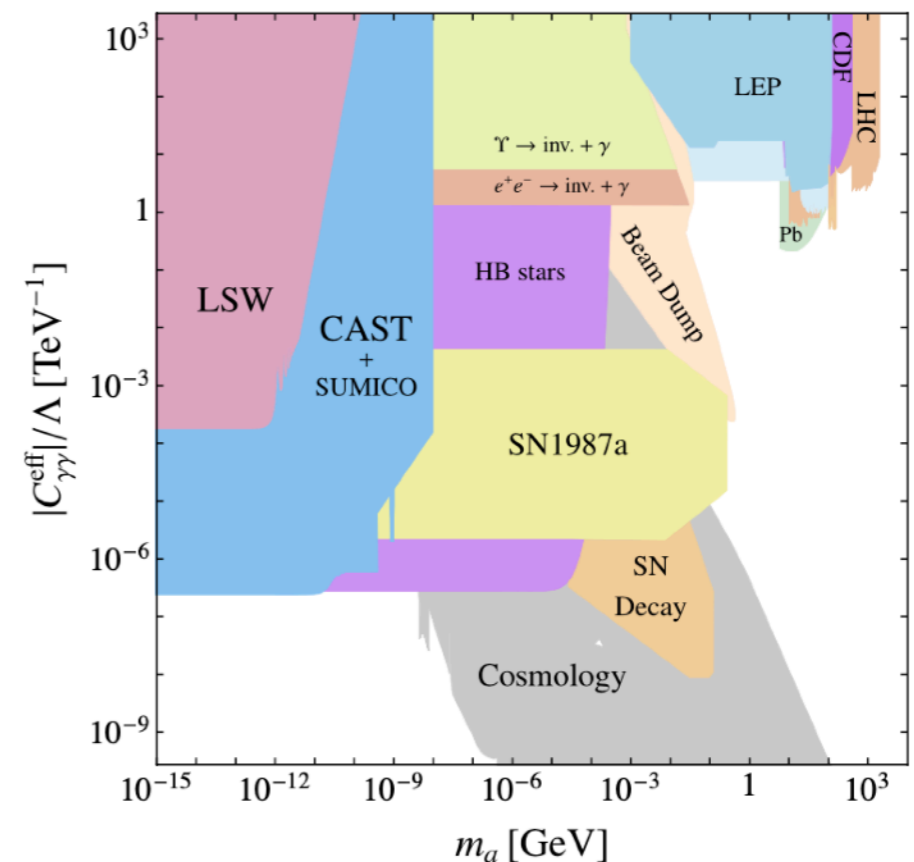
- $f_a \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ are excluded Lab exp. (Beam dump, Kaon decays)
- Viable parameter space: $f_a > 10^8 \text{ GeV}$
- This leads tiny portal coupling $\sim v^2 / f_a^2$.



Axion-like particle (ALP)

- f_a can be 1 TeV.
- $m_a > 1 \text{ GeV}$.
- This ALP wouldn't be DM.

➔ Can we construct models for the dark sector while keeping the VEV EW scale ?



A simple renormalization model

U(1) symmetric potential + soft breaking terms:

$$V = -m_{\Phi}^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda |\Phi|^4 + \lambda_P |H|^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda_H |H|^4 - \mu_H^2 |H|^2 ,$$

$$\delta V = \kappa \left(\sum_{j=1}^4 c_j \Phi m_{\Phi}^{4-j} \Phi^j + \sum_{j=1}^2 (\tilde{c}_j^H m_{\Phi}^{2-j} \Phi^j |H|^2 + \tilde{c}_j^{\Phi} m_{\Phi}^{2-j} \Phi^j |\Phi|^2) \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\text{SM Higgs doublet field: } H = \begin{pmatrix} G^+ \\ v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\rho + iG_0) \end{pmatrix} , \quad \text{Dark Higgs field: } \Phi = v_S + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s' + ia')$$

- κ corresponds to the order parameter of U(1) breaking.
 - We assume $\kappa \ll 1$. This may be natural in the sense that U(1) is restored in $\kappa \rightarrow 0$.
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 - It scales the mass of ALP $m_a^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(\kappa) v_{\Phi}^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(\kappa) m_{\Phi}^2$ ($v_{\Phi} \sim m_s \gtrsim v$)
- Higgs potential ($V+\delta V$) has CP symmetry

$$V = V(|H|^2, |\Phi|^2) \quad \delta V = \delta V(|H|^2, s', a') \quad \longrightarrow \quad (CP)\delta V(|H|^2, s', a')(CP)^{\dagger} = \delta V(|H|^2, s', a')$$

CP-even ALP

- The ALP field mixes with the CP-even components ρ and s' .

$$\begin{pmatrix} h \\ s \\ a \end{pmatrix} = R(\theta_{hs}, \theta_{sa}, \theta_{ah}) \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ s' \\ a' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{SM Higgs doublet : } H = \begin{pmatrix} G^+ \\ v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\rho + iG_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Dark Higgs singlet: } \Phi = v_S + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s' + ia')$$

h : SM-like Higgs boson , s : dark Higgs boson , a : ALP

- The mixing angle between h and a can be expressed by

$$\theta_{ah} \simeq \frac{2 \mathcal{M}_{ah}^2}{\mathcal{M}_{hh}^2 - \mathcal{M}_{aa}^2} \sim c_h \frac{m_a^2}{m_h m_\Phi}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{ah} \sim \kappa v v_\Phi \sim m_a^2$$

c_h is function of c_i .

- Though the mixing with the SM Higgs boson, couplings of ALP with SM fields are generated.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int.}} \ni -\theta_{ah} \frac{m_f}{v} a \bar{f} f - i g_{af} a \bar{f} \gamma_5 f$$

← The model ($V+\delta V$) has CP symmetry.

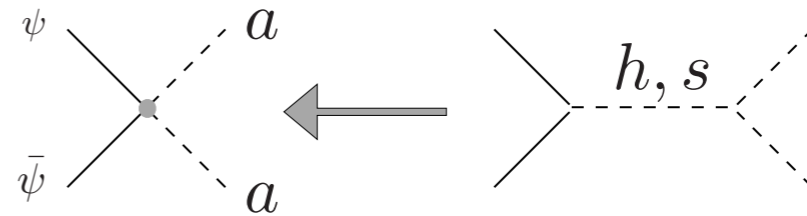
→ ALP has the couplings of **CP-even scalar**.

→ The couplings scale with **the mass of ALP**.

CP-even ALP as DM

- The ALP-fermion couplings are suppressed by taking small m_a .
 - We can avoid constraints from laboratory exp. (Beam dump, meson decays ..)
 - The couplings are not controlled by the portal coupling λ_P
- If λ_P is not small, the ALP can be thermally produced:

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}m_\psi}{\Lambda_H^2 m_h^2} \partial a \partial a \bar{\psi} \psi \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda_H^2} \equiv -\frac{\lambda_P}{m_s^2 - m_h^2}$$

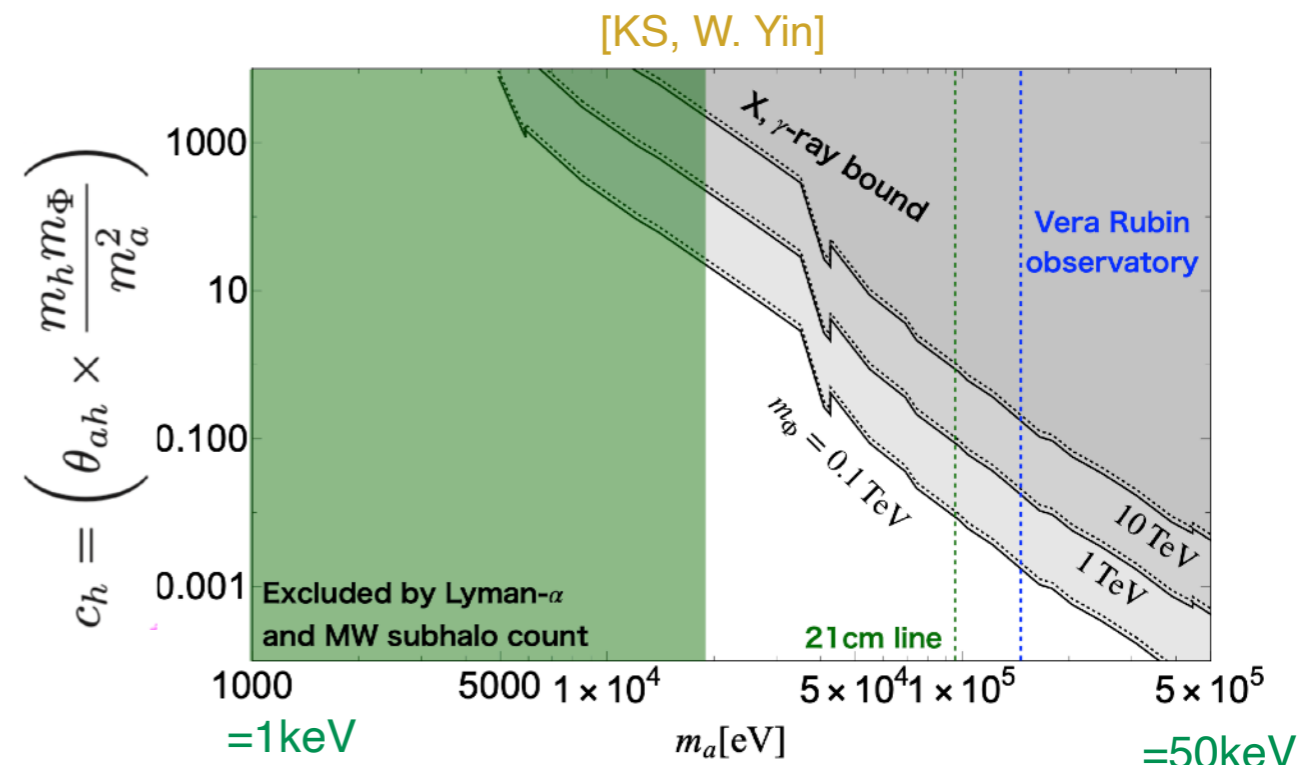
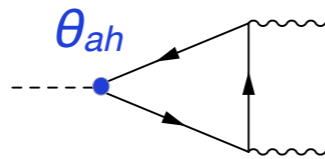


- The correct relic density can be obtained:

$$\Omega_a \sim 0.35 \frac{m_a}{20 \text{ keV}} \left(\frac{m_\psi}{\text{GeV}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{T_R}{2 \text{ GeV}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{3 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda_H}\right)^4$$

- The lifetime can be larger than the age of the Universe in $m_a \lesssim 1 \text{ MeV}$.

$$\Gamma_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \simeq \frac{m_a^7}{\pi^5 v^2 m_h^2 m_\Phi^2}$$



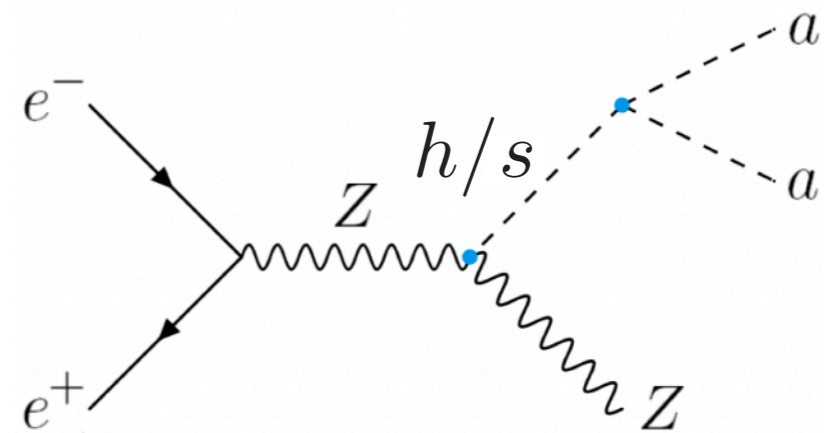
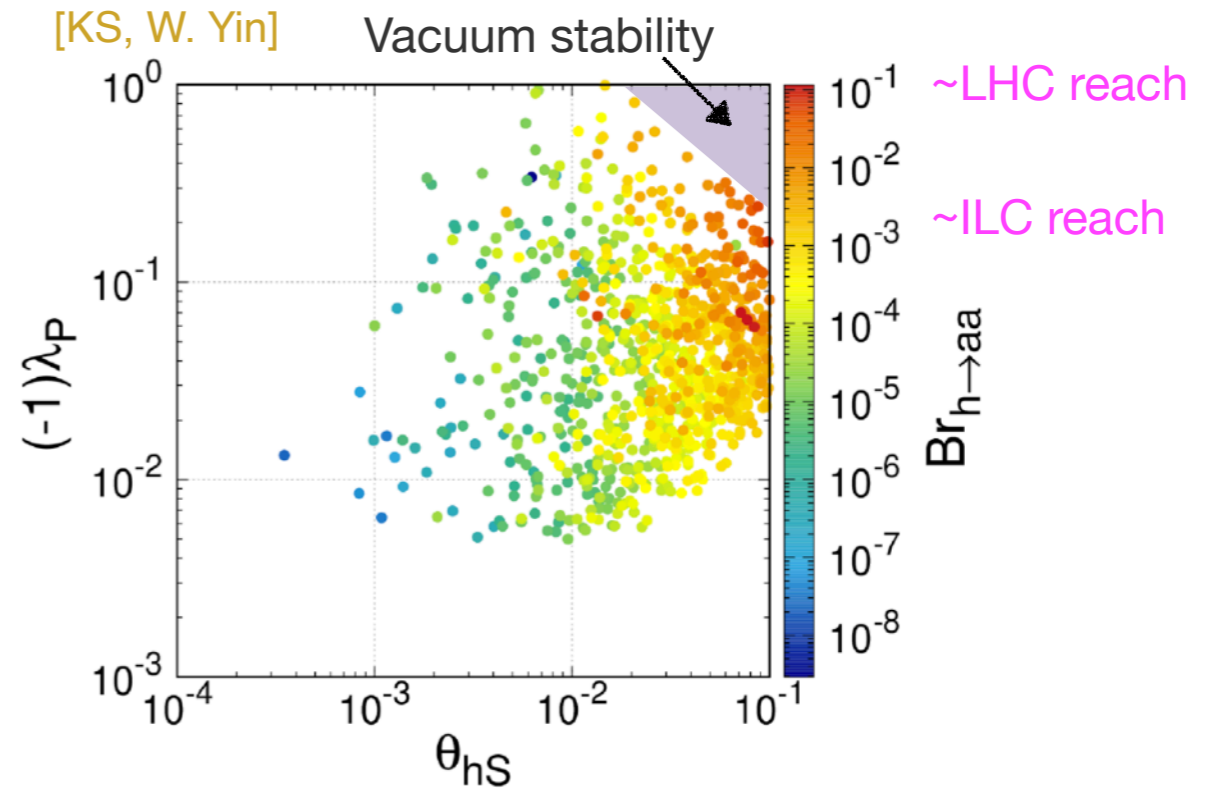
How can we search CP even ALP?

The Higgs boson -ALP interaction is not small in the case of $\lambda_P \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$, $m_s \sim \mathcal{O}(100)\text{GeV}$.

$$(h(\partial a)^2) : -\frac{\lambda_P v}{m_s^2 - m_h^2} h(\partial a)^2$$

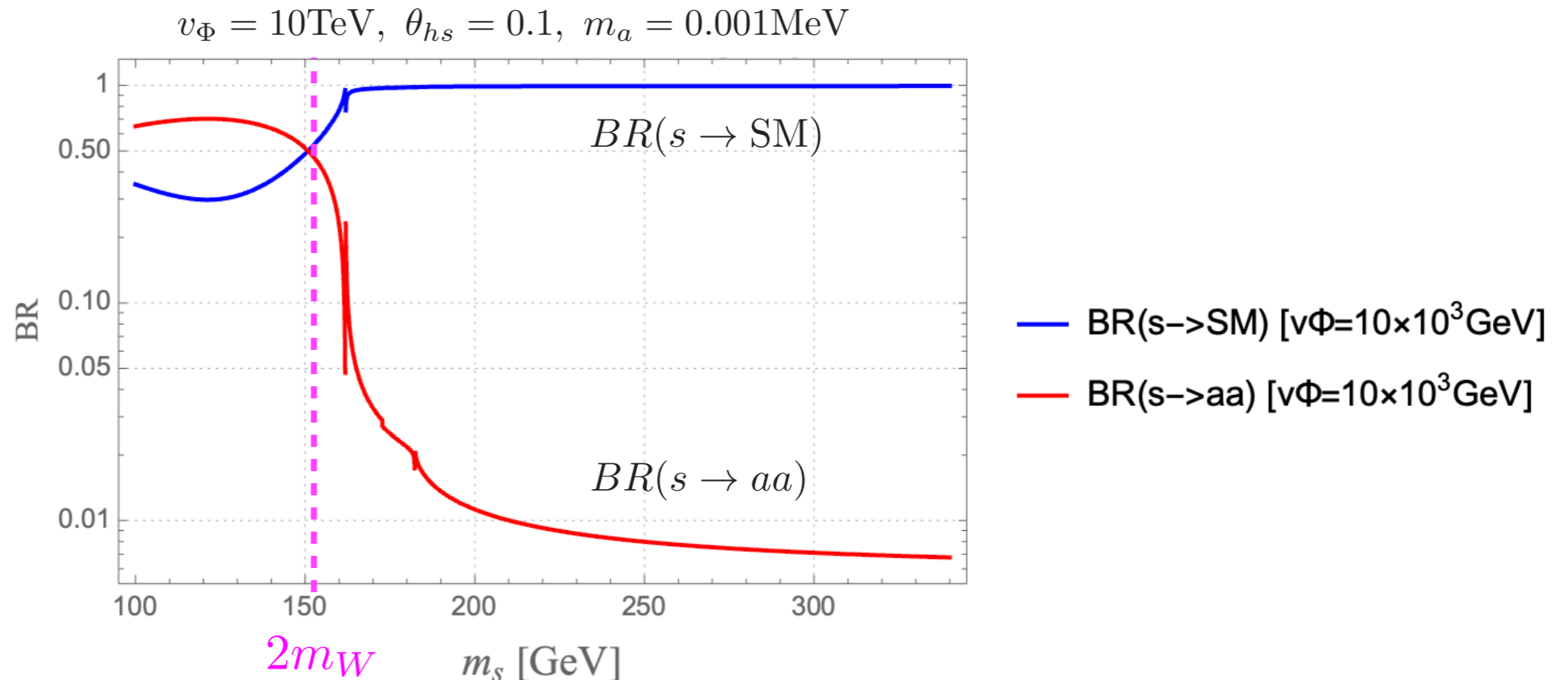
→ ALP can be tested by the Higgs boson invisible decay.

→ We have studied $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh/s \rightarrow Zaa$ at the ILC with $\sqrt{s} = 250 \text{ GeV}$.



When does the dark Higgs boson affect to the signal process?

We have two contributions (h,s) to $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh/s \rightarrow Zaa$



In addition, above $2m_W$ ($\sim 250 - m_h$) on-shell s is not produced.

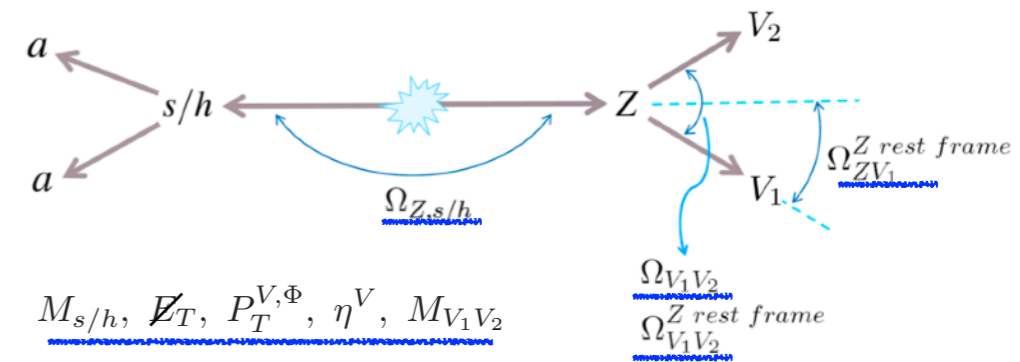
→ We assume that s is enough light to be produced at the ILC 250 GeV

$$63\text{GeV} \lesssim m_s \lesssim 160\text{GeV}$$

Collider analysis

- We studied 7 signal regions (SR).
- Collider simulation is performed by Madgraph, Pythia, Delphes, FastJet.
- To separate signal and backgrounds, we use 9 discriminating variables.

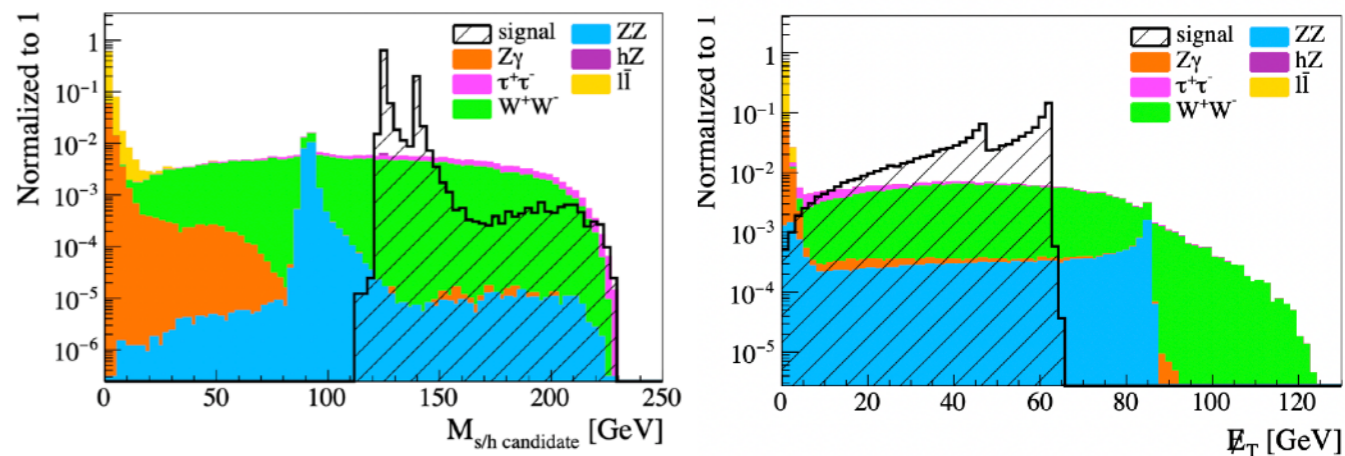
Signal region:	Decay mode	BR
SR1:	$q\bar{q}$	0.699
SR3:	e^-e^+	0.034
SR2:	$\mu^-\mu^+$	0.034
SR4:	$\tau^-\tau^+$ (hadronic)	0.014
SR5,6:	$\tau^-\tau^+$ (semileptonic)	0.015
SR7:	$\tau^-\tau^+$ (leptonic)	0.004



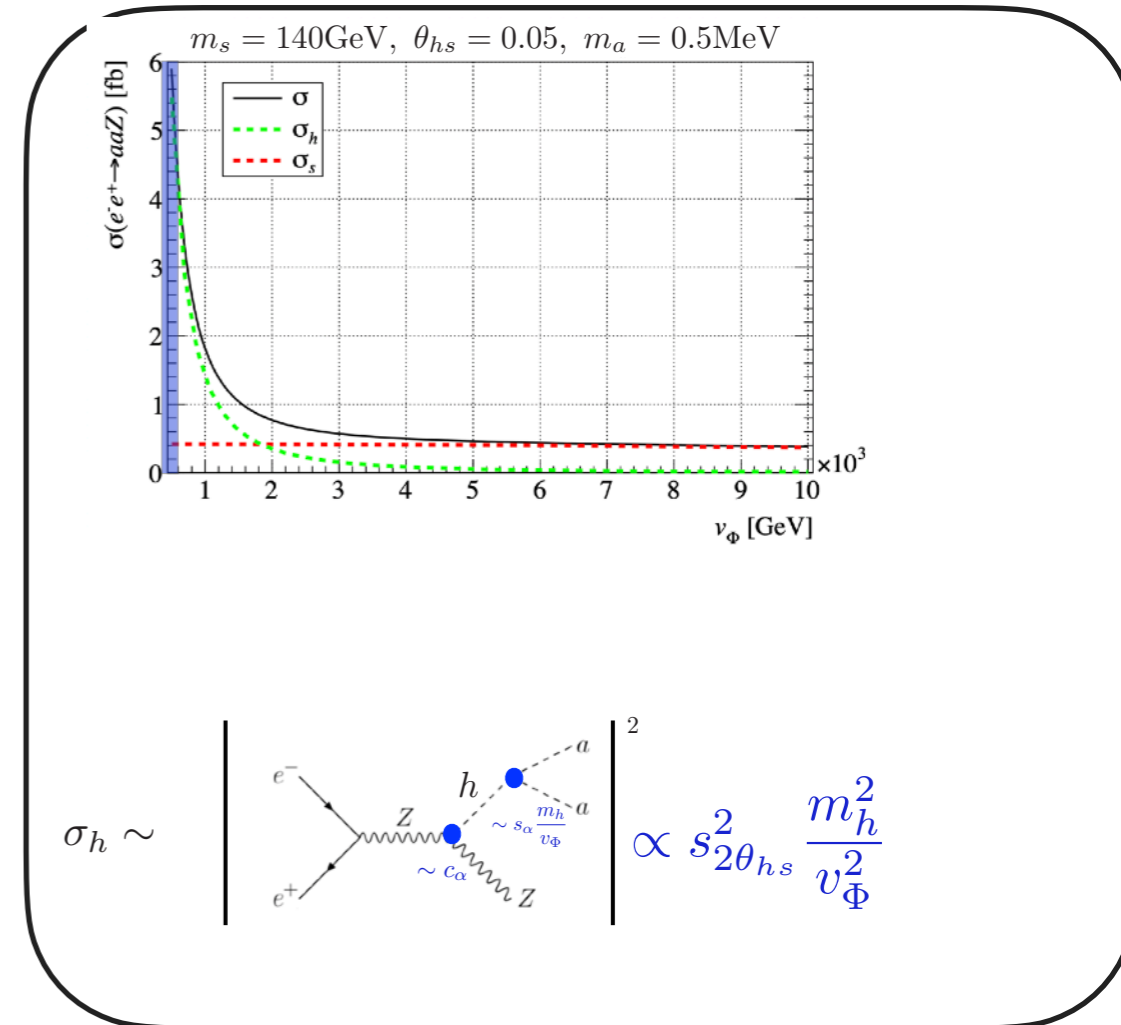
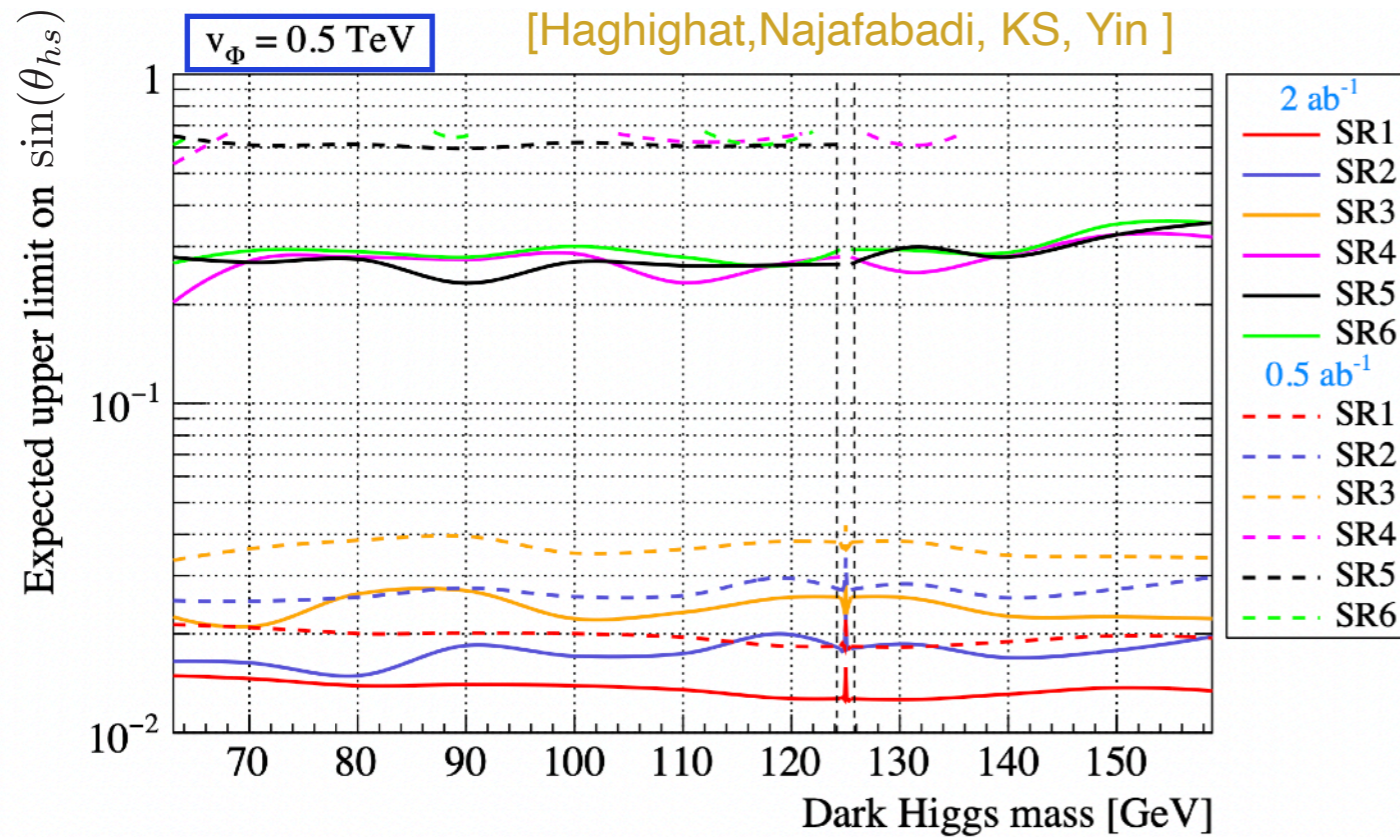
- To get better sensitivity, we employed a multivariate technique by utilizing the TMVA package. BDT algorithms are used.

→ Due to characteristic distributions, $M_{s/h}$, E_T , $\Omega_{\mu_1\mu_1}$ have the most discriminating powers.

SR2 $v_\Phi = 1\text{TeV}$, $m_s = 140\text{GeV}$, $\theta_{hs} = 0.05$



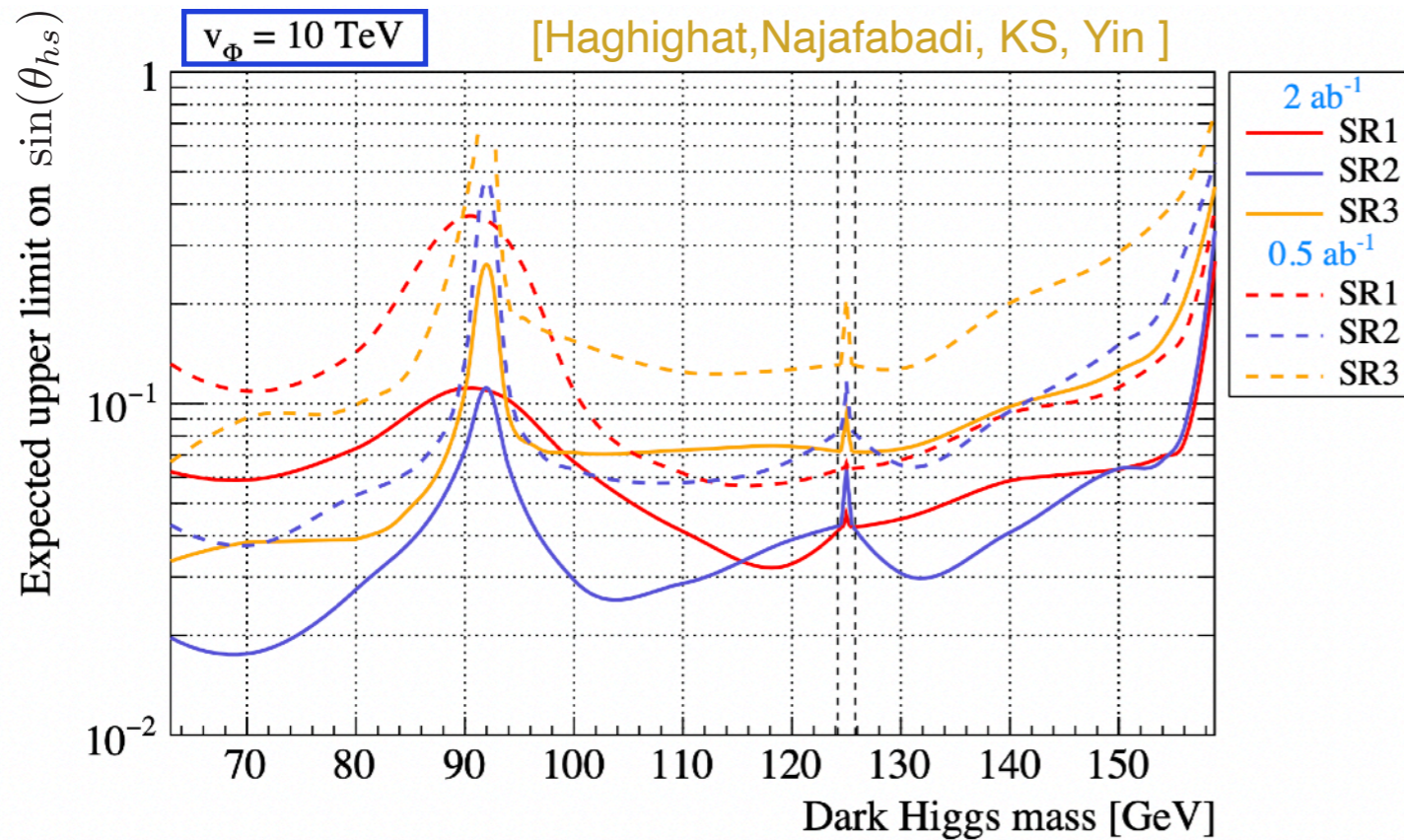
Sensitivity for the mixing angle for $v_\phi=500\text{GeV}$



- Main contributions: $\sigma \sim \sigma_h$
- Strongest limit: SR1 $\sin \theta_{hs} \lesssim 0.015$
(Large event selection efficiency)
- The limits are almost independent of m_s .

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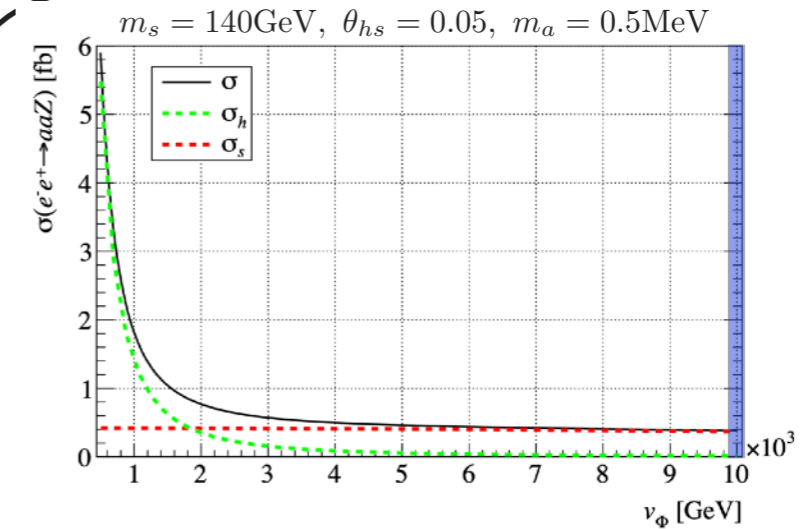
Sensitivity for the mixing angle for $v_\phi=10\text{TeV}$



- Main contributions: $\sigma \sim \sigma_s$
- Strongest limit: SR2 $\sin \theta_{hs} < 0.02 - 0.1$

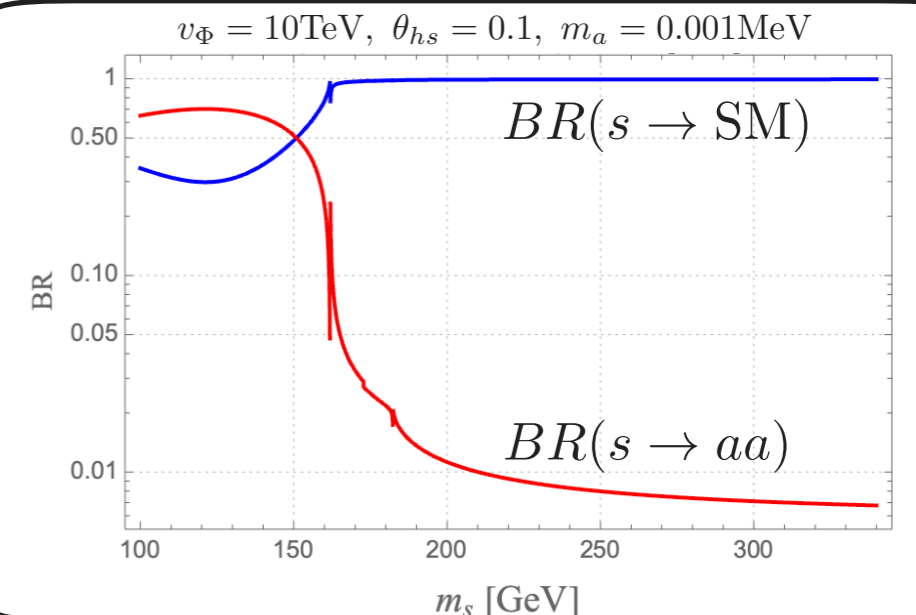
(For SR1, separation of signal and BG is difficult due to small σ)

- The limits depend on m_s .
- Even when $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow aa) \ll 1$, CP-even ALP can be probed by the invisible decays of s .



$$\sigma_h \sim \left| \begin{array}{c} e^- \\ e^+ \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} Z \\ Z \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{c} h \\ s \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} a \\ a \end{array} \right|^2 \propto s_{2\theta_{hs}}^2 \frac{m_h^2}{v_\phi^2}$$

$$\sigma_s \simeq \sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow Zs) \cdot \text{BR}(s \rightarrow aa) = \Gamma_{s \rightarrow aa} / (\Gamma_{s \rightarrow aa} + \Gamma_{s \rightarrow SM})$$

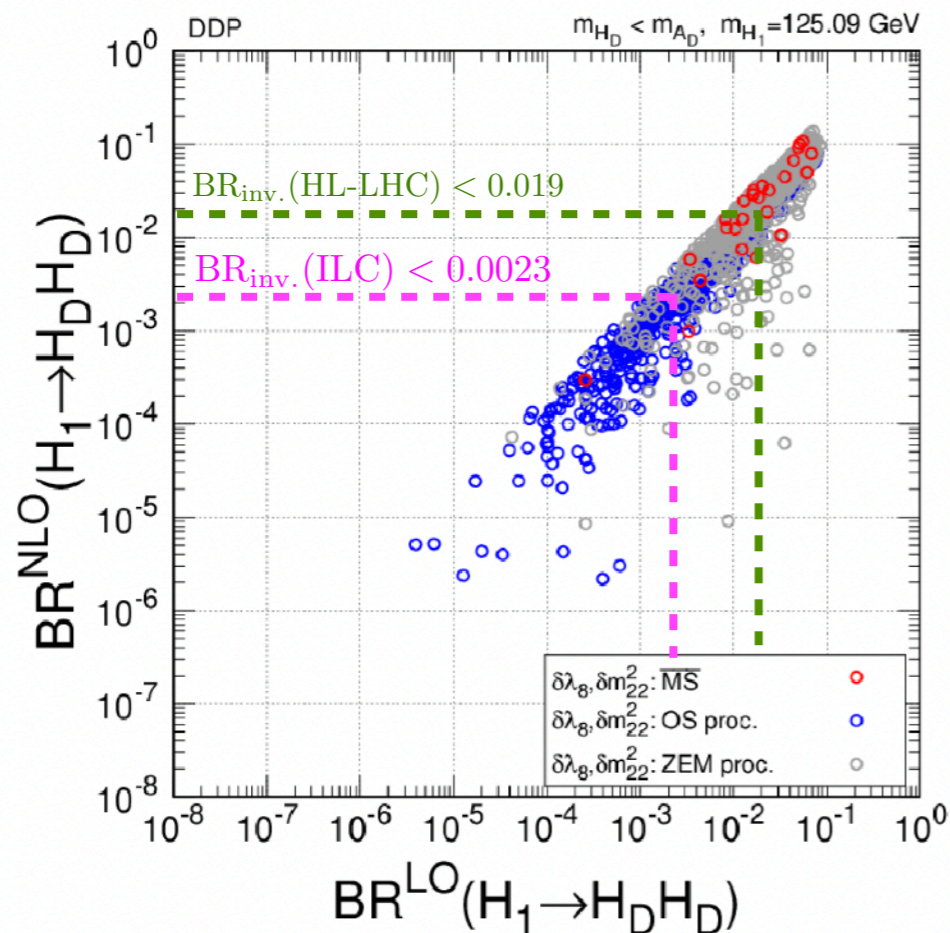


Impact of loop effects of extra scalars to $h \rightarrow \text{DM DM}$

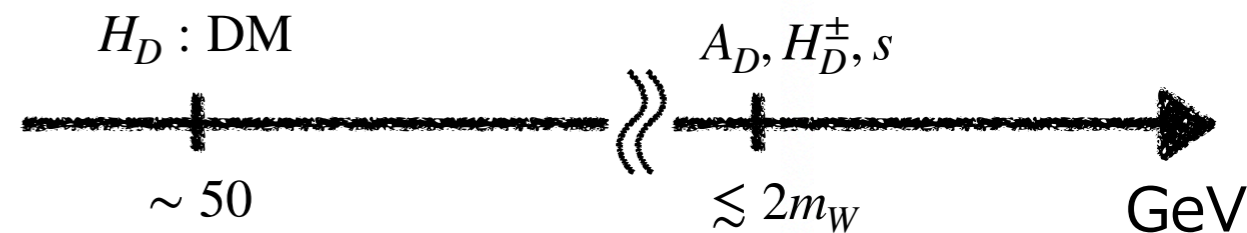
- $m_s < 2m_W \rightarrow$ Invisible decays of h, s
- $2m_W < m_s \rightarrow$ Loop effect of s to h invisible decay

Correlation between BR^{NLO} and BR^{LO} for $h \rightarrow \text{DM DM}$

[D. Azevedo P. Gabriel, M. Mühlleitner, KS, R. Santos]



The model with dark Higgs s
+ inert scalars H_D, A_D, H_D^\pm



\rightarrow There are points where $\text{BR}^{\text{NLO}} < \text{BR}^{\text{LO}}$.

\rightarrow Loop effect of extra scalars can be important in future measurements of Higgs invisible decays.

Summary

- We discussed a simple renormalizable model that involves dark Higgs field with the VEV at EW scale.
- The predicted ALP has the coupling like the CP-even scalar.
- It can be DM in the mass range of keV - MeV.
- We studied sensitivity regions by $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh/s \rightarrow Zaa$ at the ILC 250GeV.
 - Dark Higgs s contribution is important, especially $v_\Phi \sim \text{TeV}$.
 - Even if s is quite heavy, the loop corrections can affect to h invisible decay.