

# Effectively probing physics beyond the Standard Model

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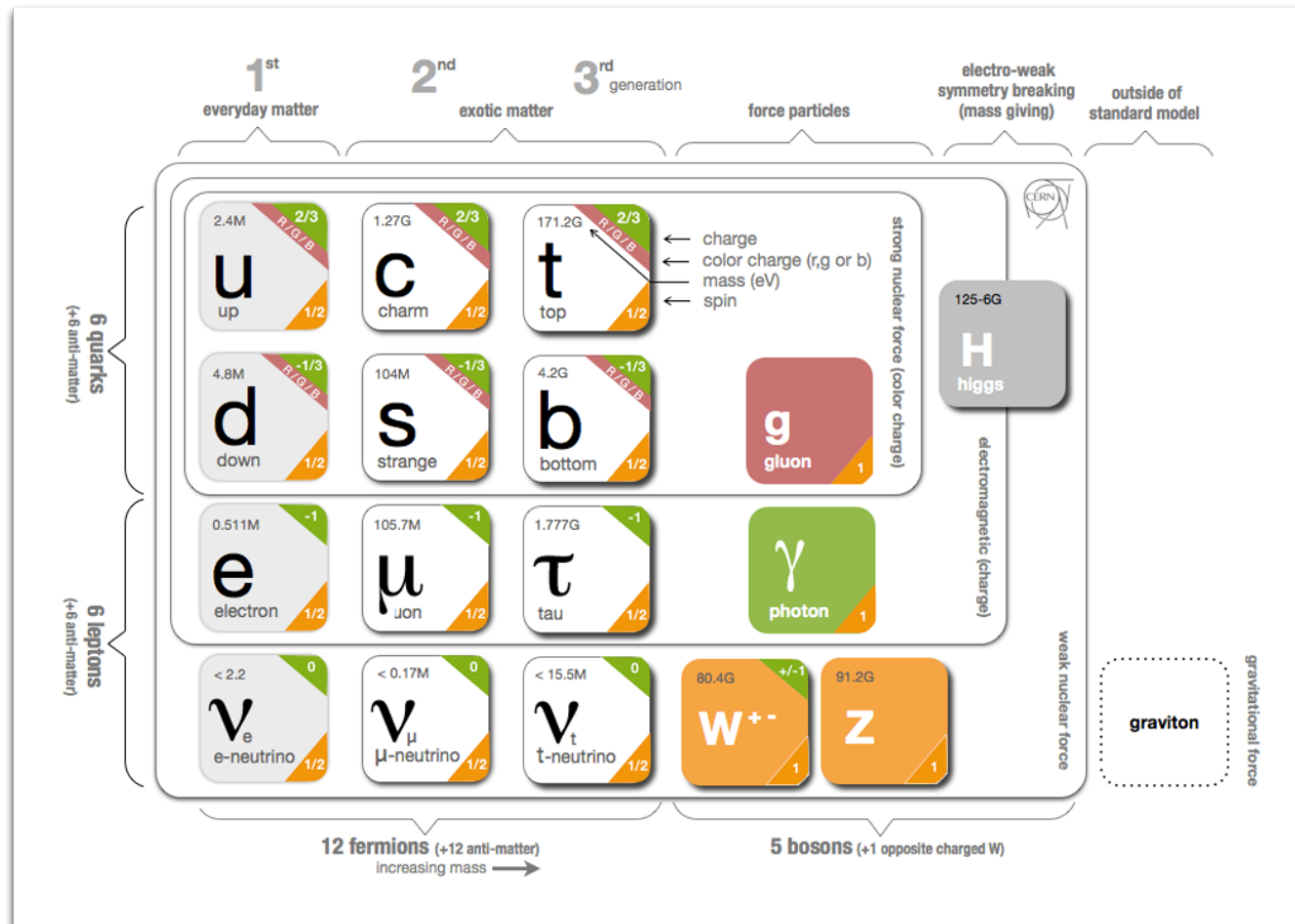


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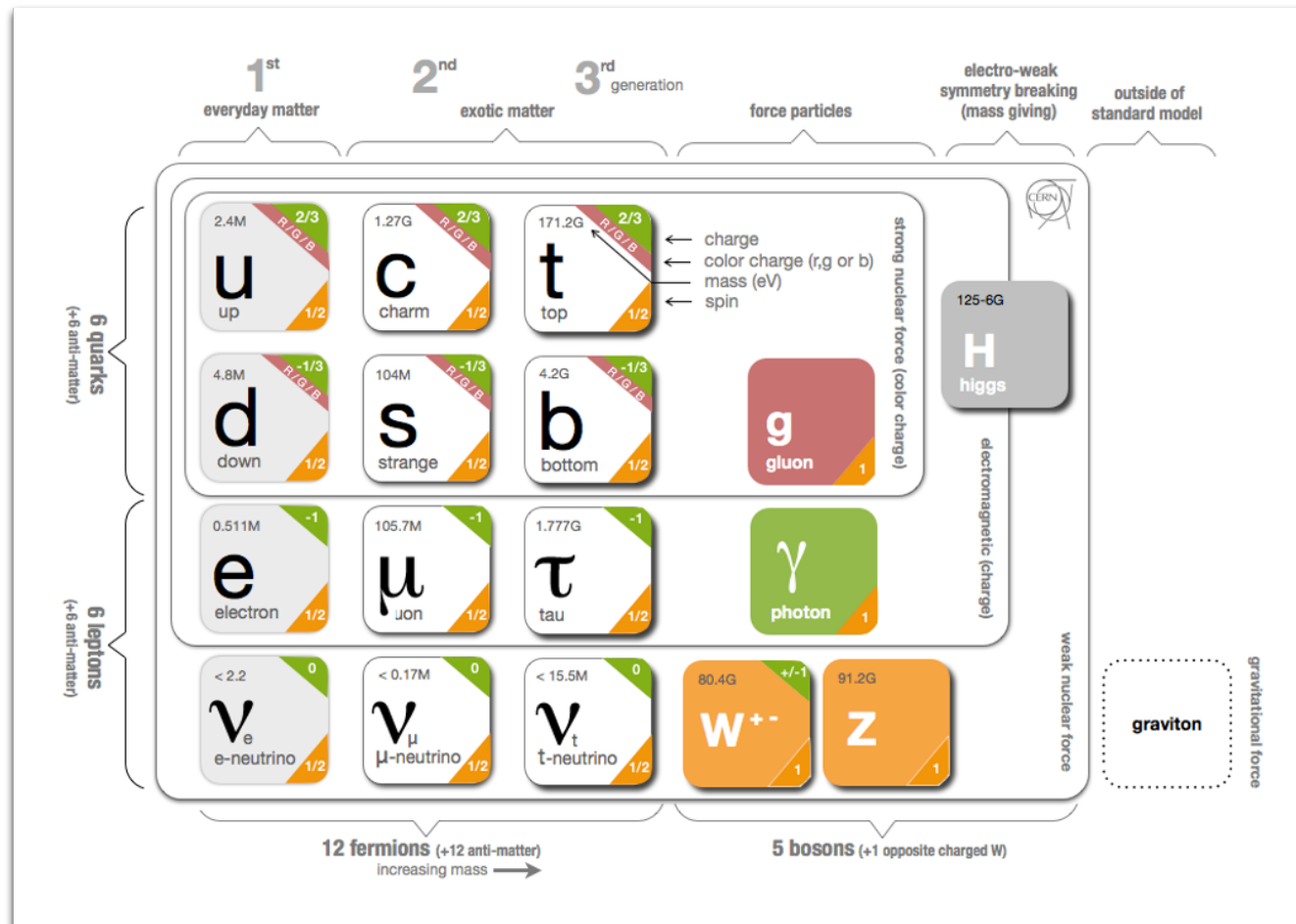
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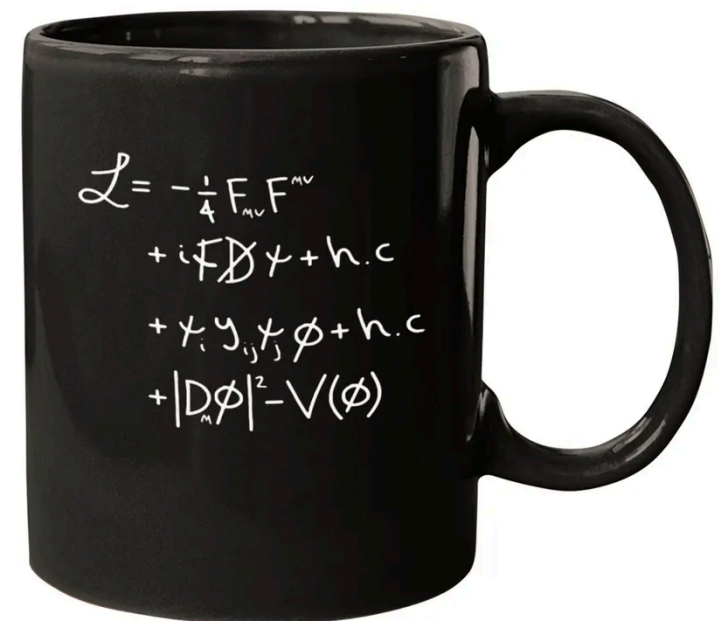


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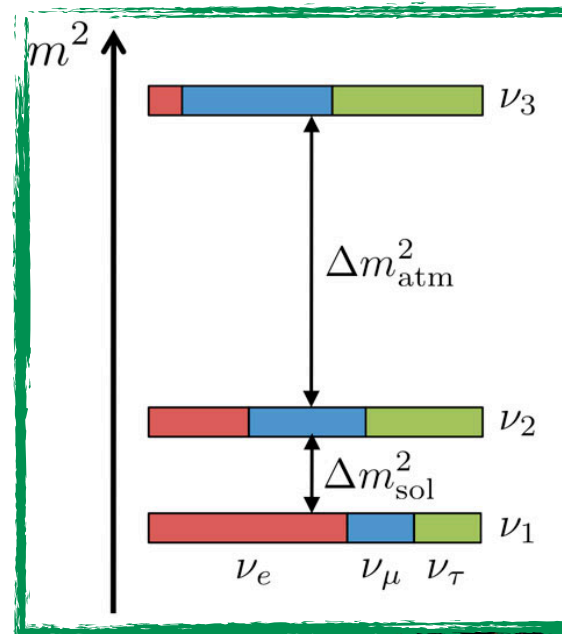
- **Makes a lot of correct predictions**
- (Fits on a coffee mug)



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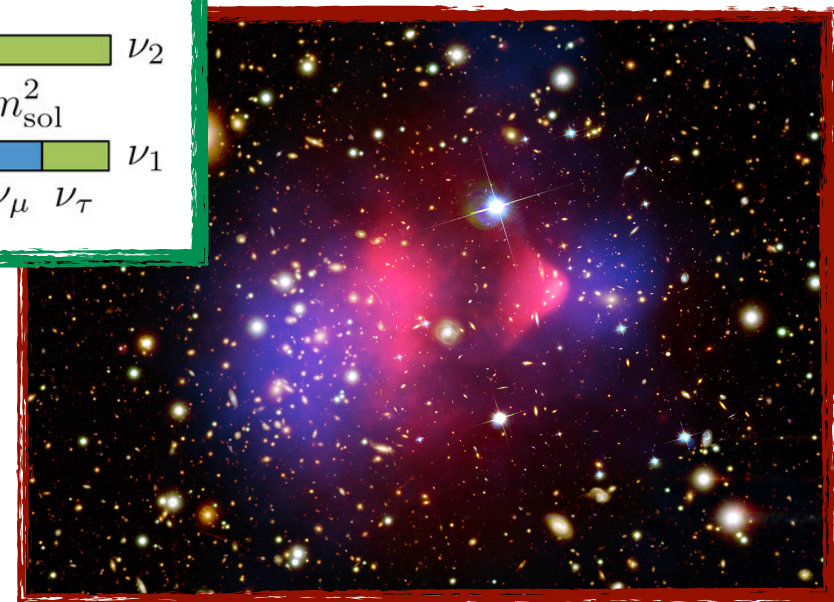
## Open questions

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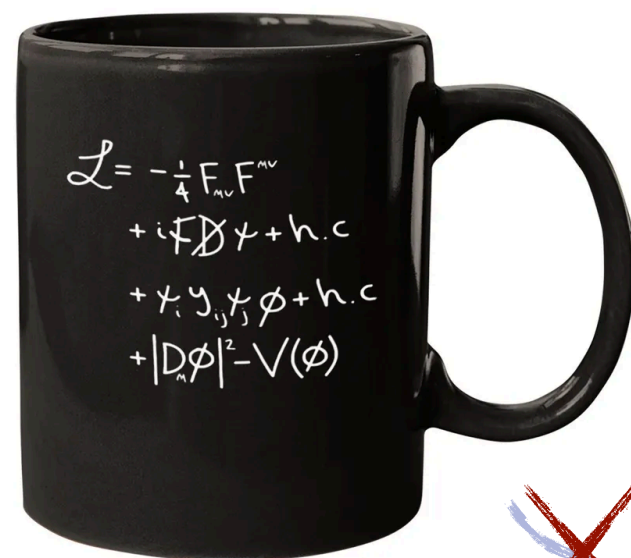


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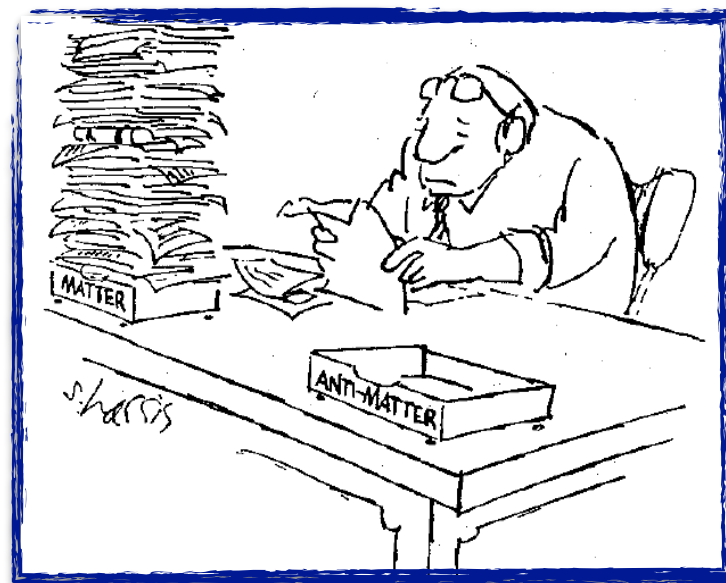
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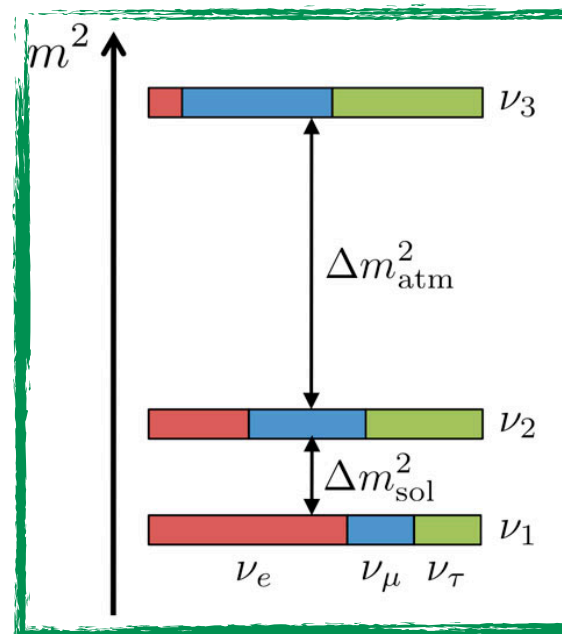


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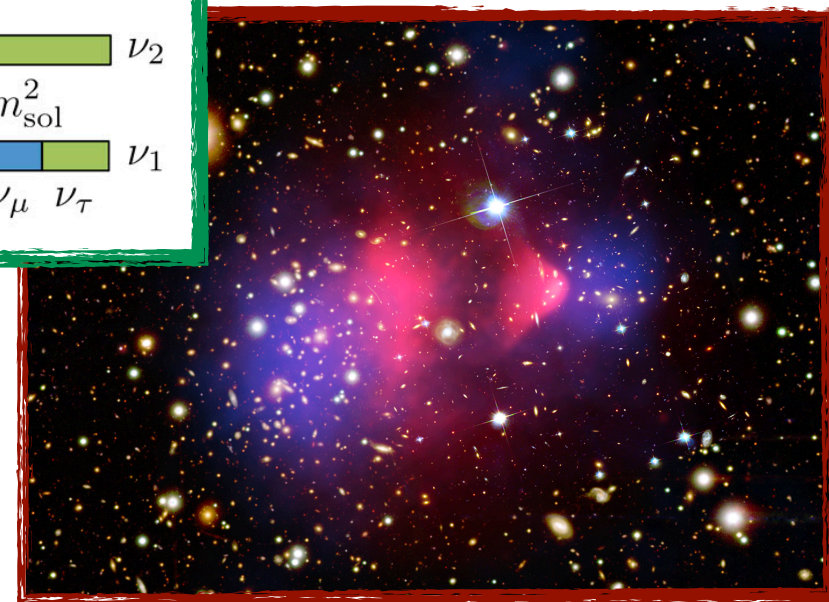
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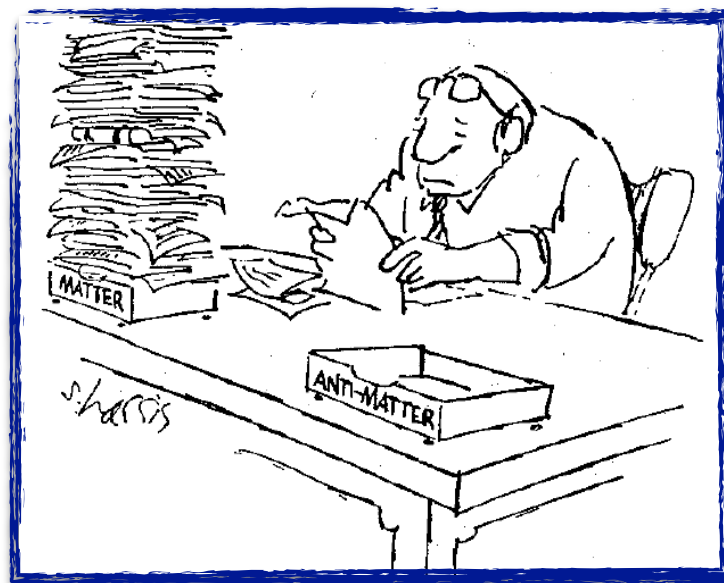
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**Answers require  
new particles and interactions**

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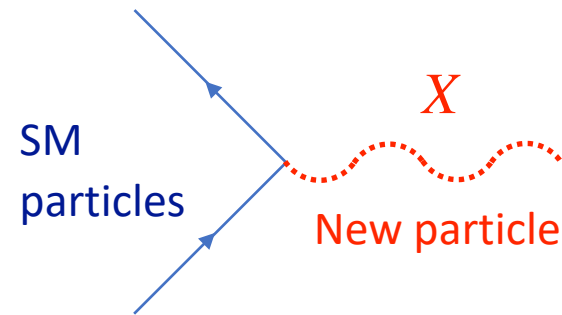
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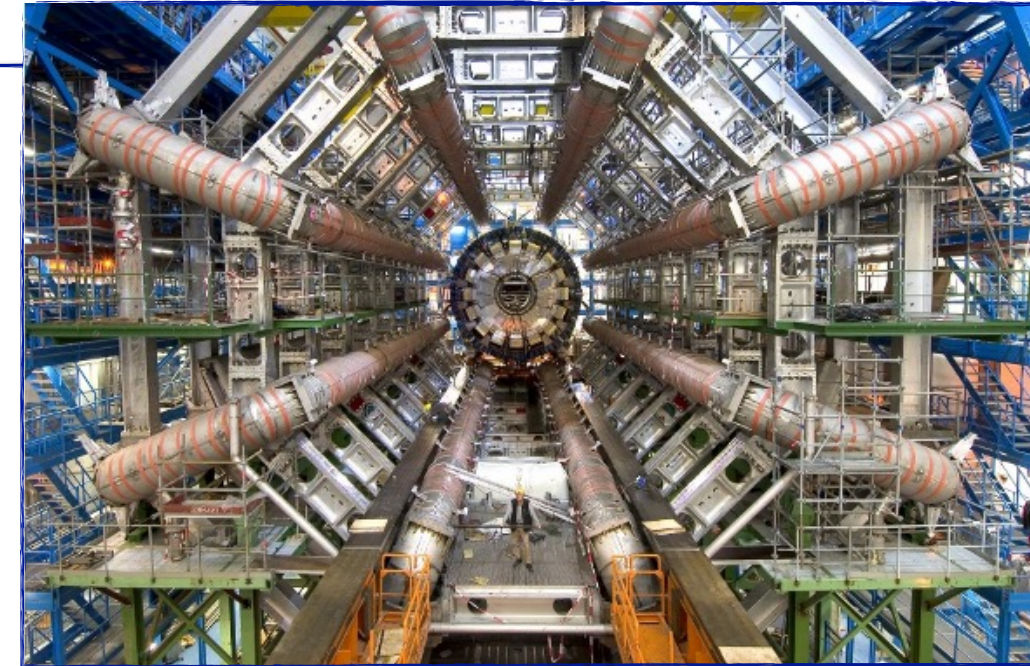
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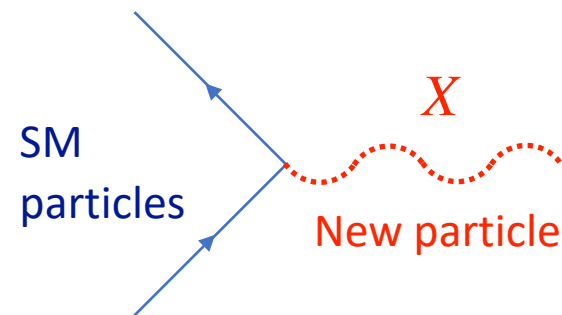




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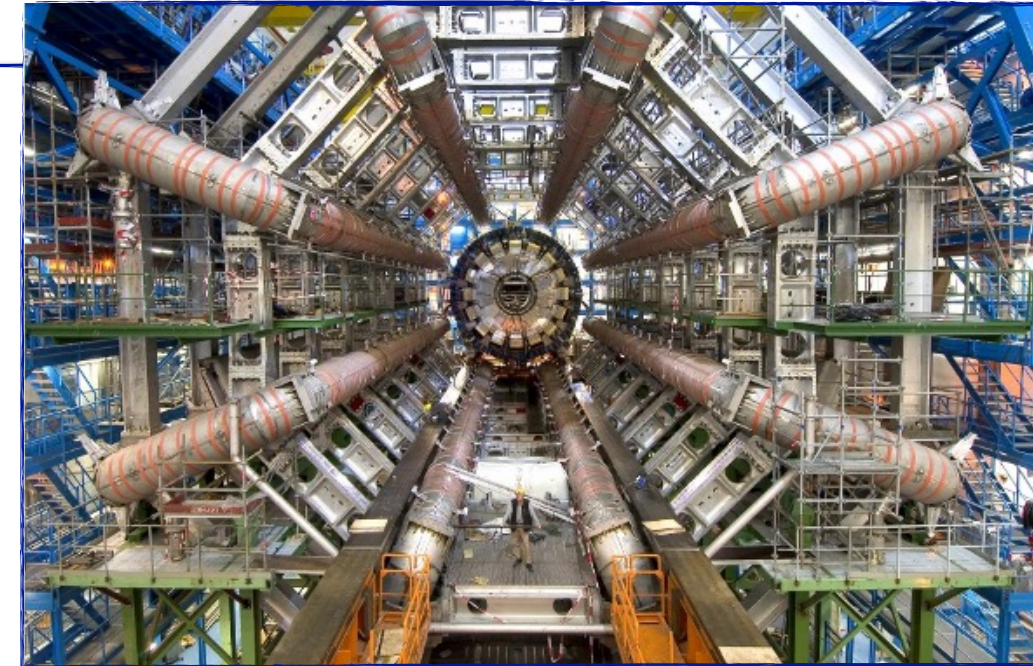
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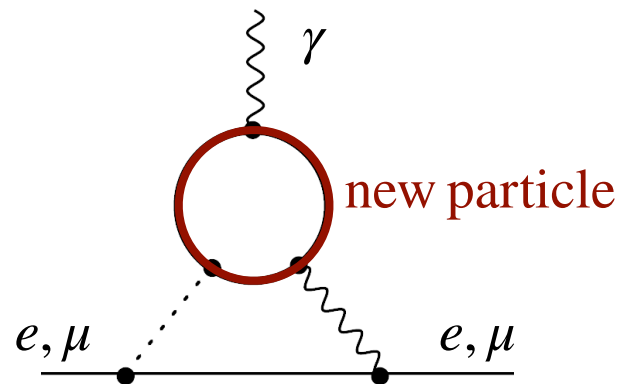


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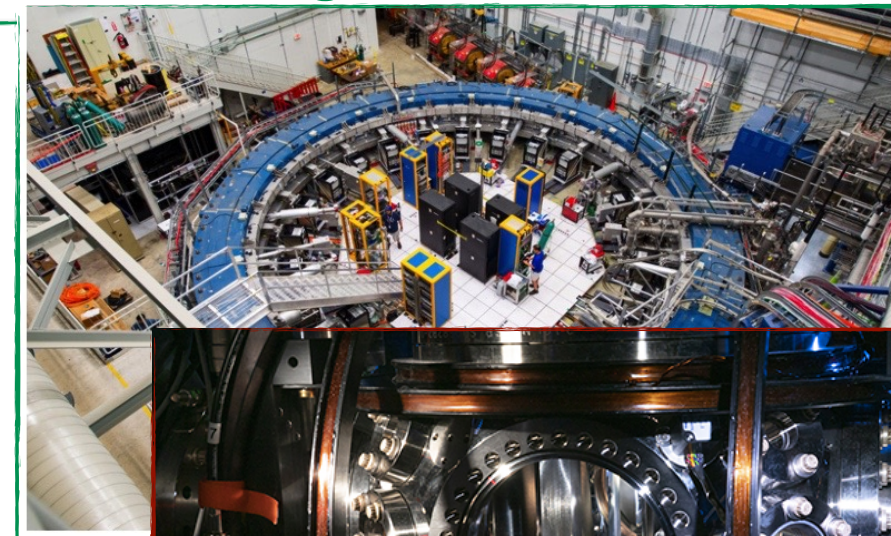


Probe indirect effects



- **Precision frontier**
  - Compare SM prediction to experiment
- **Rare/forbidden processes**
  - Non-zero measurement = discovery

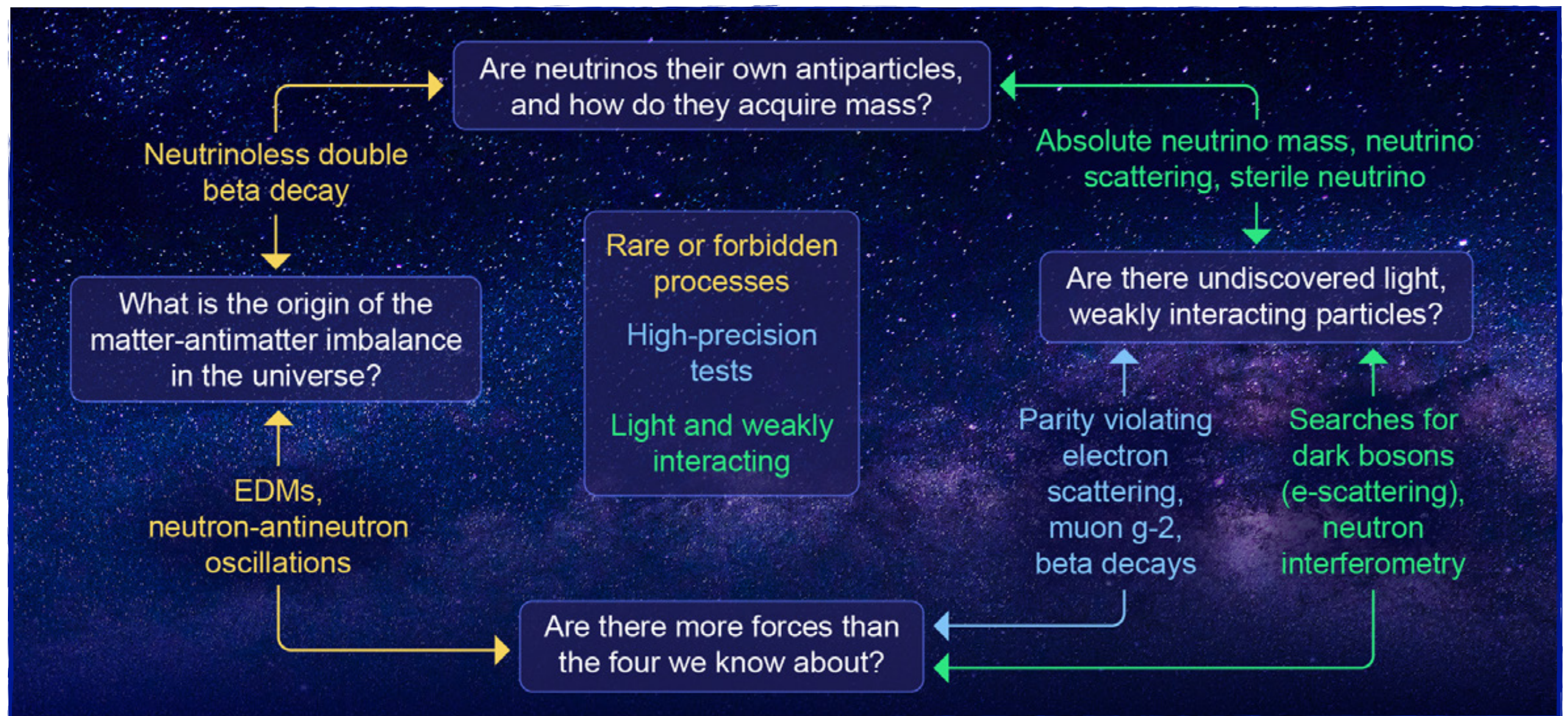
Muon magnetic moment



HfF Electric dipole moment



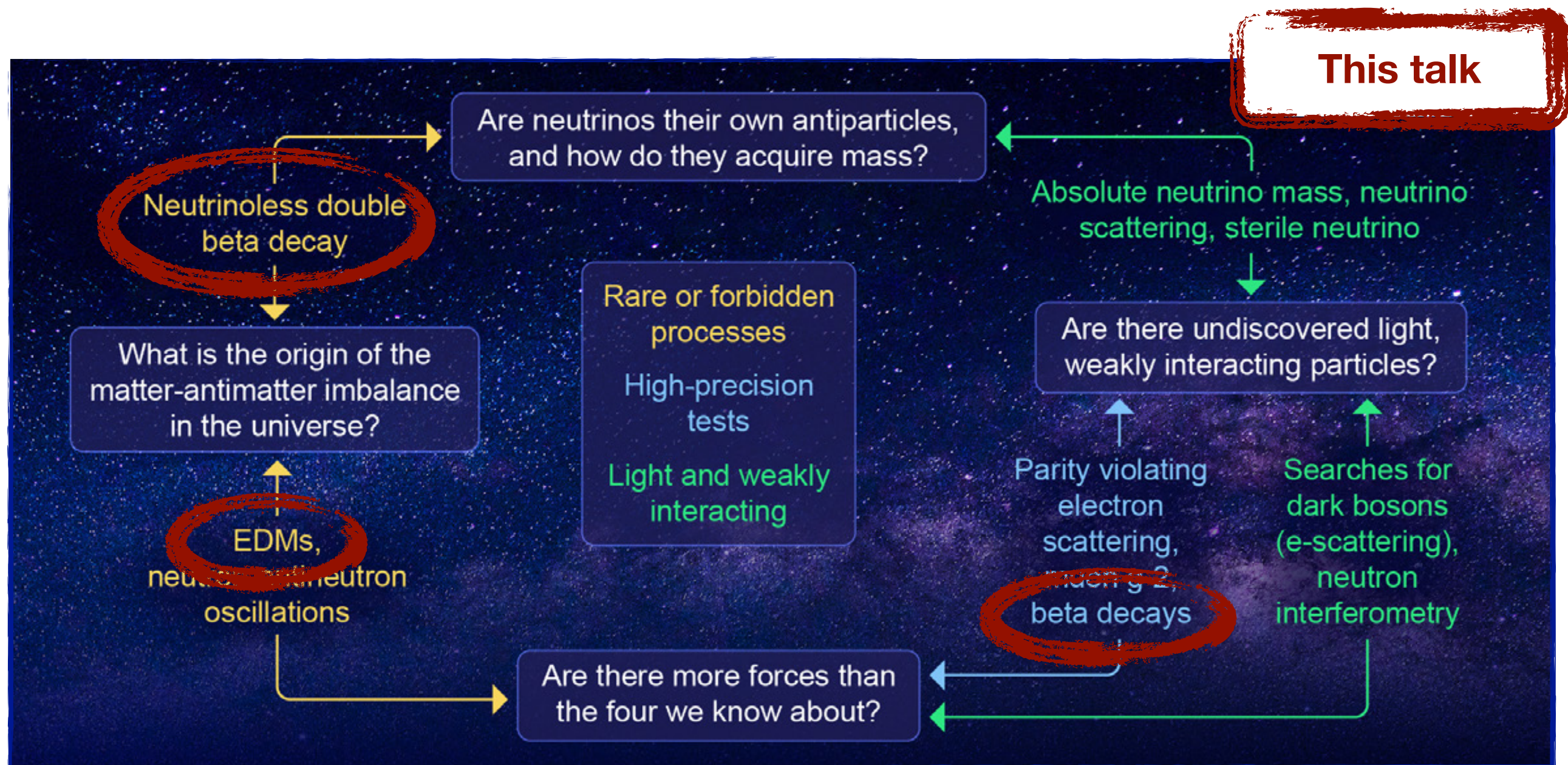
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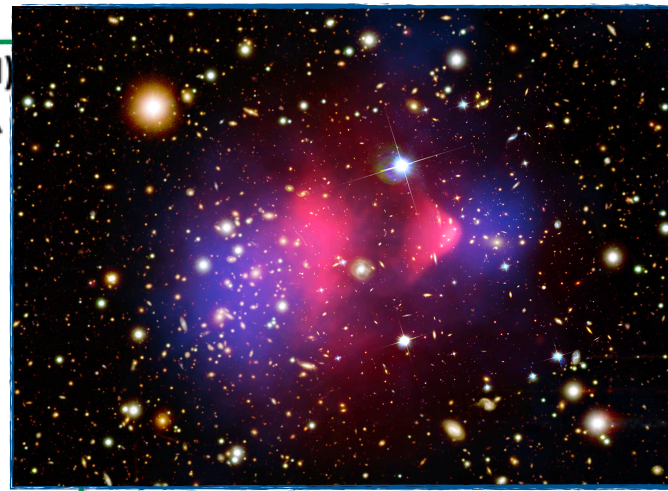


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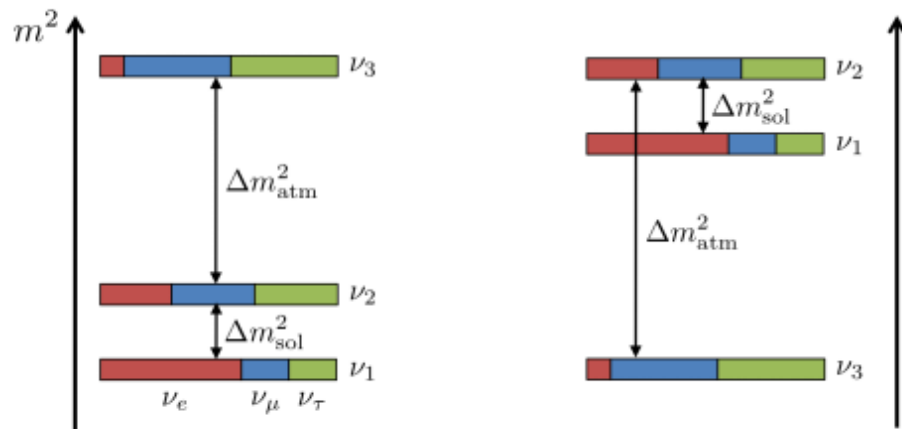
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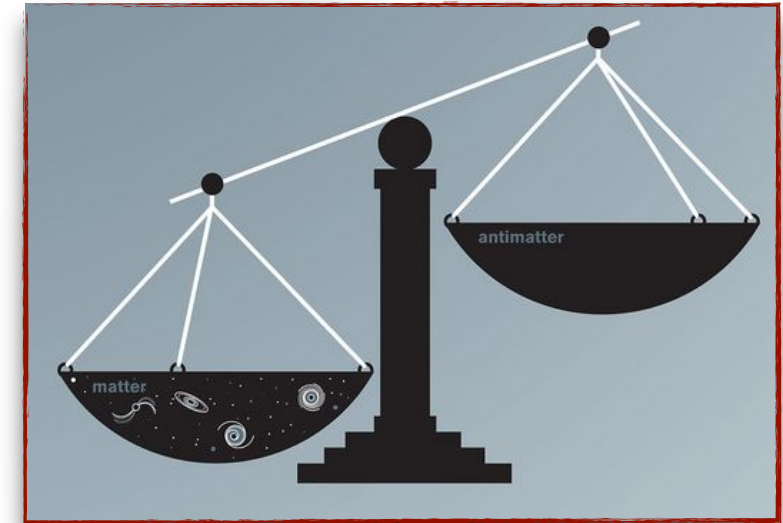


normal hierarchy (NH)

inverted hierarchy (IH)



Neutrino masses



Matter-antimatter imbalance

BSM explanations

Connection to experiments  
requires Nuclear Theory

Energy frontier  
• LHC

Precision frontier  
• Neutron decays  
• Nuclear  $\beta$  decay

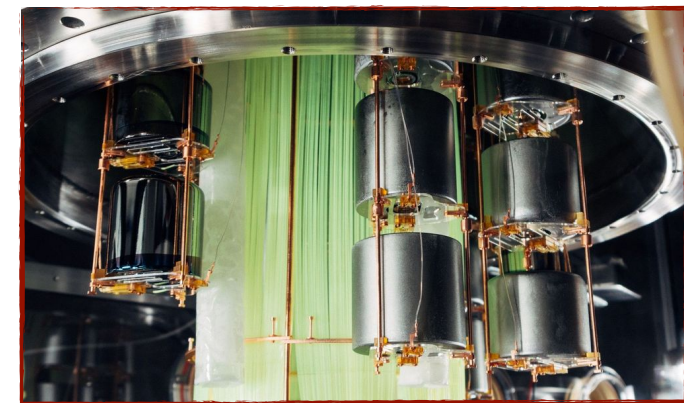
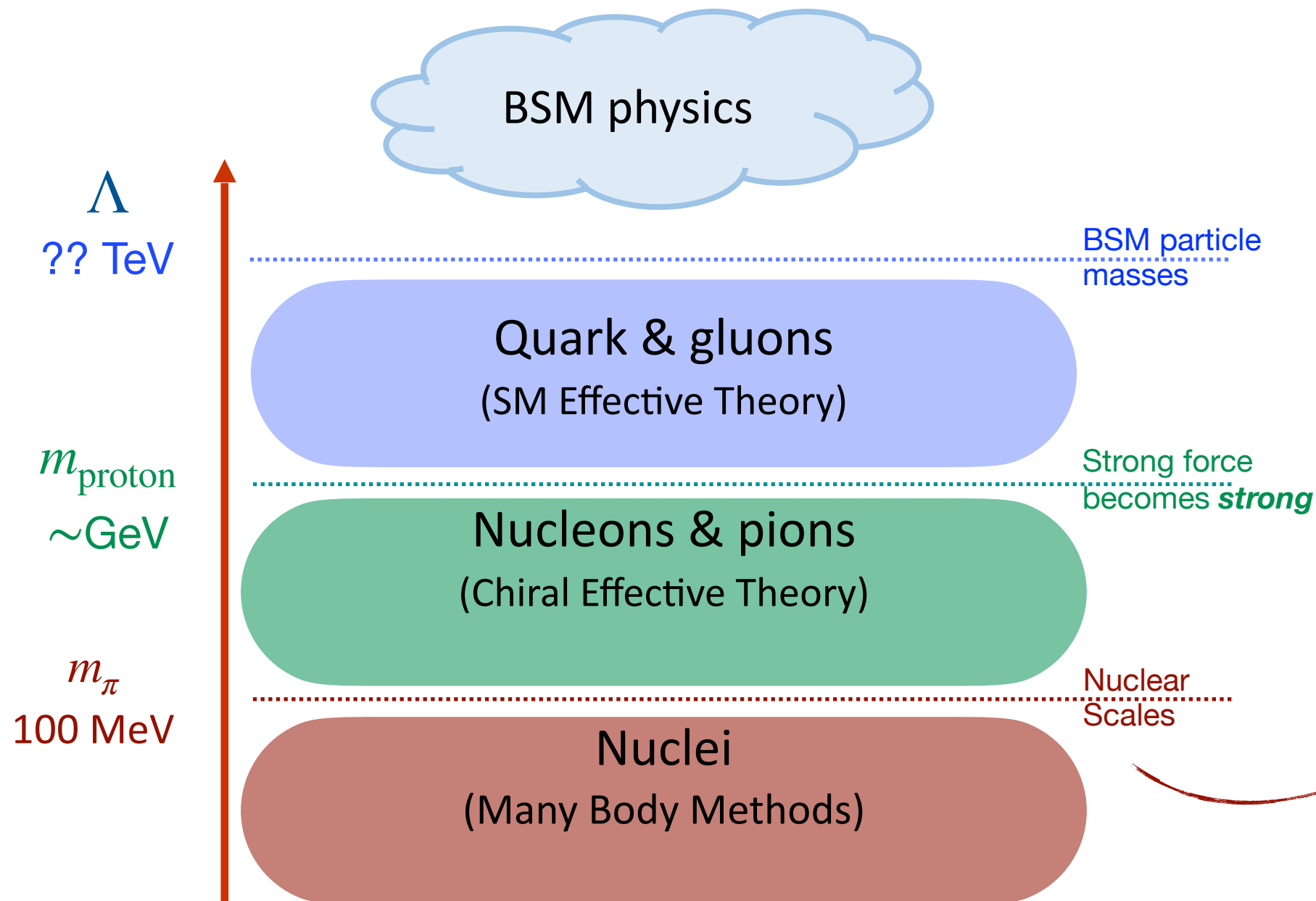
Rare processes

- $0\nu\beta\beta$
- EDMs



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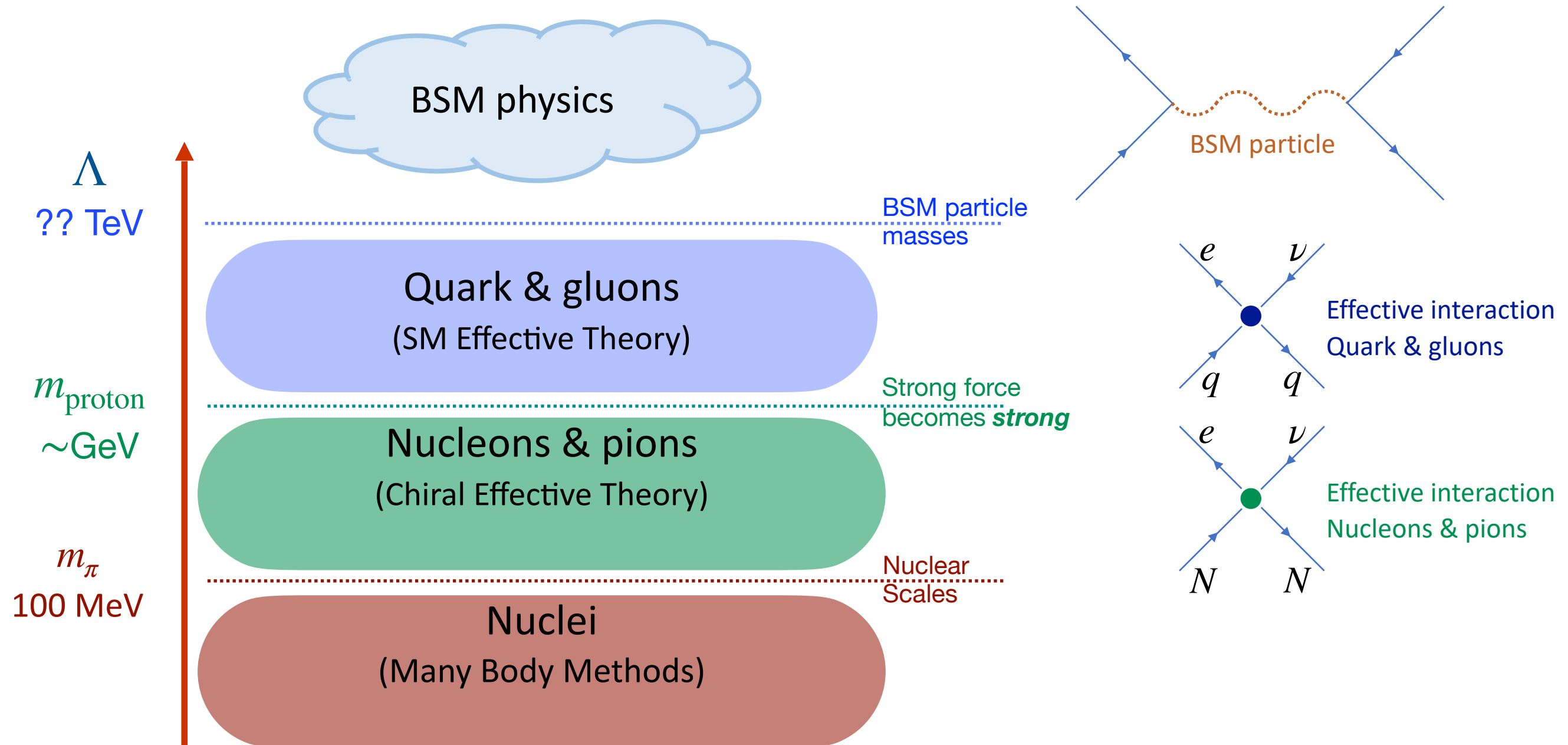
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$0\nu\beta\beta$  LEGEND  
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# Lepton-number violation: Neutrinoless double beta decay

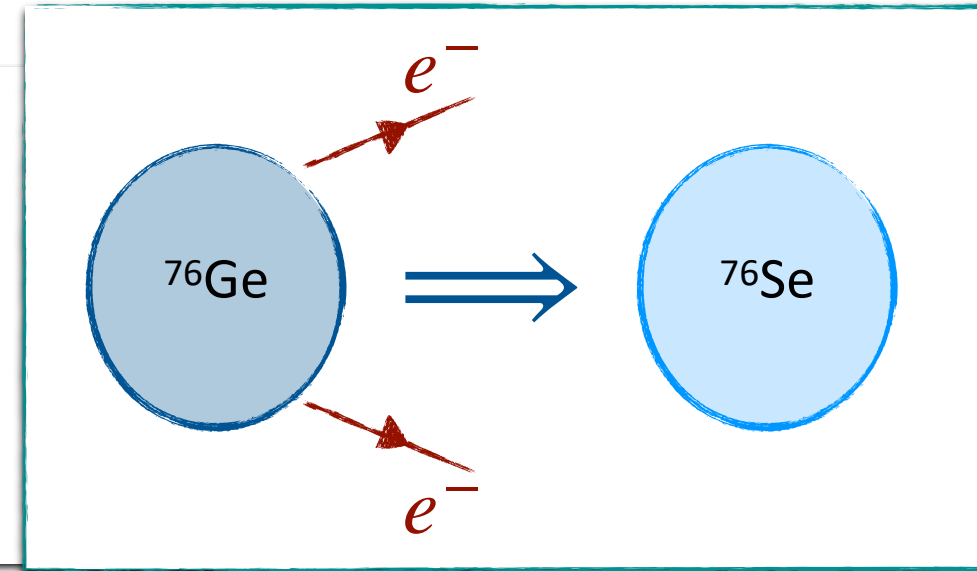
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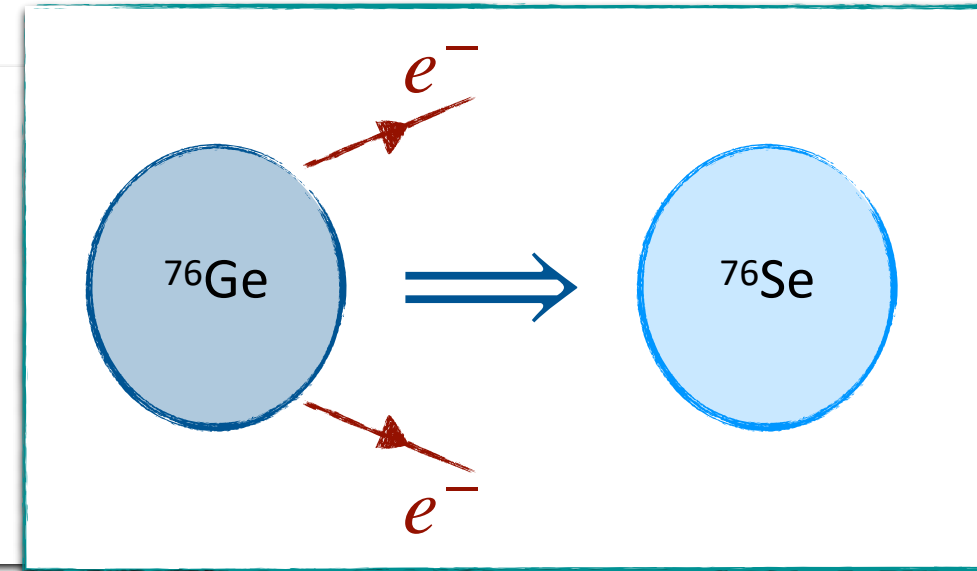


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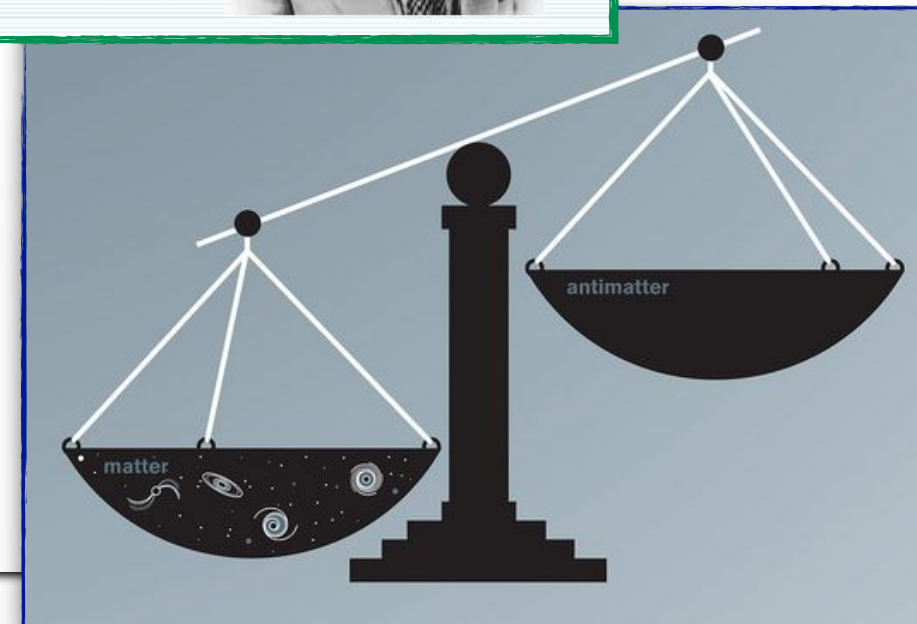
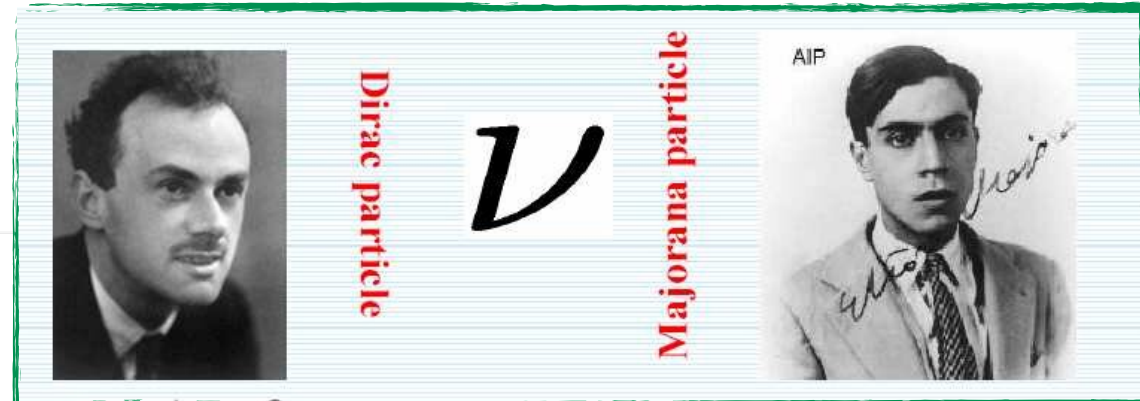
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### Why look for $0\nu\beta\beta$ ?

- Detection sheds light on:
  - **Neutrino masses**
    - Observation would show that  $\nu$ 's are Majorana particles
- **Matter-antimatter asymmetry**

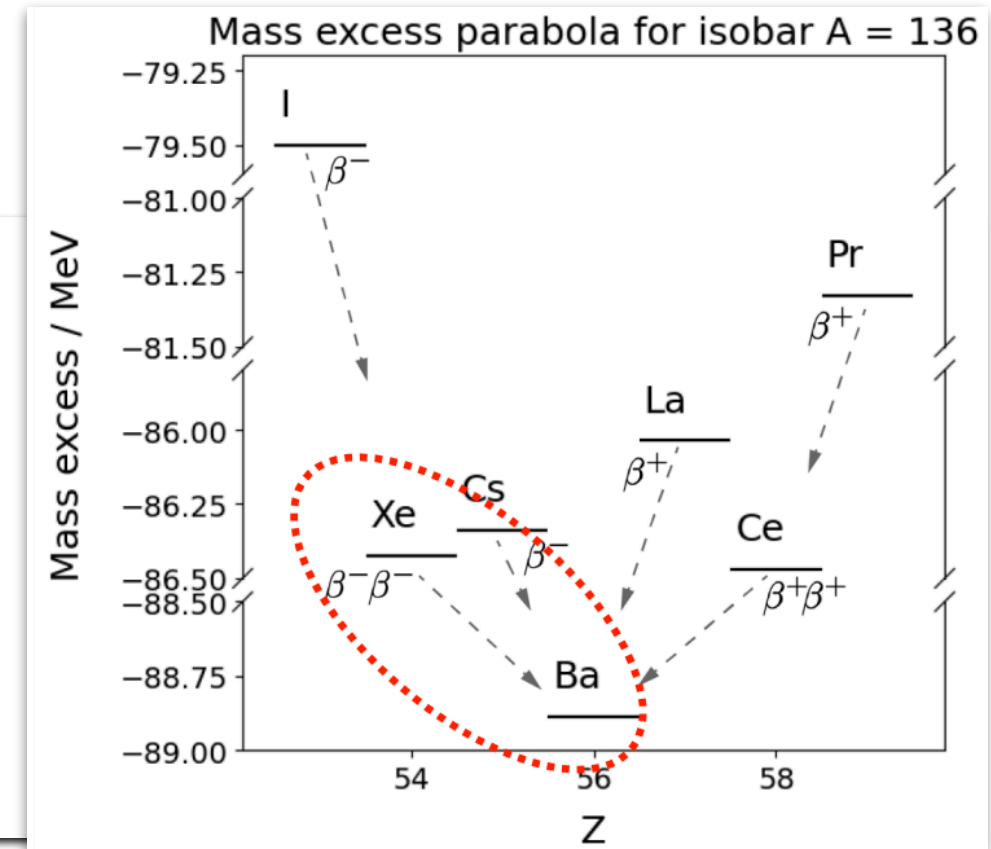


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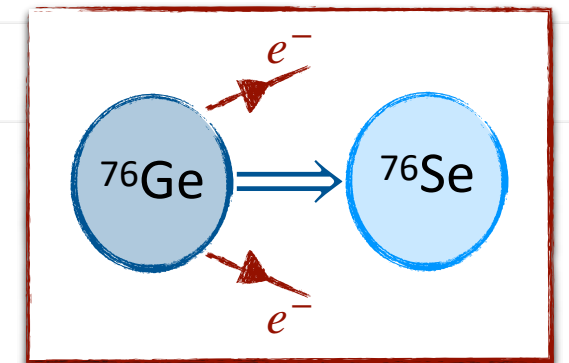
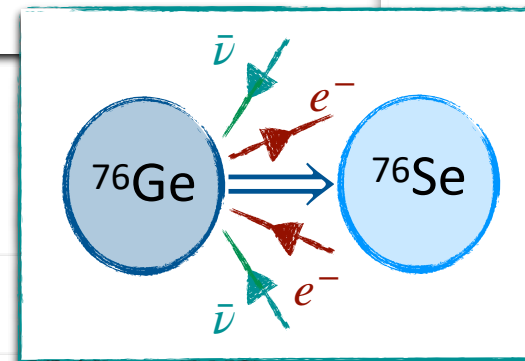
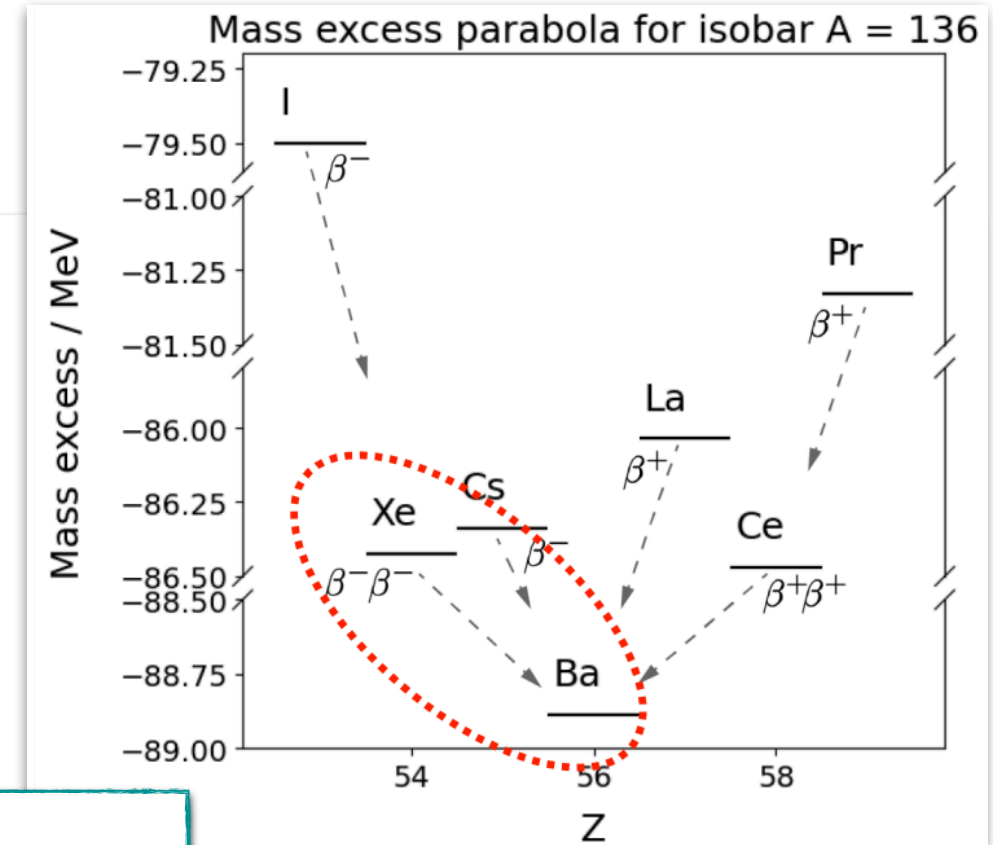
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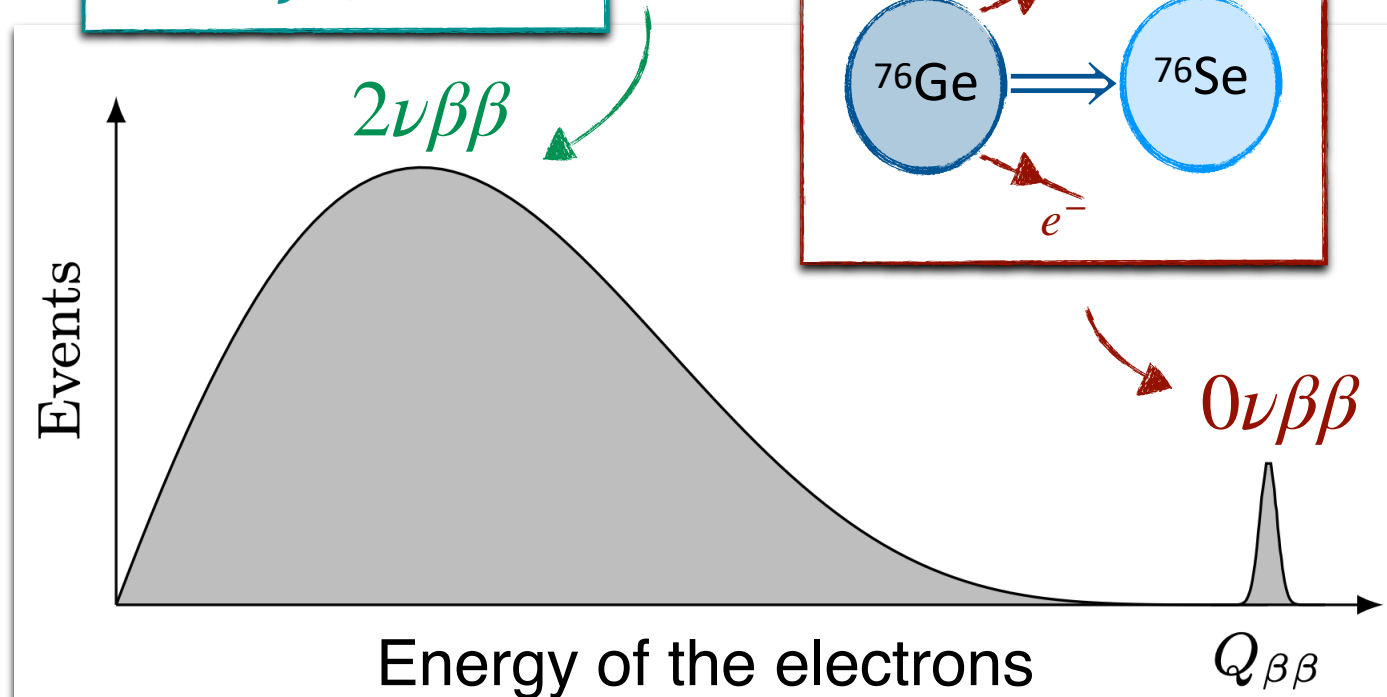
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- Distinguish  $2\nu\beta\beta$  from  $0\nu\beta\beta$
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  electron energy is fixed





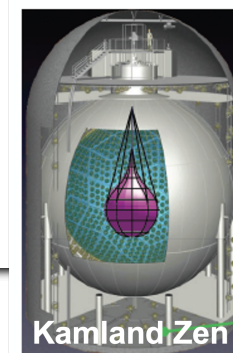
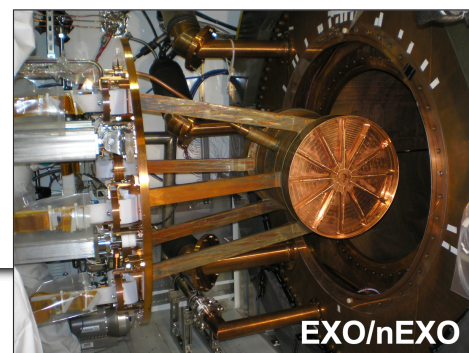
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## How?

- Very strong limits on the half-life
  - $\sim 10^{16} \times [\text{age of the universe}]$

Gerda (Germanium)	Cuore (Tellurium)	KamLAND-zen (Xenon)
$> 1.8 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$	$> 3.2 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$	$> 3.8 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$

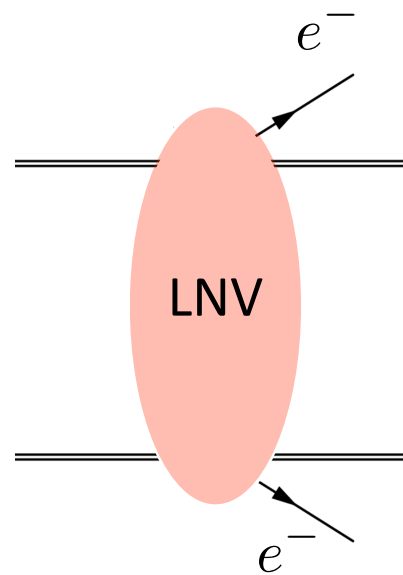
- **Future reach**, 1-2 orders improvement
  - E.g. LEGEND (ORNL lead US lab)



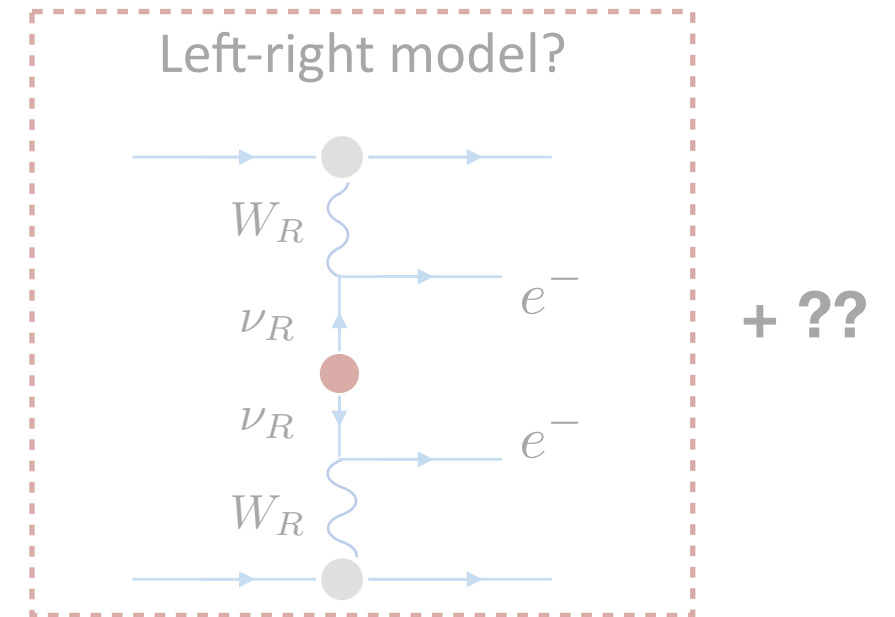
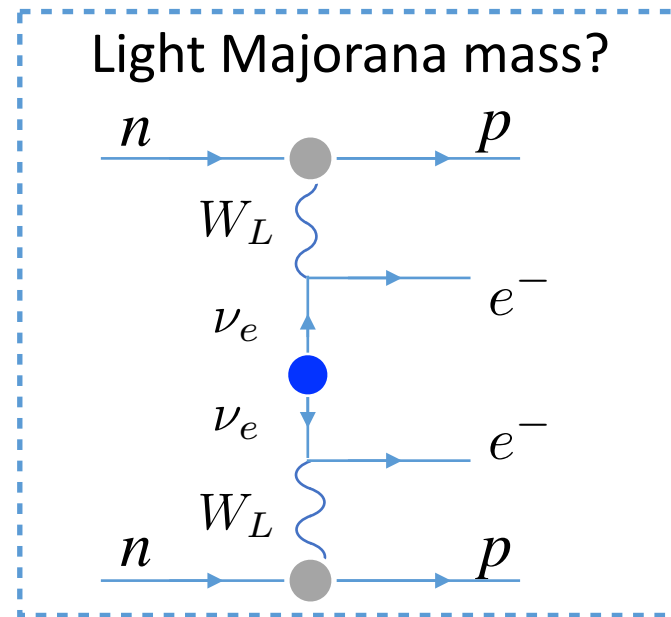


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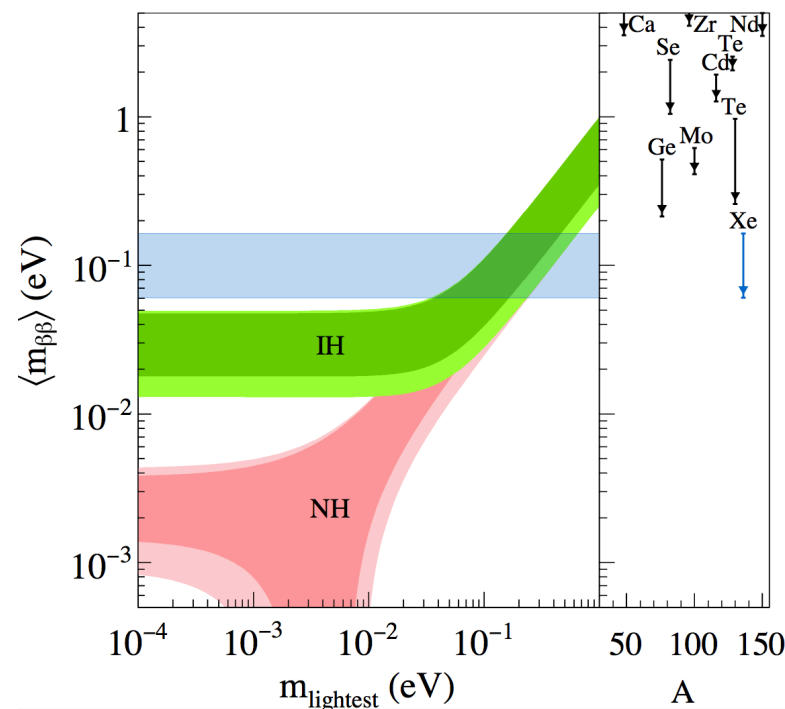
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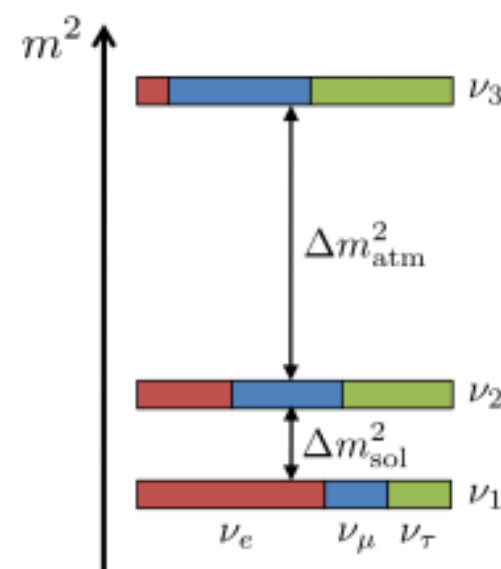
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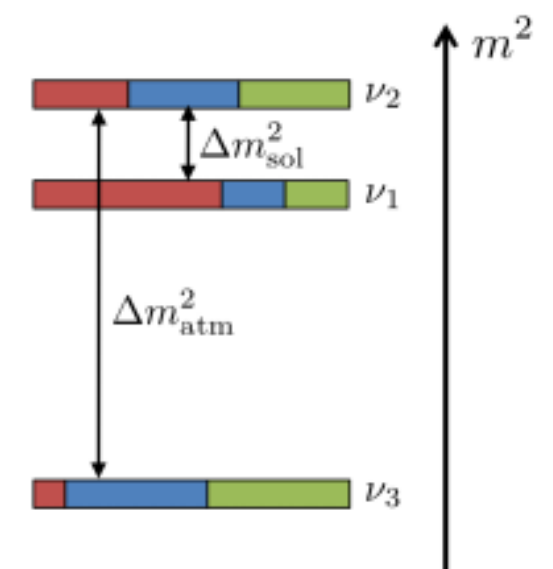
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## Depends on hierarchy of neutrino masses

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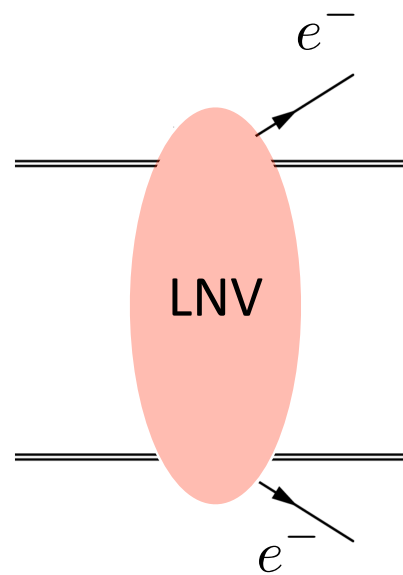


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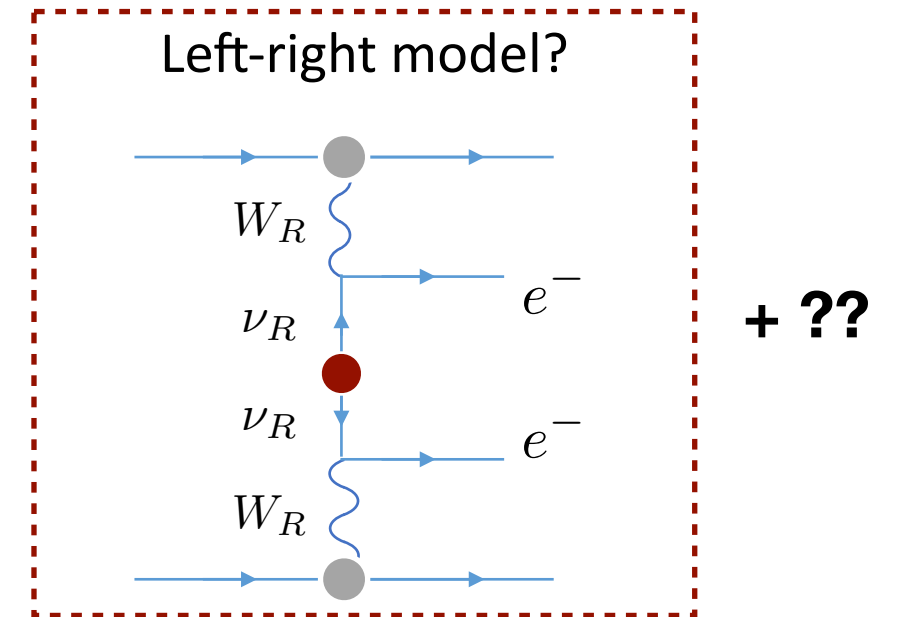
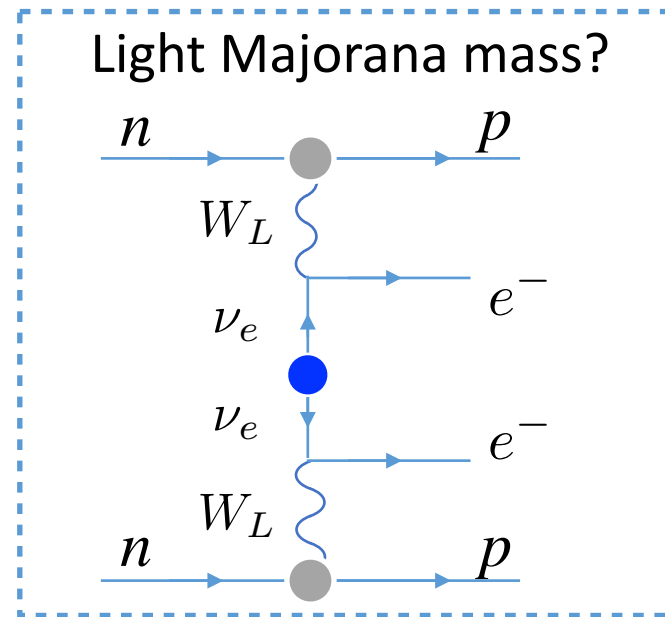


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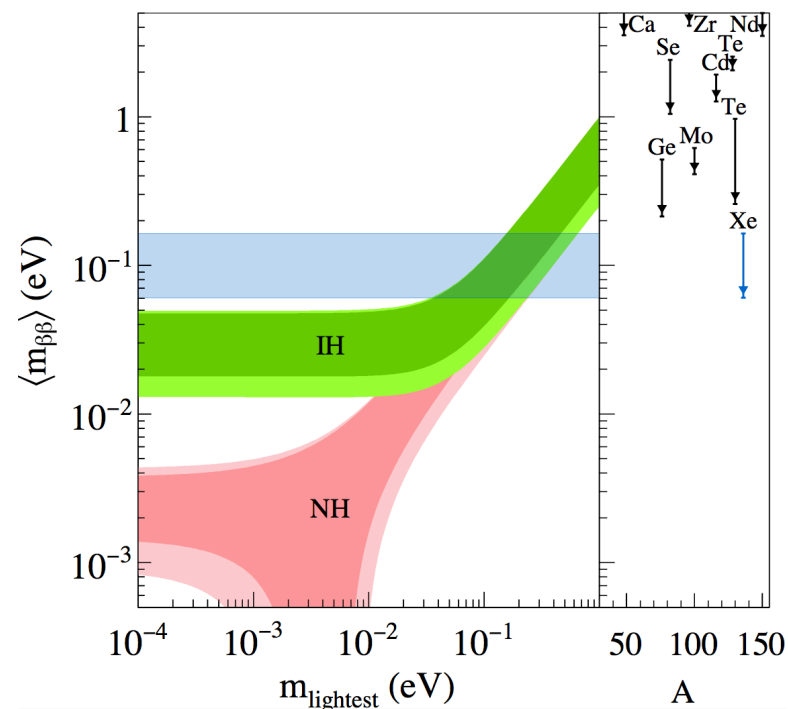
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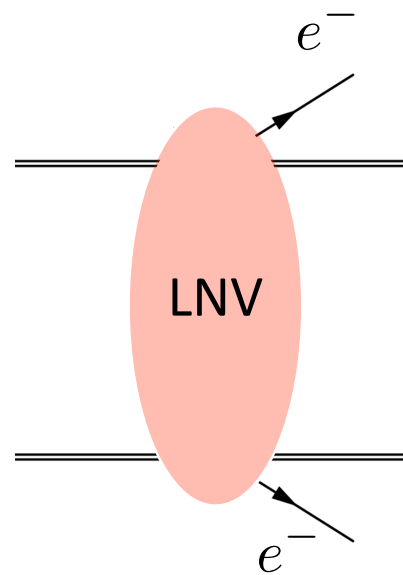
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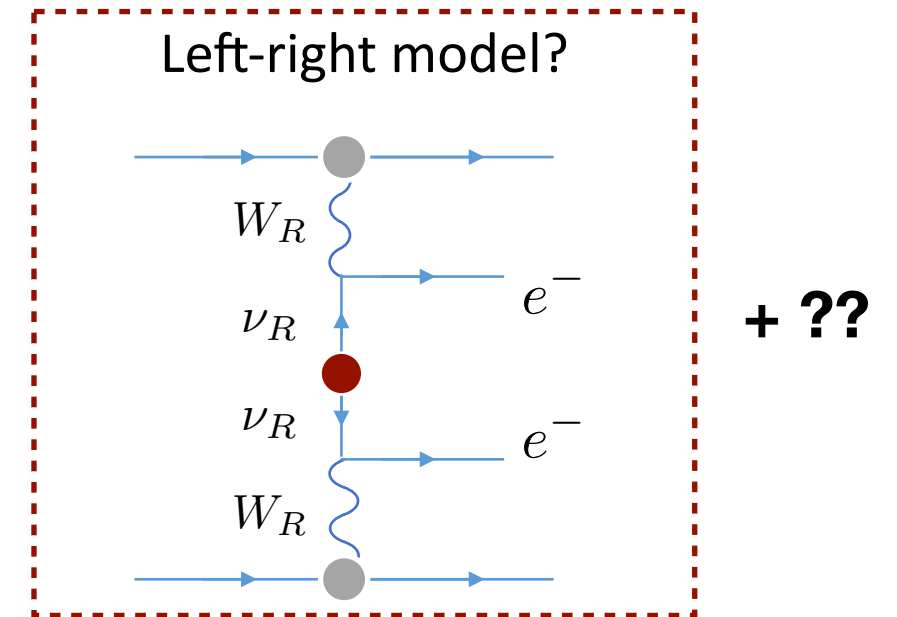
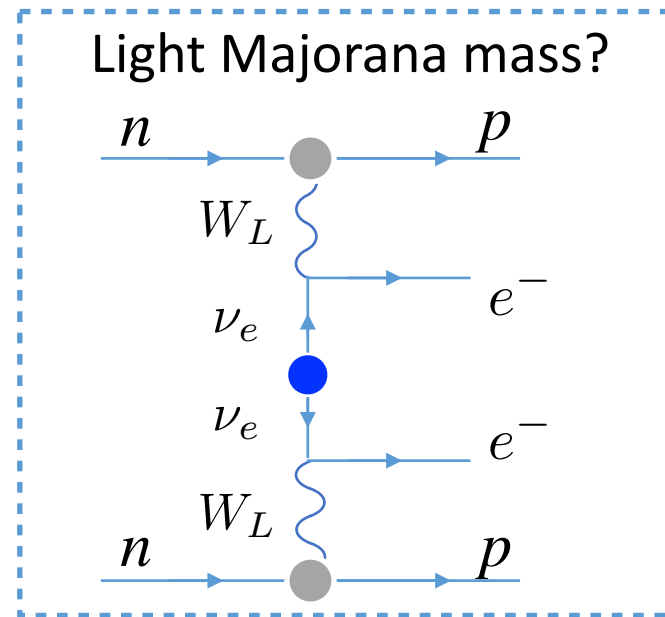
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  - Leptoquarks...

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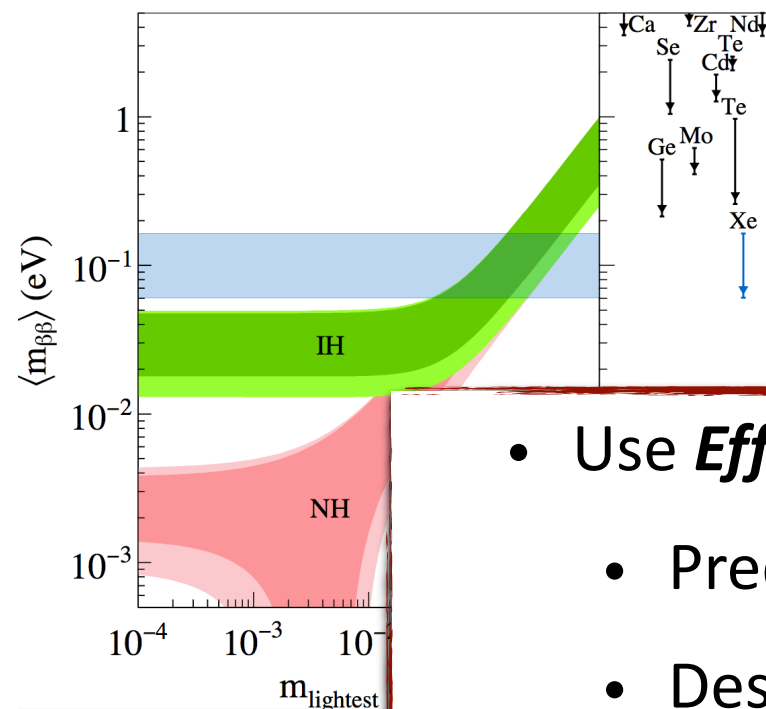
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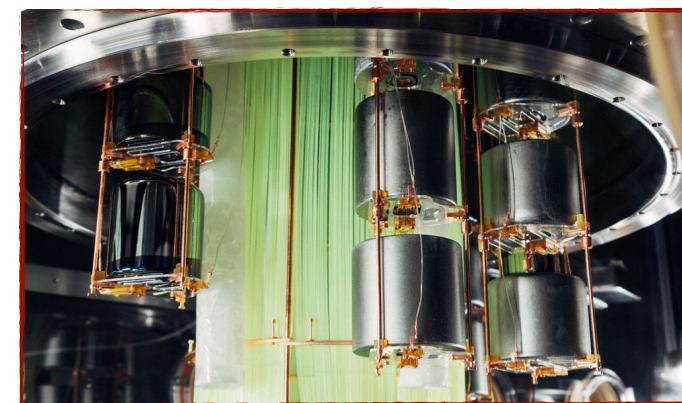
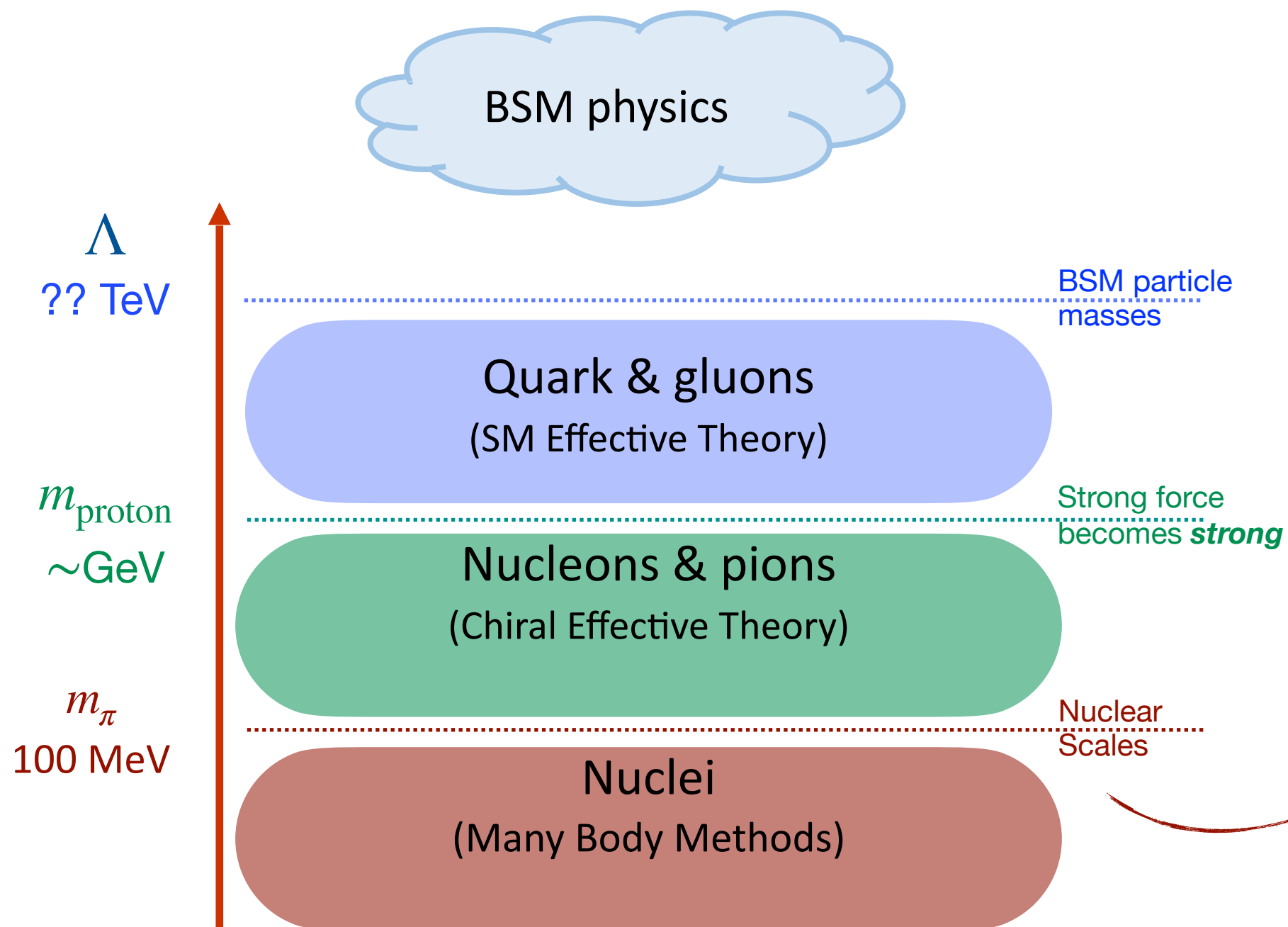
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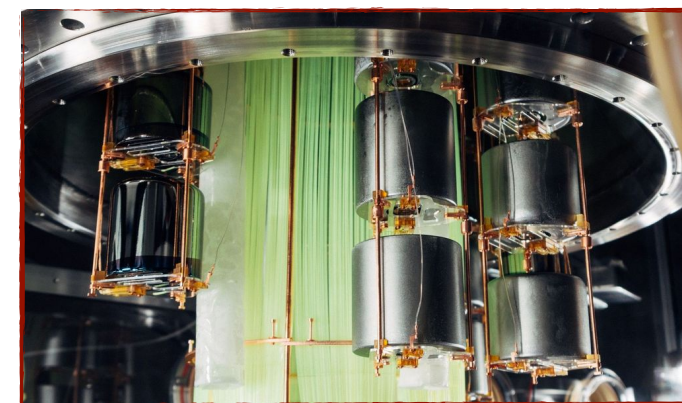
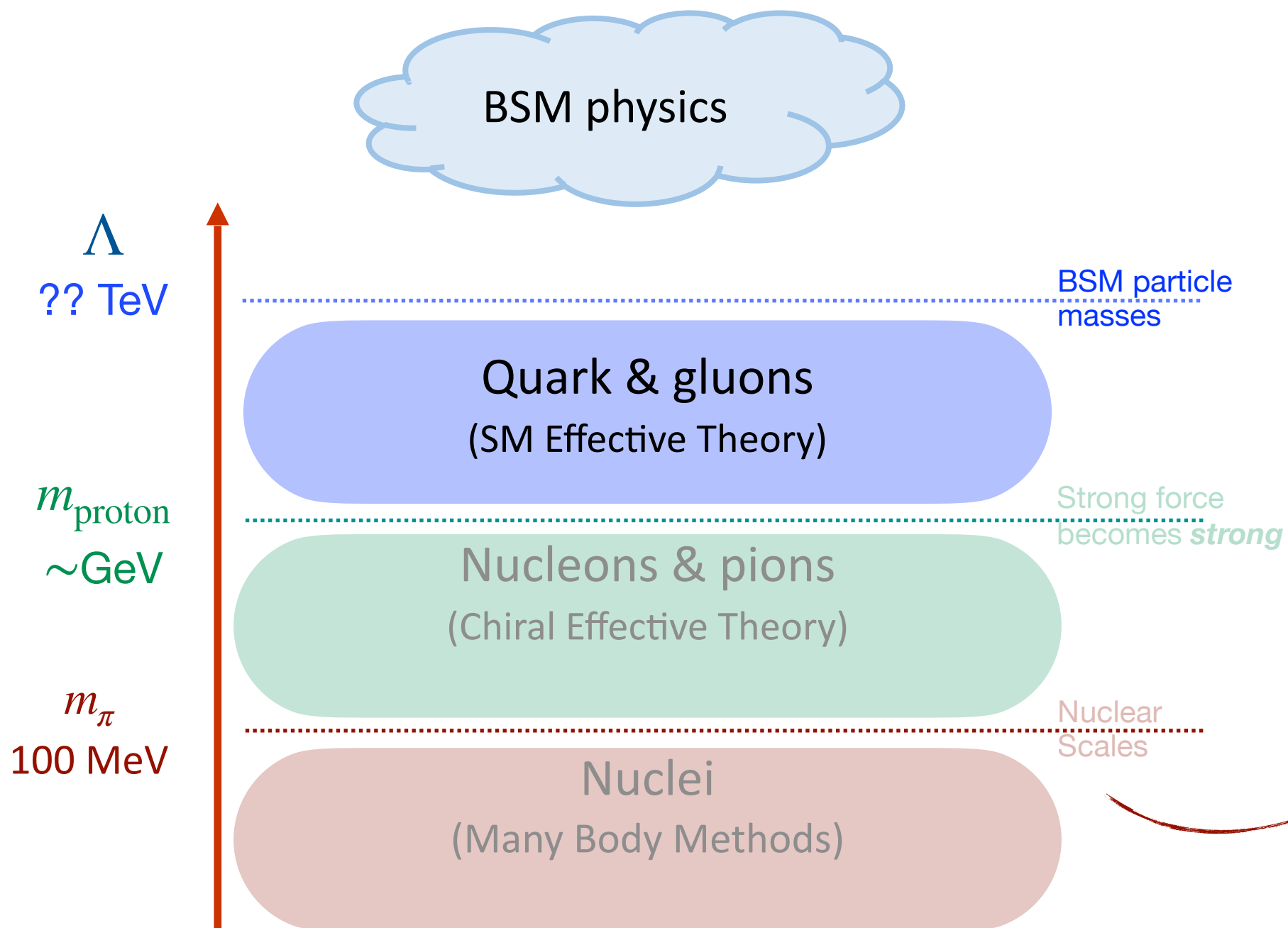
### • Use *Effective Theories*

- Predictions with controlled uncertainties
- Describe any BSM scenario

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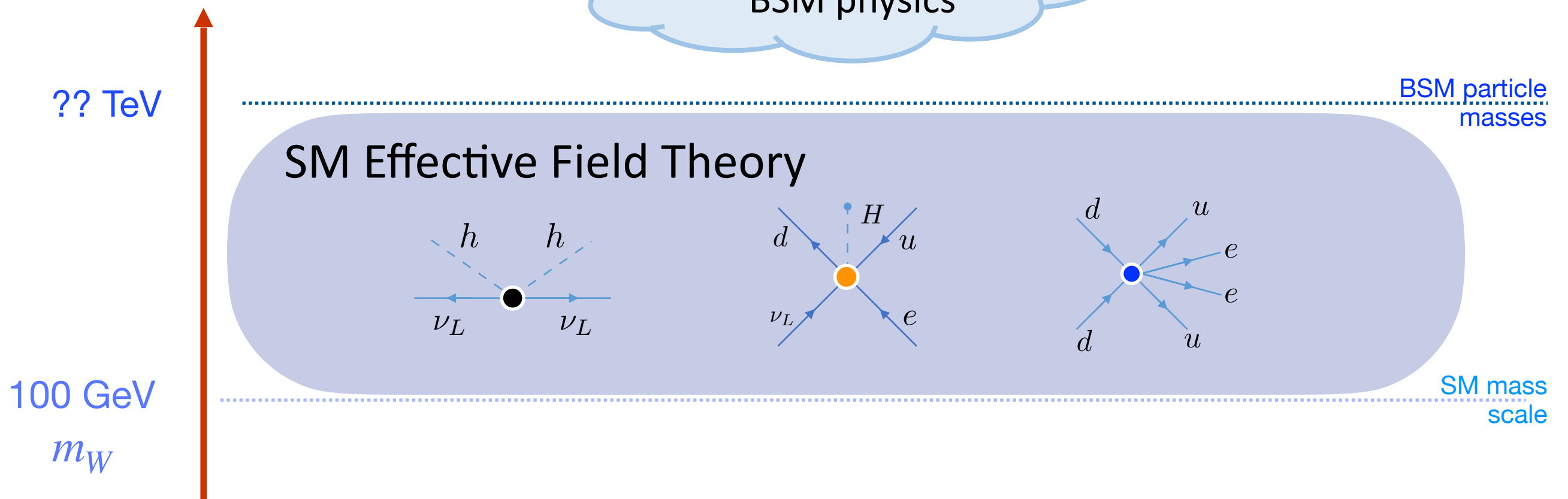


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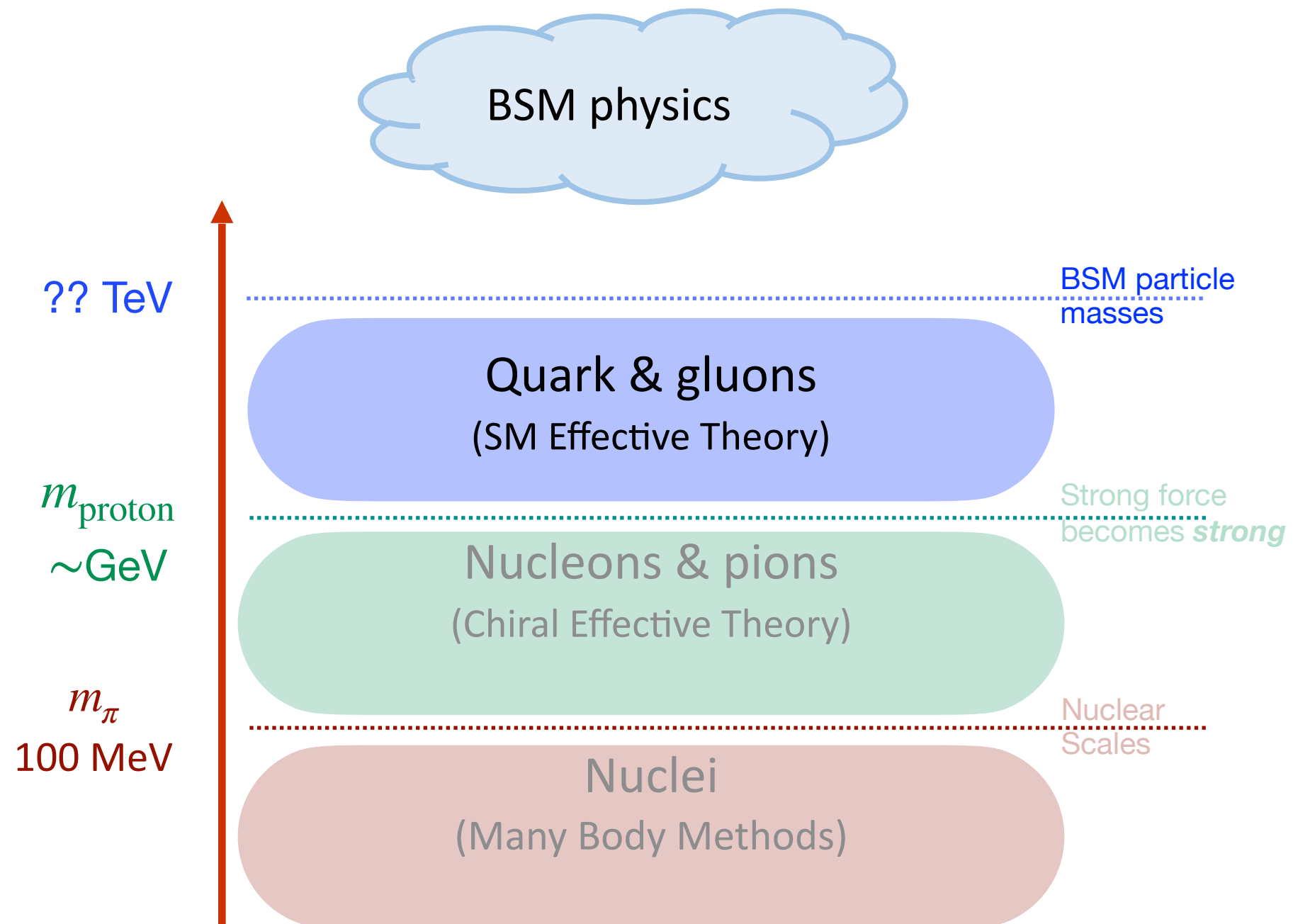


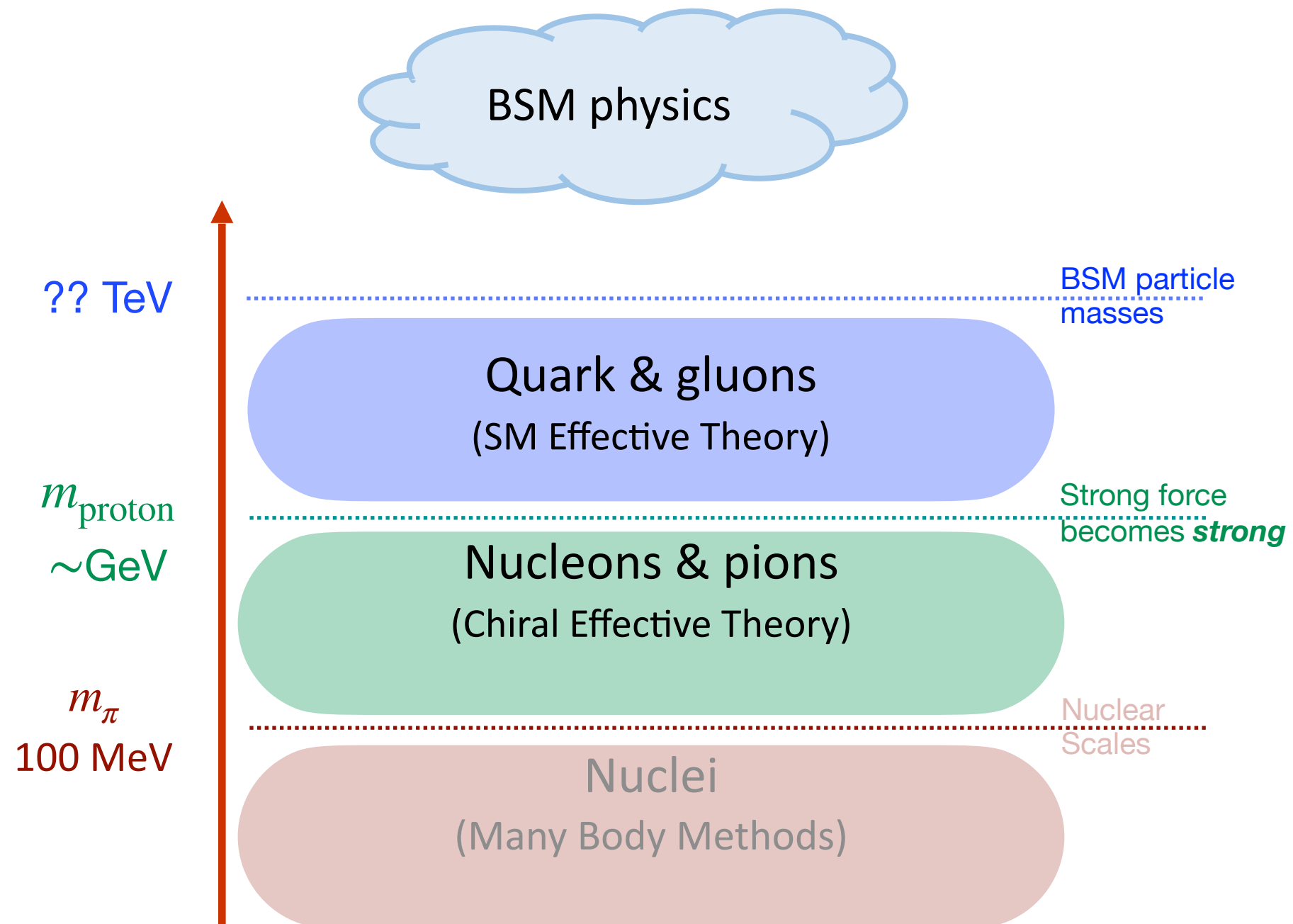
- EFT consists of the SM + effective interactions
- Interactions organized in expansion in  $E/\Lambda$ , with  $E$  the energy scale of the process
  - More complex interactions (higher dimensional) are higher order

- Can describe
  - Heavy lepton-number violation
  - Contributions from Sterile neutrinos

WD et al, JHEP '17,18

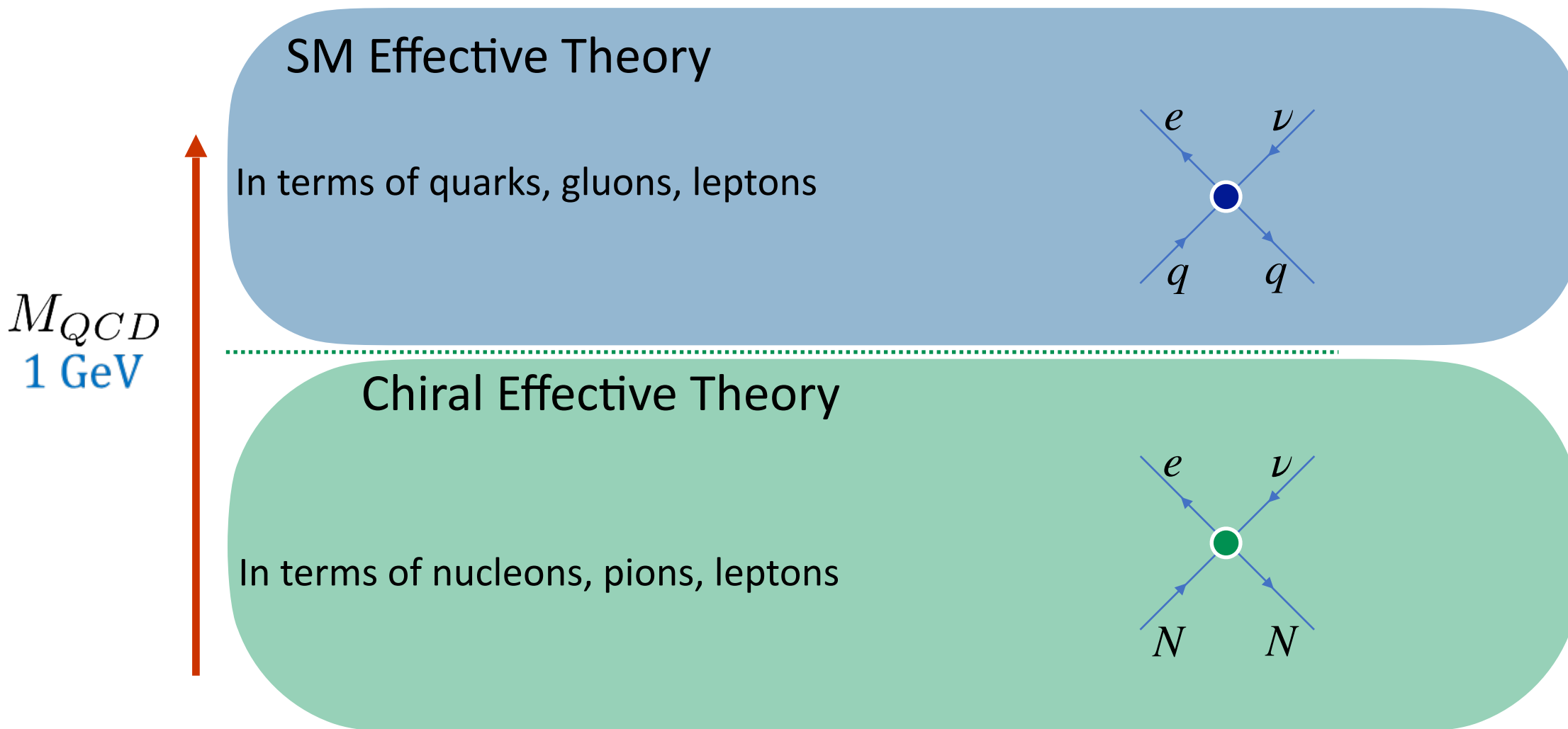
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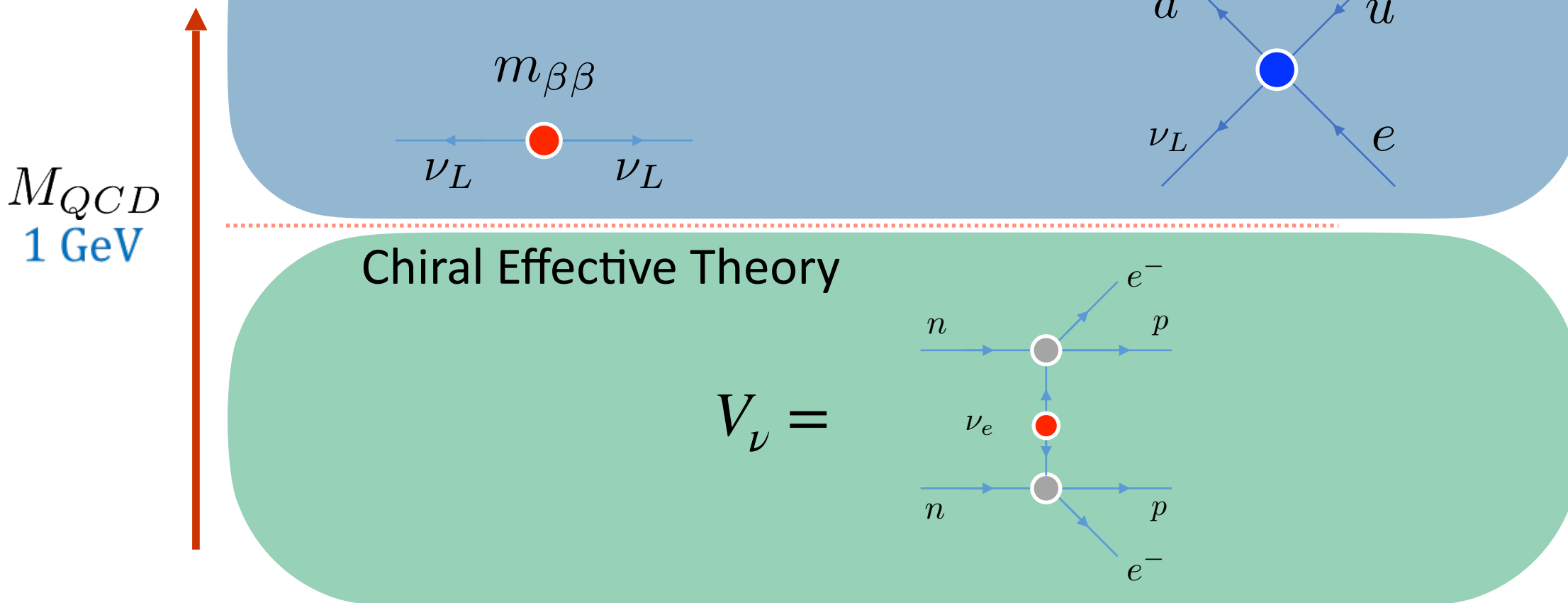
# From quarks to nucleons



- Possible hadronic interactions determined by (chiral) symmetries
- Expansion in  $Q/\Lambda_\chi \sim m_\pi/\Lambda_\chi$ , with  $\Lambda_\chi \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$
- Use “Power-counting” to tell which interactions are needed to a given accuracy

# From quarks to nucleons

Majorana mass



Decay rate

$$\Gamma_{0\nu\beta\beta} \propto M_\nu^2 m_{\beta\beta}^2$$

**Fundamental Physics**

• Effective neutrino mass

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2$$

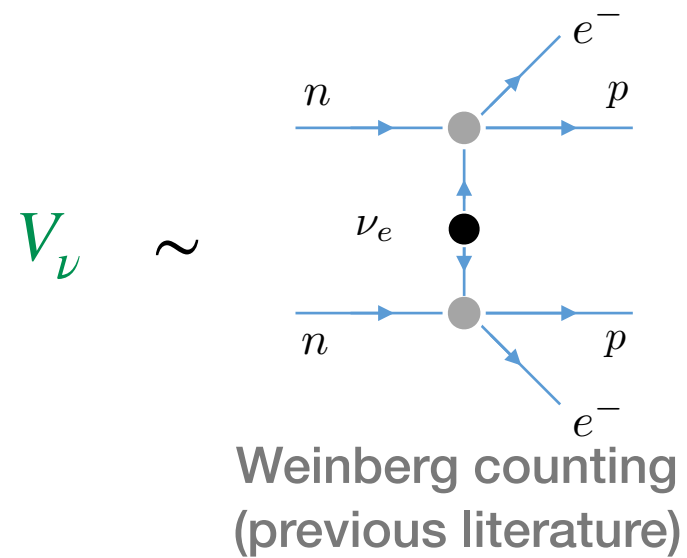
**Nuclear Matrix Element**

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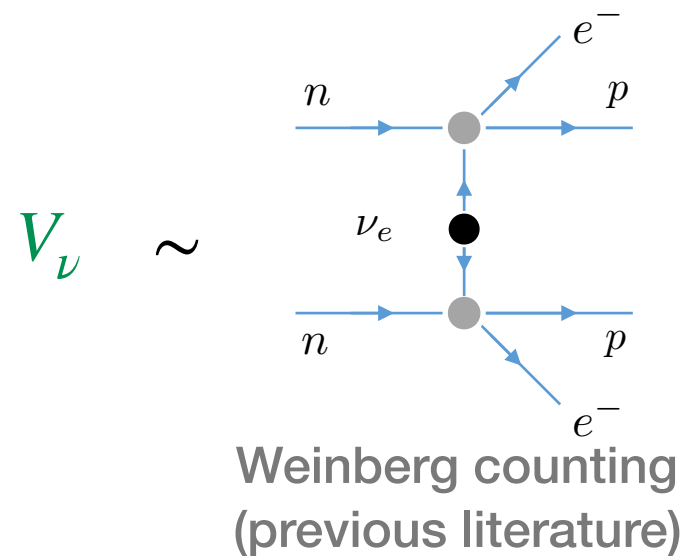
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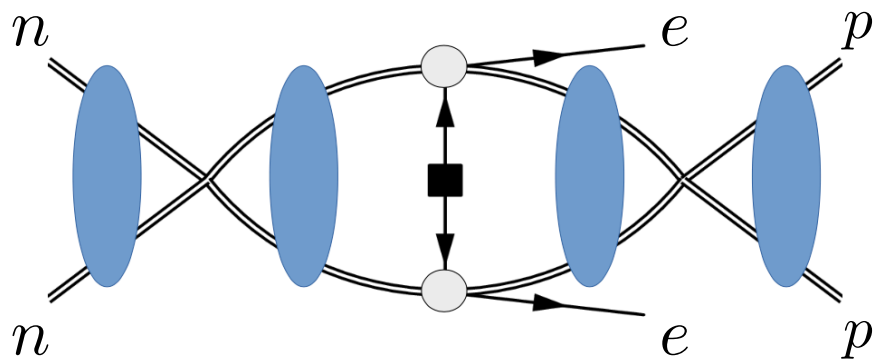
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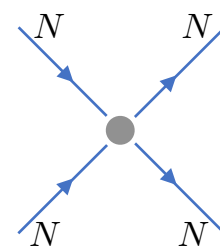


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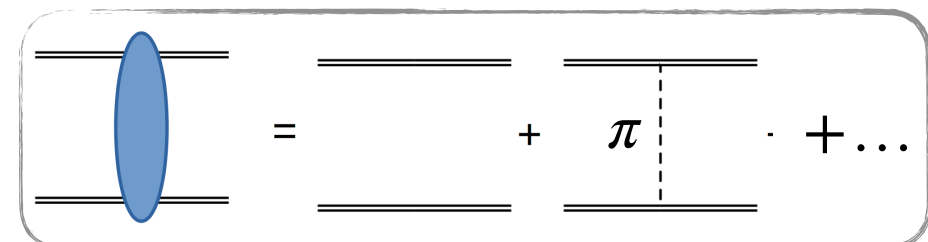


**Divergent diagrams  $\Rightarrow$  inconsistent theory!**

Strong interactions



Short-distance  
interaction

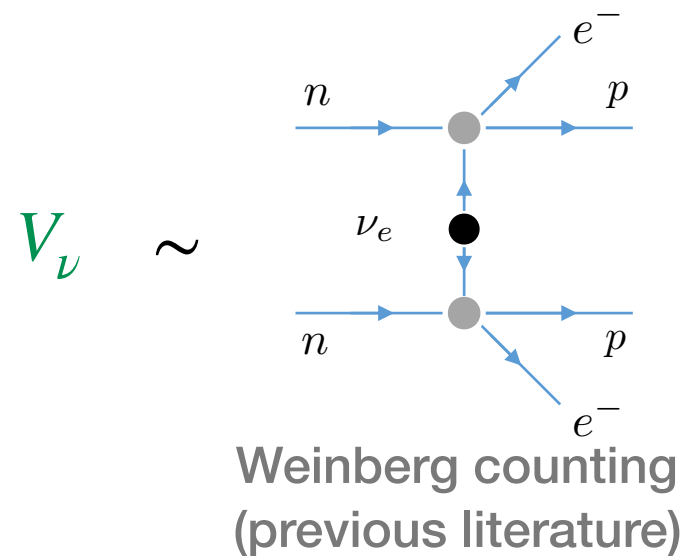


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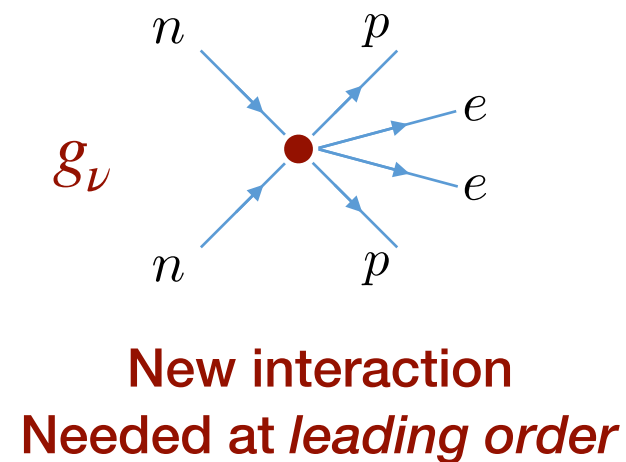


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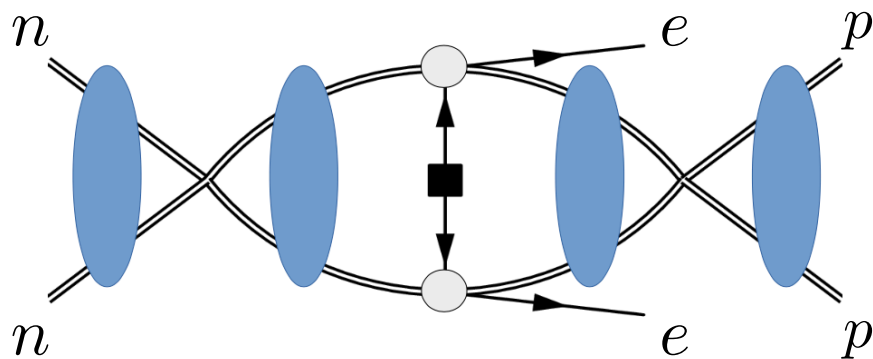
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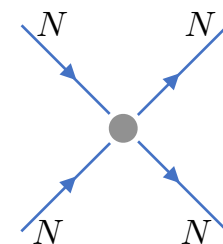


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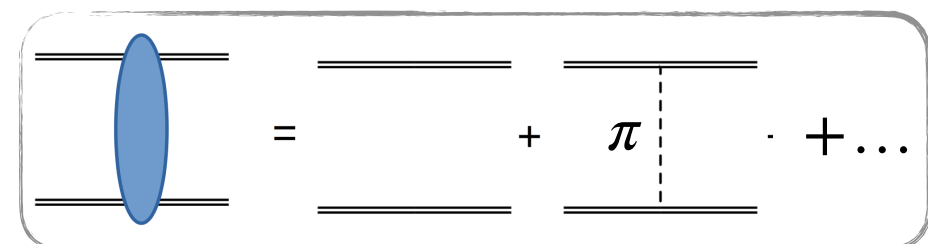


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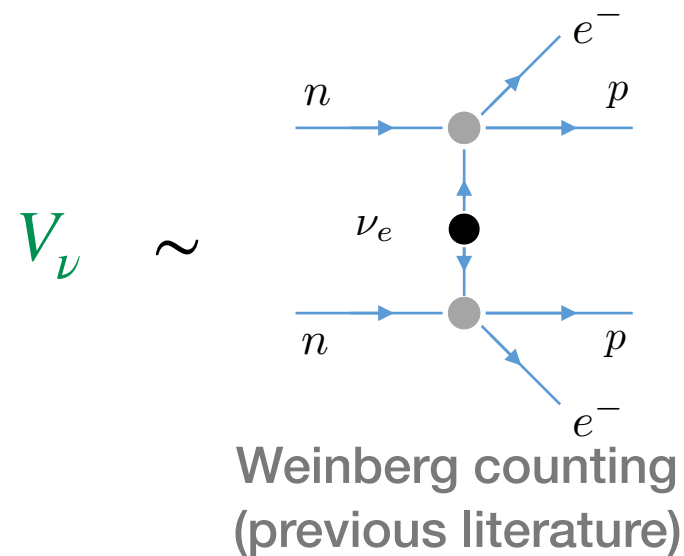


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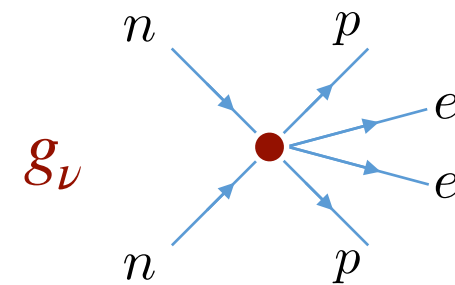
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**New interaction  
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- The coupling  $g_\nu$  originally unknown
- Sparked research on first-principle calculations (lattice QCD)

Davoudi & Kadam, '20, '21; Feng et al, '19; Detmold & Murphy, '20...

- **First estimate using dispersive-like methods**
  - **Allowed first consistent determination**
  - **Decreased uncertainty of  $M_\nu$**

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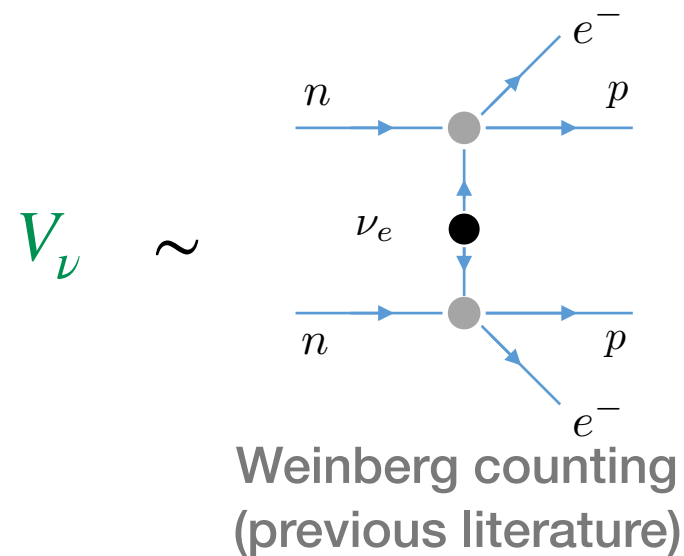
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# Neutrinoless double beta decay

## Theory input: Nuclear Matrix Element

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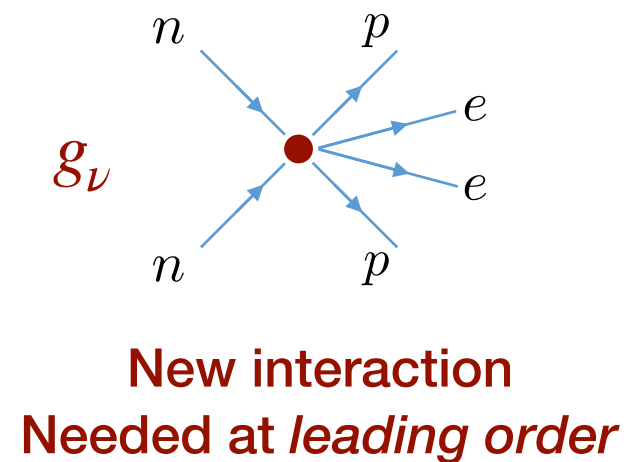


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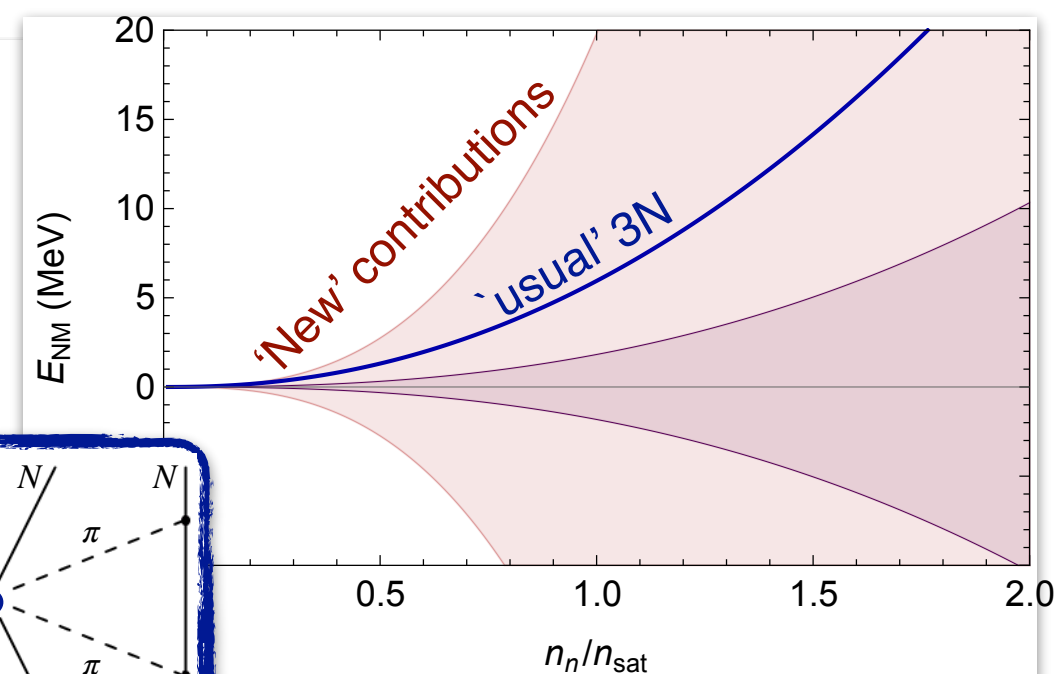
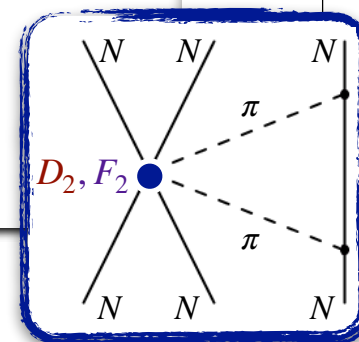
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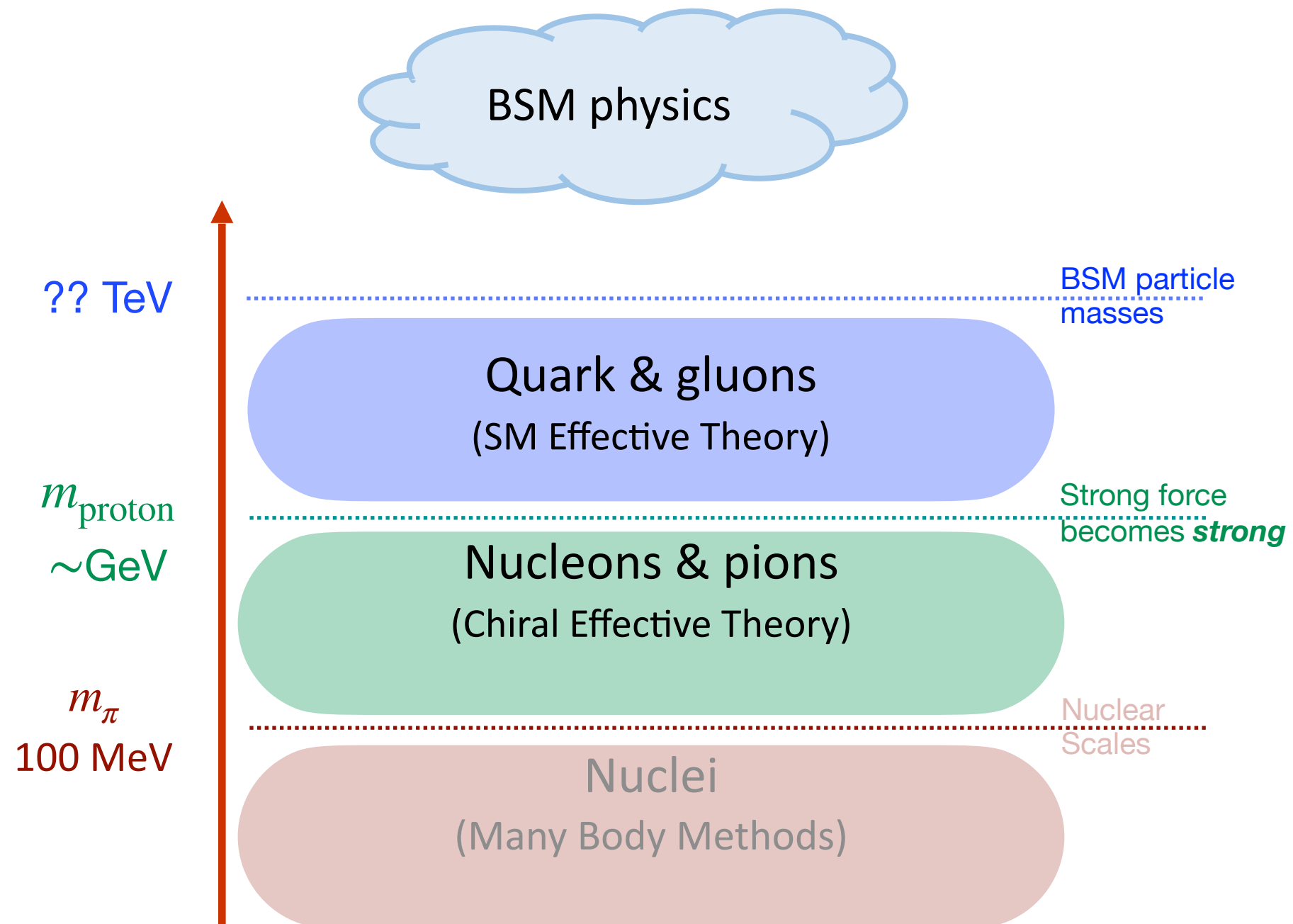
## Consistent strong interactions

Similar arguments lead to new classes of 3-nucleon forces

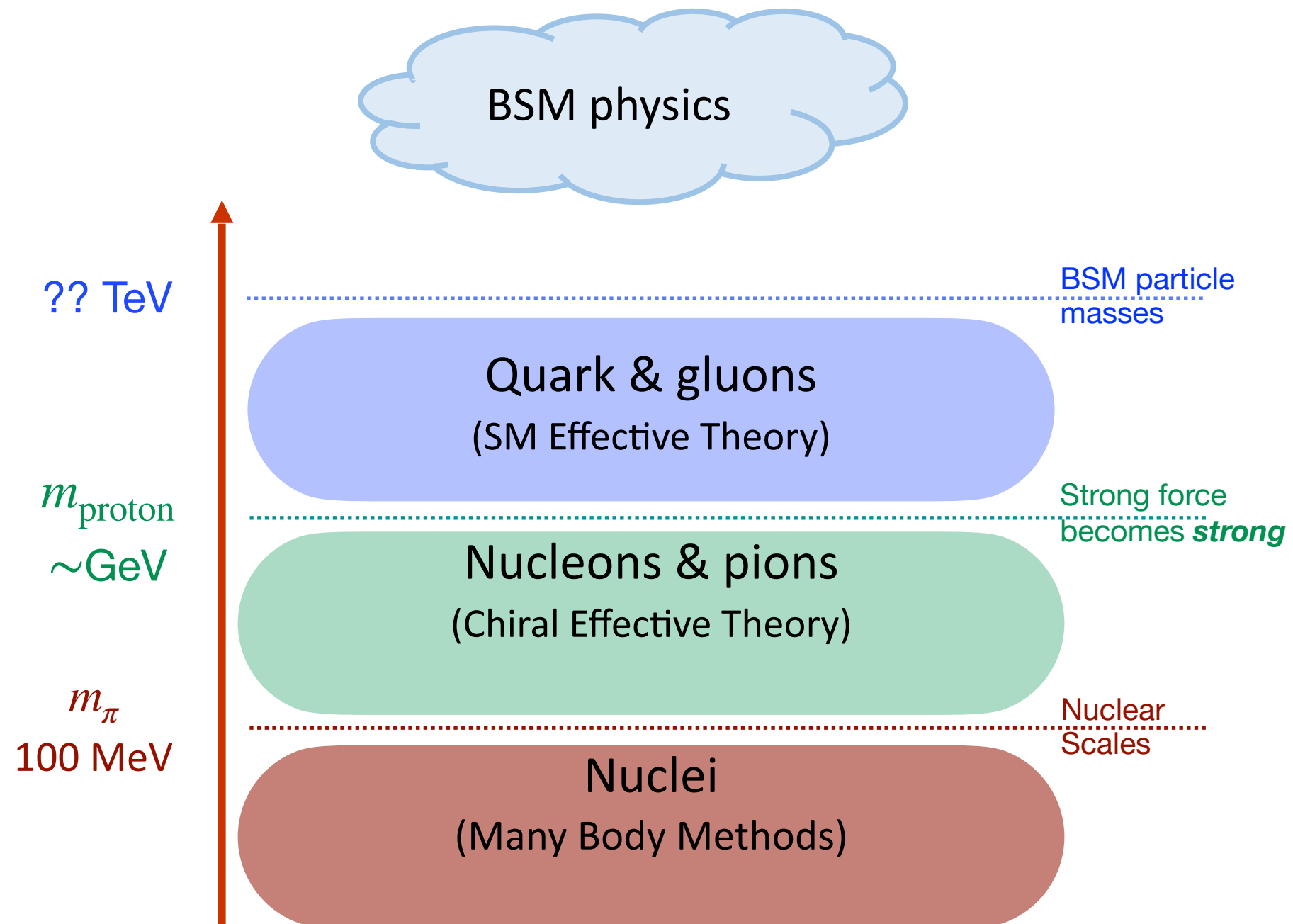
- Due to usually neglected **pion-nucleon couplings**
- Larger than currently quoted uncertainties
- **Affects our understanding of nuclei and Neutron Stars**



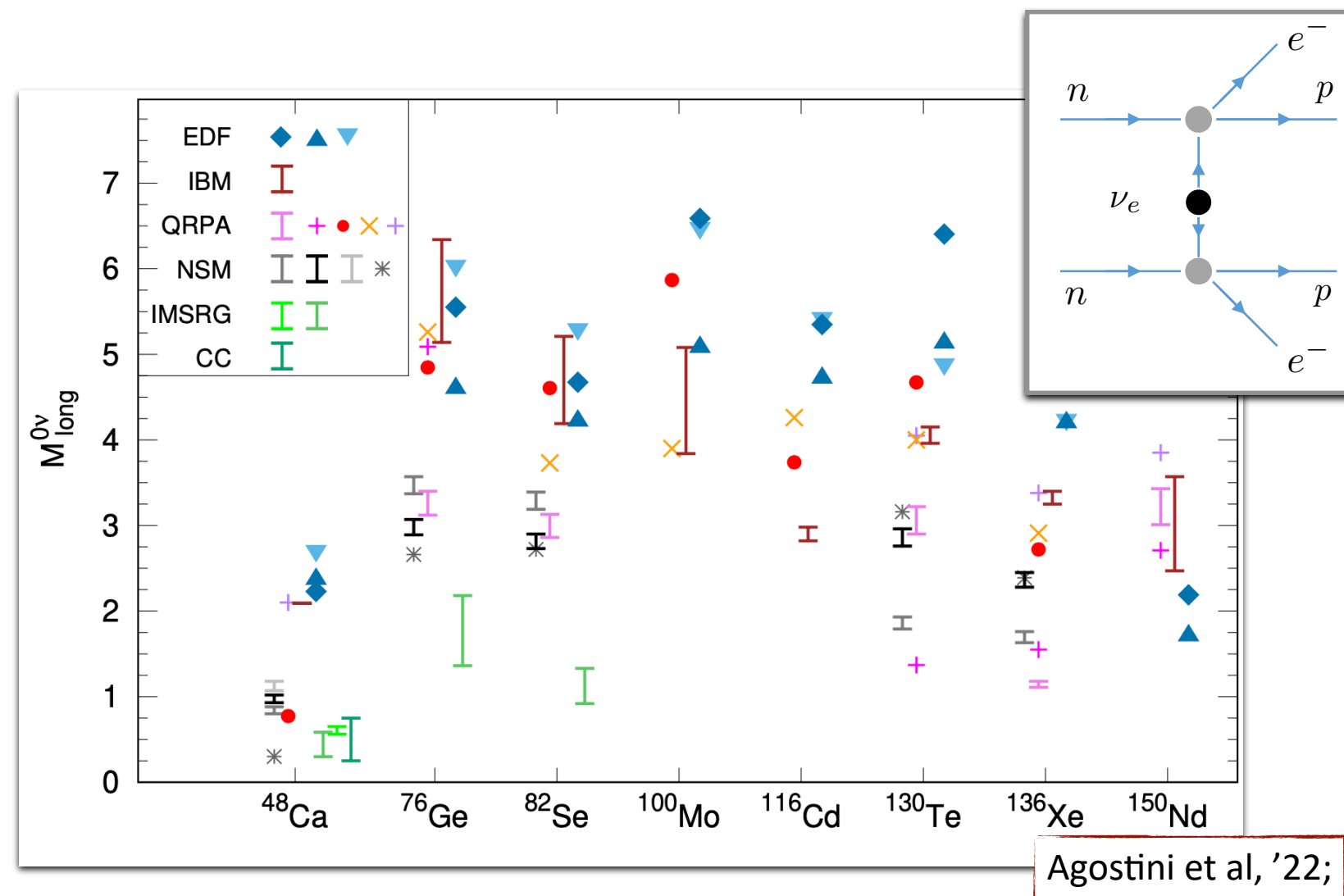
**Effects in Neutron Matter**





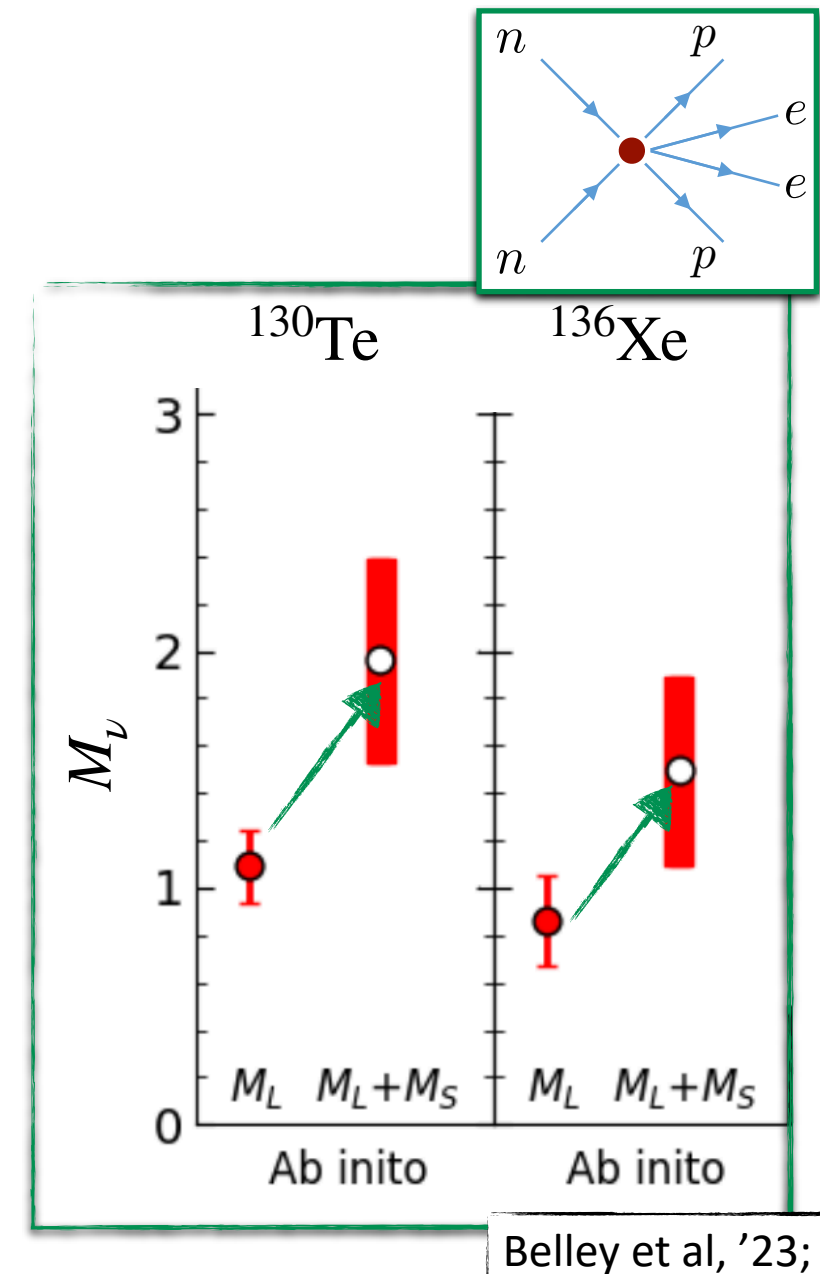
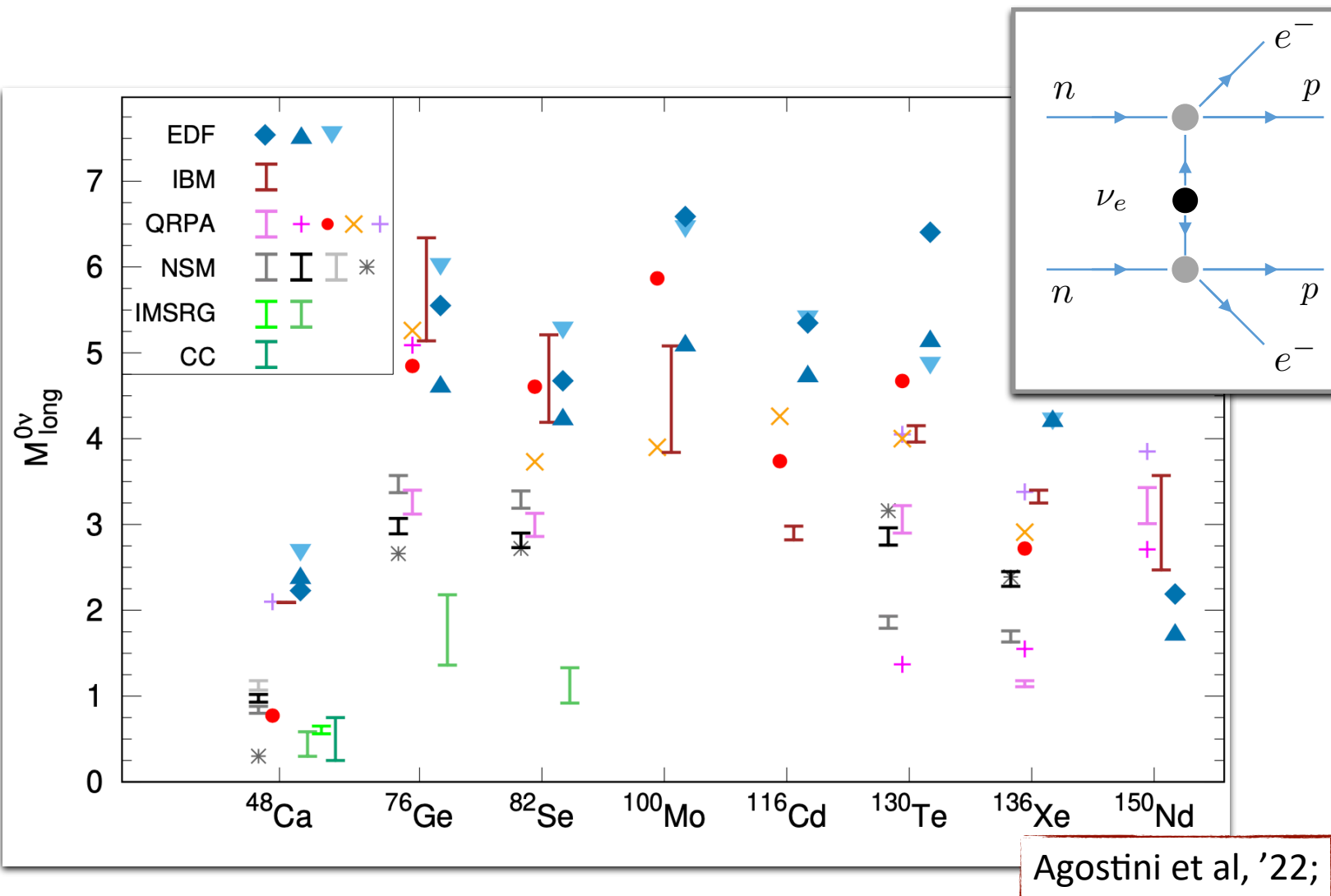


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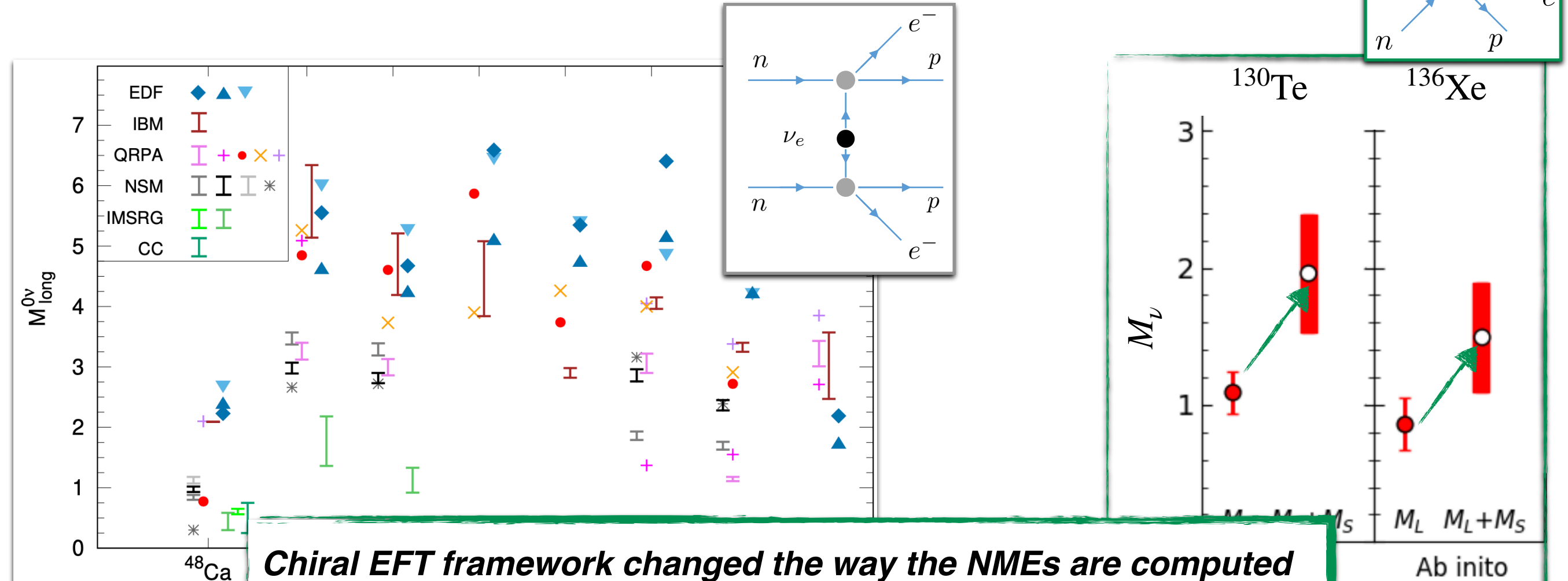
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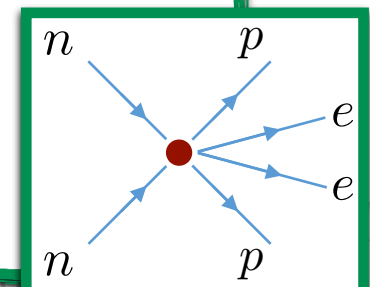


**Chiral EFT framework changed the way the NMEs are computed**

- Allowed for the first consistent calculations with uncertainties
- **Increases**  $M_\nu$  by  $\sim 40 - 90 \%$
- **Increased** experimental sensitivity to  $m_{\beta\beta}$

$$\Gamma_{0\nu\beta\beta} \propto M_\nu^2 m_{\beta\beta}^2$$

Belley et al, '23;



# Other mechanisms

More complex effective interactions:

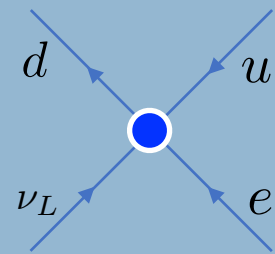
appearing at higher orders  $\sim (m_W/\Lambda)^3, (m_W/\Lambda)^5$

# Chiral EFT

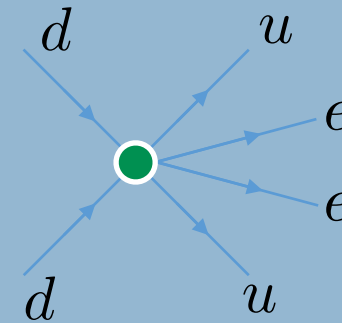
## Higher-dimensional interactions

$M_{QCD}$   
1 GeV

### SM Effective Theory



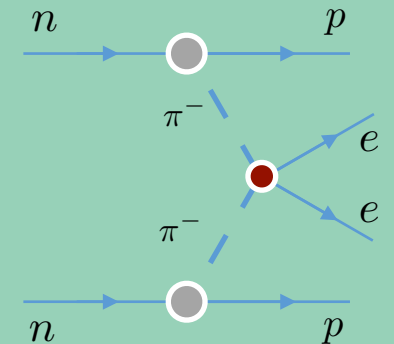
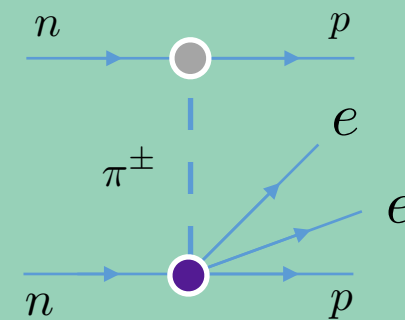
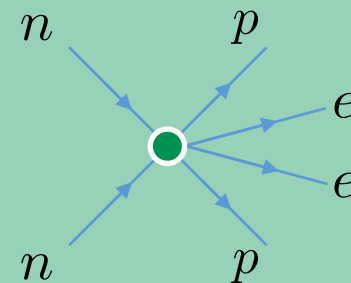
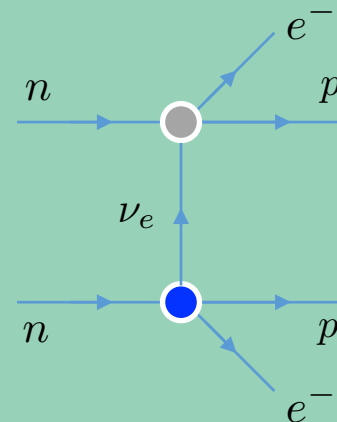
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### Chiral Effective Theory

$V_{d=7,9} =$



- Higher-dimensional interactions involve
  - Additional hadronic interactions
  - Hadronic couplings only partially known

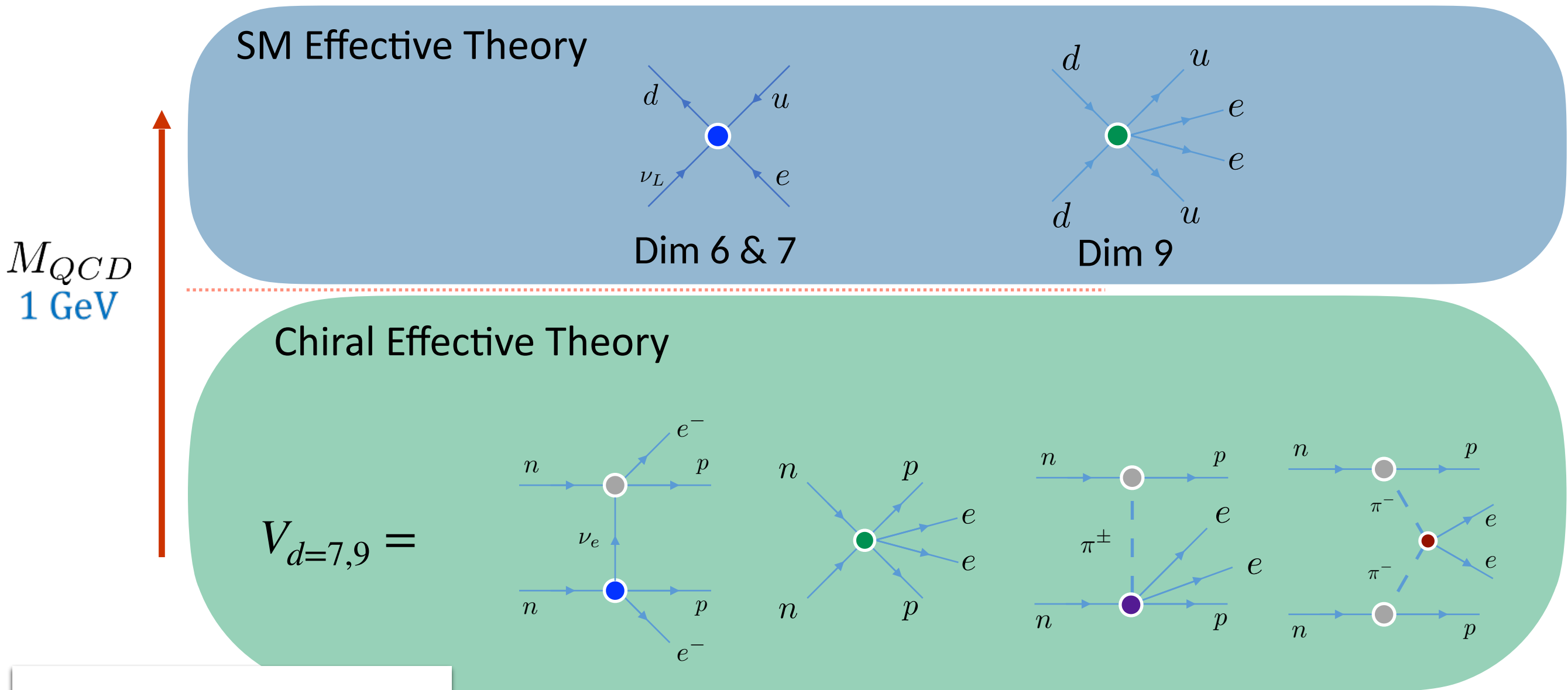
WD et al, JHEP '17,18

- Can go through same steps for sterile neutrinos

WD et al. JHEP '20; PRC '23; JHEP '24

# Chiral EFT

Higher-dimensional interactions



**From nucleons to nuclei**

- Requires Nuclear Matrix Elements

$$M_\nu \sim \langle \psi_{Se} \ V_{d=7,9} \ \psi_{Ge} \rangle$$

- Order 10 of them
- **Similar uncertainties as the Majorana-mass mechanism**

# Phenomenology

Heavy LNV physics

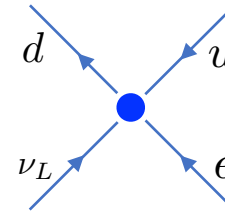




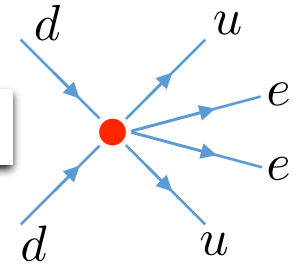
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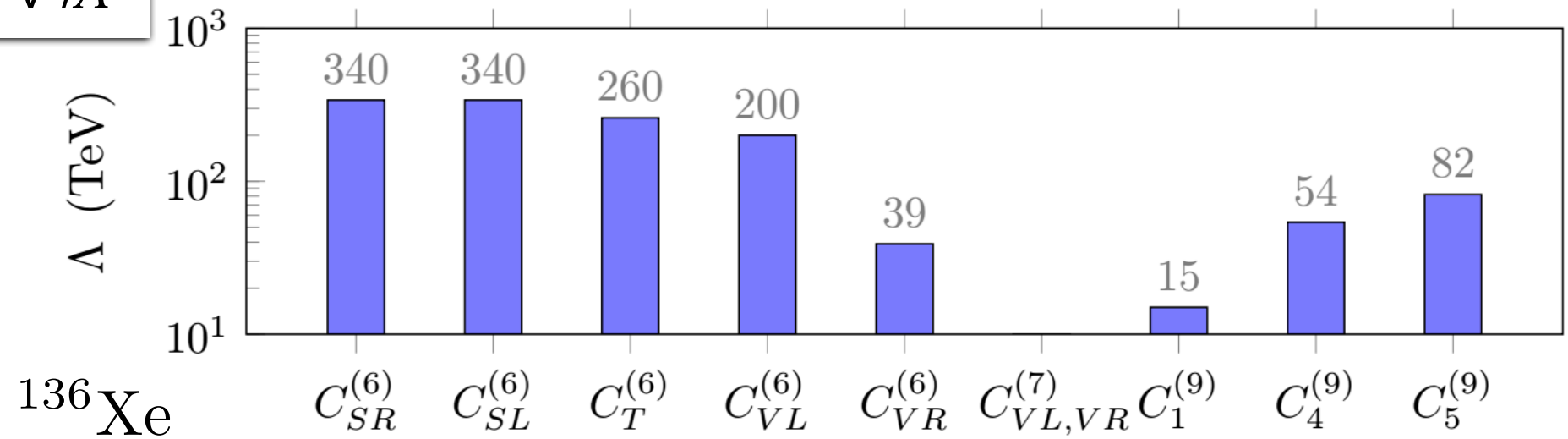
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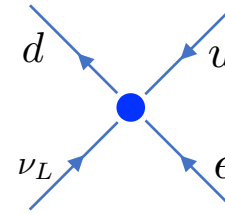


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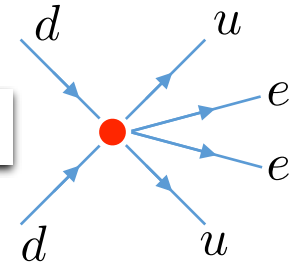
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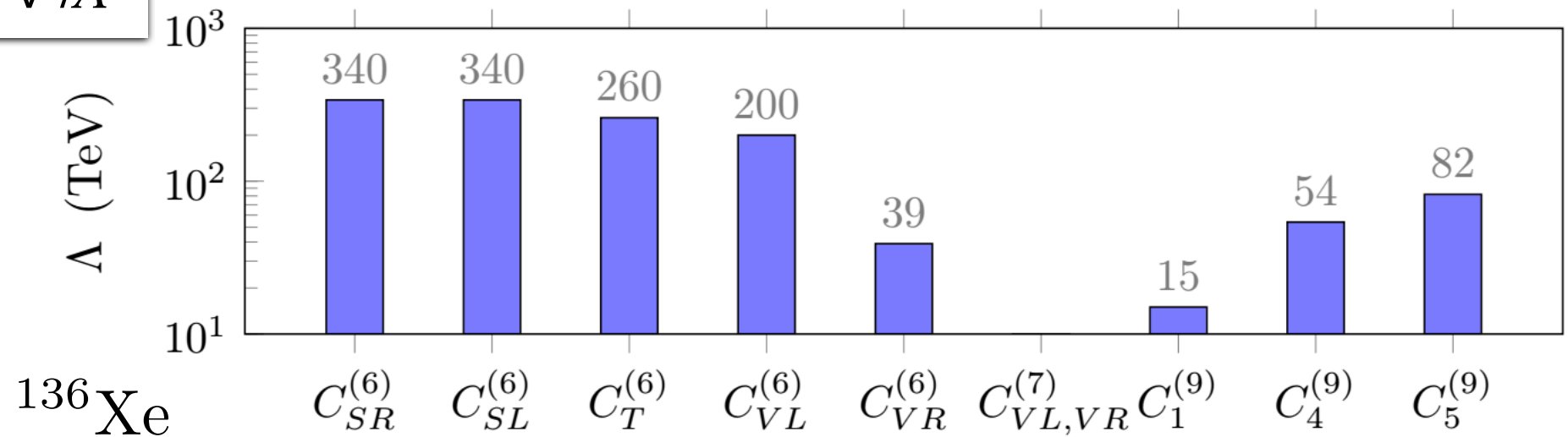
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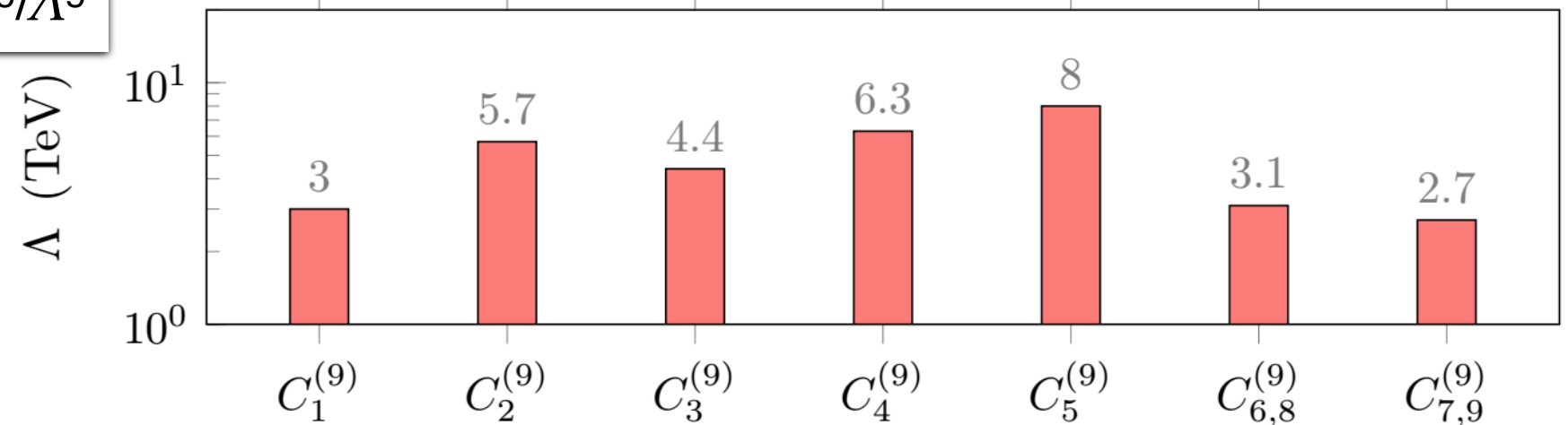
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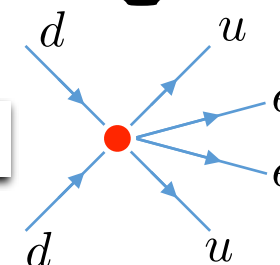


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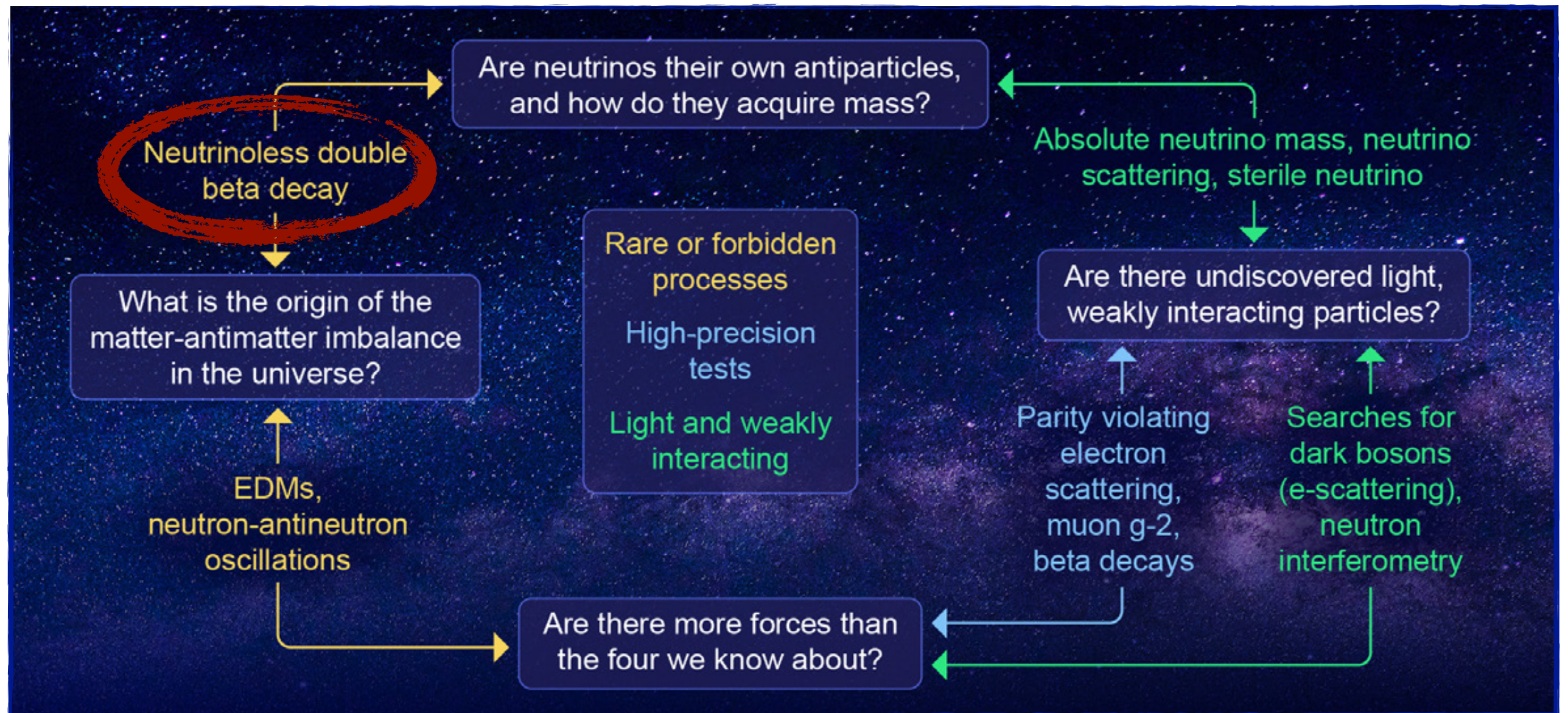
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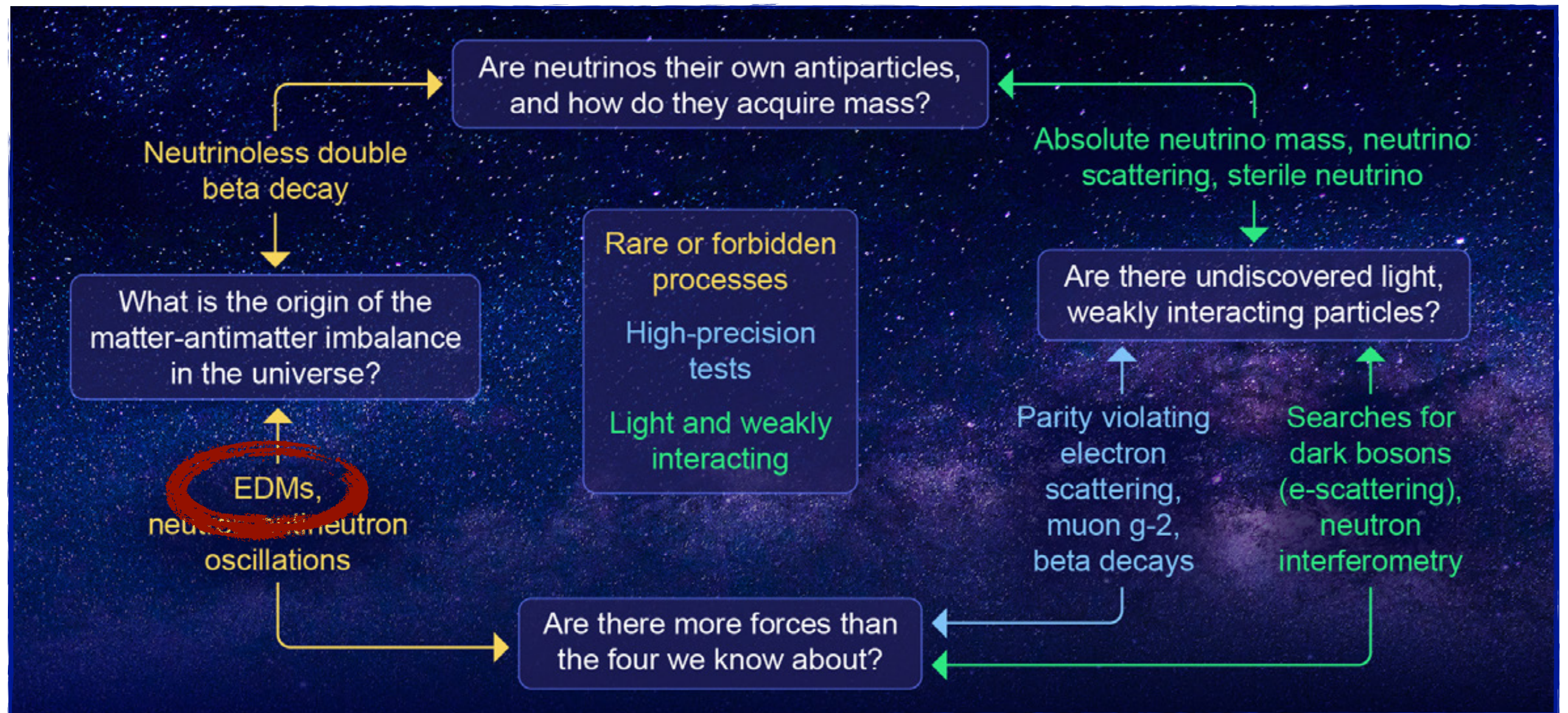


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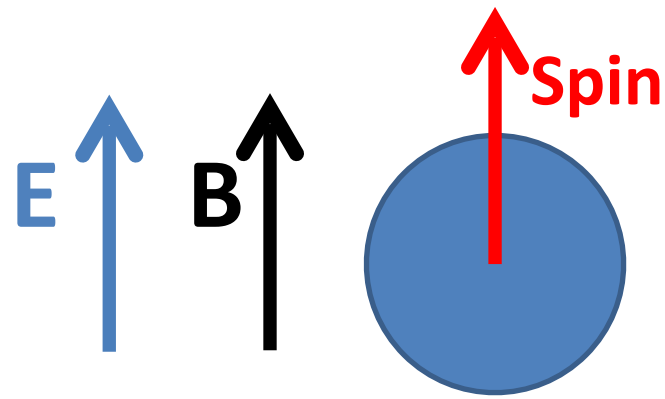


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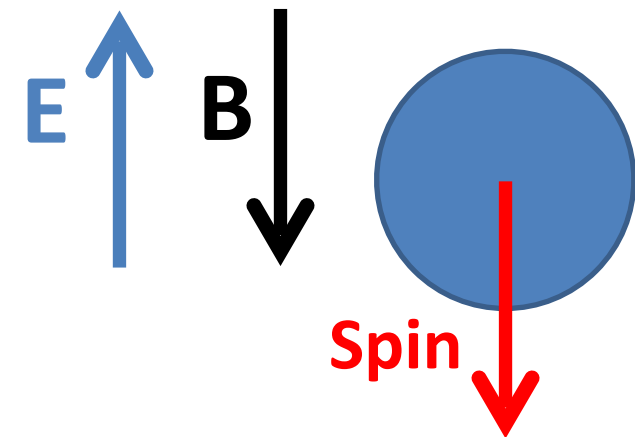


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Time reversal

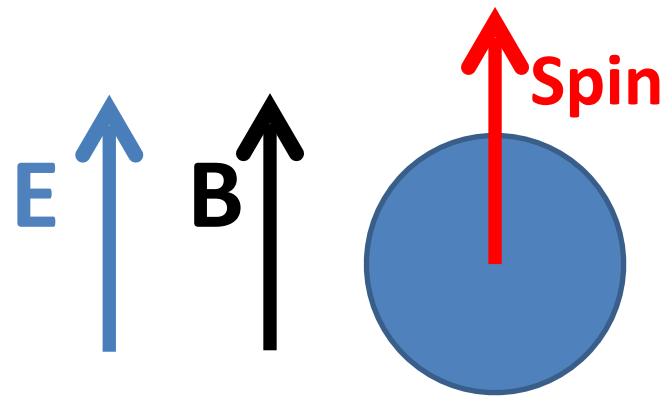


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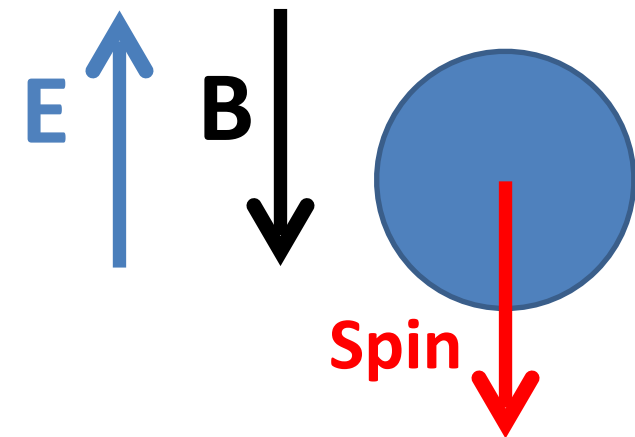
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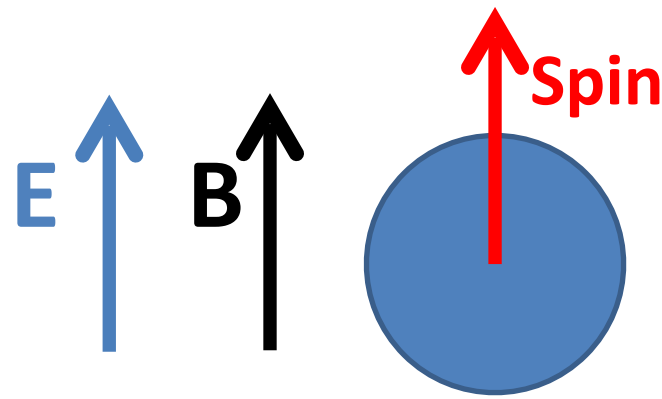
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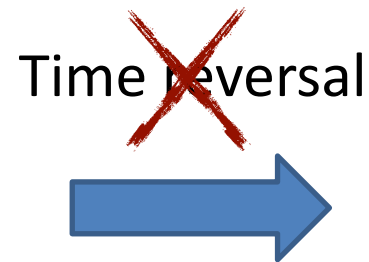
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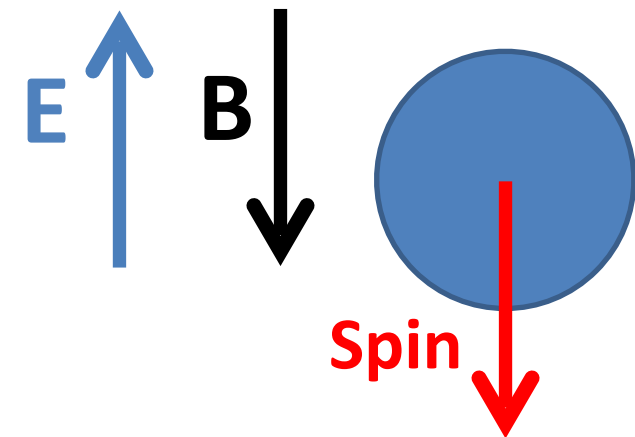
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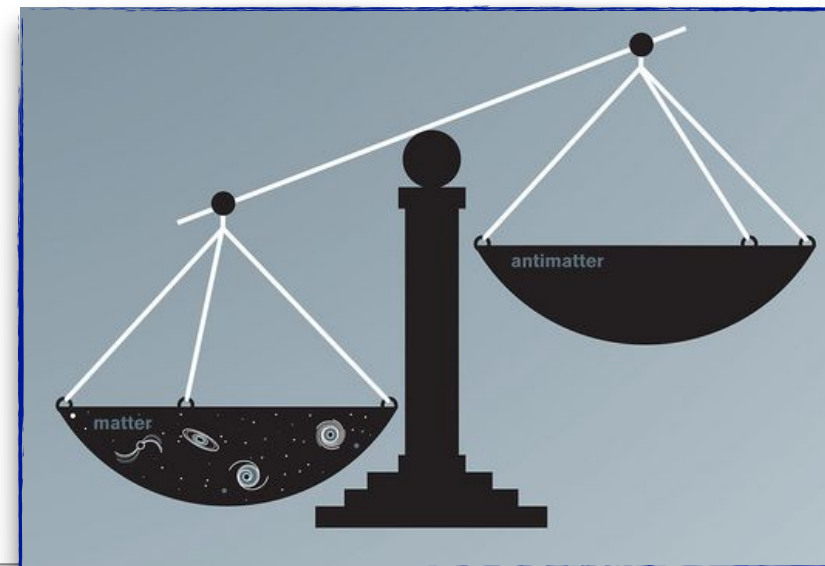


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## Why look for them?

- Any signal implies BSM CP-violating physics!\*
- Needed to explain the **matter-antimatter asymmetry**
  - One of the 3 Sakharov conditions

(\*) or  $\theta \neq 0$ , but this can be disentangled from BSM contributions



# Electric Dipole Moments

## How to look for them?

- Nucleons
- Atoms
- Molecules

- **Light nuclei**

- Theoretically clean
- Currently no measurements

Neutron:  
Baker *et al.*, '20

$$d_n \leq 1.8 \cdot 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$$

Mercury:  
Graner *et al.*, '17

$$d_{\text{Hg}} \leq 6.2 \cdot 10^{-30} e \text{ cm}$$

HfF:  
Roussy *et al.*, '22

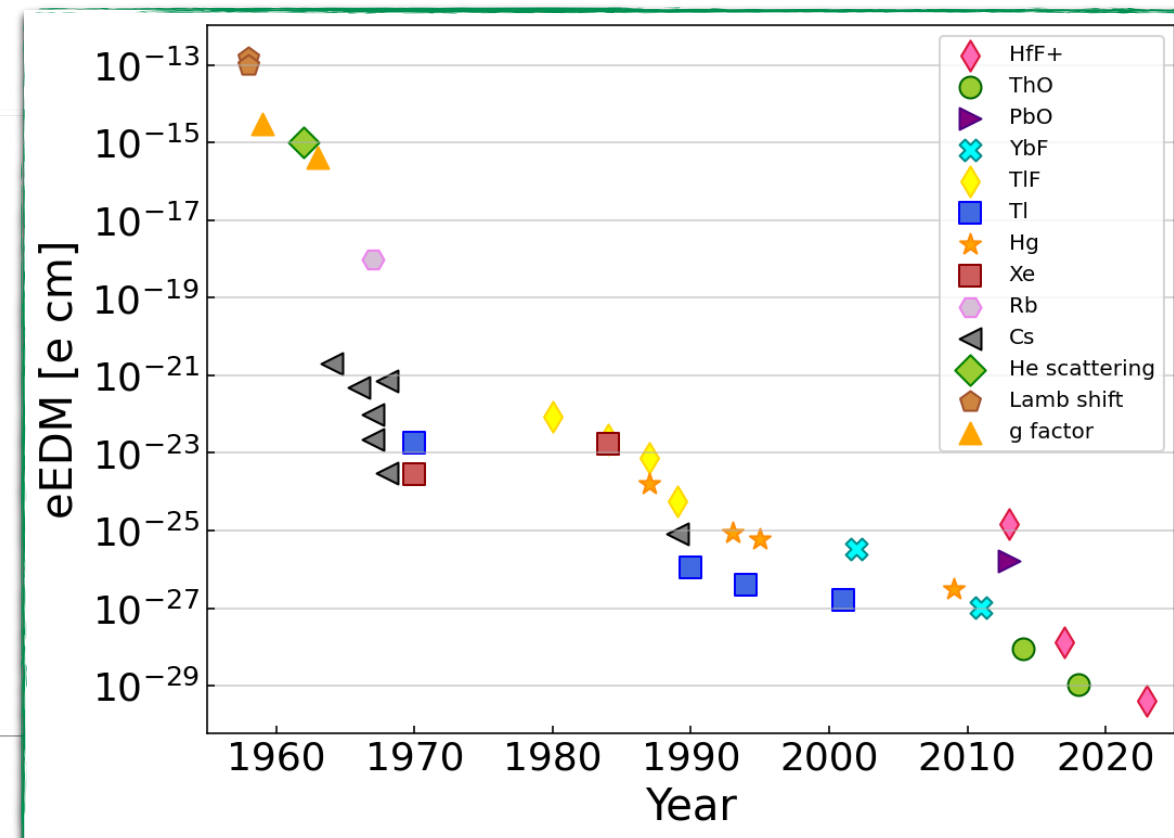
$$d_e \leq 4.1 \cdot 10^{-30} e \text{ cm}$$

Bsaisou *et al.* '14; Gnech & Viviani, '20; **Yang, Platter *et al.*, '21**

## Future probes?

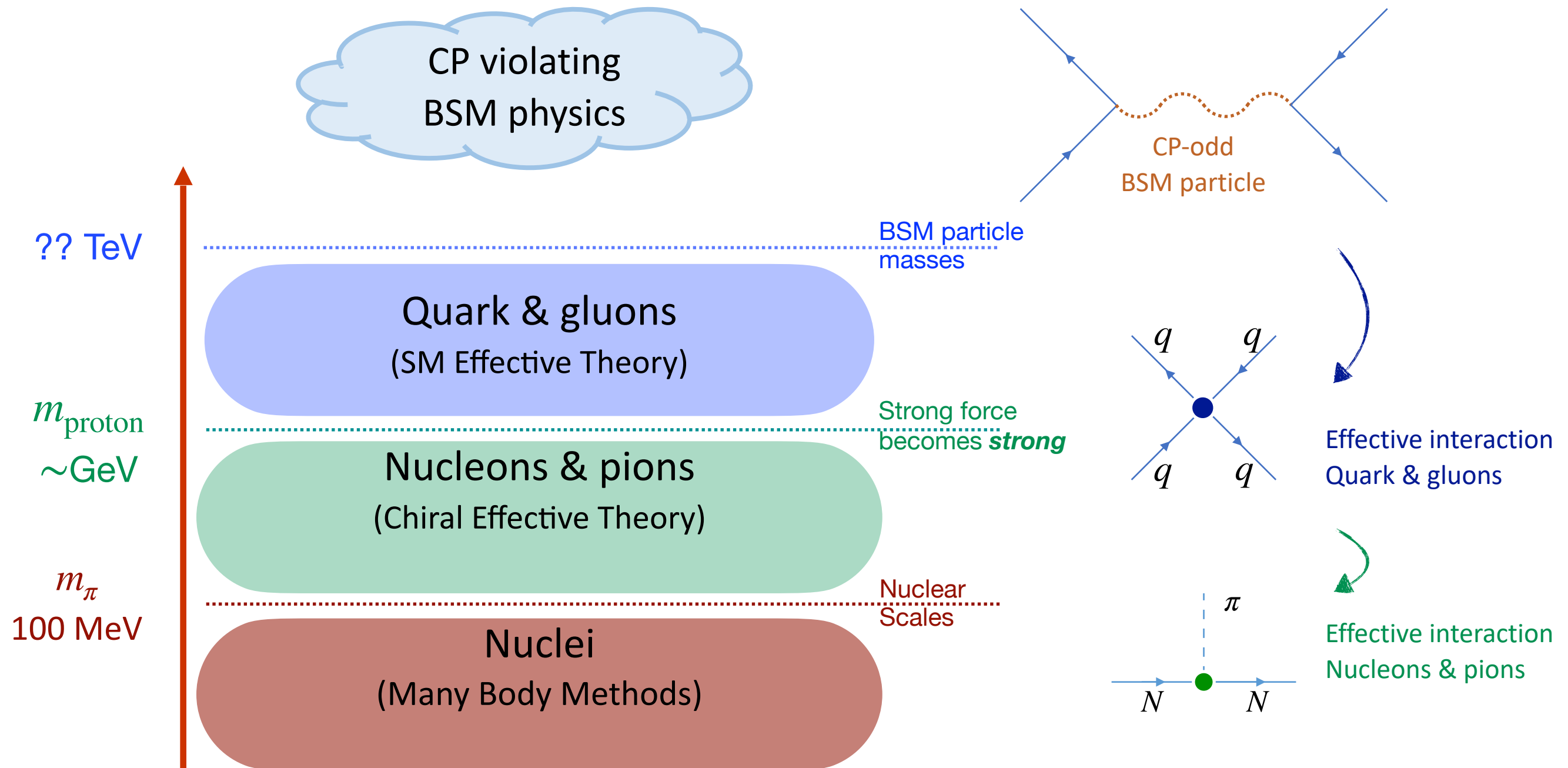
- **Rapid progress** in paramagnetic systems
- **Radioactive molecules** promising probes
  - Several enhancement factors

Chupp *et al.* '17; Ema *et al.* '22; Arrowsmith-Kron *et al.* '23





# Putting the EFT(s) to work



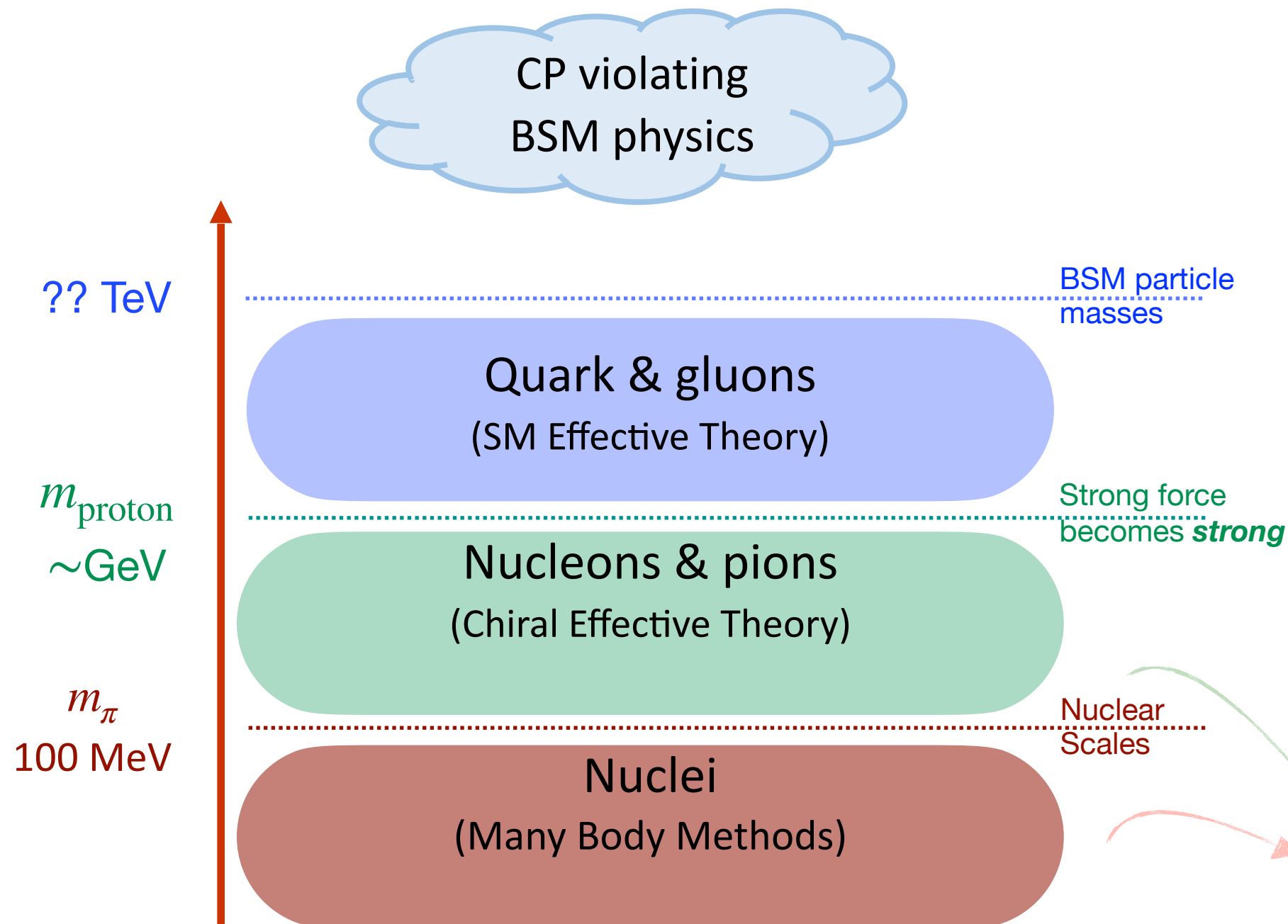
From high to low energies

- From  $m_W$  to  $m_N$ : known to one loop
- From quarks to nucleons & pions: Chiral EFT framework known

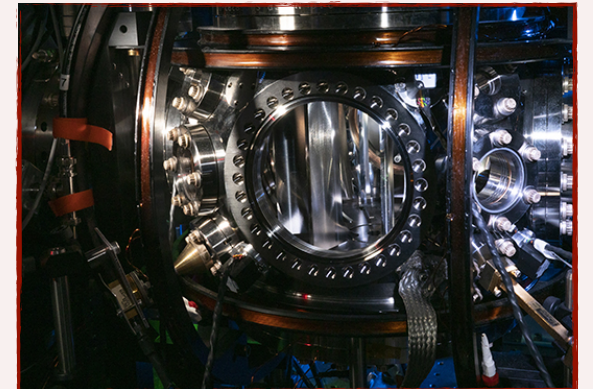
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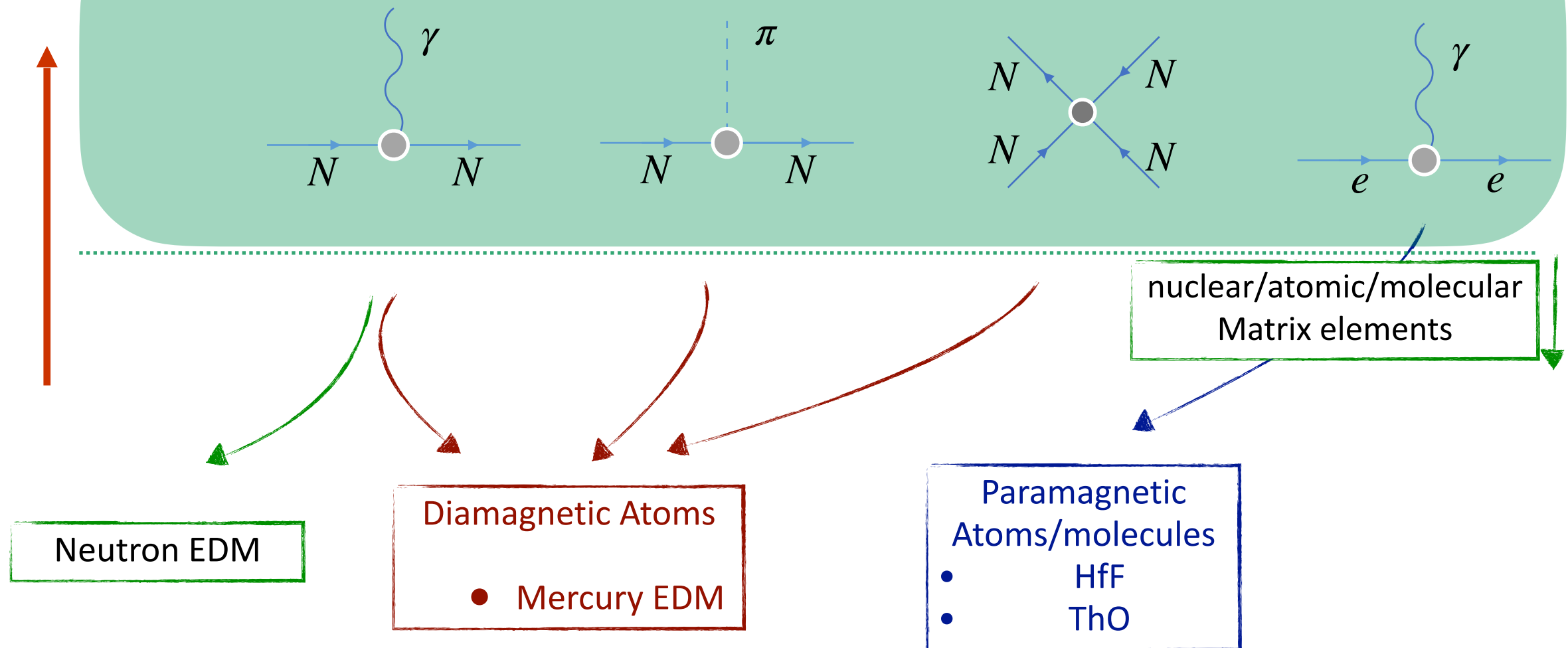
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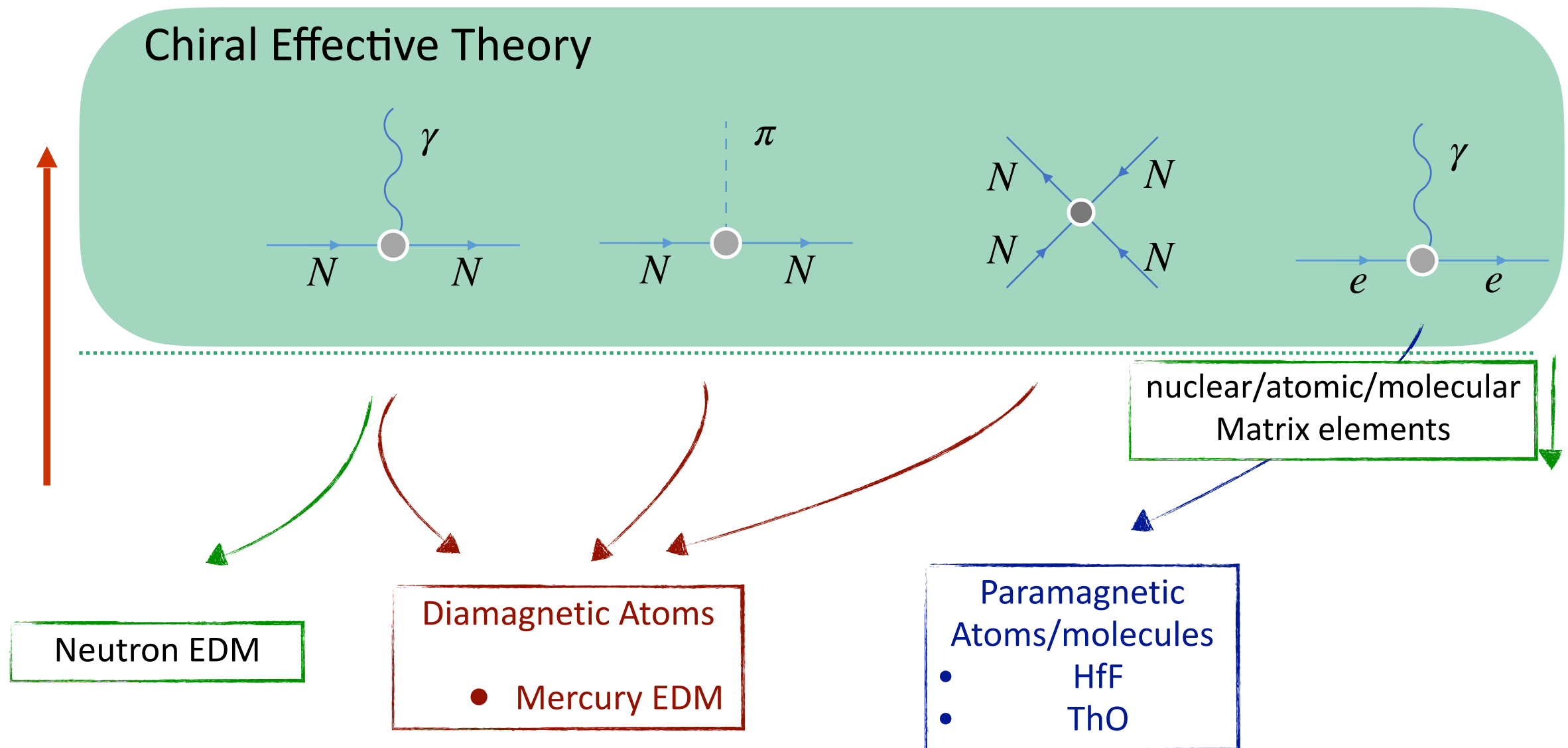
HfF EDM (JILA)

# Atomic/molecular EDMs

## Chiral Effective Theory



# Atomic/molecular EDMs



- Involve hadronic, Nuclear, Atomic, & Molecular matrix elements
  - Some are known to a few percent (e.g. paramagnetic systems)
  - Others have  $\mathcal{O}(100\%)$  uncertainties (e.g.  $\pi N$  interactions in mercury)

# Probing non-standard Higgs couplings

Using precision measurements of  
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- Non-standard Yukawa couplings

- Can play a role in Baryogenesis

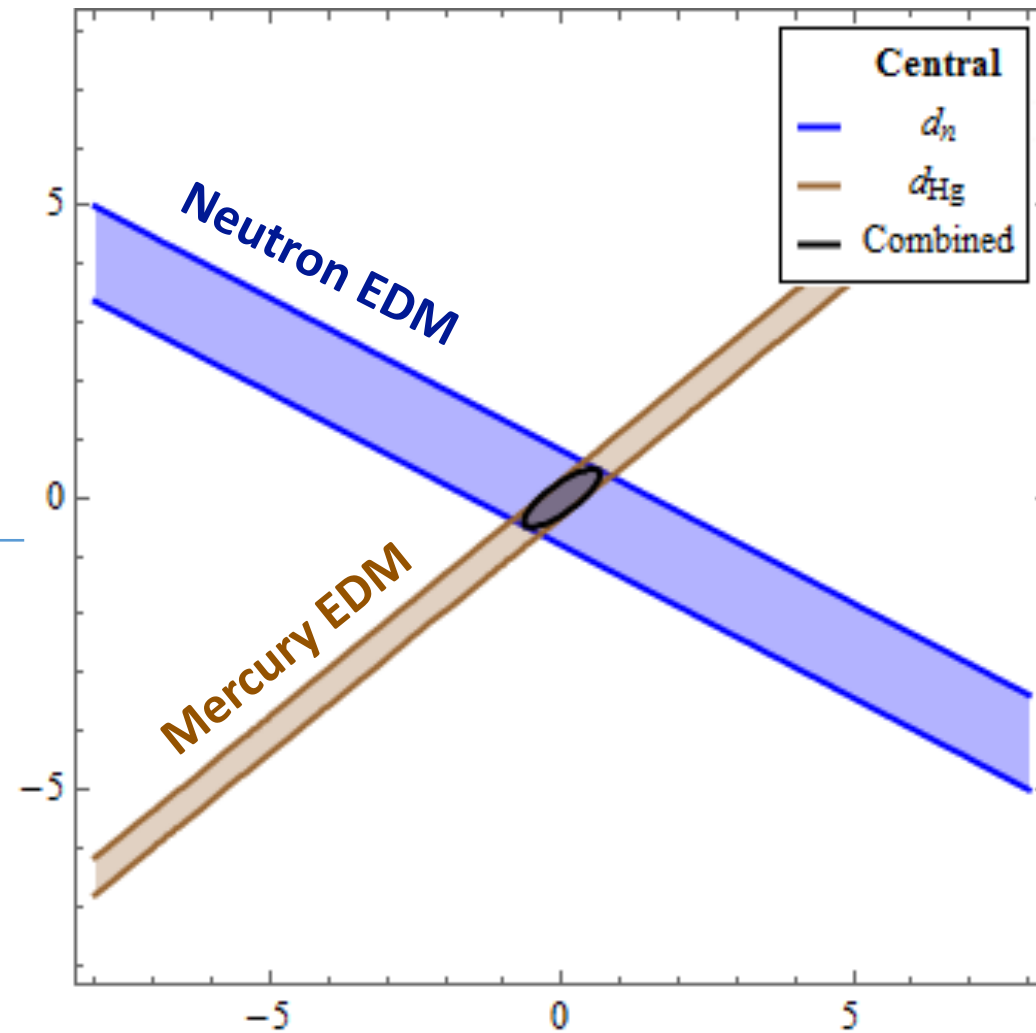
Fuchs et al '19,'20; de Vries et al '17;

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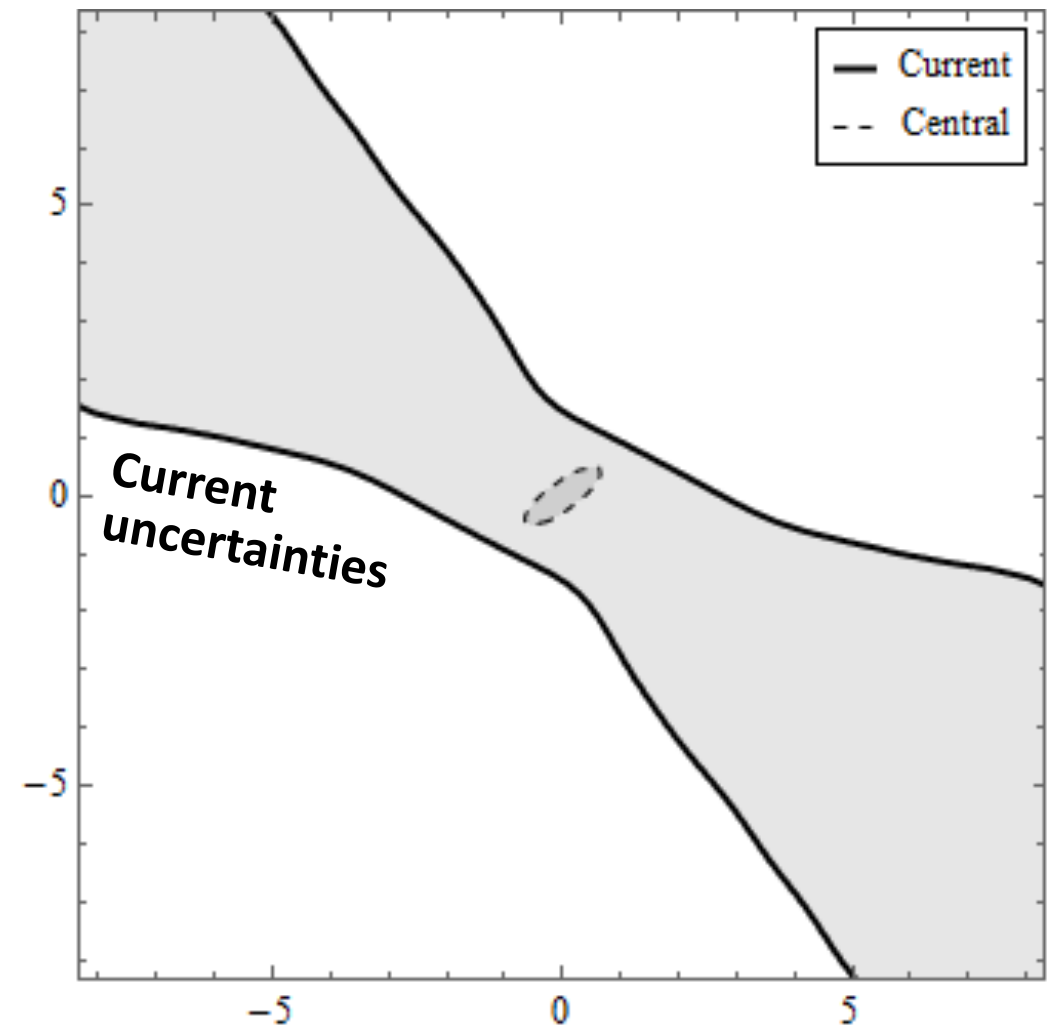
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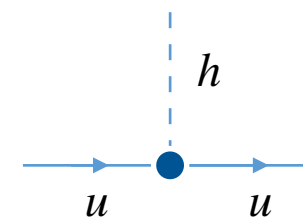
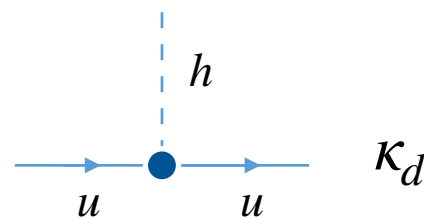
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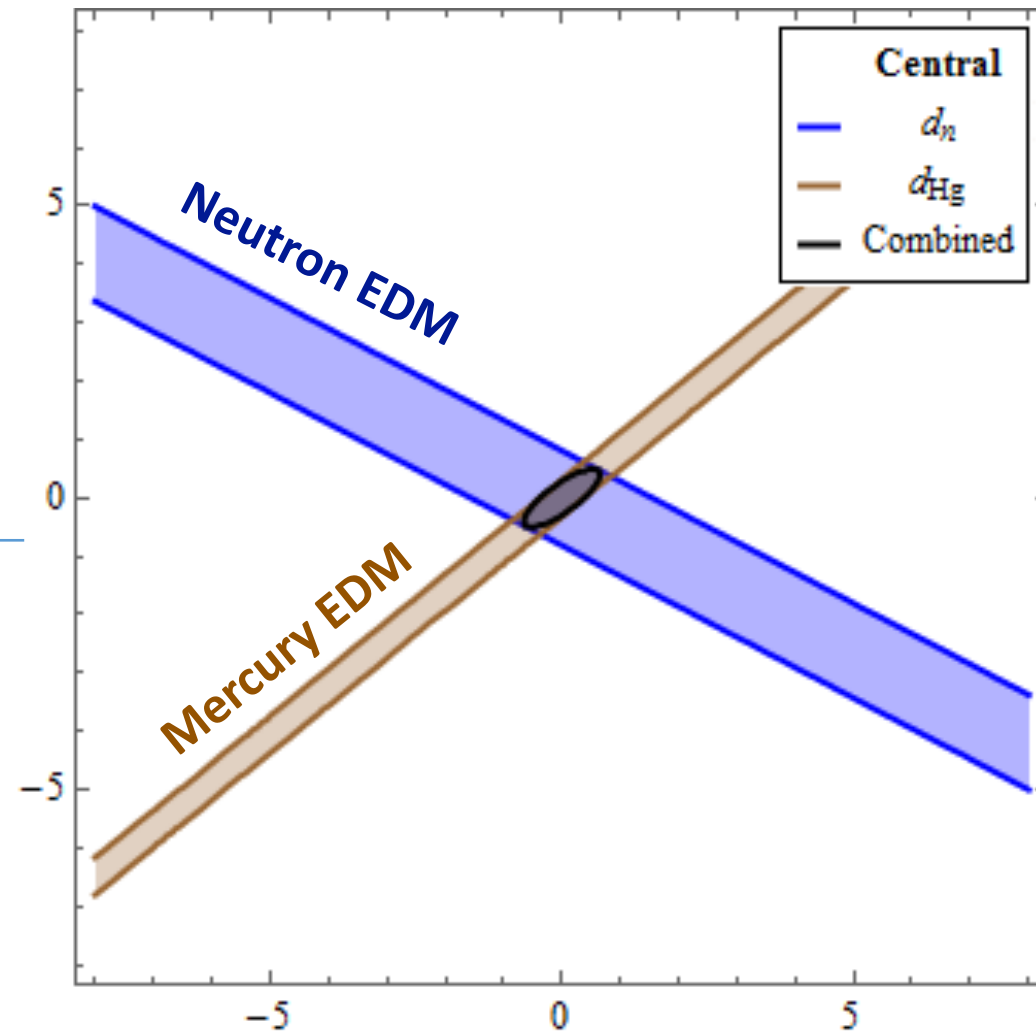


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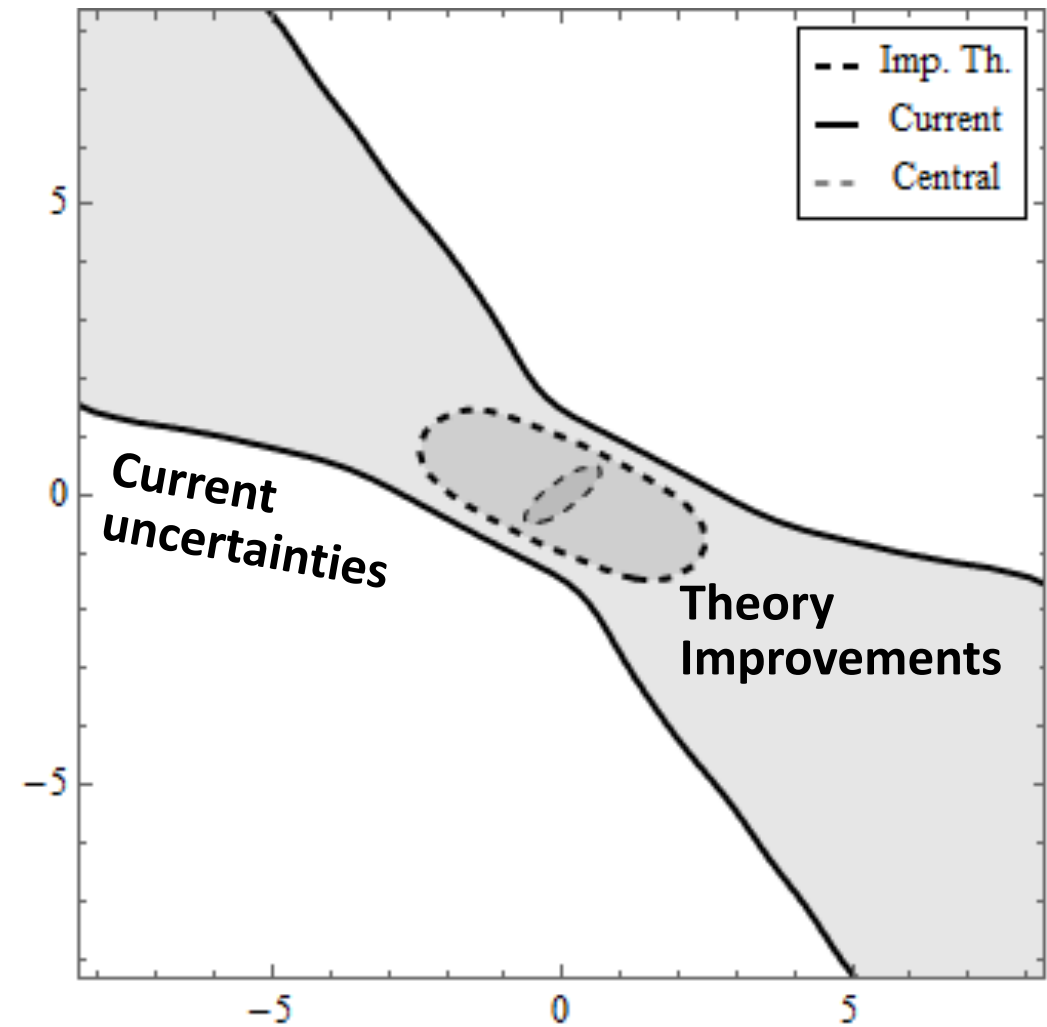
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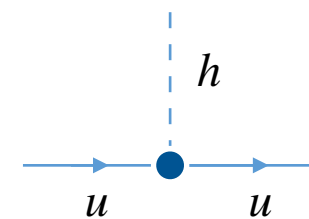
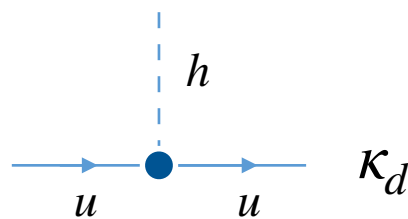
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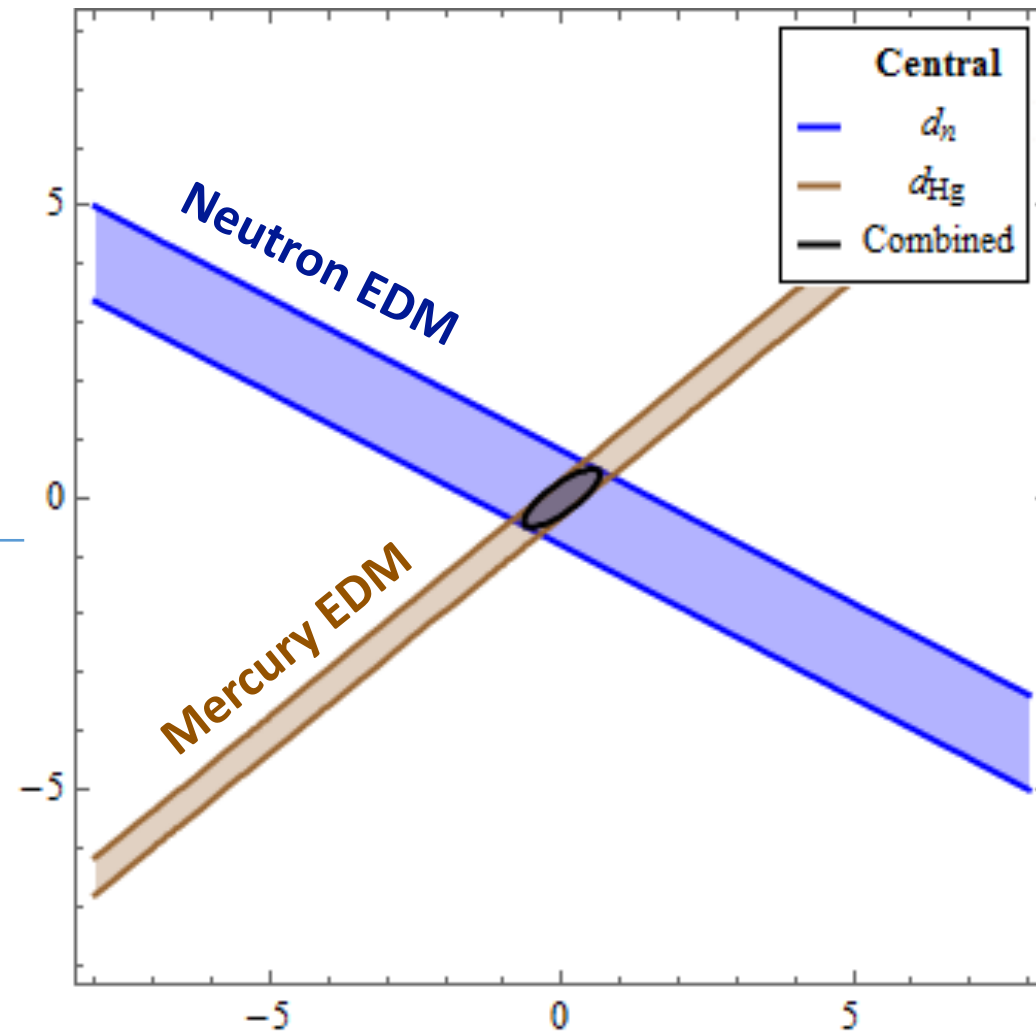


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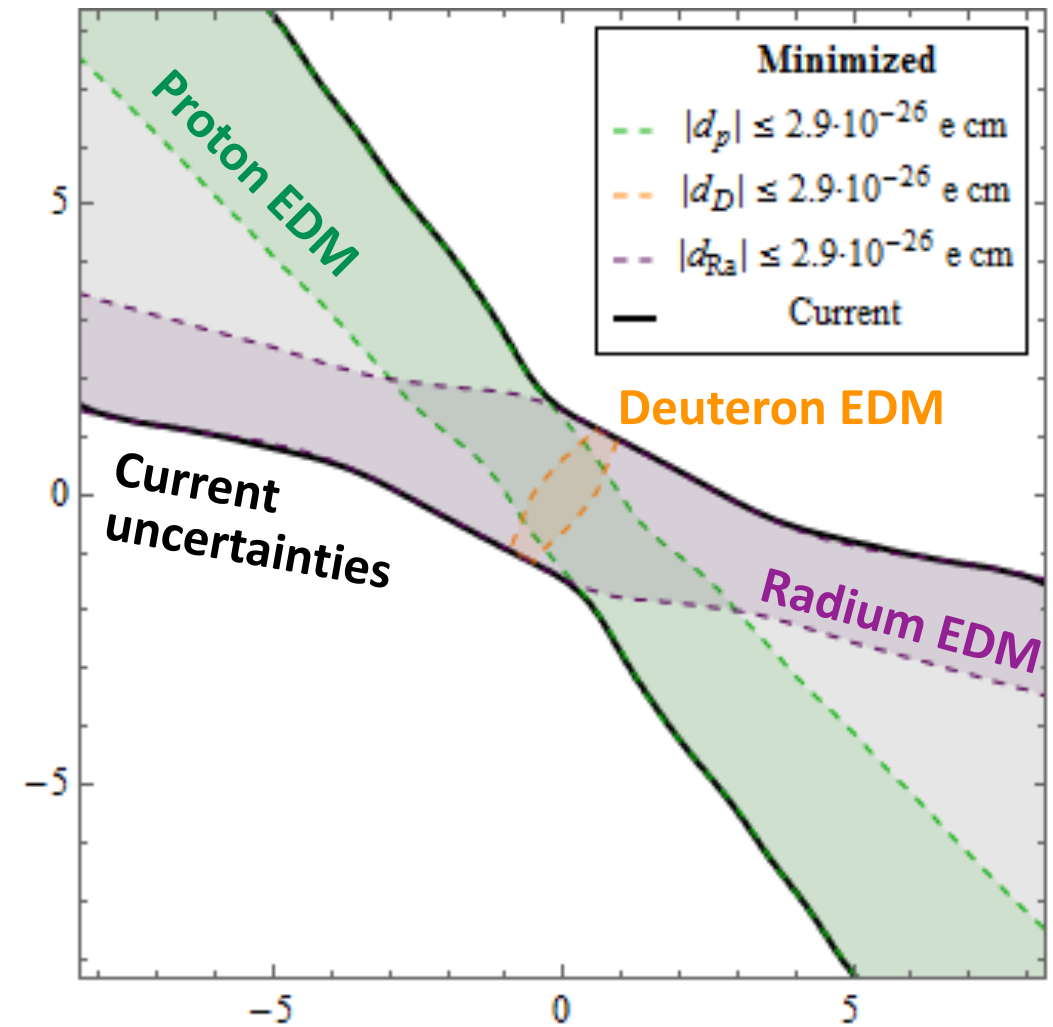
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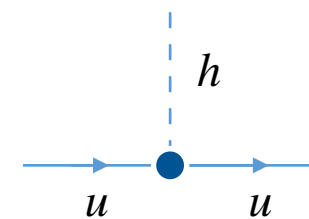
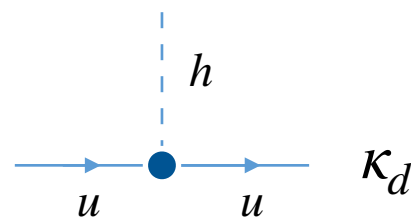
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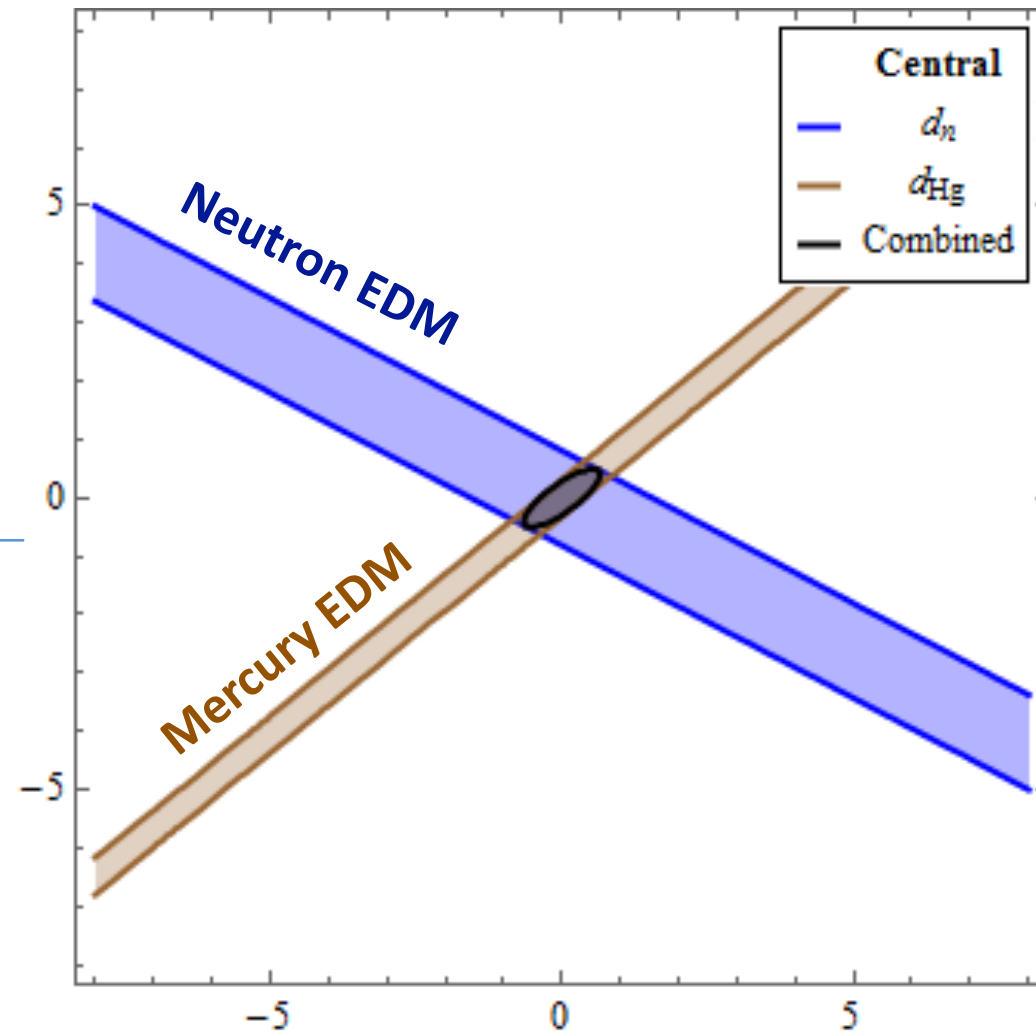
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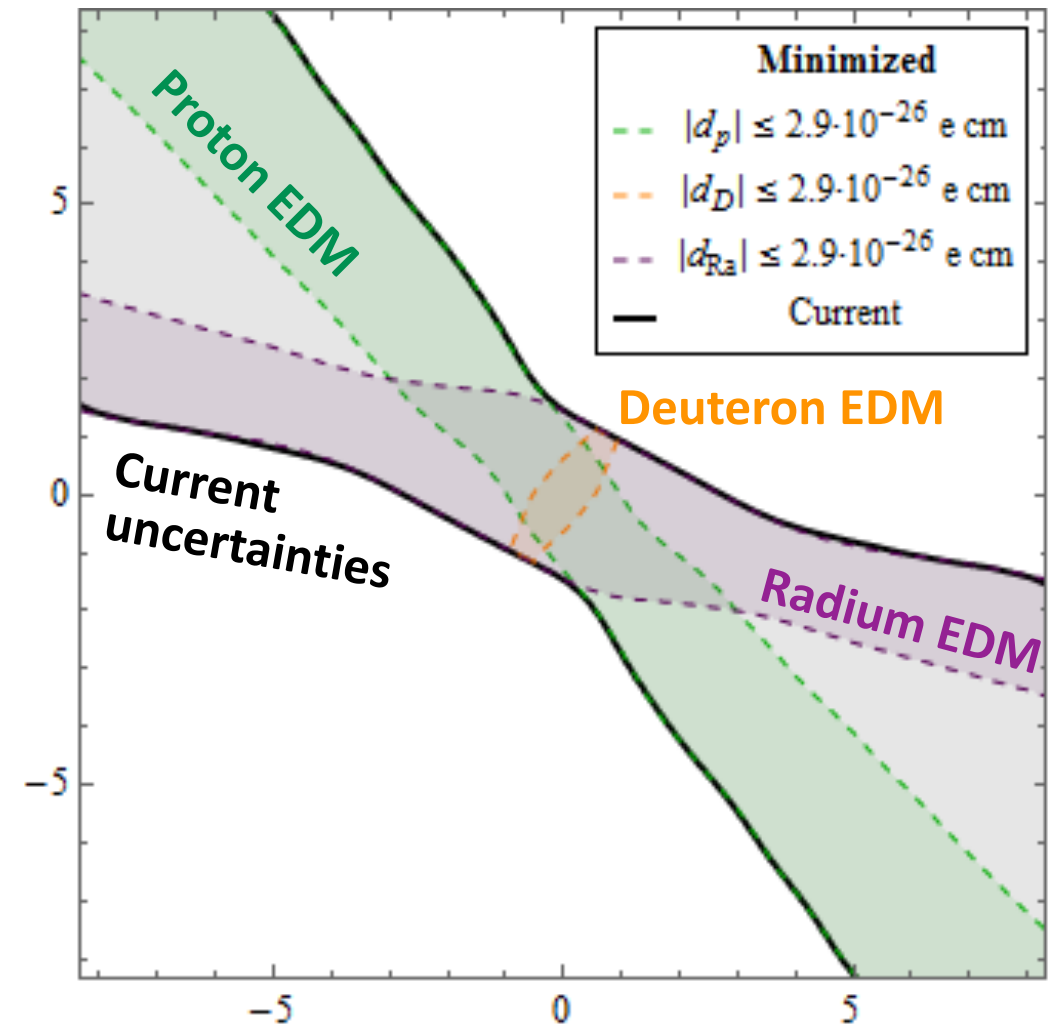
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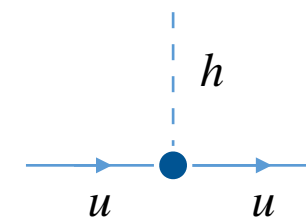
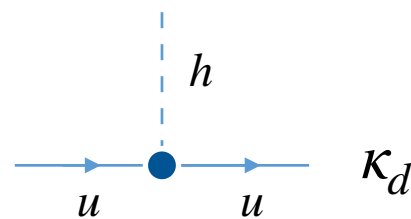
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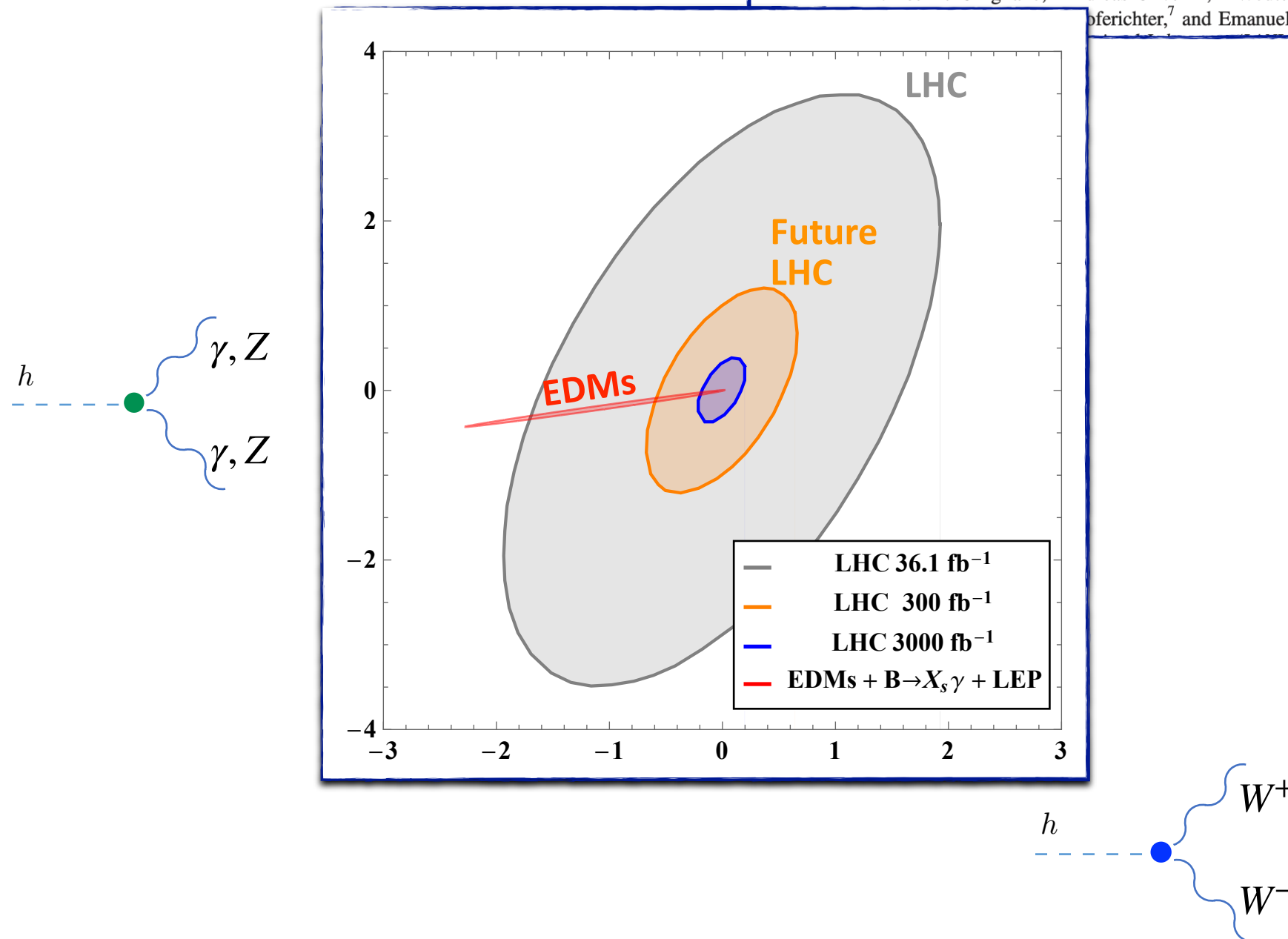
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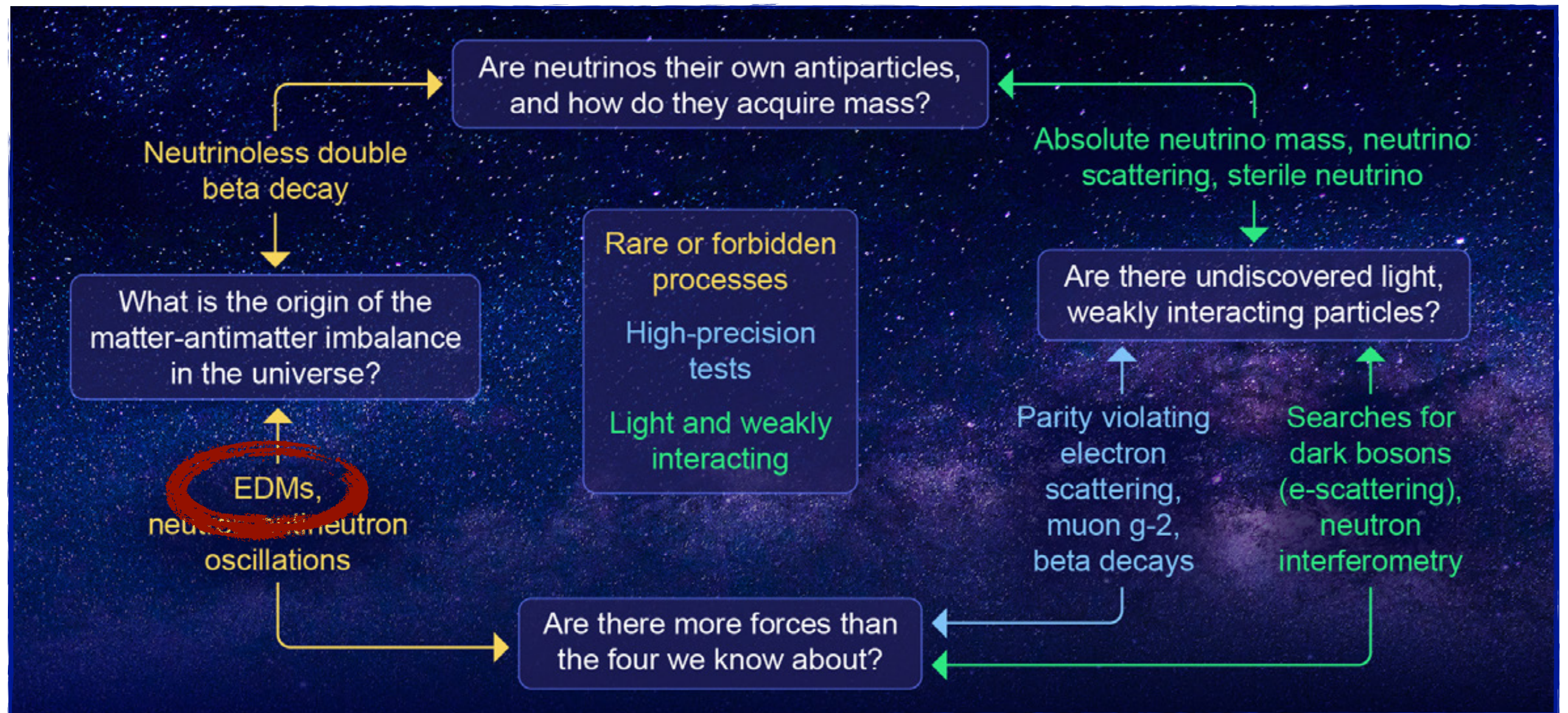
Bernlochner et al. PLB '19

- EDMs are very competitive, even compared to future LHC sensitivity to  $pp \rightarrow h + 2j$
- EDMs only probe a few interactions at a time
  - Complementarity between to high-energy & low-energy probes



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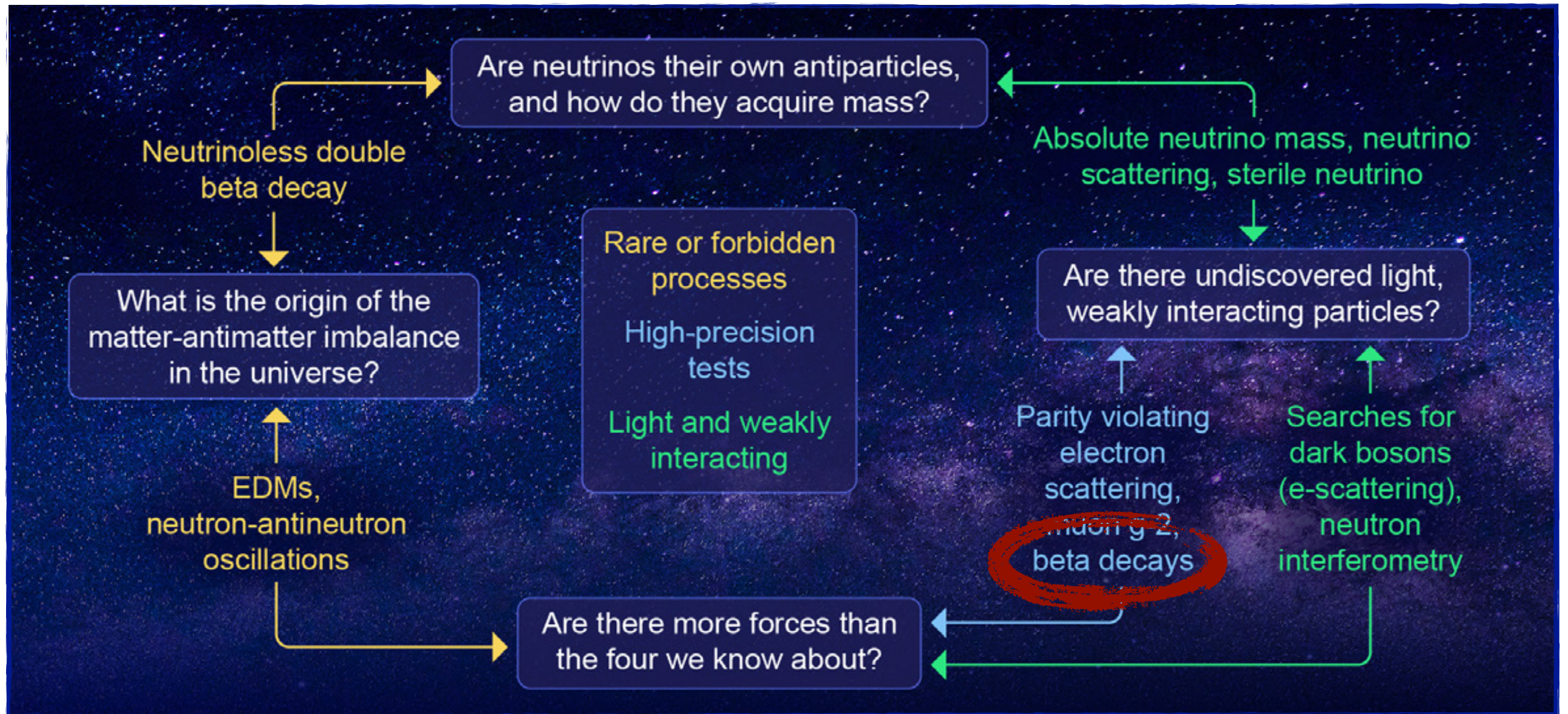


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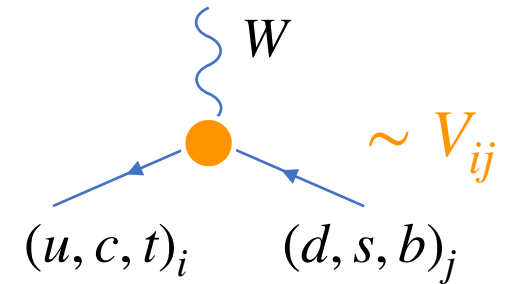
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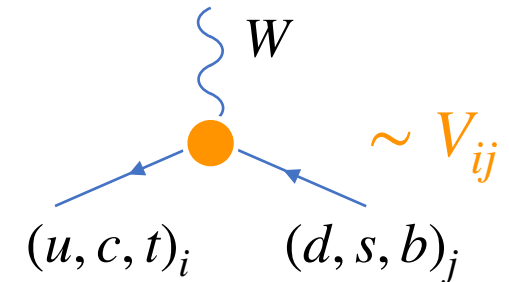


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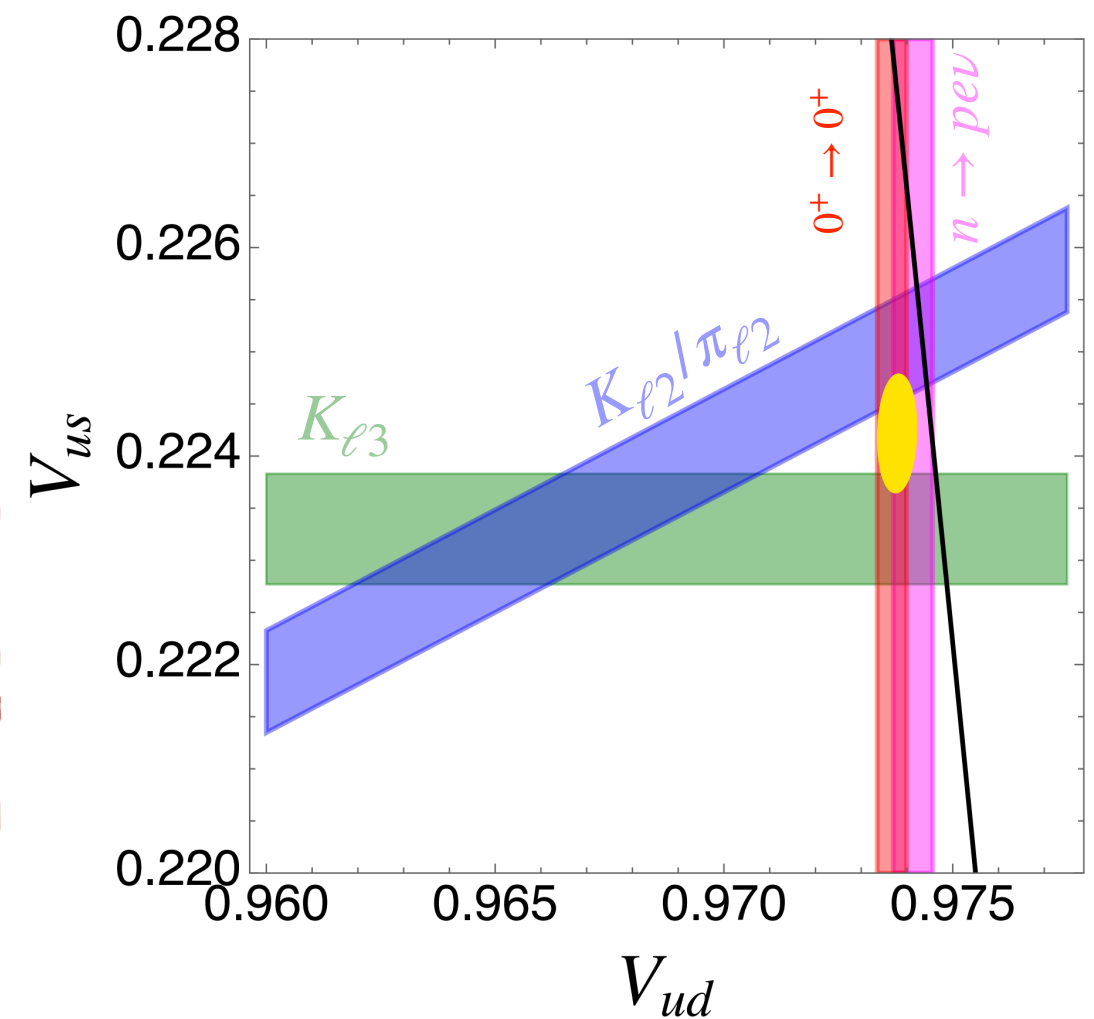
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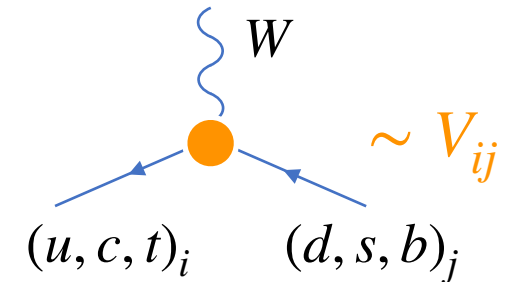


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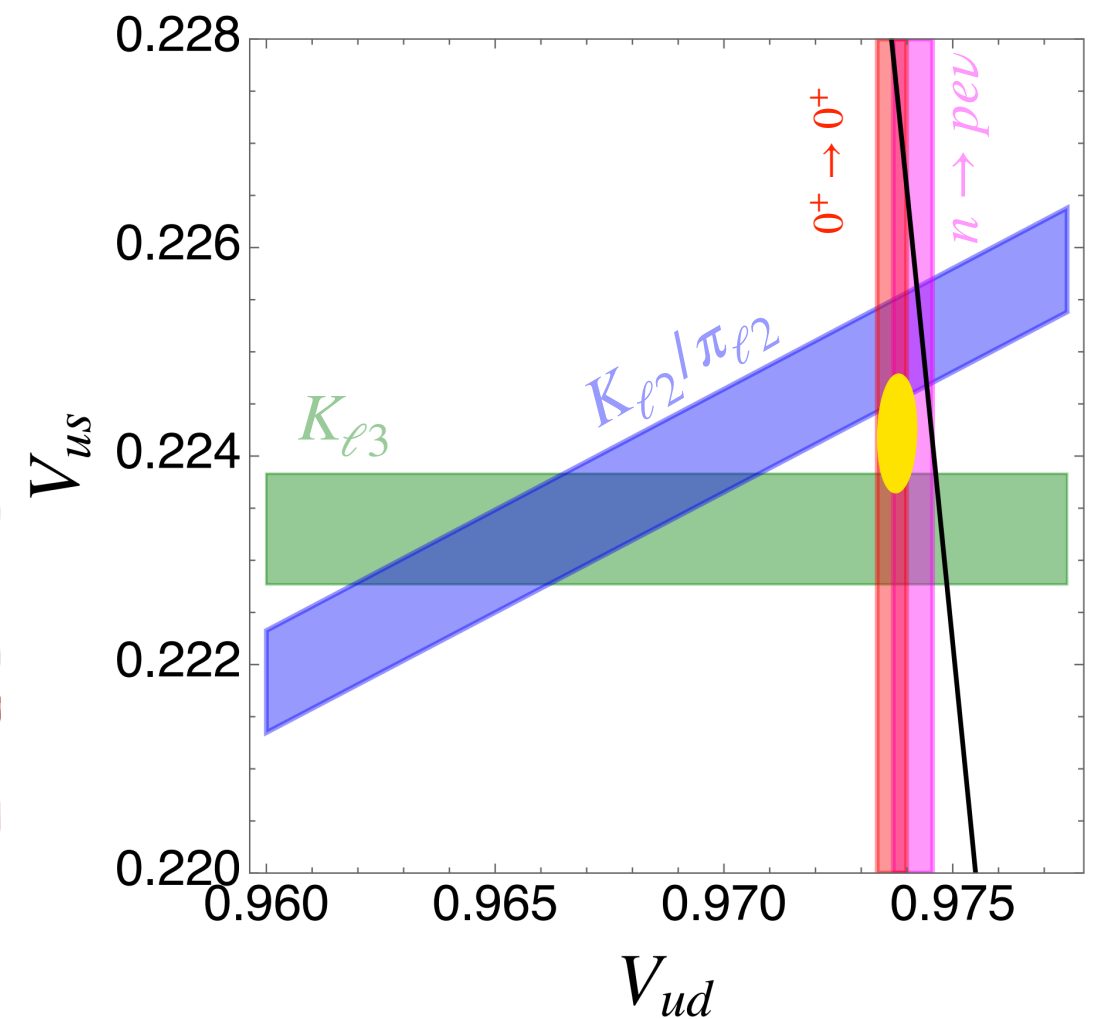
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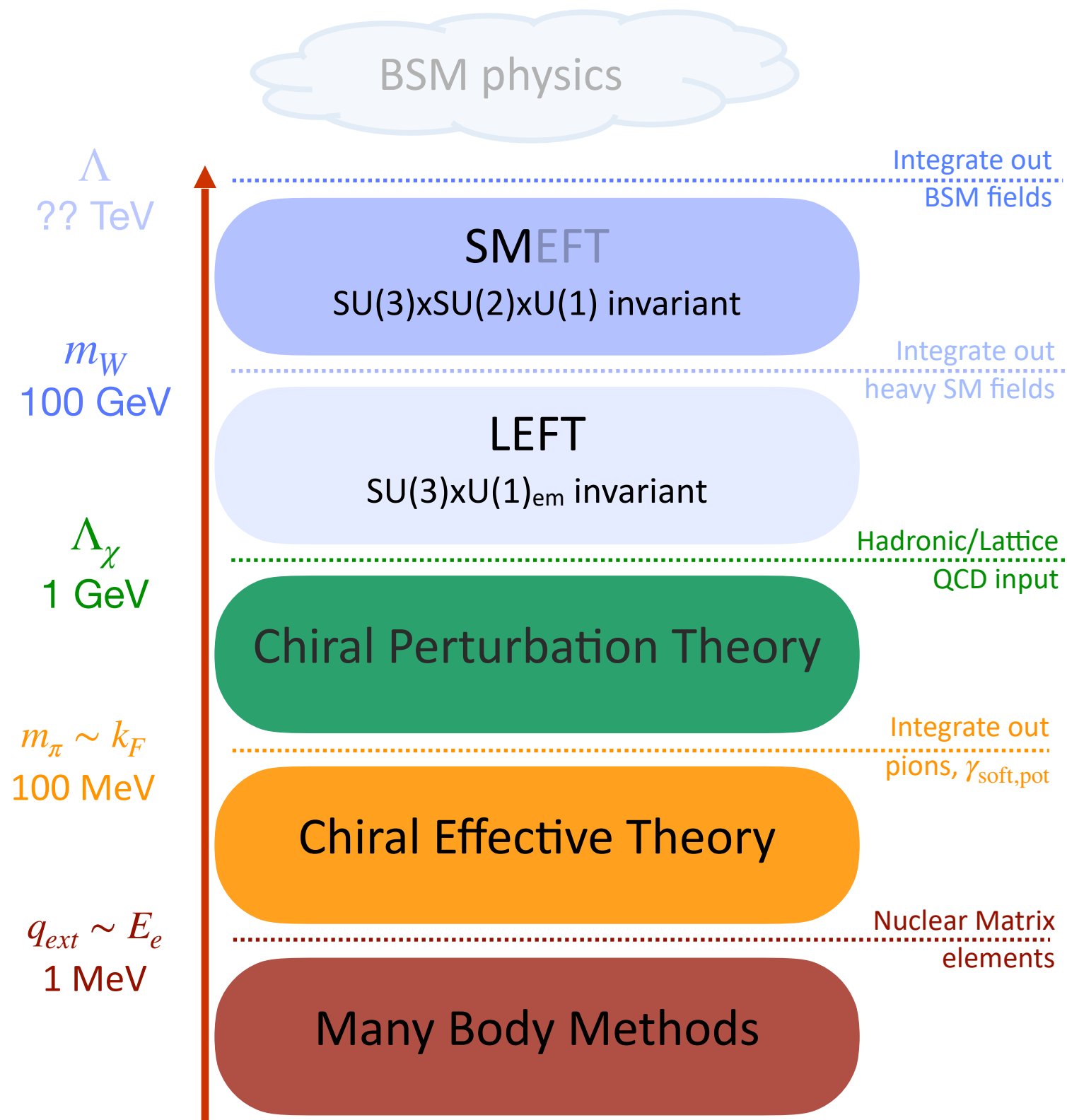
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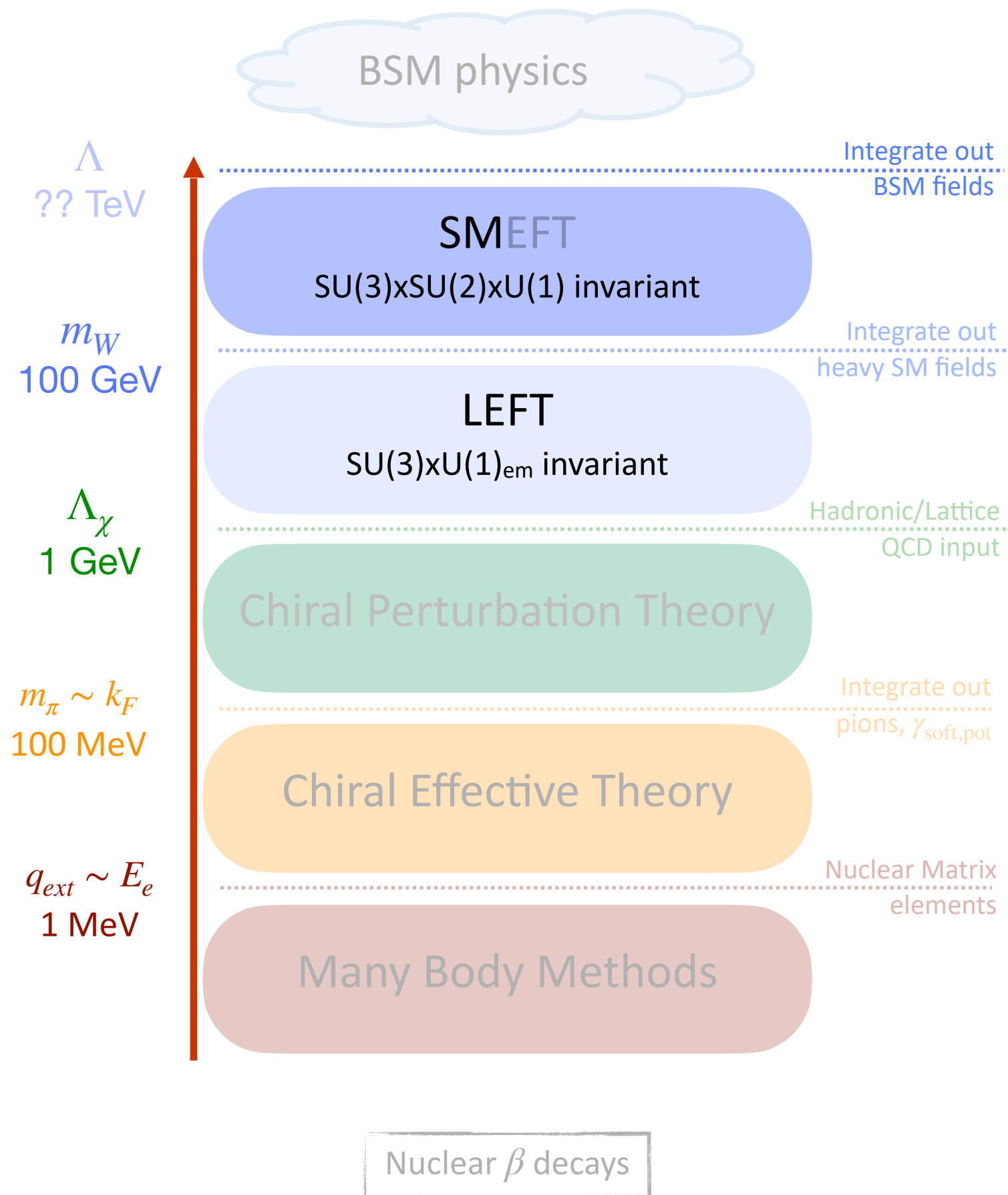




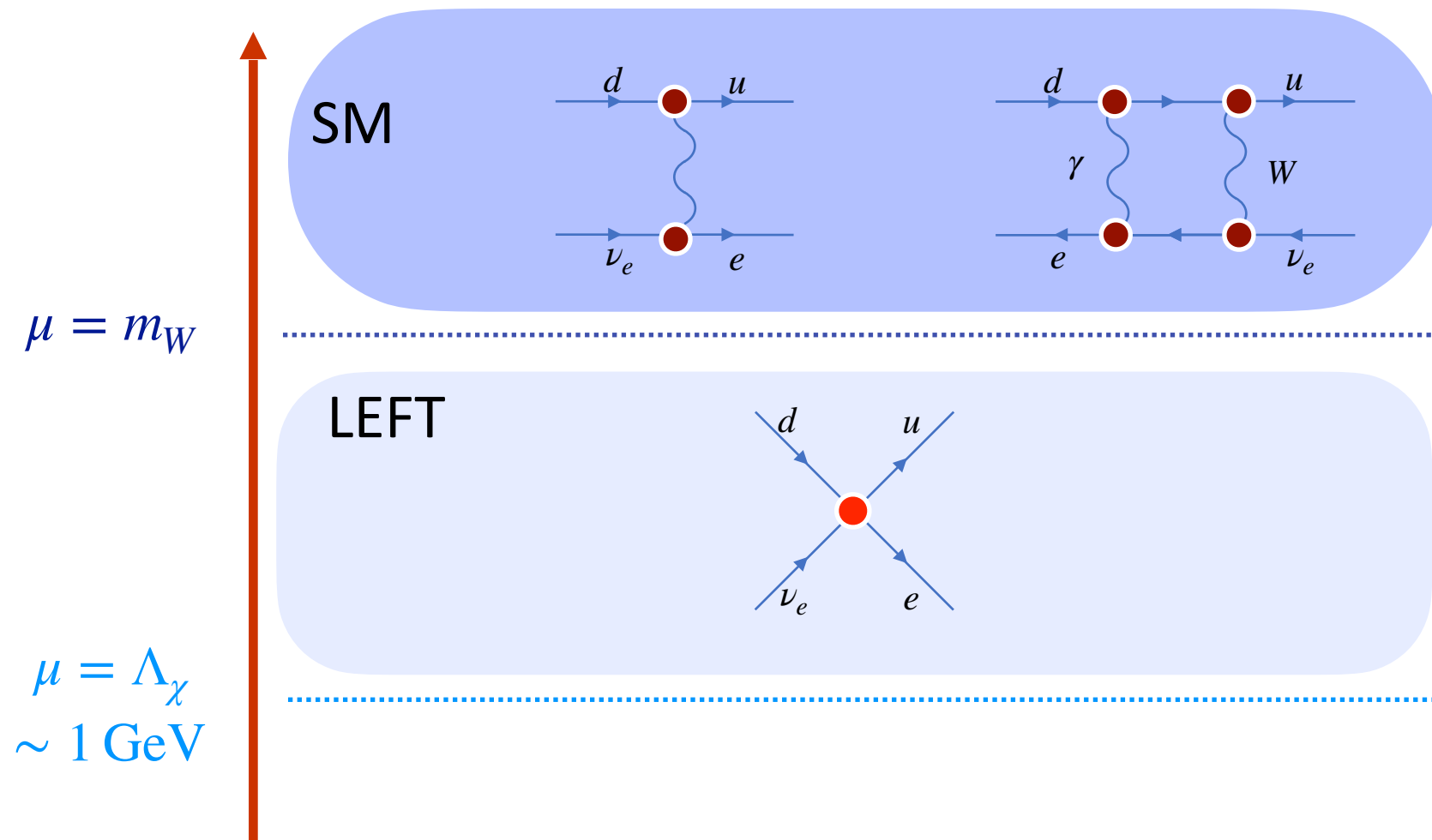
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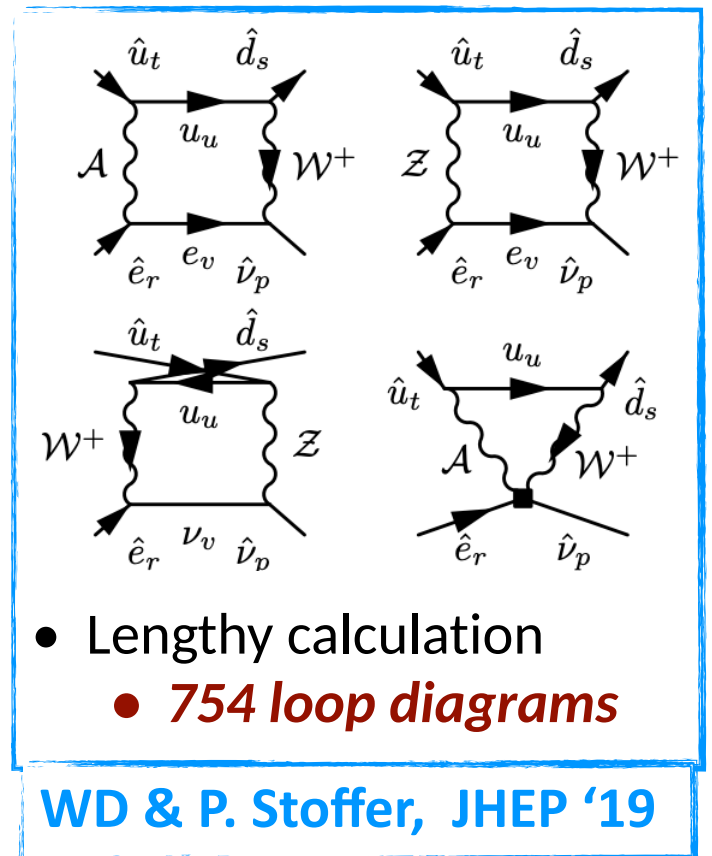
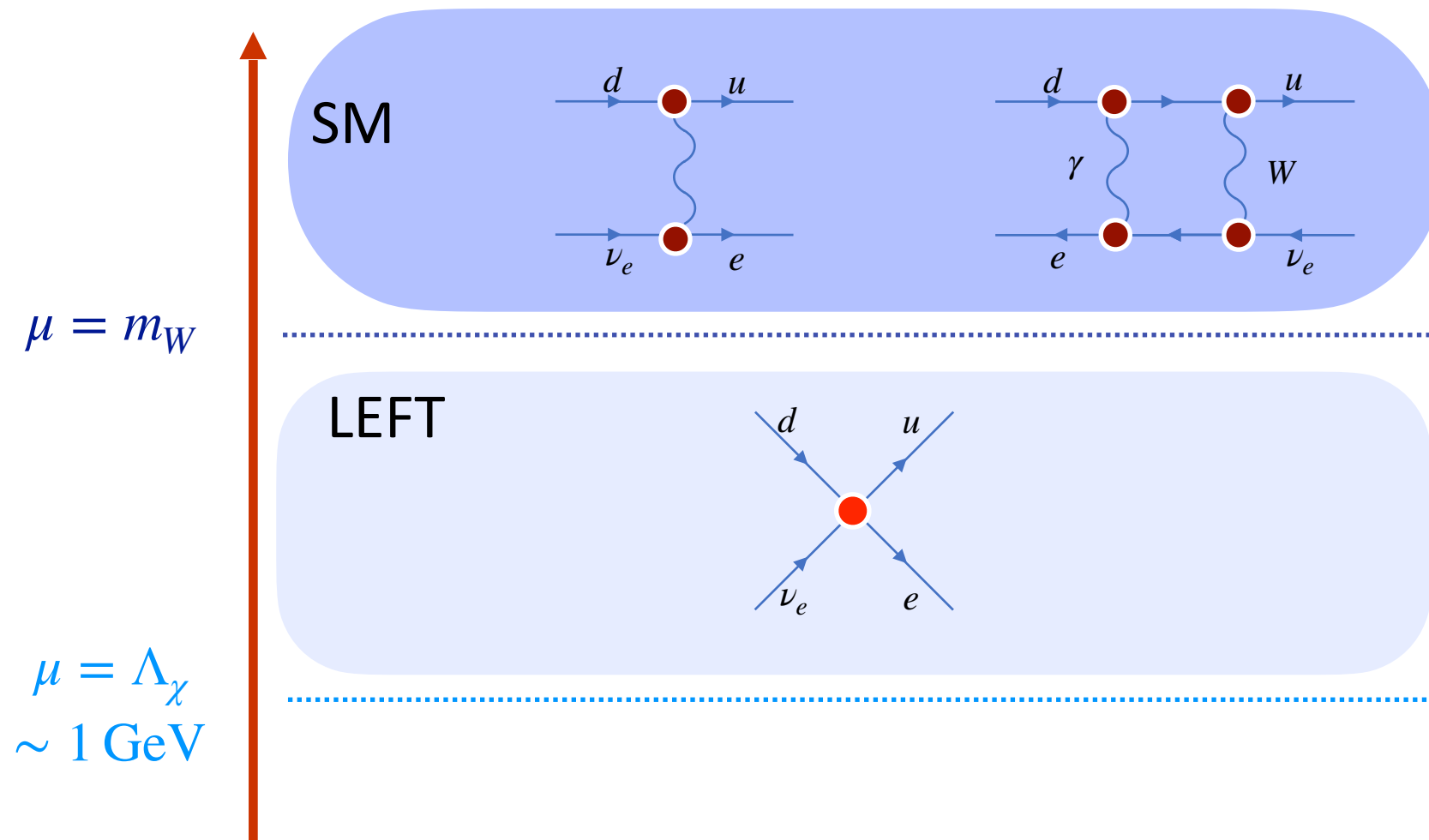


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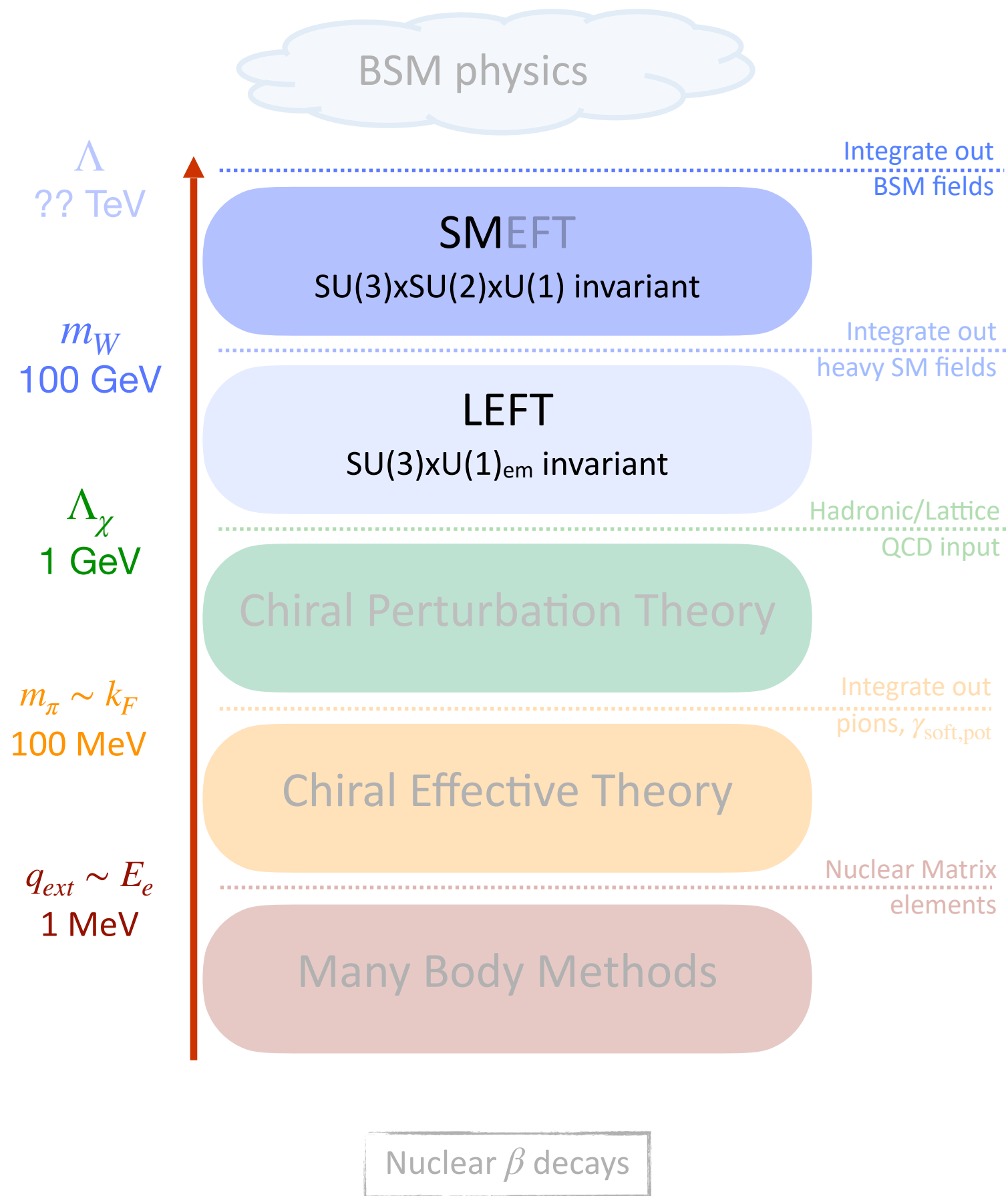


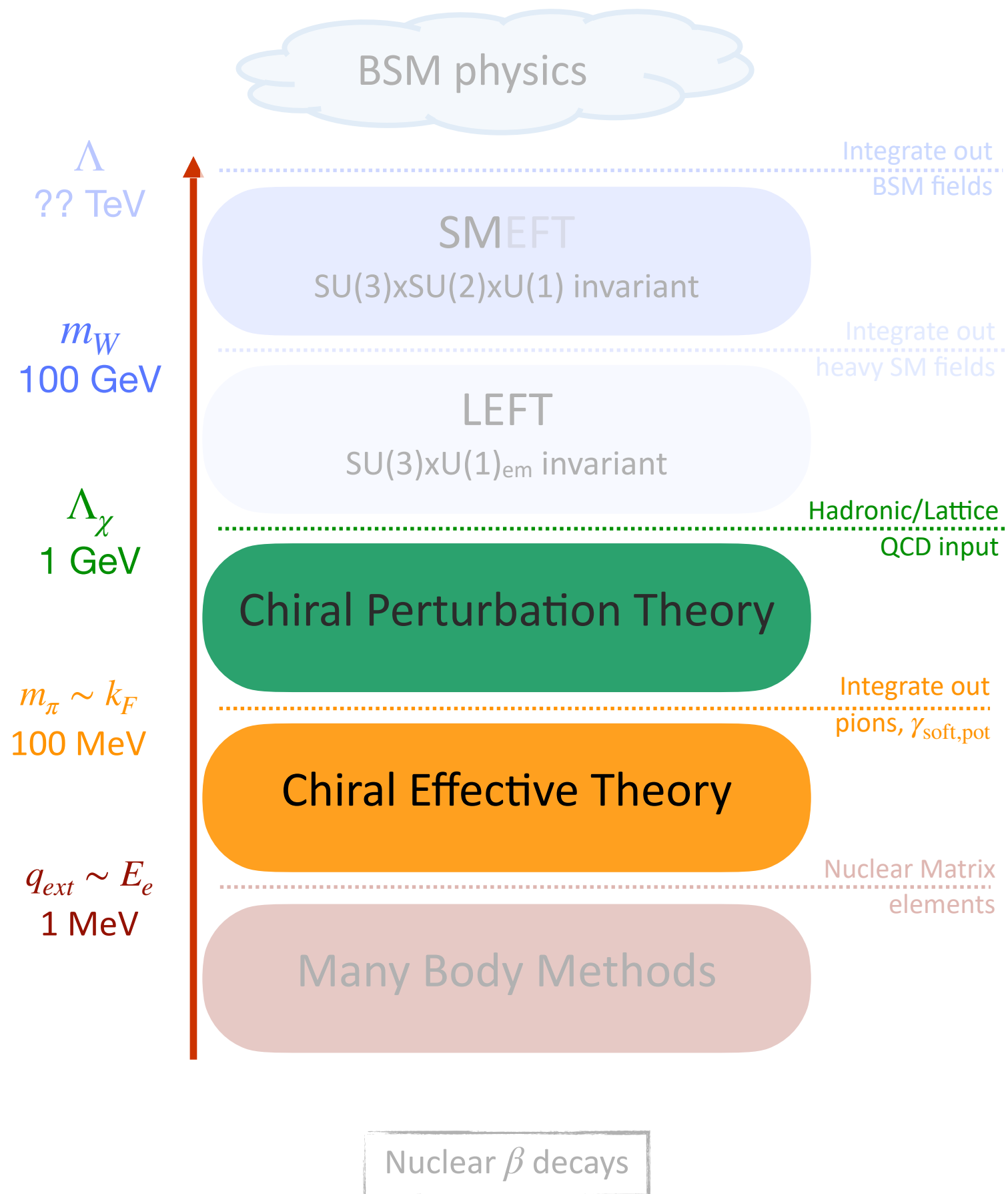
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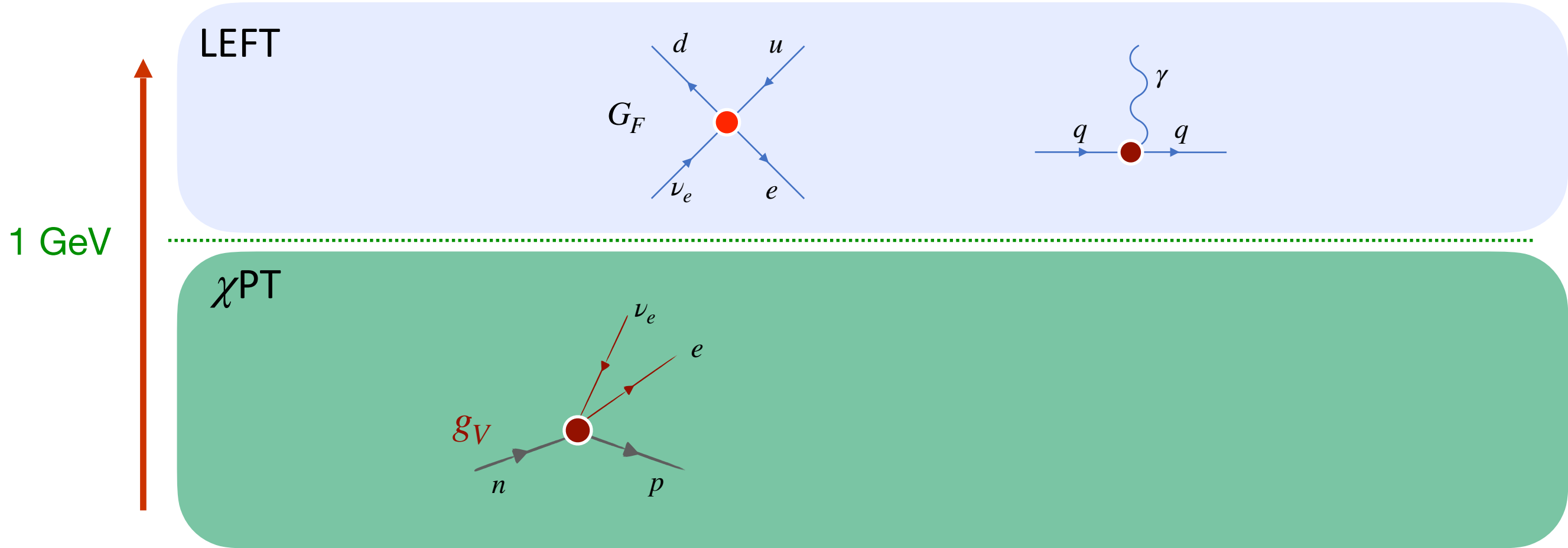
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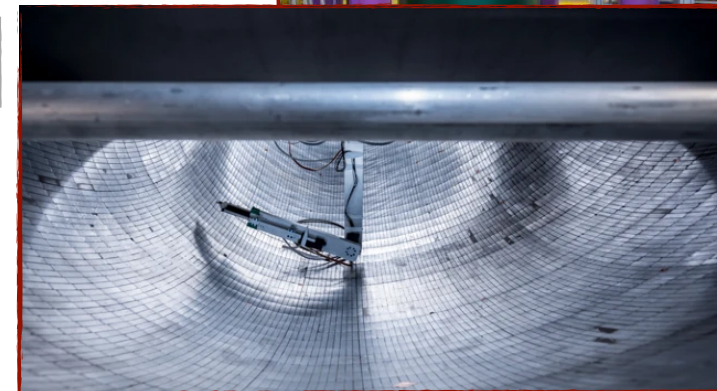
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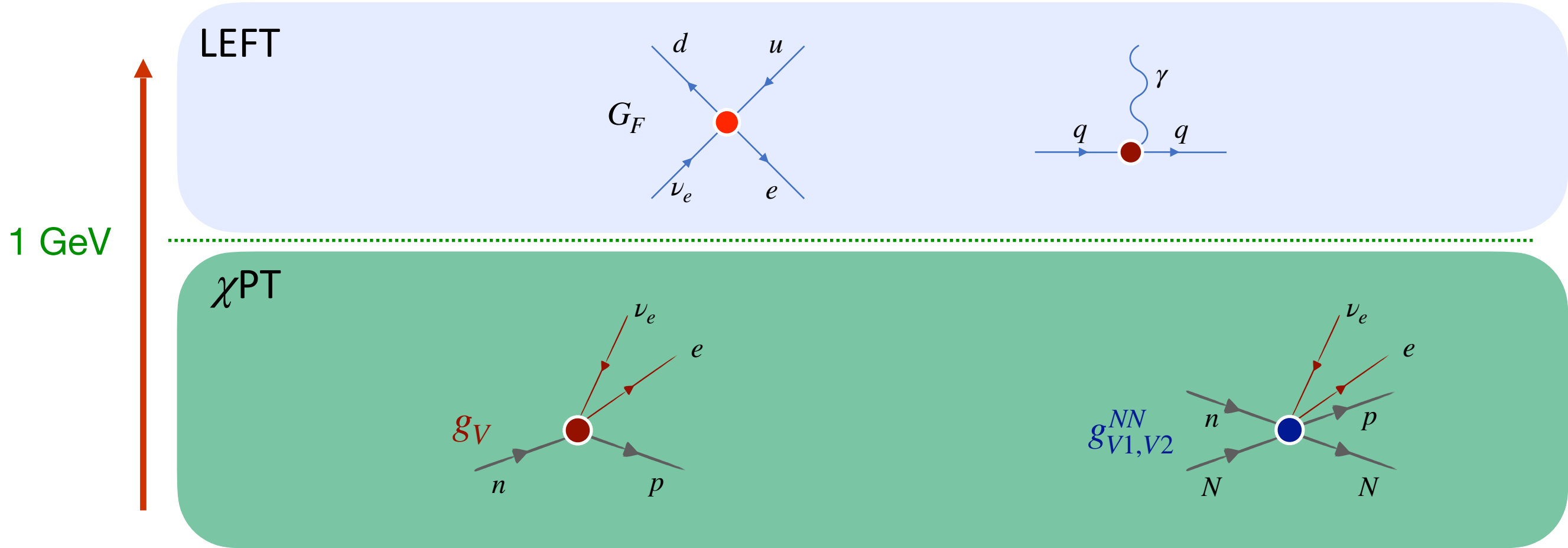
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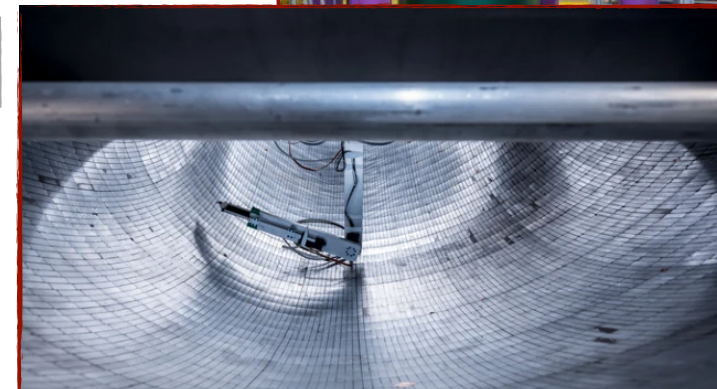
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## Two-body interactions

- Two unknown hadronic couplings
- Required for nuclear decays



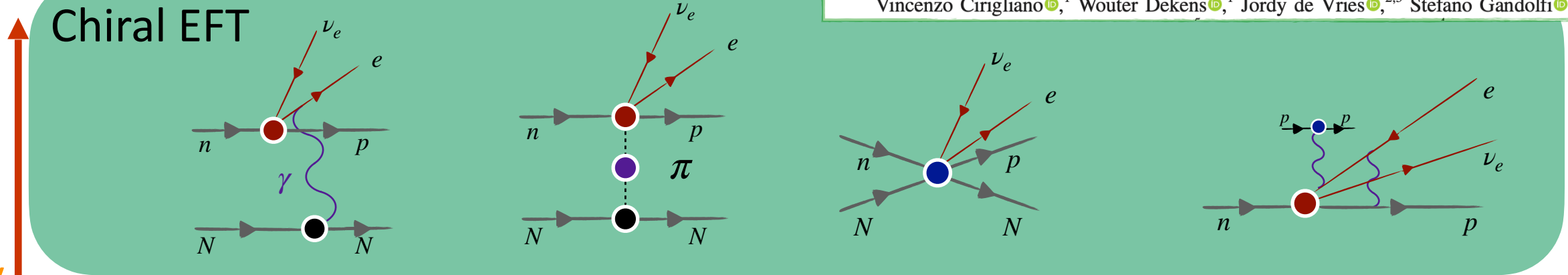
# Developed EFT framework for one & two nucleon effects

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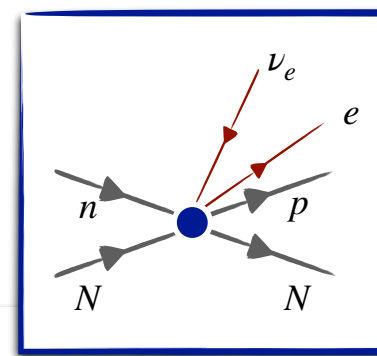
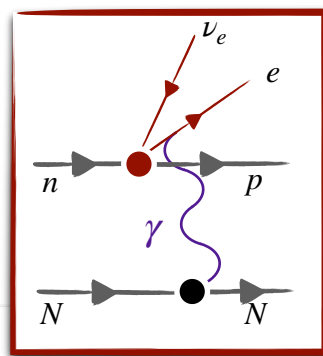
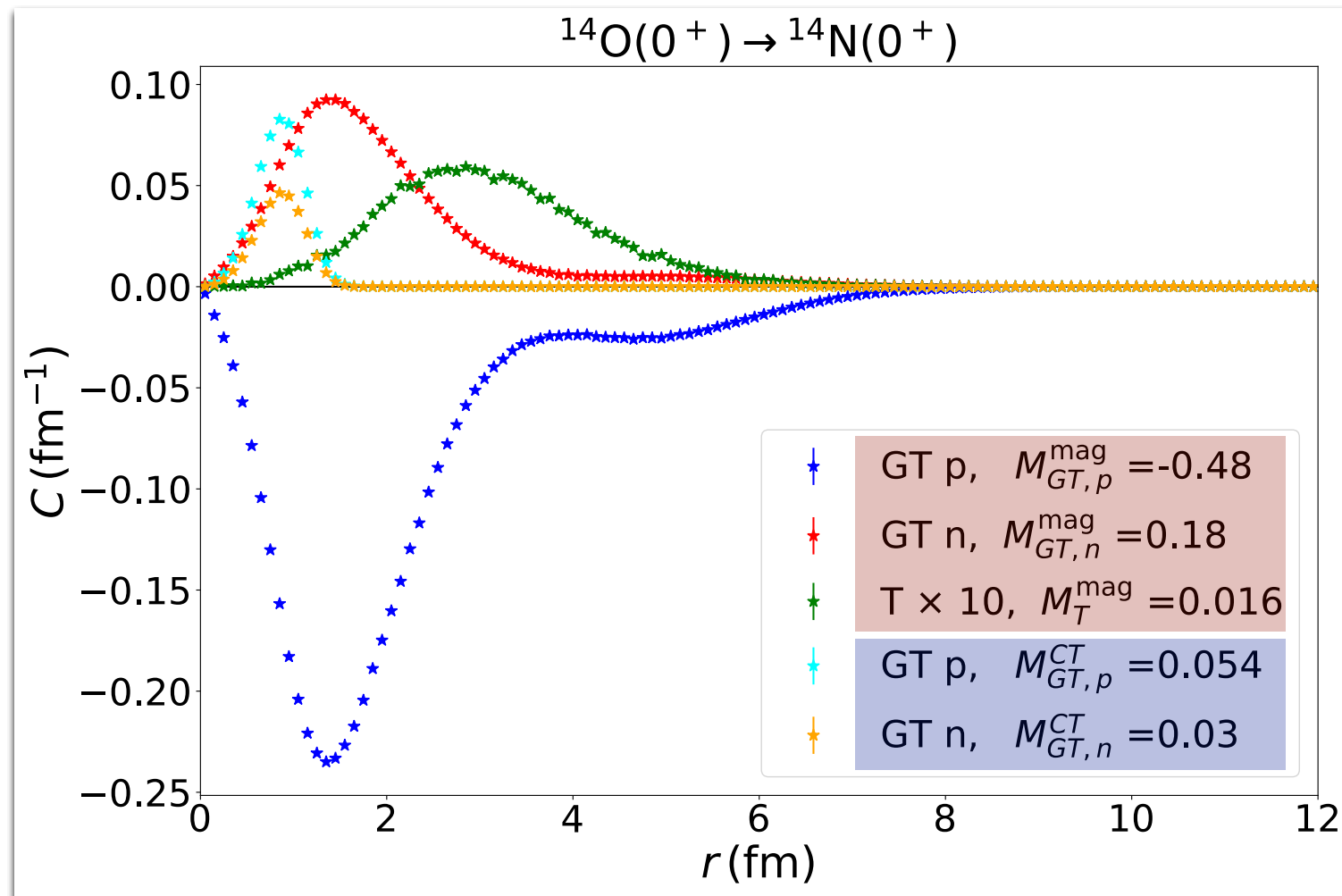
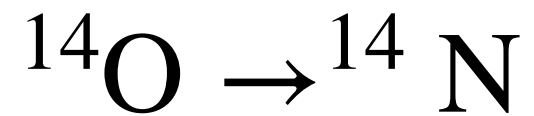
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- Source of largest uncertainty
- In EFT described by  $\langle \psi_i | V | \psi_i \rangle$

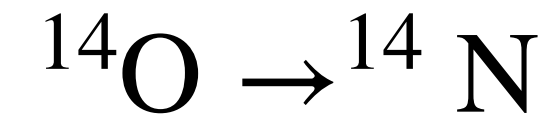
# Nuclear Matrix Elements



- Total contribution:

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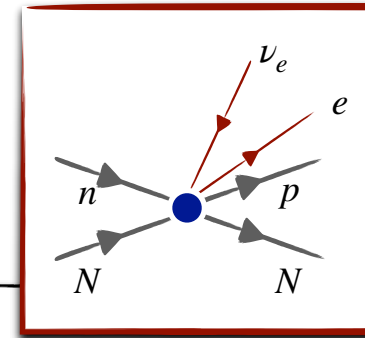
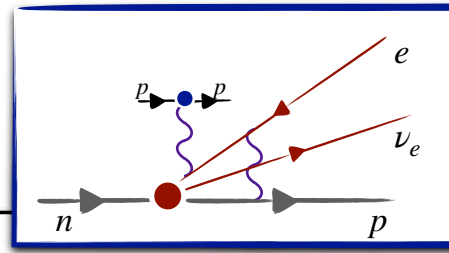
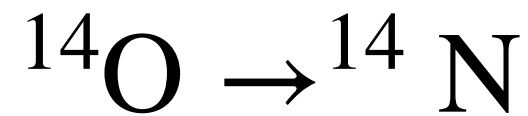
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  - Missing  $O(\alpha^2 Z)$  contributions
- Systematically improvable**
  - Short-distance couplings
    - Can be fit to experiment
    - Determined using dispersive methods
  - $O(\alpha^2 Z)$  require two-loop calculations

**NTNP TC provides a great environment for these next steps**

# Beyond the SM

## Nearly global BSM analysis

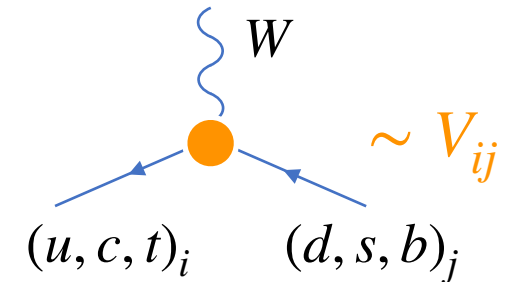


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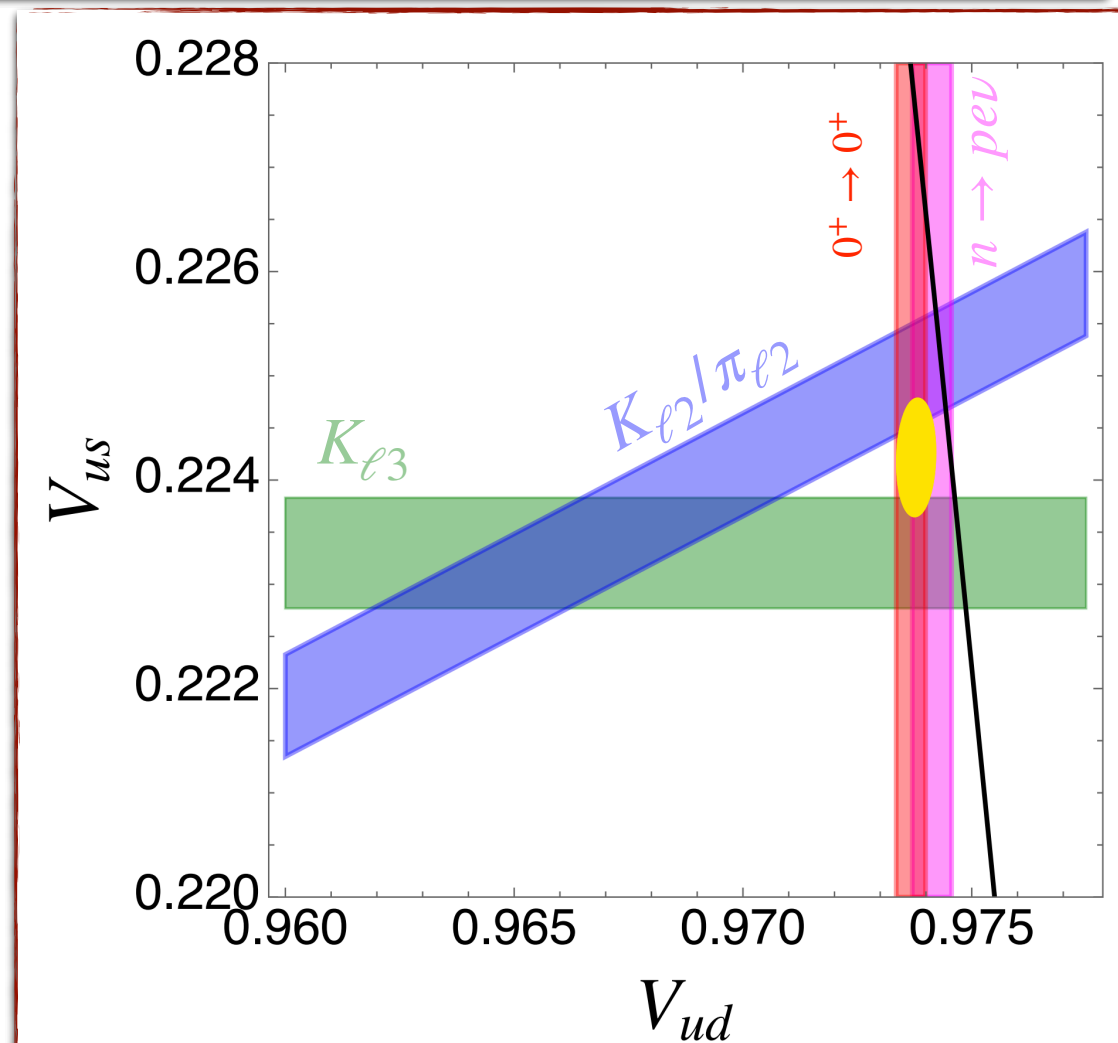
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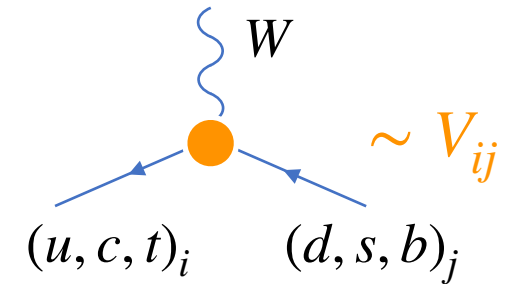


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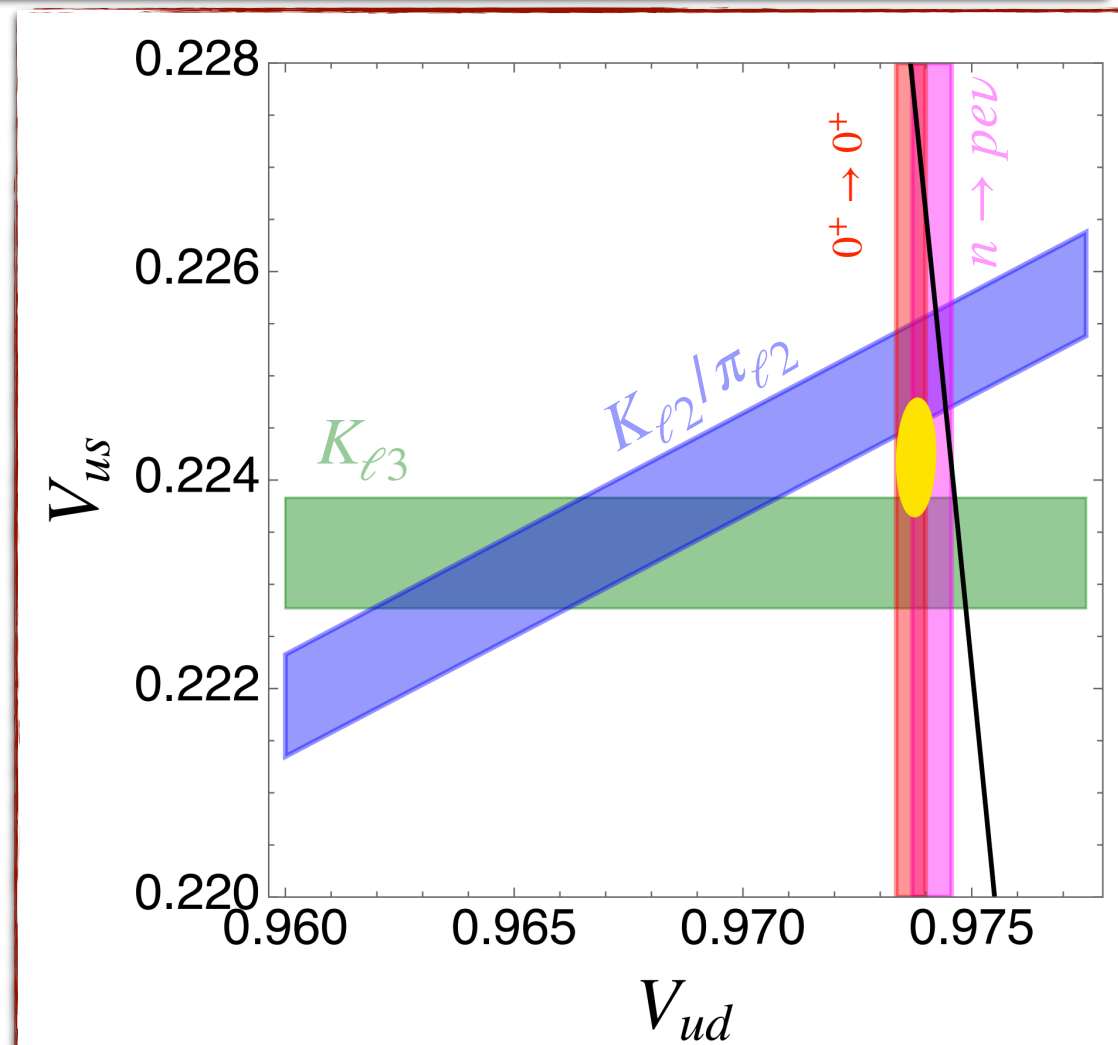
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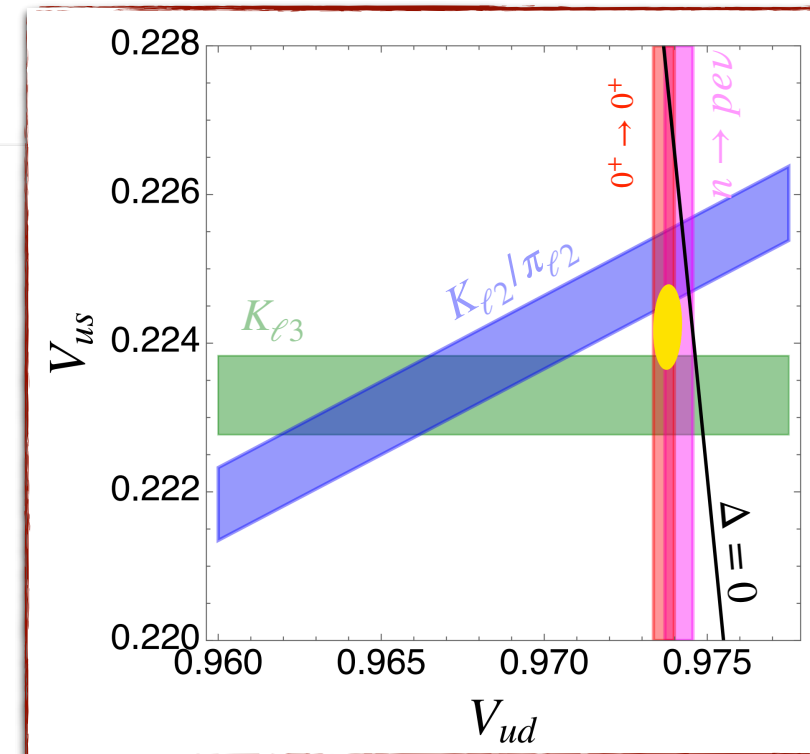
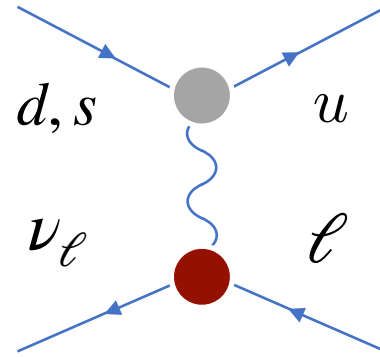
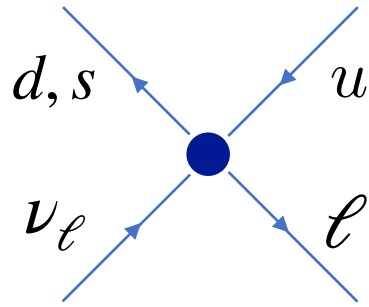


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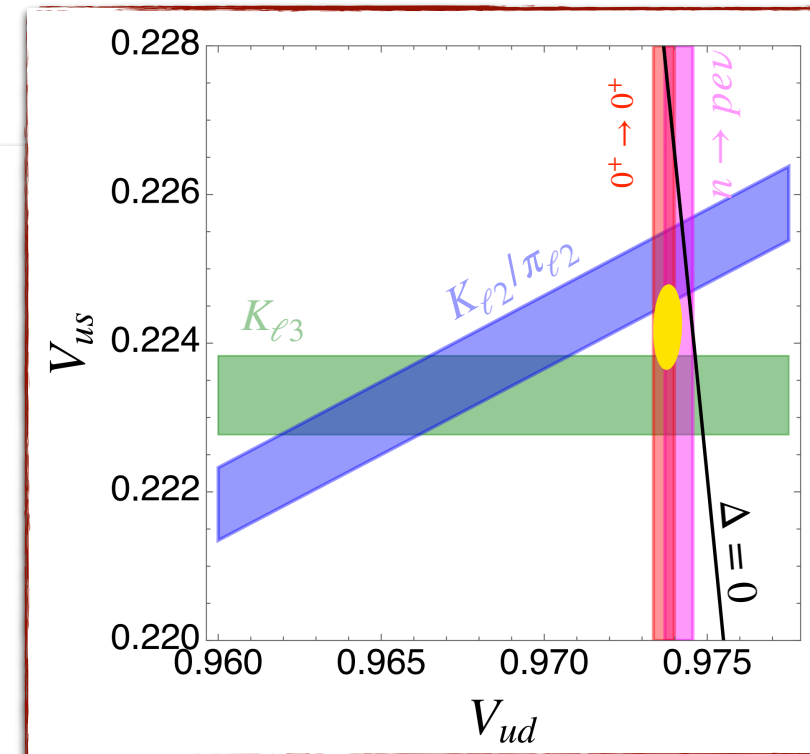
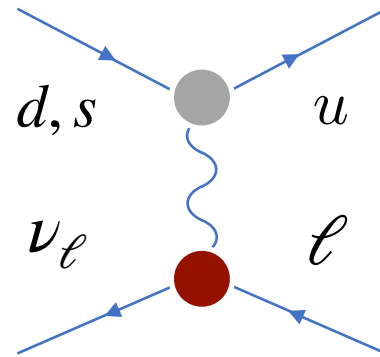
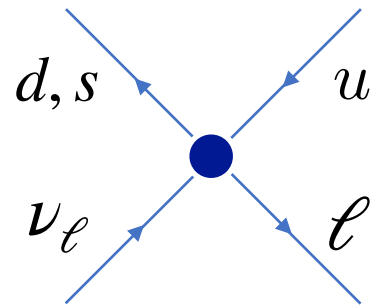




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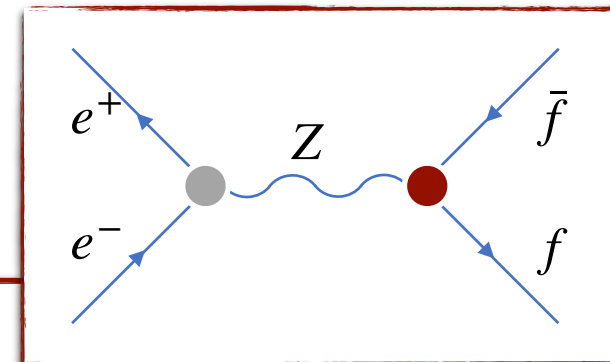
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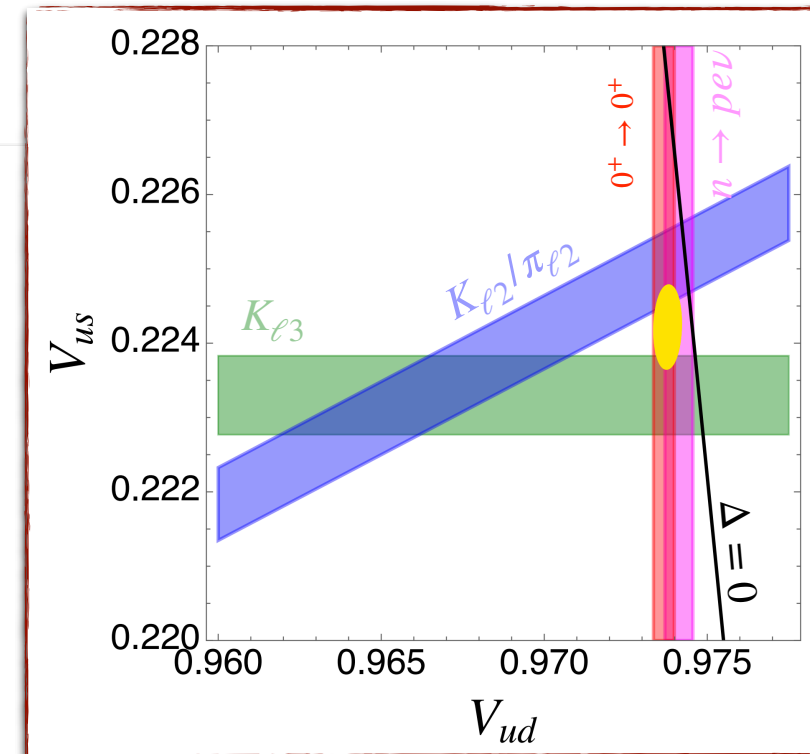
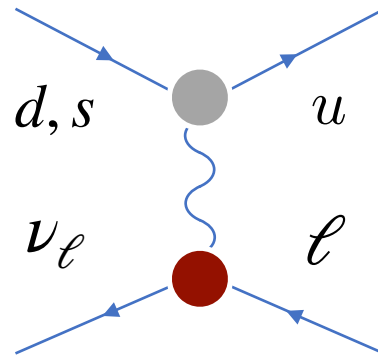
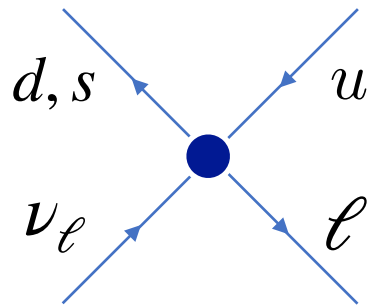
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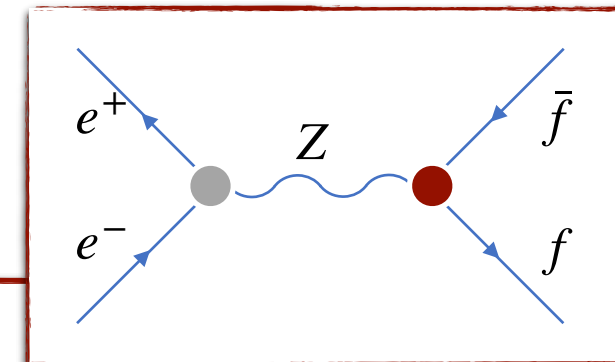
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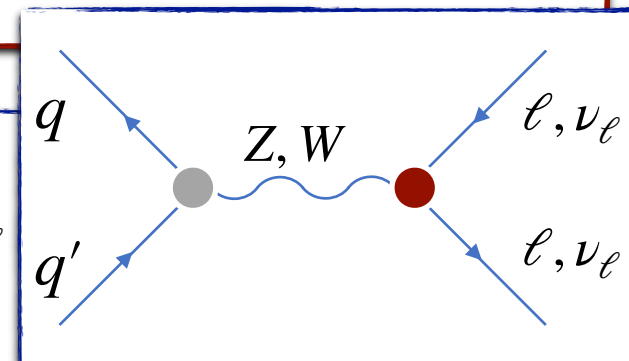
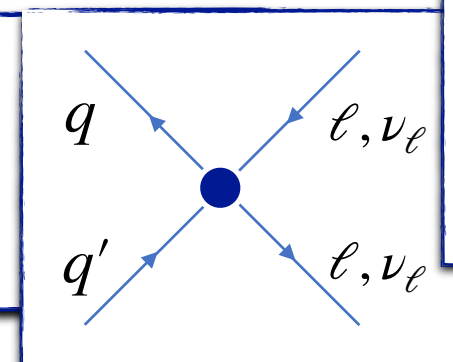


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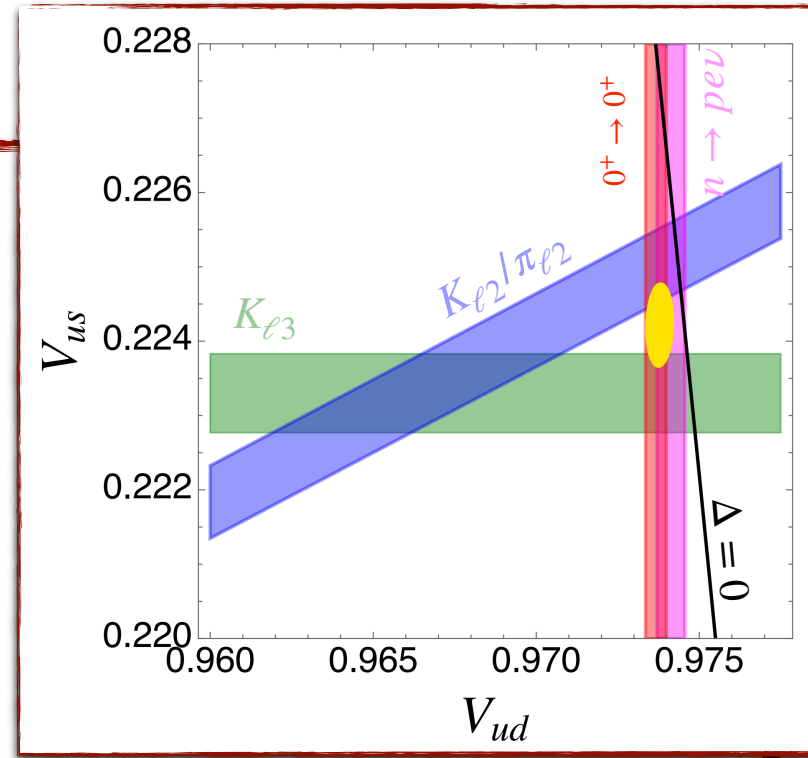
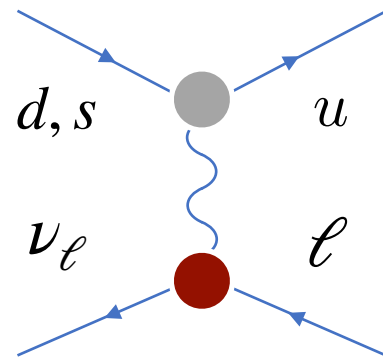
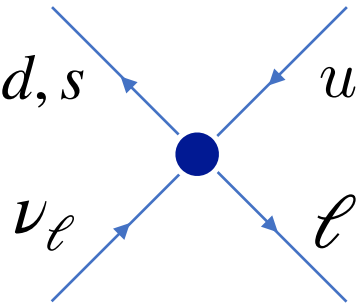
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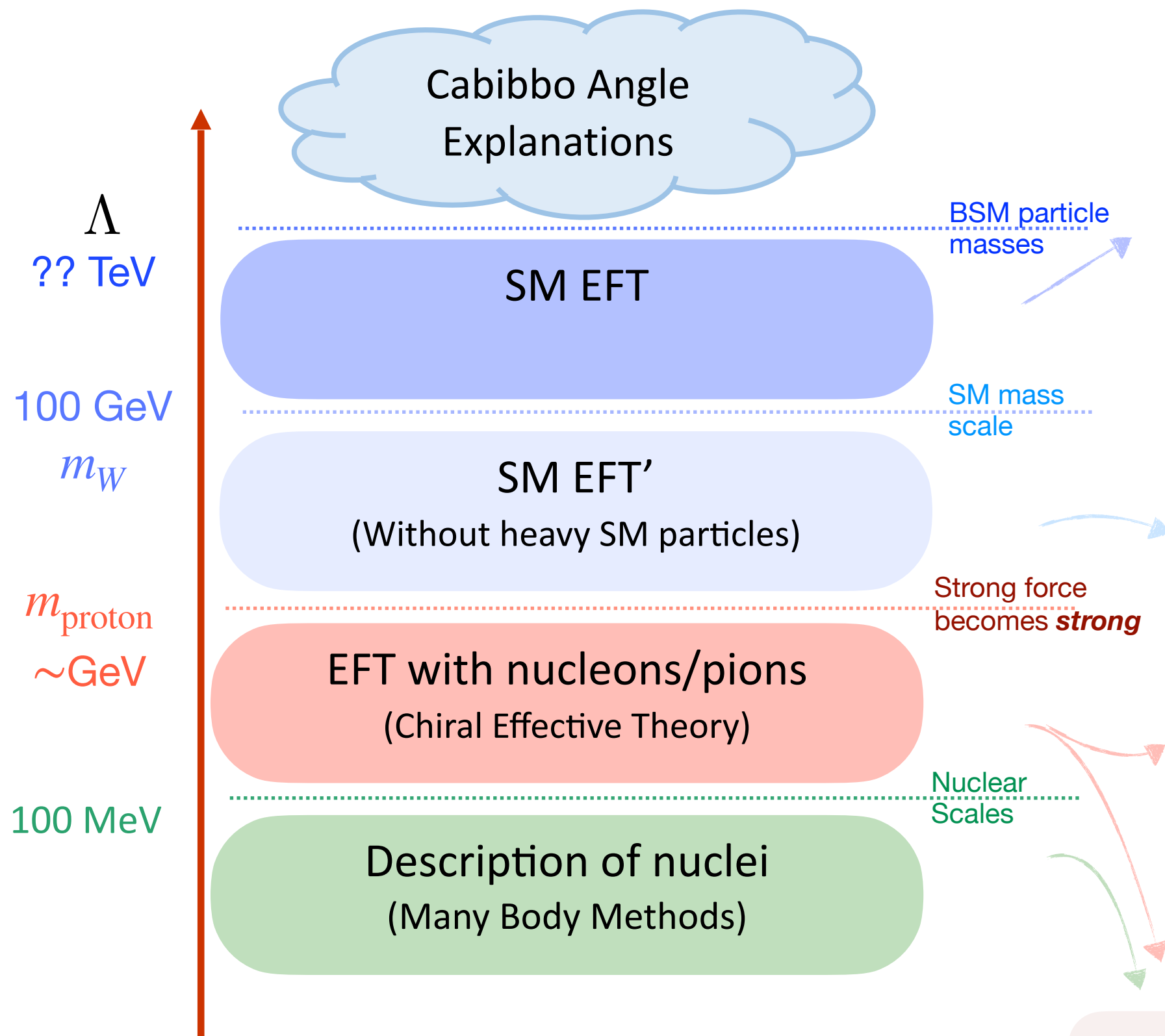
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### Z-boson measurements

Obs.	Expt. Value	SM Prediction	Obs.	Expt. Value	SM Prediction
$\Gamma_Z$ (GeV)	2.4955(23) [53, 113]	2.49414(56) [60]	$m_W$ (GeV)	80.4335(94) [39]	80.3545(42) [60]
$\sigma_{\text{had}}^0$ (nb)	41.480(33) [53, 113]	41.4929(53) [60]	$\Gamma_W$ (GeV)	2.085(42) [3]	2.08782(52) [60]
$R_e^0$	20.804(50) [53, 113]	20.7464(63) [60]	$R_{Wc}$	0.49(4) [3]	0.50
$R_\mu^0$	20.784(34) [53, 113]		$R_\sigma$	0.998(41) [114]	1
$R_\tau^0$	20.764(45) [53, 113]		$\text{Br}(W \rightarrow e\nu)$	0.1071(16) [3]	0.108386(24) [60]
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			$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \tau\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}$	0.961(61) [3]	
			$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \tau\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}$	0.992(13) [3]	
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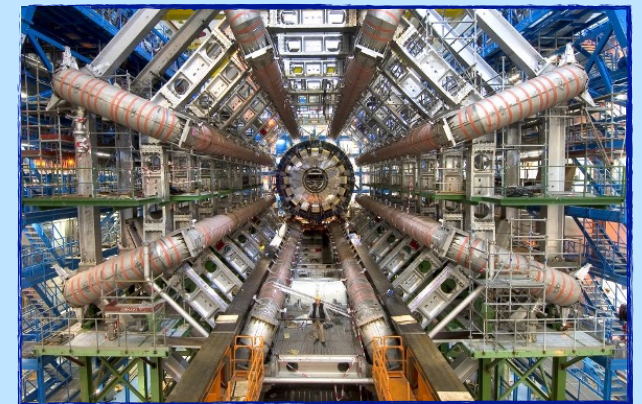
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$P_{l2}$			$K_{l3}$		
Observable	value	Ref.	Observable	value	Ref.
$R_\pi$	$1.2344(30) \cdot 10^{-4}$	[132]	$ \tilde{V}_{us}^e f_+^K(0) $	0.21626(40)	[133]
$R_K$	$2.488(9) \cdot 10^{-5}$	[3]	$ \tilde{V}_{us}^\mu f_+^K(0) $	0.21667(52)	[133]
$\Gamma(K_{\mu 2})$	$5.134(10) \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$	[3]	$\log C$	0.1985(70)	[134]
$\text{Br}(\pi_{\mu 2})$	0.9998770(4)	[3]	$2\epsilon_T^{s\mu} \frac{B_T(0)}{f_+(0)}$	0.0007(71)	[135]
$\tau_{\pi^+}$	$2.6033(5) \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}$	[3]			



### High energy probes

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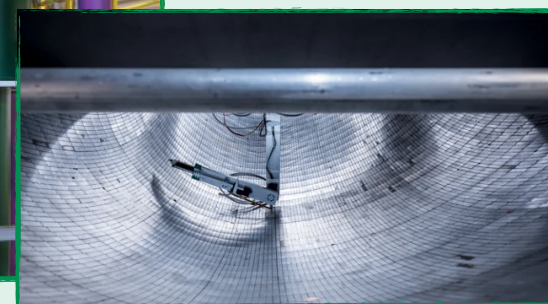
ATLAS detector

### Precision observables

- $K$ ,  $\pi$ , neutron decays



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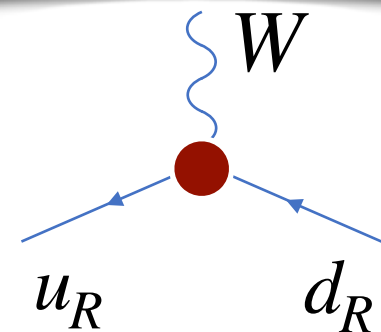
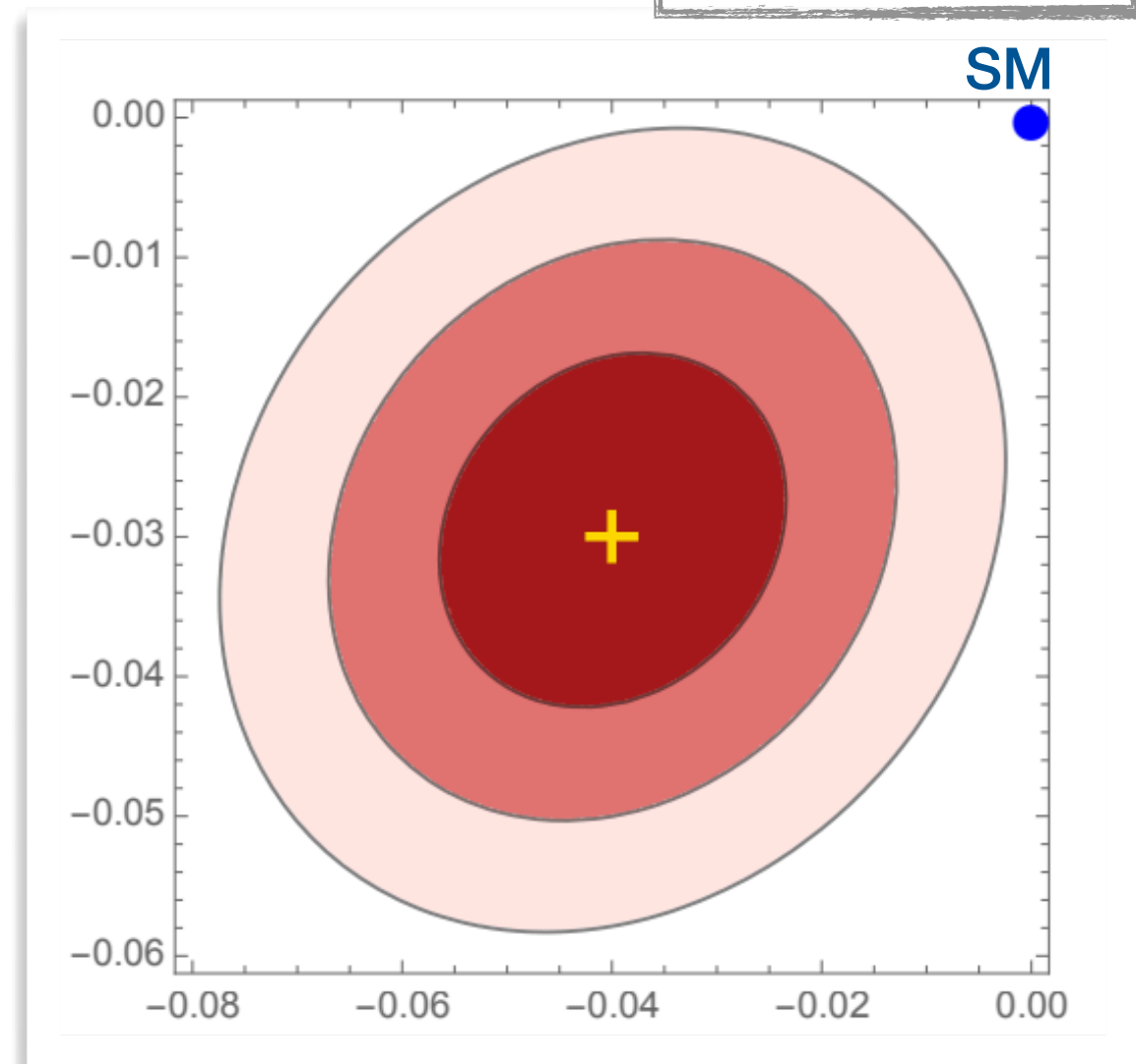
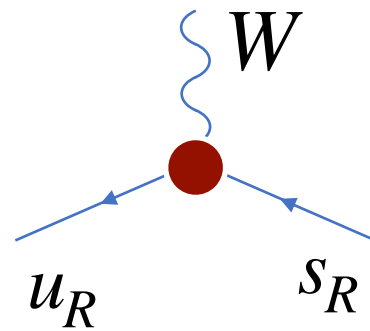
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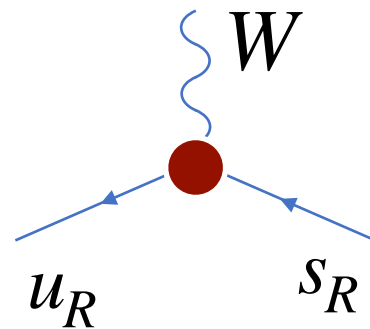




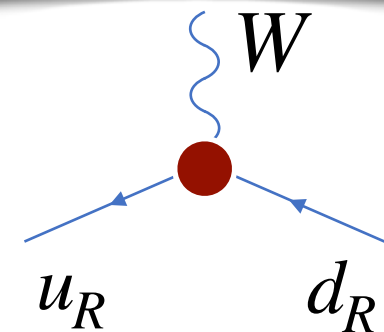
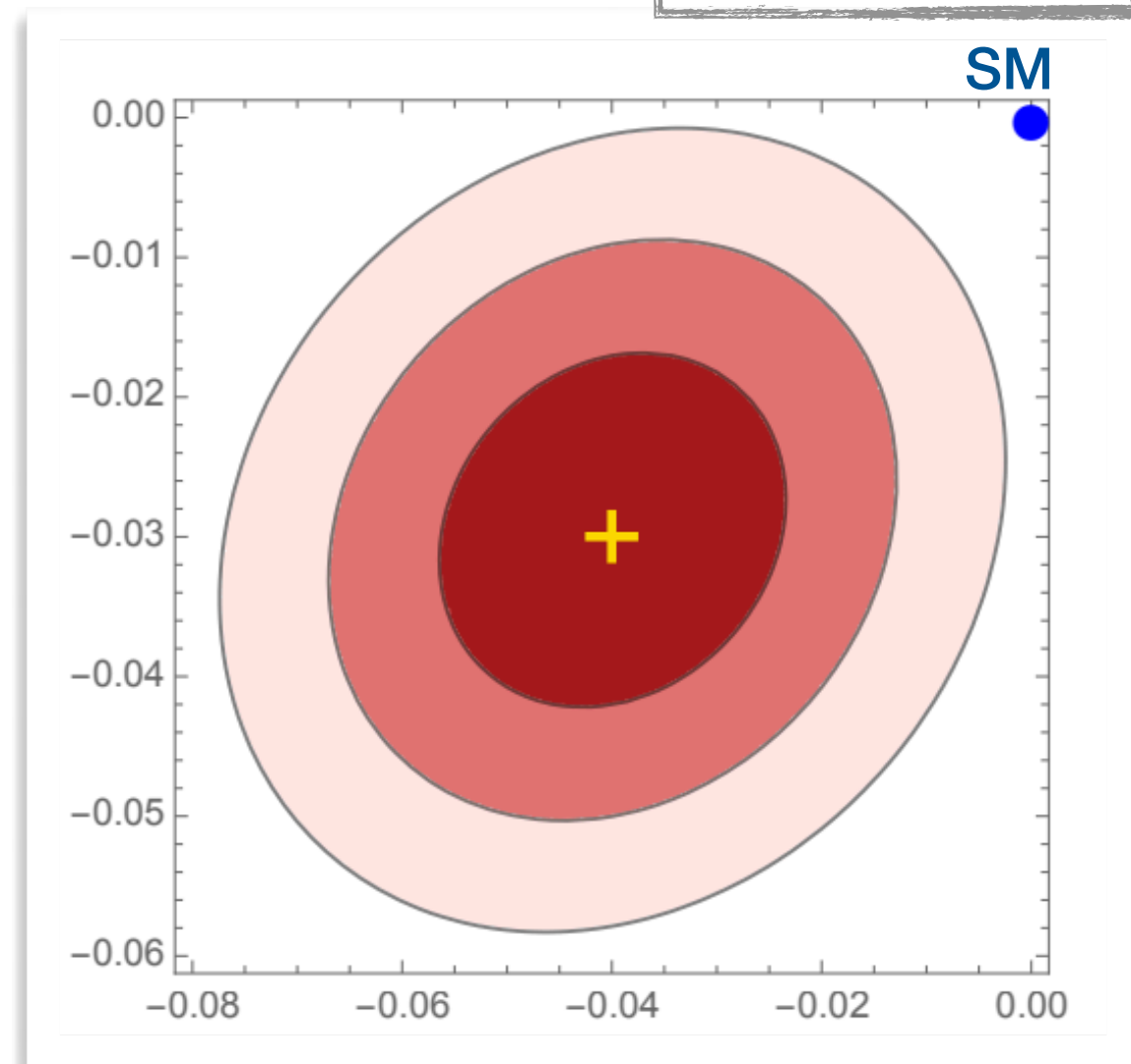
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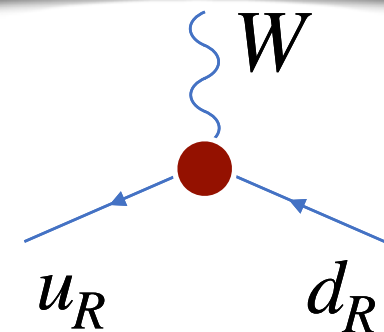
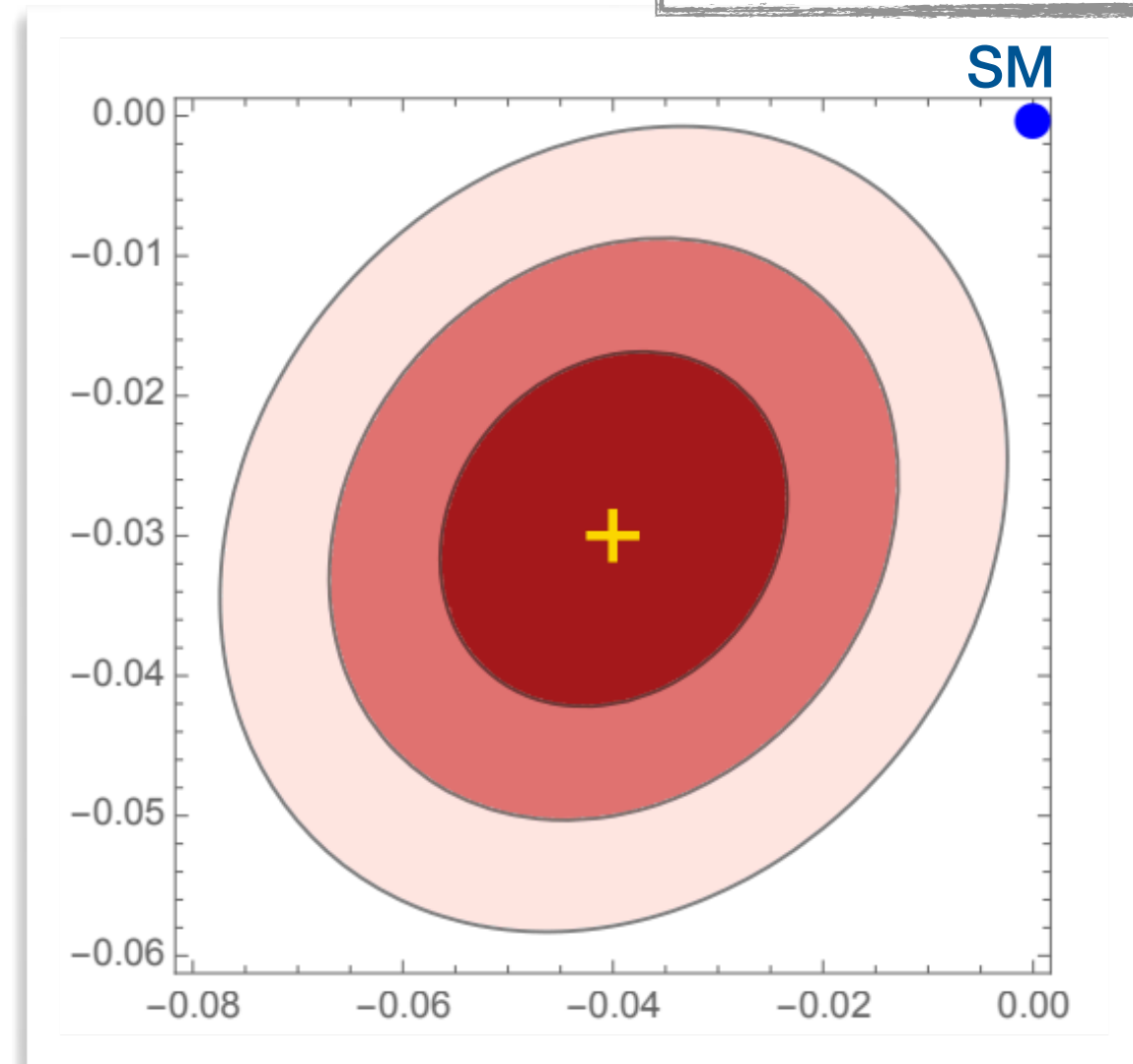
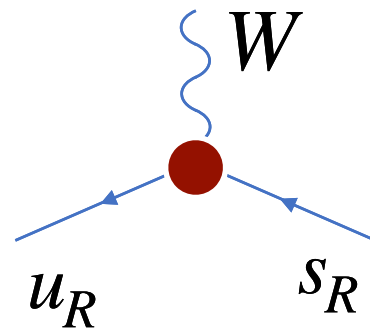


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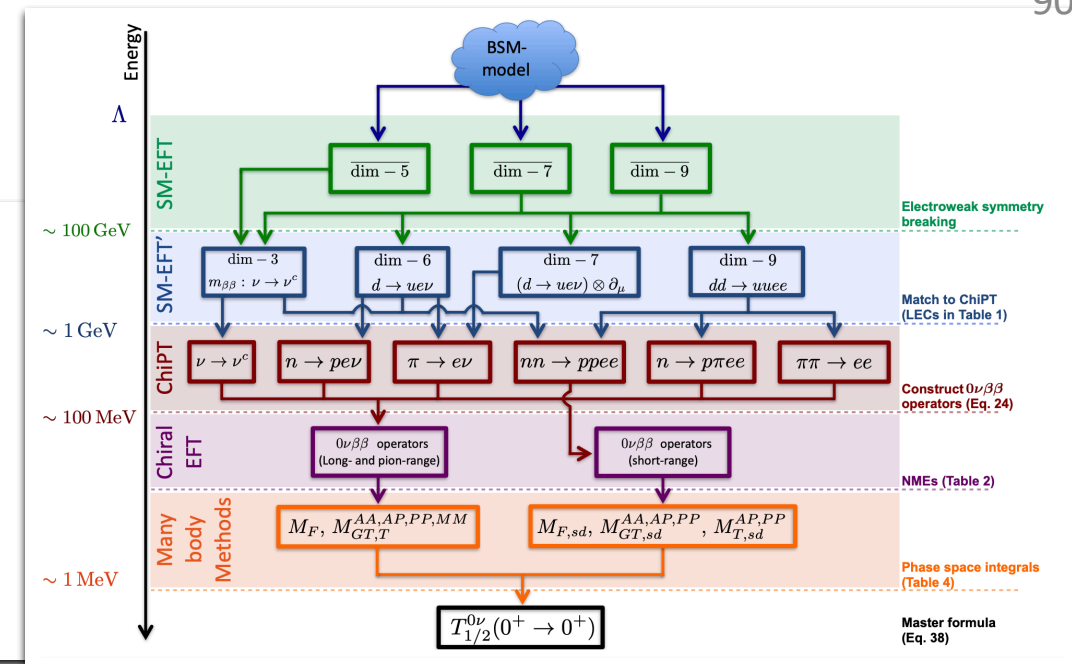
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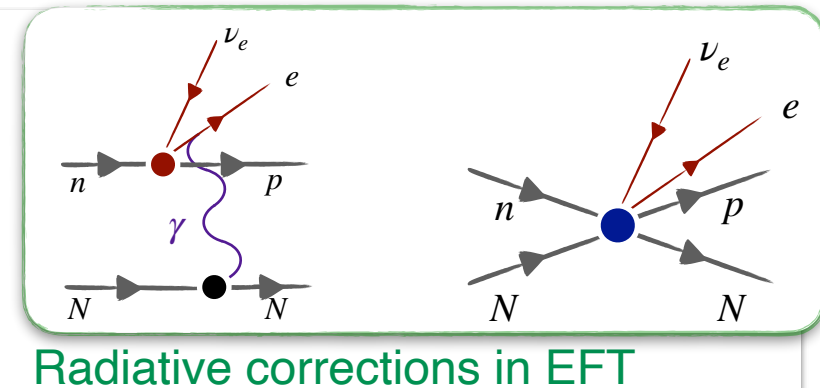
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  - ***Requires theory improvements!***

# Summary

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  - Matter-antimatter asymmetry
  - Neutrino masses
- EFT can connect BSM to low-energy experiments
  - $0\nu\beta\beta$ ,  $\beta$  decays, EDMs



- Most sensitive experiments involve **nuclei**
  - Requires description of BSM and nuclear physics**
- Hadronic EFTs can reveal **new effects**
  - Leading-order short-distance interaction in  $0\nu\beta\beta$
  - Short-distance effects in superallowed  $\beta$  decays



- Low-energy experiments probe high BSM scales
  - $0\nu\beta\beta$  sensitive to the GUT scale in the seesaw scenario
  - Up to  $O(10-100)$  TeV with EDMs,  $\beta$  decays
- Several ongoing experiments with high discovery potential
  - Require theory to fully capitalize on them

