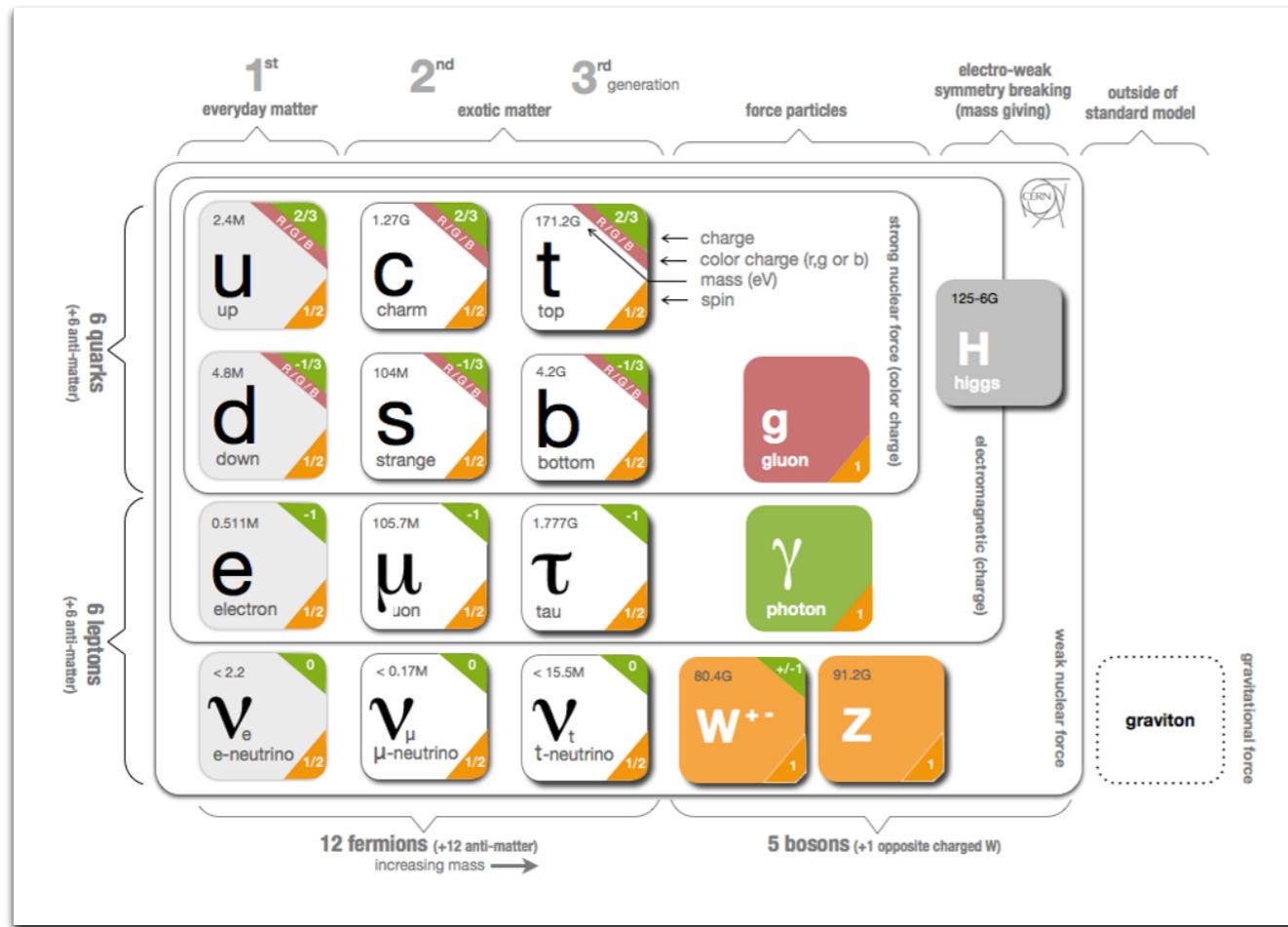


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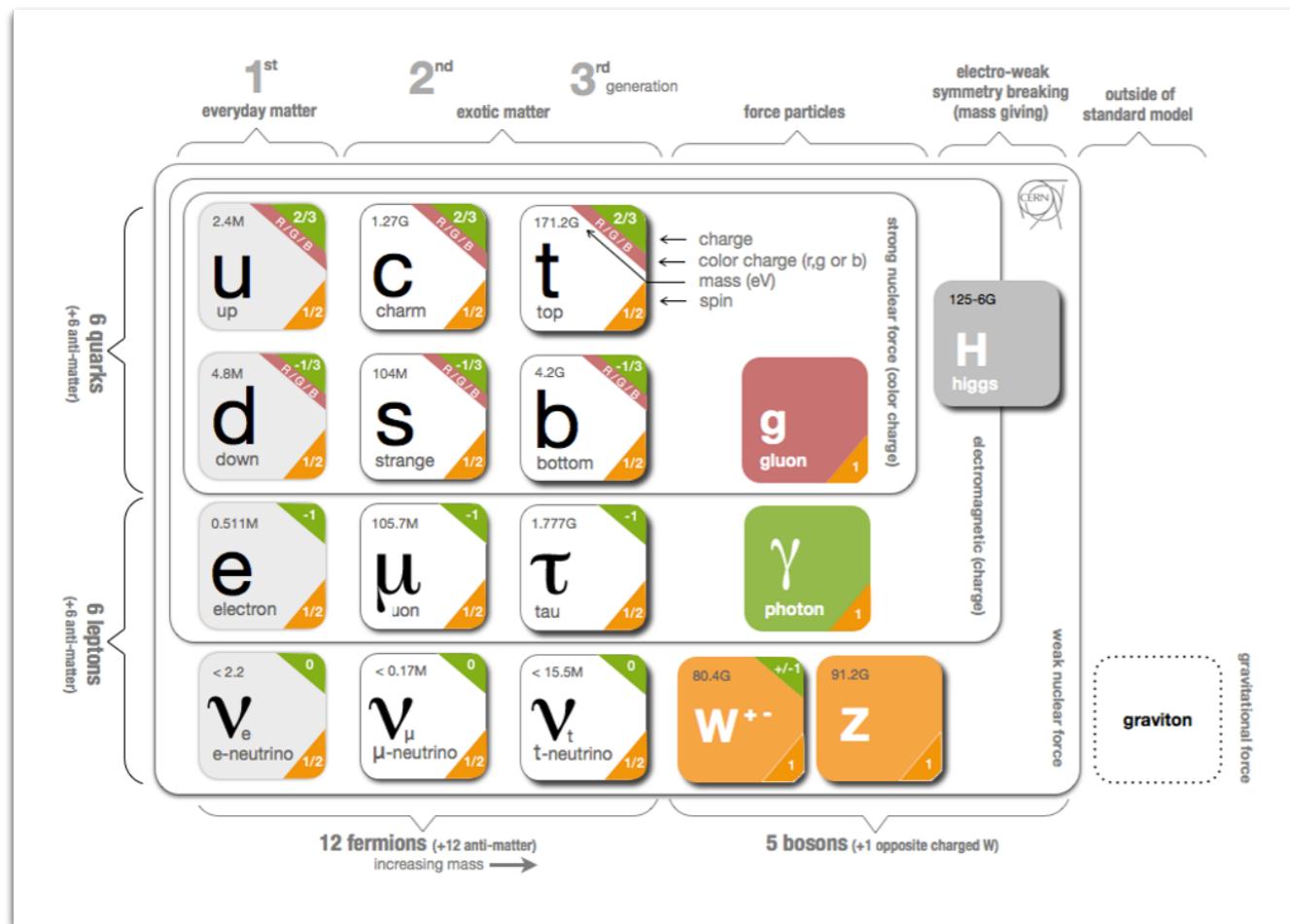
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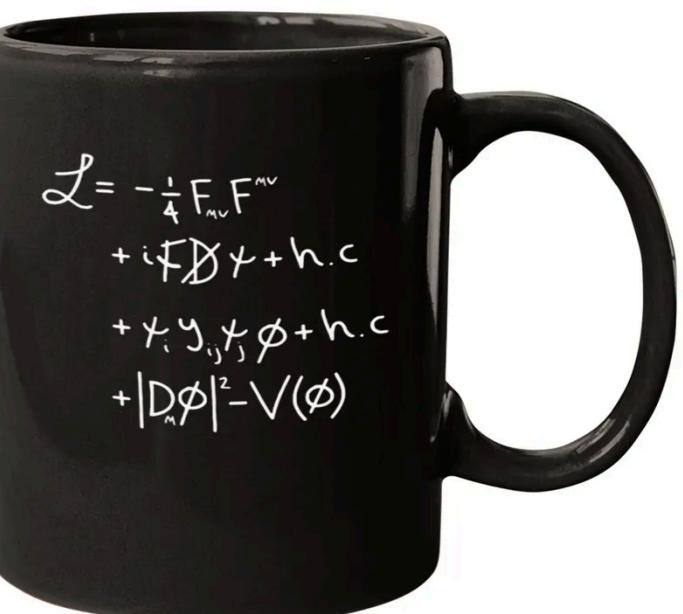
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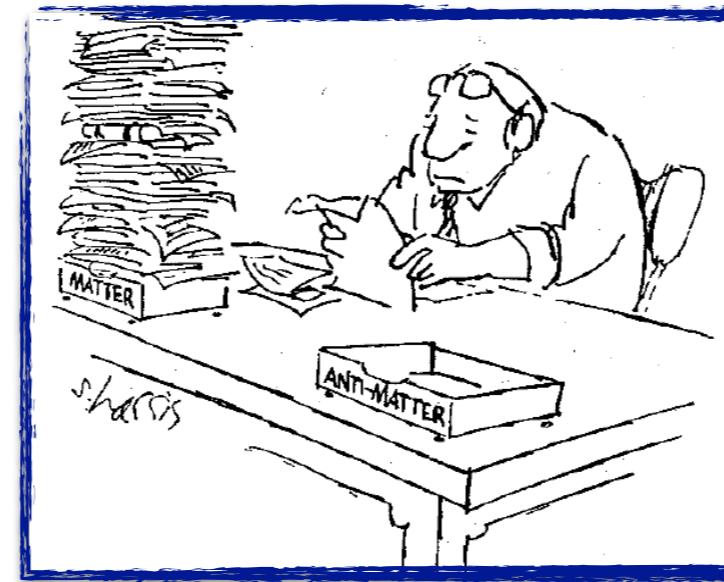
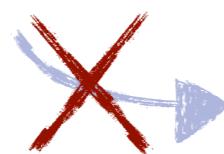
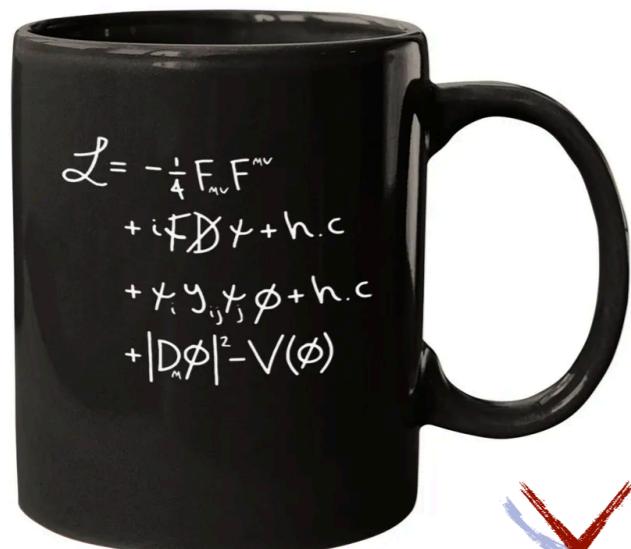
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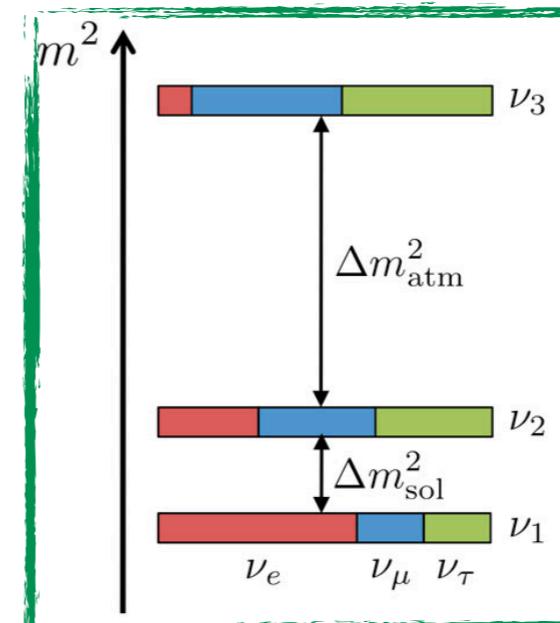
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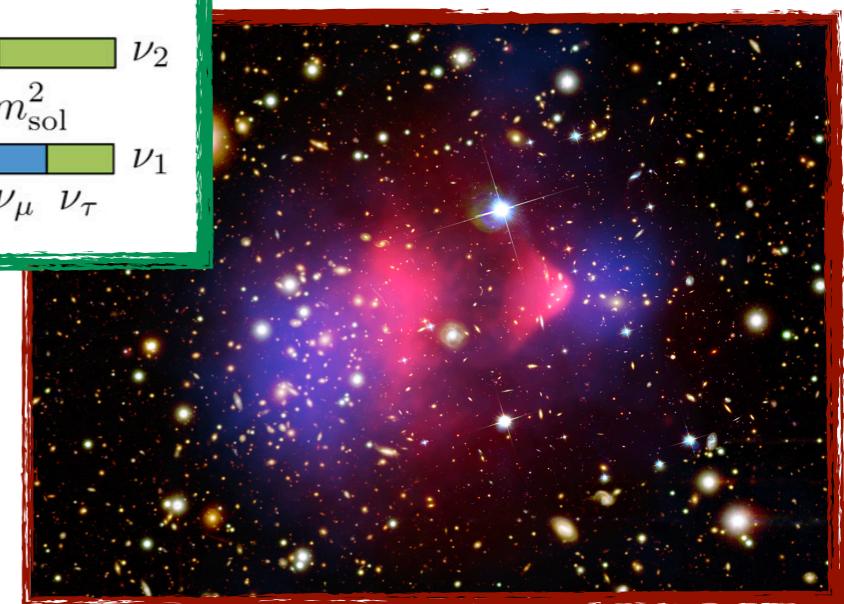
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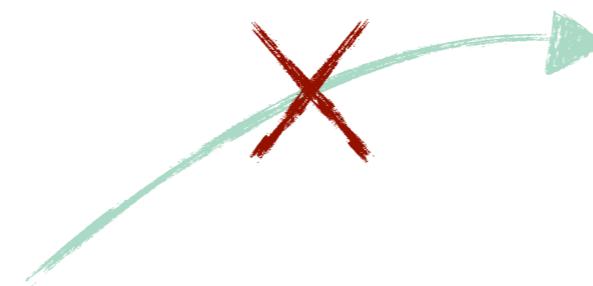


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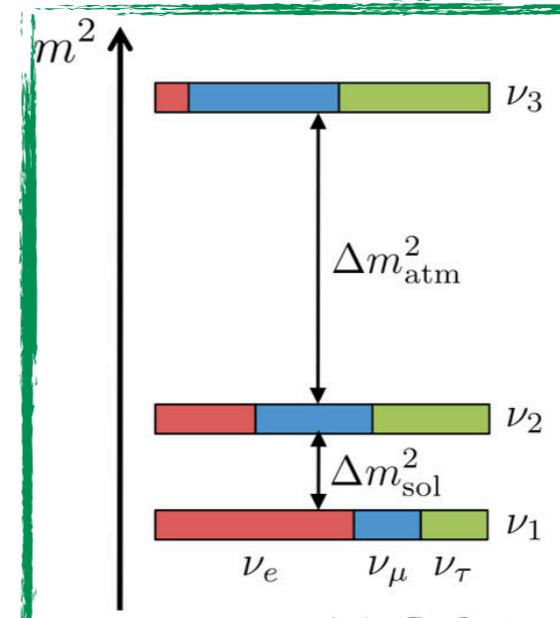
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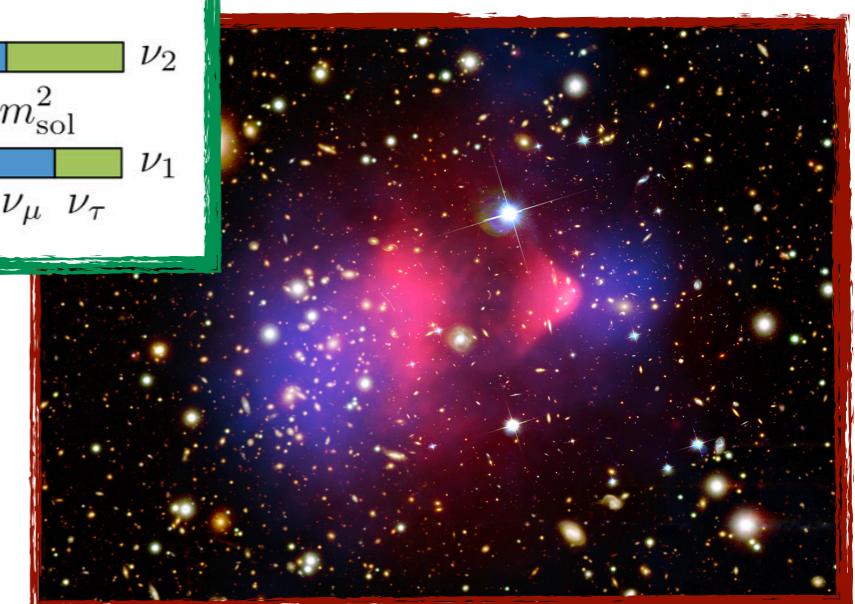


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Answers require

new particles and interactions



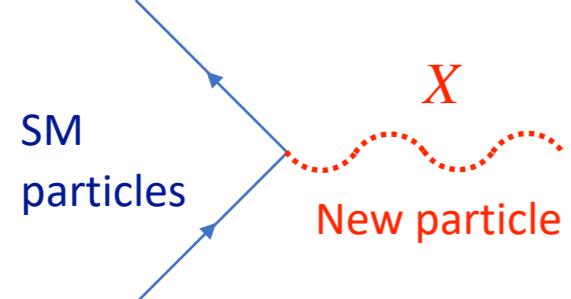
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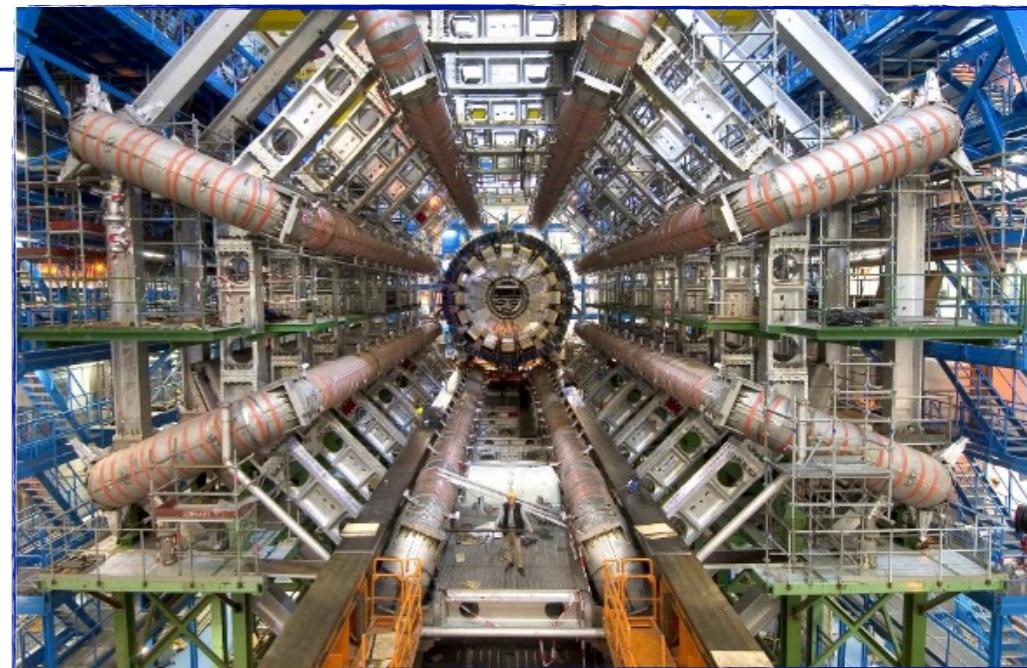
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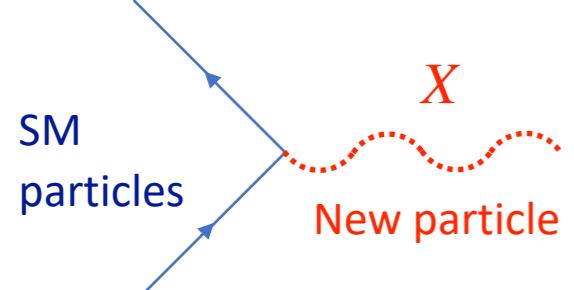
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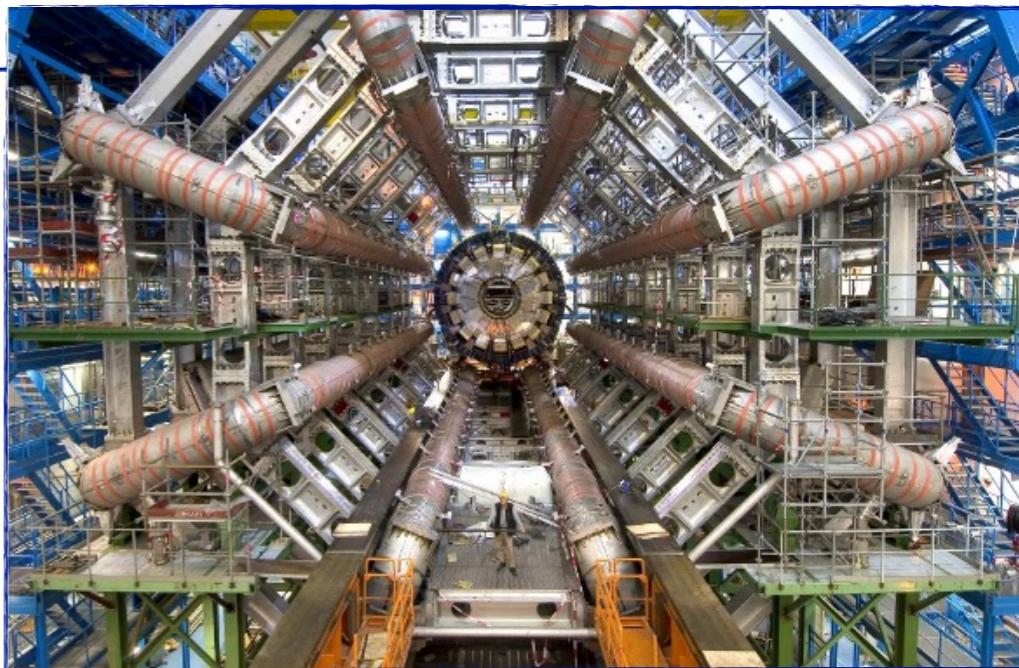
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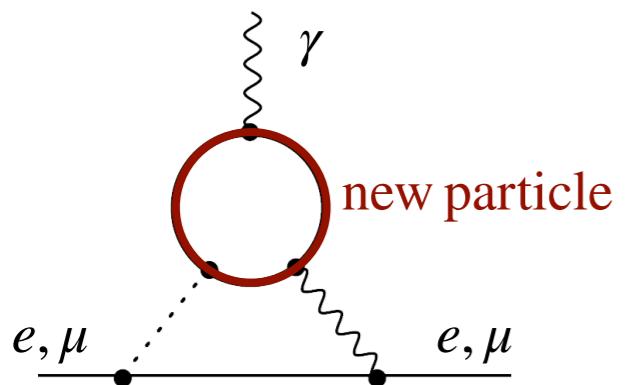
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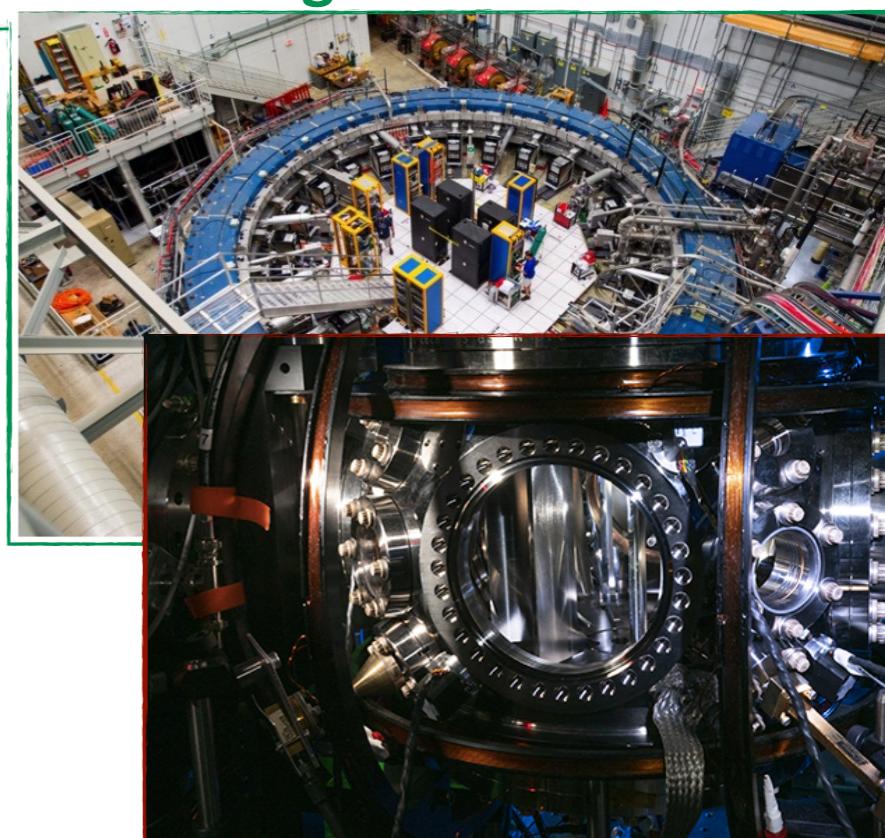
Probe indirect effects



- **Precision frontier**

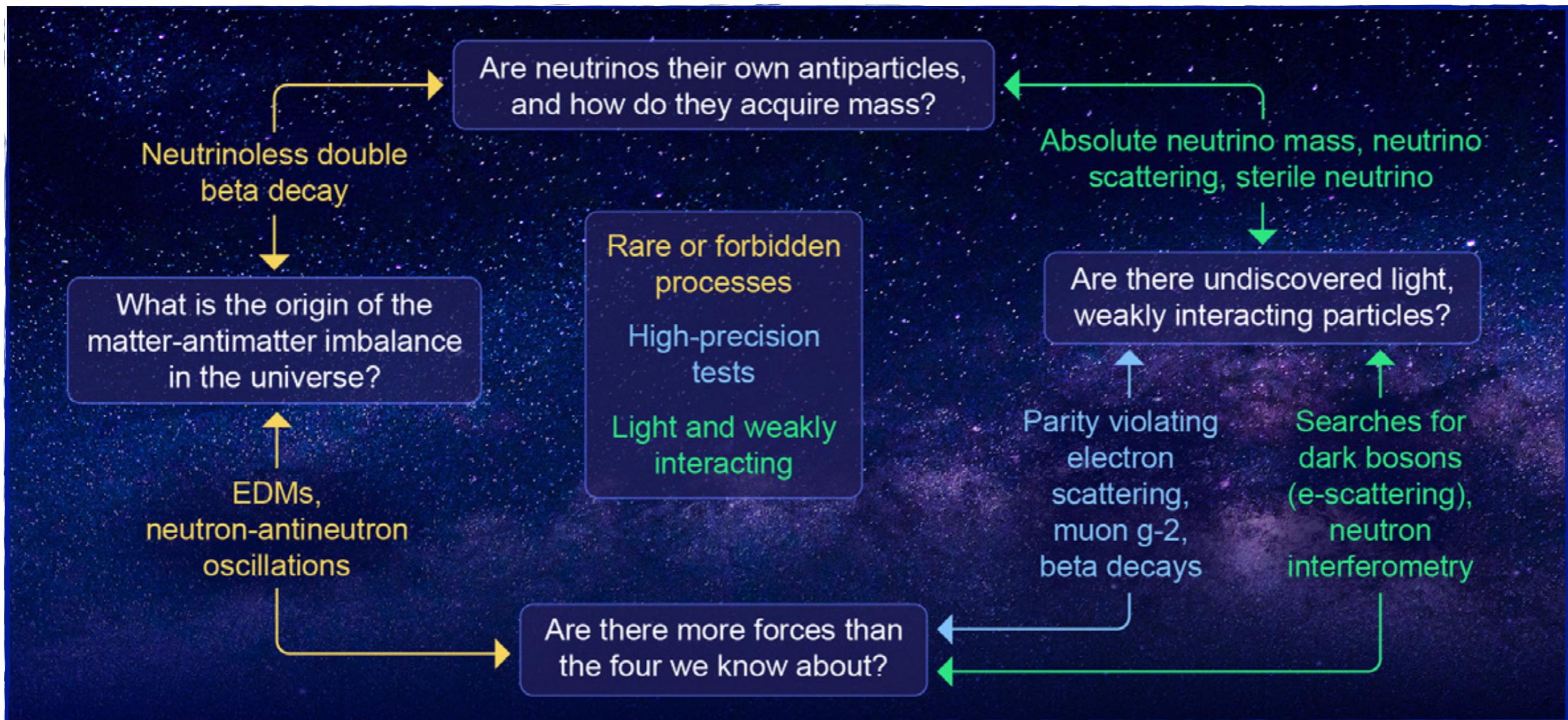
- Compare SM prediction to experiment
- **Rare/forbidden processes**
- Non-zero measurement = discovery

Muon magnetic moment

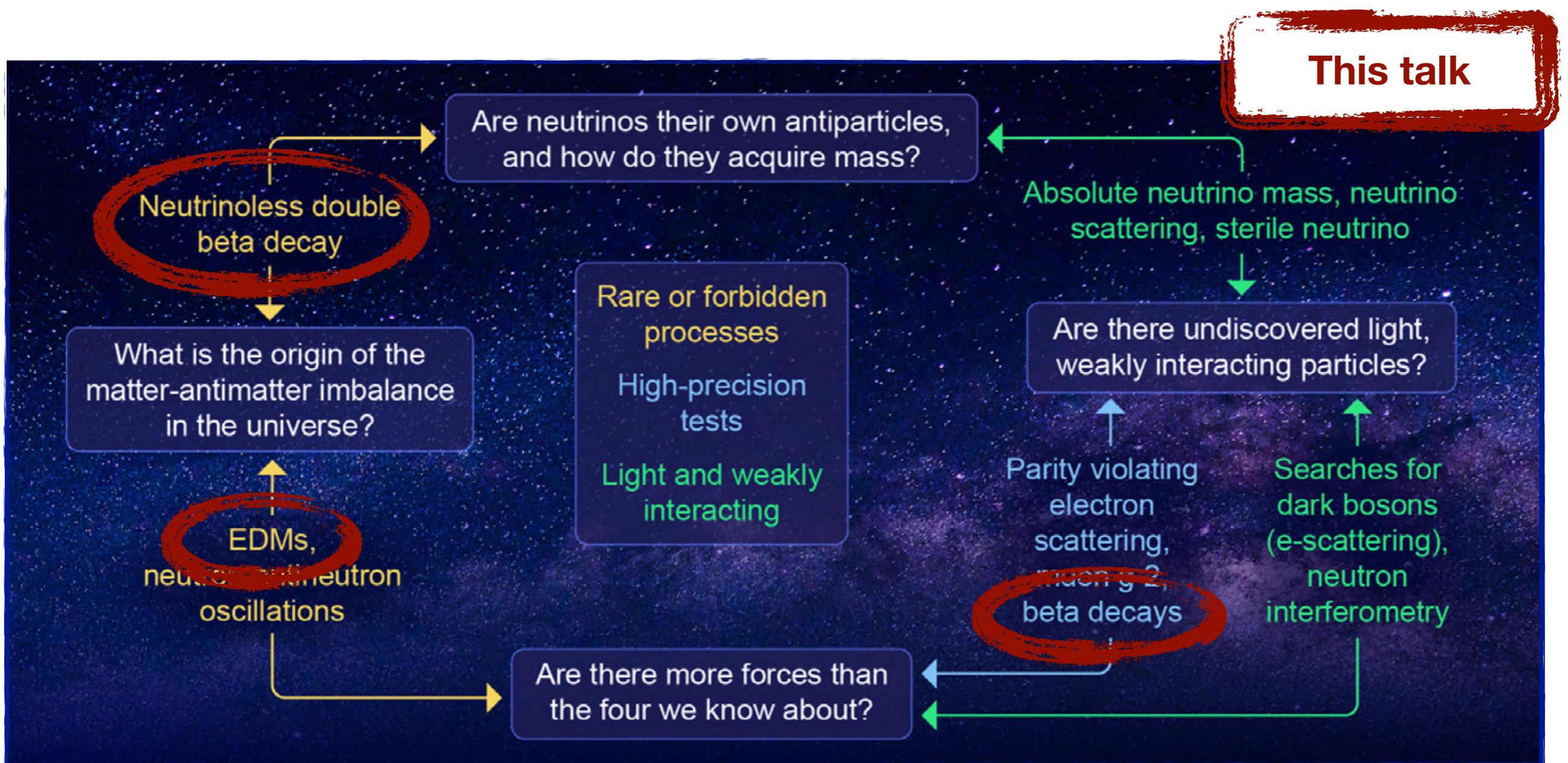


HfF Electric dipole moment

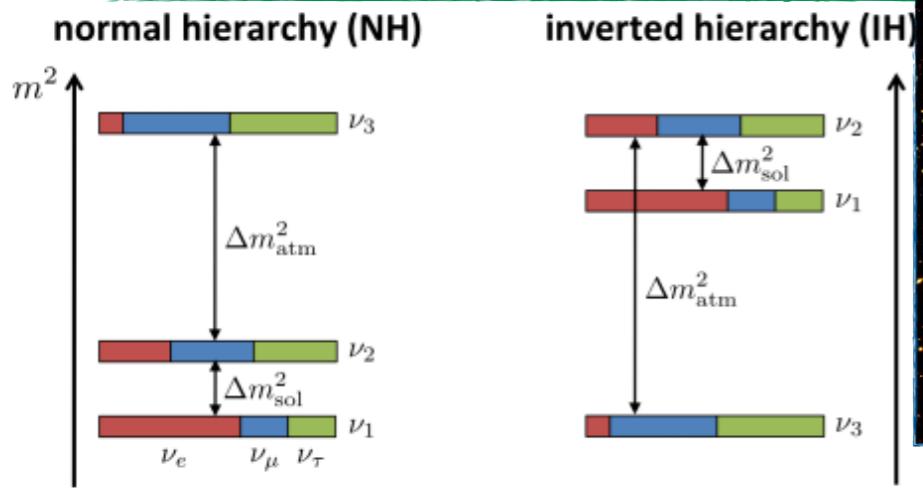
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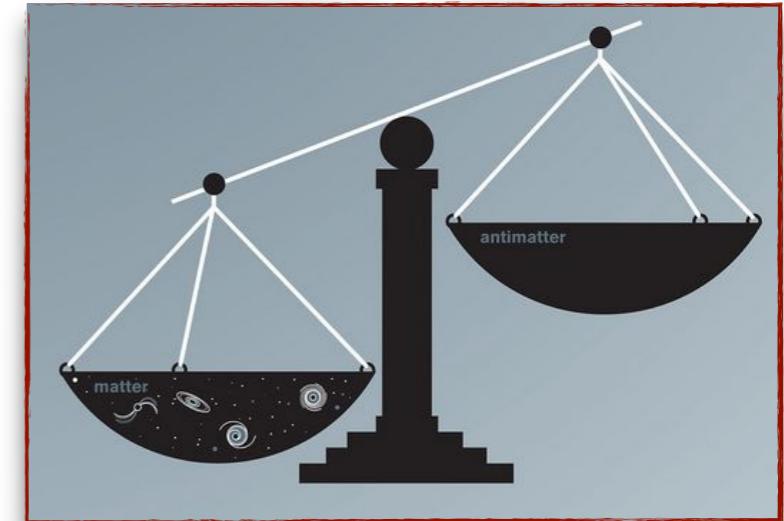
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Neutrino masses

BSM explanations

Connection to experiments  
requires Nuclear Theory

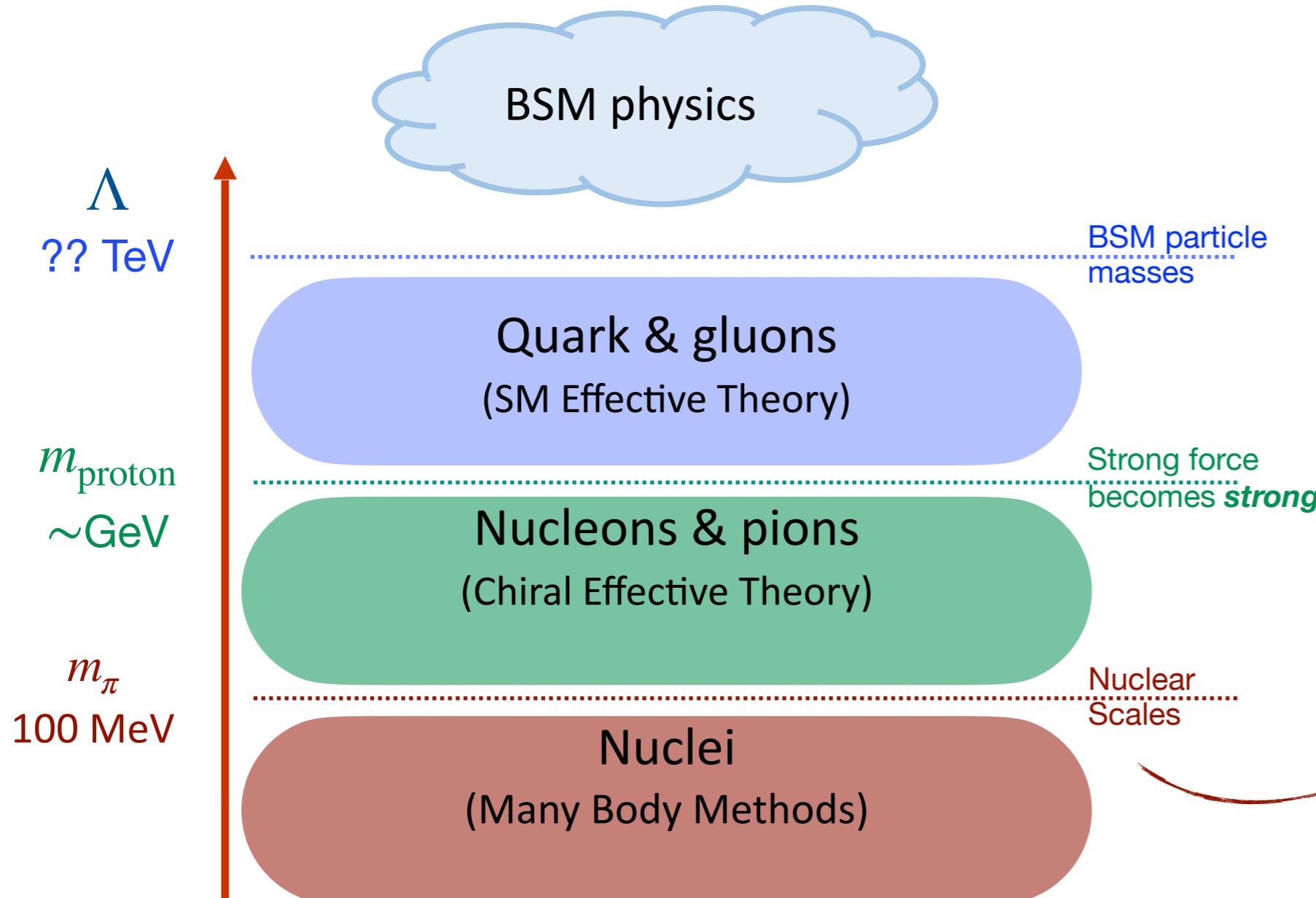
Energy frontier  
• LHC

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

Rare processes  
•  $0\nu\beta\beta$   
• EDMs

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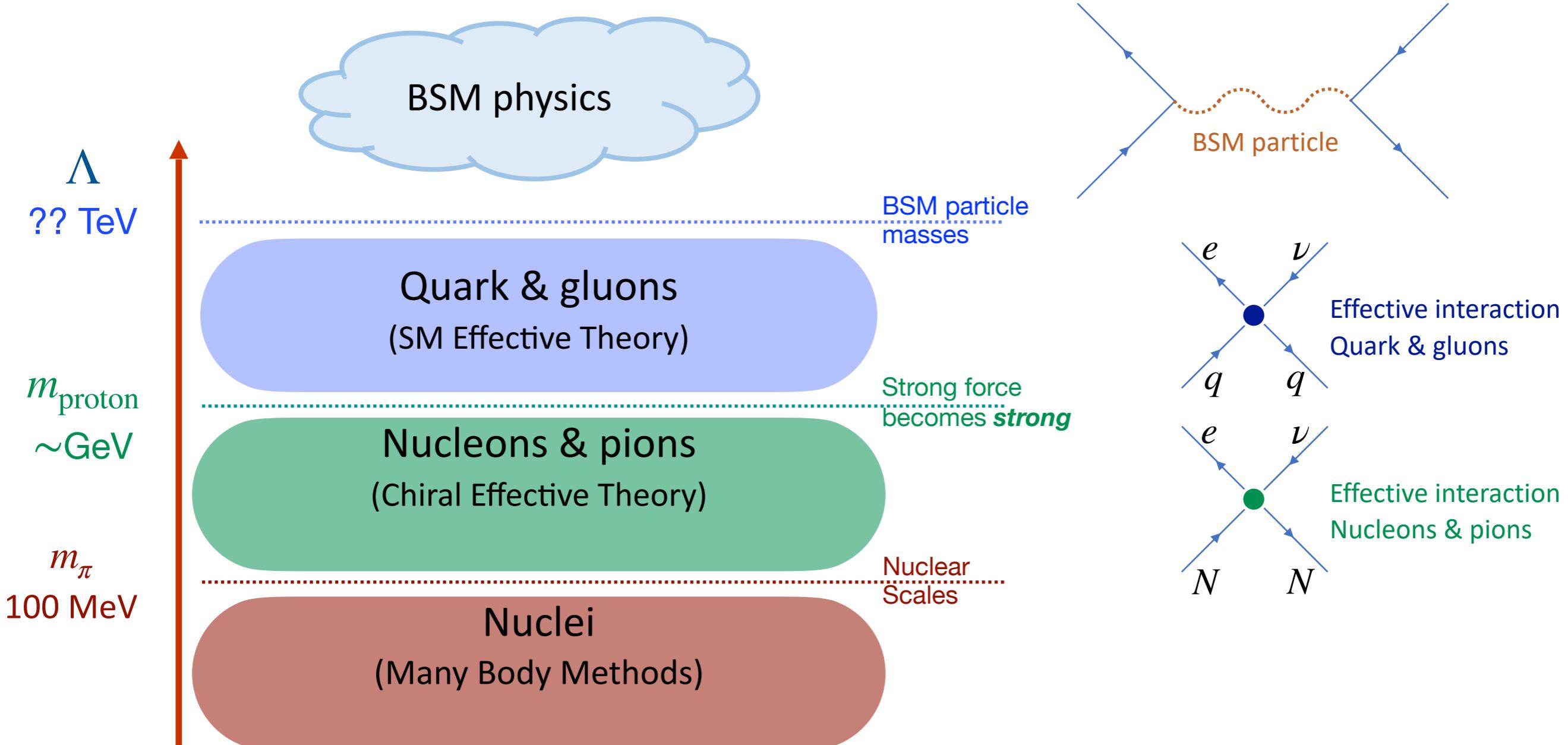
From BSM scales to nuclear scales



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

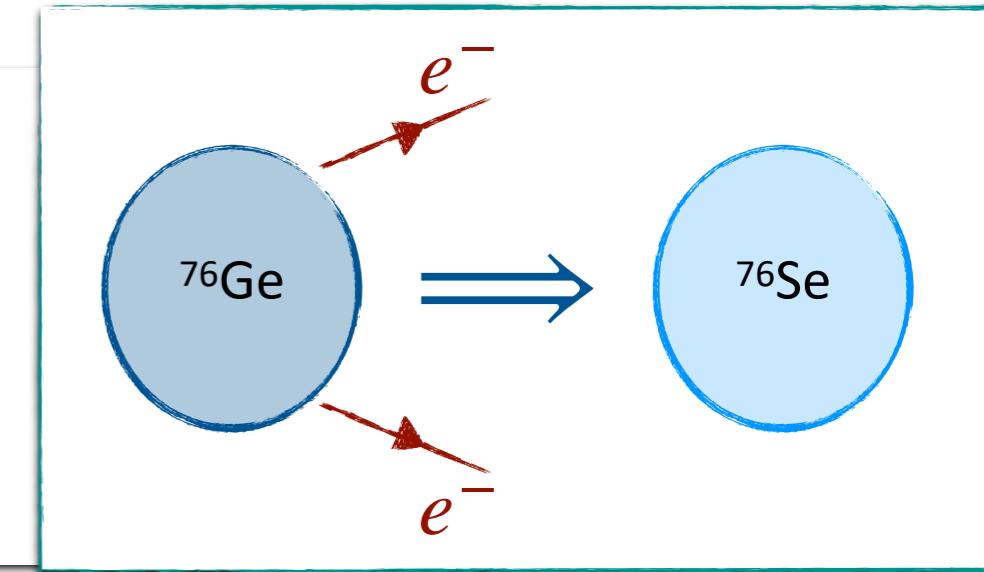
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# Neutrinoless Double beta decay

## What & why?

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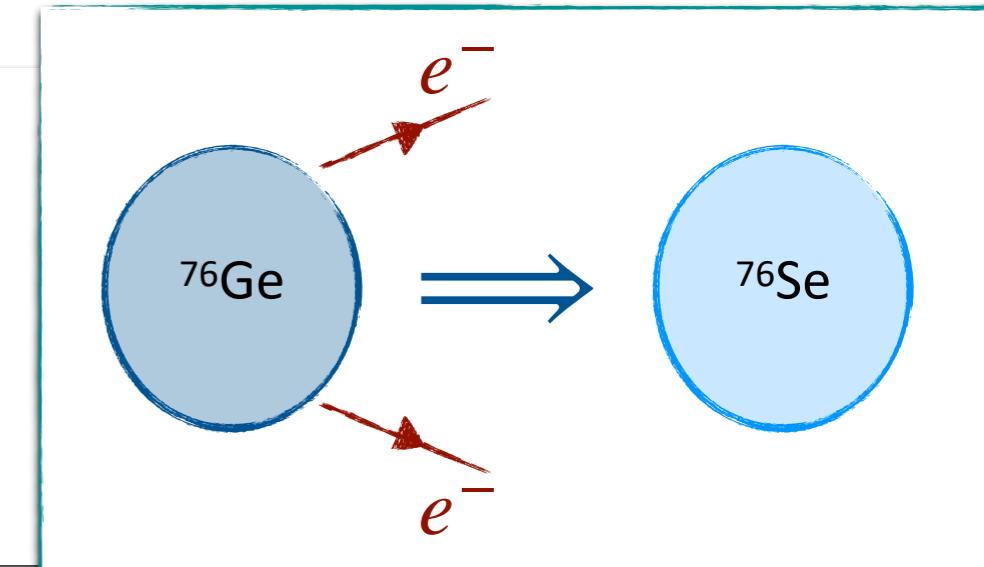


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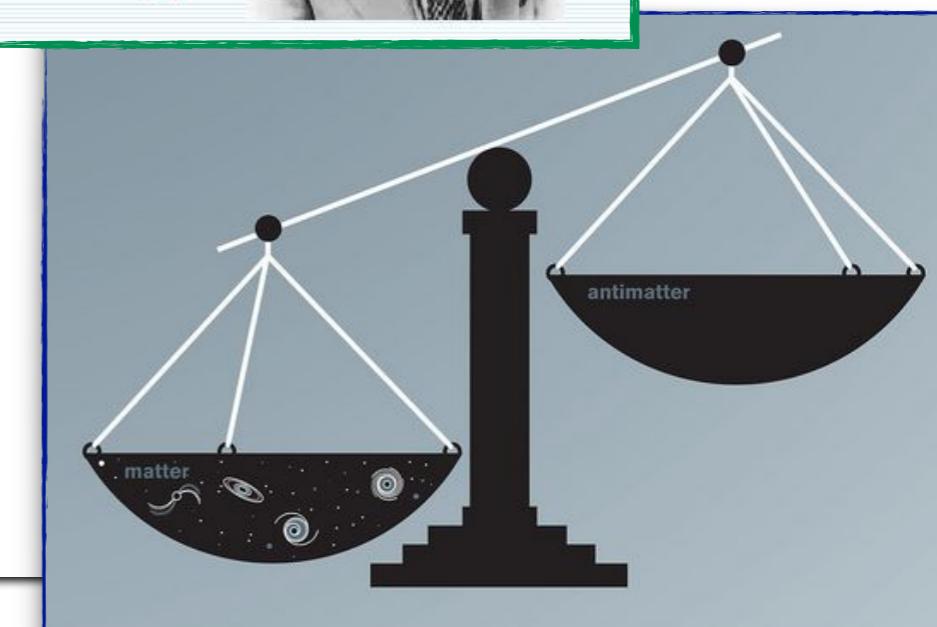
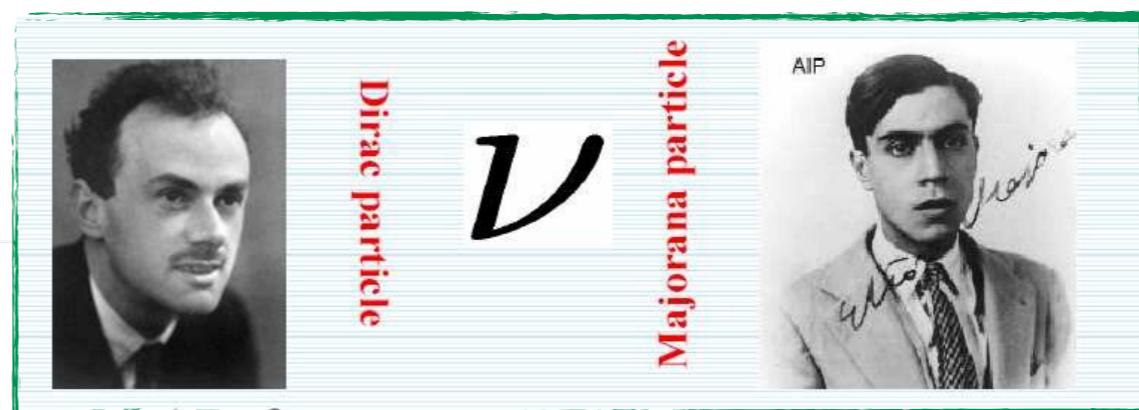
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### Why look for $0\nu\beta\beta$ ?

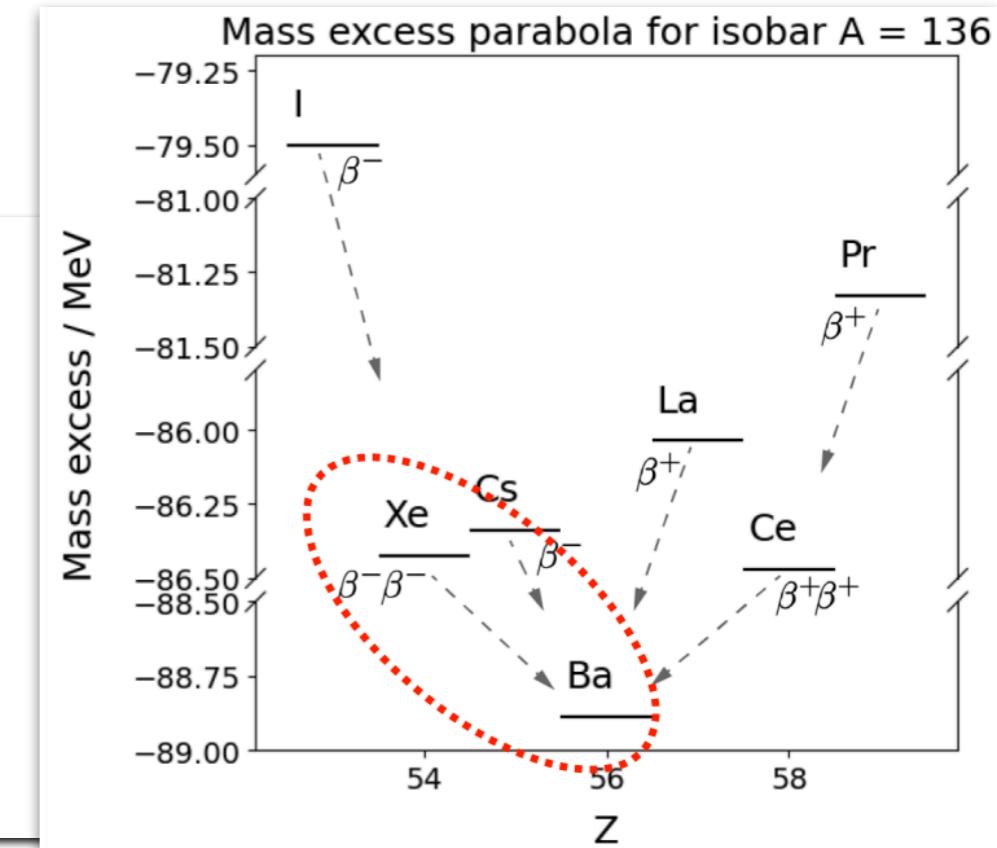
- Detection sheds light on:
  - **Neutrino masses**
    - Observation would show that  $\nu$ 's are **Majorana particles**
  - **Matter-antimatter asymmetry**



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How?

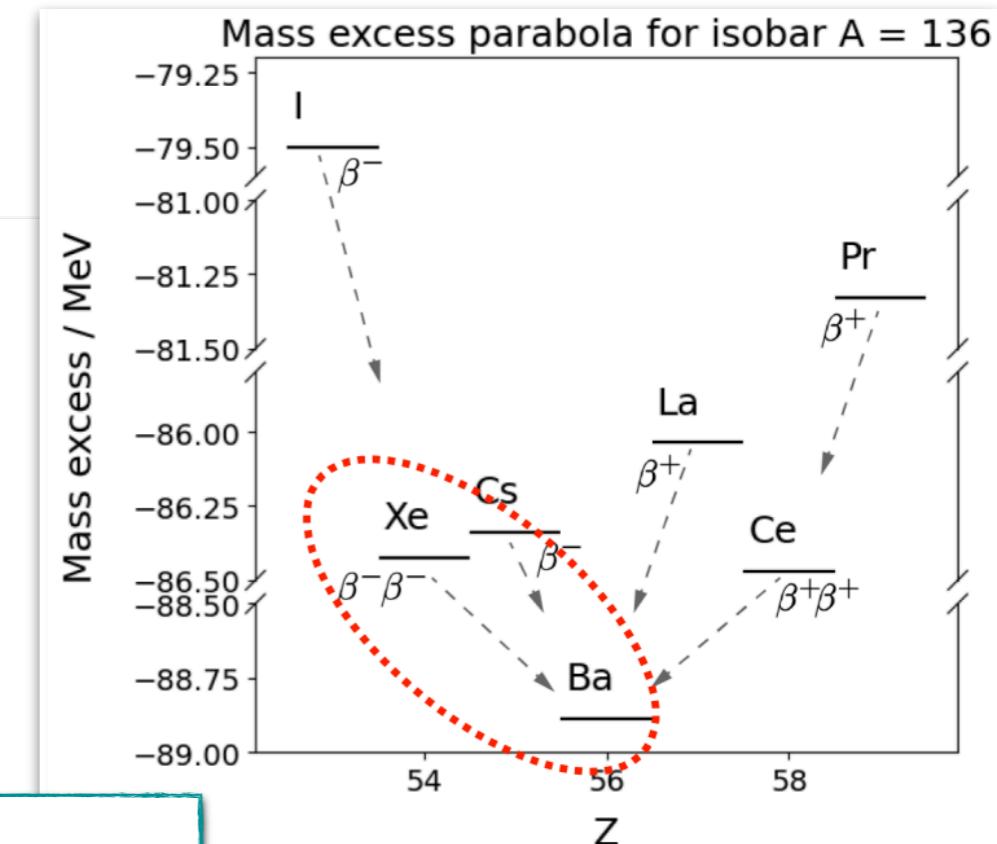
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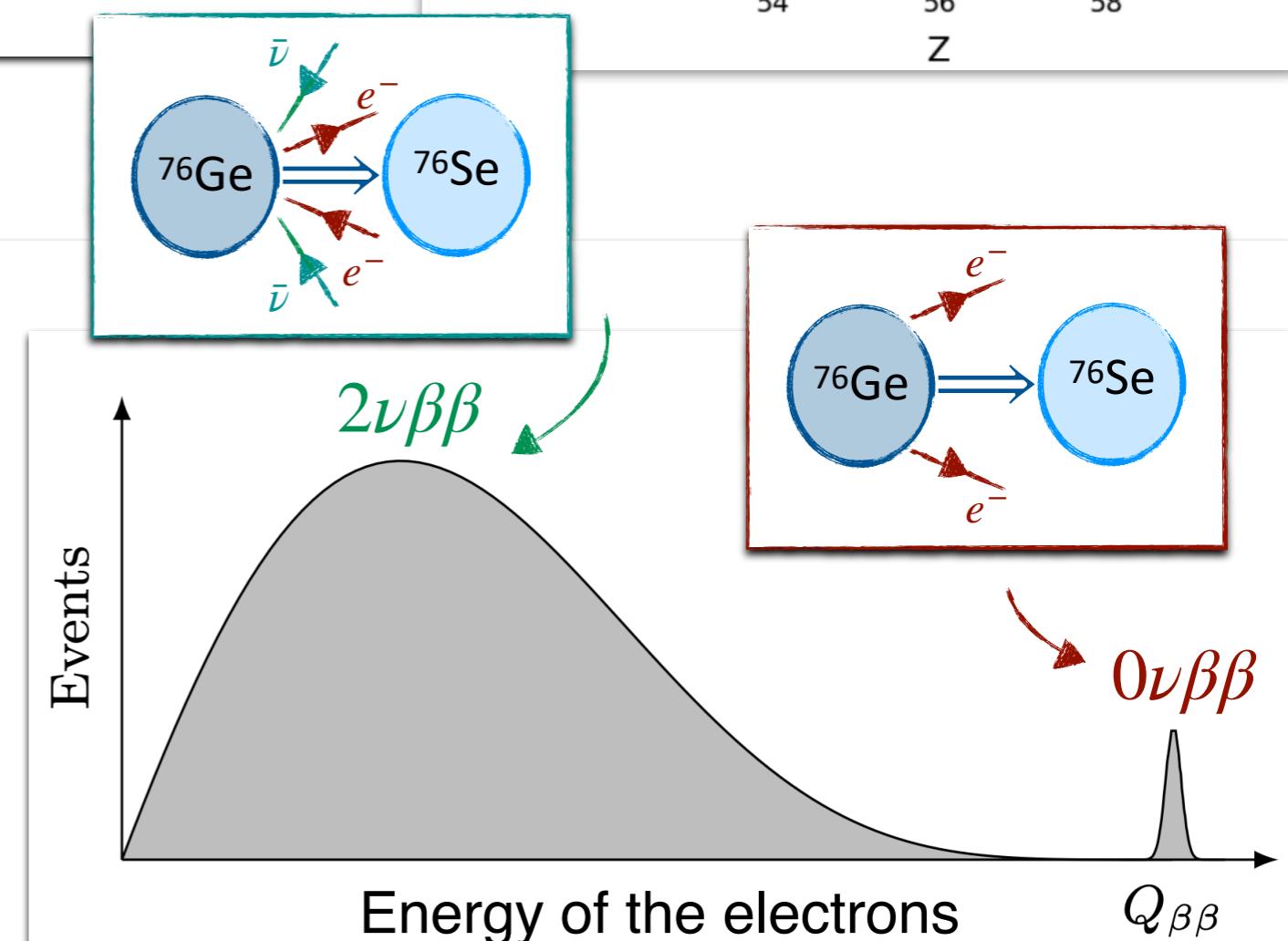
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- Distinguish  $2\nu\beta\beta$  from  $0\nu\beta\beta$ 
  - $0\nu\beta\beta$  electron energy is fixed



# Neutrinoless Double beta decay

How?

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

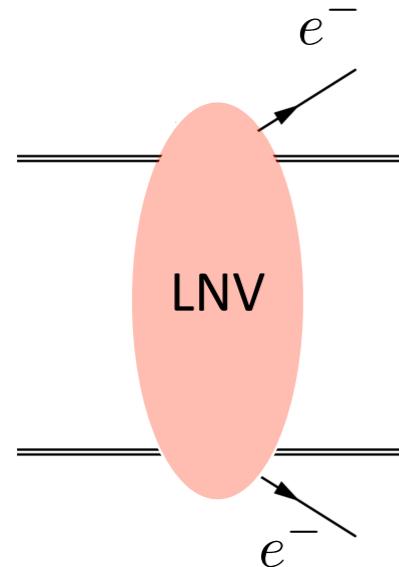
Gerda (Germanium)	Cuore (Tellurium)	KamLAND-zen (Xenon)
$> 1.8 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$	$> 3.2 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$	$> 3.8 \cdot 10^{26} \text{ yr}$

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

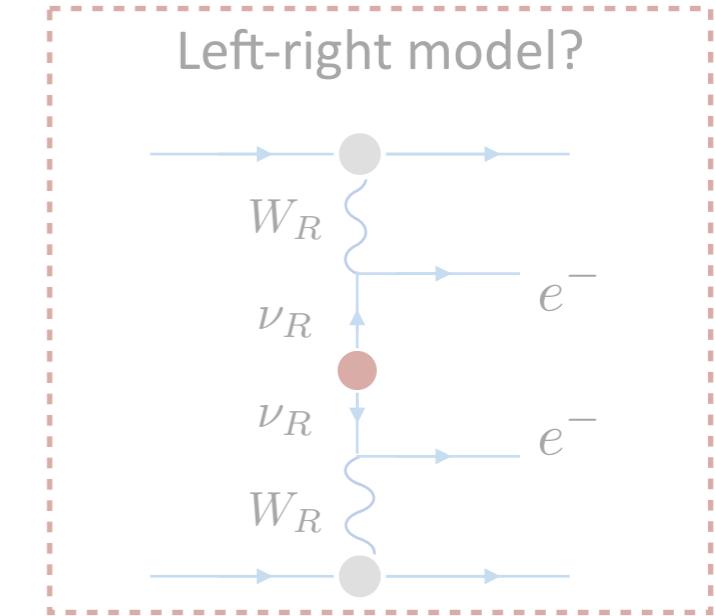
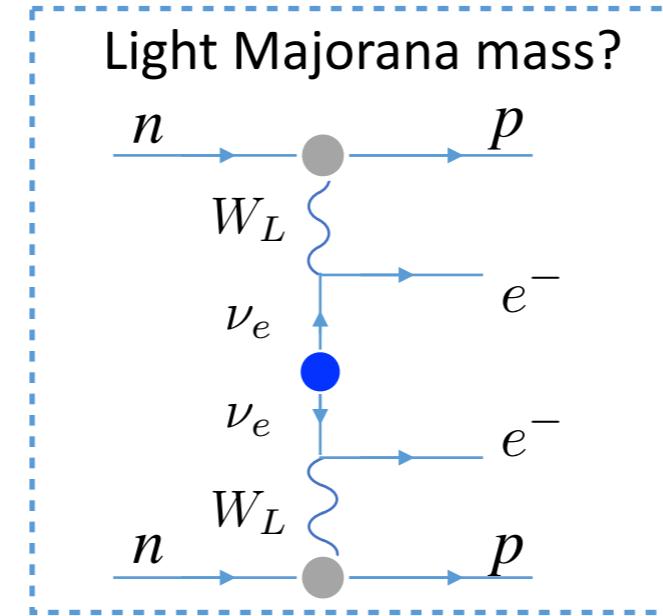


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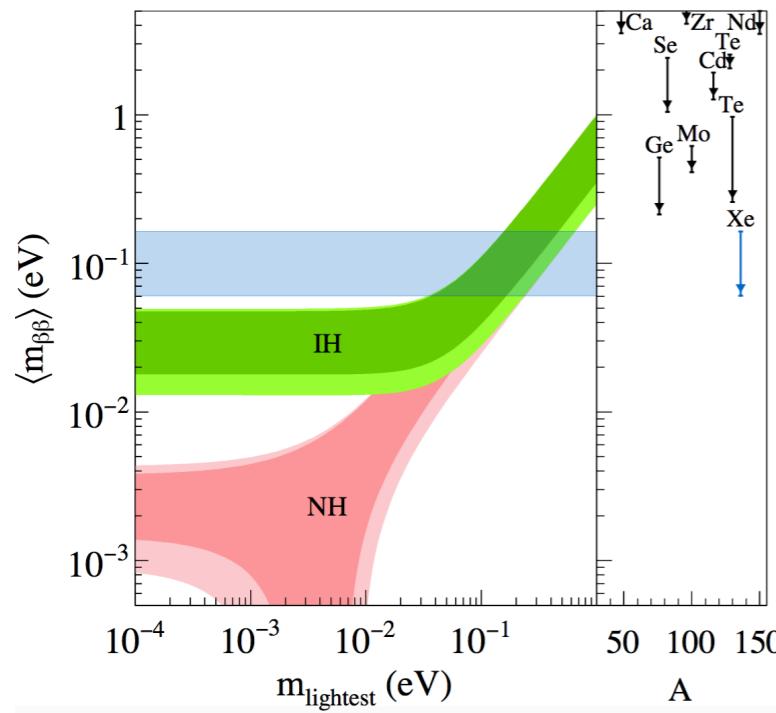


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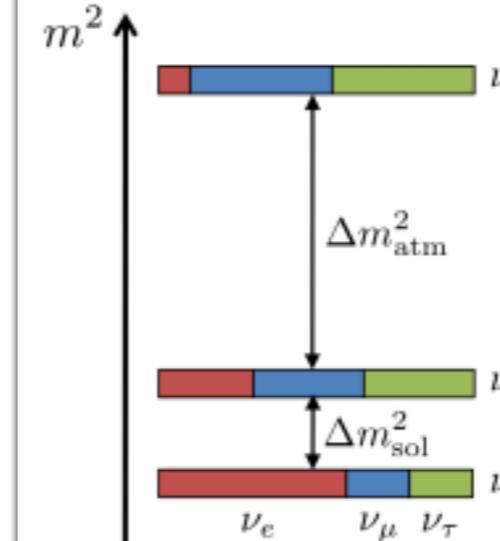
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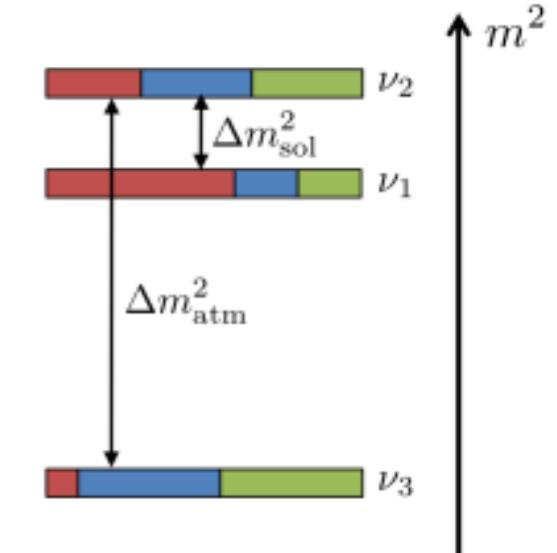
- Probes very high BSM scales,  $\Lambda \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$

## Depends on hierarchy of neutrino masses

### normal hierarchy (NH)



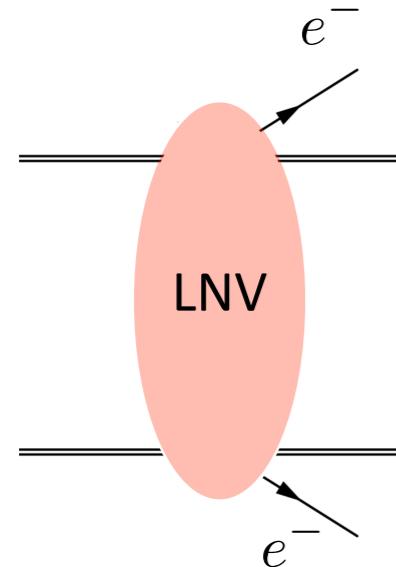
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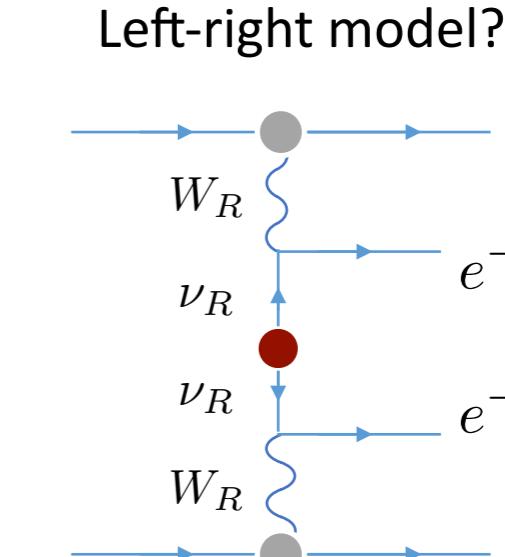
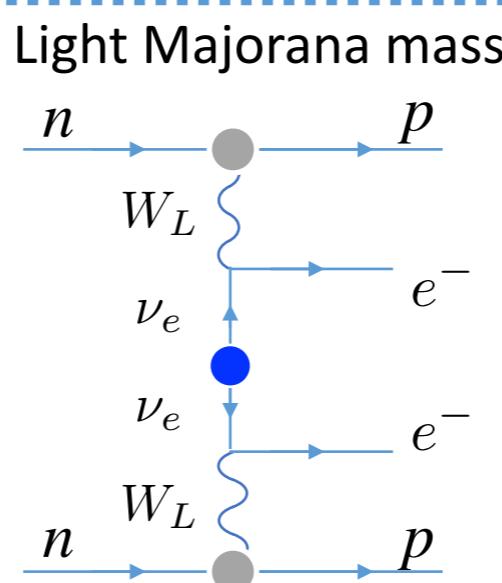
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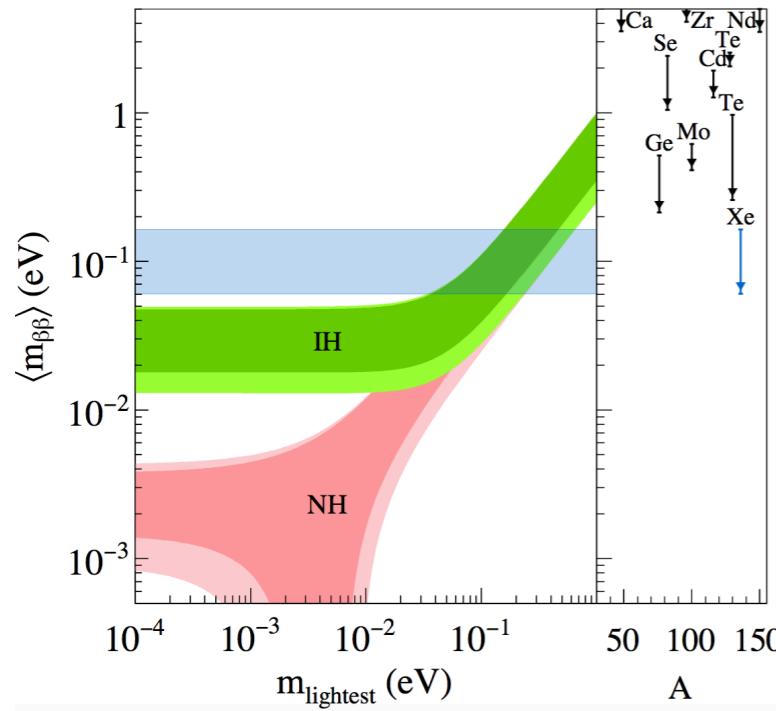


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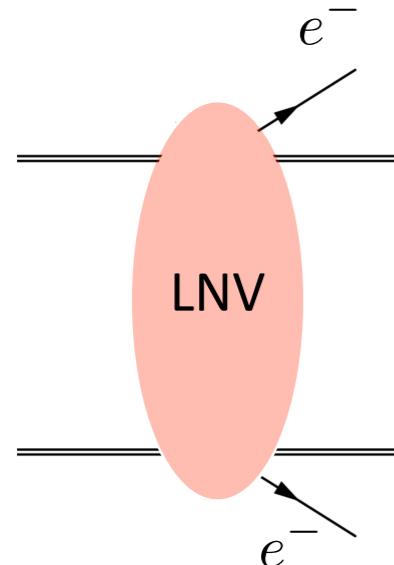
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  - Left-right model,
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  - Leptoquarks...

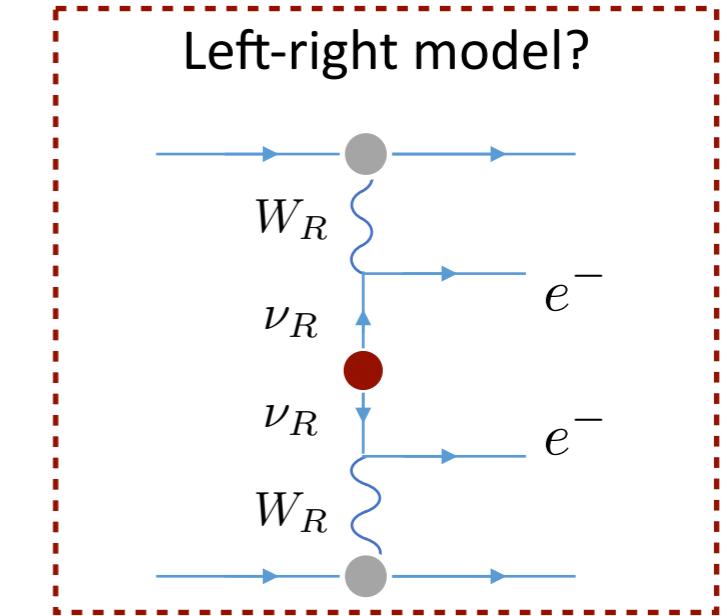
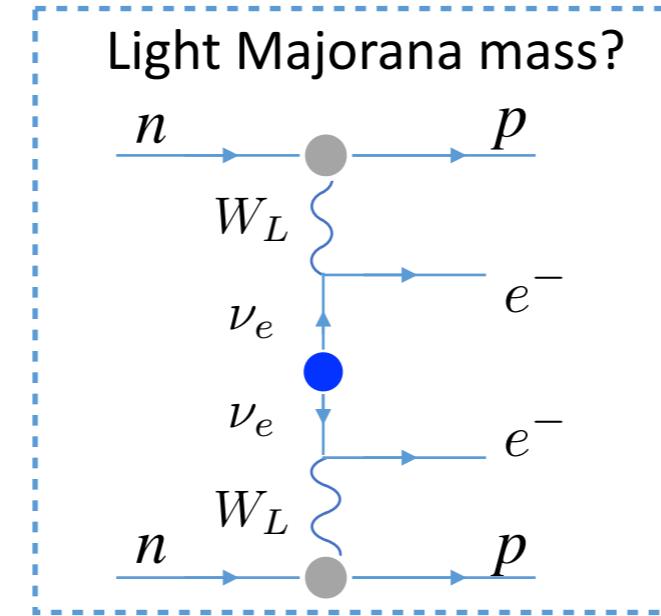
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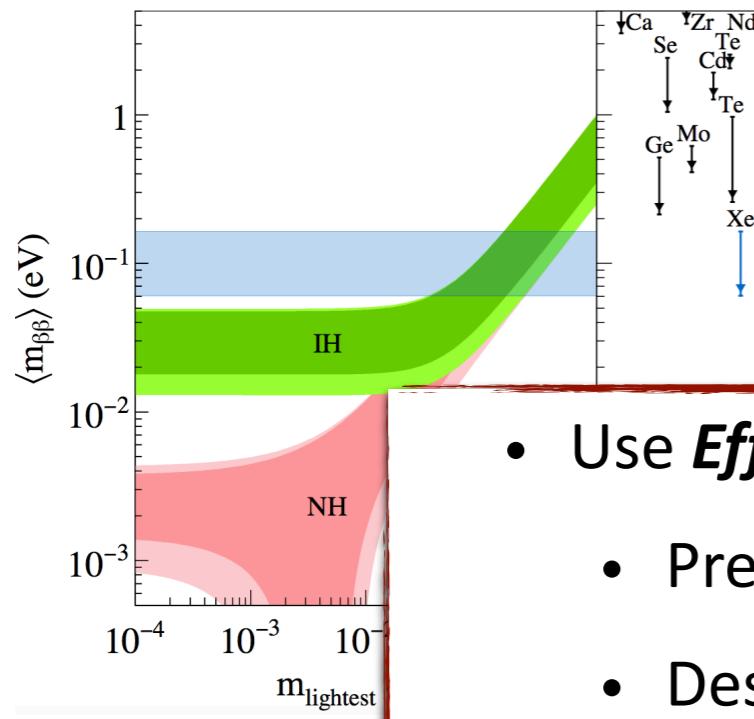


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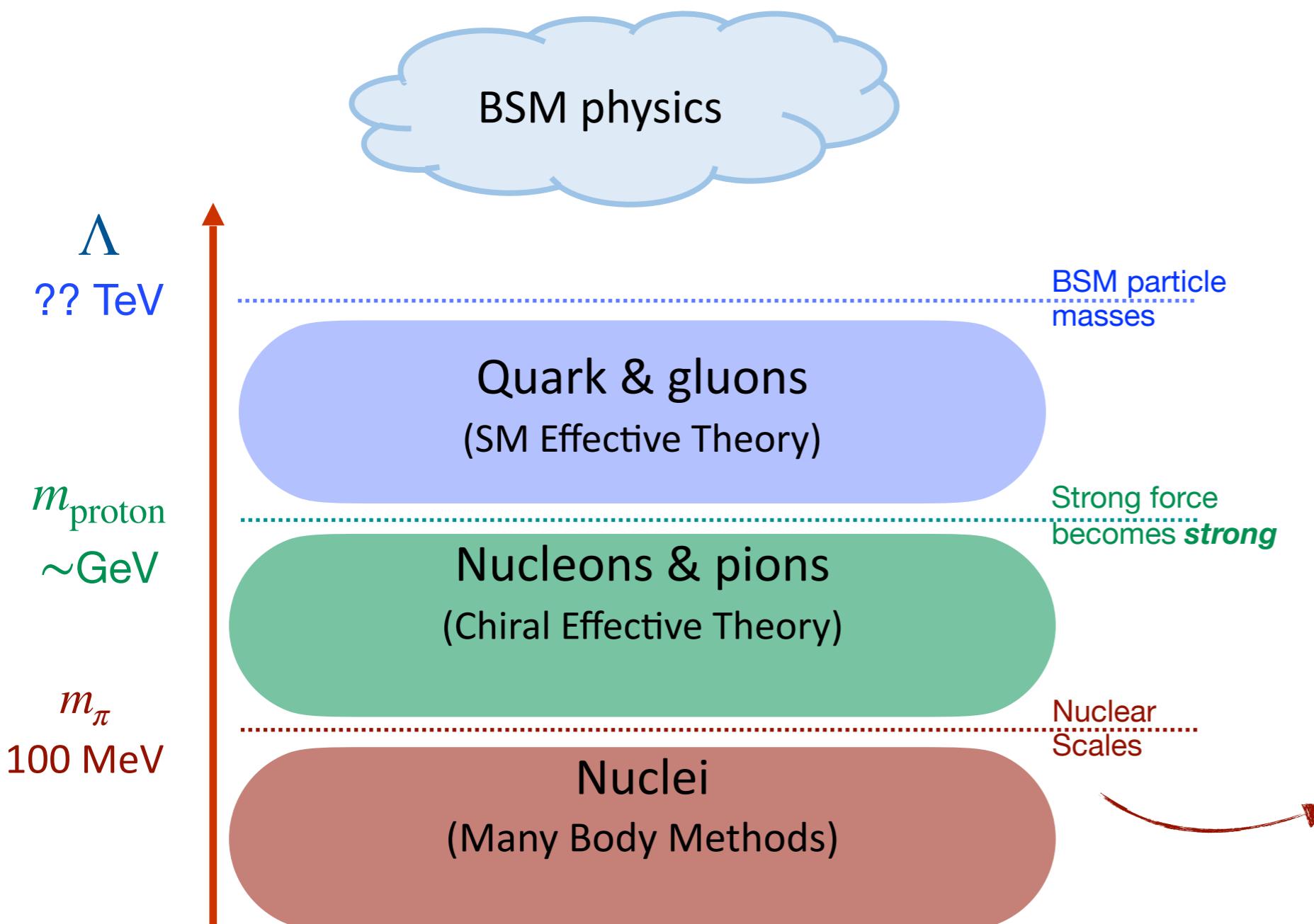
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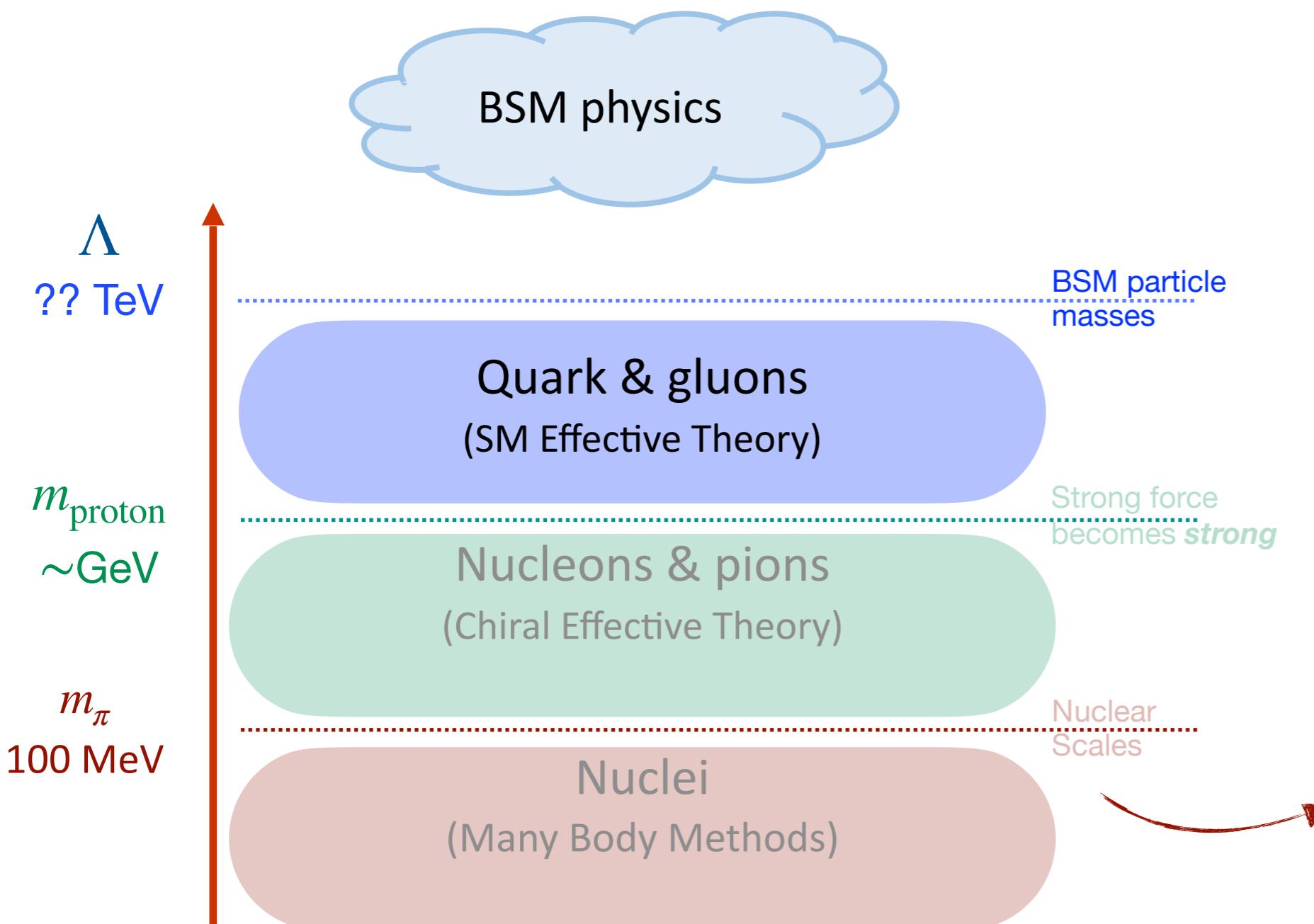
- Use ***Effective Theories***

- Predictions with controlled uncertainties
- Describe any BSM scenario

- Probes very high BSM scales,  $\Lambda \sim 10^{15}$  GeV

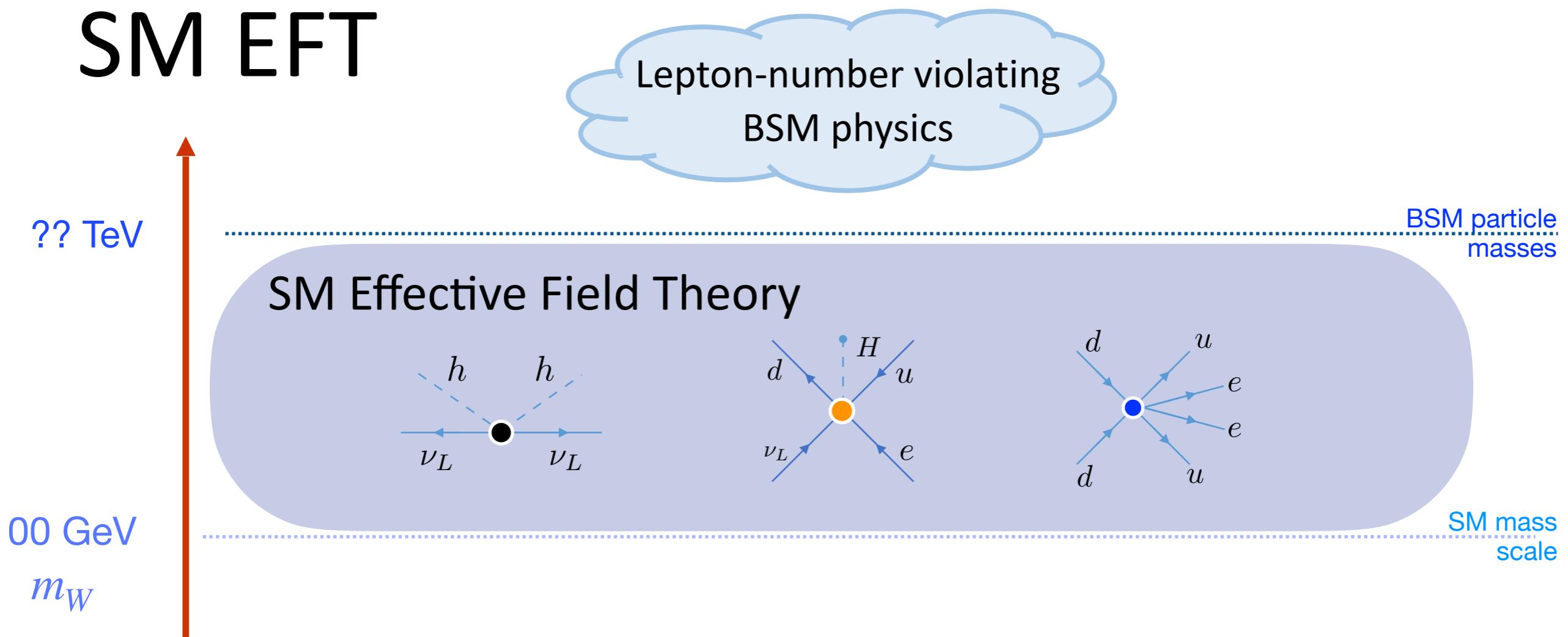


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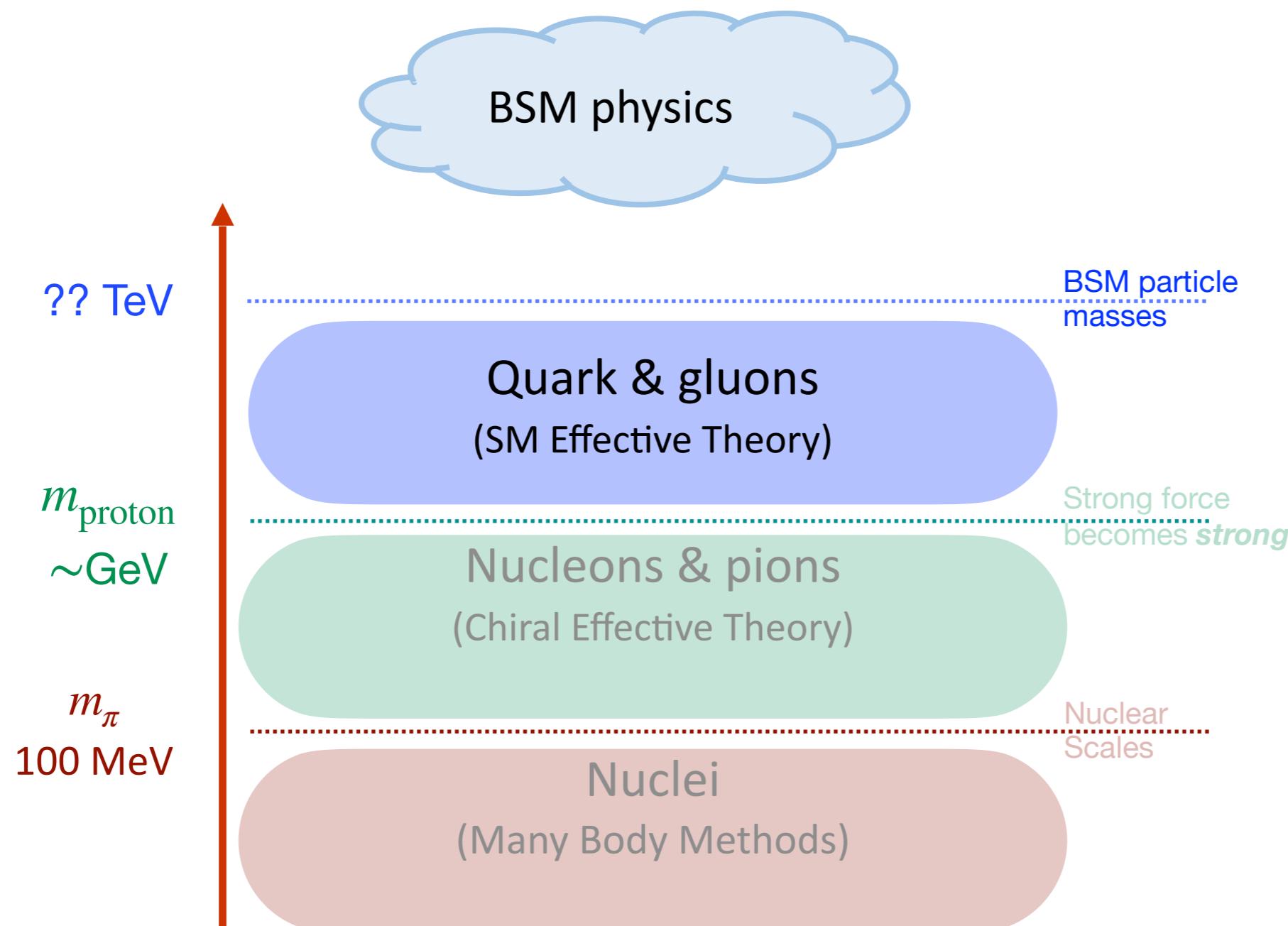


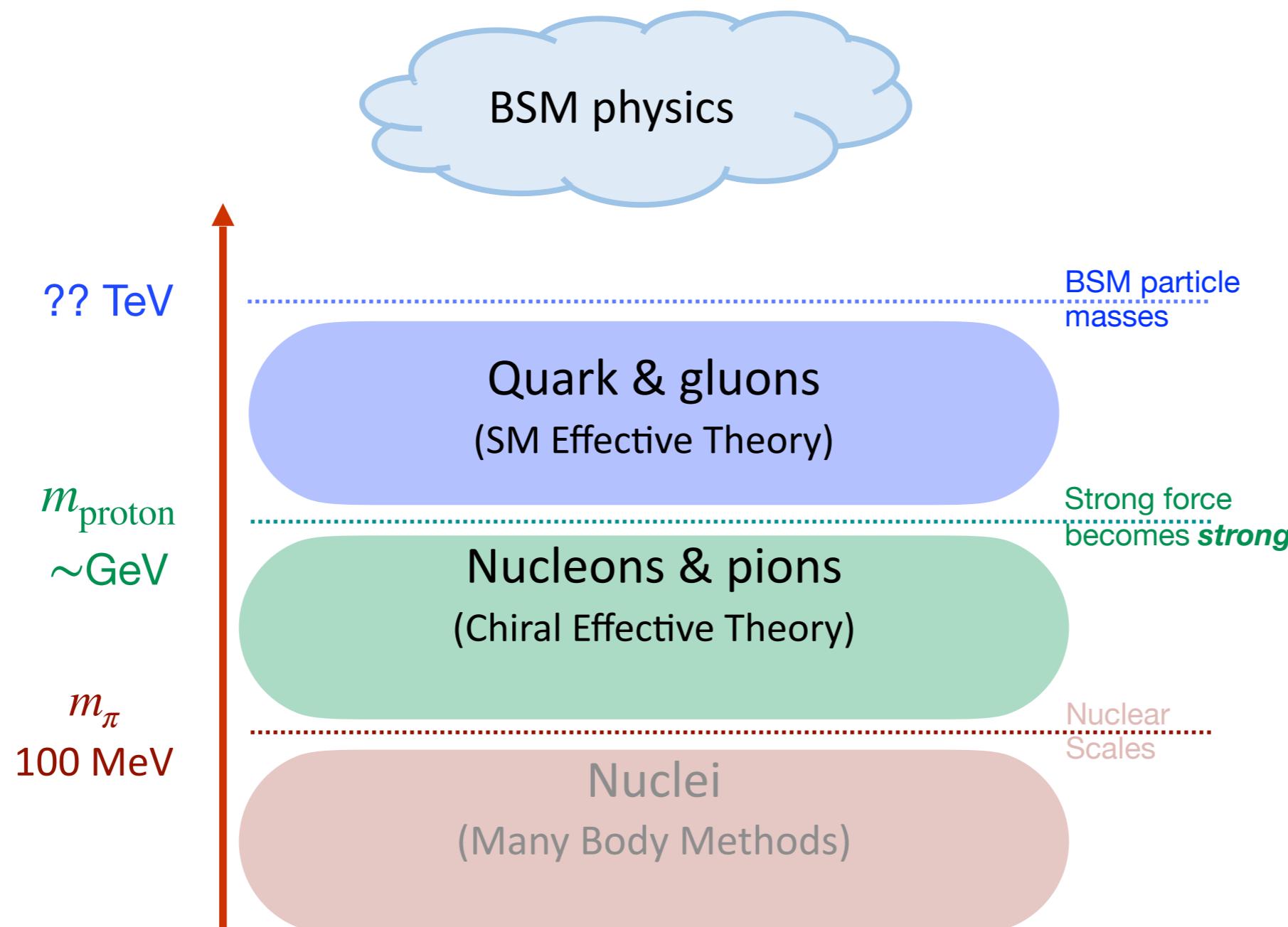
- EFT consists of the SM + effective interactions
- Interactions organized in expansion in  $E/\Lambda$ , with  $E$  the energy scale of the process
  - More complex interactions (higher dimensional) are higher order

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

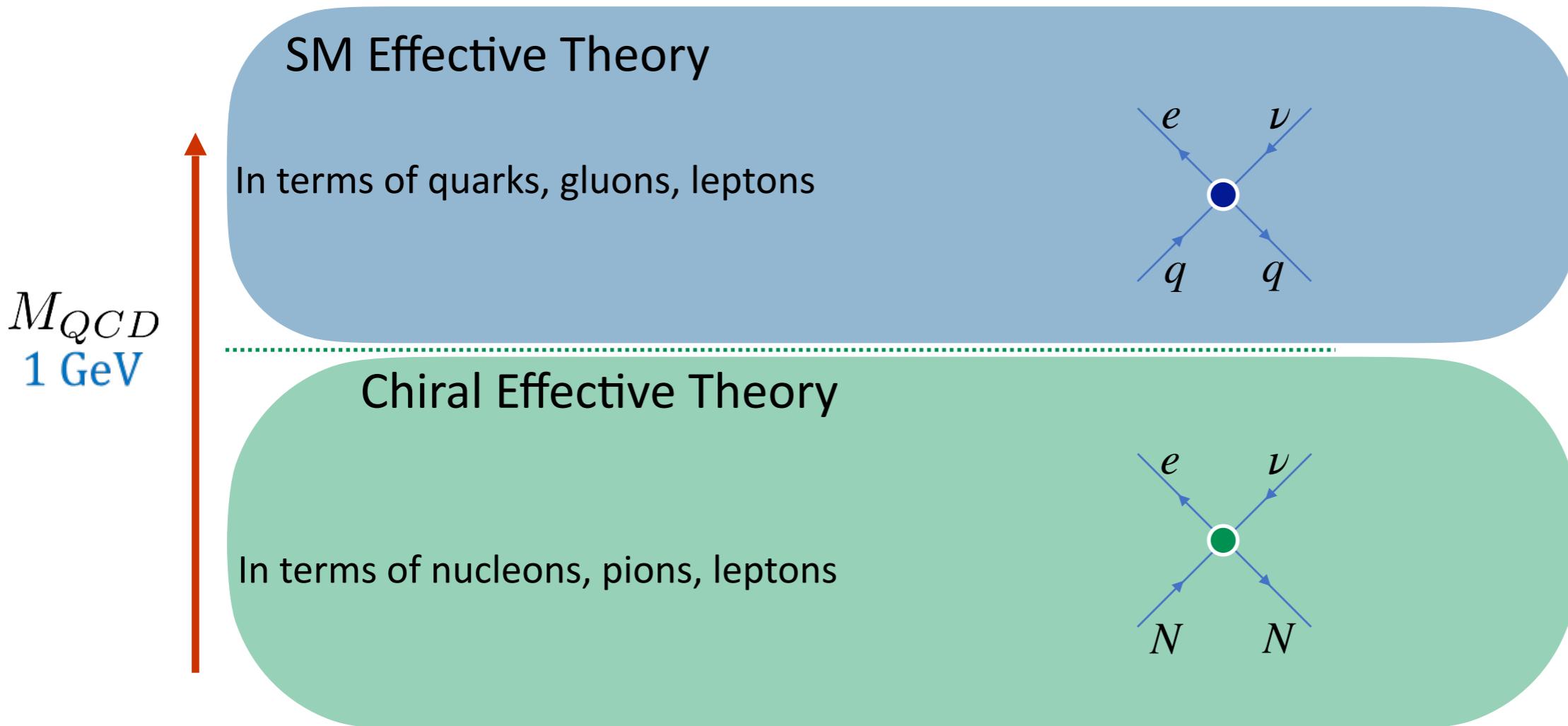
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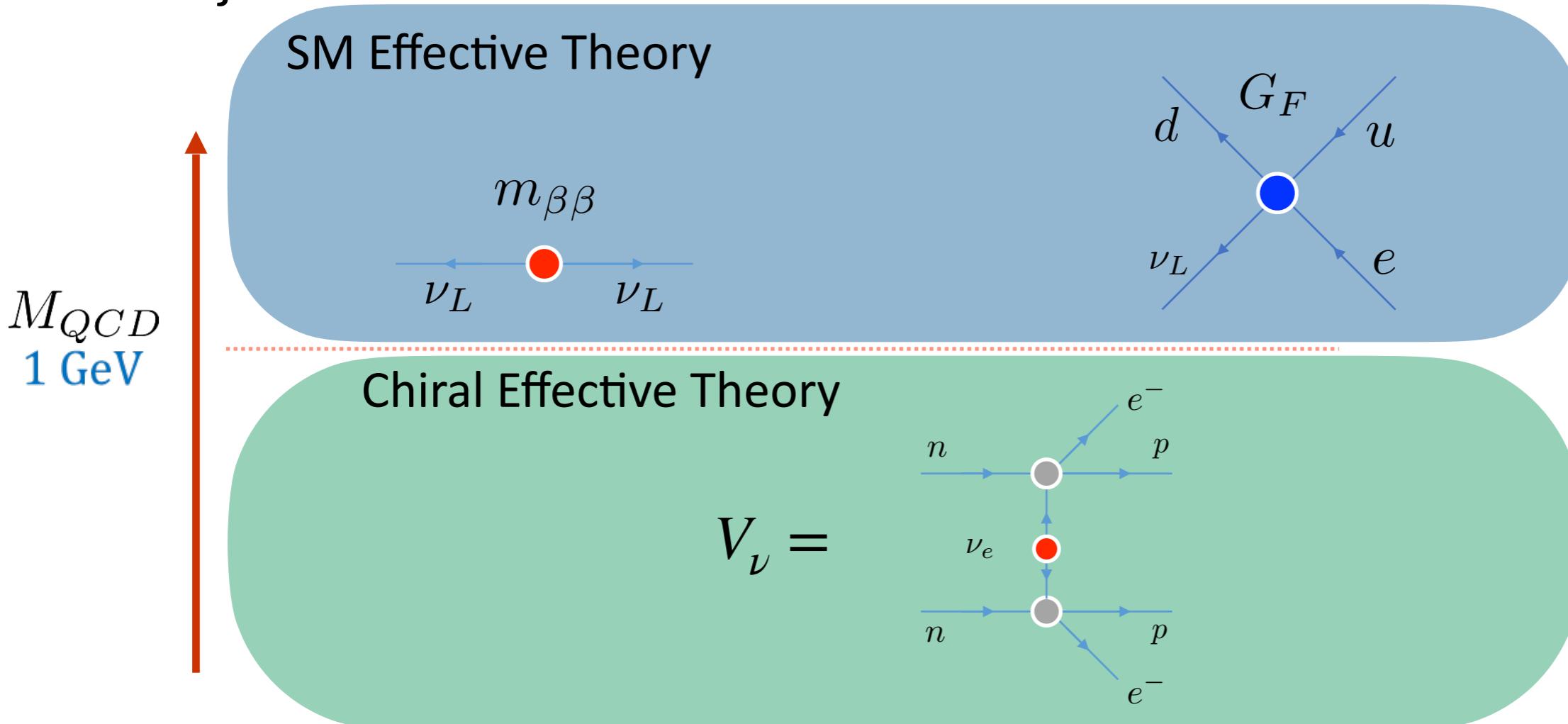
# From quarks to nucleons



- 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*

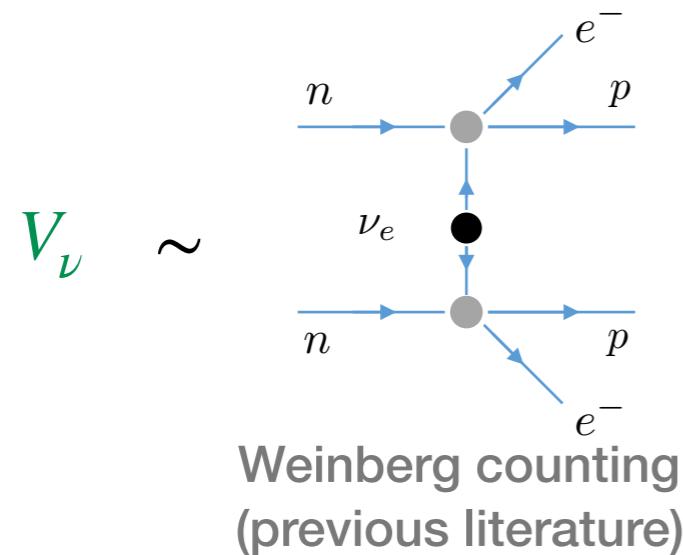
$$m_{\beta\beta} = \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2$$

**Nuclear Matrix Element**  $M_\nu \sim \langle \psi_{\text{Se}} \mid V_\nu \mid \psi_{\text{Ge}} \rangle$

# Neutrinoless double beta decay

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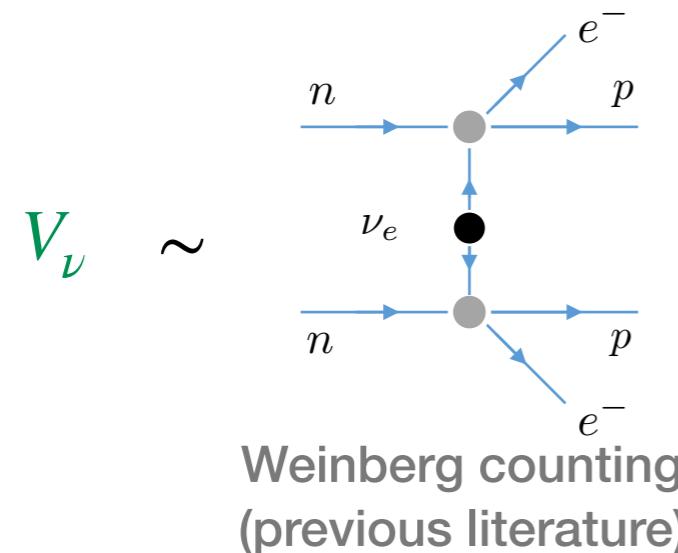
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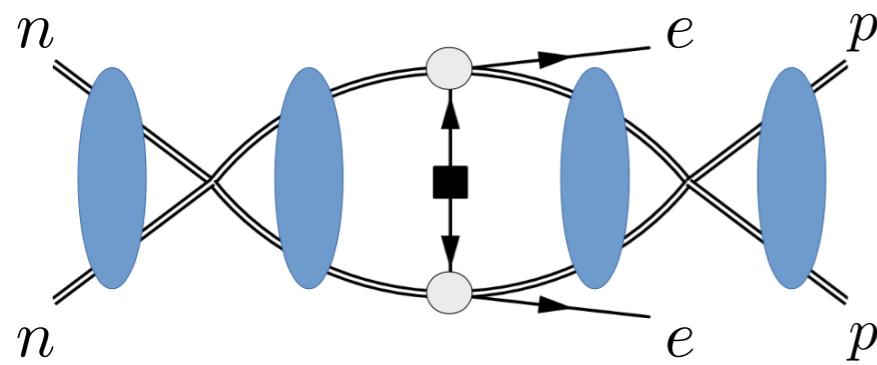
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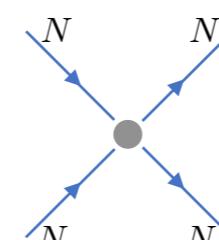


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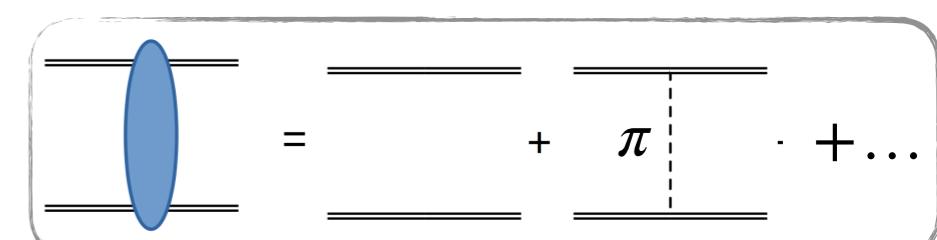


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Short-distance  
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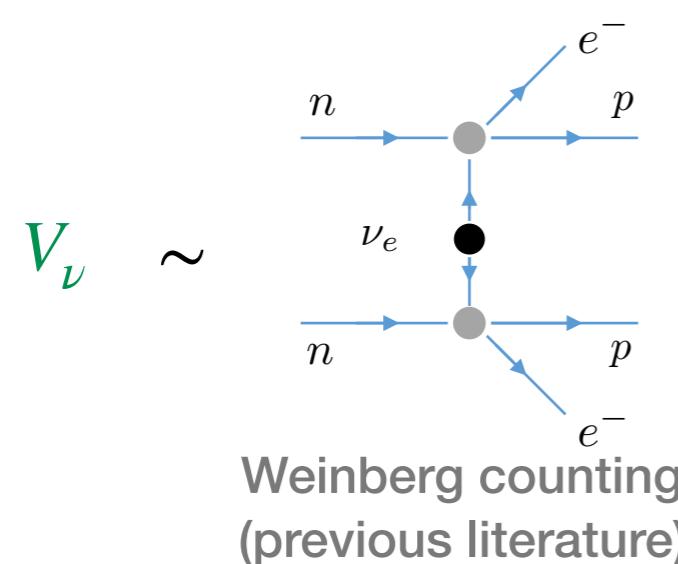


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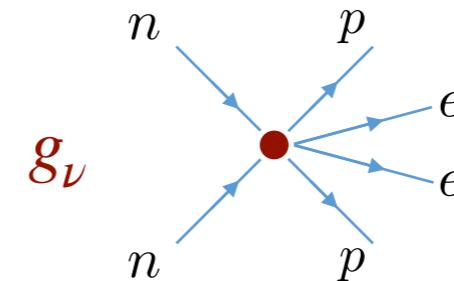
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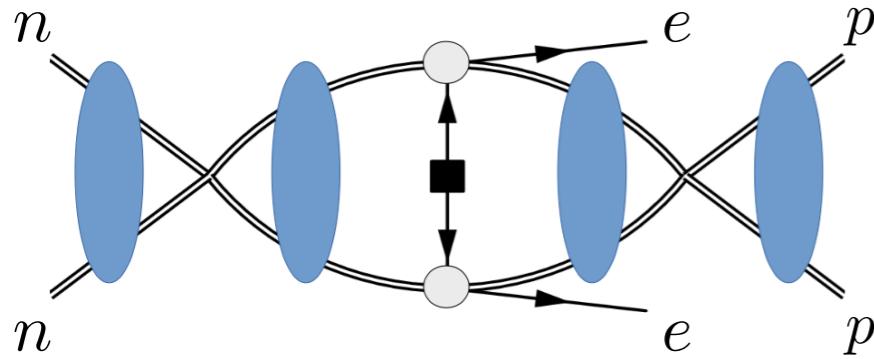
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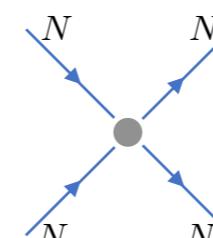
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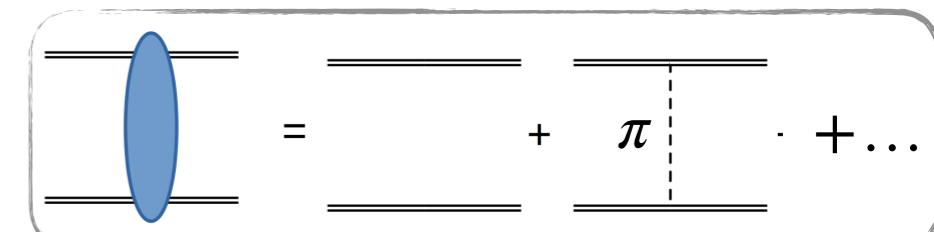


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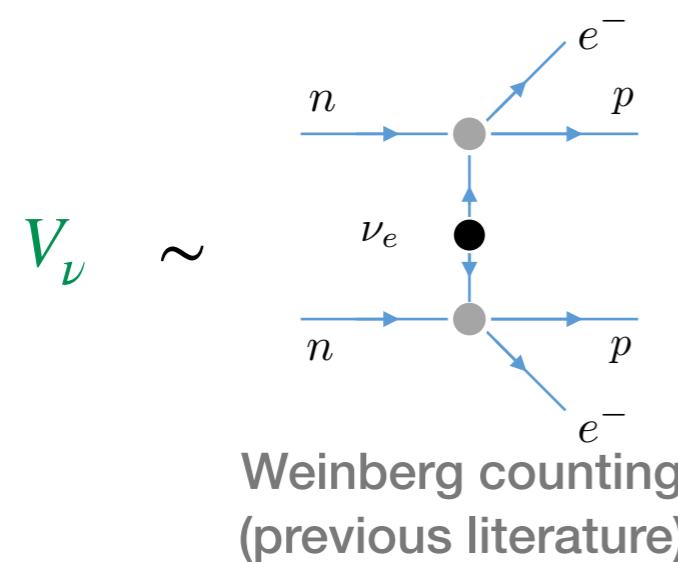


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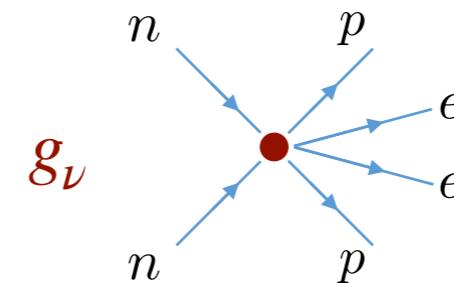
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- The coupling  $g_\nu$  originally unknown
  - Sparked research on first-principle calculations (lattice QCD)
  - **First estimate using dispersive-like methods**
    - **Allowed first consistent determination**
    - **Decreased uncertainty of  $M_\nu$**

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

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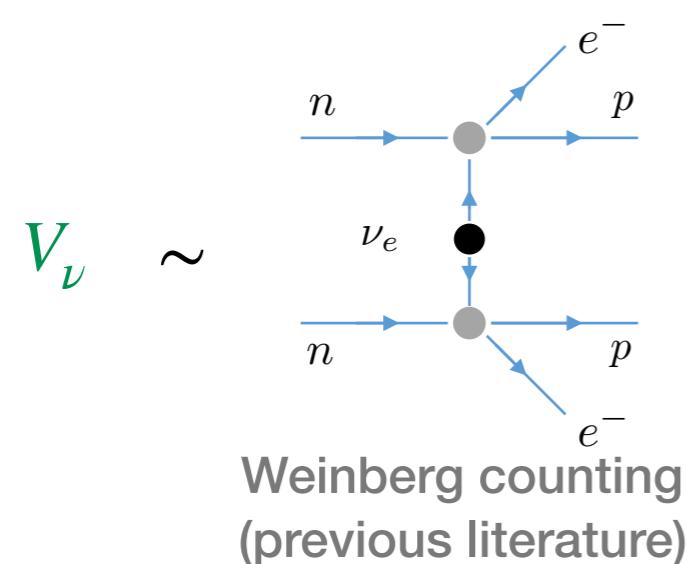
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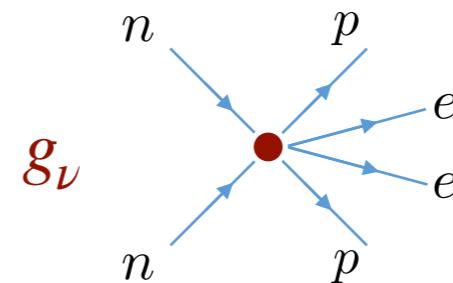
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Needed at *leading order*

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Editors' Suggestion

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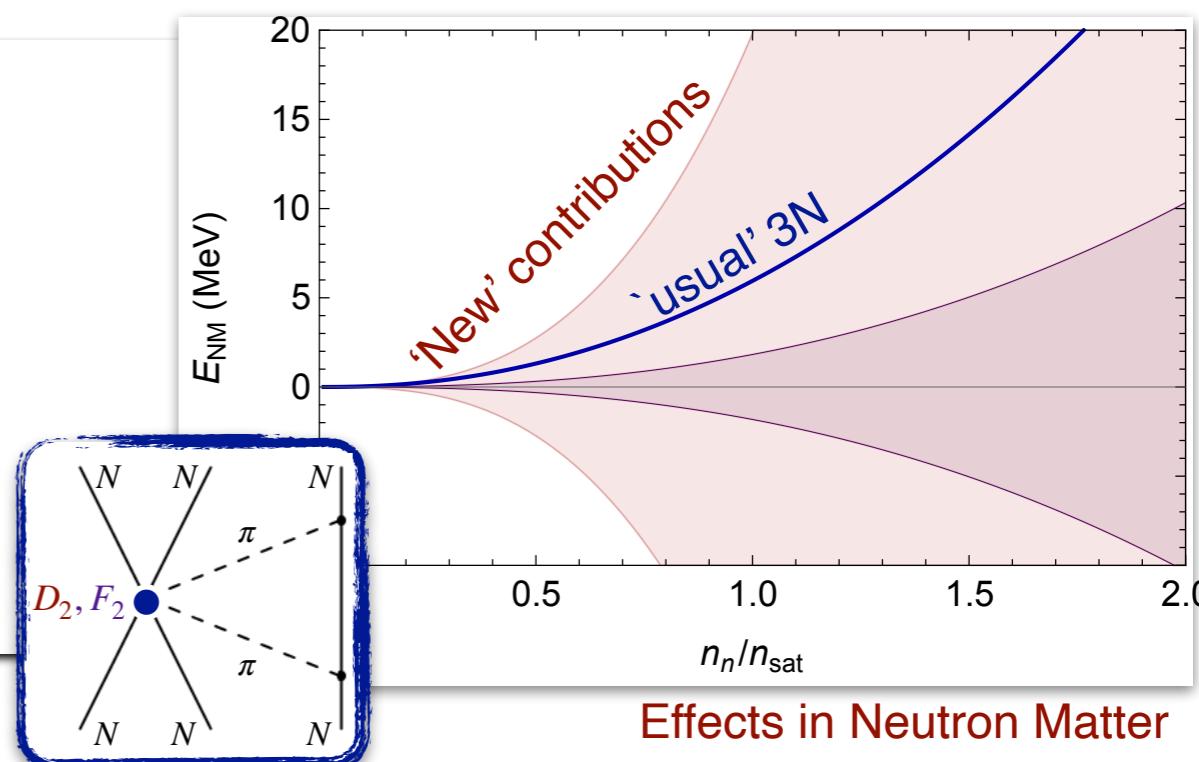
### New Leading Contribution to Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$ Decay

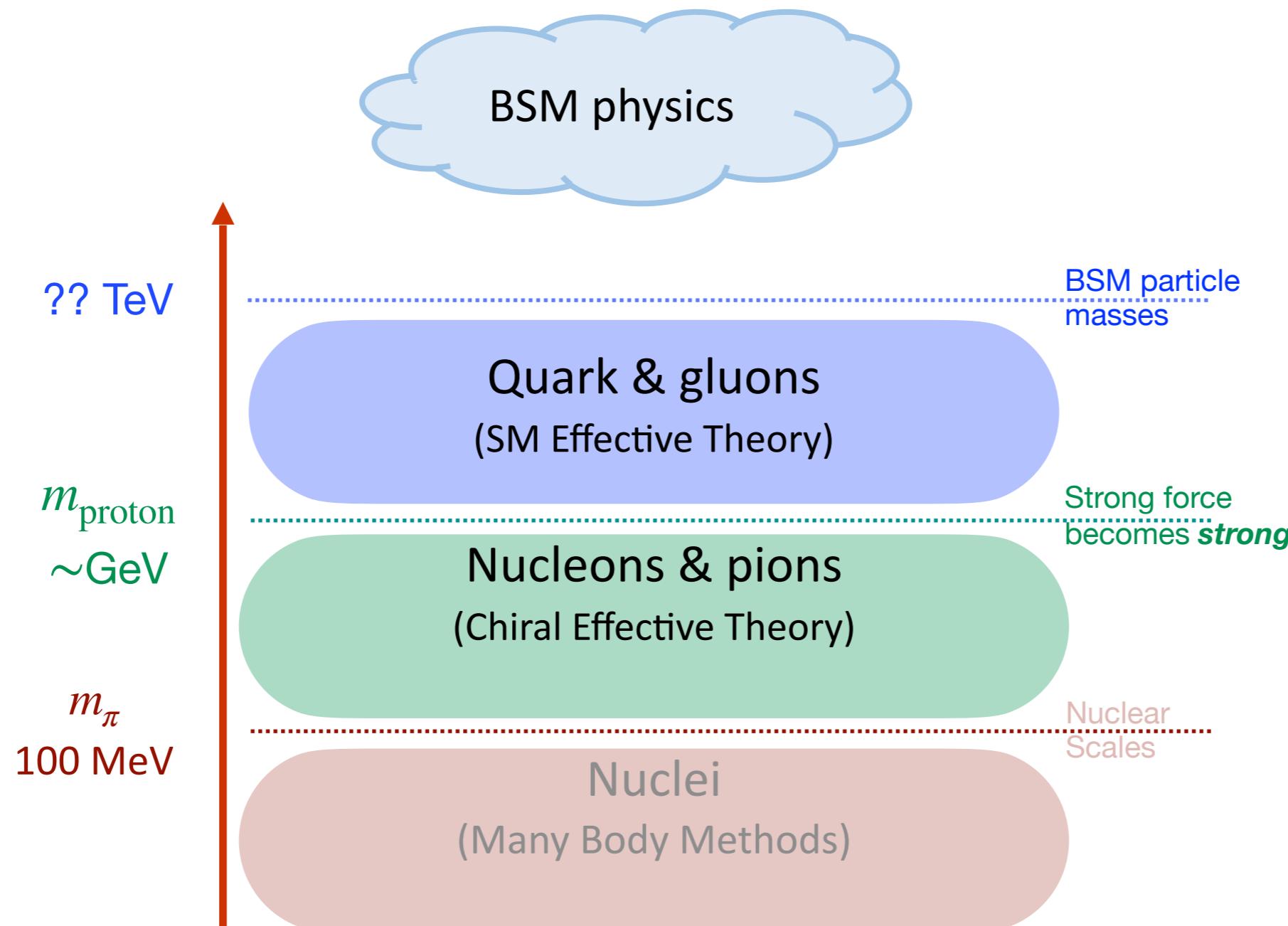
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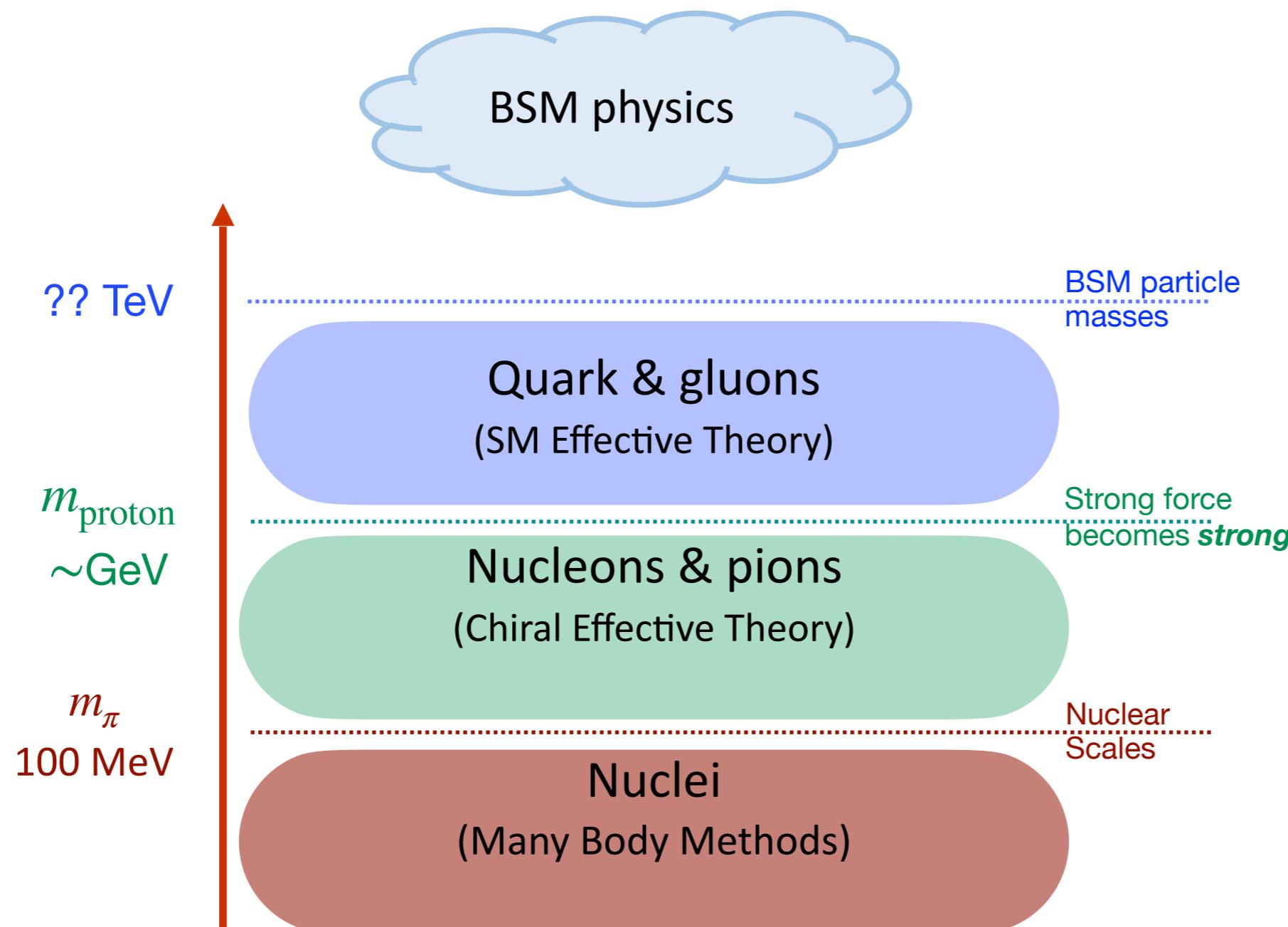
## Consistent strong interactions

Similar arguments lead to new classes of 3-nucleon forces

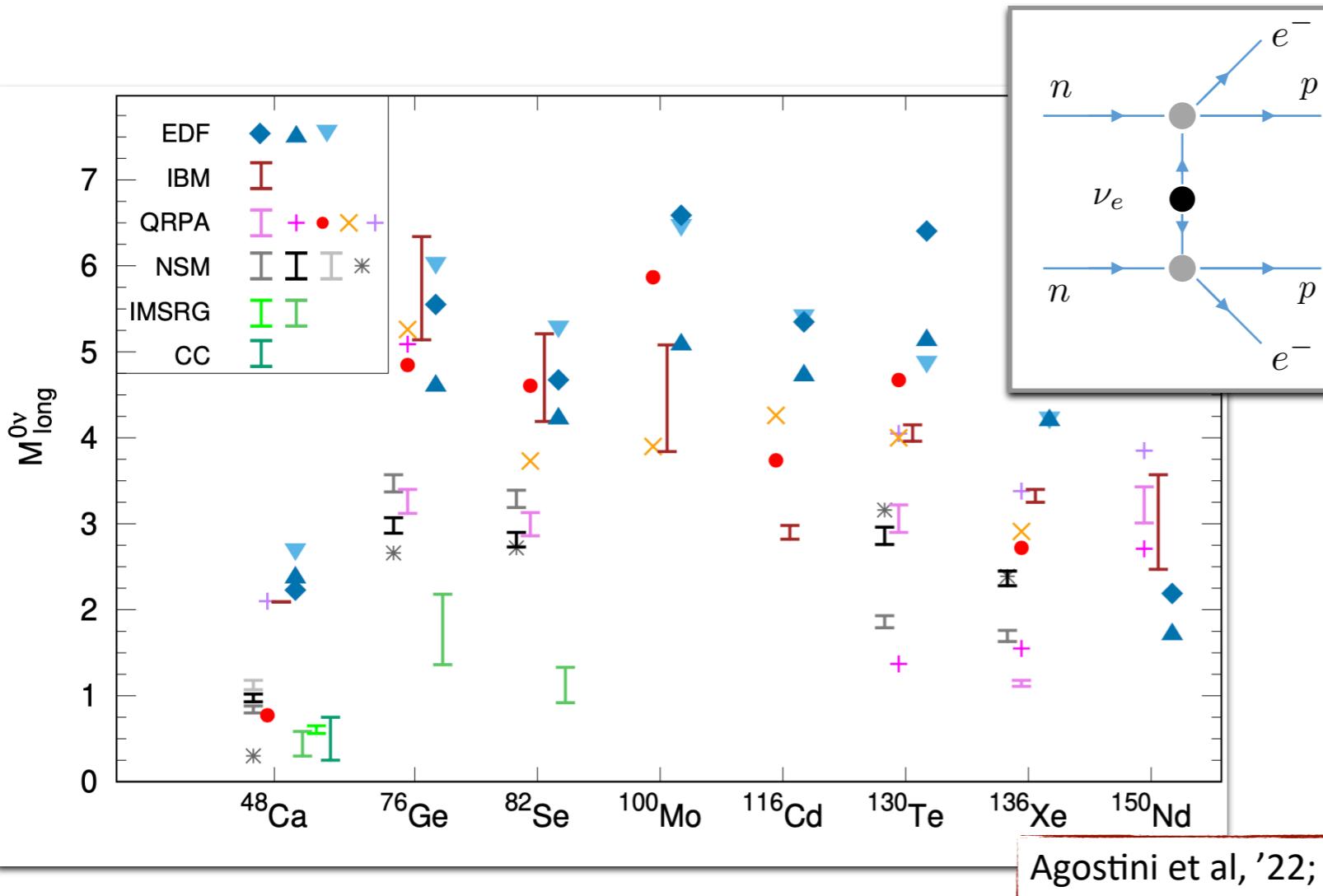
- Due to usually neglected **pion-nucleon couplings**
- Larger than currently quoted uncertainties
- **Affects our understanding of nuclei and Neutron Stars**





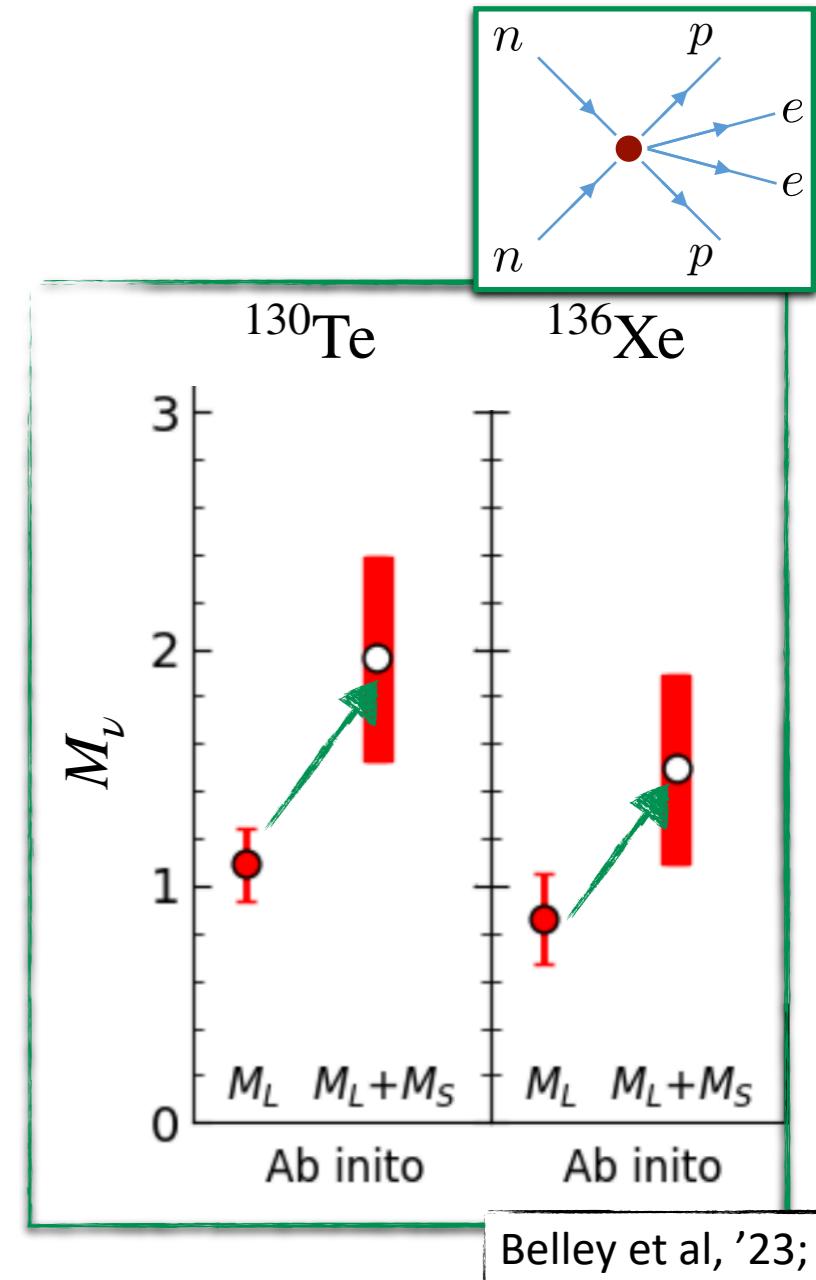
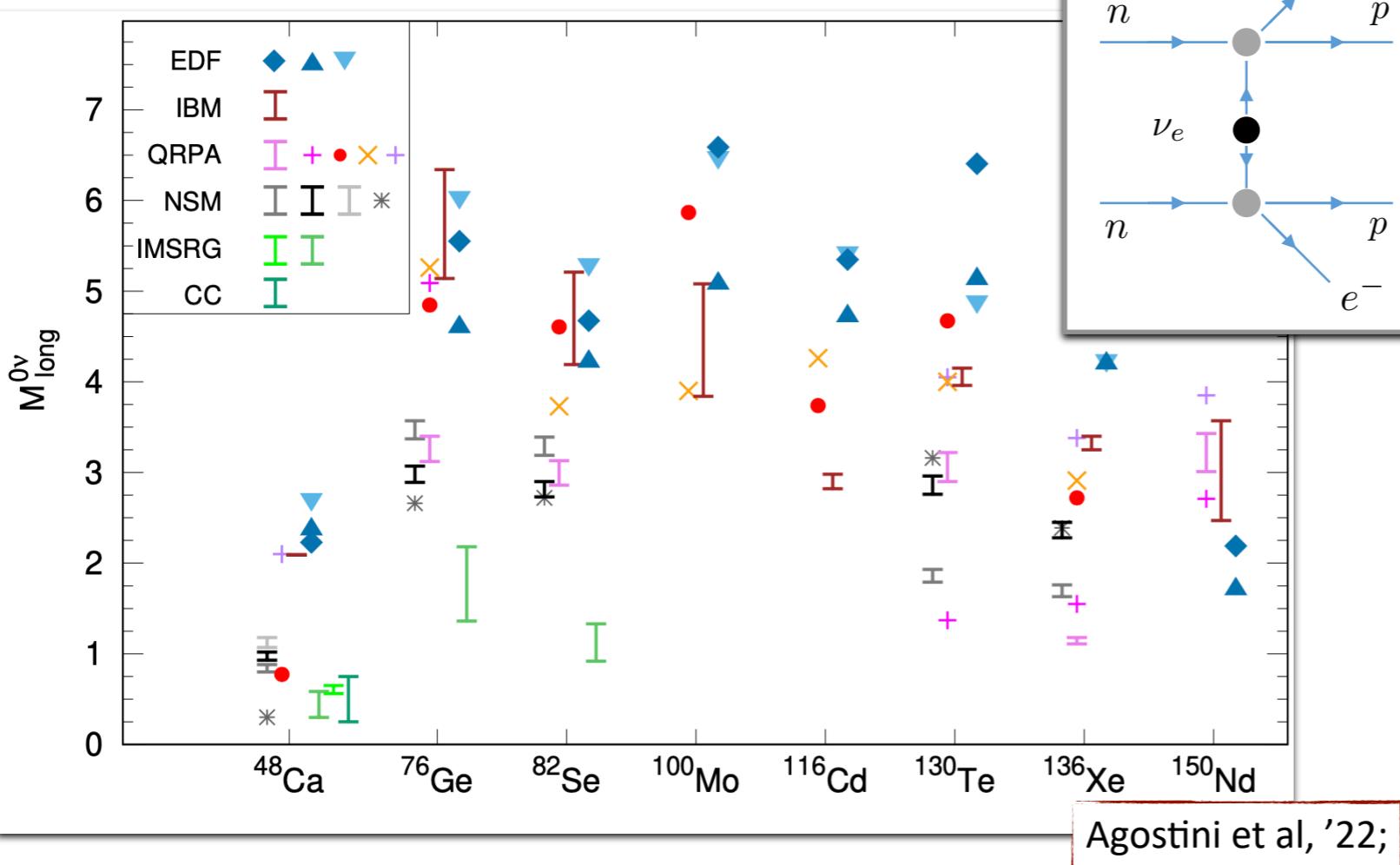


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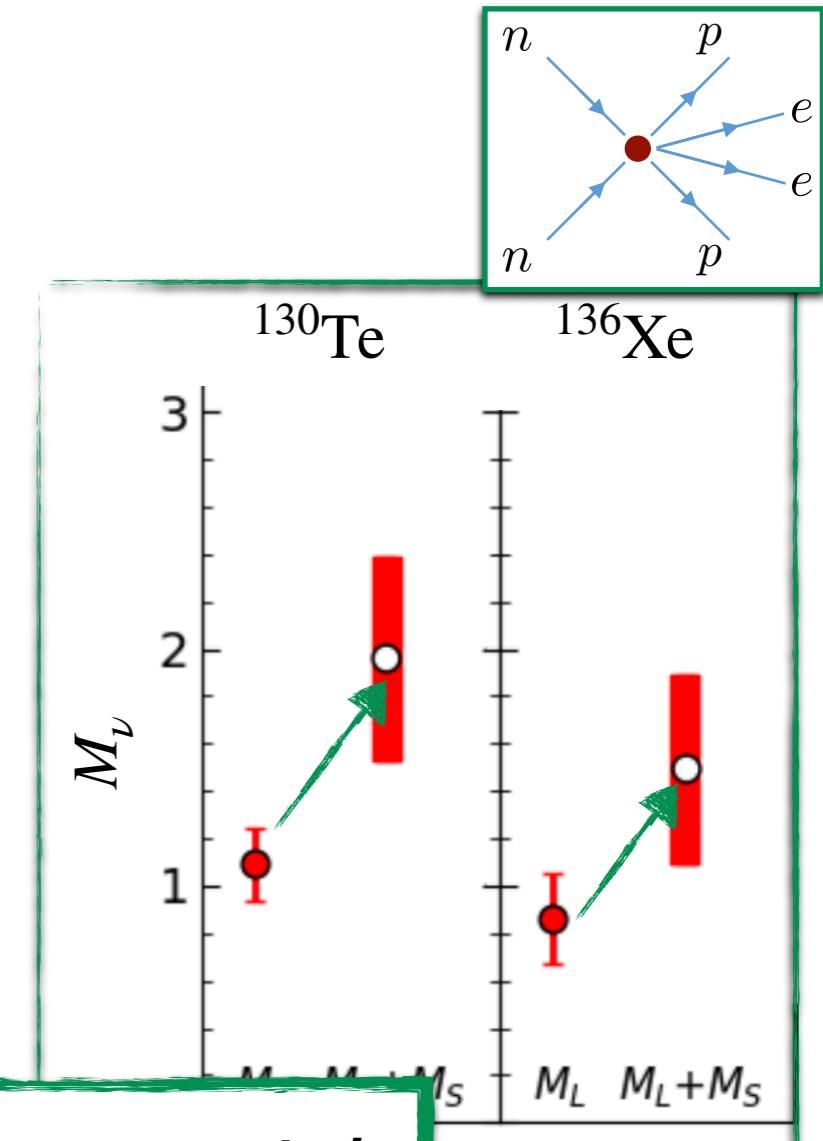
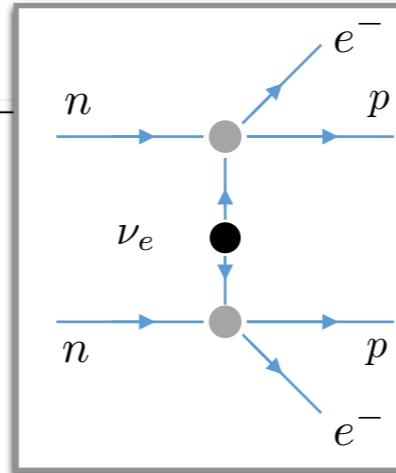
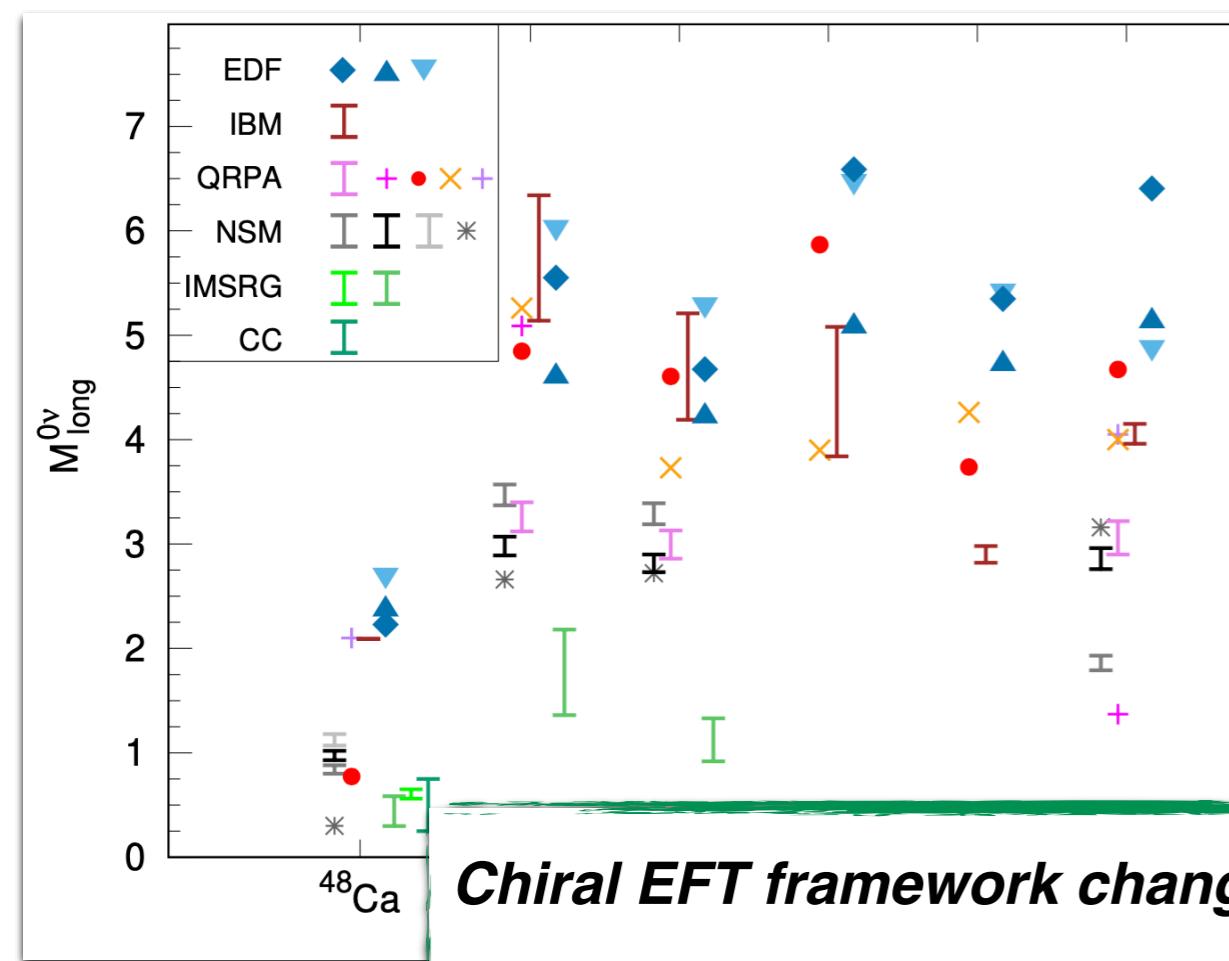
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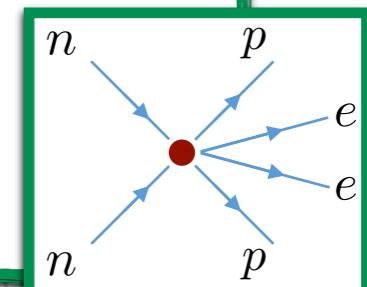
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**Chiral EFT framework changed the way the NMEs are computed**

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

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



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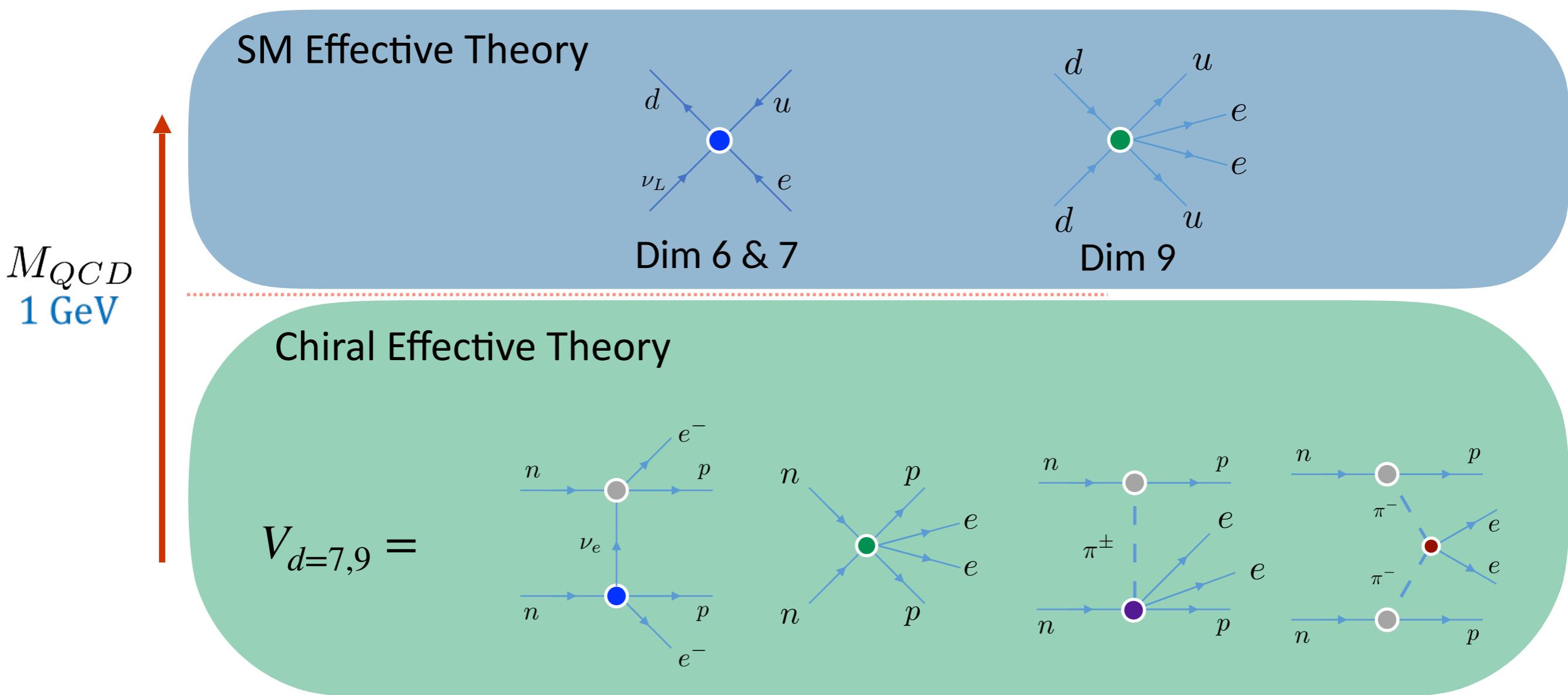
More complex effective interactions:

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

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# Chiral EFT

## Higher-dimensional interactions



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

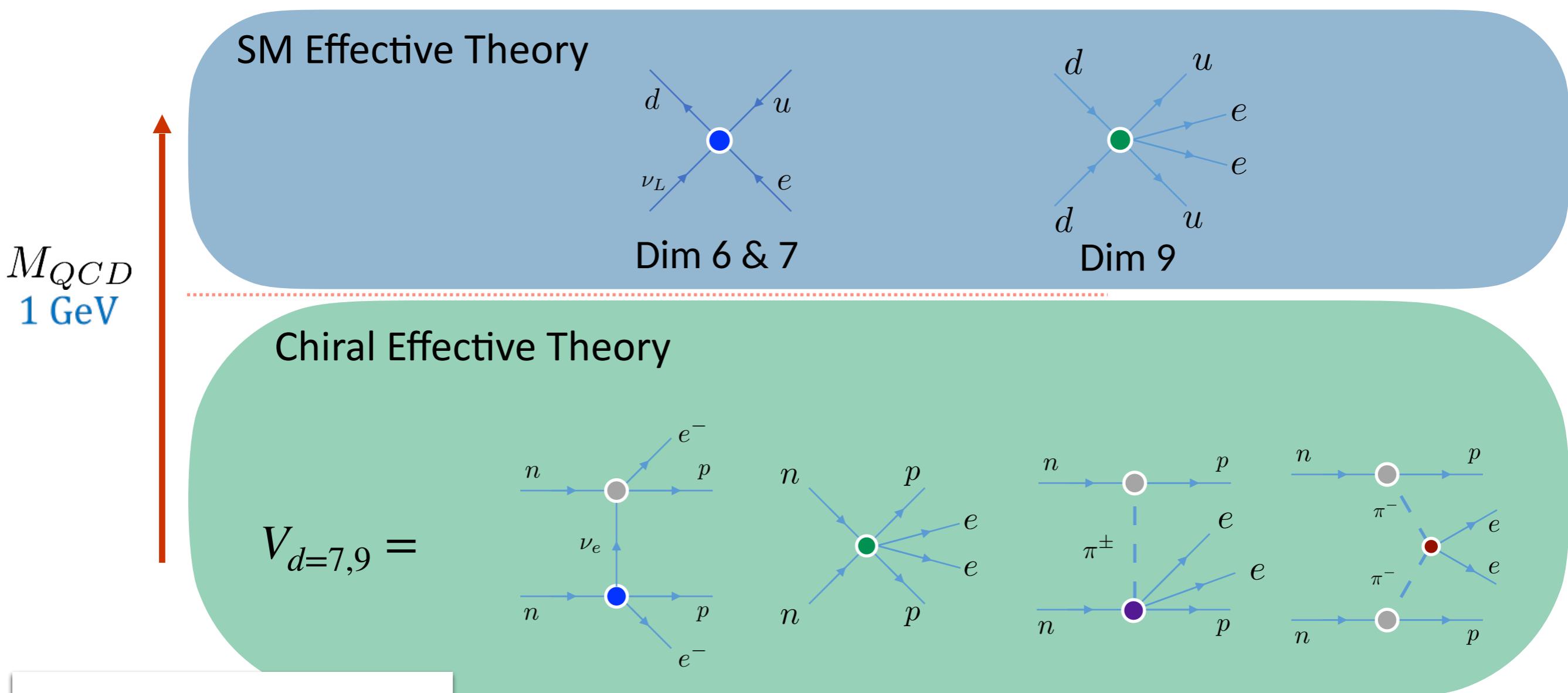
WD et al, JHEP '17,18

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

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

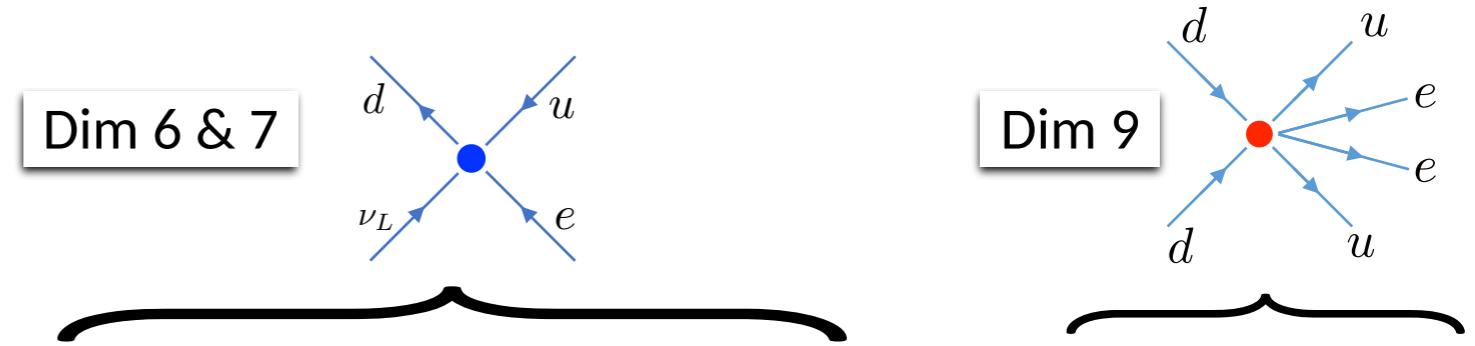
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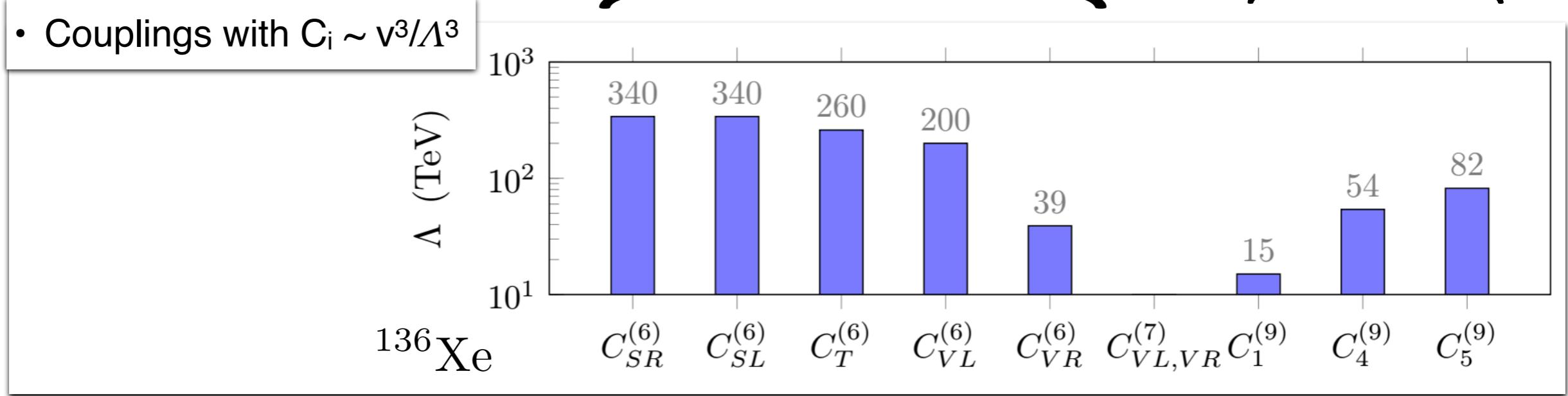


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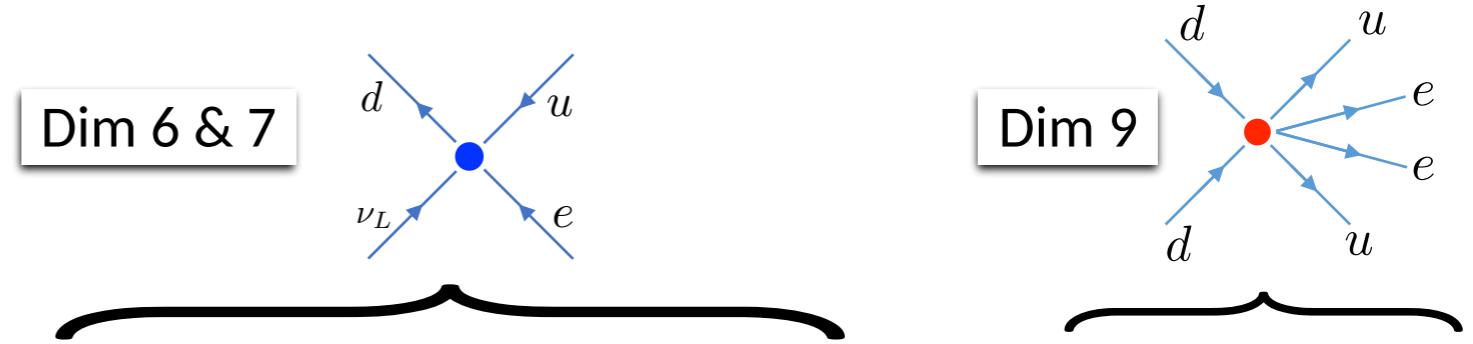
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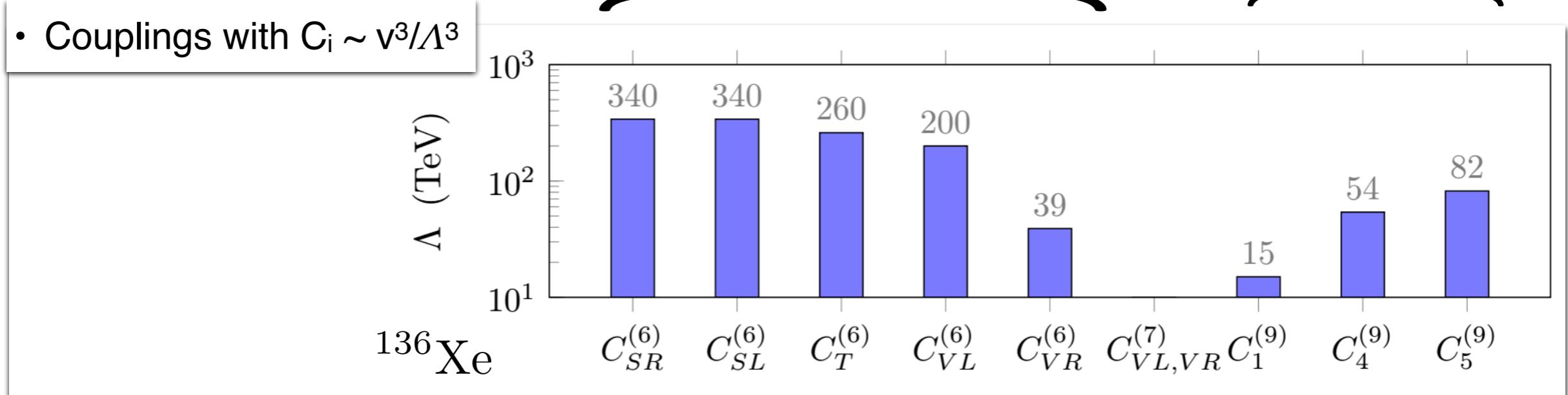
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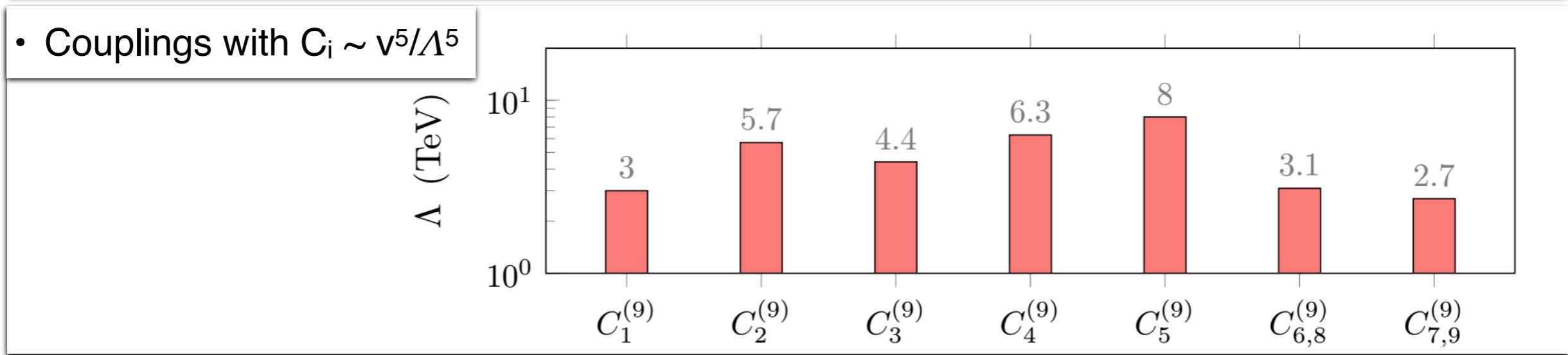
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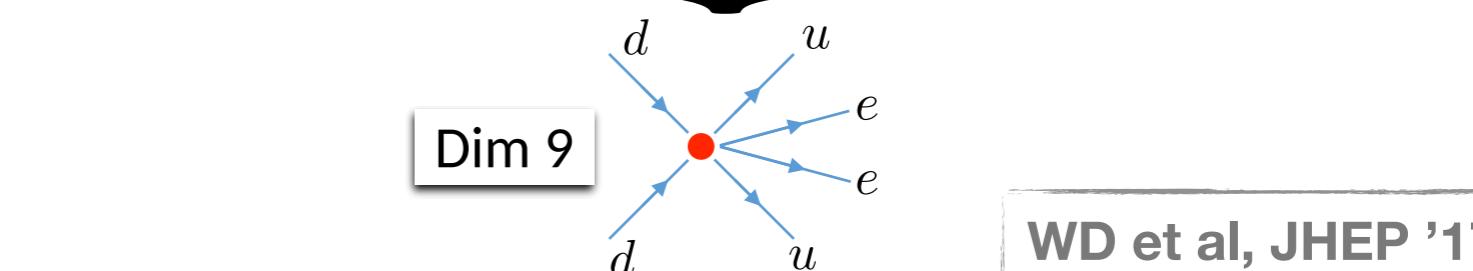
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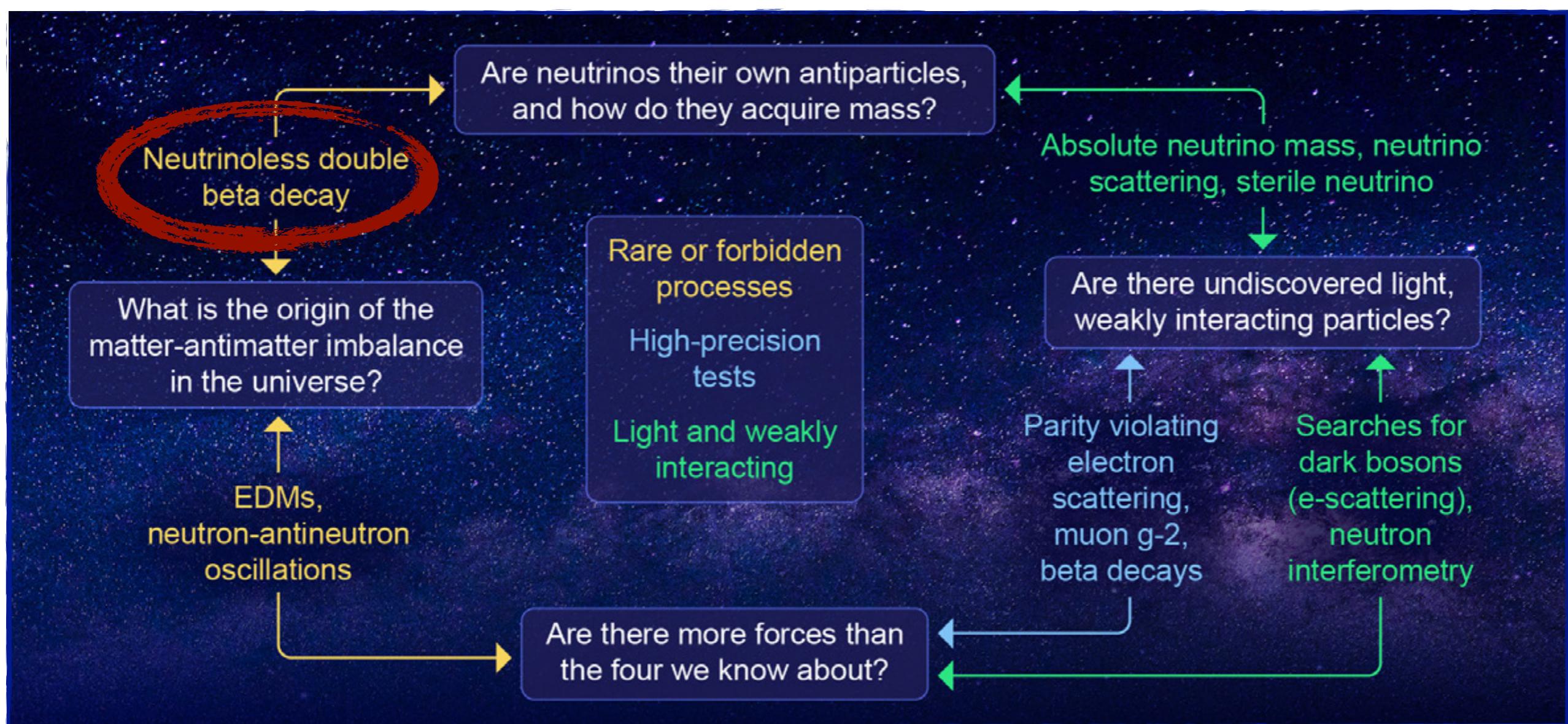


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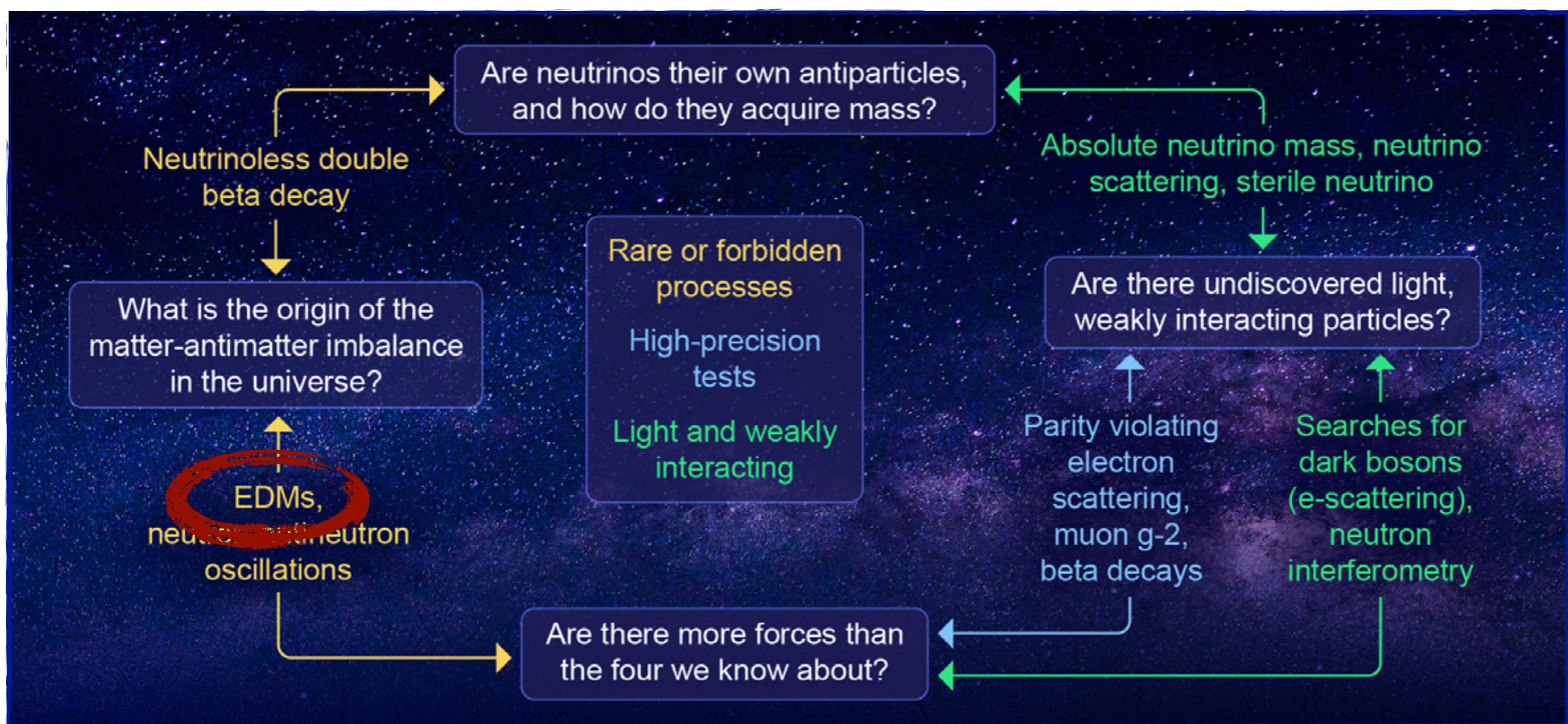
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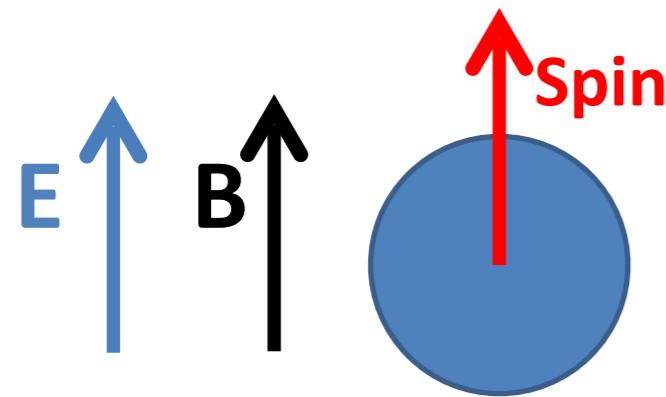
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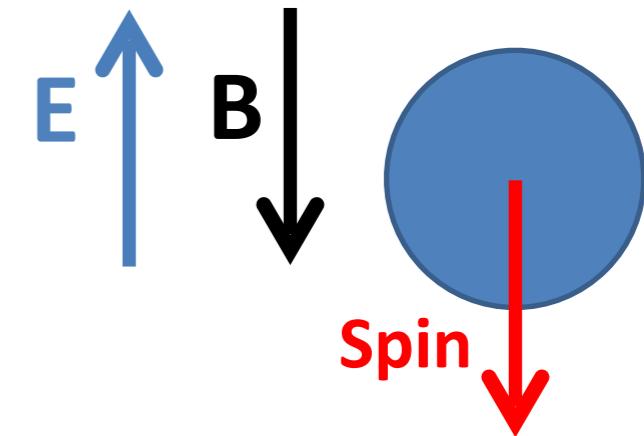
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Time reversal

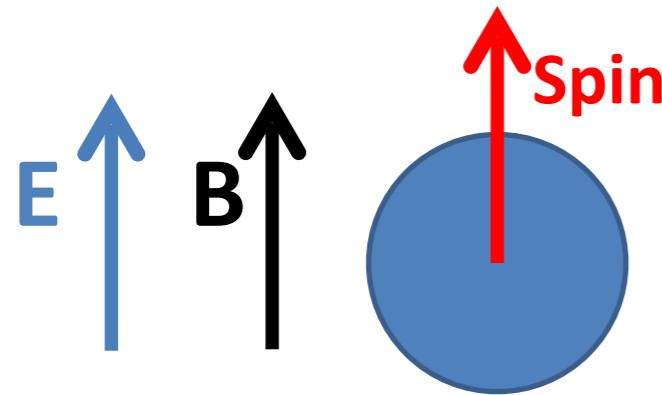


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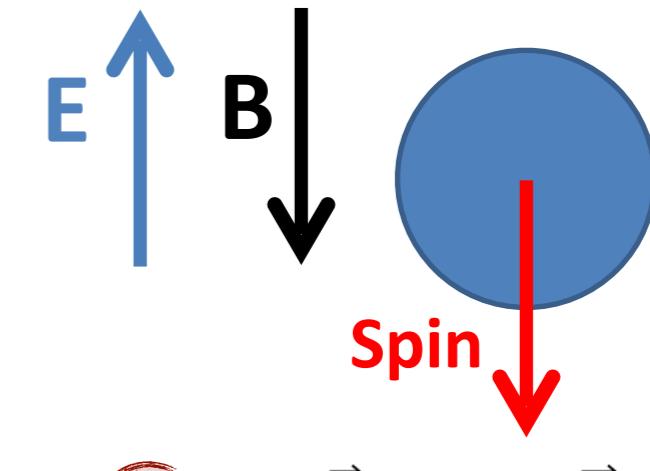
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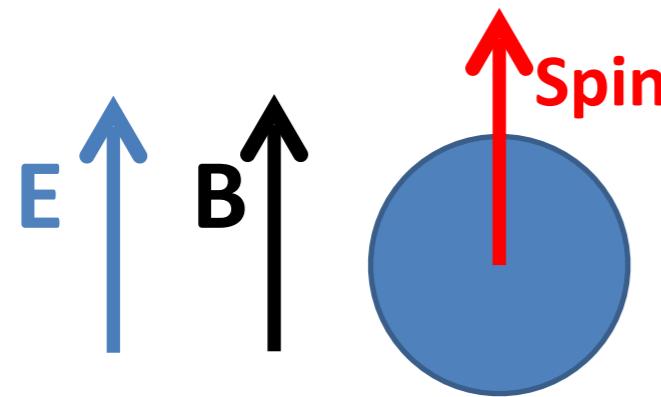
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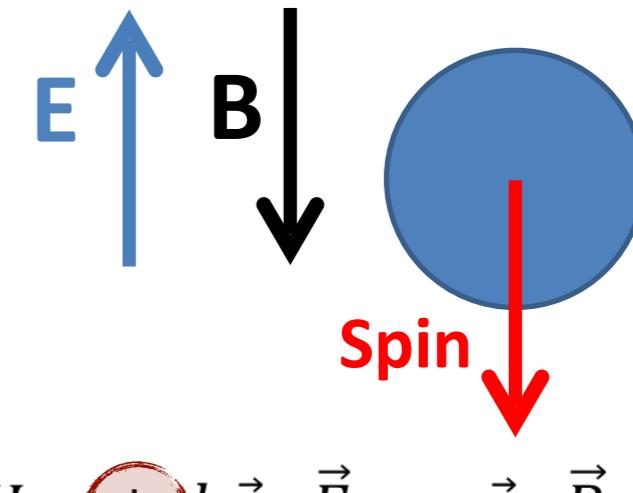
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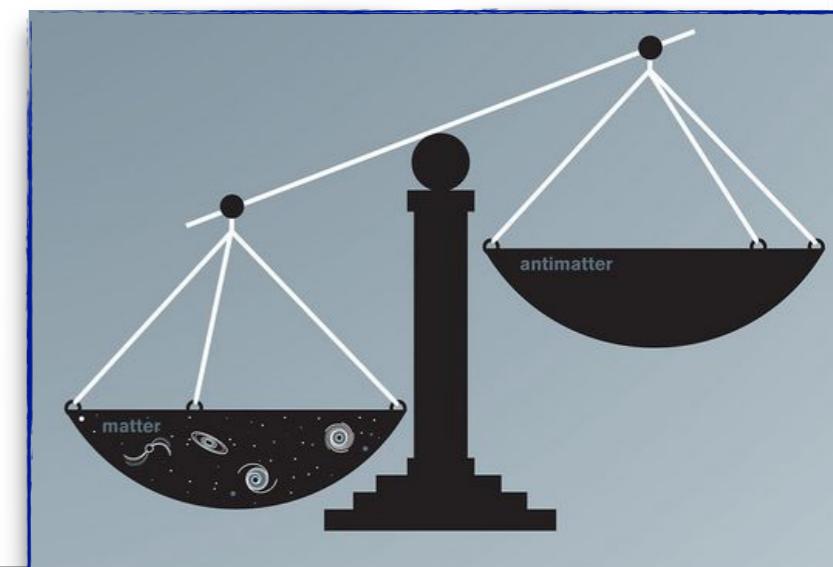


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## Why look for them?

- 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

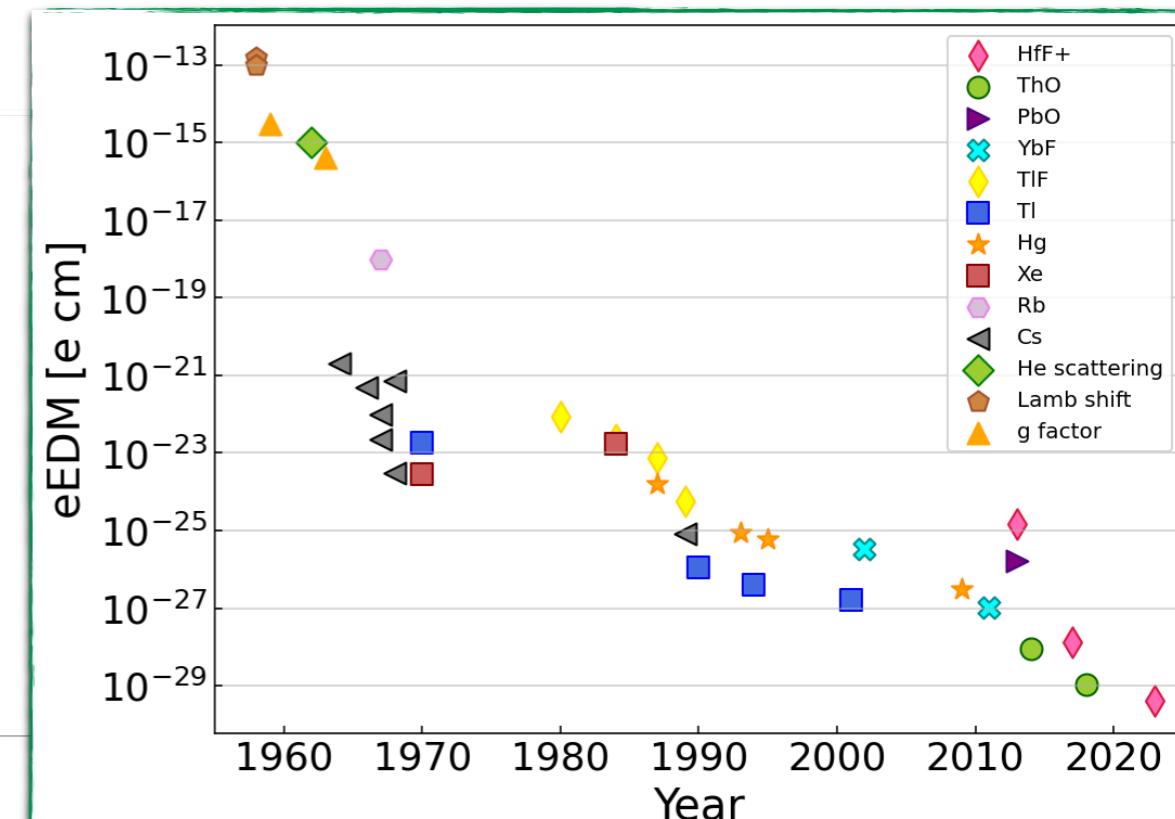
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Baker <i>et al.</i> , '20	
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Graner <i>et al.</i> , '17	
HfF:	$d_e \leq 4.1 \cdot 10^{-30} e \text{ cm}$
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Bsaisou *et al.* '14; Gnech & Viviani, '20; **Yang, Platter *et al.*, '21**

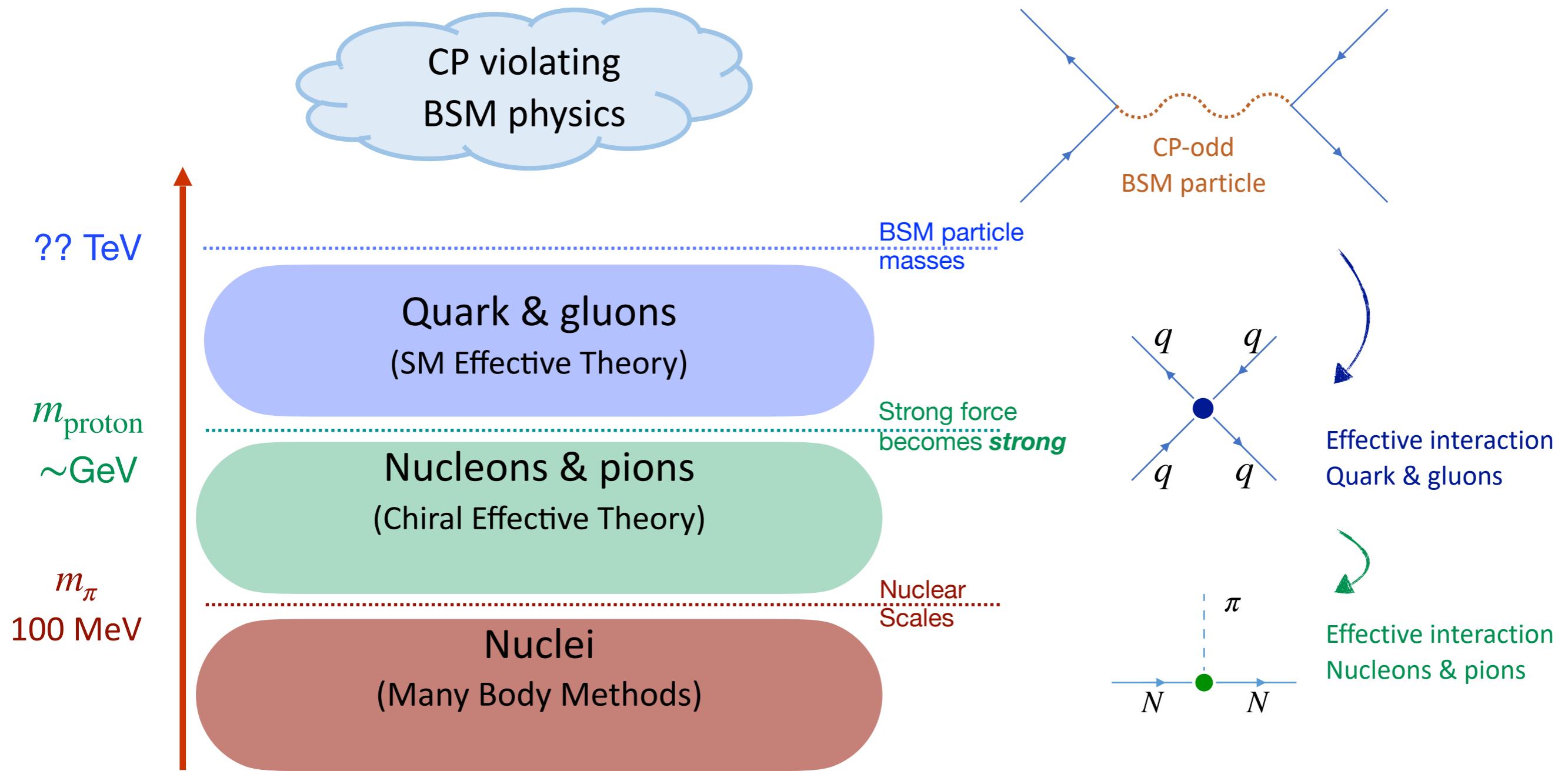
## Future probes?

- **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



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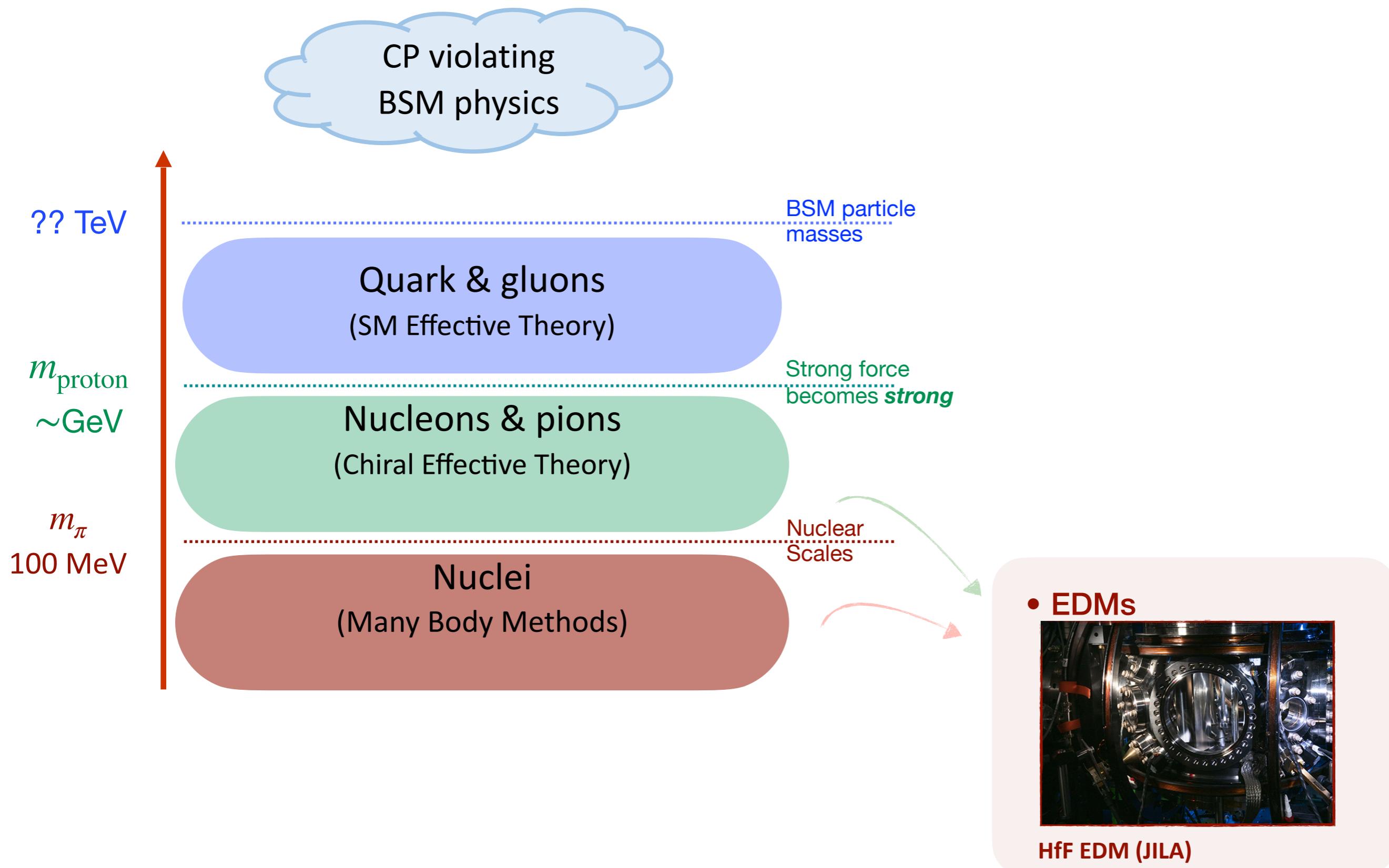


- From  $m_W$  to  $m_N$ : known to one loop
- From quarks to nucleons & pions: Chiral EFT framework known

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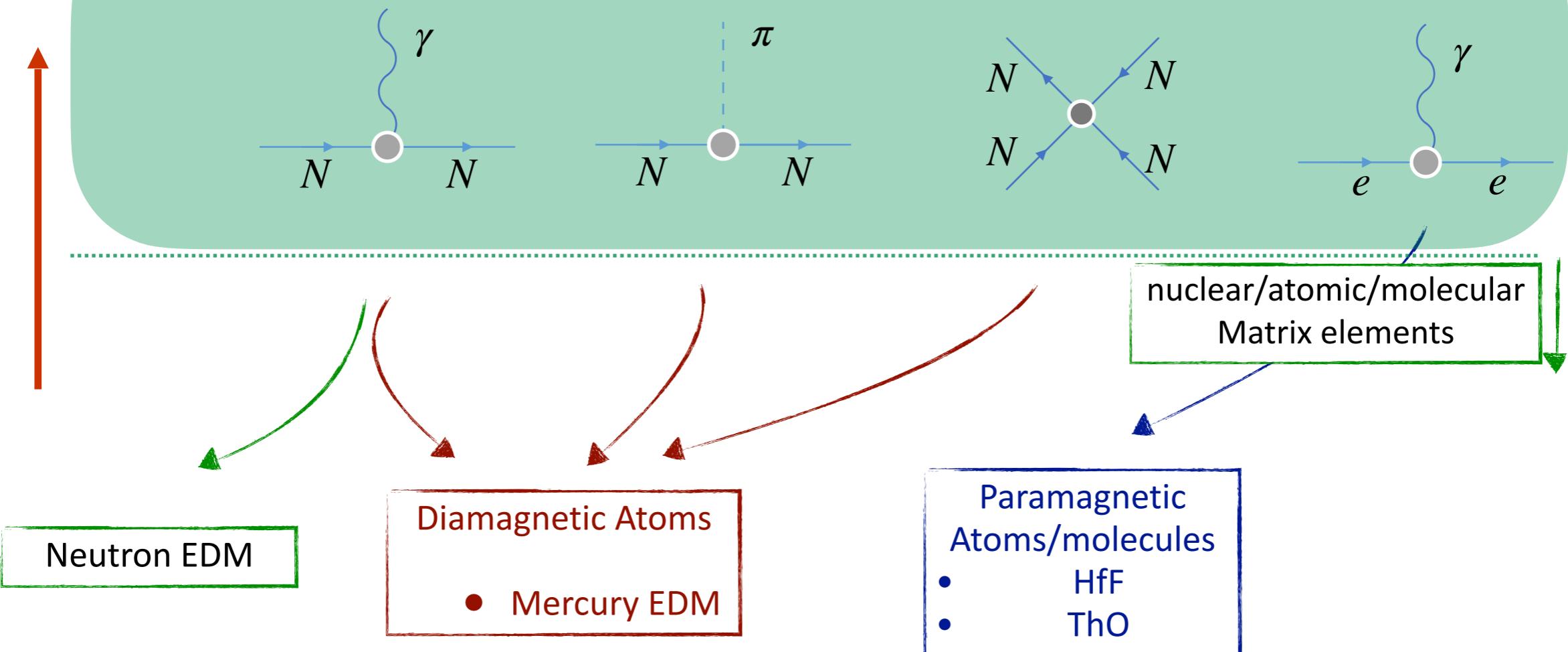
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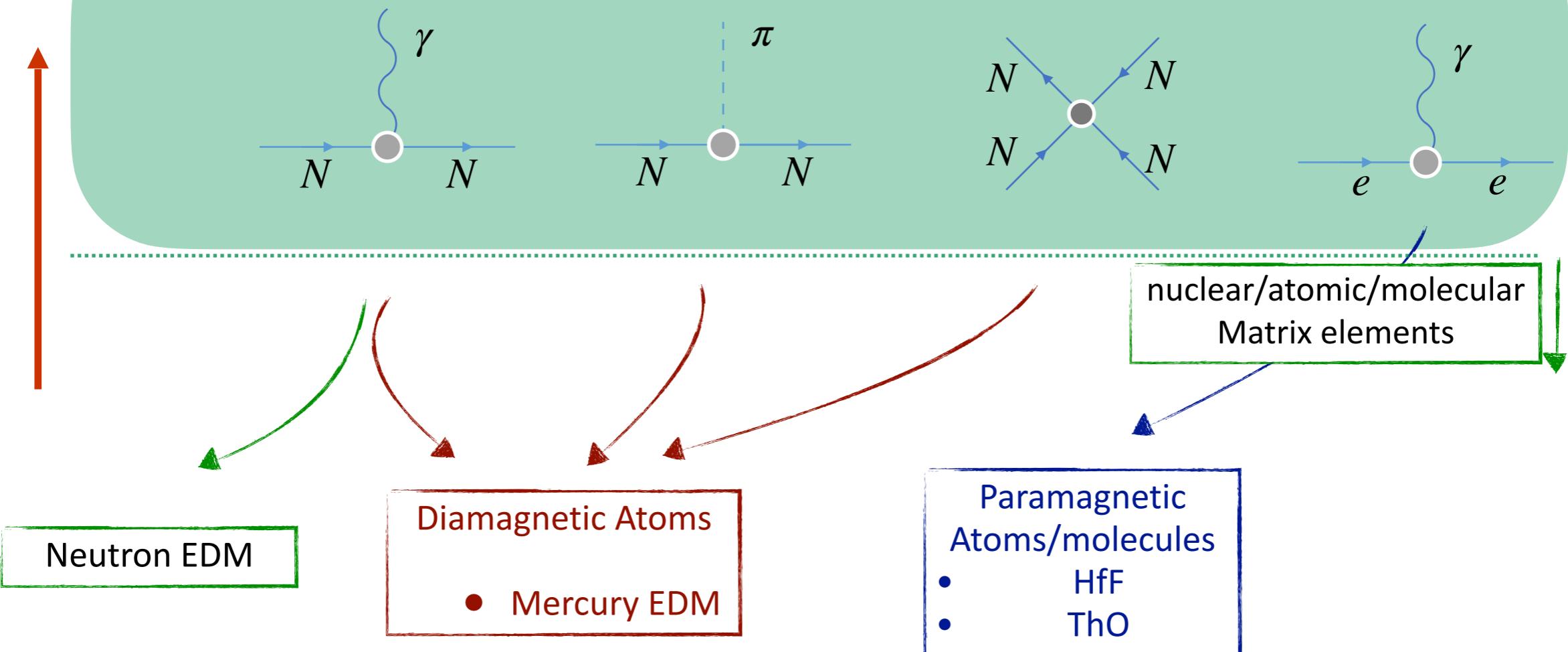
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- Involve hadronic, Nuclear, Atomic, & Molecular matrix elements
- Some are known to a few percent
- Others have  $\mathcal{O}(100\%)$  uncertainties

(e.g. paramagnetic systems)  
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# Probing non-standard Higgs couplings

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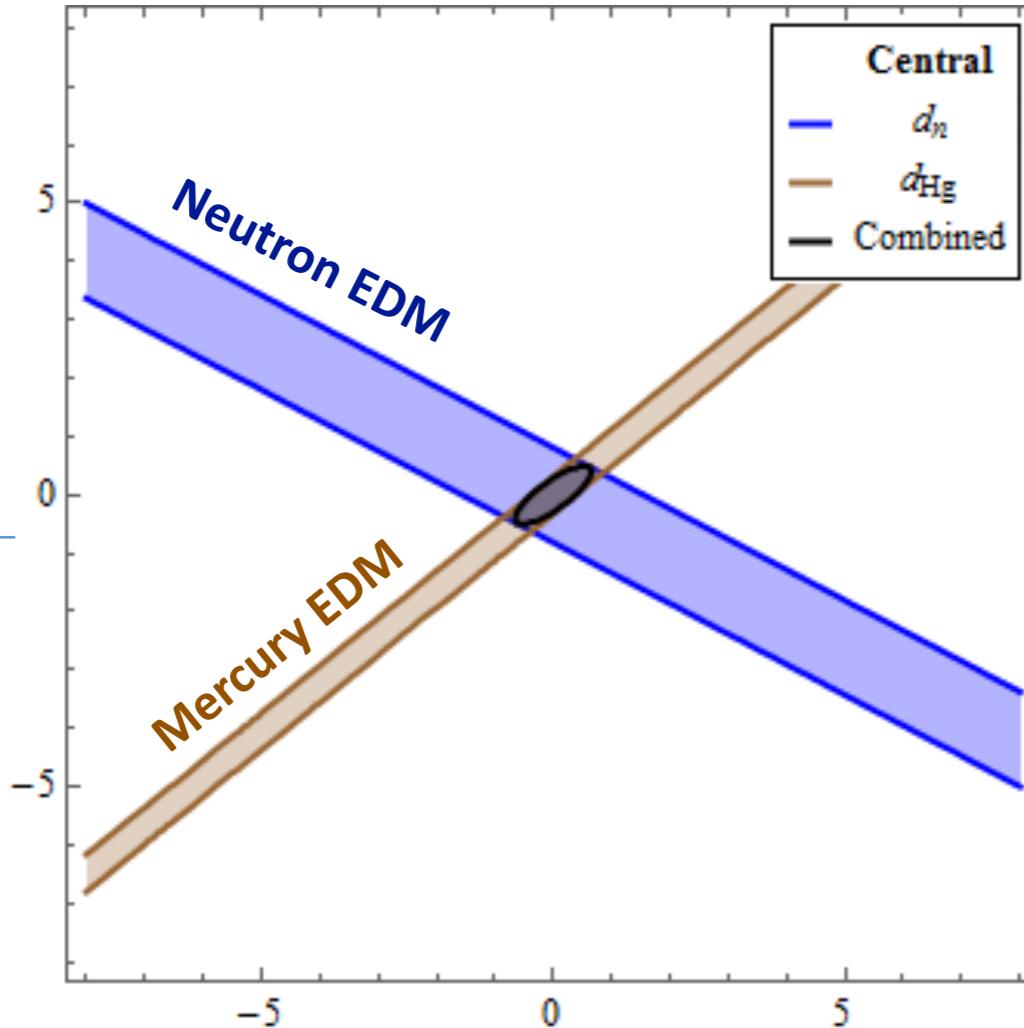
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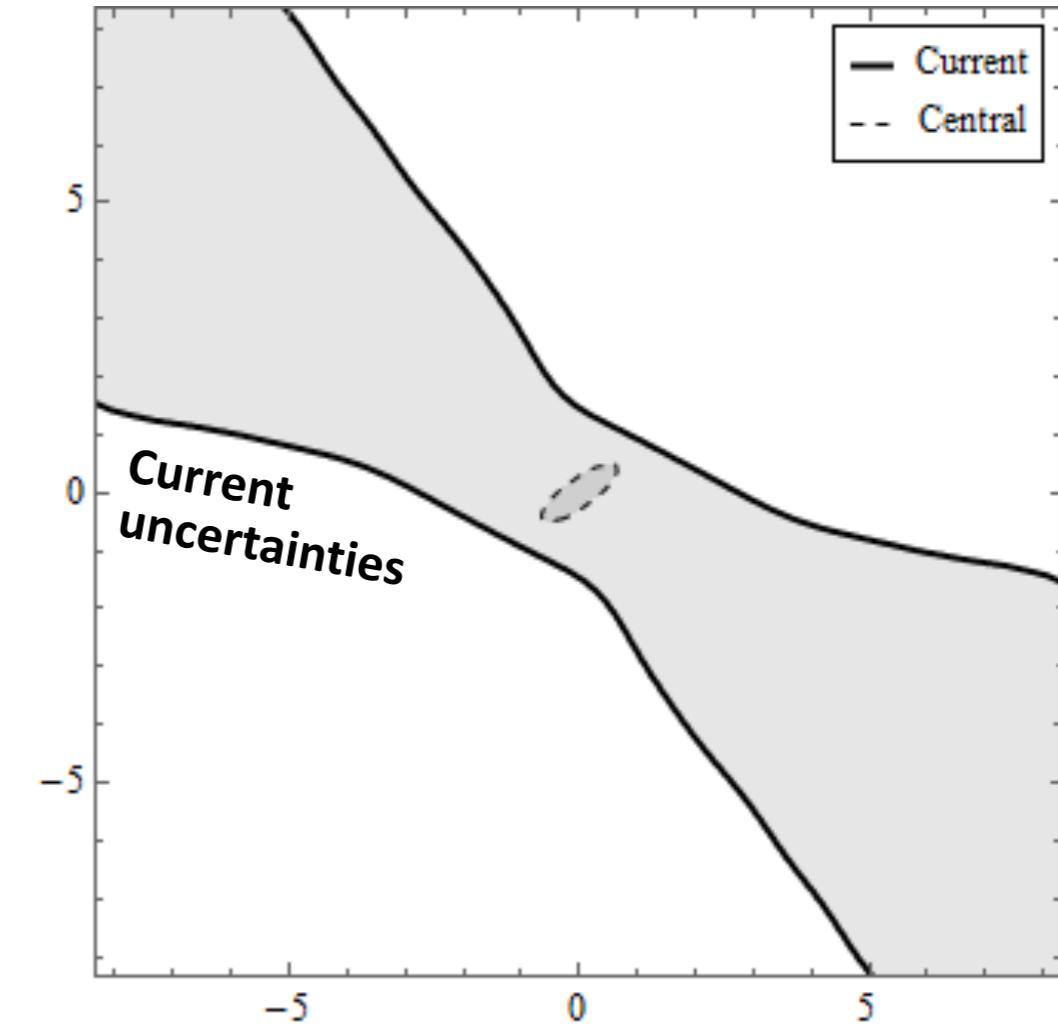
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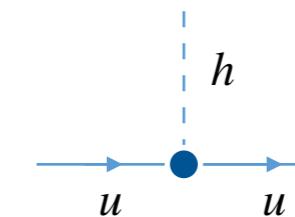
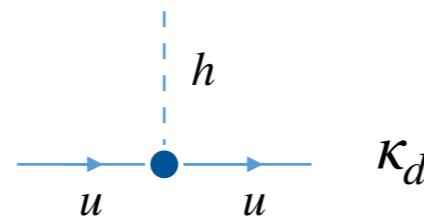
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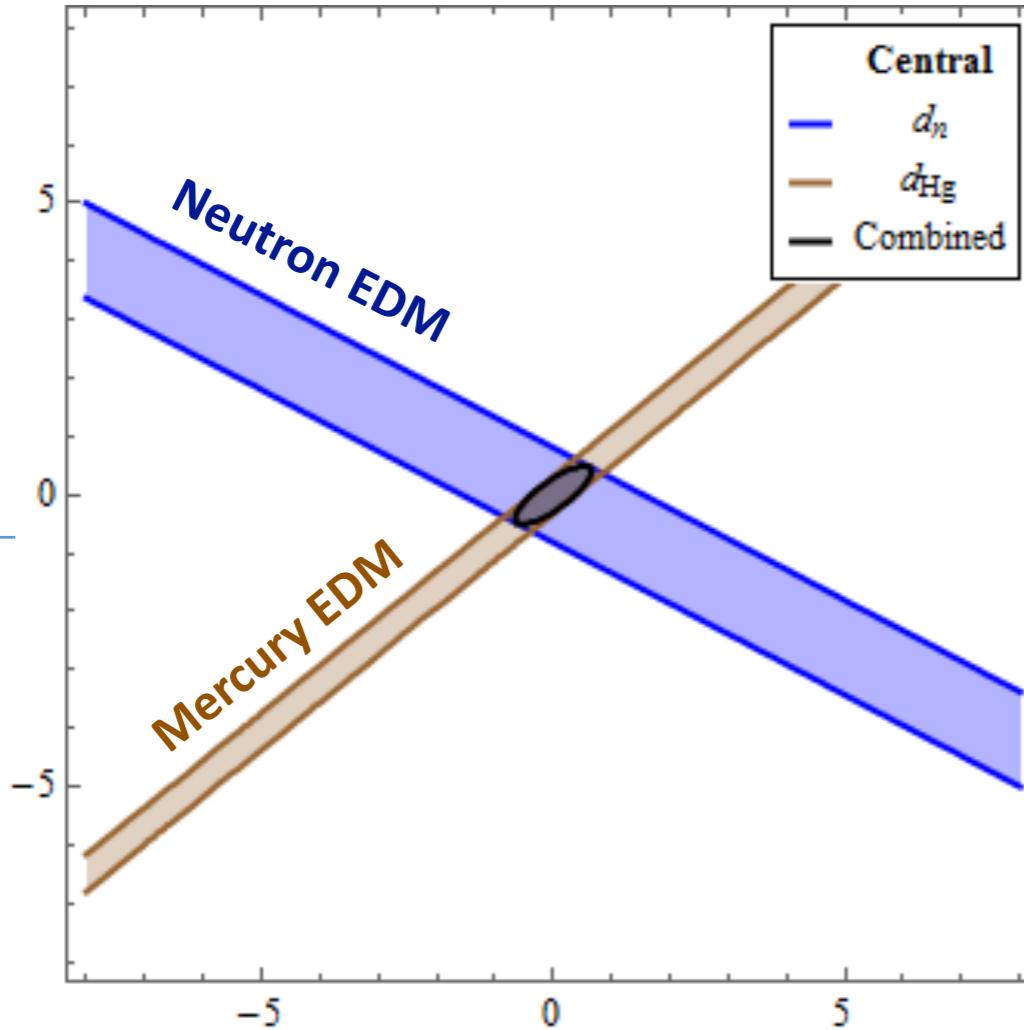
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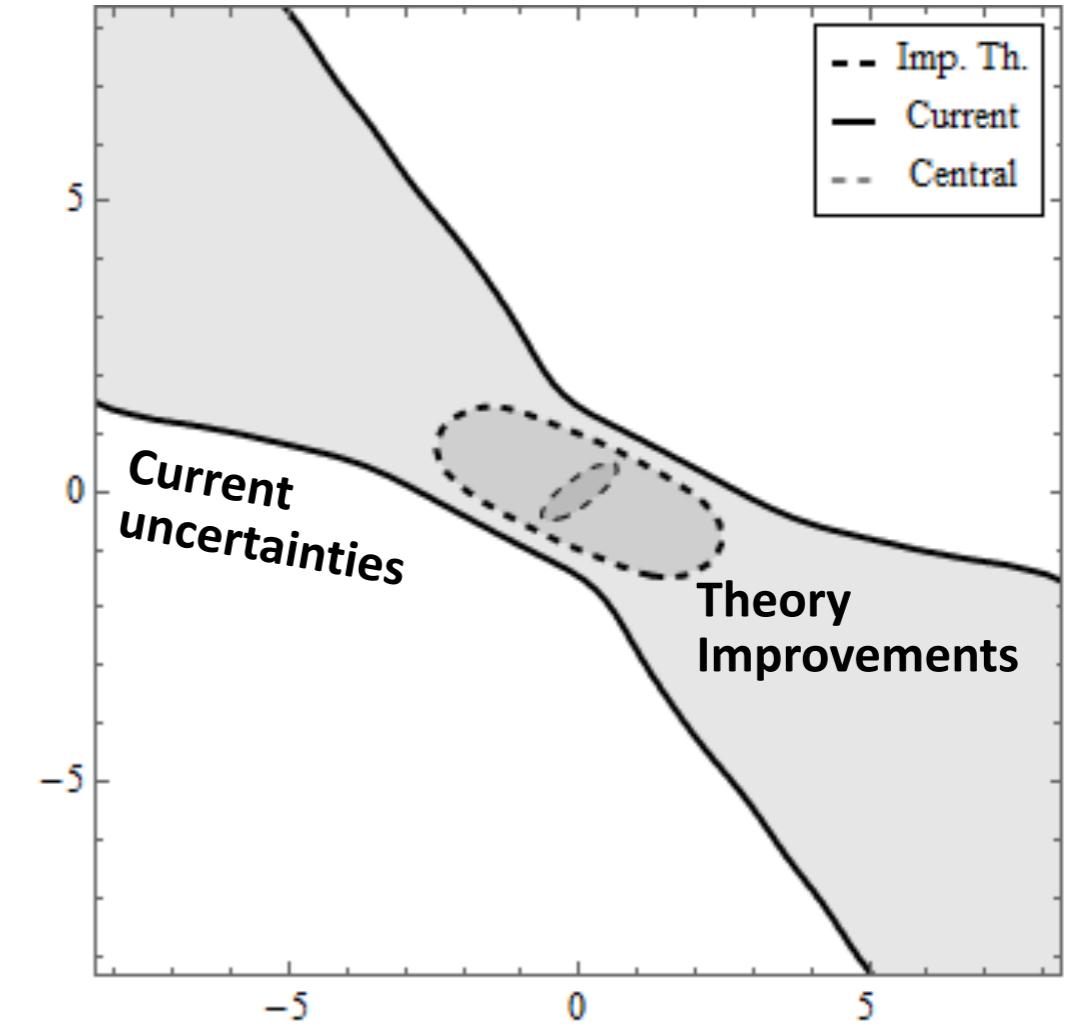
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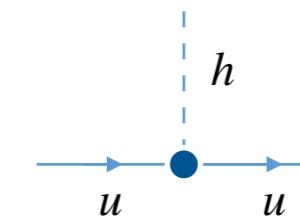
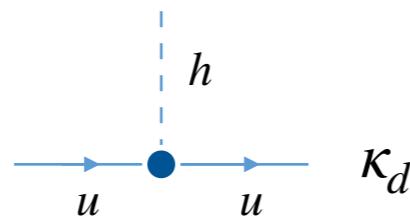
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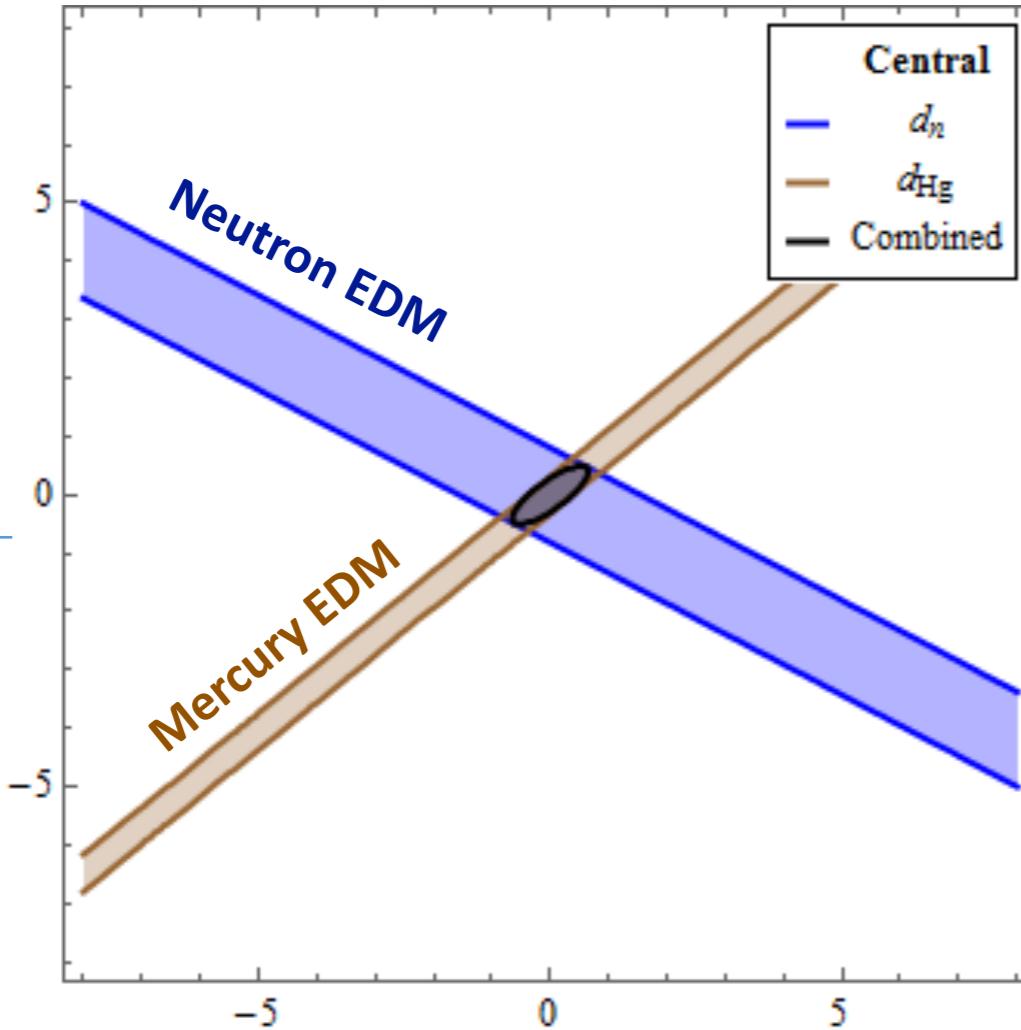


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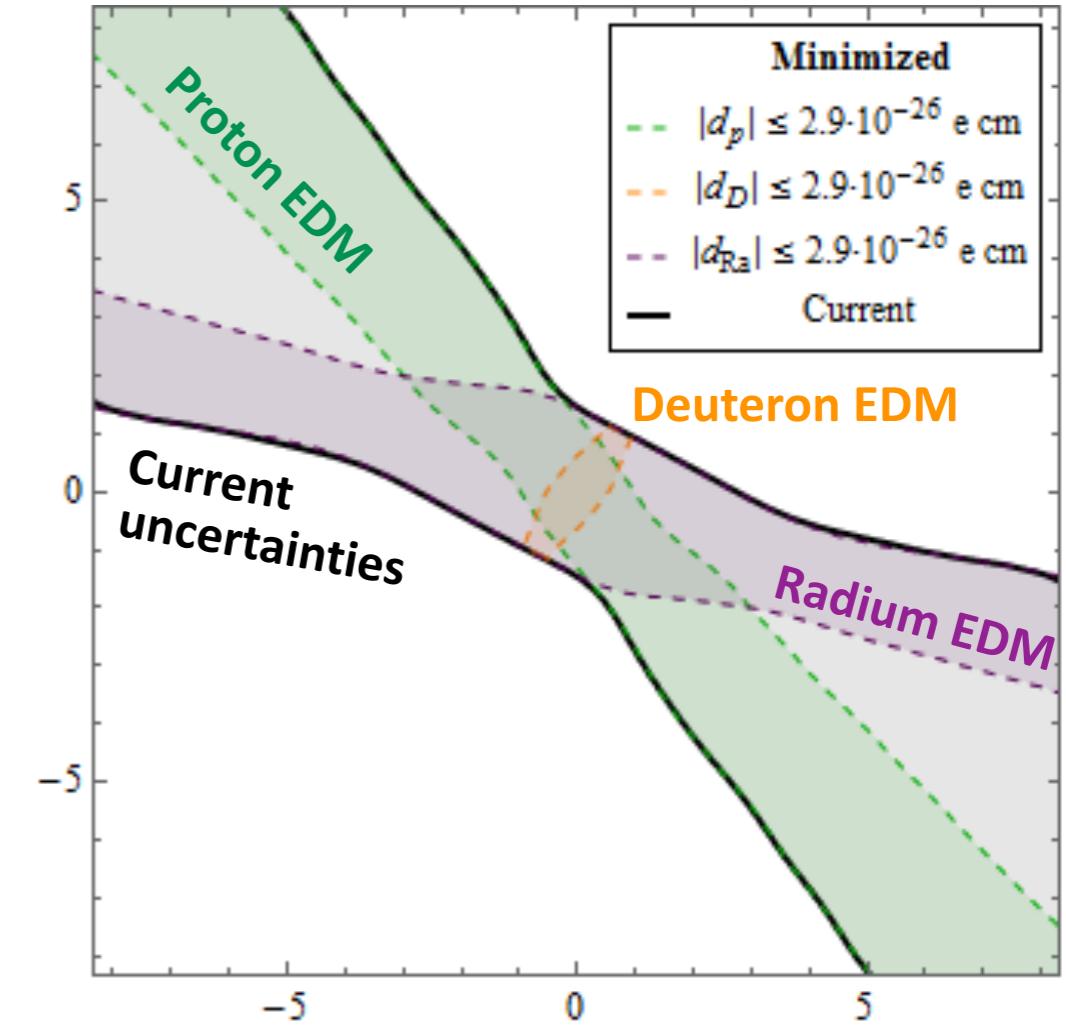
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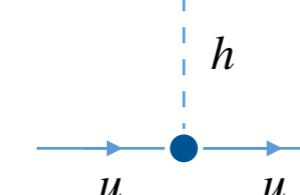
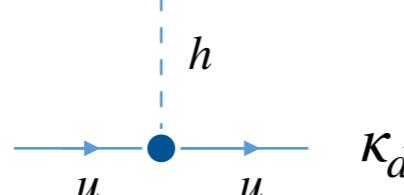
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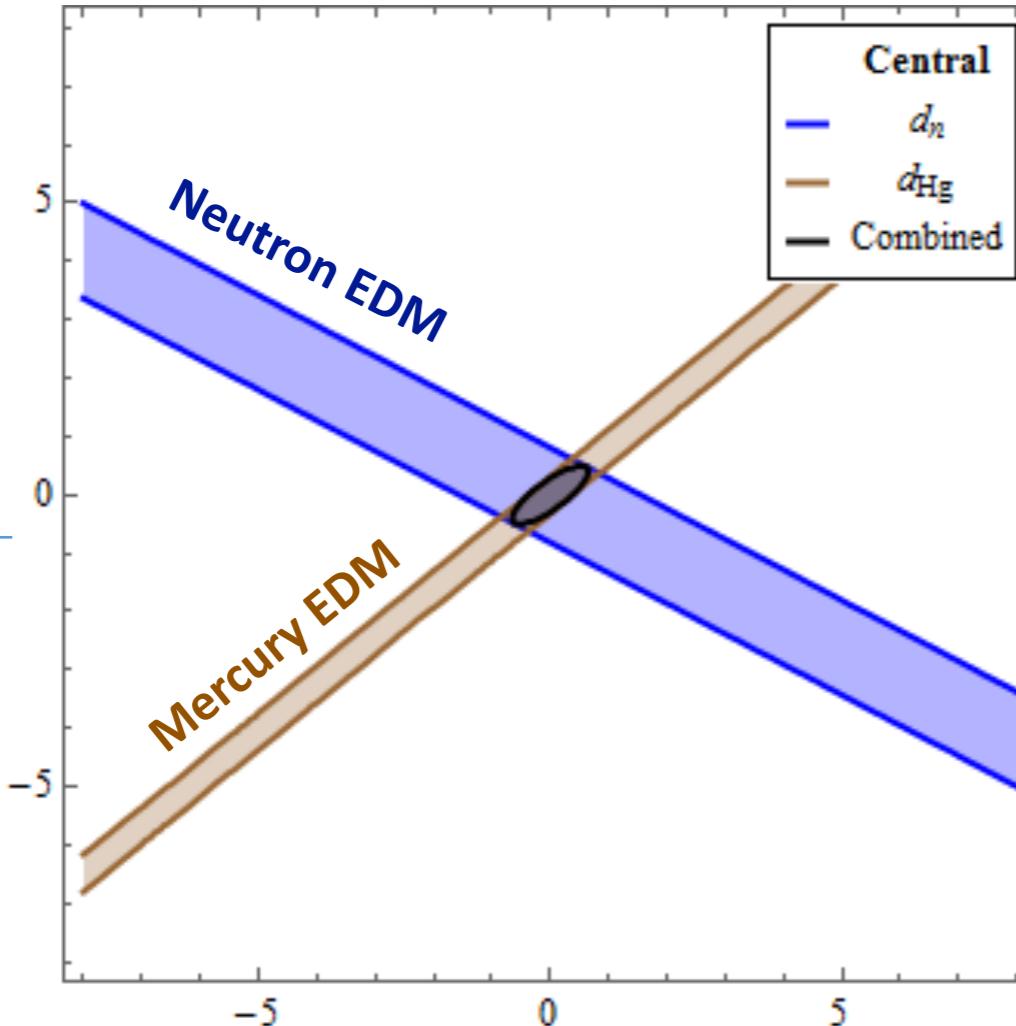


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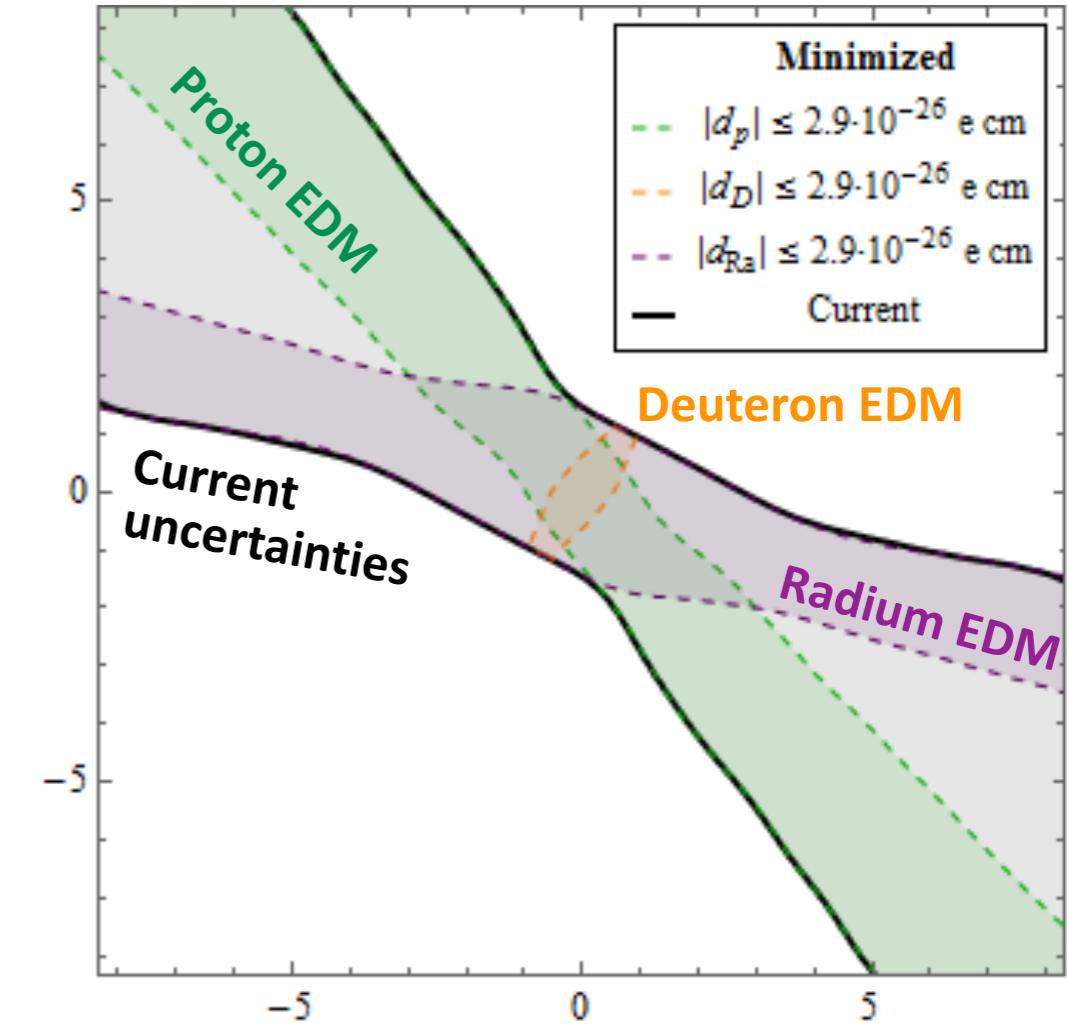
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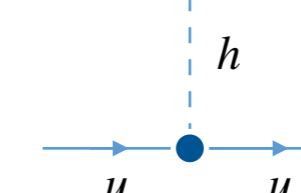
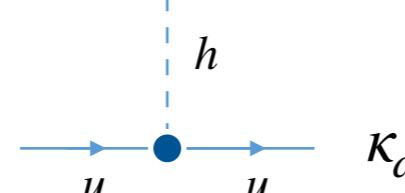
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**Theory improvements can be just as effective as new experiments!**

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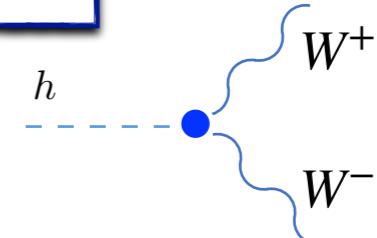
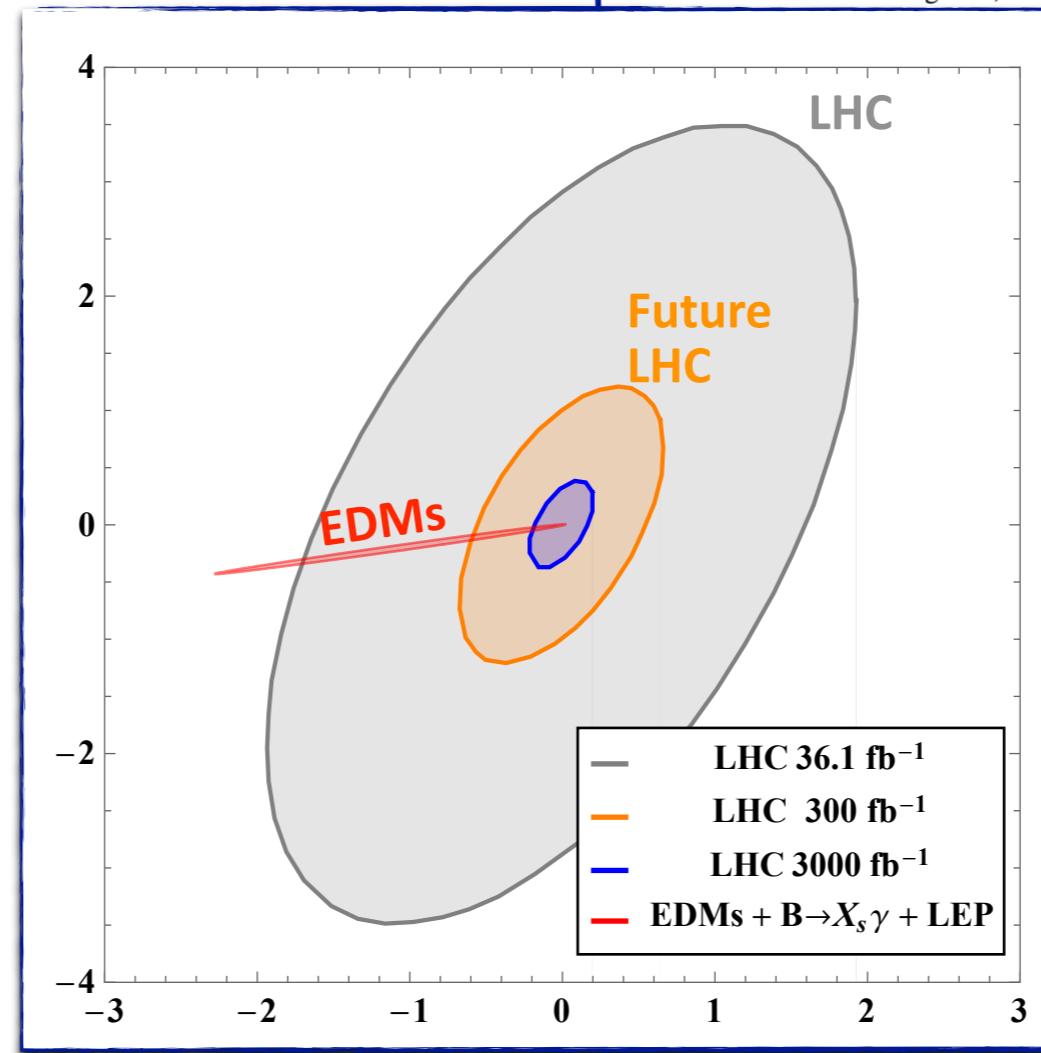
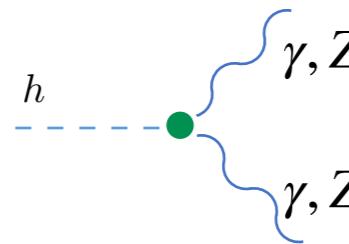
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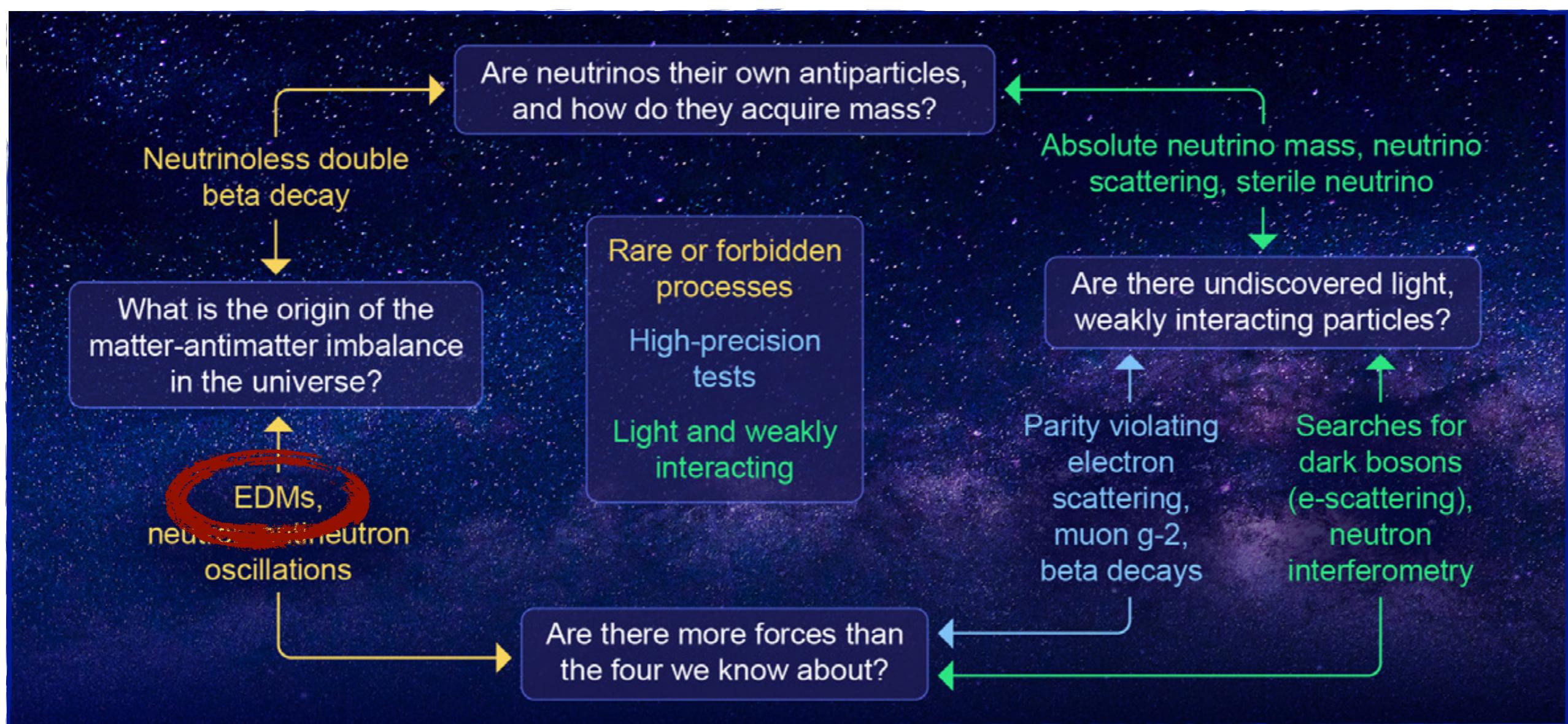


Bernlochner et al. PLB '19

- 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 high-energy & low-energy probes

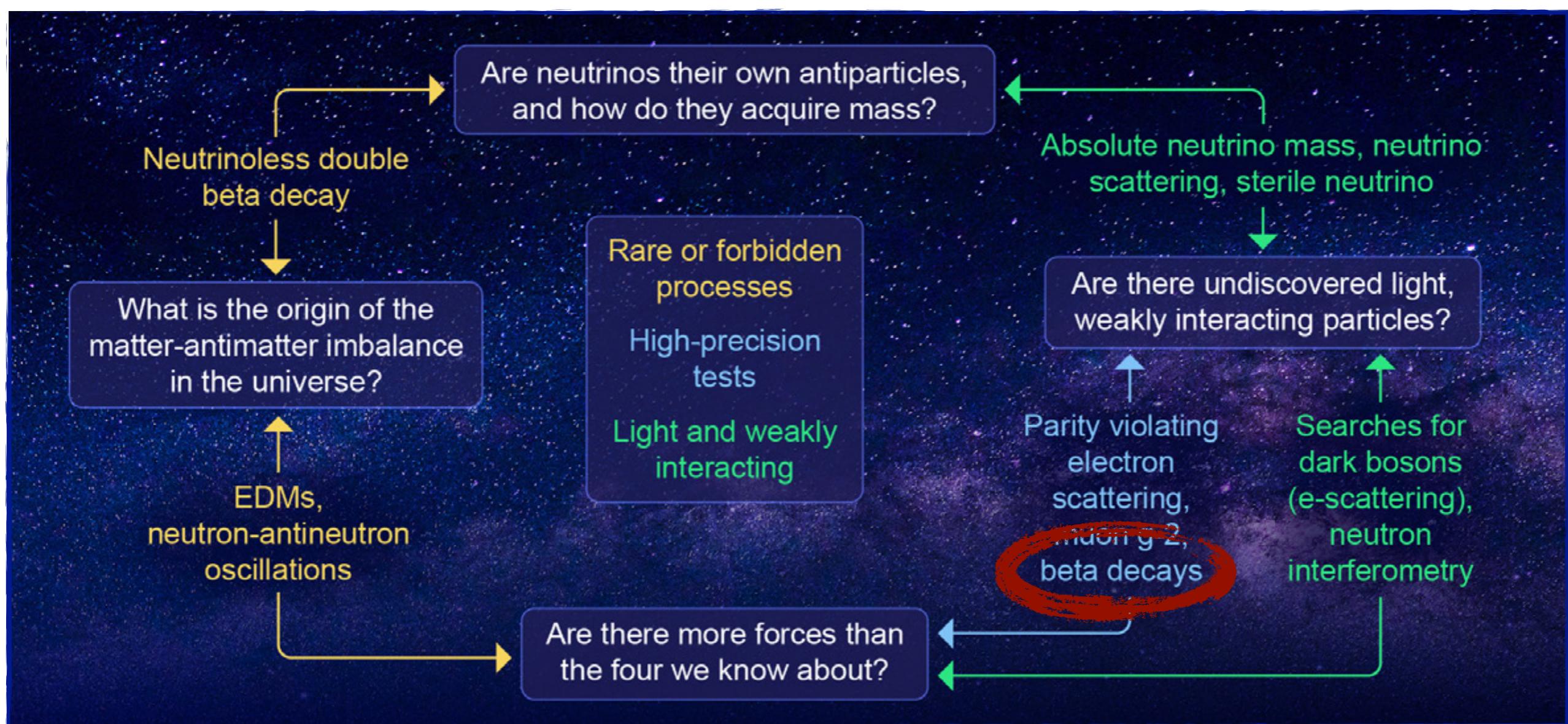
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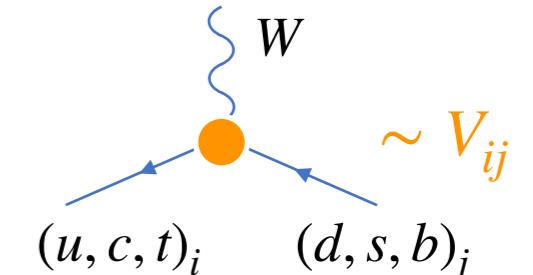


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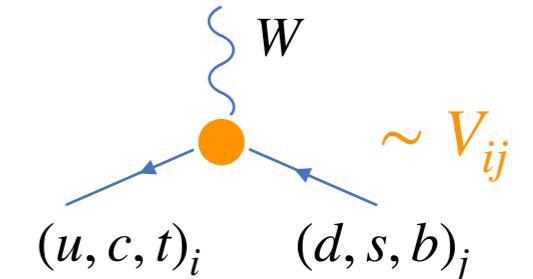


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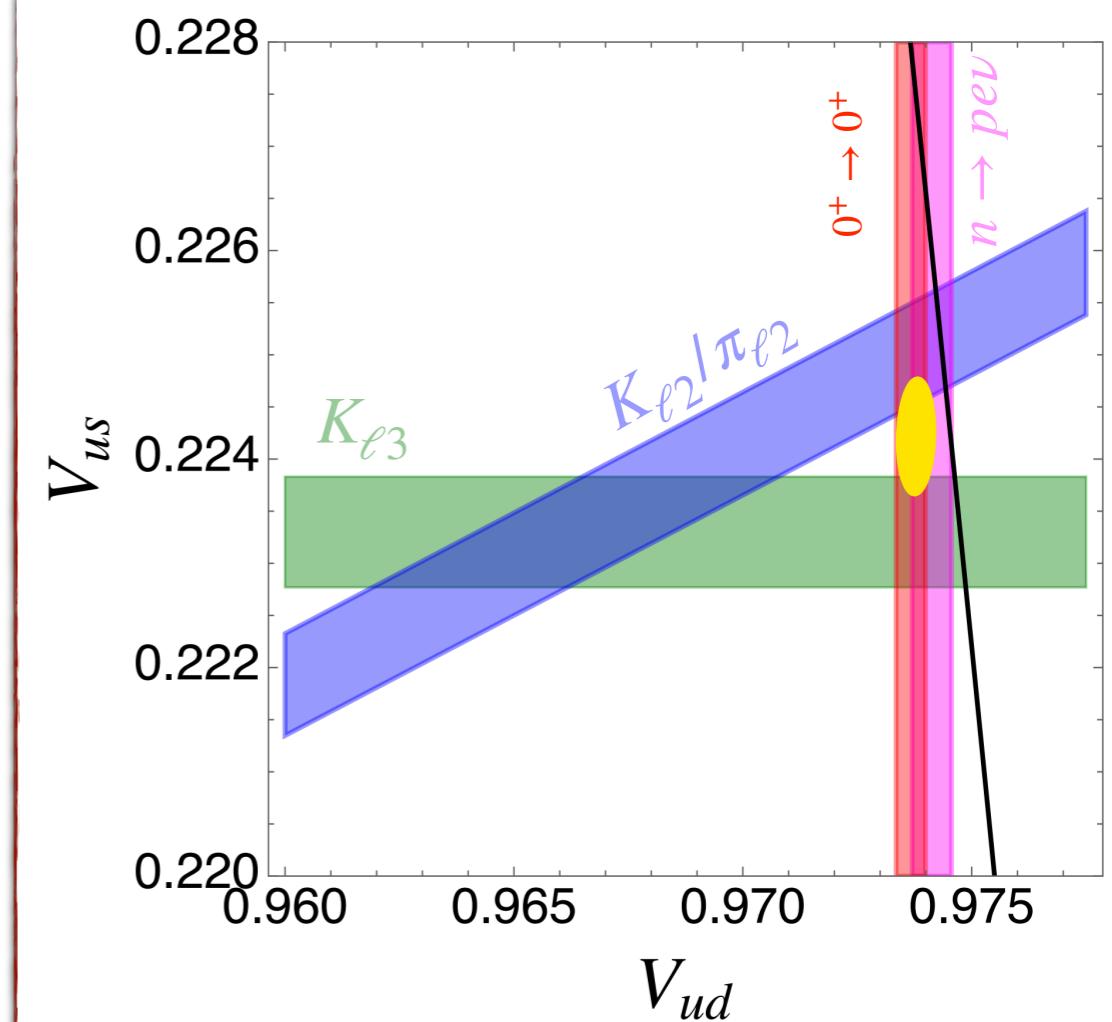
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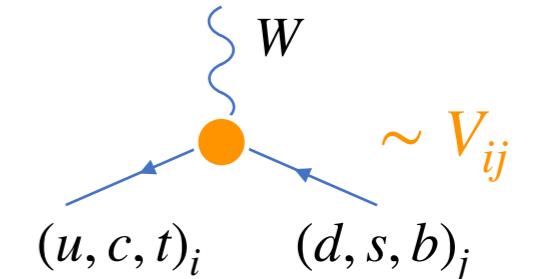


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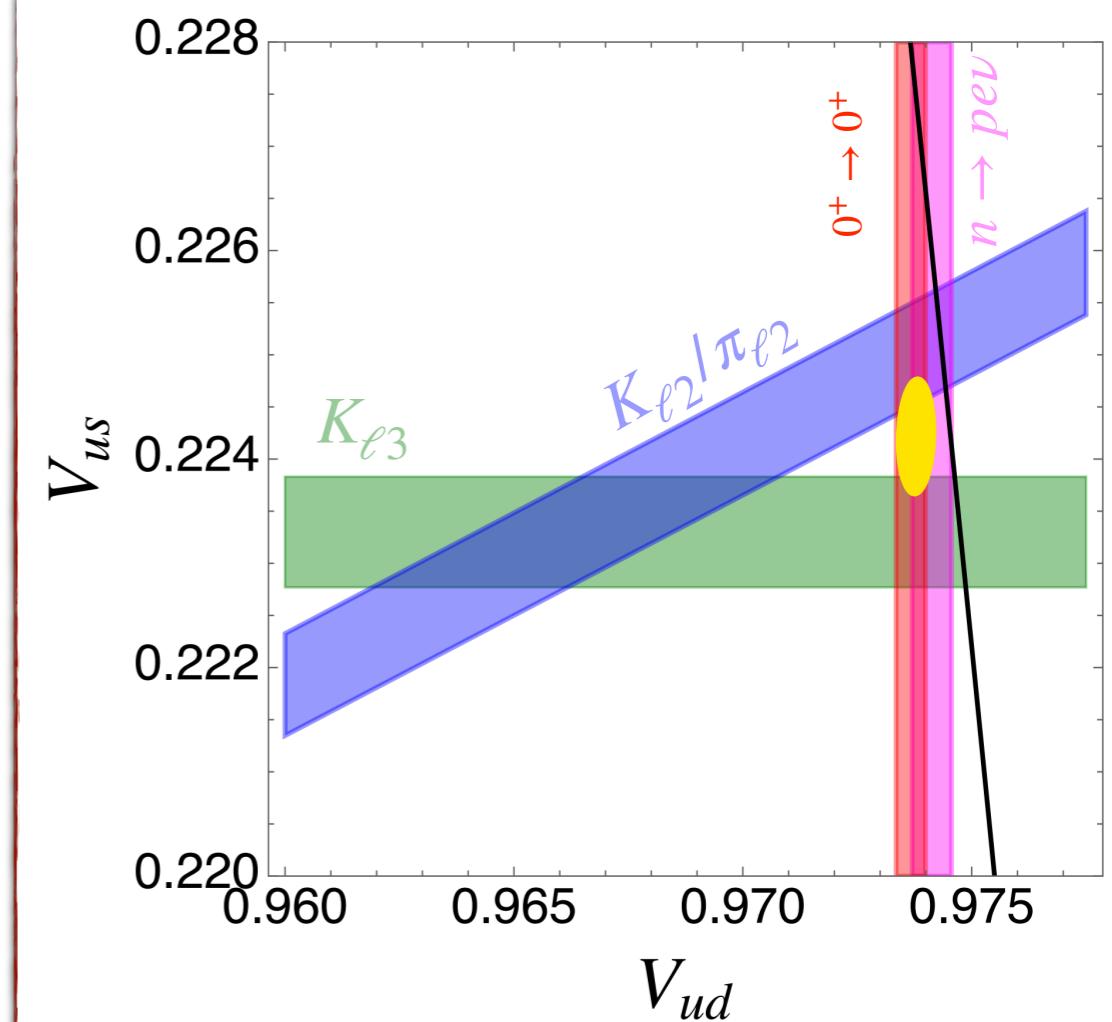
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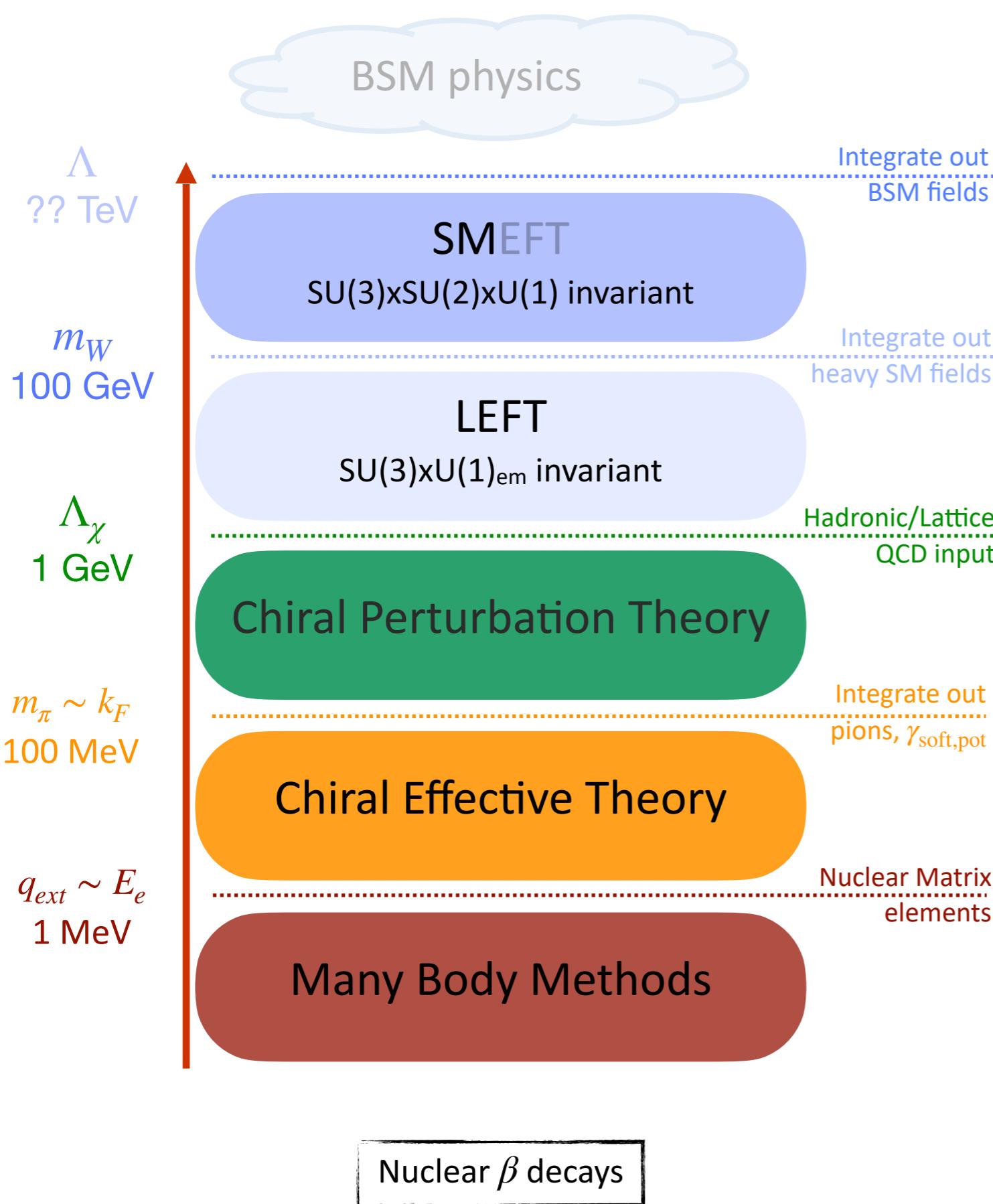
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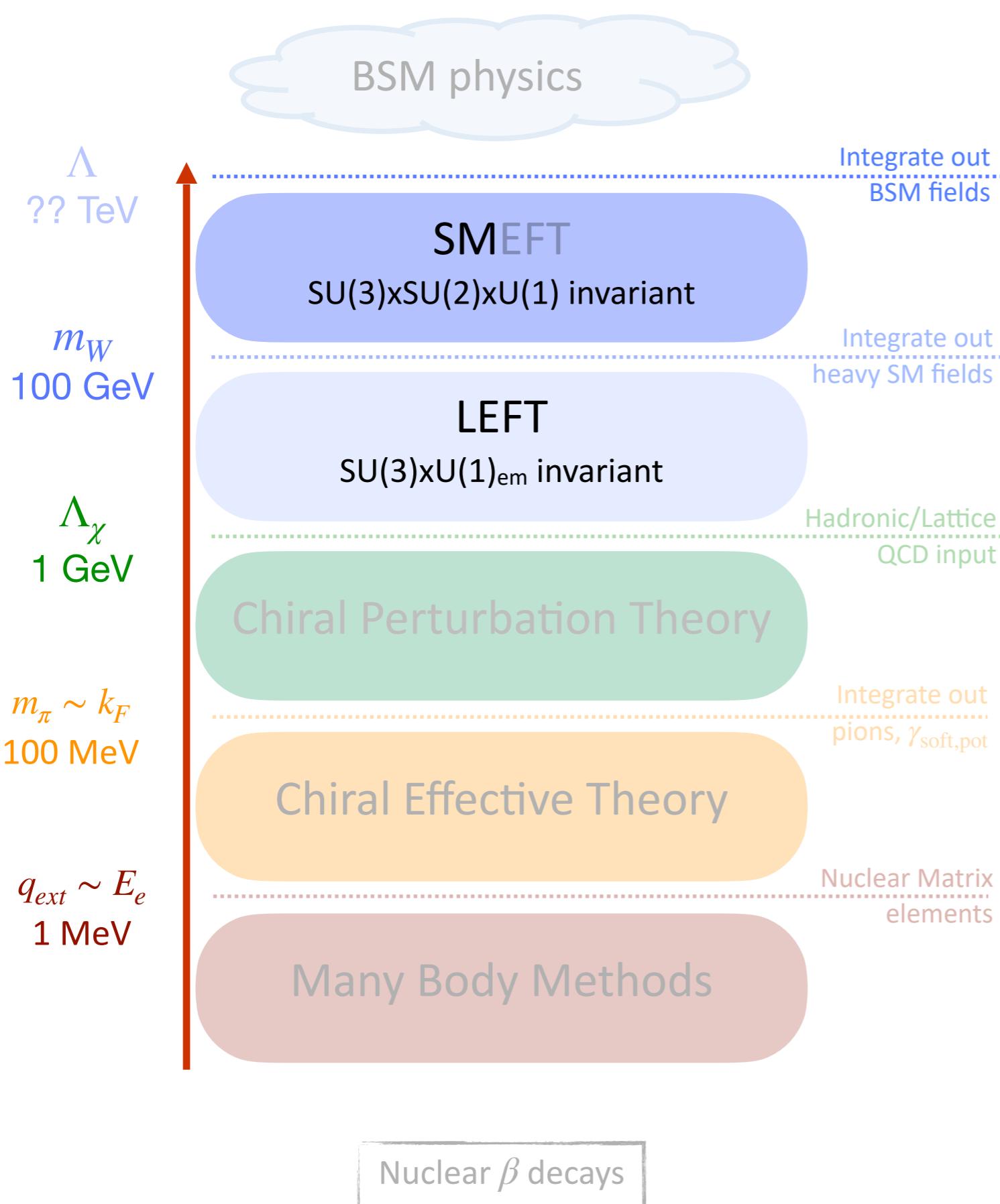
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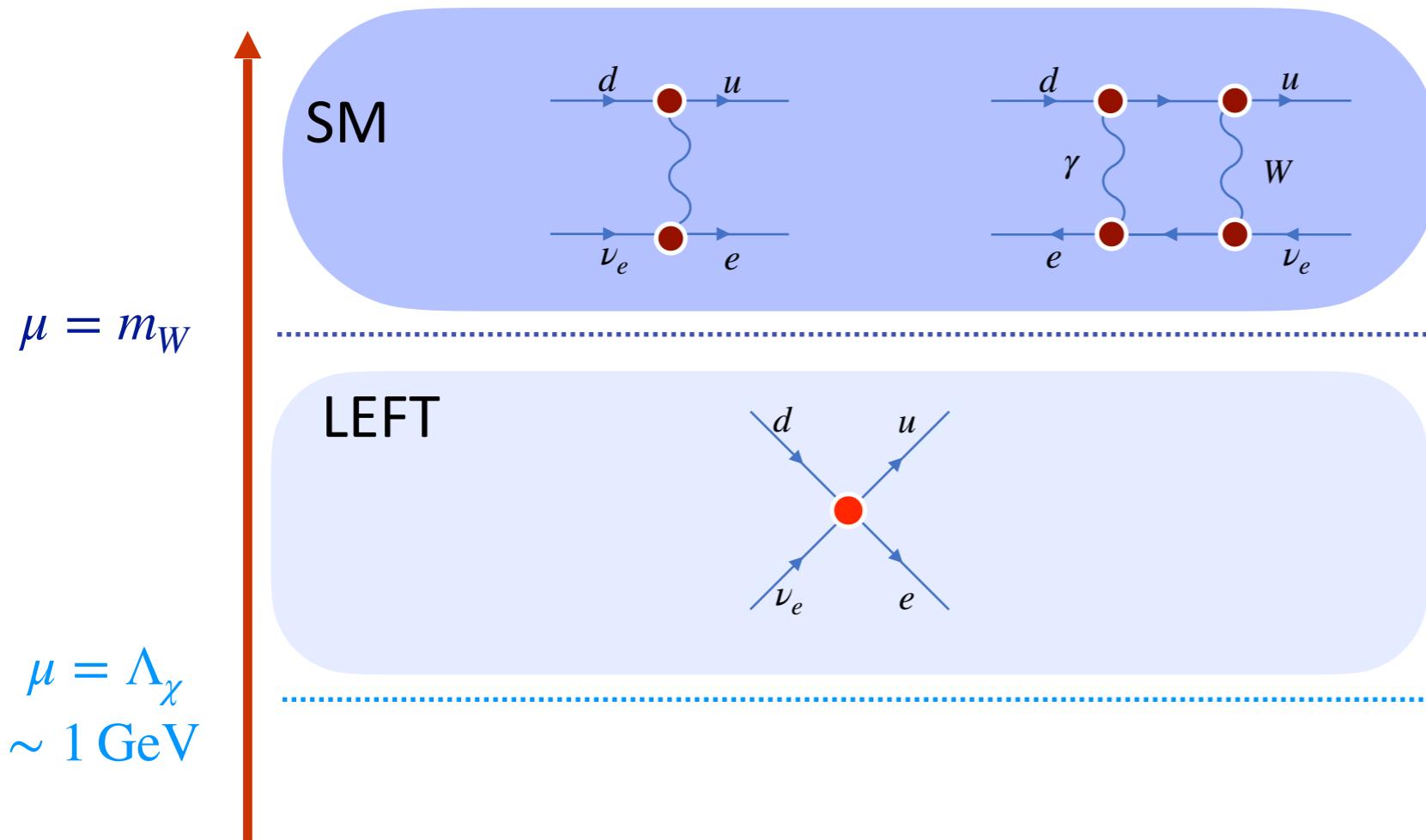




- $10^{-4}$  accuracy requires
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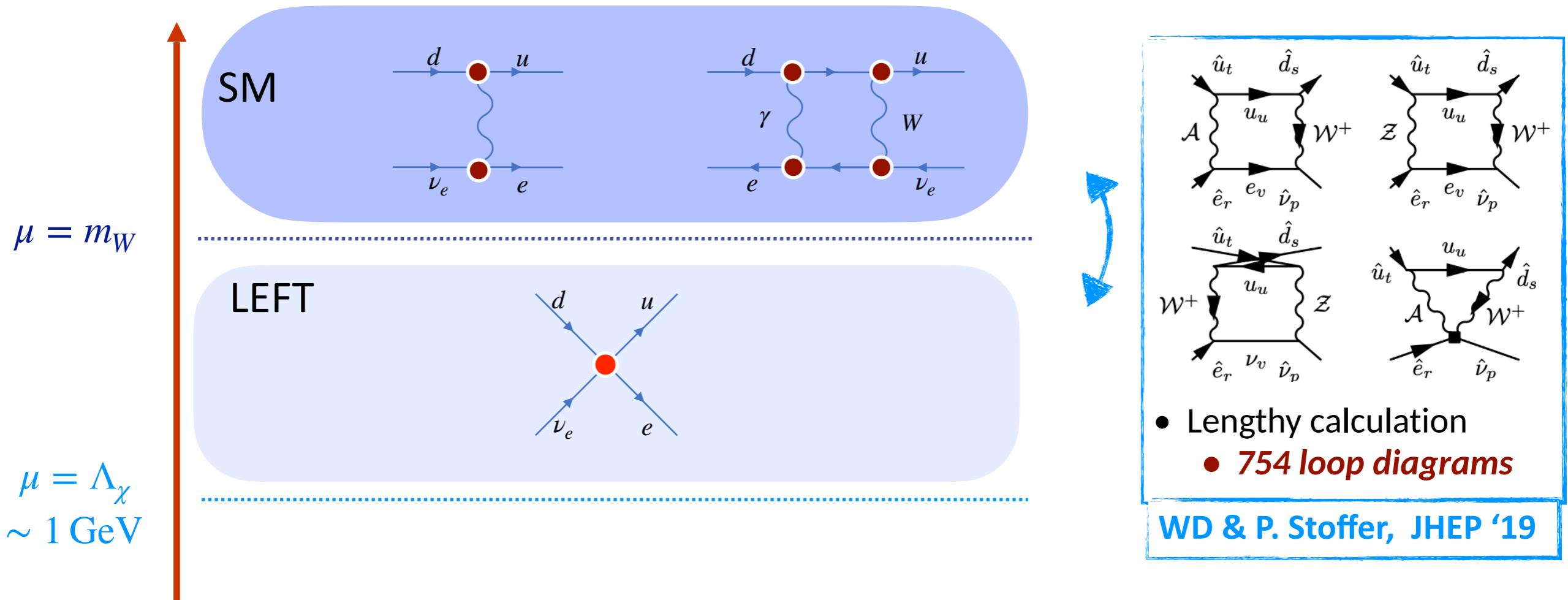


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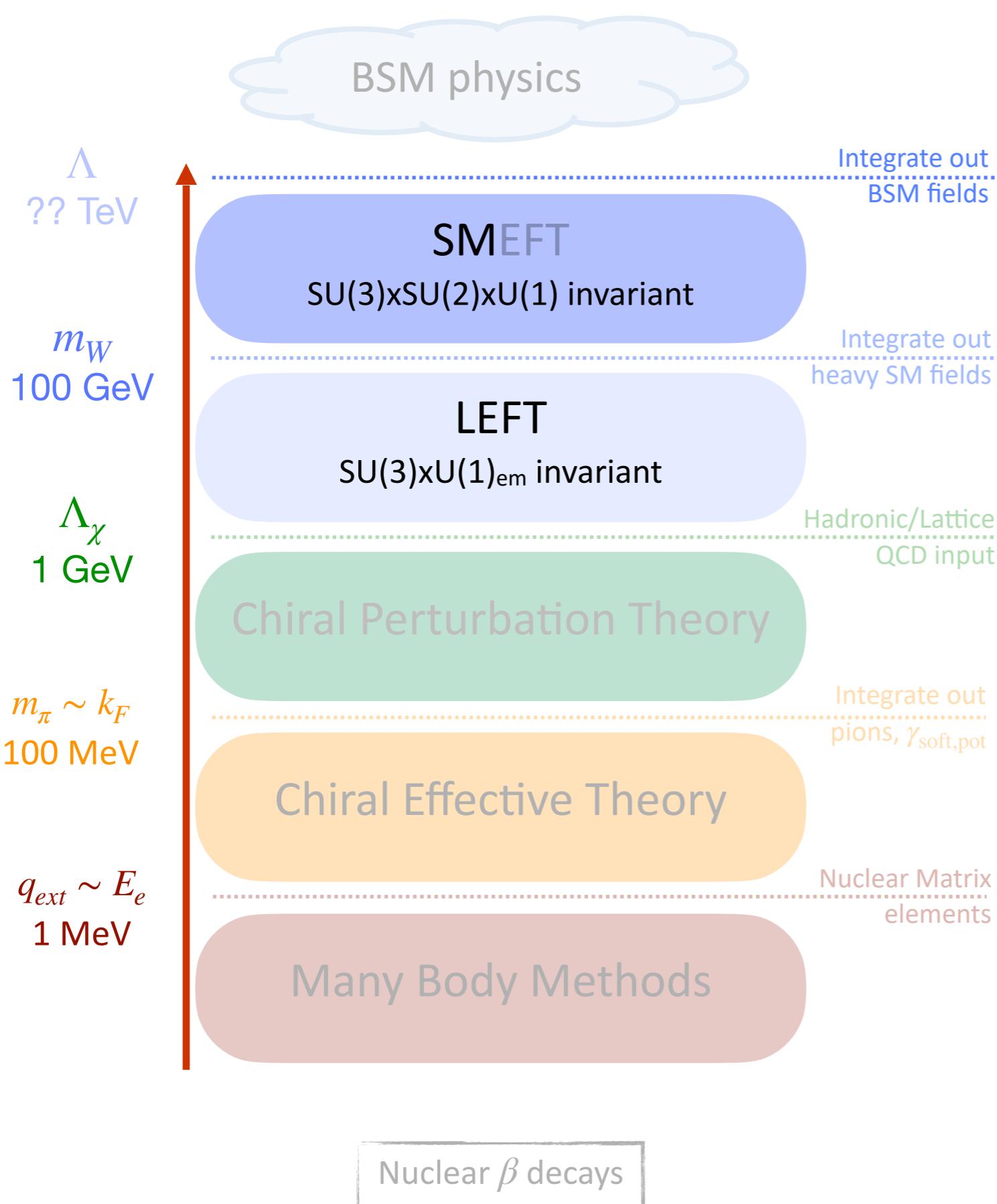


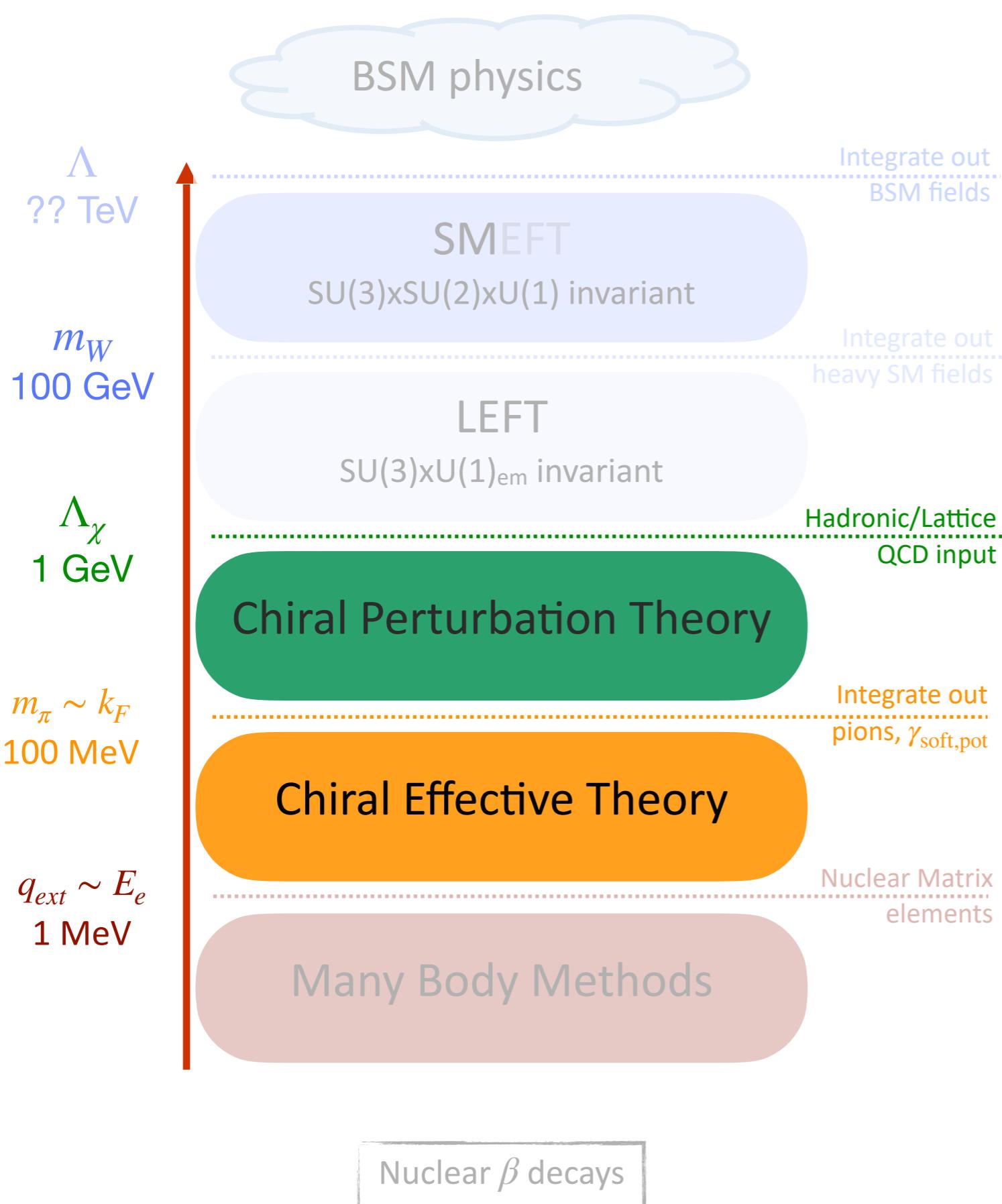
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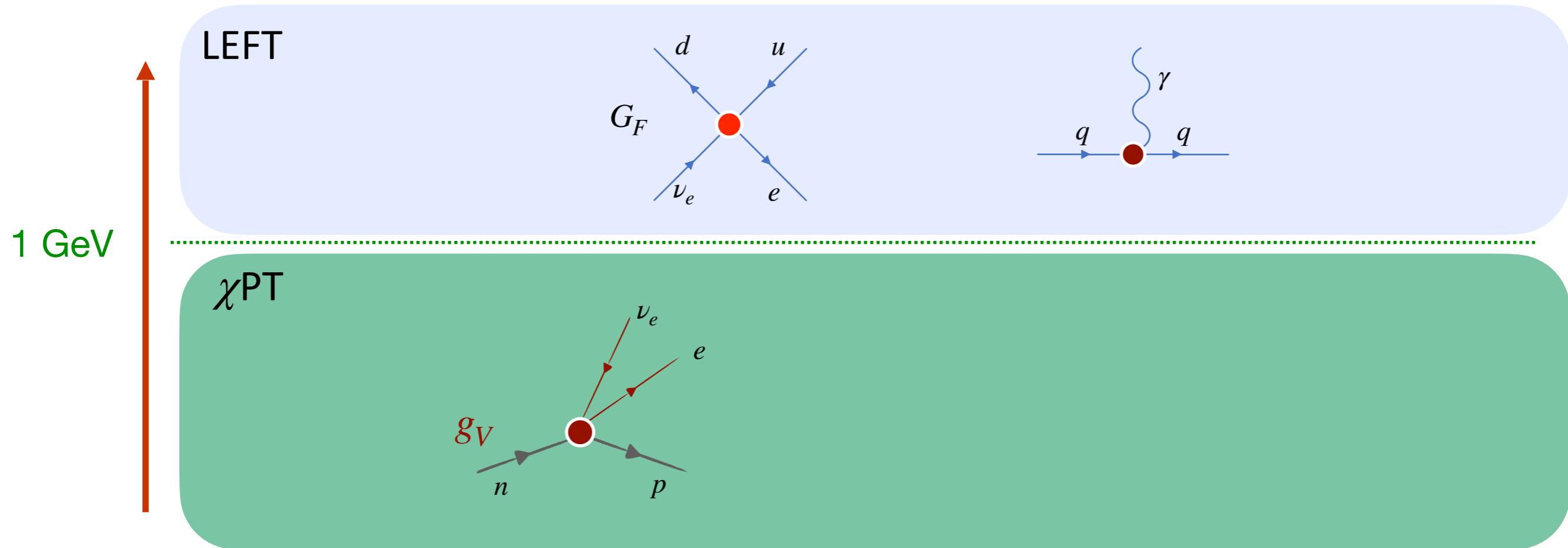


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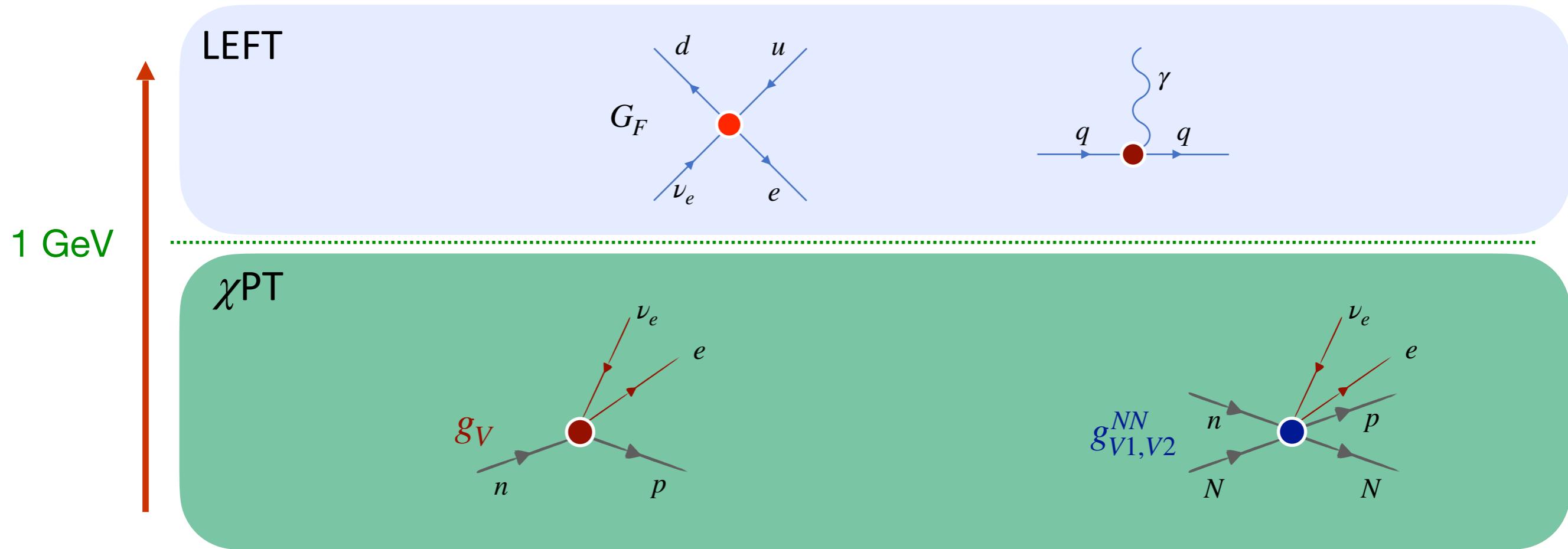
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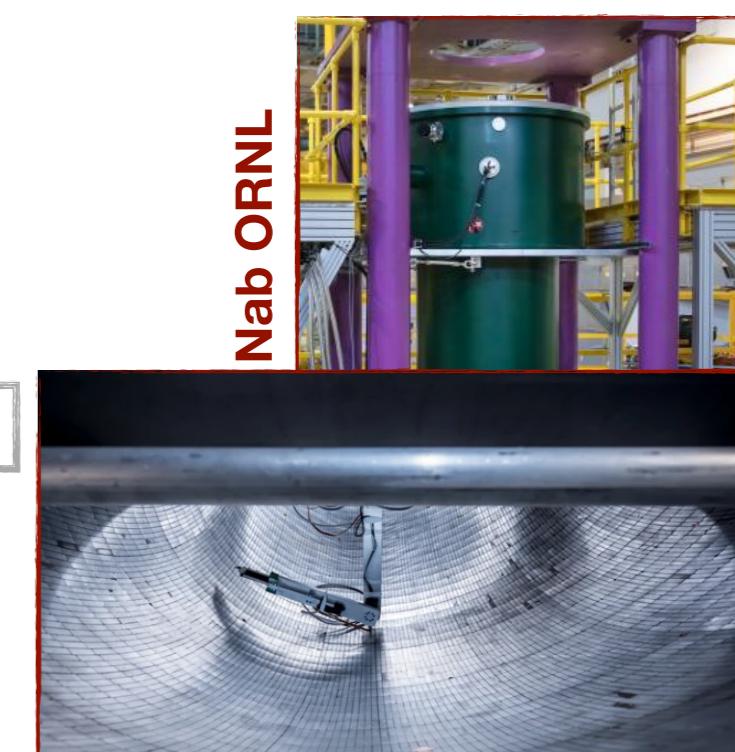
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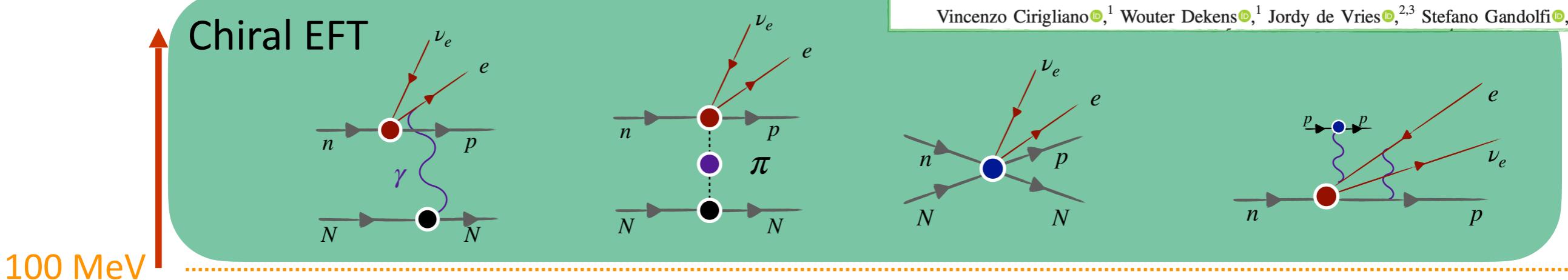
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# Developed EFT framework for one & two nucleon effects

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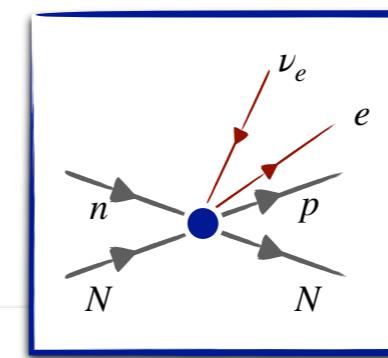
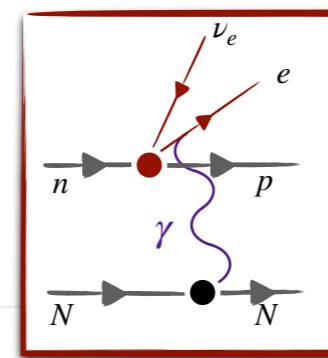
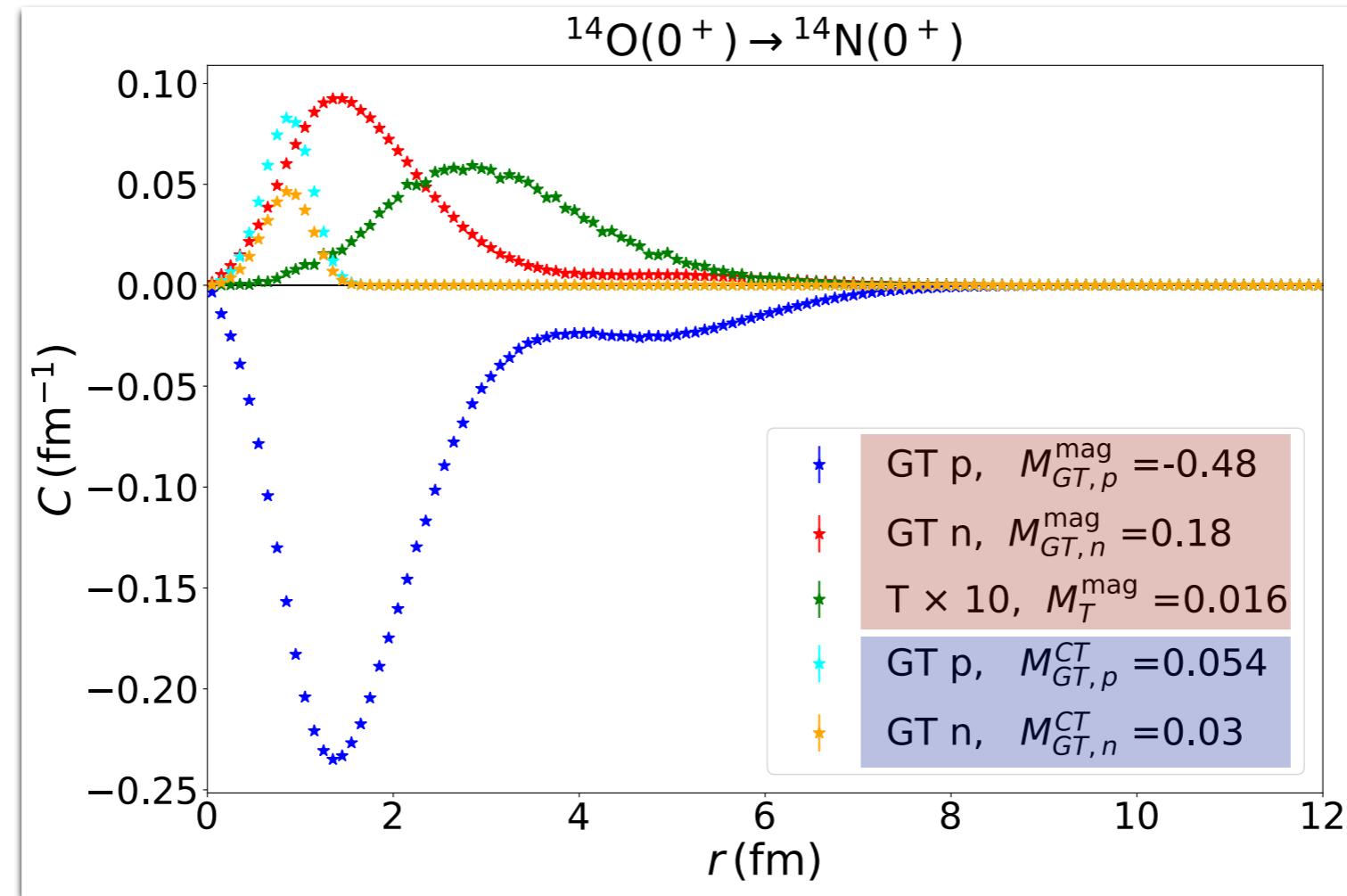
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Nuclear-structure dependence, “ $\delta_{NS}$ ”

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

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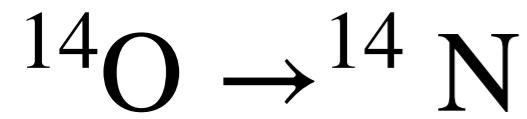
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- Total contribution:

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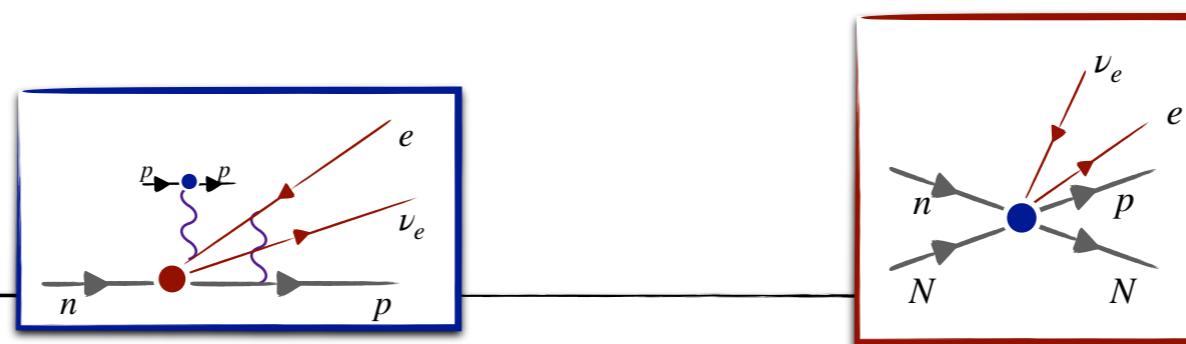
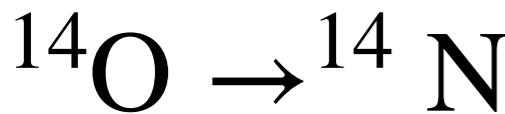
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## Error budget/future work

- Increase in uncertainties for now;
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  - Missing  $O(\alpha^2 Z)$  contributions
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    - Can be fit to experiment
    - Determined using dispersive methods
  - $O(\alpha^2 Z)$  require two-loop calculations

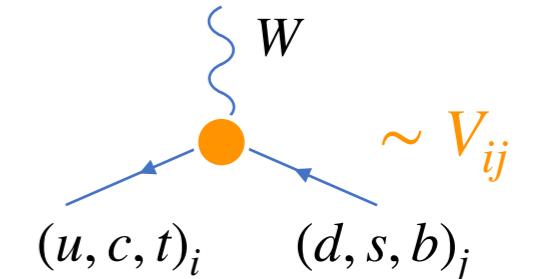
*NTNP TC provides a great environment for these next steps*

# Beyond the SM

## Nearly global BSM analysis

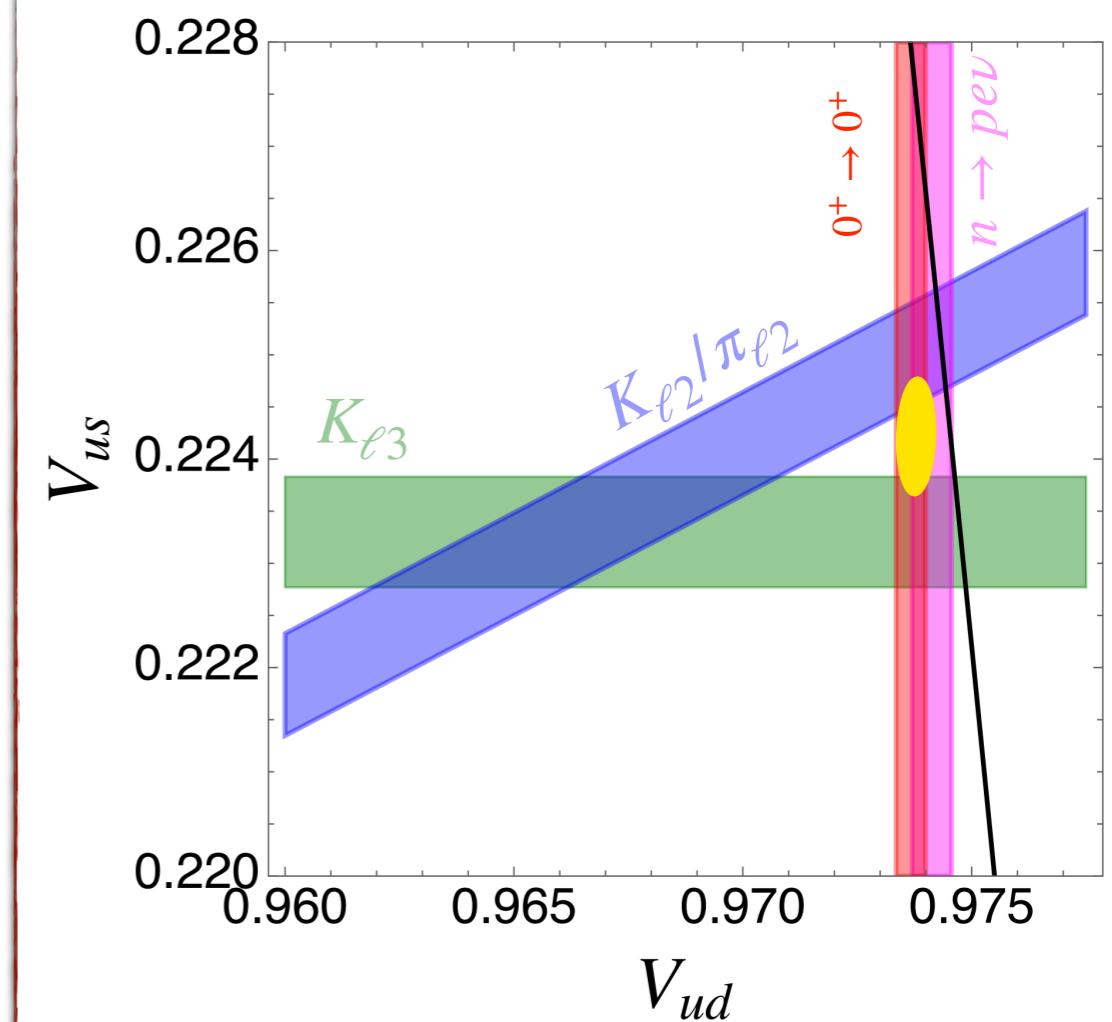
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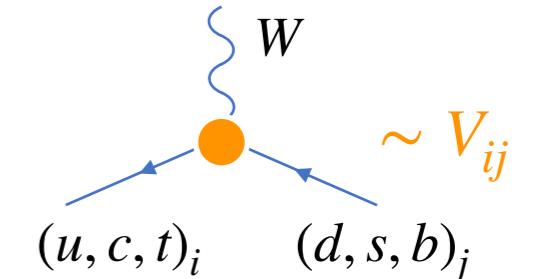
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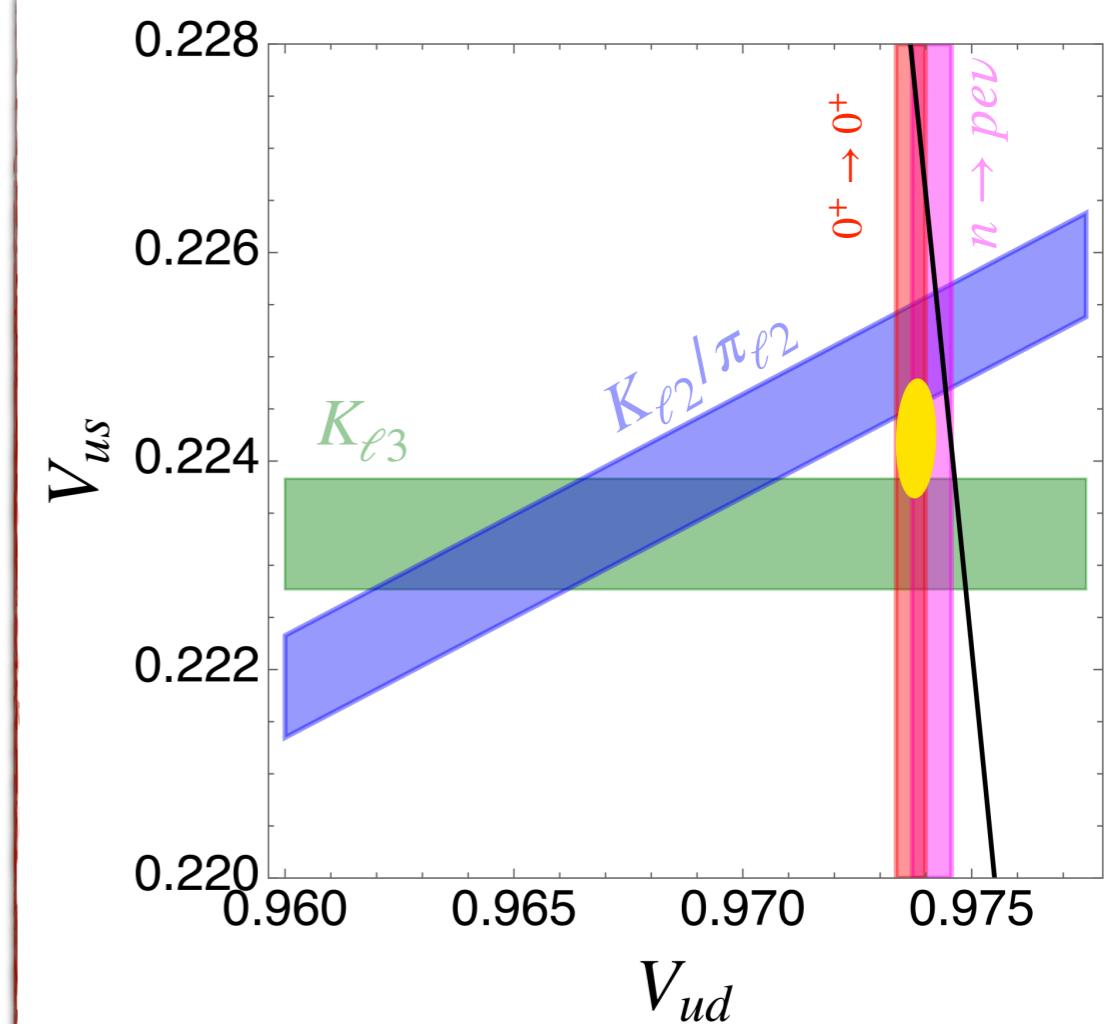
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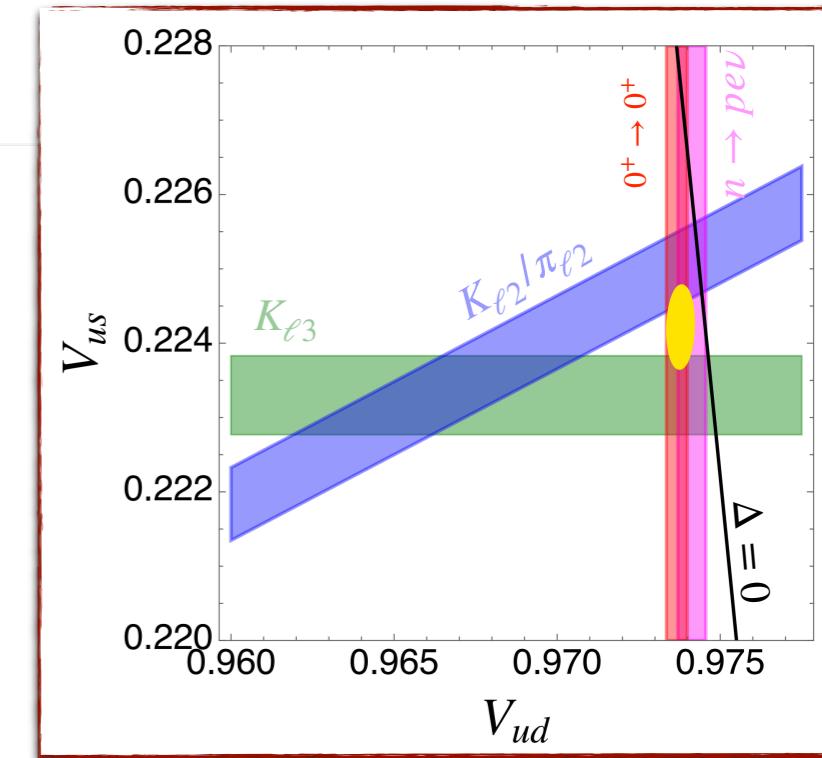
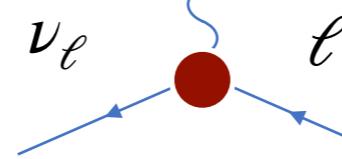
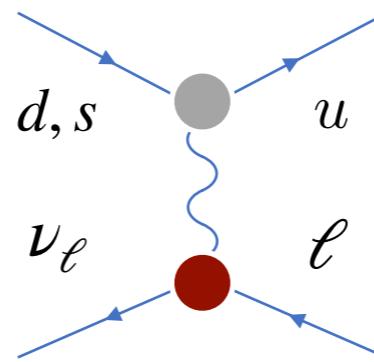
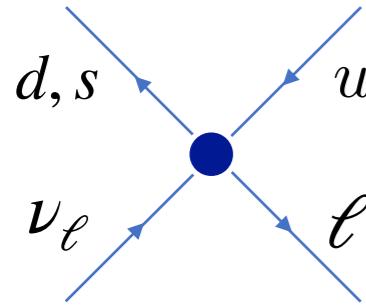
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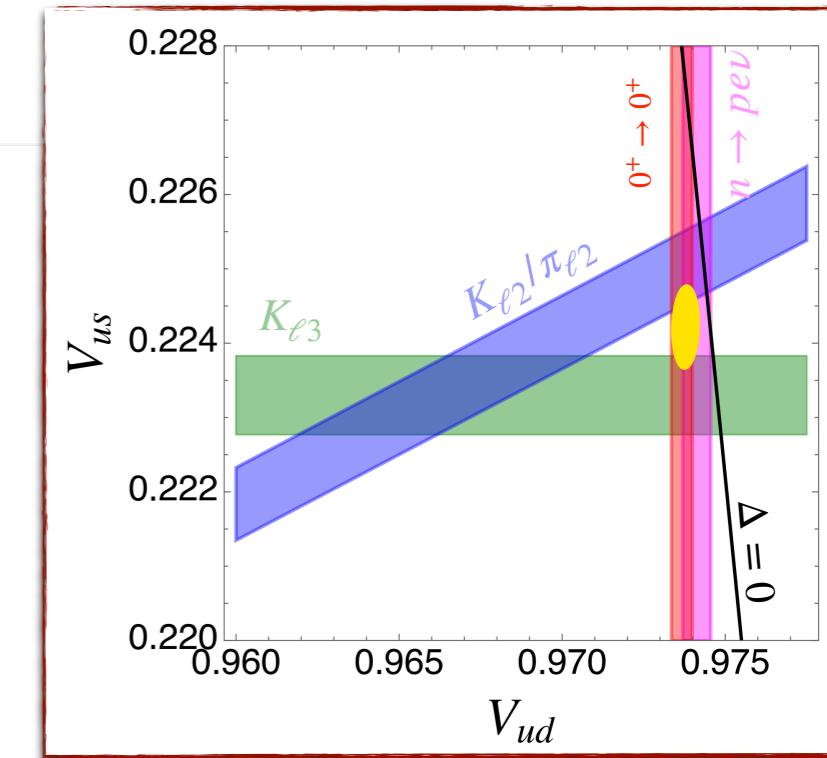
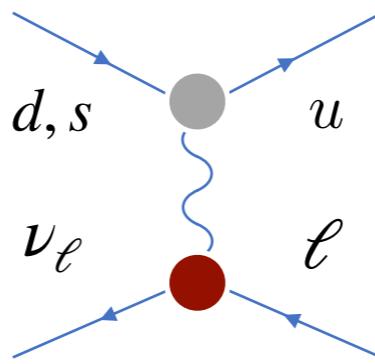
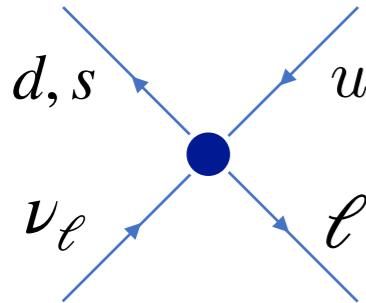
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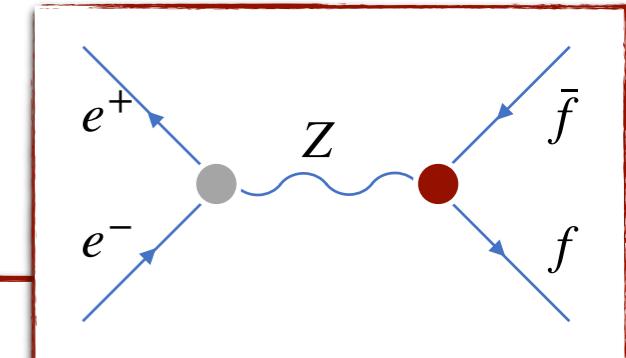
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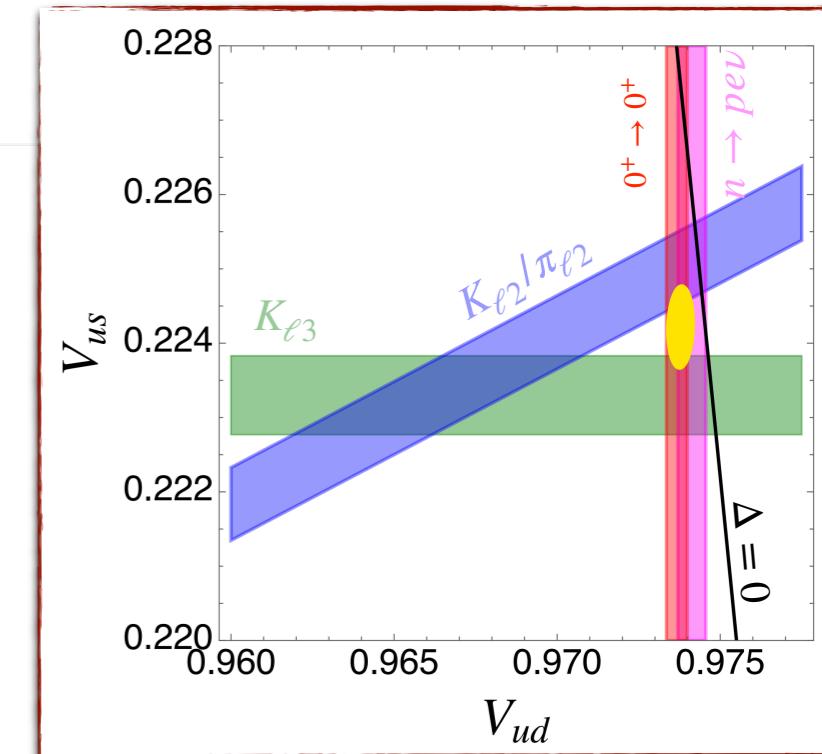
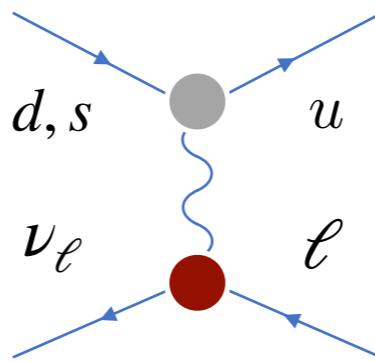
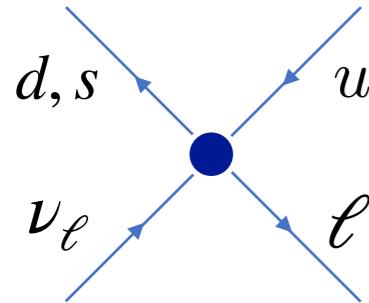
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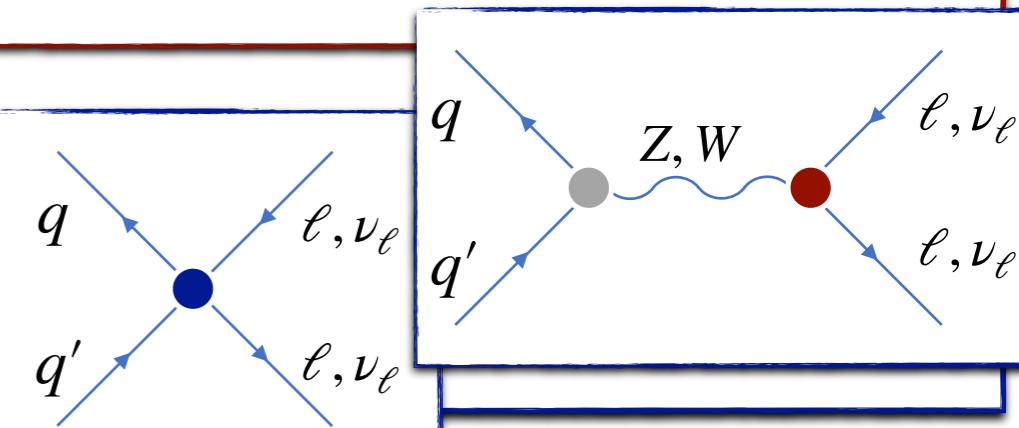
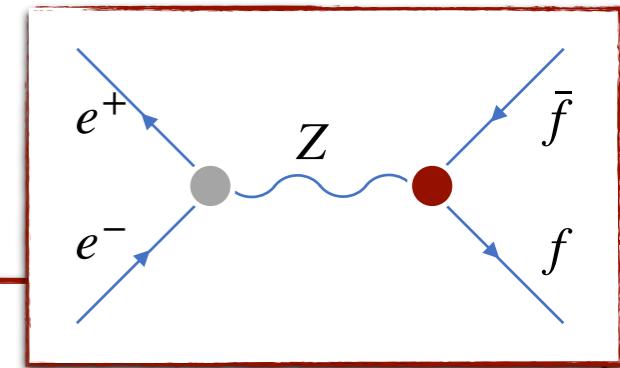
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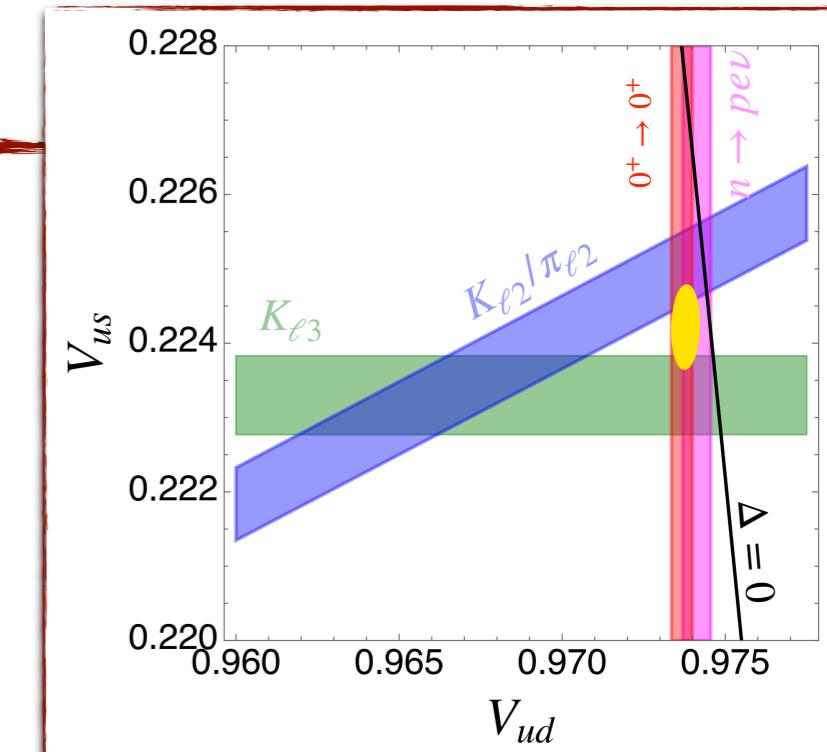
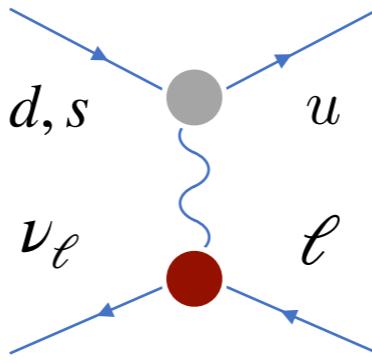
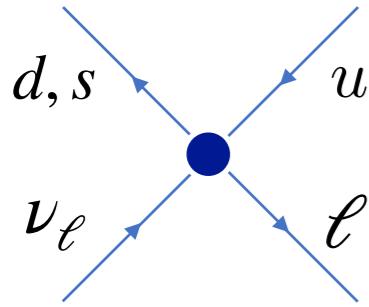
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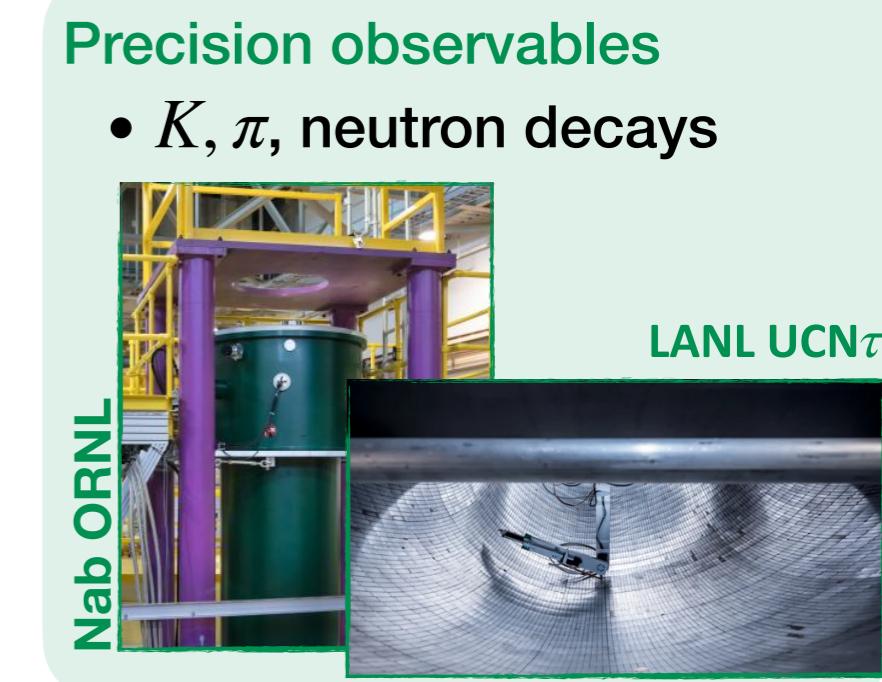
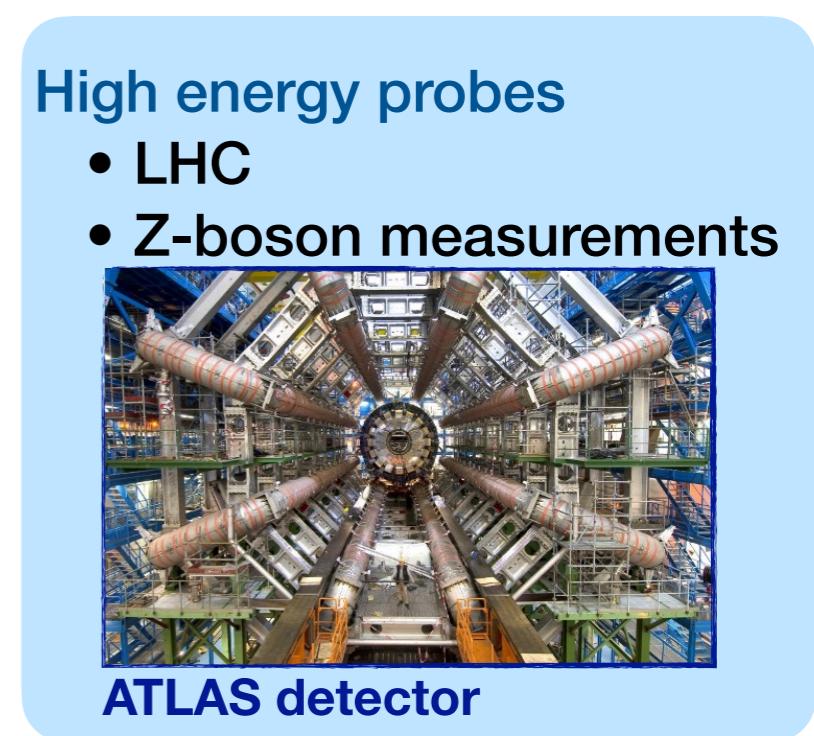
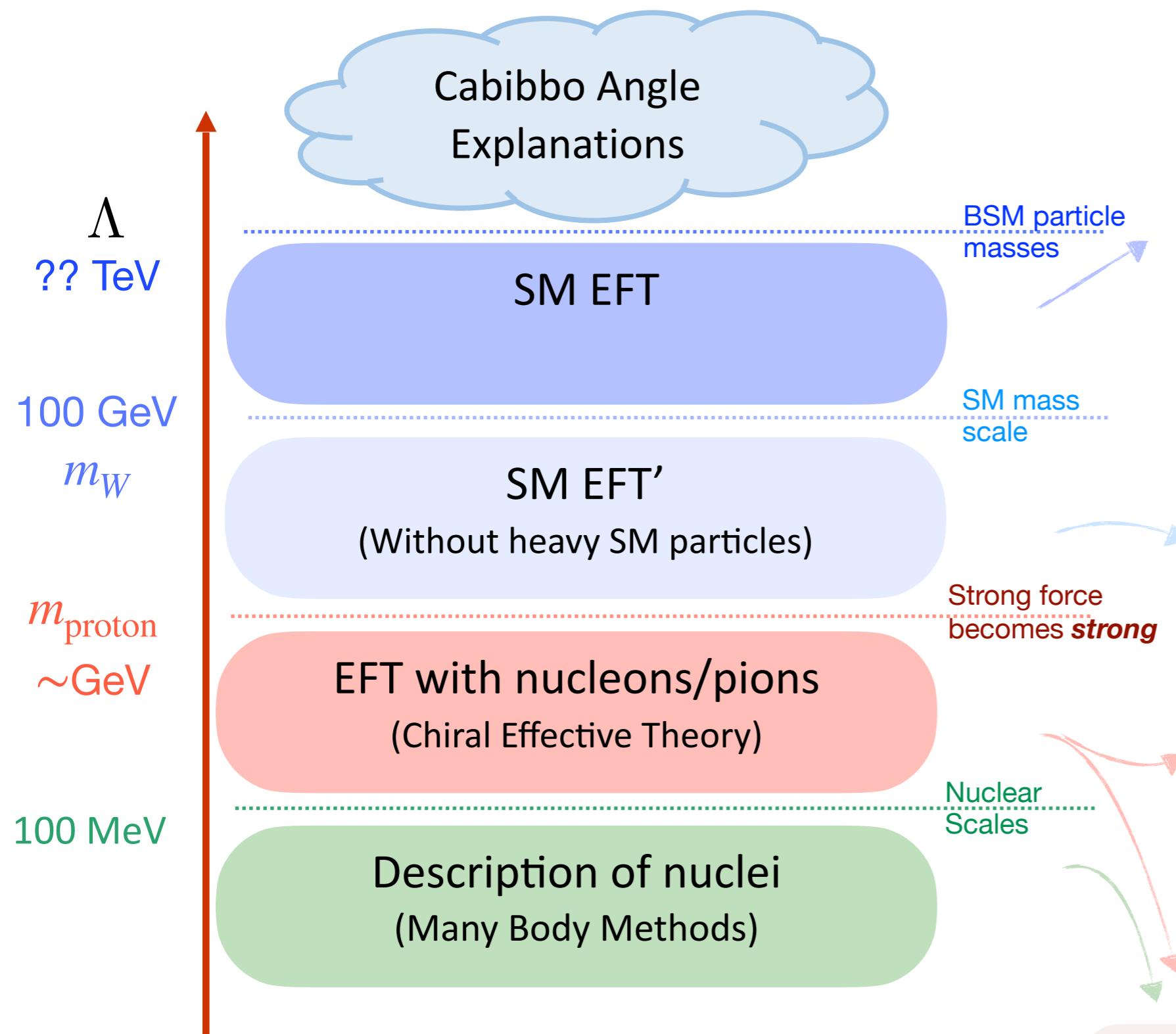
Requires fitting 37 **interactions** to many **measurements**

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]	$R_{W_c}$	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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					$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)}$	1.003(10)	[3]		
					$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \tau\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)}$	0.961(61)	[3]		
					$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \tau\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}$	0.992(13)	[3]		
					$A_4(0 - 0.8)$	0.0195(15)	[115]	0.0144(7)	[116]
					$A_4(0.8 - 1.6)$	0.0448(16)	[115]	0.0471(17)	[116]
					$A_4(1.6 - 2.5)$	0.0923(26)	[115]	0.0928(21)	[116]
					$A_4(2.5 - 3.6)$	0.1445(46)	[115]	0.1464(21)	[116]
					$g_V^{(u)}$	0.201(112)	[117]	0.192	[118]
					$g_V^{(d)}$	-0.351(251)	[117]	-0.347	[118]
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Low-energy measurements

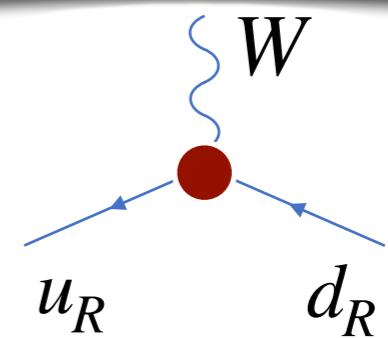
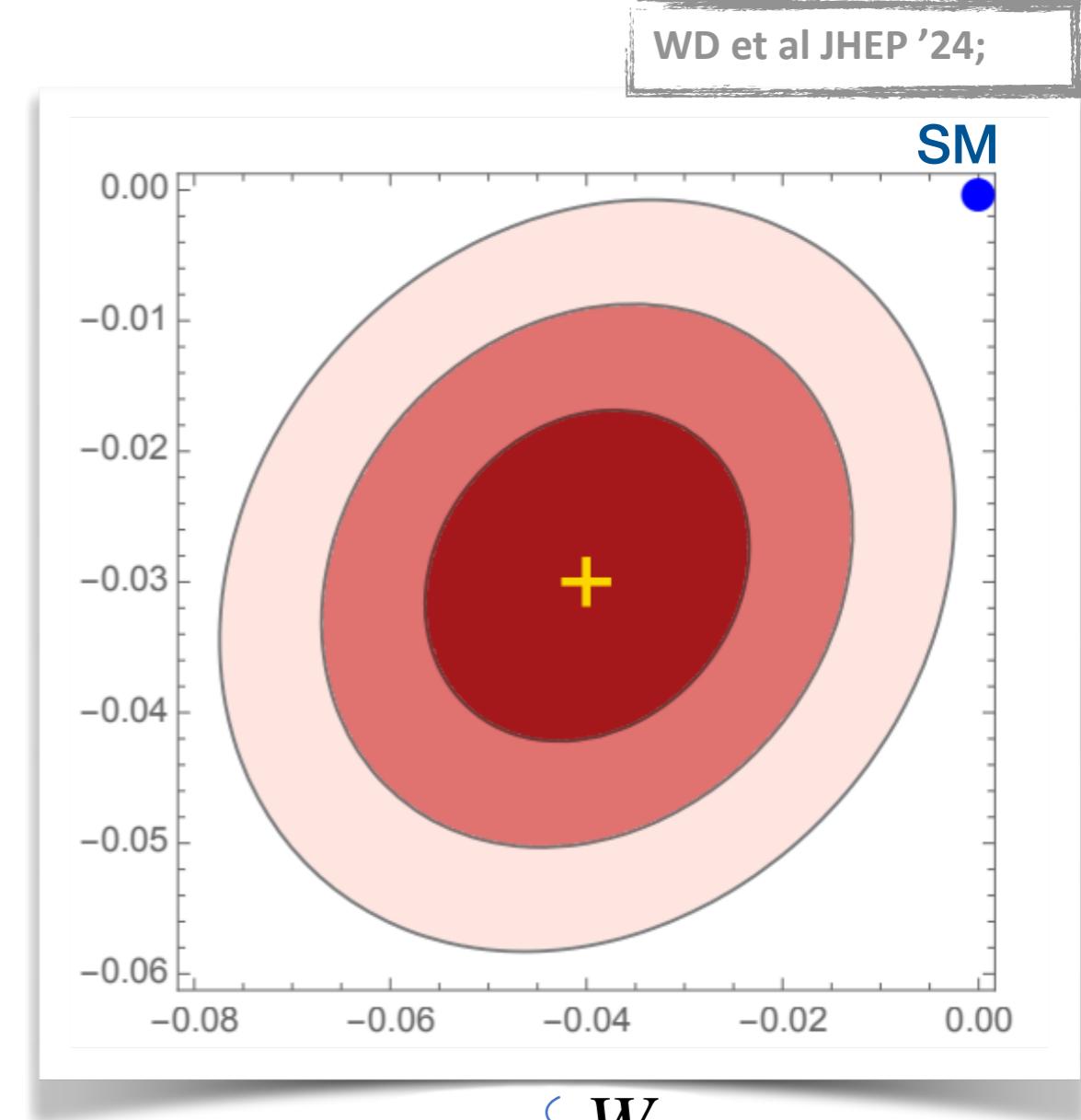
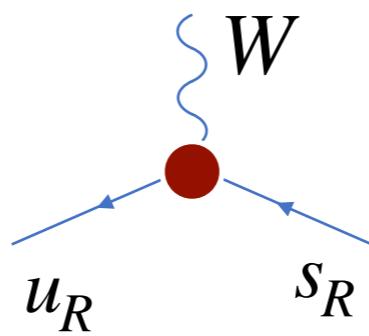
$P_{l2}$			$K_{l3}$		
Observable	value	Ref.	Observable	value	Ref.
$R_\pi$	$1.2344(30) \cdot 10^{-4}$	[132]	$ \tilde{V}_{us}^e f_+^K(0) $	0.21626(40)	[133]
$R_K$	$2.488(9) \cdot 10^{-5}$	[3]	$ \tilde{V}_{us}^\mu f_+^K(0) $	0.21667(52)	[133]
$\Gamma(K_{\mu 2})$	$5.134(10) \cdot 10^{-7} s^{-1}$	[3]	$\log C$	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]
$\tau_{\pi^+}$	$2.6033(5) \cdot 10^{-8} s$	[3]			



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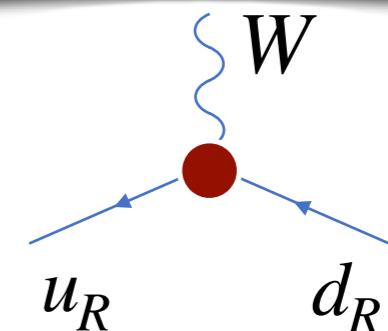
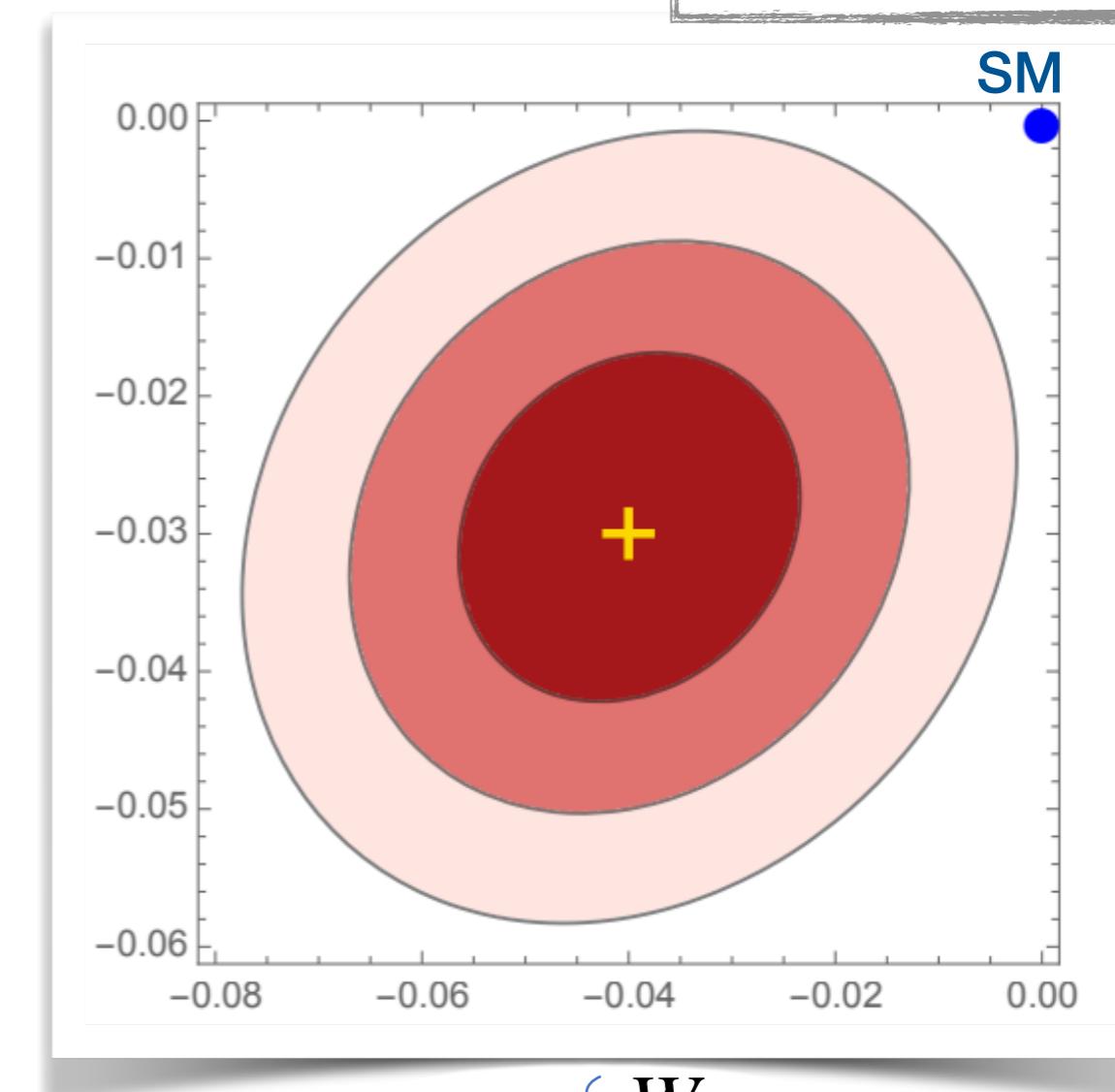
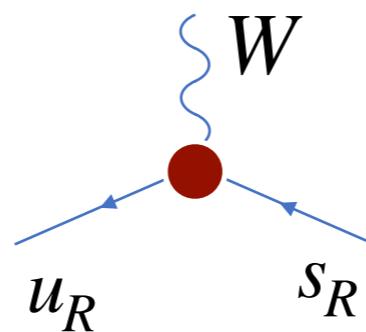
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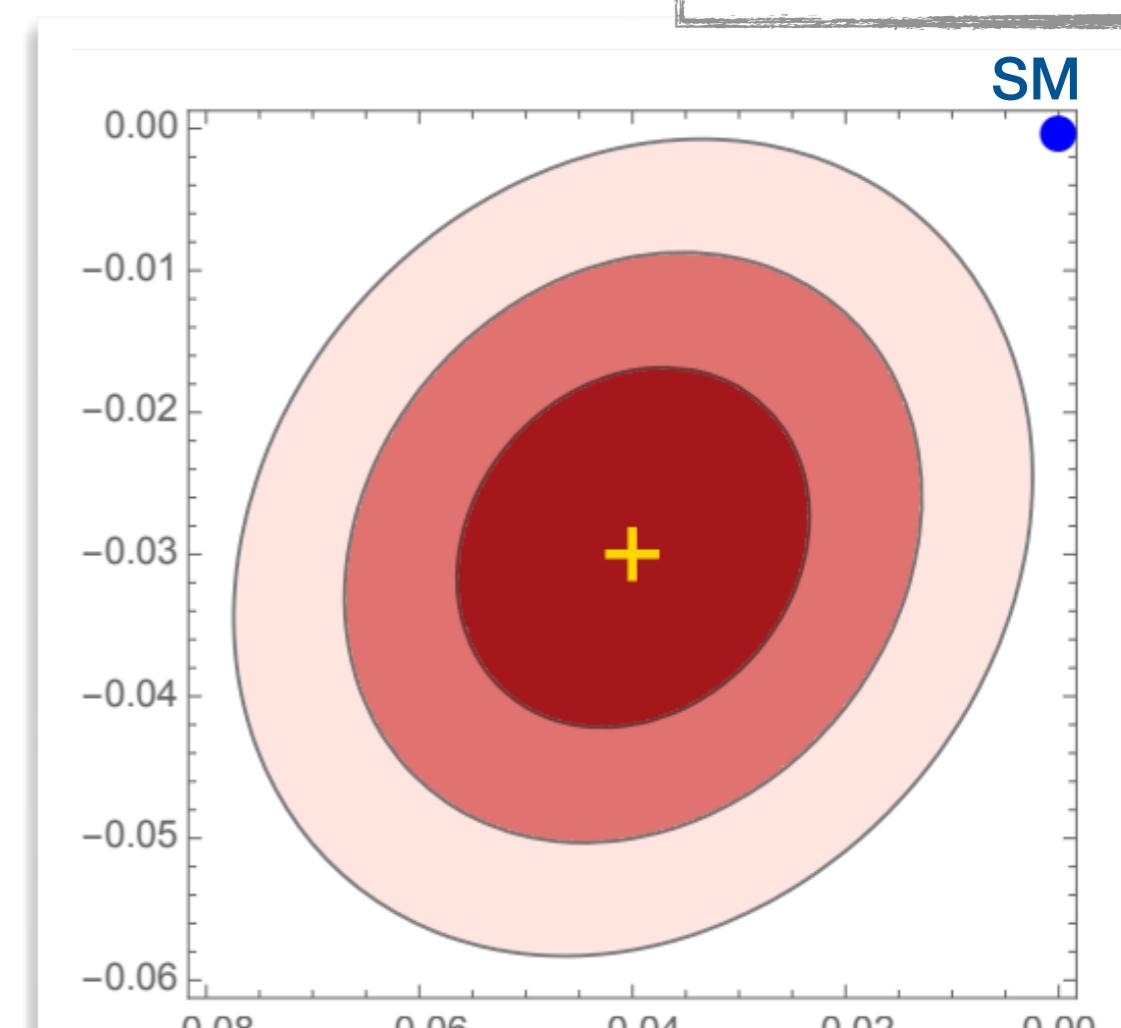
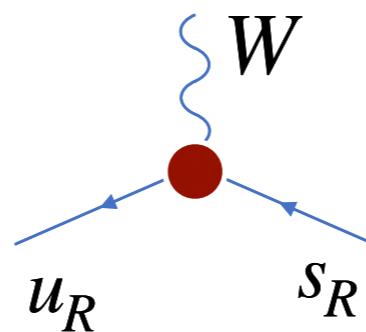


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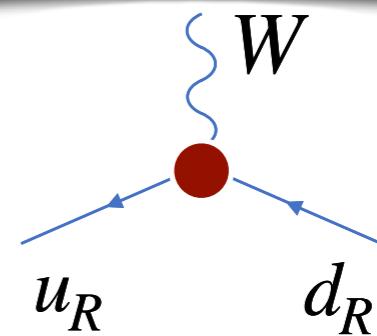
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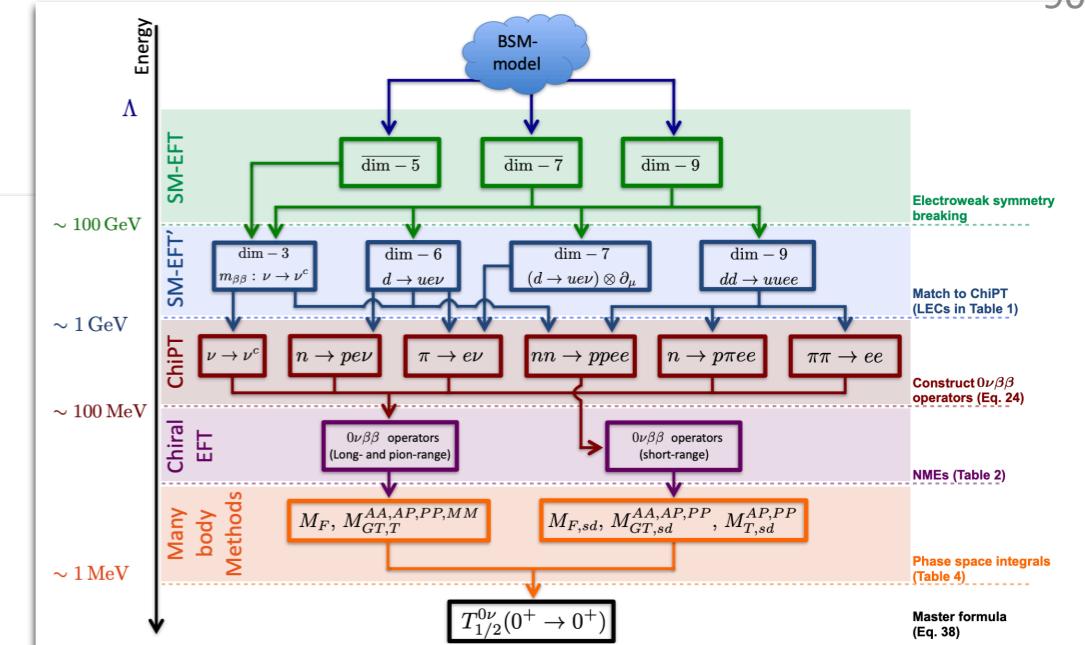


- Could falsify/verify this scenario
  - *Requires theory improvements!*

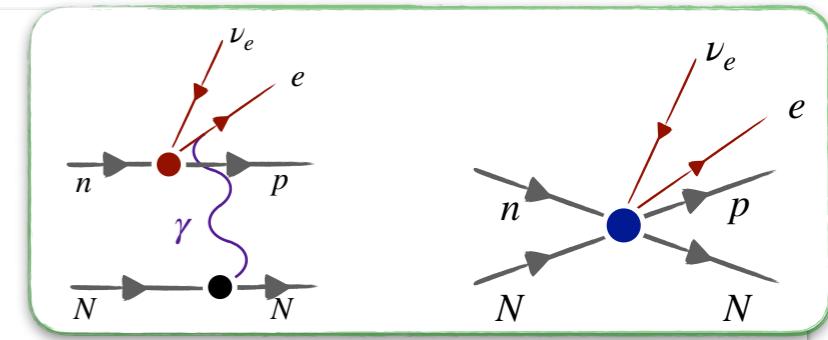


# Summary

- BSM needed to answer ***open questions***
  - 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



Radiative corrections in EFT

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

