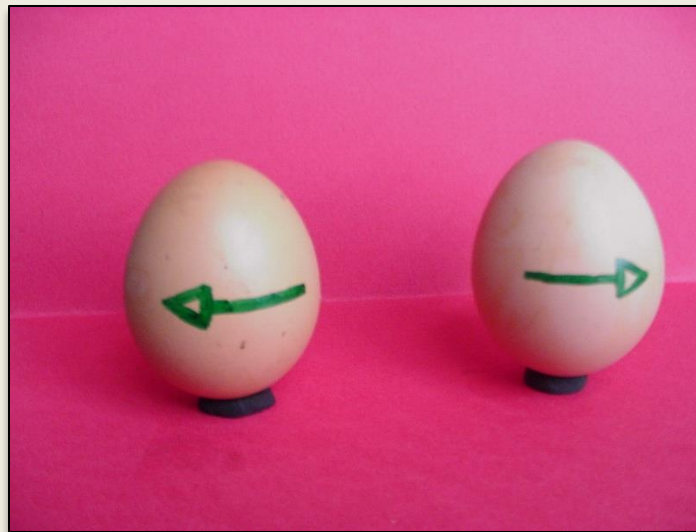


# Electric Dipole Moments: a view from above



Jordy de Vries

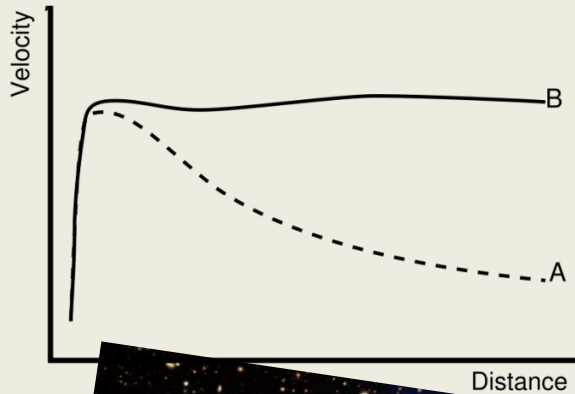
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# The search for something non-Standard...



13.799  
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Theoretical  
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$$\frac{m_{Higgs}}{m_{Planck}} \sim 10^{-16}$$

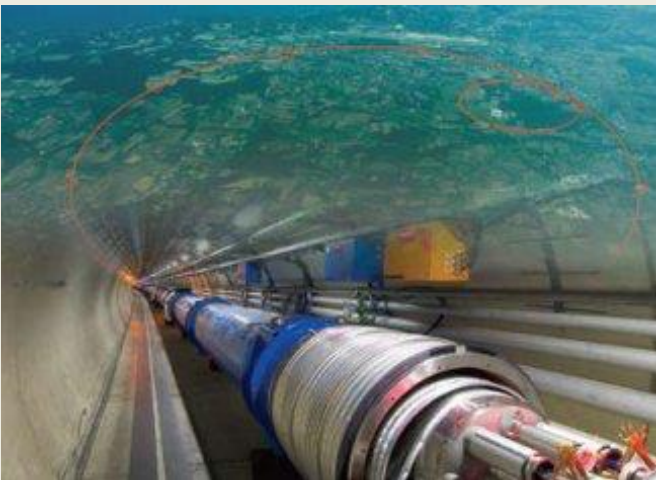
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# Particle Physics at a Crossroads



- Where do we go from here ? More energy ? More precision ?

**Try to create something new directly**



Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

FCC, ILC, .....

**Reach  $\sim$  energy**

**Precision measurements**



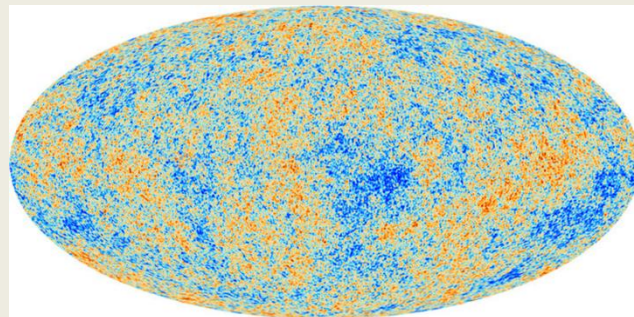
Magnetic and electric dipole moment

Neutrino physics

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**Reach  $\sim$  experimental and theoretical accuracy**

**Cosmological/astrophys probes**



Cosmic microwave background

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**Reach  $\sim$  background control  
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# Magnetic dipole moments

- A non-relativistic particle with spin (i.e. electron) in magnetic field

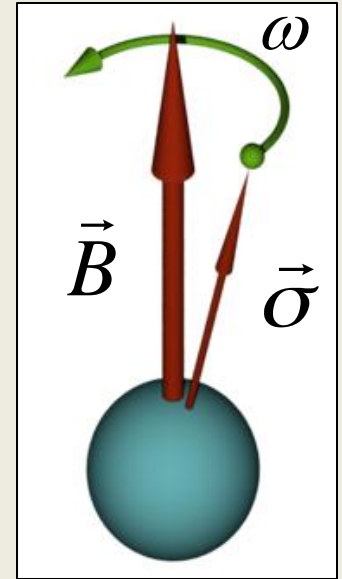
$$H = -\mu(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}) \quad \vec{S} = \vec{\sigma} / 2$$

Hamiltonian

Magnetic dipole moment

Spin

Magnetic Field



- The B-field puts a torque on the system → spin precession

$$\omega = 2\mu B \sin \theta$$

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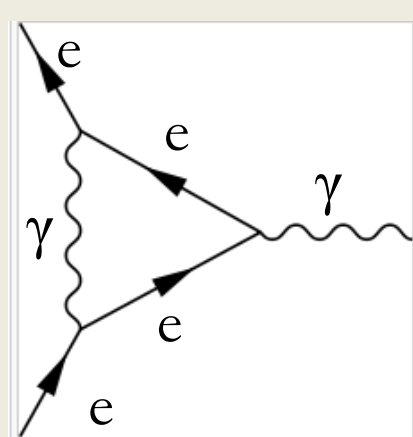
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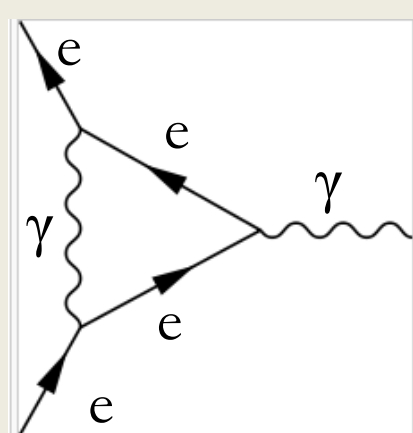
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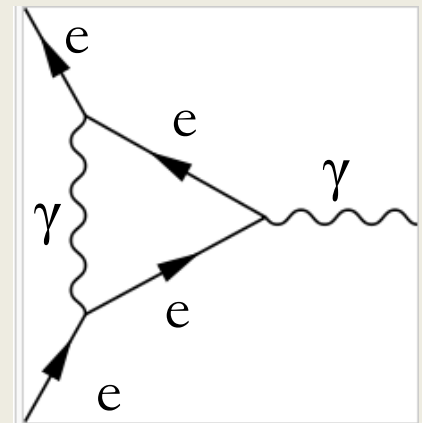


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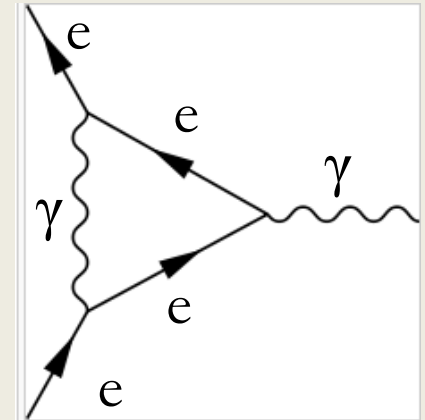
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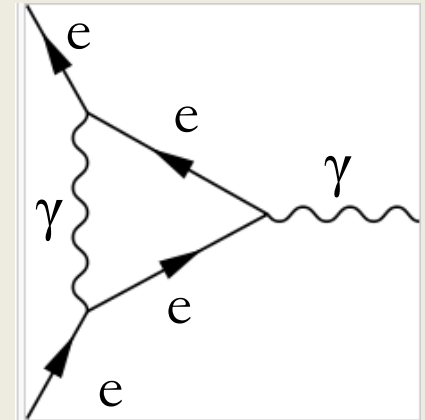
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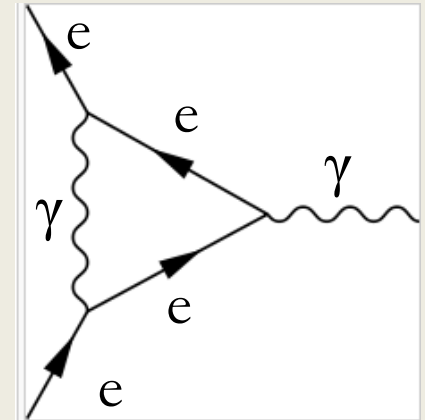
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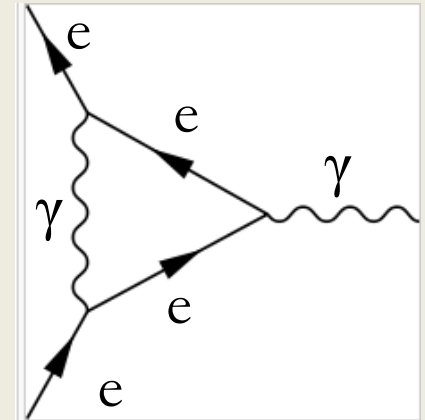
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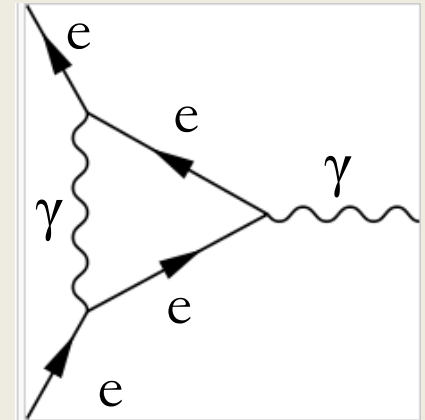
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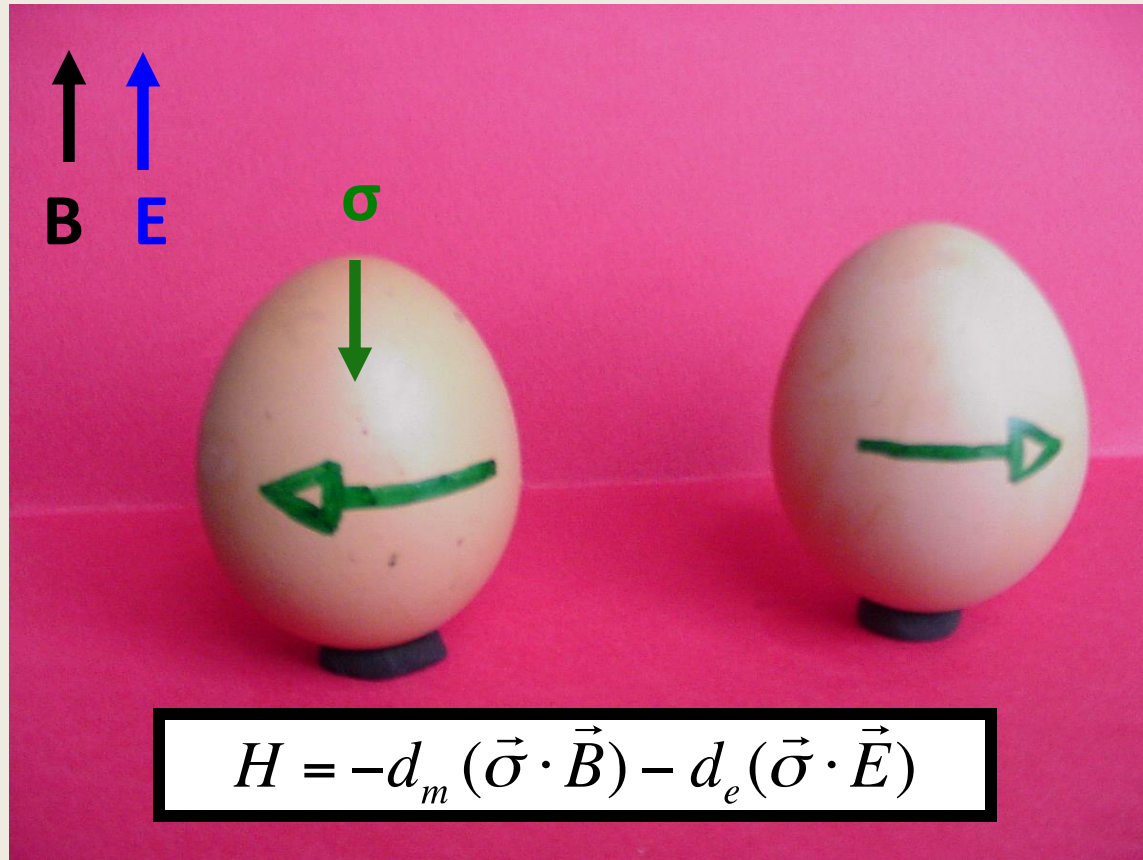
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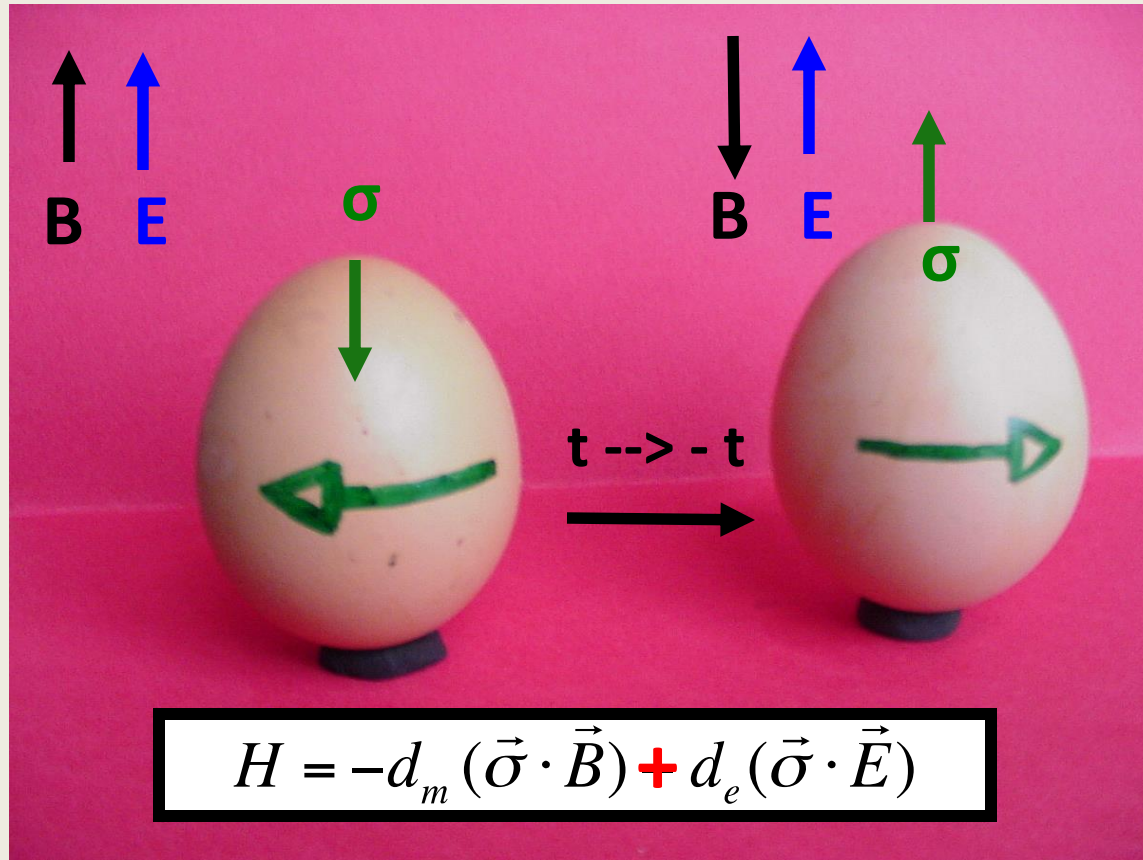
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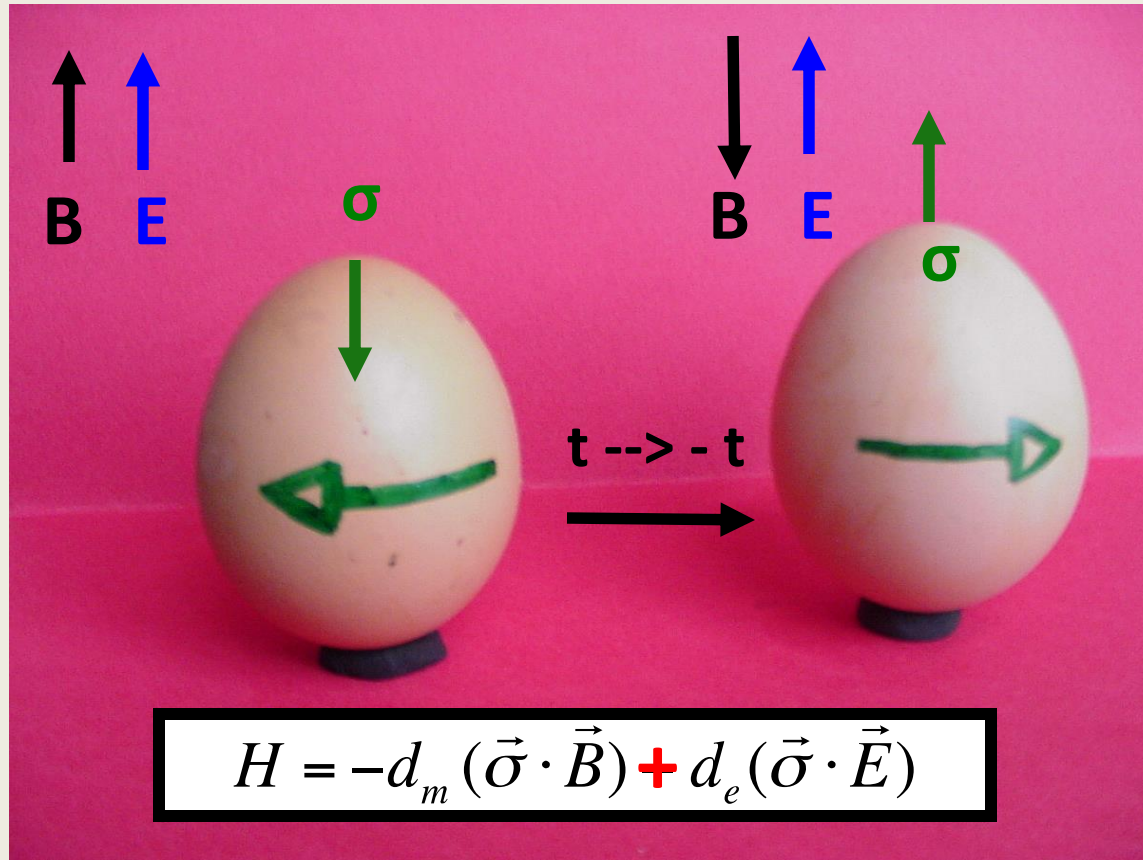


- The EDM, breaks time-reversal symmetry ! No EDM in QED at all !

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Pauli



- CPT theorem:** T violation  $\longleftrightarrow$  CP violation

# CP violation in weak interactions

- Violation of CP was first measured in 1964 (Nobel prize 1980)



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EVIDENCE FOR THE  $2\pi$  DECAY OF THE  $K_2^0$  MESON\*<sup>†</sup>

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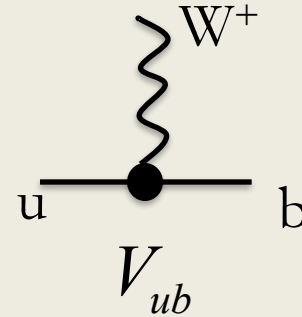
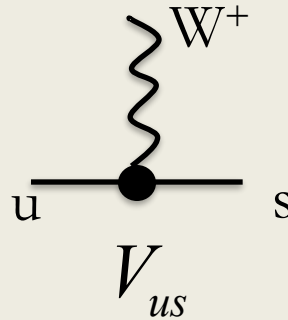
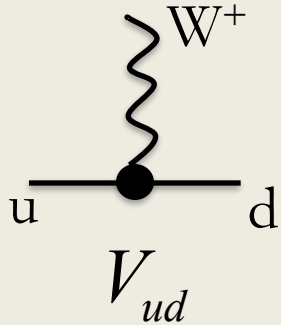
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- Discovery of CP violation lead Kobayashi and Maskawa to predict (1973) a third generation of quarks → Nobel prize '08
- CP violation manifests in 'flavor-changing' weak interaction
- Describes all measurements of CP violation so far (excluding neutrinos)

# CP violation in weak interactions

- Strength of weak transition proportional to 'CKM' matrix



$$V_{CKM} = (N \times N) \text{ matrix}$$

$N = \#$  of quark generations

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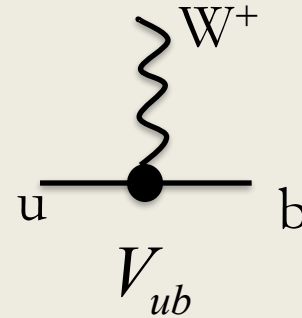
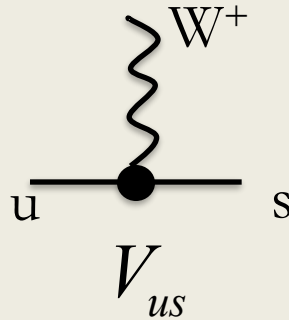
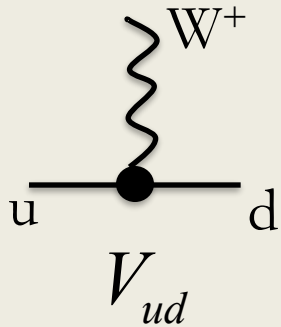
- 9 complex numbers but not all are independent

- $N(N-1)/2$  CP conserving angles  $\rightarrow 3$  for  $N = 3$
- $(N-1)(N-2)/2$  **CP violating phases**  $\rightarrow 1$  for  $N = 3$



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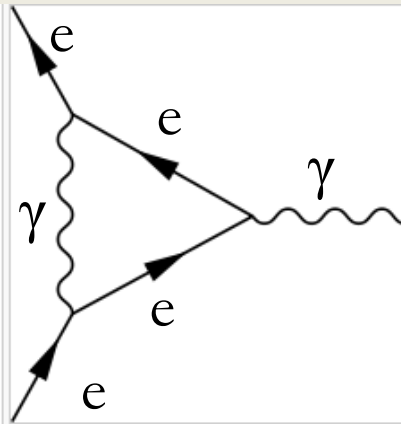
$$\frac{-g}{\sqrt{2}}(\bar{u}_L, \bar{c}_L, \bar{t}_L)\gamma^\mu V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} d_L \\ s_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix} W_\mu^+ + \text{h.c.}$$

- Note, CPV phase is not small at all:  $\sin(\delta_{13}) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$
- But the off-diagonal elements are small:  $s_{13} \sim 10^{-3}$  (not understood)

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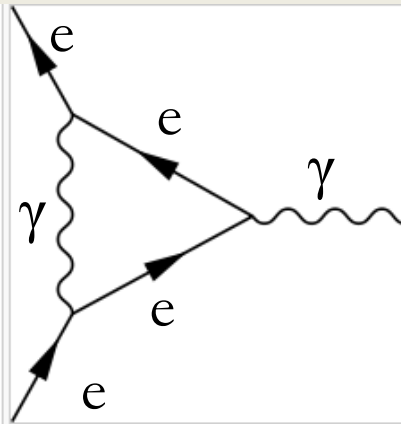
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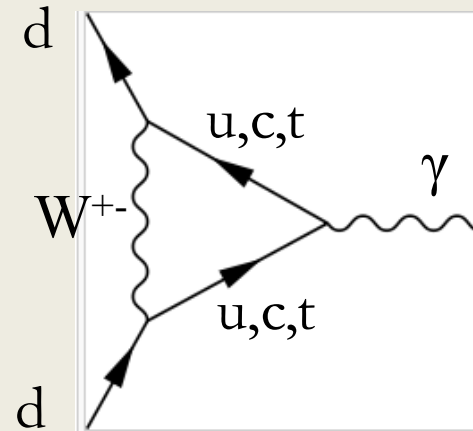
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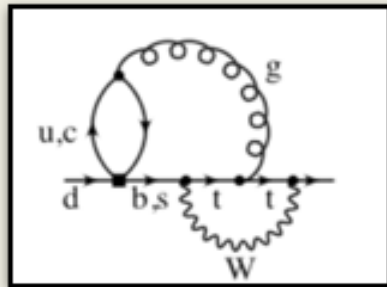
$$\mu \propto \frac{m_d}{m_W^2} \frac{\alpha_{weak}}{2\pi} (V_{qd} V_{qd}^*)$$

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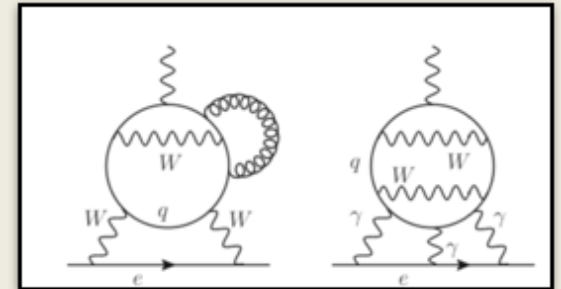
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# EDMs from the Standard Model

- At two loops: individual diagrams contribute but sum vanishes
- Quark EDMs induced at three loops



$$d_q \sim 10^{-34} e \text{ cm}$$



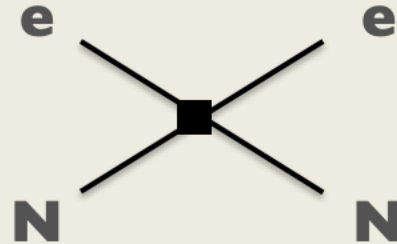
- Electron EDM at 4 loops  $d_e \sim 10^{-44} e \text{ cm}$
- Compare with magnetic dipole moment:  $\mu_e \sim 10^{-11} e \text{ cm}$
- Disclaimer 1: electron EDM can be a bit larger due to hadronic loops
- Disclaimer 2: EDMs of composite objects can be larger (still small)

**CKM EDMs are really very very very very small**

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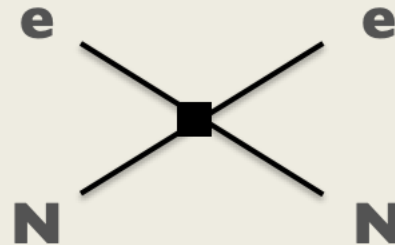
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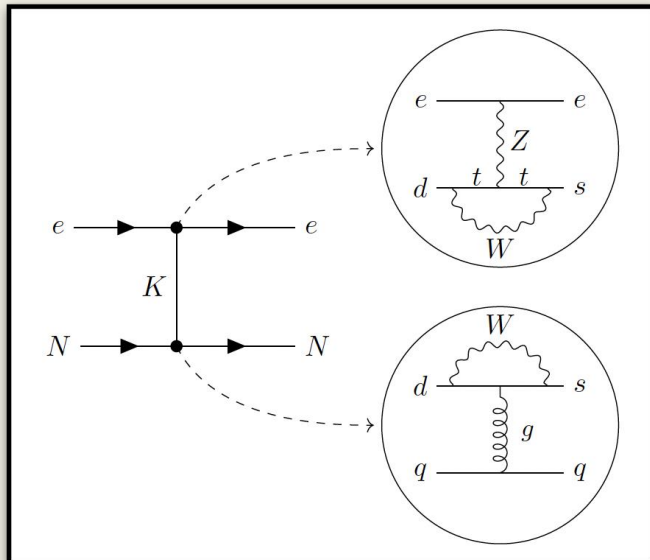
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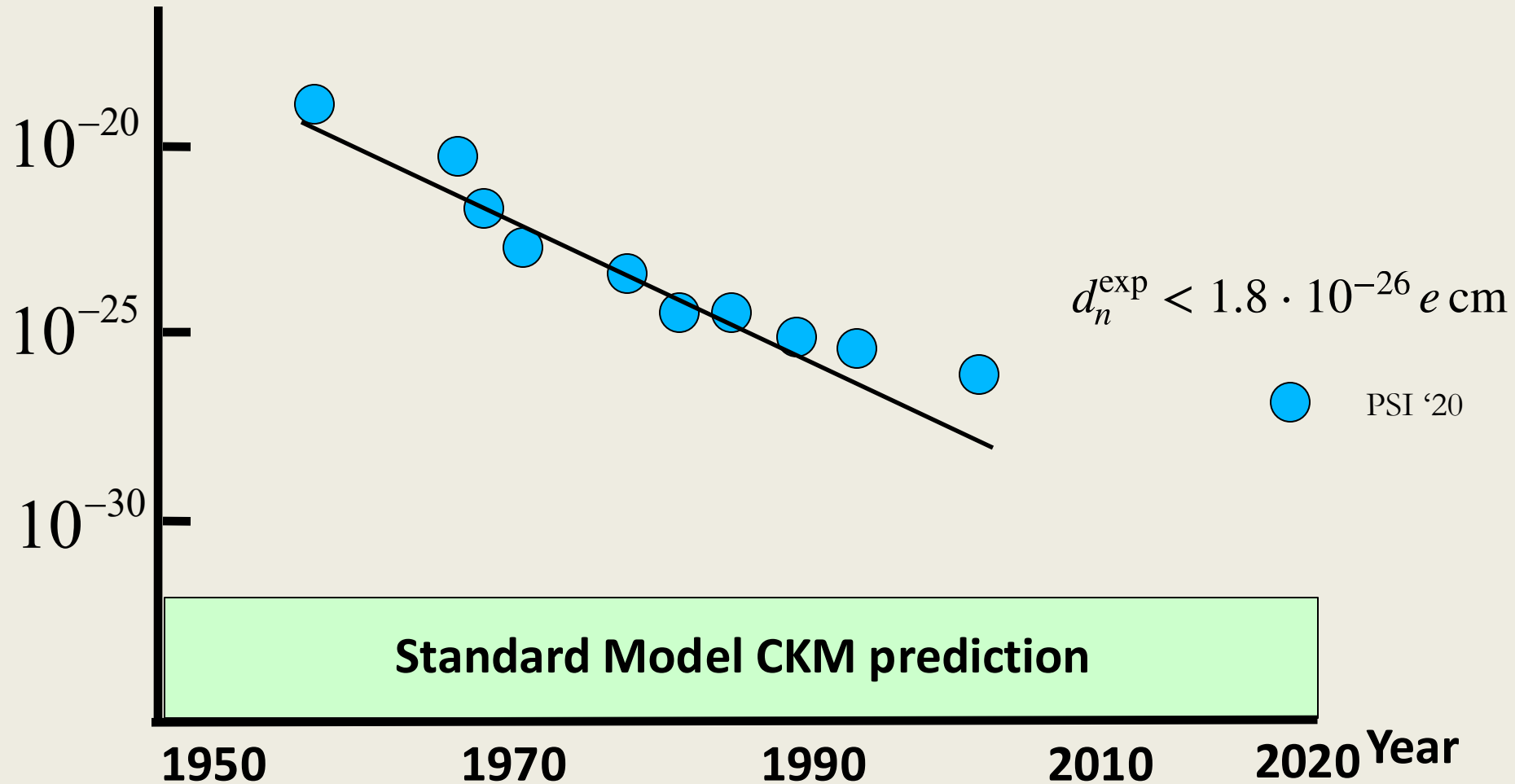
- Ema et al (PRL '22) found a new 'kaon exchange' contribution

$$\bar{d}_e(\text{ThO}, CKM) \simeq 1.0 \cdot 10^{-35} e \text{ cm}$$

- 5 orders down... Can we reach it?

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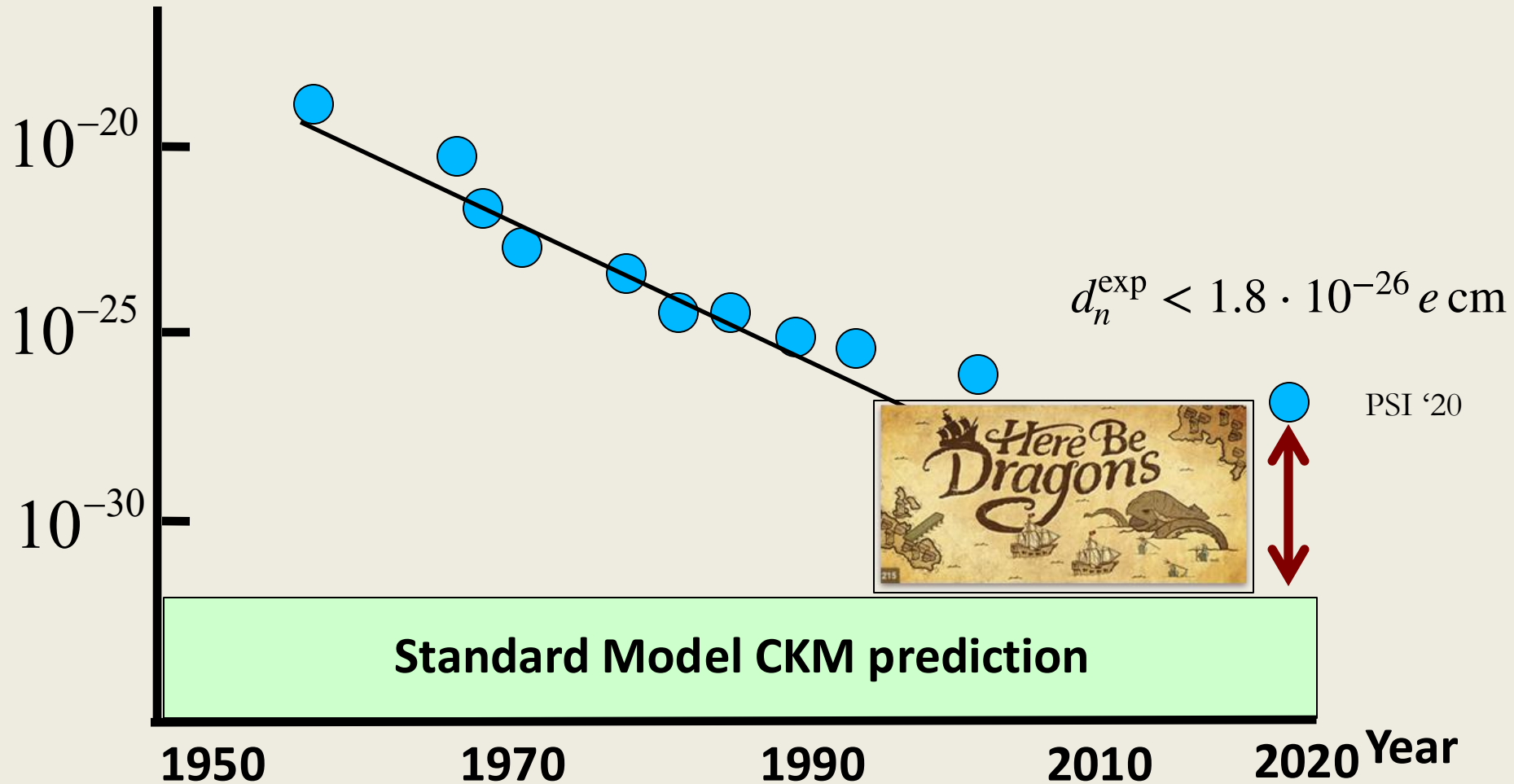
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More progress on electron EDM in recent times (factor 100 in 10 years)

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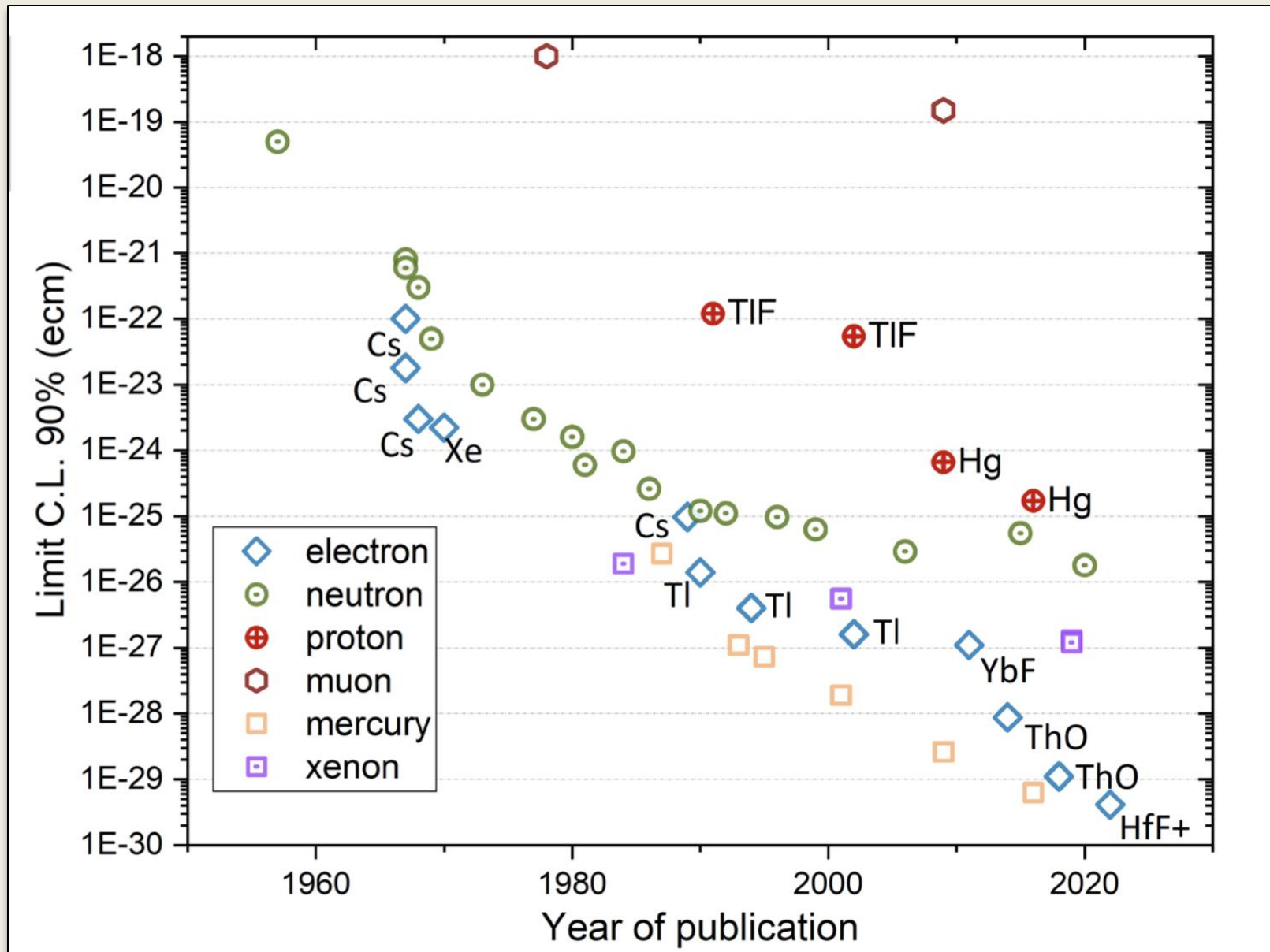
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European EDM projects and collaborations:

Collaboration	Species	Method	Sensitivity ( $10^{-29}$ ecm)	Status	Duration (years)	Ref
PanEDM I	n	UCN	380	Commissioning	5	[43]
PanEDM II	n	UCN	79	Commissioning	8	[43]
Beam EDM	n	beam	500	proof-of-principle	?	[44]
n2EDM	n	UCN	110	Start data-taking	4	[45]
n2EDMagic	n	UCN	50	Construction	5	[45]
nEDMsf	n	UCN	20	Development	7	[42]
ACME III	ThO ( $^3\Delta_1$ )	Beam	0.1	Commissioning		[93]
JILA III	ThF <sup>+</sup> ( $^3\Delta_1$ )	Ion trap		Commissioning		[94]
Imperial II	YbF ( $^2\Sigma$ )	$\mu$ K beam	0.1	Commissioning	3	[47]
Imperial III	YbF ( $^2\Sigma$ )	Lattice	0.01	Construction	6	[47]
NL-eEDM I	BaF ( $^2\Sigma$ )	Slow beam	0.5	Commissioning	3	[48]
NL-eEDM II	BaOH ( $^2\Sigma$ )	Lattice	0.1	Construction	6	[50]
PolyEDM	SrOH ( $^2\Sigma$ )	Lattice		Construction		[51]
EDM <sup>3</sup>	BaF ( $^2\Sigma$ )	Matrix		Construction		[52]
DOCET	BaF ( $^2\Sigma$ )	Matrix		Construction	3	[53]
CeNTREX	<sup>205</sup> TlF	Beam		Commissioning		[58]
HeXe	<sup>129</sup> Xe	<sup>3</sup> He-comagnetometer	10	Construction	4	[57]
quMercury	<sup>199</sup> Hg	ultracold atoms	1	Construction	5	[61]
ALADDIN	$\Lambda_c^+, \Xi_c^+$	collider	$1 \times 10^{13}$	Development	?+2	[64]
muEDM I	$\mu$	frozen-spin	$4 \times 10^8$	Commissioning	3	[67]
muEDM II	$\mu$	frozen-spin	$6 \times 10^6$	Conception	10	[67]
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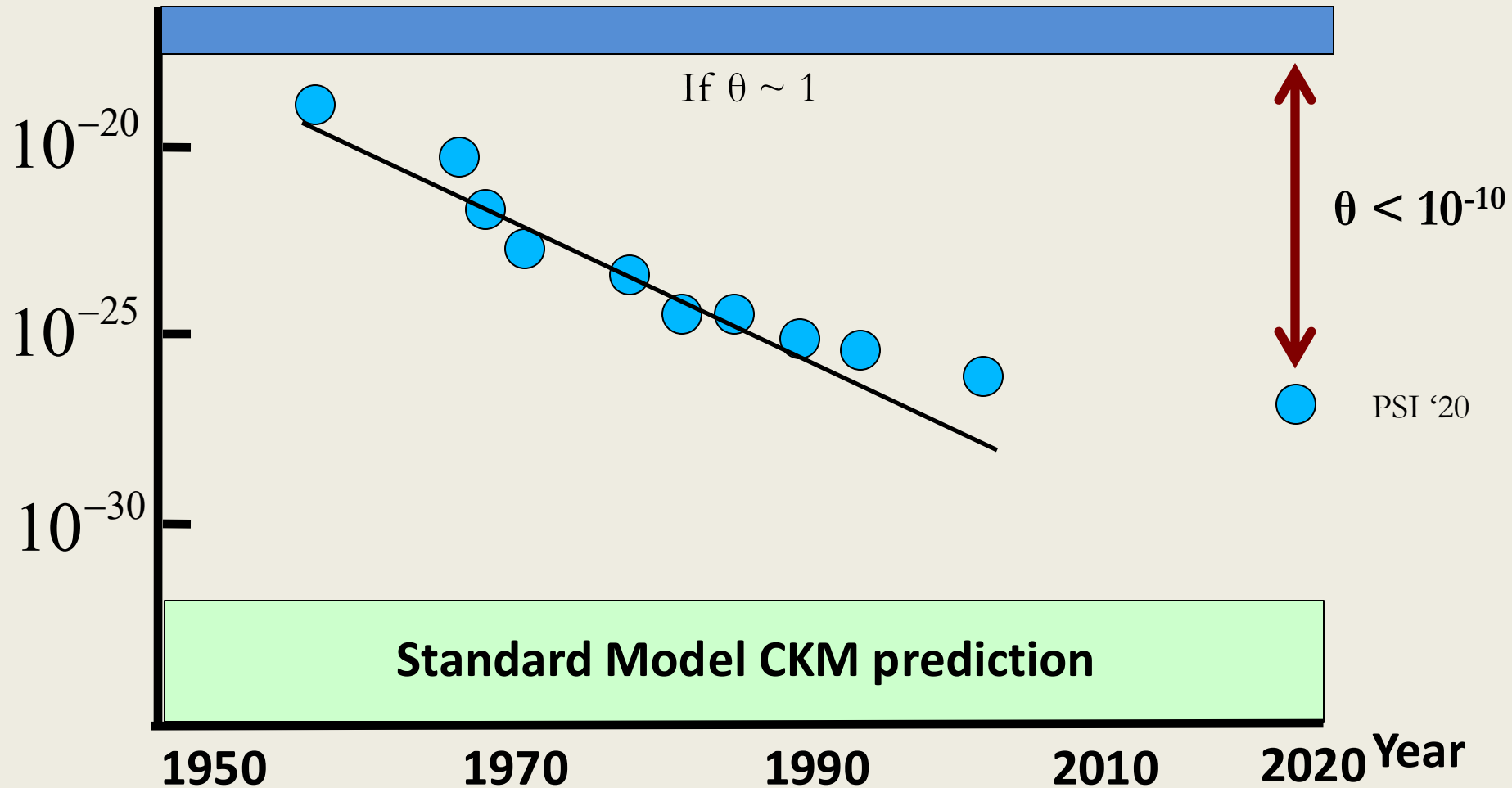
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Lead to a lot of theorizing: popular solutions are **axions**  
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  2. Post-sphaleron (new B violation and CP violation)
  3. **Electroweak baryogenesis (New CP violation)**

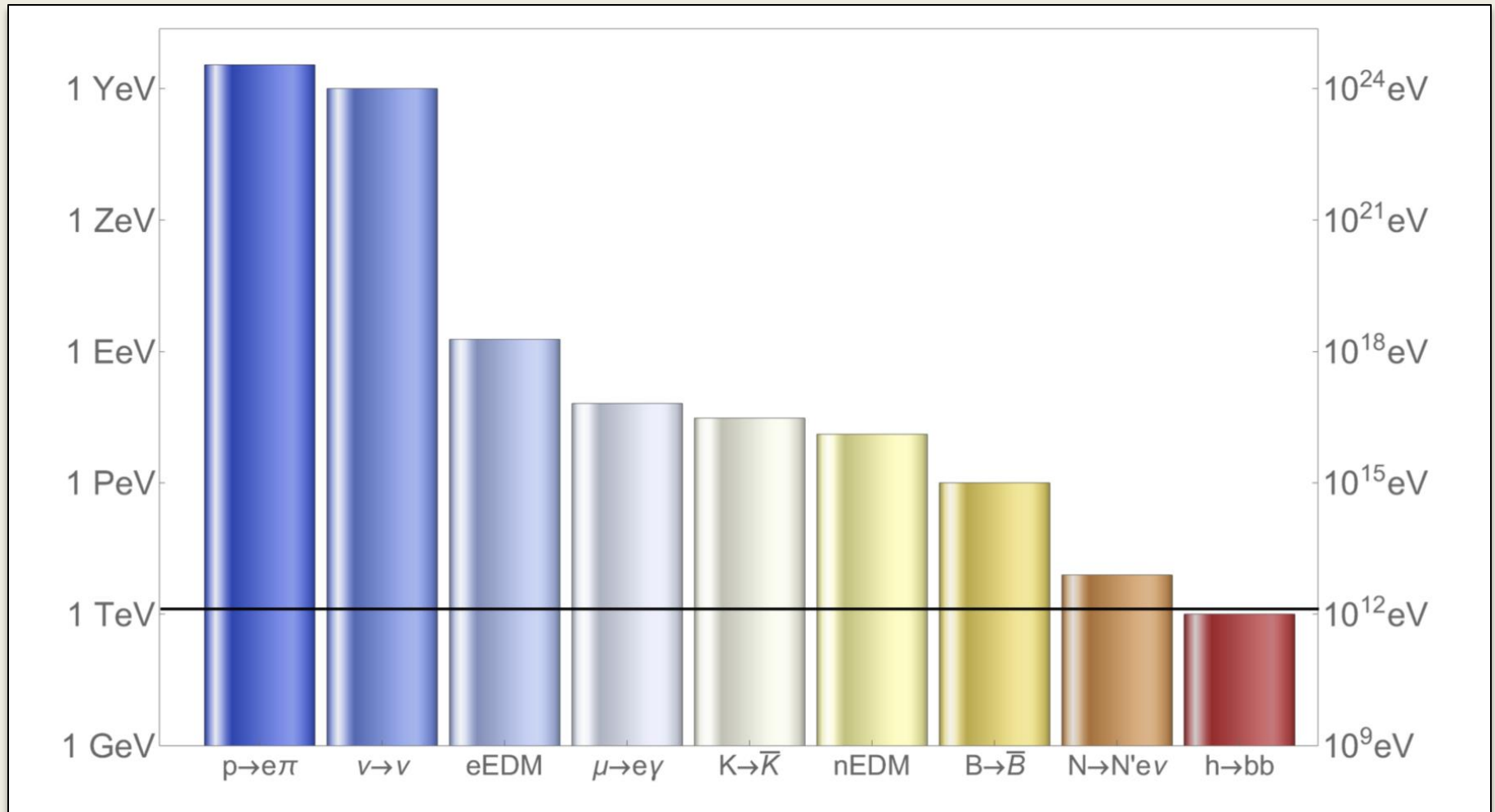
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EDMs are extreemeeemely sensitive !**

# Indirect scale



Picture from Adam Falkowski

We have to spend some more time to understand this plot (later)

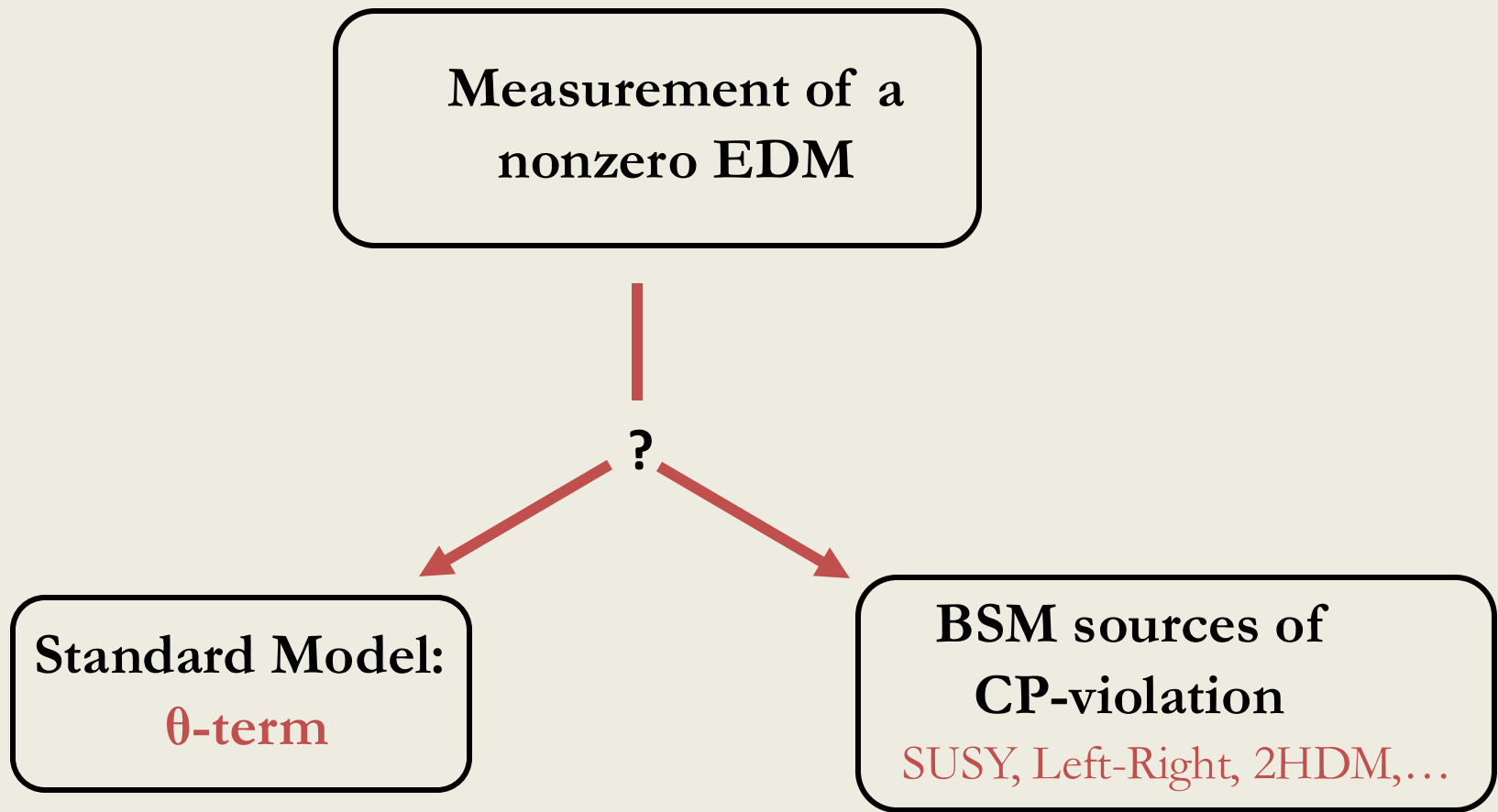
Measurement of a  
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Standard Model:  
 $\theta$ -term

BSM sources of  
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SUSY, Left-Right, 2HDM,...

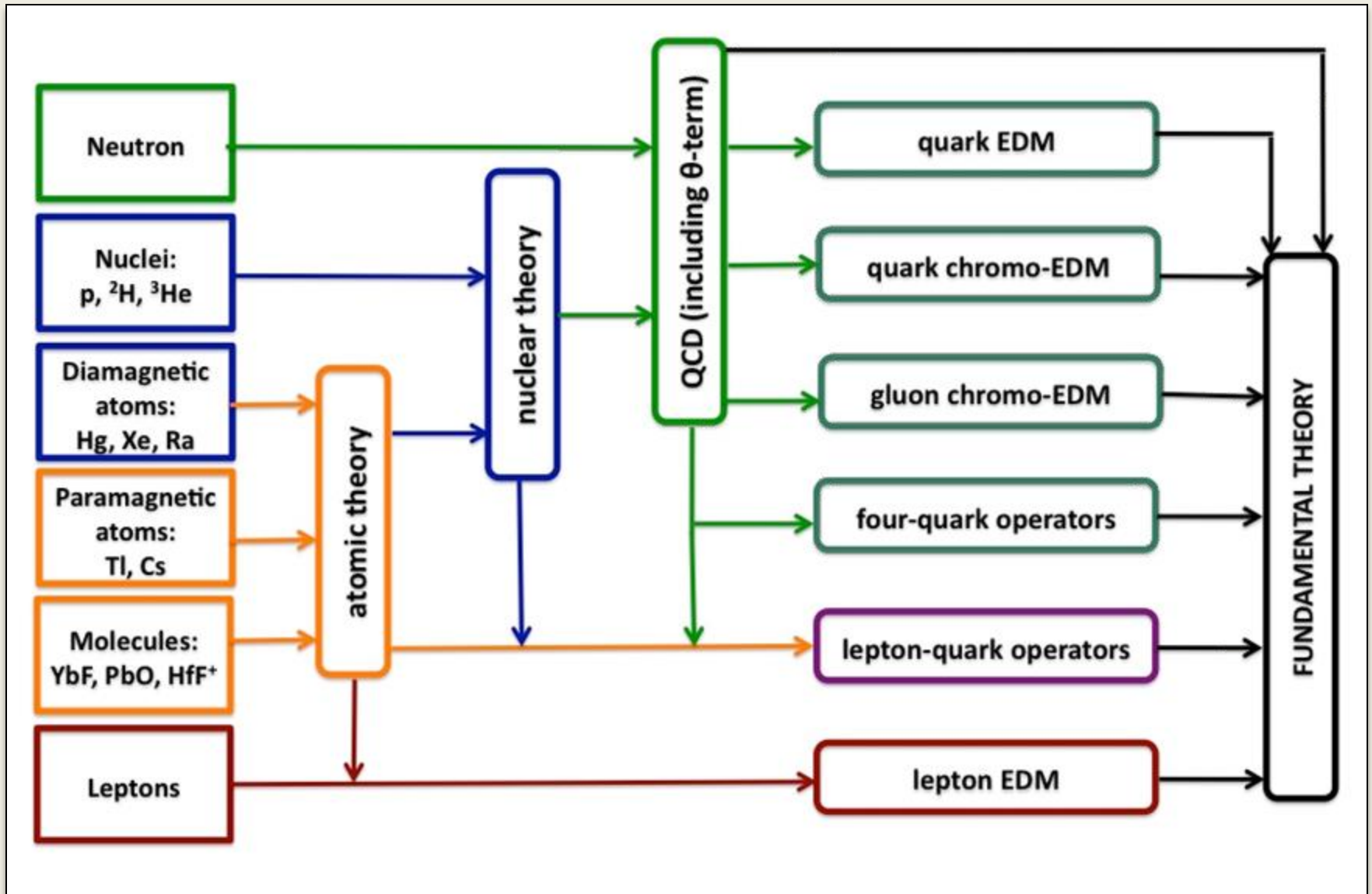
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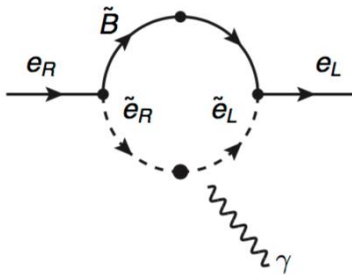
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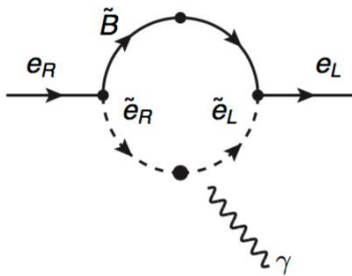
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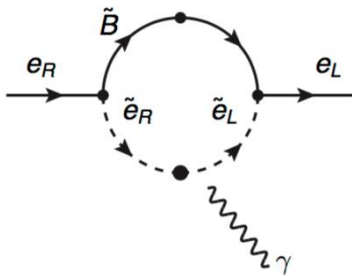
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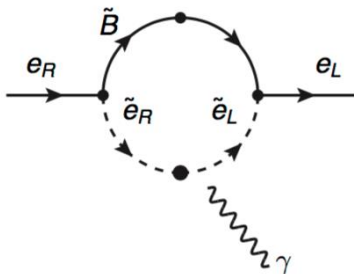
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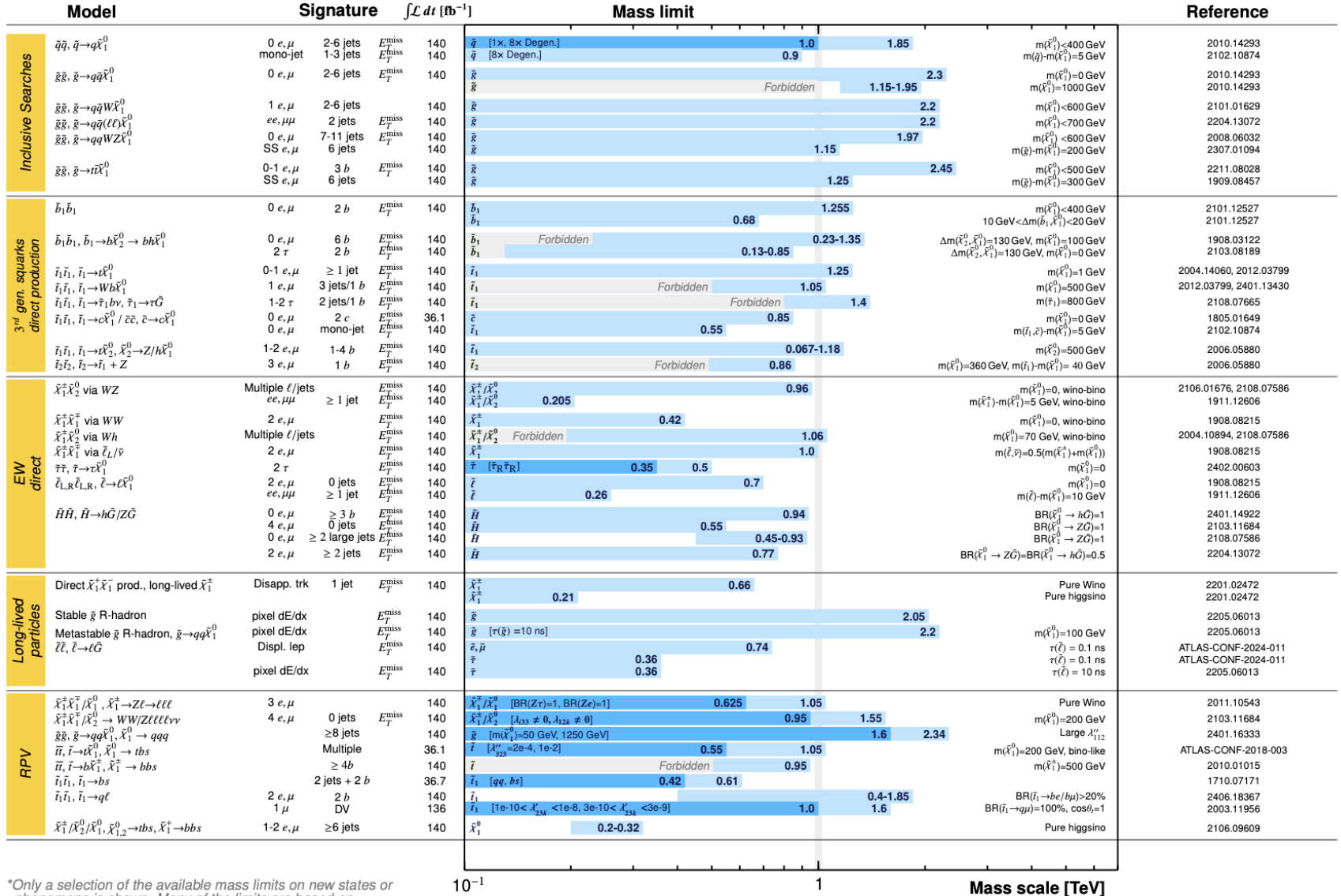
$$M_{\text{SUSY}} > 2 \text{ TeV} \times \sqrt{\sin \phi_{CP}}$$

- These limits were, roughly speaking, ignored (close your eyes)
- SUSY at LHC was never favored by EDM limits

# ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits

July 2024

ATLAS Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$



\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.

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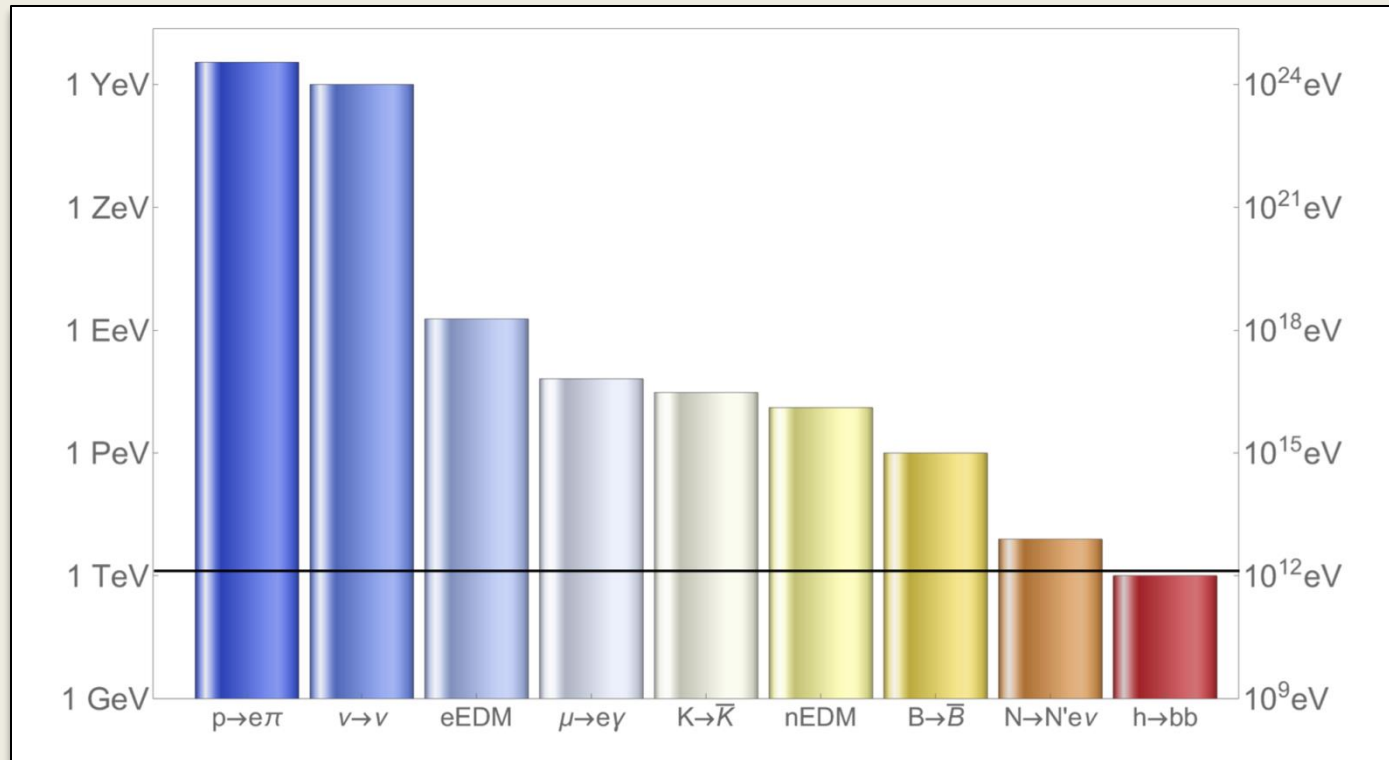
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Mass scale [TeV]

# Scales

- Seems very different from my earlier picture

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- This picture assumes

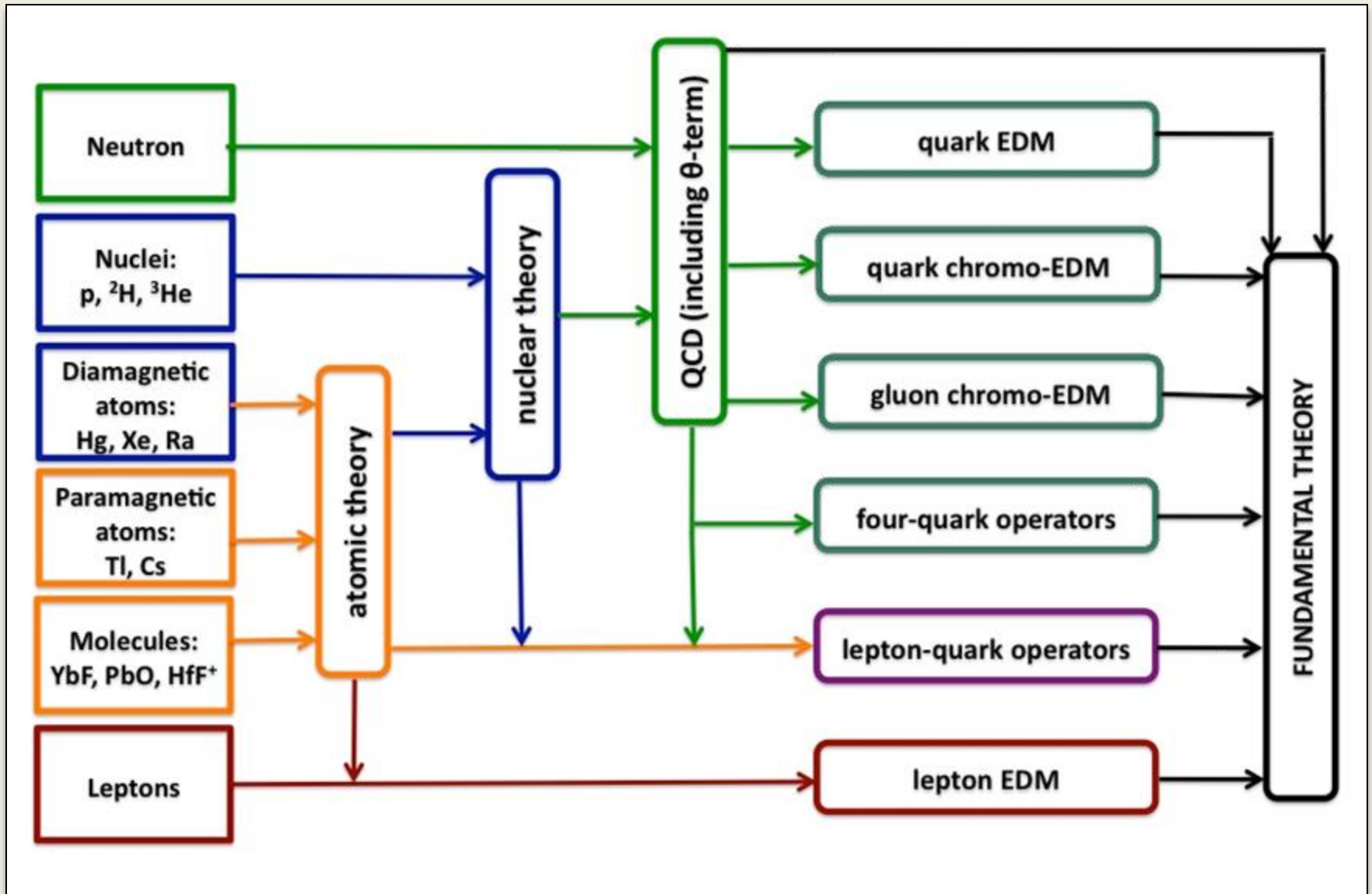
$$\mathcal{L} = C_e \bar{e}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} \varphi e_R F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$d_e \sim v \text{Im } C_e \sim \frac{v}{\Lambda^2}$$

- In SUSY there is a chiral and loop suppression

$$\frac{m_e}{v} \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} \sim 10^{-9}$$

I ignored some intermediate steps



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**Schiff Theorem: EDMs of charged constituents are screened in a neutral atom**

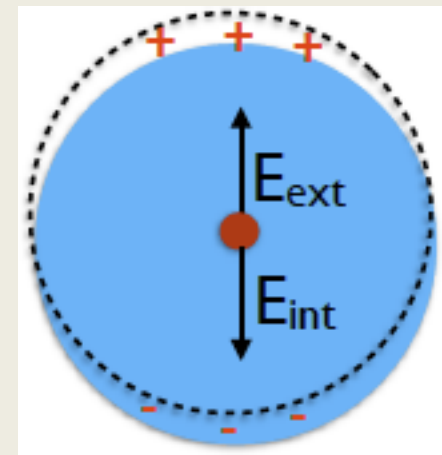
Schiff, '63

- Assumption : non-relativistic constituents
- Invalid in heavy atoms/molecules

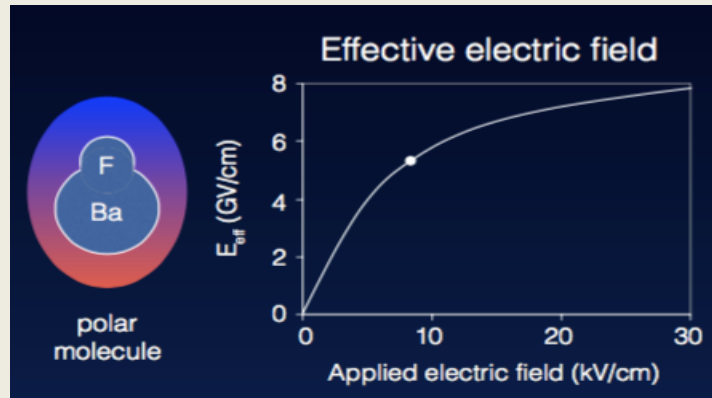
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$$K_A \propto Z^3 \alpha_{em}^2$$

Sanders '65



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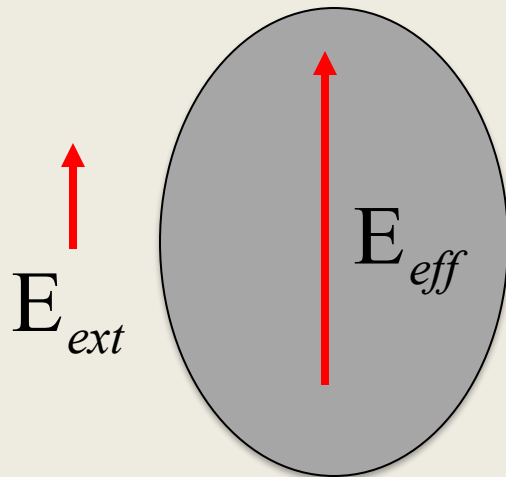
## Polar molecules:

Convert small external to  
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$$E_{eff} \propto 10^6 E_{ext}$$

**Requires high-accuracy electronic structure computations**

See work by our organizer: Anastasia Borschevsky

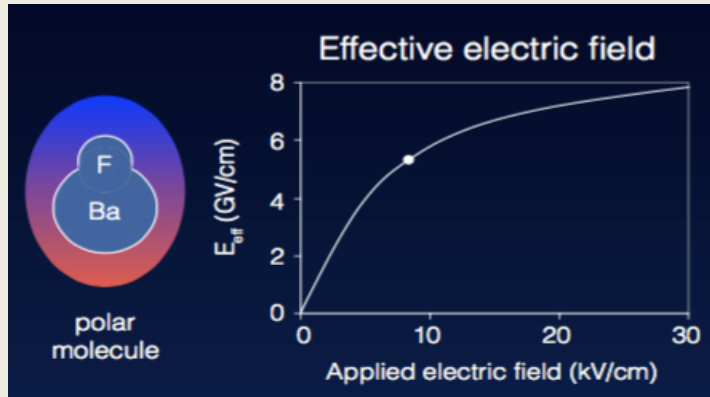


$$\Delta E_{ThO} = (80 \pm 10) \cdot GeV \left( \frac{d_e}{e\,cm} \right)$$

$$d_e < 1.4 \cdot 10^{-29} \, e\,cm \quad \text{Andreev et al '18}$$

**Similar story for HfF with factor 2 better limit**

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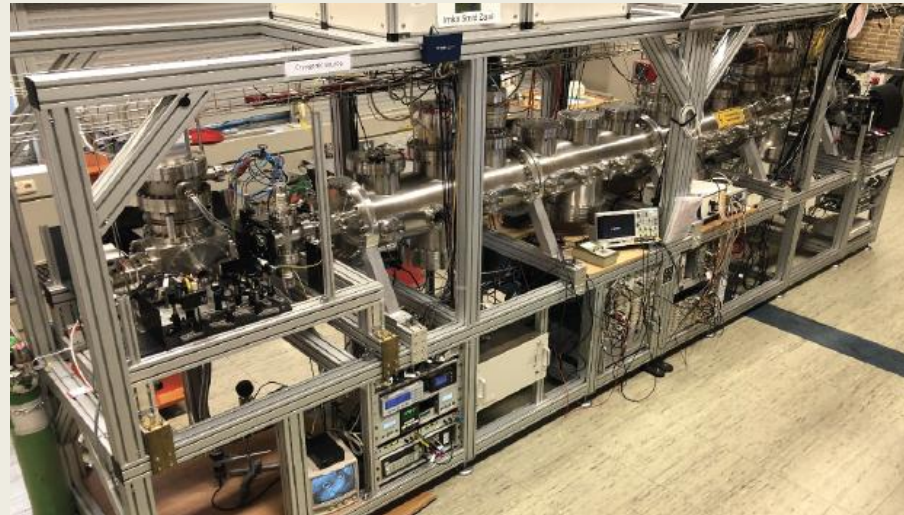
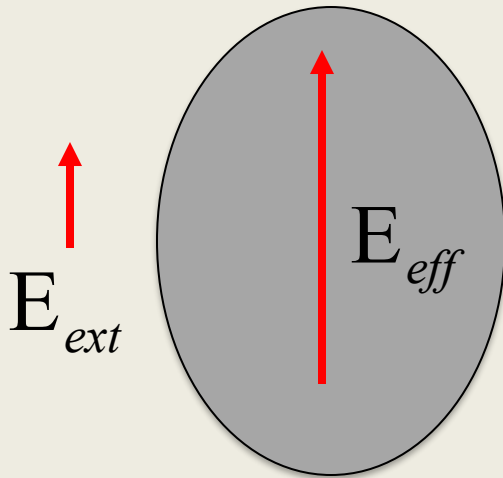


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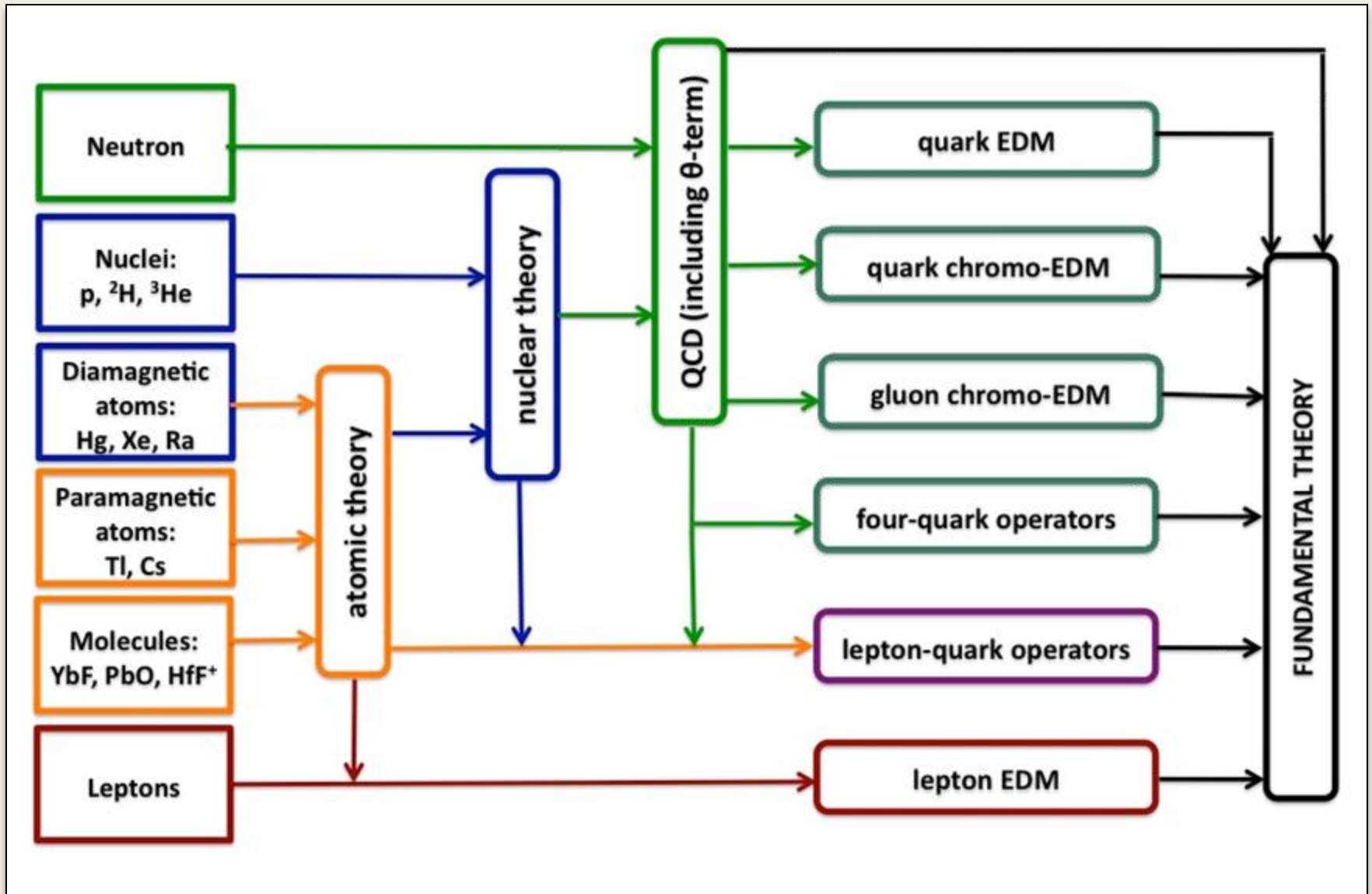
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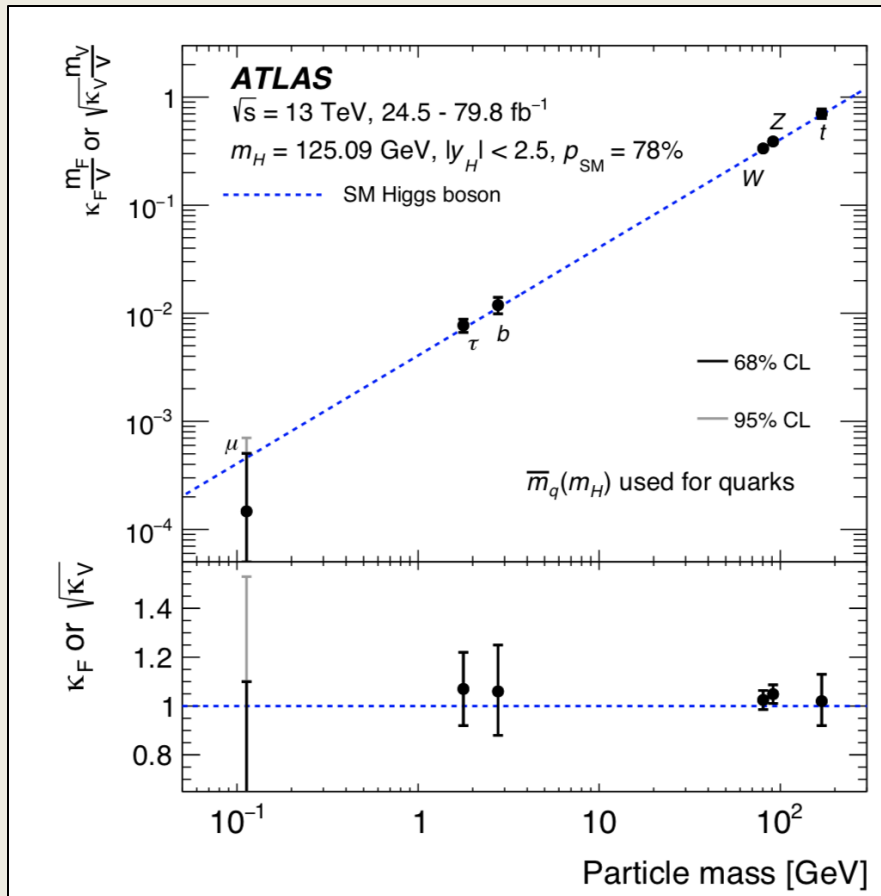


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# Testing the Higgs sector

- Discovery of fundamental scalar boson opens a new era
- So far: Higgs properties **in rough agreement** with Standard Model



## SM predictions

1. Higgs couples  $\sim$  to mass
2. Higgs is a scalar:  
**No CP violating interactions**

Consequences of a minimal  
Higgs sector

Can EDMs help with testing this?

# Applications to electroweak baryogenesis



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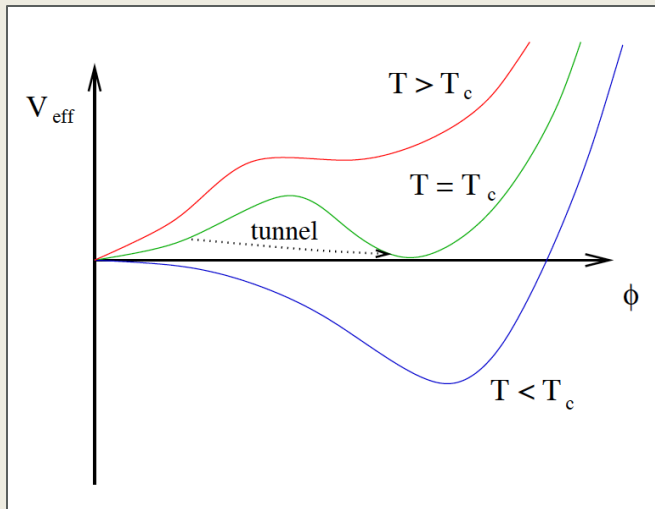
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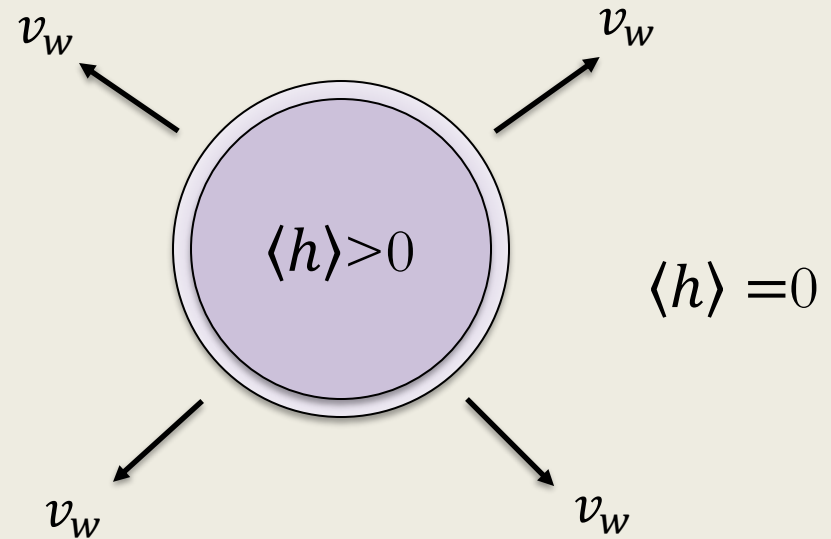
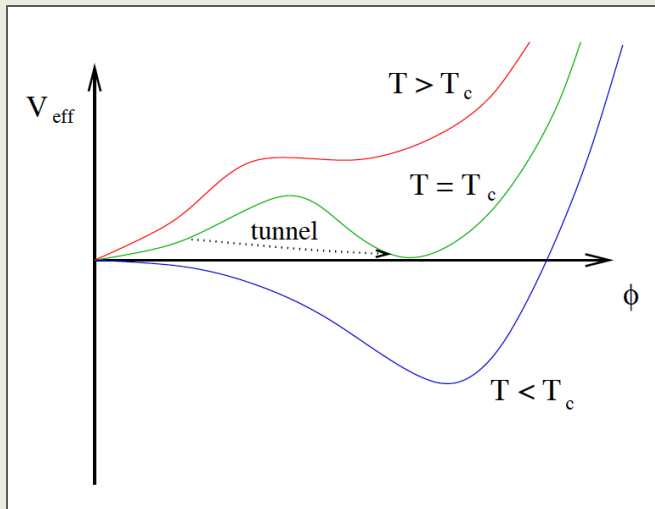
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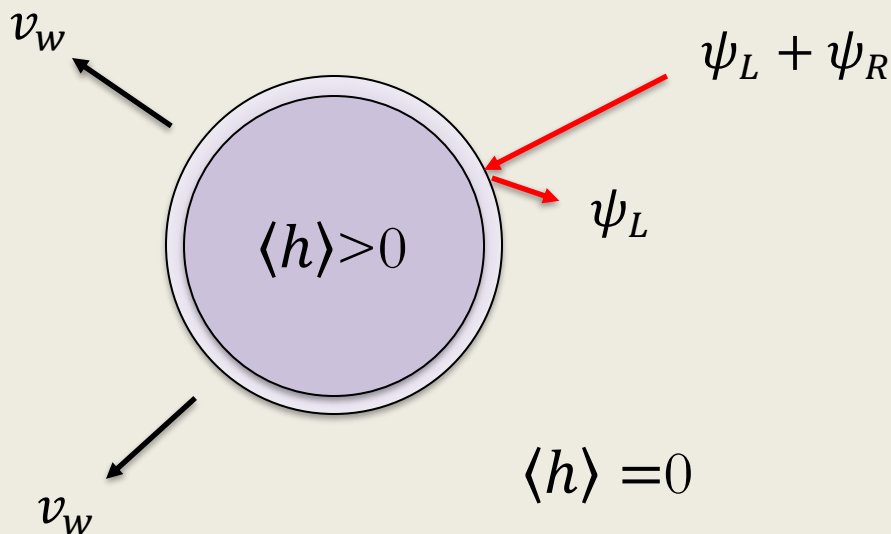


**Experimental probes: di-Higgs production, new scalars, Higgs couplings, Gravitational waves**

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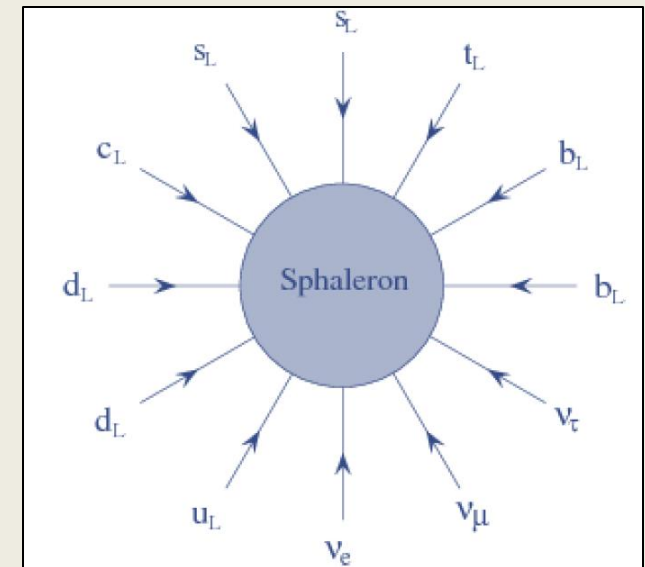
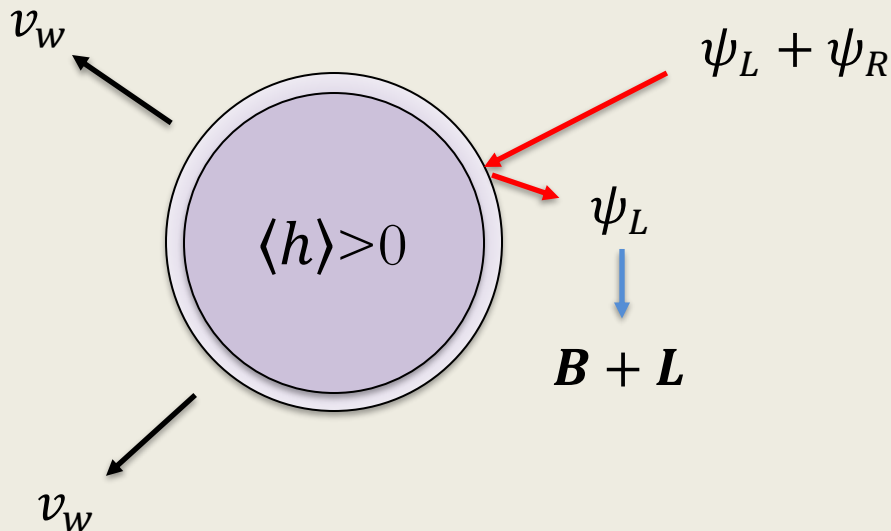
CP-violation  $\sim$  Higgs field to create **overdensity of left-handed particles** in front of bubble



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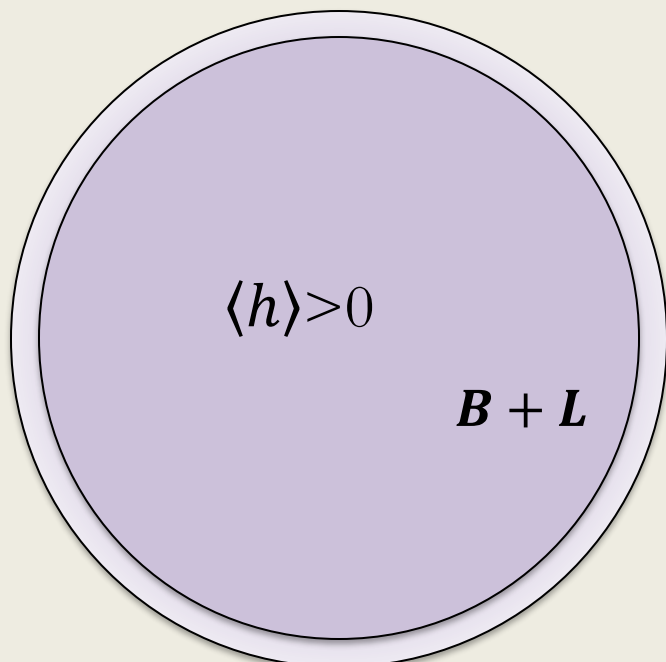




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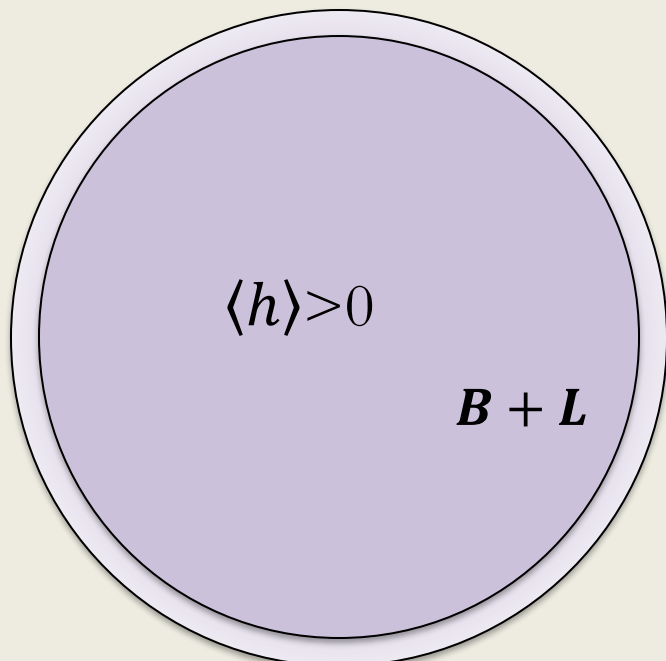
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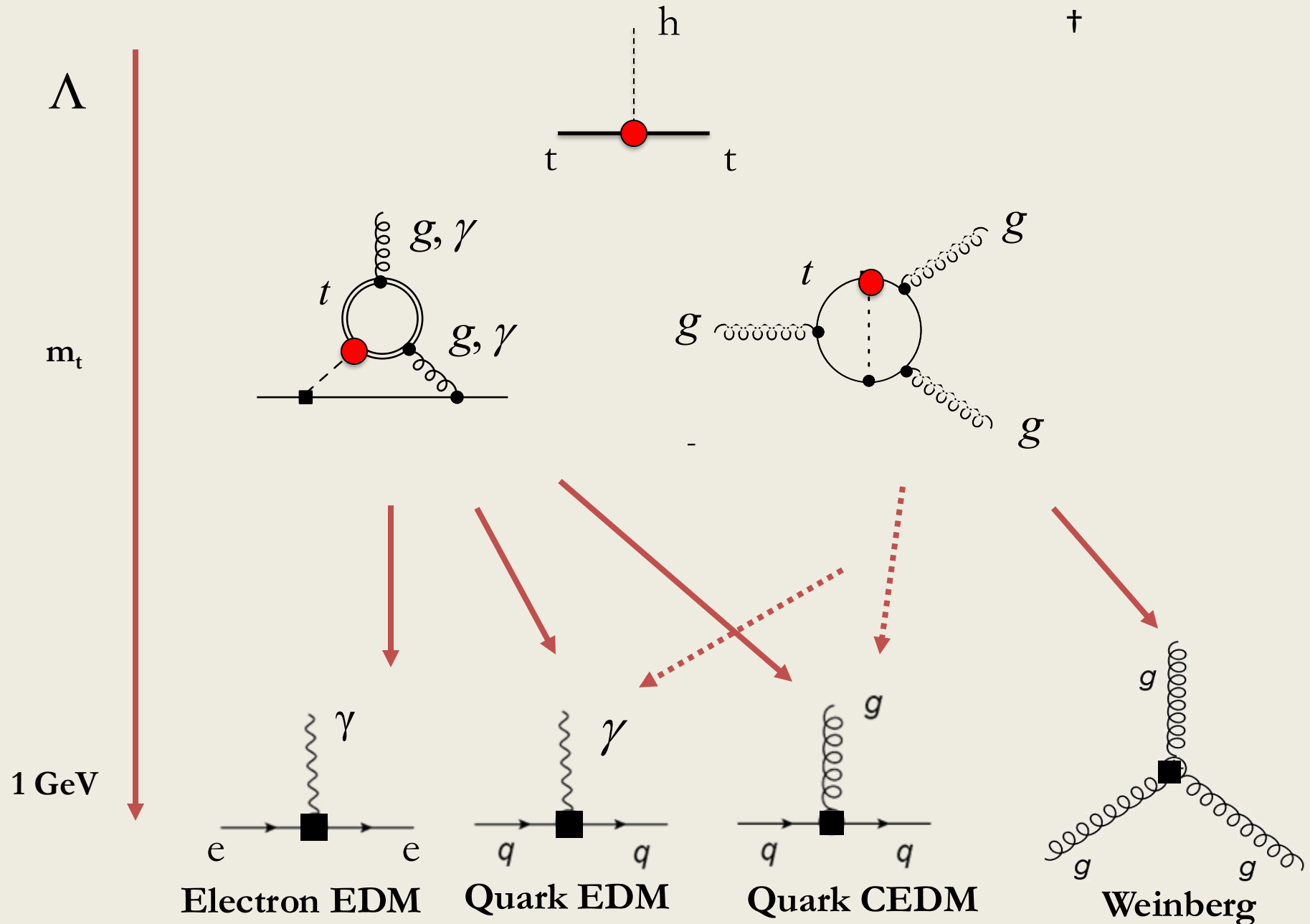
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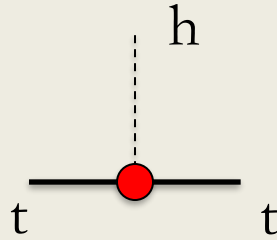
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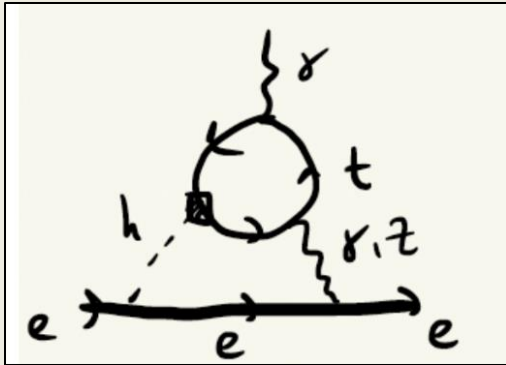


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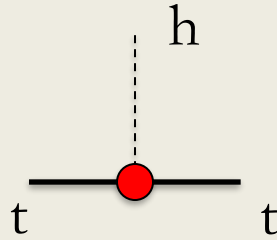


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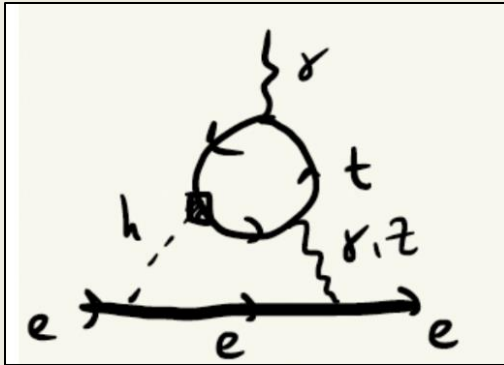


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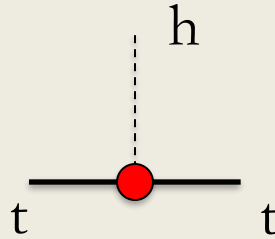
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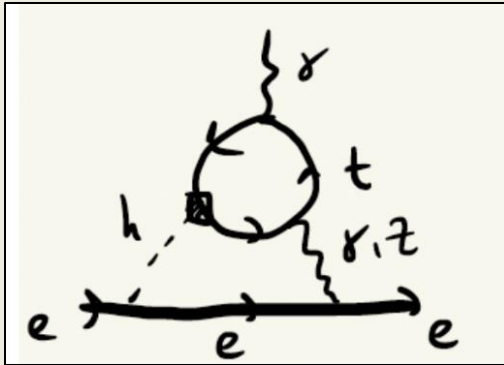


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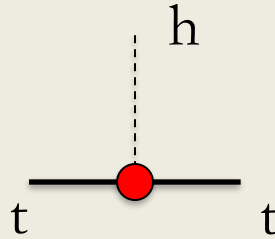
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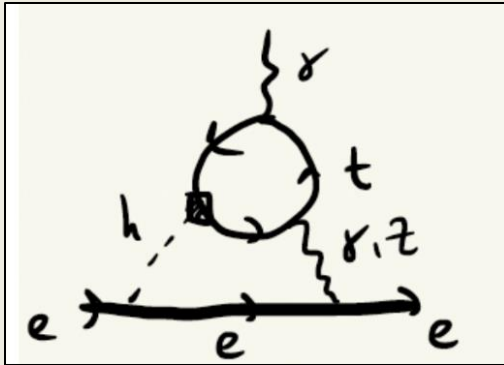
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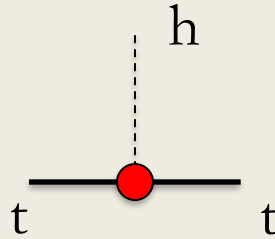
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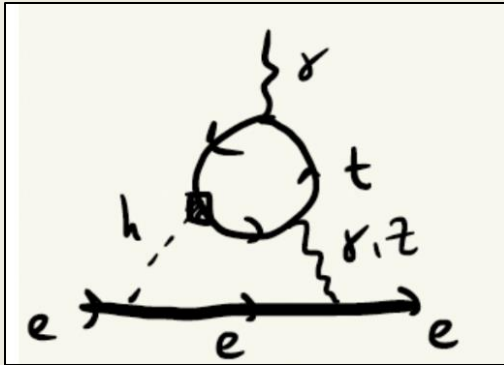
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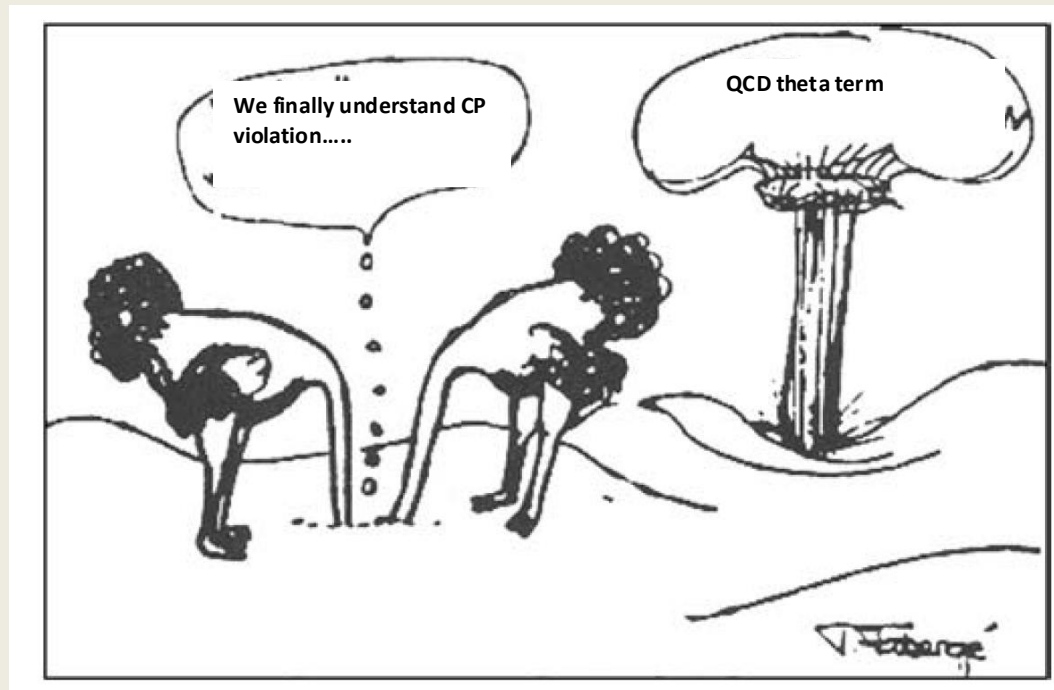
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# Electric Dipole Moments and the strong CP problem



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- However one term is missing....
- $F_{\mu\nu}$  is a gauge-invariant quantity... So we could have added a term:

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$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}$   
 = 4 dimensional Levi-Civita tensor  
 = 0 if 2 indices are equal

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Parity or Time-reversal:  $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \rightarrow -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$

Note:  $F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \sim \vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2 \rightarrow \vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2$

- So it describes a CP-odd interaction! Whoohoo !
- But.... This term has no physical consequences ! Why ?

- **Cause its a total derivative:**  $\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\mu\nu} = \square_\mu (\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} A_\nu F_{\alpha\beta})$

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$$\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} G_{\alpha\beta} G^{\mu\nu} = \square_{\mu} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} (A_{\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} + A_{\alpha} A_{\beta} A_{\nu})$$

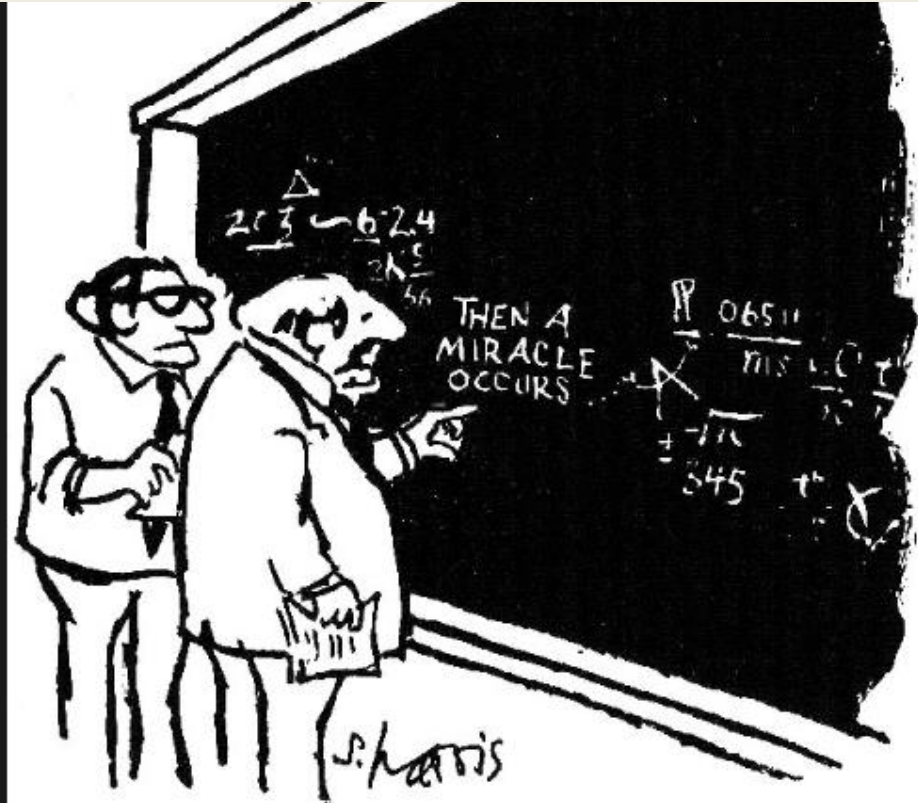
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"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

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- There are instanton solutions where  $A \sim 1/r$  only for very large  $r$
- These solutions do not drop off fast enough to ignore the surface terms

$$\square d^4x \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} G_{\alpha\beta} G^{\mu\nu} \square 0$$

- **The QCD theta term has physical consequences !**



# The eta-eta' puzzle

- Let us look at 3-flavor QCD

$$L = \sum_{u,d,s} \bar{q}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_q)q - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

- The u,d,s quark masses are much smaller than the hadron masses, so let us consider the ‘chiral limit’  $m_q \rightarrow 0$
- The very simple Lagrangian has a number of **global** symmetries

$$q \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} q \quad \text{U(1) symmetry} \qquad q \rightarrow e^{i\beta^a \lambda^a} q \quad \text{SU(3) symmetry}$$

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- But do we actually see any of these symmetries in QCD ?

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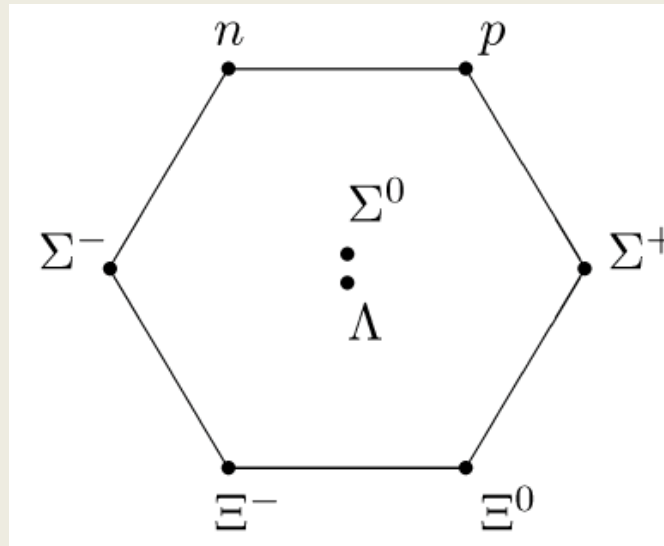
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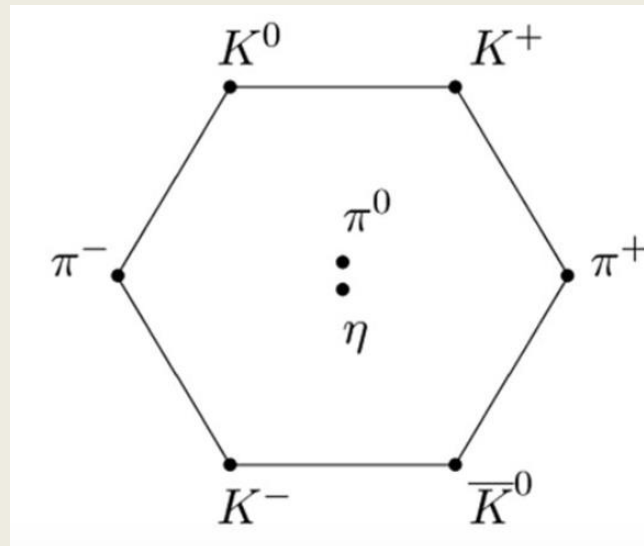
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- What about the last one ?** There are no more light mesons....
- The eta' is there but it is massive  $\sim 1 \text{ GeV} \gg m_{\text{pion, Kaon, eta}}$
- This was a big problem in the early days of QCD

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- The  $U_A(1)$  symmetry is not a symmetry at all !

Axial transformation induces a shift in the  $\theta$  term

$$\log \mathcal{J} = -\alpha \int d^4x \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu, a}$$

**Total derivative  
but nonzero !**

- No reason to expect another Goldstone Boson ! **Eta' mass 'explained'**

# Complex masses

- Let us look at 2-flavor QCD with masses + theta term

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$$+ \theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} G_{\alpha\beta} G^{\mu\nu} \longleftrightarrow - \left( \frac{m_u m_d}{m_u + m_d} \right) \theta \bar{q} i \gamma^5 q$$

- One 'physical' combination

$$\bar{\theta} = \theta + n_f \text{Arg}(m_q)$$

# Let's take a breath.....

- QCD contains a theta term, a CP-violating interaction
- Total derivative but still contributes via ‘instantons’
- The effect is real because we are missing a Goldstone boson

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- We can trade the theta term for a complex quark mass
- Theta itself is unknown! One of the SM parameters !
- **We should measure it ! Let's do it !**



# How do we measure the theta term ?

- Difficult problem. Not unlike measuring the normal quark mass...
- Only **two** feasible ways that I know and one is much better
- **Electric dipole moments of hadrons and nuclei**
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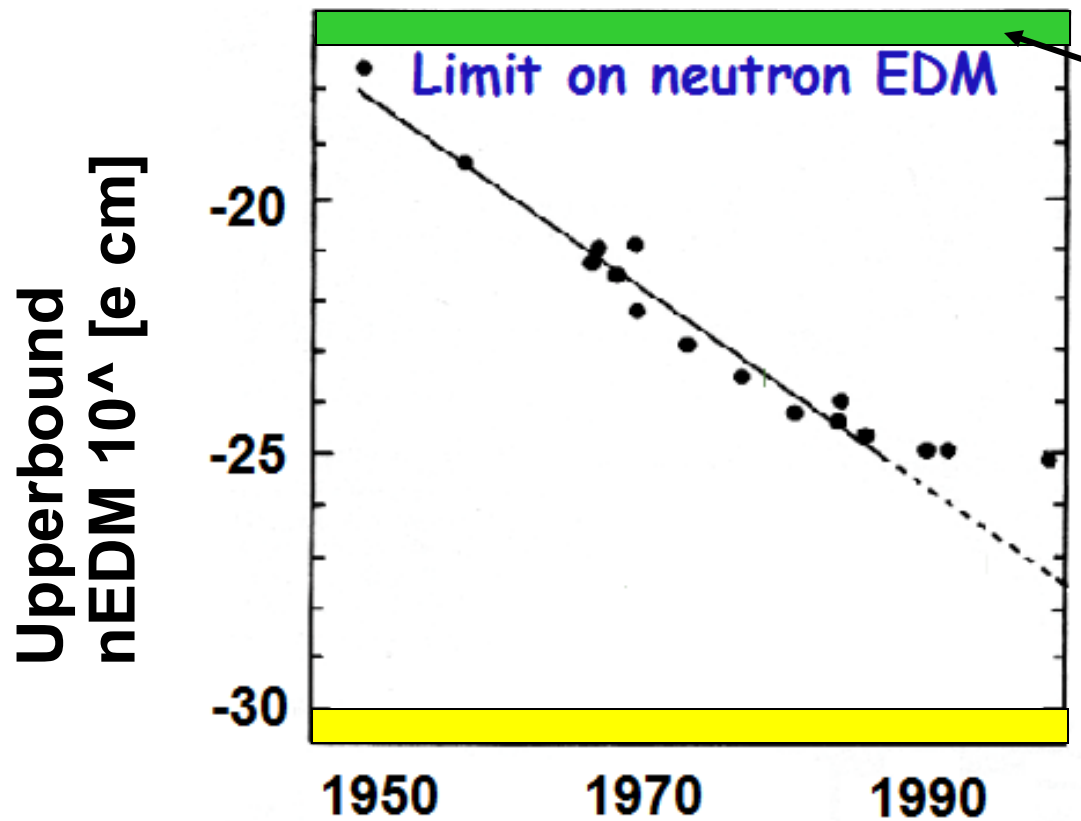
- Let's guess something:  $d_n$  should be proportional to  $\sim (m^* \theta)$
- There should be a coupling to a photon somewhere  $\sim e$
- To get dimensions right we need  $1/\text{mass}^2$ , let's say nucleon mass....

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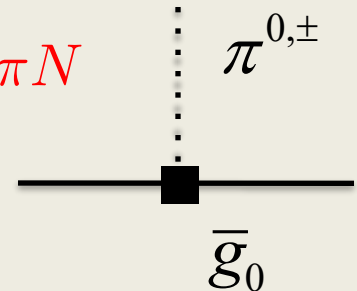
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**Nucleon mass splitting**  
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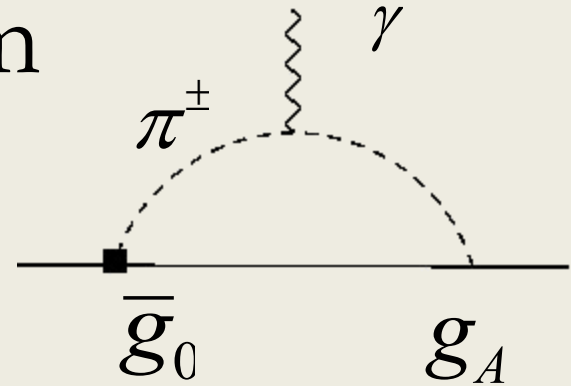
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Use **lattice** for mass splitting

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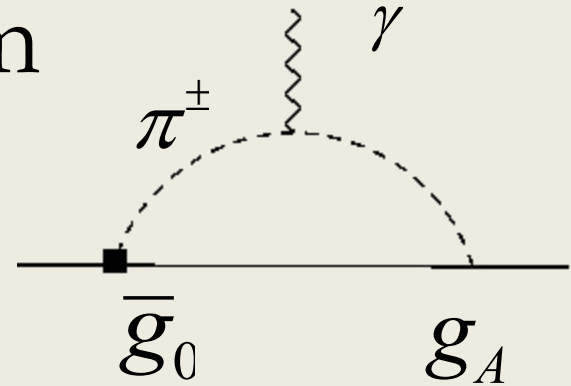
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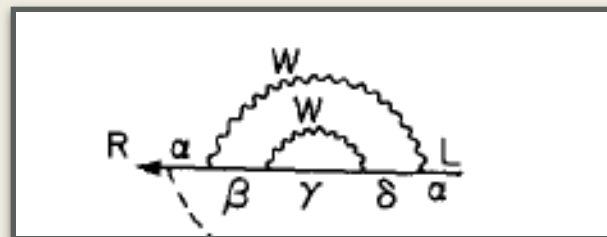
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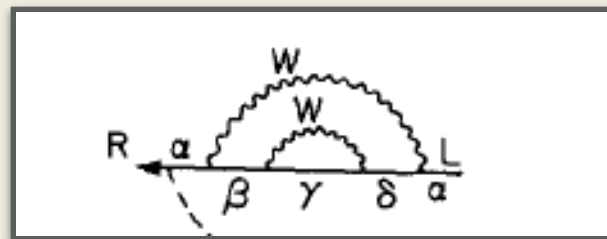
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## *If we do think it is a problem, can we solve it ?*

- **UV solutions:** P or CP is a symmetry of UV theory. Break at some scale to generate CKM phase —> Avoid generating a large theta term is not easy!
- **IR solution:** Peccei-Quinn mechanism to dynamically set theta to zero. (**AXIONS**)
- **Ruled out solution:** massless up quark

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Peccei Quinn '77

Weinberg '78, Wilczek '78

- **Lecture set on its own**, but the idea is not too hard
- We saw: theta term connected to  $U_A(1)$  anomaly
- Add to the SM some new  $SU(3)$ -charged fields which have a new  $U_A(1)$  symmetry
- Assume this symmetry is spontaneously broken (axion=goldstone)

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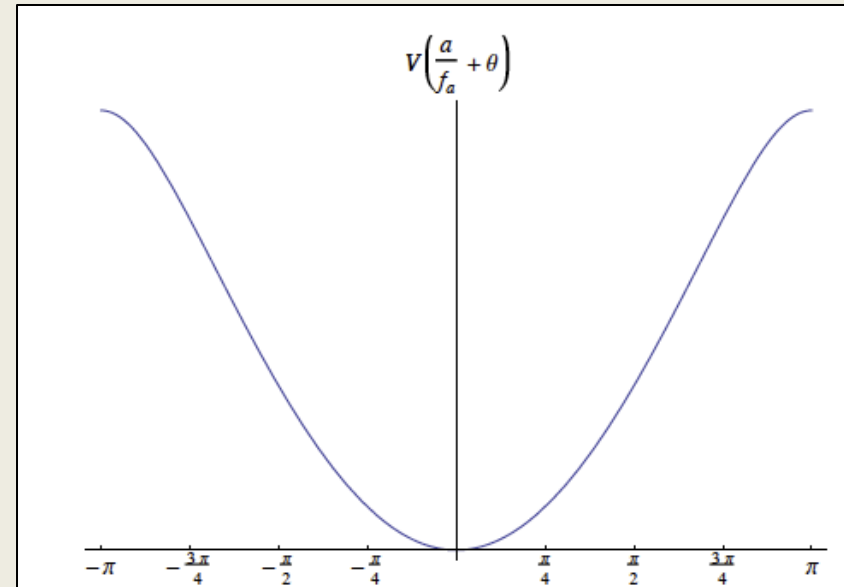
- The theta term becomes a pseudoscalar ‘field’
- This field has a **potential**, just like the Higgs

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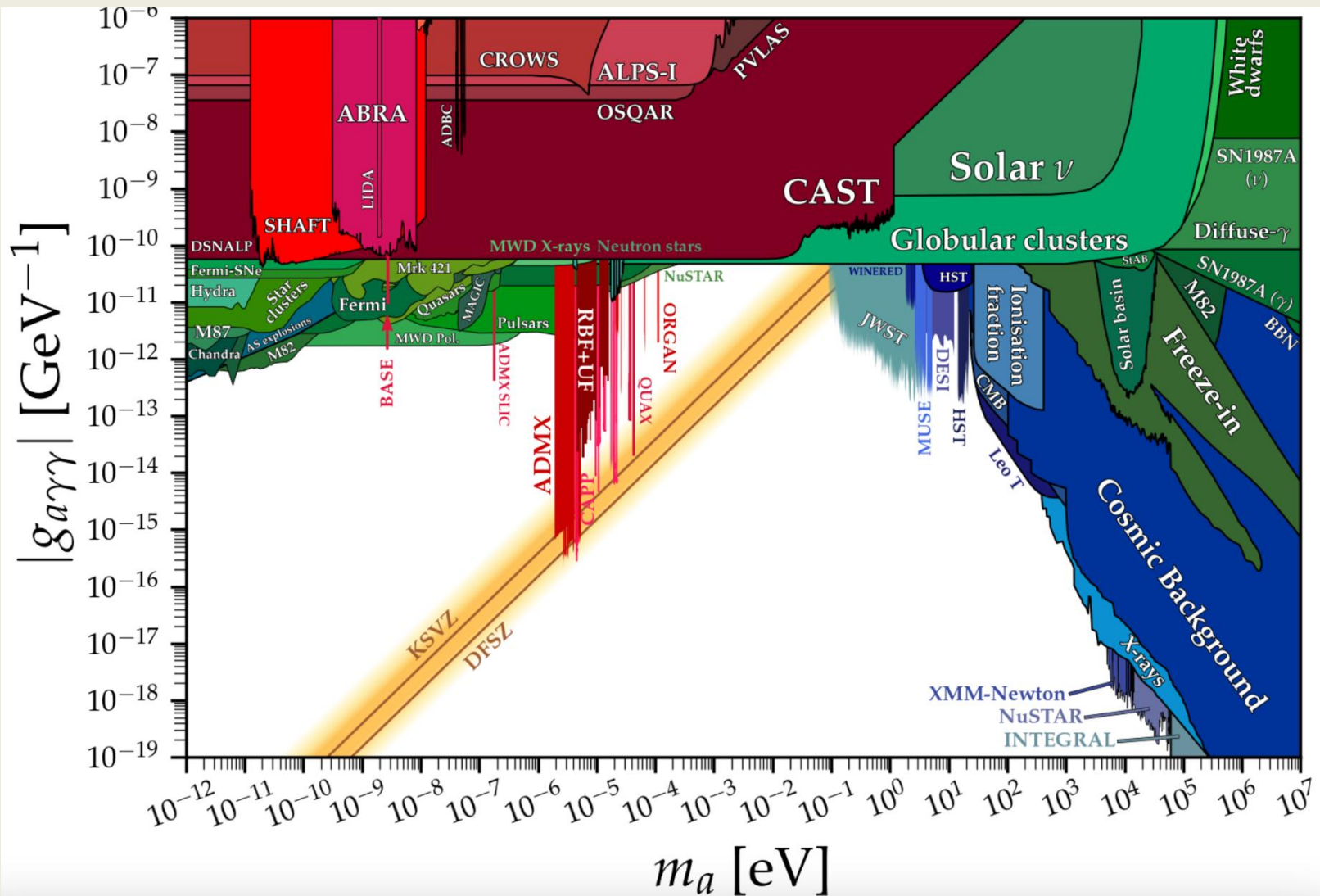
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- Potential gets a minimum  $\theta_{total} = \frac{\langle a \rangle}{f_a} + \bar{\theta} = 0$
- This solves the CP-problem **independent of the starting value of the theta term !**
- **Very nice, but where is the axion?**
- Mass inversely proportional to  $f_a$  which can be huge ! So axion could be **very very light**



$$m_a^2 \propto \frac{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2}{f_a^2}$$

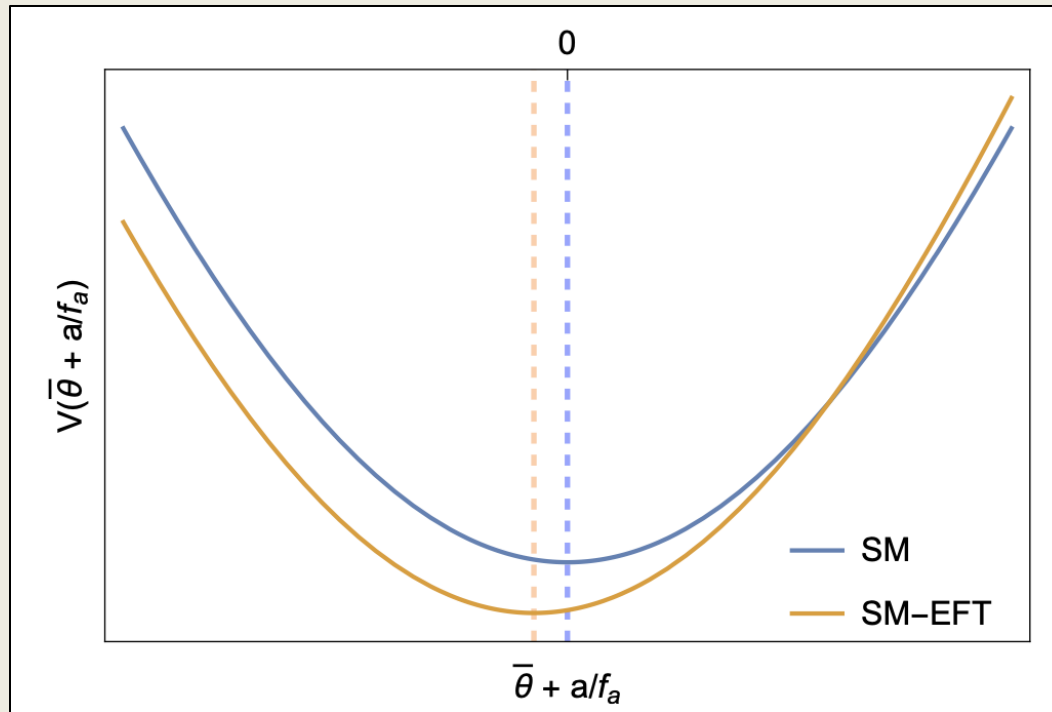
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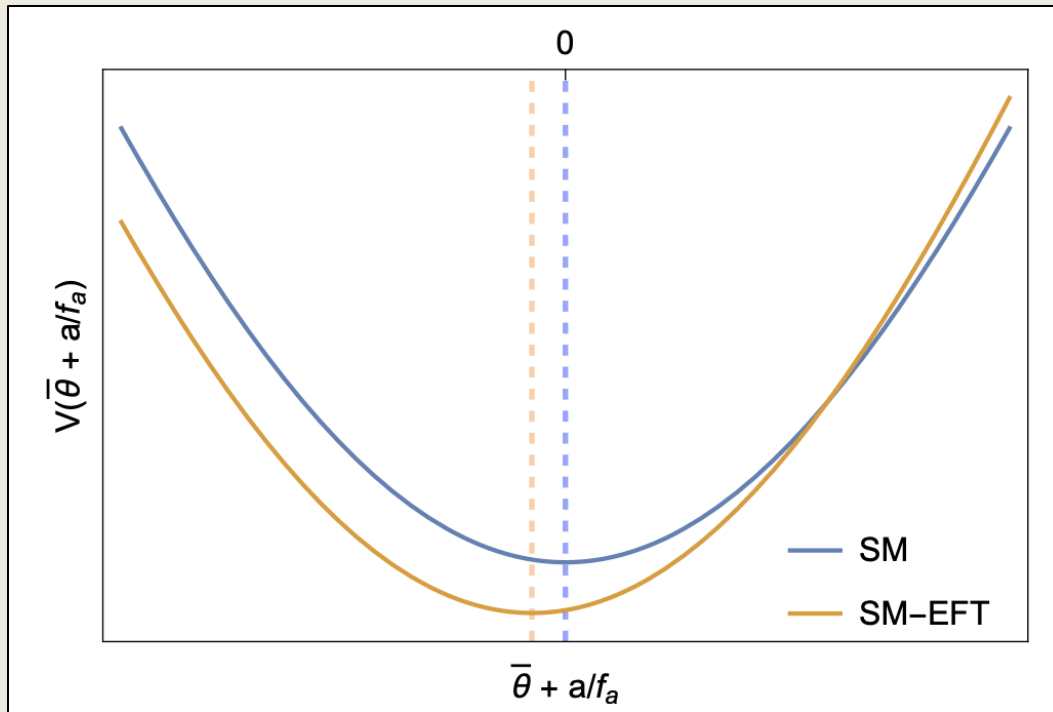


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$$\theta \sim \frac{m_\pi^2}{M^2}$$

Explains the smallness but means EDMs can still be dominated by theta

Measurement of a  
nonzero EDM

?

Standard Model:  
 $\theta$ -term

BSM sources of  
CP-violation  
SUSY, Left-Right, 2HDM,...

Forseeable future: EDMs are ‘**background-free**’ searches

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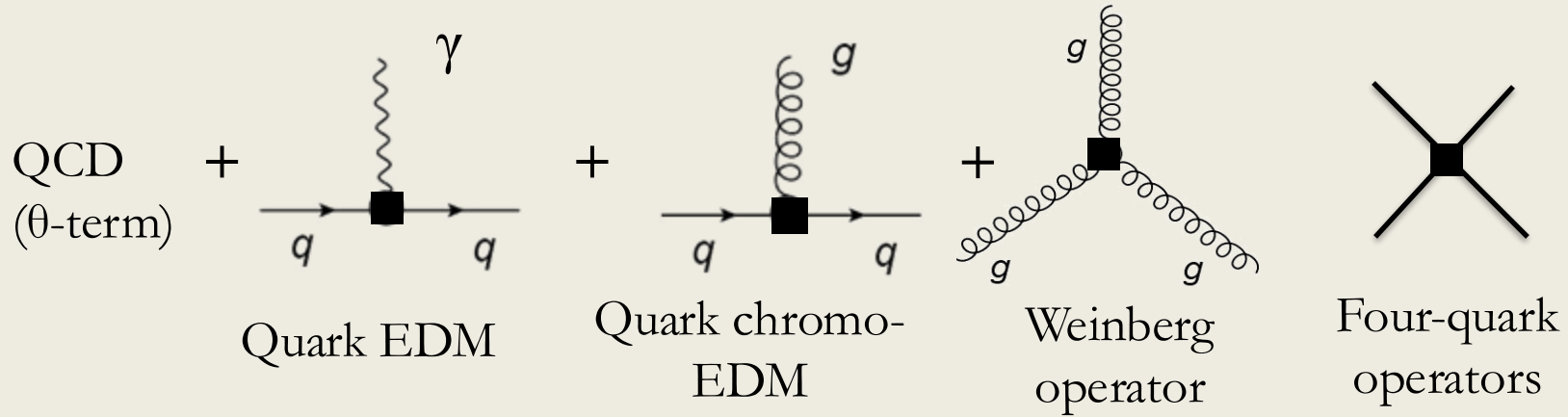
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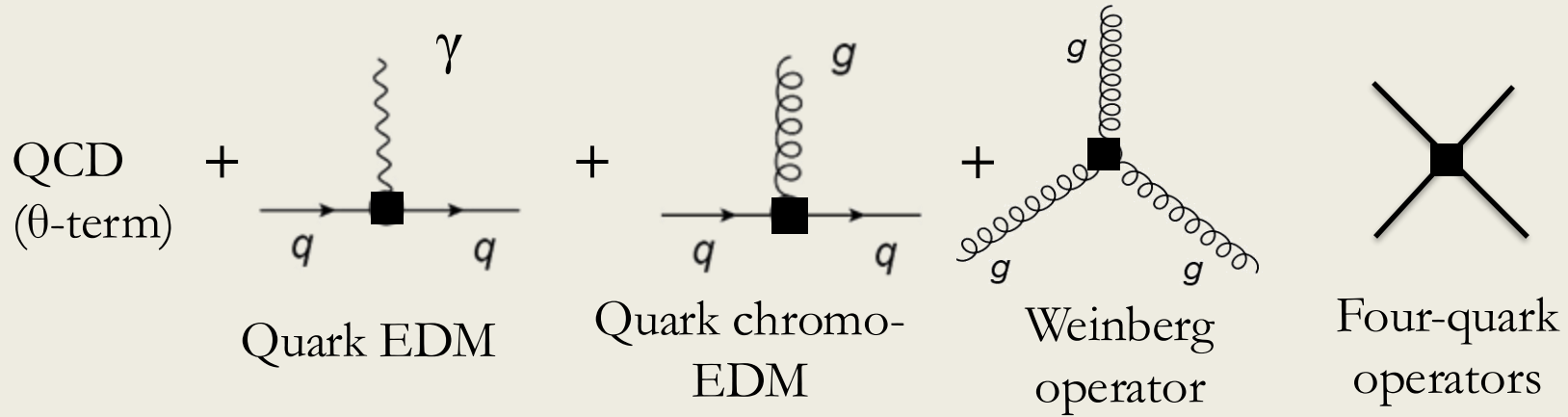
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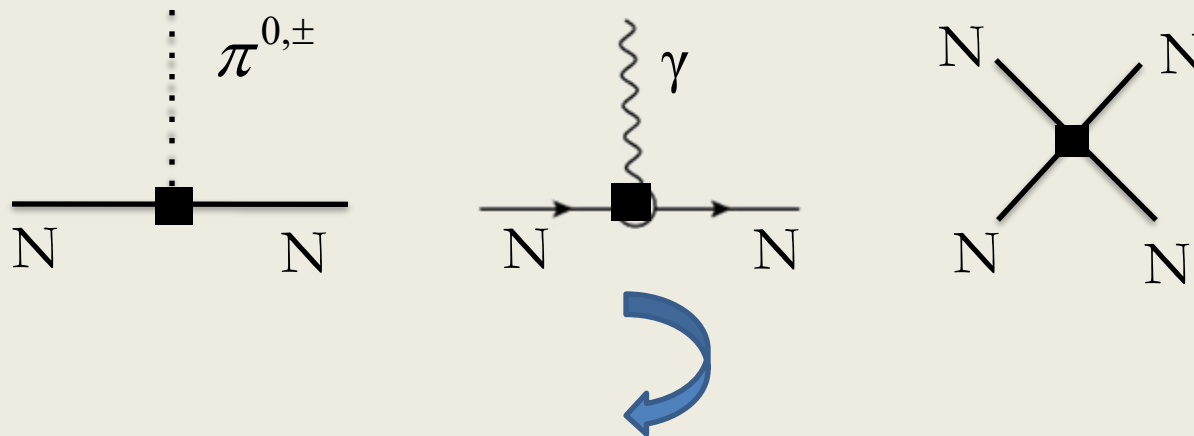
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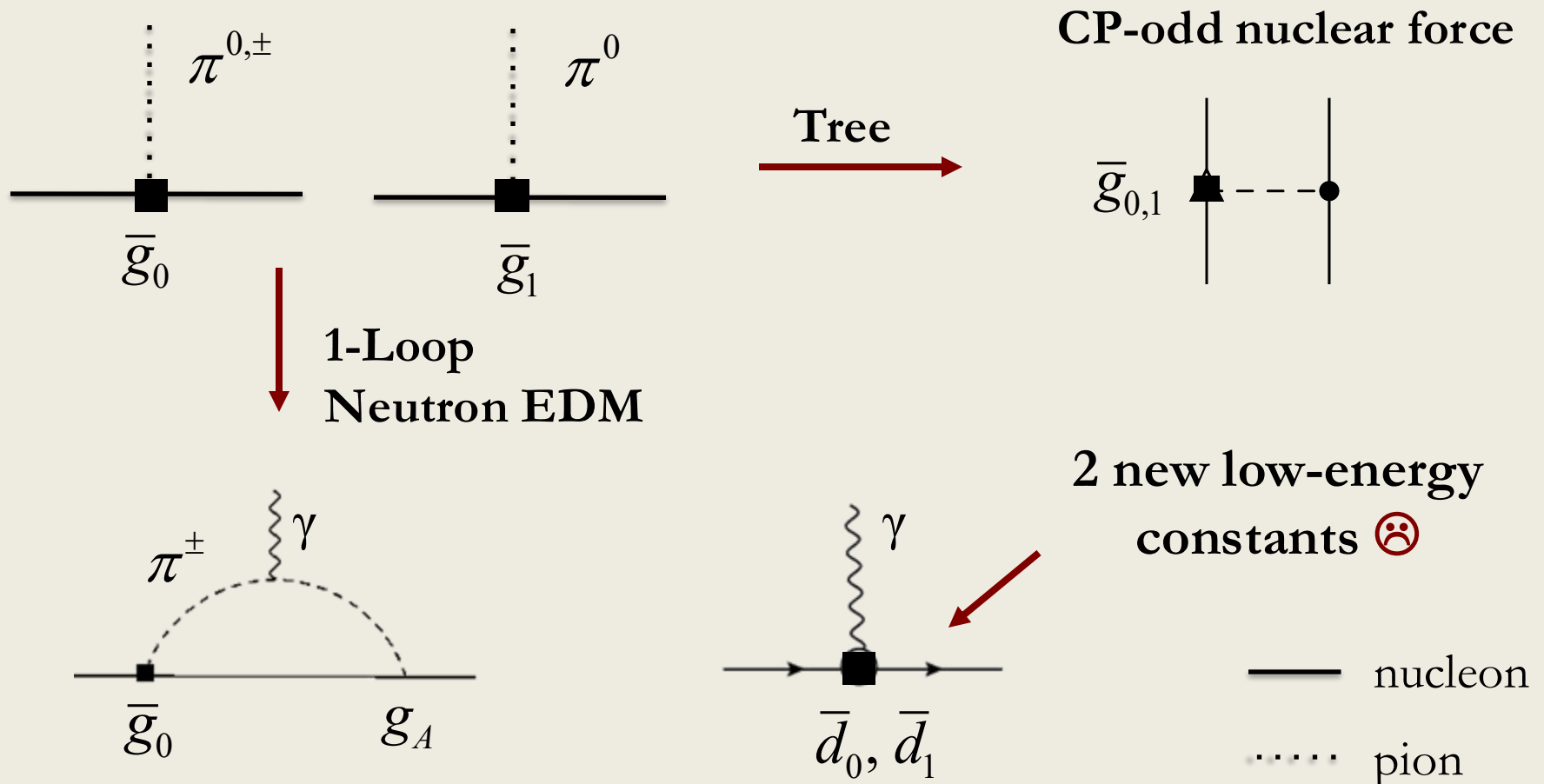


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# EDMs of charged particles

Farley *et al* PRL '04

Anomalous magnetic moment

Electric dipole moment

$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = \vec{S} \times \vec{\Omega}$$

$$\vec{\Omega} = \frac{q}{m} \left[ \downarrow a\vec{B} + \left( \frac{1}{v^2} - a \right) \vec{v} \times \vec{E} \right] + 2d \left( \downarrow \vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

All-purpose ring ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^2\text{H}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$ , ...)  $\sim 10^{-28,29} e\text{ cm}$

100-1000 x current neutron EDM sensitivity! (takes a while tough....)



Already used for muon EDM

$$d_\mu \leq 1.8 \times 10^{-19} e\text{ cm} \quad (95\% \text{ C.L.})$$

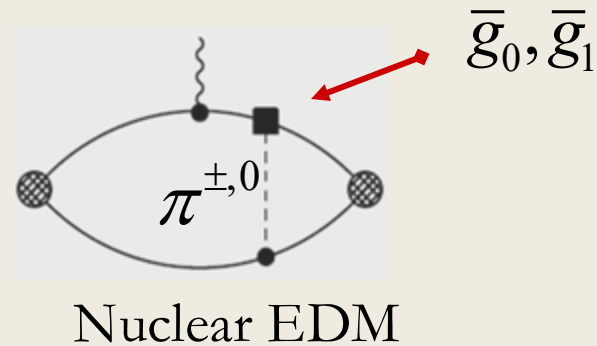
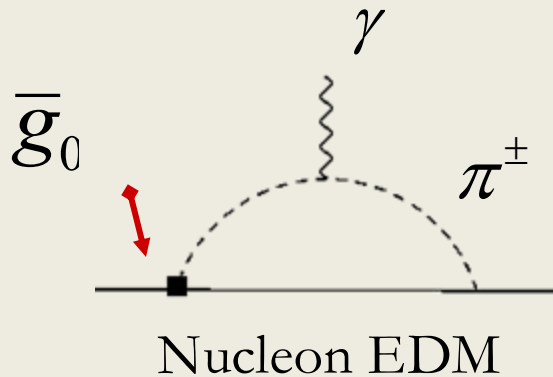
Bennett *et al* (BNL g-2) PRL '09

A compact frozen-spin trap for the search for the electric dipole moment of the muon

Ring  $\sim 0.1$  m circumference, muEDM at  $10^{-22} e\text{ cm}$

P. Schmidt-Wellenburg *et al*, 2501.18979

# The CPV NN force and nuclear EDMs



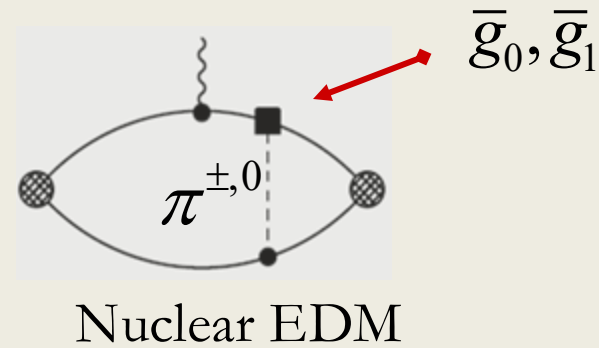
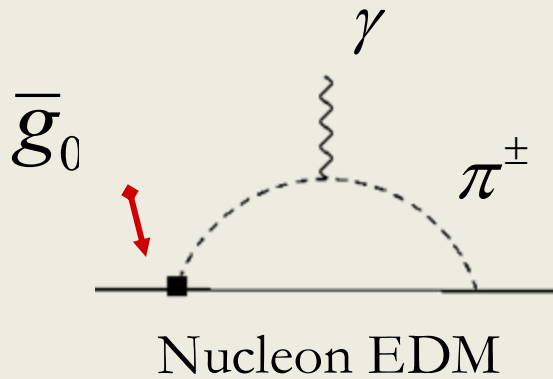
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Recent review: arXiv:2001.09050

## Parity- and Time-Reversal-Violating Nuclear Forces

Jordy de Vries<sup>1,2</sup>, Evgeny Epelbaum<sup>3</sup>, Luca Girlanda<sup>4,5</sup>, Alex Gnech<sup>6</sup>, Emanuele Mereghetti<sup>7</sup> and Michele Viviani<sup>8\*</sup>

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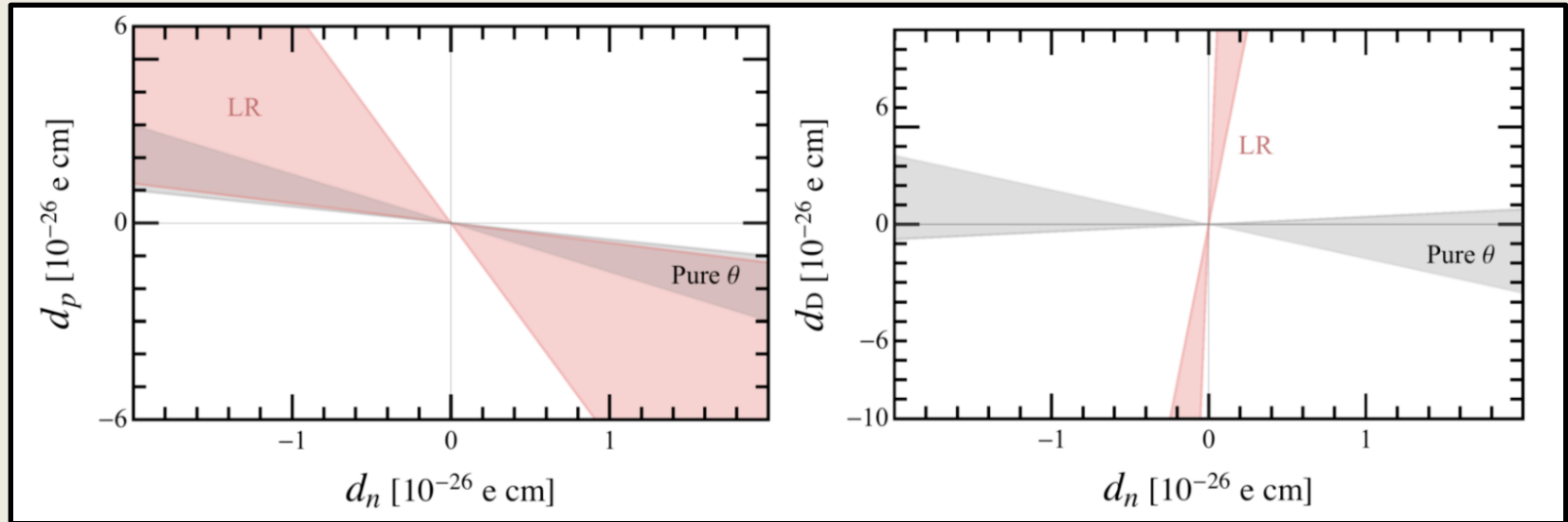
JdV et al '11 '15

$$d_D = 0.9(d_n + d_p) + [(0.18 \pm 0.02) \bar{g}_1 + (0.0028 \pm 0.0003) \bar{g}_0] e \text{ fm}$$

	Theta term	Quark CEDMs	Four-quark operator	Quark EDM and Weinberg
$\left  \frac{d_D - d_n - d_p}{d_n} \right $	$0.5 \pm 0.2$	$5 \pm 3$	$20 \pm 10$	$\cong 0$

# Unraveling sources with 2 EDMs

- Compare EDM ratios for theta term and BSM dim-6 four-quark operator



- Nuclear EDMs complementary to nucleon EDMs**
- Deuteron is just a placeholder: other nuclear systems are similar
- If we can control nuclear matrix elements !**

# Nuclear theory.... Uuugh...

- Very complicated many-body calculation
- Use nuclear model and mean-field theory

$$S = g(a_0 \bar{g}_0 + a_1 \bar{g}_1) e \text{ fm}^3 \quad g = 13.5$$

	$a_0$ range (best)	$a_1$ range (best)
$^{199}\text{Hg}$	$0.03 \pm 0.025$ (0.01)	$0.030 \pm 0.060$ ( $\pm 0.02$ )
$^{225}\text{Ra}$	$-3.5 \pm 2.5$ (-1.5)	$14 \pm 10$ (6)
$^{129}\text{Xe}$	$-0.03 \pm 0.025$ (-0.008)	$-0.03 \pm 0.025$ (-0.009)

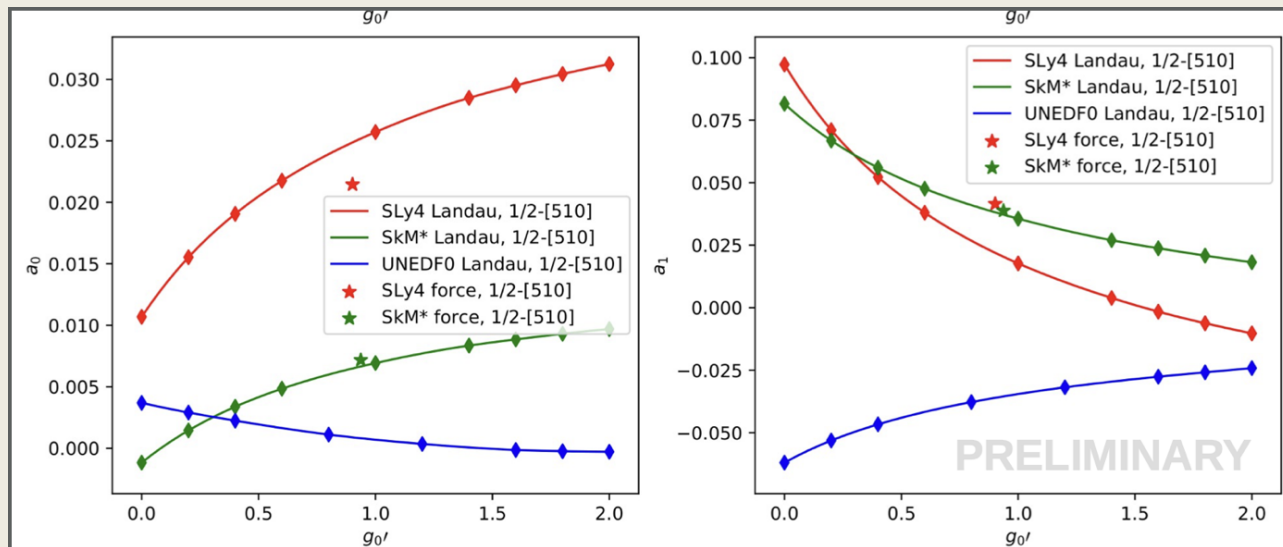
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- Based on calculations from various groups
- Hg & Xe: spread >100% (unclear why, difficult ‘soft’ nuclei)
- **Difficult** to interpret the limits on BSM parameters.



# Nuclear theory.... Uuugh...

- New calculations don't really seem to to help....



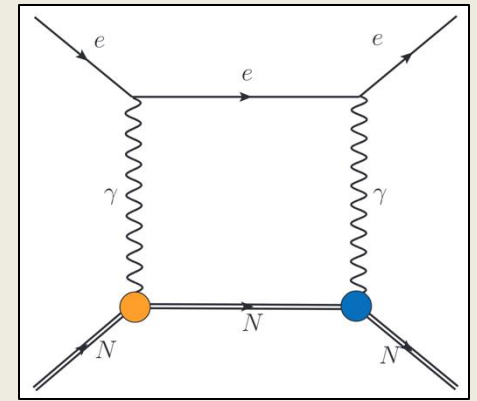
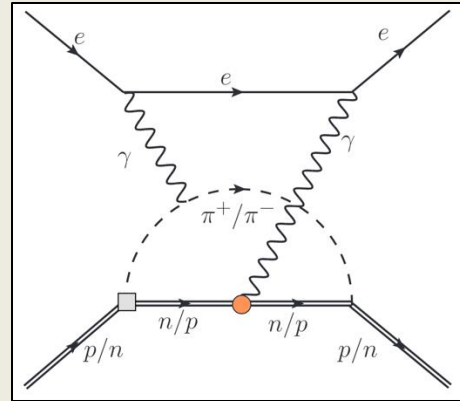
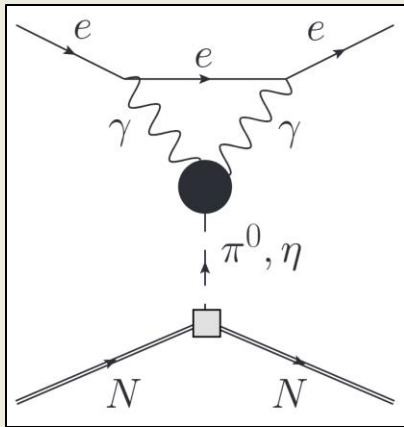
Talk by Markus  
Kortelainen at ECT\*  
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# New developments

- Constraining hadronic CP-violation with paramagnetic EDMs

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- Effective field theory calculations to compute induced CP-odd electron-nucleus interactions

Heleen Mulder, JdV, Rob Timmermans '25

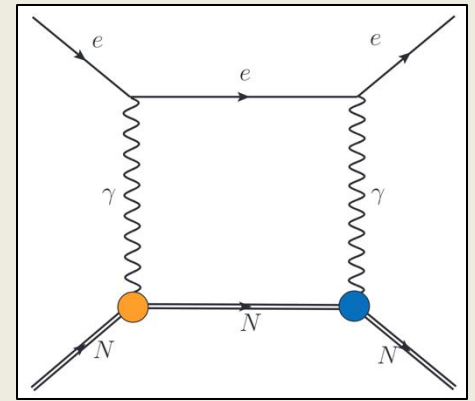
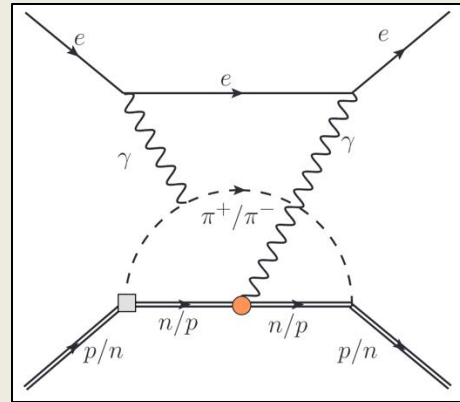
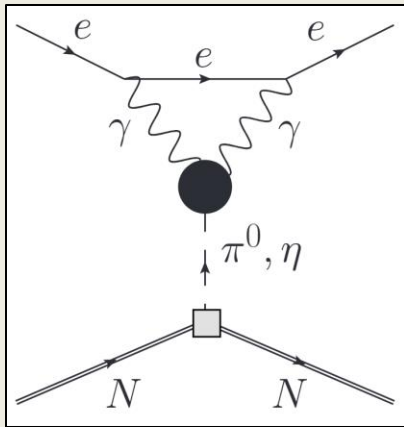
$$C_{\text{SP}}^{\text{ME+PL}} \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{m_e}{F_\pi m_\pi^2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{Z-N}{Z+N} \bar{g}_0 + \bar{g}_1 \right] \mathcal{B}^\pi(0, m_e) + \frac{F_\pi}{\sqrt{3} F_\eta} \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\eta^2} \bar{g}_{0\eta} \mathcal{B}^\eta(0, m_e) \right. \\ \left. + \bar{g}_0 \frac{\pi g_A m_\pi}{m_N} \frac{Z\mu_n - N\mu_p}{(Z+N)\mu_N} \left[ \log \left( \frac{m_\pi}{m_e} \right) + 1.77 \right] \right\}.$$

+ work in progress with Lemonia Gialidi

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$$|\bar{\theta}|_{\text{HfF}^+} < 1.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

- Polar molecules EDMs not competitive yet, **but experimental progress is rapid.**