

New opportunities for beyond-the-Standard Model searches at the EIC
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The Standard Model Effective Field Theory and low-energy experiments

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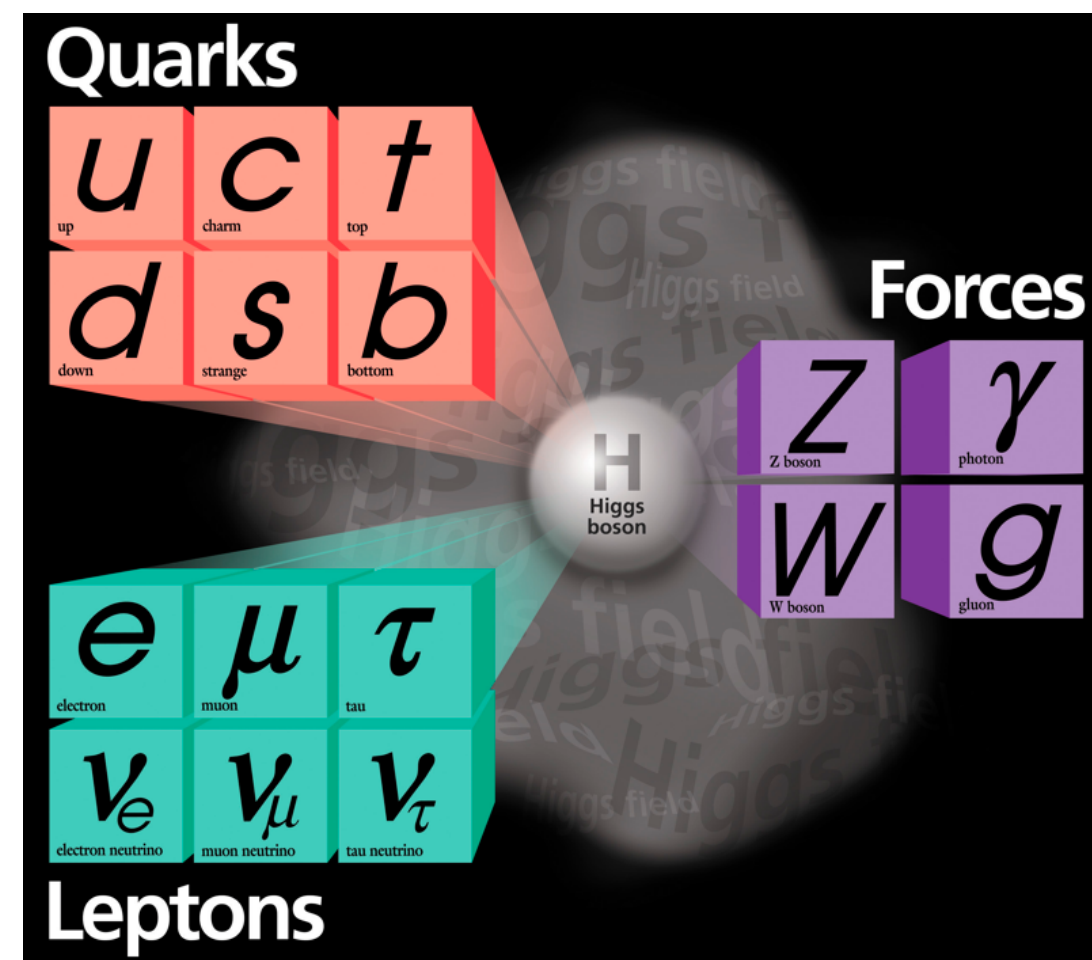
Outline

- BSM searches at low-energy: landscape and theoretical tools
- Worked example: SMEFT analysis of charged current weak interactions and the “Cabibbo angle anomaly”
- Conclusions and outlook

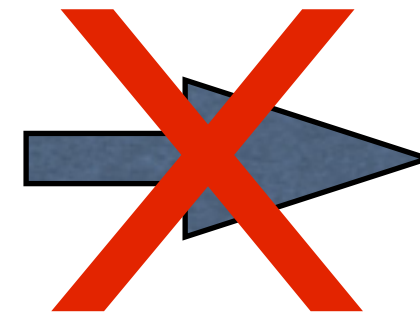
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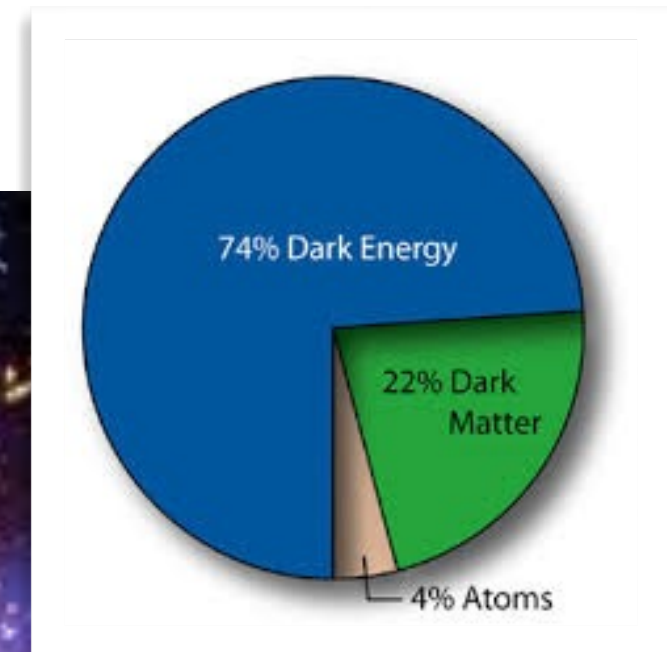
No Neutrino Mass, no Baryon Asymmetry, no Dark Matter, no Dark Energy, ...



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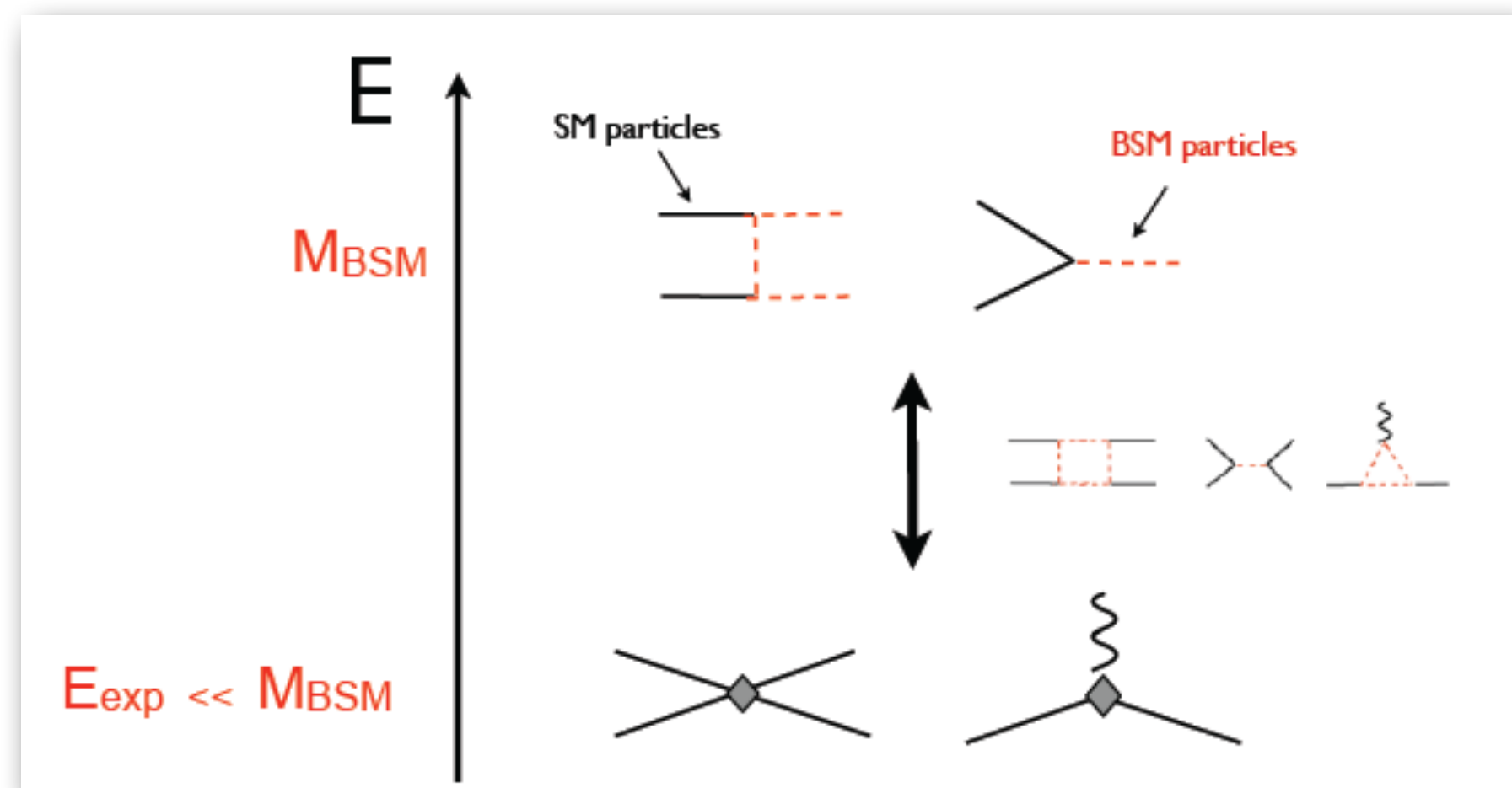
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Implications of high-scale BSM physics at low-energy are efficiently analyzed with EFT methods (scale separation!)

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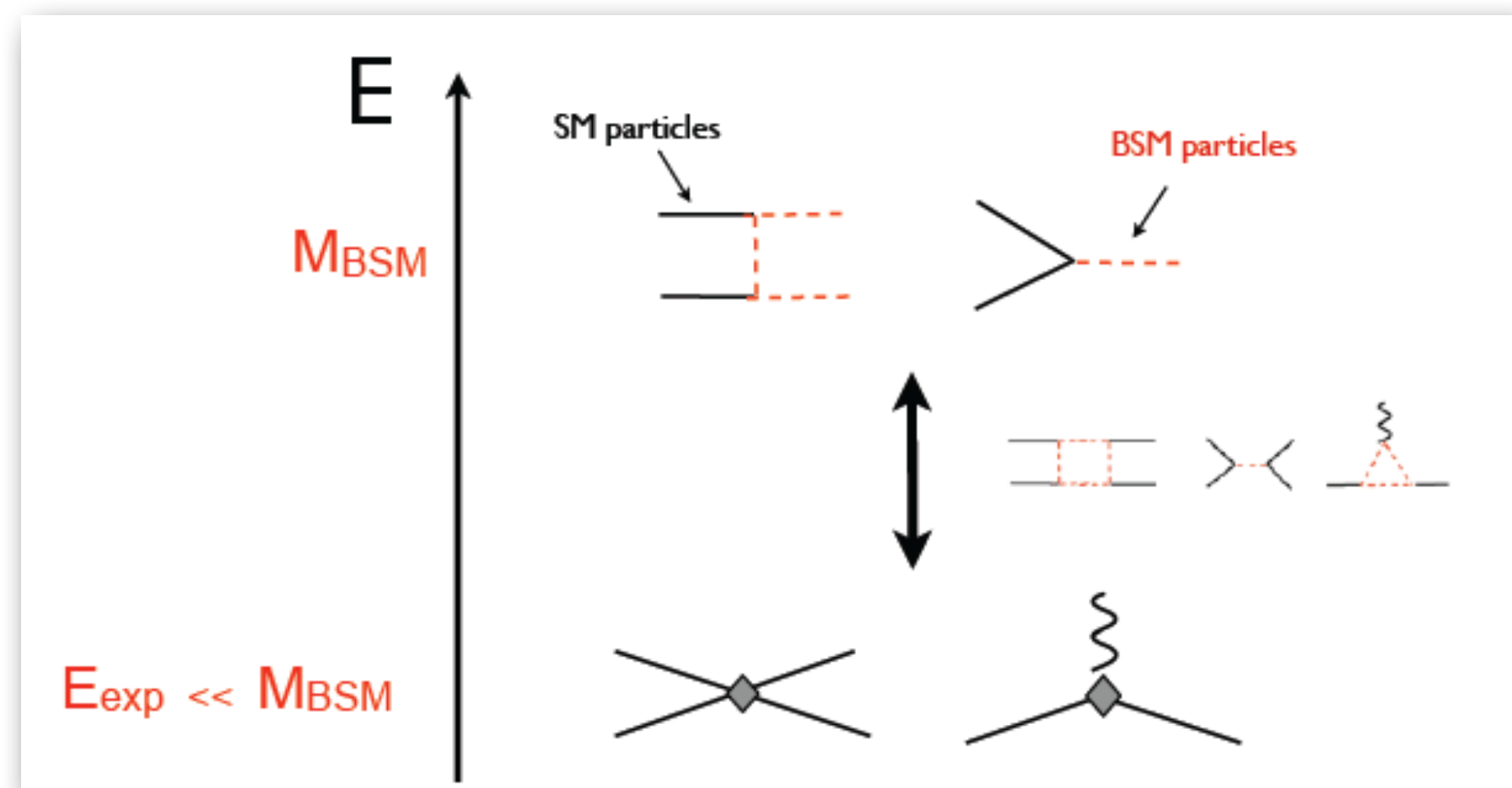
Weinberg 1979,
Wilczek-Zee 1979,
Buchmuller-Wyler 1986,
....

Grzadkowski-Iskrzynski- Misiak-Rosiek 2010,
Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar, Trott 2013
...

- “Standard Model EFT” (SMEFT):
 - ★ Build operators out of **SM fields**
 - ★ Impose **Lorentz + SM gauge symmetry**
 - ★ Organize operators according to mass dimension: **power counting in $E/\Lambda, M_W/\Lambda$.**
At a given order the EFT is renormalizable and predictive

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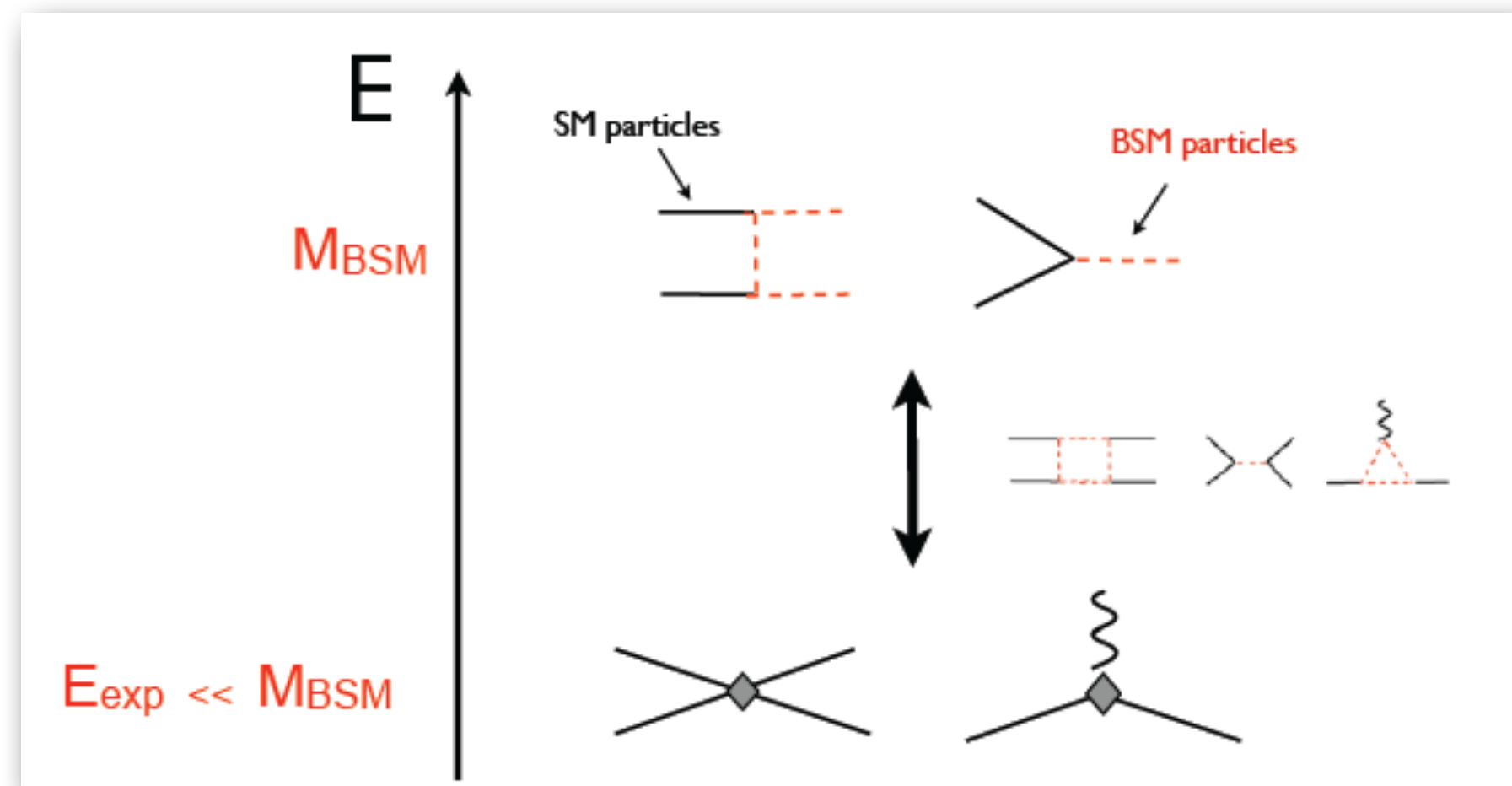
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- Symmetries in SMEFT:

- B, L, L_{e,μ,τ} not enforced: per Weinberg's definition, they are “accidental” in the SM, i.e. consequence of keeping operators of dimension ≤ 4 built out of SM fields & SM gauge group

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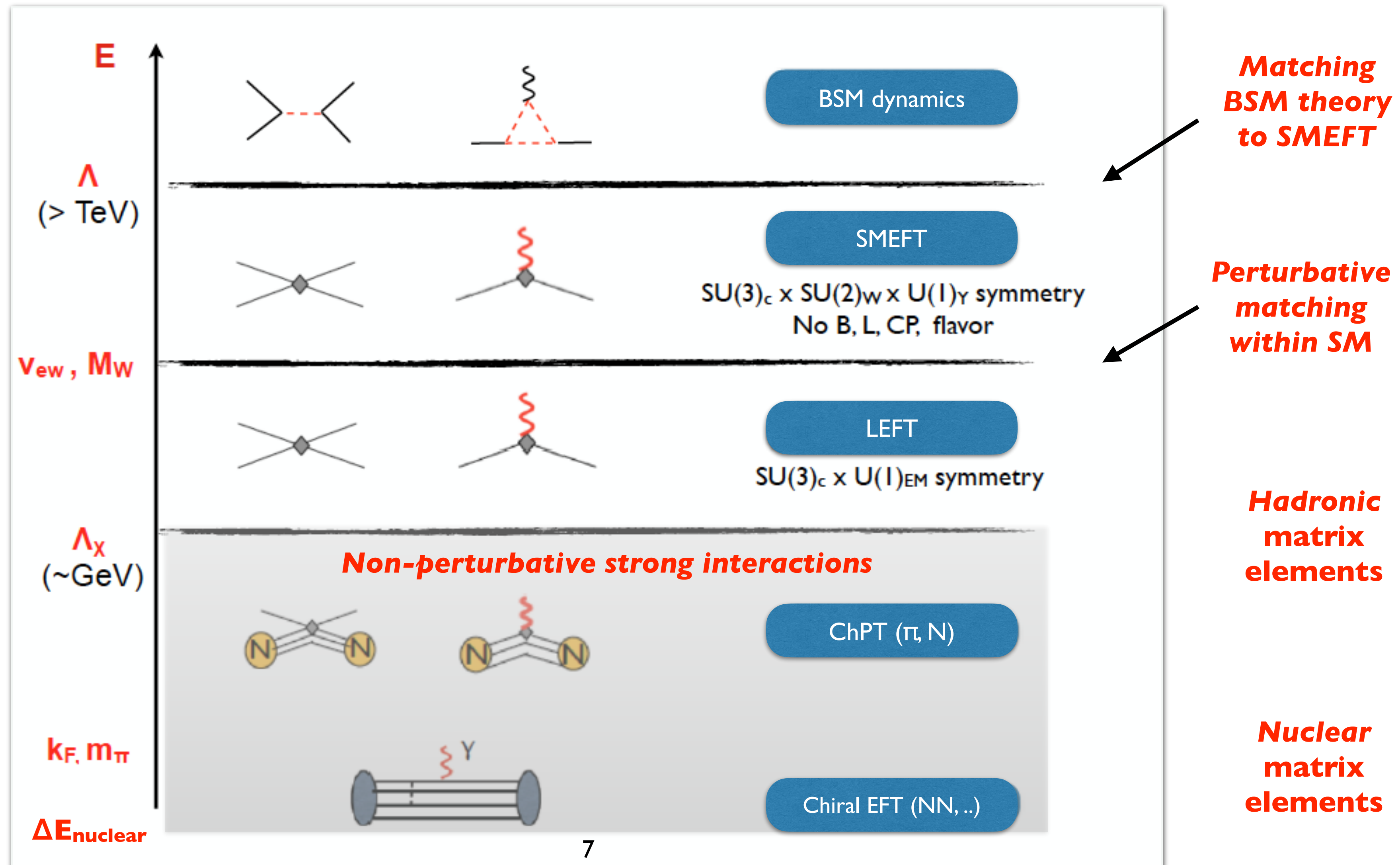
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- Beyond SMEFT:** other EFTs differ in the assumptions about **particle content** and/or **symmetry realization**
 - vSMEFT:** SMEFT + v_R
 - HEFT:** Higgs h is an SU(2) singlet. More general Higgs potential
 - ...

Connecting scales

To connect new physics to low-energy, use a tower of EFTs in which **SMEFT is the SM-BSM link**

- Use appropriate degrees of freedom in each range of energies
- Write down all interactions consistent with the given symmetries
- At each threshold, need appropriate perturbative or non-perturbative matching conditions:
 $A_{hi} = A_{low}$
- Expand amplitudes to a given order in m_{low}/m_{hi}



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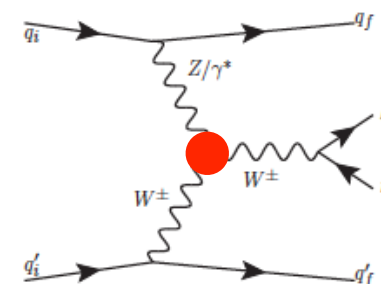
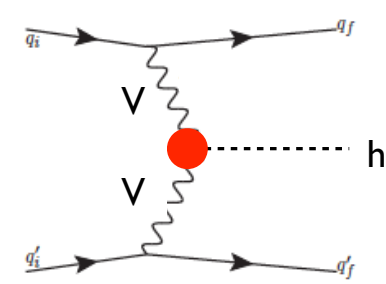
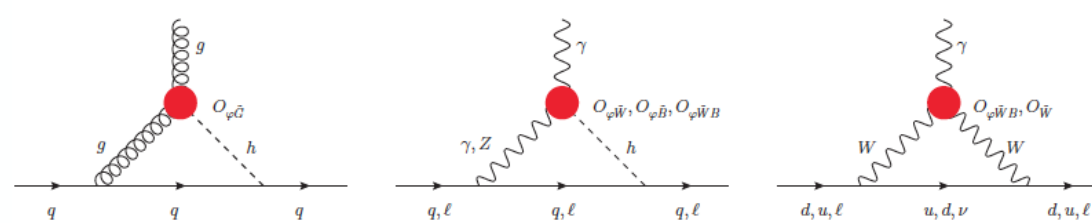
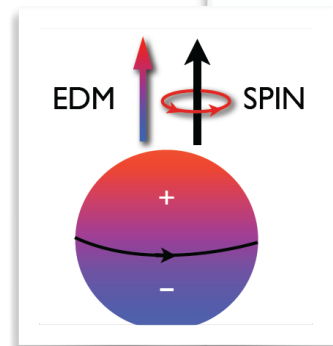
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Discussed in following talks, with an eye to the connection between low-E and collider probes (including EIC)

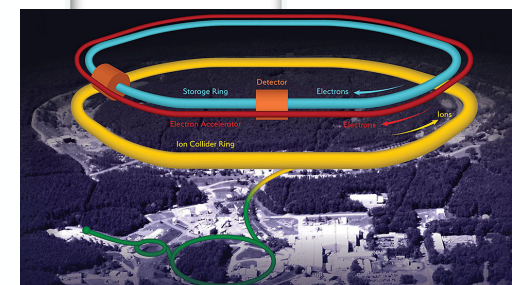
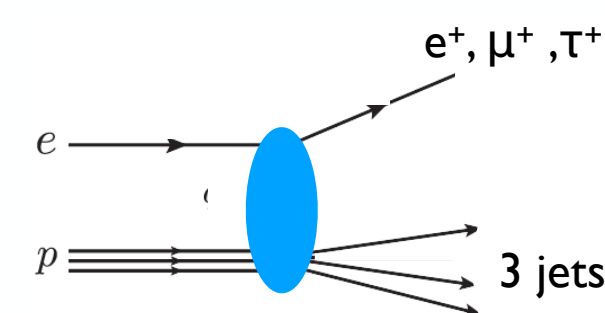
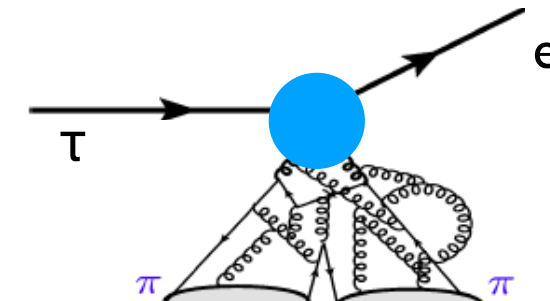
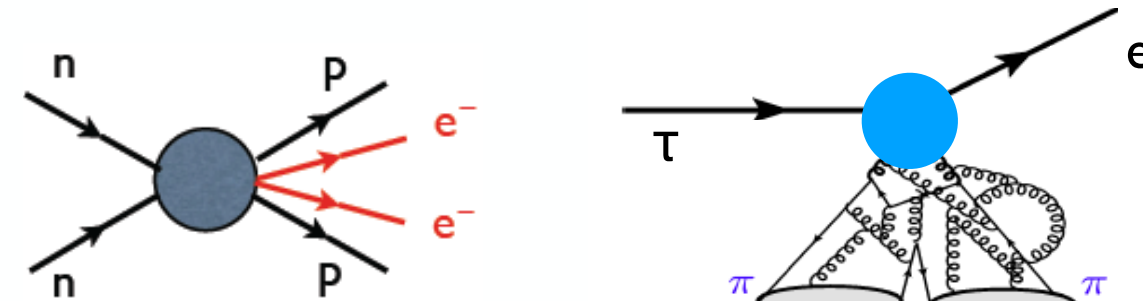
CP violation



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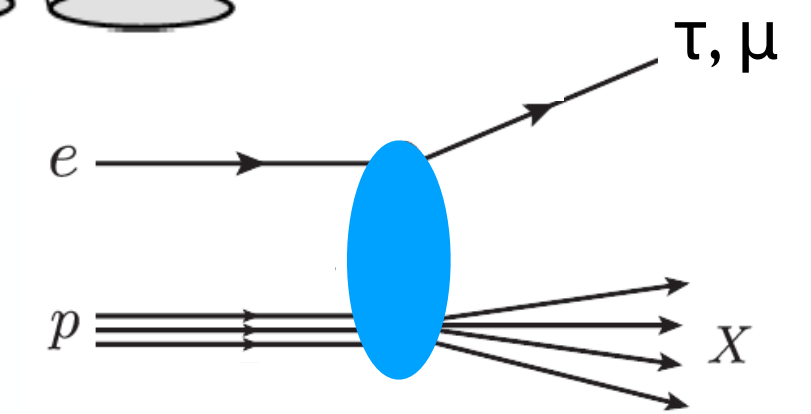
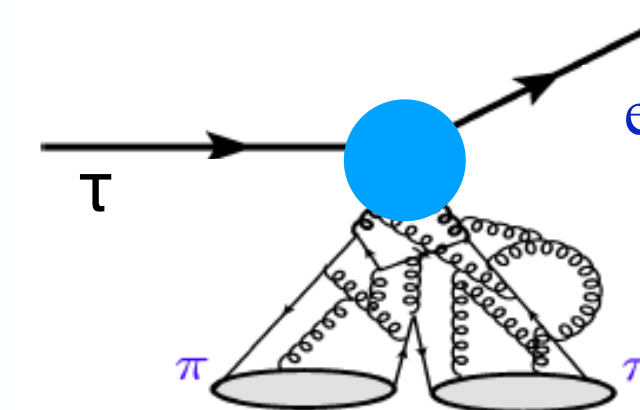
$\Delta L=2$ processes

SMEFT & vSMEFT



Sebastian Urrutia-Quiroga

LFV processes



Kaori Fuyuto

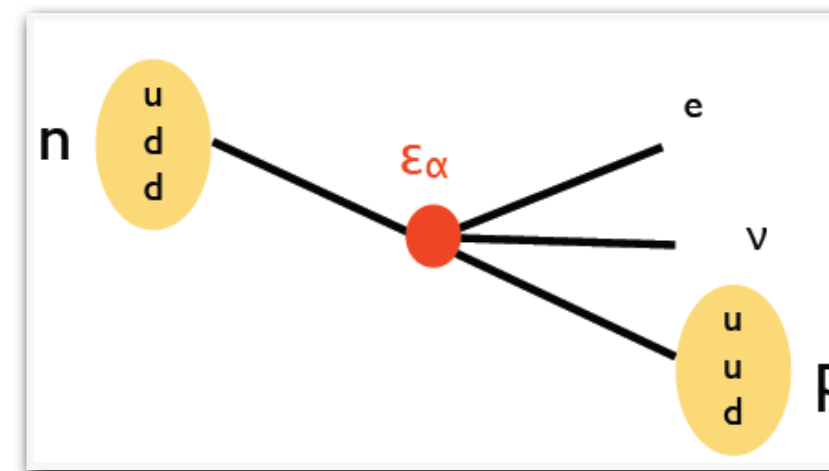
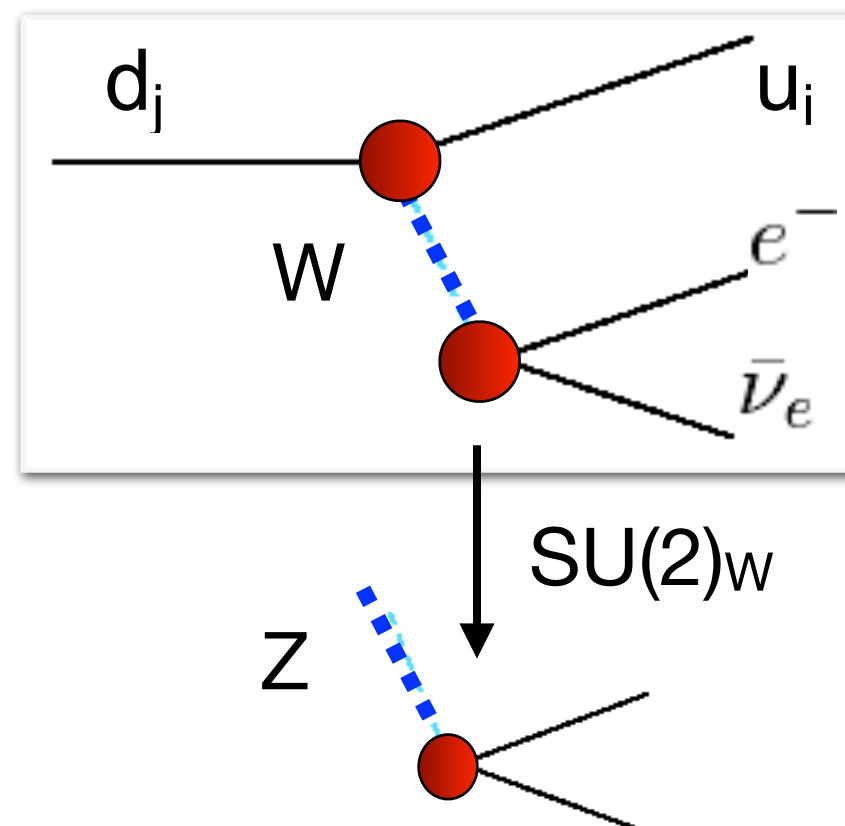
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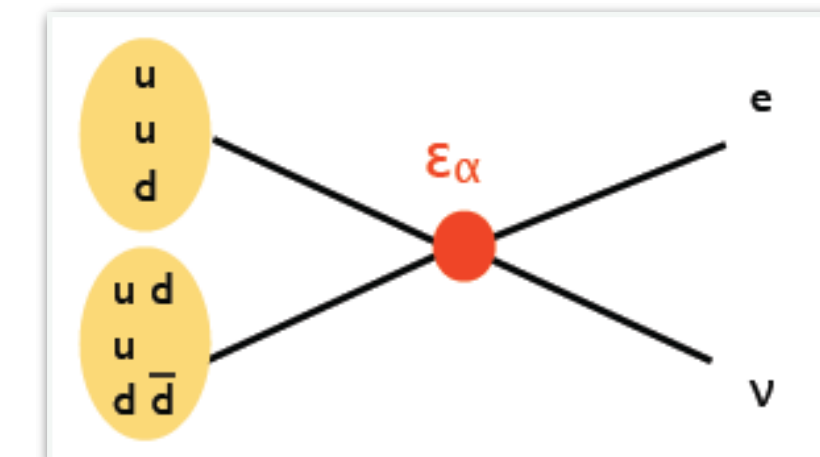
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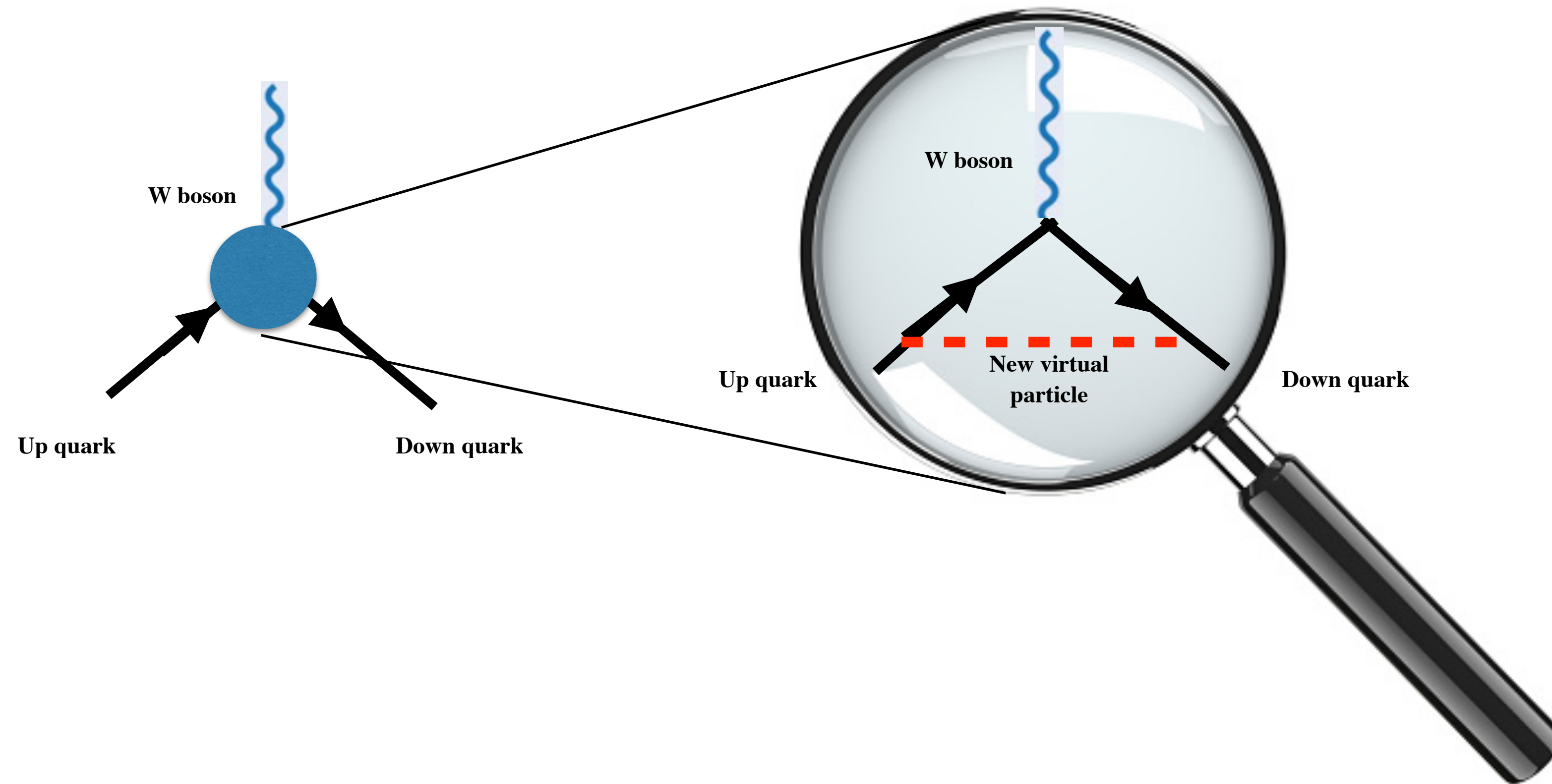
Precision tests with weak charged currents (from β decays to precision EW tests and LHC)



LHC: $pp \rightarrow e\nu + X$



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$$G_F^{(\beta)} \sim G_F^{(\mu)} V_{ij} \sim 1/v^2 V_{ij}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa

Cabibbo Universality

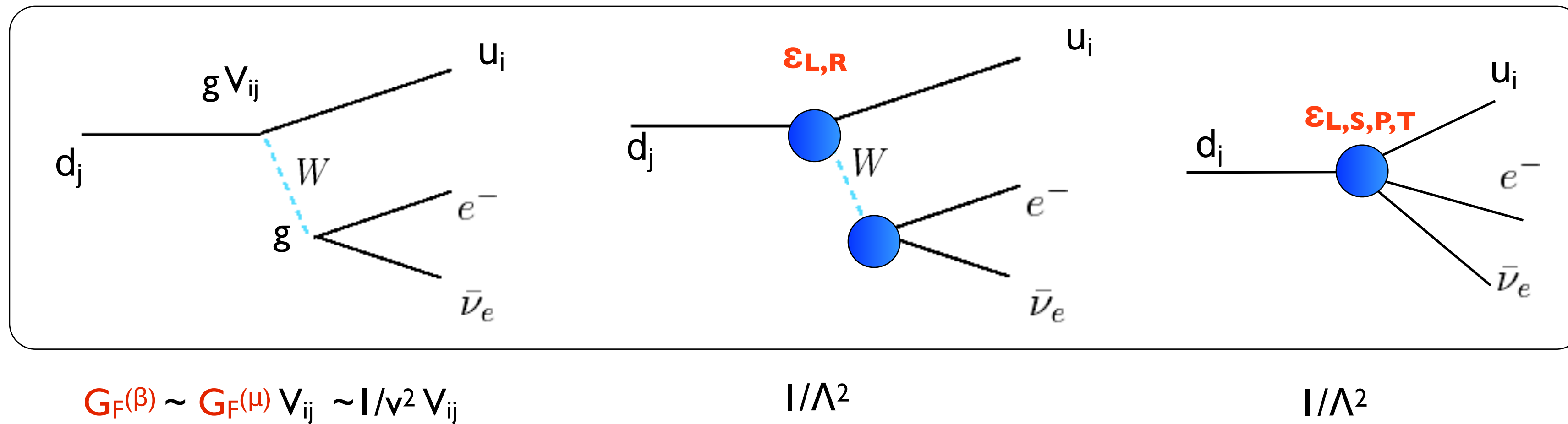
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Lepton Flavor Universality (LFU)

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- New physics can spoil universality. With current precision of 0.1-0.01% we can probe $\Lambda > 10$ TeV

~ 0.95 ~ 0.05 $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |\cancel{V_{ub}}|^2 = 1$$

$$\delta V_{ud}/V_{ud} \sim 0.02\%$$

$$\delta V_{us}/V_{us} \sim 0.2\%$$

$$\delta V_{ub}/V_{ub} \sim 5\%$$

$$R_{e/\mu} = \Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu)/\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu)$$

$$R_{e/\mu}(\text{SM}) = 1.23524(015) \times 10^{-4} \quad 0.01\%$$

$$R_{e/\mu}(\text{Exp}) = 1.23270(230) \times 10^{-4} \quad 0.18\%$$

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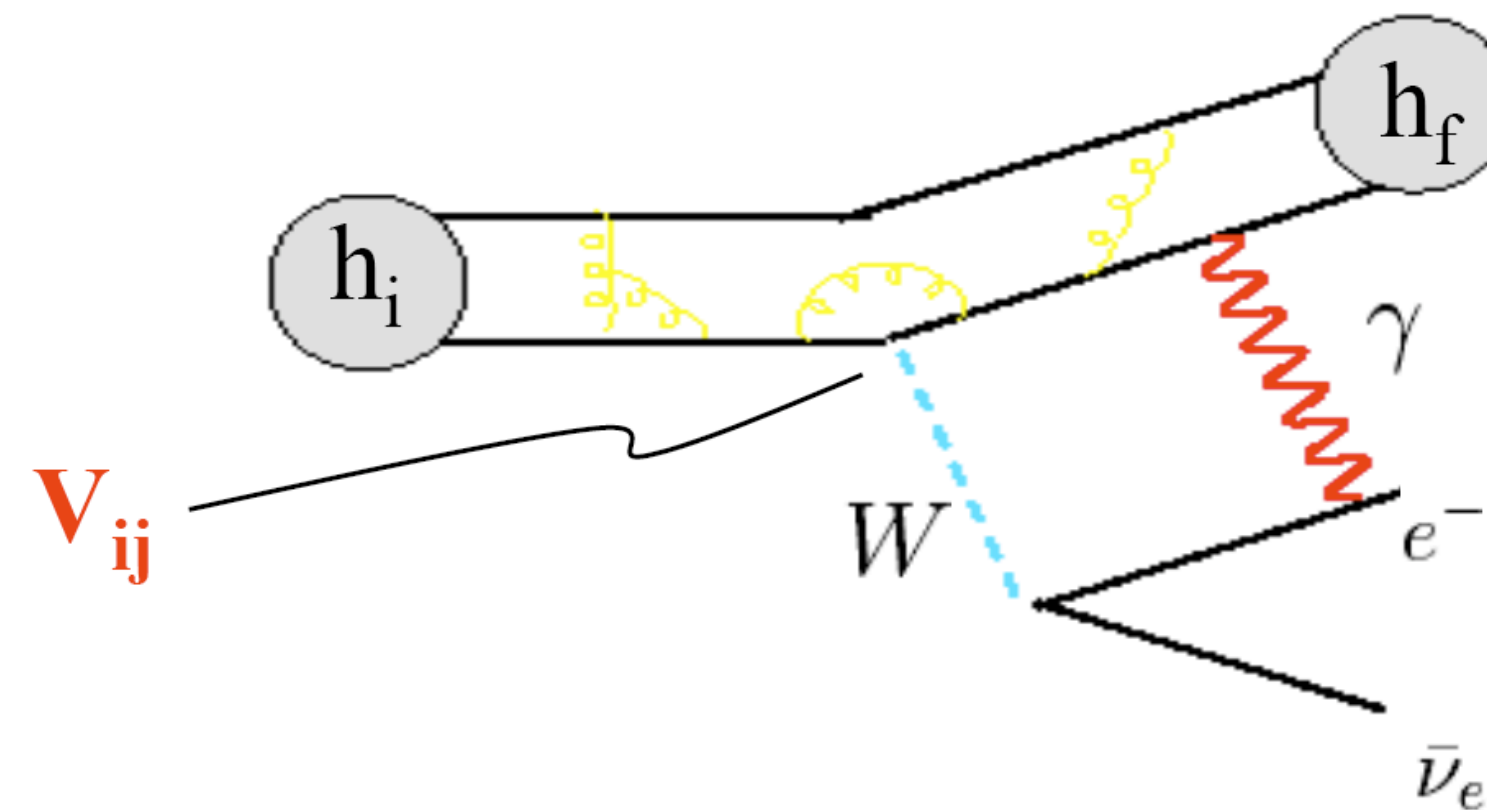
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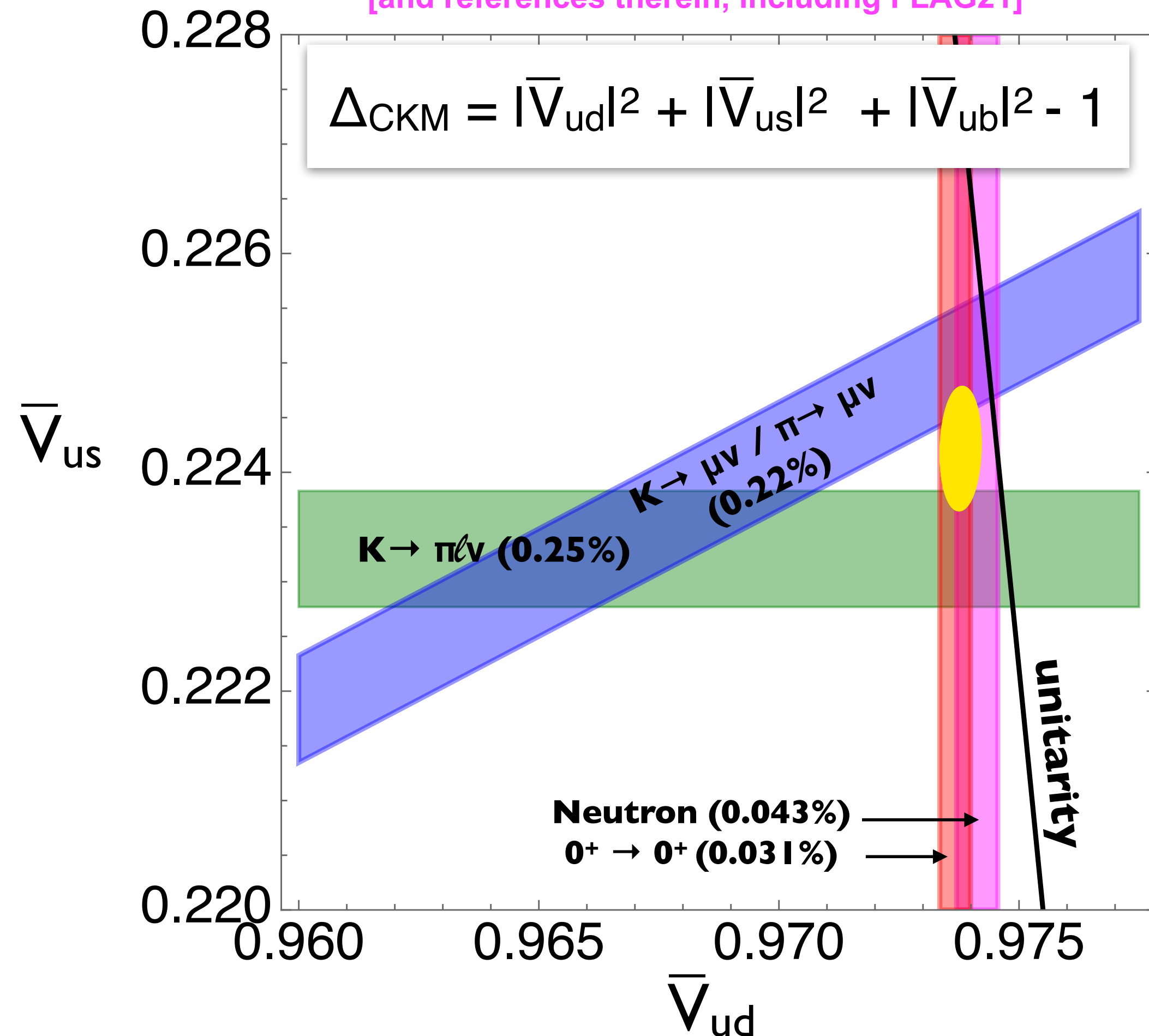
Calculable coefficients

BSM effective couplings

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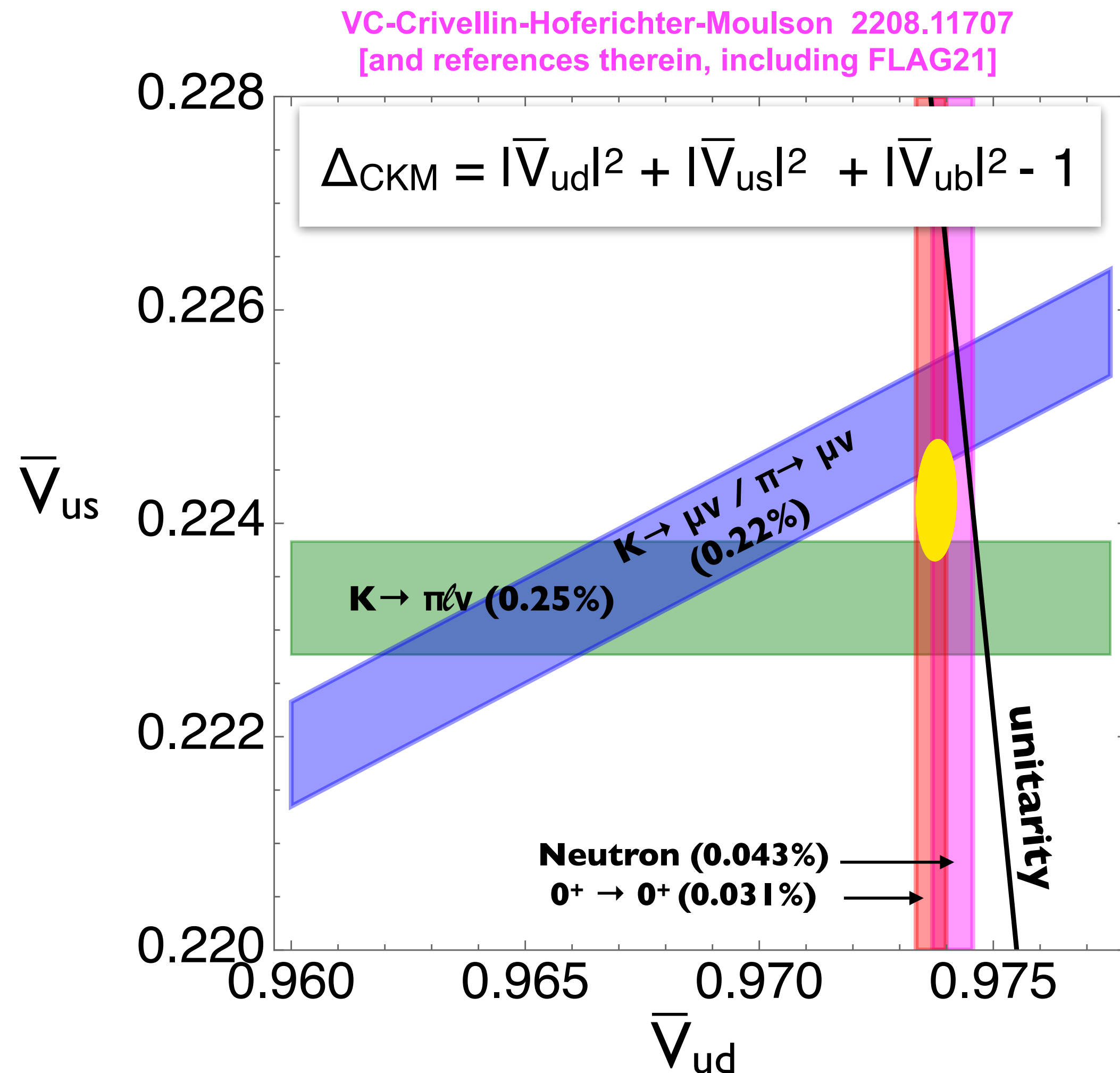
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[and references therein, including FLAG21]



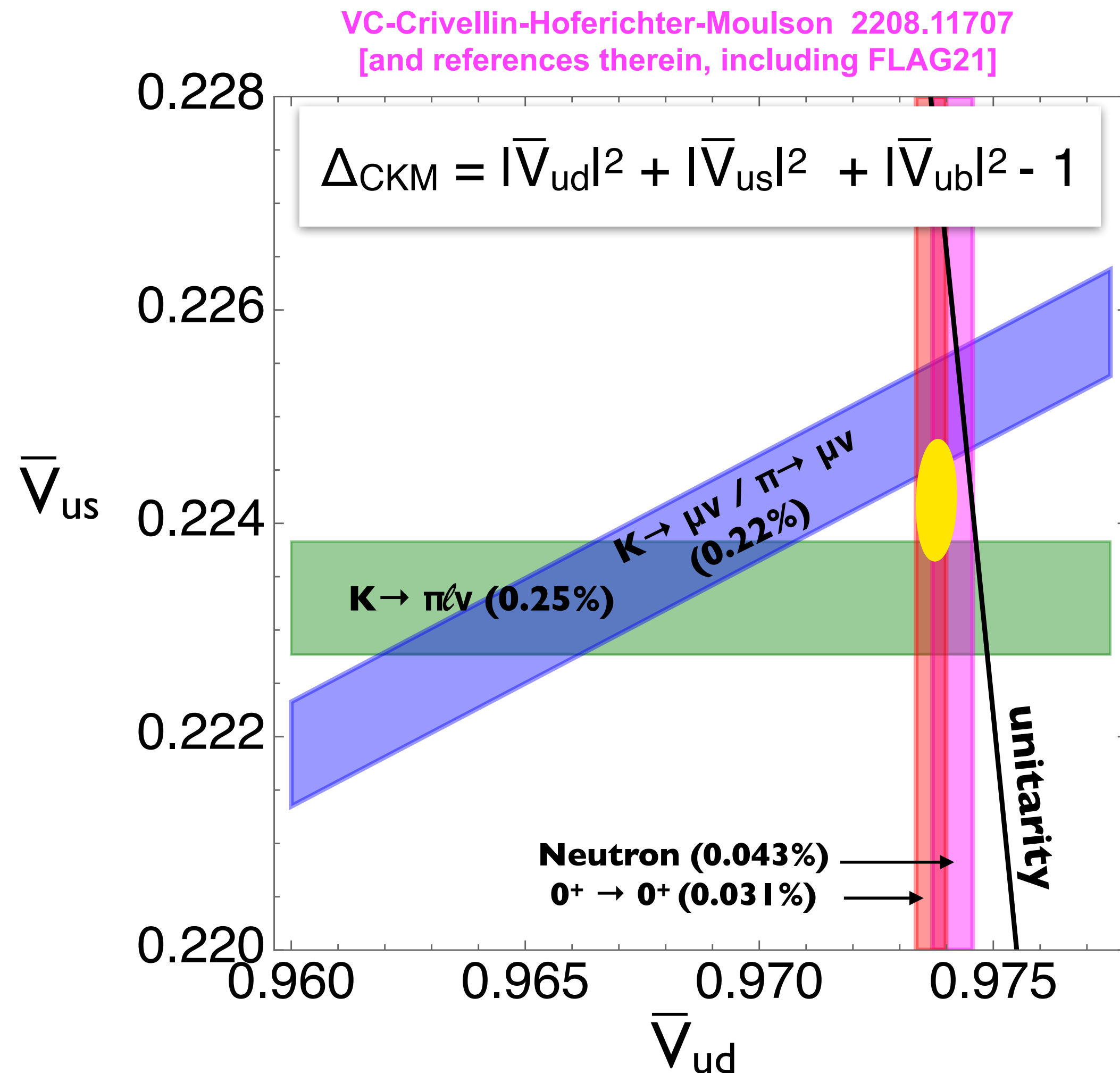
- Bands should intersect in a single region and that region should overlap with the unitarity circle
- $\sim 3\sigma$ problem even in meson sector (Kl2 vs Kl3)
- $\sim 3\sigma$ effect in global fit ($\Delta_{\text{CKM}} = -1.48(53) \times 10^{-3}$)

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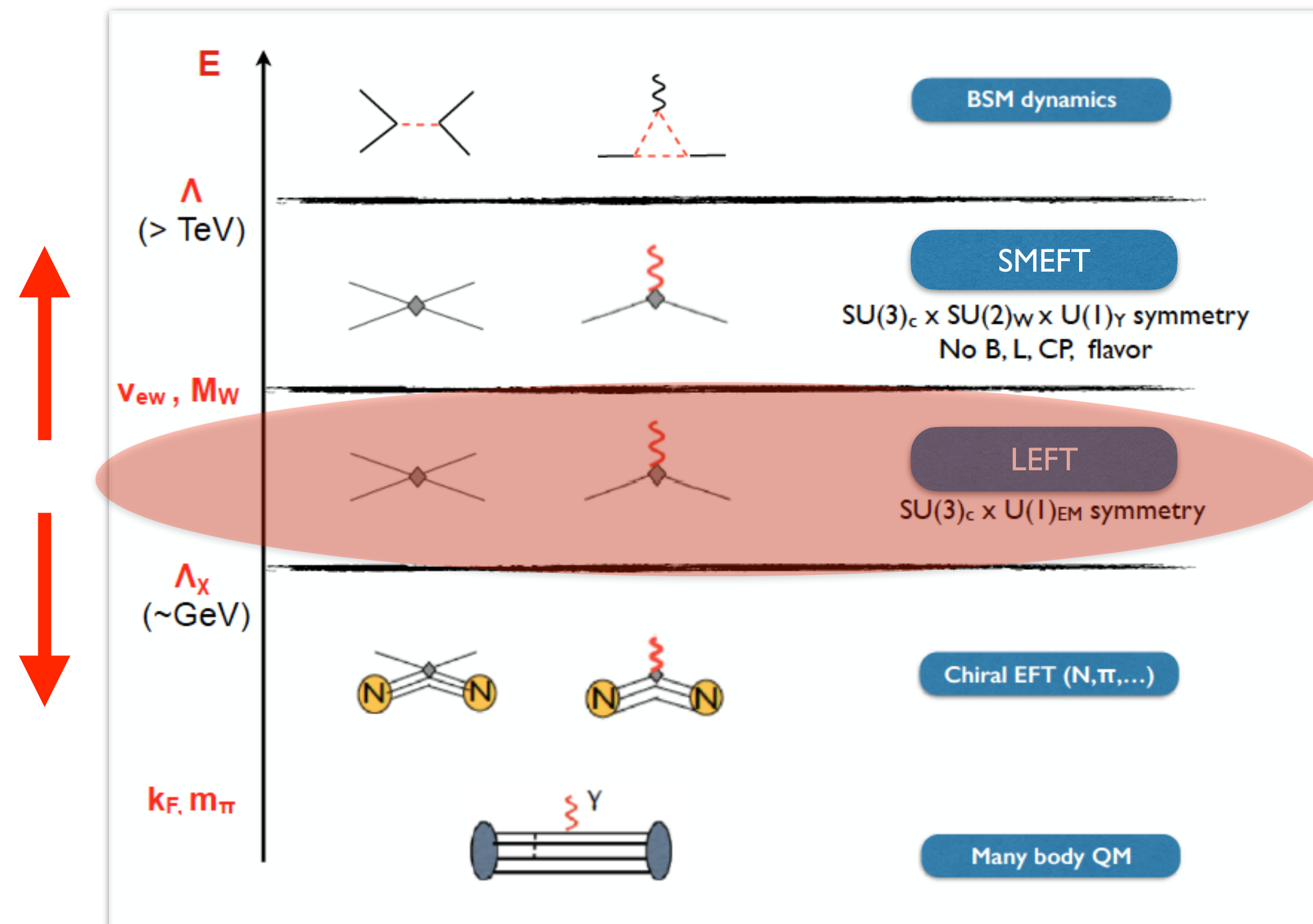


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Will discuss in the SMEFT framework

Connecting scales & processes (I)

To connect UV physics to beta decays, use EFT



- Start with GeV scale effective Lagrangian
 - Leading (dim-6) new physics effects are encoded in **5 quark-level operators** (up to flavor indices)
- Quark-level version of Lee-Yang effective Lagrangian

GeV-scale effective Lagrangian (LEFT)

VC, Gonzalez-Alonso, Jenkins 0908.1754, NPB

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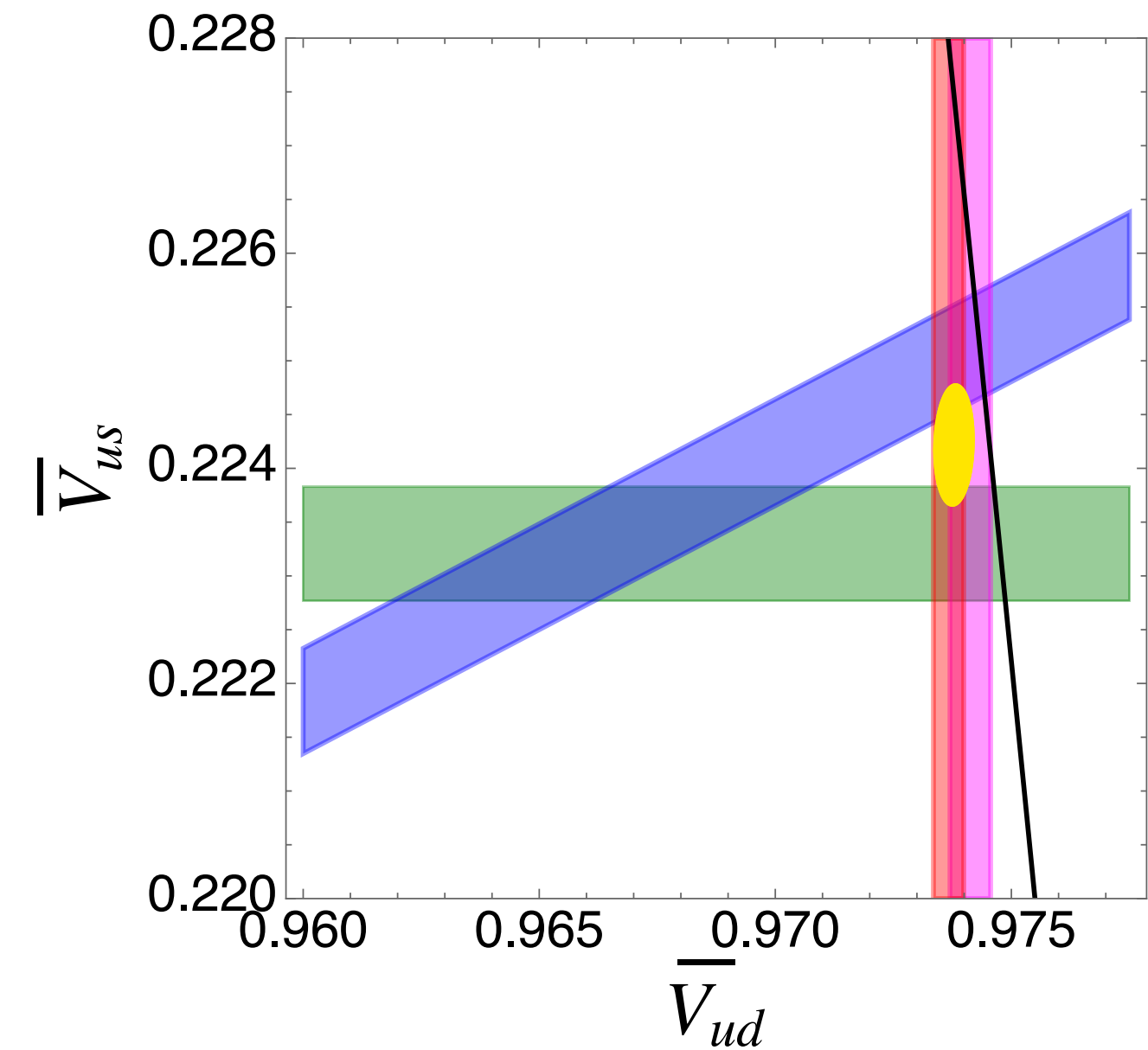
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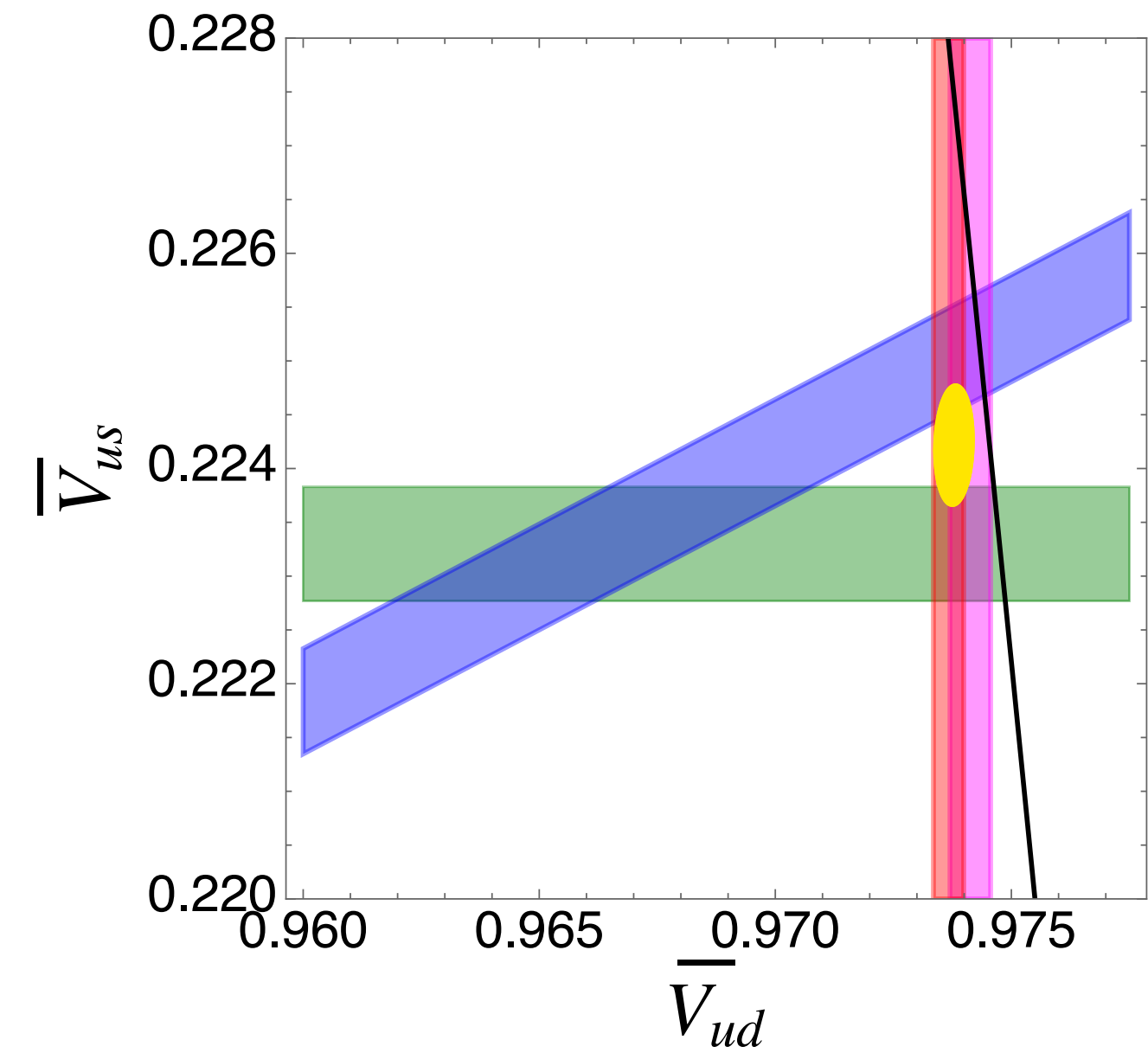
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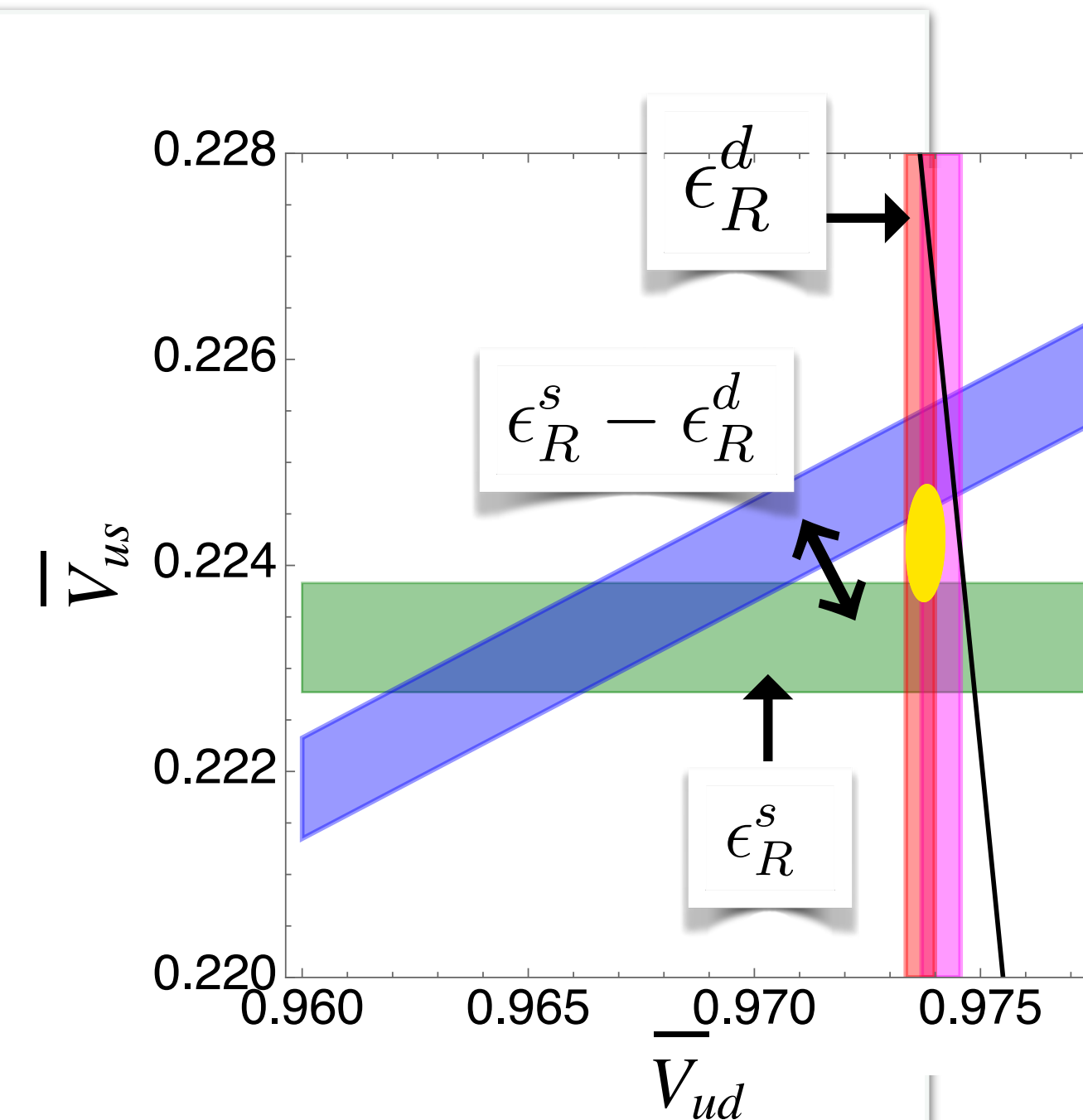
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Simplest 'solution': right-handed (V+A) quark currents

Right-handed quark couplings

- Right-handed currents (in the 'ud' and 'us' sectors)

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\bar{V}_{ud}|_{0^+ \rightarrow 0^+}^2 &= |V_{ud}|^2 \left(1 + 2\epsilon_R^d \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{ud}|_{n \rightarrow pe\bar{\nu}}^2 &= |V_{ud}|^2 \left(1 + 2\epsilon_R^d \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{us}|_{Ke3}^2 &= |V_{us}|^2 \left(1 + 2\epsilon_R^s \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{ud}|_{\pi e3}^2 &= |V_{ud}|^2 \left(1 + 2\epsilon_R^d \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{us}|_{K\mu2}^2 &= |V_{us}|^2 \left(1 - 2\epsilon_R^s \right) \\
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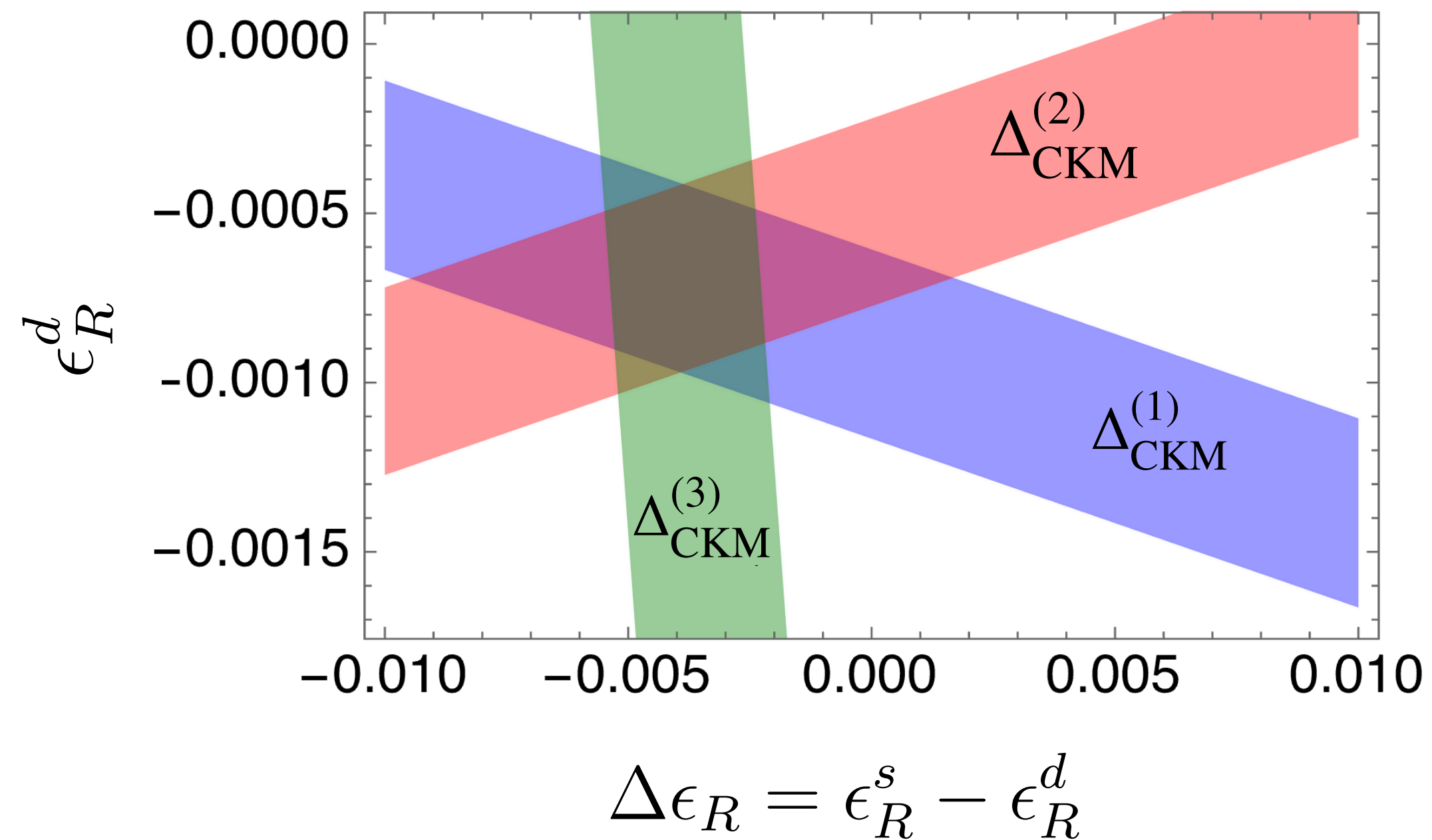


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- CKM elements from vector (axial) channels are shifted by $1+\epsilon_R$ ($1-\epsilon_R$) \Rightarrow V_{us}/V_{ud} , V_{ud} and V_{us} shift in anti-correlated way, can resolve all tensions!

Unveiling R-handed quark currents?

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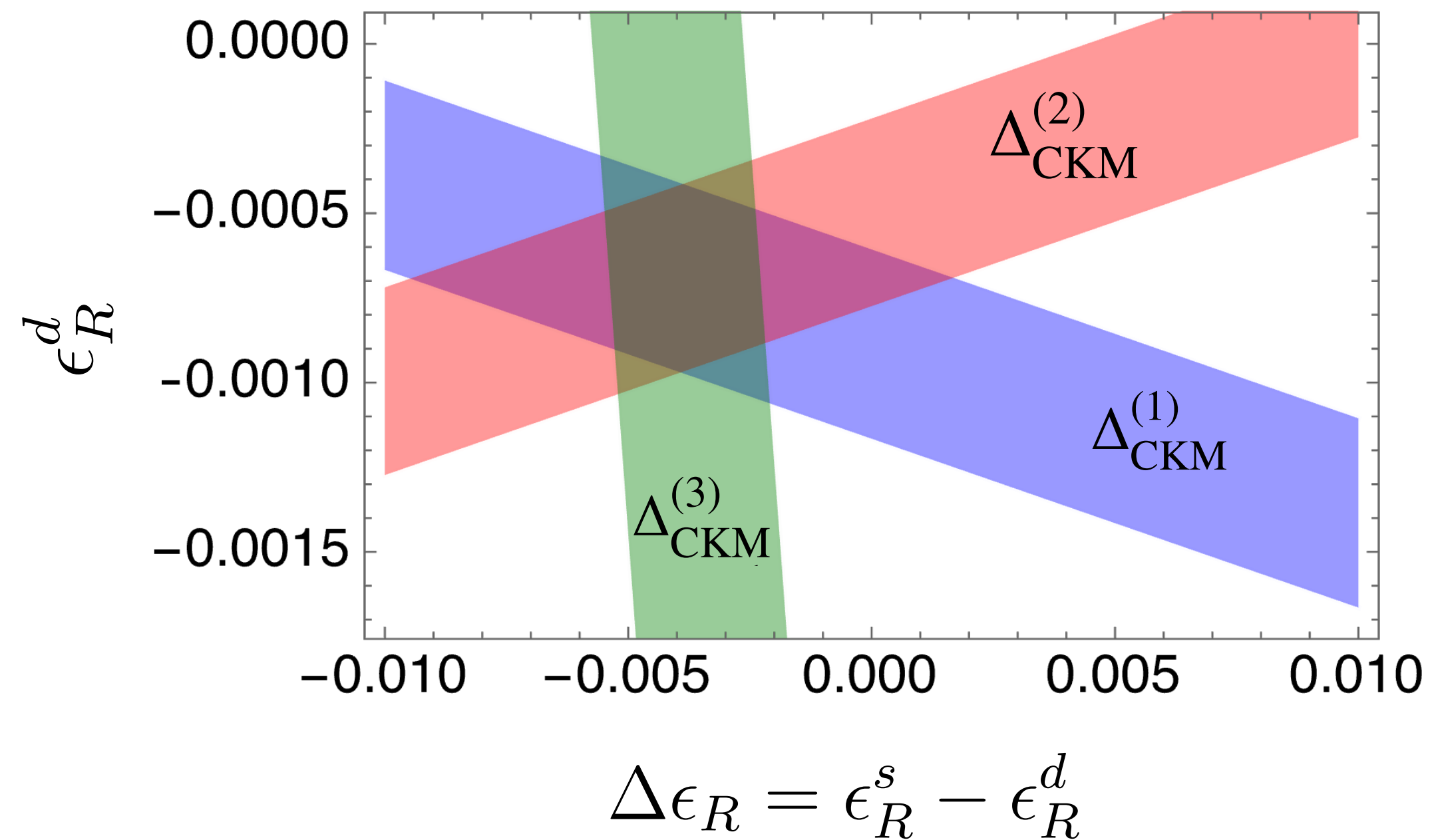
$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_R^d &= -0.69(27) \times 10^{-3} \\ \Delta\epsilon_R &= -3.9(1.6) \times 10^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

$\Lambda_R \sim 5-10 \text{ TeV}$

- Preferred ranges are not in conflict with constraints from other low-E probes
- Does the R-handed current explanation survive after taking into account high energy data?

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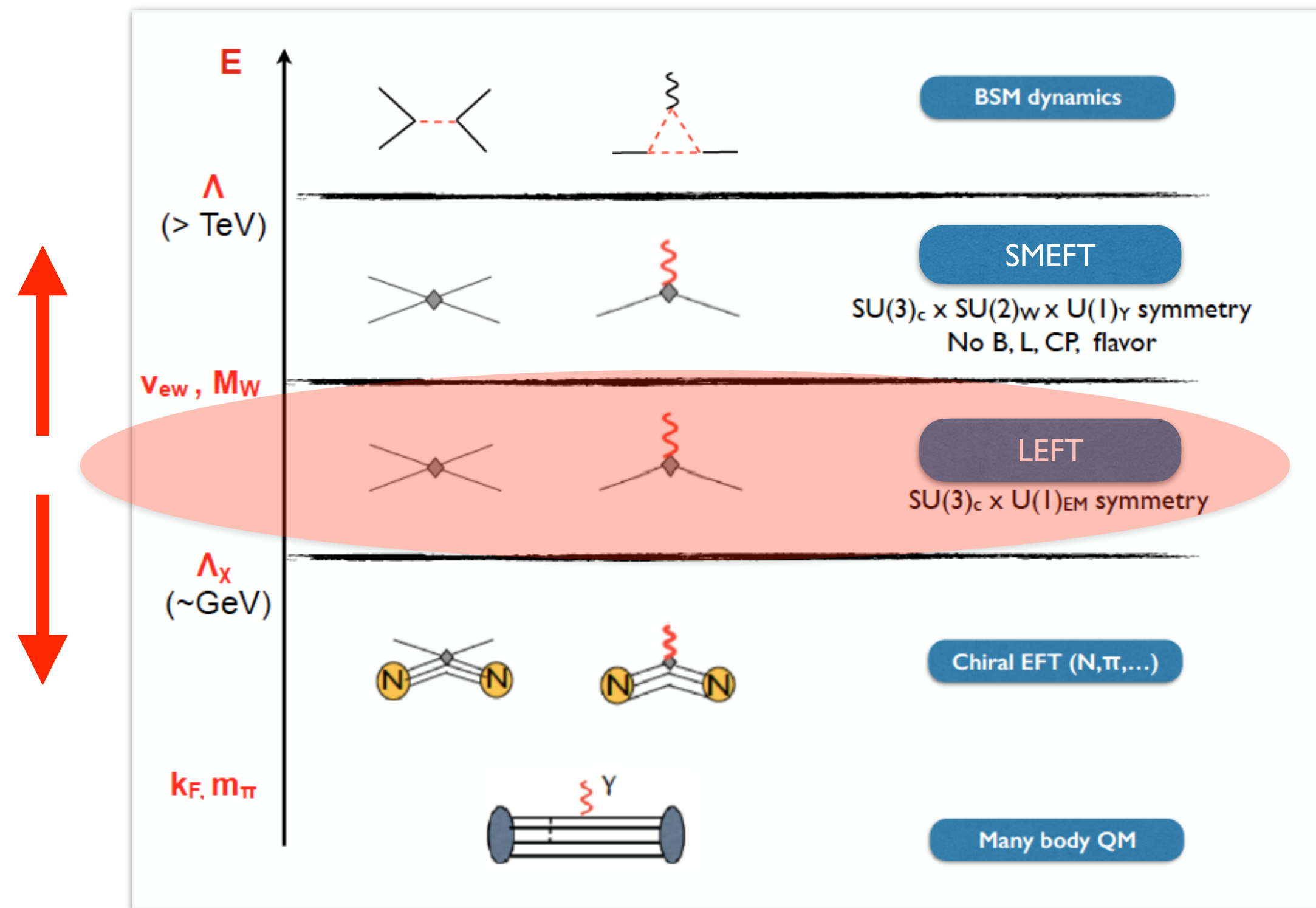
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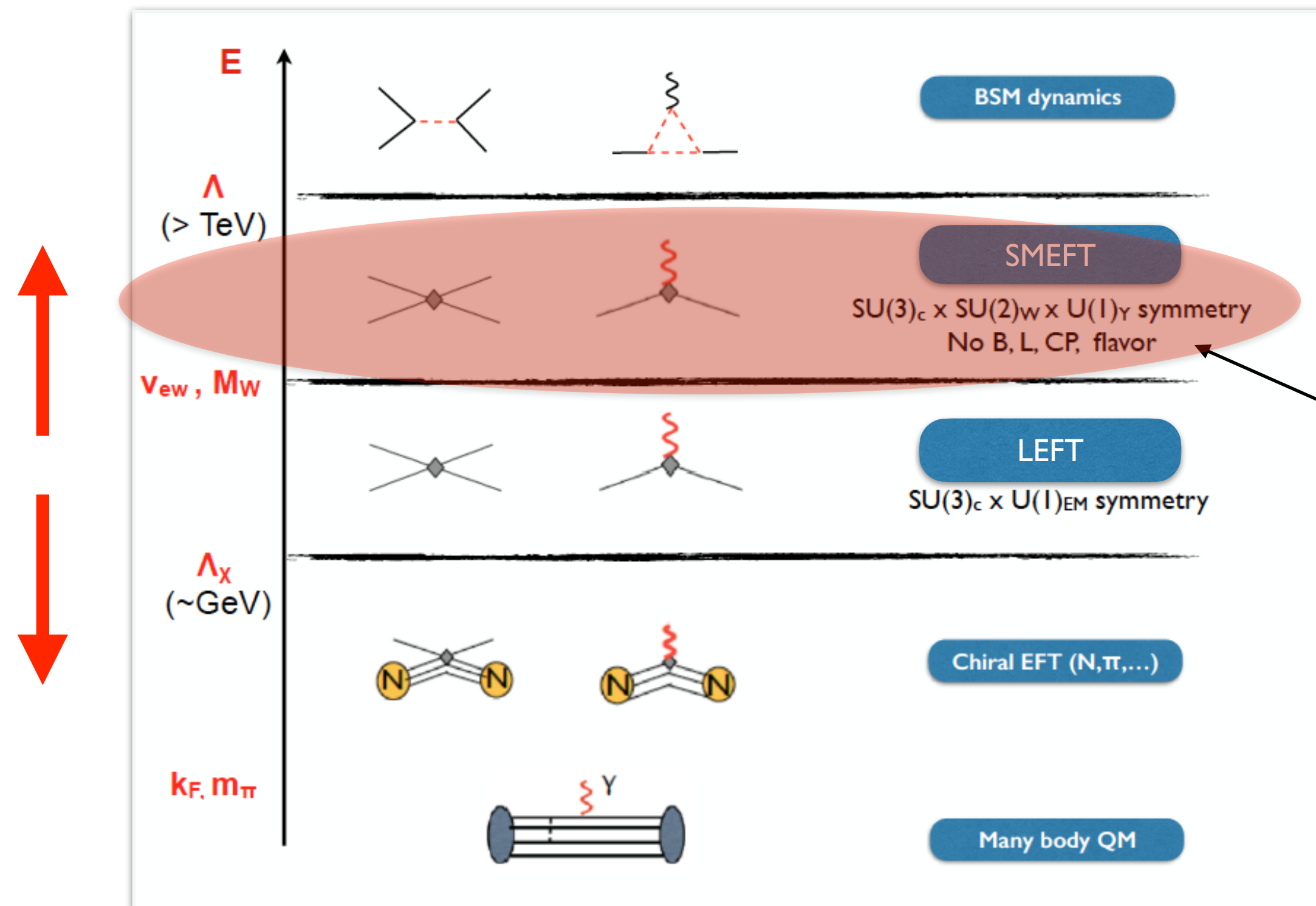
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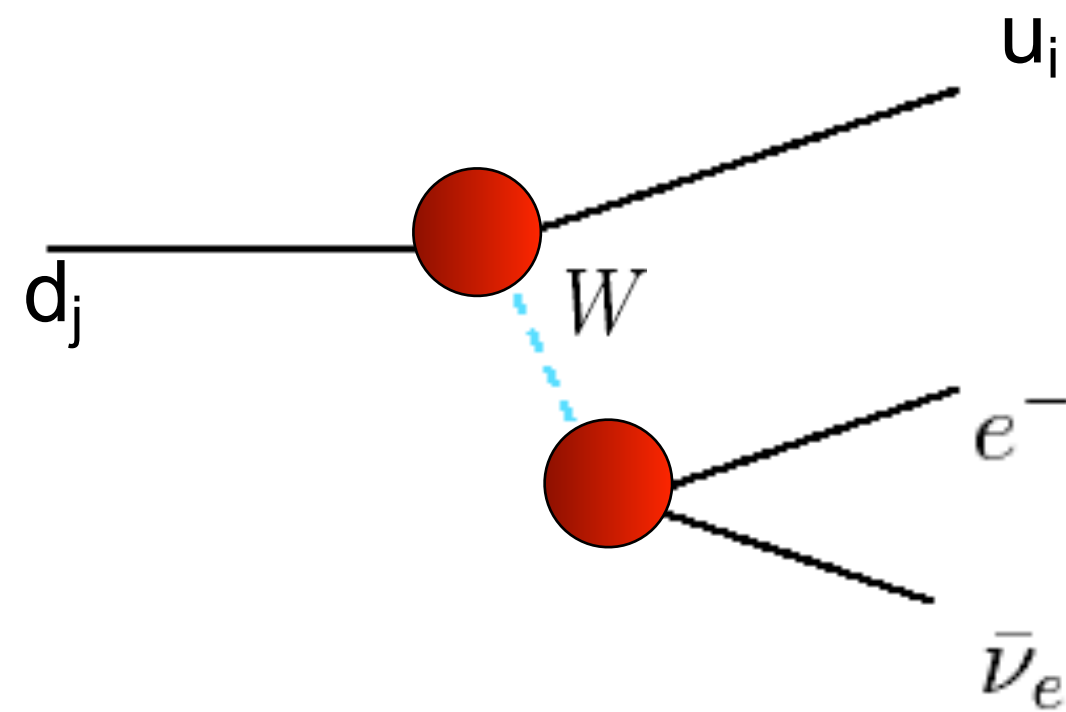
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R. Alonso, E. Jenkins, A. Manohar, M. Trott, 1308.2627, 1310.4838, 1312. 2014
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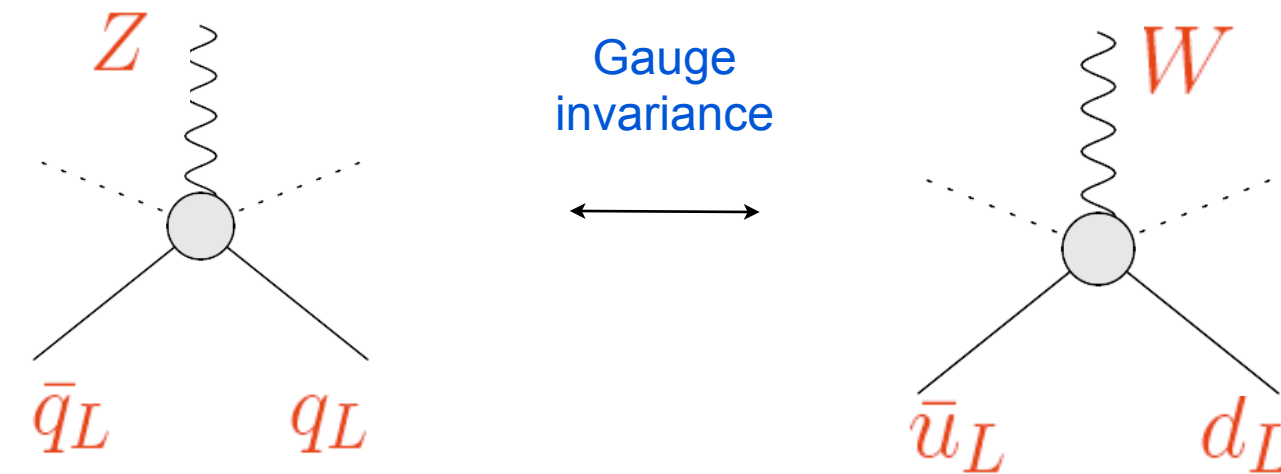
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Building blocks

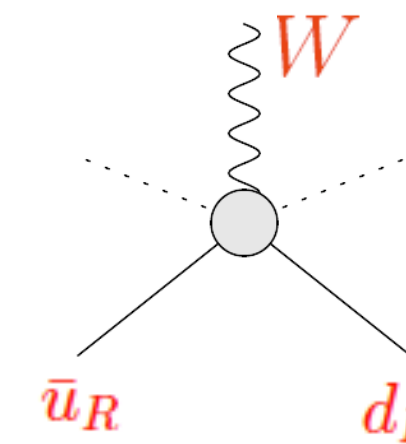
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Dekens, Andreoli, de Vries, Mereghetti,
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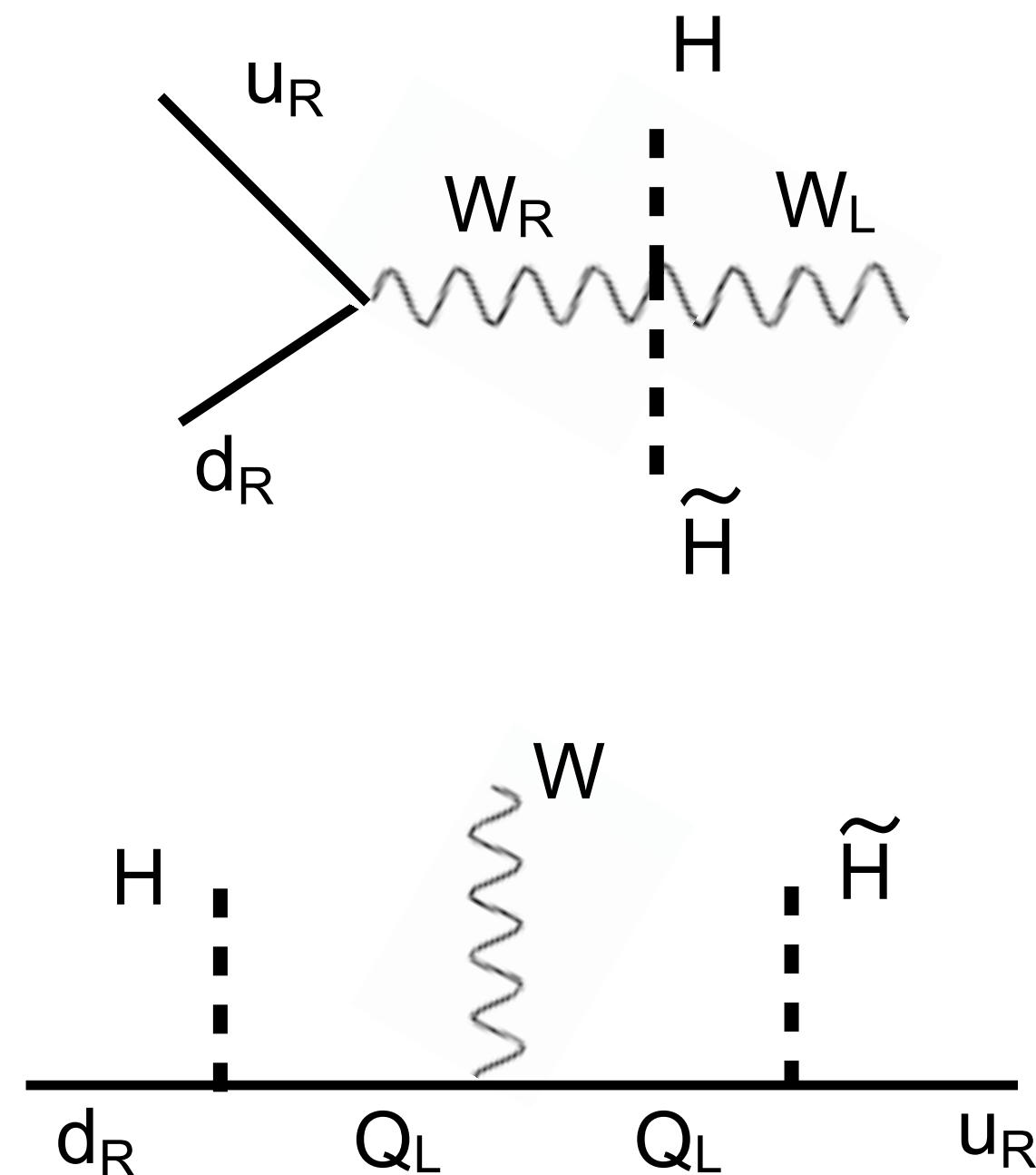
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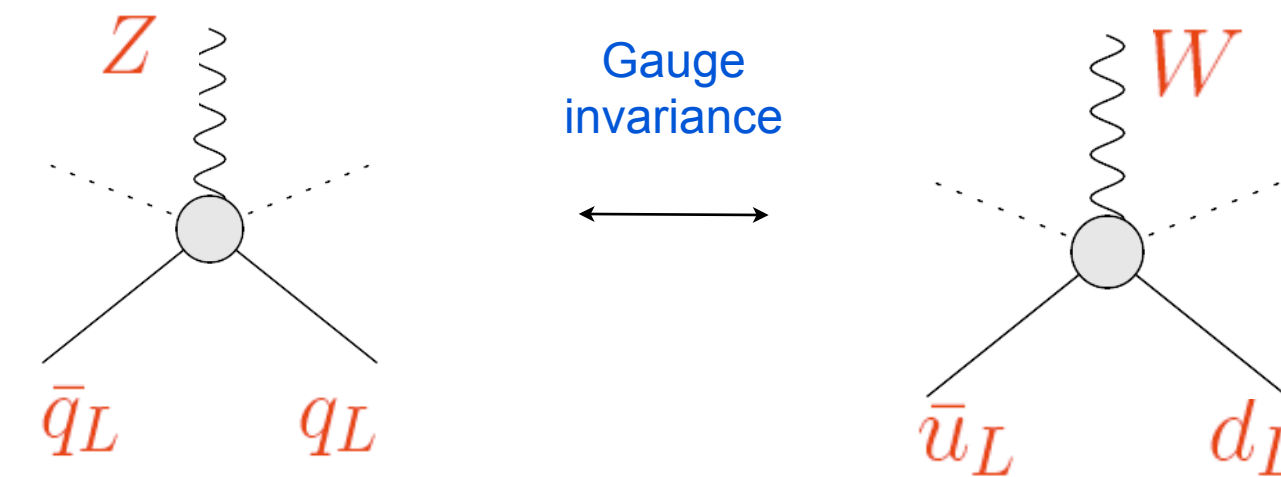
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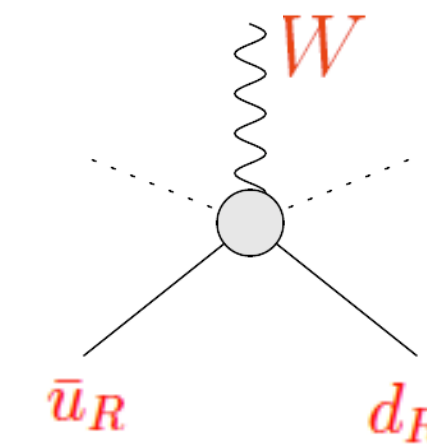


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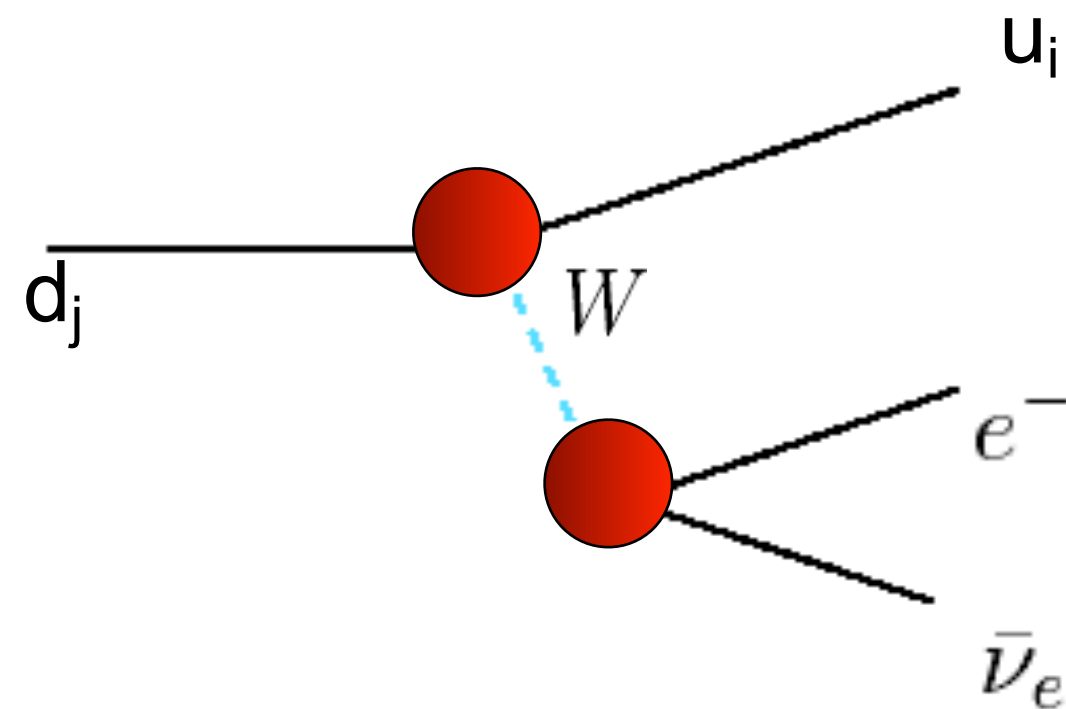
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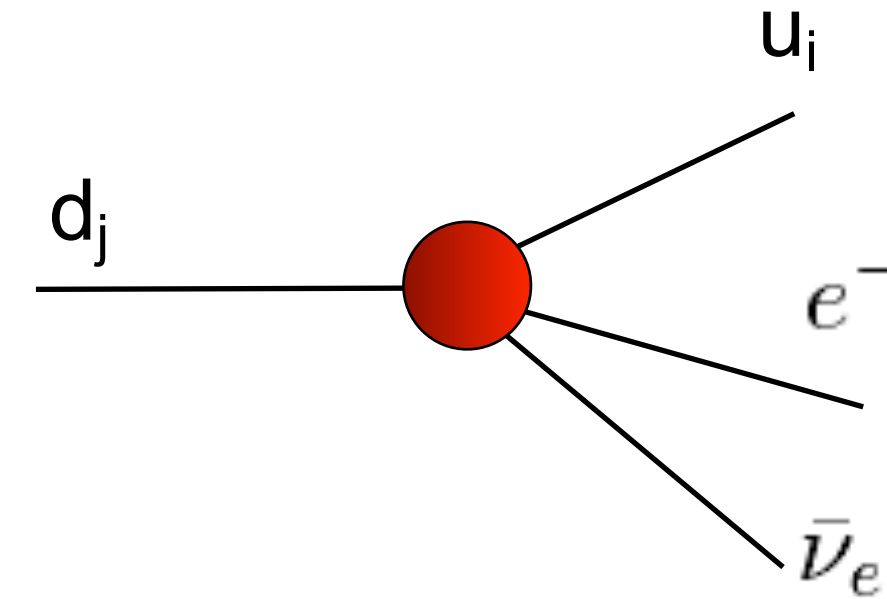
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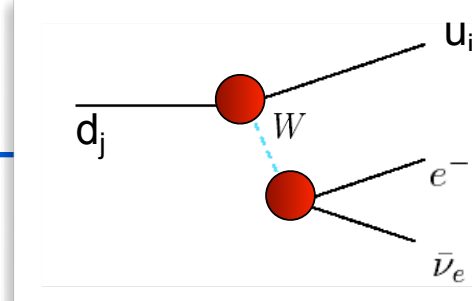
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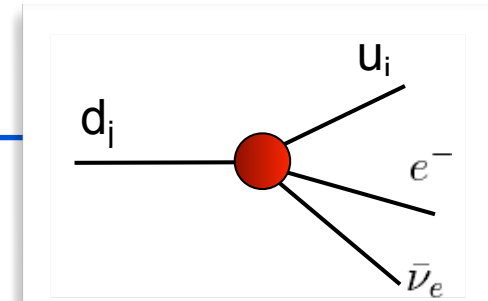
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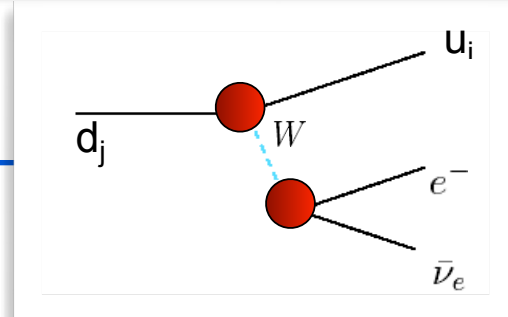
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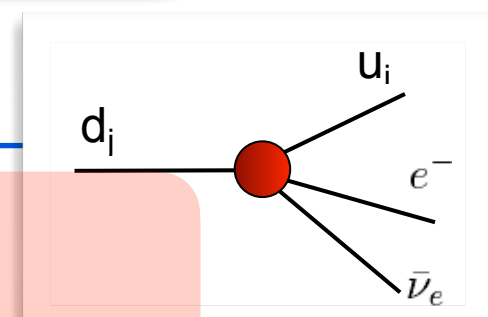
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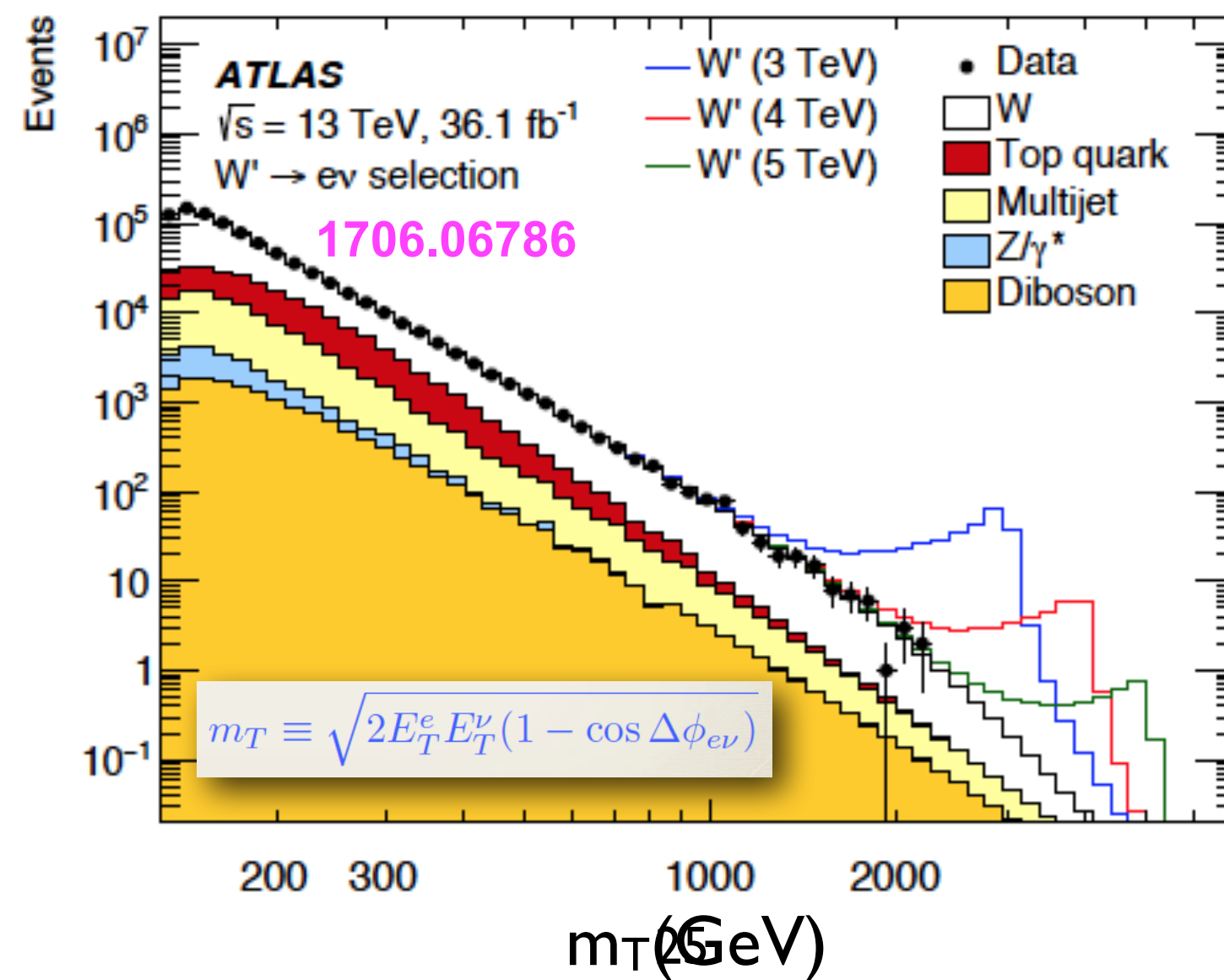
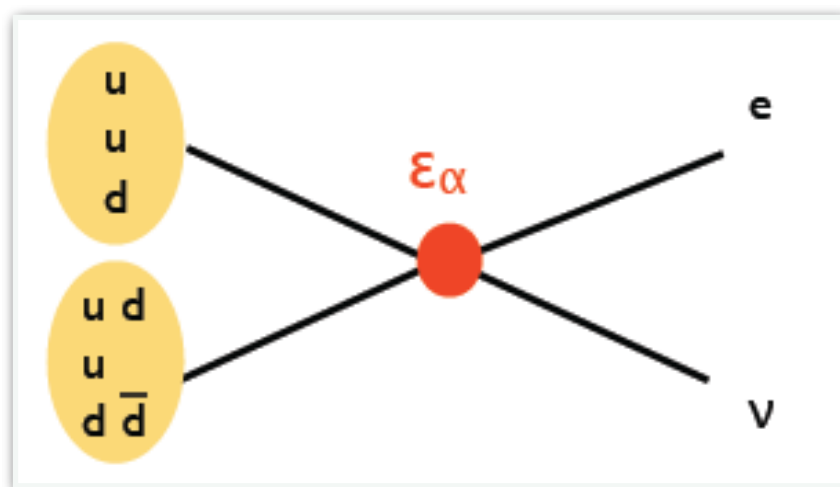
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Contribute to $pp \rightarrow e\nu + X$ and $pp \rightarrow e^+e^- + X$ at the LHC

LHC: $pp \rightarrow e\nu + X$



$$\mathcal{E}_\alpha \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$$

VC, Graesser, Gonzalez-Alonso
1210.4553

Alioli-Dekens-Girard-Mereggetti 1804.07407

Gupta et al. 1806.09006

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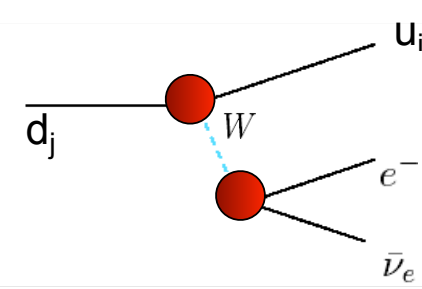
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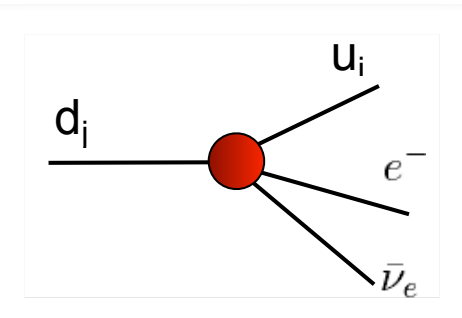
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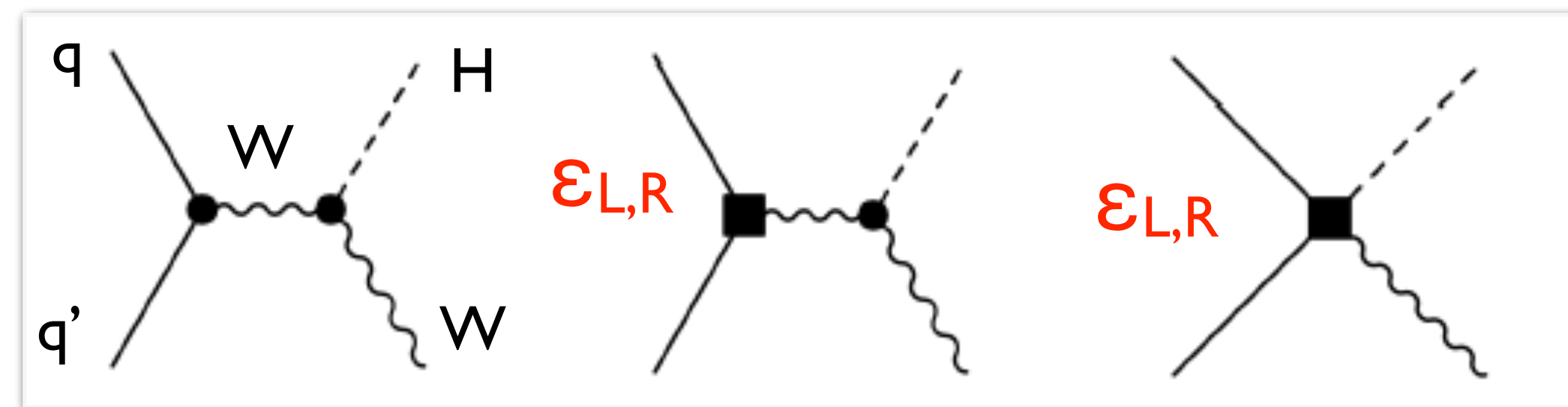
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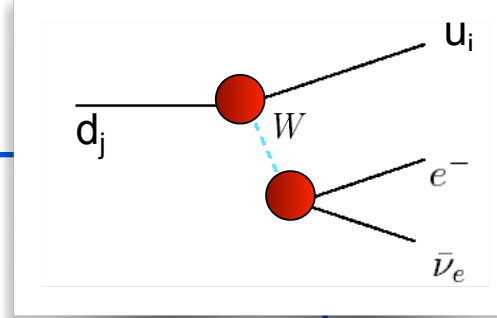
Can be probed at the LHC by associated Higgs + W production



S. Alioli, VC, W. Dekens, J. de Vries, E. Mereghetti 1703.04751

Current LHC results allow for to $\mathcal{E}_{L,R} \sim 5\%$

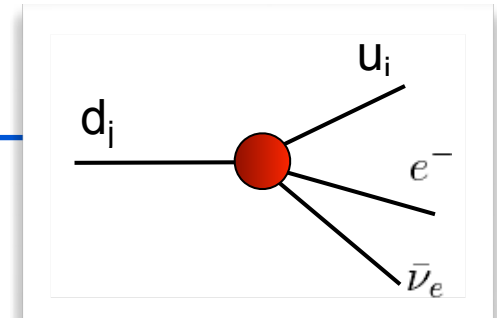
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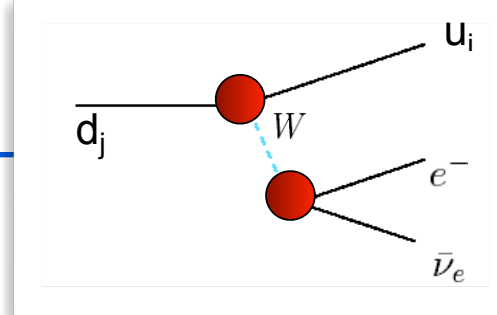
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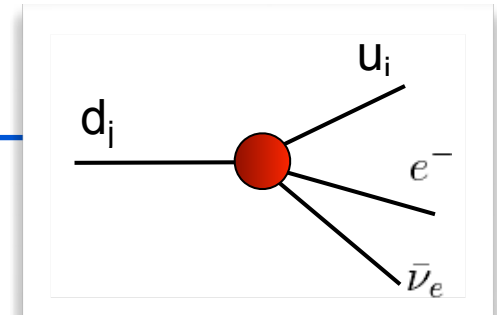
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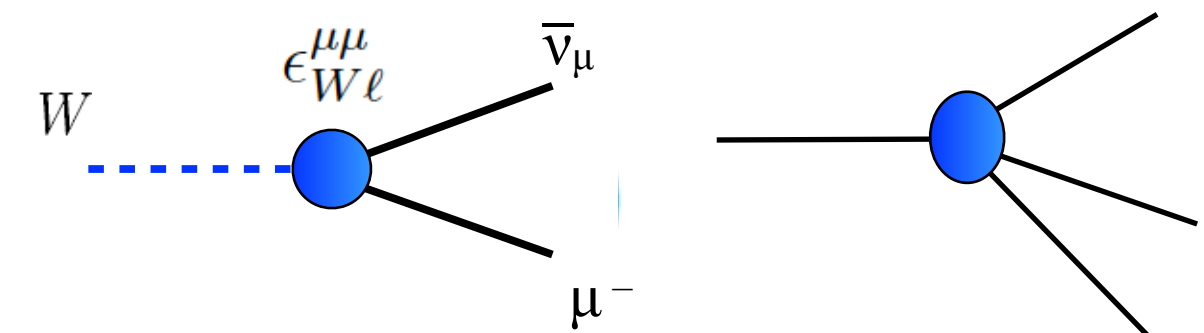
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Example:

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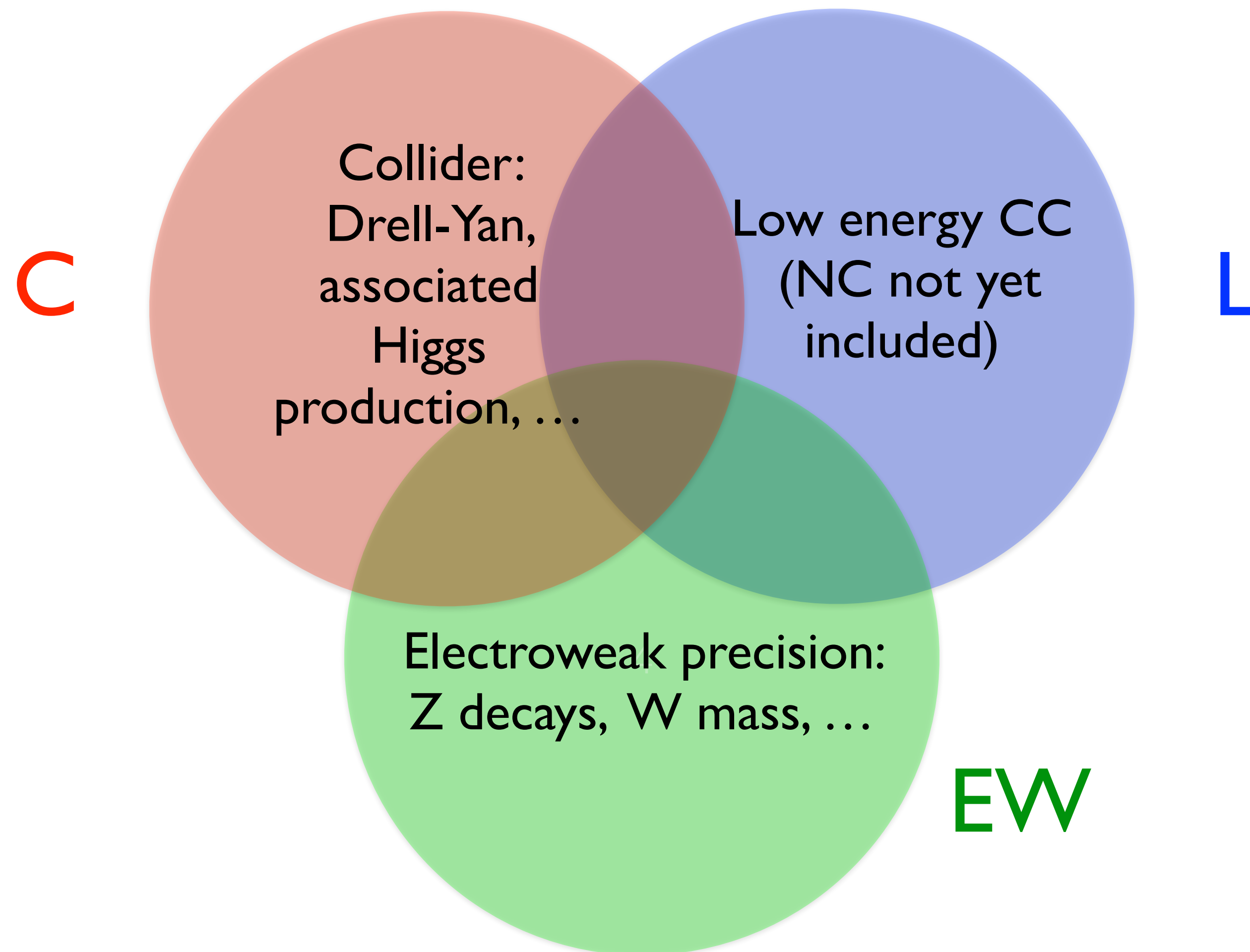
'Oblique corrections'



Shift to G_F

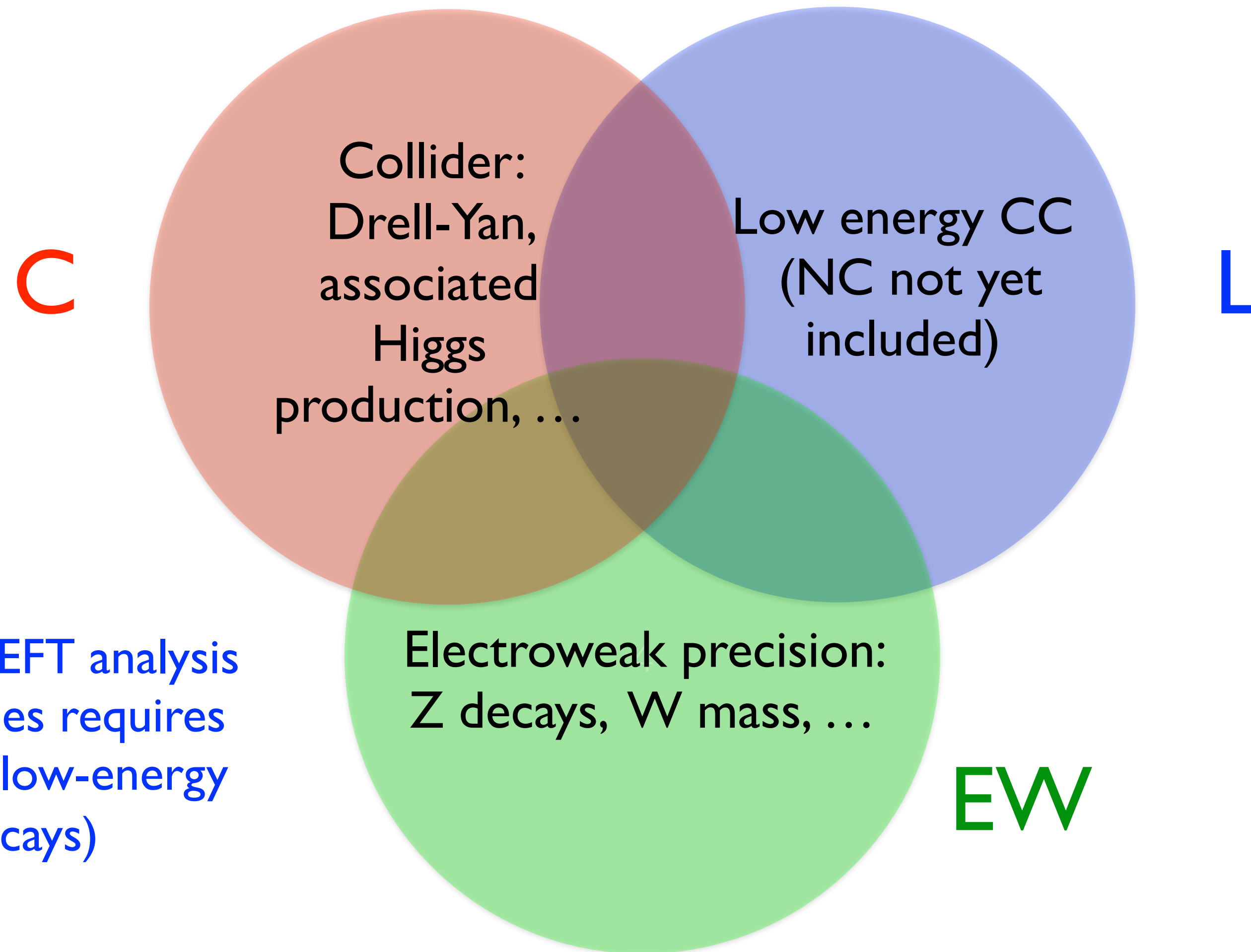
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** We are not including 'ld, lu, ed, eu, qe' 4-fermion operators that affect Drell-Yan (included in our analysis), NC processes at low-E & DIS (not included in our analysis). Inclusion of such operators would lead to a \sim closed set of observables \otimes operators. Do not expect big impact on the operators kept in our current analysis.

Bussolotti-Boughezial-Simsek 2306.05564, Boughezial et al. 2303.08257, 2204.07557
Crivellin et al., 2107.13569

What about flavor?

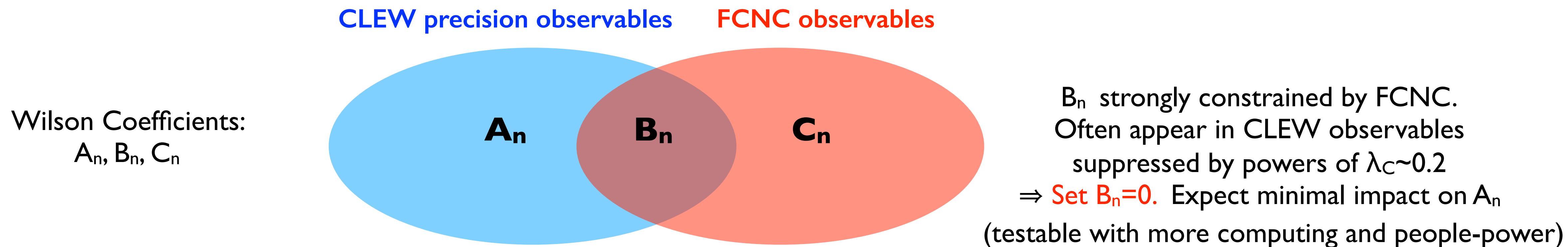
- Most analyses impose flavor symmetry to reduce number of couplings (e.g. only 9 Wilson Coefficients in the CLEW analysis if assume $U(3)^5$). However:
 - Lead to model-dependence (e.g. excludes classes of operators / models such as LRSM)
 - Results depend strongly on flavor assumptions

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What about flavor?

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{tot}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{CLEW}}(A_n, B_n) \times \mathcal{L}_{\text{FCNC}}(B_n, C_n) \times \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{tot}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{CLEW}}(A_n, \mathbf{B_n=0}) \times \mathcal{L}_{\text{FCNC}}(B_n, C_n) \times \dots$$

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 ~ factorized likelihood

What about flavor?

CLEW analysis with no assumption about flavor symmetry requires 37 couplings

Global analysis	Indices (mass eigenstates)
$C_{Hl_{pr}}^{(1,3)}, C_{He_{pr}}$	$pr \in \{ee, \mu\mu, \tau\tau\}$
$C_{Hq_{pr}}^{(d)}, C_{Hd_{pr}}$	$pr \in \{11, 22, 33\}$
$C_{Hq_{pr}}^{(u)}, C_{Hu_{pr}}$	$pr \in \{11, 22\}$
$C_{Hud_{pr}}$	$pr \in \{11, 12\}$
$C_{lq_{\ell pr}}^{(d)}, C_{ledq_{\ell pr}}$	$\ell \in \{e, \mu\}, pr \in \{11, 22\}$
$C_{lq_{\ell 11}}^{(u)}, \bar{C}_{lequ_{\ell 11}}^{(1,3)}$	$\ell \in \{e, \mu\}$
C_{ST}	
$C_{ll_{2112}}$	

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{ST} \\ C_{TS} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{c_w^2 + 16s_w^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 4s_w & c_w \\ -c_w & 4s_w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_{HWB} \\ C_{HD} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$C_{Hq}^{(d)} = C_{Hq}^{(1)} + C_{Hq}^{(3)}$$

$$C_{Hq}^{(u)} = V \left[C_{Hq}^{(1)} - C_{Hq}^{(3)} \right] V^\dagger$$

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Extreme example: CLEW37 fit with CDF input for m_W

- Best fit W.C.'s are all consistent with zero at the 2- σ level
- Analyze eigenvectors of the covariance matrix, their corresponding best fit values, and their (uncorrelated) variance \Rightarrow A handful of eigenvectors are non-zero at $> 3\text{-}\sigma$ significance

$$0.51 C_{ST} + 0.33 C_{Hl_{22}}^{(3)} + 0.45 C_{ledq_{2222}} - 0.40 \bar{C}_{lequ_{2211}}^{(1)} - 0.34 C_{ll_{2112}} = -0.0016 \times (3.7 \pm 1) \text{ TeV}^{-2}$$

$$0.41 C_{ST} - 0.47 C_{Hl_{22}}^{(3)} + 0.42 C_{ll_{2112}} = -0.0030 \times (6.5 \pm 1) \text{ TeV}^{-2}$$

$$-0.83 C_{He_{11}} - 0.34 C_{Hl_{11}}^{(1)} - 0.31 C_{Hl_{11}}^{(3)} = 0.0093 \times (3 \pm 1) \text{ TeV}^{-2}.$$

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To gain qualitative and quantitative insight on most relevant operators, use the Akaike Information Criterion

$$\text{AIC} = (\chi^2)_{\min} + 2k$$

of estimated parameters

Minimization of AIC:

balance between goodness of fit (rewarded) and proliferation of parameters (penalized)

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- Scanned model space by ‘turning on’ certain classes of effective couplings

Operators grouped in 10 categories

Scanned this model space

$2^{10} = 1024$ ‘models’

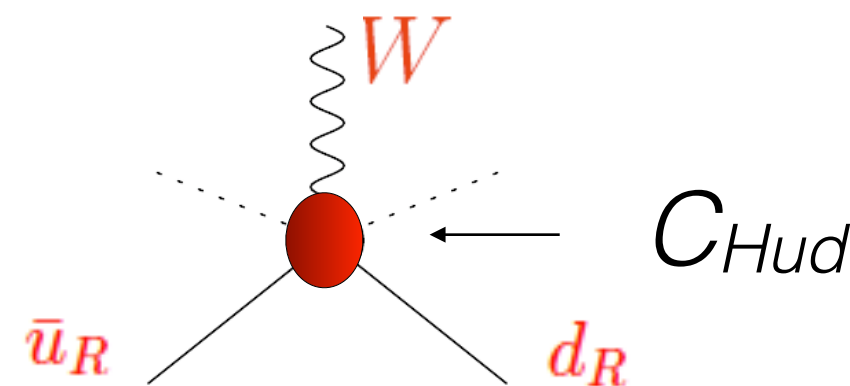
Category	Operators	Description	# of Ops.
I.	C_{ST}	Oblique corrections	1
II.	C_{Hud}	RH charged currents	2
III.	$C_{Hl}^{(1)} \quad C_{Hl}^{(3)}$	LH lepton vertices	6
IV.	C_{He}	RH lepton vertices	3
V.	$C_{Hq}^{(u)} \quad C_{Hq}^{(d)}$	LH quark vertices	5
VI.	$C_{Hu} \quad C_{Hd}$	RH quark vertices	5
VII.	C_{ll}	Lepton 4-fermion	1
VIII.	$C_{lq}^{(u)} \quad C_{lq}^{(d)}$	Semileptonic 4-fermion	6
IX.	$C_{ledq} \quad C_{lequ}^{(1)}$	Scalar 4-fermion	6
X.	$C_{lequ}^{(3)}$	Tensor 4-fermion	2

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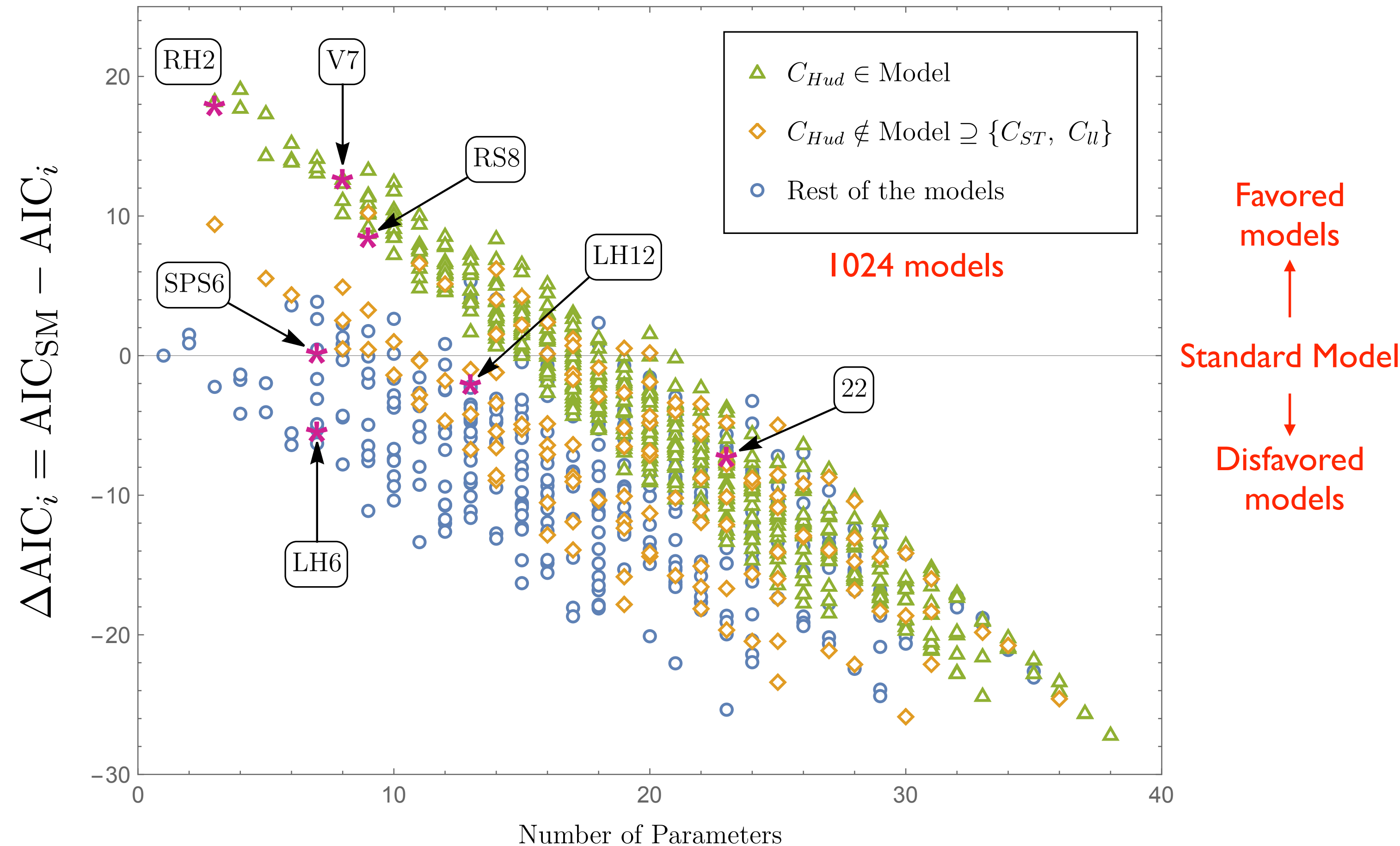
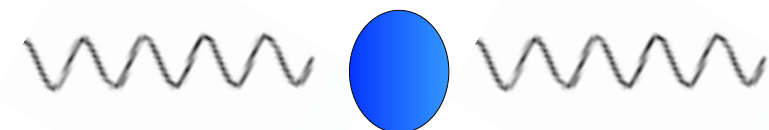
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- Models with oblique corrections (C_{ST}) also fare better than SM

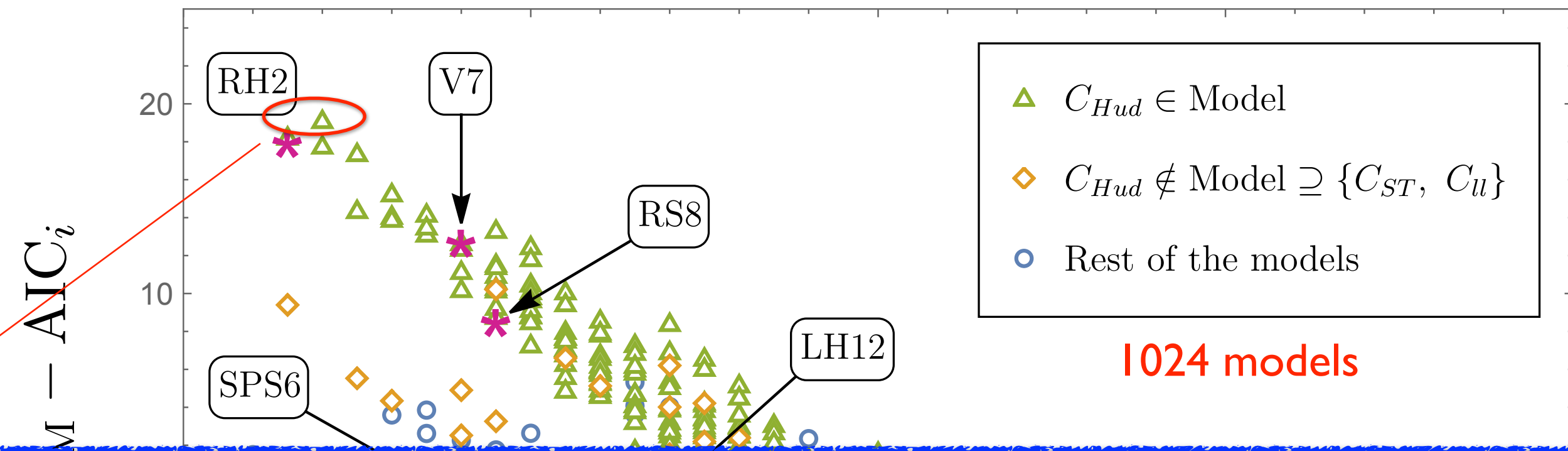


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The winner ($\Delta AIC=19$): two RH CC vertex corrections and a combination of oblique parameters (UV completions? Vector-like quarks generate RH CC at tree level and oblique at 1-loop)

$$C_{Hud_{11}} = (-0.030 \pm 0.008) \text{ TeV}^{-2},$$

$$C_{Hud_{12}} = (-0.040 \pm 0.011) \text{ TeV}^{-2},$$

$$C_{ST} = (-0.0038 \pm 0.0022) \text{ TeV}^{-2}.$$

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Favored models
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Standard Model
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Disfavored models

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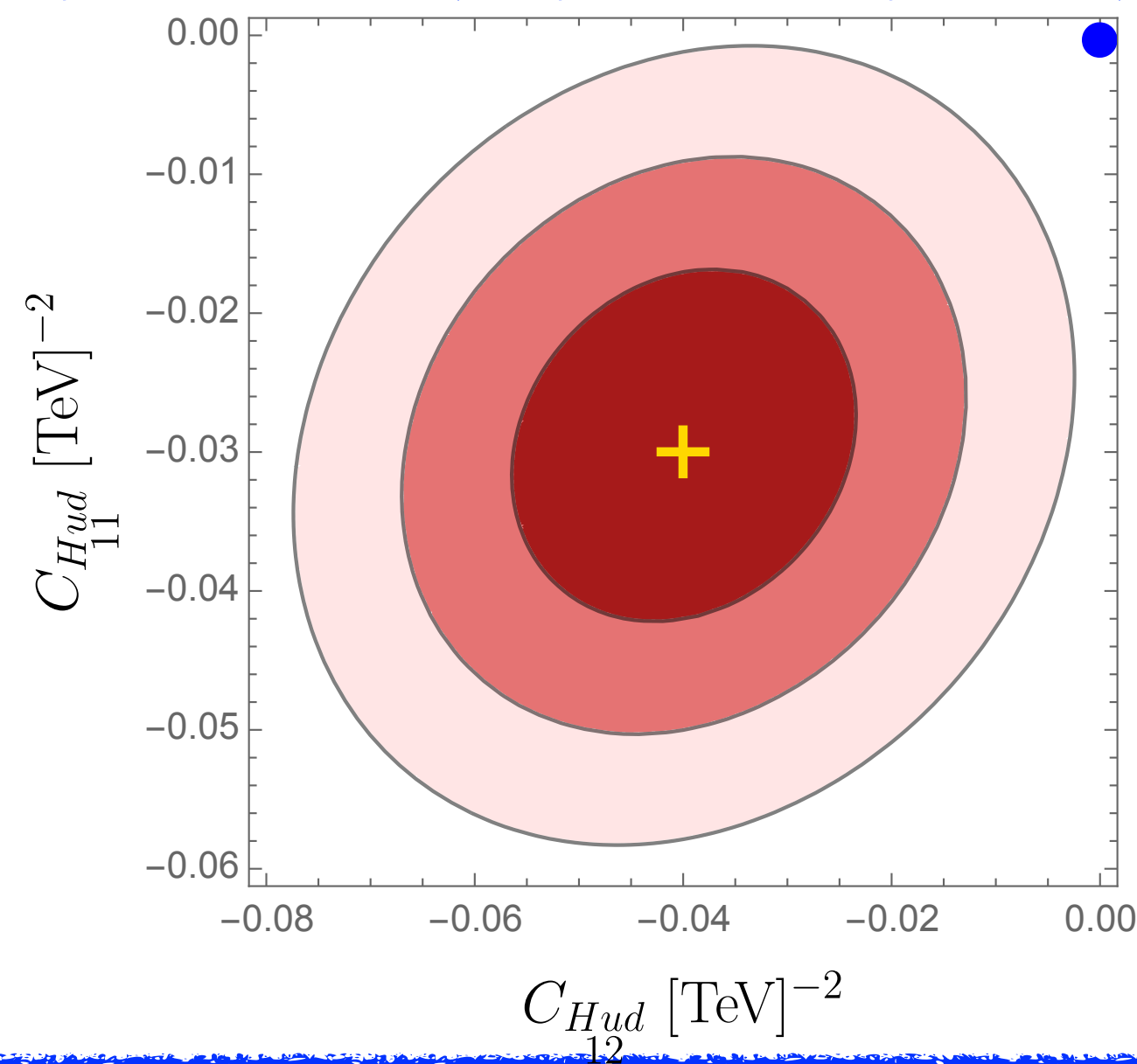
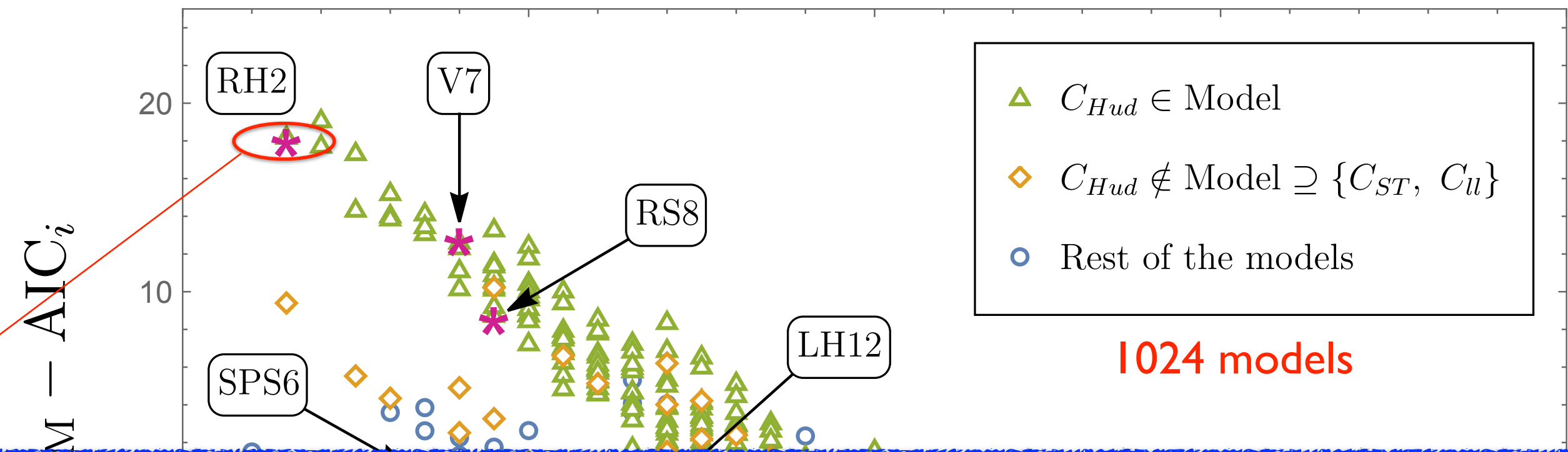
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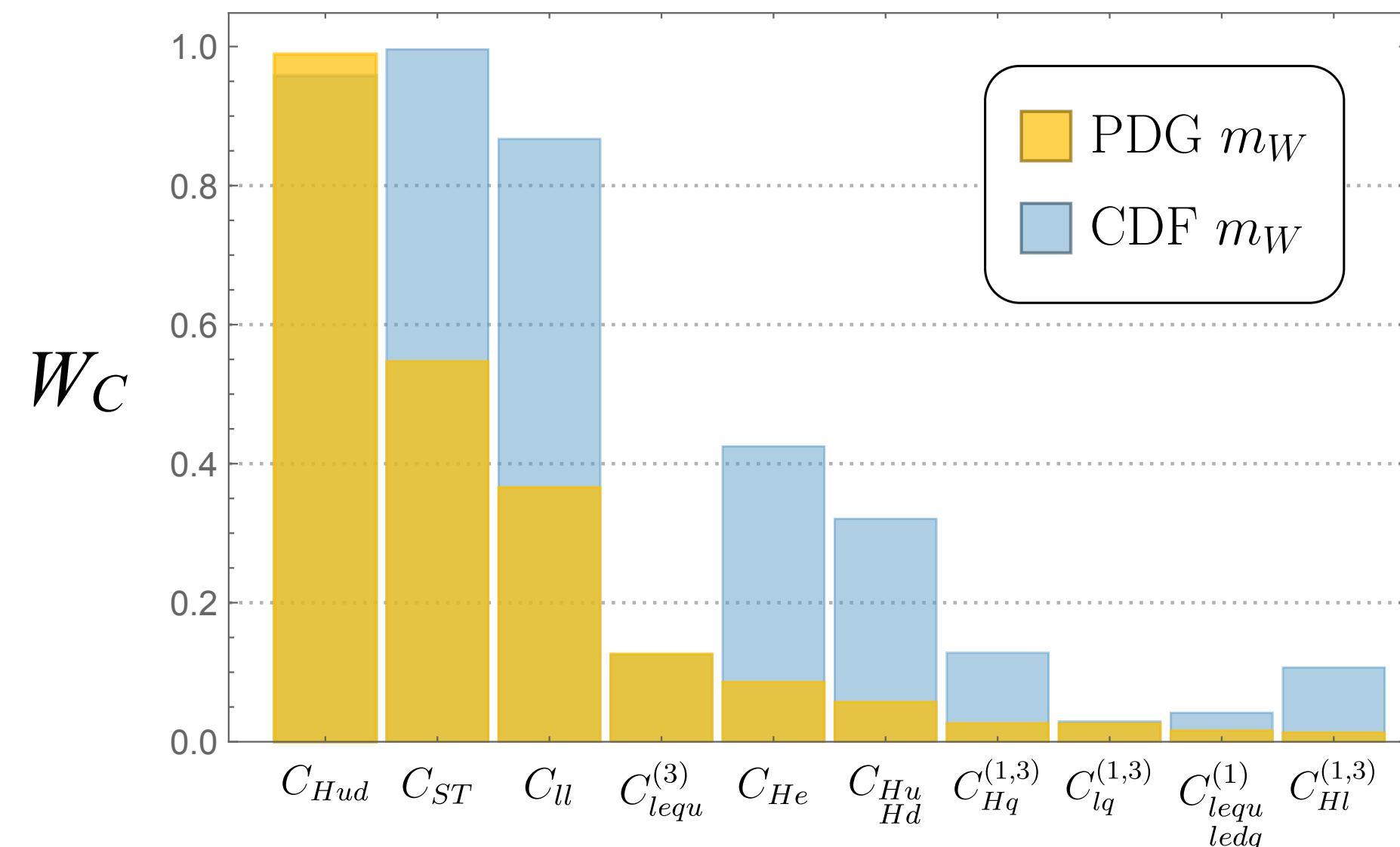
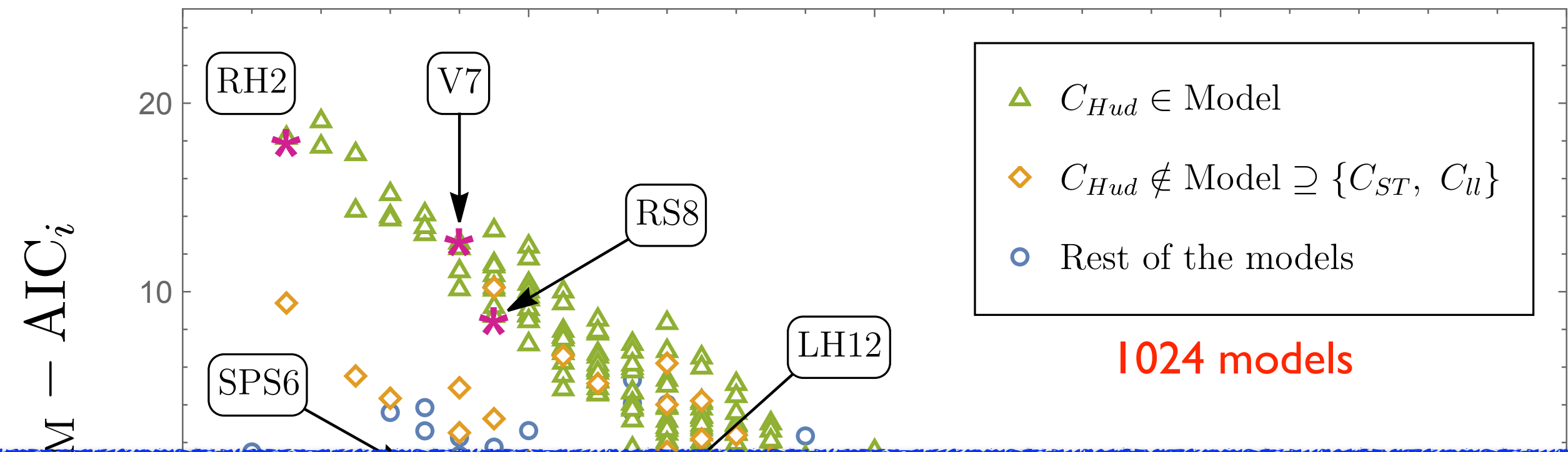
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- Most important operators: R-handed CC, oblique corrections, 4-lepton
- R-handed neutral currents (C_{He} , C_{Hd}) appear in ‘next best models’: mitigate some Z-pole tensions

$$w_i = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}\Delta AIC_i}}{\sum_j e^{\frac{1}{2}\Delta AIC_j}} \quad W_\theta = \sum_i w_i I_\theta(i)$$

Weight for model ‘i’

Sum of the weights of models in which θ is turned on



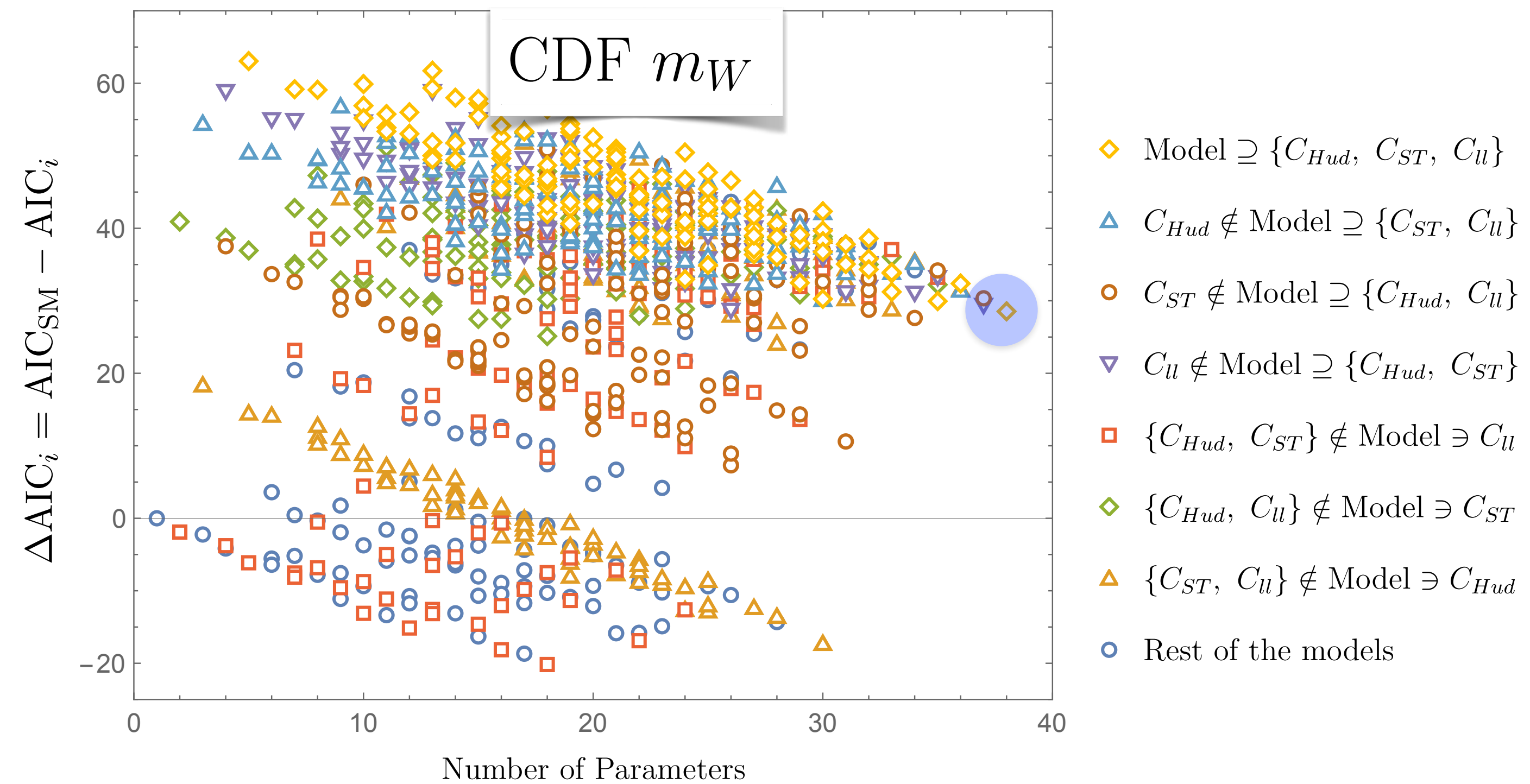
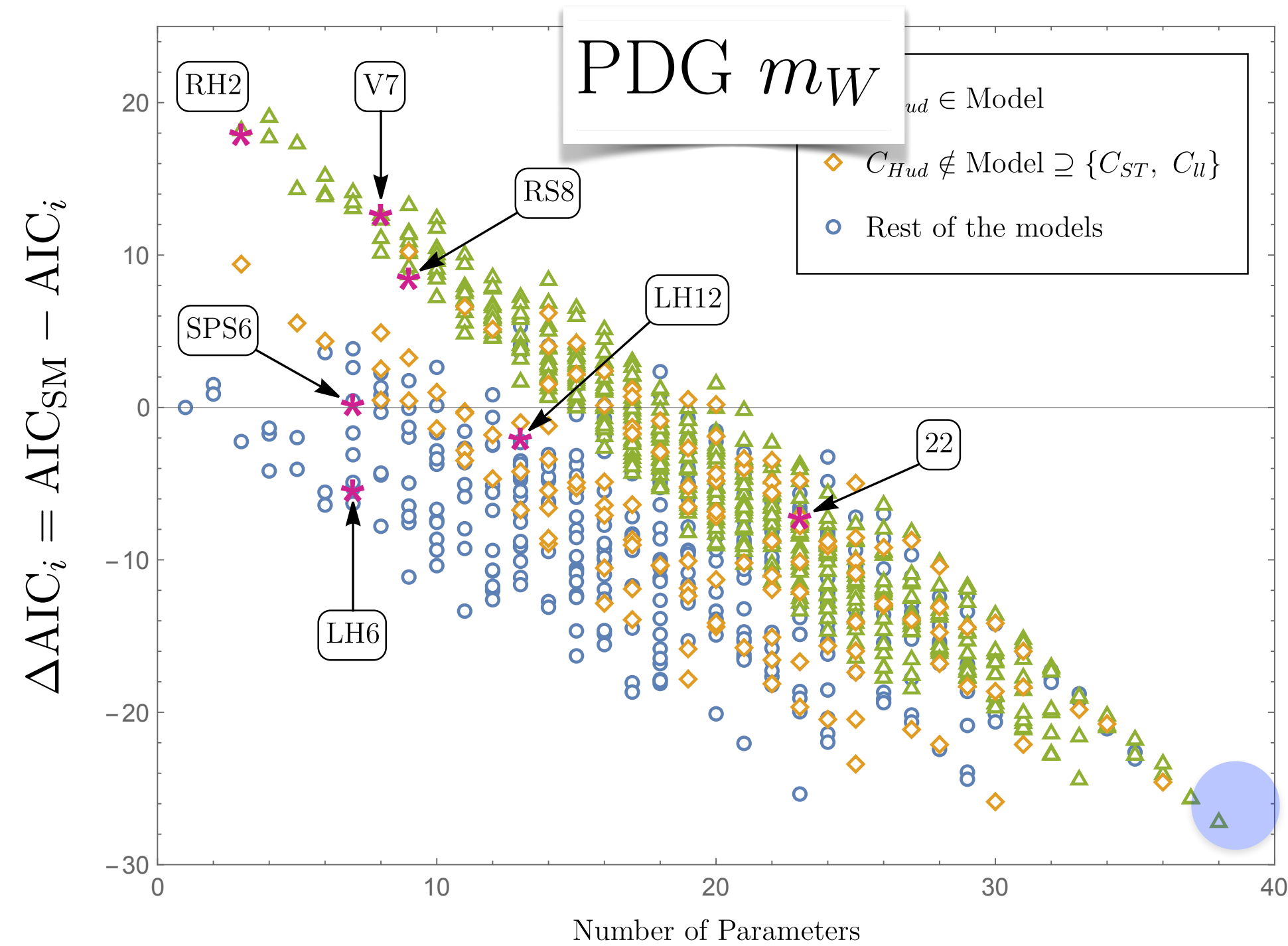
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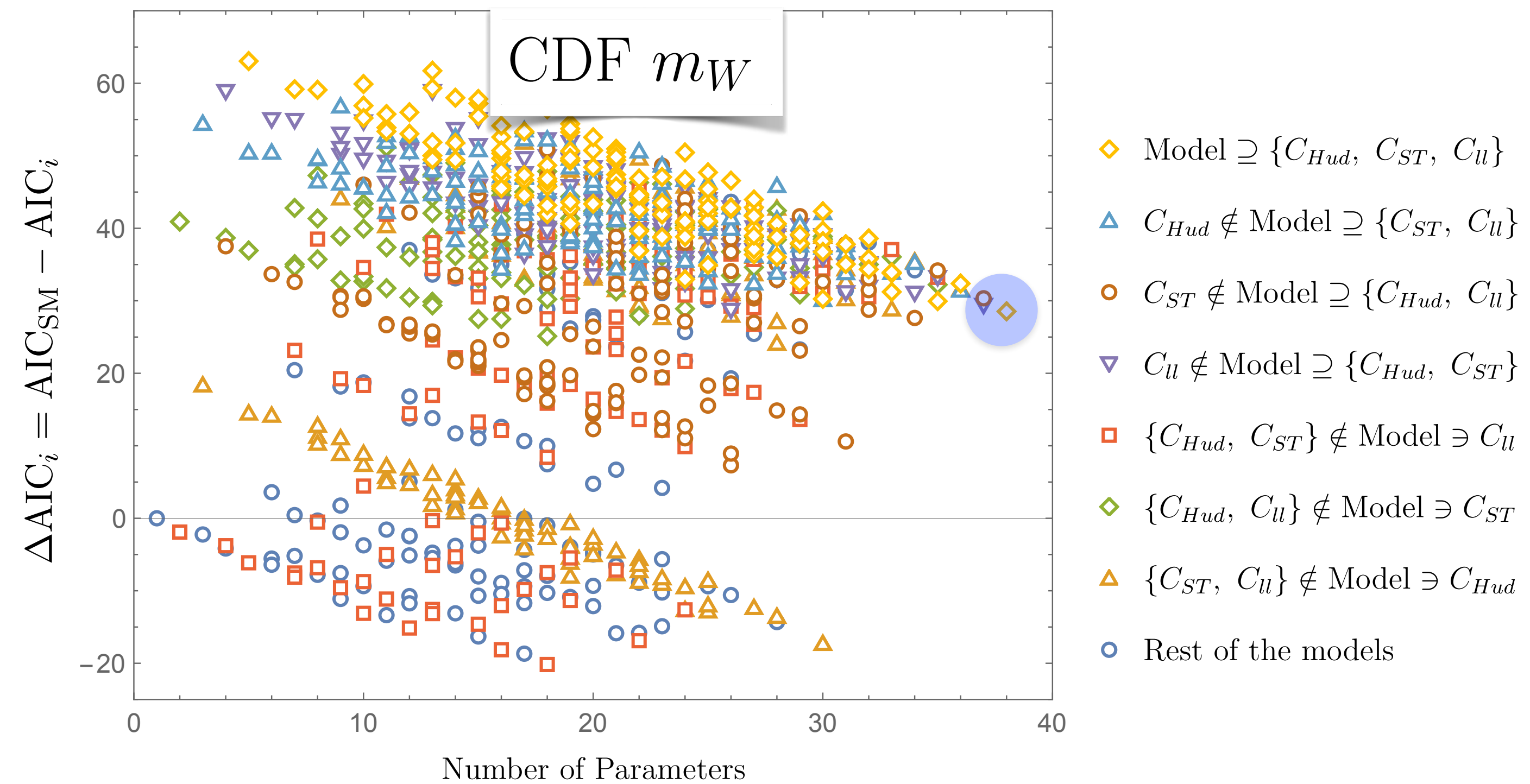
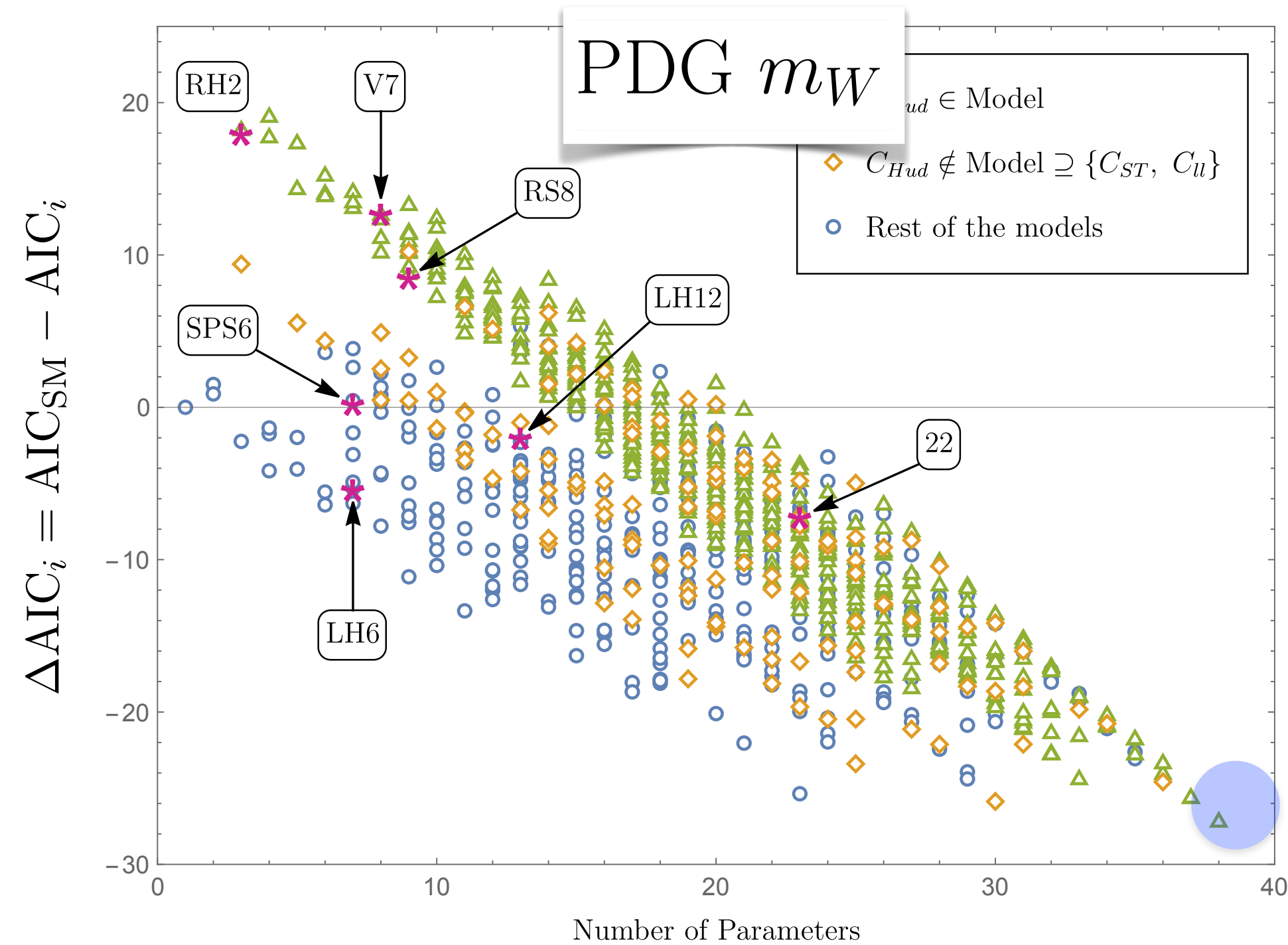
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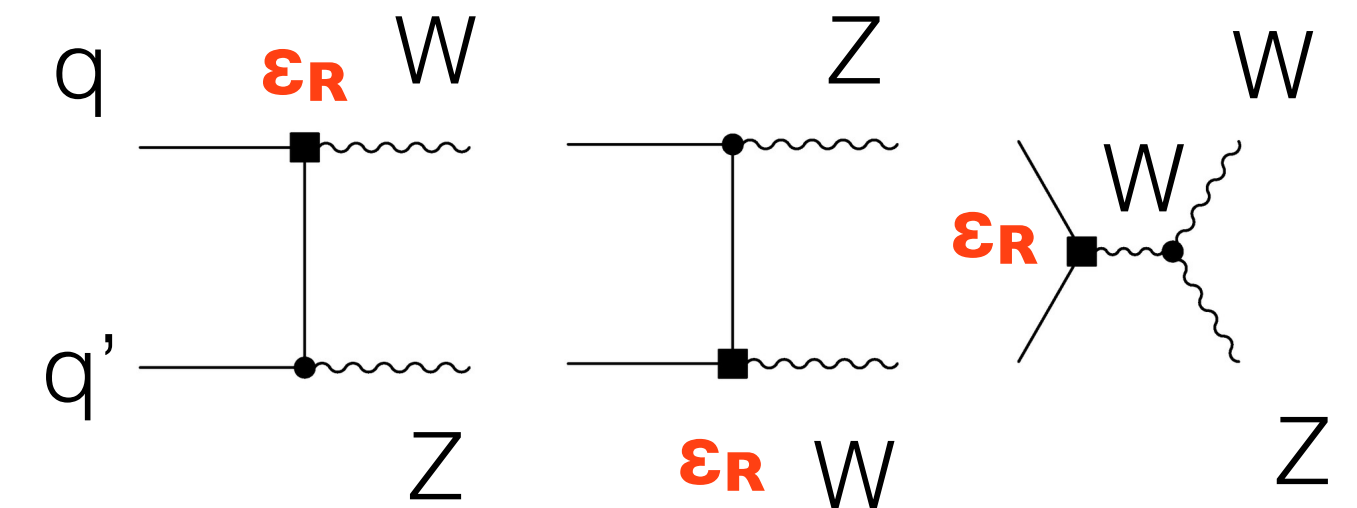
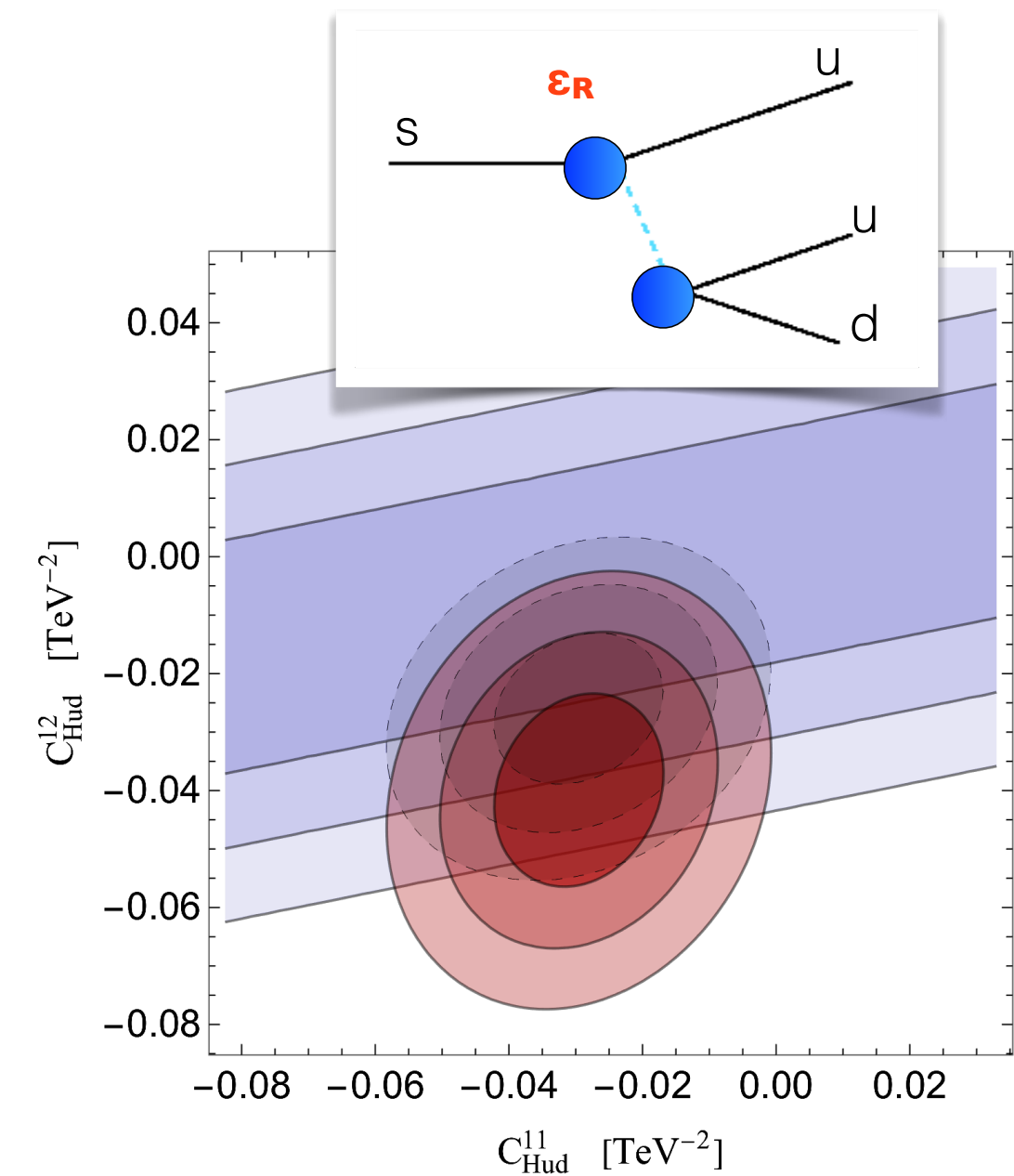


CKM “anomaly” not ruled out by other data!
Unitarity test provides relevant input to unravel possible new physics.

Falsifying R-handed current hypothesis

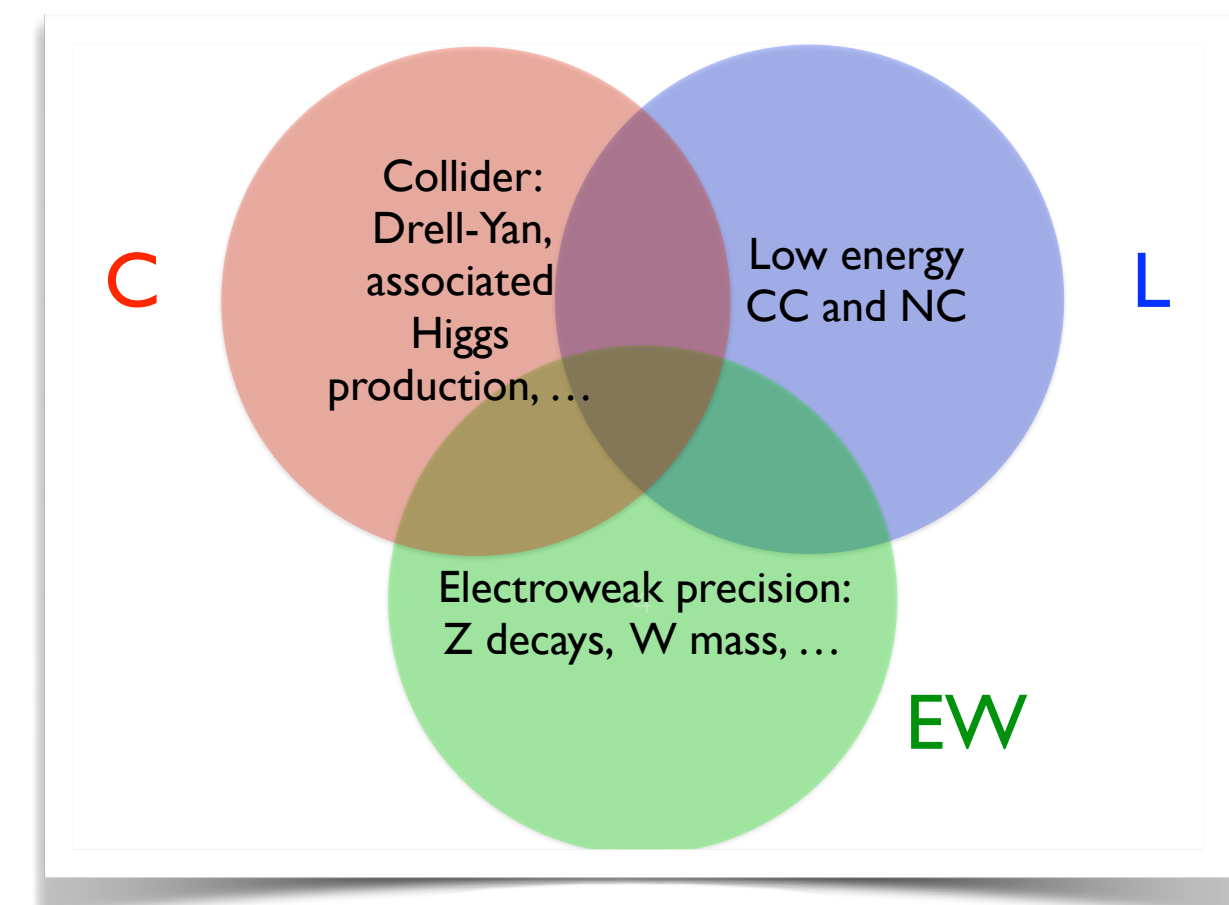
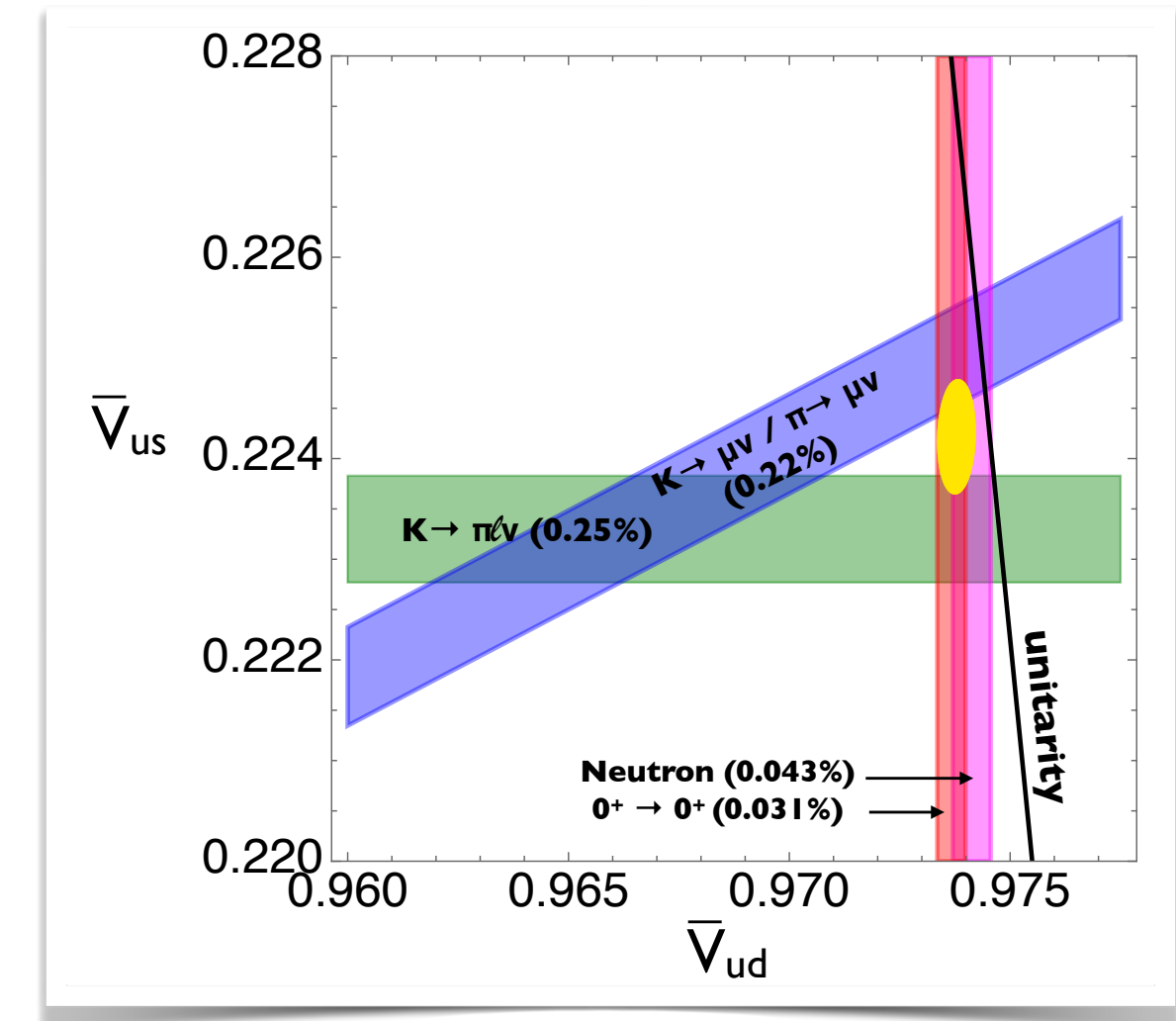
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- Currently less-sensitive probes of R-handed couplings
 - g_A/g_V : neutron decay vs Lattice QCD (need \sim order of magnitude theoretical improvement)
 - $K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=2}$ decay amplitude: experiment vs Lattice QCD (difficult to improve)
 - WH & **WZ** production at the High Luminosity LHC will reach sensitivity need to test the R-handed current solution to the Cabibbo angle anomaly

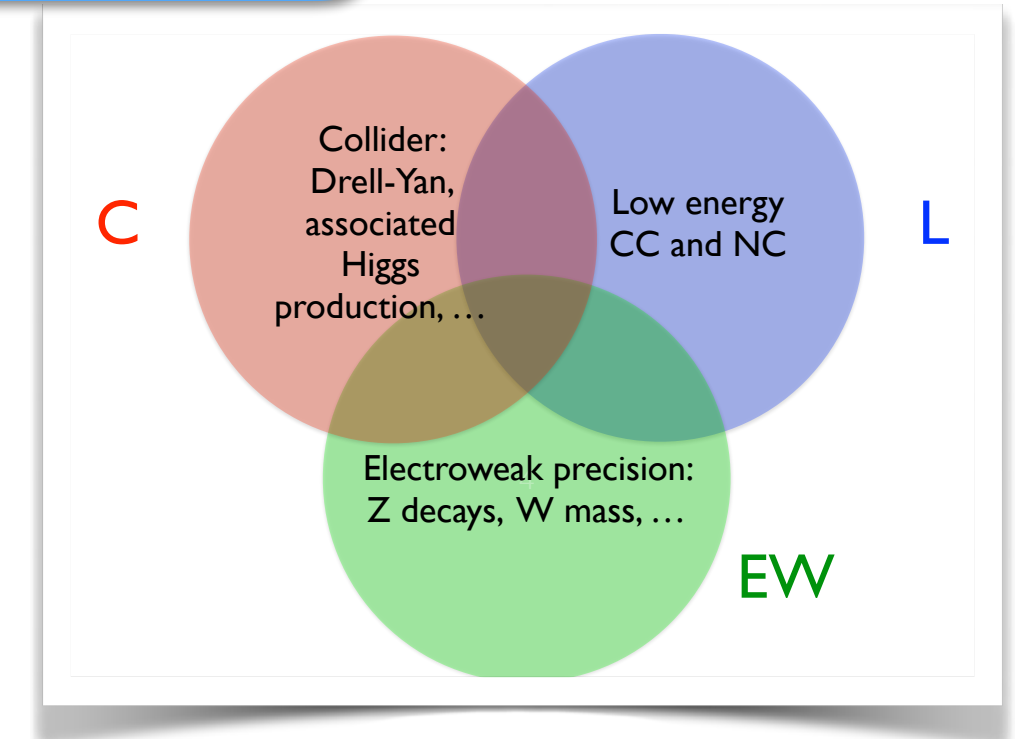


Summary and outlook

- The Cabibbo angle anomaly is one of few low-energy “cracks” in the SM, probing new physics up to $\Lambda \sim 20$ TeV — big deal if confirmed, requires both experimental and theoretical scrutiny
- Simplest BSM explanations of Cabibbo anomaly given by “right-handed vertex corrections” in the SMEFT language
- CLEW framework is necessary for consistent analysis and RH CC ‘explanation’ of the Cabibbo anomaly survives CLEW analysis



Summary and outlook



- The traditional set of EWPO considered in the literature should be extended (both in the $U(3)^5$ and general flavor case) to include at least low-energy CC processes & Drell-Yan: they constrain subset of couplings at similar precision!
- **Flavor symmetry assumptions** reintroduce model-dependence in the SMEFT approach. Flavor symmetries can make the analysis 'blind' to simple BSM scenarios (e.g. $U(3)^5$ and RH currents). We argued that likelihood can be approximately factorized.
- A SMEFT-based '**model selection**' analysis (with **AIC or other metric**) can be quite insightful and ultimately should help unraveling the underlying new physics if anomalies arise / survive
- **Towards a complete (tree-level) SMEFT analysis of precision observables that do not involve FCNC and CPV:**
 - Observables that currently have weaker sensitivity: K decays; HW, ZW production at the LHC
 - NC processes: PVES, APV, DIS (\rightarrow EIC)

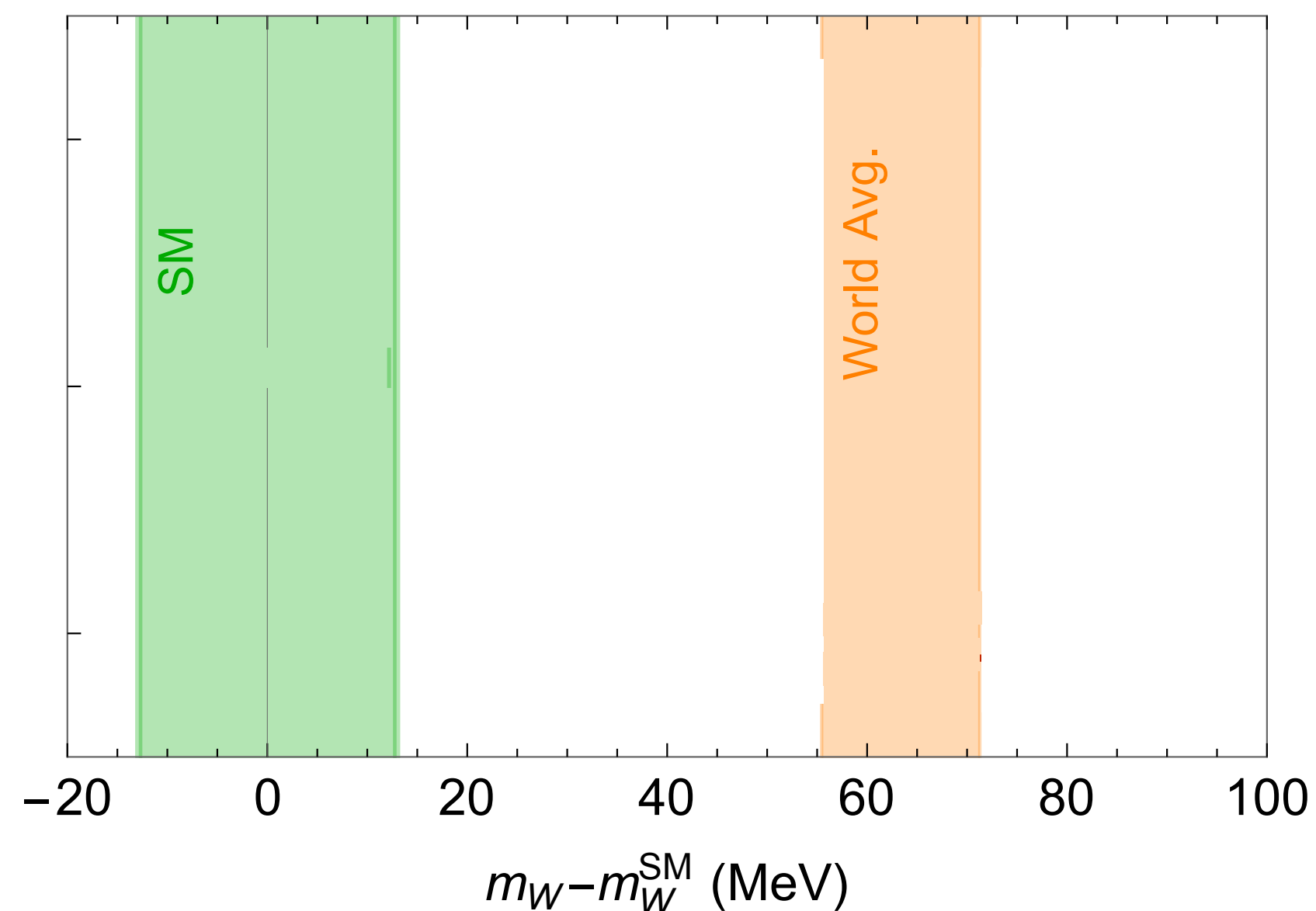
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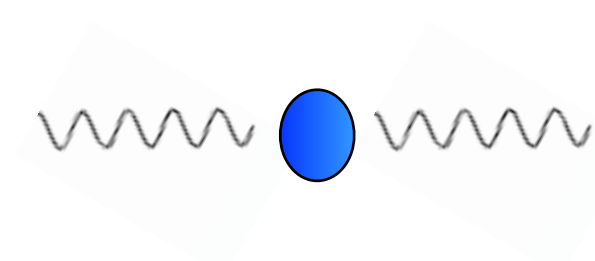
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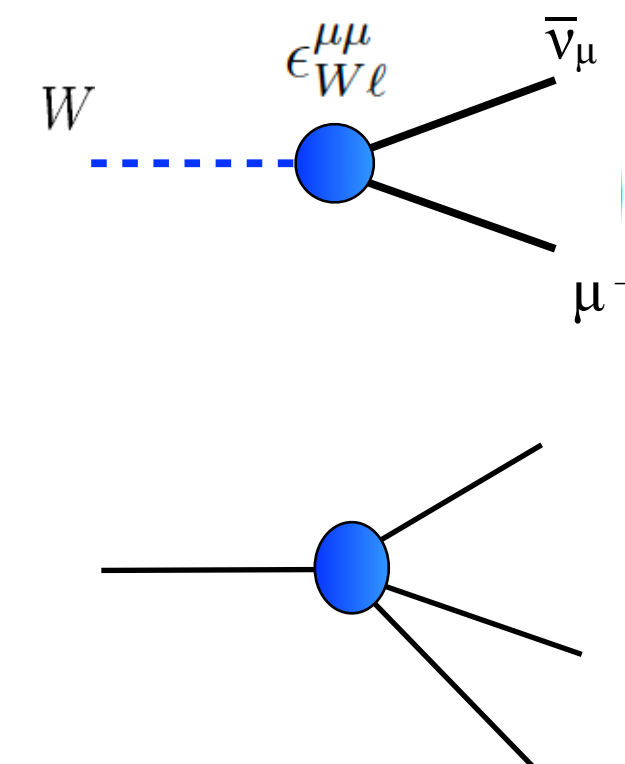
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‘Oblique corrections’



Shift to G_F

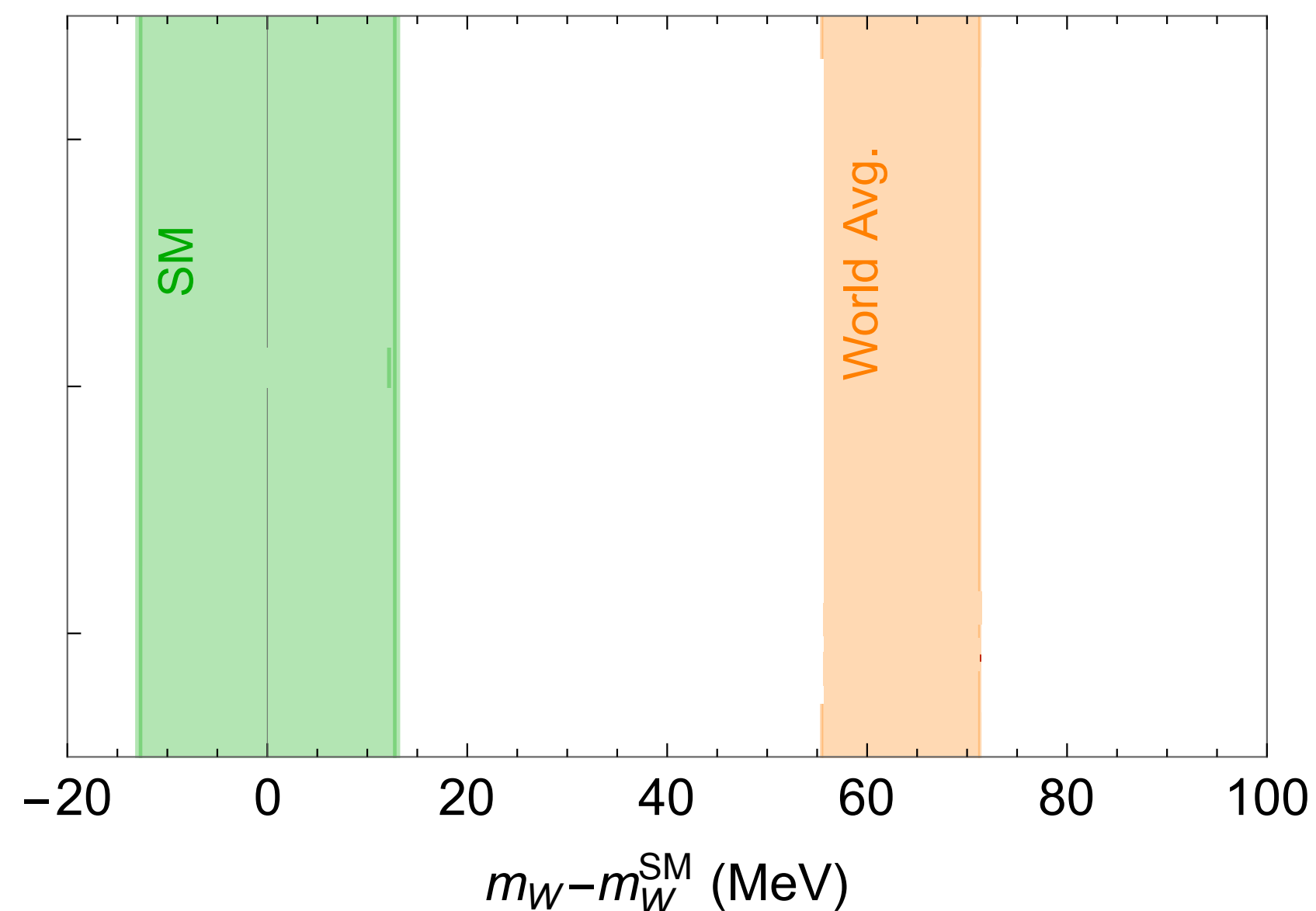


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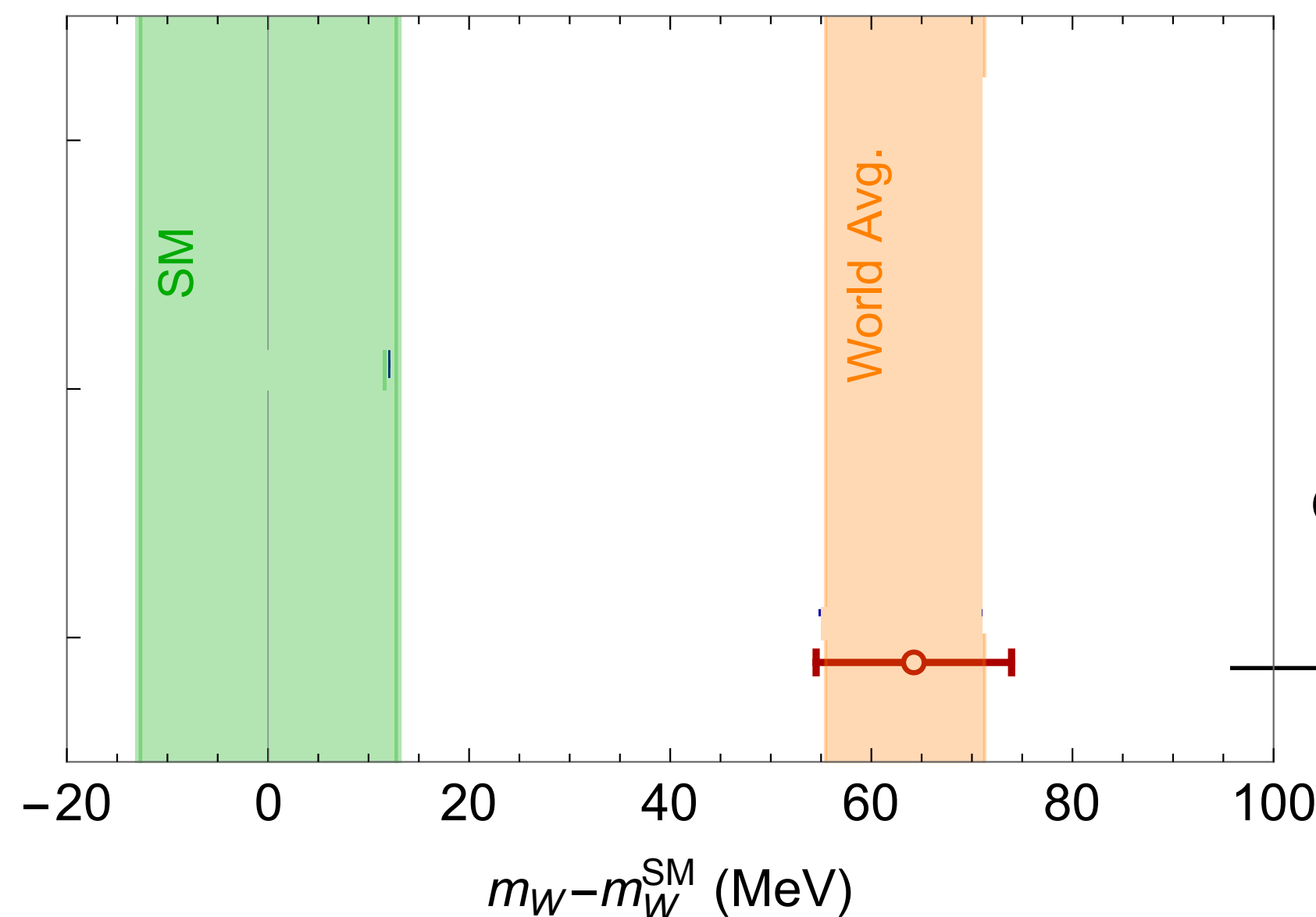
The figure shows two Feynman diagrams illustrating the operators $C_{Hq}^{(3)}$ and $C_{Hl}^{(3)}$. The left diagram shows a W boson (dashed line) interacting with a quark loop (blue circle) via the operator ϵ_L , with external quark lines u and d . The right diagram shows a quark loop (blue circle) interacting with a lepton line (solid line) via the operator ϵ_L , with external quark lines q_L and l_L .

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deBlas et al 2204.04204,
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Global fit to EWPO without $\Delta_{\text{CKM}} \Rightarrow$ too large a C_{Δ}

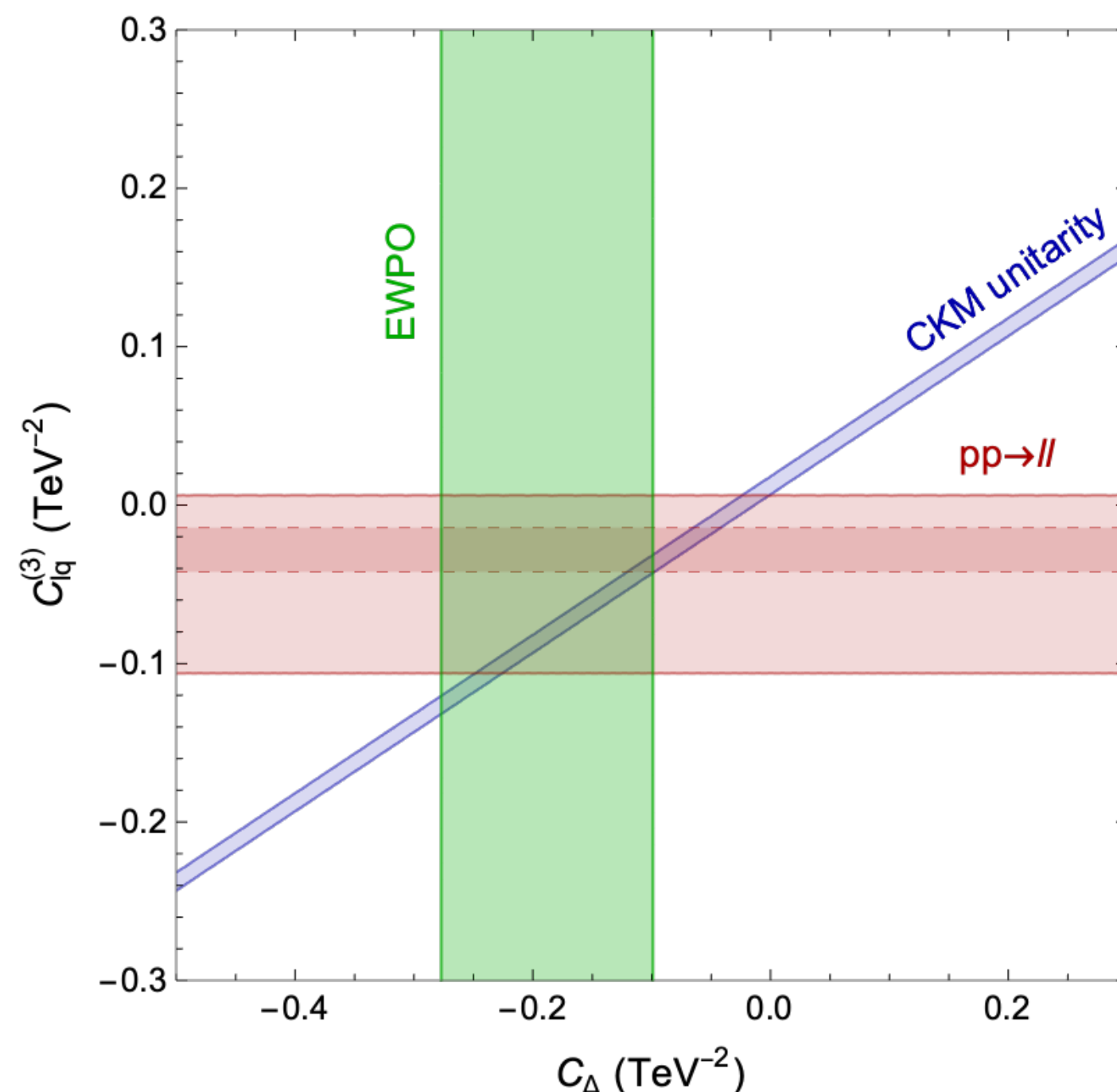
$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{\text{EWfit}} = -(0.012 \pm 0.005),$$

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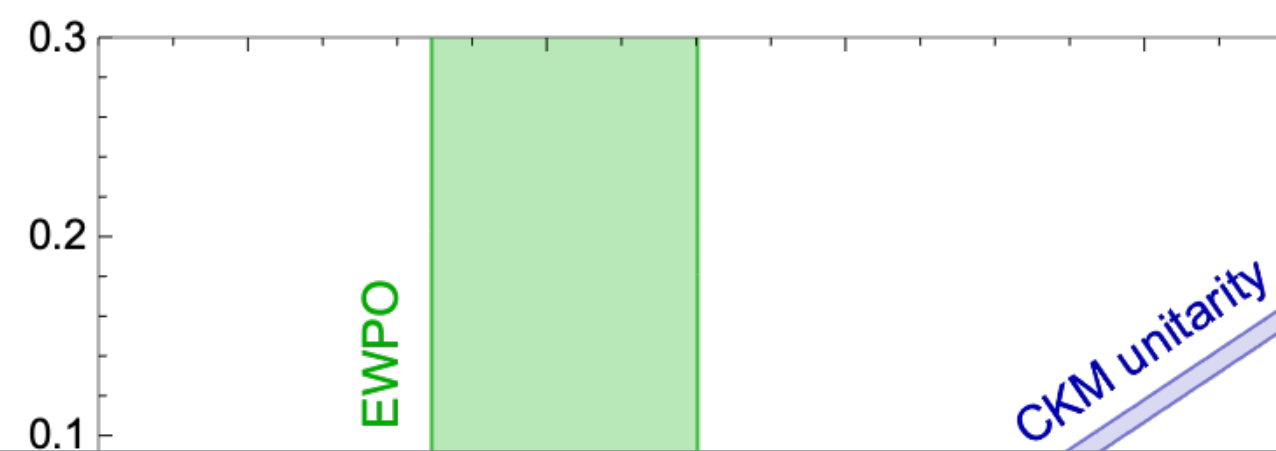
- Include Δ_{CKM} & decouple from m_W by turning on $C_{lq}^{(3)}$: but constraints from Drell-Yan at the LHC can't be ignored!

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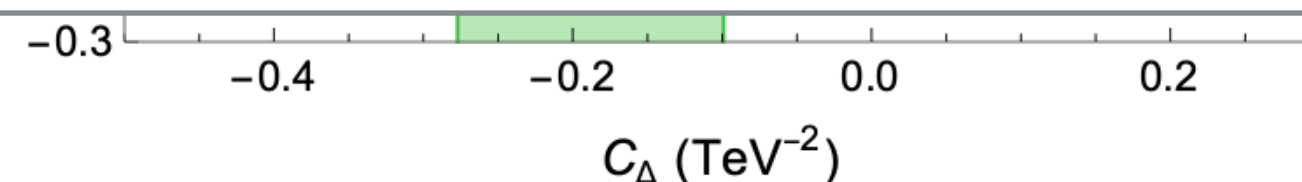
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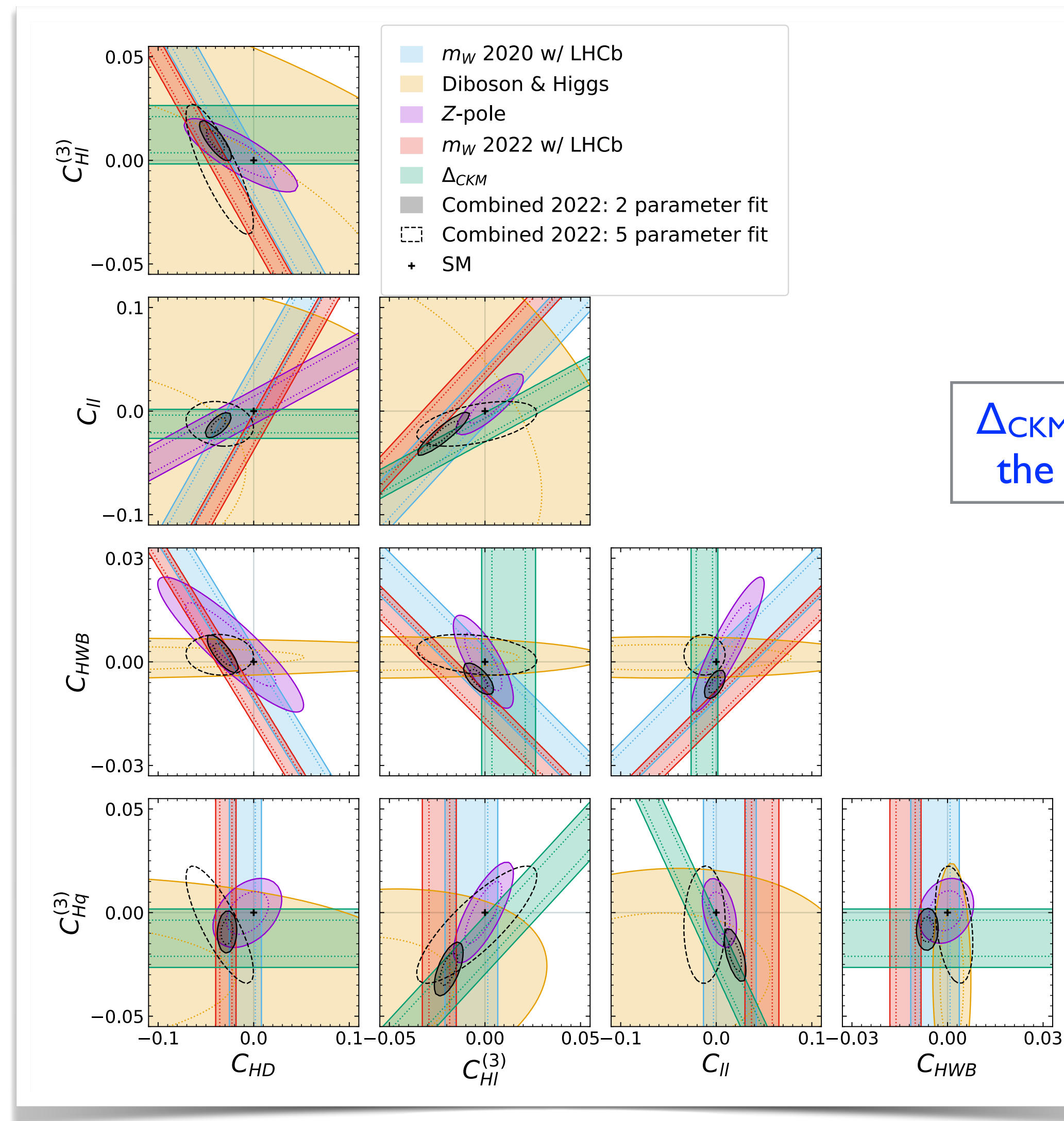
Quantitative point: best fit values for effective couplings with or without Δ_{CKM} change

Qualitative point: global analyses of 'electroweak precision observables' should be extended to include low-energy (such as Δ_{CKM}) and collider (such as Drell-Yan) observables



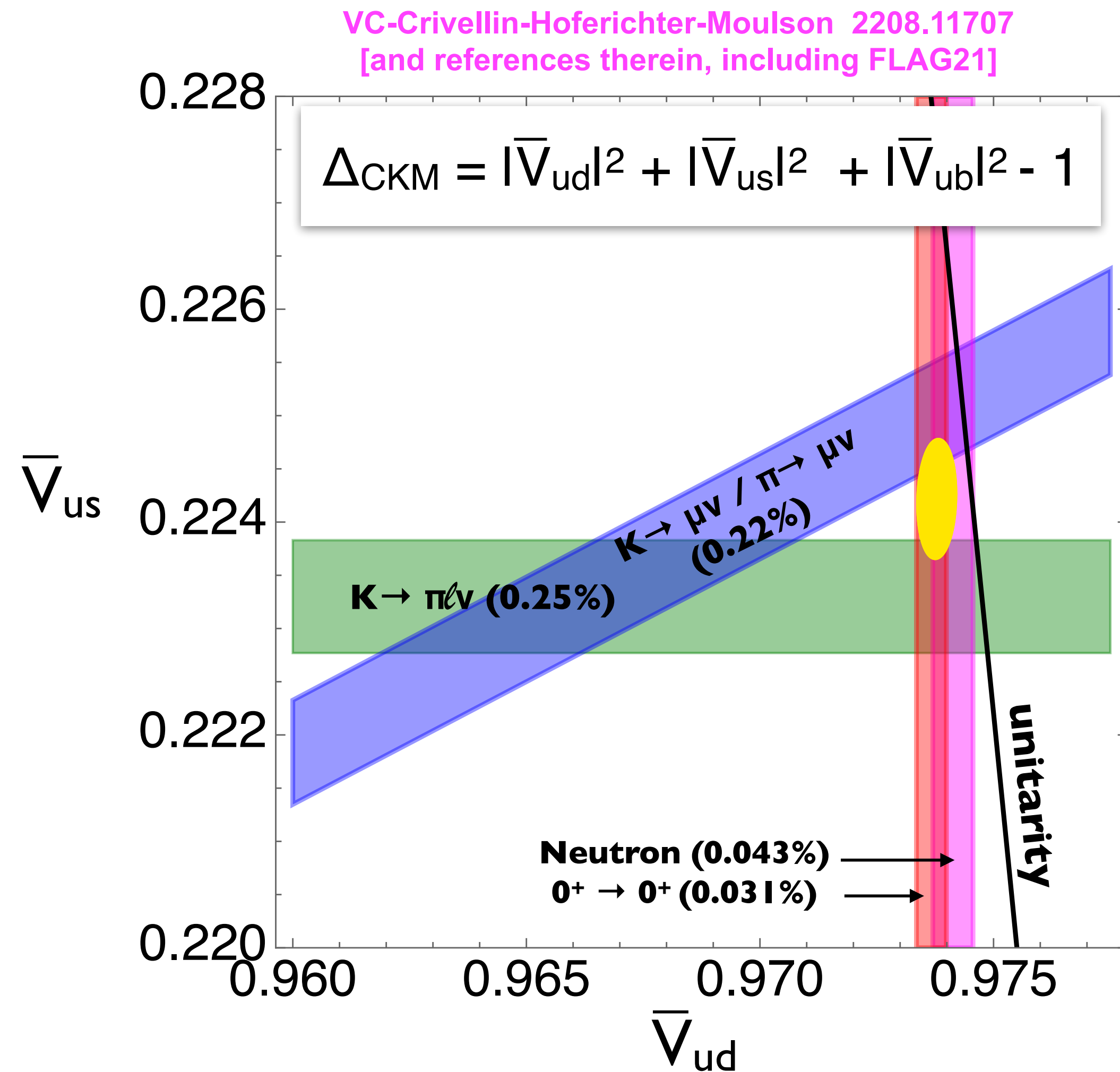
Δ_{CKM} and EW precision fits (3)

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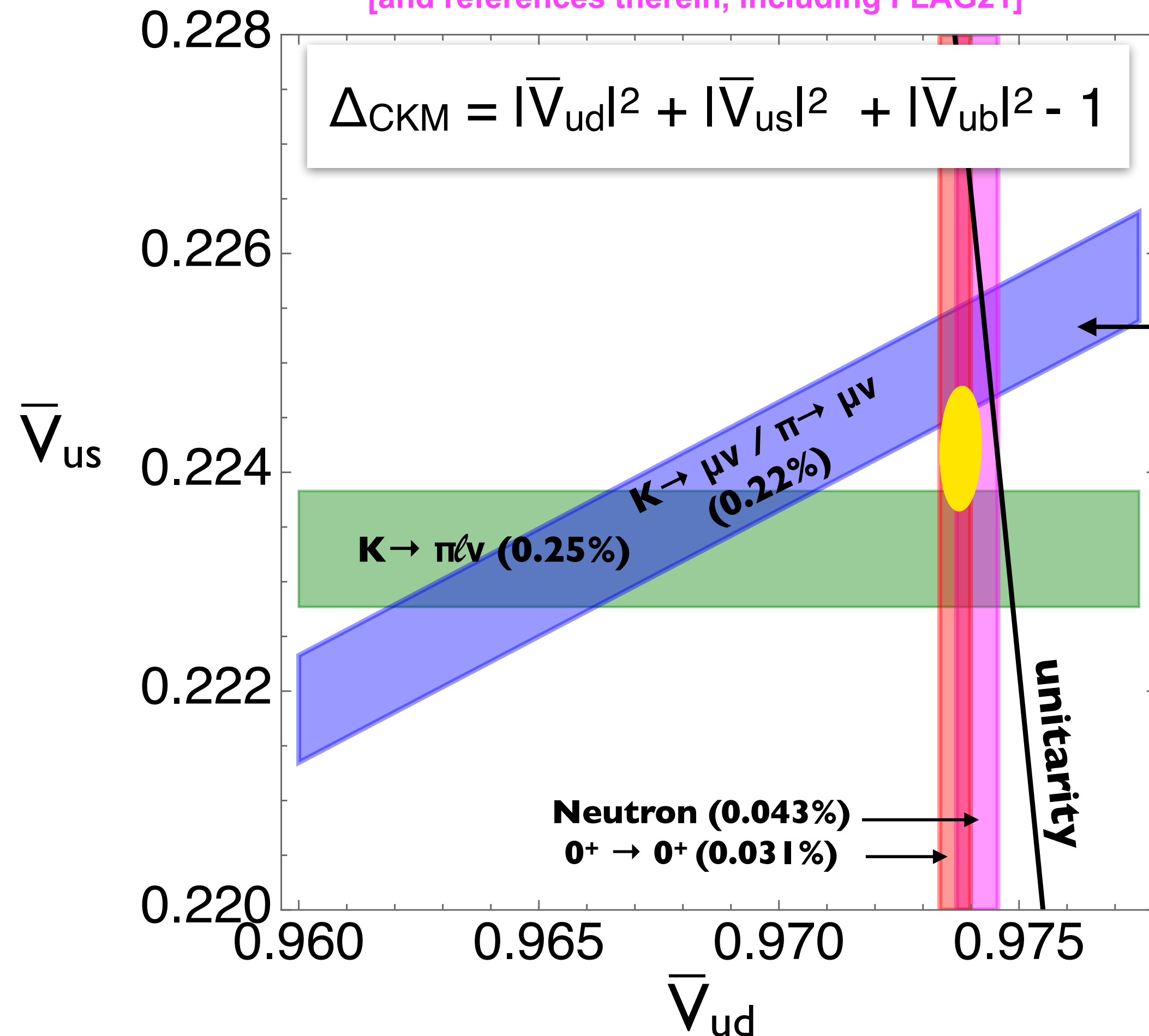
Δ_{CKM} is at the same level of the strongest constraints

Status of Cabibbo universality test



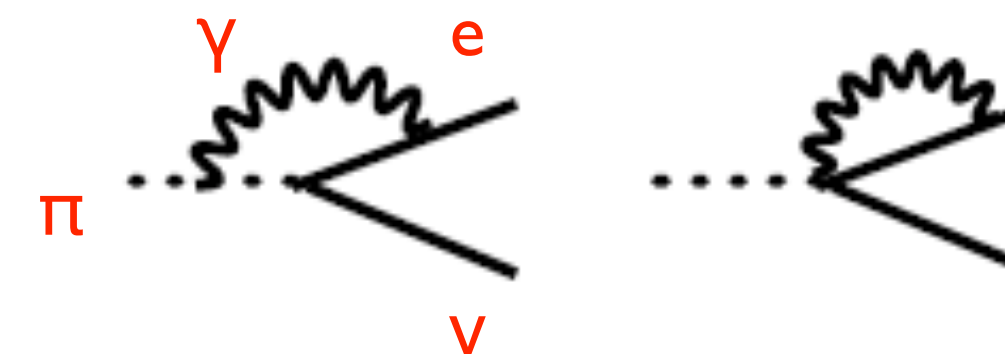
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Ratio of decay constants s from Lattice QCD

QED + strong isospin-breaking: Lattice QCD and ChPT



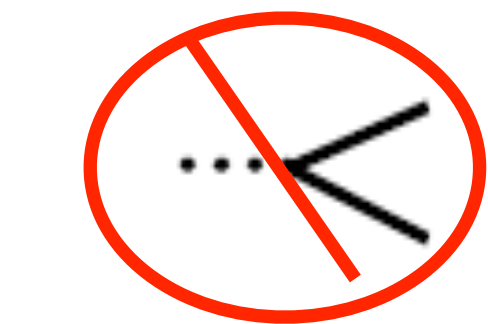
ChPT: VC-Neufeld, 1102.0563

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Di Carlo et al., 1904.08731

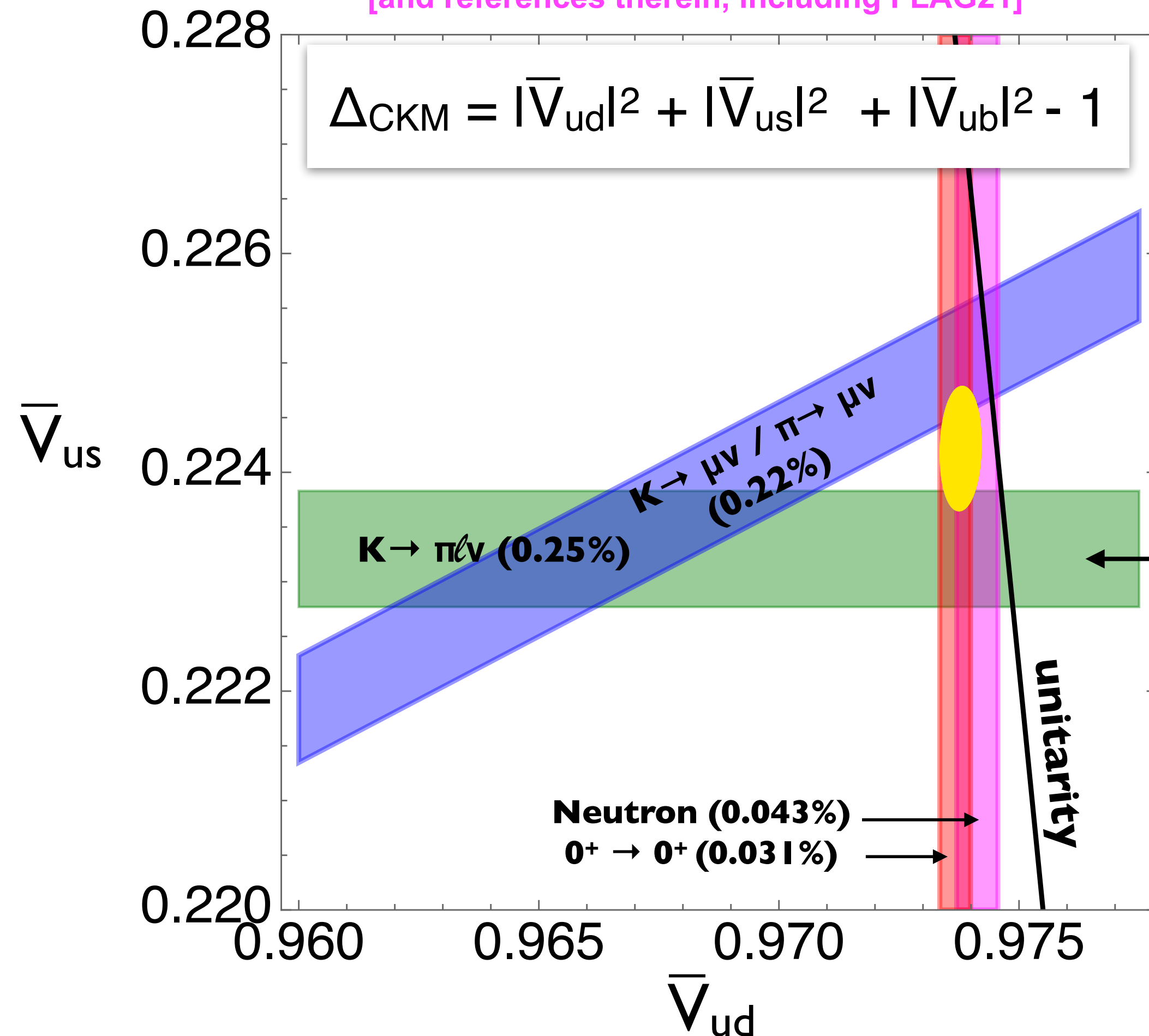
Boyle et al., 2211.12865



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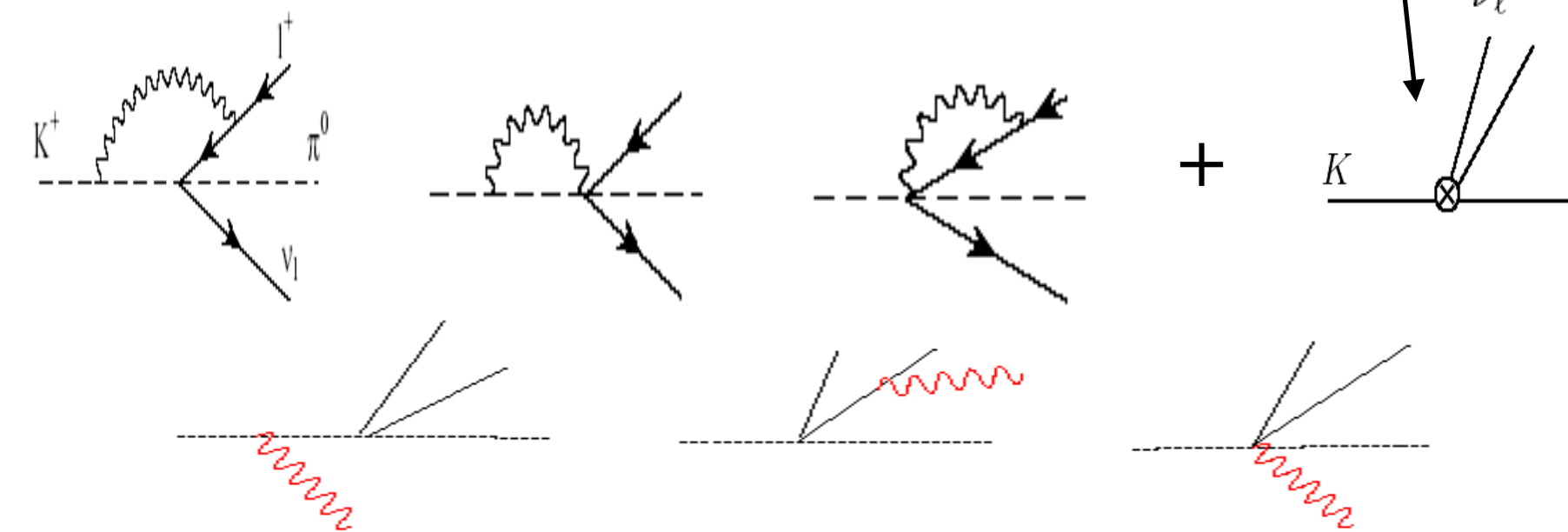
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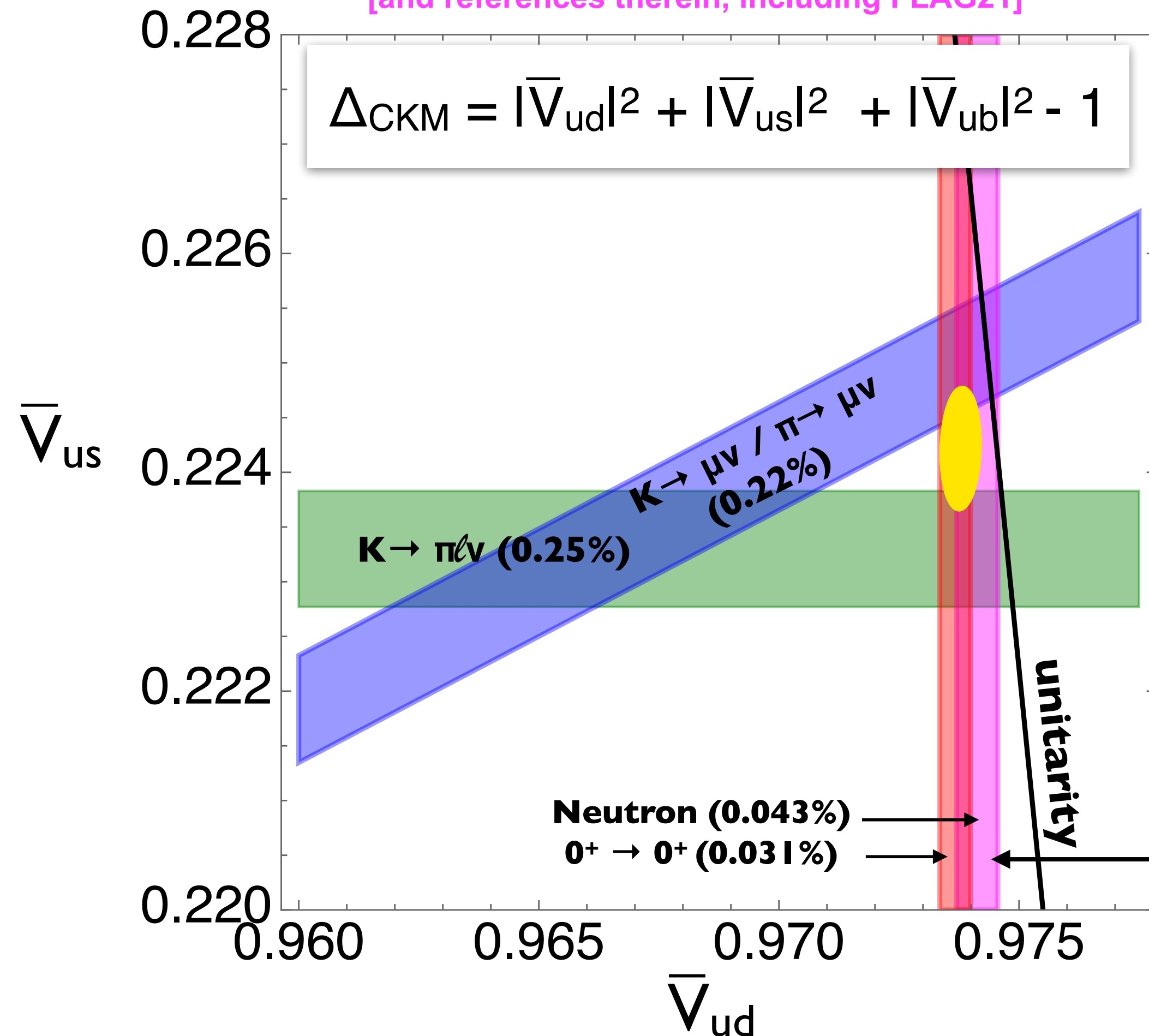
QED + strong isospin-breaking: ChPT + LECs estimated with dispersive methods and LQCD



VC, Giannotti, Neufeld 0807.4607
Seng et al, 1910.13209, 2103.00975, 2103.4843, 2107.14708,
2203.05217, Ma et al. 2102.12048

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τ_n and $\langle p|A|n \rangle$ form experiment (use most precise results)

$\langle p|V|n \rangle$ with QED: ChPT + LECs estimated with dispersive methods and LQCD

$$g_V(\mu_e) = U(\mu_e, \Lambda_\chi) \left[1 + \overline{\square}_{\text{Had}}^V + \frac{\alpha(\Lambda_\chi)}{\pi} \kappa \right] U(\Lambda_\chi, \mu_W) C_\beta(\mu_W)$$

NLL RGE in ChPT and pion-less EFT

Non-perturbative contribution

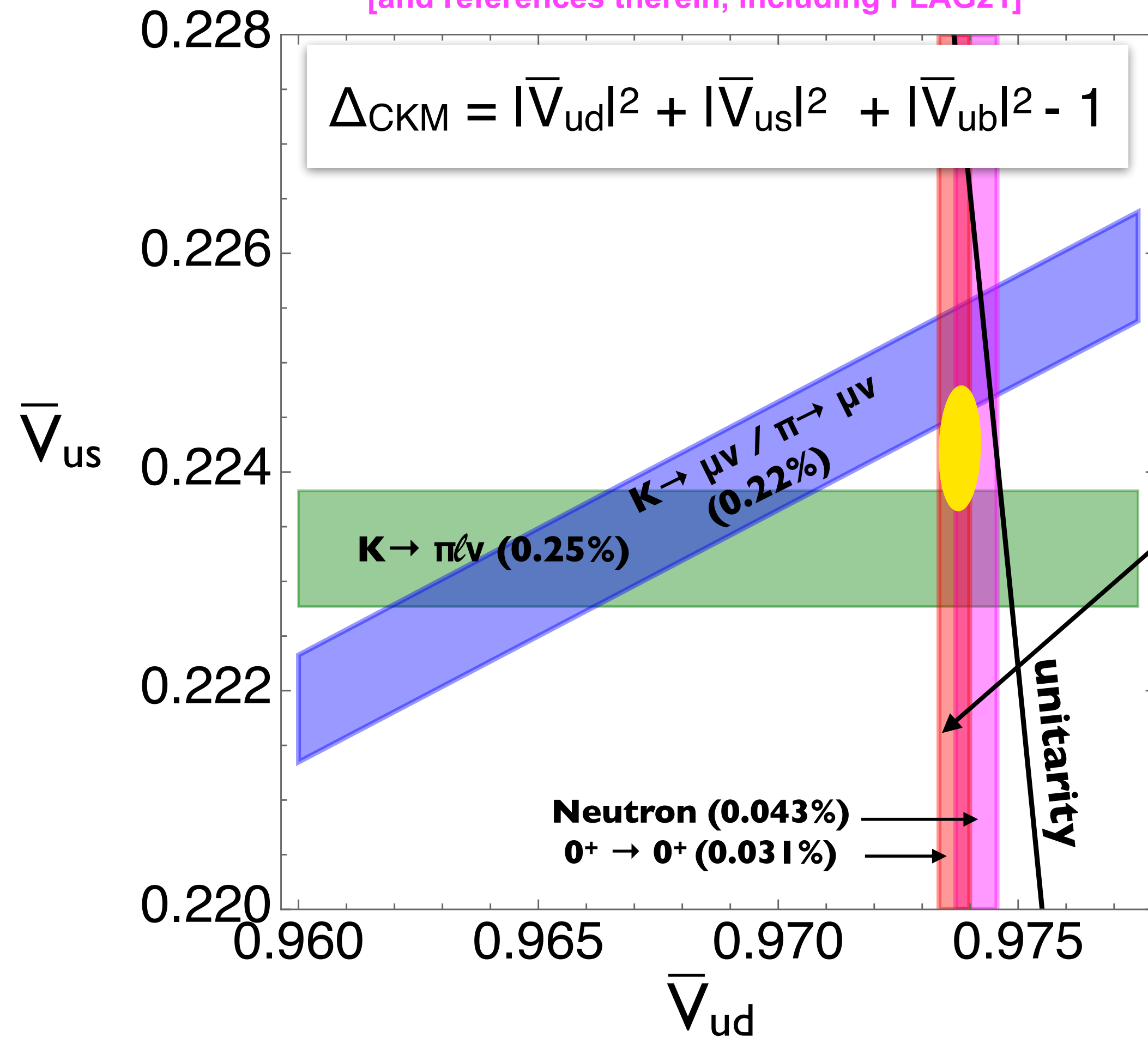
NLL RGE in LEFT

Wilson Coefficient at $\mu_W \sim m_W$

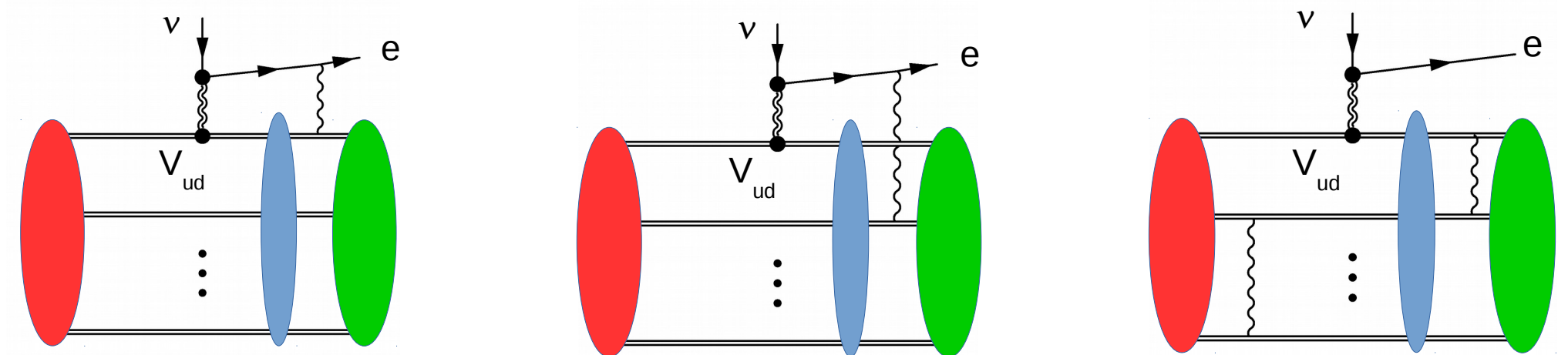
Matching and running: VC-Dekens-Mereghetti-Tomalak 2306.03138
Input from dispersive theory and LQCD
[Seng et al. 1807.10197, 2308.16755]

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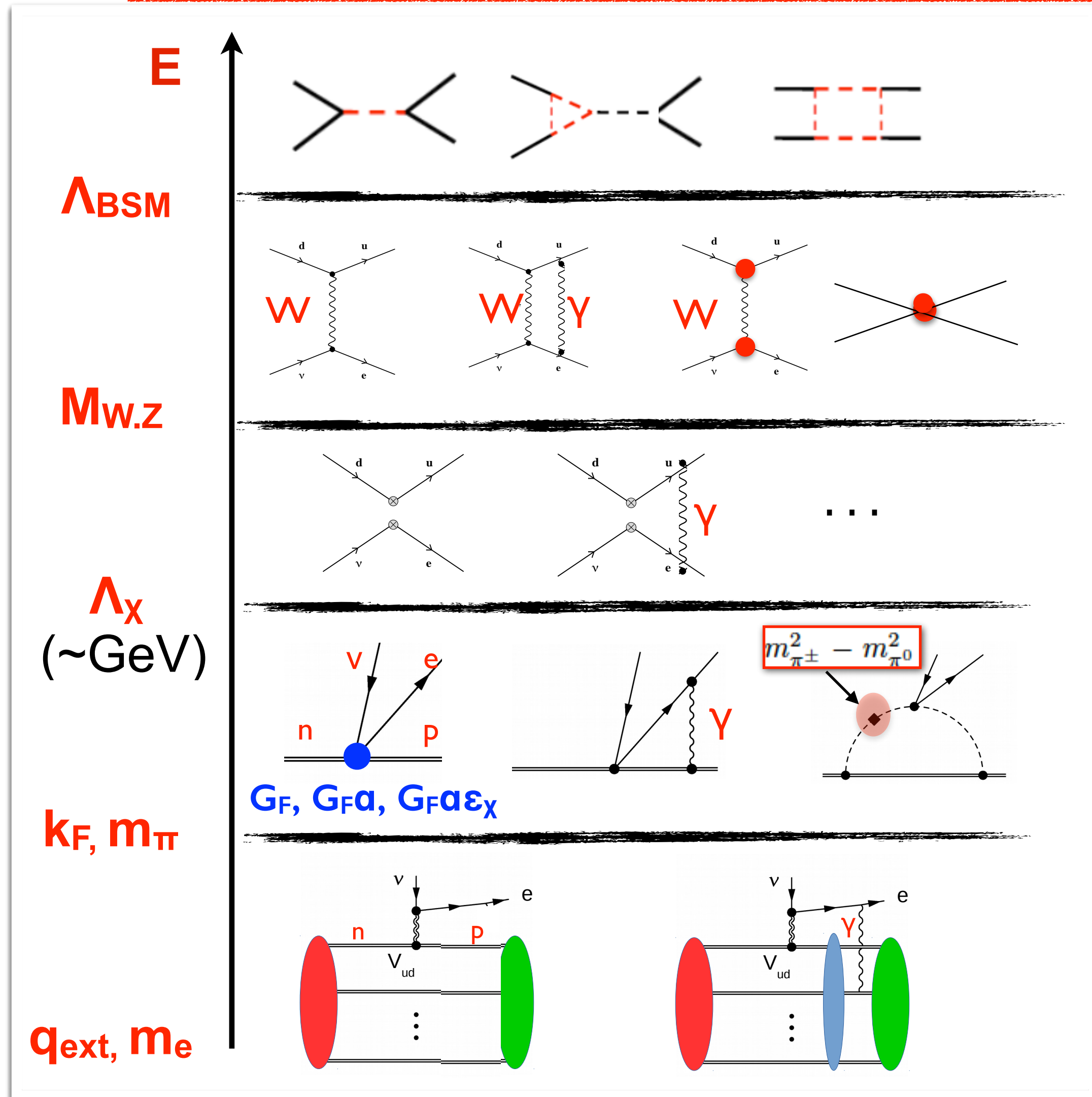
Long history. Current bottleneck from nuclear-structure dependent radiative corrections



Towner-Hardy 2020 PRC
Gorchtein, Seng 2311.00044 and references therein

EFT for semileptonic CC processes

Widely separated scales: $\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}, M_W, \Lambda_\chi, m_\pi, m_e \sim q_{\text{ext}} \Rightarrow$ Tackle the problem through a tower of EFTs



One nucleon

VC, J. de Vries, L. Hayen, E. Mereghetti, A. Walker-Loud 2202.10439, PRL
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Multi nucleons

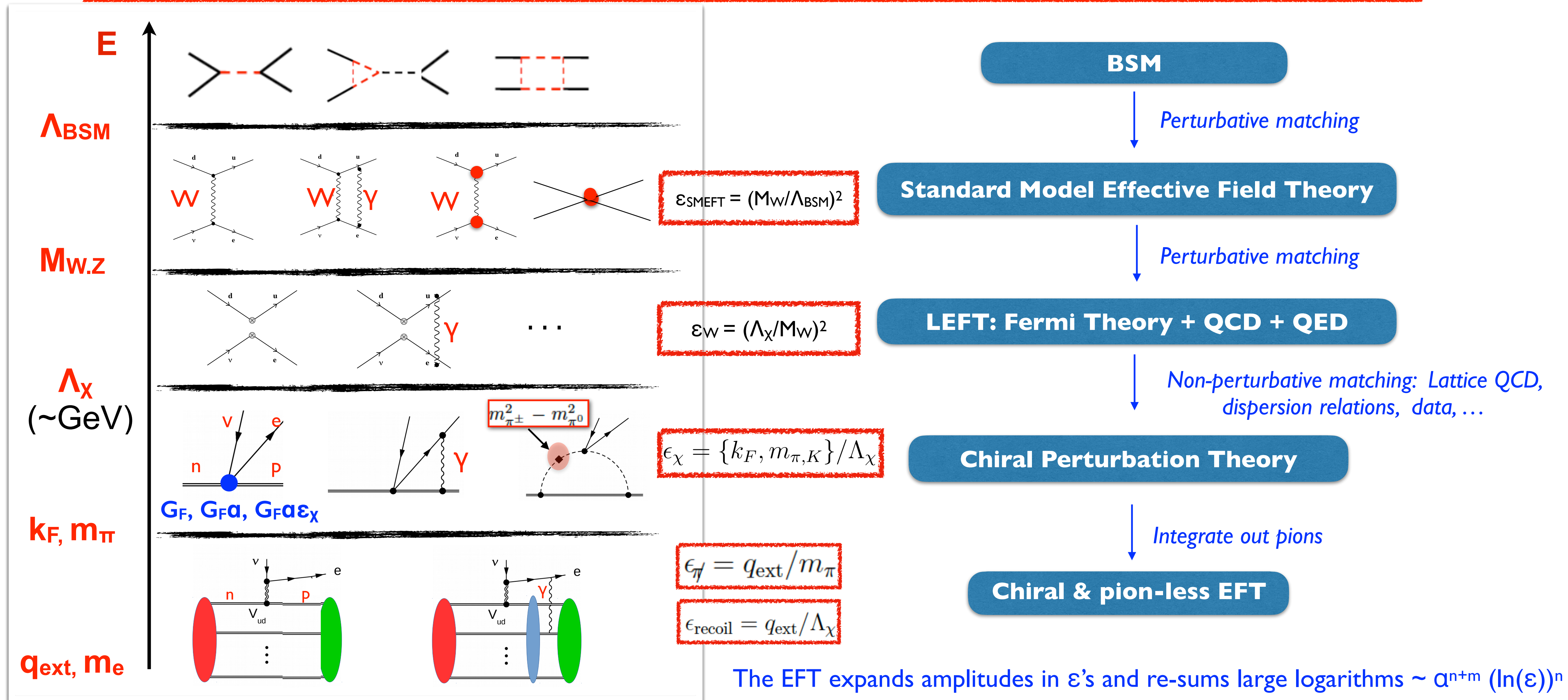
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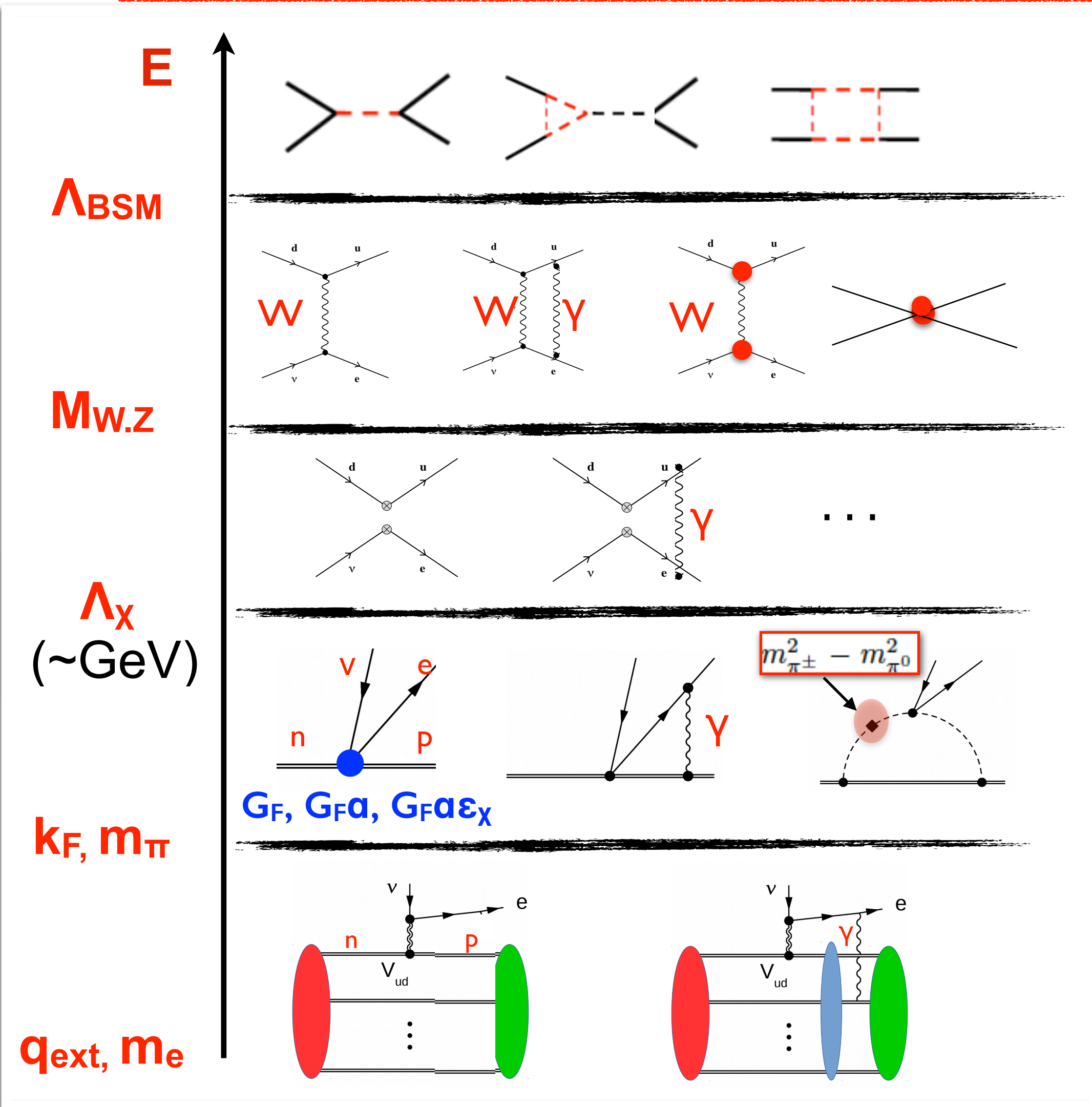
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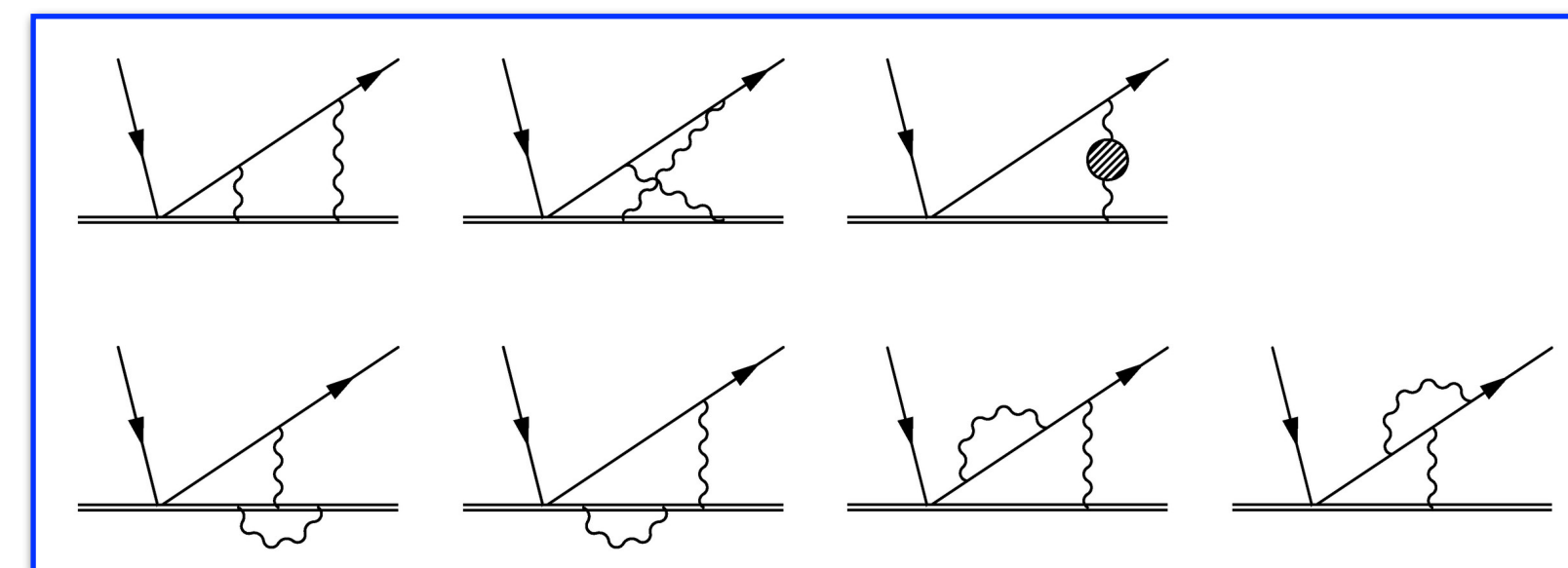
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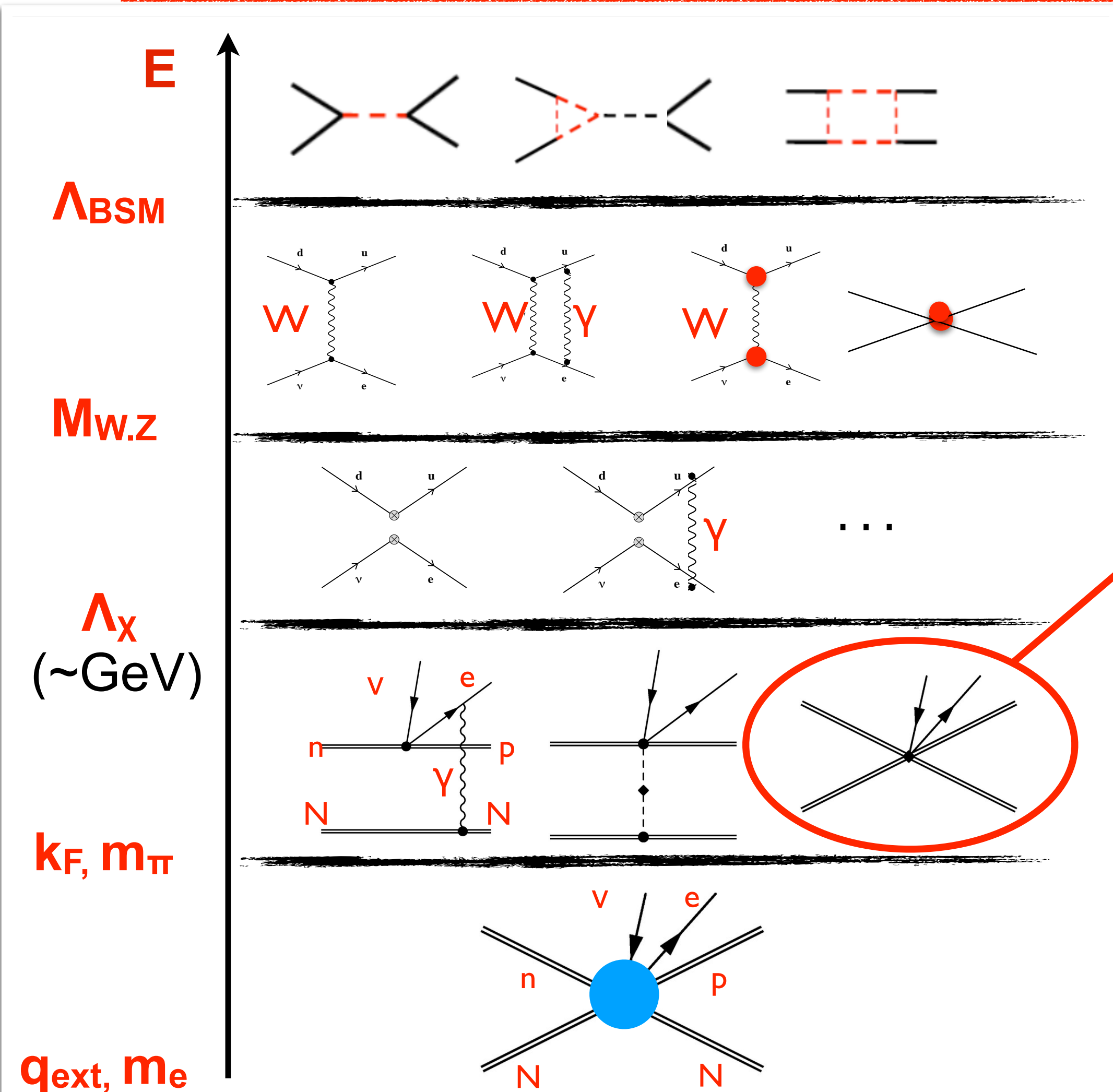
Larger radiative correction to neutron decay rate shifts V_{ud} by -0.013%

[effect due to difference in treatment of the $\text{NLL} \sim \alpha^2 \text{Log}(m_N/m_e)$ terms]



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Multi nucleon

Hard photons induce $NN \rightarrow NNe\nu$ contacts \Rightarrow

$$\mathcal{L}_W^{2b} = -\sqrt{2}e^2 G_F V_{ud} \bar{e}_L \gamma_0 \nu_L \times \\ N^\dagger \tau^+ N \left(e^2 g_{V1}^{NN} N^\dagger N + e^2 g_{V2}^{NN} N^\dagger \tau^3 N \right)$$

Renormalization $\Rightarrow g_{V1,V2}^{NN} \sim \frac{1}{F_\pi^2 \Lambda_\chi}$

δ_{NS} in EFT: weak two body potentials of $O(G_F a \epsilon_\chi)$

(Recall $m_\pi/\Lambda_\chi \sim 0.1$)

Two currently unknown LECs!

SMEFT \rightarrow LEFT matching

- Wilson coefficients determined from the matching condition $A_{\text{SMEFT}} = A_{\text{LEFT}}$
- Tree-level matching for BSM operators determines $\varepsilon_{L,R,S,P,T}$

$$d_i \text{---} \text{red vertex} \text{---} W \text{---} \text{red vertex} \text{---} \begin{matrix} u_i \\ e^- \\ \bar{\nu}_e \end{matrix} + d_i \text{---} \text{red vertex} \text{---} \begin{matrix} u_i \\ e^- \\ \bar{\nu}_e \end{matrix} = \sum \varepsilon_i \cdot \left(d \text{---} \text{blue vertex } O_i \text{---} \begin{matrix} u \\ e^- \\ \bar{\nu}_e \end{matrix} \right)$$

- Loop-level matching for SM operators (QED / QCD loops needed for precision)

$$\text{Tree-level Z exchange} + \text{One-loop QED correction} + \dots = C_i \cdot \left(\text{Tree-level Z exchange with cross} + \text{One-loop QED correction with cross} + \dots \right)$$

“Full” theory (higher scale EFT) “Effective theory” (lower scale EFT)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CC}} \rightarrow -\frac{G_F V_{ud}}{\sqrt{2}} C_\beta(\mu) \bar{e}_a \gamma_\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_b \cdot \bar{u} \gamma^\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) d + \dots$$

$$C_\beta(\mu) = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{50} \log \frac{M_Z}{\mu} + \dots \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Large log @ } \mu \ll M_Z$$

Corrections to V_{ud} and V_{us}

- General case

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\bar{V}_{ud}|_{0^+ \rightarrow 0^+}^2 &= |V_{ud}|^2 \left(1 + 2(\epsilon_L^{ee} + \epsilon_R - \epsilon_L^{(\mu)}) + c_{0^+}^S(Z) \epsilon_S^{ee} \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{ud}|_{n \rightarrow pe\bar{\nu}}^2 &= |V_{ud}|^2 \left(1 + 2(\epsilon_L^{ee} + \epsilon_R - \epsilon_L^{(\mu)}) + c_n^S \epsilon_S^{ee} + c_n^T \epsilon_T^{ee} \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{us}|_{Ke3}^2 &= |V_{us}|^2 \left(1 + 2(\epsilon_L^{ee(s)} + \epsilon_R^{(s)} - \epsilon_L^{(\mu)}) \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{ud}|_{\pi e3}^2 &= |V_{ud}|^2 \left(1 + 2(\epsilon_L^{ee} + \epsilon_R - \epsilon_L^{(\mu)}) \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{us}|_{K\mu2}^2 &= |V_{us}|^2 \left(1 + 2(\epsilon_L^{\mu\mu(s)} - \epsilon_R^{(s)} - \epsilon_L^{(\mu)}) - 2\frac{B_0}{m_\ell} \epsilon_P^{\mu\mu(s)} \right) \\
 |\bar{V}_{ud}|_{\pi\mu2}^2 &= |V_{ud}|^2 \left(1 + 2(\epsilon_L^{\mu\mu} - \epsilon_R - \epsilon_L^{(\mu)}) - 2\frac{B_0}{m_\ell} \epsilon_P^{\mu\mu} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\epsilon_S^{(s)}$: shifts the slope of the scalar form factor,
at levels well below EXP and TH uncertainties

$\epsilon_T^{(s)}$: suppressed
by m_{lept}/m_K

Electroweak precision observables

Obs.	Expt. Value		SM Prediction		Obs.	Expt. Value		SM Prediction	
Γ_Z (GeV)	2.4955(23)	[53, 113]	2.49414(56)	[60]	m_W (GeV)	80.4335(94)	[39]	80.3545(42)	[60]
σ_{had}^0 (nb)	41.480(33)	[53, 113]	41.4929(53)	[60]	Γ_W (GeV)	2.085(42)	[3]	2.08782(52)	[60]
R_e^0	20.804(50)	[53, 113]	20.7464(63)	[60]	R_{Wc}	0.49(4)	[3]	0.50	
R_μ^0	20.784(34)	[53, 113]			R_σ	0.998(41)	[114]	1	
R_τ^0	20.764(45)	[53, 113]			$\text{Br}(W \rightarrow e\nu)$	0.1071(16)	[3]	0.108386(24)	[60]
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,e}$	0.0145(25)	[53, 113]	0.016191(70)	[60]	$\text{Br}(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)$	0.1063(15)	[3]	0.108386(24)	[60]
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\mu}$	0.0169(13)	[53, 113]			$\text{Br}(W \rightarrow \tau\nu)$	0.1138(21)	[3]	0.108386(24)	[60]
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\tau}$	0.0188(17)	[53, 113]			$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)}$	0.982(24)	[3]	1	
R_b^0	0.21629(66)	[53]	0.215880(19)	[60]	$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)}$	1.020(19)	[3]		
R_c^0	0.1721(30)	[53]	0.172198(20)	[60]	$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)}$	1.003(10)	[3]		
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$	0.0996(16)	[53]	0.10300(23)	[60]	$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \tau\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow e\nu)}$	0.961(61)	[3]		
$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}$	0.0707(35)	[53]	0.07358(18)	[60]	$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \tau\nu)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}$	0.992(13)	[3]		
\mathcal{A}_c	0.67(3)	[53]	0.66775(14)	[60]	$A_4(0 - 0.8)$	0.0195(15)	[115]	0.0144(7)	[116]
\mathcal{A}_b	0.923(20)	[53]	0.934727(25)	[60]	$A_4(0.8 - 1.6)$	0.0448(16)	[115]	0.0471(17)	[116]
\mathcal{A}_e	0.1516(21)	[53]	0.14692(32)	[60]	$A_4(1.6 - 2.5)$	0.0923(26)	[115]	0.0928(21)	[116]
\mathcal{A}_μ	0.142(15)	[53]			$A_4(2.5 - 3.6)$	0.1445(46)	[115]	0.1464(21)	[116]
\mathcal{A}_τ	0.136(15)	[53]			$g_V^{(u)}$	0.201(112)	[117]	0.192	[118]
$\mathcal{A}_e^{\tau \text{ pol}}$	0.1498(49)	[53]			$g_V^{(d)}$	-0.351(251)	[117]	-0.347	[118]
$\mathcal{A}_\tau^{\tau \text{ pol}}$	0.1439(43)	[53]			$g_A^{(u)}$	0.50(11)	[117]	0.501	[118]
\mathcal{A}_s	0.895(91)	[119]	0.935637(26)	[60]	$g_A^{(d)}$	-0.497(165)	[117]	-0.502	[118]
R_{uc}	0.166(9)	[3]	0.172220(20)	[60]					