

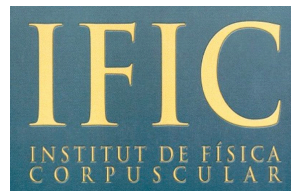
Searches for BSM physics at low energy (theory)

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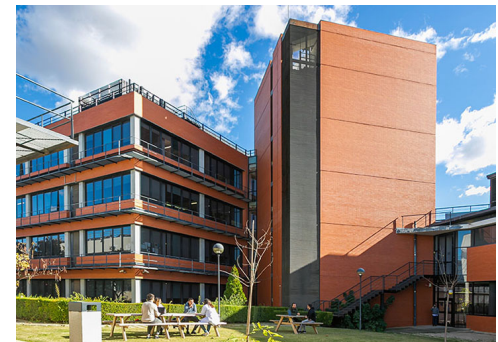
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Intro: me

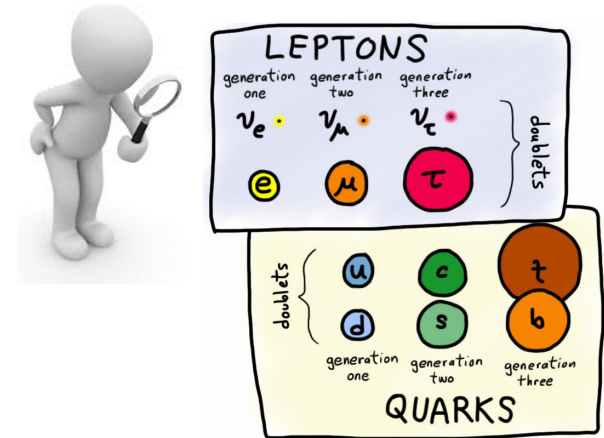
- Theoretical physicist at IFIC (Univ. Valencia & CSIC)



- Research interests: BSM searches with precision measurements, interplay of low- and high-E searches (flavor, neutrino, nuclear beta decays, LHC, ...), Effective Field Theories, ...
- My history with Frascati:
 - 2005: tourist
 - 2007 Spring School (student) [My 1st talk: "Condensates for the light quark V-A correlator"]
 - 2009: 2-month visitor (PhD)
 - 2013-2014: postdoc
 - 2014 Spring School (LOC member)
 - 2024 Spring School (lecturer)

Outline

- Intro: SM \rightarrow BSM
- Classes of low-energy BSM searches
- Effective Field Theories
- EFT Phenomenology



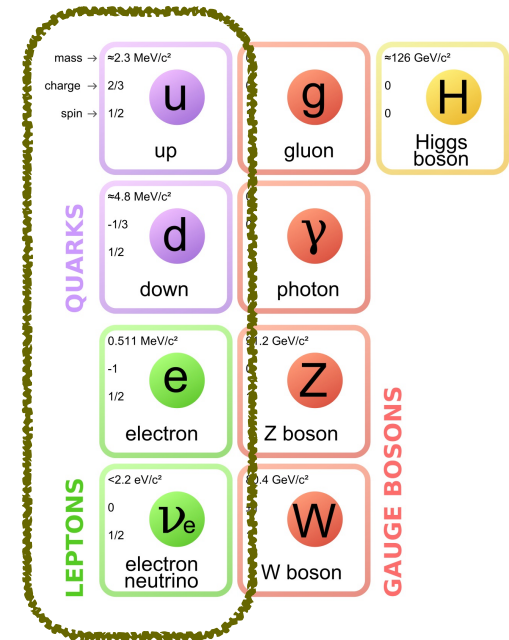
Disclaimer:

- I don't think a technical 1.5h presentation of the subject would be very useful. Instead I'll give a qualitative overview, hopefully conveying some important ideas.
- For technical details, one should resort to written lectures, books, or longer courses. E.g., A. Pich's EW lectures (0705.4264), A. Falkowski SMEFT review (EPJC 83 (2023) 7, 656), MGA-Naviliat-Severijns's β decay review (1803.08732), ...
- I don't expect to go over all the slides. Stop me if you get lost.
- I took advantage of these lectures to go outside my strict comfort zone in some points and learn new things. Fun but risky.

The Standard Model

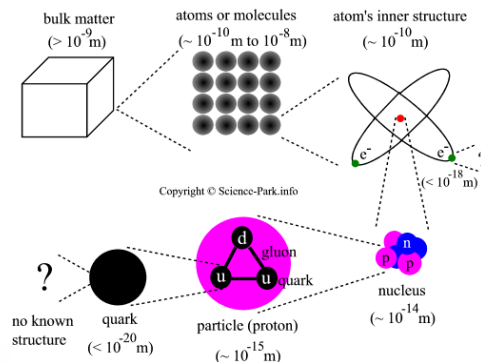


- The SM is the QFT describing electromagnetic, weak & strong interactions.
- It's the ultimate result of reductionism & unification [electromagnetism (→ chemistry), radioactivity, nuclear physics, ...] Our periodic table.
- ~50 years old, spectacularly confirmed [All particles have been observed (Higgs @CERN, 2012)]
- Whatever [future experiments] find, SM has proven to be valid as an effective theory for $E < \text{TeV}$



x 3 !?

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + h.c. + \bar{\psi}_i \gamma_{ij} \psi_j \phi + h.c. + \frac{1}{2} D_\mu \phi^2 - V(\phi)$$



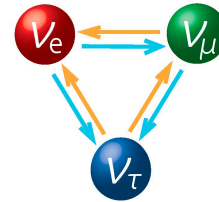
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The SM is not enough (fortunately for us)



- Neutrinos oscillate → they have a mass!



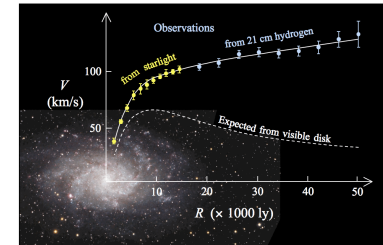
- What lies under the SM periodic table?

- Dark matter, matter-antimatter asymmetry, strong CP problem, hierarchy problem, dark energy, quantum gravity, cosmological problems, ...

- All SM problems are theoretical or astrophysical/cosmological, except for neutrino masses.

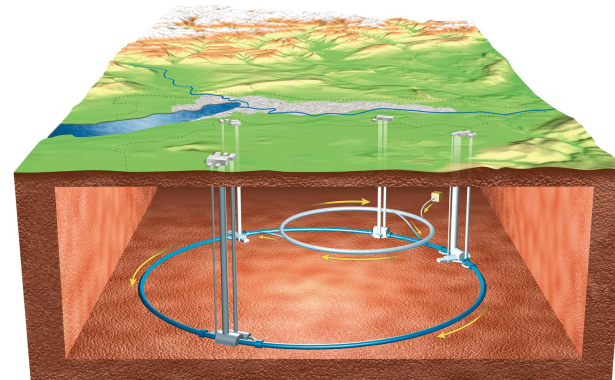
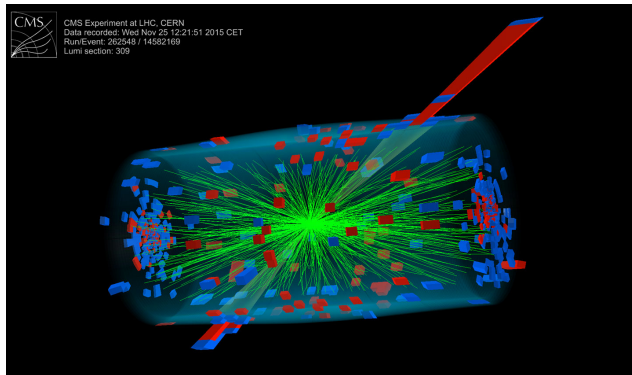
- Many BSM theories around (often not very convincing)

- The SM works too well (quite curious crisis).
We need new hints. Physics = EXP + TH

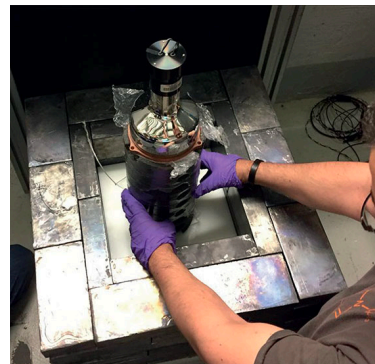


BSM experimental searches

- One can divide them in high- and low-E searches.
(my reference: low-E means energies \ll EW scale)
- High-energy searches (\rightarrow S. Lowette's lecture)



- Low-energy searches



BSM searches with low-E processes

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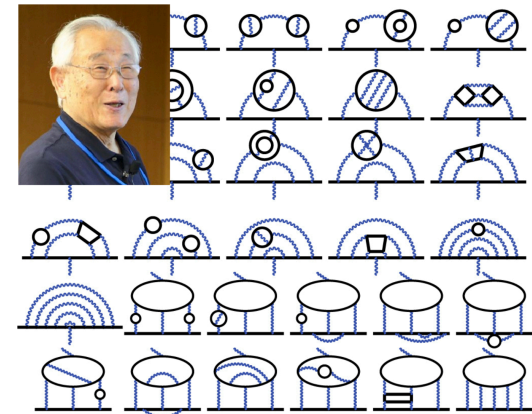
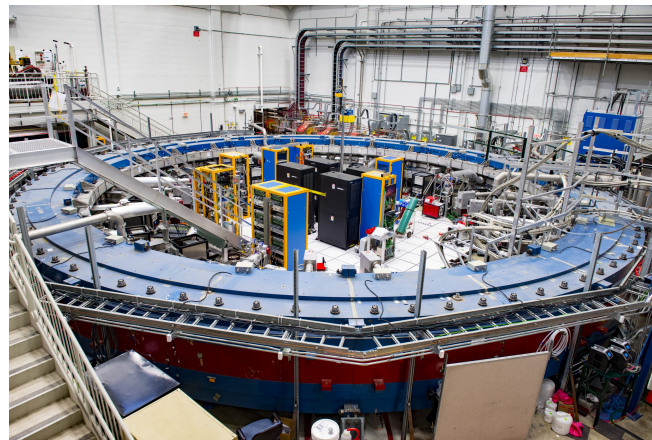
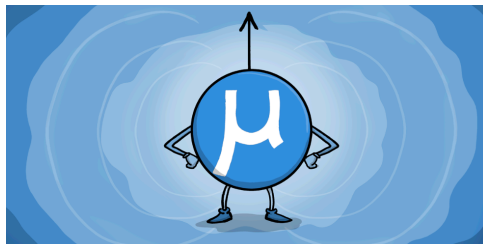
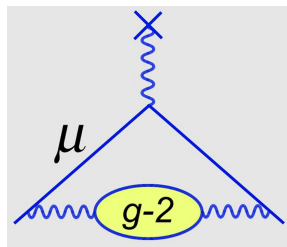


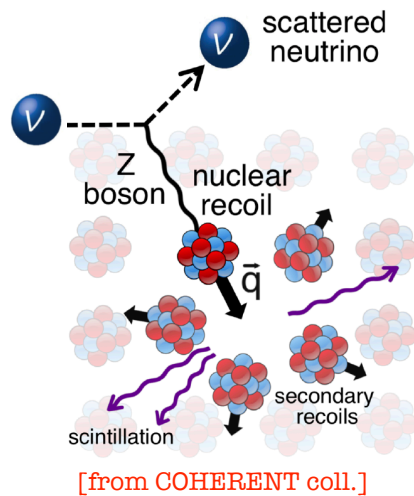
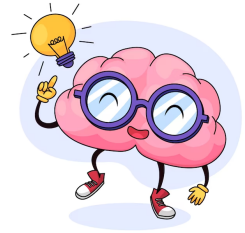
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$$a_{\mu}^{\text{Exp}} = 116\,592\,059(22) \times 10^{-11} \text{ (0.19 ppm).}$$

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[Akimov et al. '17]

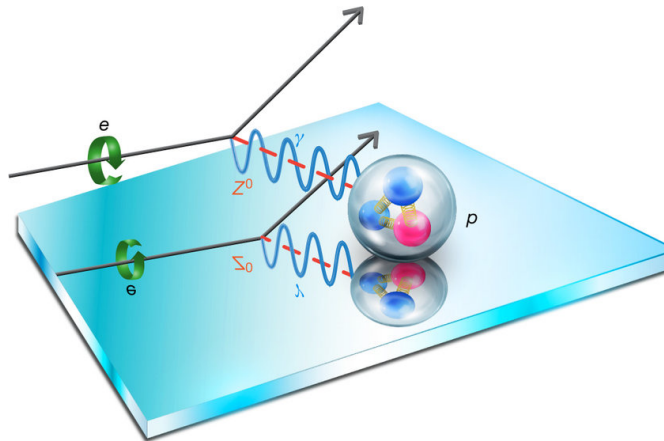
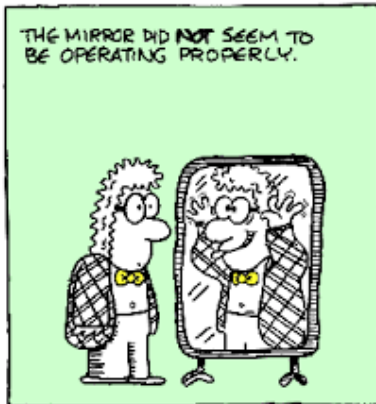
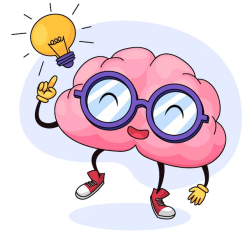


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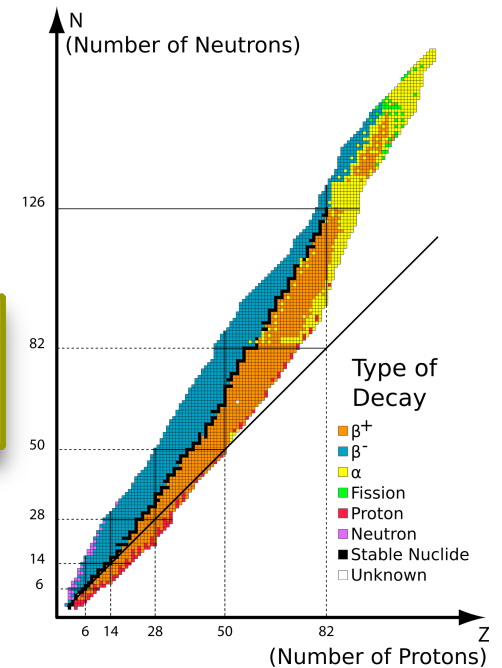
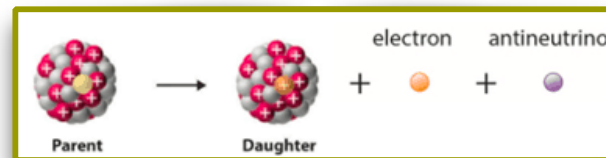
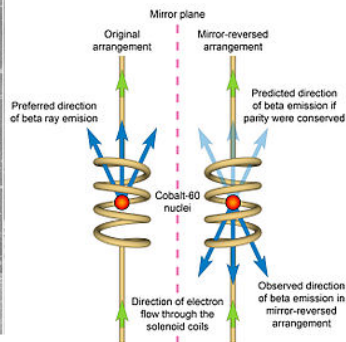
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Leptons	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_l \\ l^- \end{pmatrix}_L$	ν_s	l_R^-

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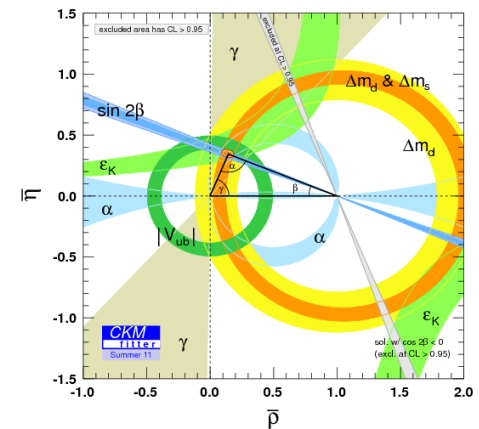
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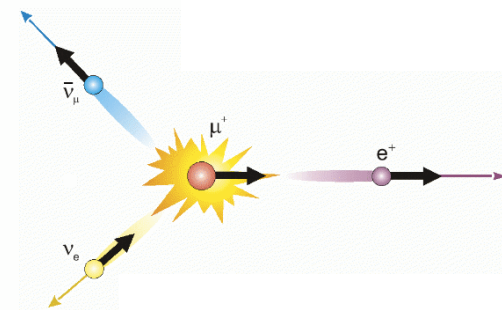


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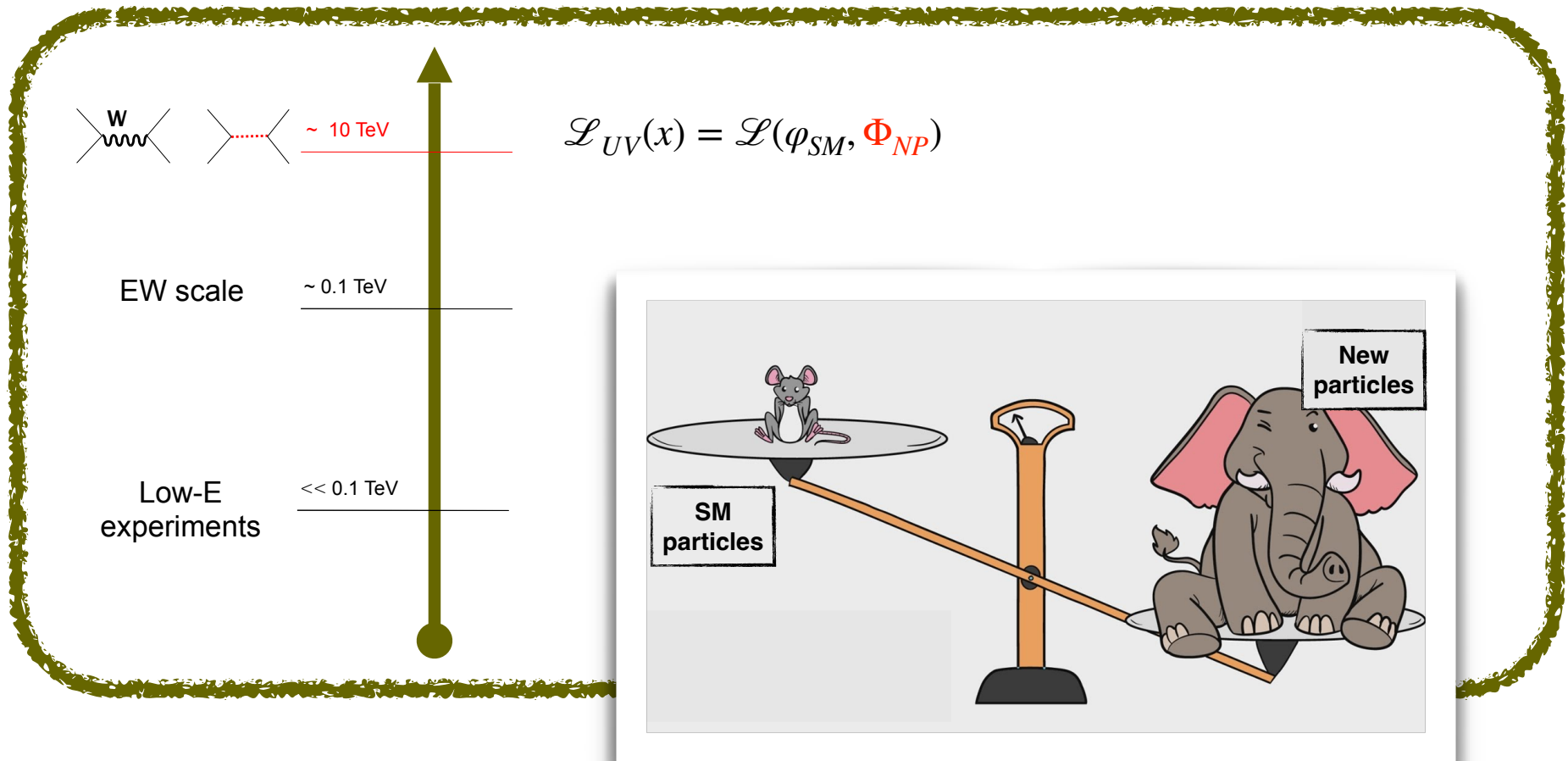
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**Precision
EXP+TH**



Analysing BSM searches

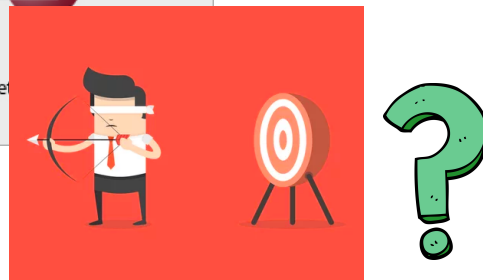
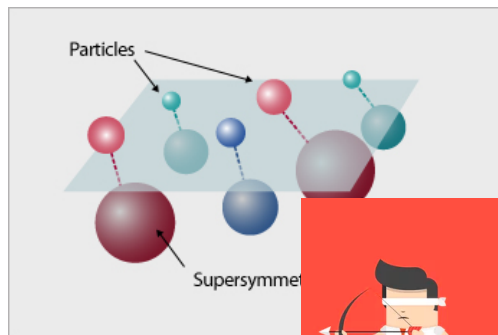
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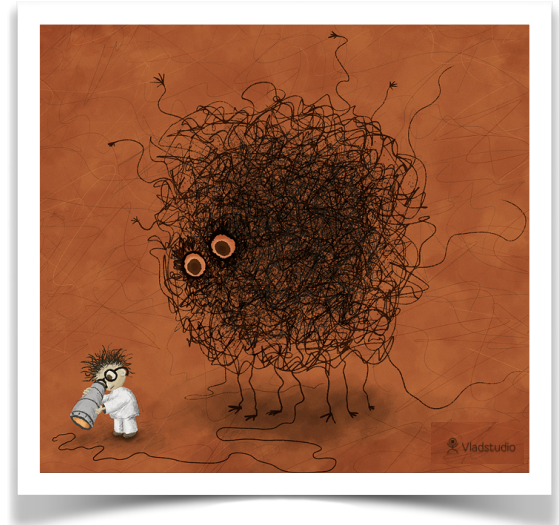
Analysing BSM searches

Specific BSM model

$$\mathcal{L}_{BSM} = \mathcal{L}(\phi_{SM}, \Phi_{BSM})$$



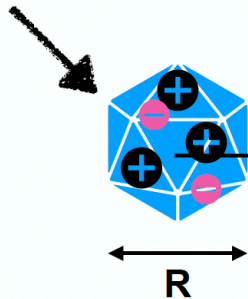
Effective Field Theory (EFT) approach



EFT detour

[A. Falkowski's CP2023 lectures]

Some distribution of electric charges



Near observer



L

Far observer



r

Near observer, $L \sim R$, needs to know the position of every charge to describe electric field in her proximity

Far observer, $r \gg R$, can instead use multipole expansion:
$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{Q}{r} + \frac{\vec{d} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} + \frac{Q_{ij} r_i r_j}{r^5} + \dots$$

$\sim 1/r \quad \sim R/r^2 \quad \sim R^2/r^3$

$$d_i \sim R$$

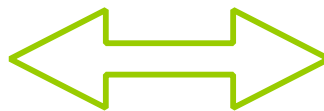
$$Q_{ij} \sim R^2$$

Higher order terms in the multipole expansion are suppressed by powers of the small parameter (R/r) . One can truncate the expansion at some order depending on the value of (R/r) and experimental precision

Far observer is able to describe electric field in his vicinity using just a few parameters: the total electric charge Q , the dipole moment \vec{d} , eventually the quadrupole moment Q_{ij} , etc....

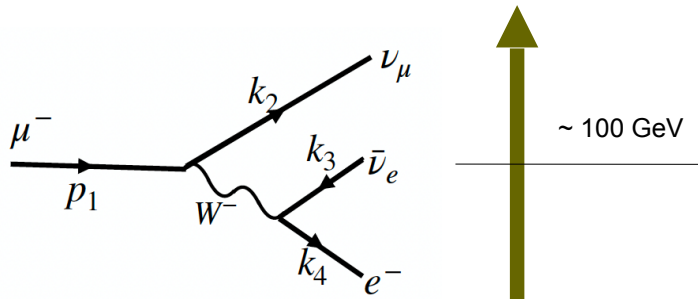
On the other hand, far observer can only guess the "fundamental" distributions of the charges, as many distinct distributions lead to the same first few moments

Small
distances



High
energies

EFT detour: QFT example

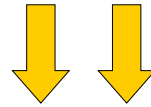


~ 100 GeV

\mathcal{L}_{SM} (EW theory)

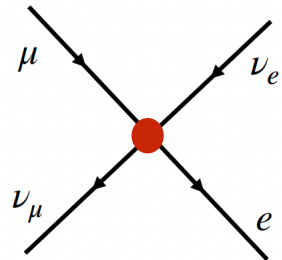
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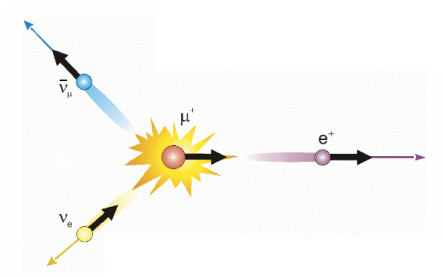
~ GeV

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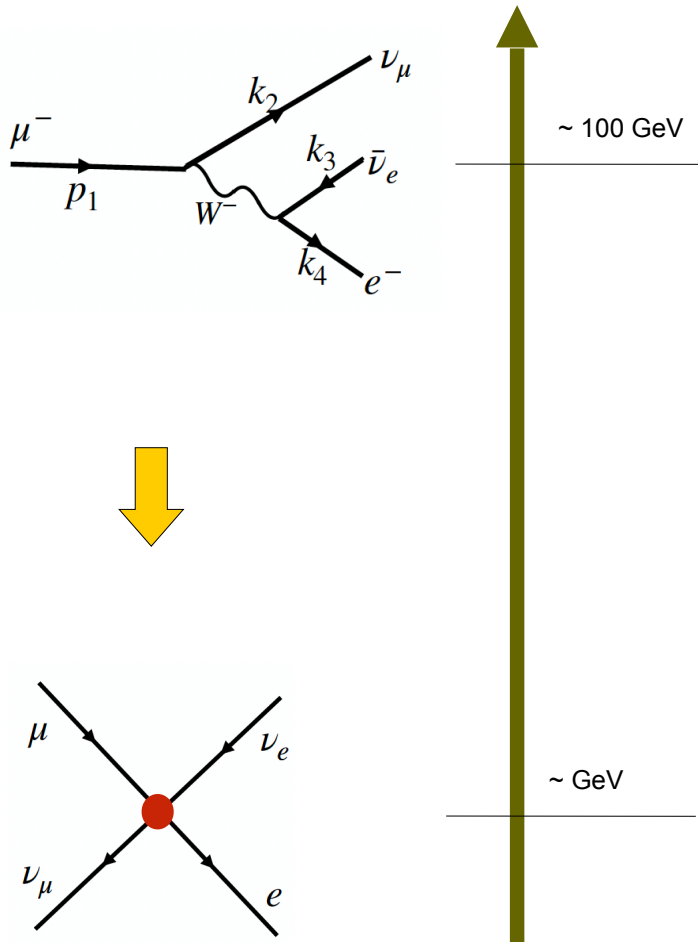
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+ higher-dim terms



EFT detour: QFT example



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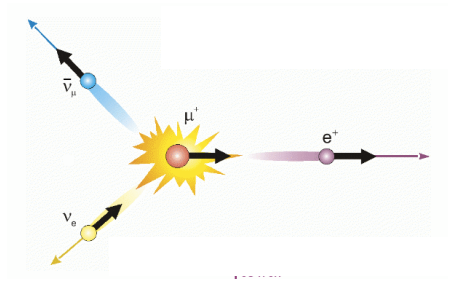
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Historically the logic was quite different:
Data \rightarrow Fermi EFT \rightarrow SM

EFT detour

**Top
down**



Known theory at
high-E



EFT at low-E

**Bottom
up**



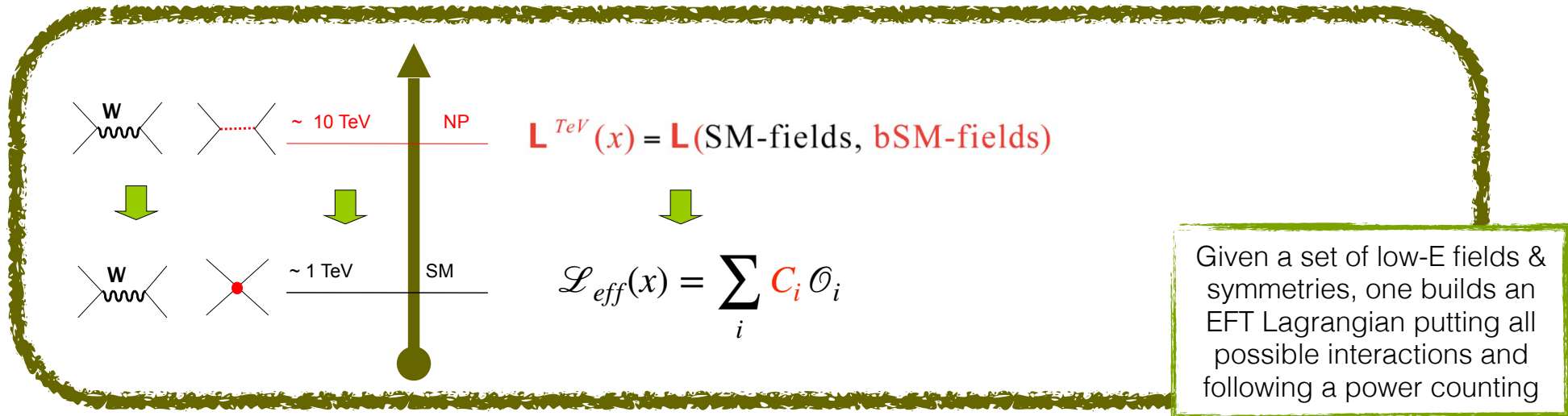
EFT that includes
high-E effects



Known theory at low-E
(or at least symmetries & fields)

Given a set of low-E fields & symmetries, one builds an EFT Lagrangian putting all possible interactions and following a power counting

EFT at the EW scale: SM \rightarrow SMEFT



EFT = Model-independent approach \neq Assumption independent

mass \rightarrow	$\approx 2.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.07 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 126 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge \rightarrow	2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0
spin \rightarrow	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0
	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H Higgs boson
QUARKS	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	
	-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon	
	$0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$105.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$1.777 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$91.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	-1	-1	-1	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z Z boson	
LEPTONS	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$80.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	0	0	0	± 1	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	W W boson	
					GAUGE BOSONS

1. QFT (Lorentz inv.)
2. SM fields + gap:
NP scale \gg EW scale.
3. SU(3)xSU(2)xU(1) gauge symmetry

Building the SMEFT



Building blocks:

$G_\mu^a, W_\mu^k, B_\mu, q, u, d, \ell, e, \varphi$

Field	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	Spin
G_μ^a	8	1	0	1
W_μ^k	1	3	0	1
B_μ	1	1	0	1
Q	3	2	1/6	1/2
u	3	1	2/3	1/2
d	3	1	-1/3	1/2
L	1	2	-1/2	1/2
e	1	1	-1	1/2
H	1	2	1/2	0



Rules

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$



$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i(\phi_j, D_\mu \phi_k)$$

Example: $\mathcal{L} = C (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$

Building the SMEFT



There are infinite gauge-invariant terms.
But that's OK because there's a well-defined expansion:

- Take an operator (=interaction term) \mathcal{O}_D of dimension D .

- Since $[\mathcal{L}] = E^4 \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \supset C_D \mathcal{O}_D$ where $[C_D] \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^{4-D}}$



- Its contribution to a (dimensionless) amplitude associated to a process with $E \gg m$

$$\mathcal{M} \sim C_D E^{D-4} \sim \left(\frac{E}{\Lambda}\right)^{D-4}$$

- Thus, for $E \ll \Lambda$:
a $D=5$ term gives a larger contribution than a $D=6$ one,
a $D=6$ term gives a larger contribution than a $D=7$ one,
and so on.



- For a given precision, we only need a finite amount of terms: $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{D \leq 4} + \mathcal{L}_5 + \mathcal{L}_6 + \mathcal{L}_7 + \dots$

- This power counting allows us to define SMEFT at the quantum level
(the SMEFT is renormalizable at a any finite order in the EFT expansion)

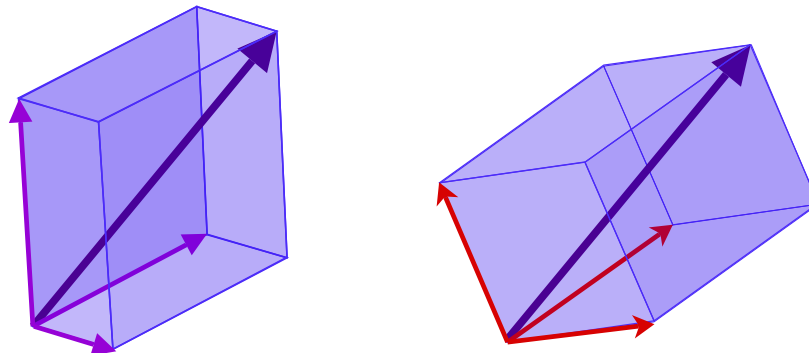
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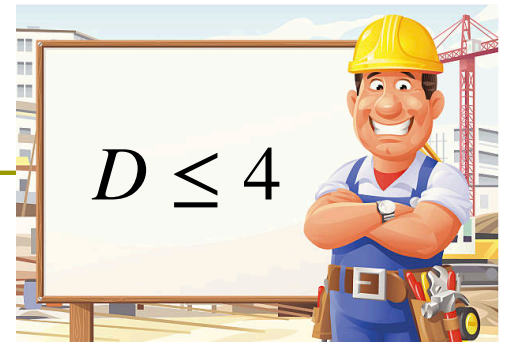
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$\sum_i C_6^i \mathcal{O}_6^i$ Complete (and minimal) set of operators \rightarrow "Basis"

- Finding a minimal set of operators is a subtle business.
 - It's not just (O_1, O_2) vs (O_1+O_2, O_1-O_2) . Operators can be related through integration by parts, Fierz transformation and field redefinitions.
 - Solved recently
[Grzadkowski et al. 1008.4884; Lehman-Martin 1510.00372; Henning et al. 1512.03433; Li et al. 2201.04639; ...]
- Any physical result will be independent of the basis chosen.



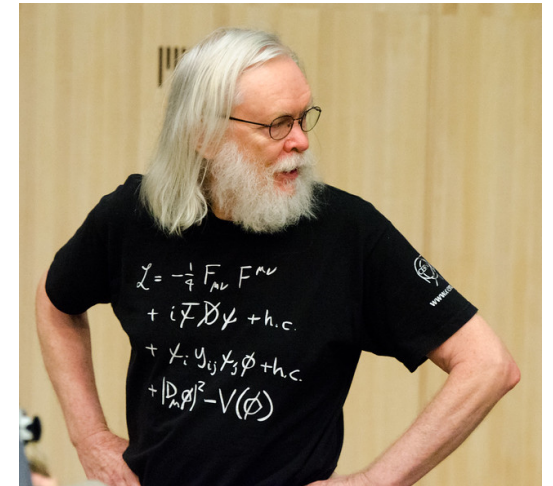
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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{D \leq 4} + \mathcal{L}_5 + \mathcal{L}_6 + \mathcal{L}_7 + \dots$$

- At $D \leq 4$ we find the SM

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{SM} = & -\frac{1}{4} G^{a\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{1}{4} W^{k\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^k - \frac{1}{4} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu} - \tilde{\theta} G^{a\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a \\ & + i \sum_f \bar{f} D_\mu \gamma^\mu f \\ & - (\bar{\ell} Y_e \varphi e + \bar{q} \varphi Y_d d + \bar{q} \tilde{\varphi} Y_u u) + h.c. \\ & + (D_\mu \varphi)^\dagger (D^\mu \varphi) - \mu^2 (\varphi^\dagger \varphi) - \lambda (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^2 \end{aligned}$$

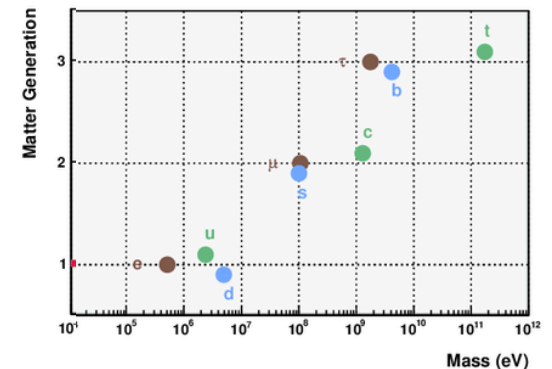


- All coefficients have been measured

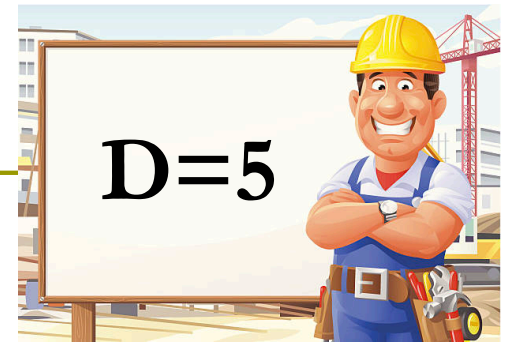
...except the theta term: $\mathcal{L}_{SM} \supset -\tilde{\theta} G^{a\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a$

- Interaction size OK except:

- $\mu = M_h \sqrt{2} \sim 100 \text{ GeV} \ll \Lambda$ (??)
- EFT predicts: $Y_f \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \rightarrow m_f \sim v, V_{ij} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$



Building the SMEFT



$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{D \leq 4} + \mathcal{L}_5 + \mathcal{L}_6 + \mathcal{L}_7 + \dots$$

- Only one operator (Weinberg'79)

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \frac{[c_5]_{pr}}{\Lambda} \left(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger \ell_p \right)^T C \left(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger \ell_r \right) + h.c.$$

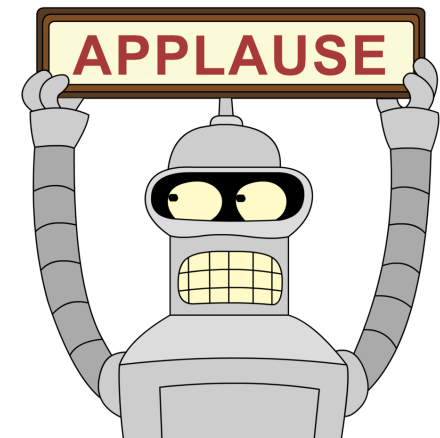
$$\tilde{\varphi} \equiv i \sigma_2 \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} (\varphi^0)^* \\ -(\varphi^+)^* \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \nu + H \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\ell \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$$

- After EWSB generates Majorana masses (for LH neutrinos):

$$\mathcal{L}_M = -\frac{1}{2} m_M \bar{\nu}_L^c \nu_L + h.c., \quad \nu^c \equiv C \bar{\nu}^T$$

- Perfect! (neutrino oscillations \rightarrow neutrino masses)
Great success of the SMEFT approach: corrections to the SM Lagrangian predicted at 1st order in the EFT expansion, are indeed observed!



Building the SMEFT



$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \frac{[c_5]_{pr}}{\Lambda} \left(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger \ell_p \right)^T C \left(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger \ell_r \right) + h.c. \rightarrow m_\nu \sim 2 c_5 v^2 / \Lambda$$

- Oscillation data $\rightarrow \Delta m^2$.
Other experiments (KATRIN!) / observations \rightarrow bounds on m .
All in all, $m \sim \mathcal{O}(0.01)$ eV. Thus:

$$v^2 / \Lambda \sim 0.1 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV} !!$$



- The mass gap is certainly OK
- But then higher dimensional effects are then extremely suppressed (only hope: B-number violation)

$$D = 6 \rightarrow v^2 / \Lambda^2 \sim 10^{-26} !!$$



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- Tiny neutrino masses point to huge NP scale: $\Lambda \sim 10^{15}$ GeV



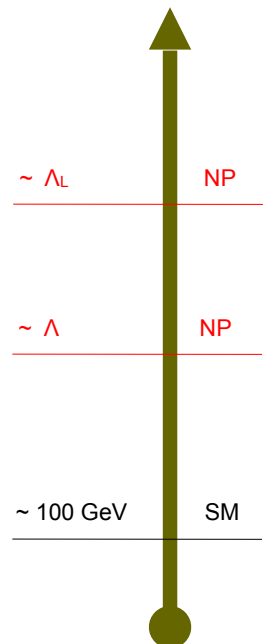
- Alternative:

It's possible (and even natural) that there's more than one NP scale. This is not arbitrary since D=5 is "special": it violates B-L

- A very high scale Λ_L associated to B-L violating physics (D=5, 7, ...)
- A (hopefully) not so high scale, Λ , associated to B-L conserving physics (D=6, 8, ...)

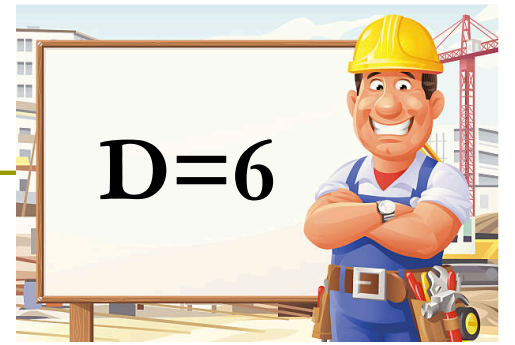
$$\mathcal{L}_{D=5} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_L}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{D=6} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{D=7} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_L^3}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{D=8} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^4}, \quad \text{and so on}$$

- PS: Outside the SMEFT paradigm there are other explanations for m_ν . E.g., SM + $\nu_R \rightarrow$ one has D=3 Majorana & D=4 yukawas (\rightarrow Dirac mass).



Building the SMEFT

D=6



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- One finds 63 operators [Grzadkowski et al., 1008.4884]
Flavor structure \rightarrow 3045 coefficients



X^3		φ^6 and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
Q_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	Q_φ	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{\varphi})$
Q_W	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
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$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	Q_{eB}	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	Q_{uG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{uB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$

Table 2: Dimension-six operators other than the four-fermion ones.

$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
Q_{ll}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	Q_{ee}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	Q_{le}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	Q_{uu}	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	Q_{lu}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	Q_{dd}	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	Q_{ld}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	Q_{eu}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	Q_{qe}	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	Q_{ed}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
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$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$ and $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$		B -violating			
Q_{ledq}	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s^k q_t^j)$	Q_{duq}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^\gamma)^T C l_t^k]$		
$Q_{quqd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$	Q_{quu}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$		
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$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	Q_{duu}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$				

Table 3: Four-fermion operators.

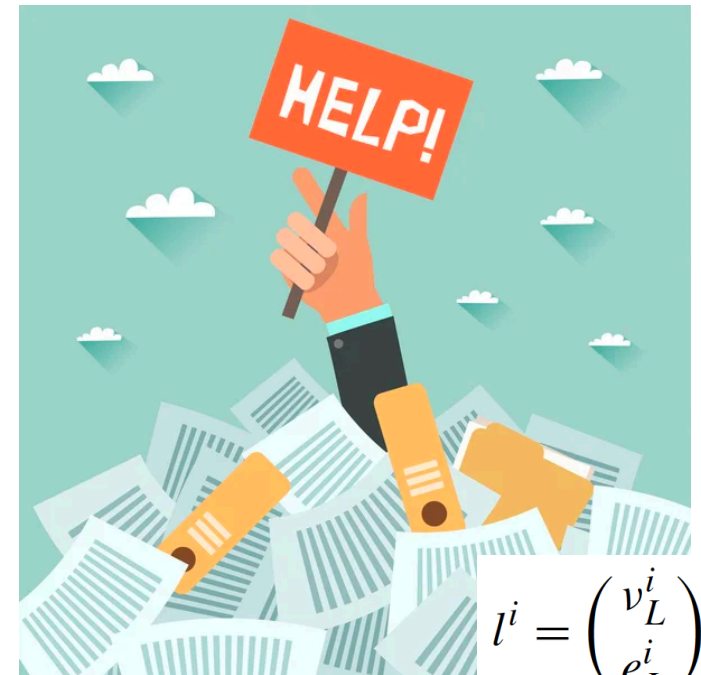
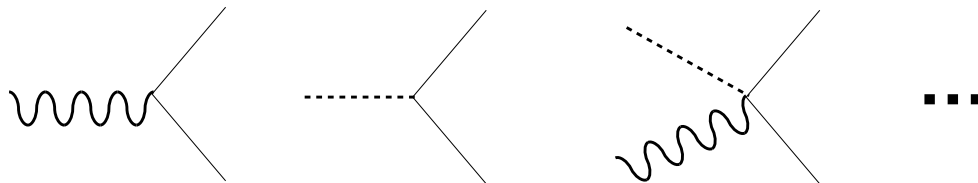
Building the SMEFT



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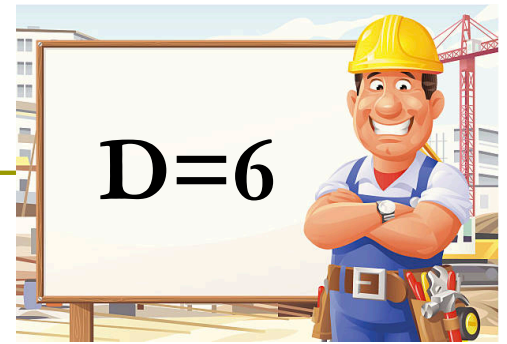


$$l^i = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^i \\ e_L^i \end{pmatrix}$$

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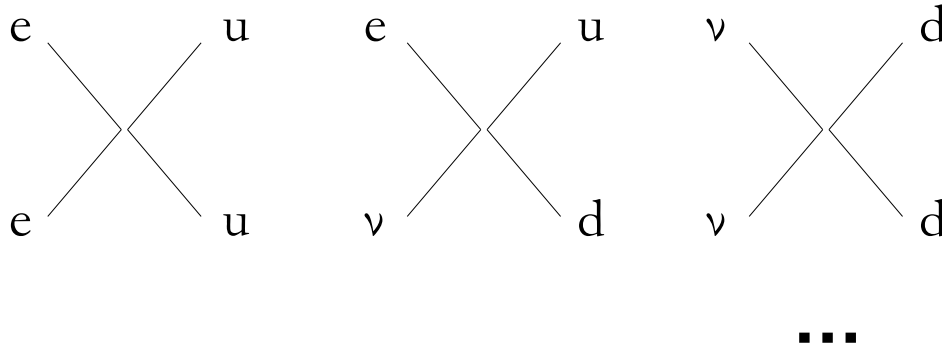
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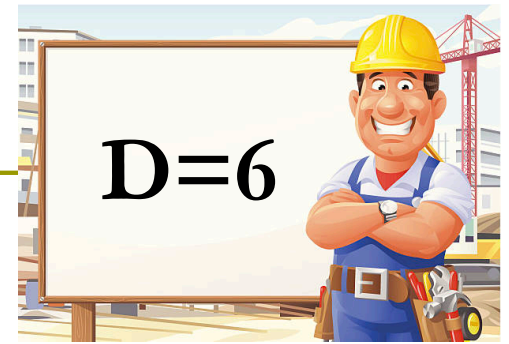


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Building the SMEFT



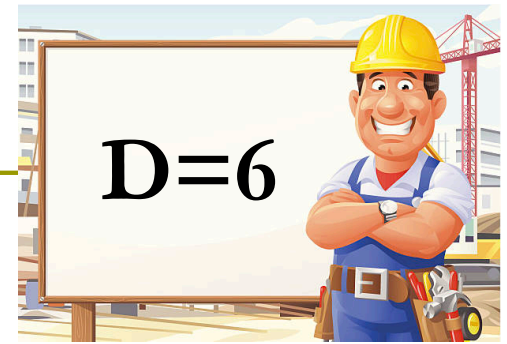
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_5 + \mathcal{L}_6 + \mathcal{L}_7 + \dots$$

- First B-L conserving corrections to the SM.
- One finds 63 operators [Grzadkowski et al., 1008.4884]
Flavor structure \rightarrow 3045 coefficients
- Extremely rich phenomenology:
colliders,
flavor,
low-energy searches,
neutrino physics,
proton decay,
CP violation,
...

- All results compatible with zero \rightarrow Bounds on Λ
$$\left(\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_6 \right)$$



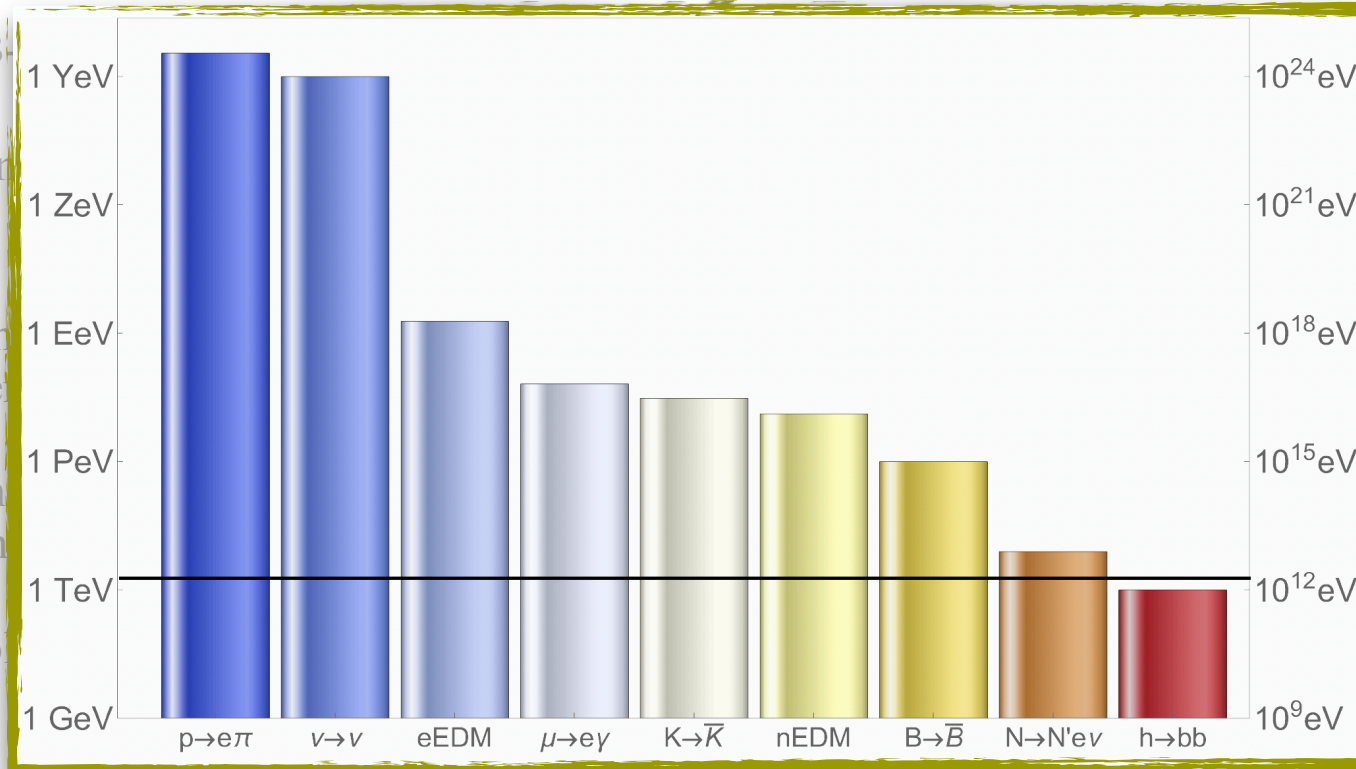
Building the SMEFT



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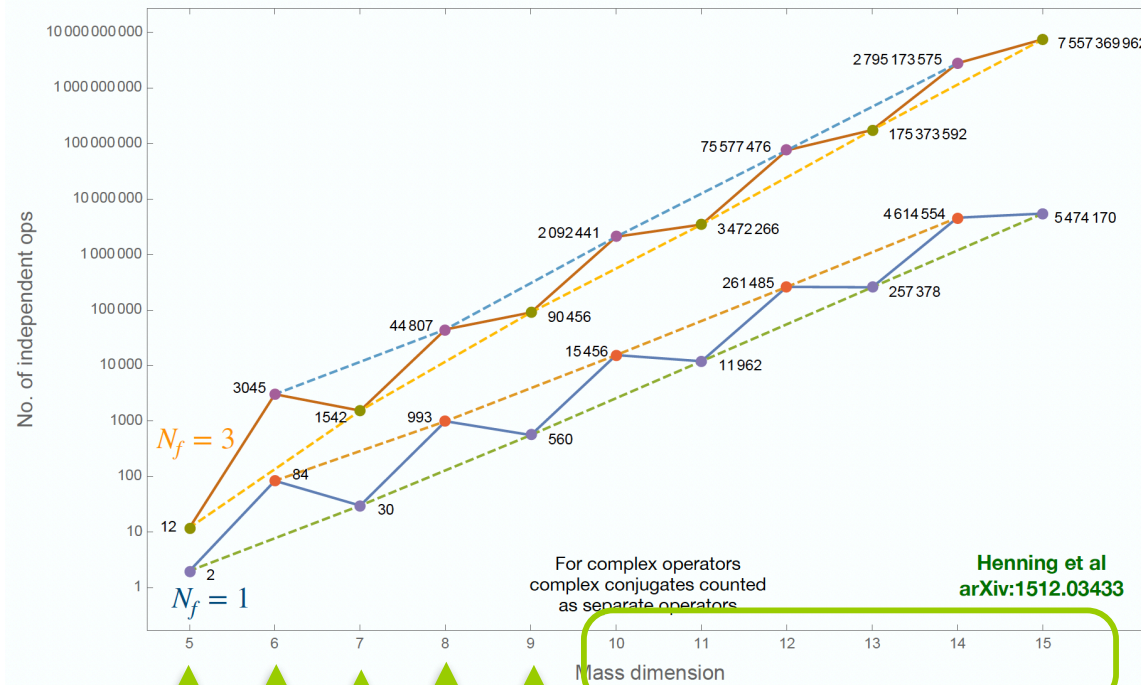
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Building the SMEFT



$$L = L_2 + L_3 + L_4 + L_5 + L_6 + L_7 + \dots$$

- At dim-6 is where all the fun starts, but it's also where it ends



Exponential growth with D

Weinberg'79 Lehman'14 Li et al.'21
 Grzadkowski et al.'10 Li et al.'20 Li et al'22
 (Code valid at any dimension)

Building the SMEFT



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- At dim-6 is where all the fun starts, but it's also where it ends
 - Really too many operators
 - For $D=7, 9, \dots$ the effect is expected to be tiny
 - For $D=8, 10, \dots$ not easy to imagine situations where terms that are so suppressed (if the EFT works) give measurable effects in observable X whereas all $D=6$ terms do not give measurable effects in so many other observables.
- A few processes receive their first tree-level correction at $D>6$:
light-by-light scattering (dim-8), neutron-antineutron oscillation (dim-9), ...
Depending on the mass gap, they could compete w/ loop effects from lower-dim. operators.

Building the SMEFT



$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_5 + \mathcal{L}_6 + \mathcal{L}_7 + \dots$$

- It's crucial to keep in mind that these operators exist.
E.g. $(\text{dim}-6)^2$ vs dim-8 contributions (validity of the EFT expansion)
- Let's think in a (non-forbidden) low-E process ($E \ll v$):

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{SM} \left(1 + c_6 \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + c_8 \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{v^4}{\Lambda^4} \right) + \dots \right)$$

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2 \left(1 + c_6 \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + c_6^2 \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{v^4}{\Lambda^4} \right) + c_8 \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{v^4}{\Lambda^4} \right) + \dots \right)$$

- One should *not* include quadratic terms
(equivalently: results should not depend strongly on quadratic terms)
- The reasoning is the same for $E \sim v$ or higher energies.

Building the SMEFT



$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \text{Majorana neutrino masses} + \sum \frac{c_6^i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_6^i + \dots$$

Down the EFT stairs



Known theory at
high-E



EFT at low-E



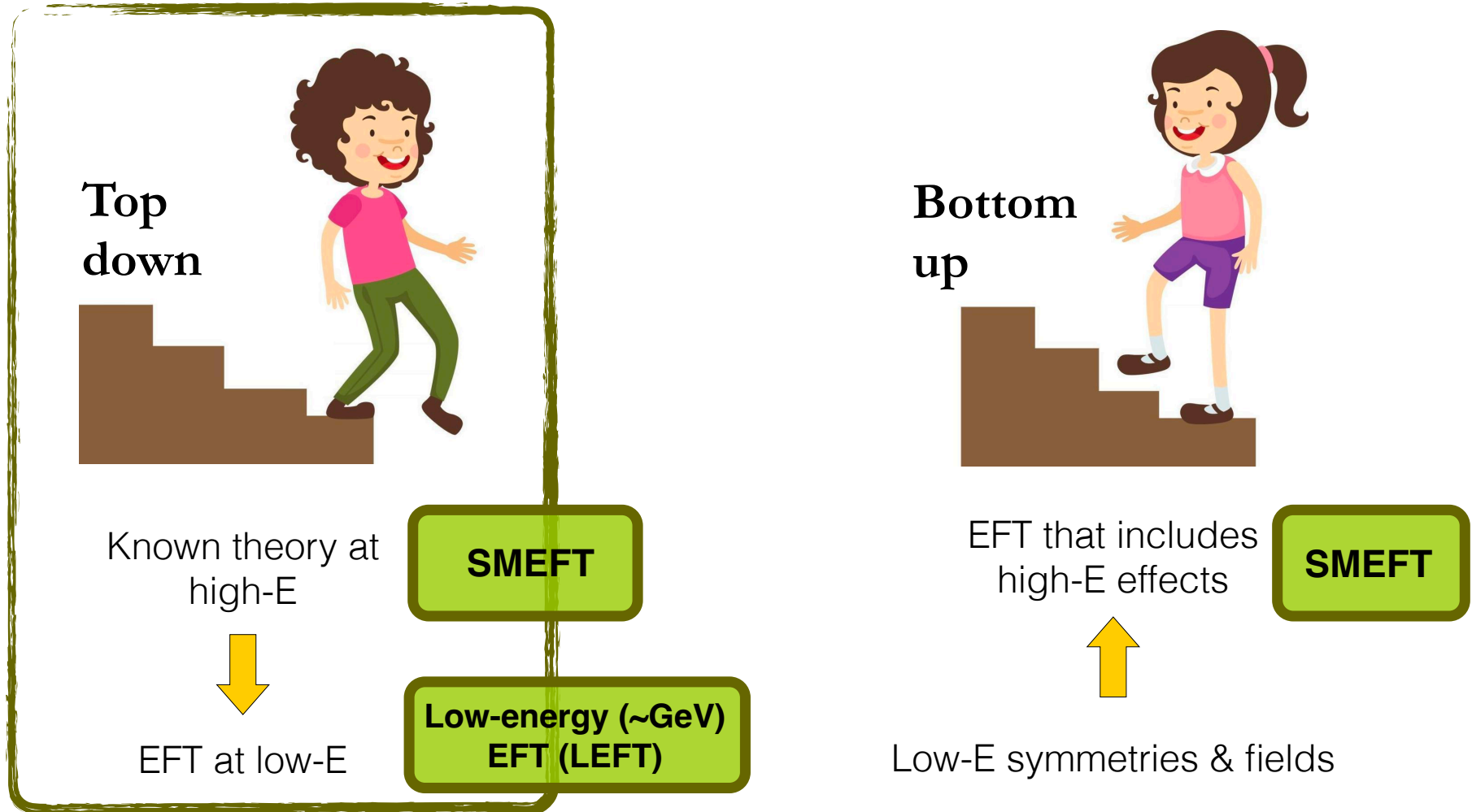
EFT that includes
high-E effects



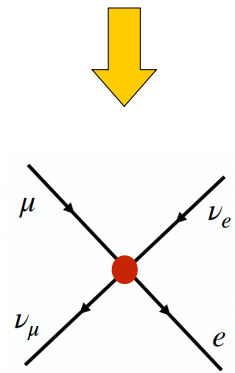
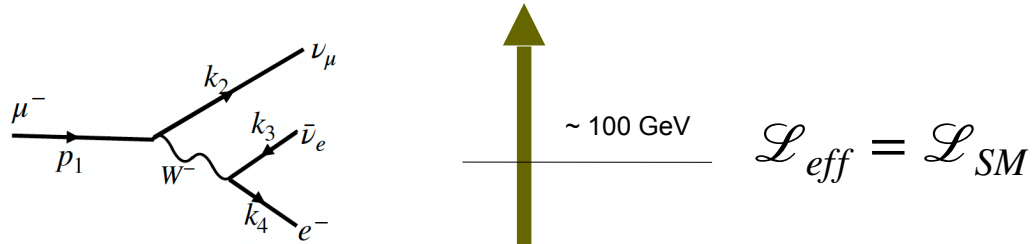
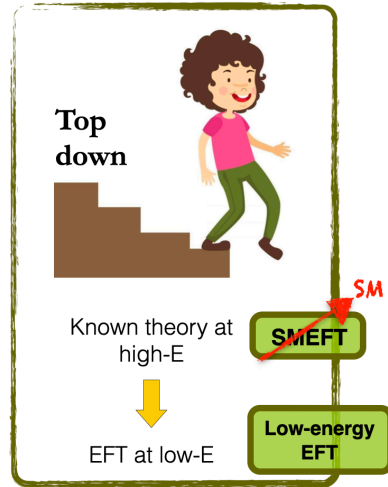
Low-E symmetries & fields

SMEFT

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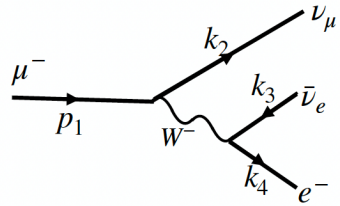
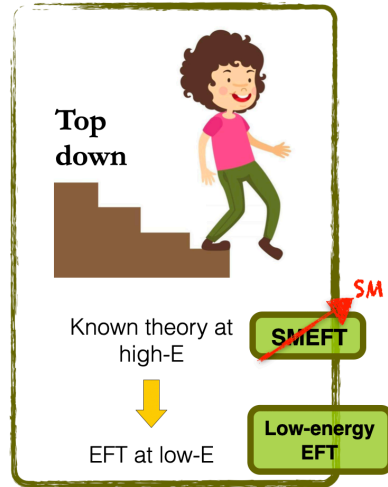


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+ higher-dim terms

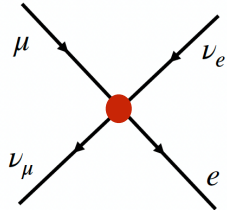
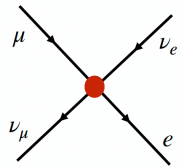
Down the EFT stairs



~ 100 GeV

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}$$

$$+ \frac{c_5}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_5 + \sum_i \frac{c_6^i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_6^i + \dots$$



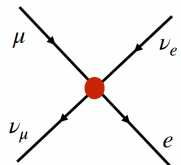
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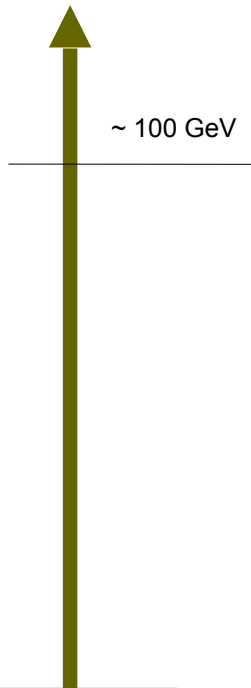
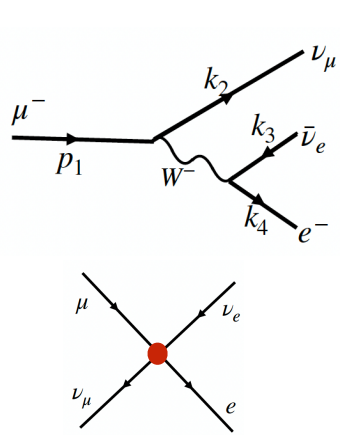
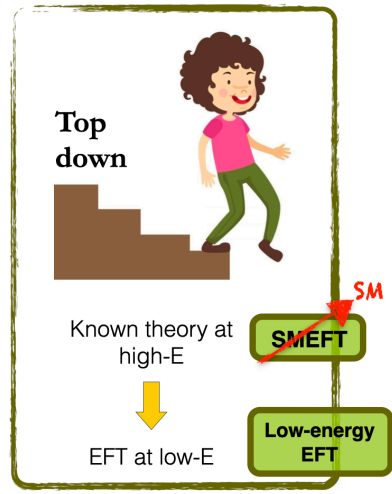
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$$+ \frac{4\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{e} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_e \cdot \bar{\nu}_\mu (1 + \gamma_5) \mu$$

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Down the EFT stairs

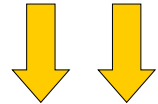


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The SMEFT has ~3K coefficients, but it generates only one new term to the muon decay low-energy EFT Lagrangian.

- Moreover this term can be neglected in most cases (contributions $\sim m_e/m_\mu$)



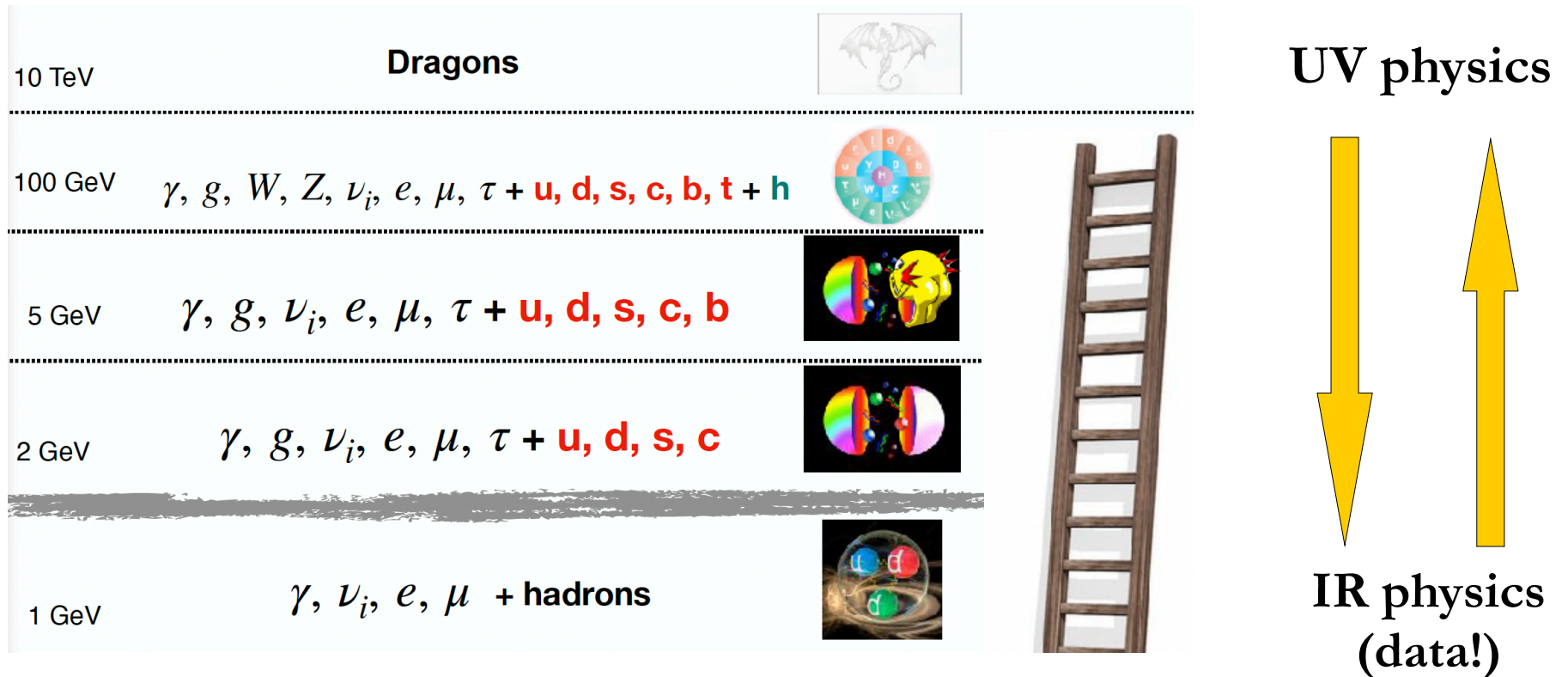
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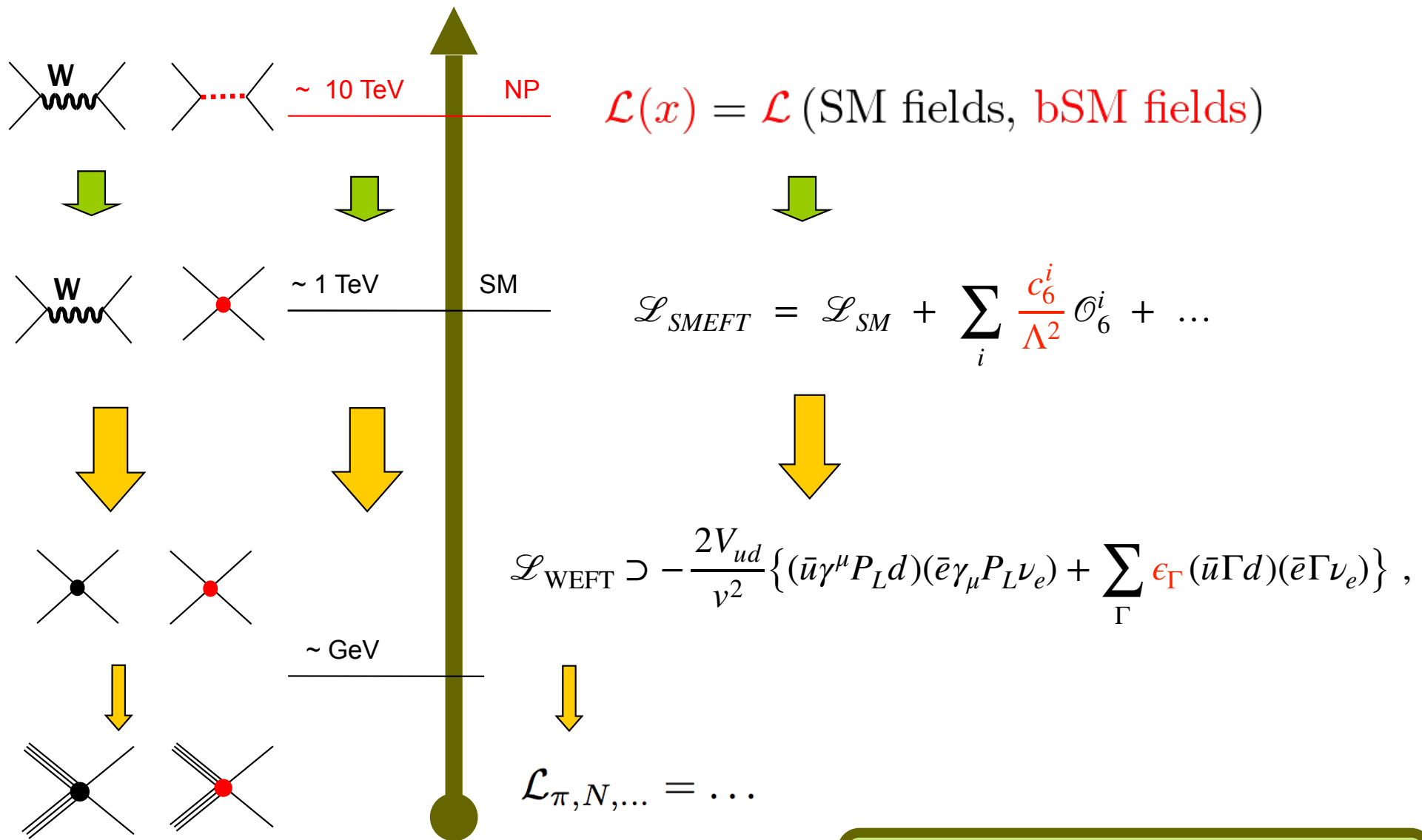
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SMEFT \rightarrow Low-energy EFT



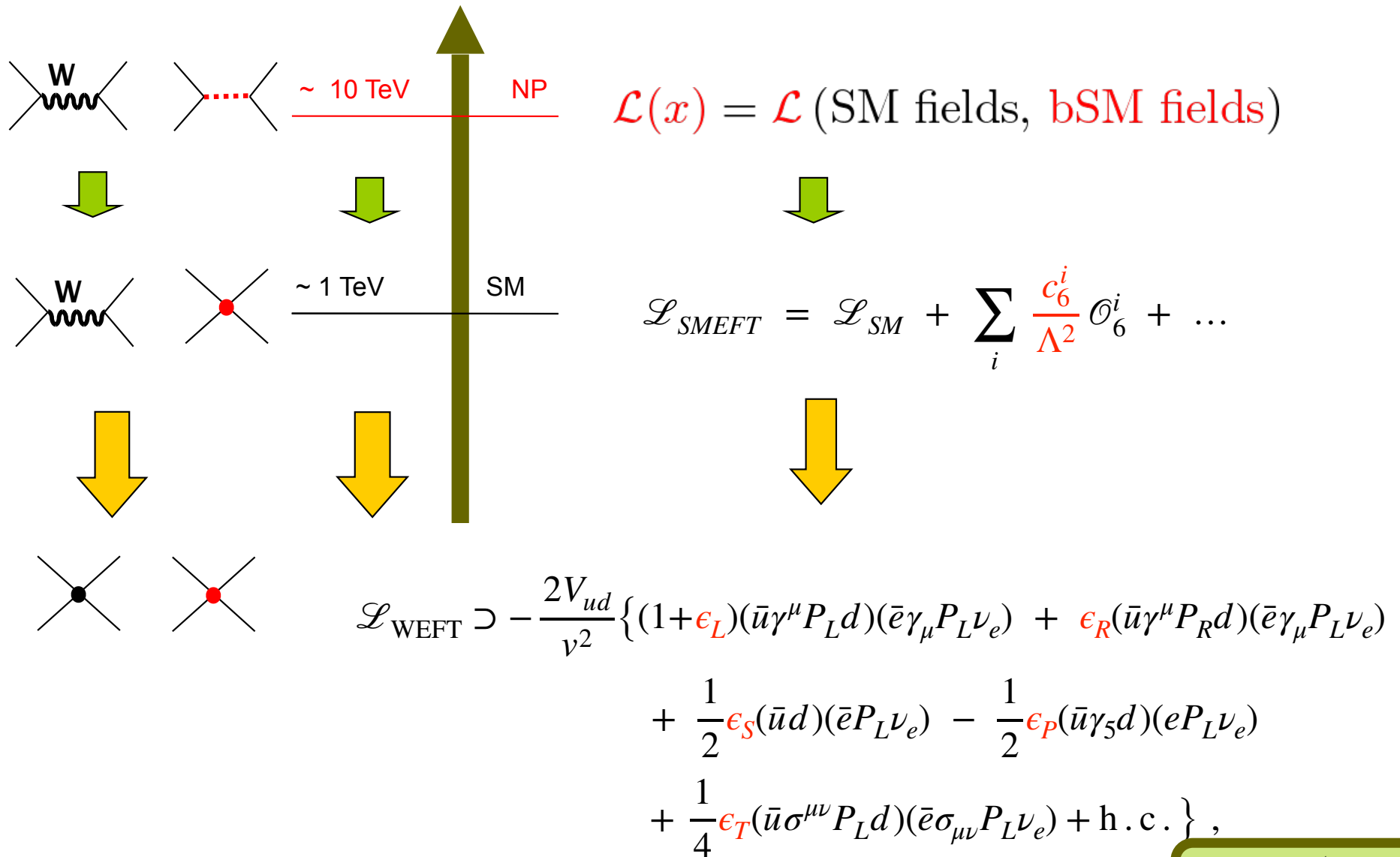
- Various names: LEFT, WEFT, WET, ...
 - Variants: LEFT-5, LEFT-4, ...
- In any case, the full LEFT (generated by the SMEFT) has of course many many terms. The matching between LEFT & SMEFT is known at 1-loop [[Jenkins et al., 1709.04486](#); [Dekens & Stoffer, 1908.05295](#)].
- For concreteness, I'll focus on beta decays ($d \rightarrow ue\bar{\nu}$).

SMEFT \rightarrow Beta-decay LEFT



$$\frac{\epsilon_\Gamma}{v^2} = f\left(\frac{c_6^i}{\Lambda^2}\right) \rightarrow \epsilon_\Gamma = f\left(c_6^i \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$$

SMEFT \rightarrow Beta-decay LEFT



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SMEFT \rightarrow Beta-decay LEFT

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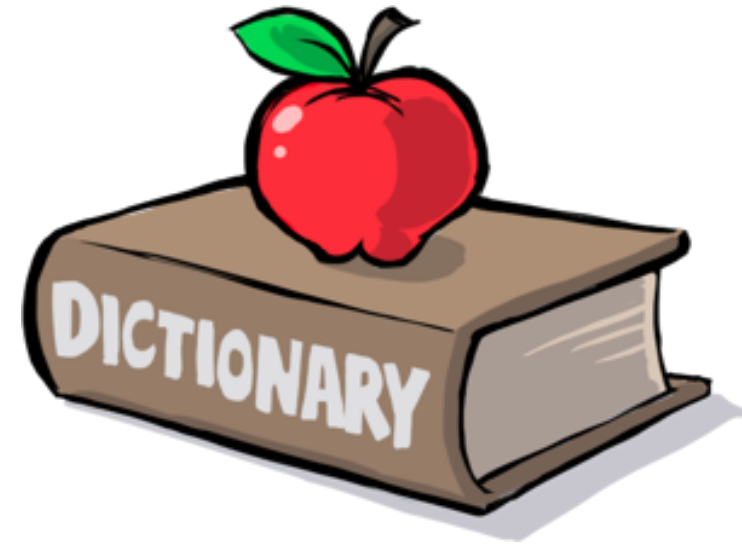
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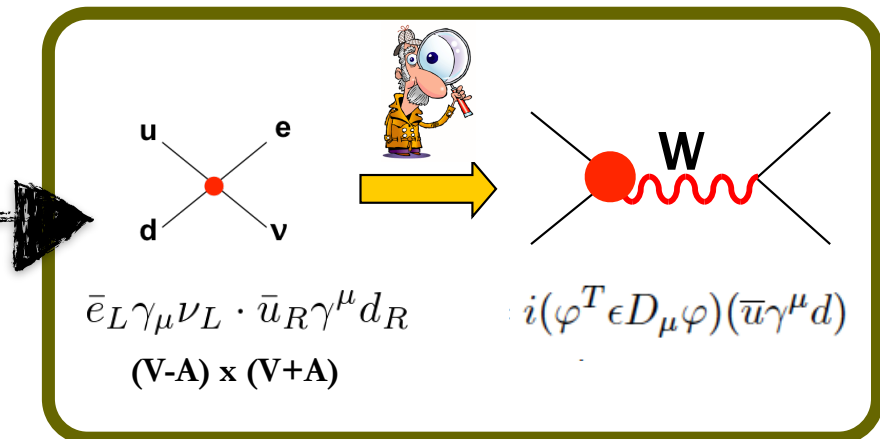
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\rightarrow **RH currents are lepton flavor universal!**
(SMEFT prediction)

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Reminder:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} \\ q &= \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

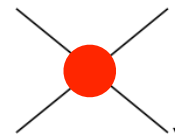
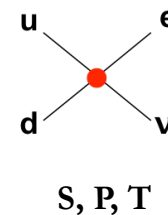
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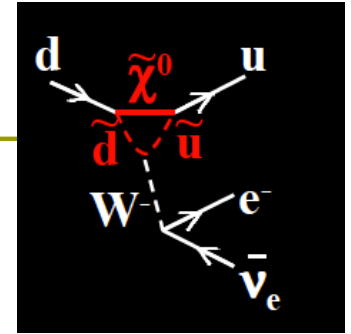
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$$\begin{aligned} & (\bar{\ell} e) (\bar{d} q) \\ & (\bar{\ell}_a e) \epsilon^{ab} (\bar{q}_b u) \\ & (\bar{\ell}_a \sigma^{\mu\nu} e) \epsilon^{ab} (\bar{q}_b \sigma_{\mu\nu} u) \end{aligned}$$

SMEFT \rightarrow Beta-decay LEFT

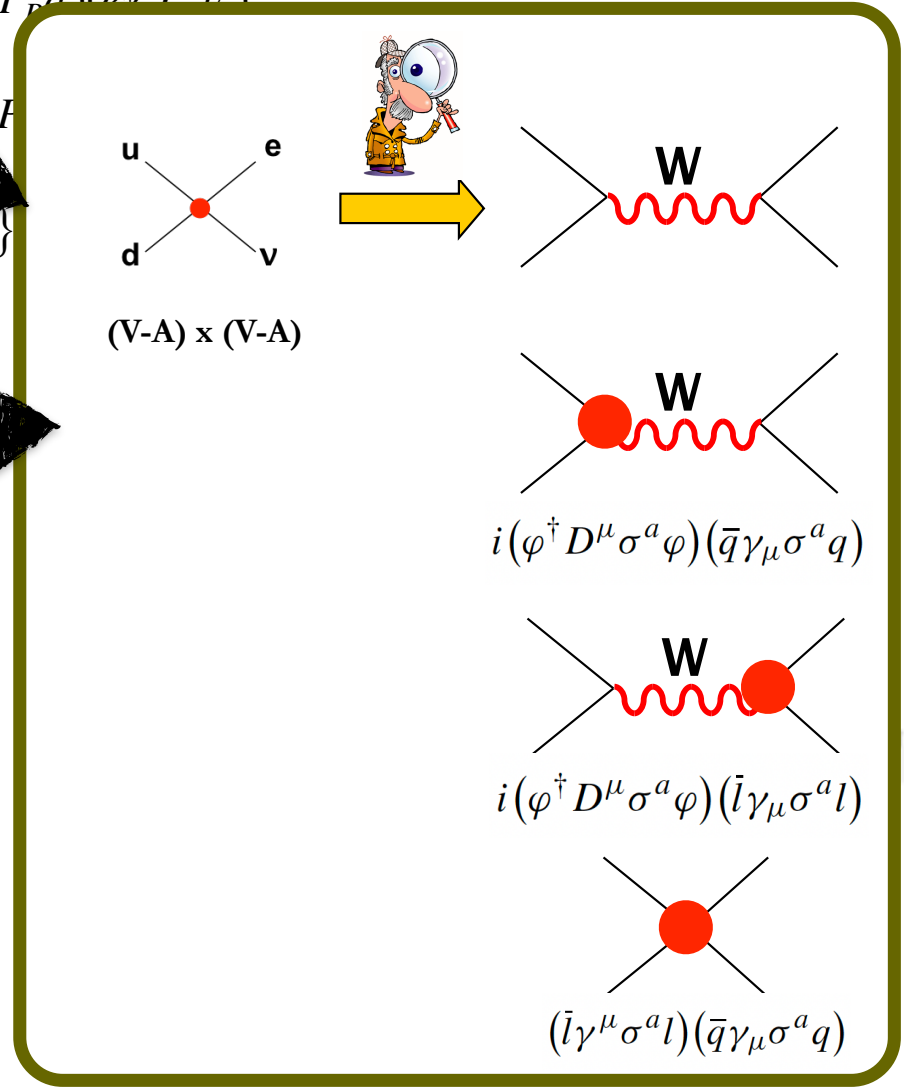


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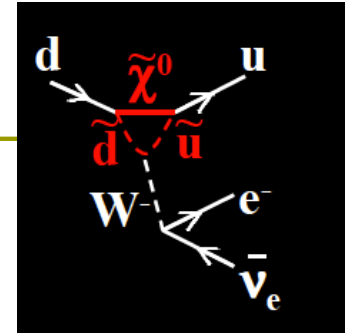
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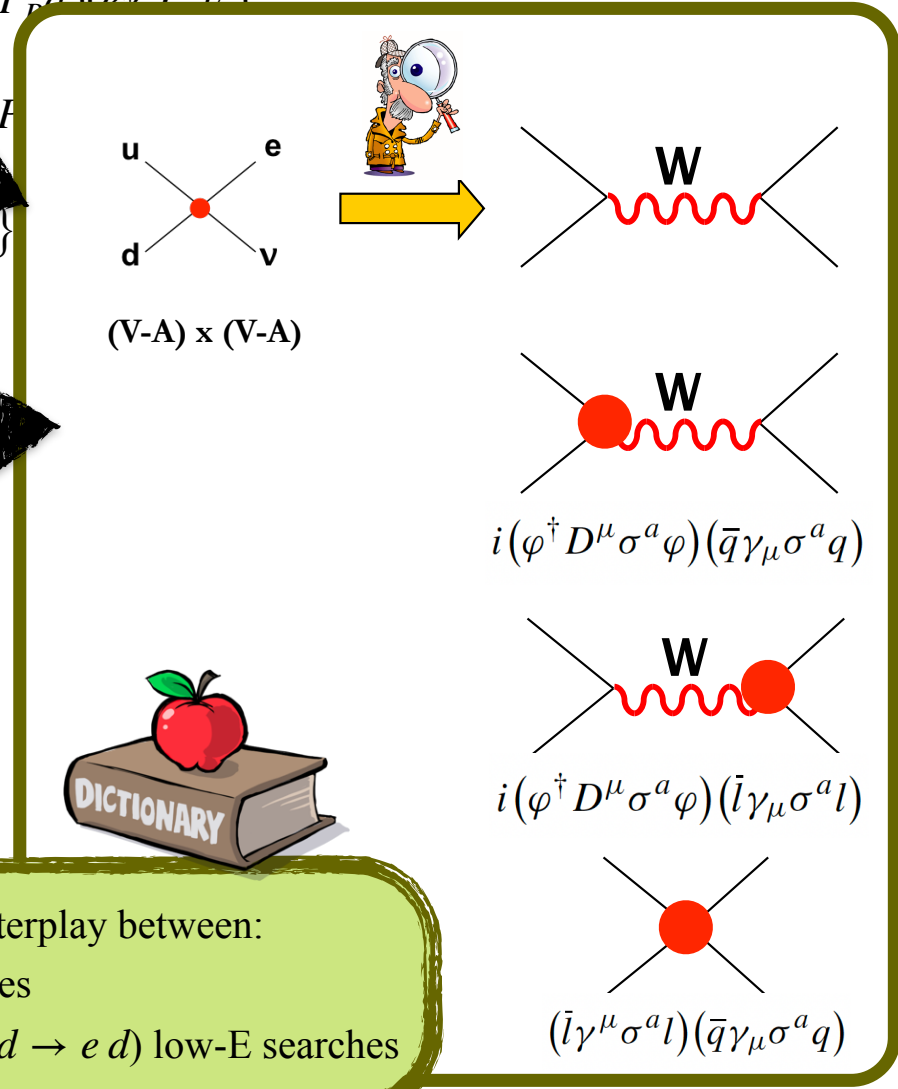
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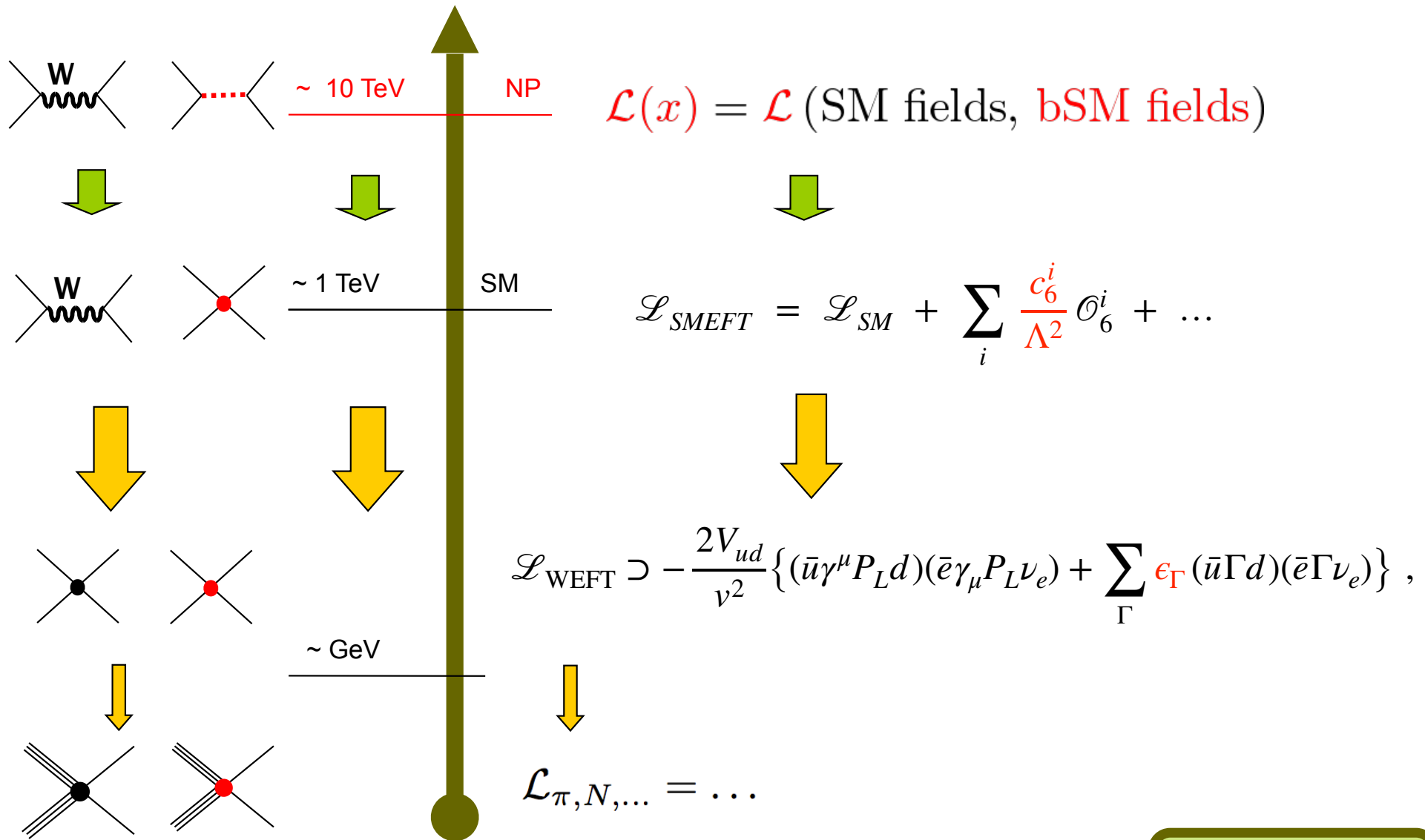
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This dictionary shows the interplay between:

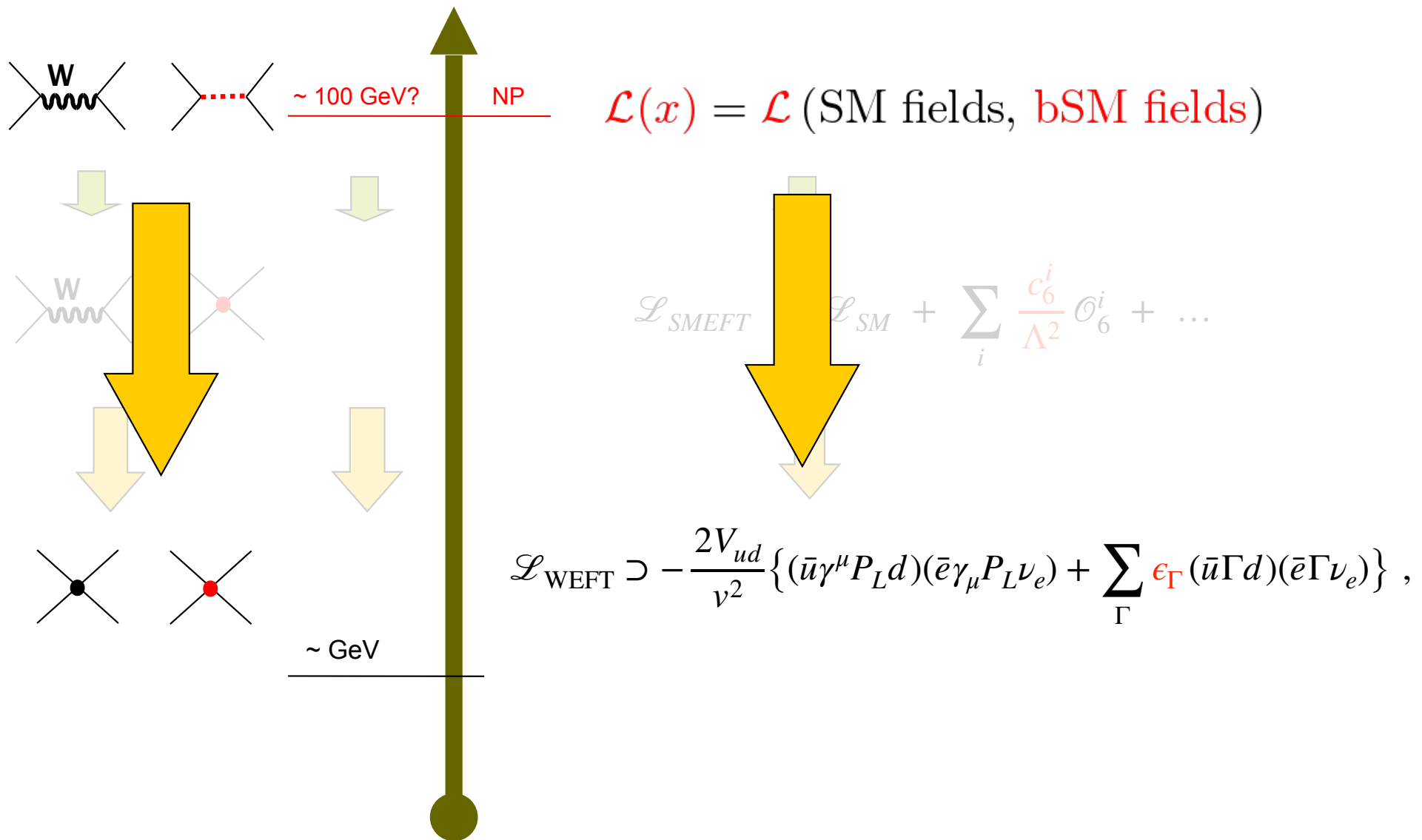
- low-E and high-E searches
- CC ($d \rightarrow ue\bar{\nu}$) & NC ($ed \rightarrow ed$) low-E searches

LEFT from SMEFT



$$\epsilon_\Gamma = f \left(\frac{c_6^i}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

LEFT ^{without} from SMEFT

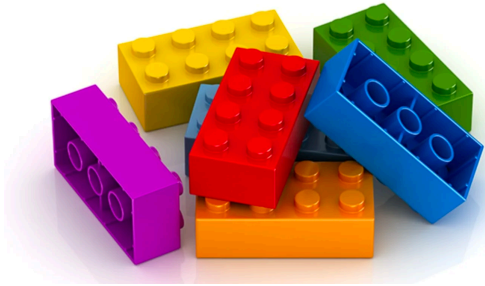


Building the LEFT



Building blocks:

$$G_\mu^a, A_\mu, q_L^i, q_R^i, e_L^i, e_R^i, \nu_L^i$$



Rules

$$SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{em}$$

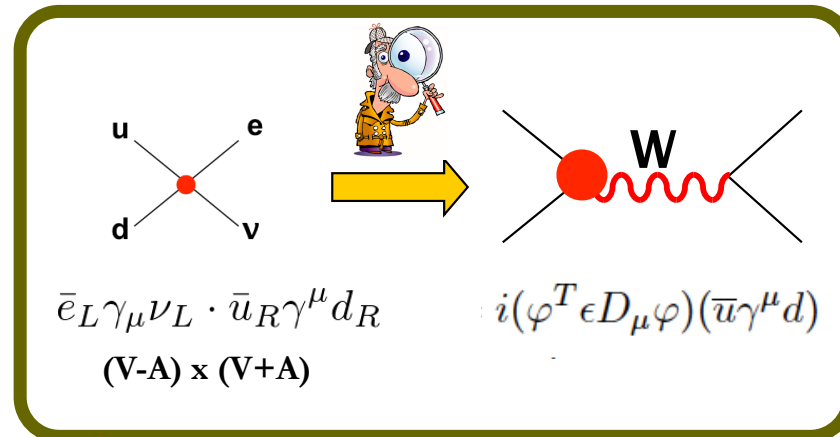


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Beta-decay LEFT (not necessarily from SMEFT)

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No new operators (SMEFT generates them all)*



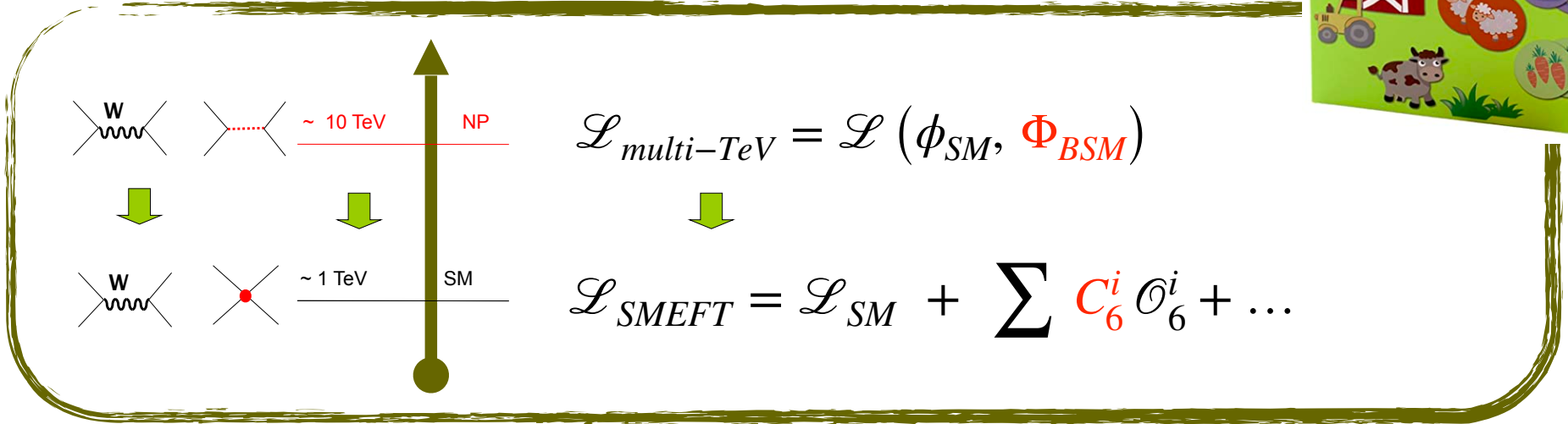
Not necessarily true anymore

~~RH currents are lepton flavor universal~~
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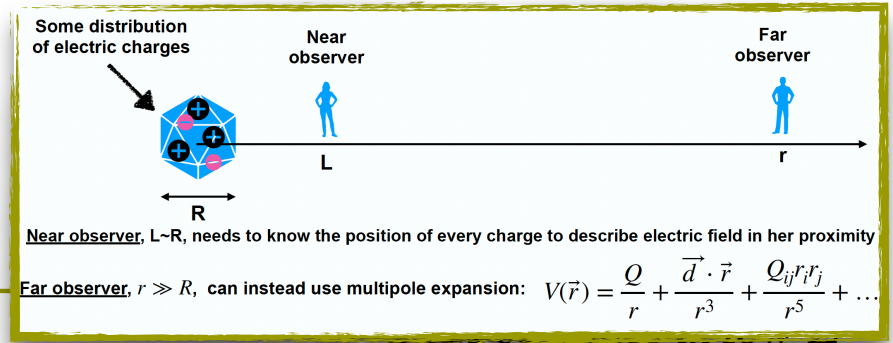
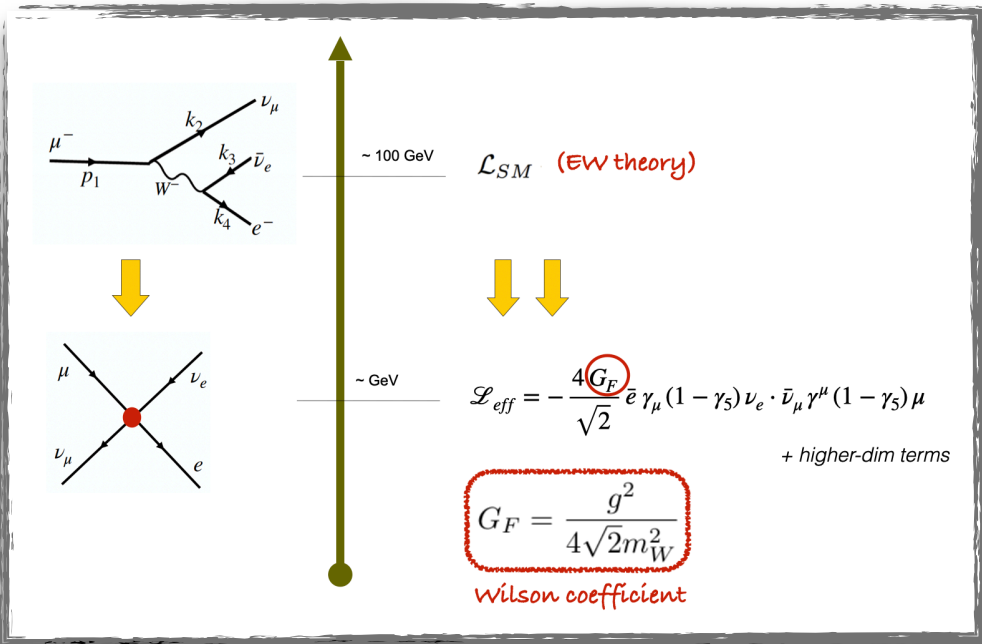
*Not always the case. E.g., in $b \rightarrow s e^+ e^-$ some structures are forbidden!

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Matching to NP models



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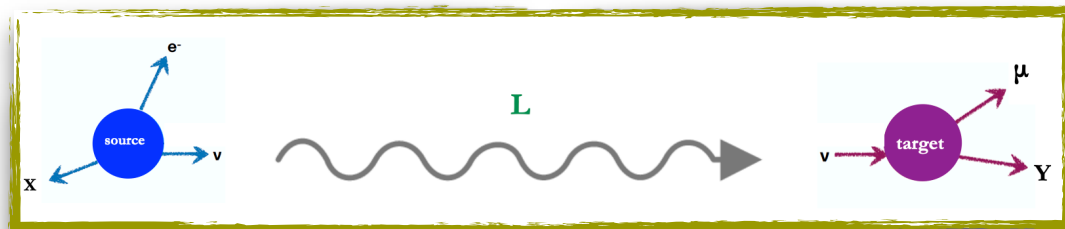
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One can't just take the value of V_{ud} from the PDG.
More generally: $V_{ud} \rightarrow$ CKM, PMNS, FFs (FLAG), ...
- PDFs, cuts, correlations, FFs, EFT at 1 loop, consistent EFT expansion, ...
- Was the SM assumed to hold in the experimental analysis?
- Other complications...

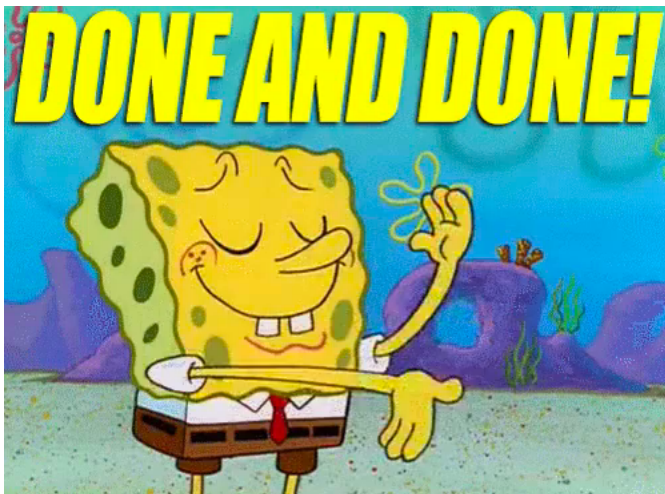


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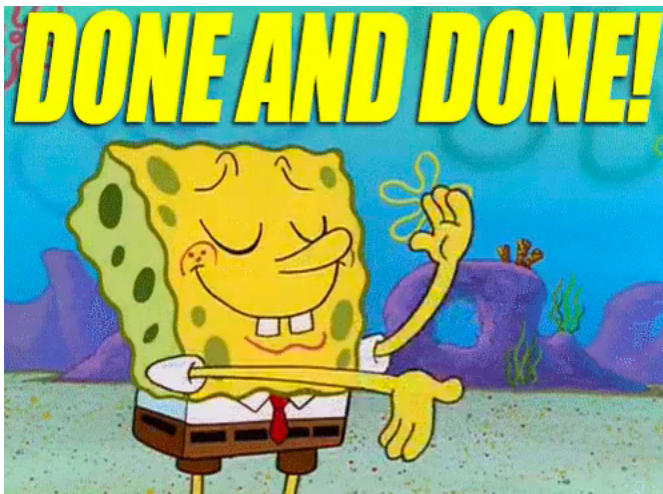


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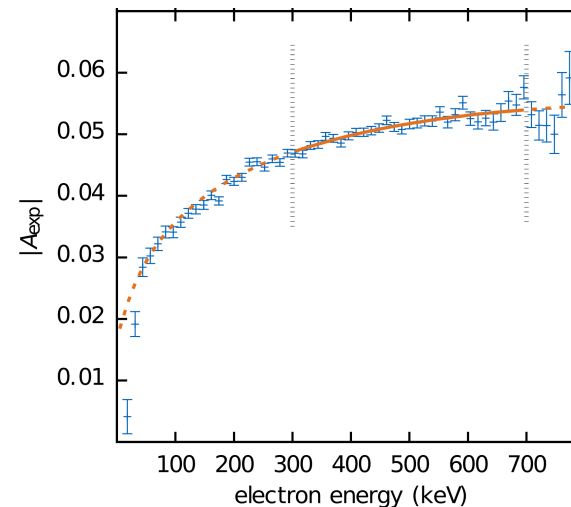
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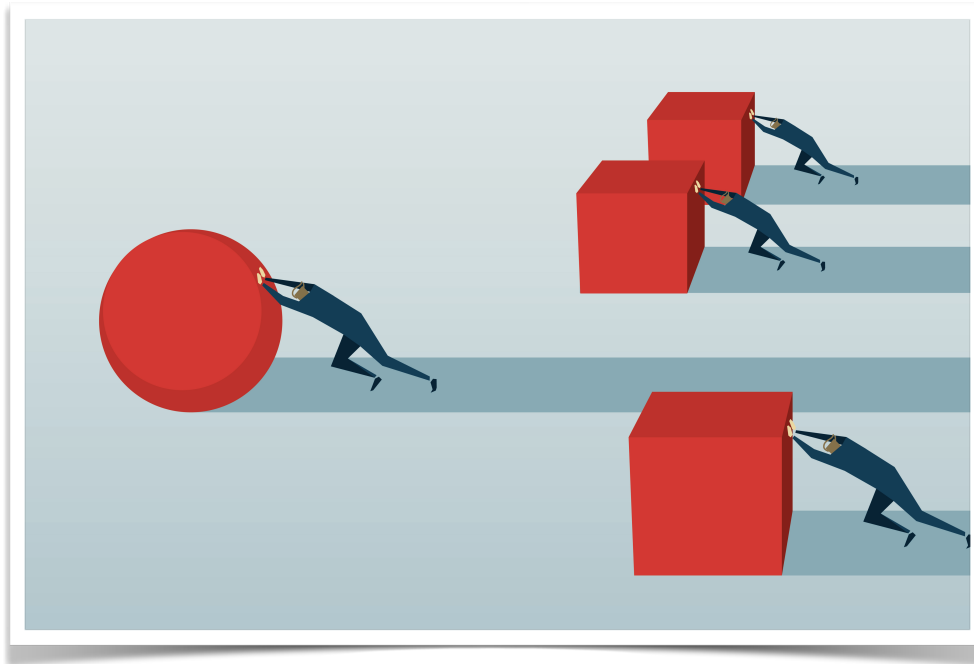
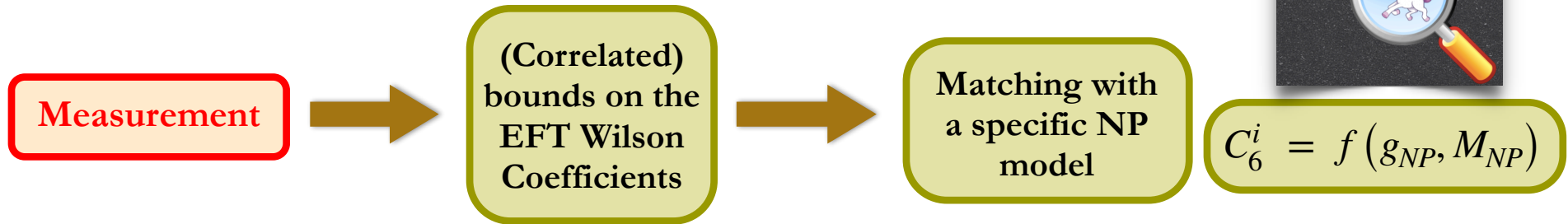
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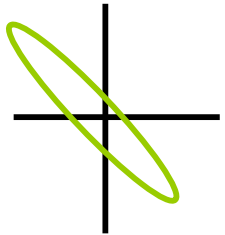
This approach gives us a model-indep. parametrization for the observable X

$$\frac{dX}{dE} = \left(\frac{dX}{dE} \right)_{SM} (1 + 2C_6^{13}) + \frac{m_e}{E_e} C_6^4$$

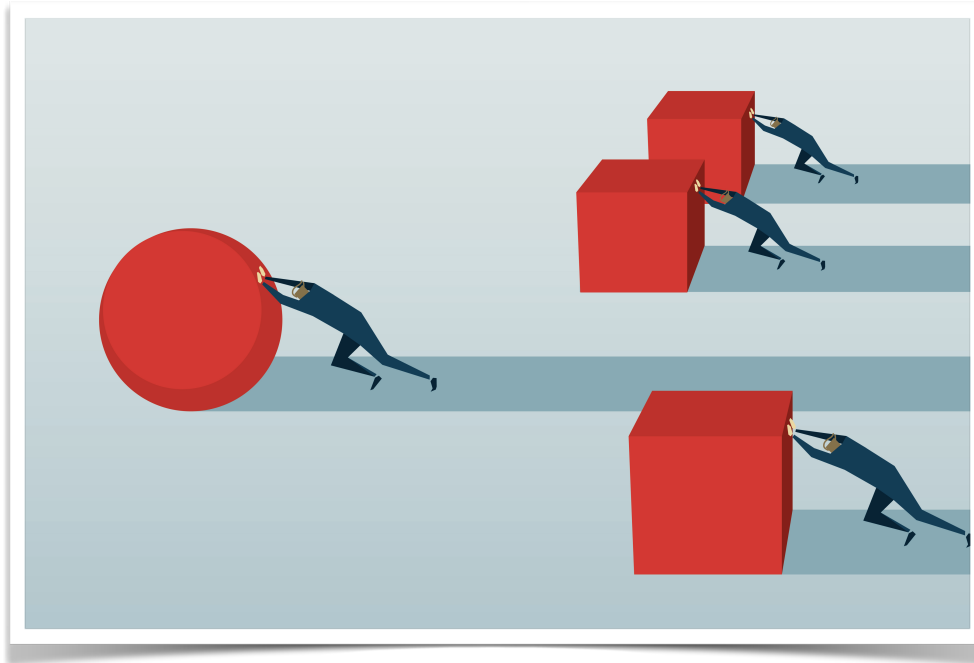
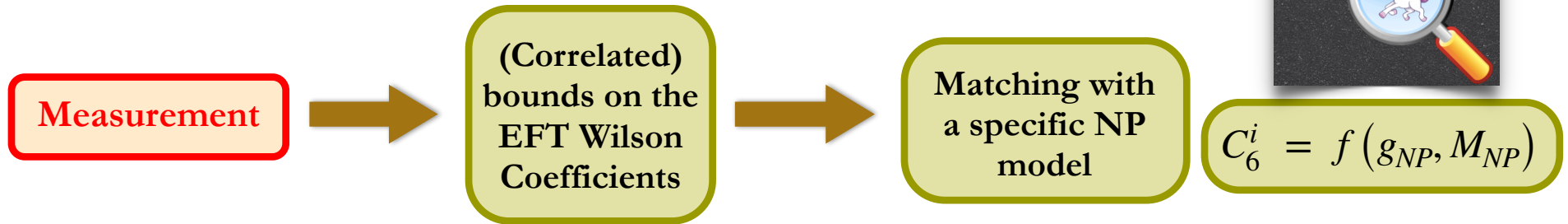
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- Useful especially if...
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 - Final likelihood public (correlation matrix!)
 - Avoid additional assumptions
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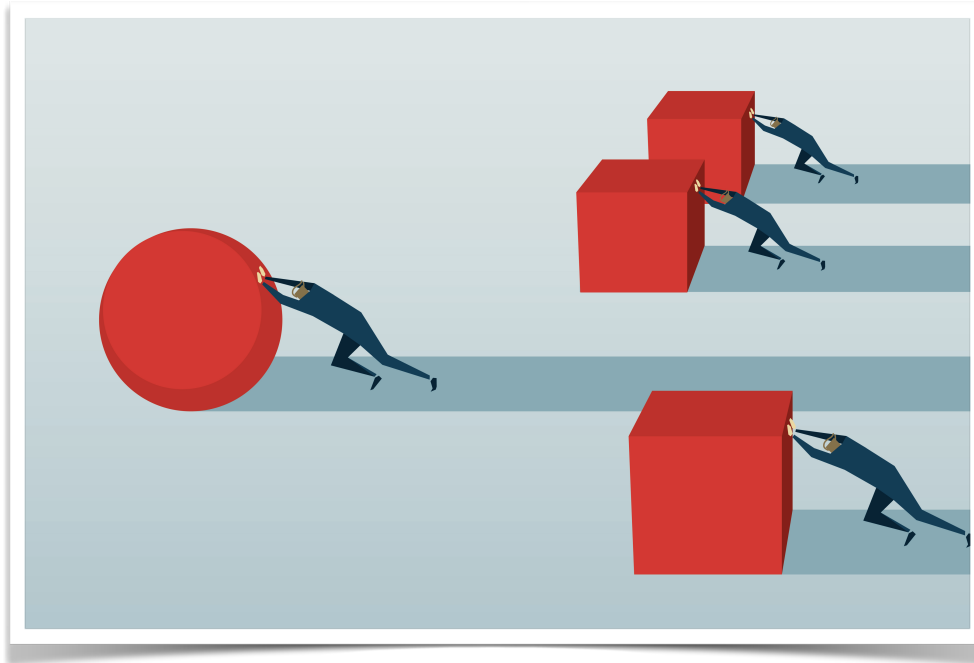
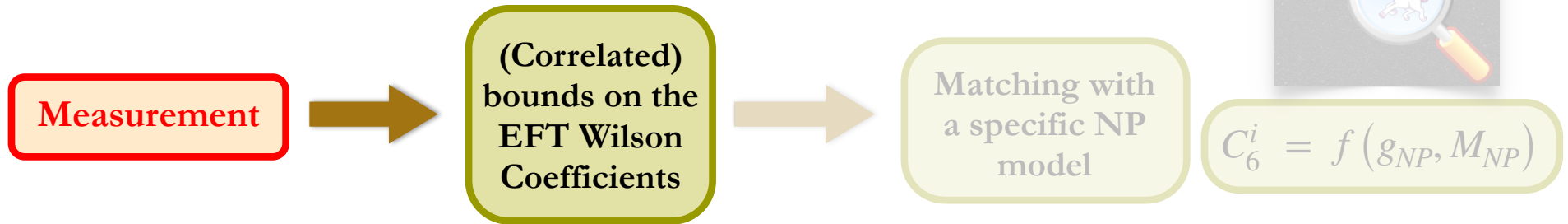
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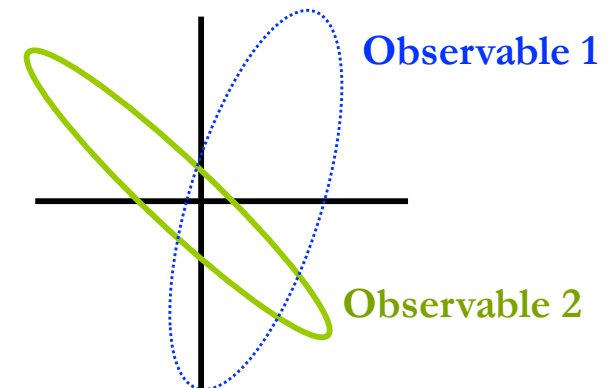


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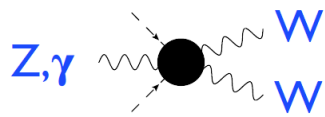
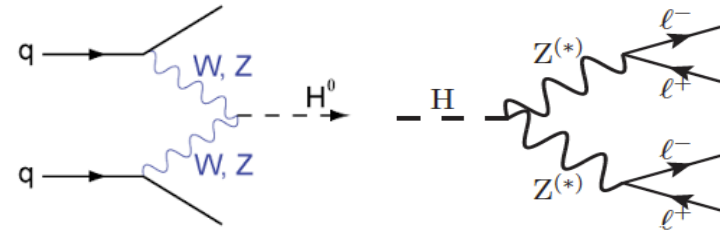
Comparing different probes

- Choose an operator basis $\{O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n\}$, *e.g. the Warsaw basis*
 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum C_i O_i$
- Calculate the observable you like in the EFT, *e.g. $O = O_{\text{SM}} + 3C_1 - C_6$*
- What are the known limits on the Wilson coeff.? *e.g. from LEP... $C_1 = 0.001(3)$, $C_2 = \dots$, ...*
More precisely: χ^2 with (*LEP*) measurements gives you central values and error matrix.
- Implications for your observable? *e.g. error matrix $\rightarrow 3C_1 - C_6 = 0.02(4)$*
 - $\sim 4\%$ sensitivity (th+exp) to be competitive (or to check a LEP anomaly);
 - If your sensitivity is better than that, you are exploring new SMEFT territory and your measurement should be added to the big fit.
 - A deviation larger than that indicates some wrong assumptions in your EFT!
- Often we have a dataset (instead of a single data point O).
The same logic applies, but it's often better to look at the (C_1, C_6) space \rightarrow example.

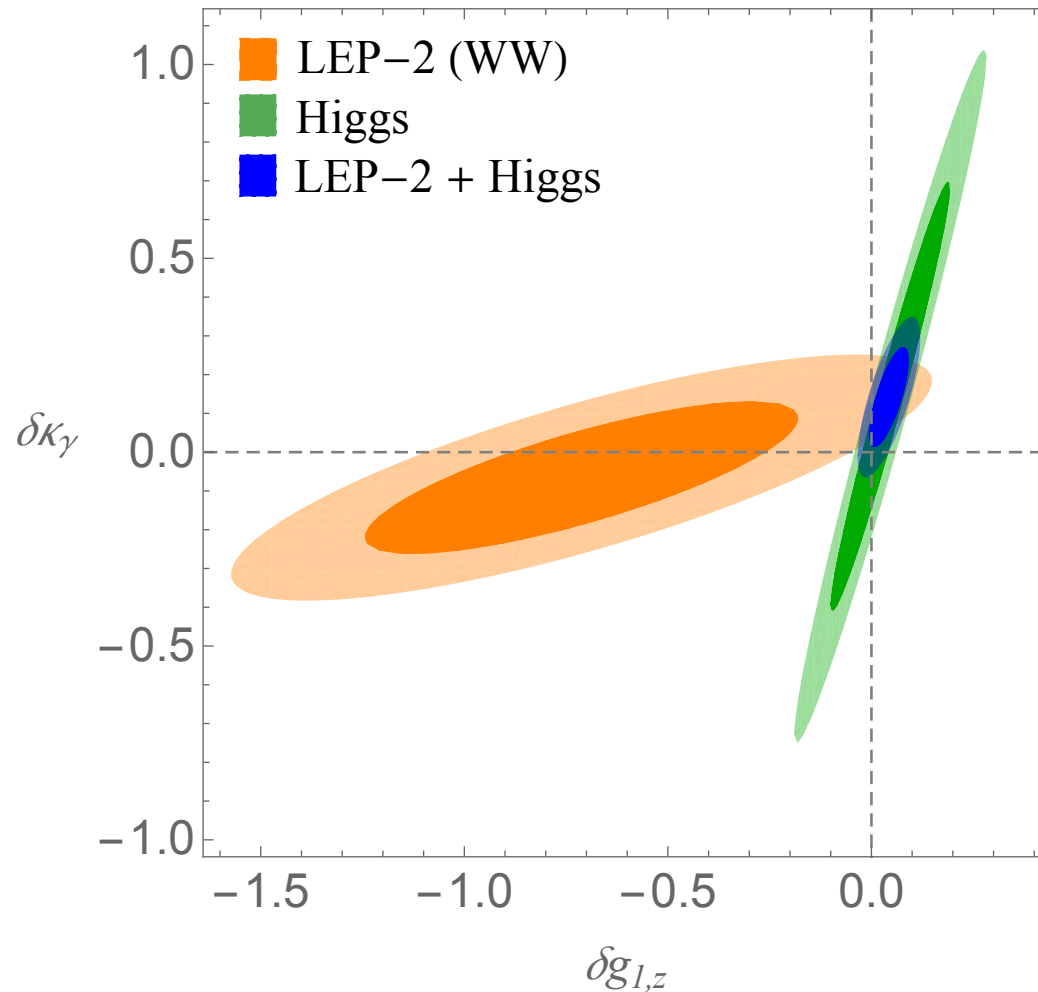
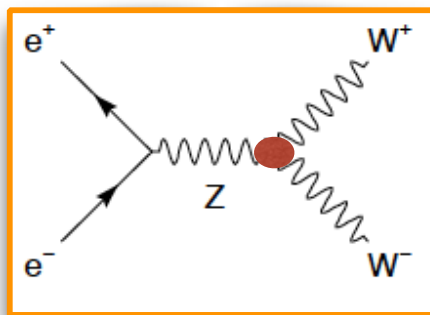


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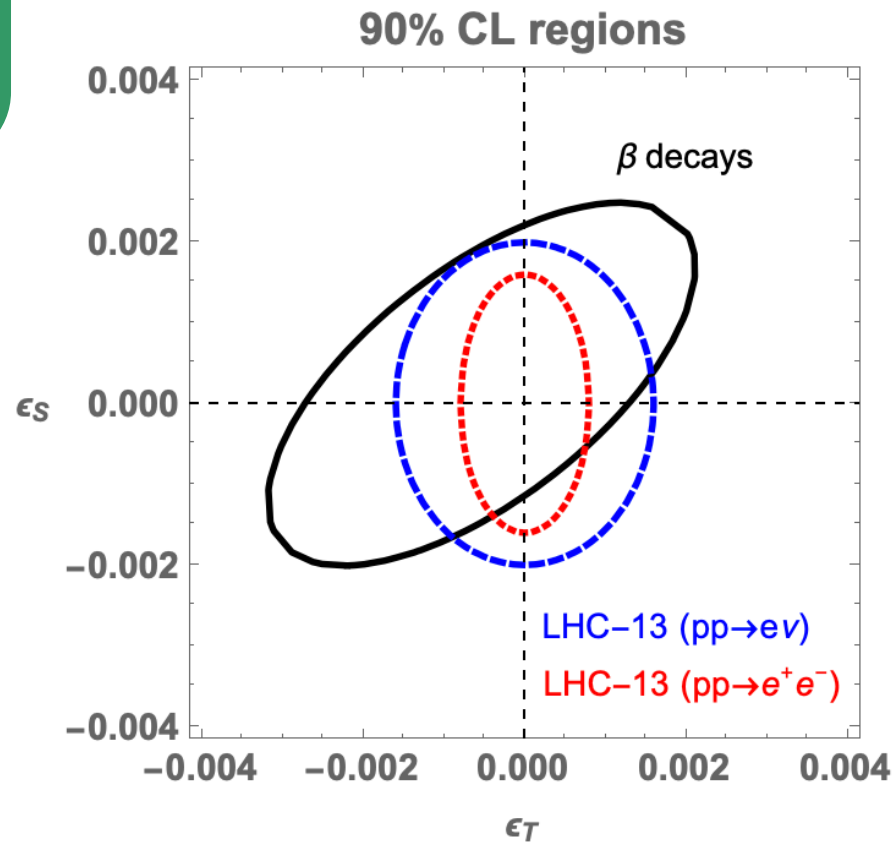
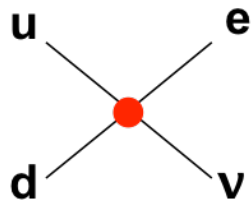
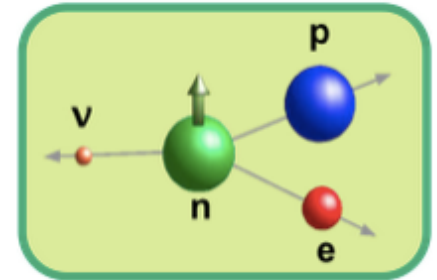
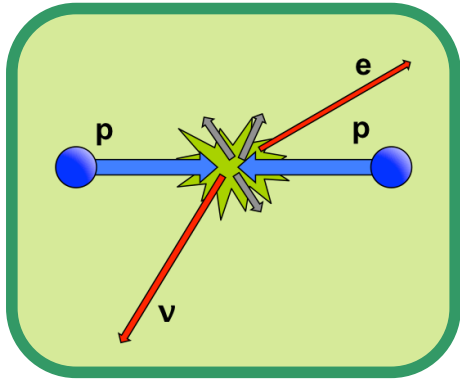
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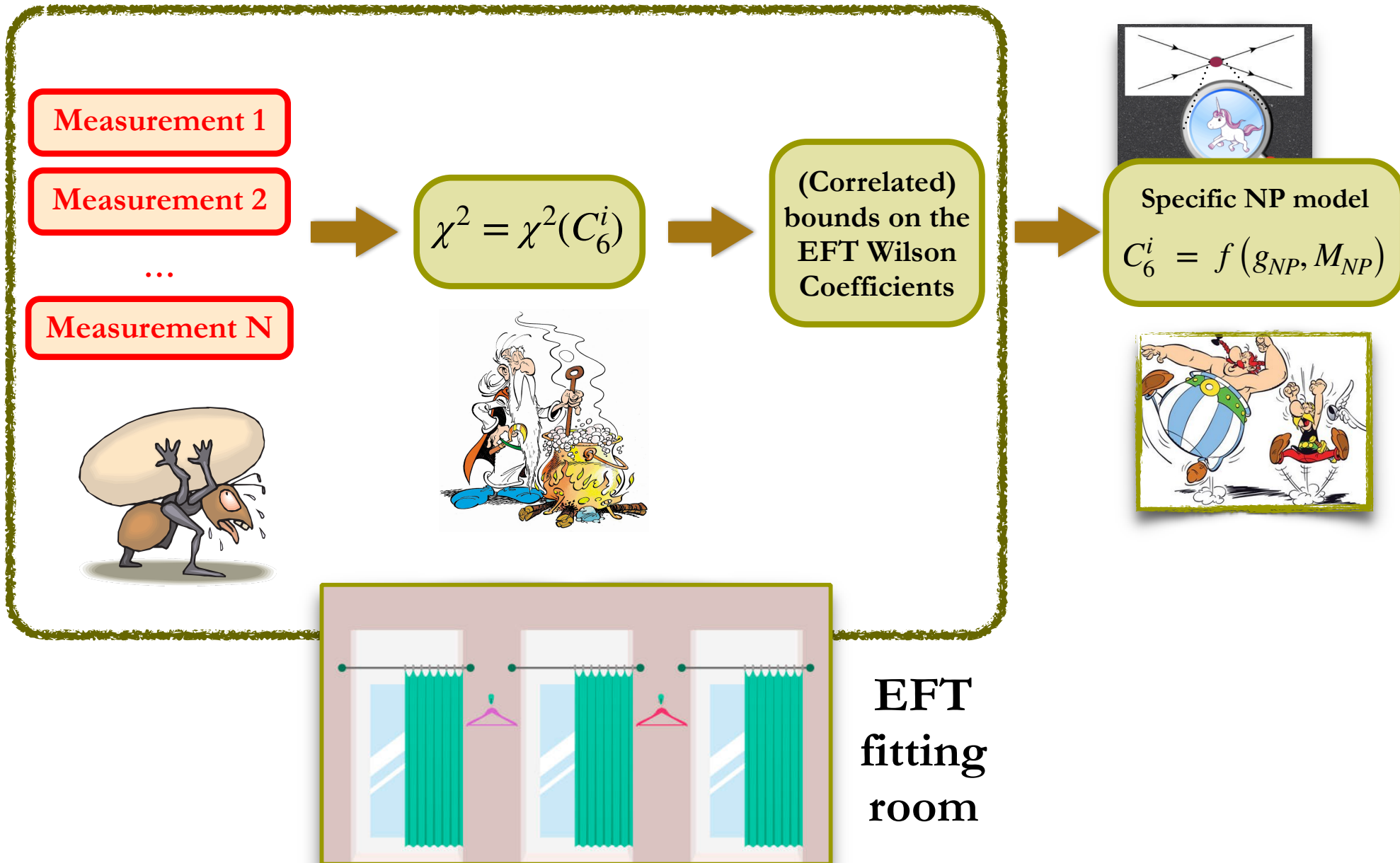


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Fitting room: global analyses



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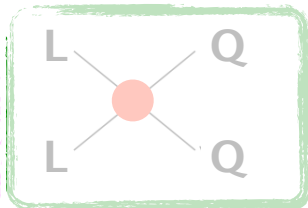
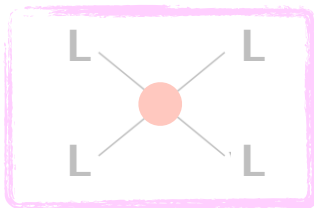
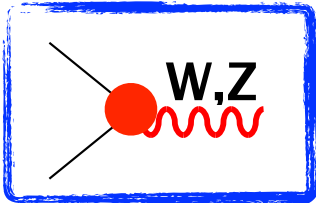
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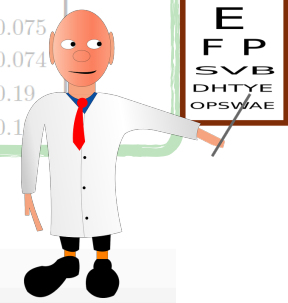
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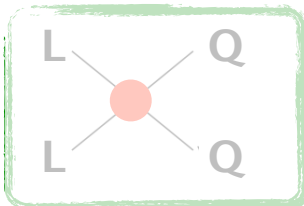
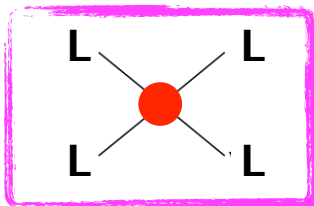
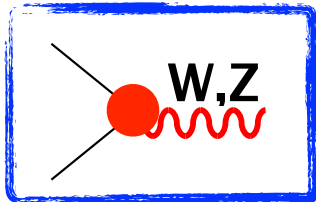
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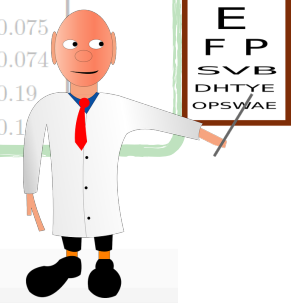
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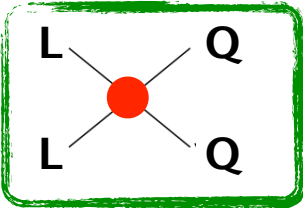
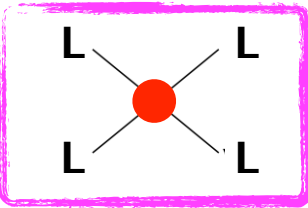
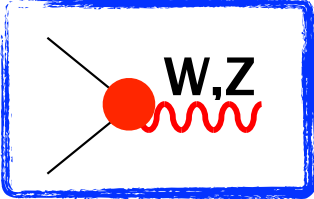
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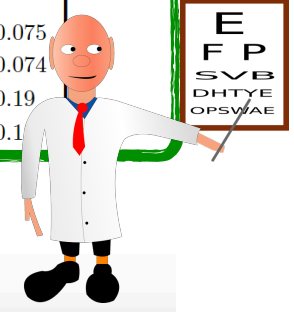
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$[c_{ee}]_{1122}$	3.4 ± 2.6
$[c_{\ell\ell}]_{1331}$	1.5 ± 1.3
$[c_{\ell\ell}]_{1133}$	0 ± 11
$[c_{\ell e}]_{1133}$	-2.3 ± 7.2
$[c_{\ell e}]_{3311}$	1.7 ± 7.2
$[c_{ee}]_{1133}$	-1 ± 12
$[\hat{c}_{\ell\ell}]_{2222}$	-2 ± 21
$[c_{\ell\ell}]_{3333}$	3.0 ± 2.2

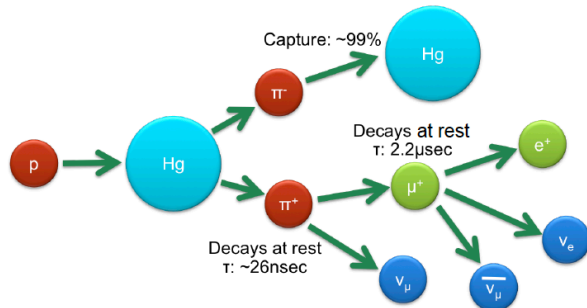
$[c_{\ell q}^{(3)}]_{1111}$	-2.2 ± 3.2
$[\hat{c}_{eq}]_{1111}$	100 ± 180
$[\hat{c}_{\ell u}]_{1111}$	-5 ± 11
$[\hat{c}_{\ell d}]_{1111}$	-5 ± 23
$[\hat{c}_{eu}]_{1111}$	-1 ± 12
$[\hat{c}_{ed}]_{1111}$	-4 ± 21
$[c_{\ell q}^{(3)}]_{1122}$	-61 ± 32
$[c_{\ell u}]_{1122}$	2.4 ± 8.0
$[\hat{c}_{\ell d}]_{1122}$	-310 ± 130
$[c_{eq}]_{1122}$	-21 ± 28
$[c_{eu}]_{1122}$	-87 ± 46
$[\hat{c}_{ed}]_{1122}$	270 ± 140
$[c_{\ell q}^{(3)}]_{1133}$	-8.6 ± 8.0
$[c_{\ell d}]_{1133}$	-1.4 ± 10
$[c_{eq}]_{1133}$	-3.2 ± 5.1
$[c_{ed}]_{1133}$	18 ± 20
$[c_{\ell q}^{(3)}]_{2211}$	-1.2 ± 3.9
$[c_{\ell q}]_{2211}$	1.3 ± 7.6
$[c_{\ell u}]_{2211}$	15 ± 12
$[c_{\ell d}]_{2211}$	25 ± 34
$[\hat{c}_{eq}]_{2211}$	4 ± 41
$[c_{\ell eq u}]_{1111}$	-0.080 ± 0.075
$[c_{\ell ed q}]_{1111}$	-0.079 ± 0.074
$[c_{\ell eq u}^{(3)}]_{1111}$	-0.02 ± 0.19
$\epsilon_P^{\mu} (2 \text{ GeV})$	-0.02 ± 0.1



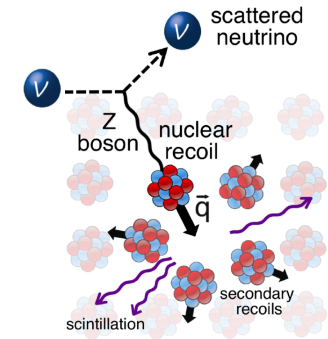
A new low-energy observable: the COHERENT experiment



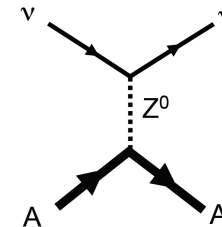
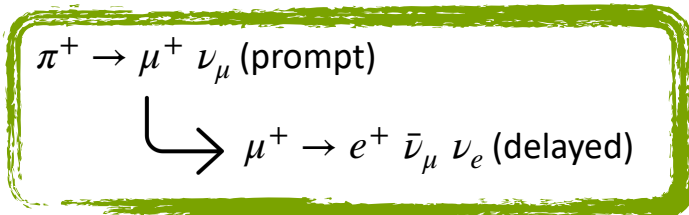
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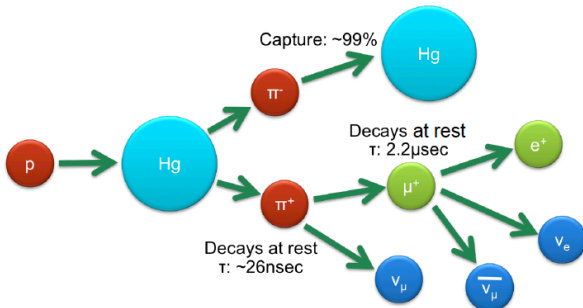


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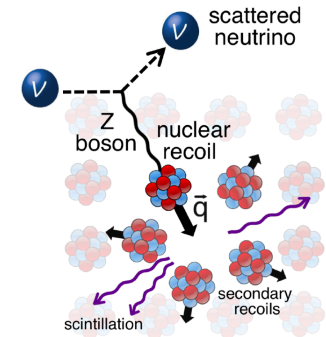


- COHERENT observed for the first time CEvNS (Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering): $\nu N \rightarrow \nu N$
- It occurs for E_ν small enough so that the neutrino does not resolve the nucleus \rightarrow CEvNS cross section enhanced by N^2 .
Theoretically known since the 70's [[Freedman'74](#); [Kopeliovich & Frankfurt'74](#)]
- Extremely challenging experimentally (very small nuclear recoil)

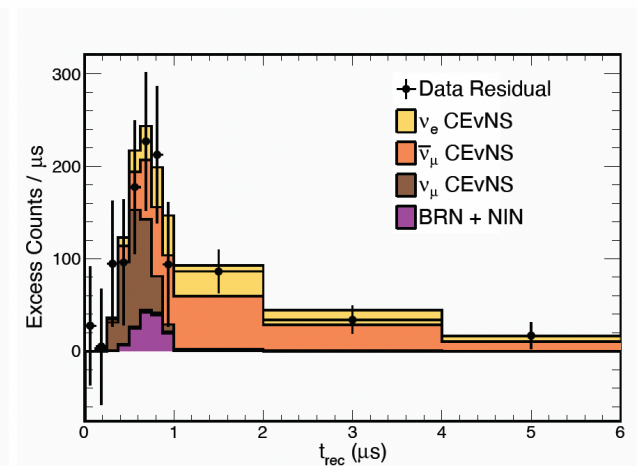
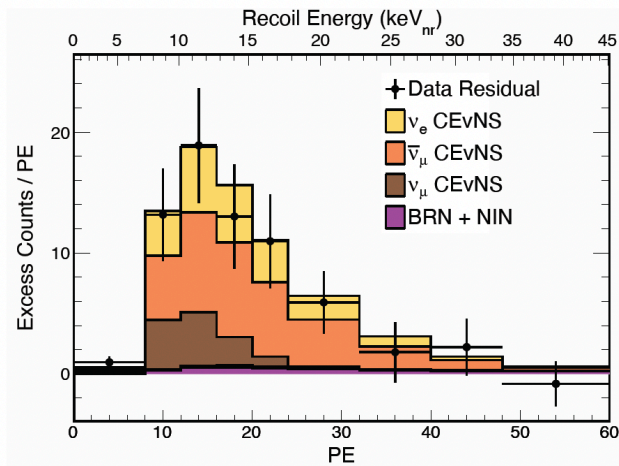
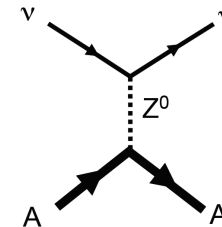
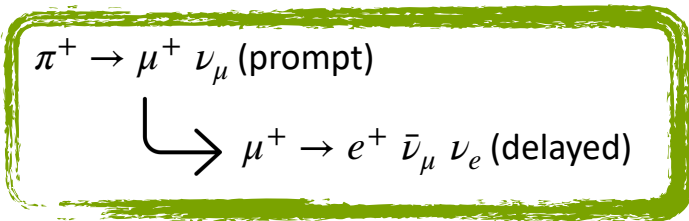
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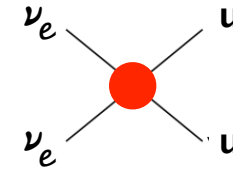


EFT analysis of NP at COHERENT

- COHERENT data (LAr + CsI, recoil & time distribution: 664 data, 13 nuisance parameters) give:

$$0.68 \epsilon_{ee}^{dd} + 0.61 \epsilon_{ee}^{uu} - 0.30 \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dd} - 0.27 \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uu} = 0.037(42)$$

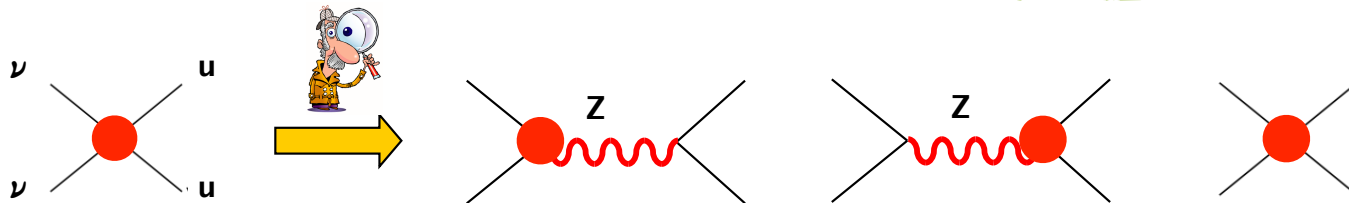
$$0.30 \epsilon_{ee}^{dd} + 0.27 \epsilon_{ee}^{uu} + 0.68 \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dd} + 0.61 \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uu} = -0.004(13)$$



$$\epsilon_u = \delta g_L^{Zu} + \delta g_R^{Zu} + \left(1 - \frac{8s_\theta^2}{3}\right) \delta g_L^{Z\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \left(c_{lq}^{(1)} + c_{lq}^{(3)} + c_{lu}\right)$$

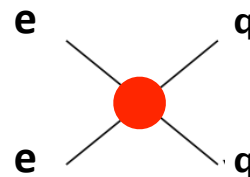
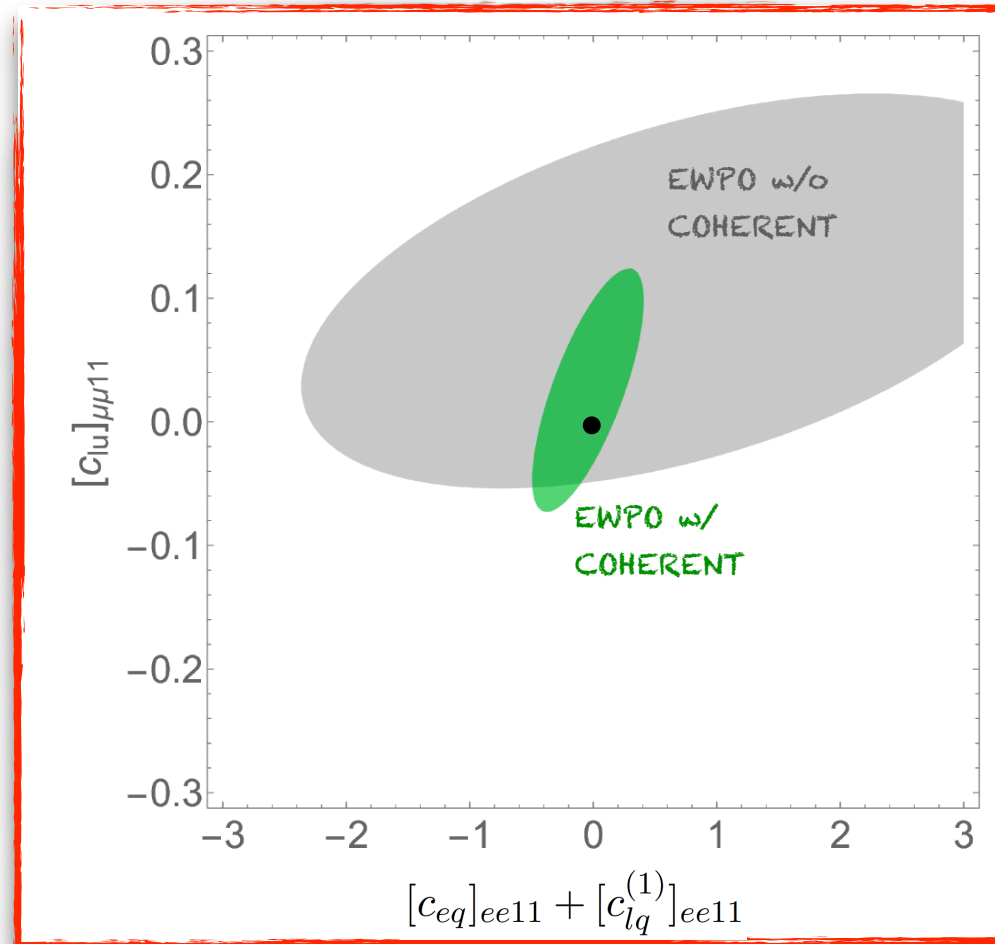
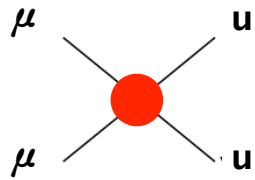
$$\epsilon_d = \delta g_L^{Zd} + \delta g_R^{Zd} - \left(1 - \frac{4s_\theta^2}{3}\right) \delta g_L^{Z\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \left(c_{lq}^{(1)} - c_{lq}^{(3)} + c_{ld}\right)$$

WEFT/SMEFT
Matching



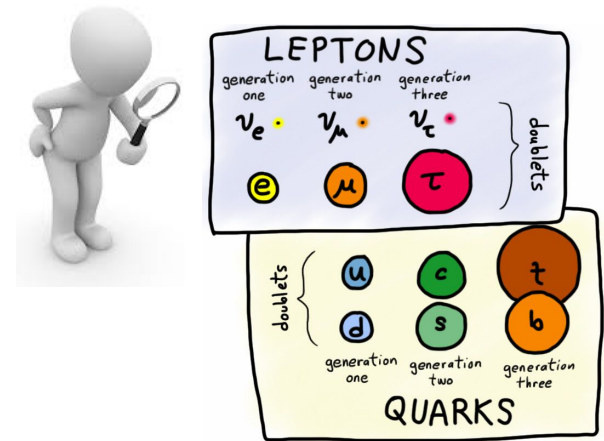
- Is COHERENT probing a new region in the SMEFT parameter space?
These operators are constrained by many EWPO: LEP1, LEP2, APV, ... → Global fit needed!

COHERENT in the SMEFT



~~Outline~~ Summary

- Intro: SM \rightarrow BSM
- Classes of low-energy BSM searches
 \rightarrow *Plenty of activity!*
- Effective Field Theories
 \rightarrow *A natural theory setup to study low-E probes with minimal assumptions (plenty of theory activity)*
- EFT Phenomenology
 - \rightarrow *Efficient & model-independent (plenty of theory activity)*
 - \rightarrow *Forbidden processes probe huge scales*
 - \rightarrow *Precision low-E measurements probe TeV scales (interplay with high-E!)*



EFT!!

