

The Electric Dipole Moment of the electron in the decoupling limit of the aligned Two-Higgs Doublet Model

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**Non-zero d_f
is a CPV
observable!**

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The **electron EDM** (eEDM) can be defined as the coefficient of the effective operator [\[Pospelov, Ritz, '05\]](#):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EDM}} = -\frac{i}{2}d_e(\bar{e}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\gamma_5 e)F_{\mu\nu}$$

- ◆ High current experimental sensitivity for the eEDM [\[Roussy et al. '23\]](#):

$$|d_e^{\text{exp}}| < 4.1 \times 10^{-30} e \text{ cm (90\% C.L.)}$$

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The bounds on the eEDM are obtained from the measurement of an angular frequency in diatomic molecules, which is not only sensitive to d_e :

$$\omega \propto W_d d_e + W_c C_S$$

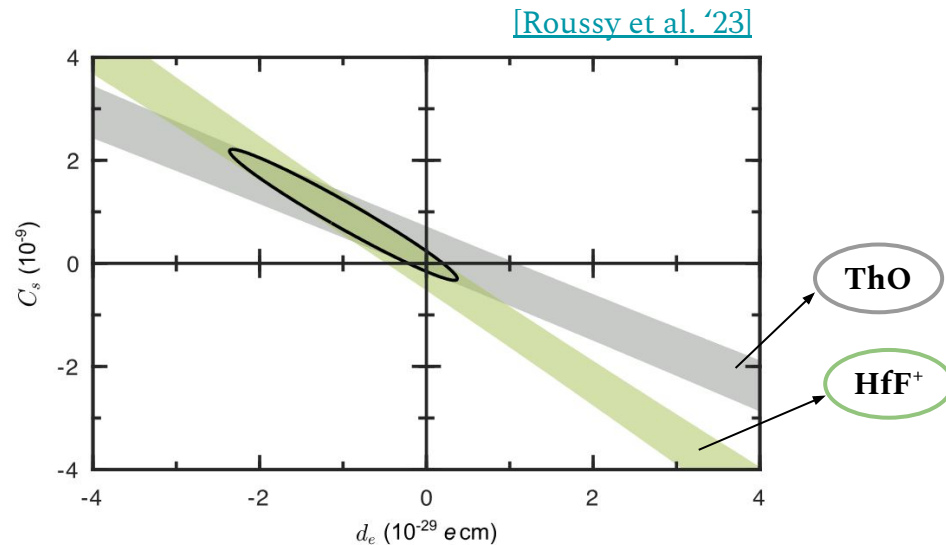
$$d_e^{\text{equiv}} = d_e + k C_S$$

Electron-nucleon
interaction, mimics:

$$d_e^{\text{equiv}} \sim 10^{-35} e \text{ cm}$$

in the SM.

[Ema, Gao, Pospelov '22]



Introduction

Usually, contributions to the eEDM are highly suppressed:

- ◆ In the Standard Model (**SM**), taking into account hadronic effects [\[Yamaguchi, Yamanaka '20\]](#):

$$d_e^{SM} = 5.8 \times 10^{-40} \text{ e cm}$$

- ◆ Assuming that neutrinos are **Majorana particles**, at two-loop order [\[Archambault, Czarnecki, Pospelov '04\]](#):

$$d_e \sim 10^{-33} \text{ e cm}$$

Room for New Physics (NP) → new scalar sector with additional complex phases → **new CPV sources**

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- Φ_2 contains the charged scalar H^+ and the CP-odd scalar S_3 .
- The CP-even scalars S_1 and S_2 are the neutral components of Φ_1 and Φ_2 , respectively.

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- ◆ In general, some parameters from the potential can be **complex** \rightarrow in usual 2HDMs, the parameters λ_6 and λ_7 **vanish** in the \mathbb{Z}_2 -symmetric basis.

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- ◆ **C2HDM:** imposition of a discrete \mathbb{Z}_2 **symmetry** \rightarrow it is possible to find a basis where only one of the doublets couples to a given kind of fermion: the **flavour alignment parameters** are real and dependent on each other.

The Aligned 2HDM

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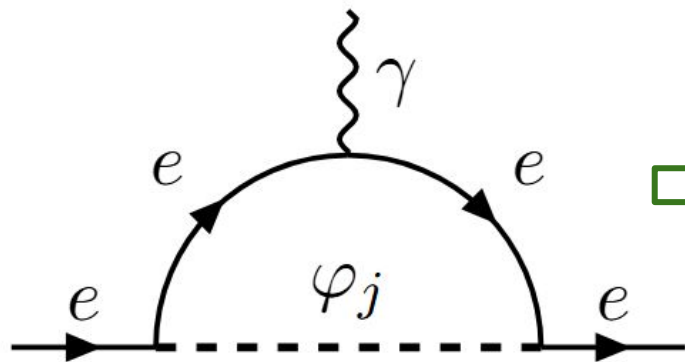
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Alternatively, the **Aligned 2HDM** (A2HDM) solves the issue of FCNCs by considering that the **ς** are **independent, complex parameters**, without assuming any additional symmetry [\[Pich, Tuzón '09\]](#).

- ◆ Thus, we have **new complex phases** in our model that can act as **CP-violating sources**.

The eEDM in the A2HDM

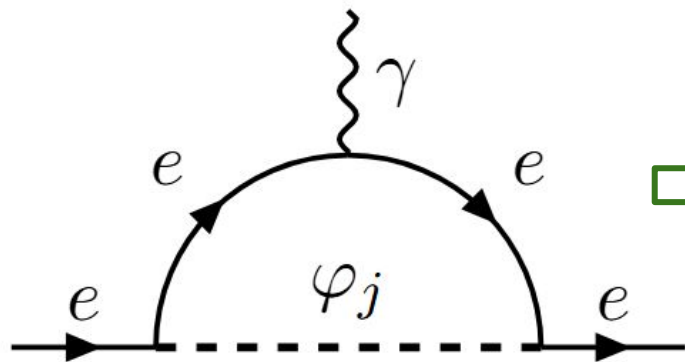
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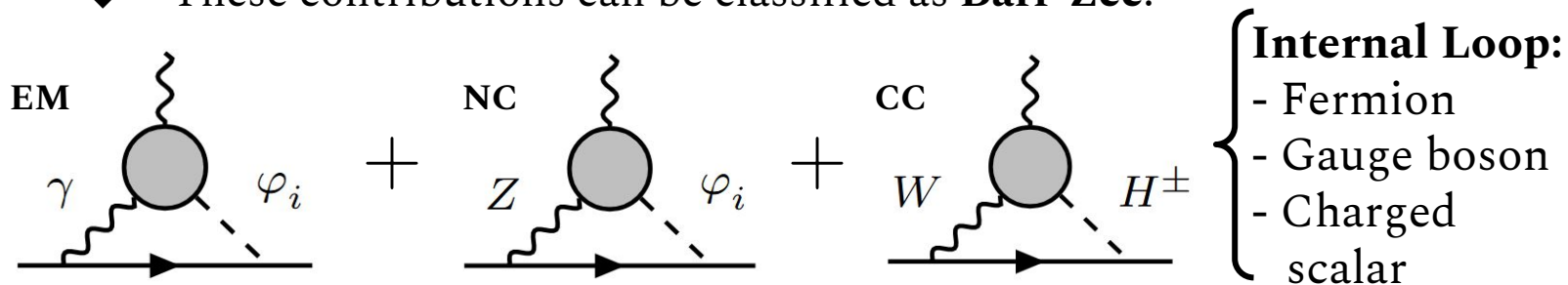


**Logarithmic contribution in
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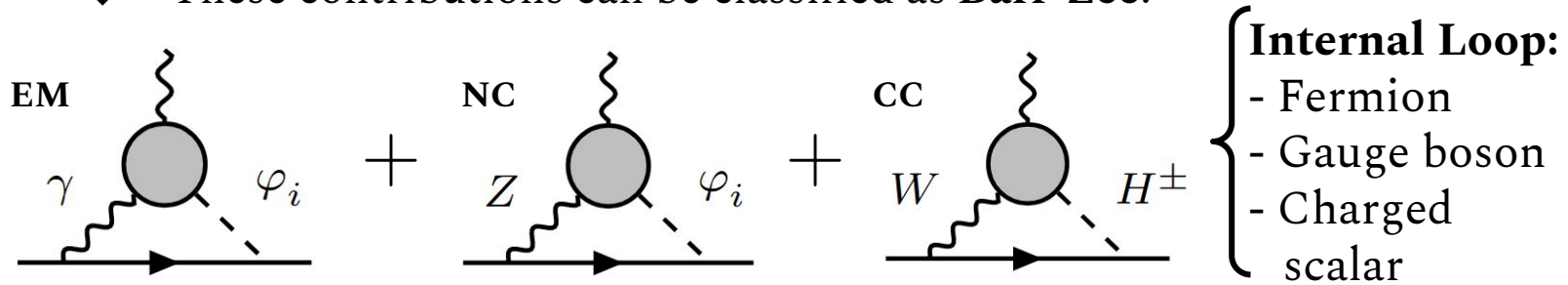
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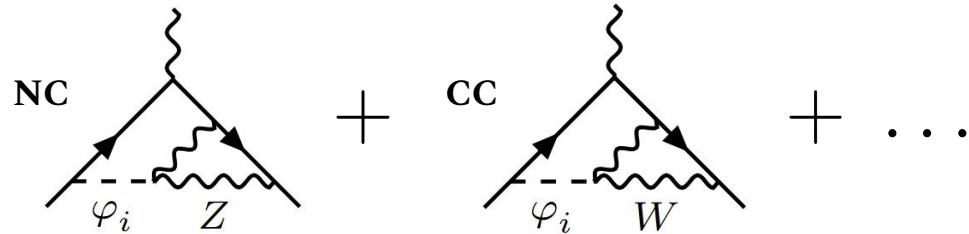
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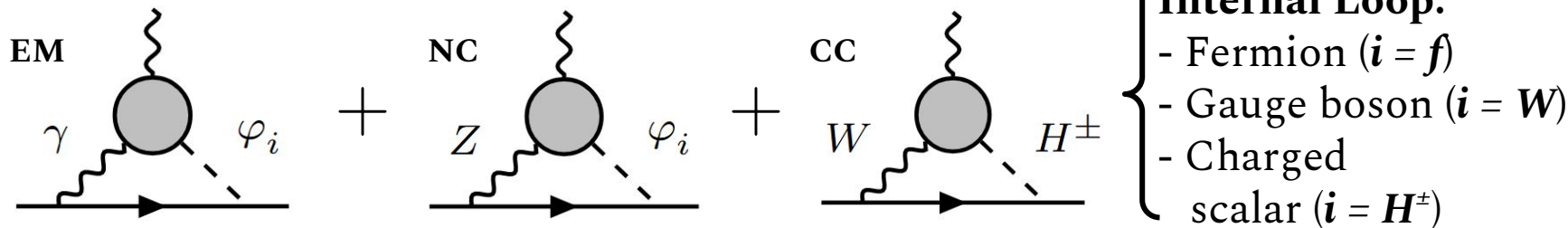
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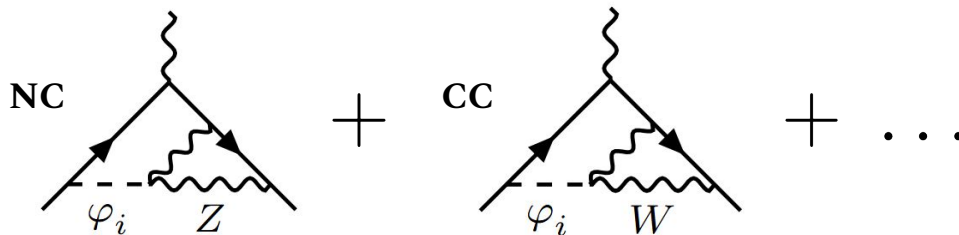
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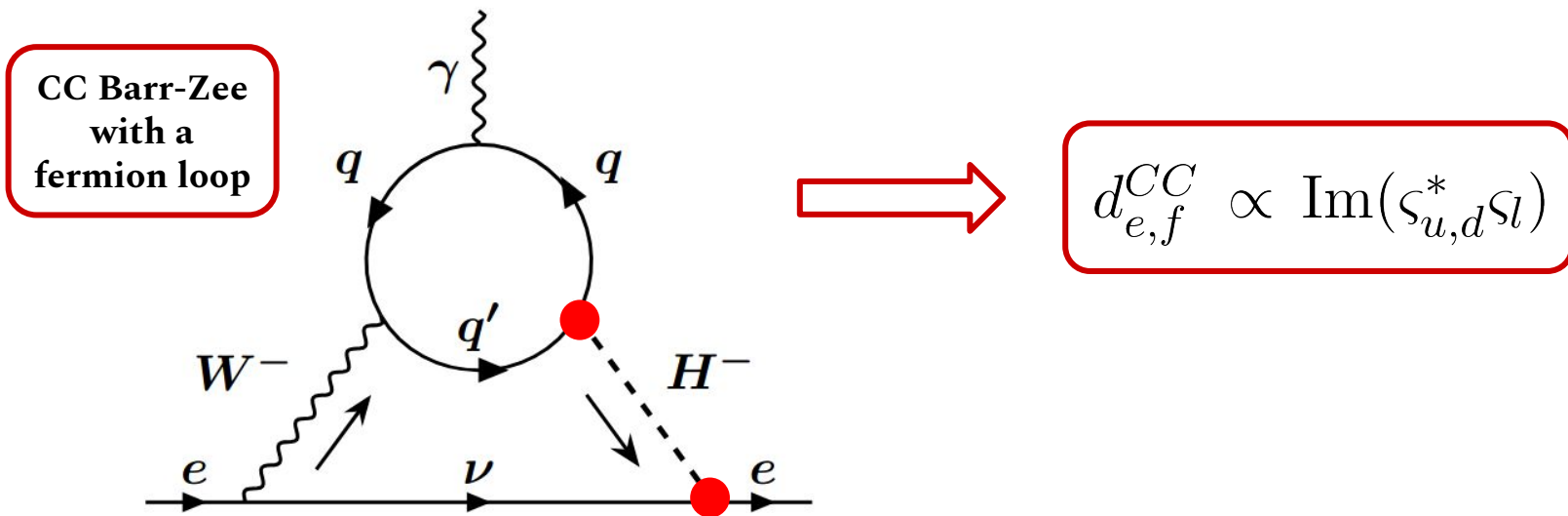


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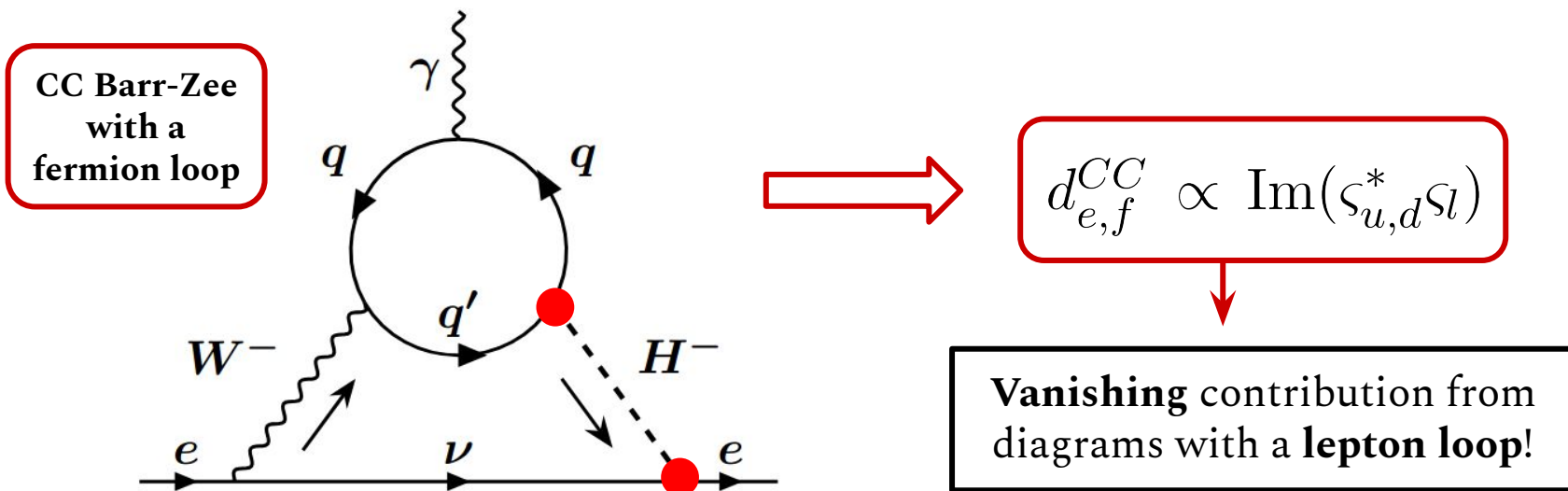
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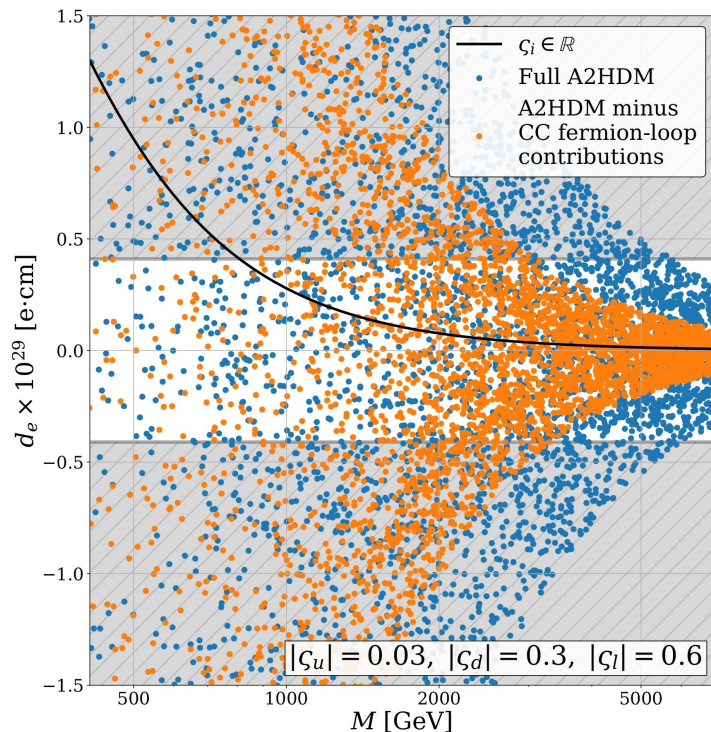


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- ◆ **Black line:** real alignment parameters ζ_i .
- ◆ **Orange points:** A2HDM minus CC Barr-Zee fermion-loop contributions.
- ◆ **Blue points:** full A2HDM.
- ◆ **Destructive interference** with complex ζ_i , \rightarrow satisfy the experimental constraints (**grey bands**) with lower values for M .

The eEDM in the Decoupling Limit

If the mass parameter of the second doublet Φ_2 becomes very large compared to the vev of Φ_1 , we get the *decoupling limit* of the 2HDM:

$$\sqrt{\mu_2} \gg v$$

- ◆ If the **masses of the scalars** from the second doublet are assumed to be **independent**, this condition means that they will be **much heavier** than the SM Higgs boson:

$$M_{H^\pm}, M_H, M_A \approx M \gg m_h$$

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- ◆ The logarithmic contributions from fermion-loop BZs are **exclusive** of the A2HDM: in \mathbb{Z}_2 -conserving 2HDMs they naturally vanish [\[Altmannshofer, Gori, Hamer, Patel '20\]](#).

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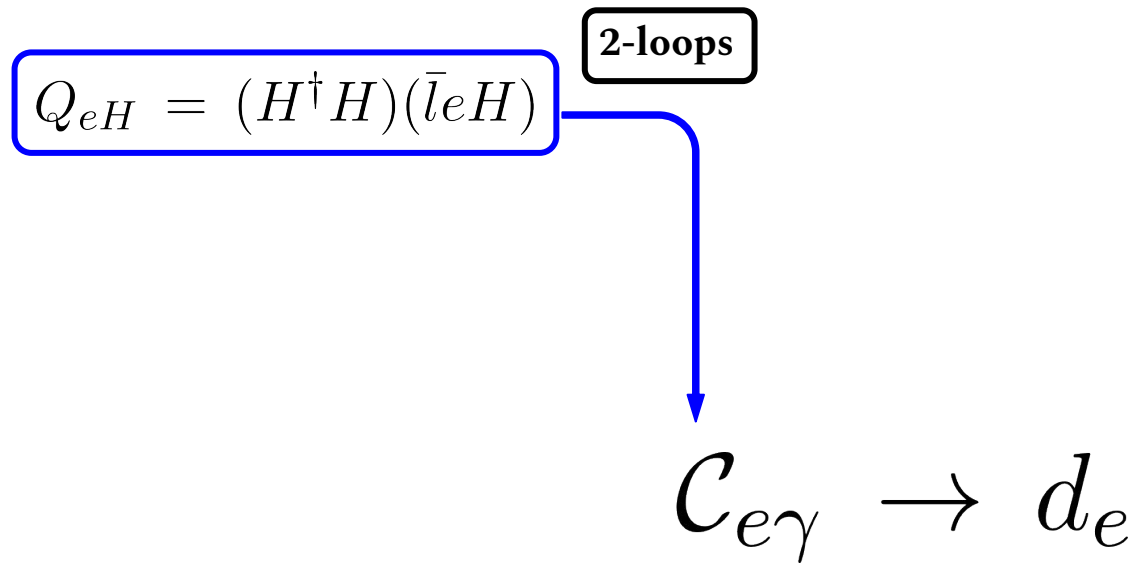
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- ◆ **Integrating** these equations between the scale of new physics (M) and the EW scale we can compute **logarithmic contributions** to the eEDM, which can be **compared** to the leading contributions that we computed in the **decoupling limit**. [\[Panico, Pomarol, Riemann '18\]](#), [\[Vale Silva, Jäger, Leslie '20\]](#), [\[Altmannshofer et al. '20\]](#).

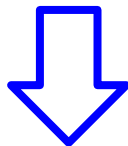
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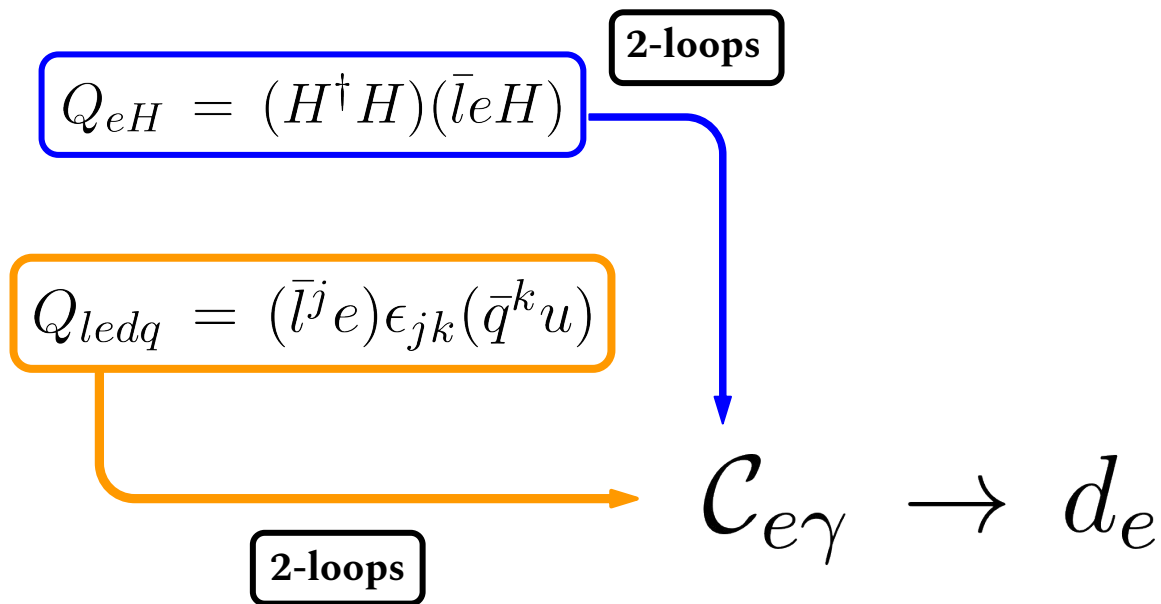
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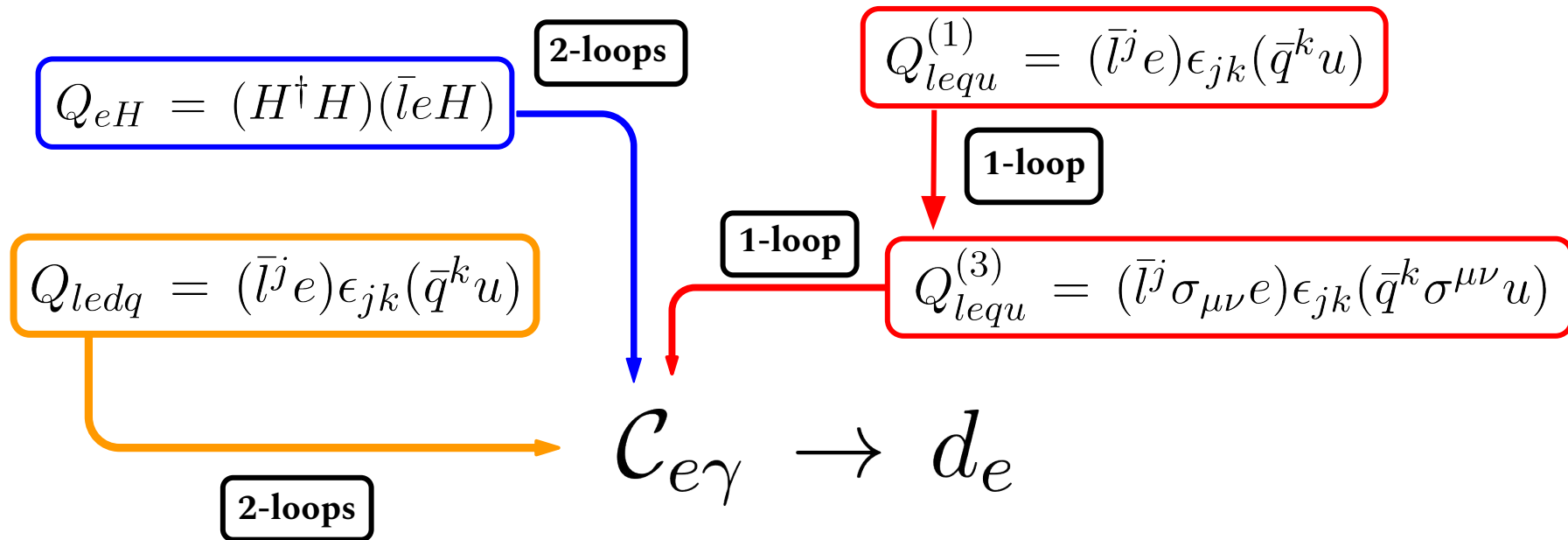
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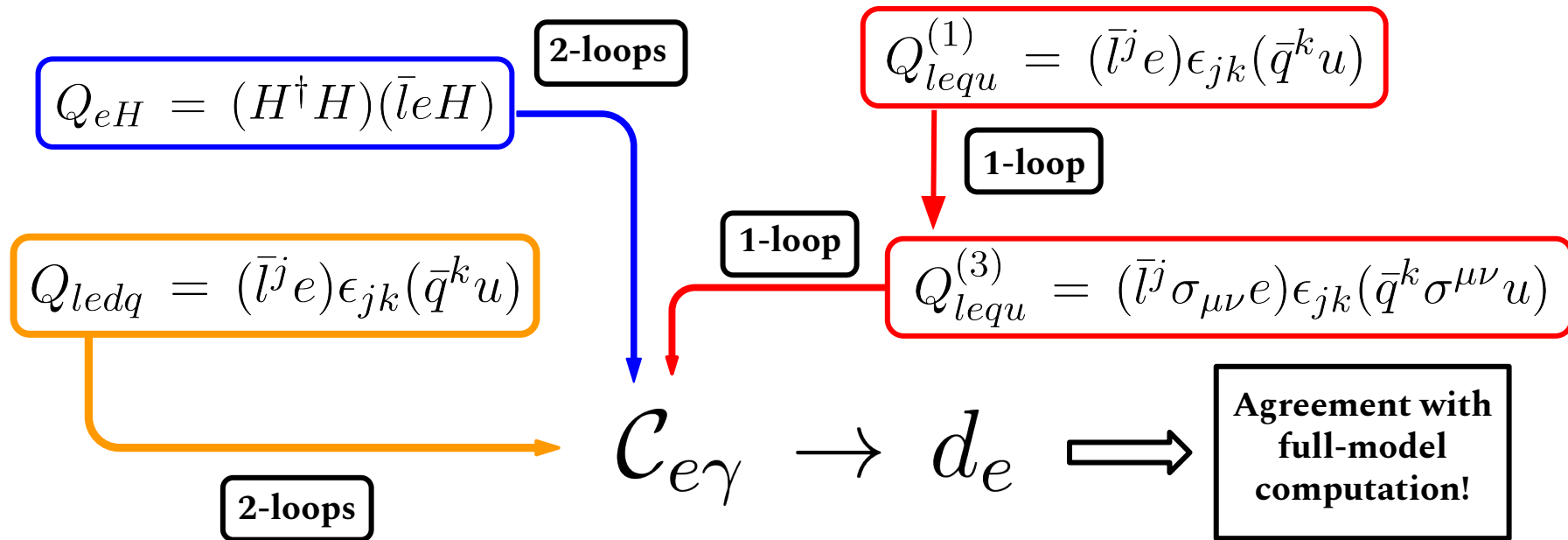
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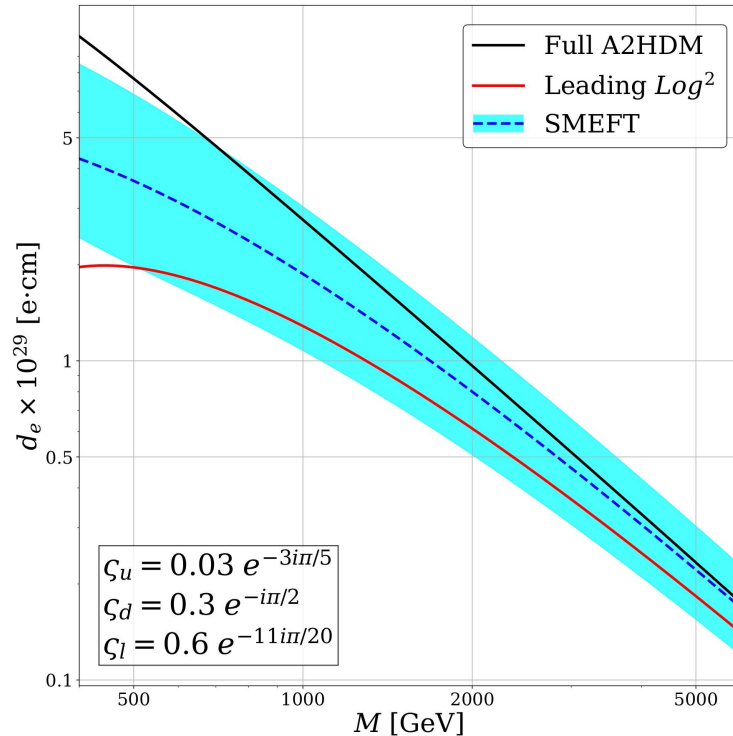
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Outline of RGE mixing:



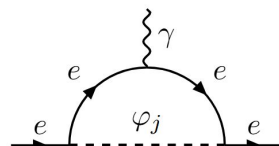
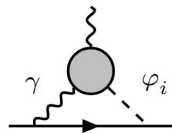
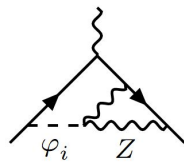
Full calculation vs. SMEFT



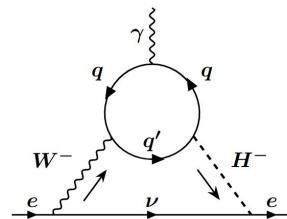
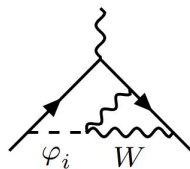
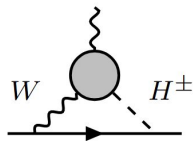
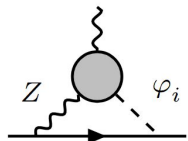
- ◆ **Black line:** full A2HDM
- ◆ **Red line:** only leading squared logarithm term \rightarrow dominates close to the decoupling limit.
- ◆ **Blue line:** all the previously discussed SMEFT logarithms.
- ◆ **Blue band:** variation of the NP scale.

Summary

- ◆ EDMs → **powerful probe** of the amount of **violation of CP** symmetry in nature.
- ◆ There is still **room for NP** that contribute to CPV, such as an extended scalar sector → 2HDMs
- ◆ The **Aligned 2HDM** contains additional **complex phases** that allow for **new contributions** to the electron-EDM which are **absent** in \mathbb{Z}_2 -**symmetric** 2HDMs, while still avoiding FCNCs.
- ◆ **Destructive interference** among contributions → satisfy experimental constraints with lower values for the scalar masses.
- ◆ **Outlook** → discussion of CP-violating electron-nucleon interaction.



THANKS!!



BACKUP

Flavour Alignment Parameters

Different models have different flavour alignment parameters:

- ◆ (Minimal) Aligned 2HDM: $\varsigma_i \in \mathbb{C}$
 - ◆ General Aligned 2HDM: $\varsigma_i \in \mathbb{C}^3$, diagonal
 - ◆ General 2HDM: $\varsigma_i \in \mathbb{C}^3$
 - ◆ \mathbb{Z}_2 -conserving 2HDMs:
- Model used in this work
- } Matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Type I: } \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = \varsigma_l = \cot \beta, \quad & \text{Type II: } \varsigma_u = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_d} = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_l} = \cot \beta, \quad \text{Inert: } \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = \varsigma_l = 0, \\ \text{Type X: } \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_l} = \cot \beta \quad & \text{and} \quad \text{Type Y: } \varsigma_u = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_d} = \varsigma_l = \cot \beta. \end{aligned}$$

(From [\[Karan, Miralles, Pich '23\]](#))

Benchmark

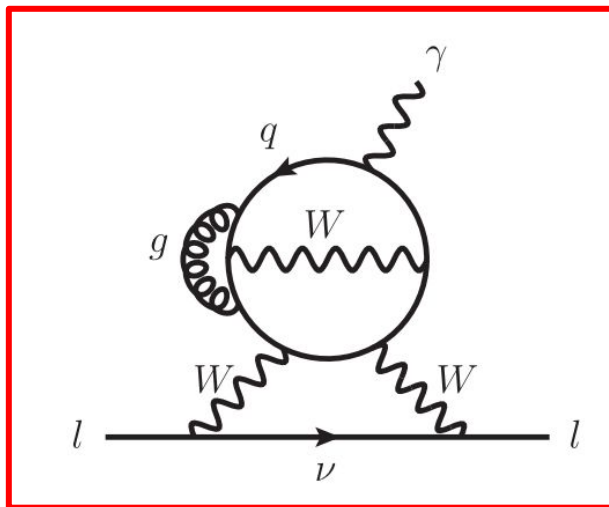
Parameter	Benchmark Value
λ_3	0.02
λ_4	0.04
λ_7	0.03
$\text{Re}(\lambda_5)$	0.05
$\text{Re}(\lambda_6)$	-0.05
$\text{Im}(\lambda_6)$	0.01
α_3	$\pi/6$

All benchmark values are consistent with the global fit performed in [\[Karan, Miralles, Pich '23\]](#).

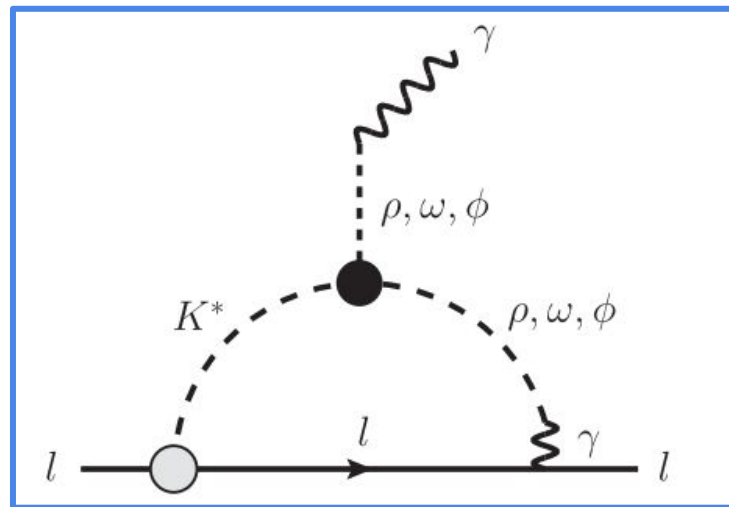
The value of the mass M corresponds to the mass of the charged scalar, which is related to the mass parameter μ_2 .

eEDM in the SM

4-loop SM contribution
(CPV comes from CKM)



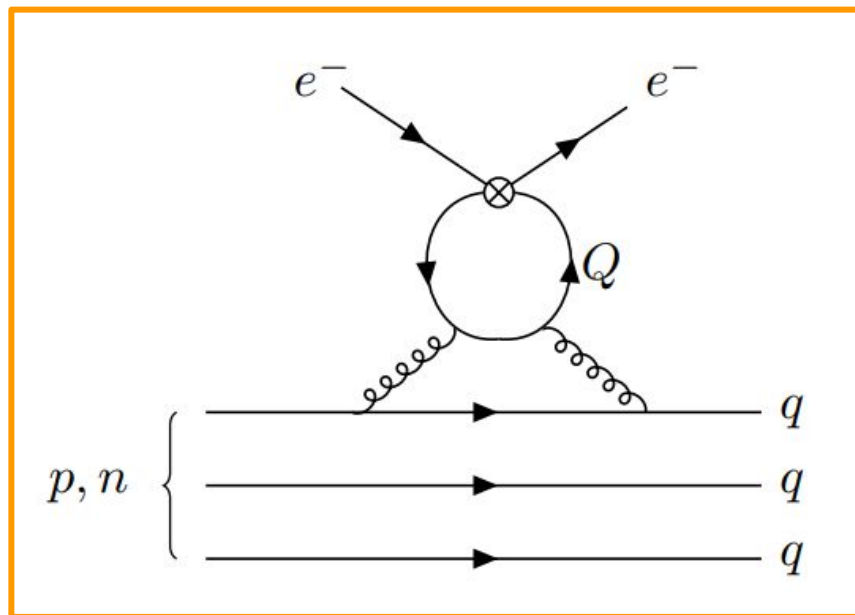
Long-distance
contribution



[\[Yamaguchi, Yamanaka '20\]](#)

Electron-nucleon interaction

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} C_S \bar{e} i \gamma_5 e \bar{N} N$$



[\[Ardu, Valori '25\]](#)