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Low energy probes of physics beyond the Standard Model (2)

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Flow of the lectures

- The quest for new physics at the low-energy frontier: overview of *questions* and *probes*
- How does the precision / intensity frontier work?
 - Basics & example from history: the making of the Standard Model
 - ~~The Standard Model and its symmetries~~

- BSM effective field theory (EFT) framework

- “Zoom in” on selected low-energy probes: illustrate methods and impact
 - **Search for symmetry violation**
 - Neutrino mass and symmetries: Lepton Number ~~and Lepton Flavor~~ Violation

- CP-violation and permanent Electric Dipole Moments
- **Precision tests**
- Weak charged current (β decays), neutral current (parity-violating e-scattering), muon $g-2$

Lecture 1

Lecture 2

Lecture 3

The Standard Model and its symmetries

SM(EFT): building blocks

- Gauge group: $G = \text{SU}(3)_c \times \text{SU}(2)_w \times \text{U}(1)_Y$
- Building blocks: fields and their “charges” (transformation properties under G)

	SU(3) _c × SU(2) _w × U(1) _Y representation: (dim[SU(3) _c], dim[SU(2) _w], Y)	SU(2) _w transformation
$l = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$	(1, 2, -1/2)	$l \rightarrow V_{SU(2)} l$
$e = e_R$	(1, 1, -1)	
$q^i = \begin{pmatrix} u_L^i \\ d_L^i \end{pmatrix}$	(3, 2, 1/6)	$q \rightarrow V_{SU(2)} q$
$u^i = u_R^i$	(3, 1, 2/3)	
$d^i = d_R^i$	(3, 1, -1/3)	
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B boson: $B_\mu,$ $B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$	(1, 1, 0)

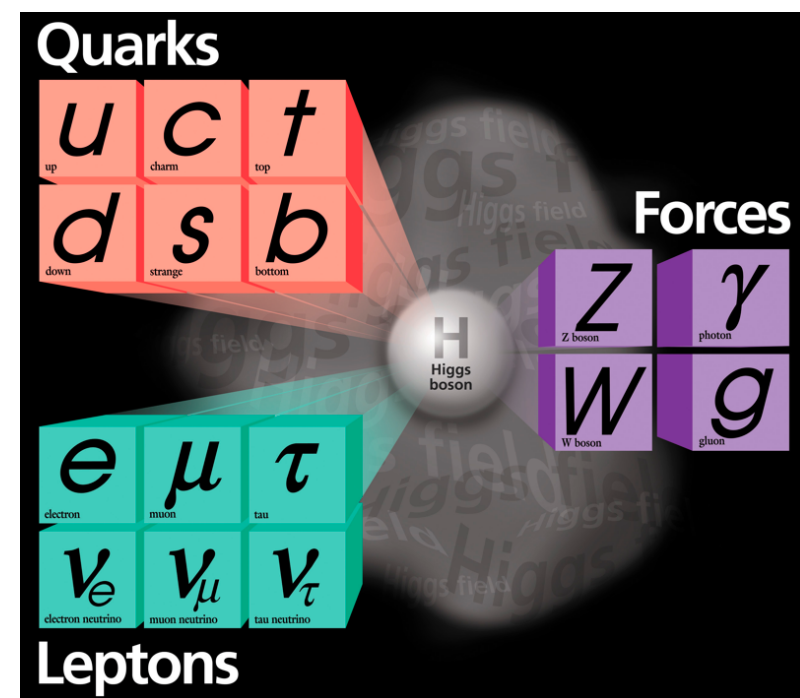
Gauge transformation: $W_{\mu\nu}^I \frac{\sigma^I}{2} \rightarrow V(x) \left[W_{\mu\nu}^I \frac{\sigma^I}{2} \right] V^\dagger(x)$
 $V(x) = e^{ig\beta_a(x) \frac{\sigma_a}{2}}$

- Recipe to build the SM Lagrangian: write down all Lorentz and gauge invariant operators of dimension ≤ 4
- SMEFT: go beyond mass dimension 4

The SM Lagrangian: dim=4

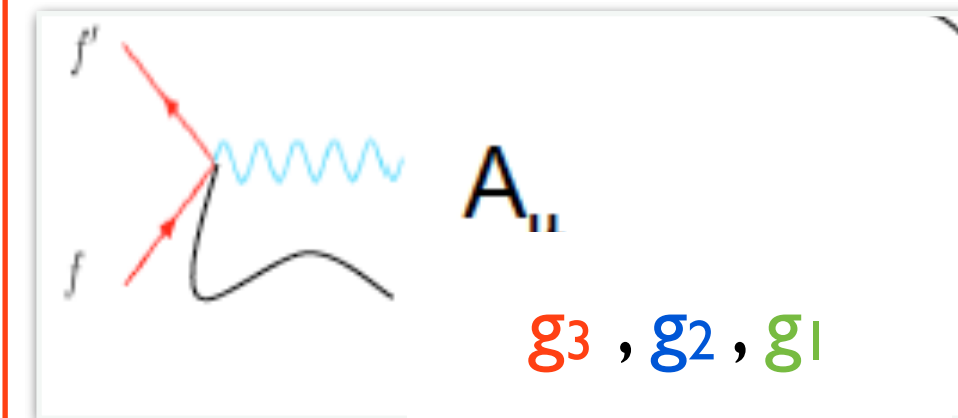
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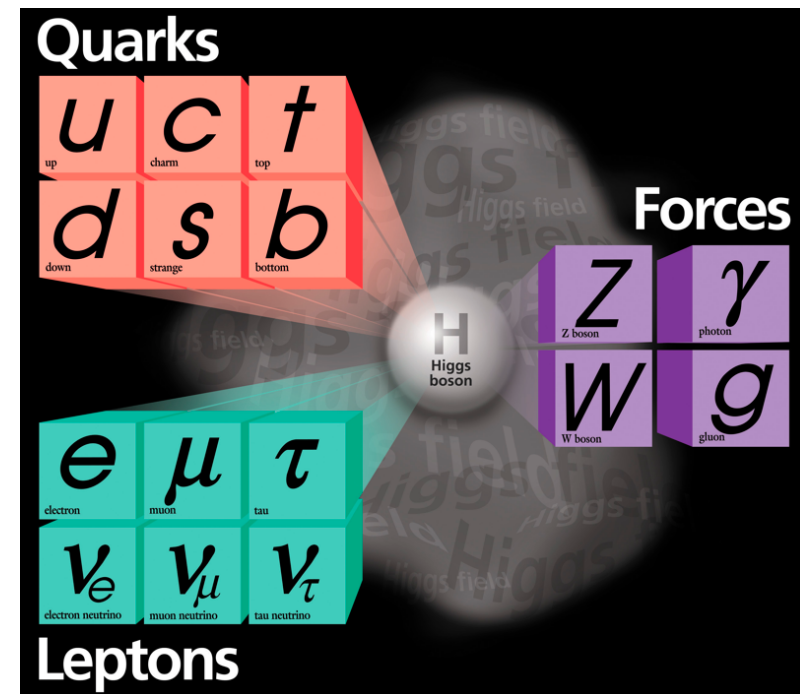
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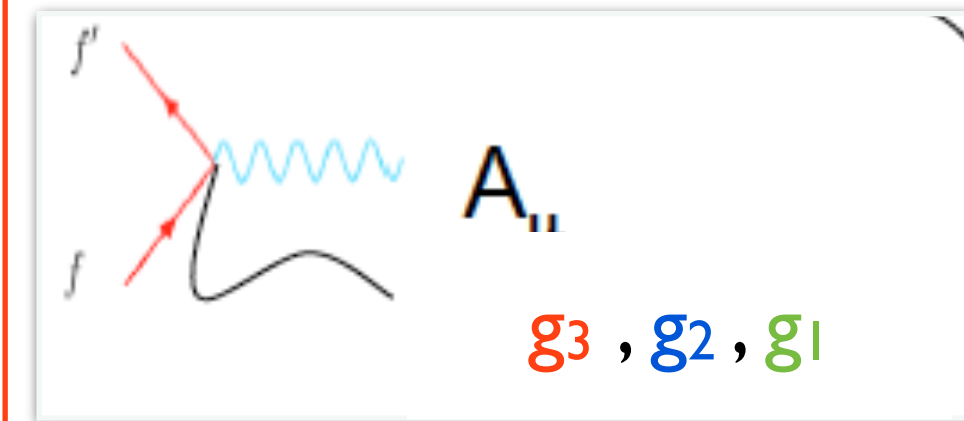


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U(3) [3 families!] for each fermionic multiplet, e. g.
 $q_i \rightarrow M_{ij} q_j, M \in U(3)$



- This Lagrangian has a large flavor symmetry group: $U(3)^5$. Nothing yet distinguishes the three families!

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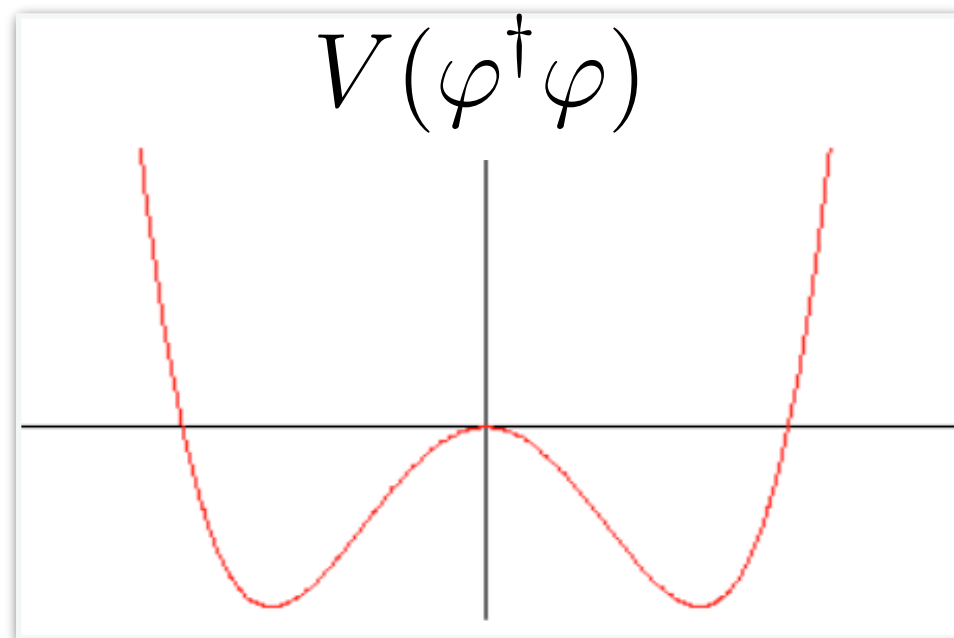
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- $Y_{e,u,d}$ (complex) matrices are the only couplings that distinguish the three families

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Accidental symmetries and symmetries broken in a very specific way in the SM (flavor, CP) offer great opportunity to probe physics beyond the SM

The Standard Model EFT (SMEFT)

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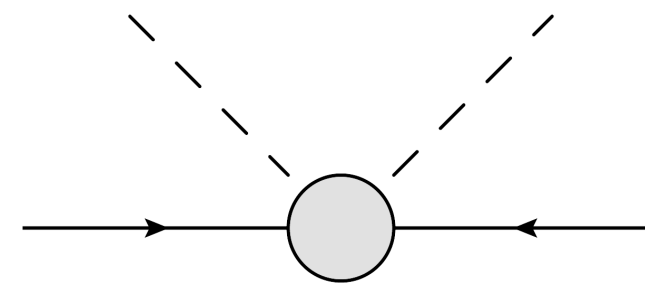
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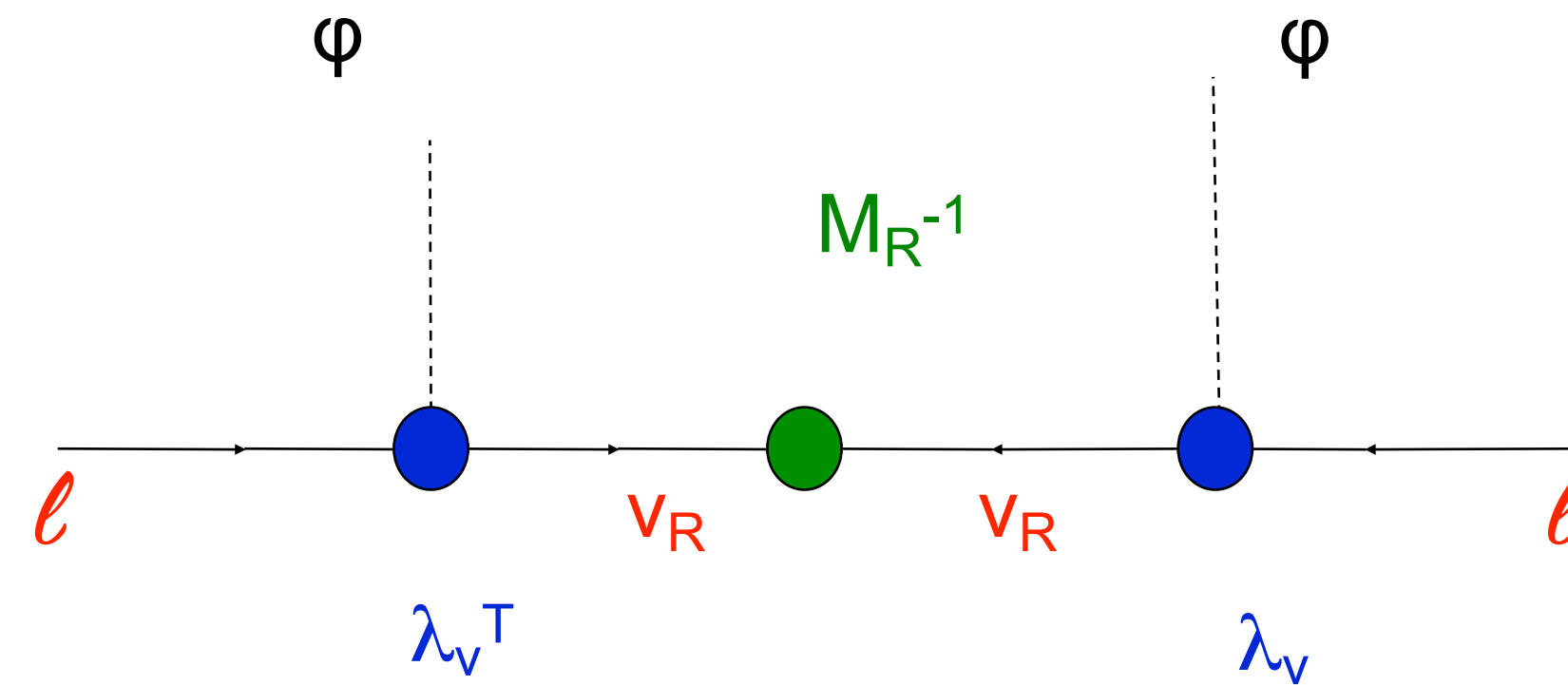
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- Violates total lepton number by two units $\ell \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \ell \quad e \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} e$
- Generates Majorana mass for L-handed neutrinos (after EWSB)

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \hat{O}_{\text{dim}=5} \xrightarrow{\langle \varphi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \nu_L^T C \nu_L$$

- “See-saw”: $m_\nu \sim 1 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$

- Example: explicit realization of dimension-5 operator in models with heavy R-handed Majorana neutrinos



Integrate out heavy V_R

$$g_{\alpha\beta} \sim (\lambda_{\nu}^T M_R^{-1} \lambda_{\nu})_{\alpha\beta}$$

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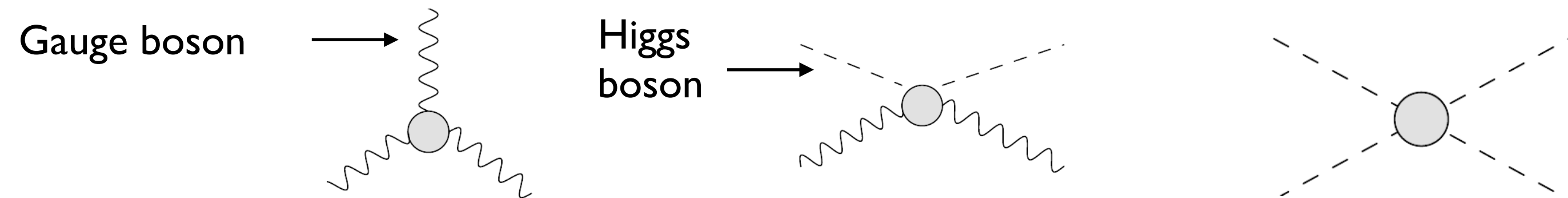
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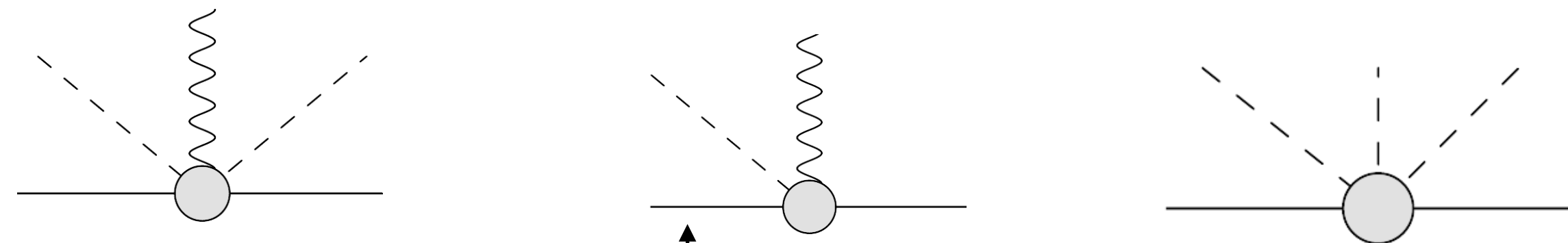
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Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar, Trott 2013

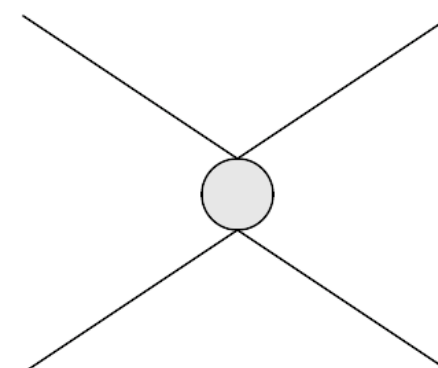
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- B violation ($\Delta B = \Delta L = 1$)
- Gauge and Higgs boson couplings [LHC as a precision frontier tool!]
- CPV, LFV, qFCNC, ...
- Corrections to g-2, Charged Currents, Neutral Currents, ...
- EFT beyond tree-level: one-loop *running of effective couplings* is known

Weinberg 1979

Wilczek-Zee 1979

Buchmuller-Wyler 1986, ...

Grzadkowski-Iskrzynski-

Misiak-Rosiek (2010)

Full dim-6 operator basis (I)

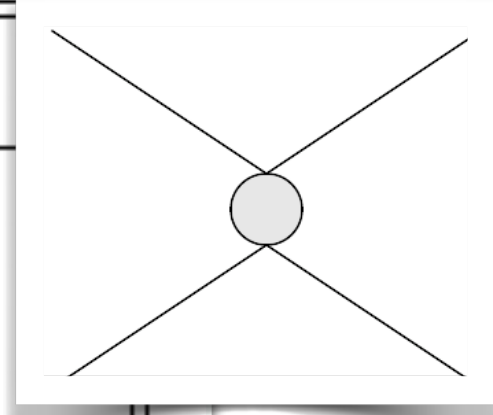
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Q_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{Av} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	Q_φ	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$
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Q_W	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$
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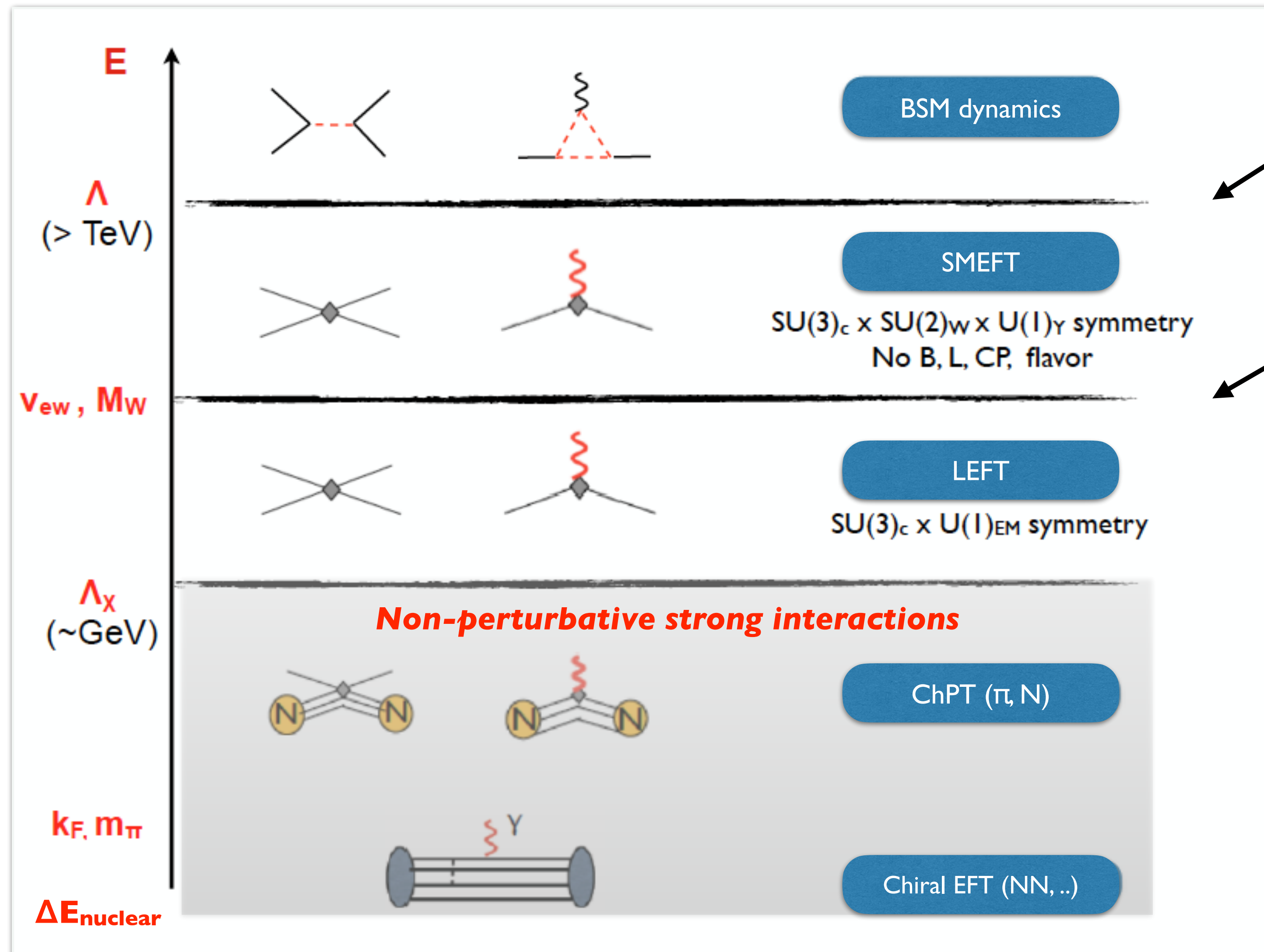
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What scales are we probing?

To connect UV physics to low-energy processes, use **ladder of EFTs**

- 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 and non-perturbative matching conditions: $A_{hi} = A_{low}$
- Expand amplitudes to a given order in m_{low}/m_{hi}



Matching with BSM theory

Perturbative matching within SM

Hadronic matrix elements

Nuclear matrix elements

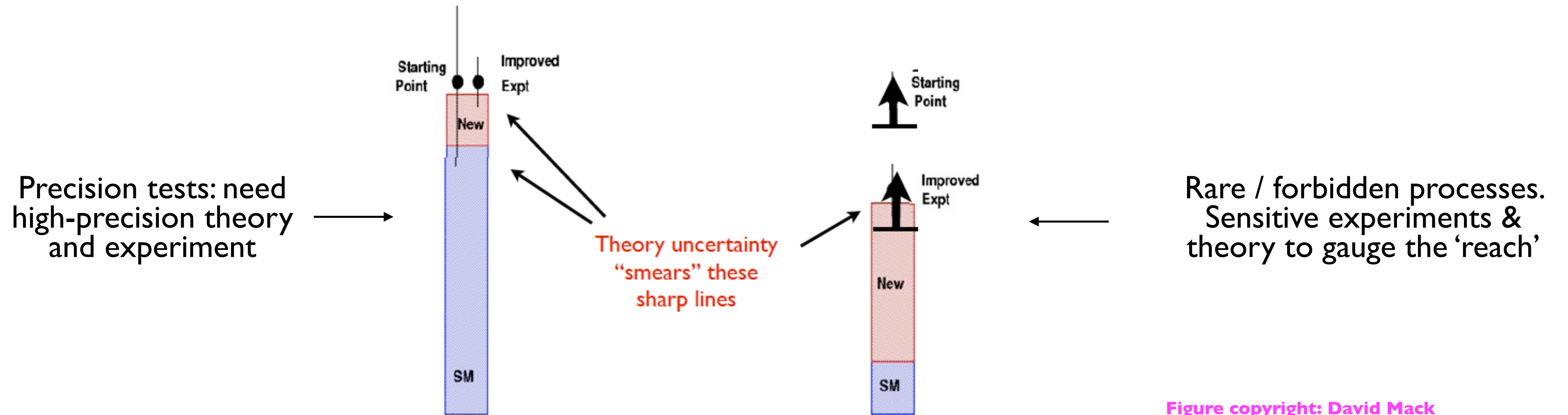
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- Effective scale probed by an experiment can be obtained through this equation:

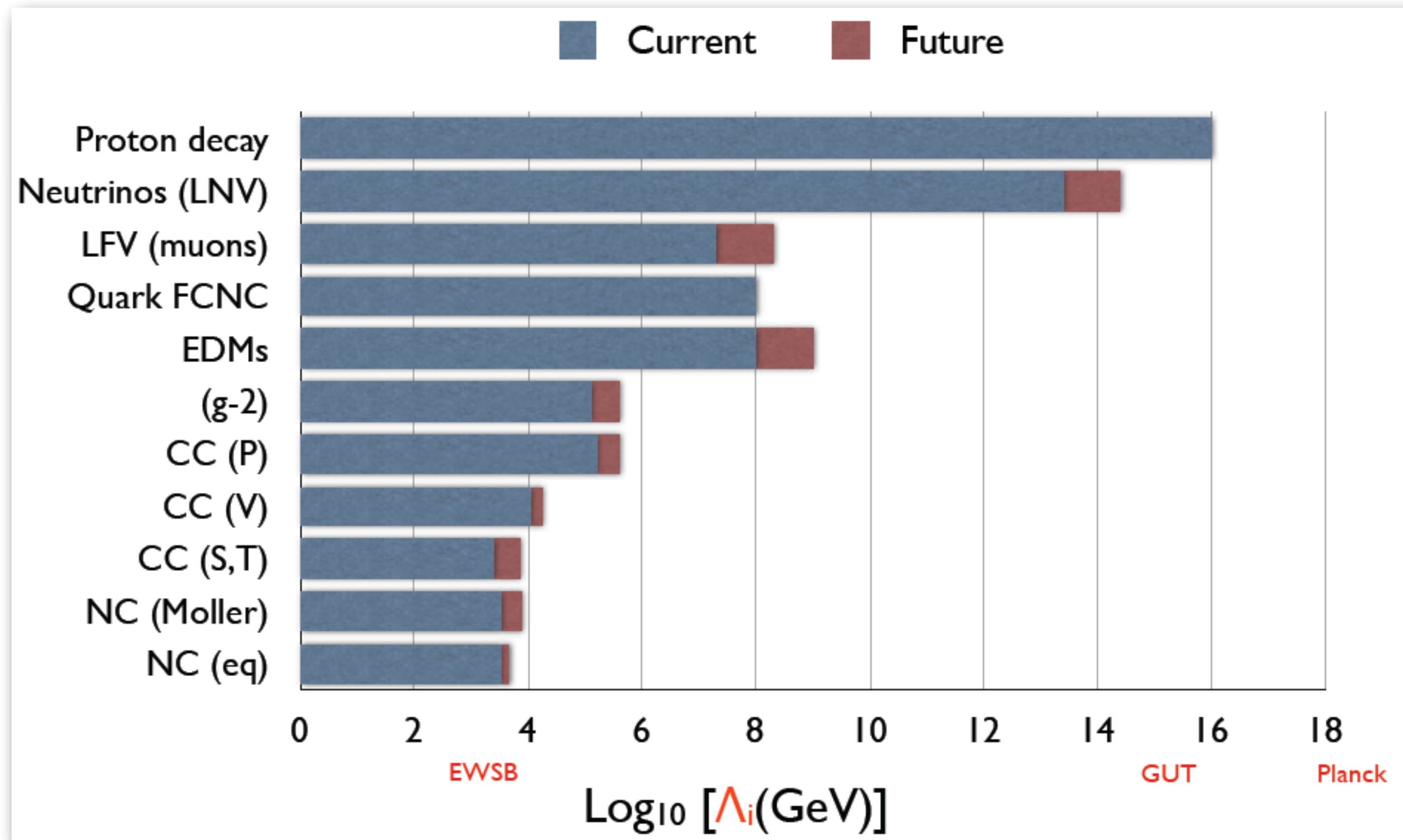
$$\delta O_{\text{BSM}}(\Lambda) \lesssim (O_{\text{exp}} - O_{\text{SM}})$$

(for any observable O , $\delta O_{\text{BSM}} \sim (v/\Lambda)^n$ $n=2,4,\dots$)

Contribution to observable 'O' induced by SMEFT operators

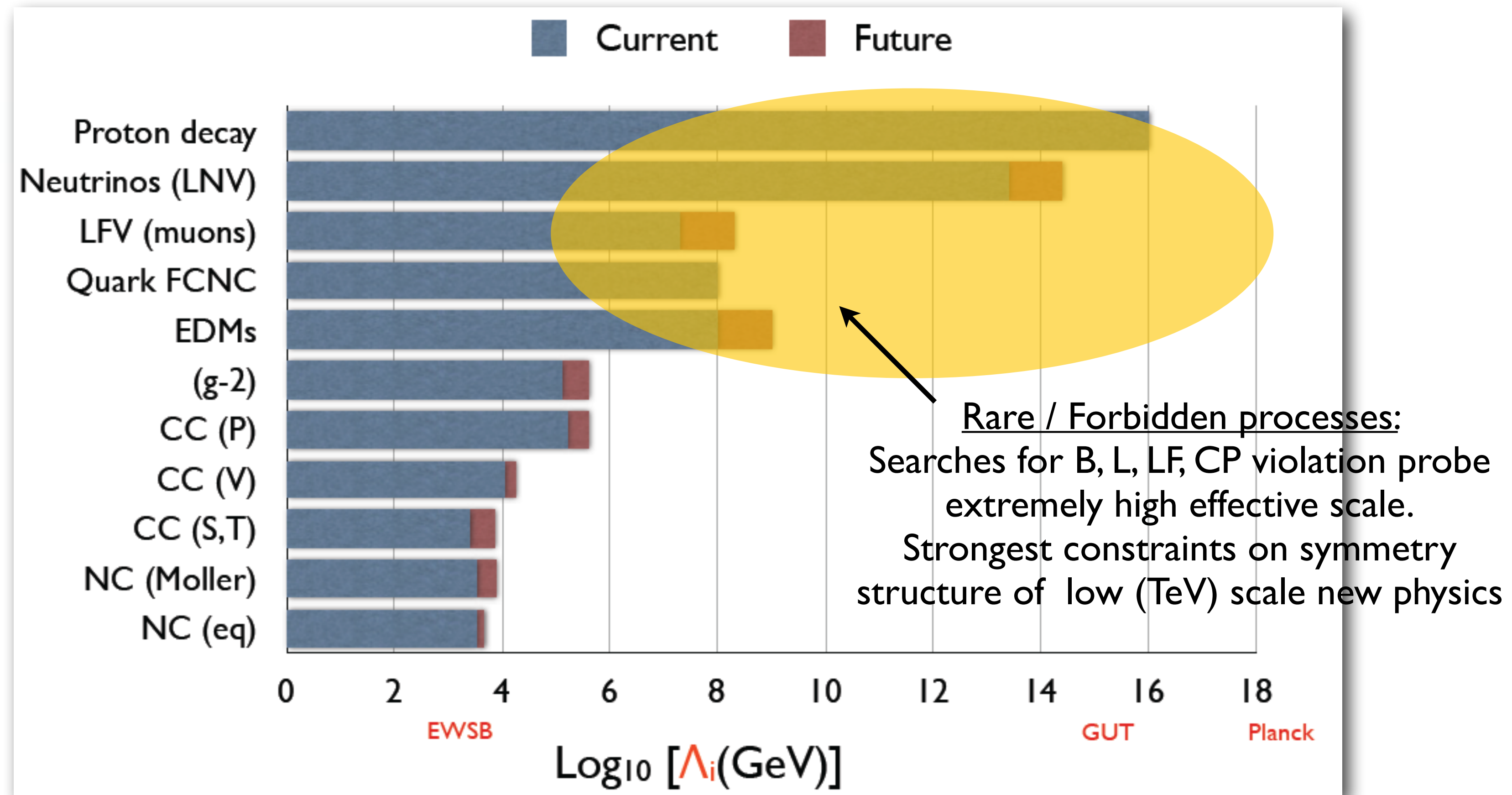


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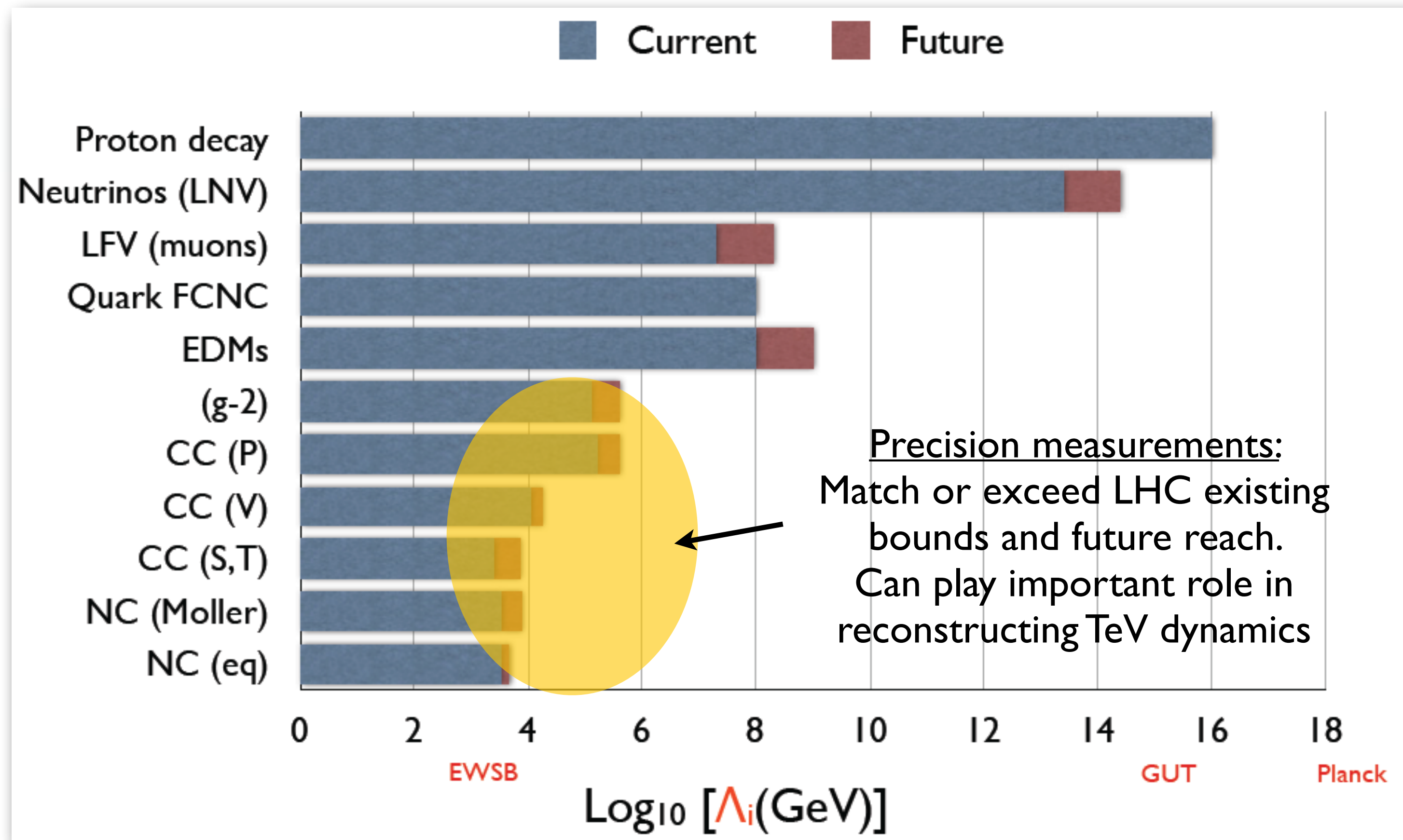
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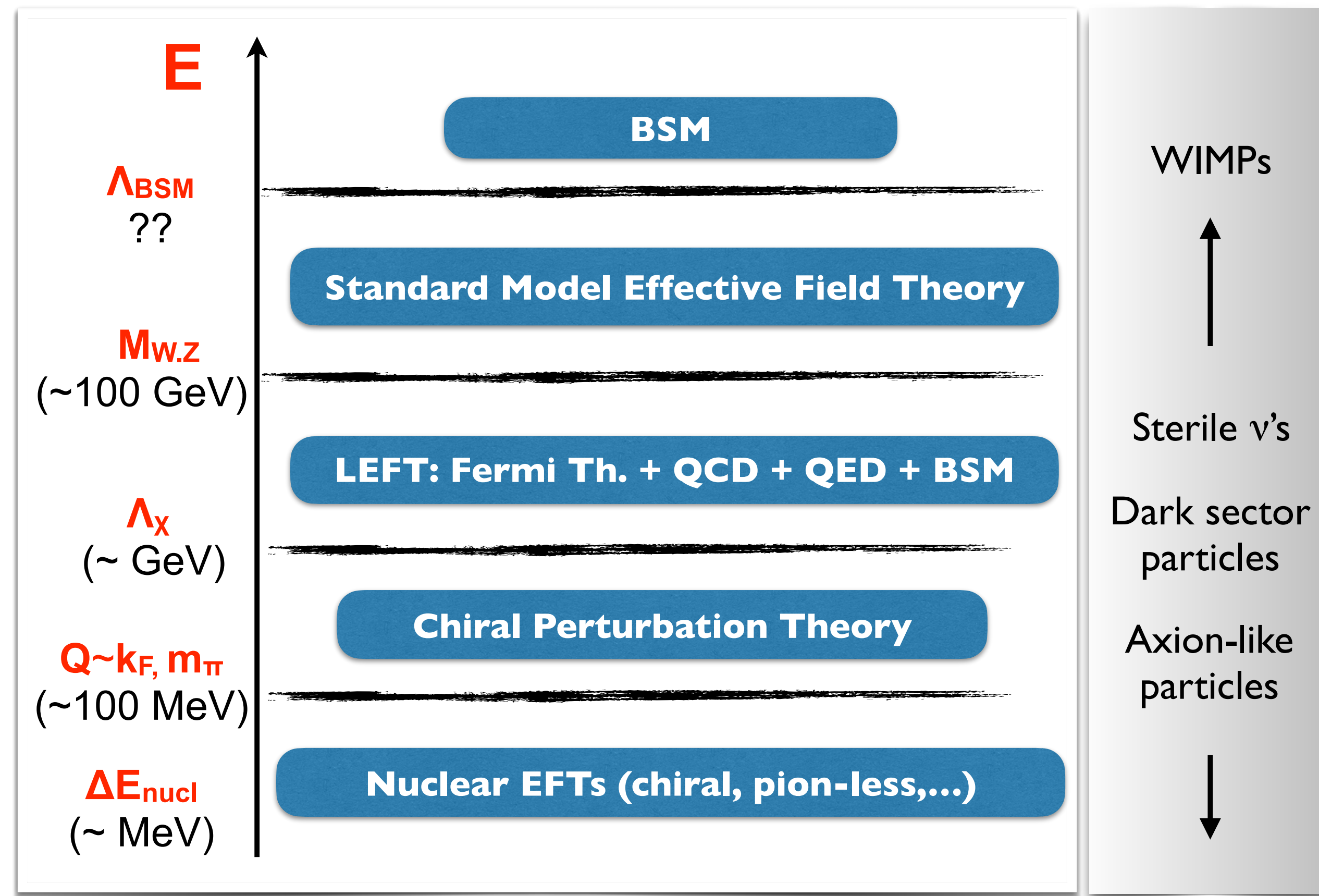
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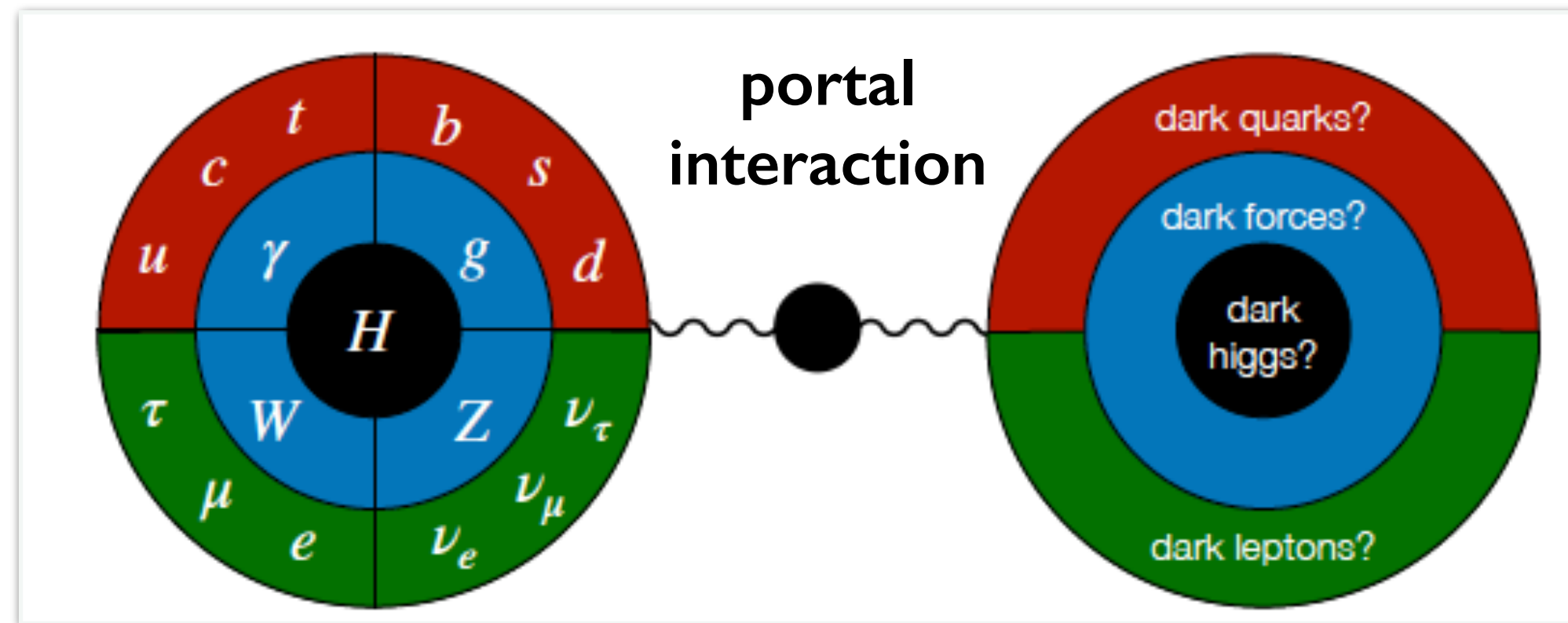
- New light degrees of freedom can be added to the EFT — just need to know their gauge ‘charges’



Example:
 $\nu\text{SMEFT: SMEFT} + \nu_R$

Light, weakly coupled new physics: portals

“Portals”: dominant interactions through which the SM and dark sector couple
 (↔ lowest dimensional SM singlet operators)



Credit: Stefania Gori

$$\mathcal{L} \sim O_{\text{portals}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda}\right)$$

$$O_{\text{Vector}} = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} B^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$$

$$O_{\text{Neutrino}} = -Y_N^{ij} \bar{L}_i H N_j$$

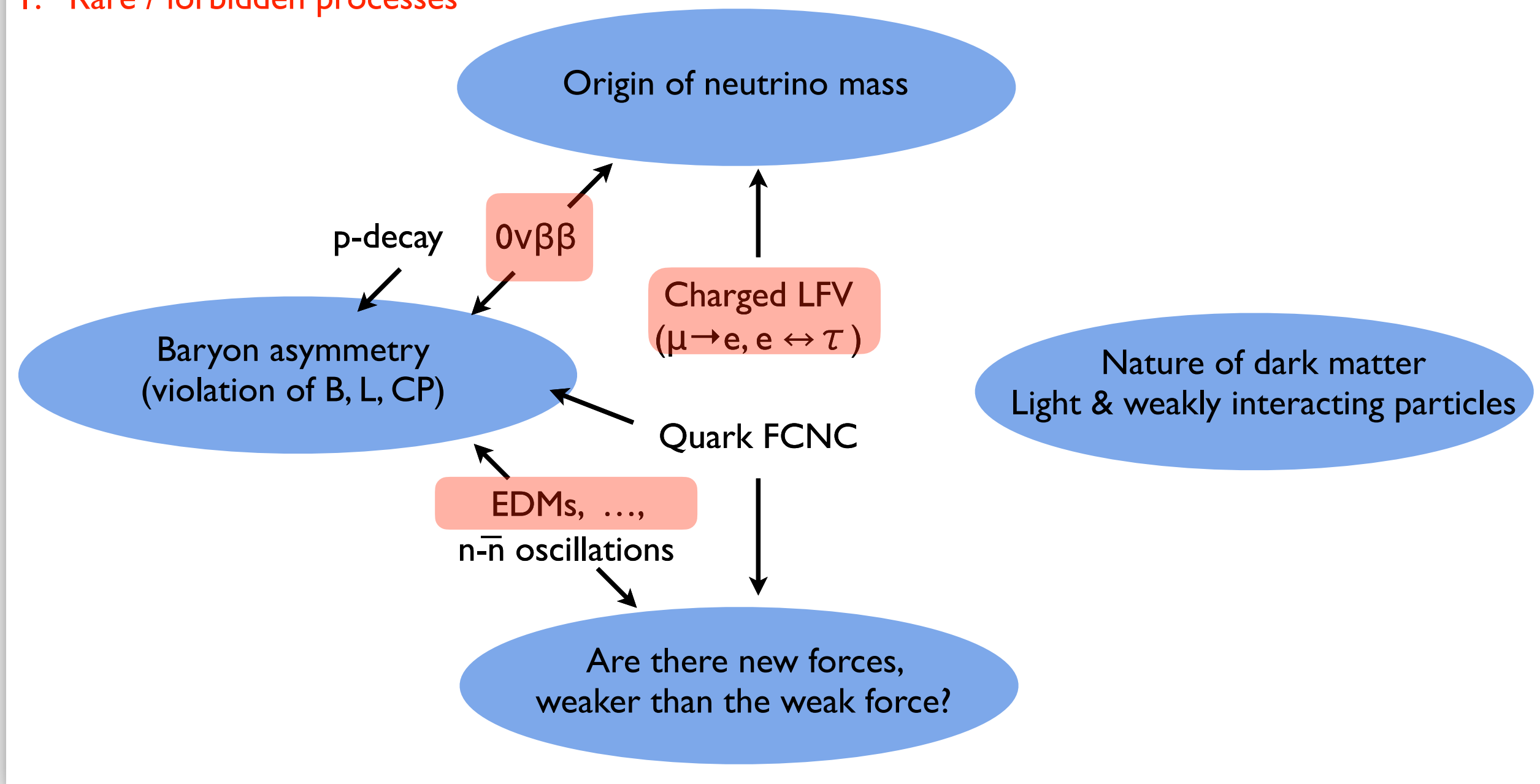
$$O_{\text{Higgs}} = -H^\dagger H (AS + \lambda S^2)$$

Leading axion interactions appear at $O(1/\Lambda)$:

$$aF\tilde{F}/f_a, aG\tilde{G}/f_a, \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi\partial_\mu a/f_a$$

Rare / forbidden processes & symmetry violations

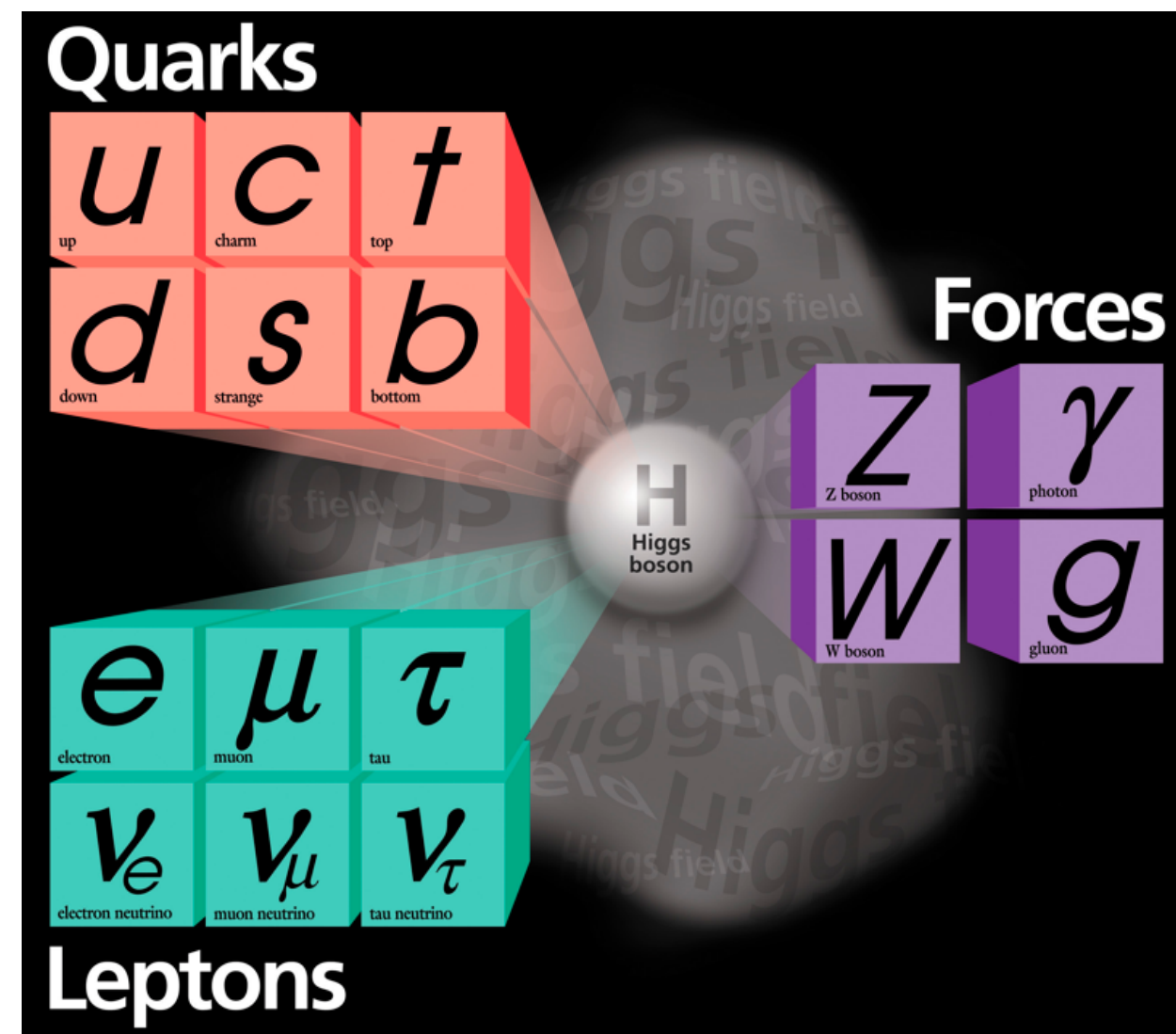
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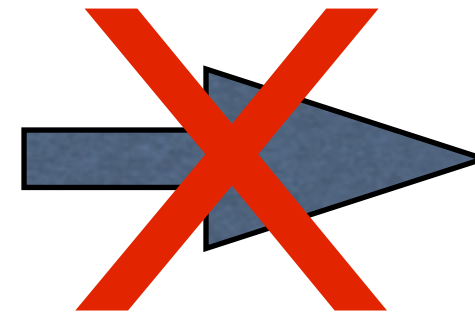
Start by taking a glimpse into the ν world

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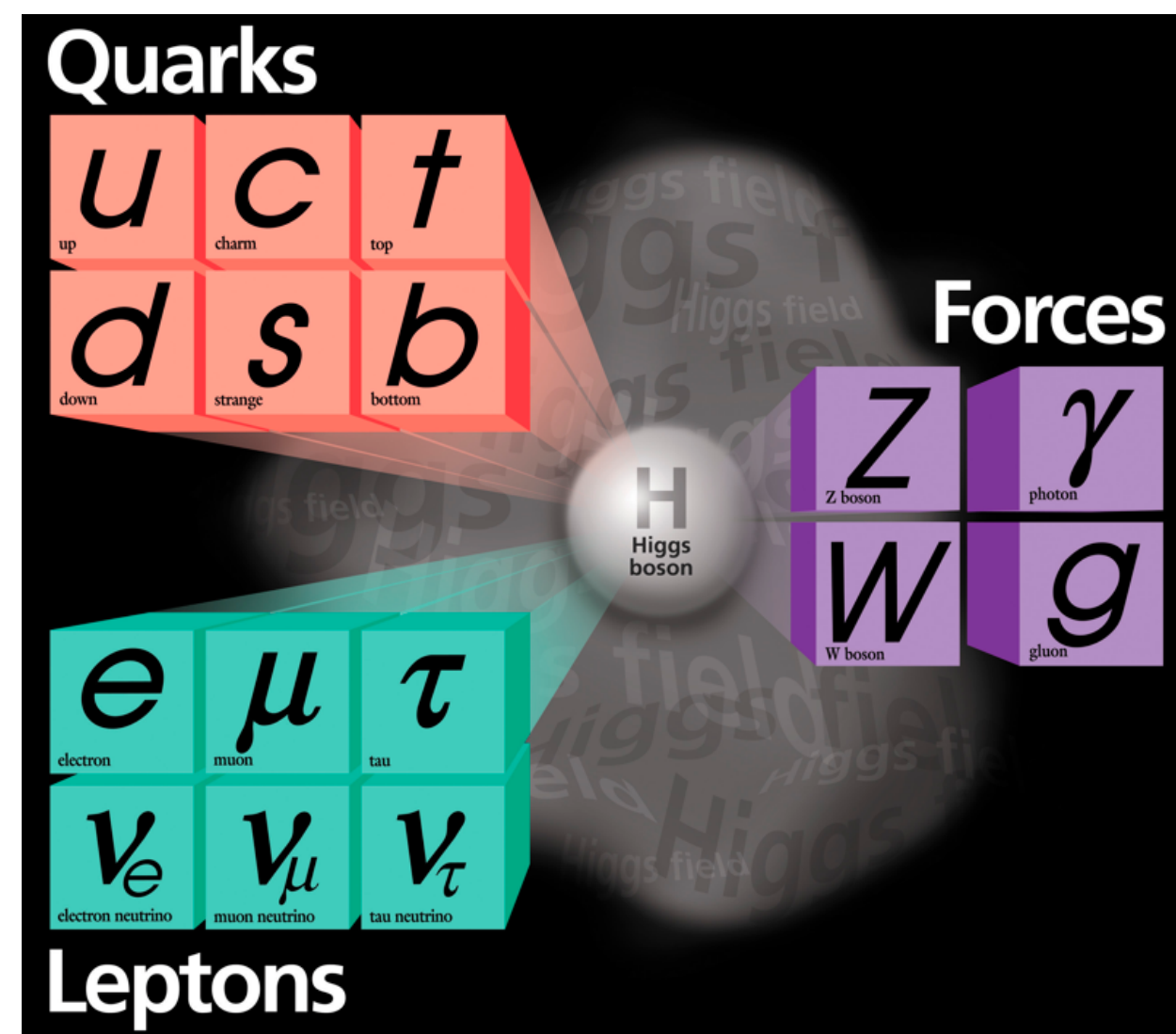
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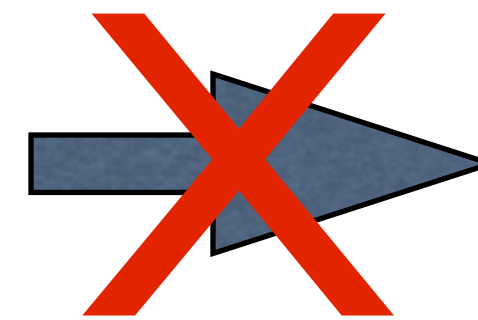
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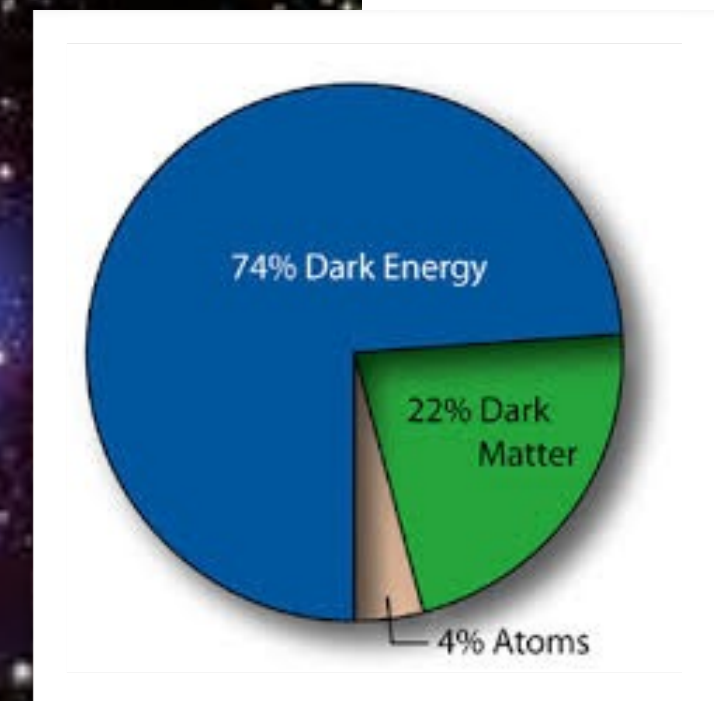
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Need ν physics?

Understanding the elusive neutrino can shed light on other mysteries

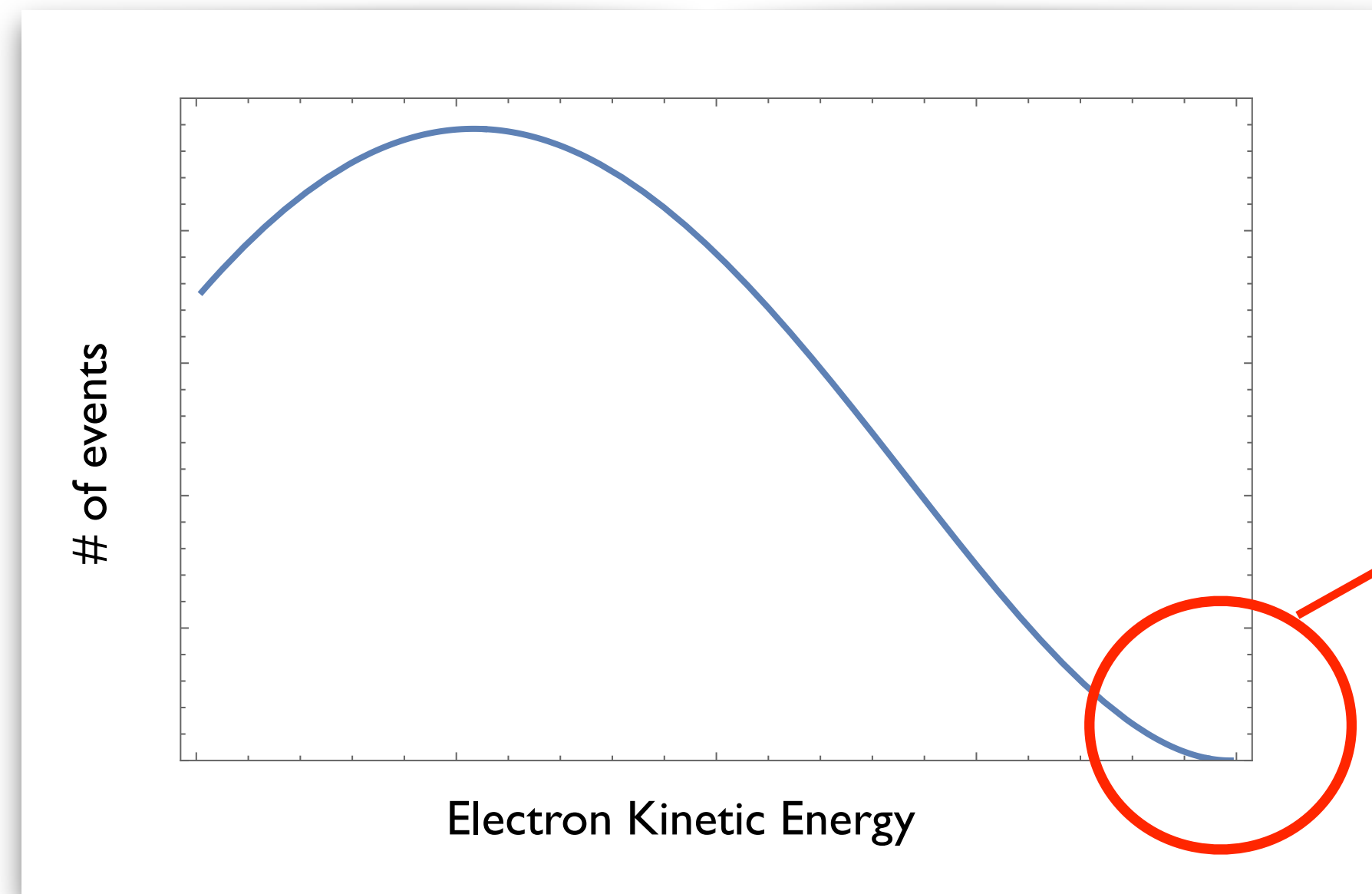
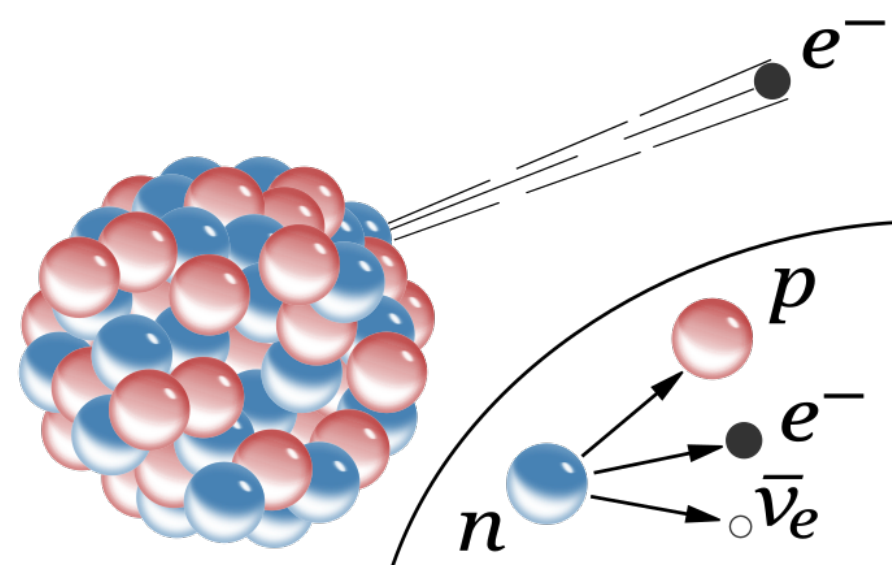
A glimpse into the ν world

- Neutrino basics
- Neutrino mass and symmetry
- Lepton Number Violation and $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

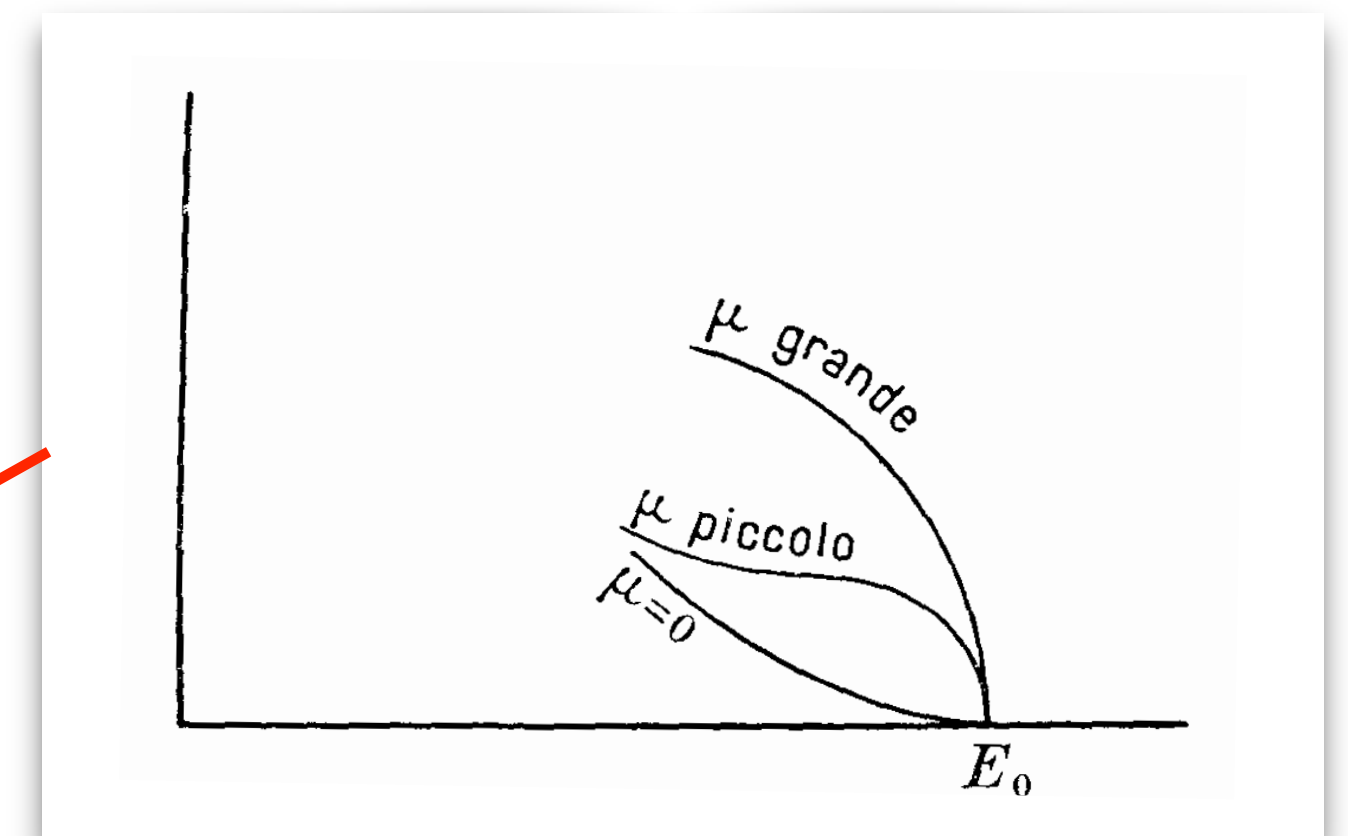
Neutrino basics

Elusive particles

- Pauli (1930): neutrinos enter the scene as ‘ghost particles’ needed to save energy conservation in β decays



Fermi 1934

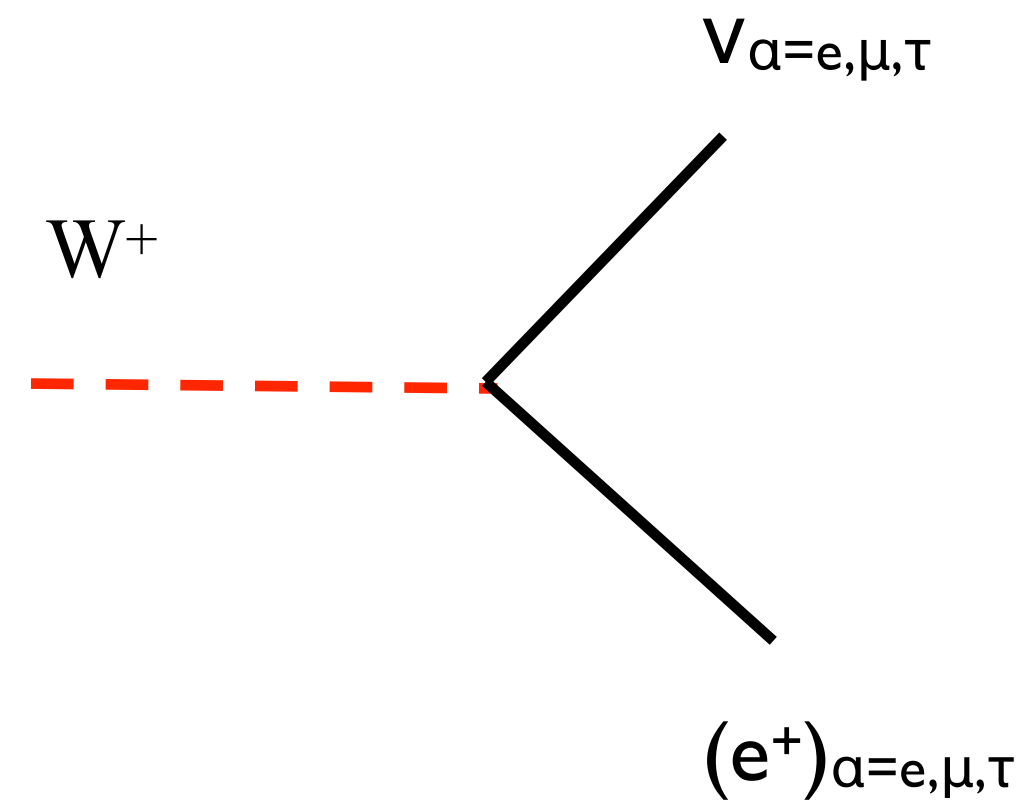
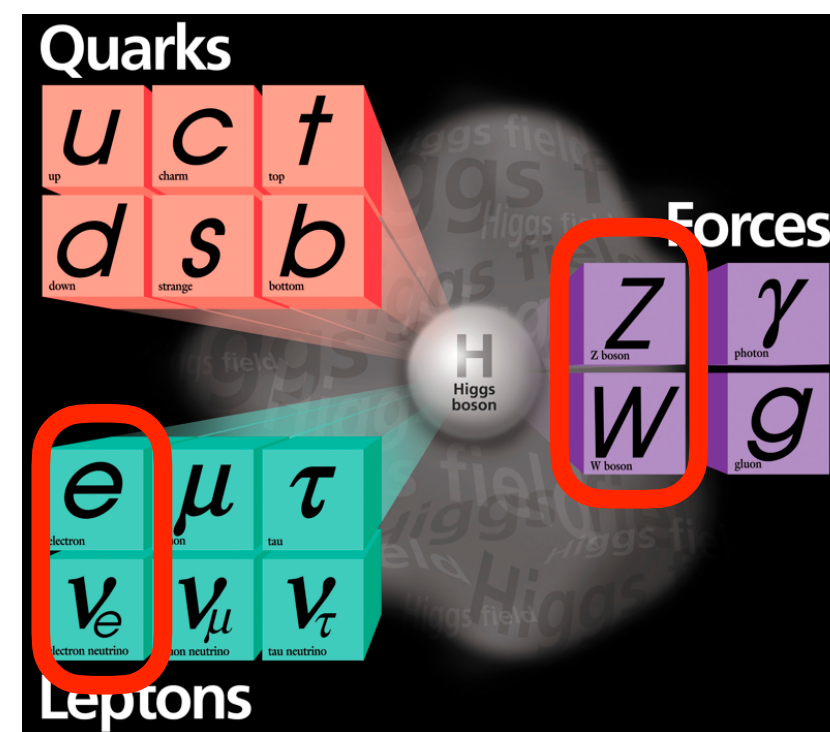


Fermi (1934) developed the theory of weak interactions and computed the β spectrum, concluding that
“The neutrino mass is zero or, in any case, small in comparison to the electron mass”

- It took decades to achieve direct detection (Cowan & Raines 1956) and almost a century to show they have (tiny) masses!

Basic neutrino properties

- Interact through gravity and the weak force (weak isospin doublet with charged leptons)



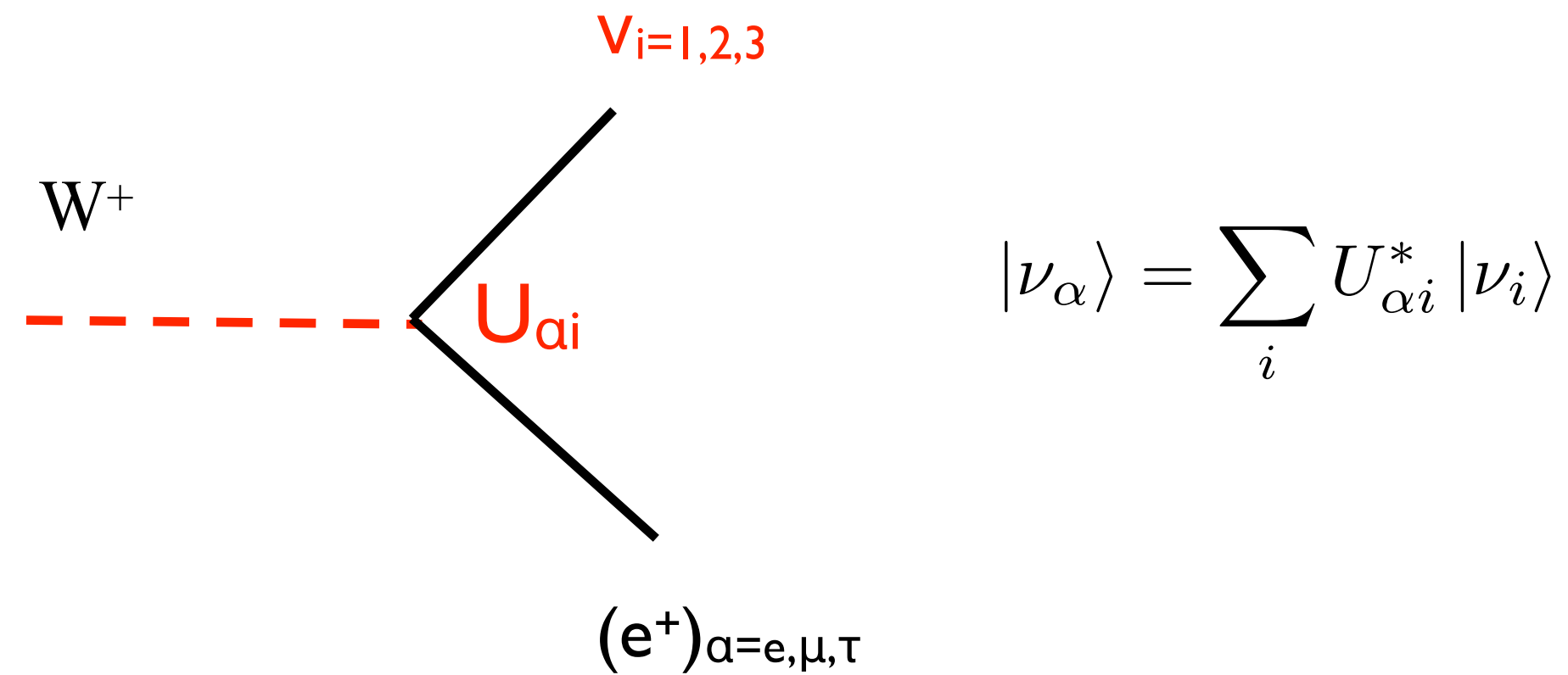
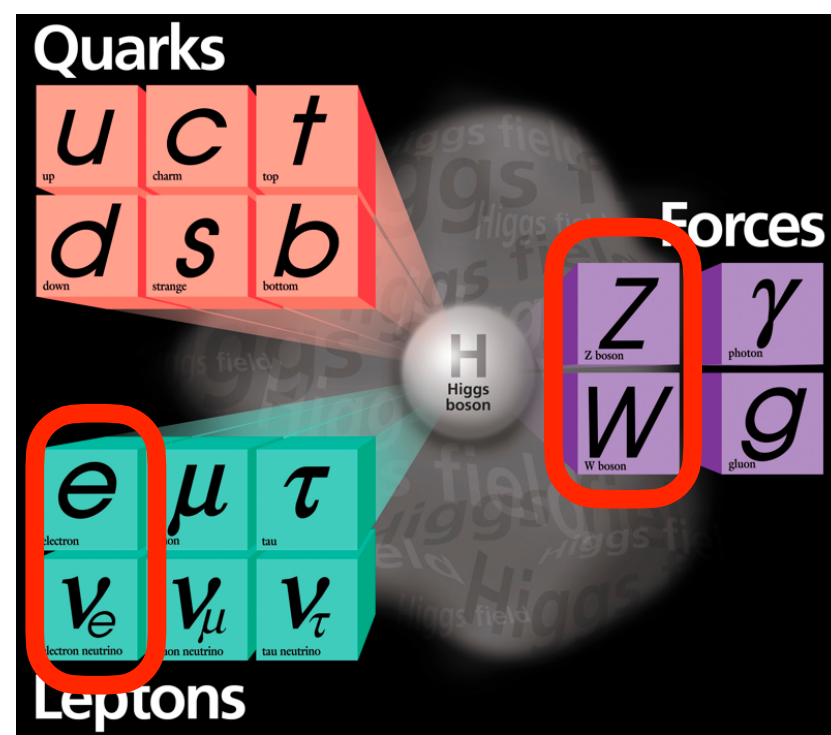
Smallness of low-energy cross sections

$$\sigma \sim G_{\text{Fermi}}^2 E_{CM}^2$$

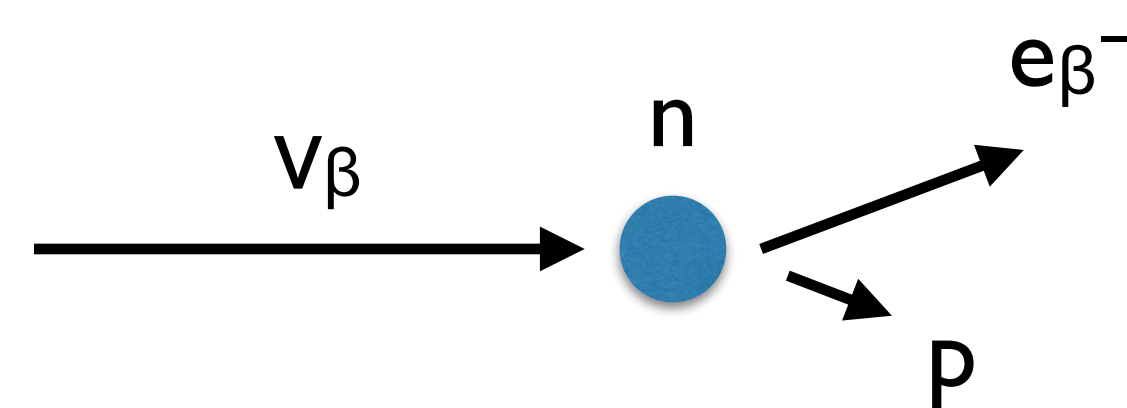
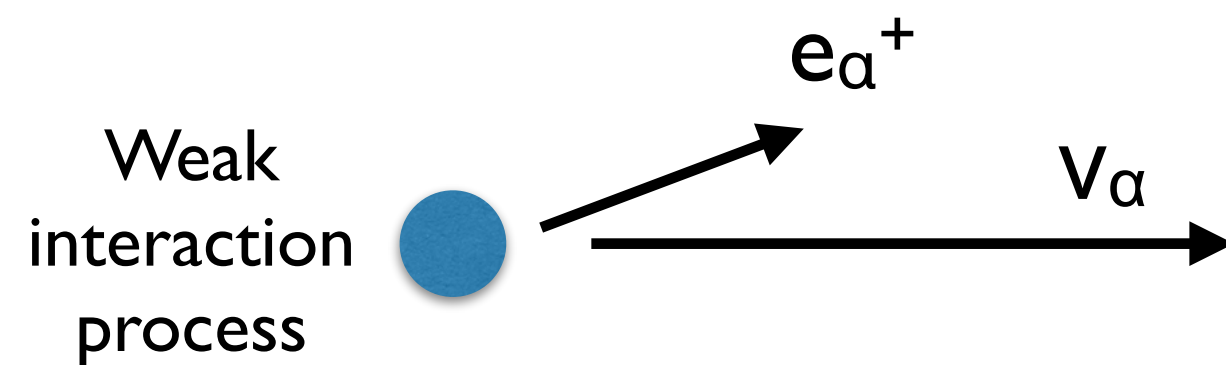
$$G_{\text{Fermi}} \sim \frac{g^2}{M_W^2} \sim \frac{1}{(250 \text{ GeV})^2}$$

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- Massive neutrinos produced in a given interaction (“flavor”) state can “oscillate” into another flavor



Neutrino (ν_α): emitted with e_α^+ , when interacts with matter can produce e_β^-

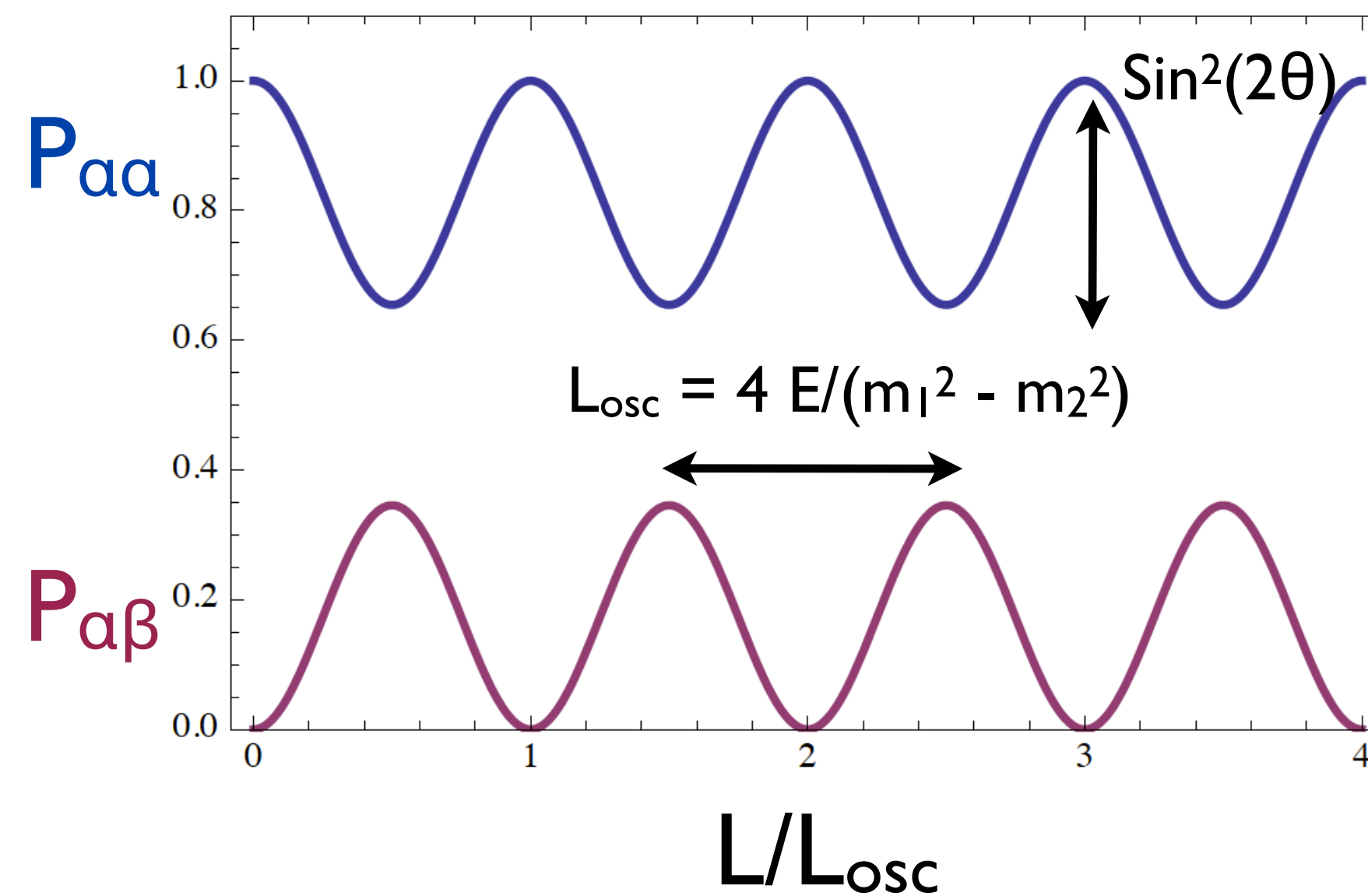


$\alpha, \beta = e, \mu, \tau$

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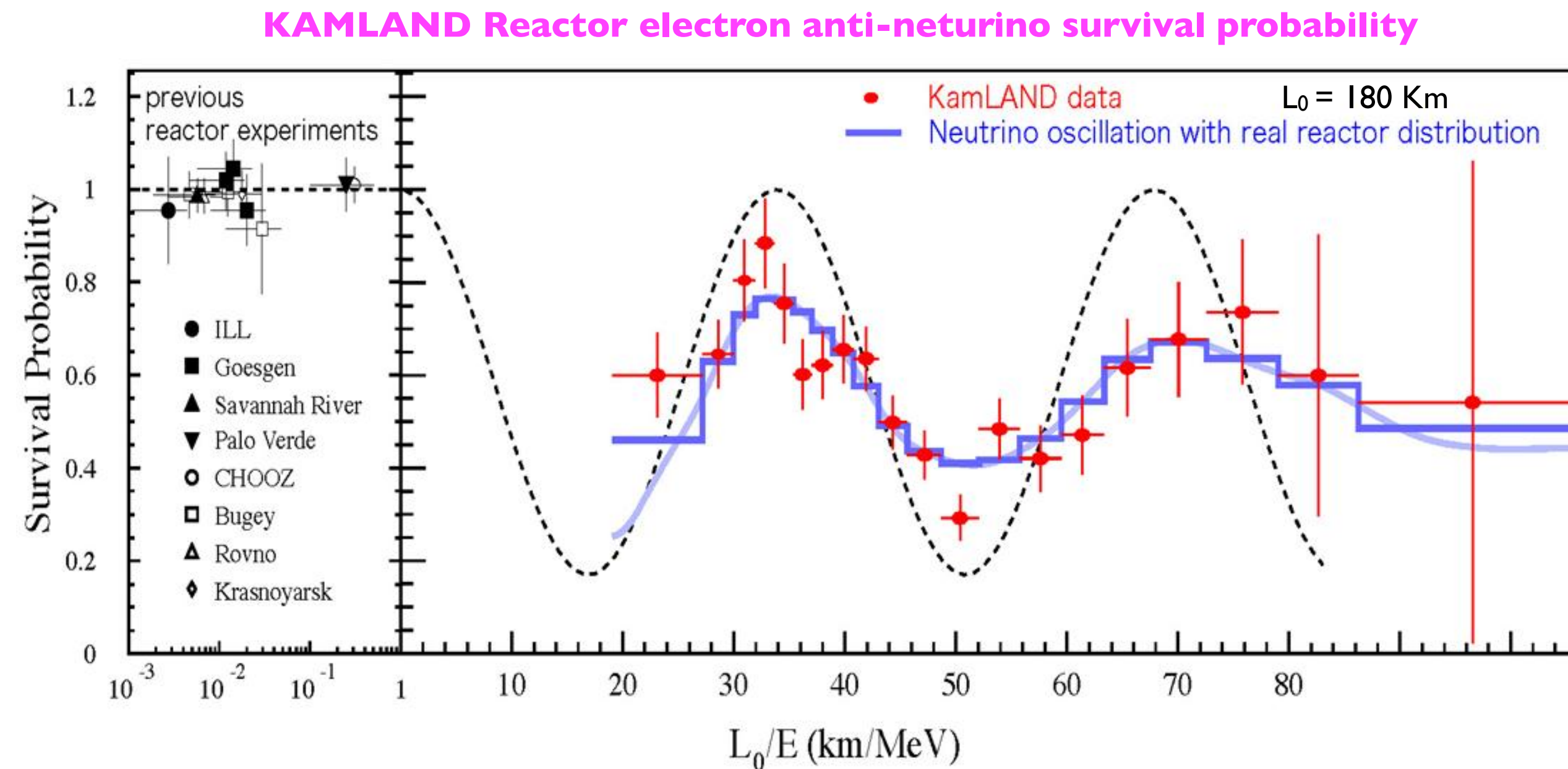
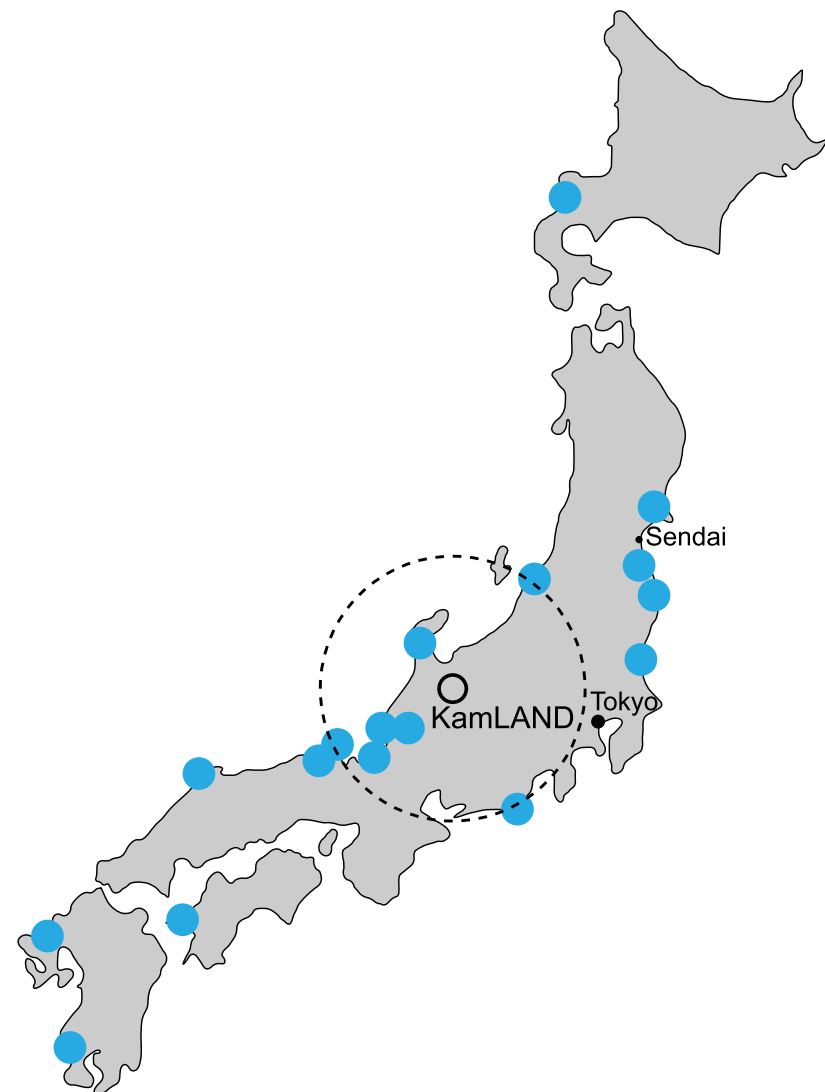
$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_\alpha \\ \nu_\beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

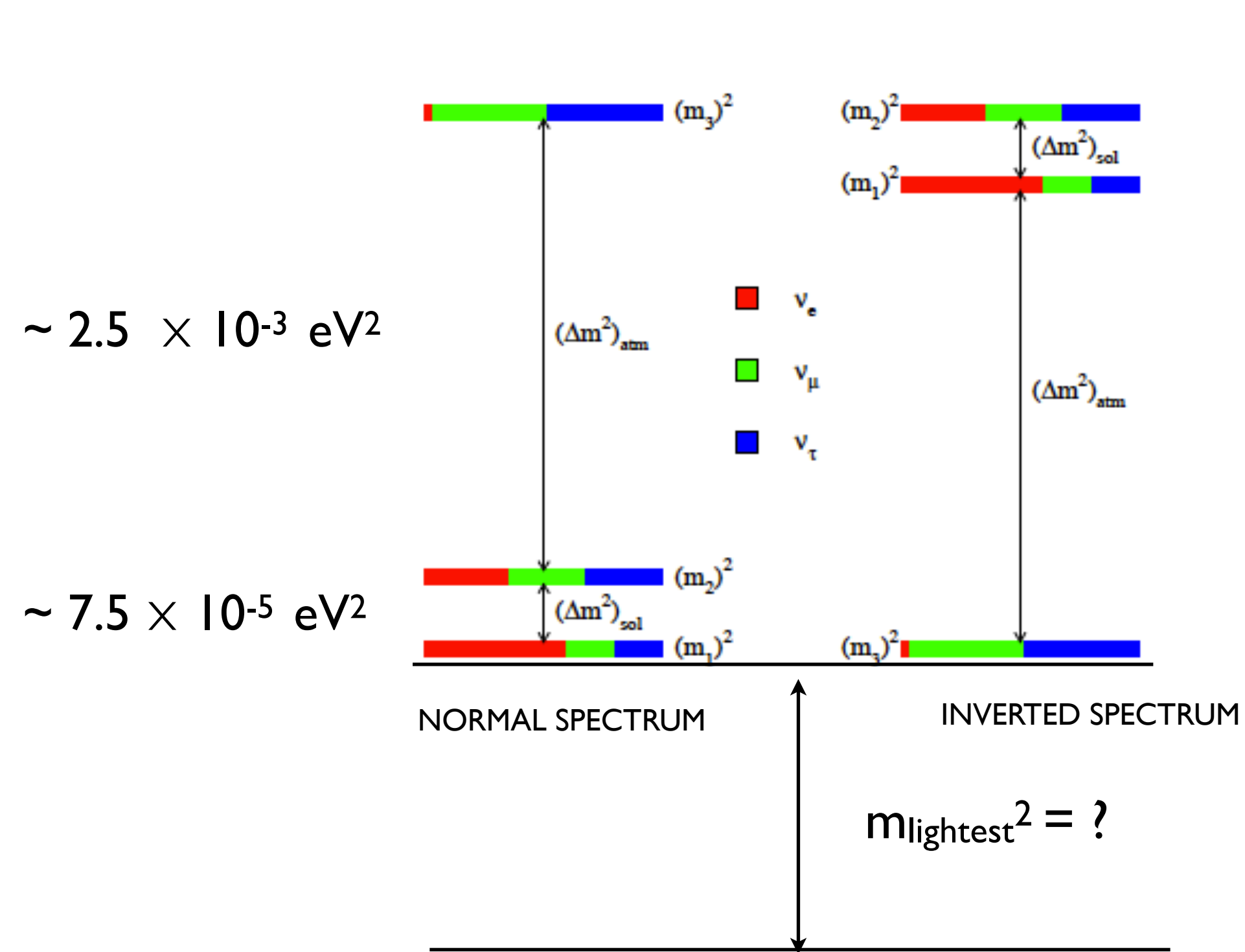
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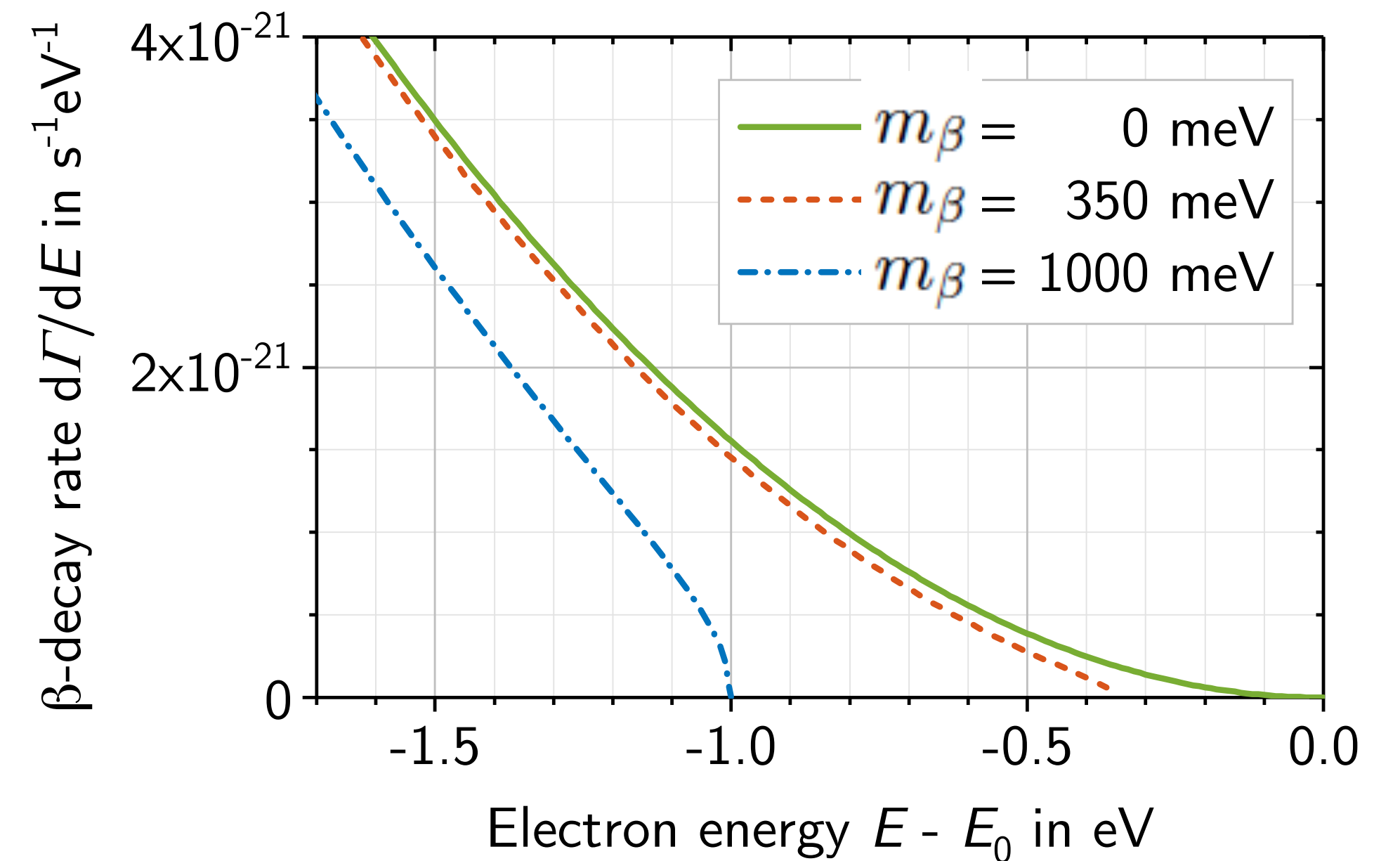


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$$m_\beta = \sqrt{\sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2}$$



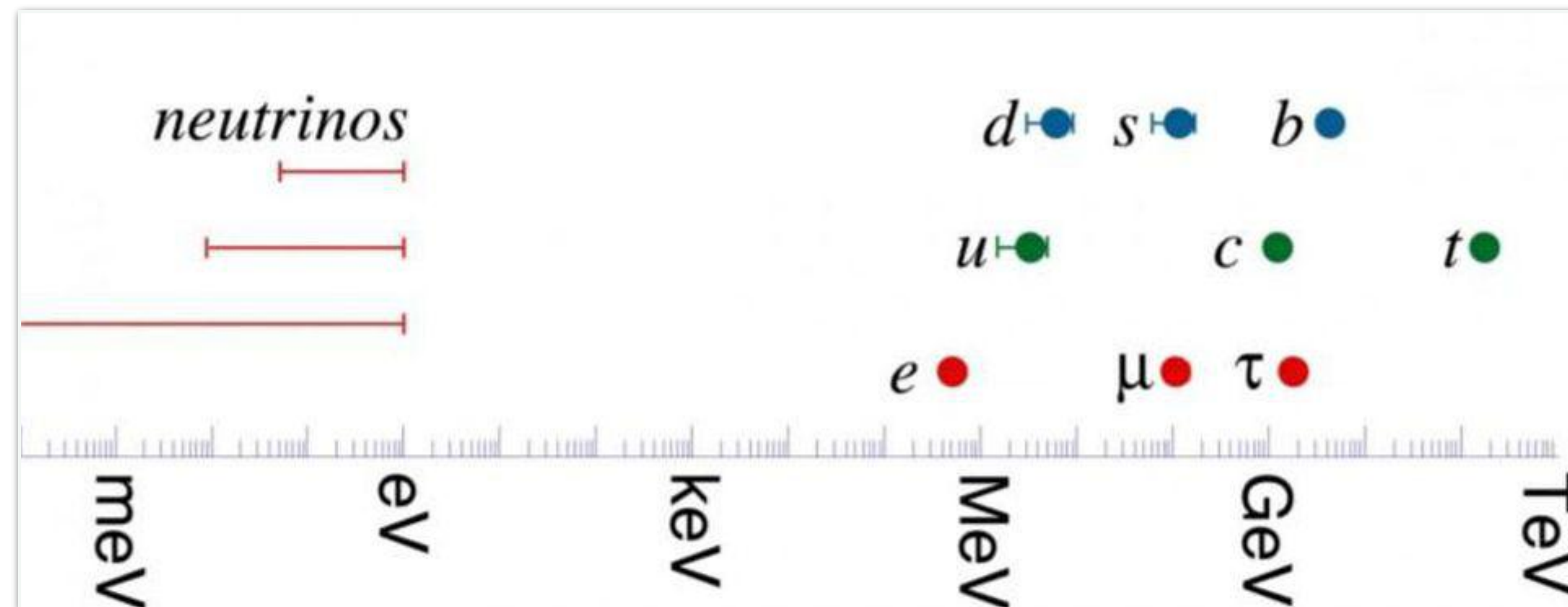
Oscillation data teach us about mass differences and cannot yet determine the spectrum ordering

Absolute scale through electron spectrum in Tritium β decay.
 KATRIN: $m_\beta < 450 \text{ meV}$ (90%CL) $\rightarrow 300 \text{ meV}$
 Future: Project-8 aims to reach 40 meV

Basic neutrino properties

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- Neutrino masses are tiny compared to other fermion’s masses

H. Murayama



So what's the big deal?

Neutrino mass = new physics

The Standard Model

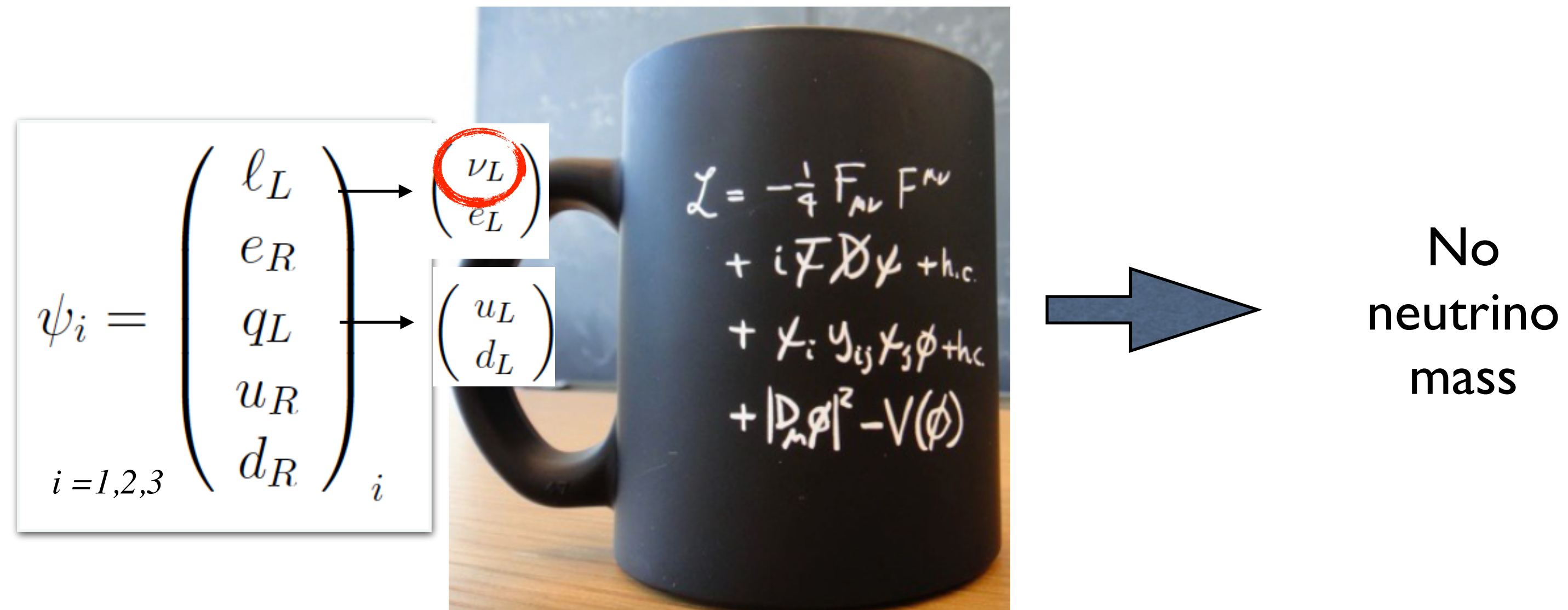
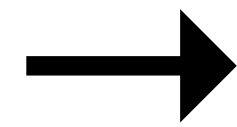


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Symmetry considerations provide guidance on how to introduce neutrino mass

Neutrino mass and symmetries

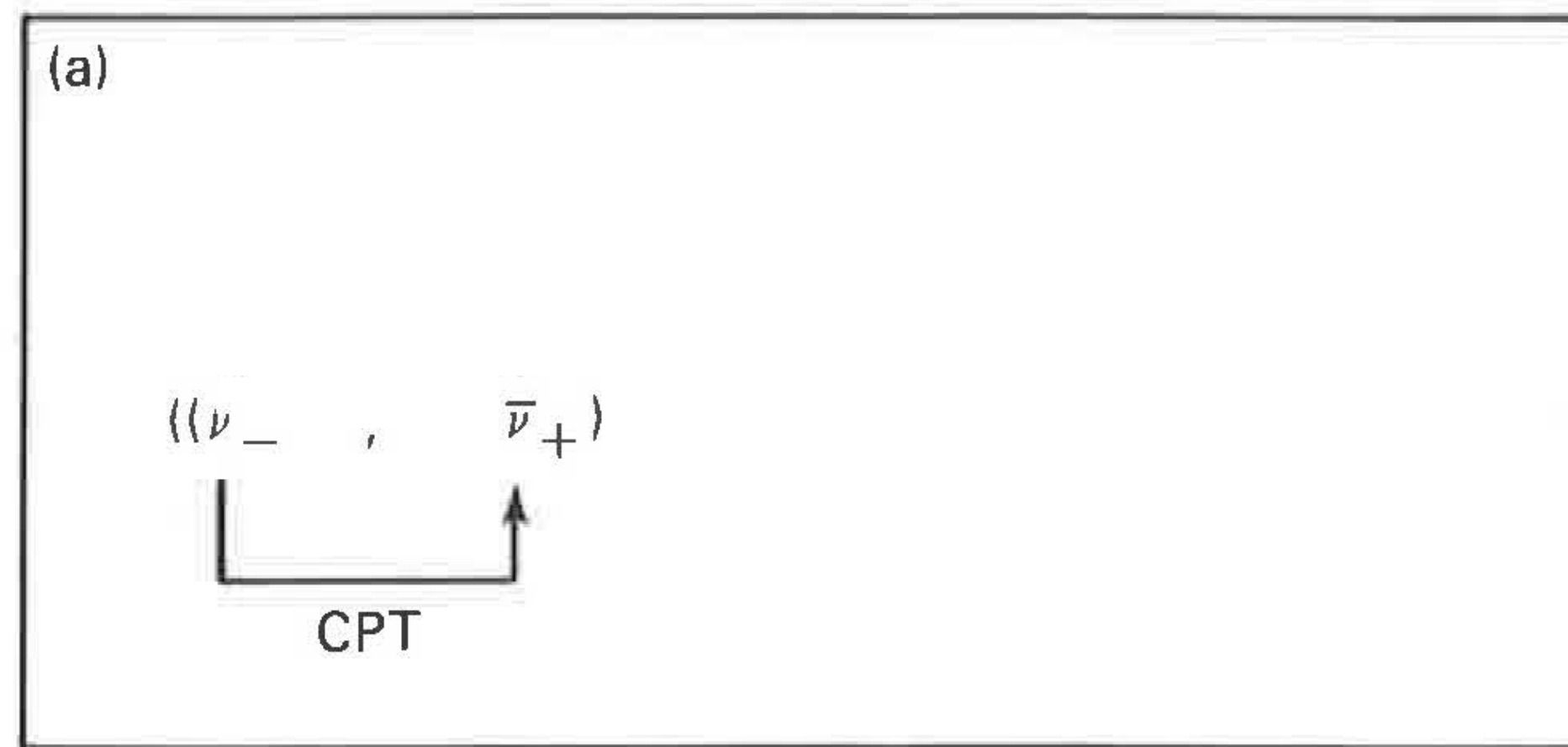
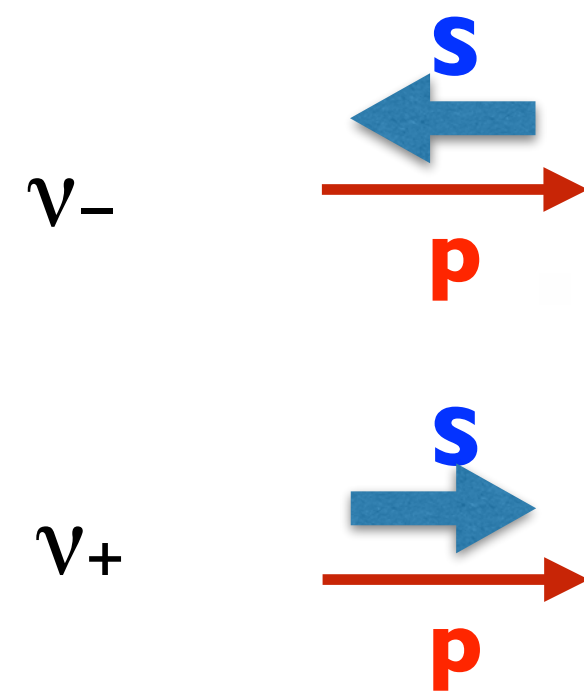


significance of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

Neutrino mass and symmetries

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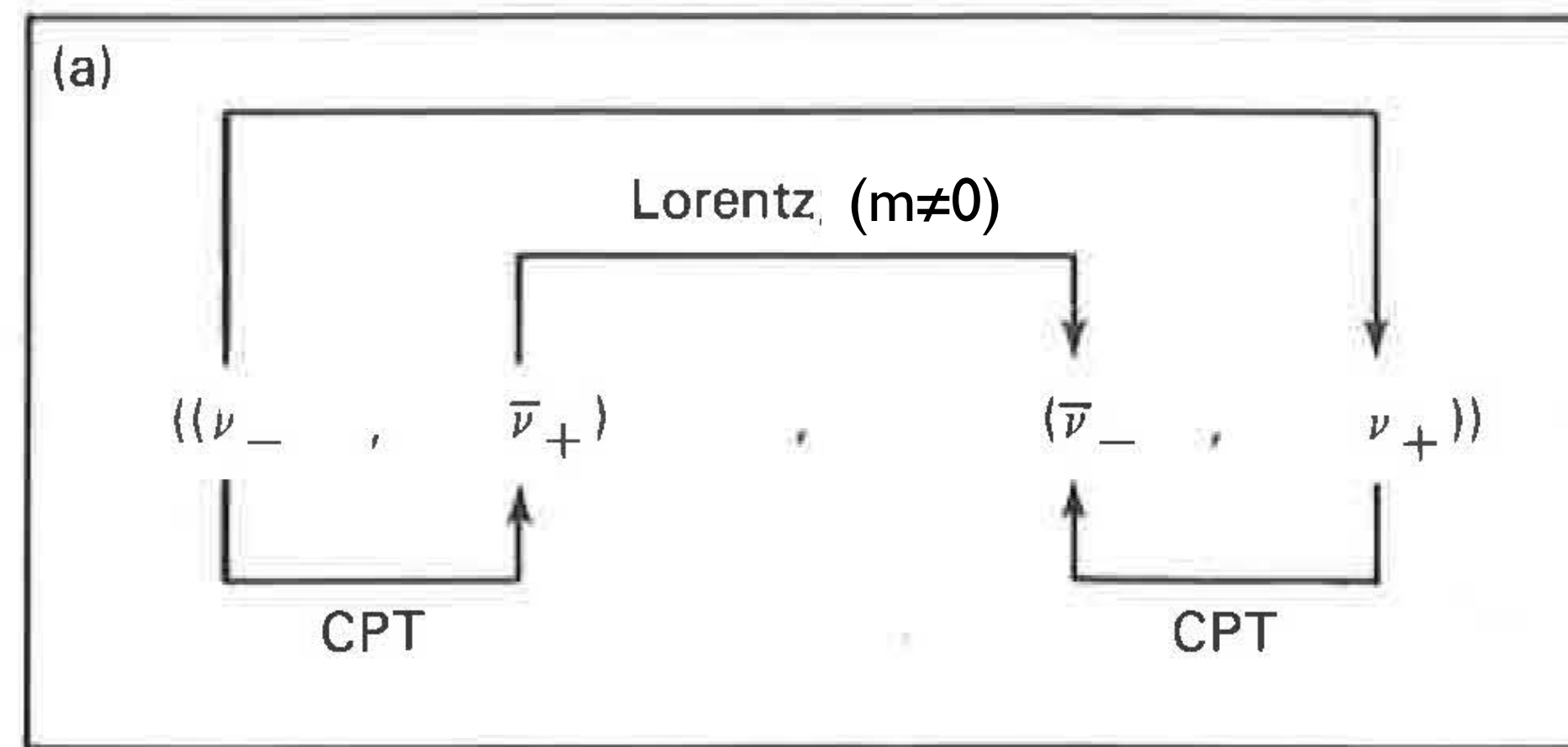
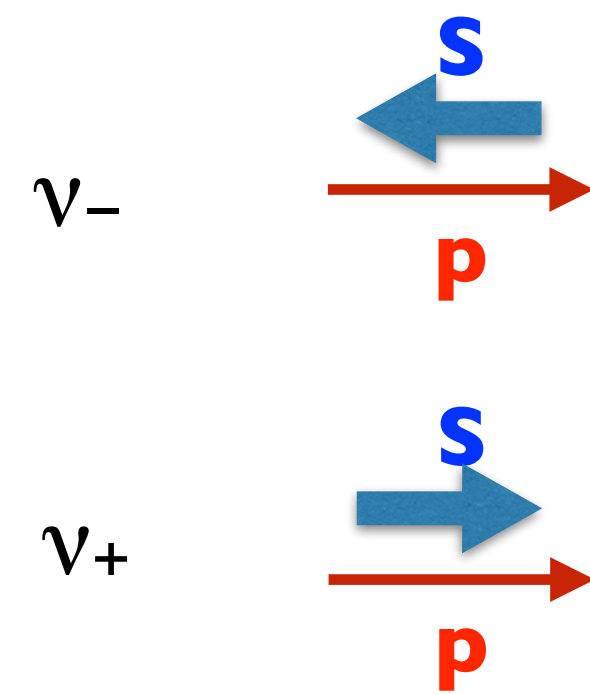
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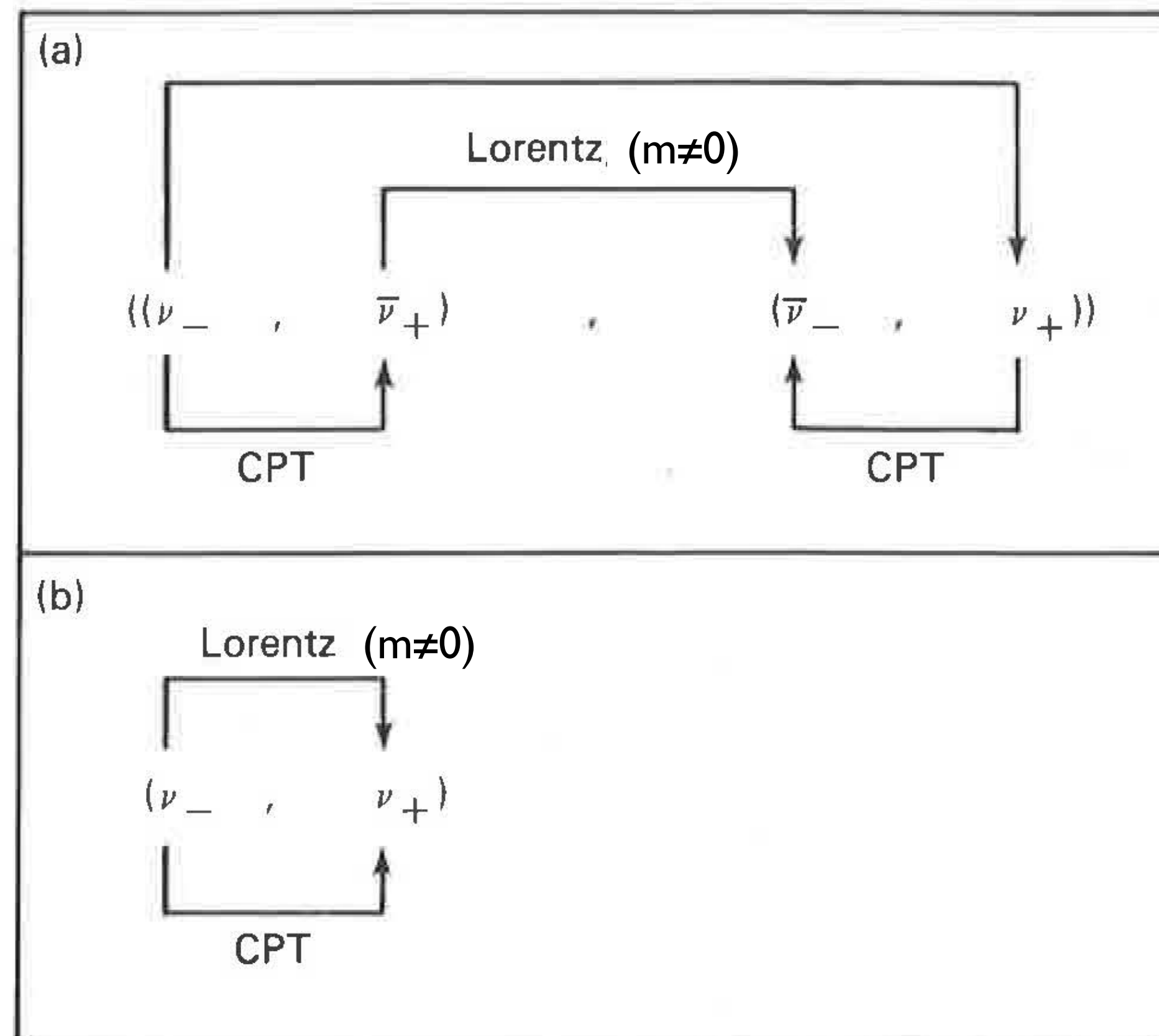
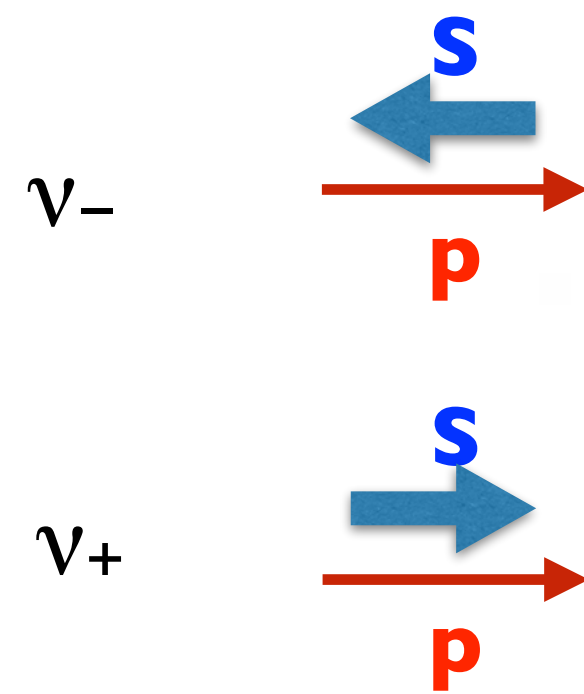


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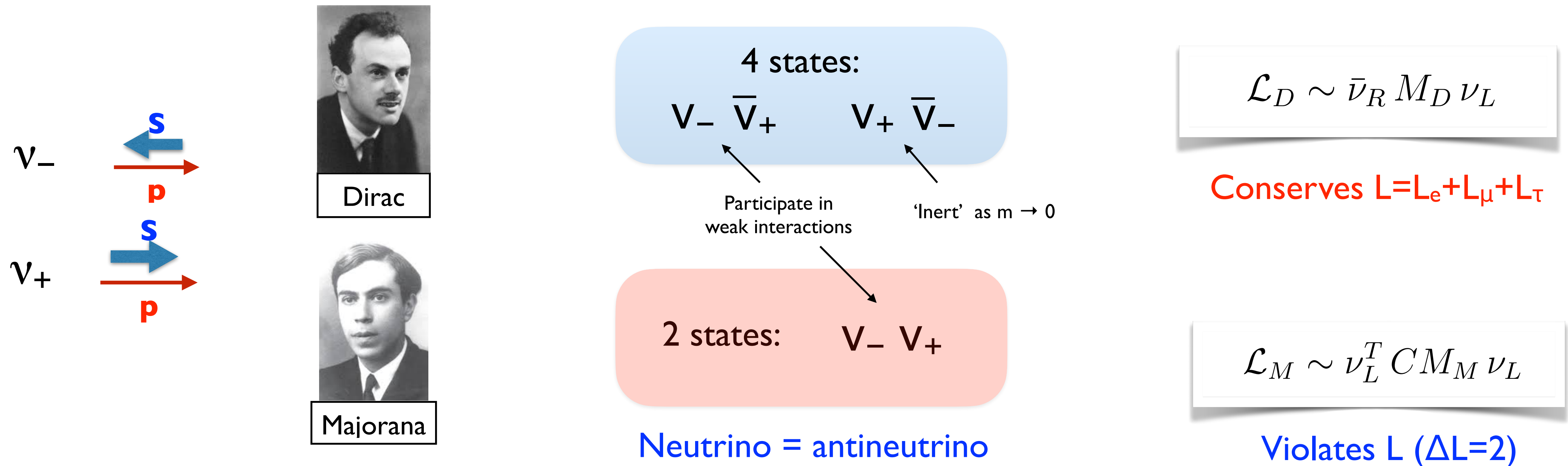
Dirac:
4 states

Majorana:
2 states ($\bar{\nu}_+ = \nu_+$)

Only possible if there is no internal quantum number (such as L) that flips sign under "C"

Neutrino mass and symmetries

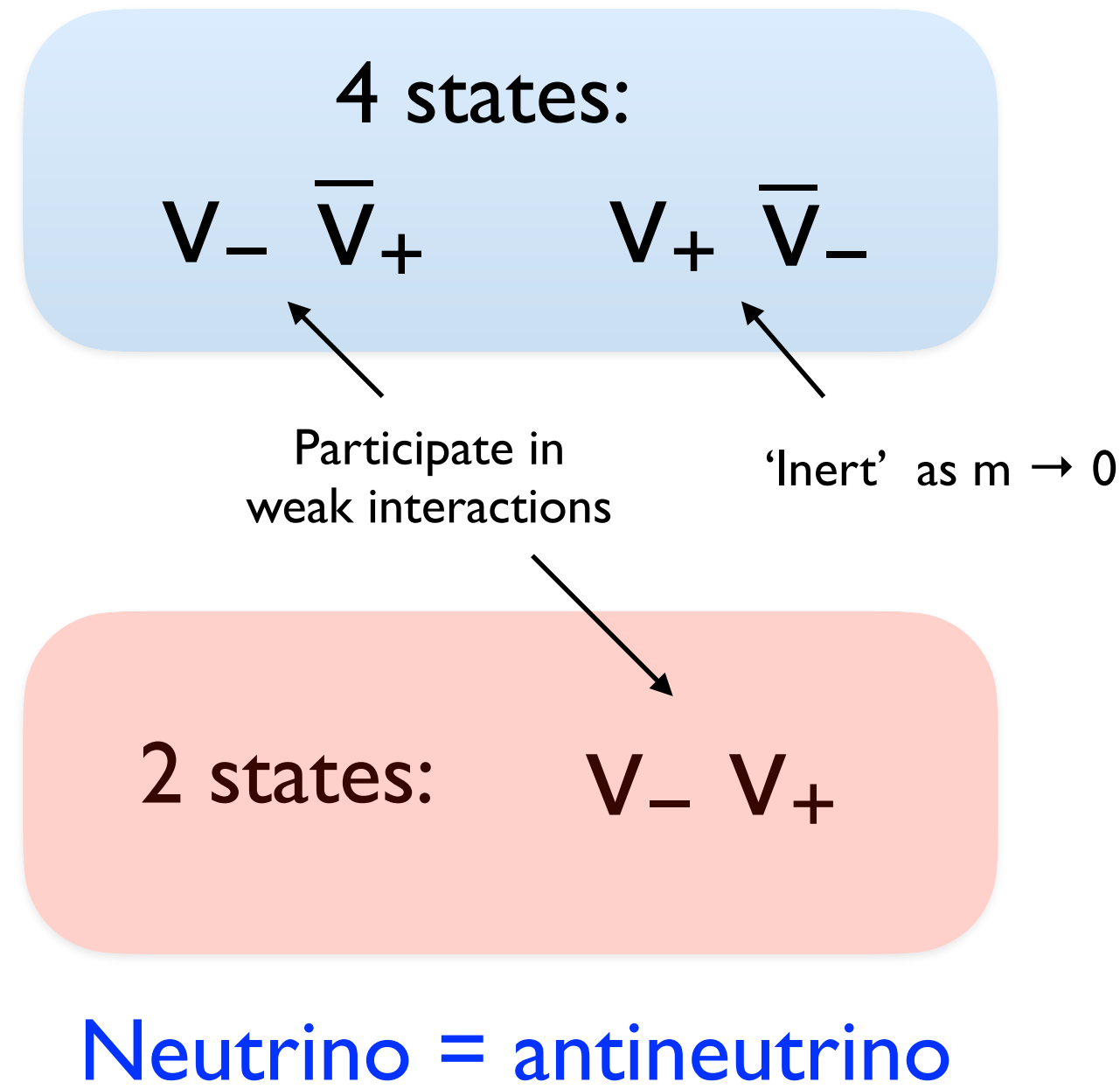
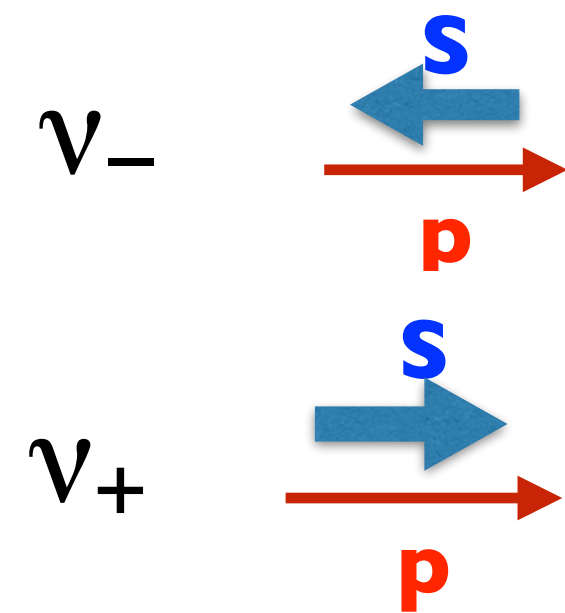
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Importantly, the two options are distinguished by the behavior under the global symmetry associated with lepton number (L)

Neutrino mass and symmetries

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$$\mathcal{L}_D \sim \bar{\nu}_R M_D \nu_L$$

Conserves $L=L_e+L_\mu+L_\tau$

Not invariant under $SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$

$$\mathcal{L}_M \sim \nu_L^T C M_M \nu_L$$

Violates L ($\Delta L=2$)

Both require extending the SM

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Majorana

4 states:

Which option is realized in nature?

- Smallness of ν mass and V-A structure of the weak interactions ((m_ν/E) helicity suppression) imply that $\Delta L=2$ neutrino-less processes like $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay are the best way to address this question
- To explain this statement, need a little more detail on the way neutrinos interact

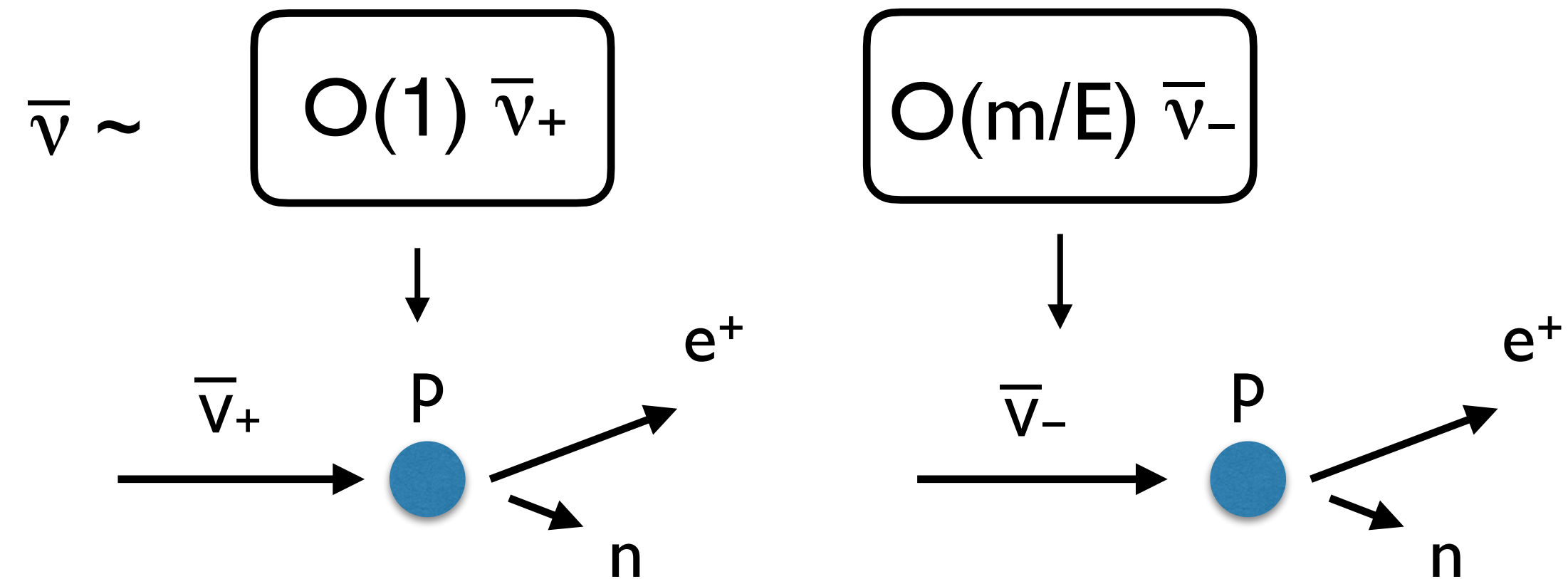
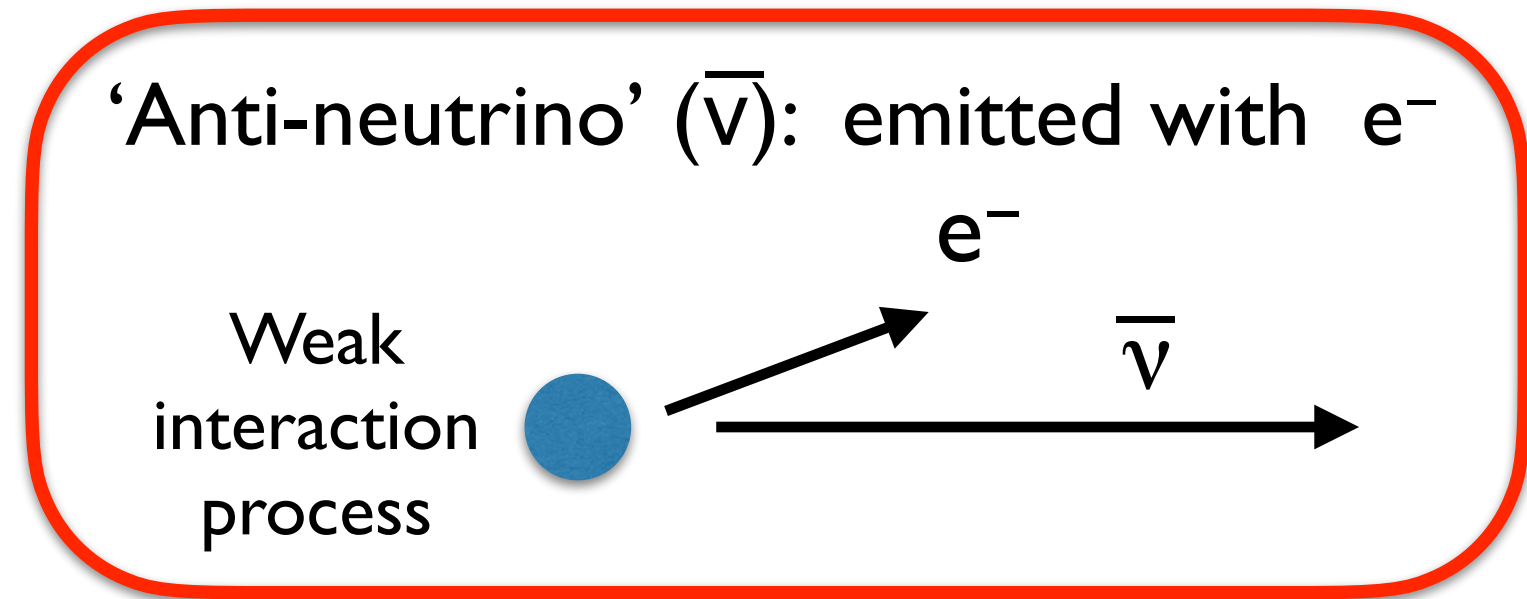
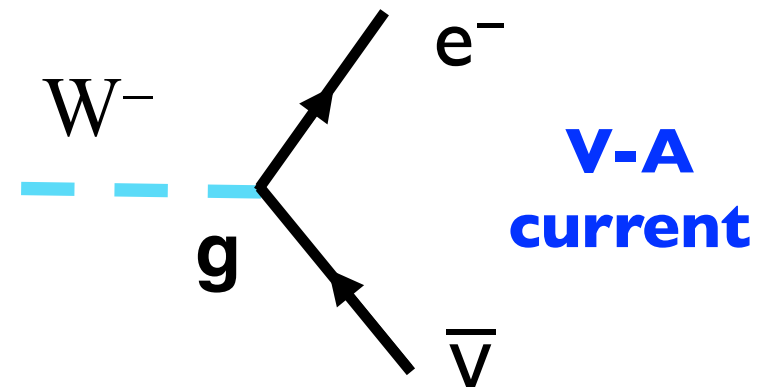
Neutrino = antineutrino

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Massive ν 's and weak interactions

Effect of V-A chiral structure on Dirac neutrinos

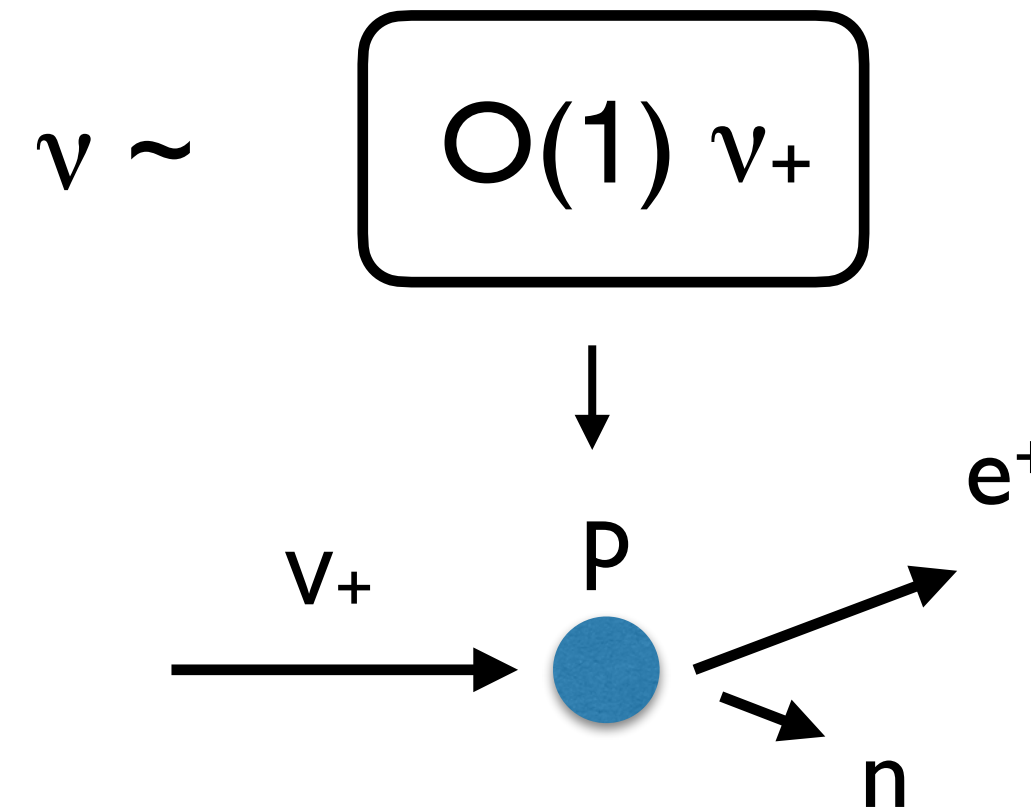
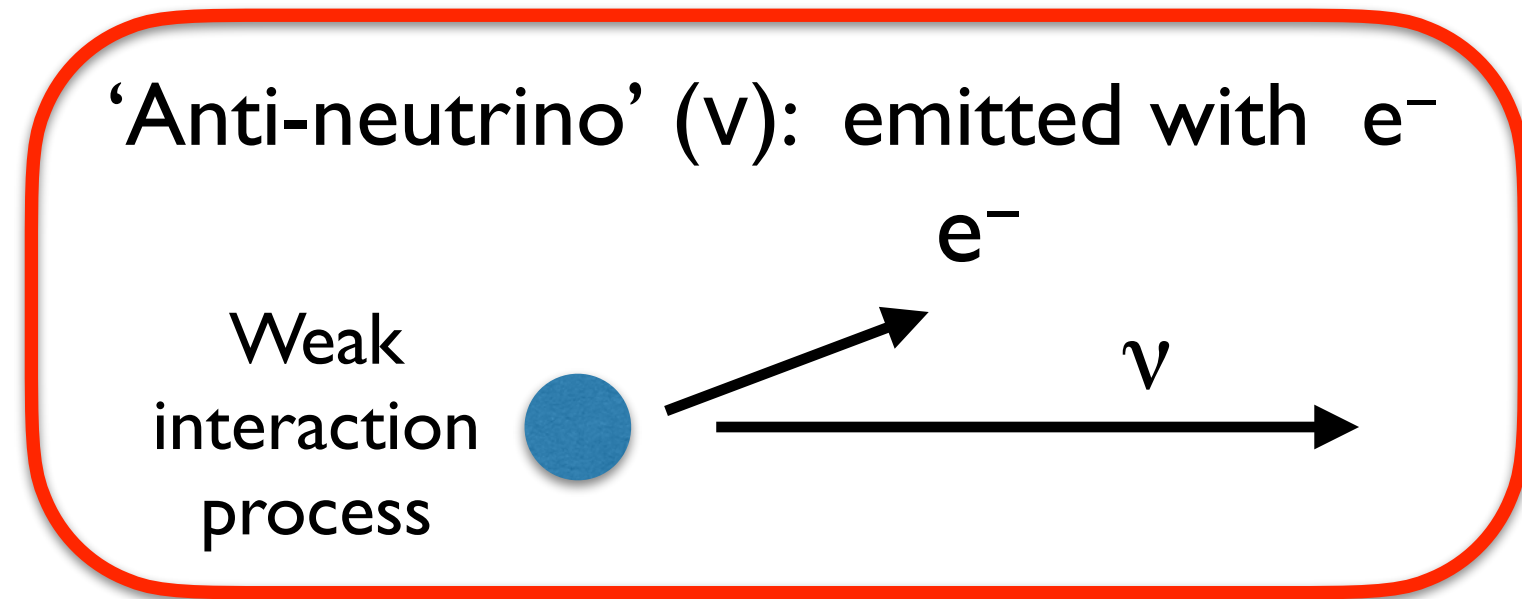
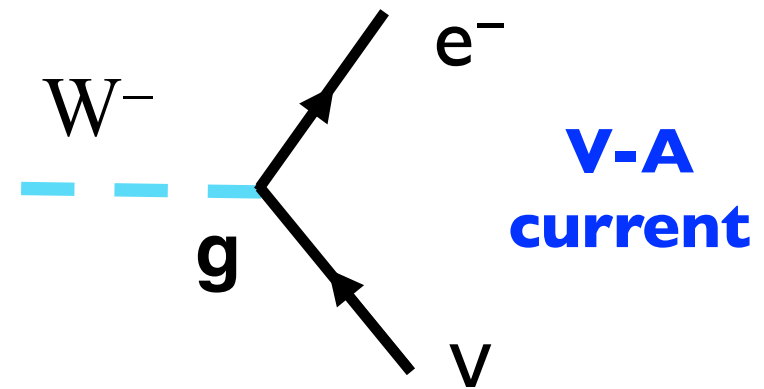


There is another m/E suppression in the vertex

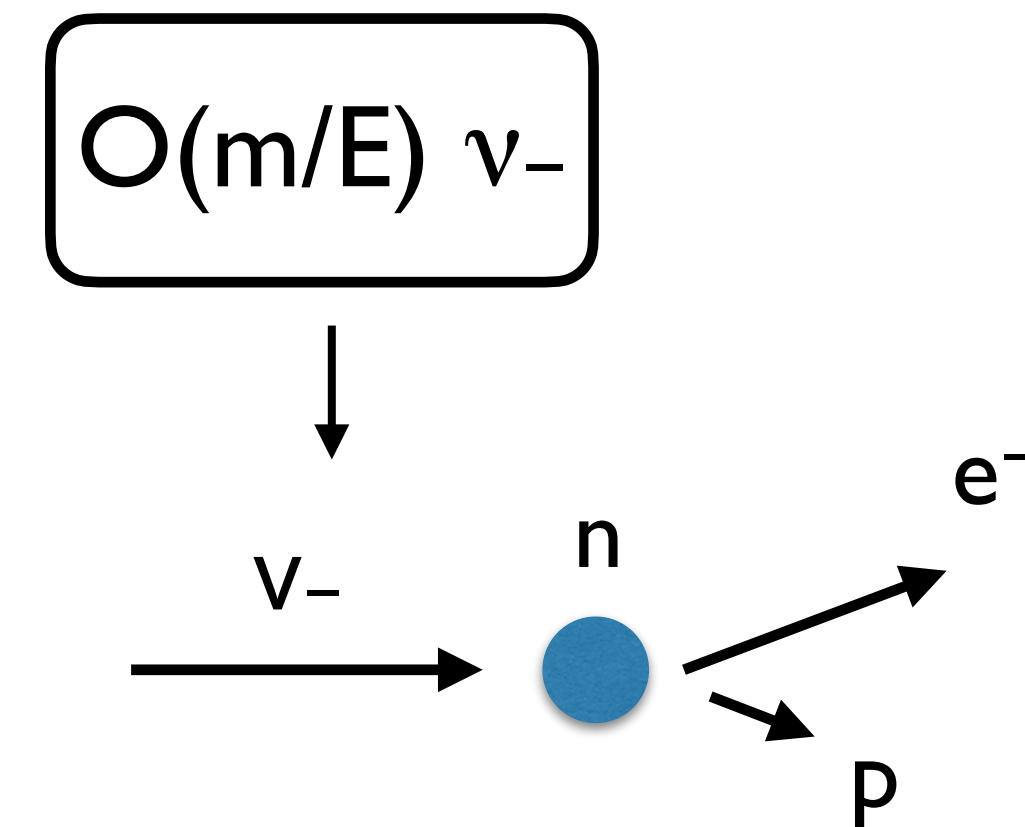
Always behaves as an 'antimatter particle' (produces e^+)

Massive ν 's and weak interactions

Effect of V-A chiral structure on Majorana neutrinos



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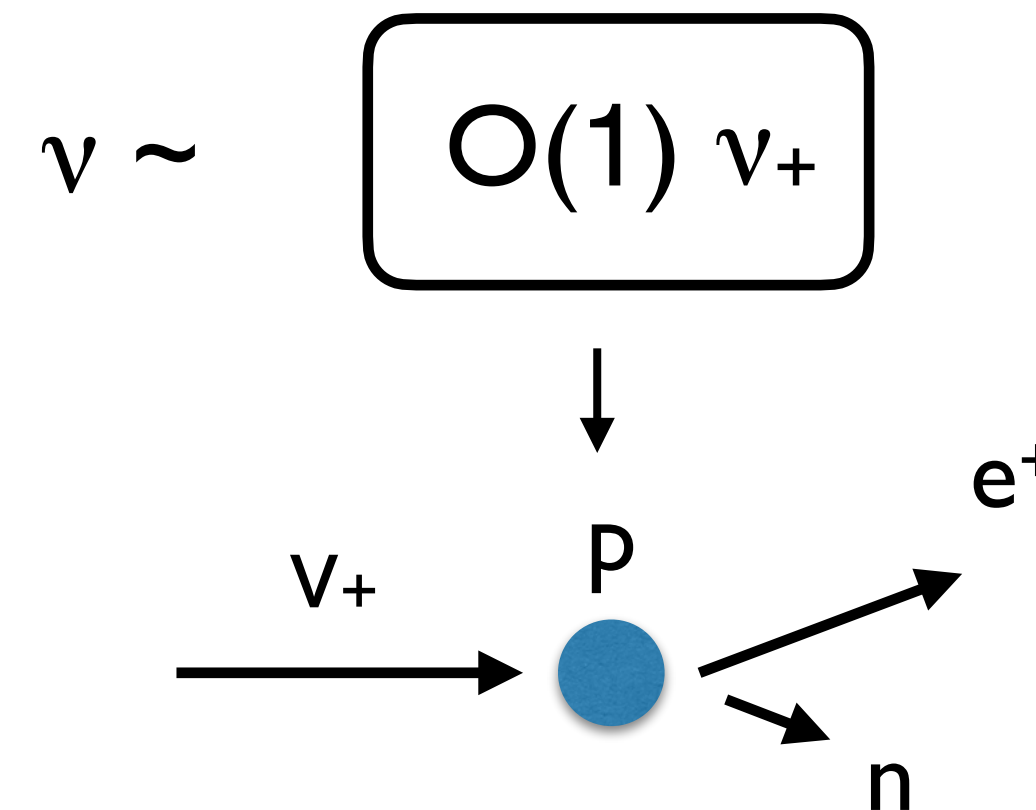
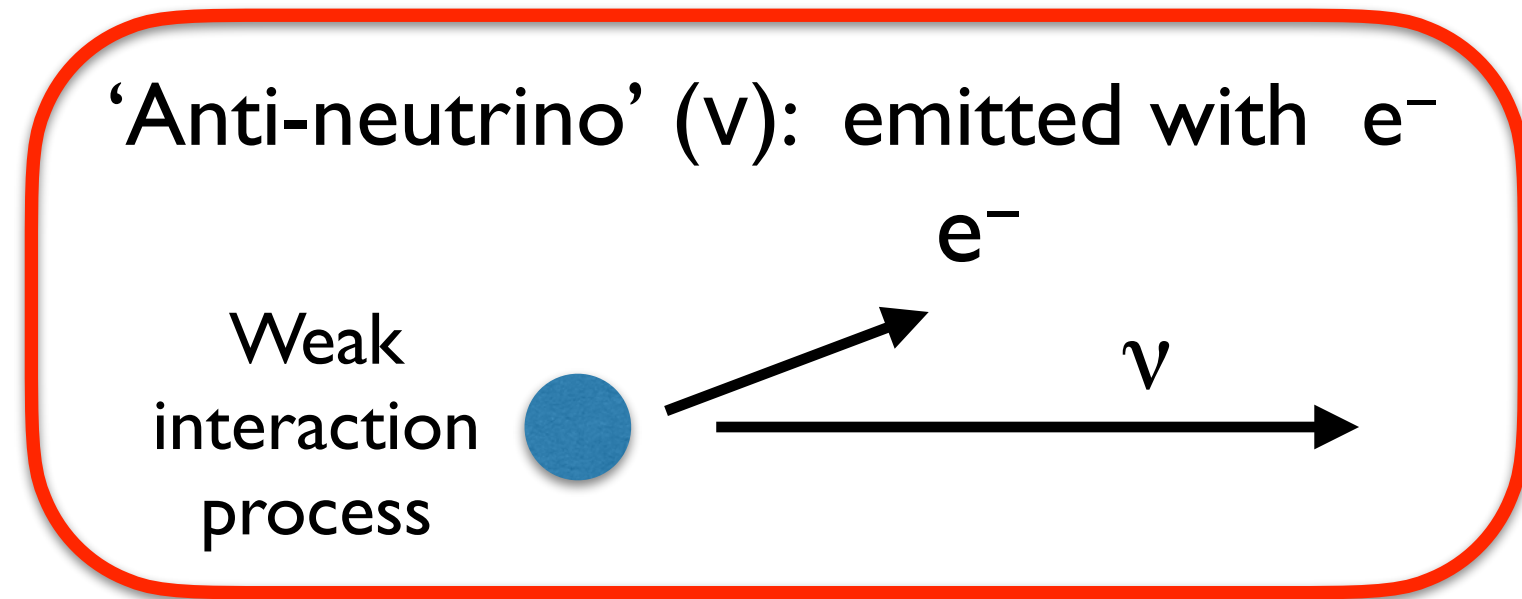
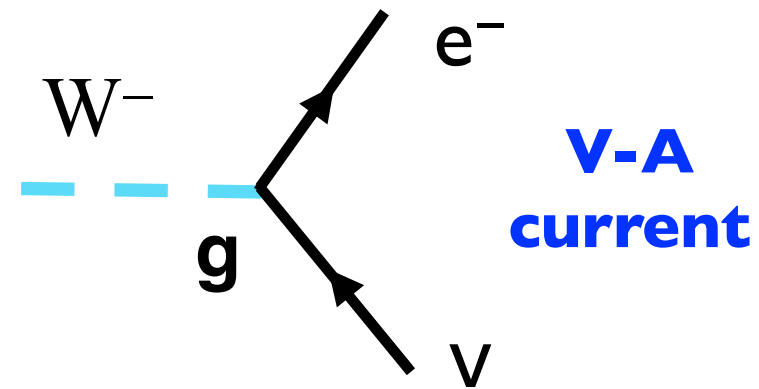


Behaves as a 'matter particle'

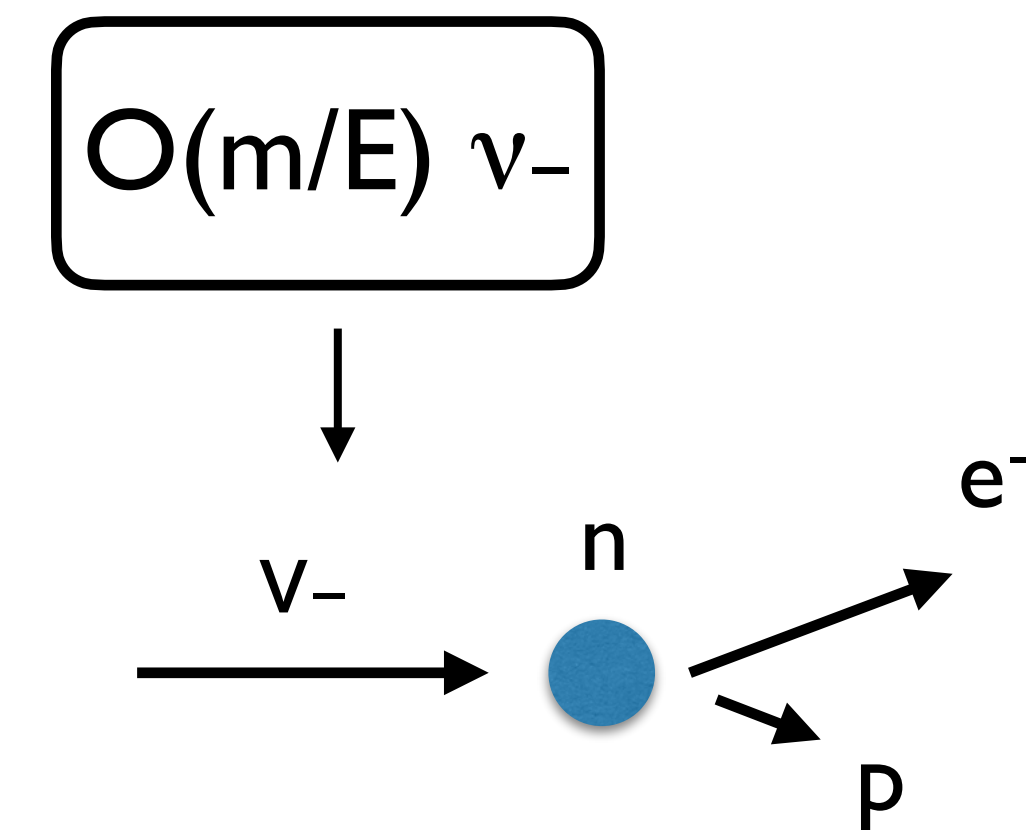
There is no additional m/E suppression in the weak vertex

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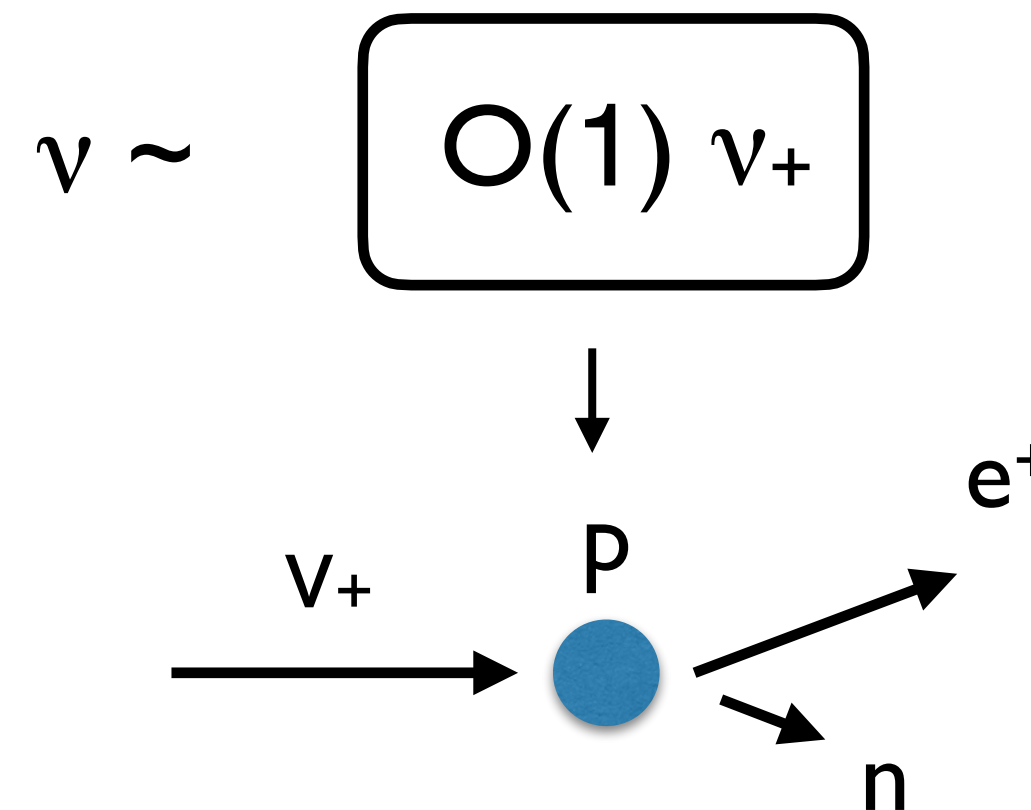
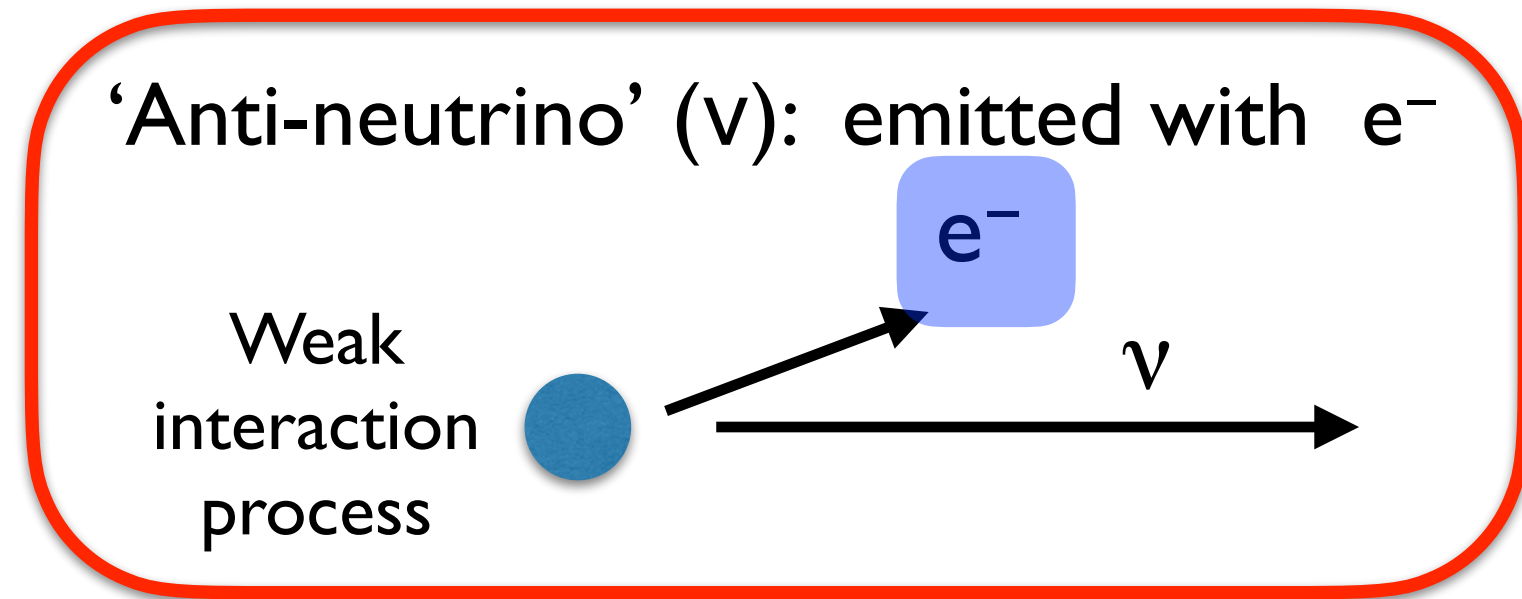
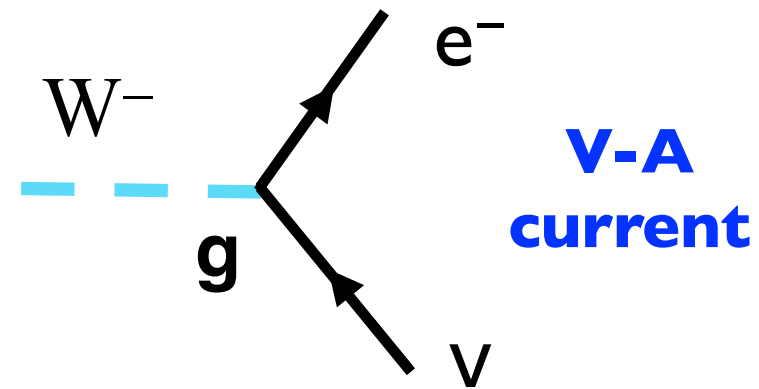
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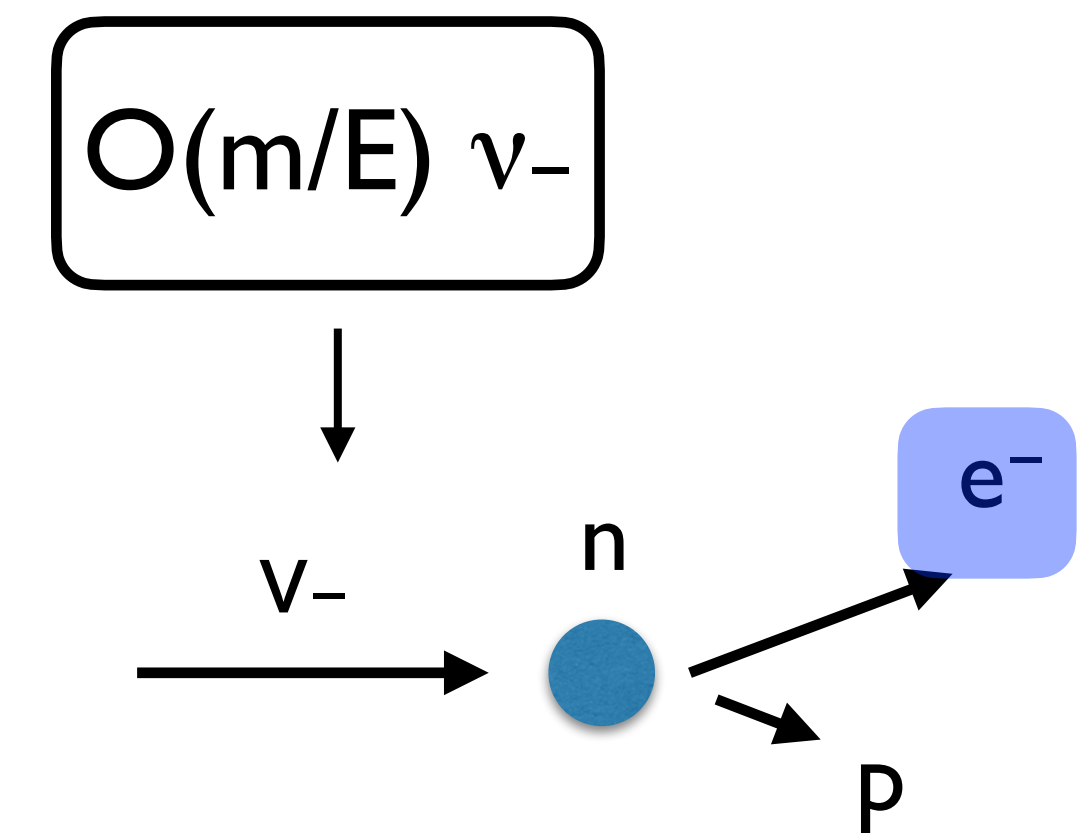
For $m \neq 0$ the distinction between Dirac and Majorana matters. The Majorana option blurs the notion of matter and antimatter!

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To detect the Majorana signature ($2e^-$ in final state, $\Delta L=2$) need to overcome the m/E factor

Non-relativistic neutrinos

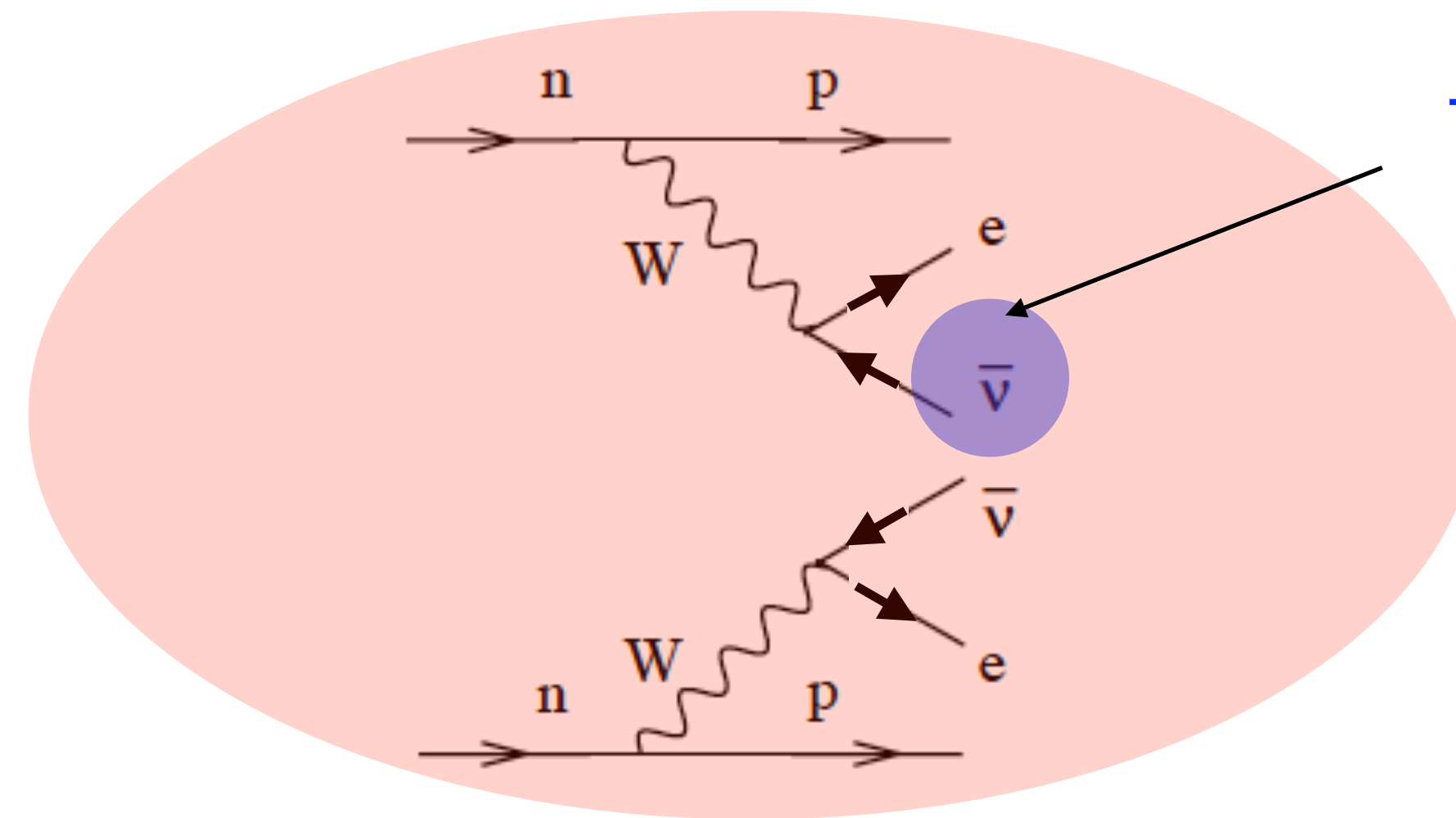
Avogadro's number: double beta decay!

$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay is the arbiter

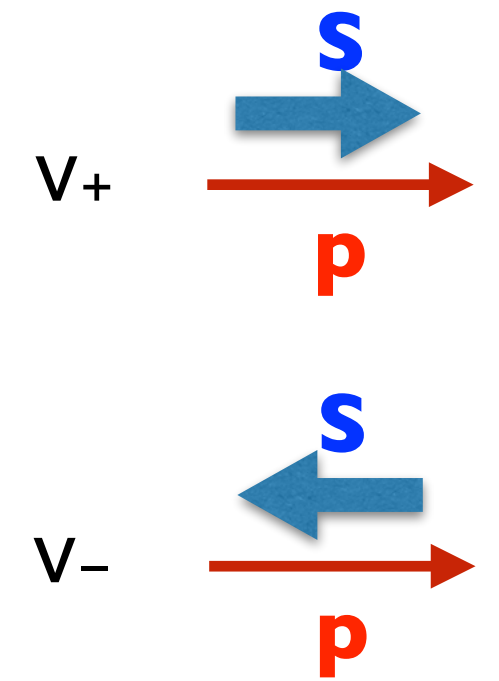
- If neutrinos are Majorana particles, a *virtual anti-neutrino* can convert into a neutrino and mediate $0\nu\beta\beta$



W. H. Furry, 1939



This is just $\nu_+ + O(m/E) \nu_-$

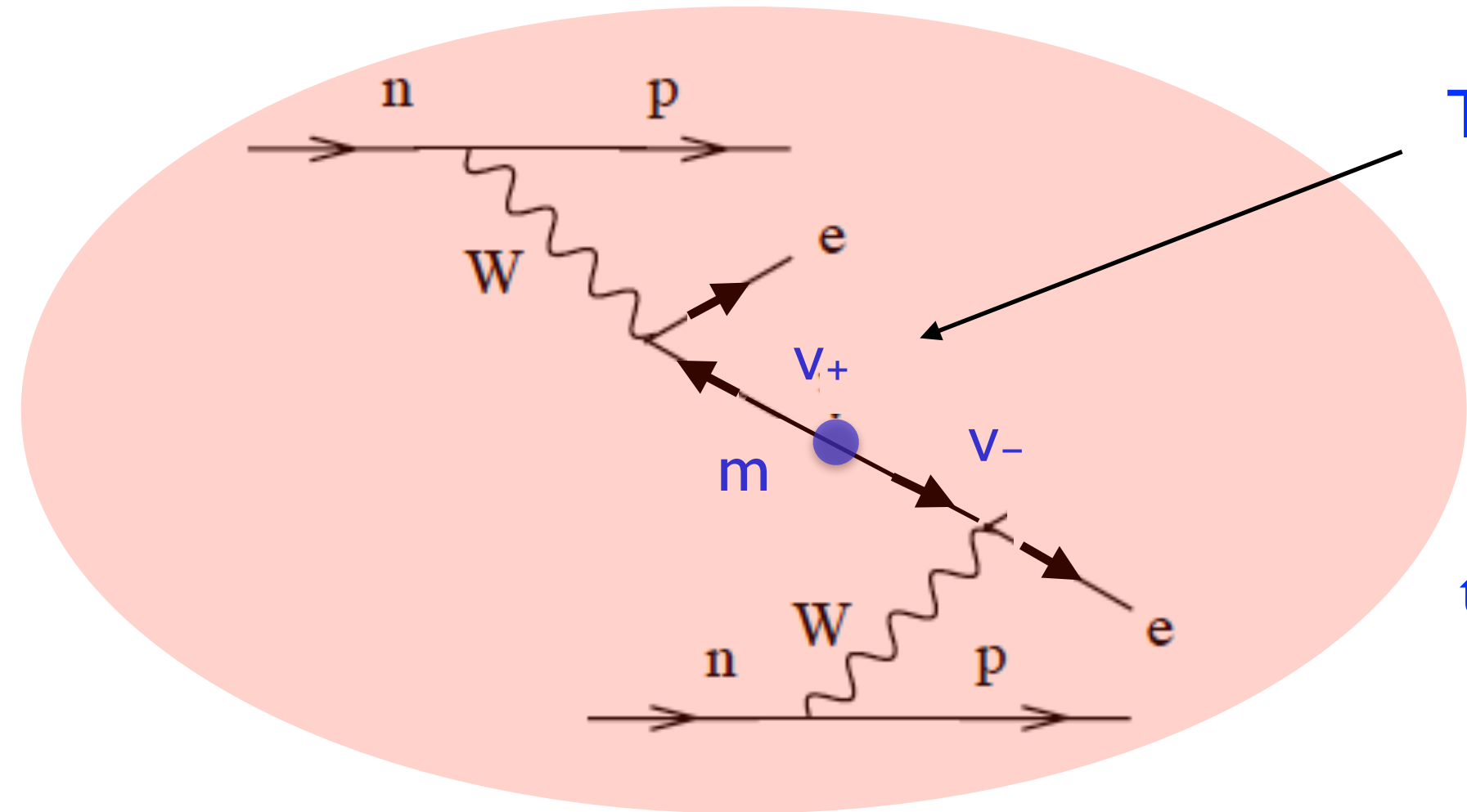


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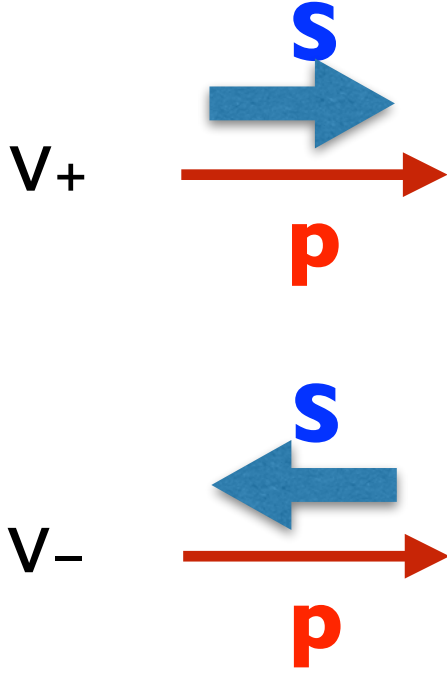


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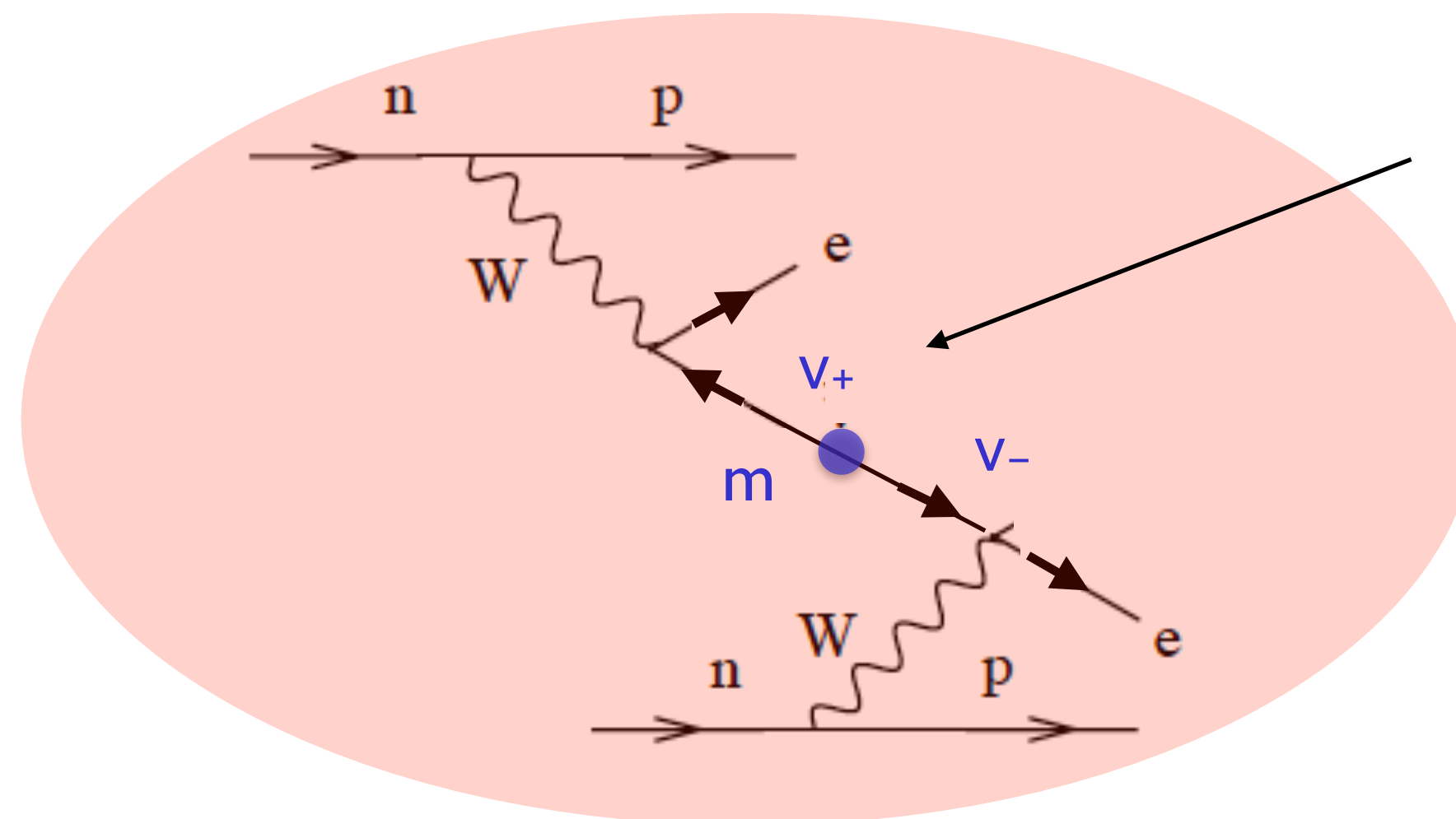


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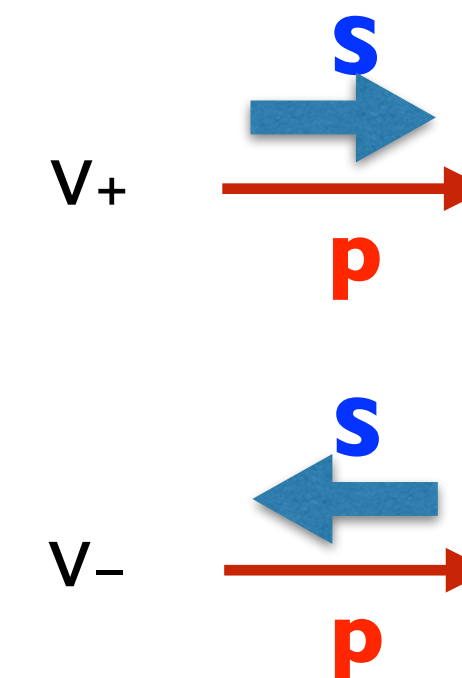


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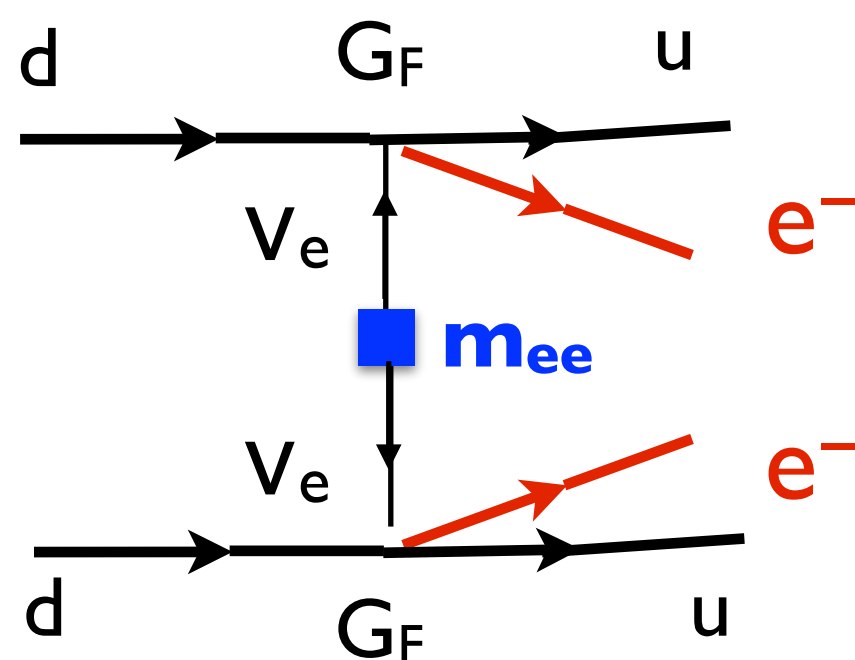


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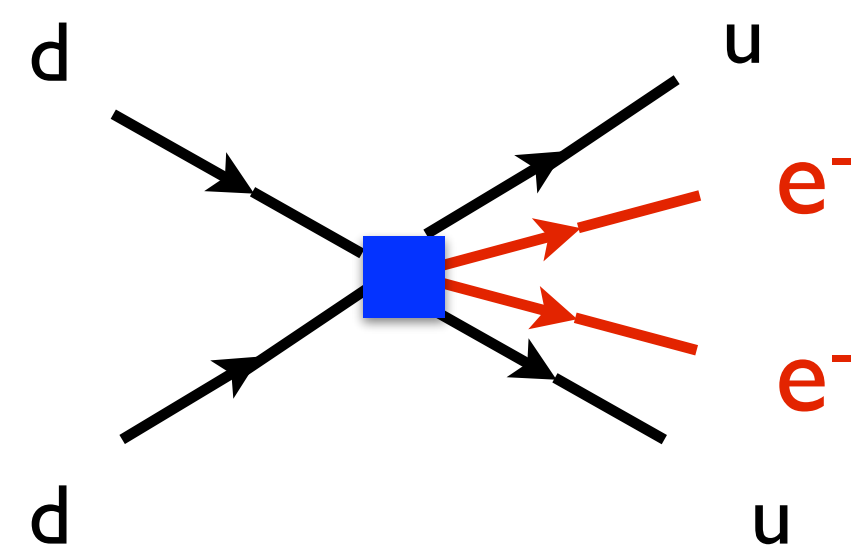
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- Key point: **in 0νββ Lepton Number changes by two units.** Exchange of light ν_M is just one possible mechanism



but also



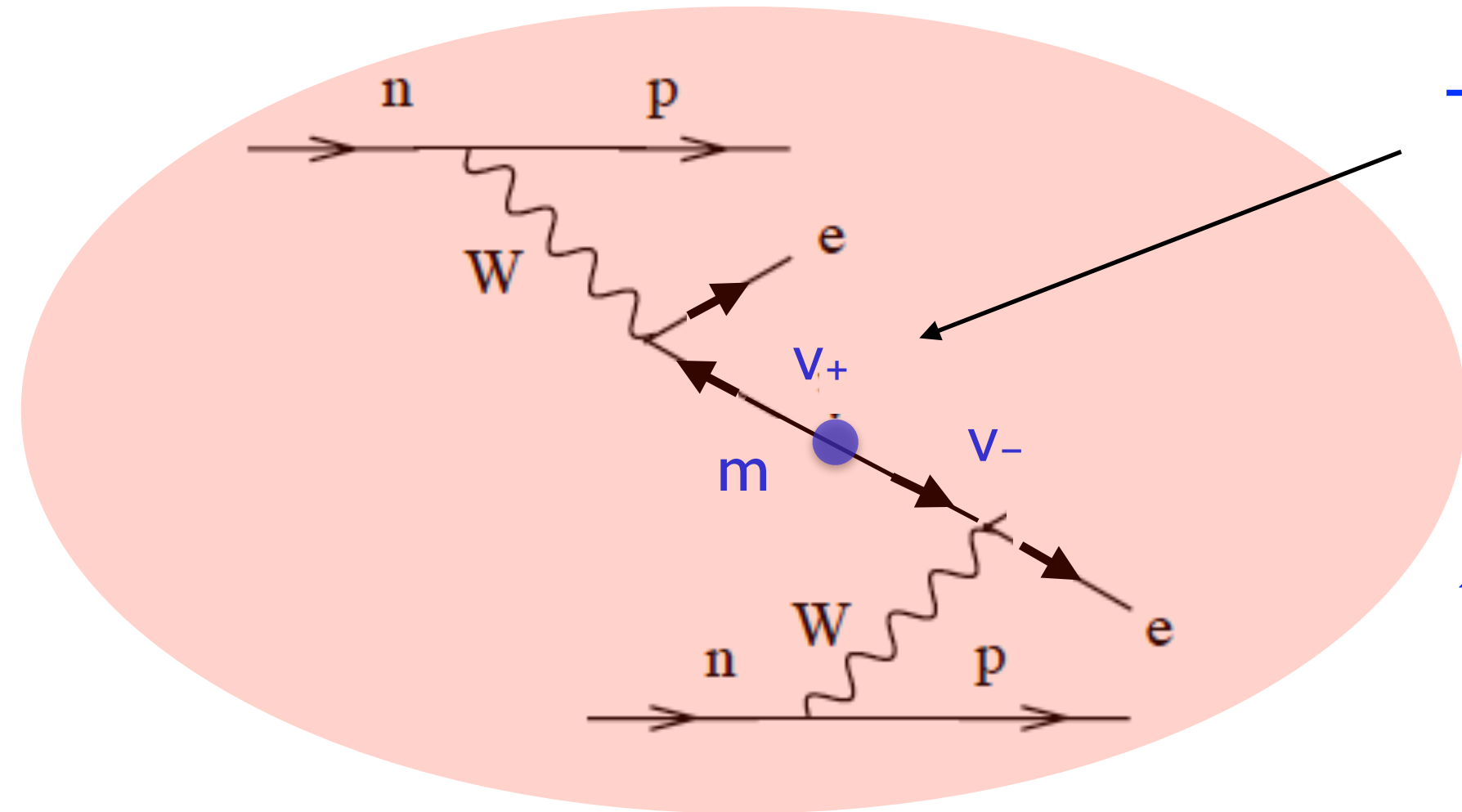
Exchange of heavier neutrinos or other Majorana particles. At low-energy induce six-fermion operator $\sim 1/\Lambda^5$

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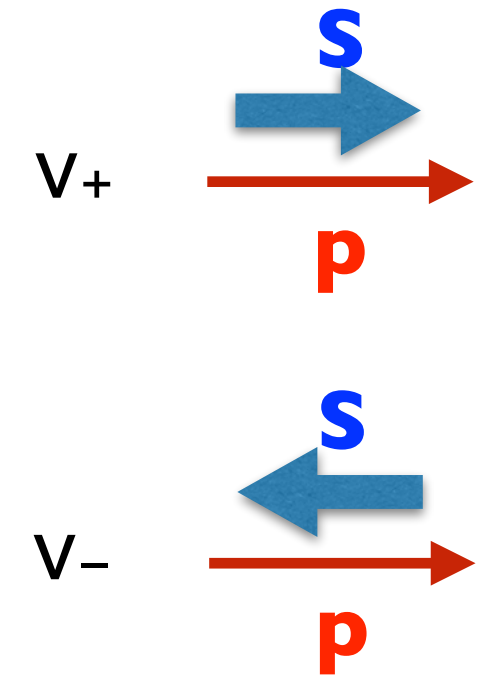


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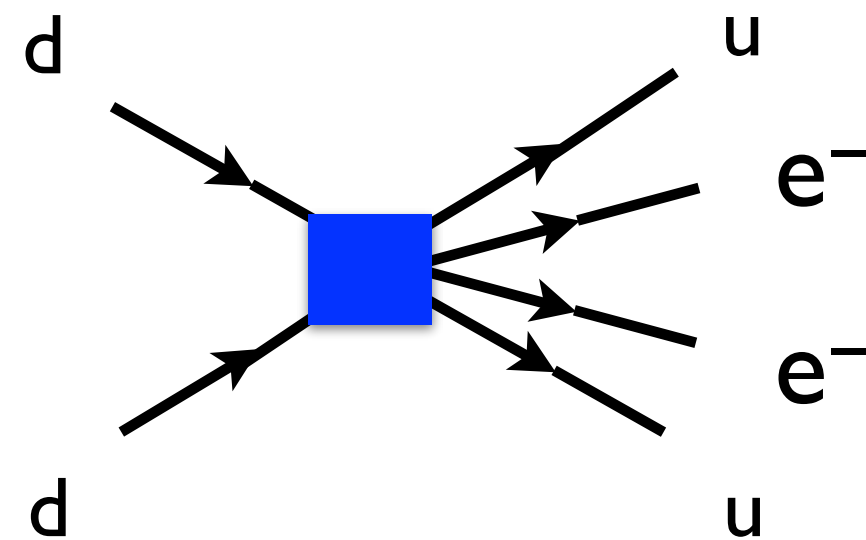


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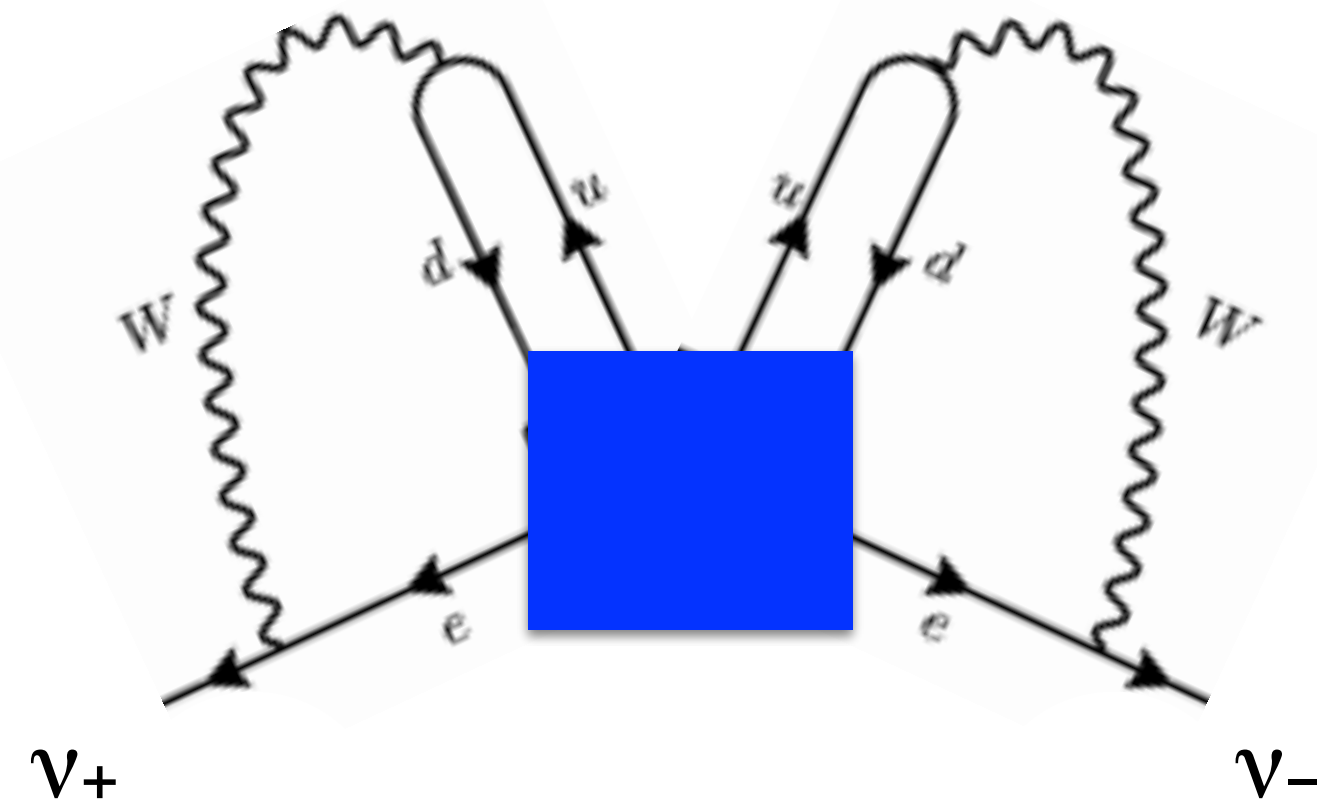
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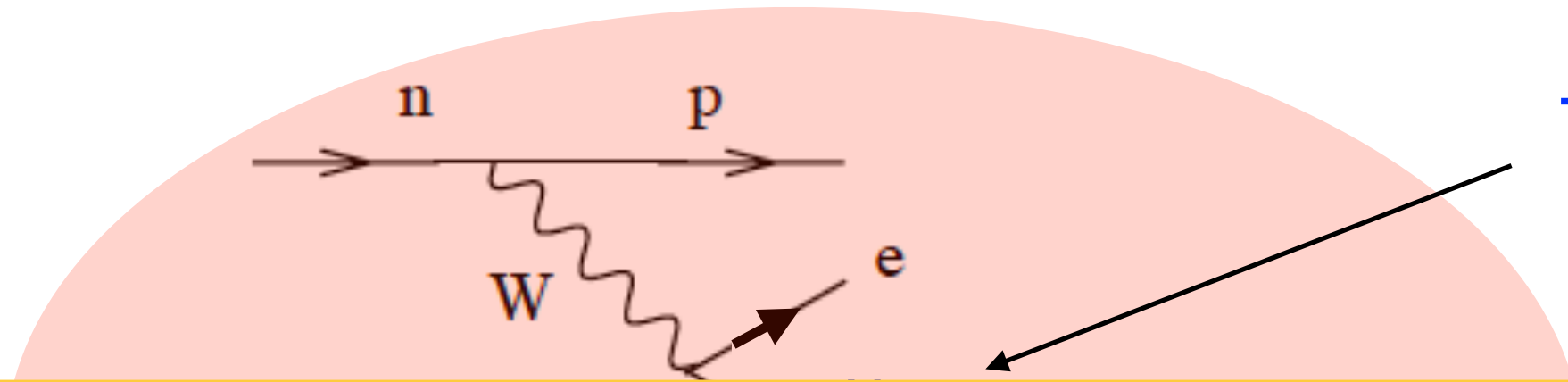
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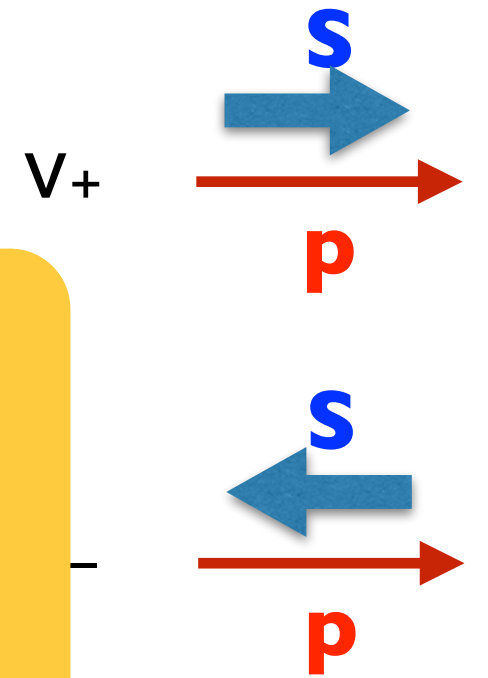
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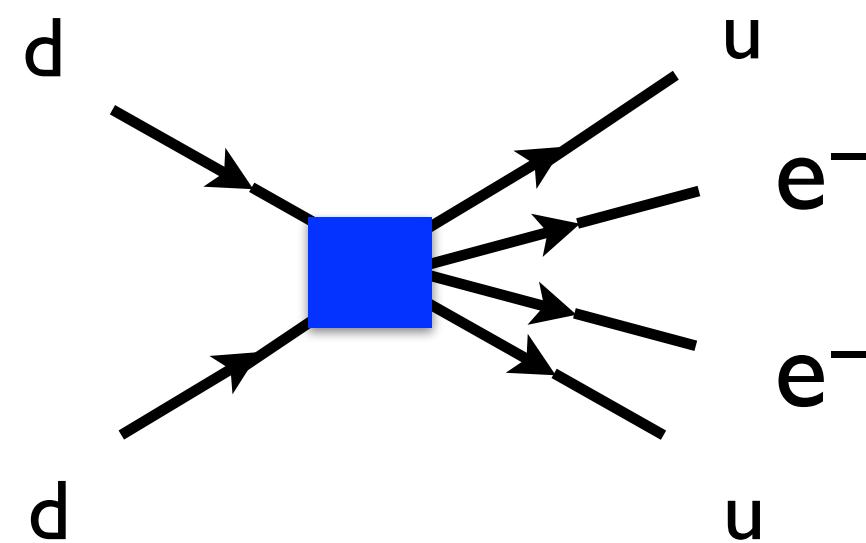
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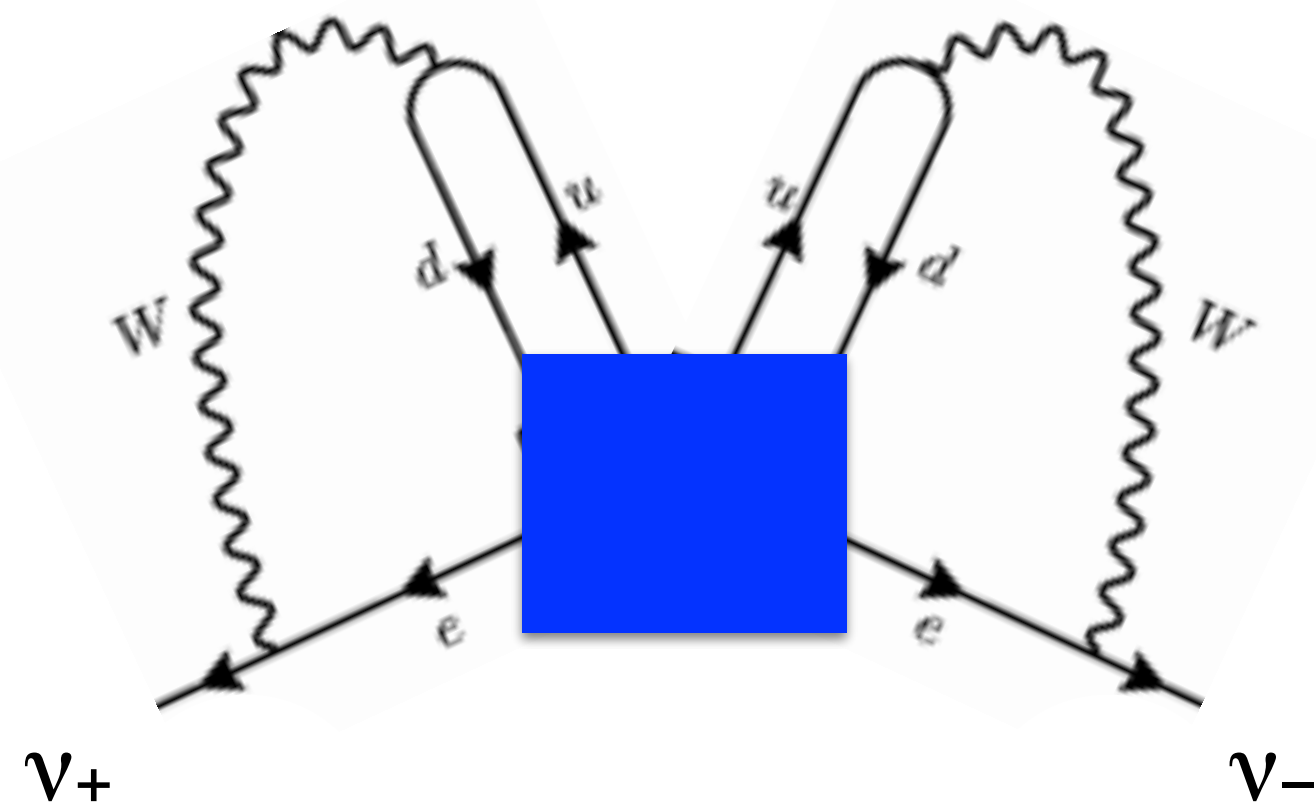
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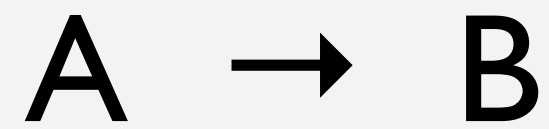


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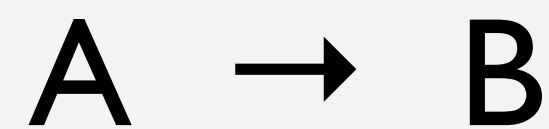
$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay and the baryon asymmetry

Recall Sakharov's conditions

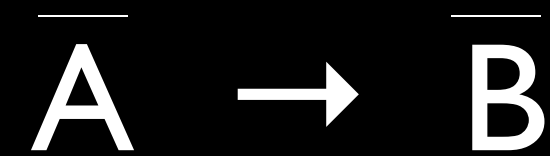
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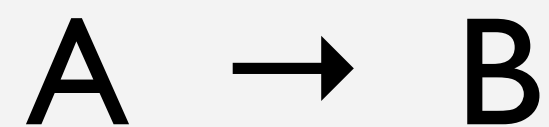
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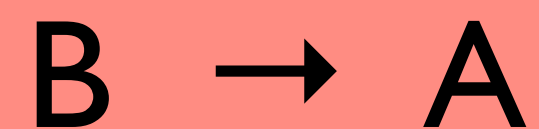
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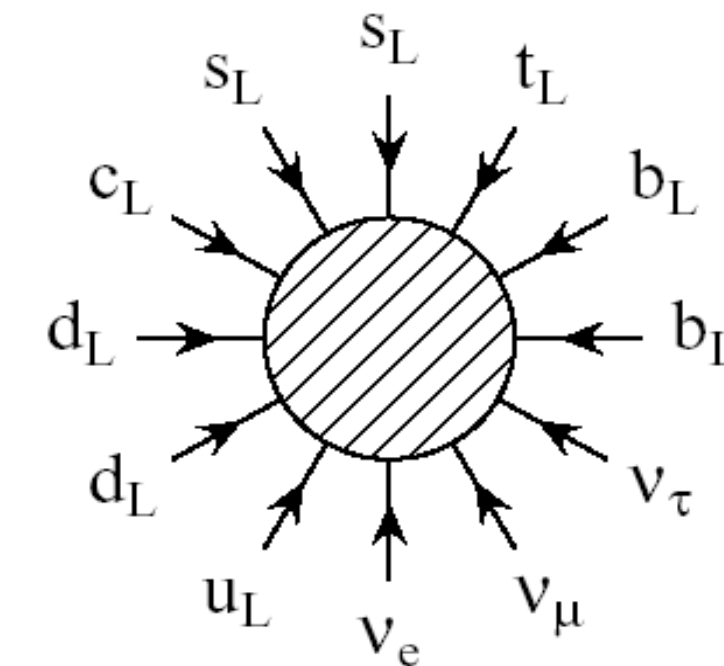


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- $0\nu\beta\beta$ addresses the first condition: $\Delta L=2$

*Electroweak anomalous processes (fast at high T)
convert L into B ($\Delta L = \Delta B = 3$)
Only B-L is exactly conserved in the SM*

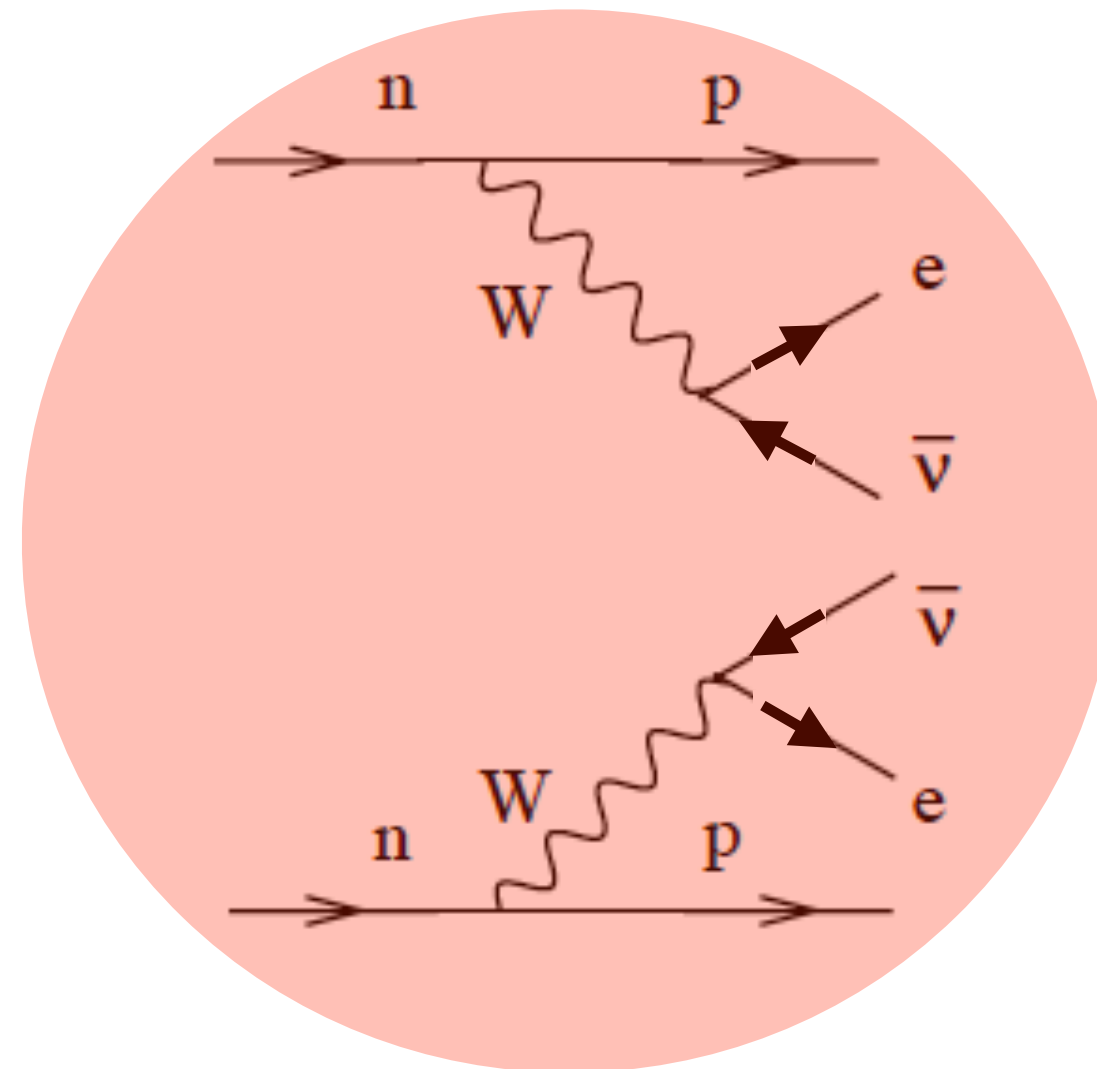
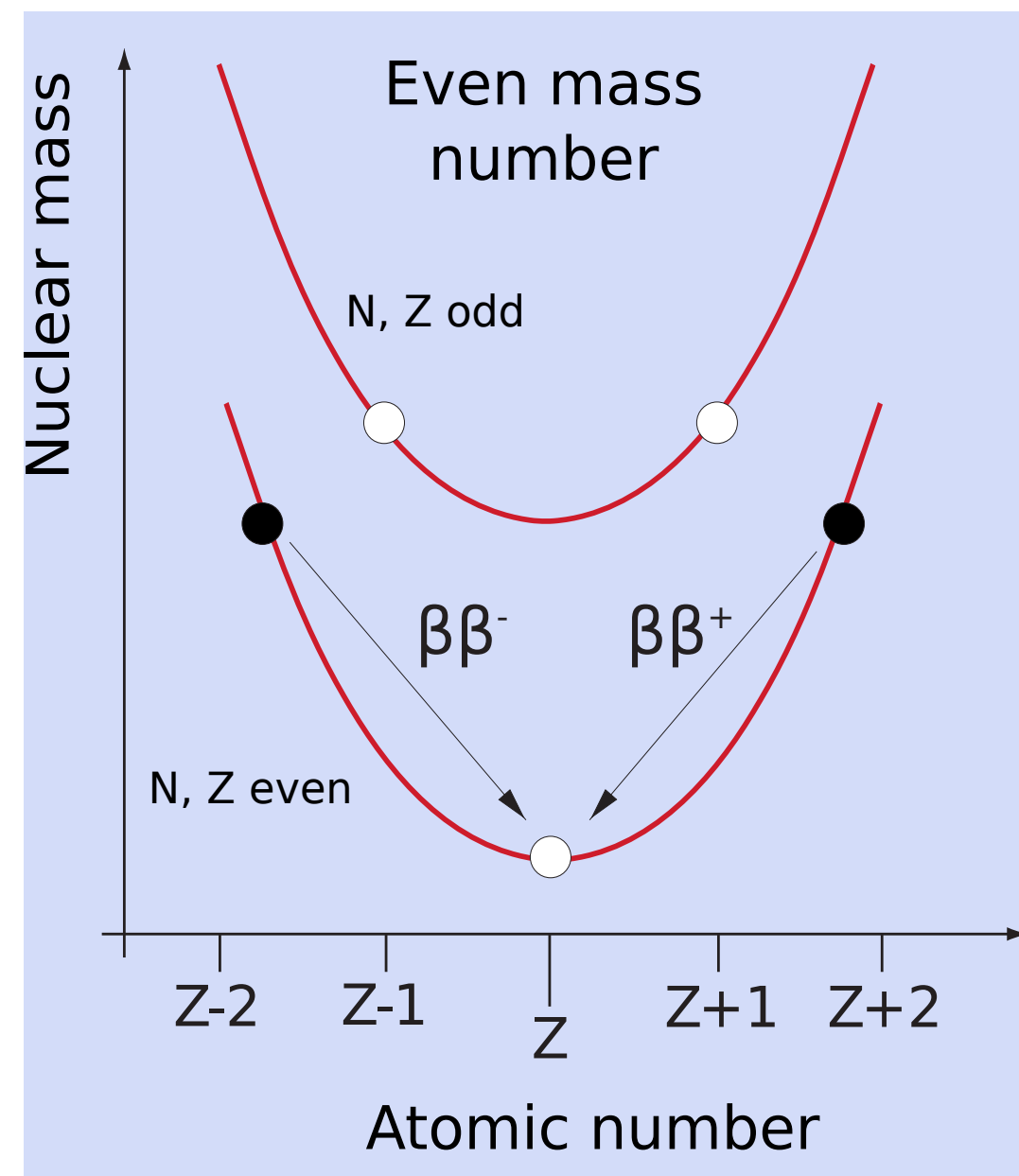


- Explicit models of Majorana neutrino mass satisfy the other two conditions \rightarrow **baryogenesis via leptogenesis**

Fukugita-Yanagida 1987

Searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

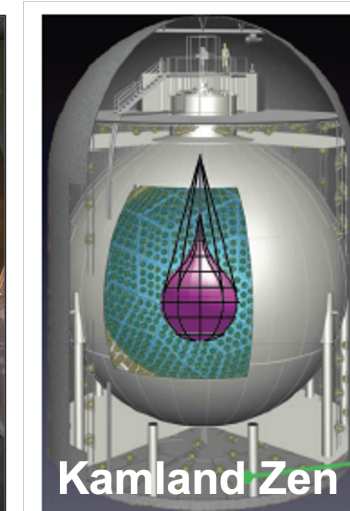
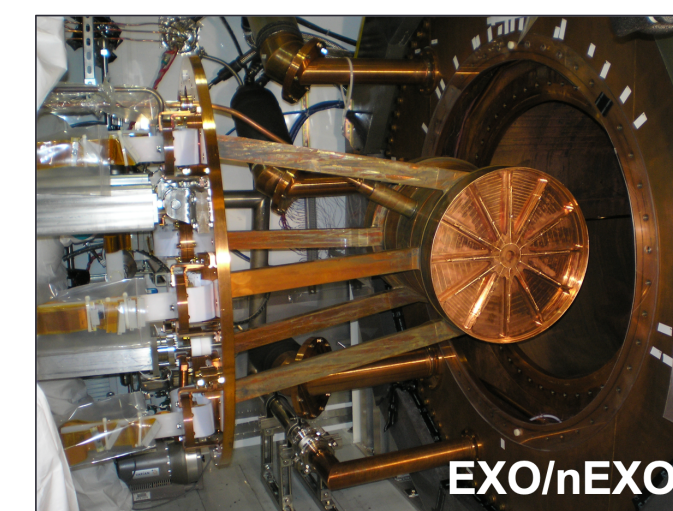
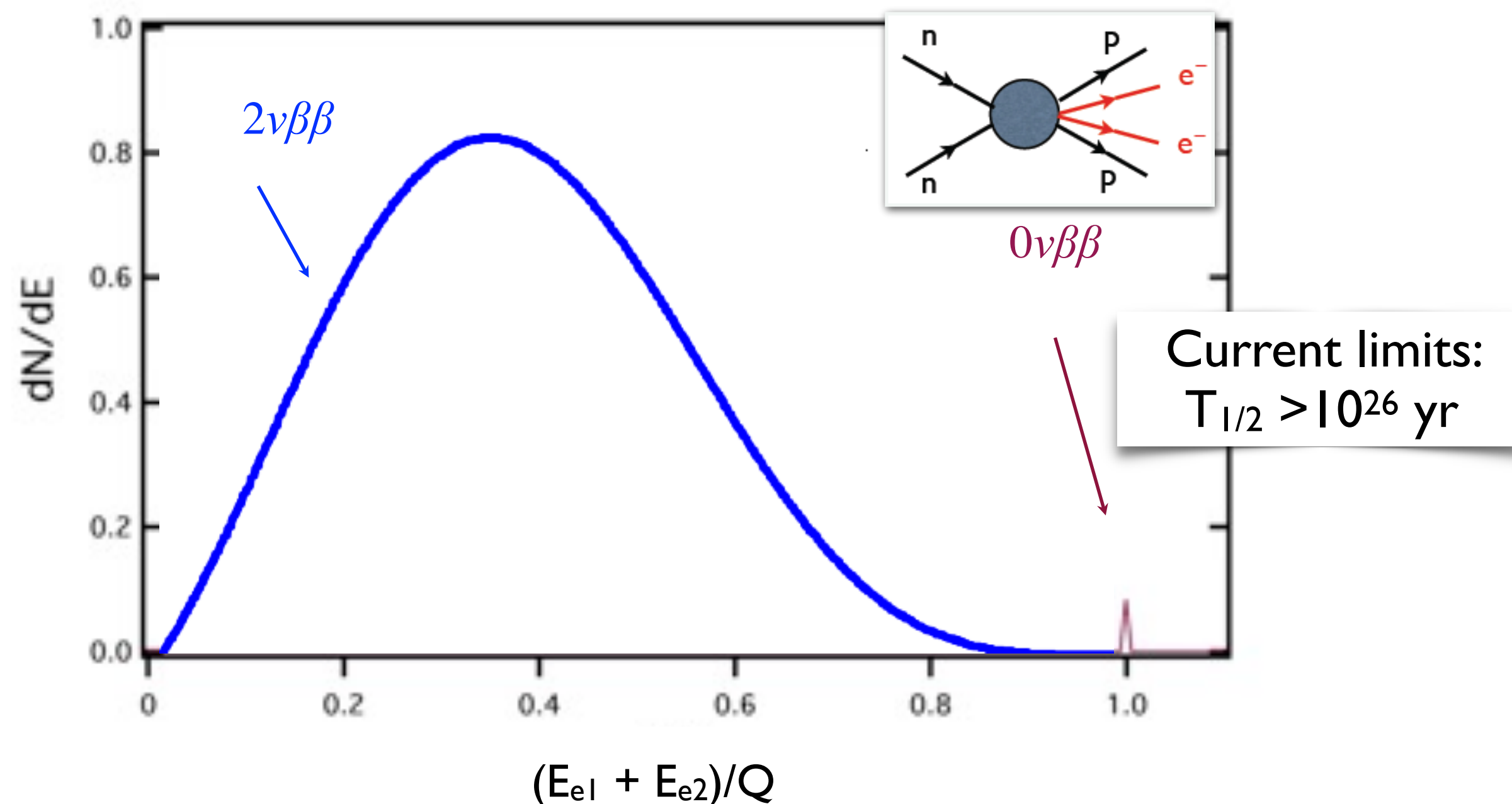
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M. Goppert Mayer, 1935

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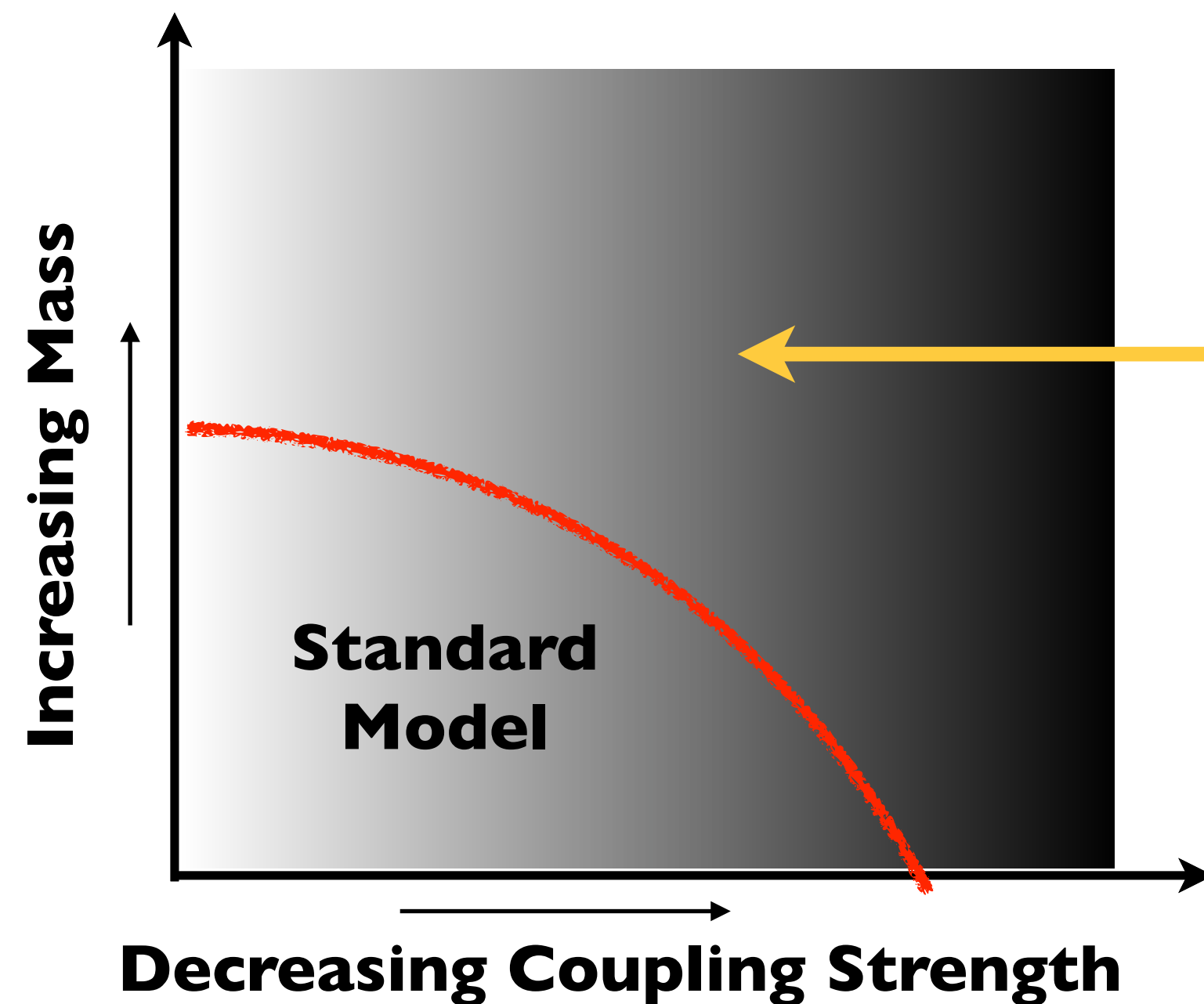
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- Several “ton-scale” experiments with different isotopes and technologies are searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$, with sensitivity up to $T_{1/2} \sim 10^{28}$ yr, which is $\sim 10^{18}$ times the age of the universe!



Discovery potential of
 $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay at the 'ton scale'

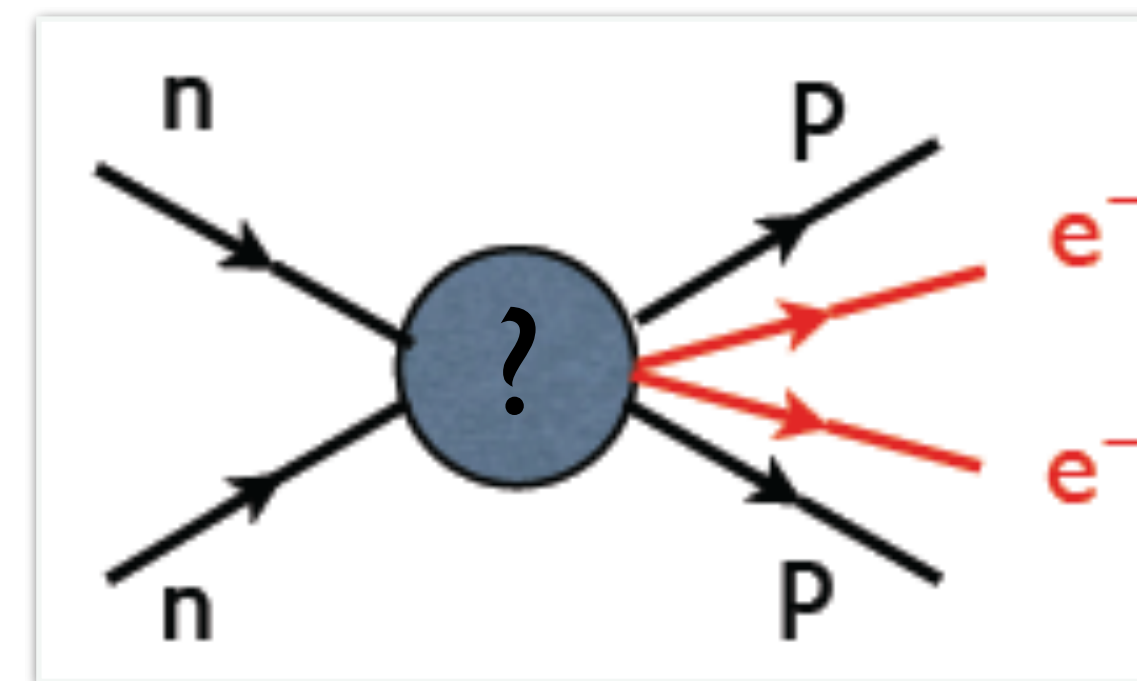
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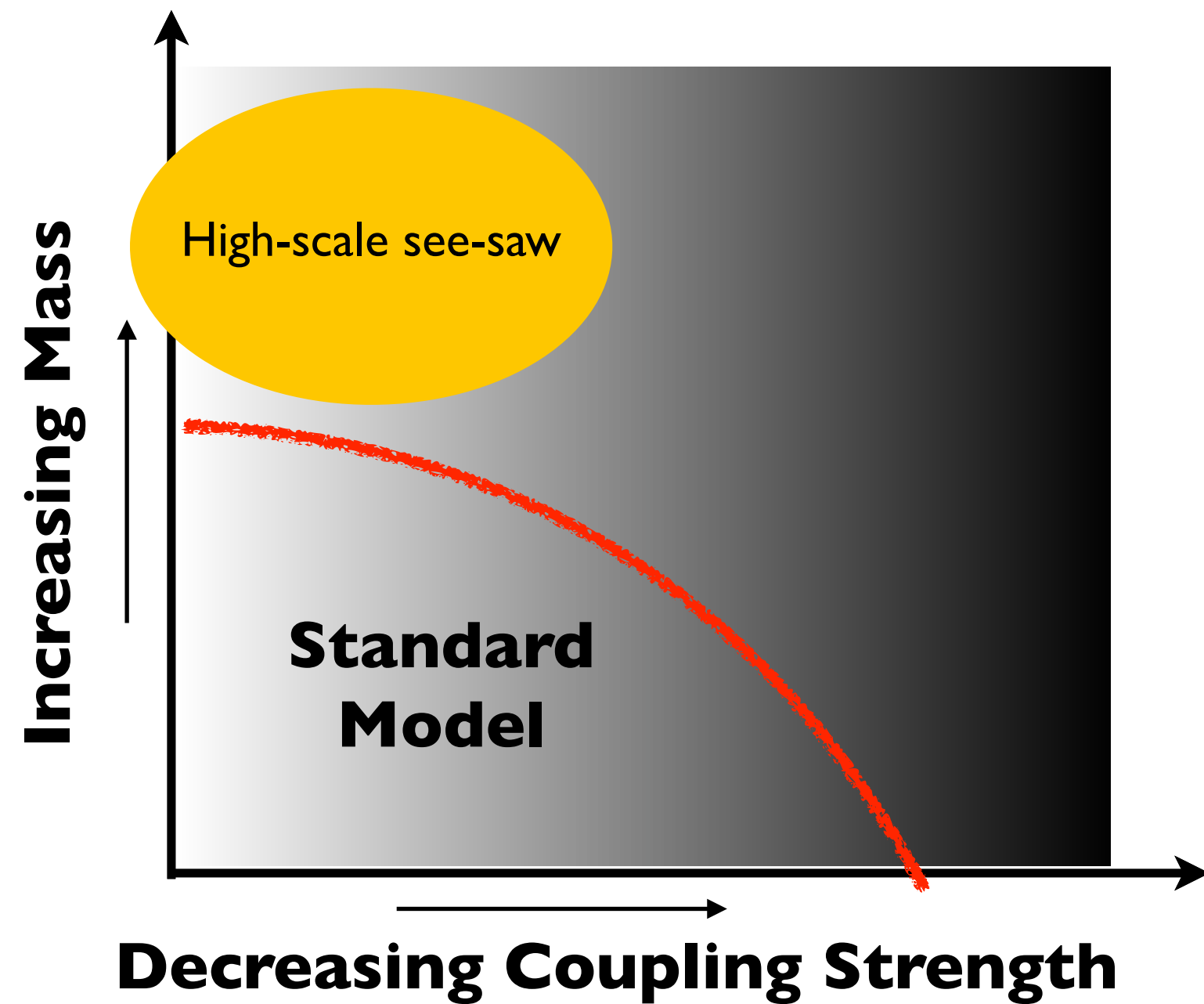
Somewhere out here there must be new physics responsible for neutrino masses

If the neutrino mass is of Majorana type, most of this uncharted territory can be explored only by $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

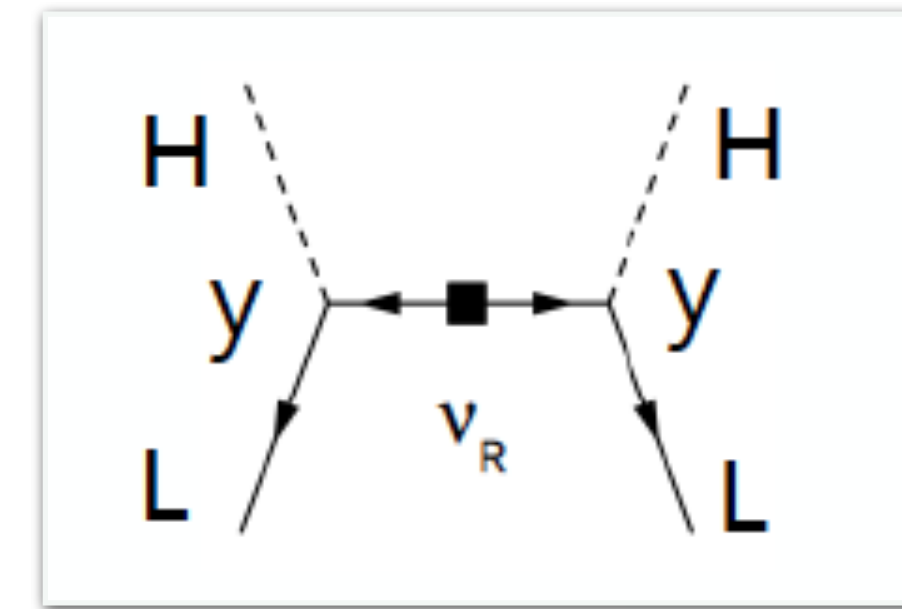


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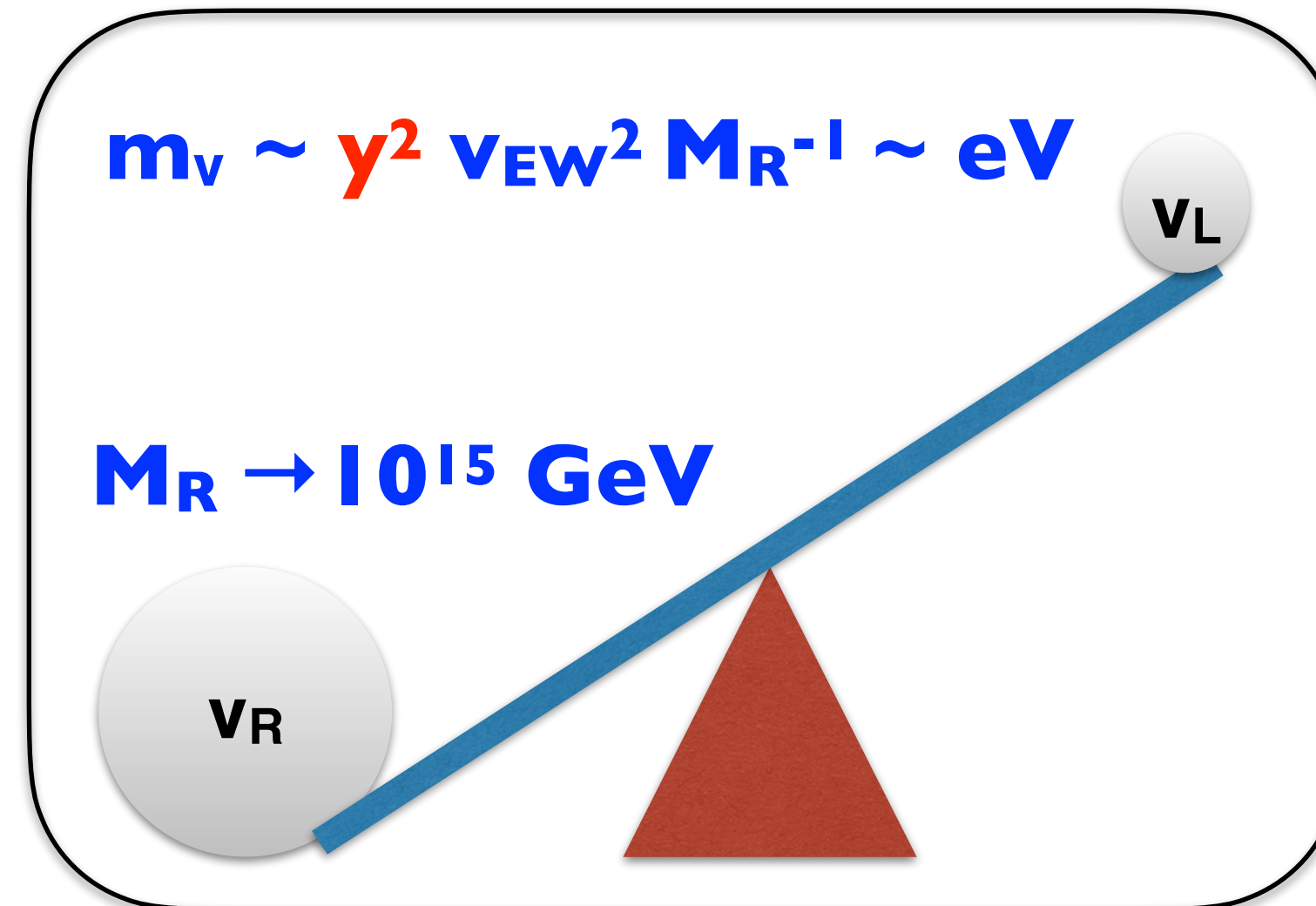
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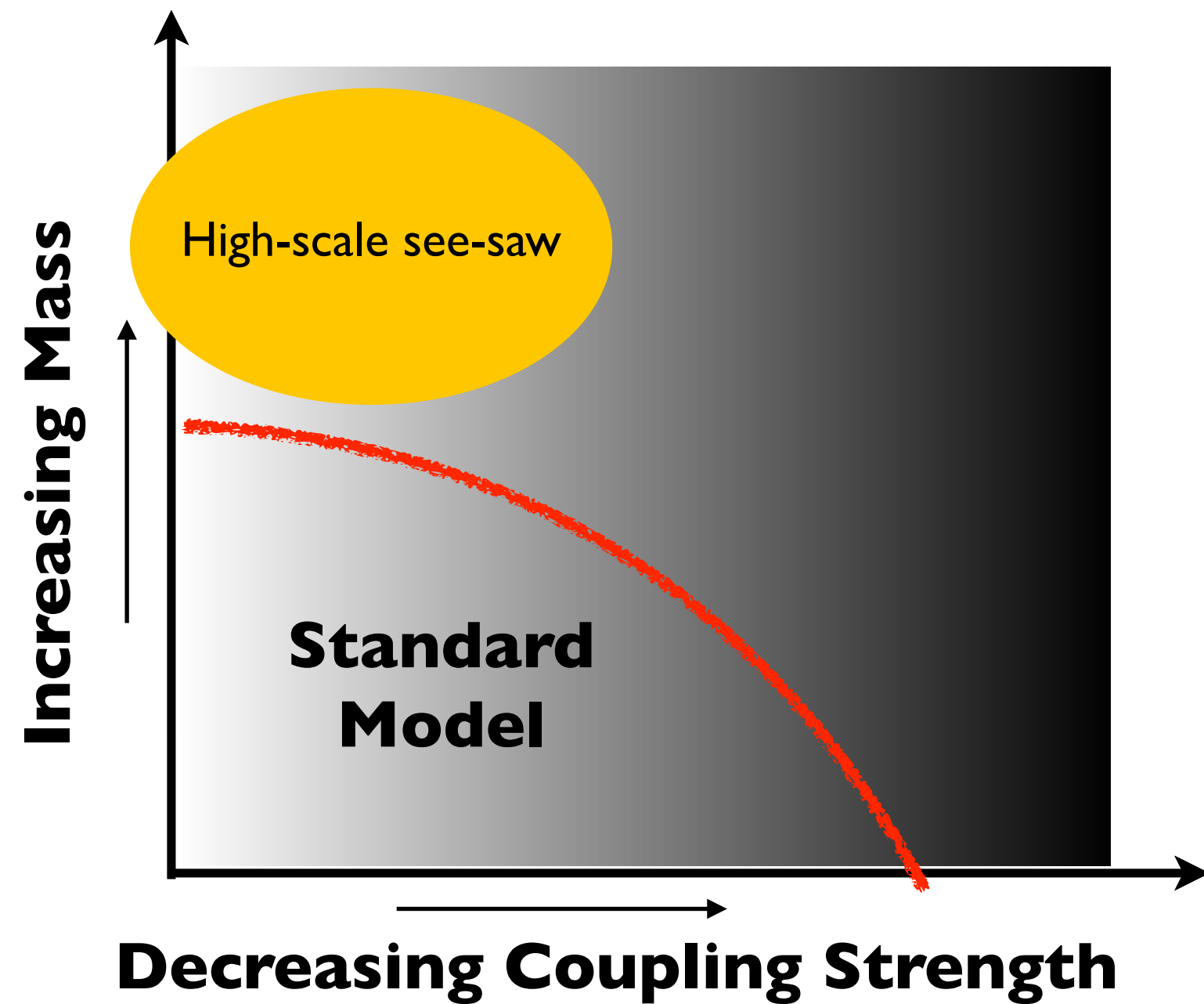


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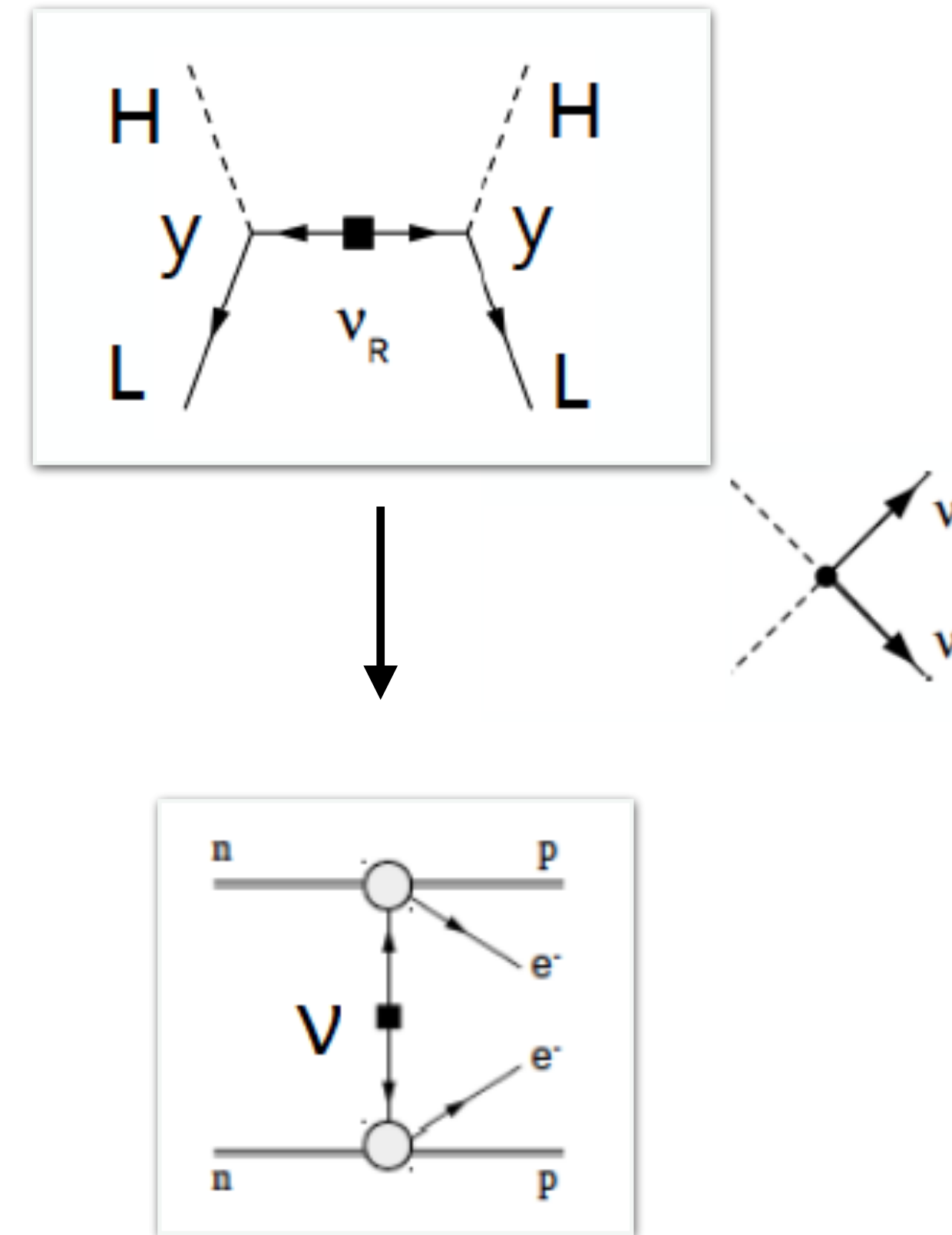


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Only low-E remnant of LNV is the
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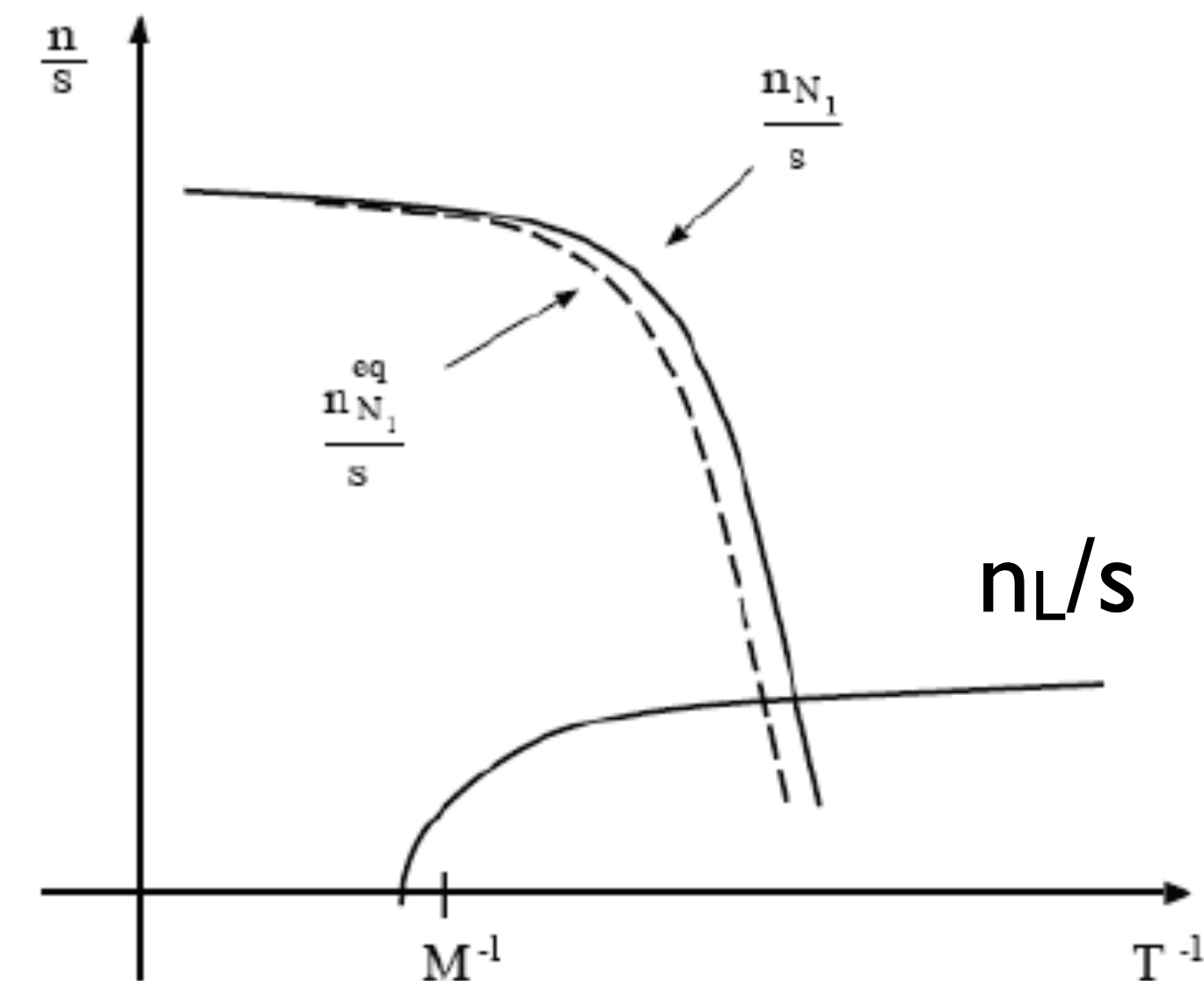
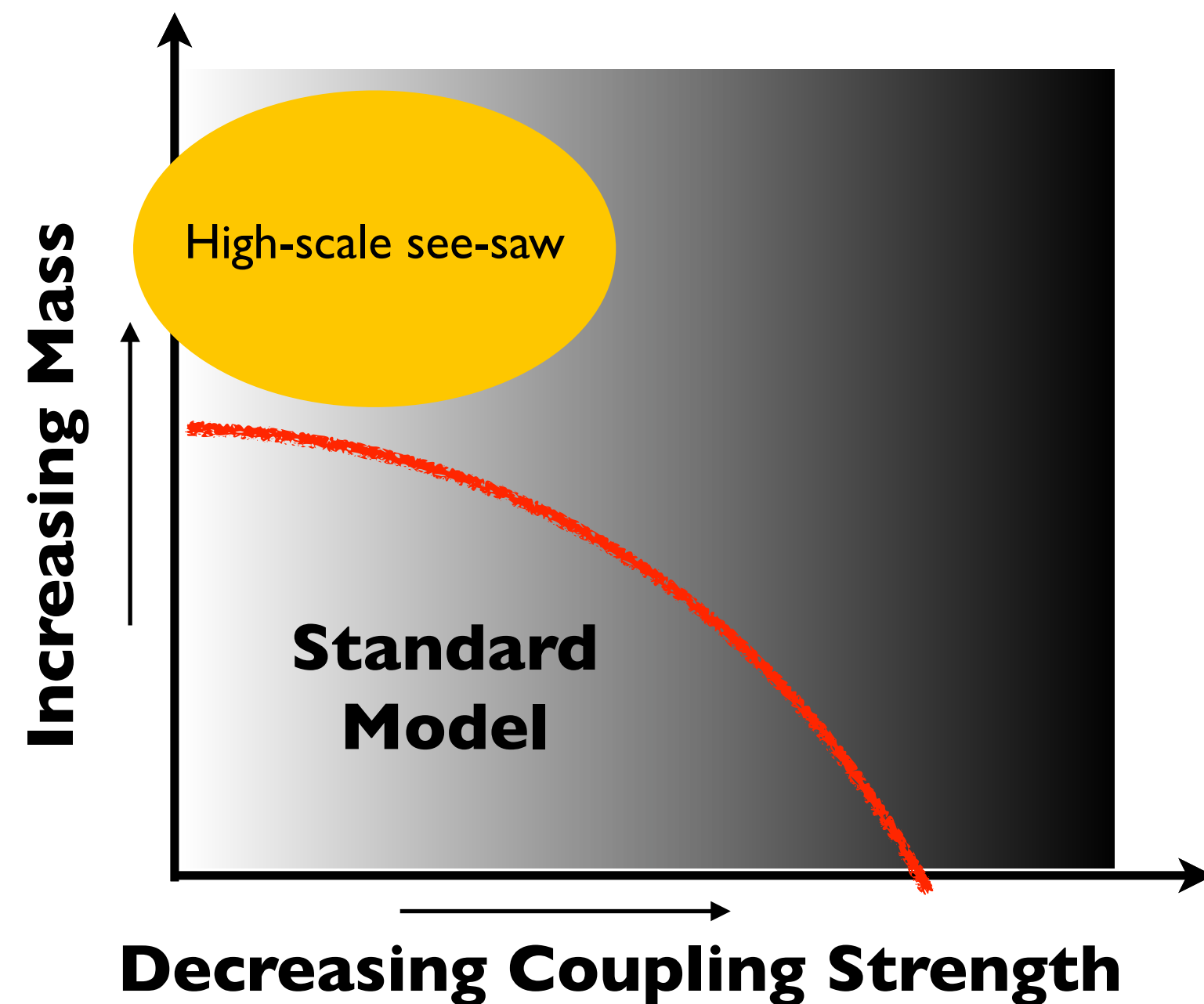
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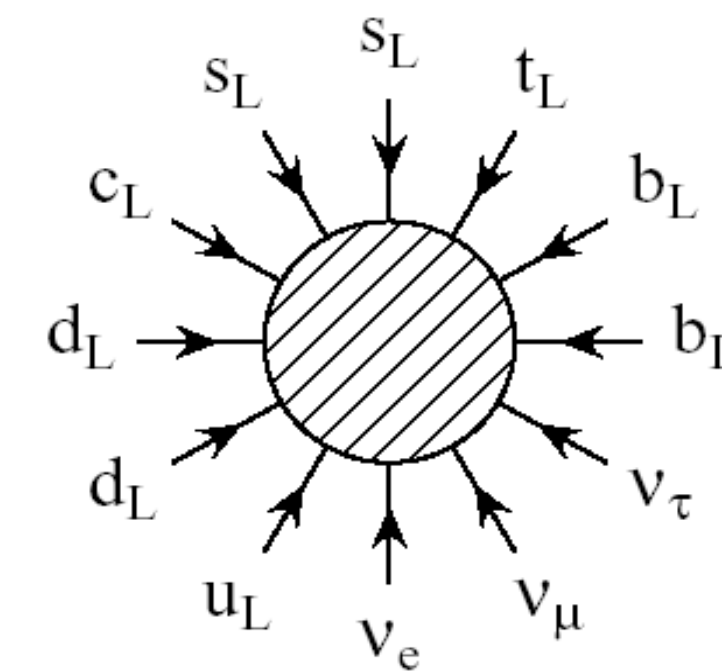
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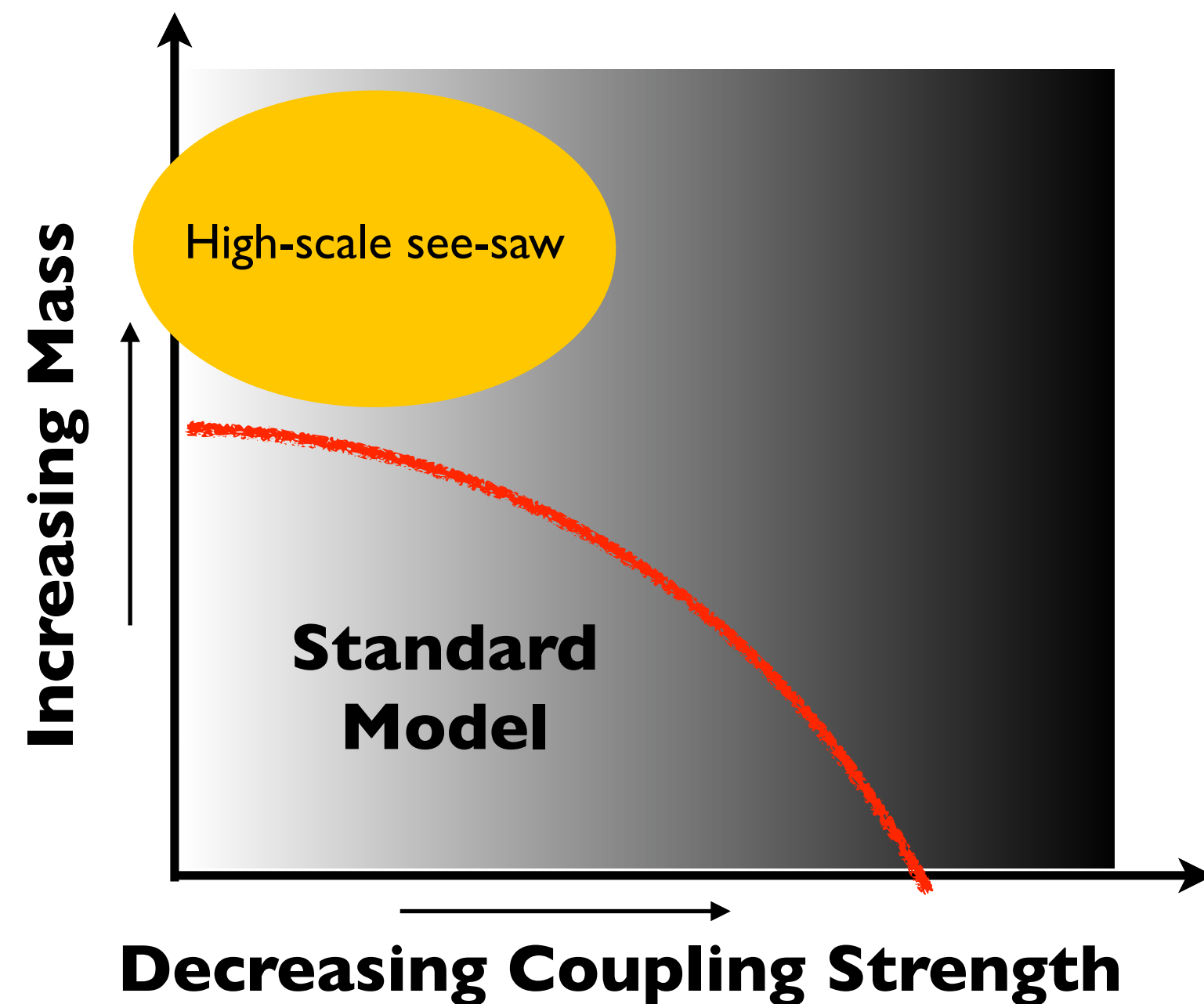
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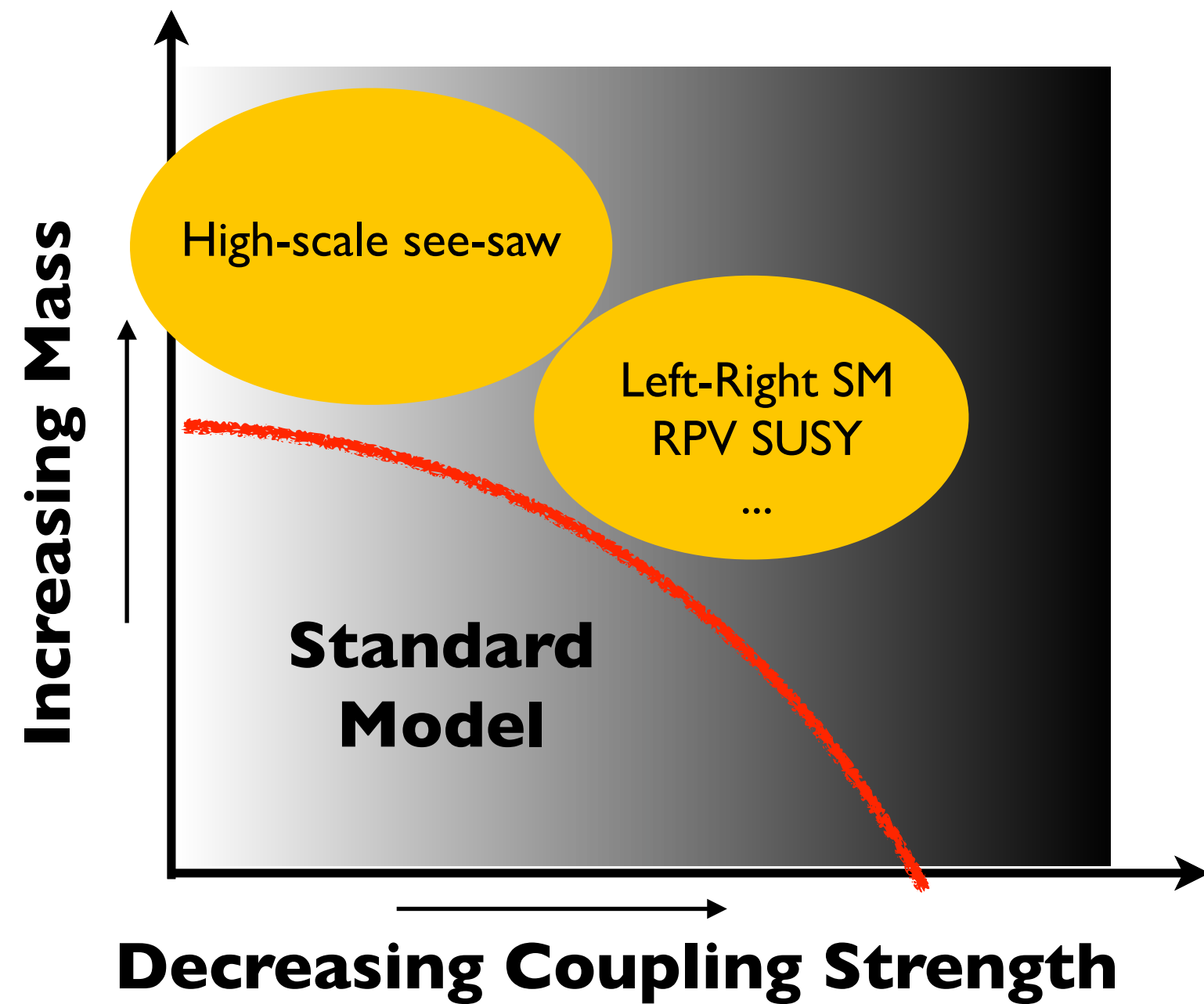


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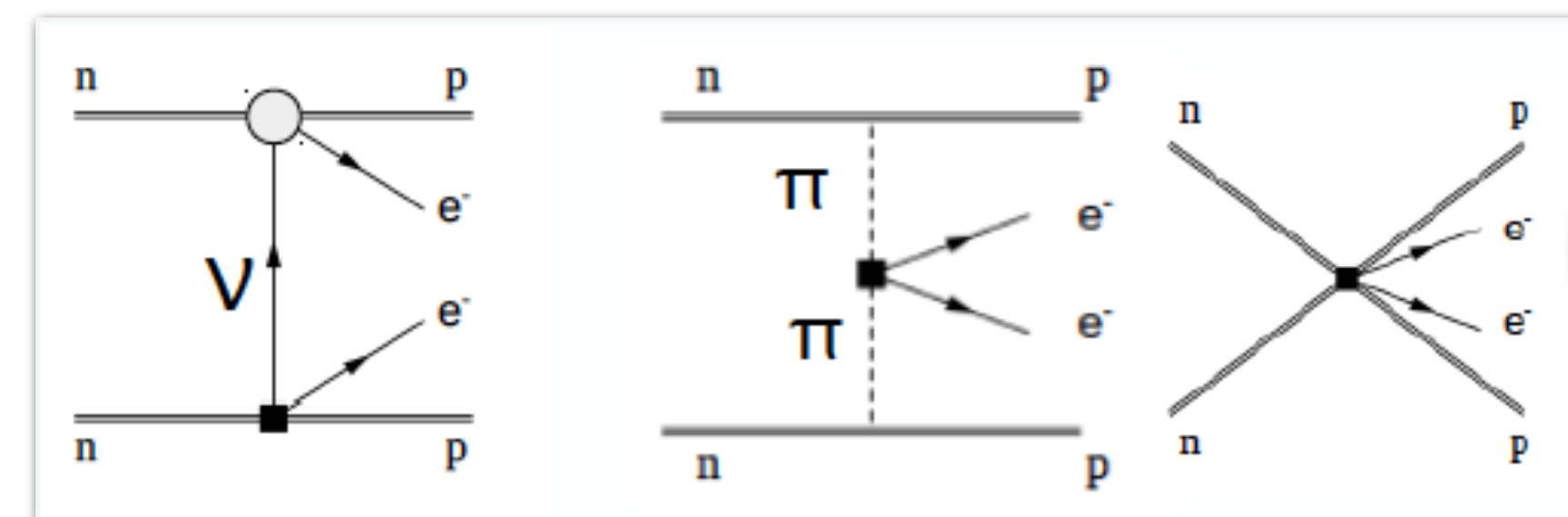
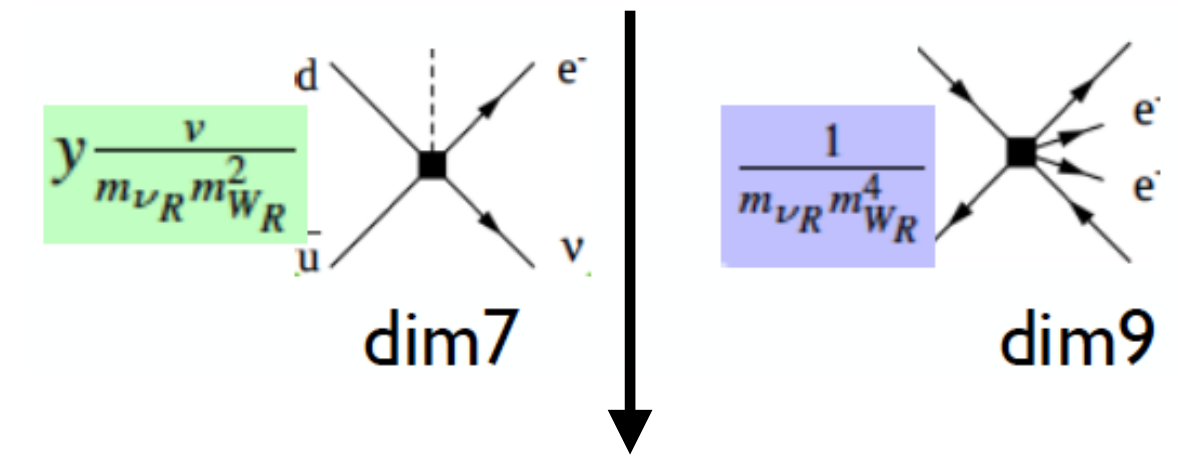
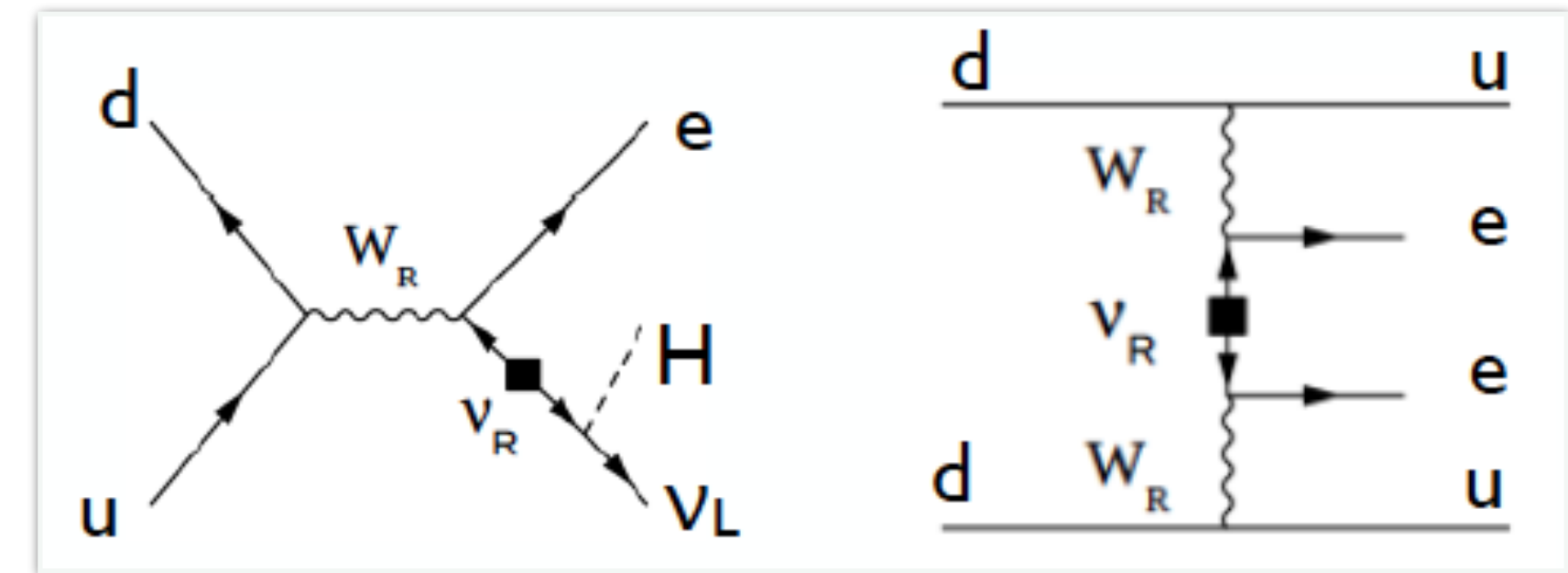
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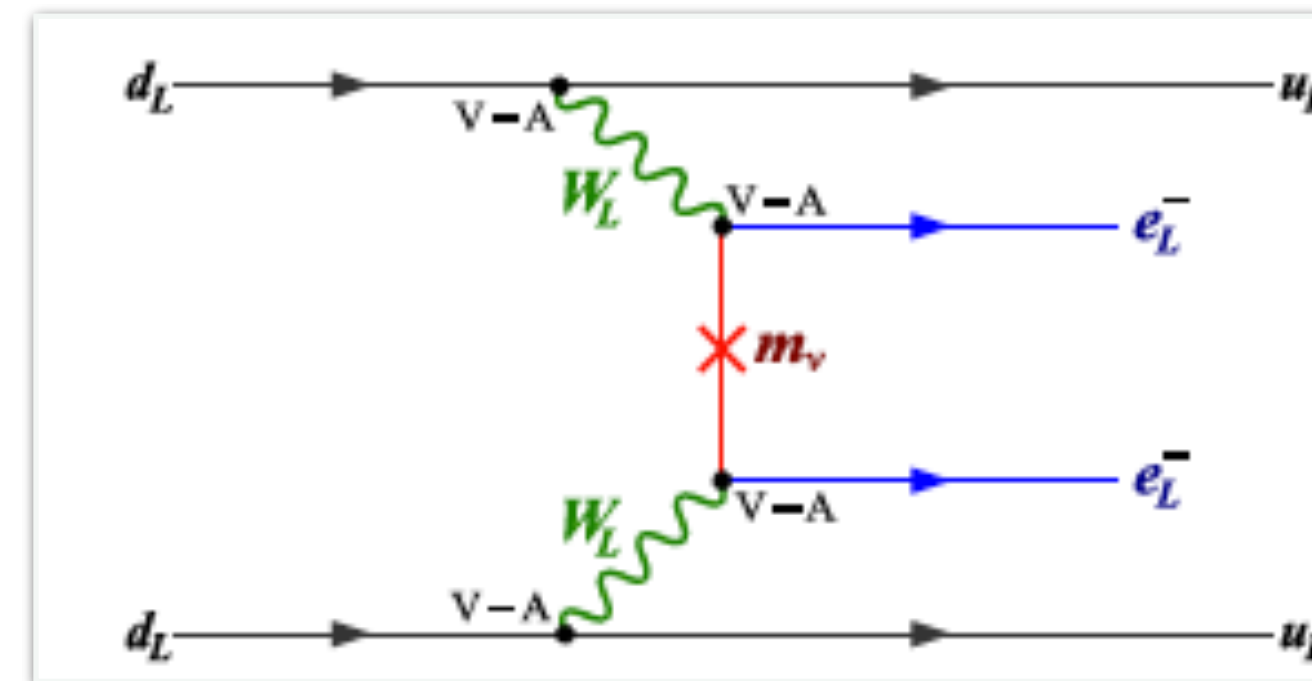
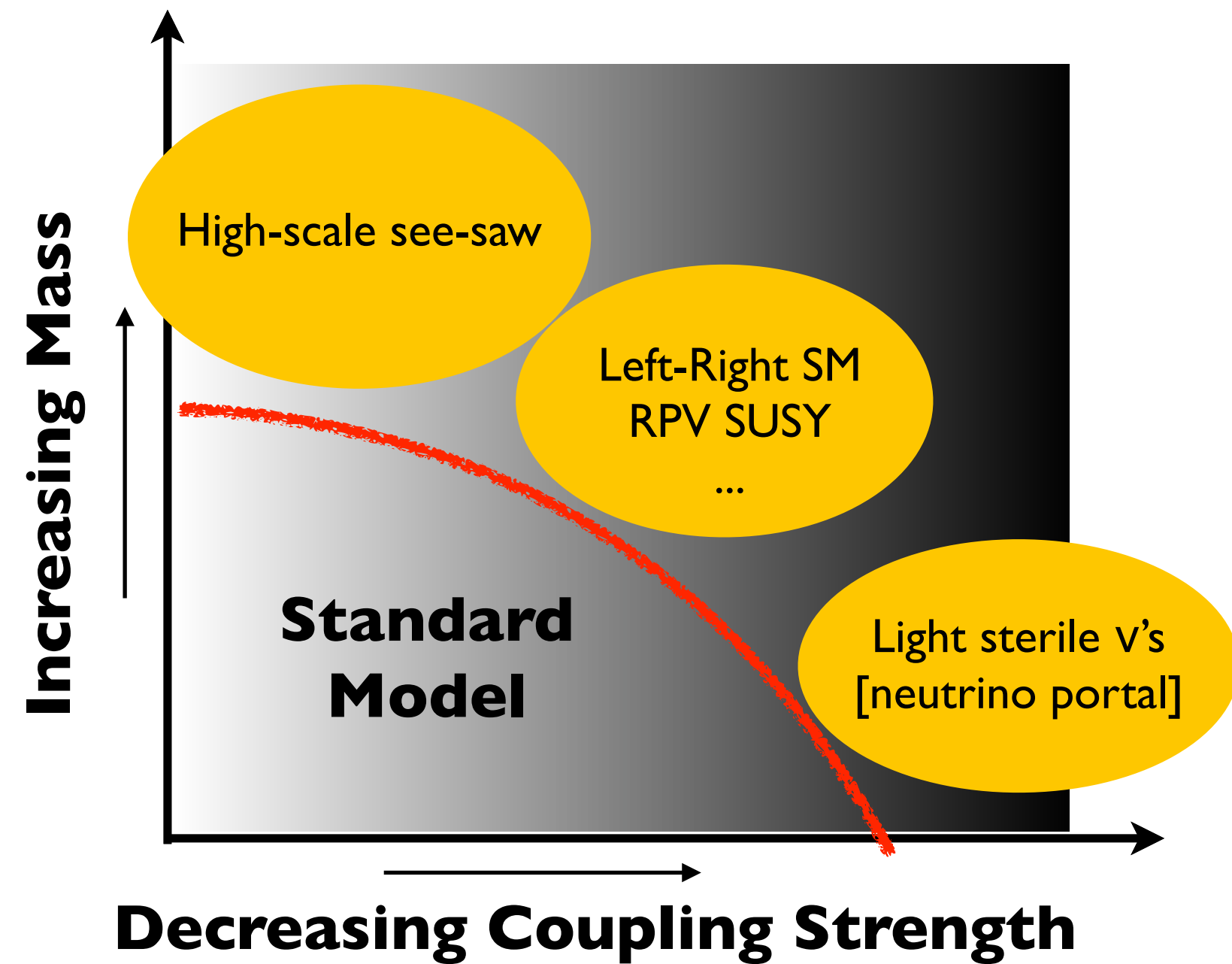
These contributions can compete if scale is not too high (10-100 TeV) and lead to new mechanisms at the nuclear scale

Mohapatra-Senjanovic 1980
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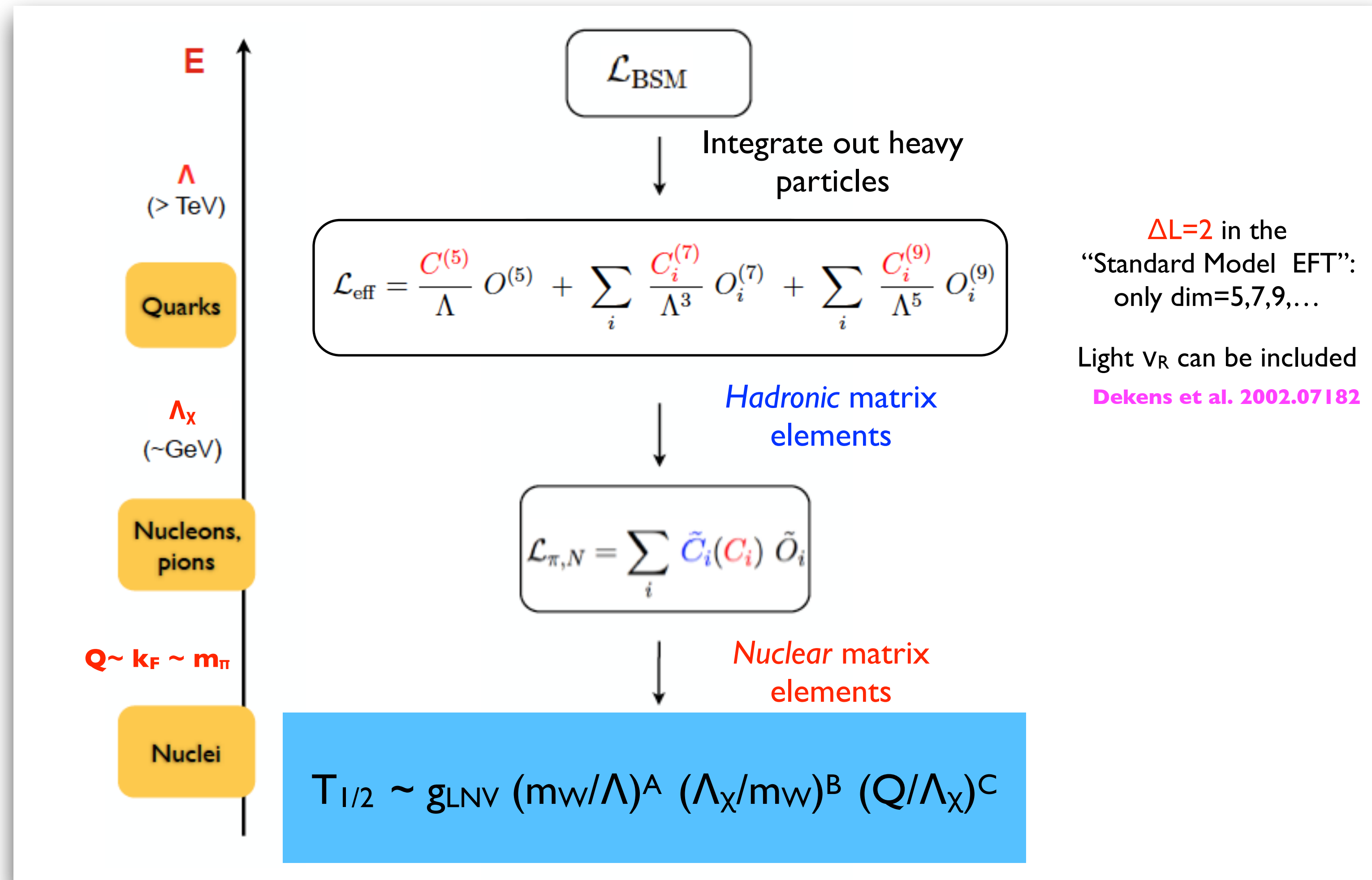
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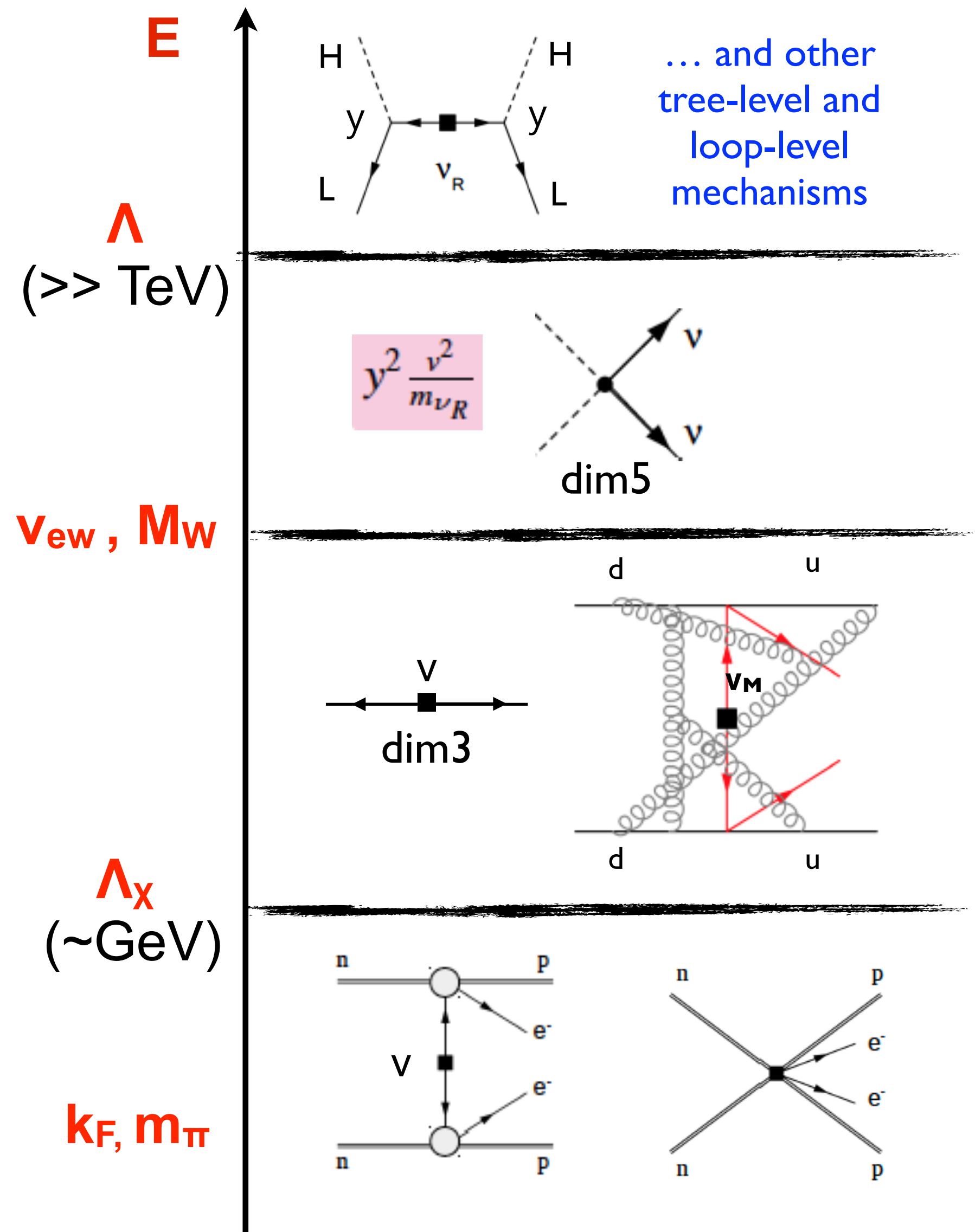


‘End-to-end’ EFT for LNV

Connecting sources of LNV to nuclei is a multi-scale problem. Best tackled through a **tower of EFTs** coupled to **lattice QCD** and **ab-initio nuclear many-body** calculations to achieve controlled uncertainty



High scale LNV



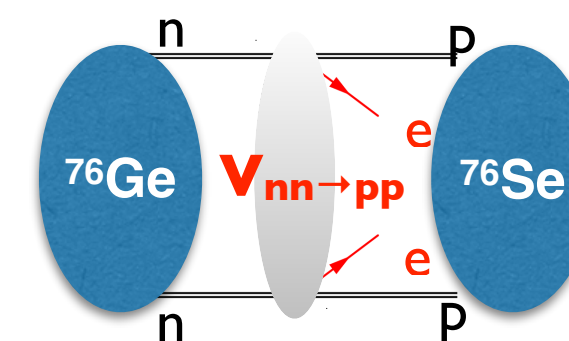
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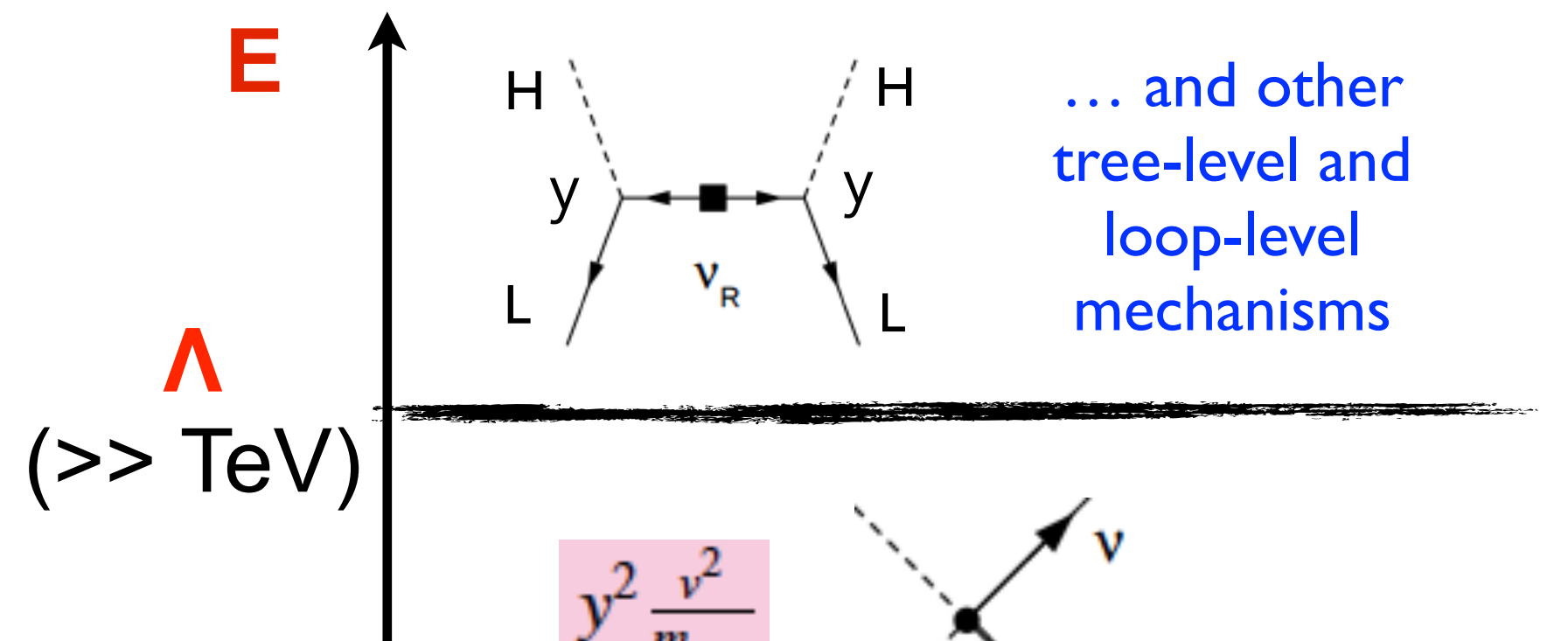
- Below the weak scale this is just the neutrino Majorana mass ($m_{\beta\beta} \sim w_{ee} v^2/\Lambda$)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} - \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L \bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_{eL} - \frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{2} \nu_{eL}^T C \nu_{eL} + \text{H.c.}$$

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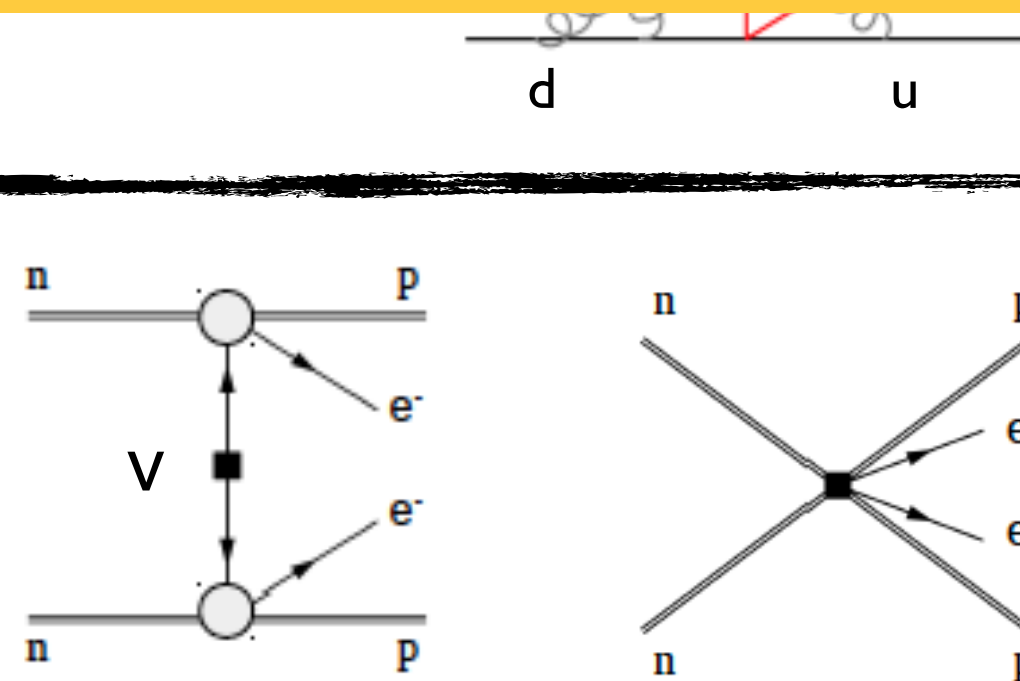
We have already discovered other effects of this dim-5 operator!

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Half-life is related to neutrino mass:

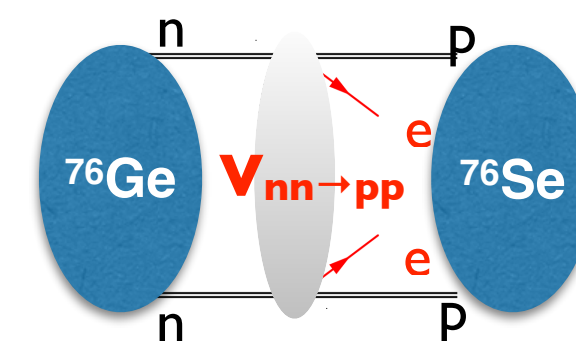
concrete discovery targets & falsifiable correlations with other probes of m_ν

Λ_x
(~GeV)



k_F, m_π

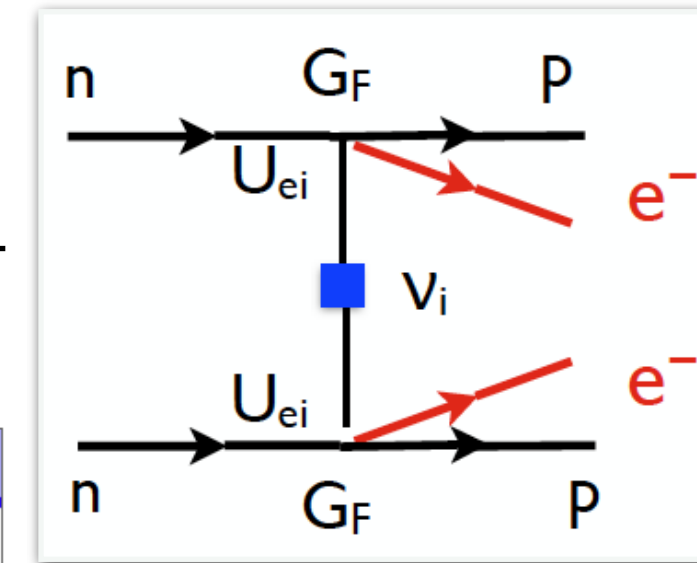
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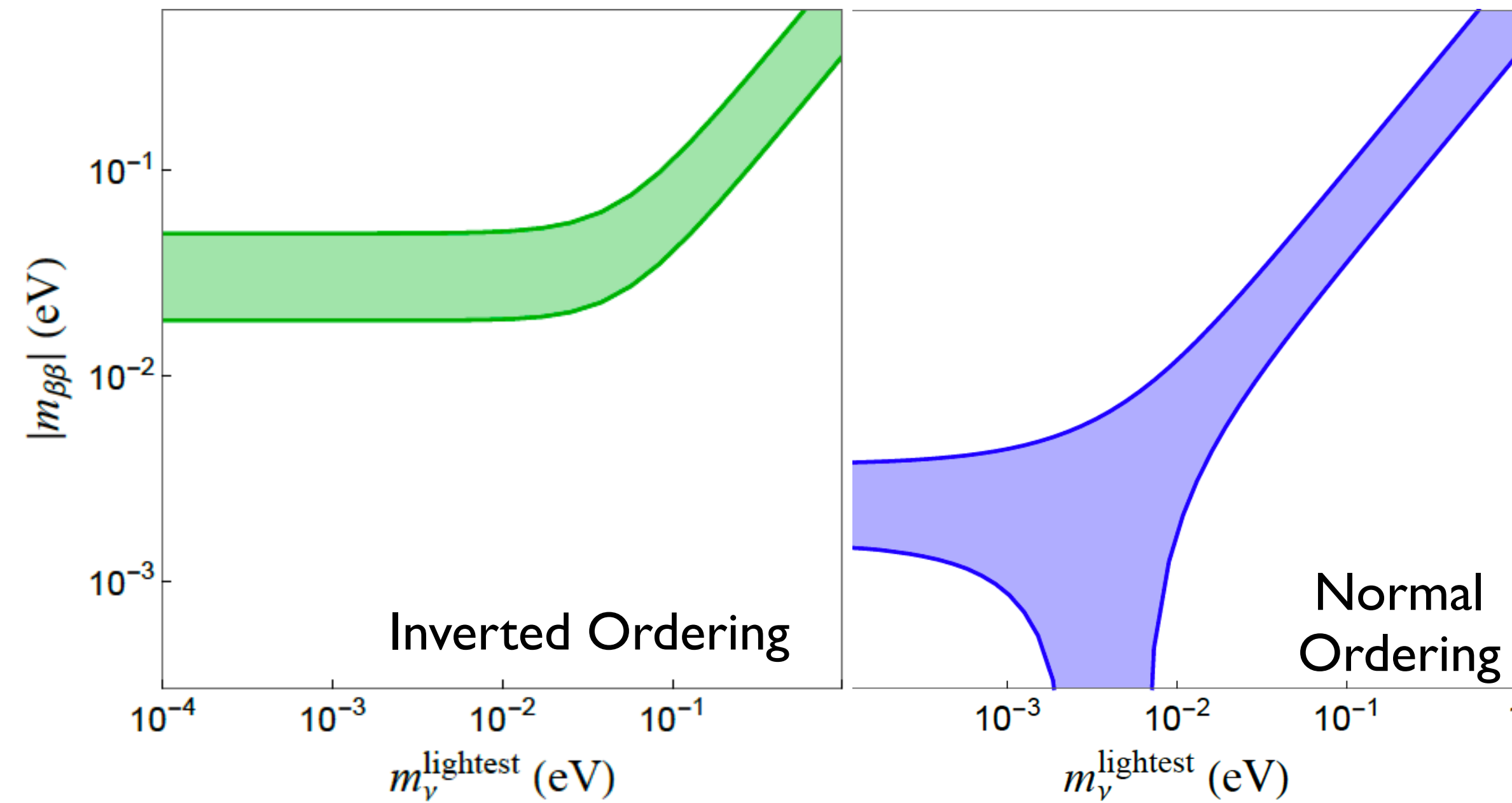
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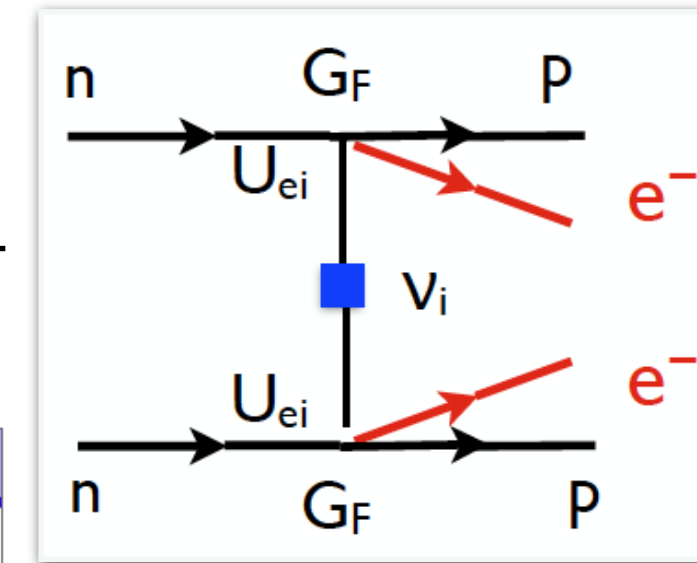
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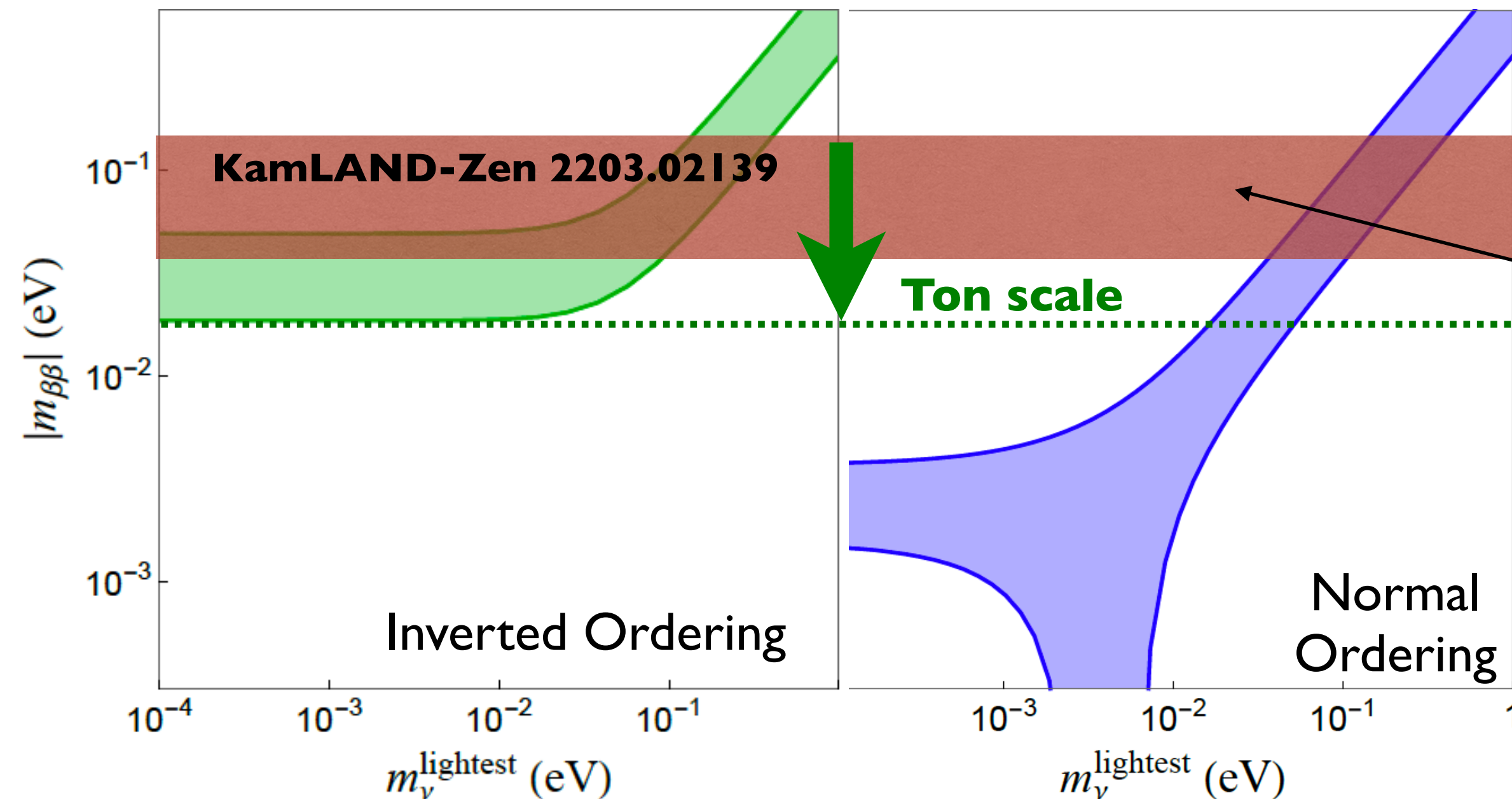
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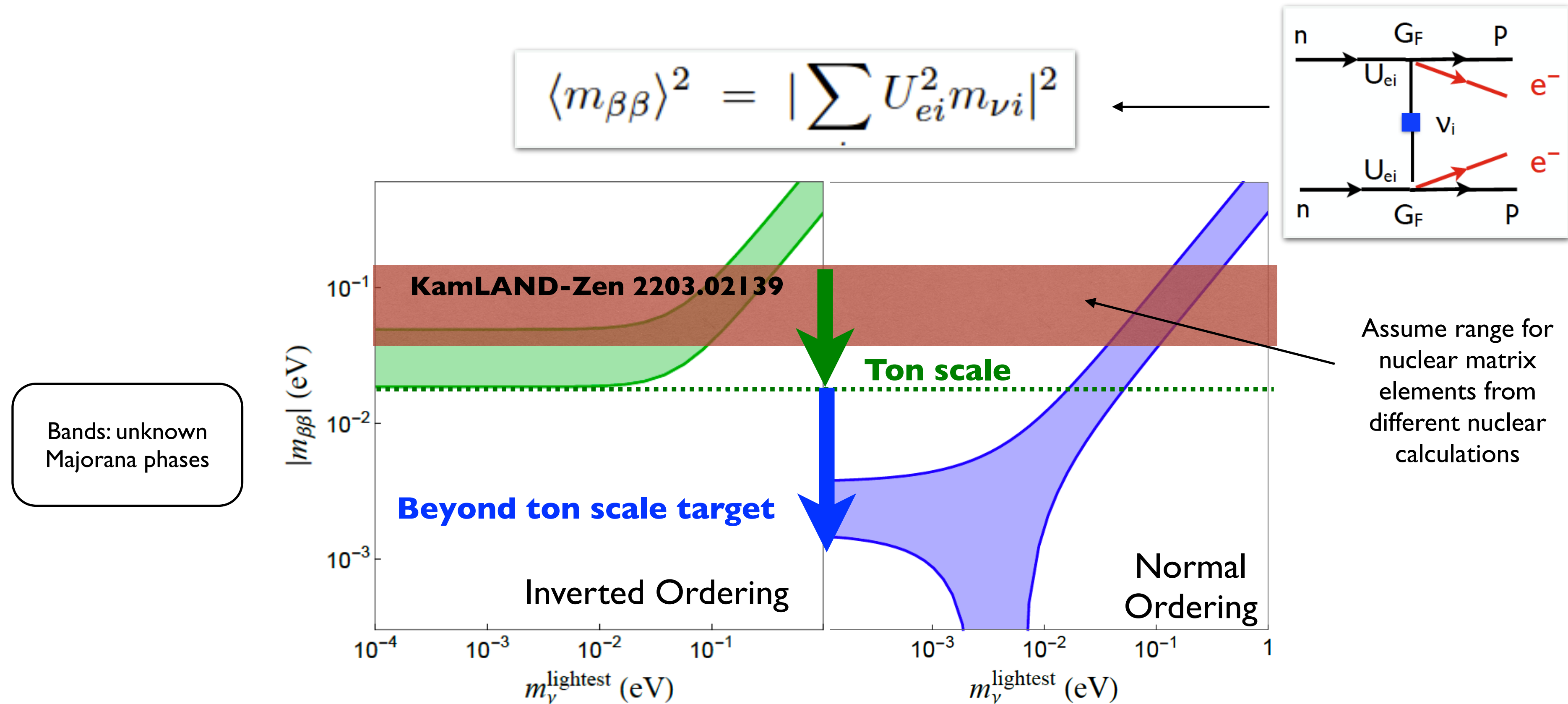


Assuming current range for matrix elements,

discovery @ ton-scale possible for **inverted spectrum** or **$m_{\text{lightest}} > 50 \text{ meV}$**

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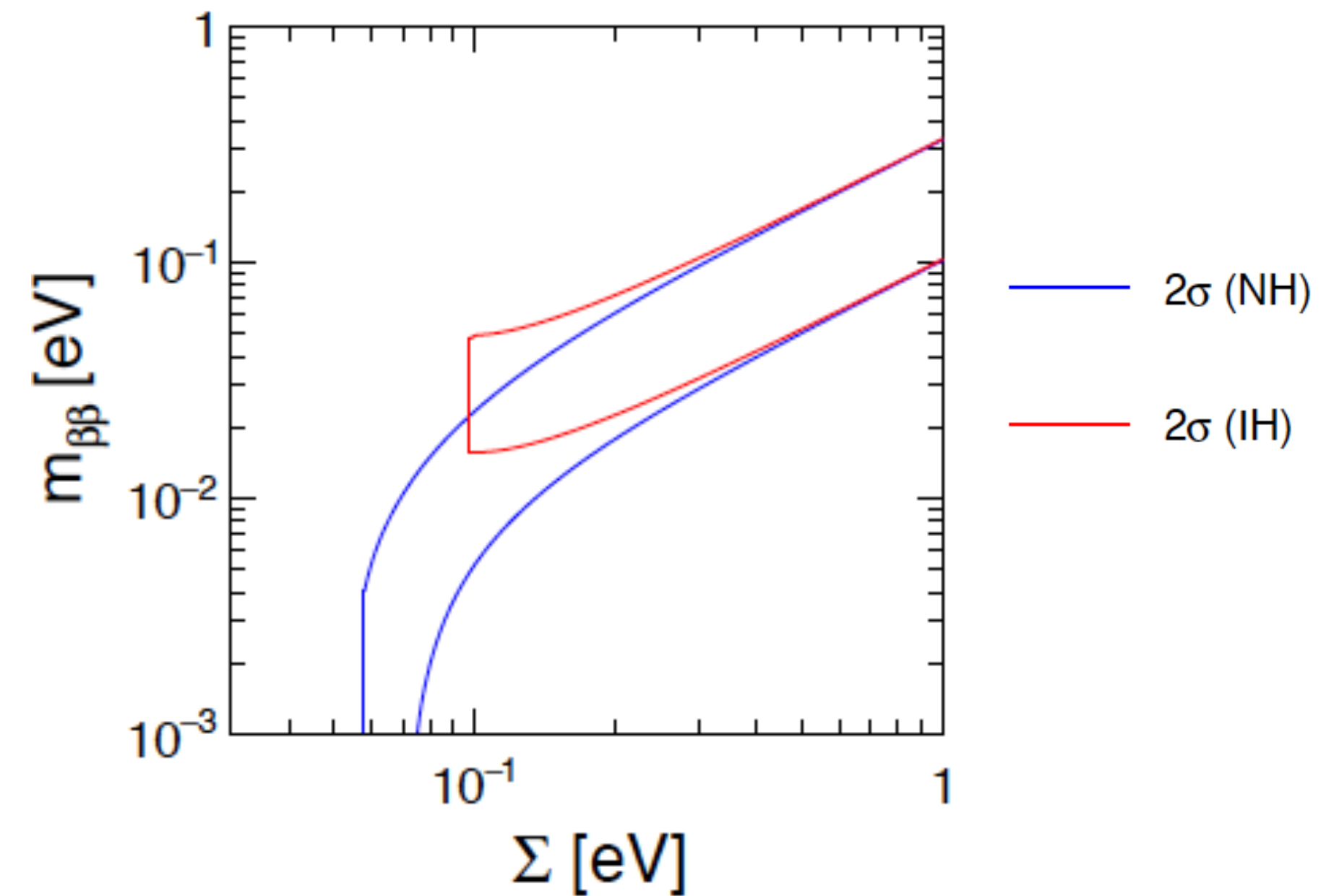
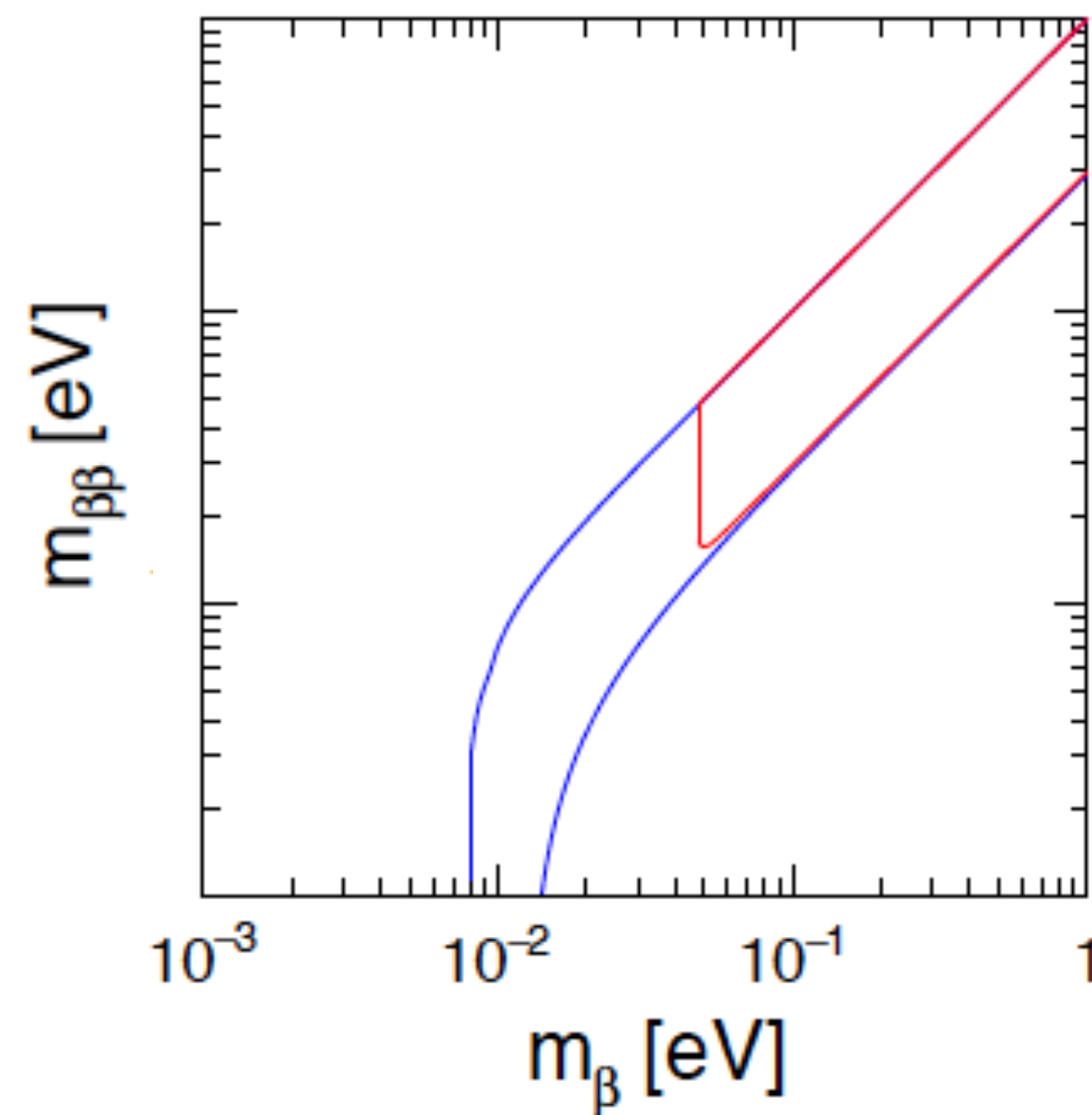
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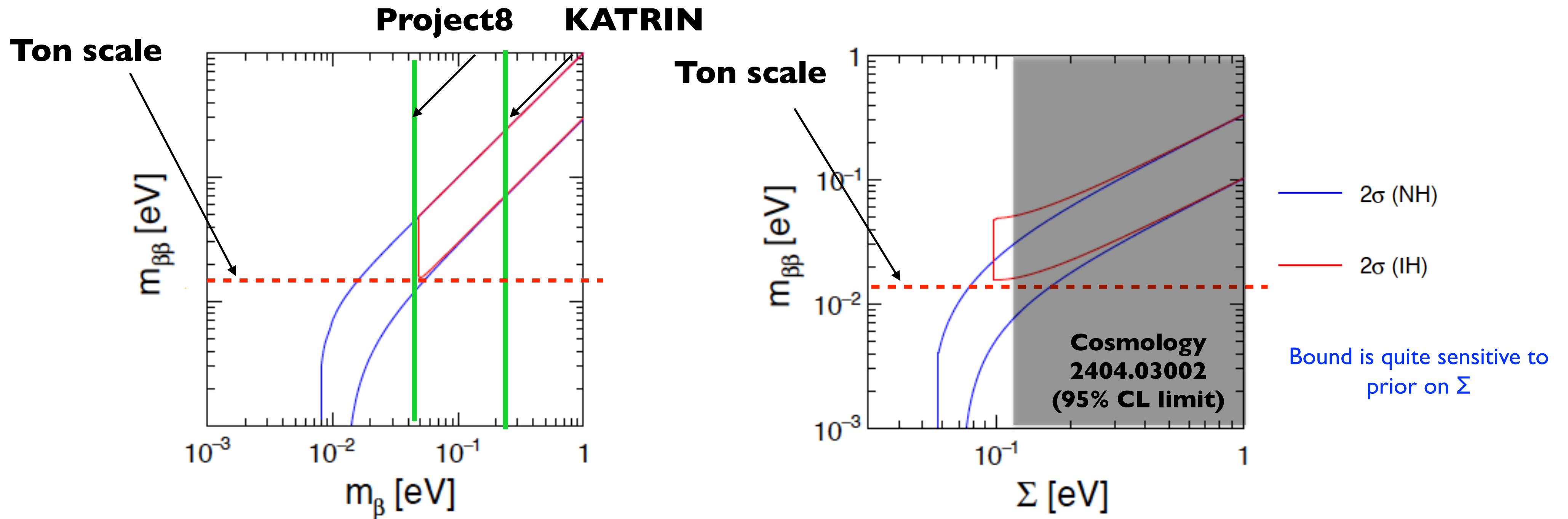
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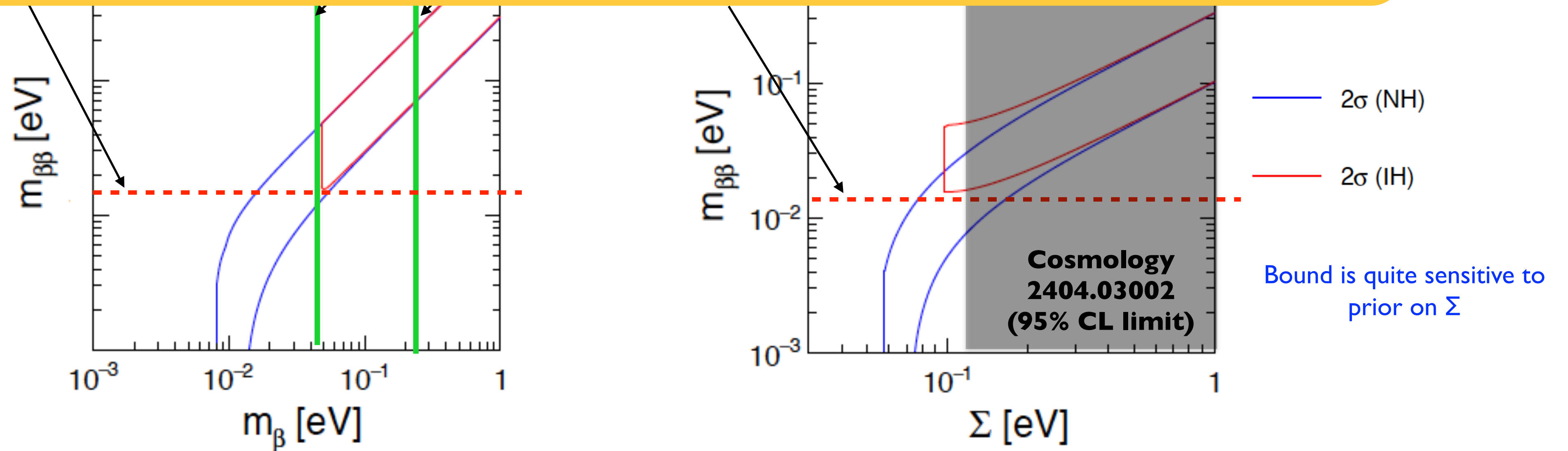
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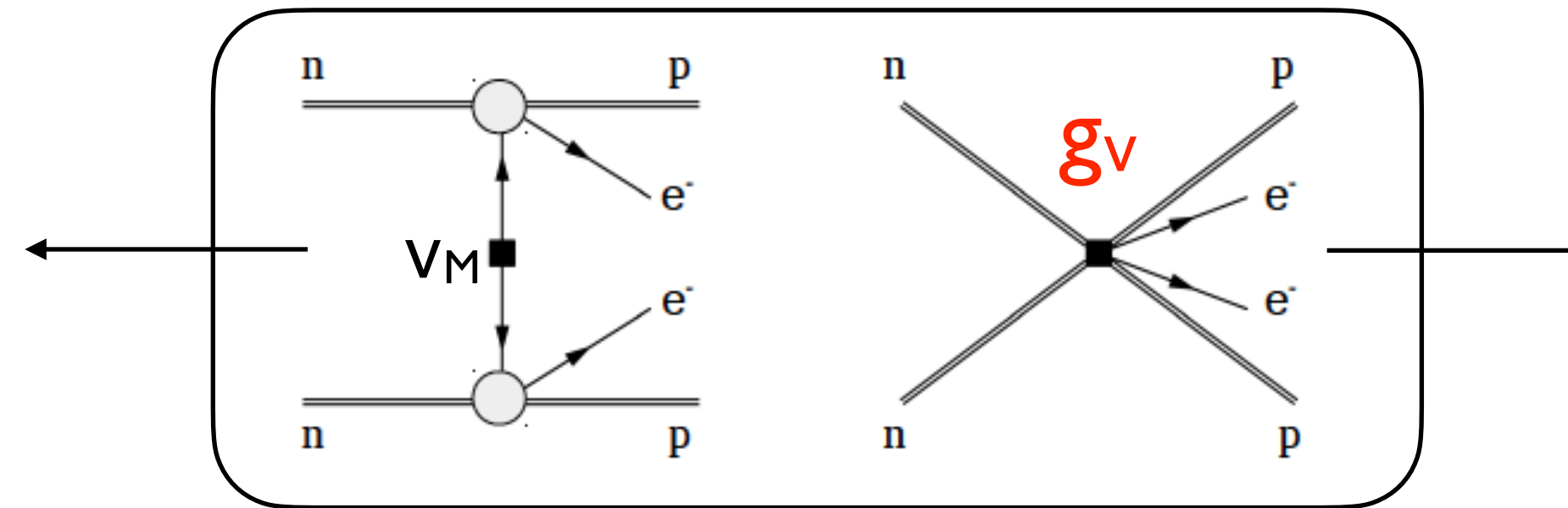
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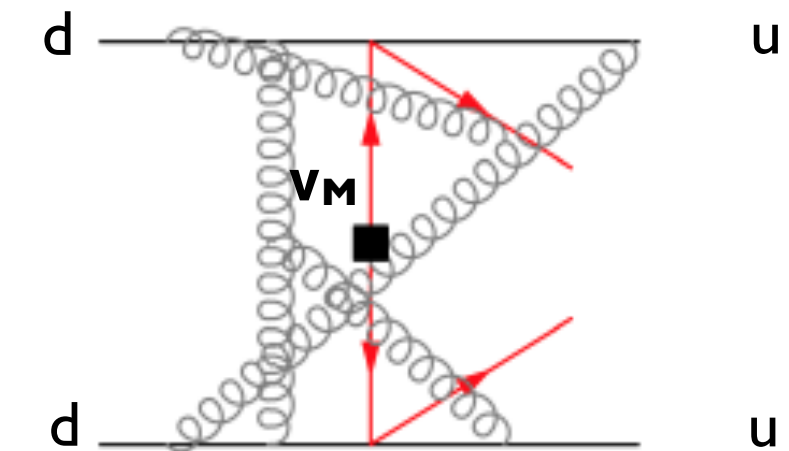
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- To **leading order (LO)** in Q/Λ_χ ($Q \sim k_F \sim m_\pi$, $\Lambda_\chi \sim \text{GeV}$), the $nn \rightarrow pp$ transition operator has **two contributions**:

'Usual' V_M exchange $\sim 1/k_F^2 \sim 1/Q^2$
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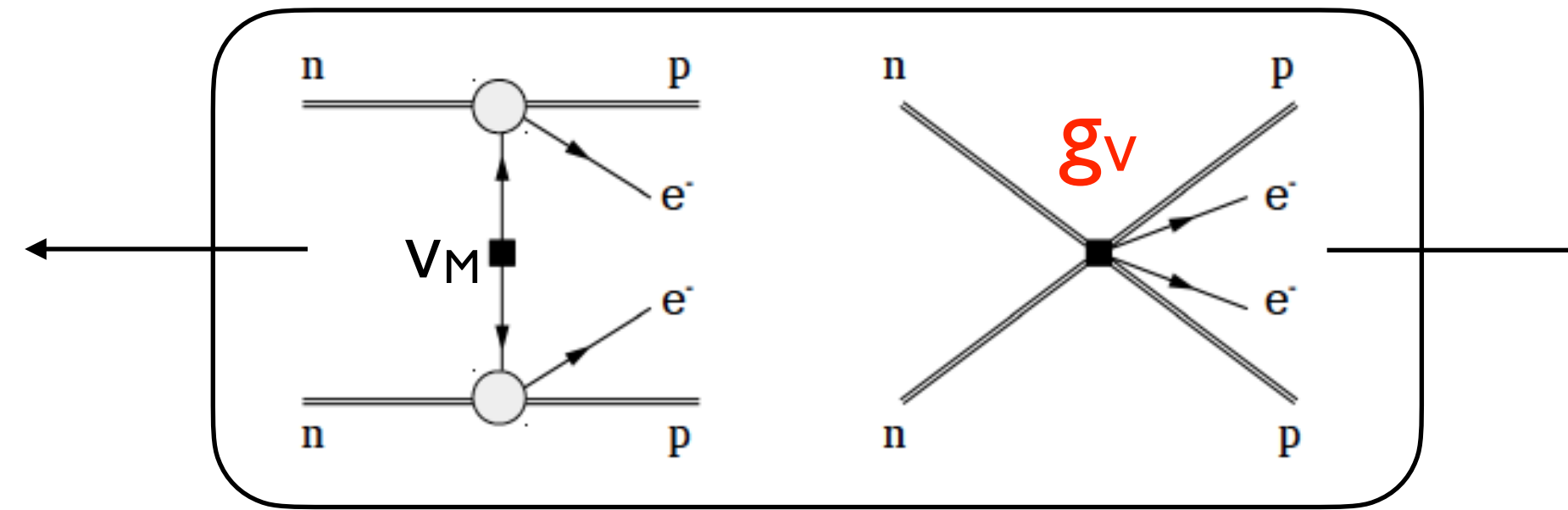
Key new insight from EFT

VC, W. Dekens, E. Mereghetti, A. Walker-Loud, 1710.01729

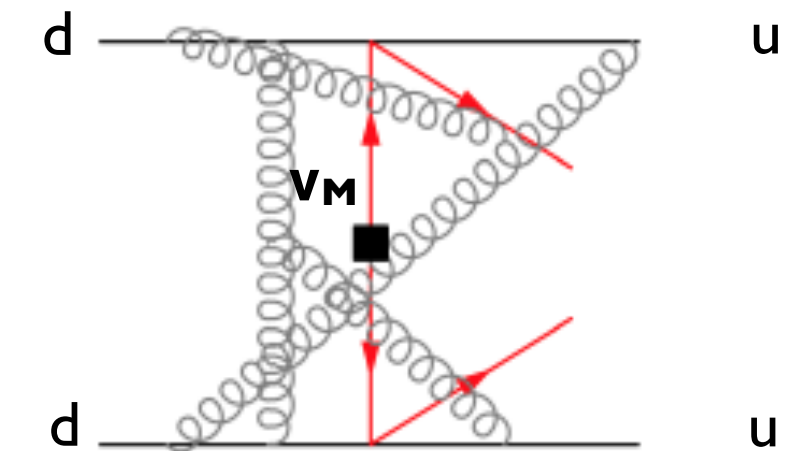
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- To **leading order (LO)** in Q/Λ_χ ($Q \sim k_F \sim m_\pi$, $\Lambda_\chi \sim \text{GeV}$), the $nn \rightarrow pp$ transition operator has **two contributions**:

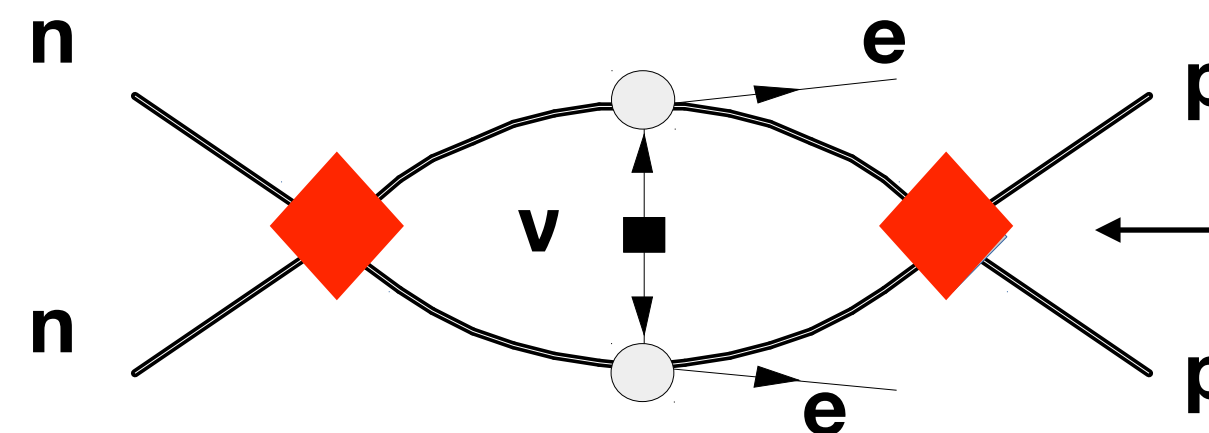
'Usual' V_M exchange $\sim 1/k_F^2 \sim 1/Q^2$
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- LO scaling is required by renormalization group running induced by **short-range nuclear interaction in 1S_0 channel**



$C \sim 4\pi/(m_p Q)$ to account for large scattering length

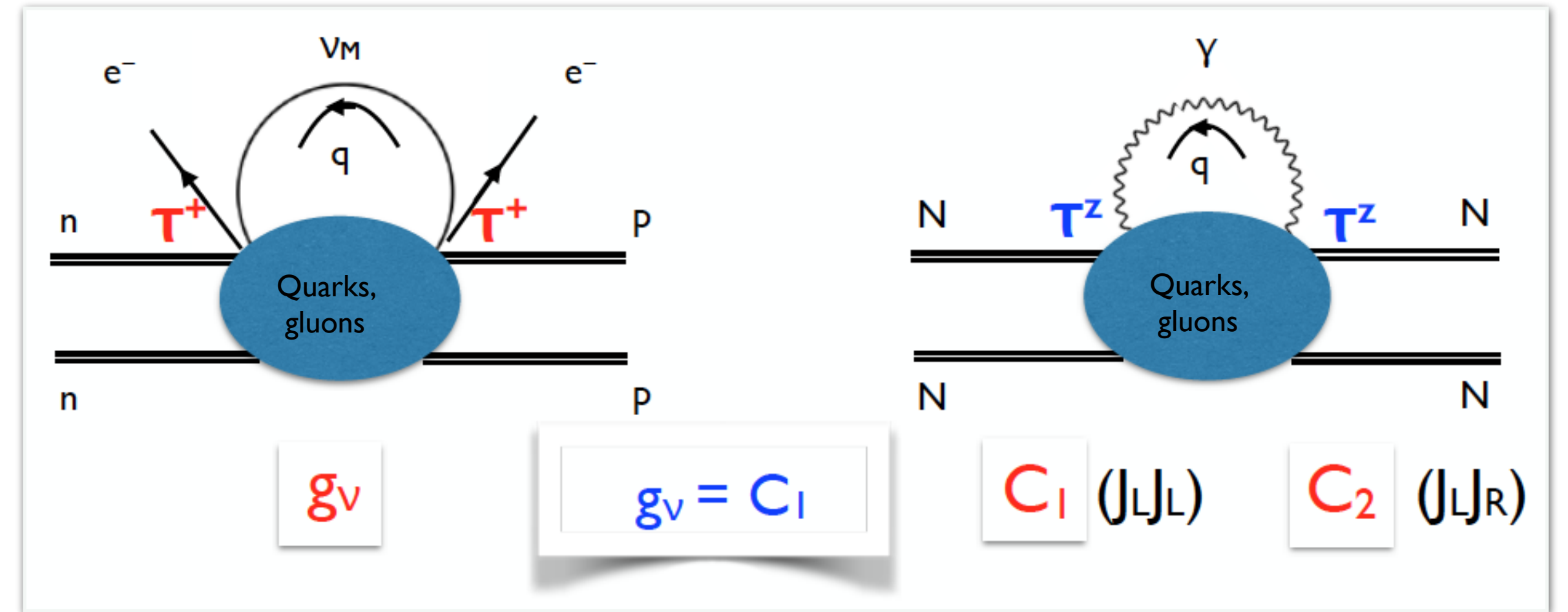
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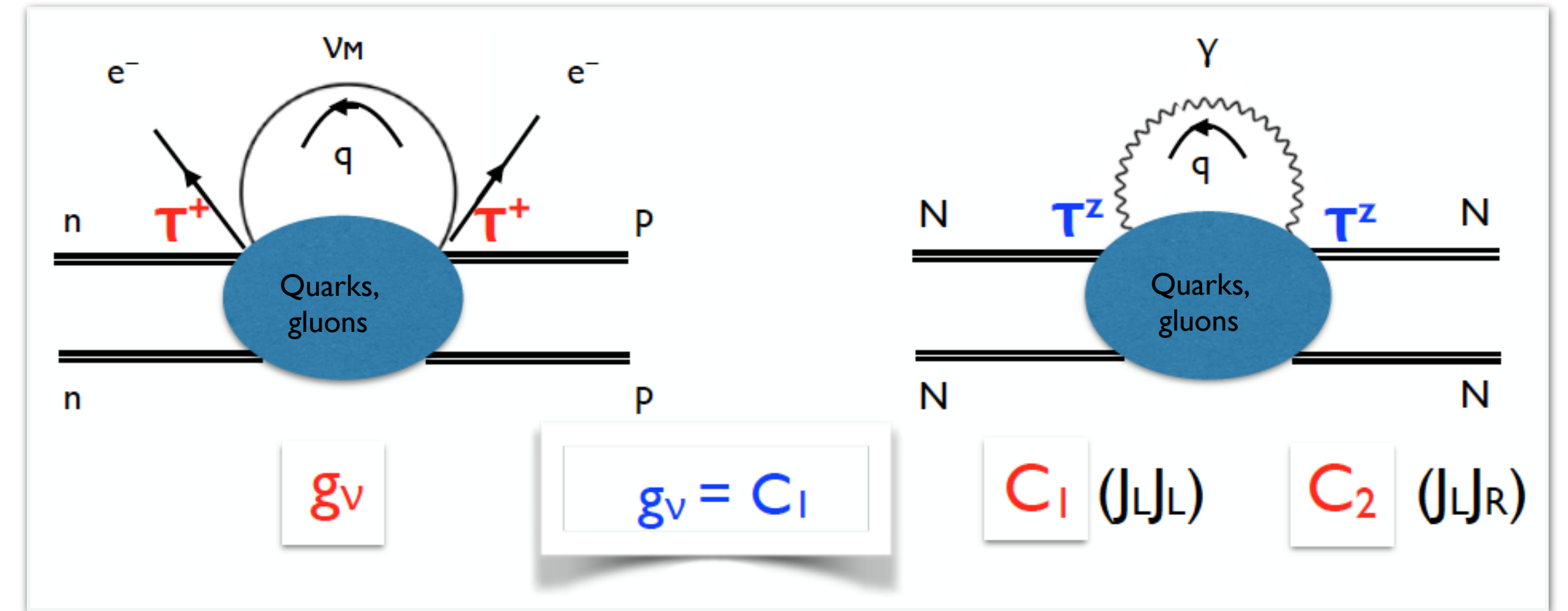
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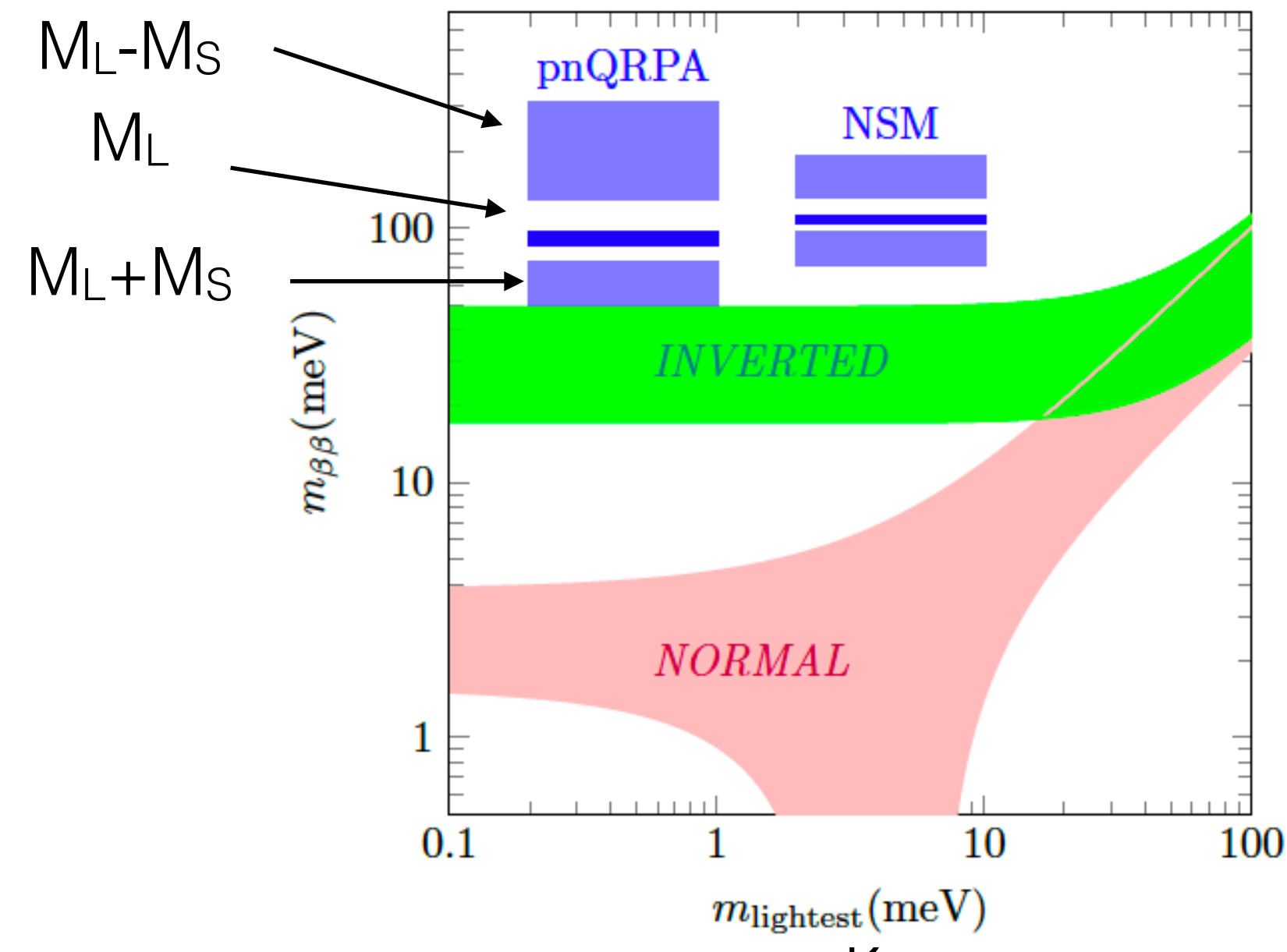
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Assuming $g_V \sim (C_1 + C_2)/2$ + nuclear models
 $\rightarrow O(1)$ impact on m.e. and $m_{\beta\beta}$ extraction

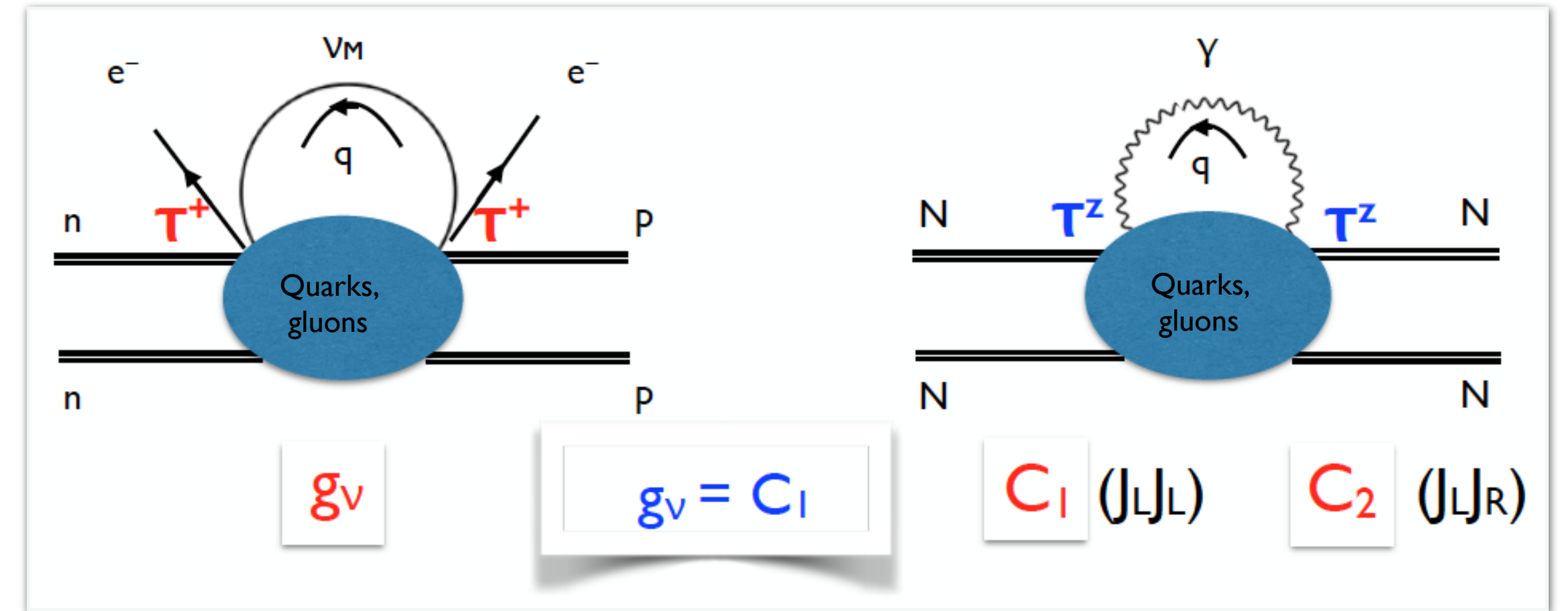
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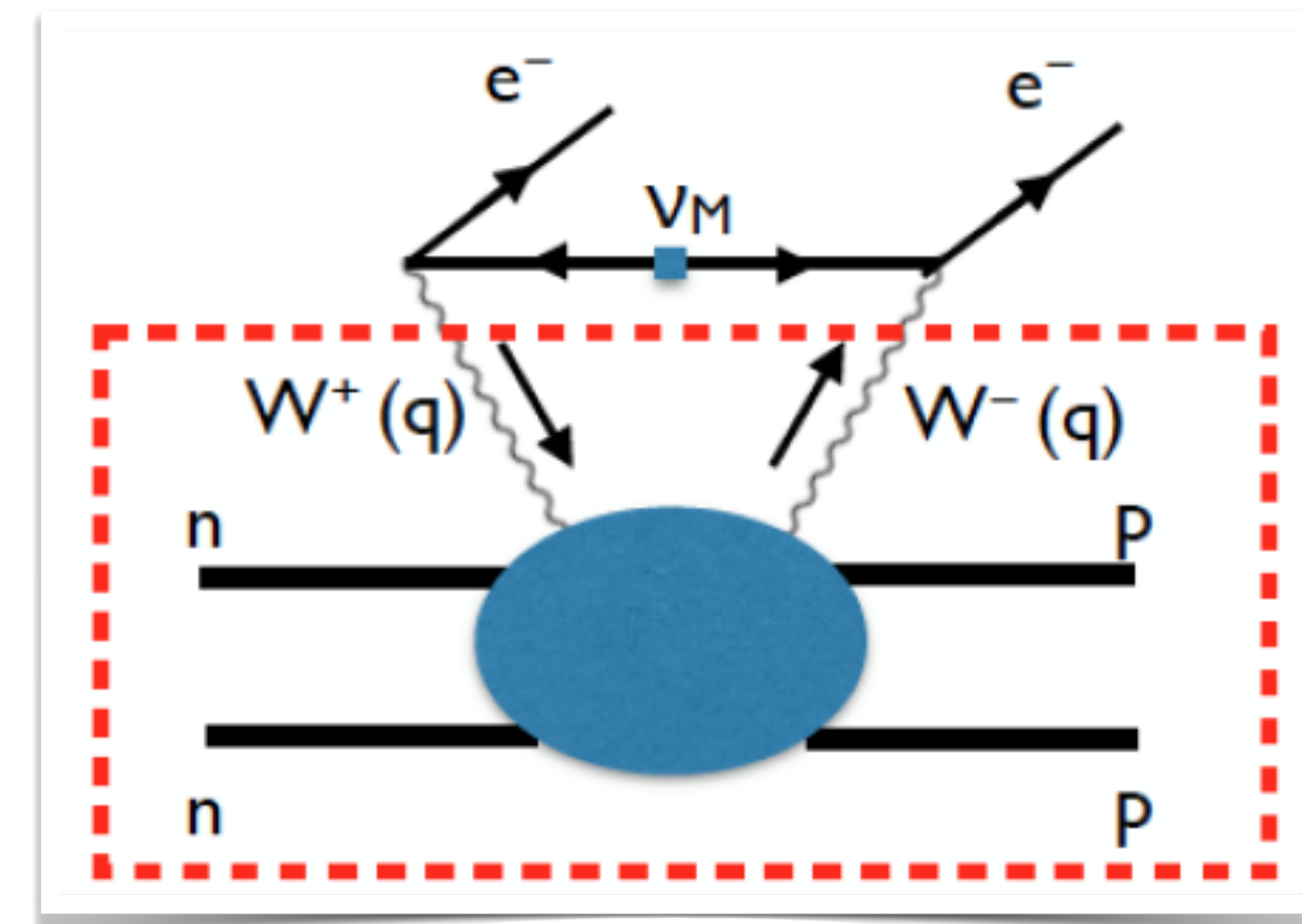


- **Lattice QCD** — gearing up

Tuo et al. 1909.13525;
Detmold, Murphy 2004.07404
Davoudi, Kadam, 2012.02083

- **Dispersive approach** — first complete estimate, with some model dependence

VC, Dekens, deVries, Hoferichter, Mereghetti,
2012.11602, 2102.03371



Impact of the contact term

VC, Dekens, deVries, Hoferichter, Mereghetti, 2012.11602, 2102.03371

Determined g_V with **~30% uncertainty** (validated with $\Delta I=2$ NN electromagnetic coupling)



We provided 'synthetic data' for the $nn \rightarrow pp$ amplitude to be used to fit g_V in nuclear calculations



Contact term fit to synthetic data and used in ab-initio calculations for

^{48}Ca [1], ^{130}Te [2], ^{136}Xe , [2], ^{76}Ge [3]

[2] Wirth, Yao, Hergert, 2105.05415 [3] Belley et al, 2307.15156 [4] Belley et al, 2308.15634

Enhances matrix elements by $\sim 40\%$ [Ca, Ge] and $>50\%$ [Te, Xe] —
good news for phenomenology, while we wait for Lattice QCD results

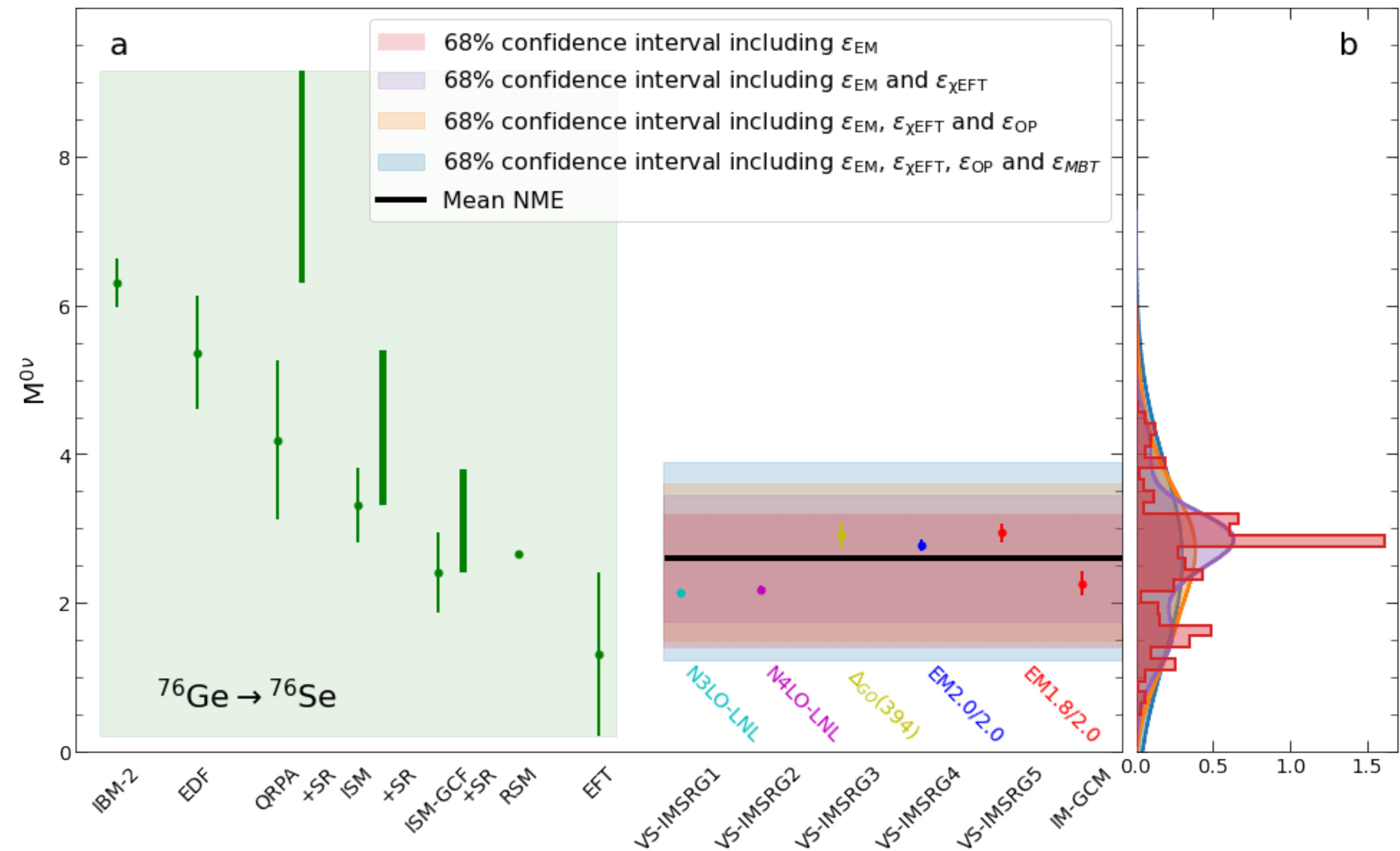
Progress in controlling all uncertainties

- Several first-principles many-body methods are used for the calculation of matrix elements
- Sources of quantifiable uncertainty:
 - EFT for nuclear force (effective couplings, convergence, ...)
 - Transition operator (contact term, ...)
 - Truncations in many-body methods

$M^{0\nu}$	ϵ_{LEC}	$\epsilon_{\chi\text{EFT}}$	ϵ_{MBT}	ϵ_{OP}
$2.60^{+1.28}_{-1.36}$	0.75	0.3	0.88	0.47

- Overall uncertainty still sizable but improvable

Belley et al, 2308.15634 and references therein



Various nuclear models

'Ab initio' methods using different chiral interactions

LN ν @ multi-TeV-scale: key features

- Observable contributions to $0\nu\beta\beta$ *not directly related to the exchange of light neutrinos:*

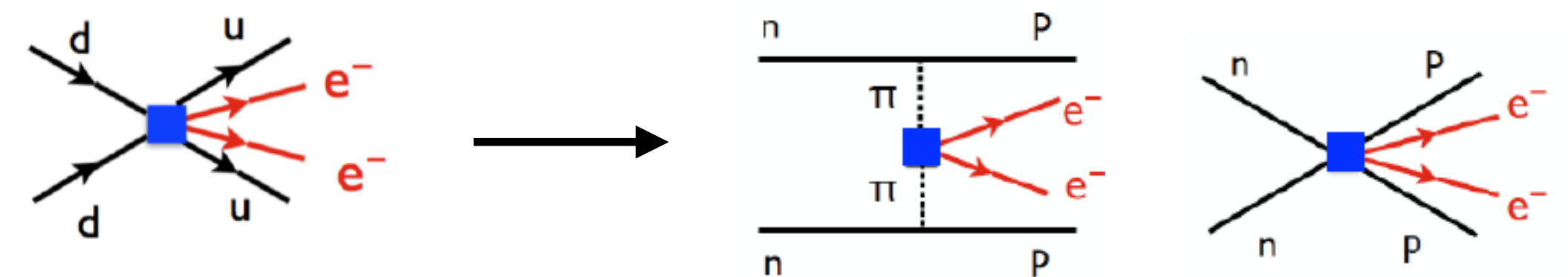
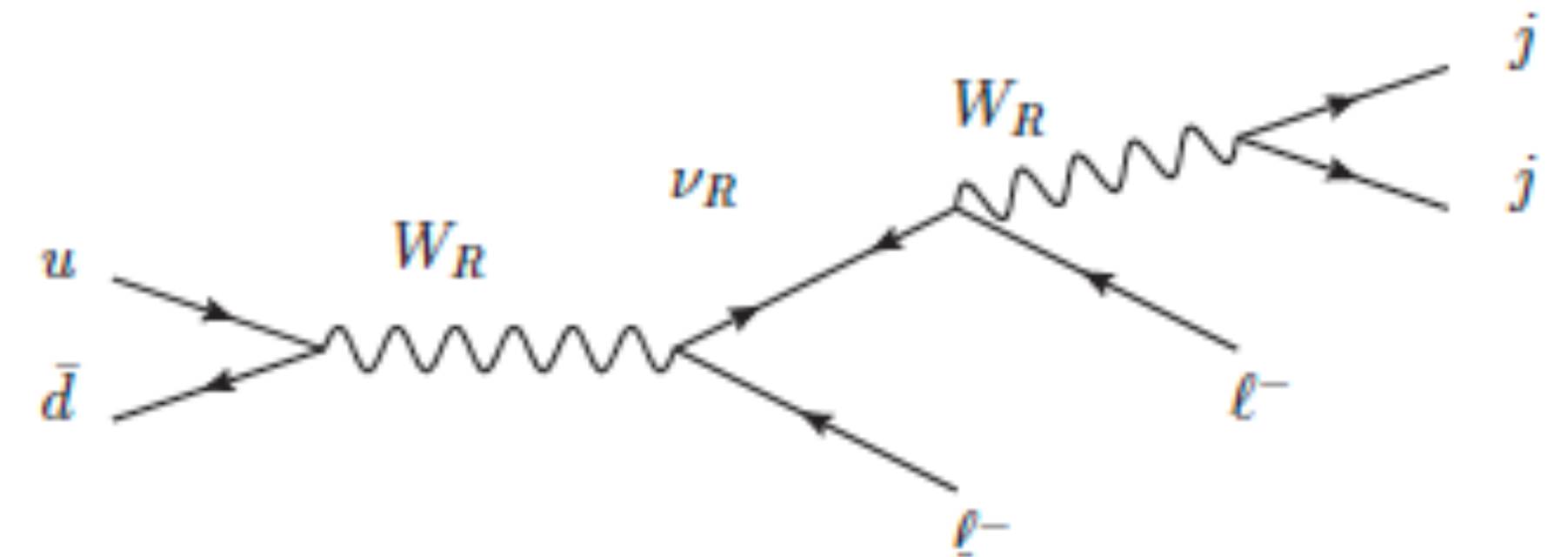
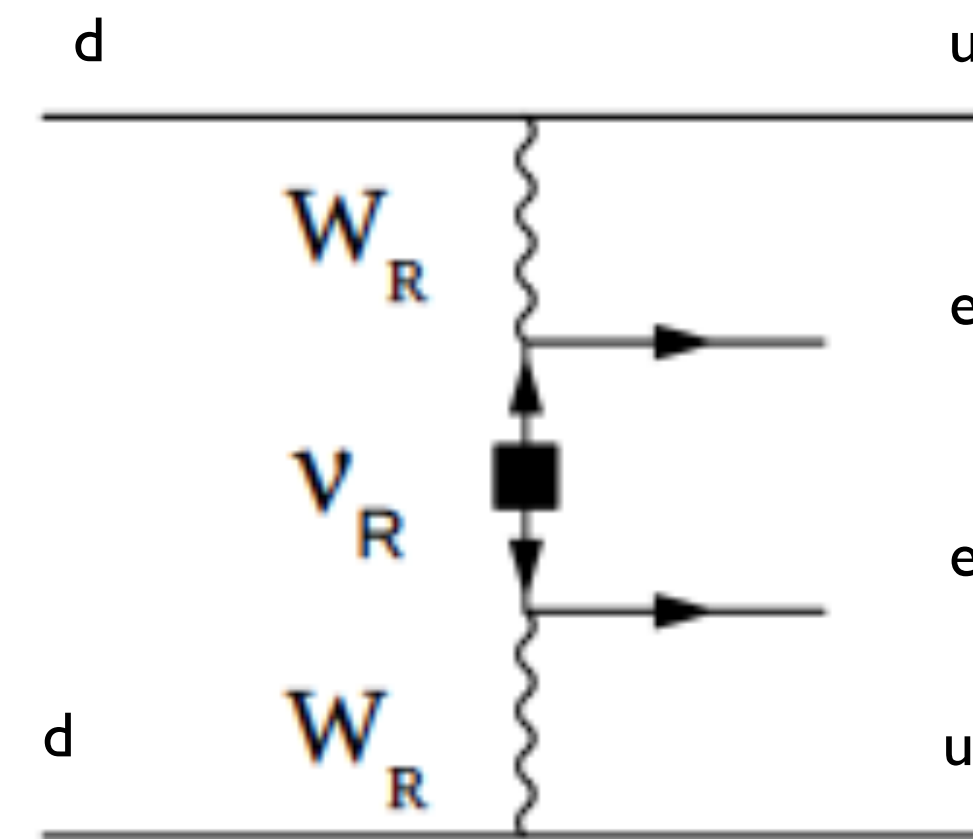
$$m_{\beta\beta} G_F^2 / Q^2 \sim 1 / \Lambda^5$$

if $m_{\beta\beta} \sim 0.1$ eV and $\Lambda \sim \text{TeV}$

(For example $\Lambda \sim M_{\nu_R} \sim M_{W_R}$)

- Possible correlated signal at LHC: $pp \rightarrow ee jj$

- Hadronic scale: new pion-range and short-range transition operators

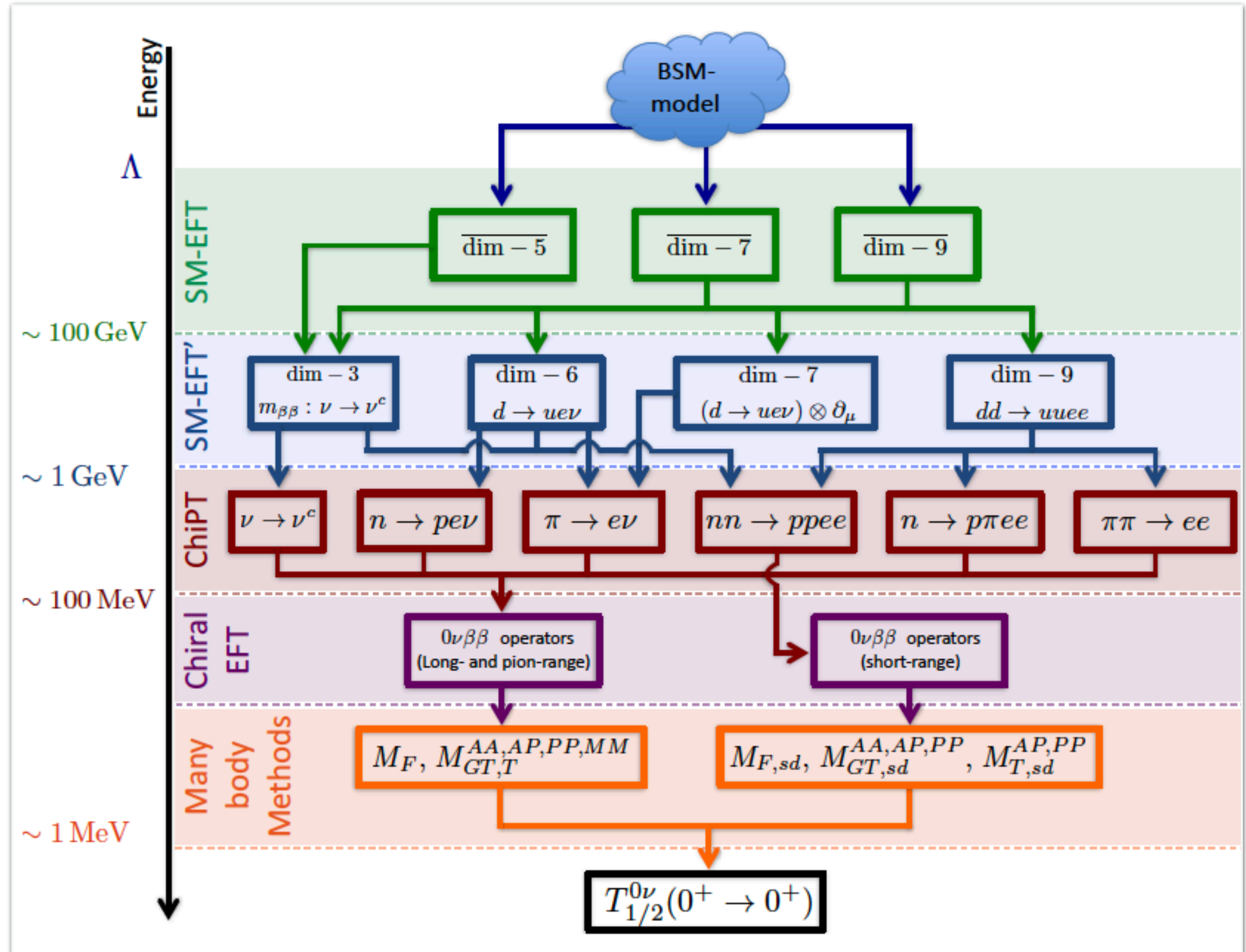


EFT-based master formula for half-life

V. Cirigliano, W. Dekens, J. de Vries, M. Graesser, E. Mereghetti, JHEP 1812 (2018) 097 [1806.02780]

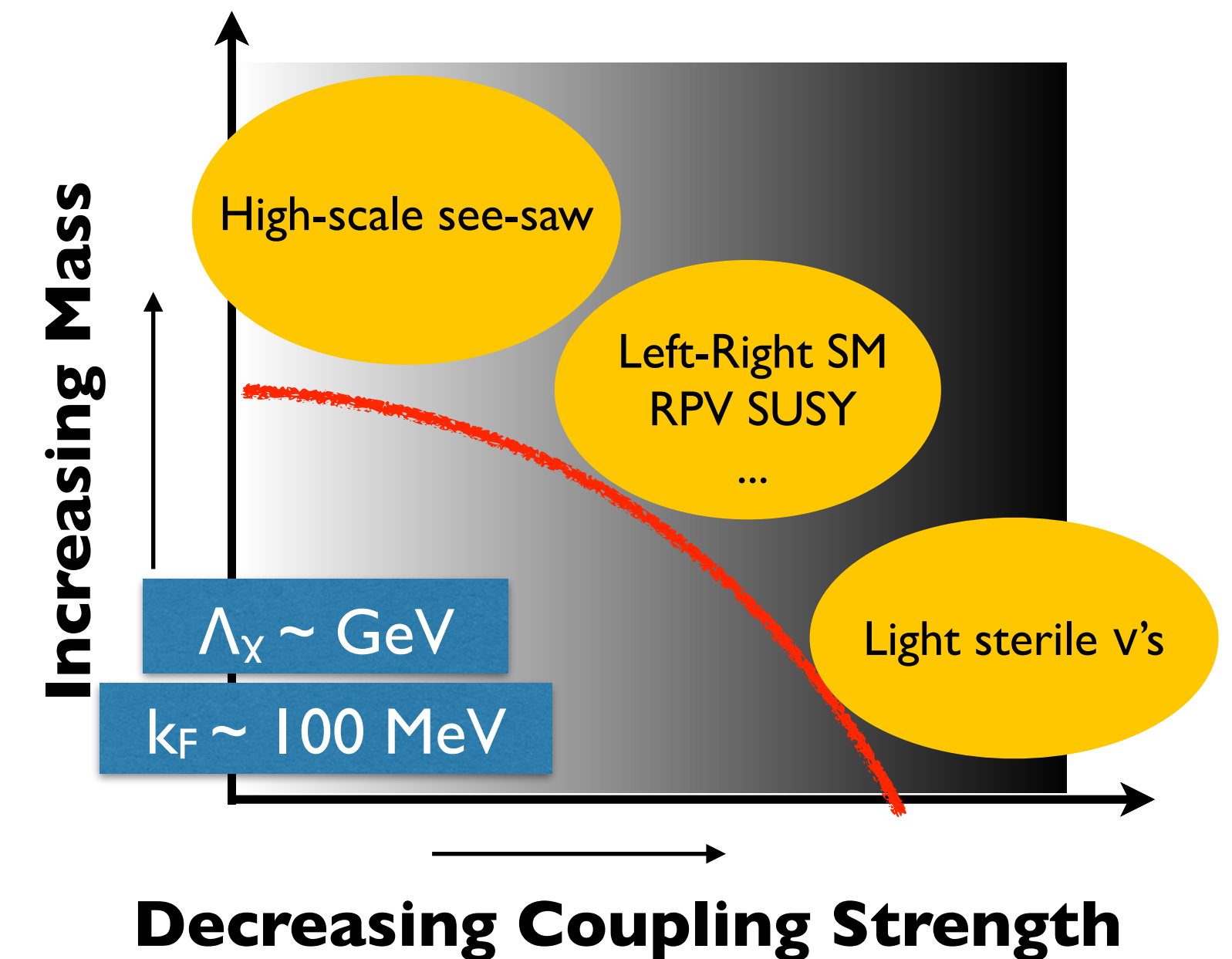
- Put everything together: master formula for half-life
- Framework to interpret $0\nu\beta\beta$ searches in terms of any high-scale model and possibly unravel the underlying mechanism in case of discovery
- Progress at every step of the ladder, and lot more to do: EFT to higher orders, matching to Lattice QCD, order-by-order chiral EFT

vDoBe Python tool:
Scholer-deVries-Graf, 2304.05415



Outlook on LNV

- Observation of $0\nu\beta\beta$ would address big questions:
 - Reveal Majorana nature of the neutrino
 - Establish key ingredient for baryogenesis via leptogenesis
 - Probe the absolute mass of neutrinos (in high-scale seesaw scenario)
- **Significant discovery potential** in ton-scale experiments — we simply don't know the origin of m_ν and the scale Λ associated with LNV
- EFT approach relates $0\nu\beta\beta$ to underlying LNV dynamics & organizes contributions to nuclear matrix elements. Key to interpret a positive or null signal



Improving the theory uncertainty is challenging, but there are exciting prospects thanks to advances in **EFT**, **lattice QCD**, and **nuclear structure**

Backup

Anomalous symmetry breaking

- Action is invariant, but path-integral measure is not!

$$\int [d\psi][d\bar{\psi}] e^{iS[\psi, \bar{\psi}]}$$

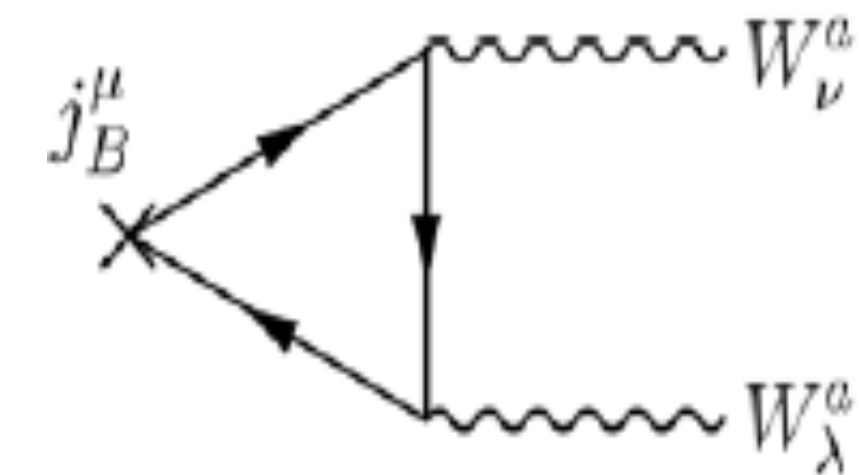
$\psi \rightarrow \psi' \quad \bar{\psi} \rightarrow \bar{\psi}'$

$$S[\psi, \bar{\psi}] = S[\psi', \bar{\psi}']$$

$$\int [d\psi][d\bar{\psi}] = \int [d\psi'][d\bar{\psi}'] \mathcal{J} \quad \mathcal{J} \neq 1$$

- Important examples: trace (scale invariance) and chiral anomalies
- Baryon (B) and Lepton (L) number are anomalous in the SM

$$\partial_\mu J_B^\mu = \partial_\mu J_L^\mu = i \frac{N_F}{32\pi^2} \left(-g_2^2 F^{a\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^a + g_1^2 f^{\mu\nu} \tilde{f}_{\mu\nu} \right)$$



- Only B-L is conserved; B+L is violated (large rates at high temperature)

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- In Quantum Mechanics

- Symmetries represented by (anti)-unitary operators U_S (Wigner)

$$|\langle a | U_S^\dagger U_S | b \rangle|^2 = |\langle a | b \rangle|^2$$

- U_S commutes with Hamiltonian $[U_S, H] = 0$
- Classification of the states of the system, selection rules, ...**

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 \phi(x) &\rightarrow \phi(x) + \delta\phi(x) & \delta\phi(x) &= \epsilon^a (M_a \phi - A_a^\mu \partial_\mu \phi)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int d^3x J_a^0(x) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\partial_\mu J_a^\mu = 0 \\
 J_a^\mu &= -\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta(\partial_\mu \phi_i(x))} \frac{\delta \phi_i}{\delta \epsilon^a} - \mathcal{L} \frac{\delta x^\mu}{\delta \epsilon^a}
 \end{aligned}$$



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Aside: CP violation in the SM

$$\mathcal{L}_4^{CPV} = -\bar{\theta} \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} - \left(\frac{g_2}{2\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ \bar{u}_i \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) V_{ij} d_j + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

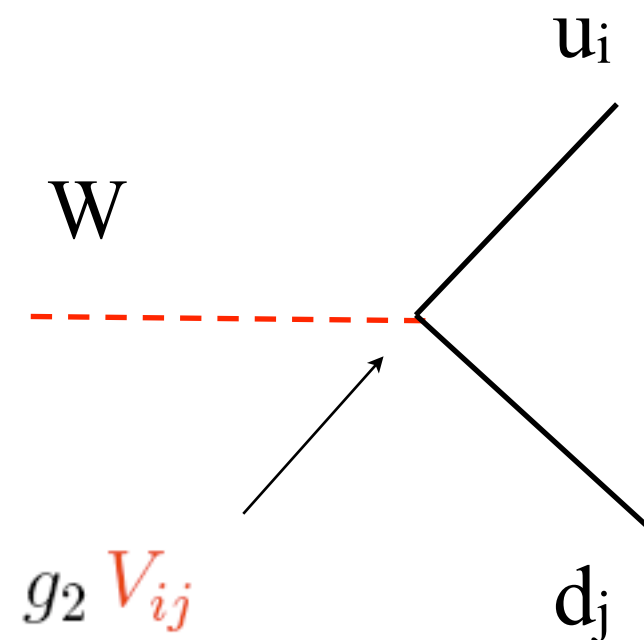
$$\bar{\theta} = \theta - \text{ArgDet}(\mathcal{M}_q)$$

‘QCD theta term’

$$\sim \mathbf{B}_c \cdot \mathbf{E}_c$$

$$V_{CKM} = V_{u_L} V_{d_L}^\dagger$$

Physically observable mismatch in the transformation of u_L and d_L needed to diagonalize quark masses



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

Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maksawa (CKM) matrix

- CKM matrix is unitary:
 - 9 real parameters, but redefinition of quark phases reduces physical parameters to 4:
3 mixing angles and 1 phase

$$V_{ij} \rightarrow V_{ij} e^{i((\phi_d)_j - (\phi_u)_i)}$$

5 independent
parameters
(phase differences)

- Irreducible phase implies CP violation:

$$g_2 V_{ij} W_\mu^+ \bar{u}_L^i \gamma^\mu d_L^j + g_2 V_{ij}^* W_\mu^- \bar{d}_L^j \gamma^\mu u_L^i$$

CP transformation

$$g_2 V_{ij} W_\mu^- \bar{d}_L^j \gamma^\mu u_L^i + g_2 V_{ij}^* W_\mu^+ \bar{u}_L^i \gamma^\mu d_L^j$$