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BSM and beta decay

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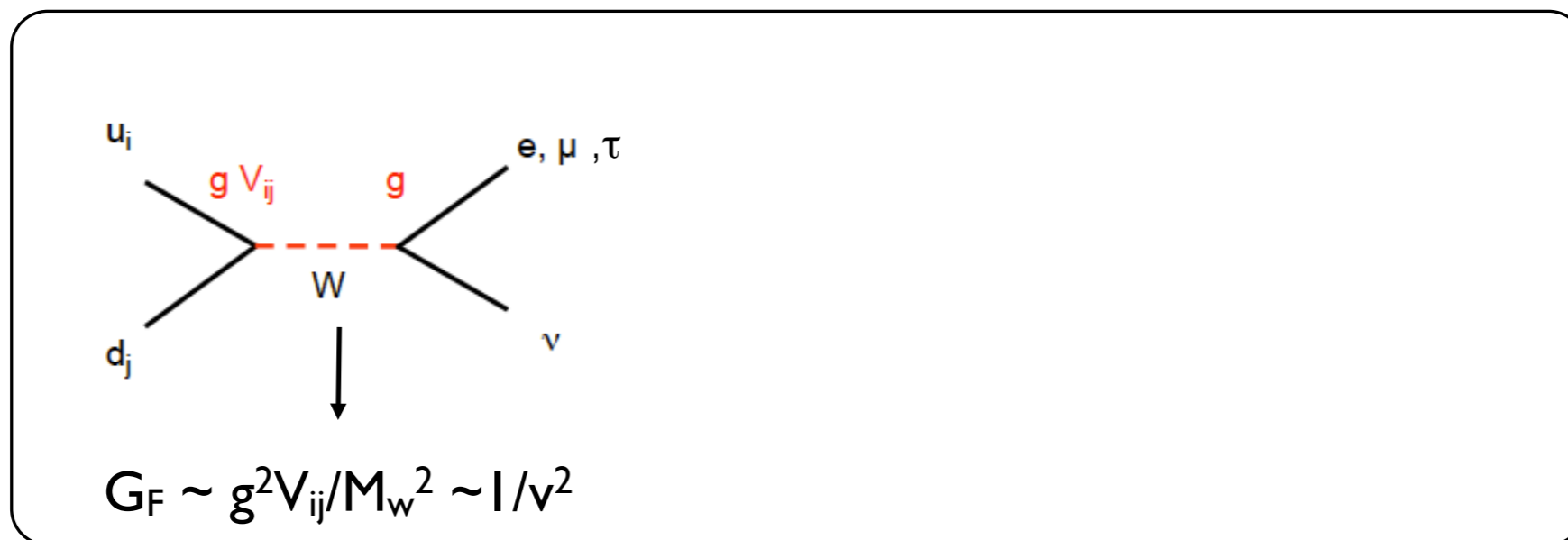
Outline

- New physics in beta decays: generalities and EFT framework
- Constraints on non-standard charged current interactions
 - global analysis of beta decays
 - collider input: LEP, LHC
 - comparison of sensitivities
- Summary and outlook

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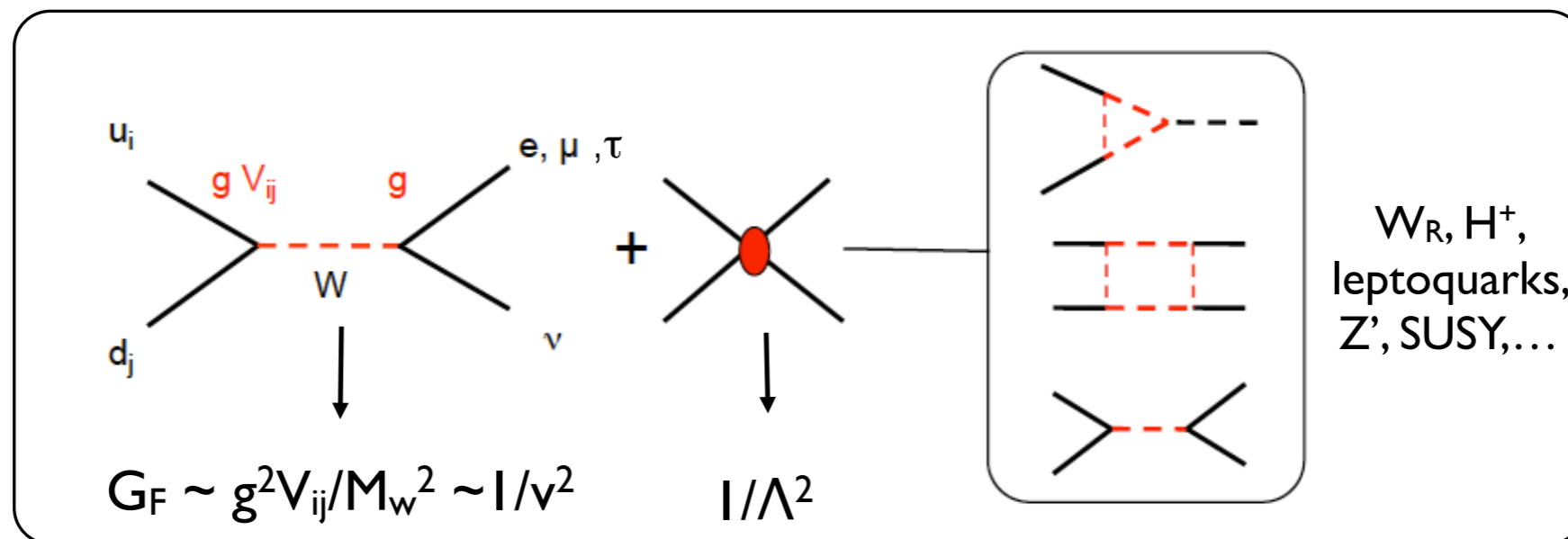
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SUSY analyses:

Bauman, Eler,
 Ramsey-Musolf,
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 Hagiwara et
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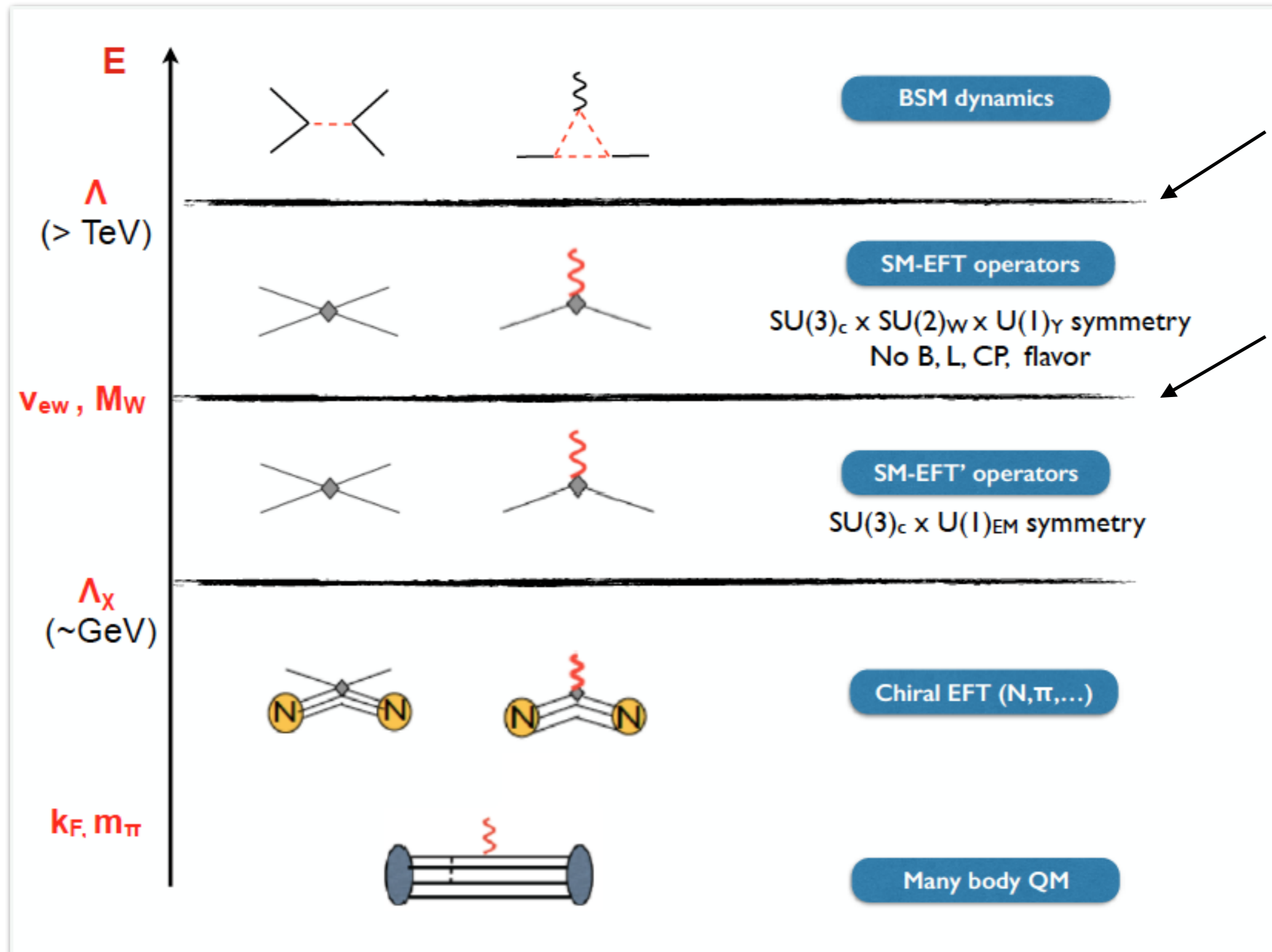
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- Broad sensitivity to BSM scenarios
- Experimental and theoretical precision at or approaching 0.1% level
 Probe effective scale Λ in the 5-10 TeV range

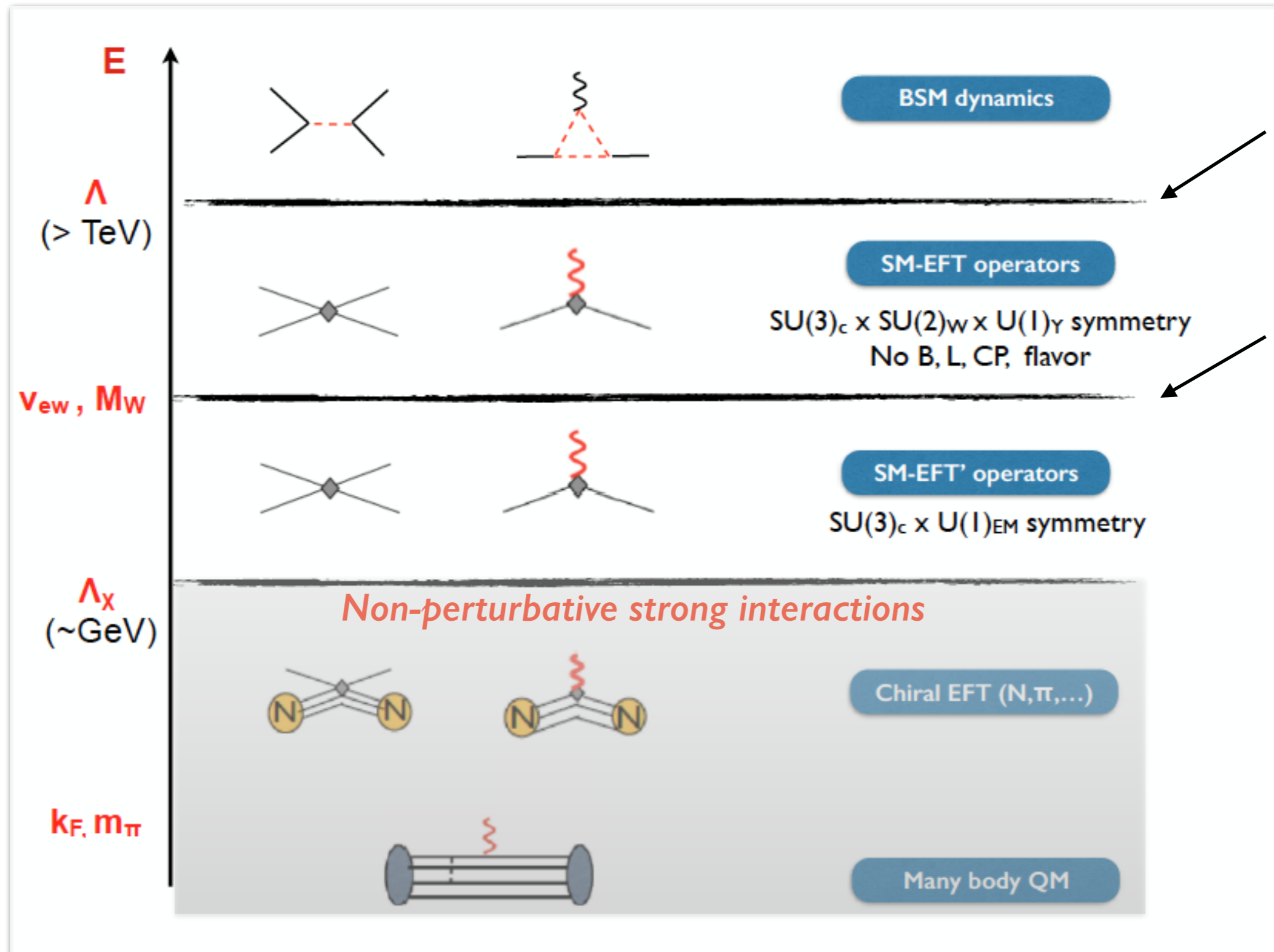
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Matching to BSM scenarios

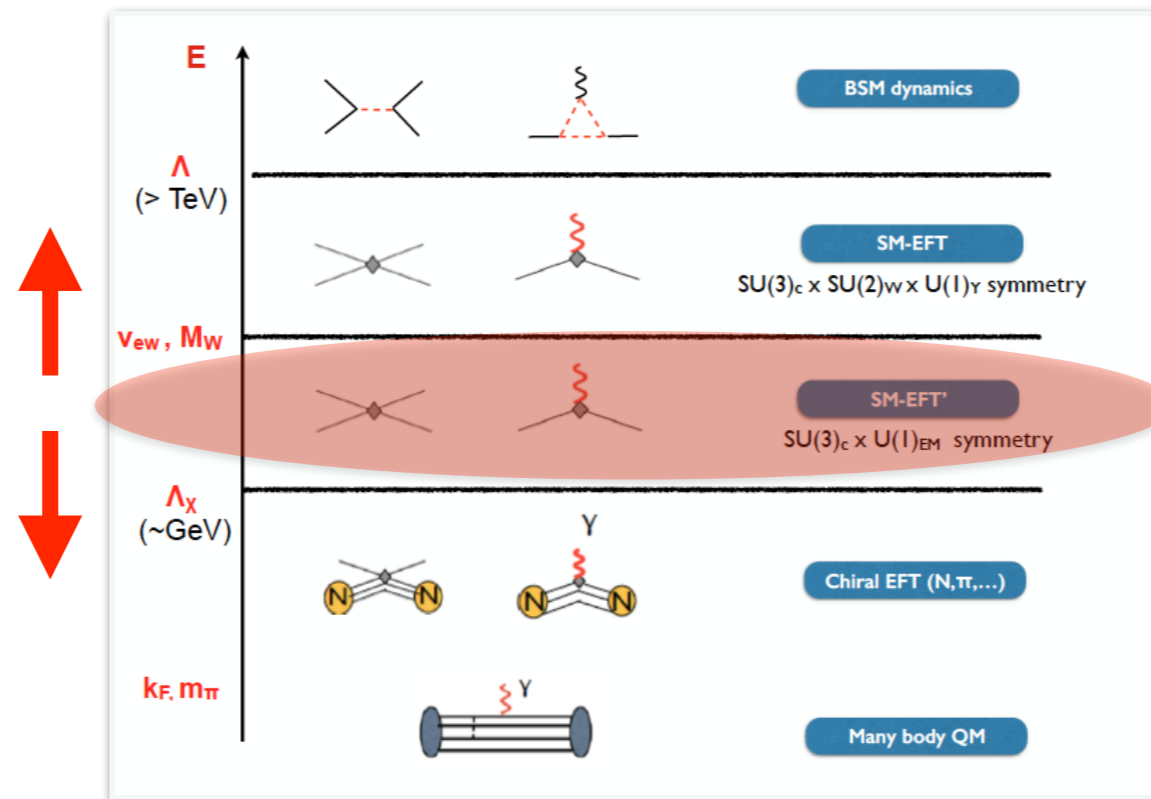
Perturbative matching within SM

Hadronic matrix elements

Nuclear matrix elements

Effective Lagrangian at $E \sim \text{GeV}$

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- Quark-level version of Lee-Yang effective Lagrangian, allows us to connect nuclear & high energy probes

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Bhattacharya et al., 1110.6448

VC, Graesser, Gonzalez-Alonso 1210.4553

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 & - \epsilon_P \bar{\ell} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \bar{u} \gamma_5 d \\
 & \left. + \epsilon_T \bar{\ell} \sigma_{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \bar{u} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1 - \gamma_5) d \right] + \text{h.c.}
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Interference with SM suppressed by m_ν/E : quadratic sensitivity to $\tilde{\epsilon}_i$

$$+ \quad \epsilon_i \longrightarrow \tilde{\epsilon}_i \quad (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \longrightarrow (1 + \gamma_5) \nu_\ell$$

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- Work to first order in **rad. corr.** and **new physics**

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$G_F^{(\mu)}$

Fermi constant extracted from muon lifetime, possibly “contaminated” by new physics

δ_{RC}

SM rad. corr.
 \supset “large log”
 $(\alpha/\pi) \times \text{Log}(M_Z/\mu)$

Note: besides the pre-factor, ϵ_R appears in nuclear decays in the combination $\bar{g}_A \equiv g_A \times (1 - 2\epsilon_R)$

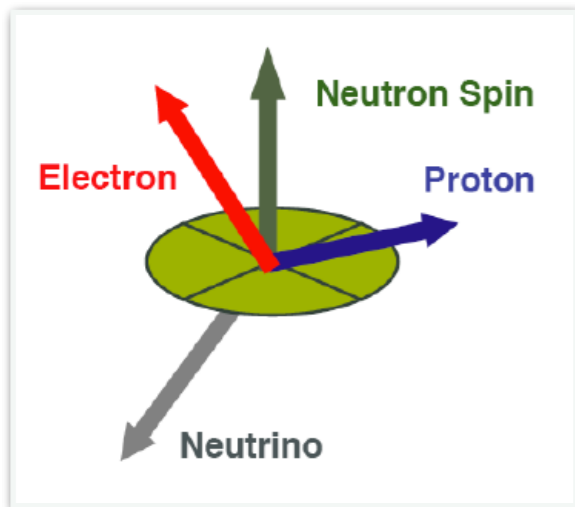
Marciano-Sirlin 1981
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How do we probe the ϵ_α ? (I)

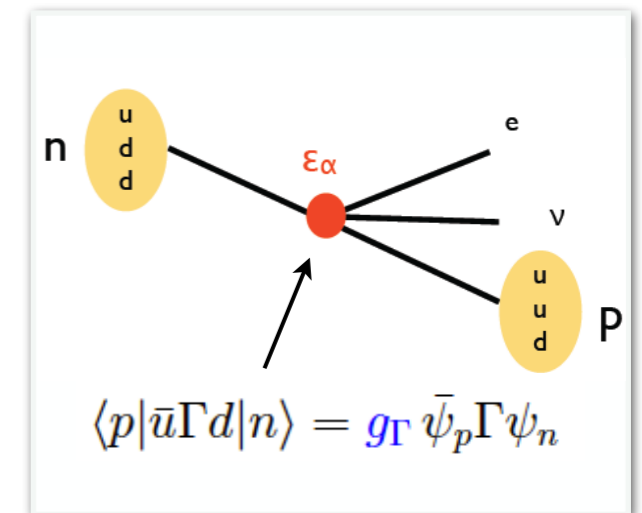
I. Differential decay distribution

$$d\Gamma \propto F(E_e) \left\{ 1 + b \frac{m_e}{E_e} + a \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + \langle \vec{J} \rangle \cdot \left[A \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} + B \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + \dots \right] \right\}$$

Lee-Yang, 1956 Jackson-Treiman-Wyld 1957



$a(g_A)$, $A(g_A)$, $B(g_A, g_\alpha \epsilon_\alpha)$, ...
isolated via suitable experimental
asymmetries

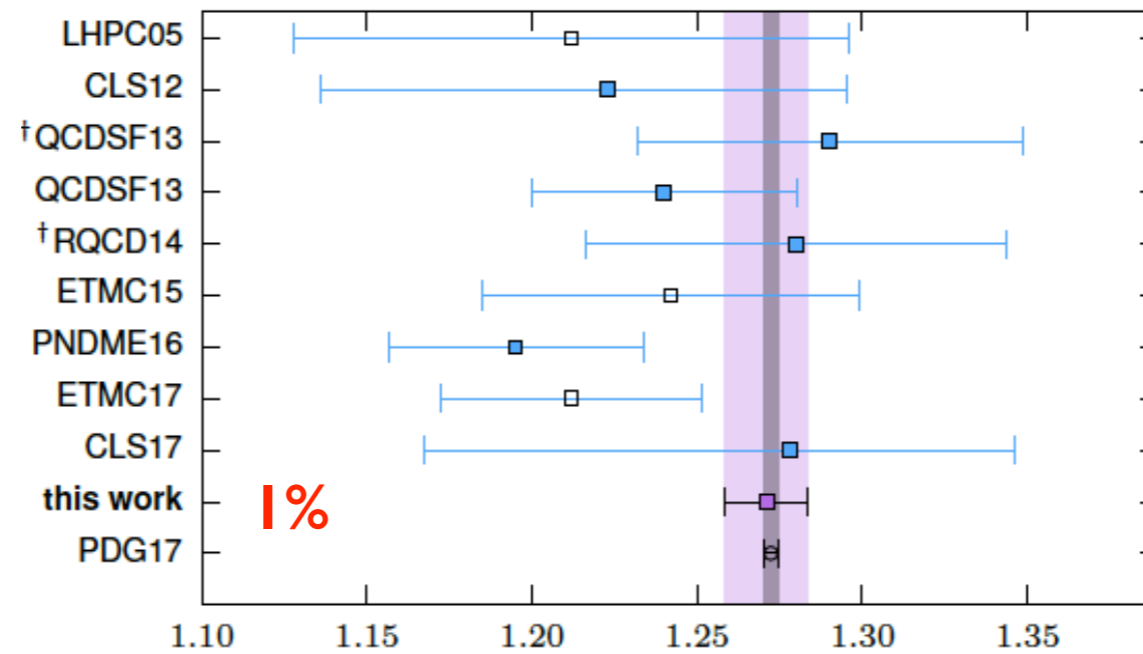


Theory input: $g_{V,A,S,T}$ (from lattice QCD) + rad. corr.

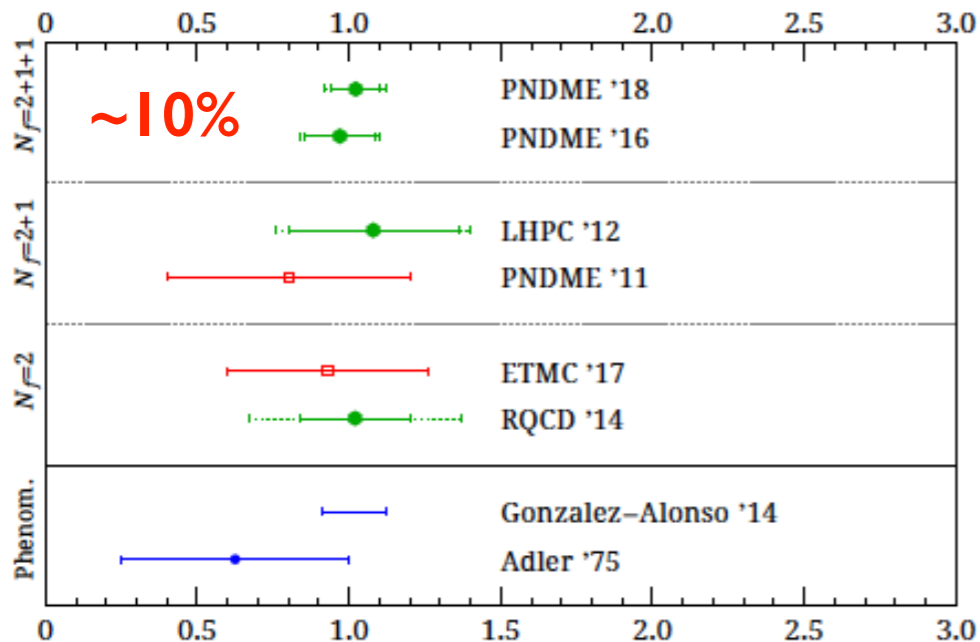
Nucleon charges from lattice QCD

With estimates of all systematic errors ($m_q, a, V, \text{excited states}$)

Chang et al. (CaLat) 1805.12030



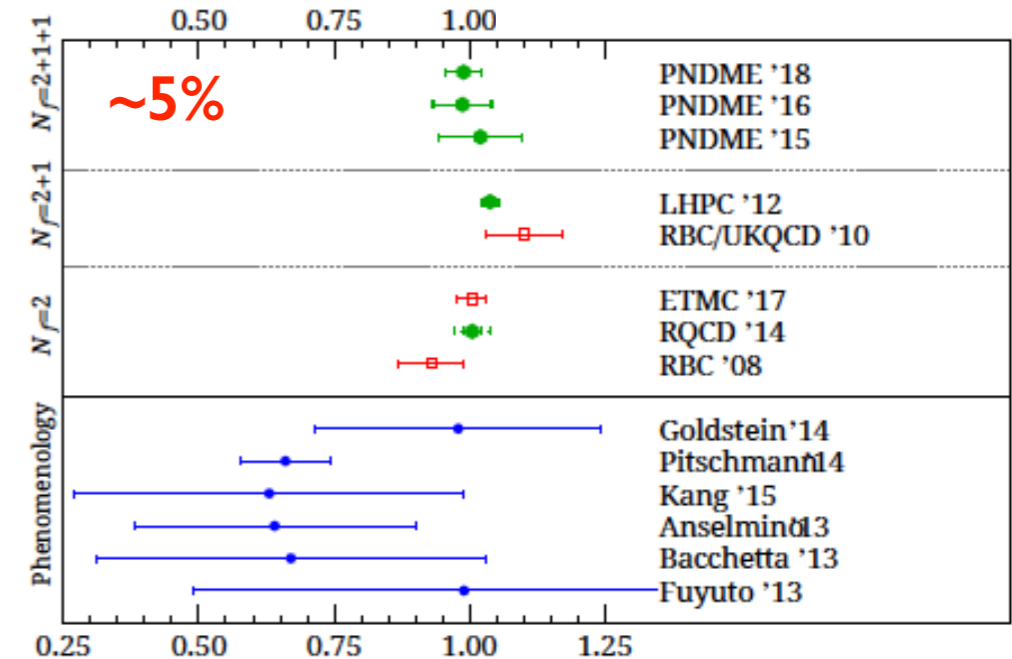
g_S



g_A

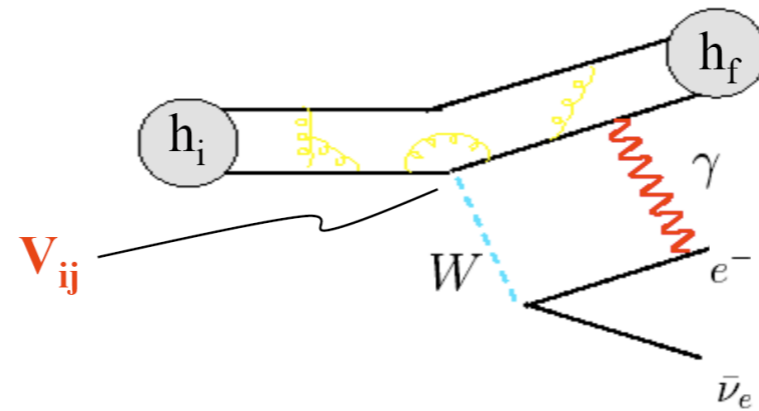
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g_T



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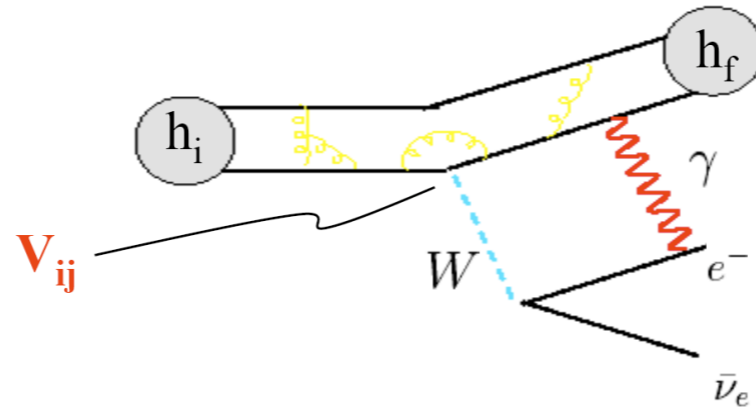
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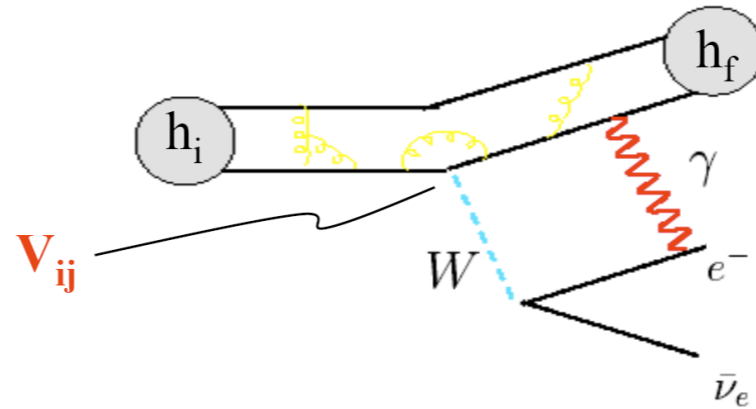
Lifetimes,
BRs

Experimental input

Q-values \rightarrow
phase space

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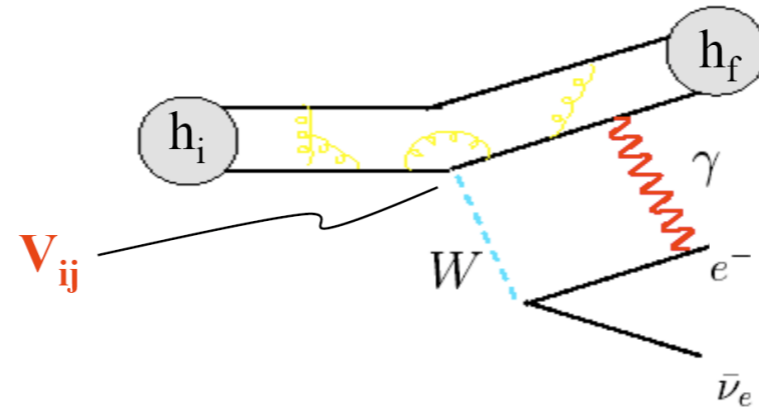
Theory input

Hadronic / nuclear
matrix elements
and radiative corrections

Lattice QCD, chiral EFT,
dispersion relations, ...

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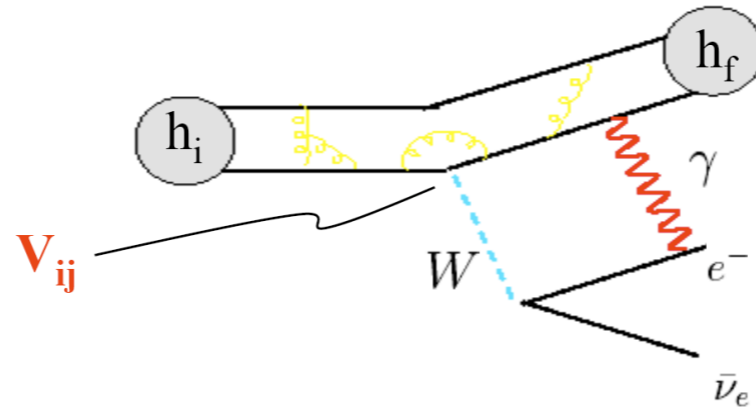
Channel-dependent
effective CKM element

$$\bar{V}_{ud} = V_{ud} \left[1 + \epsilon_L + \epsilon_R + b(\epsilon_S, \epsilon_T) \tilde{F}_{\text{kin}} \right]$$

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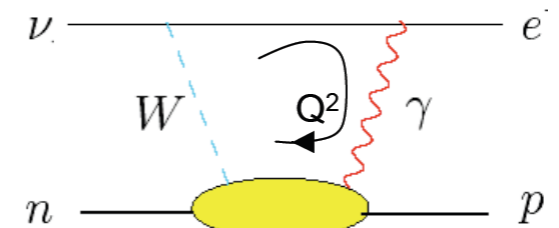
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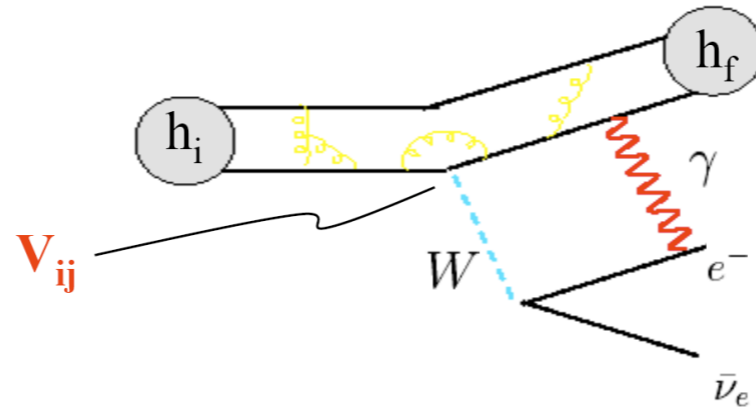
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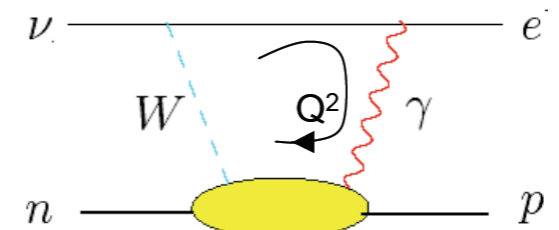
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 [Seng et al. 1807.10197]



Snapshot of the field

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Correlation coefficients

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^{67}Cu	GT/ β^-	\tilde{A}	$0.587(14)$
^{114}In	GT/ β^-	\tilde{A}	$-0.994(14)$
$^{14}\text{O}/^{10}\text{C}$	F-GT/ β^+	P_F/P_{GT}	$0.9996(37)$
$^{26}\text{Al}/^{30}\text{P}$	F-GT/ β^+	P_F/P_{GT}	$1.0030(40)$
^8Li	GT/ β^-	R	$0.0009(22)$

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Nuclei

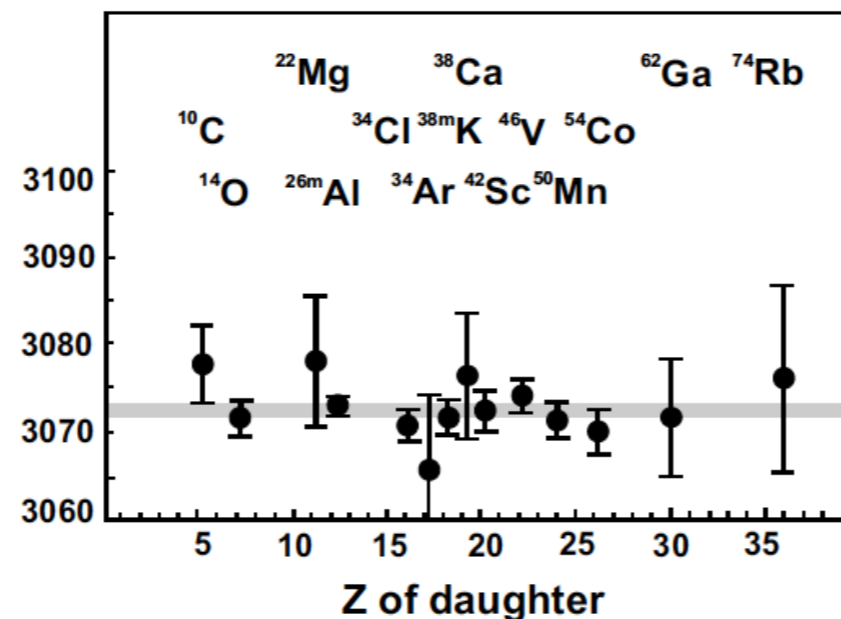
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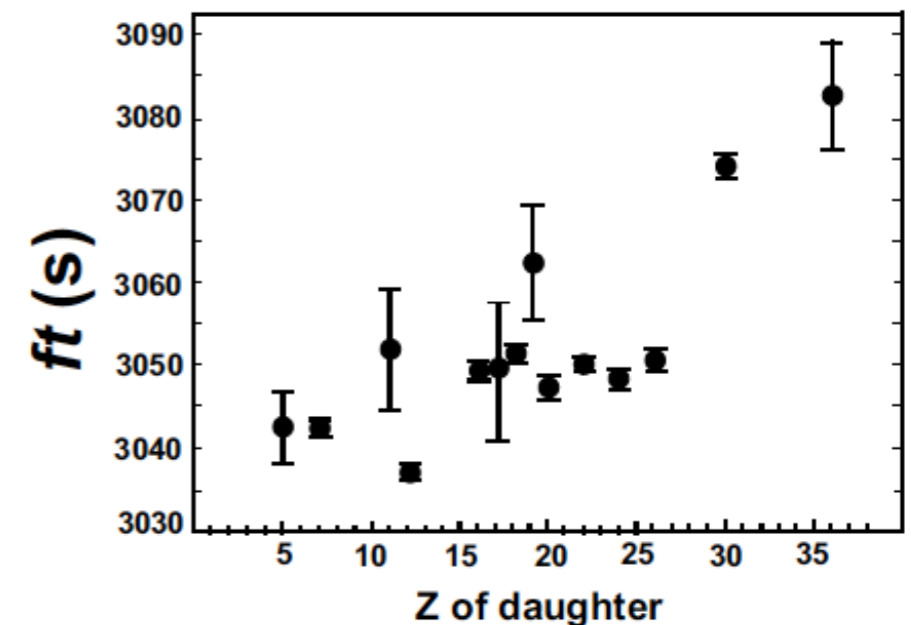
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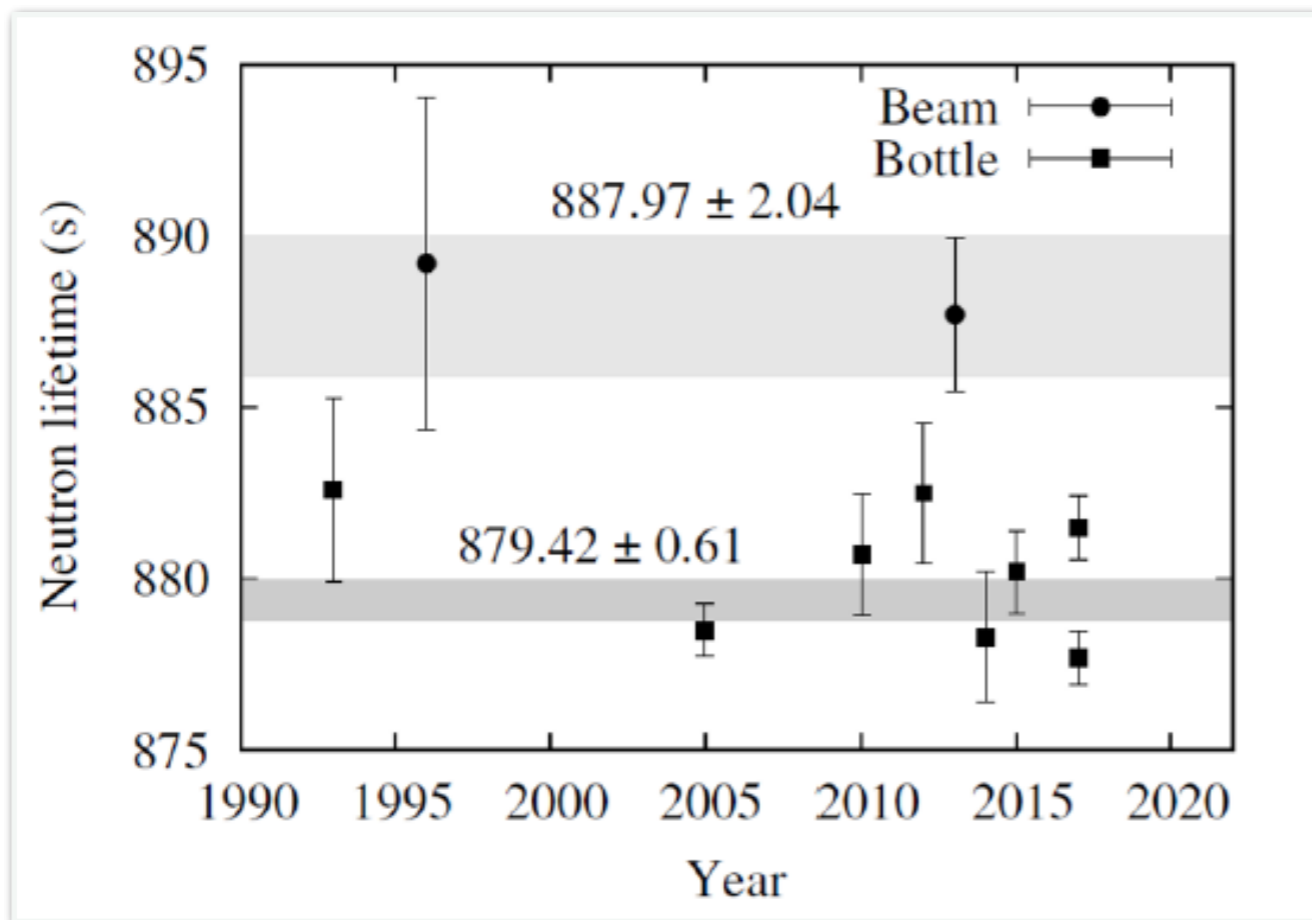
FT values before including nucleus-dependent radiative correction



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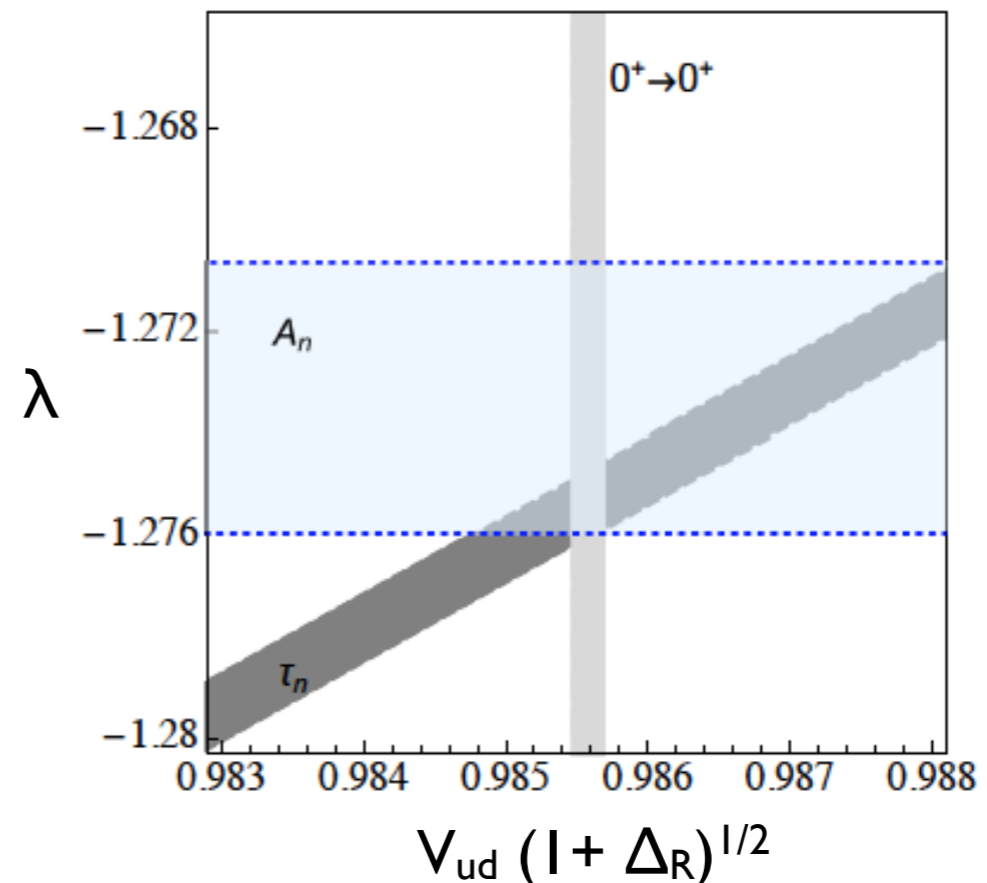
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- Standard Model fit ($\lambda = g_A/g_V$)

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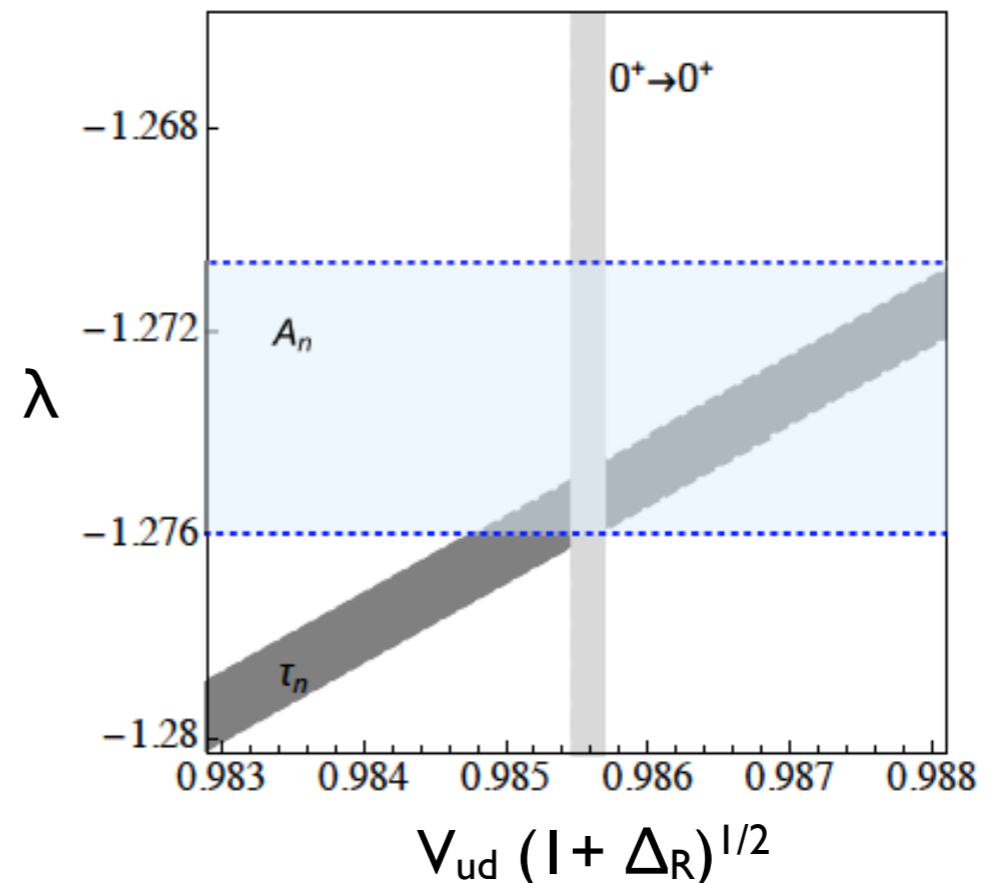
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- Fit including BSM couplings (driven by $\mathcal{F}t$'s ($0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$), τ_n , and A_n)

$$\tilde{V}_{ud} \equiv V_{ud} (1 + \epsilon_L + \epsilon_R) \left(1 - \frac{\delta G_F}{G_F} \right)$$

2nd error:
 $\Delta_R, g_A, g_S, \text{ and } g_T$

1st error:
experimental

$$\bar{g}_A = g_A (1 - 2\epsilon_R)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\tilde{V}_{ud}| \\ \epsilon_R \\ \epsilon_S \\ \epsilon_T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97452(34)(19) \\ 0.002(1)(21) & (90\% \text{ CL}) \\ 0.0014(20)(3) & (90\% \text{ CL}) \\ -0.0007(12)(1) & (90\% \text{ CL}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_{\min}^2/\nu = 0.46 .$$

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1.00 & & & \\ 0.00 & 1.00 & & \\ 0.83 & 0.00 & 1.00 & \\ 0.28 & -0.04 & 0.31 & 1.00 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\sim 2\% \rightarrow \sim 0.5\%^{**}$
 $\sim 0.2\%$
 $\sim 0.1\%$

Cabibbo universality test

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Extraction dominated by
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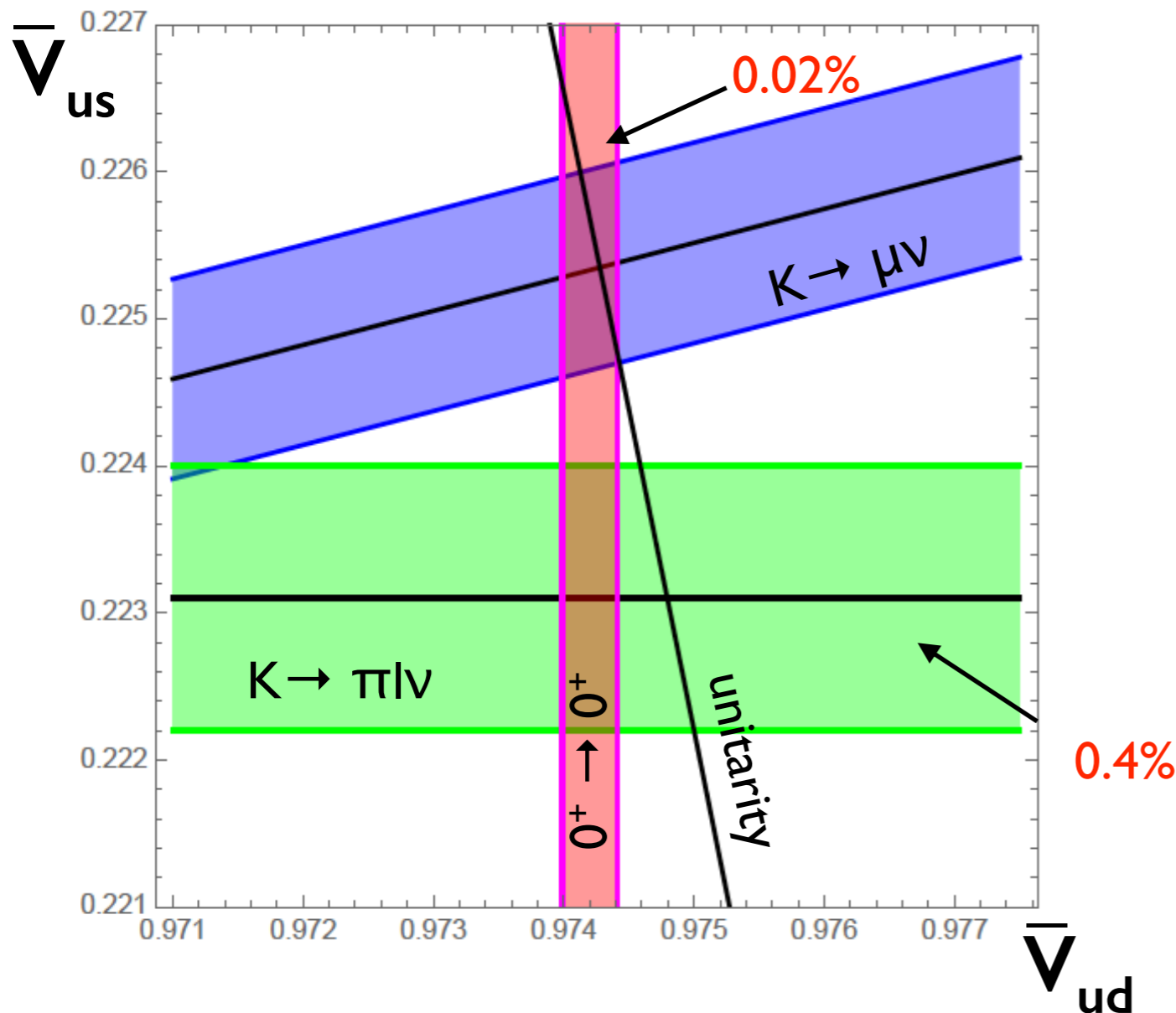
Hardy-Towner 1411.5987
CKM 2016

Extraction dominated by K decays:
 $K \rightarrow \pi e \nu$ & $K \rightarrow \mu \nu$ vs $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$ (V_{us}/V_{ud})

FLAVIANET report 1005.2323 and refs therein
Lattice QCD input from FLAG 1607.00299 and refs therein
+ MILC 2018 1809.02827

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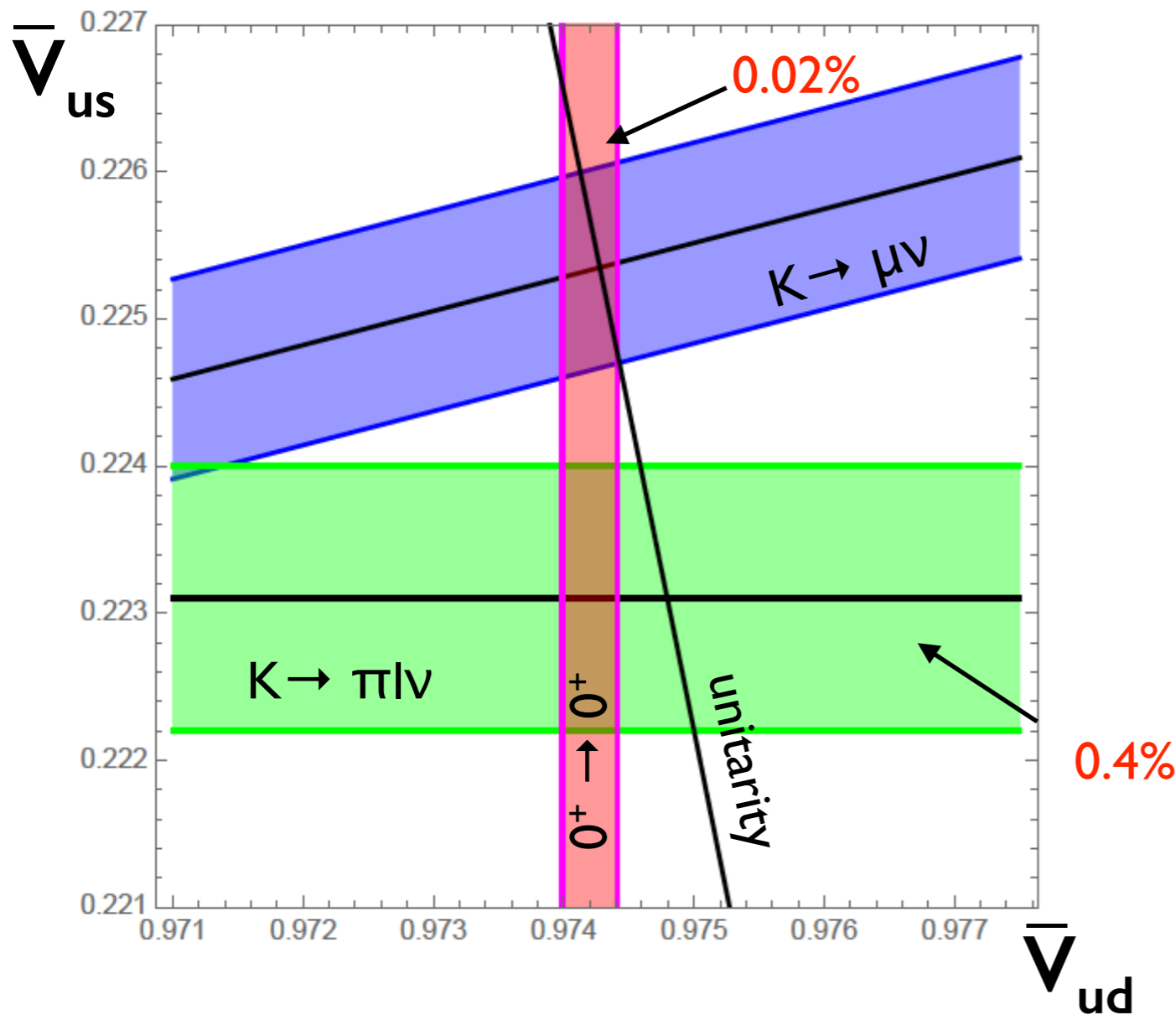
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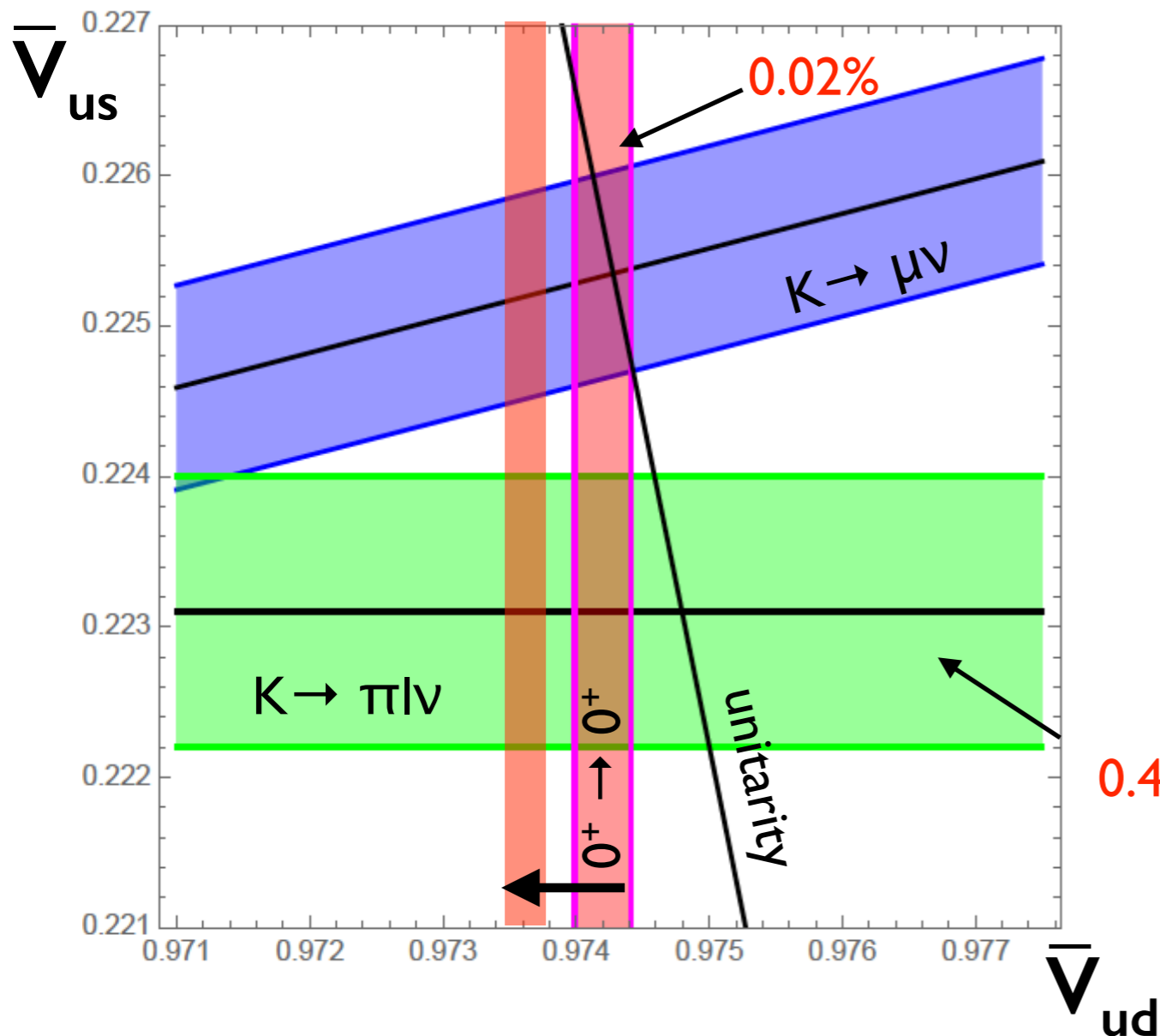
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Hint of something
[ϵ 's $\neq 0$] or SM theory input?

Worth a closer look:
at the level of the best LEP EW
precision tests,
probing scale $\Lambda \sim 10$ TeV

Cabibbo universality test

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$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}} = -(14 \pm 4) * 10^{-4} \sim 3.5\sigma$$

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}} = -(22 \pm 5) * 10^{-4} \sim 4.5\sigma$$

V_{us} from $K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$

With new radiative corrections
[Seng et al. 1807.10197]

Impact of neutrons

- Independent extraction of V_{ud} @ 0.02% requires:

$$\bar{g}_A = g_A (1 - 2\epsilon_R)$$

$$\bar{V}_{ud} = \left[\frac{4908.6(1.9) \text{ s}}{\tau_n (1 + 3\bar{g}_A^2)} \right]^{1/2}$$

Czarnecki,
Marciano, Sirlin
1802.01804

$$\delta\tau_n \sim 0.35 \text{ s}$$

$$\delta\tau_n/\tau_n \sim 0.04 \%$$

$$\delta g_A/g_A \sim 0.15\% \rightarrow 0.03\%$$

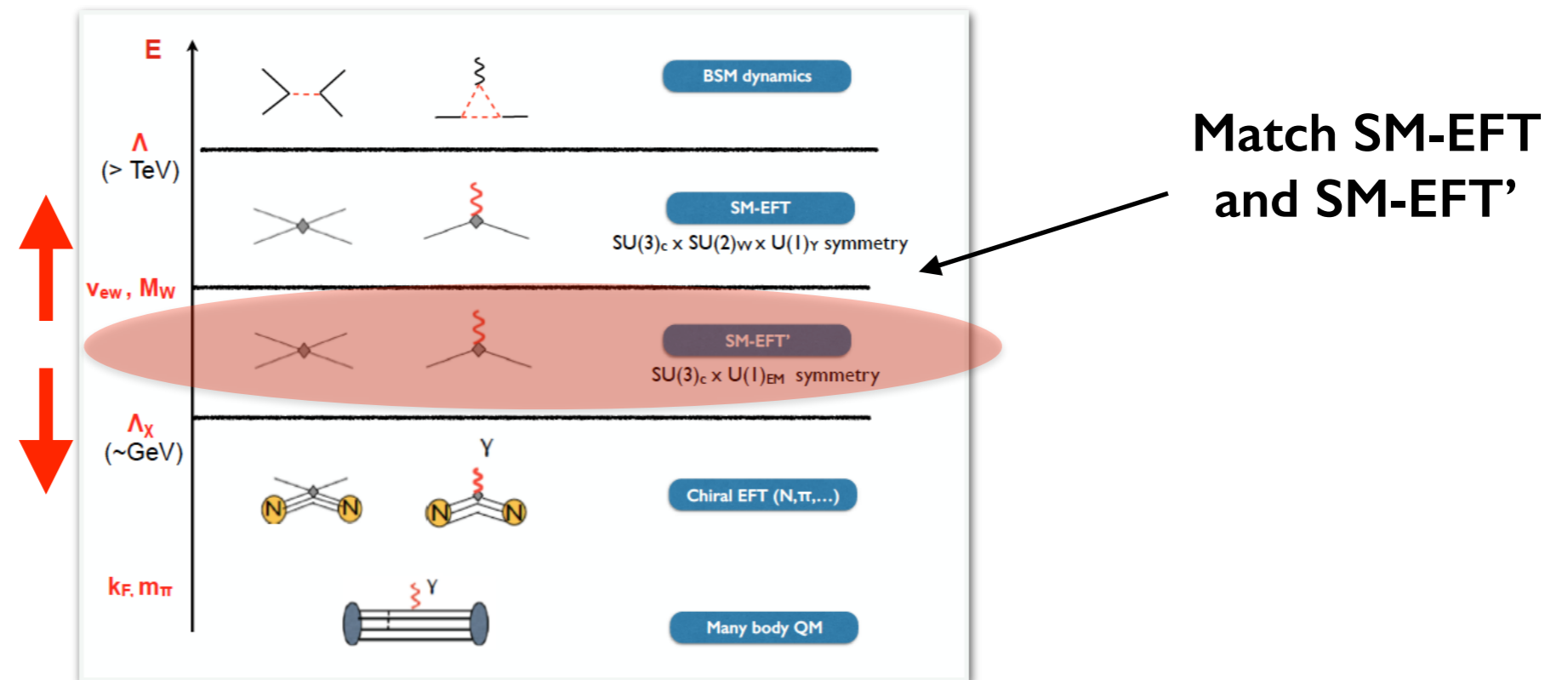
($\delta a/a, \delta A/A \sim 0.14\%$)

UCNT @ LANL [$\tau_n \sim 877.7(7)(3)\text{s}$]
is almost there, will reach $\delta\tau_n \sim 0.2 \text{ s}$
1707.01817

$\delta A/A < 0.2\%$ can be reached
by PERC, UCNA+
 $\delta a/a \sim 0.1\%$ at Nab

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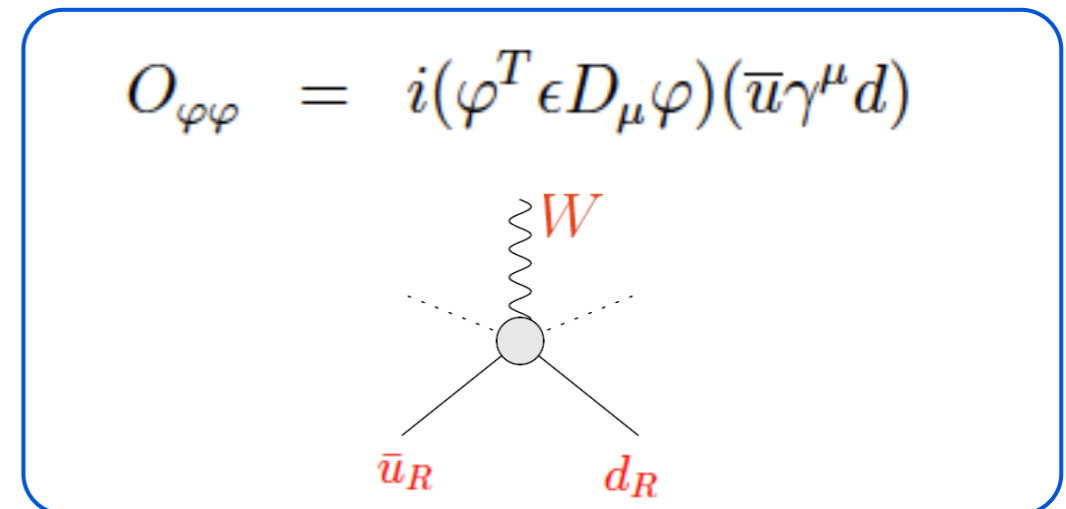
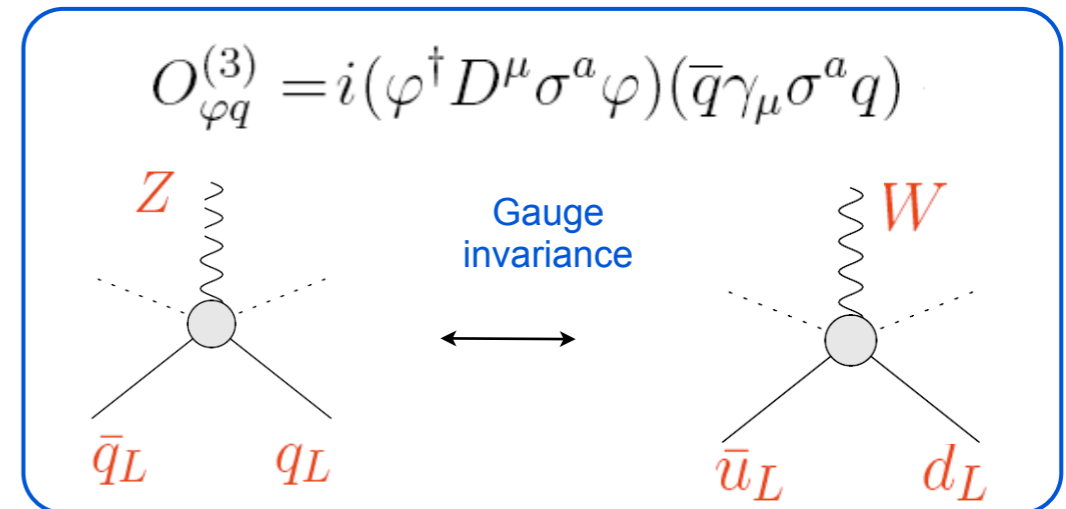
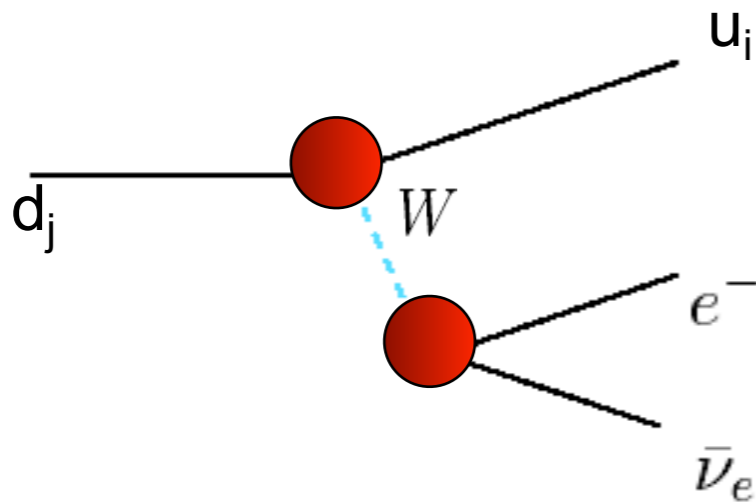


- Model-independent statements possible in “heavy BSM” scenarios:
 $M_{\text{BSM}} > \text{TeV} \rightarrow$ new physics looks point-like at collider

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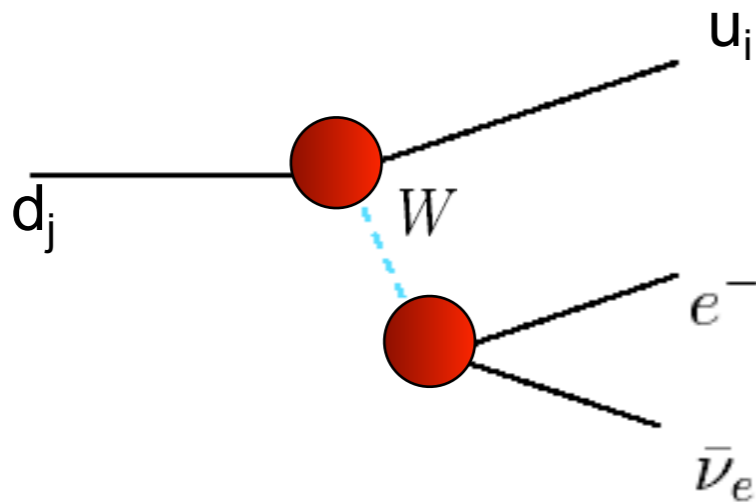


E.g. from W_L - W_R mixing in Left-Right symmetric models

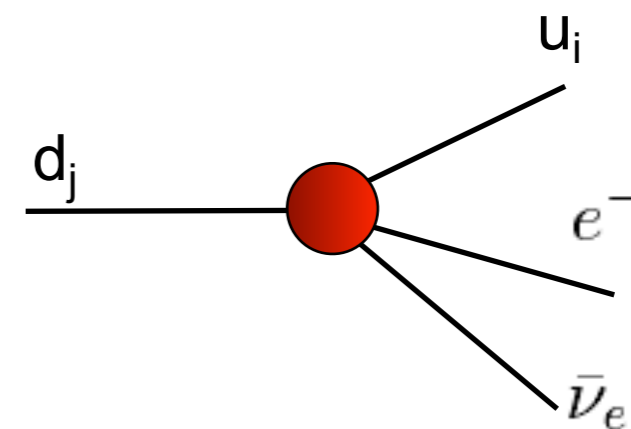
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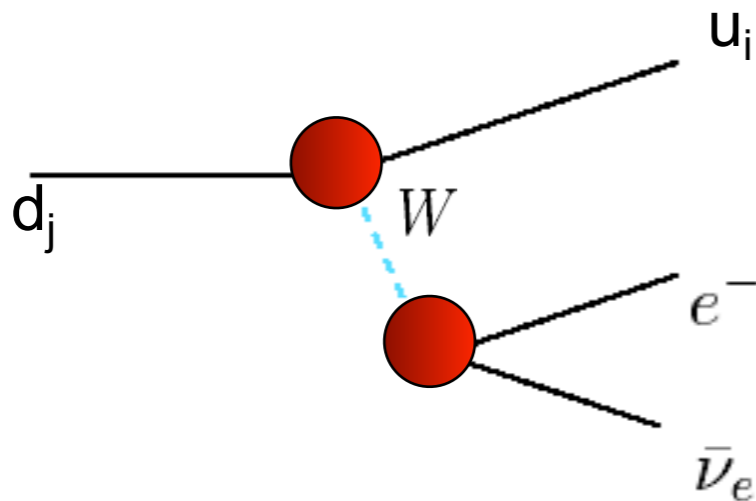
$$O_{qde} = (\bar{l}e)(\bar{d}q) + \text{h.c.}$$

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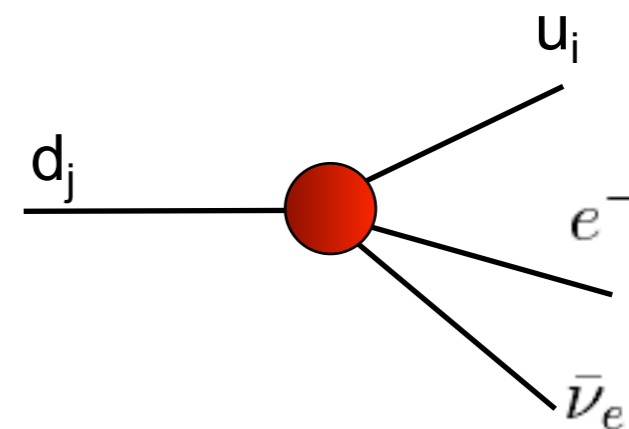
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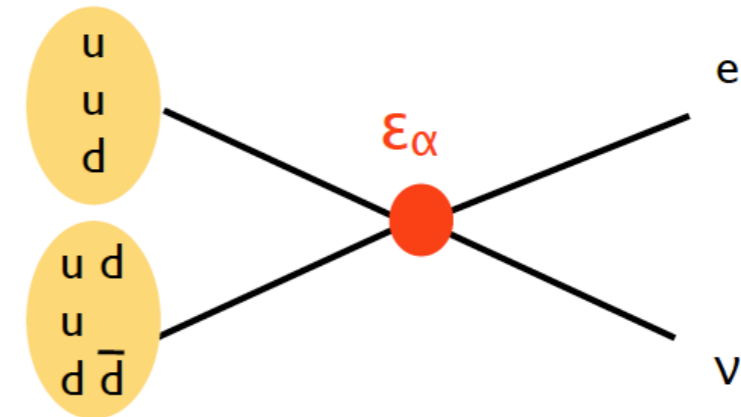
- LEP:
 - Strong constraints ($<0.1\%$) on L-handed vertex corrections (Z-pole)
 - Weaker constraints on 4-fermion interactions (σ_{had})
- What about LHC?

LHC sensitivity: 4-fermions

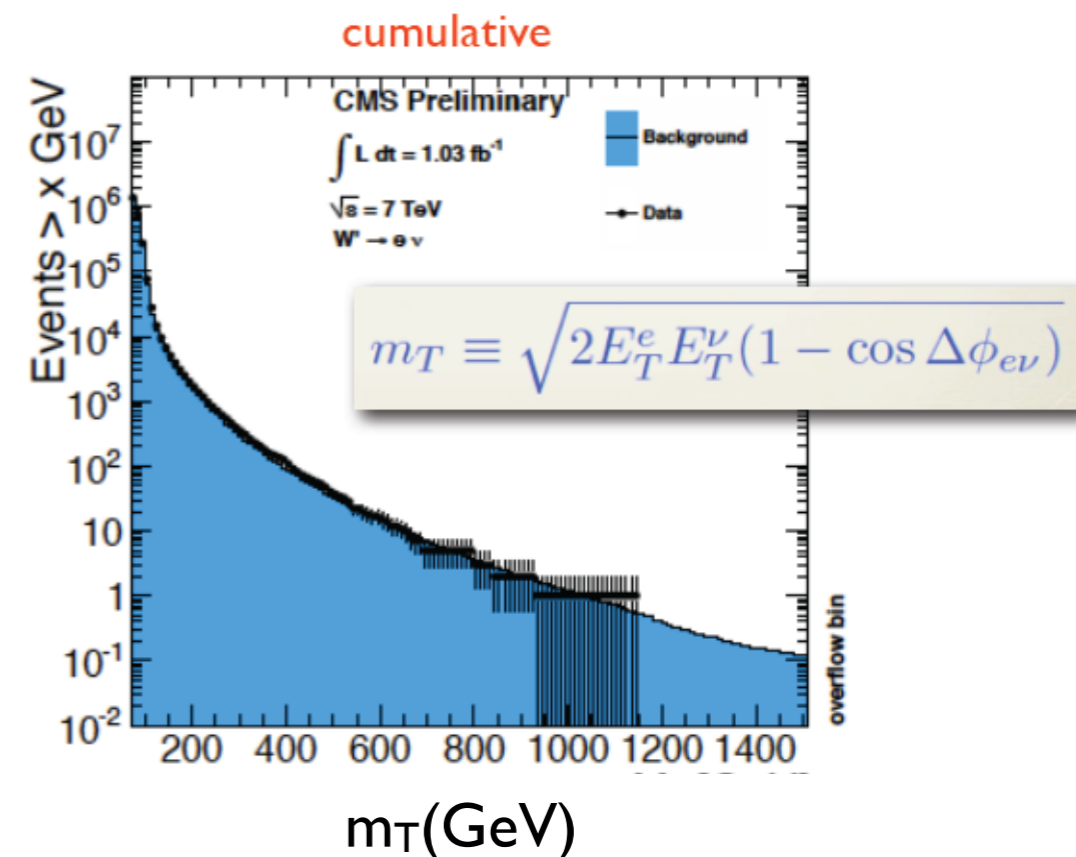
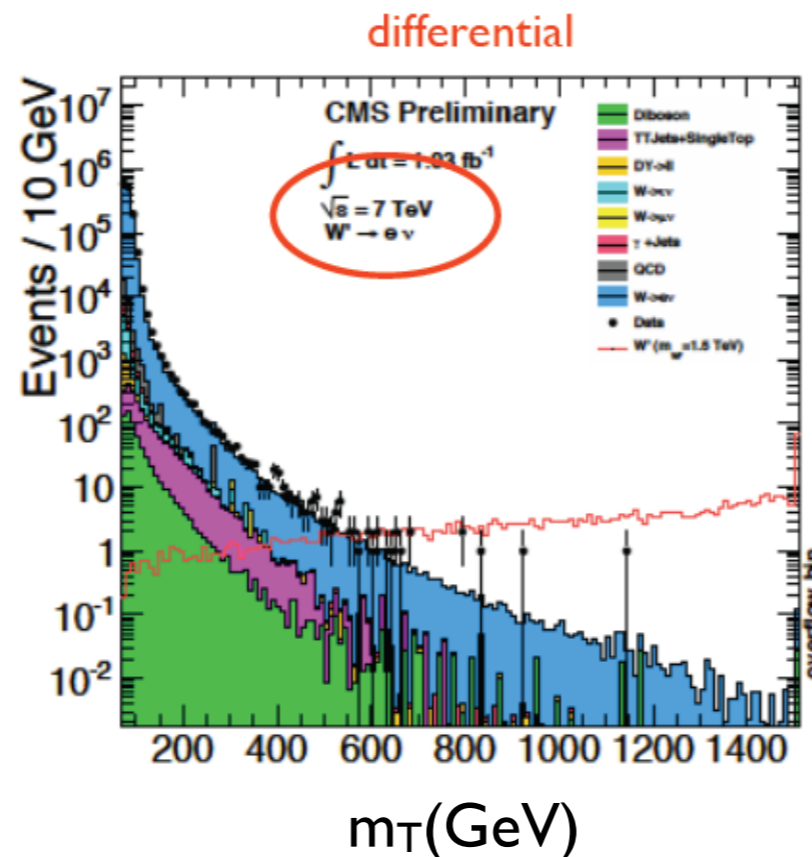
Bhattacharya et al., 1110.6448,

VC, Graesser, Gonzalez-Alonso 1210.4553

- The effective couplings ϵ_α contribute to the process $pp \rightarrow e\nu + X$



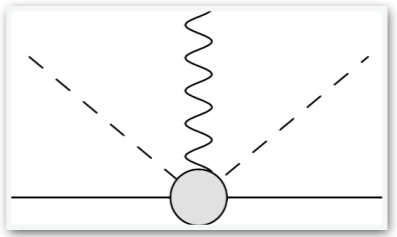
- No excess events in transverse mass distribution: bounds on ϵ_α



LHC sensitivity: vertex corrections

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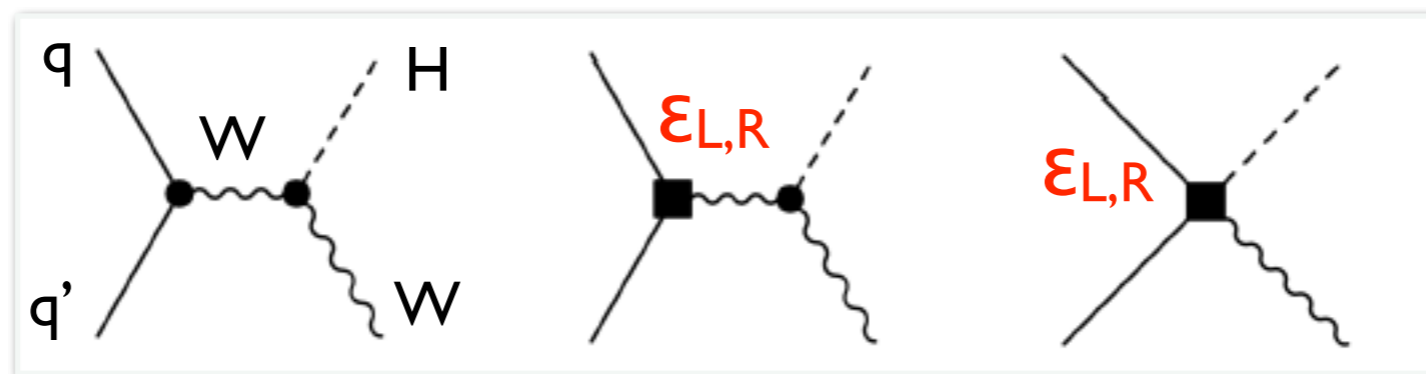
- Vertex corrections inducing $\epsilon_{L,R}$ in the SM-EFT involve the Higgs field (due to SU(2) gauge invariance)



ϵ_L $\varphi^\dagger \tau^a D_\mu \varphi \bar{q}_L \tau^a \gamma^\mu q_L$

ϵ_R $\varphi^T \epsilon D_\mu \varphi \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu d_R$

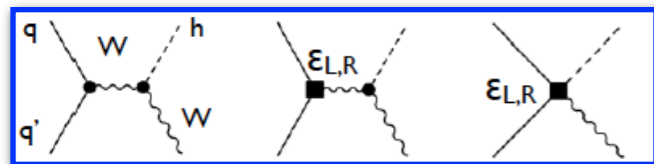
- Can be probed at the LHC by associated Higgs + W production



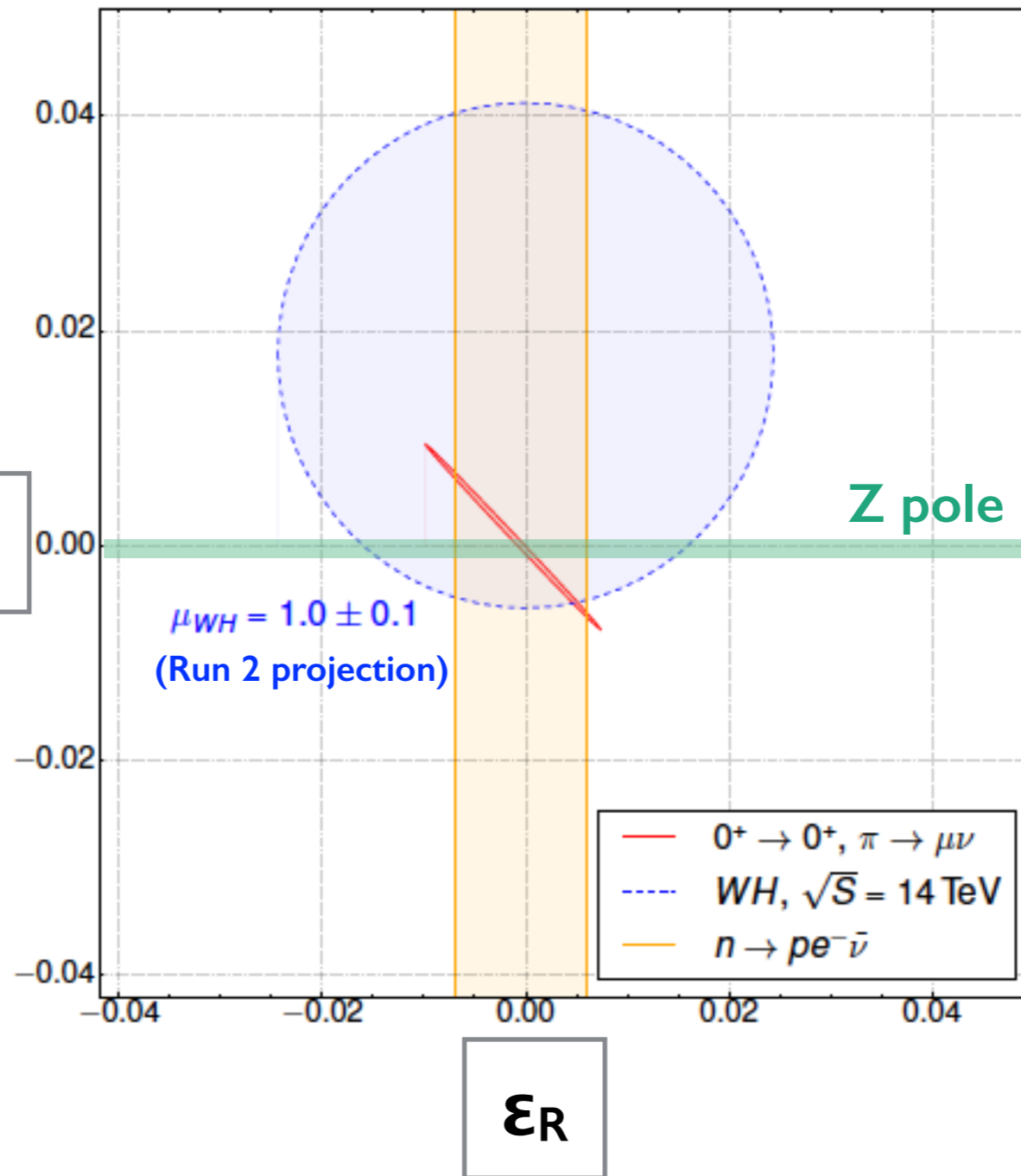
Example I: ϵ_L and ϵ_R couplings

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90%CL, assumes only two operators at high scale



ϵ_L



Z-pole $\rightarrow \epsilon_L^{(\nu)}$
Falkowski et al
1706.03783

Neutron decay:
 $\lambda = g_A (1 - 2 \epsilon_R)$

Constraint on ϵ_R uses
 $g_A = 1.271(13)$
(Callat 1805.12030)

$\Delta_{\text{CKM}} \propto \epsilon_L + \epsilon_R$
 $\delta\Gamma_{(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu)} \propto \epsilon_L - \epsilon_R$
[f_π from LQCD]

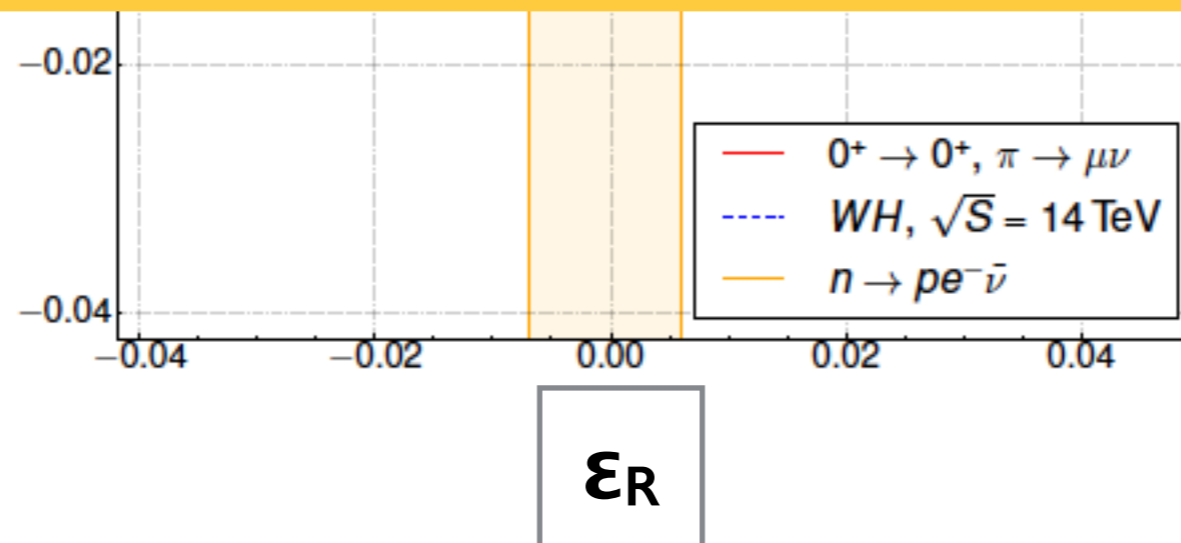
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Several lessons:

- Beta decays can be quite competitive with collider
- Connection between CC and NC (gauge invariance!)
- Caveat: going beyond a 2-operator analysis relaxes some of these constraints (but not the one on ϵ_R from λ)
- All in all, beta decays provide *independent competitive constraints* in a global analysis

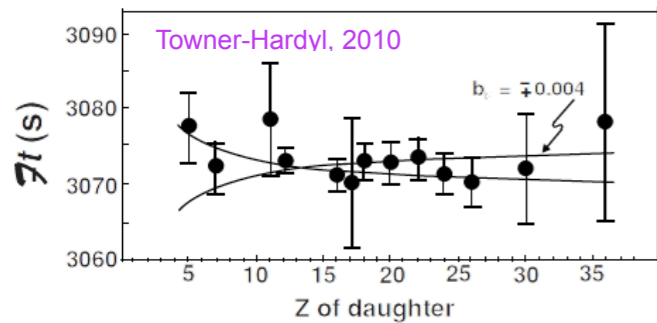
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$0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ (b_F)



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Current low-E data:
dominated by
 $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$, $\tau(n)$, $A(n)$

Gonzalez-Alonso,
Naviliat-Cuncic,
Severijns, 1803.08732

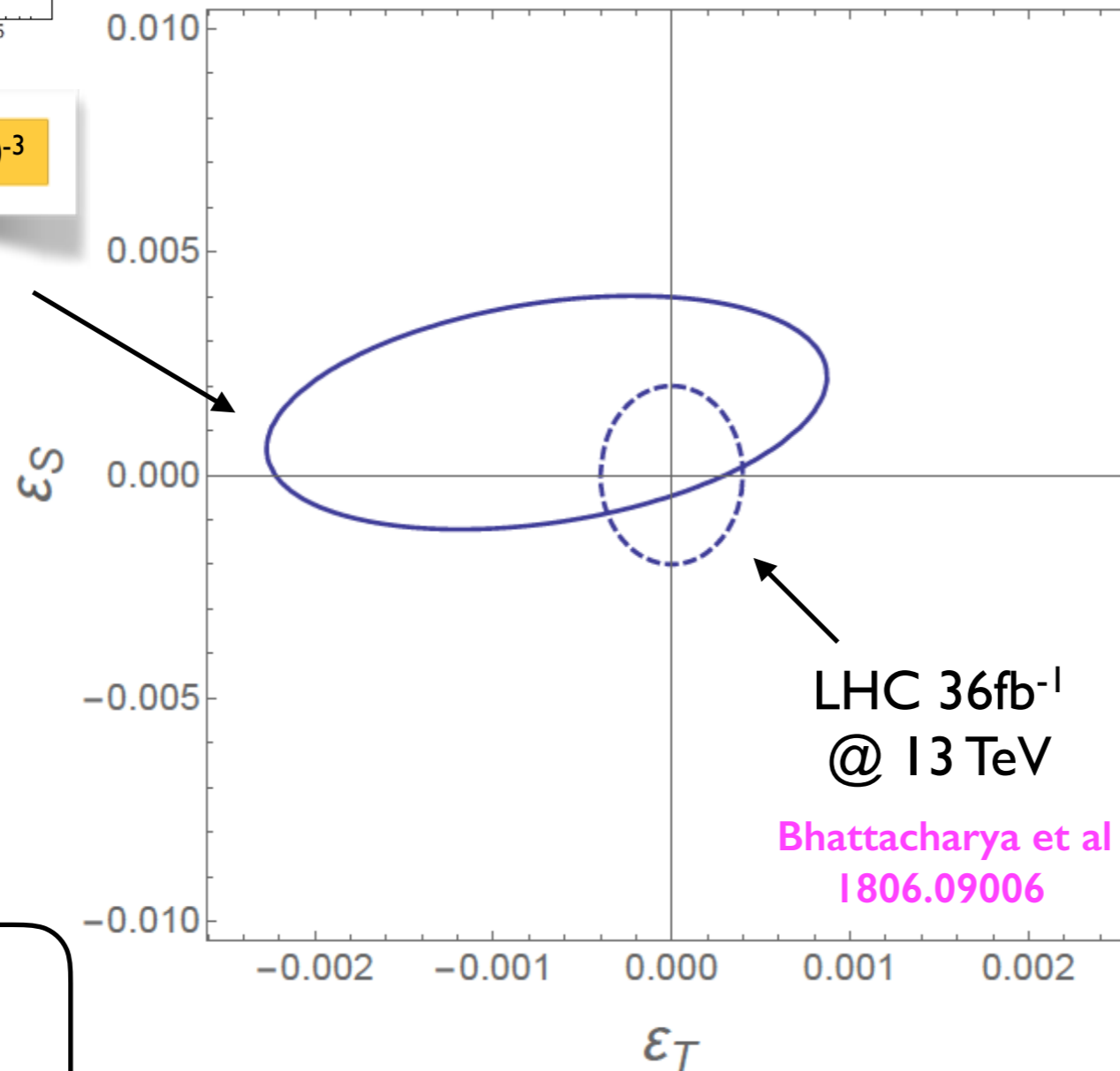
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Bhattacharya et al (PNDME)
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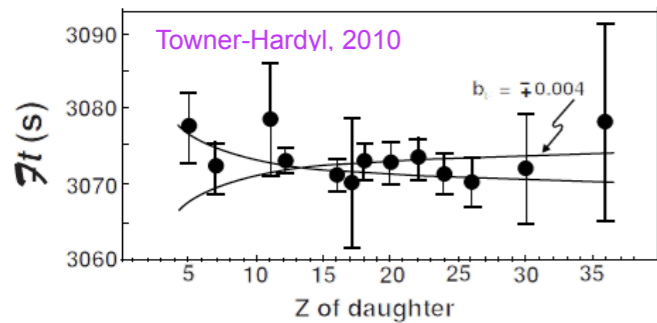
CURRENT

$\epsilon_{S,T}$ @ $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV (MS-bar)}$



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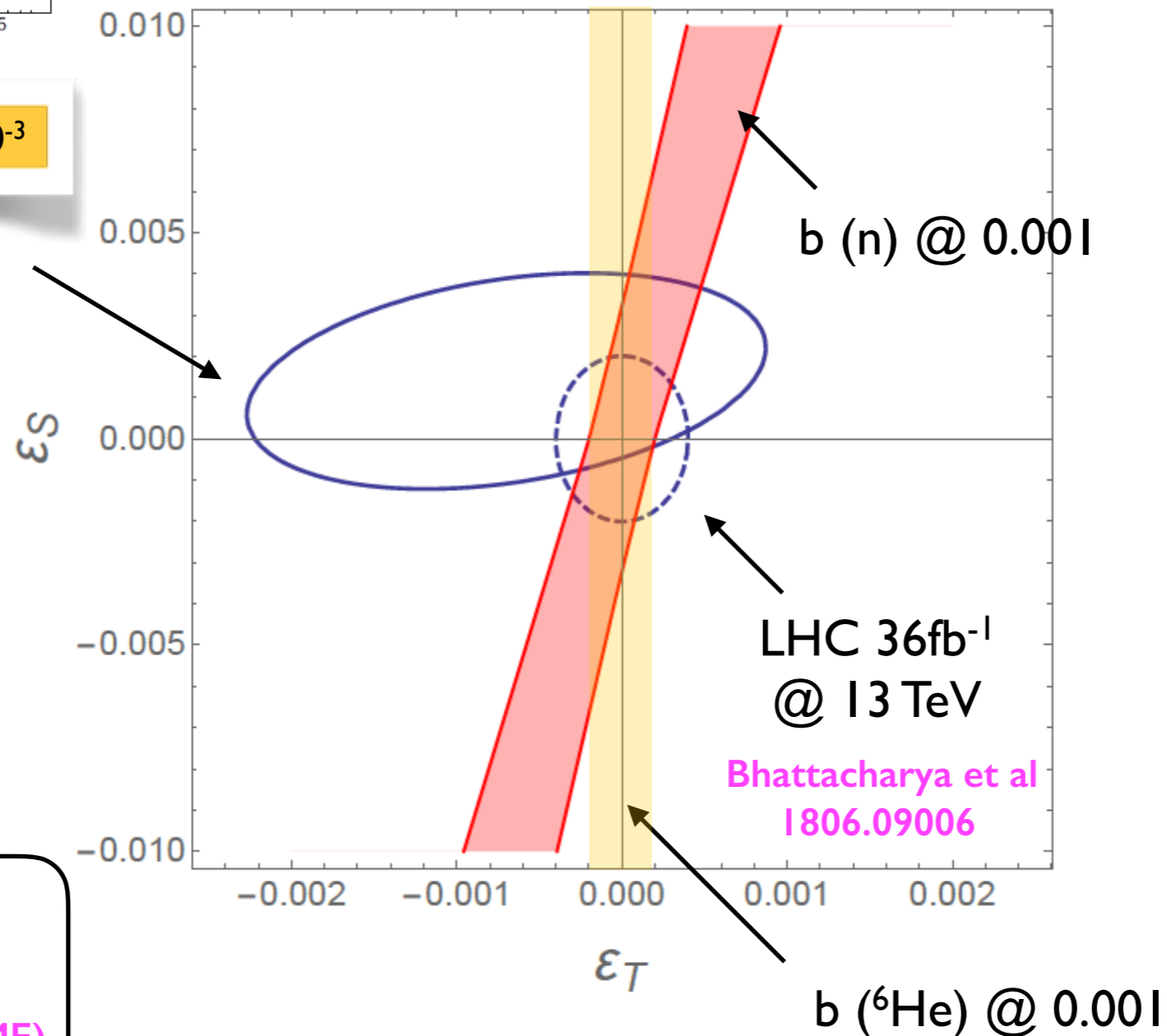
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FUTURE

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LHC puts very
strong constraints
on 4-fermion
interactions

Prospective beta
decay measurements
competitive, probing
 $\Lambda_{S,T} \sim 5\text{-}10$ TeV

Beta decays in specific models

- Model \rightarrow set overall size and pattern of effective couplings
- Beta decays can play very useful diagnosing role
- Qualitative picture: **“DNA matrix”**

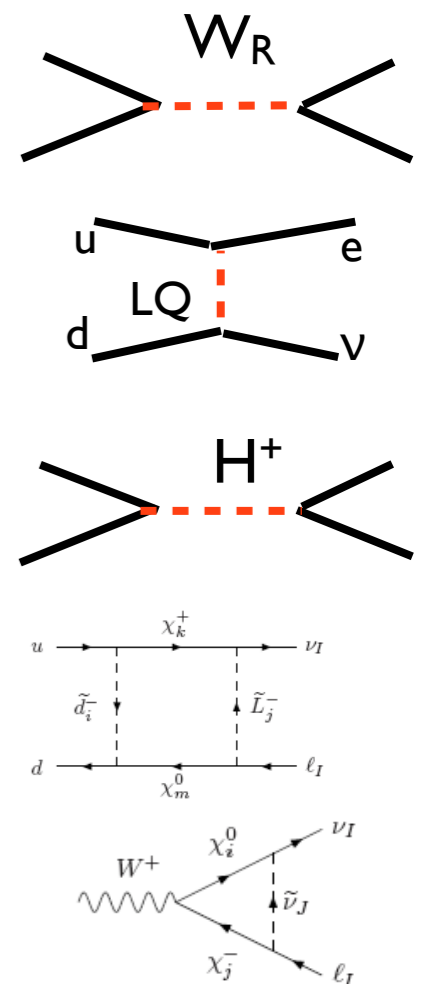
	ϵ_L	ϵ_R	ϵ_P	ϵ_S	ϵ_T
LRSM	x	✓	x	x	x
LQ	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
2HDM	x	x	✓	✓	x
MSSM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

YOUR FAVORITE
MODEL

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Can be made quantitative, including LHC constraints on each model

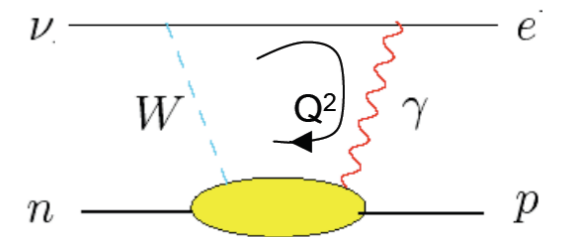


Summary

- β decays with sufficient th. and expt. precision ($< 0.1\%$) remain a very competitive probe of new physics
- Discovery potential depends on the underlying model. However, for heavy mediators, EFT shows that a discovery window exists well into the LHC era (simple examples: ϵ_L - ϵ_R and ϵ_S - ϵ_T plots)
- Beta decays play unique role in probing vertex corrections ϵ_L - ϵ_R (not enough precision at the LHC)
- Beta decays can be competitive probes of scalar and tensor interactions if precision reaches $< 0.1\%$

Outlook

- The next frontier in beta decays will likely include
 - Experiment:
 - $\delta\tau_n \sim 0.1s$
 - $<0.1\%$ precision in decay correlation coefficients
 - Theory:
 - g_A at sub-percent level from LQCD
 - Radiative corrections: improved data for dispersive method and lattice QCD analysis



Backup

Summary table

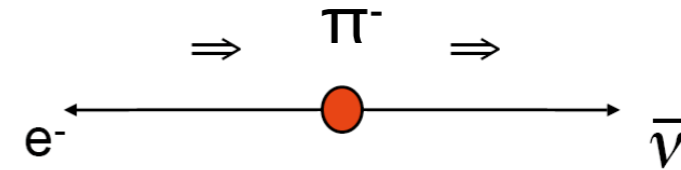
- This table summarizes a large number of measurements and th. input
- Already quite impressive. Effective scales in the range $\Lambda = 1-10 \text{ TeV}$ ($\Lambda_{\text{SM}} \approx 0.2 \text{ TeV}$)

$$\tilde{Y}(E_e) = \frac{Y(E_e)}{1 + b m_e/E_e + \dots}$$

Non-standard coupling	Observable	Current sensitivity	Prospective sensitivity
Re($\epsilon_L + \epsilon_R$)	Δ_{CKM}	$\sim 0.05\%$	$< 0.05\%$ *
Im(ϵ_R)	D_n	$\sim 0.05\%$	
$\epsilon_P, \tilde{\epsilon}_P$	$R_\pi = \frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu)}$	$\sim 0.05\%$	
Re(ϵ_S)	$b, B, [\tilde{a}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{G}]$	$\sim 0.5\%$	$< 0.3\%$
Im(ϵ_S)	R_n	$\sim 10\%$	
Re(ϵ_T)	$b, B, [\tilde{a}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{G}], \pi \rightarrow e\nu\gamma$	$\sim 0.1\%$	$< 0.03\%$
Im(ϵ_T)	R_{sLi}	$\sim 0.2\%$	$\sim 0.05\%$
$\tilde{\epsilon}_{\alpha \neq P}$	a, b, B, A	$\sim 5 - 10\%$	

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

- Helicity suppressed in the SM (V-A)



- Predicted very precisely in the SM (0.01%): $R_{\pi} = 1.2352(1) \times 10^{-4}$

Marciano-Sirlin 93 VC-Rosell '07

- Experiment: $R_{\pi} = 1.2300(40) \times 10^{-4}$ will go down to 0.05% level

TRIUMF and PSI

- This ratio probes a whole set of ϵ_P couplings (ν flavor not observed)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} \epsilon_P^{\alpha\beta} \bar{e}_{\alpha} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_{\beta} \cdot \bar{u} \gamma_5 d$$

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

- Neglecting non-enhanced ϵ_{L-R} terms:

$$\frac{R_\pi}{R_\pi^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\left[\left(1 - \frac{B_0}{m_e} \epsilon_P^{ee} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{B_0}{m_e} \epsilon_P^{e\mu} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{B_0}{m_e} \epsilon_P^{e\tau} \right)^2 \right]}{\left[\left(1 - \frac{B_0}{m_\mu} \epsilon_P^{\mu\mu} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{B_0}{m_\mu} \epsilon_P^{\mu e} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{B_0}{m_\mu} \epsilon_P^{\mu\tau} \right)^2 \right]}$$

$$B_0(\mu) \equiv \frac{M_\pi^2}{m_u(\mu) + m_d(\mu)}$$

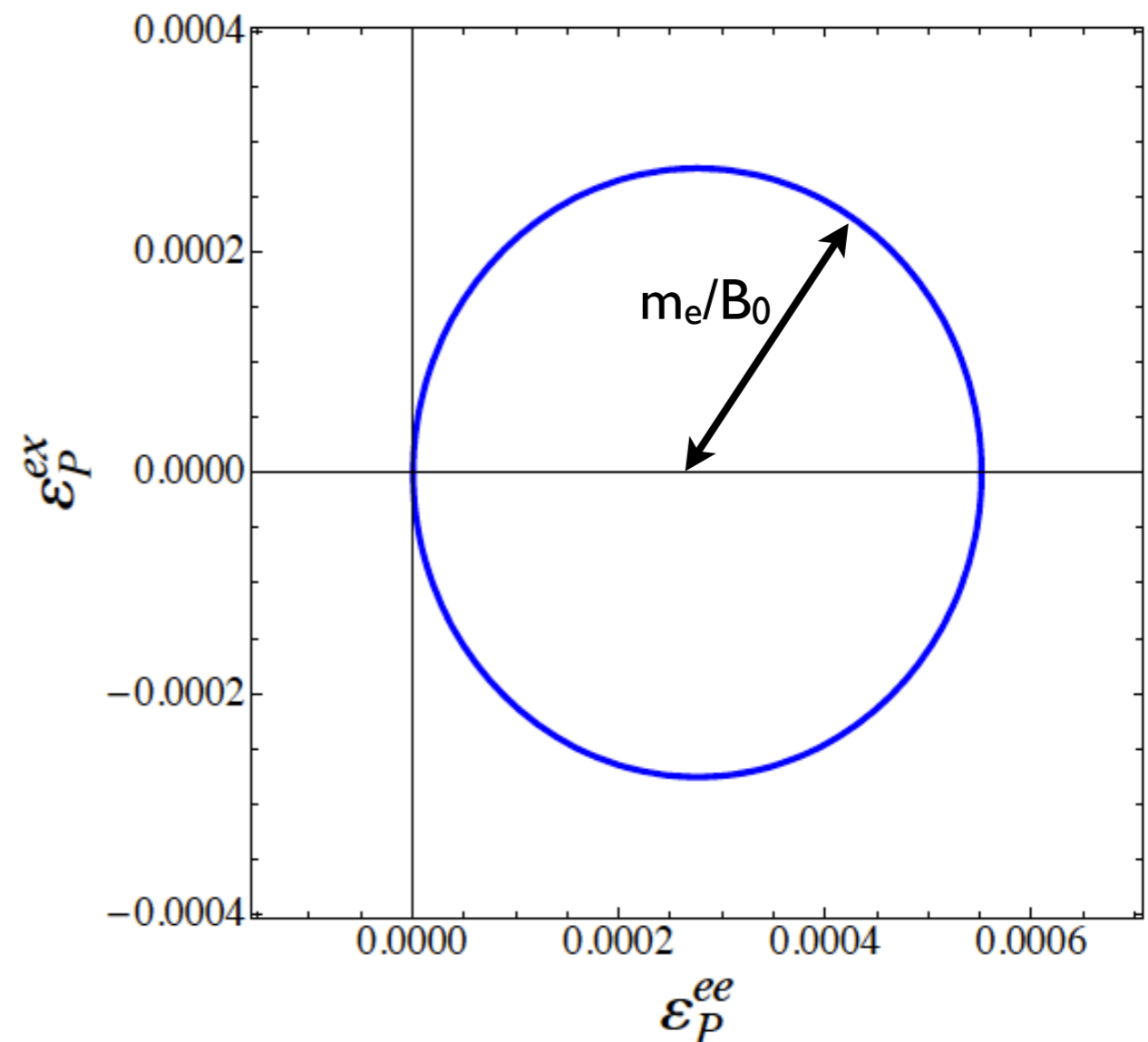
$$B_0/m_e = 3.6 \times 10^3$$

- No constraint if

$$\epsilon_P^{e\alpha}/m_e = \epsilon_P^{\mu\alpha}/m_\mu;$$

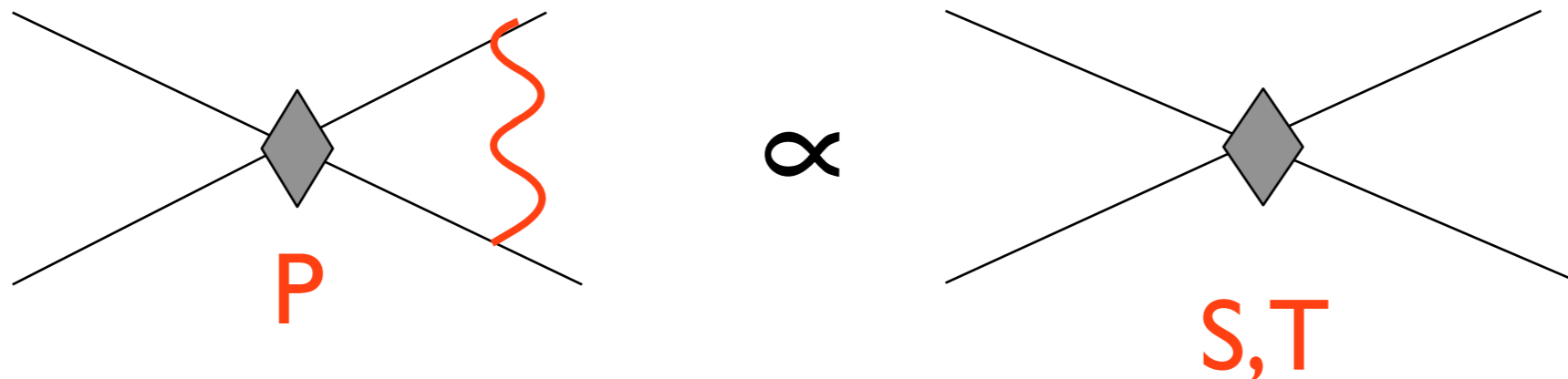
- Assume all ϵ_P of similar size (neglect m_e/m_μ)
- Allowed region is an annulus of thickness 1.38×10^{-6}
- Marginalize wrt ϵ_P^{ex}

$$-1.4 \times 10^{-7} < \epsilon_P^{ee} < 5.5 \times 10^{-4};$$



- Constraint on $\epsilon_{S,T}$ via EW radiative corrections: P operator, generated at high scale Λ , induces S and T operators at low scale μ

Voloshin '92
Campbell-Maybury '05
Herczeg 95



$$\frac{-1.4 \times 10^{-7}}{\log(\Lambda/\mu)} < \gamma_{SP} \epsilon_S + \gamma_{TP} \epsilon_T < \frac{5.5 \times 10^{-4}}{\log(\Lambda/\mu)}$$

$$\gamma_{SP} = \frac{15 \alpha_1}{72 \pi} \approx 6.7 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\gamma_{TP} = -\frac{9 \alpha_2}{2 \pi} - \frac{15 \alpha_1}{2 \pi} \approx -7.3 \times 10^{-2}$$

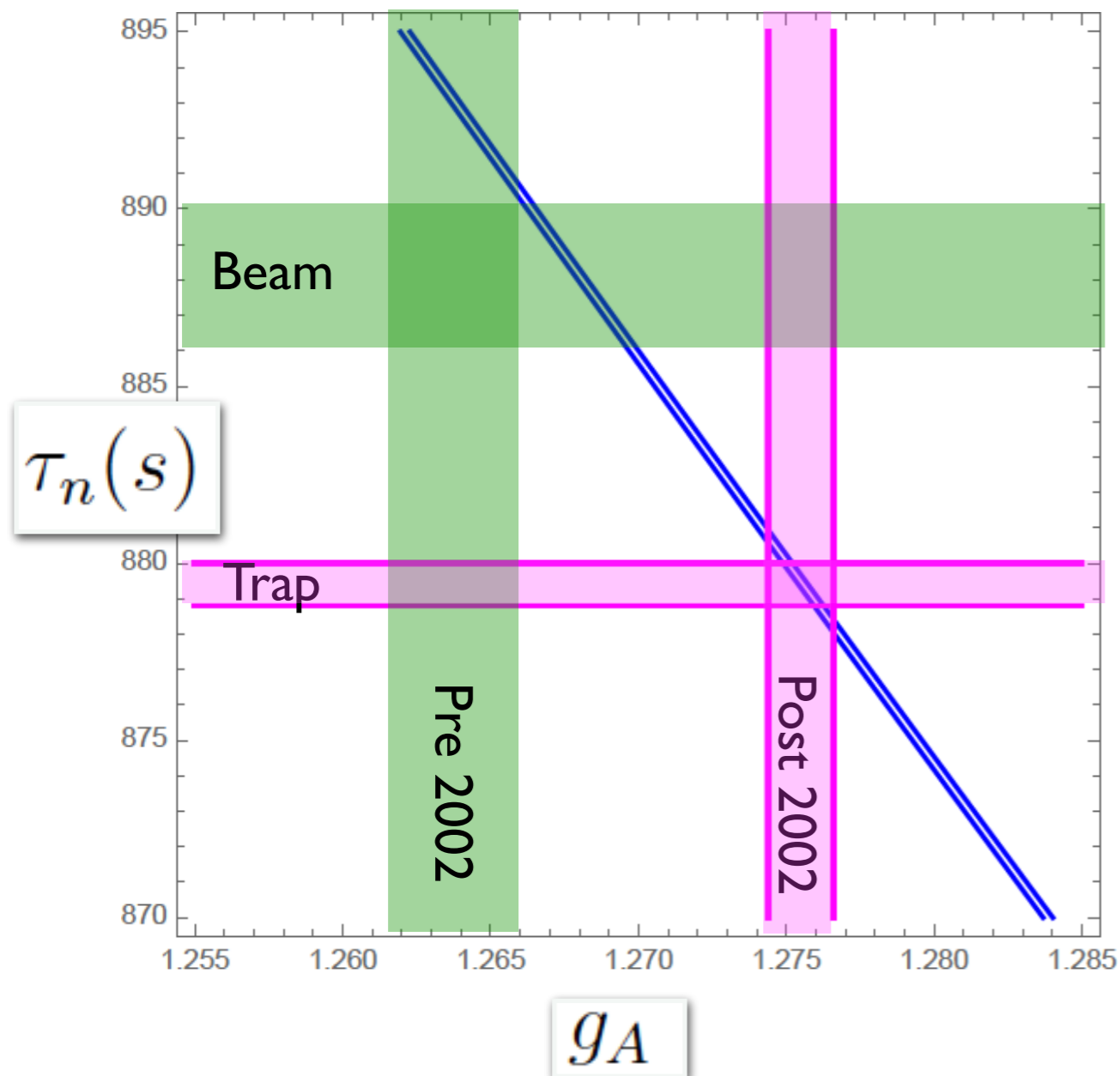
- With $\log(\Lambda/\mu) \sim 10$, $|\epsilon_S| < 8 \times 10^{-2}$ and $|\epsilon_T| < 10^{-3}$

Standard Model analysis

- $\epsilon_\alpha=0$ and take V_{ud} from $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$:

$$\tau_n(1 + 3g_A^2) = 5172.0(1.1)\text{s}$$

Czarnecki, Marciano, Sirlin 1802.01804



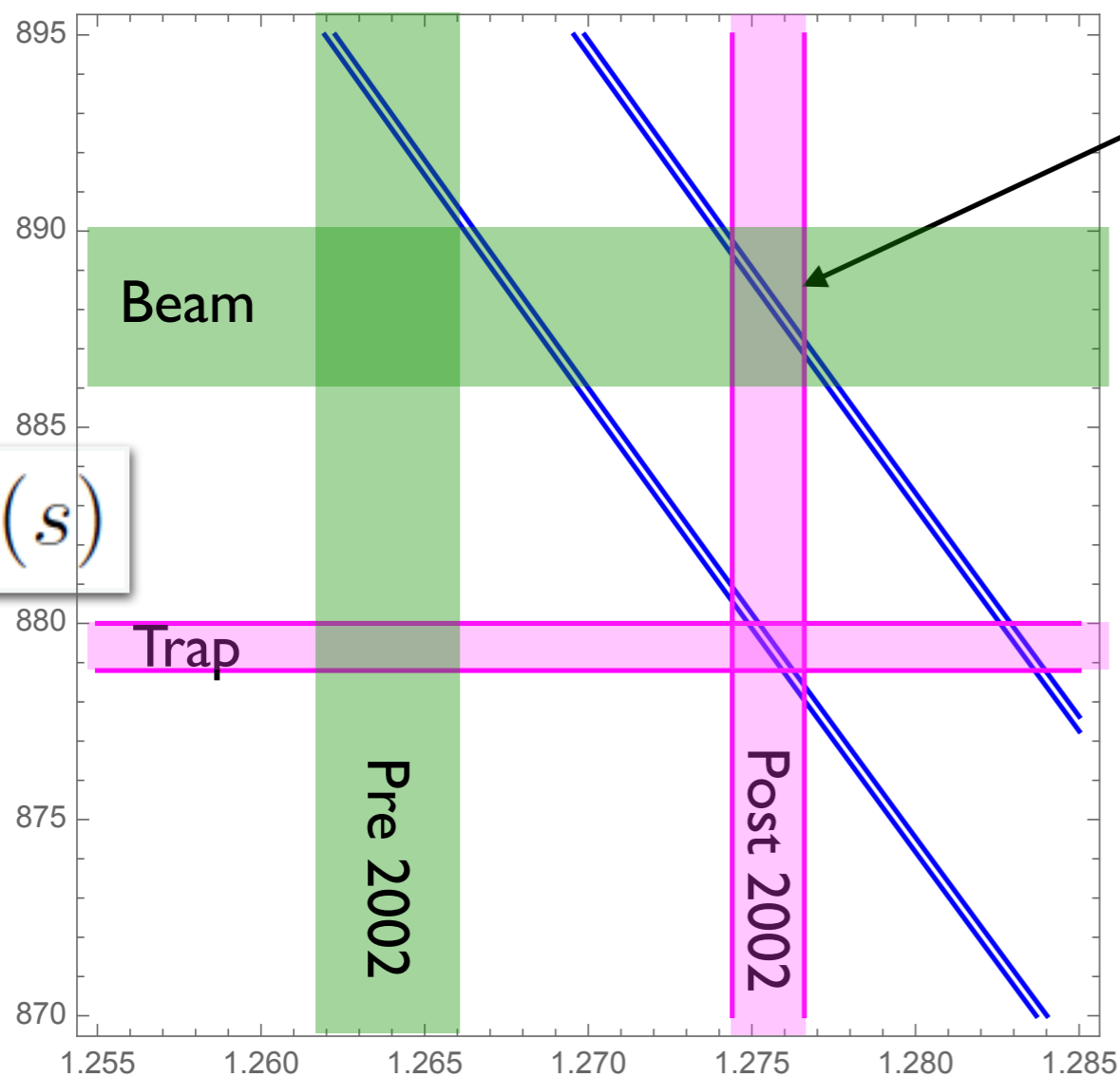
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Impact of $\epsilon_R = 0.003$

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g_A

Status of scalar and tensor charges

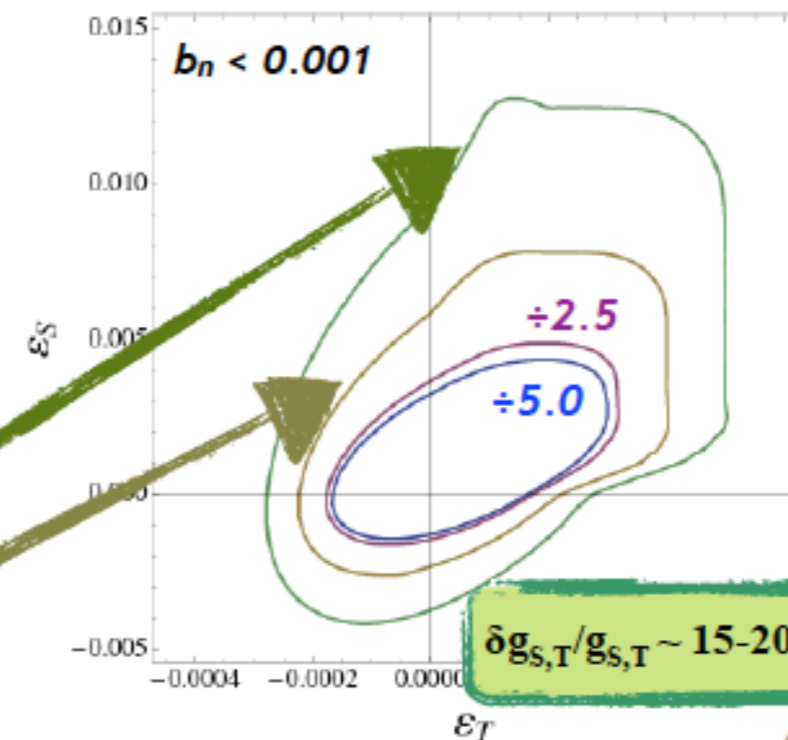
From hadrons to quarks



$$\begin{aligned}
 C_V &\sim g_V V_{ud} (1 + \text{NP}) (1 + \text{RC}) \\
 C_A/C_V &\sim -g_A/g_V (1 - \epsilon_R) \\
 C_S &\sim g_S \epsilon_S \\
 C_T &\sim g_T \epsilon_T
 \end{aligned}$$

Scalar & tensor charges

	$\langle p \bar{u}d n\rangle$	$\langle p \bar{u}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma_5 d n\rangle$
	g_S	g_T
Adler et al. '1975 (quark model)	0.60(40)	1.45(85)
PNDME 2011	0.80(40)	1.05(35)
LHPC 2012	1.08(32)	1.04(02)
RQCD 2014	1.02(35)	1.01(02)
PNDME 2013/15	0.72(32)	1.02(08)
ETMC 2015/17	0.93(33)	1.00(03)
CVC	1.02(11)	
PNDME 2016/18	1.02(10)	0.99(03)
JLQCD'18	0.88(11)	1.08(10)



$$g_S = \frac{(M_n - M_p)_{\text{QCD}}}{m_d - m_u} g_V$$

[MGA & Martin Camalich, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014)]

$g_S = 1.00(8)$
using $(m_d - m_u)$ from 1802.04248
[FermiLab/MILC/TUMQCD]



V_{ud} from $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ nuclear decays

- V_{ud} from $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ nuclear β decays

$$\frac{1}{t} = \frac{G_\mu^2 |V_{ud}|^2 m_e^5}{\pi^3 \log 2} f(Q) (1 + RC) \longrightarrow ft (1 + RC) = \frac{2984.48(5) \text{ s}}{|V_{ud}|^2}$$

$$(1 + RC) = (1 - \delta_C) (1 + \delta_R) (1 + \Delta_C)$$

$\langle f | \tau_+ | i \rangle = \sqrt{2} (1 - \delta_C/2)$
Coulomb distortion
of wave-functions

$$\delta_C \sim 0.5\%$$

Towner-Hardy
Ormand-Brown



Ab initio methods?

Nucleus-dependent
rad. corr.
(Z, E^{\max} , nuclear structure)

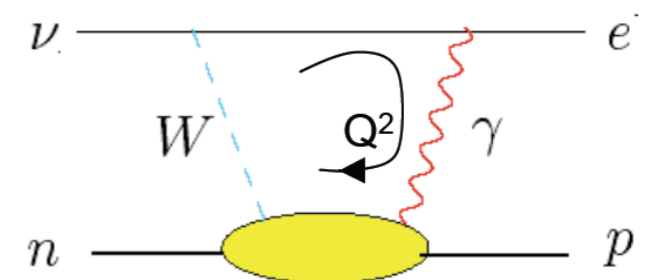
$$\delta_R \sim 1.5\%$$

Sirlin-Zucchini '86
Jaus-Rasche '87

Nucleus-independent
short distance rad. corr.

$$\Delta_R = 2.36(4)\%$$

Marciano-Sirlin '06

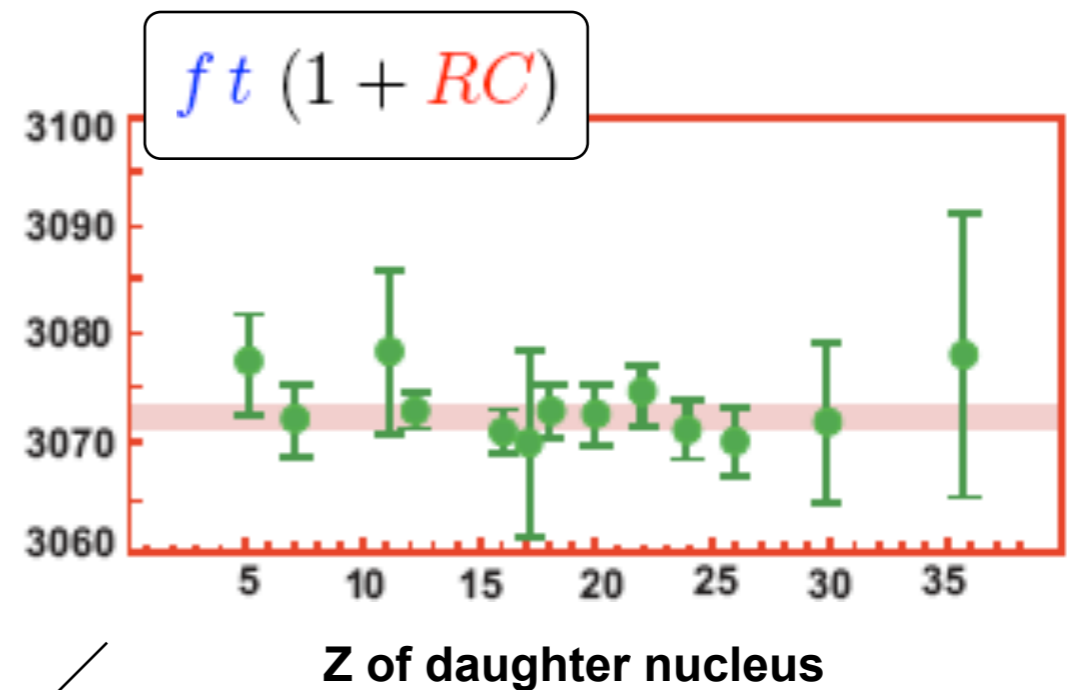
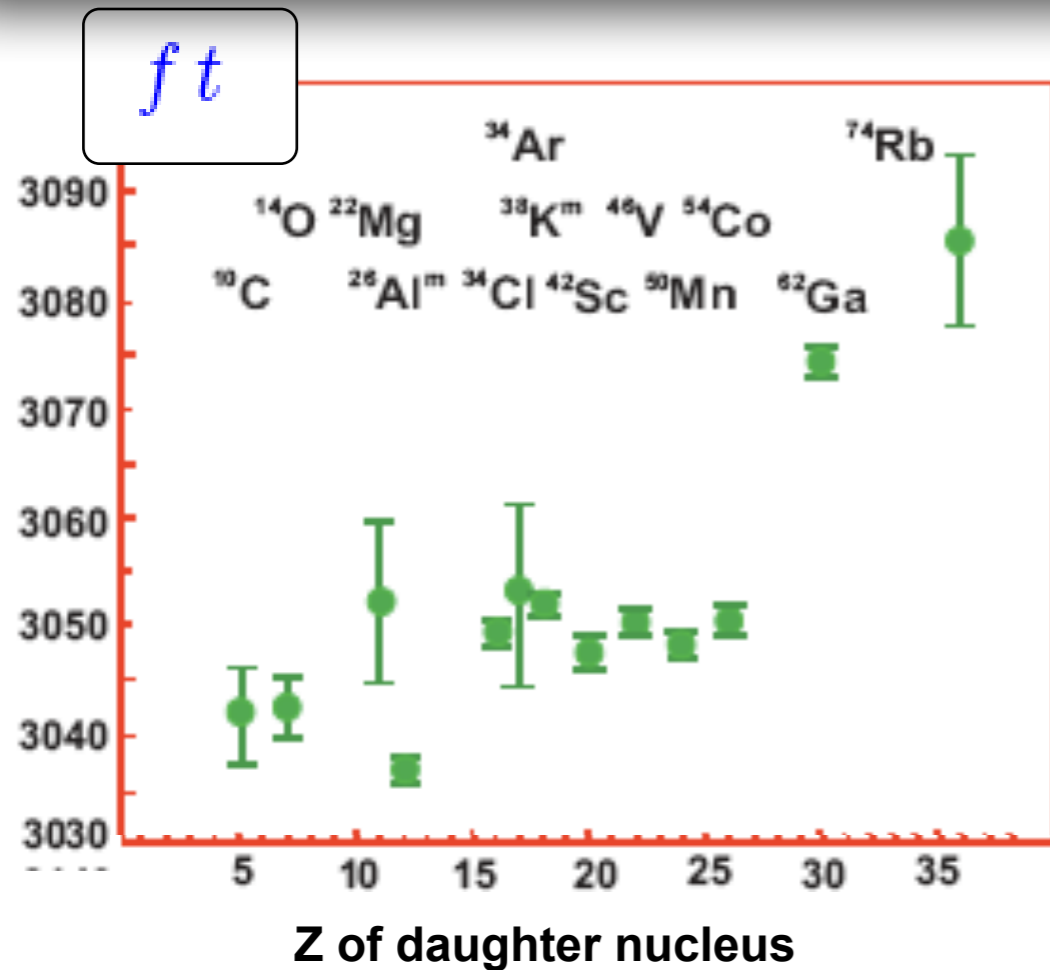


Further improvements with
dispersion relations, Lattice QCD?

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$$V_{ud} = 0.97417 (21)$$

Hardy-Towner 1411.5987

V_{us} from K decays

$K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$

$$\langle \pi | V_\mu | K \rangle \propto f_+(0) (p_K + p_\pi)_\mu + \dots$$

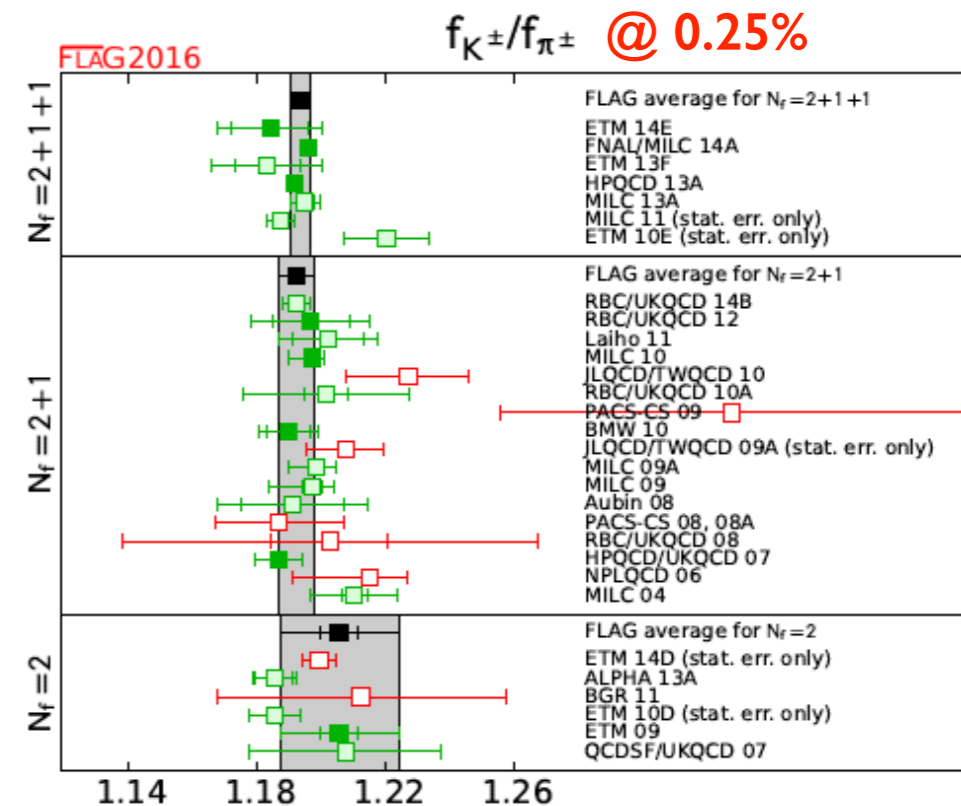
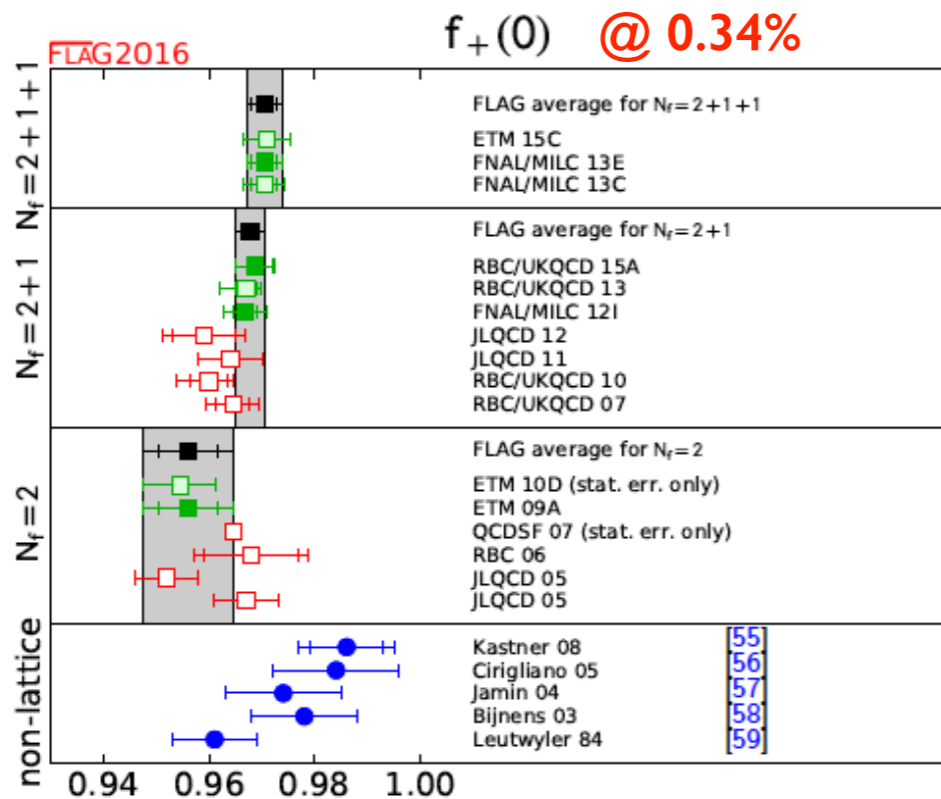
$$V_\mu = \bar{s} \gamma_\mu u$$

$K \rightarrow \mu \nu$ vs $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$

$$\langle 0 | A_\mu | K \rangle \propto F_K (p_K)_\mu$$

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- Lattice QCD calculations (summaries from FLAG 2016)



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- Lattice QCD calculations

$$f_+^{K \rightarrow \pi}(0) = 0.959(5) \rightarrow 0.970(3)$$
$$V_{us} = 0.2254(13) \rightarrow 0.2231(9)$$

$m_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$, $a \rightarrow 0$, dynamical charm

$$F_K / F_\pi = 1.1960(25) \text{ [stable]}$$
$$V_{us} / V_{ud} = 0.2313(7)$$

FLAG 2016 1607.00299 and refs therein

- Radiative corrections computed to $O(e^2 p^2)$ in ChPT

VC, H. Neufeld 1107.6001
VC, M. Giannotti, H.
Neufeld 0807.4507

- World data: FLAVIANET report 1005.2323 and refs therein