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# Neutrino-less double beta decay

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5-slide talk?

# Credits

- Results based on following papers

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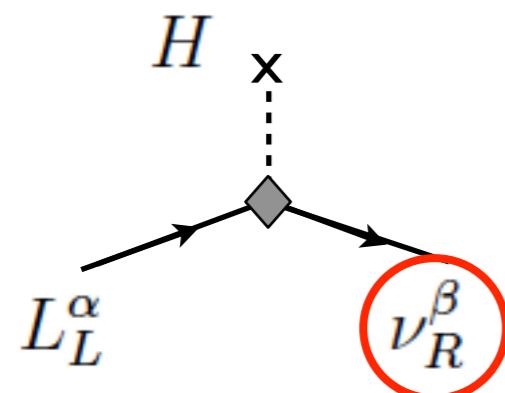
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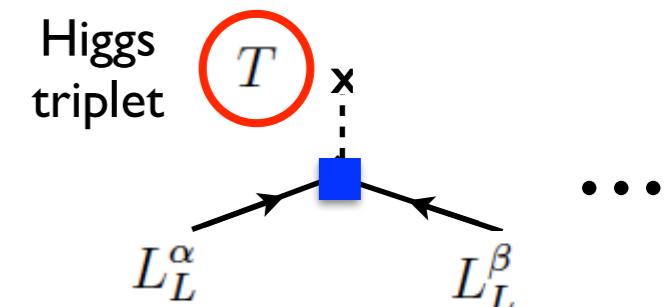
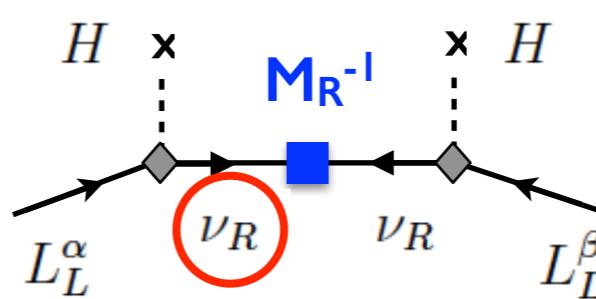
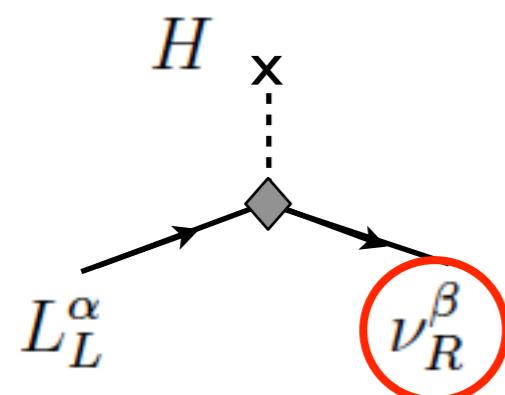
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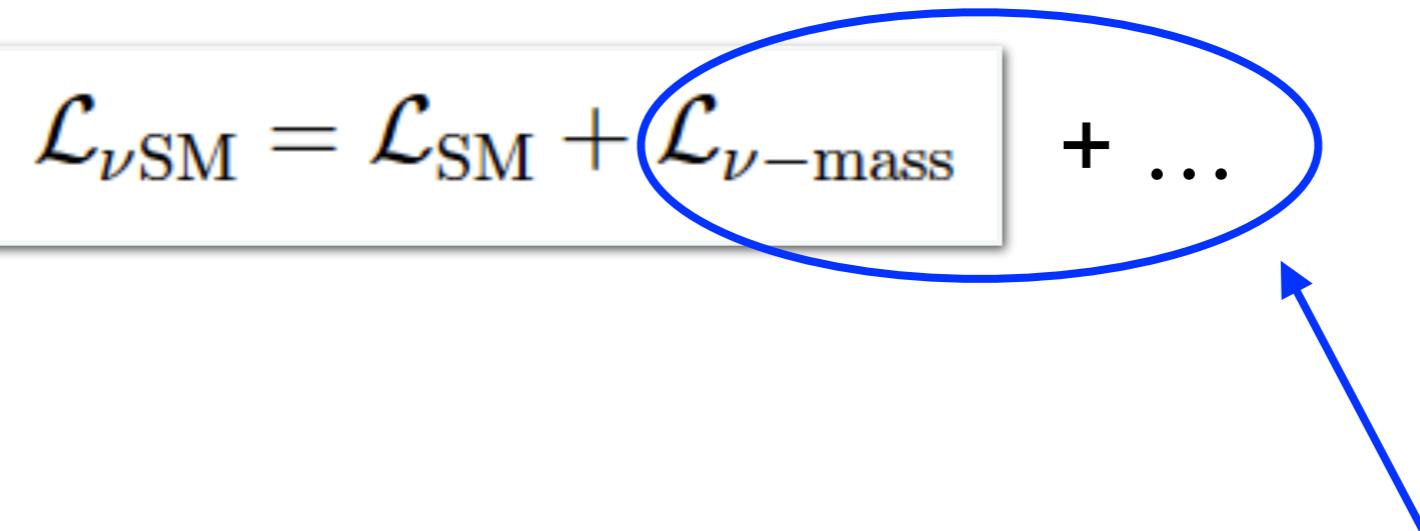


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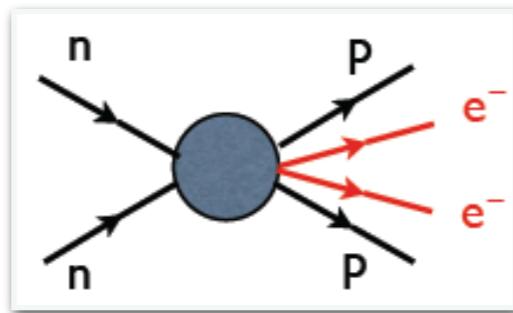
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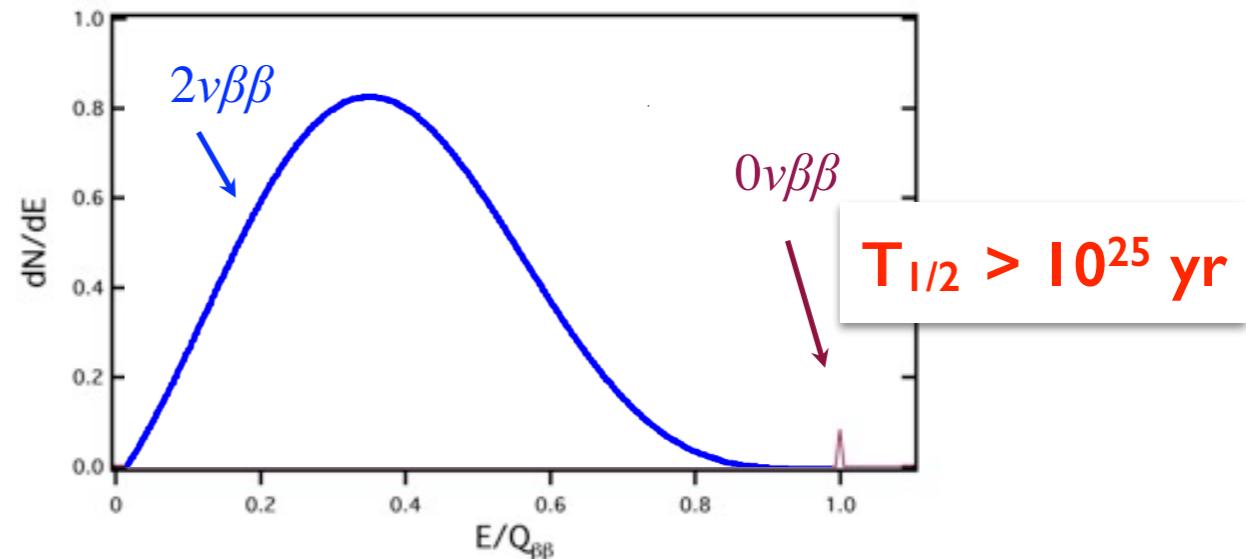
- Key question:
  - Are neutrino Majorana particles? Or equivalently:
  - Is **Lepton Number** a good symmetry of the **new dynamics?**
- Most promising probe of LNV is neutrino-less double beta decay ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ )

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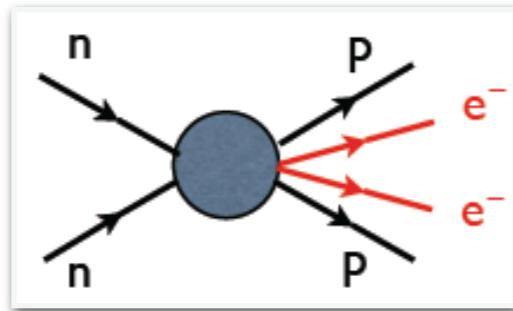
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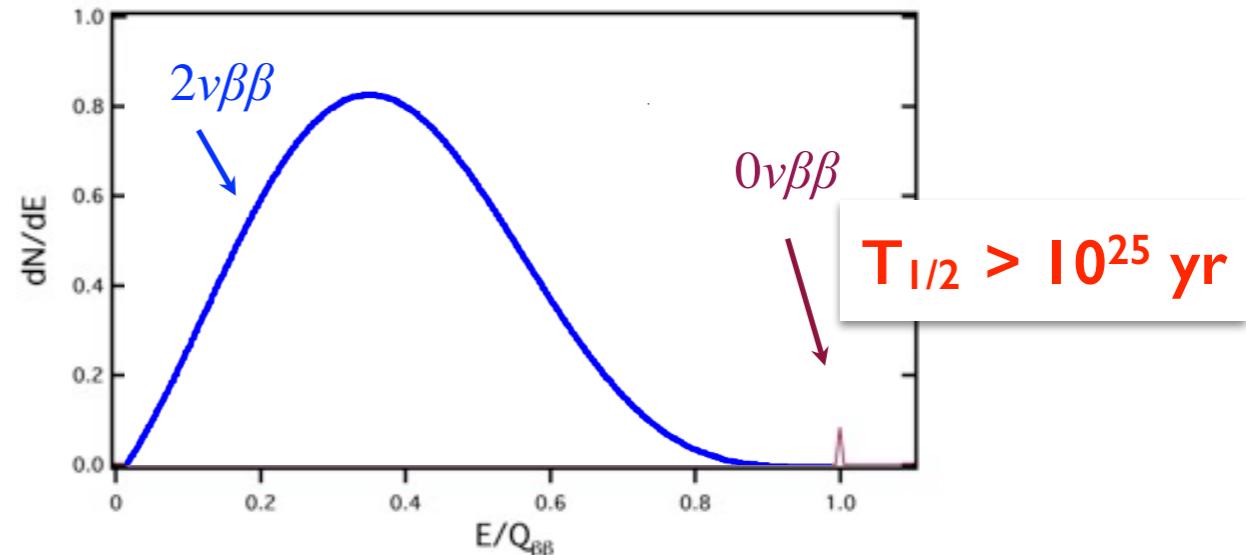
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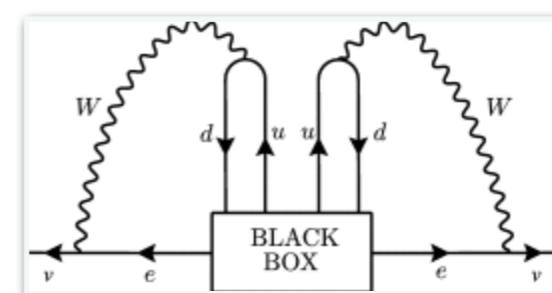
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- B-L conserved in SM  $\rightarrow 0\nu\beta\beta$  observation would signal new physics
  - Demonstrate that neutrinos are Majorana fermions
  - Establish a key ingredient to generate the baryon asymmetry via leptogenesis

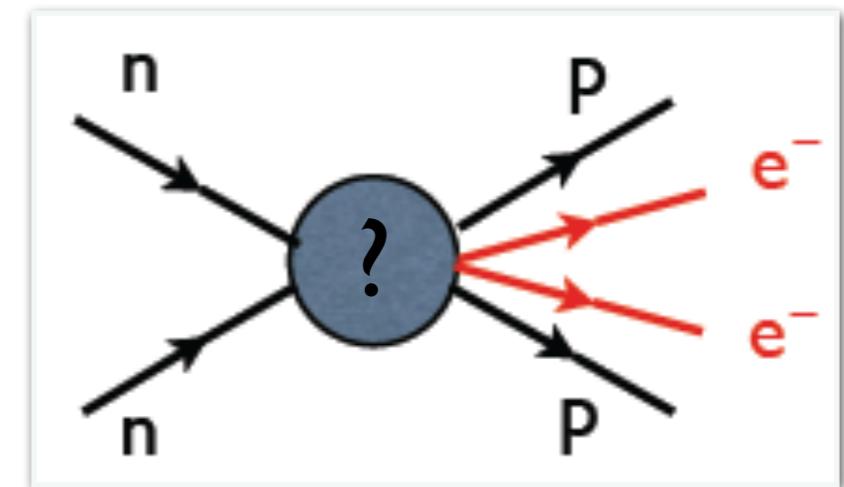
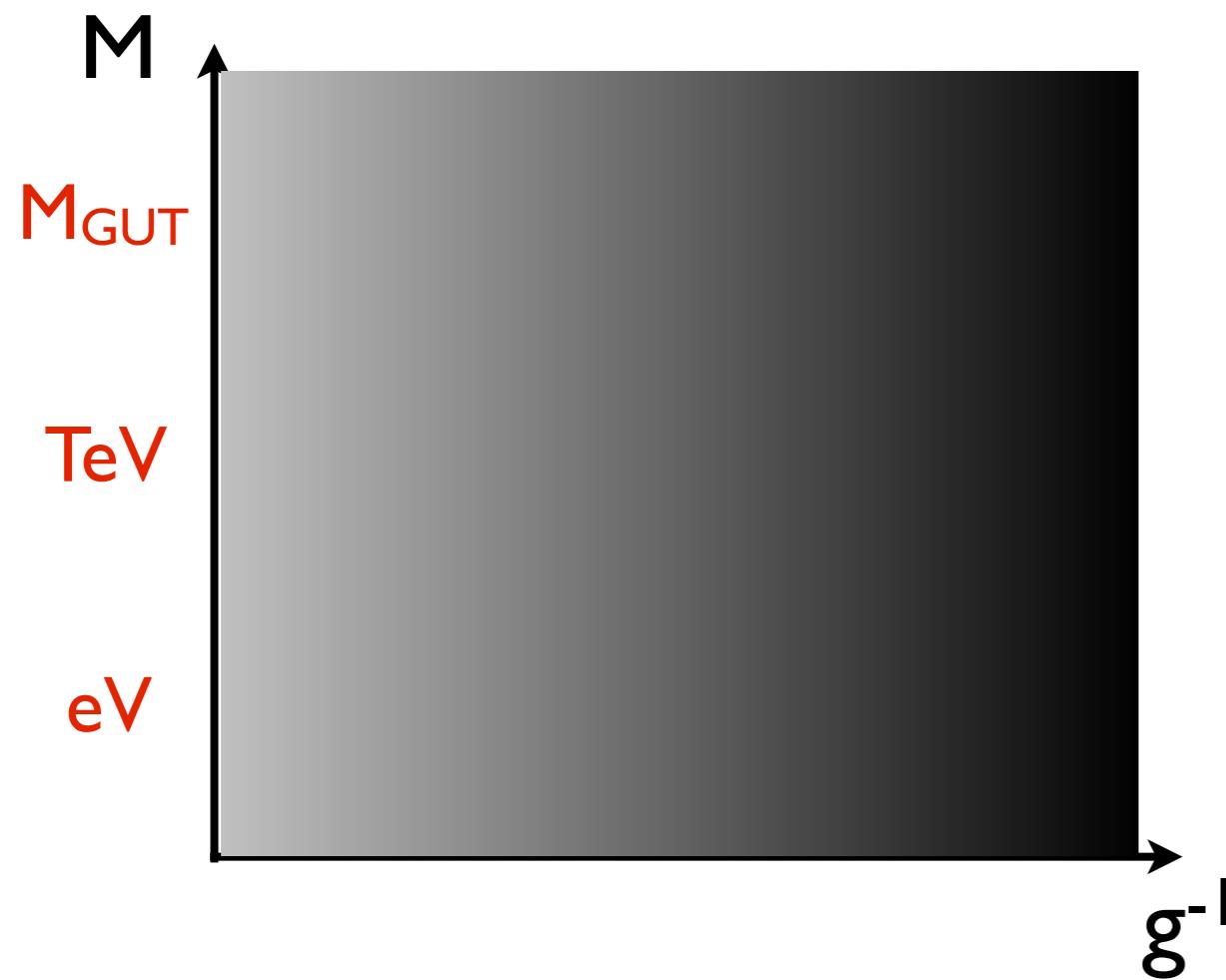


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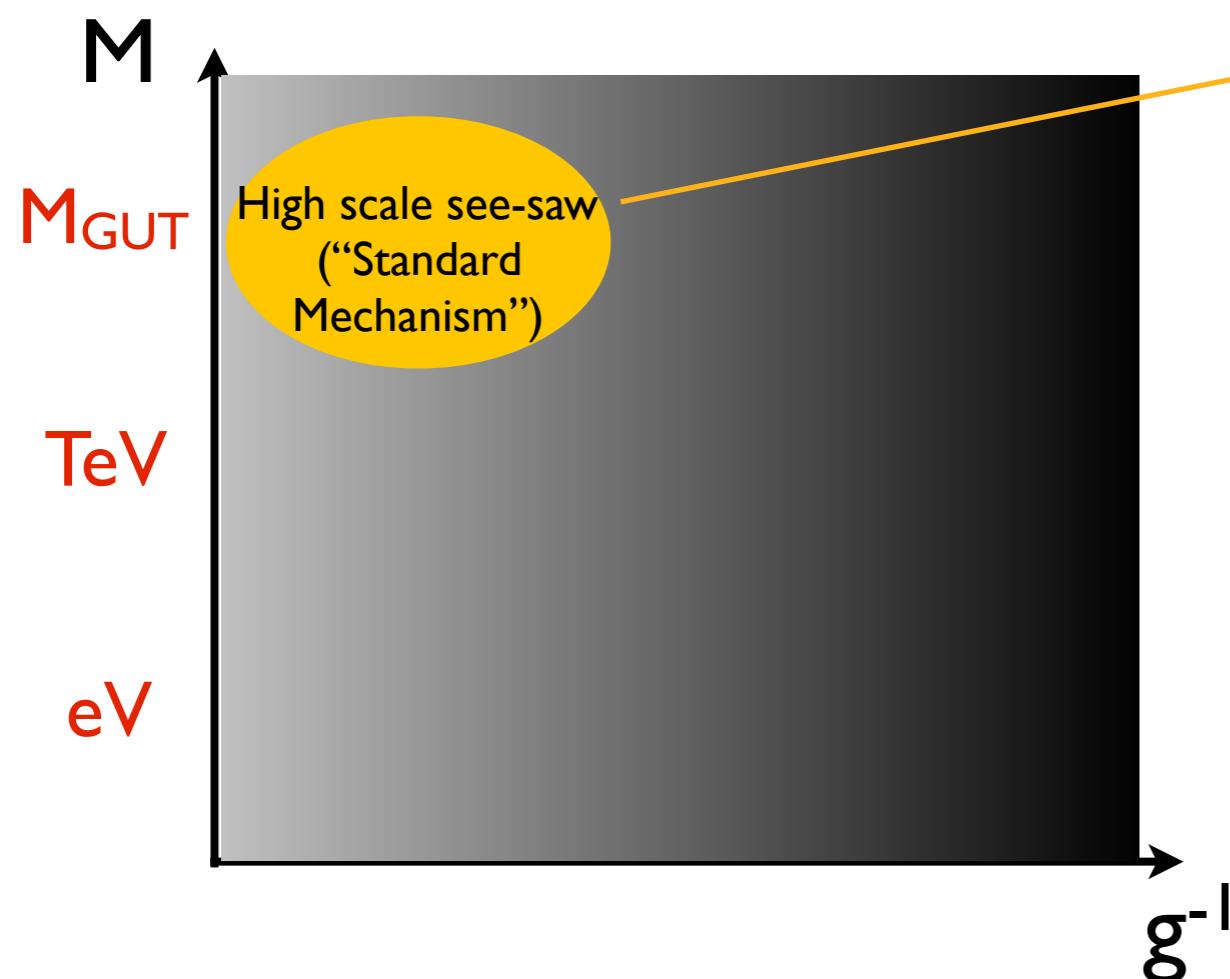
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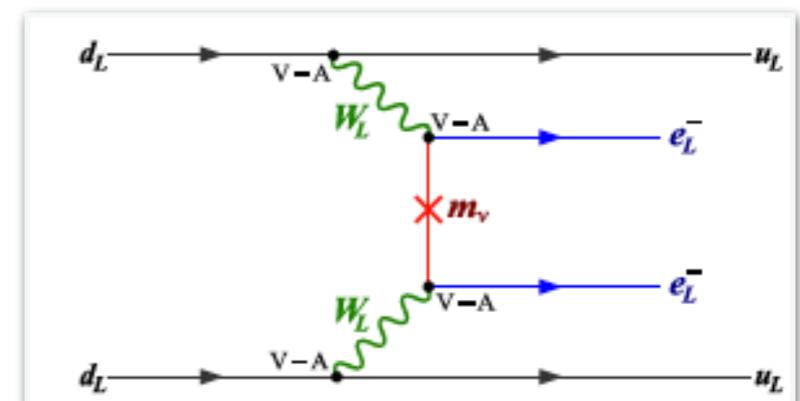


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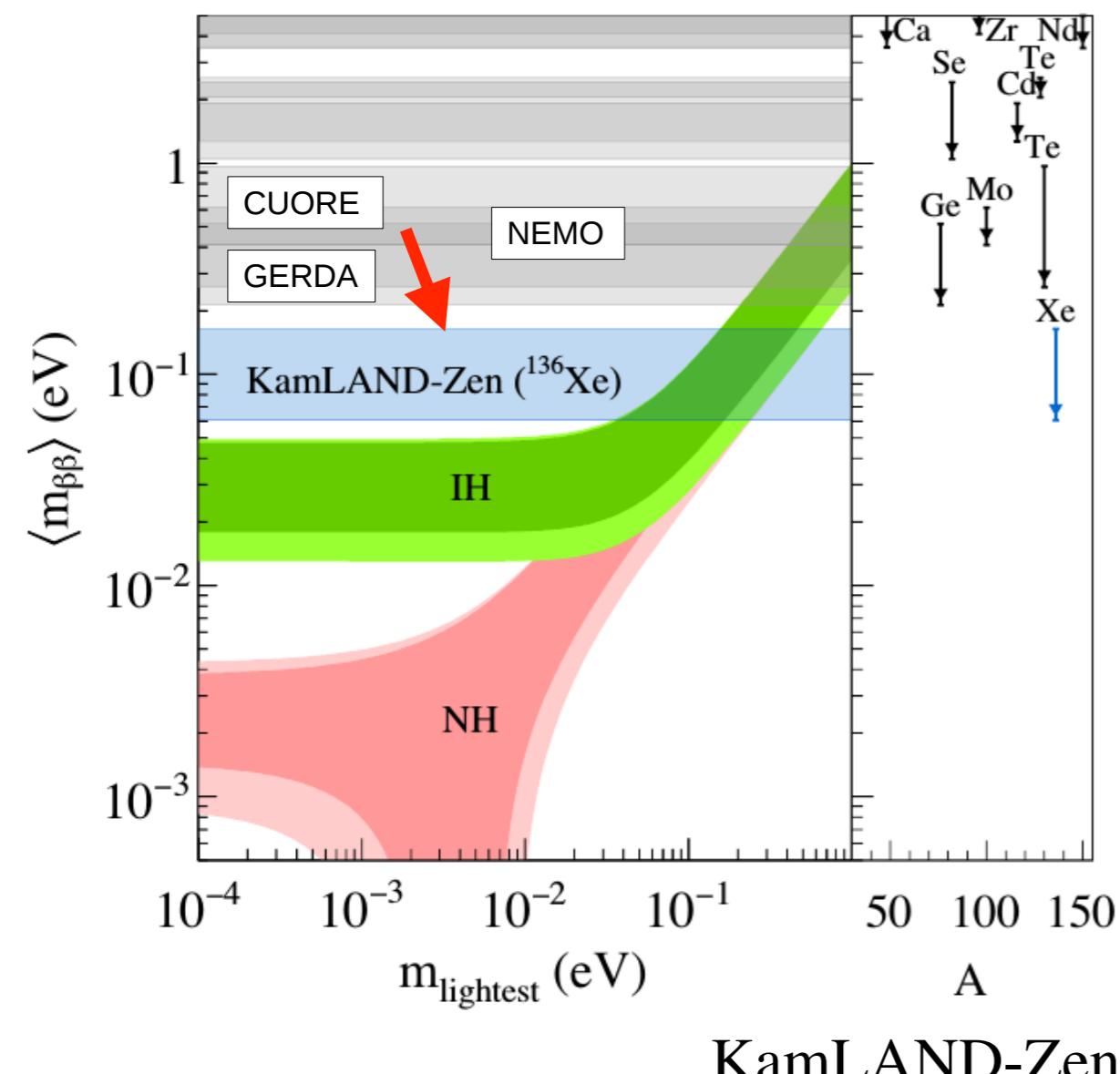
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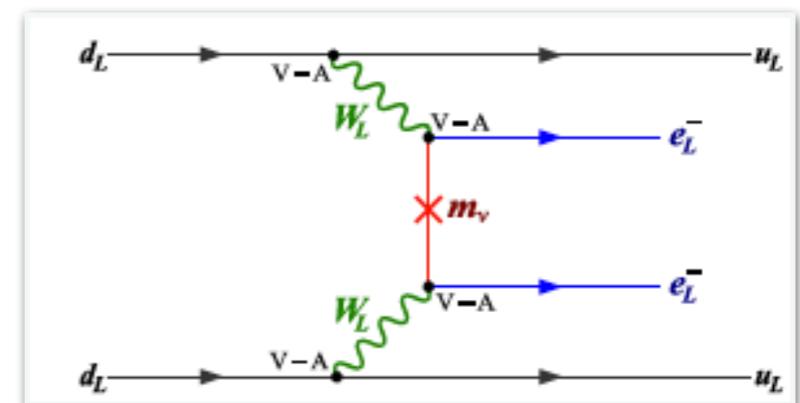
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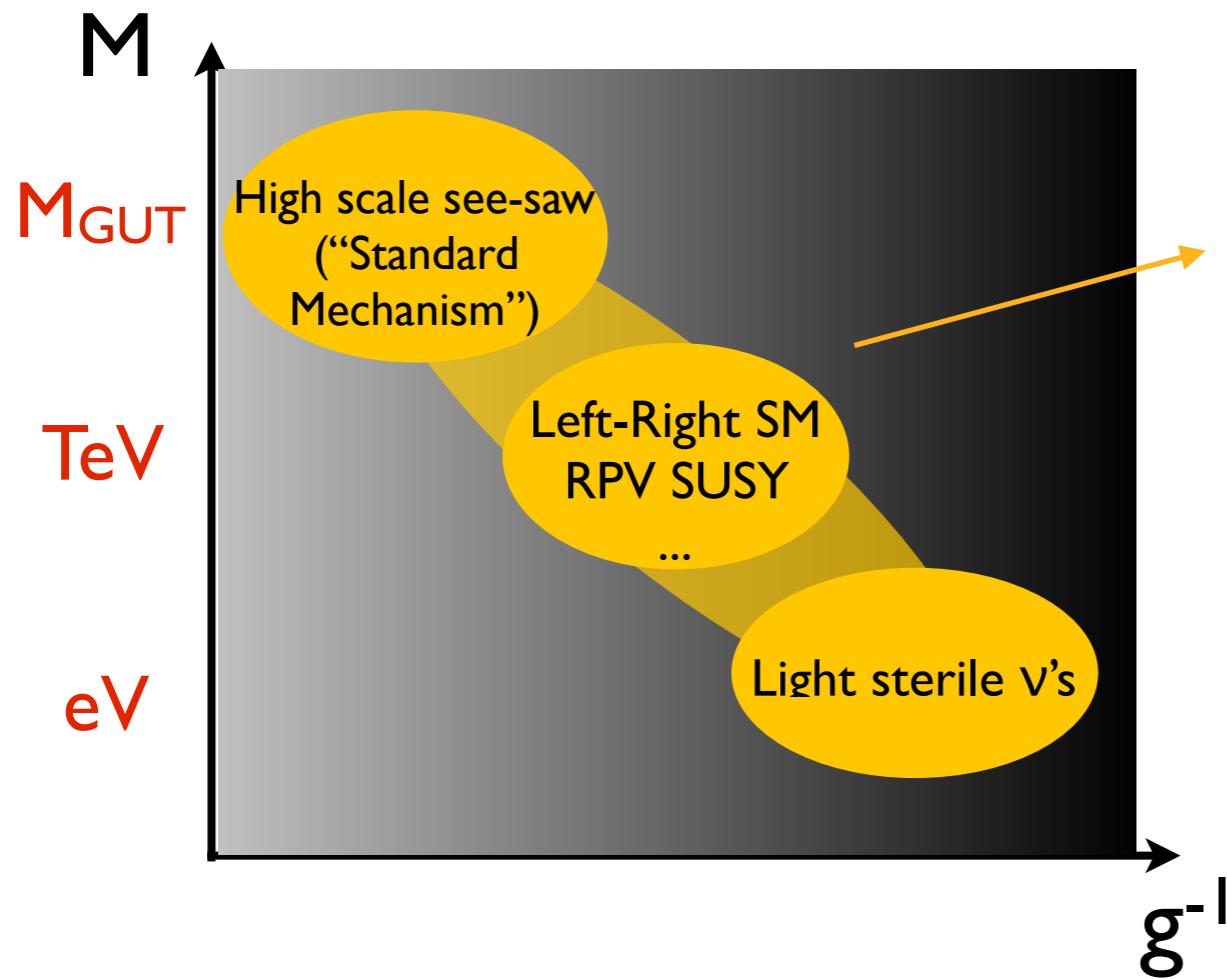


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Clear interpretation framework and  
sensitivity goals (“inverted hierarchy”).  
Requires difficult nuclear matrix elements:  
 $\mathcal{O}(100\%)$  uncertainty (spread)

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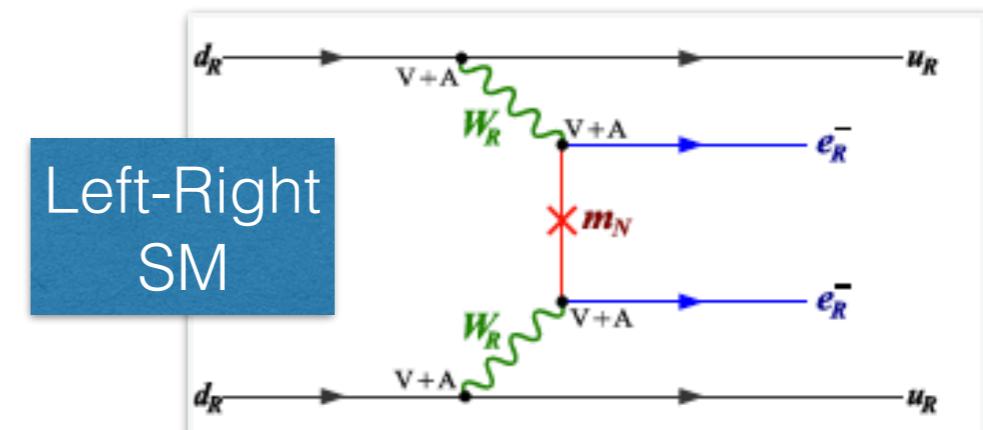
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LNV dynamics could be at any scale  $> eV$ .

For  $M \sim 1-100$  TeV one expects

- (i) New contributions to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  not directly related to light neutrino mass;
- (ii) Collider signatures, such as  $pp \rightarrow eejj$



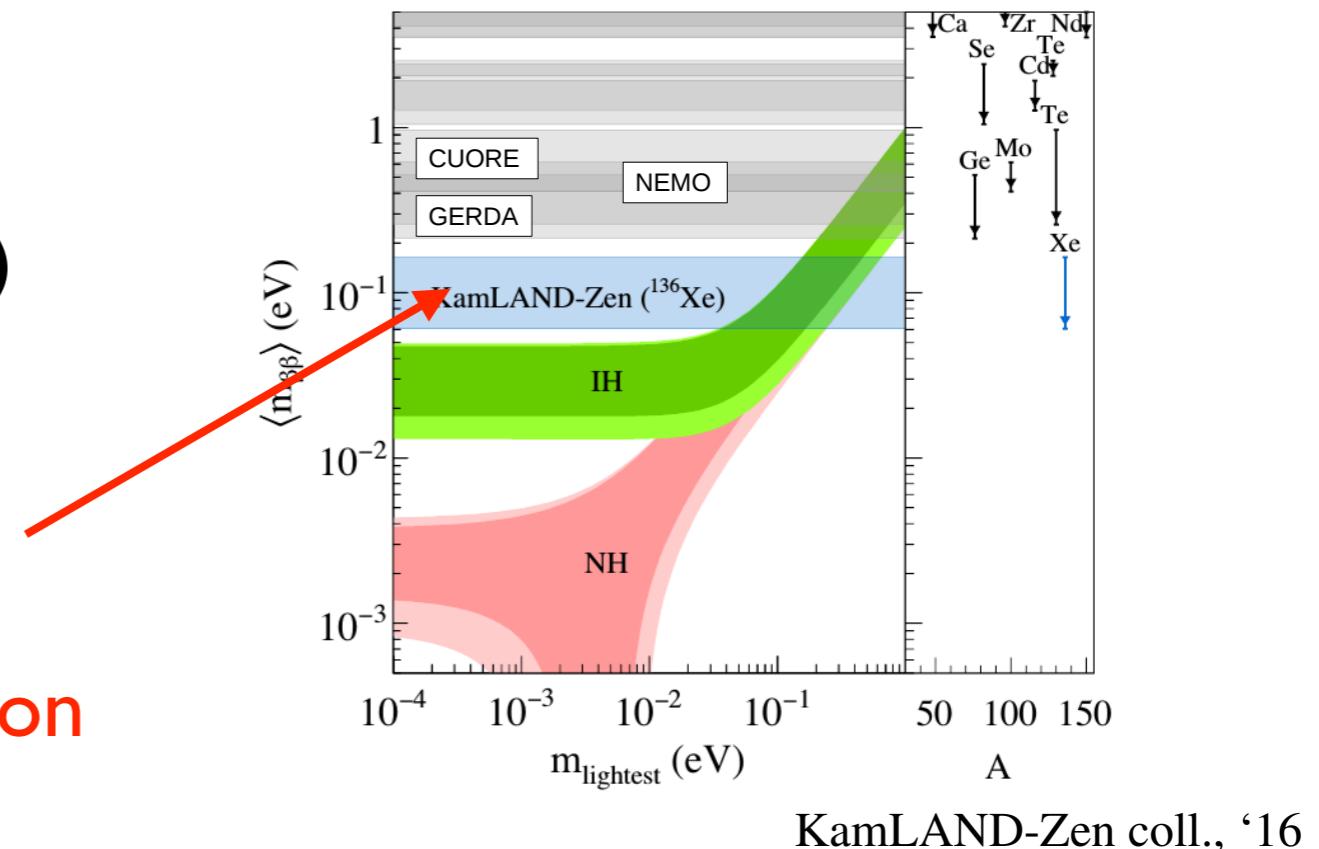
Decay rate depends on a  
different set of (equally uncertain) hadronic and nuclear matrix elements

# EFT framework

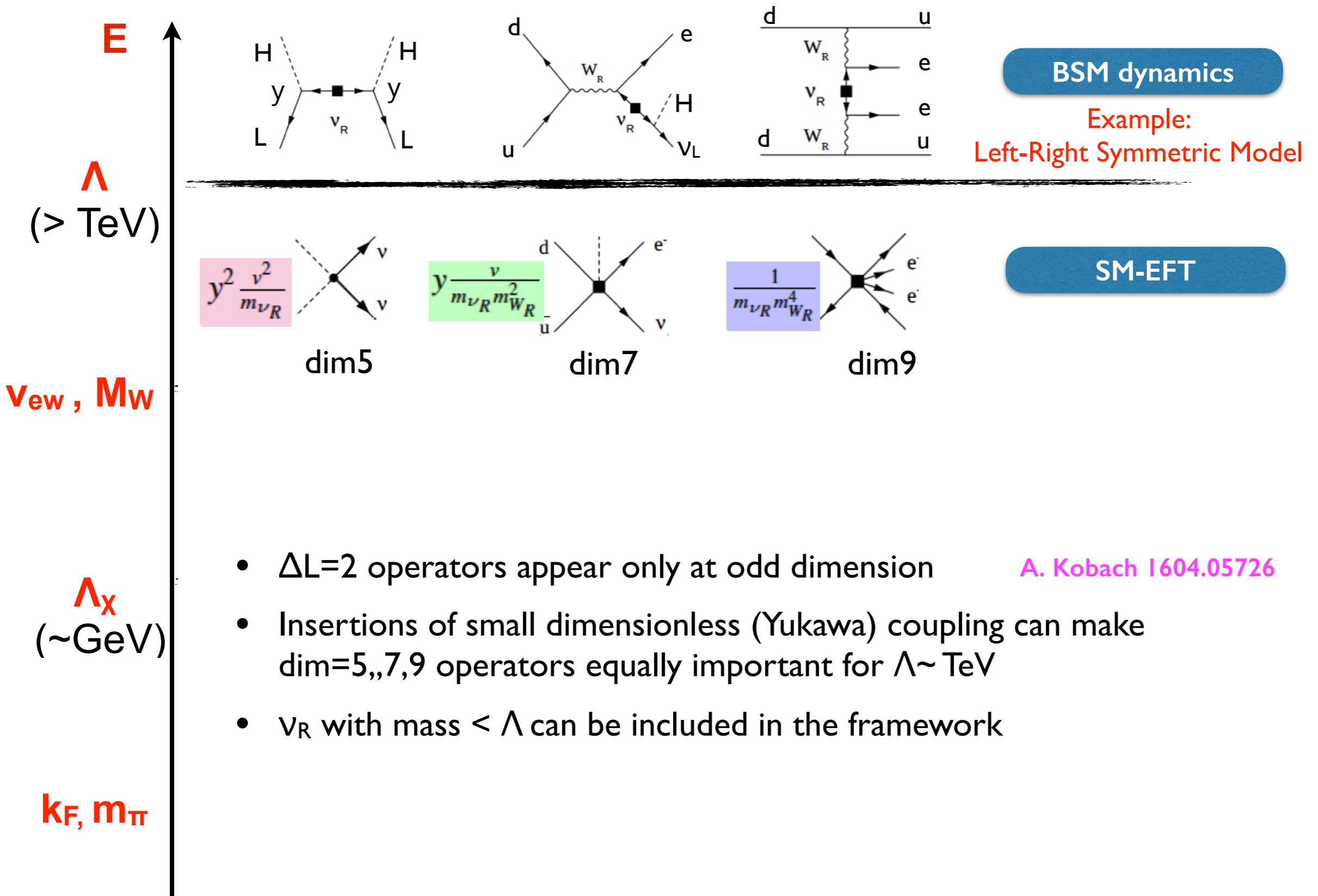
- Impact of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  searches most efficiently analyzed in EFT framework, connecting LNV scale to nuclear scales

I. Classify sources of Lepton Number Violation and relate  $0\nu\beta\beta$  to other LNV processes (such as  $pp \rightarrow eejj$  at the LHC)

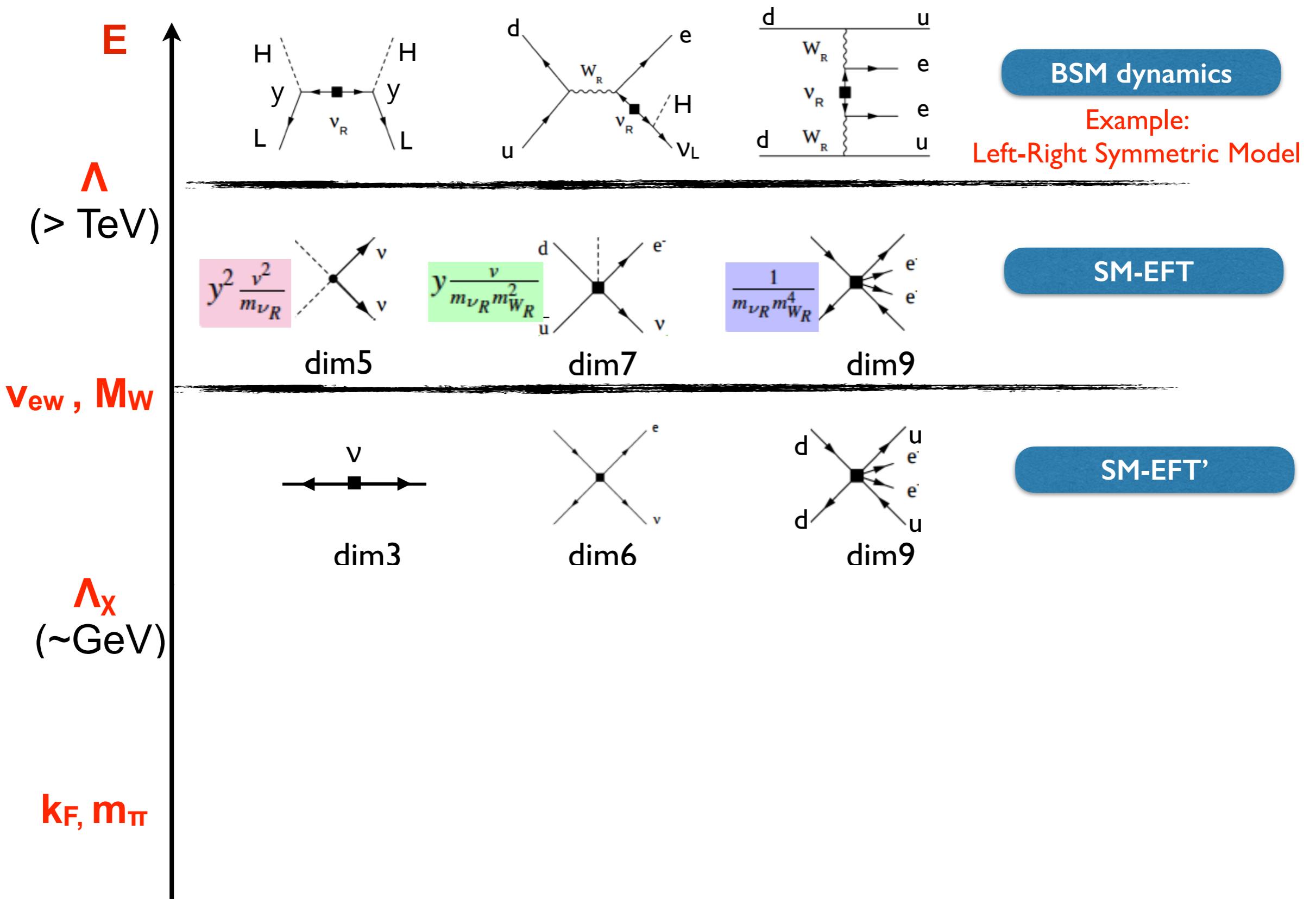
2. Organize contributions to hadronic and nuclear matrix elements in systematic expansion  
⇒ controllable uncertainties



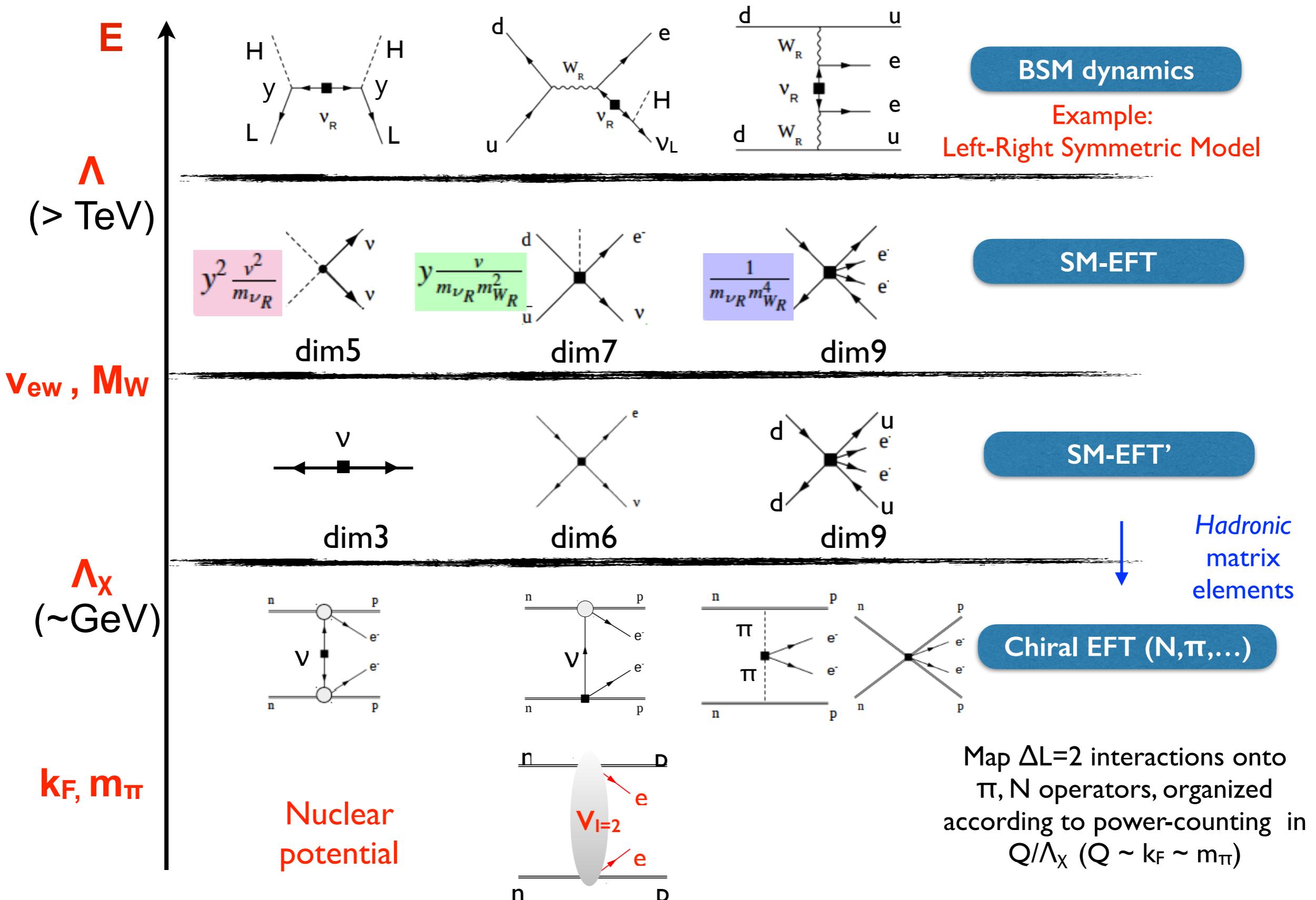
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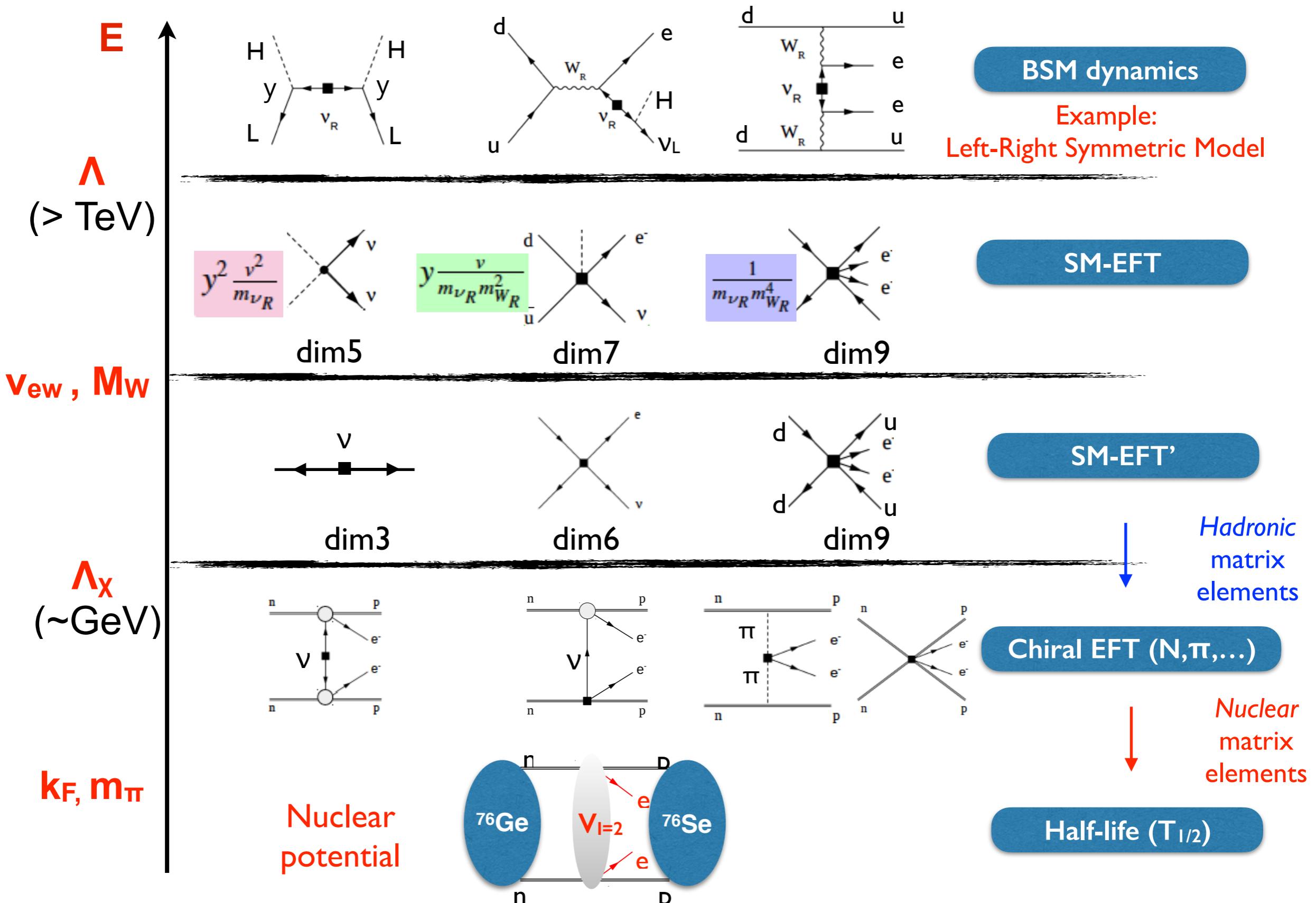
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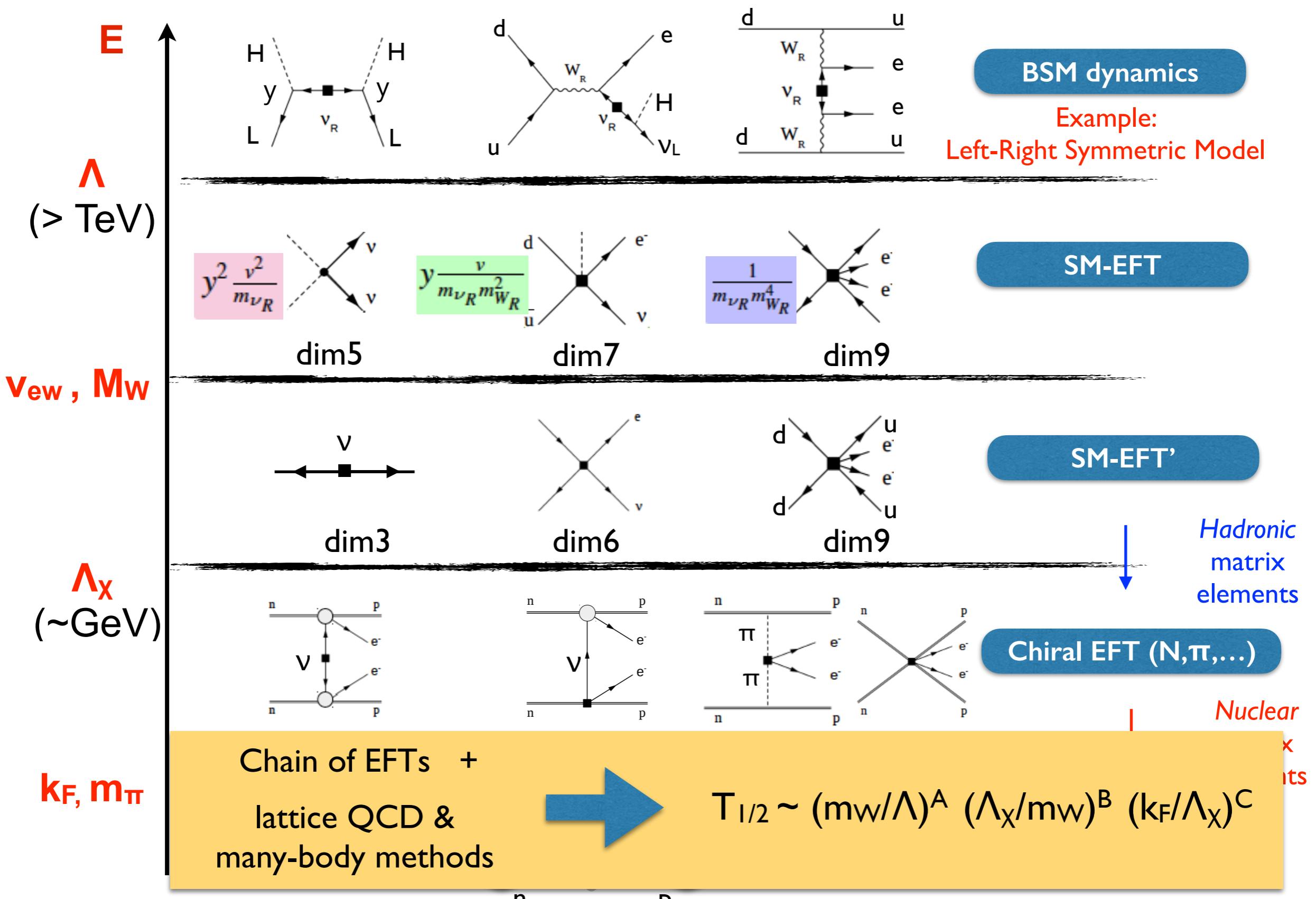
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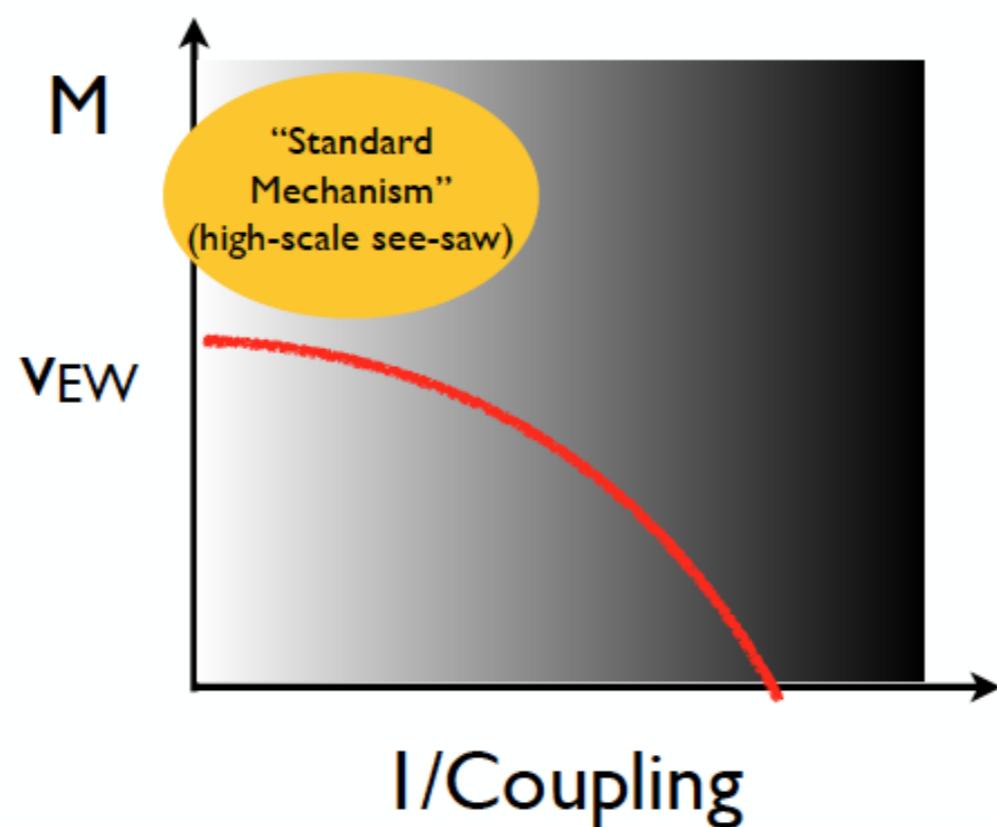
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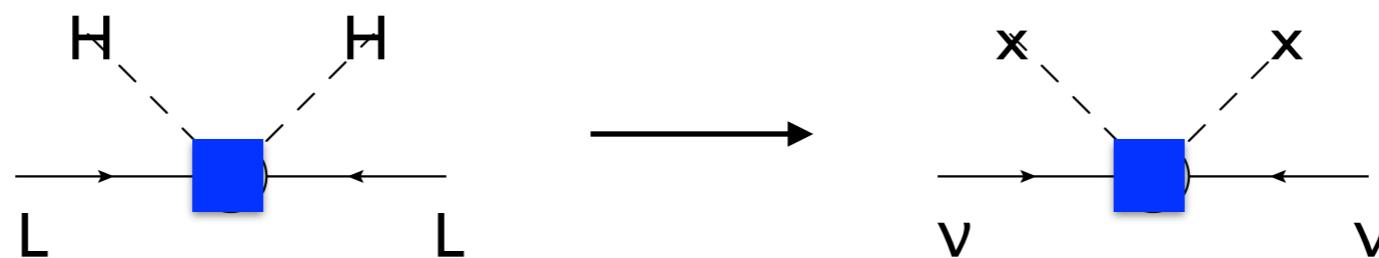
# $0\nu\beta\beta$ from light Majorana neutrino (dim-5 operator)



# High-scale effective Lagrangian

- Standard Model + Weinberg dim-5 operator

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \left\{ \frac{u_{\alpha\beta}}{\Lambda_{\text{LNV}}} \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{mn} L_i^{T\alpha} C L_m^\beta H_j H_n + \text{h.c.} \right\}$$



- Model-independent seesaw leading to Majorana mass for neutrinos

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = -u_{\alpha\beta}(v^2/\Lambda_{\text{LNV}})$$

$$v = (\sqrt{2}G_F)^{-1/2} \simeq 246 \text{ GeV}$$

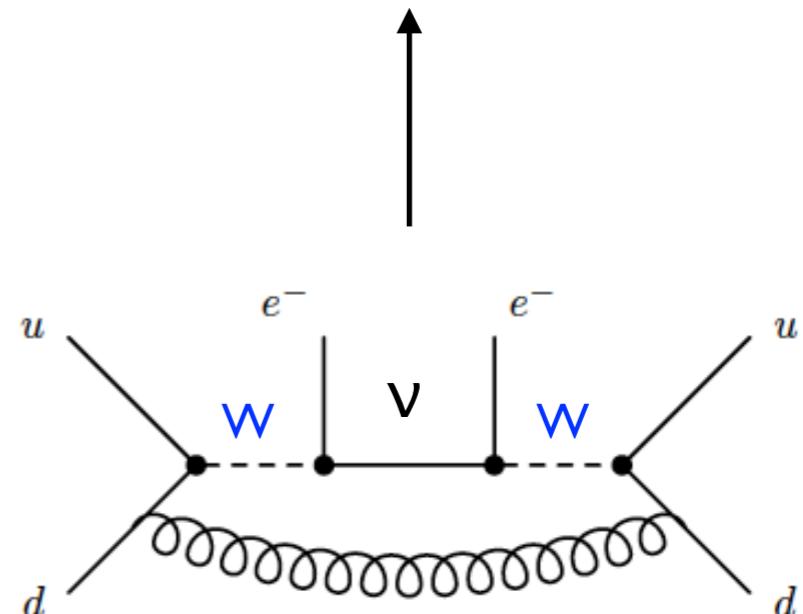
# GeV-scale effective Lagrangian

- QCD + Fermi theory + Majorana mass + local operator

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} - \left\{ 2\sqrt{2}G_F V_{ud} \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L \bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_{eL} + \frac{1}{2}m_{\beta\beta} \nu_{eL}^T C \nu_{eL} - C_L O_L + \text{h.c.} \right\}$$

$$O_L = \bar{e}_L e_L^c \bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu d_L \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L \quad C_L = (8V_{ud}^2 G_F^2 m_{\beta\beta})/M_W^2 \times (1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s/\pi))$$

- Effect of local operator  
highly suppressed at nuclear  
level  $\sim \mathcal{O}((k_F/M_W)^2)$



# $\Delta L=2$ amplitudes

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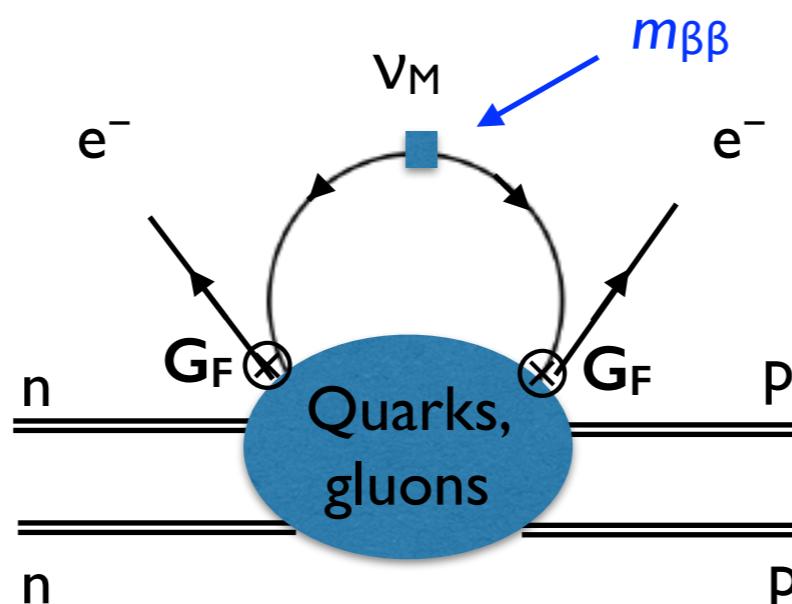
- Determined by neutrino-less non-local effective action

$$S_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta L=2} = \frac{8G_F^2 V_{ud}^2 m_{\beta\beta}}{2!} \int d^4x d^4y S(x-y) \times \bar{e}_L(x) \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu e_L^c(y) \times T(\bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu u_L(x) \bar{u}_L \gamma_\nu u_L(y))$$

$|p_1 - p_2|/k_F \ll 1.$

Scalar massless propagator

$g^{\mu\nu} \bar{e}_L(x) e_L^c(x) + \dots$



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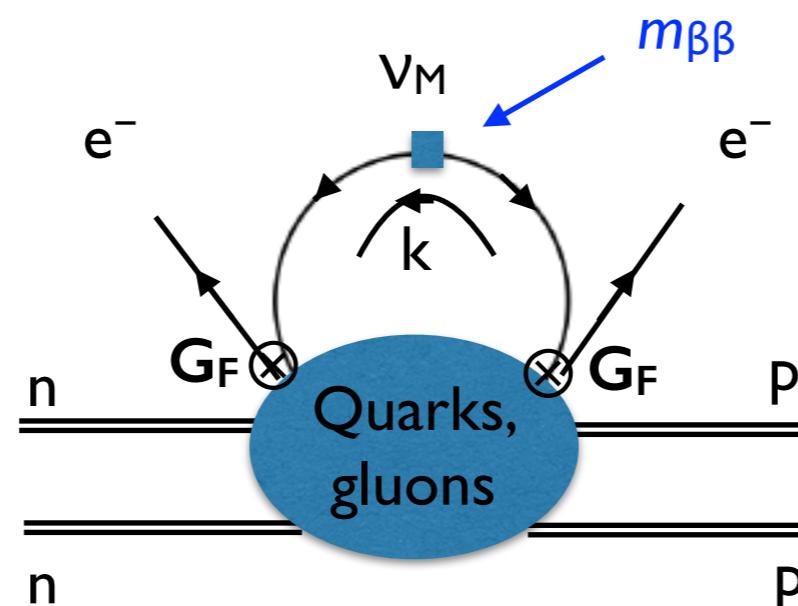
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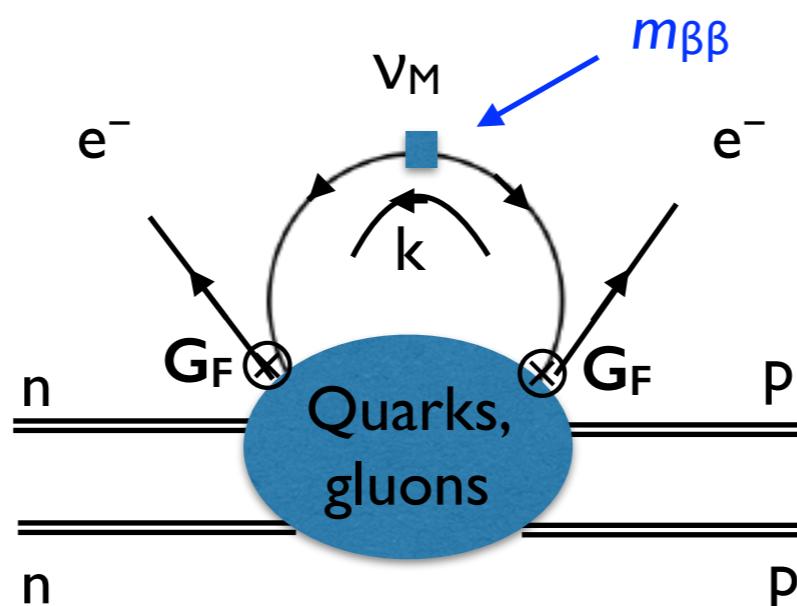
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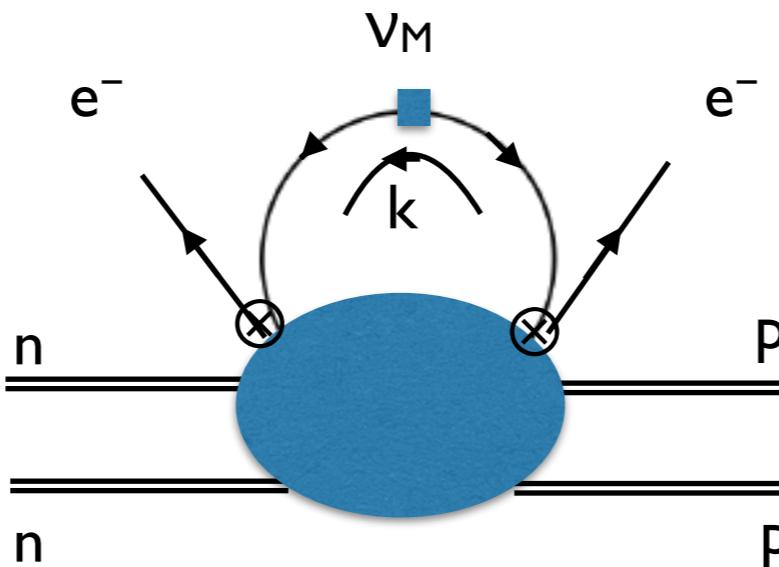
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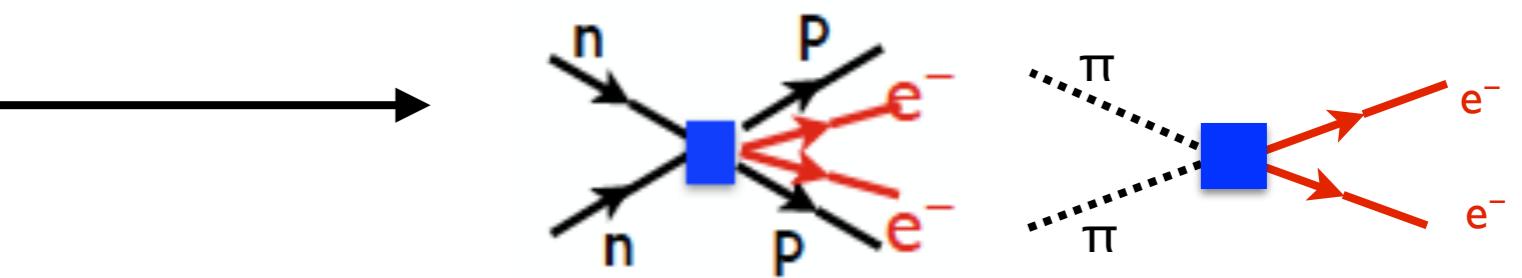
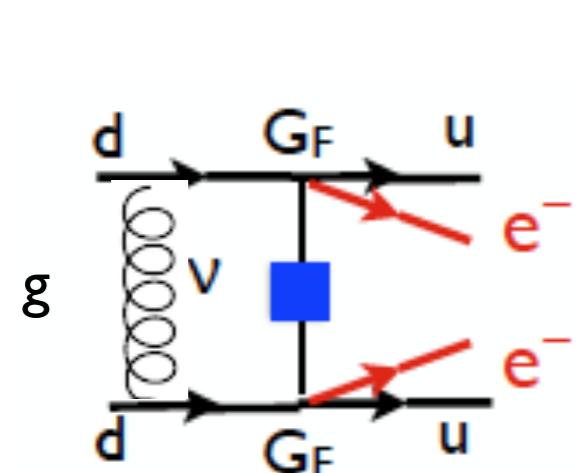
Chiral EFT captures  
contributions from all  
relevant momentum regions

# $\Delta L=2$ amplitudes in EFT



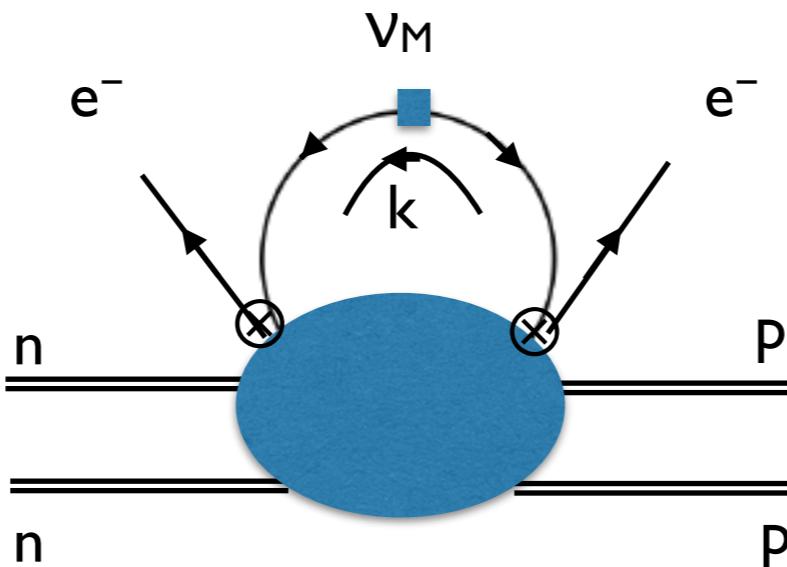
“Hard neutrinos”:  
 $E, |k| > \Lambda_X \sim m_N \sim \text{GeV}$

Short-range  $\Delta L=2$  operators at  
 the hadronic level,  
*still proportional to  $m_{\beta\beta}$*



Short- and pion-range contributions to  
 “Neutrino potential” mediating  $nn \rightarrow pp$

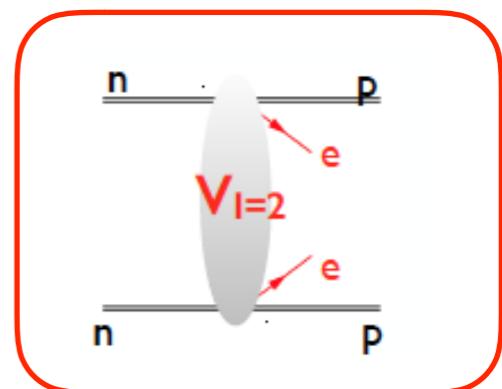
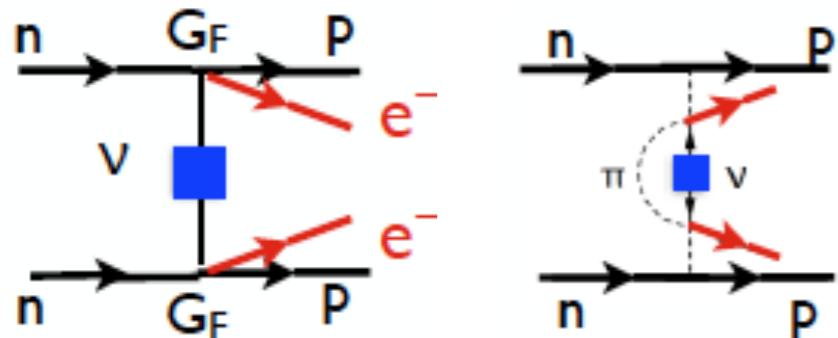
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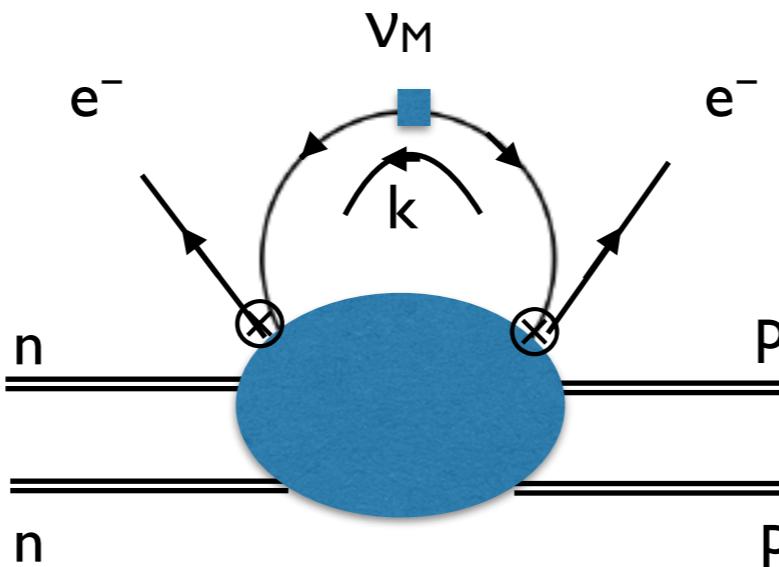
$$(E, |k|) \sim Q \sim k_F \sim m_\pi$$

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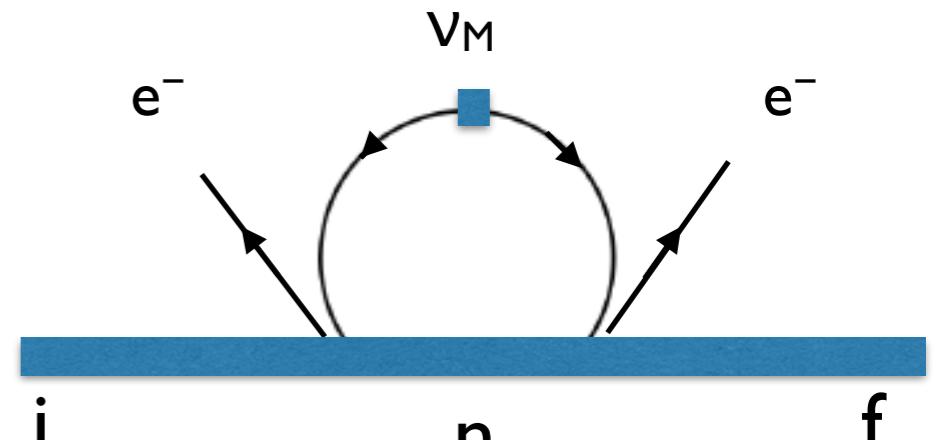
Calculable long- and pion-range contributions to “Neutrino potential” mediating  $nn \rightarrow pp$

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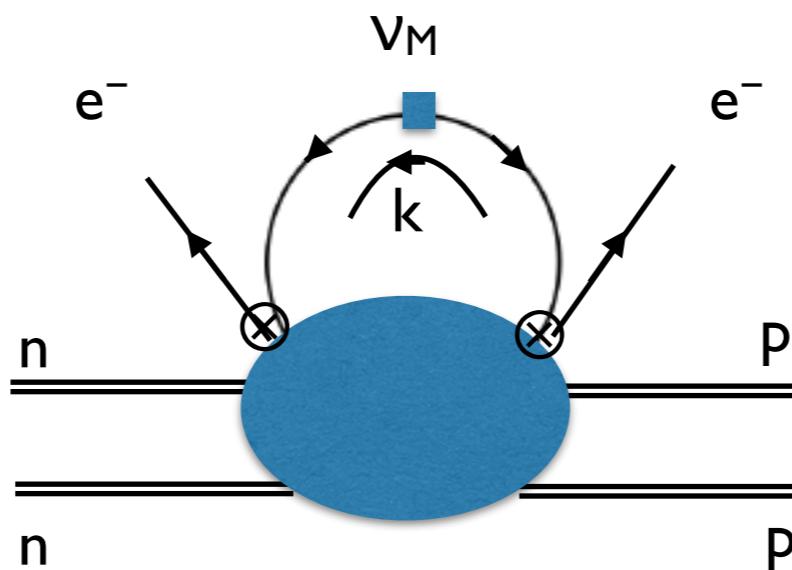
$$(E, |k|) \ll k_F$$



n-th state of  
intermediate nucleus

Double insertions of the  
weak current at the  
hadronic / nuclear level

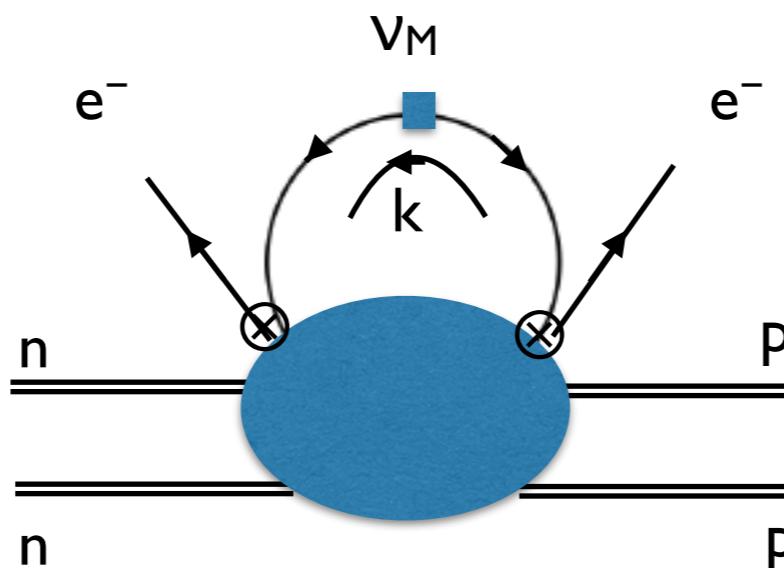
# Nuclear scale effective Hamiltonian



Kinetic terms and strong NN potential

$$H_{\text{Nucl}} = H_0 + \sqrt{2}G_F V_{ud} \bar{N} (g_V \delta^{\mu 0} - g_A \delta^{\mu i} \sigma^i) \tau^+ N \bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L + 2G_F^2 V_{ud}^2 m_{\beta\beta} \bar{e}_L e_L^c V_{I=2}$$

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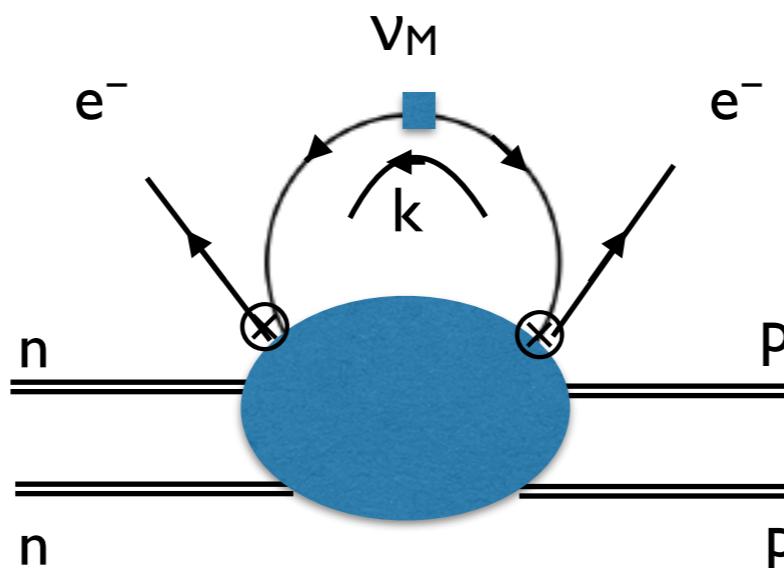


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“Isotensor”  $0\nu\beta\beta$  potential mediates  $nn \rightarrow pp$ .  
It can be identified to a given order in  $Q/\Lambda_X$  by  
computing 2-nucleon amplitudes

# Anatomy of $0\nu\beta\beta$ amplitude

Figure adapted from Primakoff-Rosen 1969



Hard, soft, and potential  $\nu$

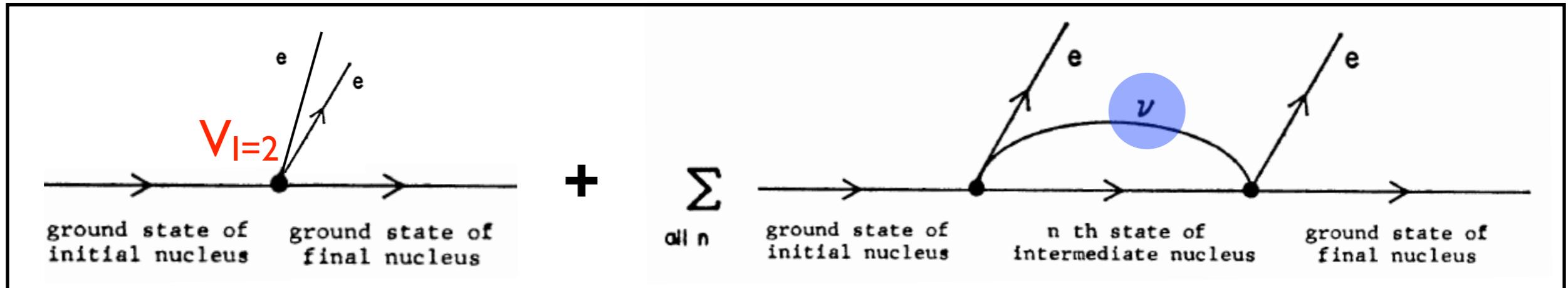
$$V_{I=2} = \sum_{a \neq b} \left( V_{\nu,0}^{(a,b)} + V_{\nu,2}^{(a,b)} + \dots \right)$$

$$V_\nu \sim 1/Q^2, 1/(\Lambda_X)^2, \dots$$

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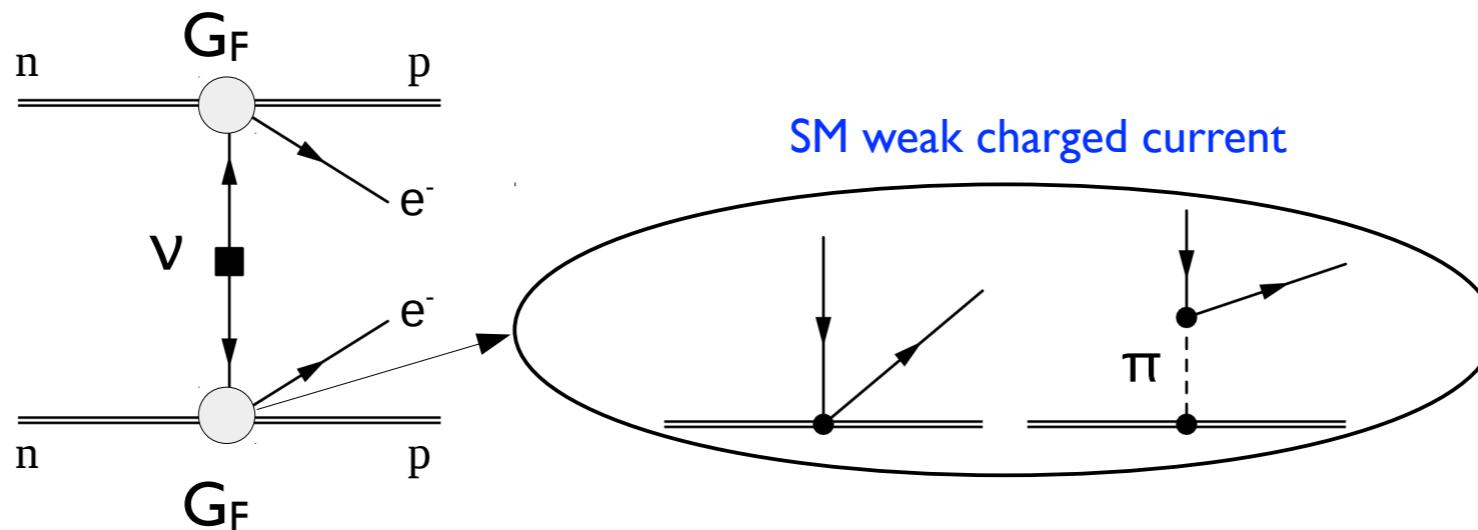
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Loop calculable in terms of  $E_n - E_i$  and  $\langle f | J_\mu | n \rangle \langle n | J^\mu | i \rangle$ , that also control  $2\nu\beta\beta$ .  
Contributes to the amplitude at  $N^2LO$

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# Leading order $0\nu\beta\beta$ potential

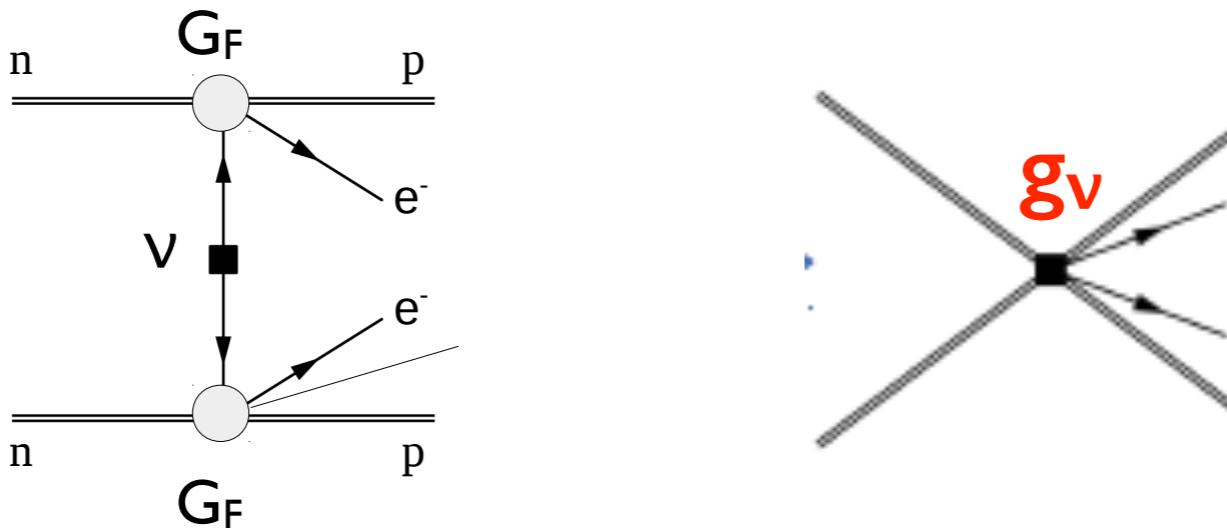


- Tree-level  $\nu_M$  exchange

$$V_{\nu,0}^{(a,b)} = \tau^{(a)} + \tau^{(b)} + \frac{1}{q^2} \left\{ 1 - g_A^2 \left[ \sigma^{(a)} \cdot \sigma^{(b)} - \sigma^{(a)} \cdot q \sigma^{(b)} \cdot q \frac{2m_\pi^2 + q^2}{(q^2 + m_\pi^2)^2} \right] \right\}$$

Hadronic input:  $g_A$

# Leading order $0\nu\beta\beta$ potential



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$g_\nu \sim 1/\Lambda^2 \sim 1/(4\pi F_\pi)^2$  in NDA / Weinberg counting

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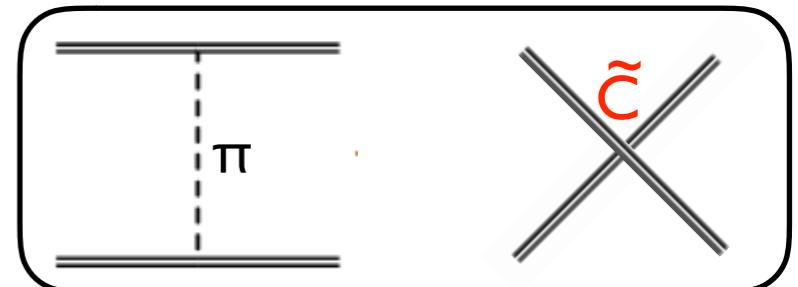


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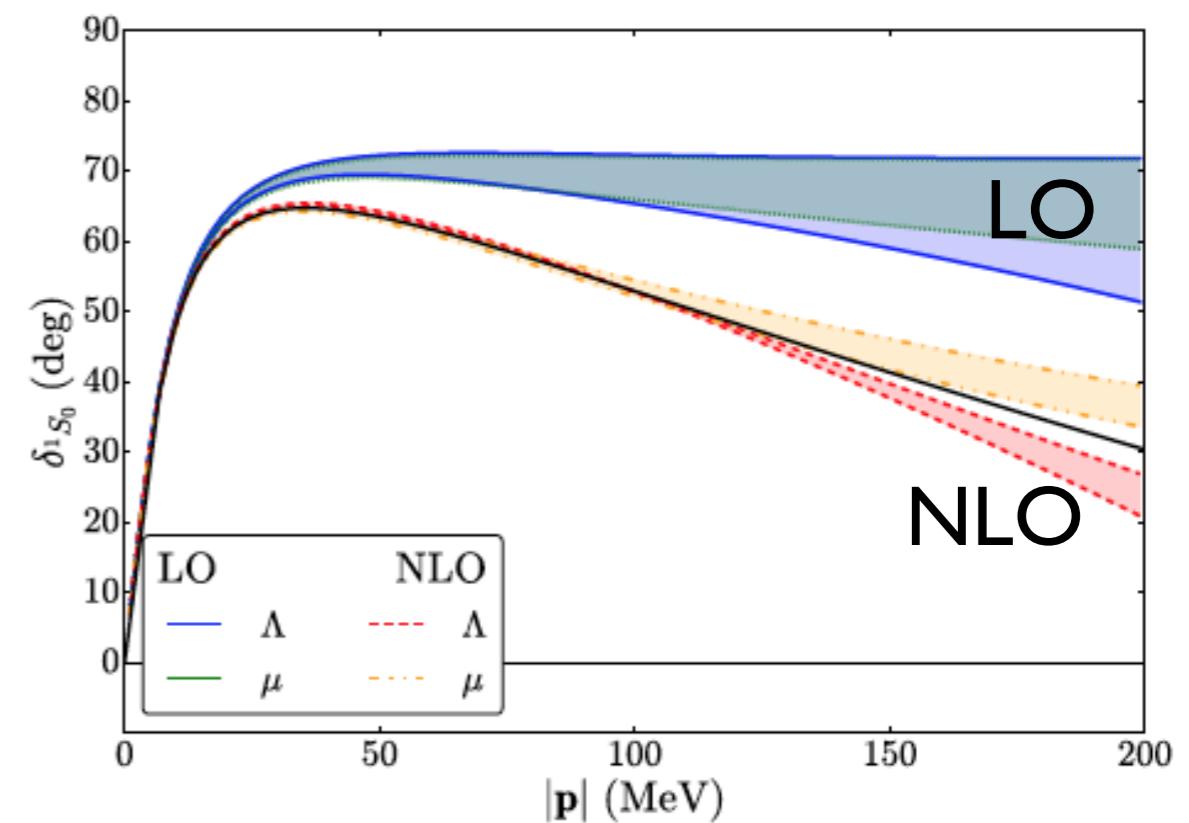


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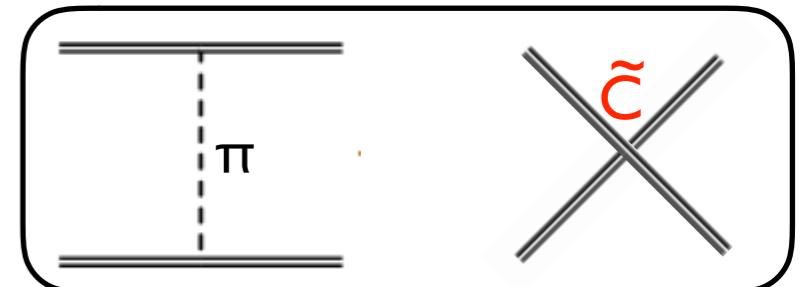
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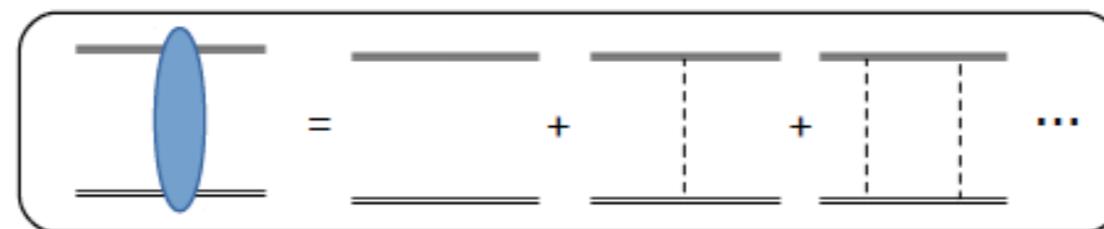
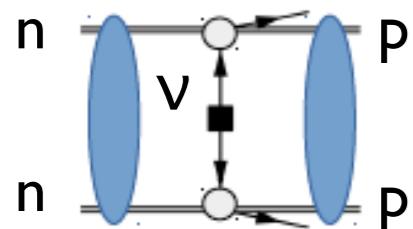
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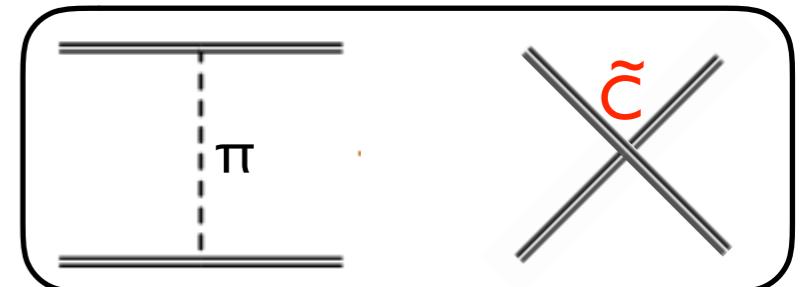


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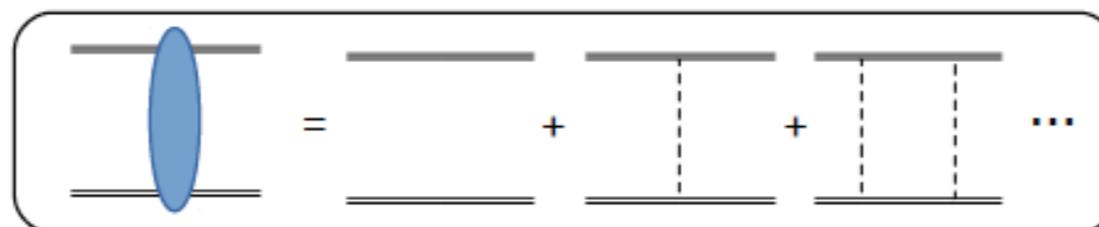
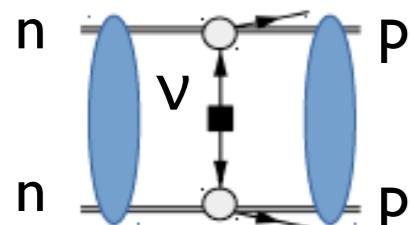
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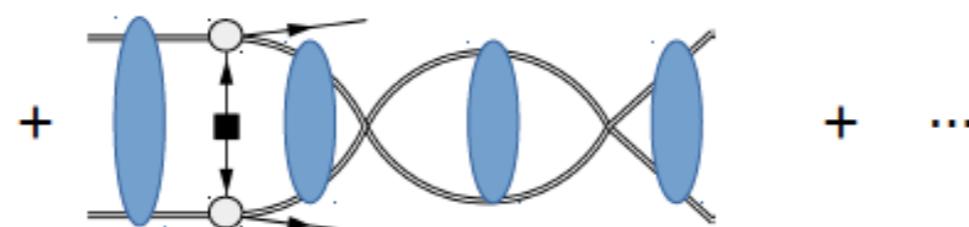
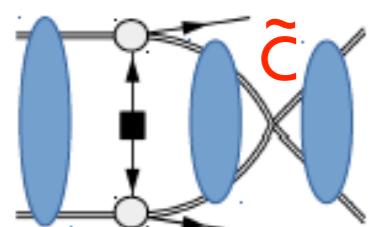
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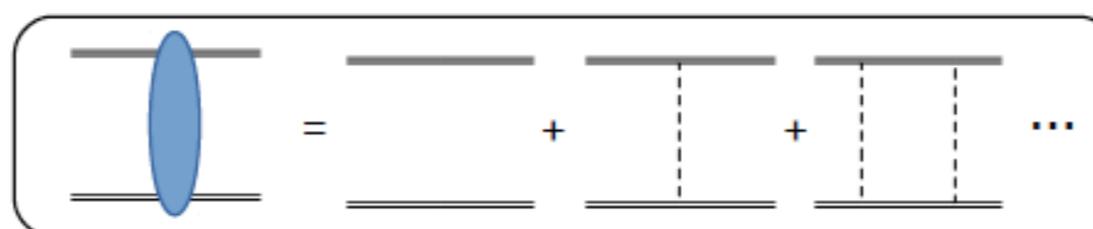
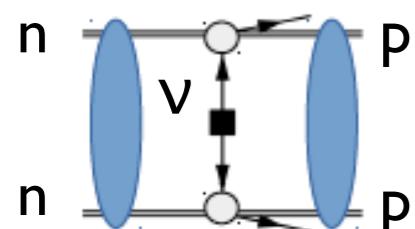
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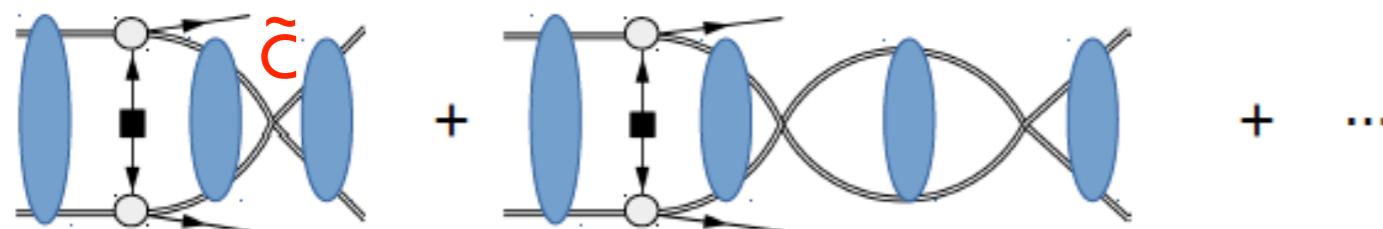
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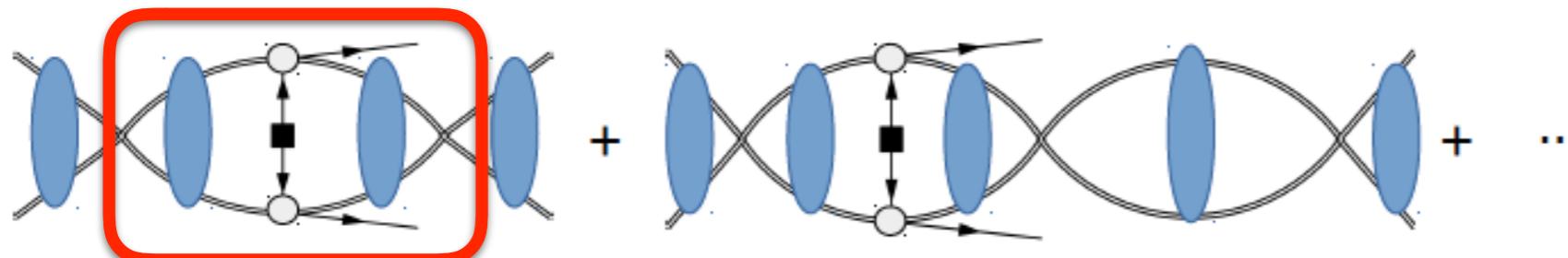
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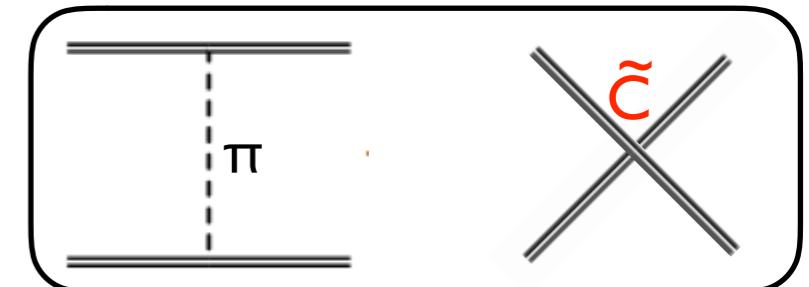


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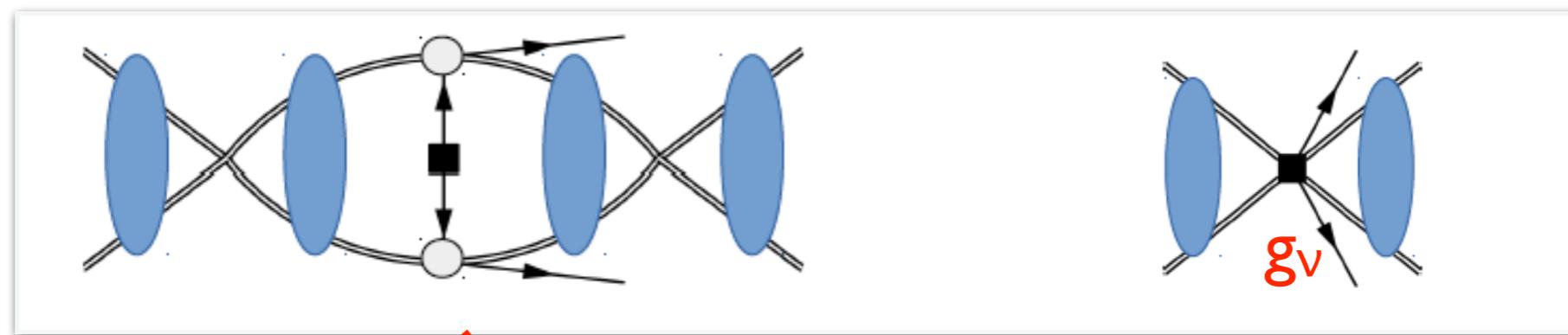
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- Renormalization requires contact LNV operator at LO!



$$\sim \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2g_A^2) \left( \frac{m_N \tilde{C}}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{4-d} + \log \mu^2 \right)$$

- The coupling flows to  $g_V \sim l/Q^2 \gg l/(4\pi F_\pi)^2$ , same order as  $l/q^2$  from tree-level neutrino exchange

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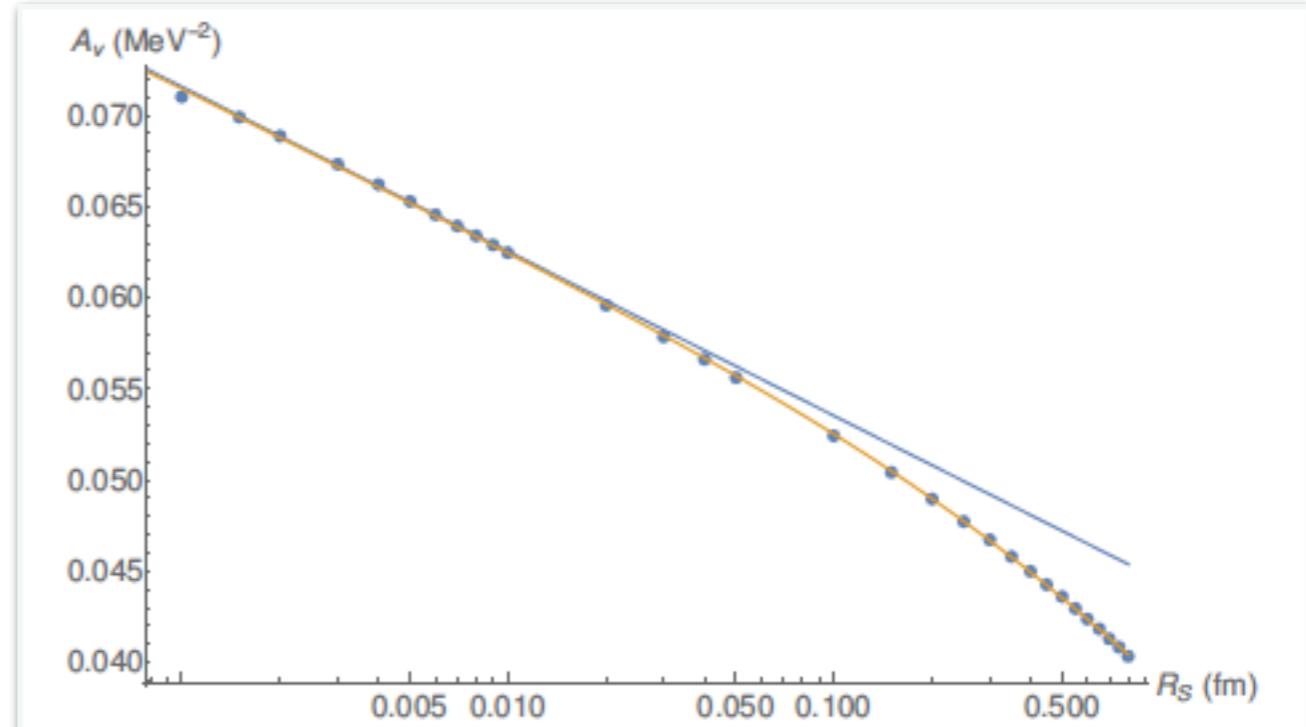
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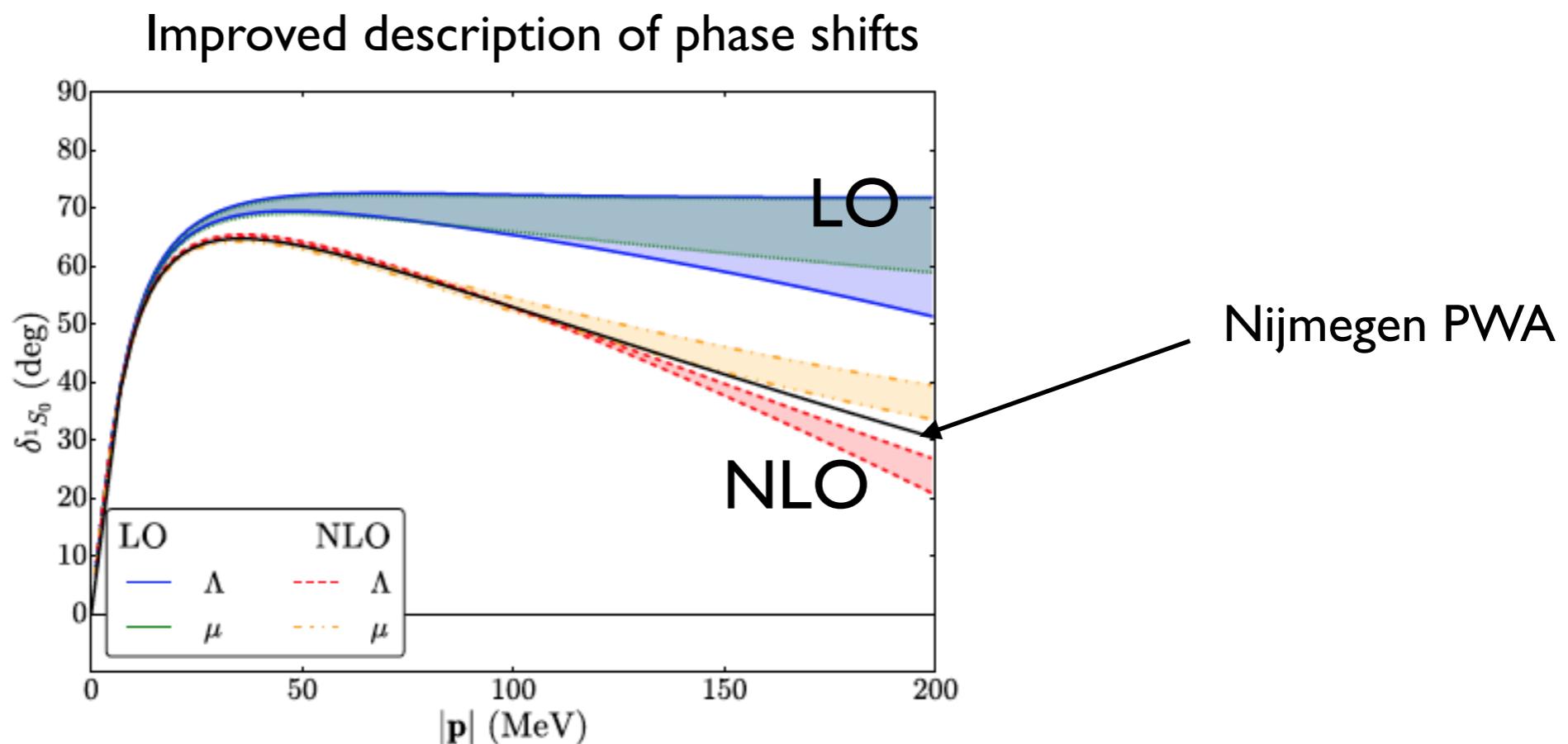


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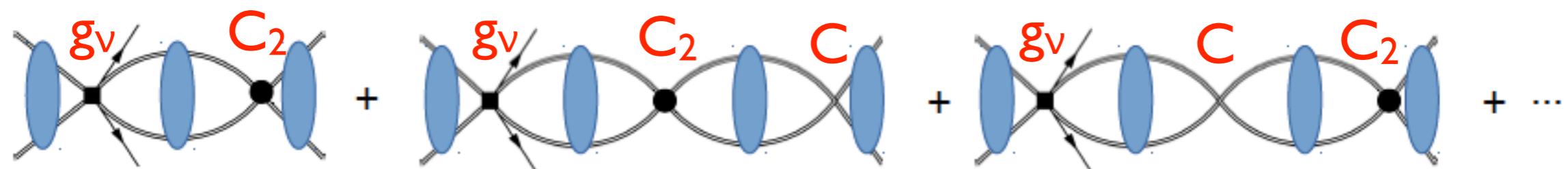
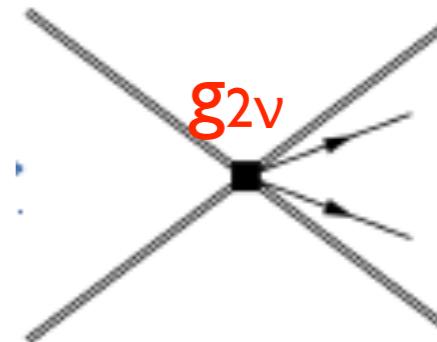
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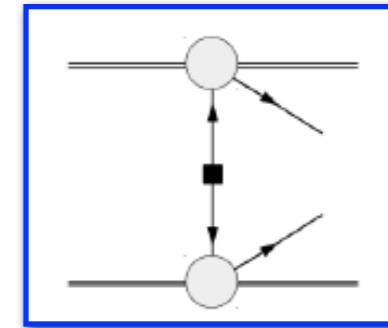
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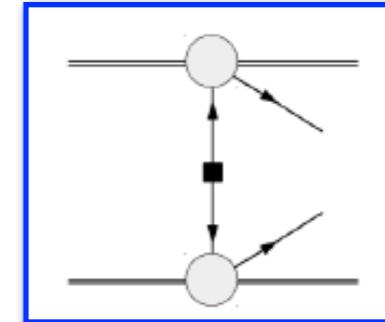
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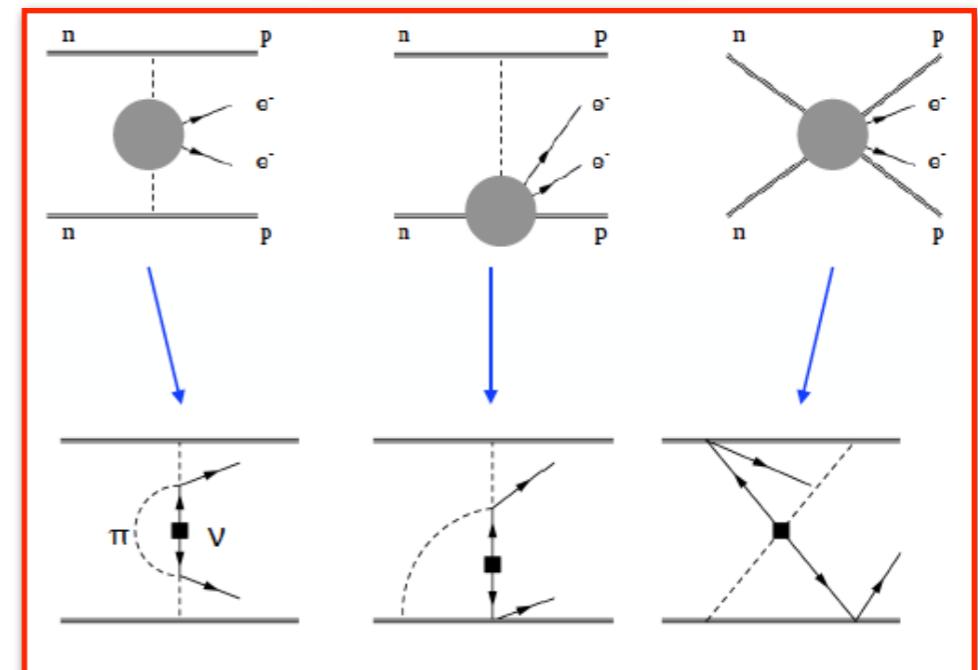


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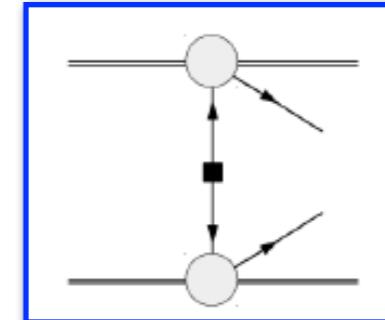
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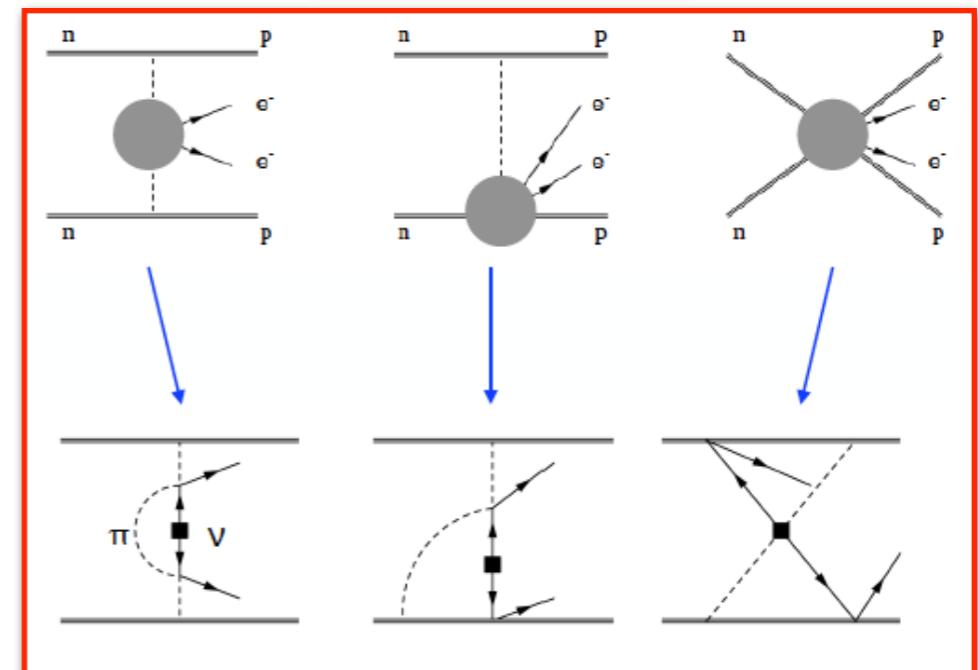
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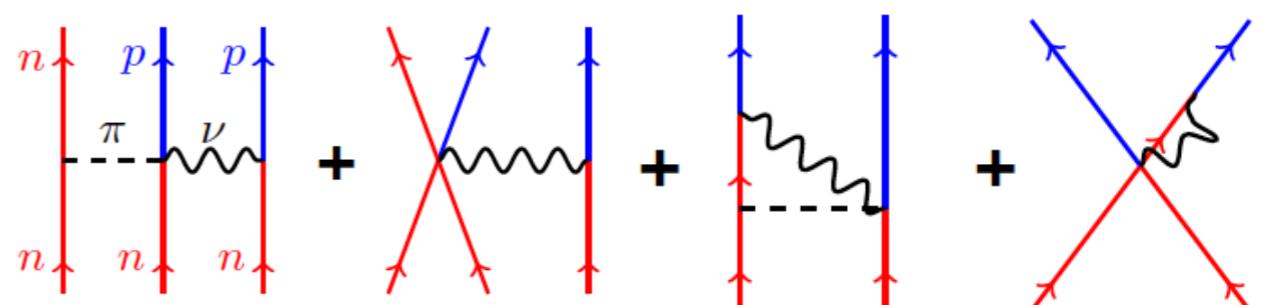


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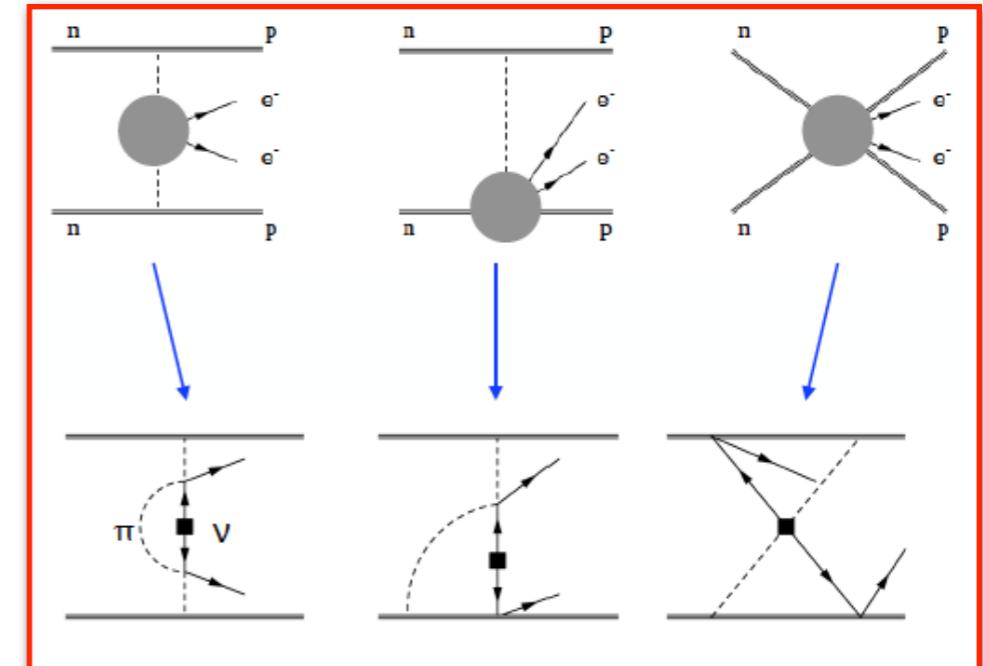
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Calculations of these effects in light and heavy nuclei show O(10%) corrections

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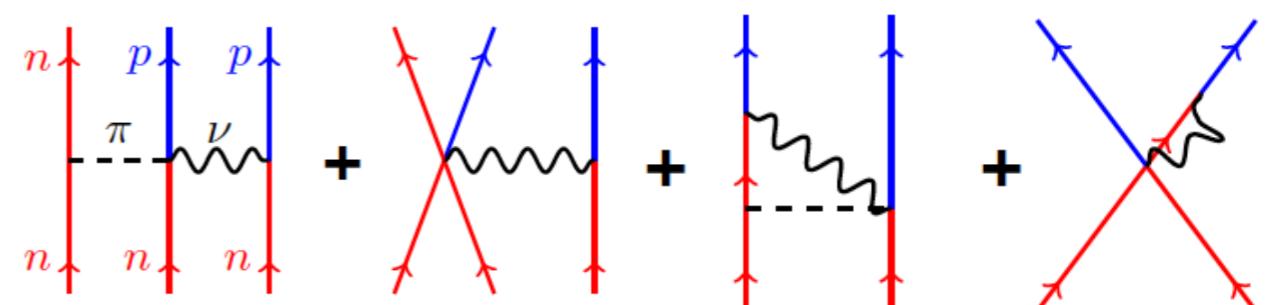
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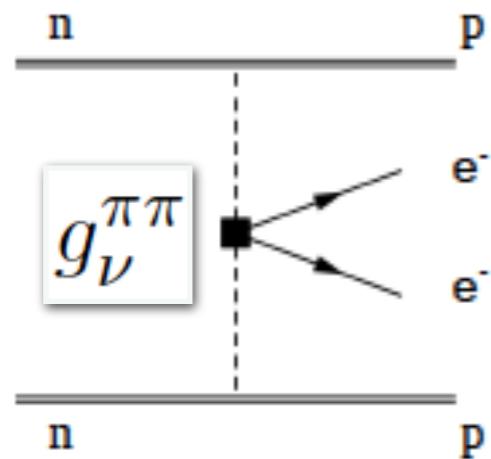
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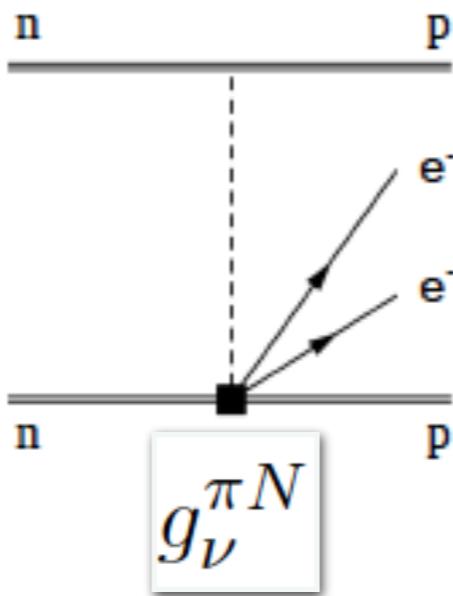


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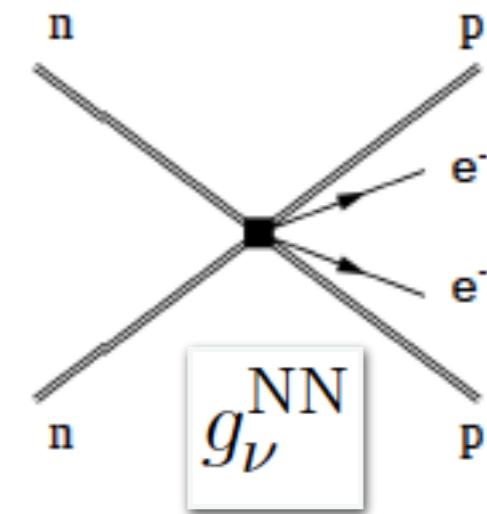
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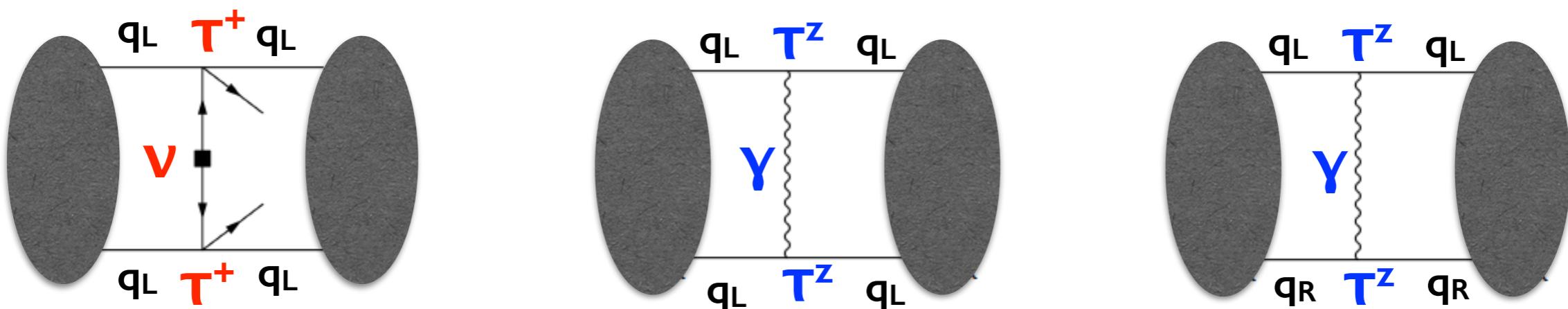
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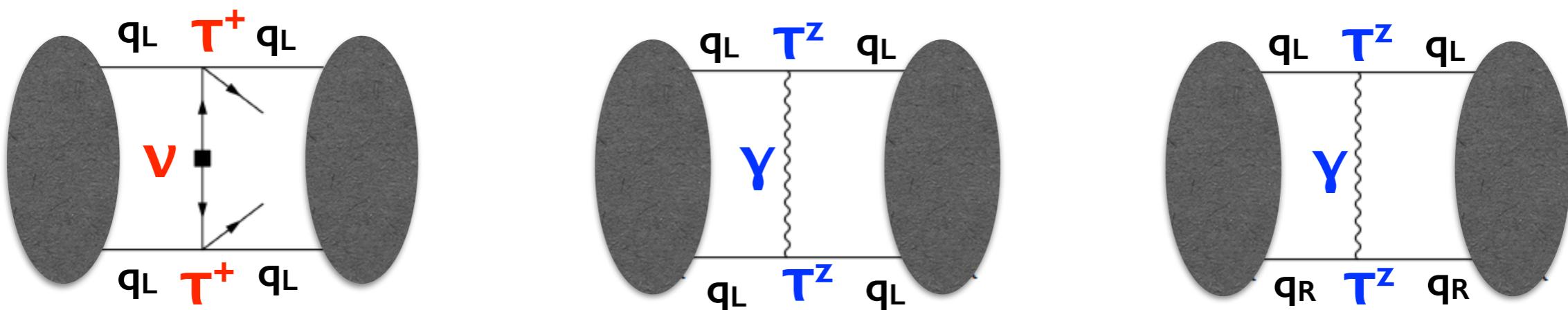
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\* Xu Feng et al., 1809.10511

For related work see  
Detmold-Murphy 1811.0554

# NN coupling

- Two  $I=2$  operators involving four nucleons

(See also Walzl-Meißner-Epelbaum  
[nucl-th/0010109](https://arxiv.org/abs/nucl-th/0010109))

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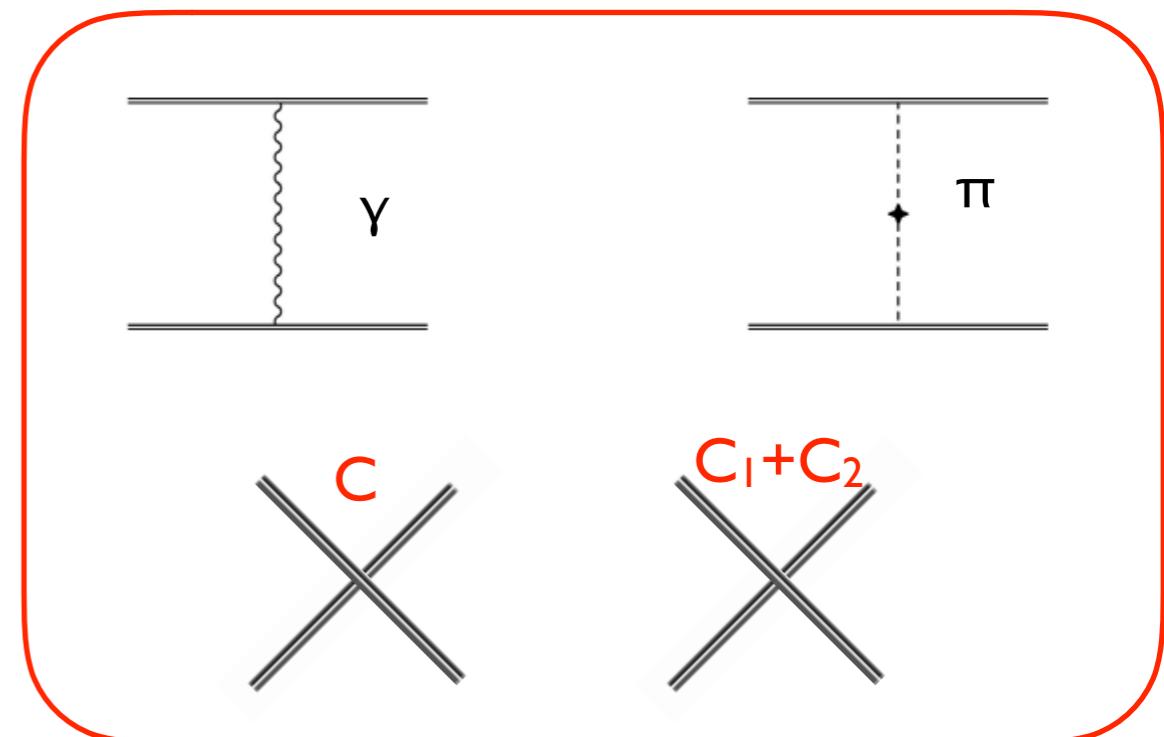
- Chiral symmetry  $\Rightarrow g_\nu = C_1$

- Can we get  $C_1$  from experiment ?

# Connection with data

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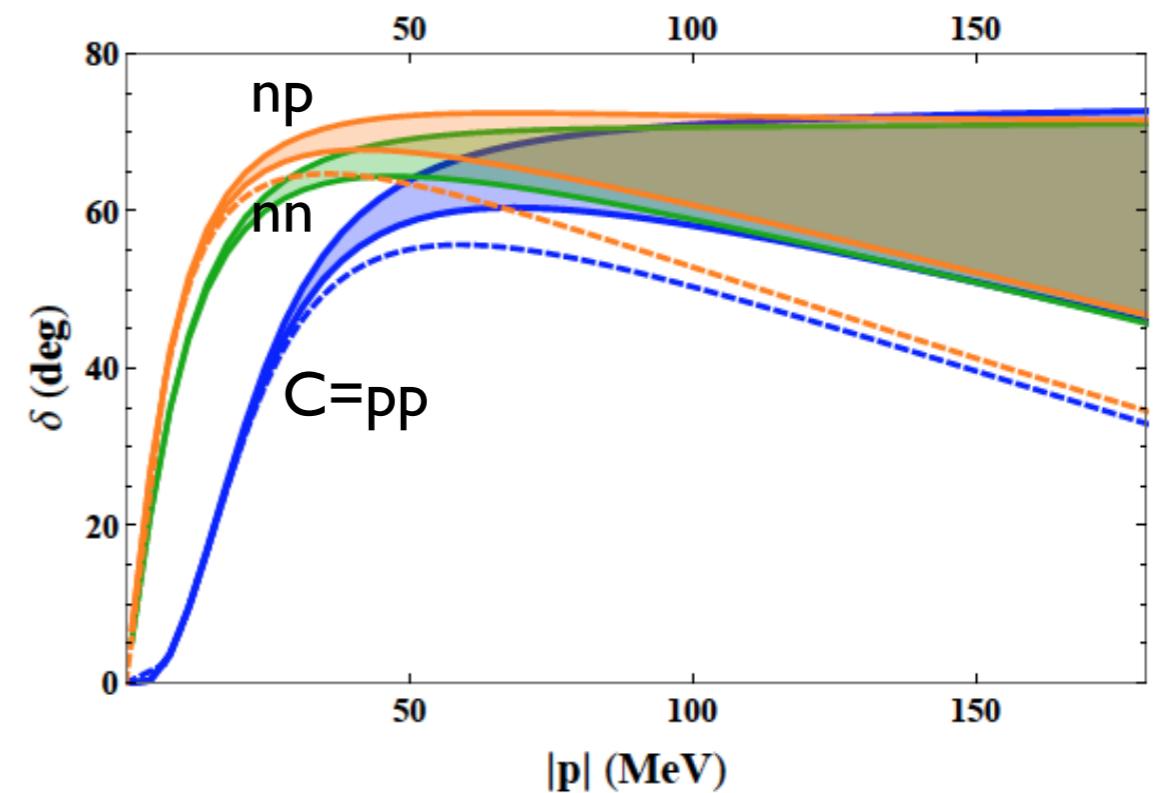
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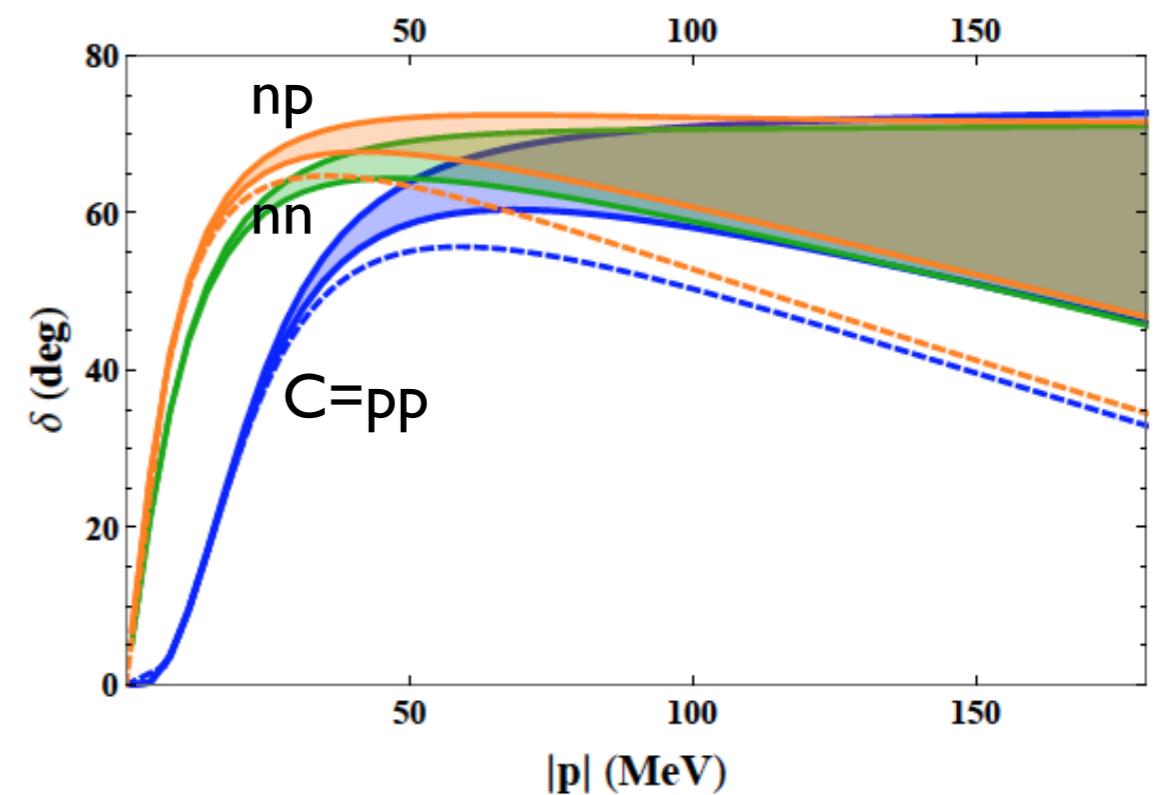
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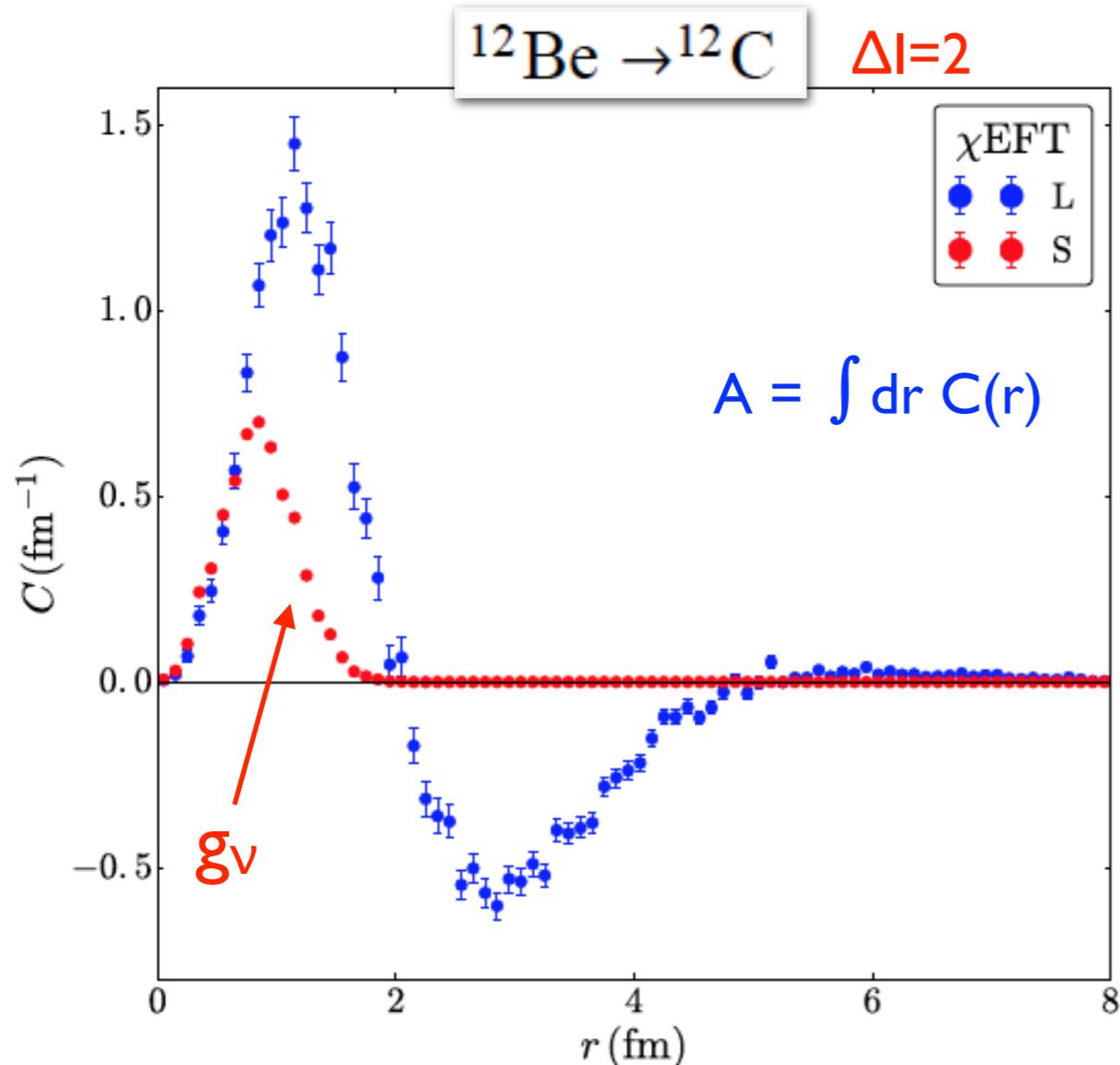
The EFT analysis survives comparison with data!

The analog of  $e^2(C_1+C_2)$  is included in all high-quality potentials  
(AV18, CD-Bonn, chiral, ...)

MeV)

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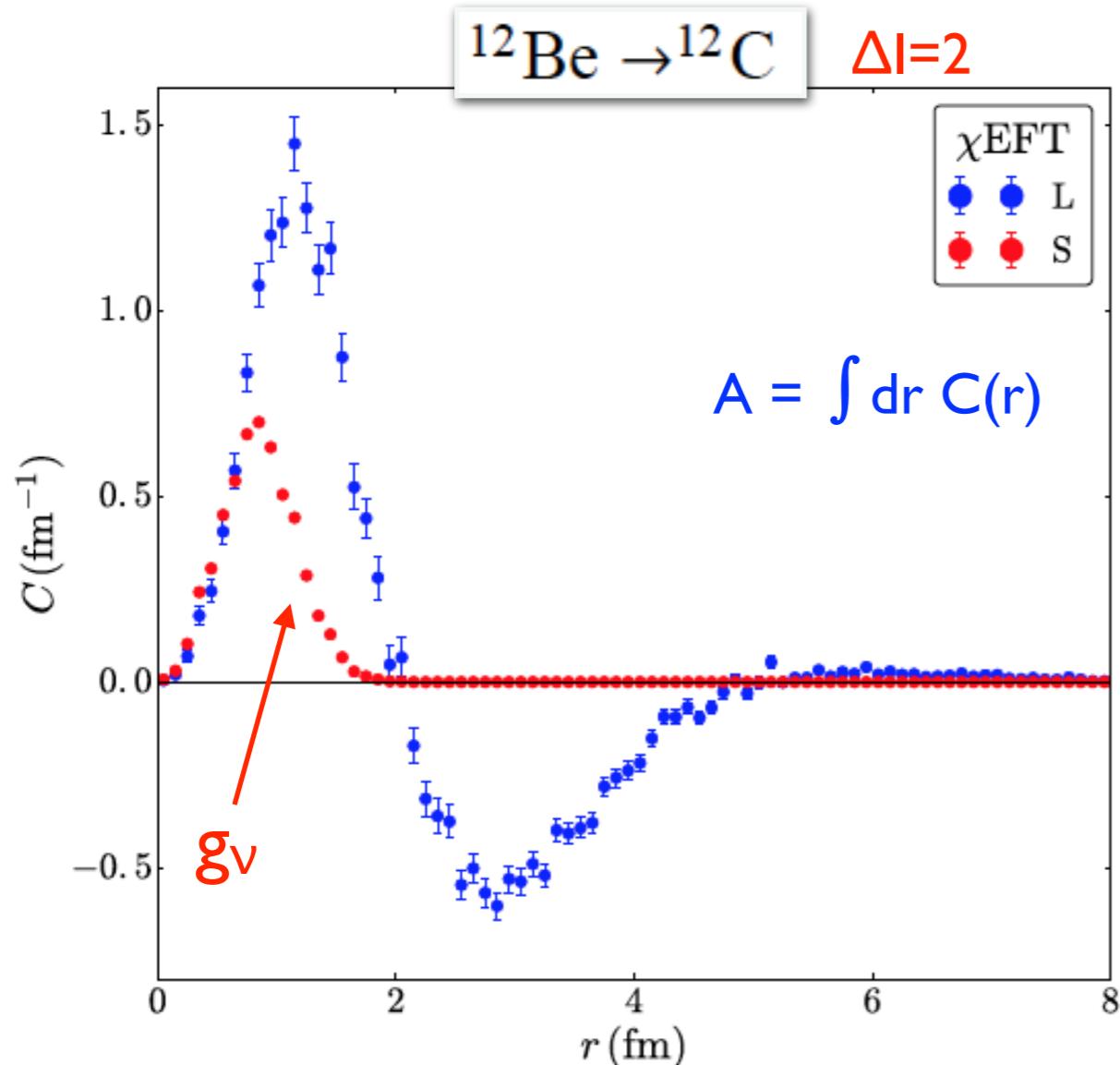
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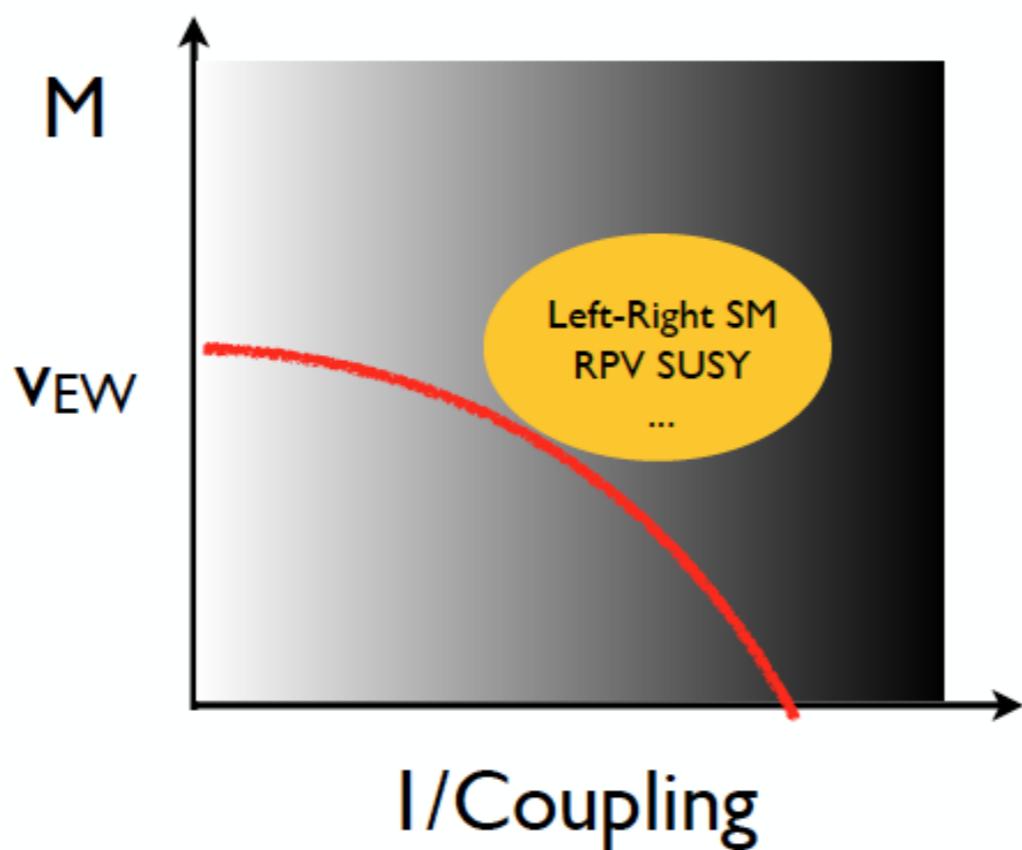
Transitions of experimental interest ( $^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Se}, \dots$ ) have  $\Delta I=2$  (and node)  $\Rightarrow$  expect significant effect!

# Conclusions & Outlook

- Ton-scale  $0\nu\beta\beta$  searches will probe LNV from a broad variety of mechanisms — high discovery potential, far reaching implications
- EFT approach provides a general framework to:
  - I. Relate  $0\nu\beta\beta$  to underlying LNV dynamics (and collider & cosmology)
  2. **Organize contributions to hadronic and nuclear matrix elements**
    - Identified new leading order short-range contributions
    - Implications for  $m_{\beta\beta}$  not yet clear (size of  $g_\nu$  & relative sign)

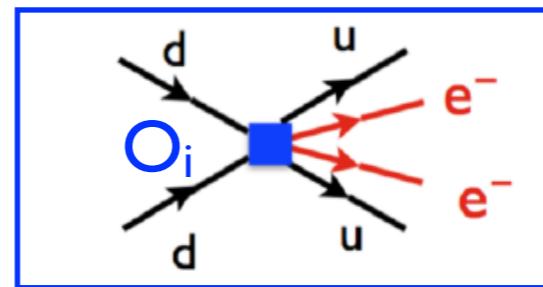
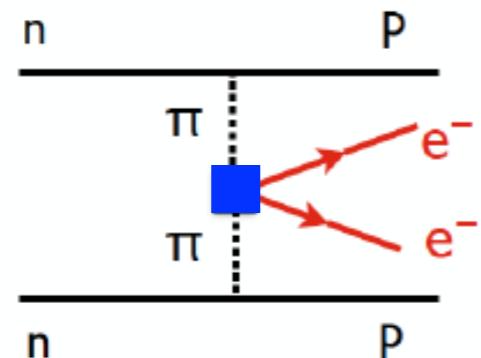
Improving the theory uncertainty is challenging, but there are good prospects thanks to advances in **EFT**, **lattice QCD**, and **nuclear structure**

# $0\nu\beta\beta$ from multi-TeV scale dynamics (dim-7, 9, ... operators)

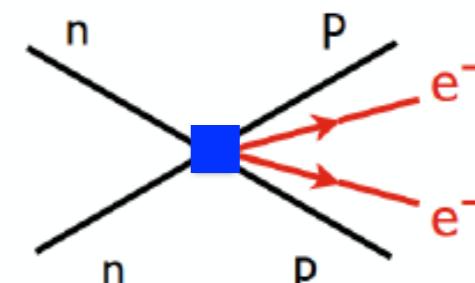
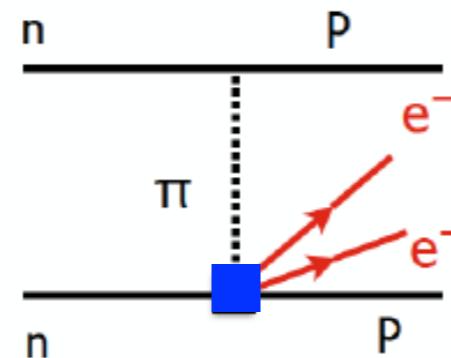


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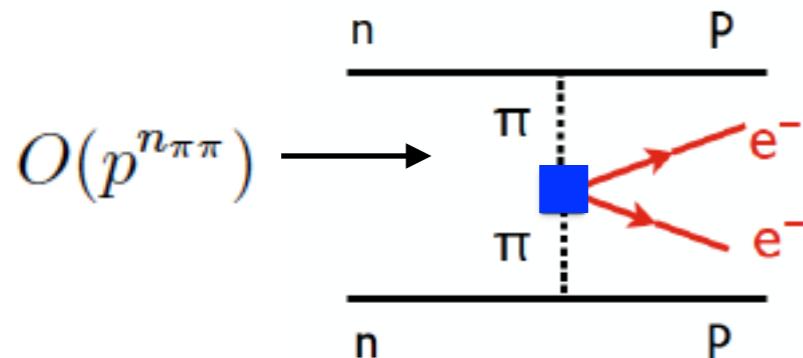


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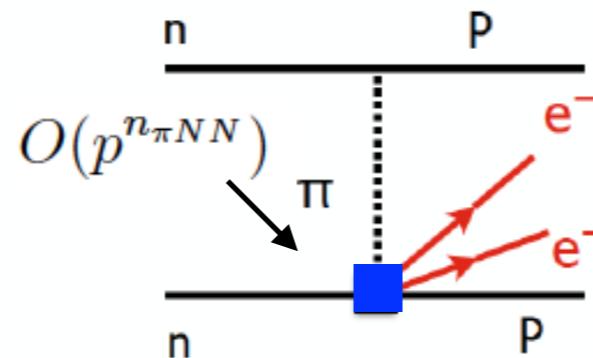
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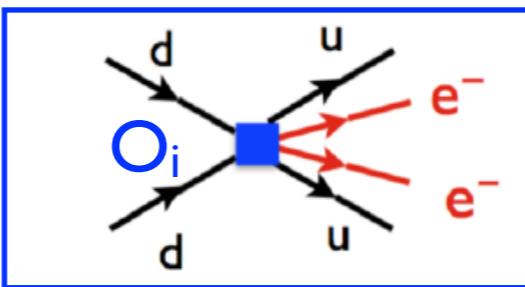
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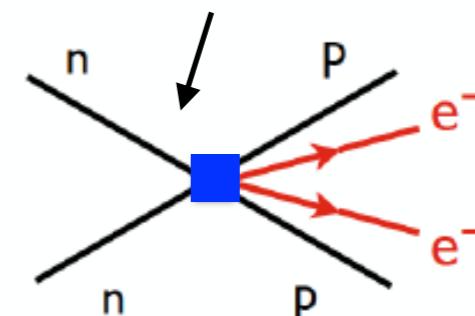


$$p^{n_{\pi NN}-1}$$



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$$O(p^{n_{4N}})$$



$$p^{n_{4N}}$$

$$p \sim Q$$

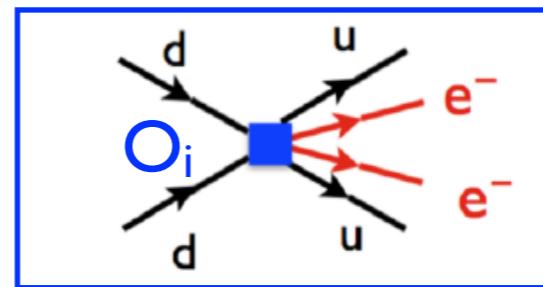
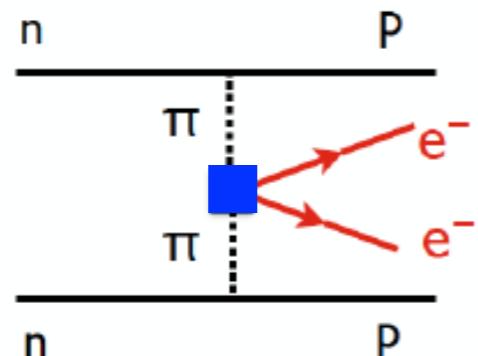
Naive dimensional analysis  $\rightarrow V_{\pi\pi}$  dominates for all but one operator

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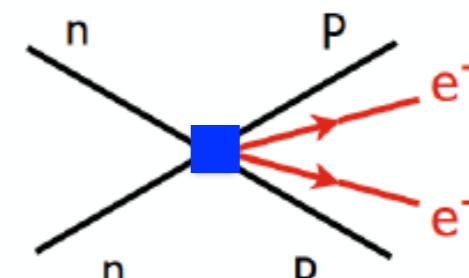
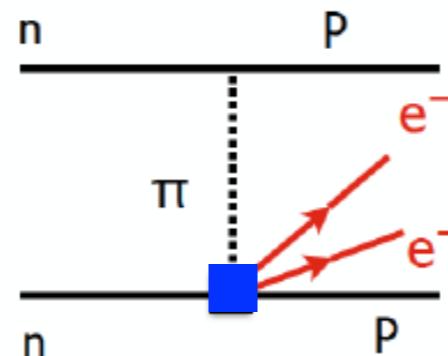
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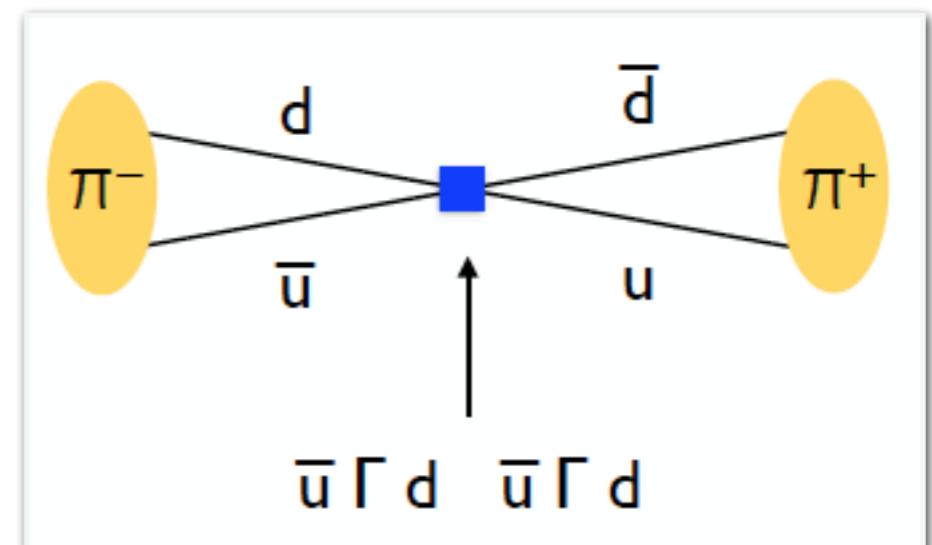
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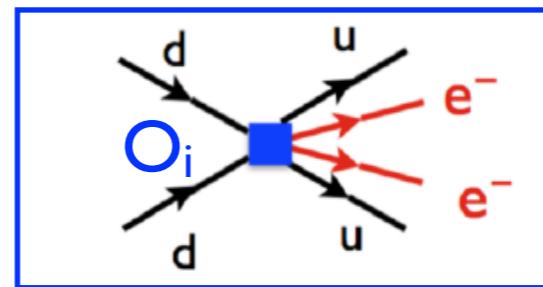
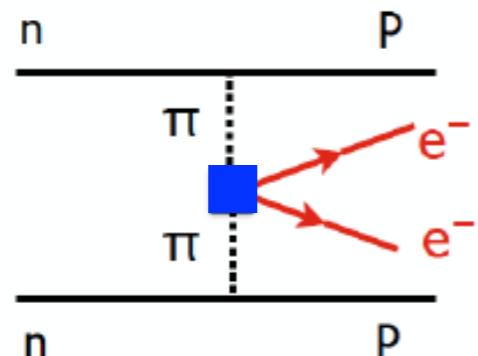


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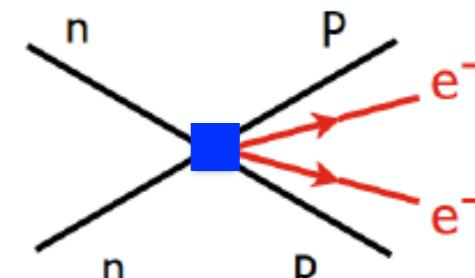
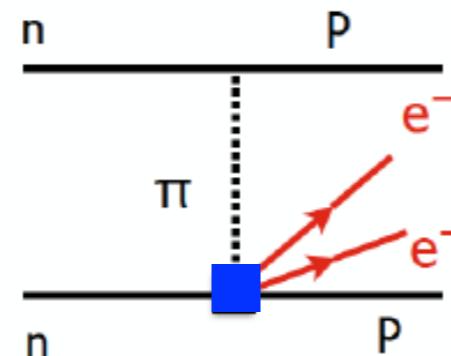


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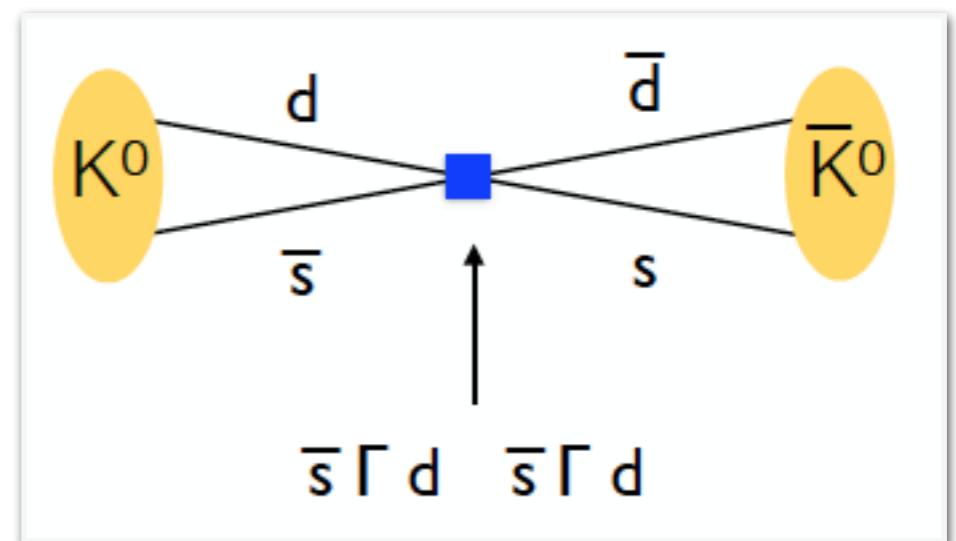
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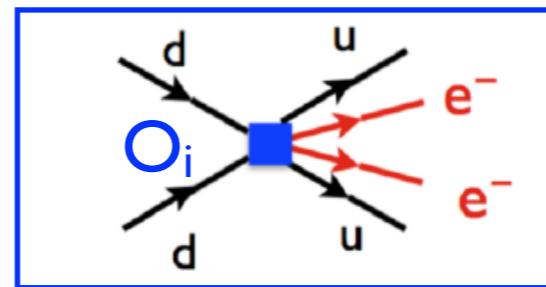
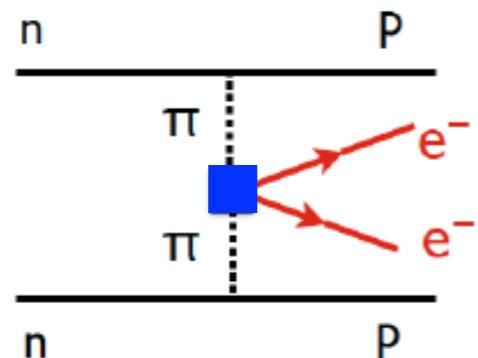


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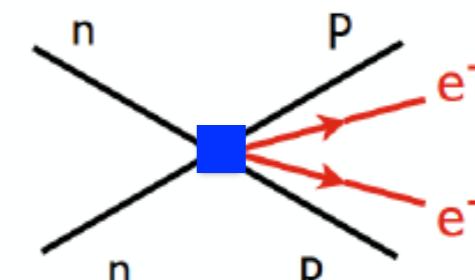
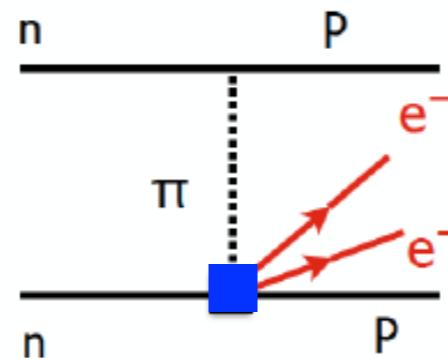


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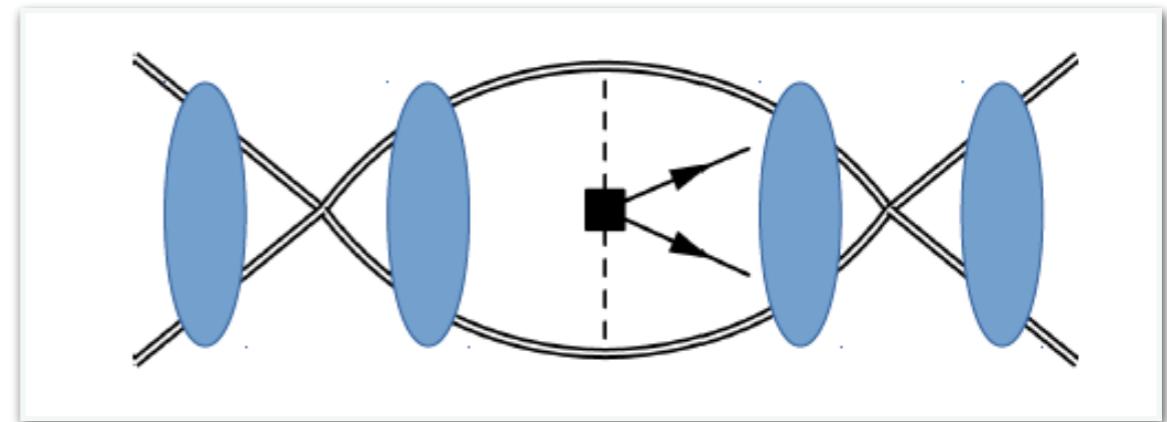


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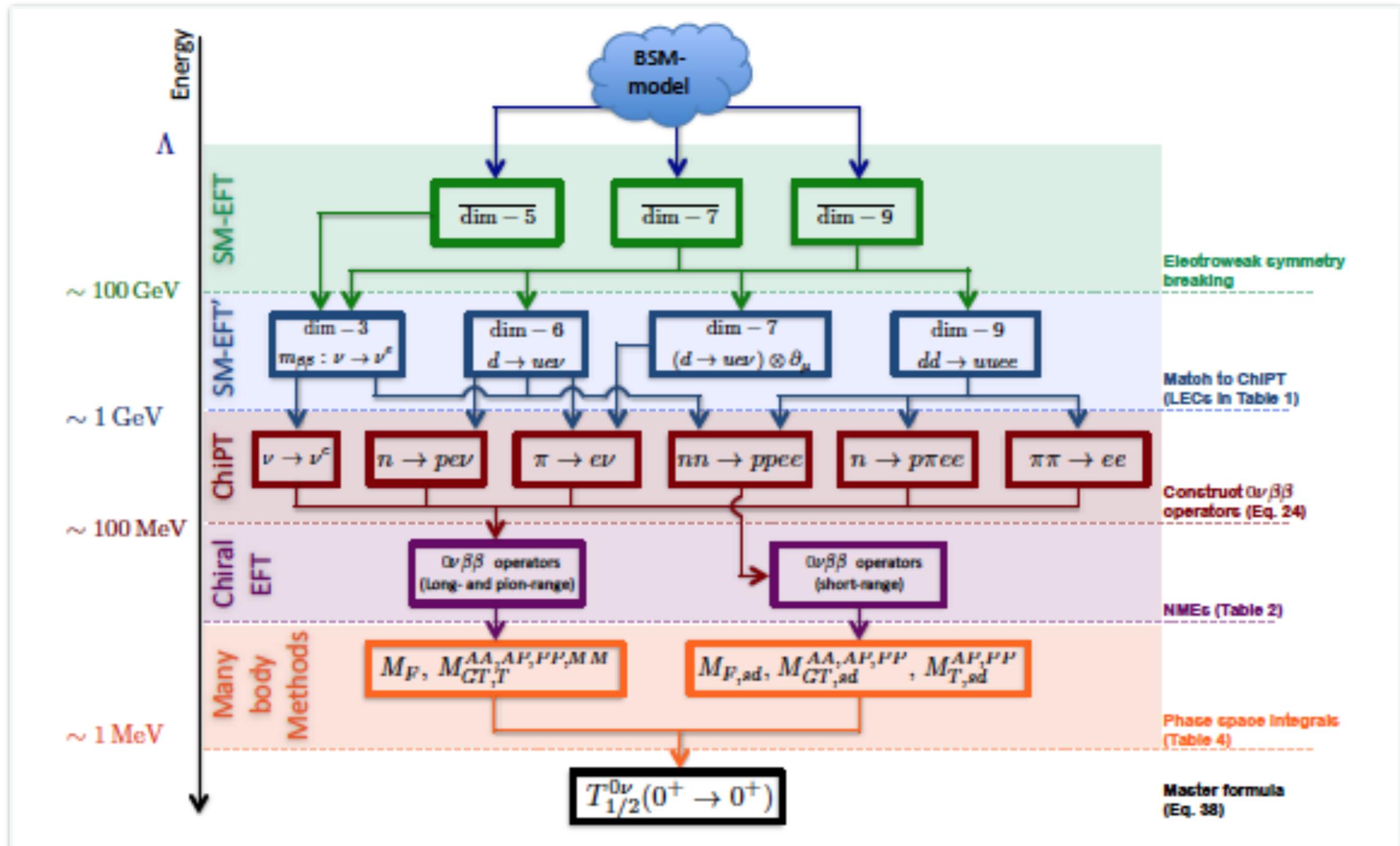
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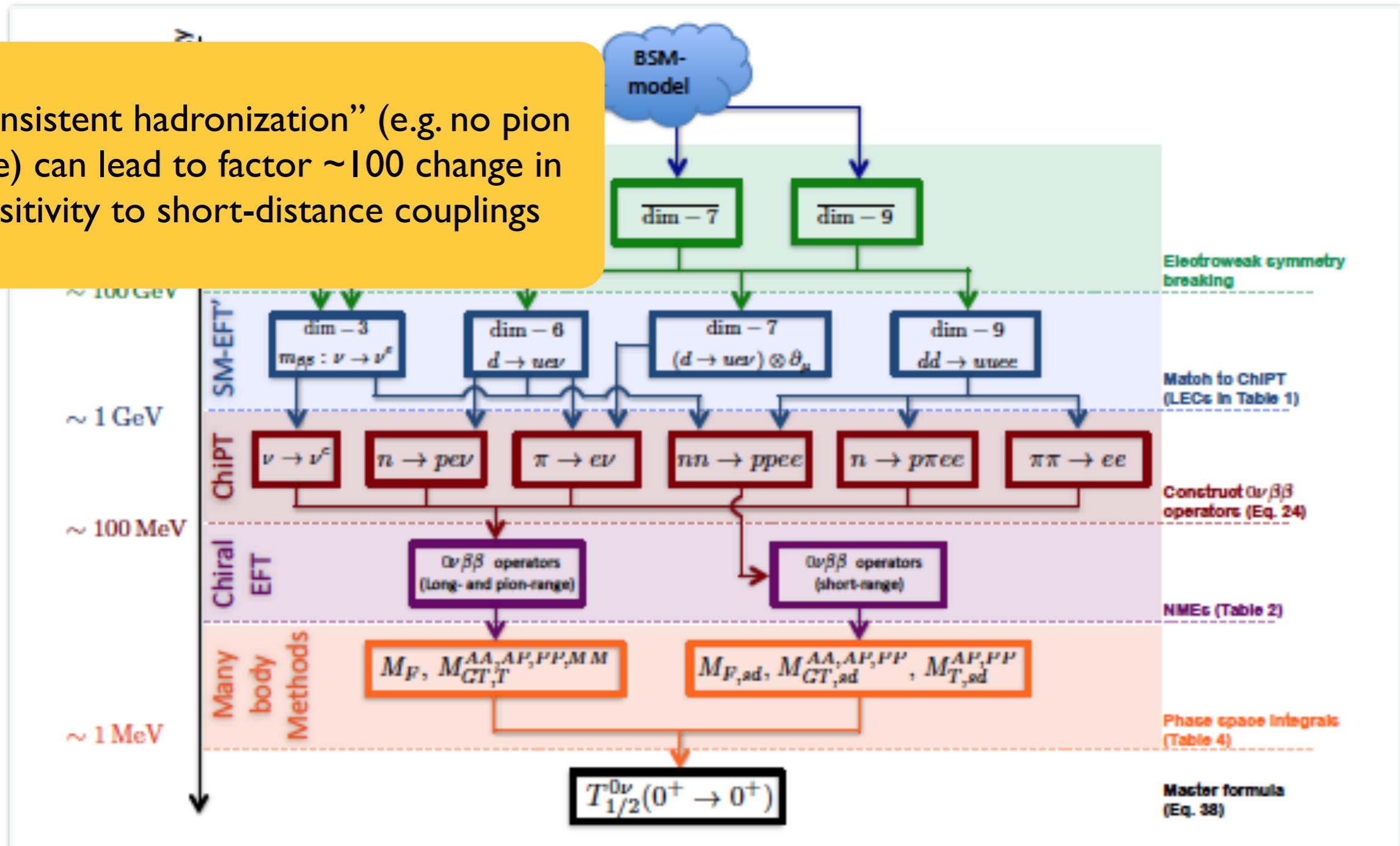
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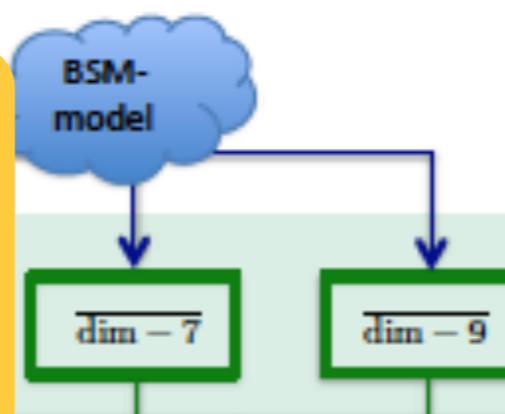
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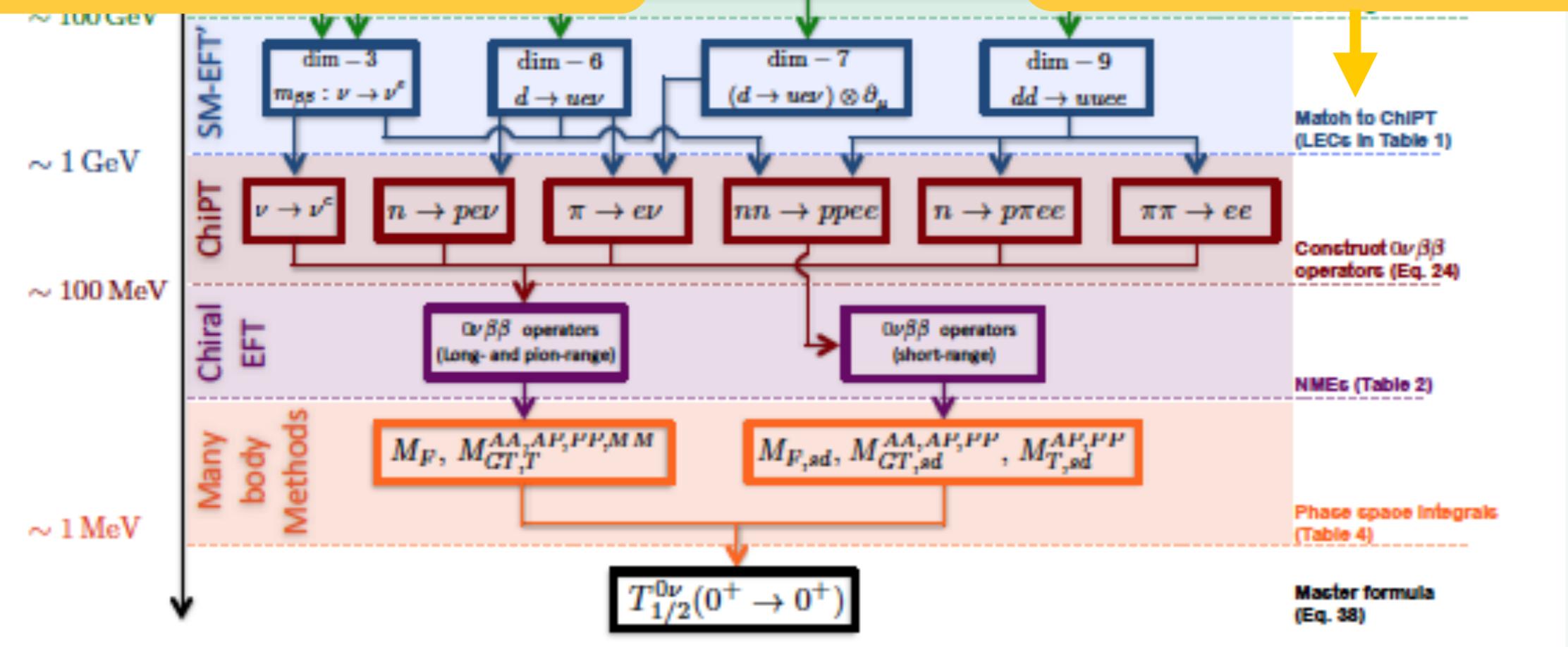
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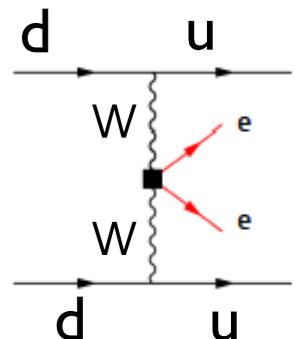
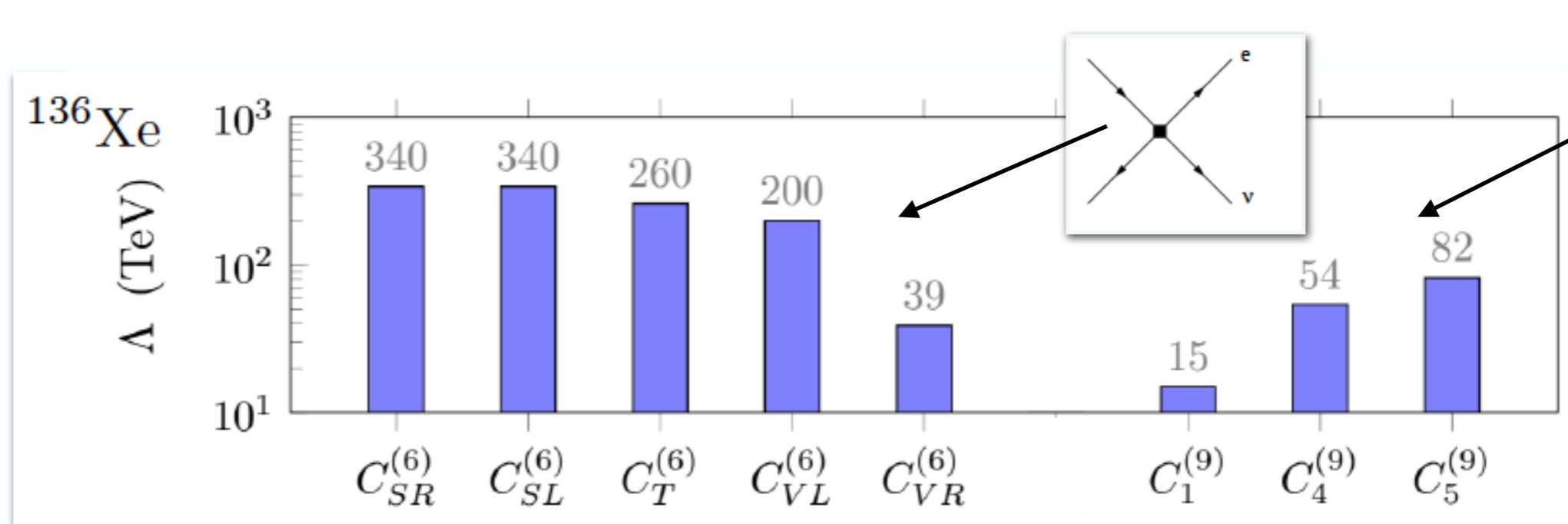
Detailed “connection” to existing calculations of hadronic and nuclear m.e.  
(input can be easily updated)



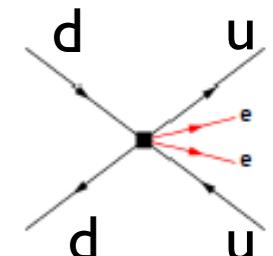
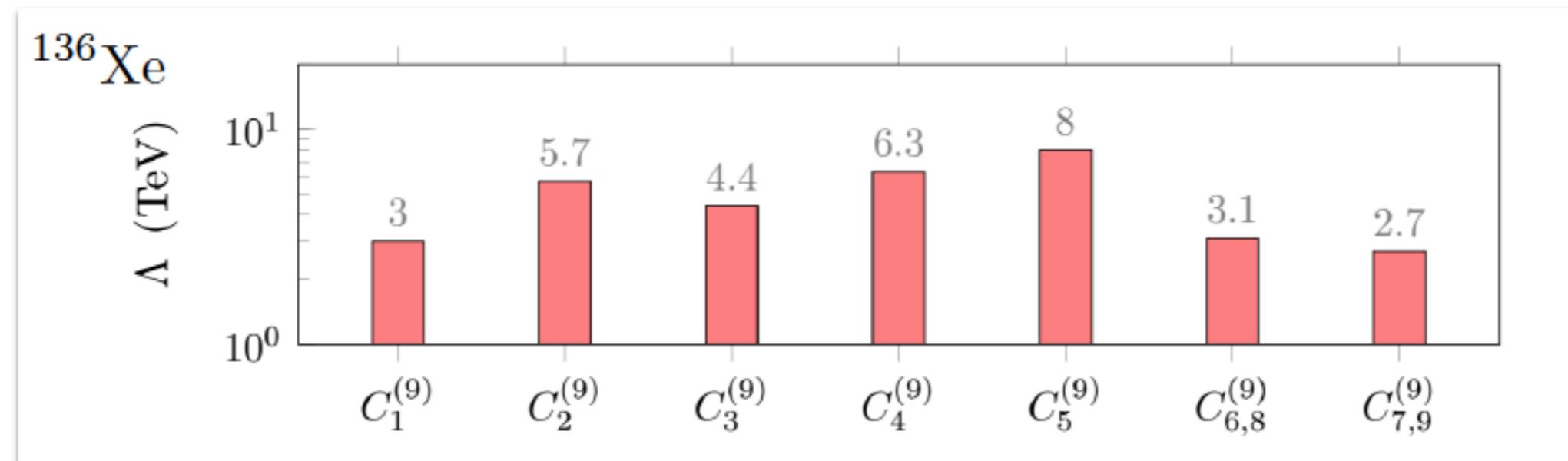
# What scales are being probed?

VC, W. Dekens, J. de Vries, M. Graesser, E. Mereghetti, 1806.02780

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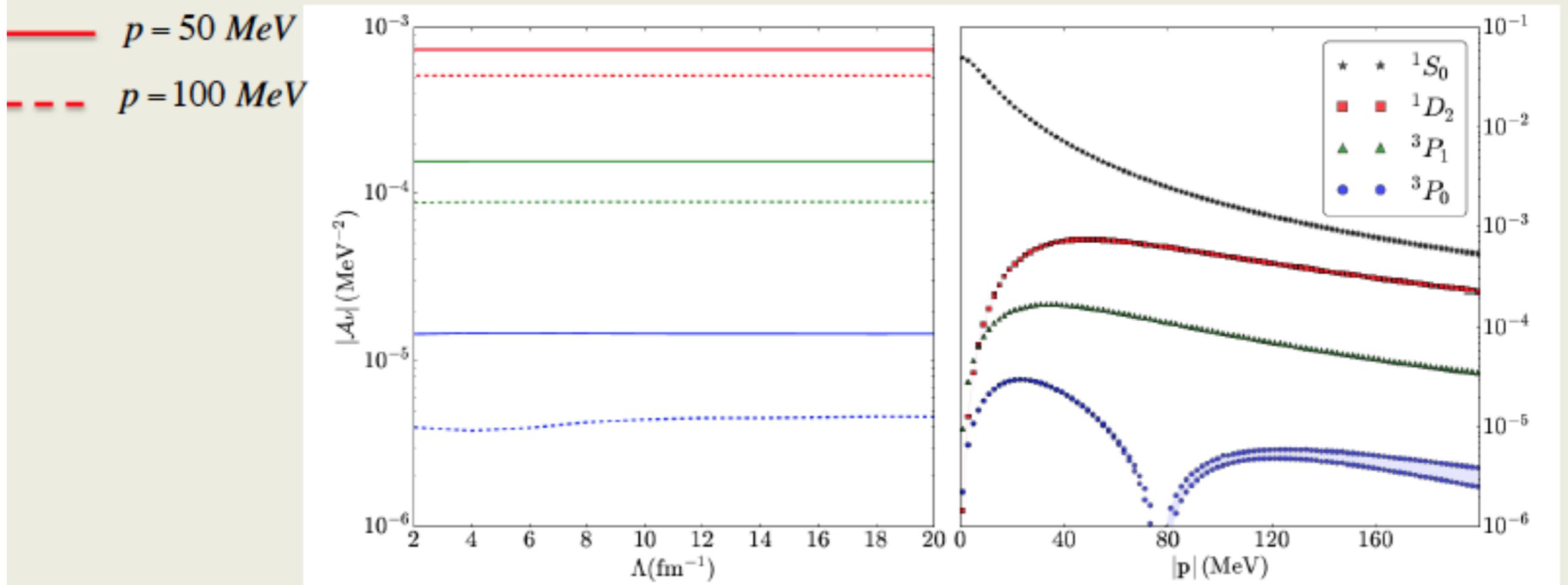
Bounds reflect dependence on  $\Lambda_X / \Lambda$  and  $Q/\Lambda_X$

# Backup

# Higher waves

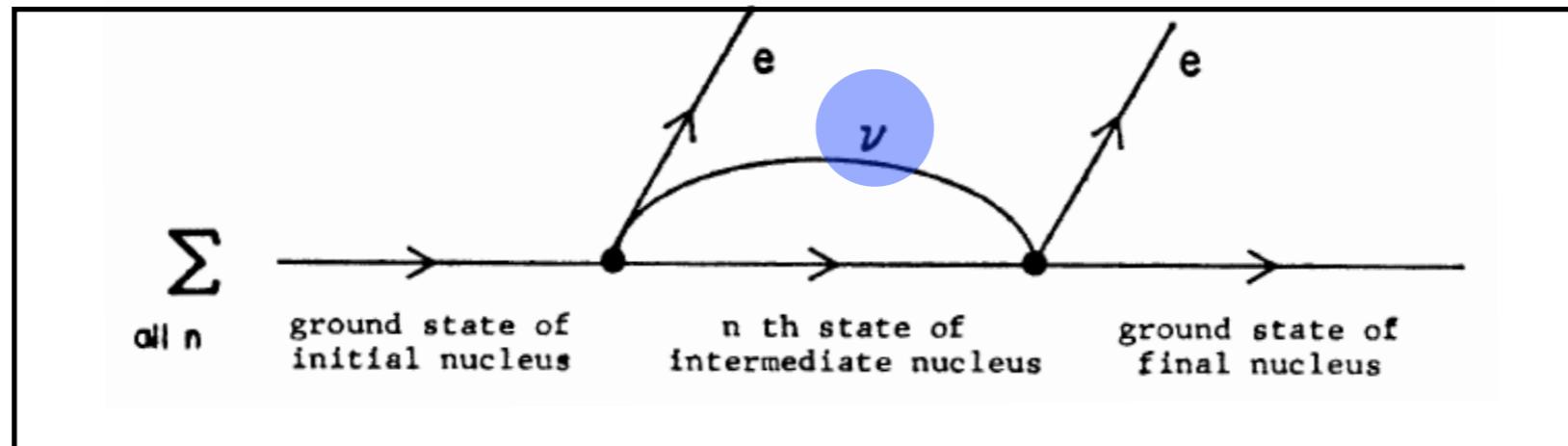
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- We studied P- and D-waves in similar fashion Jordy de Vries
- Strong tensor force attractive in  $^3P_0$  and an NN counter term is needed for the strong phase shifts Nogga et al '05
- But once NN force is renormalized so is nn  $\rightarrow$  pp + ee



# Ultrasoft neutrino contributions

Figure adapted from Primakoff-Rosen 1969



$$T_{\text{usoft}}(\mu_{\text{us}}) = \frac{T_{\text{lept}}}{8\pi^2} \sum_n \langle f | J_\mu | n \rangle \langle n | J^\mu | i \rangle \left\{ (E_2 + E_n - E_i) \left( \log \frac{\mu_{\text{us}}}{2(E_2 + E_n - E_i)} + 1 \right) + 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \right\}$$

V. Cirigliano, W. Dekens, E. Mereghetti, A. Walker-Loud, 1710.01729

- Ultrasoft  $\nu$ 's couple to *nuclear states*: sensitivity to  $E_n - E_i$  and  $\langle f | J_\mu | n \rangle \langle n | J^\mu | i \rangle$  that also determine  $2\nu\beta\beta$  amplitude
- $T_{\text{usoft}}/T_0 \sim (E_n - E_i)/(4\pi k_F)$   $\rightarrow$  N2LO contribution
- $\mu_{\text{us}}$  dependence cancels with  $V_{\nu,2.}$ : consistency check