

The equivalent EDM in SMEFT

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- Introduction to dipole moments
 - Definition
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- The equivalent EDM in SMEFT
 - EDM: Overview
 - EDM: Theory and Exp.
 - Equivalent EDM in SMEFT
- Conclusions

Dipole moments*

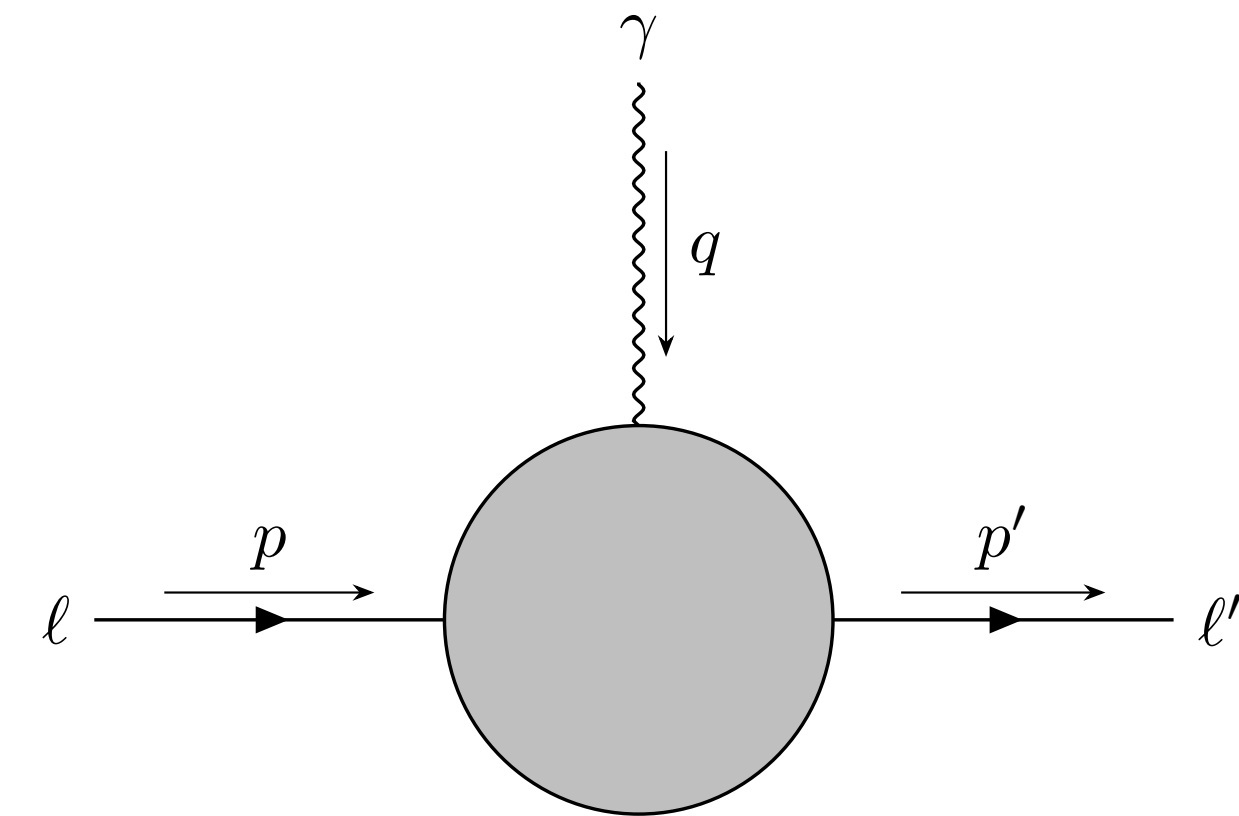
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** Only leptons*

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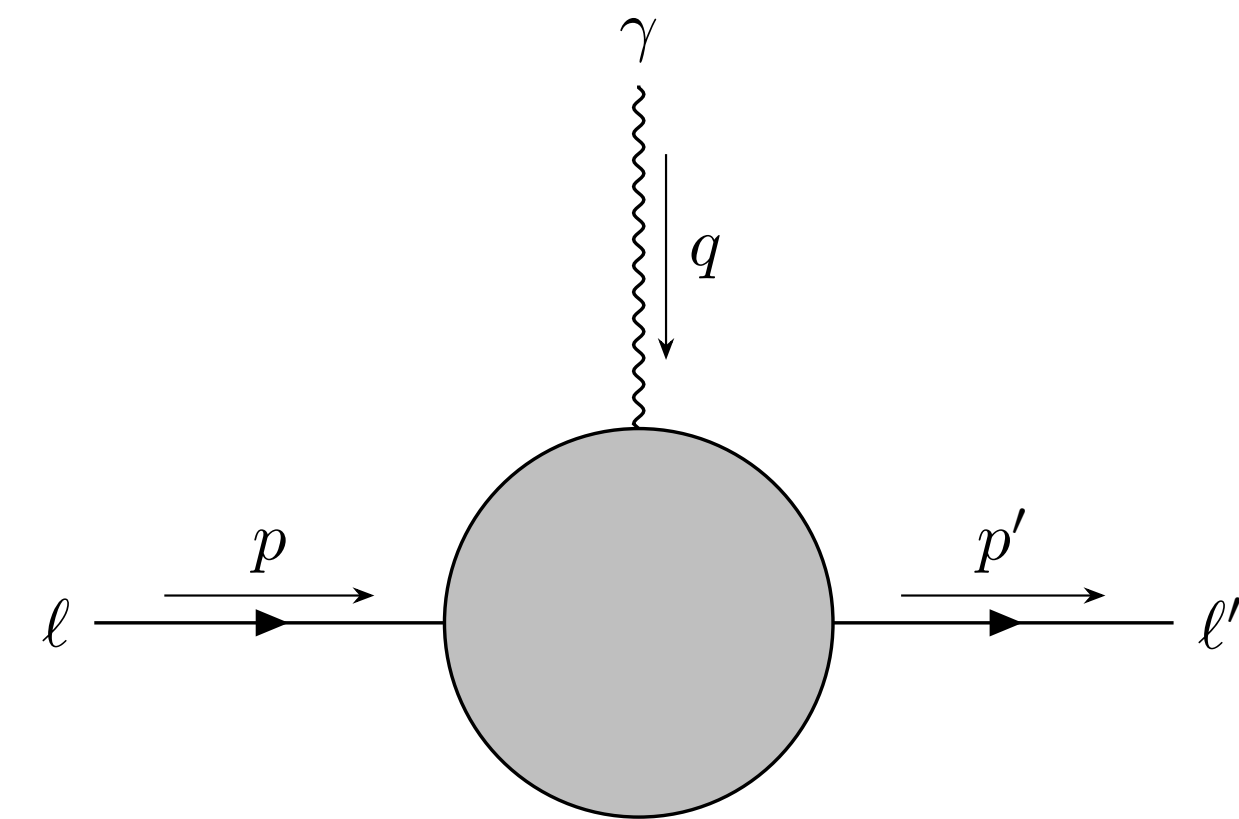


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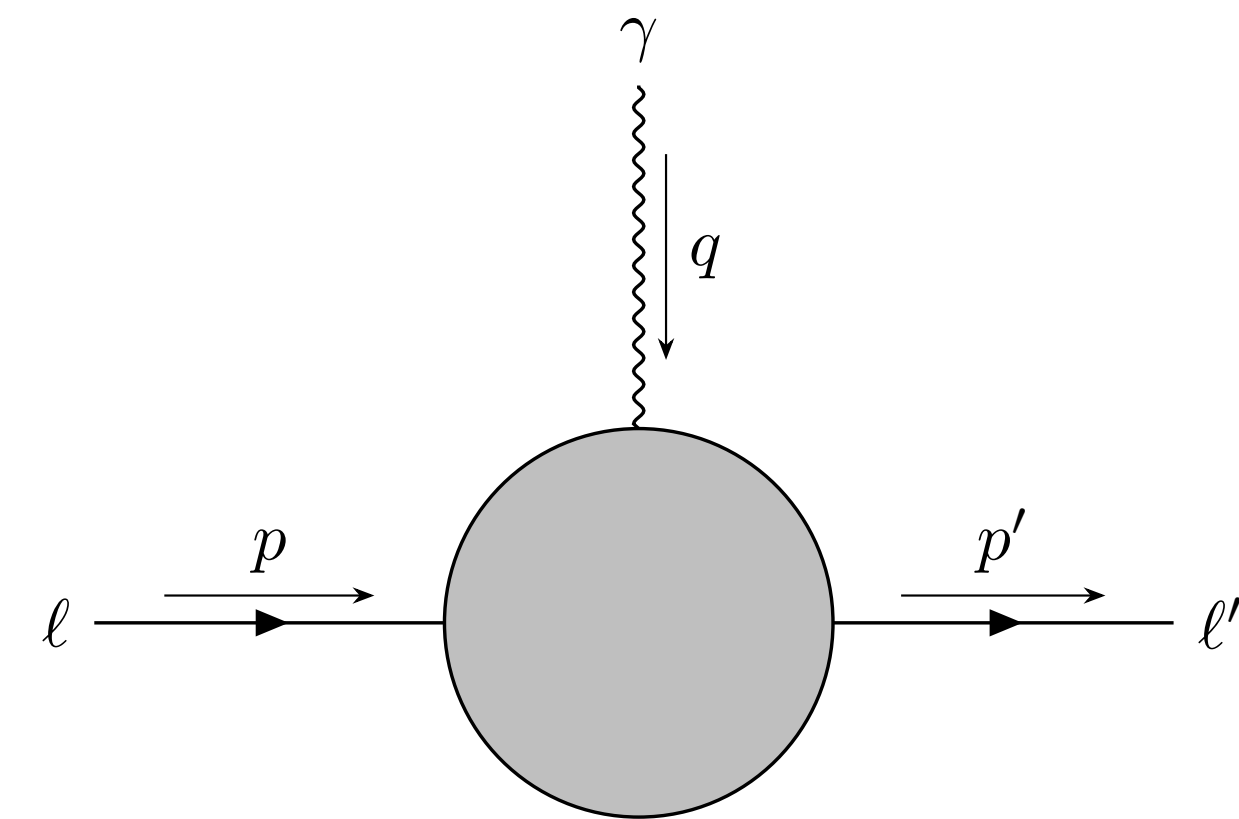
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*Measured and computed with
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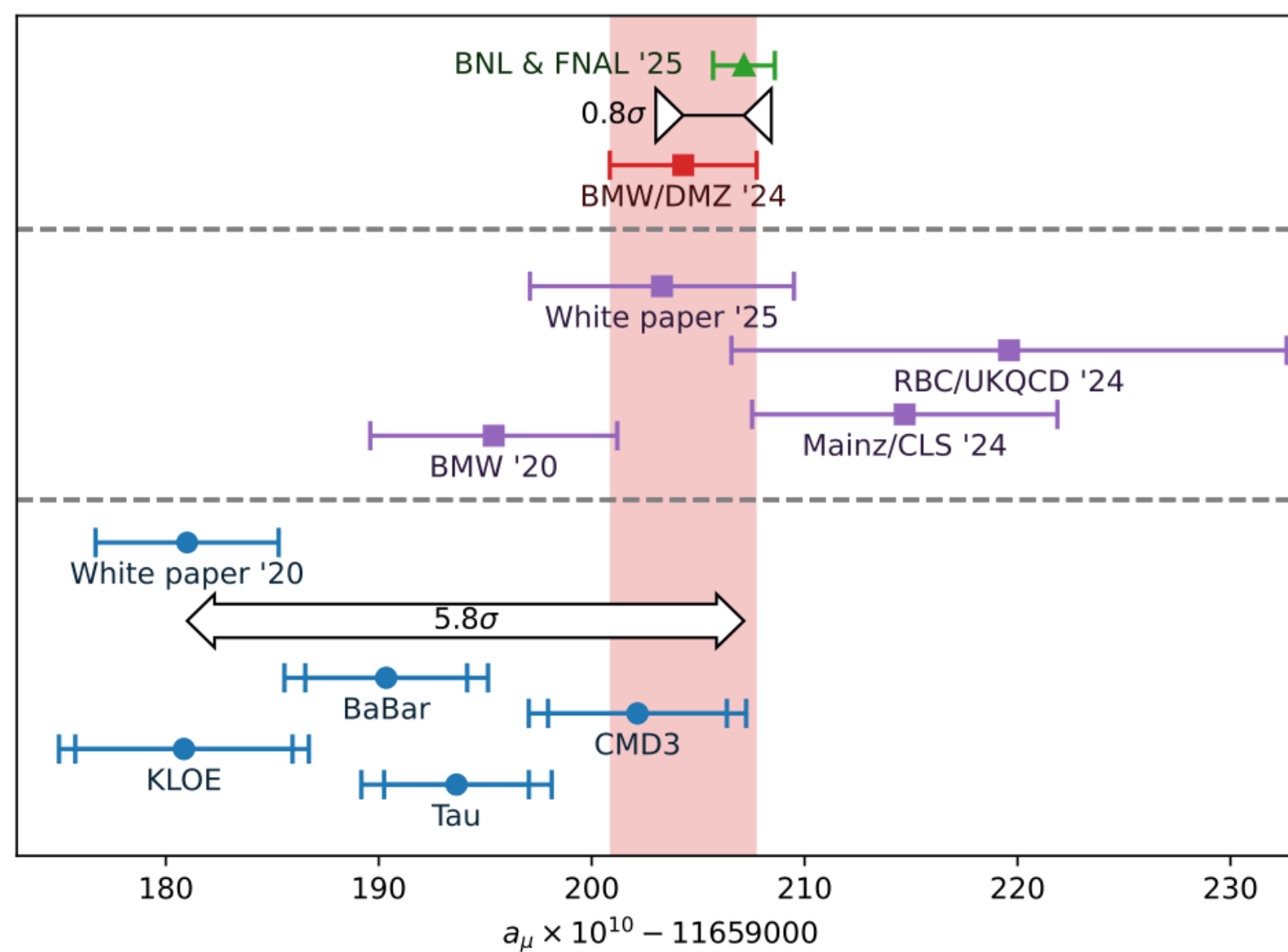
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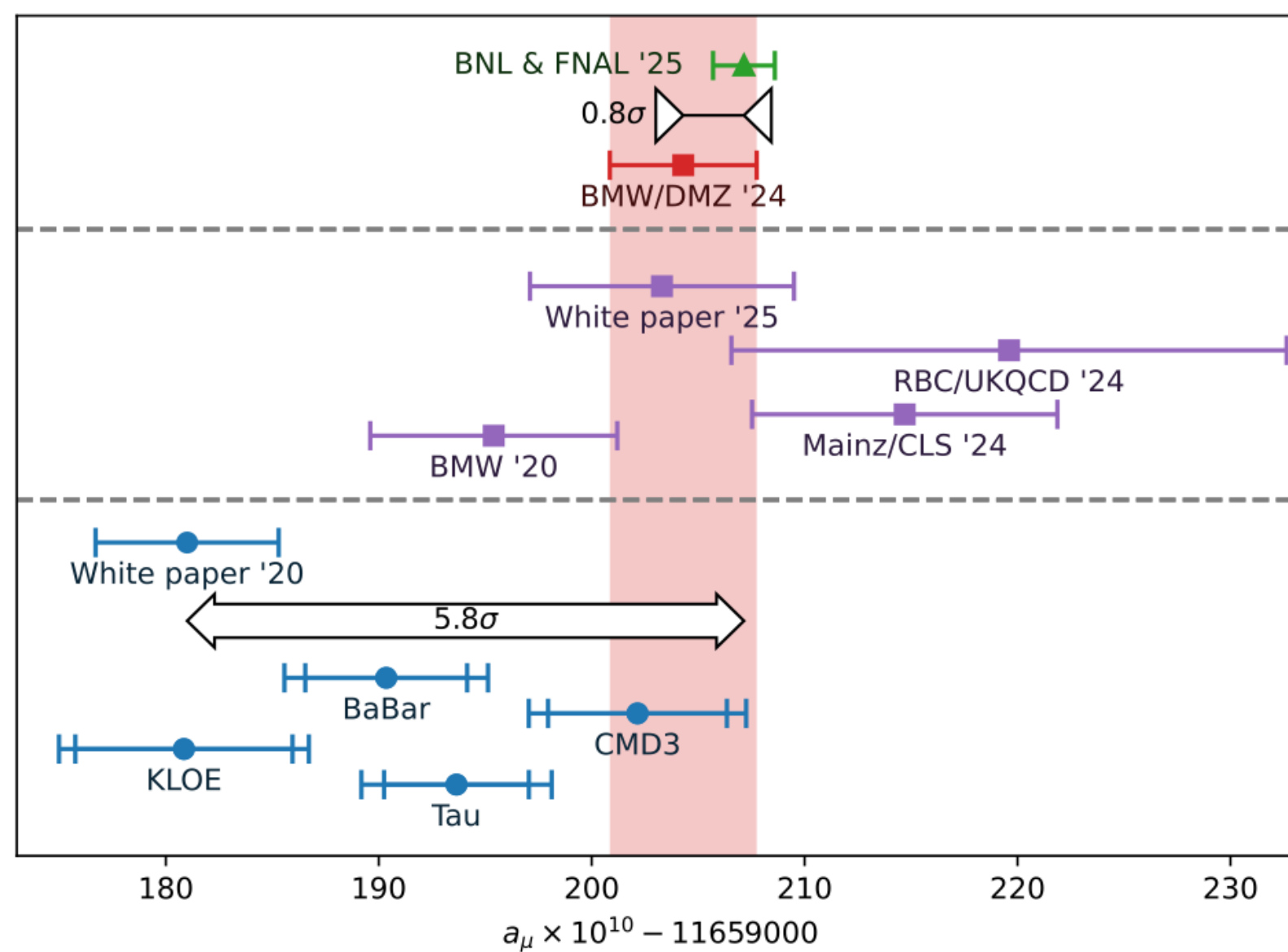
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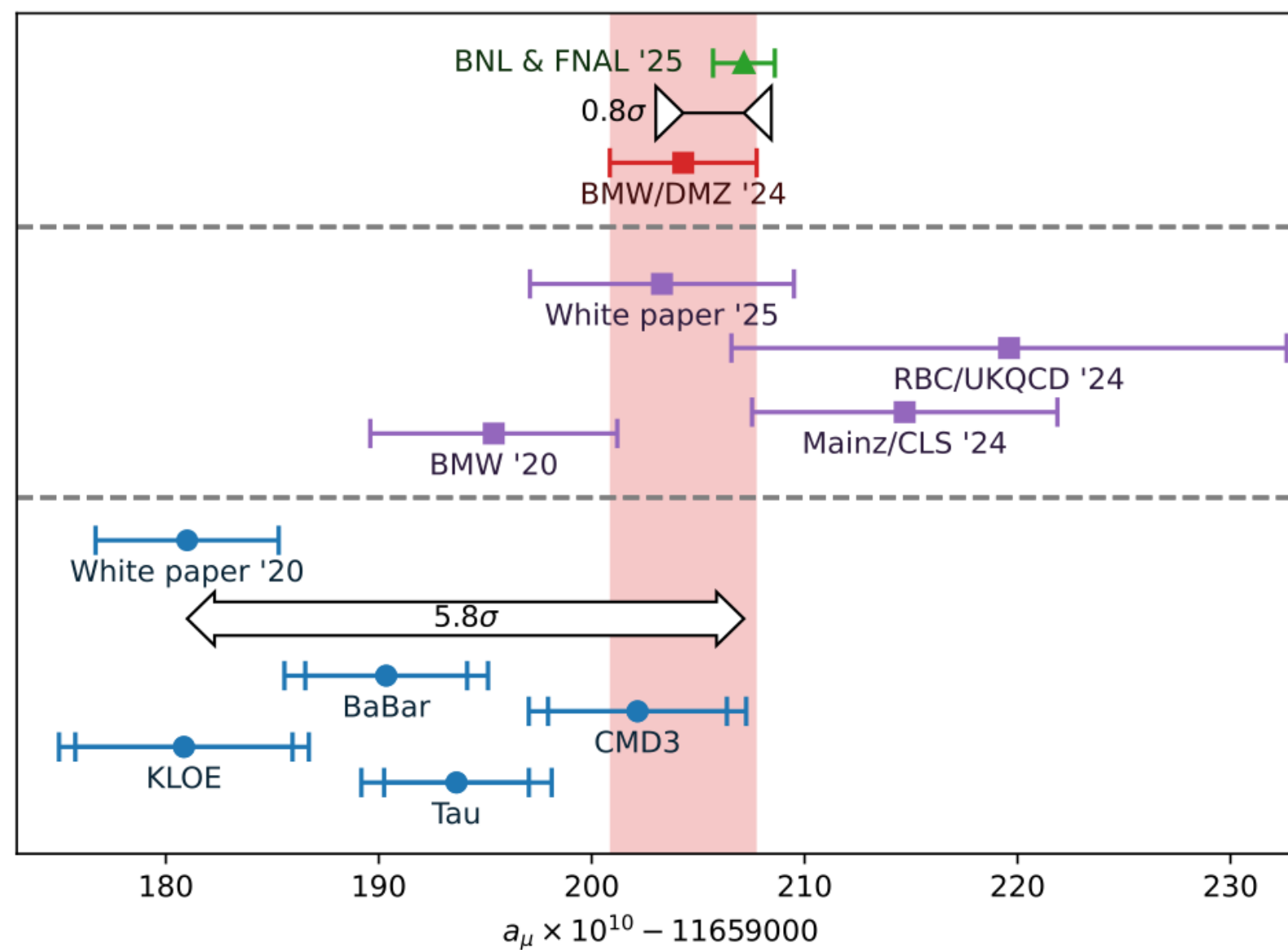
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$$\text{BR}(\ell_j \rightarrow \ell_i \gamma) = \frac{3\alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi G_F^2 m_{\ell_j}^2} (|C_{ji}|^2 + |C_{ij}|^2)$$

*Motivated by neutrino
oscillations*



Insight into ν masses?

Dipole moments: current status

Observable	Experiment	SM Prediction
a_e	$115\,965\,218.059(13) \times 10^{-11}$ [14]	$115\,965\,218.0252(95) \times 10^{-11}$ [$\alpha(\text{Rb})$] [18] $115\,965\,218.161(23) \times 10^{-11}$ [$\alpha(\text{Cs})$] [19]
a_μ	$116\,592\,059(22) \times 10^{-11}$ [15]	$116\,591\,810(43) \times 10^{-11}$ (e^+e^-) [16] $116\,592\,019(38) \times 10^{-11}$ (BMW) [17]
$ d_e $	$< 4.1 \times 10^{-30}$ e cm [22]	$\sim 1 \times 10^{-39}$ e cm [21]
$ d_\mu $	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-19}$ e cm [23]	$\sim 1 \times 10^{-38}$ e cm [21]
$ d_\tau $	$\lesssim 1 \times 10^{-17}$ e cm [24]	$\sim 1 \times 10^{-37}$ e cm [21]
$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$	$< 3.1 \times 10^{-13}$ [25]	$\sim 10^{-55} \div 10^{-54}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma)$	$< 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$ [26]	$\sim 10^{-55} \div 10^{-54}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)$	$< 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$ [26]	$\sim 10^{-55} \div 10^{-54}$

[NV, O. Vives, [2505.06345](#) [hep-ph]]

Sensitivity to heavy NP?

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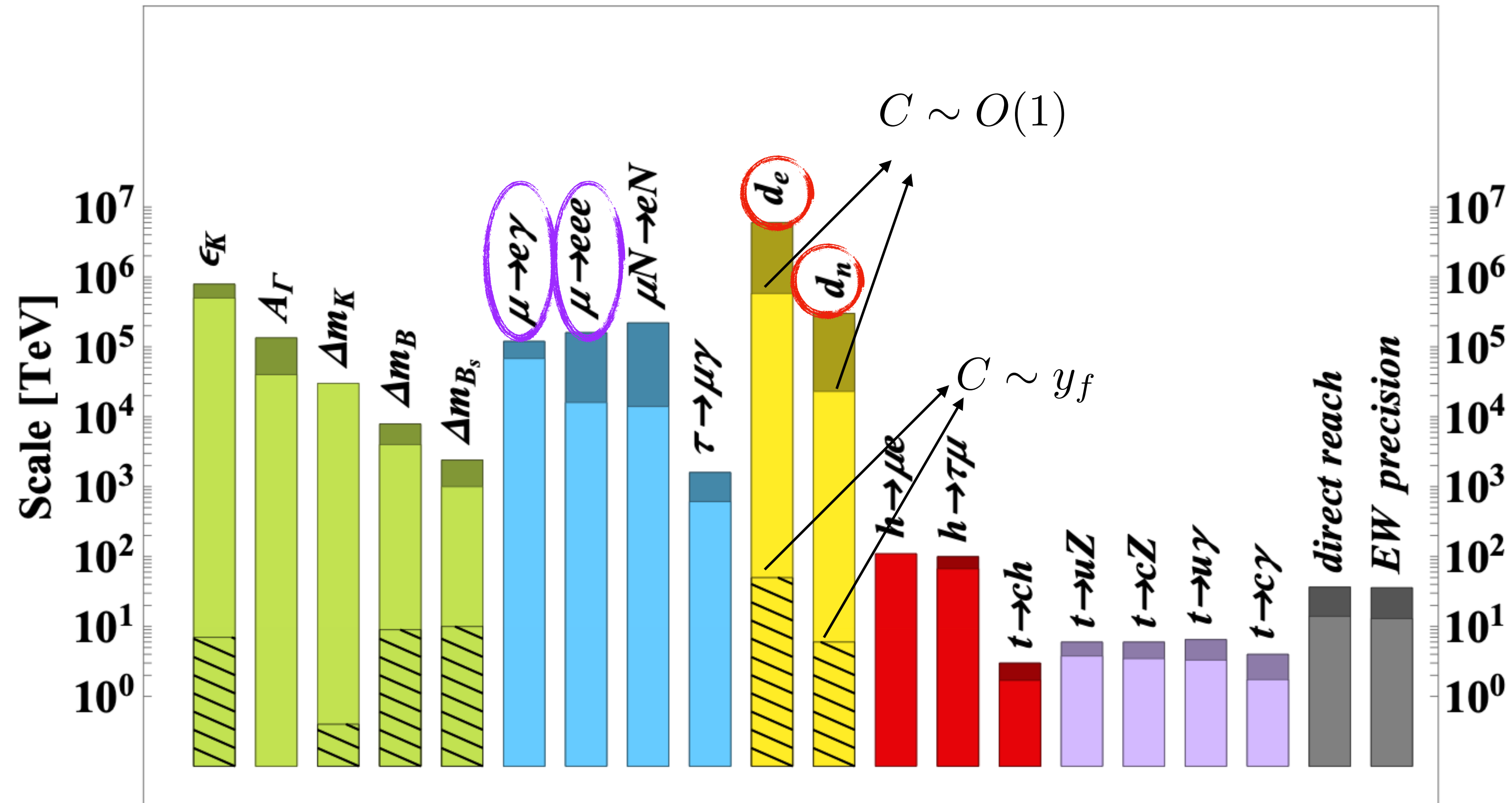
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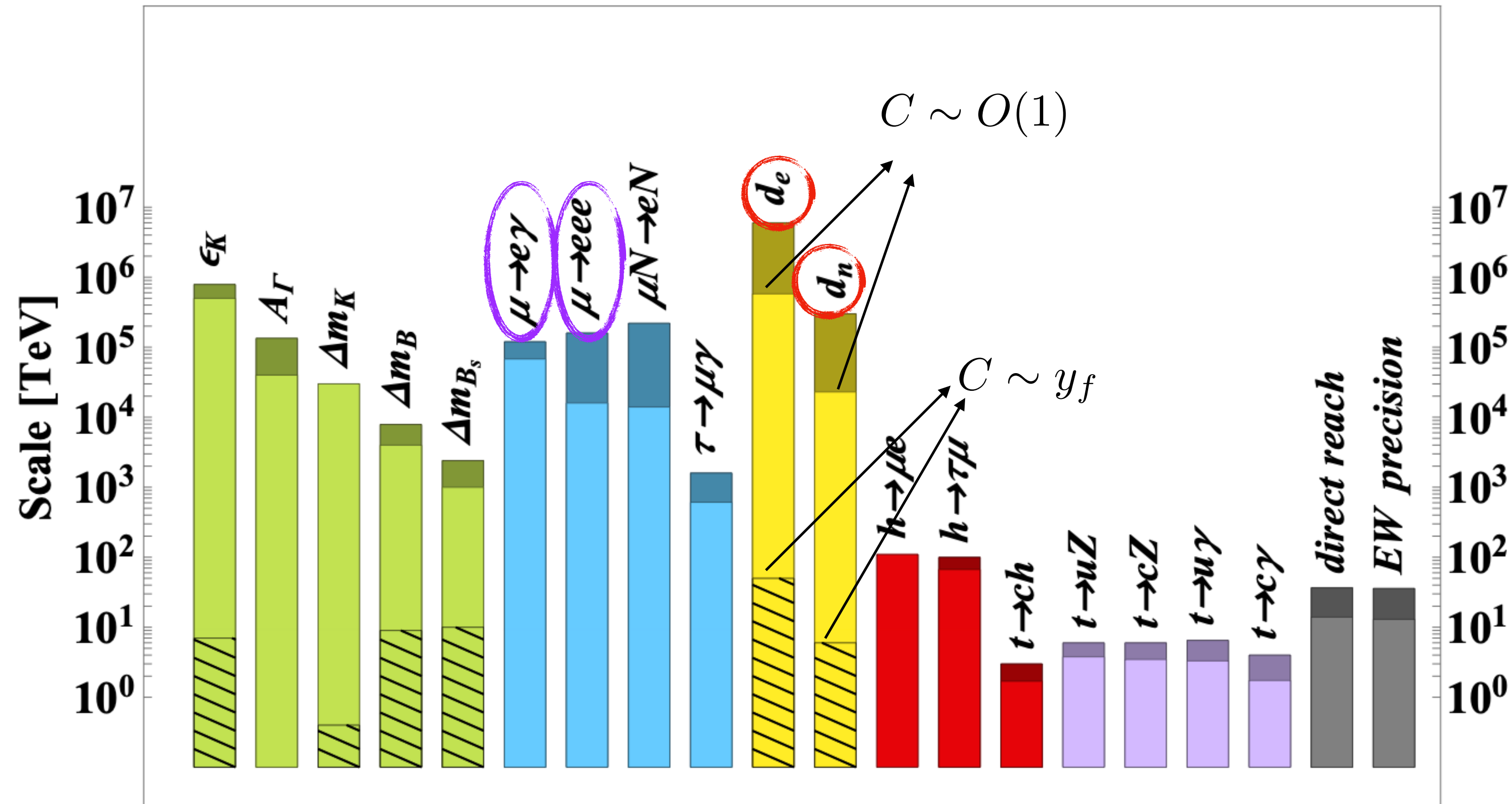
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Dipole-related observables
able to probe the highest scale

Ideal candidate to
Search for
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Sakharov conditions

- *Out of Equilibrium*
- *Baryon number violation*
- *CP-violation*

Baryogenesis

$\delta_{CKM}, \theta_{QCD}$

BUT

*SM CP-violation is not
Enough!*

[Gavela et al., hep-ph/9312215]
[Huet Sather, hep-ph/9404302]
[Kuzmin et al., PhysRevD.45.466]

EDMs: ideal candidates to look for CPV

General features

A particle with spin can interact with an electric field according to:

QM

EDM

$$H = -d \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\vec{S}}{S}$$

Vector x Pseudo-vector

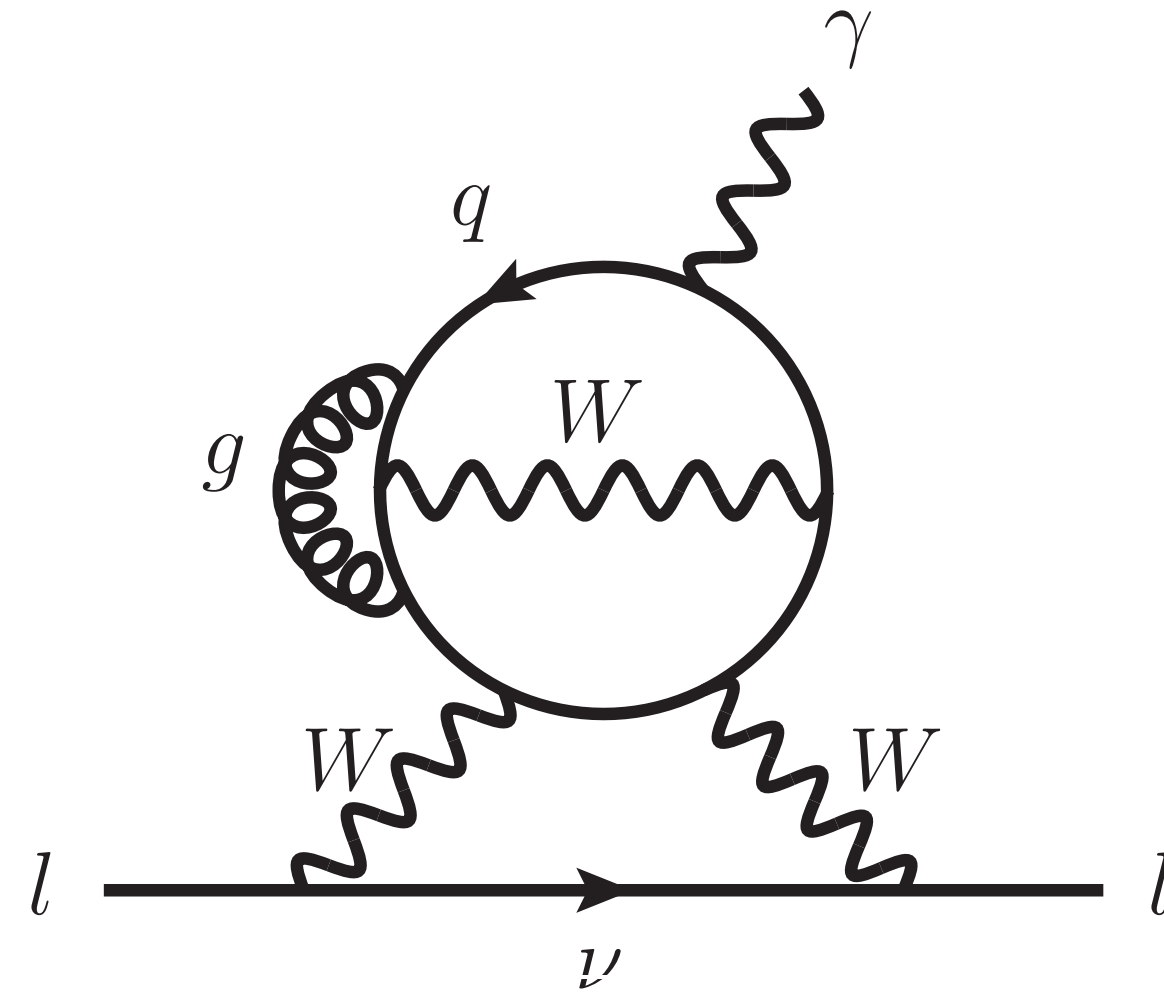
P(CP)-odd interaction

What is the SM prediction?

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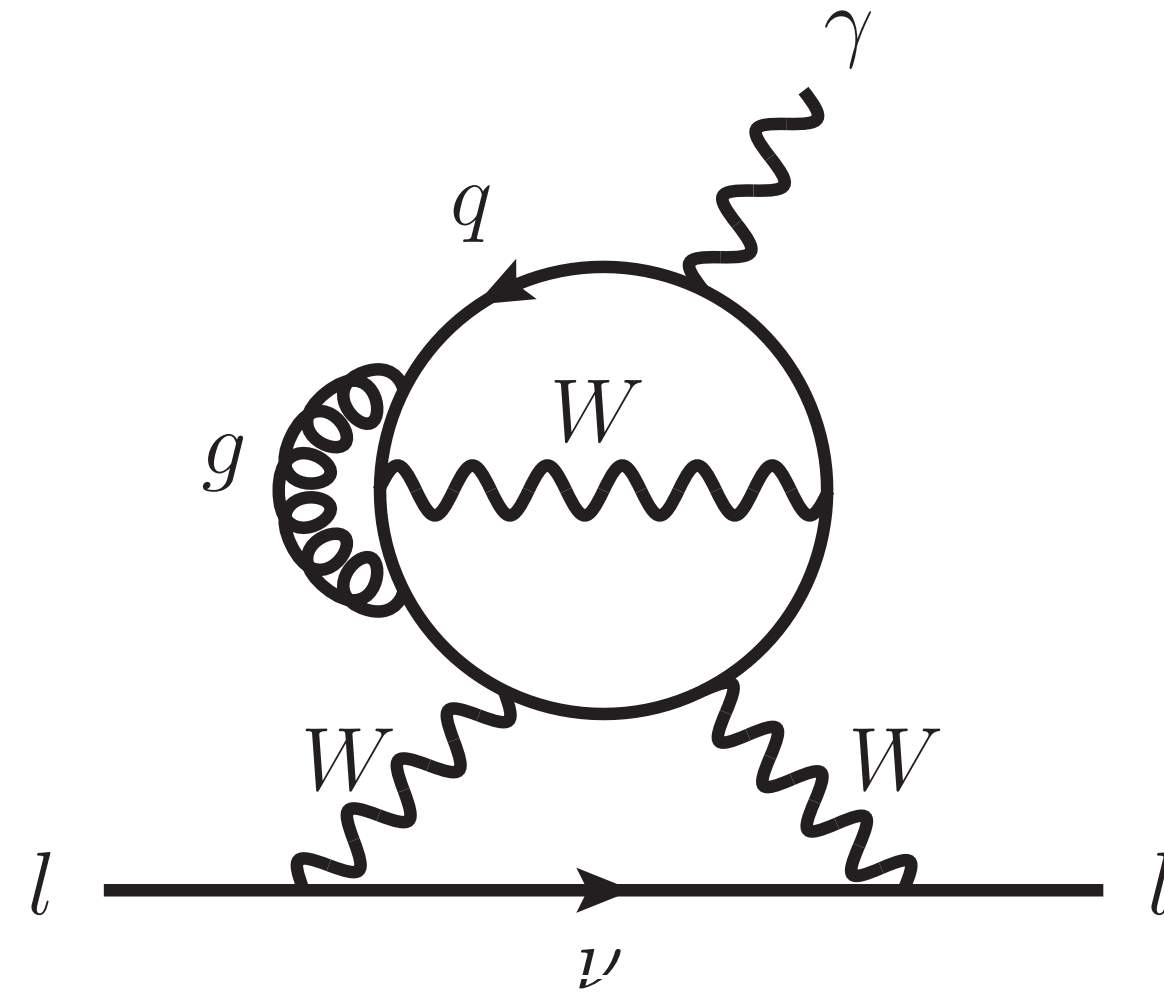
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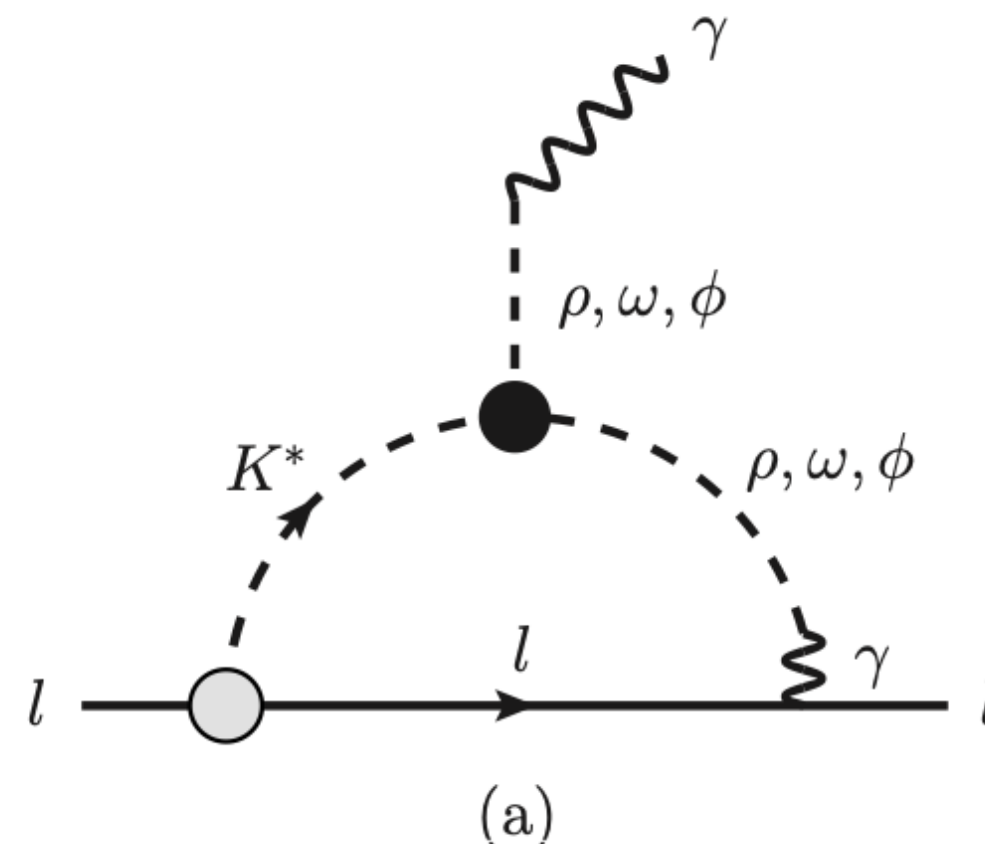
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Long distance effects

See [Yamaguchi, Yamanaka, 2020]
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- Computed in ChiPt
- Dominant contribution to EDMs



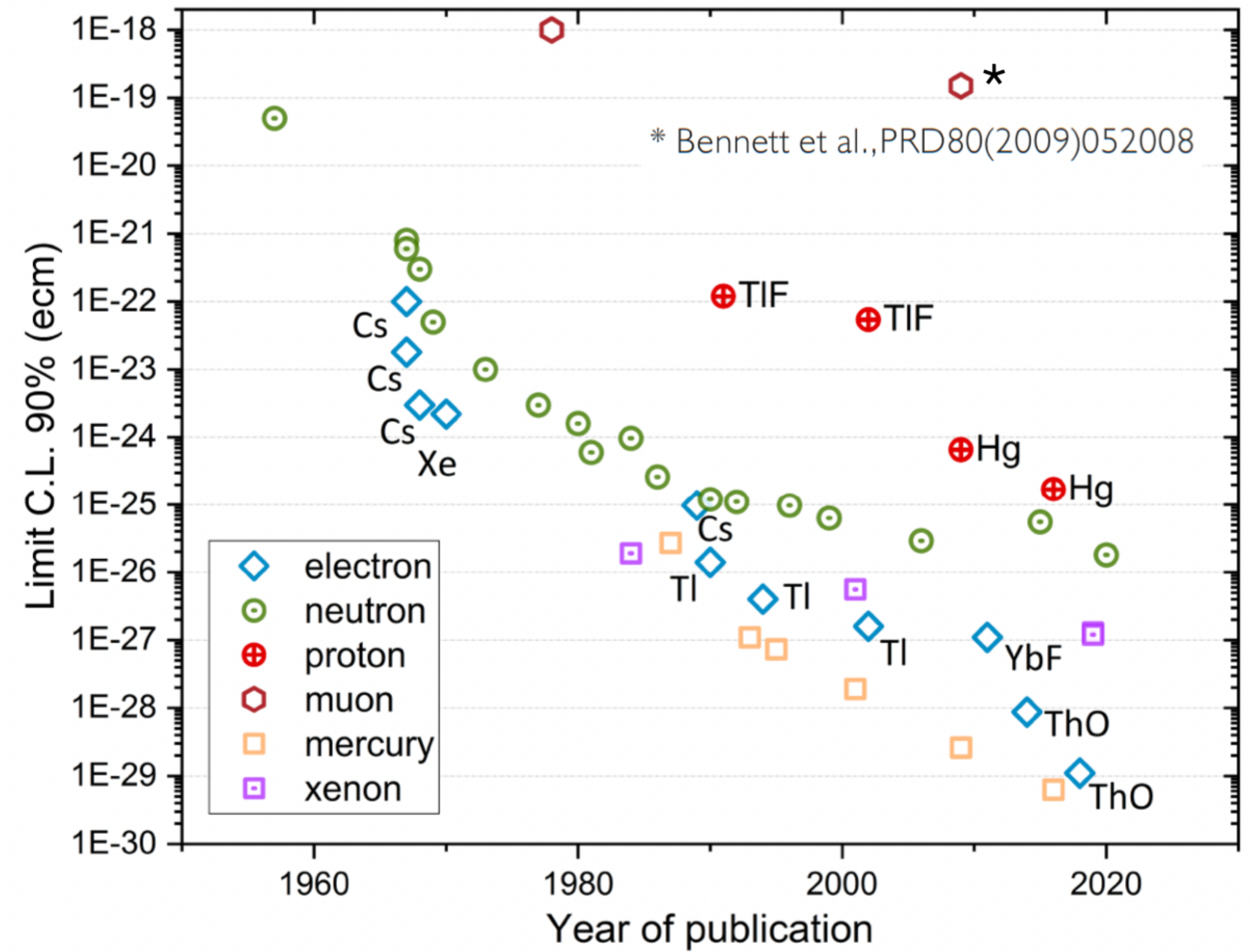
$$|d_e^{SM}| = 5.80 \times 10^{-40} e \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$|d_\mu^{SM}| = 1.38 \times 10^{-38} e \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$|d_\tau^{SM}| = 7.32 \times 10^{-38} e \cdot \text{cm}$$

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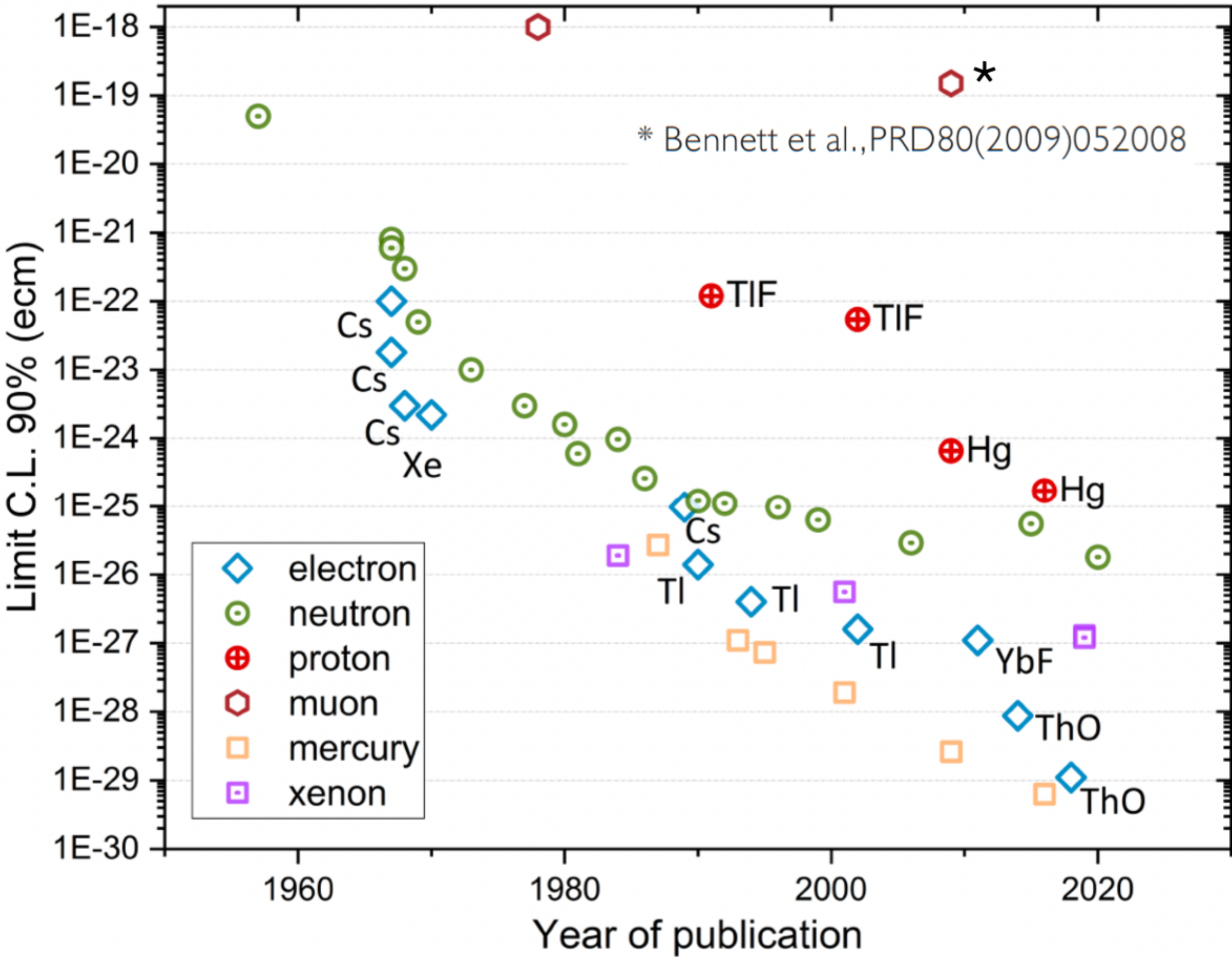
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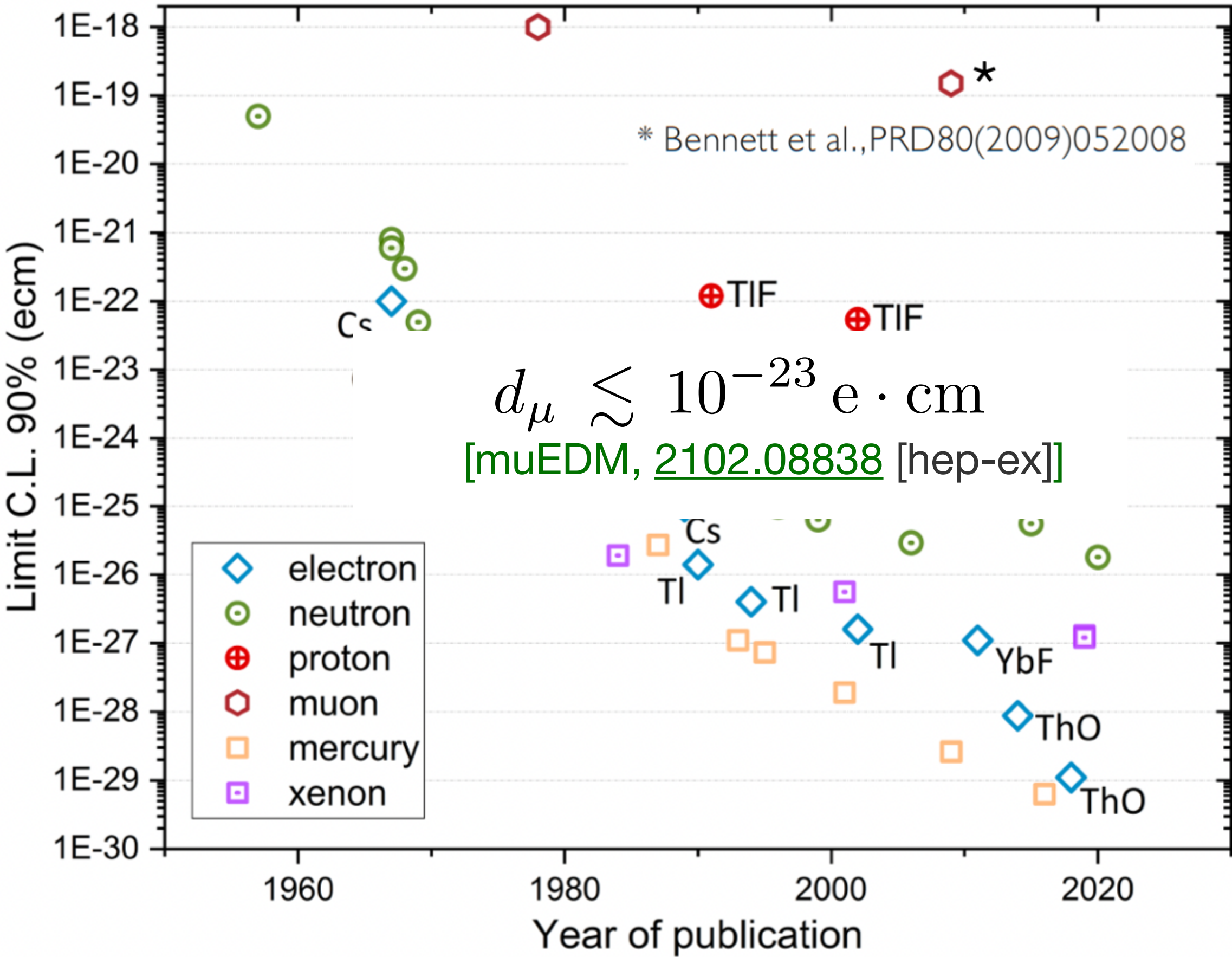
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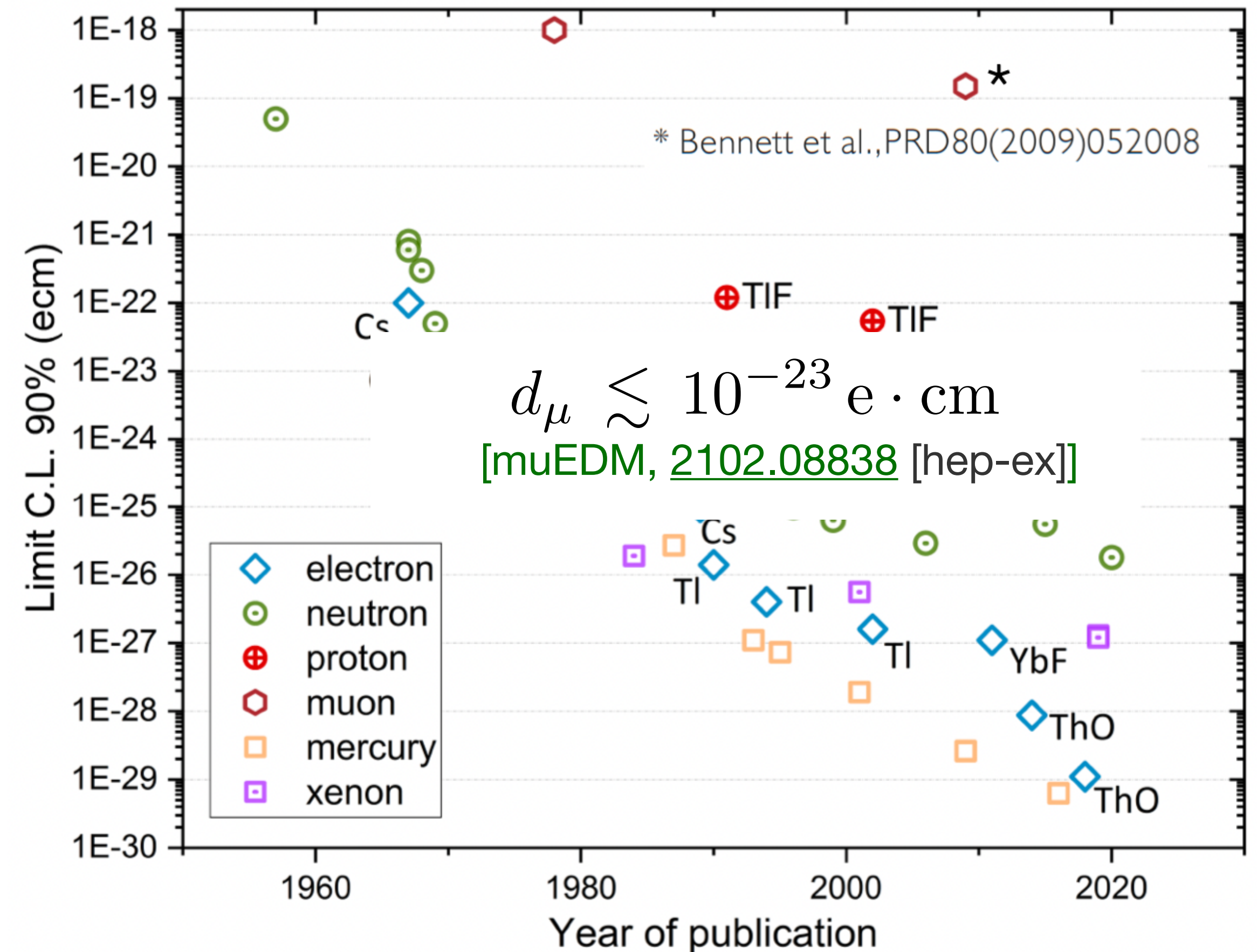
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eEDM sensitivity 10 OoM better than the muon + *Naive scaling* $d_\mu \sim \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} d_e$ $\longrightarrow$ *eEDM probes scales 4 OoM higher*

Exp. Sensitivity still far from SM prediction !



eEDM is particularly well suited for the search of NP

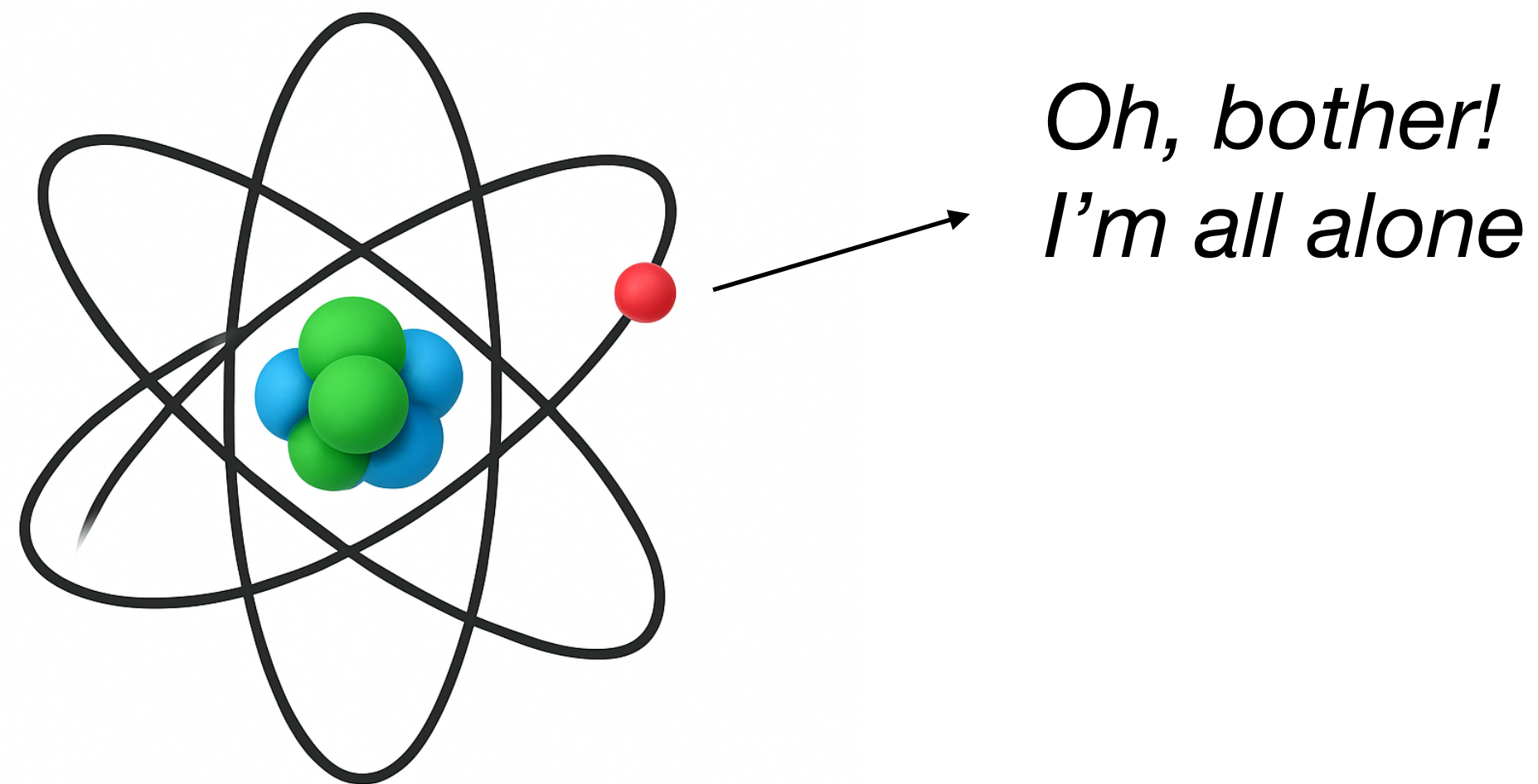
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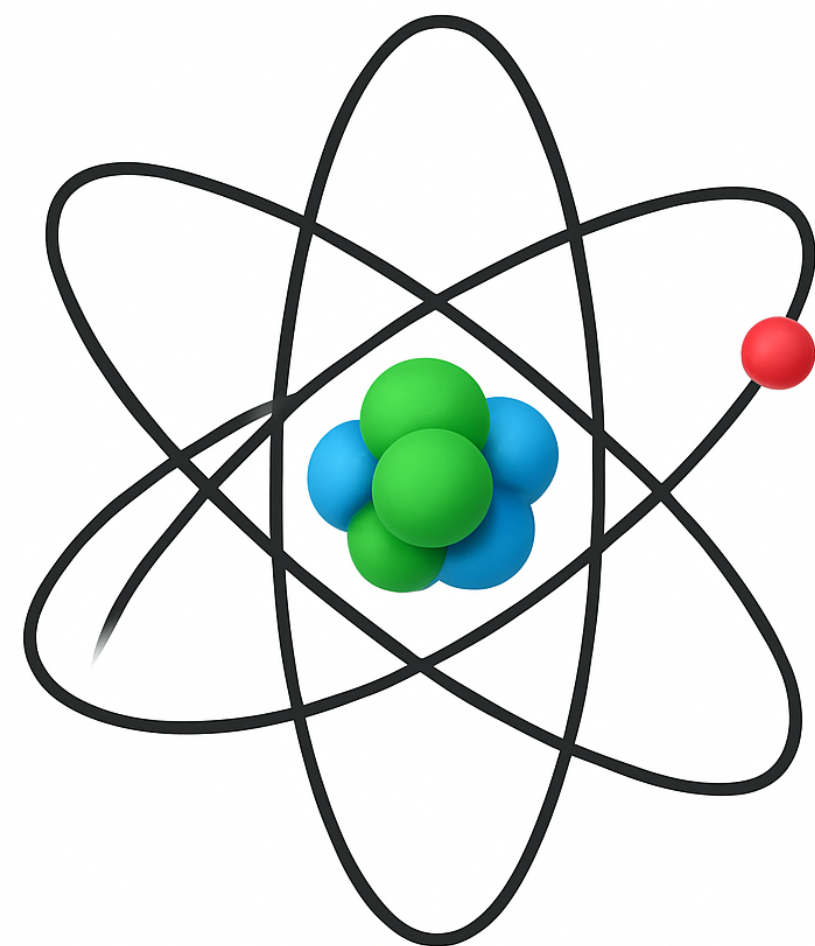
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*Oh, bother!
I'm all alone*

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However, also neutrons and protons are present!



CP-odd interaction other than EDM?

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$$N = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{N} (C_S + C'_S \tau_3) N \bar{e} \gamma^5 e$$

$\swarrow$ $Z+N$ $\searrow$ $Z-N$

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How the scenario changes:

used in our analysis

Experiments

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upper bounds on

d_e if $C_S = 0$

SM prediction

$$d_{\text{ThO}}^{\text{equiv.}} \simeq 1.0 \times 10^{-35} e \cdot \text{cm}$$

[Ema et al., [hep-ph/2202.10524](#)]

*Dominated by
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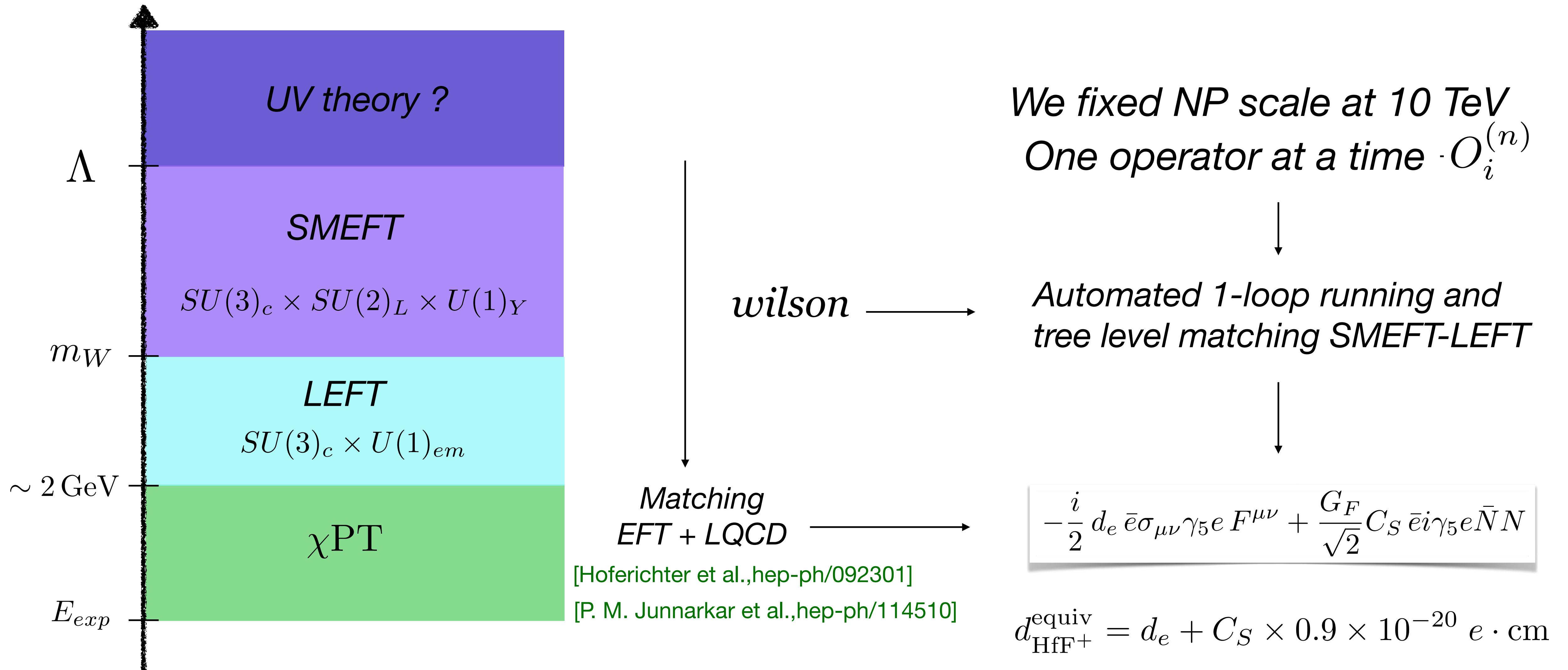
Previous EFT analysis:

[Kley et al., [2109.15085](#)]

[Panico et al., [1810.09413](#)]

C_S ?

A tower of EFTs



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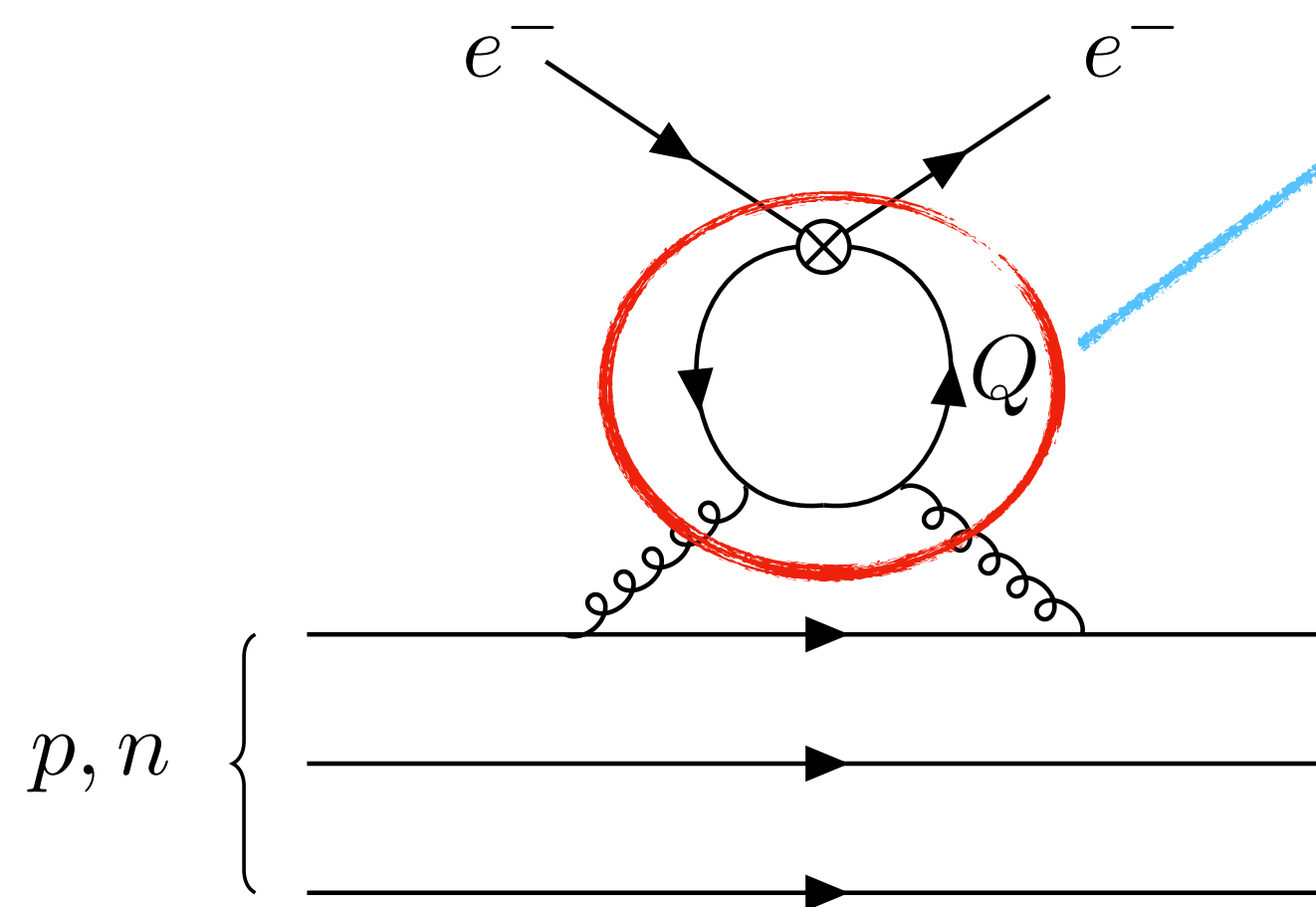
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1-loop match to $O_{eG} = (\bar{e}i\gamma_5 e)(G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu})$

$$C_{eG} = -\frac{\alpha_s(m_Q)}{12\pi^2 m_Q} C_s^Q(m_Q)$$

$$\langle N | G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} | N \rangle = -\frac{8\pi m_N}{9\alpha_s(\mu)} \langle N | \bar{N}N | N \rangle$$

[Shifman et al., 1978]

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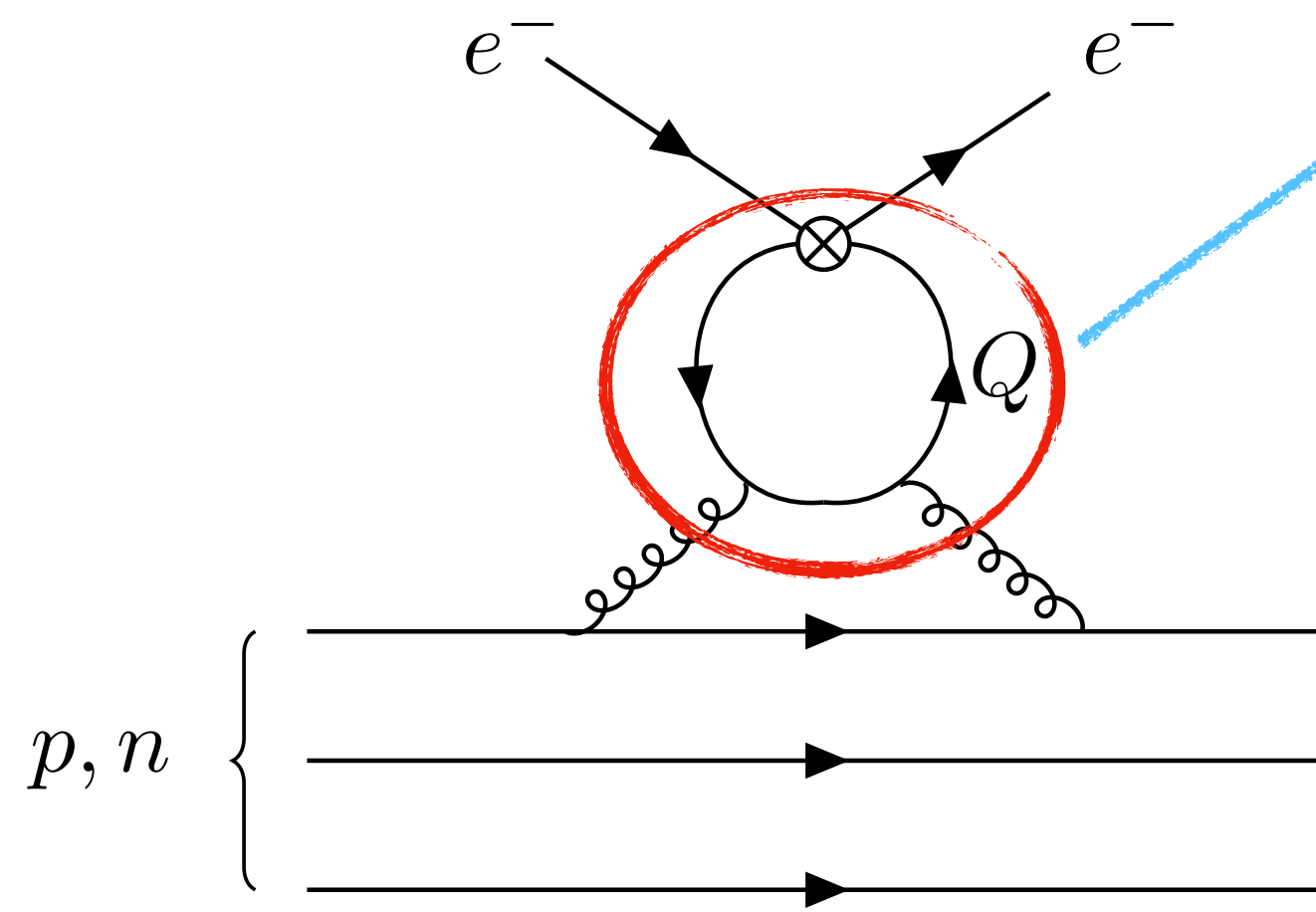
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1-loop match to $O_{eG} = (\bar{e}i\gamma_5 e)(G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu})$

$$C_{eG} = -\frac{\alpha_s(m_Q)}{12\pi^2 m_Q} C_s^Q(m_Q)$$

$$\langle N | G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} | N \rangle = -\frac{8\pi m_N}{9\alpha_s(\mu)} \langle N | \bar{N}N | N \rangle$$

[Shifman et al., 1978]

Matching at the nucleon scale:

$$\frac{\Lambda^2 G_F}{\sqrt{2}} C_S(\mu) = \sum_{q=u,d,s} G_s^{N,q} C_s^q(\mu) + \sum_{Q=c,b,t} \frac{2m_N}{27m_Q} C_s^Q(m_Q)$$

eEDM in SMEFT

Large set of operators where $d^{\text{equiv.}} \sim d_e$

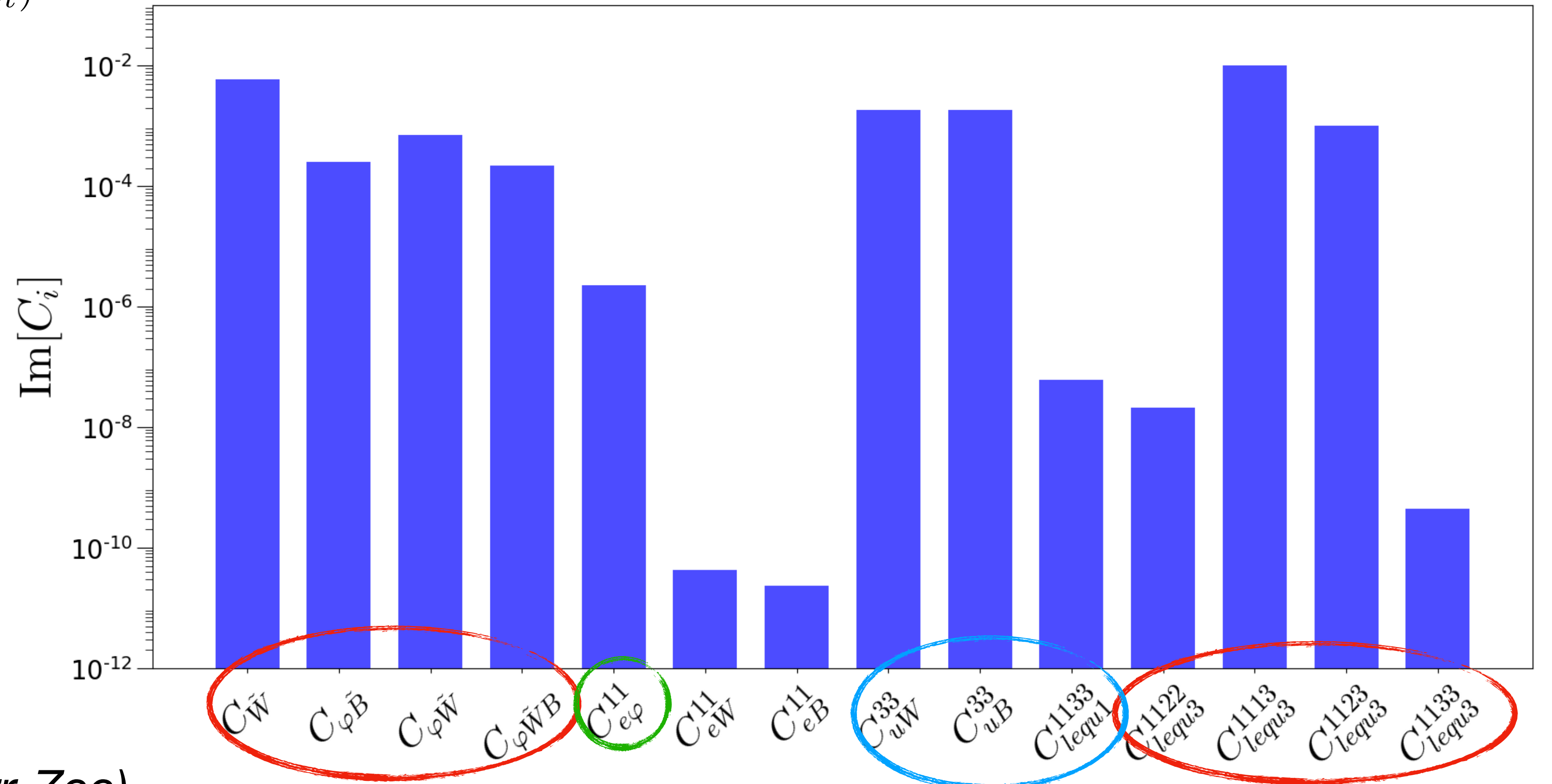
$$O_{lequ3}^{prst} = (\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$$

$$O_{f\varphi}^{pr} = (\varphi^\dagger \varphi) (\bar{F}_p f_r \varphi)$$

$$O_{\varphi \tilde{V}(X)} = (\varphi^\dagger \varphi) \tilde{V}_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

$$O_{lequ1}^{prst} = (\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$$

$\Lambda = 10 \text{ TeV}$



○ 1-loop RGE LL

○ 1-loop RGE NLL

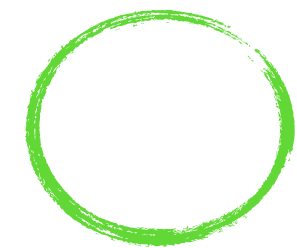
○ Mod. of Yukawa (Barr-Zee)

1-loop LL

EDM

$$16\pi^2 \frac{dC_{eW}^{ij}}{d\ln\mu} = -2g_2 N_c C_{lequ(3)}^{ijlm} \textcircled{red} [Y_u]_{ml} - \textcircled{green} [Y_e^\dagger]_{ij} \left(g_2 (C_{HW} + iC_{H\bar{W}}) + g_1 (y_l + y_e) (C_{HWB} + iC_{H\bar{W}B}) \right)$$

$$16\pi^2 \frac{dC_{eB}^{ij}}{d\ln\mu} = 4g_1 N_c (y_u + y_q) C_{lequ(3)}^{ijlm} \textcircled{red} [Y_u]_{ml} - \textcircled{green} [Y_e^\dagger]_{ij} \left(2g_1 (y_l + y_e) (C_{HB} + iC_{H\bar{B}}) + \frac{3}{2} g_2 (C_{HWB} + iC_{H\bar{W}B}) \right)$$



Electron Yukawa Supressed



Proportional to quark yukawas

Semileptonic

$$\textcircled{red} \dot{C}_{lequ(1)}^{prst} = - \left(24(y_q + y_u)(2y_e - y_q + y_u)g_1^2 - 18g_2^2 \right) C_{lequ(3)}^{prst}$$

	t	c	u
d_e	Yukawa enhanced	Yukawa enhanced	Yukawa suppressed
C_S	Suppressed in matching	Suppressed in matching	Unsuppressed in matching

1-loop NLL

Most relevant effect from operators mixing with O_{lequ3}^{prst} LL:

$$\dot{C}_{lequ}^{(3)prst} = + \frac{1}{8} (-4(y_q + y_u)(2y_e - y_q + y_u)g_1^2 + 3g_2^2) C_{lequ}^{(1)prst}$$

	t	c	u
d_e	Yukawa enhanced	Same order as C_S	Yukawa suppressed
C_S	Suppressed in matching	Same order as d_e	Unsuppressed in matching

1-loop NNLL

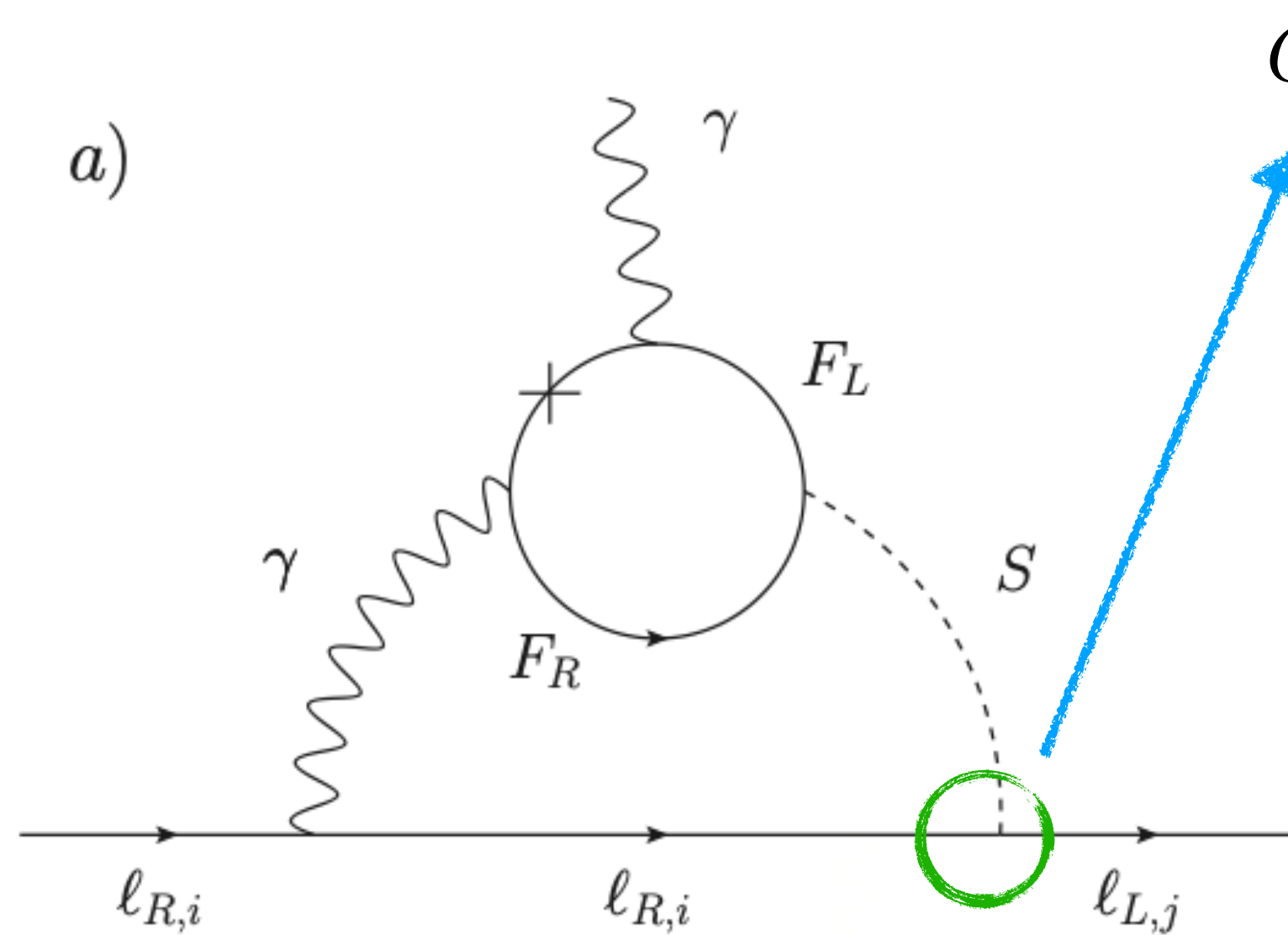
For some operators NNLL in one-loop RGE maybe sizeable

$$C_{ledq}^{eebb} \longrightarrow C_{lequ(1)}^{eett} \longrightarrow C_{lequ(3)}^{eett}$$

Still subdominant respect to the semileptonic direction!

Mod of Yukawa (Barr-Zee)

Dim.6 two loop effect at EW breaking scale



$O_{f\phi}^{pr}$ can induce a modification between
Higgs-fermions coupling

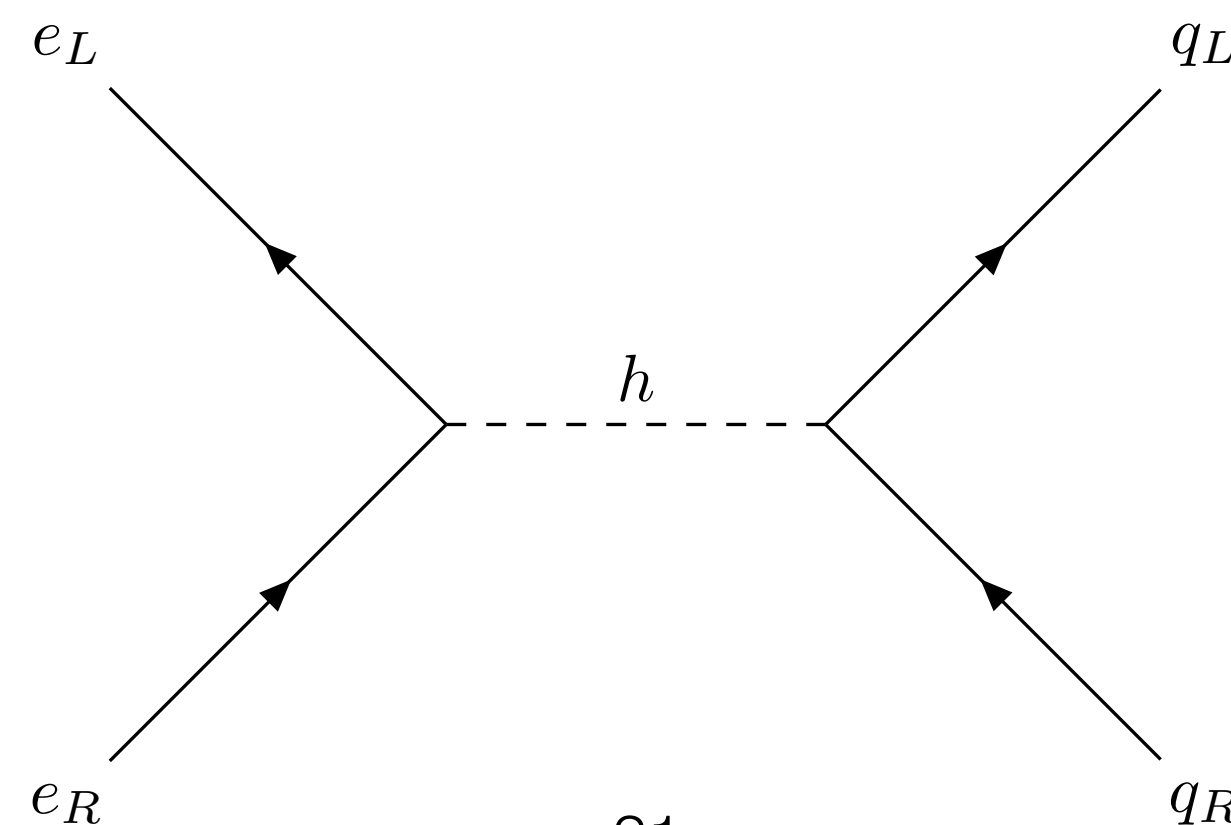
Yukawa couplings not proportional
to the mass matrix

Most sizable contributions from top and W in the loop:

$$[\mathcal{Y}_\psi]_{rs} = \frac{1}{v_T} [M_\psi]_{rs} [1 + c_{H,\text{kin}}] - \frac{v^2}{\sqrt{2}} C_{\psi H sr}^* \quad d_e \sim \frac{e\alpha}{4\pi^2} \frac{v}{\Lambda^2} \text{Im}[C_{e\phi}^{11}] f(m_F/m_H)$$

Impact on C_S ?

Same operator enters
the semileptonic direction

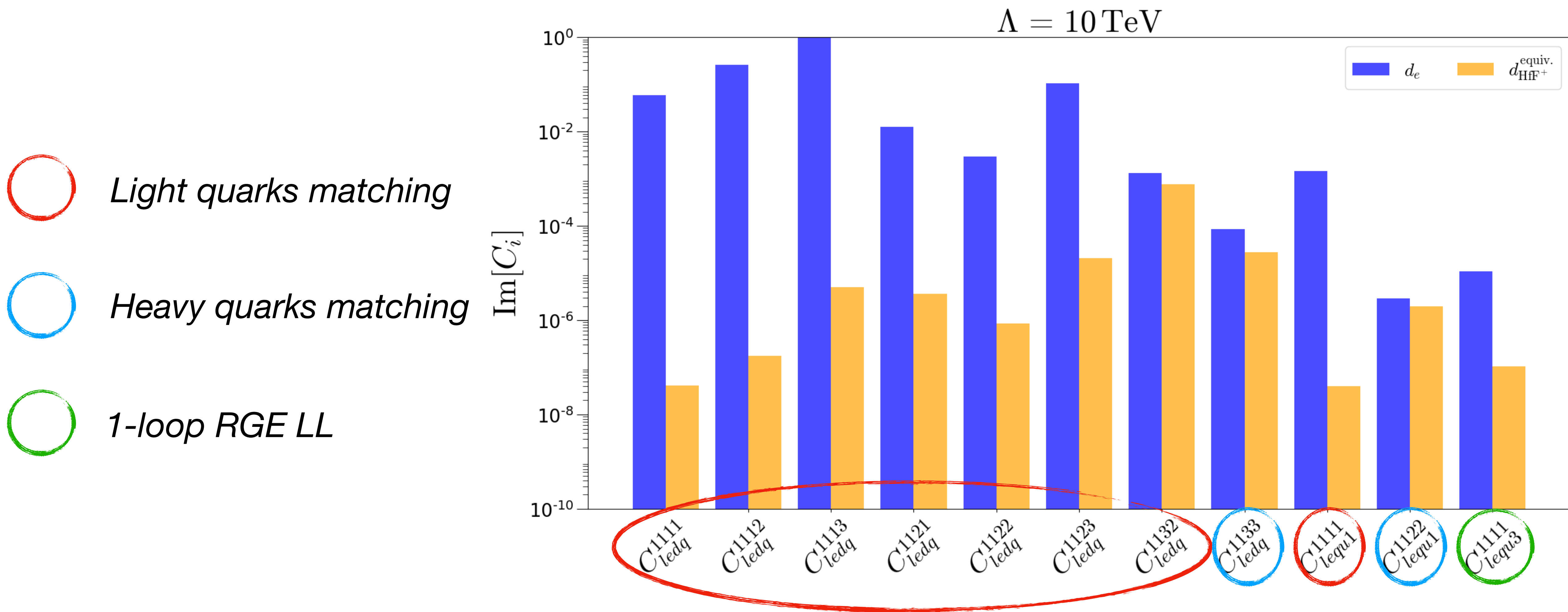


Integrate out h

*Sub-dominant:
Correction of a few %
in the equivalent EDM*

Looking at the full direction

equivalent EDM is more sensitive than eEDM to some semileptonic operators



Conclusions

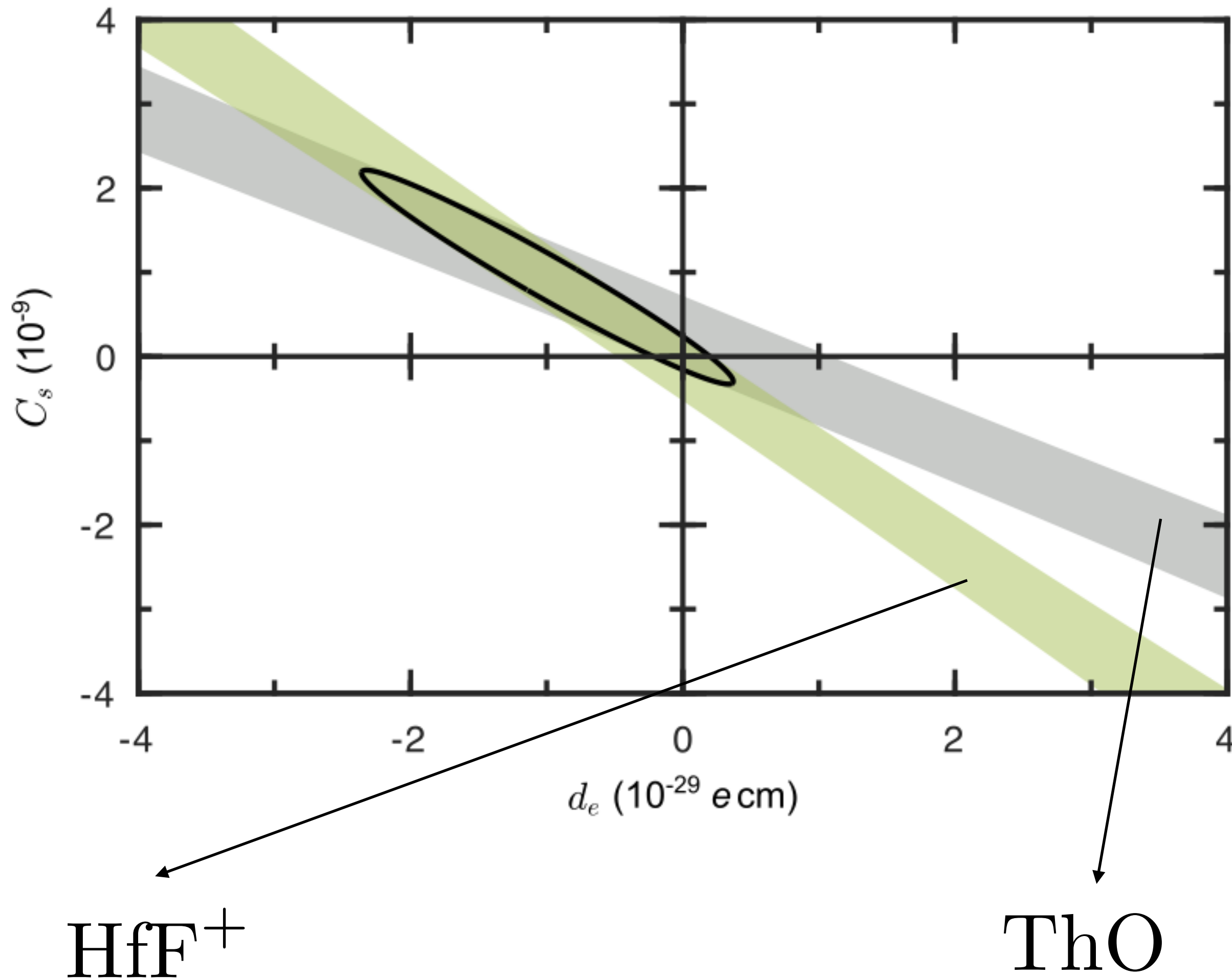
- **Introduction to dipole moments**
 - *Dipoles are the most sensitive observables to heavy NP*
- **The equivalent EDM in SMEFT**
 - *Paramagnetic system sensitive to eEDM and a semileptonic CP-odd int.*
 - *Previous works focused just on eEDM sensitivity to SMEFT operators*
 - *Extension of the analysis to explore the full direction probed by electron EDM exps.*
 - *Sensitivities of the eEDM experiments to a larger classes of operators than previously recognized*

BACK UP

What if we have 2 or more Exps?

In EDM experiments I want to measure the energy shift when s is aligned with E
Compare to when is anti-aligned

Roussy et al., [hep-ph/2212.11841](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/2212.11841)



$$hf = -2d_e E_{eff} + 2W_S C_S$$

$$d_{\text{sys}}^{\text{equiv.}} = d_e + \# C_S e \cdot \text{cm}$$

Two experiments with different #
Can disentangle eEDM and C_S .

$$\text{ThO} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{-20}$$

$$\text{HfF}^+ \sim 0.9 \times 10^{-20}$$

Combined fit

$$|d_e| < 2.1 \times 10^{-29} \text{ e cm}$$

$$|C_S| < 1.9 \times 10^{-9}$$

A bit of dipoles

Crucial for this work are the dipole operators at dimension 6

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} Q_{eW} \\ Q_{eB} \end{array} \right| \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I \\ (\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu} \end{array} \right|$$

Spontaneous symmetry breaking and gauge boson eigenstates:

$$\varphi \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v+h}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_\mu &= \cos \theta_w A_\mu - \sin \theta_w Z_\mu \\ W_\mu^3 &= \sin \theta_w A_\mu + \cos \theta_w Z_\mu \end{aligned}$$

Matching to our Effective lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{EDM} = -\frac{i}{2} d \bar{f} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 f F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$d_e(\mu) = \frac{\sqrt{2}v}{\Lambda^2} \text{Im} [s_{\theta_w} C_{eW}(\mu) - c_{\theta_w} C_{eB}(\mu)]$$

But

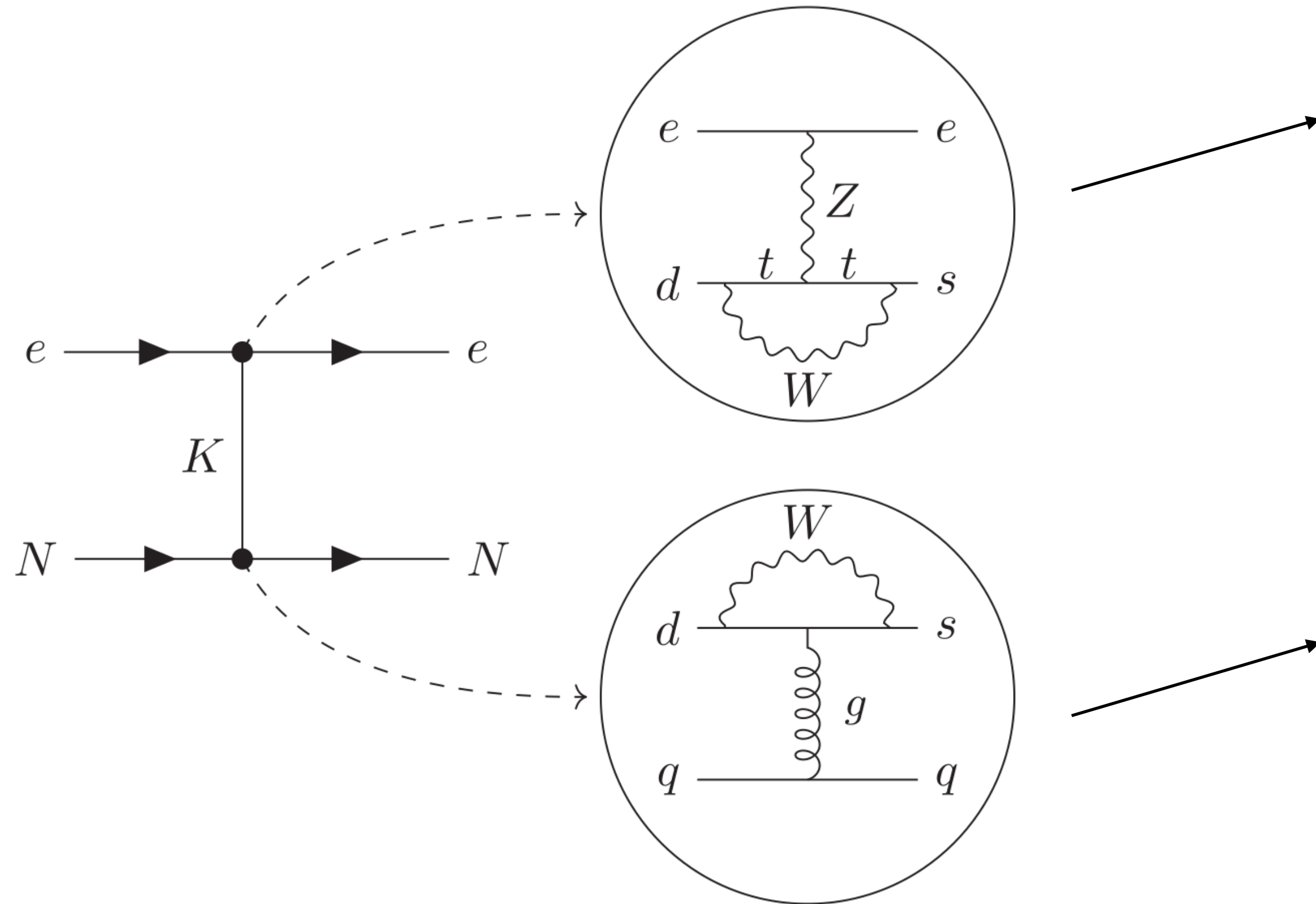
Solution of RGE (SMEFT or LEFT):

$$\vec{C}(\mu_f) = \vec{C}(\mu_i) U(\mu_f, \mu_i) \longrightarrow$$

Dipole operators at low energy can stem from the mixing under the RGE

A closer look at the SM contribution

Leading contribution given by kaons exchange



$$\mathcal{L}_{Kee} = -2\sqrt{2}f_0m_e\bar{e}i\gamma_5e(K_S \times \text{Im}\mathcal{P}_{\text{EW}} + K_L \times \text{Re}\mathcal{P}_{\text{EW}})$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{EW}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \times V_{ts}^* V_{td} \times \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}(m_Z)}{4\pi\sin^2\theta_W} I(x_t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{KNN} \simeq -\frac{\sqrt{2}G_F \times [m_{\pi^+}]^2 f_\pi}{|V_{ud}V_{us}|f_0} \times 2.84(0.7\bar{p}p + \bar{n}n) \\ \times (\text{Re}(V_{ud}^* V_{us})K_S + \text{Im}(V_{ud}^* V_{us})K_L).$$

$$C_S \simeq \mathcal{J} \times \frac{N + 0.7Z}{A} \times \frac{13[m_{\pi^+}]^2 f_\pi m_e G_F}{m_K^2} \times \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} I(x_t)}{\pi \sin^2 \theta_W^2}$$

$$C_S(\text{LO} + \text{NLO}) \simeq 6.9 \times 10^{-16}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_e^{\text{equiv}} \simeq 1.0 \times 10^{-35} \text{ e cm.}$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \text{Im}(V_{ts}^* V_{td} V_{ud}^* V_{us}) \simeq 3.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

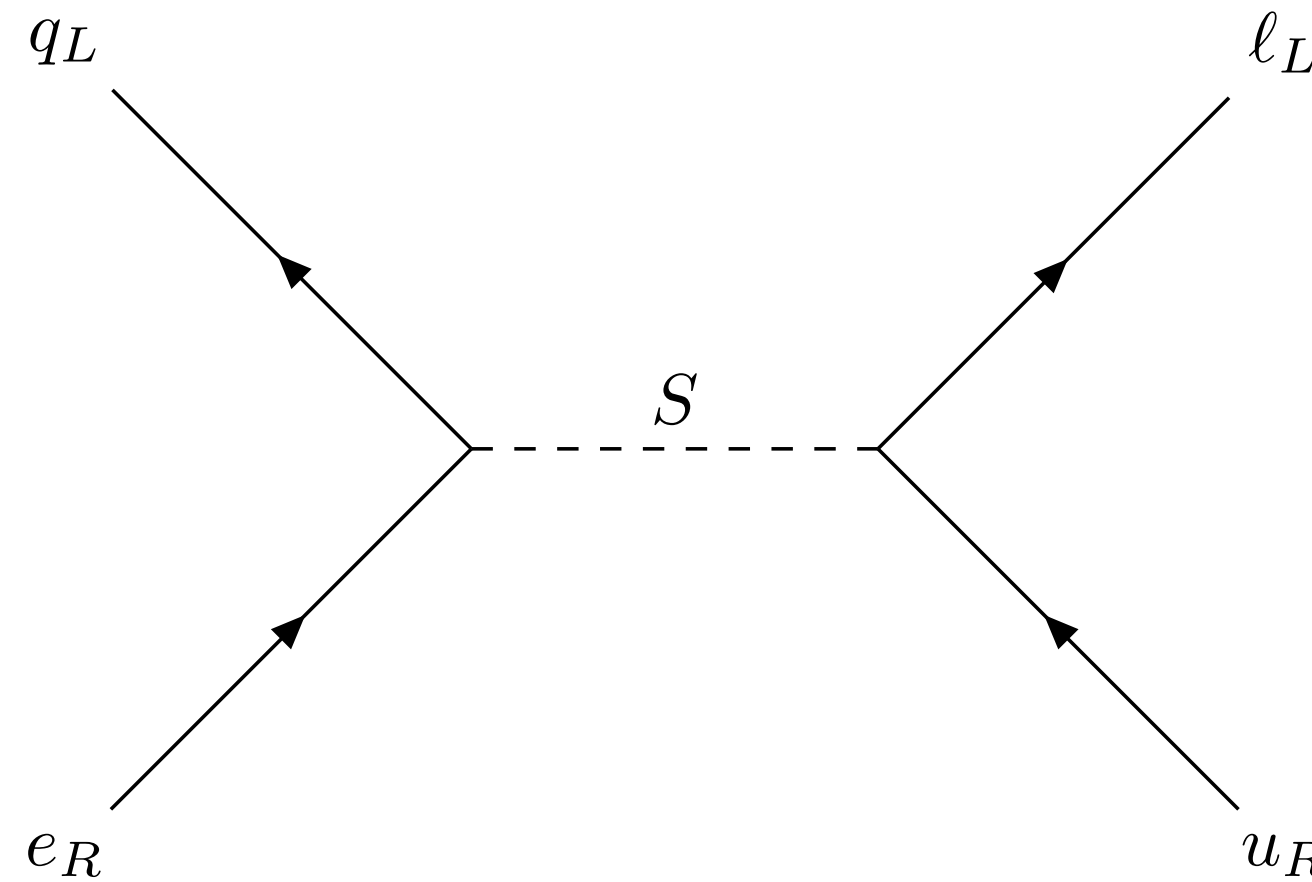
UV Completion?

EFT theories ask for UV completions

Scalar leptoquarks

$$S = (3, 2, 7/6)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Lq}} \supset -y_{ij}^{qe} S \bar{q}_L^i e_R^j - y_{ij}^{lq} \tilde{S} \bar{l}_L^i u_R^j + \text{H.c.}$$

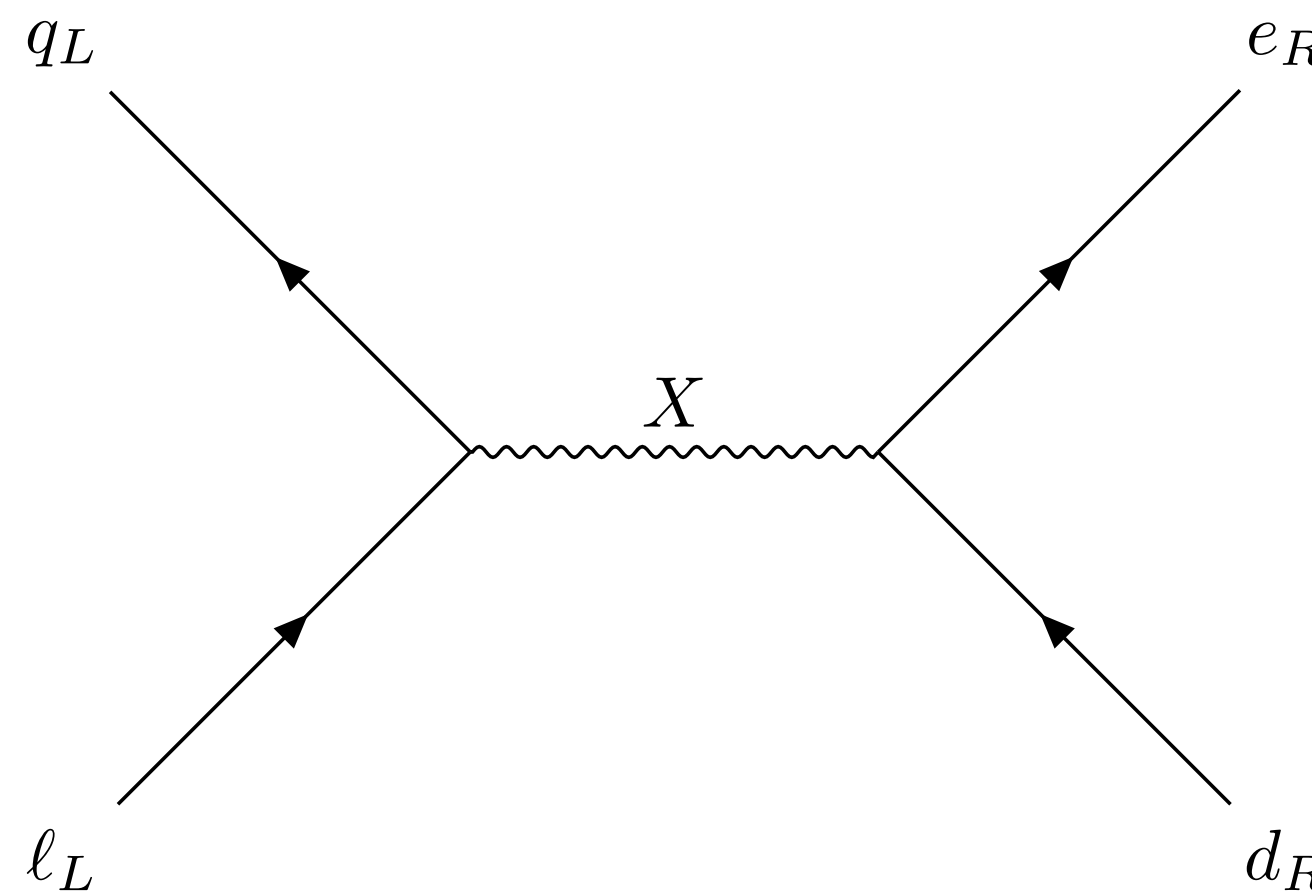


$$C_{\ell e q u(3)}$$

Vector leptoquarks

$$X = (3, 1, 2/3)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = g_L X^\mu (\bar{d}_R^i \gamma^\mu e_R^j + \bar{q}_L^i \gamma^\mu \ell_L^j + \text{H.c.})$$



$$C_{\ell e d q}$$