

The $s \rightarrow d\gamma$ decay
in and beyond the SM

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Introduction

Electromagnetic current can be flavor changing in the SM, but this requires a delicate interplay (GIM breaking) at the loop level

→ *Very sensitive to NP effects*

	<i>In the SM</i>	<i>Hadronic effects</i>	<i>Experiment</i>
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	Extremely suppressed ($\sim m_\nu$)	<i>None</i>	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-11}$ (MEG)
$b \rightarrow s\gamma$	Not so suppressed: $3.15(23) \times 10^{-4}$	<i>Under control (NNLO*)</i> - Hard photon - Inclusive analysis	Well-measured: $3.55(26) \times 10^{-4}$
$s \rightarrow d\gamma$	Suppressed: $\frac{V_{ts}^* V_{td}}{V_{ts}^* V_{tb}} \sim 1\%$	<i>Very large:</i> - (Very) soft photon(s) - Exclusive (→ K decays)	Many modes, but → <i>Sensitivity to SD?</i> → <i>SM predictions?</i>

- Outline

I. Anatomy of the $s \rightarrow d\gamma$ process

II. Observables and SM predictions

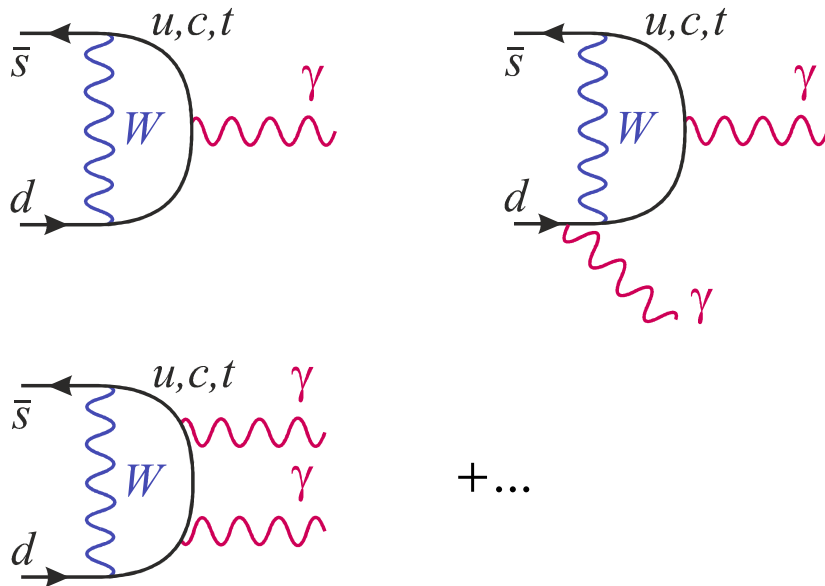
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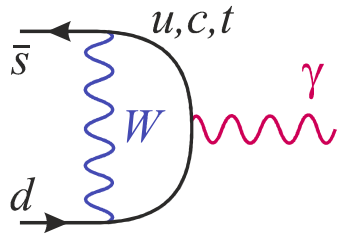
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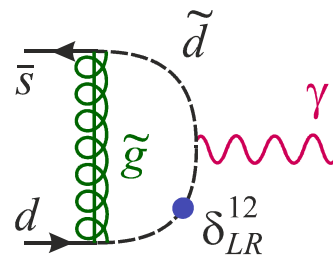
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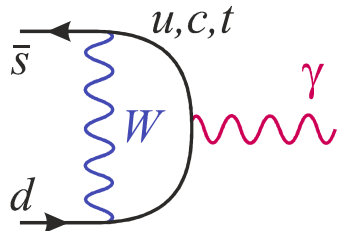
Sensitive to NP: Dimension 5 & alternative chirality flips



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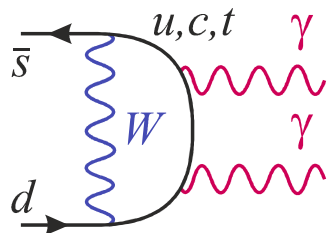
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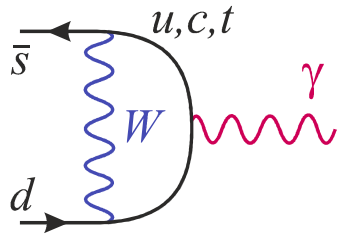
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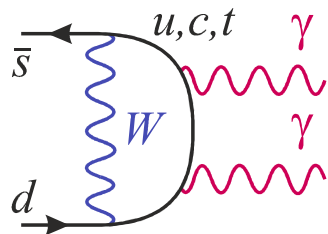
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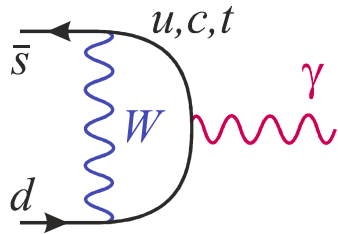
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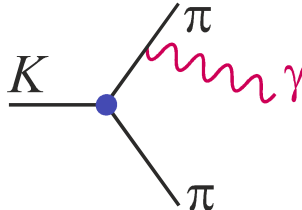
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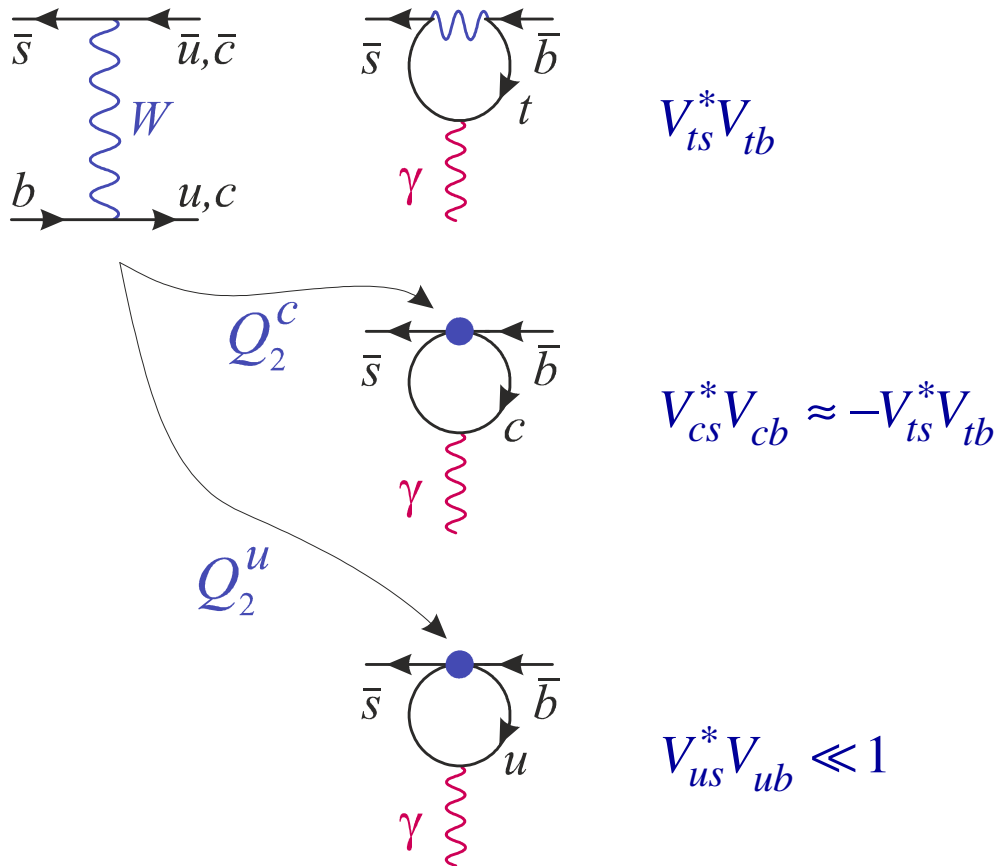


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...but this cannot be true, e.g.  is huge!

So, long-distance QCD corrections are very large.

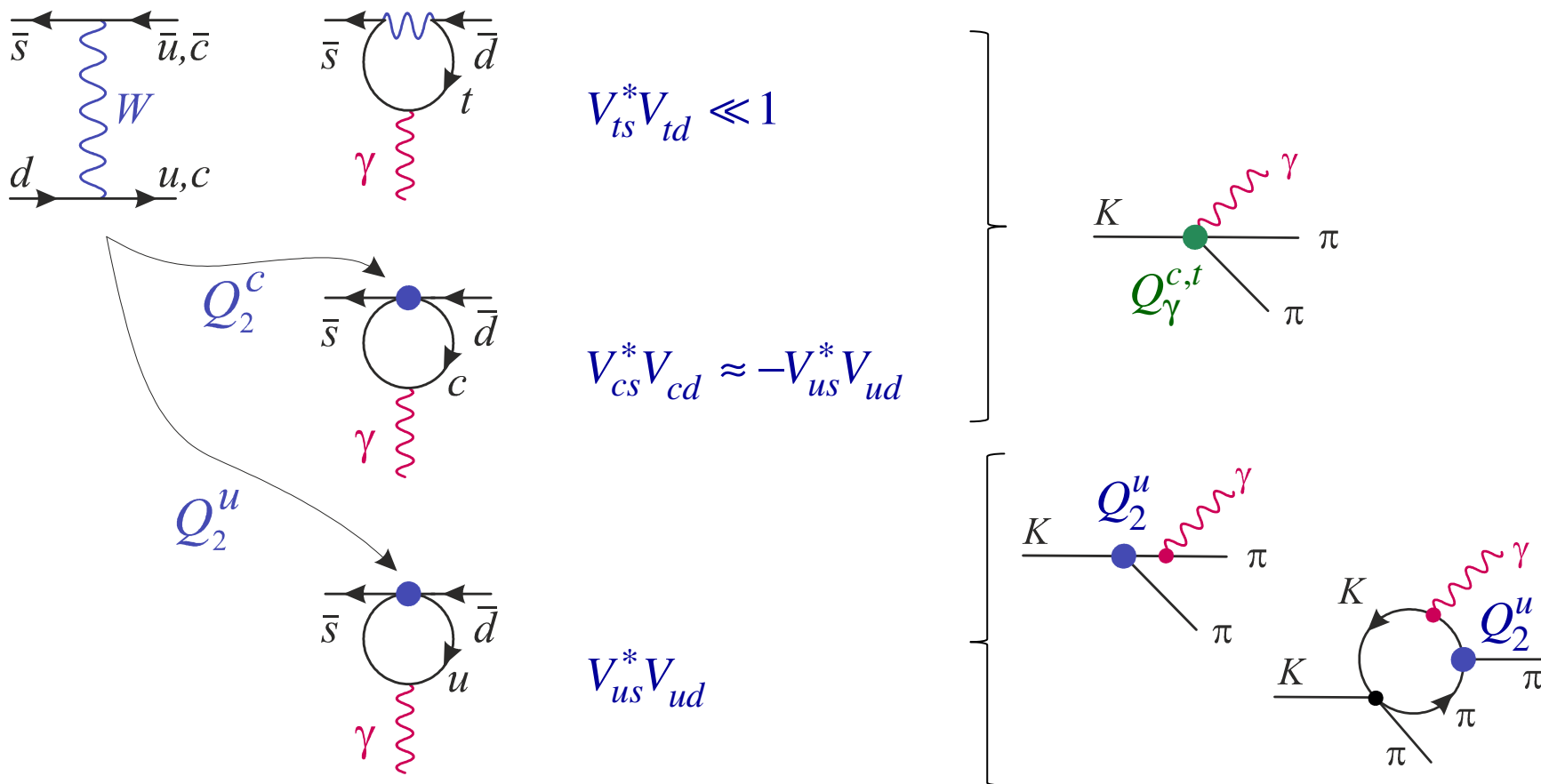
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At M_W : $D'(x_t) \approx +0.40$
 $D'(x_c) \approx +0.0001$
 $\downarrow + \text{QCD}$
 At m_b : $D'(x_t) \approx +0.27$
 $D'(x_c) \approx +0.32$

The *c-quark* contribution is large but manageable for $b \rightarrow s\gamma$.

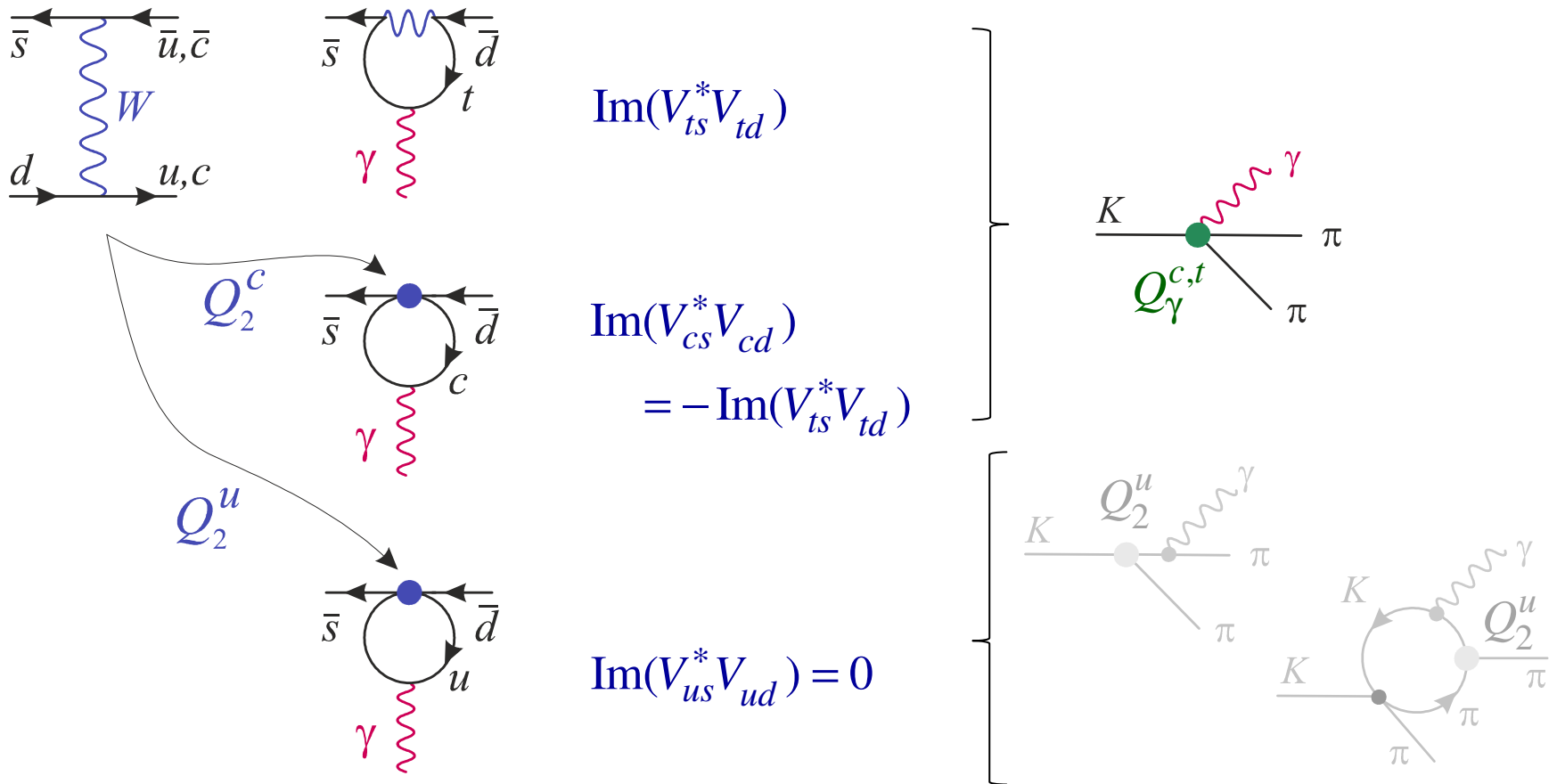
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For $s \rightarrow d \gamma$, the c -quark is CKM-enhanced, and non-local u -quark even larger

→ Is the sensitivity to SD completely lost?

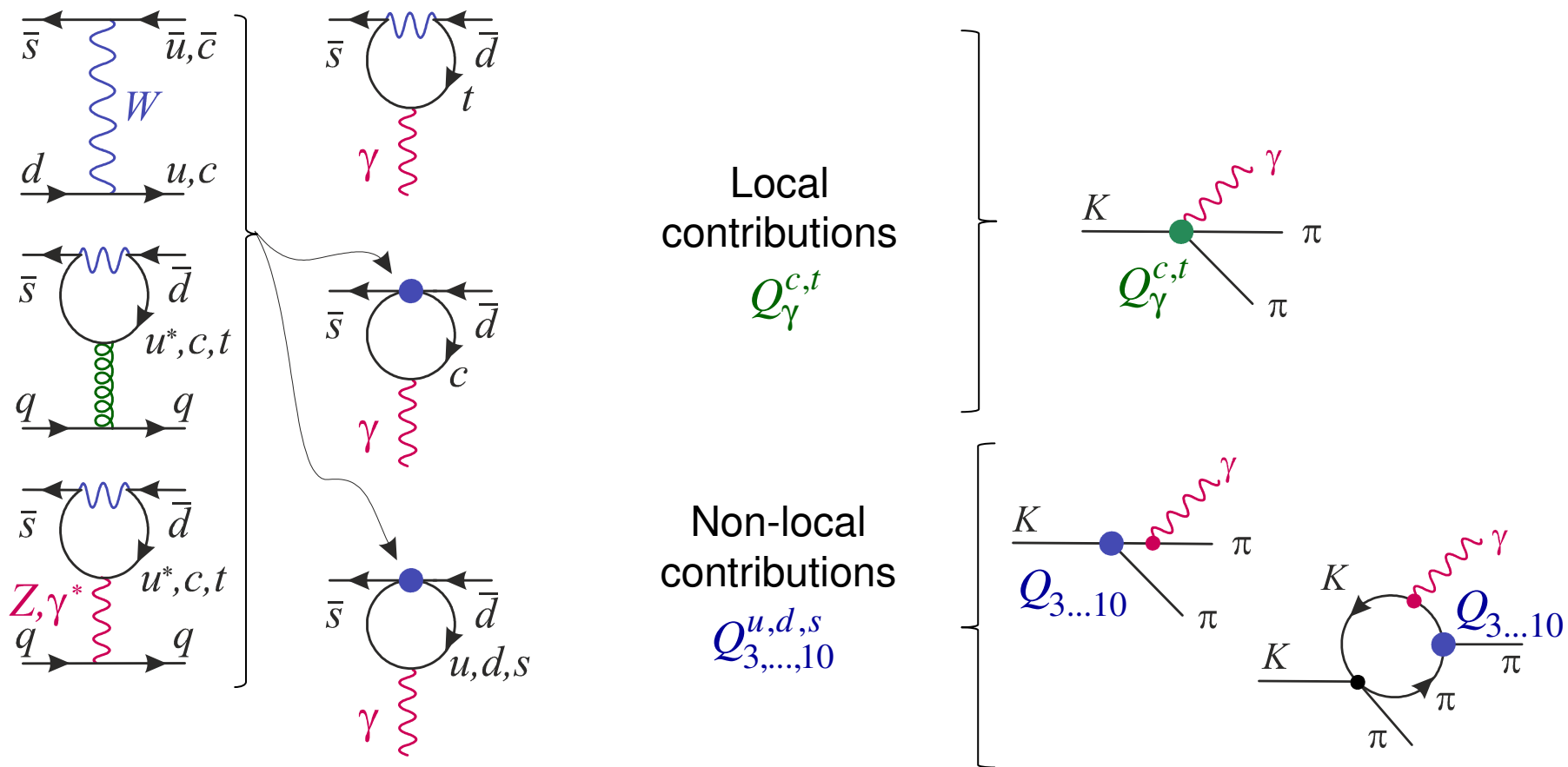
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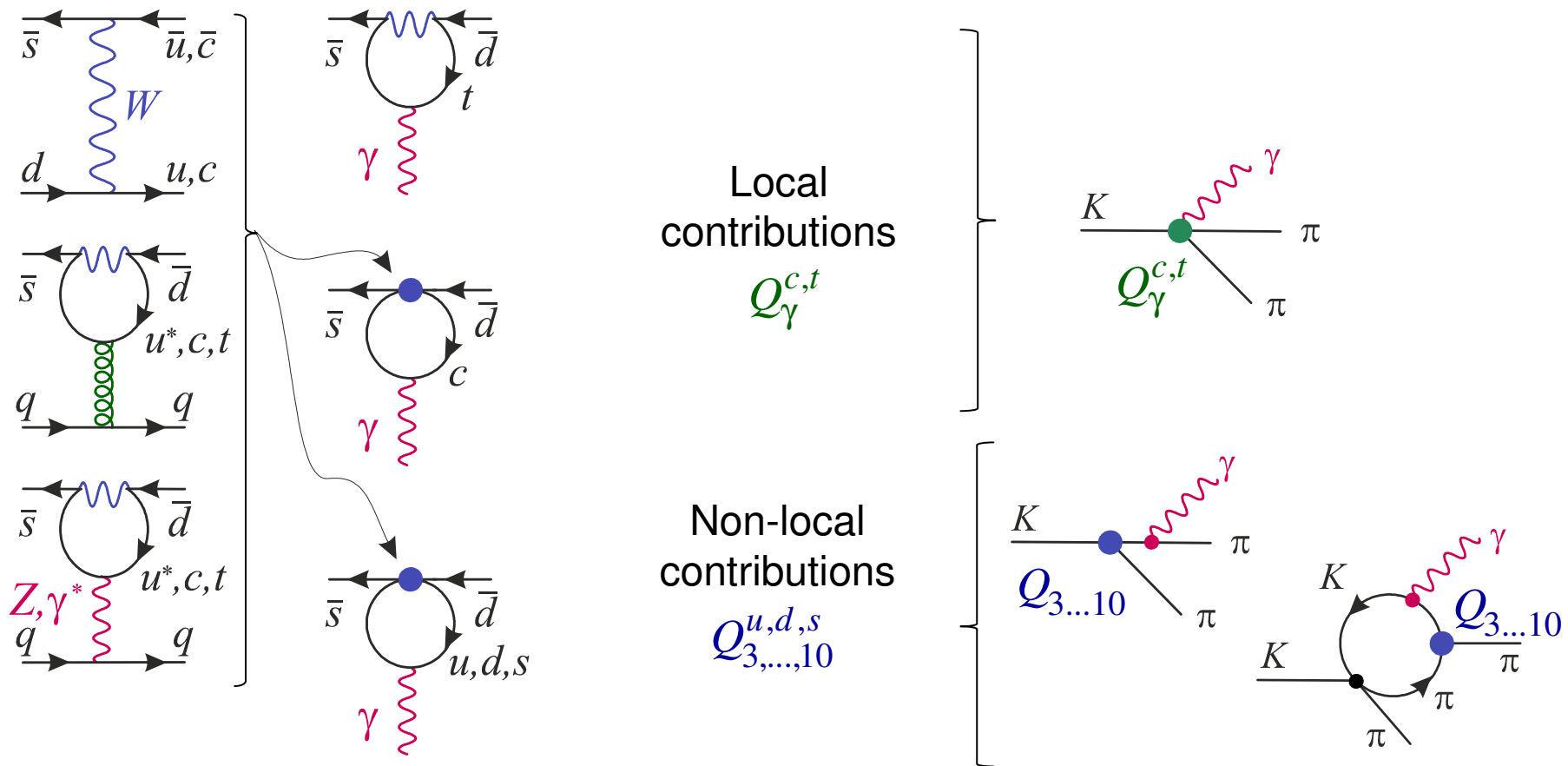
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- But still residual long-distance *hadronic penguin* contributions.

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Bypass 2: Meson processes lack the chirality flip \rightarrow *Automatic LD-SD factorization*

\rightarrow *Good control over meson contributions*
(loops usually finite, no/small CTs).

Observables and SM predictions

A. Best windows for $s \rightarrow d\gamma$

The magnetic operators $Q_\gamma^{L\pm R}$ contribute to all the *radiative modes*:

$$K \rightarrow (n\pi)(m\gamma^{(*)}), \quad \begin{array}{lll} n = & 0 & 1 & 2,3 \\ m = & 2,3,\dots & 1^*, 2,\dots & 1, 2,\dots \end{array}$$

Dominantly CP-violating observables, with minimal n and m (largest rates):

Real photon(s): $A_{CP}(K \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, K \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma)$ (only magnetic)

Virtual photon: $Br(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma^* [\rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-])$ (electric and magnetic)

Local CP-violating effects ($Q_\gamma^{L\pm R}$) \rightarrow Local chiral realization of the tensor currents,

Non-local CP-violating effects ($Q_{3\rightarrow 10}^{u,d,s}$) \rightarrow To be estimated using ϵ'/ϵ .

B. Short reminder

Isospin decomposition:

$$\mathcal{M}(K_1 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) = \sqrt{2}A_0 + A_2$$

$$\mathcal{M}(K_1 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) = \sqrt{2}A_0 - 2A_2$$

$$\mathcal{M}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0) = 3/2 A_2$$

$\Delta I = 1/2$ rule:

$$\frac{\text{Re } A_0}{\text{Re } A_2} = 22.4 \equiv \omega^{-1}$$

CP-violation:
$$\frac{\mathcal{M}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\mathcal{M}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)} = \varepsilon + \varepsilon', \quad \frac{\mathcal{M}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0)}{\mathcal{M}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0)} = \varepsilon - 2\varepsilon'$$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\text{box}} + i \frac{\text{Im } A_0}{\text{Re } A_0} \sim 10^{-3}, \quad \varepsilon' = i \frac{e^{i(\delta_2^0 - \delta_0^0)}}{\sqrt{2}} \omega \left[\frac{\text{Im } A_2}{\text{Re } A_2} - \frac{\text{Im } A_0}{\text{Re } A_0} \right] \sim 10^{-6}$$

$\Delta S = 2$ mixing

$$\frac{\text{EW penguins } (Q_8)}{\text{QCD penguins } (Q_6)} = \frac{\text{Im } A_2}{\text{Im } A_0} \equiv \Omega \omega \stackrel{SM?}{=} 0.35(15)\omega$$

C. The $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ decay

Ecker, Neufeld, Pich, '94

Direct charge asymmetry: interfering amplitudes + different weak & strong phases.

$$\mathcal{M} = \varepsilon_\mu^*(k) \left[E(p_{+,0}) \frac{p_0^\mu p_+ \cdot k - p_+^\mu p_0 \cdot k}{m_K^3} + M(p_{+,0}) \frac{i\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{+, \nu} p_{0, \rho} k_\sigma}{m_K^3} \right]$$

$$E(p_{+,0}) = E_{IB}(p_{+,0}) + E_{DE}(p_{+,0})$$

Low theorem:

$$E_{IB}(p_{+,0}) \sim \frac{\mathcal{M}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0)}{k \cdot p_+ k \cdot p_K}$$

Strong phase: $I = 2, L = 0$

Weak phase: $Q_{7 \rightarrow 10}$

Multipole expansion:

$$E_{DE}(p_{+,0}) = E_1(k) + E_2(k)(p_+ - p_0) \cdot k + \dots$$

Strong phase: $I = 1, L = 1$

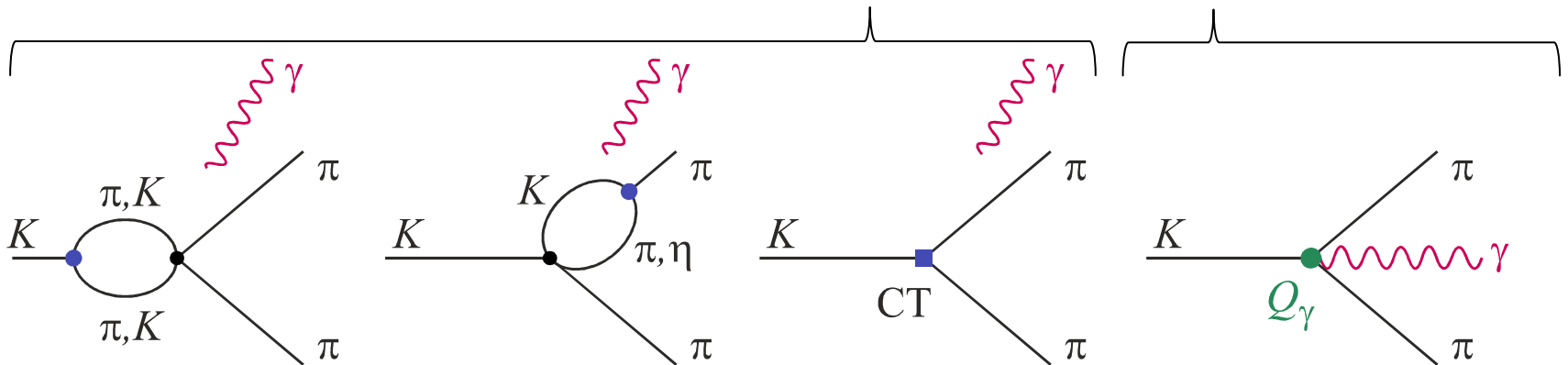
Weak phase: $Q_{3 \rightarrow 10}, Q_\gamma^{L-R}$

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The $\Delta I = 1/2$ suppressed loops are enhanced by the $\pi\pi$ contribution

$\varepsilon'_{+0\gamma}$ is $\Delta I = 1/2$ enhanced, but its sensitivity to Ω is $\Delta I = 1/2$ suppressed.

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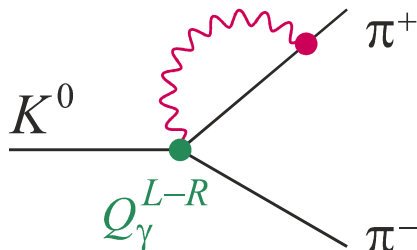
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 (NA48/2 '10)

- Large room for NP effects!
- Sufficient to control a missing contribution to ϵ'/ϵ :



$$\frac{\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)_\gamma}{\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)^{\text{exp}}} \approx \frac{2}{3} \epsilon'_{+0\gamma} = 16(26)\%$$

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D'Ambrosio, Isidori, '95, '98
Tandean, Valencia, '00

$$\varepsilon'_{+-\gamma} \sim \frac{\mathcal{M}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma)_{IB+DE_1}}{\mathcal{M}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma)_{IB+DE_1}} - \frac{\mathcal{M}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\mathcal{M}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}$$

The $IB + DE_1$ amplitude is CP-violating (conserving) for $K_{L(S)} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$.

$$\varepsilon'_{+-\gamma} \sim \underbrace{-0.4 |\varepsilon'|}_{-2 \times 10^{-6}} e^{i\phi_{\varepsilon'}} + \underbrace{0.2 \operatorname{Im} C_{\gamma}^{L-R}}_{+8 \times 10^{-6}} e^{i\phi_{\gamma}}$$

Totally insensitive to Ω (non-trivial cancellation!), and $\Delta I = 1/2$ suppressed.

Experimentally: $\varepsilon'_{+-\gamma} < 0.06 \rightarrow \operatorname{Im} C_{\gamma}^{L-R} \leq 0.3$

(Matthews et al. '95)

D. The $K^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays

Sehgal, Wolfenstein, '67

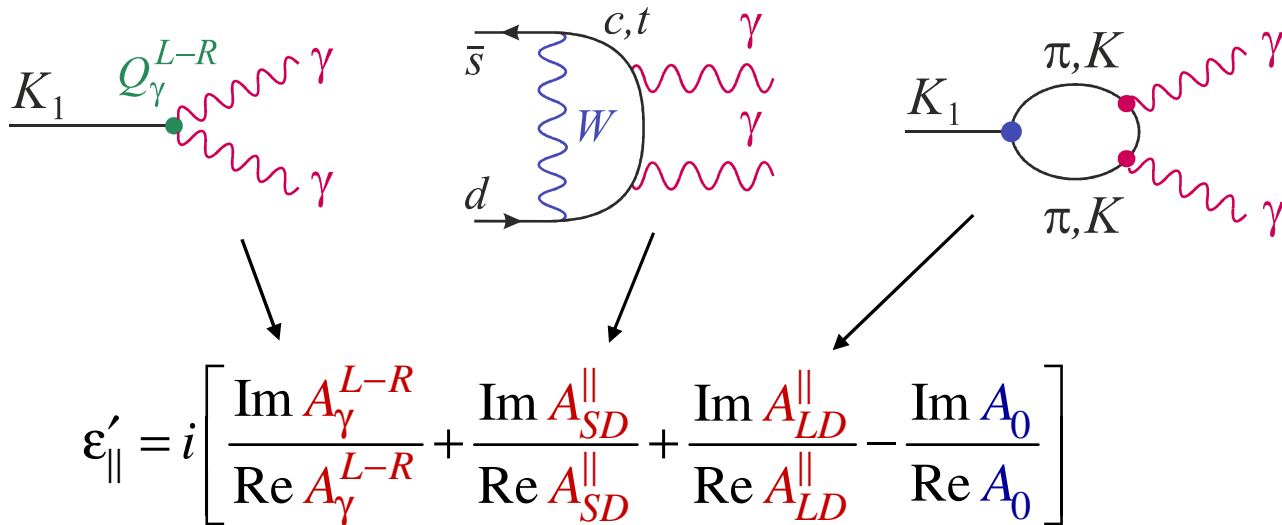
Martin, De Rafael, '68

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The diagrams show three ways a K_1 meson can decay into two photons (γ):

- Left:** A contact interaction between the K_1 meson and two photons, labeled with the coefficient Q_{γ}^{L-R} .
- Middle:** A loop diagram involving a W boson and internal quarks c and t . The K_1 meson is represented by a \bar{s} and d quark line.
- Right:** A loop diagram involving π and K mesons.

$$\varepsilon'_{\parallel} = i \left[\frac{\text{Im } C_{\gamma}^{L-R}}{3} + < 10^{-7} + \frac{|\varepsilon'| e^{-i(\delta_2^0 - \delta_0^0)}}{1 + \omega/\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$\sim 10^{-5}$ $\sim 10^{-6}$ (*)

(*)Buccella,D'Ambrosio, Miragliuolo, '91

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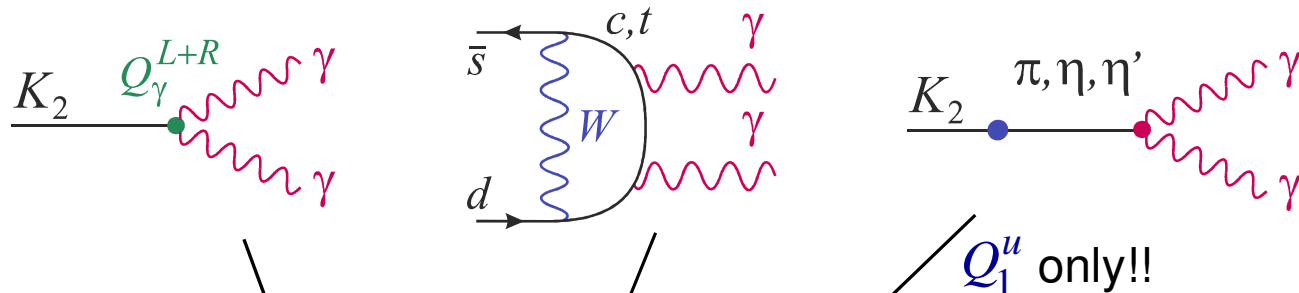
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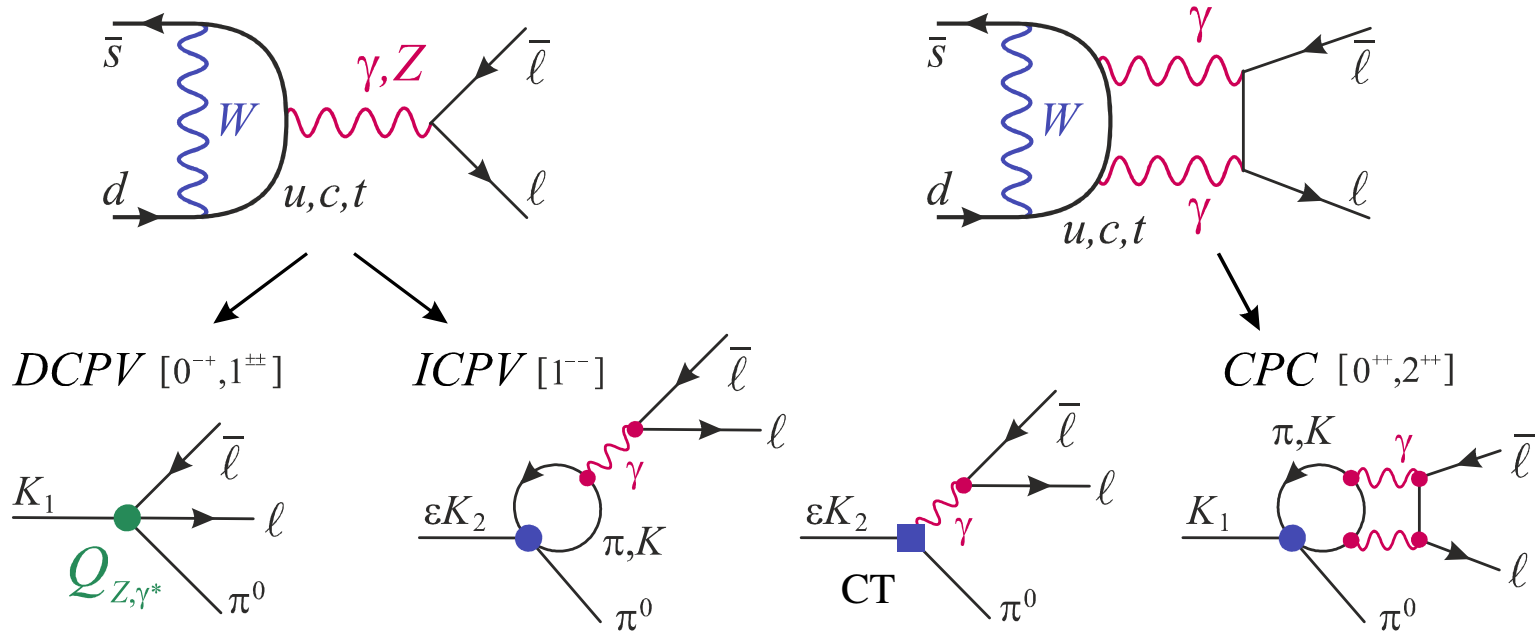


Gérard, Smith, Trine, '05

$$\varepsilon'_{\perp} = i \left[\underbrace{\frac{\text{Im } C_{\gamma}^{L+R}}{2}}_{\sim 10^{-5}} + < 10^{-7} + \underbrace{\sim 0}_{5 \times 10^{-5} \rightarrow 7 \times 10^{-4}} - \frac{\text{Im } A_0}{\text{Re } A_0} \right] \approx i \frac{\sqrt{2} |\varepsilon'|}{\omega(1-\Omega)}$$

Directly measures the *QCD penguins* (hence Ω) and is $\Delta I = 1/2$ enhanced.

E. The $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays



With NP only in $Q_{\gamma}^{L\pm R}$, the current experimental bounds imply: (KTeV '00,'04)

$$B(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-) < 2.8 \times 10^{-10} \rightarrow -0.018 \leq \text{Im } C_{\gamma}^{L+R} \leq 0.030$$

$$B(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.8 \times 10^{-10} \rightarrow -0.050 \leq \text{Im } C_{\gamma}^{L+R} \leq 0.063$$

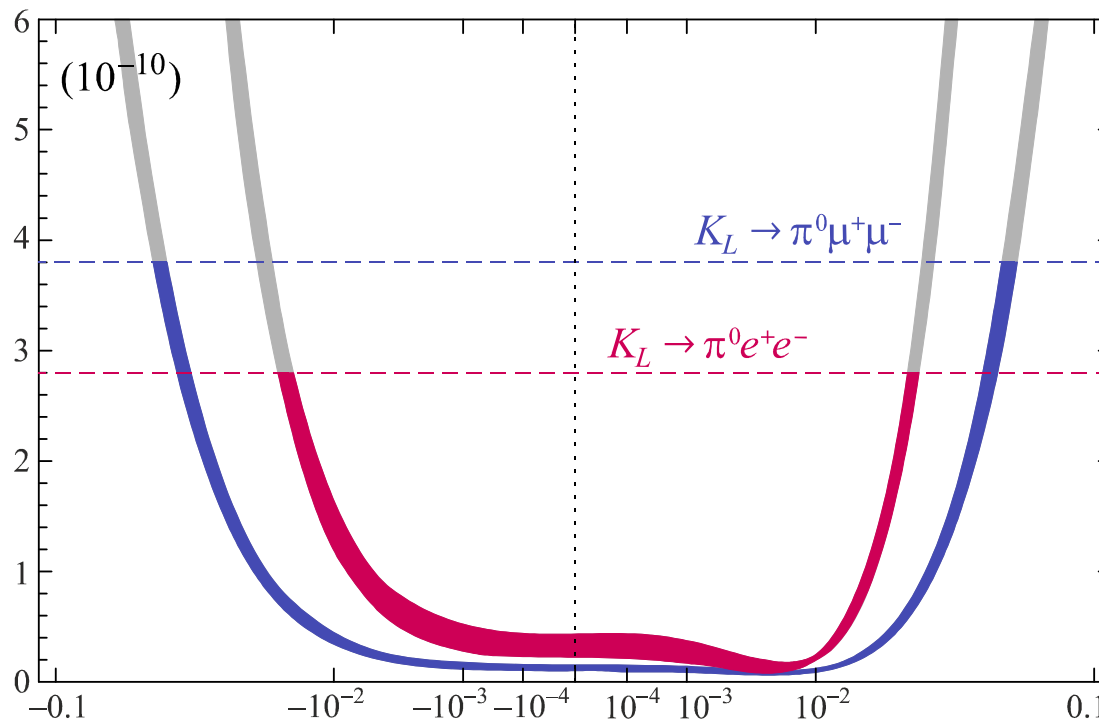
New Physics effects

A. How large could the asymmetries be?

With large NP in $Q_\gamma^{L\pm R}$, the asymmetries satisfy

$$\frac{1}{3}|\epsilon'_{+0\gamma}| \approx 5|\epsilon'_{+-\gamma}| \approx 3|\epsilon'_{||}| \approx \text{Im } C_\gamma^{L-R}$$

Experimental information is still scarce, so use $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$



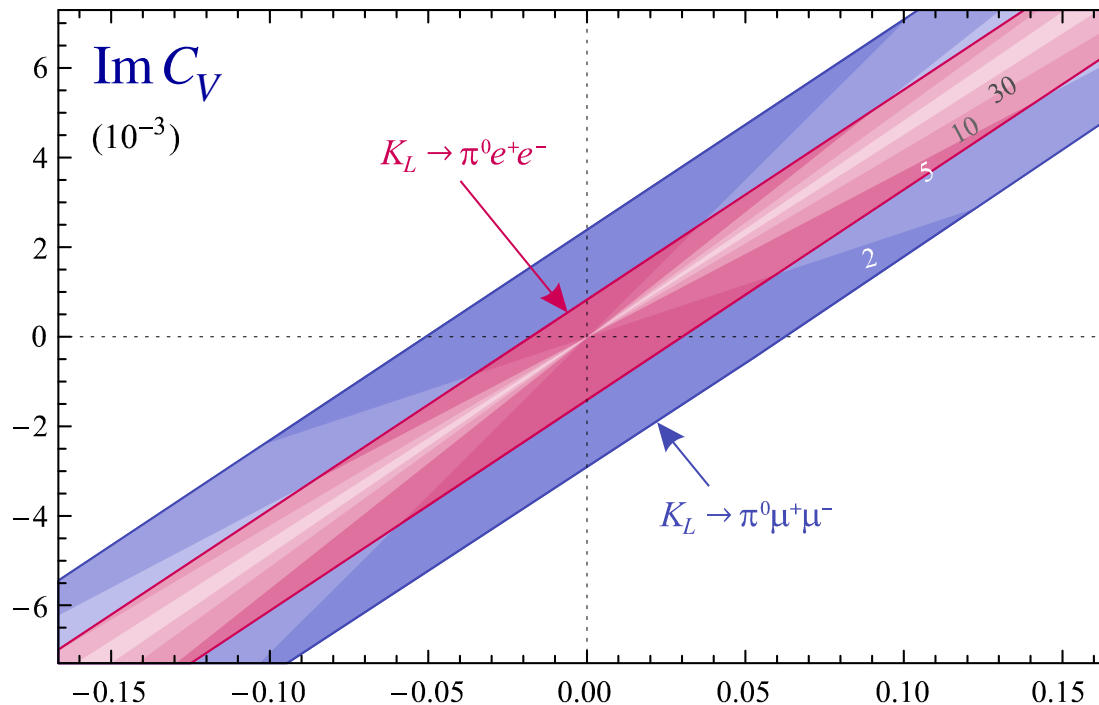
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B. The model-independent basis

Magnetic penguin can interfere with semi-leptonic operators:

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff}^{sl} = \bar{s} \gamma^\mu d \otimes [C_V \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell + C_A \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \ell + C_V \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L]$$

A large (but not extreme) 80% cancellation: $\varepsilon'_{+0\gamma}$ reaches the $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma$ bound.
 $(\text{Im } C_\gamma^{L-R} \leq -8(13)\%)$



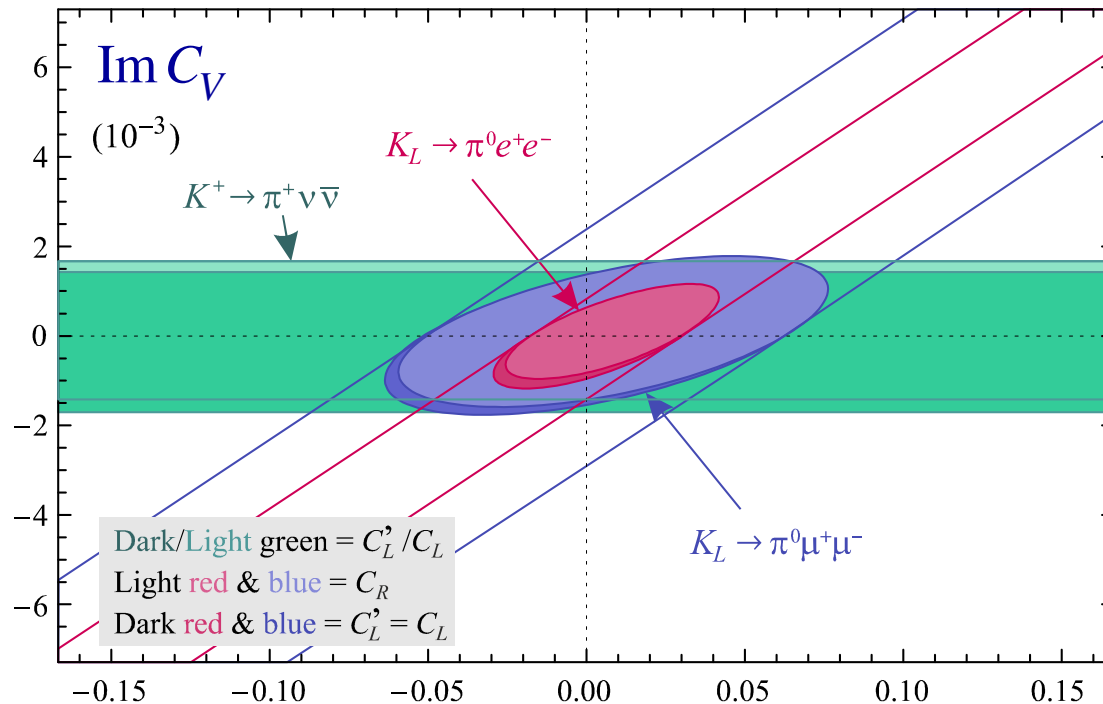
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C. The gauge basis

If NP is gauge-invariant & tree-level (LQ, RPV,...):

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff}^{sl} = \bar{s} \gamma^\mu d \otimes [C_L \bar{L} \gamma_\mu L + C'_L \bar{L} \gamma_\mu \sigma_3 L + C_R \bar{E} \gamma_\mu E]$$

All the operators contribute either to $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ or $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 (\ell^+ \ell^-)^{1+-, 0-+}$.



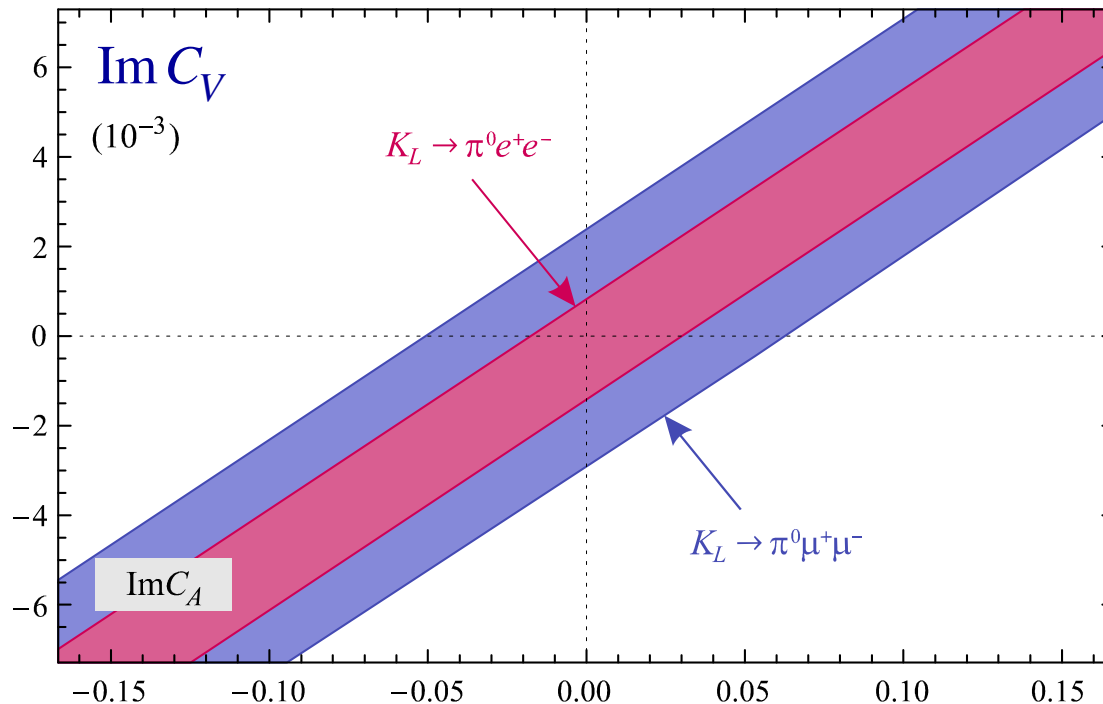
D. The “penguin-box” basis – Electroweak version

Buchalla, Buras, Harlander, ‘91

If NP arises from the same FCNC as in the SM (MSSM, 4th, LHT, ...):

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff}^{sl} = \bar{s} \gamma^\mu d \otimes \left[\frac{s_W^2 (4C_Z + C_A)}{4} \bar{l} \gamma_\mu l + \frac{C_Z - C_B}{2} \bar{l}_L \gamma_\mu l_L + \frac{C_Z - 4C_B}{2} \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L \right]$$

Electromagnetic penguins are entangled in $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 (\ell^+ \ell^-)^{1--}$.



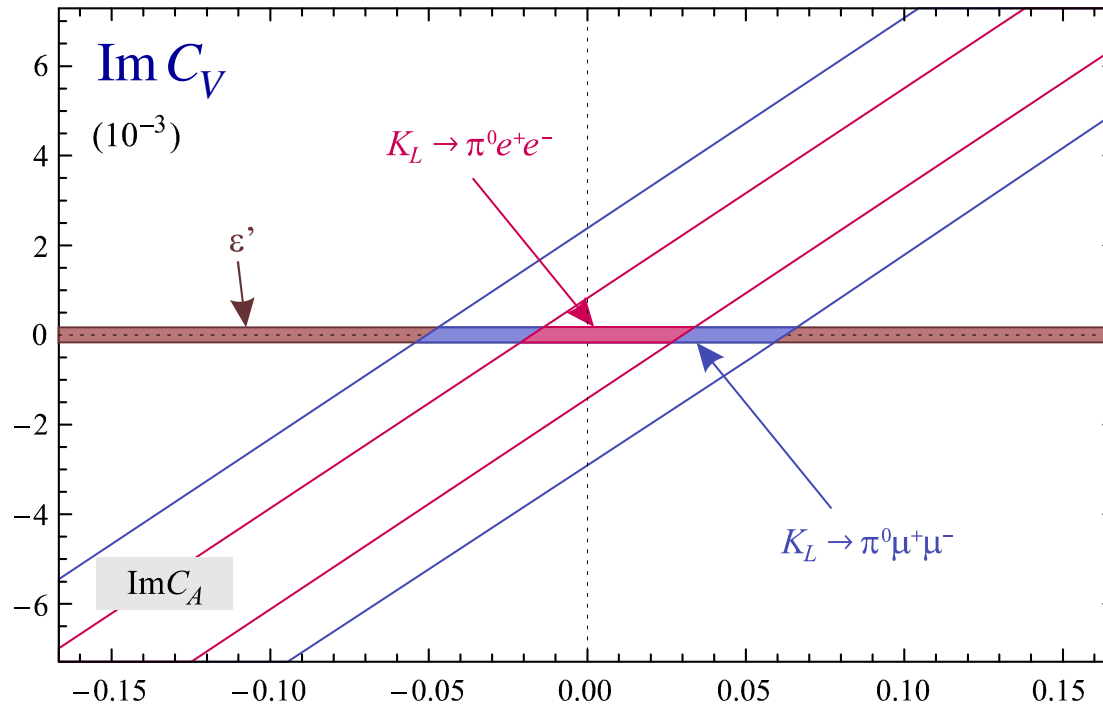
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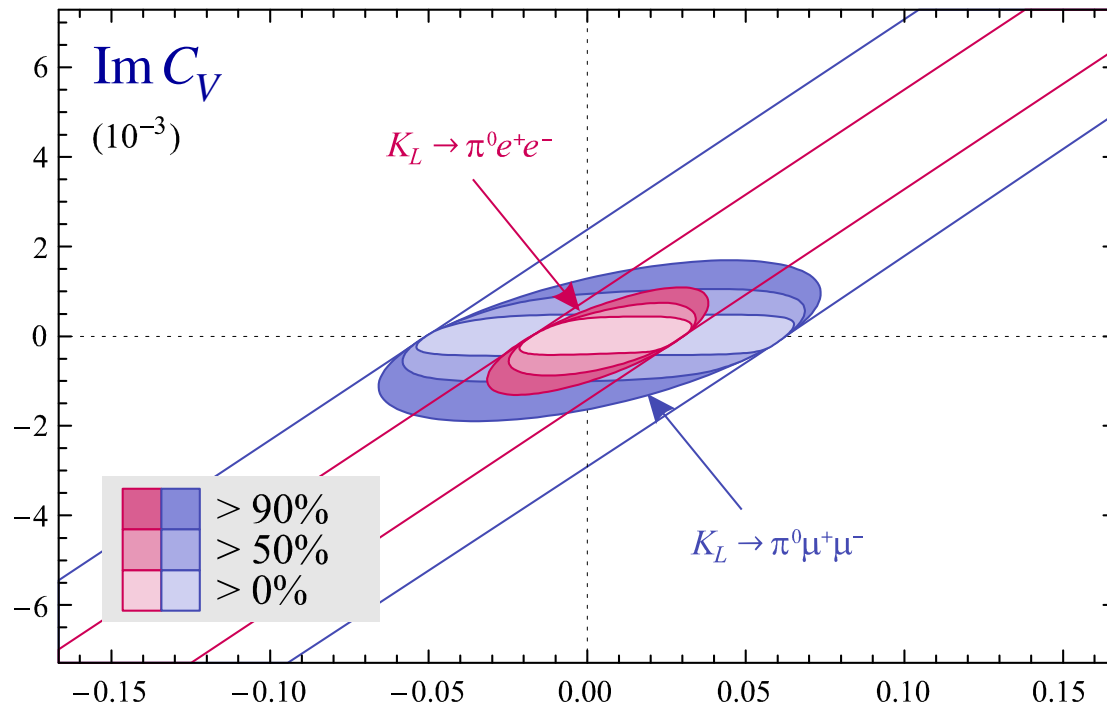
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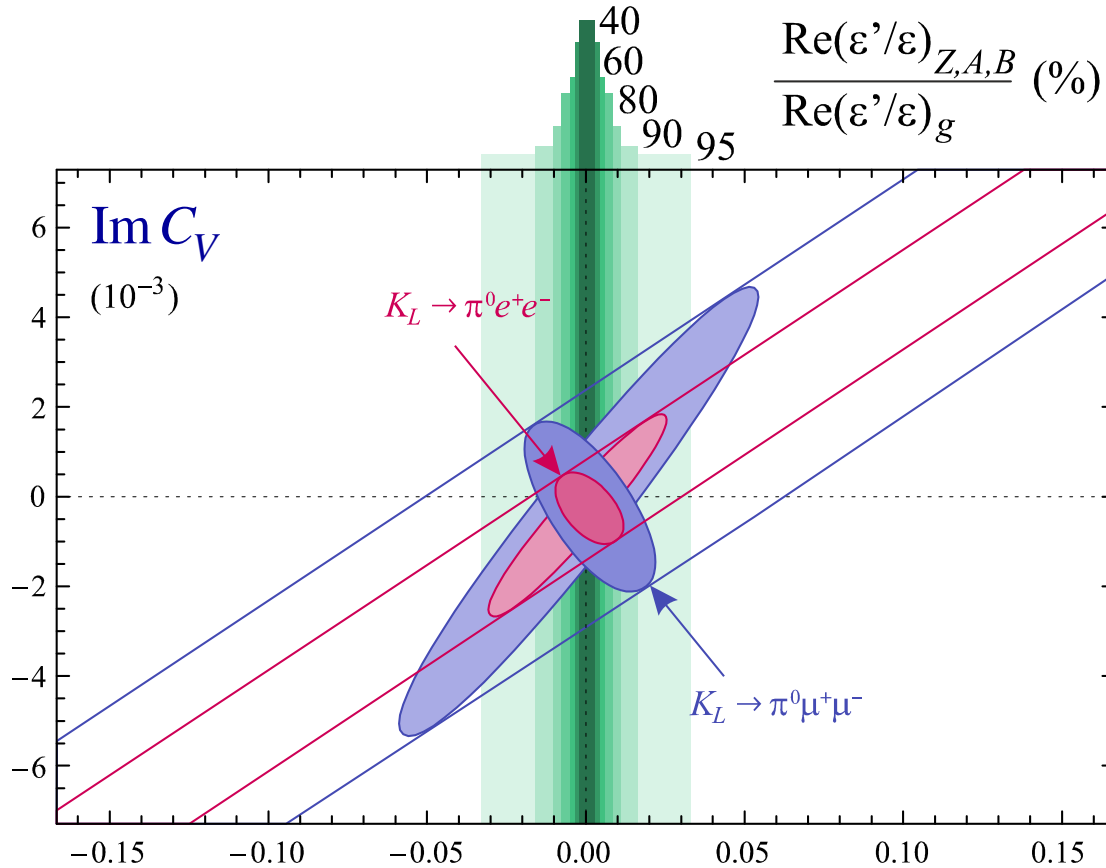
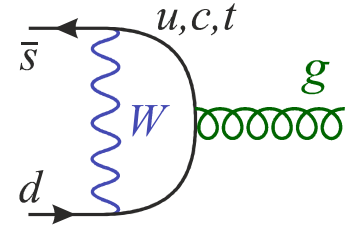


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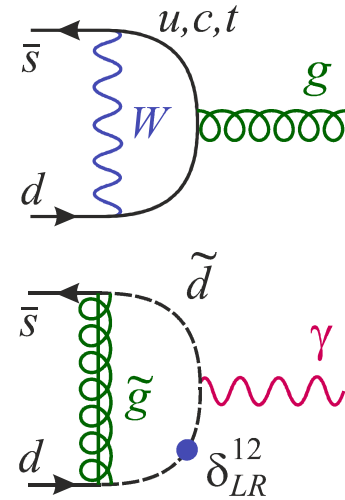
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A large (but not impossible) **80% cancellation in ϵ'** allows for

$$\text{Im } C_\gamma^{L+R} \approx 10^{-2}$$

- Close to $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^- \rightarrow |\text{Im } C_\gamma^{L+R}| \leq 0.03$
- Much larger than $|\text{Im } C_\gamma^{L+R}| \leq 7 \times 10^{-4}$ without cancellations.
- Corresponds to the maximum allowed for $\text{Im } \delta_{LR}^{D,12}$ from ϵ .



Definitive test: $|\epsilon'_{\perp}|_g = \frac{\sqrt{2}|\epsilon|}{\omega} \text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)_g \approx 65\% \times |\epsilon|$

$$|\epsilon'_{\perp}|_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{4} \text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)_g \approx 220\% \times |\epsilon| \approx \frac{1}{6} |\epsilon'_{+0\gamma}| \approx \frac{5}{2} |\epsilon'_{+-\gamma}| \approx \frac{3}{2} |\epsilon'_{\parallel}|$$

Conclusion

The $s \rightarrow d\gamma$ transition is now under good control theoretically.

- Several observables are identified
- Their sensitivity to NP is quantified \rightarrow *Often large* (even few tens of %)

Radiative decays could hold the key to (finally) control and probe $\varepsilon' / \varepsilon$

- Magnetic contribution under control thanks to $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma$.
- The $K_{L,S} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_{\perp}$ asymmetry could directly measure QCD penguins.

\rightarrow The full set of radiative asymmetries can signal cancellations between NP in the EW and the QCD penguins.

Radiative decays should complement the physics program of NA62/KOTO.

With $K \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}$ sensitive only to the *Z penguin*,

and $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ sensitive also to *Higgs penguins*,

the *radiative decays* offer pure probes of the *photon penguins*.