

# Dark photon bounds in the dark EFT

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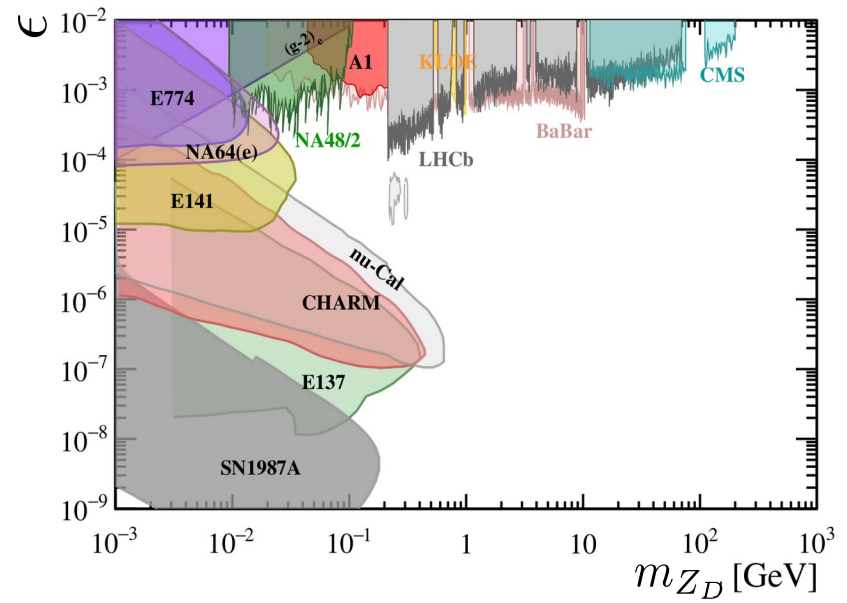
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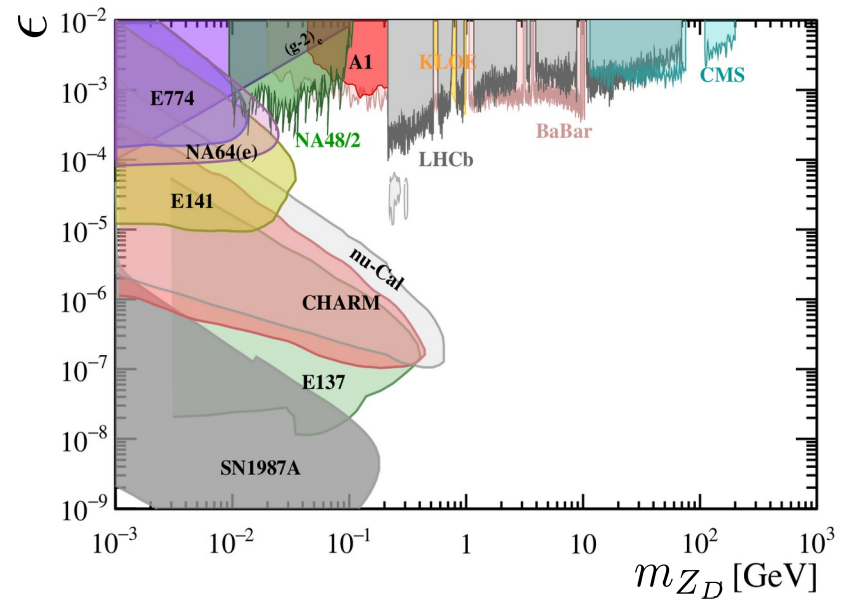


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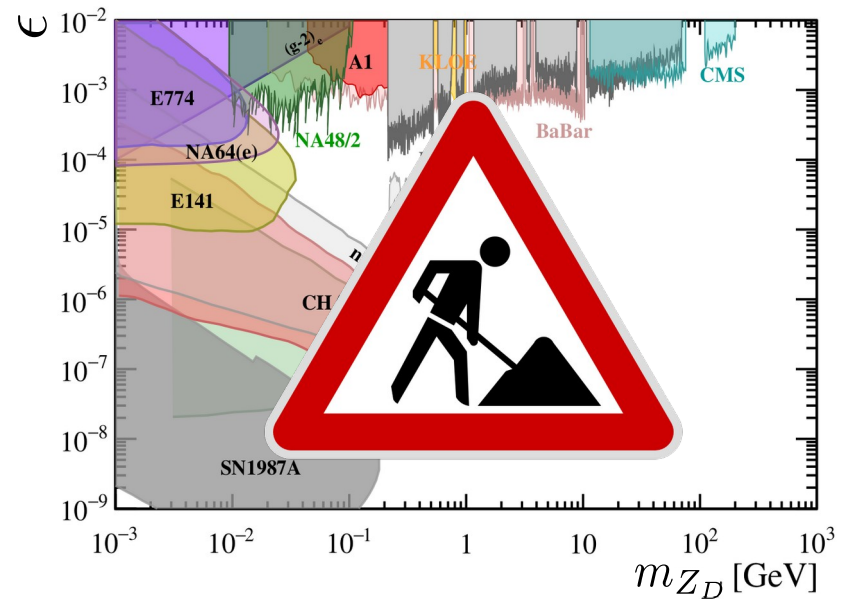


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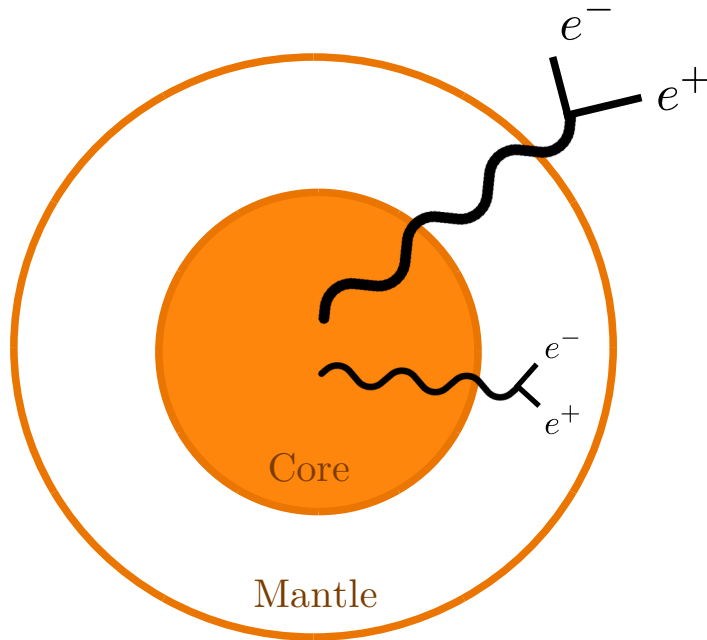
$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\epsilon Z_D^\mu \bar{e} \gamma^\mu e + \frac{d_e v}{16\pi^2 \Lambda^2} Z_D^{\mu\nu} \bar{e} \sigma^{\mu\nu} e$$

$\epsilon$  and  $d_e/\Lambda^2$   
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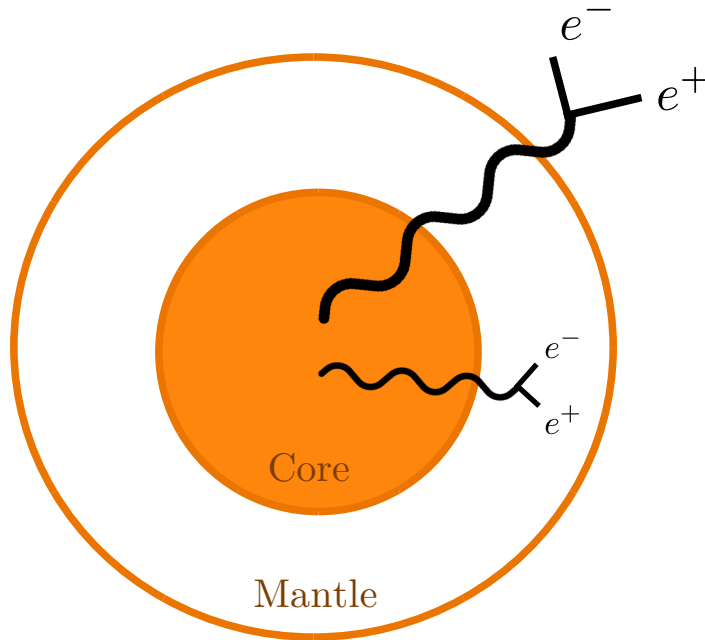
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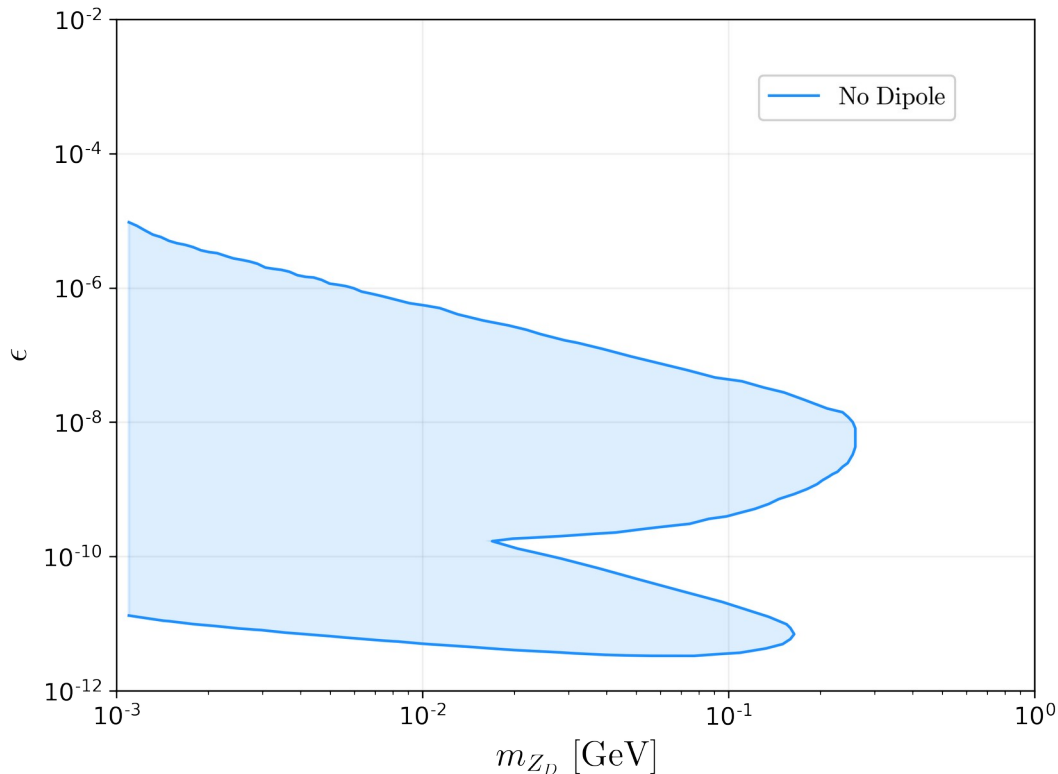
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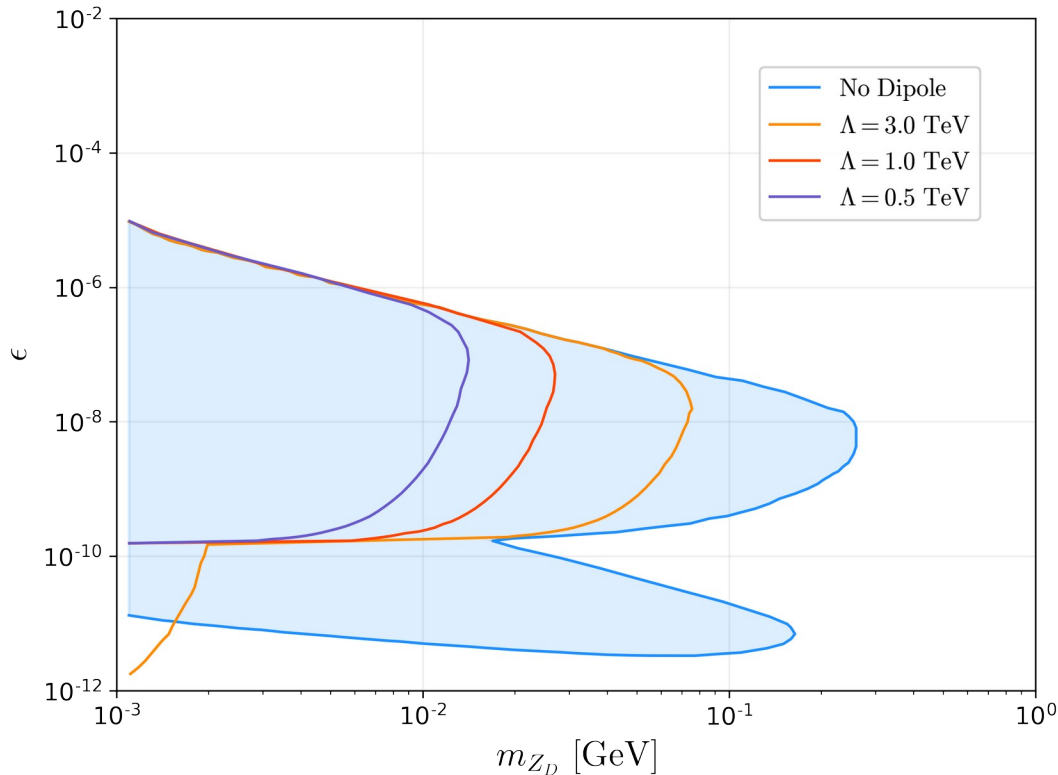
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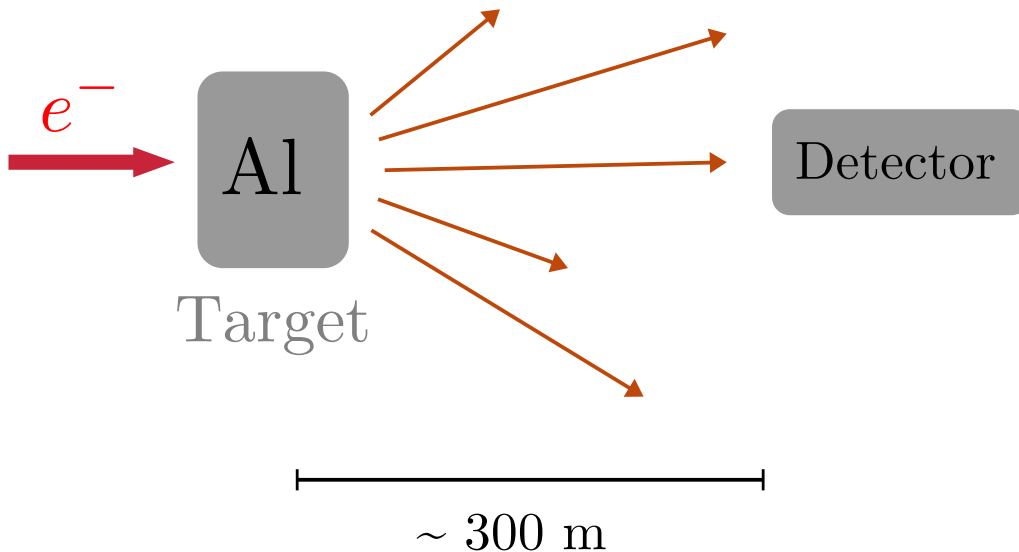
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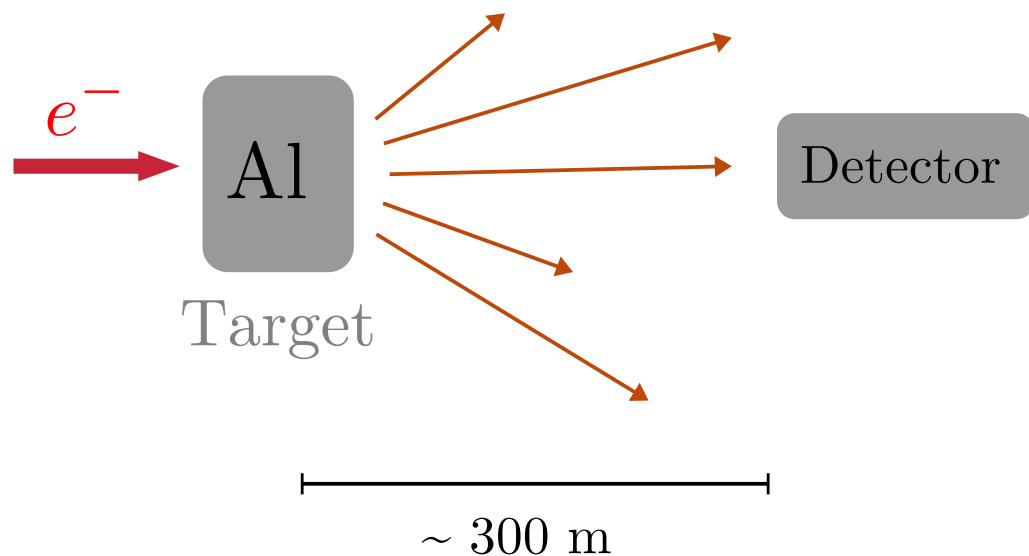
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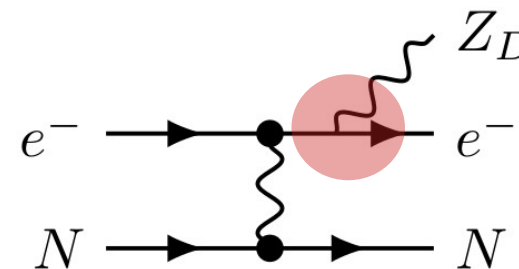
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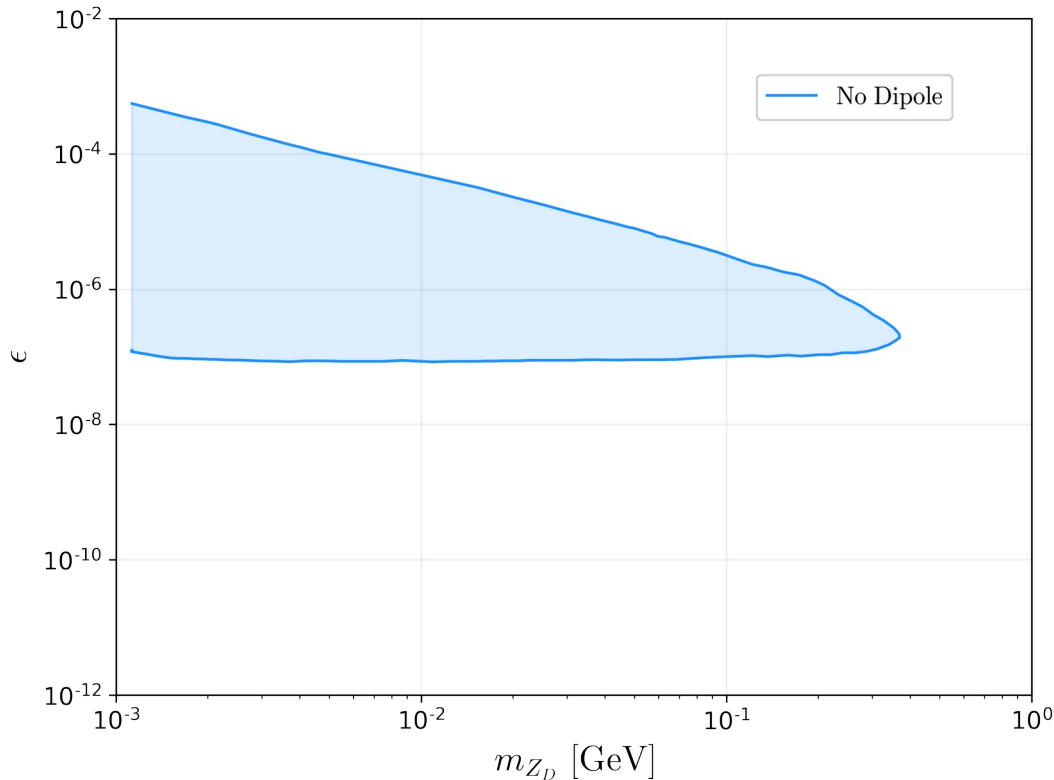
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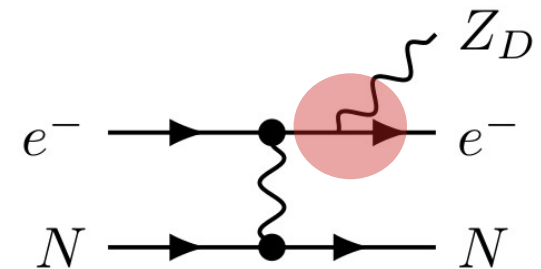


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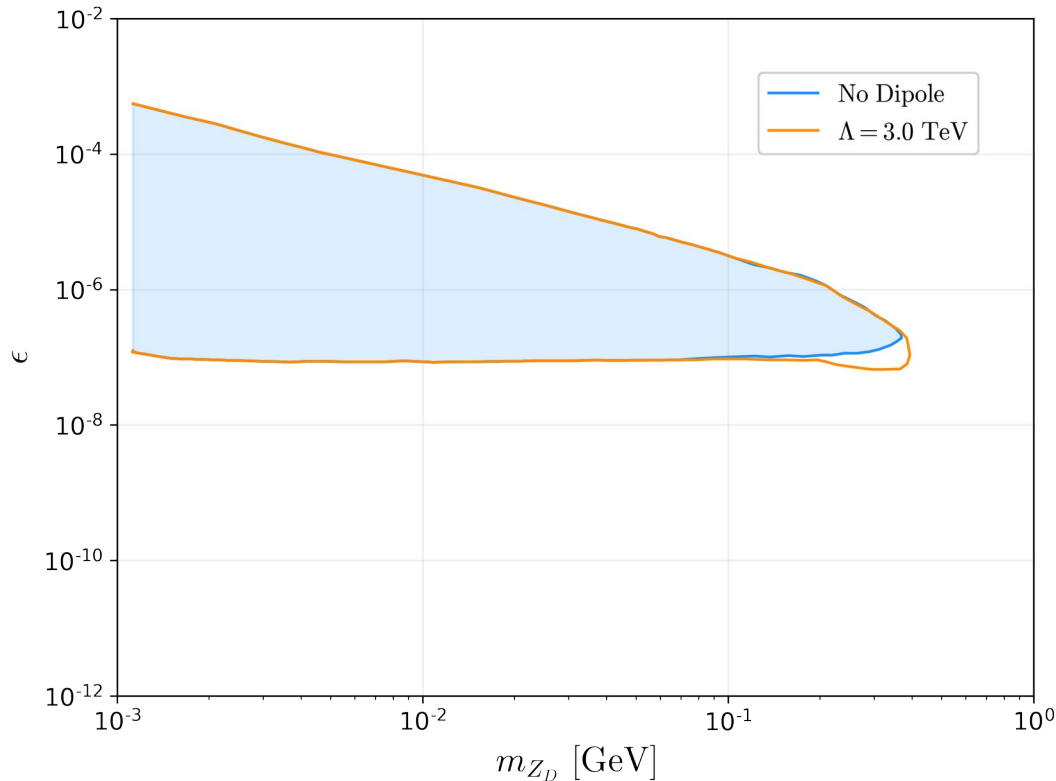


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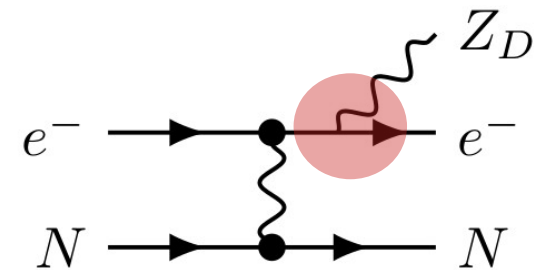


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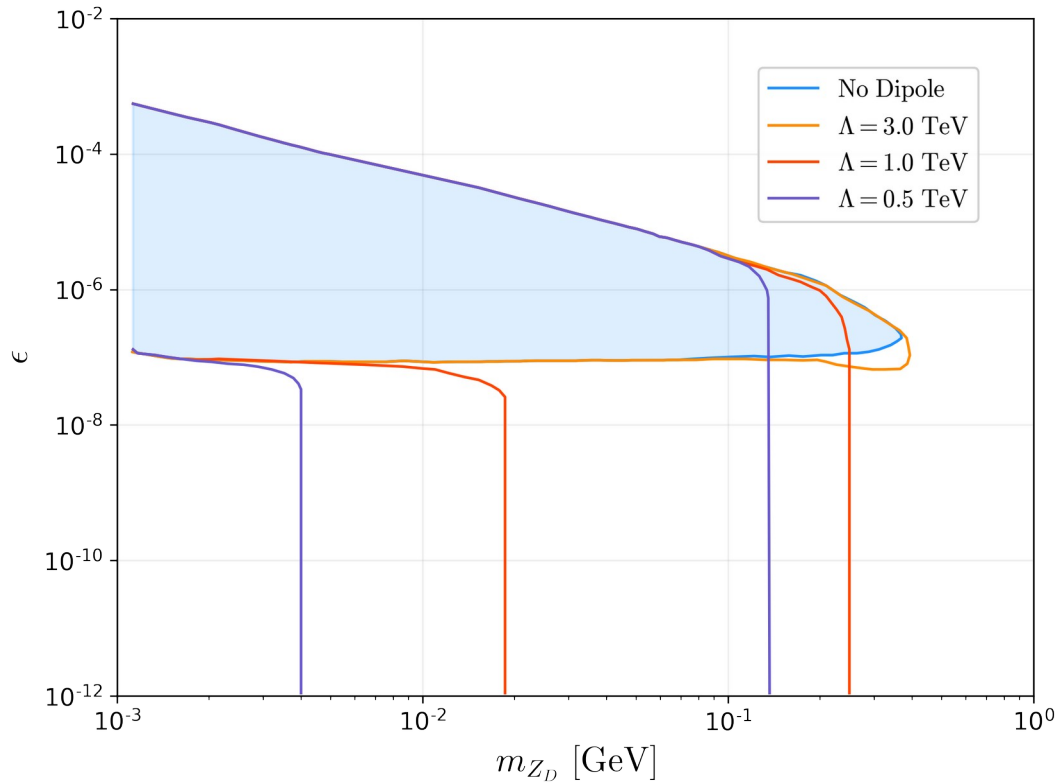
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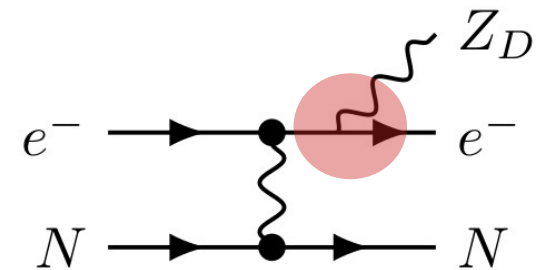
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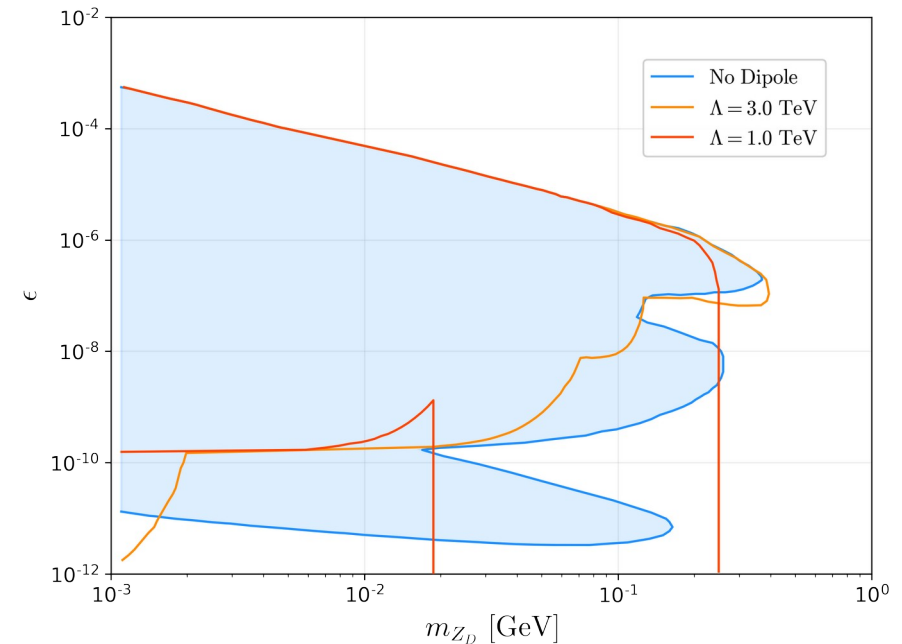
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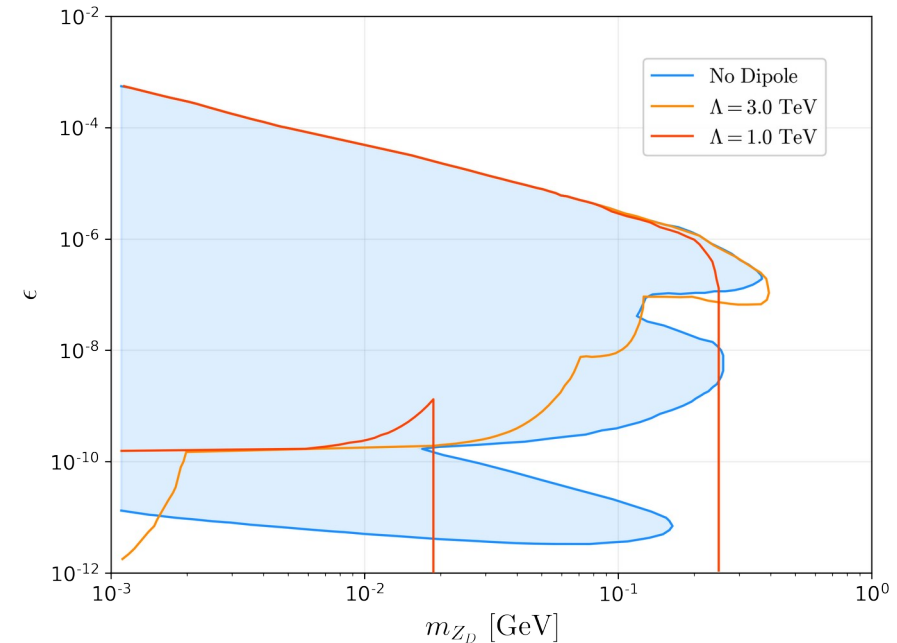


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It's time to say goodbye...



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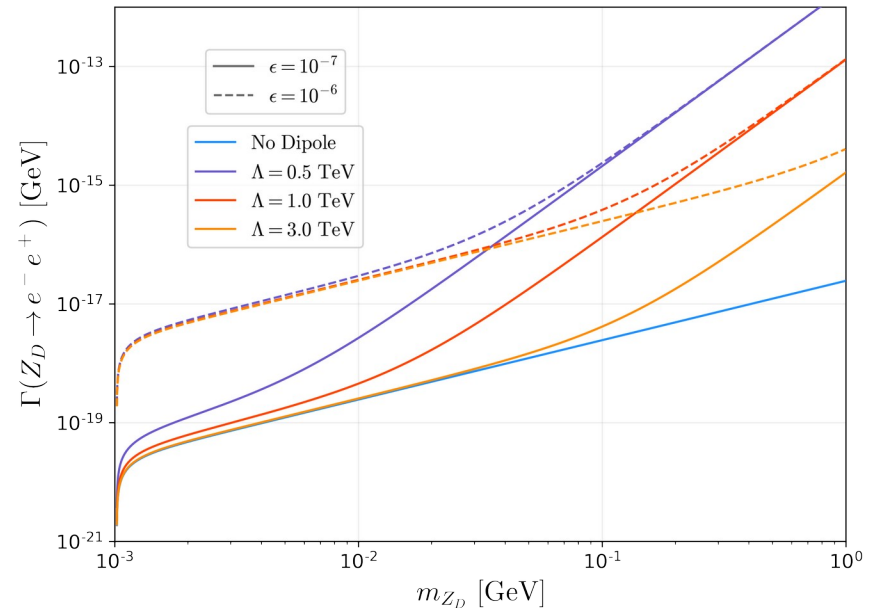
# Dark photon width to electrons

$$\Gamma(Z_D \rightarrow e^- e^+) =$$

$$\left[ \frac{\epsilon^2 \alpha_{\text{EM}} m_{Z_D}}{3} \left( 1 + 2 \frac{m_e^2}{m_{Z_D}^2} \right) + \frac{\epsilon \sqrt{\alpha_{\text{EM}}} d_e}{8\pi^{5/2}} \frac{m_e m_{Z_D} v}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{m_{Z_D}^3 v^2 d_e^2}{1536\pi^5 \Lambda^4} \left( 1 + 8 \frac{m_e^2}{m_{Z_D}^2} \right) \right] \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{m_{Z_D}^2}}$$

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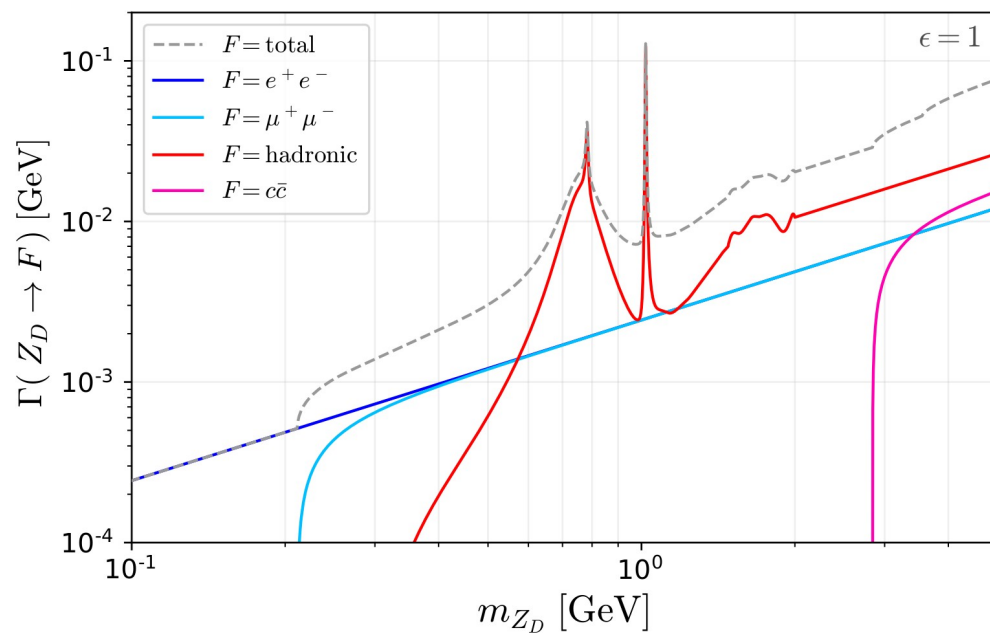
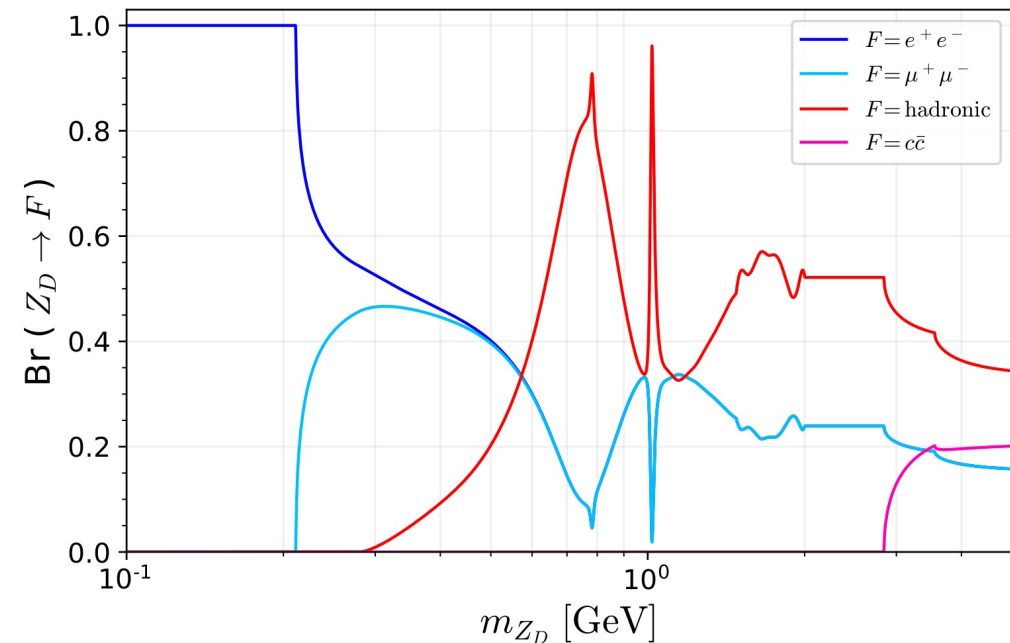
$$(10 \text{ GeV})^2 \times \frac{m_{Z_D}^2 d_e^2}{\epsilon^2 \Lambda^4} \gtrsim 1$$



# Dark photon widths (No dipole)

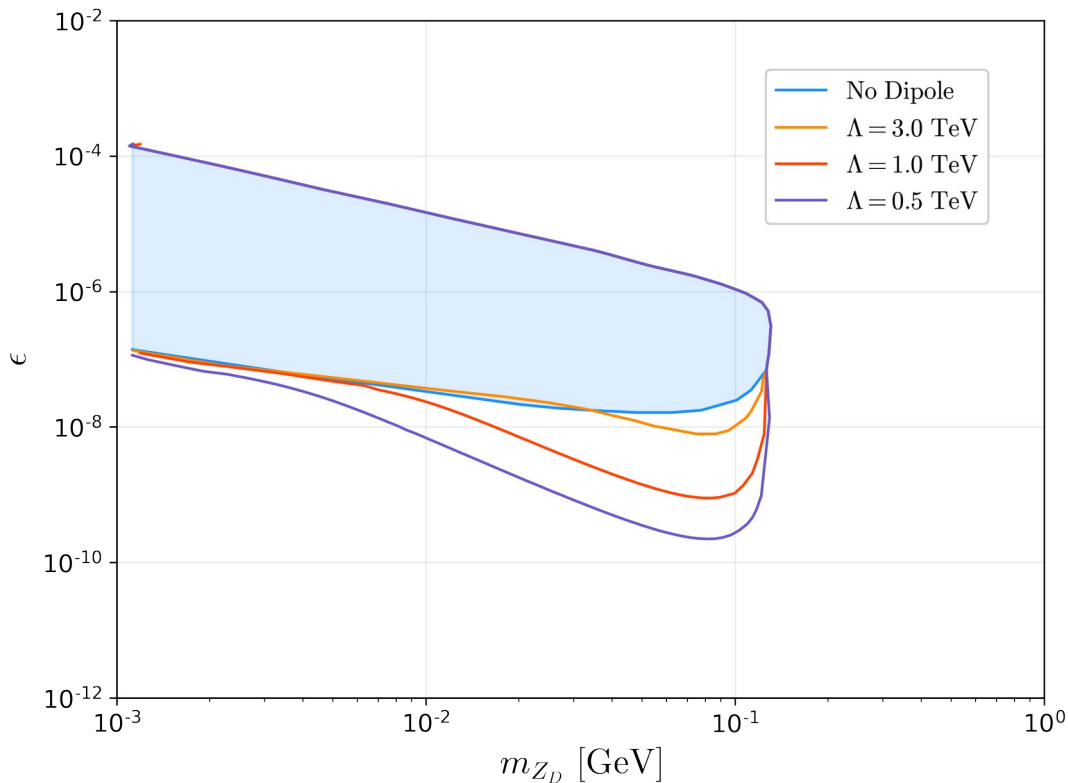
[Foguel, GMS, Zukanovich, 2022]

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\epsilon}{2c_W} \xrightarrow[\epsilon \ll 1]{\text{rotations}} -\epsilon Z_D^\mu J_{\text{EM},\mu}$$



# Phenomenology - LSND

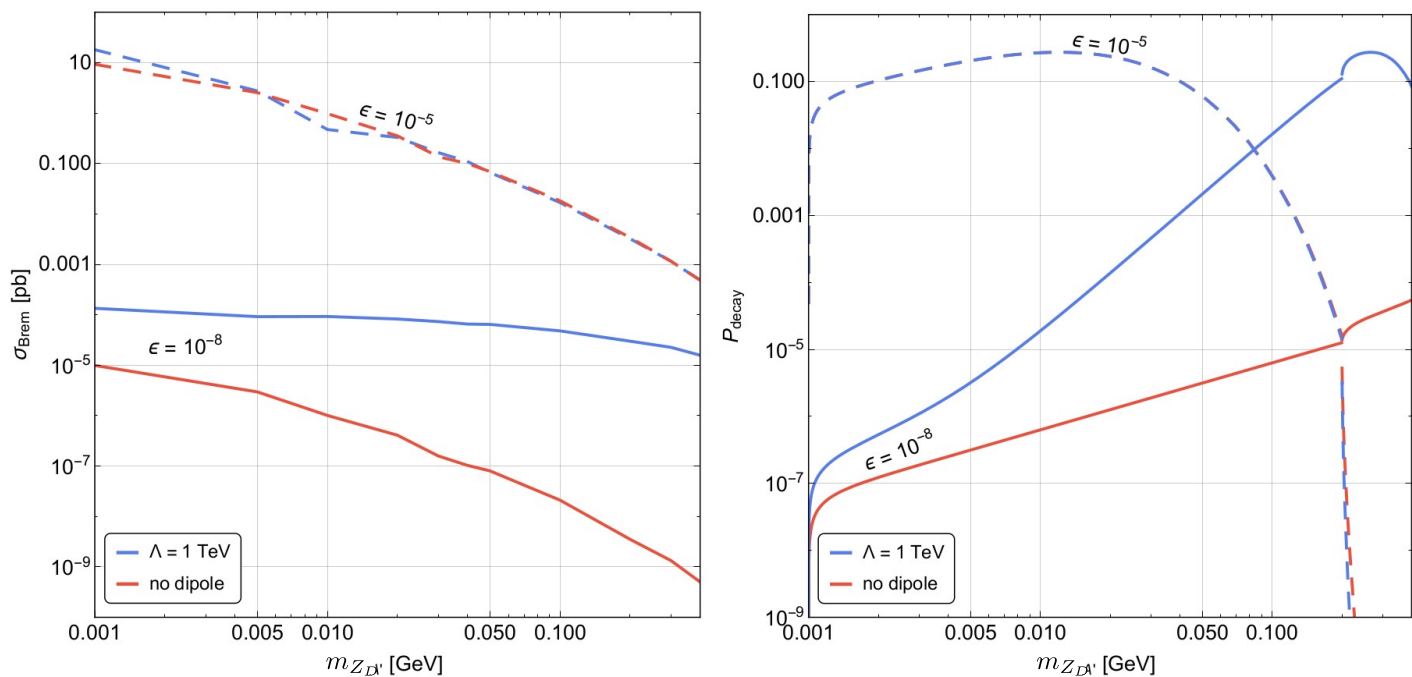
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- Old neutrino experiment:
  - Proton beam
  - $\sim 30$  m baseline
- Considerable uncertainties.

# Phenomenology - E137

- Cross-section & Decay probability





# Toy UV model - Lagrangian

- Vector-like leptons + Scalars

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{UV} \supset & \kappa_L \Phi^\dagger \bar{L} \mathcal{L}_R + \kappa_R \Phi^\dagger \bar{e}_R \mathcal{E}_L \\ & + y \bar{\mathcal{L}}_L H \mathcal{E}_R + y' \bar{\mathcal{L}}_R H \mathcal{E}_L + h.c. \\ & + \lambda' |H|^2 |S|^2\end{aligned}$$

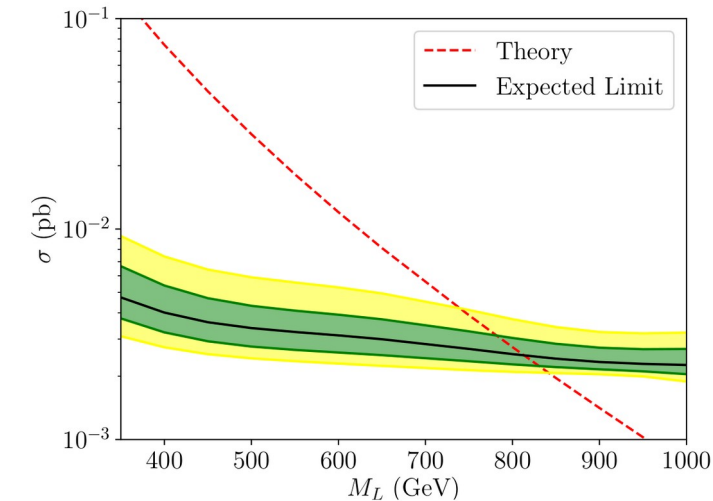
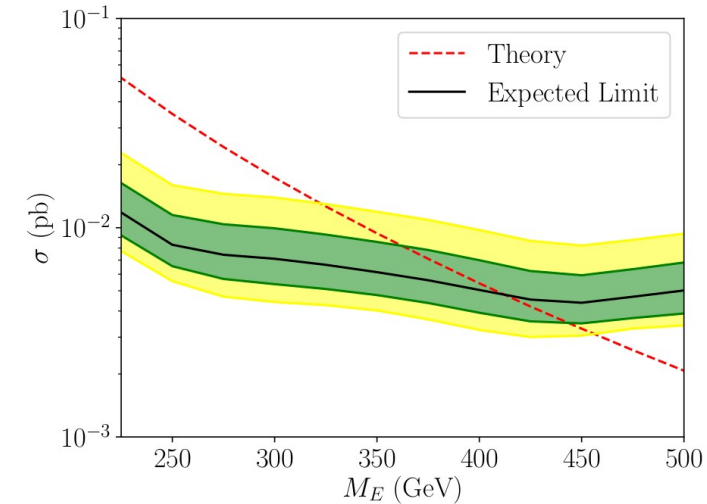
$$\begin{aligned}\Phi & \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0, q) \\ \mathcal{L}_{L,R} & \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2, q) \\ \mathcal{E}_{L,R} & \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, -1, q) \\ S & \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, y_S, q_S)\end{aligned}$$

# Toy UV model – Existing bounds

[Guedes, Santiago, 2021]

- Improved LHC bounds at 13 TeV
- Depend on precise values of BRs

$$M_E \gtrsim \begin{cases} 405 \text{ GeV}, & [\text{VLL singlet}], \\ 630 \text{ GeV}, & [\text{BR}(E \rightarrow \ell Z) = 1], \\ 895 \text{ GeV}, & [\text{BR}(E \rightarrow \ell A_H) = 1] \end{cases}$$



# Stuckelberg mechanism

- No  $U(1)_D$  gauge symmetry
- Operators built out of  $Z_D^\mu$

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$$+ \lambda_H (Z_D^\mu Z_{D\mu}) |H|^2 + Z_D^\mu J_\mu$$

$$J^\mu = \sum_f r_f \bar{f} \gamma^\mu f$$