

*Predictive Dirac neutrino spectrum with parity solution
to the strong CP problem in $SU(5)_L \times SU(5)_R$*

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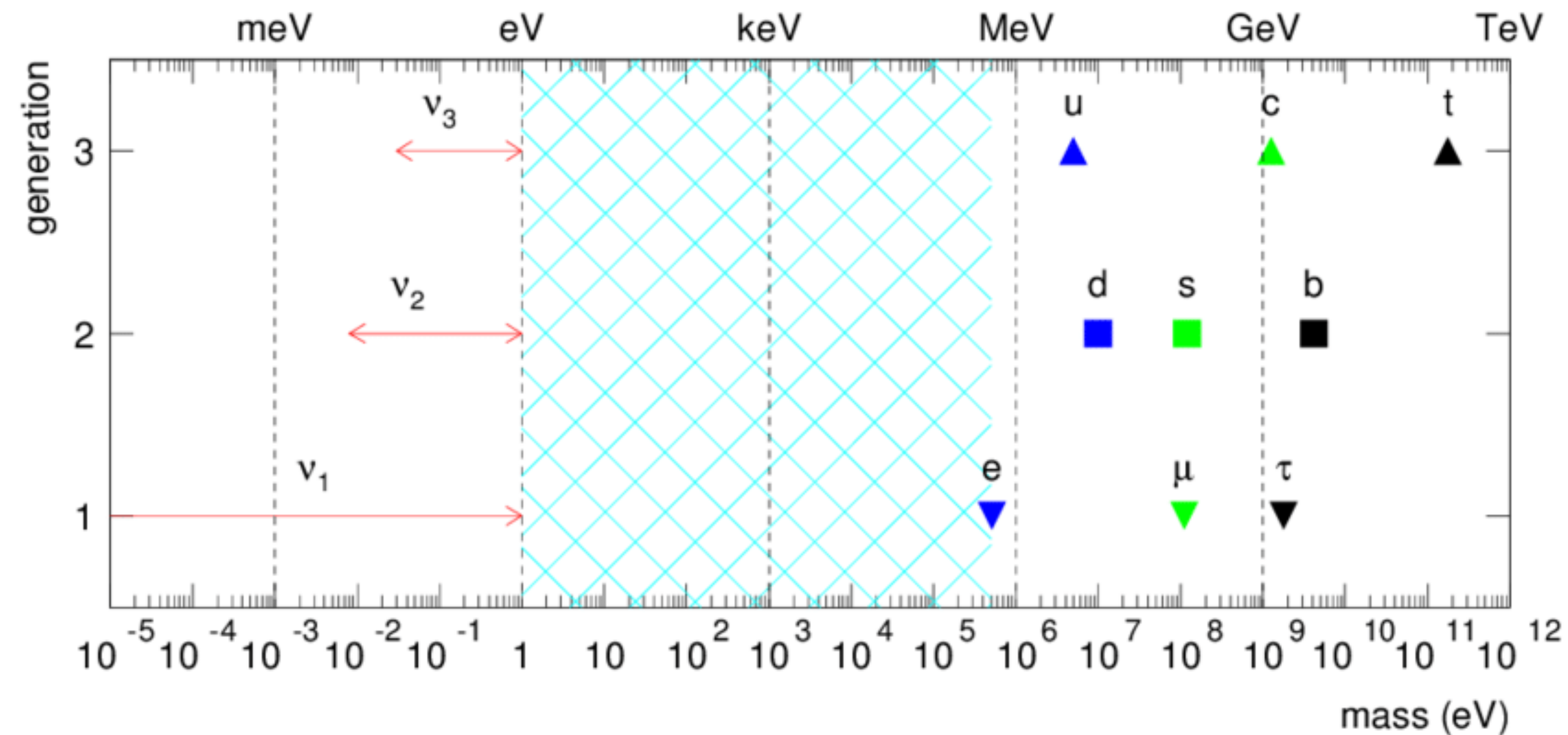
Shortcomings of the Standard Model

Neutrino masses are predicted to be zero in SM, but neutrino oscillates! $\implies M_\nu \neq 0!$

Open questions

- > Octant of θ_{23} ?
- > Absolute mass scale and mass hierarchy?
- > Are neutrinos their own antiparticle? Dirac vs Majorana
- > Is there CP Violation in lepton sector, $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \neq P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$?
- > Why is neutrino mass so tiny?

Nonzero neutrino masses
 \implies existence of new fundamental fields



Shortcomings of the Standard Model

- QCD lagrangian allows term that **violates Parity P** and **Time Reversal T** symmetries, thus **CP** symmetry:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} + \theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} + \bar{q} \left(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_q e^{i\theta_q \gamma_5} \right) q$$

g_s = strong coupling constant

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu G_\nu^a - \partial_\nu G_\mu^a + g_s f^{abc} G_\mu^b G_\nu^c$$

- Any **chiral rotation** of the quark field, $q \rightarrow e^{i\alpha\gamma_5} q$ would lead to redefinition of the the new parameter $\theta \rightarrow \theta + \alpha$ due to anomalous nature of this rotation,

\implies only **invariant physical quantity** is $\bar{\theta} = \theta + \theta_q$

or $\bar{\theta} = \theta + \text{ArgDet}[M_Q]$ with multiple flavors of the quark

No reason for them to cancel

- $\bar{\theta}$ induces **neutron electric dipole moment (neutron EDM)** $d_n \sim 3 \times 10^{-16} \bar{\theta} \text{ e cm}$
- Current bound** on neutron is $d_n < 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$

The mass parameters can in principle **have arbitrary phases**, and one would expect $\bar{\theta} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

Why is $\bar{\theta}$ so small?

Strong CP Problem

Solutions to the Strong CP Problem

Massless up quark

$$\bar{\theta} = \theta + \text{ArgDet}[M_Q]$$

- chiral rotations,
 $u \rightarrow e^{i\alpha\gamma_5} u \implies \theta \rightarrow \theta + \alpha$
can remove it.
- $m_u = 0$ is inconsistent with experimental data as well as lattice calculations.

H. Georgi and I. Mc Arthur'81

K. Choi, C.W. Kim and W.K. Sze'88

The Axion

Make $\bar{\theta}$ a dynamical field.

A global chiral U(1) symmetry is introduced that is spontaneously broken. Effective interaction of axion:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \left(\frac{a}{f_a} + \theta \right) \frac{1}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G}$$

Axion effective potential is such that vacuum solution relaxes to $\bar{\theta} = 0$

R.D. Peccei and H.R. Quinn'77

F. Wilczek'78, S. Weinberg'78

P or CP

Make P or CP exact symmetry broken spontaneously such a way that the determinant of the quark mass matrix is real.

$$\bar{\theta} = 0$$

A. Nelson'84 and S.M. Barr'84

Babu and Mohapatra, '90

Dirac Neutrinos from Left-Right Symmetry

- Fermion representation:

$$Q_L (3,2,1,1/3) = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \quad Q_R (3,1,2,1/3) = \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L_L (1,2,1,-1) = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} \quad L_R (1,1,2,-1) = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_R \\ e_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_X \\
 &\quad \downarrow \langle H_R^0 \rangle \\
 &SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \\
 &\quad \downarrow \langle H_L^0 \rangle \\
 &U(1)_{em}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Higgs sector for symmetry breaking is very simple:

$$H_L (1,2,1,1) = \begin{pmatrix} H_L^+ \\ H_L^0 \end{pmatrix}_L \quad H_R (1,1,2,1) = \begin{pmatrix} H_R^+ \\ H_R^0 \end{pmatrix}_R$$

- Vector-like fermion introduced to realize “universal seesaw” for charged fermion masses

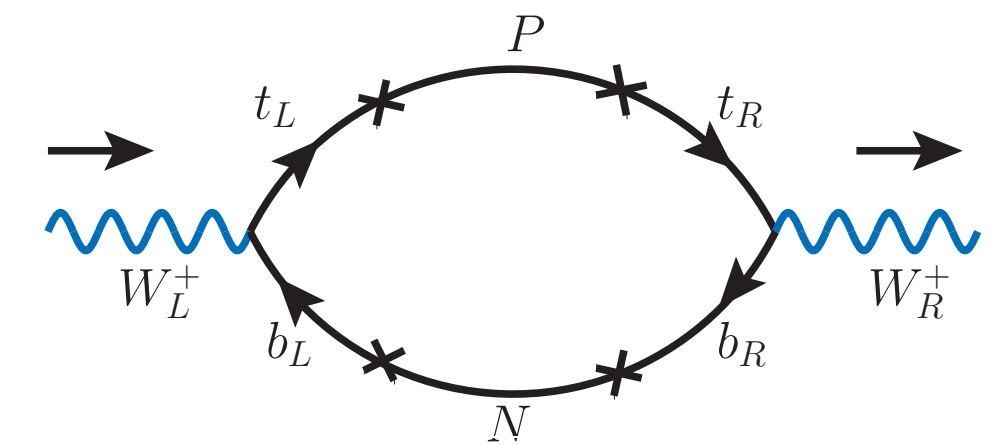
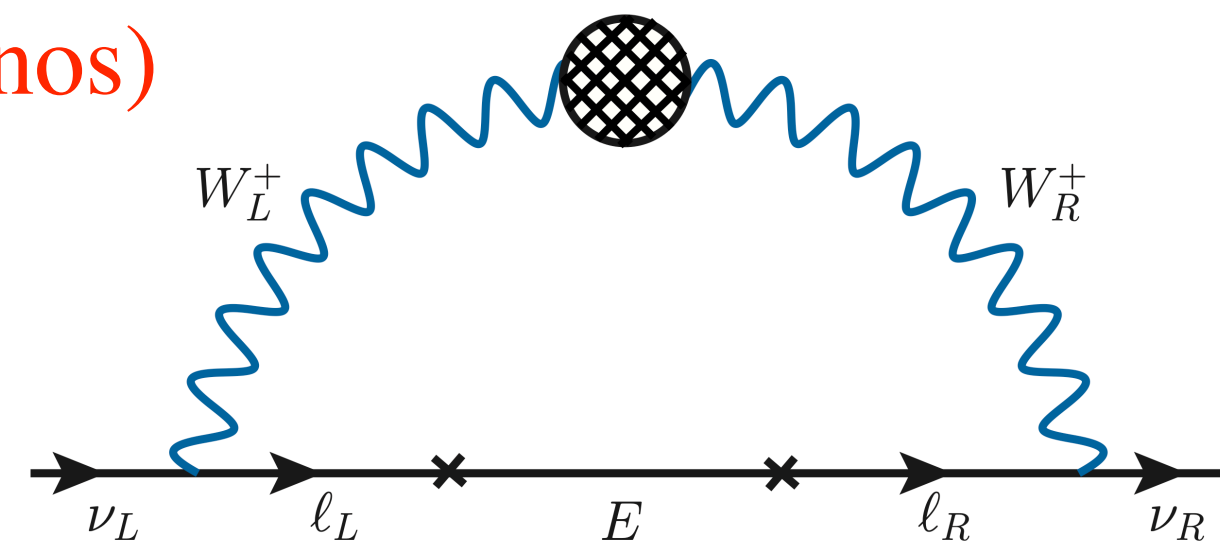
$$U (3,1,1,4/3), \quad D (3,1,1,-2/3), \quad E (1,1,1,-2)$$

[Davidson, Wali '87]

$$M_F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \kappa_L \\ y^\dagger \kappa_R & M \end{pmatrix} \implies m_{u_i} \approx \frac{y^2 \kappa_L \kappa_R}{M}$$

Seesaw for charged fermion masses (no seesaw for neutrinos)

- Dirac neutrinos arise naturally at two loop



[Babu, He, Su, Thapa '22]

Embedding in $SU(5)_L \times SU(5)_R$

- The fermion spectrum of the model has a **natural embedding** in $SU(5)_L \times SU(5)_R$ unification
- All **left-handed (right-handed)** fermions of the SM fit into $\mathbf{10} + \bar{\mathbf{5}}$ of $SU(5)_L$ ($SU(5)_R$)
- The remaining **vector-like quarks and leptons** fill rest of the multiples

$$\psi_{L,R} = \begin{pmatrix} D_1^c \\ D_2^c \\ D_3^c \\ e \\ -\nu \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} D_{L,R} \\ L_{L,R} \end{matrix}$$

$$\chi_{L,R} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & U_3^c & -U_2^c & u_1 & d_1 \\ -U_3^c & 0 & U_1^c & u_2 & d_2 \\ U_2^c & -U_1^c & 0 & u_3 & d_3 \\ -u_1 & -u_2 & -u_3 & 0 & E^c \\ -d_1 & -d_2 & -d_3 & -E^c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} U_{L,R} \\ Q_{L,R} \\ E_{L,R} \\ L_{L,R} \end{matrix}$$

- **Parity** can be imposed under which $\psi_L \leftrightarrow \psi_R$ and $\chi_L \leftrightarrow \chi_R$

GUT Symmetry Breaking and Gauge Coupling Unification

- With the **SM particles**, we obtain following beta function coefficients with properly normalized gauge couplings:

$$b_1 = \frac{41}{26}, \quad b_2 = -\frac{19}{6}, \quad b_3 = -\frac{7}{2}$$
- If $SU(5) \times SU(5)$ directly break to the SM group, where g_i meet at a **single value**. $\alpha_{\text{GUT}} = 2 \alpha_3 = \alpha_2 = \frac{13}{3} \alpha_1$
 - $\implies \sin^2 \theta_W = 3/16$
 - \implies **Cannot reconcile** value measured at EW scale
 - \implies An **intermediate symmetry** is needed

$$\sin^2 \theta_W(m_t) = \frac{3}{16} \left[1 + \frac{\alpha}{6\pi} \left\{ -\frac{185}{3} \log \frac{M_G}{m_t} \right\} \right]$$

To break $SU(5)_L \times SU(5)_R$ spontaneously to $SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{\text{em}}$ we choose the following Higgs multiplets

$$\{\Sigma_L(75,1) + \Sigma_R(1,75)\},$$

Why not $(24,1)+(1,24)$?

> allows $(24,1)H_R^\dagger \Phi H_L$ and $(24,1)\eta^\dagger \Phi \Phi$
that spoils strong CP solution

$$\{H_L(5,1) + H_R(1,5)\}, \quad \Phi(\bar{5}, 5),$$

Required for fermion mass generation

Required for symmetry breaking

[Babu, Mohapatra, Thapa, '24]

$$\eta(\bar{15}, 15)$$

Required for gauge coupling unification

Why not $(\bar{10}, 10)$?

- > allows rapid proton decay
- > spoils strong CP
- > makes g_{5R} nonperturbative

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$$SU(5)_L \times SU(5)_R$$

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- The **evolution of the gauge couplings** are governed by the following **RGEs**

$$16\pi^2 \frac{dg_i}{dt} = g_i^3 b_i + \frac{g_i^3}{16\pi^2} \left[\sum_j b_{ij} g_j^2 - \sum_k C_{ik} \text{Tr} (Y_k^\dagger Y_k) \right]$$

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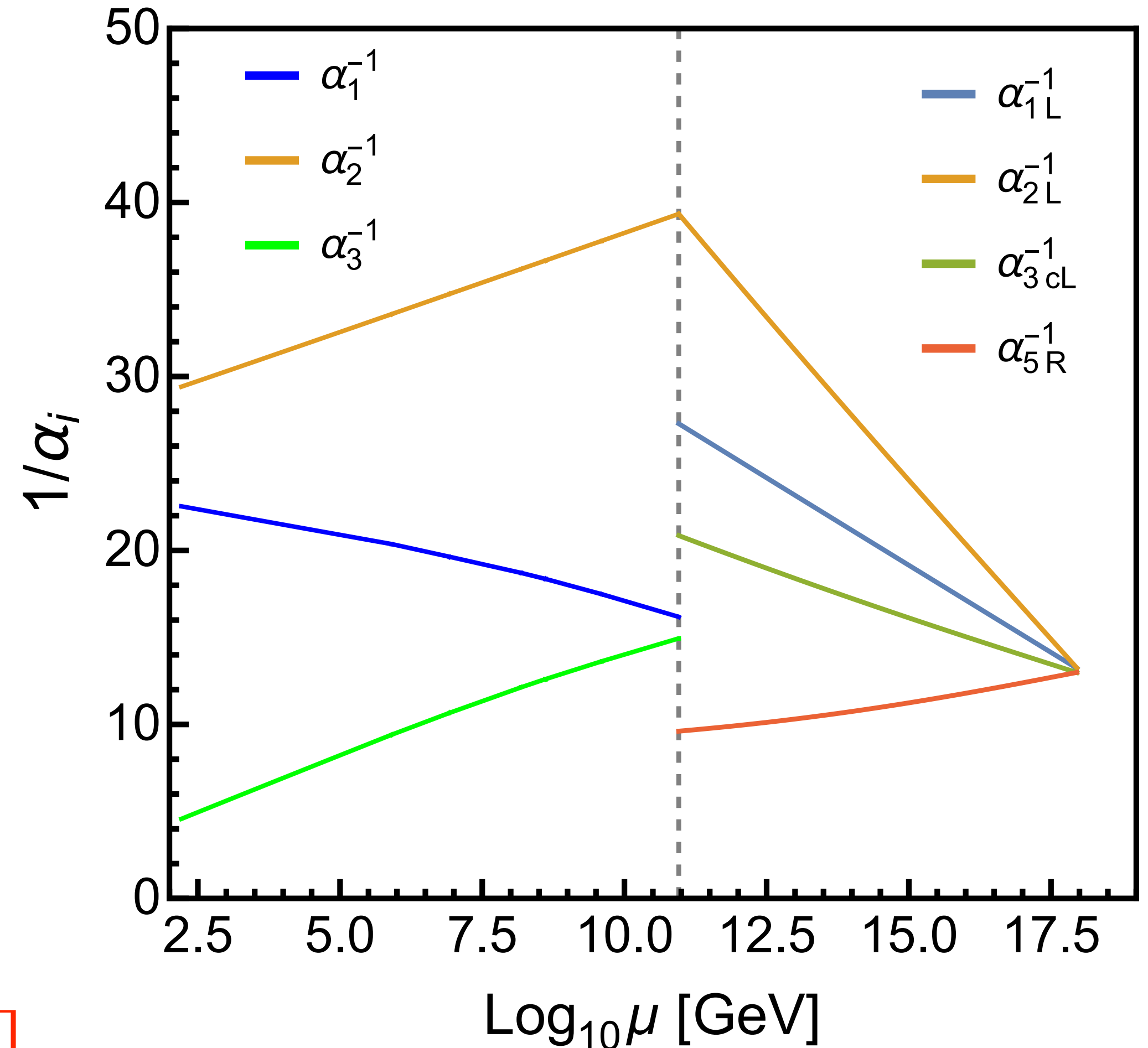
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$$\begin{aligned}
 M_I &= 9.02 \times 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \\
 M_G &= 8.0 \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV} \\
 \alpha_G^{-1} &= 13.18
 \end{aligned}$$

Fermion Mass Generation

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = \frac{(Y_u^\star)_{ij}}{4} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rho} \left\{ \chi_{Li}^{\alpha\beta} \chi_{Lj}^{\gamma\delta} H_L^\rho + \chi_{Ri}^{\alpha\beta} \chi_{Rj}^{\gamma\delta} H_R^\rho \right\} + \sqrt{2} (Y_\ell^\star)_{ij} \left\{ \psi_{Li\alpha} \chi_{Lj}^{\alpha\beta} H_{L\beta}^\star + \psi_{Ri\alpha} \chi_{Rj}^{\alpha\beta} H_{R\beta}^\star \right\} + (Y_D^\star)_{ij} \bar{\psi}_{Li}^\alpha \Phi_\alpha^\beta \psi_{Rj\beta}$$

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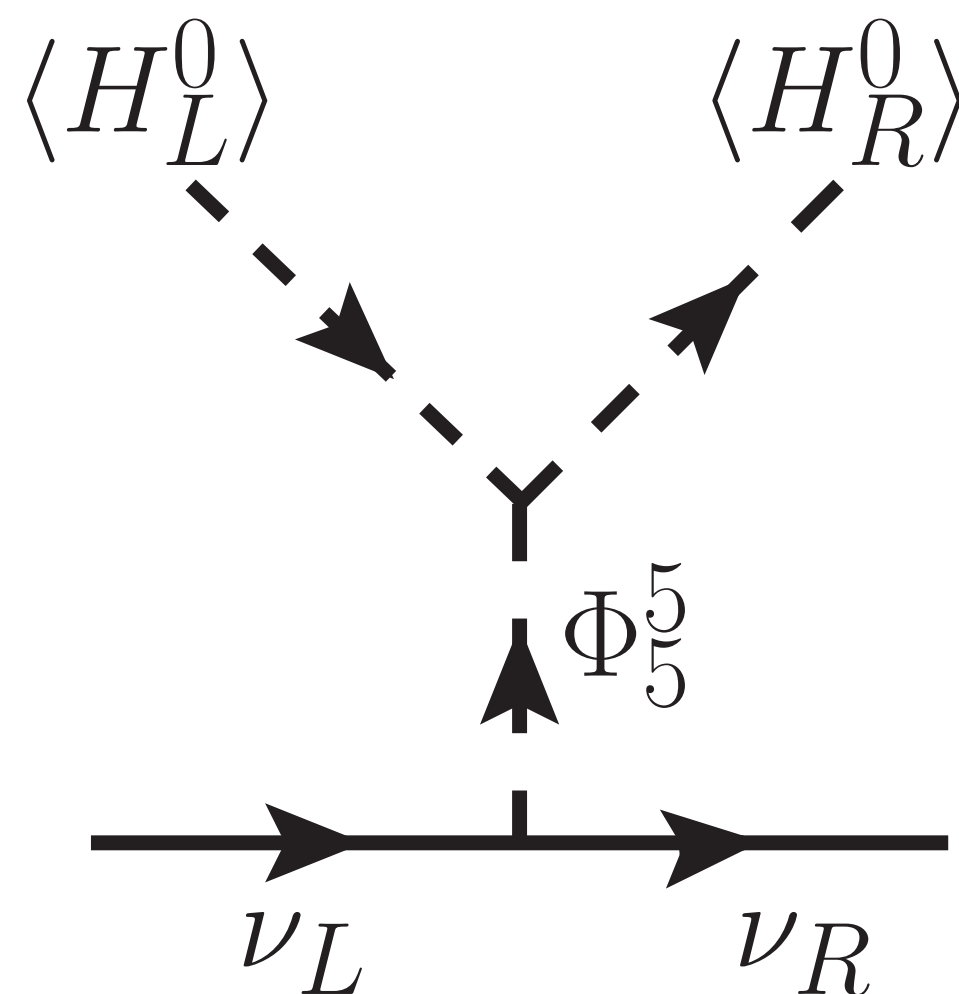
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- Small **Dirac neutrinos** masses are induced naturally at the tree level via **type-II Dirac seesaw**



$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu\text{-mass}}^{\text{Dirac}} = \frac{\bar{\nu}_L \nu_R \langle H_L^0 \rangle \langle H_R^0 \rangle}{M_G} \implies Y_\nu^{\text{Dirac}} \sim \frac{M_I}{M_G} \approx 10^{-7}$$

Majorana mass for ν_R is forbidden by unbroken $B - L$ symmetry

Predictions for Neutrino Oscillations

- In the basis where Y_u and Y_ℓ are **diagonal**, down-type quark mass matrix M_d read as

$$M_u = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{M}_u \kappa_L \\ \hat{M}_u \frac{\kappa_R}{\kappa_L} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_\ell = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{M}_\ell \kappa_L \\ \hat{M}_\ell \frac{\kappa_R}{\kappa_L} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

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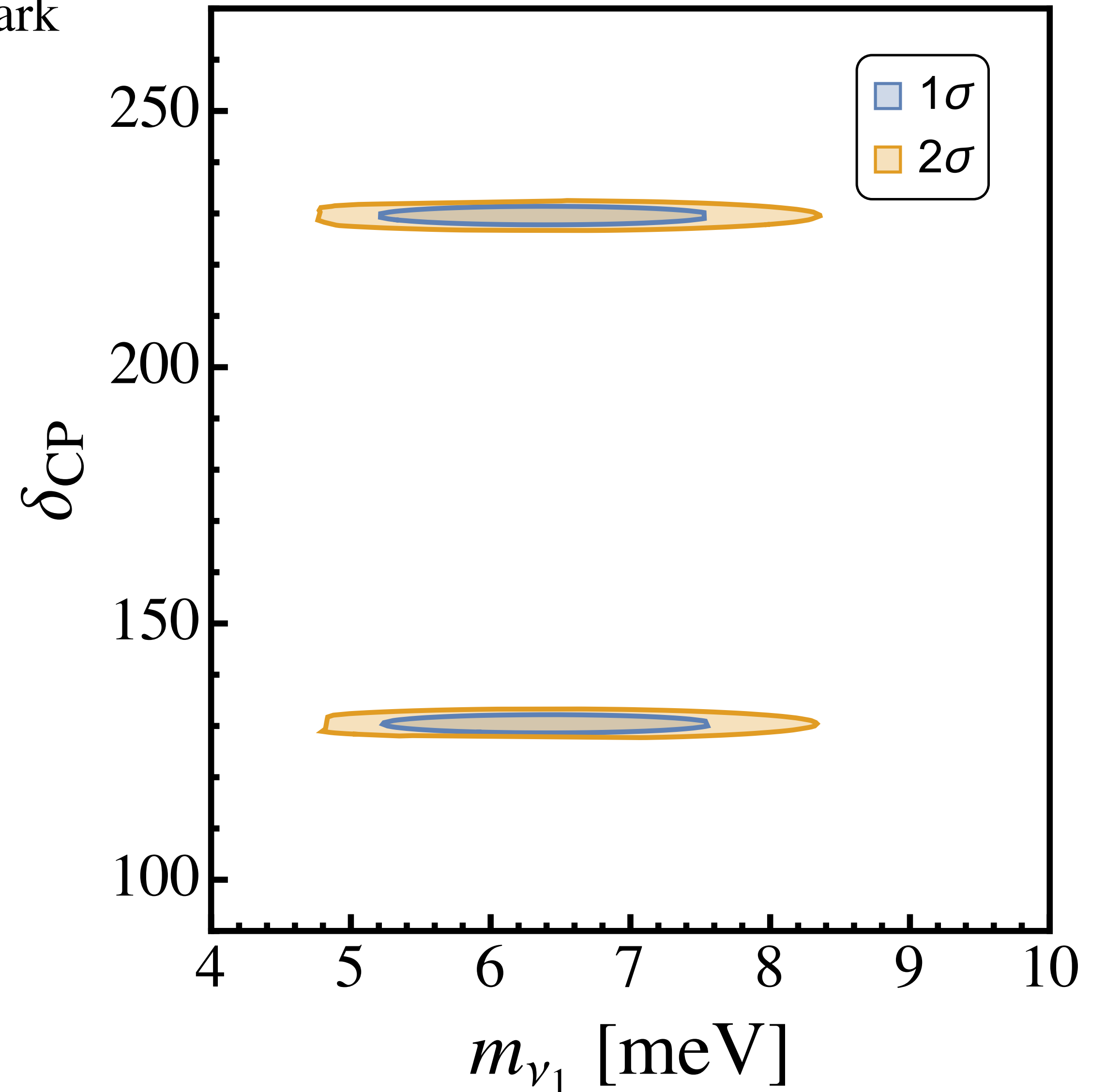
- Only **one parameter** in M_d to fit three light down-quark masses

\implies Predicts δ_{CP} and lightest neutrino mass m_{ν_1}

$$\delta_{\text{CP}} = (130.4 \pm 1.2)^\circ \text{ or } (229.6 \pm 1.2)^\circ$$

$$m_{\nu_1} = (4.8 - 8.4) \text{ meV}$$

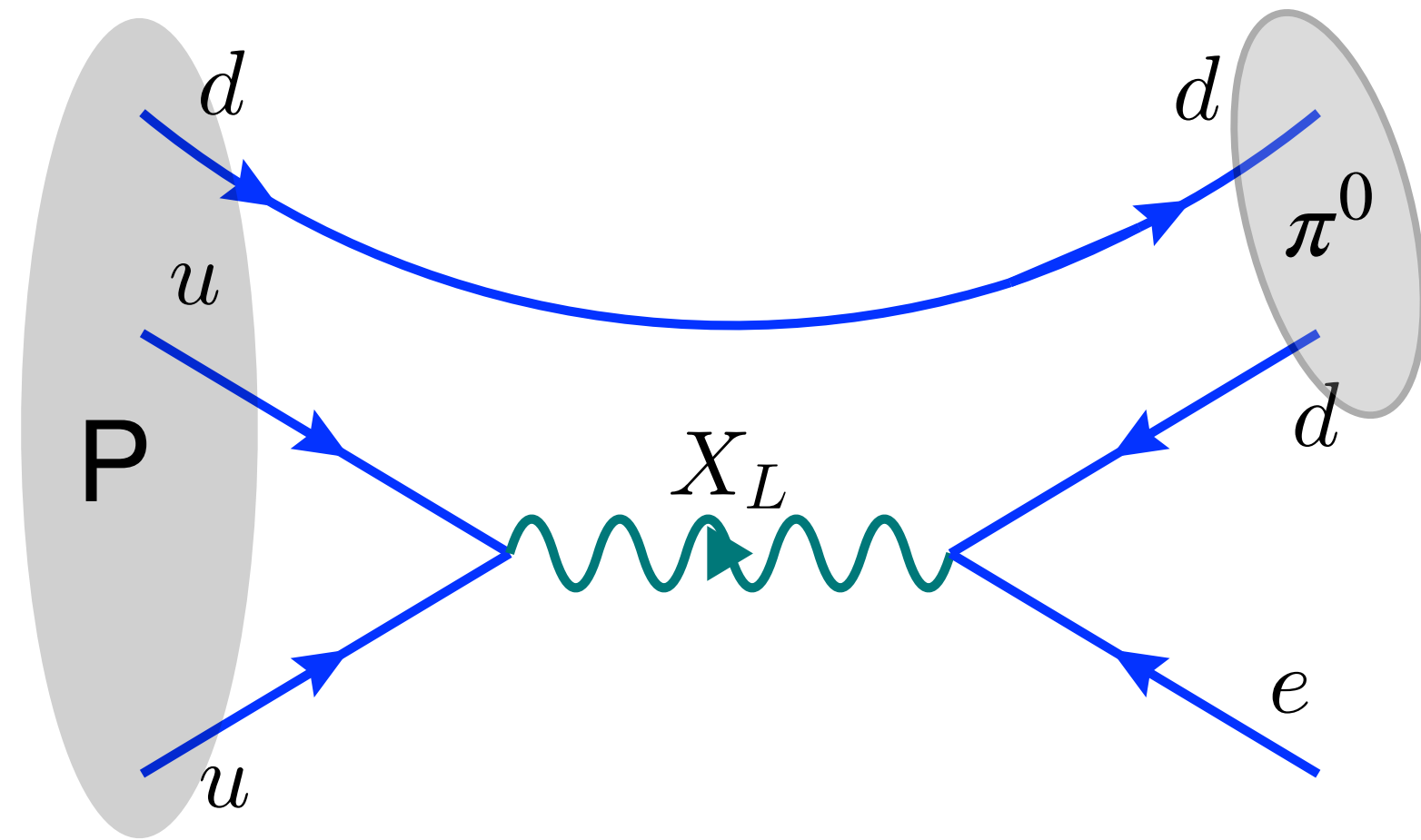
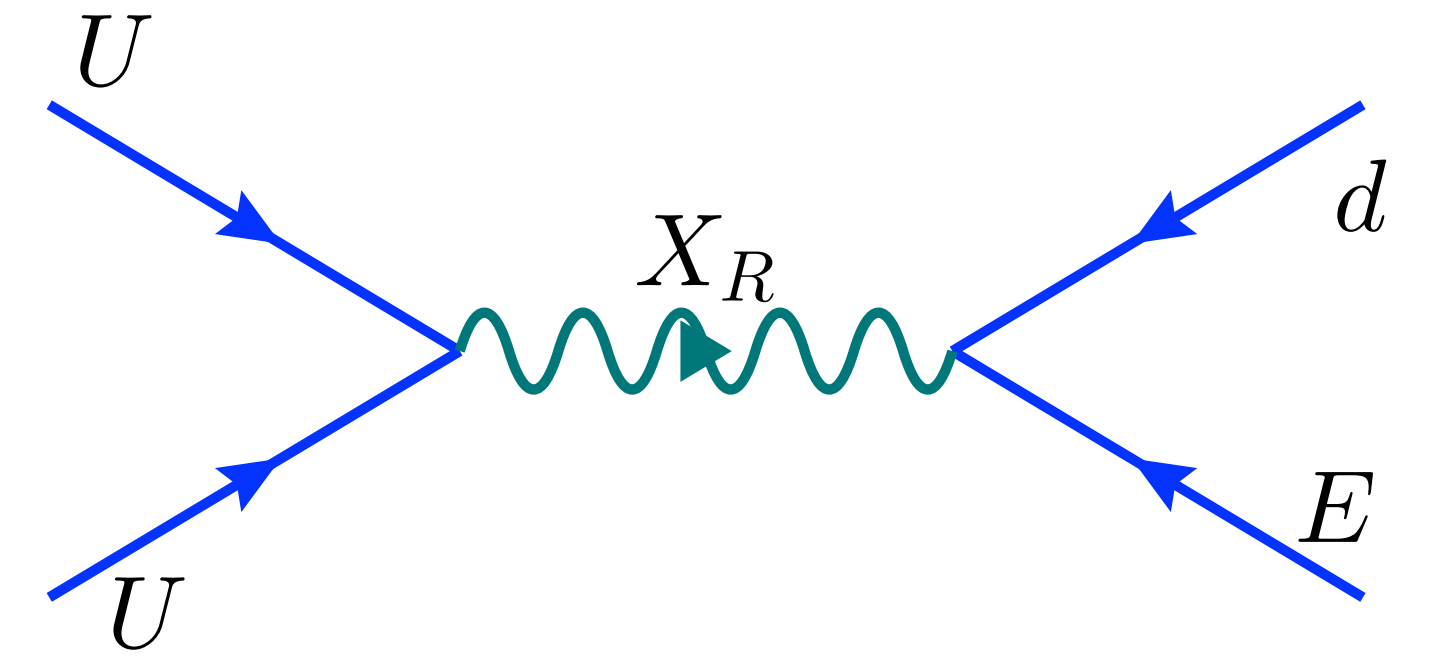
\implies Only **normal hierarchy**



[Babu, Mohapatra, Thapa, '24]

Proton Decay

- Gauge bosons of $SU(5)_R$ with masses $M_{X_R, Y_R} \simeq M_I \sim 10^{11}$ GeV do not lead to proton decay owing to the structure of the zeros in (2,2) blocks of M_u and M_ℓ
- These couplings involve at least one heavy field
- Same is true with $H_R(1,5)$ Higgs field which has mass of order M_I



- B -violating interactions of X_L and Y_L gauge bosons of $SU(5)_L$ with masses of order $M_G = (7 \times 10^{16} - 8 \times 10^{17})$ GeV mediate proton decay.
- The leading decay mode of proton is $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ with lifetime $\tau_p \approx (10^{38} - 10^{42})$ years. (Well beyond the reach of forthcoming experiments like JUNO, Hyperkamiokande, and DUNE)

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- Quantum corrections would in general induce $\bar{\theta} \neq 0$, but this may be within experimentally allowed range $\bar{\theta} \leq 1.19 \times 10^{-10}$ arising from neutron EDM limits.

Vanishing of one loop $\bar{\theta}$ contributions

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tree level quark mass for $q = u, d$
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from 1-loop, 2-loop, ..

$$M_q = M_q^{(0)} + \delta M_q = M_q^{(0)}(1 + C)$$

L : light sector
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$$\delta M_q = \begin{pmatrix} \delta M_{LL}^q & \delta M_{LH}^q \\ \delta M_{HL}^q & \delta M_{HH}^q \end{pmatrix}$$

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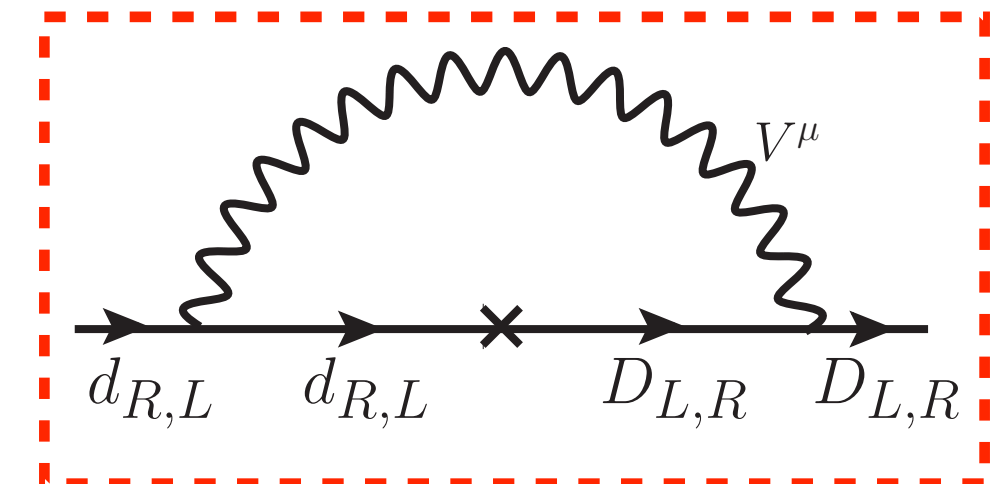
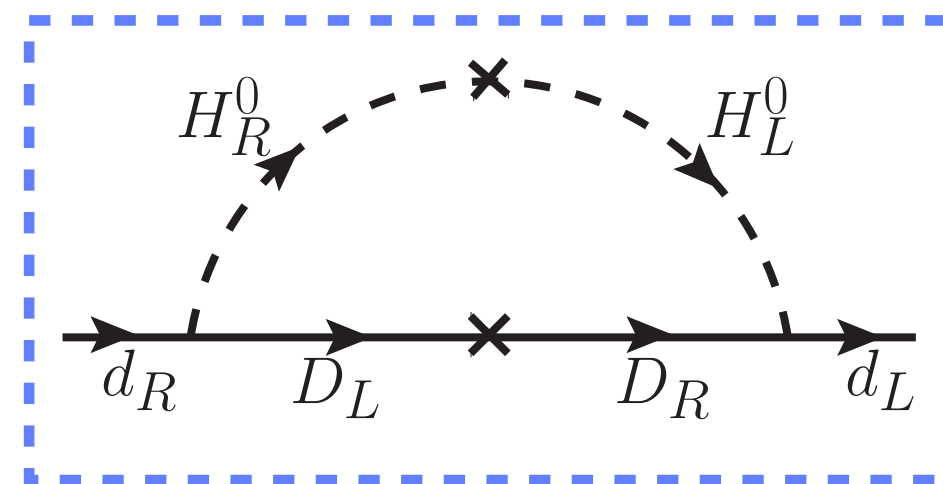
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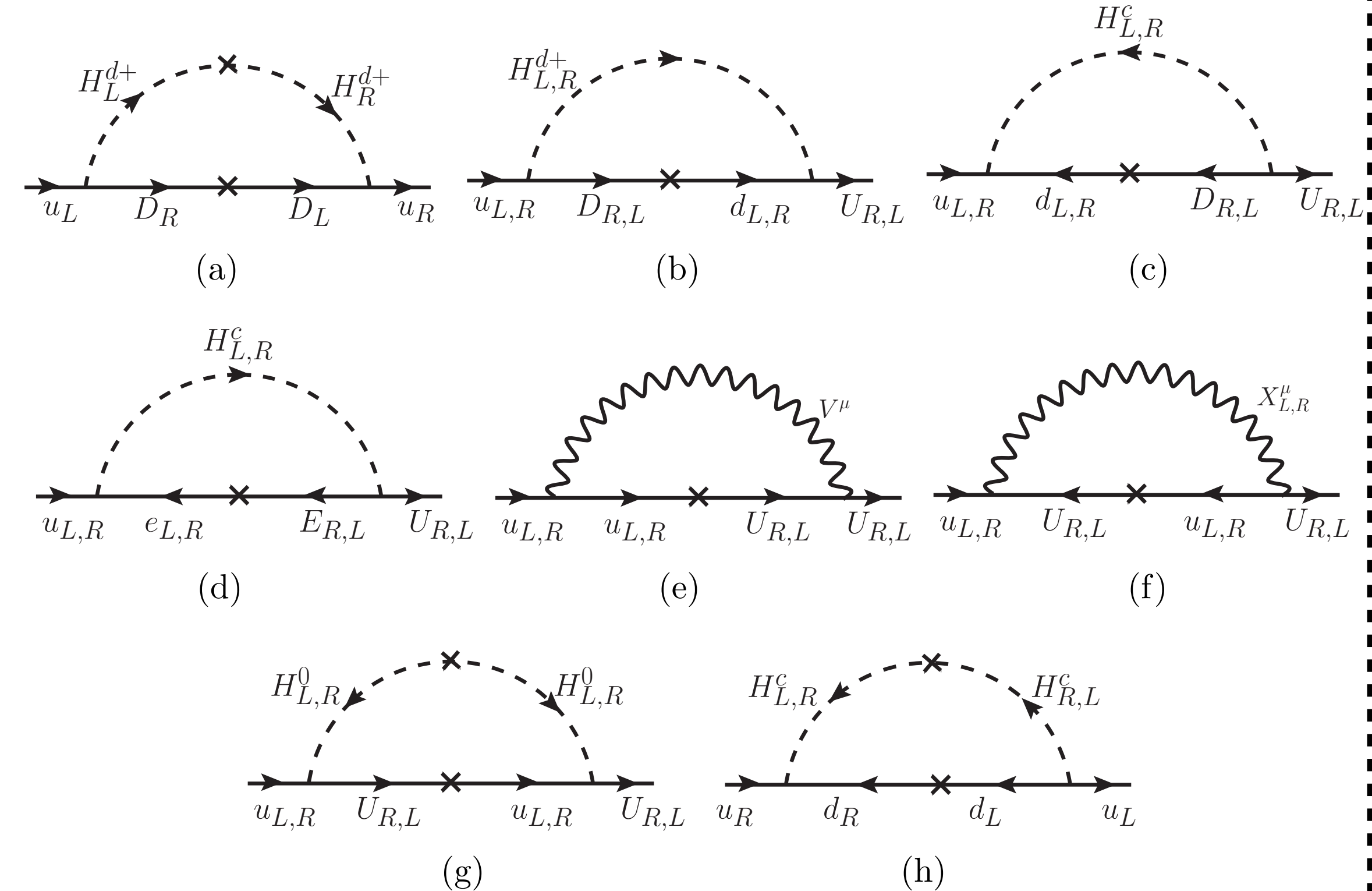
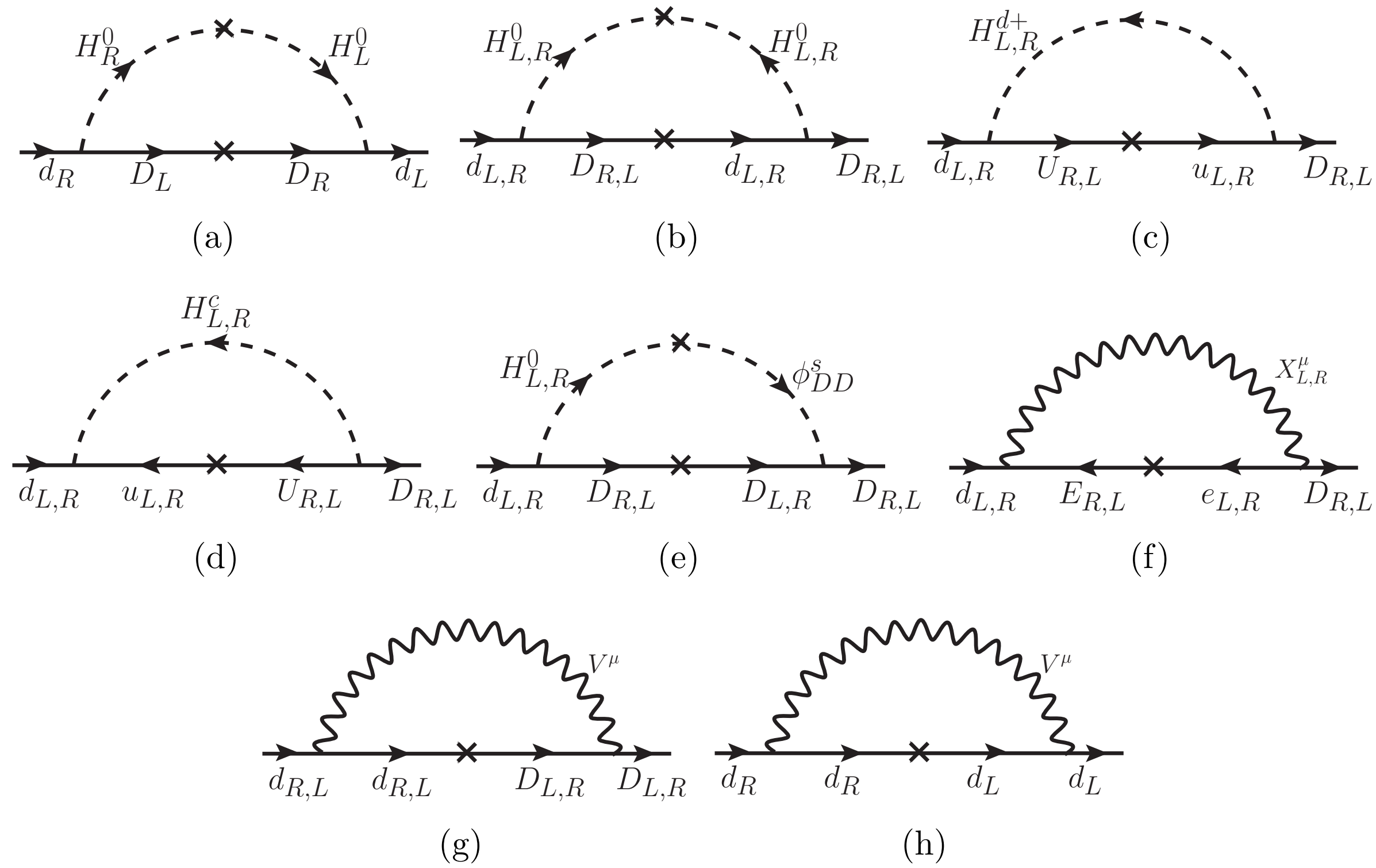
- $\bar{\theta}$ is given by

$$\bar{\theta} = \text{Im Tr} C_1 + \text{Im Tr} \left(C_2 - \frac{1}{2} C_1^2 \right) + \dots$$

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Vanishing of one loop $\bar{\theta}$

[Babu, Mohapatra, Thapa, '24]



Each diagram individually gives
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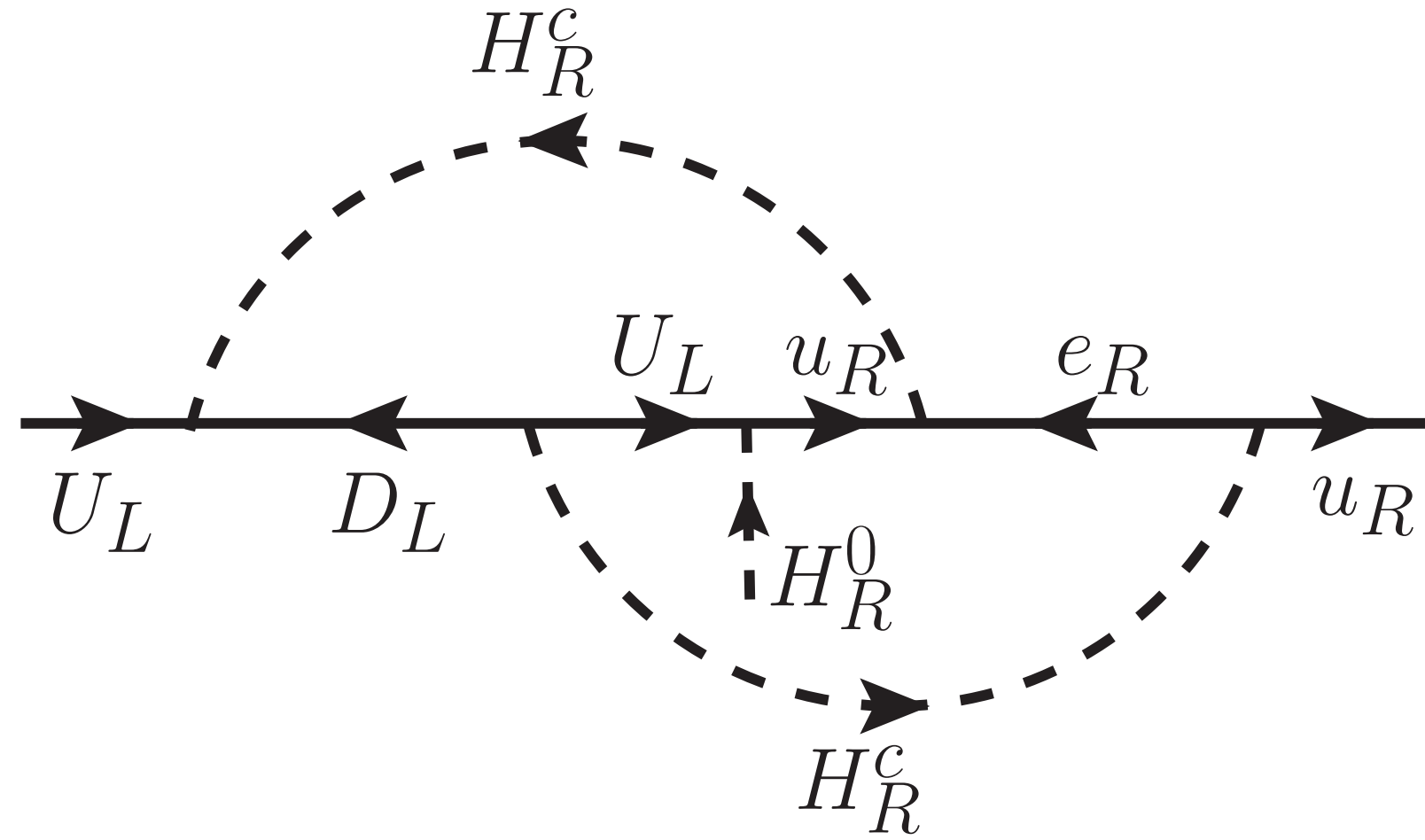
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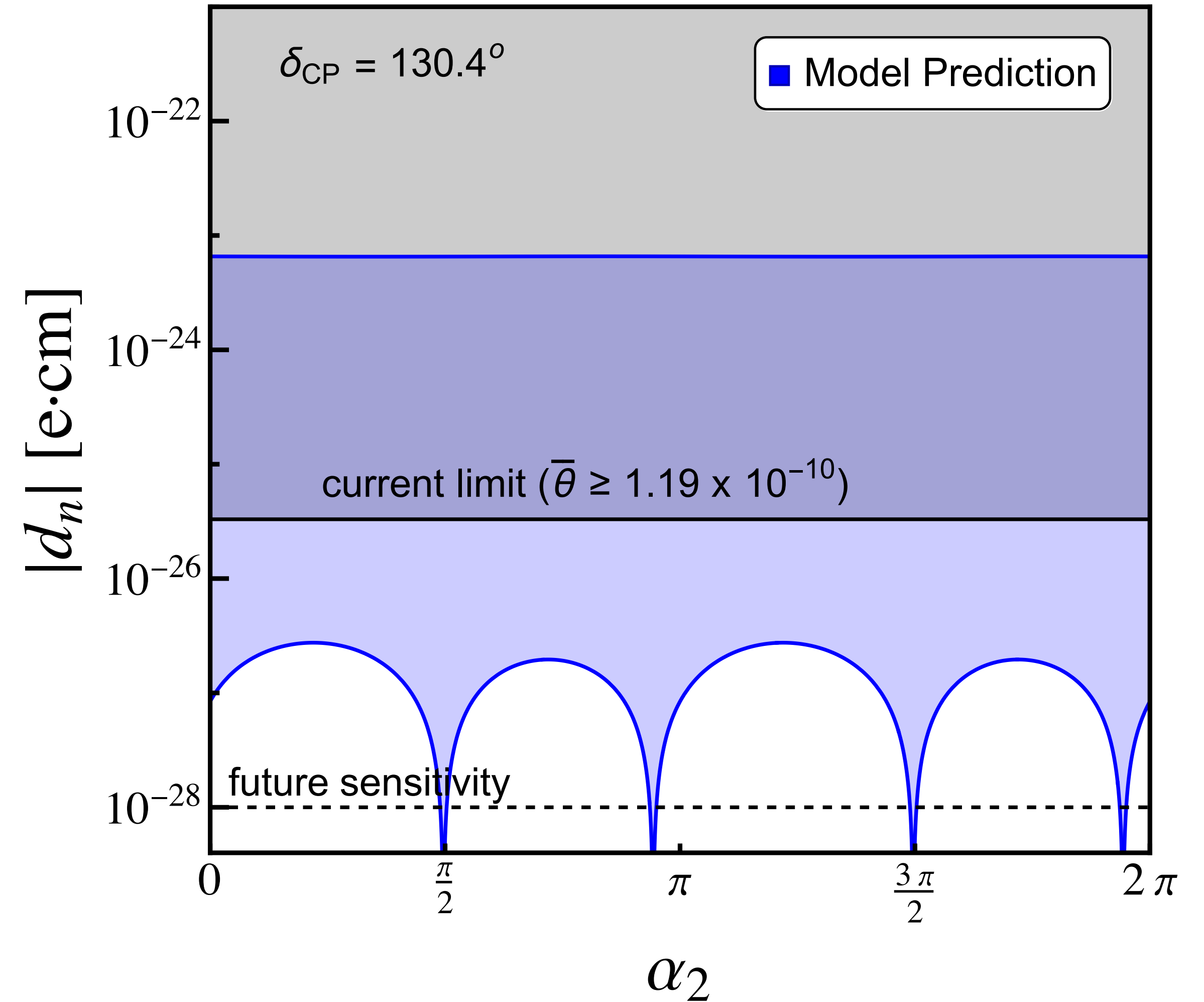
Two loop contribution to $\bar{\theta}$



$$\bar{\theta} \approx \frac{8}{(4\pi)^4} \text{Im Tr} \left[Q^* U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger \hat{Y}_\ell^2 U_{\text{PMNS}} Q^2 \hat{Y}_u U_{\text{PMNS}}^T \hat{Y}_\ell^2 U_{\text{PMNS}}^* (\hat{Y}_u)^{-1} \right] \ln \left(\frac{M_{H_L^c}}{M_{H_R^c}} \right)$$

All parameters are known expect for

$$Q = \text{diag.} (e^{i\alpha_1}, e^{i\alpha_2}, 1) \text{ with } \alpha_1 = 0.128 + n\pi/2 \text{ (} n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$



Renormalization group evolution of $\bar{\theta}$

- There is the possibility that **extrapolation of the Yukawa couplings by the RGE from the GUT scale to the weak scale could generate a nonzero $\bar{\theta}$**
- The induced $\bar{\theta}$ via RGE from the up-quark sector read as

$$\delta(\bar{\theta}) = \text{Im Tr} \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(Y_{uL} Y_{uR}^\dagger \right) \left(Y_{uL} Y_{uL}^\dagger \right)^{-1} \right]$$

$$\beta^{(1)}(Y_{uL}) = +\frac{3}{2} Y_{uL} Y_{uL}^\dagger Y_{uL} - \frac{3}{2} Y_{dL} Y_{dL}^\dagger Y_{uL} + 3 \text{Tr} \left(Y_{uL}^\dagger Y_{uL} \right) Y_{uL} + 3 \text{Tr} \left(Y_{dL}^\dagger Y_{dL} \right) Y_{uL} + \text{Tr} \left(Y_{lL}^\dagger Y_{lL} \right) Y_{uL} - \frac{17}{20} g_{1L}^2 Y_{uL} - \frac{9}{4} g_{2L}^2 Y_{uL} - 8 g_{3L}^2 Y_{uL}$$

$$\vdots$$

- $\frac{d}{dt} \left(Y_{uL} Y_{uR}^\dagger \right)$ is a hermitian matrix \implies does not generate $\bar{\theta}$ if the initial $\bar{\theta}$ is zero

Fermion mass fitting

- Redefine the down-type quarks (d, D) and the charged leptons (e, E) to go from the original basis to new basis such that \hat{M}_ℓ and \hat{M}_u are diagonal

$$d_L = V_R P^* d'_L, \quad d_R = V_R P^* d'_R, \quad D_L = Q U_{\text{PMNS}}^T D'_L, \quad D_R = Q U_{\text{PMNS}}^T D'_R e_L = Q^* U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger e'_L, \quad e_R = Q^* U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger e'_R, \\ \nu_L = Q^* \nu'_L, \quad \nu_R = Q^* \nu'_R E_L = V_R^* P E'_L, \quad E_R = V_R^* P E'_R.$$

$$M_u = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{M}_u \kappa_L \\ \hat{M}_u \frac{\kappa_R}{\kappa_L} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_\ell = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{M}_\ell \kappa_L \\ \hat{M}_\ell \frac{\kappa_R}{\kappa_L} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_d = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{M}_\ell \\ \hat{M}_\ell \frac{\kappa_R}{\kappa_L} & \frac{v_\phi}{v_\nu} U_{\text{PMNS}}^* \hat{M}_\nu U_{\text{PMNS}}^T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi_L^\dagger M_d \xi_R = \text{diag.} \left(m_d, m_s, m_b, m_{D_1}, m_{D_2}, m_{D_3} \right) \text{ where } \xi_{L,R} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^{11} & \xi^{12} \\ \xi^{21} & \xi^{22} \end{pmatrix}_{L,R}$$

- **CKM matrix** is given by $V_{\text{CKM}} = P'^* V_R P^* \xi_L^{11} Q'^*$

unspecified unitary matrix V_R , thus V_{CKM} is unconstrained

$$m_{D_1} (M_I) = 1.05 \times 10^7 \text{ GeV} \quad m_{D_2} (M_I) = 1.62 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV} \quad m_{D_3} (M_I) = 4.38 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$