

Testing the Standard Model and Probing New Physics with Low-Energy Atomic, Molecular and Optical Experiments

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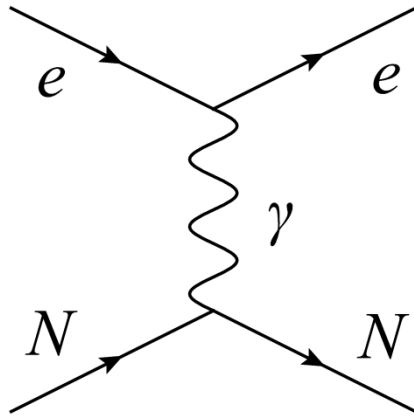
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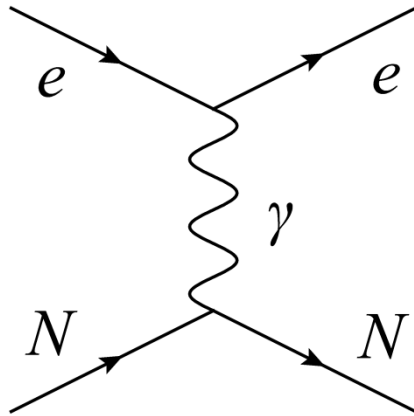
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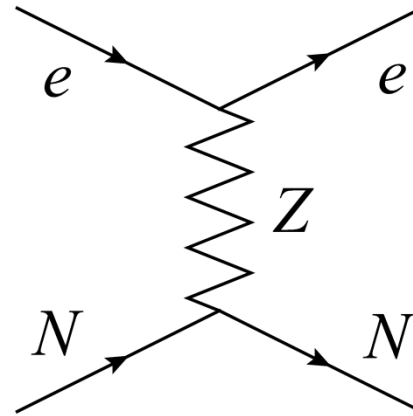
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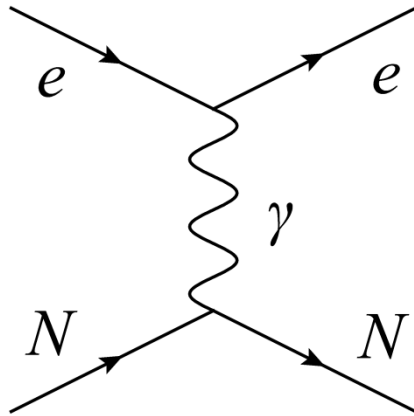


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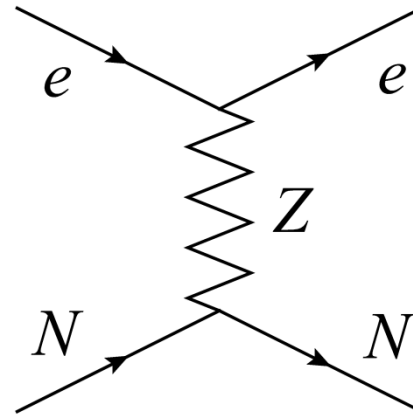
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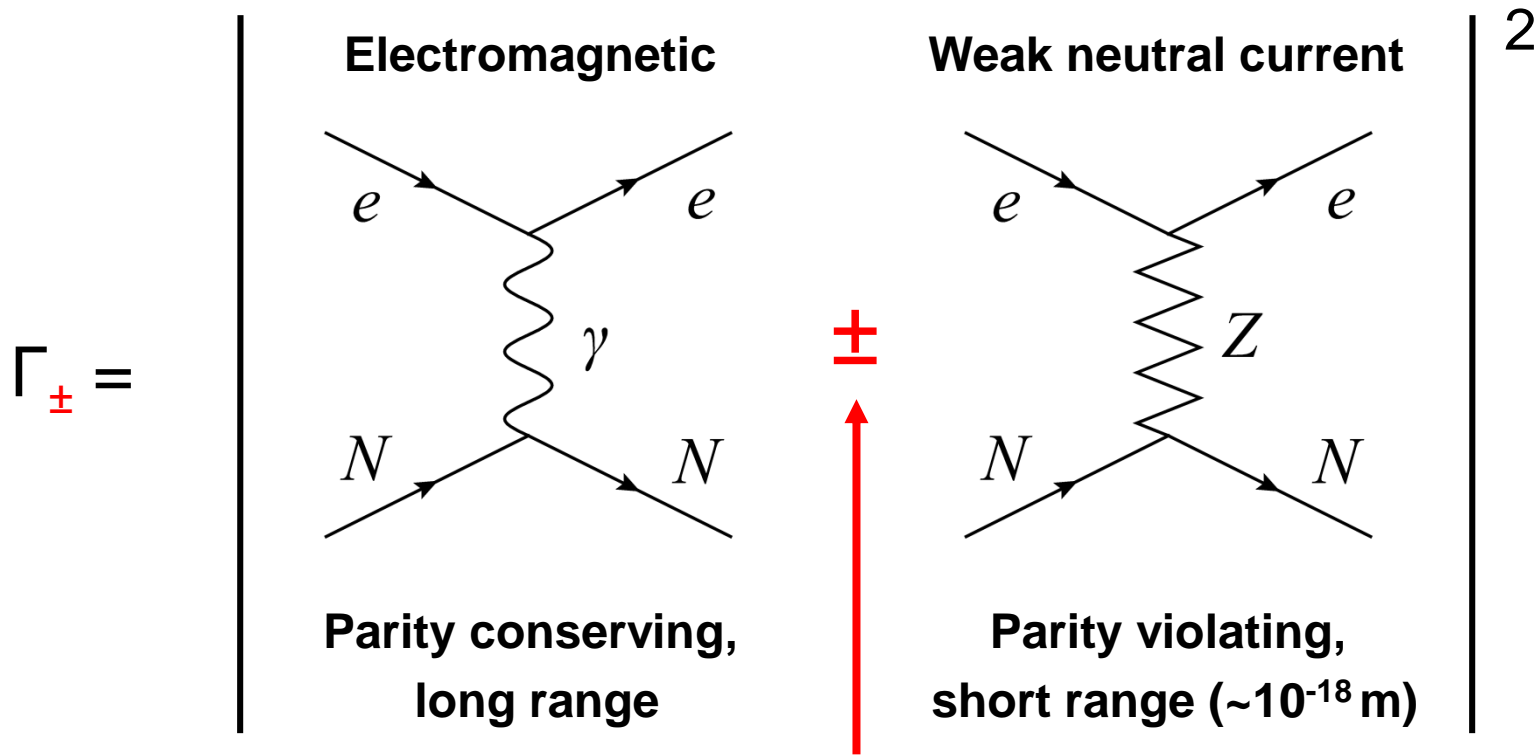


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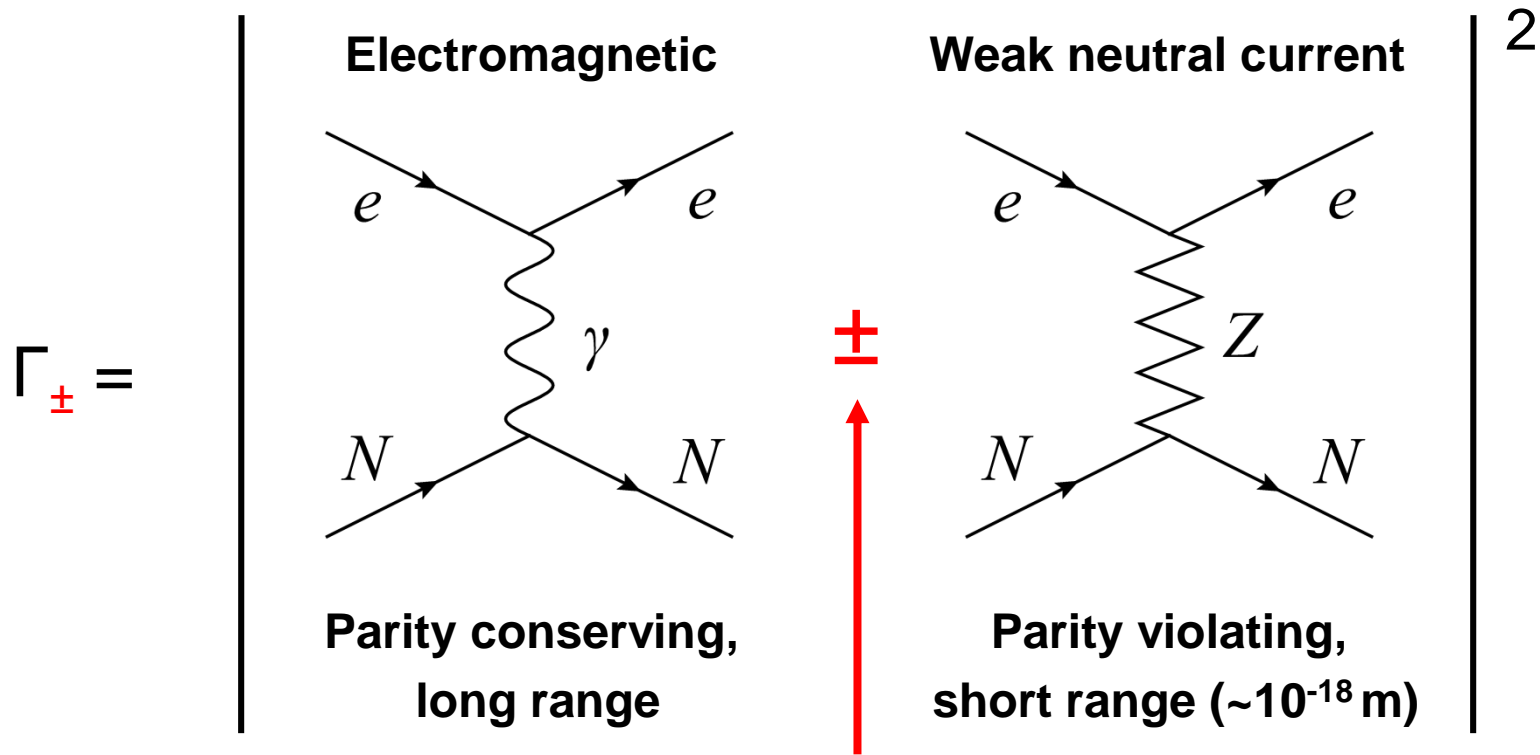
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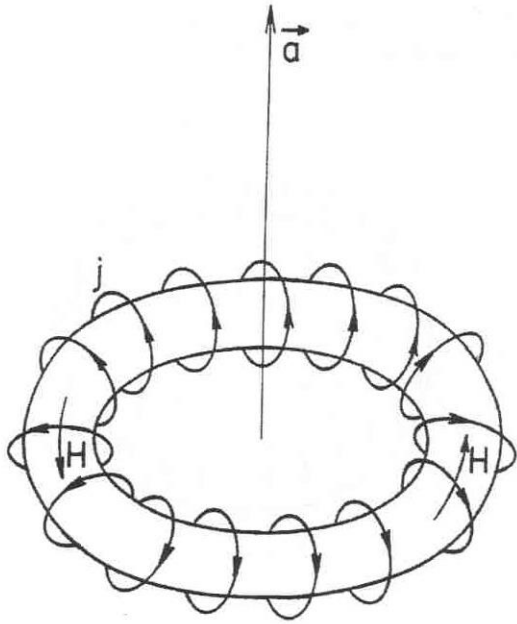
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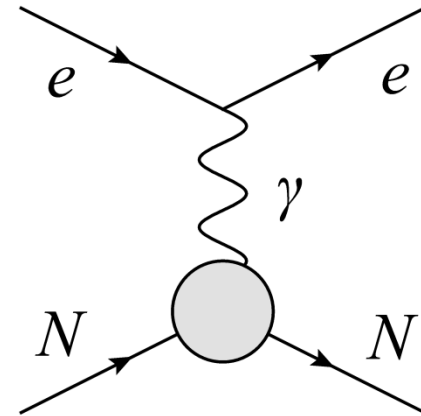
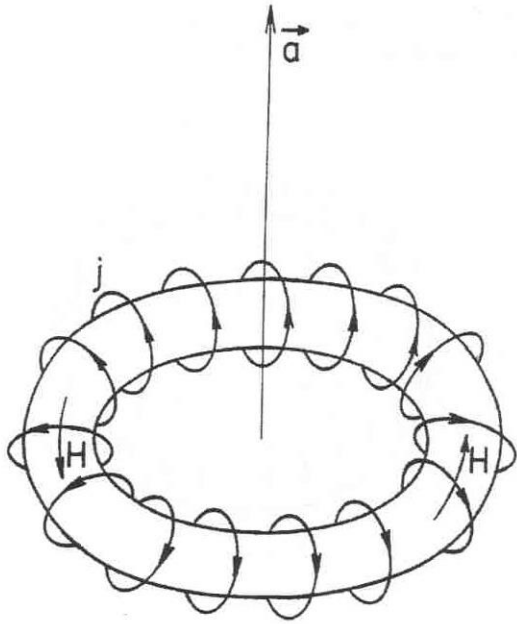
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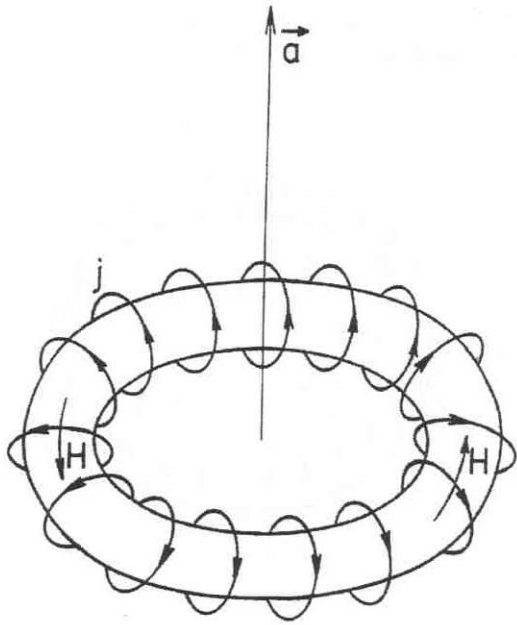


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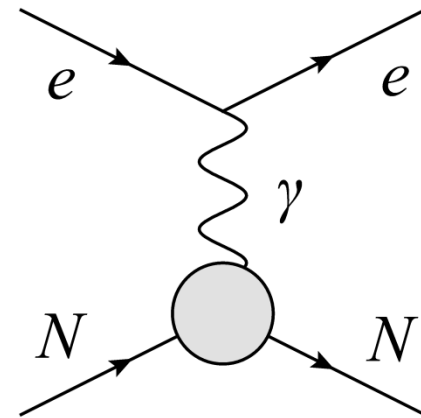
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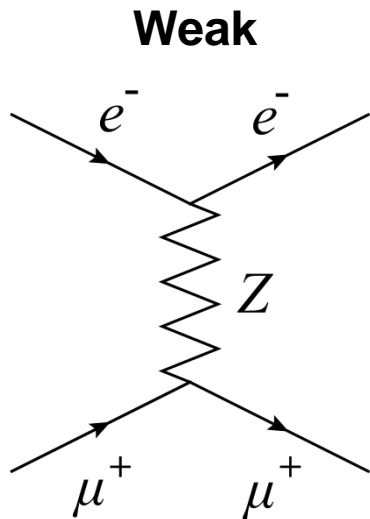
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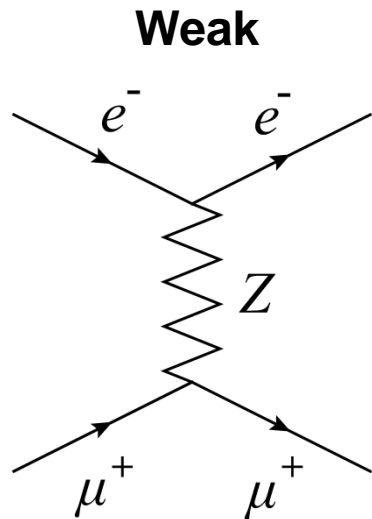
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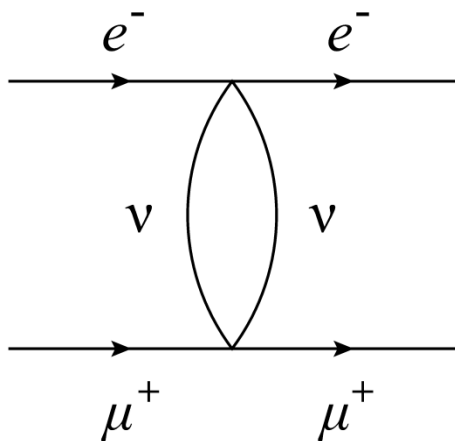
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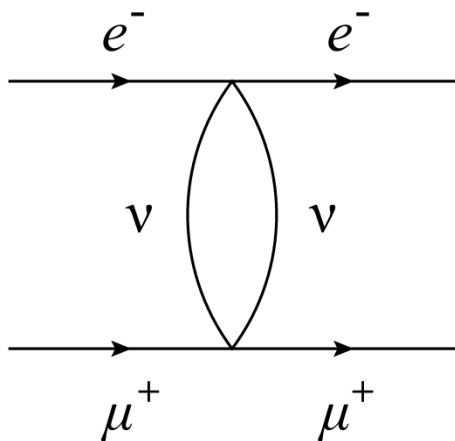
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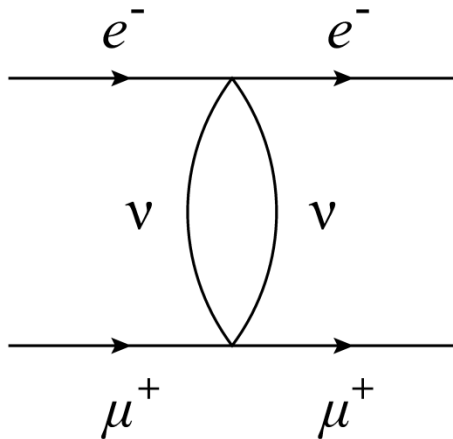
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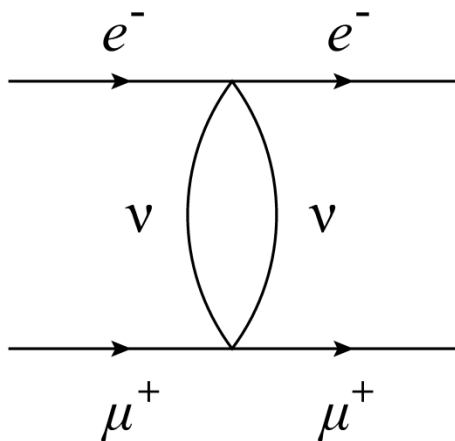
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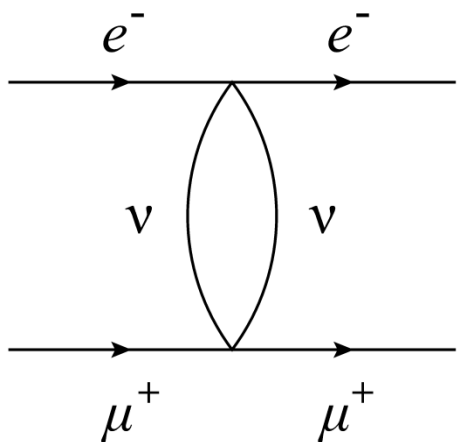
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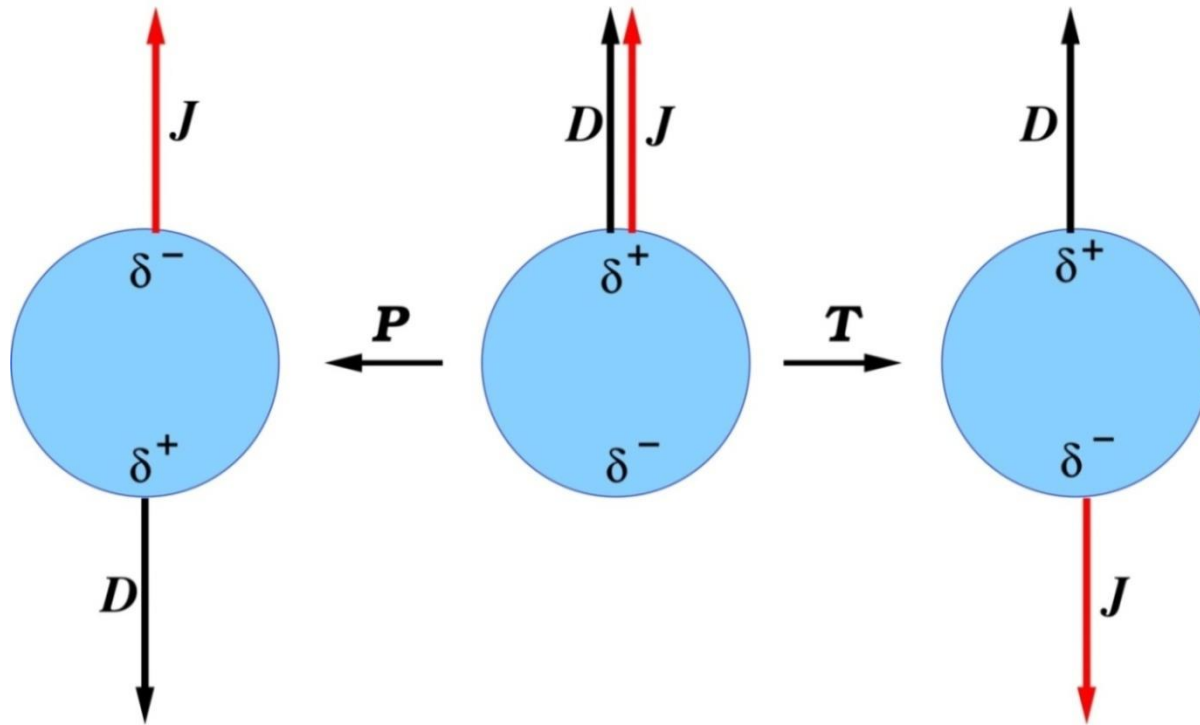
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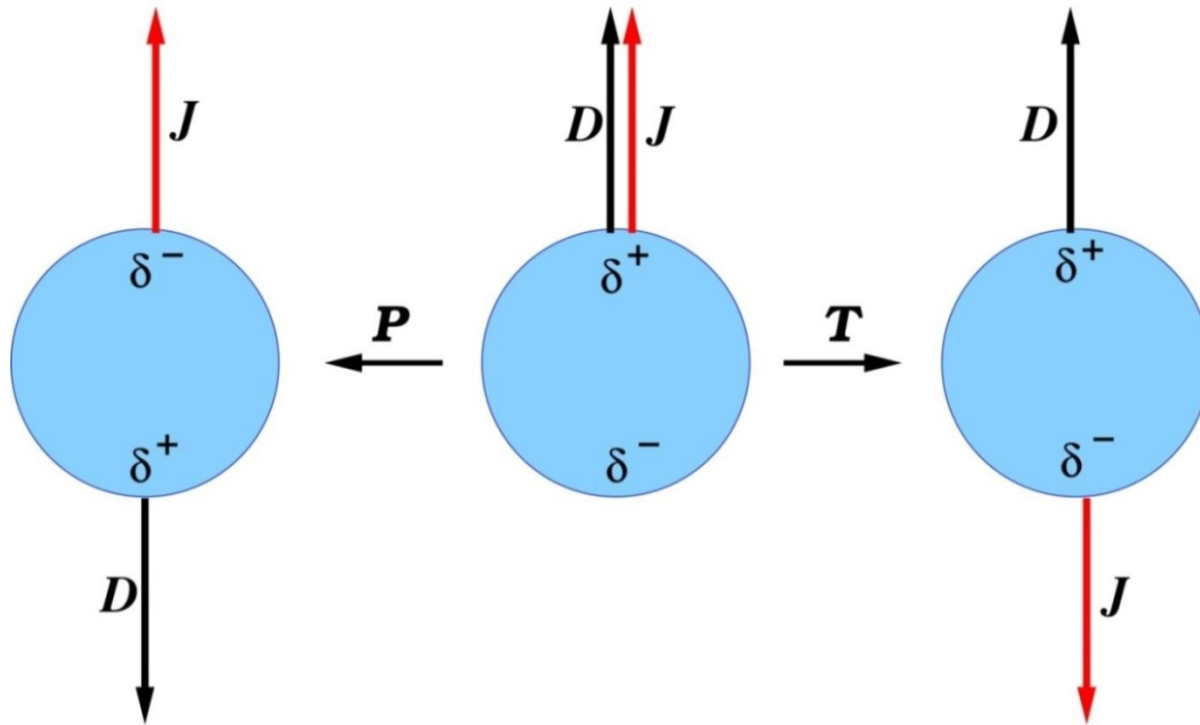
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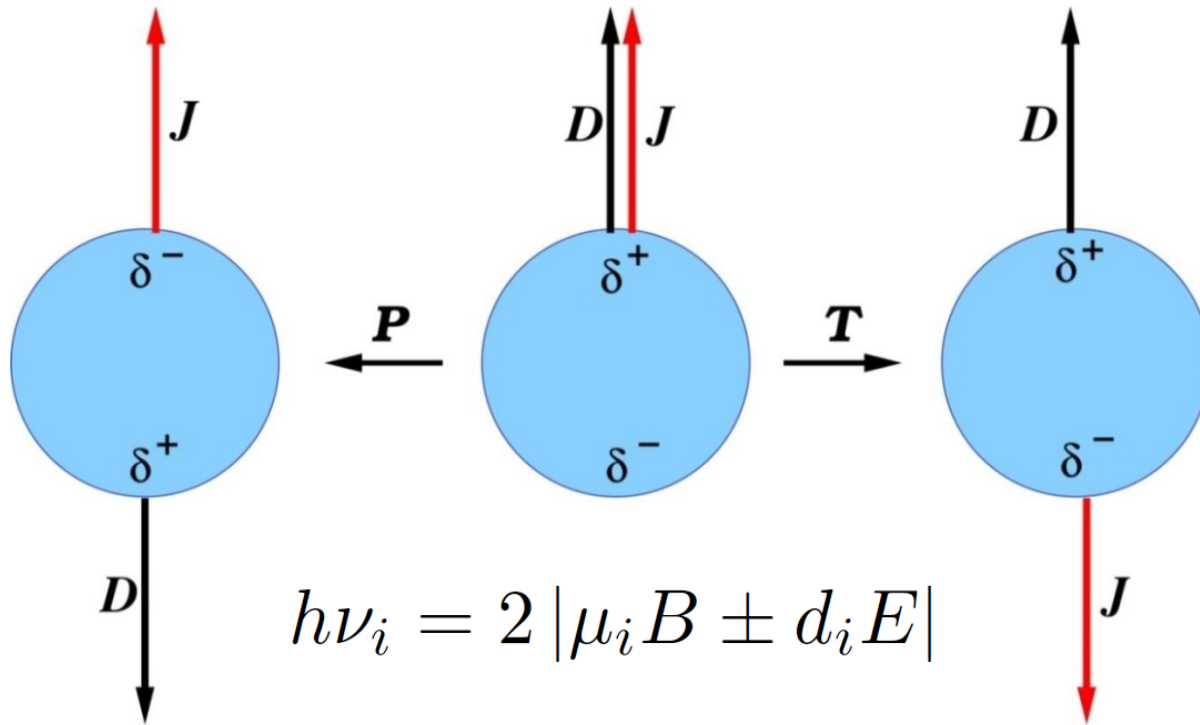


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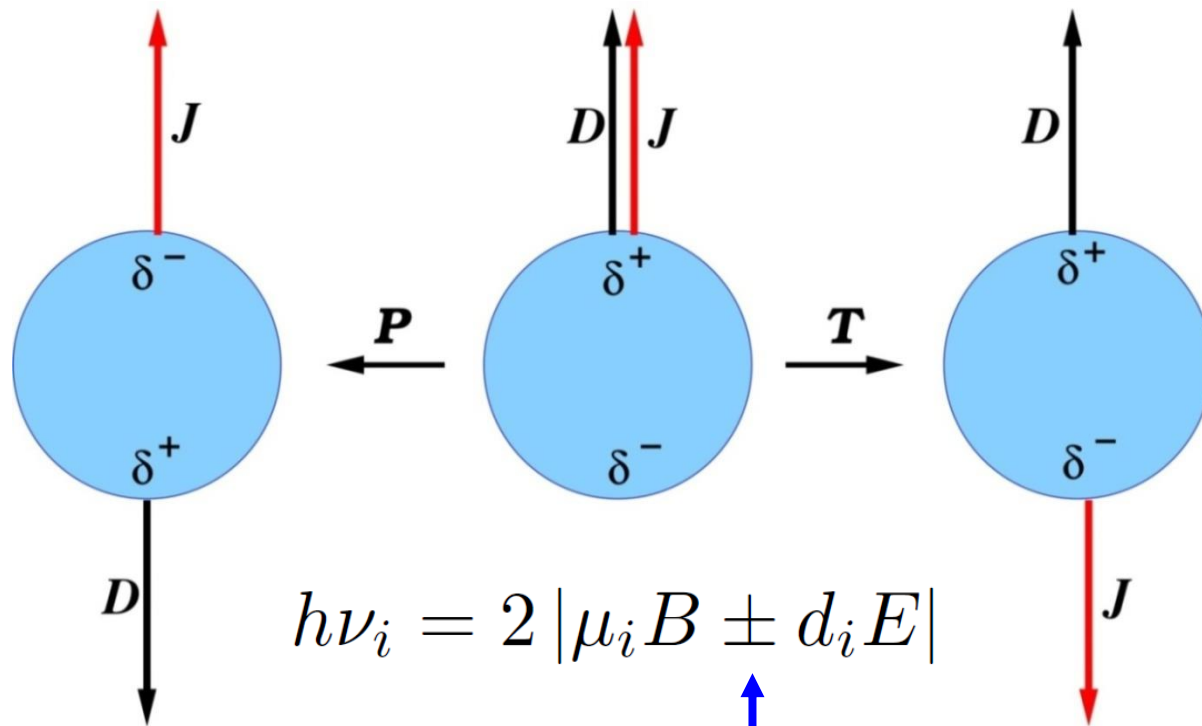
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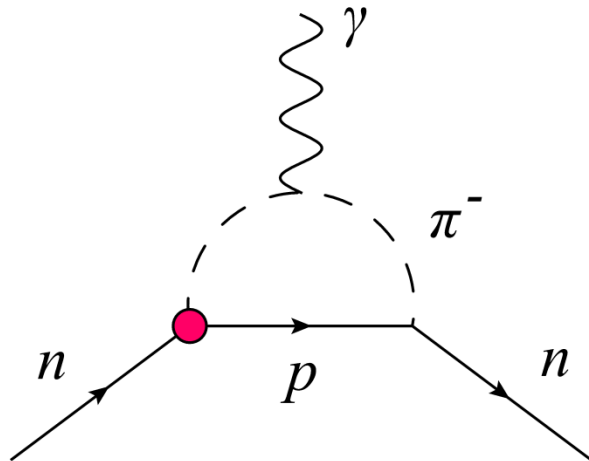
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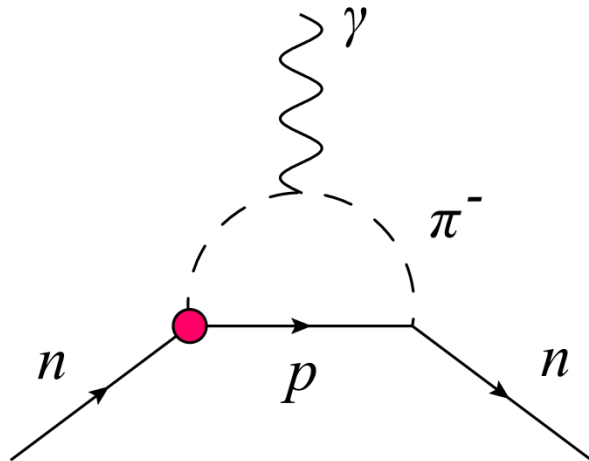
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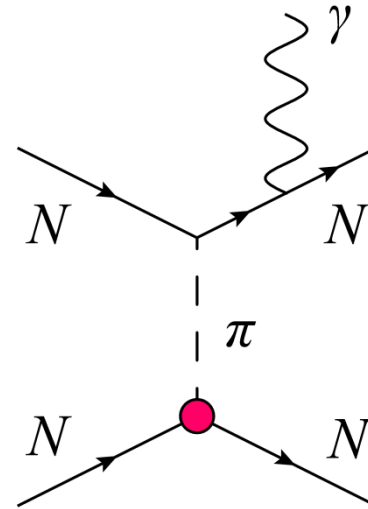
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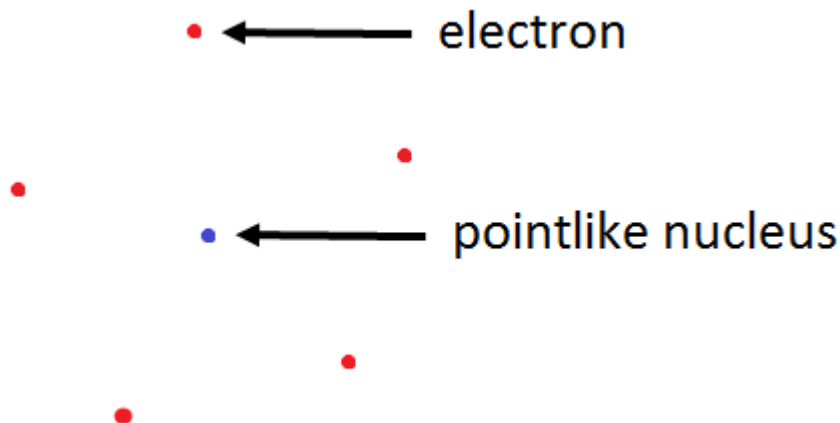


In nuclei, *tree-level* CP-violating intranuclear forces dominate over *loop-induced* nucleon EDMs [loop factor = $1/(8\pi^2)$].

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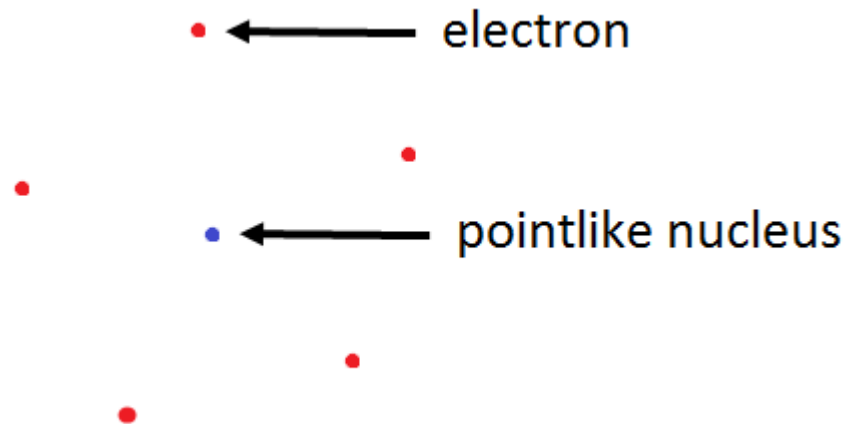
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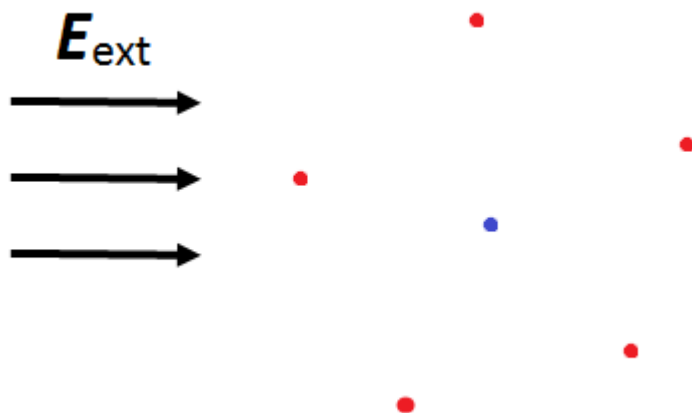


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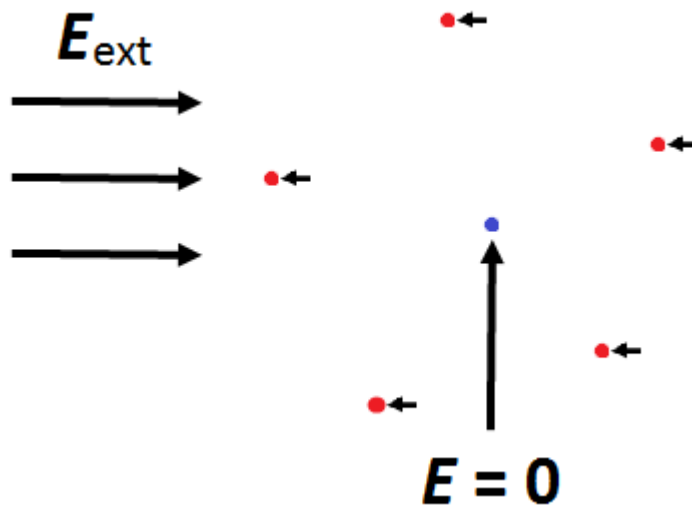


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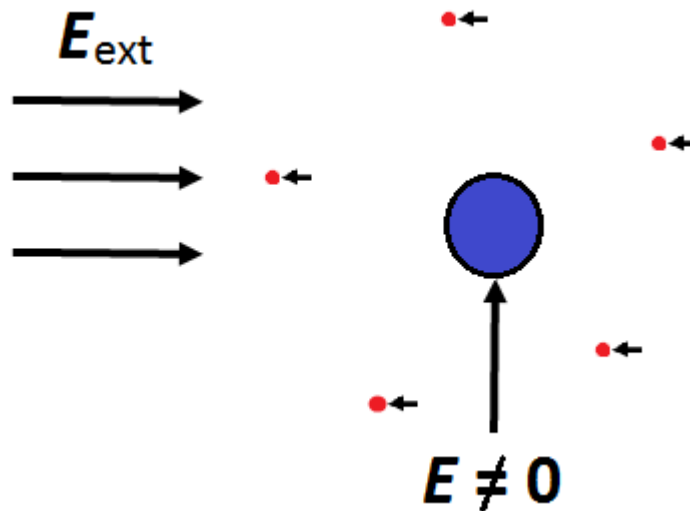
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Lifting of Schiff's Theorem

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In real (heavy) atoms: Incomplete screening of external electric field due to finite nuclear size, parametrised by *nuclear Schiff moment*.



Leptonic CP Violation in Paramagnetic Molecules

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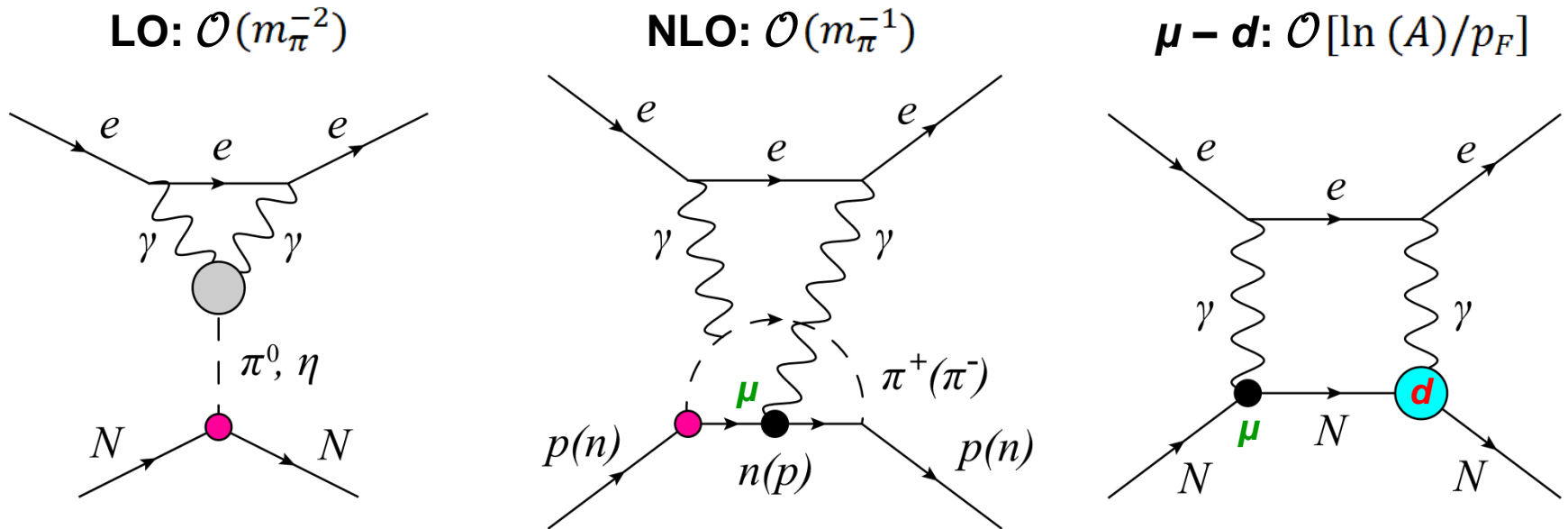
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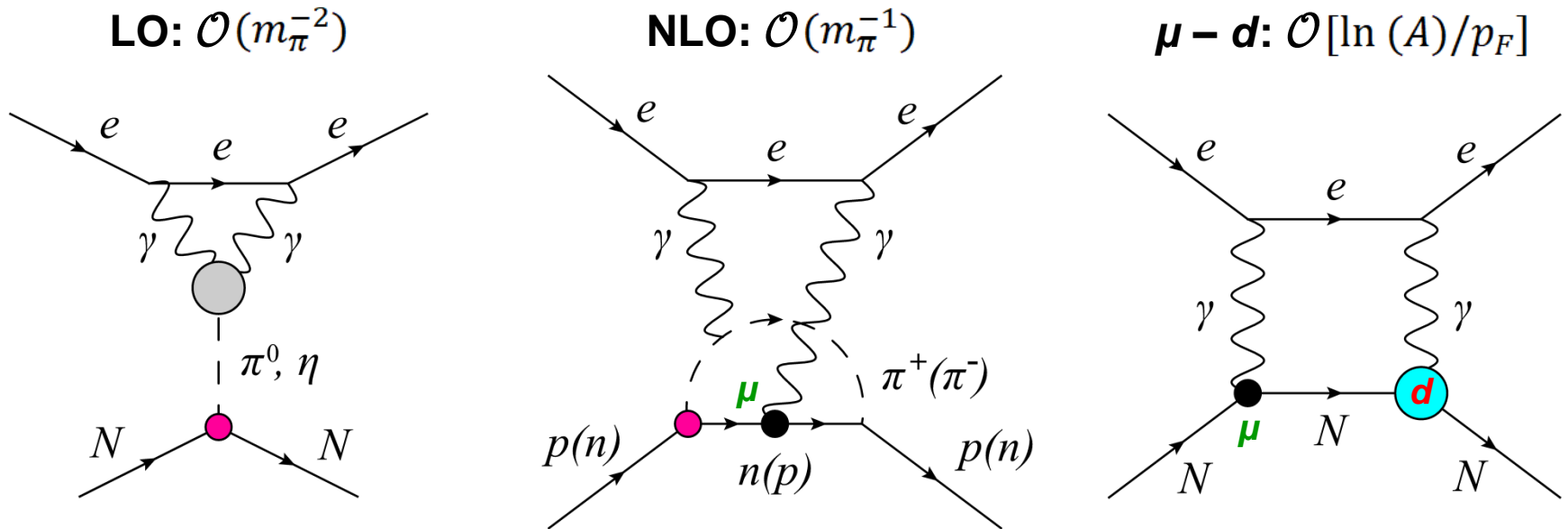
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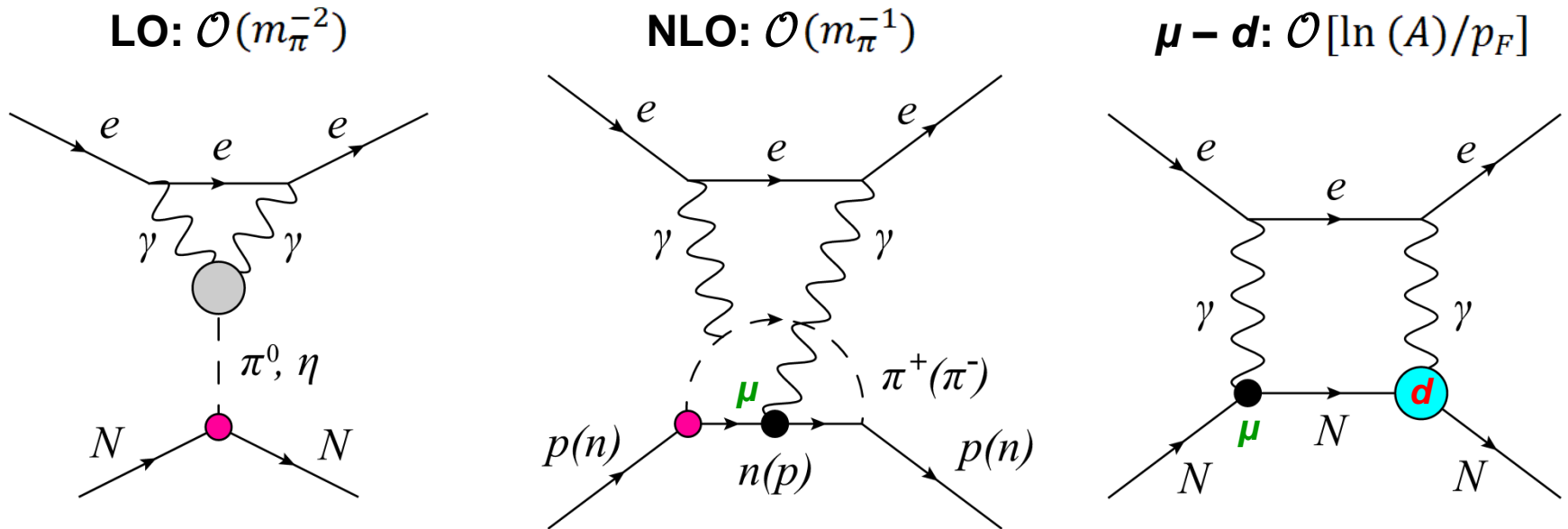


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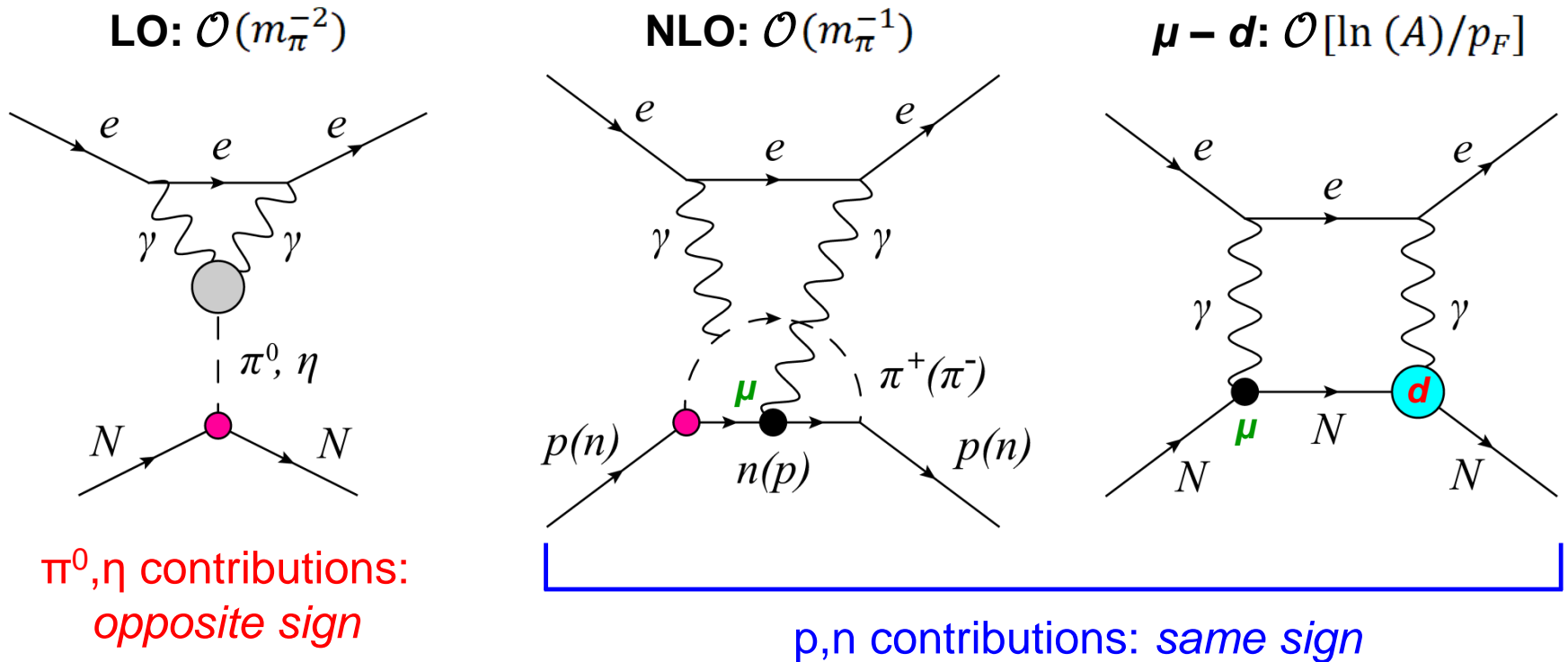


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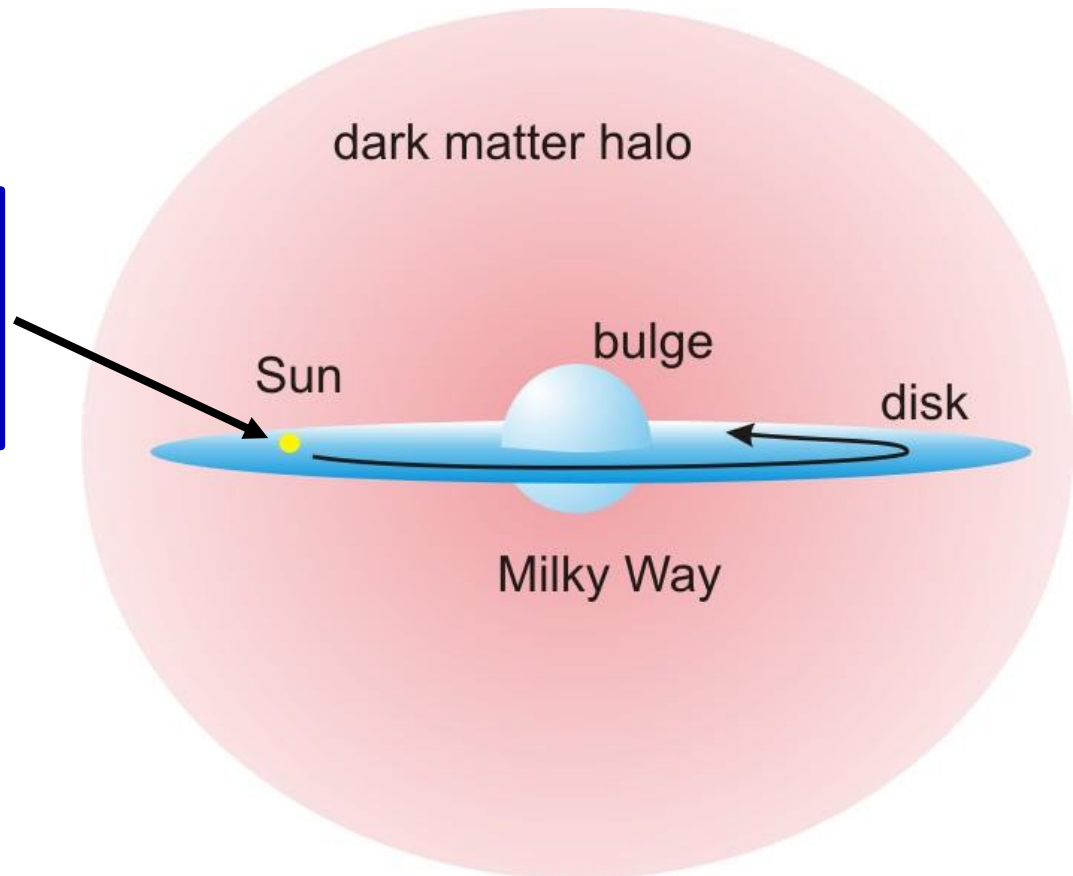
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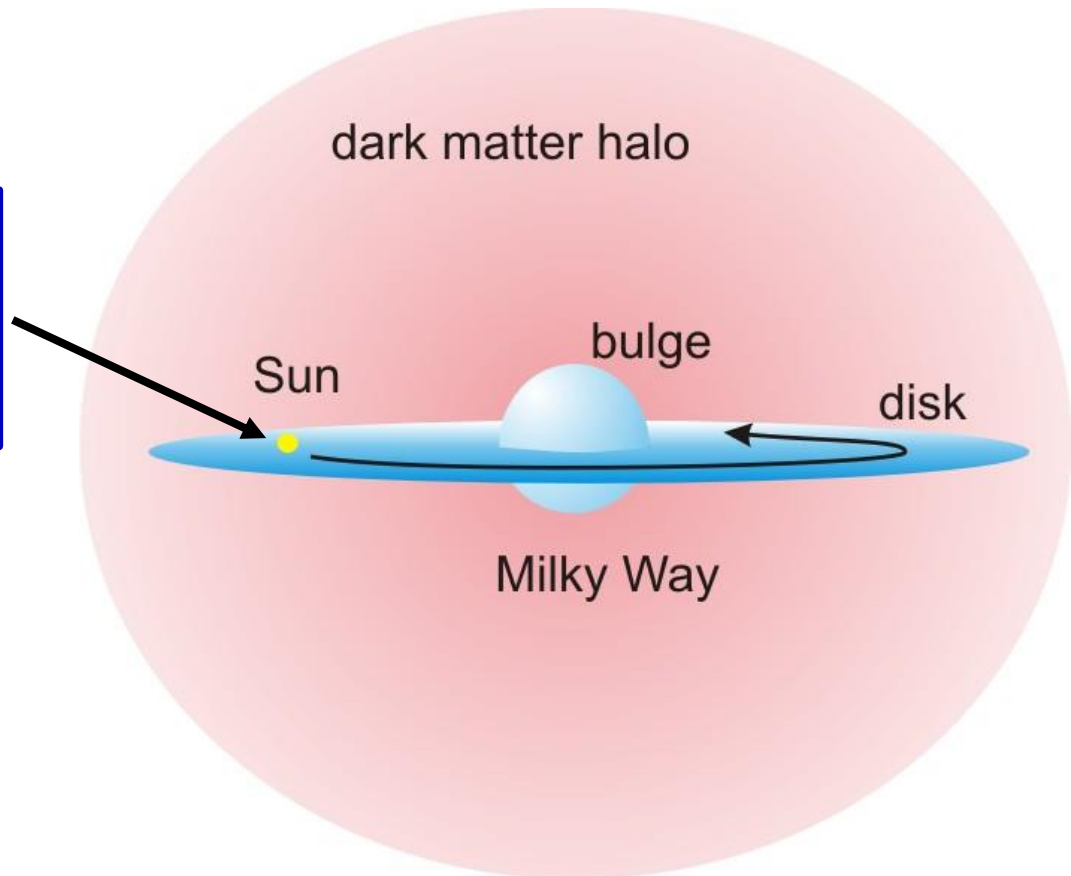
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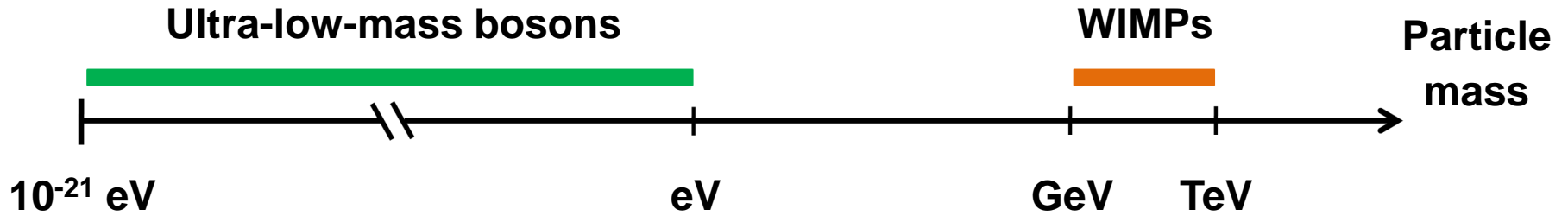
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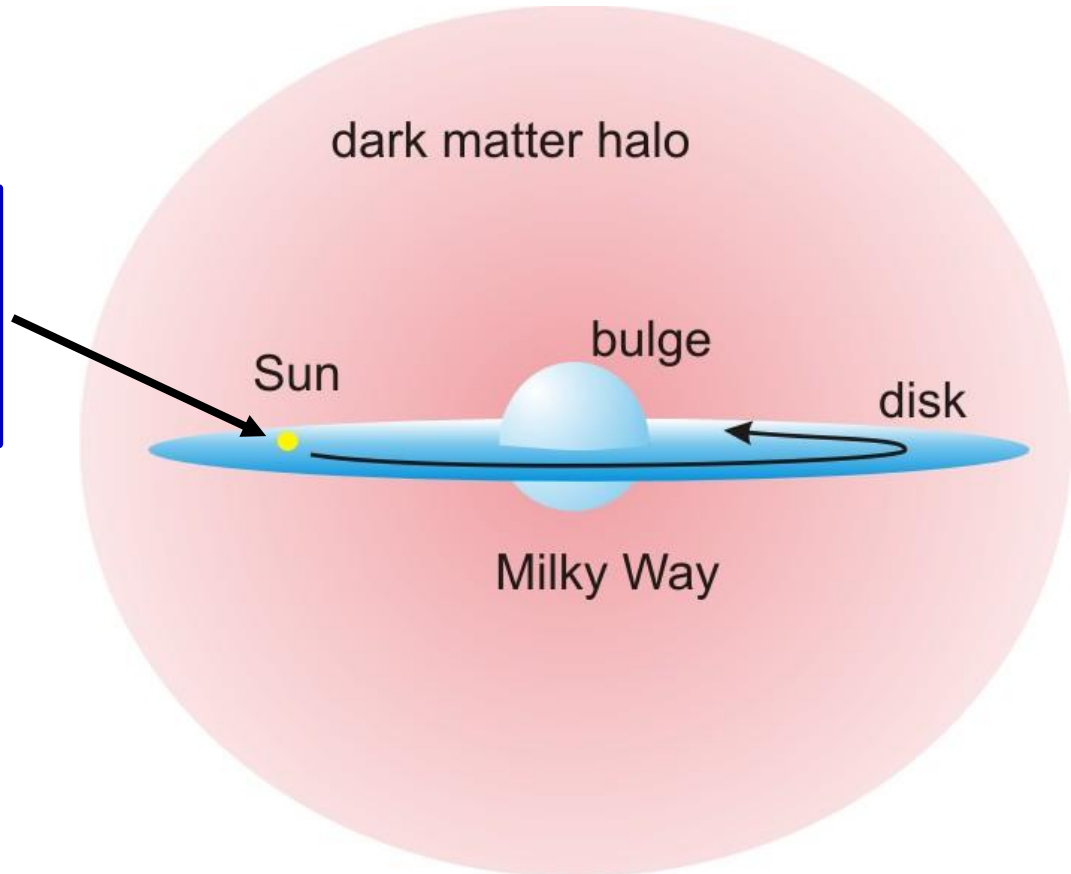
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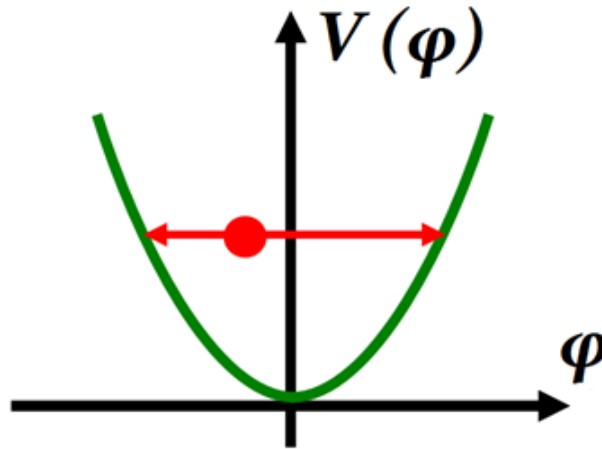


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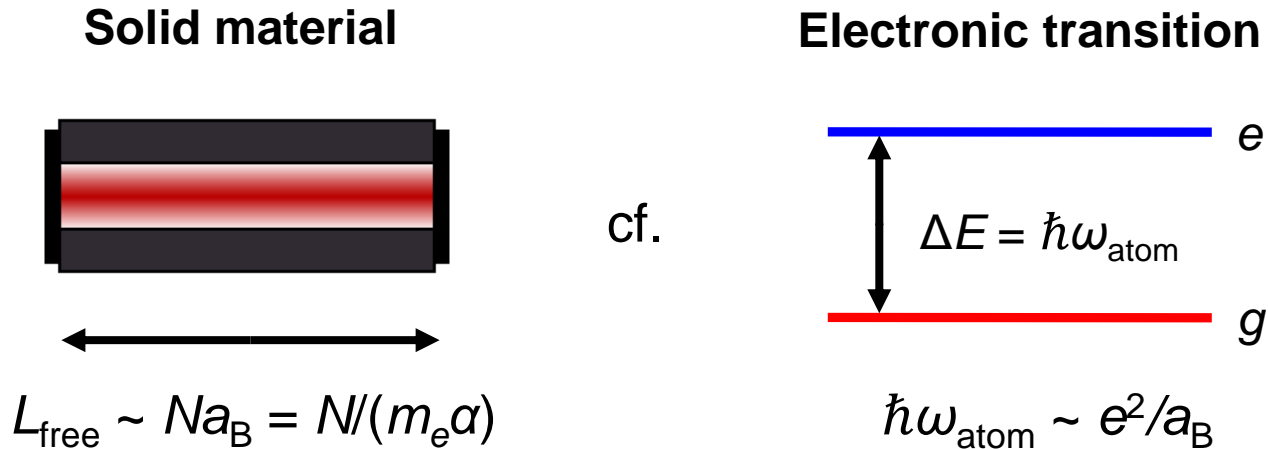
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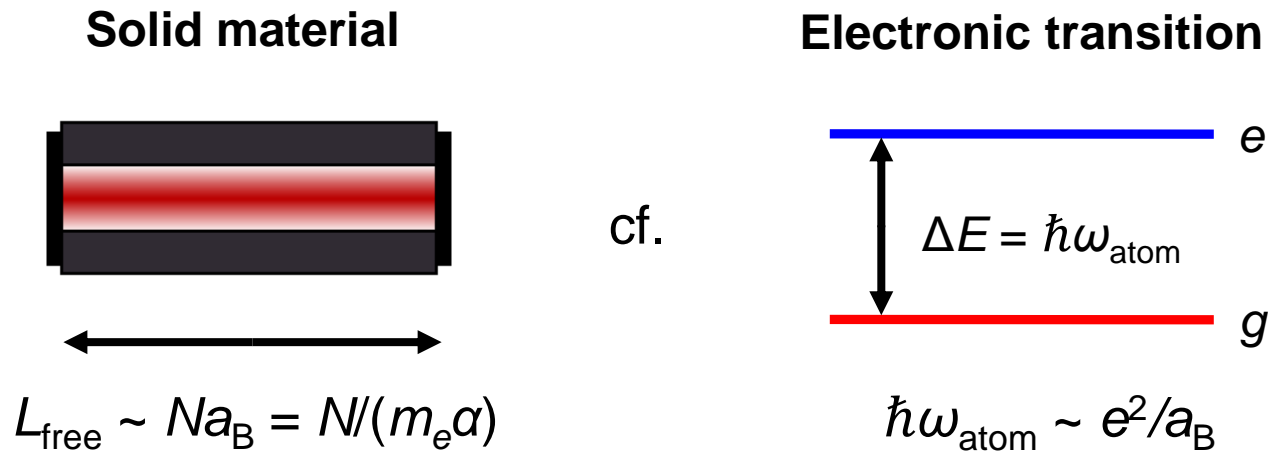


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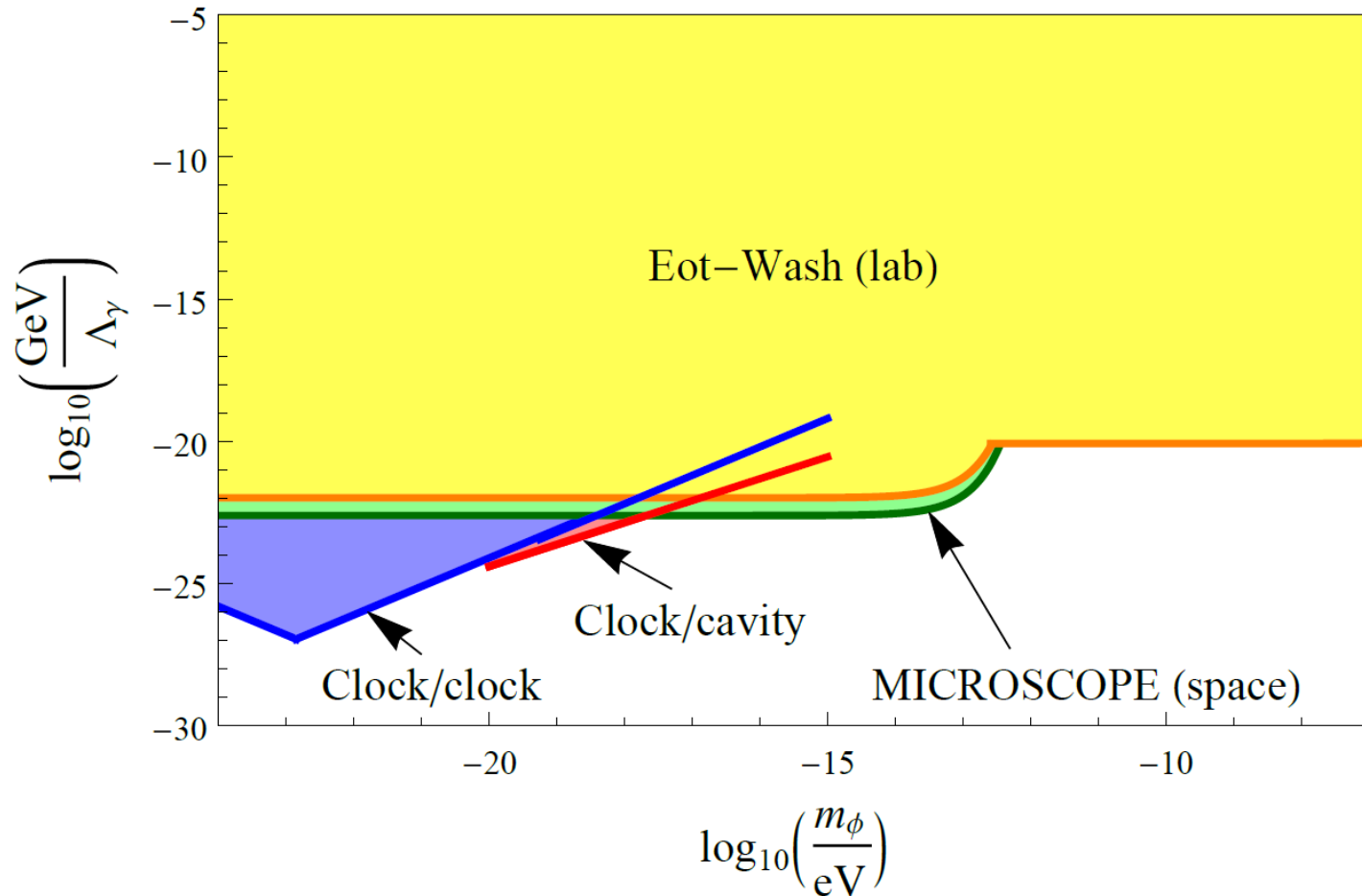
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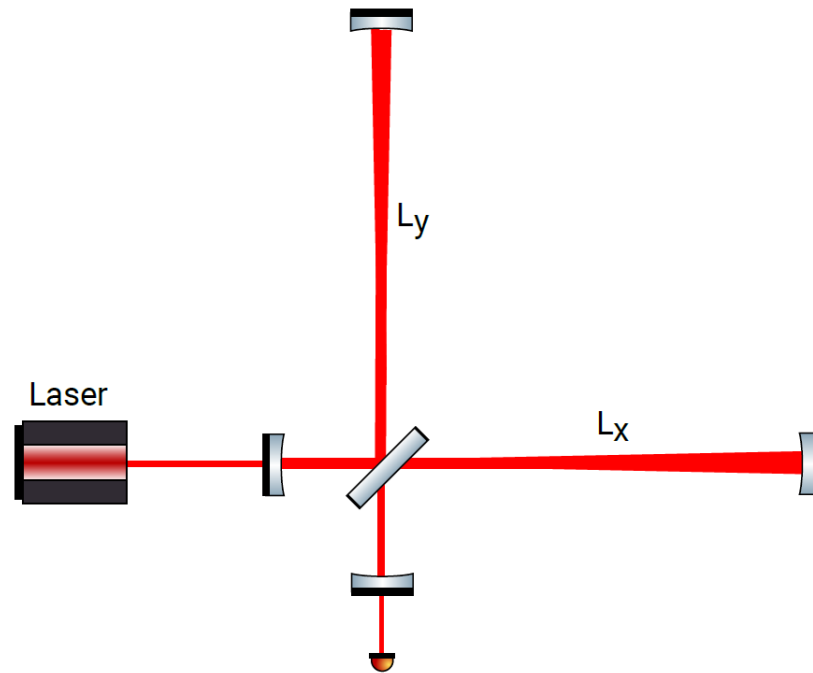
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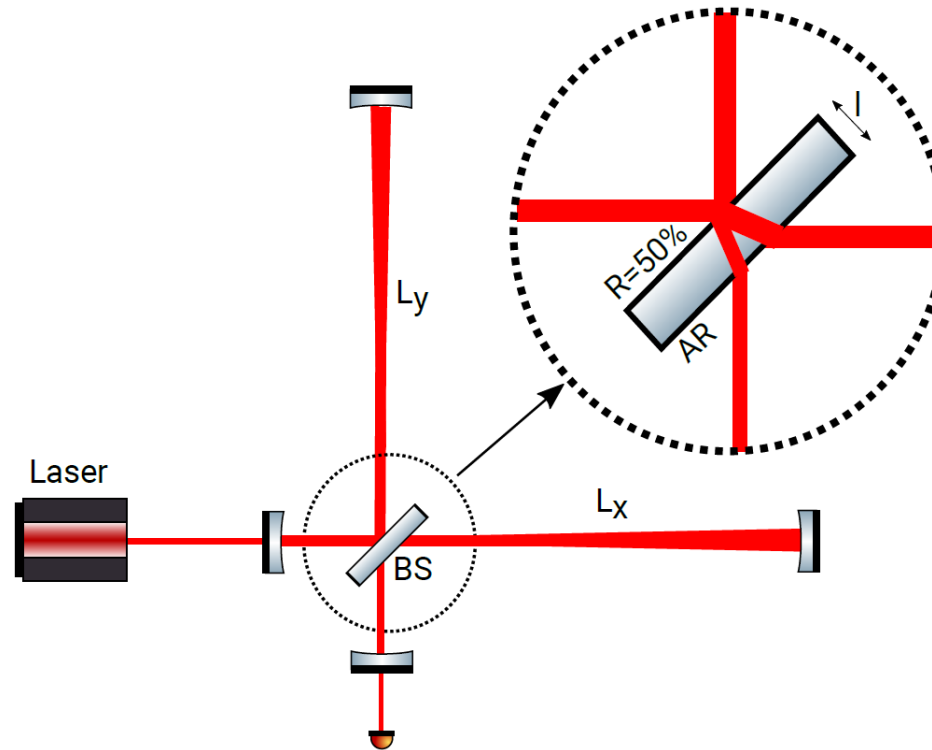
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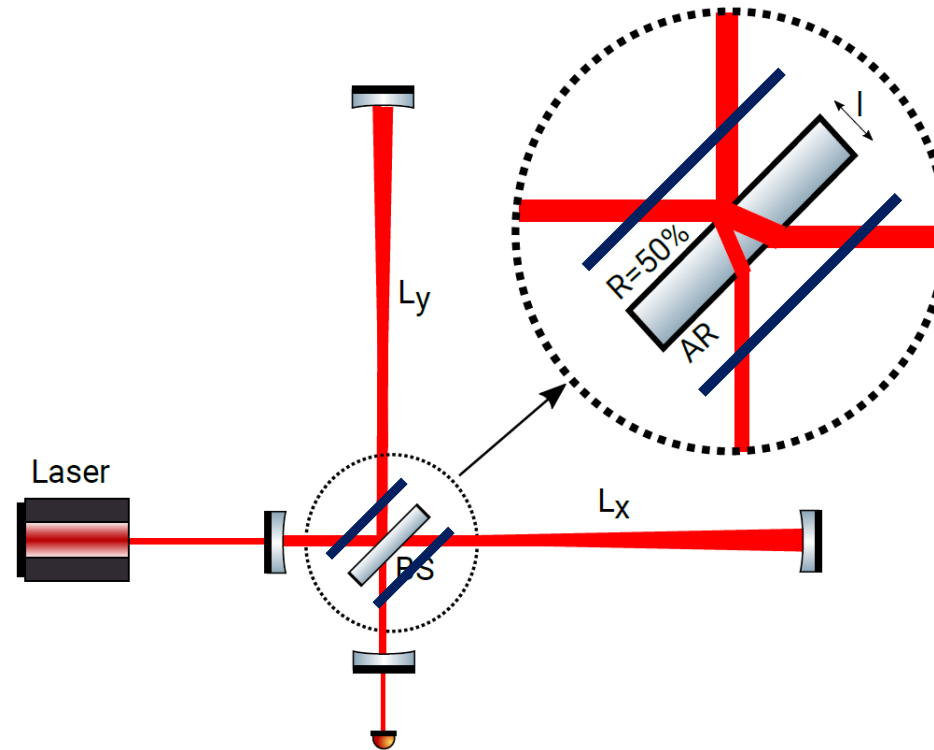
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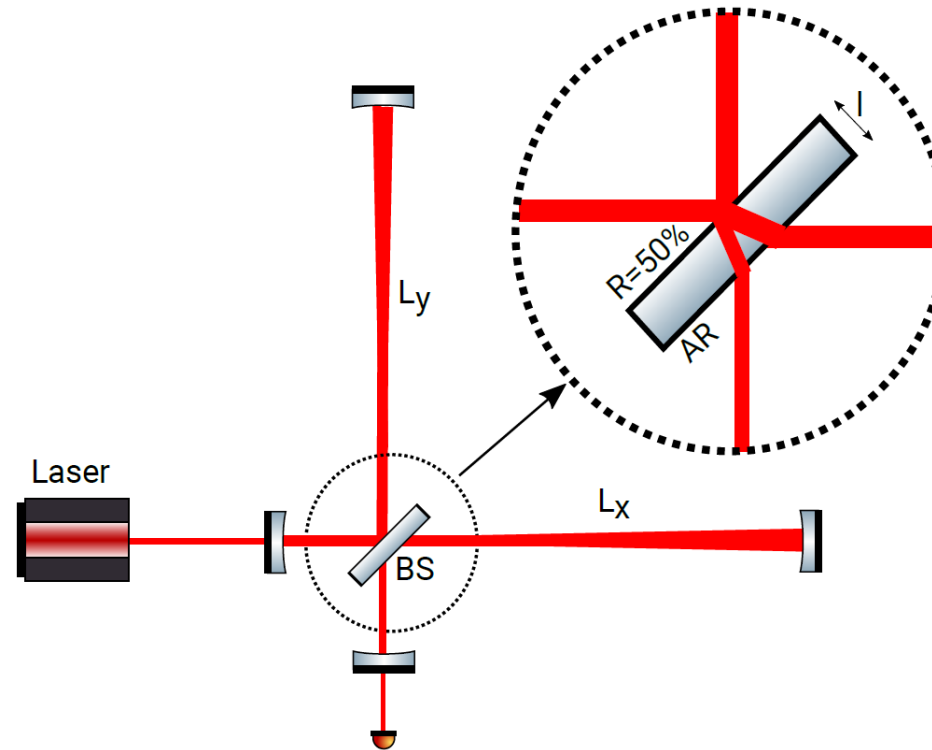
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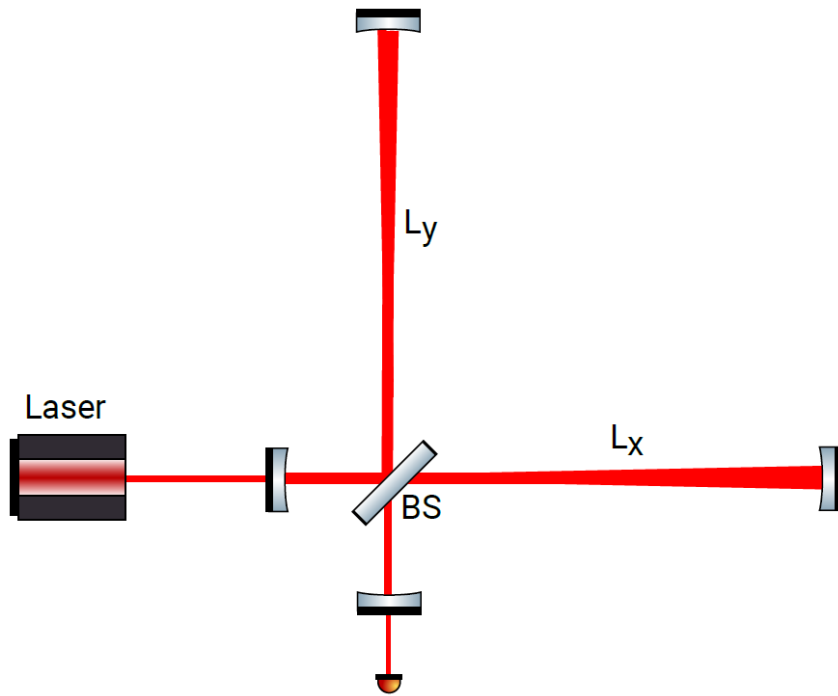


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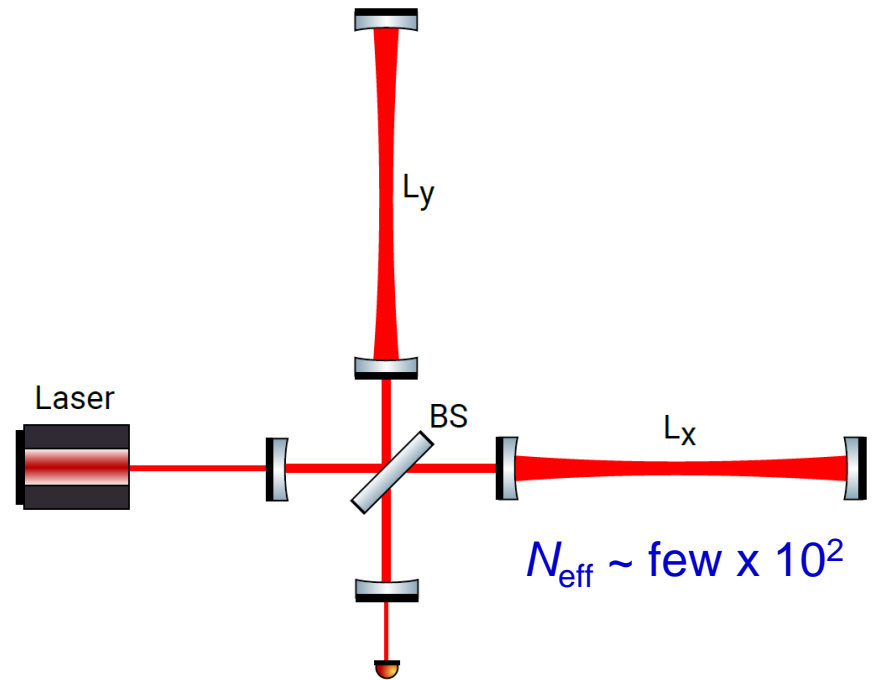
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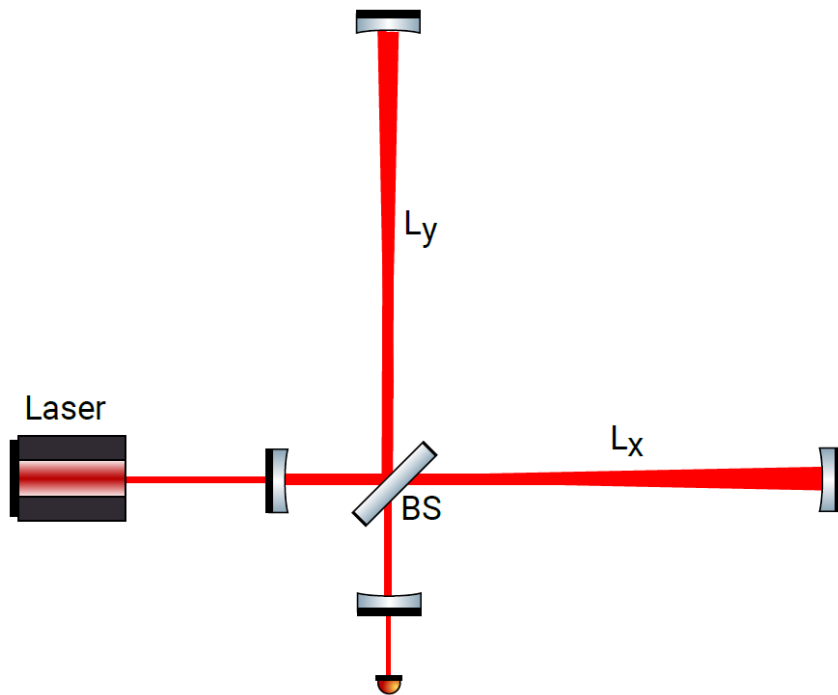


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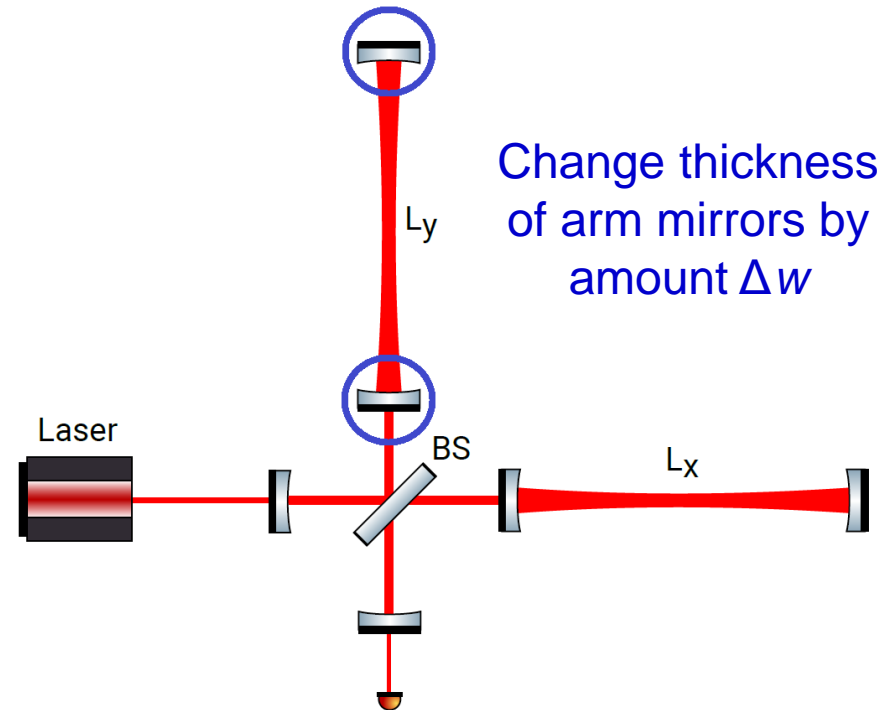
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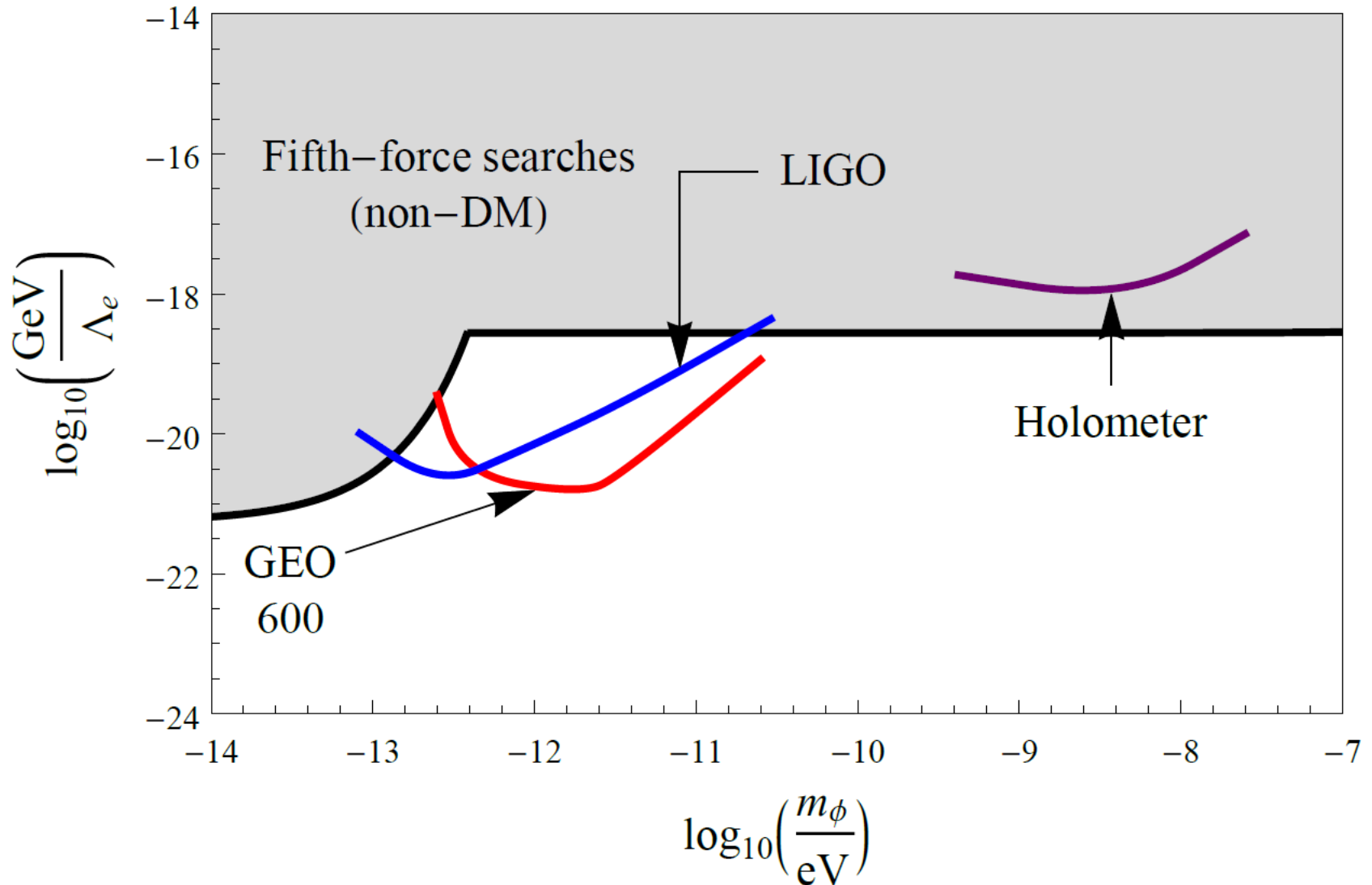
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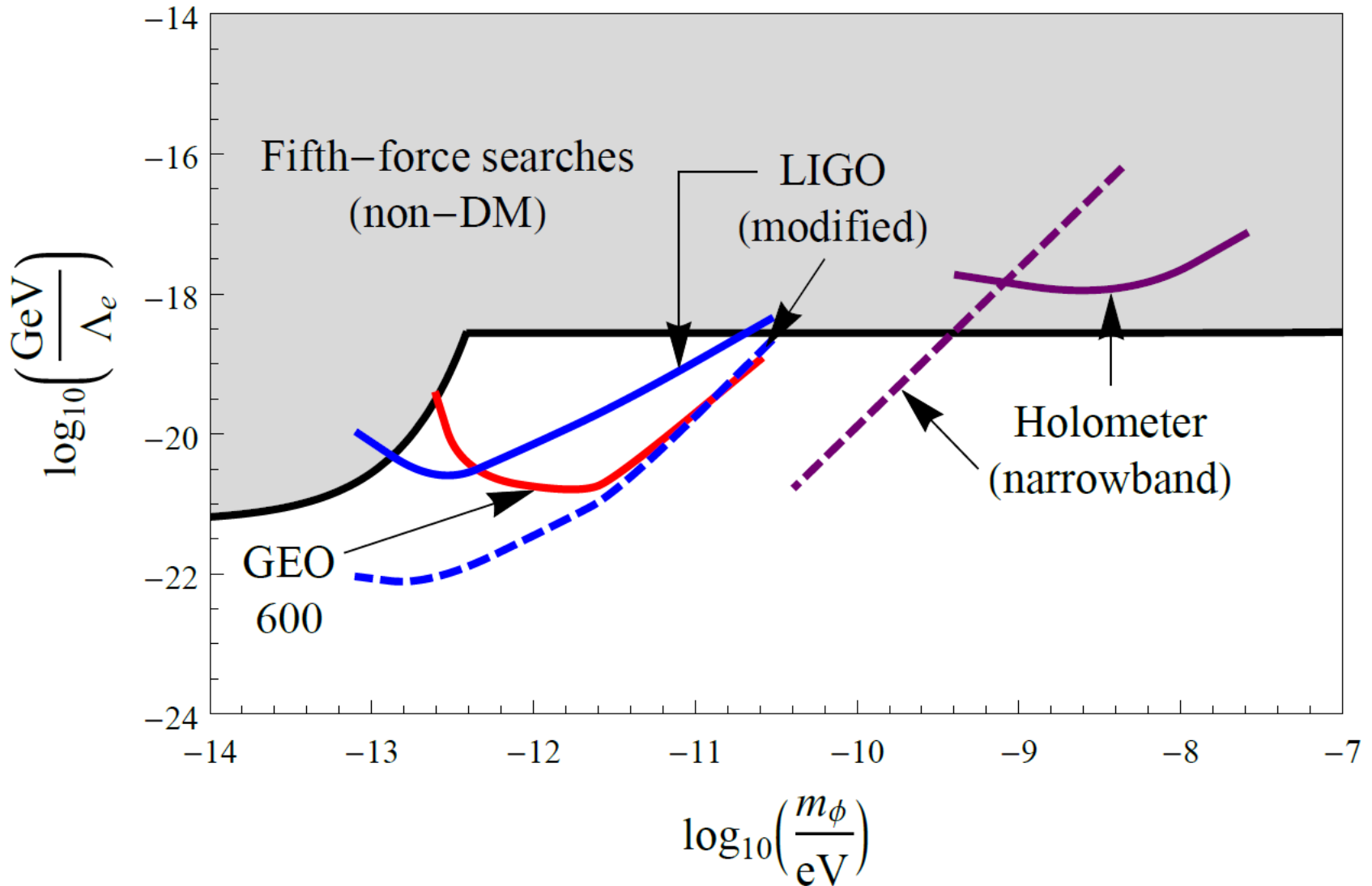


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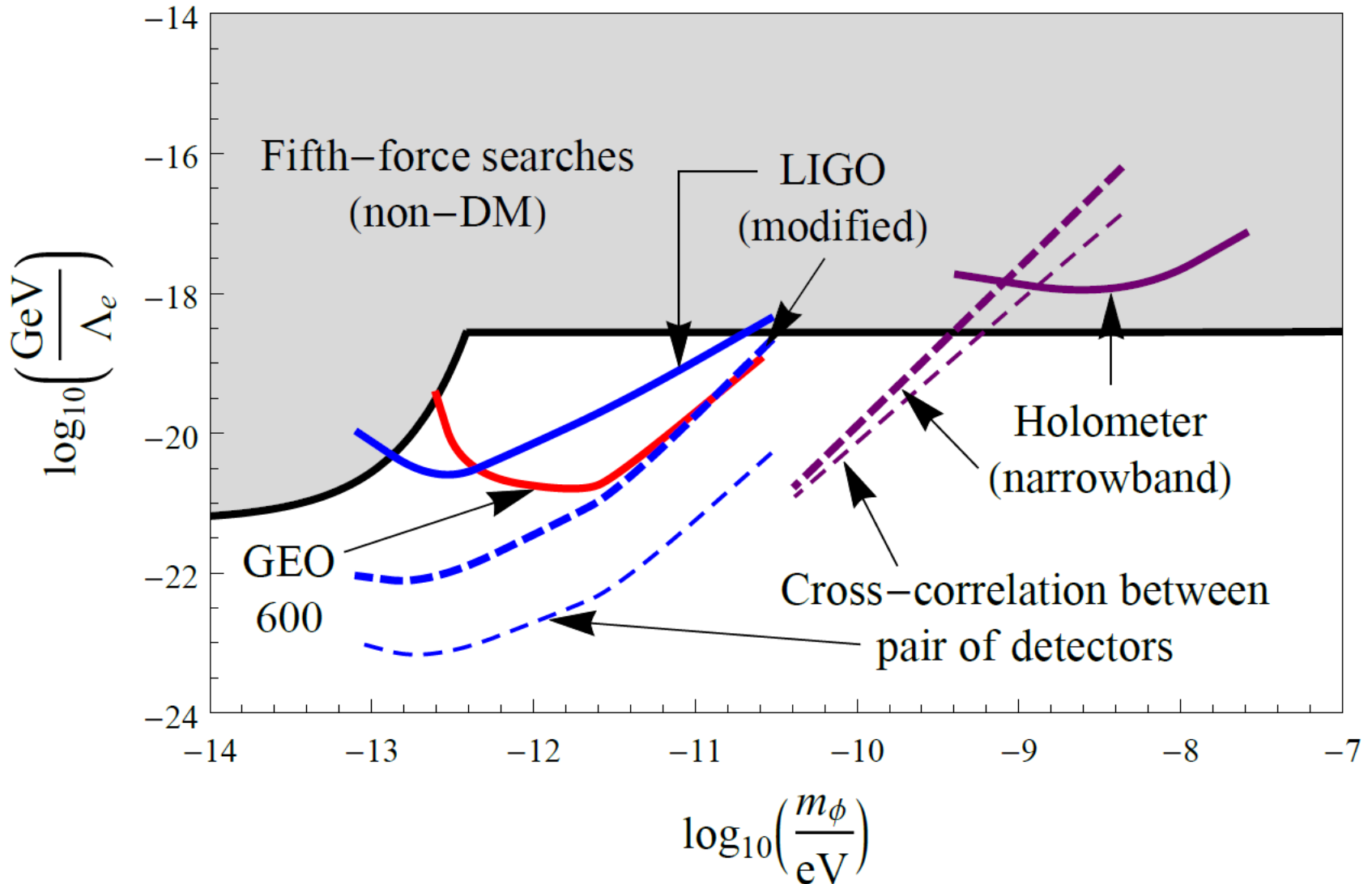
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Summary

1. Electroweak Phenomena

- Cs PNC experiments: electroweak theory (PNC effects), nuclear anapole moments, new Z-like bosons
- Muonium hyperfine ground-state spectroscopy: electroweak theory (PC effects), highly-singular PC forces

2. Electric Dipole Moments

- EDM experiments in paramagnetic molecules: sensitive probes of hadronic CP violation, in addition to leptonic CP violation

3. Ultra-Low-Mass Dark Matter

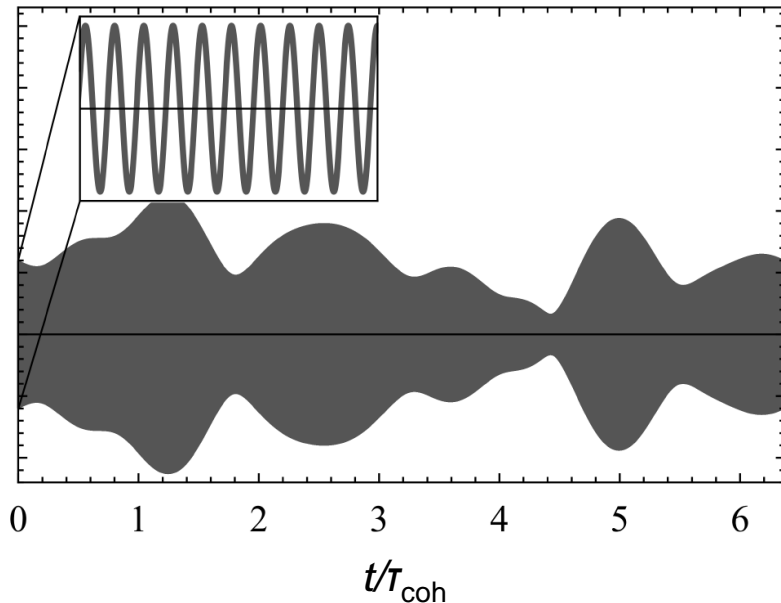
- Optical interferometers and cavities: sensitive probes of apparent oscillations in α and m_e induced by oscillating scalar DM field

Back-Up Slides

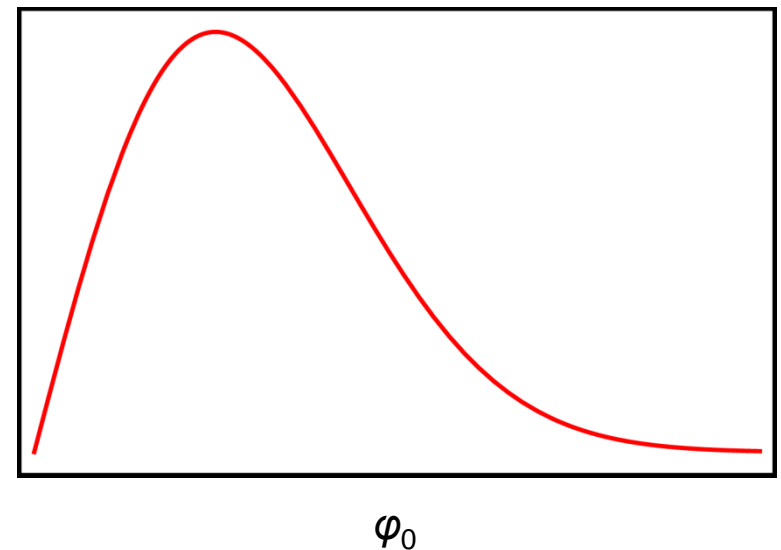
Temporal Coherence

- *Low-mass spin-0 particles form a coherently oscillating classical field* $\varphi(t) = \varphi_0 \cos(m_\varphi c^2 t/\hbar)$, with energy density $\langle \rho_\varphi \rangle \approx m_\varphi^2 \varphi_0^2/2$ ($\rho_{\text{DM,local}} \approx 0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$)
- $\Delta E_\varphi / E_\varphi \sim \langle v_\varphi^2 \rangle / c^2 \sim 10^{-6} \Rightarrow \tau_{\text{coh}} \sim 2\pi / \Delta E_\varphi \sim 10^6 T_{\text{osc}}$

Evolution of φ_0 with time



Probability distribution function of φ_0



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$$\phi = \phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t - \underline{\mathbf{p}_\phi \cdot \mathbf{x}}) \Rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{F}} \propto \underline{\mathbf{p}_\phi \sin(m_\phi t)}$$

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(high ρ_{DM}): BBN, CMB]
+ Gradients [Fifth forces]

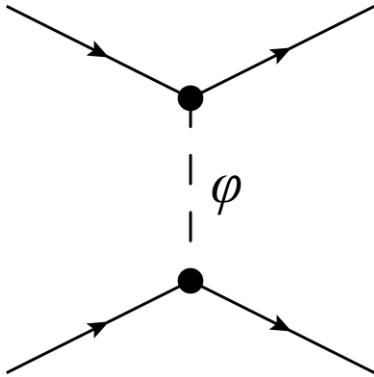
Oscillating variations
[Laboratory (high precision)]

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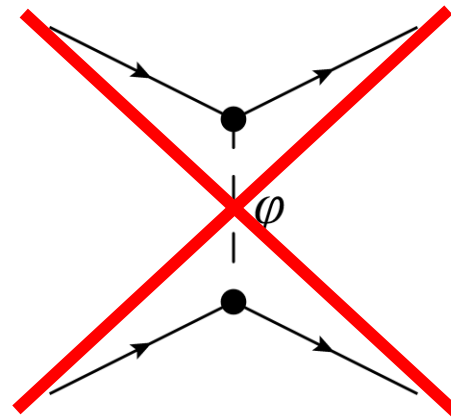
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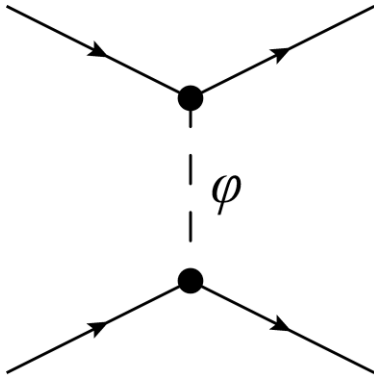
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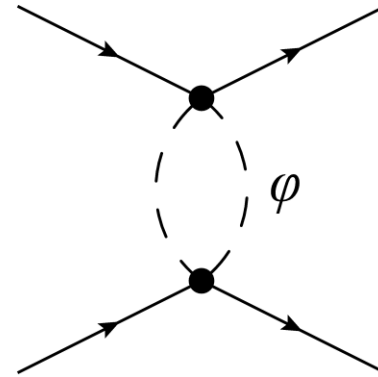
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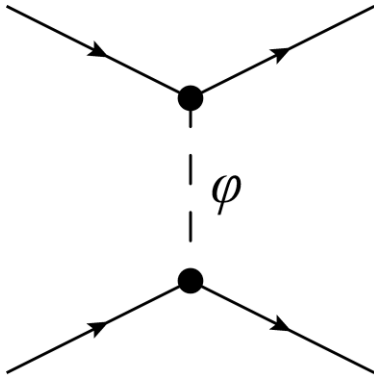
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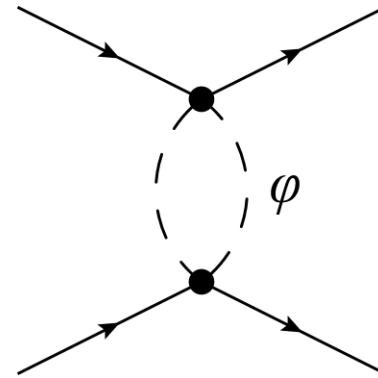


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Motional gradients: $\phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t - \mathbf{p}_\phi \cdot \mathbf{x})$

“Fifth-force” experiments: torsion pendula, atom interferometry

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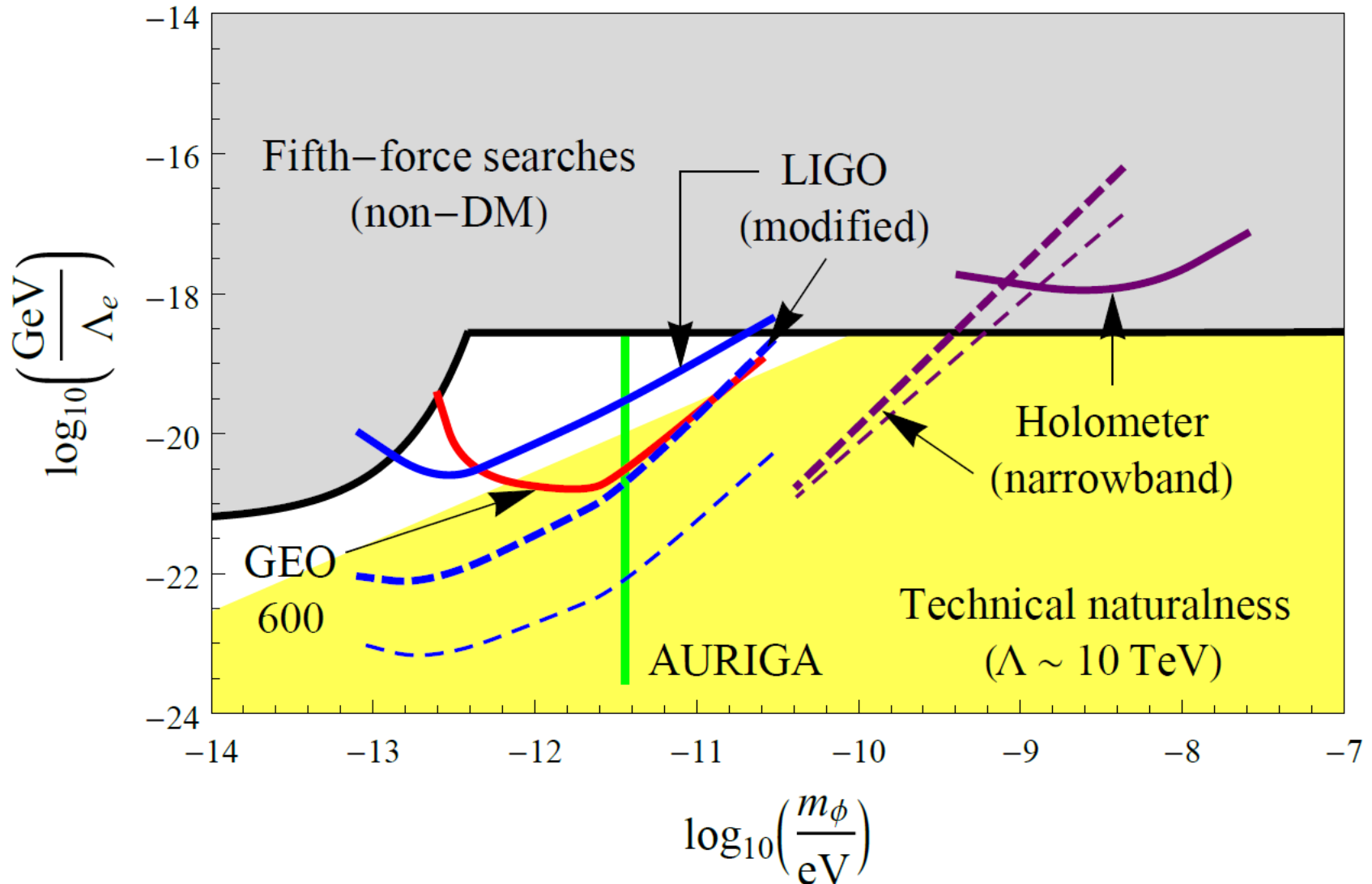


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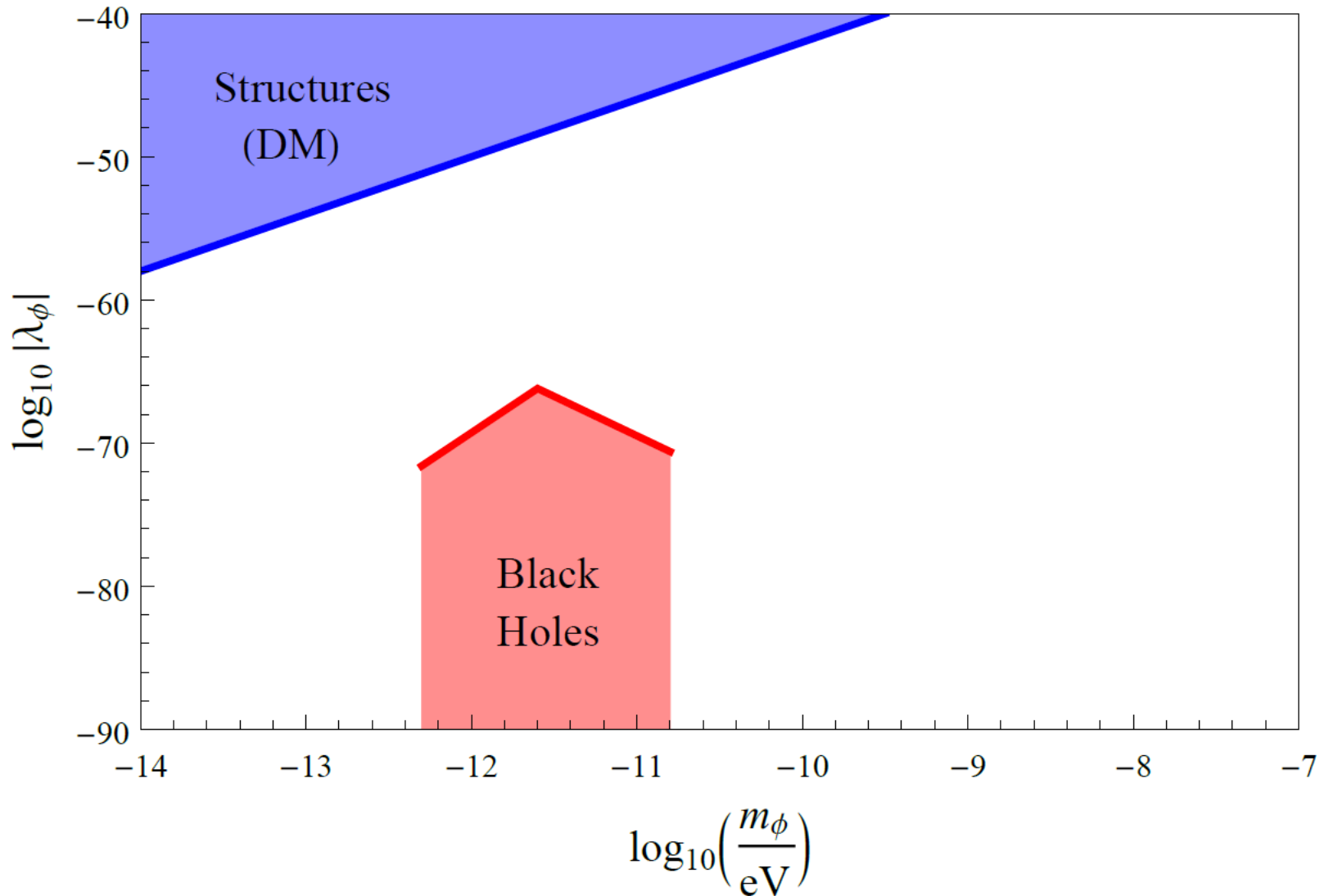


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Quartic Self-Interaction of Scalar

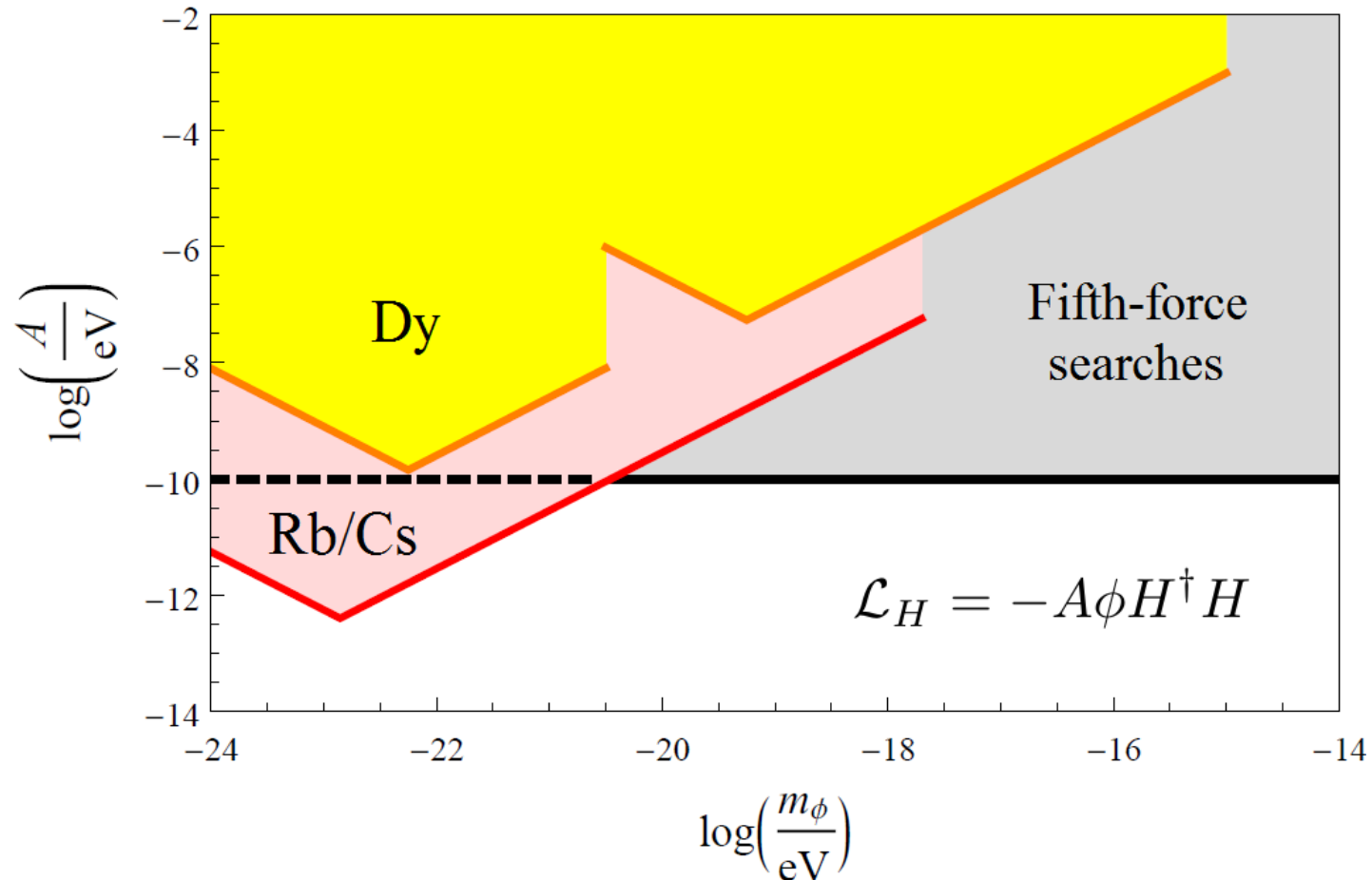


Constraints on Linear Interaction of Scalar Dark Matter with the Higgs Boson

Rb/Cs constraints:

[Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRA* **94**, 022111 (2016)]

2 – 3 orders of magnitude improvement!

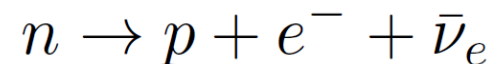
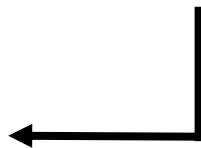
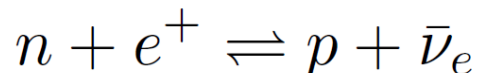
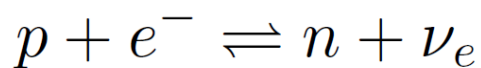


BBN Constraints on 'Slow' Drifts in Fundamental Constants due to Dark Matter

[Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRL* **115**, 201301 (2015)]

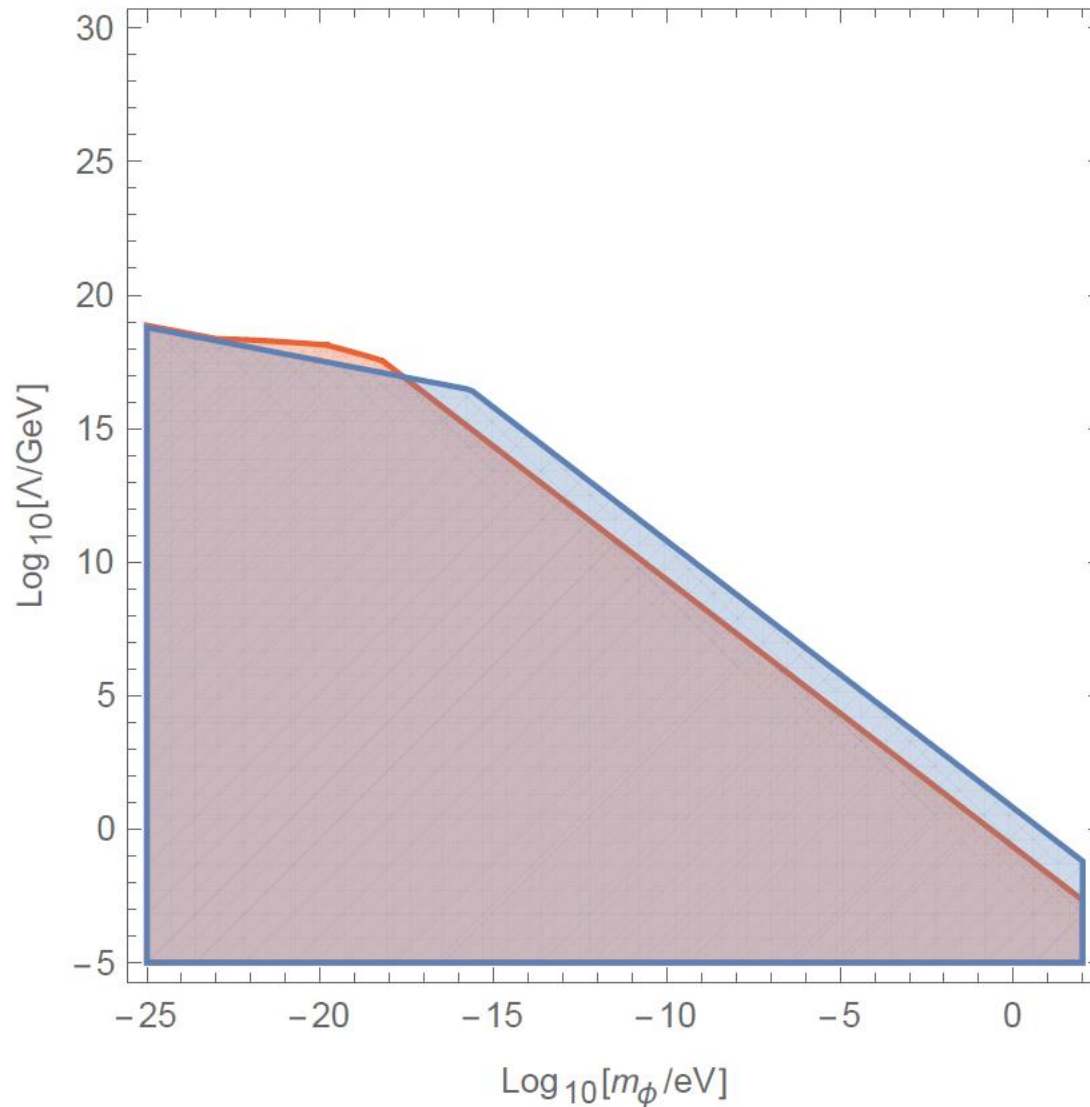
- Largest effects of DM in early Universe (highest ρ_{DM})
- Big Bang nucleosynthesis ($t_{\text{weak}} \approx 1\text{s} - t_{\text{BBN}} \approx 3\text{ min}$)
- Primordial ${}^4\text{He}$ abundance sensitive to n/p ratio
(almost all neutrons bound in ${}^4\text{He}$ after BBN)

$$\frac{\Delta Y_p({}^4\text{He})}{Y_p({}^4\text{He})} \approx \frac{\Delta(n/p)_{\text{weak}}}{(n/p)_{\text{weak}}} - \Delta \left[\int_{t_{\text{weak}}}^{t_{\text{BBN}}} \Gamma_n(t) dt \right]$$



Back-Reaction Effects in BBN

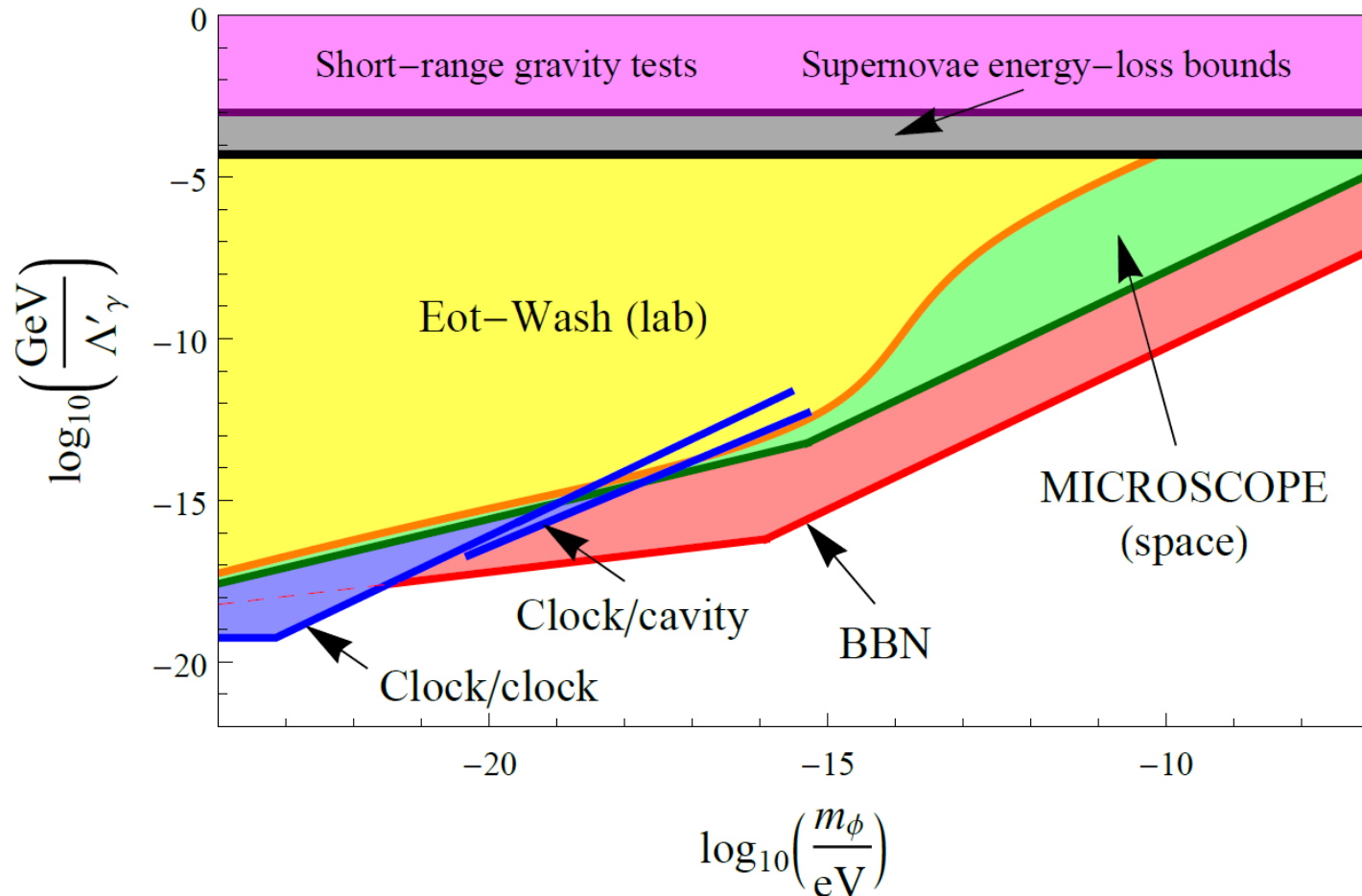
[Sörensen, Sibiryakov, Yu, PRELIMINARY – In preparation]



Constraints on Quadratic Interaction of Scalar Dark Matter with the Photon

Clock/clock + BBN constraints: [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRL* **115**, 201301 (2015); *PRA* **94**, 022111 (2016)]; **MICROSCOPE + Eöt-Wash constraints:** [Hees *et al.*, *PRD* **98**, 064051 (2018)]

15 orders of magnitude improvement!



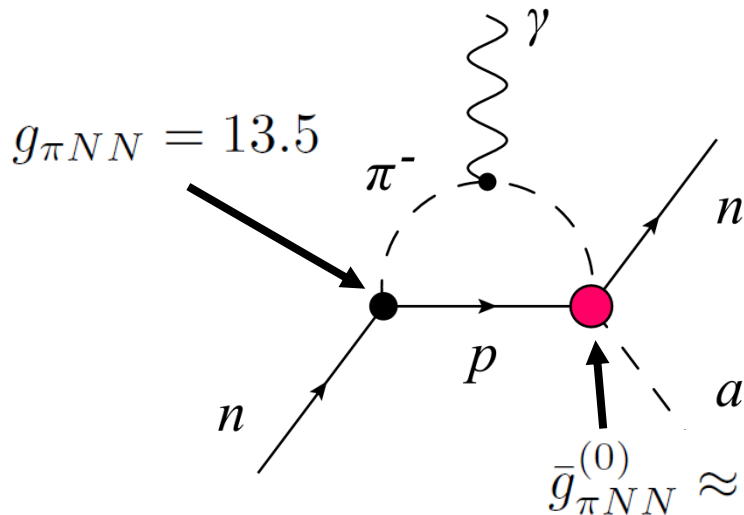
Oscillating Electric Dipole Moments

Nucleons: [Graham, Rajendran, *PRD* **84**, 055013 (2011)]

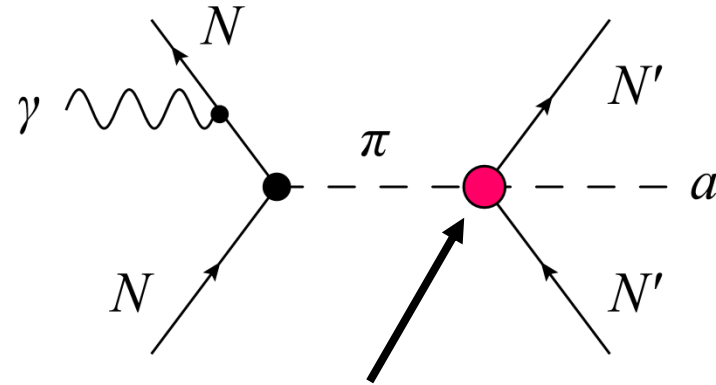
Atoms and molecules: [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRD* **89**, 043522 (2014)]

$$\mathcal{L}_g = \frac{C_G a_0 \cos(m_a t)}{f_a} \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} G \tilde{G}$$

Nucleon EDMs



CP-violating intranuclear forces



In nuclei, *tree-level* CP-violating intranuclear forces dominate over *loop-induced* nucleon EDMs [loop factor = $1/(8\pi^2)$].