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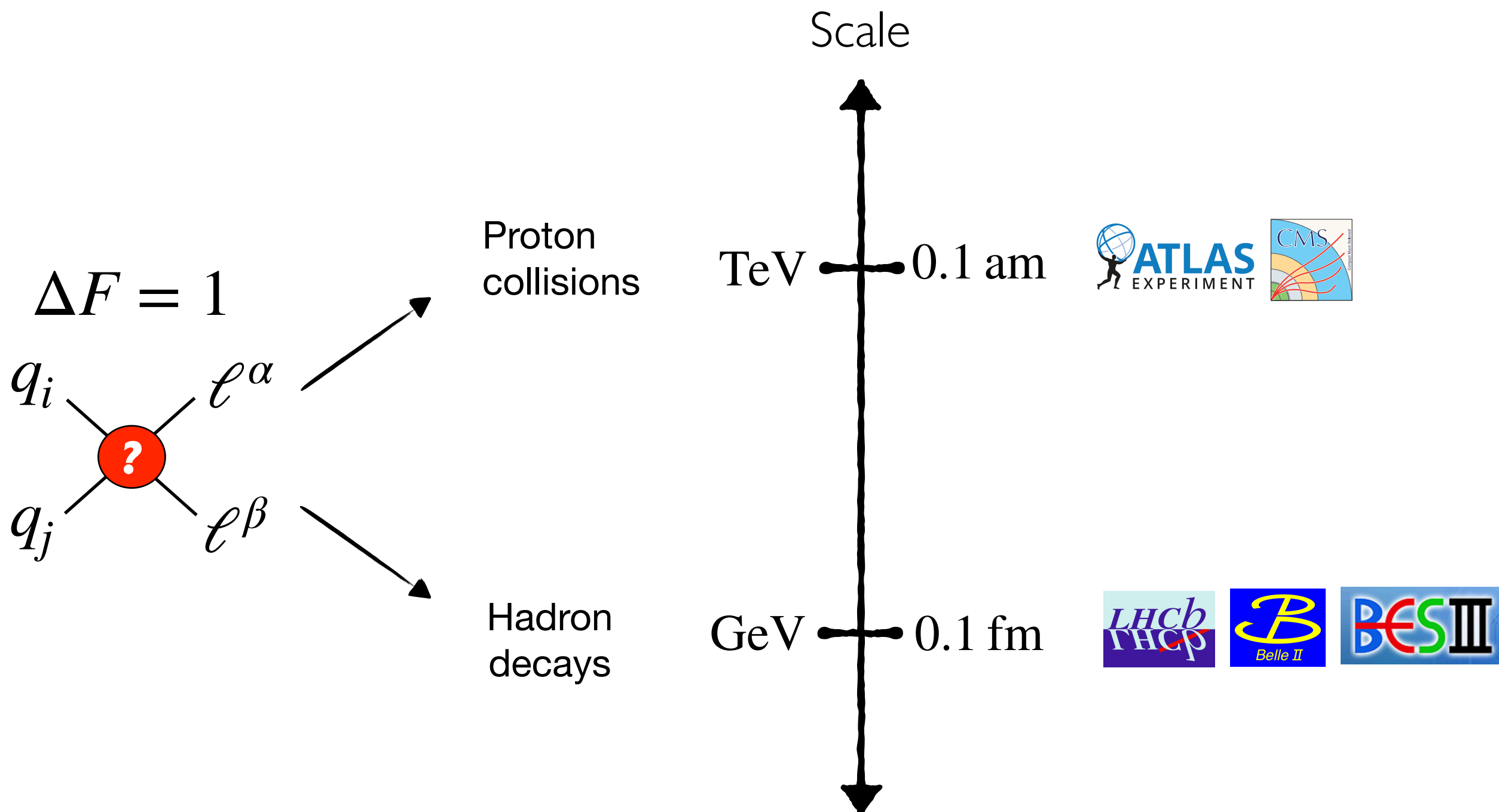
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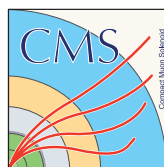
Question: How unique is the charm sector as a probe of New Physics within the zoo of flavor and collider phenomenology? What is the role of charm in a broader quest for a microscopic theory beyond the SM?

Opportunities across the scales



Contemporary experiments

High-energy Frontier



TeV

3 x more luminosity by '23
20 x by '35

Harvesting large statistics!

High-intensity Frontier



5 x more
by '30



'19 - '25
50 x Belle



10 x more

GeV

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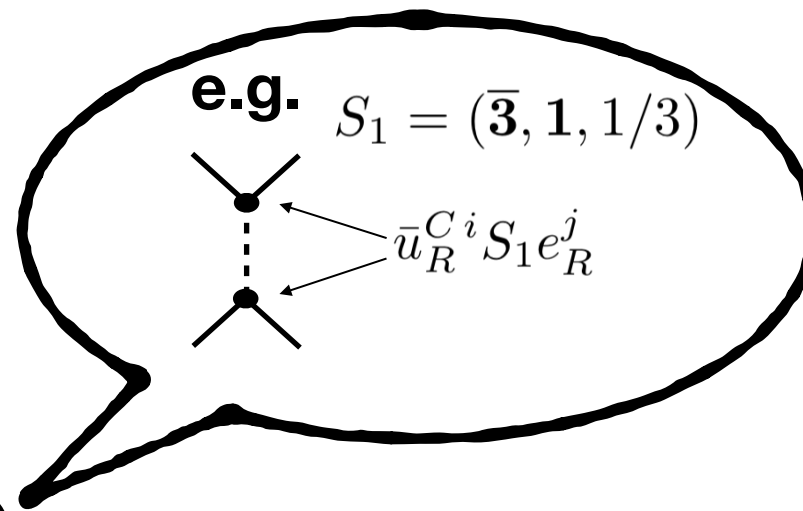
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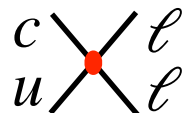
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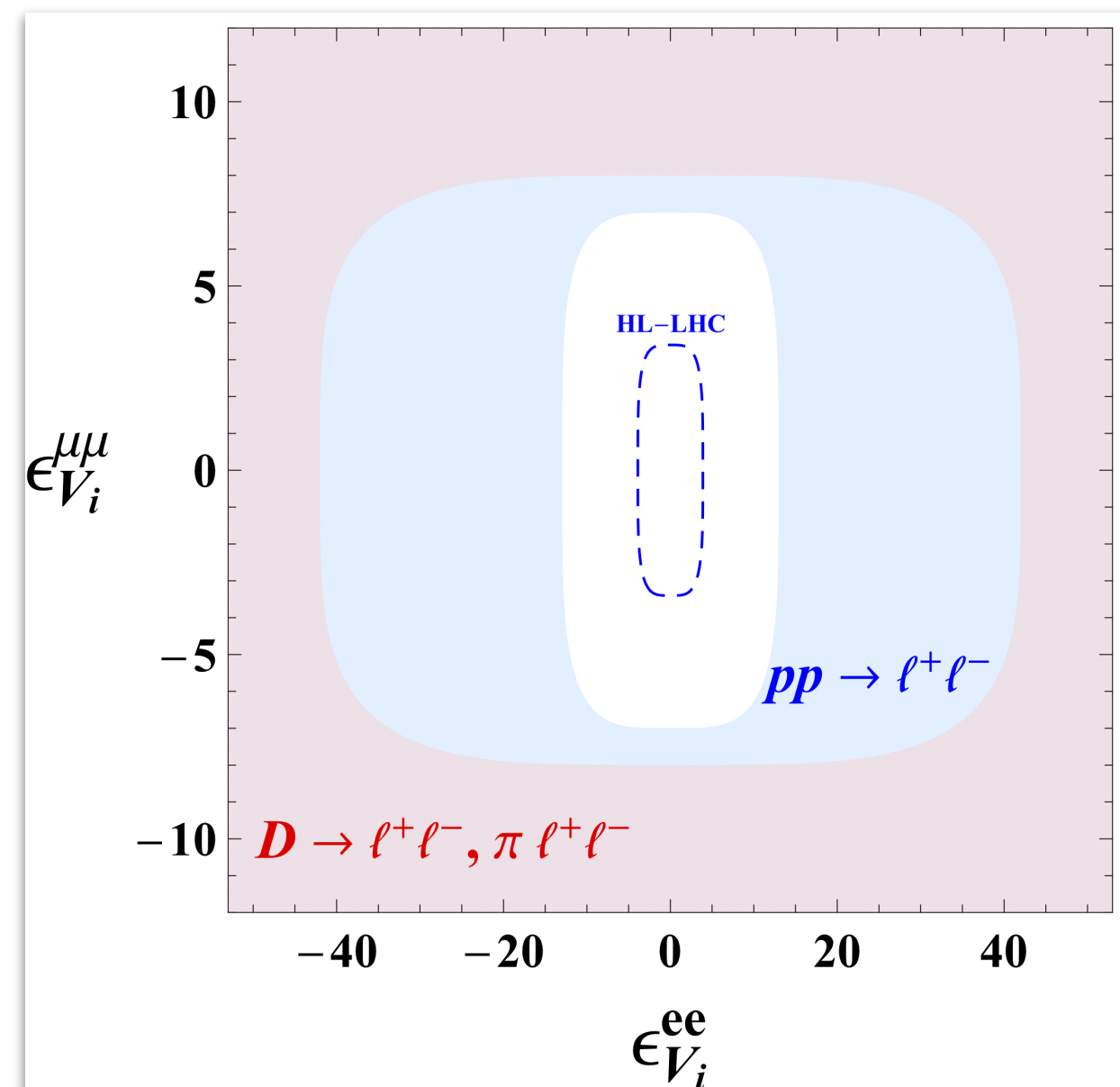
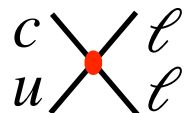
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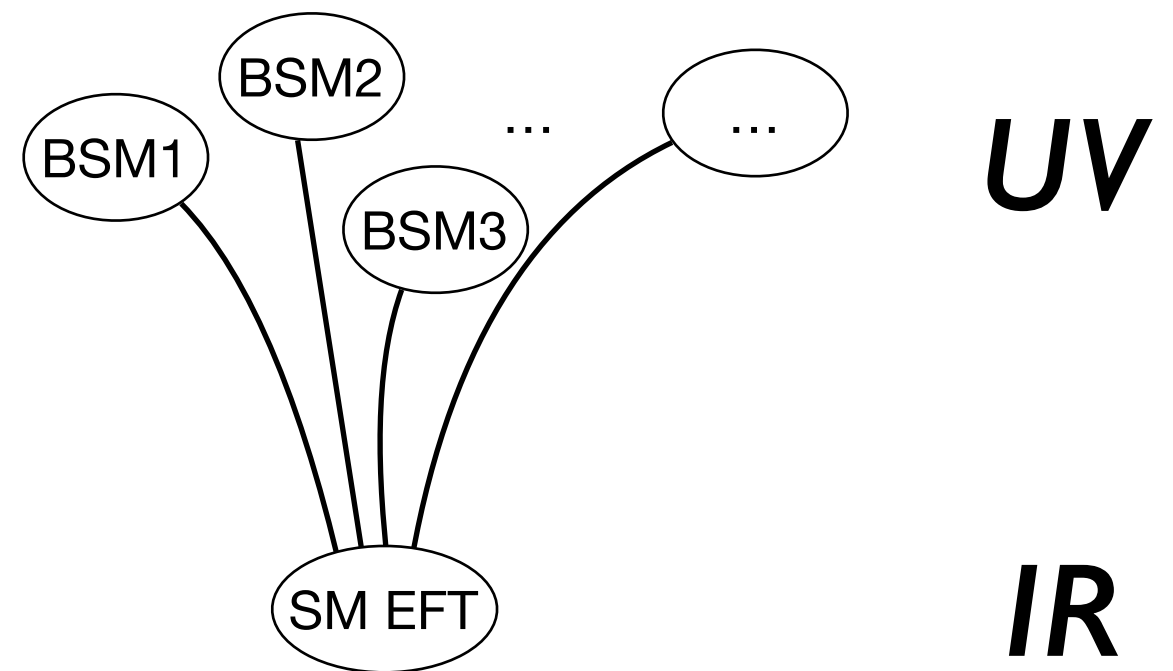
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CC}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ci} \left[(1 + \epsilon_{V_L}^{\alpha\beta i}) \mathcal{O}_{V_L}^{\alpha\beta i} + \epsilon_{V_R}^{\alpha\beta i} \mathcal{O}_{V_R}^{\alpha\beta i} + \epsilon_{S_L}^{\alpha\beta i} \mathcal{O}_{S_L}^{\alpha\beta i} + \epsilon_{S_R}^{\alpha\beta i} \mathcal{O}_{S_R}^{\alpha\beta i} + \epsilon_T^{\alpha\beta i} \mathcal{O}_T^{\alpha\beta i} \right] + \text{h.c.},$$

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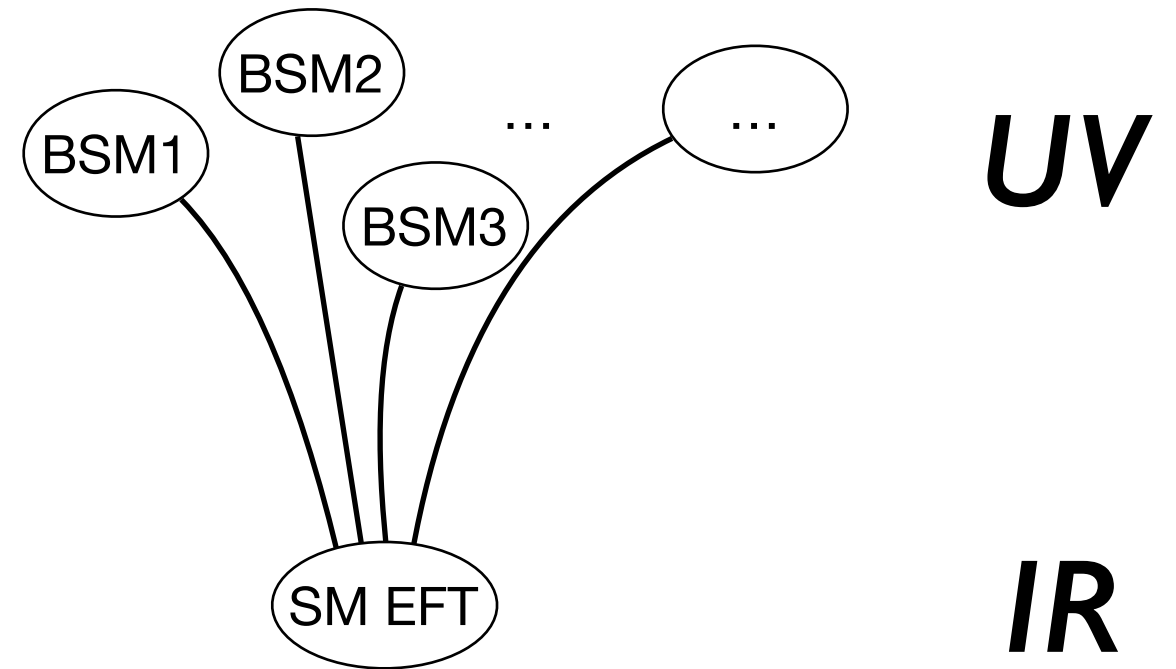
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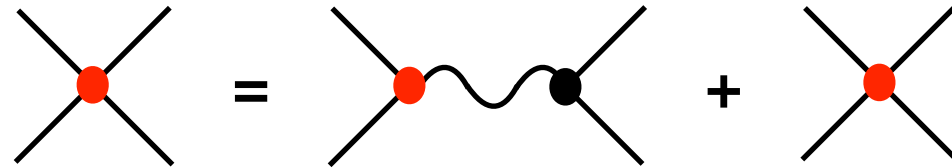
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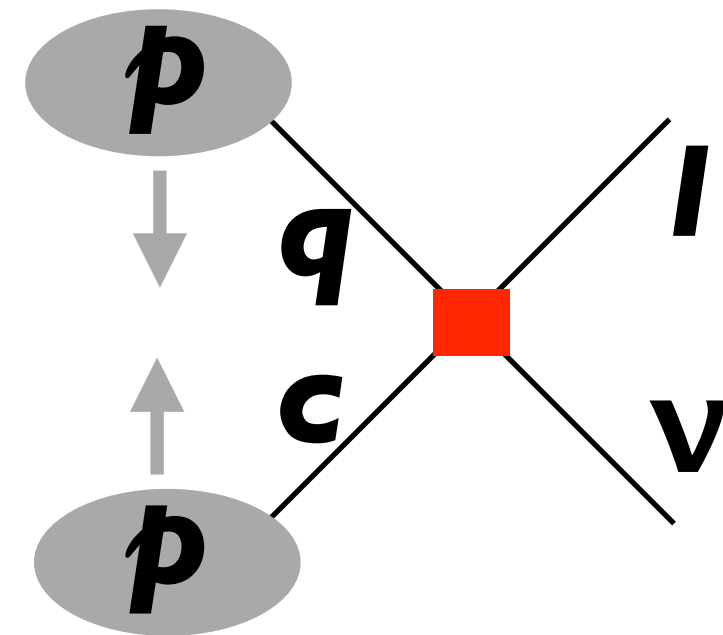
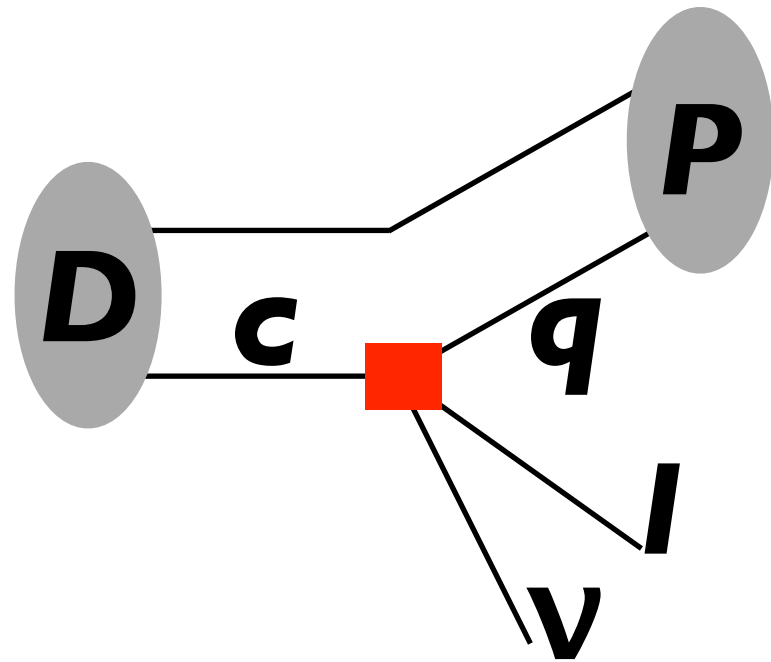
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- SMEFT 4F operators match to V_L, S_R, S_L, T but not to V_R
- V_L and V_R receive chirality-preserving W vertex corrections
- Effects from chirality-flipping vertex corrections are beyond dim-6 $\bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi \phi F_{\mu\nu}$
- SMEFT effects in leptonic W couplings, G_F , and CKM determination neglected
- RGEs allow to connect low and high p_T
- RGE effects sizeable for scalar and tensor operators

Caveats beyond this setup will be discussed later

Crossing symmetry



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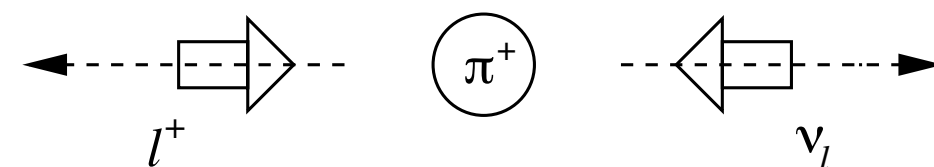
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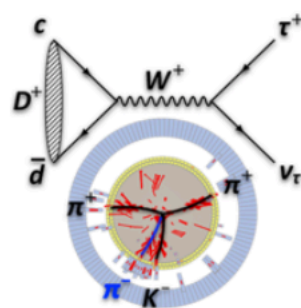
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Editors' Suggestion

Observation of the Leptonic Decay $D^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau$

M. Ablikim *et al.* (BESIII Collaboration)

Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, 211802 (2019) – Published 22 November 2019



The first observation of the two-body decay of a charm meson into a tau and its neutrino allow for a new probe of lepton flavor universality.

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d	e		$[-32, 34]$		$[-0.005, 0.005]$	
	μ		$[-0.013, 0.07]$		$[-0.0024, 0.0004]$	
	τ		$[-0.27, 0.21]$		$[-0.11, 0.15]$	
s	e		$[-27, 29]$		$[-0.005, 0.004]$	
	μ		$[-0.07, 0.02]$		$[-0.0007, 0.0022]$	
	τ		$[-0.07, 0.014]$		$[-0.008, 0.04]$	

95% CL ranges on WCs at 2 GeV (one parameter fit).

- Stringent limits on P operators
- Limits on A depend strongly on the lepton flavour

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LQCD: Form factors

P	α	BR_{SM}	x_S	x_T	y_S	y_T
π^-	e	$2.65(18) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.12(10) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.21(15) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.74(22)$	$1.14(21)$
	μ	$2.61(17) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.228(19)$	$0.23(3)$	$2.73(18)$	$1.15(22)$
K^-	e	$3.48(26) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.29(8) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.18(11) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.00(11)$	$0.69(8)$
	μ	$3.39(25) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$0.251(16)$	$0.224(20)$	$2.00(11)$	$0.71(8)$

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 - $D > V$, no lattice QCD predictions
 - Baryonic Λ_c decays, data not precise
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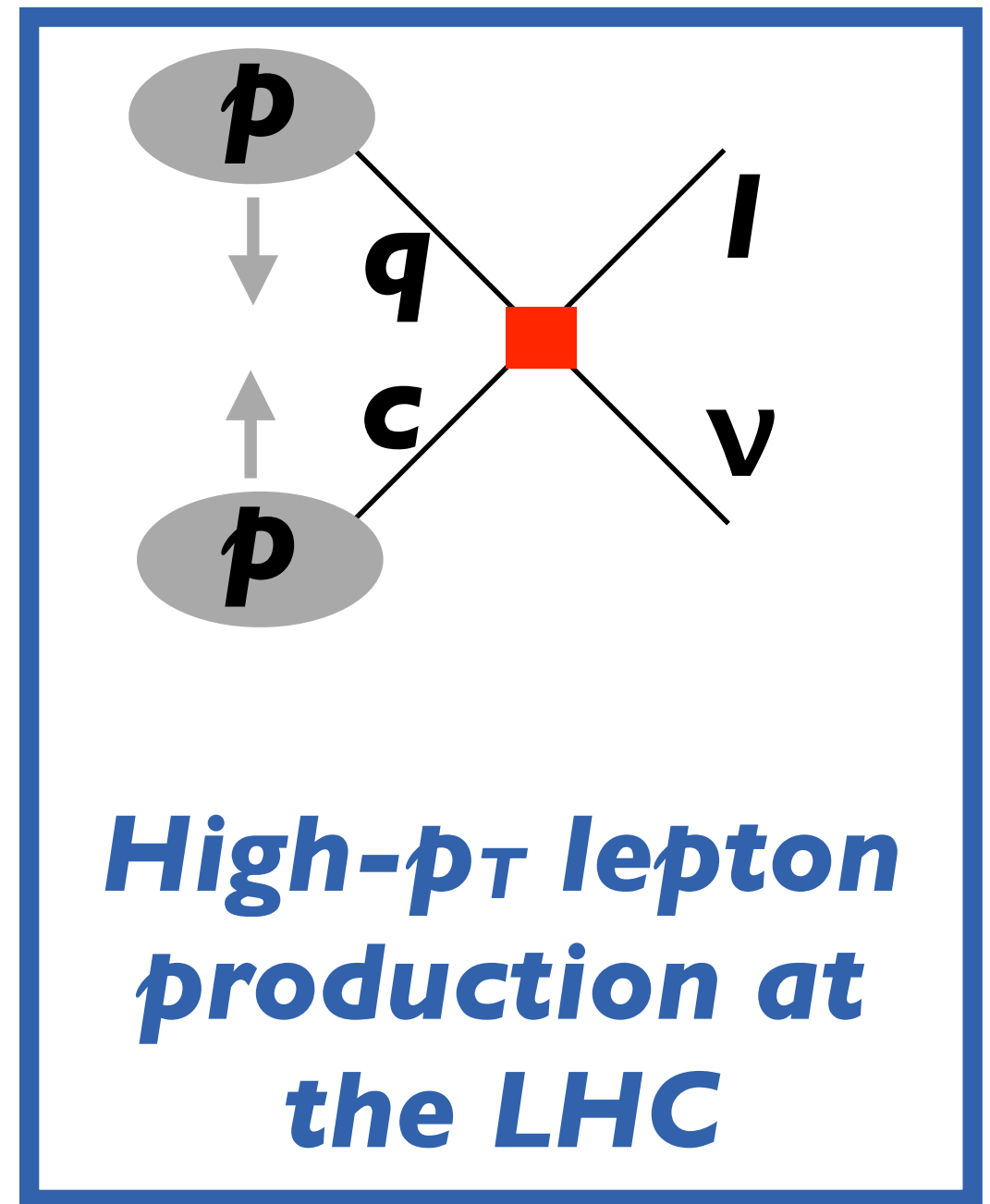
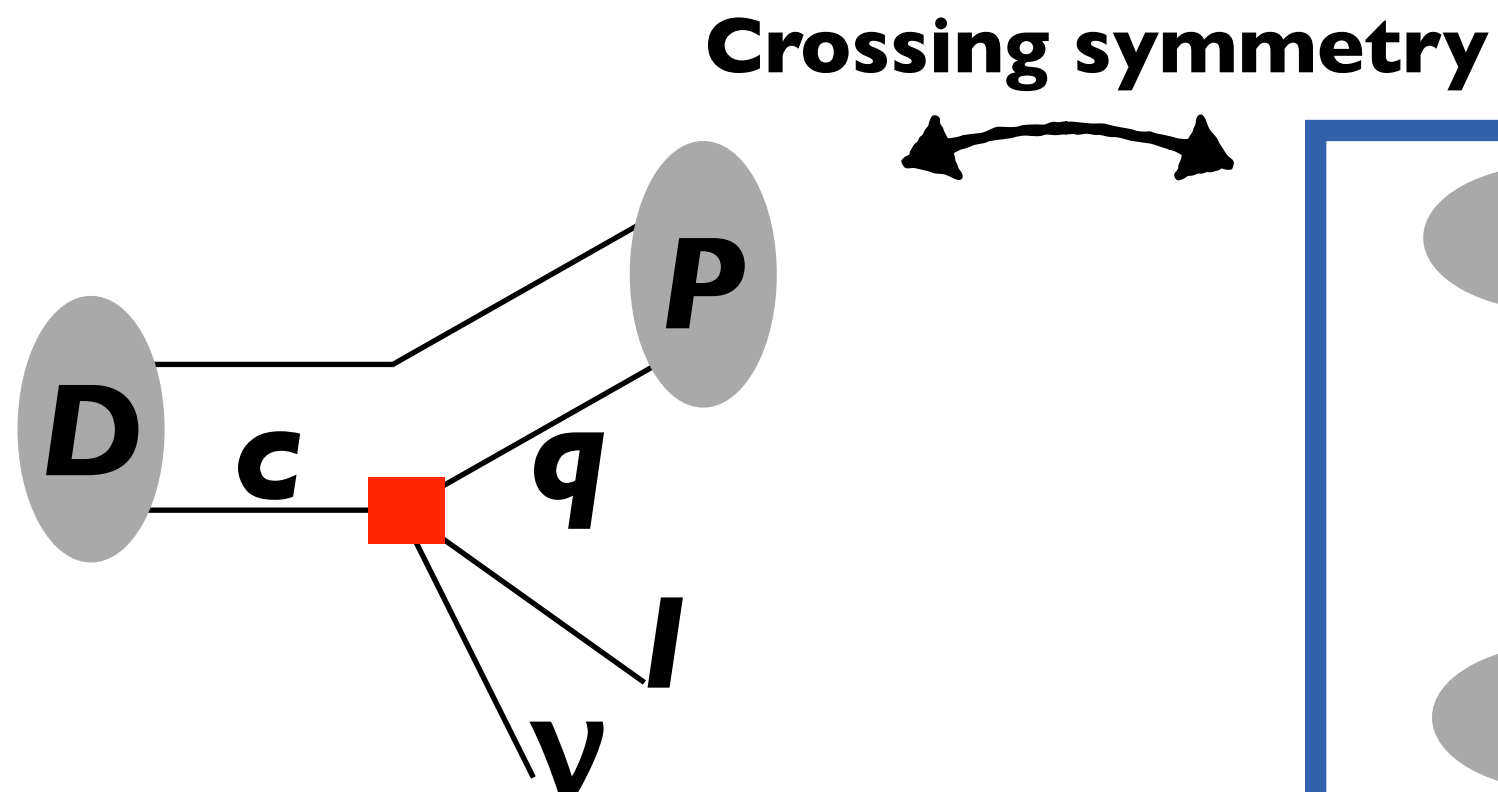
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	τ	$[-70, 60]$	$[-33, 44]$
s	e	$[-2.0, 2.2]$	$[-1.3, 1.2]$
	μ	$[-1.1, 0.3]$	$[-0.2, 0.6]$
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- RGE flow to P operator at low energies



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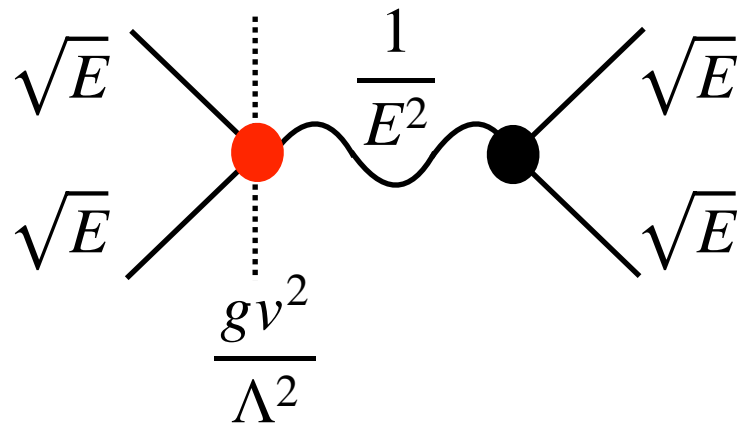
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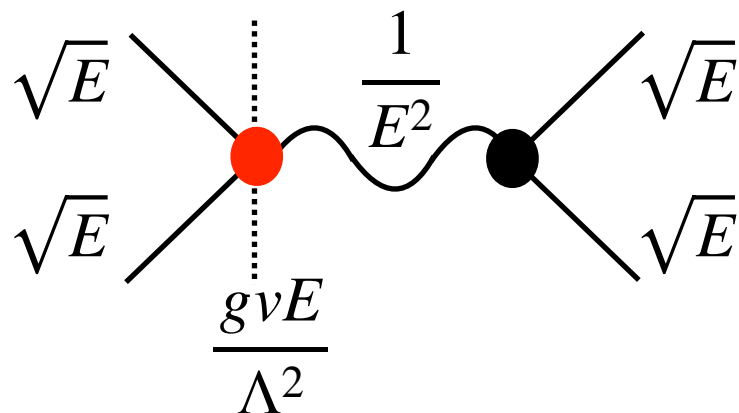
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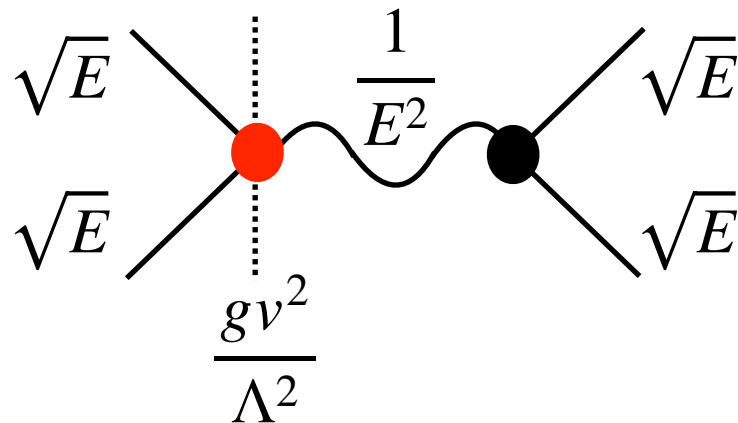
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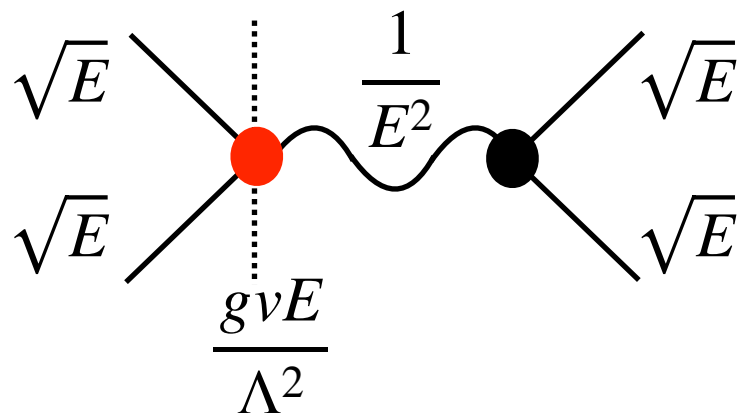
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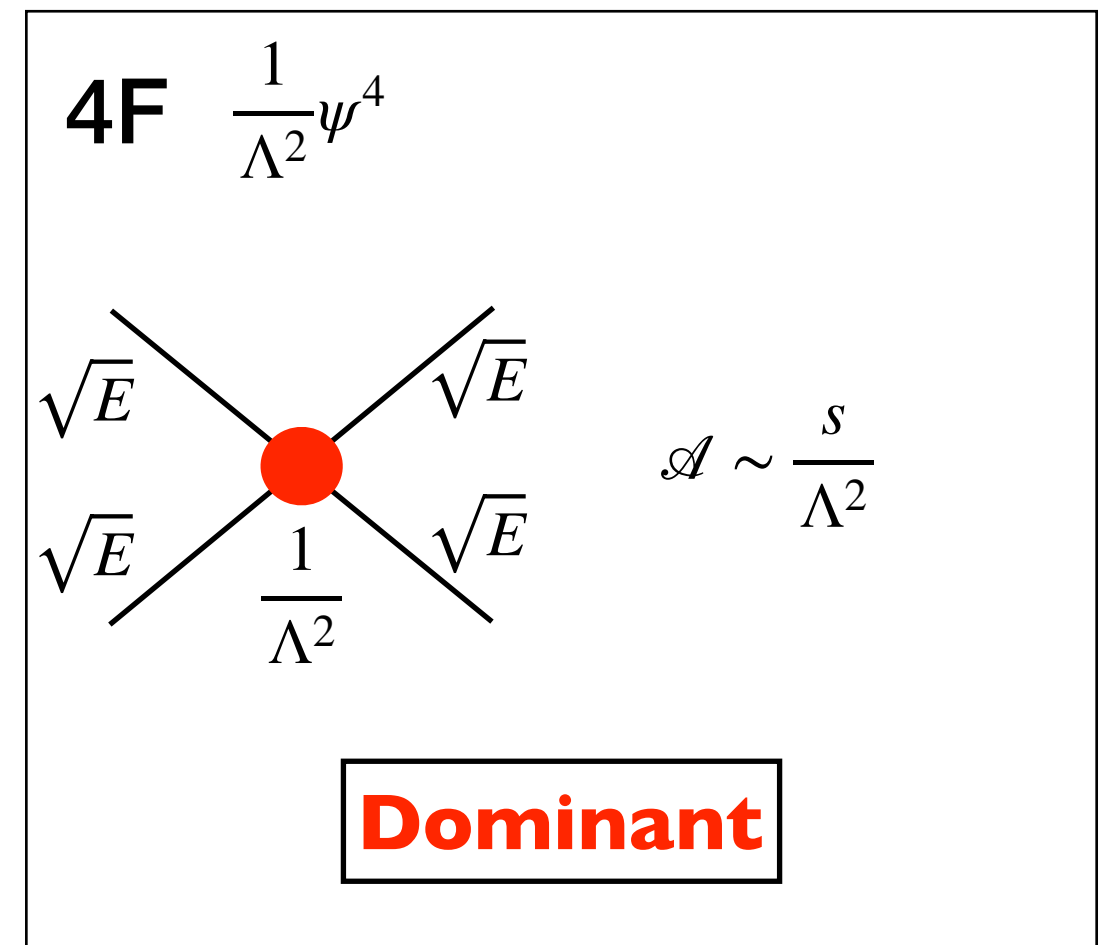
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Scattering amplitudes induced by 4F contact interactions grow with energy before the completion kicks in to insure unitarity.

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- The lack of interference tends to increase the cross section in the high- p_T tails, and allows to **set bounds on several NP operators simultaneously**.
- Different / complementary to charm decays.

Most of the bounds from $D_{(S)}$ mesons decays depend on interference terms among different WCs, and it becomes difficult to break flat directions without additional observables.

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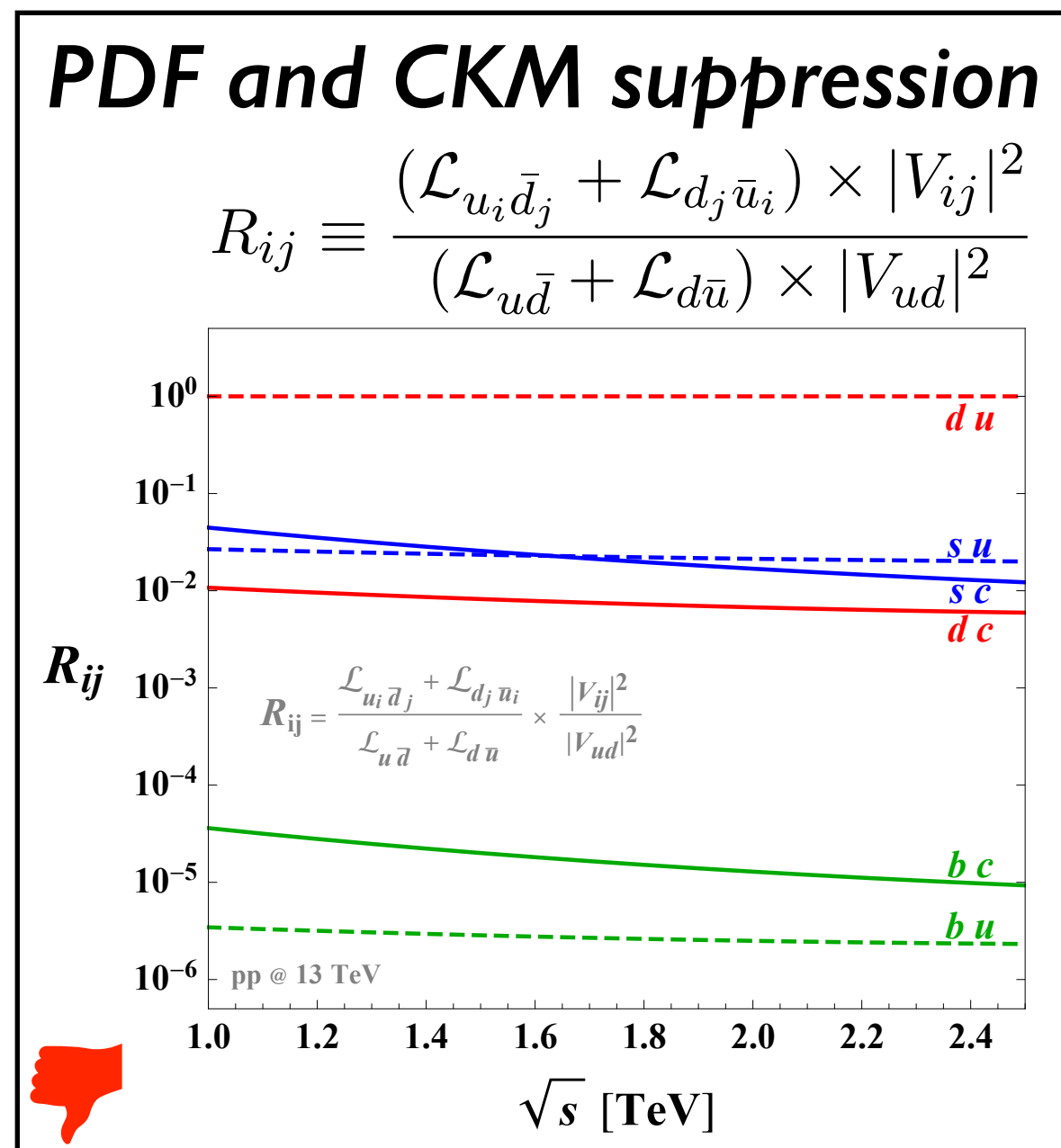
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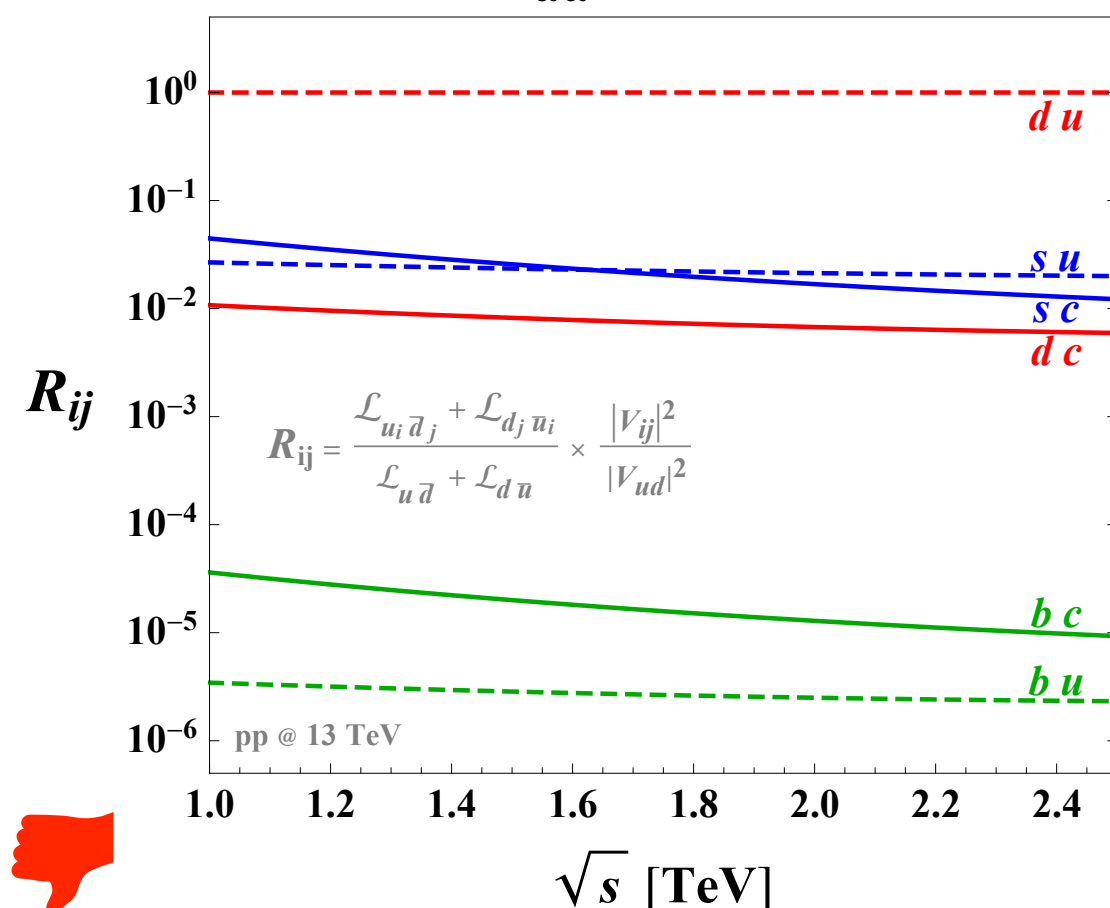
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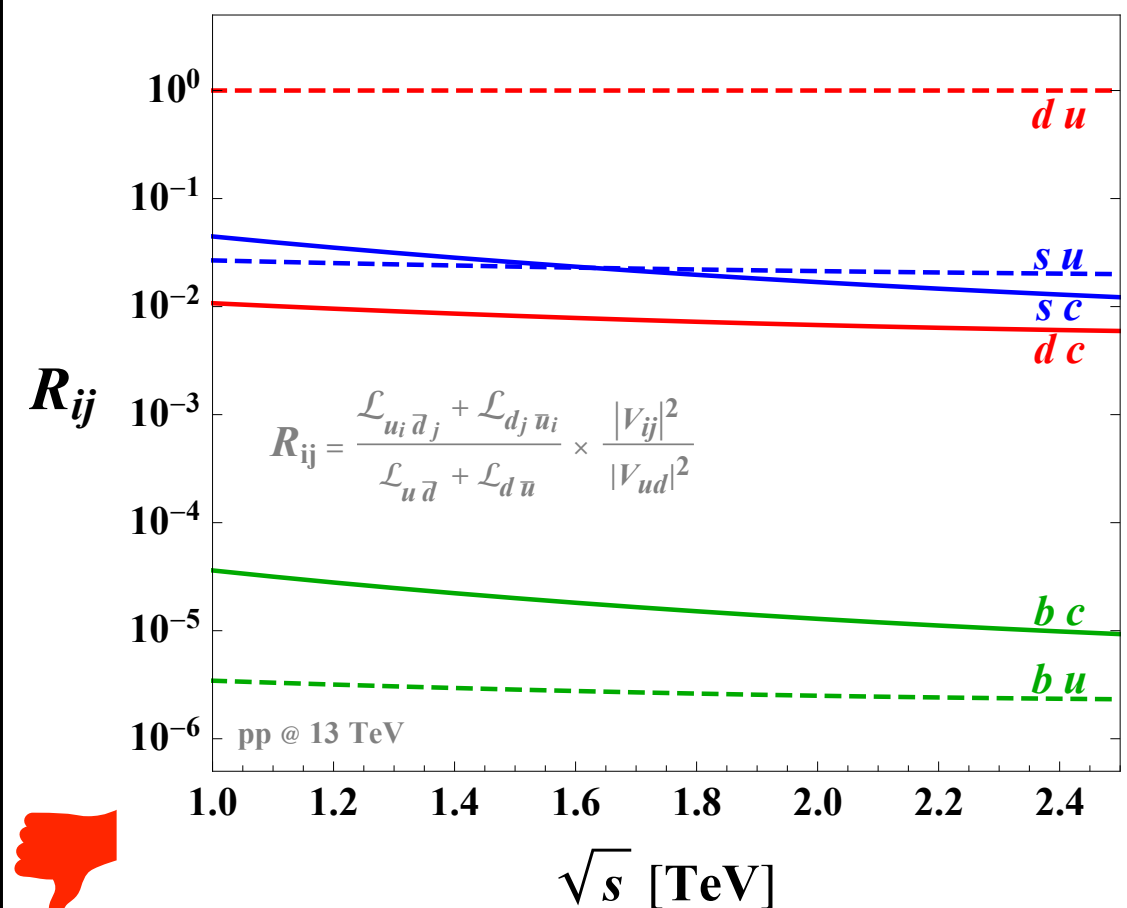
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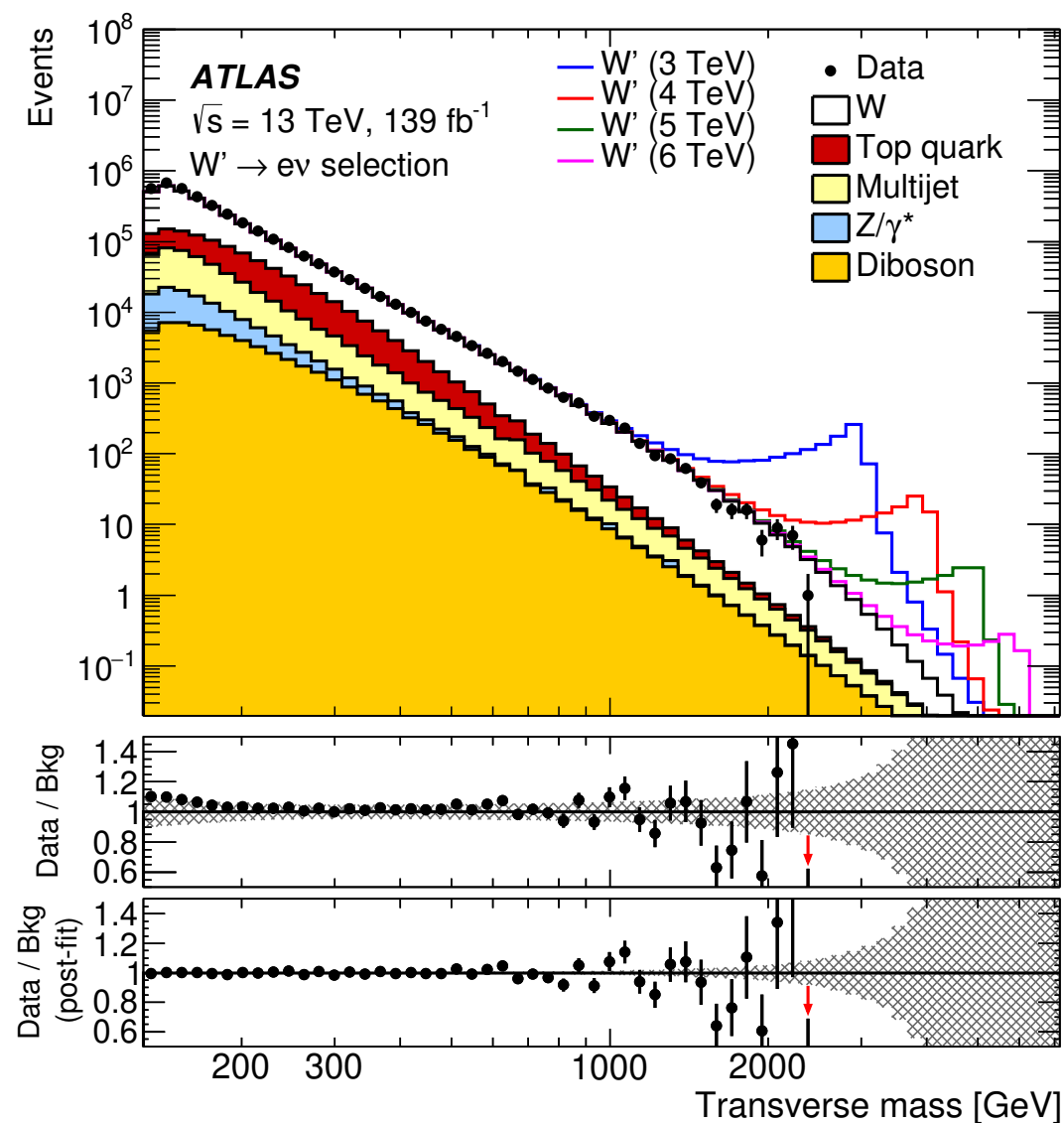
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- Charged (and neutral) Drell-Yan is extremely well measured at the LHC.
- We recast the available searches fitting the transverse mass distribution at the reco level.



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[Available data]

- Full-fledged simulations validated by reproducing the official SM prediction. The SM background systematics included conservatively. The modified frequentist CLs method used.

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- Similar results for **d** and **s** - strange PDF versus Cabibo squared.
- Approx all limits $\mathcal{O}(0.01)$.
- $\epsilon_{V_L}^{\alpha\beta i} : \epsilon_{S_{L,R}}^{\alpha\beta i} : \epsilon_T^{\alpha\beta i} \approx 1 : \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} : \frac{1}{2}$
- Quadratic terms dominates the limits also for V_L .
- The most sensitive bins fall in the range $[1 - 1.5] \text{ TeV}$
- Dedicated future analysis: angular dependence, lepton charge asymmetry, etc.

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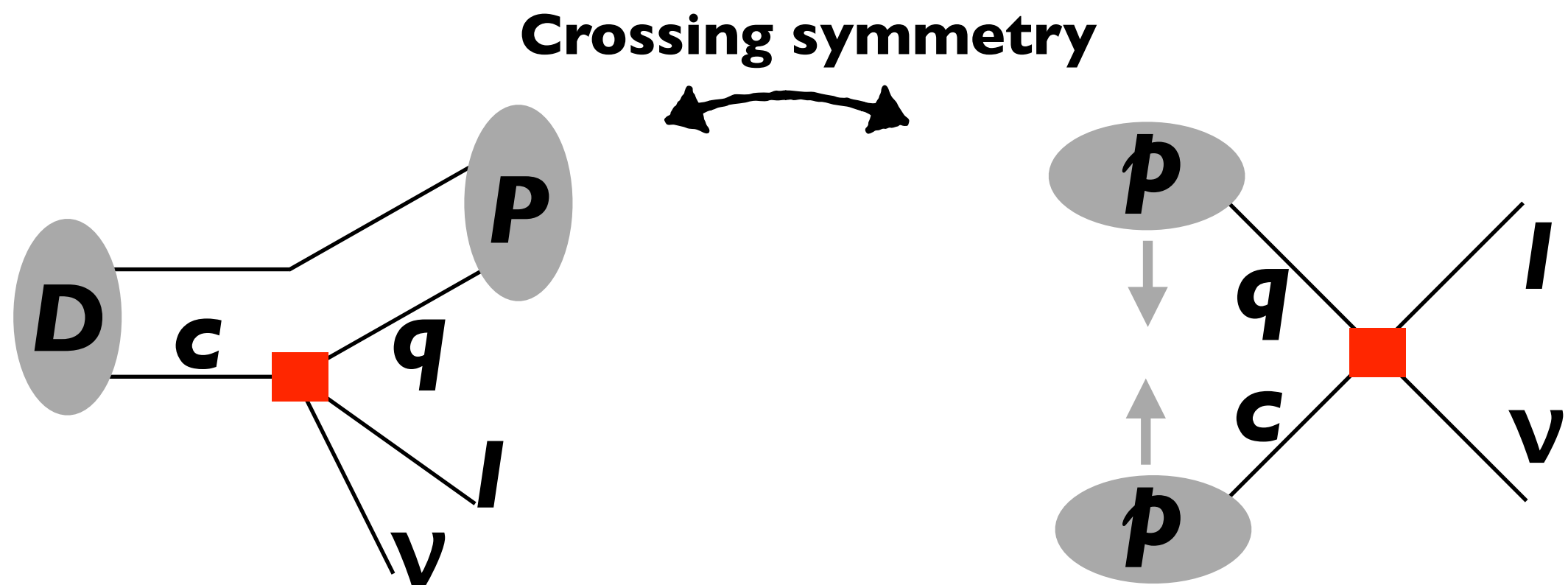
- The SM prediction (NNLO QCD + NLO EW) suffices the experimental precision.

How well do we know the signal?

- The uncertainty on the signal prediction from NLO QCD and PDF replicas estimated to be $\sim 10\%$ on the rate in the most sensitive bin. Electroweak corrections at the similar level. $\Delta\epsilon_X/\epsilon_X \approx 0.5 \Delta\sigma/\sigma$

How well do we know PDFs?

- The PDF determination assumes the SM. The impact of the Drell-Yan data in the global PDF fit is small at the moment. The issue is there in the future.



Interplay between low and high energy

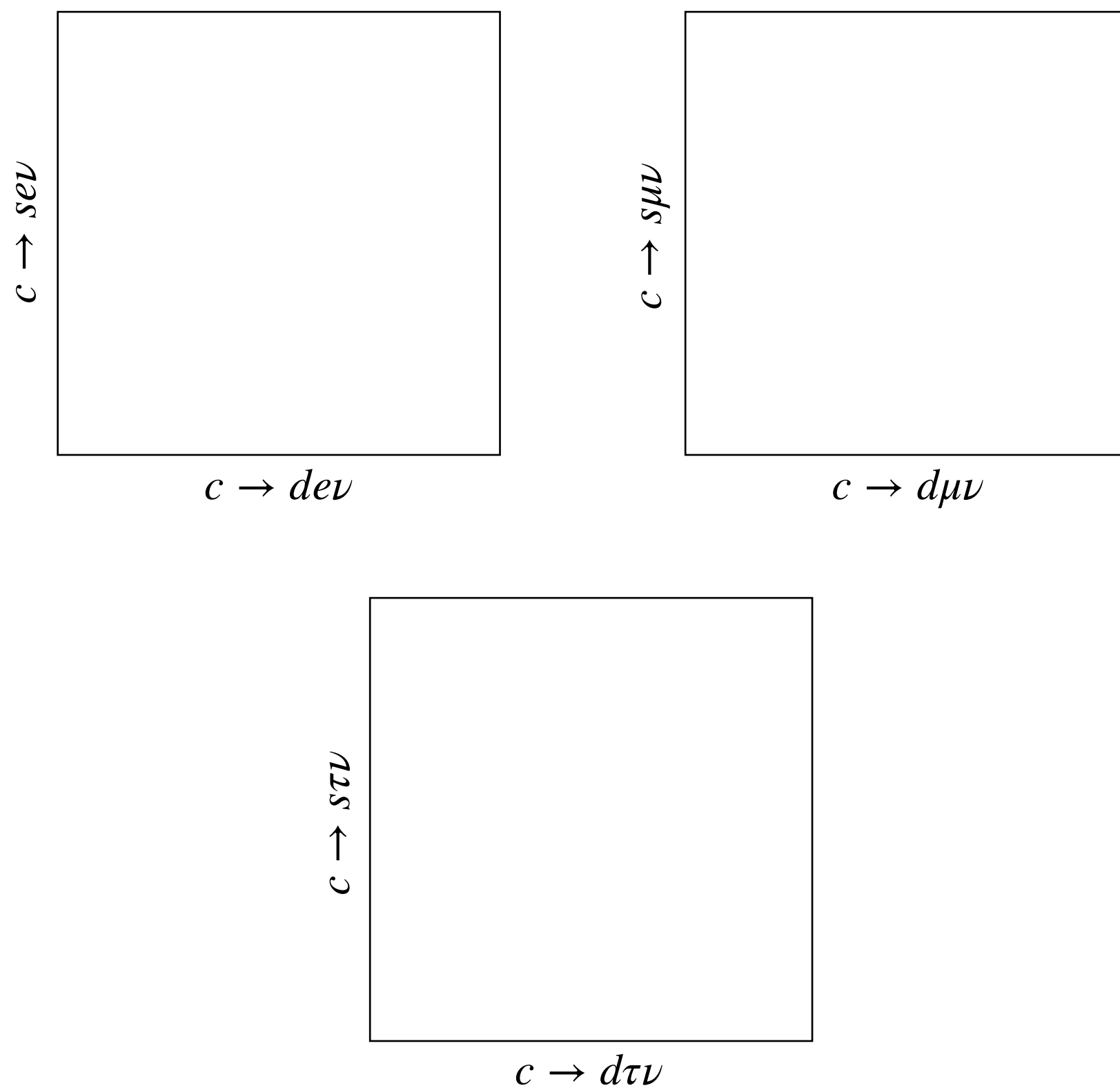
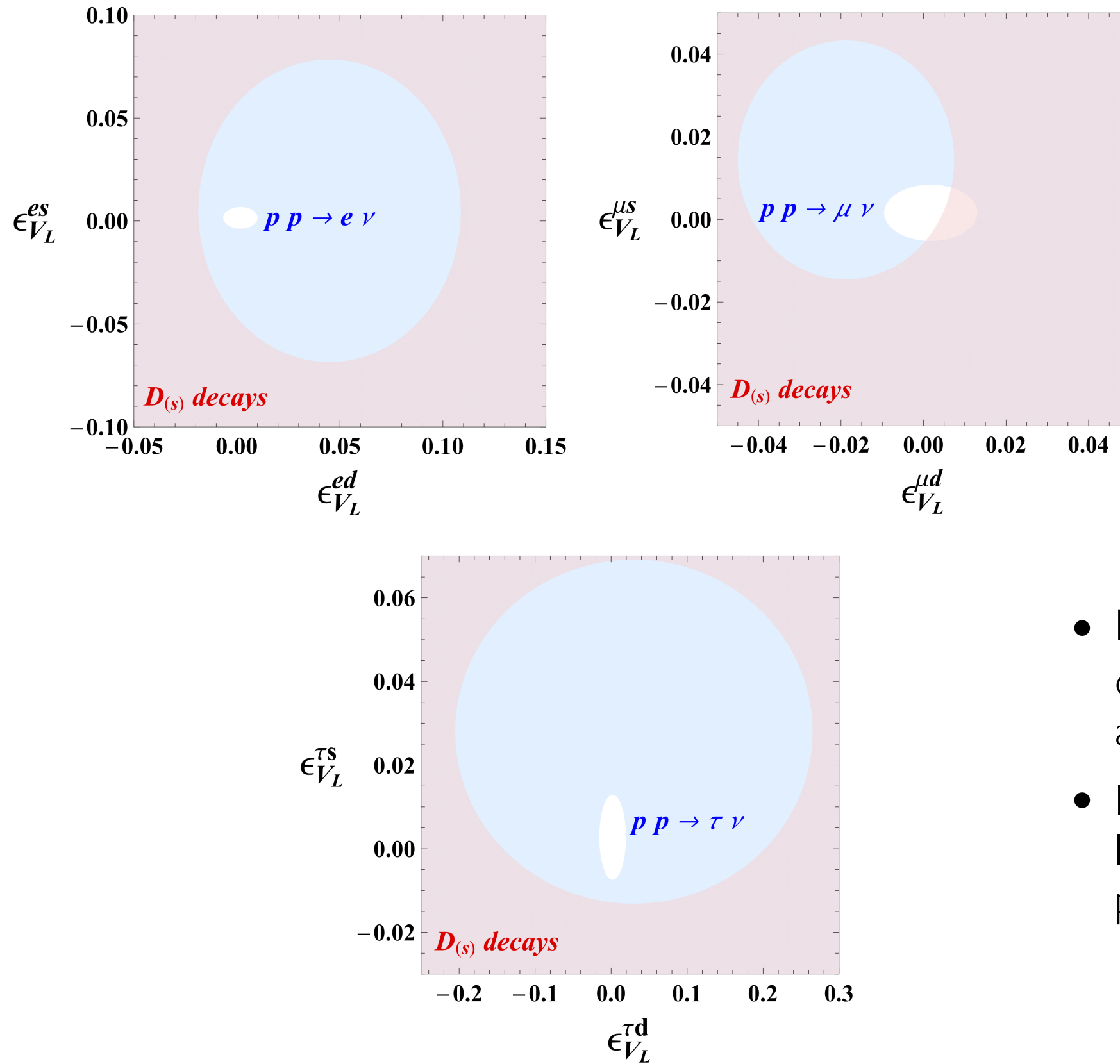


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- High- p_T limits are almost an order of magnitude stronger for all transitions
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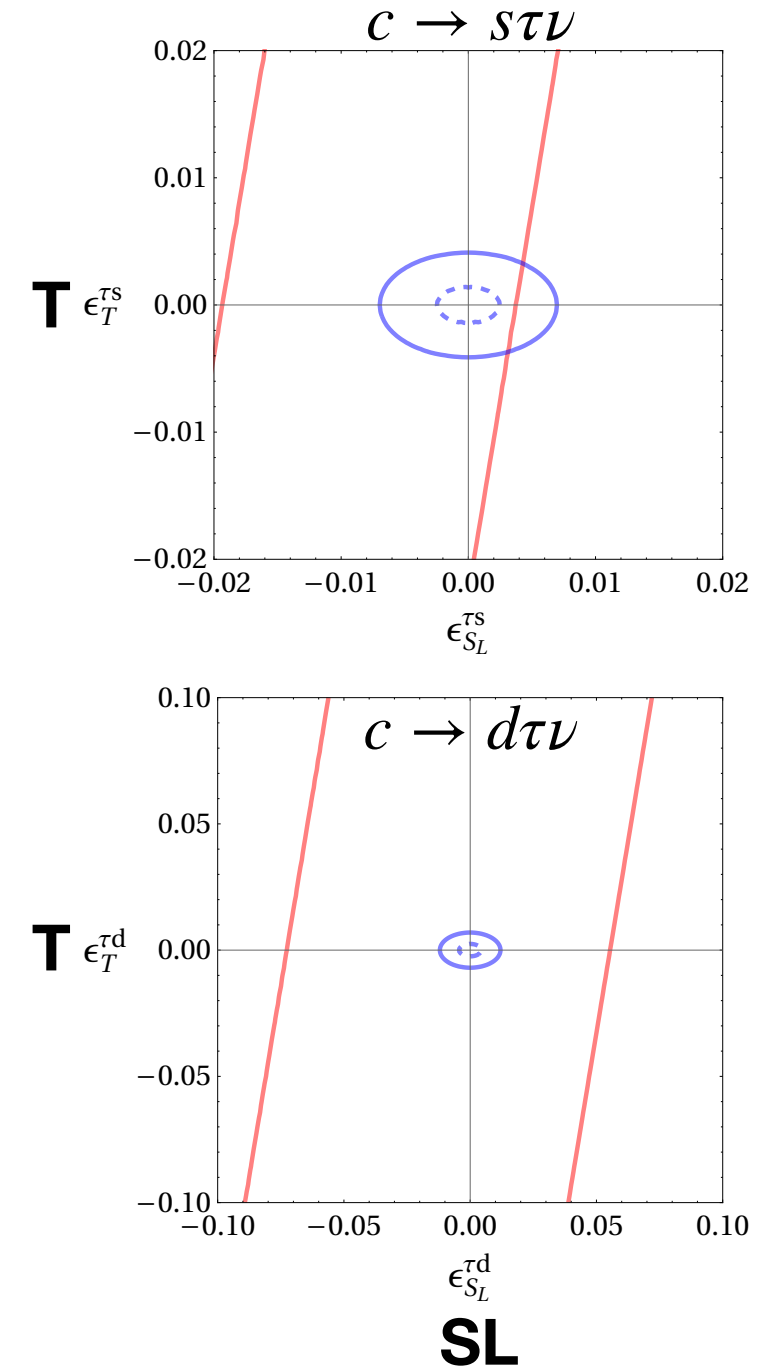
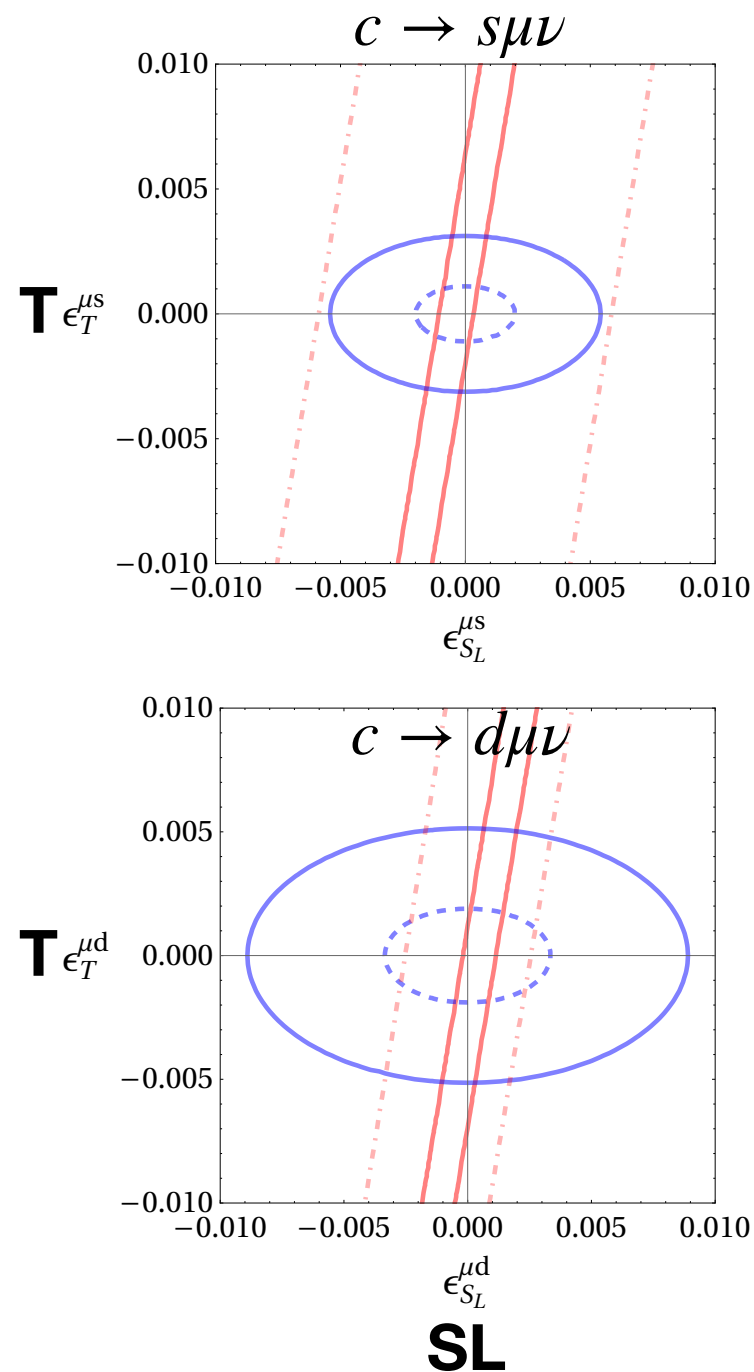


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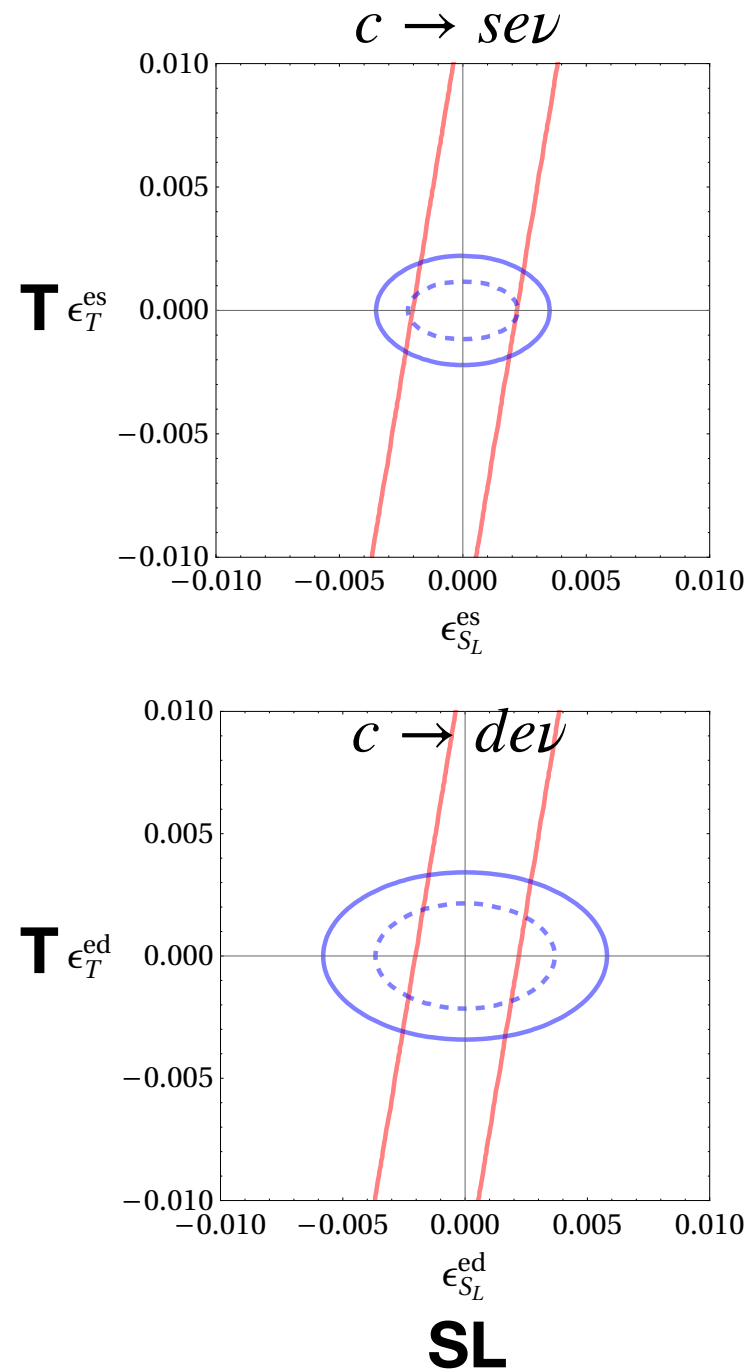
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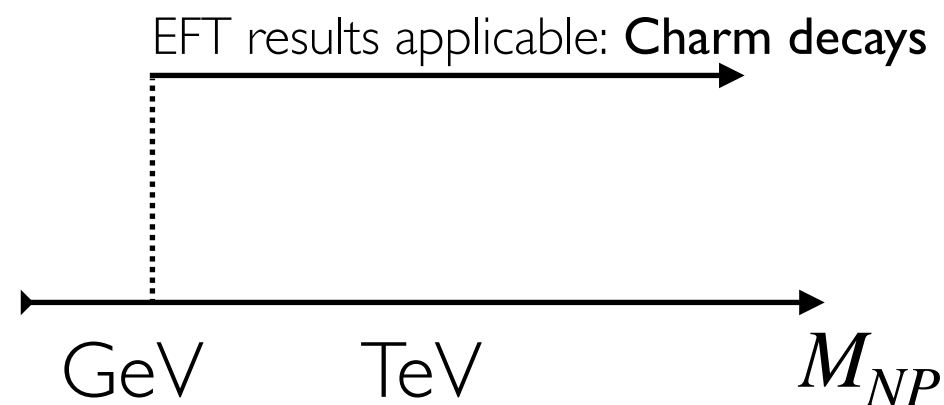
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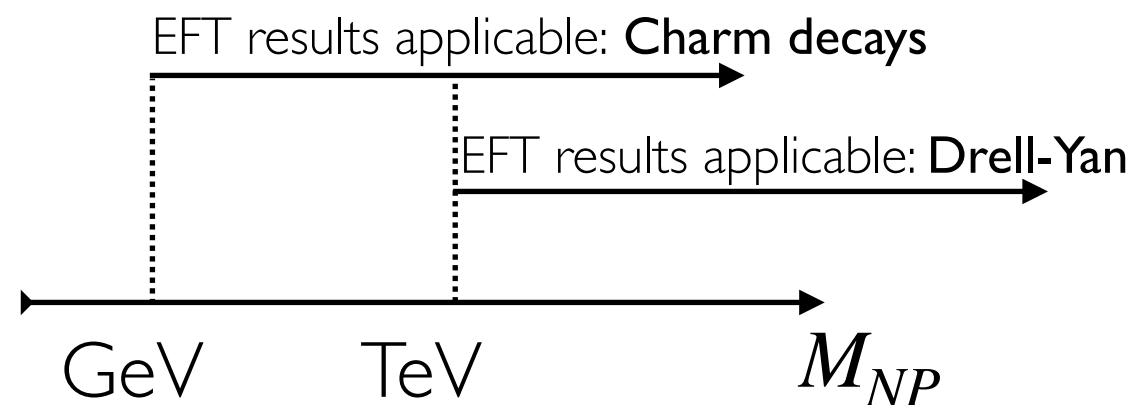


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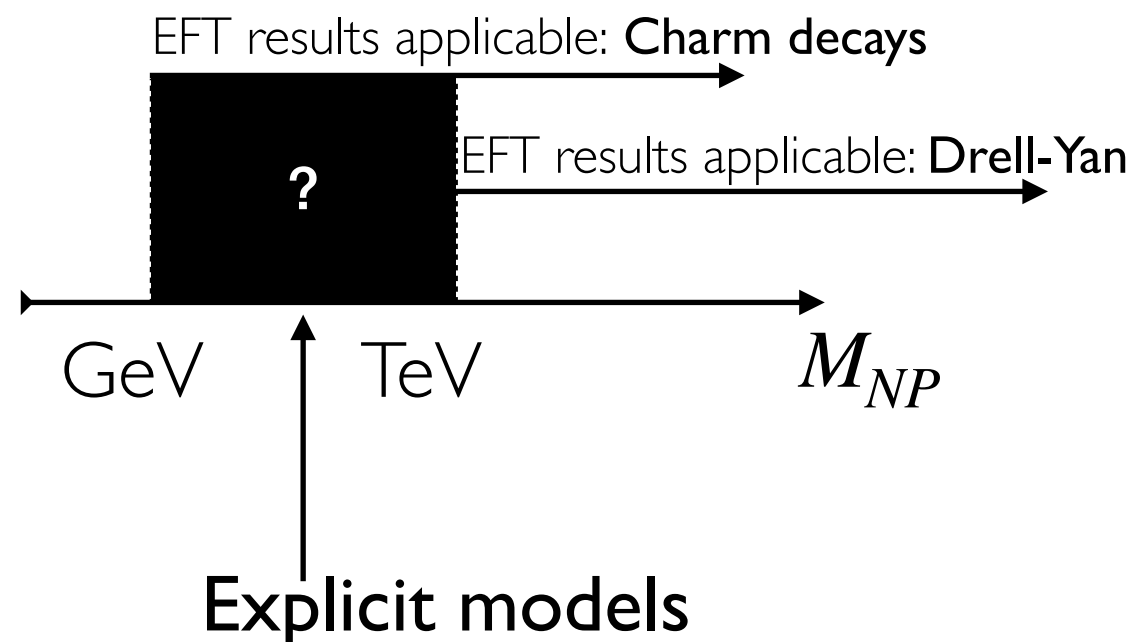


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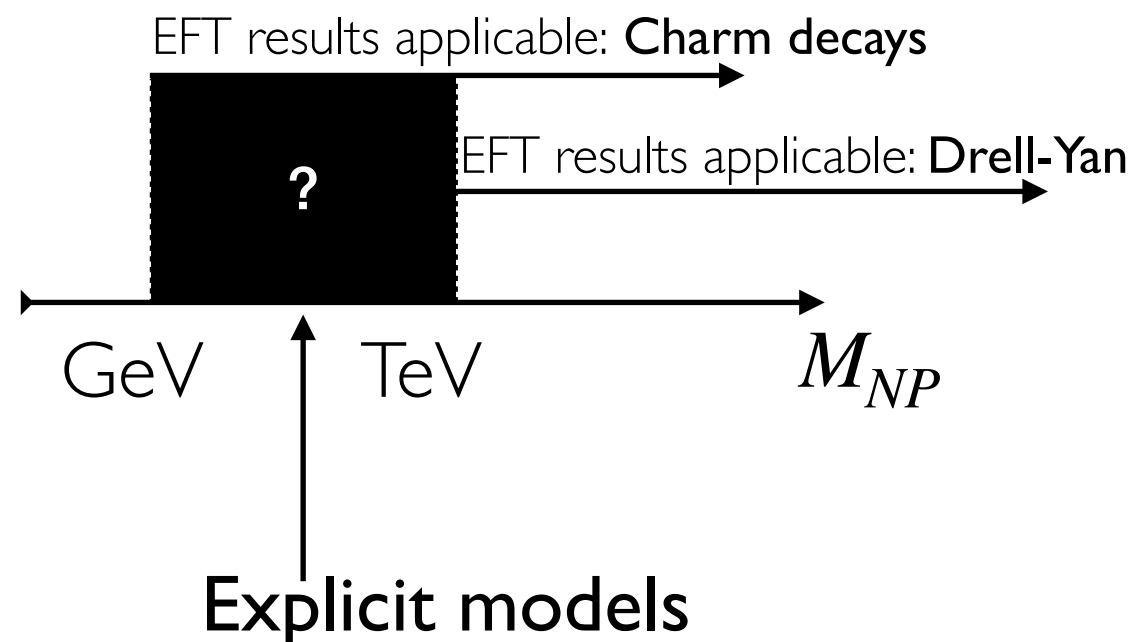


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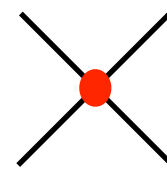
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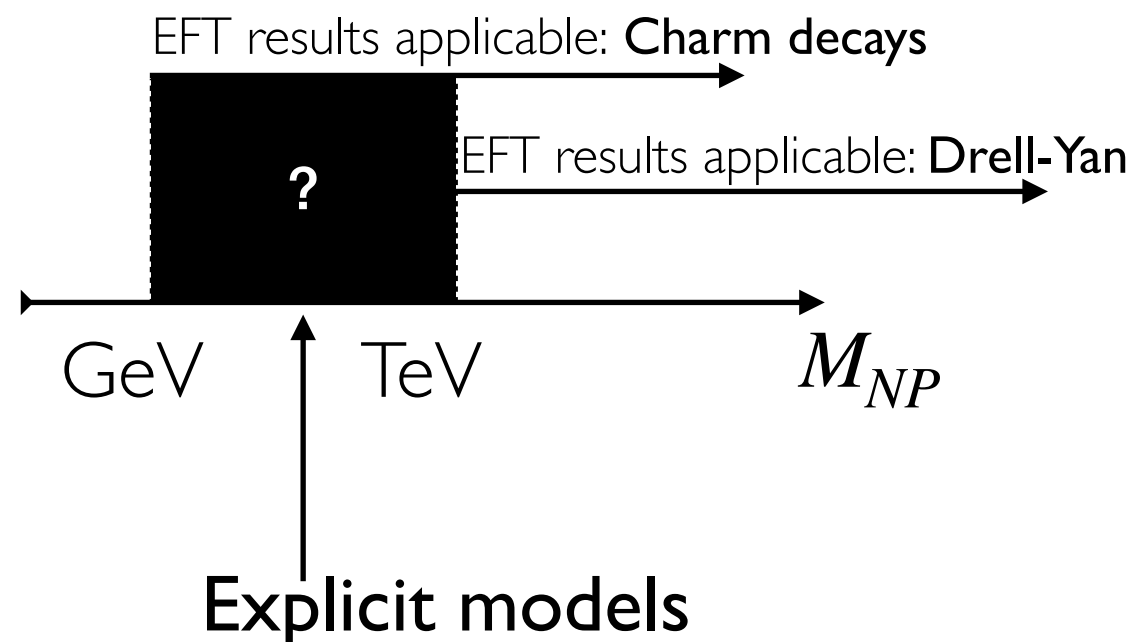


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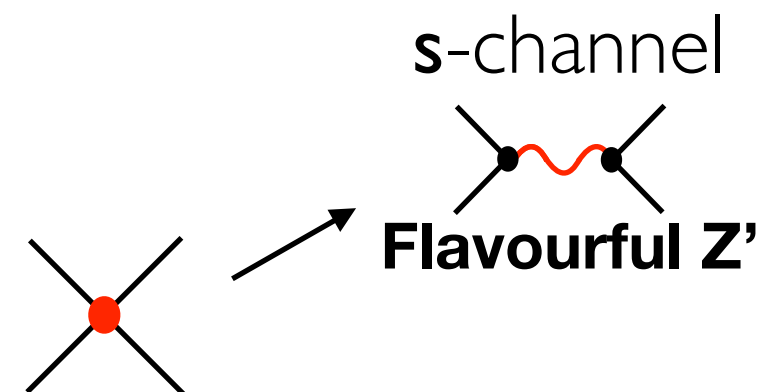
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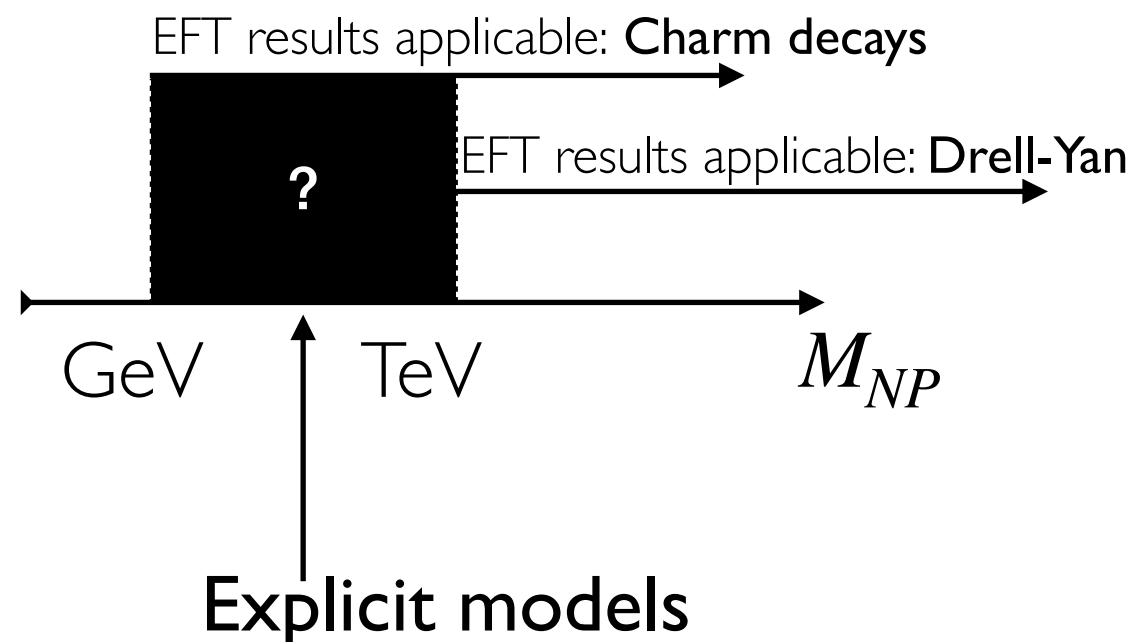
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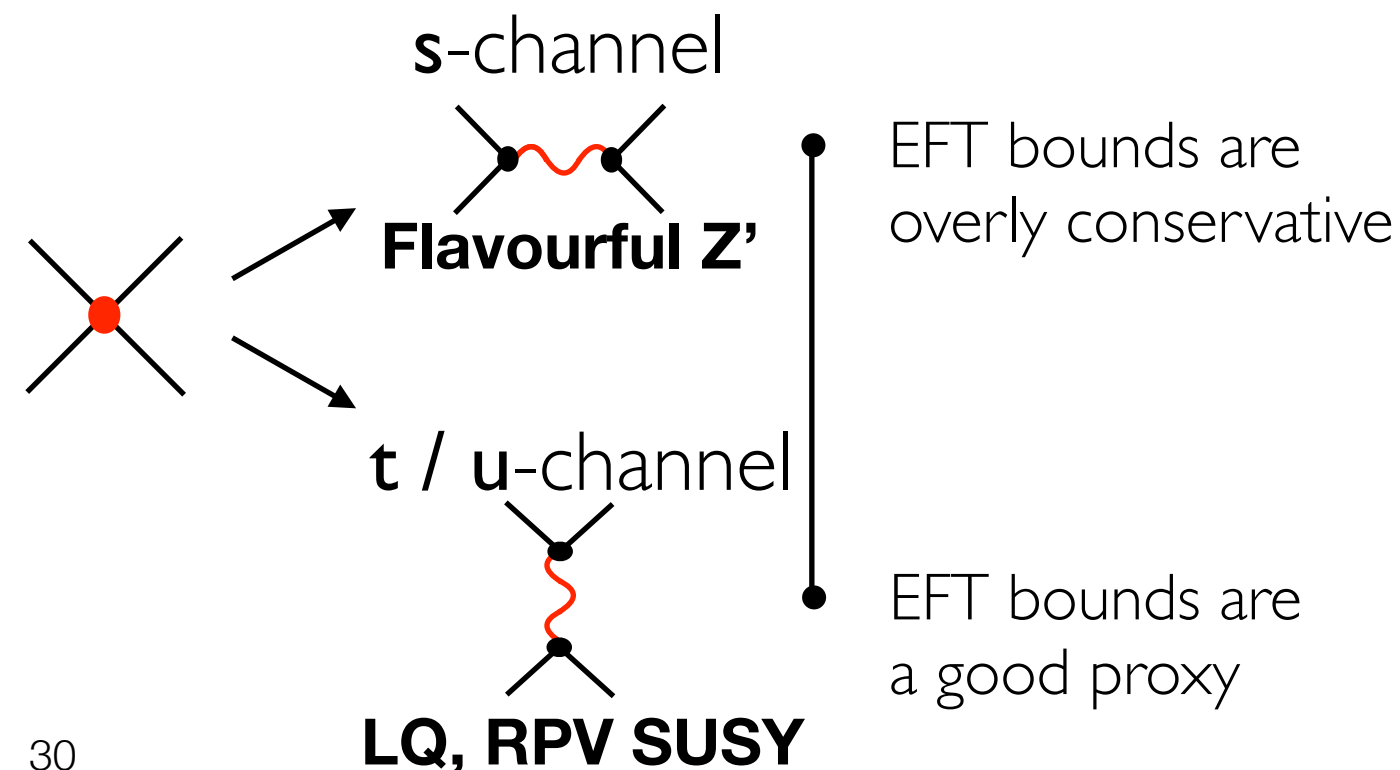
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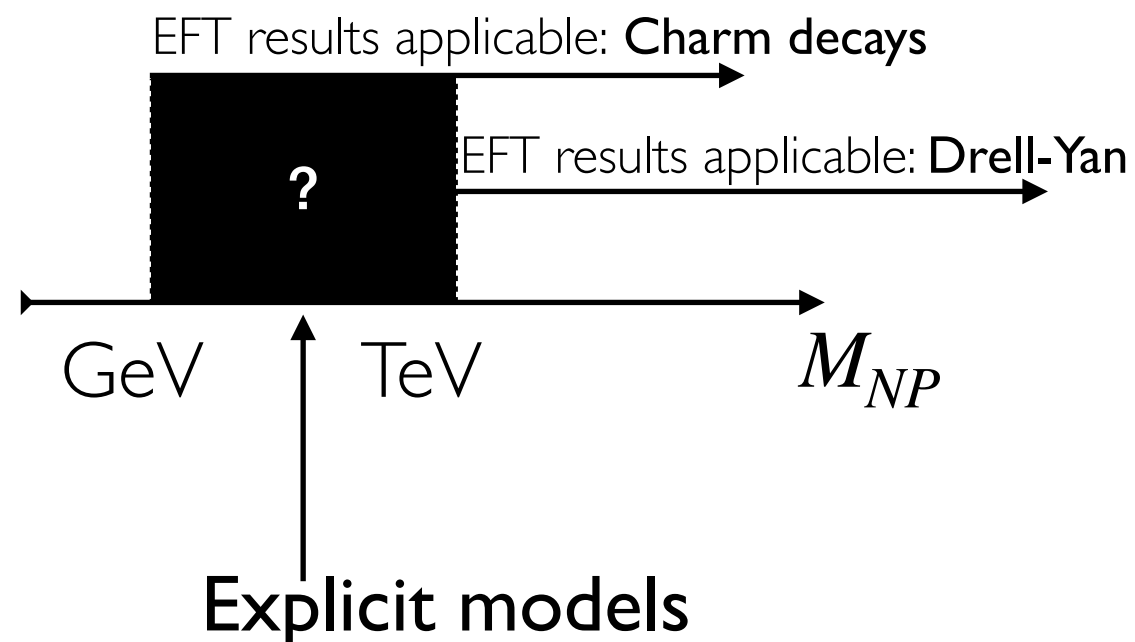


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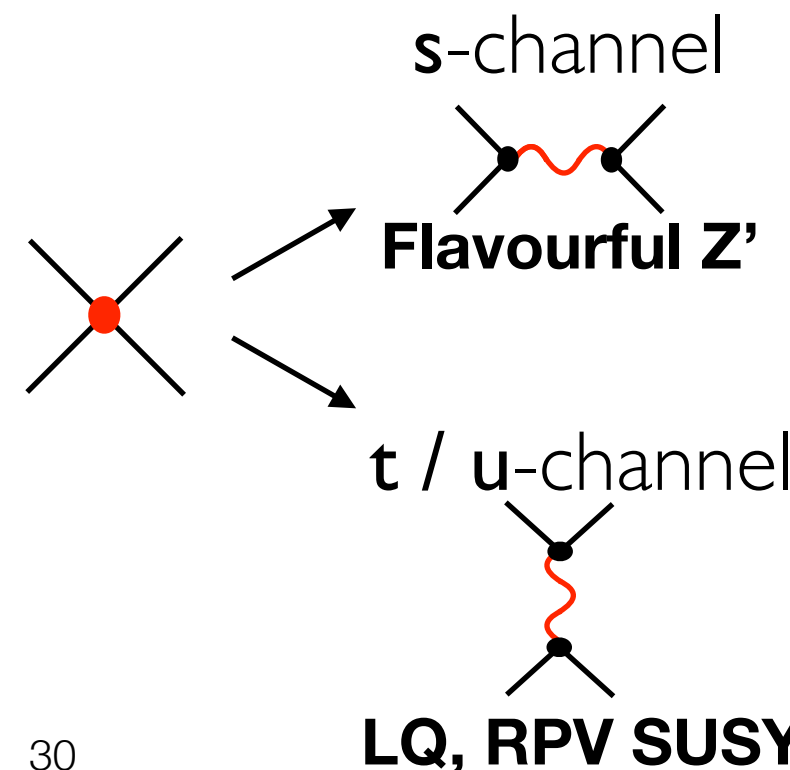
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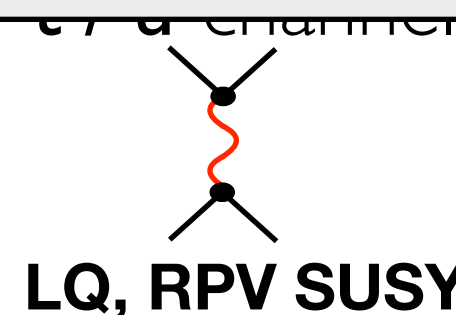
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Explicit models



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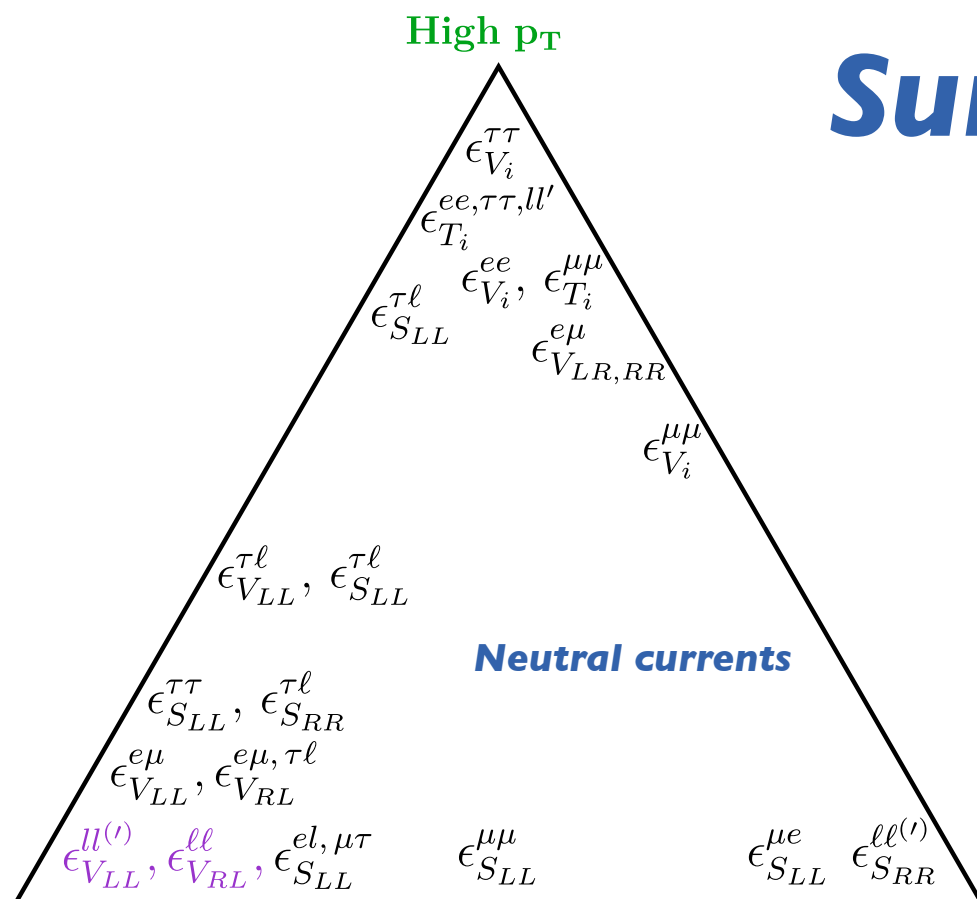
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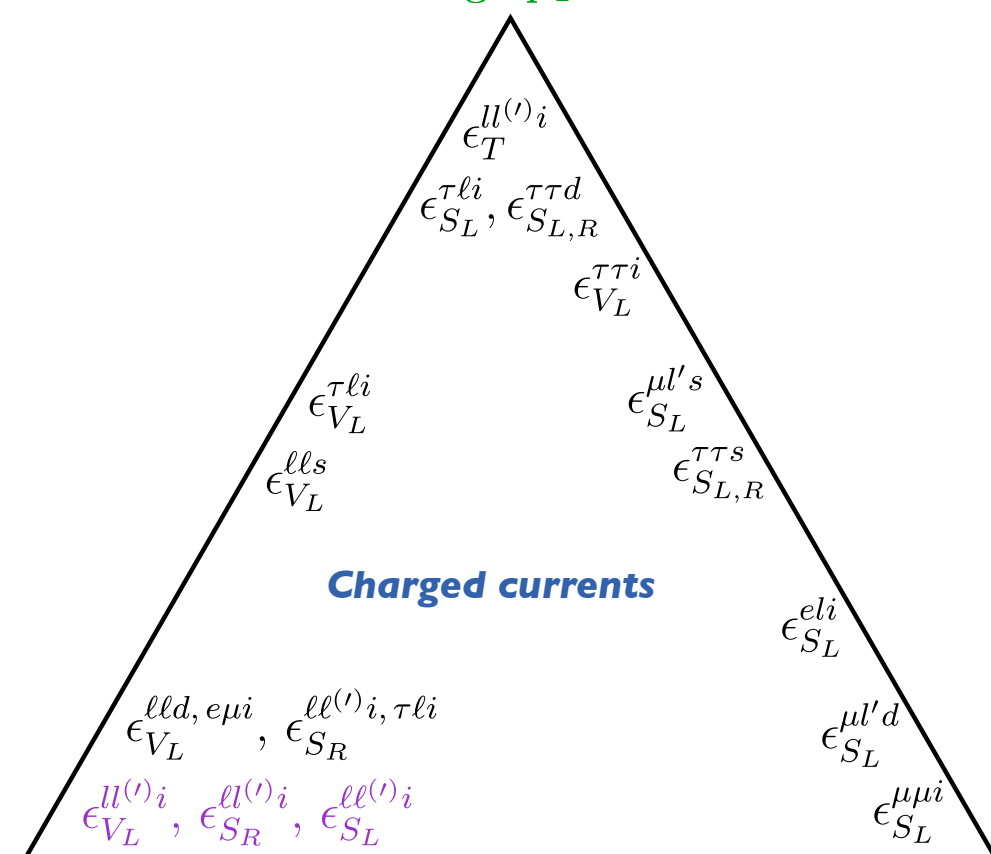
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