

# ON $d = 6$ PROTON DECAY OPERATORS\*

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# OUTLINE

•MOTIVATION

•EXPERIMENTAL STATUS

•  $d = 6$  PROTON DECAY OPERATORS  
VECTOR (GAUGE) AND SCALAR CONTRIBUTION

•CONCLUSIONS

# MOTIVATION

## PROTON DECAY $\equiv$ NEW PHYSICS

$p \rightarrow (K^+, \pi^+, \rho^+) \bar{\nu}_i$	$p \rightarrow (K^0, \pi^0, \rho^+, \eta, \omega) e_j^+$	PROTON*
$n \rightarrow (K^0, \pi^0, \rho^0, \omega, \eta) \bar{\nu}_i$	$n \rightarrow (K^-, \pi^-, \rho^-) e_j^+$	NEUTRON*
$i = 1, 2, 3$	$j = 1, 2$	

## HOW ROBUST ARE PROTON DECAY SIGNATURES?

\*TWO BODY DECAYS...

# EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

PROCESS	$\tau_p$ ( $10^{33}$ years)	
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$	8.2	*
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+$	6.6	
$p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}$	2.3	@
$p \rightarrow K^0 e^+$	1.0	
$p \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+$	1.3	
$p \rightarrow \eta e^+$	0.313	
$p \rightarrow \eta \mu^+$	0.126	
$p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}$	0.025	
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$	10.1	¶

\*[Super-Kamiokande Collaboration], arXiv:0903.0676.

@[Super-Kamiokande Collaboration], arXiv:hep-ex/0502026.

¶ [www-sk.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/whatsnew/new-20091125-e.html](http://www-sk.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/whatsnew/new-20091125-e.html)

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**VECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**SCALAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

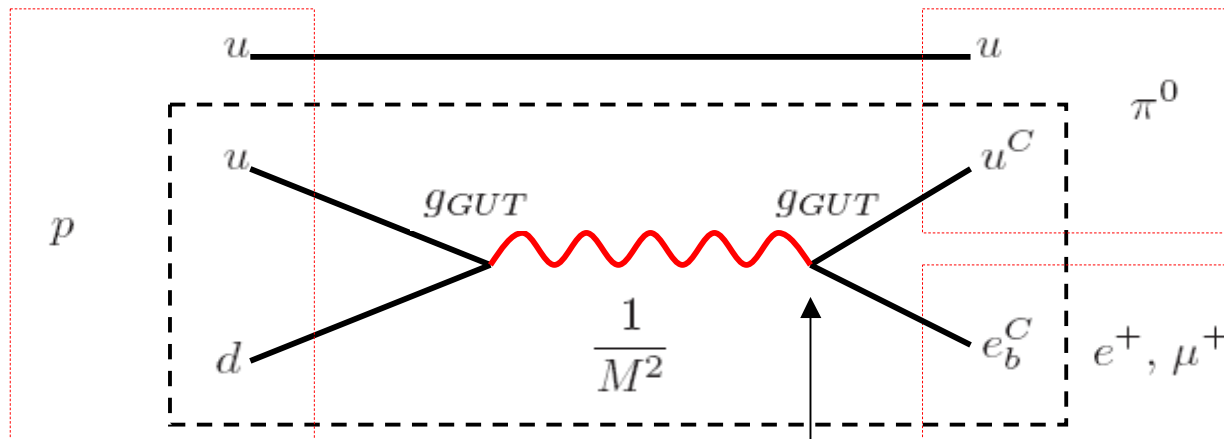
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## VECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS

$$\frac{g_{GUT}^2}{M^2} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \overline{u_{ia}^C} \gamma^\mu Q_{j\alpha a} \overline{e_b^C} \gamma_\mu Q_{k\beta b}$$



LEPTOQUARK COUPLING

WHERE DO  $g_{GUT}$  AND  $M$  COME FROM?



# STANDARD MODEL FERMIONS

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$$

$$L_a \equiv (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2)_a = (\nu_a \quad e_a)^T$$

LEPTONS

$$e_a^C \equiv (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1)_a$$

$$Q_a \equiv (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6)_a = (u_a \quad d_a)^T$$

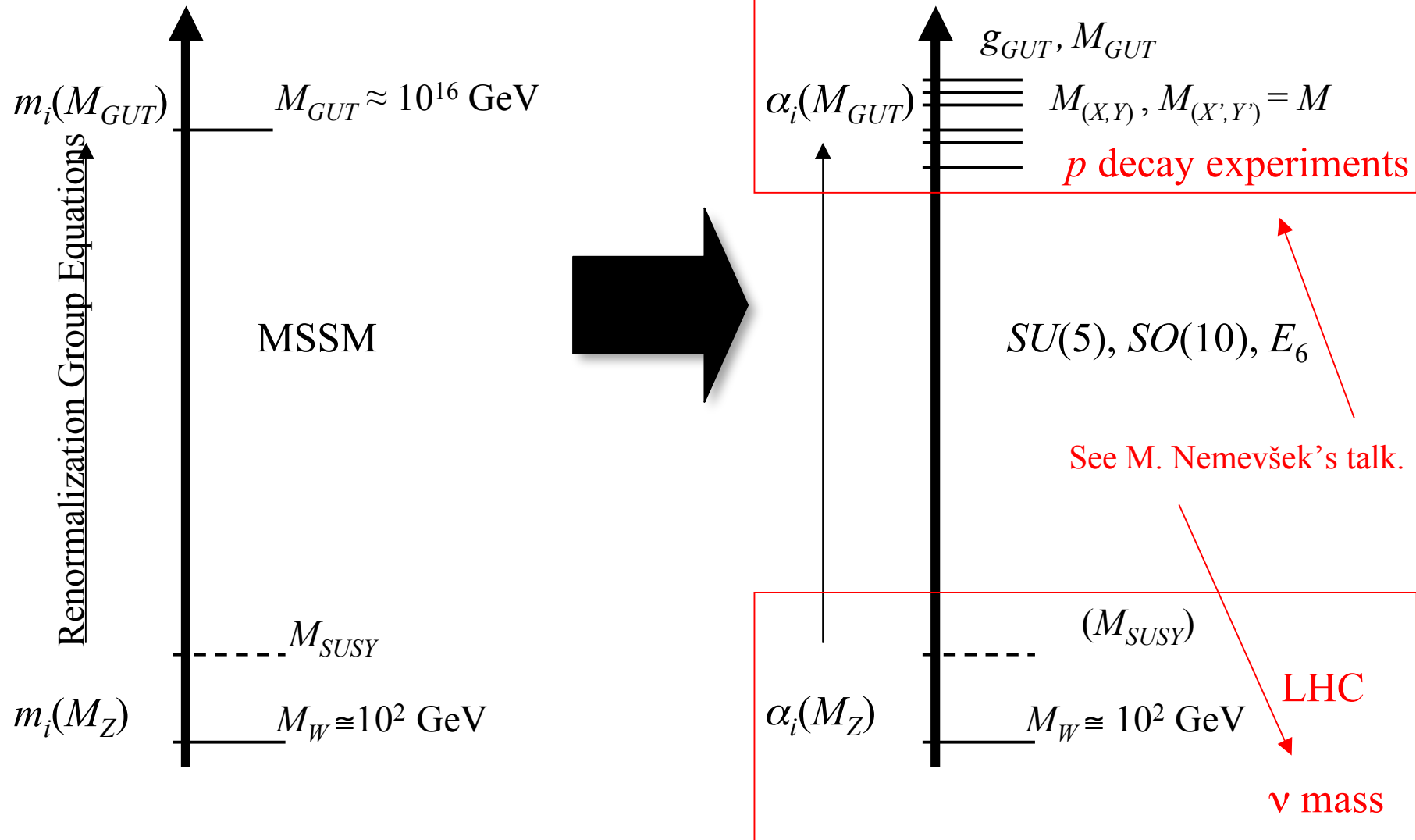
QUARKS

$$u_a^C \equiv (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3)_a$$

$$d_a^C \equiv (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3)_a$$

$$a = 1, 2, 3$$

# GRAND UNIFIED THEORIES



# $SU(5)$ MATTER ASSIGNMENT\*

## MATTER UNIFICATION

$$\bar{5}_a = (1, 2, -1/2)_a + (\bar{3}, 1, 1/3)_a$$



$$(\bar{5}_i)_a = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^C \\ d_2^C \\ d_3^C \\ e \\ \nu \end{pmatrix}_a$$

$$10_a = (1, 1, 1)_a + (3, 2, 1/6)_a + (\bar{3}, 1, -2/3)_a$$



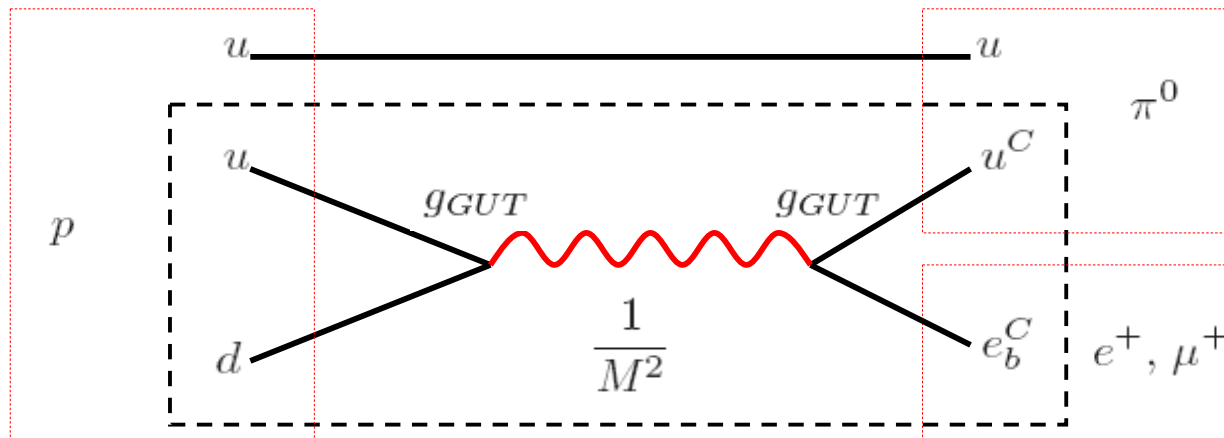
$$(10^{ij})_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_3^C & -u_2^C & -u^1 & -d^1 \\ -u_3^C & 0 & u_1^C & -u^2 & -d^2 \\ u_2^C & -u_1^C & 0 & -u^3 & -d^3 \\ u^1 & u^2 & u^3 & 0 & -e^C \\ d^1 & d^2 & d^3 & e^C & 0 \end{pmatrix}_a$$

\*H. Georgi and S.L. Glashow (1974).

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# MINIMAL SUPERSYMMETRIC $SO(10)$ MODEL\*

**REPRESENTATIONS:**  $16_{Fi}, (i = 1, 2, 3)$   $210_H$   $126_H$   $\overline{126}_H$   $10_H$

**PARAMETERS§:**  $m, \alpha, \bar{\alpha}, |\lambda|, |\eta|, x = \text{Re}(x) + i\text{Im}(x), g_{GUT}, M_{SUSY}$   
(9+3+12)  $Y_{10}$   $Y_{\overline{126}}$

See C. S. Aulakh's talk.

# OR MINIMAL $SU(5)$ MODELS¶

See S. Fajfer's and M. Nemevšek's talks.

\*T. E. Clark, T. K. Kuo and N. Nakagawa, Phys. Lett. B 115 (1982) 26; K. S. Babu and R. N. Mohapatra, Phys. Rev. Lett. 70 (1993) 2845; C. S. Aulakh, B. Bajc, A. Melfo, G. Senjanović and F. Vissani, Phys. Lett. B 588 (2004) 196; ...

§C. S. Aulakh, B. Bajc, A. Melfo, G. Senjanović and F. Vissani, Phys. Lett. B 588 (2004) 196.

¶I.D. and P. Fileviez Perez, 2006; B. Bajc and G. Senjanović, 2008.

# $d = 6$ PROTON DECAY OPERATORS\*

$(10\ 10)^\dagger (10\ 10)$

$$O_{SU(5)}^{B-L} = k_1^2 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \overline{u_{ia}^C} \gamma^\mu Q_{j\alpha a} \overline{e_b^C} \gamma_\mu Q_{k\beta b}$$

$(10\ \overline{5})^\dagger (10\ \overline{5})$

$$O_{SU(5)}^{B-L} = k_1^2 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \overline{u_{ia}^C} \gamma^\mu Q_{j\alpha a} \overline{d_{kb}^C} \gamma_\mu L_{\beta b}$$

$SU(5)$   
THEORY

FLIPPED  
 $SU(5)$   
THEORY

$$O_{SU(5)'}^{B-L} = k_2^2 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \overline{d_{ia}^C} \gamma^\mu Q_{j\beta a} \overline{\nu_b^C} \gamma_\mu Q_{k\alpha b}$$

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$$O_{SU(5)}^{B-L} \rightarrow O_{SU(5)'}^{B-L}: u \rightarrow d, u^C \rightarrow d^C, d \rightarrow u, d^C \rightarrow u^C, \nu \rightarrow e, e^C \rightarrow \underline{\nu^C}$$

\*S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. Lett. 43 (1979) 1566; Phys. Rev. D 22 (1980) 1694; Phys. Rev. D 26 (1982) 287; F. Wilczek and A. Zee, Phys. Rev. Lett. 43 (1979) 1571; N. Sakai and T. Yanagida, Nucl. Phys. B 197 (1982) 533.

# $d = 6$ PROTON DECAY OPERATORS\*

$$k_1 = \frac{g_5}{\sqrt{2}M_V}$$

$$V = (X, Y) = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, -5/6)$$

$SU(5)$   
THEORY

FLIPPED  
 $SU(5)$   
THEORY

$$k_2 = \frac{g'_5}{\sqrt{2}M_{V'}}$$

$$V' = (X', Y') = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6)$$

FLIPPED  $SU(5)$  +  $SU(5)$  =  $SO(10)$  THEORY

ALL IN ALL, THERE ARE TWENTY FOUR (24) PROTON DECAY  
MEDIATING GAUGE BOSONS!

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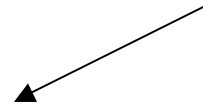
## $d = 6$ OPERATORS IN THE MASS BASIS<sup>†</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 O(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) &= c(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{u_i^C} \gamma^\mu u_j \overline{e_\alpha^C} \gamma_\mu d_{k\beta} \\
 O(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= c(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{u_i^C} \gamma^\mu u_j \overline{d_{k\beta}^C} \gamma_\mu e_\alpha \\
 O(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= c(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{u_i^C} \gamma^\mu d_{j\alpha} \overline{d_{k\beta}^C} \gamma_\mu \nu_l
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) &= k_1^2 \left[ V_1^{11} V_2^{\alpha\beta} + (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\beta} (V_2 V_{UD}^\dagger)^{\alpha 1} \right] \\
 c(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= k_1^2 V_1^{11} V_3^{\beta\alpha} \\
 c(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= k_1^2 (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\alpha} (V_3 V_{EN})^{\beta l}, \quad \alpha = 1 \text{ or } \beta = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$SU(5)$

See R. Mohapatra's and F. Nesti's talks.



$$U_C^T Y_U U = Y_U^{\text{diag}} \quad D_C^T Y_D D = Y_D^{\text{diag}} \quad E_C^T Y_E E = Y_E^{\text{diag}}$$

$$V_1 = U_C^\dagger U \quad V_2 = E_C^\dagger D \quad V_3 = D_C^\dagger E \quad V_4 = D_C^\dagger D \quad V_{UD} = U^\dagger D \quad V_{EN} = E^\dagger N$$

<sup>†</sup>P. Fileviez Pérez, Phys. Lett. B 595 (2004) 476.



# PROTON DECAY

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow K^0 e_{\beta}^+) = C(p, K^0) \left[1 + \frac{m_p}{m_B} (D - F)\right]^2 \left\{ A_r^2 |c(e_{\beta}, s^C)|^2 + A_l^2 |c(e_{\beta}^C, s)|^2 \right\}$$



GUT PHYSICS

# PROTON DECAY

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+) = \frac{C(p, \pi^0)}{2} (1 + D + F)^2 \left\{ A_r^2 |c(e, d^C)|^2 + A_l^2 |c(e^C, d)|^2 \right\}$$

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$$(A_r \approx A_l) \equiv A$$

$$m_B \approx m_\Sigma \approx m_\Lambda \quad m_B = 1150 \text{ MeV} \quad D \simeq 0.81 \quad F \simeq 0.44$$

$$C(A, B) = \frac{(m_A^2 - m_B^2)^2}{8\pi m_p^3 f_\pi^2} A_L^2 |\alpha|^2 \quad A_L = 1.25$$

$$|\alpha| = (0.003\text{--}0.015) \text{ GeV}^3$$

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# PROTON DECAY

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+) = \frac{C(p, \pi^0)}{2} (1 + D + F)^2 \left\{ A_r^2 |c(e, d^C)|^2 + A_l^2 |c(e^C, d)|^2 \right\}$$

$$|c(e, d^C)|_{max}^2 = 4 \quad |c(e^C, d)|_{max}^2 = 1 \quad SU(5)$$

$$\text{FLIPPED } SU(5) \quad |c(e, d^C)|_{max}^2 = 1 \quad |c(e^C, d)|_{max}^2 = 0$$



$$\Gamma_{SU(5)}(p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+) / \Gamma_{SU(5)'}(p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+) = 5 \quad *$$

\*S. M. Barr, Phys. Lett. B 112 (1982) 218.

# UNIFICATION WITHOUT PROTON DECAY<sup>†</sup>

**FLIPPED  
SU(5)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) &= 0 \\
 c(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= k_2^2 (V_4 V_{UD}^\dagger)^{\beta 1} (V_1 V_{UD} V_4^\dagger V_3)^{1\alpha} \\
 c(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= k_2^2 V_4^{\beta\alpha} (V_1 V_{UD} V_4^\dagger V_3 V_{EN})^{1l}, \quad \alpha = 1 \text{ or } \beta = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V_4^{\alpha\beta} = (D_C^\dagger D)^{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad \alpha = 1 \text{ or } \beta = 1$$

$$(V_1 V_{UD} V_4^\dagger V_3)^{1\alpha} = (U_C^\dagger E)^{1\alpha} = 0$$



**NO GAUGE  $d = 6$  PROTON DECAY!**

$$V_1 = U_C^\dagger U \quad V_2 = E_C^\dagger D \quad V_3 = D_C^\dagger E \quad V_4 = D_C^\dagger D \quad V_{UD} = U^\dagger D \quad V_{EN} = E^\dagger N$$

<sup>†</sup>I. D. and P. Fileviez Pérez, Phys. Lett. B 606:367-370, 2005.

# WHAT ABOUT PROTON DECAY IN $SU(5)$ ?\*

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) &= k_1^2 \left[ V_1^{11} V_2^{\alpha\beta} + (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\beta} (V_2 V_{UD}^\dagger)^{\alpha 1} \right] \\
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 c(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= k_1^2 (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\alpha} (V_3 V_{EN})^{\beta l}, \quad \alpha = 1 \text{ or } \beta = 1
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{SU(5)}$$

$$V_1^{11} = 0$$

$$(V_1 V_{UD})^{1\alpha} = 0$$

$$V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \quad V_1 V_{UD} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & e^{i\phi} \\ * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(V_1)^\dagger V_1 V_{UD} \sim V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{V_{ub} = 0}$$

$$V_1 = U_C^\dagger U \quad V_2 = E_C^\dagger D \quad V_3 = D_C^\dagger E \quad V_4 = D_C^\dagger D \quad V_{UD} = U^\dagger D \quad V_{EN} = E^\dagger N$$

\*S. Nandi, A. Stern and E. C. G. Sudarshan (1982).

# WHAT ARE THE EXPERIMENTAL LIMITS?<sup>†</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) &= k_1^2 \left[ V_1^{11} V_2^{\alpha\beta} + (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\beta} (V_2 V_{UD}^\dagger)^{\alpha 1} \right] && SU(5) \\
 c(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= k_1^2 V_1^{11} V_3^{\beta\alpha} && \text{or} \\
 c(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) &= k_1^2 (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\alpha} (V_3 V_{EN})^{\beta l}, \quad \alpha = 1 \text{ or } \beta = 1 && SO(10)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cancel{V_1^{11} = 0} \quad (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\alpha} = 0 \quad V_2^{\beta\alpha} = V_2^{\beta\alpha} = 0 \quad (\alpha + \beta \leq 3)$$

PROTON DECAYS EXCLUSIVELY INTO *s*-MESON AND ANTIMUON!

$$|V_1^{11}| = |V_{ub}| \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left\{ |c(e_2, s^C)|^2 + |c(e_2^C, s)|^2 \right\} \rightarrow 2|V_{ub}|^2 \quad |V_{ub}| \simeq 0.004$$

<sup>†</sup>I. D. and P. Fileviez Pérez, Phys. Lett. B 625:88-95, 2005.

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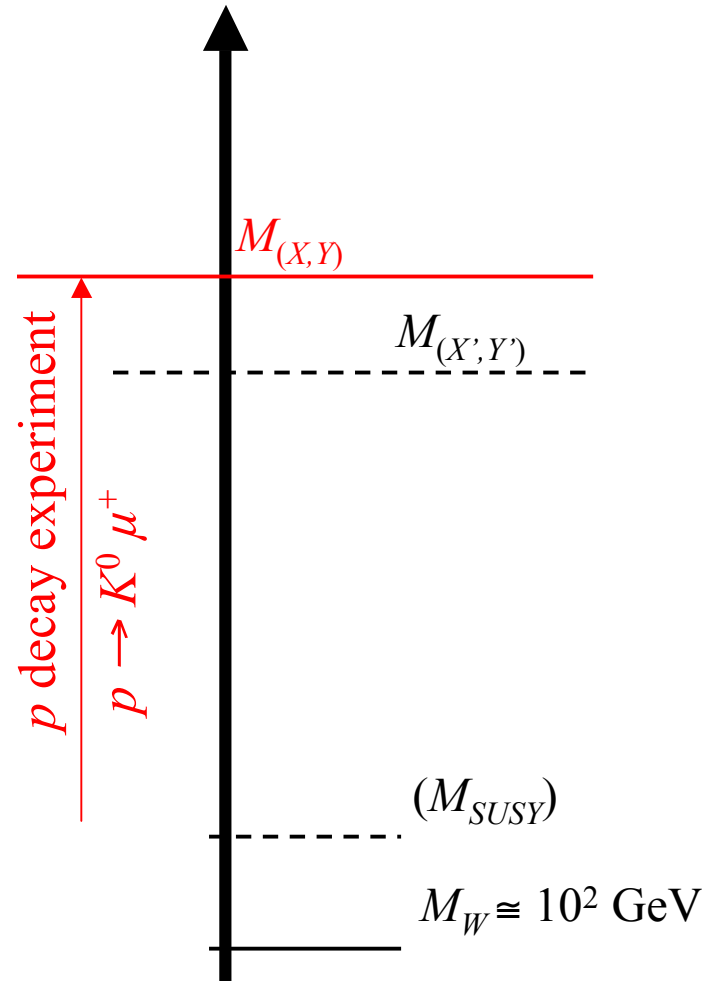
$$\tau_{p \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+} \leq 6 \times 10^{38} (M_{(X,Y)}/10^{16} \text{ GeV})^4 \alpha_{GUT}^{-2} (0.01 \text{ GeV}^3/|\alpha|)^2 A^{-2} \text{ years}$$

$$M_{(X,Y)} > 3.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ GeV} \alpha_{GUT}^{1/2} A^{1/2} \left( \frac{|\alpha|}{0.01 \text{ GeV}^3} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\tau_{p \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+}}{1.3 \times 10^{33} \text{ years}} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$A = \sqrt{A_r^2 + A_l^2}$$

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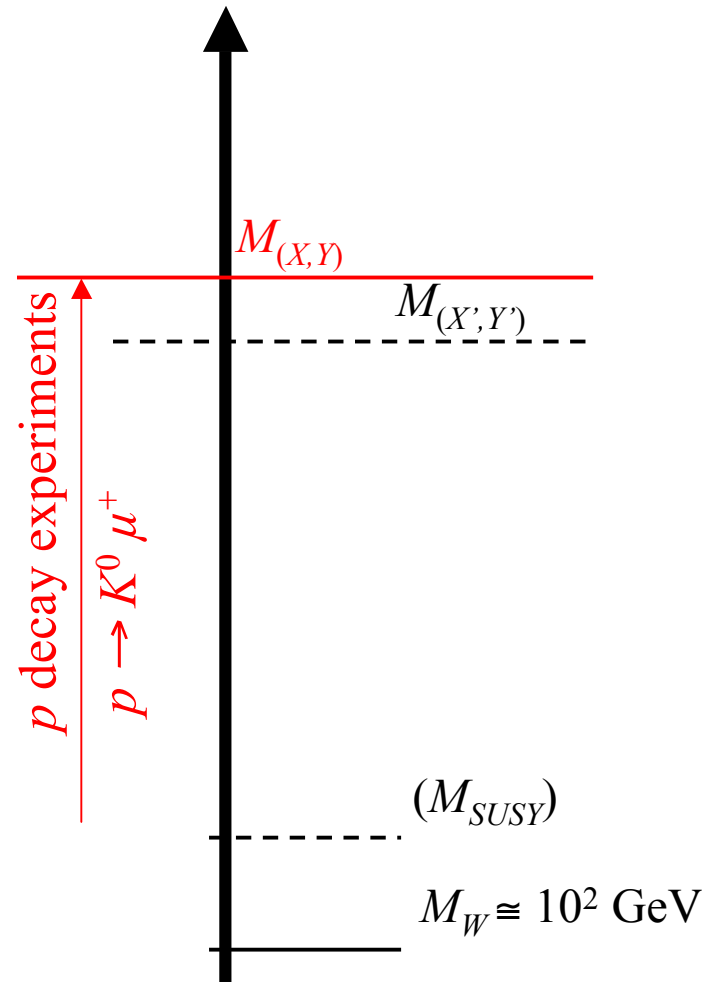
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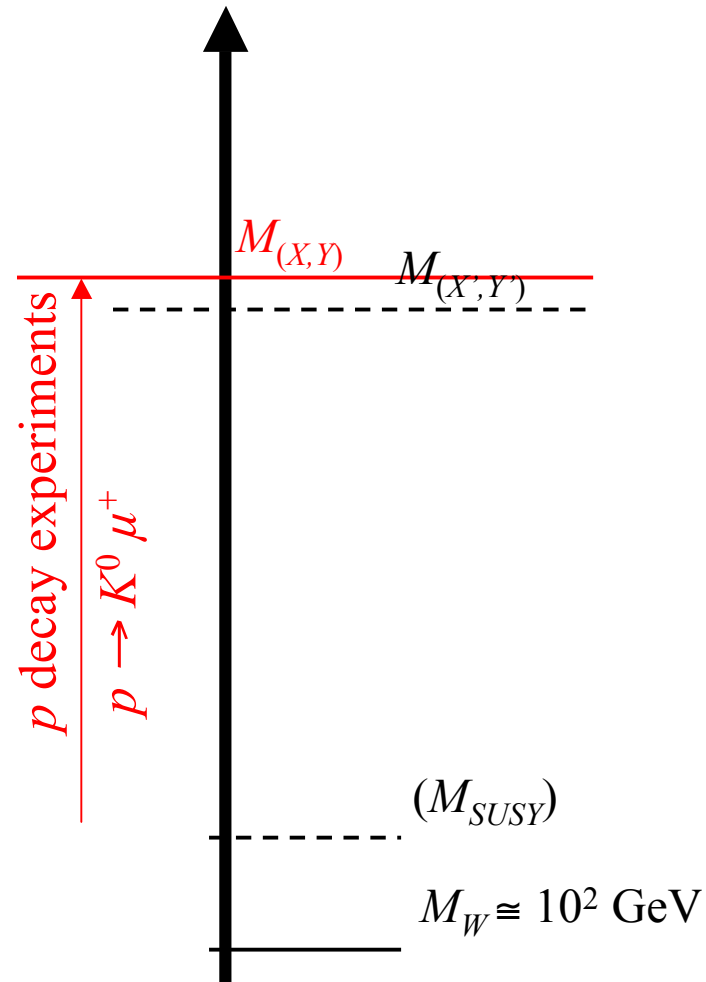


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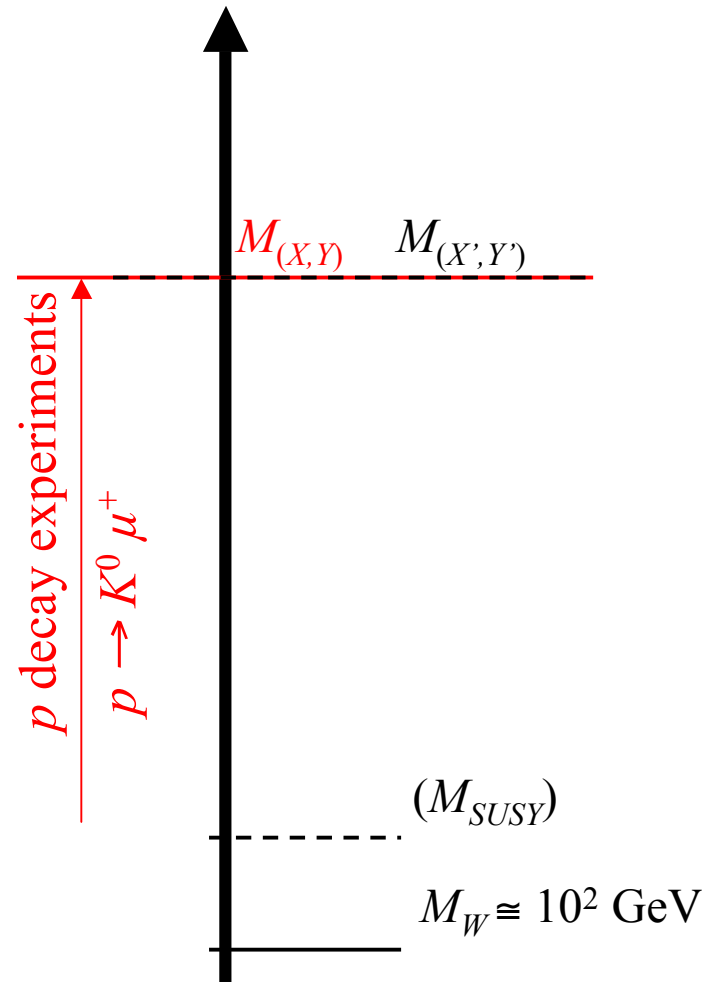
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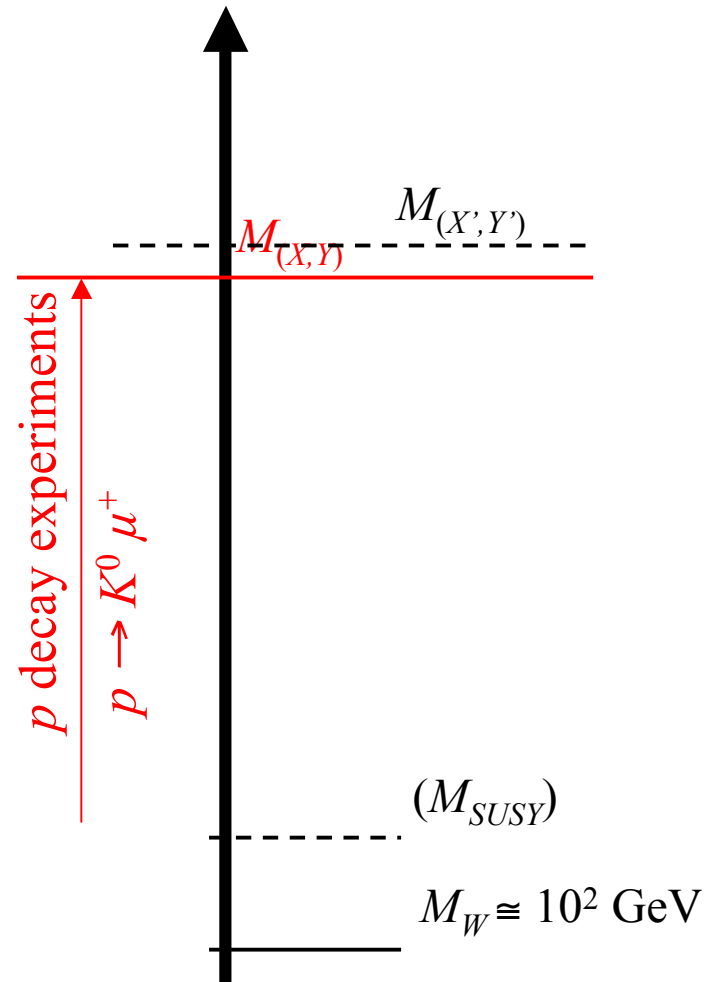
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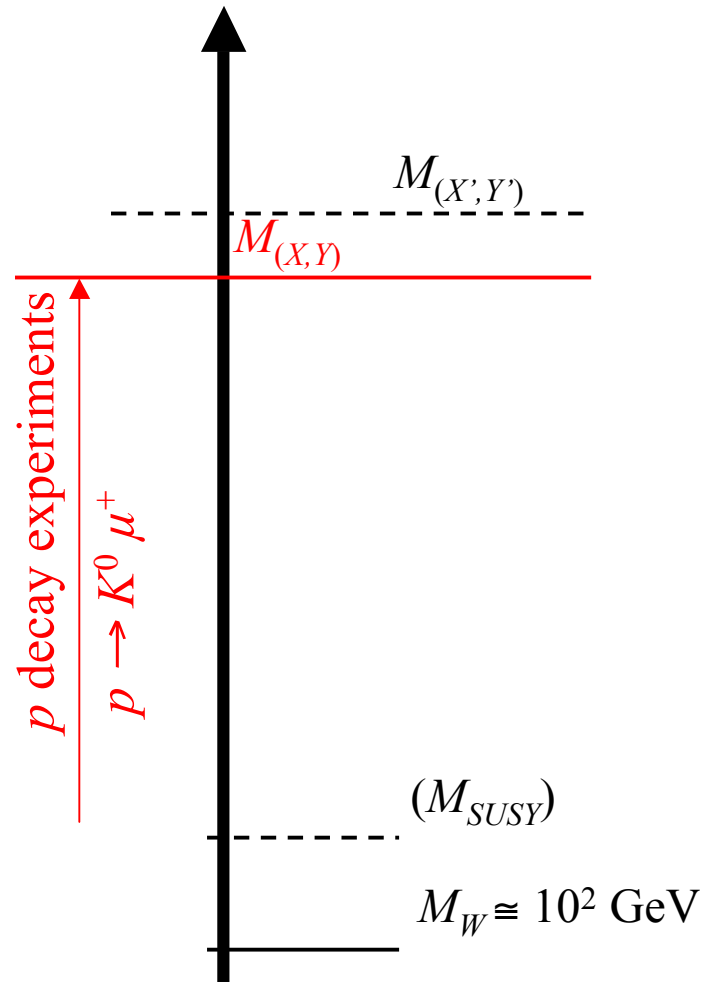
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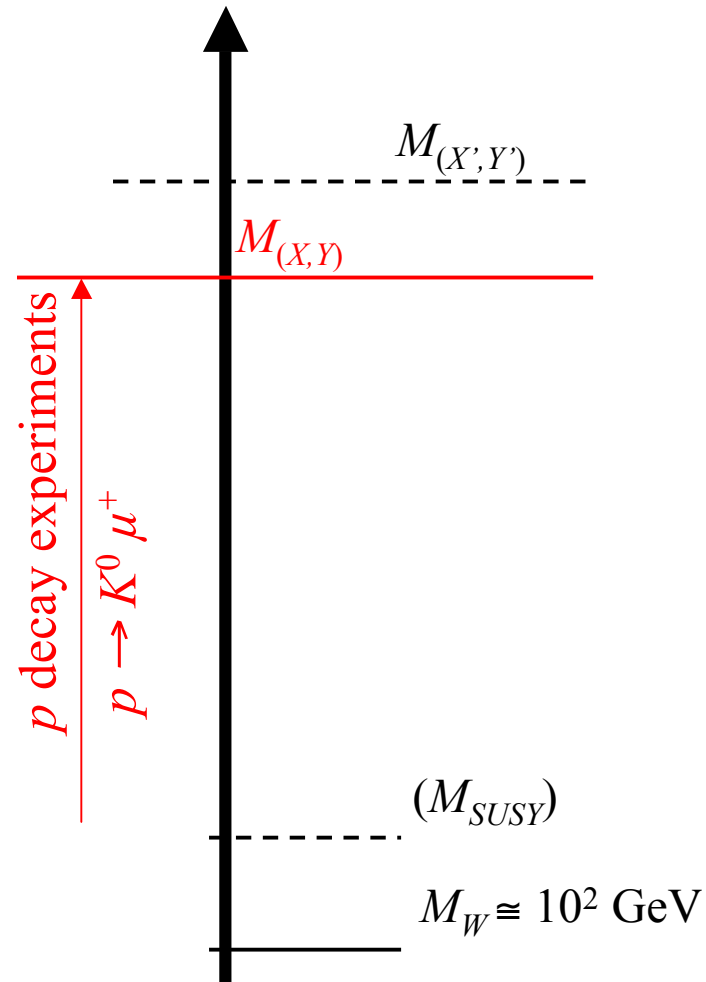
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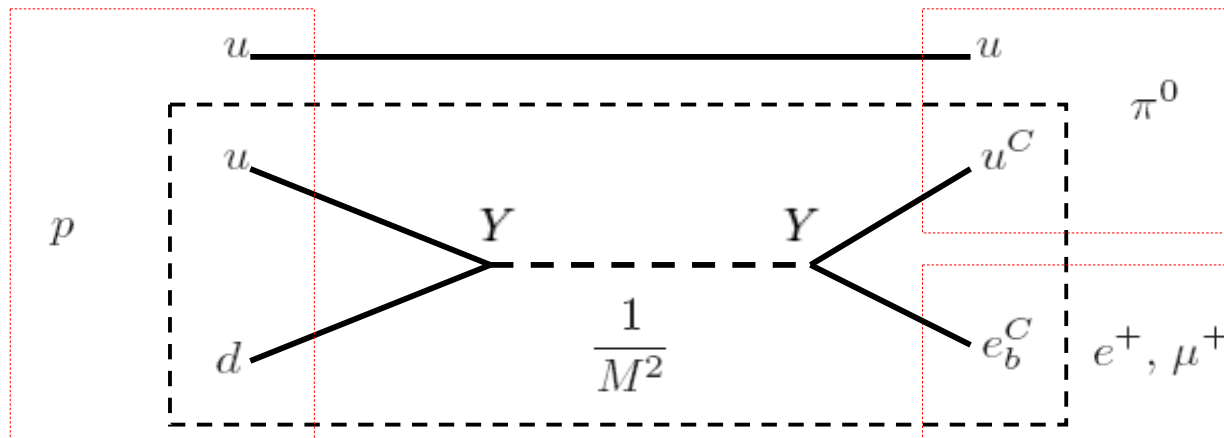
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## SCALAR CONTRIBUTIONS



$Y = \text{Yukawa coupling(s)}$

# FERMION MASSES

$SU(5)$

$$10 \times \bar{5} = 5 \oplus 45$$

$M_E, M_D$

$$10 \times 10 = \bar{5} \oplus \bar{45} \oplus \bar{50}$$

$M_U$

$$5 = (D, T)$$

$$\underline{D = (1, 2, 1/2)}$$

$$\underline{T = (3, 1, -1/3)}$$

$$45 = (\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3, \Delta_4, \Delta_5, \Delta_6, \Delta_7)$$

$$\Delta_1 = (8, 2, 1/2)$$

$$\Delta_2 = (\bar{6}, 1, -1/3)$$

$$\underline{\Delta_3 = (3, 3, -1/3)}$$

$$\Delta_4 = (\bar{3}, 2, -7/6)$$

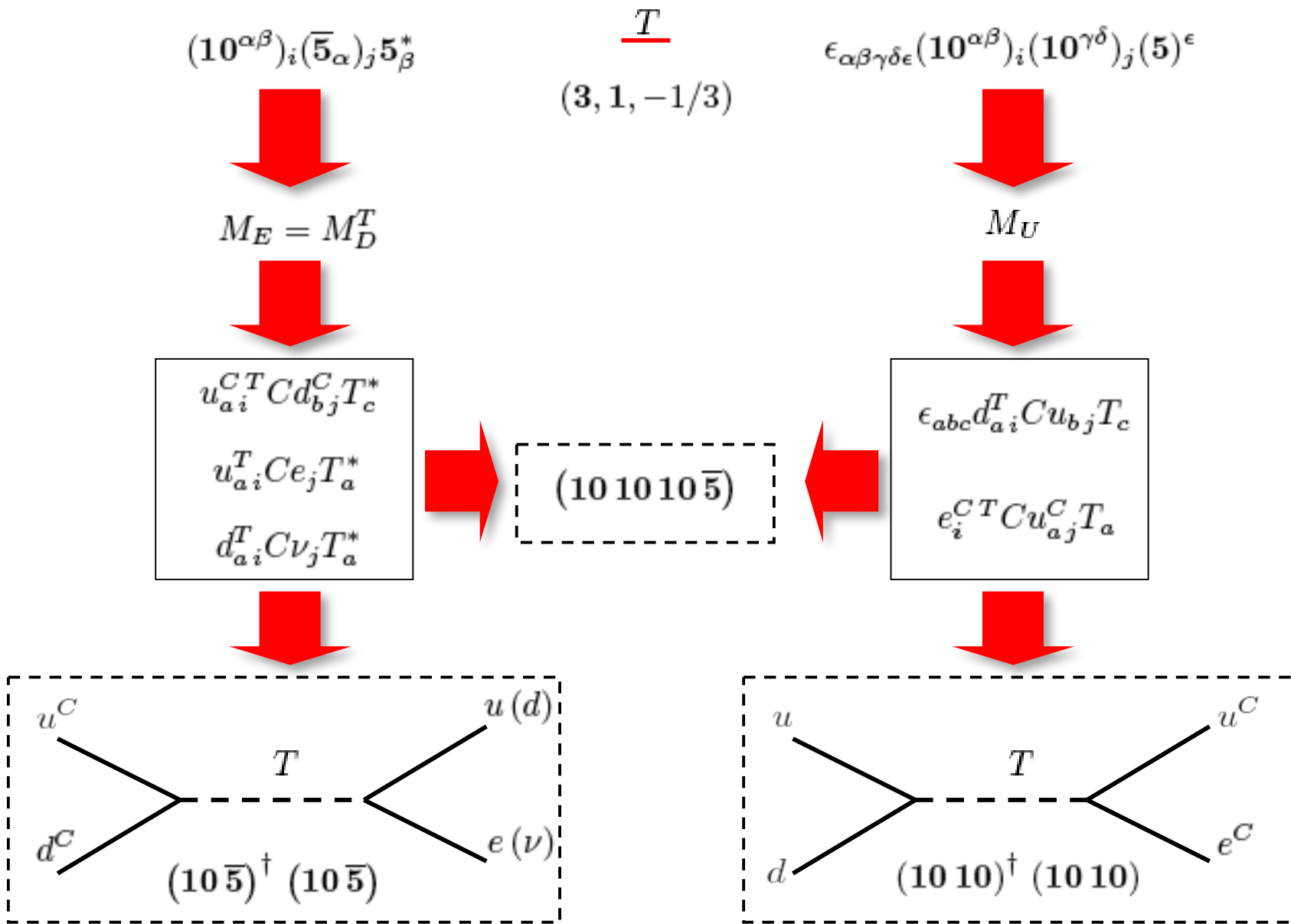
$$\underline{\Delta_5 = (3, 1, -1/3)}$$

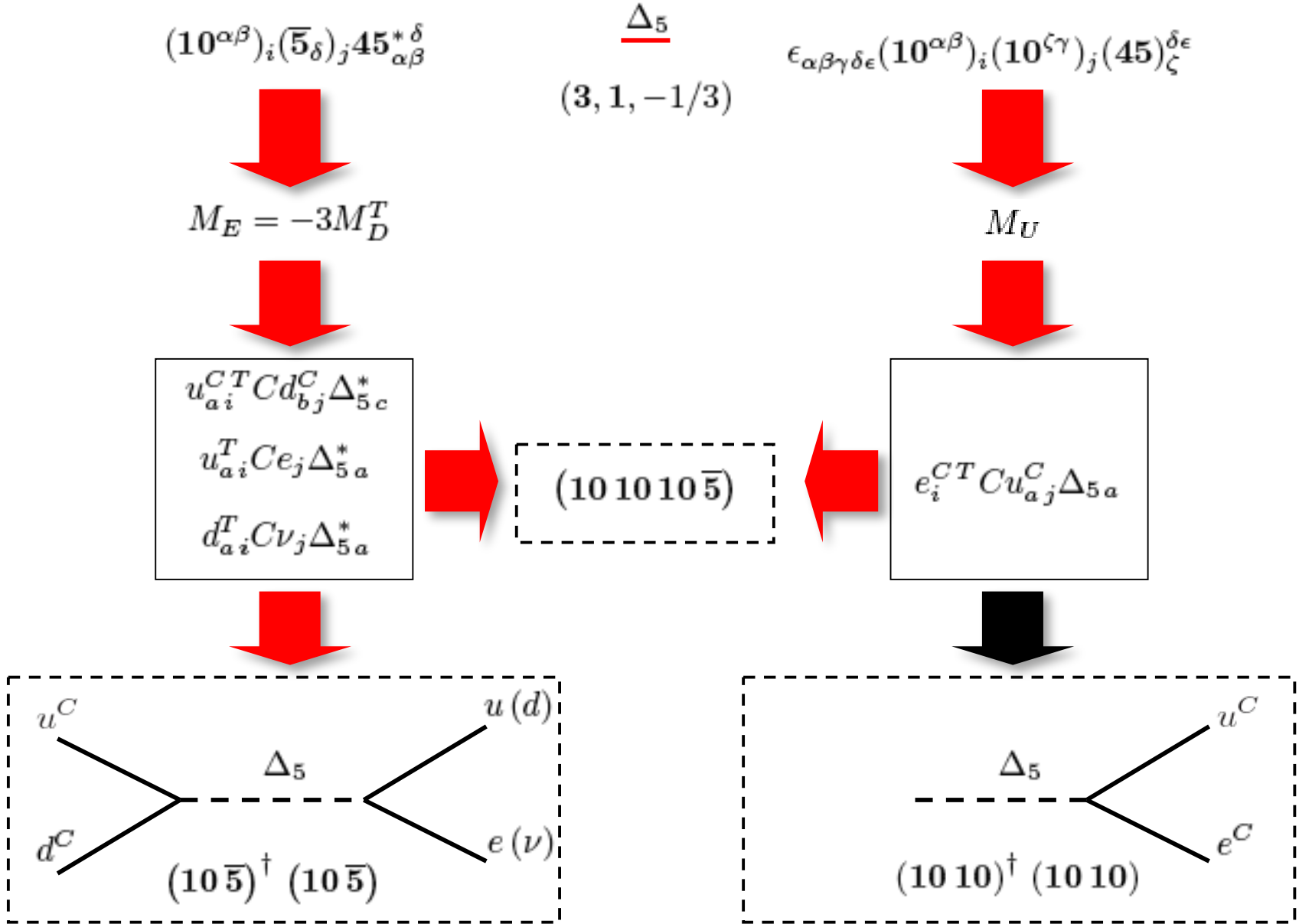
$$\Delta_6 = (\bar{3}, 1, 4/3)$$

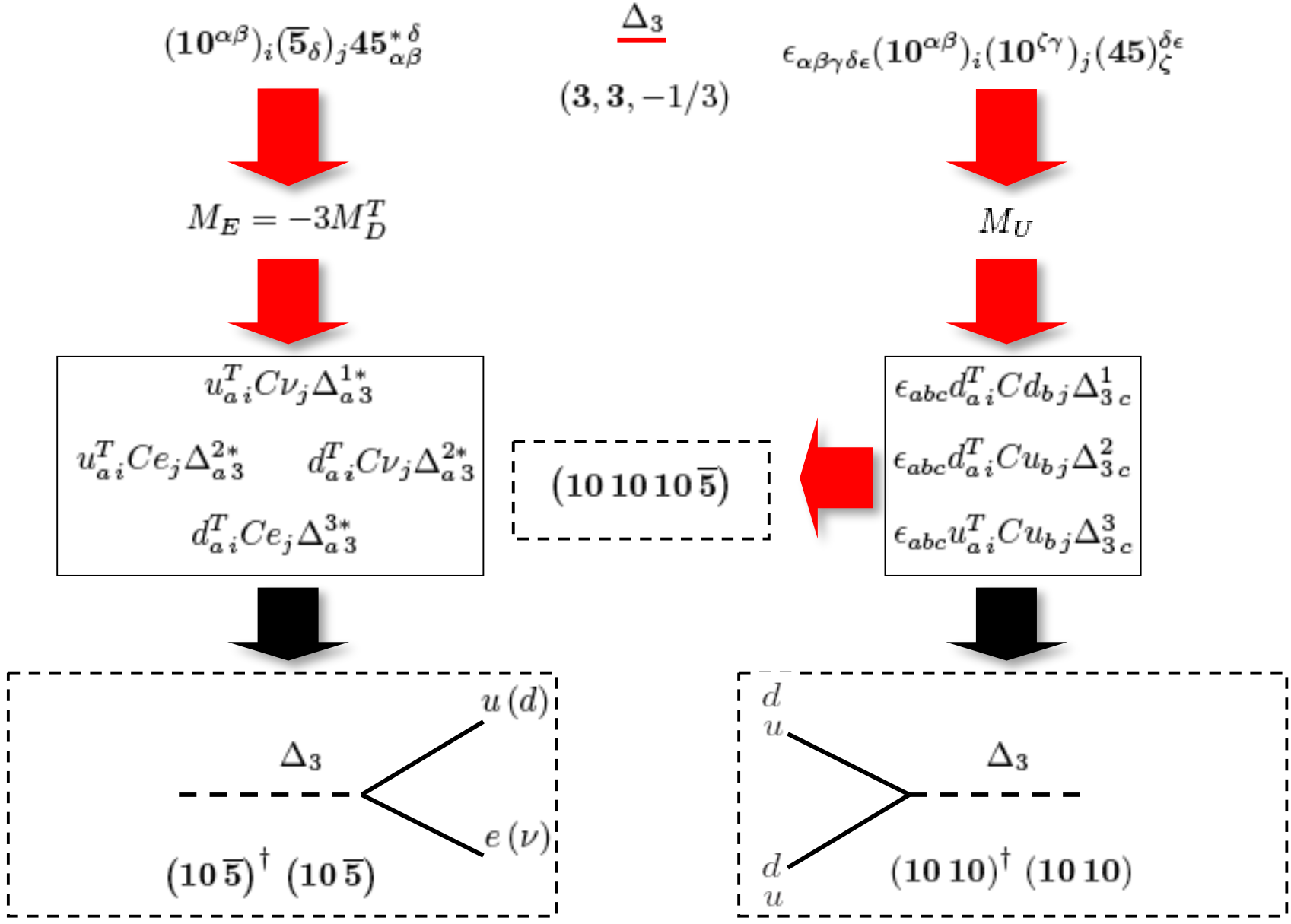
$$\underline{\Delta_7 = (1, 2, 1/2)}$$

There are 5  $SU(3)$  triplet scalars  $s$  that can directly contribute to  $p$  decay.





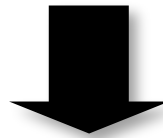




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$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon} (\mathbf{10}^{\alpha\beta})_i (\mathbf{10}^{\zeta\gamma})_j (\mathbf{45})_{\zeta}^{\delta\epsilon}$$

$$(\mathbf{10}^{\alpha\beta})_i (\overline{\mathbf{5}}_{\delta})_j \mathbf{45}_{\alpha\beta}^{*\delta}$$



NO SCALAR  $d = 6$  PROTON DECAY!<sup>†</sup>

BUT  $M_E = M_D^T$  RELATION REMAINS!<sup>§</sup>

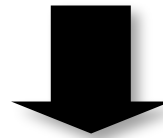
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<sup>§</sup>E. Tsedenbaljir, arXiv:0909.5597.

45 \*

~~$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon} (10^{\alpha\beta})_i (10^{\zeta\gamma})_j (45)_{\zeta}^{\delta\epsilon}$~~

$(10^{\alpha\beta})_i (\bar{5}_{\delta})_j 45_{\alpha\beta}^{*\delta}$



$\Delta_3 = (3, 3, -1/3)$  **COULD BE ARBITRARILY LIGHT!†**

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# FLIPPED $SU(5)$ \*

$$16 = 10^{+1} + \bar{5}^{-3} + 1^{+5}$$

$$10 = \bar{5}^{-2} + \bar{5}^{+2}$$

$$u \rightarrow d, u^C \rightarrow d^C, d \rightarrow u, d^C \rightarrow u^C, \nu \rightarrow e, e^C \rightarrow \nu^C$$

~~$p$  decay~~

$$(10^{+1})_i (10^{+1})_j 5^{-2}$$

$$(10^{+1})_i (10^{+1})_j 45^{-2}$$

$$(\bar{5}^{-3})_i (1^{+5})_j 5^{-2}$$



$M_D$



$M_E$

$p$  decay

$$(10^{+1})_i (\bar{5}^{-3})_j \bar{5}^{+2}$$

$$(10^{+1})_i (\bar{5}^{-3})_j 4\bar{5}^{+2}$$



$M_U$

\*S. M. Barr, Phys. Lett. B 112 (1982) 218.

# **WHAT IS THIS GOOD FOR?** **LIGHT LEPTOQUARKS\***

See, for example, S. Fajfer's talk.

\*I.D., Svjetlana Fajfer, Jernej F. Kamenik, Nejc Košnik, Phys. Rev. D 81:055009, 2010, arXiv:0912.0972.

## CONCLUSIONS

Proton can be stable in flipped  $SU(5)$ ! (There is a way to suppress  $d = 5$  proton decay operators.)

There exists a lower bound on  $M_{(X,Y)}$  in GUTs based on simple groups such as  $SU(5)$ ,  $SO(10)$  and  $E_6$  proportional to  $|V_{ub}|^2$ !

However, even in a well-defined scenarios there exist an uncertainty of seven orders of magnitude when it comes down to the proton decay predictions due to gauge boson exchange.



# CONCLUSIONS

Proton decay operators induced via scalar exchange exhibit strong model dependence.

This opens up possibilities for existence of light scalar leptoquark states with interesting phenomenological consequences.

**THANK YOU!**

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