

Zuoz Summer School 2024:  
“From low to high: Particle Physics at the Frontier”

# Low Energy Physics (I)

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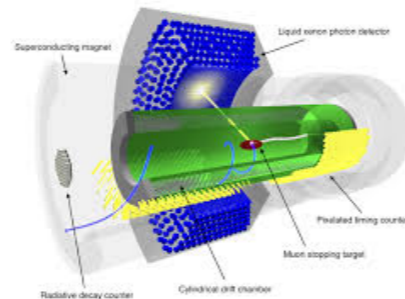
# Goal of these lectures

Provide an introduction and theoretical perspective to the so-called Precision / Intensity Frontier of particle and nuclear physics:

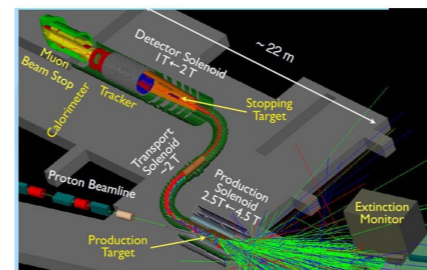
Searches for new phenomena beyond the Standard Model through **precision tests** or the study of **rare processes** at low energy\*\*



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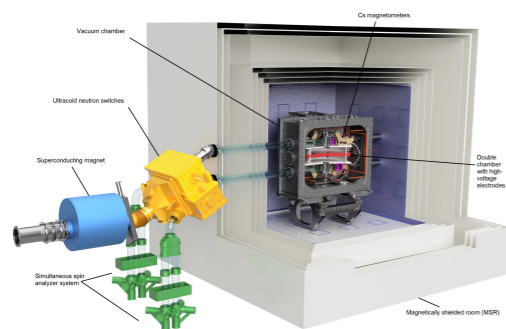
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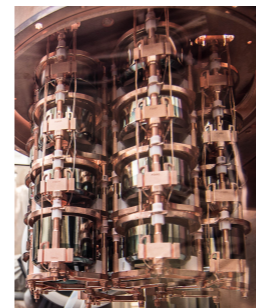
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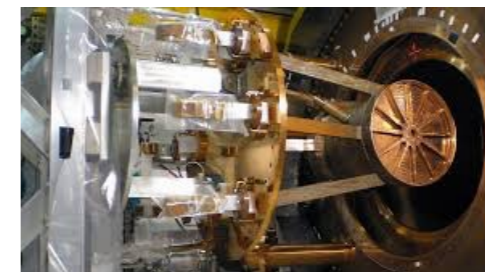
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\*\* The separation is arbitrary — here I will focus mostly on probes at  $E < b$ -quark mass

# Flow of the lectures

- The quest for new physics at the low-energy frontier
  - How does the precision / intensity frontier work? (Theory perspective)
    - An example from history: the Standard Model itself!
    - Effective field theory (EFT) framework
    - Standard Model EFT landscape in the LHC era and beyond
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- “Zoom in” on selected low-energy probes: illustrate methods and impact
    - **Precision measurements:**
      - Weak charged current processes (beta decays)
    - **Symmetry tests:**
      - Lepton Number and Lepton Flavor Violation

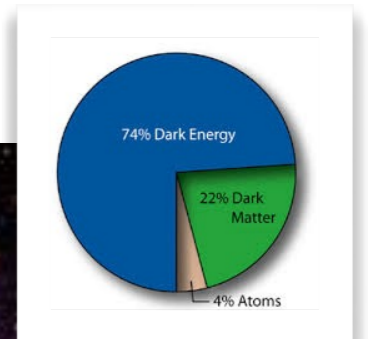
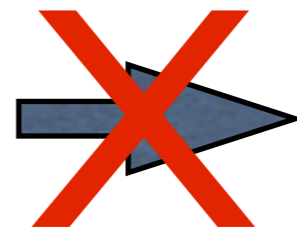
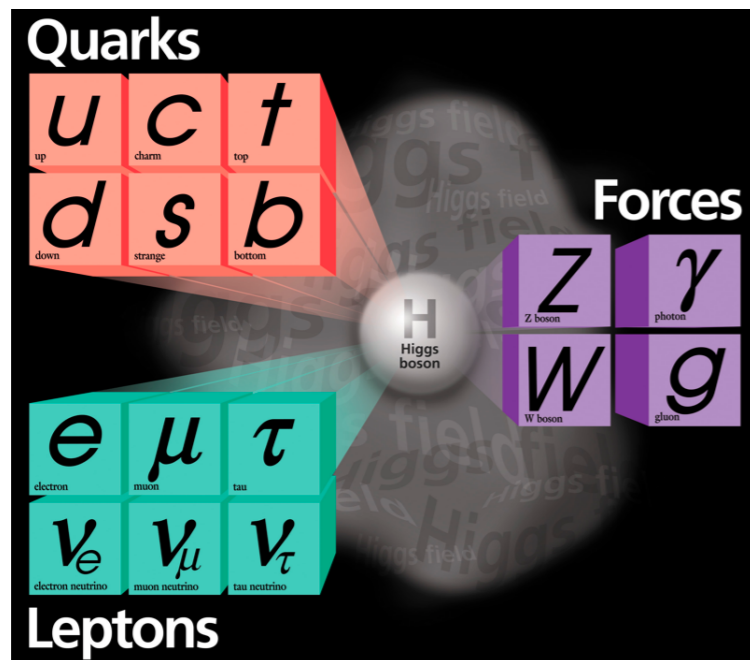
Lecture 1

Lecture 2

# The quest for new physics at the low energy frontier

# New physics: why?

- The Standard Model is remarkably successful, but it's probably incomplete



No Baryonic Matter, no Dark Matter, no Dark Energy, no Neutrino Mass

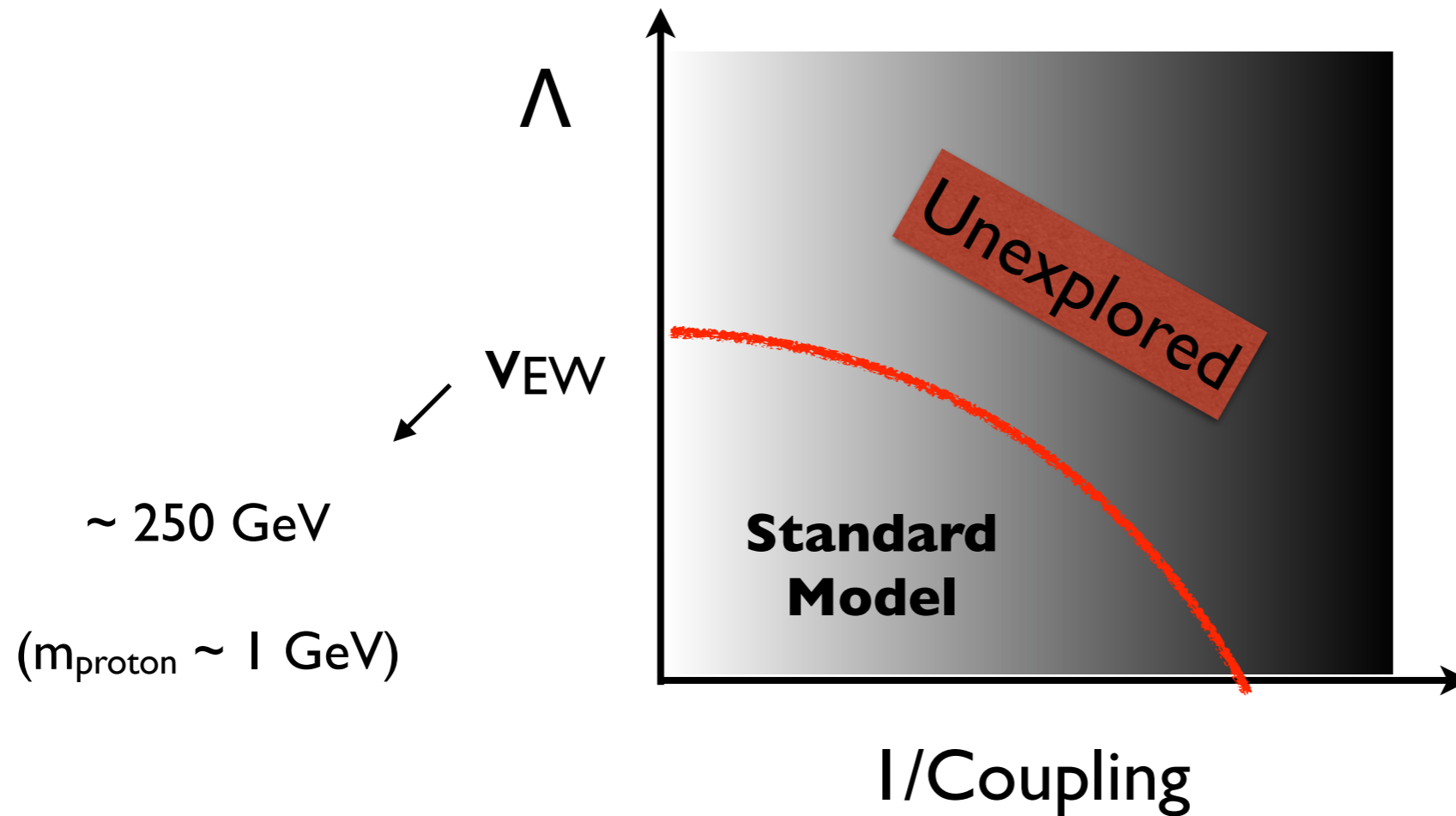
What stabilizes  $G_{\text{Fermi}}/G_{\text{Newton}}$  against radiative corrections?

Do forces unify at high E? What is the origin of families? What about gravity? ...

Addressing these puzzles likely requires new physics

# New physics: where?

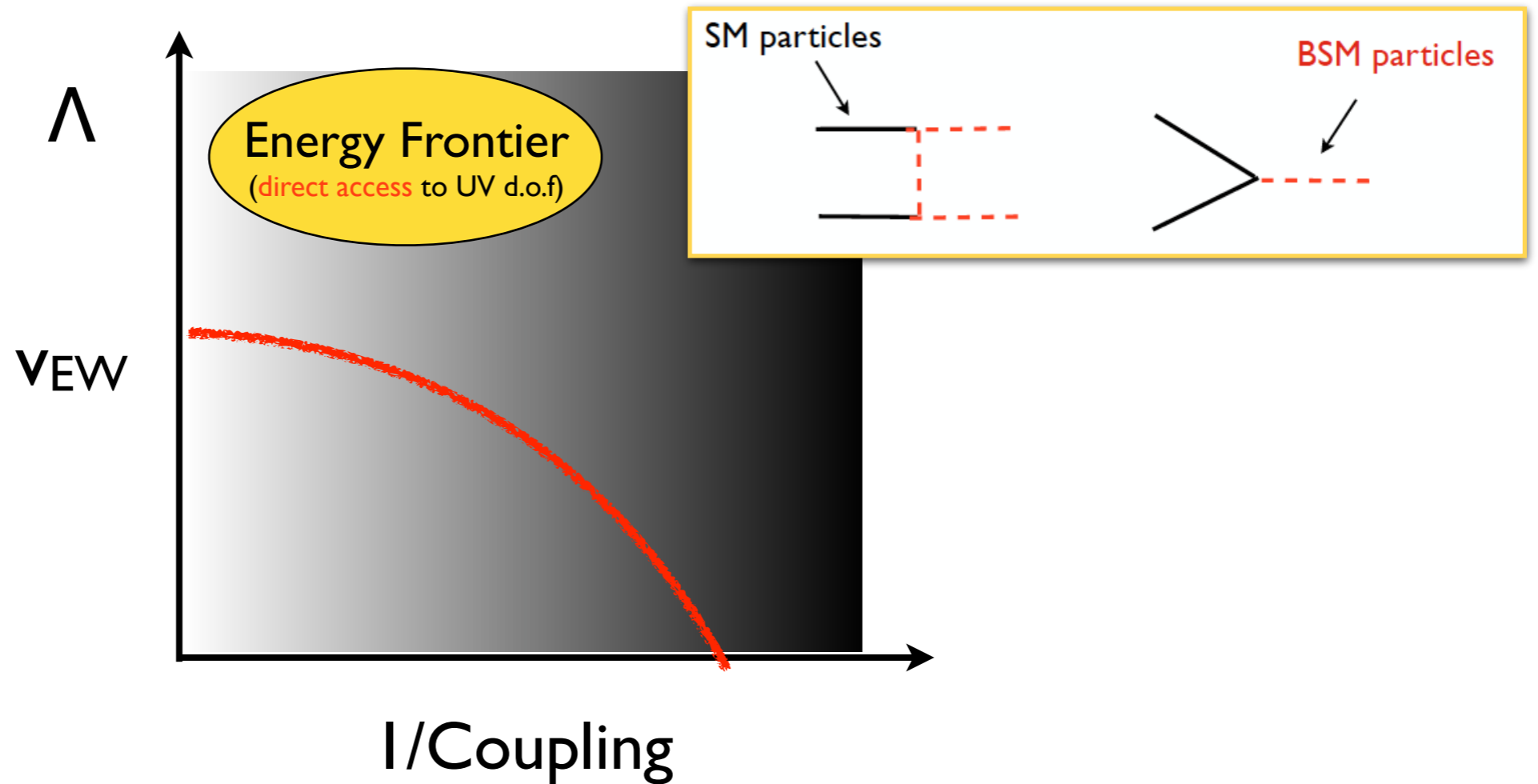
- Where is the new physics? Is it Heavy? Is it Light & weakly coupled?



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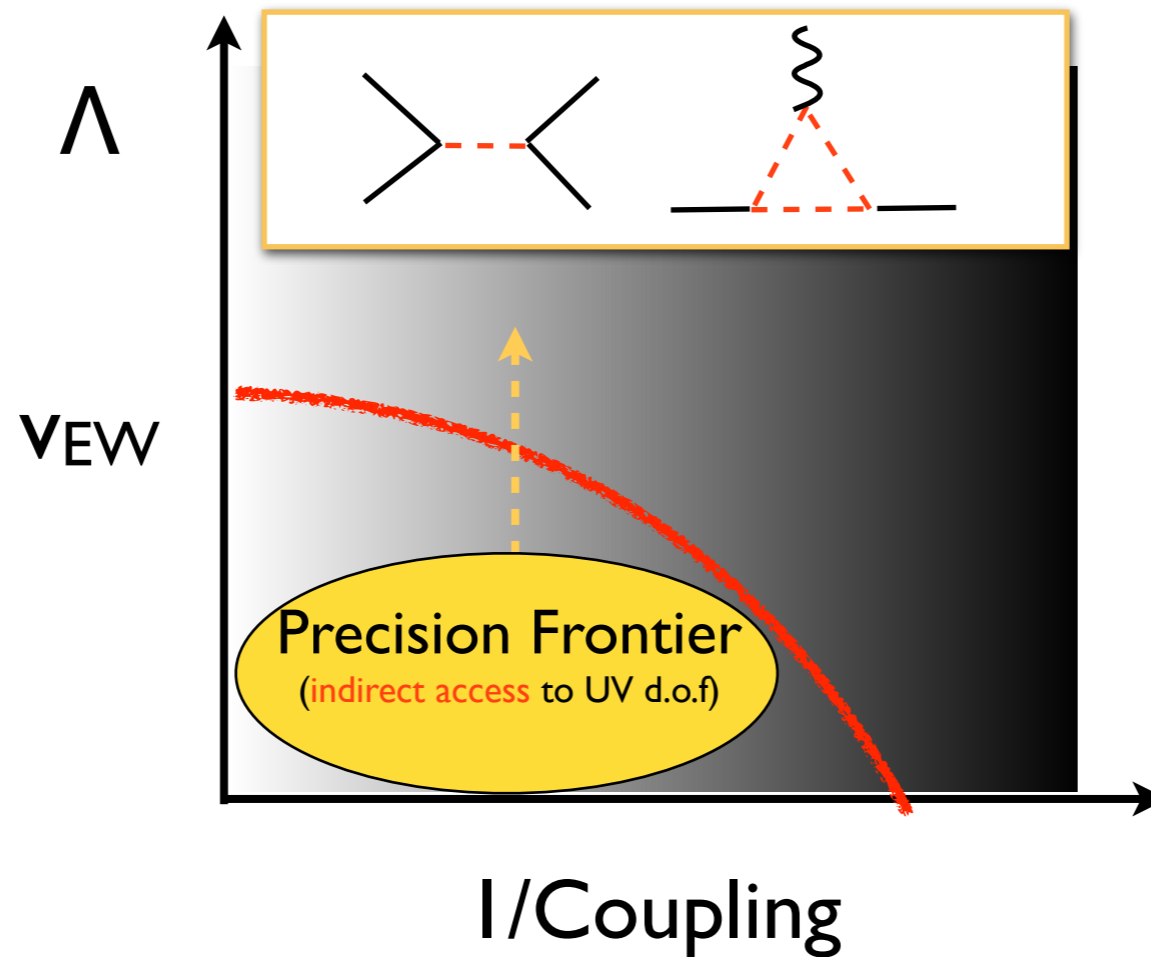
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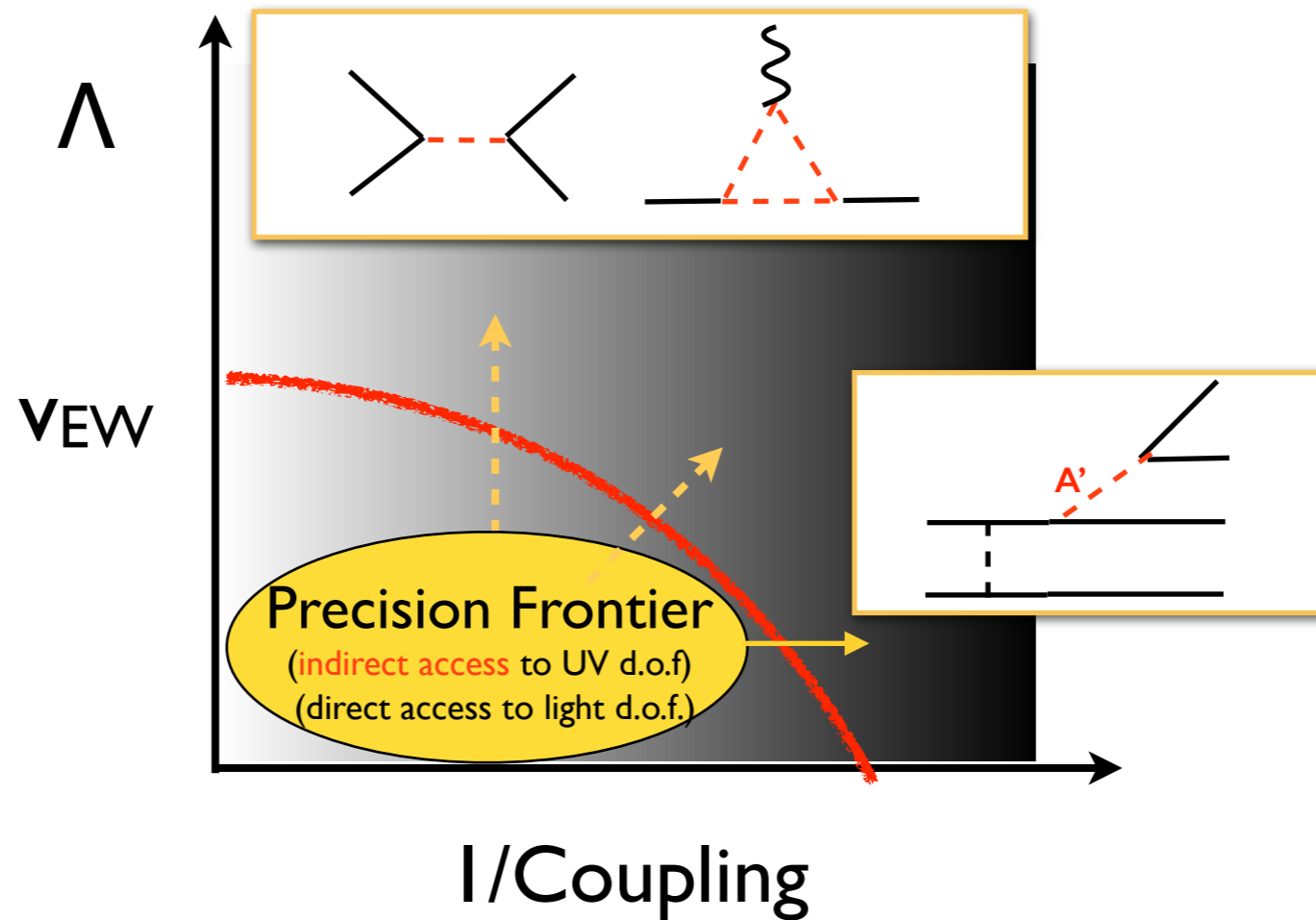
$$\Delta E \Delta t \sim h$$





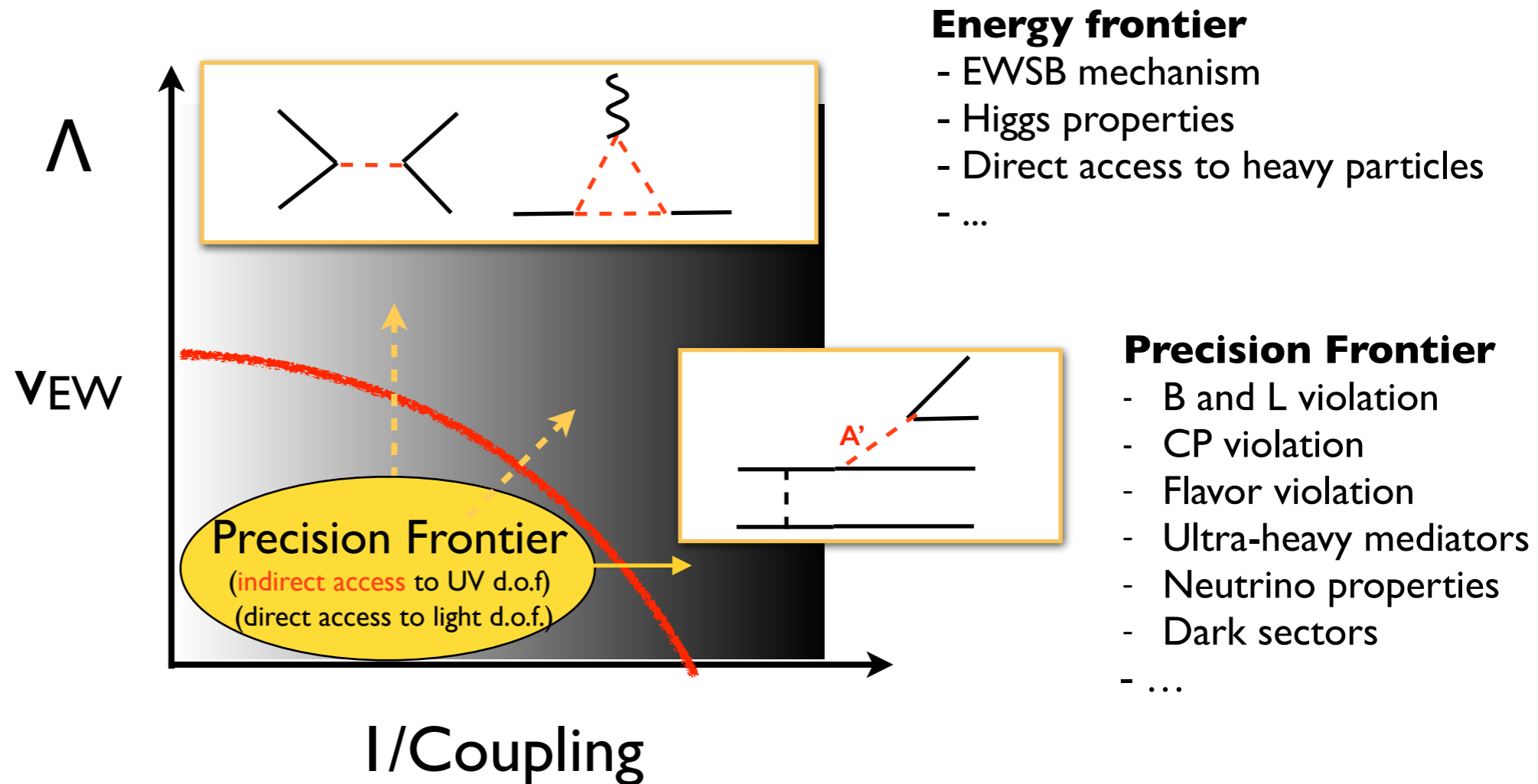
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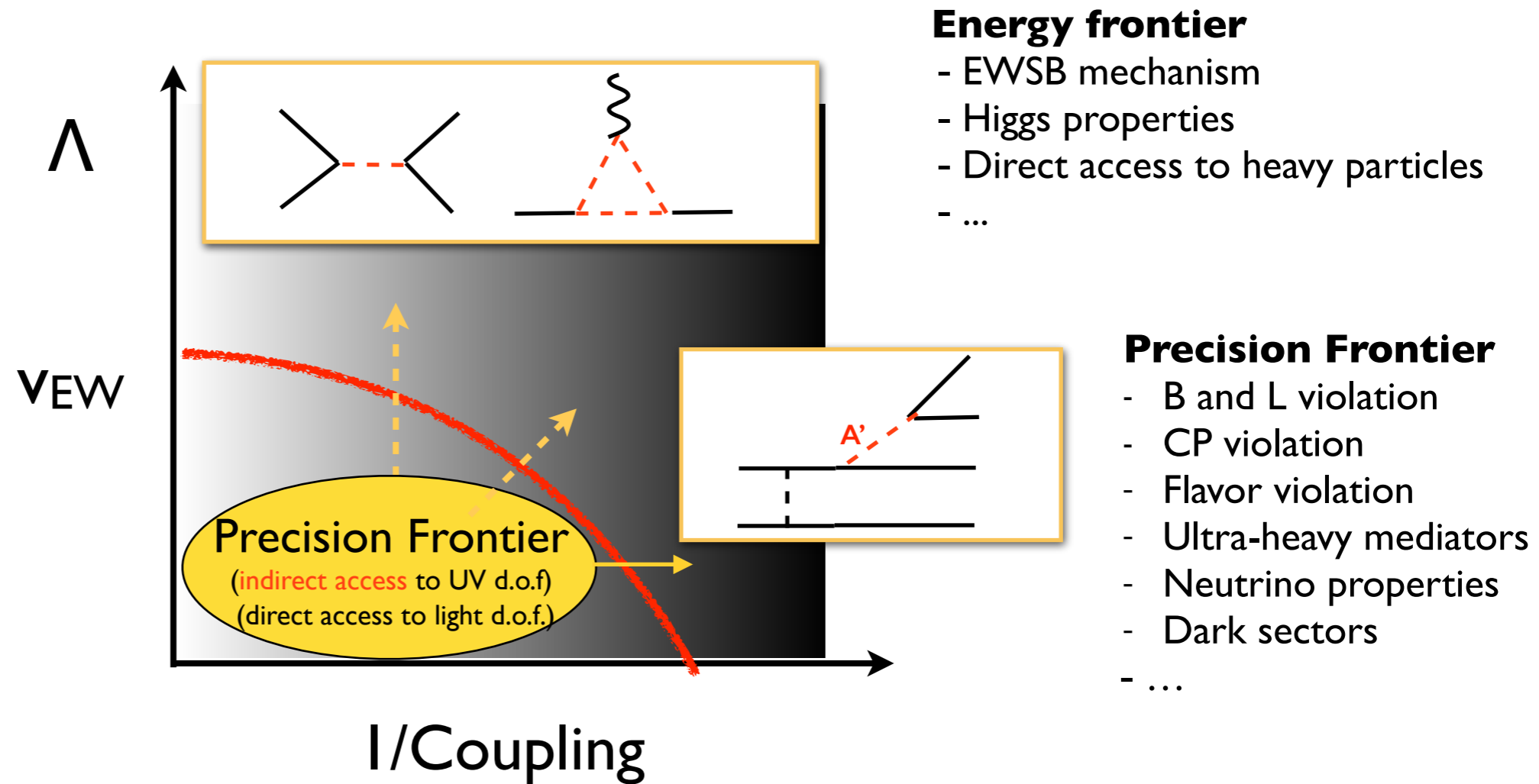
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- Both frontiers needed to reconstruct BSM dynamics: structure, **symmetries**, and parameters of  $\mathcal{L}_{BSM}$

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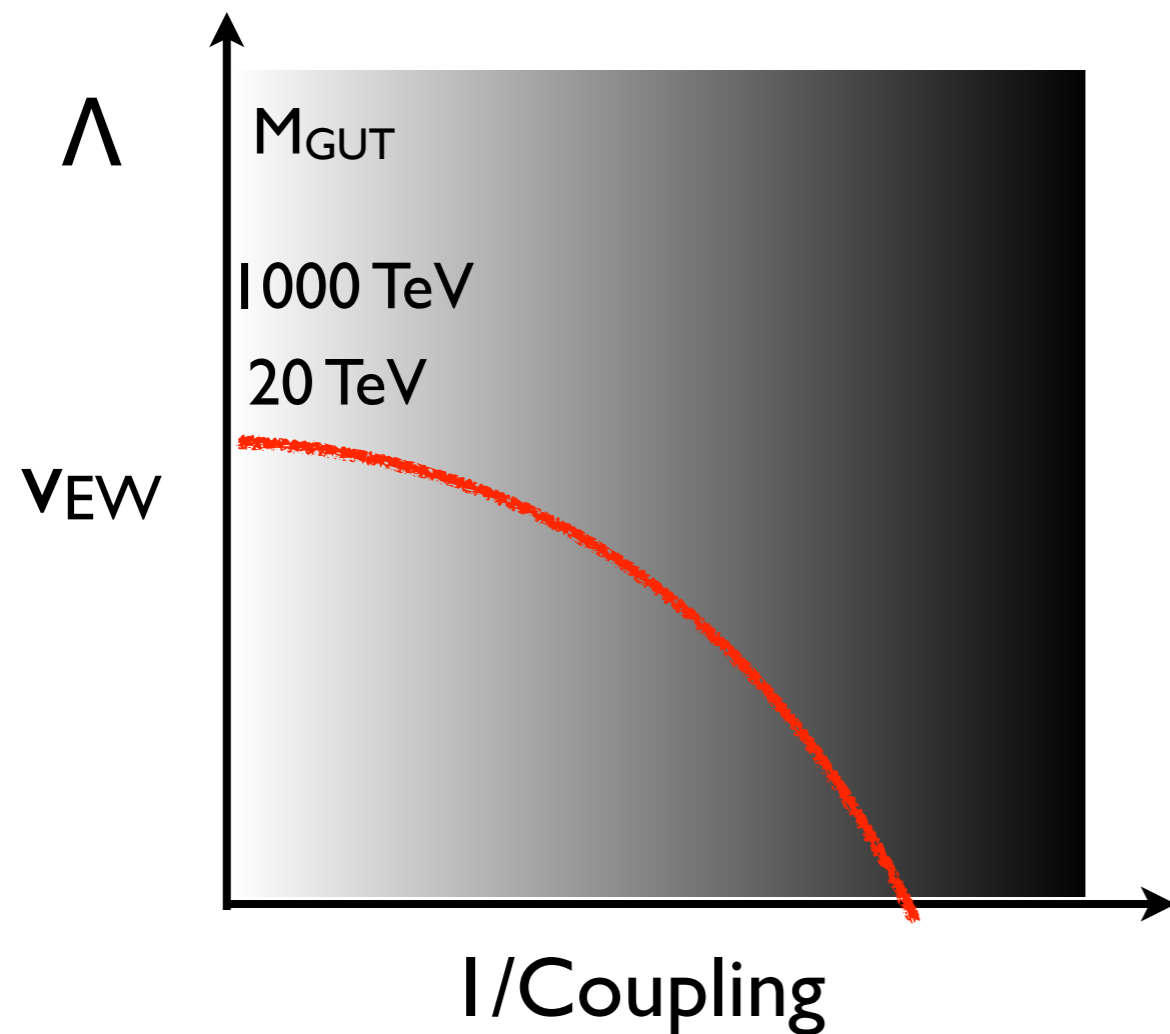
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The Precision Frontier cuts across AMO, HEP & NP

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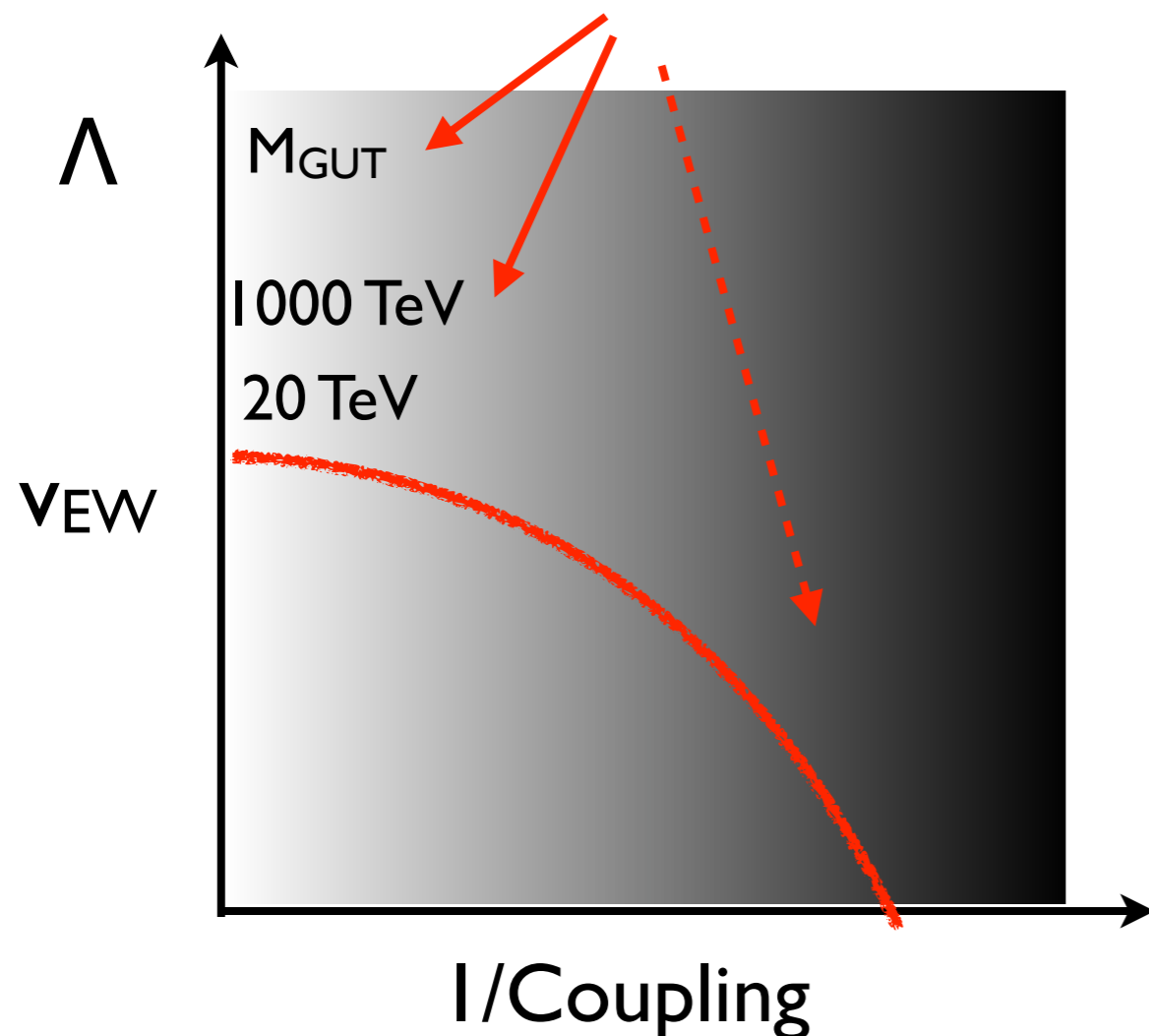
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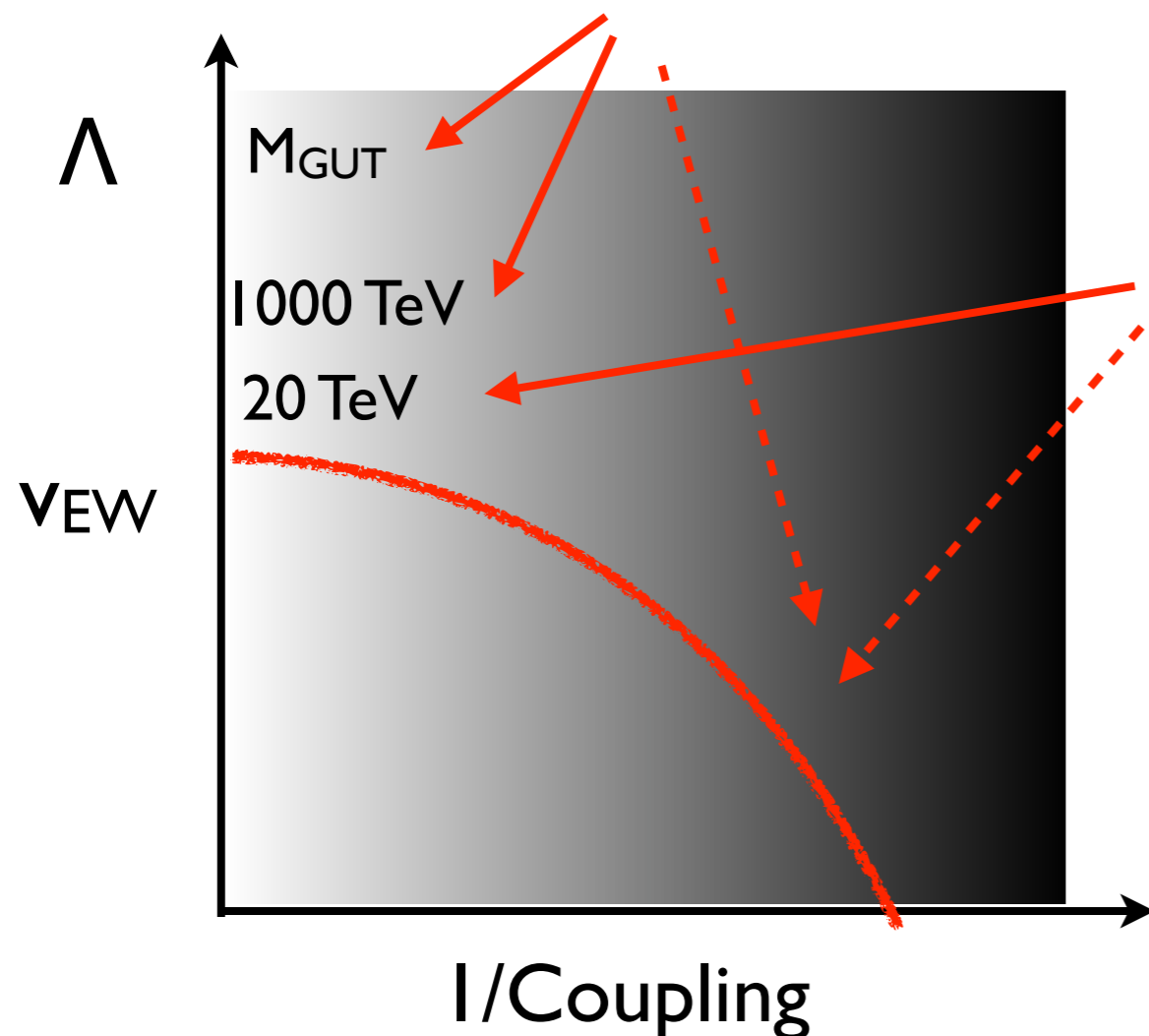


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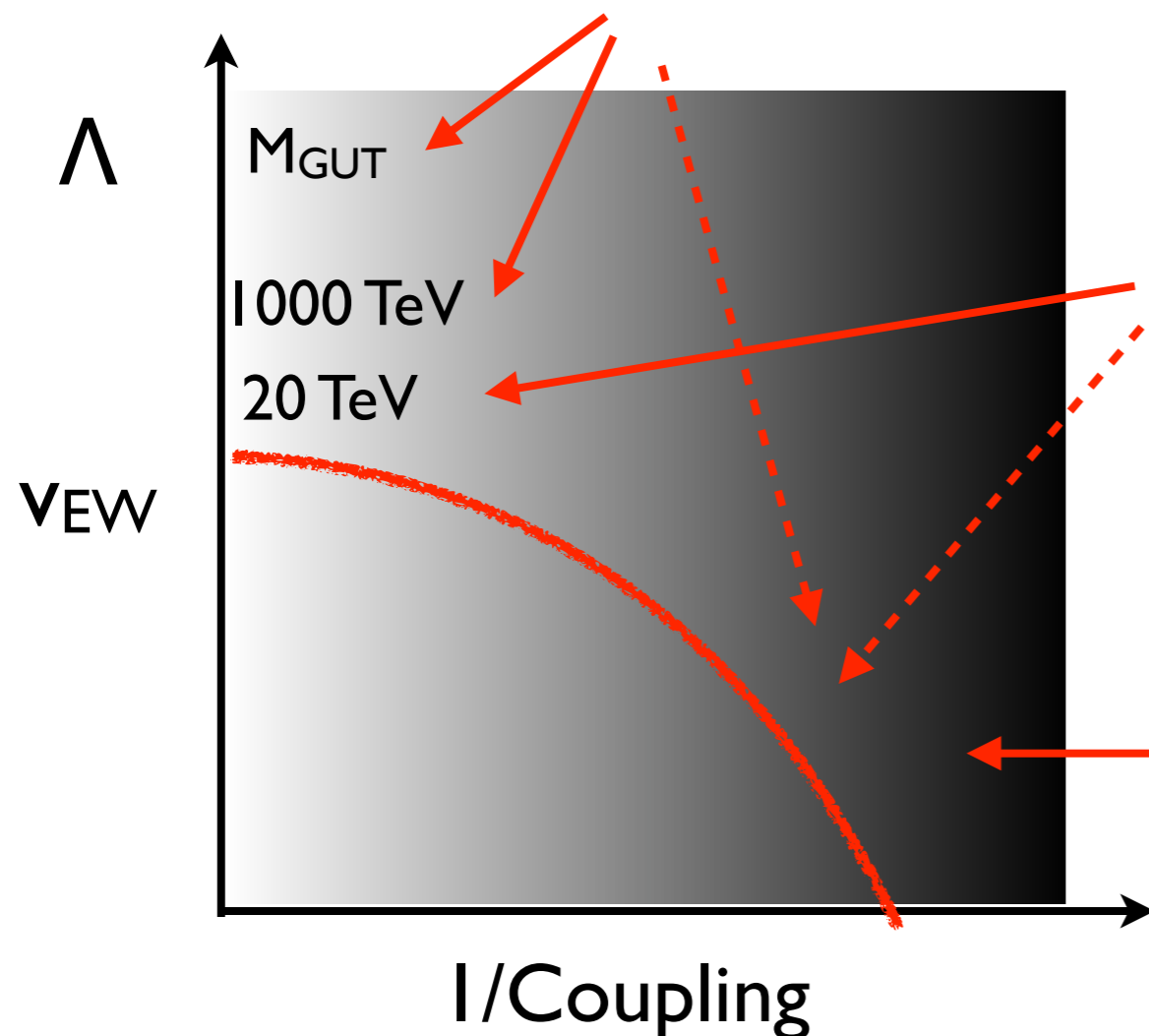
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3. Searches / characterization of **light and weakly coupled particles**: active  $\nu$ 's, sterile  $\nu$ 's, dark sector particles and "fifth force" mediators, axions, ...



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- **Shed light on some of the big open questions about fundamental interactions**

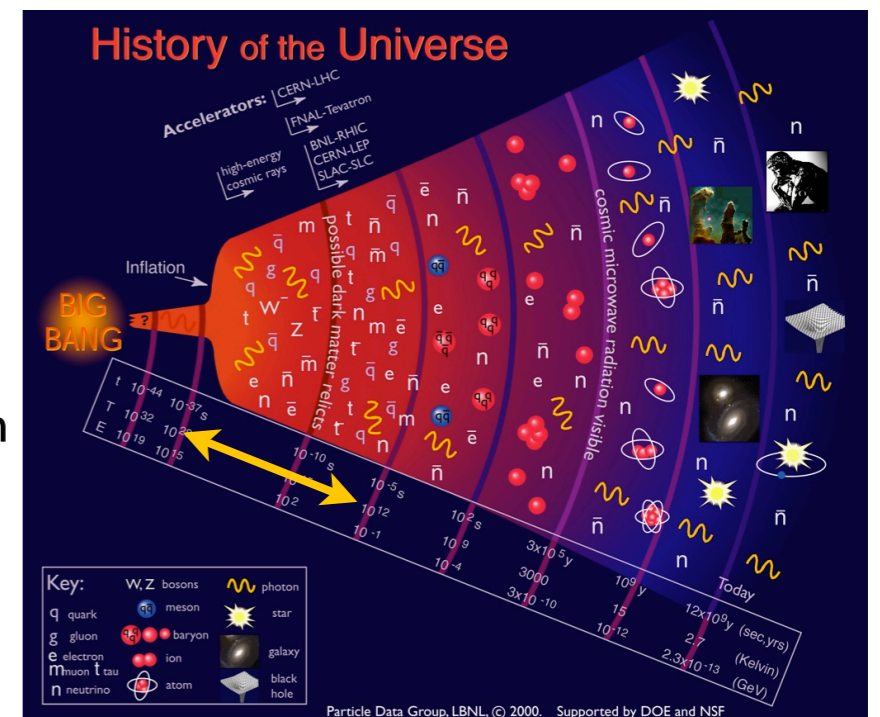
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Baryon asymmetry  
(violation of B, L, CP)

Baryogenesis requires (Sakharov)

- B (L) violation
- C and CP violation
- Departure from equilibrium

Baryogenesis does not work in  
the Standard Model



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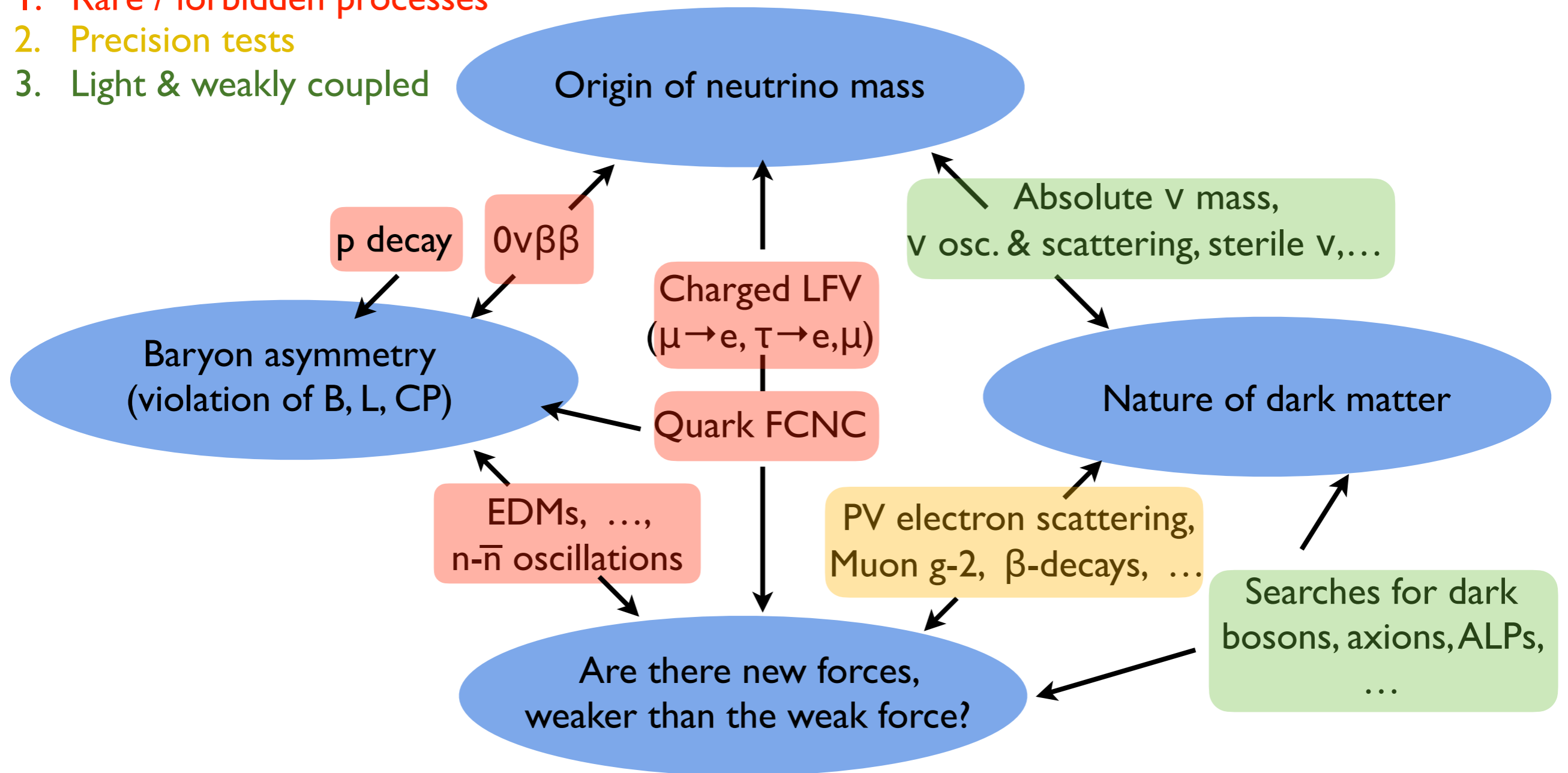
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Nature of dark matter

Are there new forces,  
weaker than the weak force?

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2. Precision tests
3. Light & weakly coupled

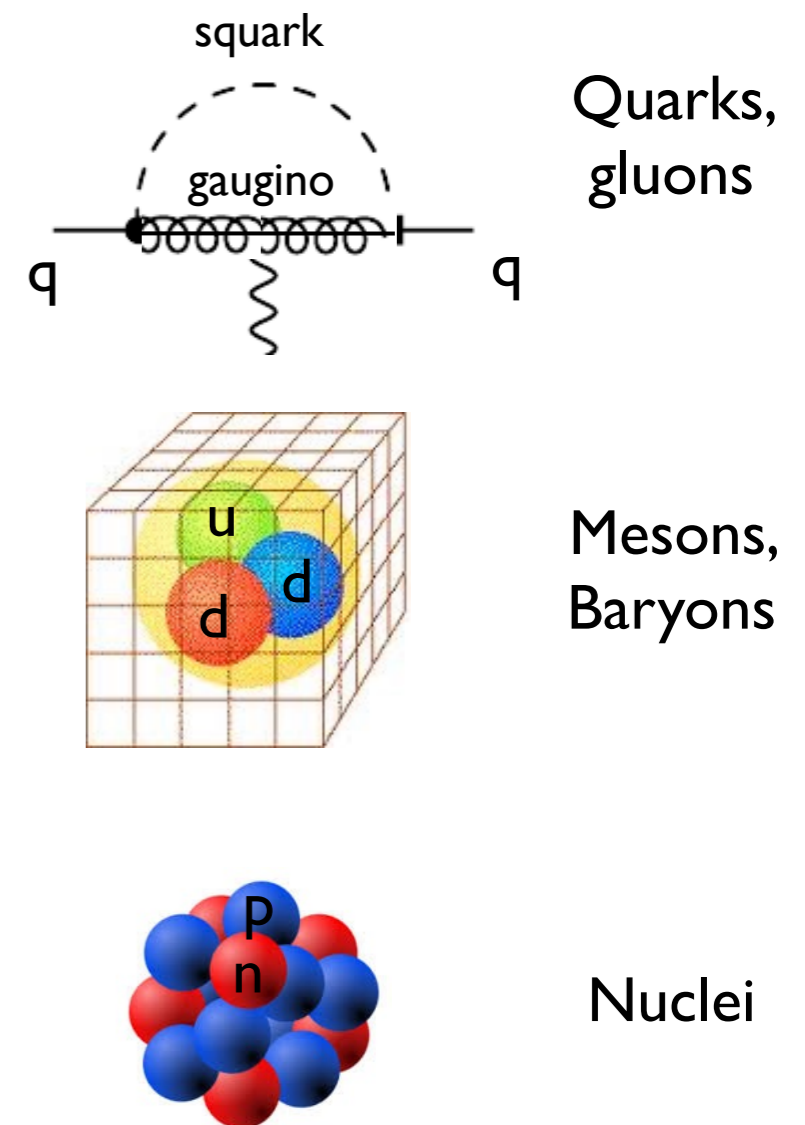
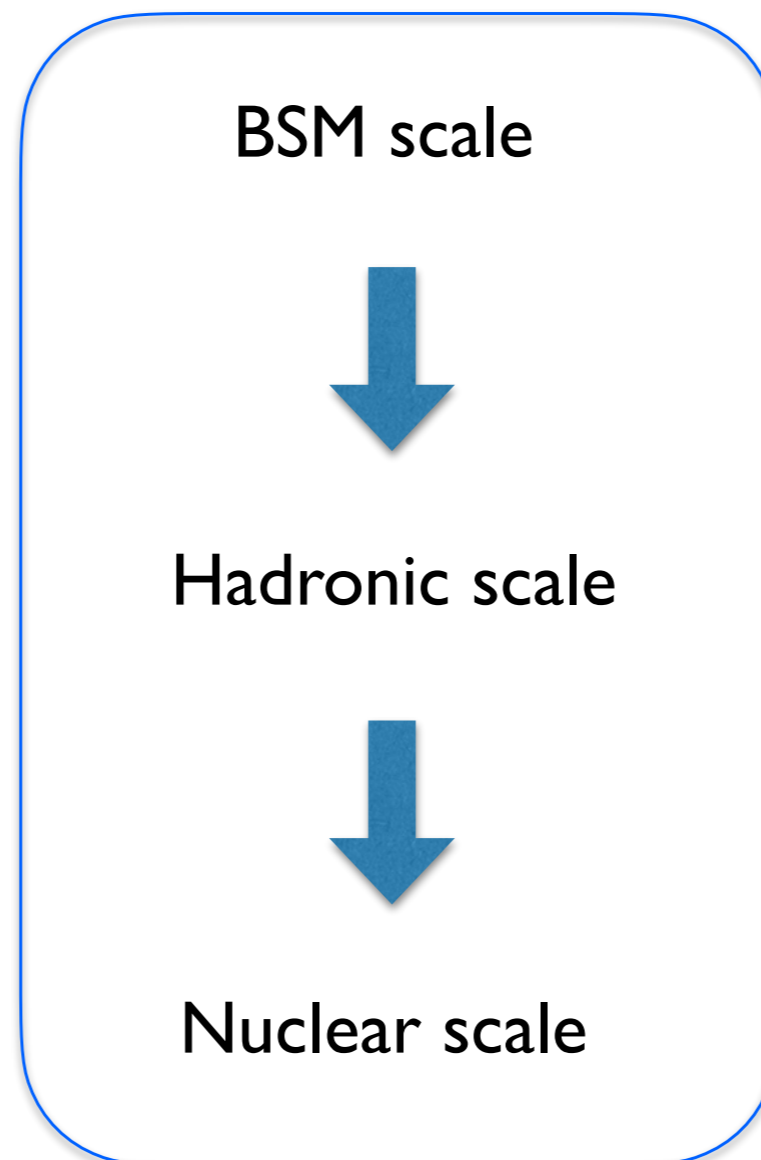


# Theoretical challenges

- Multi-scale problem: need to connect possibly high-energy interactions written at the quark-gluon level to hadrons / nuclei

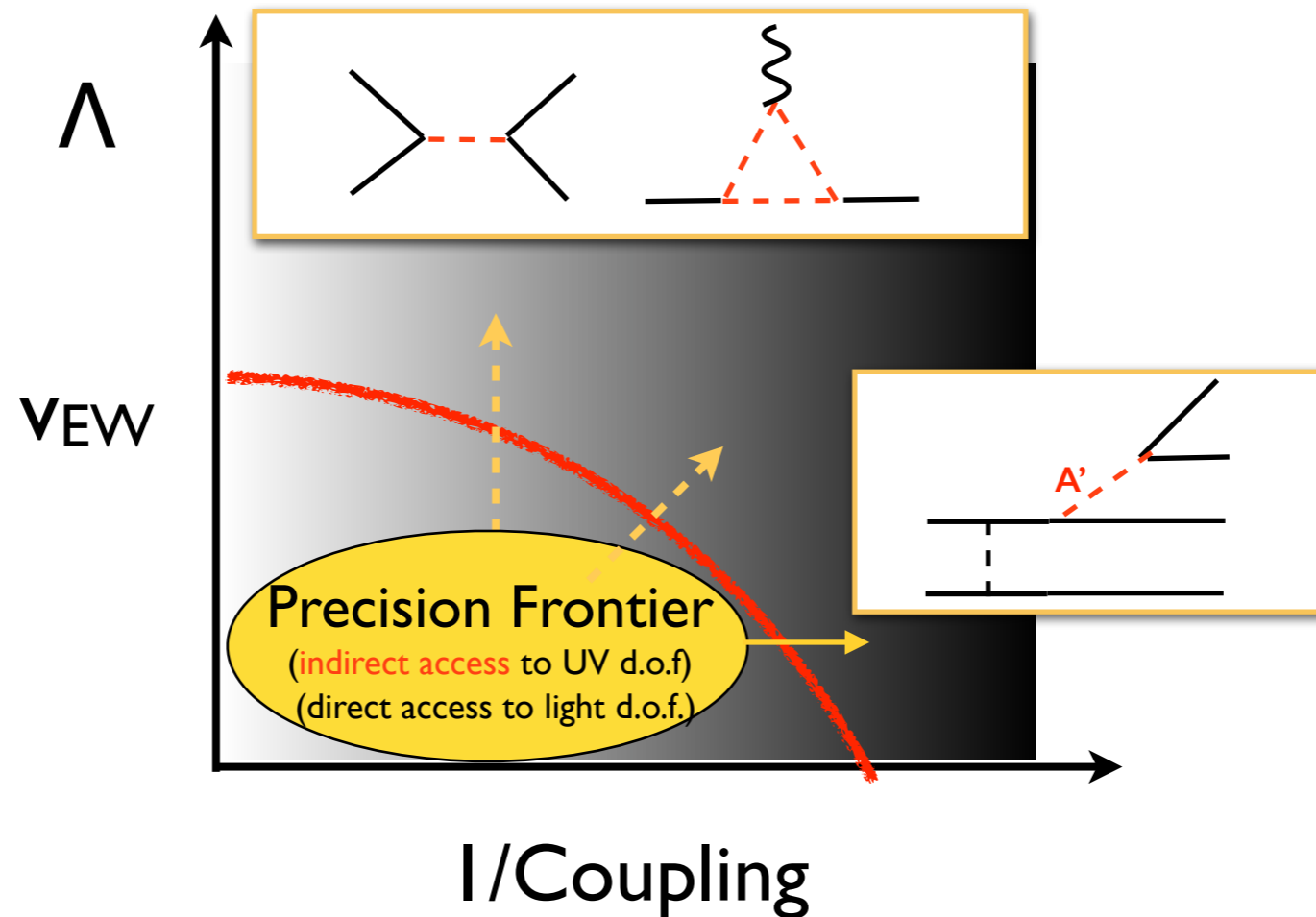
- Even when studying leptonic properties, handling hadron physics is essential (muon  $g-2$ , mu-to-e conversion, ...)

- **Tools:** effective field theory, Lattice QCD, dispersion relations, nuclear many body methods, ...



**How does the precision  
frontier work?  
(Theory perspective)**

# Theory framework(s)



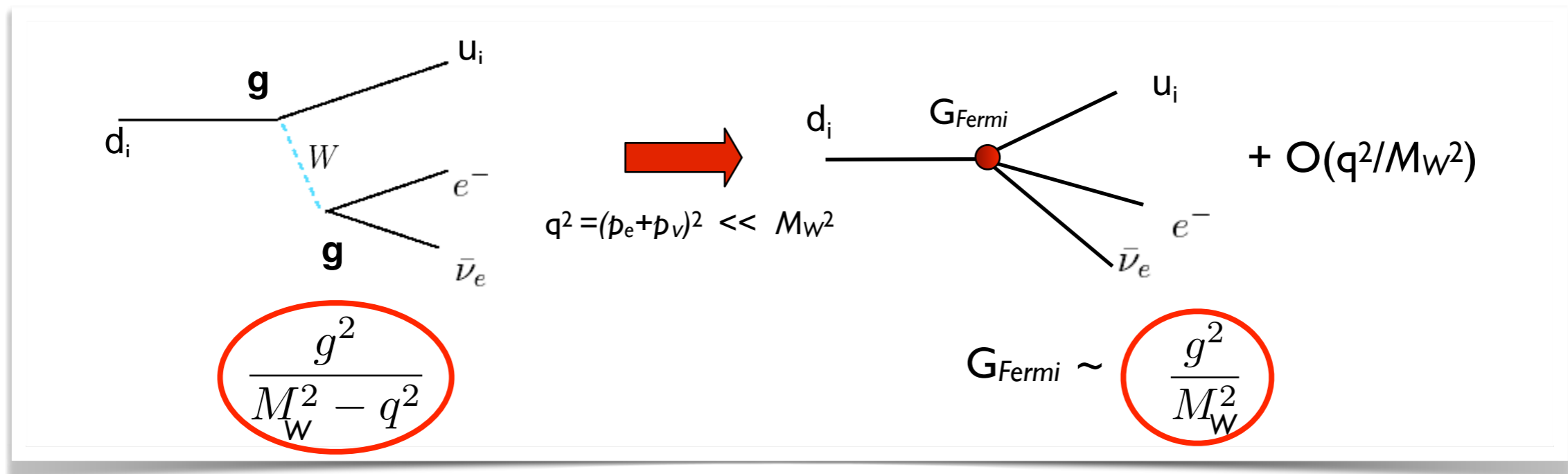
To motivate and analyze precision frontier searches, two fairly general EFT-based theory framework(s) have emerged, encompassing many underlying models

- **High scale (UV) new physics:** Standard Model EFT and its siblings
- **Light & weakly coupled new physics:** dark sectors and 'portals'



# UV new physics: Standard Model EFT

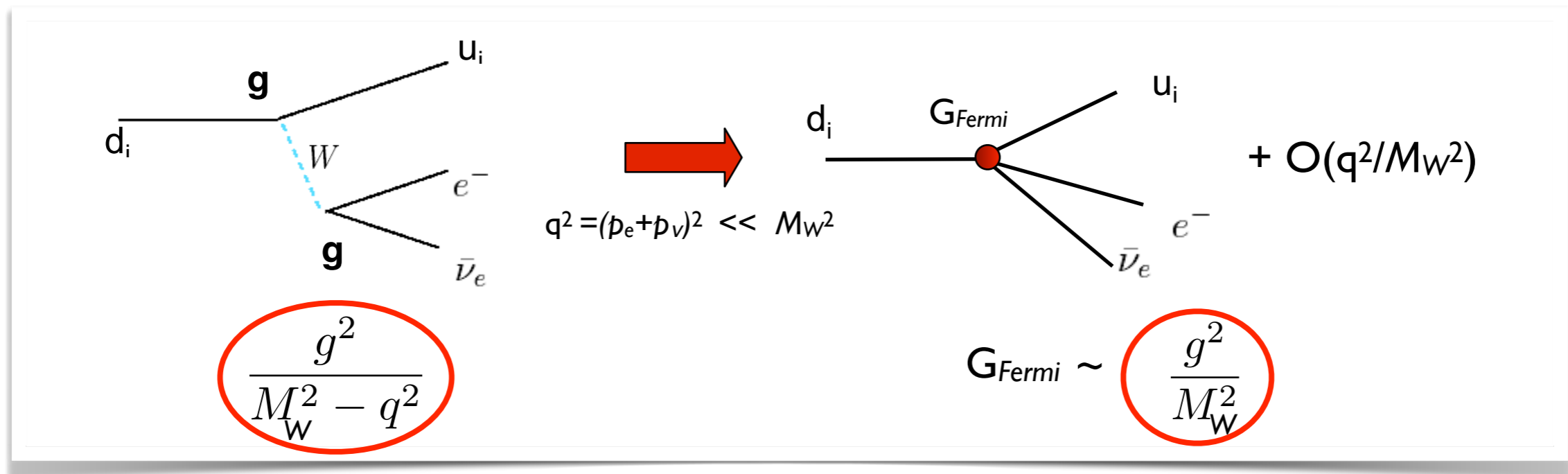
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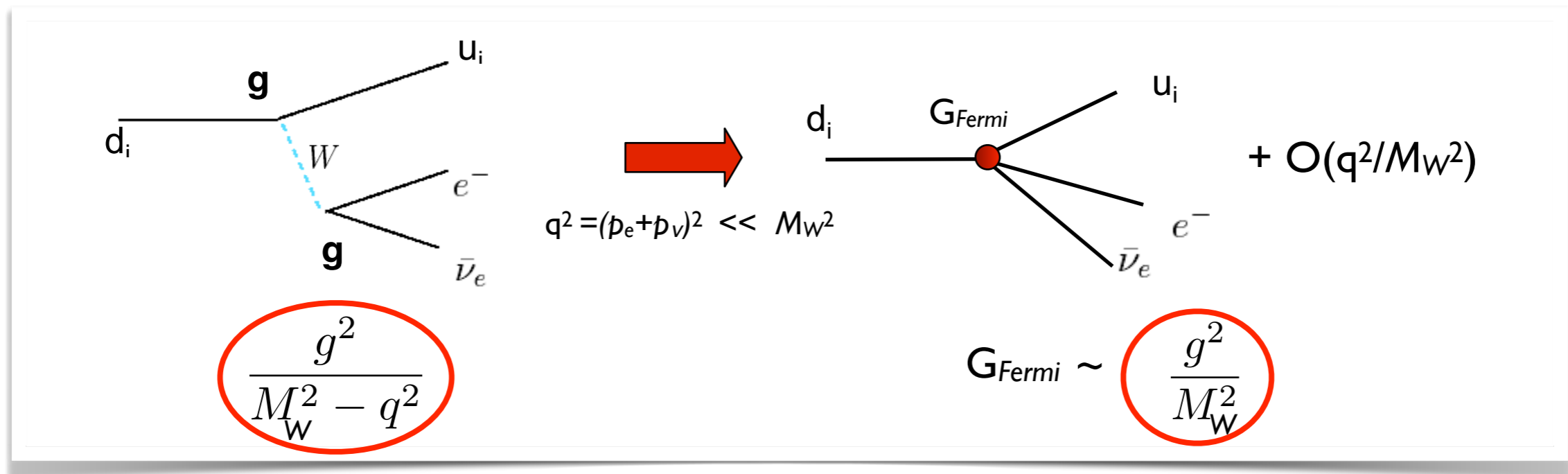
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## Homework

- Work out mass dimension of fields:
  - Spin 1/2:  $[\Psi] = 3/2$
  - Spin 0 and 1:  $[\phi] = [V_\mu] = 1$

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[  $\Lambda \leftrightarrow M_{\text{BSM}}$  ]

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{C^{(5)}}{\Lambda} O^{(5)} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \dots$$

Appelquist-Carazzone 1975

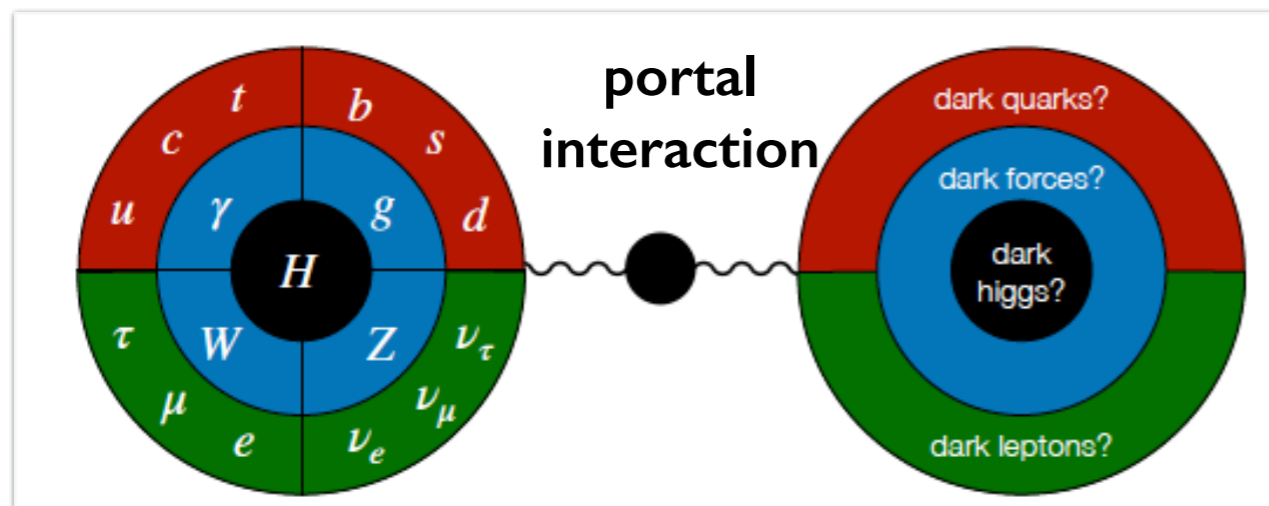
Weinberg 1979, Wilczek-Zee 1979, Buchmuller-Wyler 1986, ...

B. Grzadkowski, M. Iskrzyński, M. Misiak, J. Rosiek, 2010

Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar, Rodrigo, Trott 2013

# Light & weakly coupled new physics: portals

“Portals”: dominant interactions through which the SM and dark sector couple  
 (↔ lowest dimensional SM singlet operators)



Credit: Stefania Gori

$$\mathcal{L} \sim O_{\text{portals}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda}\right)$$

$$O_{\text{Vector}} = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} B^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$$

$$O_{\text{Neutrino}} = -Y_N^{ij} \bar{L}_i H N_j$$

$$O_{\text{Higgs}} = -H^\dagger H (AS + \lambda S^2)$$

Leading axion interactions appear at  $O(1/\Lambda)$ :

$$aF\tilde{F}/f_a, aG\tilde{G}/f_a, \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi\partial_\mu a/f_a$$

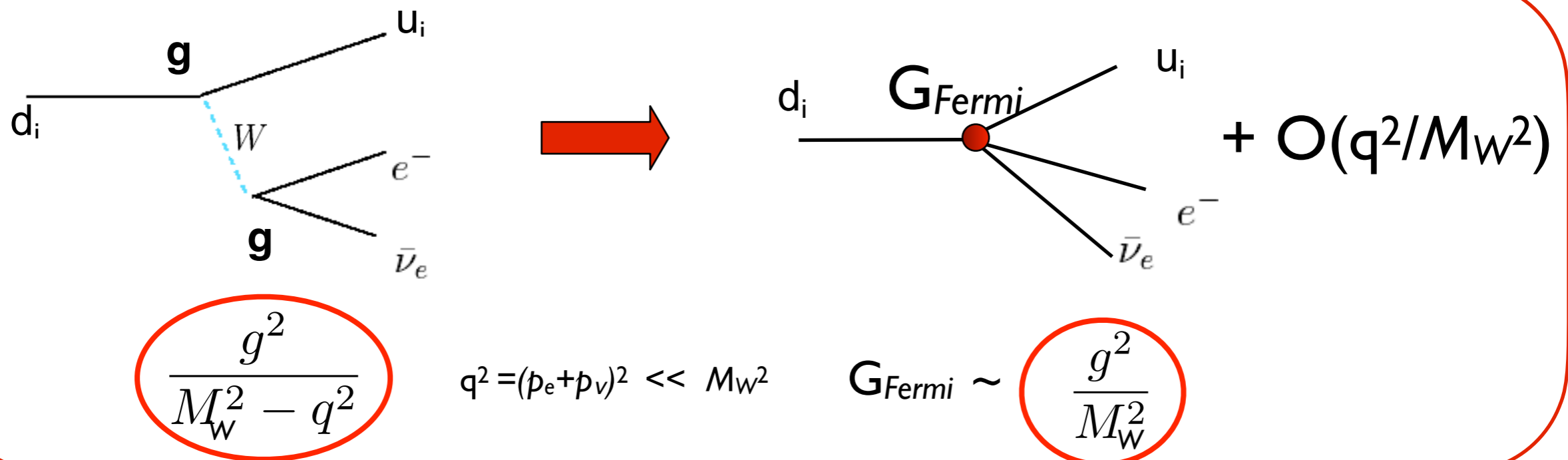
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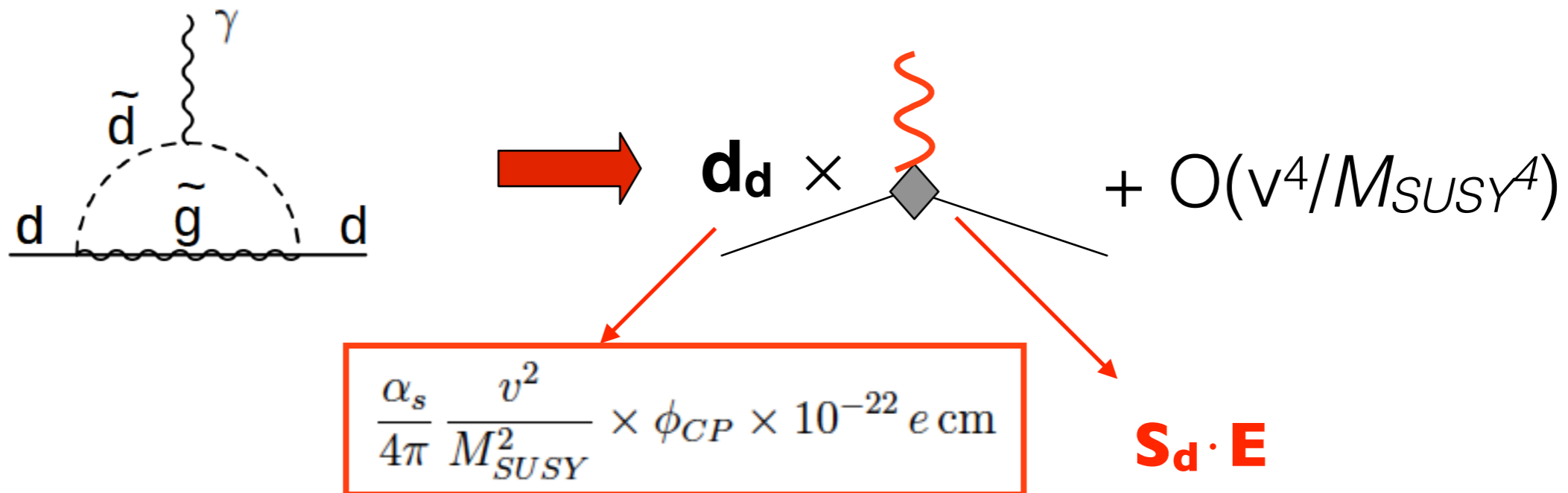


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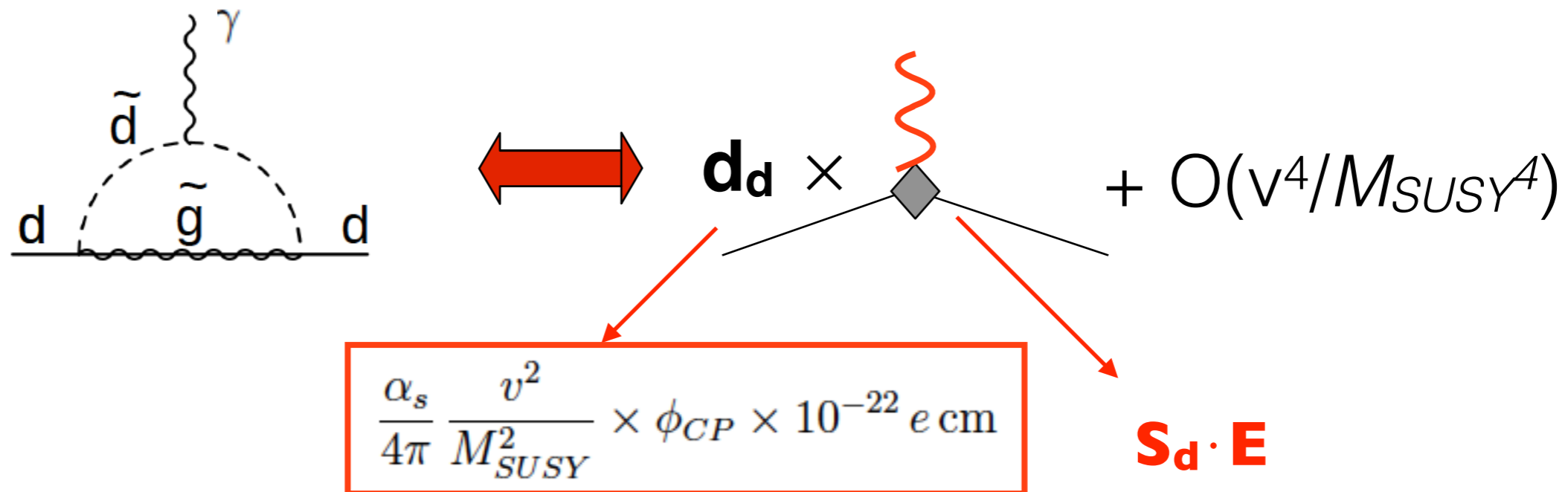


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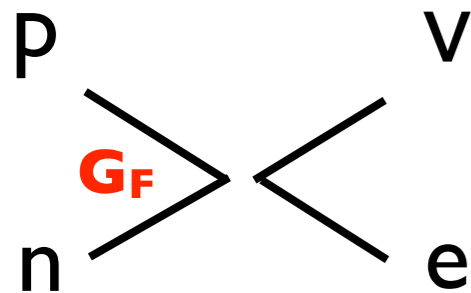


But one can take a “**bottom-up**” approach, too, in order to infer properties of underlying new physics. (This is the SMEFT approach)



# Example from history

Fermi, 1934



Current-current,  
parity conserving

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Fermi's theory of beta decays ( $n \rightarrow p e \bar{\nu}_e$ ):

Postulate new local interaction (that respects Lorentz invariance and charge conservation) in terms of “light” degrees of freedom (n,p,e, $\nu_e$ ):

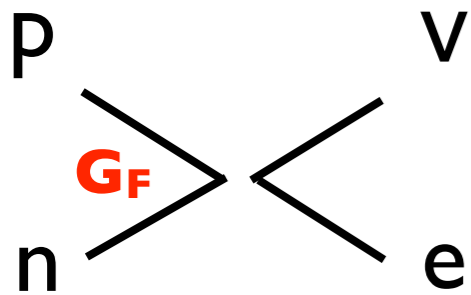
$$H \sim G_F \bar{p} \Gamma n \bar{e} \Gamma \nu_e$$

Coupling constant  $G_F \equiv 1/\Lambda_F^2$  determined by fitting the “slow” beta decay rates  $\Rightarrow$

point to mass scale  $\Lambda_F \gg m_n \sim \text{GeV}$

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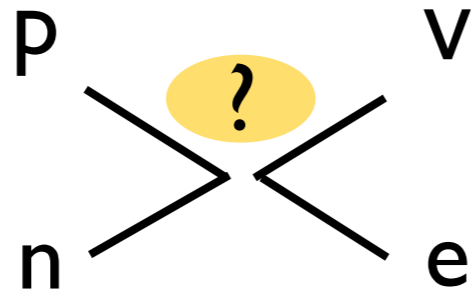
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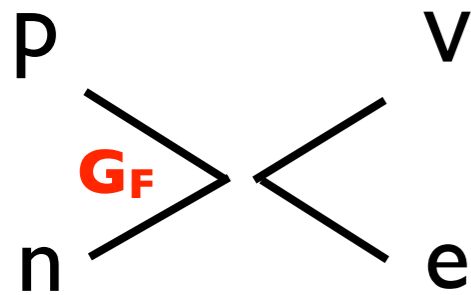
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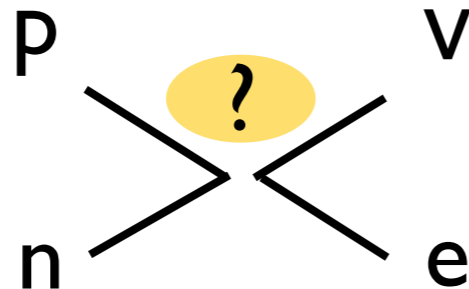
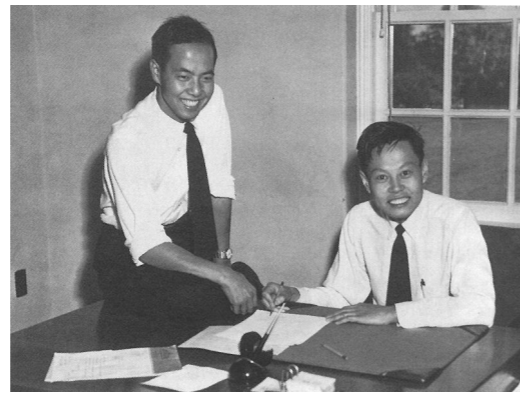
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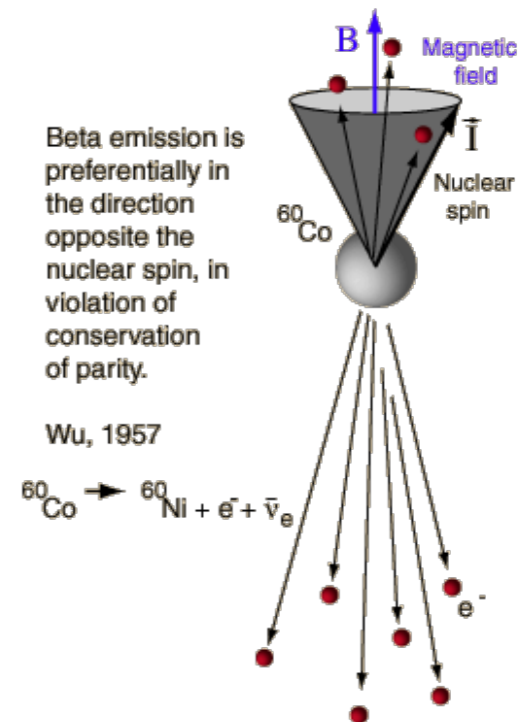
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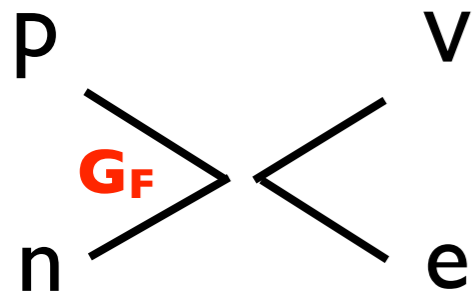


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Experiment: parity is violated!  
(but could be VA, SP, ...)

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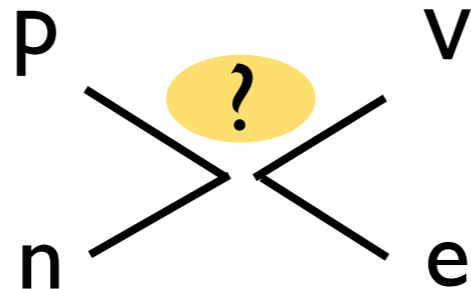
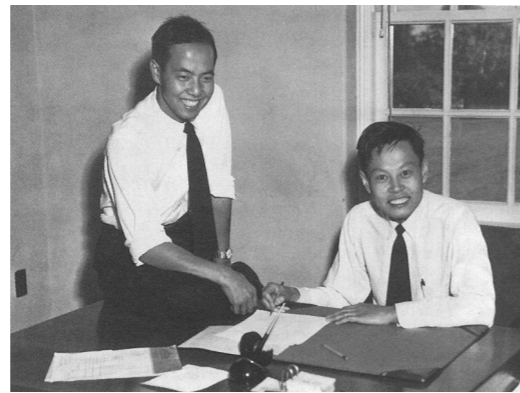
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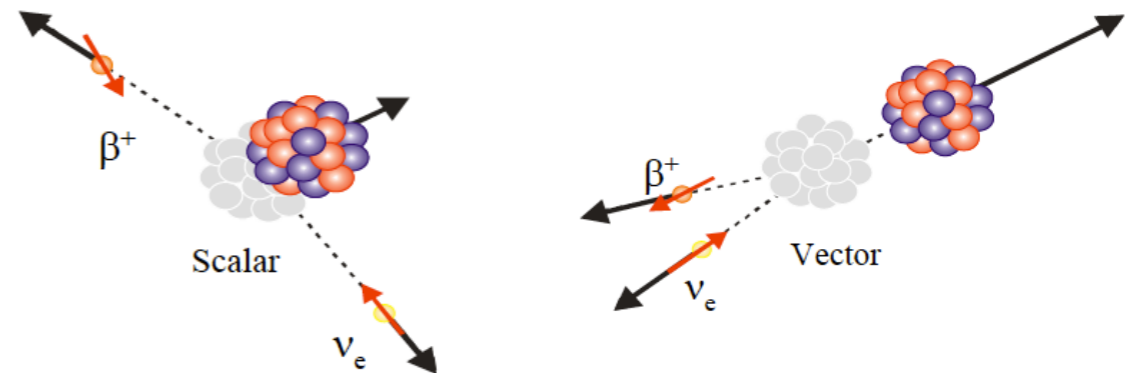
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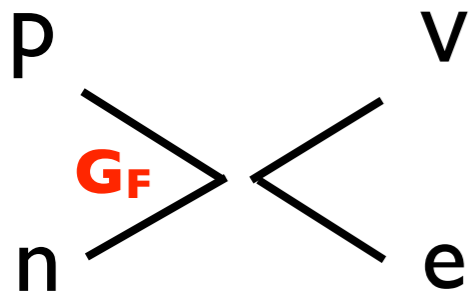
Differential decay distributions  
depend on structure of currents



Model diagnosing!

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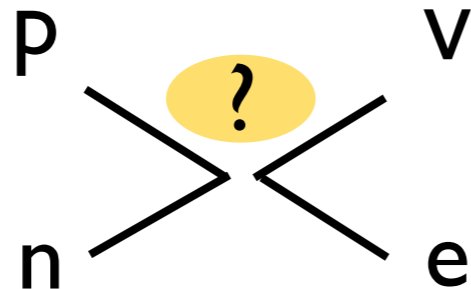
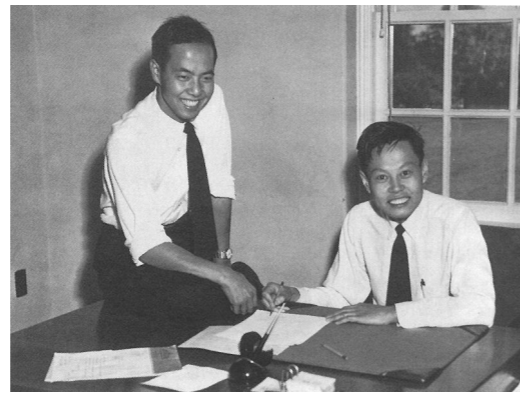
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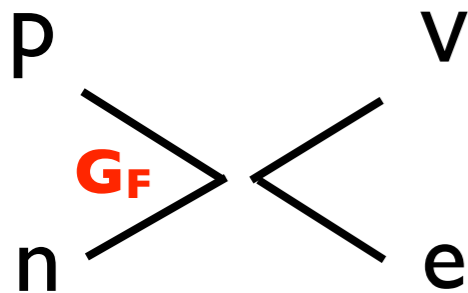


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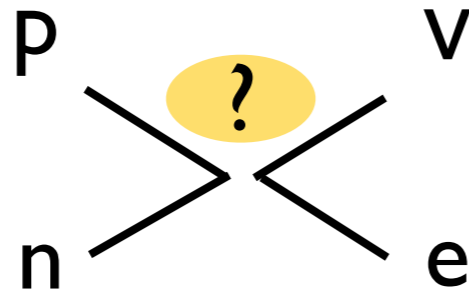
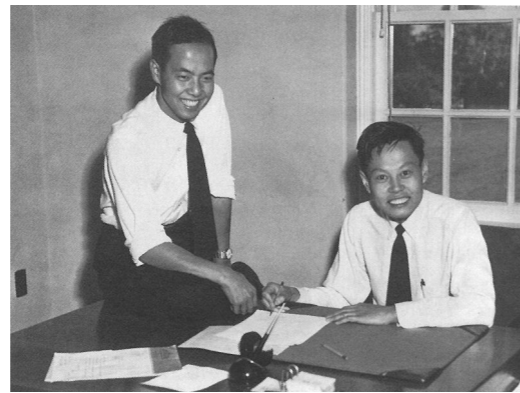
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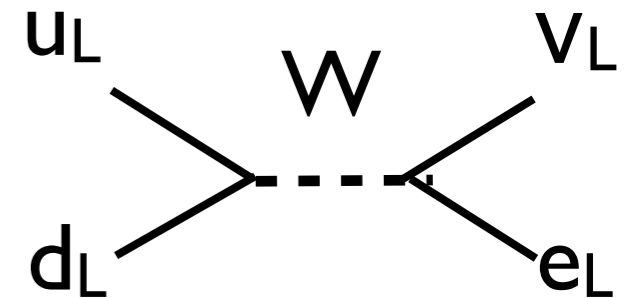
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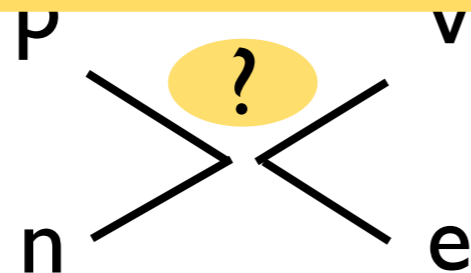
Lessons: nuclear beta decays were able to

- “Detect” physics originating at  $\Lambda_F = G_F^{-1/2} \sim 250 \text{ GeV} \gg E_{\text{exp}}$
- Point to key features of the underlying interactions, that led to the formulation of the Standard Model

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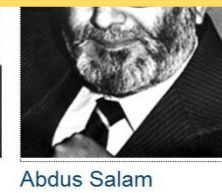


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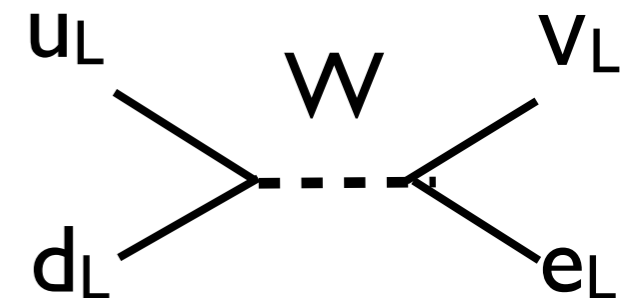
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Steven Weinberg

Fermi scale:  
 $\Lambda_F = G_F^{-1/2} \sim 250 \text{ GeV}$

It's  $(V-A)*(V-A) !!$

“V-A was the key”  
S. Weinberg



Embed in **non-abelian  
chiral gauge theory**,  
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At a given order the EFT is renormalizable and predictive



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You are seeing here the 3 tenets of any EFT:

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- Identify the symmetries of the problem
- Power counting — expansion parameter

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- Other EFTs differ in particle content and/or symmetry realization
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  - HEFT**: EFT for G.B  $\sim$  ChPT. Higgs  $h$  is a singlet. More general Higgs potential

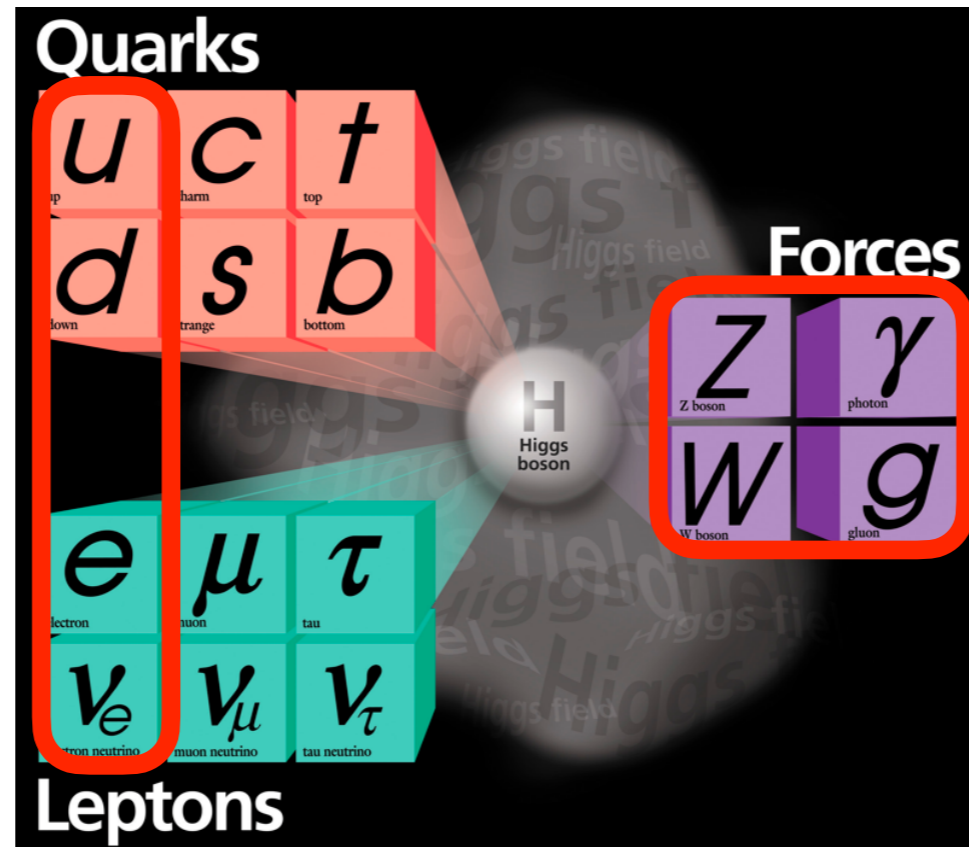
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- General framework encompassing classes of models
- Efficient tool to analyze and compare experiments at different scales (from collider to table-top)
- The steps below UV scale  $\Lambda$  apply to *all* models: in particular, the hadronic / nuclear aspects can be treated once and for all...
- Very useful diagnosing tool in this “pre-discovery” phase
- Inform model building (success story provided by the SM itself). EFT and model approaches are not mutually exclusive!

# Some details on the SM(EFT)

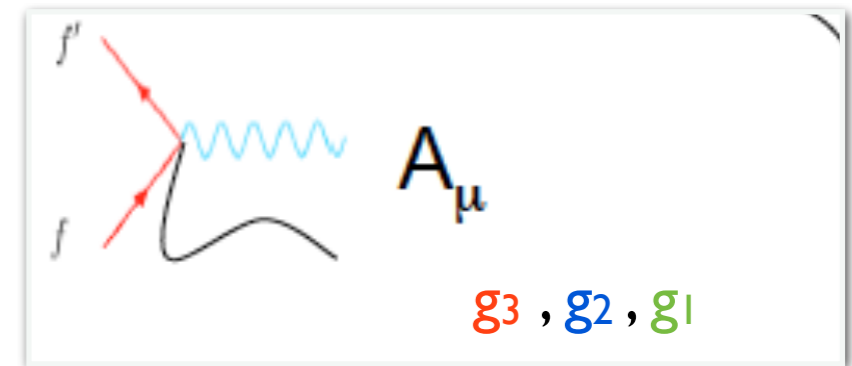
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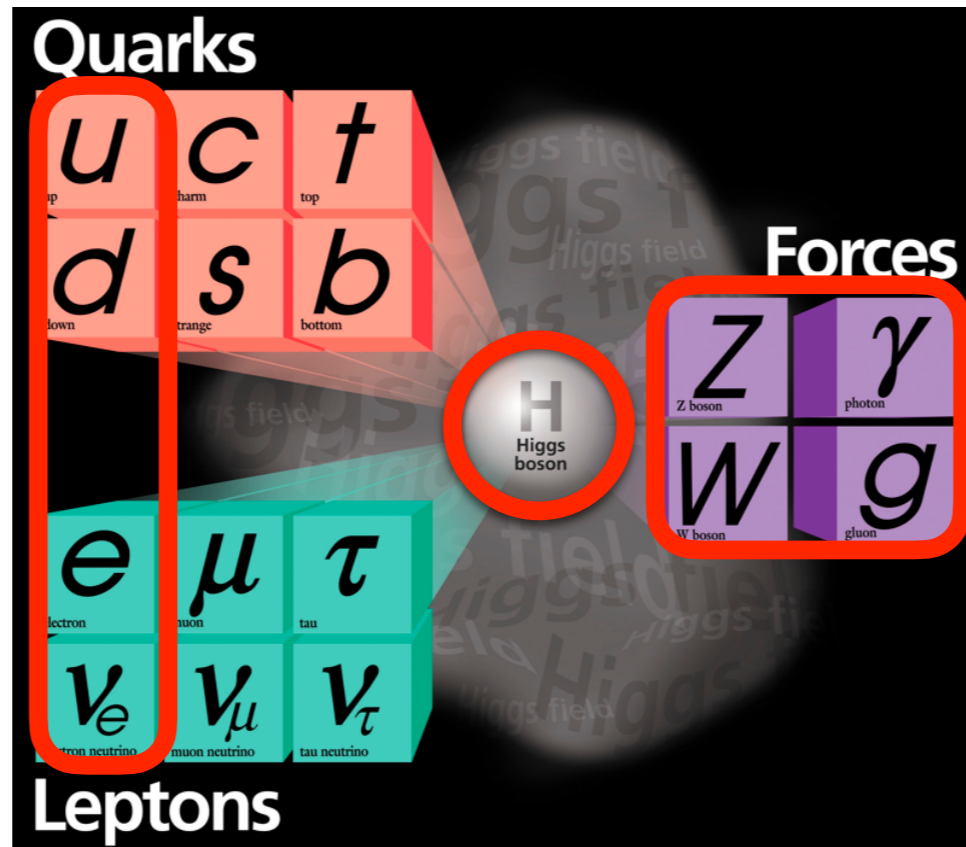
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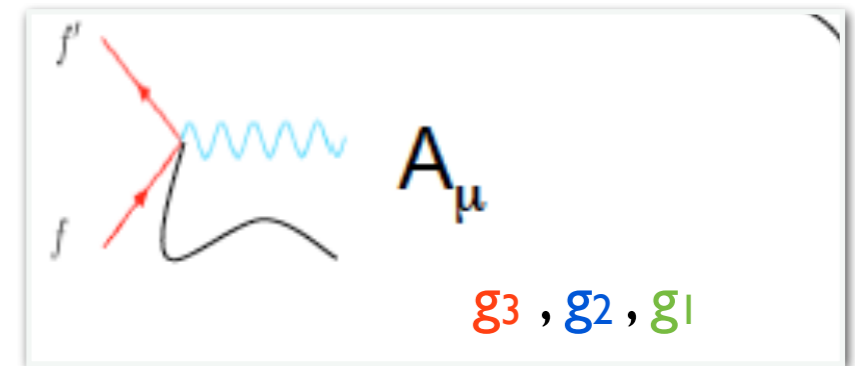
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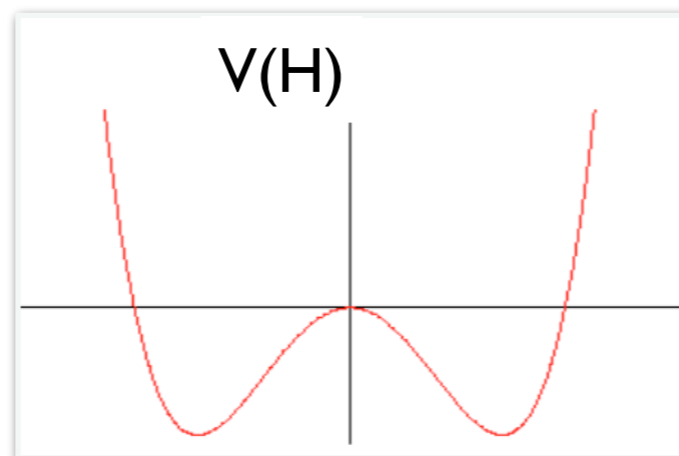
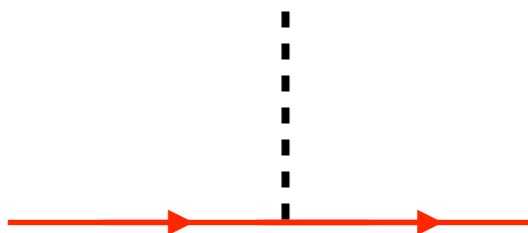
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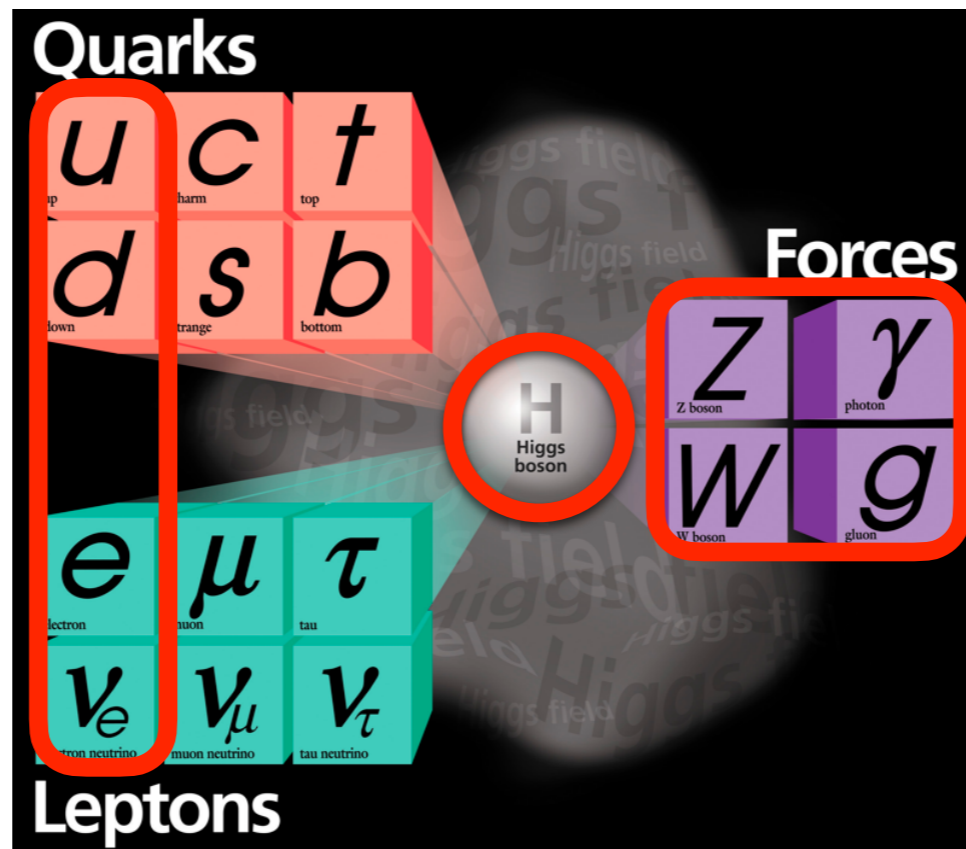


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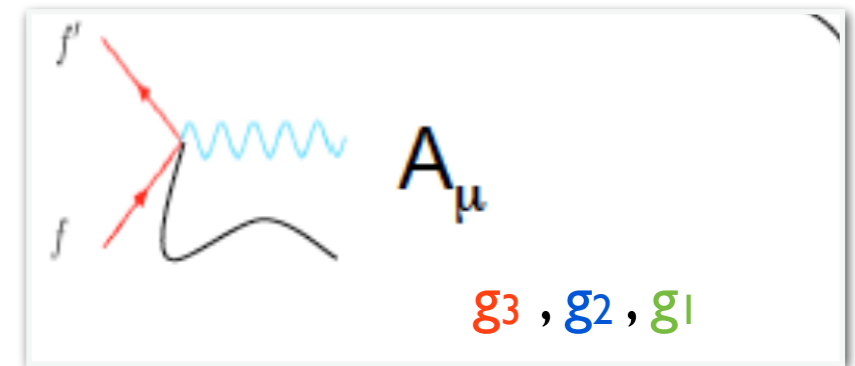
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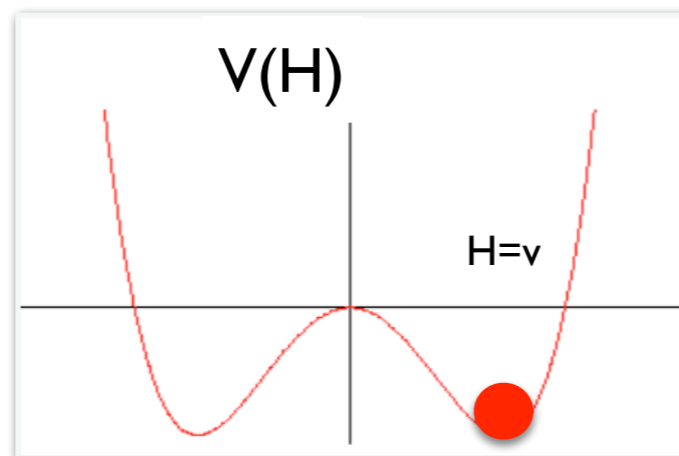
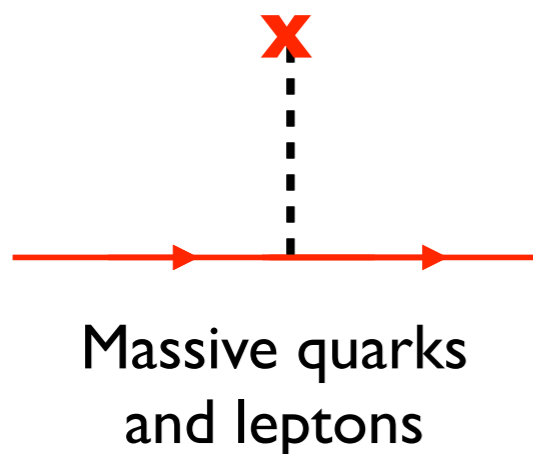
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$$\tilde{\varphi} = \epsilon \varphi^*$$

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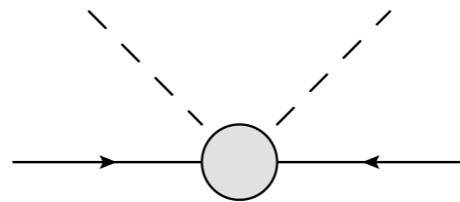
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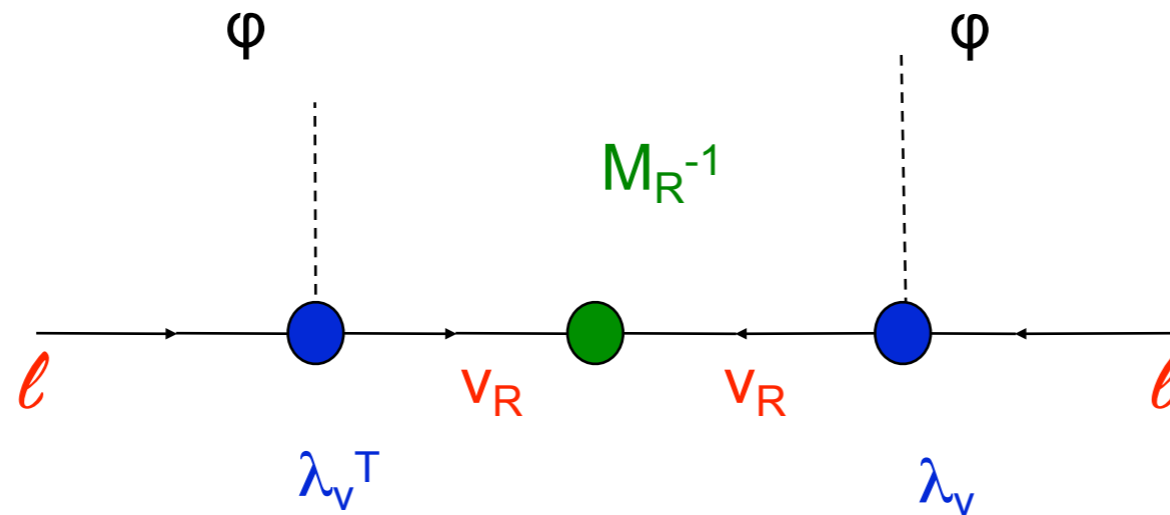
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- Generates Majorana mass for L-handed neutrinos (after EWSB)

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \hat{O}_{\text{dim}=5} \xrightarrow{\langle \varphi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \nu_L^T C \nu_L$$

- “See-saw”:  $m_\nu \sim 1 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$

- Example: explicit realization of dimension-5 operator in models with heavy R-handed Majorana neutrinos



Integrate out heavy  $V_R$

$$g_{\alpha\beta} \sim (\lambda_v^T M_R^{-1} \lambda_v)_{\alpha\beta}$$

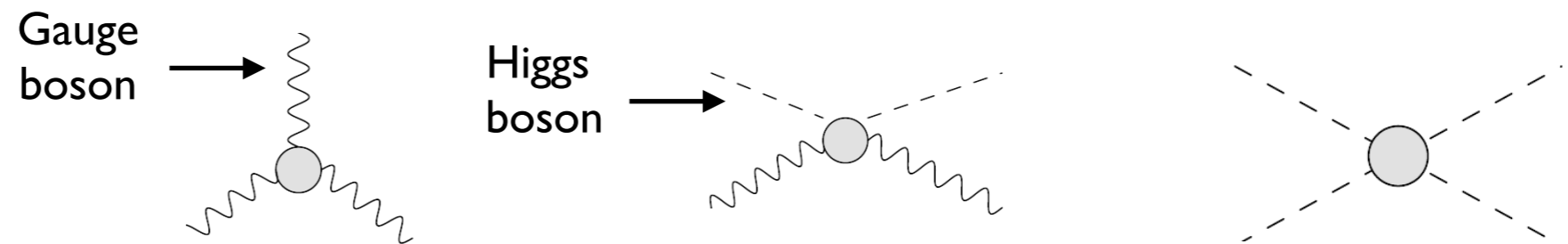
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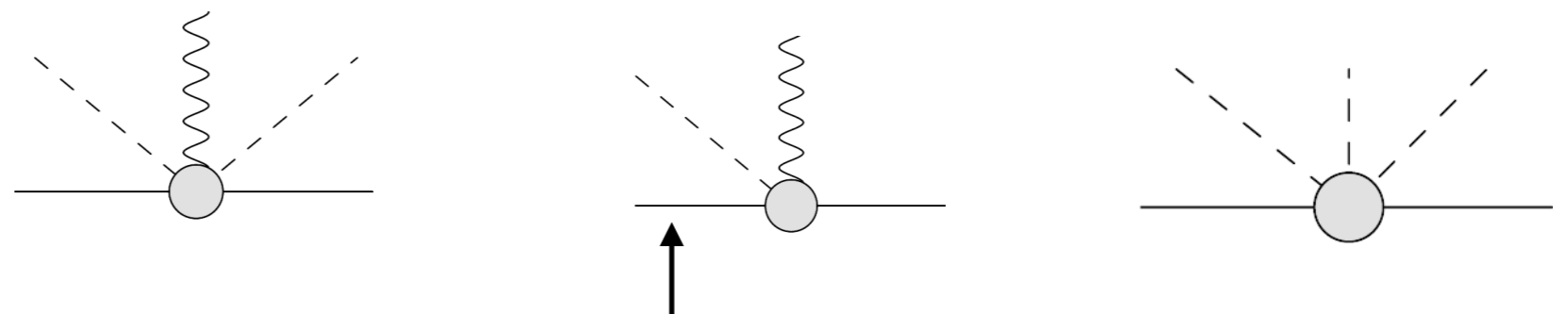
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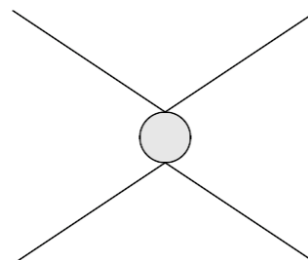
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  - Gauge and Higgs boson couplings [LHC as a precision frontier tool!]
  - CPV, LFV, qFCNC, ...
  - Corrections to  $g-2$ , Charged Currents, Neutral Currents, ...
- EFT beyond tree-level: one-loop *running of effective couplings* is known

Weinberg 1979  
Wilczek-Zee 1979  
Buchmuller-Wyler 1986, ...  
Grzadkowski-Iskrzynski-  
Misiak-Rosiek (2010)

# Full dim-6 operator basis (I)

$X^3$		$\varphi^6$ and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_\varphi$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{\varphi})$
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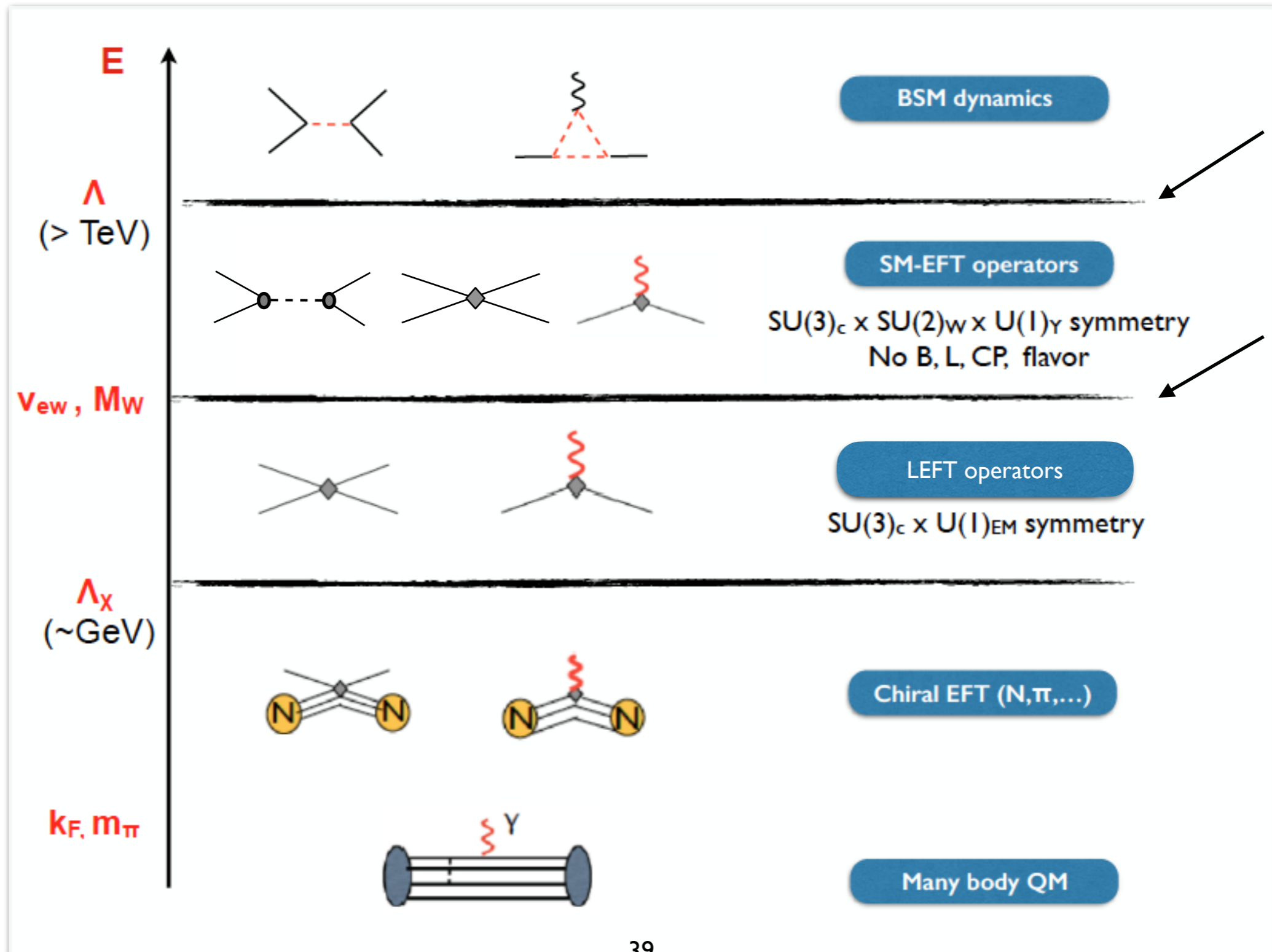
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## Homework

- Find which dim.6 operators may affect the process you are studying (as an experimentalist or a theorist)
- What type of UV models can generate those operators? (Useful info in de Blas et al, 1711.10391)

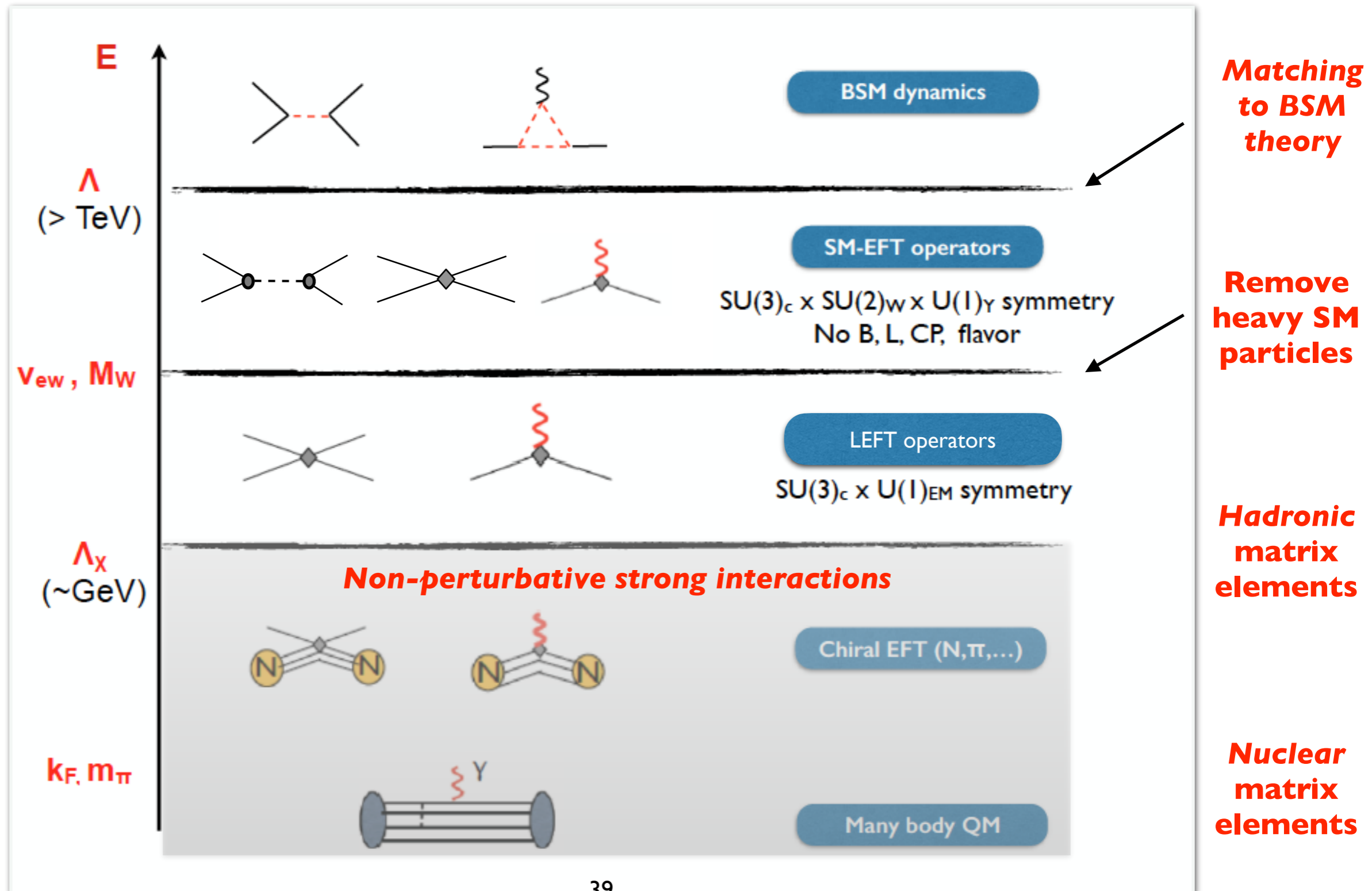
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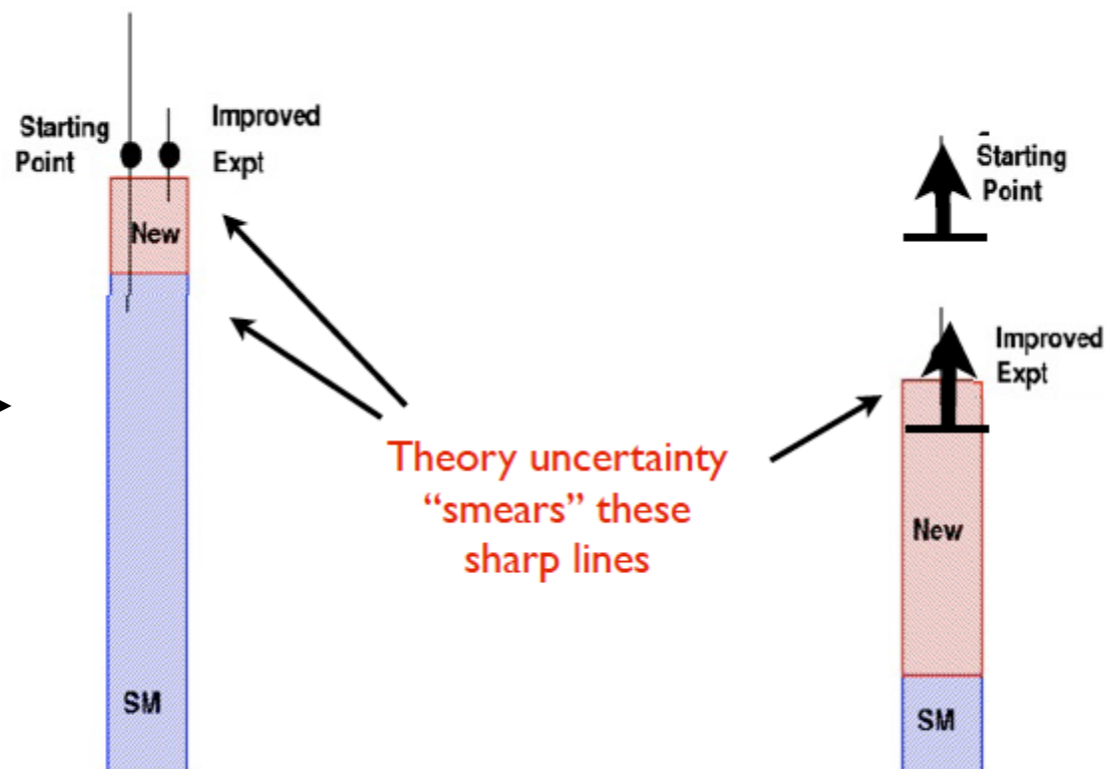
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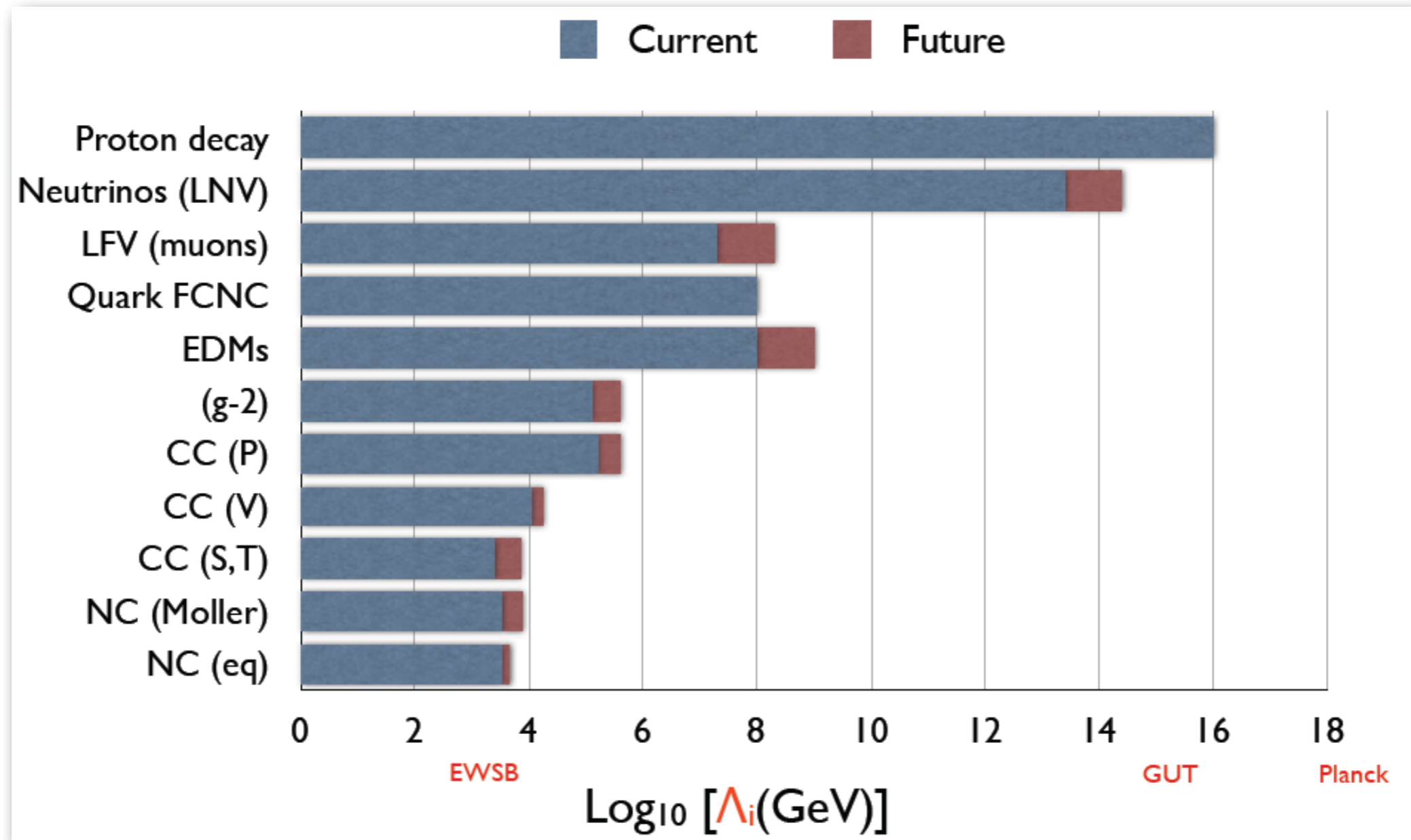
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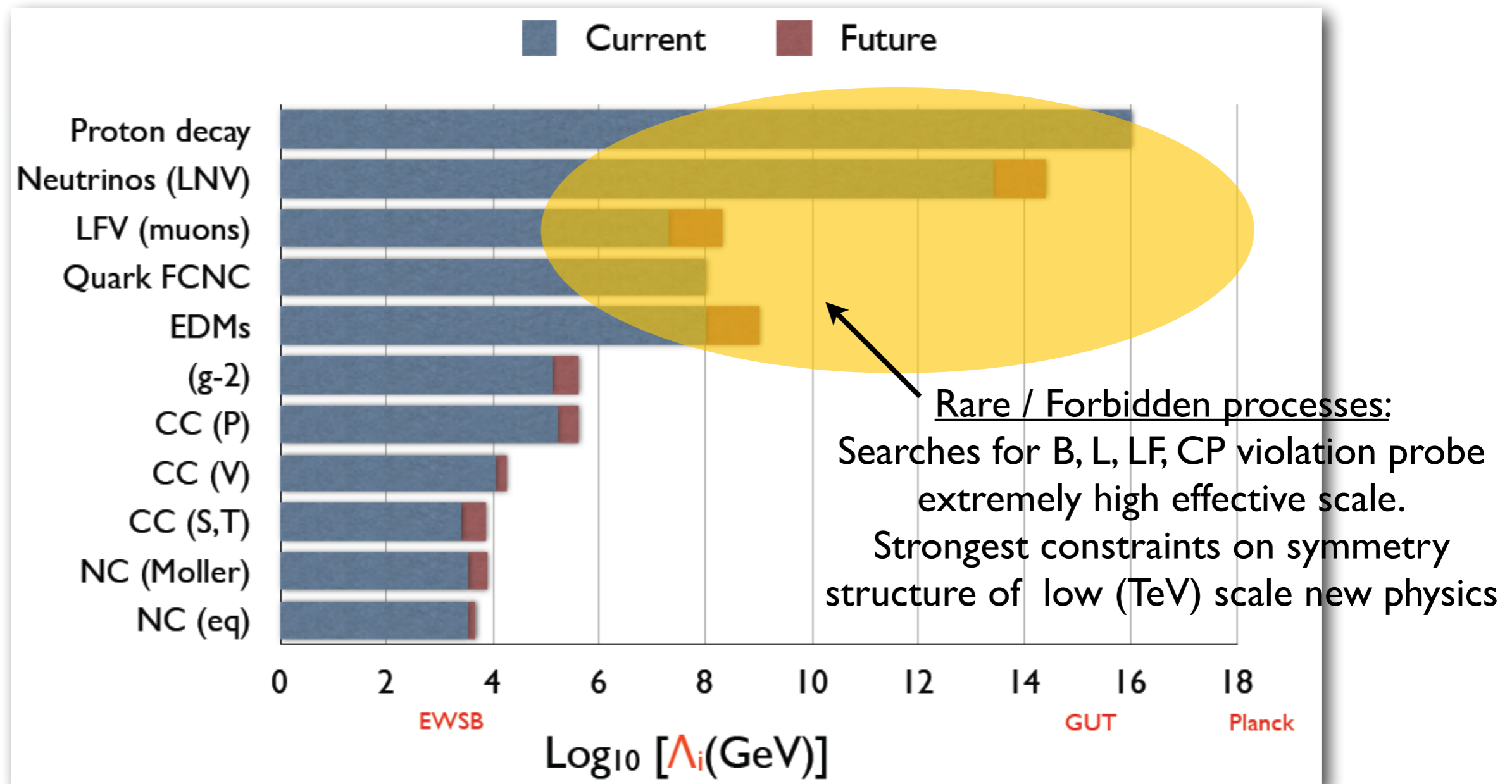
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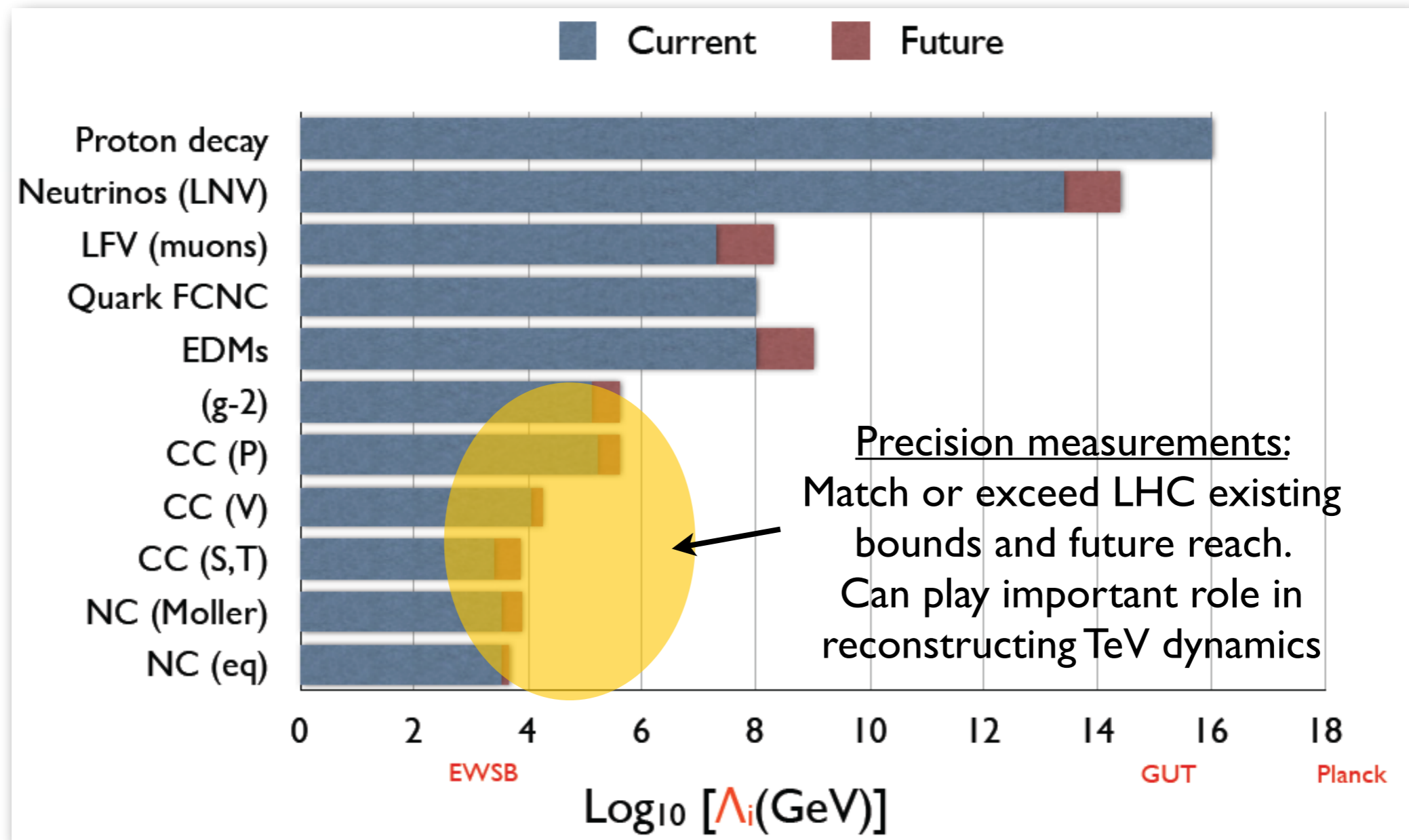
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# Backup

# (Incomplete) List of acronyms

- ALPs: Axion-Like Particles
- BNV: Baryon Number Violation
- CC: (weak) charged current
- CP: Charge-Parity
- CPV: CP Violation
- EDM: Electric Dipole Moment
- EFT: Effective Field Theory
- FCNC: Flavor Changing Neutral Currents
- IR: infrared
- LEFT: Low Energy EFT (below the weak scale)
- LFV: Lepton Flavor Violation
- LNV: Lepton Number Violation
- NC: (weak) neutral current
- SM: Standard Model
- SMEFT: Standard Model EFT
- UV: ultraviolet

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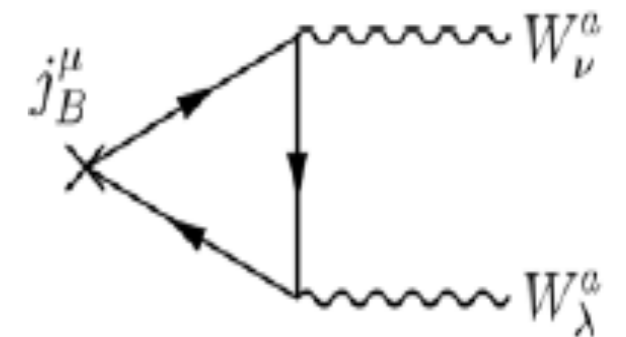
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- Important examples: trace (scale invariance) and chiral anomalies
- Baryon (B) and Lepton (L) number are anomalous in the SM

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- Only B-L is conserved; B+L is violated (large rates at high temperature)