

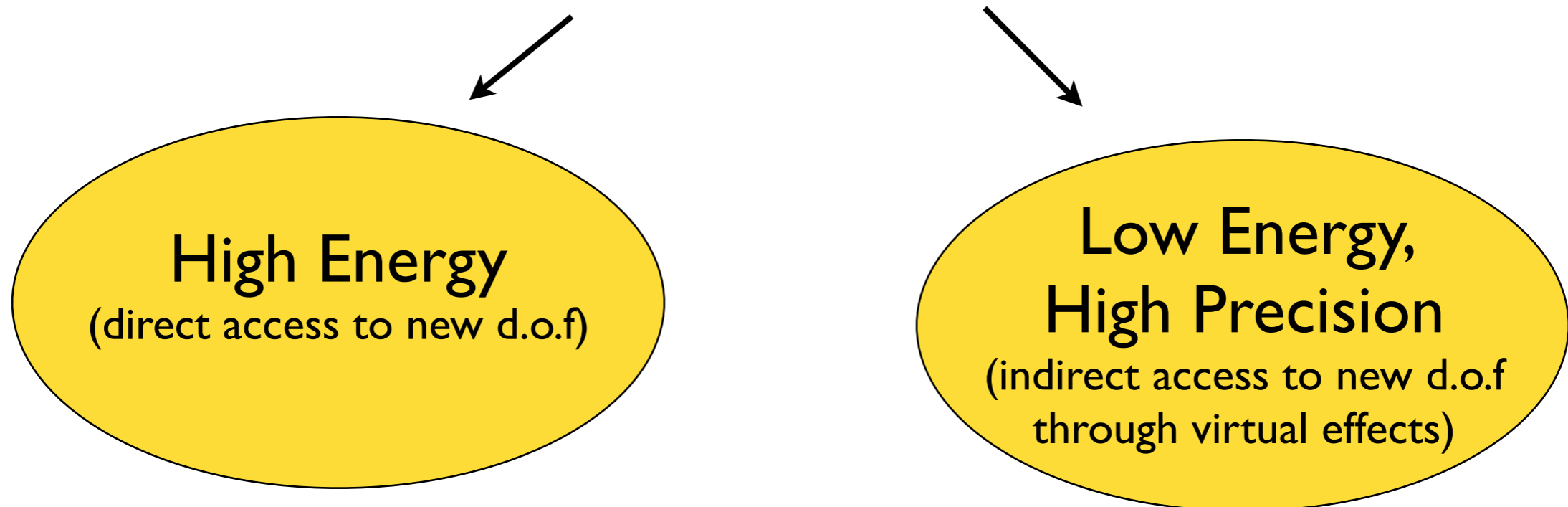
Beta decays and non-standard interactions in the LHC era

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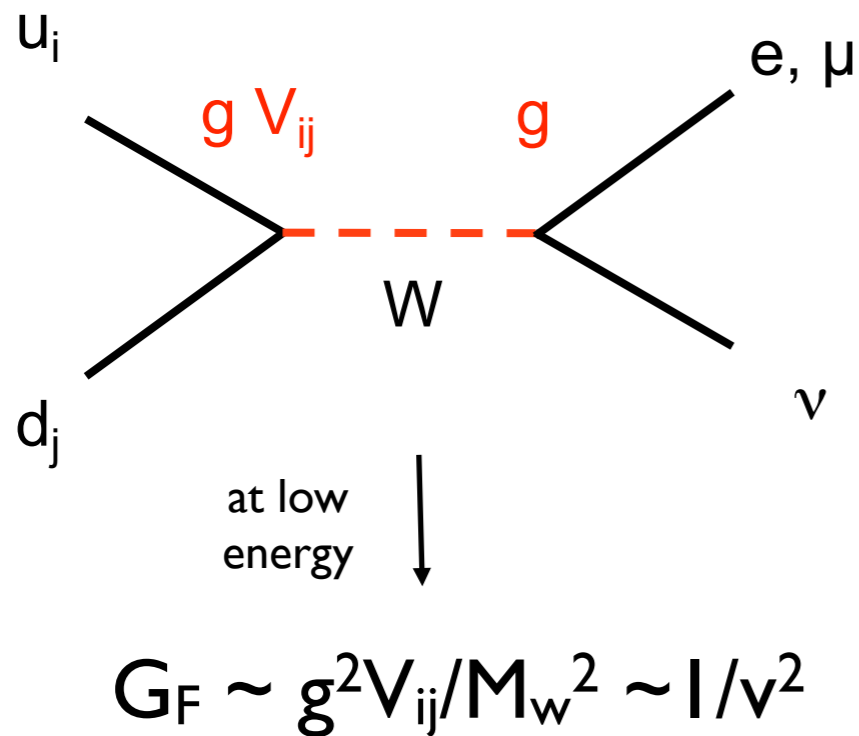
- Unsolved puzzles about our Universe point to the existence of new degrees of freedom and interactions beyond the SM. Two traditional paths to probe this new physics:



- In this talk, take a fresh look at both LE and HE probes of **non-standard charged current interactions**

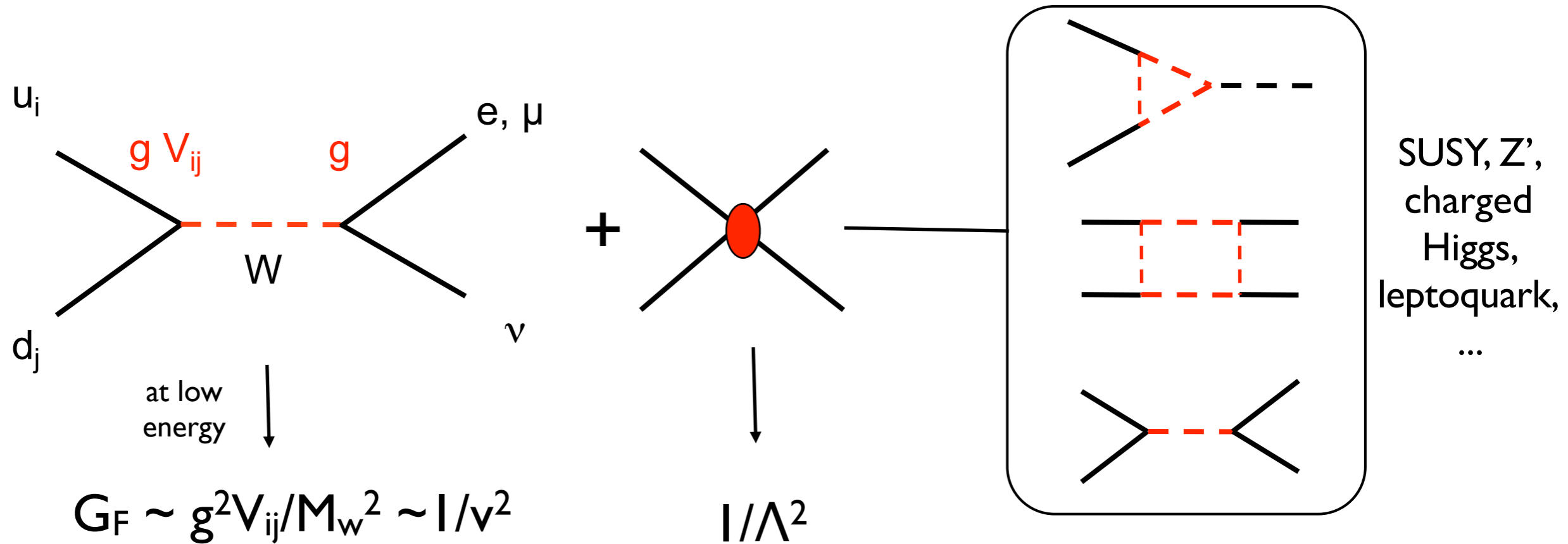
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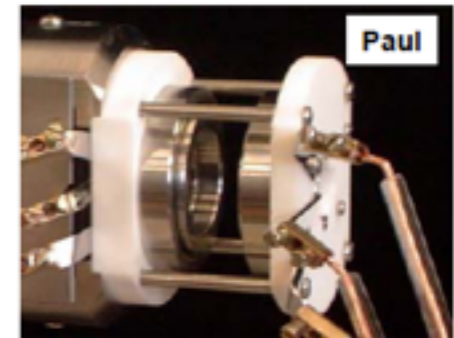
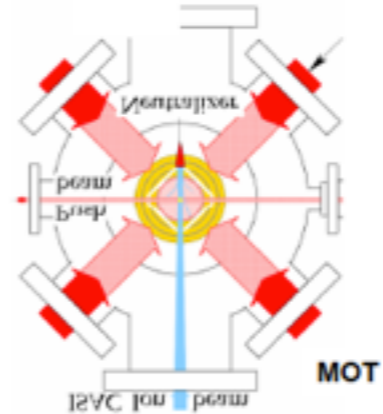
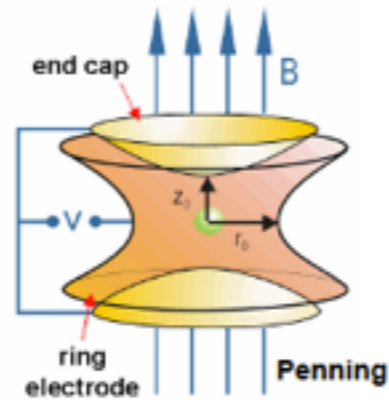
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- BSM: sensitive to tree-level and loop corrections from large class of models \rightarrow “broad band” probe of new physics

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- Current / planned measurements will reach 0.1%-level
 - tight constraints on BSM contributions interfering with the SM amplitude
 - Yet, incoherent BSM contributions (e.g. R-handed neutrino) could be as large as 5 to 10% of the V and A interactions

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Here consider multi-scale analysis, with probes ranging from low energy (nuclei, neutron, and pion) to the LHC



Get improved constraints on nonstandard CC interactions

Assess future prospects

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Outline

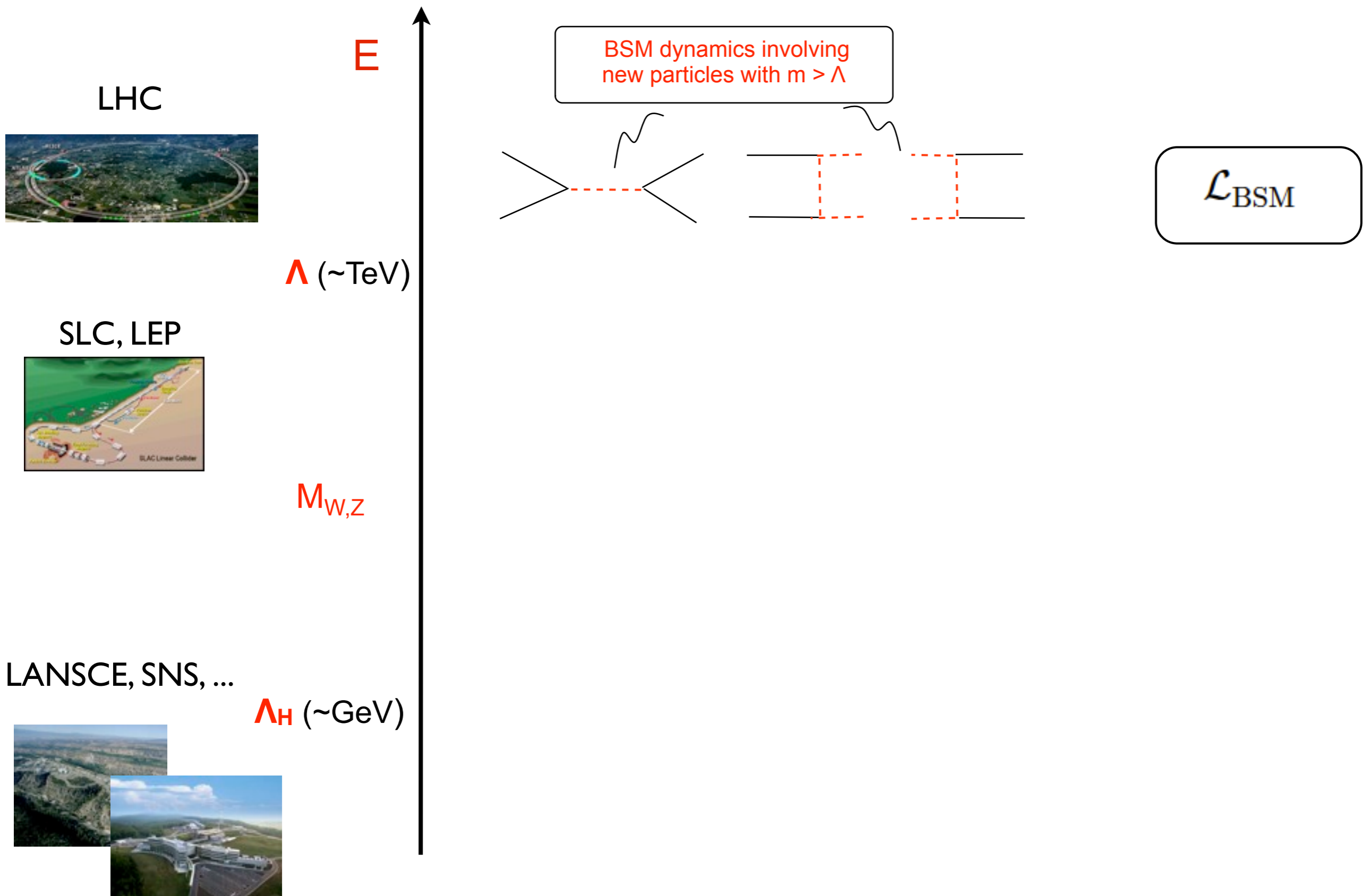
- Framework: CC interactions from the TeV scale to hadronic scales
- Low-energy probes: status, prospects
- High-energy probes (LHC): contact interactions and beyond

Framework

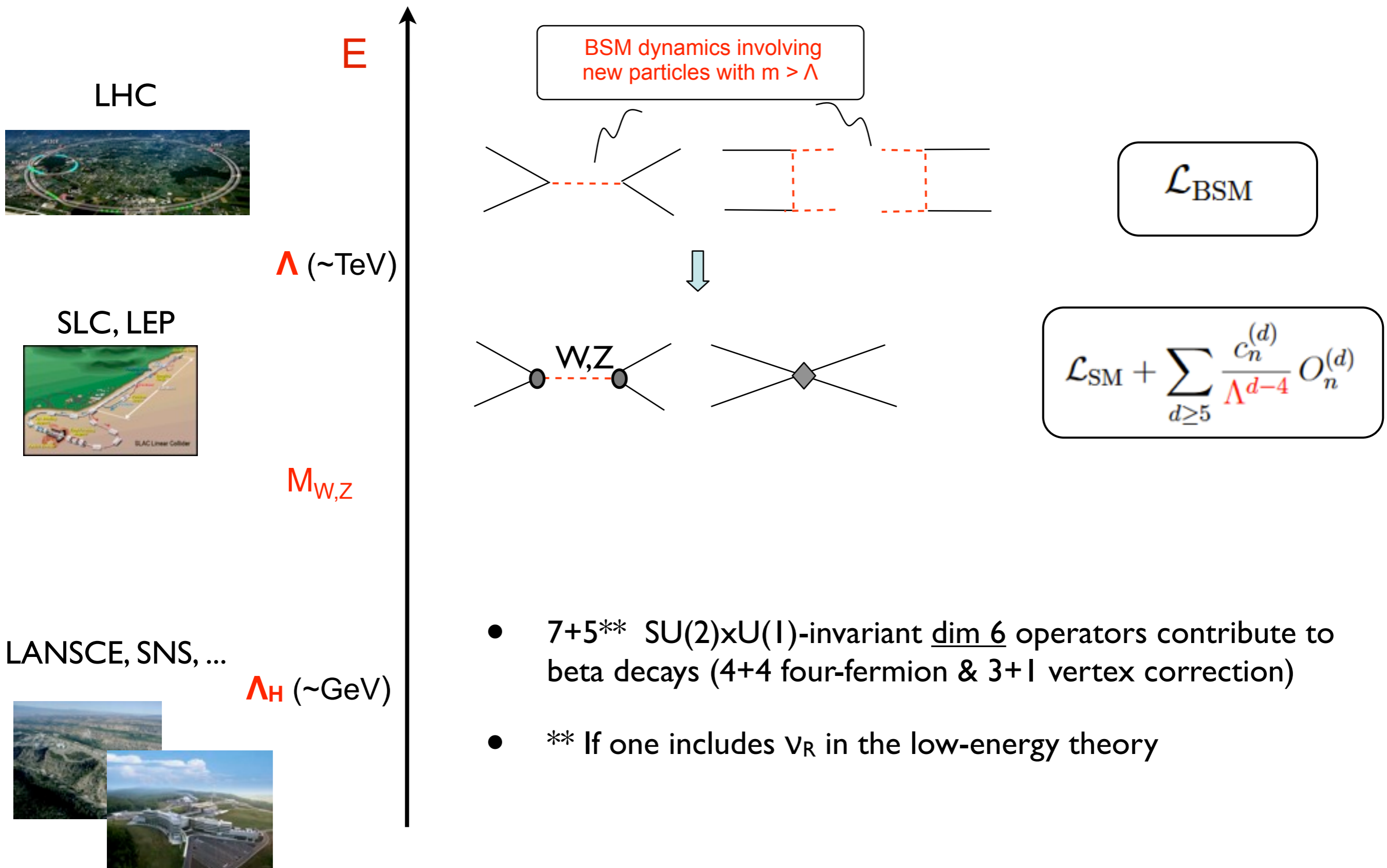
Theoretical Framework

- In absence of an emerging “New Standard Model”, work within an EFT framework: most general approach
 - Assume separation of scales $M_{\text{BSM}} \gg M_W$
 - New heavy BSM particles are “integrated out”, and affect the dynamics through local operators of $\text{dim} > 4$
 - If $M_{\text{BSM}} \gg \text{TeV}$, one can use this framework to analyze LHC data. Will discuss relaxing this assumption at the end of the talk
- Any model calculation can be cast in the EFT language

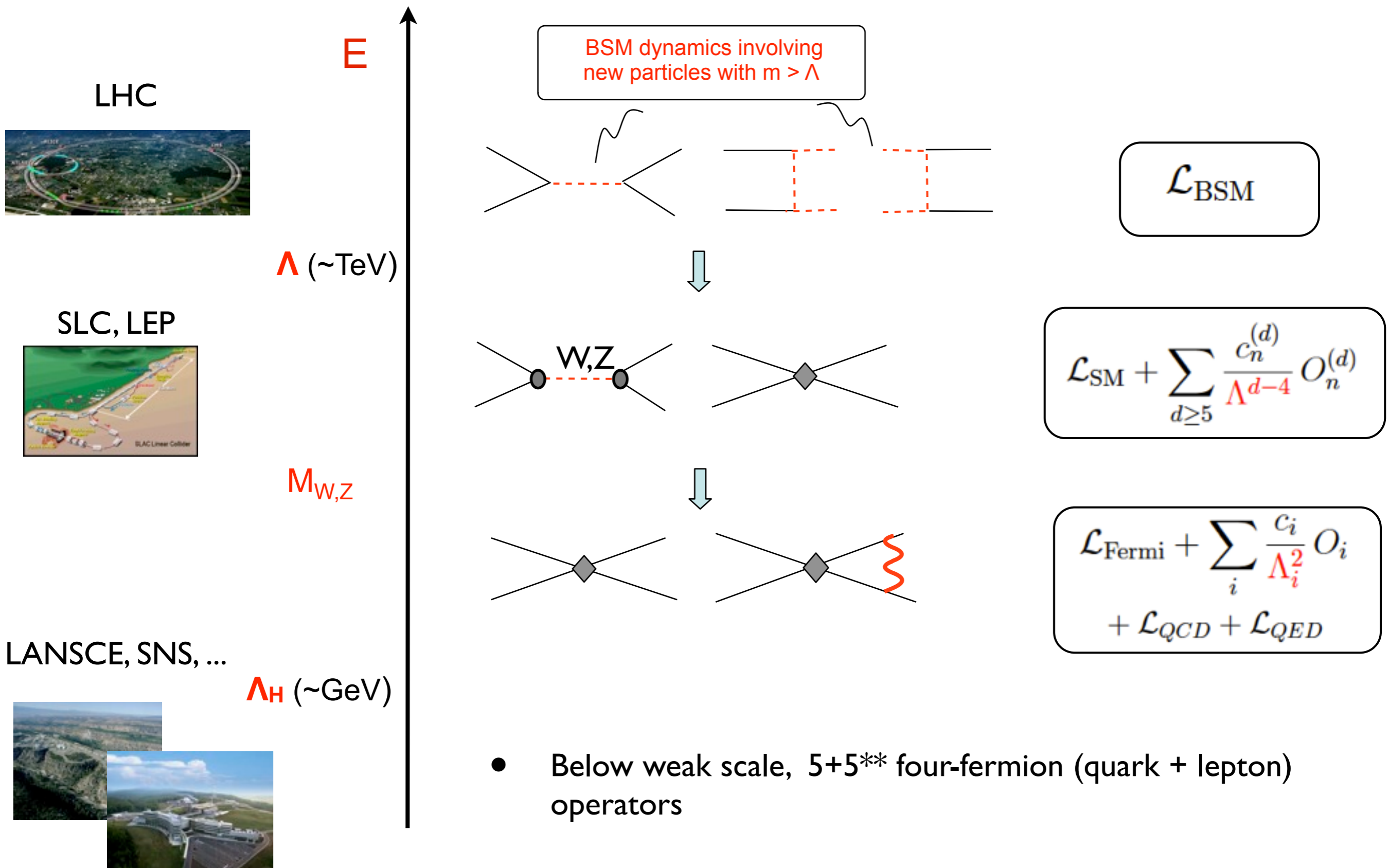
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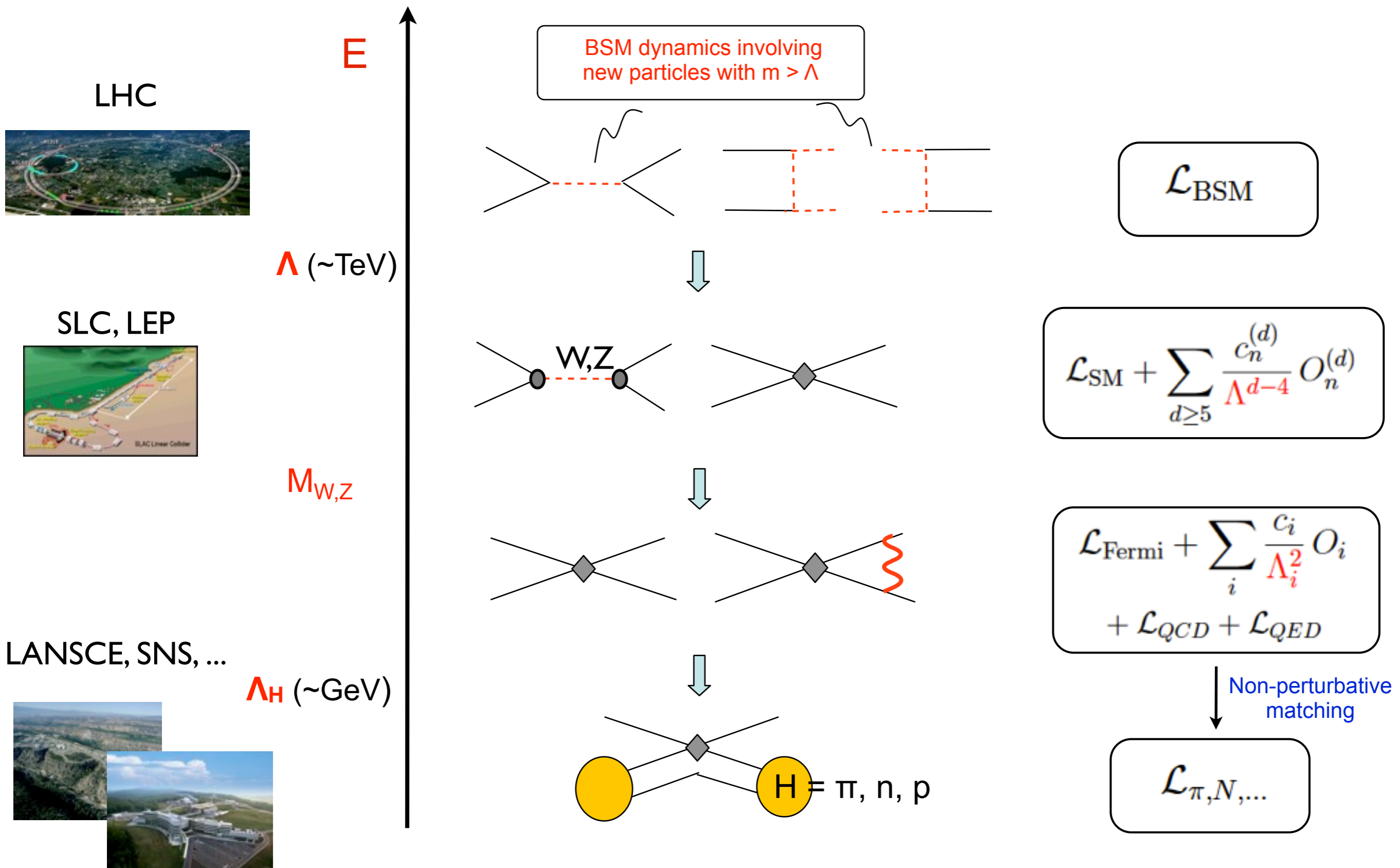
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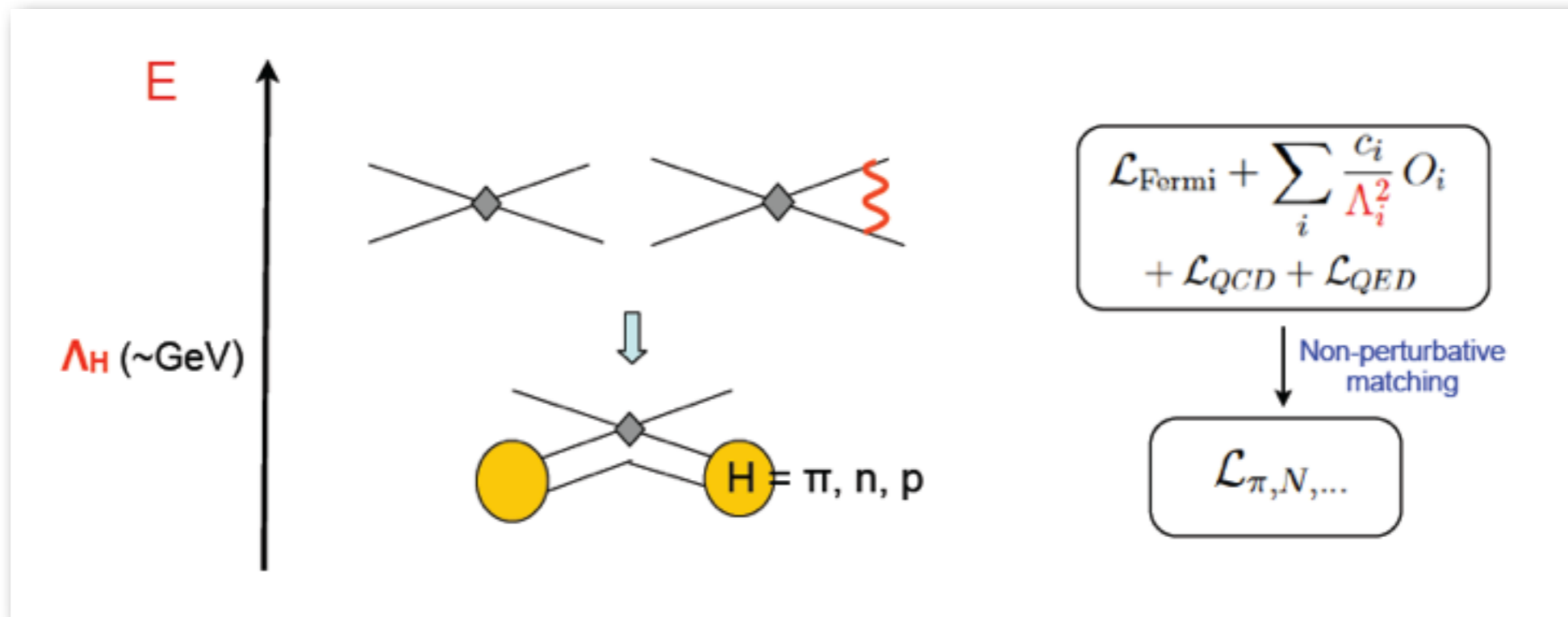
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$$+ \quad \epsilon_i \longrightarrow \tilde{\epsilon}_i \quad (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \longrightarrow (1 + \gamma_5) \nu_\ell$$

Match to hadronic description



- To disentangle short-distance physics, need hadronic matrix elements of SM (very precisely, 10^{-3} level) *and* BSM operators
- Tools (for both meson and nucleons):
 - symmetries of QCD \rightarrow chiral EFT
 - lattice QCD

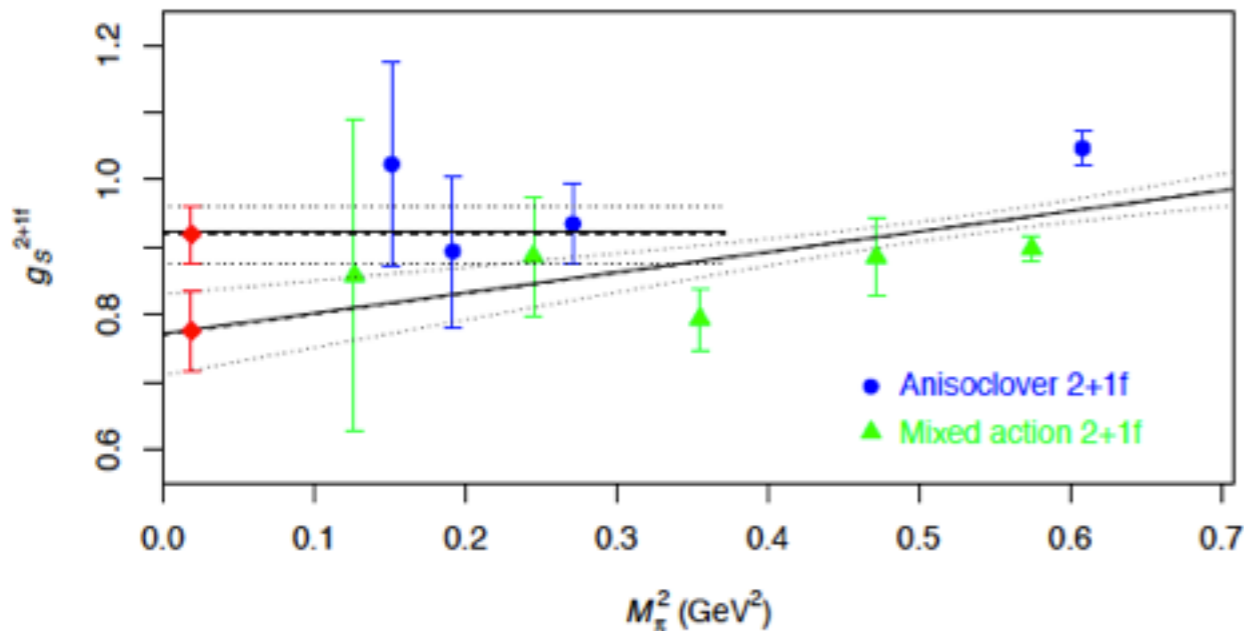
Example: $g_{S,T}$ in LQCD

- Hadronic matrix elements ($g_{S,T}$) needed to extract short distance physics ($\epsilon_{S,T}$) from neutron and nuclear beta decays

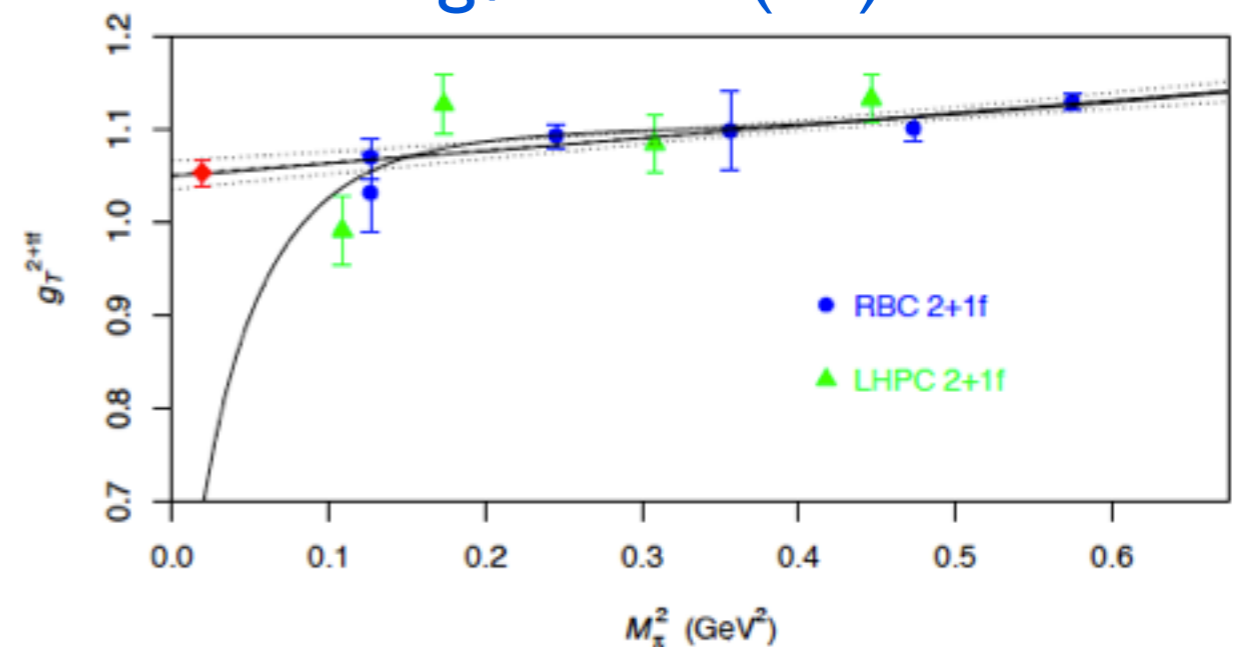
$$\langle p | \bar{u}d | n \rangle = g_S \bar{u}_p u_n$$

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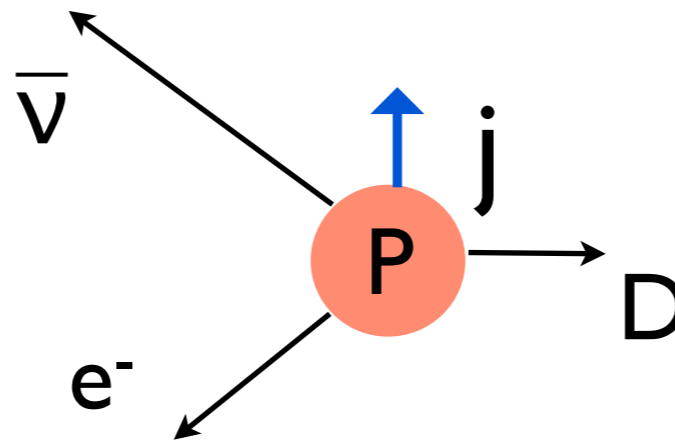
- First lattice QCD estimates (still large systematics): realistic goal of $\delta g_{S,T}/g_{S,T} = 20\%$ within 2-3 years

Low-energy probes

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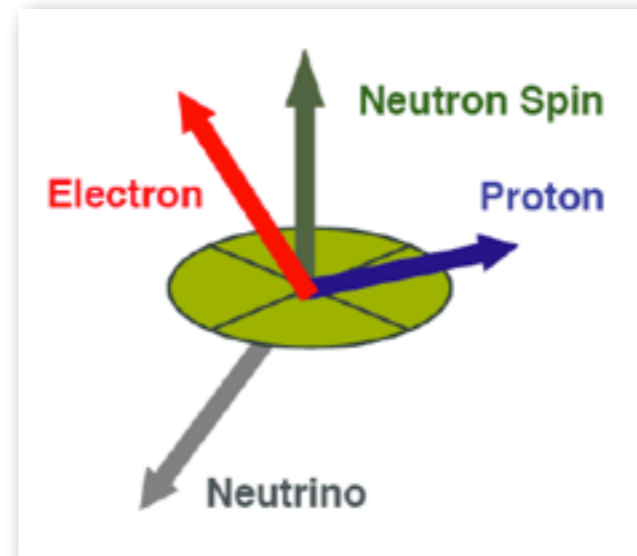
Jackson-Treiman-Wyld 1957

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$a(\epsilon_\alpha)$, $A(\epsilon_\alpha)$, $B(\epsilon_\alpha)$ isolated via suitable experimental asymmetries

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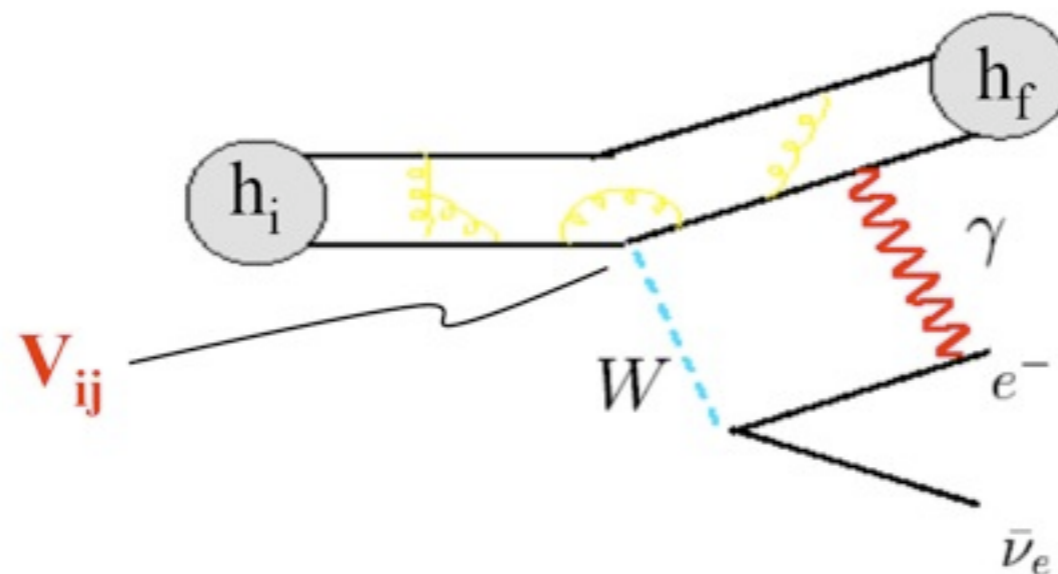
2. Total decay rates: normalization (V,A) matters!

$$\Gamma_k = (G_F^{(\mu)})^2 \times |\bar{V}_{ij}|^2 \times |M_{\text{had}}|^2 \times (1 + \delta_{RC}) \times F_{\text{kin}}$$

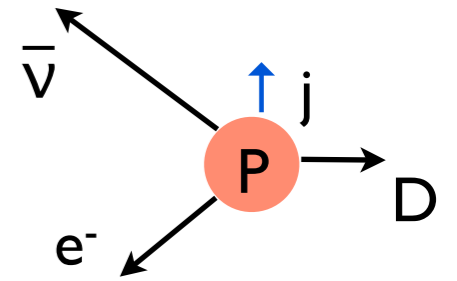
Channel-dependent
effective CKM element:

Hadronic matrix
element

Radiative corrections
(both SD and LD)



Differential probes

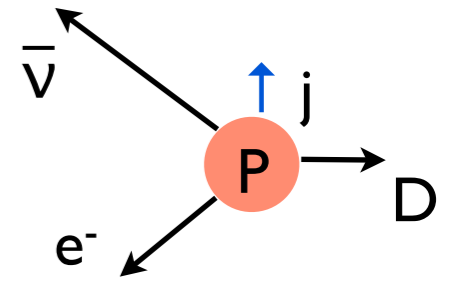


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- Linear order ϵ 's: only $\epsilon_{S,T}$ survive!
 - b and $B = B_0 + b_\nu m_e/E_e$ directly sensitive to $\epsilon_{S,T}$
 - a and A indirectly sensitive to $\epsilon_{S,T}$ via b in the asymmetry “denominator”

$$\tilde{a} = \frac{a_{SM}}{1 + b \langle m_e/E_e \rangle} \quad \tilde{A} = \frac{A_{SM}}{1 + b \langle m_e/E_e \rangle}$$

Differential probes

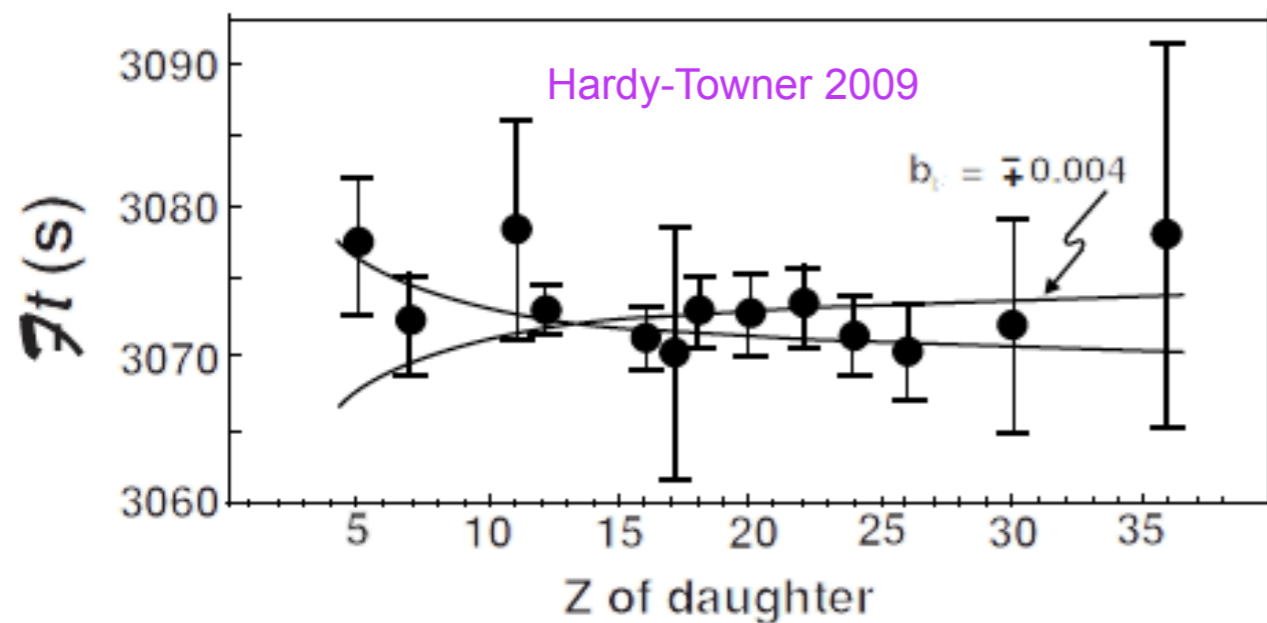


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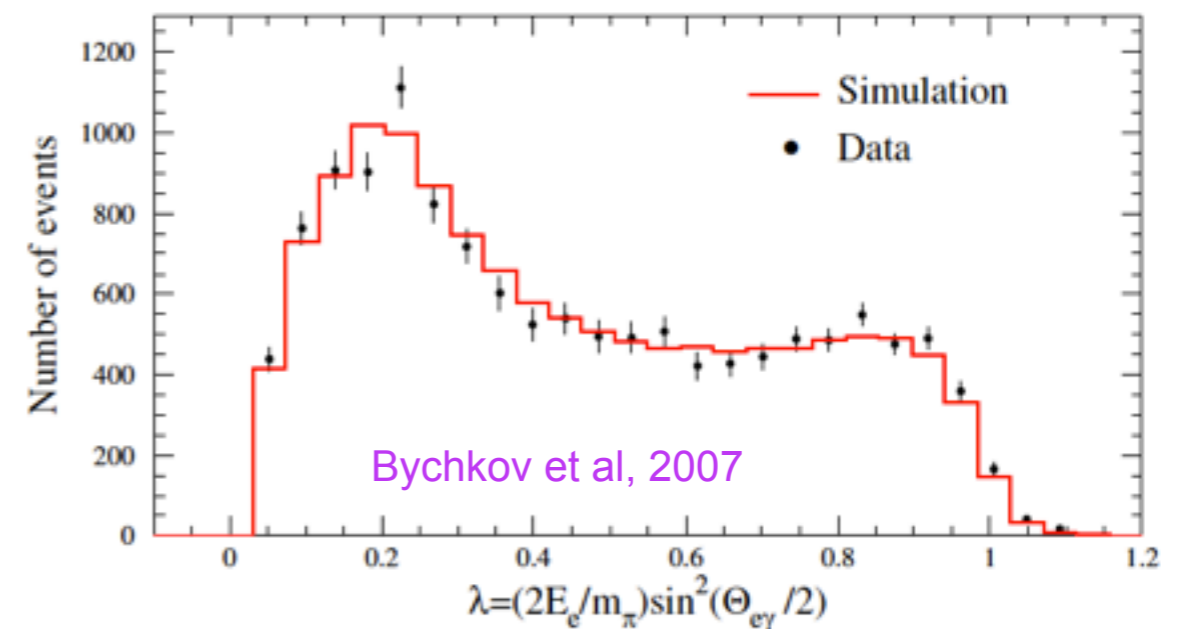
- Quadratic order in ϵ 's
 - b, b_ν : $\epsilon_{S,T} * (\epsilon_L \pm \epsilon_R)$; $\tilde{\epsilon}_{S,T} * (\tilde{\epsilon}_L \pm \tilde{\epsilon}_R)$
 - a : $|\epsilon_S|^2 + |\epsilon_T|^2$; $|\tilde{\epsilon}_S|^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_T|^2$
 - A, B : $(\tilde{\epsilon}_L - \tilde{\epsilon}_R)^2$
- Expect weaker constraints
- Focus on $\epsilon_{S,T}$

Low-energy constraints on ϵ_S, ϵ_T

- **Current:** $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ and $\pi \rightarrow e \nu \gamma$

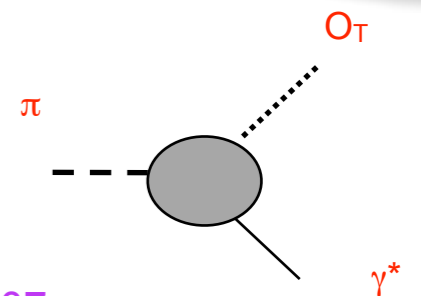


$$-1.0 \times 10^{-3} < g_S \epsilon_S < 3.2 \times 10^{-3}$$



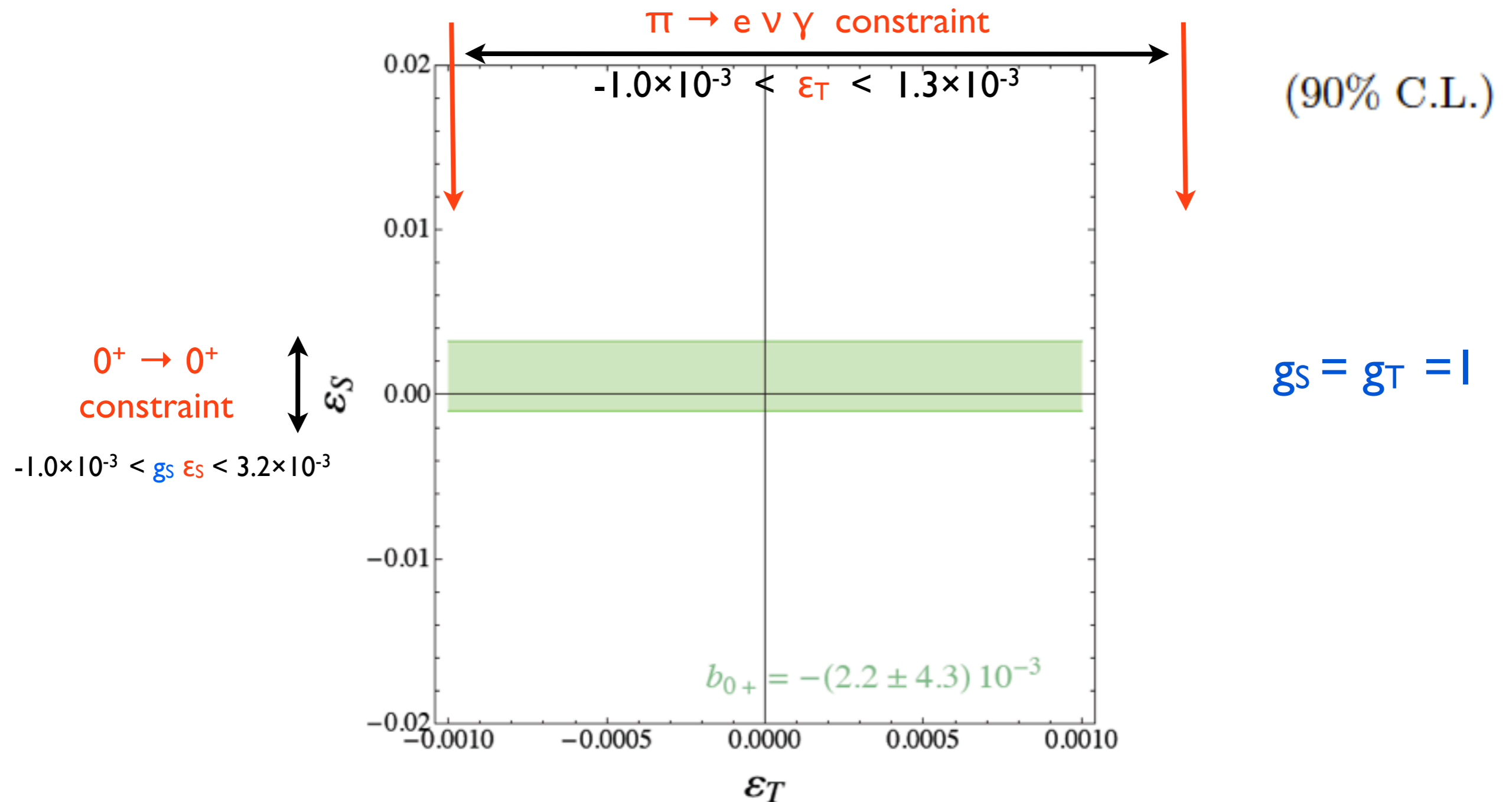
$$-2.0 \times 10^{-4} < f_T \epsilon_T < 2.6 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$f_T = 0.24(4) \leftrightarrow$$



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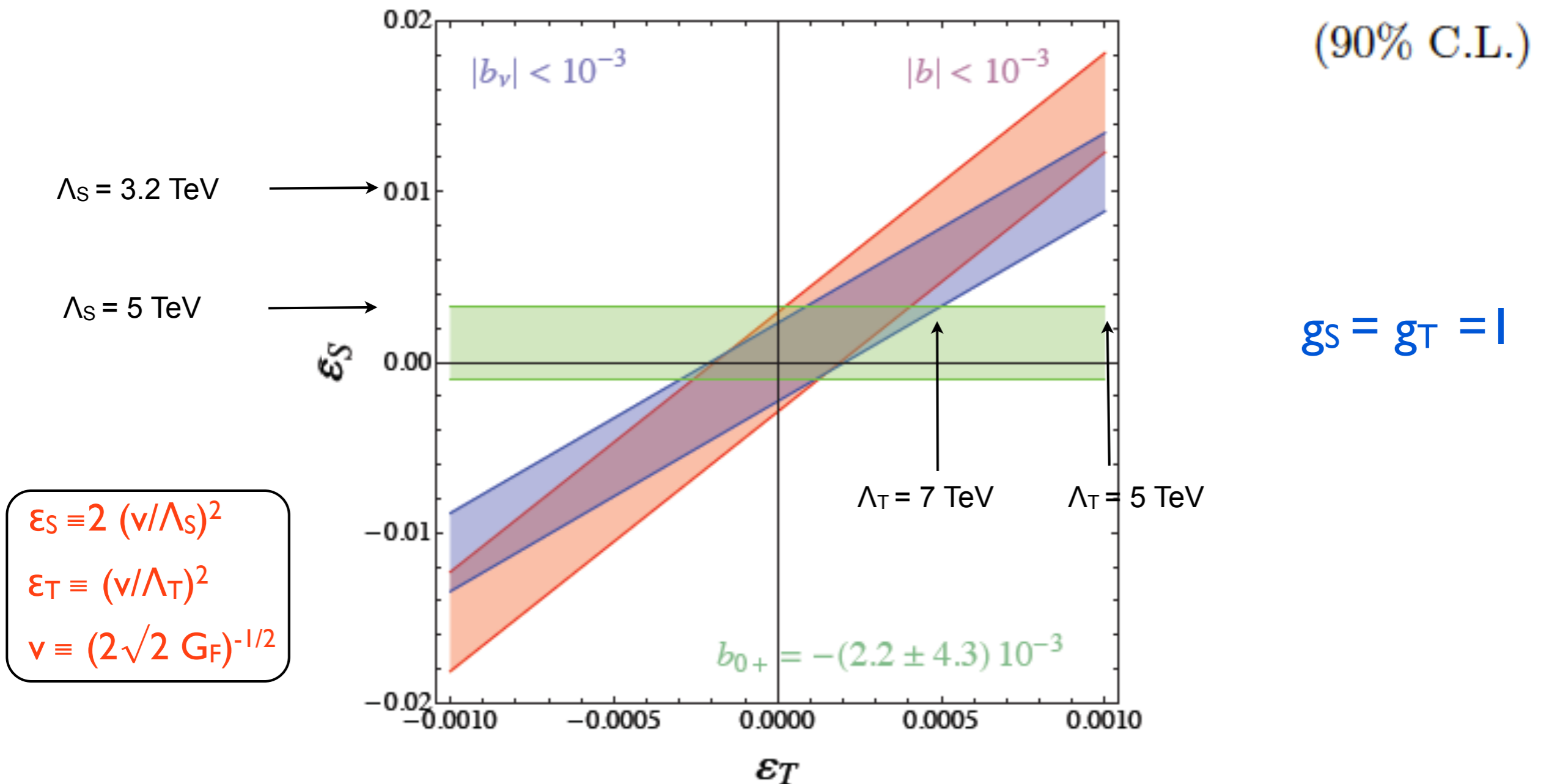


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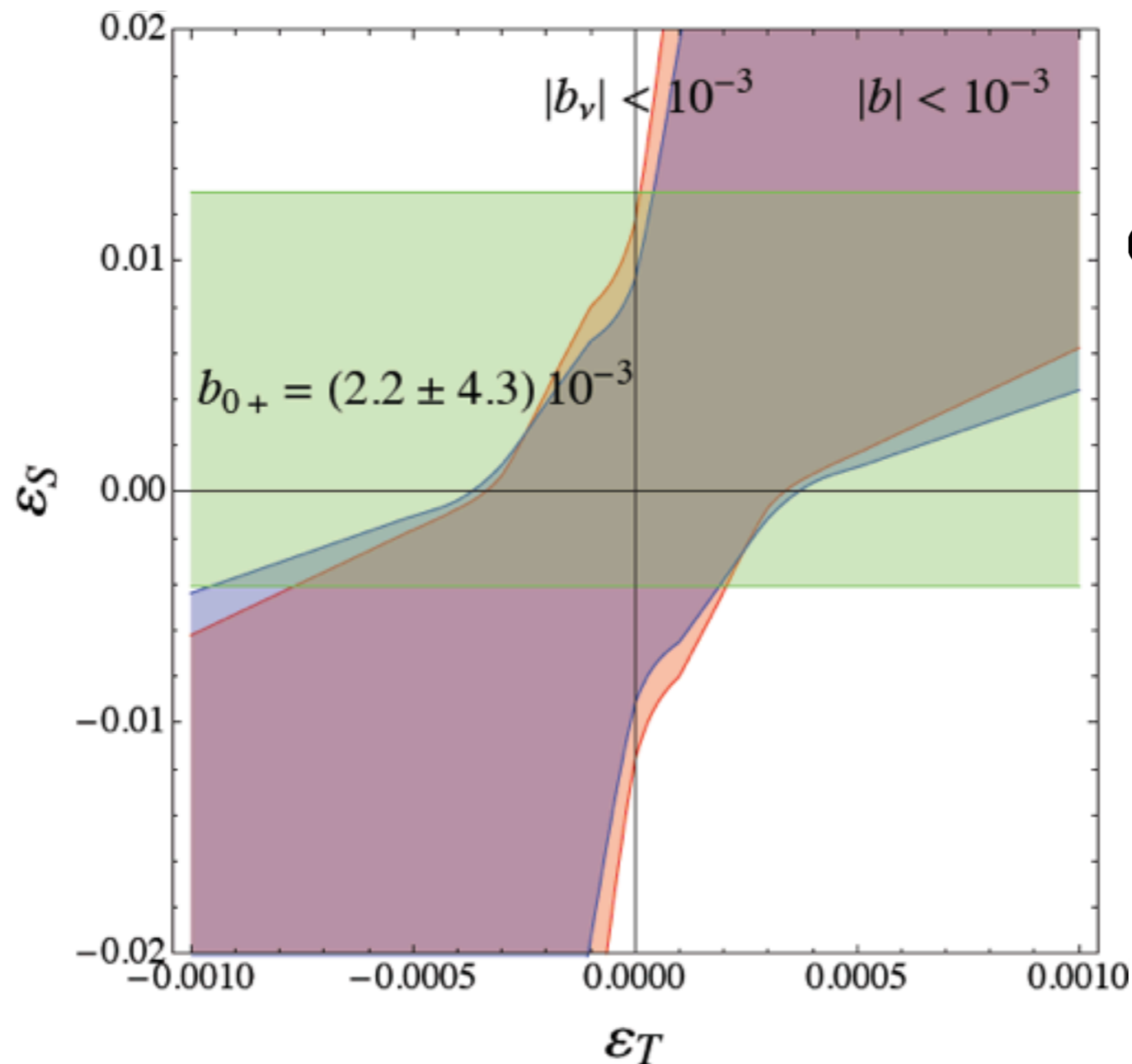
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Quark model estimates:

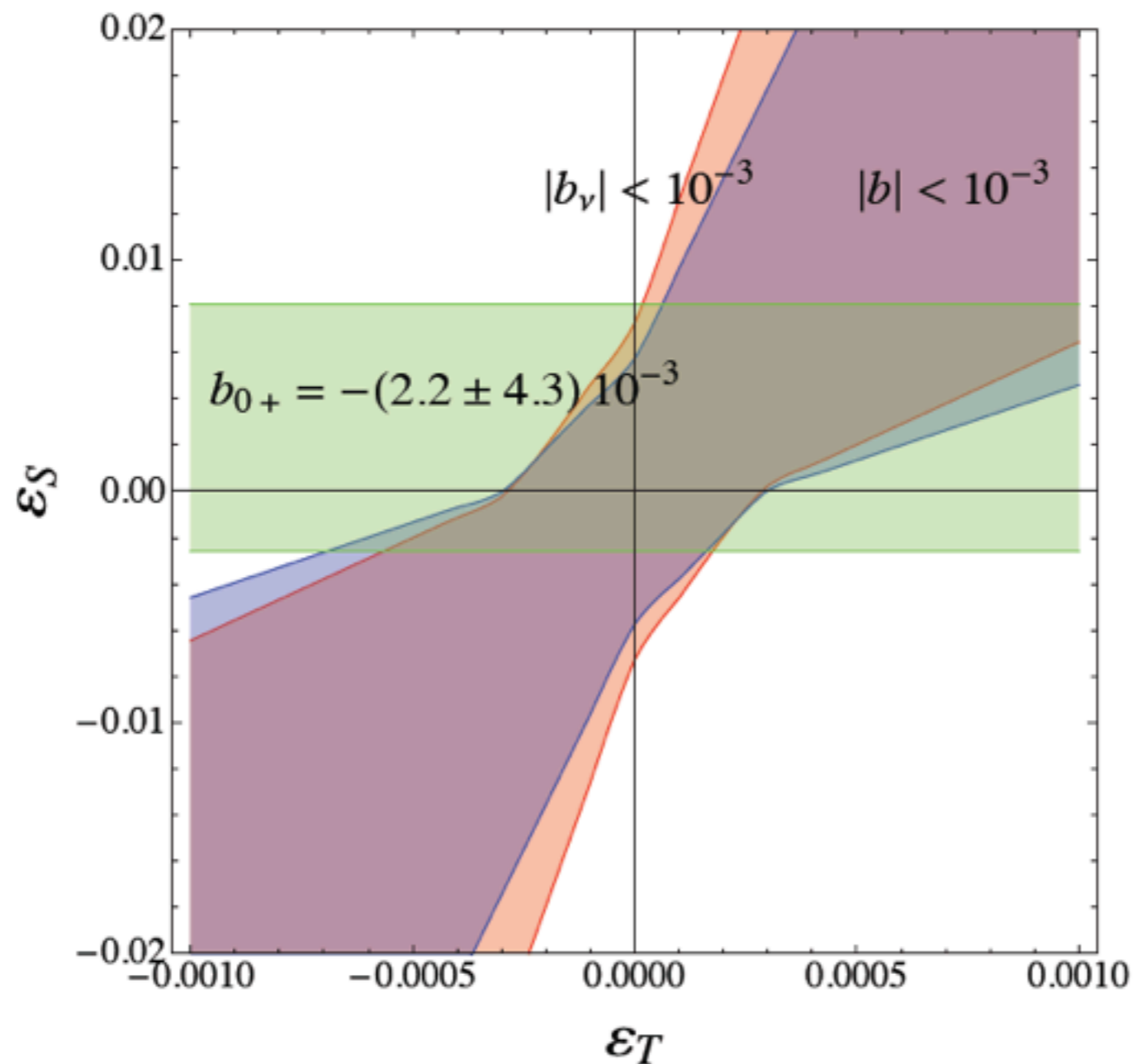
$$0.25 < g_S < 1$$

$$0.6 < g_T < 2.3$$

Adler et al, '75
Herczeg '01

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New!

Lattice QCD

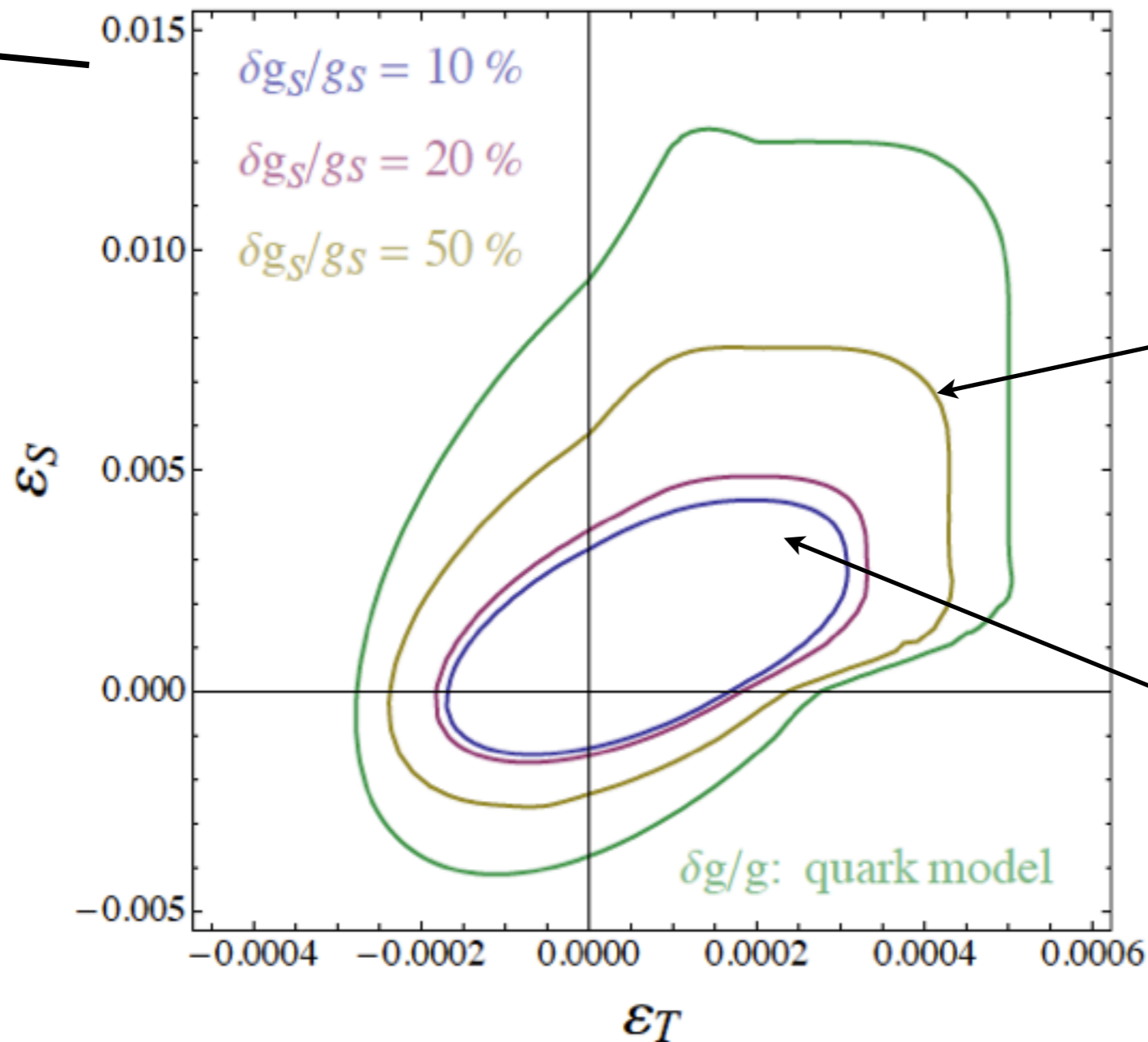
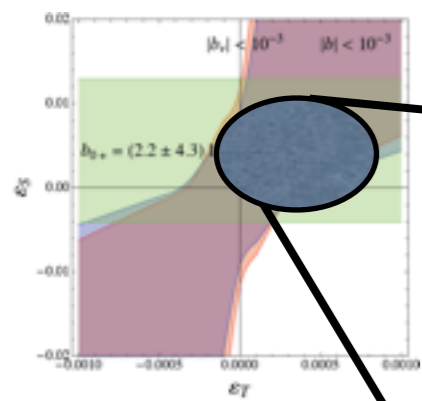
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Bhattacharya, Cirigliano,
Cohen, Filipuzzi, Gonzalez-
Alonso, Graesser, Gupta,
Lin, 2011

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current lattice results

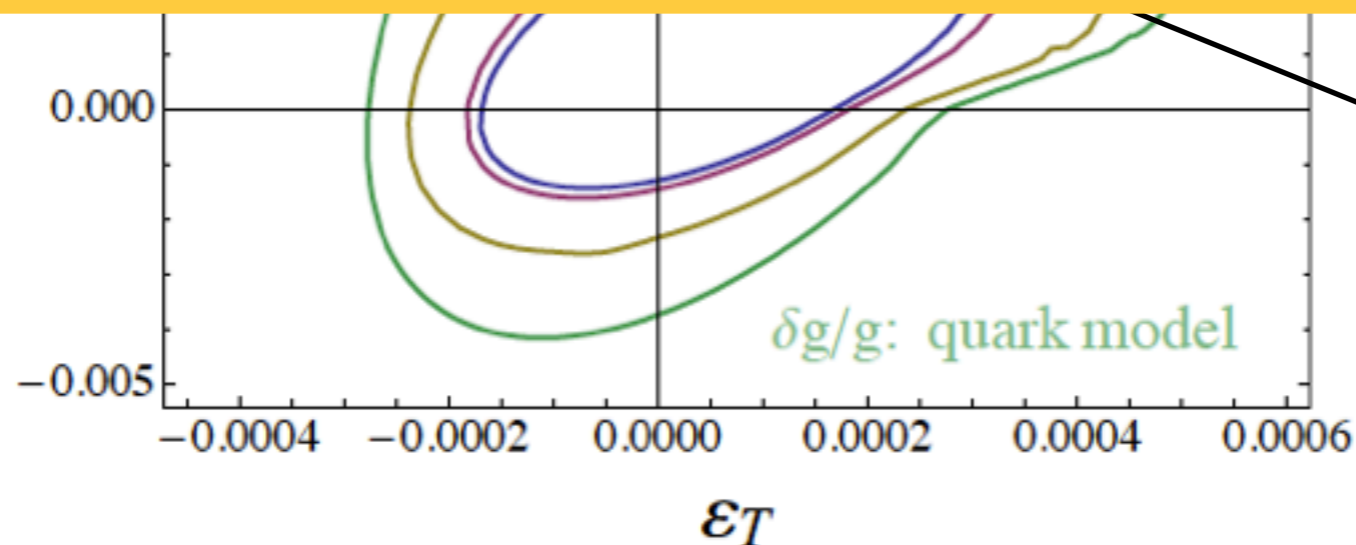
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Messages

- neutron b and B at 10^{-3} level will improve current bounds on $\epsilon_{S,T}$
- Hadronic uncertainties ($g_{S,T}$) strongly dilute significance of bounds
- First lattice results: already great improvement over quark models
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Low-energy constraints on $\tilde{\epsilon}_{L,R,S,T}$

- Global fit to beta decay data

Severijns, Beck, Naviliat-Cuncic, 2006

$$|g_S \tilde{\epsilon}_S| < 6 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$|g_T \tilde{\epsilon}_T| < 2.5 \times 10^{-2}$$

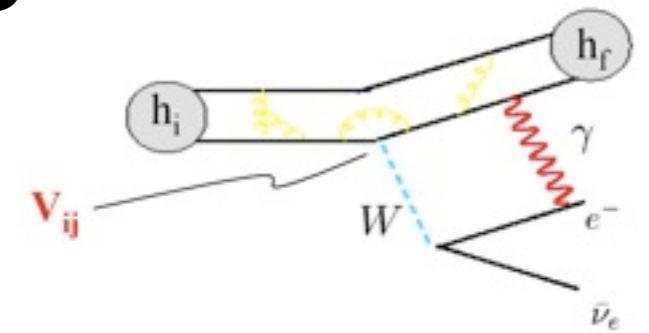
$$|\tilde{\epsilon}_L \pm \tilde{\epsilon}_R| < 7.5 \times 10^{-2}$$

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- Constraints are relatively weak, as expected

Universality probes

- Master formula for decay rates:



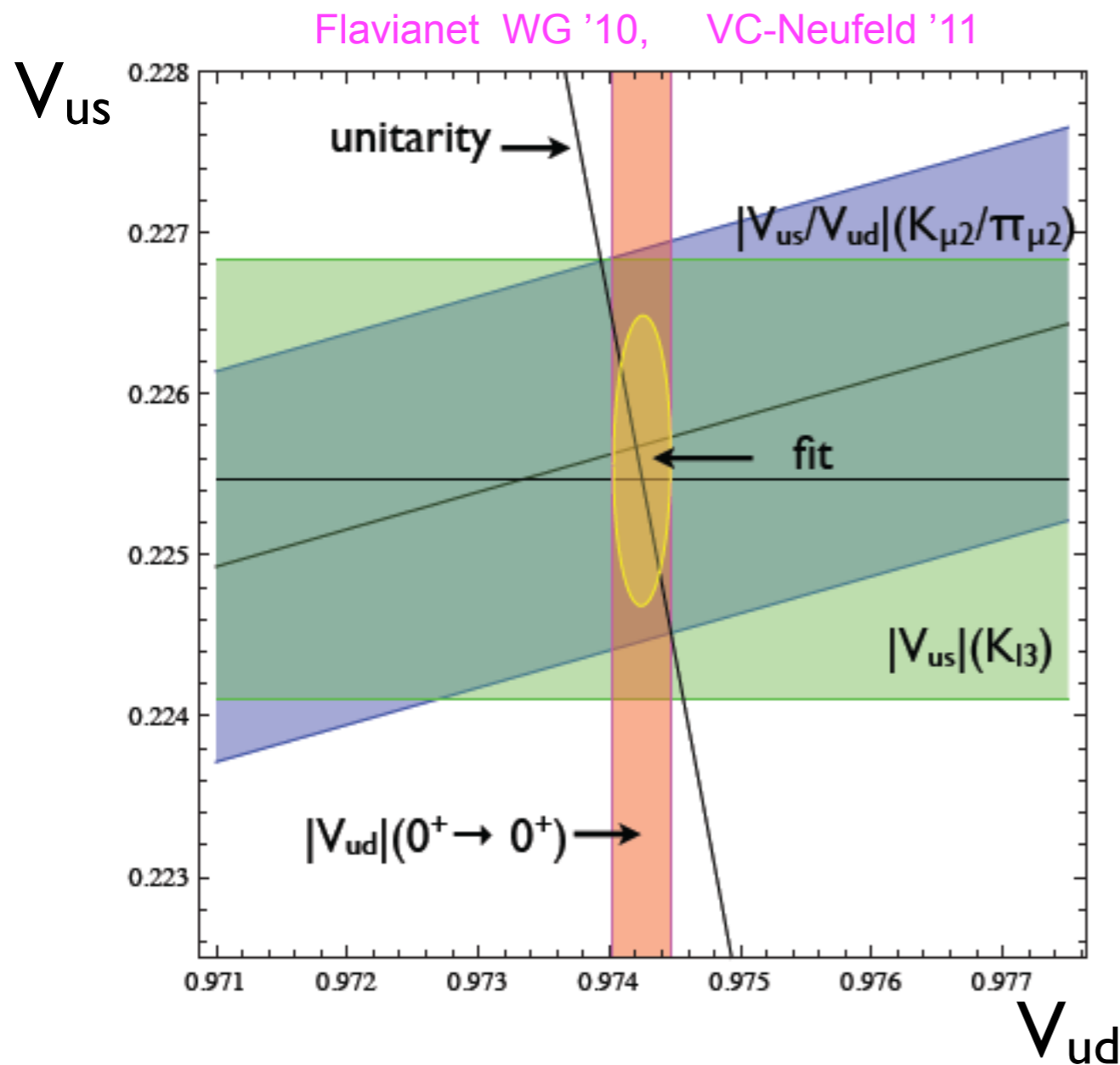
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$$|\bar{V}_{ij}|^2 = |V_{ij}|^2 \times \left(1 + \sum_{\alpha} c_k^{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha}\right)$$

- Precision determination of $\bar{V}_{ij} \Rightarrow$ constraints on the ϵ_i

$$|\bar{V}_{ud}|^2 + |\bar{V}_{us}|^2 + |\bar{V}_{ub}|^2 - 1 = \Delta(\epsilon_i)$$

- Status of V_{ud} and V_{us} and Cabibbo universality



Fit result

$$V_{ud} = 0.97425 (22) \quad 0.02\%$$

$$V_{us} = 0.2256 (9) \quad 0.5\%$$



$$\Delta = (1 \pm 6) * 10^{-4}$$

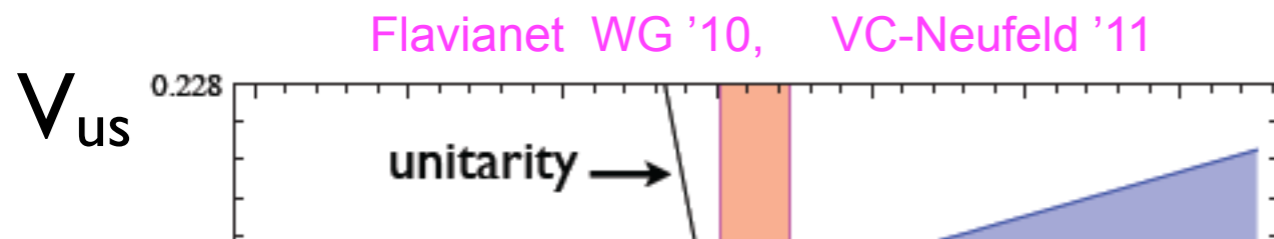
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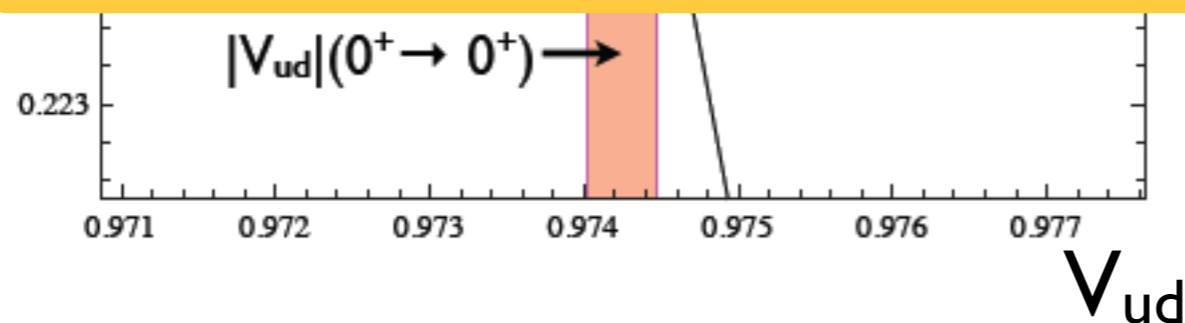
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Messages

- Deep probe: current sensitivity well in the TeV region
- Powerful low-energy “boundary condition” for weak-scale models



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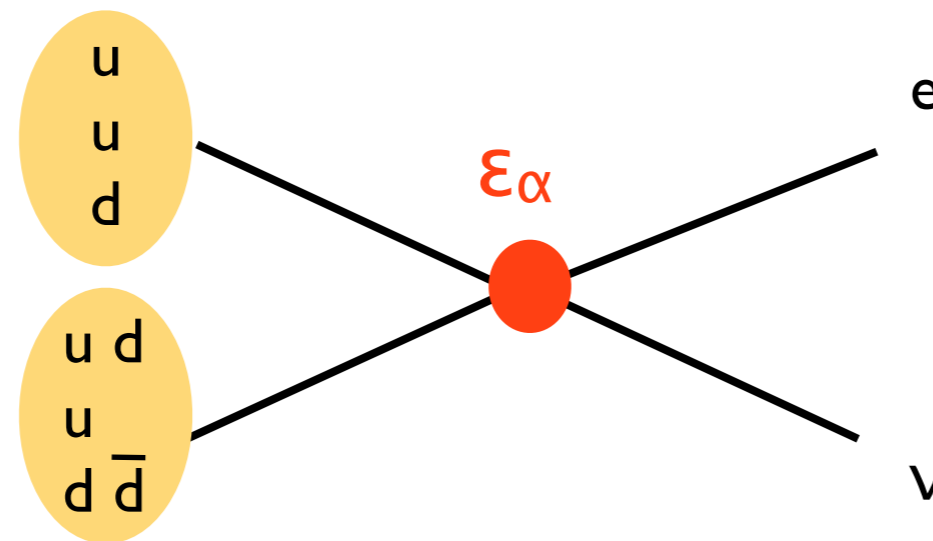
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High-energy probes

LHC (I): contact interactions

- The effective couplings ϵ_α contribute to the process $p p \rightarrow e \nu + X$

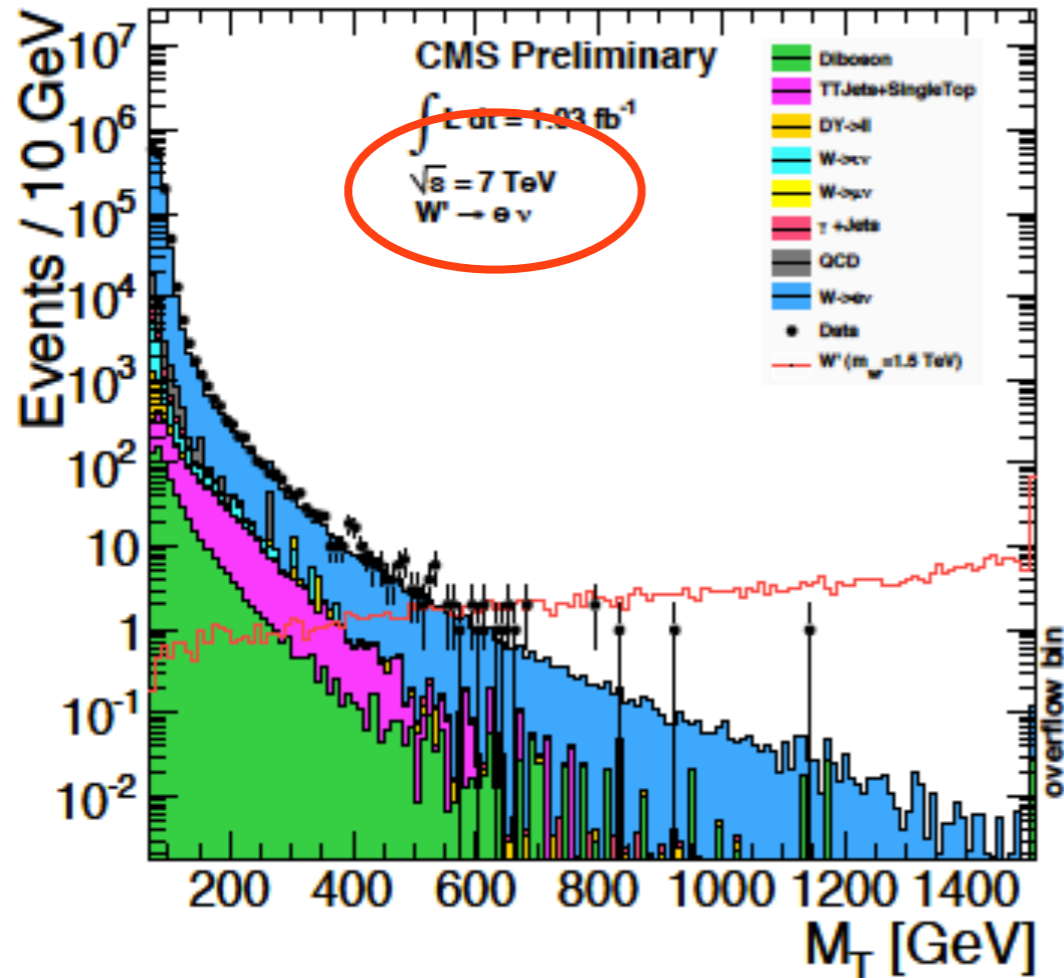


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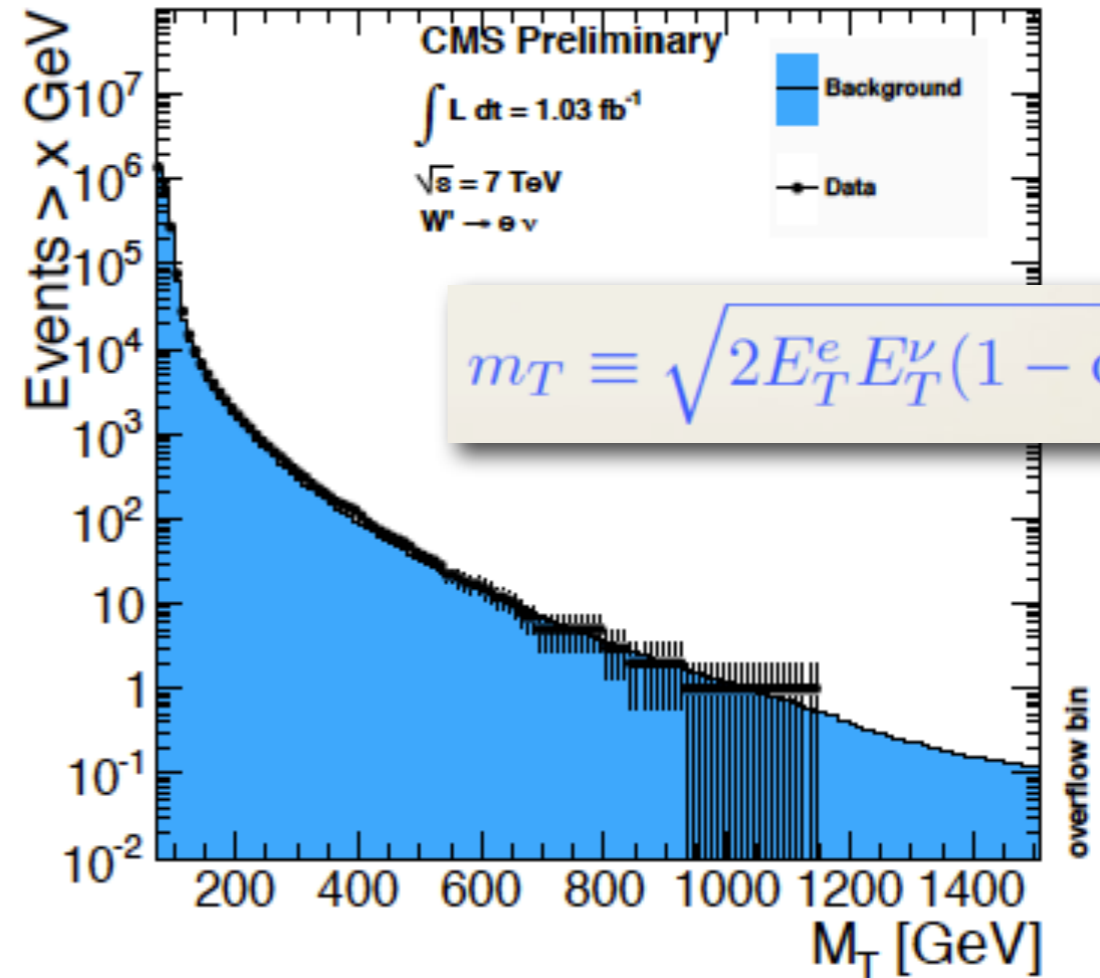
- Moreover, using $SU(2)$ symmetry, ϵ_α contribute to
 - $p p \rightarrow e^+ e^- + X$
 - $p p \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu} + \text{jet}$ (“monojet”)

- Focus on lepton transverse mass distribution in $p p \rightarrow e \nu + X$

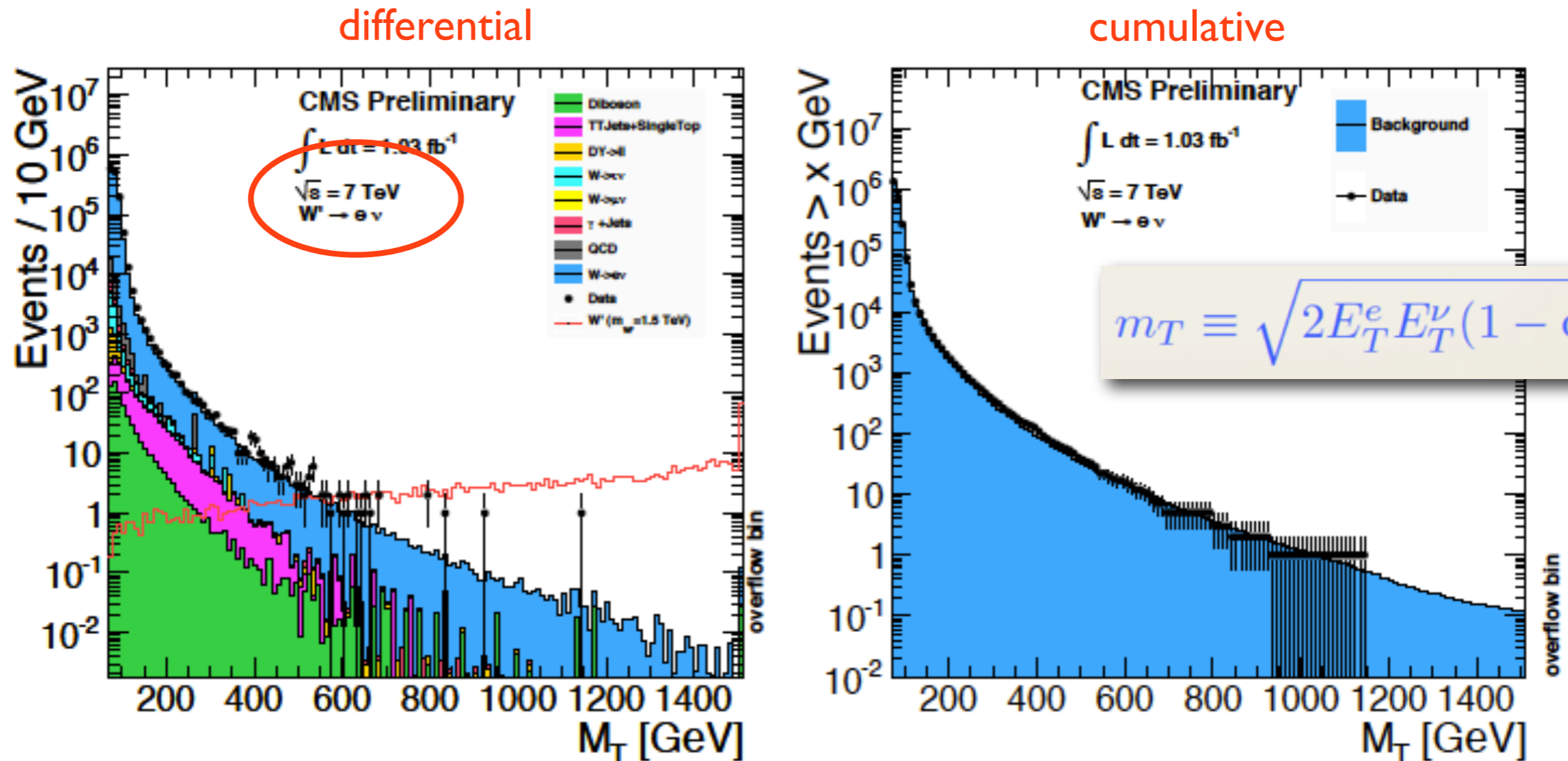
differential



cumulative



- Focus on lepton transverse mass distribution in $p p \rightarrow e \nu + X$



- $m_T > 1 \text{ TeV}$: $n_{\text{obs}} = 1, n_{\text{bkg}} = 2.2 \pm 1.1 \Rightarrow$ bound on “signal” BSM events

$$n_s < n_s^{\text{up}}(n_{\text{obs}}, n_{\text{bkg}}) = 3.0$$

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- Bounds on the effective couplings:

$$\sigma_{\text{BSM}}(\epsilon_\alpha) \mathcal{L} \epsilon_{\text{eff}} \equiv n_s < 3.0$$

$$m_T > 1 \text{ TeV}$$

detection efficiency *
geometric acceptance

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \Big|_{m_T > \bar{m}_T} &= \sigma_W + \sigma_{\text{BSM}}(\epsilon_\alpha) \\ &= \sigma_W \left[(1 + \epsilon_L^{(v)})^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_L|^2 + |\epsilon_R|^2 \right] - 2\sigma_{WL} \epsilon_L^{(c)} \\ &+ \sigma_R \left[|\tilde{\epsilon}_R|^2 + |\epsilon_L^{(c)}|^2 \right] \\ &+ \sigma_S \left[|\epsilon_S|^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_S|^2 + |\epsilon_P|^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_P|^2 \right] \\ &+ \sigma_T \left[|\epsilon_T|^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_T|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

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SM + vertex corrections +
interference terms

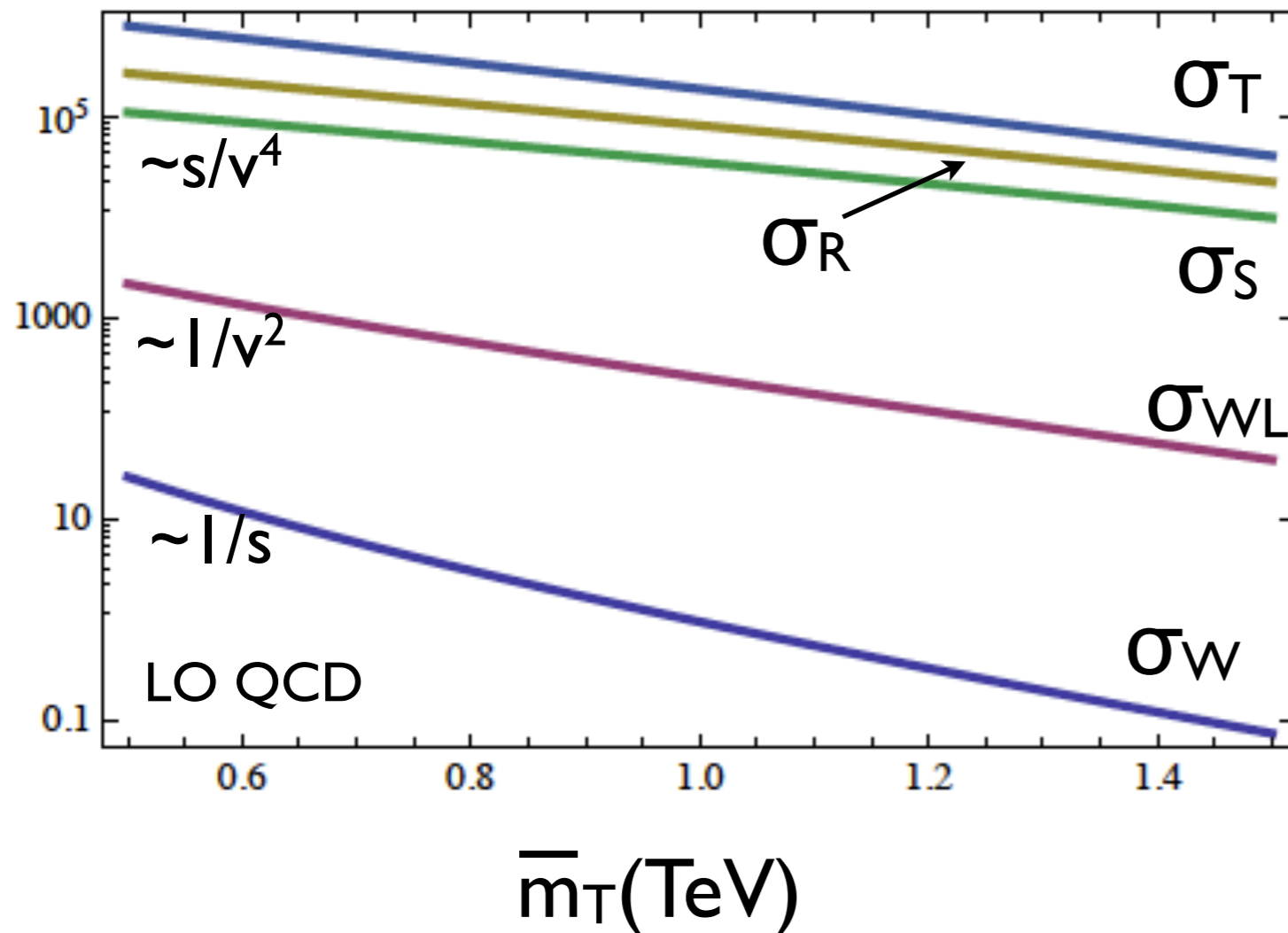
Incoherent
contributions
(interference $\sim m/E$)

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σ (fb)



$$|\epsilon_{S,P}|, |\tilde{\epsilon}_{S,P}| < 1.7 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$|\epsilon_T|, |\tilde{\epsilon}_T| < 3.4 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|\tilde{\epsilon}_R| < 6.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

Already strong bounds on “incoherent” contributions, regardless of neutrino chirality

β decays vs LHC

	$\epsilon_L + \epsilon_R$	ϵ_S	ϵ_T	$\tilde{\epsilon}_S$	$\tilde{\epsilon}_T$	$\tilde{\epsilon}_{L,R}$
β decays	5×10^{-4}	8.0×10^{-3}	1.3×10^{-3}	7.5×10^{-2}	2.5×10^{-2}	7.5×10^{-2}
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Unmatched low-energy sensitivity

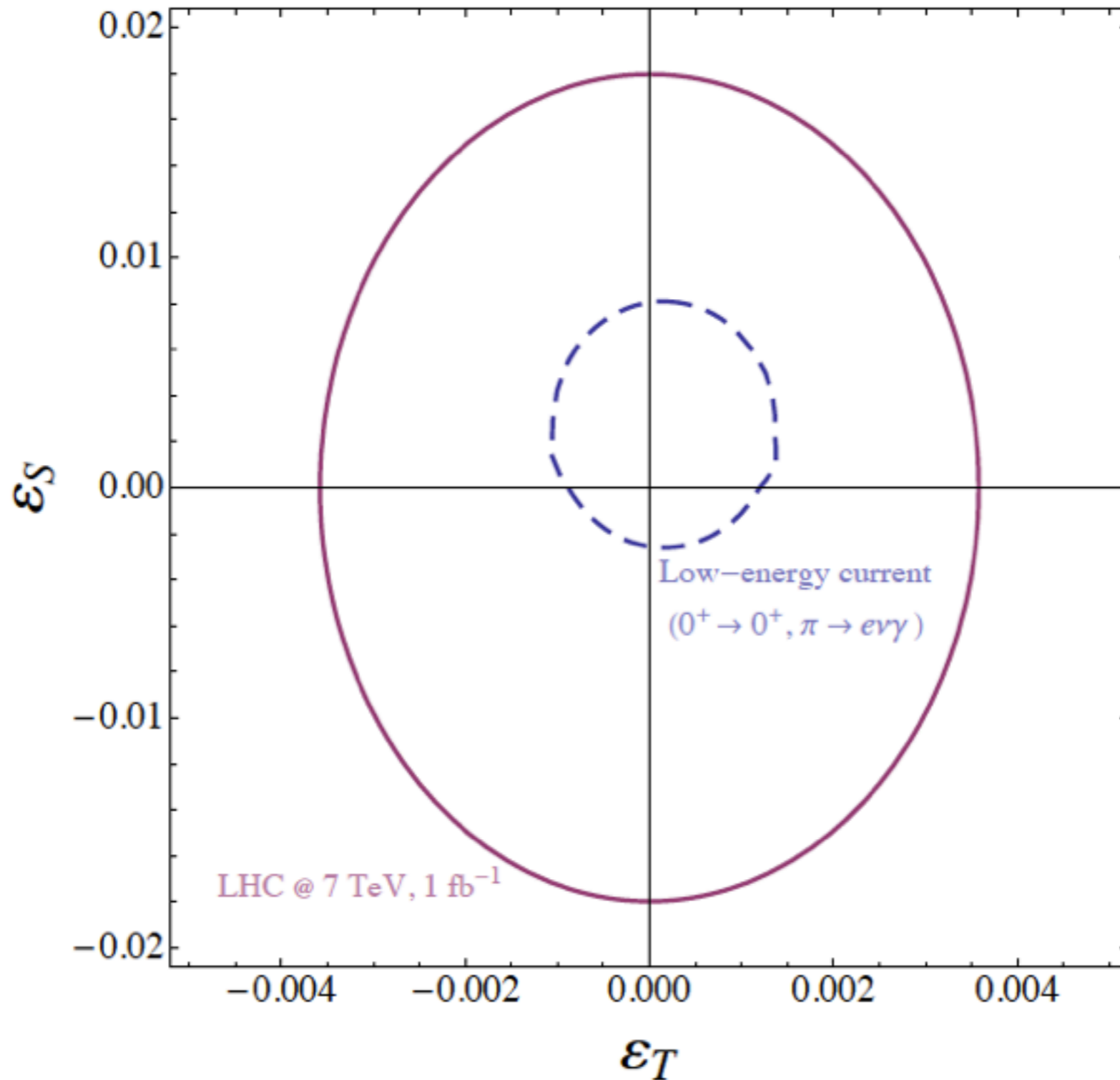


LHC limits close to low-energy. Interesting interplay in the future



LHC already superior to low-energy!
Need $\delta a_{GT}/a_{GT} < 0.05\%$ to match LHC

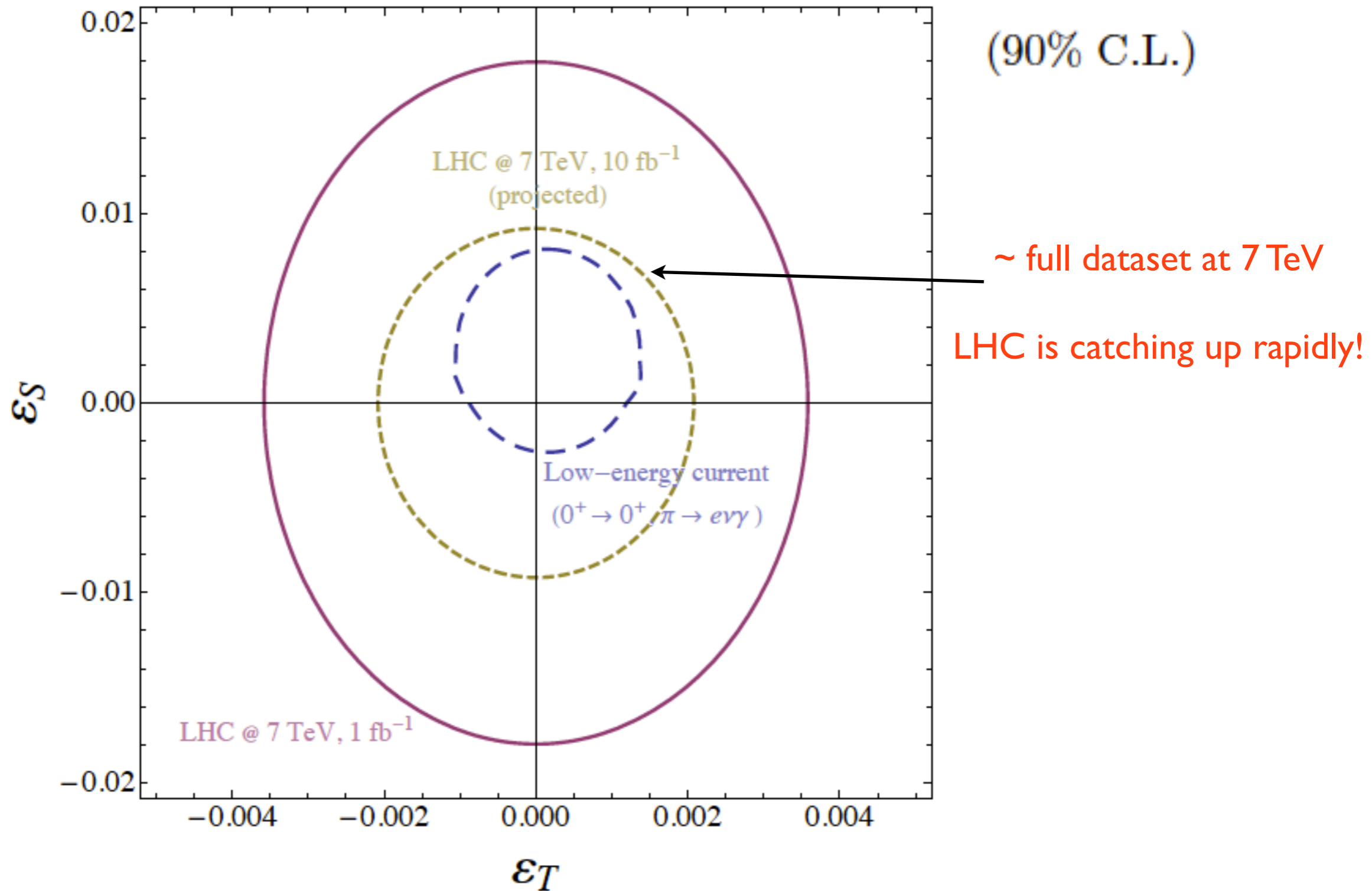
$\epsilon_{S,T}$: β decays vs LHC



(90% C.L.)

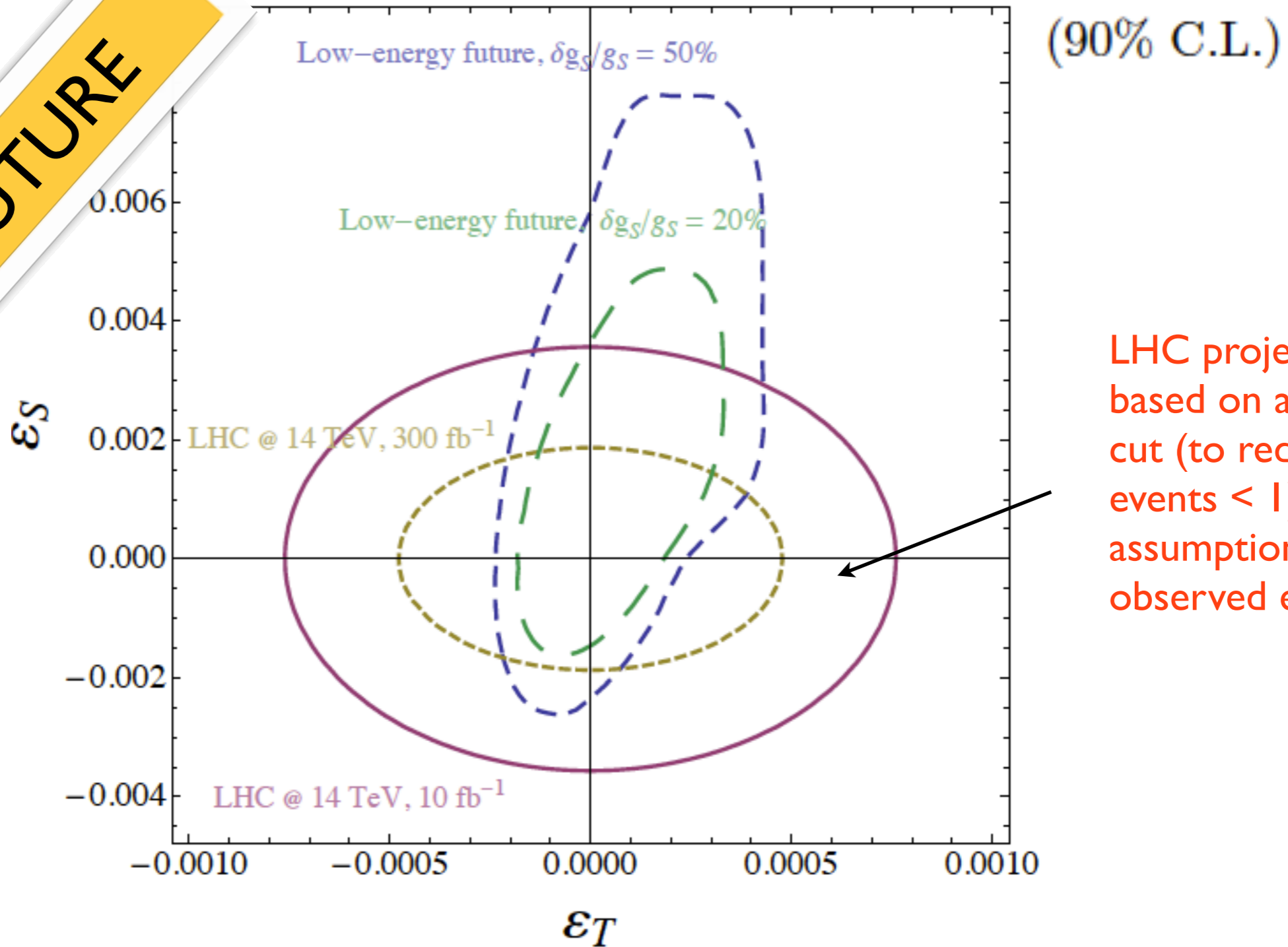
Low-energy constraints
are currently stronger

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FUTURE

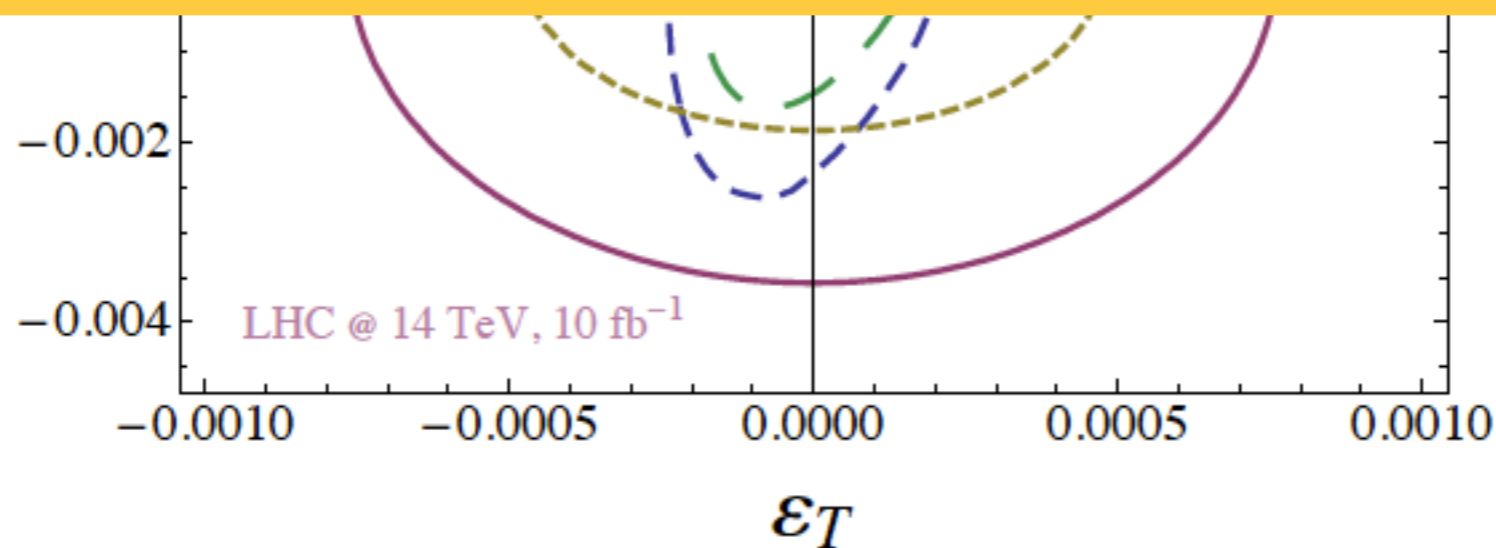


LHC projected limits:
based on aggressive m_T
cut (to reduce bkg
events < 1) and
assumption of no
observed events

$\epsilon_{S,T}$: β decays vs LHC

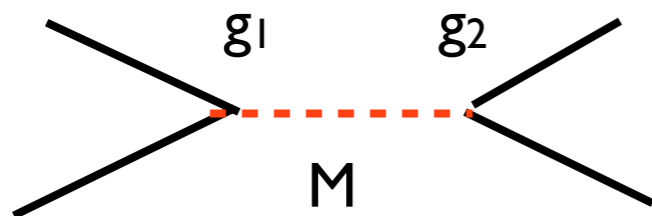
Messages

- LHC and b, B at 10^{-3} level will compete in setting strongest bounds on ϵ_S and ϵ_T probing effective scales $\Lambda_{S,T} \sim 7 \text{ TeV}$
- b and B at 10^{-4} level would give unmatched discovery potential: strong motivation to pursue these experiments



LHC (II): beyond contact

- What if new interactions are not “contact” at LHC energy?
How are the ε bounds affected?
- Explore classes of models generating $\varepsilon_{S,T}$ at tree-level.
Low-energy vs LHC amplitude:



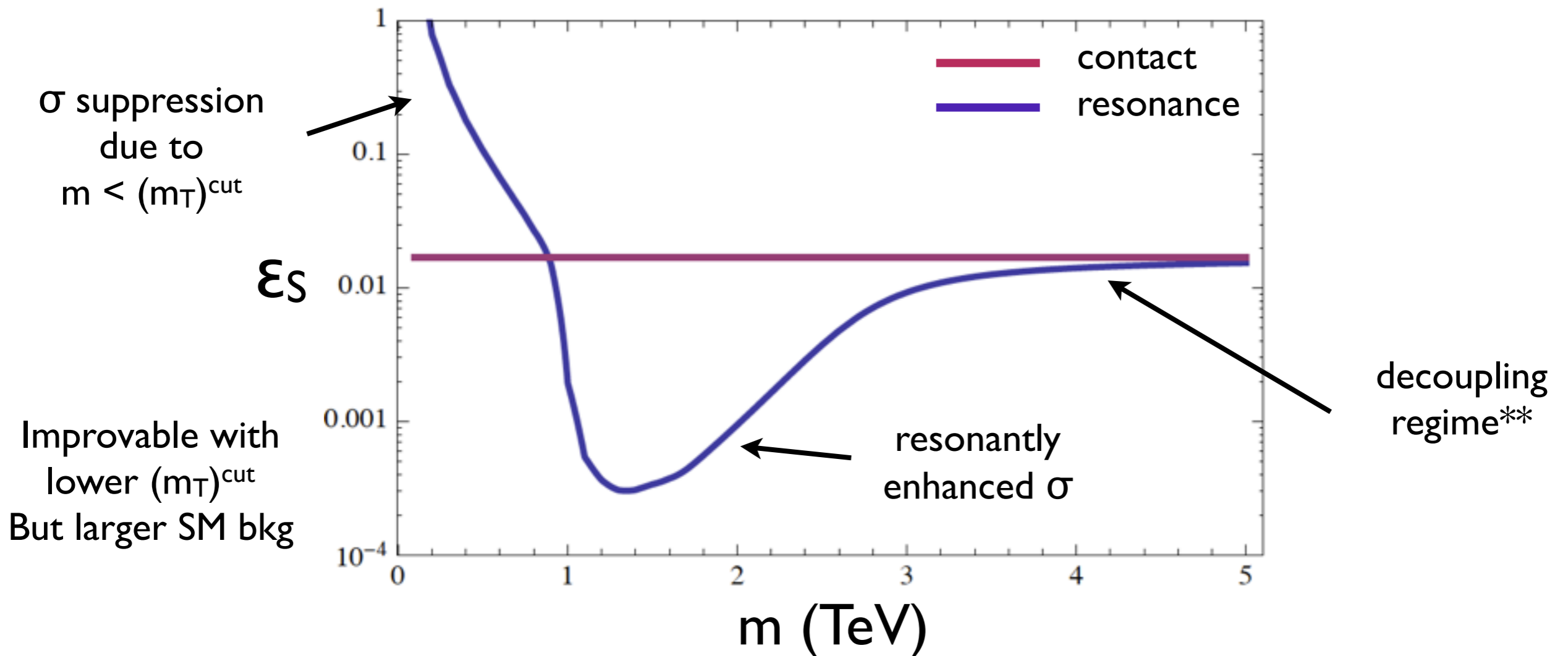
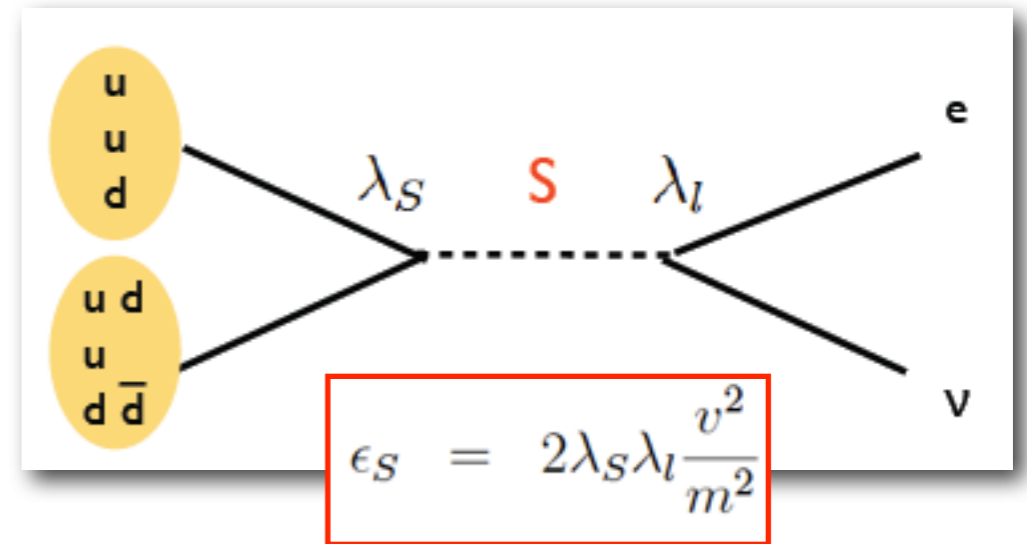
$$A_{\beta} \sim g_1 g_2 / M^2 \equiv \varepsilon$$

$$A_{\text{LHC}} \sim \varepsilon F[\sqrt{s}/M, \sqrt{s}/\Gamma(\varepsilon)]$$

- Study dependence of the ε bounds on the mediator mass M

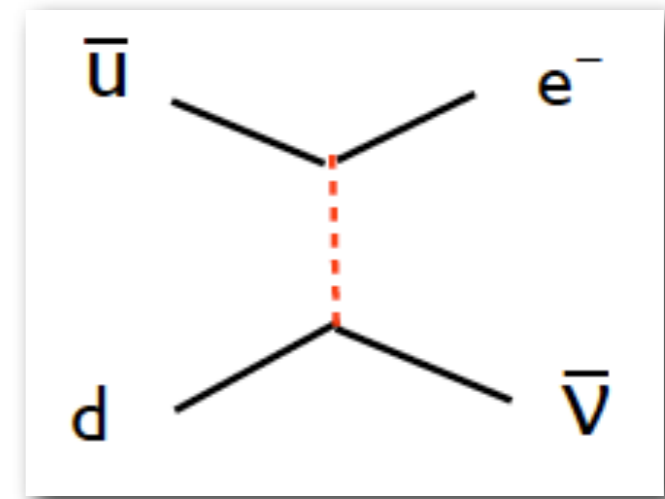
s-channel mediator

- Scalar resonance in s-channel
- Upper bound on ϵ_S based on $m_T > 1 \text{ TeV}$

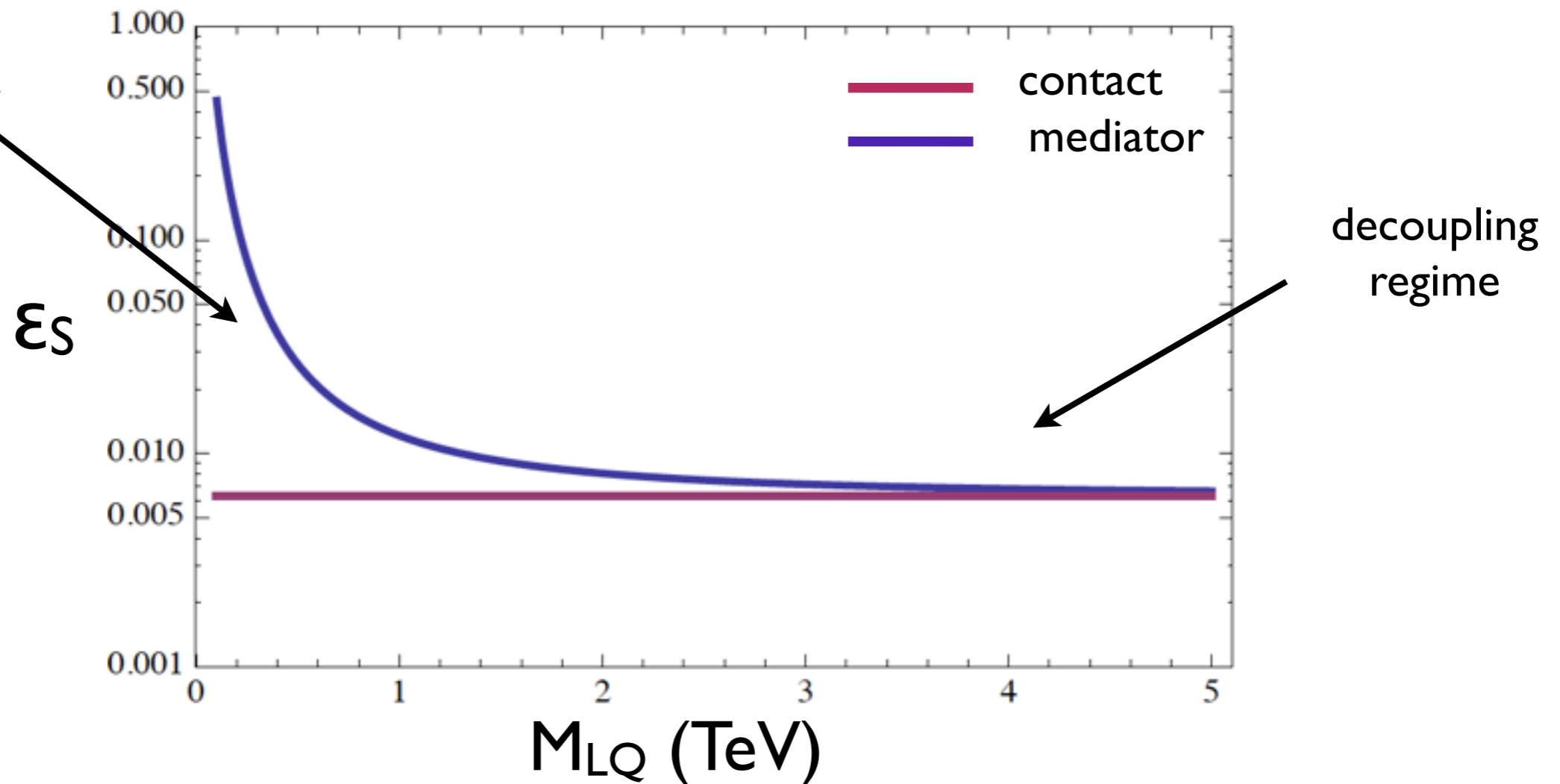


t-channel mediator

- Scalar leptoquark S_1 ($3^*, 1, 1/3$)
- $\epsilon_T = -1/4 \epsilon_S = -1/4 \epsilon_P$



σ suppression
due to
 $1/(m^2 - t)$ vs $1/m^2$

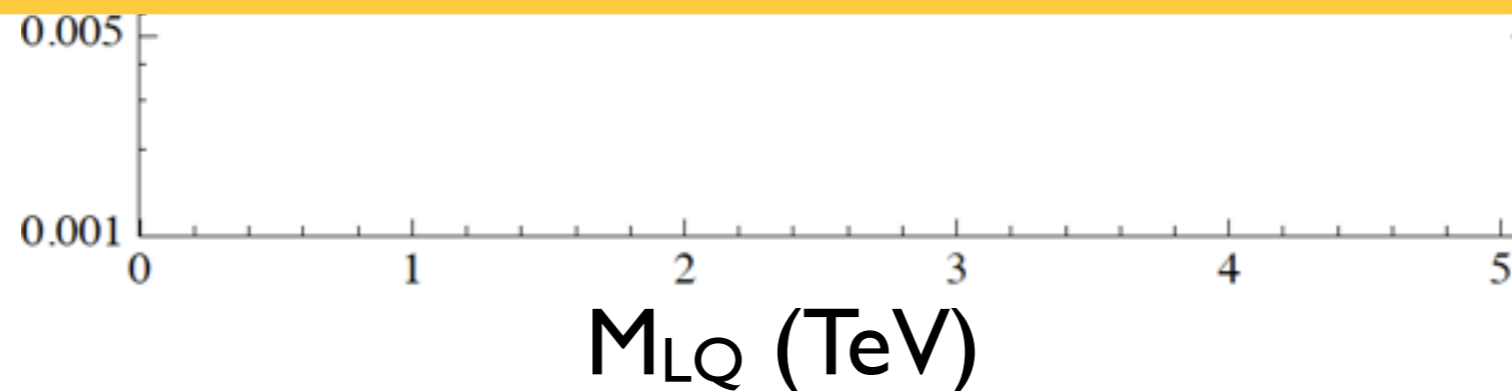


t-channel mediator



Messages

- For TeV-scale mediator mass ($m > 1 \text{ TeV}$), LHC bounds on ϵ 's based on contact interactions range from robust (t-channel) to conservative (s-channel)
- For low mass mediators ($m < 0.5 \text{ TeV}$), the LHC bounds on ϵ 's quickly deteriorate: limits based on contact interactions are too optimistic



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** Based on short-distance origin of new interactions

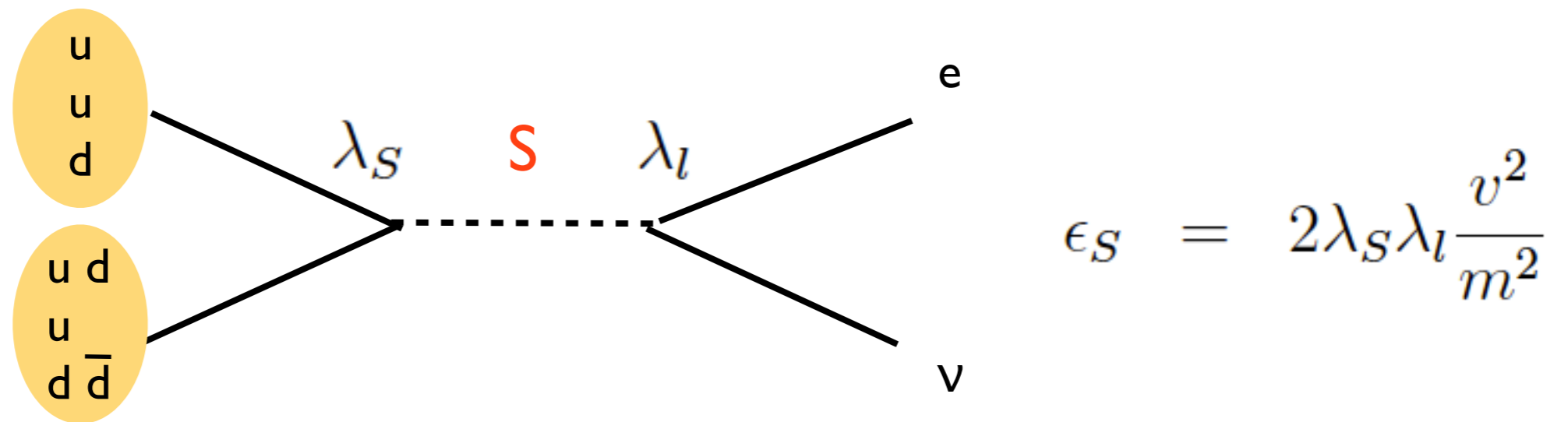
Summary

- Improved picture of nonstandard CC interactions through combination of low-energy and collider probes
- Low-energy:
 - Illustrated the importance of $g_{S,T}$ to obtain bounds on short distance S,T couplings. First lattice QCD estimate
 - Established relevance of 10^{-3} -level measurements of b,B to probe $\epsilon_{S,T}$
- Collider:
 - Demonstrated importance of LHC in setting bounds on CC non-standard couplings: it's catching up fast!
 - Explored dependence of LHC bounds on the mediator mass (tree-level in s and t channels)

Extra Slides

Complementarity: an example

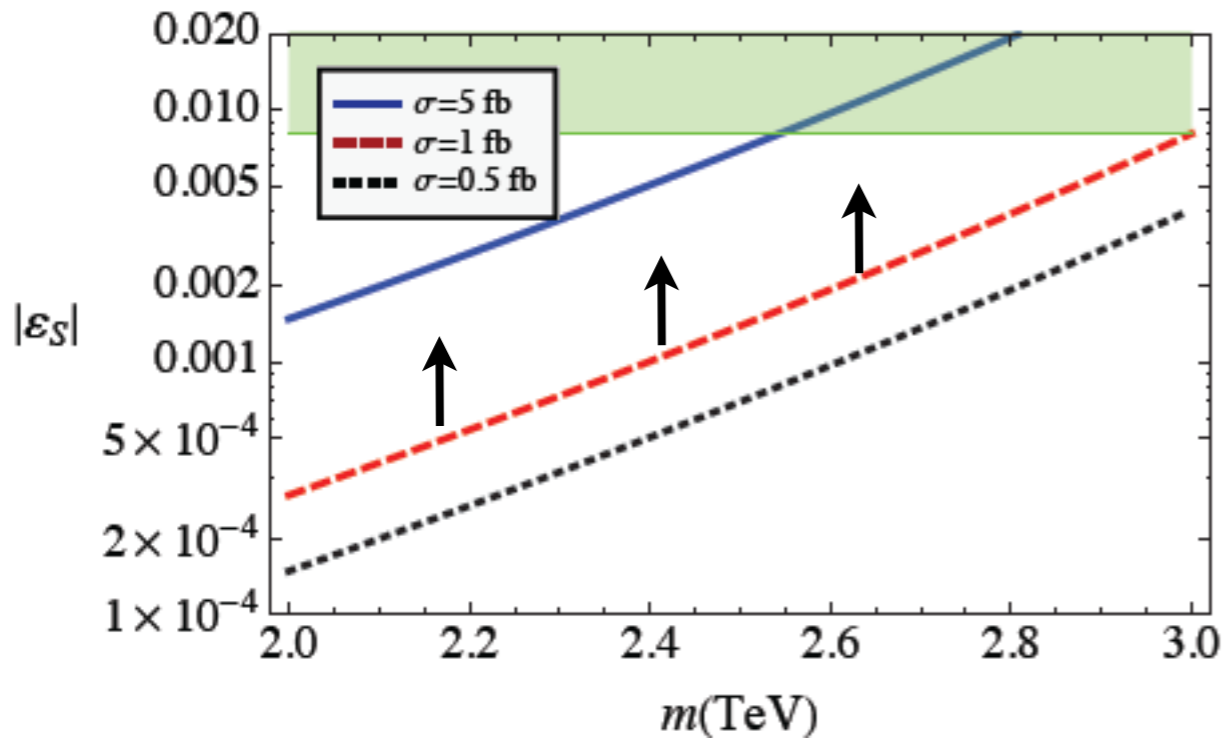
- Scalar resonance in s-channel



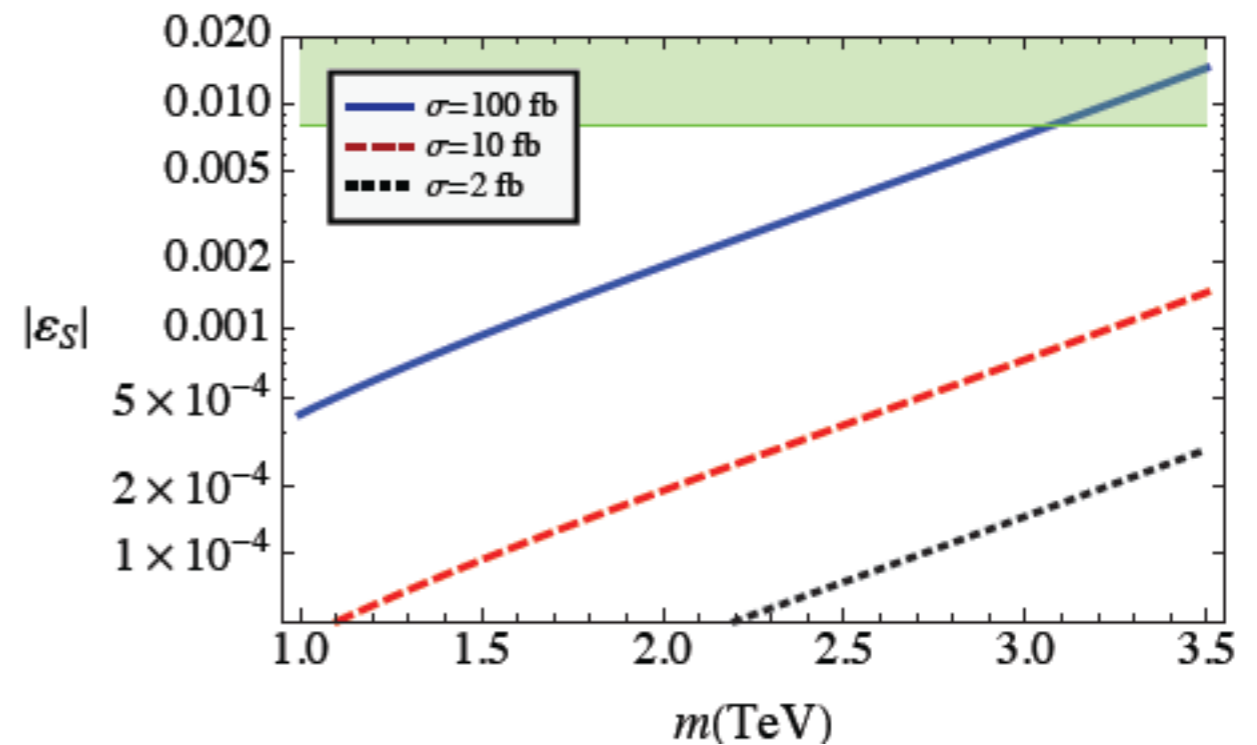
- Observation of such a scalar resonance implies a lower bound on effective scalar coupling probed at low-energy:

$$\sigma \cdot \text{BR} \leq \frac{|V_{ud}|}{12v^2} \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2N_c}} |\epsilon_S| \tau L(\tau) \quad \tau = m^2/s,$$

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$



$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$



- If LHC can determine scalar nature of the resonance, then predict a “guaranteed signal” for beta decay
- If LHC cannot determine spin of resonance, beta decay searches (positive or negative) provide discriminating input