

# EFT approach to $0\nu\beta\beta$ : an update

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# Outline

- Introduction: EFT for LNV and  $0\nu\beta\beta$
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  from light Majorana  $\nu$  exchange in chiral EFT
  - Summary of 2017-18 results
  - 2019 updates

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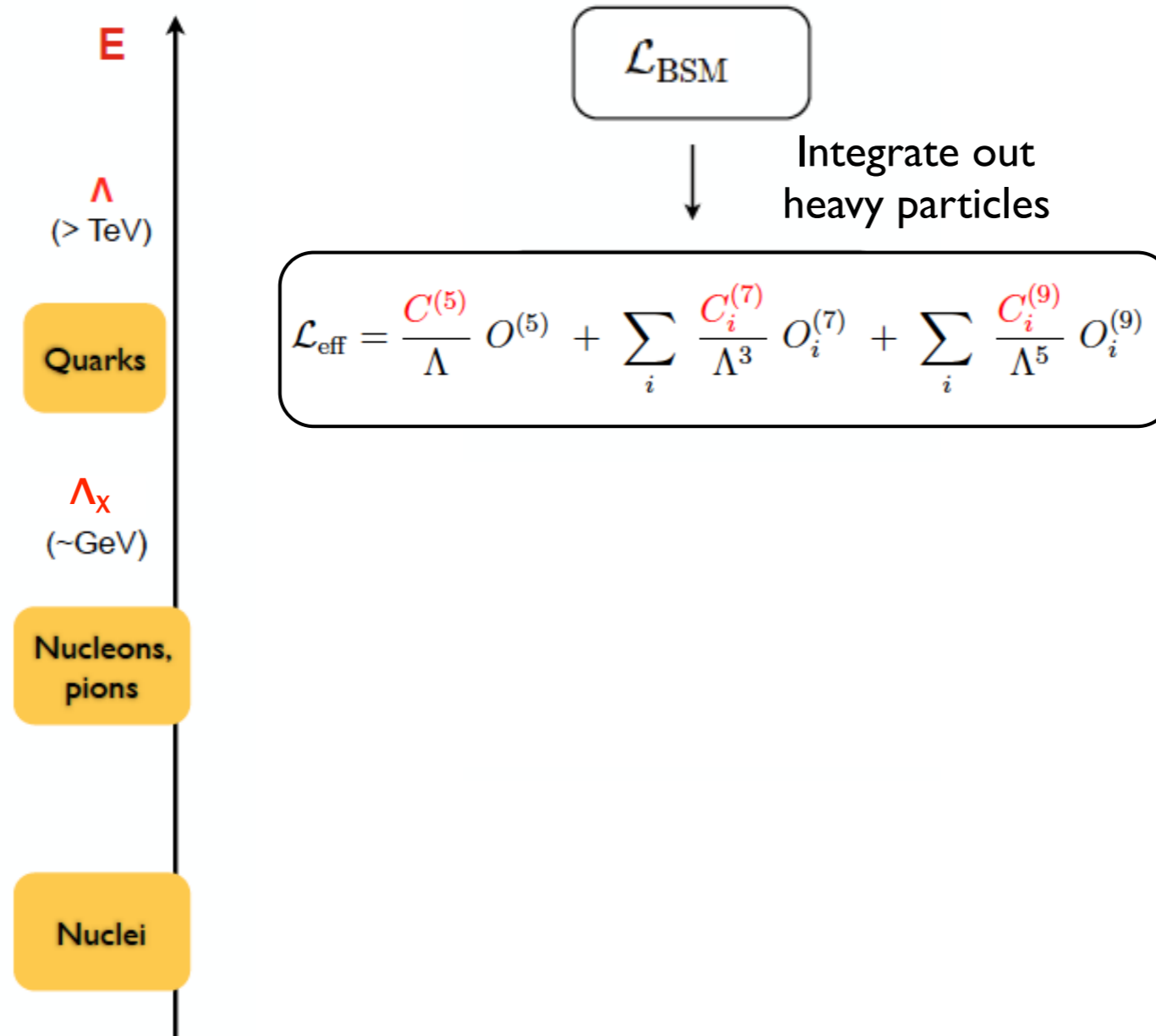
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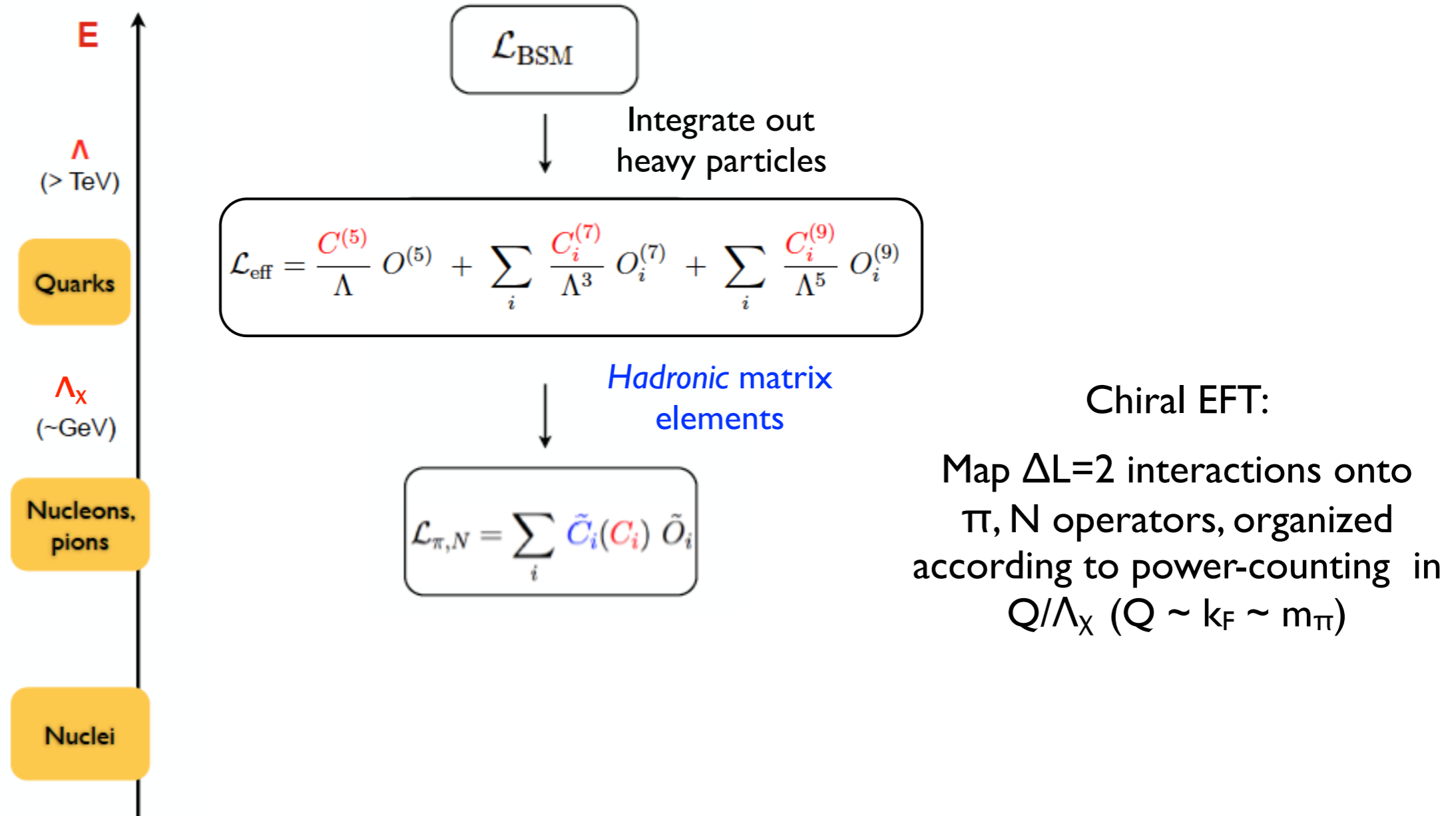
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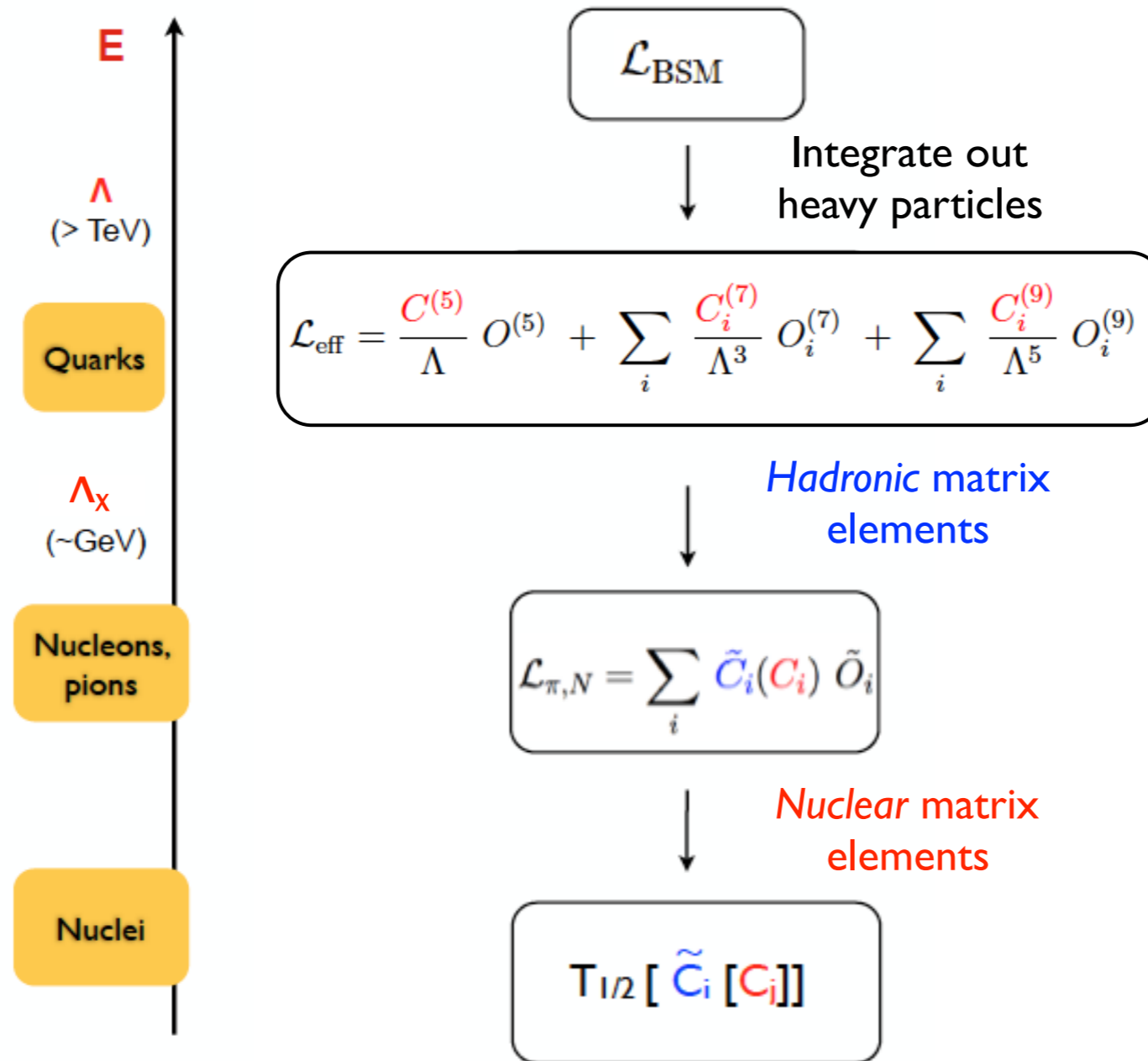


LNV in the  
“Standard Model EFT”:  
only dim=5,7,9,...

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Chain of EFTs +  
lattice QCD & many-body methods



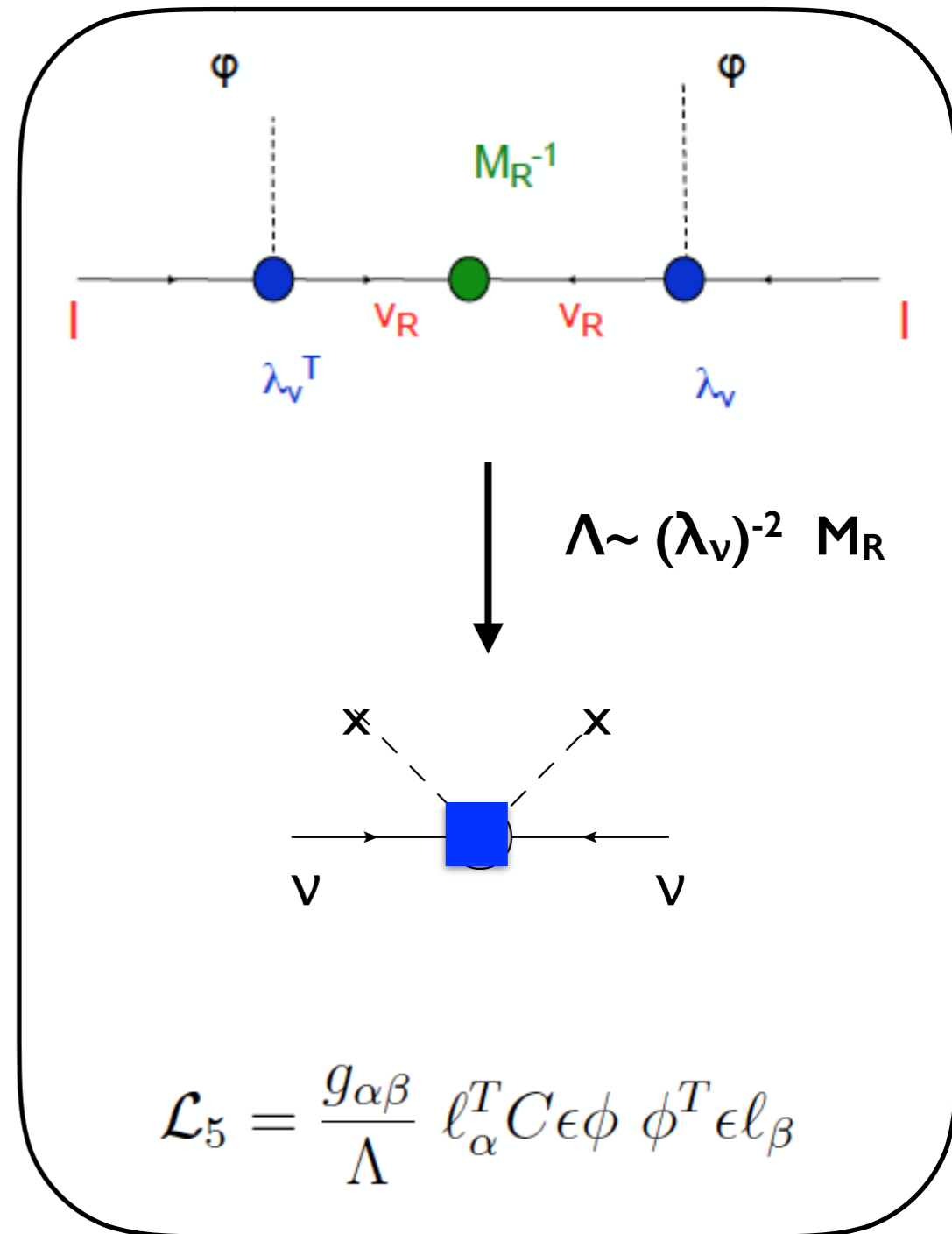
$$T_{1/2} [ \tilde{C}_i [C_j] ] \sim (m_W/\Lambda)^A (\Lambda_X/m_W)^B (k_F/\Lambda_X)^C$$

$0\nu\beta\beta$  from light Majorana  
neutrino  
(dim-5 operator)



# Underlying mechanism

- Assume that Lepton Number Violation originates at very high scale (e.g. GUT see-saw with heavy  $\nu_R$ )
- Dominant low-energy footprint is the Weinberg operator (= Majorana mass for neutrinos written in  $SU(2)_W$ -invariant way)
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  mediated by light  $\nu_M$  exchange
- Light  $\nu_R$  states can be included ( $> 3$  light Majorana eigenstates)



# GeV-scale effective Lagrangian

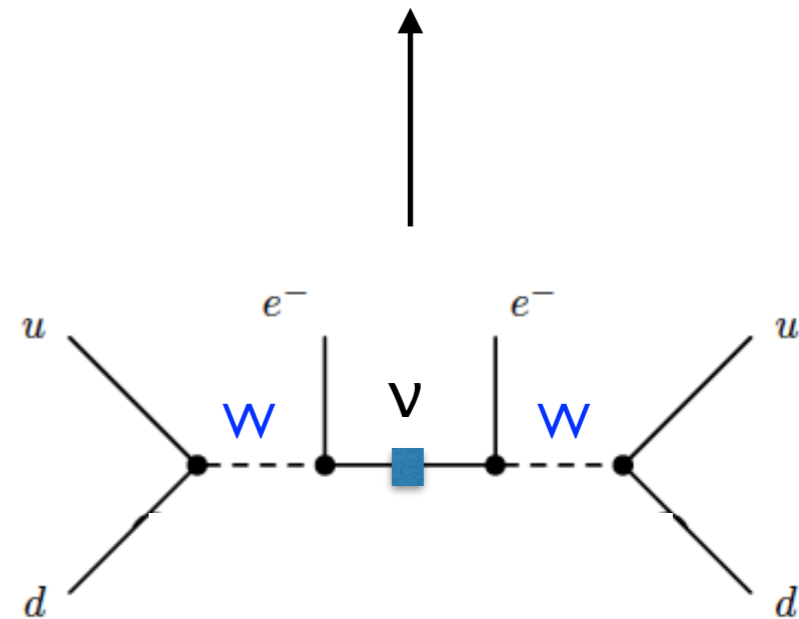
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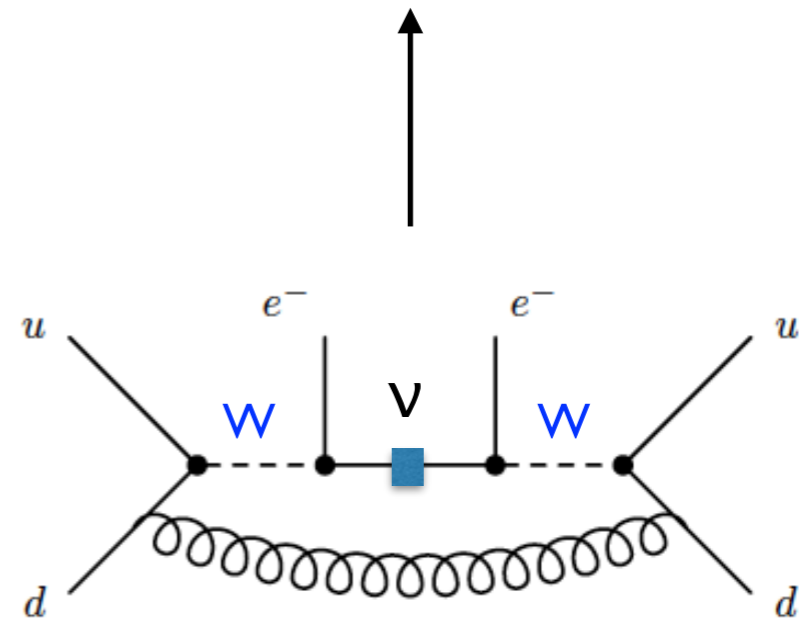
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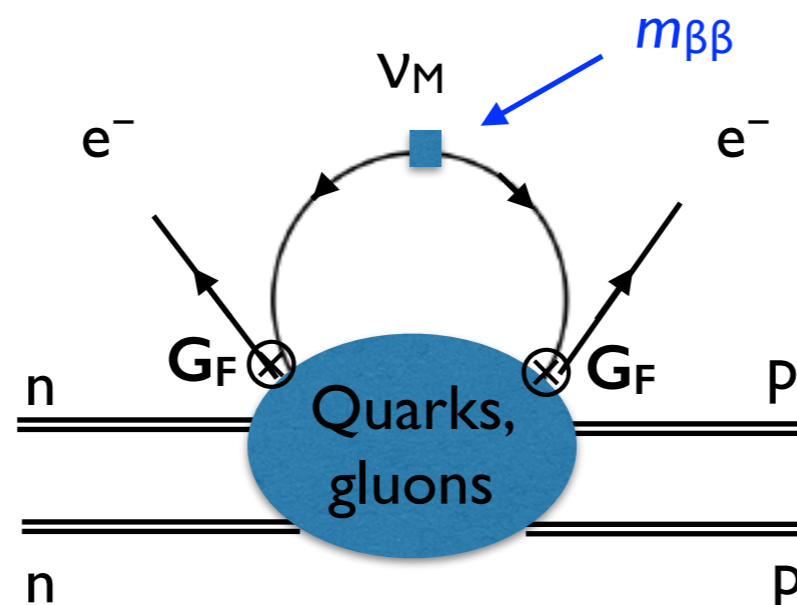
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$$S_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta L=2} = \frac{8G_F^2 V_{ud}^2 m_{\beta\beta}}{2!} \int d^4x d^4y S(x-y) \times \bar{e}_L(x) \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu e_L^c(y) \times T\left(\bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu d_L(x) \bar{u}_L \gamma_\nu d_L(y)\right)$$

Scalar massless propagator

$$|p_1 - p_2|/k_F \ll 1.$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} \bar{e}_L(x) e_L^c(x) + \dots$$



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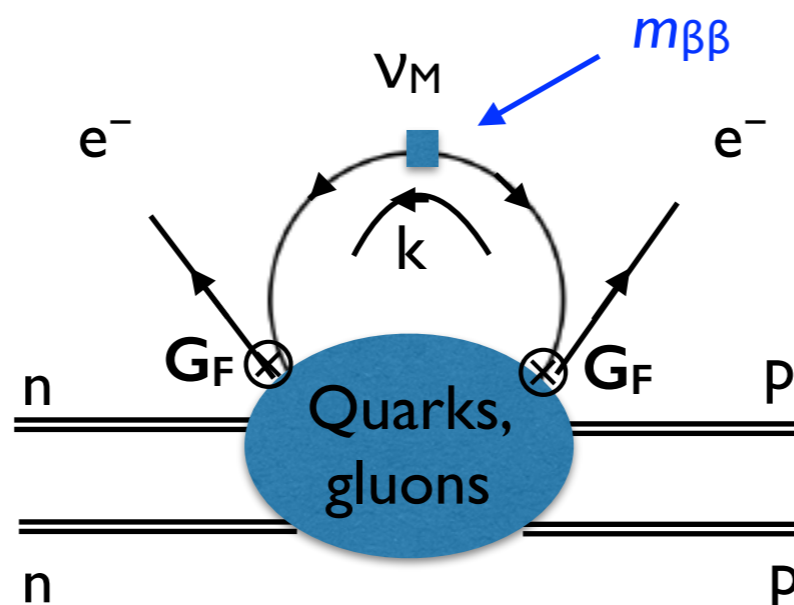
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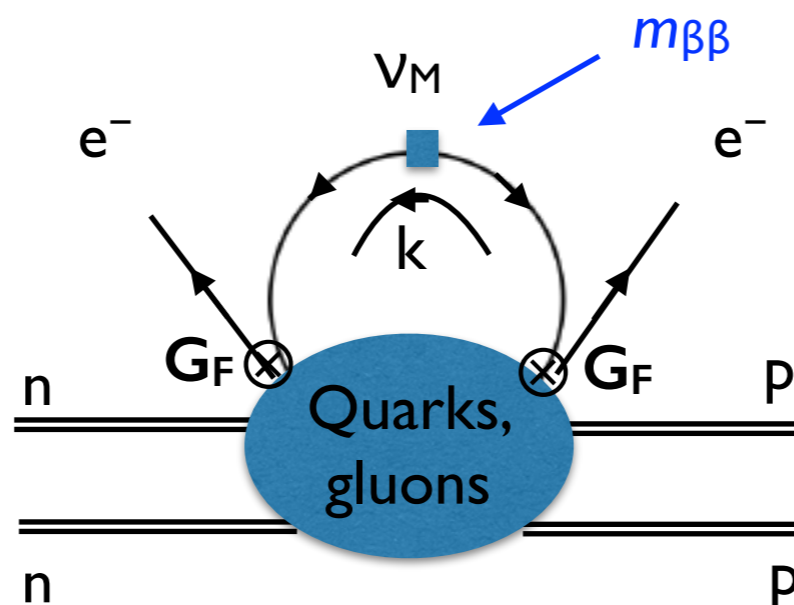
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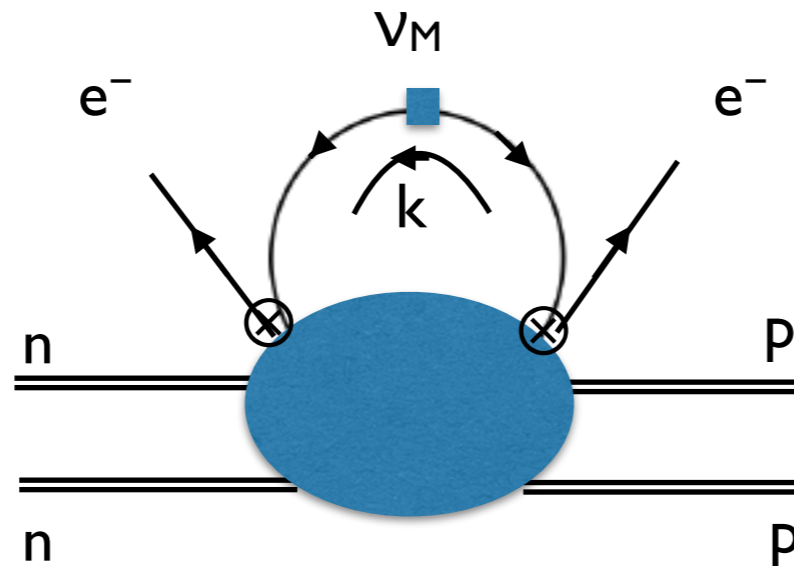
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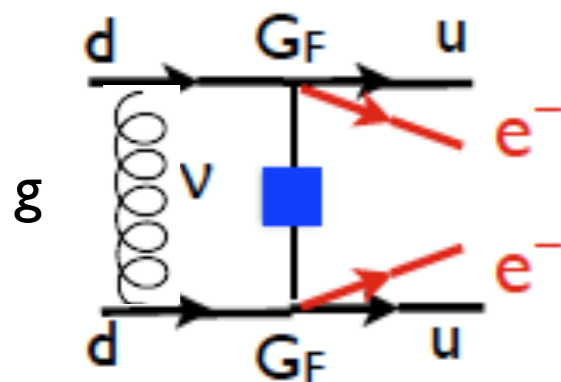


Chiral EFT captures  
contributions from all  
relevant momentum regions

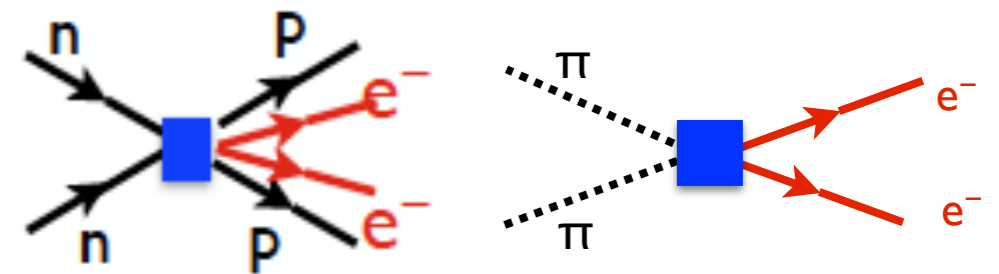
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“Hard neutrinos”:  
 $E, |k| > \Lambda_\chi \sim m_N \sim \text{GeV}$

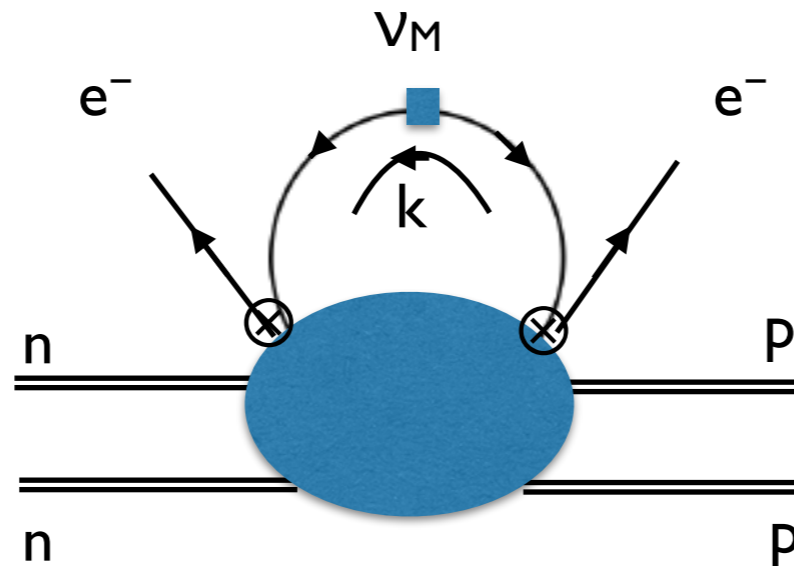


Short-range  $\Delta L=2$  operators at the hadronic level, still proportional to  $m_{\beta\beta}$



Short- and pion-range contributions to “Neutrino potential” mediating  $nn \rightarrow pp$

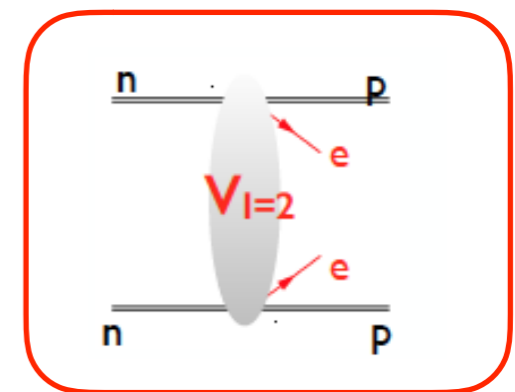
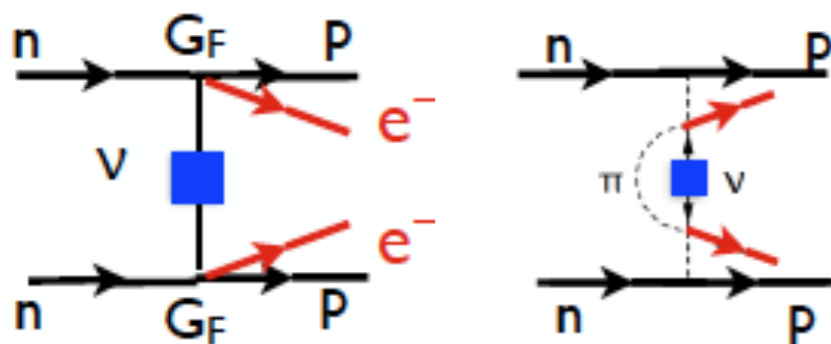
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“Soft” & “Potential” neutrinos:

$$(E, |\mathbf{k}|) \sim Q \sim k_F \sim m_\pi$$

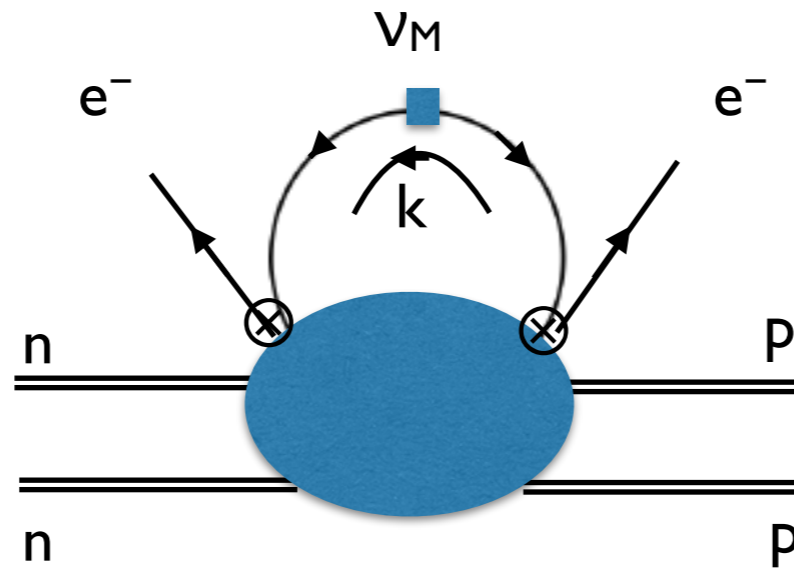
$$(E, |\mathbf{k}|) \sim (Q^2/m_N, Q)$$



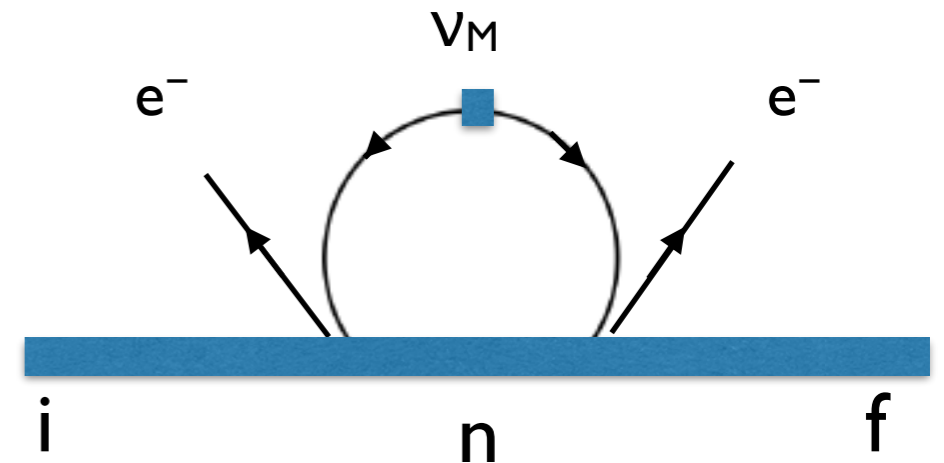
Calculable long- and pion-range contributions to “Neutrino potential” mediating  $nn \rightarrow pp$



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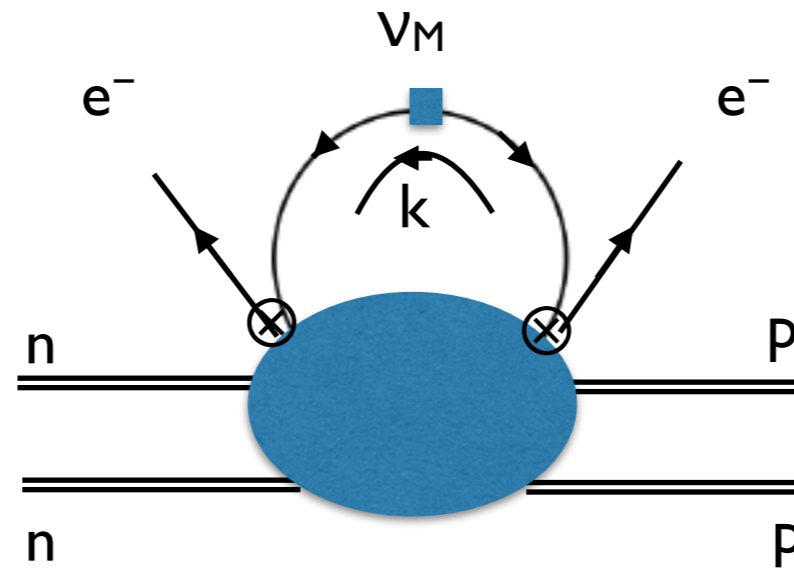
“UltraSoft” neutrinos:  
 $(E, |k|) \ll k_F$



*n*-th state of  
intermediate nucleus

Double insertions of the  
weak current at the  
hadronic / nuclear level

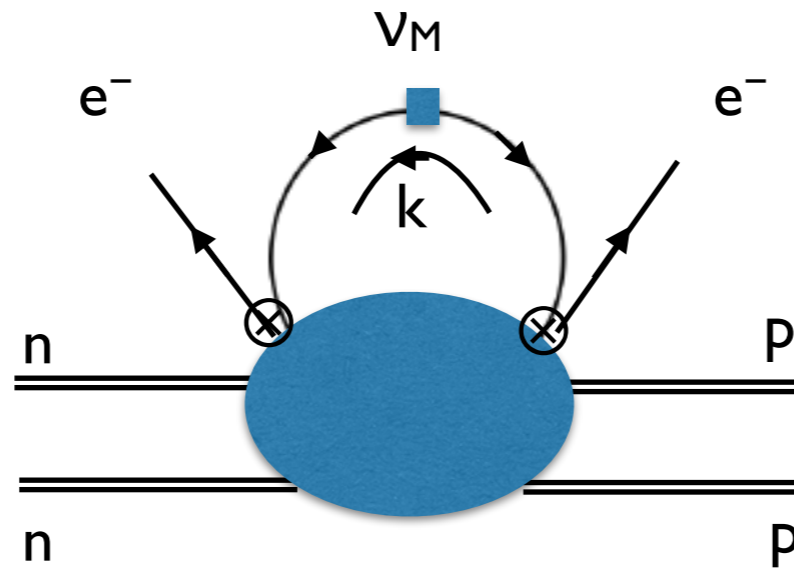
# Nuclear scale effective Hamiltonian



Kinetic terms and strong NN potential

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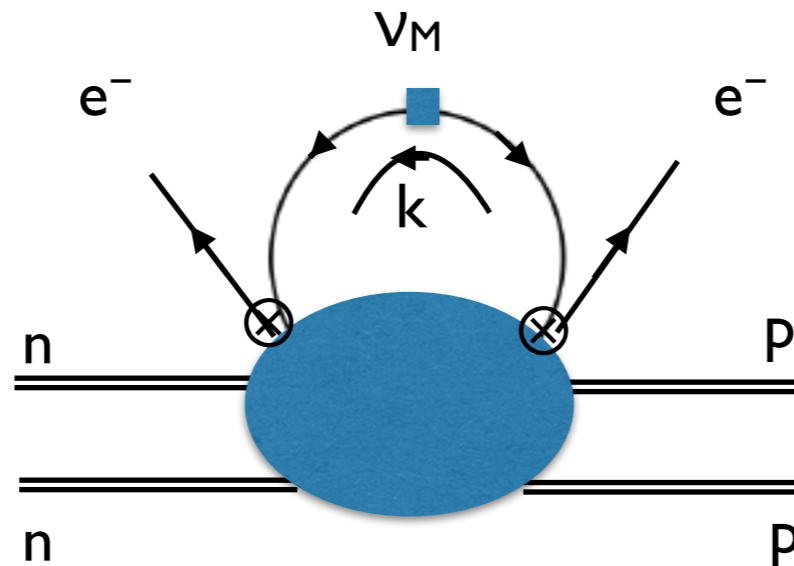


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“Isotensor”  $0\nu\beta\beta$  potential mediates  $nn \rightarrow pp$ .  
It can be identified to a given order in  $Q/\Lambda_\chi$  by  
computing 2-nucleon amplitudes

# Anatomy of $0\nu\beta\beta$ amplitude

Figure adapted from Primakoff-Rosen 1969



Hard, soft, and potential  $\nu$

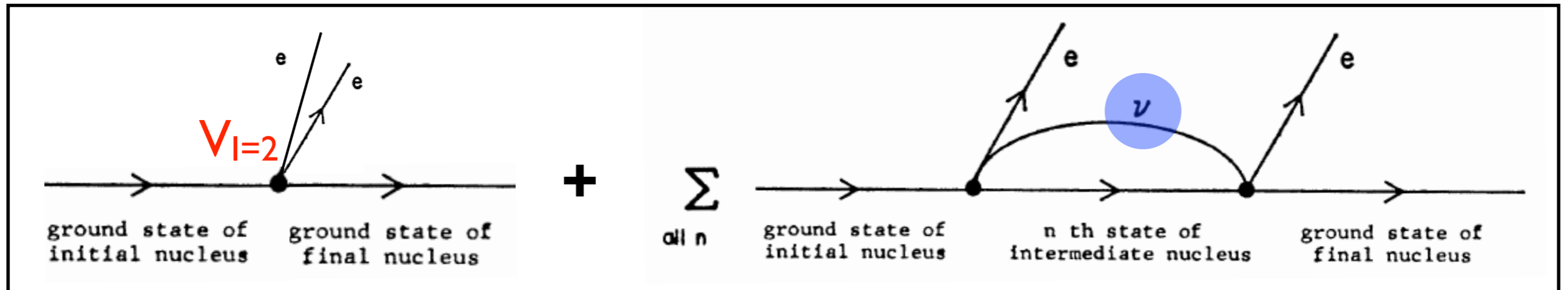
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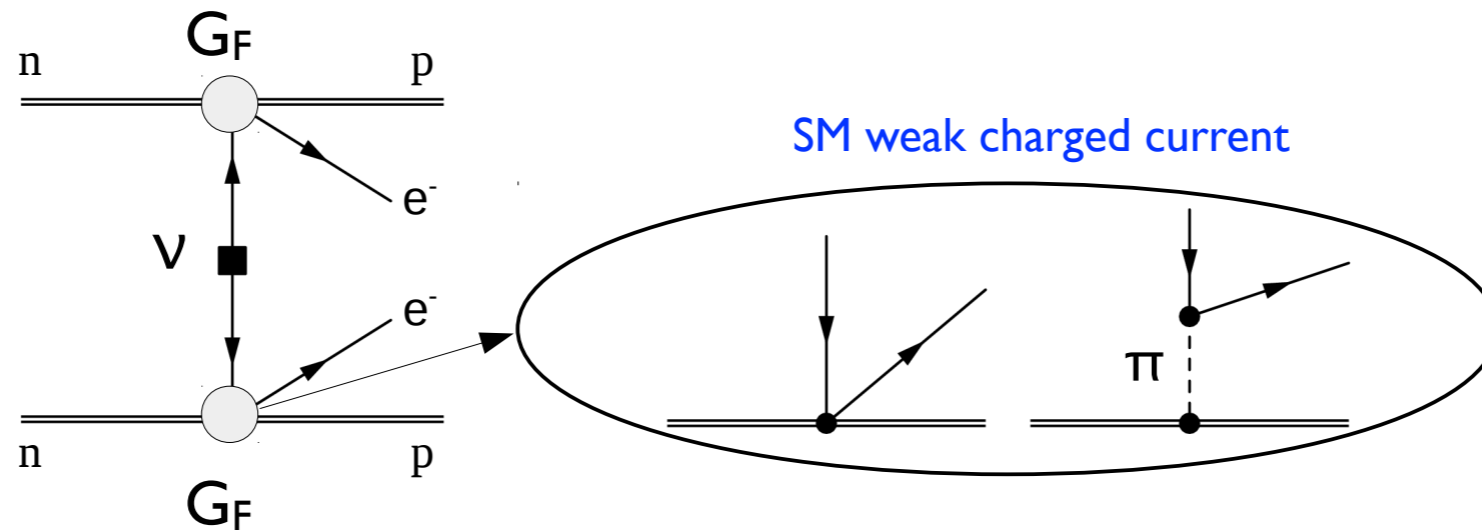
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Loop calculable in terms of  $E_n - E_i$  and  $\langle f | J_\mu | n \rangle \langle n | J^\mu | i \rangle$ , that also control  $2\nu\beta\beta$ .  
Contributes to the amplitude at  $N^2LO$

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# Leading order $0\nu\beta\beta$ potential

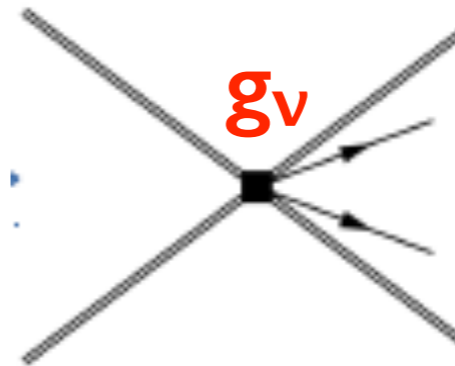
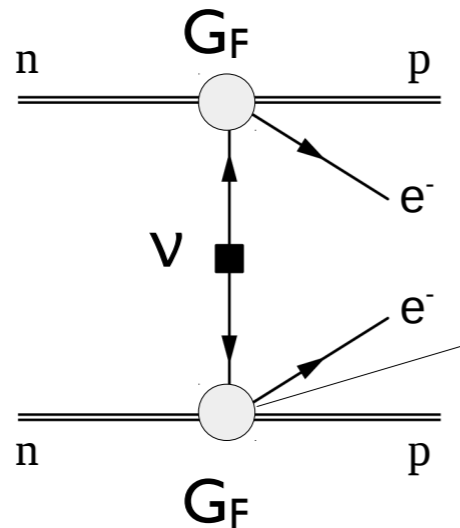


- Tree-level  $\nu_M$  exchange

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- Short-range coupling  $g_\nu \sim 1/Q^2 \sim 1/k_F^2$  (only in  $^1S_0$  channel) required by renormalization of  $nn \rightarrow ppee$  amplitude

$$V_{\nu,CT}^{(a,b)} = -2 g_\nu \tau^{(a)} + \tau^{(b)}$$

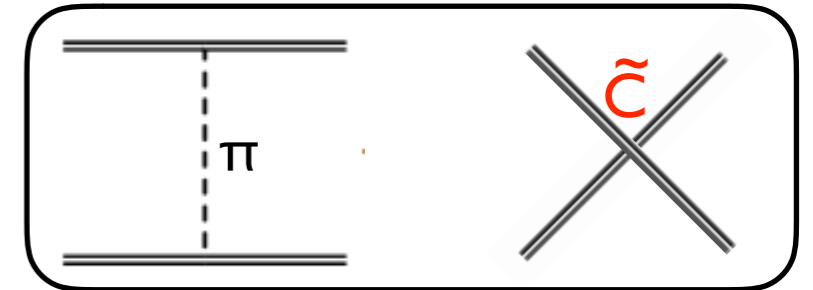
$g_\nu \sim 1/\Lambda^2 \sim 1/(4\pi F_\pi)^2$  in NDA / Weinberg counting



# Scaling of contact term

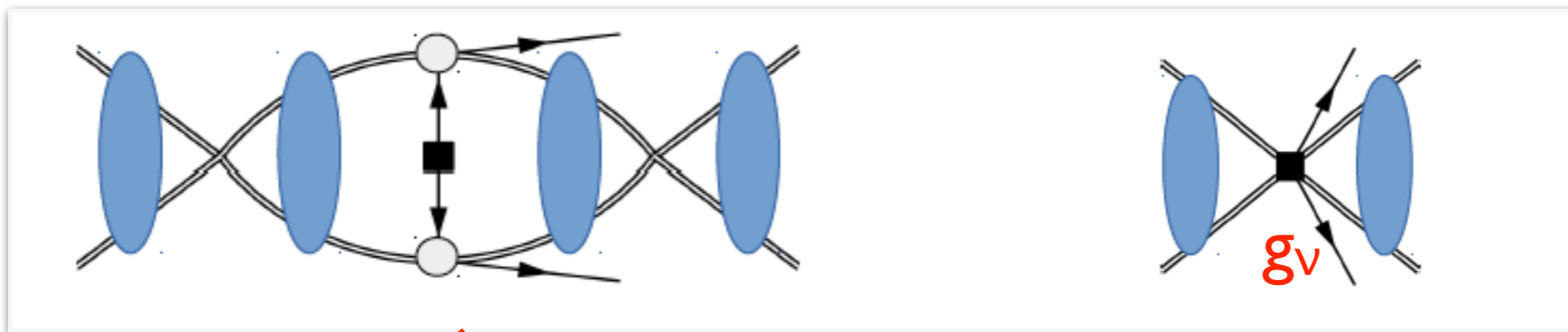
Weinberg 1991, Kaplan-Savage-Wise 1996

- Study  $nn \rightarrow ppee$  amplitude (in  $^1S_0$  channel) with LO strong potential



$$\tilde{C} \sim 4\pi/(m_N Q) \sim 1/F_\pi^2 \text{ from fit to } a_{NN}$$

- Renormalization requires contact LNV operator at LO!



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$$\sim \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2g_A^2) \left( \frac{m_N \tilde{C}}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{4-d} + \log \mu^2 \right)$$

- The coupling flows to  $g_V \sim 1/Q^2 \gg 1/(4\pi F_\pi)^2$ , same order as  $1/q^2$  from tree-level neutrino exchange

# Use different regulator and scheme

- Same conclusion obtained by solving the Schroedinger equation
  - Use smeared delta function to regulate short range strong potential:  
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  - Compute amplitude

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Scattering states “fully correlated” according to the leading order strong potential in the  $^1S_0$  channel

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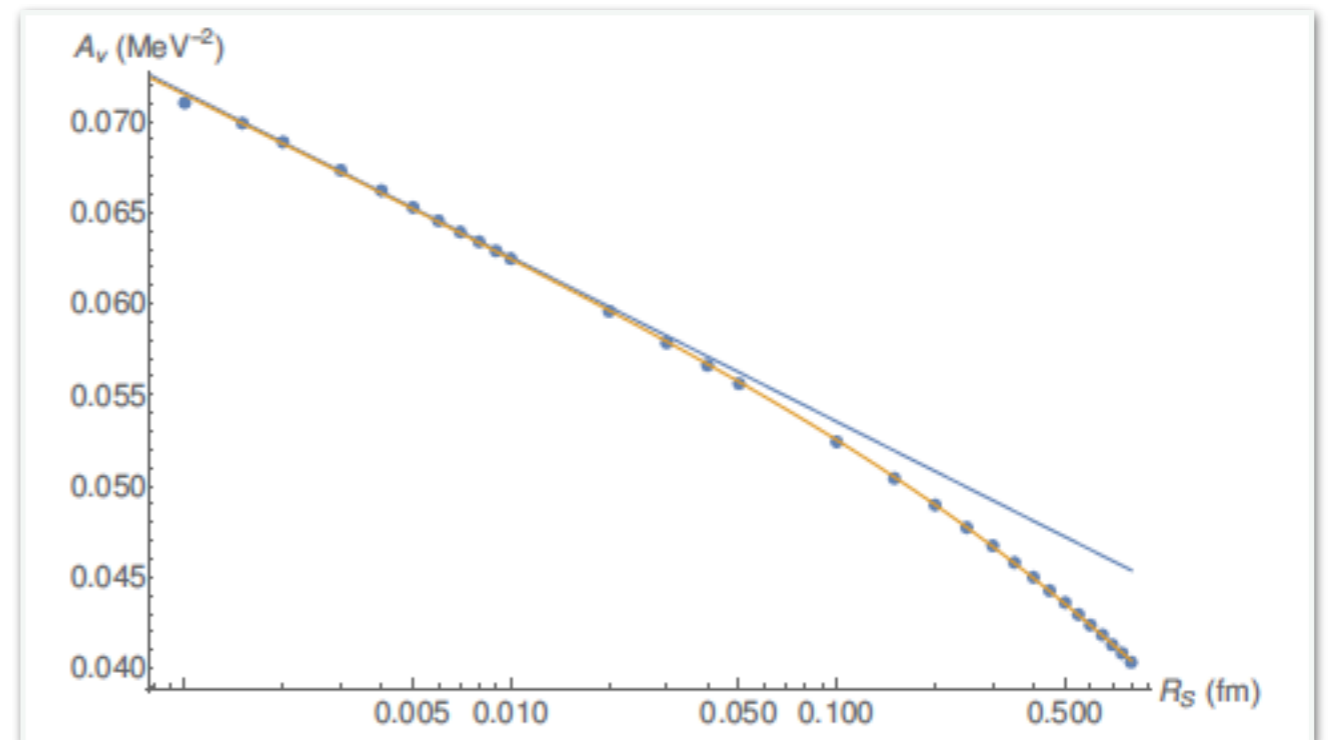
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- Logarithmic dependence of  $A_\nu$  on  $R_S \Rightarrow$

need LO counterterm to obtain physical, regulator-independent result



# LO contact in higher waves?

- In  ${}^3P_0$ , renormalization of pion potential requires a LO contact term

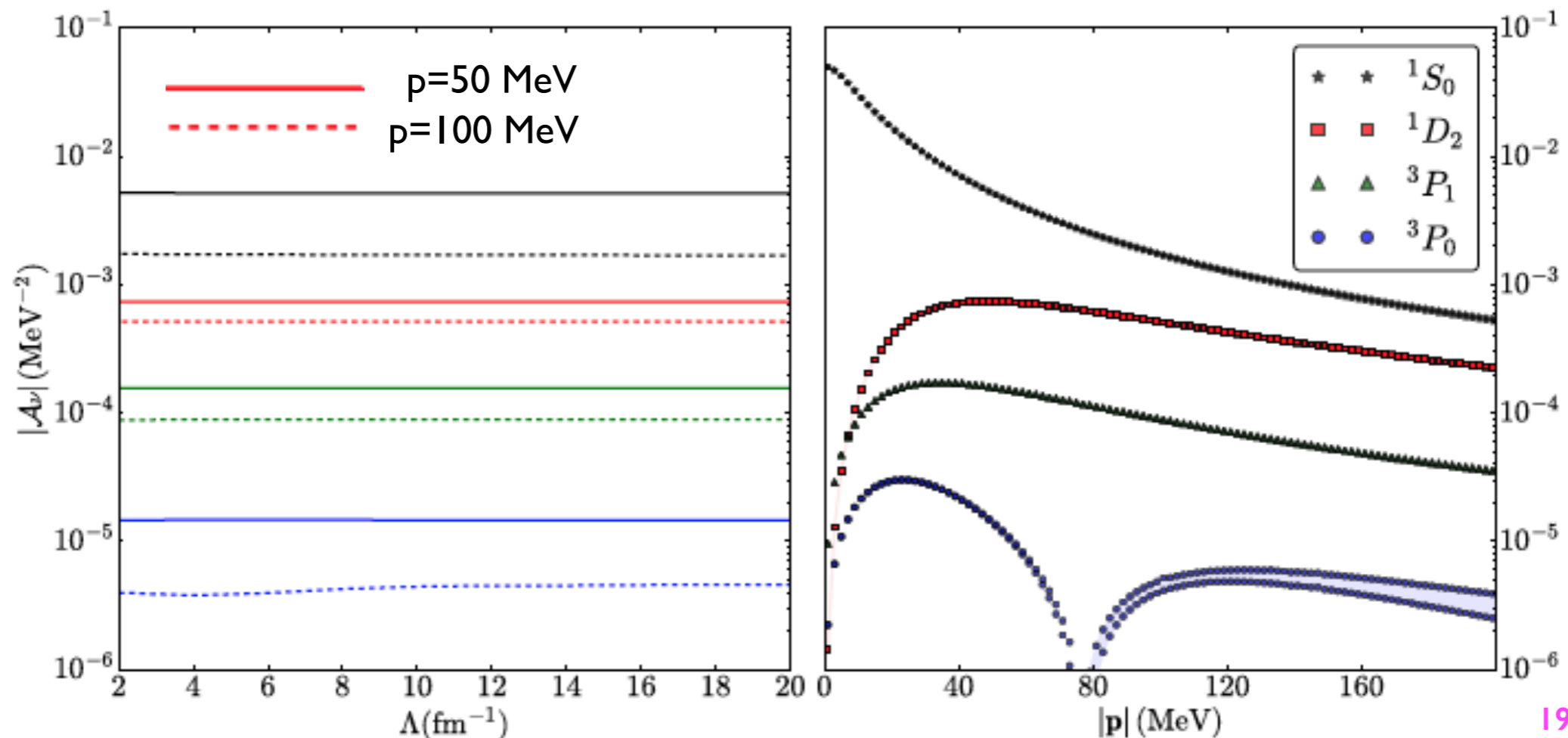
Nogga et al, [nucl-th/0506005](#)

$$C_{3P_0} \left( N^T \vec{P}_{3P_0} N \right)^\dagger \cdot \left( N^T \vec{P}_{3P_0} N \right)$$

$$\vec{P}_{3P_0} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{8}} \sigma_2 \sigma \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\tau_2 \vec{r}}$$

$$C_{3P_0} = \mathcal{O}(4\pi / (m_N Q^3))$$

- Once strong NN force is renormalized, no cutoff dependence in neutrino-mediated  $nn \rightarrow pp$

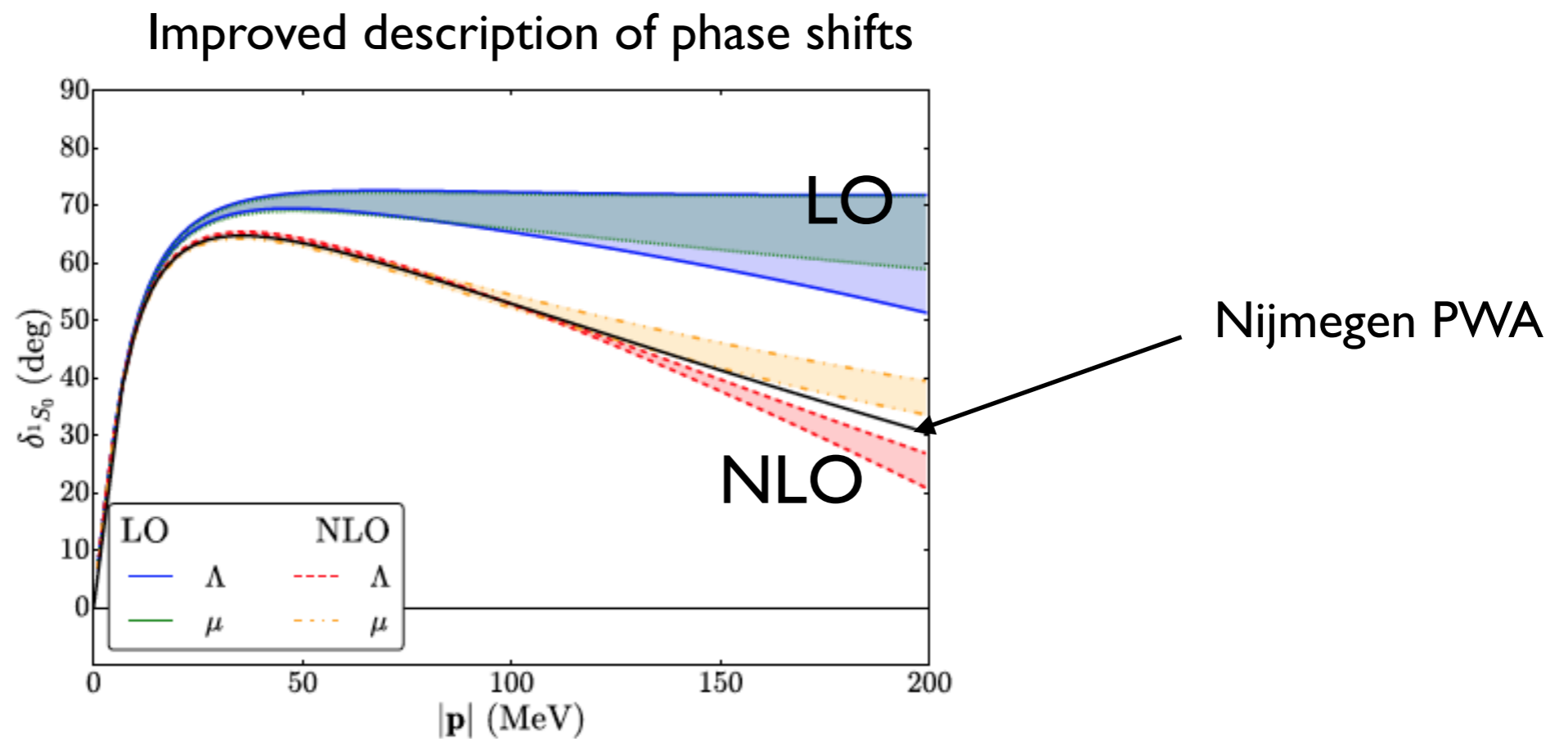


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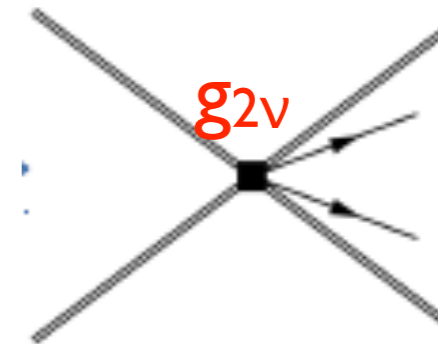
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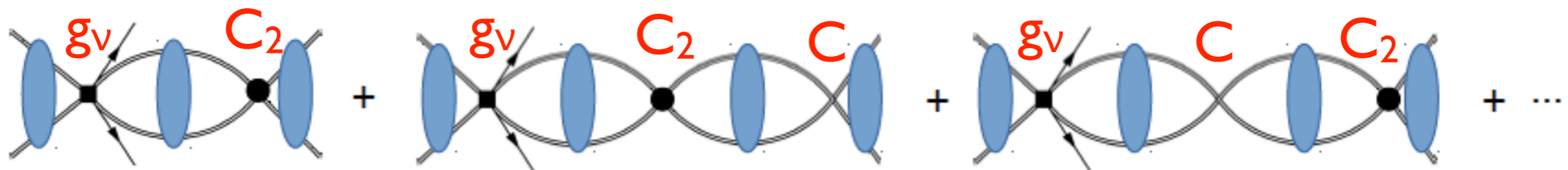
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- Do we need new LNV short range coupling ter at NLO?

$$(V_{v,I} \sim g_{2v} ND^2N NN)$$



- RGE imply that  $g_{2v}$  has an “NLO” term  $\sim 1/(\Lambda Q^3)$  determined by LO couplings and effective range parameter + unknown N2LO piece



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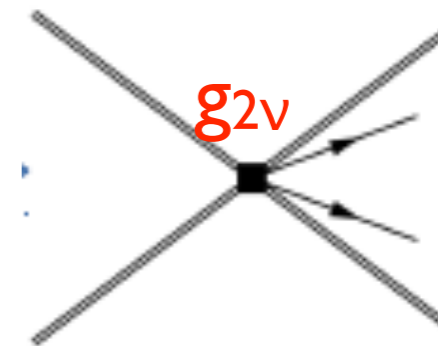
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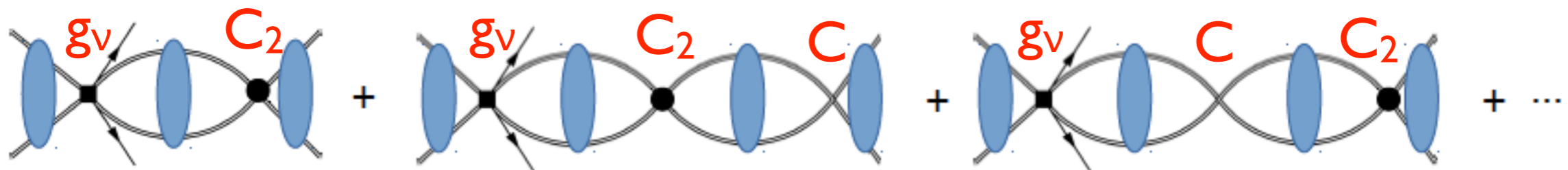
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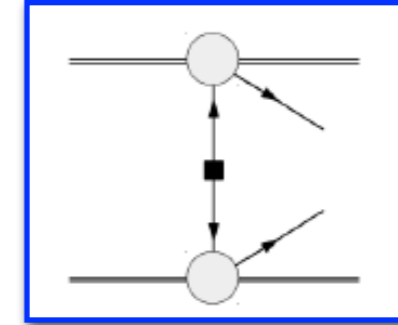
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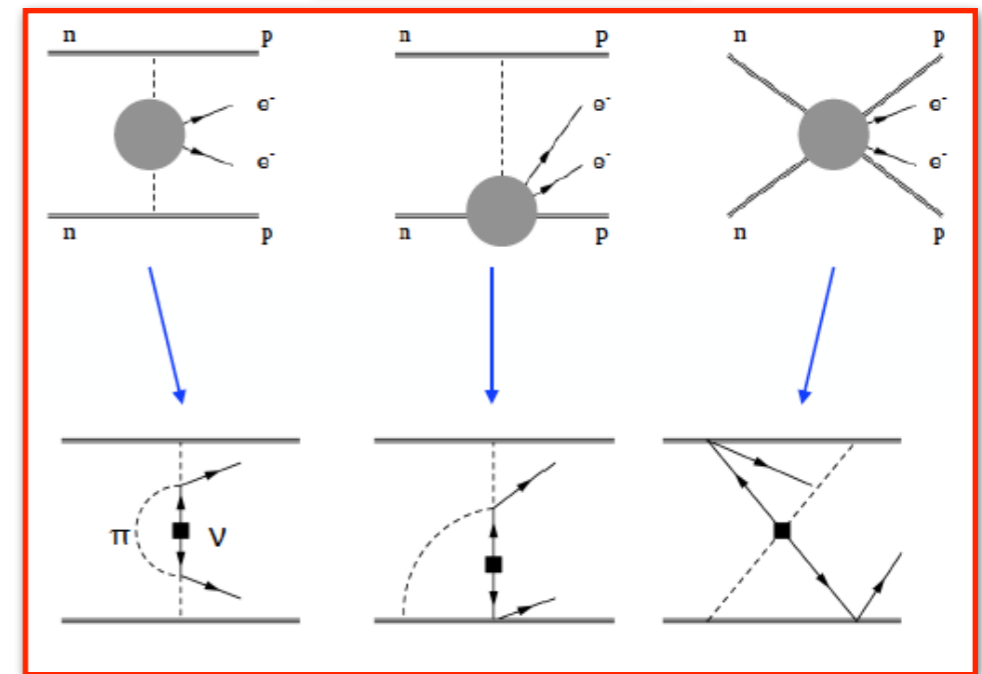
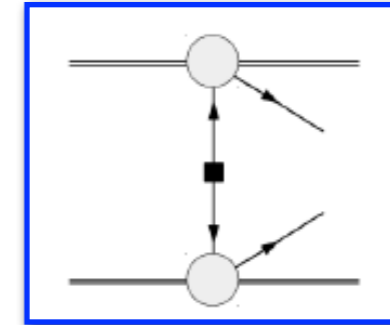
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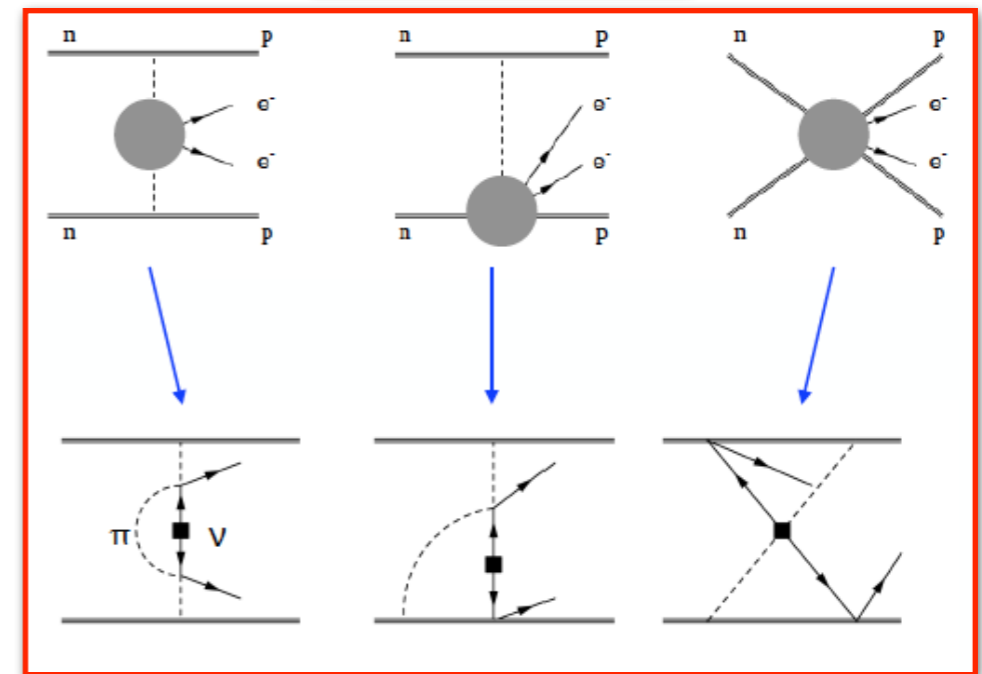
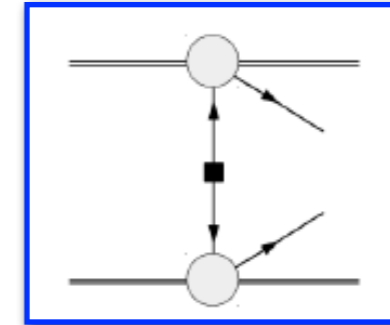
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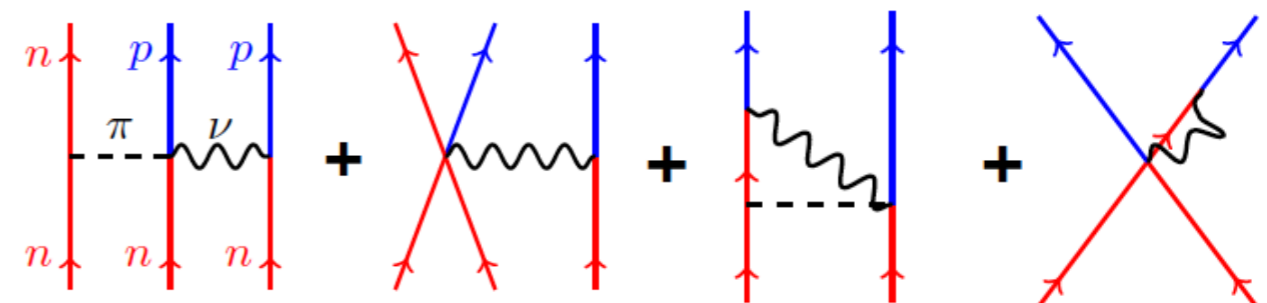
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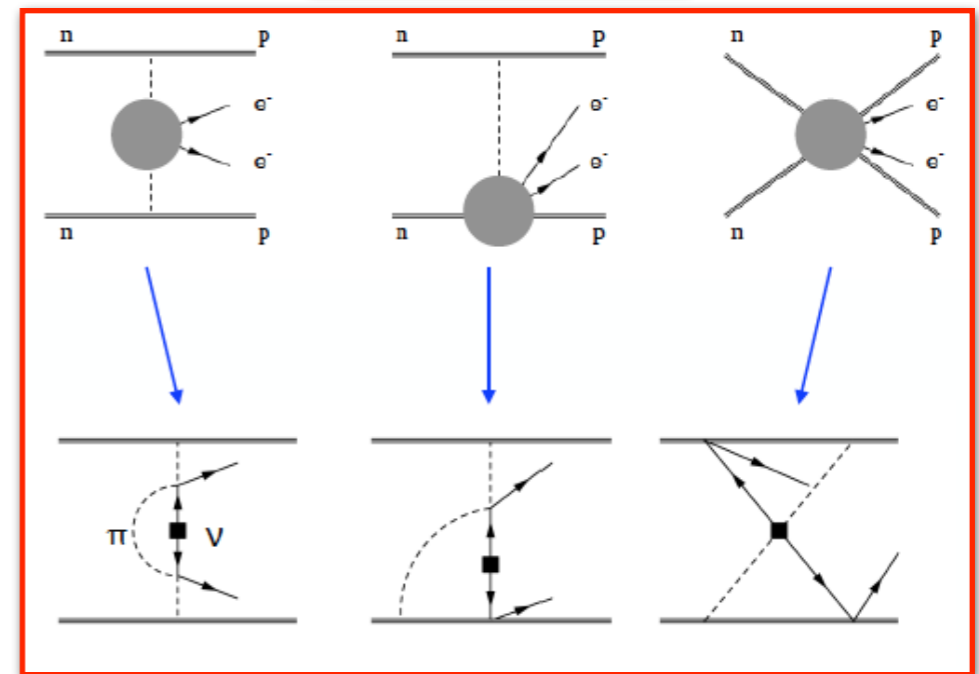
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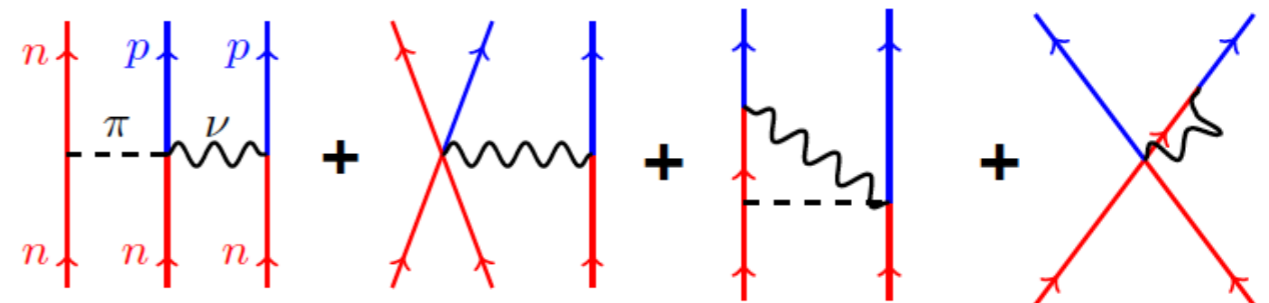
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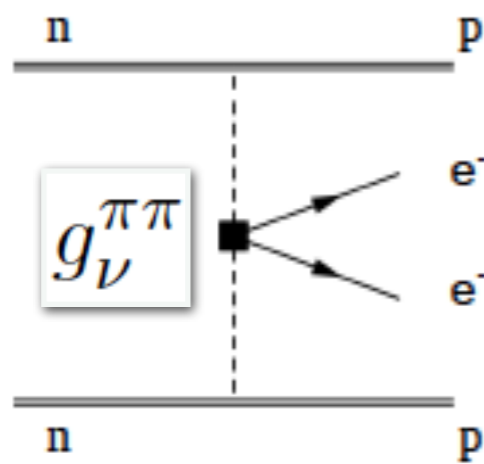
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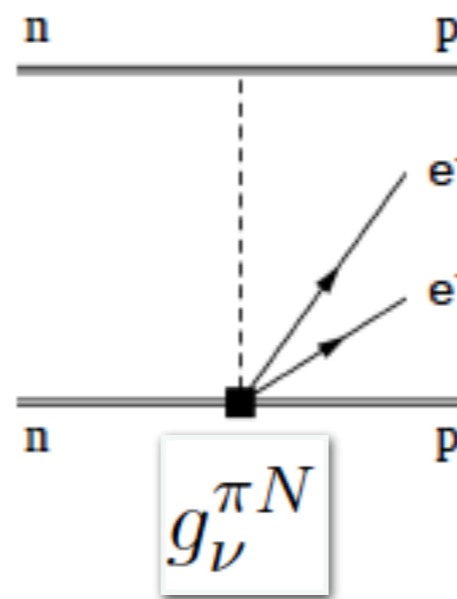


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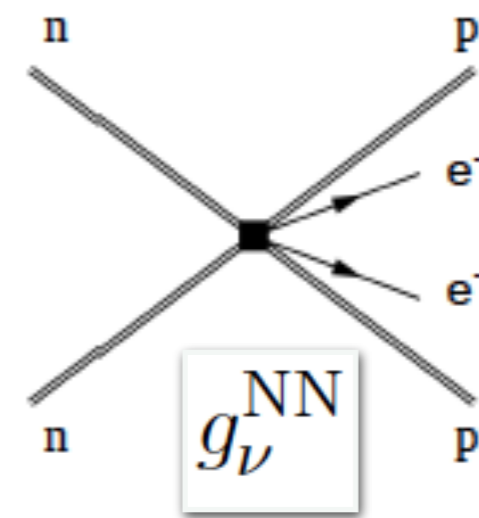
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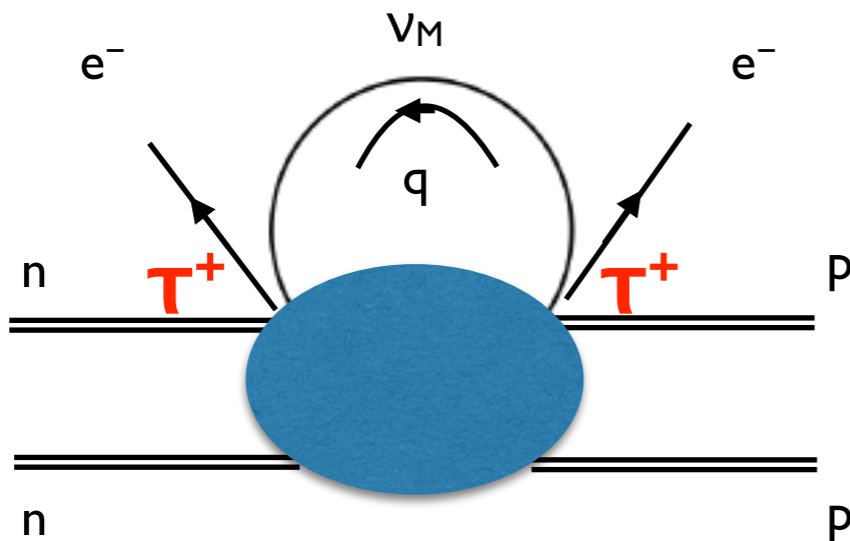
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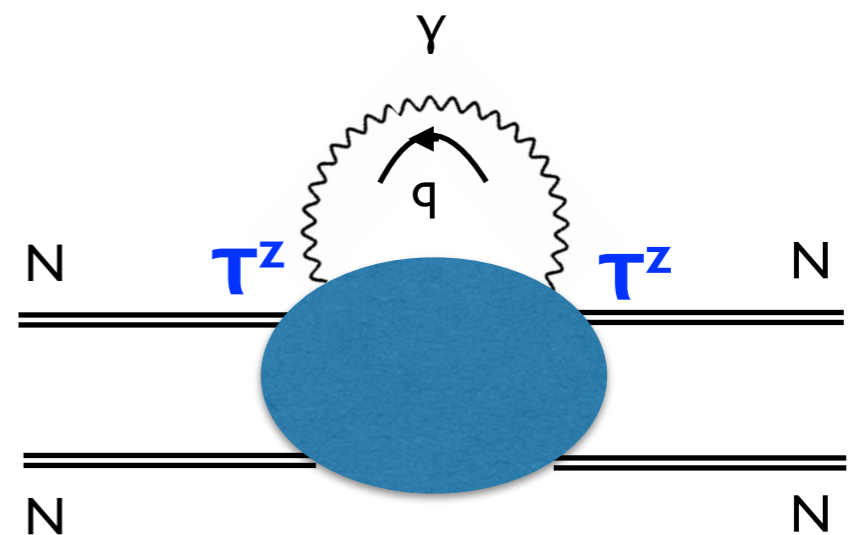
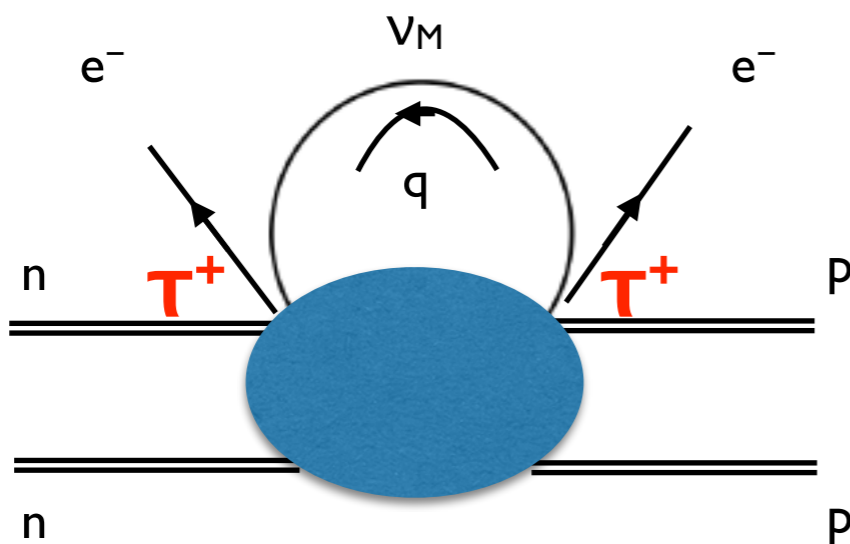
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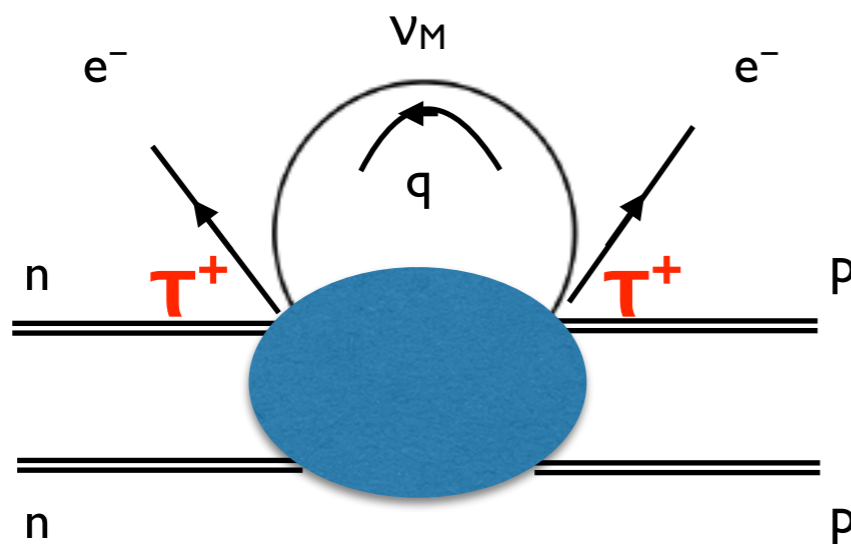
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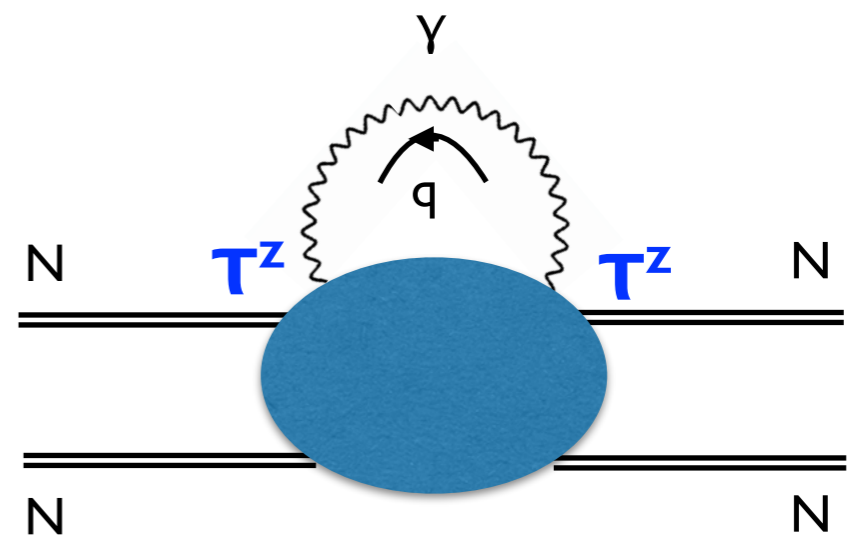
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$C_2 (J_L J_R)$

# $\pi\pi$ contact

- Estimates of  $I=2$  pion coupling in large- $N_c$  inspired resonance approach

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Moussallam  
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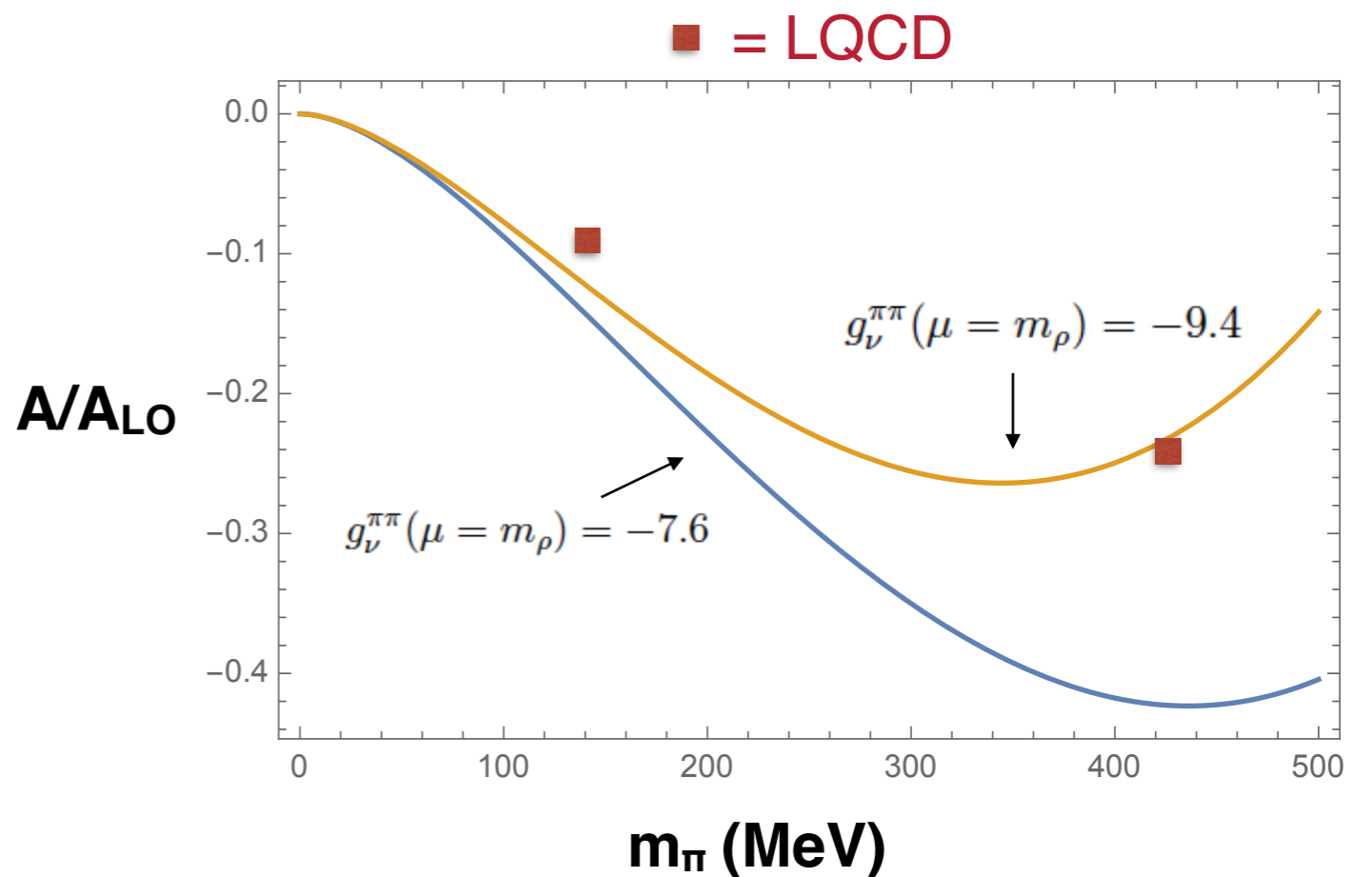
$$g_\nu^{\pi\pi}(\mu = m_\rho) = -7.6$$

~30% uncertainty

- Good agreement with matching 1-loop ChPT  $\pi^-\pi^- \rightarrow e^-e^-$  to LQCD calculation\*

\* Xu Feng et al., 1809.10511

For related work see  
Detmold-Murphy 1811.0554





# NN contact

- Two  $I=2$  operators involving four nucleons

(See also Walz-Meißner-Epelbaum  
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EM case

$$Q_L = \frac{\tau^z}{2}, Q_R = \frac{\tau^z}{2}$$

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$$Q_R = u Q_R u^\dagger$$

$$u = 1 + \frac{i\boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}}{2F_\pi} + \dots$$

$\Delta L=2$  case

$$Q_L = \tau^+, Q_R = 0$$

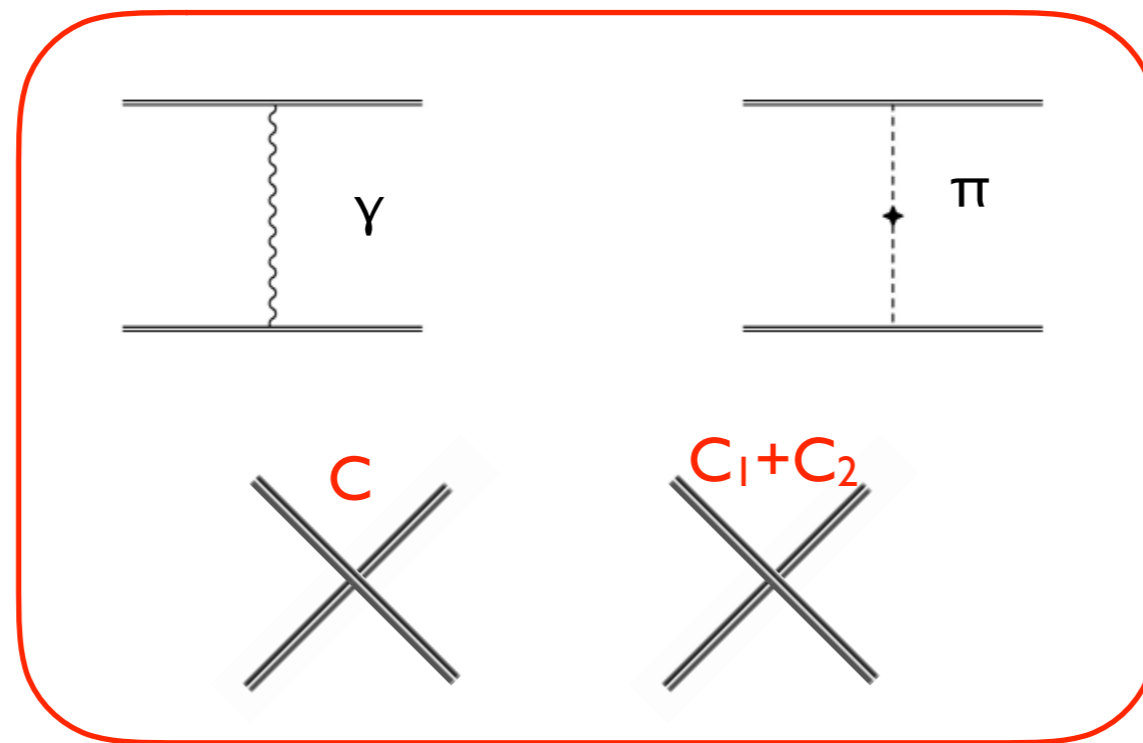
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- Chiral symmetry  $\Rightarrow g_v = C_1$
- NN observables *cannot* disentangle  $C_1$  from  $C_2$  (need pions), but provide **data-based estimate of  $C_1+C_2$**

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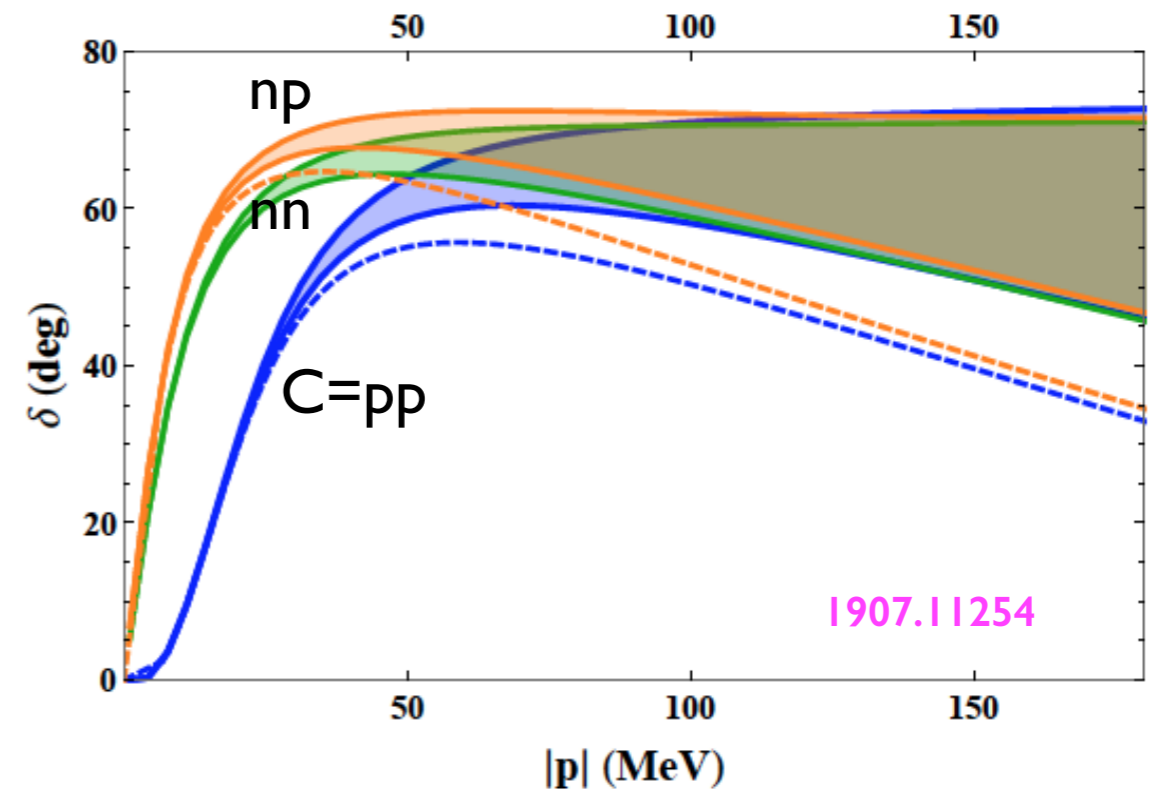


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$$\frac{C_1 + C_2}{2} \equiv \left( \frac{m_N C}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left( 2.5 - 1.8 \ln(m_\pi/\mu) \right)$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{\tilde{\Lambda}^2}$$

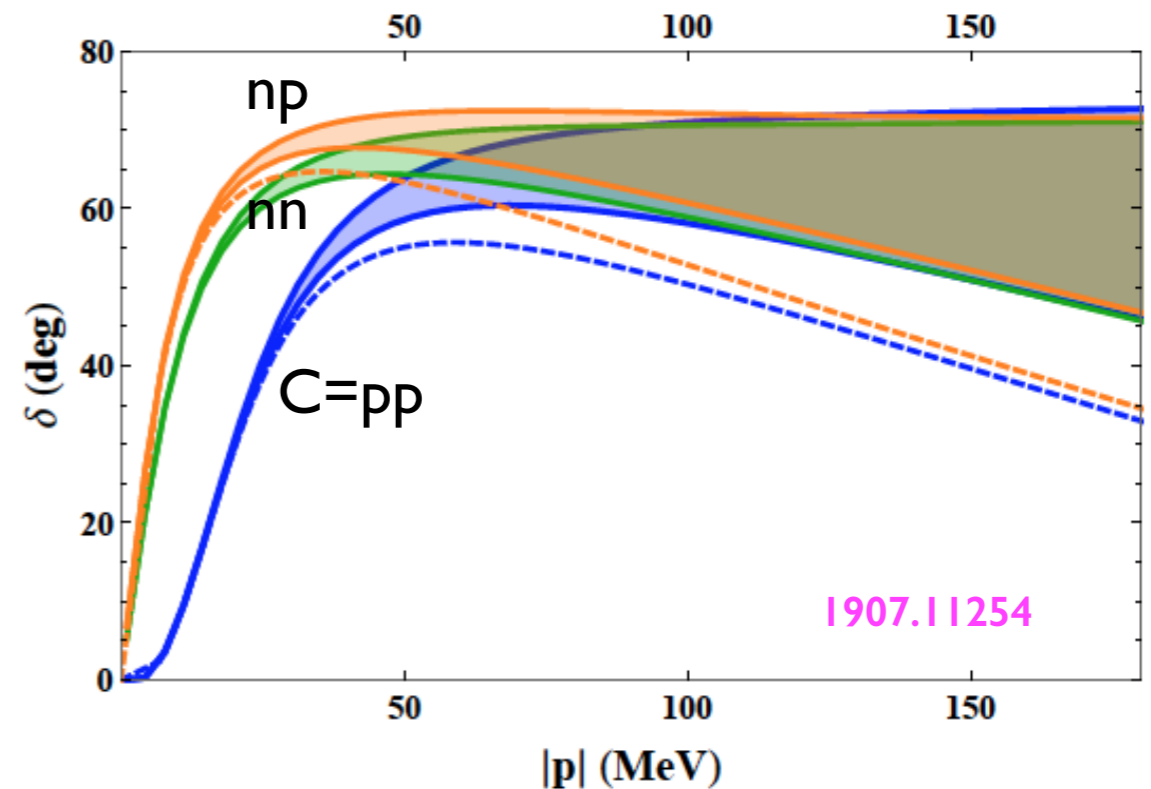
$$\tilde{\Lambda}(\mu = m_\pi) = O(100 \text{ MeV})$$

MS-bar scheme analysis [1907.11254]

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The EFT analysis survives comparison with data

The analog of  $e^2(C_1+C_2)$  is included in all high-quality potentials (AV18, CD-Bonn, chiral, ...)

MeV)

# $C_1 + C_2$ in “high-quality” NN potentials

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$$V_{\text{CIB},S} = -\frac{e^2}{6} \frac{C_1 + C_2}{2} T^{(12)} \delta_{R_S}^{(3)}(\mathbf{r})$$

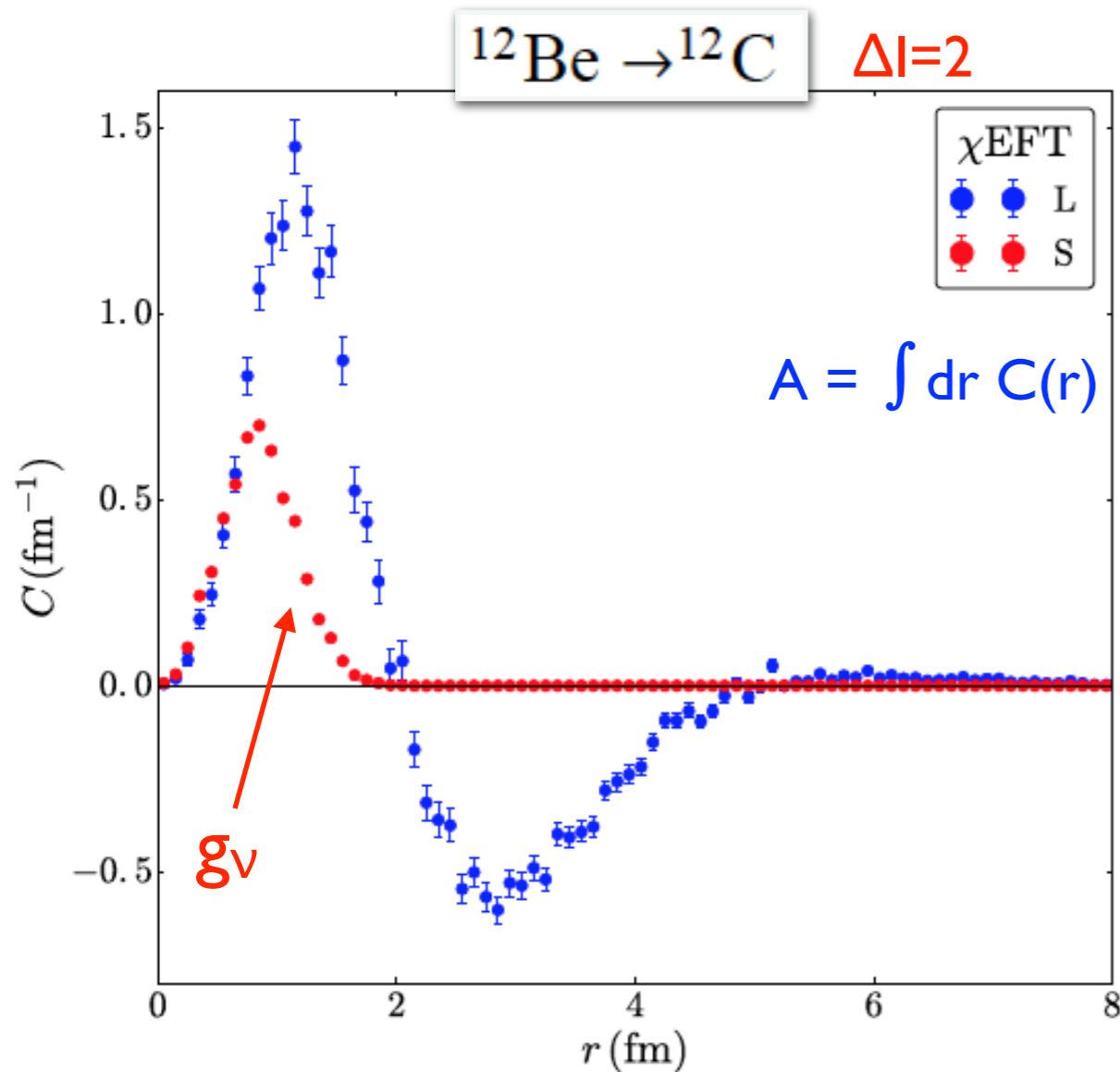
$$T^{(12)} = 3\tau_3^{(1)}\tau_3^{(2)} - \vec{\tau}^{(1)} \cdot \vec{\tau}^{(2)}$$

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NV-IIc	[37]	0.6	-0.91	Reinert <i>et al.</i>	[38]	550	-1.01
				NNLO <sub>sat</sub>	[36]	450	-0.39

- The above fits include higher order chiral terms
- Our LO fit gives  $(C_1 + C_2)/2 = 0.71 \text{ fm}^2$  @  $R_S = 0.8 \text{ fm}$
- All confirm strong violation of Weinberg counting

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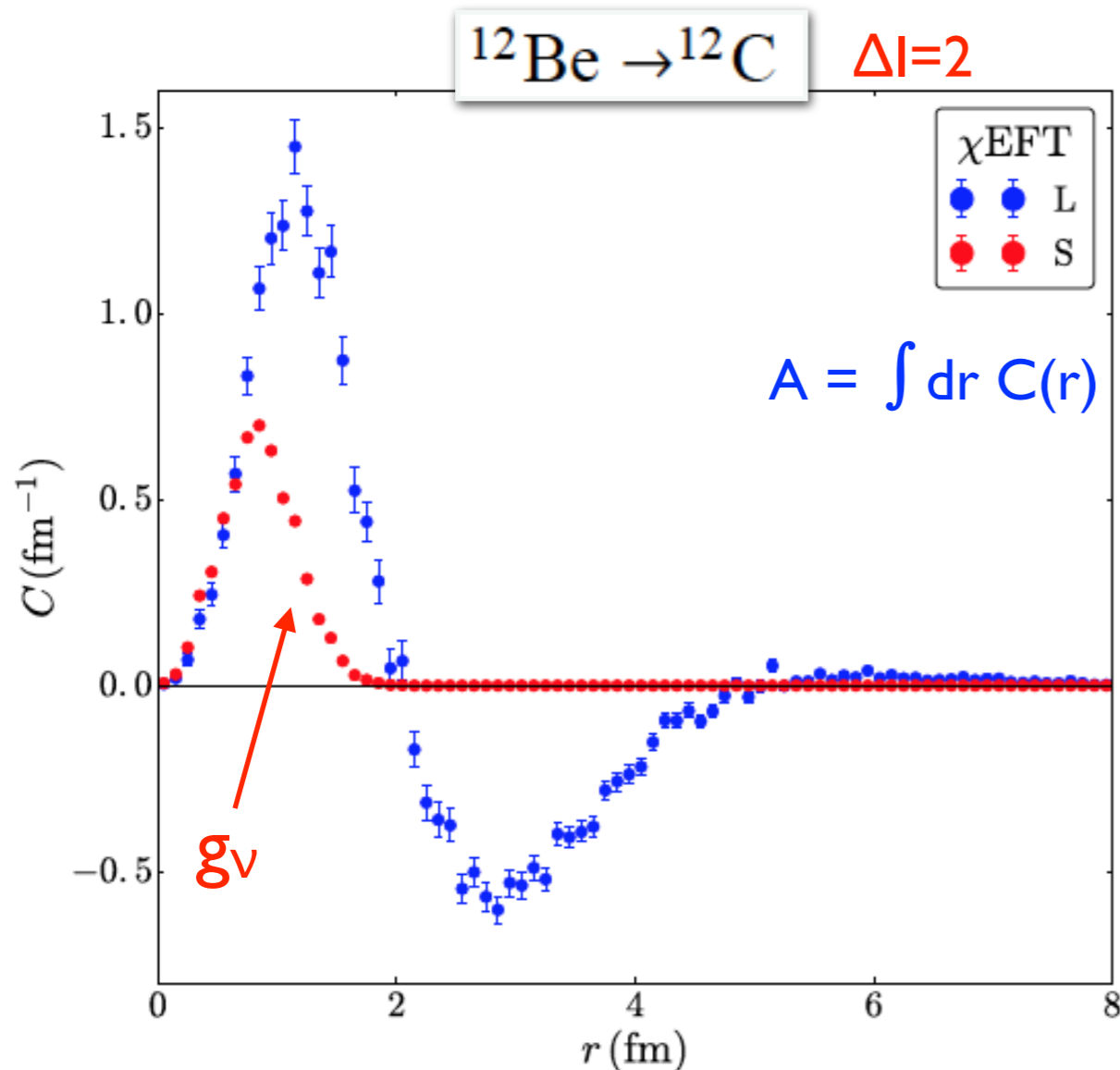
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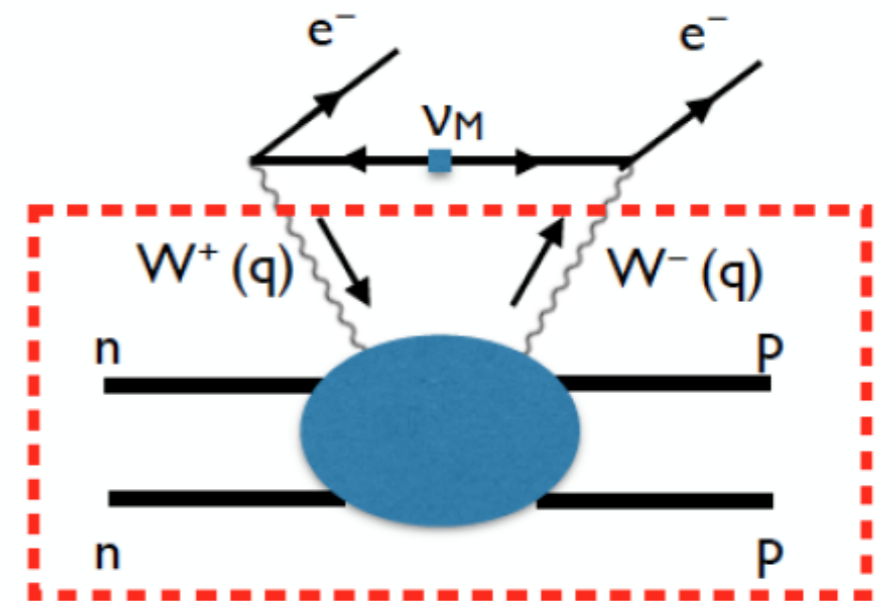
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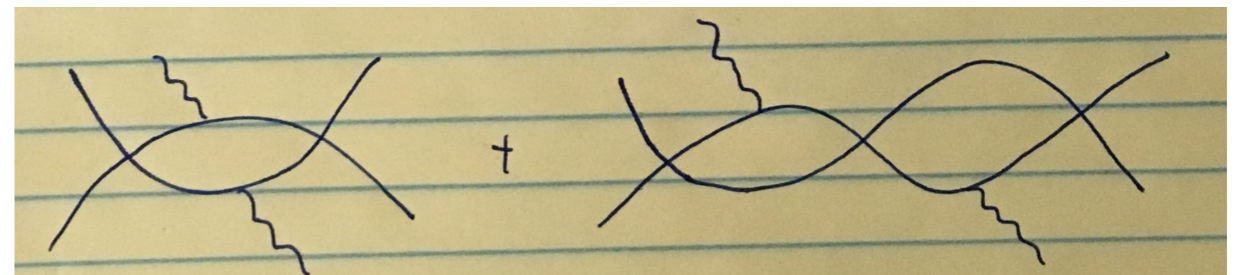
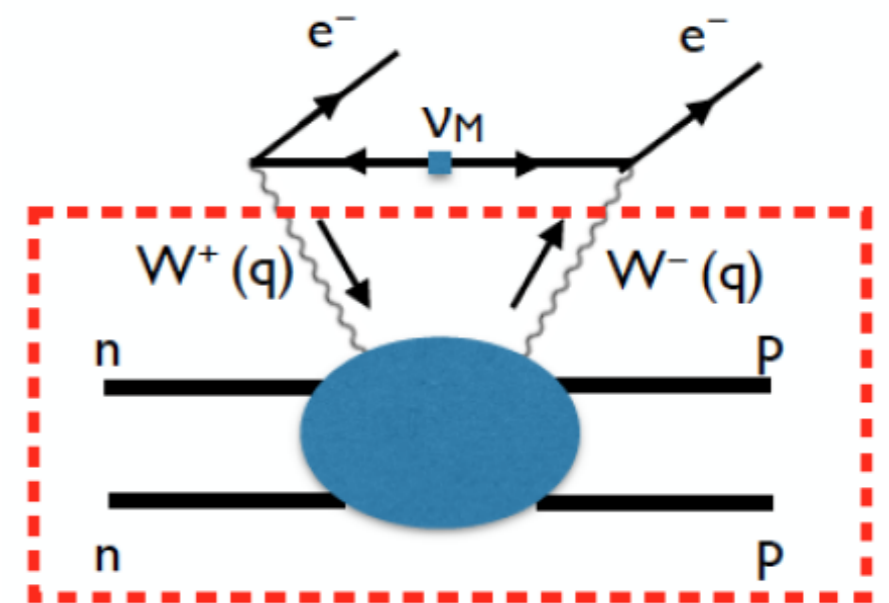




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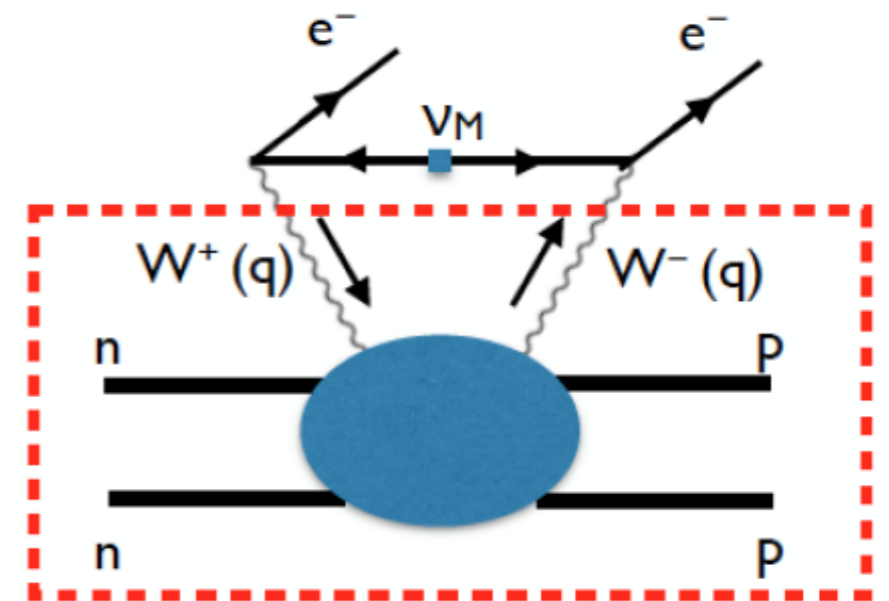
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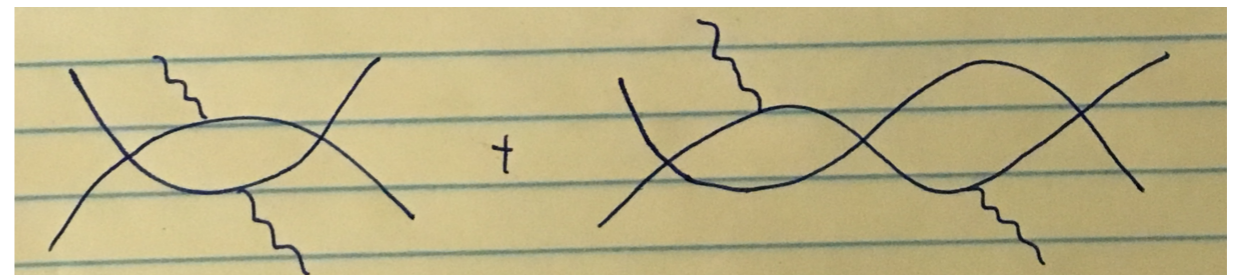


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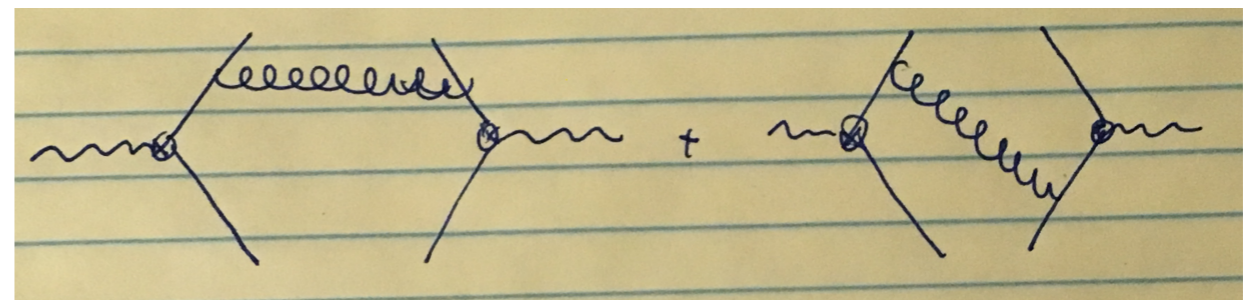
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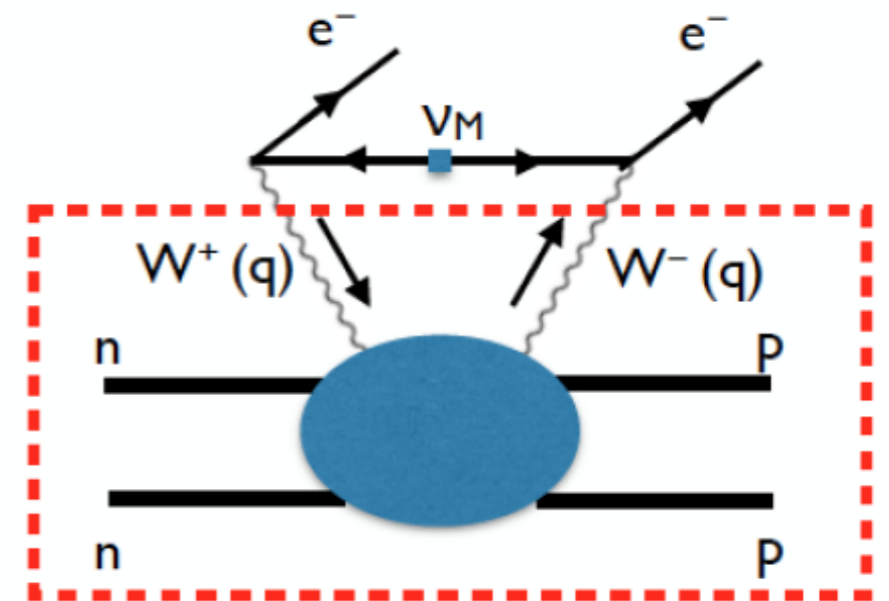


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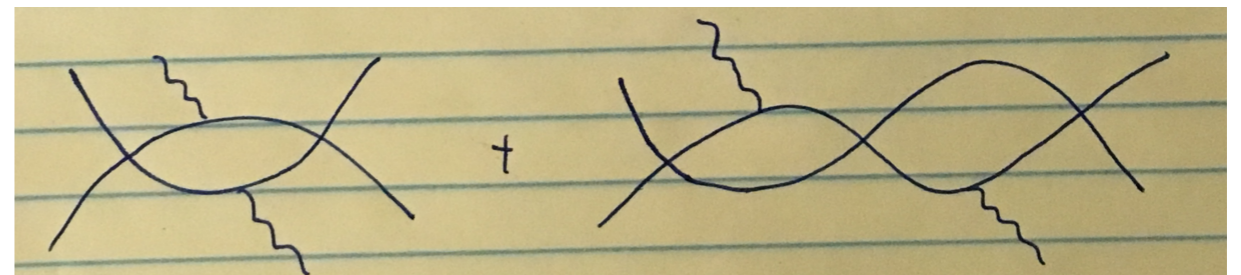


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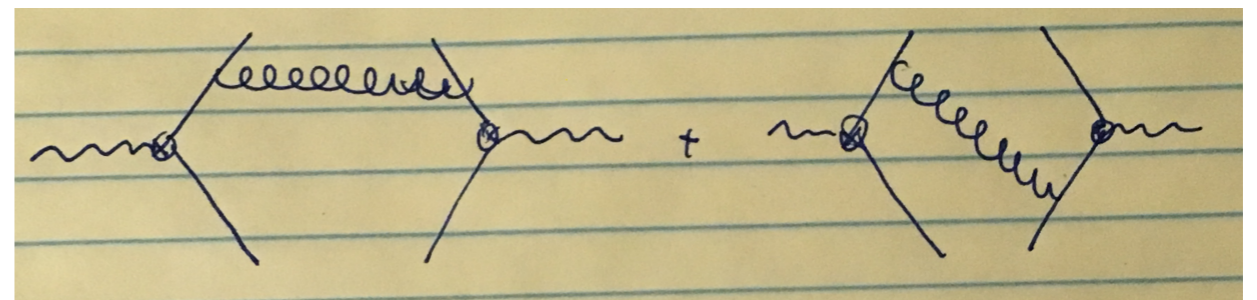
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# Conclusions

- Chiral EFT analysis of **light  $V_M$  exchange** contribution to  $0\nu\beta\beta$ 
  - Contact  $nn \rightarrow pp$  operator appears at leading order in the  $^1S_0$  channel. Related to  $l=2$  NN electromagnetic contact term.
  - First rough estimate of the coupling implies  $O(1)$  correction to matrix element in light nuclei
  - No new contact needed at NLO
  - At N2LO
    - new non-factorizable potential ( $O(10\%)$  correction in light nuclei, same as form factor effects)
    - corrections to closure approximation due to “ultrasoft”  $v$ 's (not discussed today)
    - 2body x 1body currents

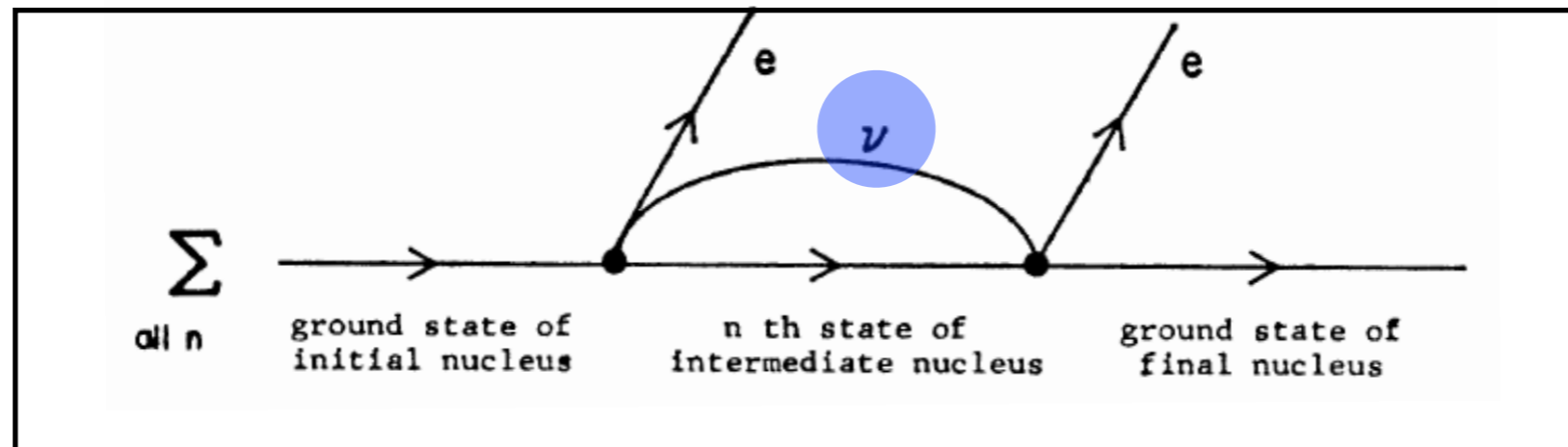
# Backup

# Details to be found in 1907.11254

- Analysis in both in pion-less and chiral EFT
- Chiral EFT with 3 regularizations / renormalization schemes
  - Dim reg (with scale  $\mu$ ) + minimal subtraction
  - Momentum-space cutoff  $\Lambda$  (in Lippmann-Schwinger eqs.)
  - Coordinate space gaussian regulator ( $R_S$ )
- Study of higher partial waves & NLO derivative operator
- Connection to electromagnetic  $l=2$  operators worked out in detail
- Matrix elements in light nuclei using “Norfolk” chiral potentials

# Ultrasoft neutrino contributions

Figure adapted from Primakoff-Rosen 1969



$$T_{\text{usoft}}(\mu_{\text{us}}) = \frac{T_{\text{lept}}}{8\pi^2} \sum_n \langle f | J_\mu | n \rangle \langle n | J^\mu | i \rangle \left\{ (E_2 + E_n - E_i) \left( \log \frac{\mu_{\text{us}}}{2(E_2 + E_n - E_i)} + 1 \right) + 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \right\}$$

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- Ultrasoft  $\nu$ 's couple to *nuclear* states: sensitivity to  $E_n - E_i$  and  $\langle f | J_\mu | n \rangle \langle n | J^\mu | i \rangle$  that also determine  $2\nu\beta\beta$  amplitude
- $T_{\text{usoft}}/T_0 \sim (E_n - E_i)/(4\pi k_F) \rightarrow \text{N2LO contribution}$
- $\mu_{\text{us}}$  dependence cancels with  $V_{\nu,2}$ : consistency check

# $T_{\text{usoft}}$ and double commutator

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT_{\text{usoft}}}{d \log \mu_{\text{us}}} &= -T_{\text{lept}} \times \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \langle f | [J_\mu, [J^\mu, H_0]] | i \rangle = T_{\text{lept}} \times \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \langle f | [\mathbf{A}, [\mathbf{A}, H_0]] | i \rangle \\ &= -2T_{\text{lept}} \times \sum_{a,b} \langle f | \tau^{(a)} + \tau^{(b)} + \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{AA}^{(a,b)} | i \rangle , \end{aligned}$$

$$-T_{\text{lept}} \frac{d(V_{\nu,2})_{fi}}{d \log \mu_{\text{us}}} = +2T_{\text{lept}} \times \sum_{a,b} \langle f | \tau^{(a)} + \tau^{(b)} + \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{AA}^{(a,b)} | i \rangle ,$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{AA}^{(a,b)} = 2 \frac{g_A^4}{(4\pi F_\pi)^2} \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(a)} \cdot \mathbf{q} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(b)} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q}^2 \mathbf{1}^{(a)} \times \mathbf{1}^{(b)}}{\mathbf{q}^2 + m_\pi^2} - \frac{g_A^2}{(4\pi)^2} 48C_T \mathbf{1}^{(a)} \times \mathbf{1}^{(b)}$$