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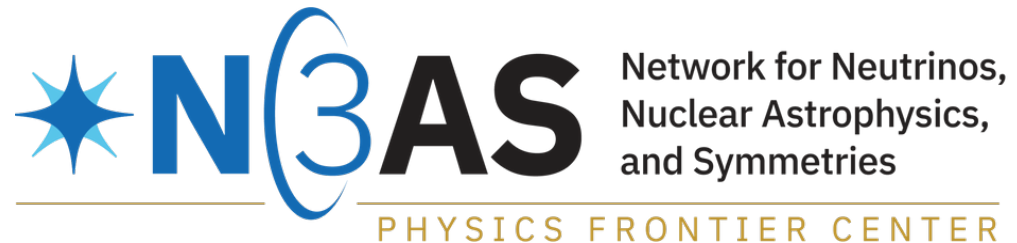
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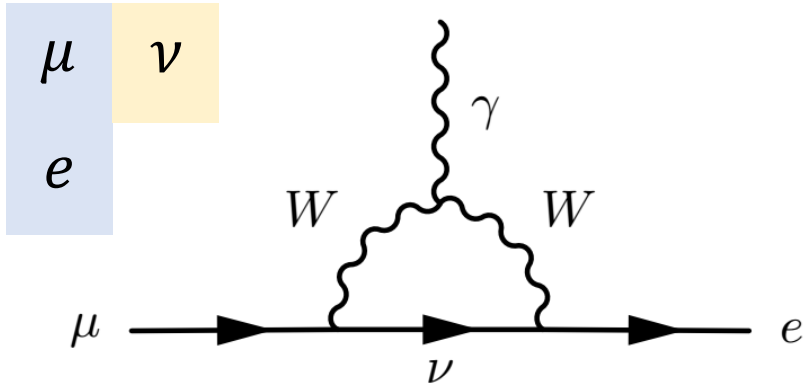
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Effective Theory Predictions for $\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion

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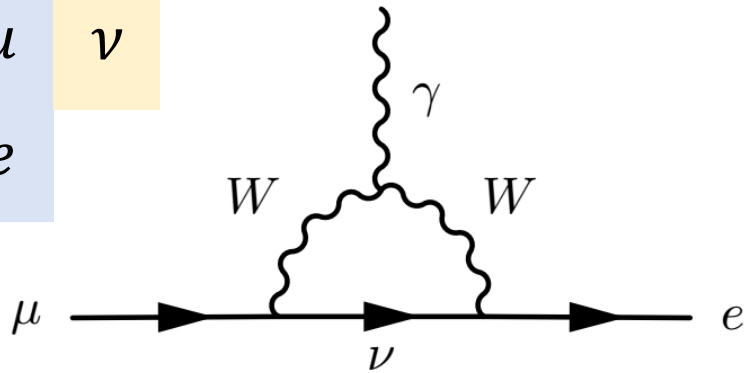
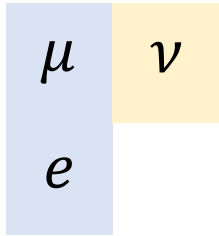


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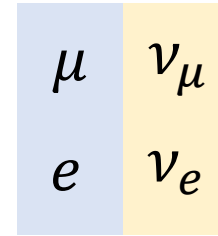


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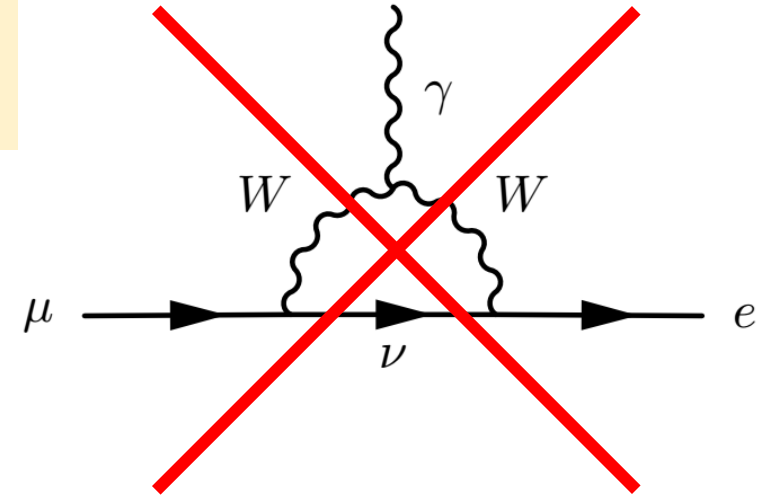
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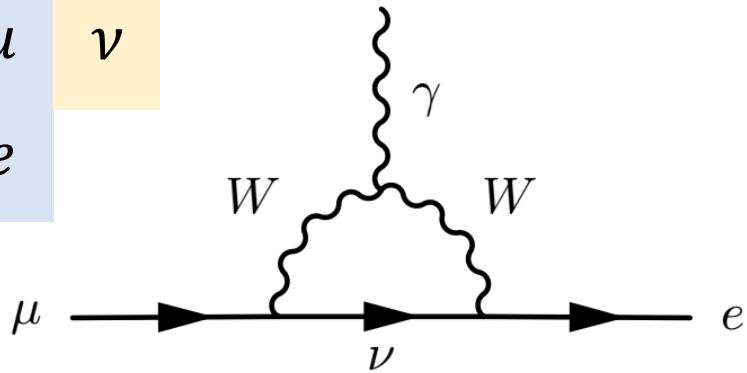
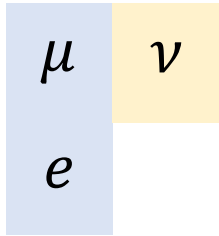
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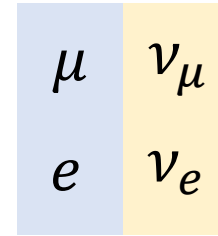


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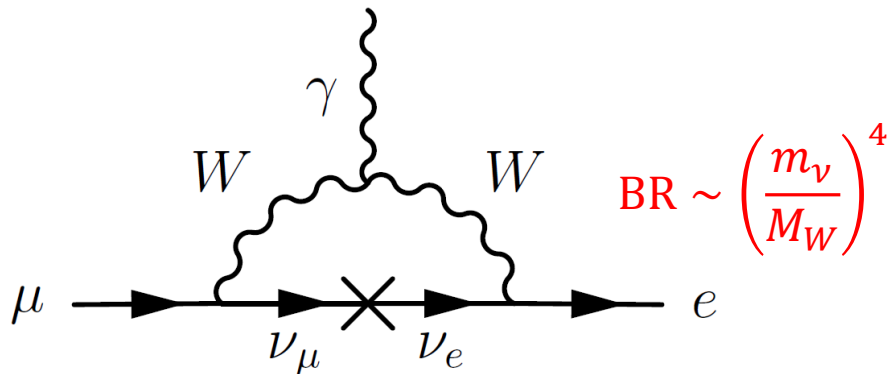
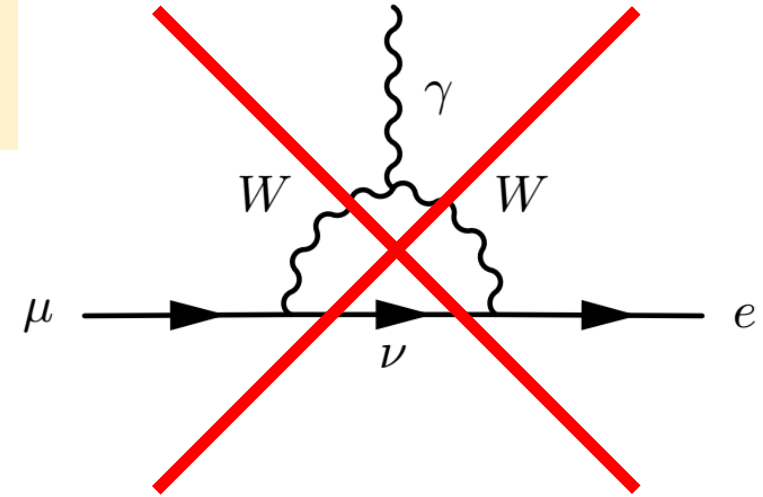
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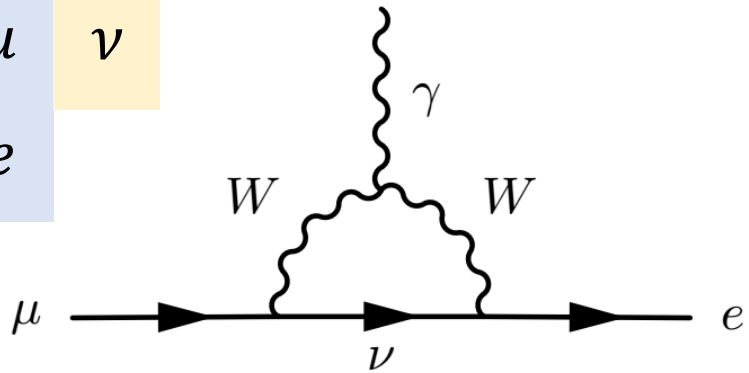
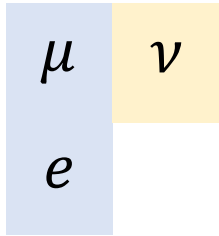
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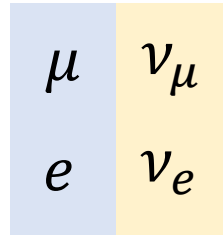


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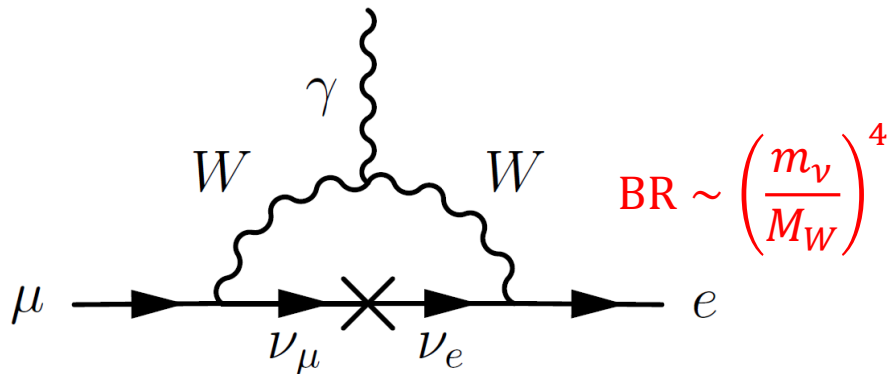
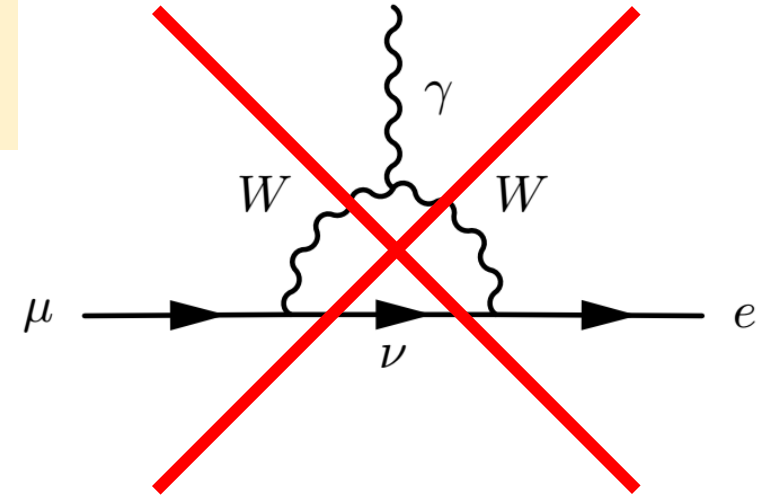
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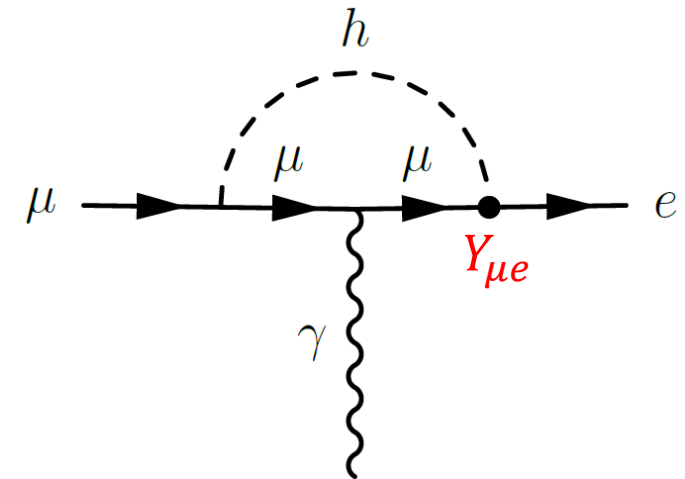
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CLFV limits constrain BSM theories

Collider Constraints

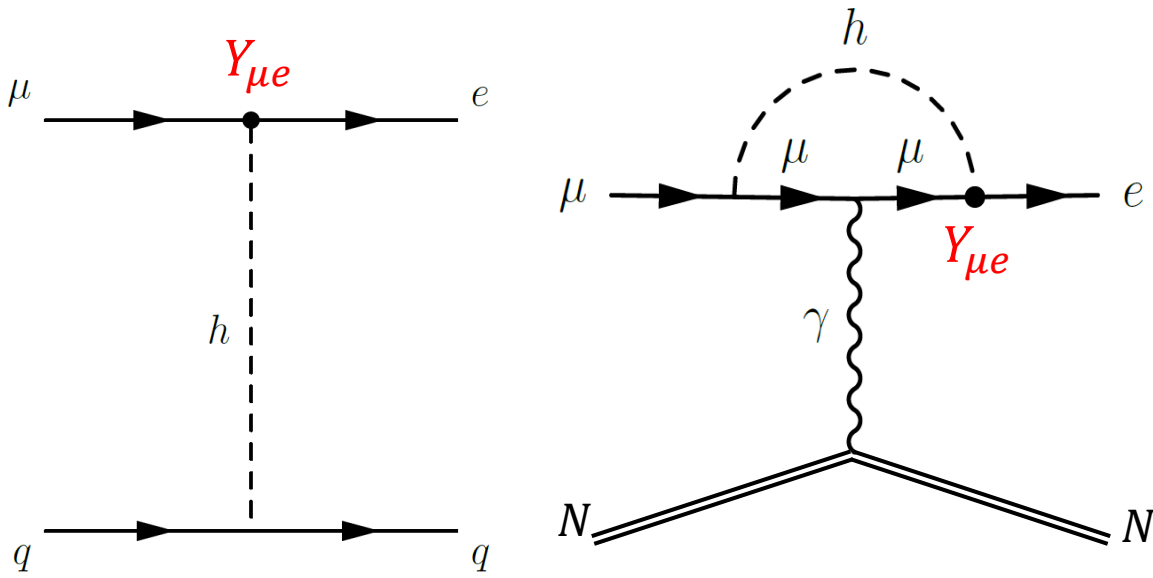
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$h \rightarrow e\tau$	2.2×10^{-3}	95%	CMS
$h \rightarrow \mu\tau$	1.5×10^{-3}	95%	CMS
$h \rightarrow e\mu$	6.1×10^{-5}	95%	ATLAS
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^-\tau^+$	2.8×10^{-5}	90%	BaBar
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^-\mu^+$	6.4×10^{-9}	90%	LHCb
$D^+ \rightarrow K^+e^+\mu^-$	7.5×10^{-8}	90%	LHCb
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^-\gamma$	3.3×10^{-8}	90%	BaBar
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^-\gamma$	4.2×10^{-8}	90%	Belle
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^-e^+e^-$	2.7×10^{-8}	90%	Belle

Stopped Muon Constraints

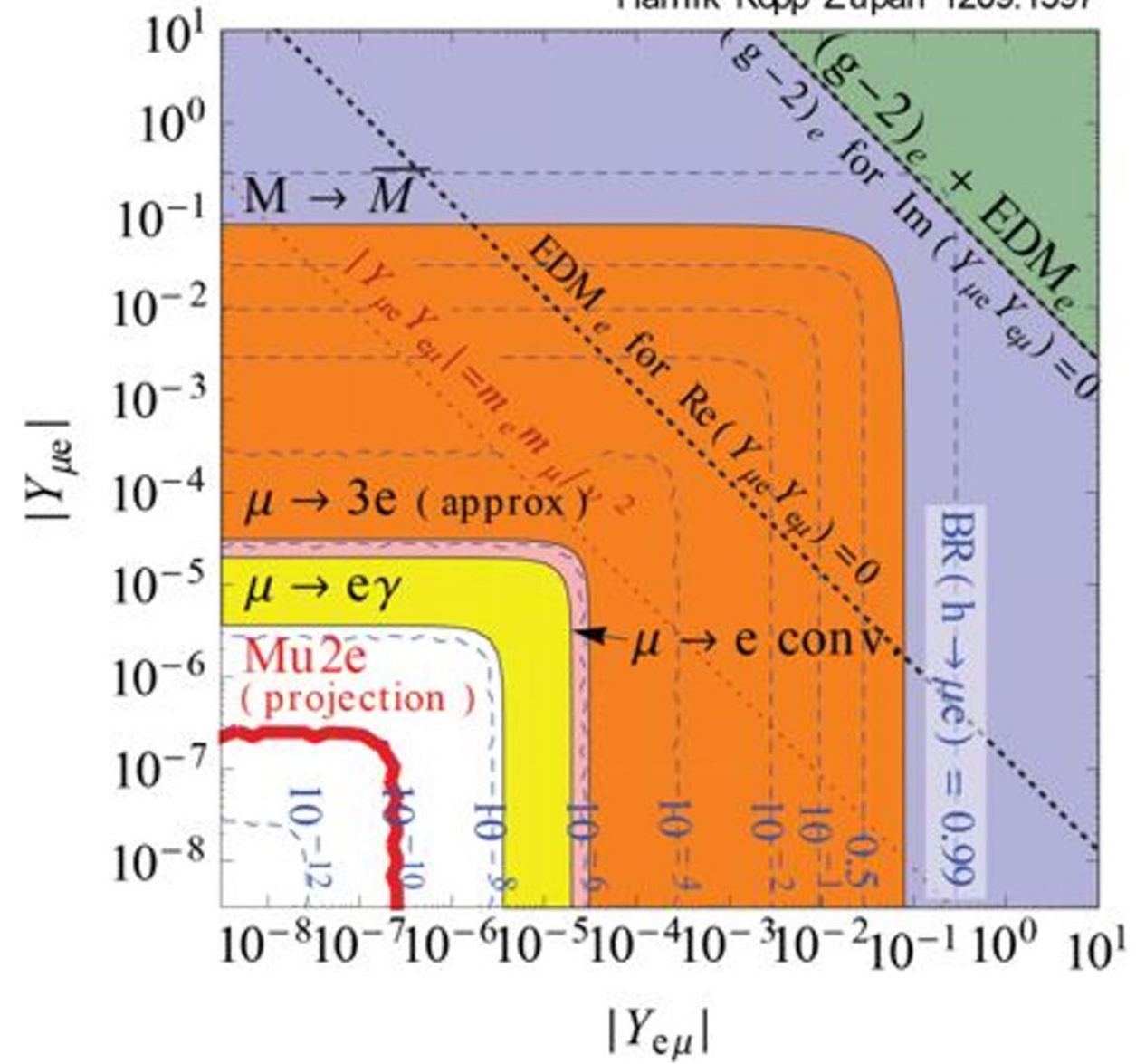
Process	BR Limit	CL	Experiment
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$	4.2×10^{-13}	90%	MEG + MEG II
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$	1.0×10^{-12}	90%	SINDRUM
$\mu^- + \text{Cu} \rightarrow e^- + \text{Cu}$	1.6×10^{-8}	90%	SINDRUM II
$\mu^- + {}^{32}\text{S} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{32}\text{S}$	7×10^{-11}	90%	SIN
$\mu^- + \text{Pb} \rightarrow e^- + \text{Pb}$	4.6×10^{-11}	90%	SINDRUM II
$\mu^- + \text{Ti} \rightarrow e^- + \text{Ti}$	6.1×10^{-13}	90%	SINDRUM II
$\mu^- + \text{Au} \rightarrow e^- + \text{Au}$	7.0×10^{-13}	90%	SINDRUM II
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$	6×10^{-14}	90%	MEG II
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$	4×10^{-16}	90%	Mu3e
$\mu^- + \text{Al} \rightarrow e^- + \text{Al}$	8×10^{-17}	90%	Mu2e
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Next-Generation Experiments

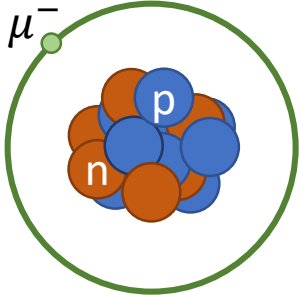
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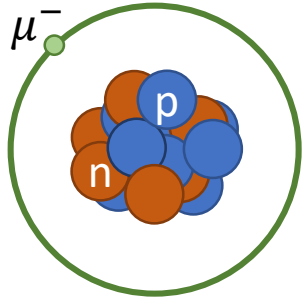
$\mu \rightarrow e$ provides **better constraint** than $h \rightarrow e\mu, \mu \rightarrow e\gamma, \mu \rightarrow 3e$



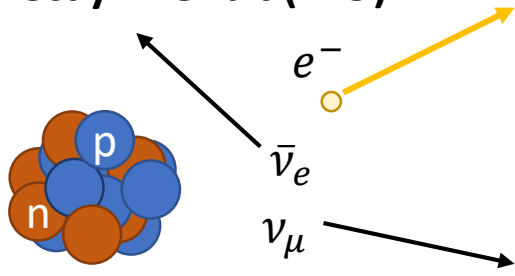
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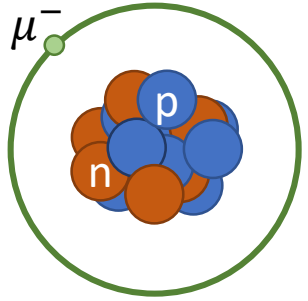
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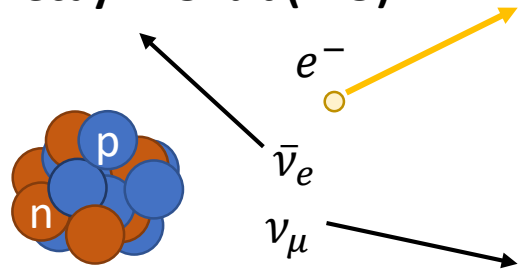
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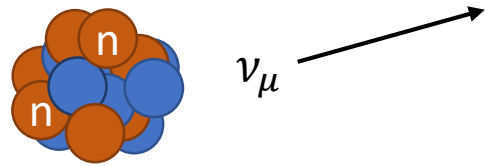
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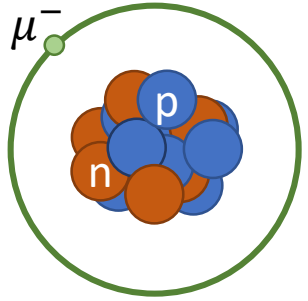
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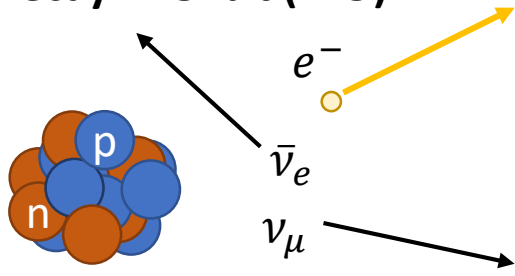
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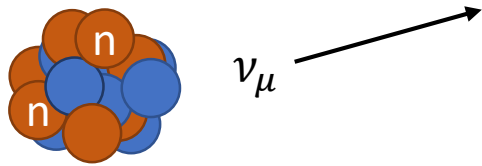
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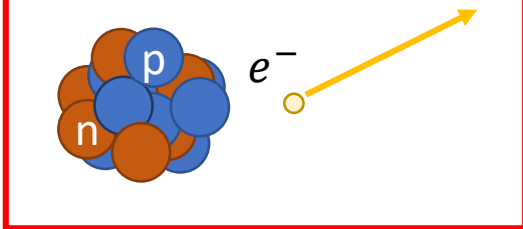
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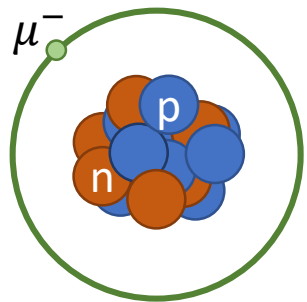
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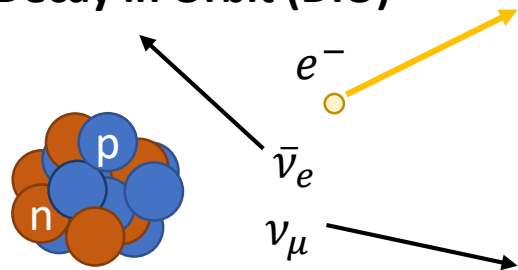
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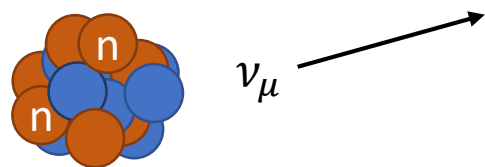
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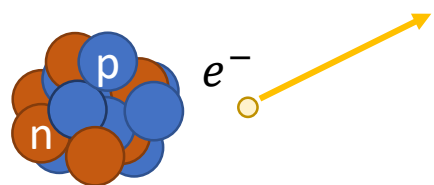
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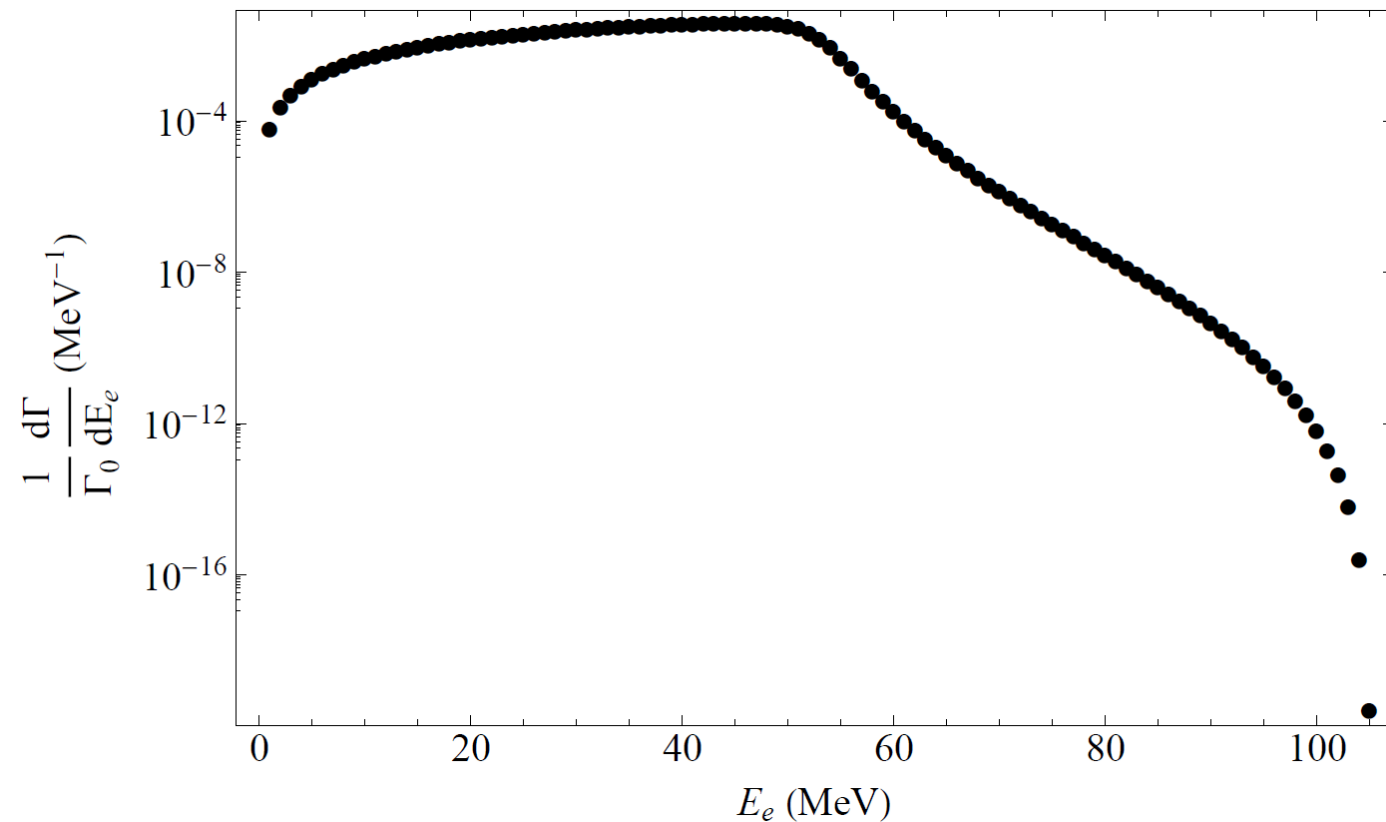


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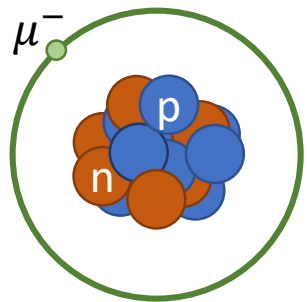


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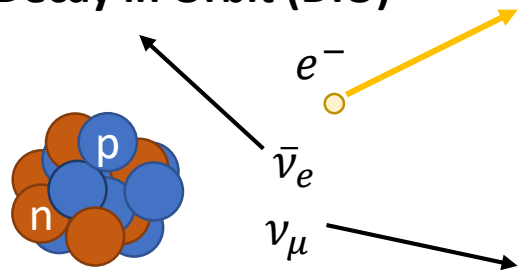
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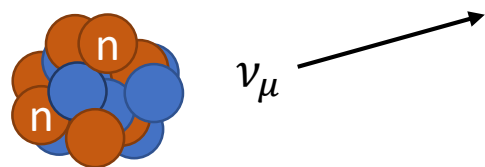
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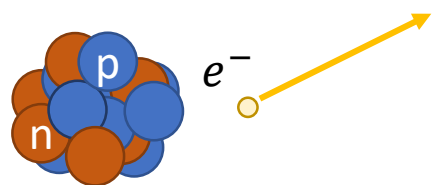
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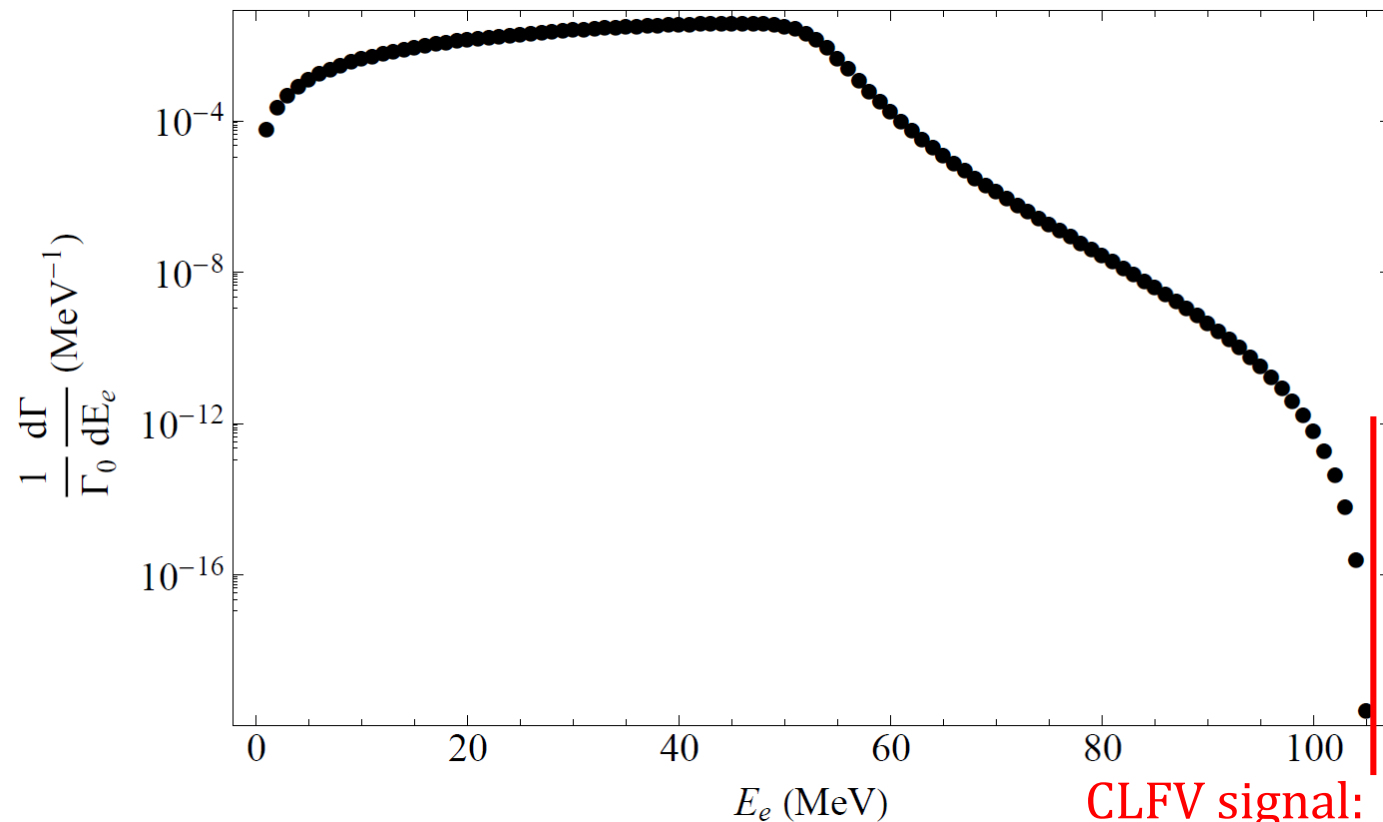


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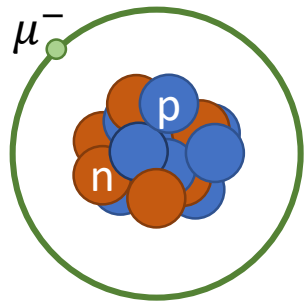
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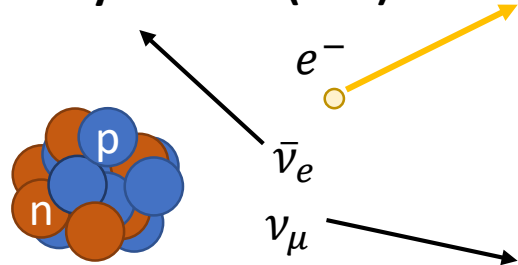
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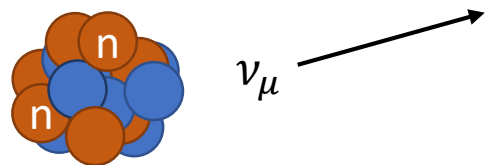
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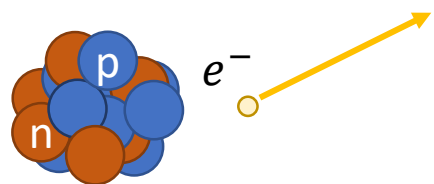
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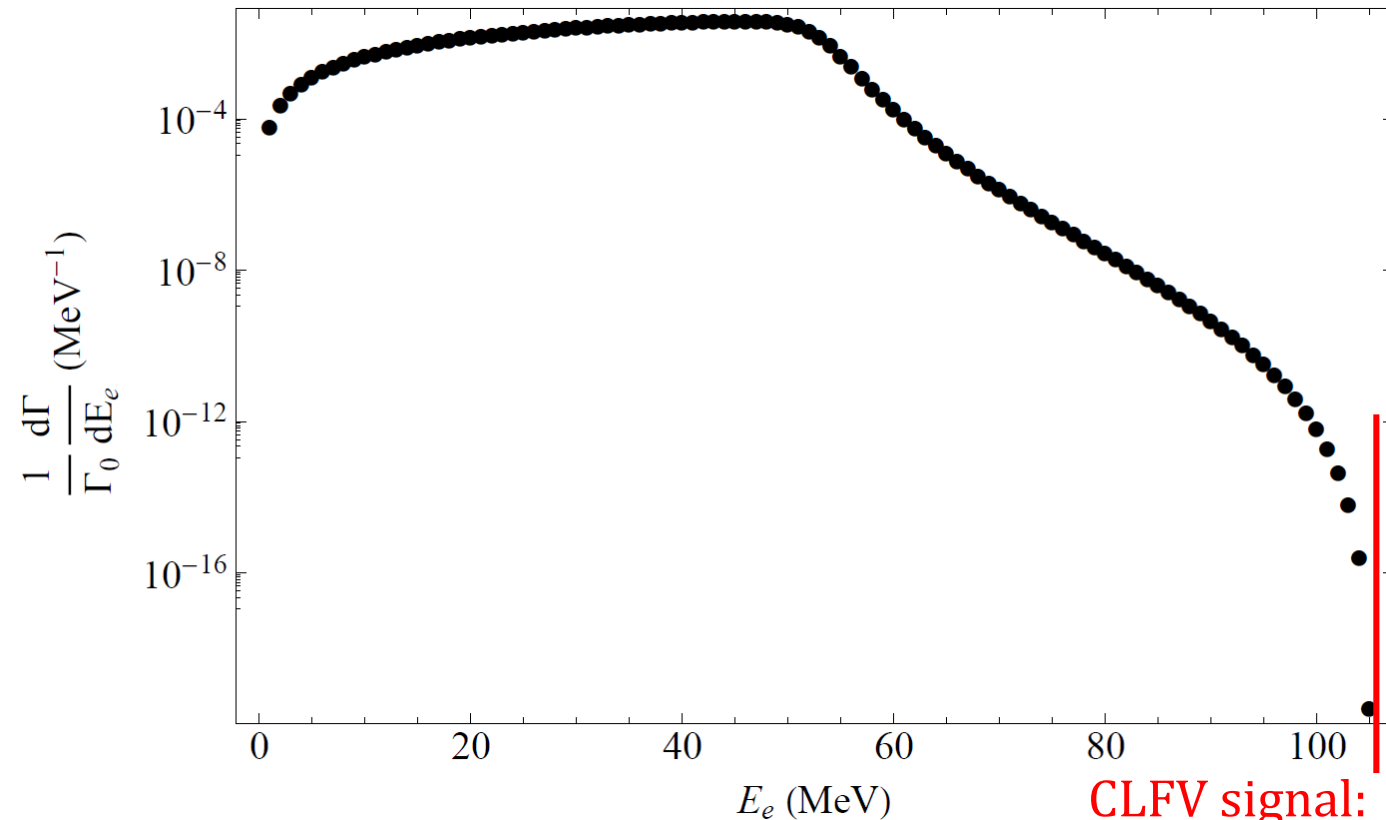


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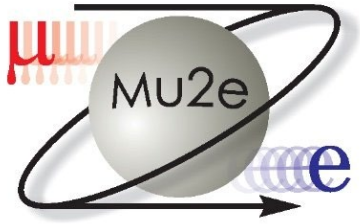
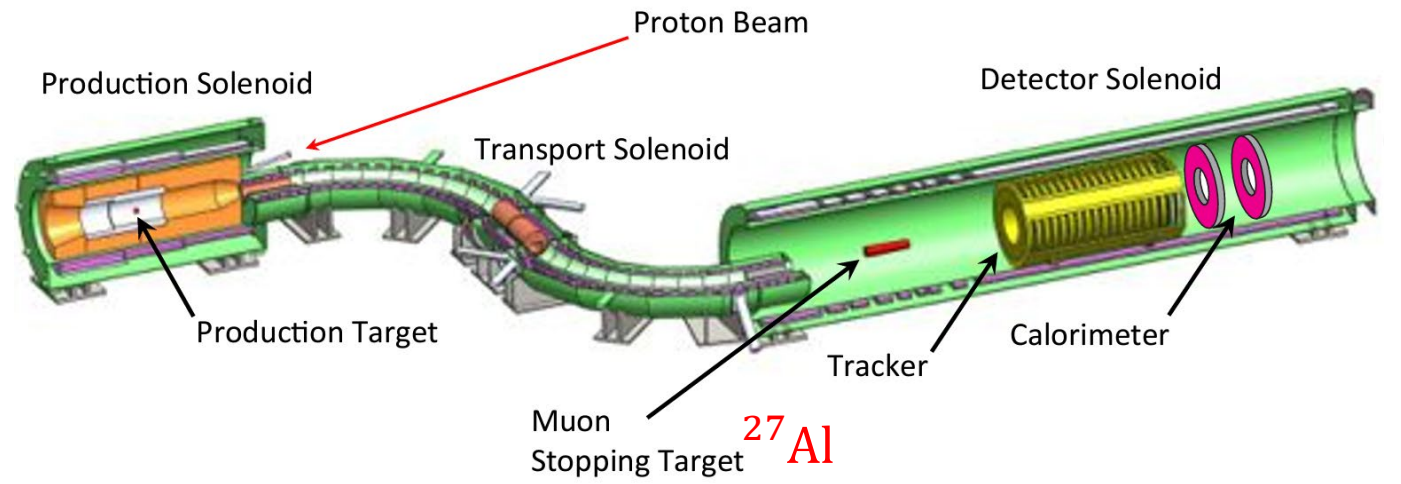


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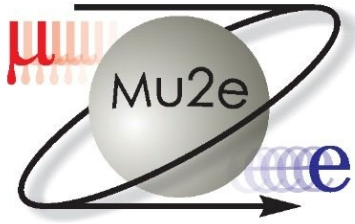
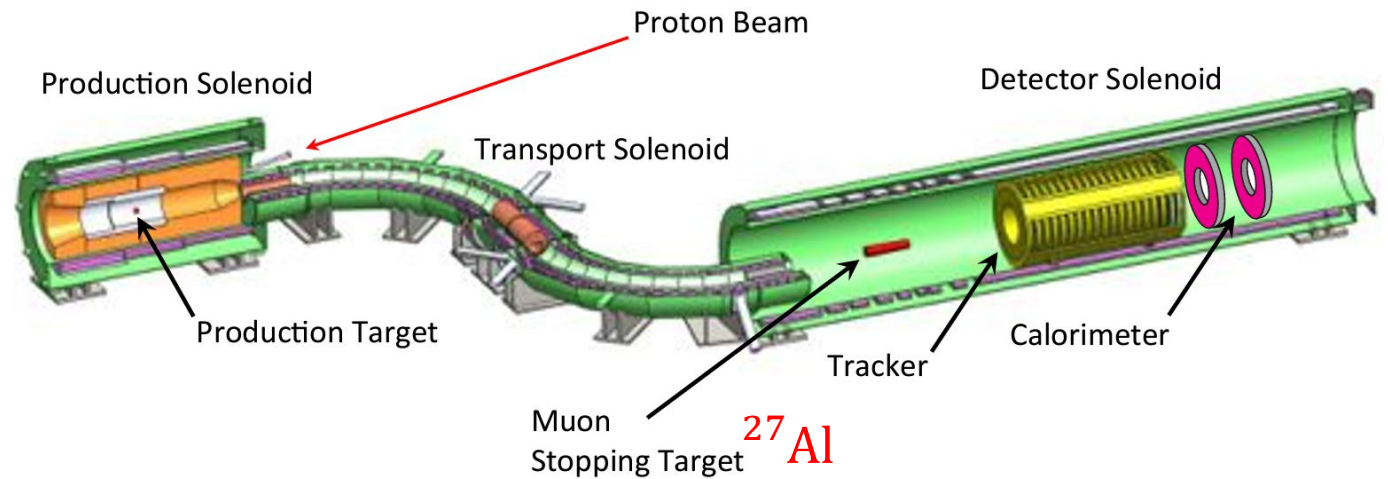


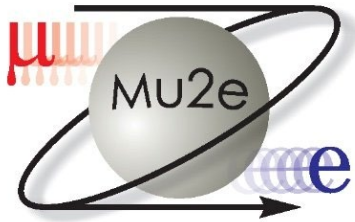
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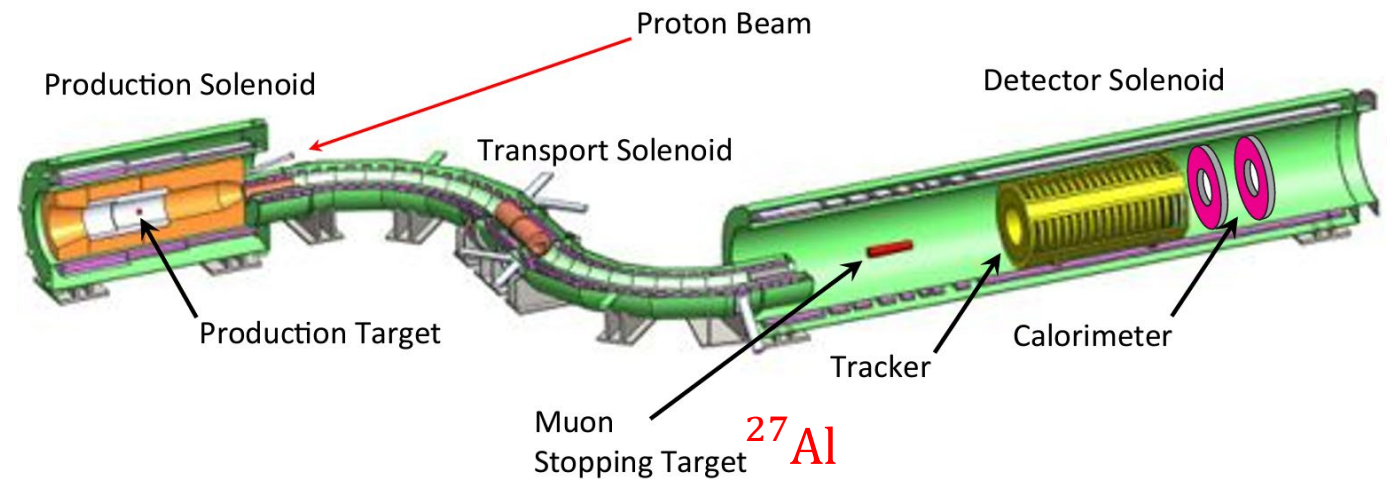
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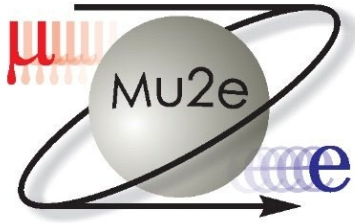
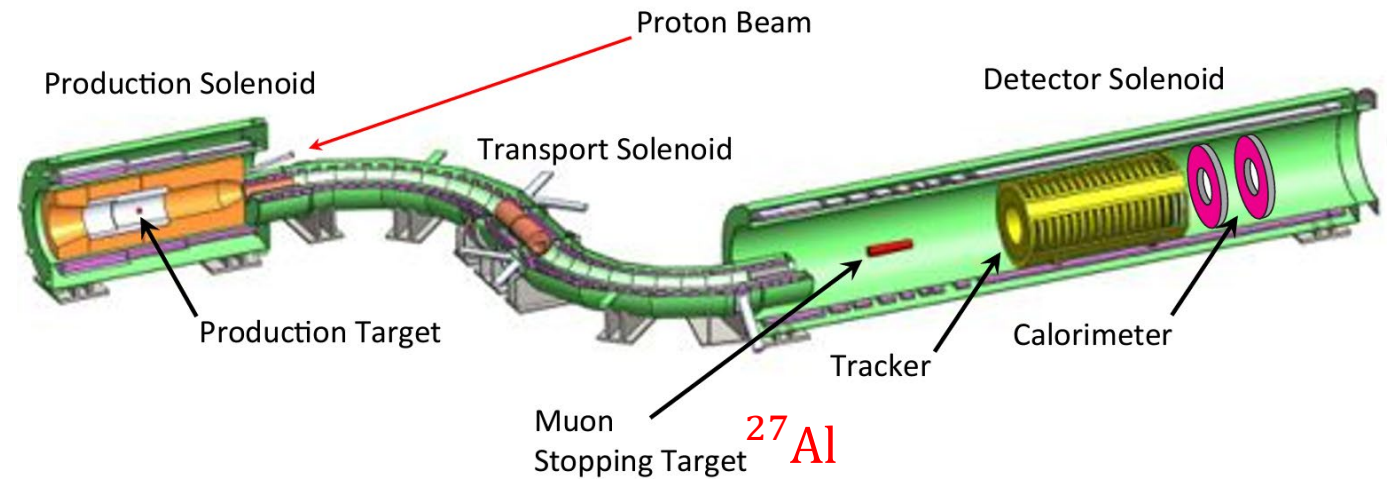


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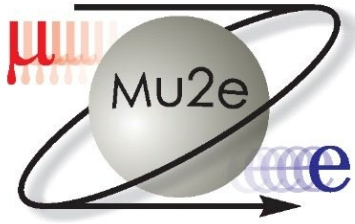
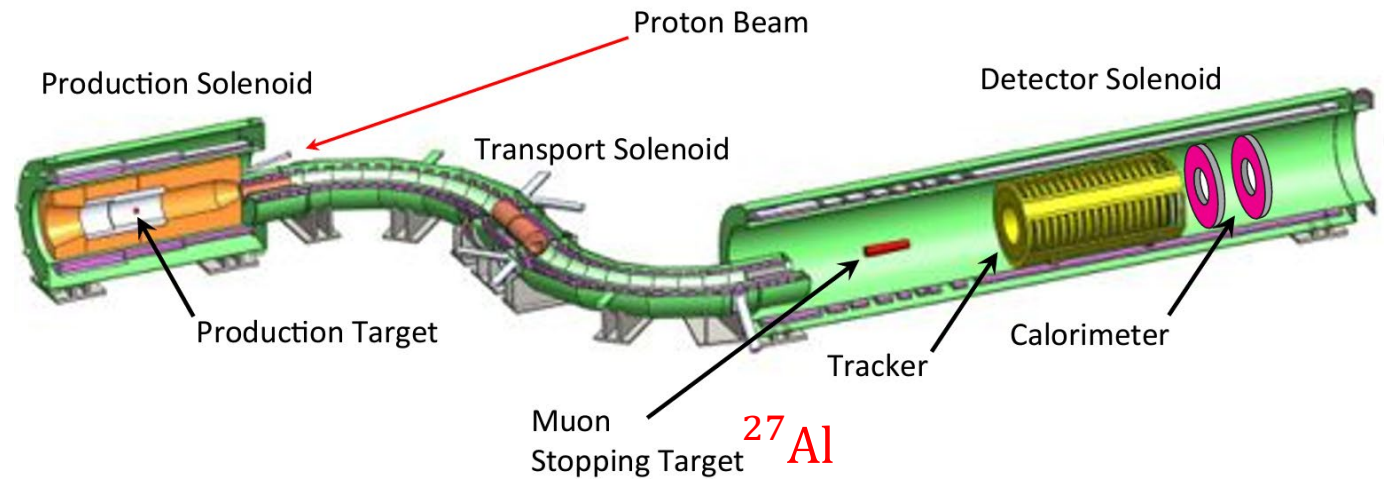


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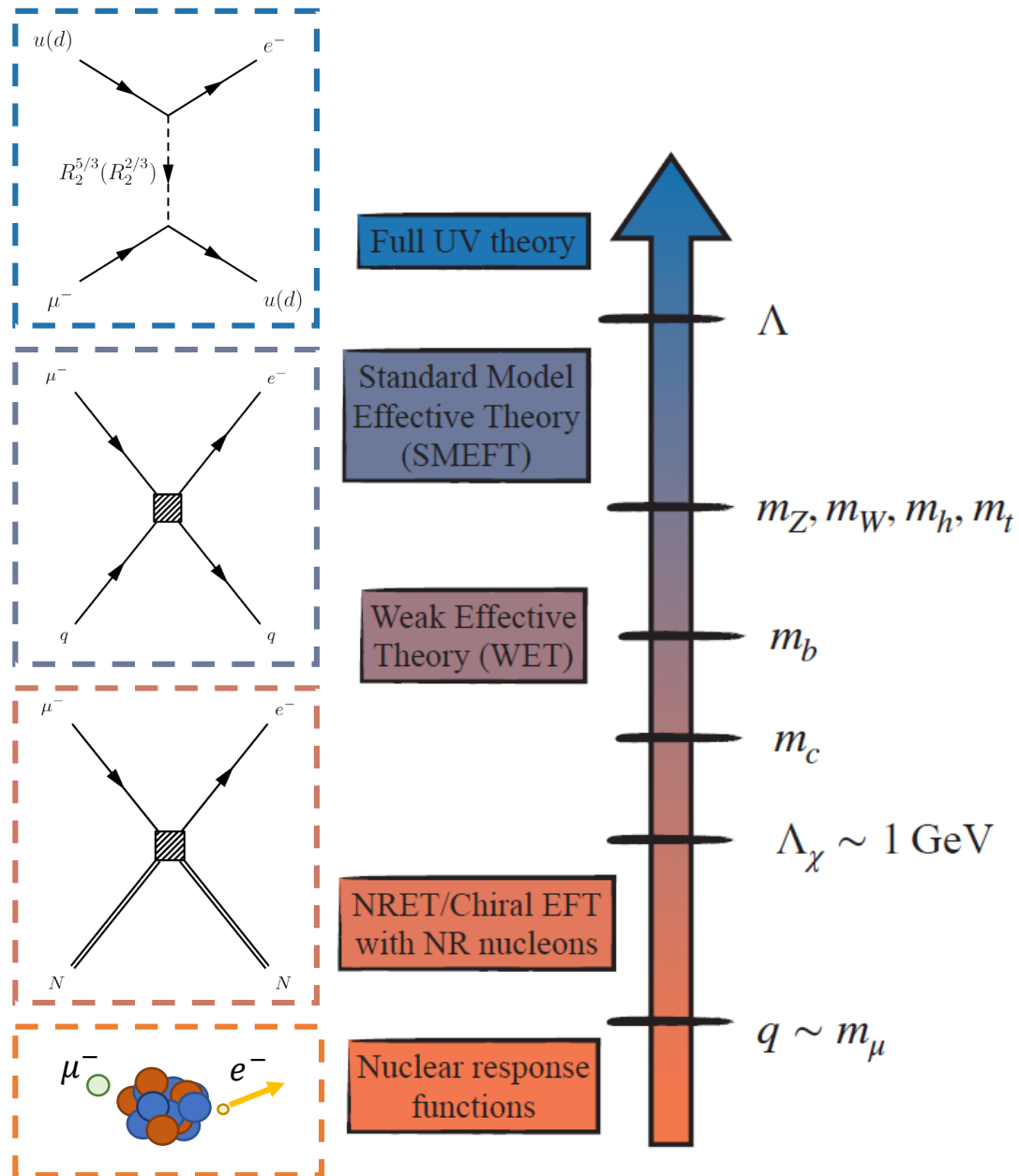
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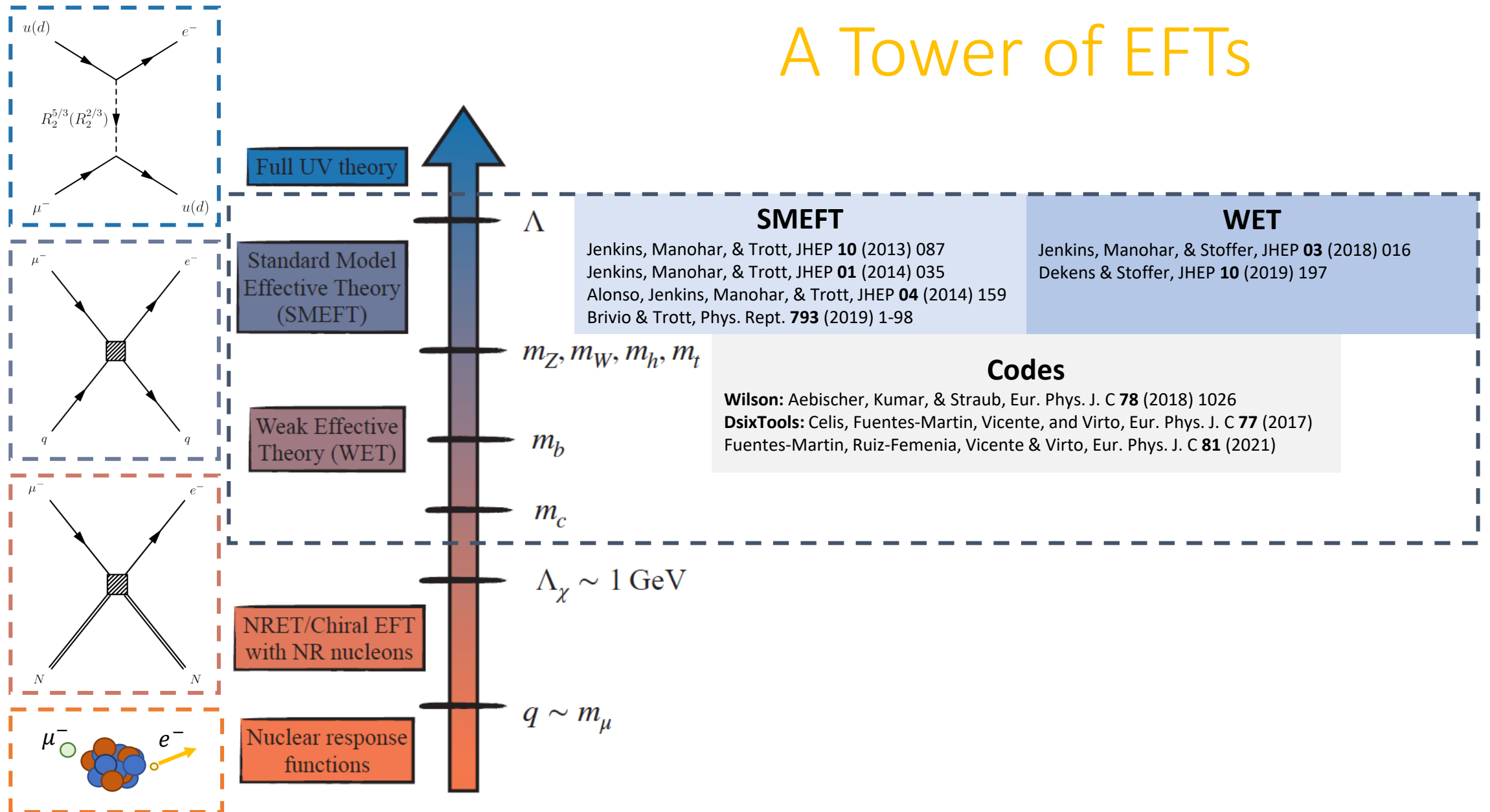
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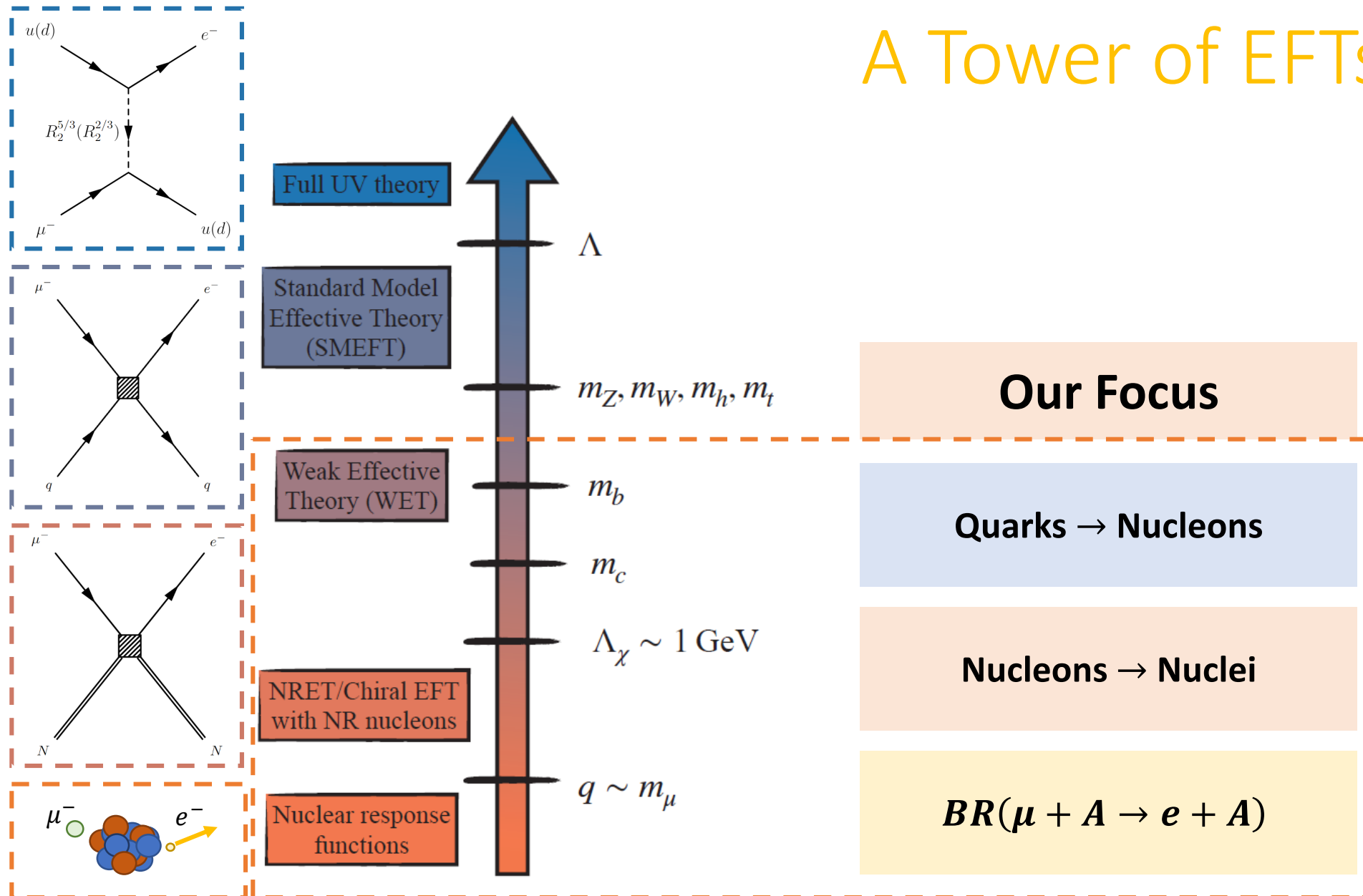
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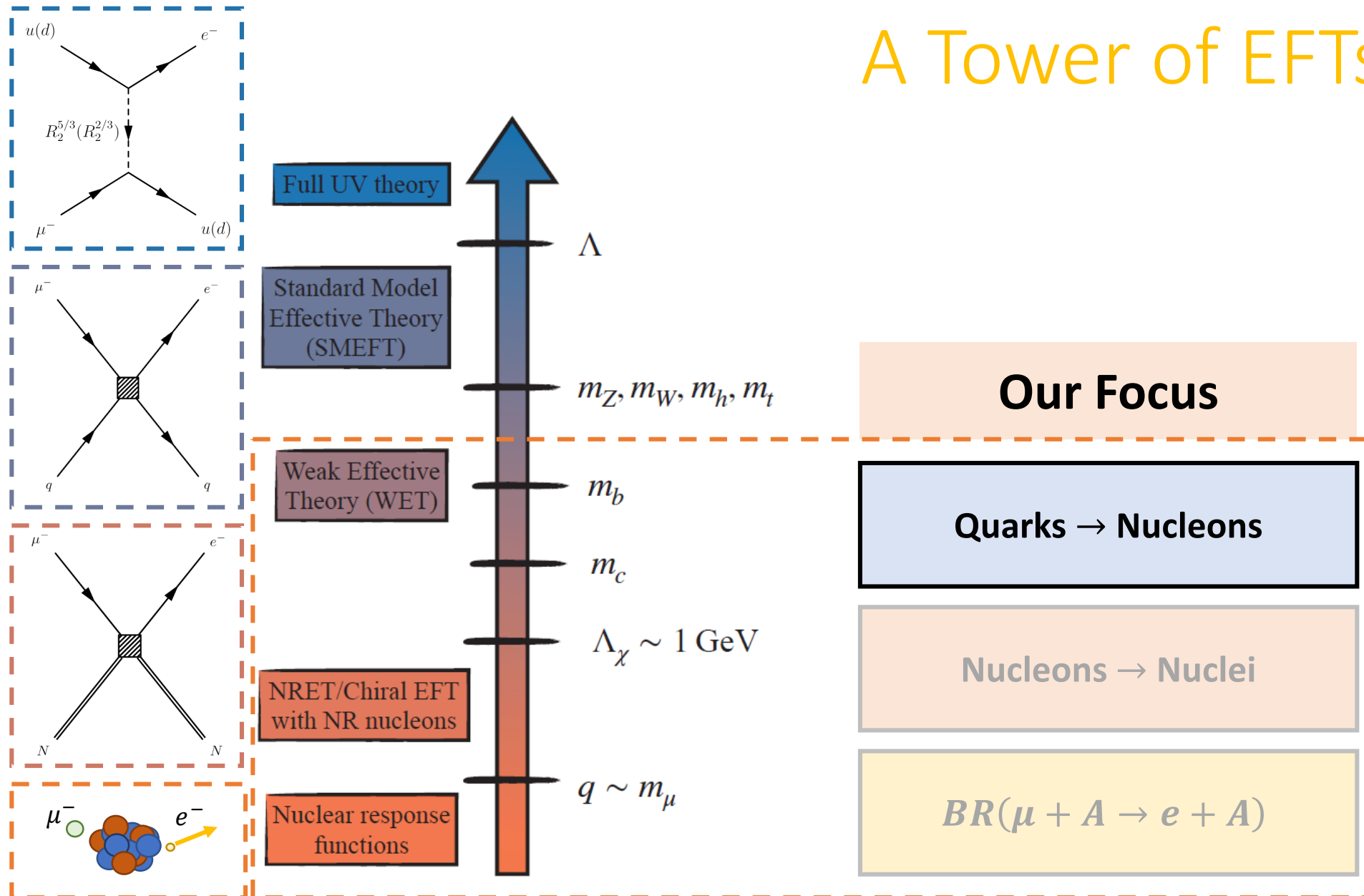
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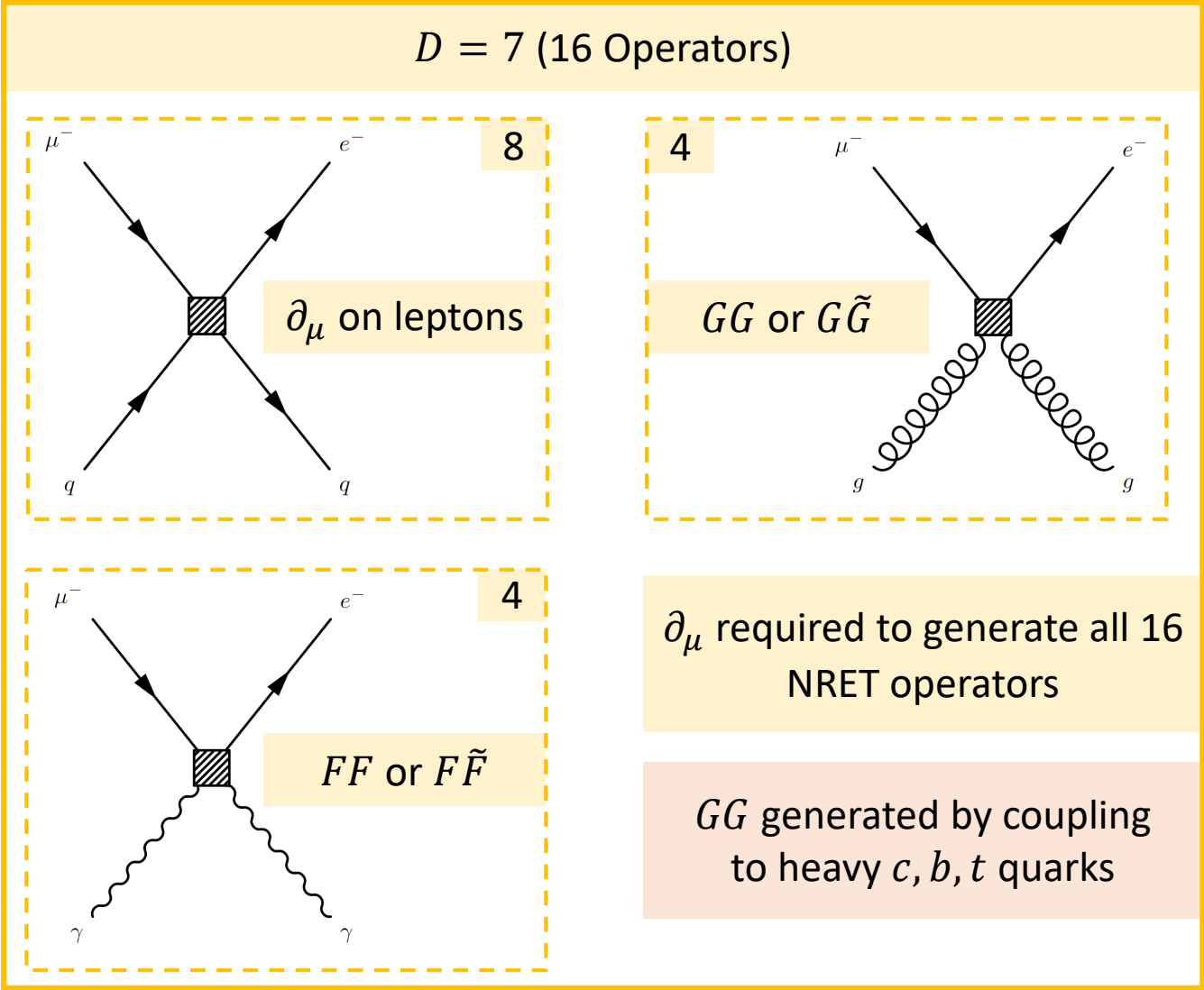
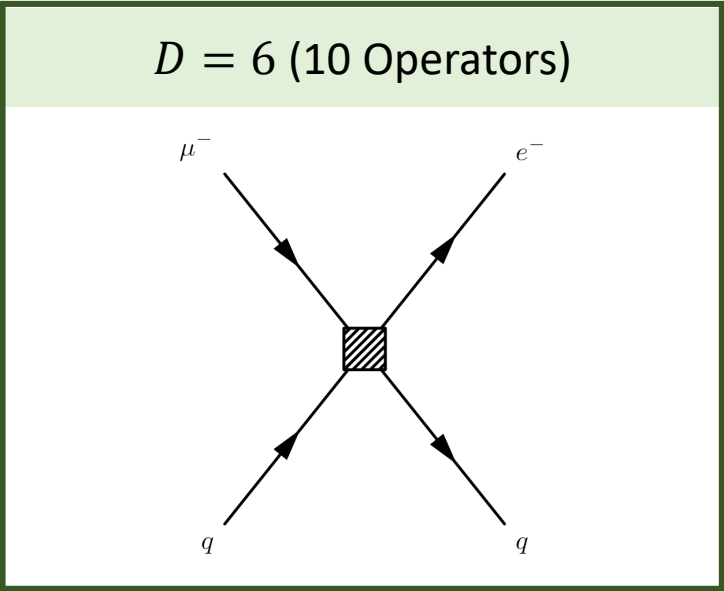
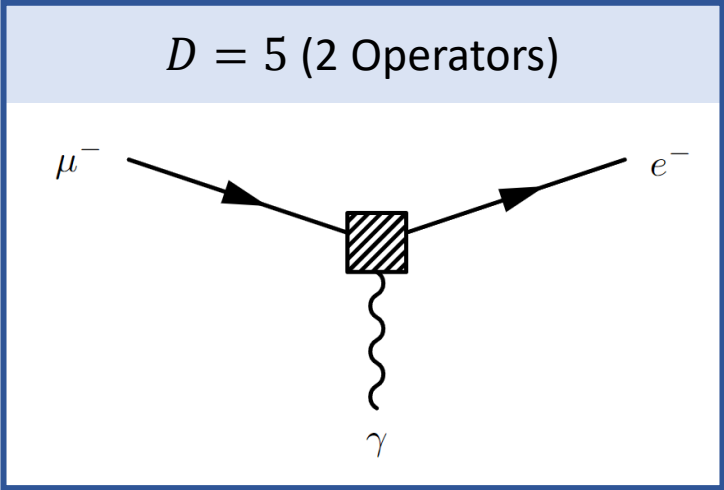
Weak Effective Theory at $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$

- **CLFV lepton currents:** muon, electron

- **Light quarks:** $q = u, d, s$

- **Massless gauge bosons:** gluon, photon

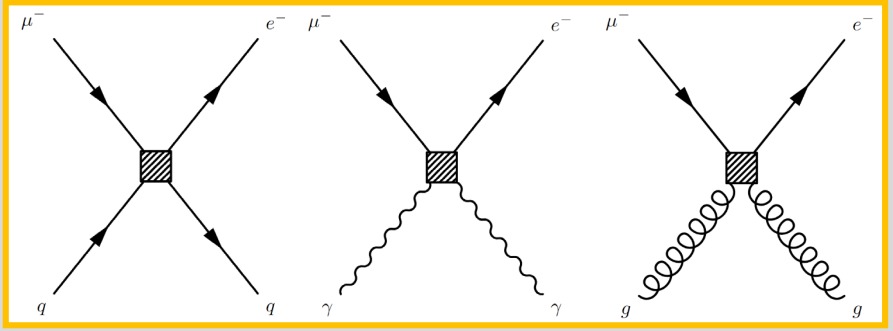
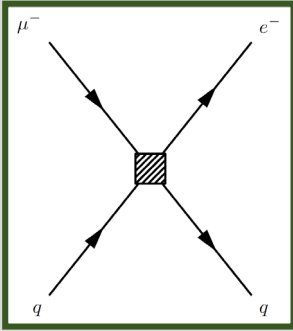
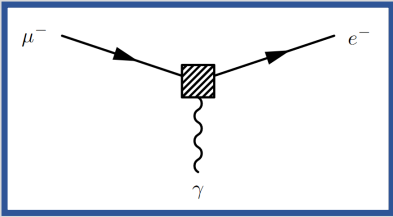
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Effective theory matching below 2 GeV

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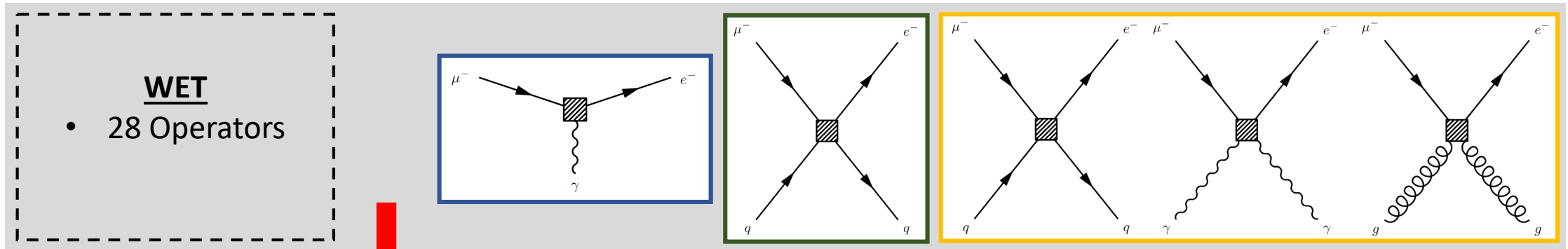
- 28 Operators



UV Theories

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Form-factor matching + non-relativistic expansion

Examples:

$$\langle N' | m_q \bar{q} q | N \rangle = F_S^{q/N}(q^2) \bar{u}'_N u_N \approx F_S^{q/N}(q^2) \bar{N}' 1_N N$$

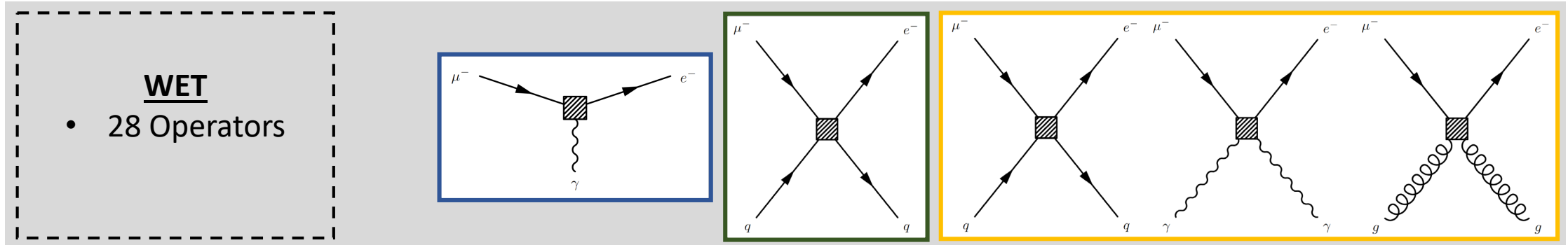
$$\langle N' | m_q \bar{q} i \gamma_5 q | N \rangle = F_P^{q/N}(q^2) \bar{u}'_N i \gamma_5 u_N \approx F_P^{q/N}(q^2) i \frac{\vec{q}}{2m_N} \cdot \bar{N}' \vec{\sigma}_N N$$

- Form factors evaluated at $q^2 \approx -m_\mu^2$

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NRET

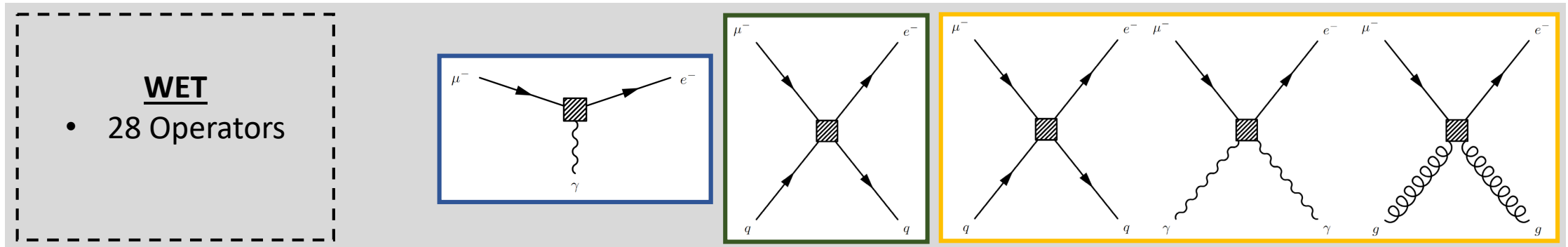
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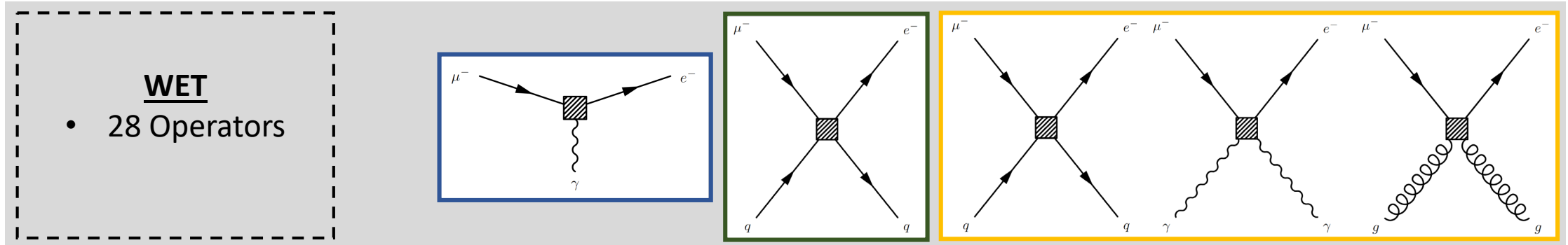
Nuclear embedding

- Choose particular nuclear target
- **Selection rules:** angular momentum, parity, time-reversal

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Nuclear ET (elastic)

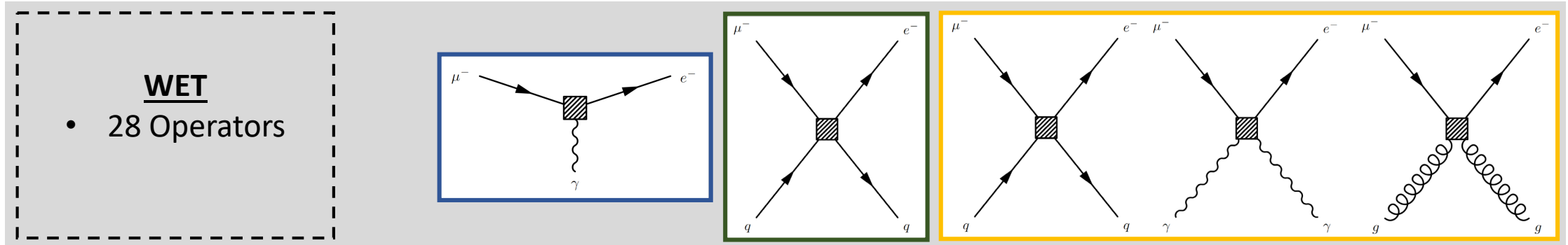
- 8 Responses

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σ_N - indep.	W_M	W_Δ
σ_N - dep.	$W_{\Sigma'}, W_{\Sigma''}$	$W_{\tilde{\Phi}'}, W_{\Phi''} (W_{M\Phi''}, W_{\Delta\Sigma'})$

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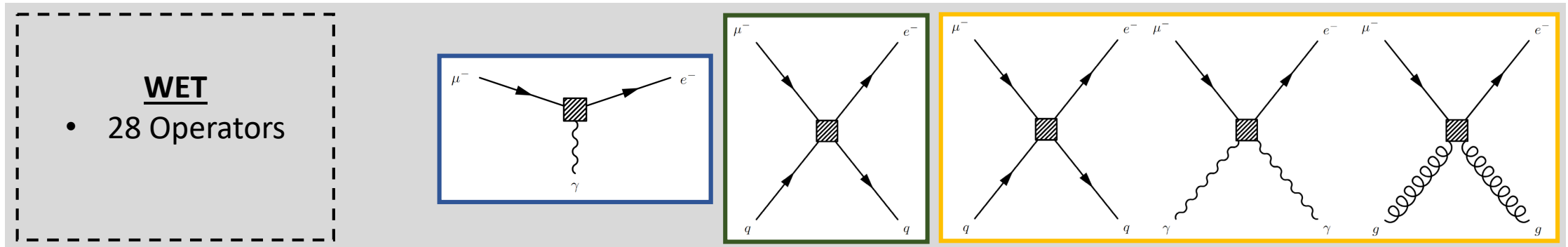
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8 Constraints from experiments

Experiments

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UV Theories



WET
• 28 Operators

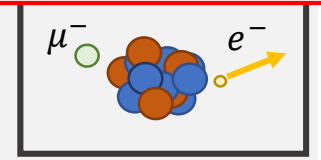
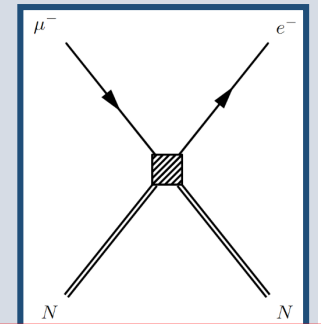
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Nuclear ET (elastic)
• 6 Responses

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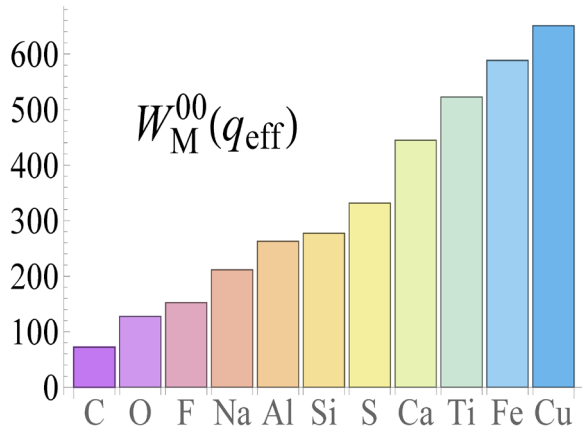
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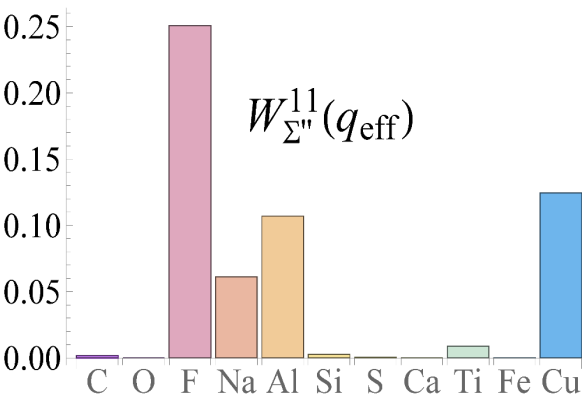
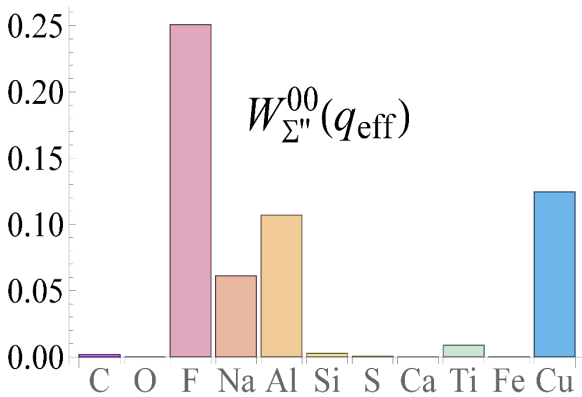
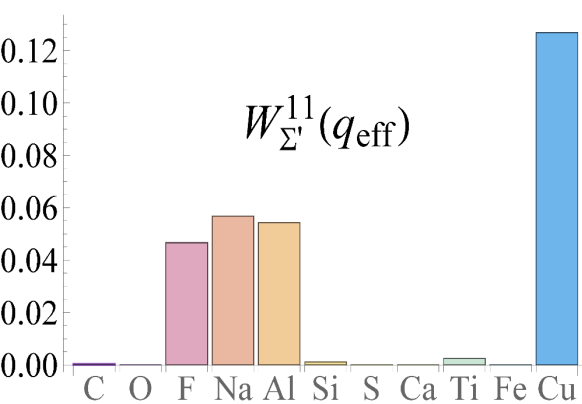
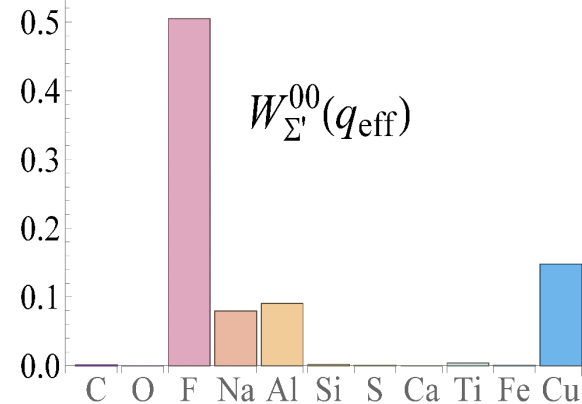
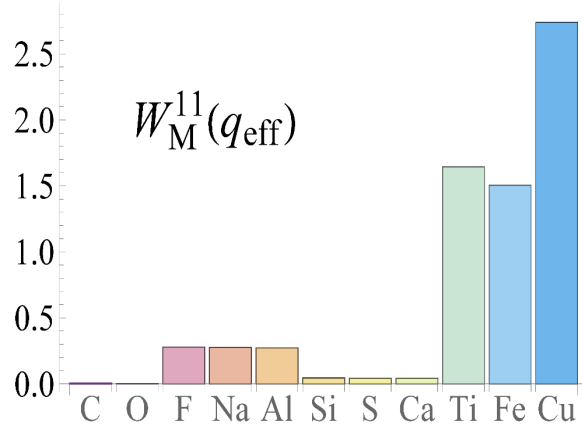
Experiments

Velocity-independent

Isoscalar

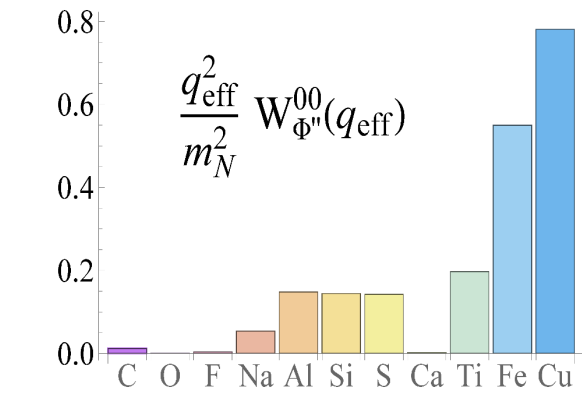
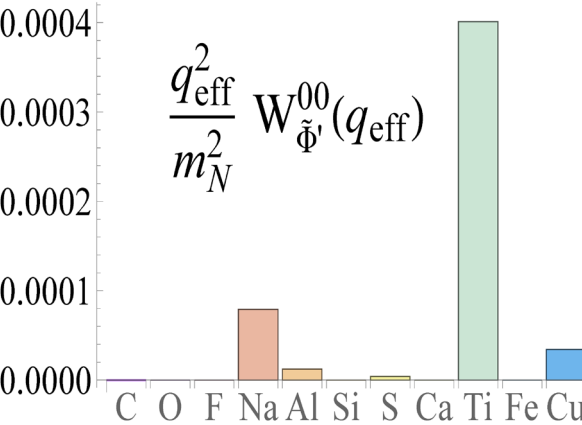
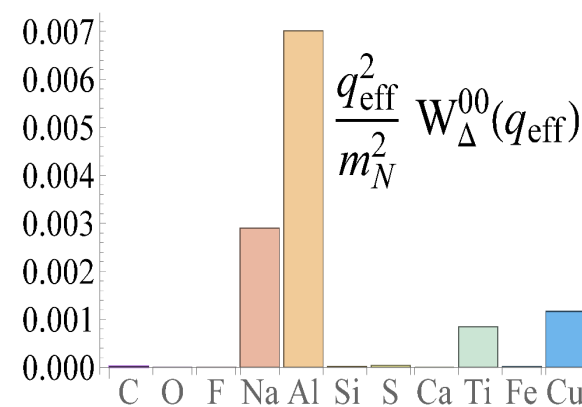


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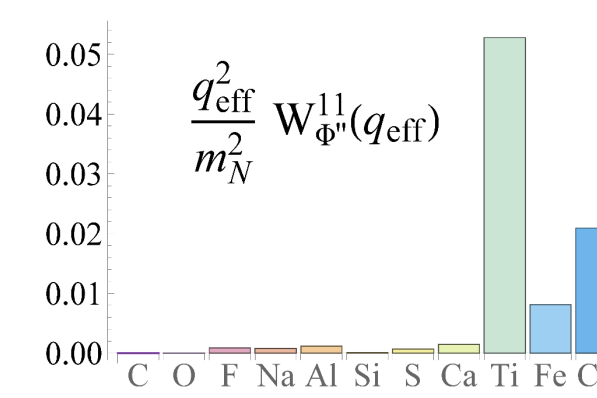
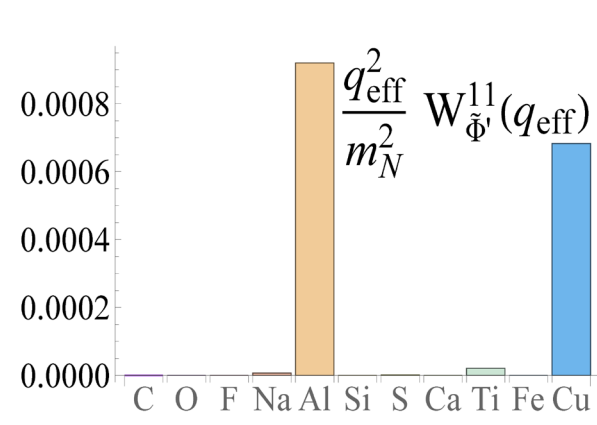
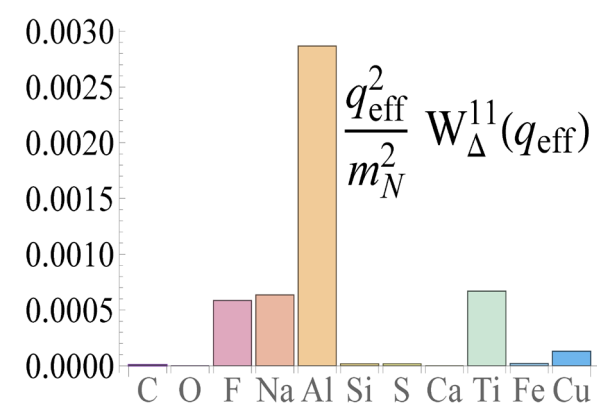


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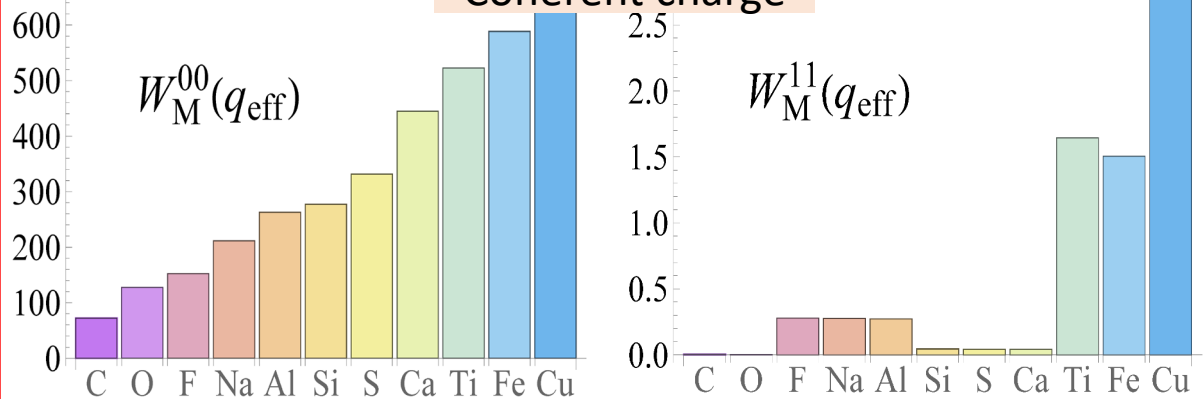


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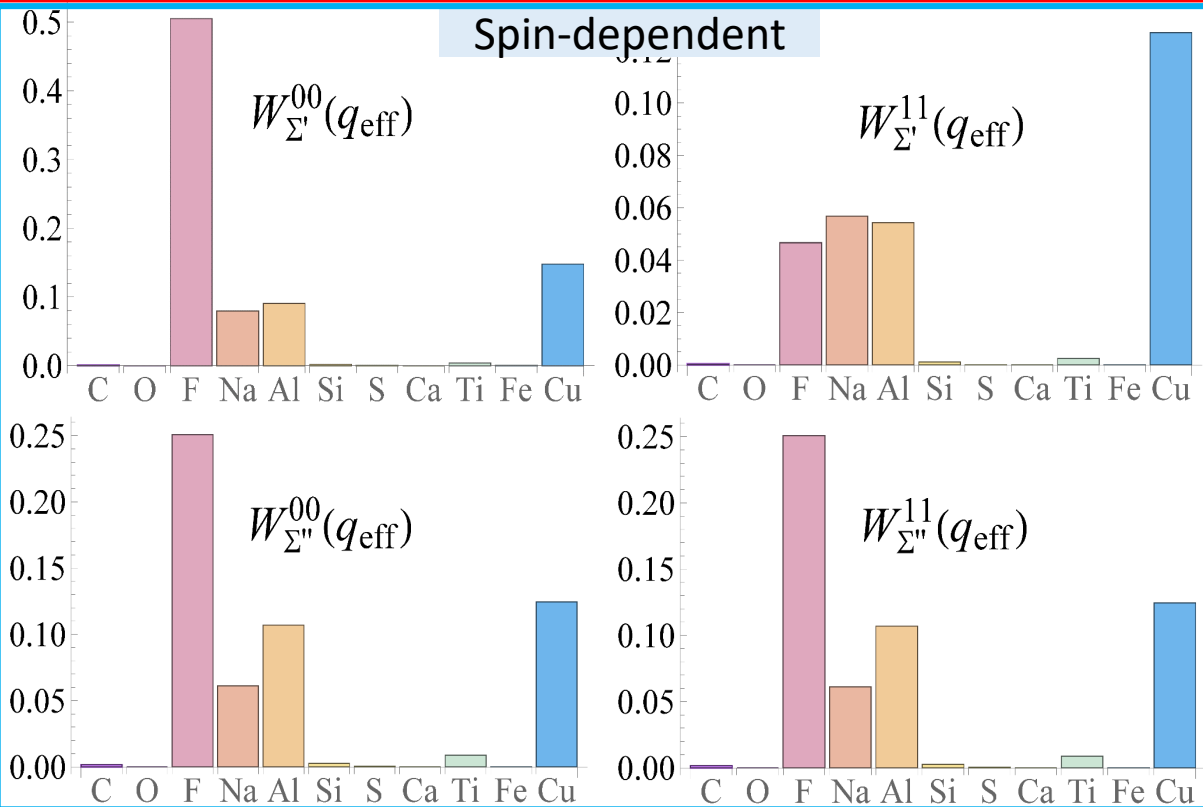
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Coherent charge



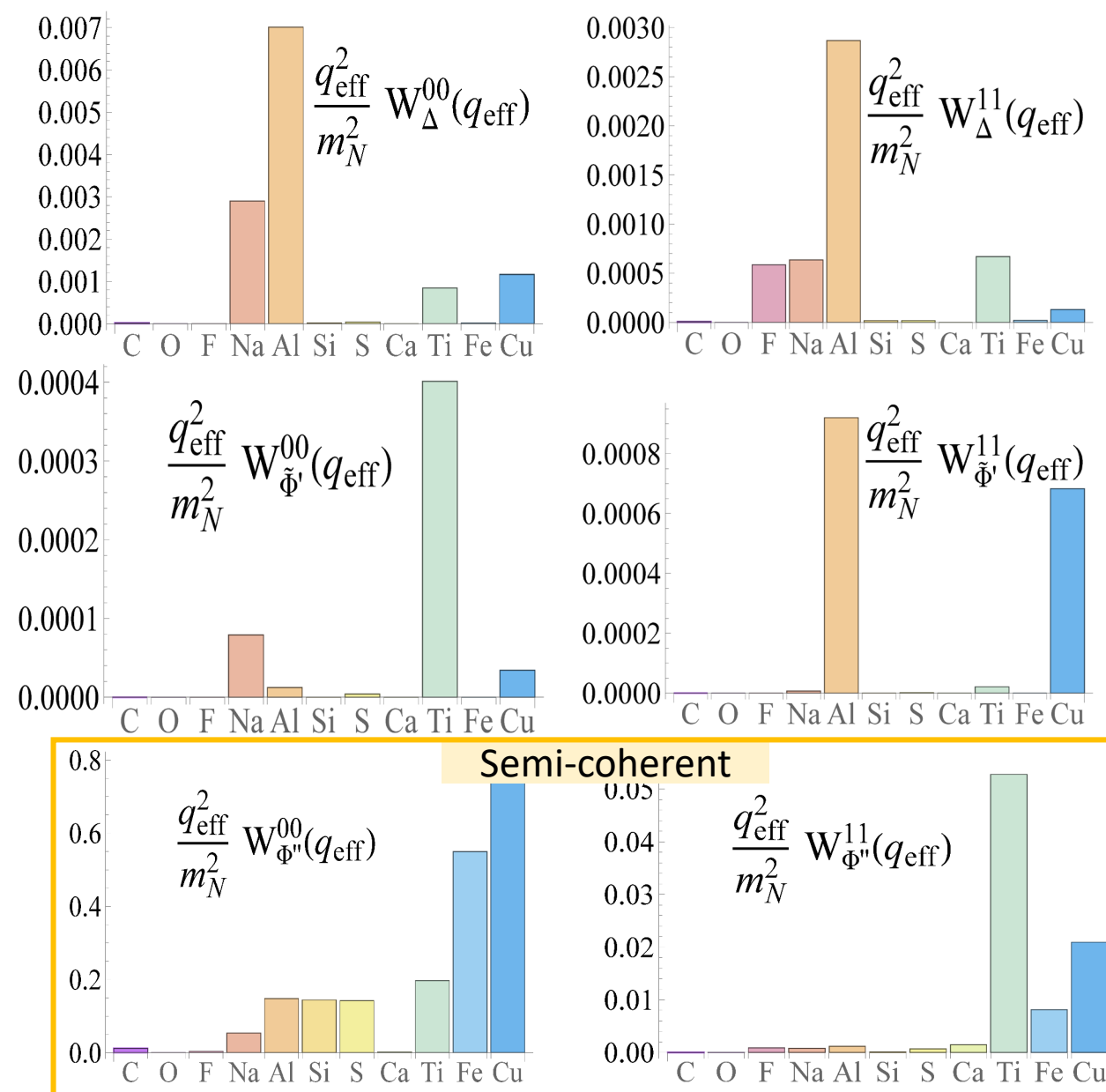
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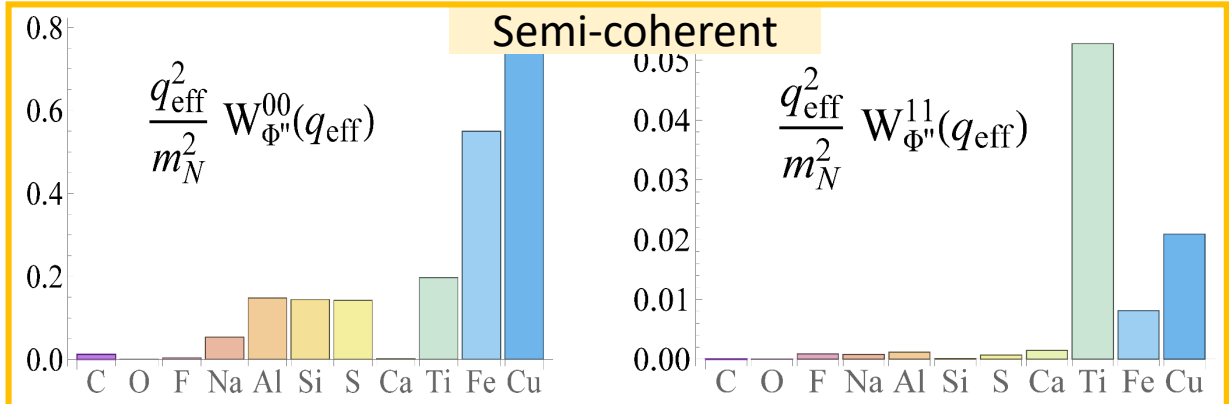
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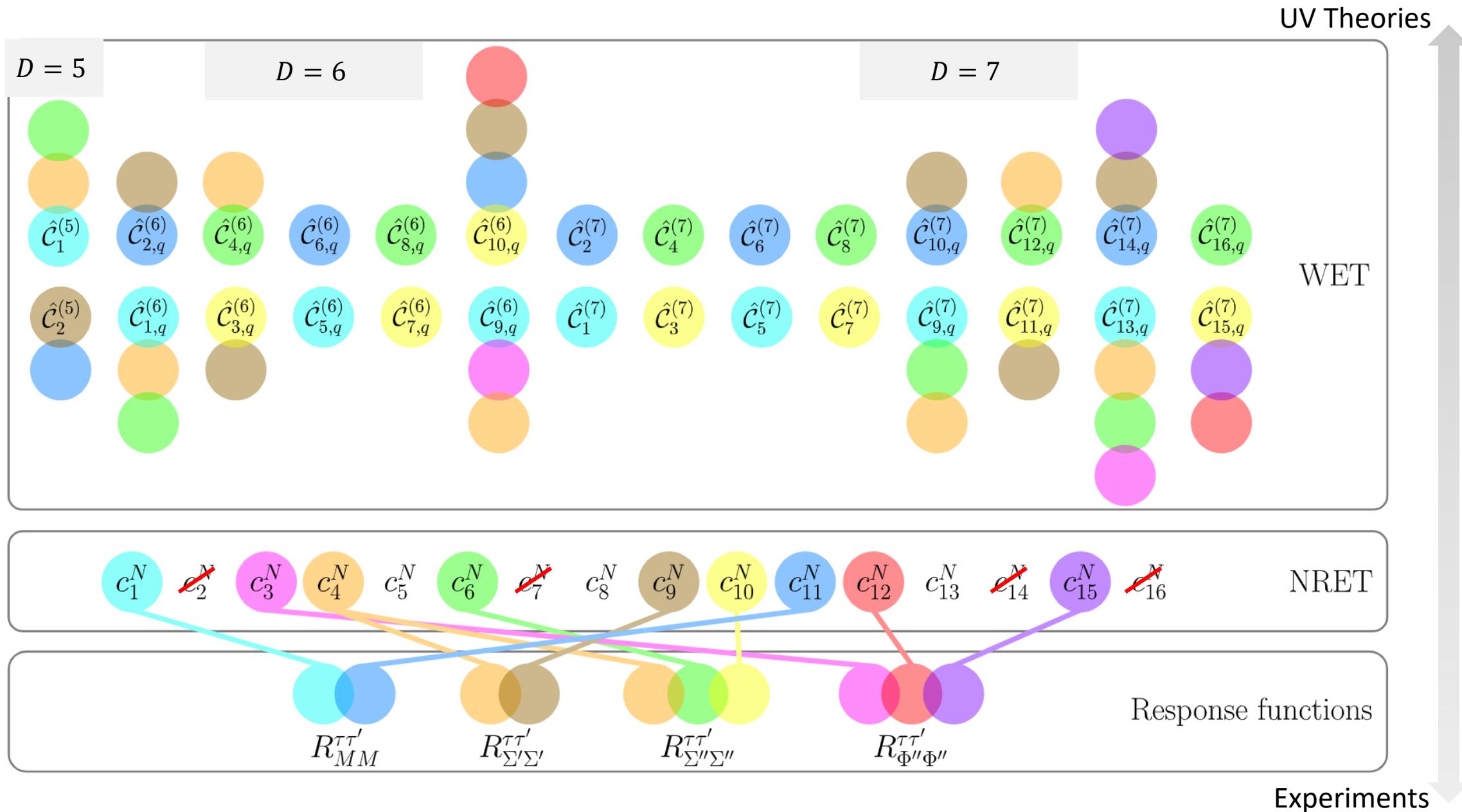
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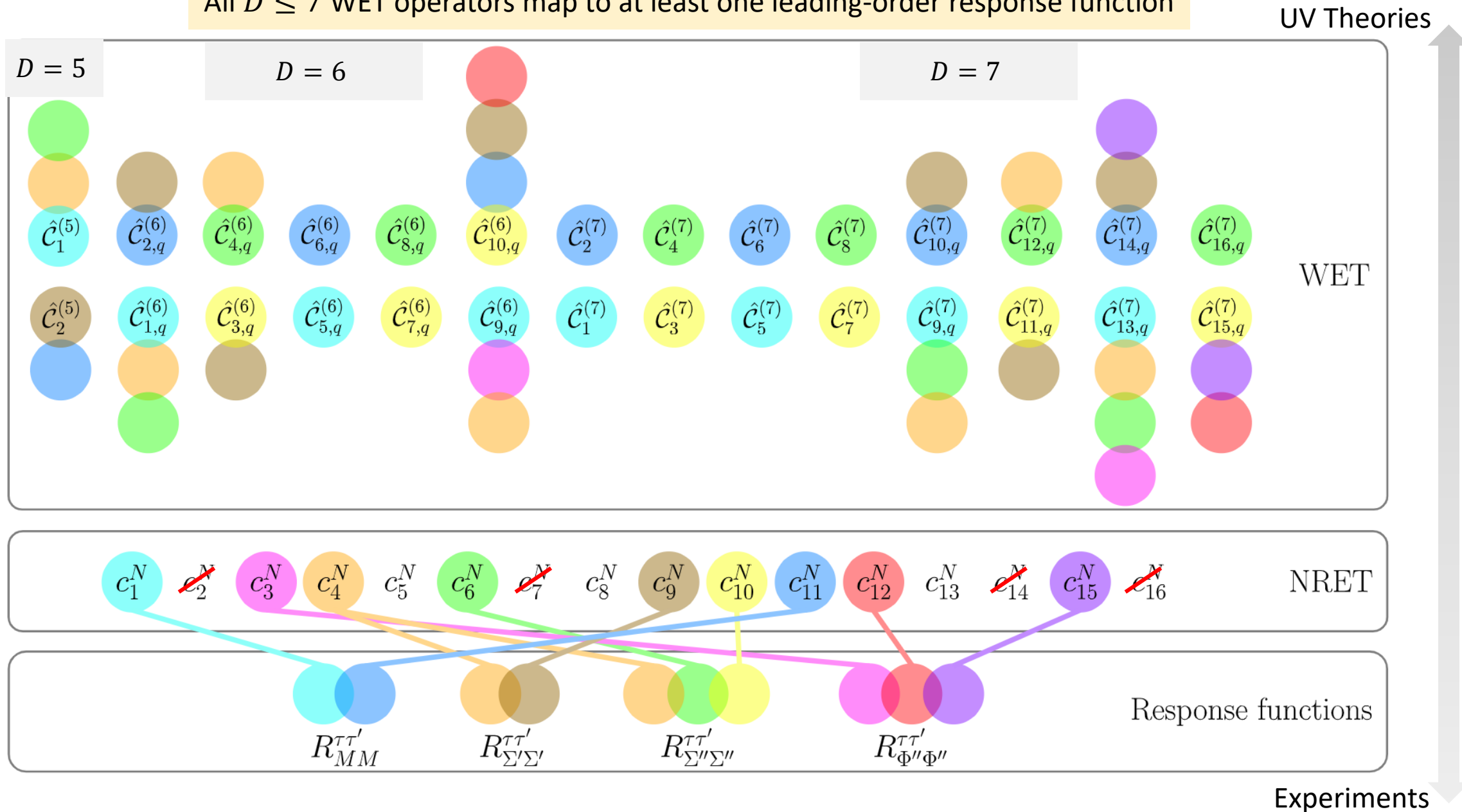


Semi-coherent





All $D \leq 7$ WET operators map to at least one leading-order response function



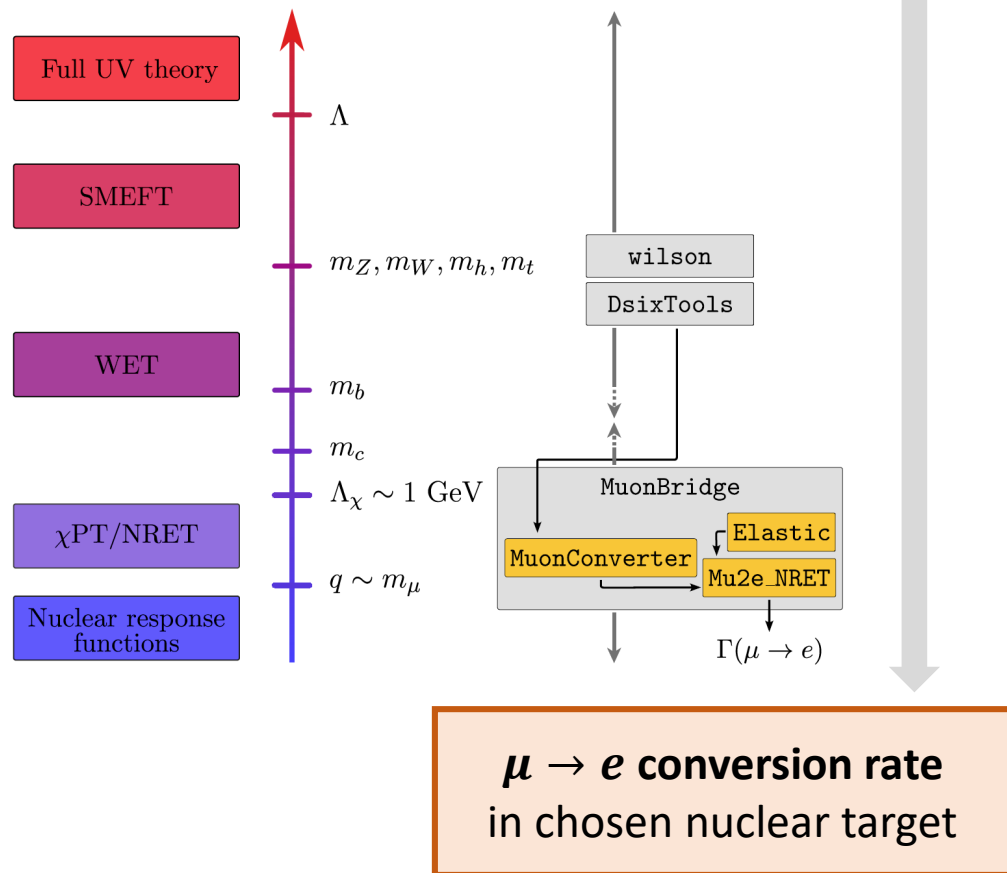
MuonBridge Code

Haxton, McElvain, Menzo, ER, & Zupan, 2406.13818

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User-specified UV Theory

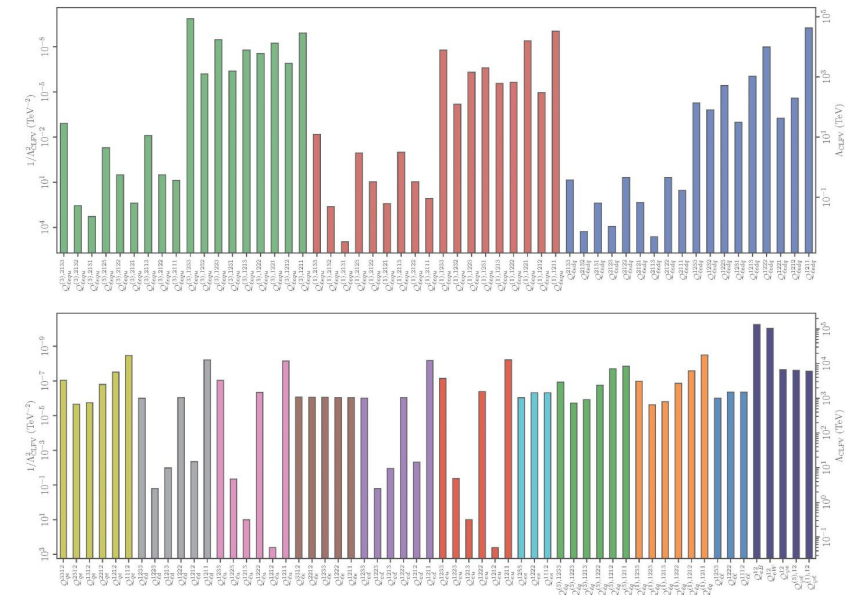


$\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion rate
in chosen nuclear target

Python + Mathematica Tools for $\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion

- Connects arbitrary UV physics to experiment

Useful for theorists: model building, sensitivity studies



Useful for experimentalists: constraints, design, isotope selection

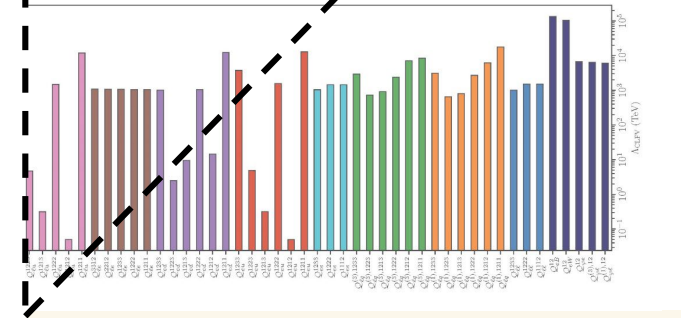
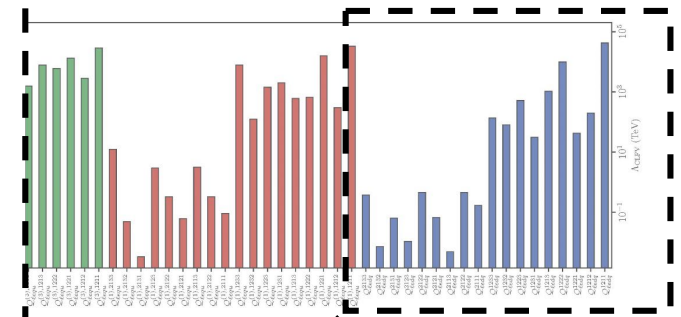
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Formal Tools for $\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion
Apply UV physics to experiment

Physicists: model building, sensitivity



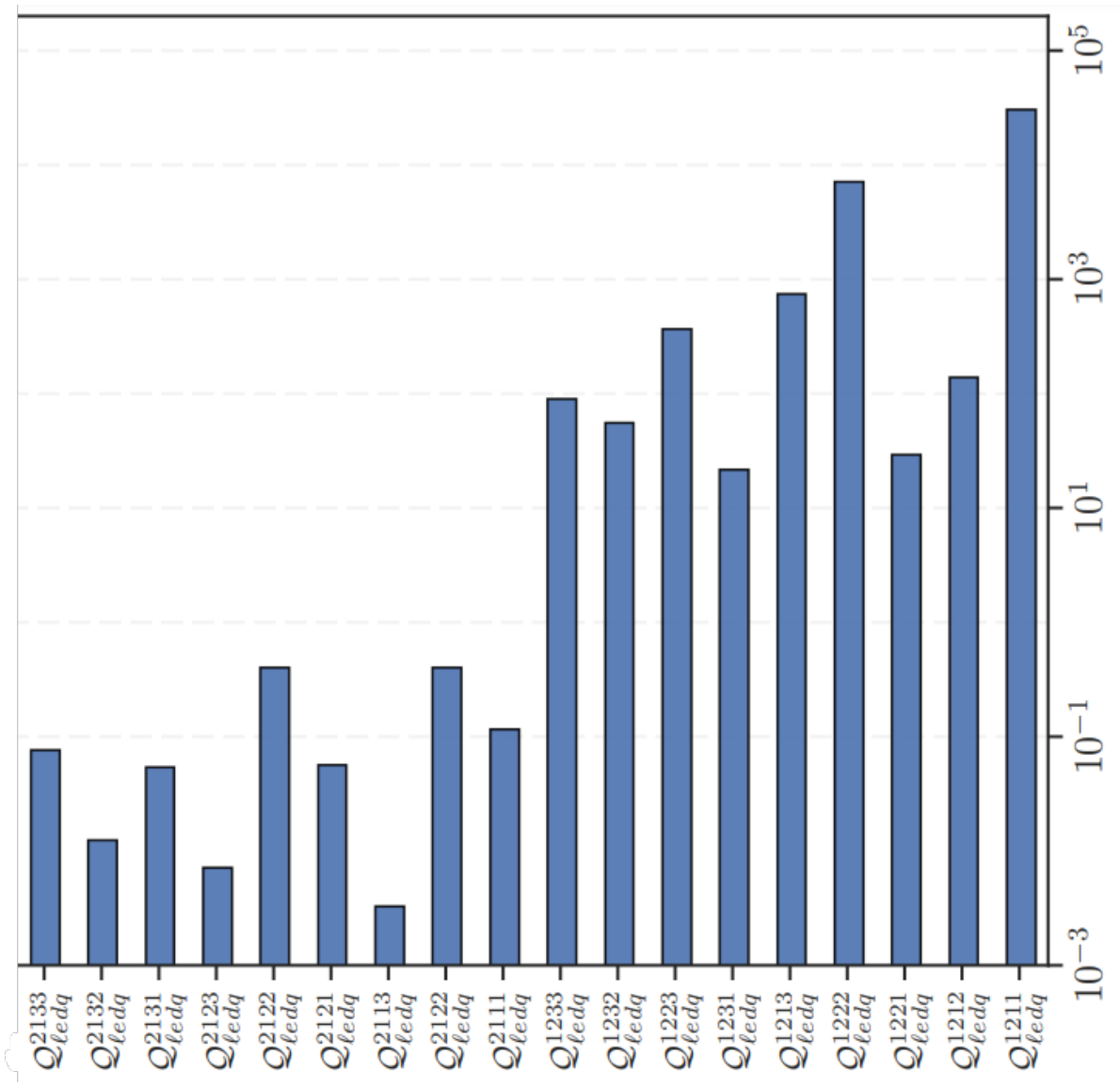
Full UV theory

SMEFT

WET

χ PT/NRET

Nuclear response functions



in chosen nuclear target

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Summary

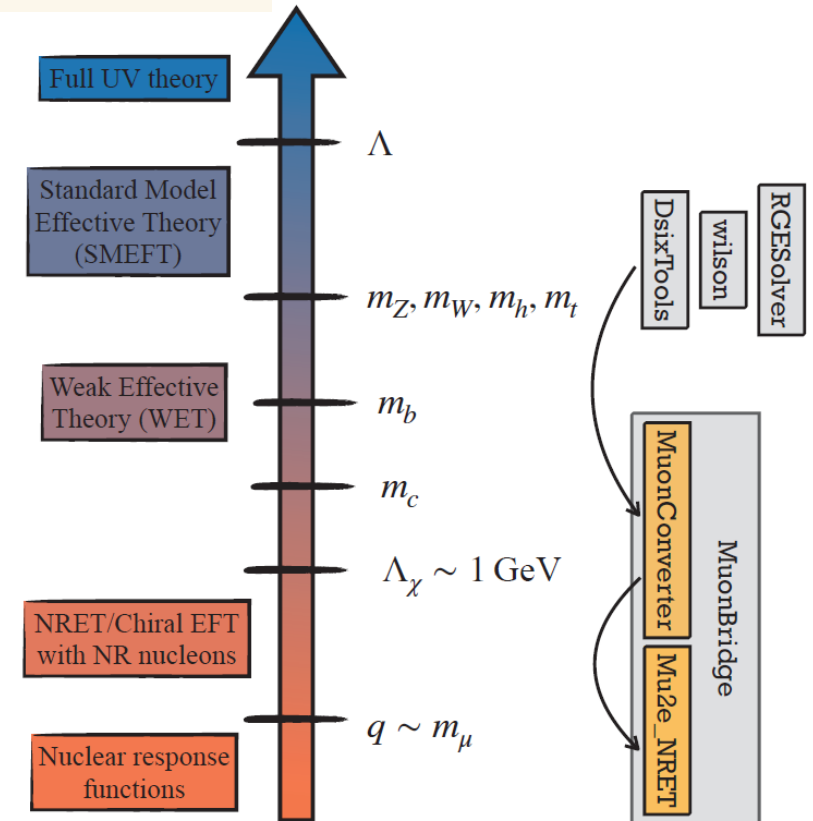
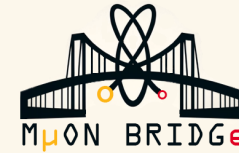
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- **Complete effective theory description from UV to experiments**
- **Nuclear ET identifies six CLFV response functions + two interference terms probed by elastic $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion**
- Publicly-available **Python & Mathematica codes** for $\mu \rightarrow e$ effective theory

ER, Haxton, and McElvain, Phys. Rev. Lett. **130**, 131901 (2023)

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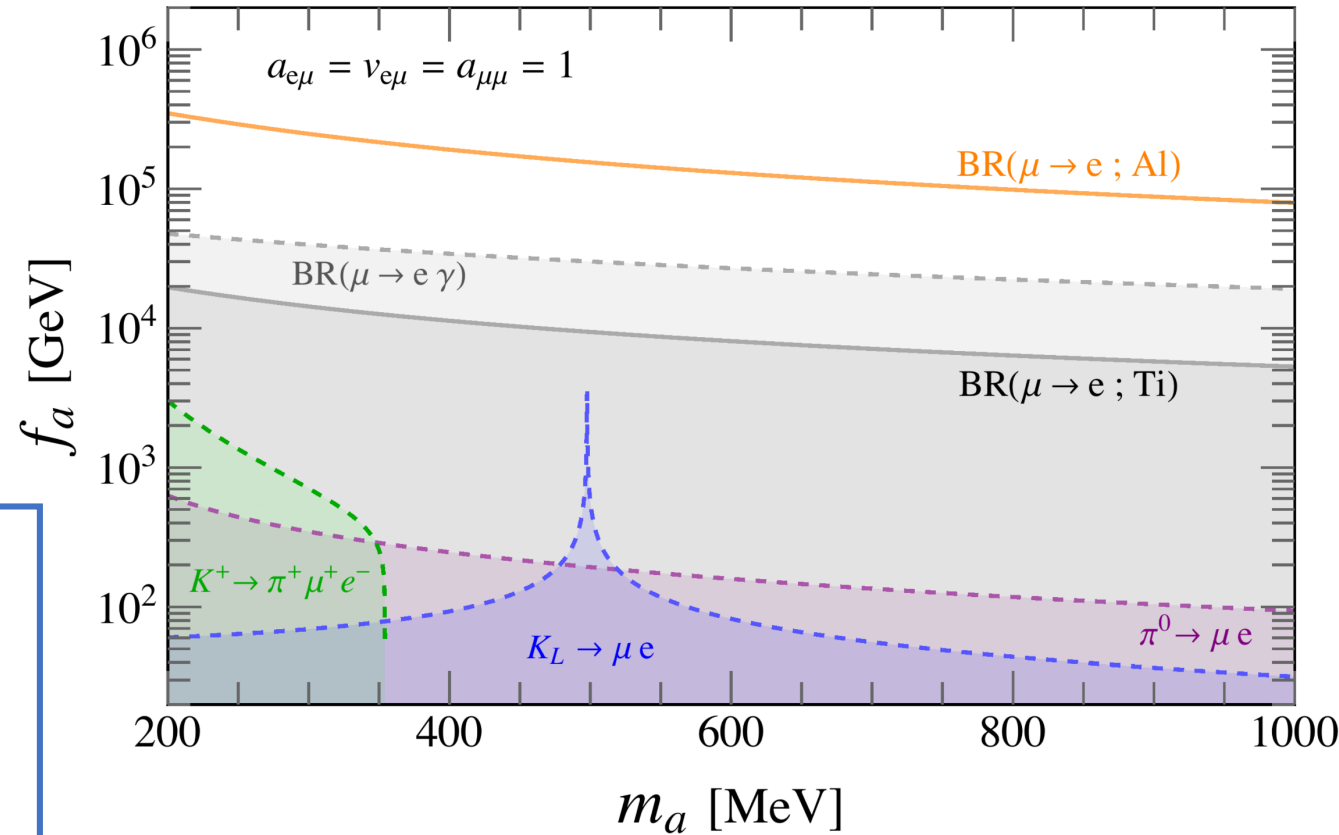
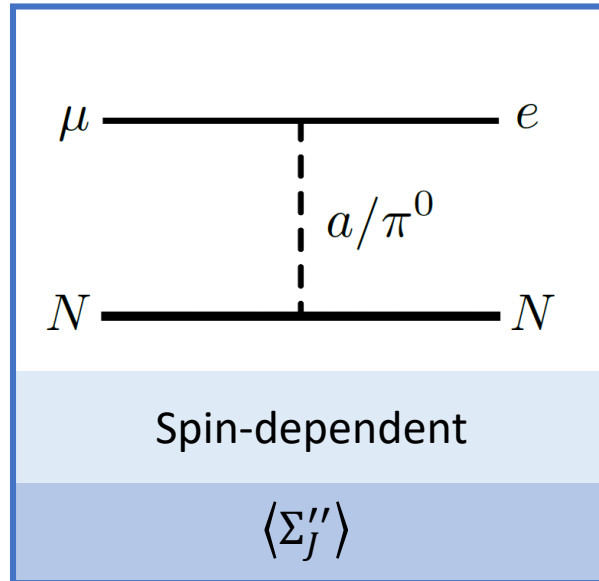
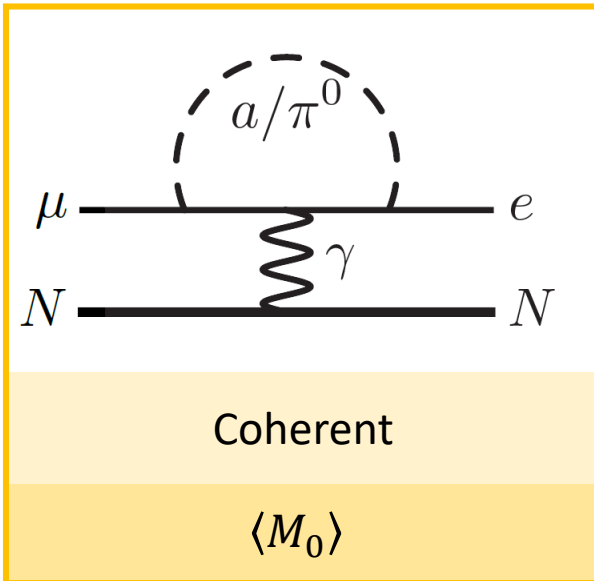
Backup slides

Spin-dependent $\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion

Flavor-violating ALPs

Fuyuto & Mereghetti, arXiv:2307:13076

$$\mathcal{L}^a \supset -2i \frac{a}{f_a} m_\mu a_{\mu\mu} \bar{\mu} \gamma_5 \mu - i \frac{a}{f_a} m_\mu \bar{e} (v_{e\mu} + a_{e\mu} \gamma_5) \mu$$



- Coherent dipole is suppressed by $\approx \left(\frac{\alpha_{EM}}{4\pi}\right)^2$
- Spin-dependent process dominates

Single-nucleon Effective Theory (NRET)

Building blocks:

$$1_L, 1_N, i\hat{q}, \vec{v}_N, \vec{\sigma}_L, \vec{\sigma}_N$$

16 Single-nucleon CLFV operators

2 nuclear charges, 3 nuclear currents

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_1 &= 1_L 1_N \\ \mathcal{O}_{11} &= i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_L 1_N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_7 &= 1_L \vec{v}_N \cdot \vec{\sigma}_N \\ \mathcal{O}_{14} &= i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_L \vec{v}_N \cdot \vec{\sigma}_N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_4 &= \vec{\sigma}_L \cdot \vec{\sigma}_N \\ \mathcal{O}_6 &= i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_L i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_N \\ \mathcal{O}_9 &= \vec{\sigma}_L \cdot (i\hat{q} \times \vec{\sigma}_N) \\ \mathcal{O}_{10} &= 1_L i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}'_2 &= 1_L i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{v}_N \\ \mathcal{O}_5 &= \vec{\sigma}_L \cdot (i\hat{q} \times \vec{v}_N) \\ \mathcal{O}_8 &= \vec{\sigma}_L \cdot \vec{v}_N \\ \mathcal{O}'_{16} &= i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_L i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{v}_N \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_3 &= 1_L i\hat{q} \cdot (\vec{v}_N \times \vec{\sigma}_N) \\ \mathcal{O}_{12} &= \vec{\sigma}_L \cdot (\vec{v}_N \times \vec{\sigma}_N) \\ \mathcal{O}'_{13} &= \vec{\sigma}_L \cdot [i\hat{q} \times (\vec{v}_N \times \vec{\sigma}_N)] \\ \mathcal{O}_{15} &= i\hat{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_L i\hat{q} \cdot (\vec{v}_N \times \vec{\sigma}_N) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \sim \sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{i=1}^{16} \sum_{\tau=0,1} \tilde{c}_i^\tau \mathcal{O}_i t^\tau$$

Unknown \tilde{c}_i^τ 's contain all CLFV physics

- Target-independent

Coherent Conversion

Dipole:

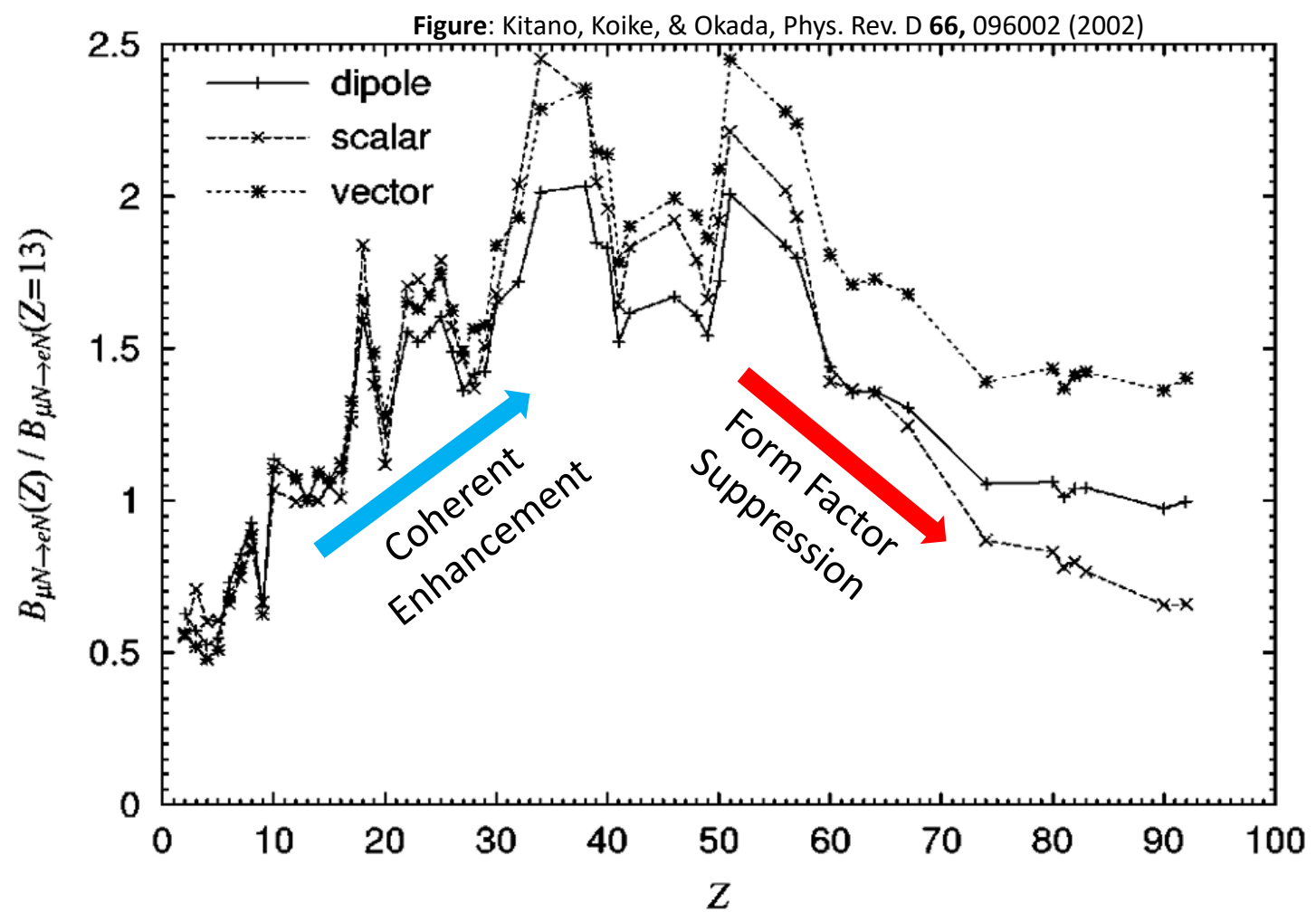
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} C_{D\alpha} m_\mu \bar{e} \sigma^{\lambda\nu} P_{\alpha\mu} F_{\lambda\nu}$$

Scalar:

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_q C_{S\alpha}^{(q)} G_F m_\mu m_q \bar{q} q \bar{e} P_{\alpha\mu}$$

Vector:

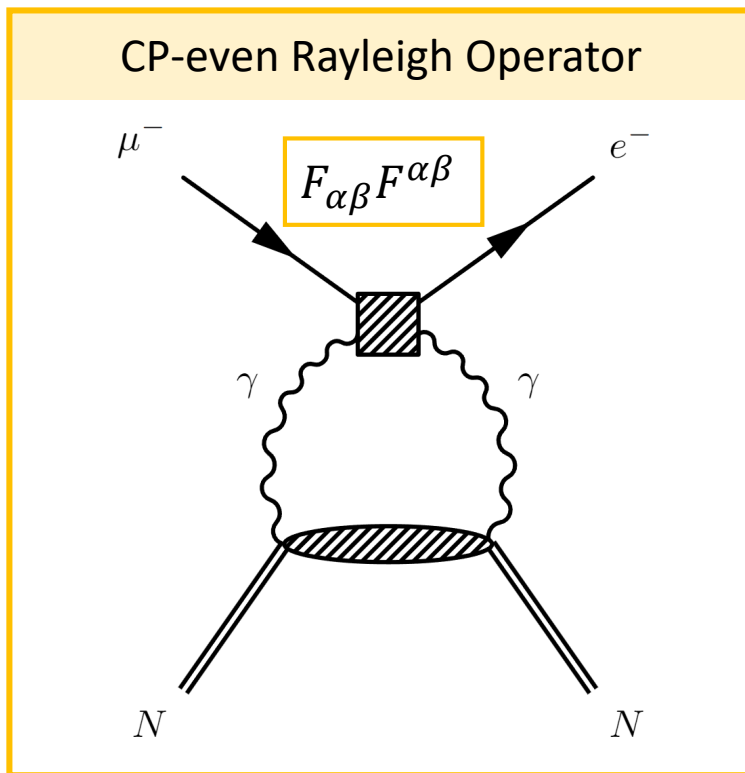
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_q C_{V\alpha}^{(q)} G_F m_\mu m_q \bar{q} \gamma^\nu q \bar{e} \gamma_\nu P_{\alpha\mu}$$



Nuclear operator: isoscalar charge monopole $M_0(q)$

- Rate enhanced by A^2
- Nuclear matrix elements constrained by electron scattering, πN scattering, pionic atoms,...

Rayleigh Operators



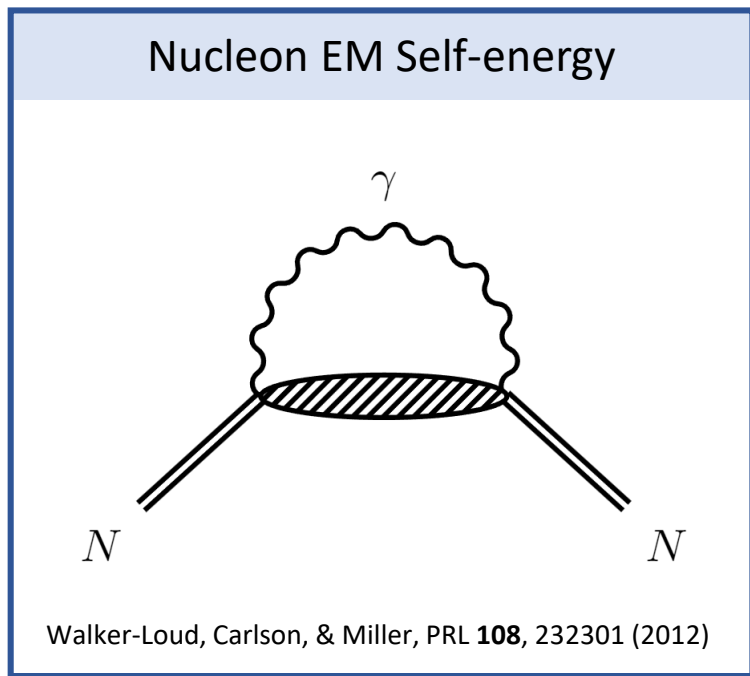
Forward Limit $q \rightarrow 0$

$$F_\gamma^N(0) = -\frac{\alpha_{EM}}{3\pi} \delta M_N^\gamma$$

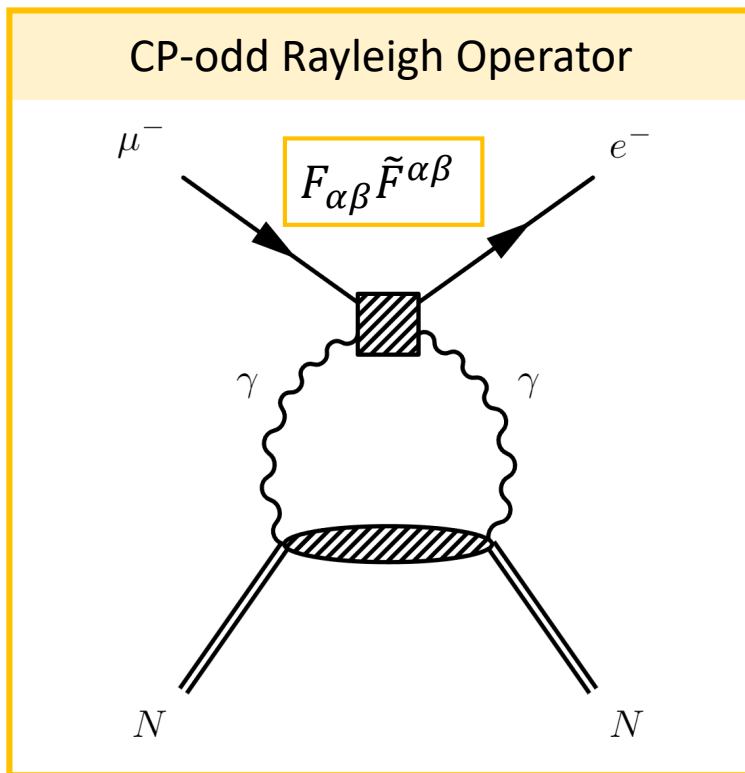
$$F_\gamma^p(0) = 4.7(2.6) \times 10^{-7} \text{ GeV}$$

$$F_\gamma^n(0) = 1.5(0.5) \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}$$

Isoscalar magnetic polarizability $\beta_p + \beta_n$



Rayleigh Operators



Forward Limit $q \rightarrow 0$

Elastic contribution in Born approx.

$$F_{\tilde{\gamma}}^p(0) = 3.83(3) \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}$$

$$F_{\tilde{\gamma}}^n(0) = -3.9(7) \times 10^{-7} \text{ GeV}$$
