The Electric Dipole Moment of the electron in the decoupling limit of the aligned Two-Higgs Doublet Model

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Introduction

Talk by **N. Valori** earlier this morning!

Sensitivity of Equivalent EDM to SMEFT

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Speaker

Nicola Valori (IFIC (University of Valencia - CSIC))

Description

The Electric Dipole Moment of the electron (eEDM) is typically investigated in experiments using paramagnetic molecules. However, the physical observable in these searches consists of a linear combination of CP-violating interactions, rather than the eEDM alone, which is commonly referred to as the equivalent EDM of the system. Assuming the presence of new CP-odd physics from heavy degrees of freedom, I parametrize its effects within the Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT) framework. In this talk, I will present the contributions to the full low-energy direction probed by EDM searches, focusing on leading-order effects at dimension six and one-loop level, while also discussing selected two-loop and dimension-eight contributions. I will highlight that eEDM experiments are sensitive to a broader class of SMEFT operators than previously recognized.

Secondary track T07 - Flavour Physics and CP Violation

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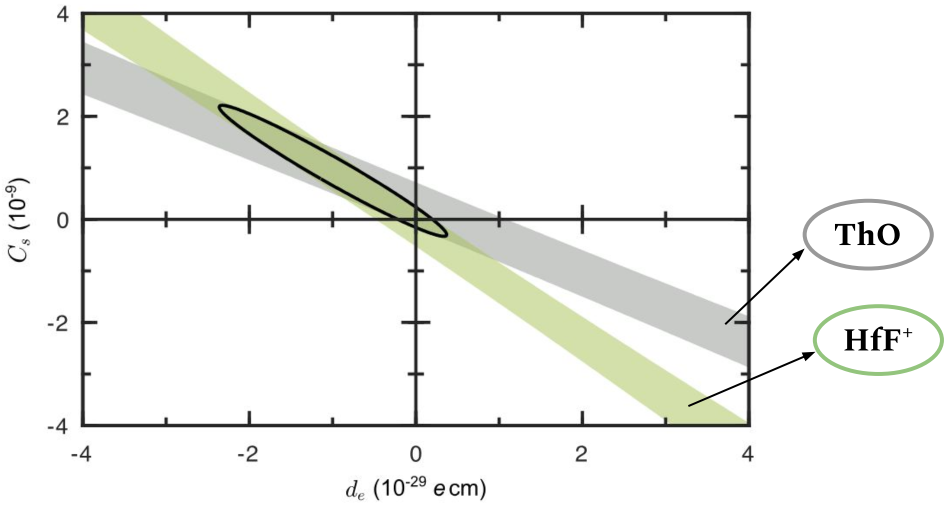

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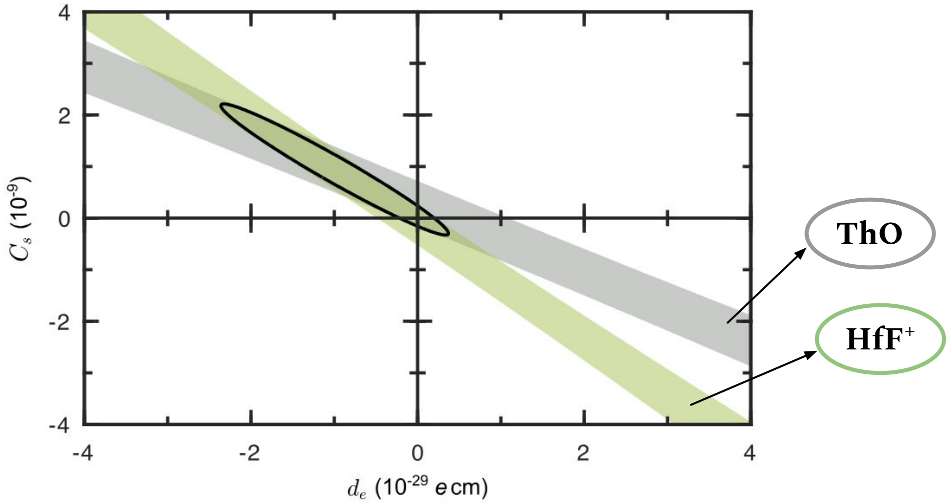

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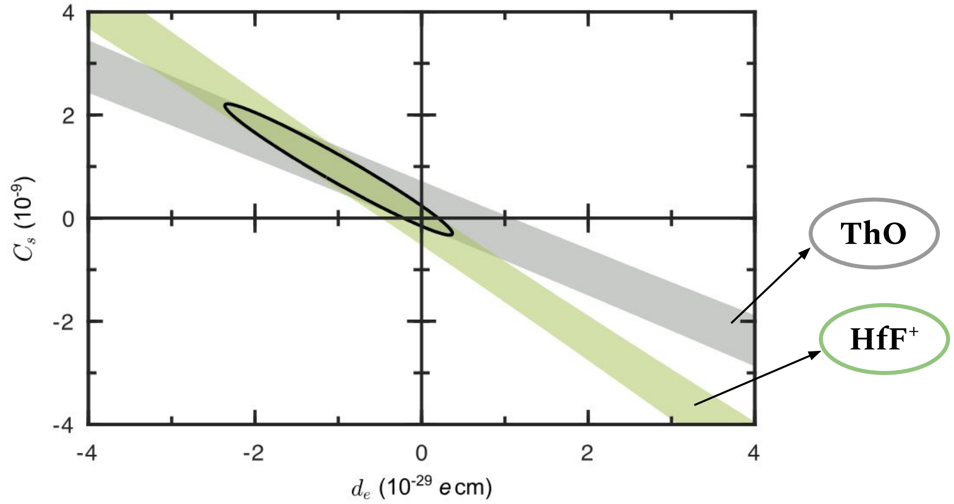

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[Yamaguchi, Yamanaka '20]

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ROOM FOR NP

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New scalar sector with additional complex phases → new **CPV sources**

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- In general, some parameters from the potential can be **complex** → in usual 2HDMs, the parameters λ_6 and λ_7 **vanish** in the $\mathbb{Z}_2$-symmetric basis.

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- **C2HDM**: imposition of a discrete $\mathbb{Z}_2$ **symmetry** → it is possible to find a basis where only one of the doublets couples to a given kind of fermion: the **flavour alignment parameters** are **real** and **dependent** on each other.

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Alternatively, the **Aligned 2HDM** (A2HDM) solves the issue of FCNCs by considering that the ς are **independent, complex parameters**, without assuming any additional symmetry [Pich, Tuzón '09].

- Thus, we have **new complex phases** in our model that can act as **CP-violating** sources.

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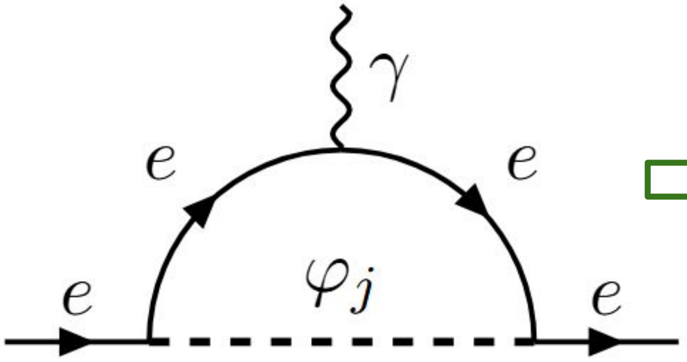

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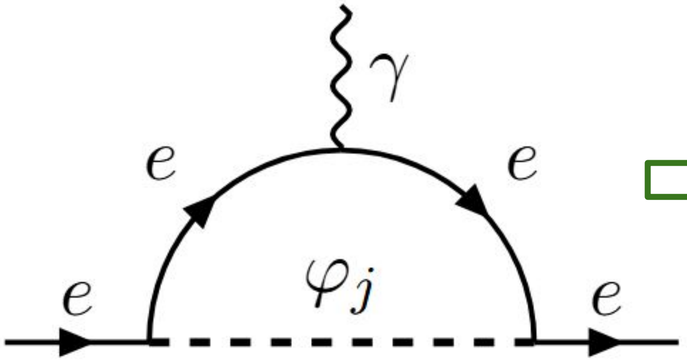

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Logarithmic contribution in decoupling limit coming from **dim-8 operator**

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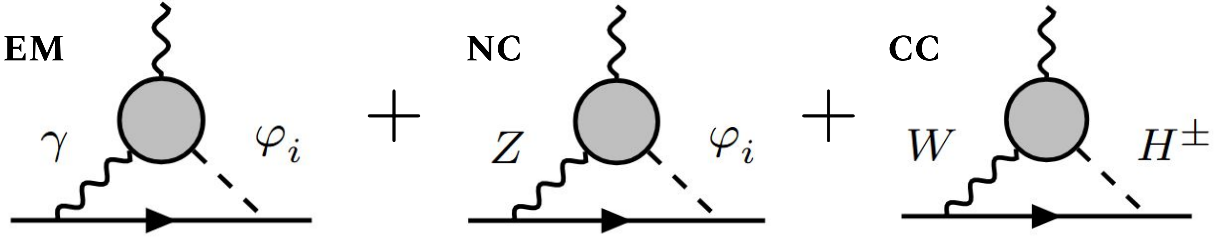

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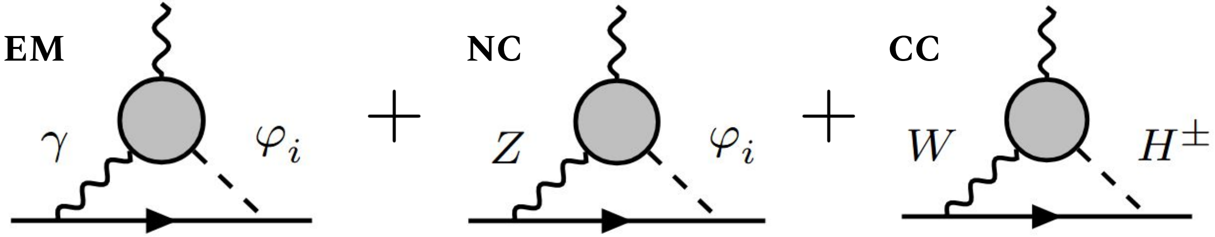

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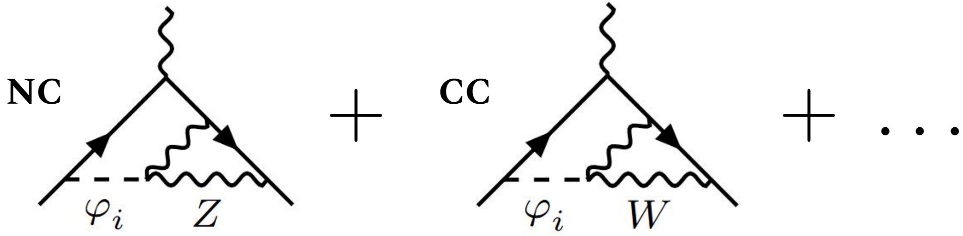

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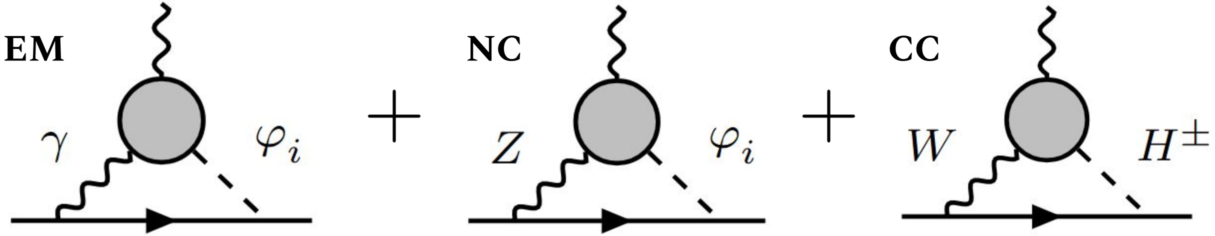

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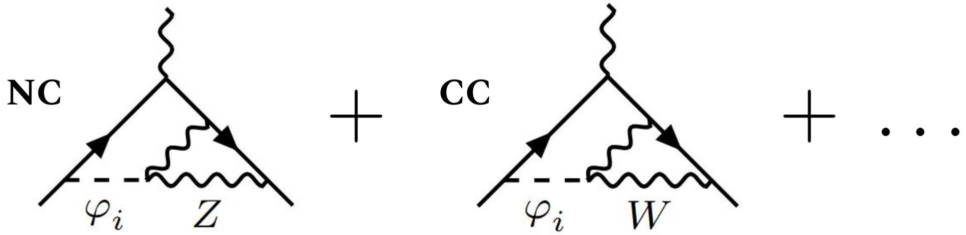

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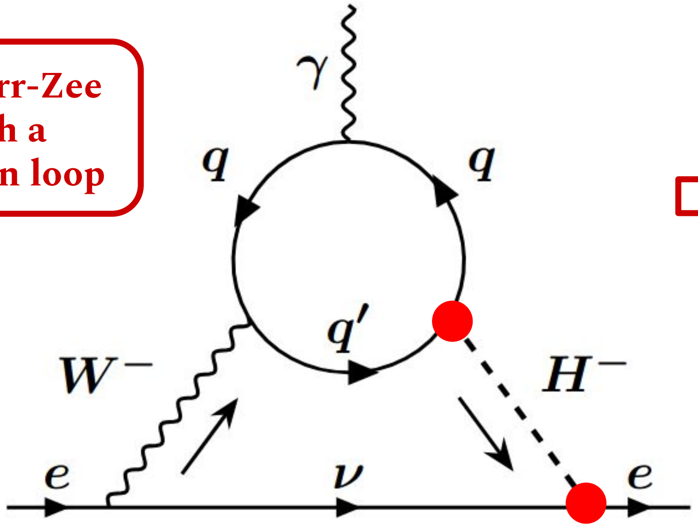

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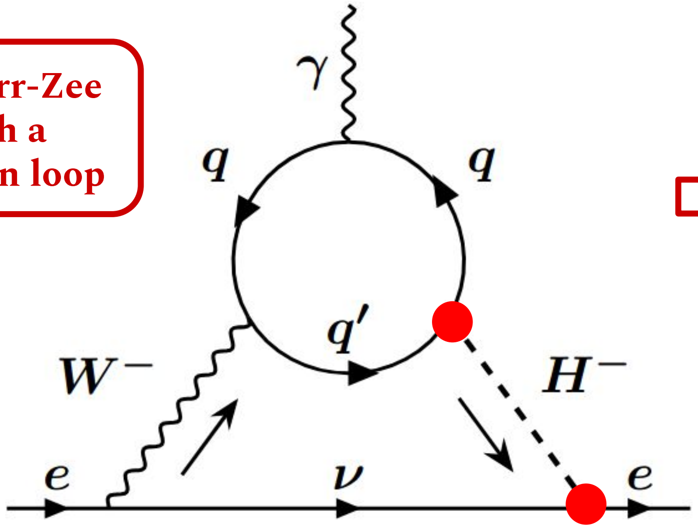

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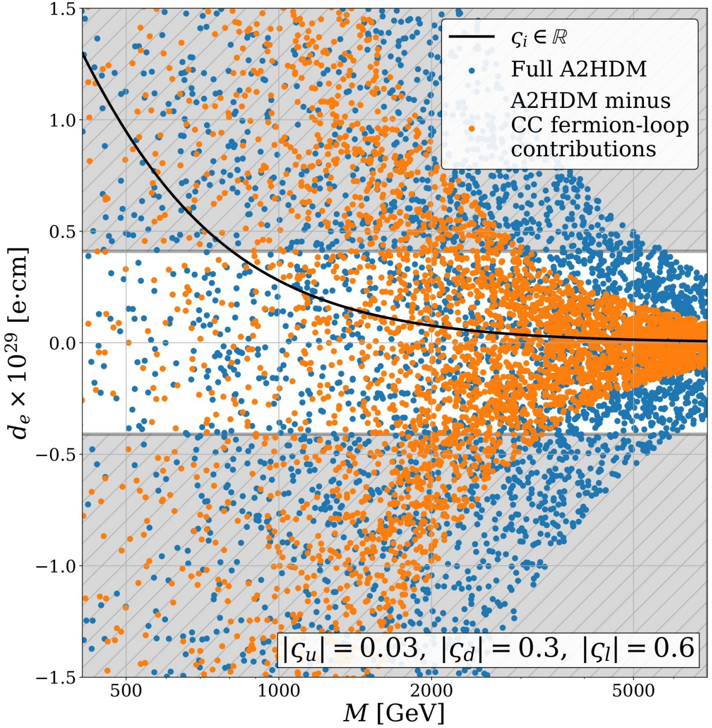

- **Black line**: real alignment parameters ς.
- **Orange points**: A2HDM minus CC Barr-Zee fermion-loop contributions.
- **Blue points**: full A2HDM.
- **Destructive interference** with complex ς, → satisfy the experimental constraints (**grey** bands) with lower values for $\boldsymbol{M}$.

The eEDM in the Decoupling Limit

If the mass parameter of the second doublet $\mathbf{\Phi}_2$ becomes very large compared to the vev of $\mathbf{\Phi}_1$, we get the ***decoupling limit*** of the 2HDM:

$$\sqrt{\mu_2} \gg v$$

- If the **masses of the scalars** from the second doublet are assumed to be **independent parameters**, this condition means that they will be **much heavier** than the SM Higgs boson:

$$M_{H^\pm},\ M_H,\ M_A \approx M \gg m_h$$

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- The logarithmic contributions from fermion-loop BZs are **exclusive** of the A2HDM: in $\mathbb{Z}_2$-conserving 2HDMs they naturally vanish [Altmannshofer, Gori, Hamer, Patel '20].

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- **Integrating** these equations between the scale of new physics (***M***) and the EW scale we can compute **logarithmic contributions** to the eEDM, which can be **compared** to the leading contributions that we computed in the **decoupling limit**. [Panico, Pomarol, Riembau '18], [Vale Silva, Jäger, Leslie '20], [Altmannshofer et al. '20].

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$$d_{e,f} \;\propto\; \frac{G_F m_e}{(4\pi)^4}\,\mathrm{Im}(\varsigma_u^* \varsigma_l)\,\frac{m_t^2}{M^2}\,\log^2\left(\frac{M^2}{m_t^2}\right)$$

$$d_{e,lequ}^{\mathrm{SMEFT}} \;\propto\; \frac{1}{((4\pi)^2)^2}\,\mathrm{Im}(C_{lequ})\,\log^2\left(\frac{M^2}{m_{EW}^2}\right)$$

The eEDM in the SMEFT

Outline of RGE mixing:

$$Q_{eH} = (H^\dagger H)(\bar{l} e H)$$

2-loops

$$Q_{ledq} = (\bar{l}^j e)\epsilon_{jk}(\bar{q}^k u)$$

2-loops

$$Q^{(1)}_{lequ} = (\bar{l}^j e)\epsilon_{jk}(\bar{q}^k u)$$

1-loop

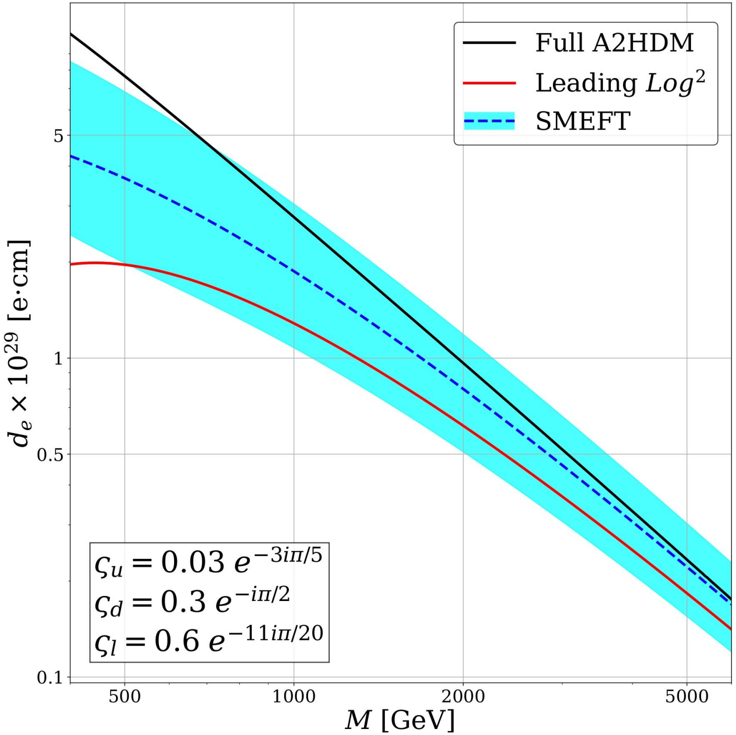
$$Q^{(3)}_{lequ} = (\bar{l}^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e)\epsilon_{jk}(\bar{q}^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u)$$

1-loop

$$C_{e\gamma} \to d_e \Longrightarrow$$

Agreement with full-model computation!

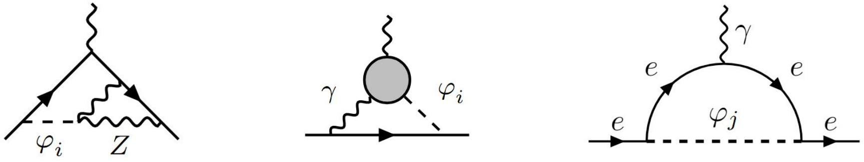
Full calculation vs. SMEFT



- **Black line**: full A2HDM
- **Red line**: only leading squared logarithm term → dominates close to the decoupling limit.
- **Blue line**: all the previously discussed SMEFT logarithms.
- **Blue band**: variation of the NP scale.

Summary

- **EDMs → powerful probe** of the amount of **violation of CP** symmetry in nature.
- **Room for NP** that contribute to CPV, such as an extended scalar sector → **2HDMs**
- The **Aligned 2HDM** contains additional **complex phases** that allow for **new contributions** to the electron-EDM which are **absent** in **$\mathbb{Z}_2$-symmetric** 2HDMs, while still avoiding FCNCs.
- **Destructive interference** among contributions → satisfy experimental constraints with lower values for the scalar masses.
- **Outlook** → discussion of CP-violating electron-nucleon interaction.



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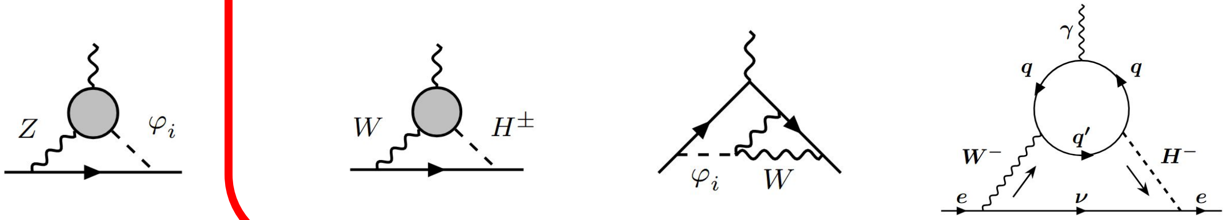


BACKUP

Flavour Alignment Parameters

Different models have different flavour alignment parameters:

- (Minimal) Aligned 2HDM: $\varsigma_i \in \mathbb{C}$ → Model used in this work
- General Aligned 2HDM: $\varsigma_i \in \mathbb{C}^3$, diagonal
- General 2HDM: $\varsigma_i \in \mathbb{C}^3$ } Matrices
- $\mathbb{Z}_2$-conserving 2HDMs:

$$\text{Type I:}\ \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = \varsigma_l = \cot\beta, \quad \text{Type II:}\ \varsigma_u = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_d} = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_l} = \cot\beta\,, \quad \text{Inert:}\ \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = \varsigma_l = 0\,,$$

$$\text{Type X:}\ \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_l} = \cot\beta \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Type Y:}\ \varsigma_u = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_d} = \varsigma_l = \cot\beta\,.$$

(From [Karan, Miralles, Pich '23])

Benchmark

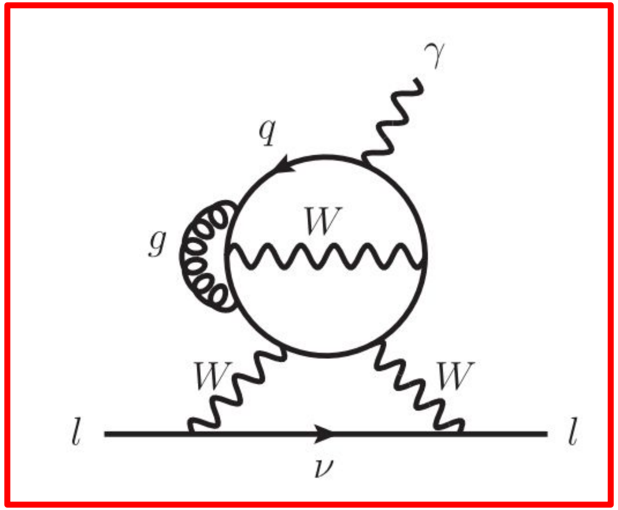
Parameter	Benchmark Value
λ_3	0.02
λ_4	0.04
λ_7	0.03
$\mathrm{Re}(\lambda_5)$	0.05
$\mathrm{Re}(\lambda_6)$	-0.05
$\mathrm{Im}(\lambda_6)$	0.01
α_3	$\pi/6$

All benchmark values are consistent with the global fit performed in [Karan, Miralles, Pich '23].

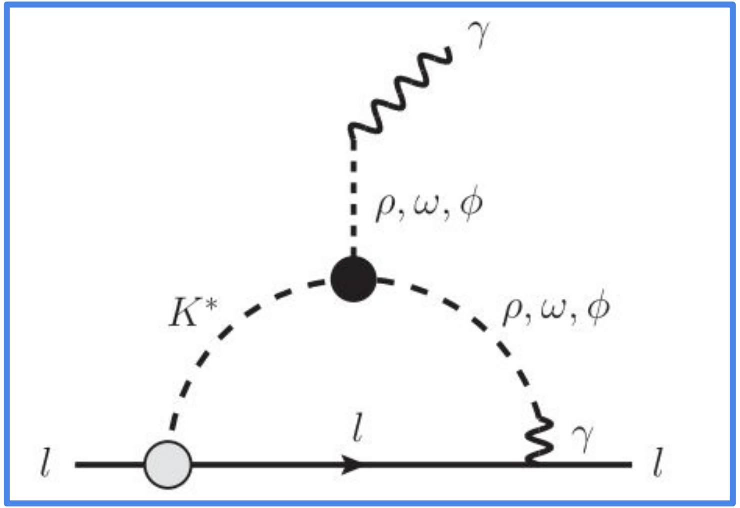
The value of the mass $\boldsymbol{M}$ corresponds to the mass of the charged scalar, which is related to the mass parameter $\boldsymbol{\mu_2}$.

eEDM in the SM

4-loop SM contribution
(CPV comes from CKM)



Long-distance
contribution



[Yamaguchi, Yamanaka ‘20]

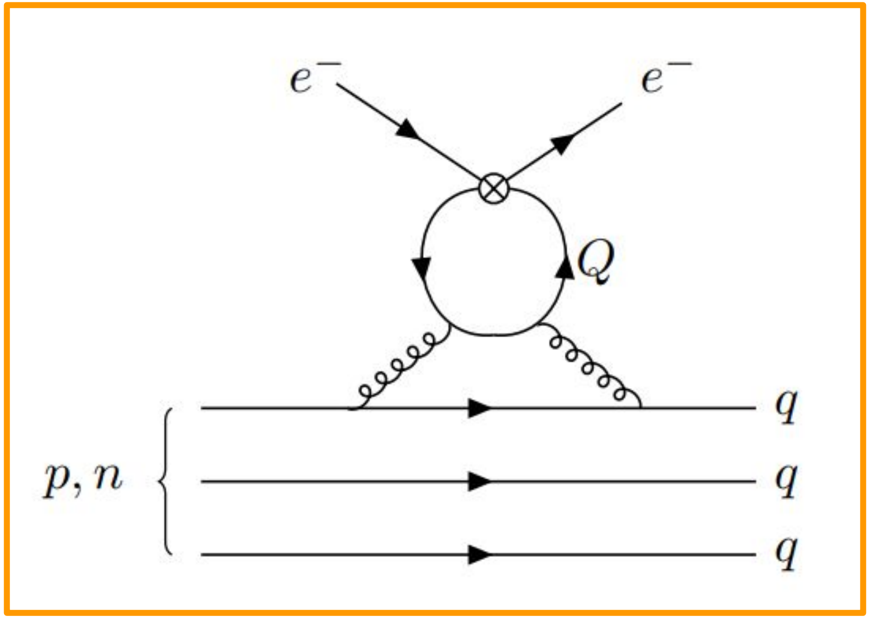
Electron-nucleon interaction

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} C_S \bar{e} i\gamma_5 e \bar{N} N$$

Electron-nucleon interaction, mimics:

$$d_e^{\mathrm{equiv}} \sim 10^{-35} e\,\mathrm{cm}$$

in the SM.
[Ema, Gao, Pospelov '22]



[Ardu, Valori '25]