

Flavor physics: Precision as an avenue to discovery

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Outline

- ✓ Why flavor physics
- ✓ CP violation in $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ oscillations
- ✓ The very rare decay $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$

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The SM pattern of breaking of the “flavor” symmetry is highly peculiar

- ☑ *No apparent reason why it should hold for physics beyond the SM, whatever its scale*

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- ✓ So, the more the high- p_T picture at LHC is SM-like, the higher the relative weight of indirect observables in defining future strategies

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On fundamental questions, we should never give up.



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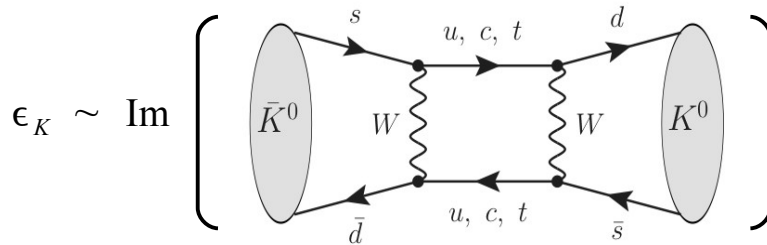
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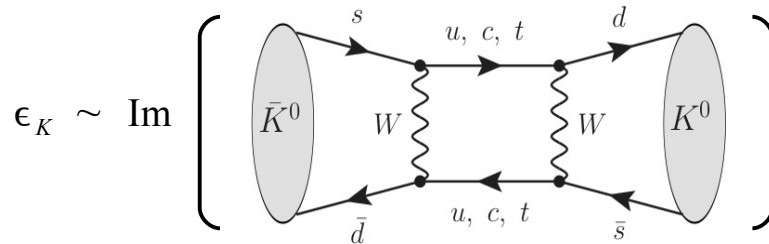
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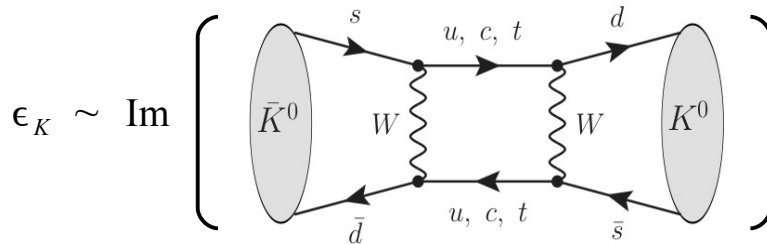
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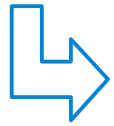
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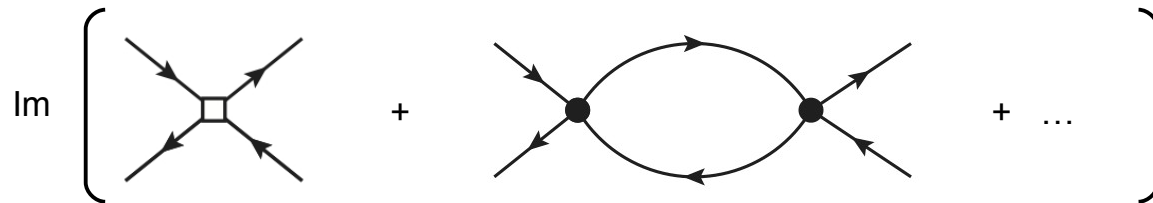
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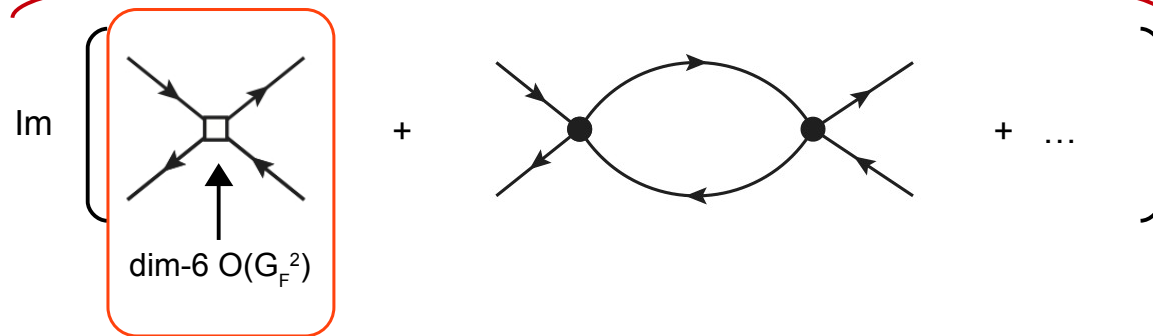
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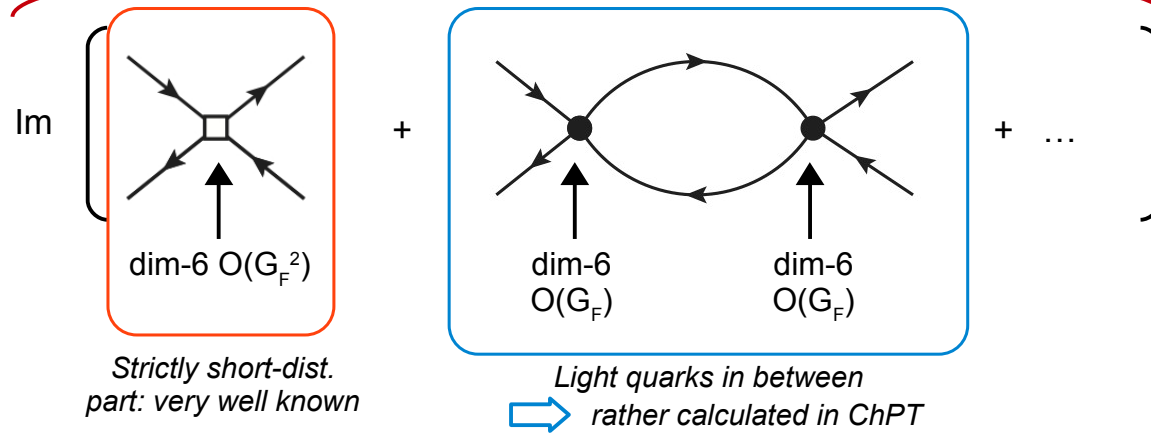
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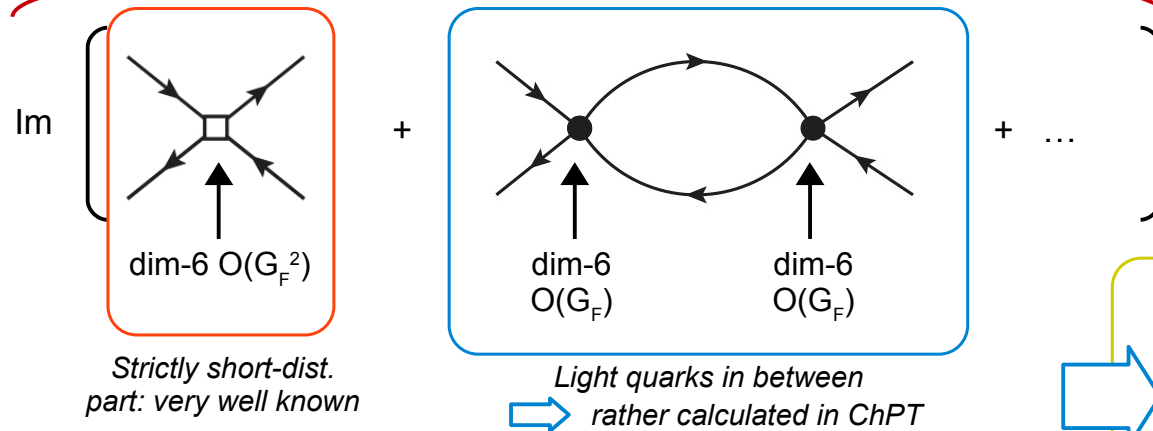
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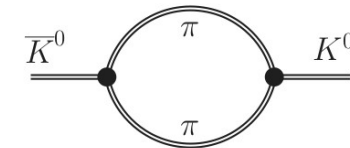
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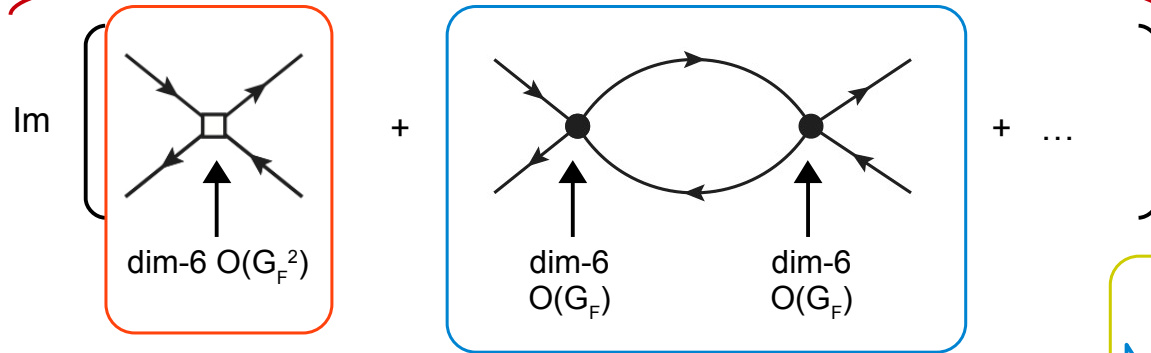
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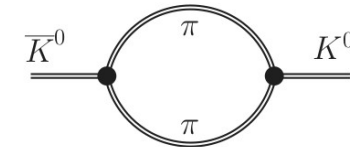
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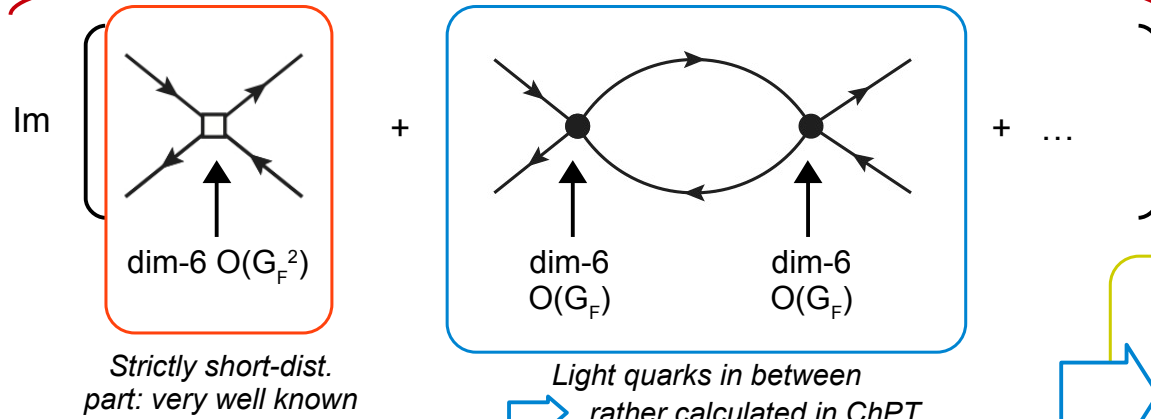
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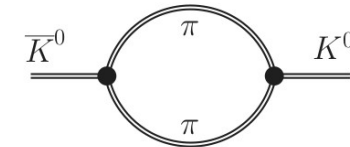
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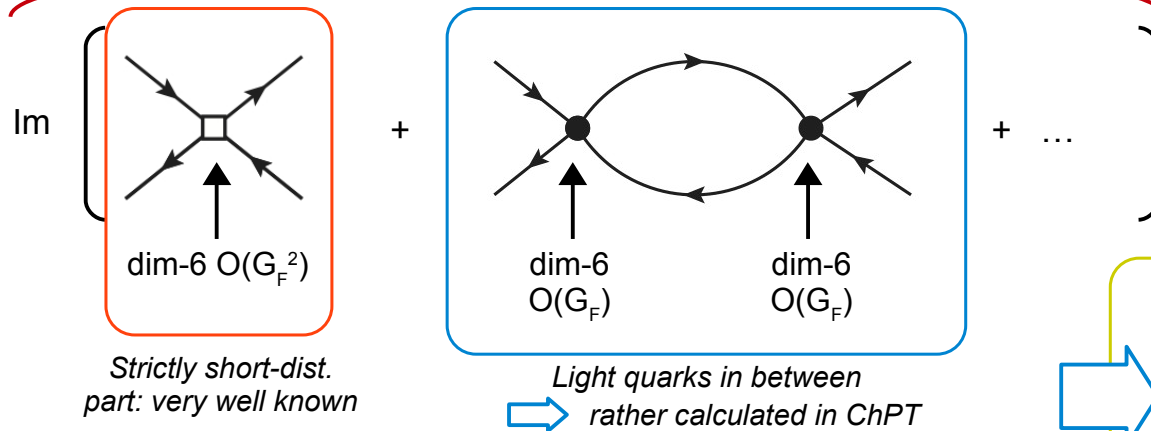
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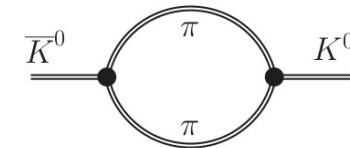
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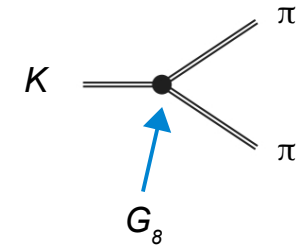
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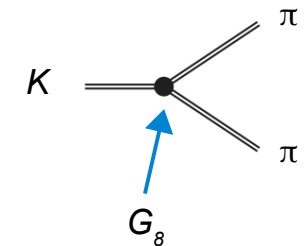
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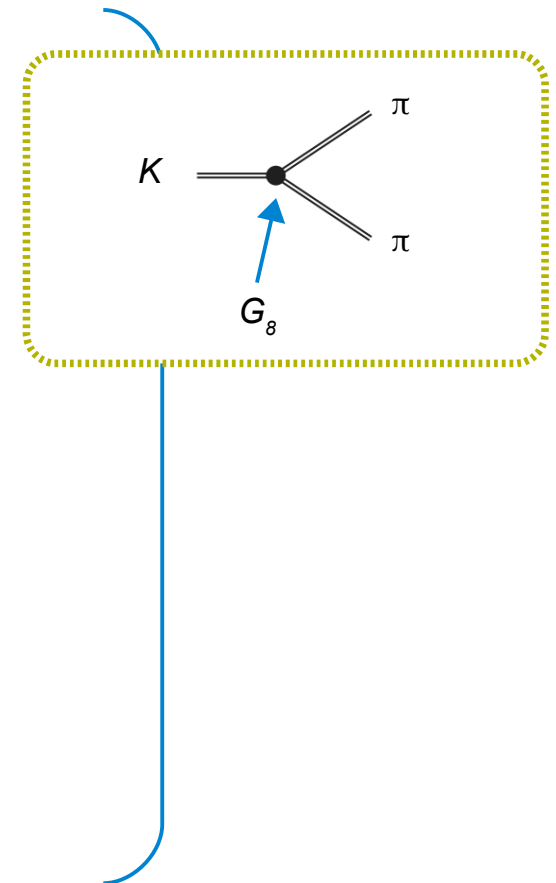
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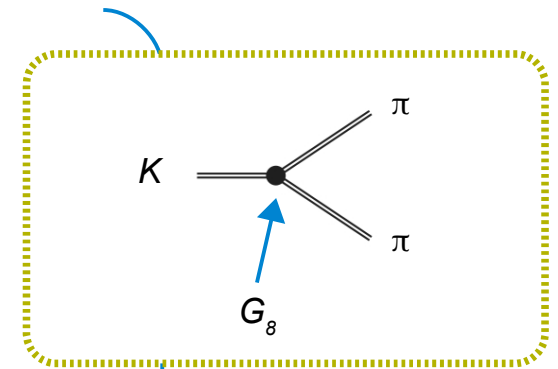
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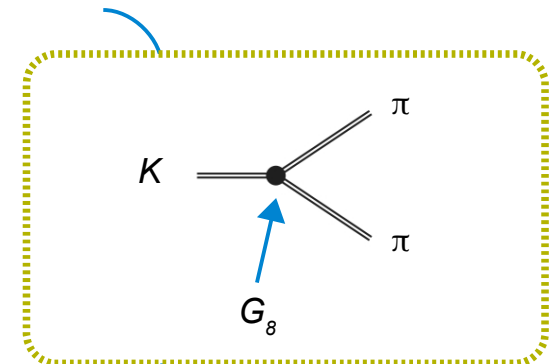
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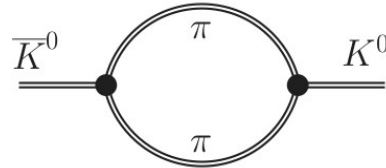
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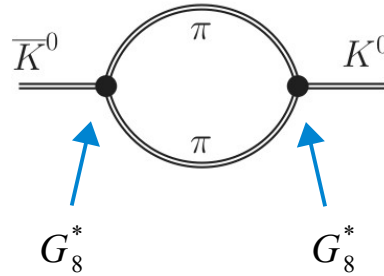
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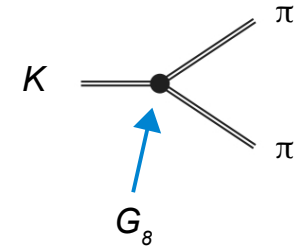


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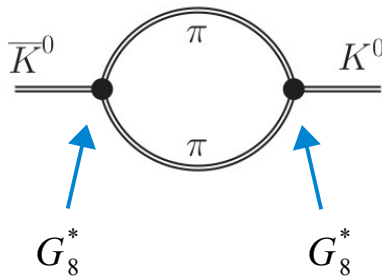
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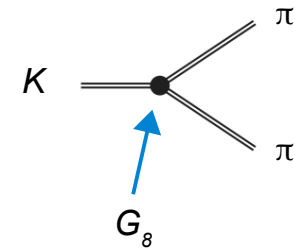


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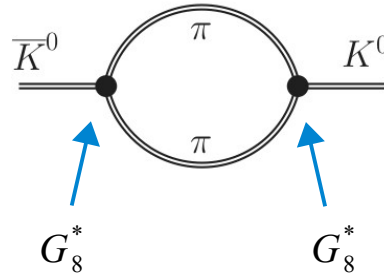
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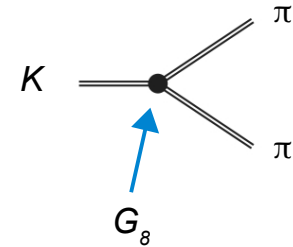
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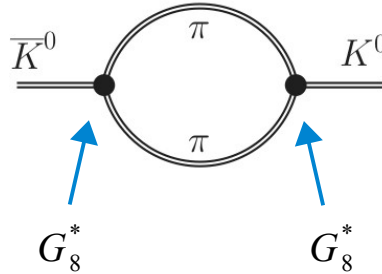
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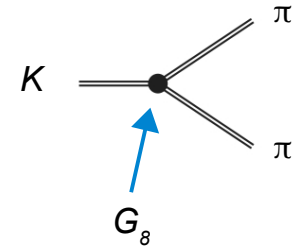
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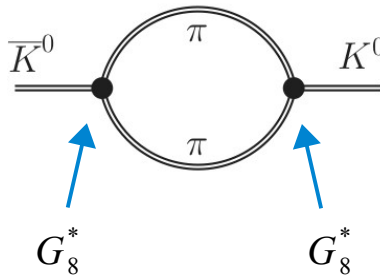


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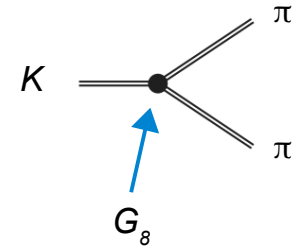
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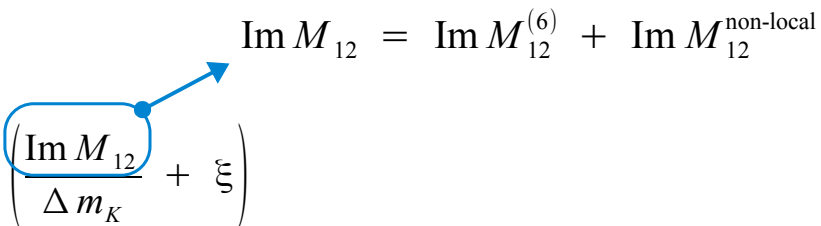
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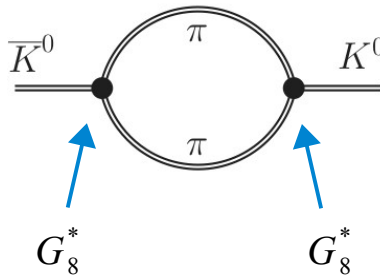
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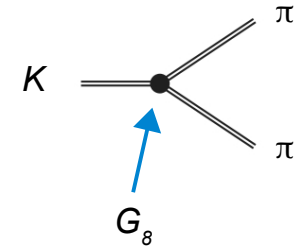
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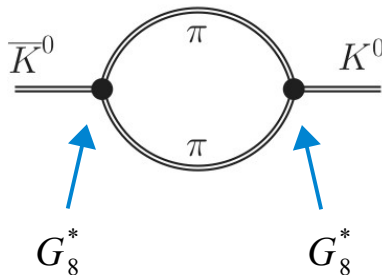


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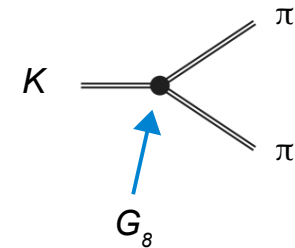
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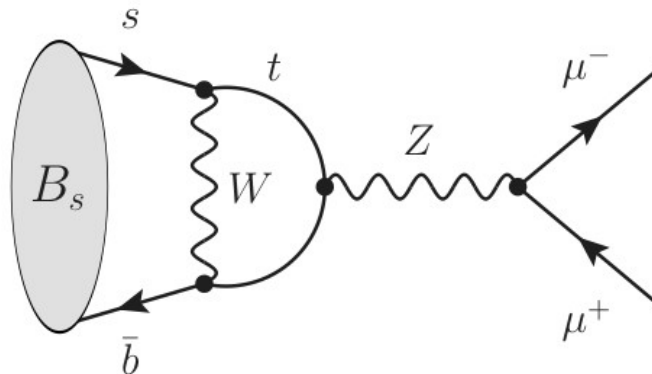
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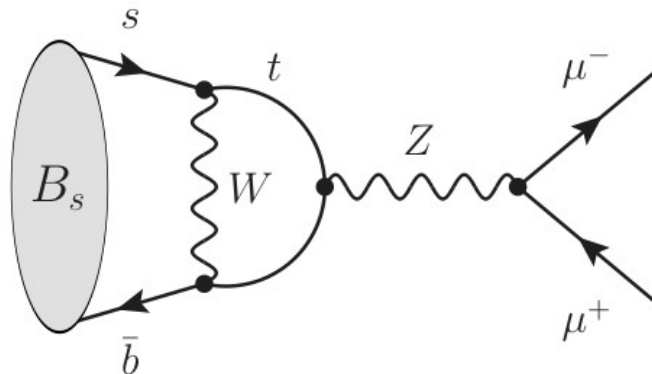
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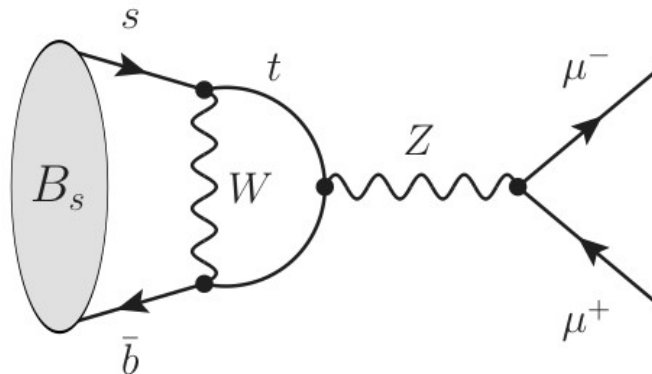
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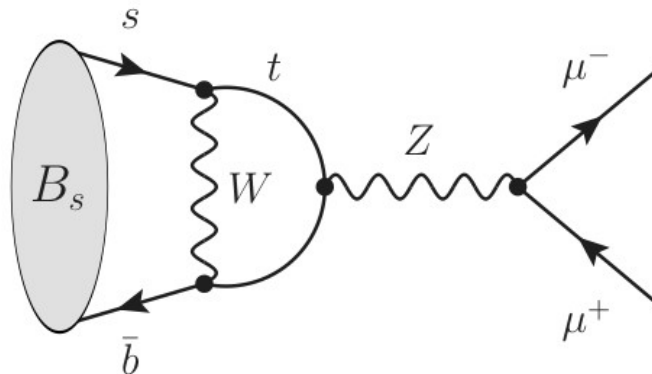
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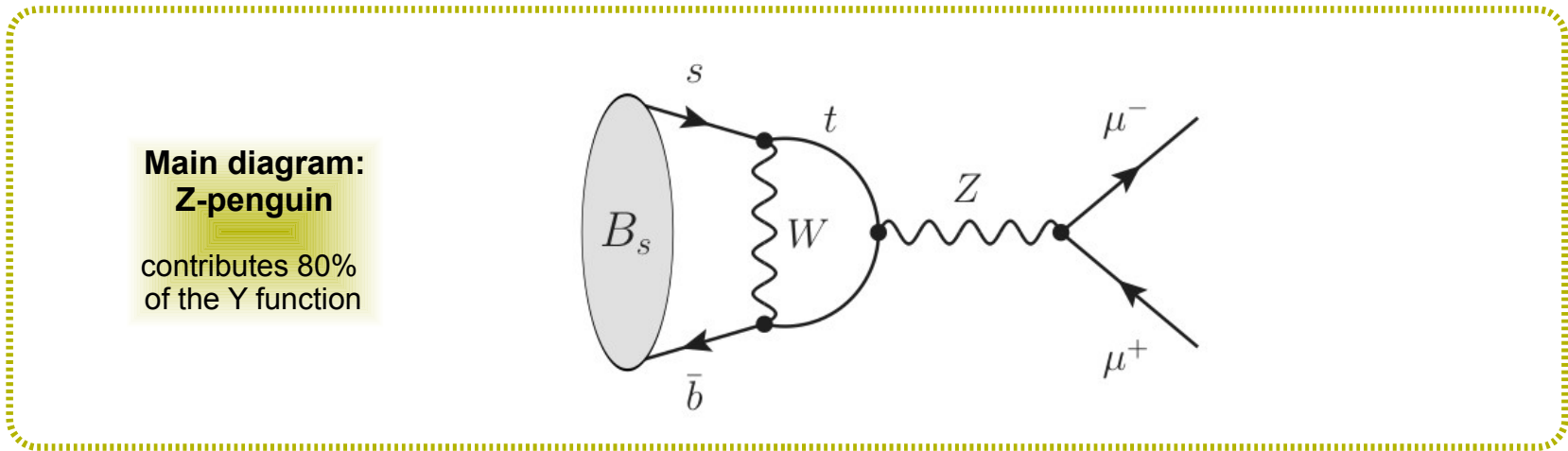
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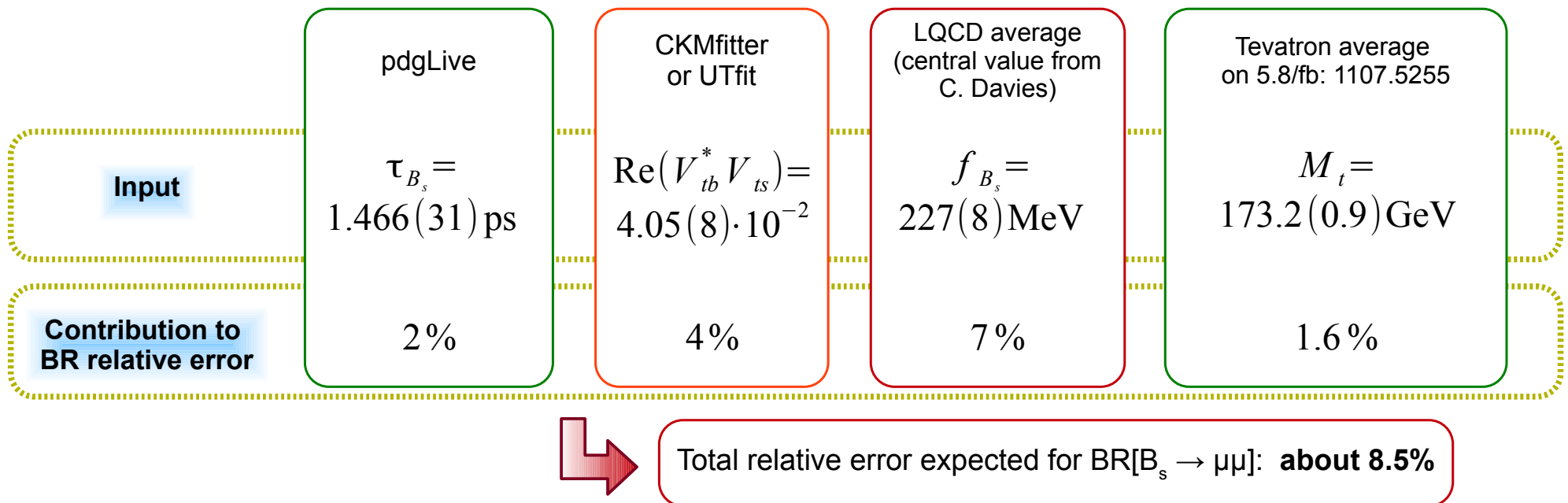
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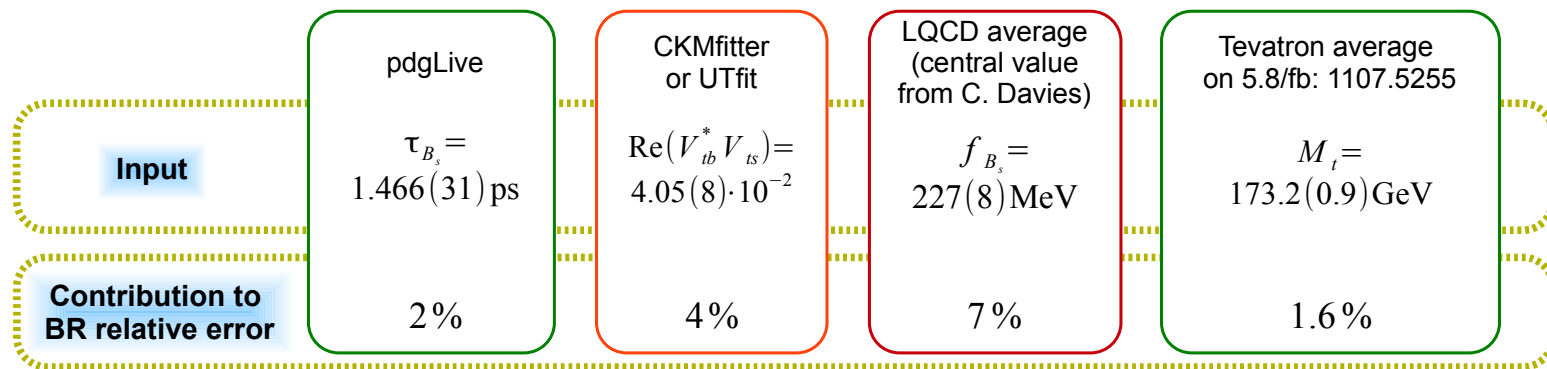
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A qualification about the f_{B_s} error



☑ Actually, there are different schools of thought as to whether the above f_{B_s} error is “the right choice”

- The FLAG (Flavor Lattice Averaging Group) collab. quotes as reference error the weighted average among the most recent (= unquenched) lattice calculations: 4.5 MeV

☞ This average is however dominated by one determination (HPQCD collab.), that has about half the error of the other ones.

In $\text{BR}[B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu]$, this choice makes the f_{B_s} error subleading with respect to the CKM error.

- We adopted the more conservative approach of estimating the error from the spread of the central values.

This issue is still debatable to some extent
(or at least it would be so in case of a SM vs. exp discrepancy)

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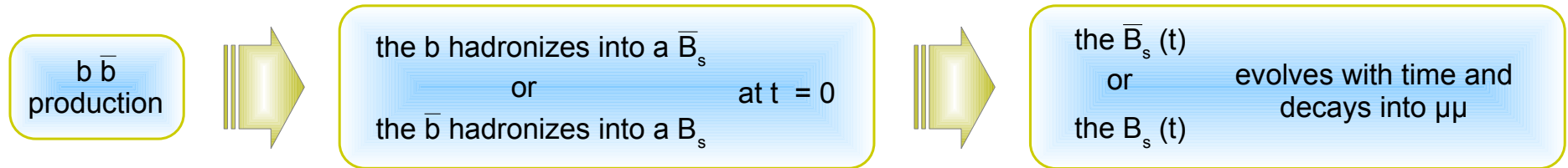


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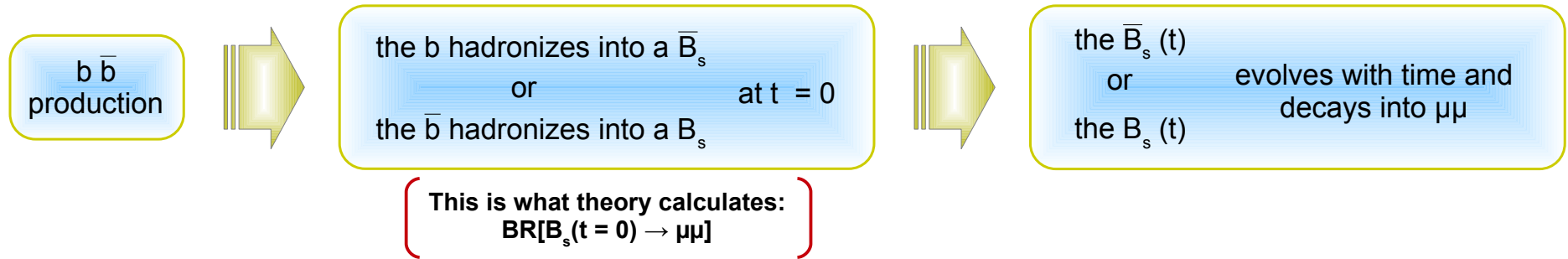
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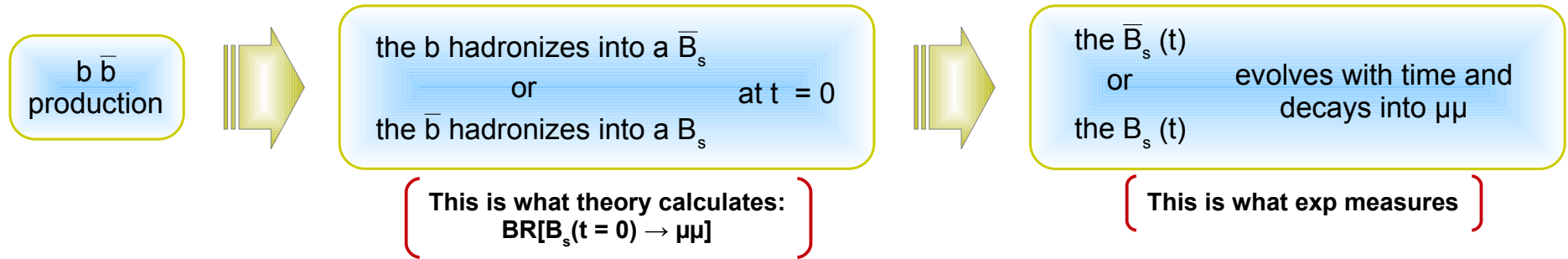
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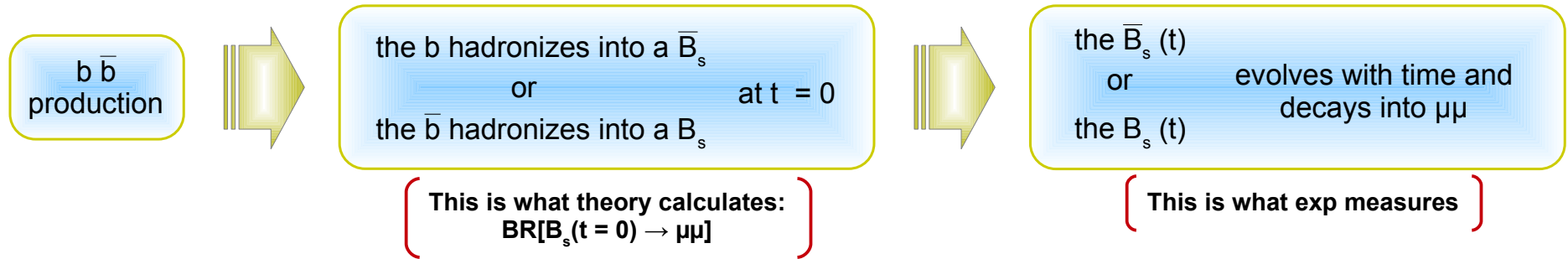
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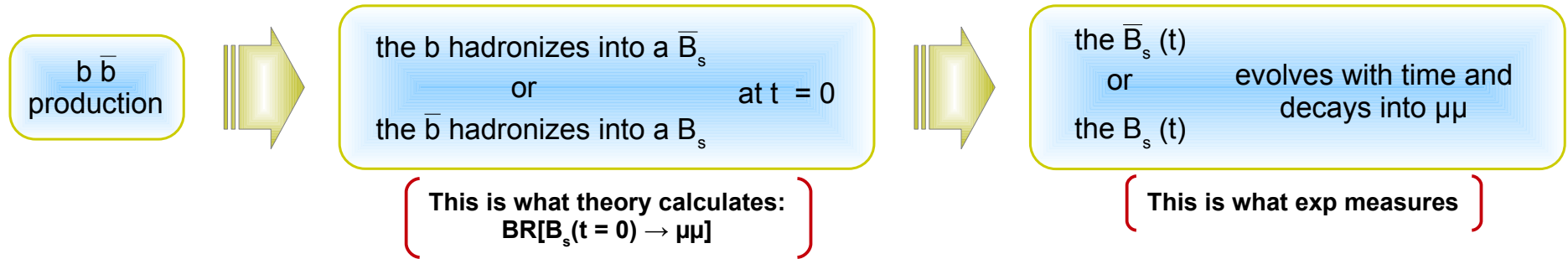
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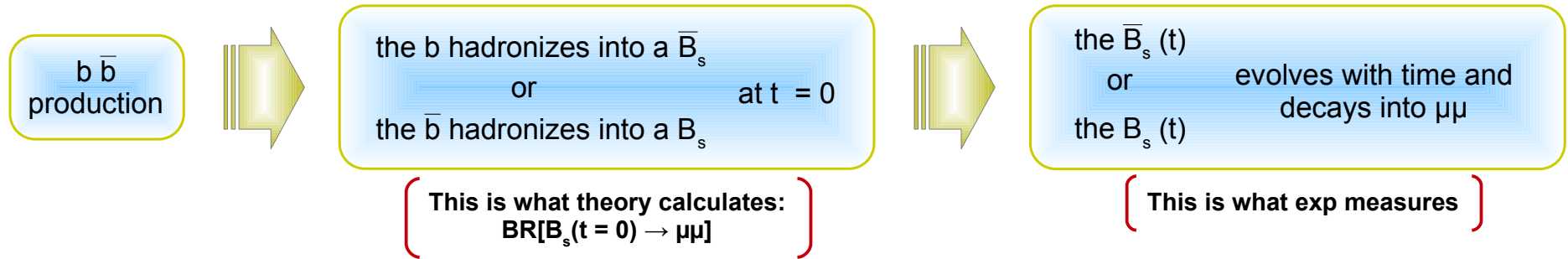
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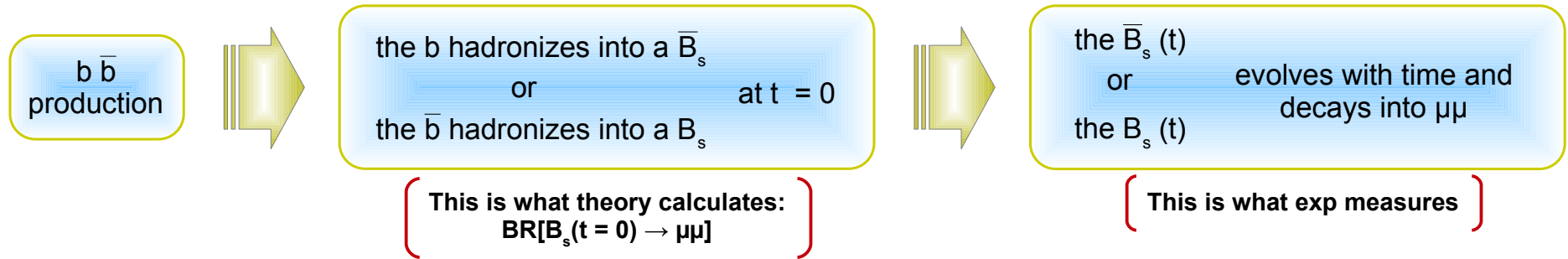
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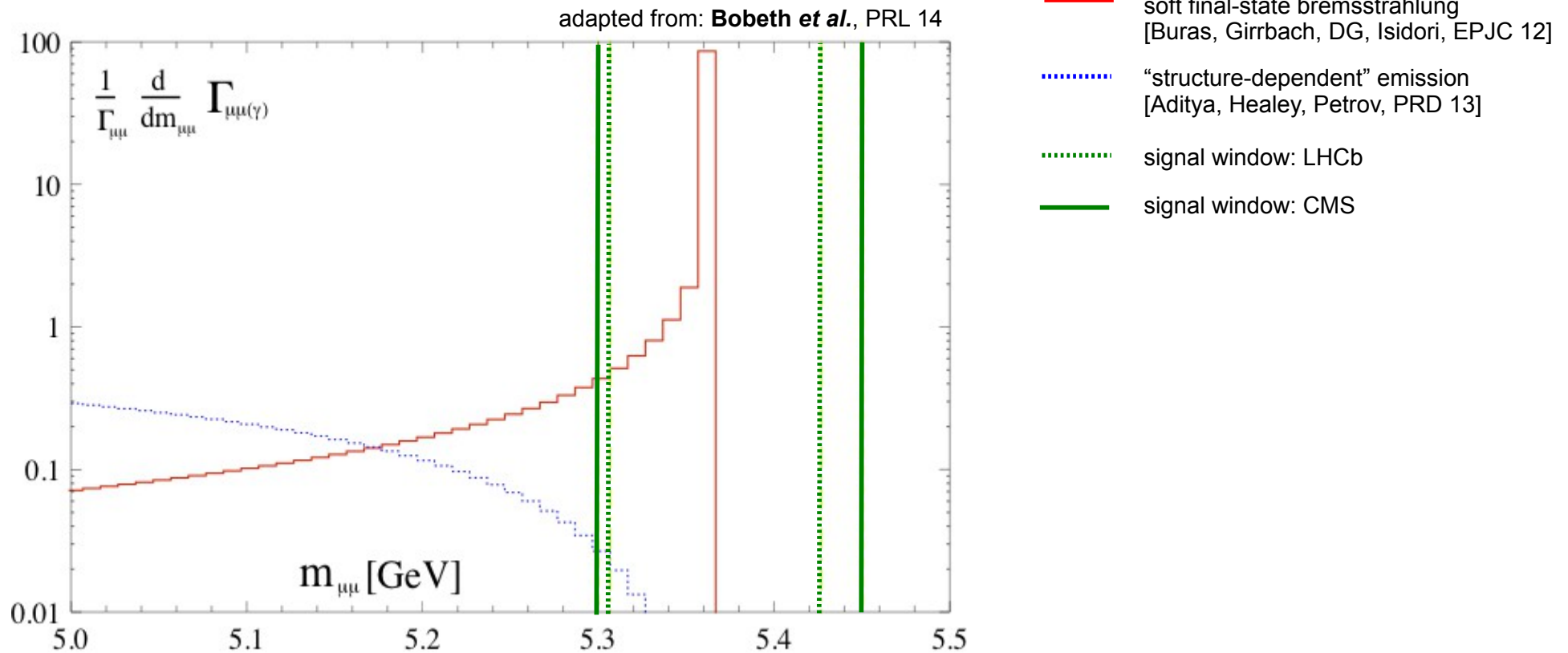
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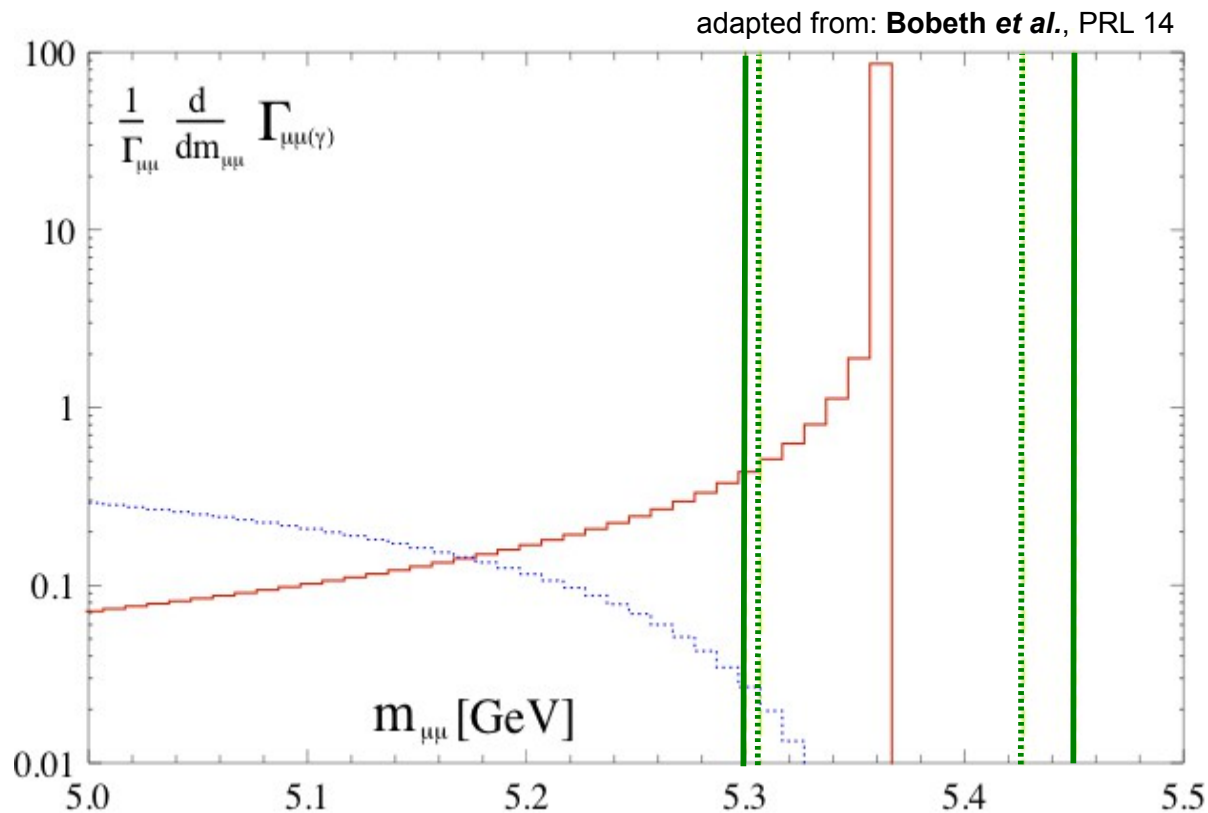
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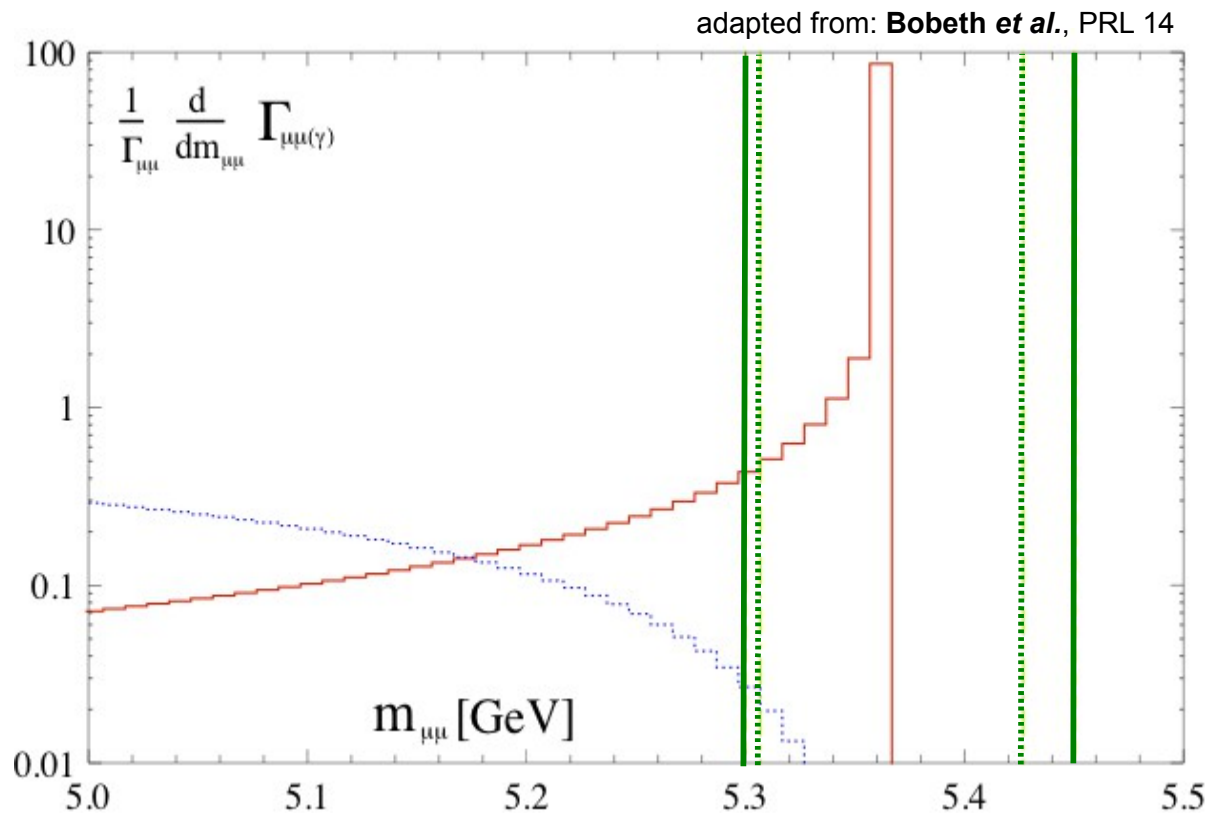
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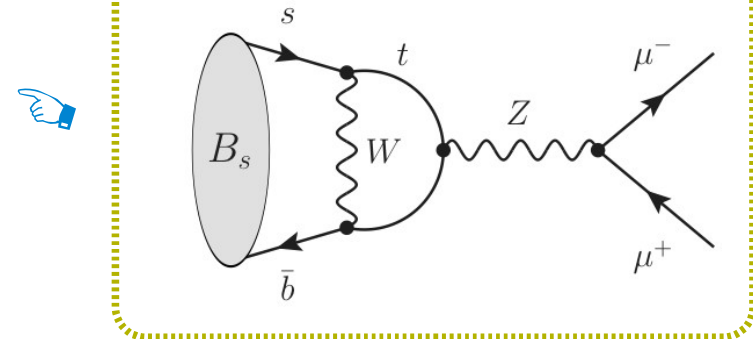
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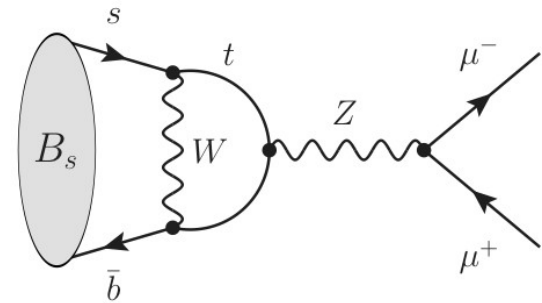
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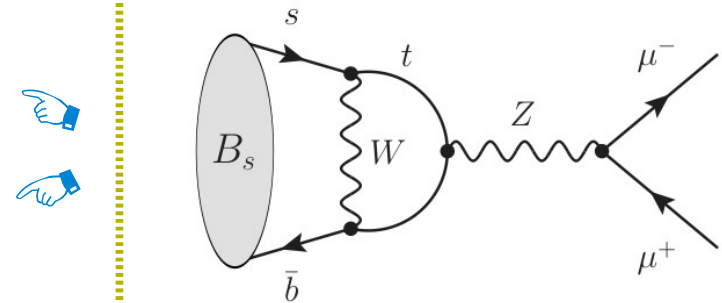
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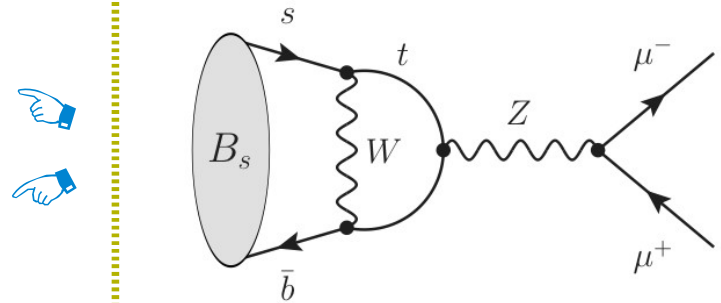
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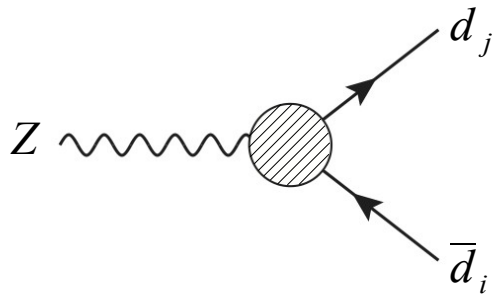


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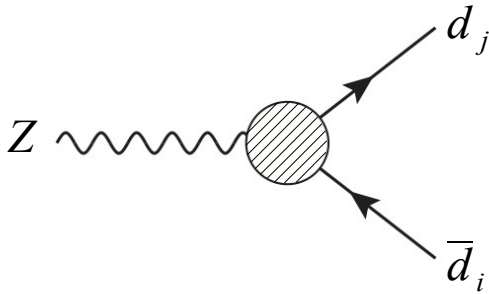


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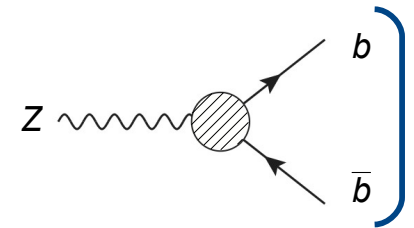
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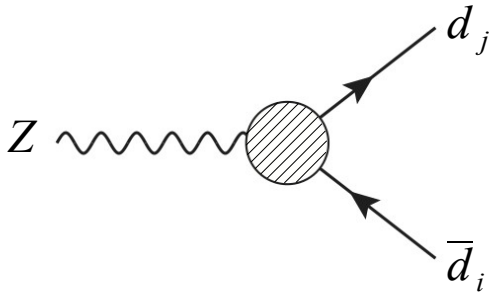


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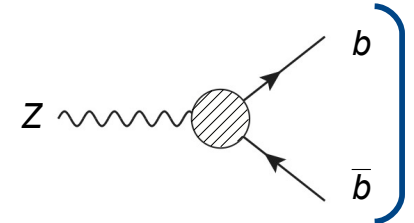
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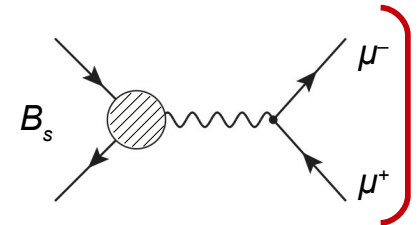
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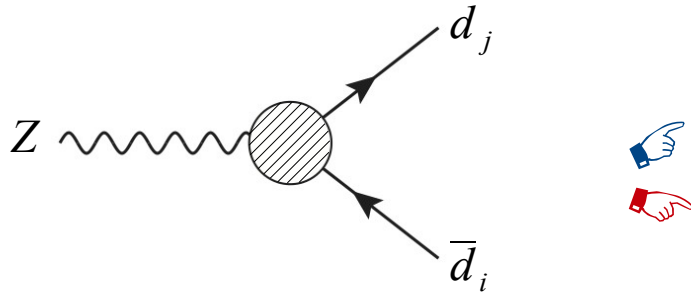


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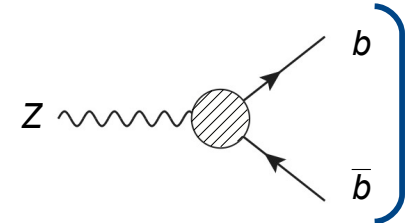
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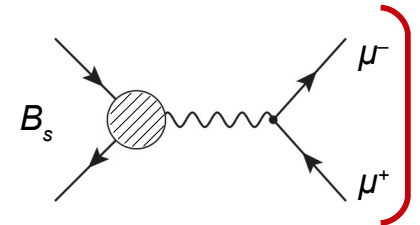
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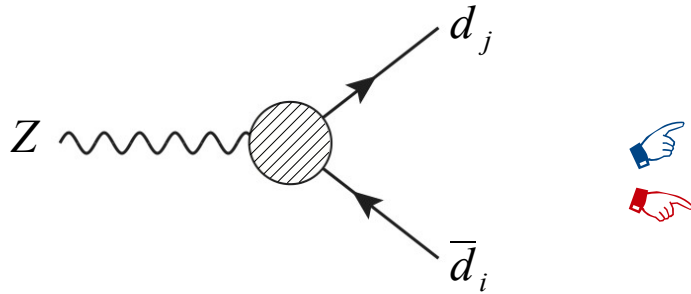
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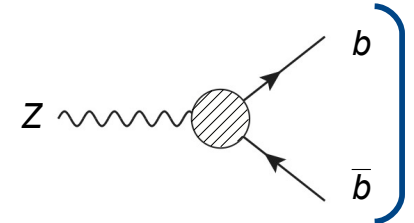
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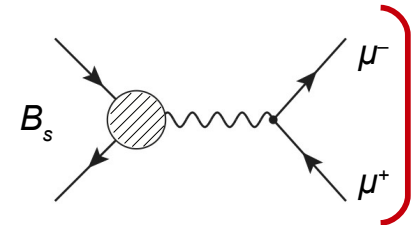
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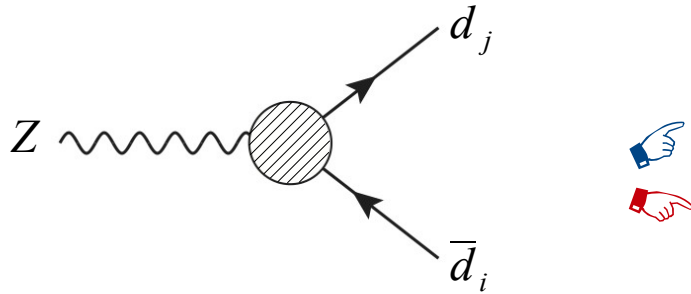
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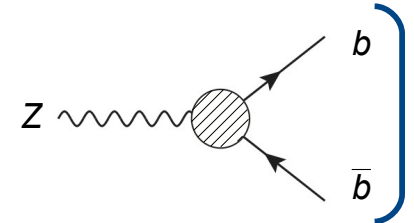
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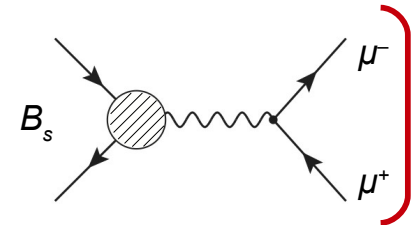
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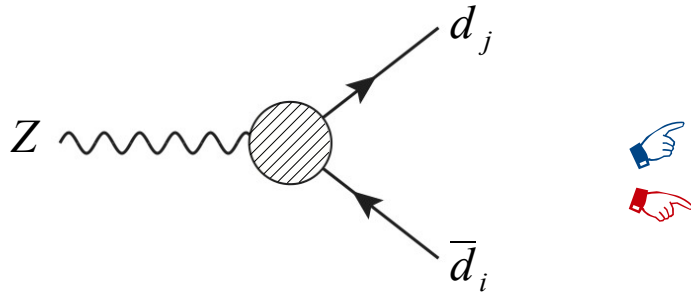
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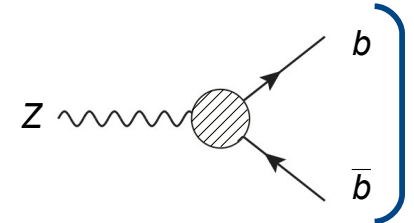
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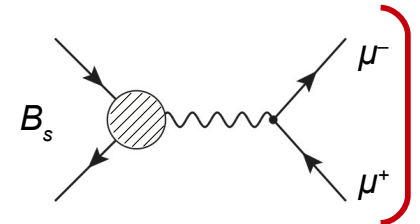
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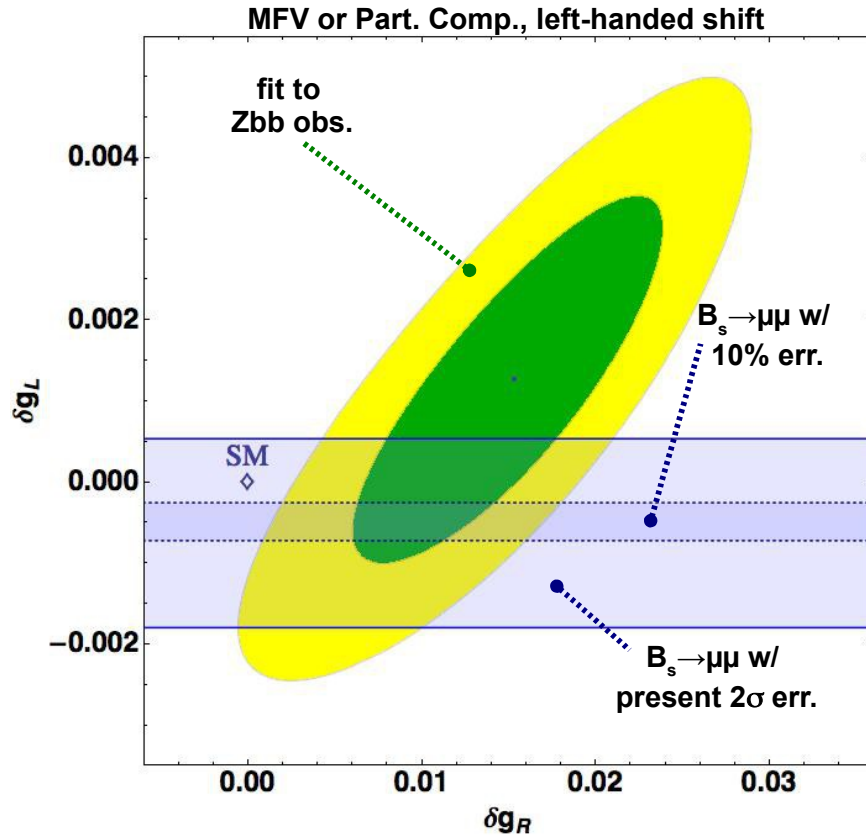
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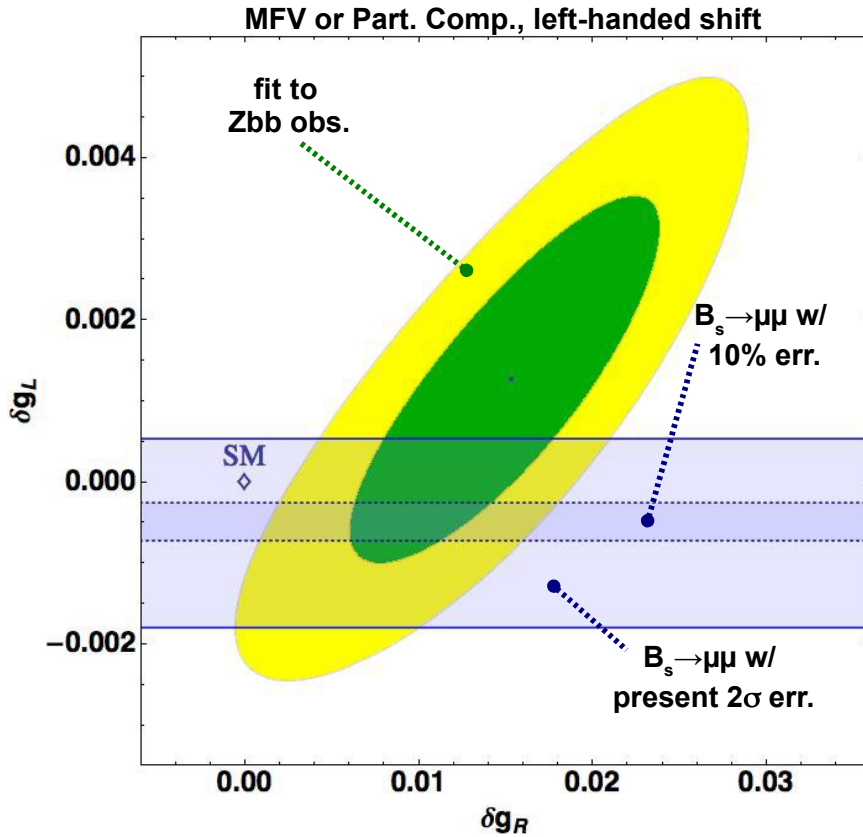
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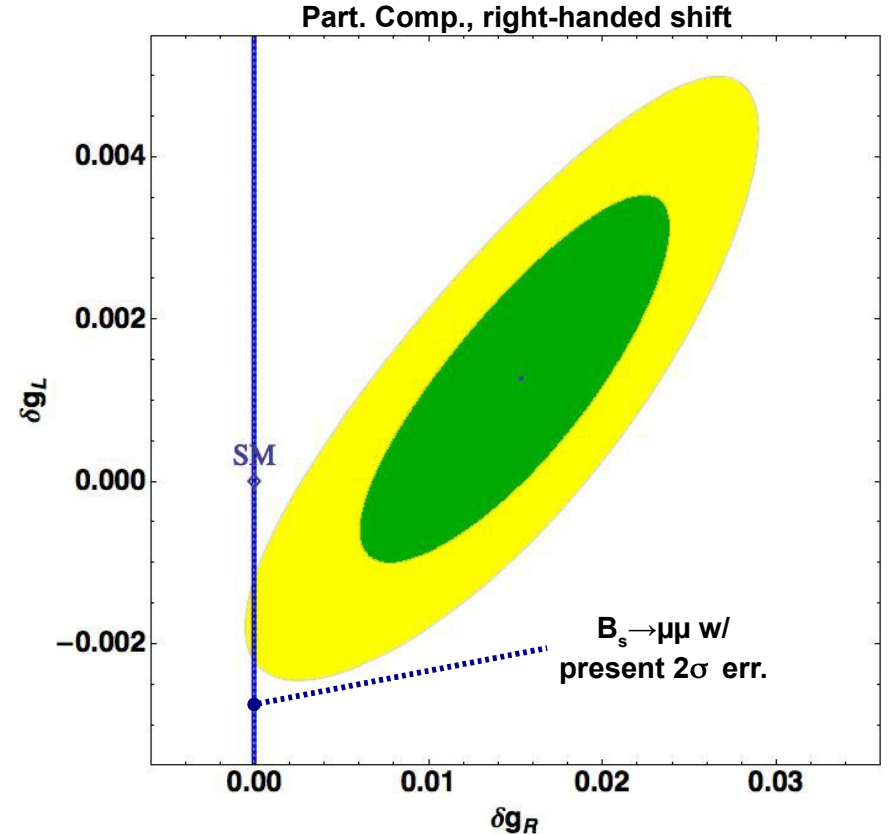
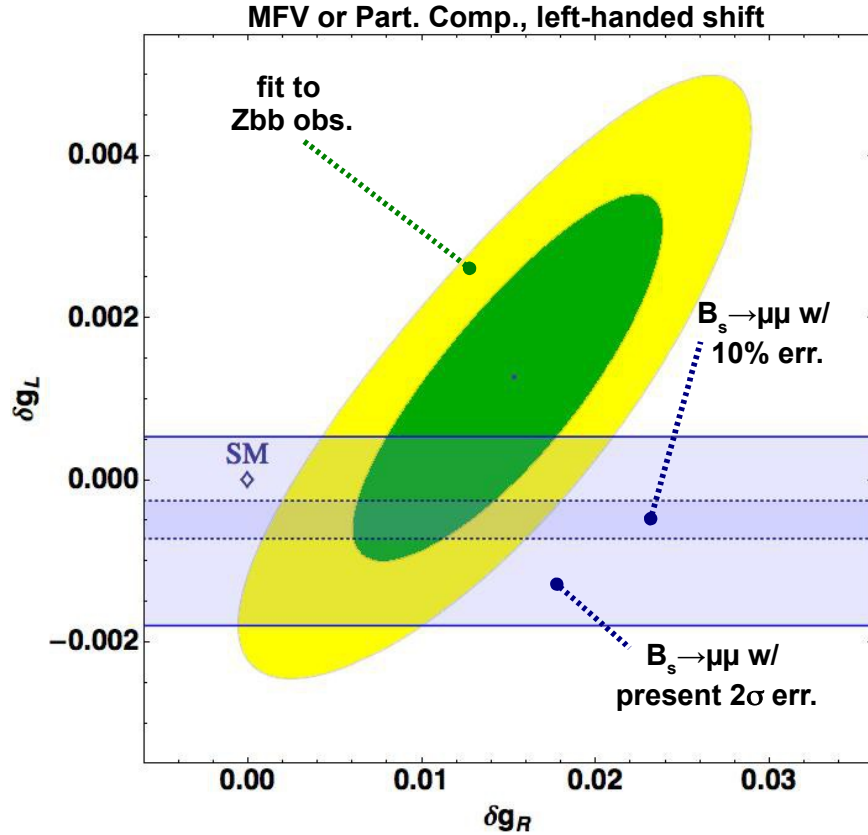
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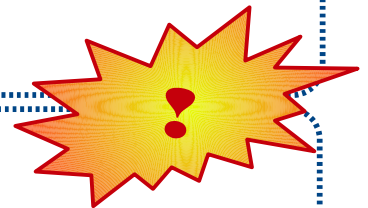
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