

# Perspectives on C and CP Violation (and more) in $\eta$ Decay

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Precision tests of fundamental physics  
with light mesons  
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# Puzzles

Existing observed and measured effects defy the SM

New theoretical underpinnings unclear

## The cosmic baryon asymmetry

$$\eta = n_{\text{baryon}}/n_{\text{photon}} = (6.12 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-10}$$

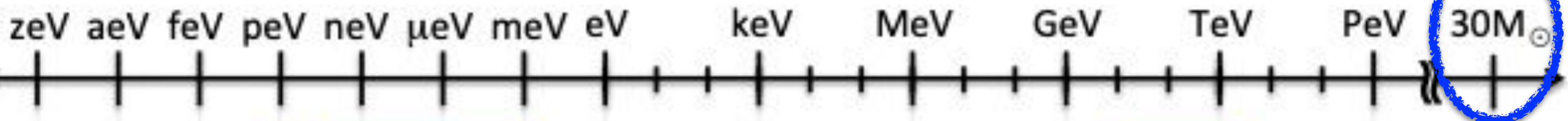
[Planck, 2020; PDG, 2022]

## Dark matter

### Particle Masses

Elementary Particle

Fits in Galaxy



“Fuzzy DM”

“WIMPs”

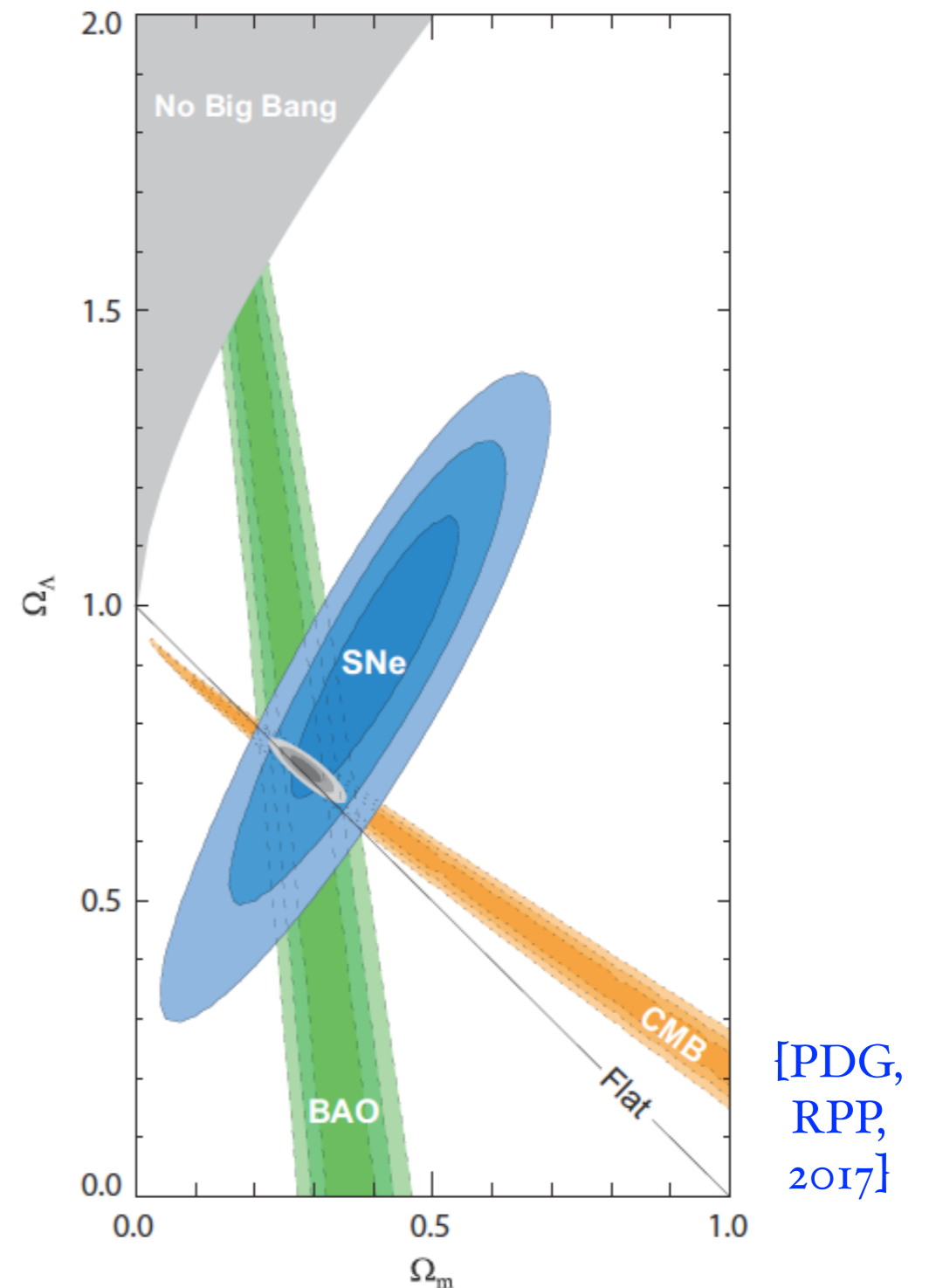
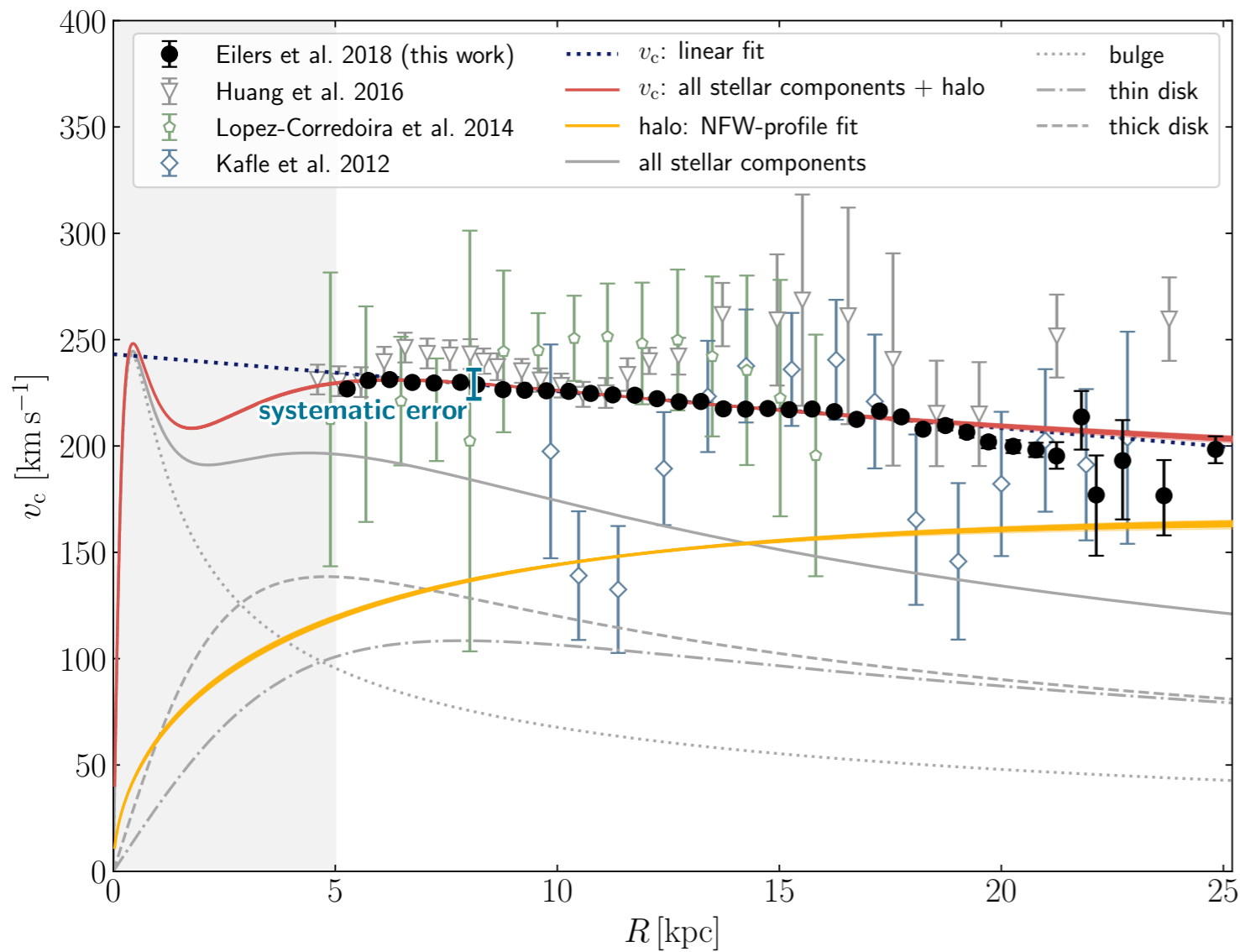
“Exotics”

## The neutrinos' masses

$$m_{\nu_i} \ll m_e !$$

# Observational Evidence for Dark Matter ranges from “local” to cosmic scales

Rotation Curve of our Milky Way with Gaia DR2!  
Eilers et al., 2018, “red-clump giants”

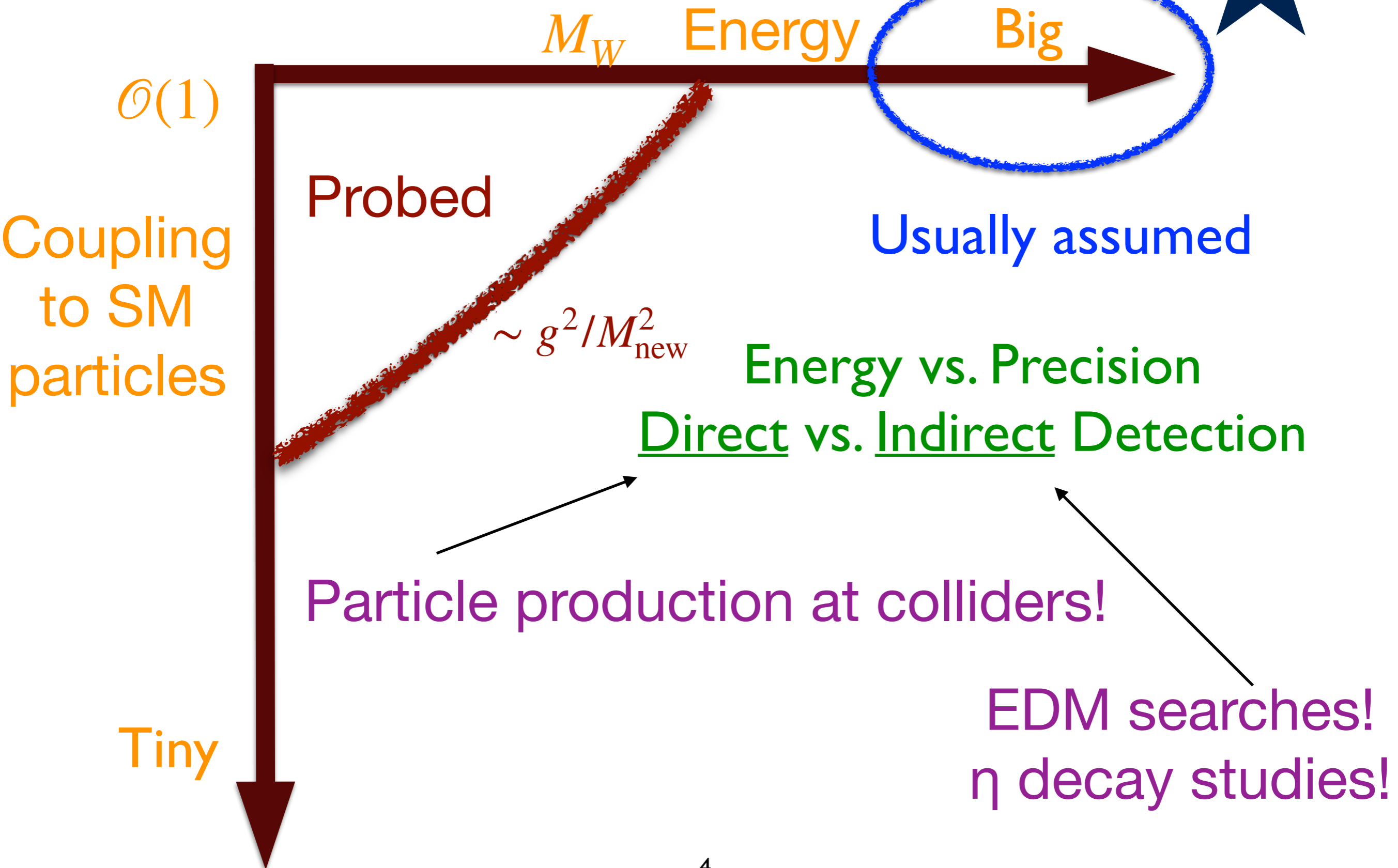


The observed circular speed does not track the luminous mass.

Most of the cosmic energy budget is of an unknown form!

# New Particle Discovery Space

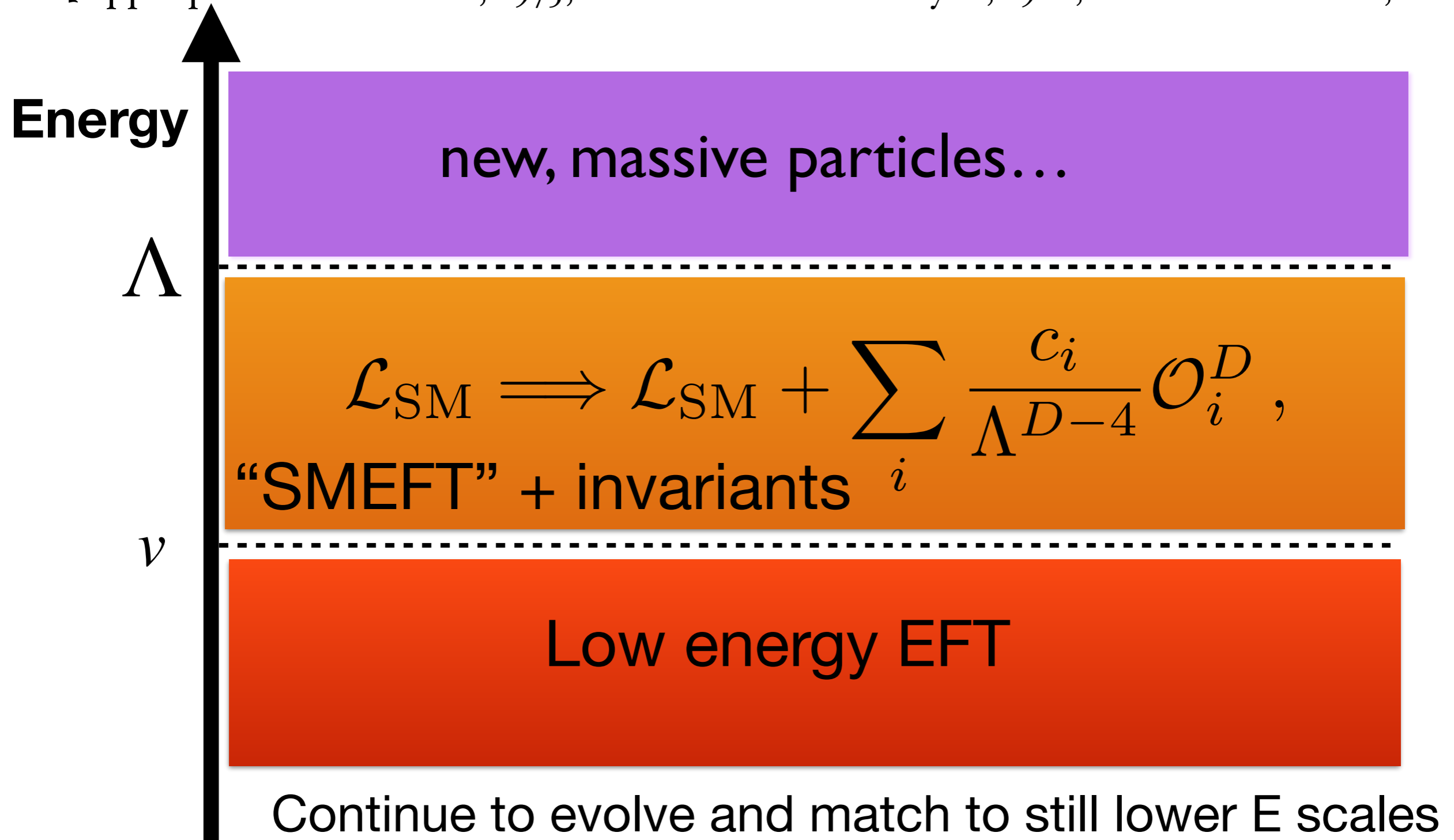
## Dichotomies



# Model Independent Analysis

Assuming new physics scale  $\Lambda$  heavy cf. to the weak scale  $\nu$

[Appelquist & Carazzone, 1975; note Buchmuller & Wyler, 1986; Grzadkowski et al., 2010]



Continue to evolve and match to still lower E scales  
& EFTs as needed....

# Aspects of SMEFT

**Assumes** new physics scale  $\Lambda$  **heavy** cf. to the weak scale  $v$

**Assumes** SM gauge symmetries & particle content

**Assumes** the scalar sector is weakly coupled

[cf. Buchalla, Cata, & Krause, 2015]

**Theorem:** if EW symmetry is unbroken

the operators have even (odd) mass dimension  $d$

if  $(B - L)/2$  is even (odd) [Kobach, 2016]

Assert T &/or P, or B or L &/or B-L... broken:  
different “SMEFT” operators enter in each case

(i) How to use it?

 (ii) How to test it (its convergence)? **Revealing?!**

(iii) What new issues arise in complex,  
many-body systems? **(not today)**

# Applying SMEFT: Proton Decay ( $|\Delta B| = 1$ )

Assuming new physics **heavy** cf. to the weak scale

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} \implies \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^d$$

[Buchmuller & Wyler, 1986;  
Grzadkowski et al., 2010]

e.g.:  $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$

$$\mathcal{L}_{|\Delta B|=1}^{(d=6)} \supset \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda_{|\Delta B|=1}^2} (qqq\ell)_i + \text{h.c.}$$

Many?

For  $c_i$  work in an explicit BSM model  
or make  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  — with matrix element  
experimental limit bounds  $\Lambda_{\text{new}} \dots$

here  $\Lambda_{|\Delta B|=1} \simeq 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$

Local operator:  
LQCD to compute its  
hadronic matrix element

[e.g., Aoki et al., FLAG review,  
2111.09849]

# Applying SMEFT: Precision W Mass

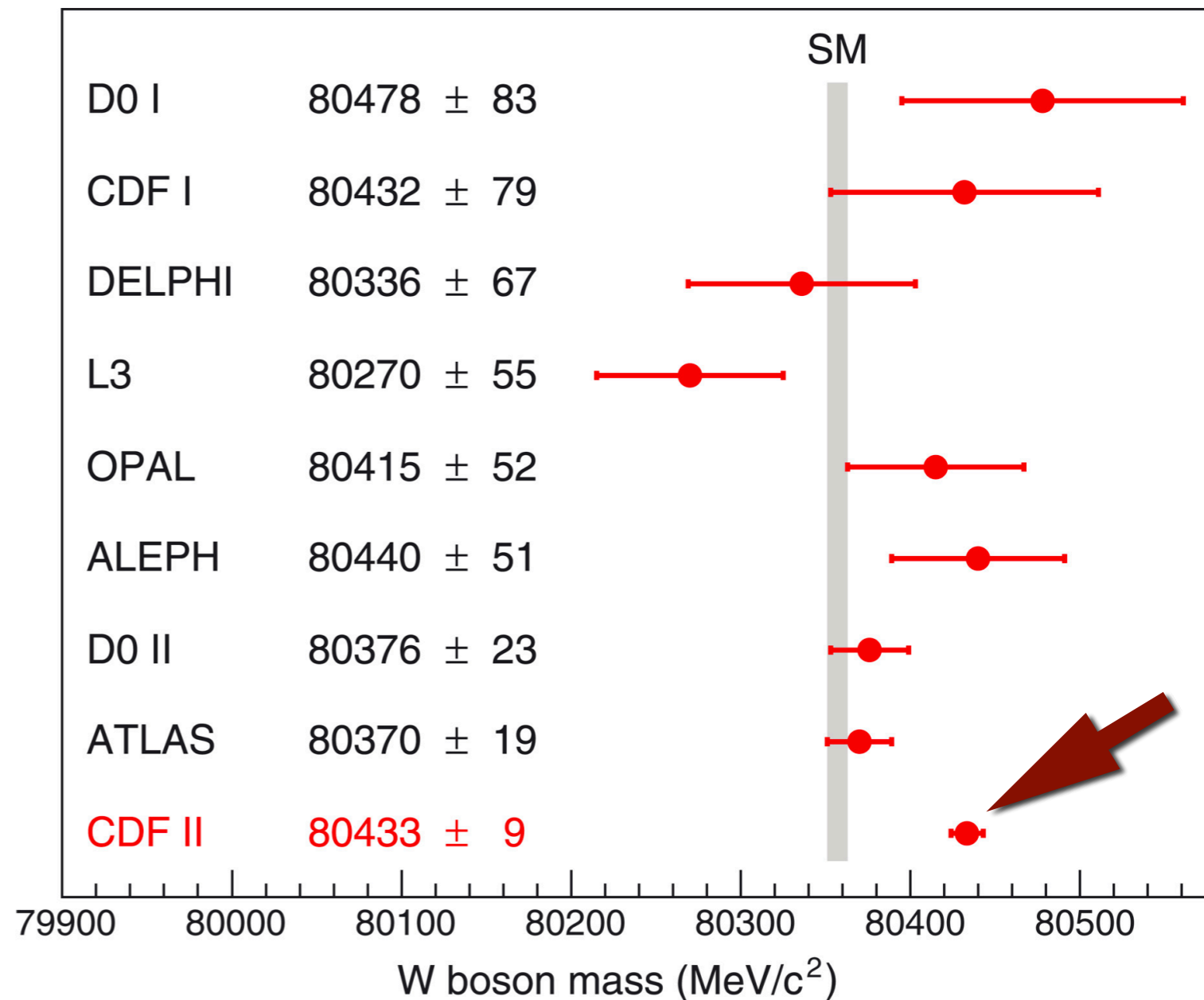
Explain with new dim-6 operators?

At odds with global EWPO fit by  $\sim 7\sigma$

[de Blas et al., 2112.07274]

Enter, e.g.,

$\mathcal{O}_{HWB}$	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$
$\mathcal{O}_{HD}$	$ H^\dagger D_\mu H ^2$
$\mathcal{O}_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H) (\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H) (\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{ll}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r) (\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma_\mu l_r) (\bar{q}_s \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_t)$



[CDF: Aaltonen et al., Science 376 (2022), 170]

$$\frac{\delta m_W^2}{m_W^2} = v^2 \frac{s_w c_w}{s_w^2 - c_w^2} \left[ 2 C_{HWB} + \frac{c_w}{2s_w} C_{HD} + \frac{s_w}{c_w} \left( 2 C_{Hl}^{(3)} - C_{ll} \right) \right]$$

CKM unitarity!

[Cirigliano et al., 2204.08440]

$\delta G_F!$



# Stress testing the SMEFT framework

## LECs of natural size?

Probed via experiment!

Weakly coupled scalar sector?

Enter  $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}_\tau$ : study angular distribution to fit all LEC's; is the scale of d=6 suppression universal?

[Burgess et al., 2111.07421]

Convergence?

Processes with leading higher dimension operators?

Enter Dalitz asymmetry in  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

[Gardner & Shi, 2020 & in prep,  
note 2203.07651 (REDTOP)]

# Hadronic CP violation

## C versus P violation

“What do we really know about T-odd, P-even interactions?” [Khriplovich & Lamoreaux, “CP Violation without Strangeness”, 1997]

Answer: the strength of a T odd, P even interaction can be estimated: dress it with a P odd radiative correction to yield a T odd, P odd interaction and cf with an EDM limit. *They're tiny!*

No, the answer depends on whether parity is a symmetry of the high energy theory. If it is not, then the argued connection does not follow!

[Ramsey-Musolf, 1999]

Thus in SMEFT we can expect them to be independent

# Dalitz Plot (Charge) Asymmetry in $\eta$ to $3\pi$

Breaks C (and CP) symmetries

Note old "C odd" papers

[TD Lee & L Wolfenstein, 1965; Lee, 1965; Nauenberg, 1965]

[Bernstein, Feinberg, & Lee, 1965; Barshay, 1965]

$$s = (p_{\pi^+} + p_{\pi^-})^2, \quad t = (p_{\pi^-} + p_{\pi^0})^2, \quad u = (p_{\pi^+} + p_{\pi^0})^2$$

$$A_{LR} = \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-} \quad (N_+ : u > t, \quad N_- : u < t)$$

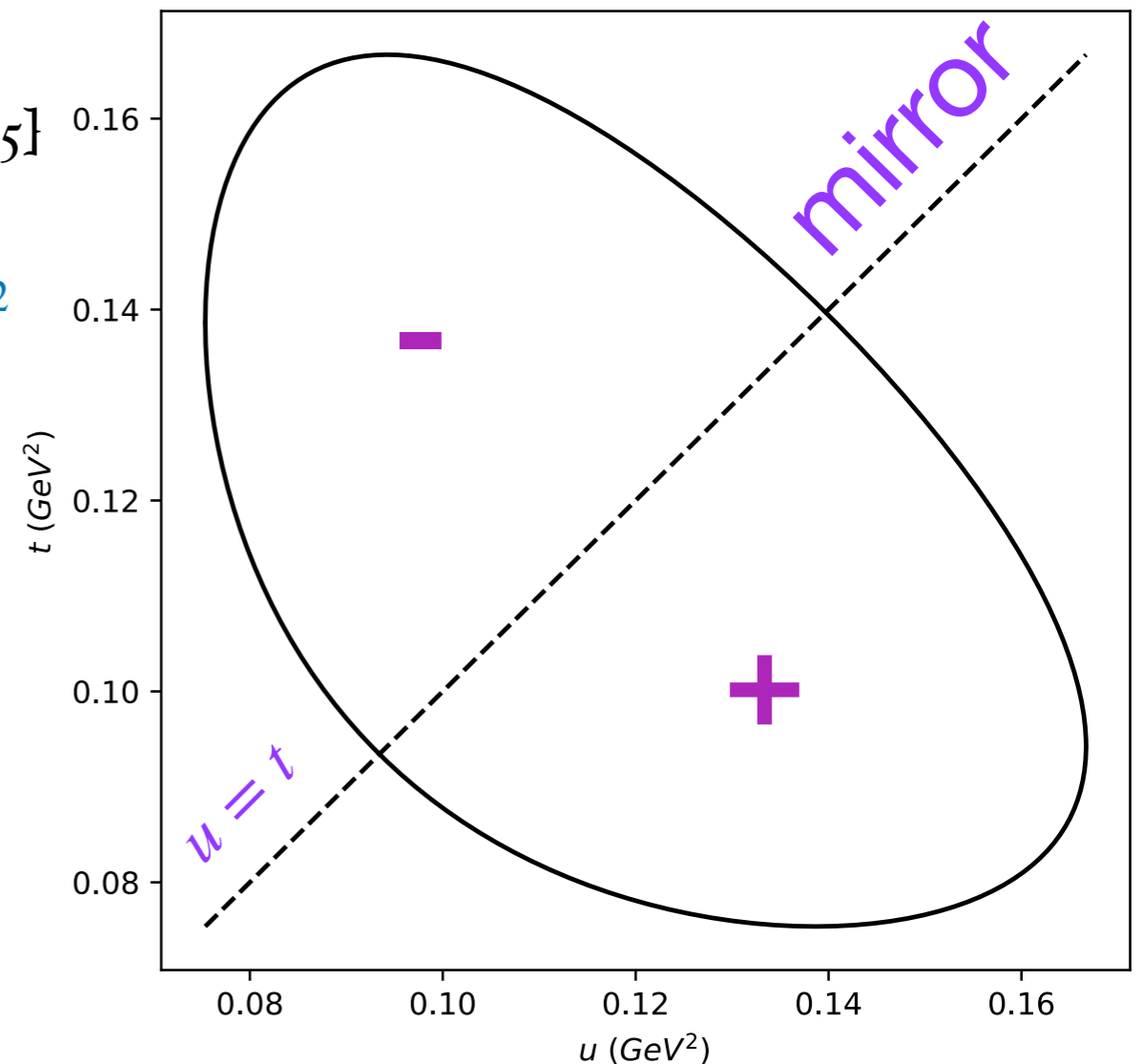
Features of  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

$$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 : C = -(-1)^I \quad [\text{TD Lee, 1965}]$$

final states

decay amplitude

★ $I = 1, C = +1$	$C$ conserving $ \Delta I  = 1$
$I = 0, C = -1$	$C$ breaking $ \Delta I  = 0$
$I = 2, C = -1$	$C$ breaking $ \Delta I  = 2$
...	...



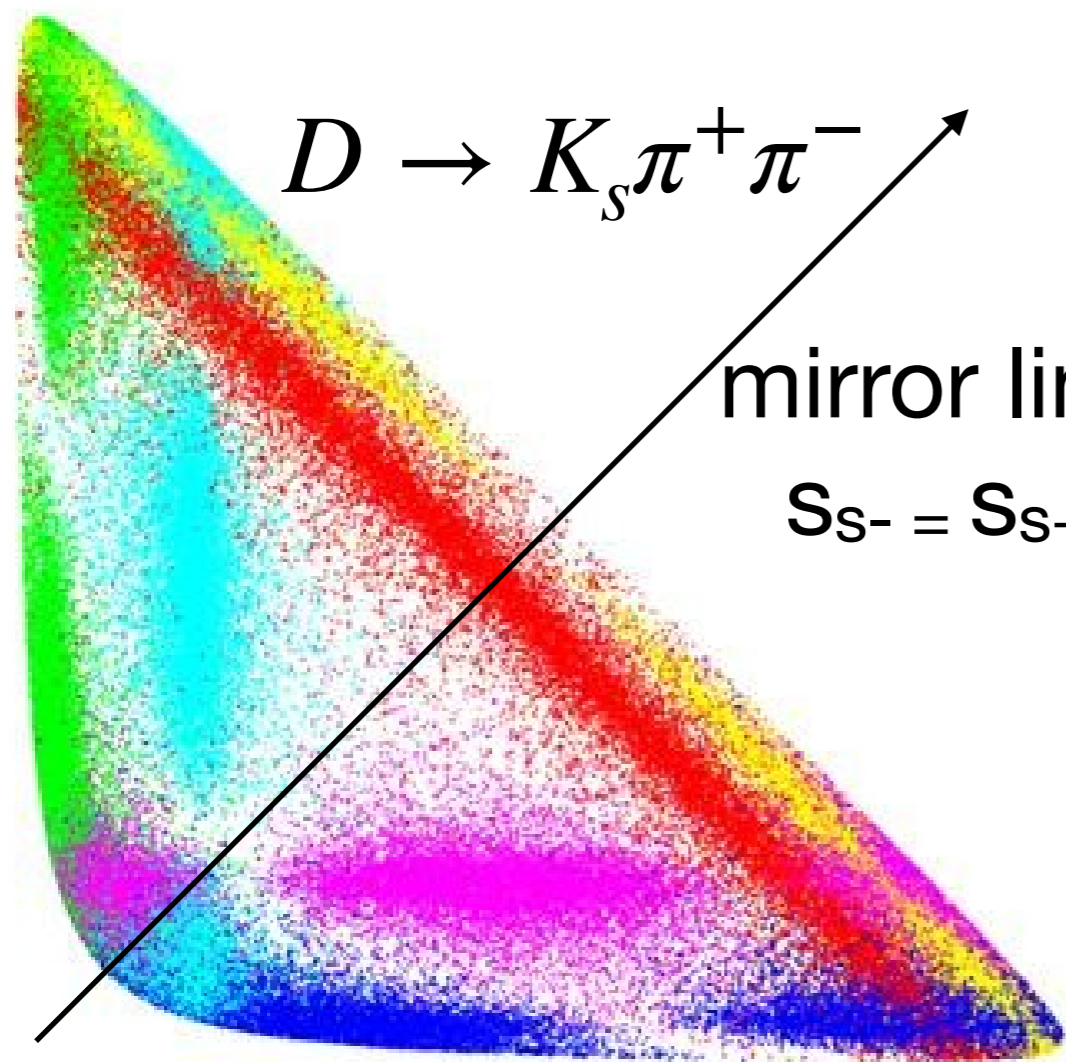
J=0  $3\pi$  state of even parity: here, then, C and CP are broken

# Dalitz Plot Asymmetries

E.g., enter C and CP violation in  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  via a **momentum asymmetry** about the mirror line in the Dalitz plot

Can occur in both heavy and light flavor decays

$S_{S^-}$



$D \rightarrow K_S \pi^+ \pi^-$

mirror line

$S_{S^-} = S_{S^+}$

If the initial and final states are C definite, then mirror symmetry is also a CP test [SG & Jusak Tandean, 2004]

In  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  the Dalitz plot asymmetry is a C odd and CP odd observable

Note old "C odd" papers [SG & Jun Shi, 2020] [TD Lee & L Wolfenstein, 1965; Lee, 1965; Nauenberg, 1965] [Bernstein, Feinberg, & Lee, 1965; Barshay, 1965]

If  $|\Delta F| = 0$ , then  $d = 8$  ★

If  $|\Delta F| = 1$ , then  $d = 6$

$S_{S^+}$

[Jun Shi, Ph.D UK 2020; SG & Jun Shi, ...]

Image: Tom Latham [Tim Gershon]

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# Analyzing method (SMEFT)

## analyzing procedure

start at new physics energy scale and pick operators that are CPV



Higgs acquires VEV,  
express  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  gauge bosons  
in terms of physical ones ( $W^\pm, Z, \gamma$ )  
list the CP odd pieces



at  $E \ll M_W$ , integrate out  $W^\pm, Z$



analyzing operators with definite  $P, C$

*list the lowest C&CP odd operators*

## example

$$(\bar{q}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} \Gamma_W^d d_R) \tau^i \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^i + \text{h.c.}$$



$$vi \text{Im}(\Gamma_W^d) \left[ (\bar{u}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_R) \partial_\mu W_\nu^+ - (\bar{d}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_L) \partial_\mu W_\nu^- + \dots \right]$$



$$i \text{Im}(\Gamma_W^d) \frac{g\nu}{2m_W^2} \left[ (\bar{u}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_R) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}'_L \gamma_\nu u_L) - (\bar{d}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_L) \partial_\mu (\bar{u}_L \gamma_\nu d'_L) \right] + \dots$$



$$\dots \nu \left[ (\bar{u} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 d) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}' \gamma_\nu u) + (\bar{d} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u) \partial_\mu (\bar{u} \gamma_\nu d') \right] \dots$$

$P$  odd  $C$  even

$$\dots \nu \left[ (\bar{u} \sigma^{\mu\nu} d) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}' \gamma_\nu u) - (\bar{d} \sigma^{\mu\nu} u) \partial_\mu (\bar{u} \gamma_\nu d') \right] \dots$$

$C$  odd  $P$  even

# Results

## Flavor-changing vs flavor-conserving interactions

		flavor changing	flavor conserving
lowest mass dimension	P-odd and CP-odd	6	6
	C-odd and CP-odd	6	8
patterns of P-odd and CP-odd vs C-odd and CP-odd		one-to-one corresponding with different combinations of LEC	<b>Distinct</b>
flavor-changing example:			

$$\frac{1}{4}i\text{Im}(C_{q^4}^{(1)prst} + C_{q^4}^{(3)prst} + C_{u^4}^{prst} + C_{q^2u^2}^{(1)prst})[(\bar{u}_p\gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s\gamma^\mu u_t) - (\bar{u}_t\gamma^\mu u_s)(\bar{u}_r\gamma_\mu u_p)] \quad \text{C\&CP odd}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}i\text{Im}(-C_{q^4}^{(1)prst} - C_{q^4}^{(3)prst} + C_{u^4}^{prst} - C_{q^2u^2}^{(1)prst})[(\bar{u}_p\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u_r)(\bar{u}_s\gamma^\mu u_t) - (\bar{u}_t\gamma^\mu u_s)(\bar{u}_r\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u_p)] \quad \text{P\&CP odd}$$

# Results

## Sample C odd, CP odd operators

$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 u_r)$	$-G_F i C_{quZ\varphi}^{pr}$
$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}_r \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 d_r)$	$G_F i C_{qdZ\varphi}^{pr}$
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$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ V_{u_r d_p} (\bar{d}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \partial_\mu (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\nu d_p) \right. \\ \left. - V_{u_r d_p}^* (\bar{u}_r \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}_p \gamma_\nu u_r) \right]$	$2G_F i [\text{Im}(C_{quW\varphi}^{pr}) - \text{Im}(C_{qdW\varphi}^{rp})]$
$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ V_{u_r d_p} (\bar{d}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u_r) \partial_\mu (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 d_p) \right. \\ \left. + V_{u_r d_p}^* (\bar{u}_r \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 d_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}_p \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 u_r) \right]$	$-2G_F i [\text{Im}(C_{quW\varphi}^{pr}) + \text{Im}(C_{qdW\varphi}^{rp})]$

# Summary

We have considered the C and CP violation in  $\eta$  decay

The flavor conserving C and CP odd operators start in mass-dimension 8 in SMEFT, while for P and CP odd ones the lowest mass-dimension is 6.

The new physics sources of a Dalitz asymmetry in  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  decay and of a (neutron) EDM can be completely different.

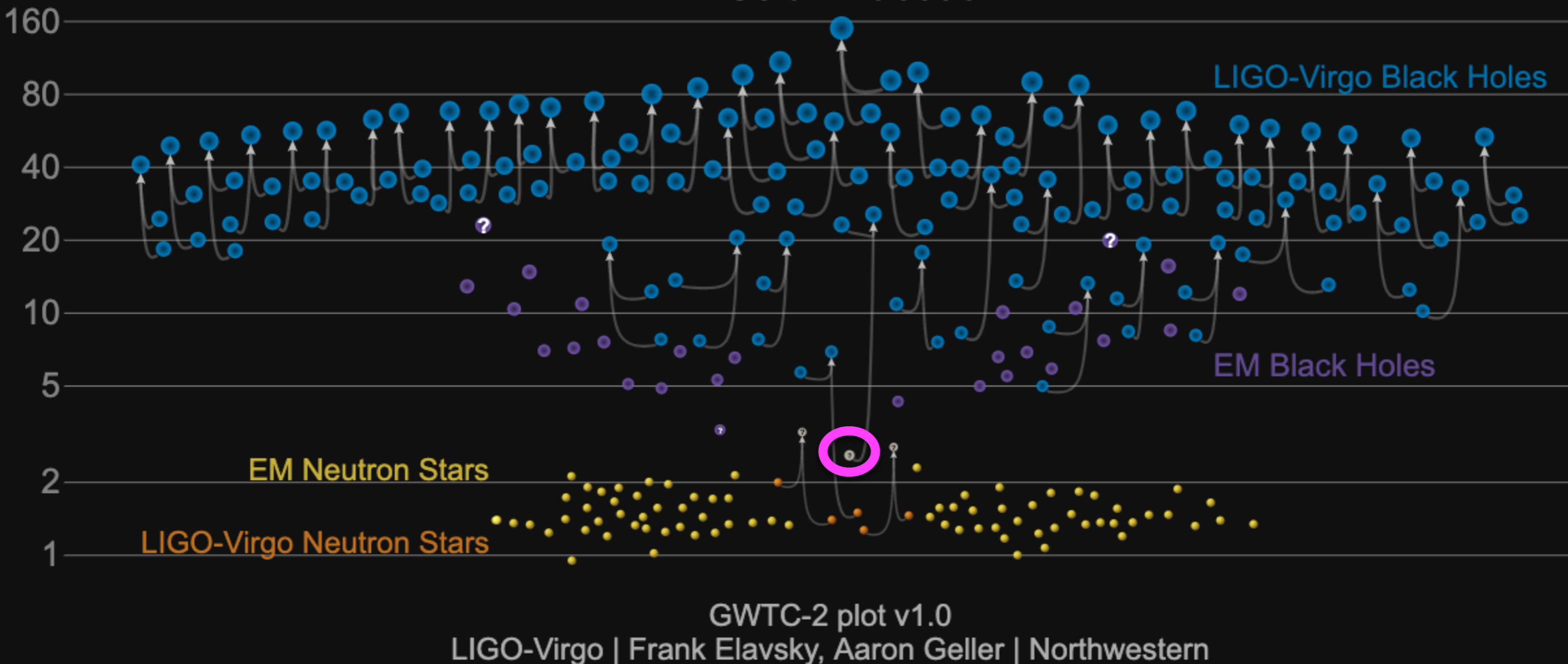
Thus the empirical study of this process can point to physics beyond SMEFT



# A Surprise: GW190814

A  $2.6M_{\odot}$  object — neutron star or black hole?

## Masses in the Stellar Graveyard *in Solar Masses*



<https://ligo.northwestern.edu/media/mass-plot/index.html>

# New Short-Range Force?\*

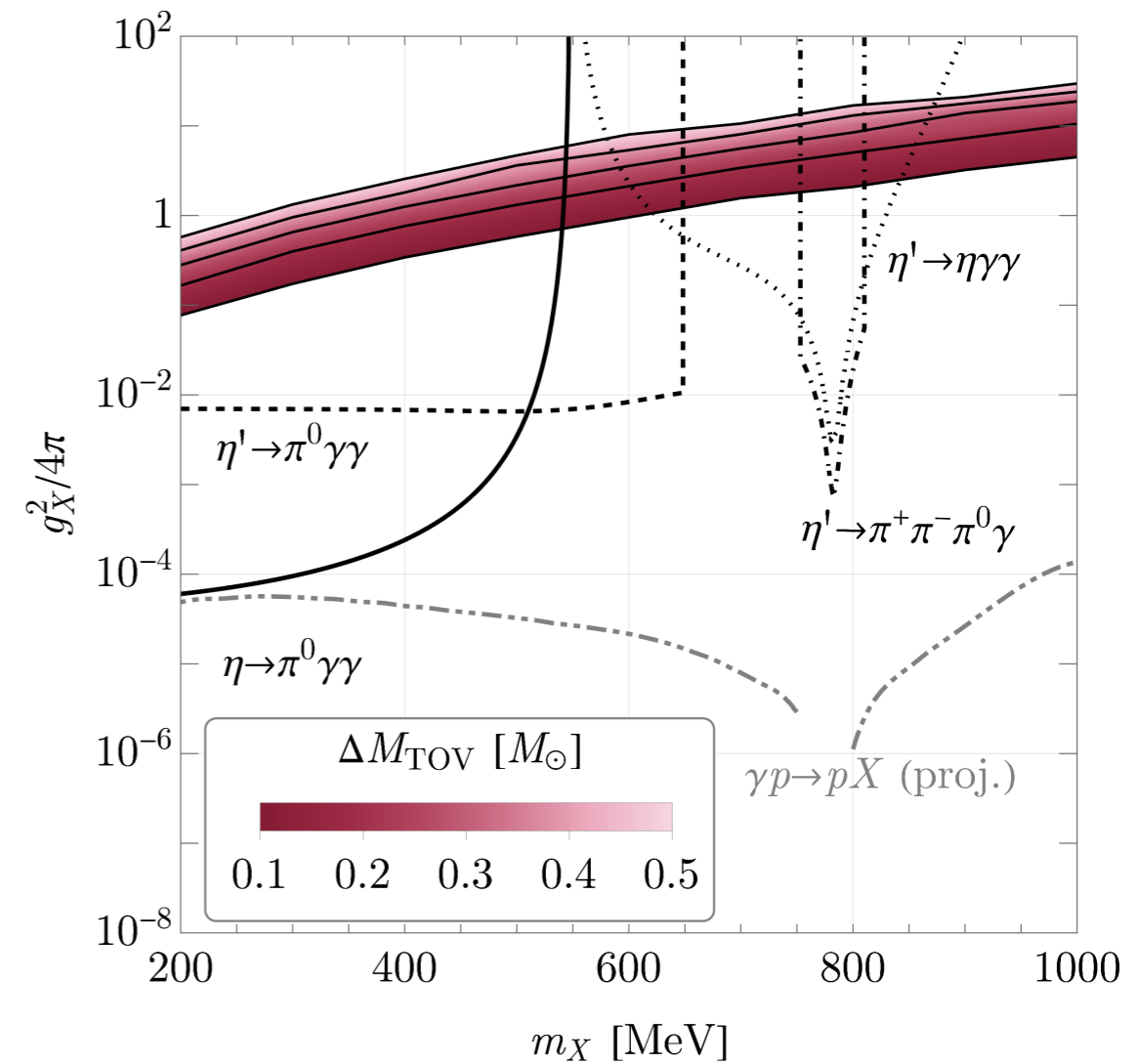
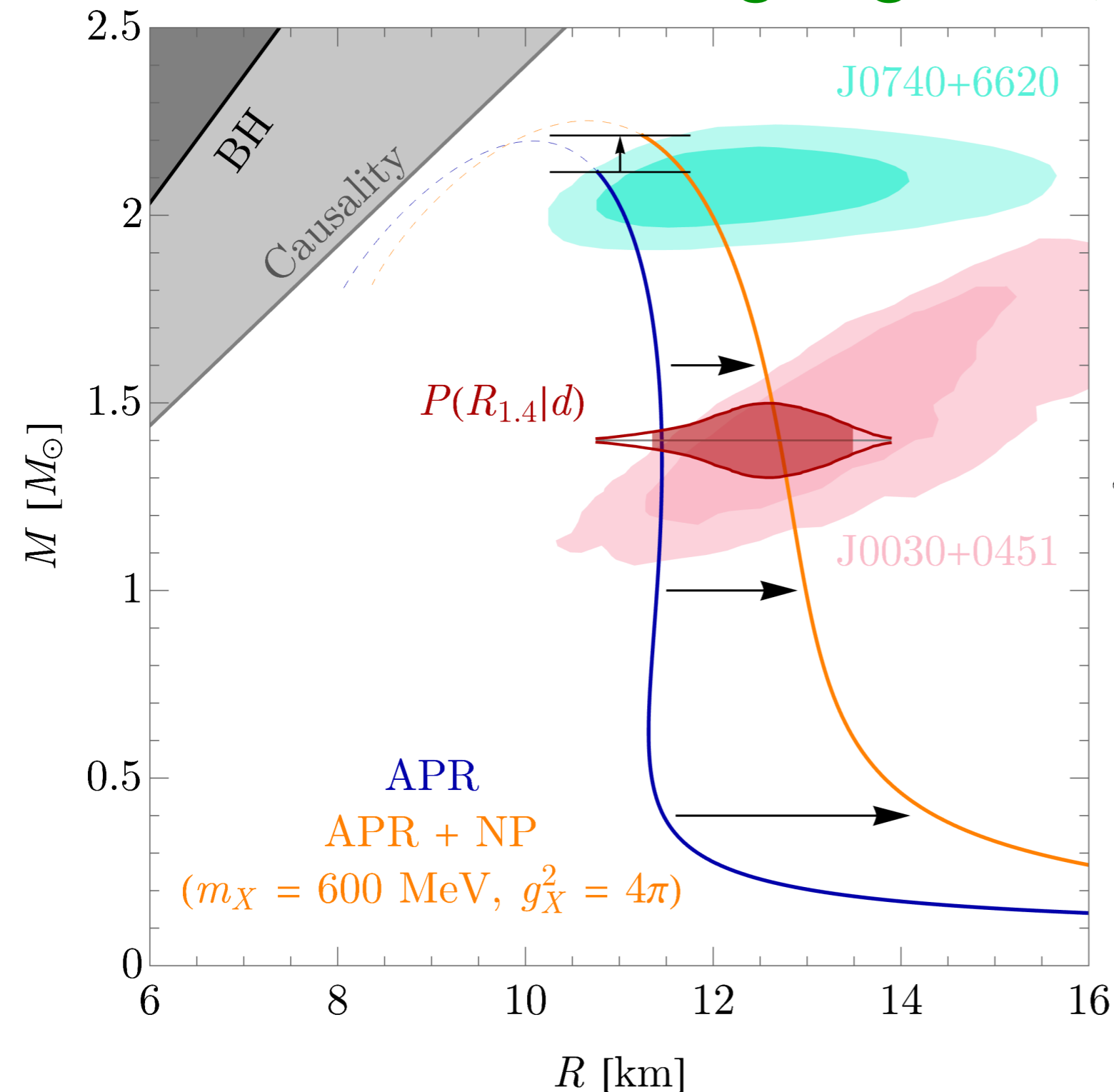
E.g., a  $U(1)_B$  gauge boson  $B...$

- Can be heavy ( $\gtrsim 600$  MeV) and not so weakly coupled with little impact on NN phenomenology
- Generates a repulsive force between neutrons
- Need to work within non-relativistic many-body physics for connection to NN physics
- Can modify neutron star properties to yield a larger maximum neutron star mass

[Berryman & SG, 2021]

# Neutron Star Structure

with gauged  $U(1)_{B_1}$



**Test with rare eta decays!**

[Tulin, 2014]

[Berryman & SG, 2021; Berryman, SG, & Zakeri, 2022]

# Backup Slides

# Extending the SM (QCD) with Gauged Baryon Number (or B-L)

Can be probed through observed breaking effects

- BNV can be **explicit**.

$n\bar{n}$  oscillations ;  $nn \rightarrow \nu\nu$  ;  $e^-p \rightarrow e^+\bar{p}$  ....

- BNV can be **apparent** (entrained with dark sectors).

$n \rightarrow \chi\gamma$  ;  $n \rightarrow \chi\chi\chi$  ;  $nn \rightarrow \chi\chi$  ....

cf.  $\tau_n$  anomaly 

- BNV can be **spontaneous**. Enter “mesogenesis” (Elor et al.)!

massive mediator of gauged  $B$  or  $B - L$  or ....

**Implications for origins of the BAU, neutrino mass....**

Enter neutron stars — as a BNV laboratory!

# Operator Analysis of EDMs

Multiple sources with  $d \leq 6$  exist

Even a single TeV scale source can give rise to multiple GeV scale sources through QCD effects

[Chien et al., 2016]

$$\mathcal{L}^{d \leq 6} \supset \bar{\theta} \alpha_s G \tilde{G} + \sum_{i \in u, d, s} i(d_i \bar{q}_i (F \sigma) \gamma_5 q + \tilde{d}_i \bar{q}_i (G \sigma) \gamma_5 q) + d_G G G \tilde{G}$$

[Pospelov & Ritz, 2005]

LQCD studies of apropos neutron matrix elements

exist (e.g., tensor charges) and is ongoing

[note FLAG review; Snowmass white paper 2203.08103]



Can all the low-energy CPV sources be determined?

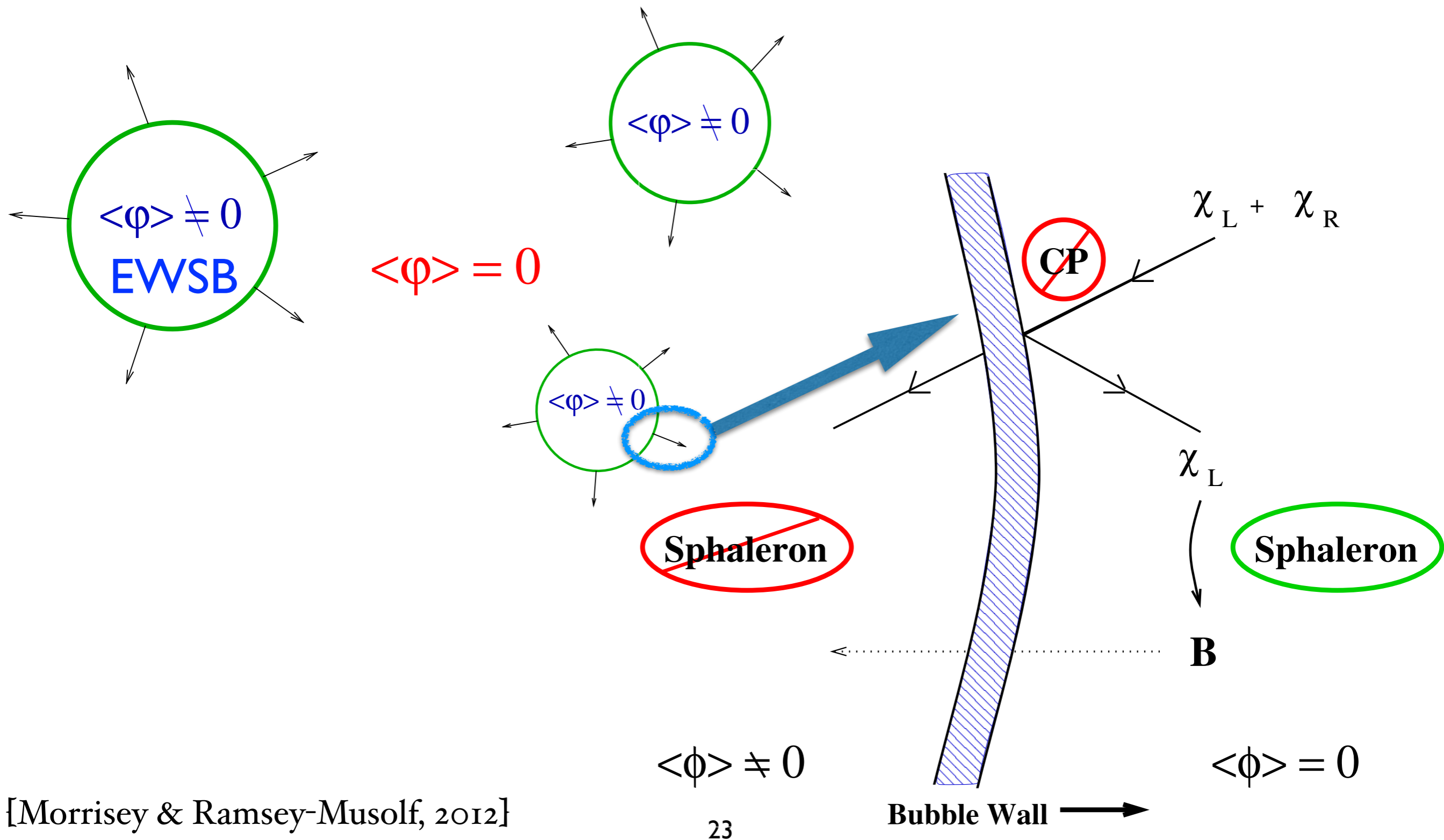
Need to interpret EDM limits in nuclei, atoms, molecules

Note  $a G \tilde{G}$ ,  $\partial_\mu a \bar{N} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 N$  can act as axion portals

[Batell, Pospelov, & Ritz, 2009]

# A Cosmic Baryon Asymmetry

Via (MSSM) electroweak baryogenesis

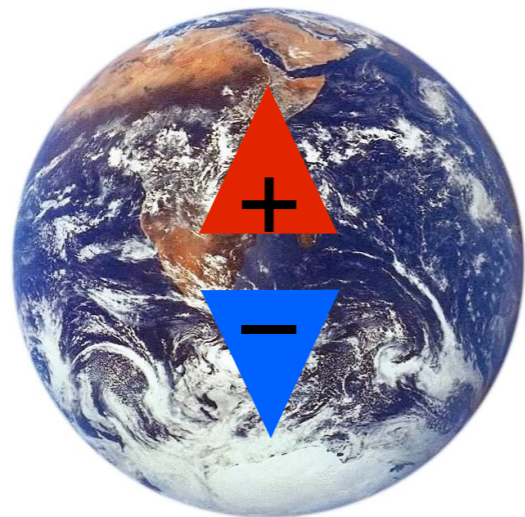


# EDMs to Probe CPV for a BAU?

**Current limits for the electron and neutron strongly constrain models of EW baryogenesis**

Neutron:  $|d_n| < 1.8 \times 10^{-26}$  e-cm [90 % C.L.] [Abel et al., 2020]

For a sense of scale:



Scaling the  $n$  to Earth's size implies a charge separation of  $< 4\mu\text{m}$   
(cf. human hair width  $40\mu\text{m}$ )

Expts under development reach for 10-100x sensitivity

**Applied electric fields can be enormously enhanced**

**in atoms and molecules** [Purcell and Ramsey, 1950]

ACME II, 2018 (ThO):  $|d_e| < 1.1 \times 10^{-29}$  e-cm [90 % C.L.]

Roussy et al., 2212.11841 (HfF<sup>+</sup>):  $|d_e| < 4.1 \times 10^{-30}$  e-cm [90 % C.L.]

**New CPV sources not yet observed....**



# A Cosmic Baryon Asymmetry

## From particle physics?

The particle physics of the early universe can explain this asymmetry if **B** (baryon number), **C** (particle-antiparticle), and **CP** (matter-antimatter) **violation** all exist in a non-equilibrium environment. [Sakharov, 1967]

## But what is the mechanism?

The SM almost has the right ingredients:

**B?** Yes, at high temperatures

**C** and **CP?** Yes, but CP is “special”

**Non-equilibrium dynamics?** No. (!)

The Higgs particle is about 125 GeV in mass; lattice simulations reveal the electroweak phase transition is **NOT** of first-order. [Kajantie, Laine, Rummukainen, Shaposhnikov, 1996; Rummukainen et al., 1998; Csikor, Fodor, Heitger, 1999]

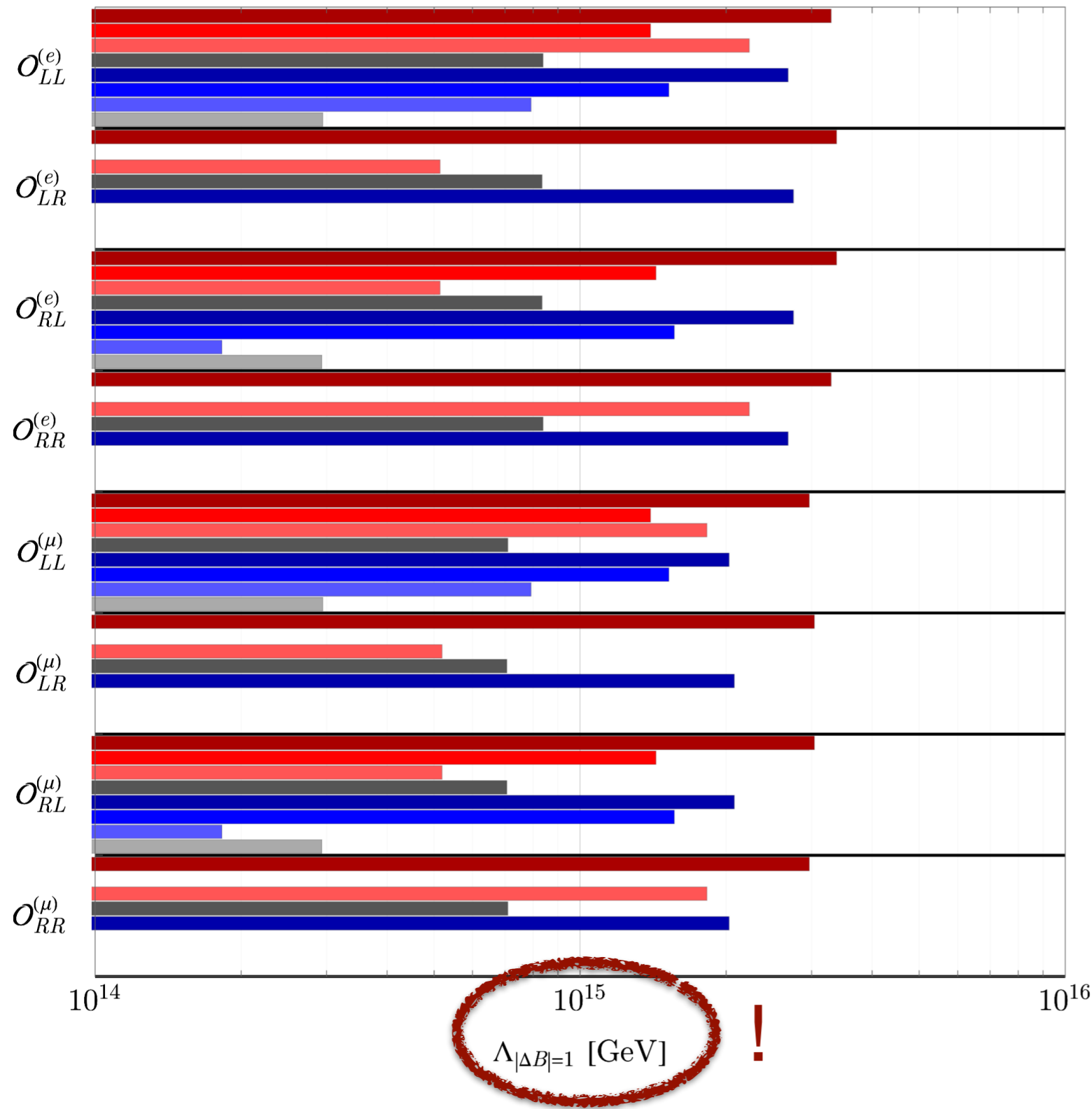
**Thus the SM cannot explain it**

**And we seek new sources of CPV....**

# Limits on $|\Delta B| = 1$ Decays

Mediated by mass dimension 6 operators in SMEFT

[Berryman, SG, & Zakeri, 2022]



$$\mathcal{L}_{|\Delta B|=1}^{(d=6)} \supset \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda_{|\Delta B|=1}^2} (qqq\ell)_i + \text{h.c.}$$

dim 6

But the origin of  $|\Delta B| = 2$  processes can be distinct!

[Marshak & Mohapatra, 1980; Babu & Mohapatra, 2001 & 2012; Arnold, Fornal, & Wise, 2013....]

$$\mathcal{L}_{|\Delta B|=2}^{(d=9)} \supset \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda_{|\Delta B|=2}^5} (qqqqqq)_i + \text{h.c.}$$

dim 9

$n\bar{n}$  expt'l limit yields

$$\Lambda_{|\Delta B|=2} \gtrsim 10^{5.5} \text{ GeV}$$

$\Lambda$ : take one operator at a time (!)

# EDM Measurement Principle

**Much simplified!**

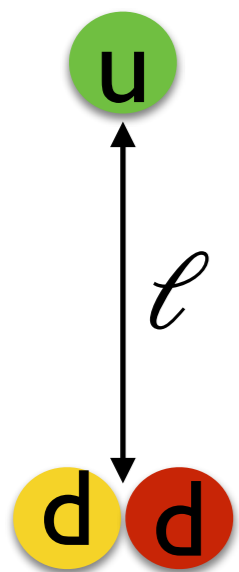
Consider the precession frequency

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \frac{2\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} \pm 2\vec{d} \cdot \vec{E}}{h}$$

and its *change* under  $\vec{E}$  field reversal

**B must be very well determined!**

The experimental sensitivity to the energy  $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{E}$  is set by



$$\sigma_d \sim \frac{\hbar}{|\vec{E}| T_m \sqrt{N}}$$

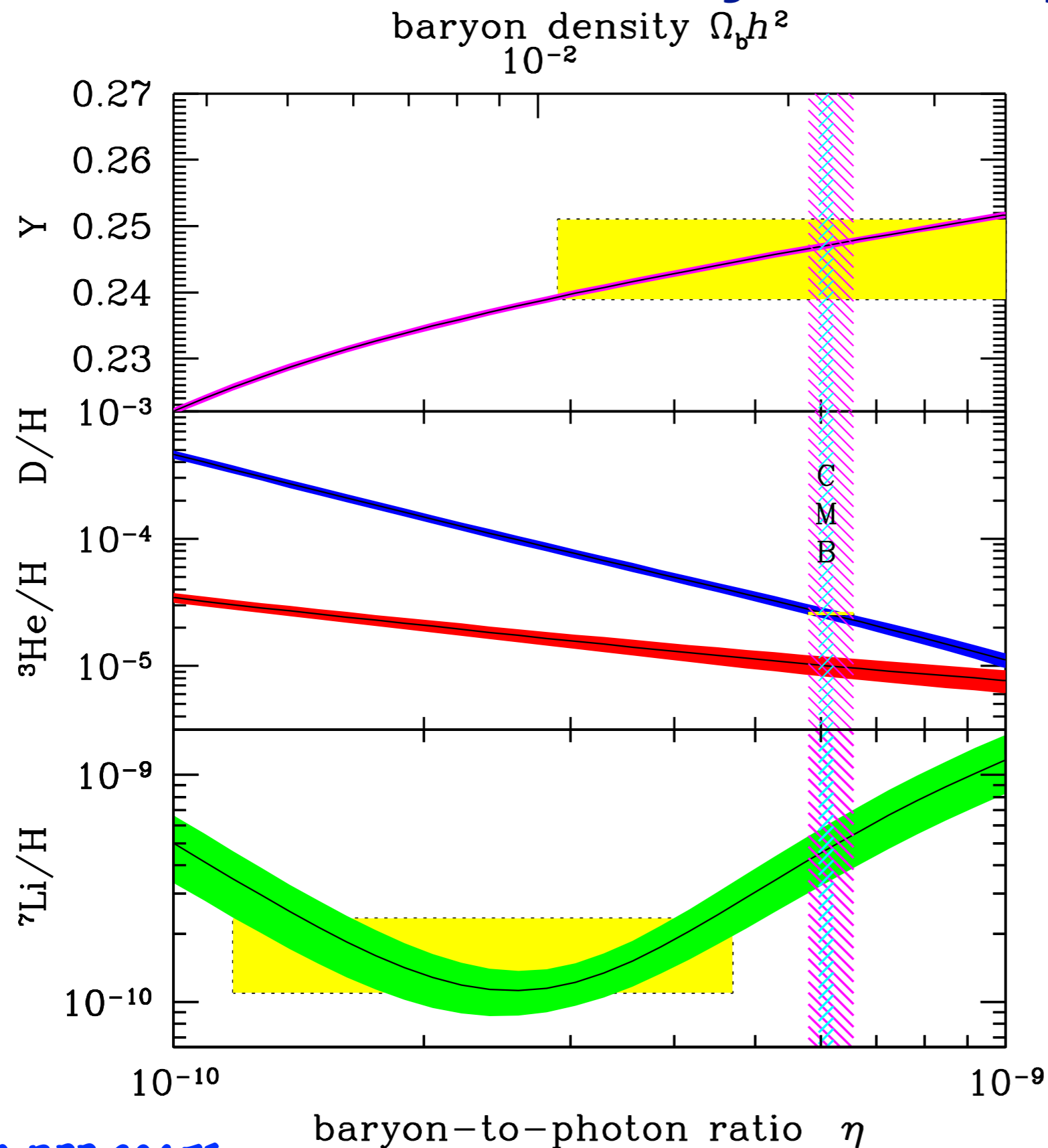
$T_m$  measurement time  
 $N$  number of counts

Neutron:  $d_n < 1.8 \times 10^{-26}$  e-cm [90 % C.L.]

[Abel et al., 2020]

Estimate:  $d \sim \frac{2}{3} e\ell \sim 6 \times 10^{-15}$  e-cm if  $\ell \sim 0.1 r_p$  (!)

# A Cosmic Baryon Asymmetry



Theory requires  
a lifetime value

BAU from BBN &  
observed  $D/H$  &  
 ${}^4\text{He}/\text{H}$   
concordance

BAU from CMB  
is more precise

[Both @ 95% CL]