

Charting A2HDM contributions to Electric Dipole Moment observables

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Introduction

Phenomena sensitive to
Charge-Parity Violation (CPV)



Powerful test of
the SM structure

- **Electric Dipole Moments (EDMs)** of elementary particles, nucleons and molecules
- Effective **lepton-nucleon interactions**

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**Non-zero d_f
is a CPV
observable!**

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The **electron EDM** (eEDM) can be defined as the coefficient of the effective operator [\[Pospelov, Ritz, '05\]](#):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EDM}} = -\frac{i}{2}d_e(\bar{e}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\gamma_5 e)F_{\mu\nu}$$

- ◆ High current experimental sensitivity for the eEDM [\[Roussy et al. '23\]](#):

$$|d_e^{\text{exp}}| < 4.1 \times 10^{-30} e \text{ cm (90\% C.L.)}$$

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The bounds on the **eEDM** are obtained from the measurement of an angular frequency in diatomic molecules, which is not only sensitive to d_e :

$$\omega \propto W_d d_e + W_c C_S$$

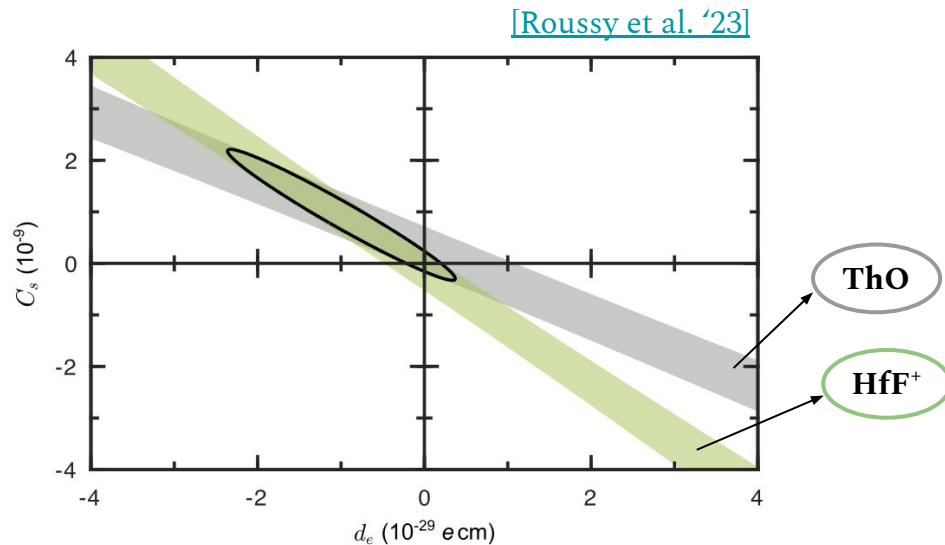
$$d_e^{\text{equiv}} = d_e + k C_S$$

**Electron-nucleon
interaction, mimics:**

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

in the SM.

[\[Ema, Gao, Pospelov '22\]](#)



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The diagram illustrates the physical content of the Higgs basis fields Φ_1 and Φ_2 . The components of these doublets are mapped to specific physical particles as follows:

- The v term in Φ_1 corresponds to the **vev (246 GeV)**.
- The G^+ and G^0 components in Φ_1 and the H^+ component in Φ_2 correspond to **Goldstone Bosons**.
- The S_1 and S_2 components in Φ_1 and Φ_2 correspond to **CP-even scalars**.
- The S_3 component in Φ_2 corresponds to a **CP-odd scalar**.
- The H^+ component in Φ_2 corresponds to a **Charged scalar**.

2HDMs: Scalar Potential

Most general, CP-violating scalar potential:

$$V = \mu_1 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 + \mu_2 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 + \left[\mu_3 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 + \text{h.c.} \right] + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} \left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \left(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 \right)^2 + \lambda_3 \left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 \right) \left(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 \right) \\ + \lambda_4 \left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 \right) \left(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1 \right) + \left[\left(\frac{\lambda_5}{2} \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 + \lambda_6 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 + \lambda_7 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 \right) \left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 \right) + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

- ◆ The neutral scalars will mix with each other and produce the **mass eigenstates**:

$$\varphi_i = \mathcal{R}_{ij} S_j \quad \longrightarrow \quad \varphi_i \in \{H_1, H_2, H_3\}$$

2HDMs: Flavour Sector

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In general, 2HDMs suffer from tree-level **Flavour Changing Neutral Currents** (FCNCs), which are tightly constrained experimentally.

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Alignment condition:

$$Y_u = \varsigma_u^* M_u \quad Y_{d,l} = \varsigma_{d,l} M_{d,l}$$

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- ◆ **C2HDM**: imposition of a discrete \mathbb{Z}_2 **symmetry** \rightarrow 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.

The Aligned 2HDM

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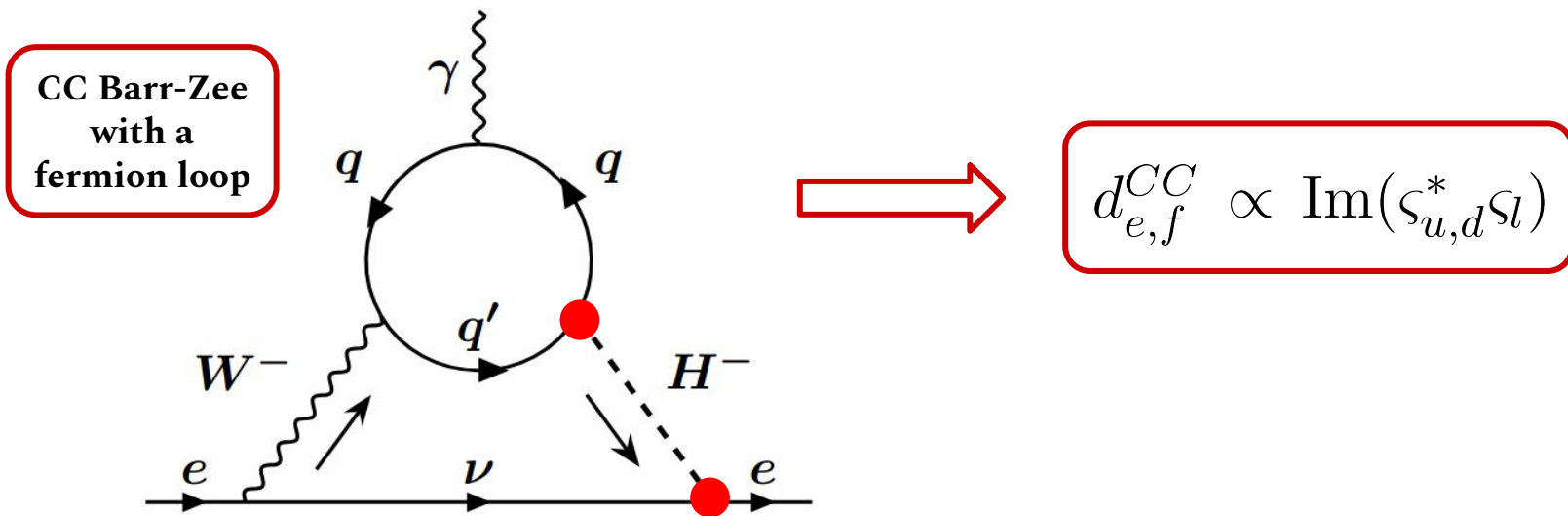
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Alternatively, the **Aligned 2HDM** (A2HDM) solves the issue of FCNCs by considering that the **ς** are **independent, complex parameters**, without assuming any additional symmetry [\[Pich, Tuzón '09\]](#).

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

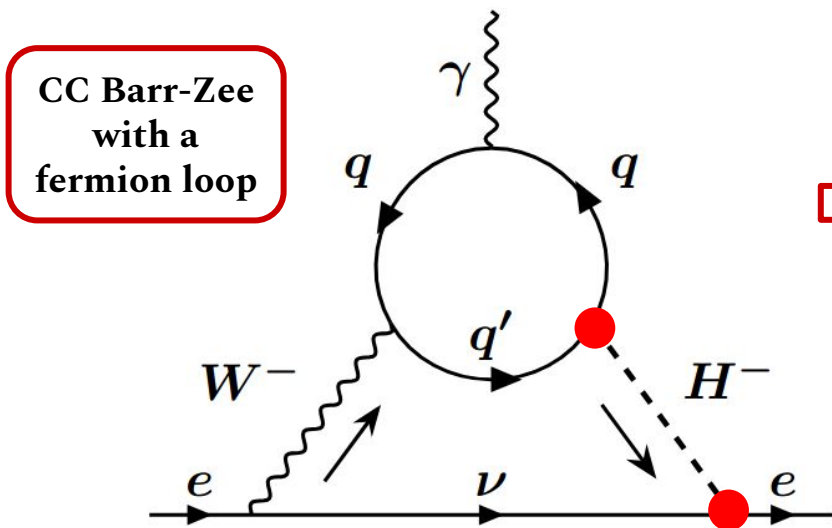
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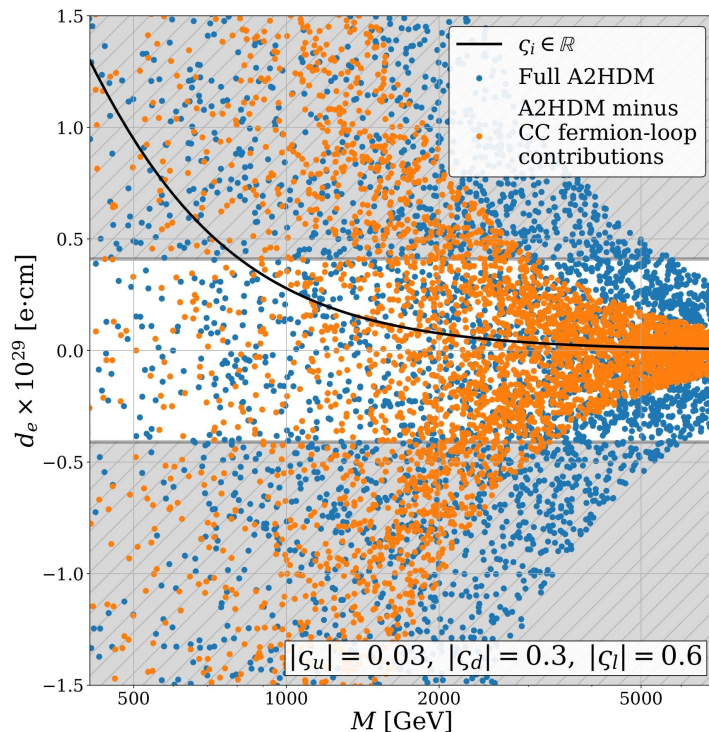


$$d_{e,f}^{CC} \propto \text{Im}(\varsigma_{u,d}^* \varsigma_l)$$



Vanishing contribution from
diagrams with a **lepton loop**!

The eEDM in the A2HDM



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

The Decoupling Limit

If the mass parameter of the second doublet Φ_2 becomes very large compared to the vev of Φ_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**, this condition means that they will be **much heavier** than the SM Higgs boson:

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

The Decoupling Limit

Working in the decoupling limit of the A2HDM, it is possible to isolate the dominant **logarithmic** contributions to the eEDM:

Diagram illustrating the isolation of logarithmic contributions to the electron EDM (d_e) in the decoupling limit of the A2HDM. The contributions from Fermion-loop Barr-Zees and Gauge boson-loop BZs + kites are combined to yield the dominant logarithmic term:

$$d_e \sim m_e \text{Im}(C_1^* C_2) \frac{v^2}{M^2} \log^{(2)} \left(\frac{M^2}{m_{EW}^2} \right)$$

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

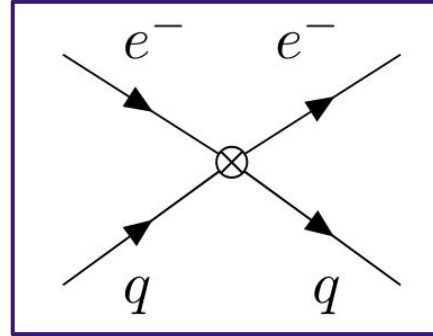
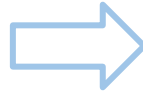
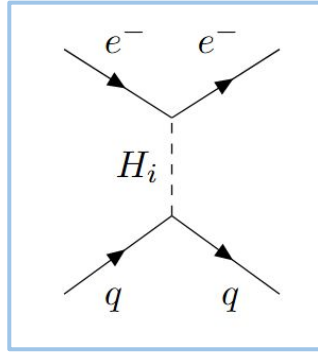
The SMEFT

The decoupling limit allows us to make an **Effective Field Theory** (EFT) description of the eEDM and electron-nucleon interactions → new contributions can be characterized by a set of **effective operators** of dimension higher than 4:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i C_i(\mu) Q_i.$$

The SMEFT

These CP-violating **effective operators** are generated when the heavy scalars from A2HDM get integrated out:



$$\frac{1}{v} \sum_{i,f} y_f^i H_i \bar{f} M_f \mathcal{P}_R f + \text{h.c.}$$


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

$$Q_{ledq} = (\bar{l}^j e) (\bar{d} q^j)$$

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1-loop mixing

2-loop mixing

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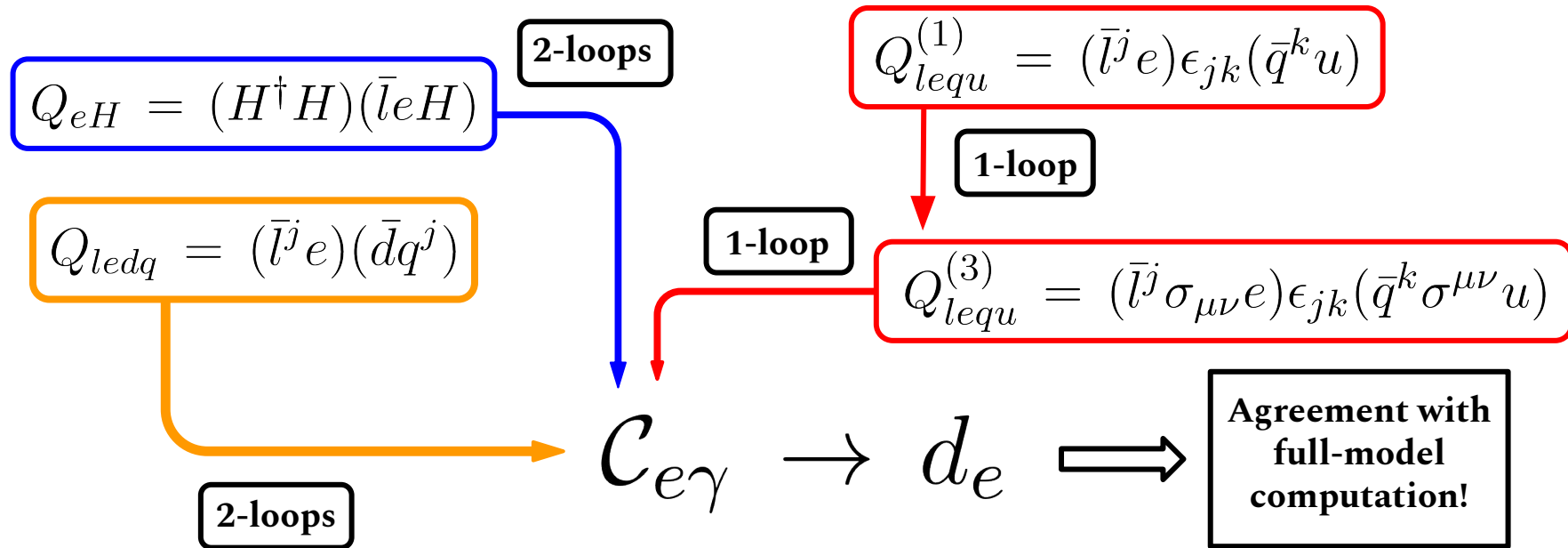
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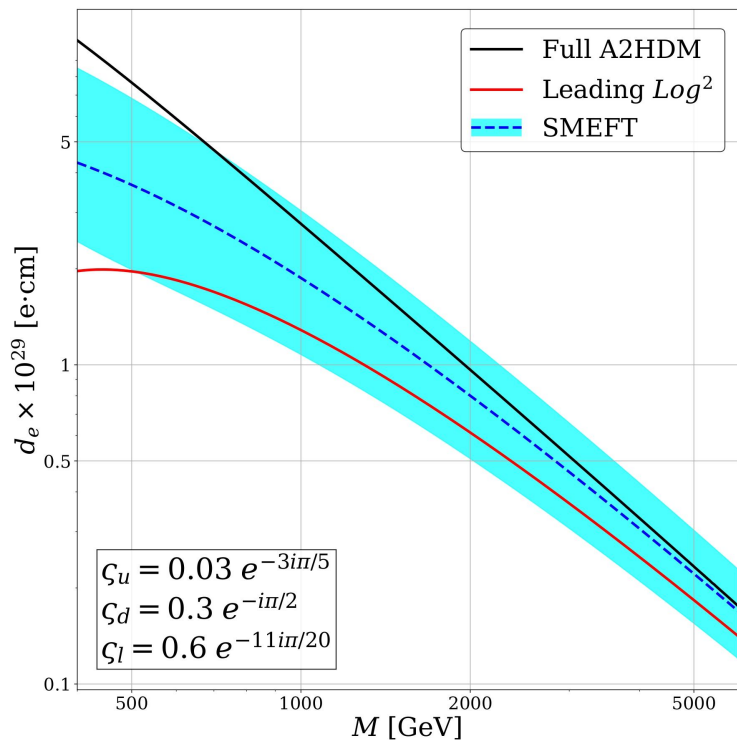
- ◆ **Integrating** these equations between the scale of new physics (M) and the EW scale we can compute **logarithmic contributions** to the eEDM, which can be **compared** to the leading contributions that we computed in the **Decoupling Limit**. [\[Panico, Pomarol, Riemann '18\]](#), [\[Vale Silva,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

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Outline of RGE mixing:



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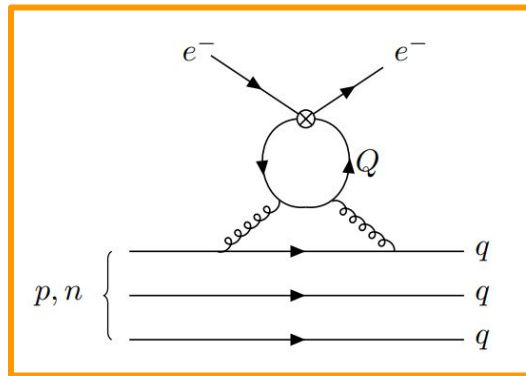
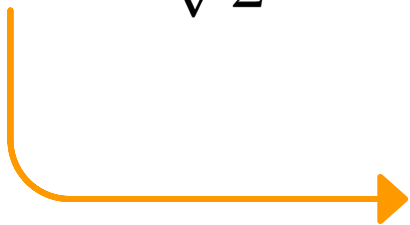


- ◆ **Black line:** full A2HDM
- ◆ **Red line:** only leading squared logarithm term \rightarrow dominates close to the decoupling limit.
- ◆ **Blue line:** all the previously discussed SMEFT logarithms.
- ◆ **Blue band:** variation of the NP scale.

Electron-nucleon interactions

CP-violating **electron-nucleon** interactions can be described by effective dimension-6 operators [\[Engel, Ramsey-Musolf, van Kolck '13\]](#):

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left(C_S^{(0)} \bar{e} i \gamma_5 e \bar{N} N + C_S^{(1)} \bar{e} i \gamma_5 e \bar{N} \tau_3 N \right)$$



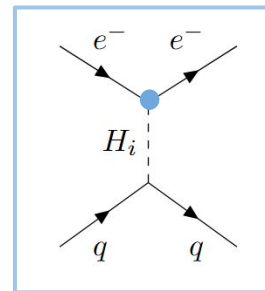
[\[Ardu, Valori '25\]](#)

Electron-nucleon interactions

Light (u, d, s) and **heavy** (c, b, t) quarks contribute to electron-nucleon interactions in different ways at low energies [\[Ardu, Valori '25\]](#):

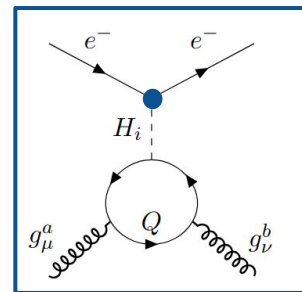
Light Quarks

$$\langle N | \bar{q} q | N \rangle = g_S^{N,q} \bar{N} N$$

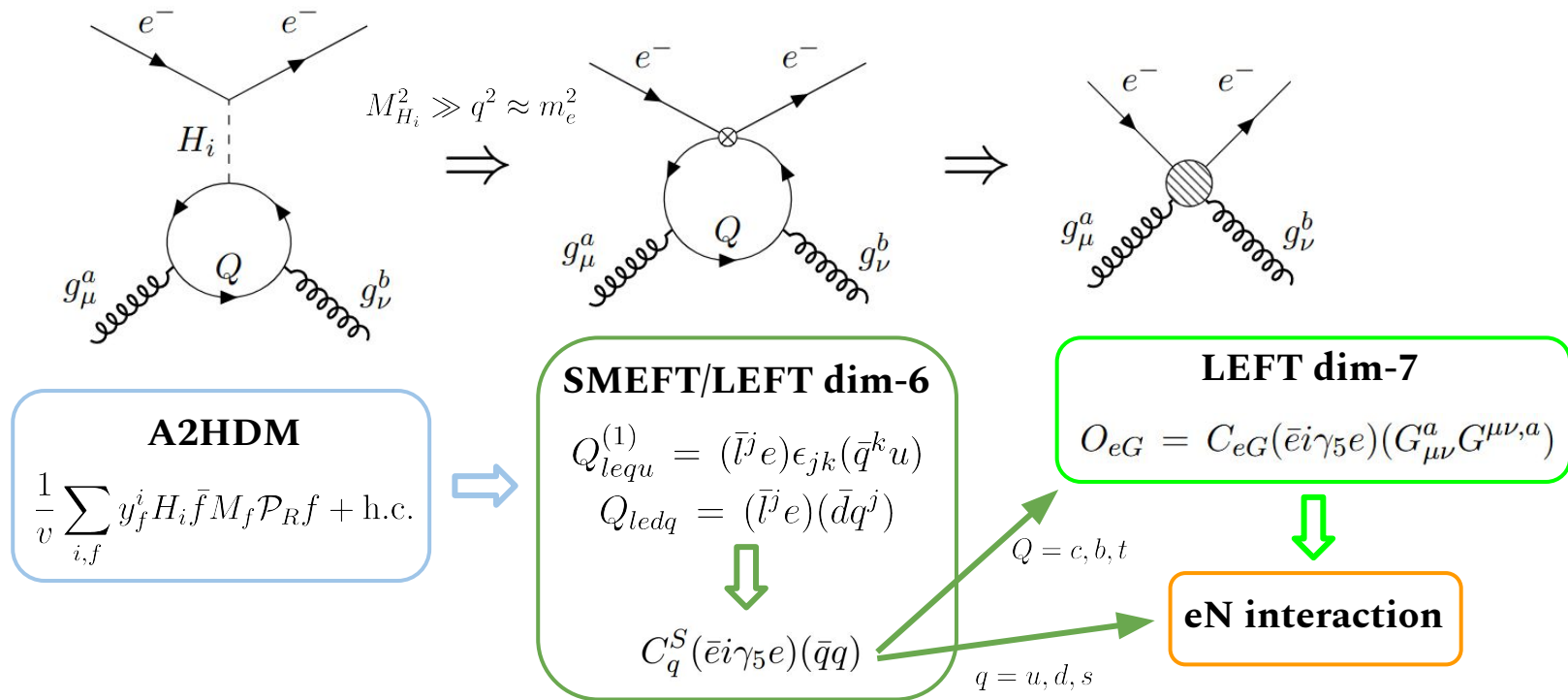


Heavy Quarks

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle N | \bar{Q} Q | N \rangle \propto \langle N | G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} | N \rangle \\ \langle N | G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} | N \rangle \propto \bar{N} N \end{array} \right.$$

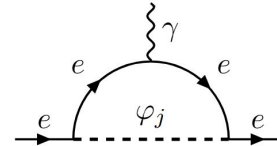
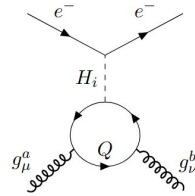
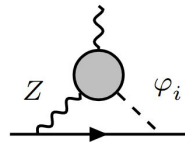


EFT description of electron-nucleon interactions

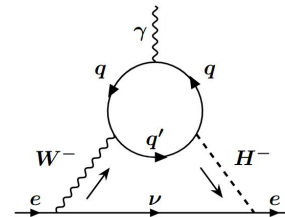
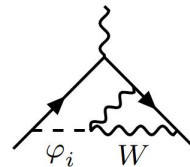
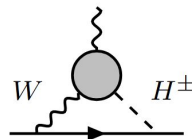


Summary

- ◆ EDMs and **electron-nucleon** interactions → **powerful probes** of the amount of **violation of CP** symmetry in nature.
- ◆ There is still **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** → more robust and complete set of constraints on parameters from the A2HDM based on **EDMs of hadronic systems**.



THANKS!!



BACKUP

Flavour Alignment Parameters

Different models have different flavour alignment parameters:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Type I: } \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = \varsigma_l = \cot \beta, \quad & \text{Type II: } \varsigma_u = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_d} = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_l} = \cot \beta, \quad \text{Inert: } \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = \varsigma_l = 0, \\ \text{Type X: } \varsigma_u = \varsigma_d = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_l} = \cot \beta \quad & \text{and} \quad \text{Type Y: } \varsigma_u = -\frac{1}{\varsigma_d} = \varsigma_l = \cot \beta. \end{aligned}$$

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

Benchmark

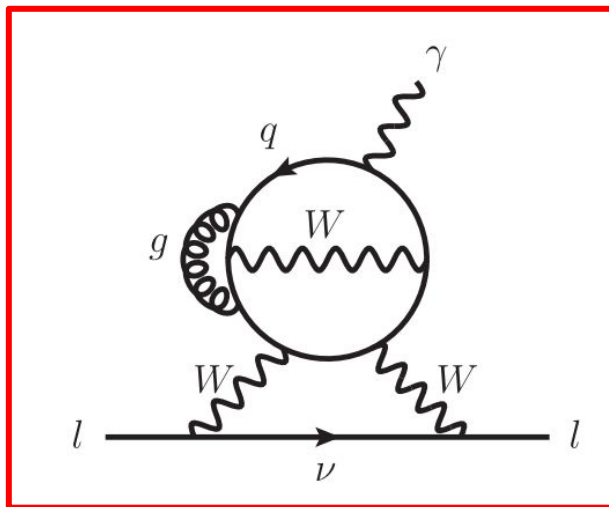
Parameter	Benchmark Value
λ_3	0.02
λ_4	0.04
λ_7	0.03
$\text{Re}(\lambda_5)$	0.05
$\text{Re}(\lambda_6)$	-0.05
$\text{Im}(\lambda_6)$	0.01
α_3	$\pi/6$

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

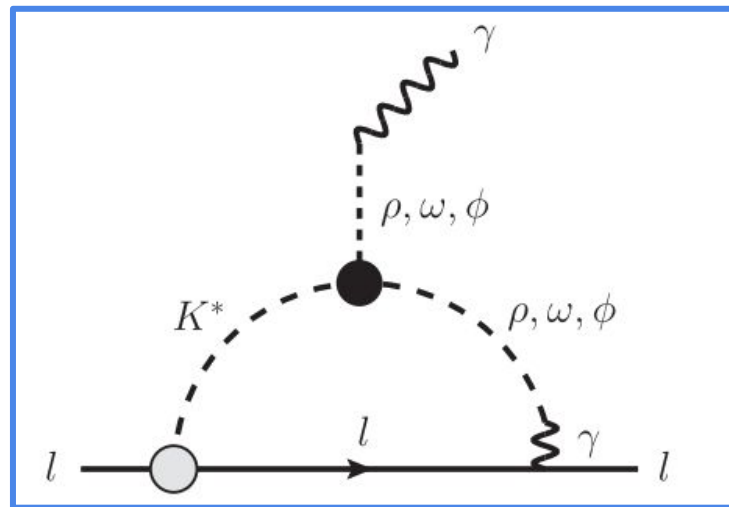
The value of the mass M corresponds to the mass of the charged scalar, which is related to the mass parameter μ_2 .

eEDM in the SM

4-loop SM contribution
(CPV comes from CKM)



Long-distance
contribution



[\[Yamaguchi, Yamanaka '20\]](#)

eEDM in the SM

Usually, contributions to the eEDM are highly suppressed:

- ◆ In the Standard Model (**SM**), taking into account hadronic effects [\[Yamaguchi, Yamanaka '20\]](#):

$$d_e^{SM} = 5.8 \times 10^{-40} \text{ e cm}$$

- ◆ Assuming that neutrinos are **Majorana particles**, at two-loop order [\[Archambault, Czarnecki, Pospelov '04\]](#):

$$d_e \sim 10^{-33} \text{ e cm}$$