

Electric Dipole moments (EDM) and also some Magnetic Dipole Moments (MDM).

I am not an AI. “Beepboop” But....
On the topic of particle physics theory.
I am sort of a small language model.
Beware!

Surprise, young graduate student!!!!

You have just stepped out of a time machine, and you are six years older, and you are now in charge!

What are you going to do?

How to think about setting up an impactful, successful dipole moment experiment. (more generally, a successful precision measurement experiment in service of finding new physics.)

Unfortunately my advice will be six years out of date when you emerge from the machine, but hopefully there will be things you can keep.

“When you kiss me, kiss me like you mean it”



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Turns out here is not a song with exactly these lyrics, but several kind of like it.

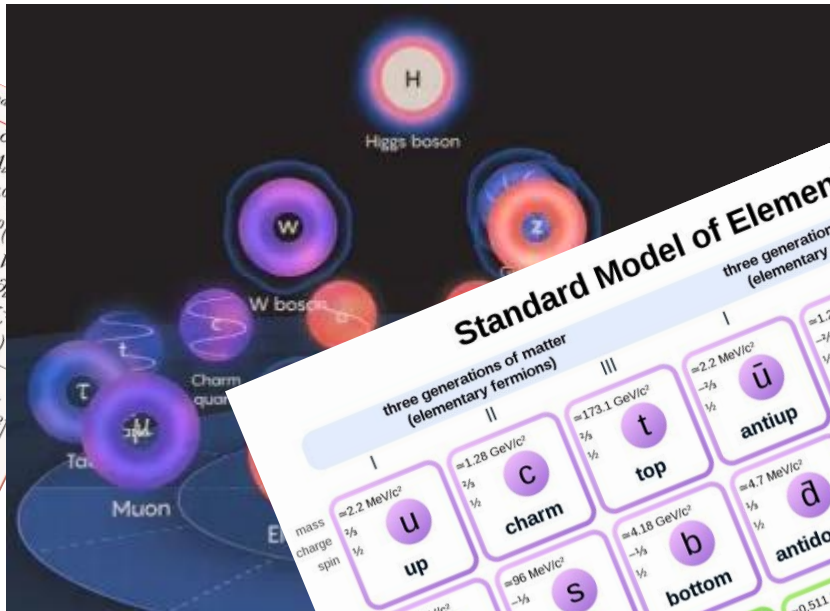
In any case, today's sermon is, instead:

When you measure it, measure it like you mean it

(that is, not as a routine polite thing to do but instead
with ***intention***,
with ***passion***, and with
the hope that it means something)

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Where are you looking?



Standard Model of Elementary Particles

three generations of matter (elementary fermions)

three generations of antimatter (elementary antifermions)

QUARKS

Generation	Mass (GeV/c ²)	Charge	Spin	Particle	Antiparticle
I	≈2.2 MeV/c ²	2/3	1/2	up (u)	antitop (t̄)
II	≈1.28 GeV/c ²	2/3	1/2	charm (c)	anticharm (c̄)
III	≈173.1 GeV/c ²	2/3	1/2	top (t)	antitop (t̄)
I	≈4.7 MeV/c ²	-1/3	1/2	down (d)	antibottom (b̄)
II	≈96 MeV/c ²	-1/3	1/2	strange (s)	antistrange (s̄)
III	≈4.18 GeV/c ²	-1/3	1/2	bottom (b)	antibottom (b̄)

LEPTONS

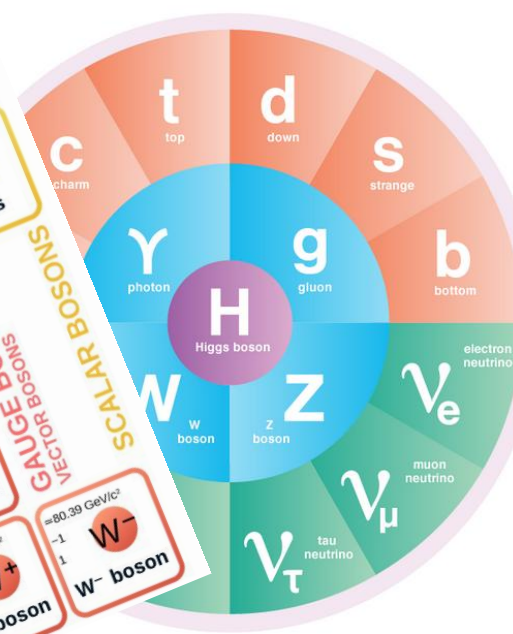
Generation	Mass (GeV/c ²)	Charge	Spin	Particle	Antiparticle
I	≈0.511 MeV/c ²	-1	1/2	electron (e)	positron (e ⁺)
II	≈105.66 MeV/c ²	-1	1/2	muon (μ)	antimuon (μ̄)
III	≈1.7768 GeV/c ²	-1	1/2	tau (τ)	antitau (τ̄)
I	<2.2 eV/c ²	0	1/2	electron neutrino (ν _e)	electron antineutrino (ν̄ _e)
II	<0.17 MeV/c ²	0	1/2	muon neutrino (ν _μ)	muon antineutrino (ν̄ _μ)
III	<1.82 MeV/c ²	0	1/2	tau neutrino (ν _τ)	tau antineutrino (ν̄ _τ)

GAUGE BOSONS

Mass (GeV/c ²)	Charge	Spin	Particle
0	0	1	photon (γ)
0	0	1	gluon (g)
≈91.19 GeV/c ²	0	1	Z ⁰ boson
≈80.39 GeV/c ²	±1	1	W [±] boson

HIGGS BOSON

Mass (GeV/c ²)	Charge	Spin	Particle
≈125 GeV/c ²	0	0	Higgs boson (H)



Standard Model of particle physics

Fermions

Quarks

Leptons

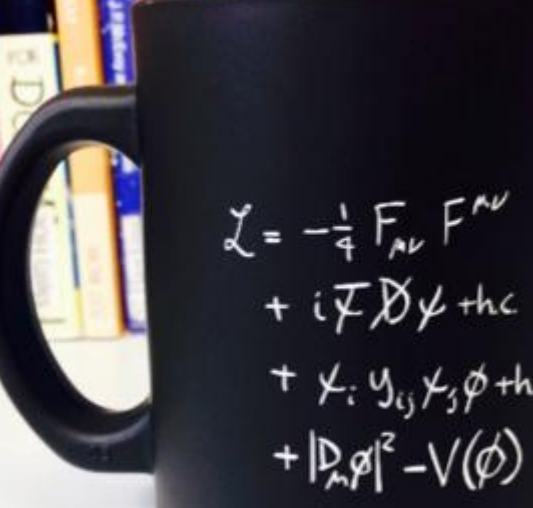
Bosons

Forces

Weak nuclear force

Lepton Number (L)

Particle	Mass (MeV/c ²)	Charge	Lepton Number (L)
e (electron)	0.511	-1	1/2
μ (muon)	105.7	-1	1/2
τ (tau)	1876.9	-1	1/2
ν _e (electron neutrino)	<2.2	0	1/2
ν _μ (muon neutrino)	<0.17	0	1/2
ν _τ (tau neutrino)	<18.2	0	1/2

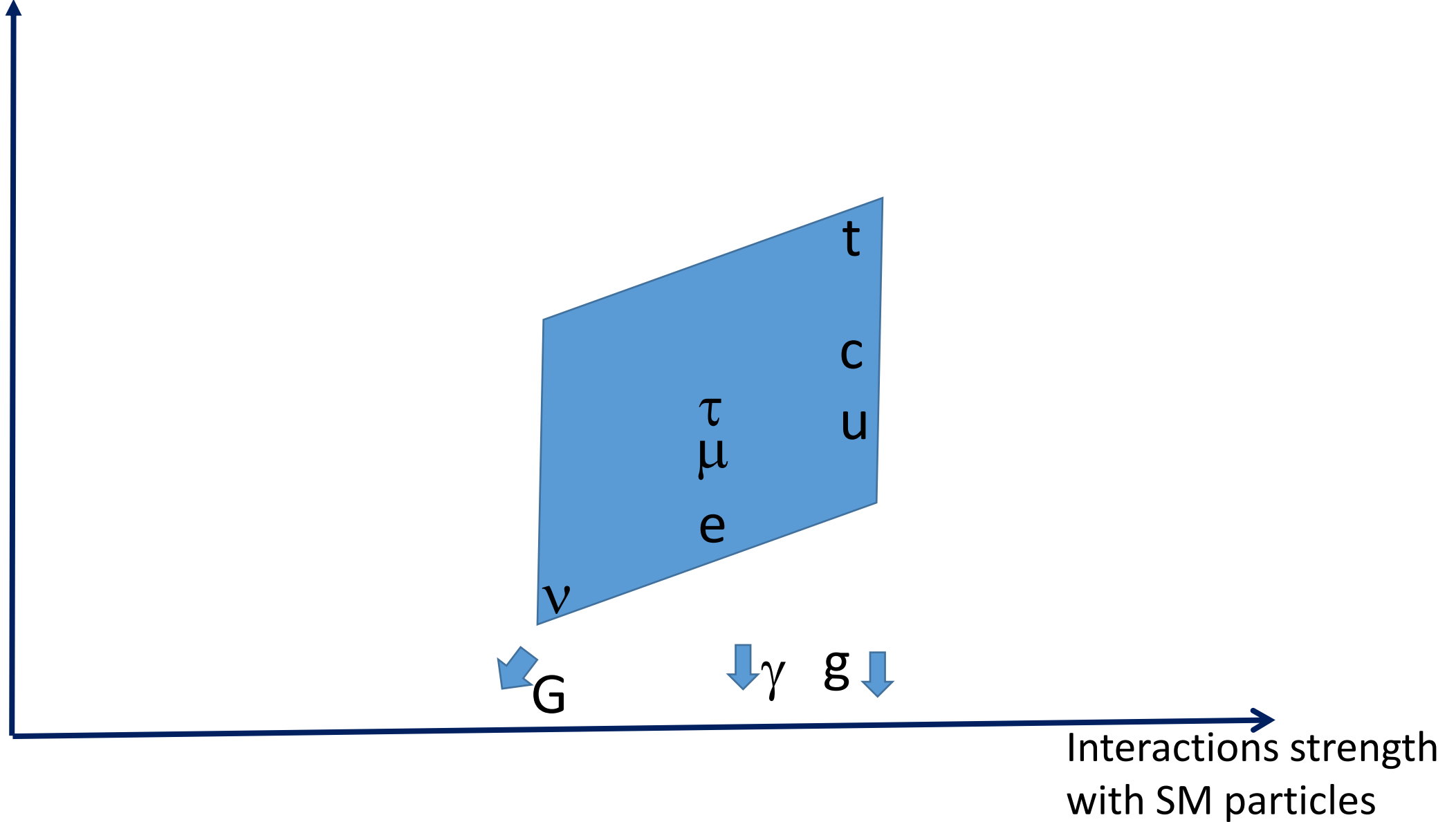


A black mug with the Lagrangian for the Standard Model written on it in white chalk. The background shows a bookshelf with various books.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + \text{h.c.} \\ & + \chi_i y_{ij} \chi_j \phi + \text{h.c.} \\ & + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)\end{aligned}$$

(Some) particles of the Standard Model (plot not to scale)

Particle
Mass



Particle
Mass

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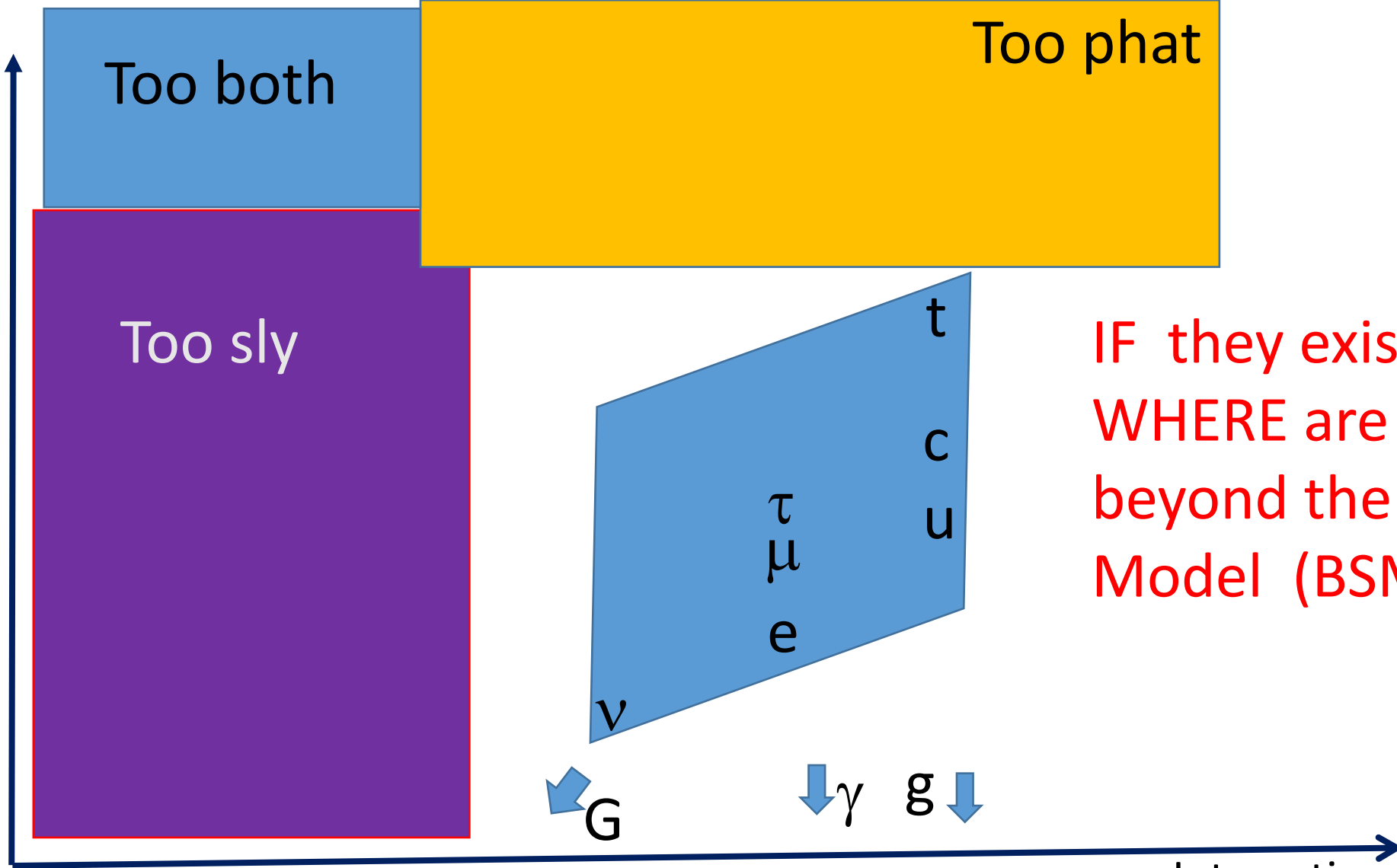
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IF they exist at all,
WHERE are particles
beyond the Standard
Model (BSM) hiding?

Interactions strength
with SM particles



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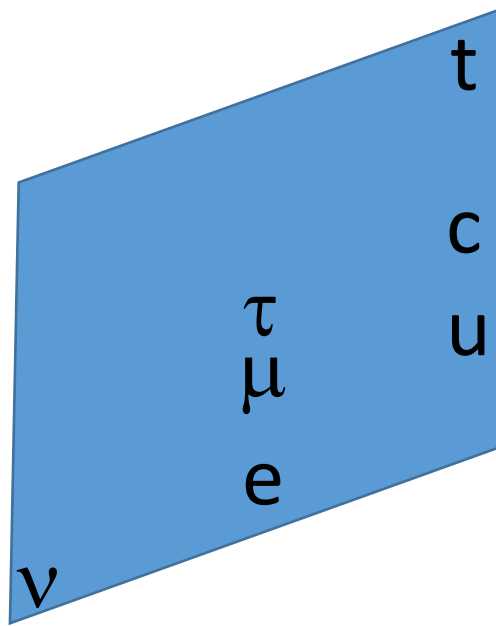
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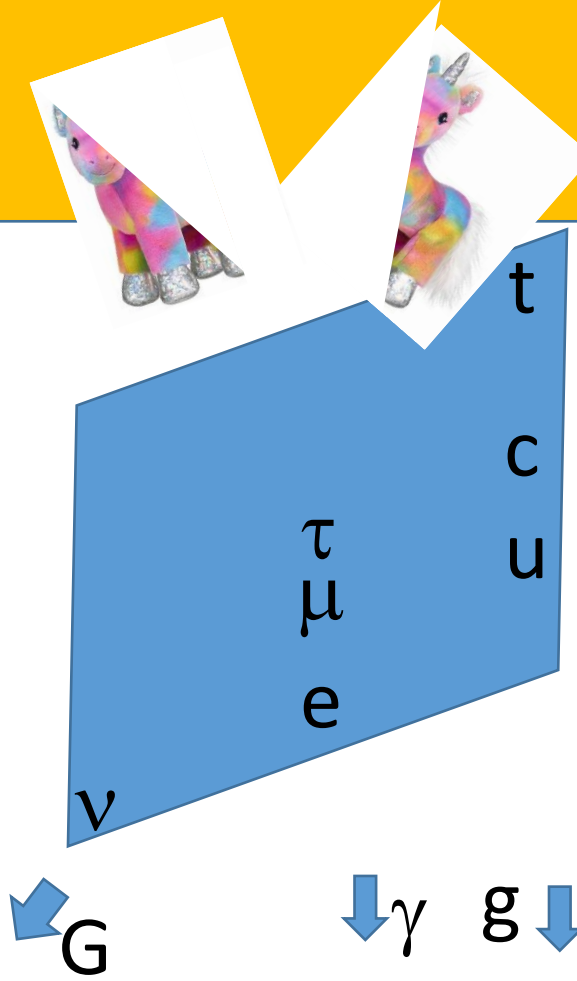
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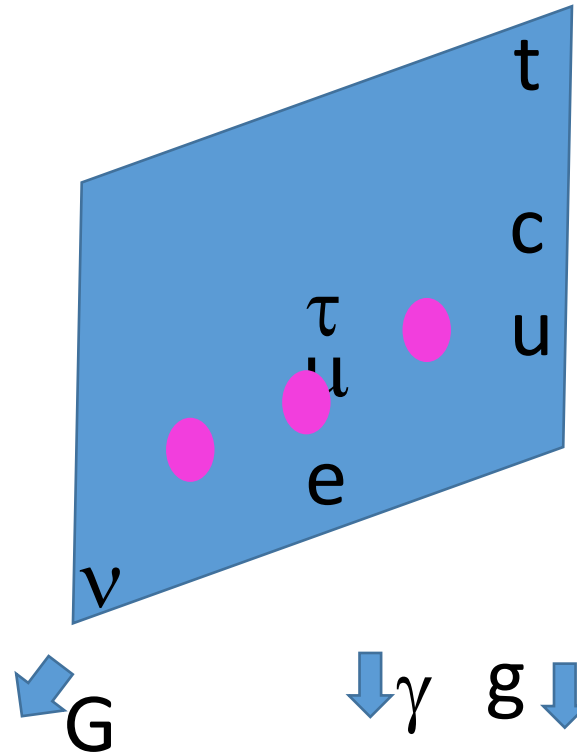
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IF they exist at all
HOW can we find
them?

The original “Too
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long gone

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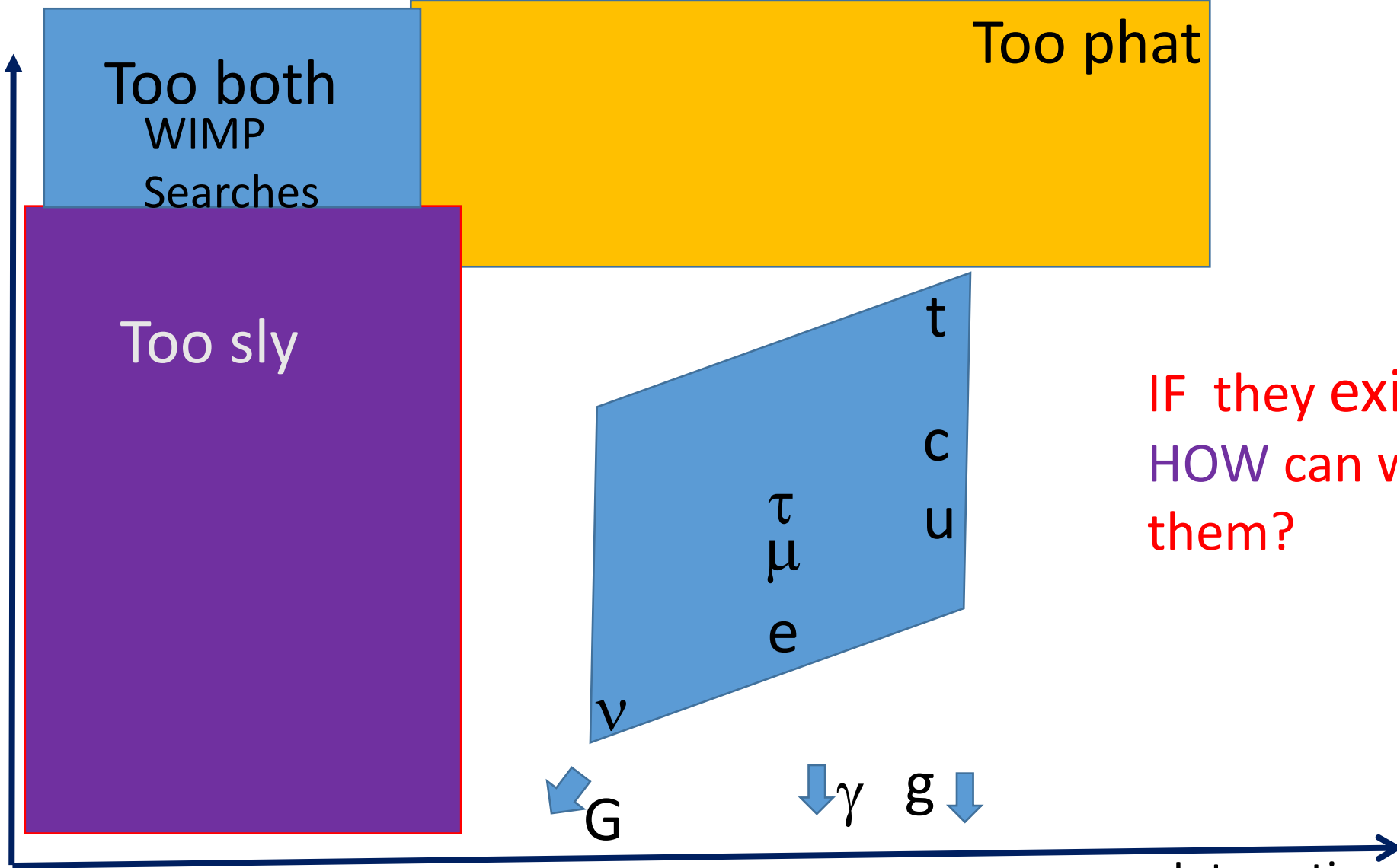
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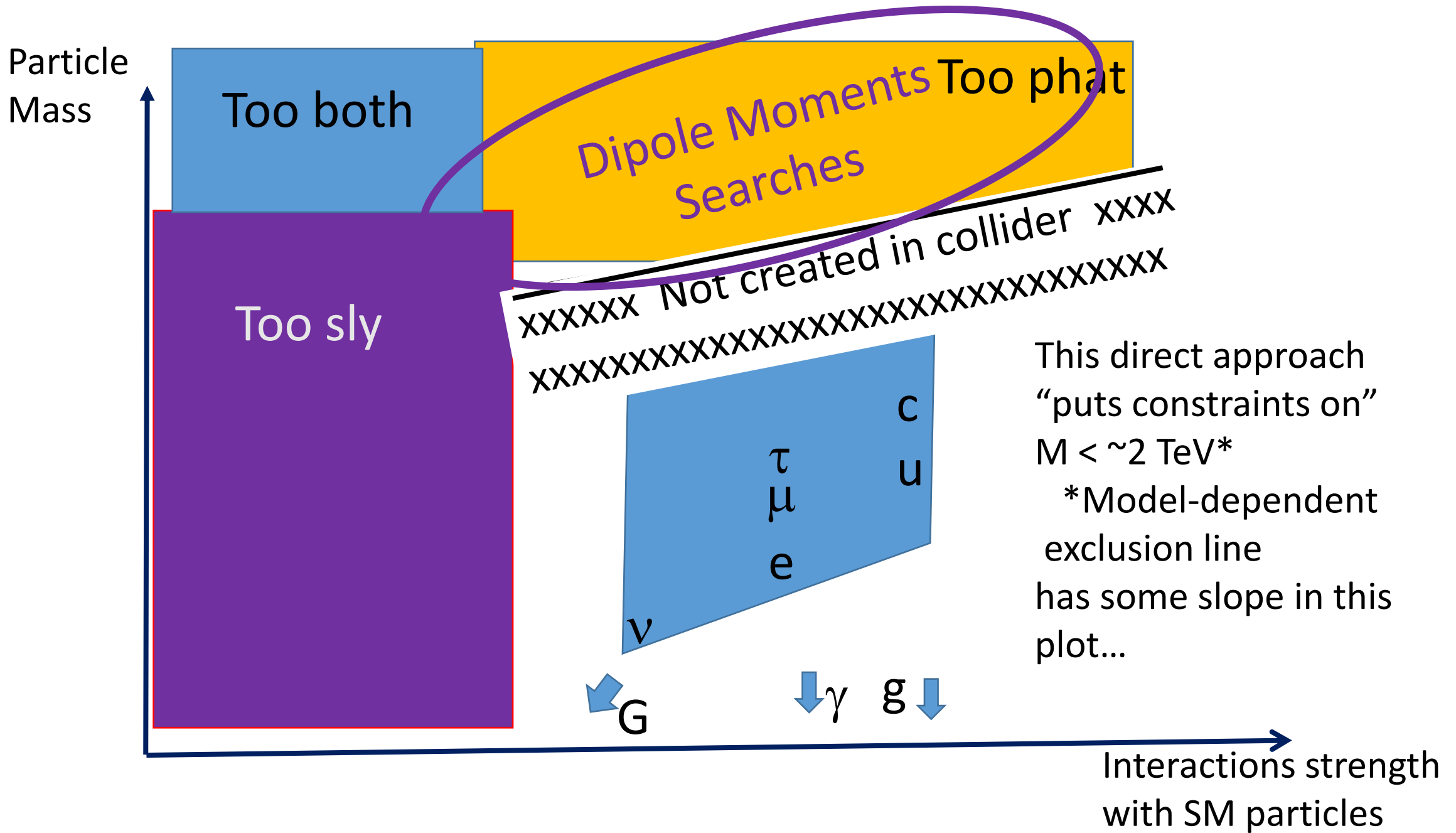
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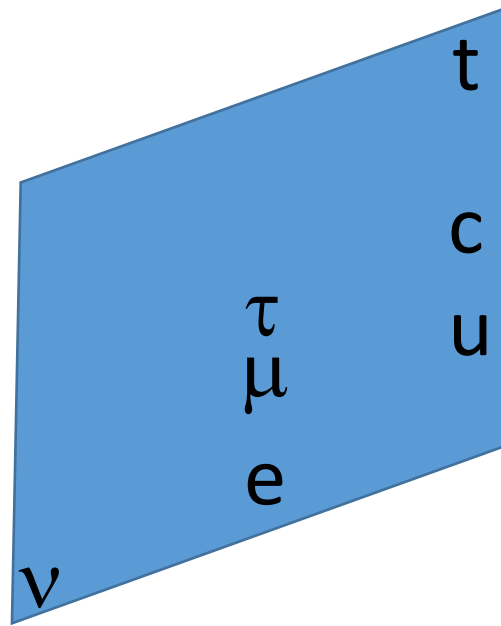
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particles, they are
somewhere,
a very well-
motivated (but very
large!!) place to
search

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Why aren't
these experiments,
also listed up there?

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ANIMATE!!

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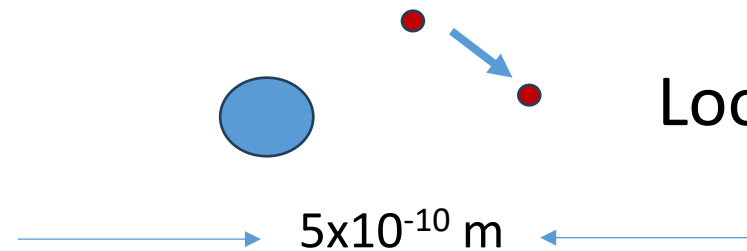
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Interactions strength
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Compton wavelength

Unstable particles can have effects out to reduced Compton wavelength, \hbar/mc

For hypothetical 500 TeV particle, range is 5×10^{-22} m



Looking at anomalies in atomic spectra...

Dipole moment corrections instead arise from shorter-range physics

When you measure it, measure it
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How will you know if it's "new?"

Statue on the
Gerechtigkeitsbrunnen,
in Bern Old City, dating to ~1550

Said to be the oldest known artistic
representation of metaphorical “blind
justice” .

Note:

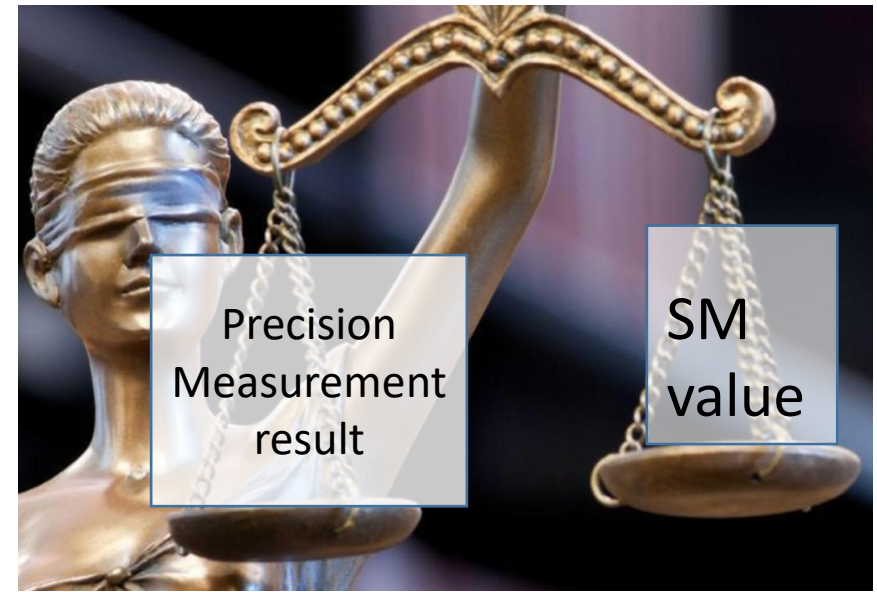
- (i) a metrological apparatus (!) and
- (ii) a blindfold – thus unbiased by
the social status (or lack of it) of
the people appearing before her
court.

Aside:

To this day, many precision
metrologists follow her example,
and collect data “blind”, to avoid
being unduly influenced by
our own biases towards what
makes data more appealing



Precision measurement searches for new physics.
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A: Differential measurements. (think “King Plots”.)

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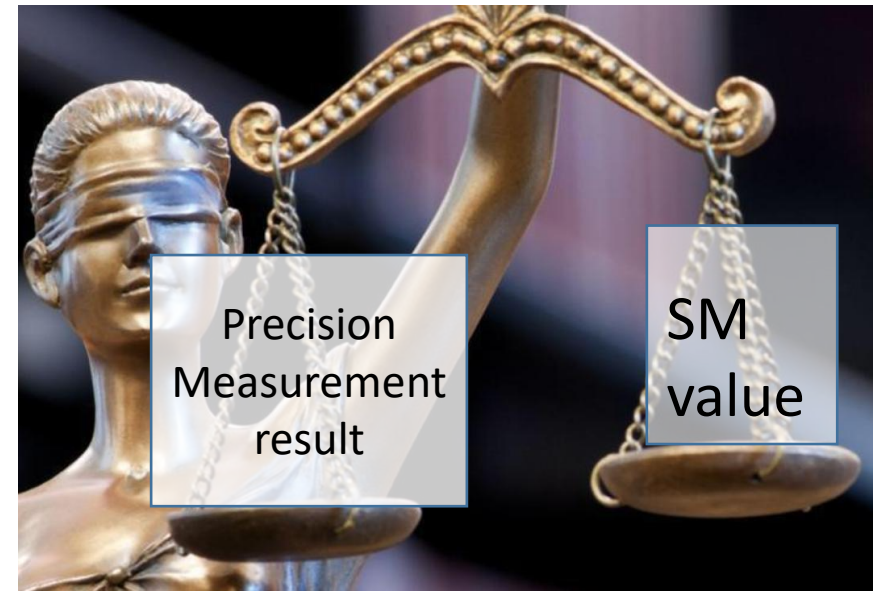
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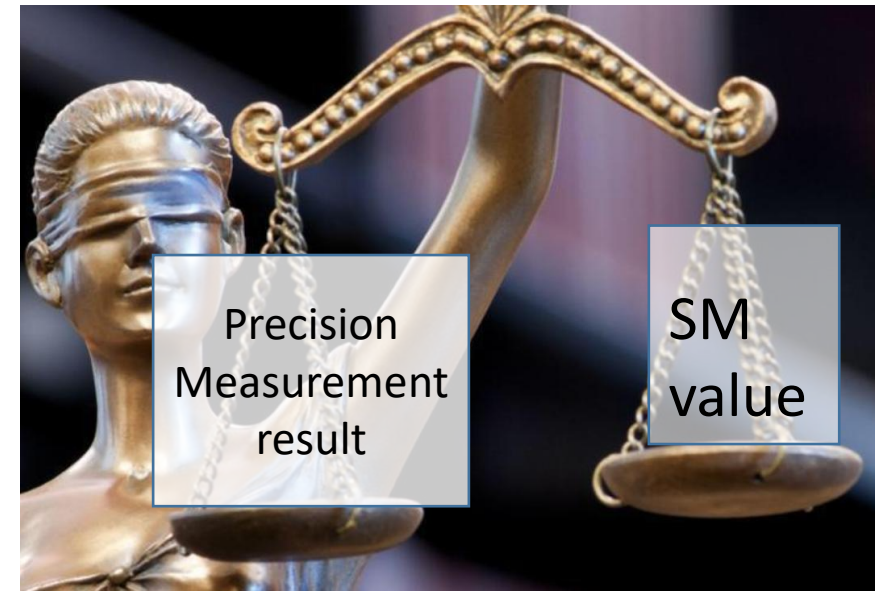
Magnetic dipole moments “MDM” or “g-2” for fundamental leptons* are calculable to ~part-per-trillion accuracy.

We know what value to put in the right-hand pan!

The standard model predictions for electric dipole moments EDMs, are very small – they violate CP. If we measure a nonzero EDM on the left, we can compare it with “0” on the right.

→ We can take good advantage of precision measurements of EDMs and MDMs

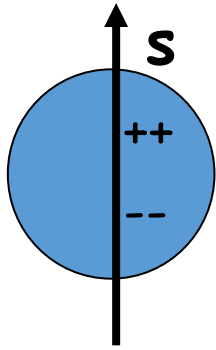
*the MDM of composite particles like protons, neutrons, are NOT amenable to precision calculation; less useful for new physics searches



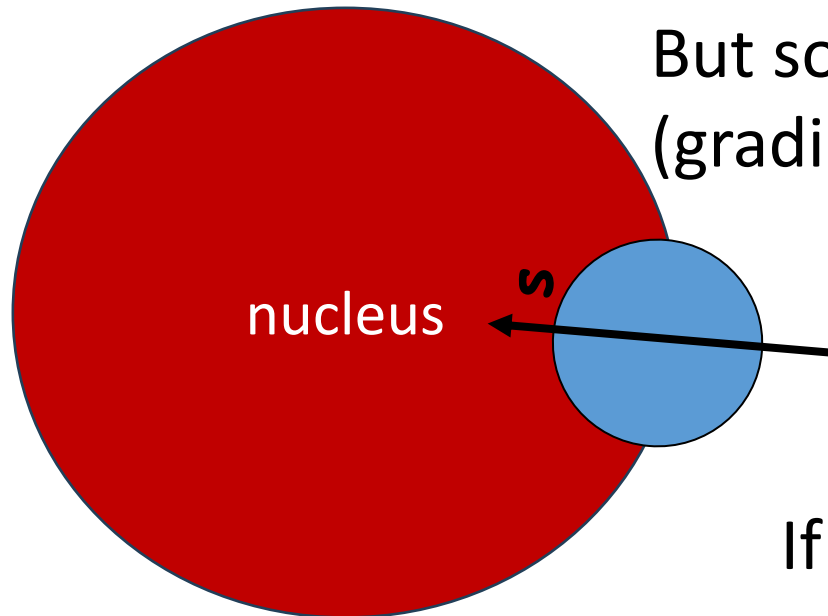
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It's worth spending some time
thinking about what you expect.

How to measure MDM, or EDM?



An electric dipole moment of an electron violates T-reversal



But so does a contribution to energy that goes like
(gradient of nuclear density) dot (electron spin)

If we see a T-violating effect in our spectroscopy,
can we tell which is the underlying mechanism?

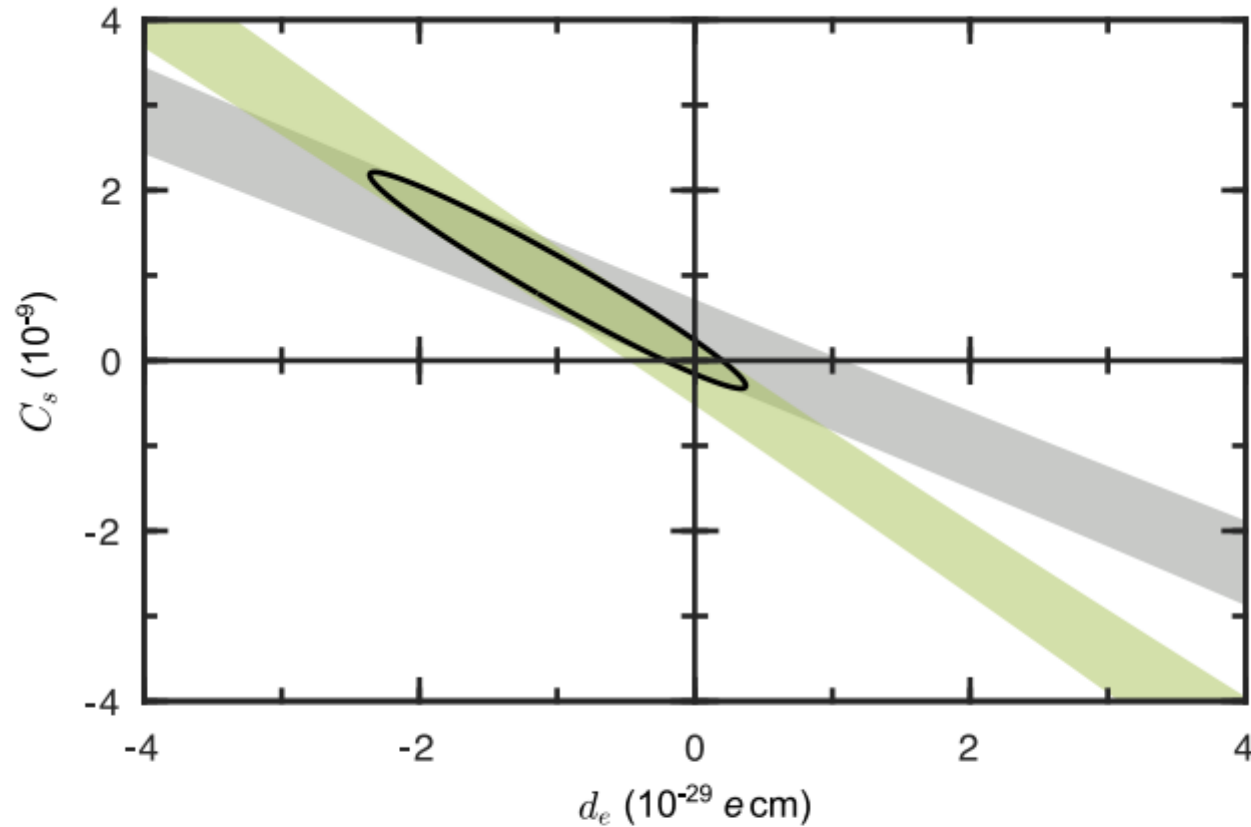


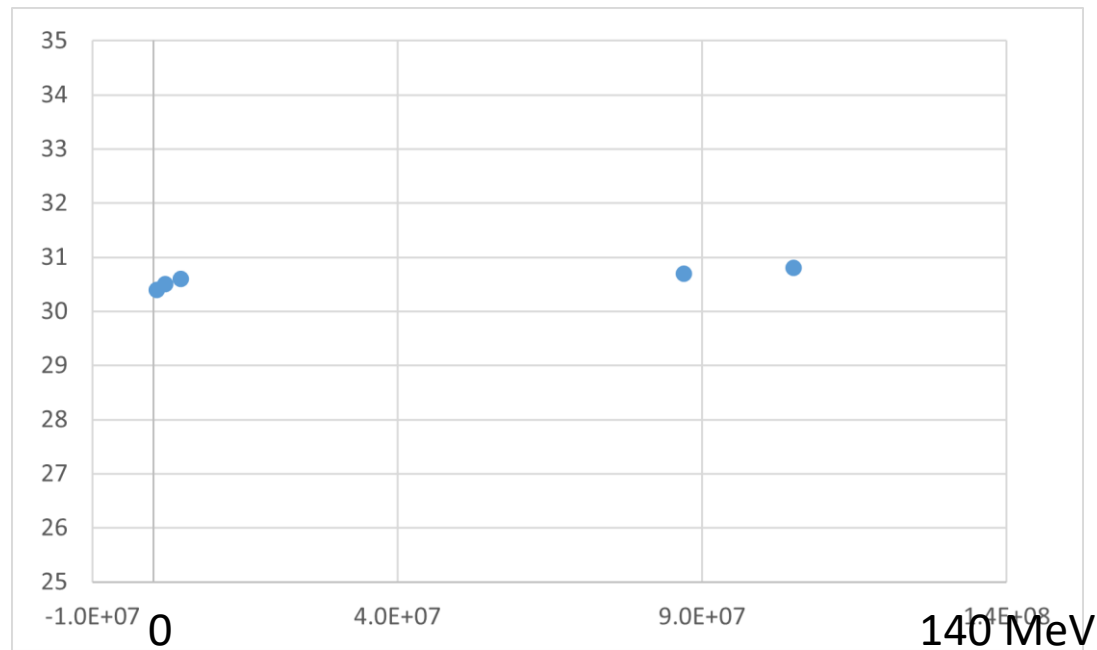
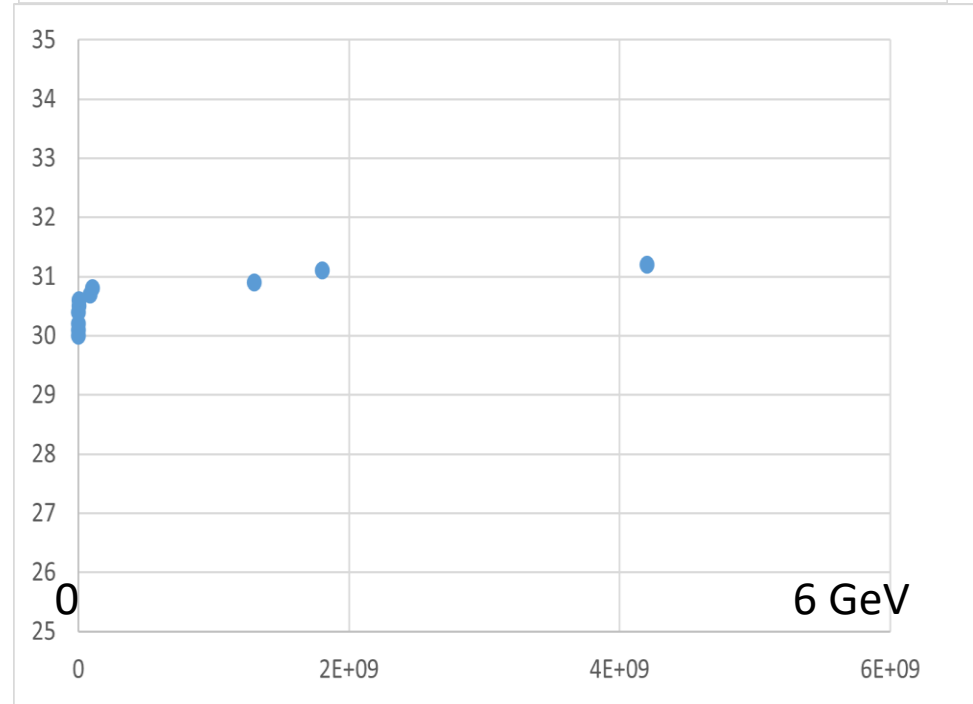
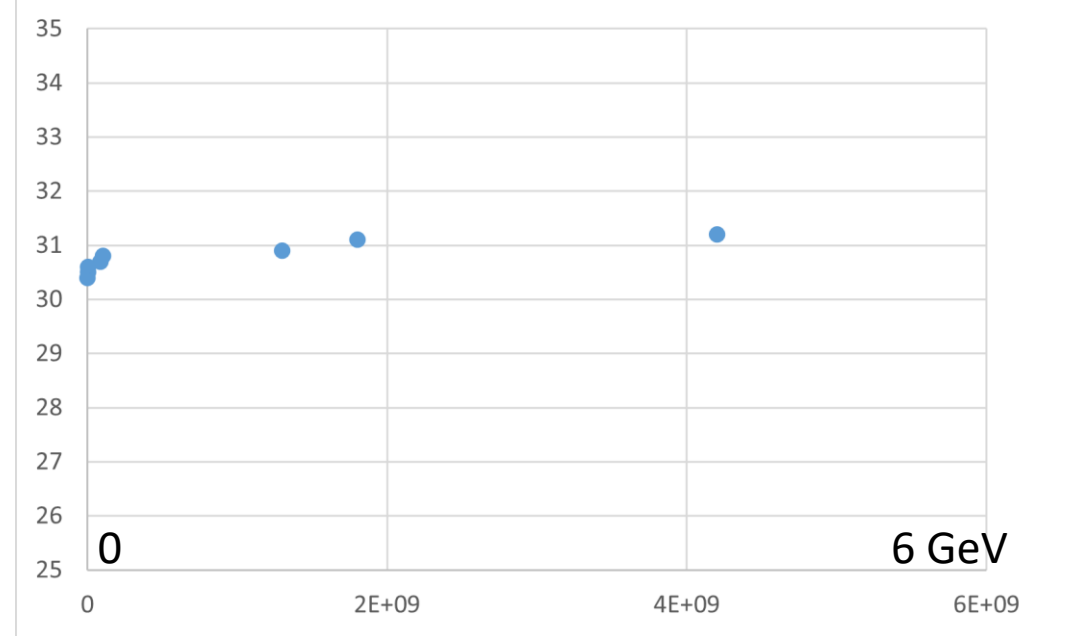
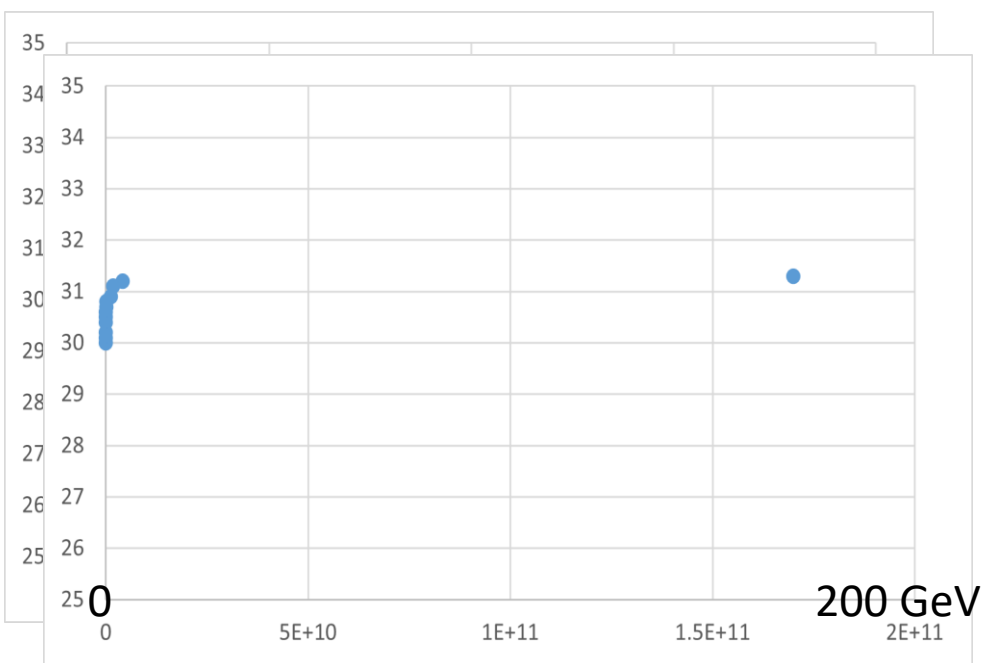
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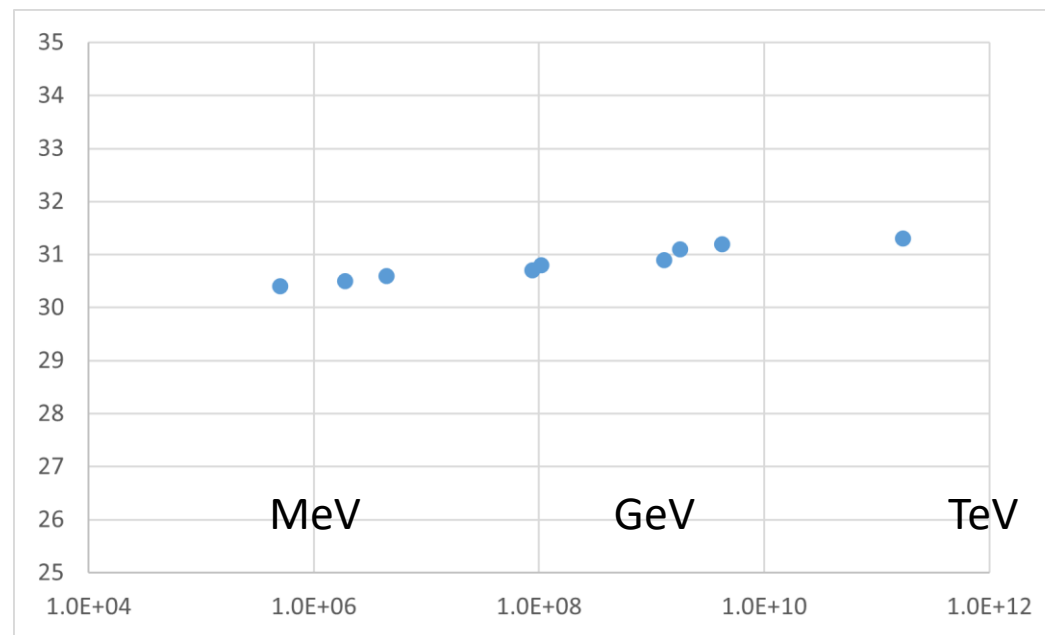
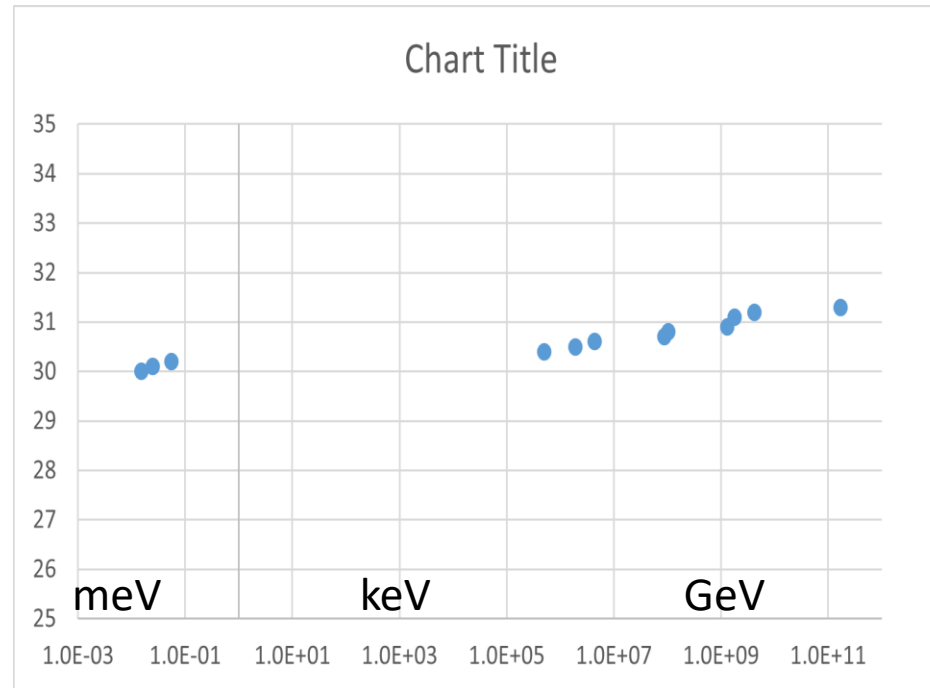
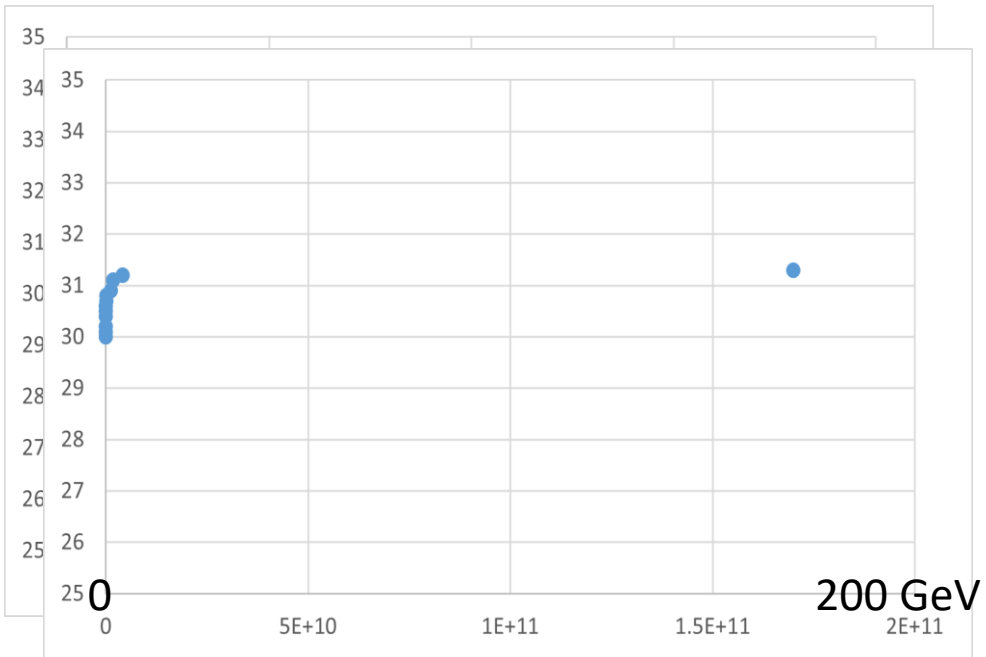
This plot appeared in a paper
I co-authored.
Do I agree with the interpretation?

Yes and no.

“Interpretation” often depends
on prior expectations.

For an example, let’s think about
fermion masses.





CODATA RECOMMENDED VALUES OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICAL CONSTANTS: 2014

NIST SP 961 (Sept/2015) Values from: P. J. Mohr, D. B. Newell, and B. N. Taylor, arXiv:1507.07956

A more extensive listing of constants is available in the above reference and on the NIST Physics Laboratory Web site physics.nist.gov/constants.

The number in parentheses is the one-standard-deviation uncertainty in the last two digits of the given value.

Quantity	Symbol	Numerical value	Unit	Quantity	Symbol	Numerical value	Unit
speed of light in vacuum	c, c_0	299 792 458 (exact)	m s^{-1}	muon g -factor $-2(1 + a_\mu)$	g_μ	$-2.002\,331\,8418(13)$	
magnetic constant	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ (exact)	N A^{-2}	muon-proton magnetic moment ratio	μ_μ/μ_p	$-3.183\,345\,142(71)$	
		$= 12.566\,370\,614... \times 10^{-7}$	N A^{-2}	proton mass	m_p	$1.672\,621\,898(21) \times 10^{-27}$	kg
electric constant $1/\mu_0 c^2$	ϵ_0	$8.854\,187\,817... \times 10^{-12}$	F m^{-1}	in u		$1.007\,276\,466\,879(91)$	u
Newtonian constant of gravitation	G	$6.674\,30(15) \times 10^{-11}$	$\text{m}^3 \text{kg}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$				
Planck constant	h	$6.626\,070\,15(83) \times 10^{-34}$	J s				
$h/2\pi$	\hbar	$1.054\,571\,817(45) \times 10^{-34}$	J s				
elementary charge	e	$1.602\,176\,634(93) \times 10^{-19}$	C				
magnetic constant $\mu_0/4\pi$	$\mu_0/4\pi$	10^{-7} (exact)	N A^{-2}				
Josephson constant $2e/h$	$2e/h$	$483\,597.9(46) \text{ GHz/V}$	V^{-1}				
von Klitzing constant h/e^2	h/e^2	$25\,812.807(57) \text{ }\Omega$	Ω				
Bohr magneton μ_B	μ_B	$9.274\,010(29) \times 10^{-24}$	J T $^{-1}$				
in eV							
nuclear magneton μ_N	μ_N	$5.050\,783(27) \times 10^{-27}$	J T $^{-1}$				
in eV							
fine-structure constant α	α	$7.297\,352(59) \times 10^{-3}$					
inverse fine-structure constant $1/\alpha$	$1/\alpha$	$137.035\,999(62)$					
Rydberg constant R_∞	R_∞	$109\,737.315(68) \text{ cm}^{-1}$	cm^{-1}				
energy							
Bohr radius a_0	a_0	$5.291\,772(10) \times 10^{-11}$	m				
Hartree energy E_h	E_h	$4.359\,744(15) \times 10^{-18}$	J				
in eV							
electron rest mass m_e	m_e	$9.109\,382(61) \times 10^{-31}$	kg				
in u							
energy							
electron rest mass m_e	m_e	$5.485\,799(24) \times 10^{-4}$	u				
electron-proton mass ratio m_e/m_p	m_e/m_p	$5.485\,799(24) \times 10^{-4}$					
electron-proton magnetic moment ratio $\mu_\text{e}/\mu_\text{p}$	$\mu_\text{e}/\mu_\text{p}$	$-1836.152\,673(17)$					
electron Compton wavelength λ_C	λ_C	$2.426\,310(27) \times 10^{-12}$	m				
Compton wavelength $\lambda_\text{C}/2\pi$	$\lambda_\text{C}/2\pi$	$3.861\,592(73) \times 10^{-13}$	m				
classical electron radius r_e	r_e	$2.817\,940(36) \times 10^{-15}$	m				
Thomson scattering cross section σ_T	σ_T	$6.652\,458(73) \times 10^{-29}$	m^2				
electron magnetic moment μ_e	μ_e	$9.284\,764(29) \times 10^{-24}$	J T $^{-1}$				
to Bohr magneton ratio $\mu_\text{e}/\mu_\text{B}$	$\mu_\text{e}/\mu_\text{B}$	$1836.152\,673(17)$					
to nuclear magneton ratio $\mu_\text{e}/\mu_\text{N}$	$\mu_\text{e}/\mu_\text{N}$	$1836.152\,673(17) \times 1836.152\,673(17)$					
electron g -factor $-2(1 + a_\text{e})$	g_e	$-2.002\,319\,304\,361\,82(52)$		in eV K $^{-1}$		$8.617\,3303(50) \times 10^{-5}$	eV K $^{-1}$
electron-proton magnetic moment ratio $\mu_\text{e}/\mu_\text{p}$	$\mu_\text{e}/\mu_\text{p}$	$-1836.152\,673(17)$		molar volume of ideal gas RT/p	V_m	$22.413\,962(13) \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{m}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$
muon mass in u	m_μ	$0.113\,428\,9257(25)$	u	($T = 273.15 \text{ K}$, $p = 101.325 \text{ kPa}$)			
energy equivalent in MeV	$m_\mu c^2$	$105.658\,3745(24)$	MeV	Stefan-Boltzmann constant $\pi^2 k^4/60 h^3 c^2$	σ	$5.670\,367(13) \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-4}$
muon-electron mass ratio m_μ/m_e	m_μ/m_e	$206.768\,2826(46)$		first radiation constant $2\pi h c^2$	c_1	$3.741\,771\,790(46) \times 10^{-16}$	W m^2
muon magnetic moment μ_μ	μ_μ	$-4.490\,448\,26(10) \times 10^{-26}$	J T $^{-1}$	second radiation constant hc/k	c_2	$1.438\,777\,36(83) \times 10^{-2}$	m K
to Bohr magneton ratio μ_μ/μ_B	μ_μ/μ_B	$-4.841\,970\,48(11) \times 10^{-3}$		Wien displacement law constant			

In NIST's codata tables of physical constants, 100 numerical values range from 10^{-34} to 10^{23}

If they were uniformly distributed, 90 of them would be between 6×10^{22} and 6×10^{23} .

Instead, we look at the first digit of the numerical values (ignoring units, and base 10)

27 numbers start with the digit "1"

4 numbers start with the digit "8"

ratio is $27/4 = 6.7$.

Compare with $\ln(2/1) / \ln(9/8) = 5.9$. Just about right.

Why should physical values be distributed roughly uniformly in log space?

If I SUM a large number of random numbers, the total is normally distributed.

A “normal distribution” is actually very much a “uniform” distribution.

If you know you are looking at a number generated this way, your priors might be “linear uniform”.

BUT.

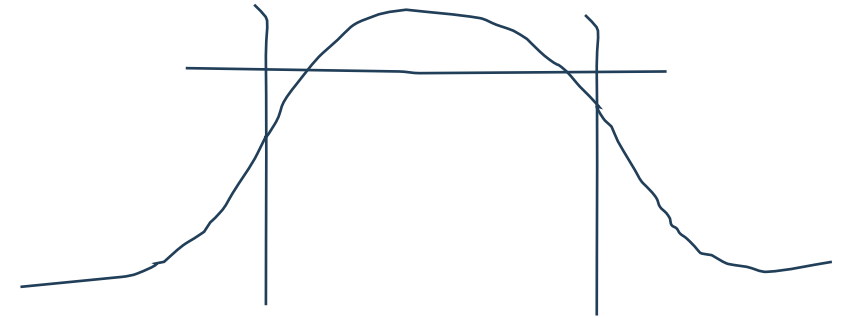
If I take the PRODUCT of a large number of random numbers:

Product= $A*B*C*D....*W*X*Y*Z$,

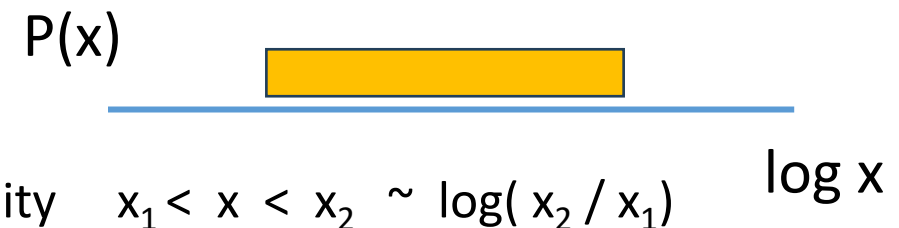
then

$\log \text{ product} = \log A + \log B + \log C.... + \log Z$

The log of the product will be a normal distribution, ie. the product itself is fairly uniformly distributed across a log plot



ie Probability $x_1 < x < x_2 \sim x_2 - x_1$



ie Probability $x_1 < x < x_2 \sim \log(x_2 / x_1)$

Benford's Law (in e.g. accounting)

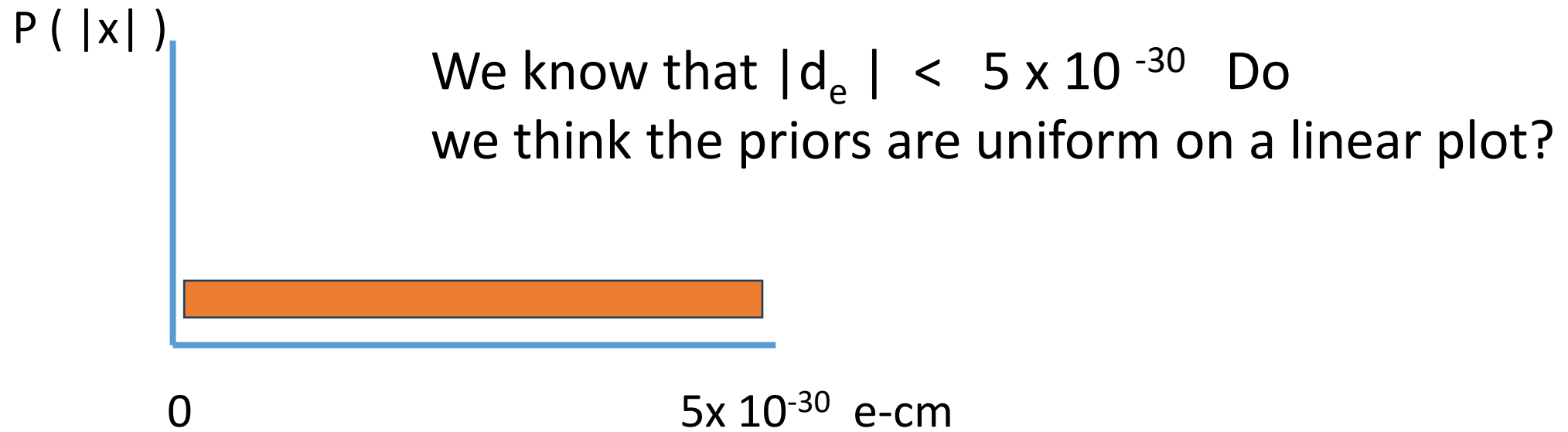
example:

profit of a corporation per year

profit per item * #items sold/store * number of stores city * number cities in a country

Answer varies by many orders of magnitude but the
distribute of first digit follows Benford's Law.

How many “random facts” go into determining the mass or interaction strength of an
as yet unobserved particle?



No one thinks this.

Should we make assumptions about what is true before we measure?

“Should”?

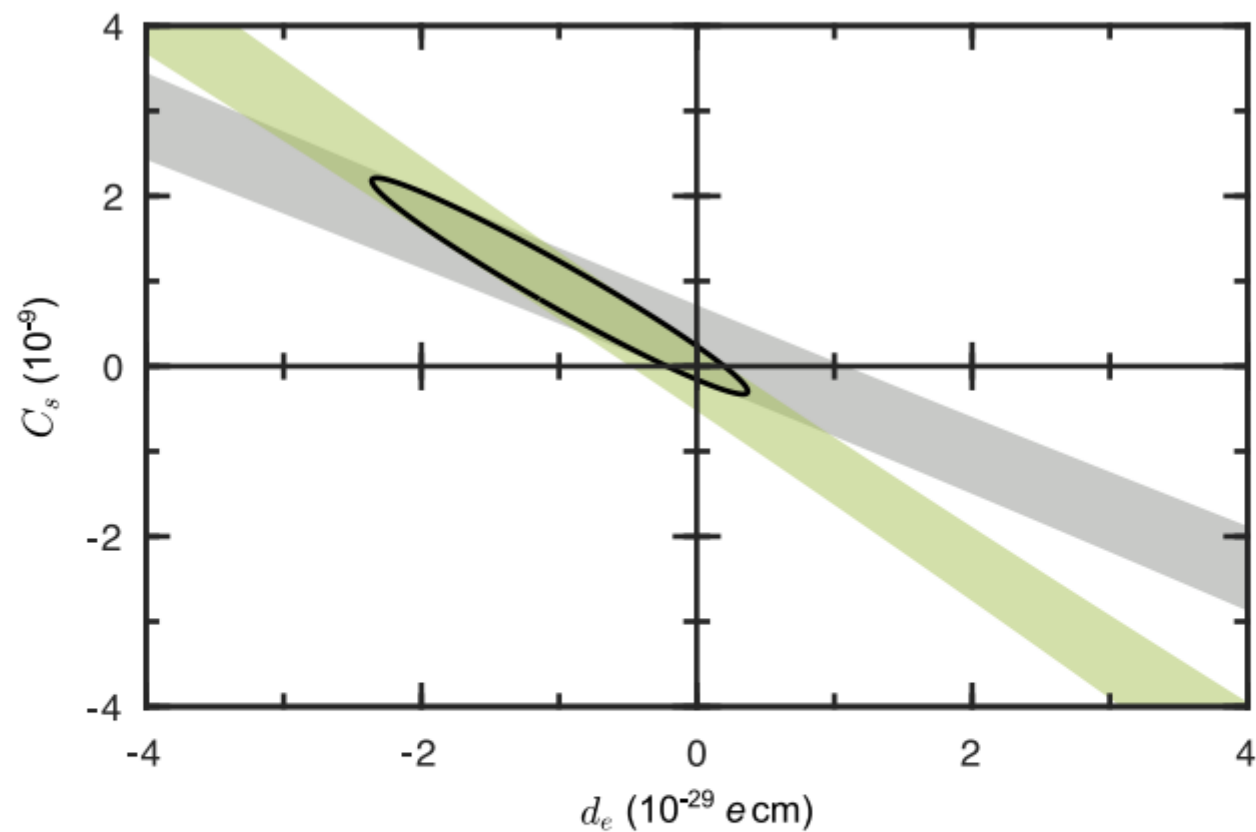
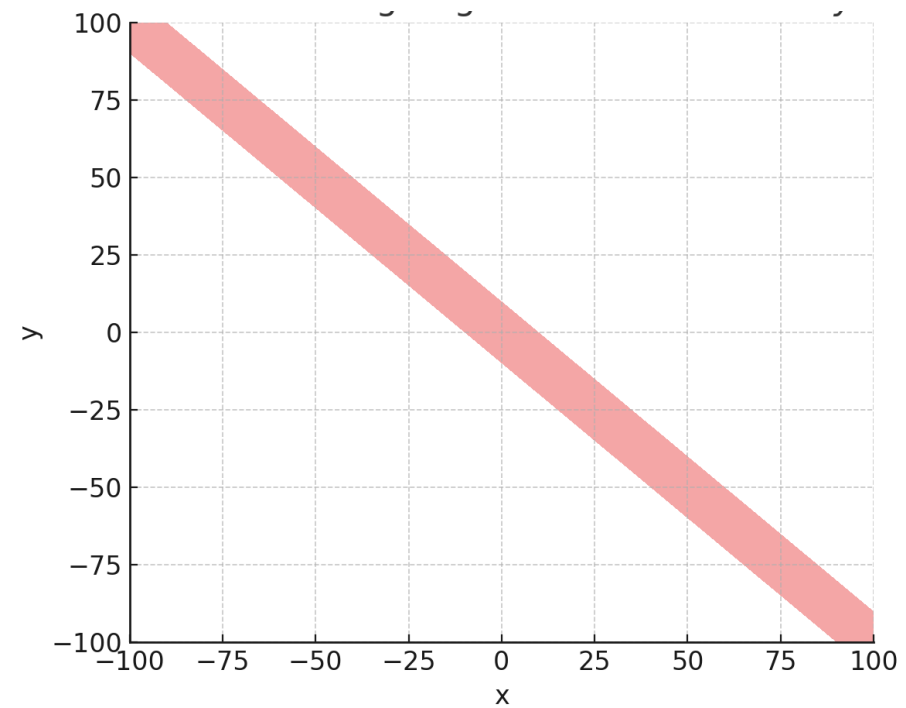
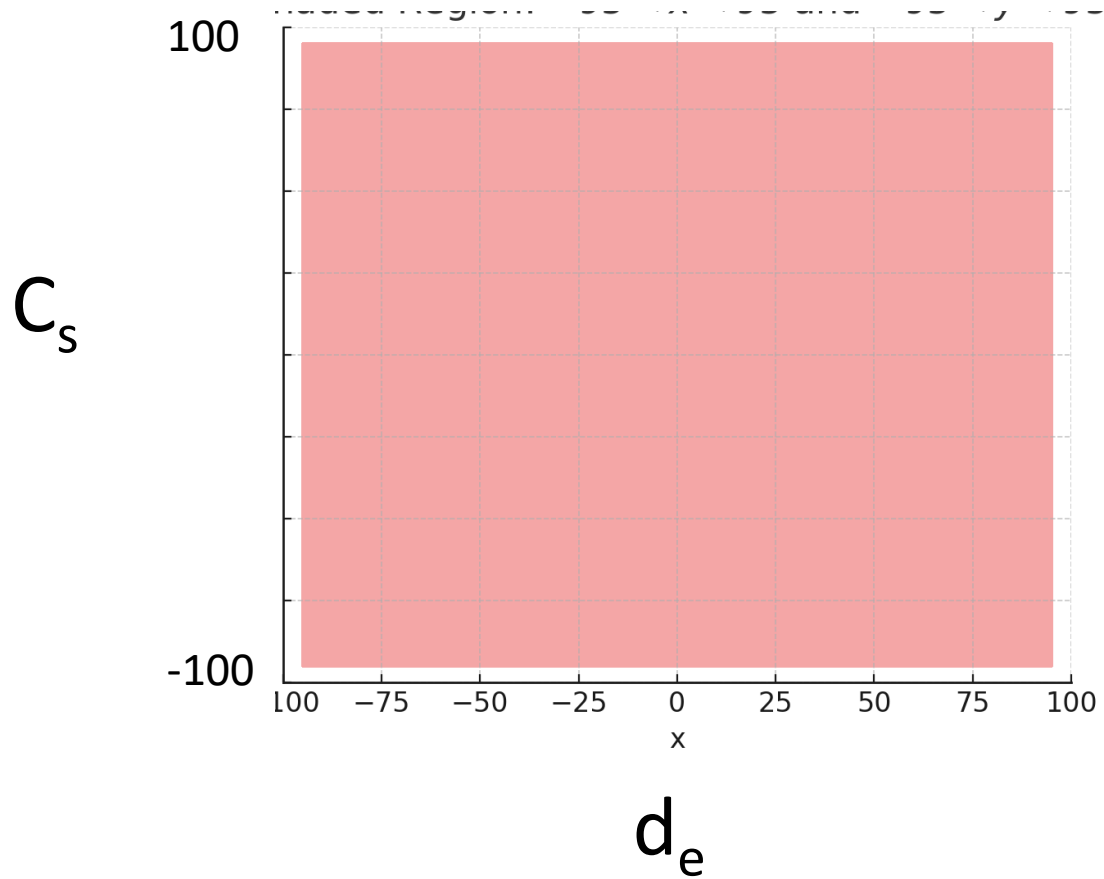
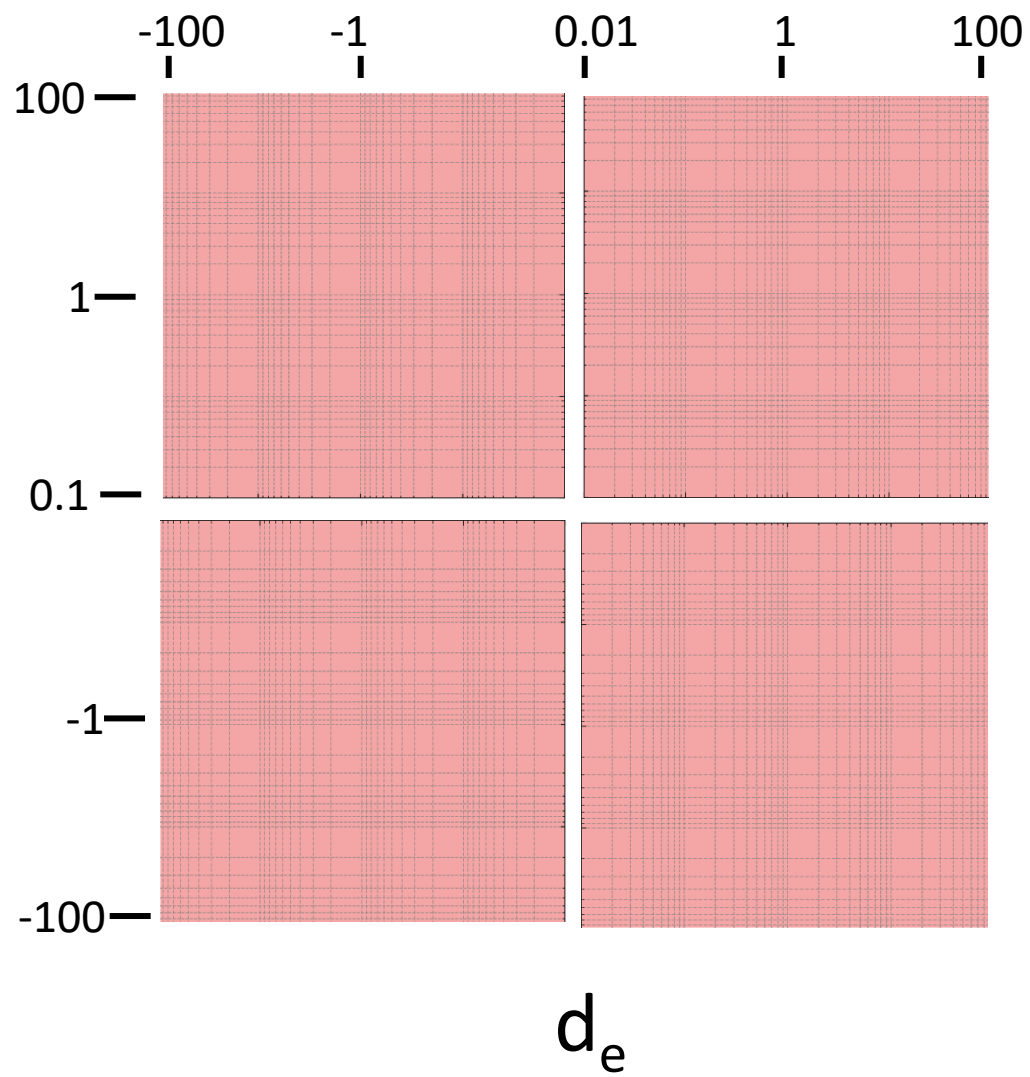


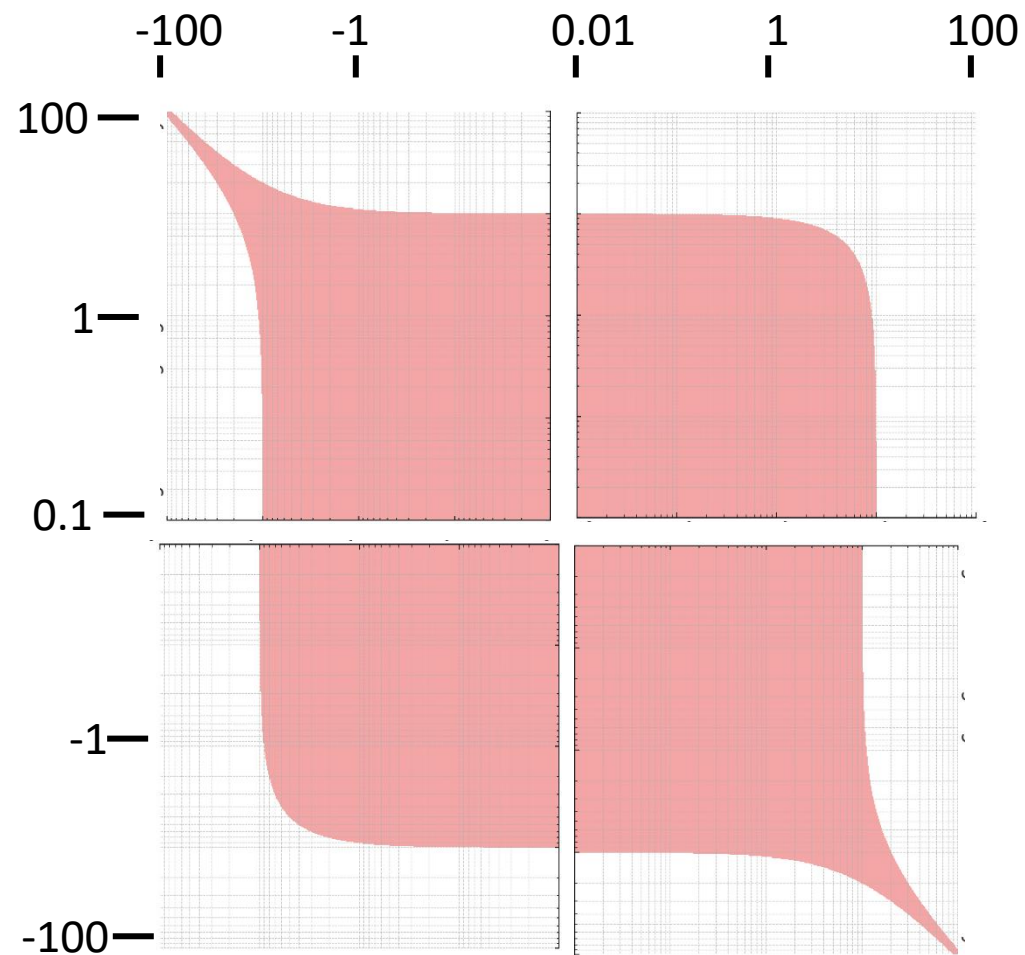
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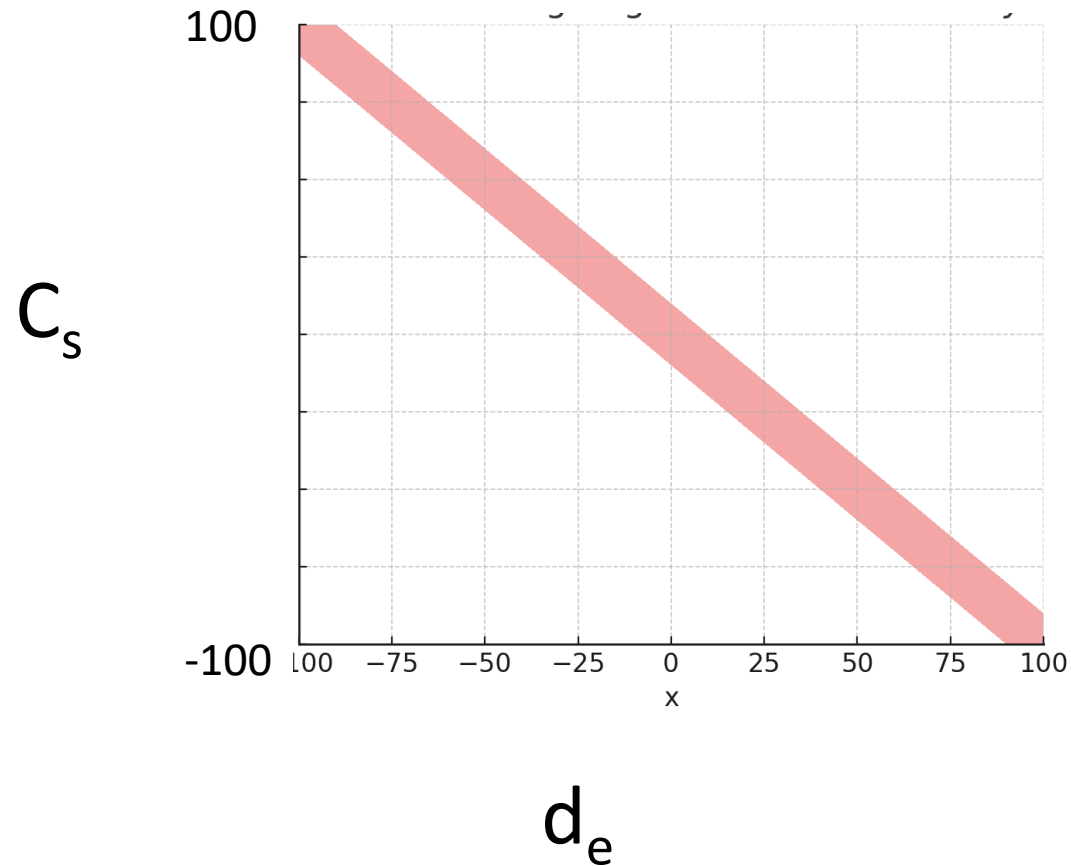


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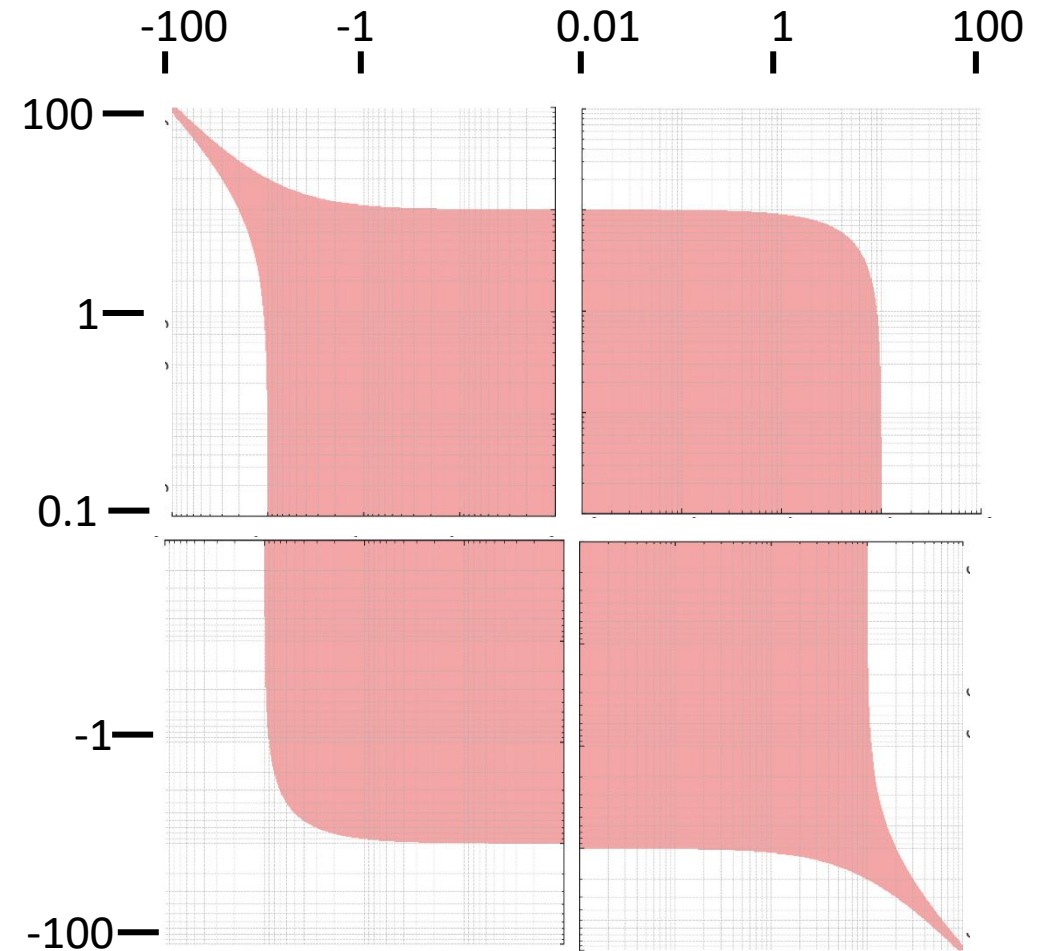
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If you believe in your log-uniform priors, you now think
 $|C_s| < \sim 10$ AND $|d_e| < 10$

Quick digression on dipole-moment units

The hidden shame of *Système International*.

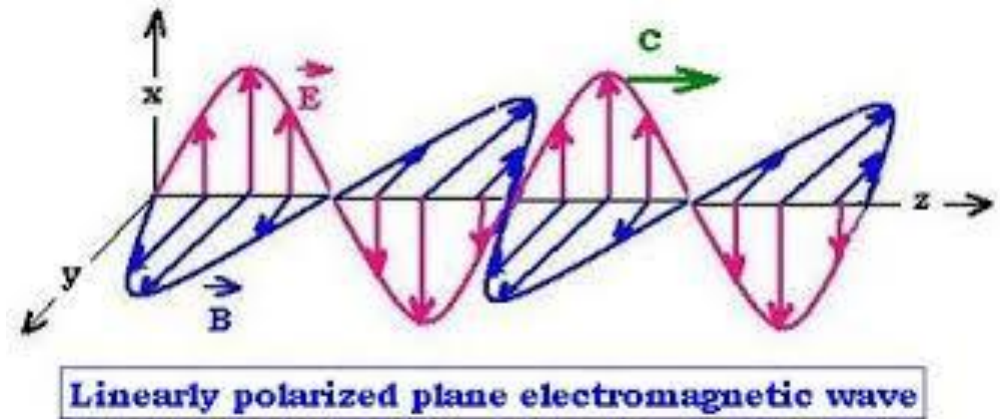
E&M wave in a vacuum: $|E| = |B|$

Dimensions $[E] = [B] = [\text{force}/\text{charge}]$
 $= [(\text{energy}/\text{charge})/\text{distance}]$ e.g., volts/cm

Dimensions $[E \cdot d] = [B \cdot \mu] = [\text{energy}]$ or $[\text{frequency}]$

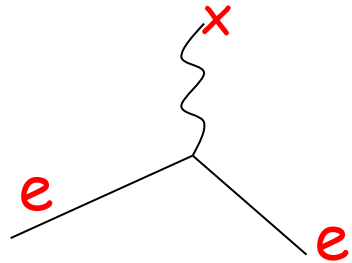
Dimensions of $[d] = [\mu] = [\text{charge} * \text{distance}]$ e.g. e-cm

So, for instance, $1 \mu_B = 1.9 \times 10^{-11}$ e-cm
and 1 Tesla = 3×10^6 V-cm



Electric and magnetic dipoles of electron in standard model

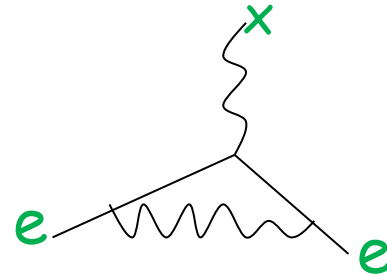
“Tree level”



$$\mu = g \mu_B s$$

$$\mathbf{d} = 0$$

“One loop”



this diagram adds

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$$\delta\mathbf{d}_e = 0$$

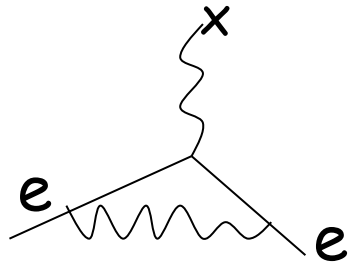
“Many loops”

[Up to five loops,
~10,000 distinct
diagrams
up to order α^5 in
MDM, ppt accuracy!]

μ = [ppt accuracy in
calculation and
experiment]

$d_e \sim 10^{-35}$ e-cm
(first nonvanishing
term is 4-loop!)

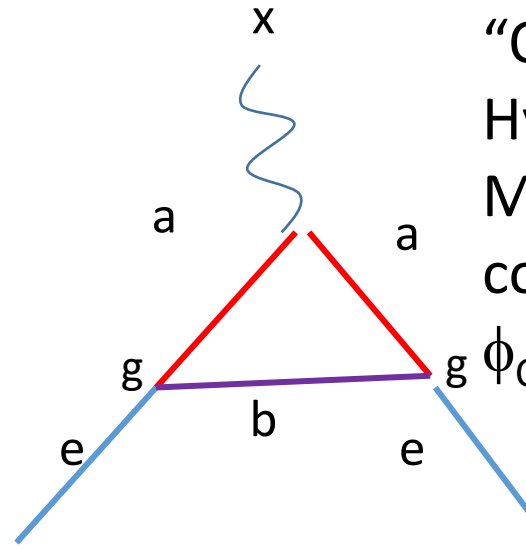
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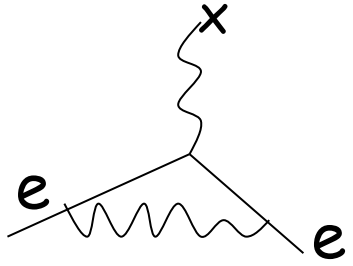
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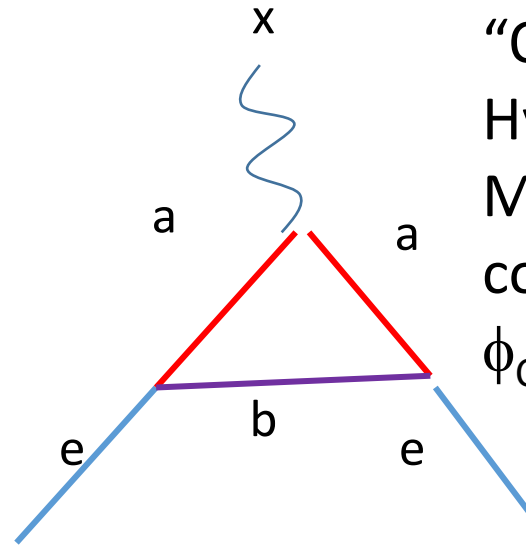
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Question: Exotic supersymmetric result? No!

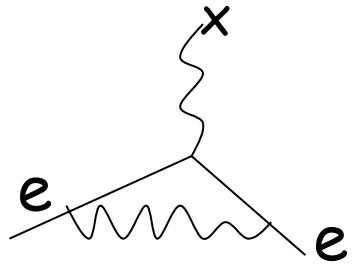
For “a” and “b”, plug in “electron” and “photon”. M_a n.e. M_b but take $M = (M_a + M_b)/2 = m_e/2$

The $g = \alpha^{1/2}$ and this is maximally CP preserving so $\cos \phi_{CP} = 1$

We get $\delta(\mu_e/e) \sim (a_0 \alpha \alpha) / \pi$

But recall $\mu_B/e = \alpha a_0 / 2$ So $\delta(\mu_e) \sim 2 \mu_B \alpha/\pi$

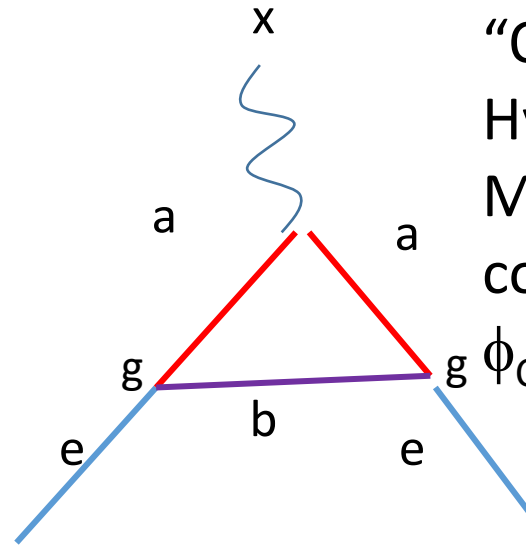
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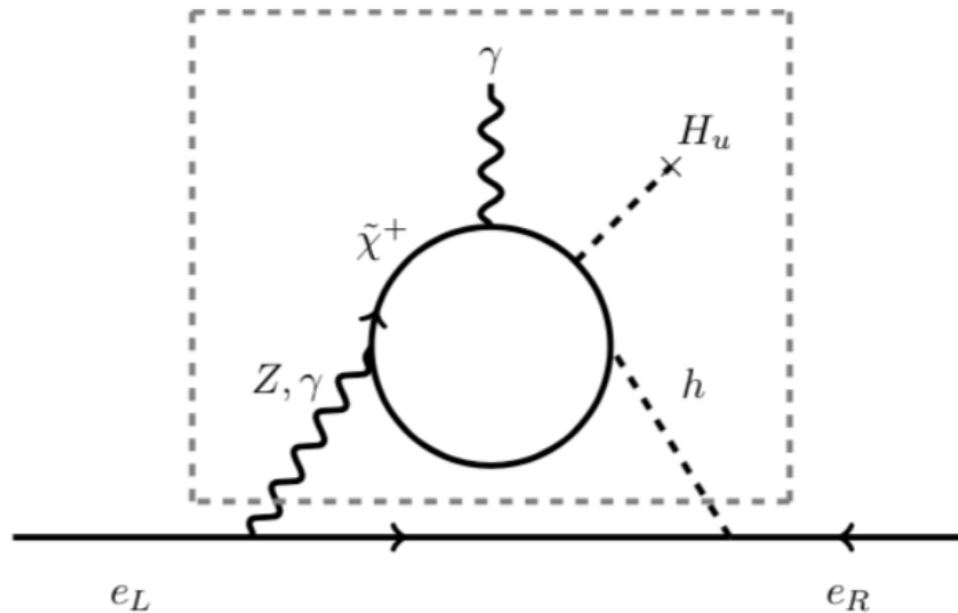
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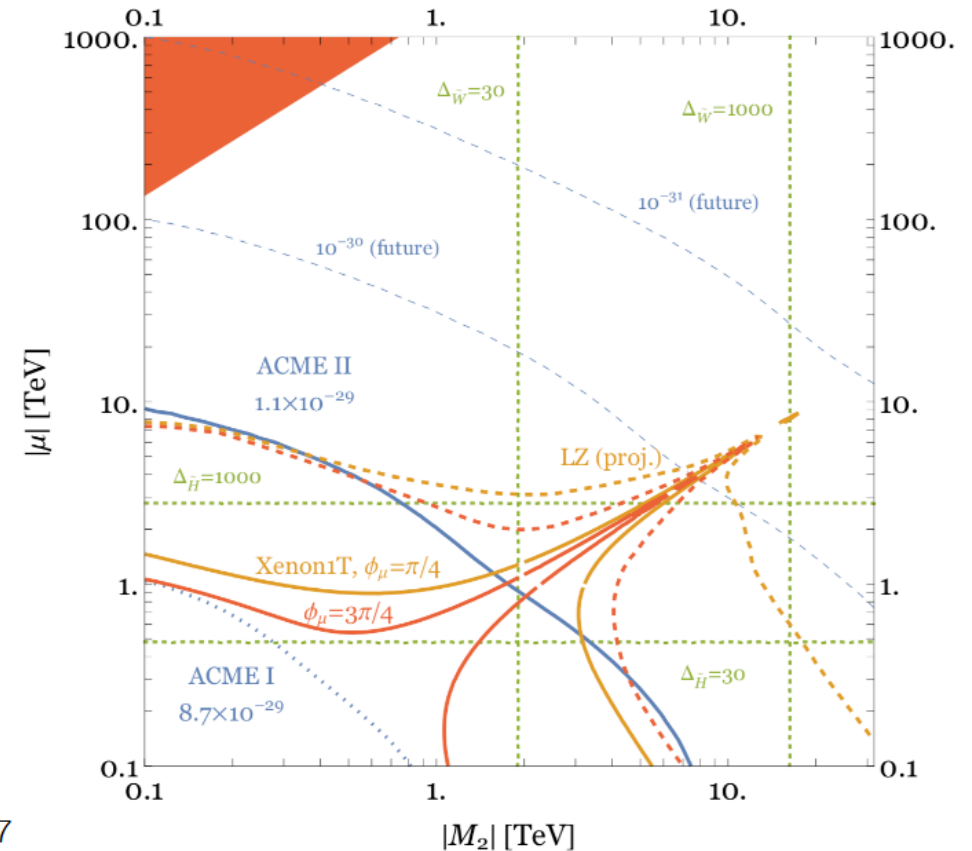
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Quite generally, electroweak new physics coupling to the Higgs boson gives rise to an electron EDM (Barr-Zee).



Powerful split SUSY
electroweakino constraints from
ACME 2!

$$d_e/e \text{ [cm]}, \sin(\phi_\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \tan\beta = 10$$



The one-loop pictures are a very specific model. Within these models, EDM limits can set constraints for masses out to ~ 40 TeV.

Multi-loop models look at a much wider, general range of new physics, but with corresponding less mass reach, very roughly, out to 5 TeV (= a little bigger than LHC)

Multi-loop “new physics” are too complicated for me to understand. BUT it is clear that, complicated model or simple model, whatever the current limits on new-particle masses, those limits will go up as the square root of improvements on accuracy in d_e

When you measure it, measure it
like you mean it

Will your measurement have
ground-breaking precision?

How to measure MDM, or EDM?

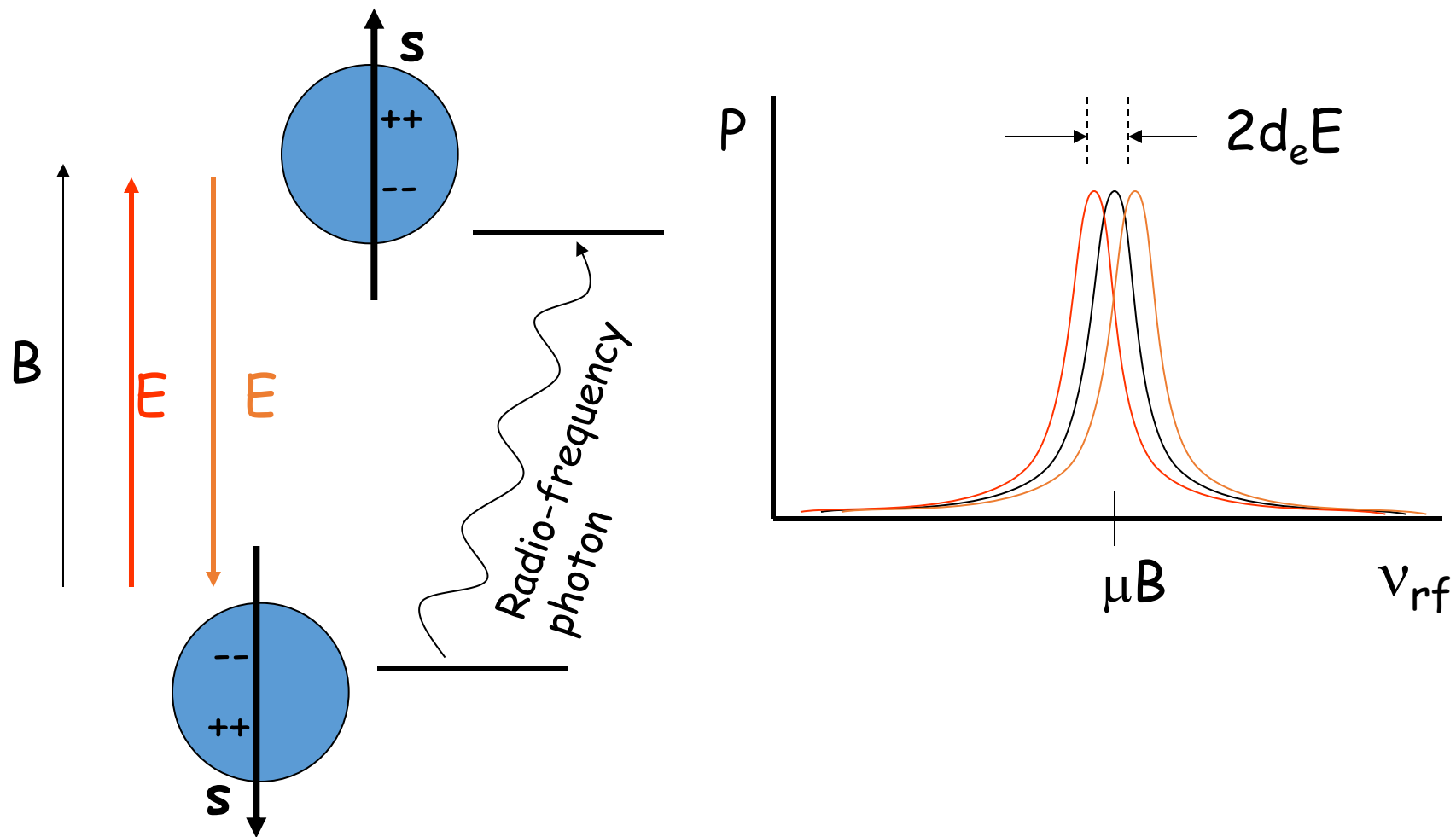
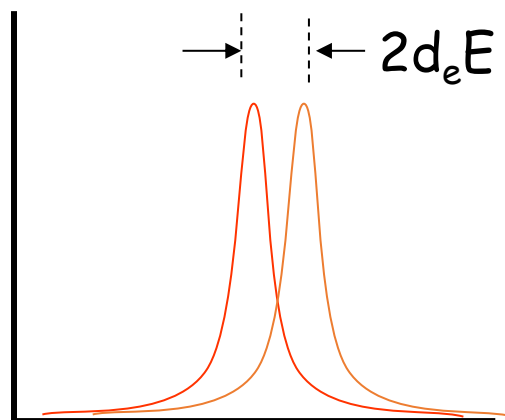
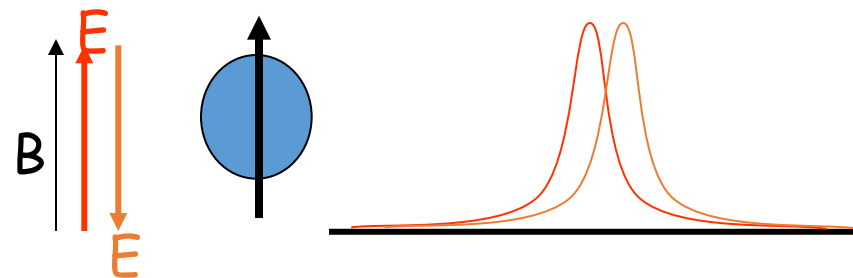
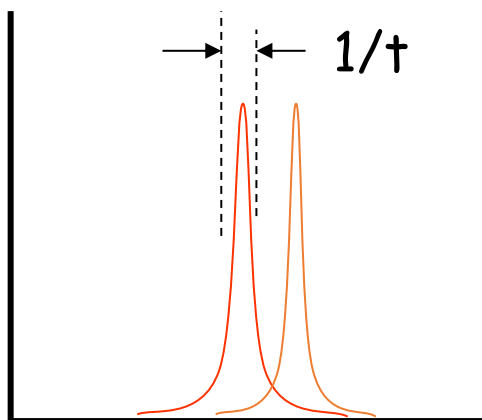


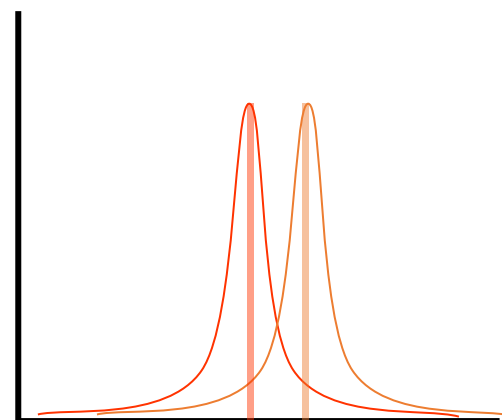
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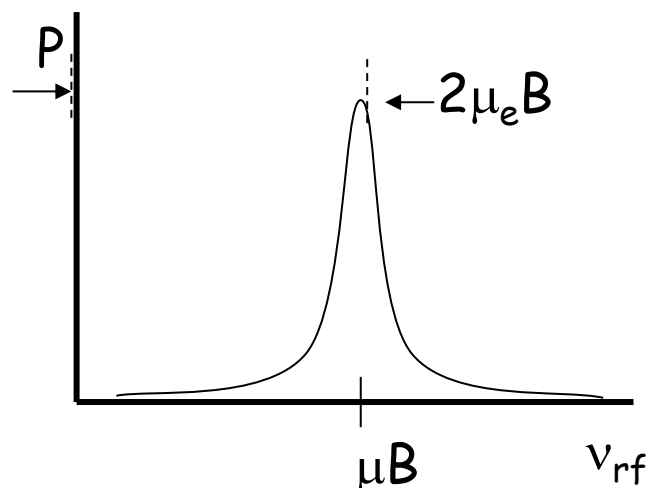
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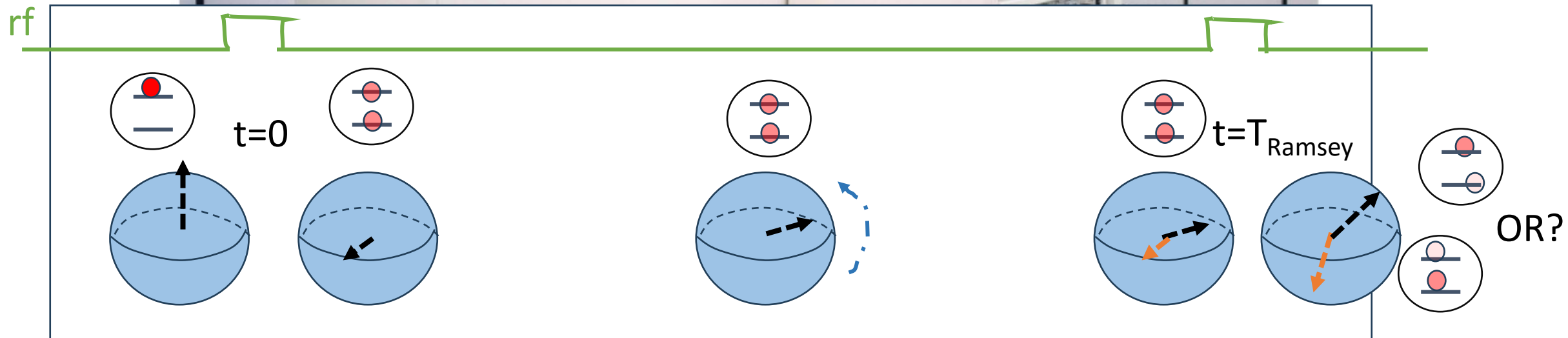
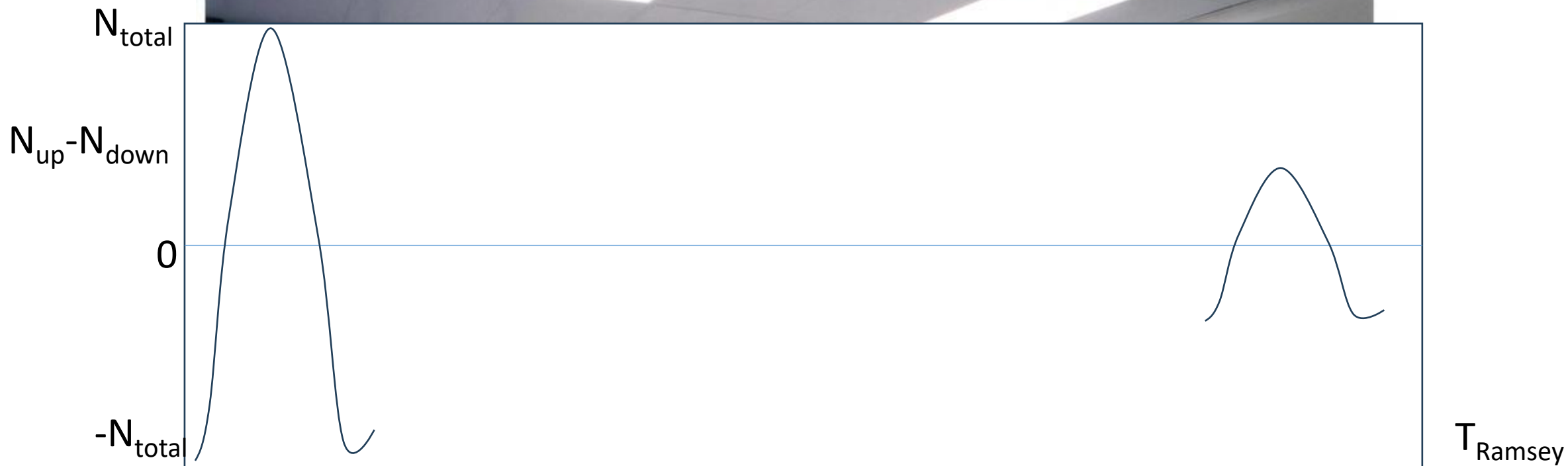
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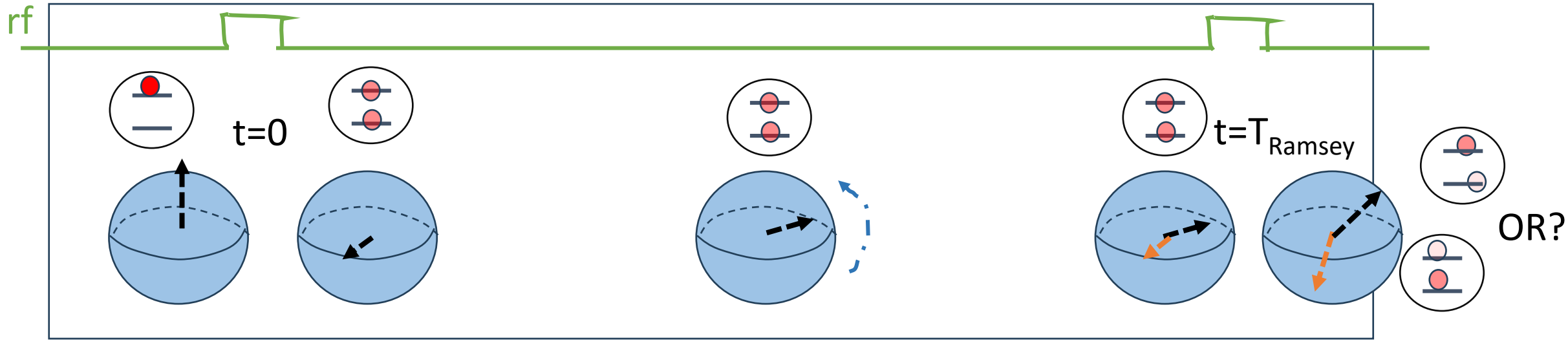
$$(\text{Field}) \tau \sqrt{N_{eff}}$$





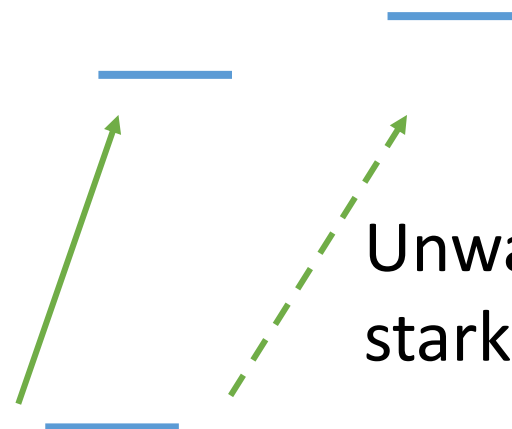
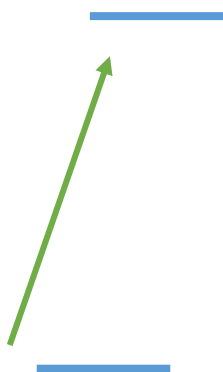
An EDM experiment is just a clock with an electric field applied





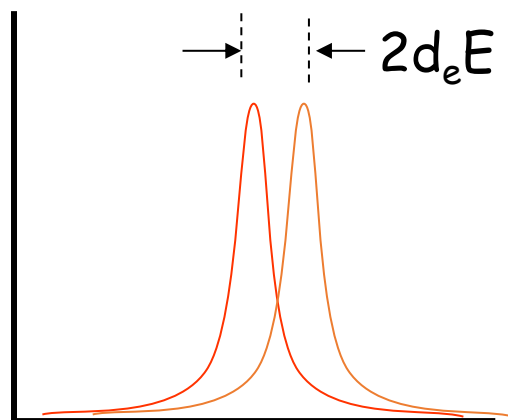
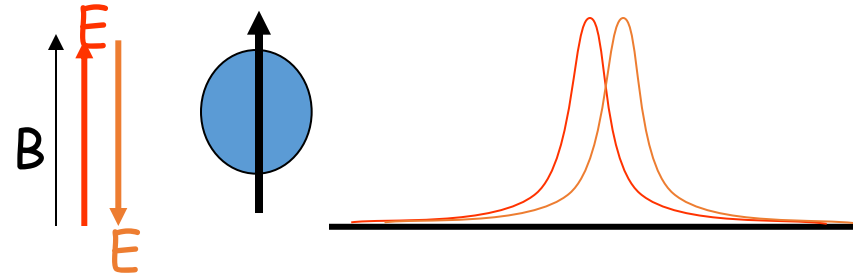
Why “two pulses”? Why not just leave the rf on weakly the whole time?

- i) two-pulses: modestly narrower lines.
- ii) along a several meter beam, hard to keep sample uniform; y illuminated by rf, microwave, or optical beam
- iii) Differential measurement removes uncharacterized shifts from “rf”.

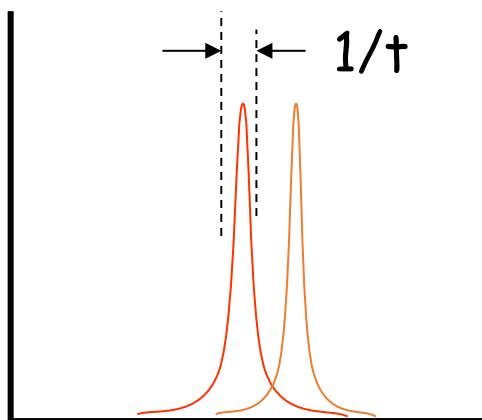


Unwanted/unknown AC
stark shift

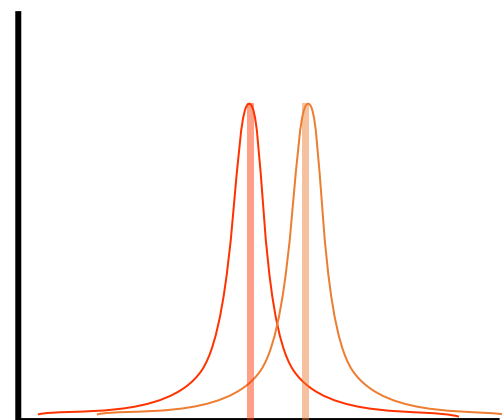
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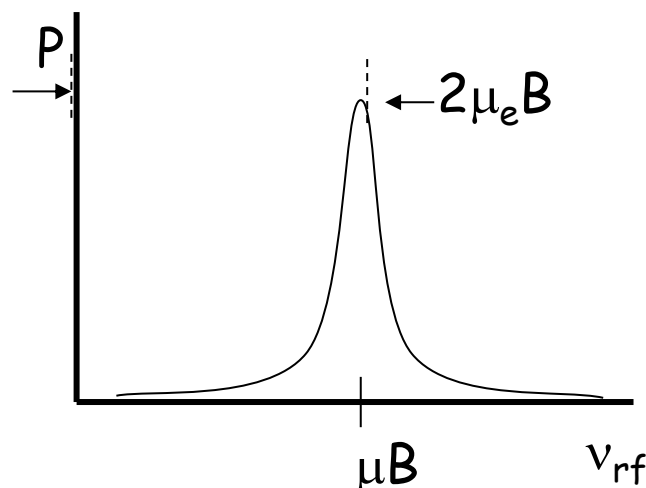
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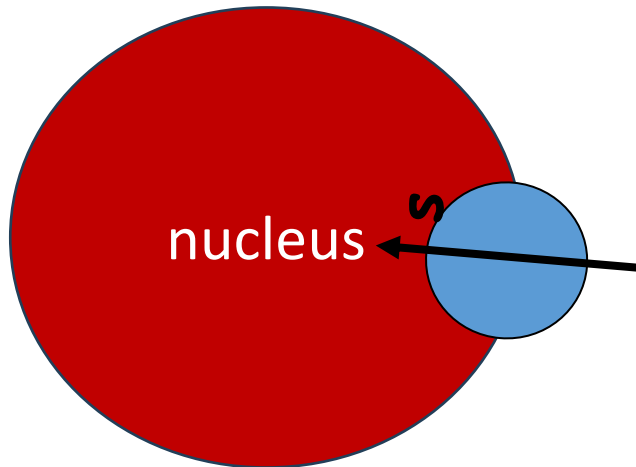
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A. E-field.

(More generically, in precision measurement, “Electric field” is a stand-in for the constant of proportionality that takes “size of exotic physics quantity” and maps it into “frequency”).

So, yes,

$$f = E_{\text{eff}} * d_e + W * C_s$$



There is a contribution to energy that goes like C_s (gradient of nuclear density) dot (electron spin)

A given atomic or molecular experiment is characterized by an E_{eff} , and a W

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#start with neutron. simple enough. max applicable fields are $\sim 10^5$ v/cm (but maybe 5×10^5 V/cm?

#for MDM, max applicable fields are about 10 T (about 10^5 G, about 3×10^7 V/cm.

“applicable field” is not so obvious for electron

More on E-fields tomorrow.