

# Electroweak Physics at the EIC

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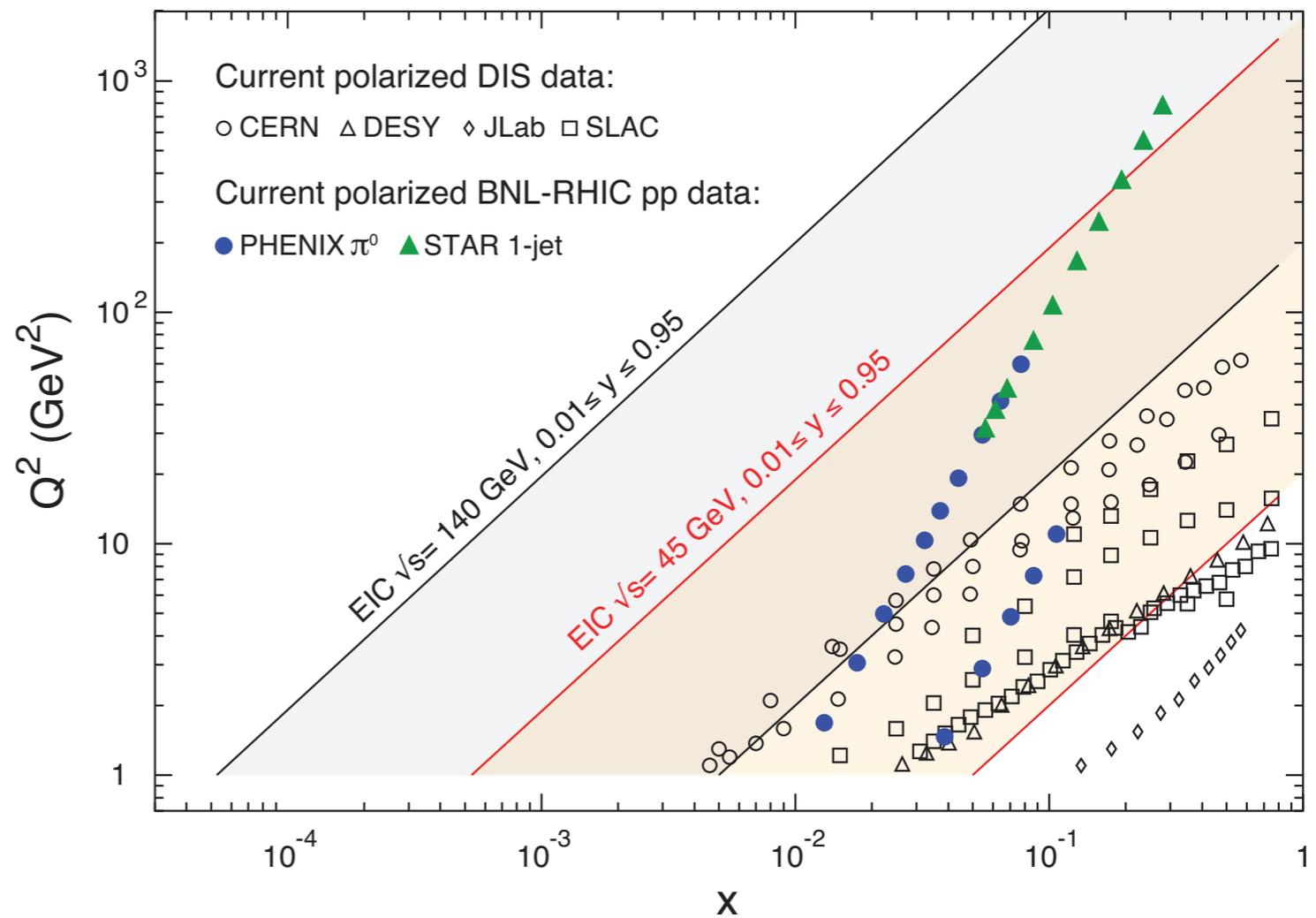
- The EIC is primarily a QCD machine.

- However, electroweak physics at the EIC can play an important role for:

- constraining new physics via precision measurements of electroweak couplings
- lepton flavor violation searches
- nucleon spin structure

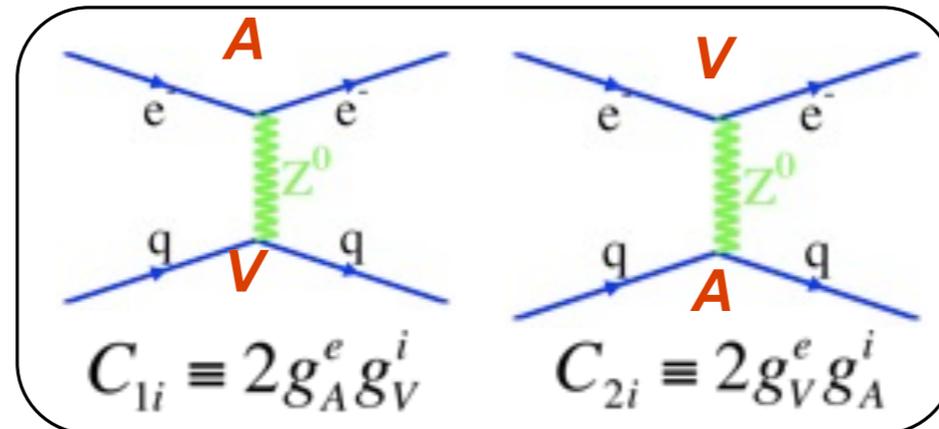
- This is facilitated by:

- high luminosity
- wide kinematic range
- polarized beams
- range of nuclear targets



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- For  $Q^2 \ll (M_Z)^2$  limit, electron-quark scattering via the weak neutral current is mediated by contact interactions:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \bar{e} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 e (C_{1u} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u + C_{1d} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d) + \bar{e} \gamma^\mu e (C_{2u} \bar{u} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 u + C_{2d} \bar{d} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 d) \right]$$

- At tree-level in the SM:

$$C_{1u}^{\text{tree}} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W, \quad C_{1d}^{\text{tree}} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W,$$

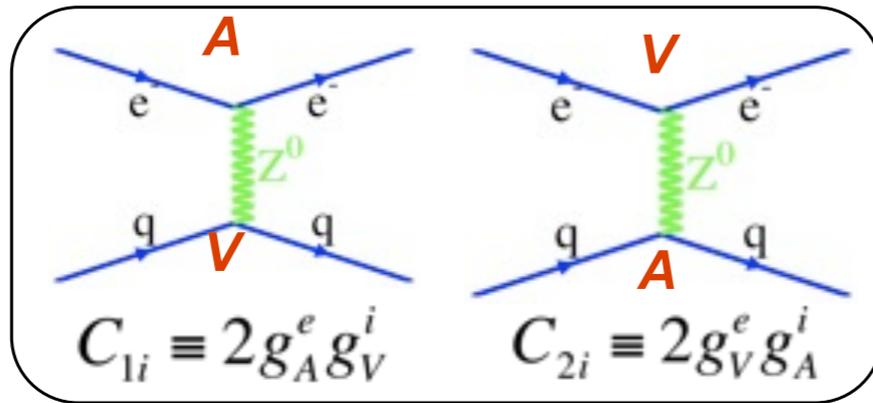
$$C_{2u}^{\text{tree}} = -\frac{1}{2} + 2 \sin^2 \theta_W, \quad C_{2d}^{\text{tree}} = \frac{1}{2} - 2 \sin^2 \theta_W .$$

- These tree level values are modified by radiative corrections:

$$C_{1q} = 2\hat{\rho}_{NC} I_3^e \left( I_3^q - 2Q_q \hat{\kappa} \sin^2 \hat{\theta}_W \right) - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\lambda}_1^q$$

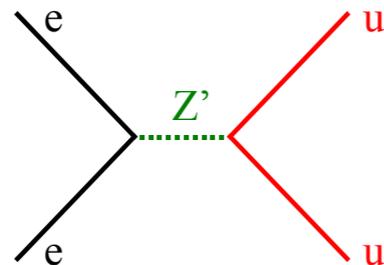
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# New Physics Effects

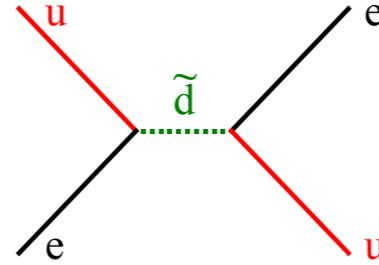


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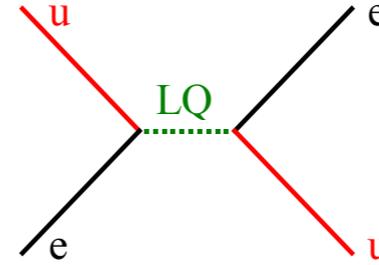
$E_6$   $Z'$  Based Extensions



RPV SUSY Extensions



Leptoquarks



- New physics effects will shift the values of the effective  $C_{iq}$  coefficients:

$$\frac{g_{AV}^{eq}}{2v^2} \bar{e} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 e \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q \rightarrow \left[ \frac{g_{AV}^{eq}}{2v^2} + \frac{4\pi}{(\Lambda_{AV}^{eq})^2} \right] \bar{e} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 e \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$$

- Thus, precision measurements of the WNC couplings (or weak mixing angle), constrains new physics.

# Precision Measurements of the Weak Neutral Current Couplings

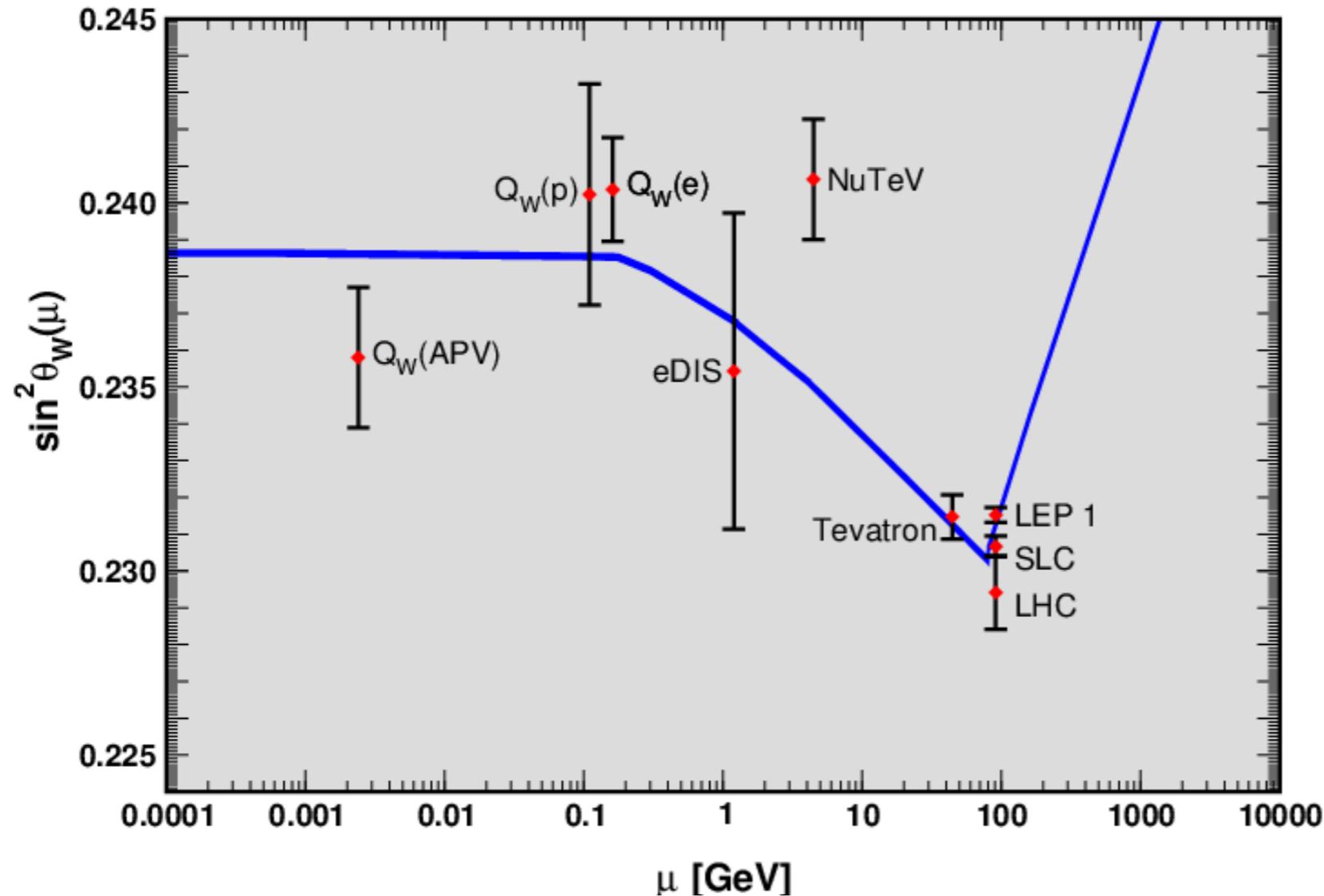
- New physics reach from various precision experiments and the combination of couplings they constrain:

Experiment	$\Lambda$	Coupling
Cesium APV	9.9 TeV	$C_{1u} + C_{1d}$
E-158	8.5 TeV	$C_{ee}$
Qweak	11 TeV	$2C_{1u} + C_{1d}$
SoLID	8.9 TeV	$2C_{2u} - C_{2d}$
MOLLER	19 TeV	$C_{ee}$
P2	16 TeV	$2C_{1u} + C_{1d}$

[K.kumar, et.al. Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 63 (2013) 237-267]

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# Precision Measurements of the Weak Mixing Angle



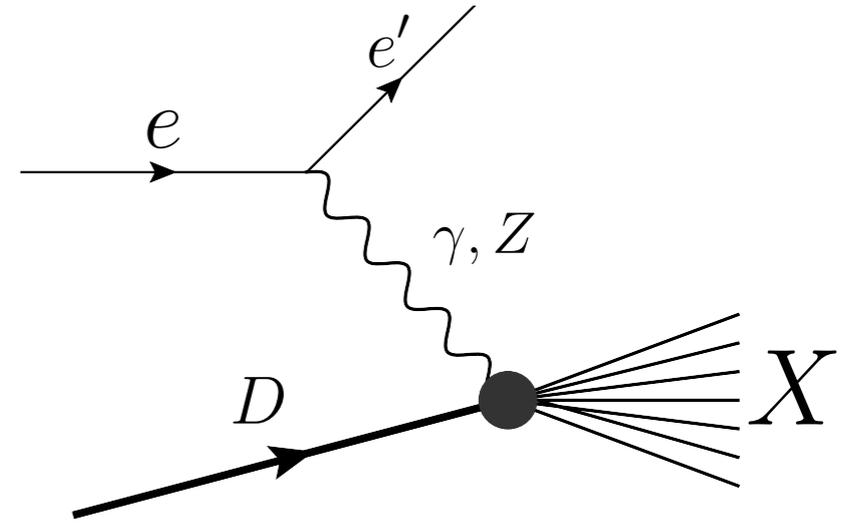
[PDG]

- Deviations from SM predictions can be hints for new physics
- Wide kinematic range and high luminosity of the EIC can provide many more measurements of the weak mixing angle along this curve.

# Parity-Violating e-D Asymmetry

- Parity-violating e-D asymmetry is a powerful probe of the WNC couplings:

$$A_{PV} \equiv \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} \simeq \frac{|A_Z|}{|A_\gamma|} \simeq \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha} \simeq 10^{-4} Q^2$$



- The asymmetry can be brought into the form:

$$A_{PV} = Q^2 \frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \left[ a(x) + \frac{1 - (1 - y)^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} b(x) \right]$$

- QPM expressions:

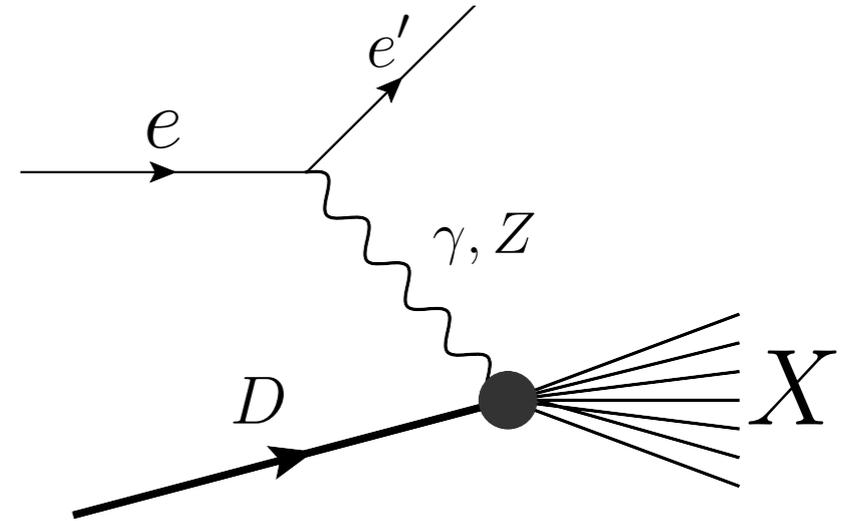
$$a(x) \equiv \frac{\sum_i f_i(x) C_{1i} q_i}{\sum_i f_i(x) q_i^2}$$

$$b(x) \equiv \frac{\sum_i f_i(x) C_{2i} q_i}{\sum_i f_i(x) q_i^2}$$

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- Due to the isoscalar nature of the Deuteron target, the dependence of the asymmetry on the structure functions largely cancels (Cahn-Gilman formula).

$$A_{\text{CG}}^{RL} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \frac{9}{10} \left[ \left(1 - \frac{20}{9} \sin^2 \theta_W\right) + \left(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W\right) \frac{1 - (1-y)^2}{1 + (1-y)^2} \right]$$



- e-D asymmetry allows a precision measurement of the weak mixing angle.

# Corrections to Cahn-Gilman

- Hadronic effects appear as corrections to the Cahn-Gilman formula

$$A_{RL} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \frac{9}{10} \left[ \tilde{a}_1 + \tilde{a}_2 \frac{1 - (1 - y)^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} \right]$$

$$\tilde{a}_j = -\frac{2}{3} (2C_{ju} - C_{jd}) \left[ 1 + R_j(\text{new}) + R_j(\text{sea}) + R_j(\text{CSV}) + R_j(\text{TMC}) + R_j(\text{HT}) \right]$$

↑  
New physics

↑  
Sea quarks

↑  
Charge symmetry  
violation

↑  
Target mass

↑  
Higher  
twist

- Hadronic effects must be well understood before any claim for evidence of new physics can be made.

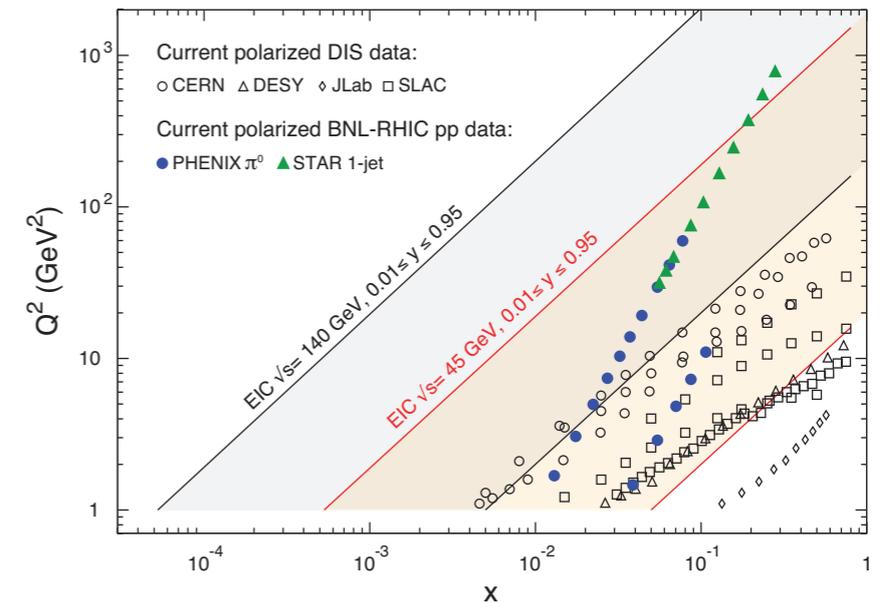
[J.Bjorken, T.Hobbs, W. Melnitchouk; S.Mantry, M.Ramsey-Musolf, G.Sacco; A.V.Belitsky, A.Mashanov, A. Schafer; C.Seng, M.Ramsey-Musolf, ....]

# e-D PVDIS at EIC

$$A_{PV} = Q^2 \frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \left[ a(x) + \frac{1 - (1 - y)^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} b(x) \right]$$

$$a(x) = \frac{6}{5} \left[ (C_{1u} - \frac{1}{2}C_{1d}) + \text{corrections} \right]$$

$$b(x) = \frac{6}{5} \left[ (C_{2u} - \frac{1}{2}C_{2d}) \frac{q(x) - \bar{q}(x)}{q(x) + \bar{q}(x)} + \text{corrections} \right]$$



- EIC can make improve on the precision of the WNC couplings.

- High luminosity:

- allows high precision

- Measurements over wide range of  $y$ :

- allows clean separation of  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  terms

- clean separation of the combinations of WNC couplings:

$$2C_{1u} - C_{1d}, \quad 2C_{2u} - C_{2d}$$

- Region of high  $Q^2$ :

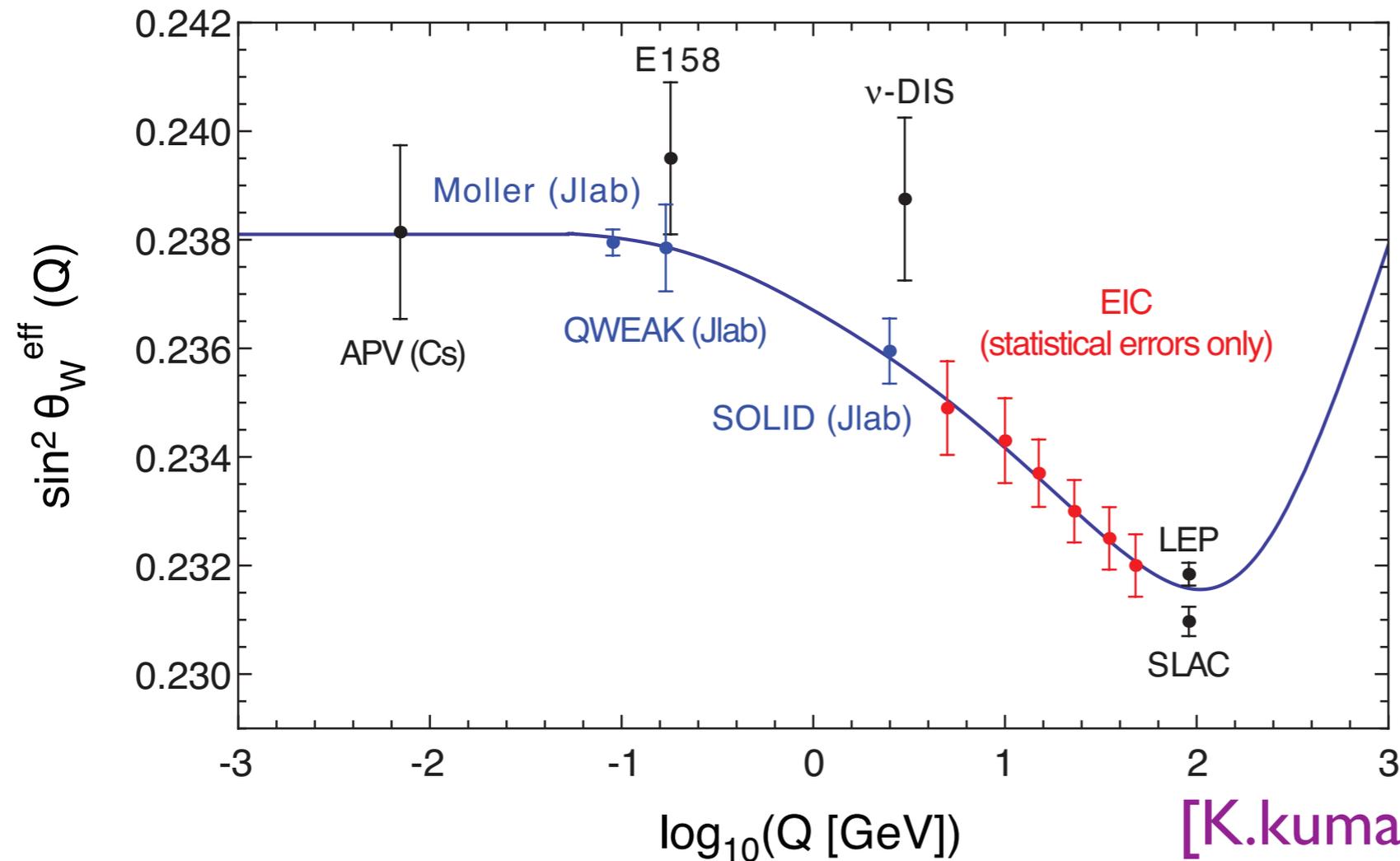
- larger asymmetry

- suppress higher twist effects

- Region of high  $Q^2$  and restrict range of Bjorken- $x$   $0.2 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.5$

- suppress sea quark effects

# Weak Mixing angle at EIC



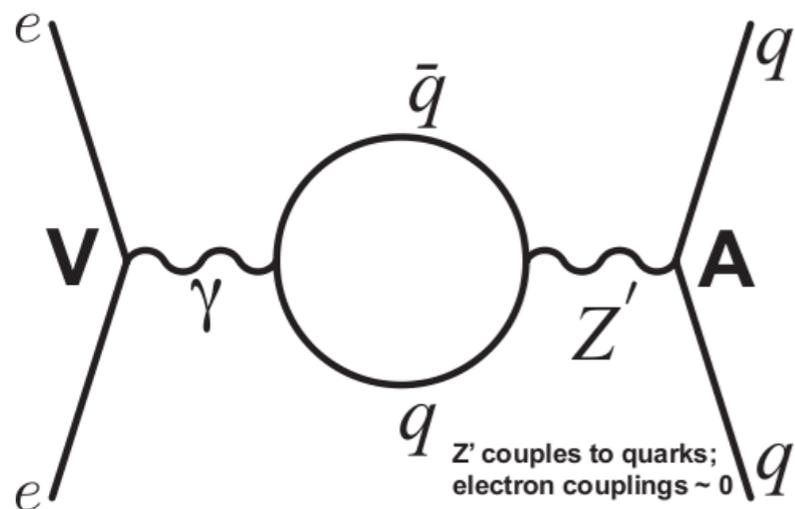
- Projected statistical uncertainties on the weak mixing angle at the EIC, for the following conditions:

$$\sqrt{s} \sim 140 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \sim 200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

# Leptophobic Z'

- Leptophobic Z's are an interesting BSM scenario for a high luminosity EIC to probe.
- Leptophobic Z's couple very weakly to leptons:
  - difficult to constrain at colliders due to large QCD backgrounds
- Leptophobic Z's only affect the  $b(x)$  term or the  $C_{2q}$  coefficients in  $A_{PV}$ :

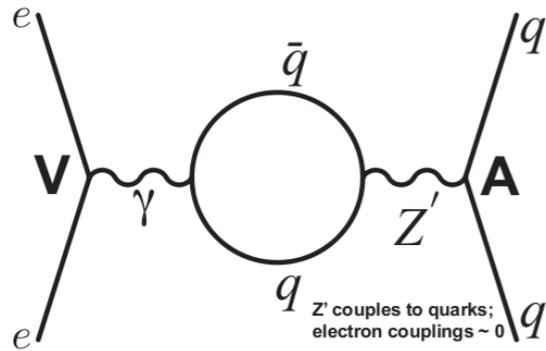


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[M.Alonso-Gonzalez, M.Ramsey-Musolf;  
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- Measurements over wide range of Q<sup>2</sup> and y at EIC:

-allows clean separation of a(x) and b(x) terms

-clean separation of the combinations of WNC couplings:

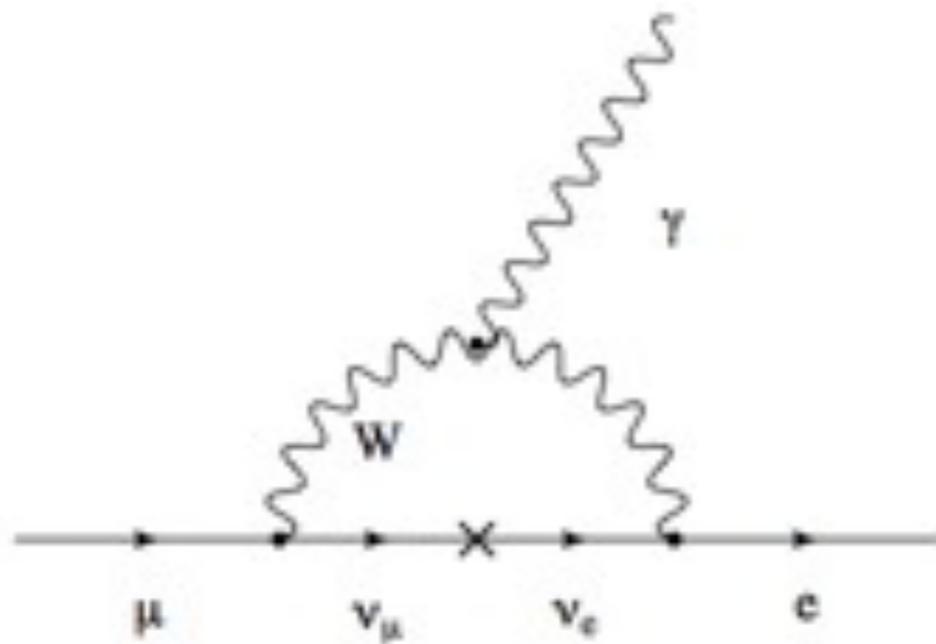
$$2C_{1u} - C_{1d}, \quad \boxed{2C_{2u} - C_{2d}} \longrightarrow \text{Only this combination is affected by leptophobic Z's}$$

- JLab would be sensitive to leptophobic Z's with mass less than 150 GeV.
- EIC can match the 12 GeV JLab measurement with ~ 75 fb<sup>-1</sup>.
- EIC can improve by a factor of 2 or 3 at 100 fb<sup>-1</sup>.

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- Discovery of neutrino oscillations indicate that neutrinos have mass!
- Neutrino oscillations imply Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV).
- LFV in the neutrinos also implies Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV):



$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-54}$$

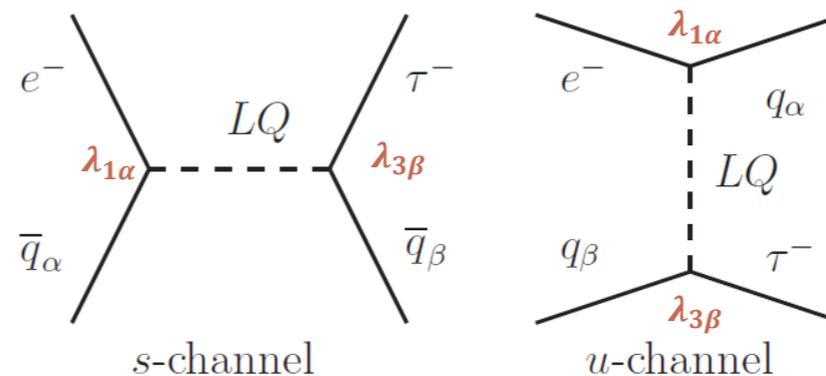
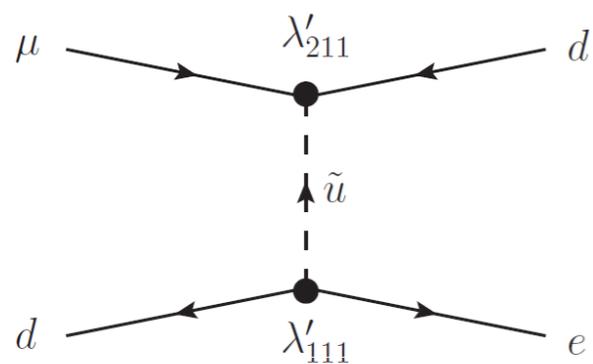
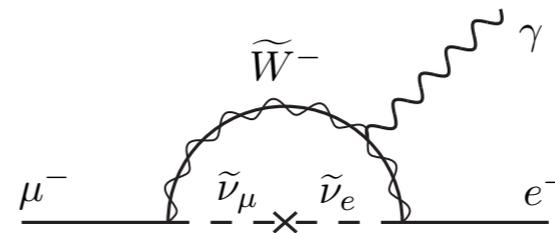
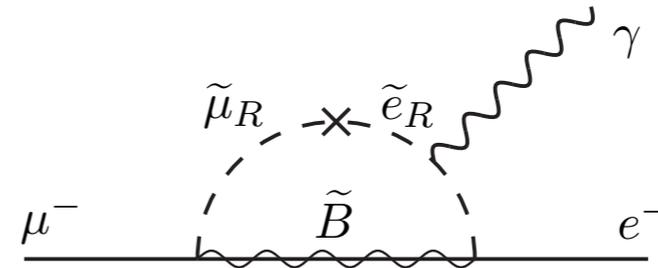
However, SM rate for CLFV is tiny due to small neutrino masses

- No hope of detecting such small rates for CLFV at any present or future planned experiments!

# Lepton Flavor Violation in BSM

- However, many BSM scenarios predict enhanced CLFV rates:

- SUSY (RPV)
- SU(5), SO(10) GUTS
- Left-Right symmetric models
- Randall-Sundrum Models
- LeptoQuarks
- ...



- Enhanced rates for CLFV in BSM scenarios make them experimentally accessible.

# Enhancement of CLFV in Minimal Flavor Violation Scenario

- In the absence of Yukawa couplings, the SM has a global symmetry in the quark sector:

$$SU(3)_Q \times SU(3)_U \times SU(3)_D$$

- In the absence of Yukawa couplings, the SM has a global symmetry in the lepton sector:

$$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E$$

- These global symmetries are broken by the Yukawa matrices:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -\lambda_U^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i \epsilon \phi^* u_R^j - \lambda_D^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i \phi d_R^j - \lambda_e^{ij} \bar{L}_L^i \phi e_R^j + h.c.$$

- Basic idea of Minimal Flavor Violation is that the flavor structure of the new physics is also governed entirely by these Yukawa matrices:

-allows a natural explanation of small FCNCs observed in the SM.

[Chivukula,Georgi;Buras et. al,  
D'Ambrosio,Giudice,Isidori;  
Cirigliano,Grinstein,Isidori,Wise]

# Enhancement of CLFV in Minimal Flavor Violation Scenario

- MFV realized via a spurion analysis.
- If we assume the quark Yukawa matrices transform as:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_U &\sim (3, \bar{3}, 1) \\ \lambda_D &\sim (3, 1, \bar{3}) \end{aligned} \quad \text{under} \quad SU(3)_Q \times SU(3)_U \times SU(3)_D$$

- And the lepton Yukawa matrices as:

$$\lambda_e \sim (\bar{3}, 3) \quad \text{under} \quad SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E$$

- Then the SM is invariant under these global symmetries.
- Construct higher dimension operators encoding new physics out of SM fields and the spurions and require them to be invariant under the global symmetries. This is MFV.

# Minimal Flavor Violation with Majorana Neutrino Mass

- Non-zero neutrino mass already points to physics beyond the SM.
- Lepton sector with a Majorana mass generating effective operator:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Sym.Br.}} = -\lambda_e^{ij} \bar{e}_R^i (H^\dagger L_L^j) - \frac{1}{2\Lambda_{\text{LN}}} g_\nu^{ij} (\bar{L}_L^{ci} \tau_2 H) (H^T \tau_2 L_L^j) + \text{h.c.}$$

- Dimension-5 operator that generates Majorana neutrino mass violates lepton number and is suppressed by the scale of lepton number violating physics:

$$\Lambda_{\text{LN}}$$

- Generalize MFV to include Majorana neutrino mass effect by treating  $g_\nu^{ij}$  as another spurion field that transforms as:

$$g_\nu^{ij} \sim (6, 1) \quad \text{under} \quad SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E$$

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After  
EWSB

$$\rightarrow -v\lambda_e^{ij} \bar{e}_R^i e_L^j - \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda_{\text{LN}}} g_\nu^{ij} \bar{\nu}_L^{ci} \nu_L^j + \text{h.c.}$$

Neutrino mass matrix

- Using global  $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E$  symmetry to rotate to charged lepton mass basis:

$$\lambda_e = \frac{m_\ell}{v} = \frac{1}{v} \text{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau),$$

$$g_\nu = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LN}}}{v^2} \hat{U}^* m_\nu \hat{U}^\dagger = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LN}}}{v^2} \hat{U}^* \text{diag}(m_{\nu_1}, m_{\nu_2}, m_{\nu_3}) \hat{U}^\dagger$$

PMNS matrix

# Minimal Flavor Violation with Majorana Neutrino Mass

[Cirigliano, Grinstein, Isidori, Wise]

- The following spurion combination becomes useful for constructing dimension six operators:

$$\Delta = g_\nu^\dagger g_\nu = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LN}}^2}{v^4} \hat{U} m_\nu^2 \hat{U}^\dagger$$

- It transforms as:

$$\Delta \sim (8, 1) \quad \text{under} \quad SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E$$

- In terms of neutrino mass squared differences and mixing angles:

$$\Delta_{\mu e} = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LN}}^2}{v^4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (s c \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \pm s_{13} e^{i\delta} \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2) :$$

$$\Delta_{\tau e} = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LN}}^2}{v^4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-s c \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \pm s_{13} e^{i\delta} \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2)$$

$$\Delta_{\tau\mu} = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LN}}^2}{v^4} \frac{1}{2} (-c^2 \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \pm \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2)$$

# Minimal Flavor Violation

- In the absence of Yukawa couplings

$$(8, 1) \quad \Delta, \lambda_e^\dagger \lambda_e, \Delta^2, \lambda_e^\dagger \lambda_e \Delta, \dots$$

$$(\bar{3}, 3) \quad \lambda_e, \lambda_e \Delta, \lambda_e \lambda_e^\dagger \lambda_e, \dots$$

$$(1, 8) \quad \lambda_e \lambda_e^\dagger, \lambda_e \Delta \lambda_e^\dagger, \dots$$

- Leading invariant dimension six LFV operators built out of  $\Delta$  and  $\lambda_e \Delta$   
[Cirigliano, Grinstein, Isidori, Wise]

$$O_{LL}^{(1)} = \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu \Delta L_L H^\dagger i D_\mu H$$

$$O_{LL}^{(2)} = \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu \tau^a \Delta L_L H^\dagger \tau^a i D_\mu H$$

$$O_{LL}^{(3)} = \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu \Delta L_L \bar{Q}_L \gamma_\mu Q_L$$

$$O_{LL}^{(4d)} = \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu \Delta L_L \bar{d}_R \gamma_\mu d_R$$

$$O_{LL}^{(4u)} = \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu \Delta L_L \bar{u}_R \gamma_\mu u_R$$

$$O_{LL}^{(5)} = \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu \tau^a \Delta L_L \bar{Q}_L \gamma_\mu \tau^a Q_L$$

$$O_{RL}^{(1)} = g' H^\dagger \bar{e}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} \lambda_e \Delta L_L B_{\mu\nu}$$

$$O_{RL}^{(2)} = g H^\dagger \bar{e}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^a \lambda_e \Delta L_L W_{\mu\nu}^a$$

$$O_{RL}^{(3)} = (D_\mu H)^\dagger \bar{e}_R \lambda_e \Delta D_\mu L_L$$

$$O_{RL}^{(4)} = \bar{e}_R \lambda_e \Delta L_L \bar{Q}_L \lambda_D d_R$$

$$O_{RL}^{(5)} = \bar{e}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} \lambda_e \Delta L_L \bar{Q}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} \lambda_D d_R$$

$$O_{RL}^{(6)} = \bar{e}_R \lambda_e \Delta L_L \bar{u}_R \lambda_U^\dagger i \tau^2 Q_L$$

$$O_{RL}^{(7)} = \bar{e}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} \lambda_e \Delta L_L \bar{u}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} \lambda_U^\dagger i \tau^2 Q_L$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{LFV}}$$

LFV scale determines dimension six operators and is independent of lepton number violating scale that generates neutrino mass

- Enhanced rates for CLFV in BSM scenarios make them experimentally accessible.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}}^2} \sum_{i=1}^5 c_{LL}^{(i)} O_{LL}^{(i)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}}^2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^2 c_{RL}^{(j)} O_{RL}^{(j)} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

# Minimal Flavor Violation

[Cirigliano, Grinstein, Isidori, Wise]

- CLFV lepton decay in MFV:

$$B_{\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma} = 384 \pi^2 e^2 \frac{v^4}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}}^4} |\Delta_{ij}|^2 \left| c_{RL}^{(2)} - c_{RL}^{(1)} \right|^2$$

- CLFV muon to electron conversion in MFV:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\mu \rightarrow e}^A &= \frac{32 G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{\Gamma_{\text{capt}}^A} \frac{v^4}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}}^4} |\Delta_{\mu e}|^2 \left| \left( \left( \frac{1}{4} - s_w^2 \right) V^{(p)} - \frac{1}{4} V^{(n)} \right) (c_{LL}^{(1)} + c_{LL}^{(2)}) \right. \\ &+ \frac{3}{2} (V^{(p)} + V^{(n)}) c_{LL}^{(3)} + (V^{(p)} + \frac{1}{2} V^{(n)}) c_{LL}^{(4u)} + (\frac{1}{2} V^{(p)} + V^{(n)}) c_{LL}^{(4d)} \\ &\left. + \frac{1}{2} (-V^{(p)} + V^{(n)}) c_{LL}^{(5)} - \frac{eD}{4} (c_{RL}^{(2)} - c_{RL}^{(1)})^* \right|^2, \end{aligned}$$

# Minimal Flavor Violation

[Cirigliano, Grinstein, Isidori, Wise]

- For the choice  $c_{RL}^{(2)} = c_{LL}^{(3)} = 1$  with all other Wilson coefficients vanishing, we get:

$$B_{\mu \rightarrow e \gamma} = 8.3 \times 10^{-50} \left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LN}}}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}}} \right)^4 \quad B_{\mu \rightarrow e} = \left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{LN}}}{\Lambda_{\text{LFV}}} \right)^4 \begin{cases} 6.6 \times 10^{-50} & \text{for Al} \\ 19.6 \times 10^{-50} & \text{for Au} \end{cases}$$

Huge enhancement factor when:

$$\Lambda_{\text{LN}} \gg \Lambda_{\text{LFV}}$$

- In MFV scenario, a large disparity between lepton number violation and lepton flavor violation scales will produce enhanced CLFV rates.

- For example:

$$\Lambda_{\text{LN}} \sim 10^9 \Lambda_{\text{LFV}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \longrightarrow B_{\mu \rightarrow e \gamma} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-13}) \\ \longrightarrow B_{\mu \rightarrow e} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-13}) \end{array}$$

# Charged Lepton Flavor Violating Processes

- Many CLFV processes are being searched for in hopes of discovering BSM signals:

$$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N \quad (\mu \rightarrow e \text{ conversion in nuclei})$$

$$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$$

$$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$$

$$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$$

$$\mu \rightarrow 3e$$

$$\tau \rightarrow 3e$$

(rare CLFV decays)

# Charged Lepton Flavor Violation Limits

- Present and future limits:

Process	Experiment	Limit (90% <i>C.L.</i> )	Year
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	MEGA	$Br < 1.2 \times 10^{-11}$	2002
$\mu + Au \rightarrow e + Au$	SINDRUM II	$\Gamma_{conv}/\Gamma_{capt} < 7.0 \times 10^{-13}$	2006
$\mu \rightarrow 3e$	SINDRUM	$Br < 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$	1988
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	BaBar	$Br < 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$	2010
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	BaBar	$Br < 6.8 \times 10^{-8}$	2005
$\tau \rightarrow 3e$	BELLE	$Br < 3.6 \times 10^{-8}$	2008
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	Mu2e	$\Gamma_{conv}/\Gamma_{capt} < 6.0 \times 10^{-17}$	2017?
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	MEG	$Br \lesssim 10^{-13}$	2011?
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	Super-B	$Br \lesssim 10^{-10}$	> 2020?

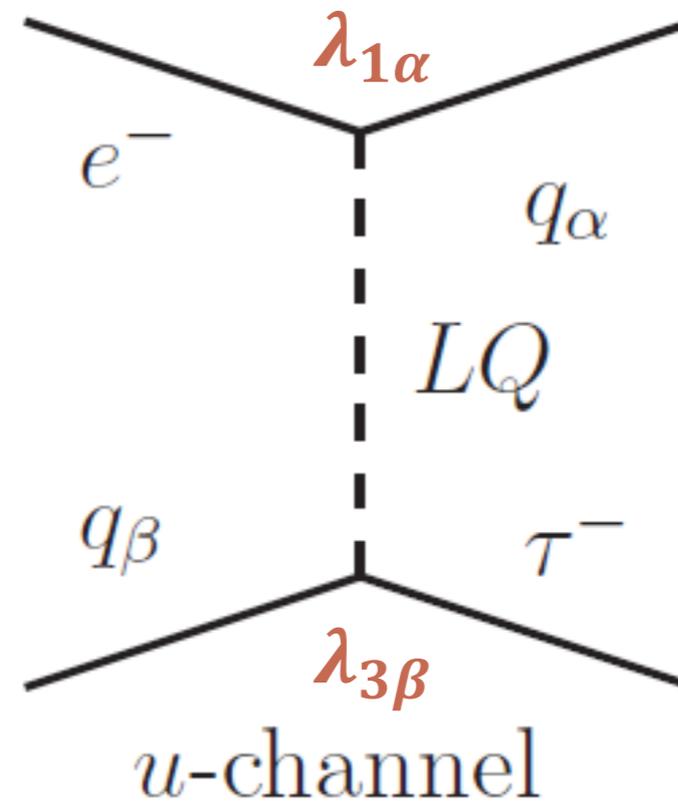
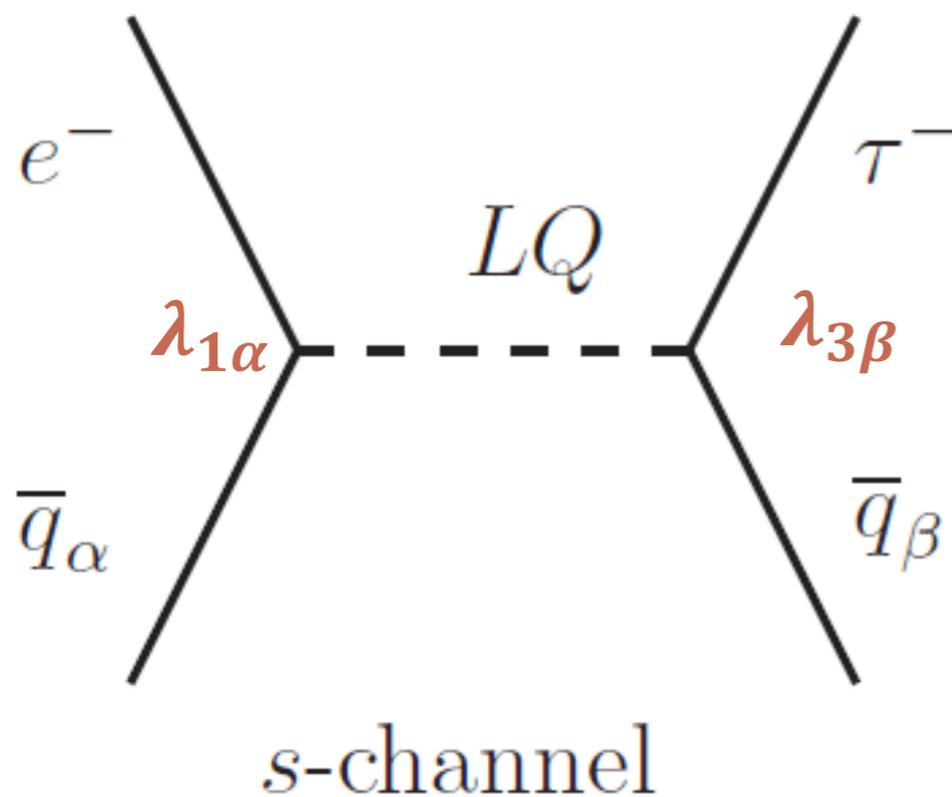
- Note that CLFV(1,2) is severely constrained. Limits on CLFV(1,3) are weaker by several orders of magnitude.
- Limits on CLFV(1,2) are expected to improve even further in future experiments.

# CLFV in DIS

- The EIC can search for CLFV(1,3) in the DIS process:

$$ep \rightarrow \tau X$$

- Such a process could be mediated, for example, by leptoquarks:



# CLFV limits from HERA

- The H1 and ZEUS experiments have searched for the CLFV process and set limits:

$$ep \rightarrow \tau X$$

$$\sqrt{s} \sim 320 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \sim 0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

- High luminosity EIC could surpass the best limits set by HERA :

$$ep \rightarrow \tau X$$

$$\sqrt{s} \sim 90 \text{ GeV}$$

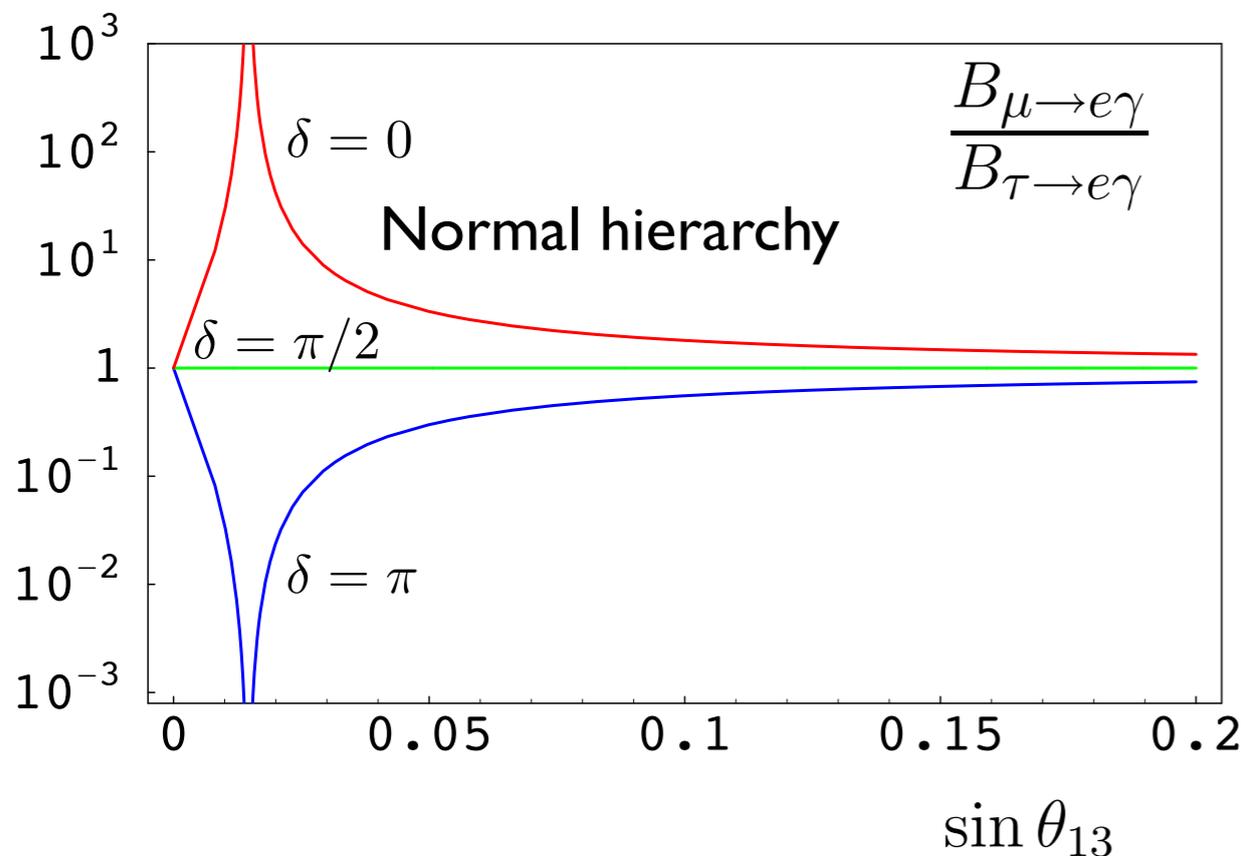
$$\mathcal{L} \sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

- At  $\mathcal{L} \sim 100 - 200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  the EIC could compete or surpass the current limits from  $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$

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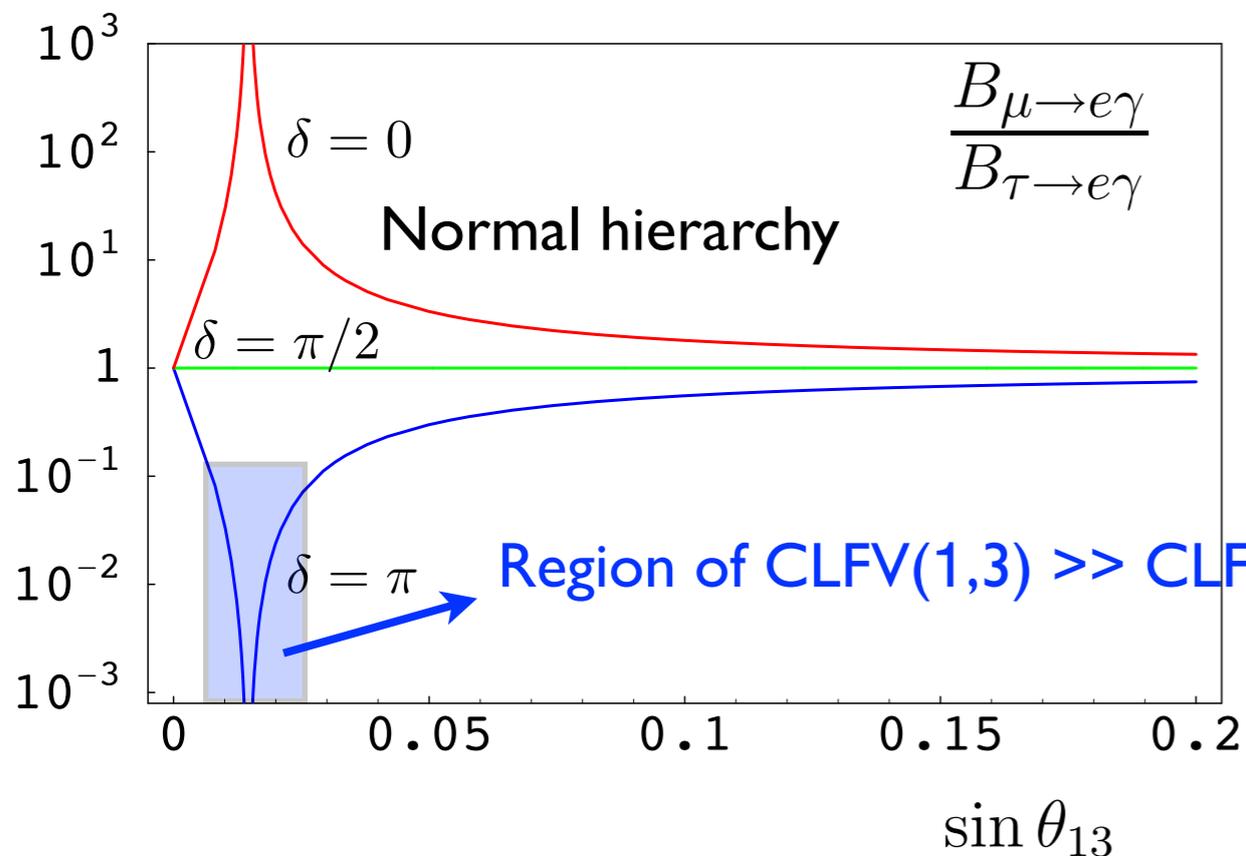


$$\frac{\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}{\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma)} = \left| \frac{\Delta_{\mu e}}{\Delta_{\tau e}} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{\sin \theta_{\text{sol}} \cos \theta_{\text{sol}} \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \pm \sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2}{-\sin \theta_{\text{sol}} \cos \theta_{\text{sol}} \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \pm \sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2} \right|^2$$

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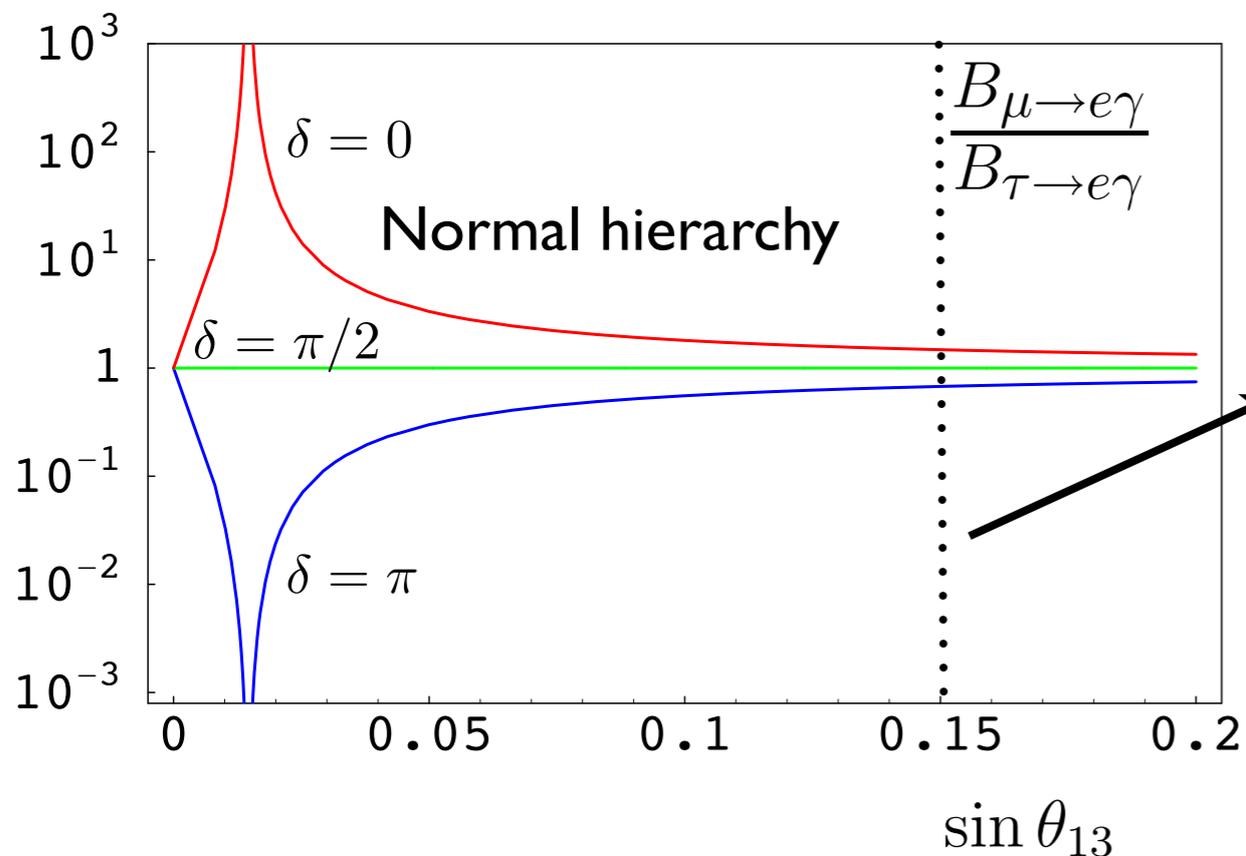


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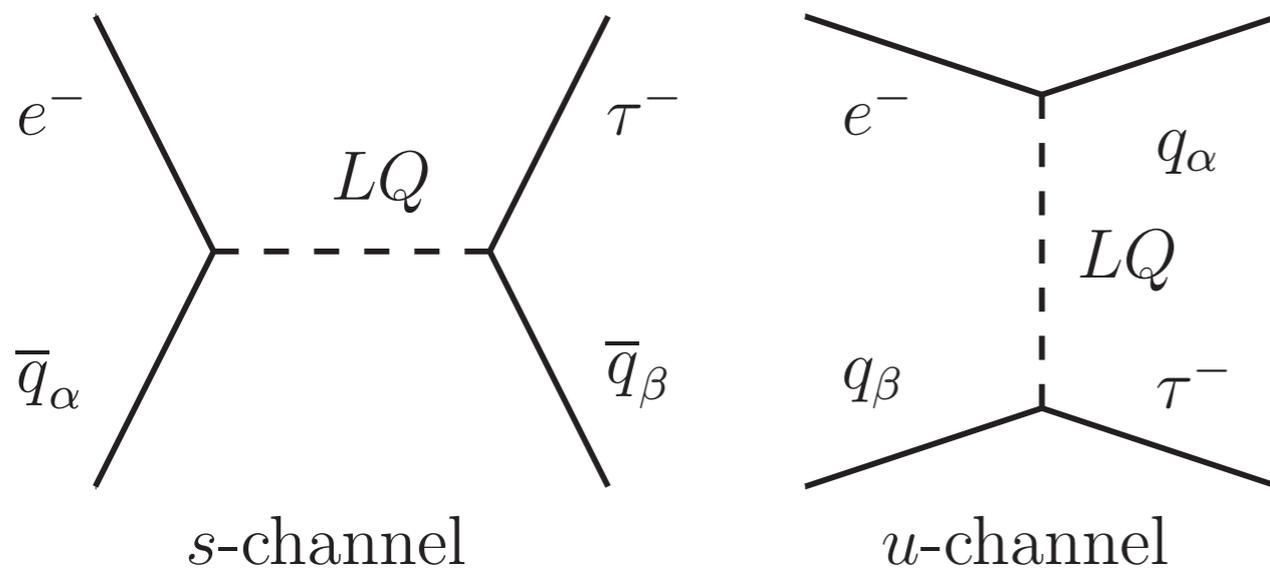
Although current value of  $\sin \theta_{13}$  indicates  $\text{CLFV}(1,3) \sim \text{CLFV}(1,2)$  in MFV for rare decays.

However, other scenarios can still predict  $\text{CLFV}(1,3) \gg \text{CLFV}(1,2)$ .

# CLFV mediated by Leptoquarks

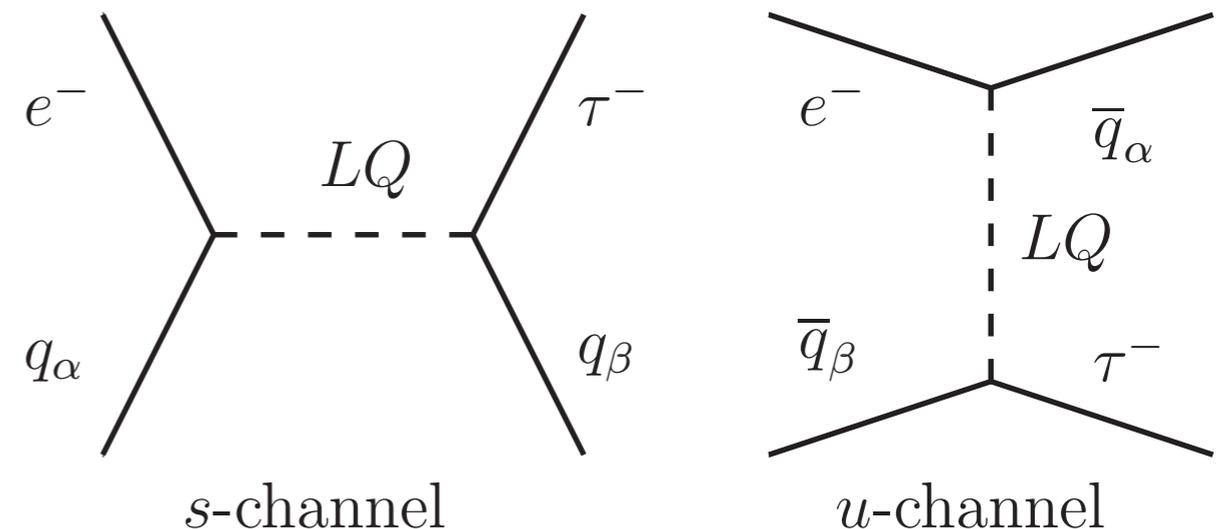
- Detailed theoretical study of  $ep \rightarrow \tau X$  has been performed in the Leptoquark framework [M.Gonderinger, M.Ramsey-Musolf]

$$\mathcal{L}_{scalar} = \lambda_0^L \bar{q}_L^C \epsilon l_L S_0^L + \lambda_0^R \bar{u}_R^C e_R S_0^R + \tilde{\lambda}_0^R \bar{d}_R^C e_R \tilde{S}_0^R + \lambda_1^L \bar{q}_L^C \epsilon \vec{\sigma} l_L \vec{S}_1^L \\ + \lambda_{1/2}^L \bar{u}_R l_L S_{1/2}^L + \lambda_{1/2}^R \bar{q}_L \epsilon e_R S_{1/2}^R + \tilde{\lambda}_{1/2}^L \bar{d}_R l_L \tilde{S}_{1/2}^L + h.c.$$



$$F = 0$$

$$F = 3B + L$$



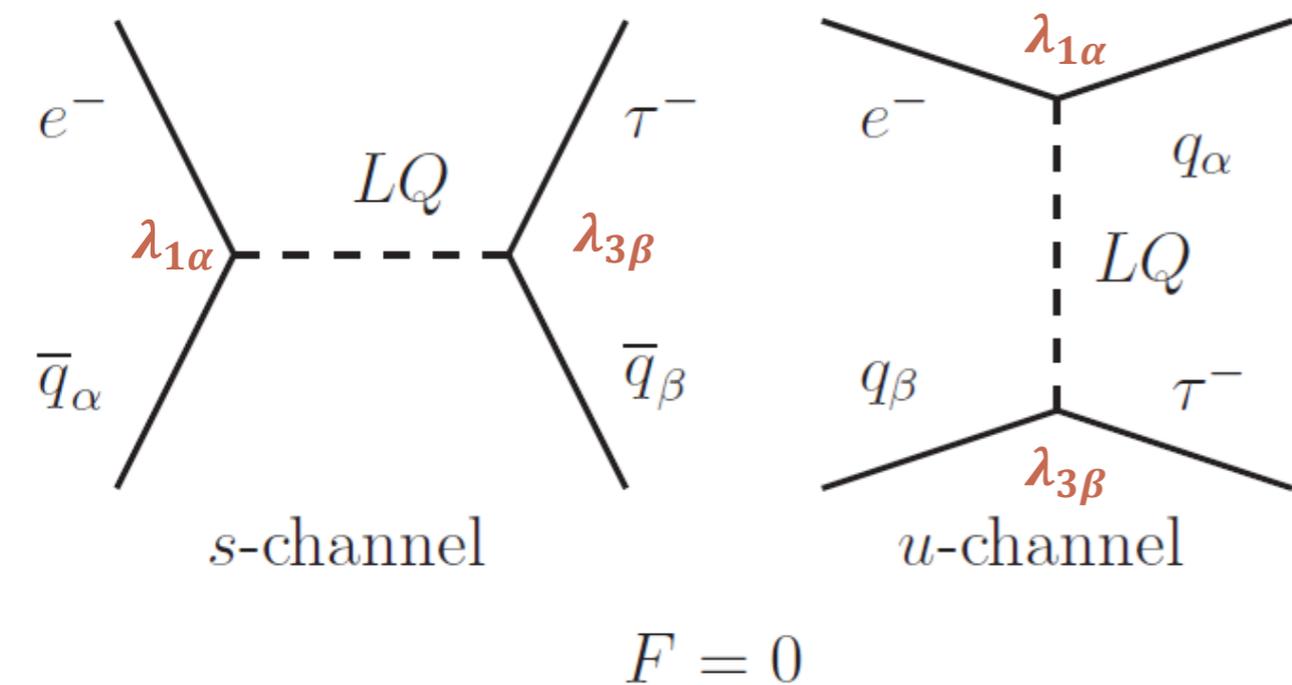
$$|F| = 2$$

# CLFV mediated by Leptoquarks

- Cross-section for  $ep \rightarrow \tau X$  takes the form:

$$\sigma_{F=0} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \frac{s}{32\pi} \left[ \frac{\lambda_{1\alpha}\lambda_{3\beta}}{M_{LQ}^2} \right]^2 \left\{ \int dx dy x \bar{q}_\alpha(x, xs) f(y) + \int dx dy x q_\beta(x, -u) g(y) \right\}$$

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{(scalar)} \\ 2(1-y)^2 & \text{(vector)} \end{cases}, \quad g(y) = \begin{cases} (1-y)^2/2 & \text{(scalar)} \\ 2 & \text{(vector)} \end{cases}$$



- HERA set limits on the ratios  $\frac{\lambda_{1\alpha}\lambda_{3\beta}}{M_{LQ}^2}$ .
  - all LQs
  - all combinations of quark generations (no top quarks)
  - degenerate masses assumed for LQ multiplets

[S. Chekanov et.al (ZEUS), A. Atkas et.al (H1)]

- Comparison of HERA limits with limits from other rare CLFV processes:

[S.Davidson, D.C. Bailey, B.A.Campbell]

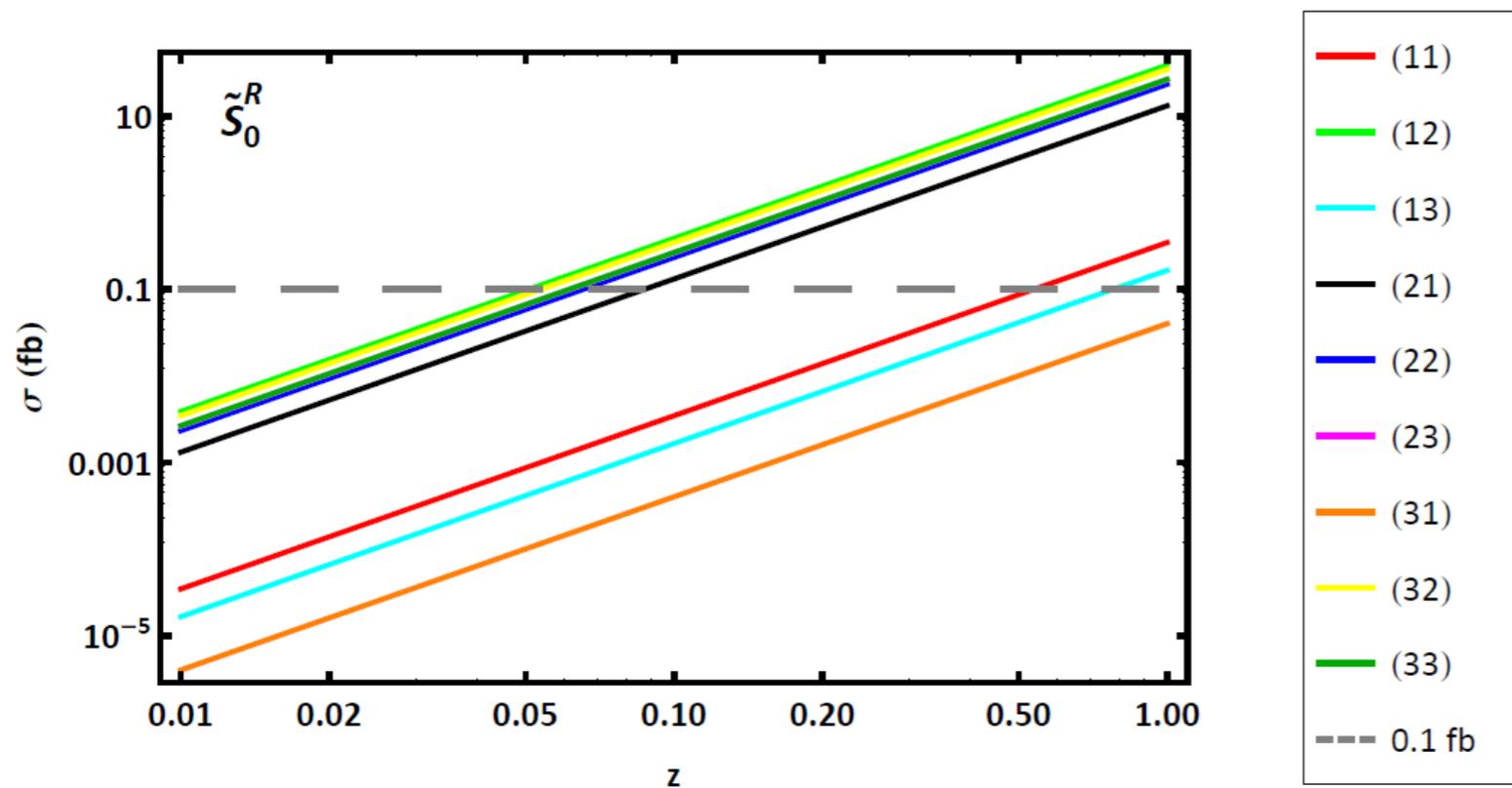
- HERA limits that are stronger are highlighted in yellow.
- HERA limits are generally better for couplings with second and third generations.

$\alpha\beta$	$S_{1/2}^L$ $e^- \bar{u}$ $e^+ u$	$S_{1/2}^R$ $e^- (\bar{u} + \bar{d})$ $e^+ (u + d)$	$\tilde{S}_{1/2}^L$ $e^- \bar{d}$ $e^+ d$
1 1	$\tau \rightarrow \pi e$ 0.4 1.8	$\tau \rightarrow \pi e$ 0.2 1.5	$\tau \rightarrow \pi e$ 0.4 2.7
1 2	$\tau \rightarrow \pi e$ 1.9	$\tau \rightarrow K e$ 6.3 1.6	$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ $5.8 \times 10^{-4}$ 2.9
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2 1	$\tau \rightarrow \pi e$ 6.0	$\tau \rightarrow K e$ 6.3 4.1	$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ $5.8 \times 10^{-4}$ 5.2
2 2	$\tau \rightarrow 3e$ 5 10	$\tau \rightarrow 3e$ 8 5.6	$\tau \rightarrow 3e$ 17 6.5
2 3	*	$B \rightarrow \tau \bar{e} X$ 14 8.1	$B \rightarrow \tau \bar{e} X$ 14 7.8

# EIC Sensitivity

- How much can the EIC improve upon HERA limits?
- Study was done for EIC at a center of mass energy of 90 GeV  
[M.Gonderinger, M.Ramsey-Musolf]
- At  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of luminosity, a cross-section of 0.1 fb yields order one events.
- This cross-section of 0.1 fb corresponds to a typical size of  $\frac{\lambda_{1\alpha}\lambda_{3\beta}}{M_{LQ}^2}$  that is about a factor of 2 to almost 2 orders of magnitude smaller, compared to the HERA limits.

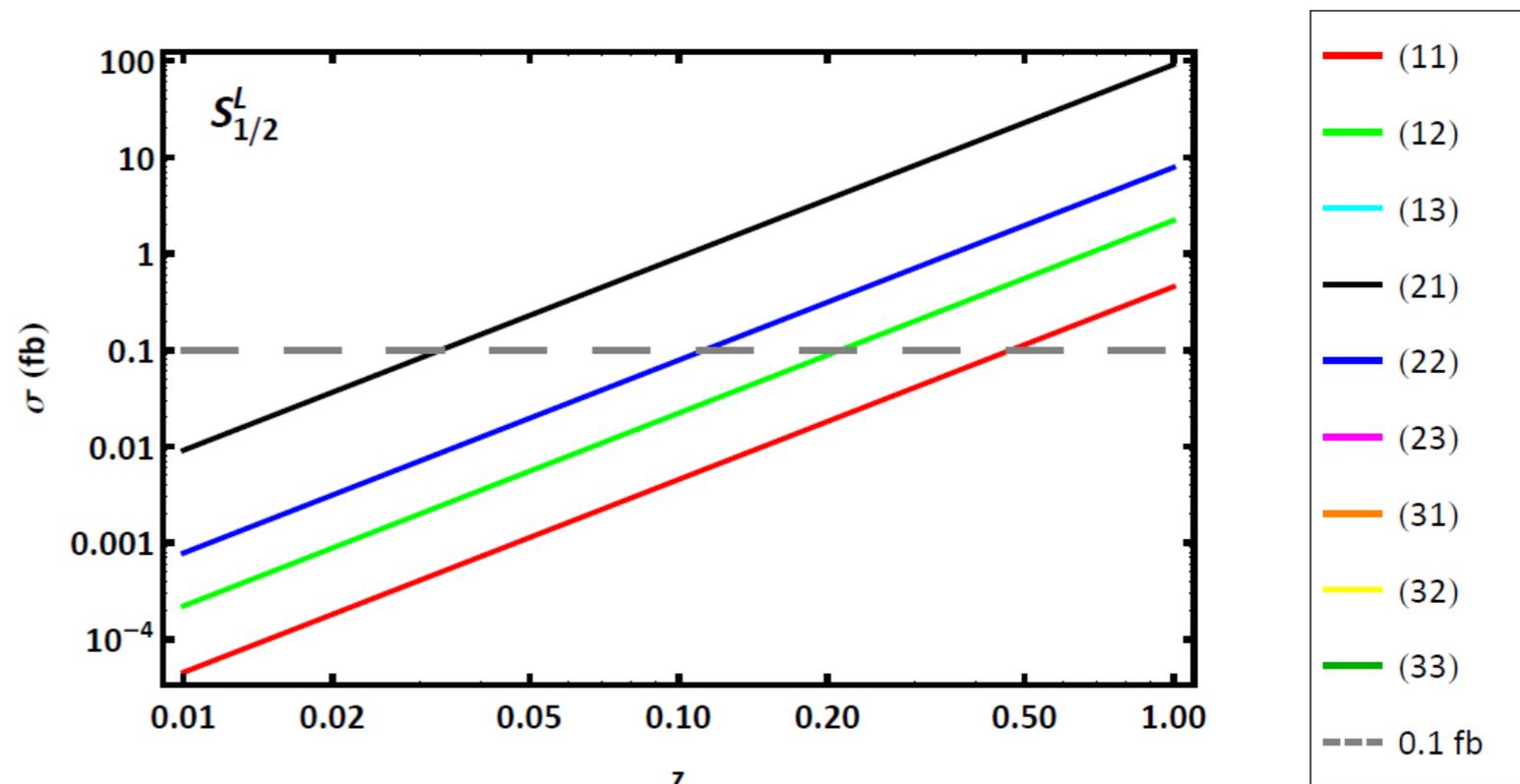
# EIC Sensitivity



$$z = \frac{(\lambda_{1\alpha}\lambda_{3\beta})/(M_{LQ}^2)}{[(\lambda_{1\alpha}\lambda_{3\beta})/(M_{LQ}^2)]_{\text{HERA limit}}}$$

[M.Gonderinger, M.Ramsey-Musolf]

- Present limits involving first generation quarks are harder to improve upon.
- Limits can be improved upon for couplings involving higher generation quarks.
- Larger center of mass energy will increase the cross-section, giving better limits.

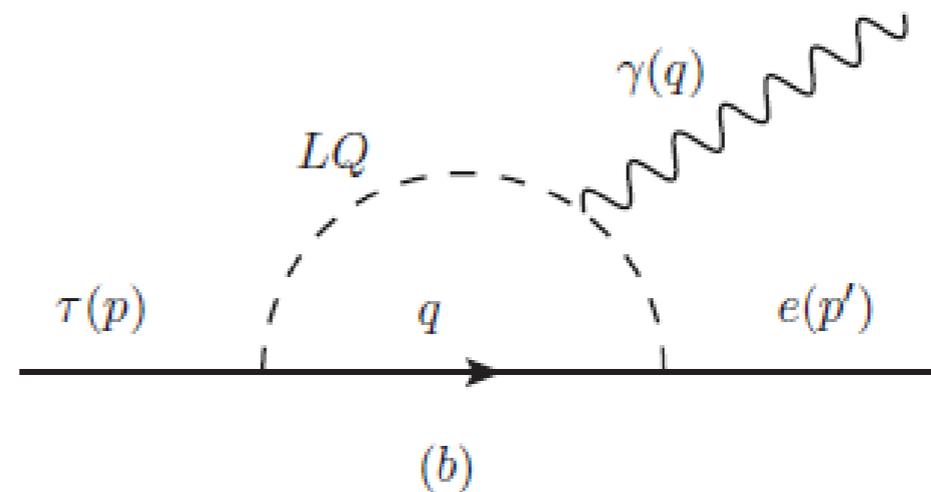
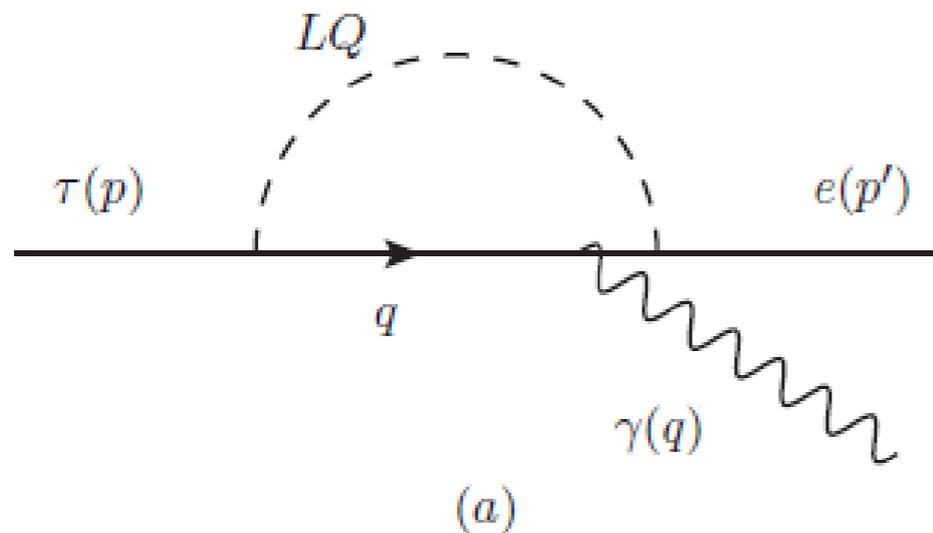


- Of course, higher luminosity will also give better limits.

# Leptoquark Mediated CLFV(1,3) Decays

- Leptoquarks can also mediate the rare decay:

$$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$$



- These diagrams are also proportional to the combination:

$$\frac{\lambda_{1\alpha} \lambda_{3\beta}}{M_{LQ}^2}$$

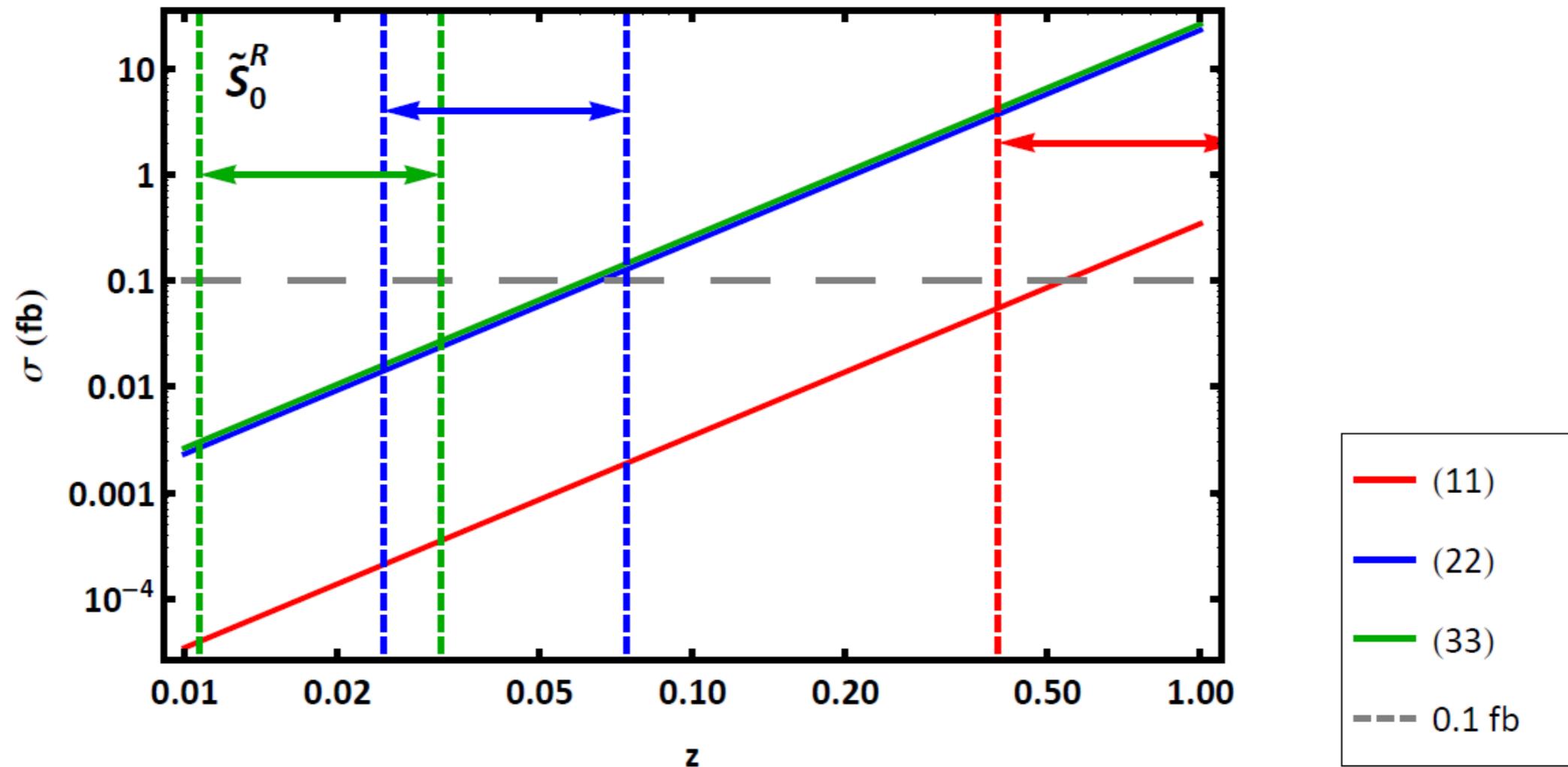
but only for  $\alpha = \beta$

(quark flavor-diagonal case)

# EIC Sensitivity

- How does the EIC sensitivity compare to limits from rare decays?

[M.Gonderinger, M.Ramsey-Musolf]

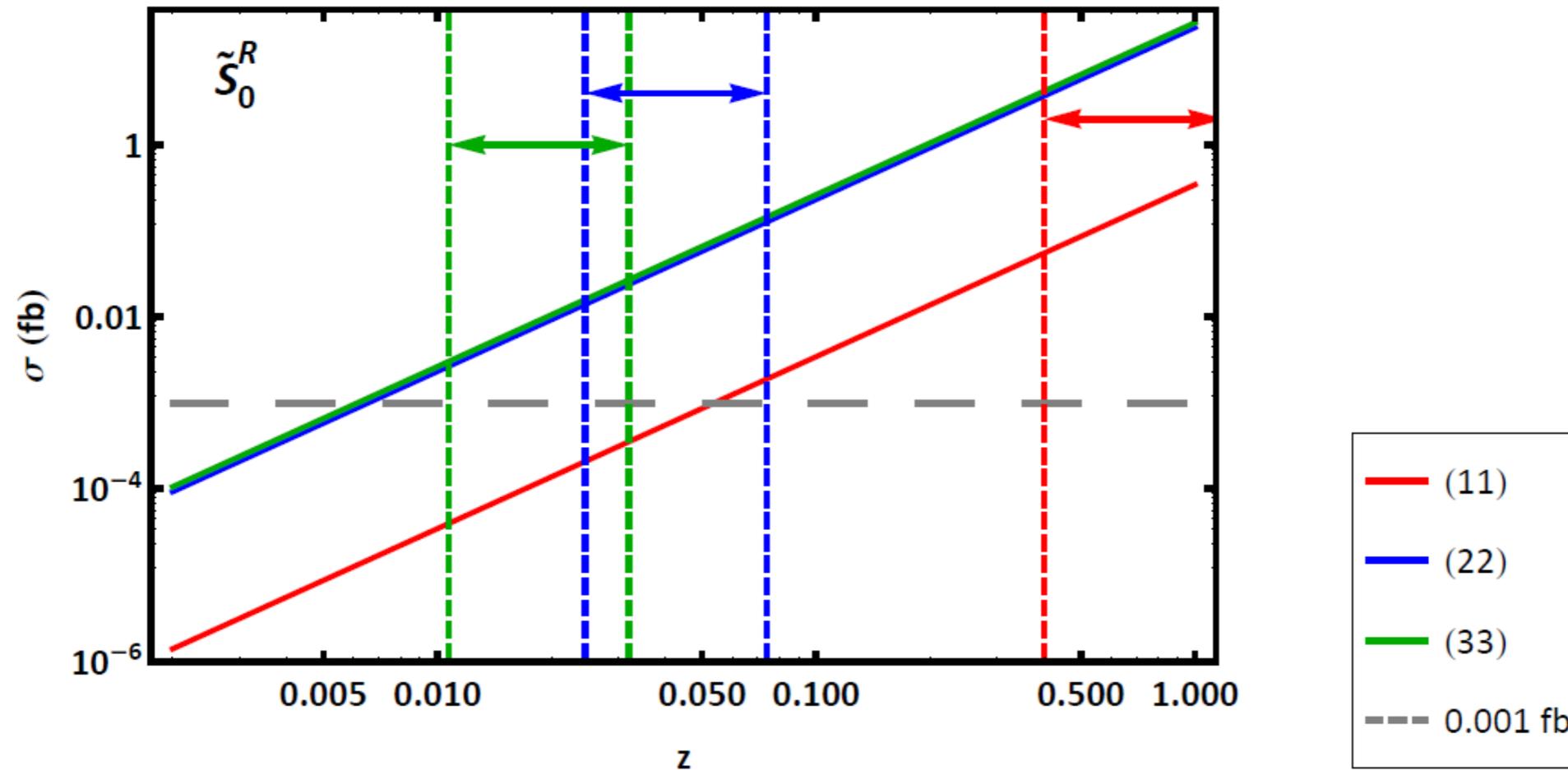


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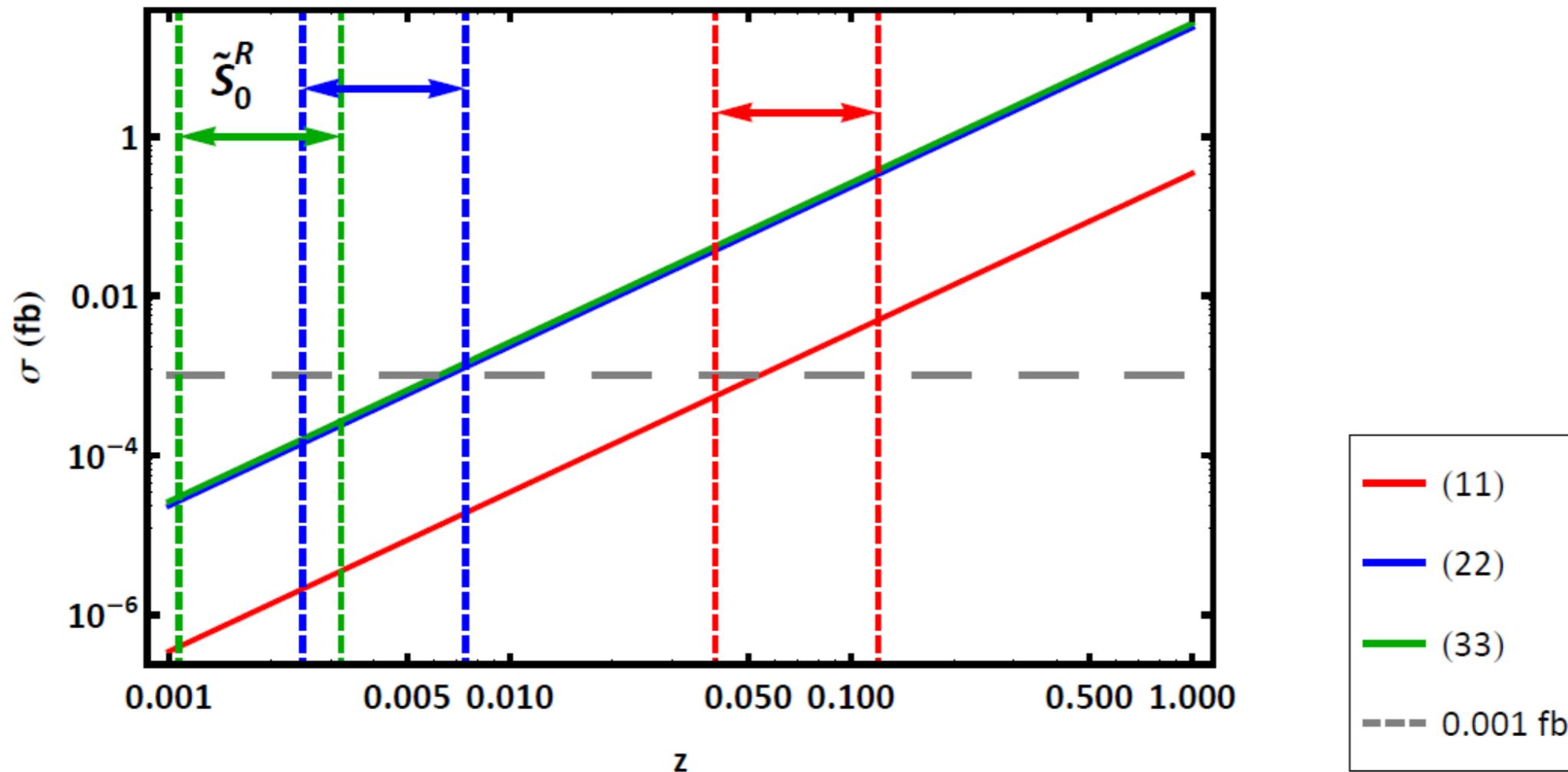


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# EIC Sensitivity vs Super-B

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[M.Gonderinger, M.Ramsey-Musolf]

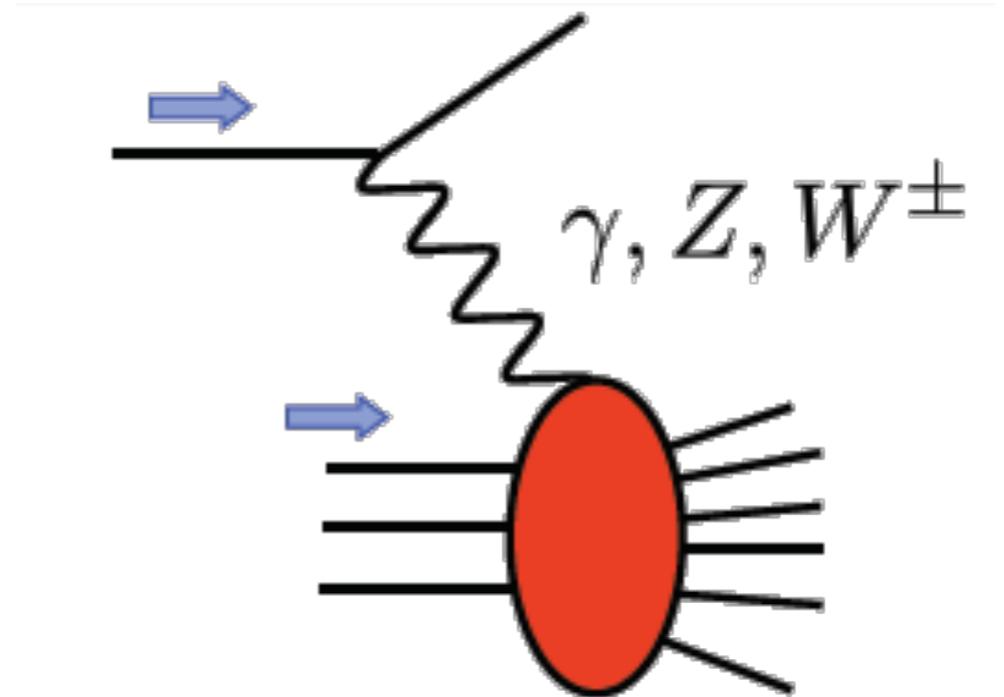
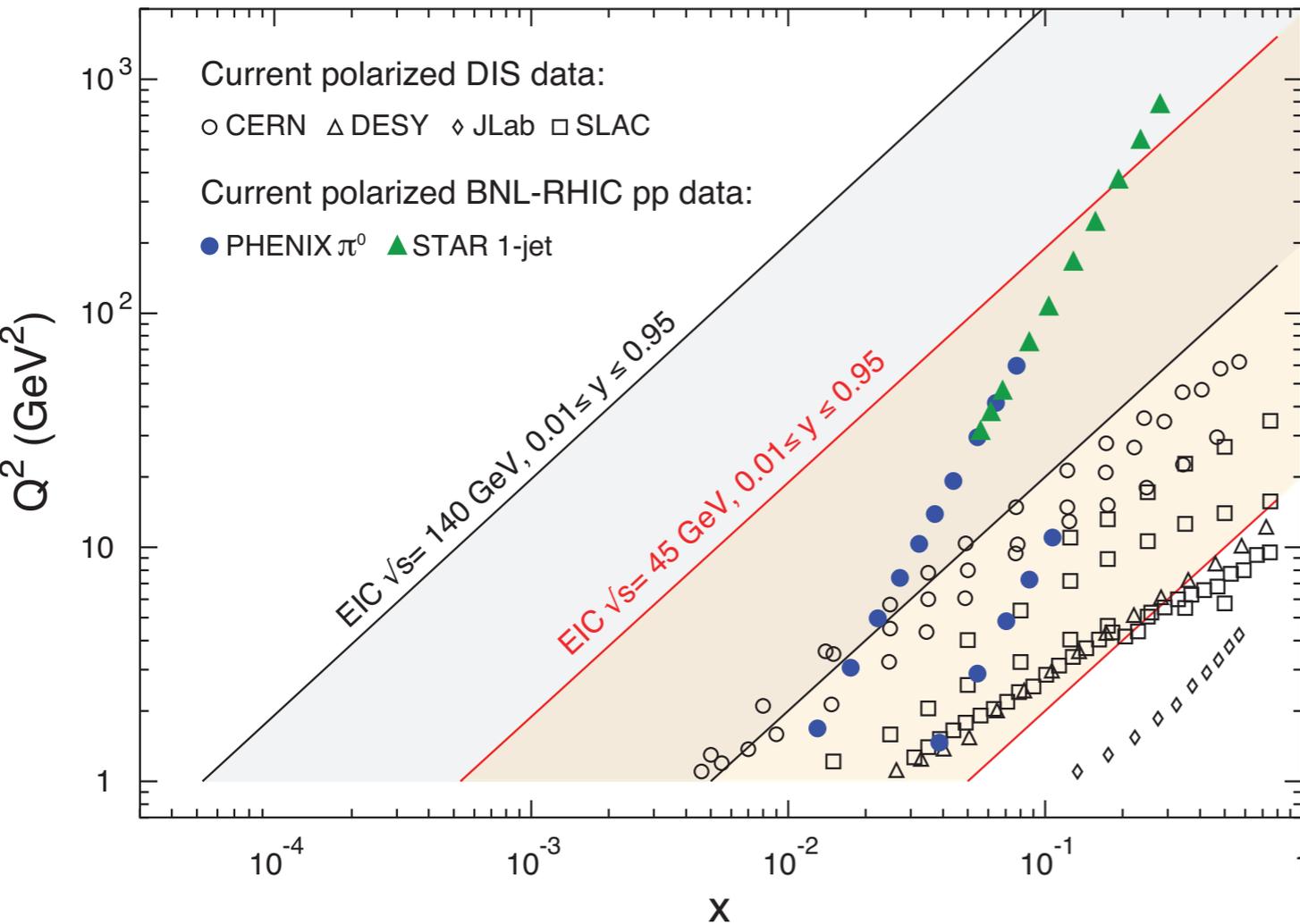


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- At  $1000^{-1}$ fb, the EIC could compete with Super-B in for first generation quark couplings but not for higher generation quark couplings.

# Electroweak Spin Structure Functions

# Electroweak DIS



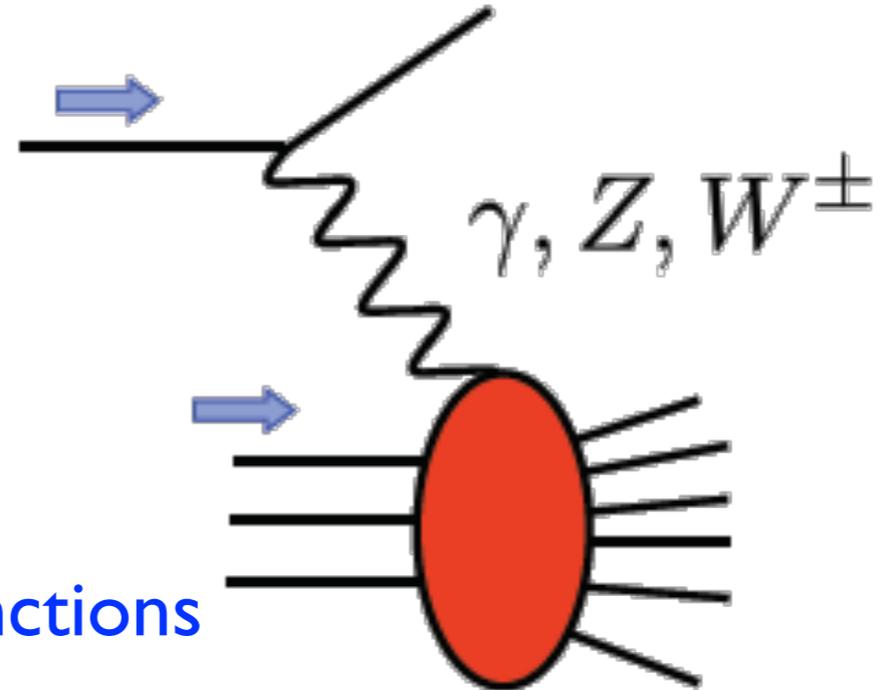
- At high enough  $Q^2$ , weak boson exchange becomes relevant:
  - NC DIS  $\gamma, Z$  exchange + interference
  - CC DIS  $W$  exchange
- Corresponding structure functions probe different combinations of PDFs.

# NC Target-flip Parity-Violating Asymmetry

- Polarized beam ion beams at EIC provide a new direction for exploring the nucleon spin structure:

## Target-flip parity violating asymmetries!

- polarized  $^1\text{H}, ^2\text{H}, ^3\text{H}$  beams to be used
- new structure functions arise
- new combinations of helicity structure functions



- Polarized nucleon asymmetry (unpolarized electron, polarized hadron):

$$A_{TPV} = \frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \left[ g_V^e \frac{g_5^{\gamma Z}}{F_1^{\gamma Z}} + g_A^e f(y) \frac{g_1^{\gamma Z}}{F_1^{\gamma Z}} \right]$$

- Electroweak structure functions

[Anselmino, Gambino, Kalinoski]

$$g_1^{\gamma Z} = \sum e_q (g_V)_q (\Delta q + \Delta \bar{q})$$

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- Electroweak structure functions in QPM:

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- These structure functions are complementary to studies of nucleon spin structure:

-different weighting of helicity structure functions

-weights do not depend on fragmentation functions

- For example, in the SIDIS structure function, the helicity structure functions are weighted by fragmentation functions, extracted from QCD data:

$$g_1^h(x, Q^2, z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 \left[ \Delta q(x, Q^2) D_q^h(z, Q^2) + \Delta \bar{q}(x, Q^2) D_{\bar{q}}^h(z, Q^2) \right]$$

# CC Target-flip Parity-Violating Asymmetry

- Polarized nucleon asymmetry in CC DIS: [See analysis for EIC:  
Aschenauer, Burton, Stratmann, Martin, Spiesberger]

$$\frac{d^2 \Delta\sigma^{W^-,N}}{dx dy} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{em}^2}{xyQ^2} \eta \left[ 2Y_- x g_1^{W^-,N} - Y_+ g_4^{W^-,N} + y^2 g_L^{W^-,N} \right]$$

- Electroweak structure functions in QPM:

$$g_1^{W^-,p}(x) = \Delta u(x) + \Delta \bar{d}(x) + \Delta c(x) + \Delta \bar{s}(x) ,$$

$$g_5^{W^-,p}(x) = -\Delta u(x) + \Delta \bar{d}(x) - \Delta c(x) + \Delta \bar{s}(x)$$

$$g_4^{W^-,N} = 2x g_5^{W^-,N}$$

- With a positron beam instead, we obtain new structure functions that give yet another combination of helicity structure functions:

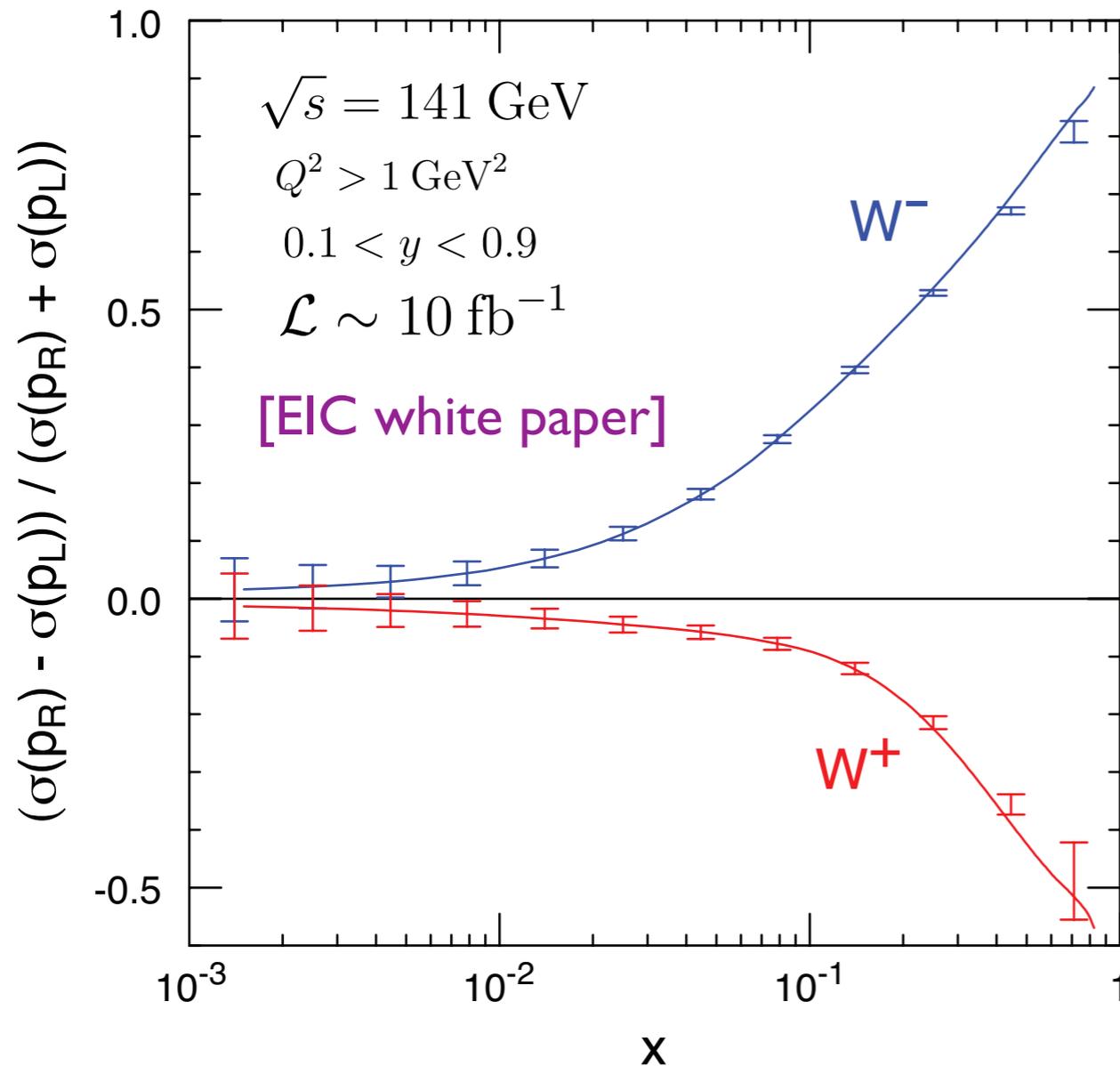
$$g_1^{W^+,p}(x) = \Delta \bar{u}(x) + \Delta d(x) + \Delta \bar{c}(x) + \Delta s(x)$$

$$g_5^{W^+,p}(x) = \Delta \bar{u}(x) - \Delta d(x) + \Delta \bar{c}(x) - \Delta s(x)$$

- Once again, a flavor separation of helicity structure functions independent of fragmentation functions can be achieved.

# CC Target-flip Parity-Violating Asymmetry

- Size of the polarized nucleon asymmetry in CC DIS for  $W^+$  and  $W^-$  exchange:



$$(\sigma(p_R) - \sigma(p_L)) / (\sigma(p_R) + \sigma(p_L))$$

- Large asymmetries expected in the region of moderate to large Bjorken- $x$ .
- Measurement of this asymmetry can provide valuable information on nucleon spin structure.
- Electroweak physics at the EIC complements QCD physics at the EIC.

# Conclusions

- Electroweak physics at the EIC can play an important role for:
  - constraining new physics via precision measurements of electroweak couplings
  - lepton flavor violation searches
  - nucleon spin structure
- This is facilitated by:
  - high luminosity
  - wide kinematic range
  - polarized beams
  - range of nuclear targets