

The Interpretation of Atomic Electric Dipole Moments ¹

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New-Generation EDM Searches

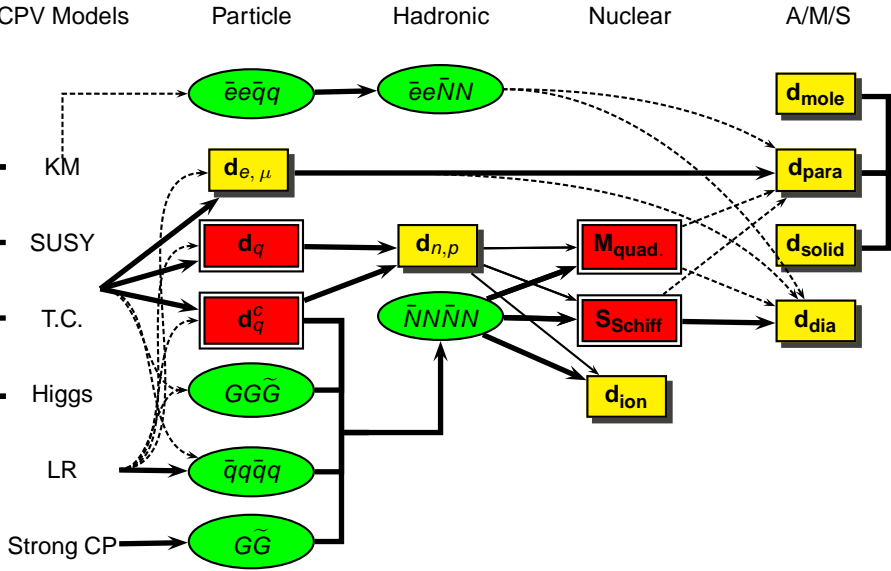
A non-exhaustive list:

Leptonic EDMs		Hadronic EDMs	
System	Group	System	Group
Cs (trapped)	Penn St.	n (UCN)	SNS
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Cs (fountain)	LBNL	n (UCN)	PSI
YbF (beam)	Imperial	n (UCN)	Munich
PbO (cell)	Yale	^{199}Hg (cell)	Seattle
HBr ⁺ (trapped)	JILA	^{129}Xe (liquid)	Princeton
PbF (trapped)	Oklahoma	^{225}Ra (trapped)	Argonne
GdIG (solid)	Amherst	$^{213,225}\text{Ra}$ (trapped)	KVI
GGG (solid)	Yale/Indiana	^{223}Rn (trapped)	TRIUMF
muon (ring)	J-PARC	deuteron (ring)	BNL?

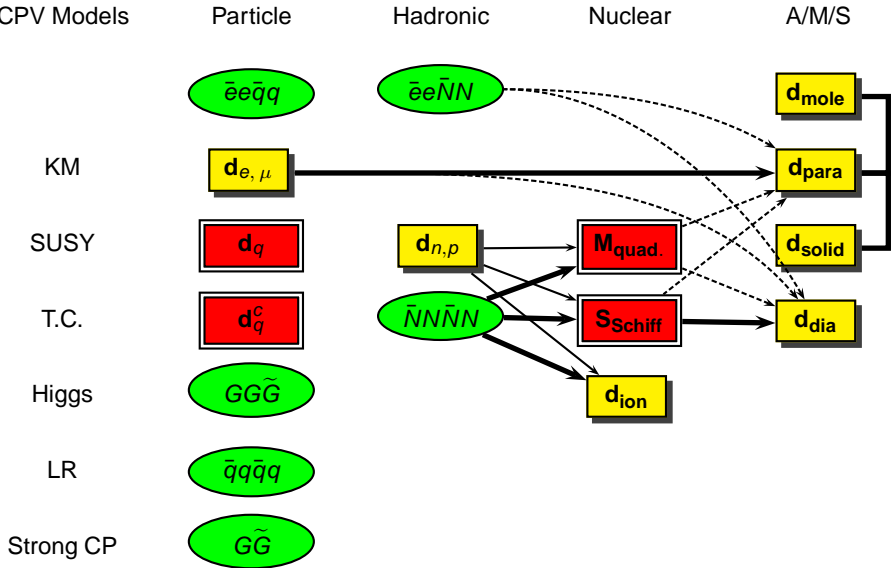
- All leptonic searches except μ target at d_e (indirectly inferred).
- Most of them are subject to the **shielding effects**.

With the new-generation exps. hopefully increasing the EDM sensitivity by few orders of magnitude, the theoretical interpretation needs to be refined, too!

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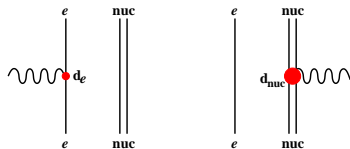
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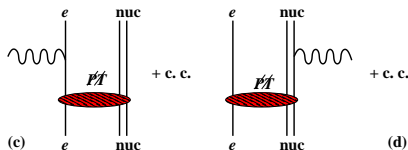
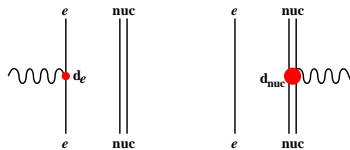
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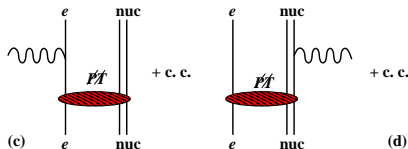
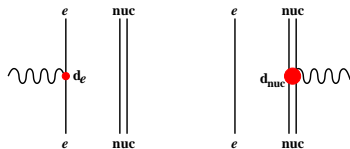


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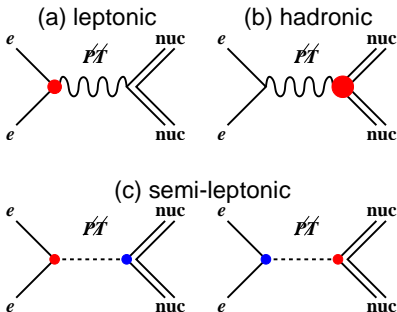
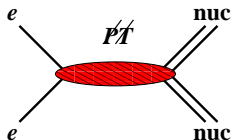
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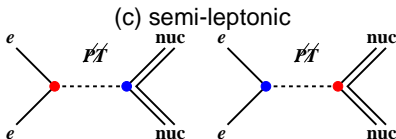
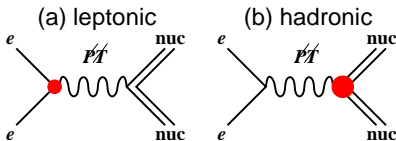
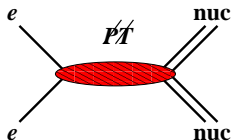
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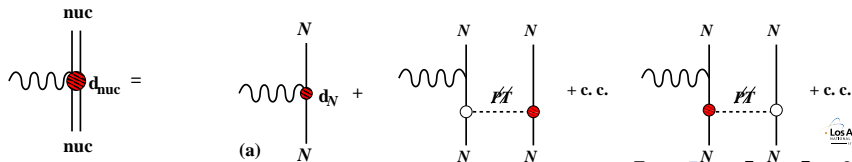


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- What is inside of diagram (b) which involves nuclear EDM?



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- The Schiff theorem is derived at the operator level in the most general fashion. The Schiff operator we got is different from existing literature. For a deuteron, the difference is huge, and check on nuclei of great interests like Hg, Xe, Ra, Rn, etc. should be carried out.
- The hadronic contributions to atomic EDMs of paramagnetic atoms Cs, Tl, etc. should also be considered for a better interpretation of such measurements.

Thank You!