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Implication of X17 boson to D meson, Charmonium and ϕ meson decays

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What is X17 boson?

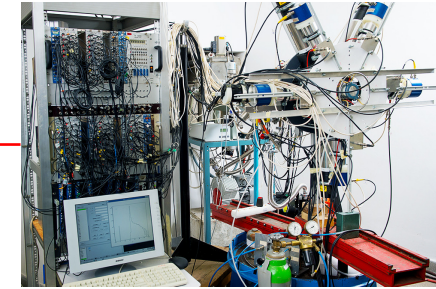
Observation of Anomalous Internal Pair Creation in ^8Be : A Possible Indication of a Light, Neutral Boson

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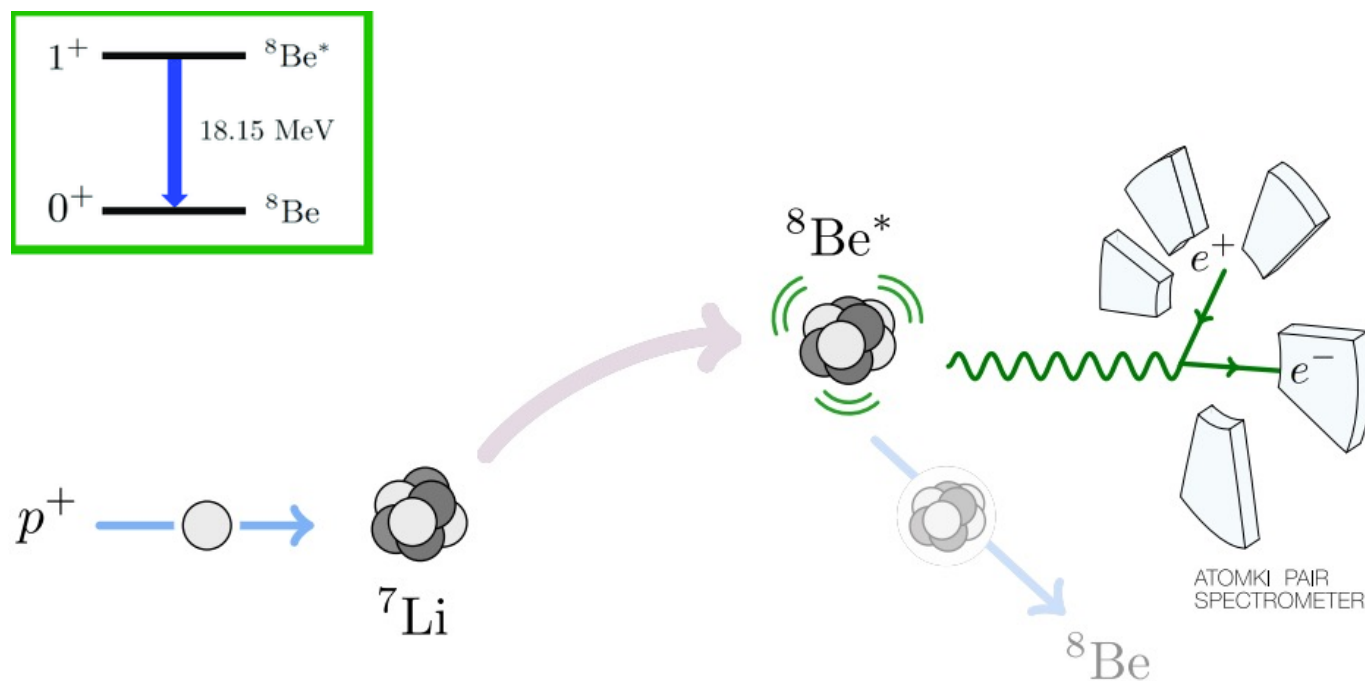
Electron-positron angular correlations were measured for the isovector magnetic dipole 17.6 MeV ($J^\pi = 1^+, T = 1$) state \rightarrow ground state ($J^\pi = 0^+, T = 0$) and the isoscalar magnetic dipole 18.15 MeV ($J^\pi = 1^+, T = 0$) state \rightarrow ground state transitions in ^8Be . Significant enhancement relative to the internal pair creation was observed at large angles in the angular correlation for the isoscalar transition with a confidence level of $> 5\sigma$. This observation could possibly be due to nuclear reaction interference effects or might indicate that, in an intermediate step, a neutral isoscalar particle with a mass of $16.70 \pm 0.35(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and $J^\pi = 1^+$ was created.



The Atomki experiment
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~400 citations, ^8Be anomaly, X17 boson

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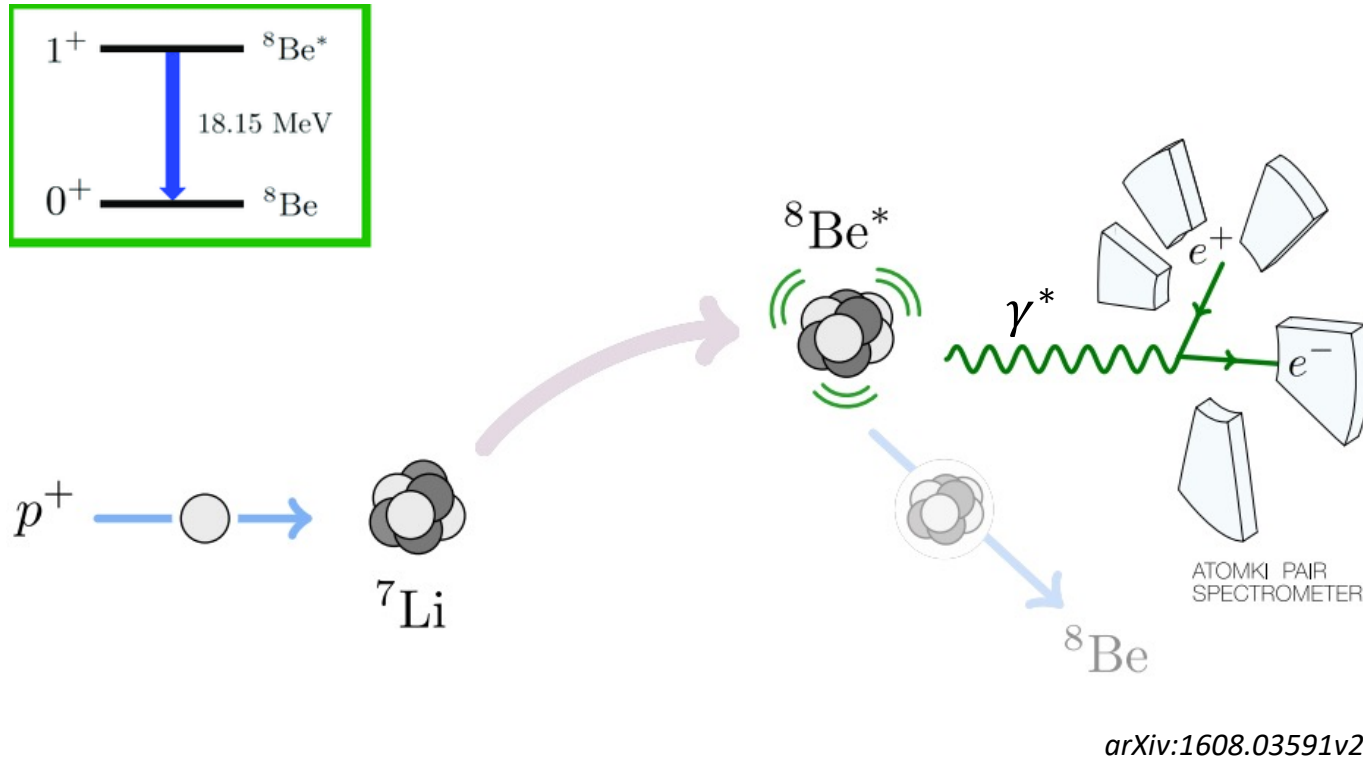
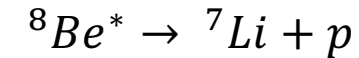


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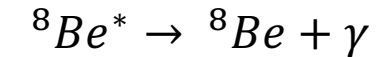
Standard Model

Internal Pair Creation Correlation (IPCC), where the nuclear emits a virtual photon which then decays to an e^+e^- pair.

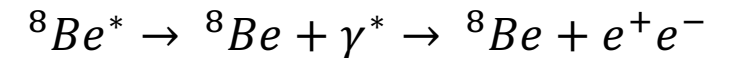
- Hadronic decay ($BR \sim 1$)



- Electromagnetic decay ($BR \sim 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$)



- Internal pair creation ($BR \sim 5.5 \times 10^{-8}$)



M. E. Rose, Phys. Rev. 76 (1949).

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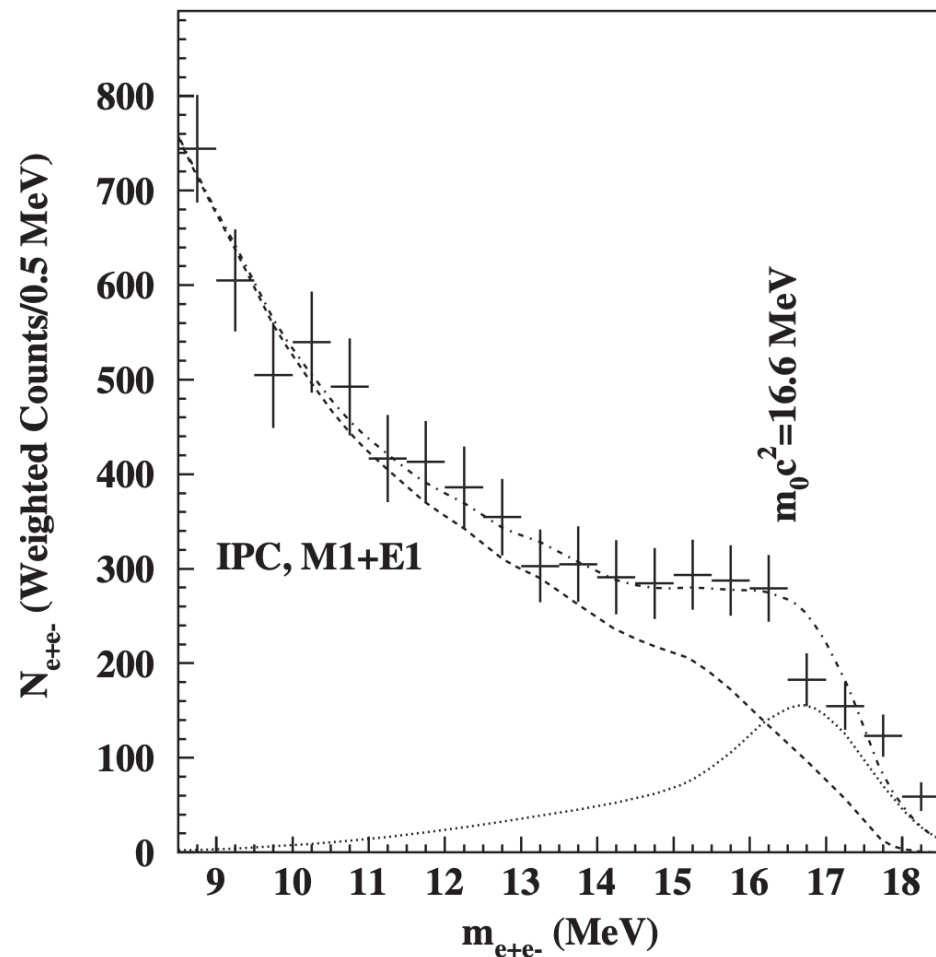


FIG. 1.3. Invariant mass distribution derived for the 18.15 MeV transition in ${}^8\text{Be}$.

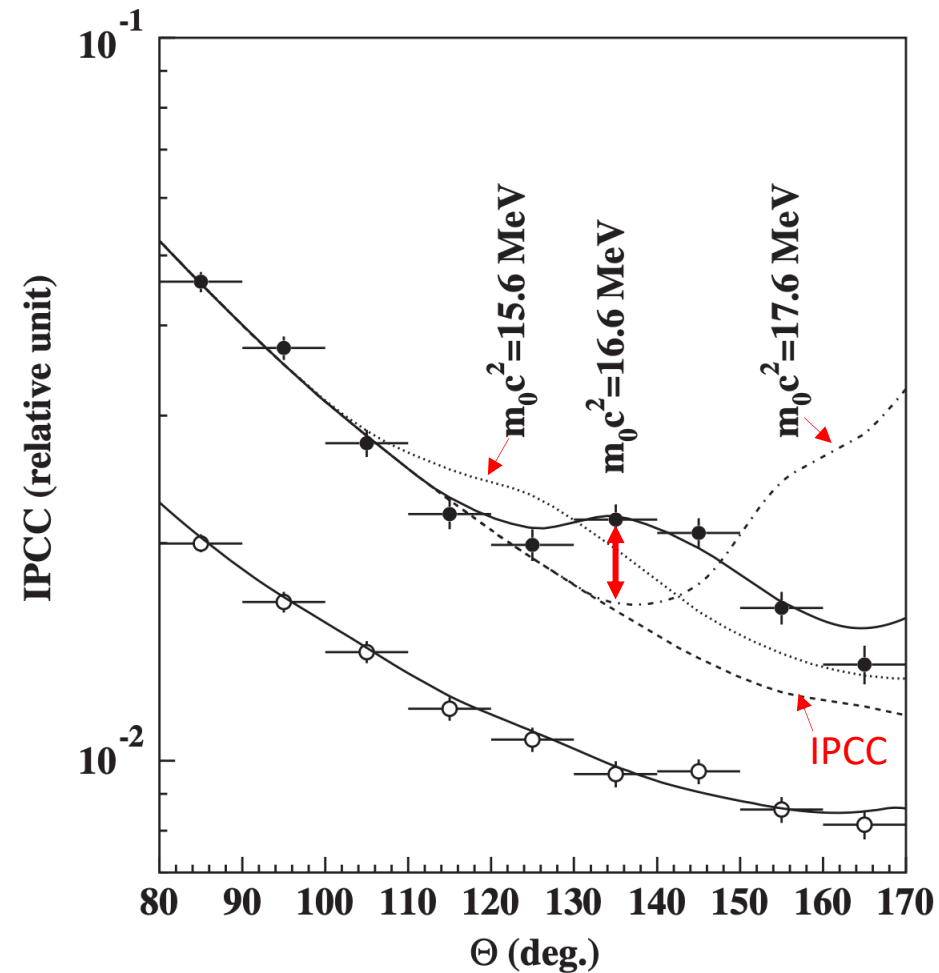


FIG. 1.2. Experimental angular e^+e^- pair correlations measured in the ${}^7\text{Li}(p, e^+e^-)$ reaction at $E_p = 1.10\text{ MeV}$

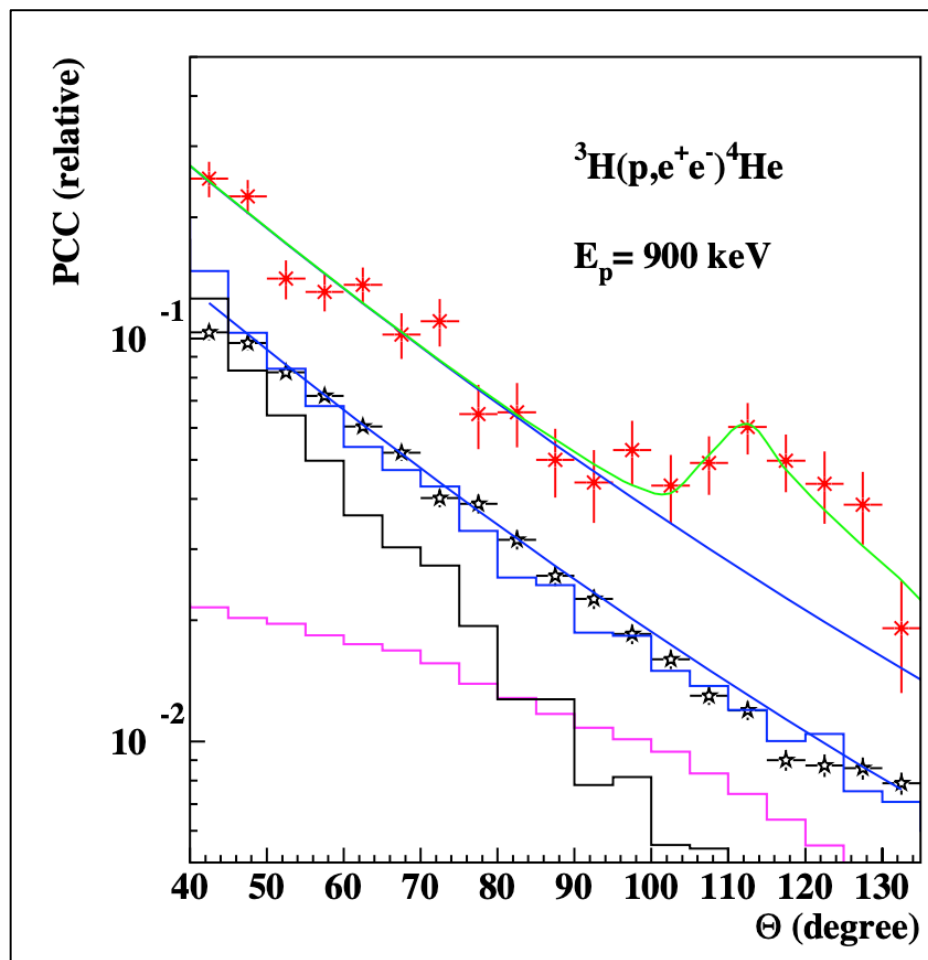
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$$m_X = 16.7 \pm 0.35 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (sys)} \text{ MeV}$$

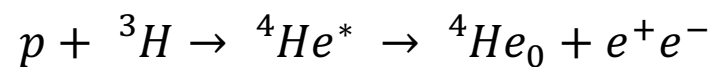
$$\frac{BR({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow X + {}^8\text{Be})}{BR({}^8\text{Be}^* \rightarrow \gamma + {}^8\text{Be})} \times BR(X \rightarrow e^+e^-) = (6 \pm 1) \times 10^{-6}$$

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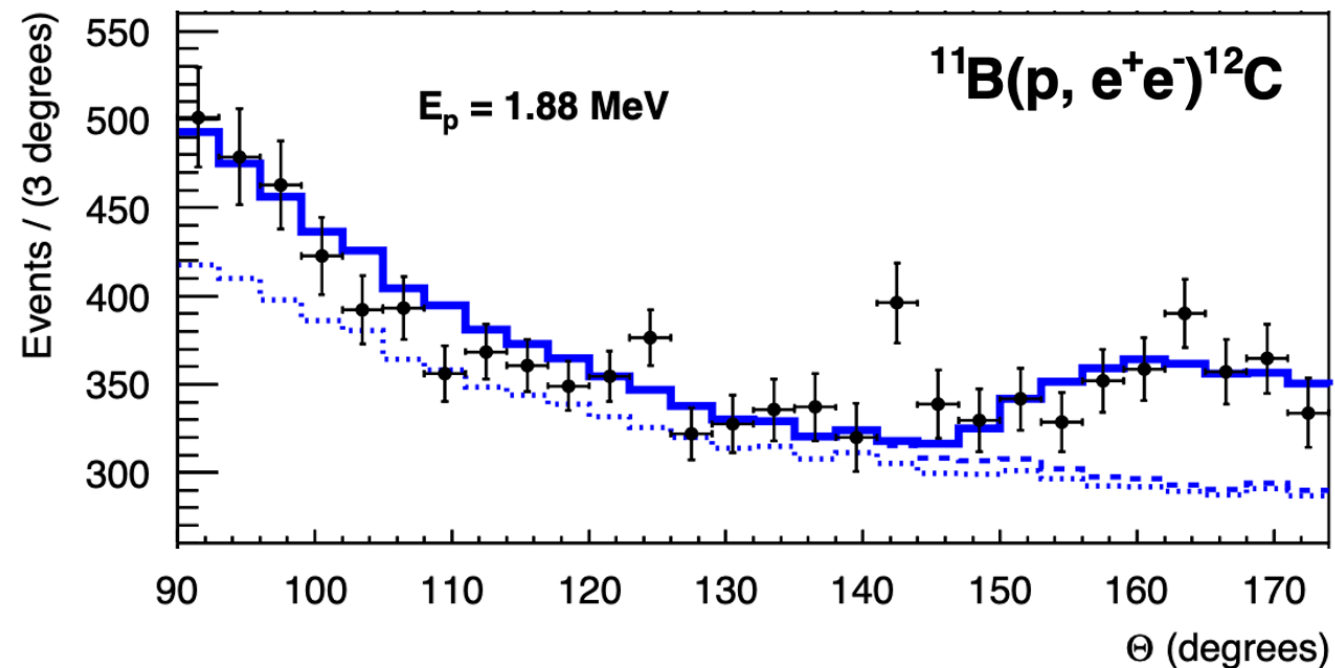
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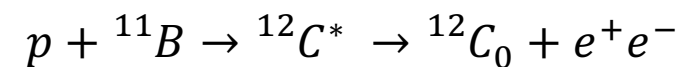
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> 30 citations, **${}^{12}\text{C}$ anomaly**, X17 boson



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	D^{*+}	\rightarrow	D^+	$c\bar{d}$
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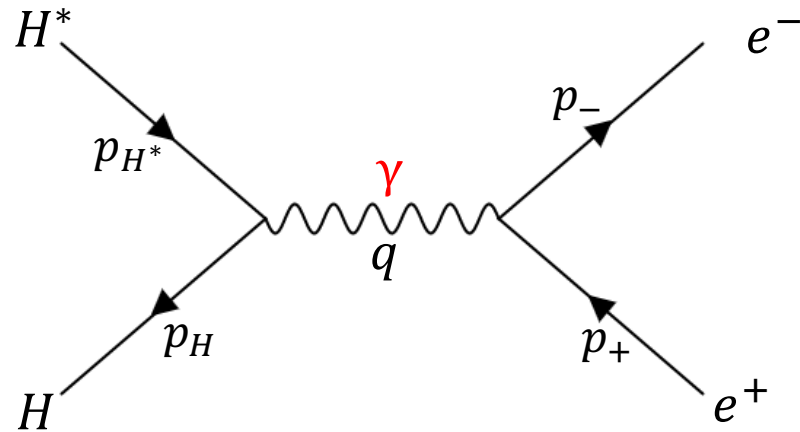


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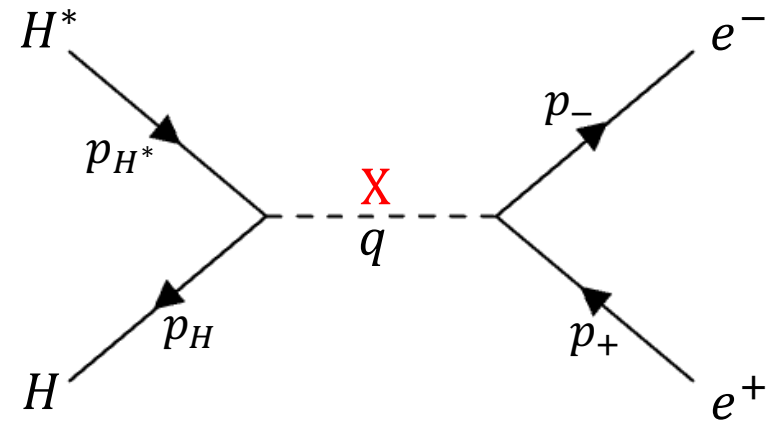


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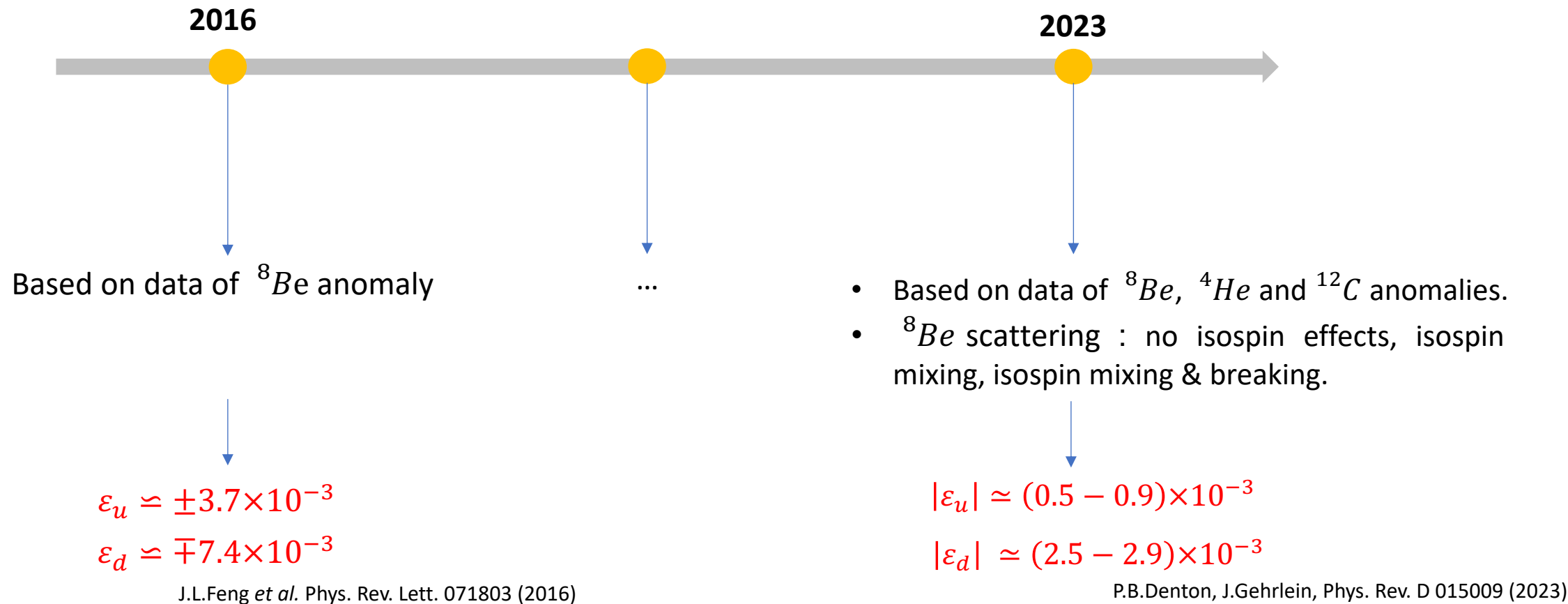
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Quark Coupling Constants ϵ_Q, ϵ_q

$$\mathcal{L}_{X(Q,q)} = \epsilon_Q X_\mu (\bar{Q} \gamma^\mu Q) + \epsilon_q X_\mu (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)$$



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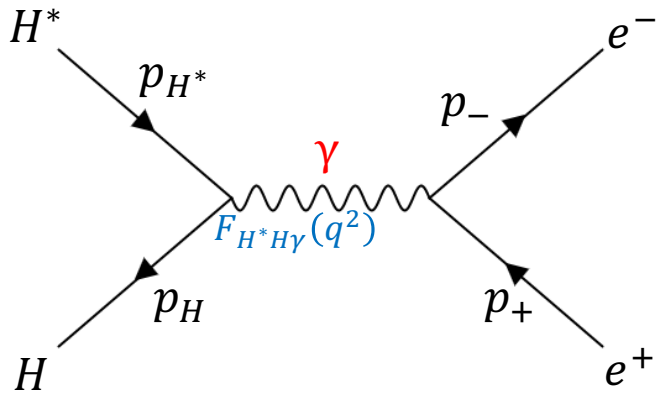


FIG.2.1: Feynman diagram for photon intermediate
 $q^2 G_{H^*H\gamma}(q^2) = F_{H^*H\gamma}(q^2)$

$$\mathcal{M}(H^* \rightarrow He^+e^-) = e^2 G_{H^*HV}(q^2) \epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} l^\mu \epsilon_H^\nu p_H^\sigma p_H^\rho$$

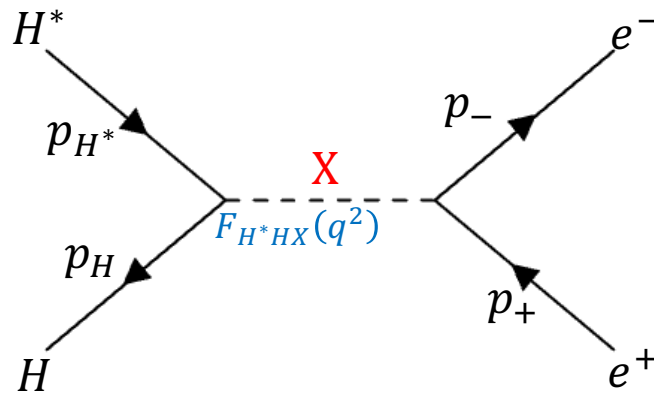


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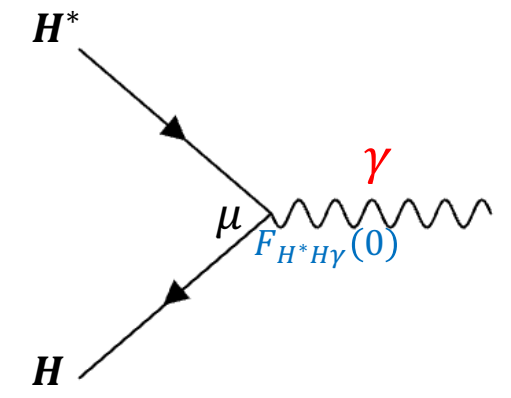


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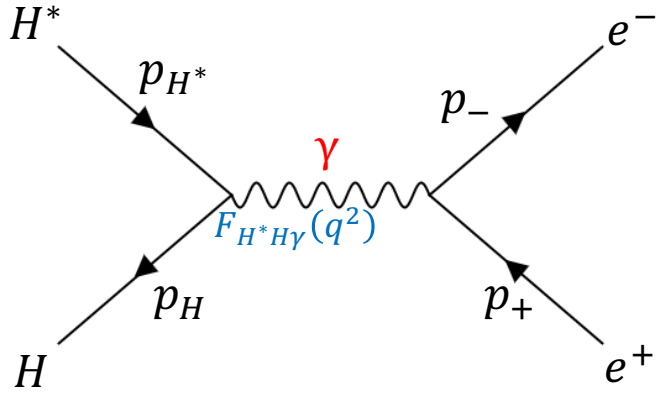


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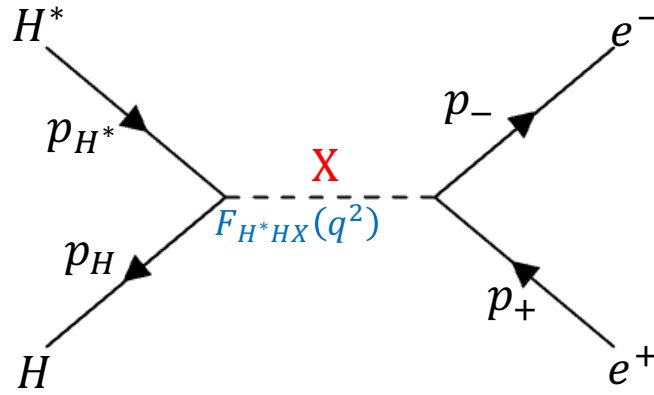


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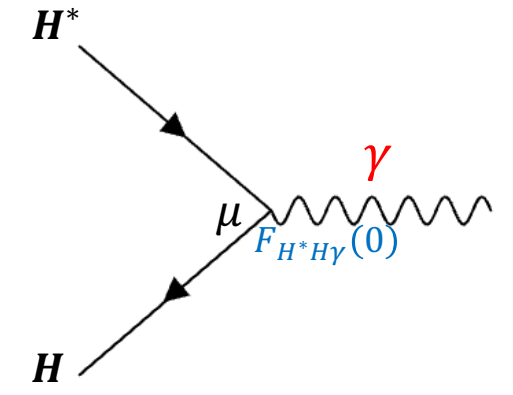


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with $\mathcal{F}_\gamma(q^2) = \frac{\alpha_{EM}}{3\pi} \frac{1}{q^2} \left(1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{q^2}\right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{q^2}} \frac{\lambda^{3/2}(m_{H^*}^2, m_H^2, q^2)}{(m_{H^*}^2 - m_H^2)^3}$, where $\lambda(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2xz - 2yz$

$$\mathcal{F}_X(q^2) = \frac{\alpha_{EM}}{3\pi} \frac{\epsilon_e^2 q^2}{(q^2 - m_X^2)^2 + m_X^2 \Gamma_{XV}^2} \left(1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{q^2}\right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{q^2}} \frac{\lambda^{3/2}(m_{H^*}^2, m_H^2, q^2)}{(m_{H^*}^2 - m_H^2)^3},$$

$$\mathcal{R}(q^2) = \frac{F_{H^*HV}(q^2)}{F_{H^*H\gamma}(0)} : \text{Transition Form Factor (TFF)} \quad \leftarrow \text{VMD model}$$

P.Colangelo, F.De Fazio, G.Nardulli Phys.Lett. B316 (1993)

2. X17 hypothesis (vector case)

D meson decays:

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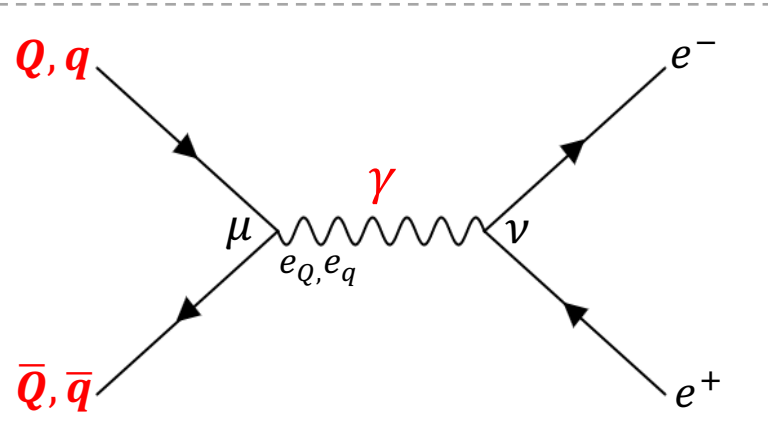


FIG. 2.4. D meson decays in intermediate photon

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle D(p_D) | J_{em}^\mu | D^*(p_{D^*}, \epsilon_{D^*}) \rangle \\ &= \langle D(p_D) | e_Q \bar{Q} \gamma^\mu Q + e_q \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q | D^*(p_{D^*}, \epsilon_{D^*}) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

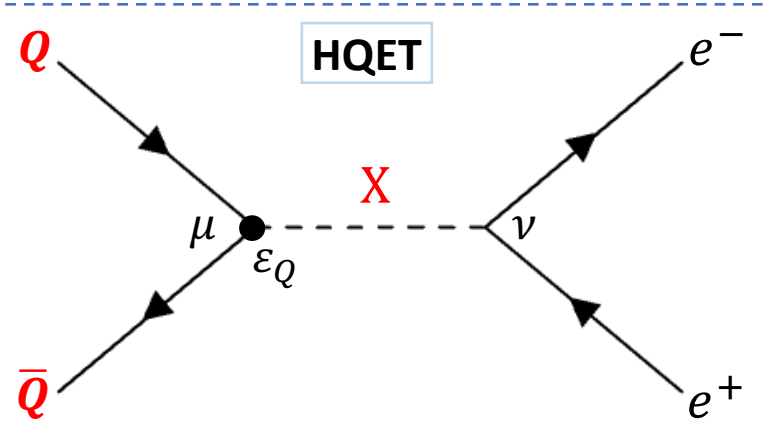


FIG. 2.5. The vector heavy quark current

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon_Q \langle D(p_D) | \bar{Q} \gamma^\mu Q | D^*(p_{D^*}, \epsilon_{D^*}) \rangle \\ &= i \epsilon_Q \sqrt{m_{D^*} m_D} \xi(v_{D^*} \cdot v_D) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \epsilon_{D^* \nu} v_{D^* \alpha} v_{D \beta} \end{aligned}$$

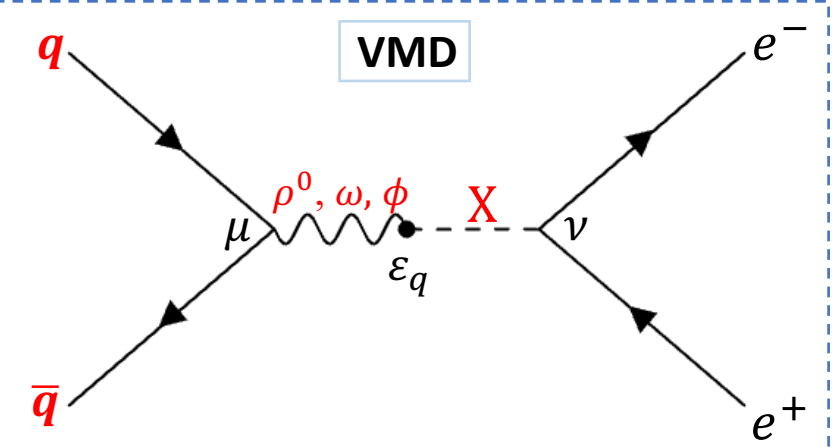


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H^*H -vector vertices $\Rightarrow H^*(Q\bar{q})$

\rightarrow the heavy quark effective theory: HQET

\rightarrow the vector meson dominance model: VMD

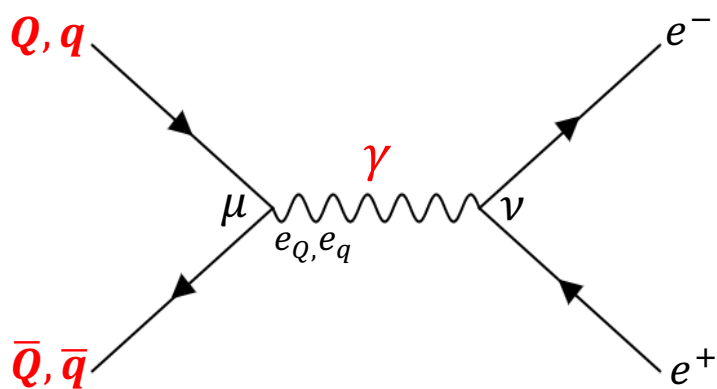


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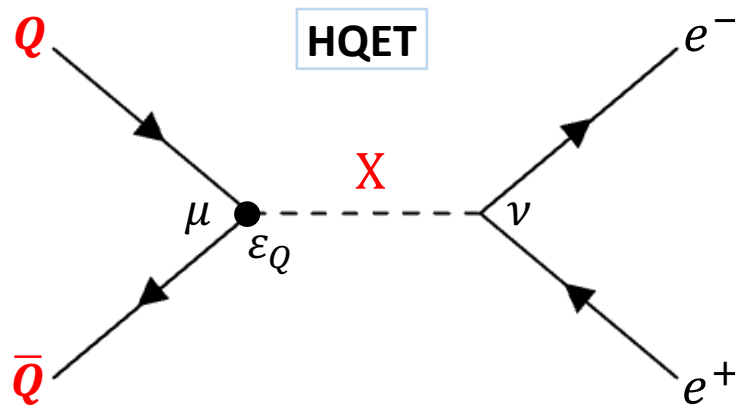


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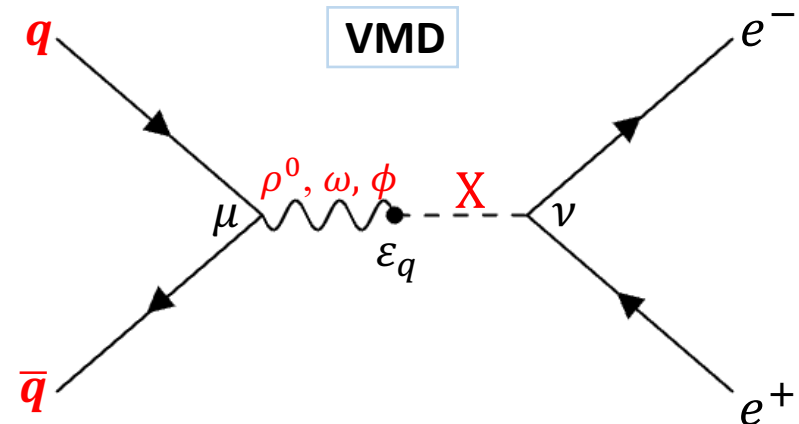


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- VMD** is based on the assumption of ideal mixing for vector mesons resonances: $\rho^0 \left(\frac{u\bar{u} - d\bar{d}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$, $\omega \left(\frac{u\bar{u} + d\bar{d}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$, $\phi(s\bar{s})$

- $F_{D^* D \gamma}(q^2) = \sqrt{\frac{m_{D^*}}{m_D}} \left[\frac{e_Q}{m_{D^*}} + \frac{e_q}{m_q(q^2)} \right]$ and $F_{D^* D X}(q^2) = \sqrt{\frac{m_{D^*}}{m_D}} \left[\frac{\epsilon_Q}{m_{D^*}} + \frac{\epsilon_q}{m_q(q^2)} \right]$ with $m_q(q^2) = - \sum_V \left(2\sqrt{2} g_V \lambda \frac{f_V}{m_V^2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{m_V^2} \right)$.

2. X17 hypothesis (vector case)

➤ **Charmonium decay:** $\psi(2S)(c\bar{c}) \rightarrow \eta_c e^+ e^-$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\psi'\eta_c X}(q^2) = \frac{F_{\psi'\eta_c X}(q^2)}{F_{\psi'\eta_c \gamma}(0)} = \epsilon_c \times \frac{F_{\psi'\eta_c \gamma}(q^2)}{F_{\psi'\eta_c \gamma}(0)} = \frac{\epsilon_c}{1 - q^2/\Lambda_{\psi'\eta_c}^2}$$

➔ The VMD is used to explain the TFF $\mathcal{R}_{\psi'\eta_c \gamma}(q^2)$, where the **virtual photon effectively couples to vector mesons**.

➔ The pole mass $\Lambda_{\psi'\eta_c}$ should be **the mass of the vector resonances near the energy scale** of the decaying particle.

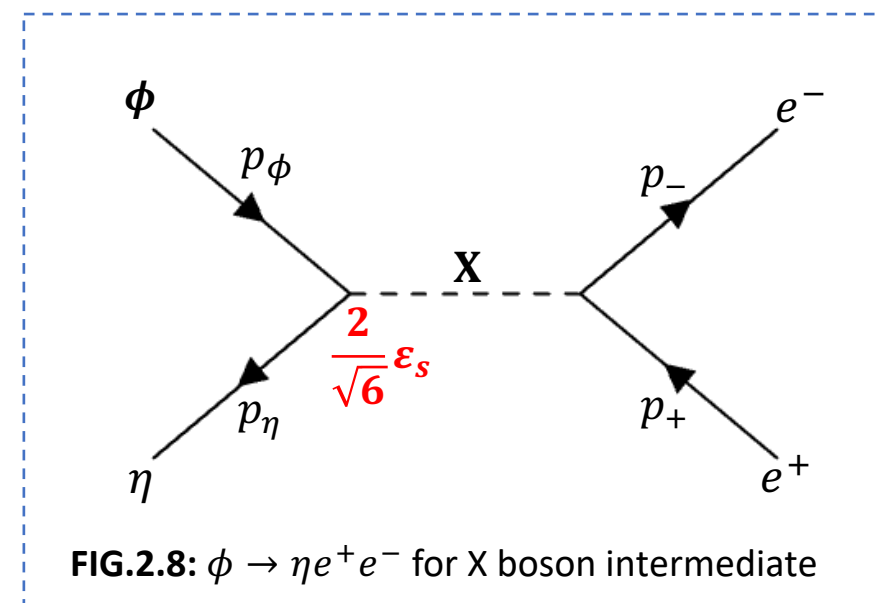
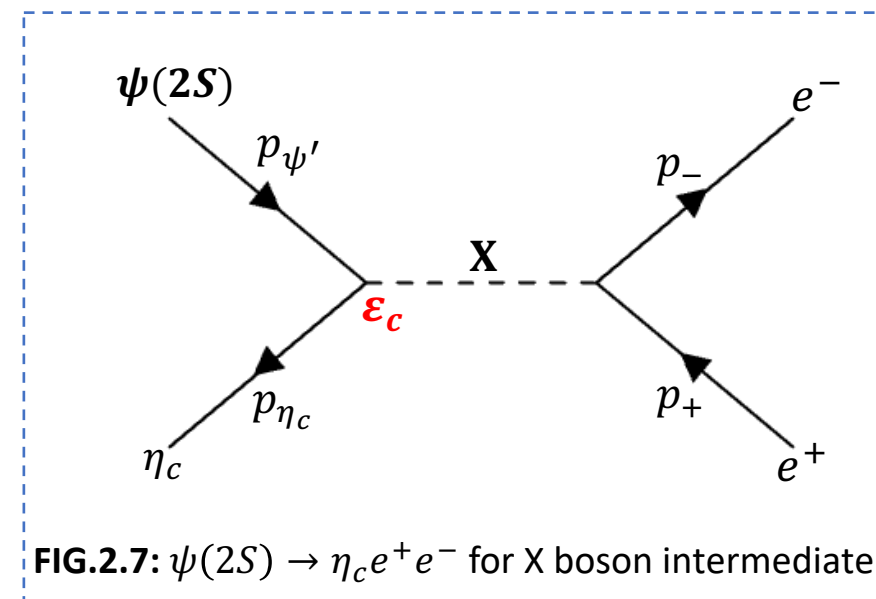
$$\Lambda_{\psi'\eta_c} = m_{\psi(3770)} = 3773.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

➤ **ϕ meson decay:** $\phi(s\bar{s}) \rightarrow e^+ e^- \eta \left(\frac{u\bar{u} + d\bar{d} - 2s\bar{s}}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\phi\eta X}(q^2) = \frac{F_{\phi\eta X}(q^2)}{F_{\phi\eta \gamma}(0)} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \epsilon_s \times \frac{F_{\phi\eta \gamma}(q^2)}{F_{\phi\eta \gamma}(0)} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{\epsilon_s}{1 - q^2/\Lambda_{\phi\eta}^2}$$

$$\text{with } \Lambda_{\phi\eta} = m_{\phi(1680)} = 1680 \pm 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

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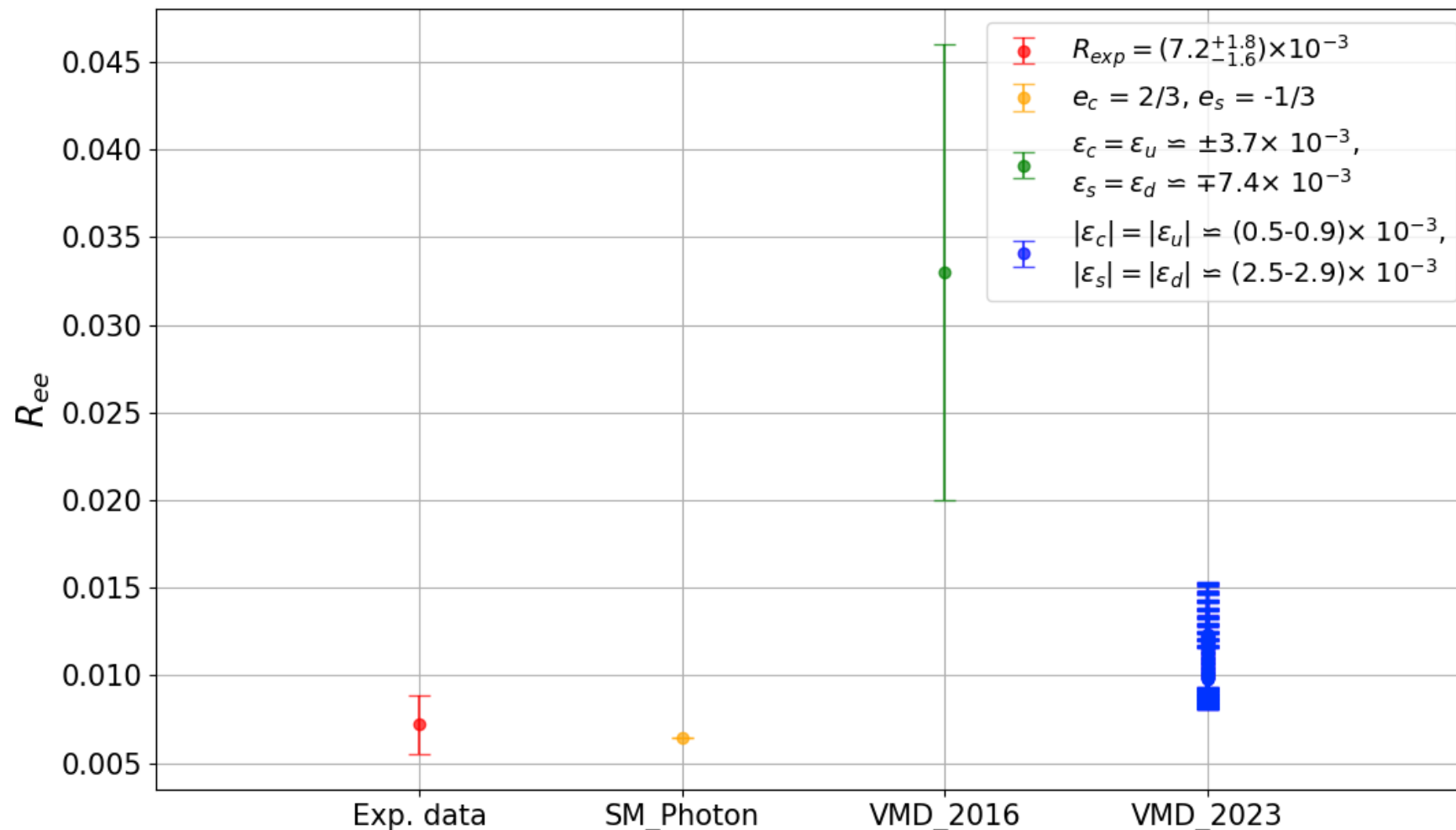
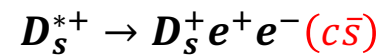
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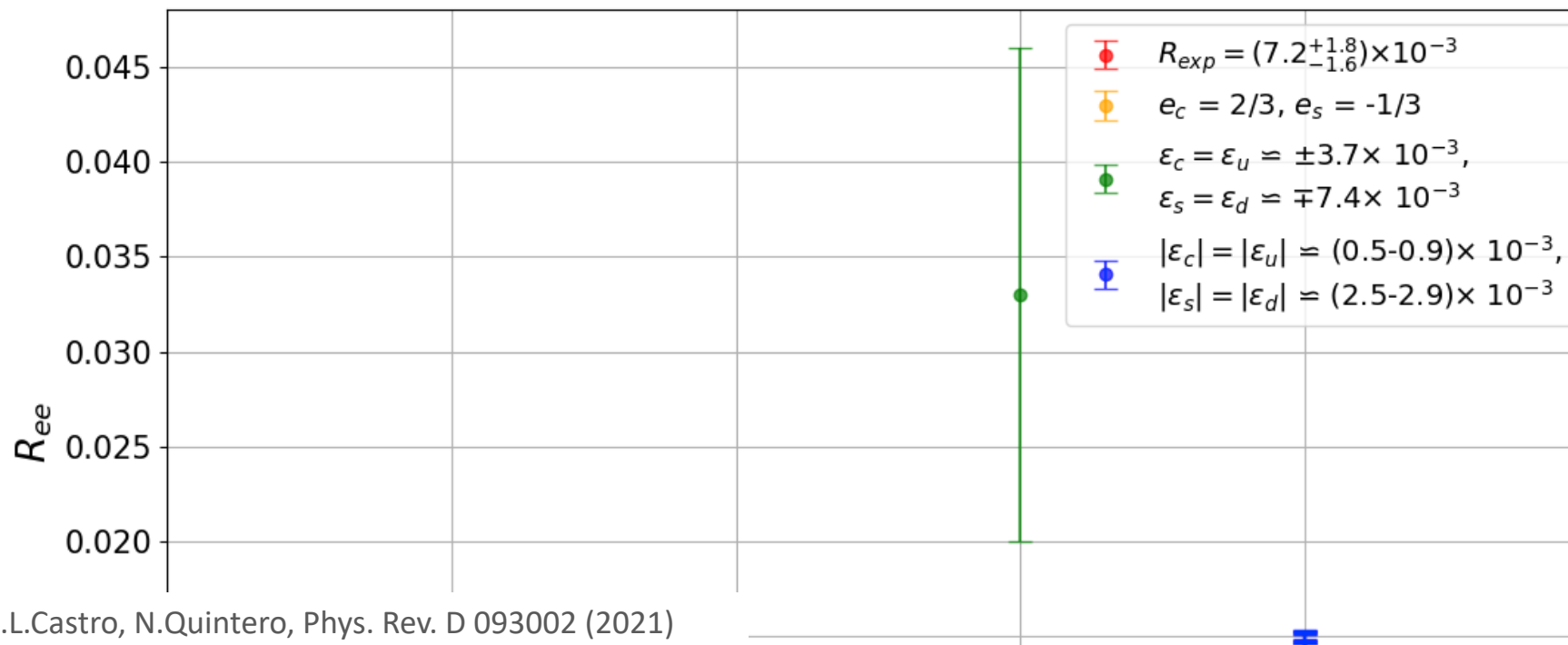
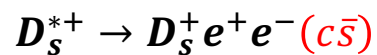
4 Conclusion

D meson decays:



- The photon mediated contribution is in good agreement with $R_{exp} = (7.2_{-1.6}^{+1.8}) \times 10^{-3}$.
- The results from “VMD_2023” still somewhat consistent with the data in the decays $D_s^{*+} \rightarrow D_s^+ e^+ e^-$.
- R_{ee} in label “VMD_2016” is completely inconsistent with the data R_{exp} .

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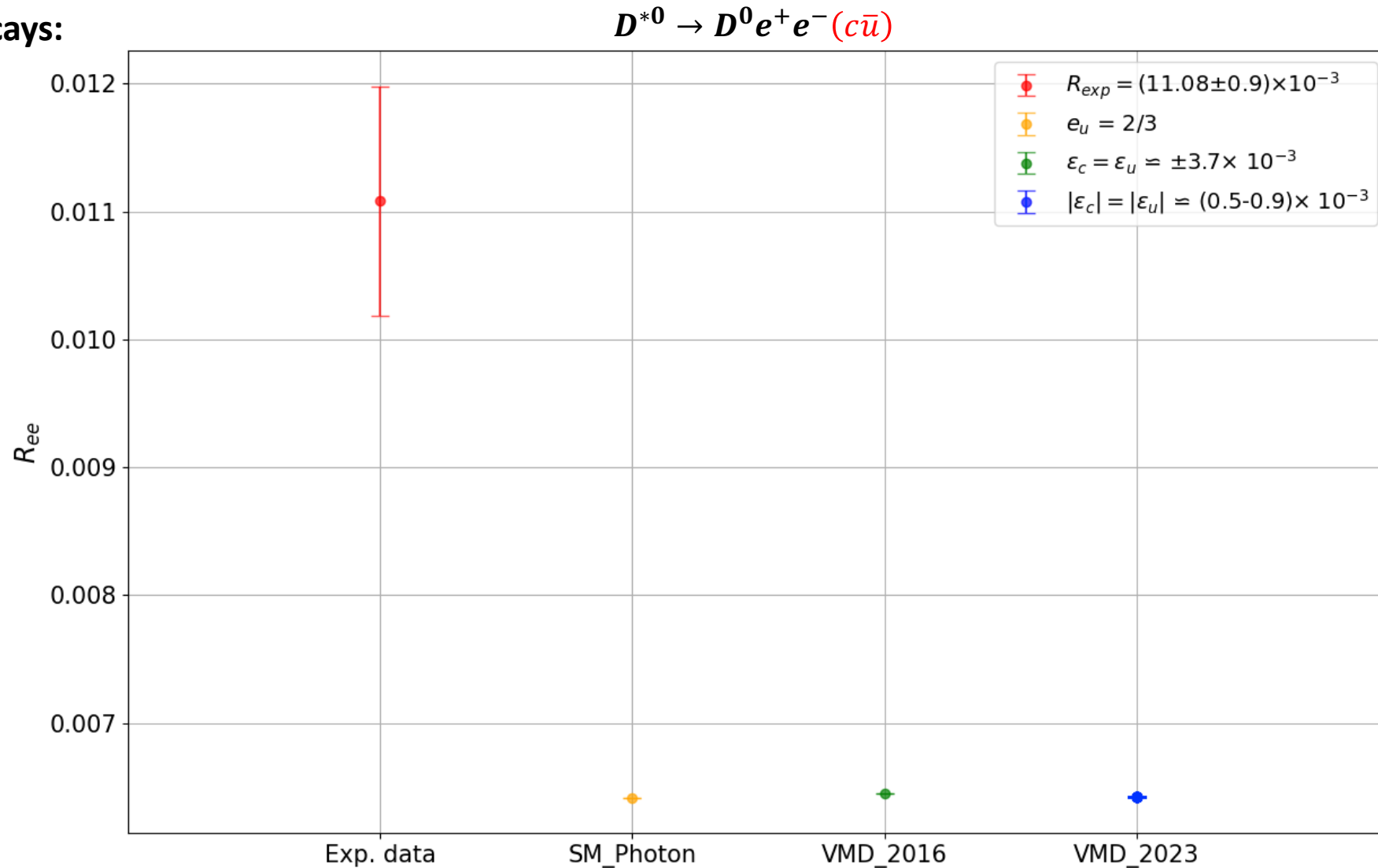
G.L.Castro, N.Quintero, Phys. Rev. D 093002 (2021)

TABLE III. Photon and X17 boson exchange contributions to the ratio of decay rates defined in Eq. (10). We assume universal couplings of the hypothetical X17 boson to down-type quarks [$\epsilon_b = \epsilon_s = \epsilon_d = \mp 7.4 \times 10^{-3}$] and up-type quarks [$\epsilon_c = \epsilon_u = \pm 3.7 \times 10^{-3}$] (see end of Sec. II). Unless explicitly indicated, theoretical uncertainties are at least 3 orders of magnitude smaller than the corresponding central values.

Channel	$R_{ee}^Y(H^*)$	$R_{ee}^X(H^*)$	Total	Experiment
$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ e^+ e^-$	6.67×10^{-3} ✓	$(1.05 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$ ✓	$(7.72 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$ ✓	...
$D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$	6.67×10^{-3} ✓	3.02×10^{-5} ✓	6.70×10^{-3} ✓	...
$D_s^{*+} \rightarrow D_s^+ e^+ e^-$	6.72×10^{-3} ✓	$(3.10 \pm 0.60) \times 10^{-3}$ $(2.62 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-2}$	$(9.82 \pm 0.60) \times 10^{-3}$ $(3.3 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-2}$	$(7.2^{+1.8}_{-1.6}) \times 10^{-3}$ [26]

The red numbers recalculated and revised

D meson decays:



- A significant difference exists between the experimental data and theoretical models in the decays $D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$.
- To resolve this situation, we need to change the value of ϵ_c → remove the assumption of $|\epsilon_u| = |\epsilon_c|$ and $|\epsilon_d| = |\epsilon_s|$.

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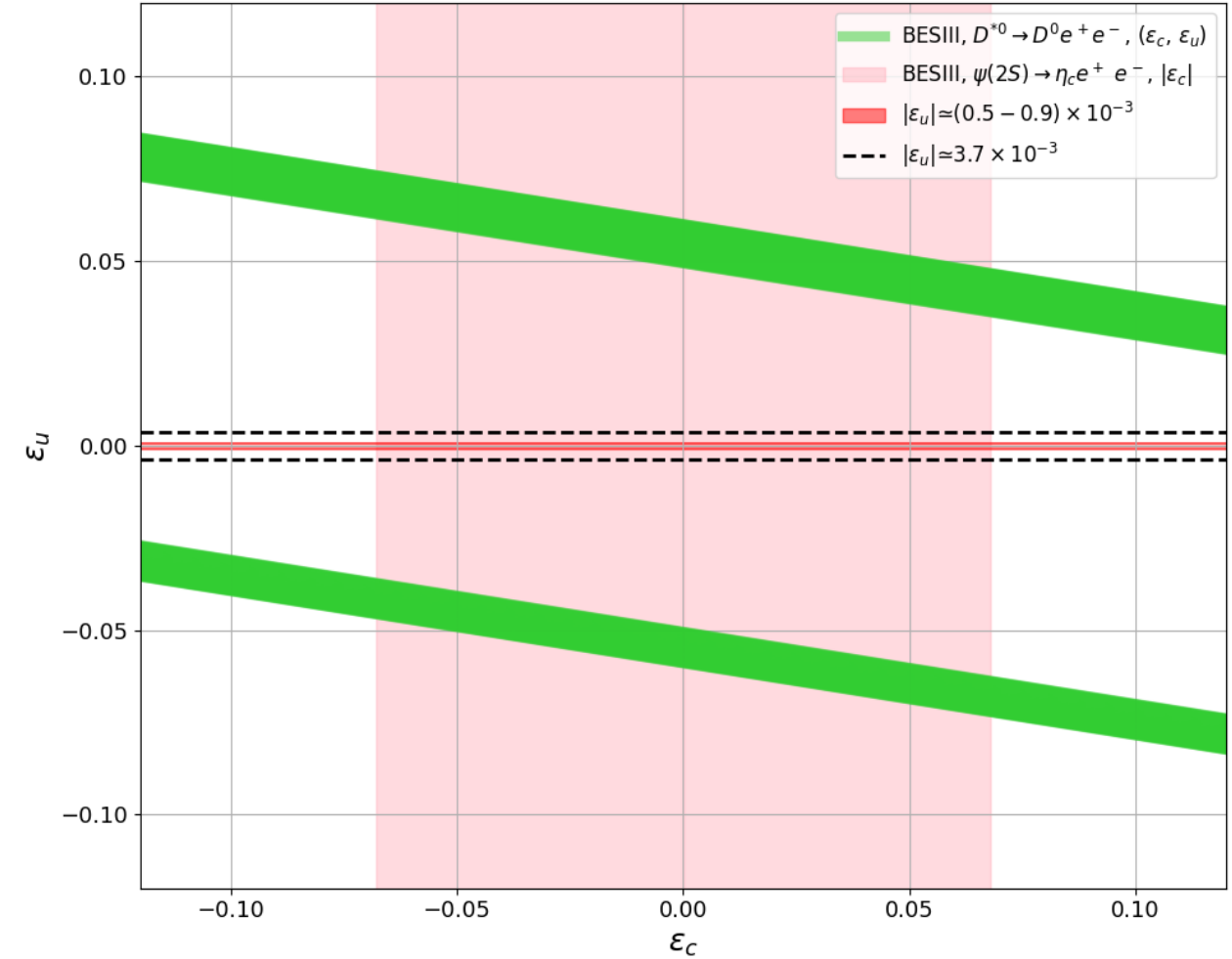
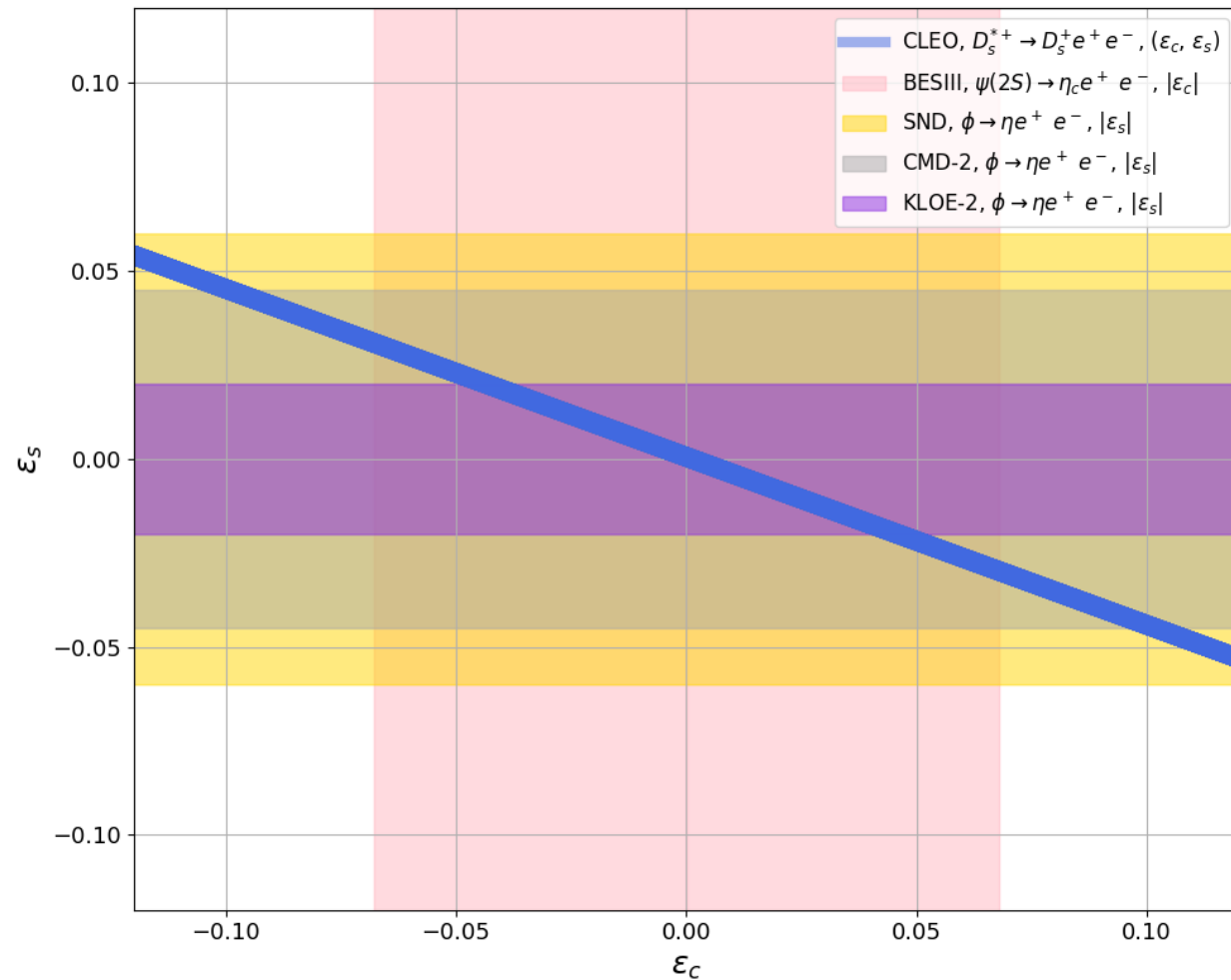


Fig. 3.3. (ϵ_C, ϵ_S) and (ϵ_C, ϵ_U) are extracted from the data of D meson, Charmonium and ϕ meson decays.

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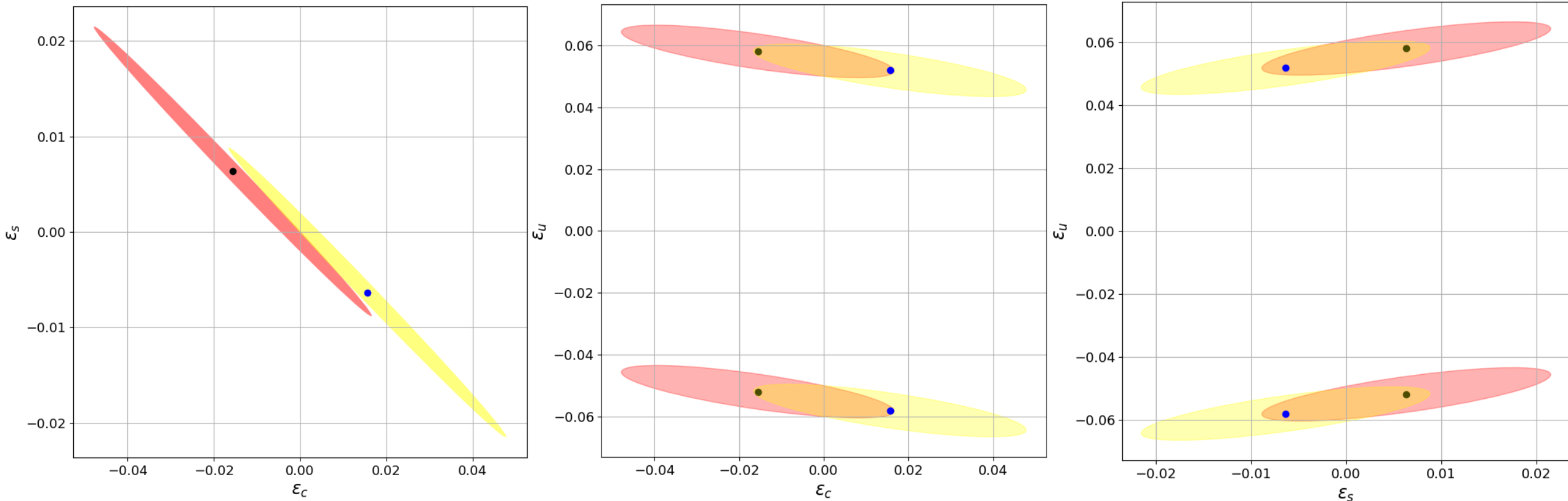


FIG. 3.4. χ^2 method for three parameters ε_c , ε_s and ε_u estimated at 1σ using four measurements from D meson, Charmonium and ϕ meson decays.

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{(R_i^{th}(\varepsilon_c, \varepsilon_s, \varepsilon_u) - R_i^{ob})^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

- $|\varepsilon_c| = 0.016$, $|\varepsilon_s| = 0.0063$, ε_c and ε_s have opposite signs.
- For each pair of values $\varepsilon_c, \varepsilon_s$, we get two values $\varepsilon_u > 0$ and $\varepsilon_u < 0$, $|\varepsilon_u| \propto 10^{-2}$.

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- ❑ The effects of the X17 boson in interactions with D meson, Charmonium, and ϕ meson decays are analyzed using the Vector Meson Dominance model for calculating the transition form factors.
- ❑ To fit the data of $D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$ by BESIII, we have to remove the assumptions of generation universality $|\varepsilon_u| = |\varepsilon_c|$ and $|\varepsilon_d| = |\varepsilon_s|$.
- ❑ Combined fittings to data from D meson, Charmonium, and ϕ meson decays opens up various possibilities regarding the magnitude and sign of ε_q and ε_Q . The best-fit values are $|\varepsilon_c| = 0.016$ and $|\varepsilon_s| = 0.0063$, while $|\varepsilon_u| = 0.052$ or 0.058 . An ε_u with an absolute value about few times of 10^{-2} is not compatible with the data of anomalous ${}^8\text{Be}$, ${}^4\text{He}$, and ${}^{12}\text{C}$ decays.