Quark level and hadronic contributions to the electric dipole moment of charged leptons in the standard model

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We evaluate the electric dipole moment of charged leptons in the standard model, where the complex phase of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix is the only source of *CP* violation. We first prove that, at the quark-gluon level, it is suppressed by a factor of $m_b^2 m_c^2 m_s^2$ at all orders of perturbation due to the Glashow-Iliopoulos-Maiani mechanism. We then calculate the hadronic long distance contribution generated by vector mesons at one-loop level. The $|\Delta S| = 1$ weak hadronic interaction is derived using the factorization, and the strong interaction is modeled by the hidden local symmetry framework. We find that the electric dipole moments of charged leptons obtained from this hadronic mechanism are much larger than the perturbative four-loop level quark-gluon process, by several orders of magnitude.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The electric dipole moment (EDM) [1-21] is a very sensitive observable for the detection of the *CP* violation in many candidate models of new physics beyond the standard model (SM) such as the supersymmetry [22–50], extended Higgs model [51–79], Majorana fermion [80–83], and other interesting models [66,84–92]. Among systems in which the EDM may be measured, the charged leptons are the most frequently studied experimentally. The electron EDM is known to be enhanced by relativistic effect of heavy atomic and molecular systems [93–125], and it is currently the object of a massive experimental competition [126–141]. The EDM of the muon is directly measureable in experiments using storage rings [142]. That of the τ lepton can be extracted by analyzing collider experimental data [143–147].

In the SM, the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix [148] has a *CP* violating complex phase, so it may

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In this paper, we first prove that the contribution at the quark-gluon level is suppressed by a factor of $m_b^2 m_c^2 m_s^2$ at all orders of perturbation due to the Glashow-Iliopoulos-Maiani (GIM) mechanism. Next, we calculate the hadronic long distance contribution to the charged lepton EDM generated by vector mesons at one-loop level. The $|\Delta S| = 1$ weak hadronic interaction is derived using the factorization, while the strong interaction is given by the hidden local symmetry framework. Part of the results have been briefly reported in [165]. A complete report of our study is given in this article.

This paper is organized as follows. In the next section, we review the quark-gluon level calculation of the CKM contribution to the EDM of charged leptons and prove that it is actually suppressed by factors of quark masses at all orders of perturbation. We then describe in Sec. III the setup of the evaluation of the hadronic contribution to the EDMs of charged leptons in the hidden local symmetry framework, with the weak interaction derived with the factorization. In Sec. IV, we show the result of

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our calculation and analyze the theoretical uncertainty. The final section gives the summary of this work.

II. QUARK LEVEL ESTIMATION OF THE EDM OF CHARGED LEPTONS AND THE GIM MECHANISM

Let us first review the previous works on the calculation of the short distance (quark-gluon level) effect to the EDM of charged leptons in the SM. Since we are supposing that the CP violation is generated by the physical complex phase of the CKM matrix, the Feynman diagrams contributing to the lepton EDM must have at least a quark loop, with sufficient flavor changes so as to fulfill the Jarlskog combination [166]. The Jarlskog invariant is given by the product of four CKM matrix elements $(J = \text{Im}[V_{us}V_{td}V_{ud}^*V_{ts}^*] = (3.18 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-5}$ [167]), so the quark loop must have four W boson-quark vertices. By noting that the W boson must also be connected to the electron, the two-loop level diagram which has only two vertices in the quark loop does not contribute to the EDM due to the cancellation of the complex phase.

The first plausible contribution appears then at the threeloop order [168] (two-loop level diagrams of the EDM of W boson as shown in Fig. 1, which is attached to the lepton line). However, extensive three-loop level analyses revealed



FIG. 1. Two-loop level diagram contributing to the EDM of W boson in the SM at the quark level. The external photon field is attached to all possible propagators. The sum of all diagrams vanishes, so the EDM of charged leptons at the three-loop level, which is generated by attaching the two external W boson lines to the lepton line, also cancels.

us that it exactly cancels due to the antisymmetry of the Jarlskog invariant under the flavor exchange (also called the GIM mechanism, a consequence of the CKM unitarity) [155–157]. The cancellation works as follows. If we can find two quark propagators of the same type (up type or down type) in the diagram with identical momenta and sandwiched by W boson vertices, the sum of the direct product of these two parts over the *d*-type quark flavors reads

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{D \neq D'} \mathrm{Im} [V_{U'D} V_{UD}^* V_{UD'} V_{UD'}^*] P_L S_D \gamma^{\mu} P_L \otimes P_L S_{D'} \gamma^{\nu} P_L \\ &= \mathrm{Im} [V_{U'd} V_{Ud}^* V_{U's} V_{Us}^*] (P_L S_d \gamma^{\mu} P_L \otimes P_L S_s \gamma^{\nu} P_L - P_L S_s \gamma^{\mu} P_L \otimes P_L S_d \gamma^{\nu} P_L) \\ &+ \mathrm{Im} [V_{U's} V_{Us}^* V_{U'b} V_{U'b}^*] (P_L S_s \gamma^{\mu} P_L \otimes P_L S_b \gamma^{\nu} P_L - P_L S_b \gamma^{\mu} P_L \otimes P_L S_s \gamma^{\nu} P_L) \\ &+ \mathrm{Im} [V_{U'b} V_{Ub}^* V_{U'd} V_{Ud}^*] (P_L S_b \gamma^{\mu} P_L \otimes P_L S_d \gamma^{\nu} P_L - P_L S_d \gamma^{\mu} P_L \otimes P_L S_b \gamma^{\nu} P_L) \\ &= \mathrm{Im} [V_{U'd} V_{Ud}^* V_{U's} V_{Us}^*] (P_L \not{k} \gamma^{\mu} P_L) \otimes (P_L \not{k} \gamma^{\nu} P_L) \\ &\times \left\{ \frac{1}{k^2 - m_s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 - m_d^2} - \frac{1}{k^2 - m_d^2} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 - m_s^2} + \frac{1}{k^2 - m_b^2} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 - m_s^2} - \frac{1}{k^2 - m_s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2 - m_b^2} \right\} \\ &= 0, \end{split}$$

$$(1)$$

where $S_D \equiv \frac{i(\not{l}+m_D)}{k^2-m_D^2}$. The projection $P_L \equiv \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma_5)$ comes from the *W* boson-quark vertices. The mass insertions of S_D cancel since odd number of chirality flips is not allowed when S_D is sandwiched by *W* boson-quark vertices. It turns out that the pair of propagators with the same (*u*- or *d*-) type quarks can always be found in the two-loop level contribution to the EDM of *W* boson, and consequently in the three-loop level diagrams of the EDM of charged leptons. The most trivial ones are the symmetric diagrams with two quark propagators of the same type, but there are also diagrams which have nonsymmetric insertions of the external photon. The latter ones can actually be recast into the symmetric form of quark propagators by using the Ward-Takahashi identity [155,156]. Similar cancellation also occurs in the case of the quark EDM/chromo EDM [149–154] or the Weinberg operator (gluon chromo EDM) [158].

The first nonvanishing contribution which avoids the above symmetric cancellation appears at the four-loop level (see Fig. 2). Although the four-loop level contribution has never completely been calculated, it is possible to estimate its size by symmetry consideration. It is indeed possible to



FIG. 2. Example of four-loop level diagram contributing to the lepton EDM in the SM at the quark level.

prove that the GIM mechanism [169,170] always brings additional suppression of quark mass factors m_q^2 , independently of the order of perturbation. Let us first consider the quark loop with several insertions of vertices of flavor unchanging (neutral) bosons, i.e., gluons, photons, or Higgs bosons (see Fig. 3). We focus on the direct product of the U and U' quark lines with vertex insertions of Fig. 3, which may be expressed by the Taylor expansion in terms of the quark masses, as follows:

$$\sum_{U \neq U'} \operatorname{Im}[V_{U'D}V_{UD}^*V_{UD'}V_{UD'}^*] \sum_{n=0} a_n^{(1)} m_U^{2n} \otimes \sum_{n'=0} a_{n'}^{(2)} m_{U'}^{2n'},$$
(2)

where $a_n^{(1)}$ and $a_{n'}^{(2)}$ are polynomials of the electric charge of up-type quarks, the strong coupling, the inverse of the Higgs vacuum expectation value (appearing from the Yukawa coupling of the Higgs boson after factoring out quark masses), and all momenta carried by the bosons attached to U and U', respectively, which depend on the diagram considered. Here we took the direct product \otimes to show that the above Taylor expansion also works for the case where Dirac matrices are involved.



FIG. 3. Boson emissions/absorptions of the quark loop with four flavor changing vertices respecting the Jarlskog combination. The gluon, photon, and the neutral Higgs boson are denoted by the wiggly, wavy, and dashed lines, respectively, and the ellipses means that they each may be of arbitrary number. The sum of the quark flavors removes the contribution without flip of chirality due to the GIM mechanism. The emitted bosons have $O(m_W) \approx O(m_t)$ momenta, and they may also form loops, or be connected to other fermion loops, which are not interfering with the flavor structure of the one considered in this figure.

We can actually prove that the terms involving $a_0^{(1)}$ and $a_0^{(2)}$ always vanish due to the GIM mechanism. The case of $a_0^{(1)} \otimes a_0^{(2)}$ is easy to show, since the sum is just proportional to the sum of Jarlskog invariants, which cancel due to the antisymmetry in the flavor exchange. The remaining possibilities are $\sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_U^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)}$ and $a_0^{(1)} \otimes \sum_{n'=1} a_{n'}^{(2)} m_{U'}^{2n'}$ which are also not difficult to treat. For the former case, we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{U \neq U'} \operatorname{Im}[V_{U'D}V_{UD}^*V_{UD'}V_{UD'}^*] \sum_{n=0} a_n^{(1)} m_U^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} \\ &= \operatorname{Im}[V_{tD}V_{uD}^*V_{uD'}V_{uD'}] \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_u^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} + \operatorname{Im}[V_{tD}V_{cD}^*V_{tD'}V_{cD'}^*] \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_c^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} \\ &+ \operatorname{Im}[V_{uD}V_{cD}^*V_{uD'}V_{cD'}^*] \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_c^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} + \operatorname{Im}[V_{uD}V_{tD}^*V_{uD'}V_{tD'}^*] \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_t^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} \\ &+ \operatorname{Im}[V_{cD}V_{cD}^*V_{cD'}V_{cD'}^*] \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_t^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} + \operatorname{Im}[V_{cD}V_{uD}^*V_{cD'}V_{uD'}^*] \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_t^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} \\ &+ \operatorname{Im}[V_{cD}V_{tD}^*V_{cD'}V_{tD'}^*] \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_t^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} + \operatorname{Im}[V_{cD}V_{uD}^*V_{cD'}V_{uD'}^*] \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_u^{2n} \otimes a_0^{(2)} \\ &= \operatorname{Im}[V_{cD}V_{uD}^*V_{cD'}V_{uD'}^*] \left[\sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_u^{2n} - \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_c^{2n} + \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_c^{2n} - \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_t^{2n} + \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_t^{2n} + \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_t^{2n} - \sum_{n=1} a_n^{(1)} m_u^{2n} \right] \otimes a_0^{(2)} \\ &= 0. \end{split}$$
(3)

We may repeat the same calculation to show the cancellation for the case of $a_0^{(1)} \otimes \sum_{n'=1} a_{n'}^{(2)} m_{U'}^{2n'}$ as well. We thus proved that the leading order *CP* violation of the quark loop is accompanied by two factors of squared mass of two different up-type quarks to all orders of perturbation in QED, QCD, and Higgs corrections. We may also exactly repeat the above procedure for the down-type quark contribution which is independent of the up-type ones. The CP violating part of the quark loop is then at least having a suppression factor of $m_t^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 m_s^2$, which of course persists even if some of the neutral or W bosons are contracted each other or with other quark loops. The appearance of this factor has actually been already discussed in the general case of the CP violation of the CKM matrix [171], and it also appeared in the result of the calculation of the Weinberg operator which is also generated by a quark loop [158].

The presence of the suppression due to quark mass factors, i.e., the cancellation of the zeroth order terms of the Taylor expansion of the quark lines with neutral boson insertions, may also more elegantly be shown using the unitarity of the CKM matrix. At the order of four *W* boson-quark vertices, the general flavor structure of the quark loop, with the sum over the flavor taken, is expressed by the following trace

$$\mathrm{Tr}[V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(1)}VR_{D}^{(1)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(2)}VR_{D}^{(2)}], \qquad (4)$$

where V is the 3×3 CKM matrix, and $Q_U^{(k)} \equiv \sum_{n_k=1} a_{n_k}^{(k)} m_U^{2n_k}$, $R_D^{(l)} \equiv \sum_{n_l=1} b_{n_l}^{(l)} m_D^{2n_l}$ (k, l = 1, 2) are the down-type and up-type quark lines with arbitrary number of neutral boson insertions, respectively. We note that $Q_U^{(k)}$ and $R_D^{(l)}$ are 3×3 matrices that only have diagonal components. By taking the zeroth order term of $Q_U^{(1)}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Tr}[V^{\dagger}a_{0}^{(1)}VR_{D}^{(1)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(2)}VR_{D}^{(2)}] \\ &= a_{0}^{(1)}\operatorname{Tr}[V^{\dagger}VR_{D}^{(1)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(2)}VR_{D}^{(2)}] \\ &= a_{0}^{(1)}\operatorname{Tr}[R_{D}^{(2)}R_{D}^{(1)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(2)}V] \\ &= a_{0}^{(1)}\sum_{i,j=1}^{3}(R_{D}^{(2)})_{i}(R_{D}^{(1)})_{i}|V_{ij}|^{2}(Q_{U}^{(2)})_{j}. \end{aligned}$$
(5)

Here we used the unitarity of the CKM matrix $V^{\dagger}V = 1$, the fact that $R_D^{(2)}$, $R_D^{(1)}$, and $Q_U^{(2)}$ are diagonal, and that $a_0^{(1)}$ is flavor blind, i.e., proportional to the unit matrix. The above trace is therefore purely real and the zeroth order terms of the Taylor expansion of the quark lines with neutral boson insertions does not contribute to the EDM. This expression is exactly equivalent with Eq. (3), and at this order $O(V^4)$ the imaginary part only survives when the flavors of all quarks are different, to avoid the appearance of the squared absolute values of the CKM matrix elements.

Next, we have to see higher order corrections with W boson-quark vertices which may be treated in a similar manner. Here again the unitarity of the CKM matrix plays a crucial role. Let us consider the case with six W boson-quark vertices. The general flavor structure of this quark loop, with the flavor summed, looks like

$$\operatorname{Tr}[V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(1)}VR_{D}^{(1)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(2)}VR_{D}^{(2)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(3)}VR_{D}^{(3)}].$$
 (6)

We now show that the correction at this order (V^6) is not larger than that of $O(V^4)$ which has the quark mass factors $m_t^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 m_s^2$. A potentially large contribution may arise from the zeroth order terms of the Taylor expansion $a_0^{(k)}$ and $b_0^{(l)}$. For example, by considering one such insertion,

$$\operatorname{Tr}[V^{\dagger}a_{0}^{(1)}VR_{D}^{(1)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(2)}VR_{D}^{(2)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(3)}VR_{D}^{(3)}] \\
= a_{0}^{(1)}\operatorname{Tr}[V^{\dagger}VR_{D}^{(1)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(2)}VR_{D}^{(2)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(3)}VR_{D}^{(3)}] \\
= a_{0}^{(1)}\operatorname{Tr}[R_{D}^{(3)}R_{D}^{(1)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(2)}VR_{D}^{(2)}V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(3)}V],$$
(7)

where we again used the unitarity of the CKM matrix. By noting that $R_D^{(3)} R_D^{(1)}$ is also a diagonal matrix with each component depending only on the mass of one quark flavor, we see that the flavor structure of this contribution is exactly the same as that of the $O(V^4)$ process with neutral boson insertions discussed previously in this section [Fig. 3, Eqs. (3) and (4)]. This means that the $O(V^6)$ quark loop having one zeroth order term of the Taylor expansion is also having the quark mass factor $m_t^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 m_s^2$. We also note that the contribution with the three up-type quarks being all top quarks, which may potentially be larger than the $O(V^4)$ terms, has no effect to the EDM, since it will be proportional to three factors of the absolute values of squared CKM matrix elements $|V_{tD}|^2$; i.e., at least a factor of m_c^2 or m_u^2 is needed. This analysis may be extended to arbitrary higher orders recursively, since the zeroth order terms $a_0^{(k)}$ or $b_0^{(l)}$, proportional to the unit matrix, contract two CKM matrix elements V and V^{\dagger} to form another unit matrix, reducing the flavor trace of $O(V^{2N})$ to $O(V^{2N-2})$. Since the $O(V^4)$ contribution is having a factor of $m_t^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 m_s^2$, this is also so at $O(V^6)$ and at all other higher orders of W boson-quark vertices (V).

We can also show with the above approach the cancellation of the quark loop at $O(V^2)$ and at the two-loop level in a more elegant manner. At $O(V^2)$, we have

$$\operatorname{Tr}[V^{\dagger}Q_{U}^{(1)}VR_{D}^{(1)}] = \sum_{i=1}^{3} H_{ii}(R_{D}^{(1)})_{i}, \qquad (8)$$

where $H \equiv V^{\dagger} Q_U^{(1)} V$ is an Hermitian matrix. Since $R_D^{(1)}$ is diagonal and real, its trace with *H* is taking only the

diagonal elements, which are also real. There is no room for the imaginary part, so *CP* is conserved at $O(V^2)$, even accounting for all order corrections of neutral bosons.

At the two-loop level (of the quark loop), we previously saw that we can always find a symmetric set of either up or down-type propagators with the same momentum argument [155-157]. We may then write the trace as

$$\operatorname{Tr}[VS_D V^{\dagger} Q_U^{(1)} VS_D V^{\dagger} Q_U^{(2)}] = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 H'_{ij} (Q_U^{(1)})_j H'_{ji} (Q_U^{(2)})_i$$
$$= \sum_{i,j=1}^3 |H'_{ij}|^2 (Q_U^{(1)})_j (Q_U^{(2)})_i,$$
(9)

where we used the Hermiticity of $H' \equiv VS_D V^{\dagger}$. Due to the absolute value, there is no *CP* violation, and there is thus no contribution to the EDM of charged leptons at the three-loop level. We also see that, if the symmetry between the two S_D is destroyed, the two H' will no longer be complex conjugates, and the imaginary part will be generated.

Let us now estimate the EDM of charged leptons according to the above discussion. The correct dimensional analysis of the four-loop level contribution according to the above proof therefore yields

$$d_l \sim \frac{eJ\alpha_s \alpha_{\text{QED}}^3 m_l m_b^2 m_c^2 m_s^2}{\sin^6 \theta_W m_t^8 (4\pi)^4},\tag{10}$$

which is transcribed to

$$d_e = O(10^{-50}) \ e \,\mathrm{cm},\tag{11}$$

$$d_{\mu} = O(10^{-48}) \ e \,\mathrm{cm},\tag{12}$$

$$d_{\tau} = O(10^{-47}) \ e \,\mathrm{cm.} \tag{13}$$

Here we did not consider the logarithmic enhancement which may enlarge the above values by one or two orders of magnitude. Nevertheless, these results are actually telling us that the short distance contribution is extremely small. From this analysis, we see that the enormous suppression of the EDM of charged leptons is not due to the fact that it appears at the four-loop level, but rather due to the cancellation by the GIM mechanism.

We stress that this suppression mechanism does apply only when all momenta involved are of $O(m_W \sim m_t)$. In the case where nonperturbative physics is relevant in the infrared region, the coefficients a_n , $b_{n'}$ of Eq. (2) may be enhanced by $O(1/\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2) = O({\rm GeV}^{-2})$ factors. In the next section, we recast the soft momentum physics into phenomenological hadron physics where the weak interacting hard part is given by low energy constants, which are also calculated with phenomenological models.



FIG. 4. Example of a one-loop level contribution to the EDM of the charged lepton l generated by pseudoscalar mesons (π , K). The grey and black blobs denote the weak interaction. This naïvely leading diagram is suppressed by the chirality flips of the pseudoscalar meson-lepton vertices (grey blobs).

III. SETUP OF THE CALCULATION

A. The long distance effect

The leading order contribution of the CKM matrix to the lepton EDM is constructed with at least two W boson exchanges. To avoid severe GIM cancellation as we saw in the previous section, we have to split the short distance flavor changing process at least into two parts at the hadron level (the long distance effect), while keeping the Jarlskog combination of the CKM matrix elements. The largest long distance contribution should involve unflavored and |S| = 1 mesons rather than the heavy flavored (c, b) ones. Another important condition is that the charged lepton EDM is generated by one-loop level diagrams involving vector mesons, because the interaction of pseudoscalar mesons with the lepton will change the chirality, suppressing the EDM by at least by a factor of m_l^2 $(l = e, \mu, \tau)$ (for an example of a one-loop level diagram with pseudoscalar mesons suppressed by chirality flips, see Fig. 4). The charged lepton EDM is then generated by diagrams involving a K^* meson. The one-loop level diagrams must not have a neutrino in the intermediate state of the long distance process, since the small neutrino mass will not provide sufficient chirality flip required in the generation of the EDM. Moreover, if the process contains two weak K^* -charged lepton vertices, the chirality selection will not allow an EDM. The K^* meson must therefore change to an unflavored meson which in turn becomes a photon which will be absorbed by the charged lepton. Under such restrictions, we may draw diagrams shown in Fig. 5. We note that diagrams with external photons attached to internal lepton propagator cancel when transposed diagrams are summed.

B. Hidden local symmetry

Let us now give the interactions to calculate the diagrams of Fig. 5. It is convenient to describe the $|\Delta S| = 0$ vector meson interactions with the hidden local symmetry (HLS) [172–182]. The HLS is a framework introduced to extend the domain of applicability of chiral perturbation to include vector meson resonances, and it is successful in



FIG. 5. Long distance contribution to the EDM of charged lepton $l (= e, \mu, \tau)$ in the SM. The diagrams (*a*) and (*a'*) [(*b*) and (*b'*)] are the contribution with the weak (strong) three vector meson interactions. There are also diagrams with the \bar{K}^* propagator, which are not displayed. The grey blob denotes the $|\Delta S| = 1$ semileptonic effective interaction, while the black one is the $|\Delta S| = 1$ (two- and three-point) vector meson interactions which combine each other to form the Jarlskog invariant.

phenomenology [182]. The effective Lagrangian for three vector mesons is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{3V} = ig \text{tr}[(\partial_{\mu}V_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}V_{\mu})V^{\mu}V^{\nu}], \qquad (14)$$

where the vector meson matrix V^{μ} is given by

$$V^{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\rho^{0}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}} & \rho^{+} & K^{*+} \\ \rho^{-} & -\frac{\rho^{0}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}} & K^{*0} \\ K^{*-} & \bar{K}^{*0} & \phi \end{pmatrix}^{\mu}, \quad (15)$$

where $g = m_{\rho}/(2f_{\pi})$ with the pion decay constant $f_{\pi} = 93$ MeV.

The effective Lagrangian for vector meson and photon is given by [180]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma V} = -\sqrt{2} \frac{em_{\rho}^2}{g_{\gamma}} A_{\mu} \text{tr}(QV^{\mu})$$
$$= -\frac{em_{\rho}^2}{g_{\gamma}} A_{\mu} \left(\rho^{0\mu} + \frac{1}{3}\omega^{\mu} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\phi^{\mu}\right), \quad (16)$$

where $g_{\gamma} = 5.7$ and

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (17)

C. *K*^{*}-lepton interaction

Let us now model the weak interaction at the hadron level. From Fig. 5, the $|\Delta S| = 1$ weak interaction appears in the K^* -lepton interaction and in the interacting vertices between K^* and other vector mesons. Since the neutrino cannot appear in Fig. 5, the interaction between K^* and the charged lepton must be at least a one-loop level process at the quark level. Then the best solution is to attribute the CKM matrix elements $V_{cs}V_{cd}^*$ or $V_{ts}V_{td}^*$ to the K^* -lepton interaction, and $V_{ud}V_{us}^*$ to the K^* -vector meson interactions. The latter attribution will maximize the $|\Delta S| = 1$ vector meson interactions, since $V_{ud}V_{us}^*$ is given from the tree level $|\Delta S| = 1$ four-quark interaction.

The parity violating effective interaction between K^* and the charged lepton is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{K^*ll} = g_{K^*ll} K^*_{\mu} \bar{l} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 l + (\text{H.c.}), \qquad (18)$$

where K_{μ}^{*} is the field operators of the K^{*} meson. In the zero momentum exchange limit, the coupling constant is given by

$$\operatorname{Im}(g_{K^*ll})\varepsilon_{\mu}^{K^*} = \operatorname{Im}(V_{ls}^*V_{ld})\langle 0|\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}d|K^*\rangle I_{dsll}, \quad (19)$$

where we fixed the complex phases of $V_{ud}V_{us}^*$ to be real. The K^* meson matrix element is given by

$$\langle 0|\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}d|K^{*}\rangle = m_{K^{*}}f_{K^{*}}\varepsilon_{\mu}^{K^{*}},\qquad(20)$$

where $\varepsilon_{\mu}^{K^*}$, $m_{K^*} = 890 \text{ MeV}$ and $f_{K^*} = 204 \text{ MeV}$ [183–186] are the polarization vector, the mass, and the decay constant of K^* , respectively. The quark level amplitude I_{dsll} can be obtained by calculating the one-loop level diagrams of Fig. 6. By neglecting all external momenta [which are $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$] and imposing $m_t, m_W \gg m_c$, the amplitude of the diagrams of Fig. 6 is given by

$$\operatorname{Im}(\mathcal{M}_{(\mathrm{a})}^{K^{*}ll}) \approx \frac{-\alpha_{\mathrm{QED}}^{2}\operatorname{Im}(V_{ls}V_{ld}^{*})}{16\operatorname{sin}^{4}\theta_{W}} \frac{m_{t}^{2}}{m_{t}^{2} - m_{W}^{2}} \\ \times \left\{ \frac{1}{m_{W}^{2}} + \frac{1}{m_{t}^{2} - m_{W}^{2}} \ln\left(\frac{m_{W}^{2}}{m_{t}^{2}}\right) \right\} \\ \times \bar{u}_{l}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}u_{l} \cdot \bar{u}_{d}\gamma_{\mu}(1 - \gamma_{5})u_{s}, \qquad (21)$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(\mathcal{M}_{(\mathrm{b})}^{K^{*}ll}) \approx \frac{-\alpha_{\operatorname{QED}}^{2}\operatorname{Im}(V_{ts}V_{td}^{*})}{16\operatorname{sin}^{4}\theta_{W}\operatorname{cos}^{2}\theta_{W}m_{Z}^{2}}\bar{u}_{l}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}u_{l}\bar{u}_{d}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})u_{s}$$
$$\times \frac{m_{t}^{2}}{m_{t}^{2}-m_{W}^{2}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{2}{3}\operatorname{sin}^{2}\theta_{W}\right)\ln\left(\frac{m_{W}^{2}}{m_{t}^{2}}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2}+\frac{2}{3}\operatorname{sin}^{2}\theta_{W}\right)\left[1+\frac{m_{W}^{2}}{m_{t}^{2}-m_{W}^{2}}\ln\left(\frac{m_{W}^{2}}{m_{t}^{2}}\right)\right] \right\},$$
(22)



FIG. 6. Short distance contribution to the $\Delta S = -1$ semileptonic (K*-charged lepton) interaction. Here we have $l = e, \mu, \tau$.

$$\operatorname{Im}(\mathcal{M}_{(c)}^{K^*ll}) \approx \frac{3\alpha_{\text{QED}}^2 \operatorname{Im}(V_{ls}V_{td}^*)}{16\sin^4\theta_W m_Z^2} \frac{m_t^2}{(m_W^2 - m_t^2)^2} \\ \times \left\{ m_W^2 - m_t^2 \left[1 + \ln\left(\frac{m_W^2}{m_t^2}\right) \right] \right\} \\ \times \bar{u}_l \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u_l \cdot \bar{u}_d \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_s, \qquad (23)$$

where $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.23122$ [167]. The diagram (c) is the largest, but all of them are of the same order. The numerical value of the total I_{dsll} is

$$I_{dsll} = 3.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-2}, \tag{24}$$

which is quite consistent in absolute value with that of the naïve dimensional analysis $I_{dsll} \sim \frac{a_{\text{OED}}^2}{4 \sin^4 \theta_W m_W^2} \sim$ $4.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$. We note that Eqs. (21), (22), and (23) all contain a factor of $\frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2 - m_t^2}$ which is due to the GIM cancellation. This shows that if we invert the up-type and down-type quarks, the resulting meson-charged lepton couplings will be suppressed by a factor of m_D^2/m_W^2 (D = d, s, b).

D. $|\Delta S| = 1$ vector meson transition and three-vector meson interaction

We now model the $|\Delta S| = 1$ vector meson transition and three-vector meson interaction using the factorization. For that, we have to determine the Wilson coefficients of the quark level $|\Delta S| = 1$ processes. We chose the $|\Delta S| = 1$ case because it is the only allowed flavor change at low energy scale. At the scale just below the *W* boson mass $(m_W = 80.4 \text{ GeV})$, we have the following $|\Delta S| = 1$ effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff}(\mu = m_W) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1,2} C_i(\mu = m_W) [V_{us}^* V_{ud} Q_i + V_{cs}^* V_{cd} Q_i^c] - \sum_{j=3}^6 C_j(\mu = m_W) V_{ts}^* V_{td} Q_j \right\} + \text{H.c.}, \quad (25)$$

with the Fermi constant $G_F = 1.16637 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ [167]. Here Q_1^q , Q_2^c , Q_2^q , Q_2^c , and Q_j $(j = 3 \sim 6)$ are defined as [187,188]

$$Q_1 \equiv \bar{s}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) u_{\beta} \bar{u}_{\beta} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) d_{\alpha}, \qquad (26)$$

$$Q_1^c \equiv \bar{s}_a \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) c_\beta \bar{c}_\beta \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) d_a, \qquad (27)$$

$$Q_2 \equiv \bar{s}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) u_{\alpha} \bar{u}_{\beta} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) d_{\beta}, \qquad (28)$$

$$Q_2^c \equiv \bar{s}_a \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) c_a \bar{c}_\beta \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) d_\beta, \qquad (29)$$

$$Q_3 \equiv \bar{s}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) d_{\alpha} \sum_{q}^{N_f} \bar{q}_{\beta} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) q_{\beta}, \qquad (30)$$

$$Q_4 \equiv \bar{s}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) d_{\beta} \sum_{q}^{N_f} \bar{q}_{\beta} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) q_{\alpha}, \qquad (31)$$

$$Q_5 \equiv \bar{s}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) d_{\alpha} \sum_{q}^{N_f} \bar{q}_{\beta} \gamma_{\mu} (1 + \gamma_5) q_{\beta}, \qquad (32)$$

$$Q_6 \equiv \bar{s}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) d_{\beta} \sum_{q}^{N_f} \bar{q}_{\beta} \gamma_{\mu} (1 + \gamma_5) q_{\alpha}, \qquad (33)$$

where α and β are the fundamental color indices, and the summation over N_f goes up to the allowed flavors at the given scale. The Hamiltonian of Eq. (25) keeps the same form down to $\mu = m_c$, but the Wilson coefficients run in the change of the scale.

The running is calculated in the next-to-leading order logarithmic approximation [162,187,188]. Below $\mu = m_c$, the charm quark is integrated out. The resulting $|\Delta S| = 1$ effective Hamiltonian becomes

$$\mathcal{H}_{\rm eff}(\mu) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* V_{ud} \sum_{i=1}^6 z_i(\mu) Q_i(\mu) + \text{H.c.}. \quad (34)$$

Here we quote the values of Refs. [162,163]:

$$\mathbf{z}(\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}) = \begin{pmatrix} -0.107 \\ 1.02 \\ 1.76 \times 10^{-5} \\ -1.39 \times 10^{-2} \\ 6.37 \times 10^{-3} \\ -3.45 \times 10^{-3} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (35)

We see that the Wilson coefficient of Q_2 is the largest. This is because Q_2 is the sole tree level operator at $\mu = m_W$, and the others were radiatively generated. Here we point that the coefficient of Q_1 is also important since the contribution of Q_2 obtains a factor of $1/N_c$ after the Fierz rearrangement of the color (see below). The operators Q_i ($i = 3, \dots 6$) cannot be neglected either, because they generate the ϕ meson which is impossible with Q_1 and Q_2 . We also note that Q_5 and Q_6 , after Fierz transformation, couple to the chiral condensate which may enhance the overall effect (see below).

For the calculation of the crossing symmetric contribution, it is convenient to Fierz transform the $|\Delta S| = 1$ fourquark operators Q_i ($i = 1, \dots 6$). The Fierz transform of Eqs. (26), (28), (30), (31), (32), and (33) are

$$Q_{1} = \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) u \bar{u} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) d$$

+ $2 \sum_{a} \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) t_{a} u \bar{u} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) t_{a} d$
= $\bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) d \bar{u} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) u$, (36)

$$Q_{2} = \frac{1}{3}\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})d\bar{u}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})u + 2\sum_{a=1}^{8}\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})t_{a}d\bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})t_{a}q, \qquad (37)$$

$$Q_{3} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{q=u,d,s} \bar{s} \, \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) q \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) d + 2 \sum_{q=u,d,s} \sum_{a=1}^{8} \bar{s} \, \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) t_{a} q \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) t_{a} d, \quad (38)$$

$$Q_{4} = \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) d \sum_{q=u,d,s} \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) q + 2 \sum_{a} \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) t_{a} d \sum_{q=u,d,s} \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) t_{a} q = \sum_{q=u,d,s} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) q \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) d,$$
(39)

$$Q_{5} = -\frac{2}{3} \sum_{q=u,d,s} \bar{s}(1+\gamma_{5})q\bar{q}(1-\gamma_{5})d$$

- $4 \sum_{q=u,d,s} \sum_{a} \bar{s}(1+\gamma_{5})t_{a}q\bar{q}(1-\gamma_{5})t_{a}d,$ (40)

$$Q_{6} = \frac{1}{3}\bar{s}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})d\sum_{q=u,d,s}\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}(1+\gamma_{5})q + 2\sum_{a}\bar{s}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})t_{a}d\sum_{q=u,d,s}\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}(1+\gamma_{5})t_{a}q = -2\sum_{q=u,d,s}\bar{s}(1+\gamma_{5})q\bar{q}(1-\gamma_{5})d,$$
(41)

where t_a is the generator of the color $SU(3)_c$ group. The summation over the fundamental color indices runs inside each Dirac bilinear, so the indices (α and β) have been omitted. As for Eqs. (36), (39), and (41), we also displayed in the first equalities the Fierz rearrangement of the fundamental color indices to form color singlet Dirac bilinears. We note that an additional minus sign contributes due to the anticommutation of fermion operators. This sign change is important since there may be interference with crossing symmetric graphs.

We use the standard factorization to derive the $|\Delta S| = 1$ vector meson interaction from the $|\Delta S| = 1$ four-quark interaction of Eq. (34). We first construct the $|\Delta S| = 1$ meson transition in the factorization with vacuum saturation approximation [189,190]. It works as

$$\langle \rho | \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} d\bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q | K^* \rangle \approx \langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} d | K^* \rangle \langle \rho | \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q | 0 \rangle, \quad (42)$$

$$\langle \rho | \bar{s} d\bar{d} d | K^* \rangle \approx \langle \rho | \bar{s} d | K^* \rangle \langle 0 | \bar{d} d | 0 \rangle, \tag{43}$$

where q = u, d. We note that the vacuum saturation approximation gives the leading contribution in the large N_c expansion in the mesonic sector. The $|\Delta S| = 1$ fourquark interaction has two distinct contributions, as shown in Figs. 7(a) and 7(b). The first contribution (a) is the factorization into two meson tadpoles [see Eq. (42)]. It requires the decay constants of vector mesons, as

$$\langle 0|\bar{u}\gamma_{\mu}u|\rho\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varepsilon_{\mu}m_{\rho}f_{\rho},\qquad(44)$$

$$0|\bar{d}\gamma_{\mu}d|\rho\rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varepsilon_{\mu}m_{\rho}f_{\rho},\qquad(45)$$

$$\langle 0|\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}q|\omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varepsilon_{\mu}m_{\omega}f_{\omega} \ (q=u,d), \qquad (46)$$

$$\langle 0|\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}s|\phi\rangle = \varepsilon_{\mu}m_{\phi}f_{\phi}, \qquad (47)$$

where ε_{μ} is the polarization of the vector meson, and $m_{\rho} = 770$ MeV, $f_{\rho} = 216$ MeV, $m_{\omega} = 783$ MeV, $f_{\omega} = 197$ MeV, $m_{\phi} = 1020$ MeV, and $f_{\phi} = 233$ MeV [183–186,191,192]. The second contribution [Fig. 7(b)] is the factorization into scalar matrix elements [see Eq. (43)]. It appears from the Fierz transformation of Q_5 and Q_6 . The chiral condensates relevant in this regard

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FIG. 7. Factorization of the $|\Delta S| = 1$ vector meson vertices ($|\Delta S| = 1$ meson transition), with (a) the two-quark process, (b) the onequark process, and (c) three-meson interaction. The double crosses with " $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ " denote the chiral condensate $\langle 0|\bar{q}q|0 \rangle$ (q = d, s). The black blob denotes the $|\Delta S| = 1$ four-quark interaction. There are similar diagrams with the ρ meson replaced by ω and ϕ mesons.

are $\langle 0|\bar{s}s|0\rangle \approx \langle 0|\bar{d}d|0\rangle \approx -\frac{m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2}{m_u+m_d} \approx -(269 \text{ MeV})^3$ [193]. They are obtained at the appropriate renormalization scale $\mu = 1$ GeV with $m_u \approx 2.7$ MeV and $m_d \approx 5.9$ MeV [167], calculated in the two-loop level renormalization group evolution [194,195]. The scalar matrix element of the vector meson is derived by using the result of the calculation of the chiral extrapolation of the vector meson mass in lattice QCD [196–200]. As derived in the Appendix A, we obtain

$$B_{\rho K^*} \equiv \langle \rho^0 | \bar{s} d | K^{*0} \rangle = -1.14 \text{ GeV}, \qquad (48)$$

$$B_{\omega K^*} \equiv \langle \omega | \bar{s}d | K^{*0} \rangle = 1.88 \text{ GeV}, \tag{49}$$

$$B_{\phi K^*} \equiv \langle \phi | \bar{d}s | K^{*0} \rangle = 2.14 \text{ GeV.}$$
(50)

By using the above parameters, the lagrangian of the weak vector meson transition is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{VK^*} = V_{ud} V^*_{us} \sum_{V=\rho,\omega,\phi} g_{VK^*} V^{\nu} K^*_{\nu} + \text{H.c.}, \qquad (51)$$

where ρ^{ν} , ω^{ν} and ϕ^{ν} are the field operators of the ρ^{0} , ω , and ϕ mesons, respectively. The coupling constants are given by

$$g_{\rho K^*} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) m_{K^*} f_{K^*} m_{\rho} \frac{f_{\rho}}{\sqrt{2}} - \left(\frac{2}{3} z_5 + 2z_6 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \langle 0|\bar{s}s + \bar{d}d|0\rangle \right]$$

$$= 4.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^2,$$

$$G_F \left[\left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right) B_{\rho K^*} \left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - \frac{1}{3} z_3$$

$$g_{\omega K^*} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left(z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 + \frac{7}{3} z_3 + \frac{5}{3} z_4 + 2z_5 + \frac{2}{3} z_6 \right) m_{K^*} f_{K^*} m_\omega \frac{f_\omega}{\sqrt{2}} - \left(\frac{2}{3} z_5 + 2z_6 \right) B_{\omega K^*} \langle 0|\bar{s}s + \bar{d}d|0 \rangle \right]$$

= 3.4 × 10⁻⁸ GeV², (53)

$$g_{\phi K^*} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left(\frac{4}{3} z_3 + \frac{4}{3} z_4 + z_5 + \frac{1}{3} z_6 \right) m_{K^*} f_{K^*} m_{\phi} f_{\phi} - \left(\frac{2}{3} z_5 + 2 z_6 \right) B_{\phi K^*} \langle 0|\bar{s}s + \bar{d}d|0 \rangle \right]$$

= -6.6 × 10⁻⁹ GeV². (54)

Let us also construct the weak three-meson interactions. Again by using the vacuum saturation approximation, we have where $A \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}^{\mu} B \equiv A(\partial^{\mu} B) - (\partial^{\mu} A)B$. The coupling constants are given by

$$\langle \rho | \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} d | K^* \rho \rangle \approx \langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q | \rho \rangle \langle \rho | \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} d | K^* \rangle, \quad (55) \qquad g$$

with q = u, d. The weak three-vector meson interaction is then

$$\mathcal{L}_{V'K^*}^V = V_{ud} V_{us}^* \sum_{V,V'=\rho,\omega,\phi} g_{V'K^*}^V V_{\mu} V'^{\nu} i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^{\mu} K_{\nu}^* + \text{H.c.}, \quad (56)$$

 $g_{V'K^*}^{\rho} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 - \frac{1}{3} z_3 - z_4 \right] m_{\rho} \frac{f_{\rho}}{\sqrt{2}} c_{V'K^*}$ $= (2.4 \times 10^{-7}) \times c_{V'K^*}, \tag{57}$

$$g_{V'K^*}^{\omega} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[z_1 + \frac{1}{3} z_2 + \frac{7}{3} z_3 + \frac{5}{3} z_4 + 2 z_5 + \frac{2}{3} z_6 \right] m_{\omega} \frac{f_{\omega}}{\sqrt{2}} c_{V'K^*}$$

= $(2.0 \times 10^{-7}) \times c_{V'K^*},$ (58)

$$g_{V'K^*}^{\phi} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{4}{3} z_3 + \frac{4}{3} z_4 + z_5 + \frac{1}{3} z_6 \right] m_{\phi} f_{\phi} c_{V'K^*}$$
$$= (-2.6 \times 10^{-8}) \times c_{V'K^*}, \tag{59}$$

where $V' = \rho, \omega, \phi$. The coefficients $c_{V'K^*}$ are obtained as the relative strength of the meson transition $\text{Tr}[V^{\mu}T^{\dagger}V_{\mu} + V^{\mu\dagger}TV_{\mu}^{\dagger}]$, where *T* is the *SU*(3) ladder operator given by the Gell-Mann matrices λ_a (*a* = 1,...,8) as $T = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(\lambda_6 + i\lambda_7)$. As a result, we obtain $c_{\rho K^*} = 1/\sqrt{2}$, $c_{\omega K^*} = -1/\sqrt{2}$, and $c_{\phi K^*} = -1$. For the amplitudes of the weak three-vector meson interaction, we used the approximate relation $\langle \rho(p') | \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} d | K^*(p) \rangle \approx -(p^{\mu} + p'^{\mu}) \varepsilon^{(\rho)\nu} \varepsilon^{(K^*)*}_{\nu}.$

E. One-loop level calculation of the EDM of charged leptons

In this subsection, we perform the one-loop level calculation of the lepton EDM, which is given by the amplitudes shown in Fig. 5. The diagrams in Figs. 5(a) and 5(a') are the contribution with the weak interaction of three vector mesons, while the diagrams in Figs. 5(b) and 5(b') are that with the strong interaction.

The scattering amplitudes with the weak three-meson interaction in Figs. 5(a) and 5(a') are given by

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{K^{*}} = -ieJm_{K^{*}}f_{K^{*}}I_{dsll}\left(\frac{em_{\rho}^{2}}{g_{\gamma}}\right)^{2}\sum_{V,V'=\rho,\omega,\phi}\frac{c_{V}c_{V'}}{q^{2}-m_{V}^{2}}$$

$$\times \int \frac{d^{4}k}{(2\pi)^{4}}\frac{\bar{u}_{l}(p-q)\gamma_{\mu}[(\not p'-\not k)+m_{l}][g_{V'K^{*}}^{V}(2k-q)\cdot\varepsilon\gamma^{\mu}+g_{VK^{*}}^{V'}(k+q)^{\mu}\not \epsilon]\gamma_{5}u_{l}(p)}{(k-q)^{2}[(p-k)^{2}-m_{l}^{2}][(k-q)^{2}-m_{V'}^{2}][k^{2}-m_{K^{*}}^{2}]}, \qquad (60)$$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{K^{*}} = +ieJm_{K^{*}}f_{K^{*}}I_{dsll}\left(\frac{em_{\rho}^{2}}{g_{\gamma}}\right)^{2}\sum_{V,V'=\rho,\omega,\phi}\frac{c_{V}c_{V'}}{q^{2}-m_{V}^{2}}$$

$$\times \int \frac{d^{4}k}{(2\pi)^{4}}\frac{\bar{u}_{l}(p-q)\gamma_{\mu}[(\not p'-\not k)-m_{l}][g_{V'K^{*}}^{V}(2k-q)\cdot\varepsilon\gamma^{\mu}+g_{VK^{*}}^{V'}(k-2q)^{\mu}\not \epsilon]\gamma_{5}u_{l}(p)}{k^{2}[(p-k)^{2}-m_{l}^{2}][k^{2}-m_{V'}^{2}][(k-q)^{2}-m_{K^{*}}^{2}]}. \qquad (61)$$

The masses of leptons $(l = e, \mu, \tau)$ are given by $m_e = 0.510998950$ MeV, $m_\mu = 0.105658$ GeV, and $m_\tau = 1.77686$ GeV [167]. The coefficients $c_V, c_{V'}$ are $c_\rho = 1$, $c_\omega = 1/3$, $c_\phi = -\sqrt{2}/3$. In the soft photon limit $(q^2 \sim 0, p \cdot q \sim 0)$, the denominators of the integrands in Eqs. (60)–(61) are rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{(k-q)^2[(p-k)^2 - m_l^2][(k-q)^2 - m_{V'}^2][k^2 - m_{K^*}^2]} = \Gamma(4) \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \frac{1}{\left[\ell_a^2 - \Delta_a\right]^4},$$
(62)

$$\frac{1}{k^2[(p-k)^2 - m_l^2][k^2 - m_{V'}^2][(k-q)^2 - m_{K^*}^2]} = \Gamma(4) \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \frac{1}{[\ell_{a'}^2 - \Delta_a]^4},$$
(63)

where

$$\mathcal{\ell}_{a}^{\mu} = k^{\mu} - z_{3} p^{\mu} - (z_{1} - z_{3}) q^{\mu}, \tag{64}$$

$$\ell^{\mu}_{a'} = k^{\mu} - z_3 p^{\mu} - (1 - z_1) q^{\mu}, \tag{65}$$

$$\Delta_a = m_{K^*}^2 + (m_{V'}^2 - m_{K^*}^2)z_1 - m_{V'}^2 z_2 + m_l^2 z_3^2.$$
(66)

The numerators of the integrands in Eqs. (60)–(61) are reduced to

$$\bar{u}_{l}(p-q)\gamma_{\mu}[(\not p-\not k)+m_{l}][g_{V'K^{*}}^{V}(2k-q)\cdot\varepsilon\gamma^{\mu}+g_{VK^{*}}^{V'}(k+q)_{\mu}\not \epsilon]\gamma_{5}u_{l}(p)
=\bar{u}_{l}(p-q)[4g_{V'K^{*}}^{V}m_{l}z_{3}(3-2z_{1}+z_{3})p\cdot\varepsilon+g_{VK^{*}}^{V'}m_{l}z_{3}(2p\cdot\varepsilon+q\not \epsilon)]\gamma_{5}u_{l}(p)+\cdots,$$
(67)

$$\bar{u}_{l}(p-q)\gamma_{\mu}[(\not p-\not k)-m_{l}][g_{V'K^{*}}^{V}(2k-q)\cdot\varepsilon\gamma^{\mu}+g_{VK^{*}}^{V'}(k-2q)^{\mu}\not \epsilon]\gamma_{5}u_{l}(p)$$

$$=-\bar{u}_{l}(p-q)[4g_{V'K^{*}}^{V}m_{l}z_{3}(3-2z_{1}+z_{3})p\cdot\varepsilon+g_{VK^{*}}^{V'}m_{l}(3z_{3}-2z_{1}-2)\not q\not \epsilon]\gamma_{5}u_{l}(p)+\cdots,$$
(68)

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where the terms which do not contribute to the EDM are suppressed. By performing the integrals with respect to ℓ_a and $\ell_{a'}$ for Eqs. (60)–(61), the amplitudes for Eqs. (60)–(61) are reduced to

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{K^*} = -\frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} em_l Jm_{K^*} f_{K^*} I_{dsll} \left(\frac{em_{\rho}^2}{g_{\gamma}}\right)^2 \sum_{V,V'=\rho,\omega,\phi} \frac{c_V c_{V'}}{m_V^2} \bar{u}_l(p-q) \\ \times \left[\int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \frac{2g_{V'K^*}^V z_3(3-2z_1+z_3)+2g_{VK^*}^{V'} z_3}{\Delta_a^2}\right] \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} \varepsilon_{\mu} \gamma_5 u_l(p),$$
(69)

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{K^*} = -\frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} em_l Jm_{K^*} f_{K^*} I_{dsll} \left(\frac{em_{\rho}^2}{g_{\gamma}}\right)^2 \sum_{V,V'=\rho,\omega,\phi} \frac{c_V c_{V'}}{m_V^2} \bar{u}_l(p-q) \\ \times \left[\int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \frac{2g_{V'K^*}^V z_3(3-2z_1+z_3) + g_{VK^*}^{V'}(3z_3-2z_1-2)}{\Delta_a^2}\right] \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} \varepsilon_{\mu} \gamma_5 u_l(p),$$
(70)

respectively, where we use the Gordon identity

$$\bar{u}_l(p-q)[(2p-q)^{\mu} - i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}]\gamma_5 u_l(p) = 0.$$
 (71)

The integrals in Eqs. (69) and (70),

$$I_1^{(a)} = \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \frac{z_3(3 - 2z_1 + z_3)}{\Delta_a^2}, \quad (72)$$

$$I_2^{(a)} = \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \frac{z_3}{\Delta_a^2},$$
(73)

$$I_2^{(a')} = \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \frac{3z_3 - 2z_1 - 2}{\Delta_a^2},$$
 (74)

are performed numerically, with the results summarized in Table I. For $I_2^{(a)}$, the analytic form is obtained as shown in Appendix B.

The amplitudes $i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{K^*}$ and $i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{K^*}$ are for the contributions with the K^* propagator. In addition, the amplitudes

with the \bar{K}^* propagator, denoted by $i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{\bar{K}^*}$ and $i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{\bar{K}^*}$, also contribute to the EDM. If we restrict to the *CP* violation, we have $i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{\bar{K}^*} = i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{K^*}$ and $i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{\bar{K}^*} = i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{K^*}$. Thus the total scattering amplitude with the weak three-vector meson interactions is given by

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{\mathrm{SM}} = i\mathcal{M}_{(a)} + i\mathcal{M}_{(a')},\tag{75}$$

where

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(a)} = i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{K^*} + i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{\bar{K}^*} = 2i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}^{K^*},$$
 (76)

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(a')} = i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{K^*} + i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{\bar{K}^*} = 2i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}^{K^*}.$$
 (77)

In a similar manner, the charged lepton EDM contributions with the strong three-vector meson interactions shown in Figs. 5(b) and 5(b') are also calculated. The scattering amplitudes of the diagrams (b) and (b') are obtained as

$$\begin{split} i\mathcal{M}_{(b)}^{K^*} &= i\mathcal{M}_{(b)}^{\bar{K}^*} \\ &= -ieJm_{K^*}f_{K^*}I_{dsll} \left(\frac{em_{\rho}^2}{g_{\gamma}}\right)^2 \sum_{V,V'=\rho^0,\omega,\phi} \frac{c_V c_{V'}}{q^2 - m_V^2} g_V g_{V'K^*} \\ &\times \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\bar{u}_l(p-q)\gamma_{\mu}[(\not p-\not k) + m_l][(2k-q)\cdot\varepsilon\gamma^{\mu} + \varepsilon^{\mu}(2\not q-\not k) - (k+q)^{\mu}\not \epsilon]\gamma_5 u_l(p)}{(k-q)^2[(p-k)^2 - m_l^2][(k-q)^2 - m_{V'}^2][(k-q)^2 - m_{K^*}^2][k^2 - m_{K^*}^2]}, \end{split}$$
(78)

TABLE I. Numerical values of the integrals in Eqs. (72)–(74) for the leptons $l = e, \mu, \tau$ and the vector mesons $V' = \rho^0, \omega, \phi$, given in units of GeV⁻⁴.

$I_1^{(a)}$	$ ho^0$	ω	ϕ	$I_2^{(a)}$	$ ho^0$	ω	ϕ	$I_2^{(a')}$	$ ho^0$	ω	ϕ
е	23.3	22.6	13.6	е	14.1	13.6	8.20	е	-82.1	-79.6	-47.6
μ	4.82	4.70	3.03	μ	2.97	2.89	1.85	μ	-25.9	-25.2	-15.5
τ	0.209	0.206	0.153	τ	0.137	0.134	0.0972	τ	-4.68	-4.56	-2.96

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(b')}^{K^*} = i\mathcal{M}_{(b')}^{K^*}$$

$$= ieJm_{K^*}f_{K^*}I_{dsll}\left(\frac{em_{\rho}^2}{g_{\gamma}}\right)^2 \sum_{V,V'=\rho^0,\omega,\phi} \frac{c_V c_{V'}}{q^2 - m_V^2} g_V g_{V'K^*}$$

$$\times \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\bar{u}_l(p-q)\gamma_{\mu}[(\not p - \not k) - m_l][(2k-q) \cdot \varepsilon\gamma^{\mu} + \varepsilon^{\mu}(2\not q - \not k) - (k+q)^{\mu}\not \epsilon]\gamma_5 u_l(p)}{k^2[(p-k)^2 - m_l^2][k^2 - m_{V'}^2][(k-q)^2 - m_{K^*}^2][k^2 - m_{K^*}^2]}.$$
(79)

The coupling constant $g_V (V = \rho^0, \omega, \phi)$ is defined as $\sqrt{2}g_\rho = -\sqrt{2}g_\omega = g_\phi = g$. In the soft photon limit, the denominators of the integrands in Eqs. (78)–(79) are rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{(k-q)^2[(p-k)^2 - m_l^2][(k-q)^2 - m_{V'}^2][(k-q)^2 - m_{K^*}^2][k^2 - m_{K^*}^2]} = \Gamma(5) \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \int_0^{z_3} dz_4 \frac{1}{[\ell_b^2 - \Delta_b]^5},$$
(80)

$$\frac{1}{k^{2}[(p-k)^{2}-m_{l}^{2}][k^{2}-m_{V'}^{2}][(k-q)^{2}-m_{K^{*}}^{2}][k^{2}-m_{K^{*}}^{2}]} = \Gamma(5)\int_{0}^{1}dz_{1}\int_{0}^{z_{1}}dz_{2}\int_{0}^{z_{2}}dz_{3}\int_{0}^{z_{3}}dz_{4}\frac{1}{\left[\ell_{b'}^{2}-\Delta_{b}\right]^{5}},$$
(81)

where

$$\ell^{\mu}_{\ b} = k^{\mu} - z_4 p^{\mu} - (z_1 - z_4) q^{\mu}, \tag{82}$$

$$\ell^{\mu}_{\ b'} = k^{\mu} - z_4 p^{\mu} - (z_1 - z_2) q^{\mu},\tag{83}$$

$$\Delta_b = m_{K^*}^2 + (m_{V'}^2 - m_{K^*}^2)z_2 - m_{V'}^2 z_3 + m_l^2 z_4^2.$$
(84)

Performing the integrals with respect to ℓ_b and $\ell_{b'}$, Eqs. (78)–(79) are reduced to

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(b)}^{K^*} = -\frac{4i}{(4\pi)^2} eJm_l m_{K^*} f_{K^*} I_{dsll} \left(\frac{em_{\rho}^2}{g_{\gamma}}\right)^2 \sum_{V,V'=\rho^0,\omega,\phi} \frac{c_V c_{V'}}{m_V^2} g_V g_{V'K^*} \bar{u}_l(p-q) \\ \times \left[\int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \int_0^{z_3} dz_4 \frac{(1-z_1)(1-2z_4)+1-z_4^2}{\Delta_b^3} \right] \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu \varepsilon_\mu \gamma_5 u_l(p),$$
(85)

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(b')}^{K^*} = -\frac{4i}{(4\pi)^2} eJm_l m_{K^*} f_{K^*} I_{dsll} \left(\frac{em_{\rho}^2}{g_{\gamma}}\right)^2 \sum_{V,V'=\rho^0,\omega,\phi} \frac{c_V c_{V'}}{m_V^2} g_V g_{V'K^*} \bar{u}_l(p-q) \\ \times \left[\int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \int_0^{z_3} dz_4 \frac{(z_1-z_2)(1-2z_4)+1-z_4^2}{\Delta_b^3}\right] \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} \varepsilon_{\mu} \gamma_5 u_l(p).$$
(86)

The numerical results of the integrals

$$I^{(b)} = \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \int_0^{z_3} dz_4 \frac{(1-z_1)(1-2z_4)+1-z_4^2}{\Delta_b^3},$$
(87)

$$I^{(b')} = \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \int_0^{z_2} dz_3 \int_0^{z_3} dz_4 \frac{(z_1 - z_2)(1 - 2z_4) + 1 - z_4^2}{\Delta_b^3},$$
(88)

are summarized in Table II.

Finally, the total scattering amplitude with the strong three-vector meson interactions is obtained as

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(b)}^{\mathrm{SM}} = i\mathcal{M}_{(b)} + i\mathcal{M}_{(b')},\tag{89}$$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(b)} = i\mathcal{M}_{(b)}^{K^*} + i\mathcal{M}_{(b)}^{\bar{K}^*} = 2i\mathcal{M}_{(b)}^{K^*},\tag{90}$$

$$i\mathcal{M}_{(b')} = i\mathcal{M}_{(b')}^{K^*} + i\mathcal{M}_{(b')}^{\bar{K}^*} = 2i\mathcal{M}_{(b')}^{K^*}.$$
(91)

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TABLE II. Numerical values of the integrals in Eqs. (87)–(88) for the leptons $l = e, \mu, \tau$ and the vector mesons $V' = \rho^0, \omega, \phi$, given in units of GeV⁻⁶.

$I^{(b)}$	$ ho^0$	ω	φ	$I^{(b')}$	$ ho^0$	ω	φ
е	13.7	13.3	7.93	е	13.7	13.3	7.93
μ	4.32	4.19	2.56	μ	4.32	4.19	2.56
τ	0.714	0.697	0.447	τ	0.714	0.697	0.447

IV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

A. Numerical results

From the scattering amplitudes derived in the previous section, we obtain the hadronic long distance contributions to the EDMs of charged leptons. From the amplitudes $i\mathcal{M}_{(a)}$ and $i\mathcal{M}_{(a')}$ of Eqs. (76) and (77), we obtain the EDMs generated by the weak three-vector meson interactions as

$$d_{(a)e}^{\rm SM} = d_{(a)e} + d_{(a')e} = 3.67 \times 10^{-40} \ e \ {\rm cm},$$
 (92)

$$d_{(a)\mu}^{\rm SM} = d_{(a)\mu} + d_{(a')\mu} = -1.04 \times 10^{-40} \ e \,\mathrm{cm}, \quad (93)$$

$$d_{(a)\tau}^{\rm SM} = d_{(a)\tau} + d_{(a')\tau} = -1.12 \times 10^{-37} \ e \,\mathrm{cm.}$$
 (94)

Similarly, the amplitudes $i\mathcal{M}_{(b)}$ and $i\mathcal{M}_{(b')}$ of Eqs. (76) and (77) give the contribution from the strong three-vector meson interaction:

$$d_{(b)e}^{\rm SM} = 2.13 \times 10^{-40} \ e \,{\rm cm}, \tag{95}$$

$$d_{(b)\mu}^{\rm SM} = 1.39 \times 10^{-38} \ e \,{\rm cm}, \tag{96}$$

$$d_{(b)\tau}^{\rm SM} = 3.89 \times 10^{-38} \ e \,\mathrm{cm}.$$
 (97)

We finally obtain the EDMs of e, μ , and τ generated by the hadronic long distance contributions as

$$d_e^{\rm SM} = d_{(a)e}^{\rm SM} + d_{(b)e}^{\rm SM} = 5.80 \times 10^{-40} \ e \,\rm{cm}, \tag{98}$$

$$d_{\mu}^{\rm SM} = d_{(a)\mu}^{\rm SM} + d_{(b)\mu}^{\rm SM} = 1.38 \times 10^{-38} \ e \,\text{cm}, \tag{99}$$

$$d_{\tau}^{\rm SM} = d_{(a)\tau}^{\rm SM} + d_{(b)\tau}^{\rm SM} = -7.32 \times 10^{-38} \ e \,{\rm cm}.$$
 (100)

These values are much larger than the estimation at the four-loop level (11), (12), and (13). The most important reason of this enhancement is due to the relevance of the typical hadronic momenta in the loop. We recall that the elementary (quark) level contribution only had a typical momentum of $O(m_W) \sim O(m_t)$, and this feature, together with the GIM mechanism, forced the EDM of charged leptons to have a suppression factor $m_b^2 m_c^2 m_s^2$ due to the cancellation between terms with very close values. We note

that the GIM mechanism is also working at the hadron level. However, the cancellation among contributions with different flavors becomes much milder thanks to the fact that the typical momentum is replaced by the mass of the heaviest hadrons of each diagram. This is probably a general property of the hadronic *CP* violation in the SM, as similar enhancement is also relevant for the case of the EDM of neutron [154,157,160,161] or nuclei [162]. In this sense, the fact that the elementary contribution to the EDM appears only at the four-loop level is not truly essential in this strong suppression, but rather the GIM mechanism (or the antisymmetry of the Jarlskog invariant) is the main cause [157].

We should also comment on the observable effect of the electron EDM in experiments. The EDM of the electron is usually measured through the paramagnetic atomic or molecular systems, since the relativistic effect enhances its effect [93–121,123,124]. However, these systems also receive contribution from other *CP* violating mechanisms such as the CP-odd electron-nucleon interaction or the nuclear Schiff moment. Previously, the EDM of charged lepton was believed to be extremely small and the CP-odd electron-nucleon interaction was thought to be the dominant effect, with a benchmark value equivalent to the electron EDM as $d_e^{(eN)} \sim (10^{-39} - 10^{-37}) e \text{ cm}$ for paramagnetic systems [16,157,162,201]. By considering the strong enhancement at the hadronic level, we just obtained a value of the electron EDM which lies in this range. It is then an interesting question to quantify which one, between the electron EDM and the CP-odd electron-nucleon interaction, gives the leading contribution at the atomic level.

B. Error bar analysis

We now assess the uncertainty of our calculation. The first important source of systematics is the nonperturbative effect of the renormalization of the $|\Delta S| = 1$ four-quark operators. This was quantified to be about 10%, by looking at the variation of the Wilson coefficient of Q_2 in the next-to-leading order logarithmic approximation in the range of the scale $\mu = 0.6$ GeV to $\mu = m_c = 1.27$ GeV [162,187,188]. Another major systematics comes from the factorization of the vector meson matrix elements. According to the large N_c analysis, the vacuum saturation approximation should work up to $O(N_c^{-1})$ correction. To be conservative, we set the error bar associated to it to 40%.

Let us now see the uncertainty related to the use of the HLS. The important point is that the one-loop level diagrams we evaluated are not divergent, so that the uncertainty due to the counterterms is absent and the stability of the coupling constants is guaranteed. However, we have to comment on the contribution from higher order terms. The first process to be noted is the two-loop level diagram with pseudoscalar mesons [see Fig. 8(a)]. This contribution is the most straightforward higher order effect of the HLS. The second type of higher



FIG. 8. Higher order contributions to the EDM of charged leptons within the HLS. Here $V = \rho^0, \omega, \phi$ is the neutral vector meson, and *s* is the would-be Nambu-Goldstone boson of the HLS.

order process is the mixing of vector mesons with photons [see Fig. 8(b)]. In the mass eigenstate basis, it is possible to take into account this mixing to all orders, but if we restrict the analysis to the leading order, as done in this work, our particle basis and the mass one coincide. The third contribution is the would-be Nambu-Goldstone mode which may appear as scalar propagator insertions in between vector meson propagations due to the choice of Feynman gauge [see Fig. 8(c)]. This is again a higher order effect in the HLS, just like the mixing between photons and vector mesons. We also note that the explicit flavor SU(3)breaking effect is a higher order of the HLS, which has already partially been included in our calculations by introducing the physical meson masses and decay constants. We also have to comment on the contribution from the other heavier hadrons which were overlooked in this paper. Here we consider the axial vector meson K_1 (1270) which, in the viewpoint of the mass difference, should be the most important hadron among the neglected ones, and show that its contribution is likely to be subleading. First, the decay constant of K_1 is not particularly enhanced, $f_{K_1} \sim$ 170 MeV [202]. Regarding the other hadron matrix elements, the values do not exist in the literature, but it is possible to show that they are not enhanced either. The axial vector matrix element $\langle \rho | \bar{d} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 s | K_1 \rangle$ corresponds to the quark spin, so there should be a suppression due to the destructive interference generated by successive gluon emissions/absorptions [203,204]. The pseudoscalar matrix element $\langle \rho | \bar{d} \gamma_5 s | K_1 \rangle$ has also no reasons to be enhanced, since this receives contribution from the Nambu-Goldstone boson pole, which is suppressed by the K meson mass in the present case. We can consider that the effect of K_1 (1270) and other heavier hadrons is part of the higher order contribution of the HLS. We associate the theoretical uncertainty coming from the entire higher order process mentioned above with the expansion parameter, estimated to be $\sim 50\%$ [179]. In all, we conclude that the theoretical uncertainty is 70%.

A potentially interesting way to quantify the hadronic contribution to the electron EDM is to calculate the hadronic three-point correlator on lattice and then attach it to a lepton line to form the EDM amplitude. This approach is actually used to quantify the hadronic lightby-light scattering contribution to the muon anomalous magnetic moment [205]. Of course the calculation will not be easy since the three-point correlator must have a $|\Delta S| =$ 1 four-quark operator in the intermediate state, but this kind of analysis was already done in the context of $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay [206], so it should not be impossible.

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we evaluated for the first time the hadron level contribution to the EDM of charged leptons in the SM, where the *CP* violation is generated by the physical complex phase of the CKM matrix. As a result, we found that this long distance effect is much larger than the previously known one, which was estimated at the elementary level. We could also rigorously show that, in the perturbative elementary level calculation at all orders, the EDM of charged leptons is always suppressed by quark mass factors due to the GIM mechanism. The main reason of the enhancement at the hadronic level is because we could avoid additional factors of $m_{b,c,s}^2/m_{W,t}^2$ by embedding the heavy W boson or top quark contribution into the $|\Delta S| = 1$ low energy constants while keeping loop momenta of $O(\Lambda_{\rm QCD}) \sim 1$ GeV. In Fig. 9, we plot the EDM of the electron in the SM compared with the progress of the experimental accuracy. The electron EDM obtained in this work is $d_e \sim 10^{-39} e$ cm, which is still well below the current sensitivity of molecular beam experiments. The EDM experiments are however improving very fast, and we have to be very sensitive to their progress and to proposals with new ideas, with some of them claiming to be able to go beyond the level of $O(10^{-35})$ e cm in statistical sensitivity [207].

Our next object would be to extend this analysis to the flavor violation disagreeing with the SM, recently suggested by the measurements of the decay of *B* mesons at several *B* factory experiments [208–224], and that of *K* meson decay of KOTO experiment [225,226]. In the analysis of the conjunction of the EDM with the *B* meson



FIG. 9. Plot of the SM predictions of the electron EDM compared with the history of the records of the experimental upper limits [126,127,129–132,134,135,138,141]. The pink band is denoting the uncertainty of the hadronic contribution.

decay, we also have to include the effect of heavy quarks, which has been omitted in this work.

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APPENDIX A: SCALAR MATRIX ELEMENT OF VECTOR MESONS

In this Appendix, the scalar matrix element of vector mesons, B_V , are derived. Up to the tree-level contribution, the scalar matrix elements of vector mesons are obtained from the vector-meson masses expanded in terms of the light quark mass as

$$m_{\rho}^{2} = M^{2} + B_{\rho}(m_{u} + m_{d}) + \cdots$$

= $M^{2} + b_{1}M^{2}B_{0}(m_{u} + m_{d}) + \cdots$, (A1)

$$m_{\omega}^{2} = M^{2} + B_{\omega}(m_{u} + m_{d}) + \cdots$$

= $M^{2} + (b_{1} + 2b_{3})M^{2}B_{0}(m_{u} + m_{d}) + \cdots$, (A2)

$$m_{\phi}^{2} = M^{2} + B_{\phi}(2m_{s}) + \cdots$$

= $M^{2} + (b_{1} + b_{3})M^{2}B_{0}(2m_{s}) + \cdots$, (A3)

TABLE III. The low-energy parameters in Eqs. (A1)–(A3) obtained in Ref. [199].

	Fit 1	Fit 2	Fit 3
M [MeV]	759.3	758.8	757.0
$b_1 [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	1.2224	1.3420	1.4009
$b_3 [\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	0.5131	0.3469	0.4151
$2B_0m/m_\pi^2$	1.141	1.077	1.106
$\langle \rho^0 \bar{s}d K^{*0} \rangle$ [GeV]	-1.09	-1.13	-1.21
$\langle \omega \bar{s}d K^{*0} \rangle$ [GeV]	2.01	1.72	1.92
$\langle \phi \bar{d}s K^{*0} \rangle$ [GeV]	2.19	2.01	2.21

where M, b_1 , and b_3 are the low-energy parameters of the effective Lagrangians $[198, 199]^1$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{b_1}{8} M^2 \text{tr}[F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}\chi_+] + \frac{b_3}{8} M^2 \text{tr}[F_{\mu\nu}]\text{tr}[F^{\mu\nu}\chi_+].$$
(A4)

 B_0 is given by

$$B_0 = -\frac{\langle 0|\bar{u}u|0\rangle}{f^2} = \frac{(269 \text{ MeV})^3}{(93 \text{ MeV})^2} \sim 2.25 \text{ GeV}.$$
 (A5)

The scalar matrix elements for the vector-meson transitions such as $\langle \rho | \bar{s}d | K^* \rangle$ are related to $B_\rho \approx \frac{1}{2} \langle \rho | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | \rho \rangle$ by replacing $\chi_+ \sim 2B_0 \text{diag}(m_u, m_d, m_s)$ in (A4) with $\chi_+ T$, where *T* is the *SU*(3) ladder operator. In the flavor *SU*(3) limit, we obtain

$$\langle \rho^0 | \bar{s}d | K^{*0} \rangle \sim -\frac{1}{2} B_\rho = -\frac{1}{2} (b_1 M^2 B_0),$$
 (A6)

$$\langle \omega | \bar{s}d | K^{*0} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{2} B_{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \{ (b_1 + 2b_3) M^2 B_0 \},$$
 (A7)

$$\langle \phi | \bar{d}s | K^{*0} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} B_{\phi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ (b_1 + b_3) M^2 B_0 \}.$$
 (A8)

The low-energy parameters b_1 , b_3 , B_0 , and M were determined by fitting the lattice QCD data in Ref. [199], where three fitting results denoted by fit 1, fit 2, and fit 3 were obtained as summarized in Table III. The scalar matrix elements obtained by using these parameters are also summarized in Table III. In this study, we employ the averaged values obtained as $\langle \rho^0 | \bar{s}d | K^{*0} \rangle = -1.14$ GeV, $\langle \omega | \bar{s}d | K^{*0} \rangle = 1.88$ GeV, and $\langle \phi | \bar{d}s | K^{*0} \rangle = 2.14$ GeV.

¹We omit the term being proportional to the parameter b_2 in [198,199], which does not contribute to the scalar matrix element for the vector-meson transition because $tr[\chi_+T] = 0$.

APPENDIX B: ANALYTIC FORM OF THE INTEGRAL $I_2^{(a)}$

The analytic forms of the integral $I_2^{(a)}$ in Eq. (73) are summarized in this Appendix. For $m_l = m_e, m_\mu, I_2^{(a)}$ is obtained as

$$\begin{split} I_{2}^{(a)} &= \frac{1}{4m_{l}^{4}(m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2})} \left[m_{V'}\sqrt{m_{V'}^{2} - 4m_{l}^{2}} \log\left(\frac{(m_{V'}^{2} - 2m_{l}^{2}) - m_{V'}\sqrt{m_{V'}^{2} - 4m_{l}^{2}}}{2m_{l}^{2}}\right) \\ &+ m_{K^{*}}\sqrt{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - 4m_{l}^{2}} \log\left(\frac{m_{K^{*}} + \sqrt{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - 4m_{l}^{2}}}{m_{K^{*}} - \sqrt{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - 4m_{l}^{2}}}\right) + (m_{K^{*}}^{2} - 2m_{l}^{2}) \log\left(\frac{m_{l}^{2}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}}\right) - (m_{V'}^{2} - 2m_{l}^{2}) \log\left(\frac{m_{l}^{2}}{m_{V'}^{2}}\right) \right], \quad (B1) \end{split}$$

which can be expanded in terms of a small m_l as

$$I_{2}^{(a)} = \frac{1}{(m_{K^{*}}m_{V'})^{2}} \left[\log\left(\frac{m_{K^{*}}}{m_{l}}\right) - \frac{m_{K^{*}}^{2}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2}} \log\left(\frac{m_{K^{*}}}{m_{V'}}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \right] + \frac{2m_{l}^{2}}{(m_{K^{*}}m_{V'})^{4}} \left[(m_{K^{*}}^{2} + m_{V'}^{2}) \log\left(\frac{m_{K^{*}}}{m_{l}}\right) - \frac{m_{K^{*}}^{4}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2}} \log\left(\frac{m_{K^{*}}}{m_{V'}}\right) - \frac{26m_{K^{*}}^{4} - 5m_{V'}^{4}}{12(m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2})} \right] + \cdots \right]$$
(B2)

On the other hand, $I_2^{(a)}$ for $m_l=m_{ au}$ is given by the different form as

$$\begin{split} I_{2}^{(a)} &= \frac{1}{4m_{\tau}^{4}(m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2})} \left[2(2m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2}) \log\left(\frac{m_{K^{*}}}{m_{V'}}\right) + 2(m_{V'}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}) \log\left(\frac{4m_{K^{*}}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}{4m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}\right) \\ &+ 2\sqrt{4m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}} \left(\arctan\left(\frac{m_{V'}^{2}}{\sqrt{4m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{2m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2}}{\sqrt{4m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}}\right) \right) \right) \\ &+ \left(m_{V'}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2} + im_{K^{*}}\sqrt{4m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \right) \log\left(2\frac{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \left(1 - 2\frac{4m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}{4m_{K^{*}}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}} + i\frac{\sqrt{4m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \right) \right) \\ &+ \left(m_{V'}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2} - im_{K^{*}}\sqrt{4m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \right) \log\left(2\frac{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \left(1 - 2\frac{4m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}{4m_{K^{*}}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}} + i\frac{\sqrt{4m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \right) \right) \\ &- \left(m_{V'}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2} - im_{K^{*}}\sqrt{4m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \right) \log\left(2\frac{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \left(-1 + 2\frac{m_{\tau}^{2}}{4m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}}{4m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}} + i\frac{\sqrt{4m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \right) \right) \\ &- \left(m_{V'}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2} - im_{K^{*}}\sqrt{4m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}}} \right) \log\left(2\frac{m_{K^{*}}^{2} - m_{V'}^{2}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \left(-1 + 2\frac{m_{\tau}^{2}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \frac{4m_{K^{*}}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}}{m_{V'}^{2}m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{V'}^{4}}} - i\frac{\sqrt{4m_{\tau}^{2} - m_{K^{*}}^{2}}}{m_{K^{*}}^{2}} \right) \right) \right]. \quad (B3)$$

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