

A TeV Scale Origin for Higgs and Flavour

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Outline of the Talk

1. Motivation: hierarchy problem & flavour puzzles
2. Flavour symmetries to lower Λ_{NP} : from MFV to U2
3. Flavour deconstructed gauge interactions: solving the flavour puzzle near the TeV
4. Phenomenology of flavour deconstruction
5. Flavour deconstructing the Composite Higgs: solving flavour + hierarchy problem near the TeV

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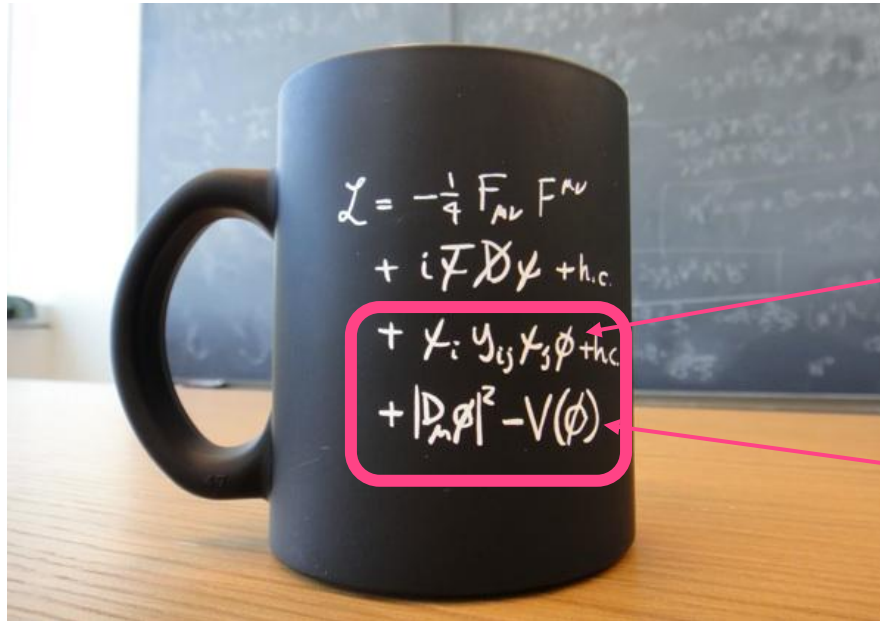
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∴ Higgs = key to BSM, both theoretically & experimentally (modulo dark sectors)

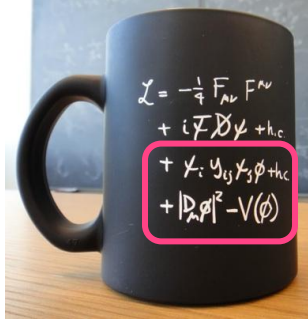




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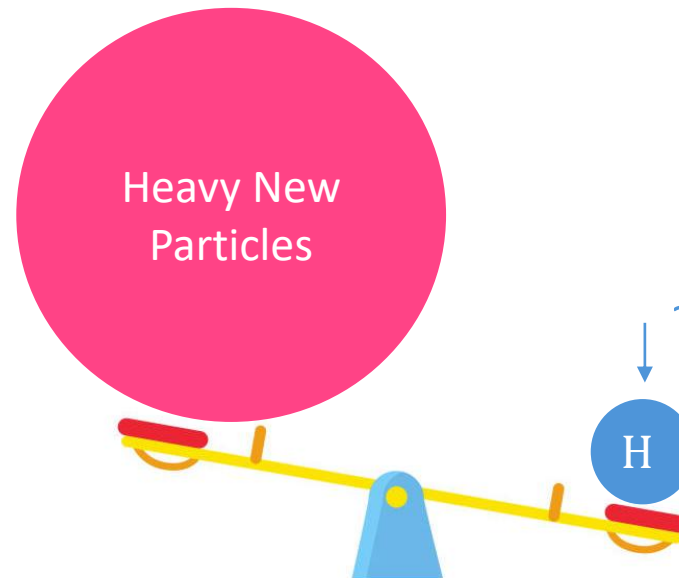


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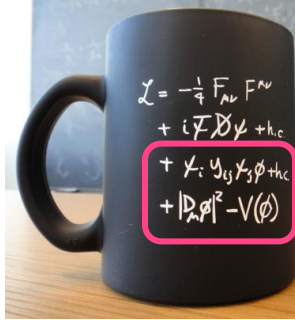
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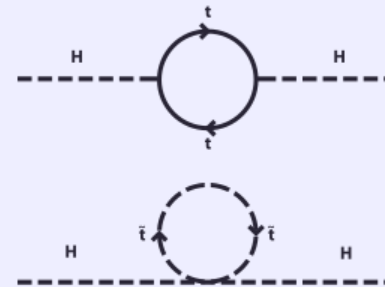
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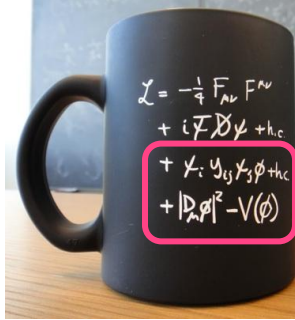
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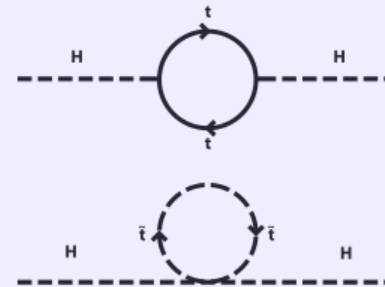
New particle masses $M_* \lesssim (\text{loop factor})^{-1/2} m_h \sim \text{few TeV}$

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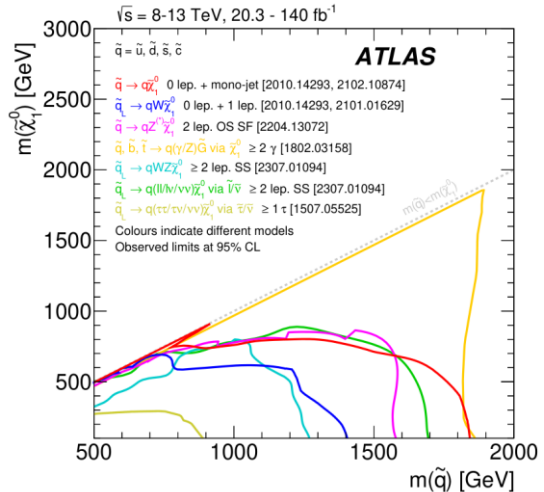
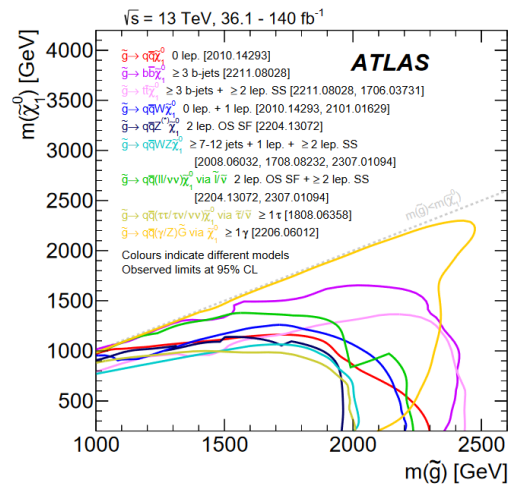


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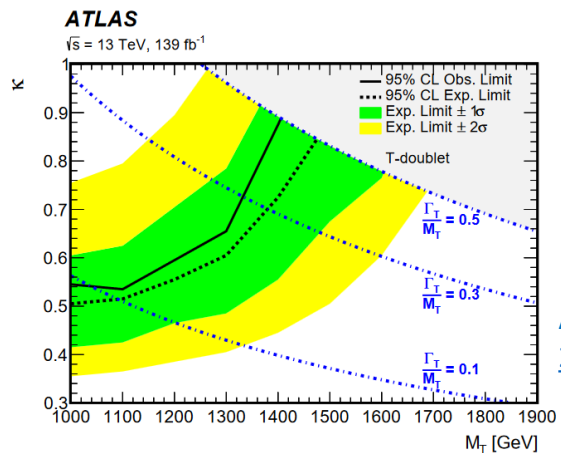
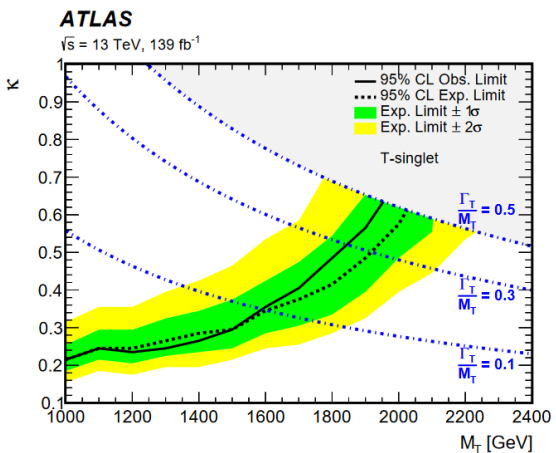
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We are now probing natural M_* directly at the LHC

Few TeV limits on SUSY particles, top partners!



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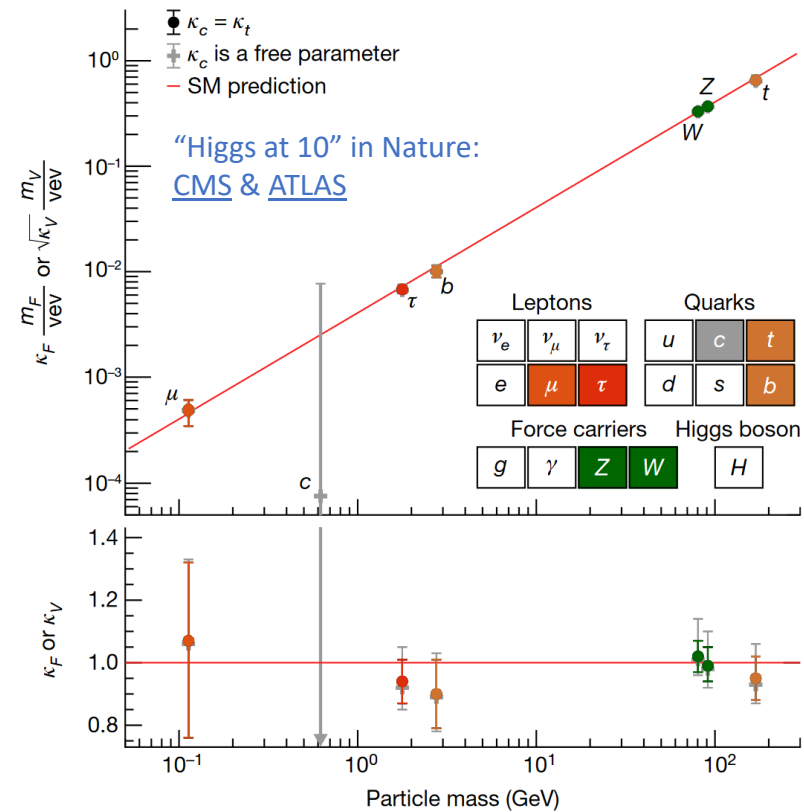


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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta m_h^2}{m_h^2} \sim \left(\frac{M_T}{500 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

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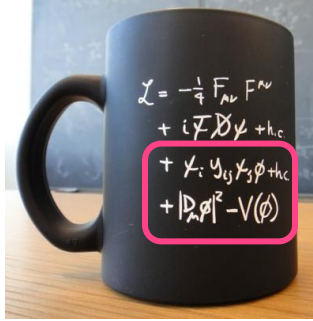
+ No sign of compositeness in Higgs couplings!
 HWW, HZZ at LHC agree with SM to 3%



$$\Rightarrow \frac{v^2}{f^2} \lesssim 5\%$$

where f is compositeness scale

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LHC data \Rightarrow Little hierarchy: $\mu^2 \ll \Lambda_{\text{SM}}^2 \sim \text{TeV}^2 \Rightarrow$ accept it! or try even clever-er EW model-building
(+ LEP...)

E.g. “Gegenbauer Goldstones”

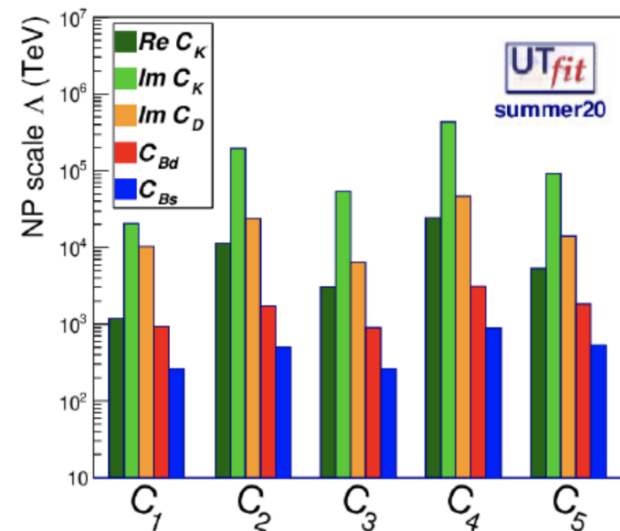
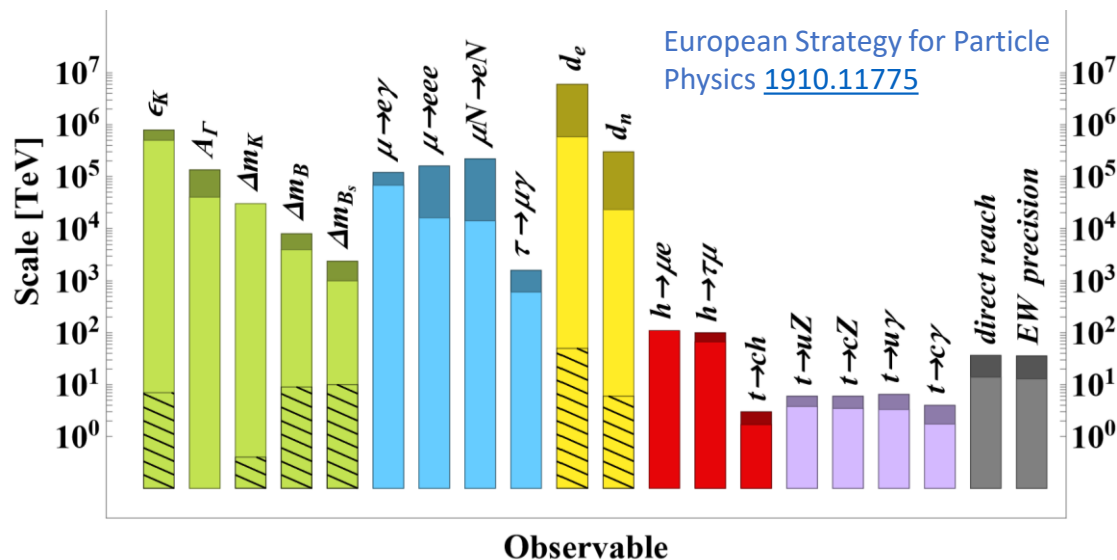
Durieux, McCullough, Salvioni [2110.06941](#), [2202.01228](#)

When trying to solve the (large or little) hierarchy problem, we **cannot** ignore **flavour**!



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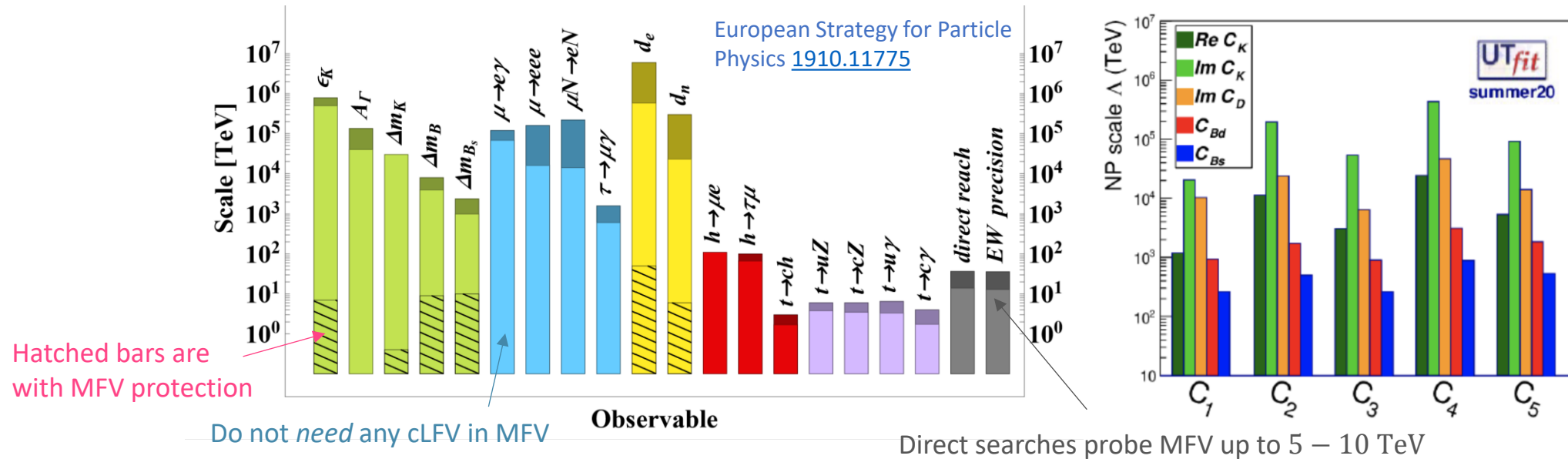


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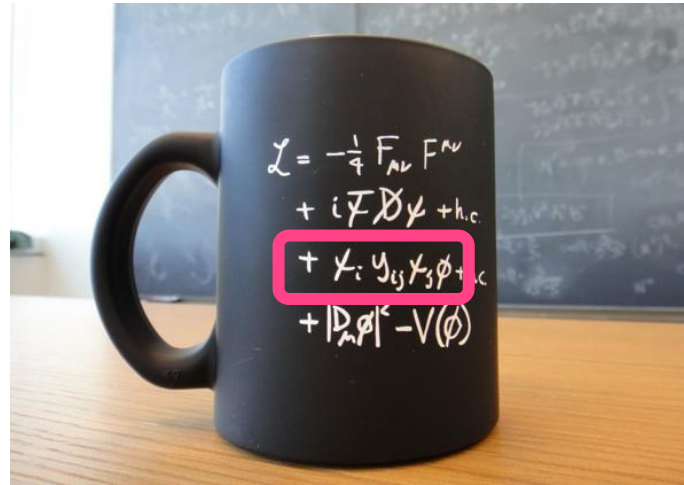
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Example = **Minimal Flavour Violation** (MFV): SM Yukawas are **only** source of flavour violation in SM + BSM theory

Kaon mixing with MFV: $\frac{1}{\Lambda_{sd}^2} \sim y_t^4 (V_{31} V_{32}^*)^2 \frac{1}{\Lambda_{NP}^2} \sim \left(\frac{10^{-5}}{\Lambda_{NP}} \right)^2$ is sufficient flavour protection!

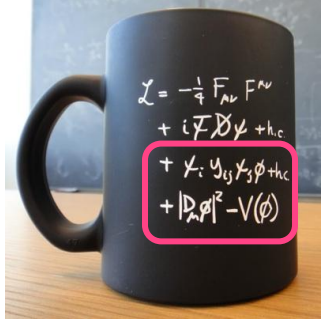
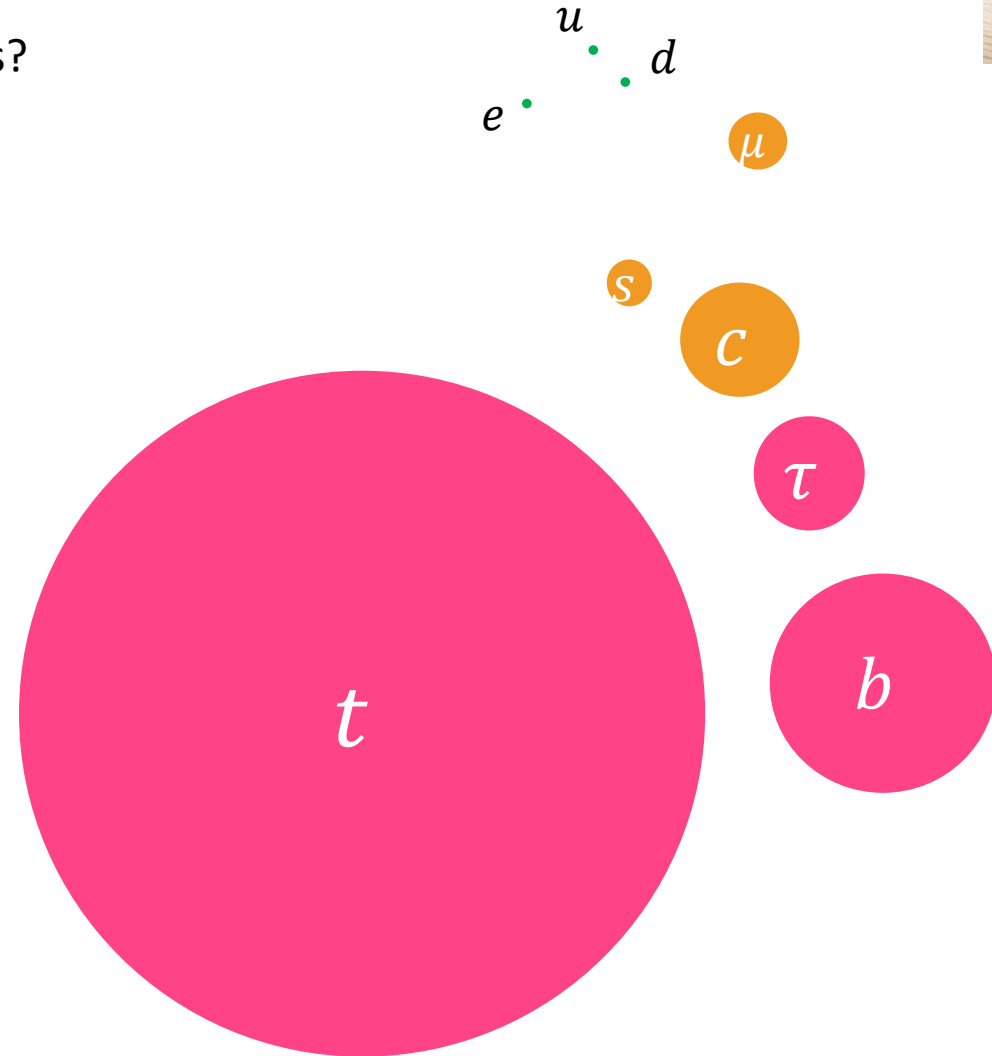
Flavour is already a rich source of mysteries within the SM



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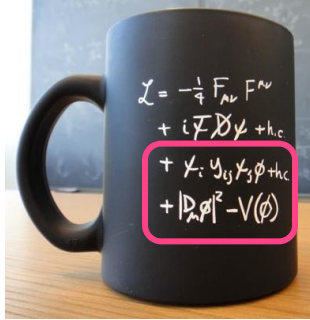
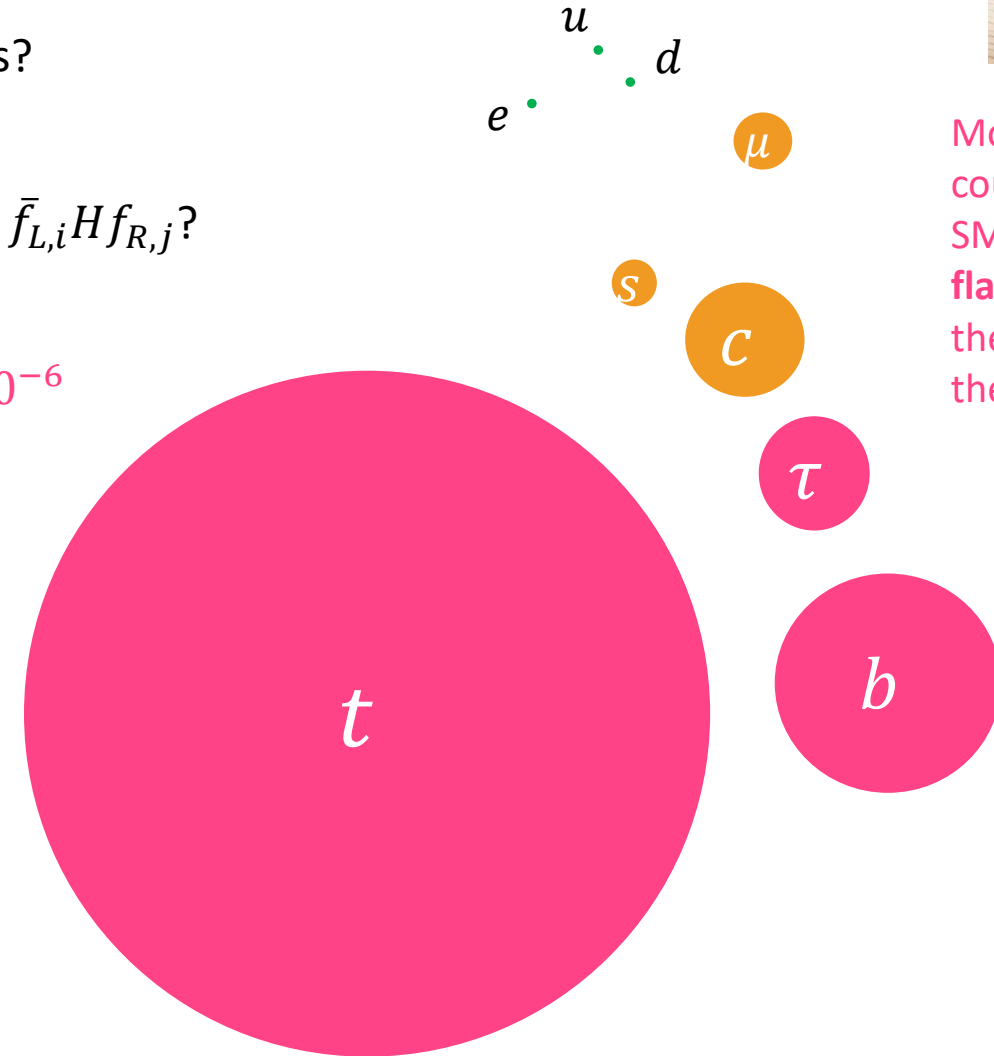
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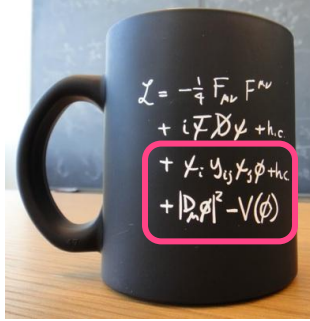
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Does puzzle (3) have a dynamical explanation?

- y_{ij}^f are marginal (dimension-4) interactions: do not clearly point to a particular scale for NP explanation, unlike μ^2
- BUT since Higgs is origin of hierarchy problem & flavour puzzle: **maybe they have a joint solution near TeV?**



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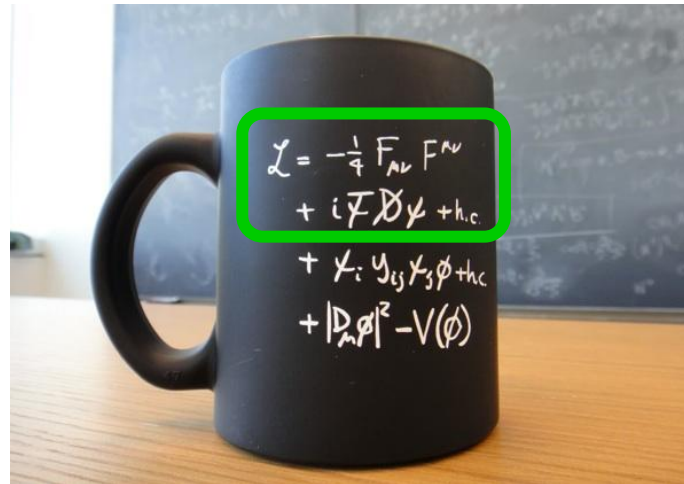
2. From MFV to U2



The case for flavour *non*-universal New Physics

BSM Beyond MFV

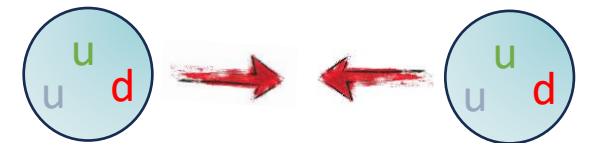
SM without Yukawas has a large $U(3)^5 = U(3)_q \times U(3)_u \times U(3)_d \times U(3)_l \times U(3)_e$ global symmetry



MFV: $U(3)^5$ broken only by $\bar{q}_{L,i} y_{ij}^u H u_{R,j} + \dots$

- E.g. neutral spin-1 X_μ couples as $L \supset X_\mu (\delta_{ij} + \dots) \bar{u}_i \gamma^\mu u_j$
- Bounds $\Lambda_{\text{MFV}} \approx 5 \div 10 \text{ TeV}$ driven by couplings to valence quarks

e.g. $M_{W'} \text{SSM} \gtrsim 6 \text{ TeV}$



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SM Yukawas $y_{ij}^f \bar{f}_{L,i} H f_{R,j}$ break this $U(3)^5 \rightarrow U(1)_B \times U(1)_e \times U(1)_\mu \times U(1)_\tau$;

- But only y_{33}^u is order-1

$$y_{ij}^u \approx \begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & < 0.01 & 0.04 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Top Yukawa}$$

Leaves unbroken an **approximate** $U(2)_q \times U(2)_u$ symmetry, with $(q_1, q_2) \sim 2, q_3 \sim 1$ of $U(2)_q$ etc

Imposing $U(2) \subset U(3)$ on the NP sector provides enough flavour protection to reconcile flavour bounds at the TeV: strongest constraints come from $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ flavour change (**kaon mixing**)

Barbieri et al [1105.2296](#), Isidori, Straub [1202.0464](#), Fuentes-Martin et al, [1909.02519](#)

BSM Beyond MFV

Reasons for $U(2)$ part 1: Lowering Λ

- $U(2)$ is a **weaker assumption** on NP than MFV

$$C_{ij}^{U2} \sim \begin{pmatrix} a & & \\ & a & \\ & & b \end{pmatrix} + \dots \quad \text{vs} \quad C_{ij}^{\text{MFV}} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

- 3rd-family alignment $a \ll b$ can **reduce little hierarchy** $\rightarrow \Lambda_{U(2)} \approx 1 \div 2 \text{ TeV}$
- In the LHC era this allows for **more natural models** than with MFV

Reasons for $U(2)$ part 2: Solving the flavour puzzle!

- *Same* $U(2)$ -like non-universal BSM could explain **SM** and **BSM** flavour puzzles at same time!

$$Y^u \sim y_t \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_c & \epsilon_{23} \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad C_X \sim \begin{pmatrix} \delta & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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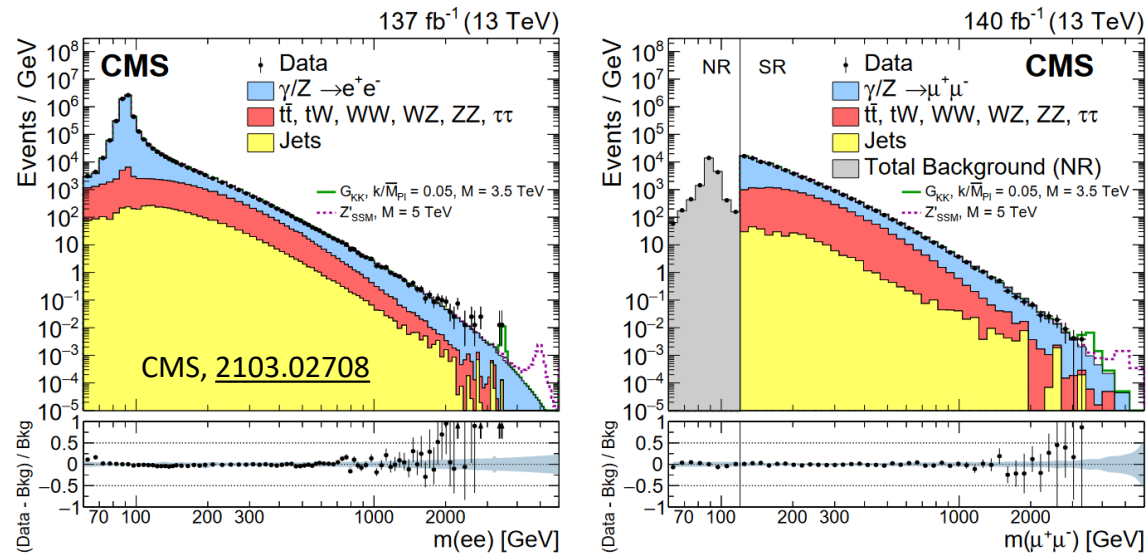
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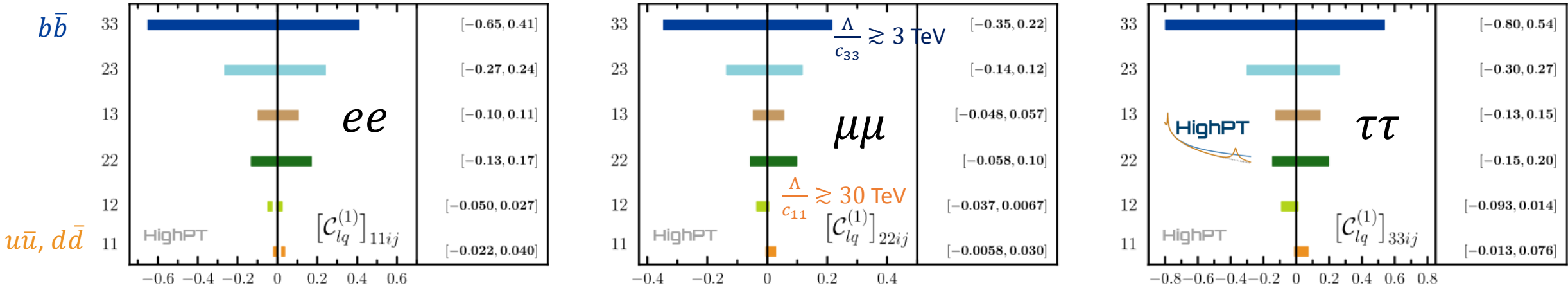
Exhibit A: High- p_T Drell-Yan tails $pp \rightarrow ll$



Bounds on dim-6 semi-leptonic operators:

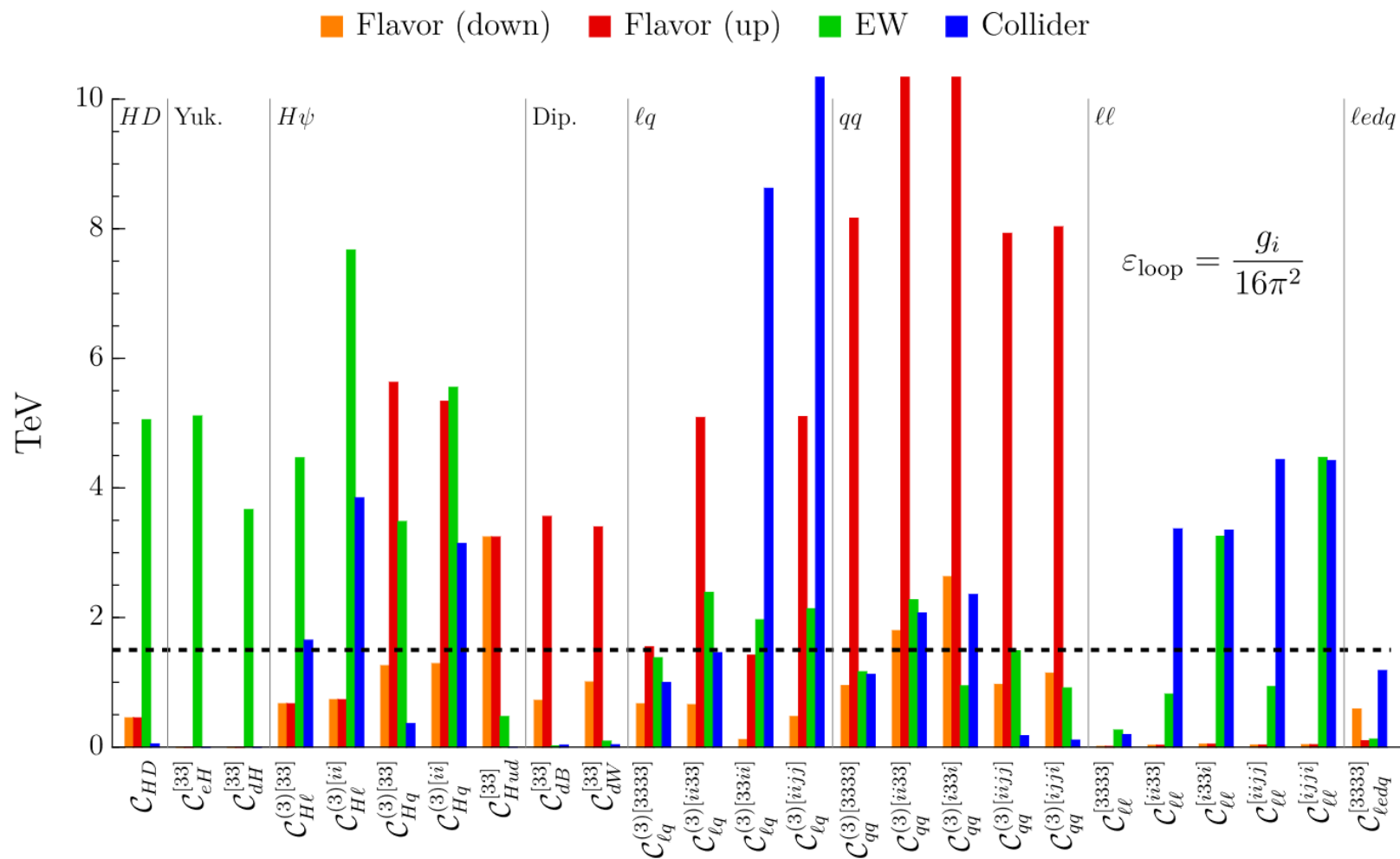
$$L_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset \frac{C_{lq}^{(1)}}{1 \text{ TeV}^2} \bar{l} \gamma^\mu l \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$$

Allwicher, Faroughy, Jaffredo, Sumensari, Wilsch, [2207.10714](#)
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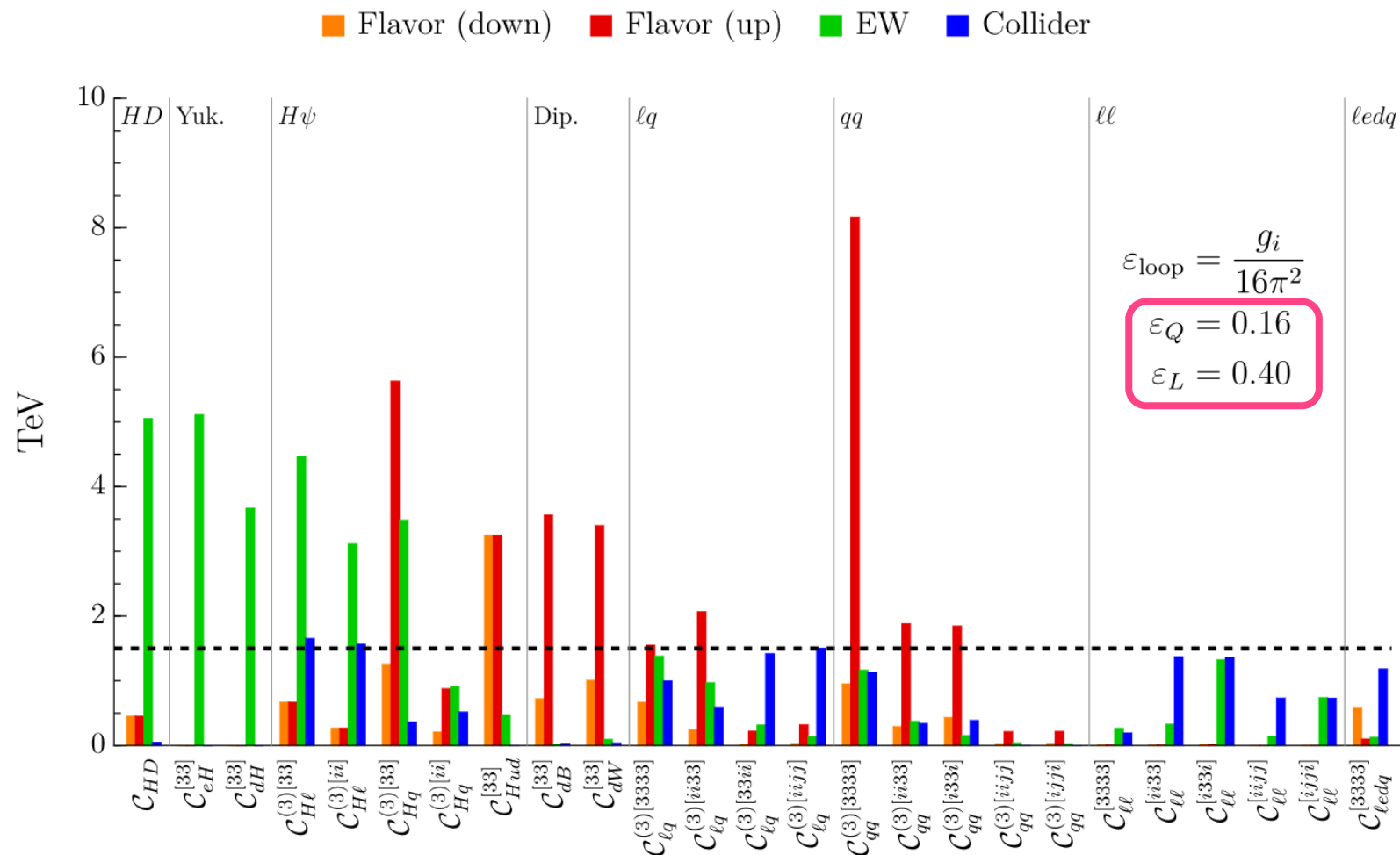


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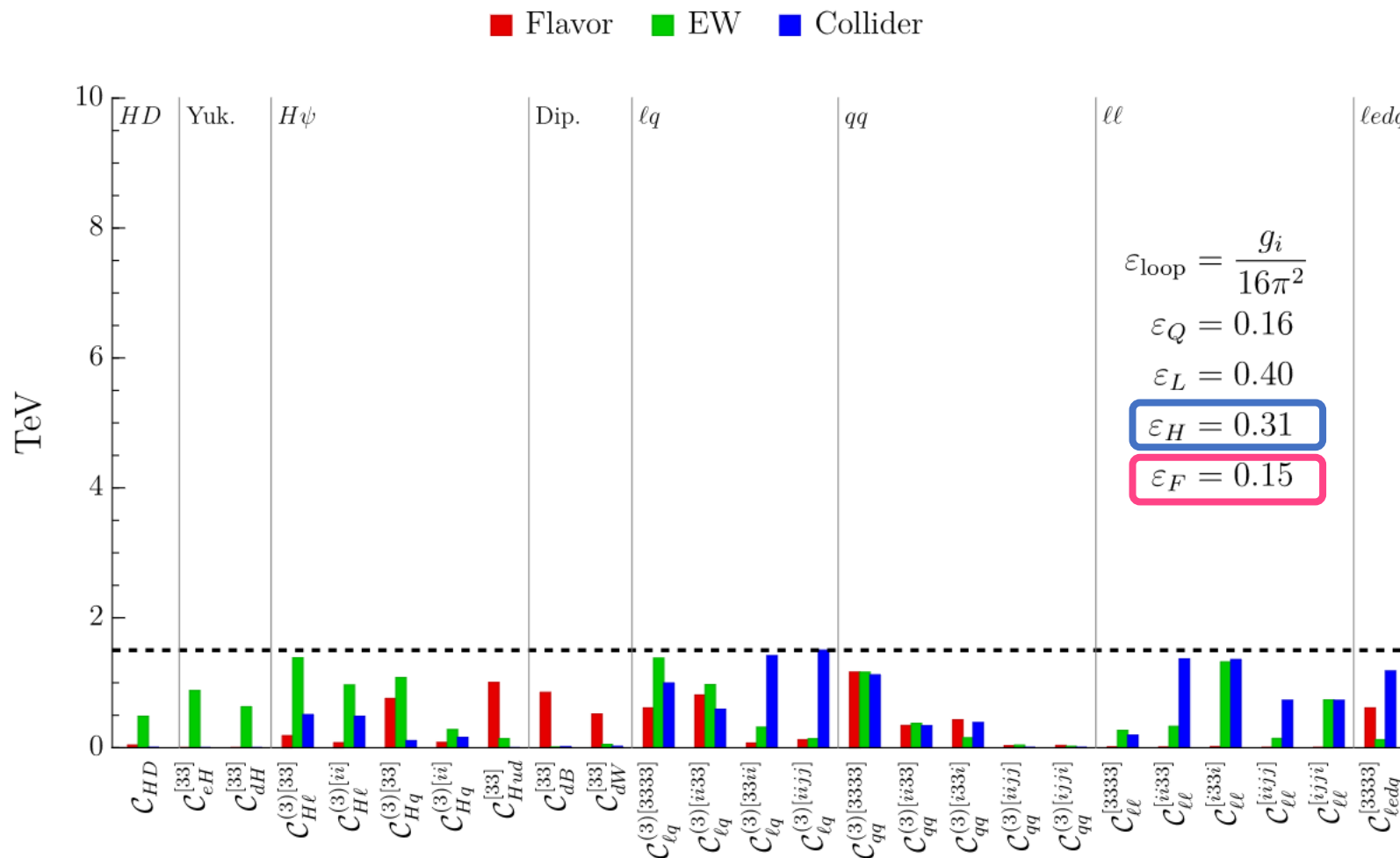
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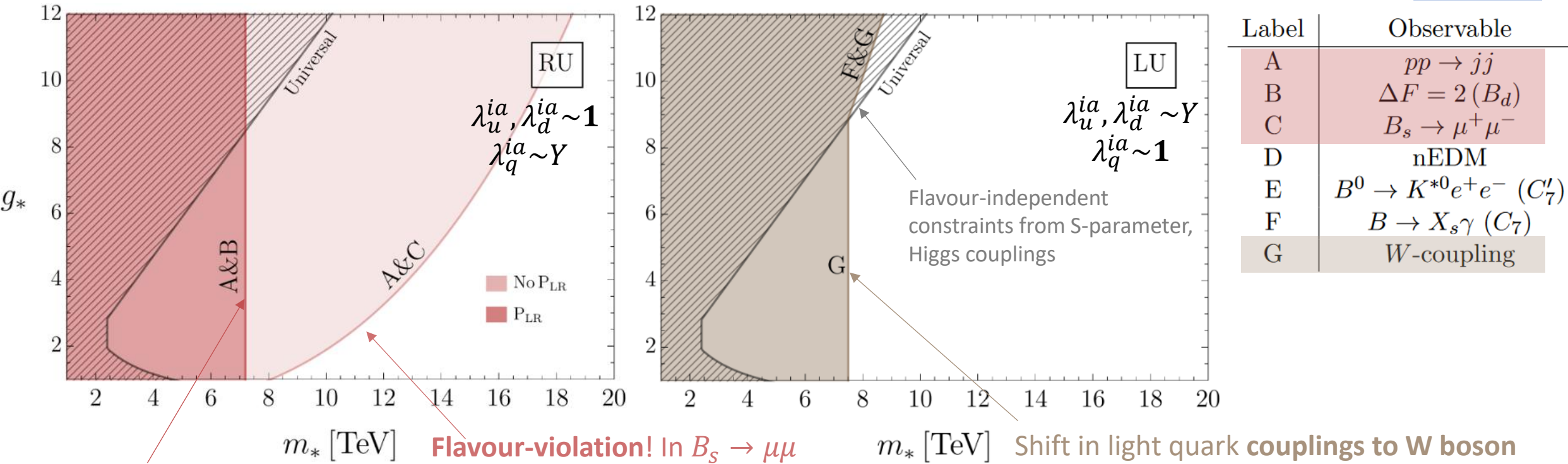
+ suppression of Higgs insertions
 + approximate down-alignment

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Exhibit C: composite Higgs solutions to hierarchy problem

With MFV: $M_* \gtrsim 7 \div 8 \text{ TeV}$

Glioti, Rattazzi, Ricci, Vecchi, [2402.09503](#)



Di-jet constraints from LHC, driven by light quark couplings

P_{LR} is an extension of custodial by a 'left-right' exchange symmetry
[kills $Z b_L b_L$ correction]

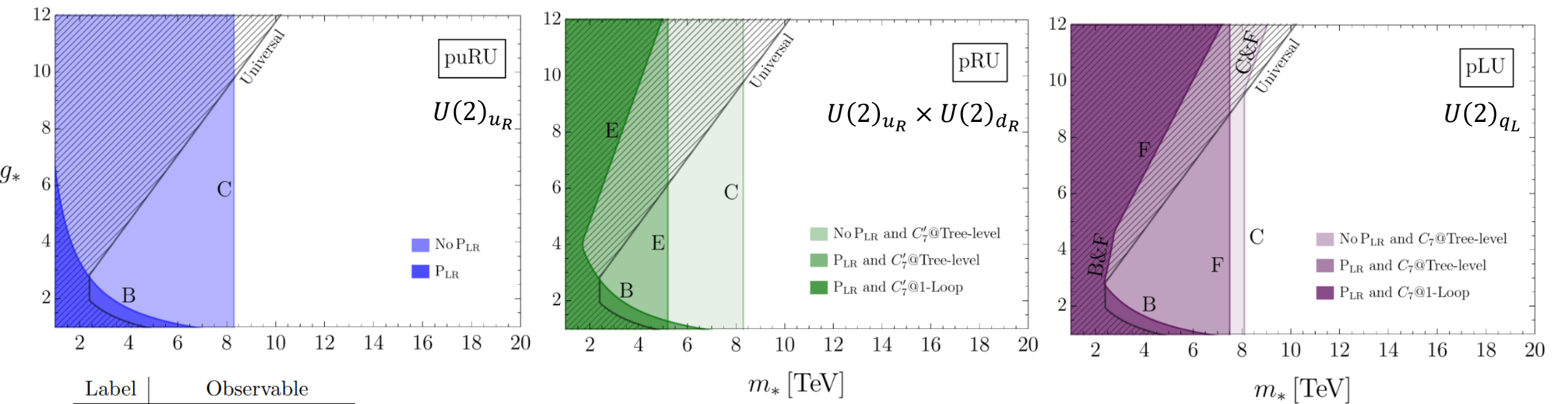
Strongest current bounds are driven by couplings to **light generation fermions OR flavour violation**, not EW constraints

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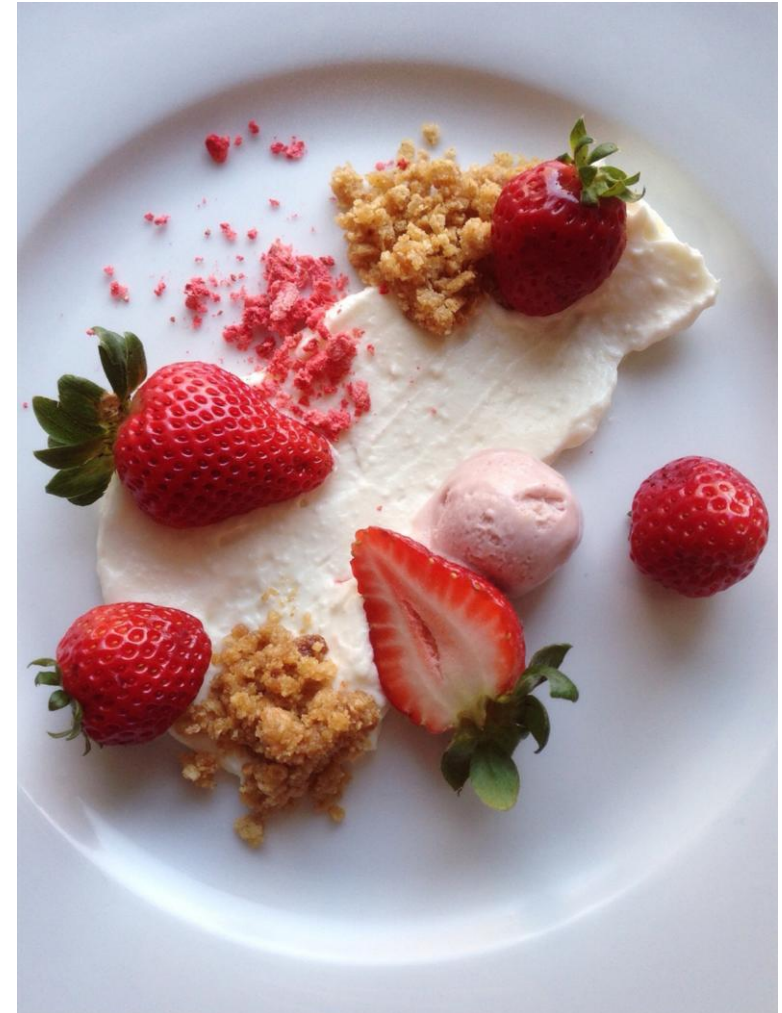
Label	Observable
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C	$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
D	nEDM
E	$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^- (C_7')$
F	$B \rightarrow X_s \gamma (C_7)$
G	W -coupling

Going from MFV to U(2), we decouple the strong LHC constraints: dominant bounds now heavy-to-light quark flavour-violation + universal EW constraints

So far we have considered the pheno consequences of $U(2)^n$ imposed as a global symmetry

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3. On the Origin of U2: Flavour Deconstruction



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Flavour non-universal gauge interactions

Horizontal Approach: $G = G_{\text{SM}} \times G_{\text{hor}} \rightarrow G_{\text{SM}}$

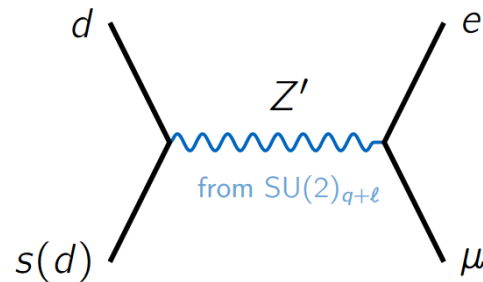
Froggatt, Nielsen, [Nucl Phys B \(1979\)](#)

Gauge some $H \subset U(2)^n \times U(1)_3^m$ directly, and break to nothing

Gives a bunch of Z' bosons that can be decoupled from the Higgs (can take $g \ll 1$)

But typically **flavour-violating** and so **high scale**

- Bounds e.g. from LFV decay $K_L \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp \Rightarrow \frac{M}{g} \gtrsim 10^{2\div 3} \text{ TeV}$



Recent examples:

Allanach, Davighi, [1809.01158](#); [1905.10327](#)

Darmé, Deandrea, Mahmoudi, [2307.09595](#)

Greljo, Thomsen, [2309.11547](#)

Antusch, Greljo, Stefanek, Thomsen, [2311.09288](#)

Greljo, Thomsen, Tiblom, [2406.02687](#)

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Li, Ma, [1981](#), ...
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[hep-th/0104005](#) ...
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Can reside near 1 TeV because **no direct flavour violation** at the low scale

(more later...)

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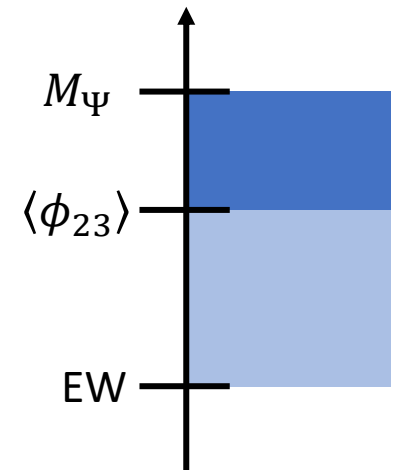
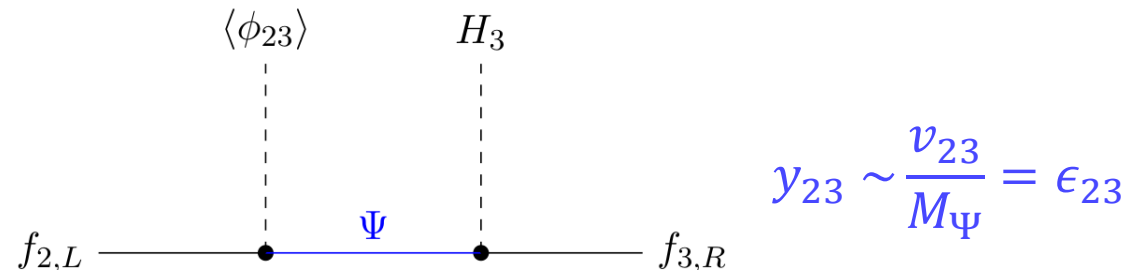
How it explains SM flavour:

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Example UV:

Vector-like fermions



Flavour non-universality, non-horizontally

Deconstruction Approach

$$G_1 \times G_2 \times G_{3+H} \xrightarrow[\substack{y_1 \ll y_2 \\ U(2) \text{ violation}}]{\langle \phi_{12} \rangle \sim 10^{2\div 3} \text{ TeV}} G_{12} \times G_{3+\text{Higgs}} \xrightarrow[\substack{y_{12} \ll y_3 \\ \text{Universality violation}}]{\langle \phi_{12} \rangle \sim 1 \text{ TeV}} G_{123} = G_{\text{SM}}$$

Li, Ma, [1981](#), ...
 Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, Georgi
[hep-th/0104005](#) ...
 Craig, Green, Katz [1103.3708](#) ...
 Bordone, Cornella, Fuentes-
 Martin, Isidori, [1712.01368](#) ...
 Davighi, Isidori, [2303.01520](#)

Further theoretical appeal:

1. Charge assignment and anomaly-freedom inherited from SM – no *ad hoc* choices
2. Breaking pattern $G_A \times G_B \rightarrow G_{A+B}$, given scalar condensate ϕ , is **generic** for simple G
 - for any scalar rep $\phi \sim (\mathbf{R}_{12} \neq 1, \mathbf{R}_3 \neq 1)$, you *always* break to the diagonal (flavour-universal) subgroup
 - ... because there is no other non-trivial subgroup embedding, by *Goursat's lemma*
3. Easy to find semi-simple UV completions with deconstruction approach
 - In contrast most $G_{\text{SM}} \times U(1)_X$, even anomaly-free, have no semi-simple completion

Goursat, 1889
 Craig, Garcia-Garcia, Sutherland, [1704.07831](#)

Davighi, Tooby-Smith, [2206.11271](#)

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Davighi, Tooby-Smith, [2201.07245](#), Davighi, [2206.04482](#)

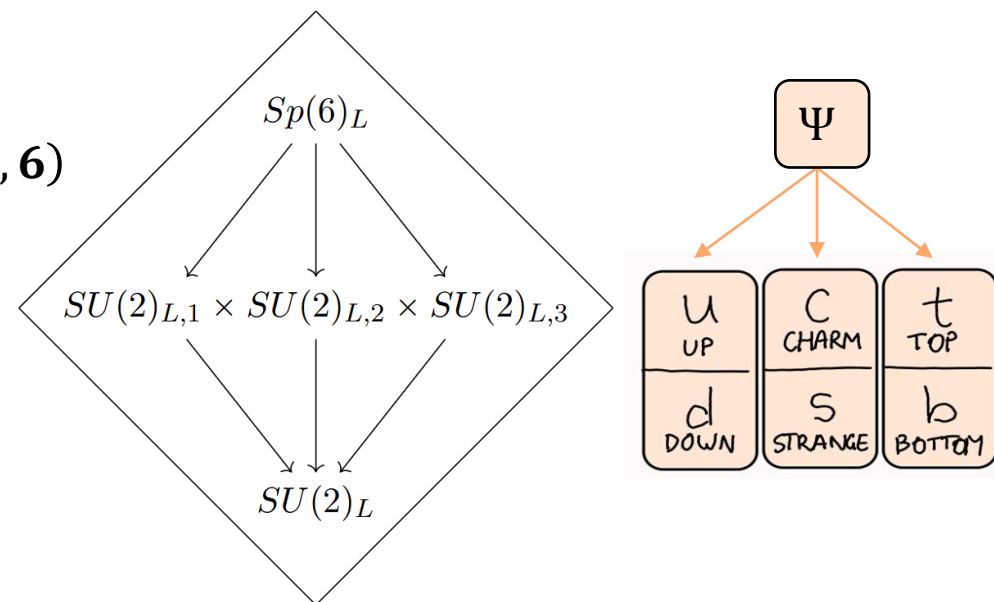
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Reminder:

$$Sp(6) = \{U \in SU(6) | U^T \Omega U = \Omega\} \text{ where } \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_3 \\ -I_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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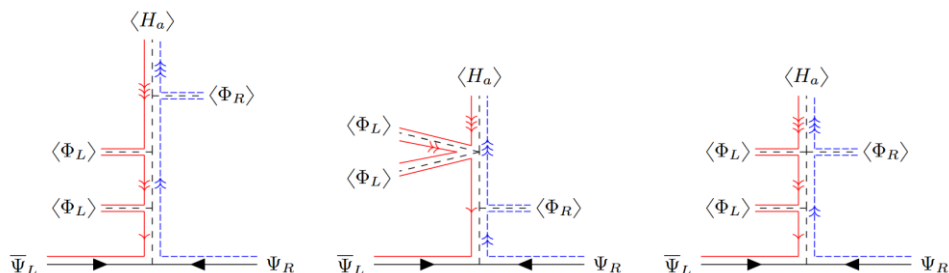
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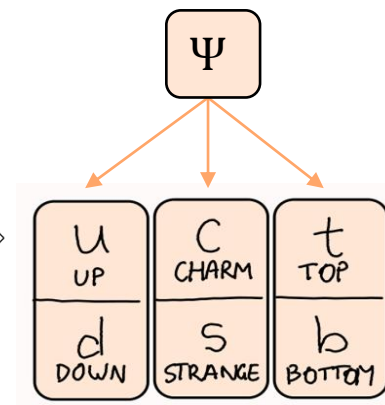
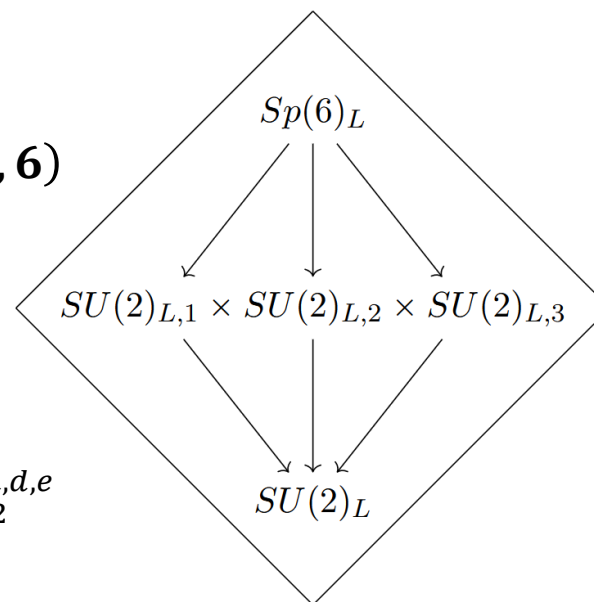
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- **Solves flavour puzzle** with the minimal ingredients

E.g.



$\rightarrow Y_{12}^{u,d,e}$

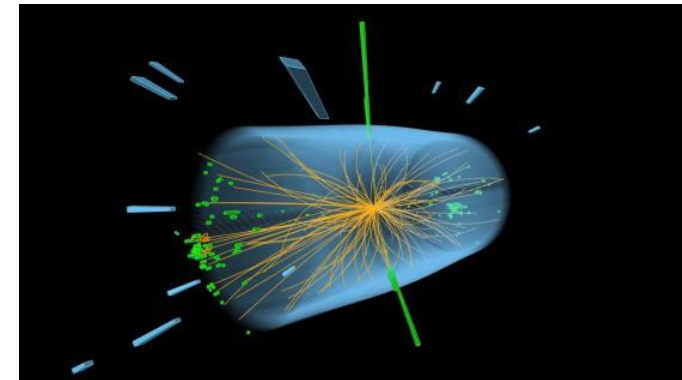
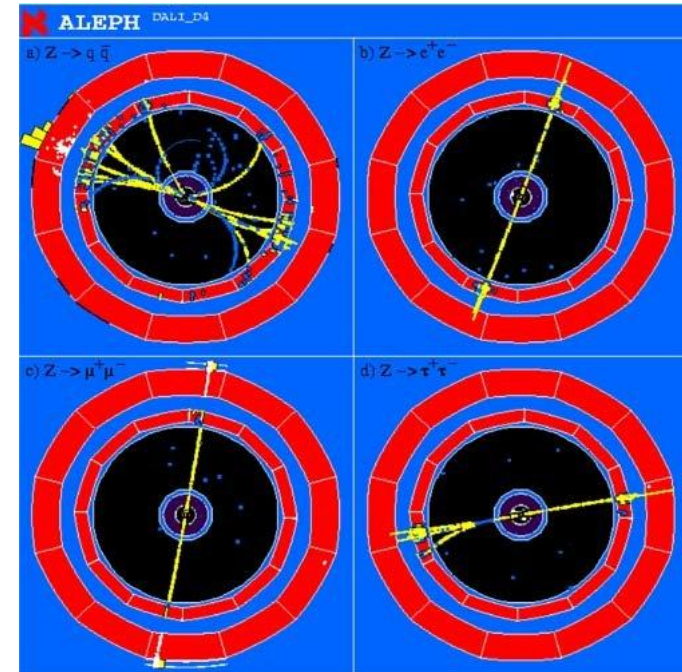


- Low-energy pheno matches that of **deconstruction**...

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4. Phenomenology of Flavour Deconstruction



Phenomenology of Flavour Deconstruction

Deconstruction approach has much richer phenomenology than the horizontal approach

$G_{12} \times G_{3+\text{Higgs}} \rightarrow G_{123}$ gives vectors in $\text{adj } G$, w flavour diagonal BUT non-universal couplings

$$C_{ij} \sim g_{\text{SM}} \begin{pmatrix} g_{12}/g_3 & & \\ & g_{12}/g_3 & \\ & & g_3/g_{12} \end{pmatrix}, \quad g_{12}, g_3 \geq g_{\text{SM}}. \quad \text{Define } \tan\theta = g_3/g_{12}$$

- $G_{12} \times G_{3+H} \rightarrow G_{\text{SM}}$ **can** occur near TeV because **no flavour violation**, + $g_3 \gg g_{1,2}$ **U2 limit** possible
- $G_{12} \times G_{3+H} \rightarrow G_{\text{SM}}$ **should** occur near TeV to not worsen the little hierarchy problem



$$\delta m_h^2 \sim \frac{g_{\text{SM}}^2 \tan^2\theta M^2}{16\pi^2}$$

Davighi, Isidori [2303.01520](#)
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“EWPO”s:

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	σ_{had}	$\frac{12\pi}{m_Z} \frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-) \Gamma(Z \rightarrow q \bar{q})}{\Gamma_Z^2}$
	R_f ($f = e, \mu, \tau, c, b$)	$\frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow f \bar{f})}{\sum_q \Gamma(Z \rightarrow q \bar{q})}$
	A_f ($f = e, \mu, \tau, s, c, b$)	$\frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow f_L \bar{f}_L) - \Gamma(Z \rightarrow f_R \bar{f}_R)}{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow f \bar{f})}$
	$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\ell}$ ($\ell = e, \mu, \tau$)	$\frac{3}{4} A_e A_\ell$
	A_q^{FB} ($q = c, b$)	$\frac{3}{4} A_e A_q$
	R_{uc}	$\frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow u \bar{u}) + \Gamma(Z \rightarrow c \bar{c})}{2 \sum_q \Gamma(Z \rightarrow q \bar{q})}$
W-pole	m_W	
	Γ_W	$\sum_{f_1, f_2} \Gamma(W \rightarrow f_1 f_2)$
	$\text{Br}(W \rightarrow \ell \nu)$ ($\ell = e, \mu, \tau$) R_{Wc}	$\frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow cs)}{\Gamma(W \rightarrow ud) + \Gamma(W \rightarrow cs)}$

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LEP-1 and SLC

LEP-2, Tevatron, and LHC

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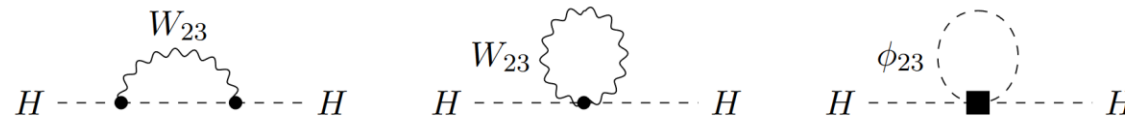
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“Finite naturalness” limits on M_X from requiring the finite part of $\delta m_h^2 \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}^2$



General Lesson

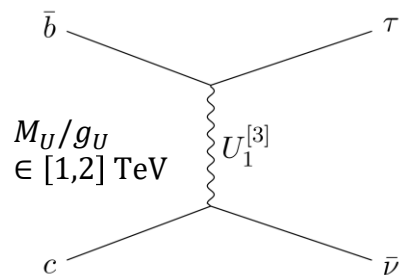
- Need to deconstruct part of the EW symmetry to explain the flavour puzzle (because Higgs is colourless)
- Automatically implies 1-loop δm_h^2 and tree-level δ EWPOs

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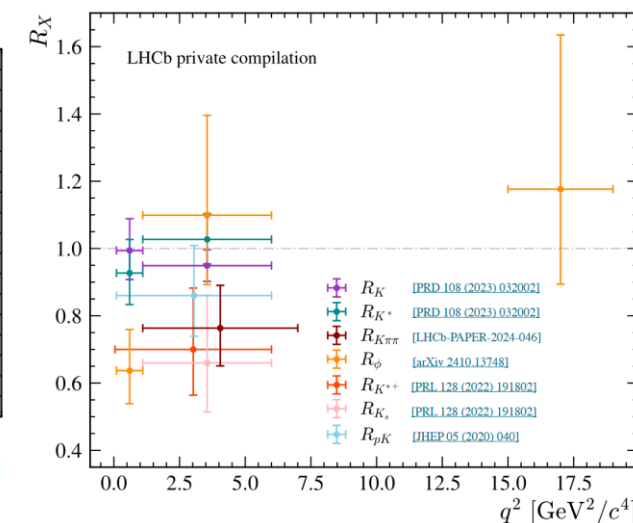
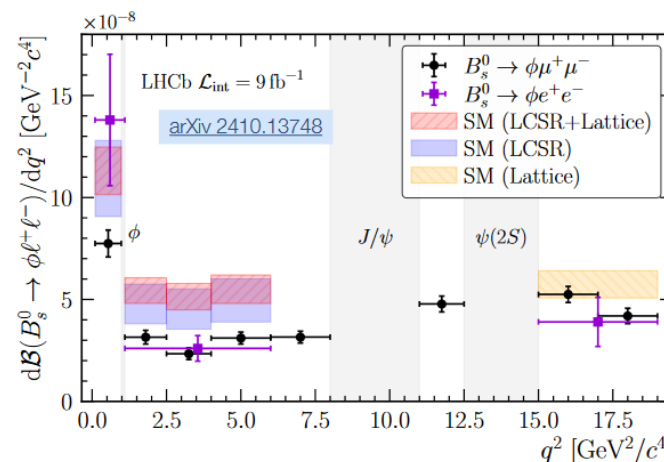
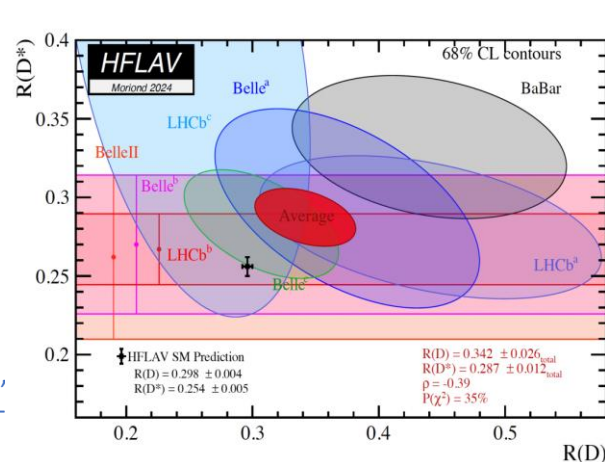
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Aside: If enlarge $SU(3)^{[3]} \rightarrow SU(4)^{[3]}$, can also explain $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ anomalies in $R_{D^{(*)}}$ & $bs\mu\mu$ via '4-3-2-1' models



Buttazzo, Greljo, Isidori, Marzocca, [1706.07808](#); Di Luzio, Greljo, Nardecchia, [1708.08450](#); Bordone, Cornella, Fuentes-Martin, Isidori, [1712.01368](#); Greljo, Stefaneek, [1802.04274](#); Di Luzio, Fuentes-Martin, Greljo, Nardecchia, Renner, [1808.00942](#); Fuentes-Martin, Stangl, [2004.11376](#) ...



Experimental hints for deconstruction near TeV?

[LHCb Implications 2024](#)

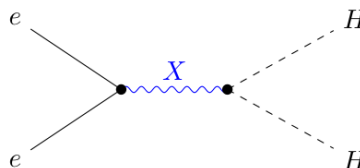
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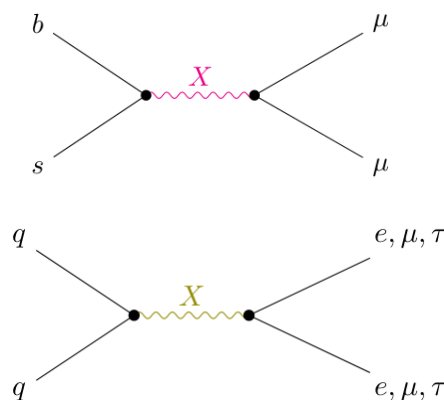
EWPOs: tree-level shifts in Z/W -pole means EW constraints often strongest!

- A key observable is m_W : $DSU(2)_L \Rightarrow \delta m_W < 0$; $DU(1)_Y \Rightarrow \delta m_W > 0$



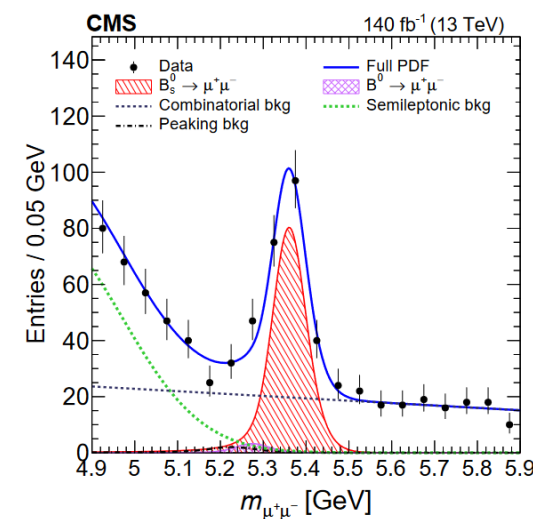
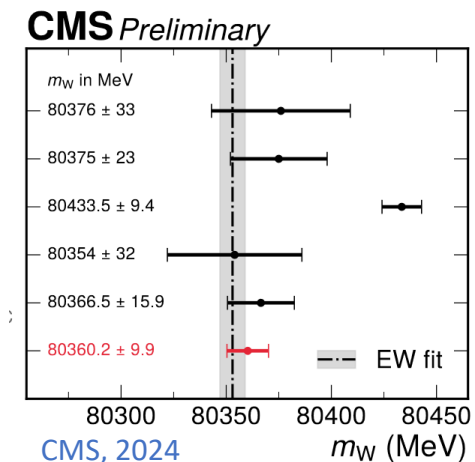
Flavour: key observable is $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$, measured precisely at LHC

- B_s mixing strictly subleading in these models



LHC high p_T : driven by valence-quark couplings

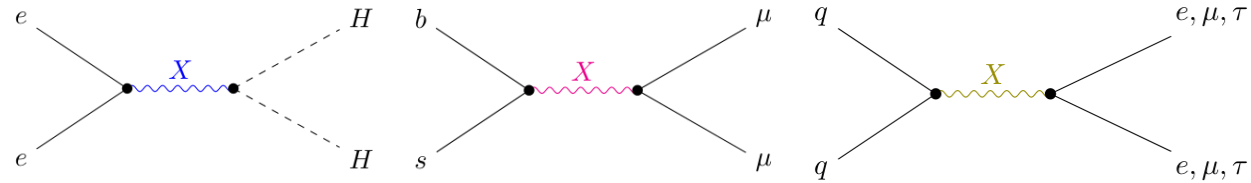
- Favours $g_3 \gg g_{12}$ region i.e. $\theta \rightarrow \pi/2$



CMS, [2212.10311](#)

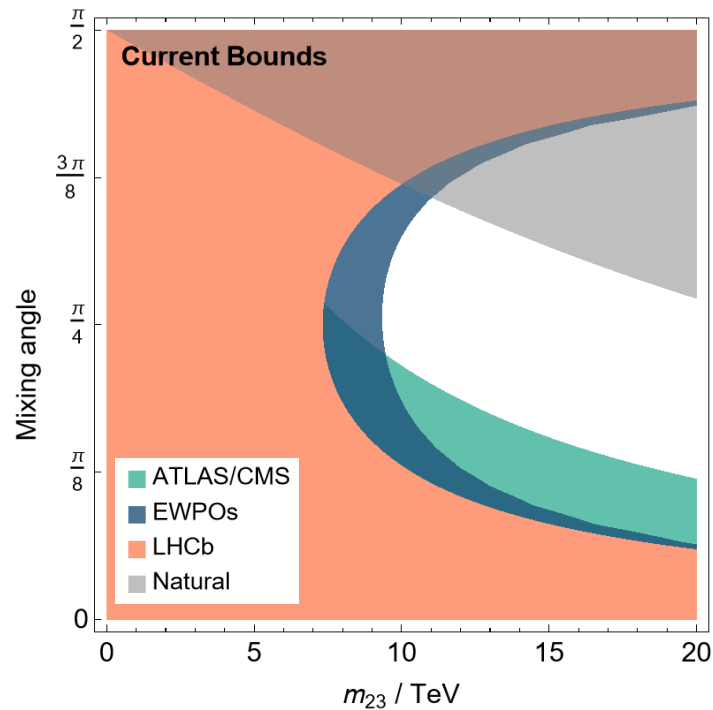
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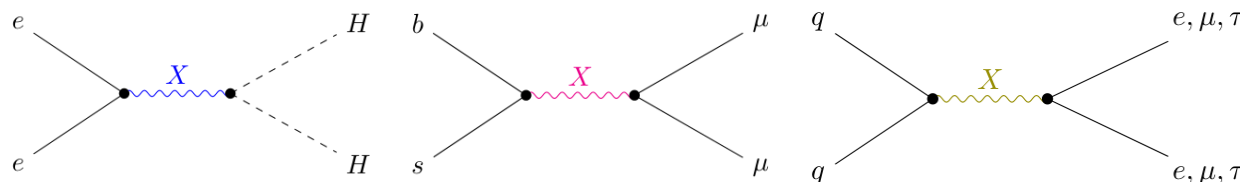
See also Capdevila, Crivellin, Lizana, Pokorski [2401.00848](#)

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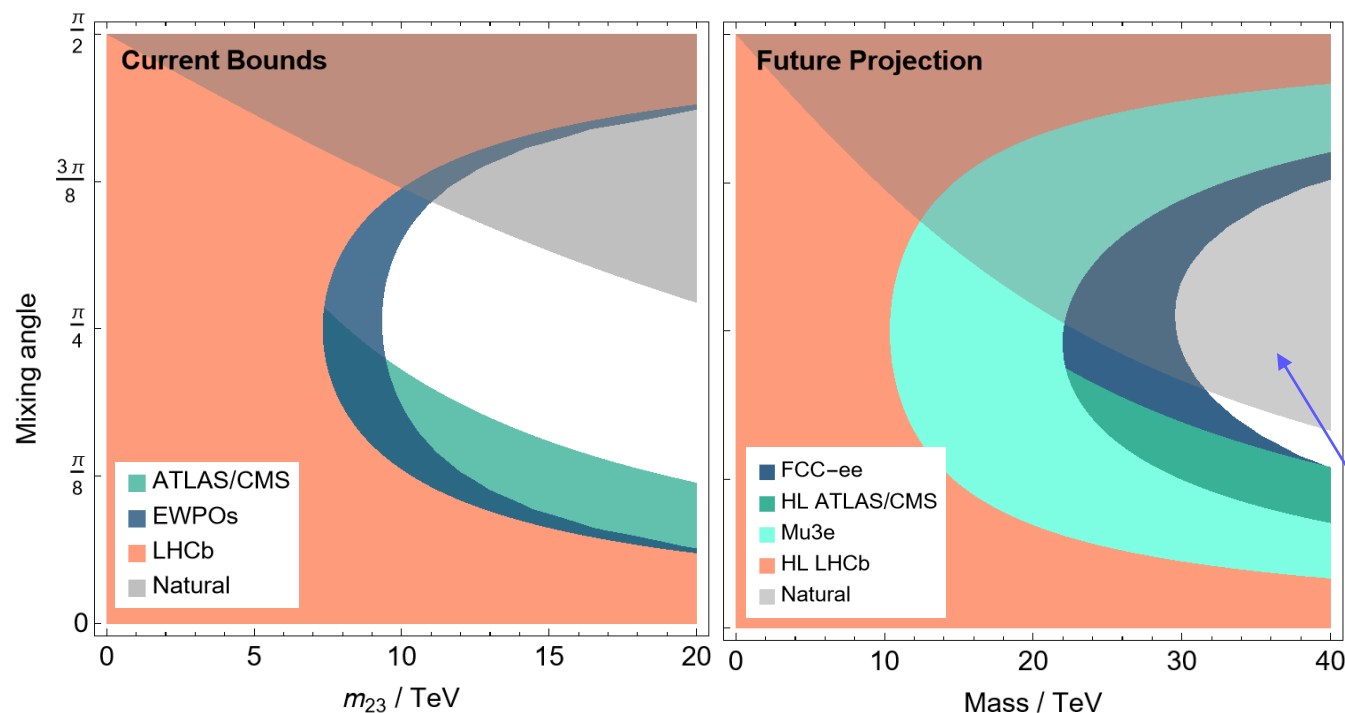
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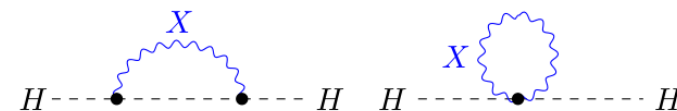


Showcases complementarity of **FCC** and **HL**

- HL-LHC Drell—Yan and Mu3e rule out impressive parameter space in the medium term before FCC-ee
- Tera-Z EW precision programme can cover entire natural parameter space
- Tau LFUV alone at FCC-ee probes 11 TeV

$$\delta m_h^2 \sim \frac{g_{SM}^2 \tan^2 \theta M^2}{16\pi^2} > \text{TeV}^2$$

worsens hierarchy problem...



Aside: Flavour Opportunities at FCC-ee

Monteil, Wilkinson, [2106.01259](#)

Particle production (10^9)	B^0/\bar{B}^0	B^+/B^-	B_s^0/\bar{B}_s^0	B_c^+/\bar{B}_c^-	$\Lambda_b/\bar{\Lambda}_b$	$c\bar{c}$	$\tau^+\tau^-$
Belle II	27.5	27.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	65	45
FCC-ee	620	620	150	4	130	600	170

- Vs. B factories: tera-Z statistics \rightarrow 15x (at least...) more $b\bar{b}$ pairs than Belle II + **BOOSTED!**
- Vs. LHC: clean environment \rightarrow precision measurements with neutrinos (taus)

FCC-ee flagships

1. $B \rightarrow K^* \tau \tau$ new frontier!
2. $B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu$ new frontier!
3. $b \rightarrow s \bar{\nu} \nu$ 10% to 1% precision

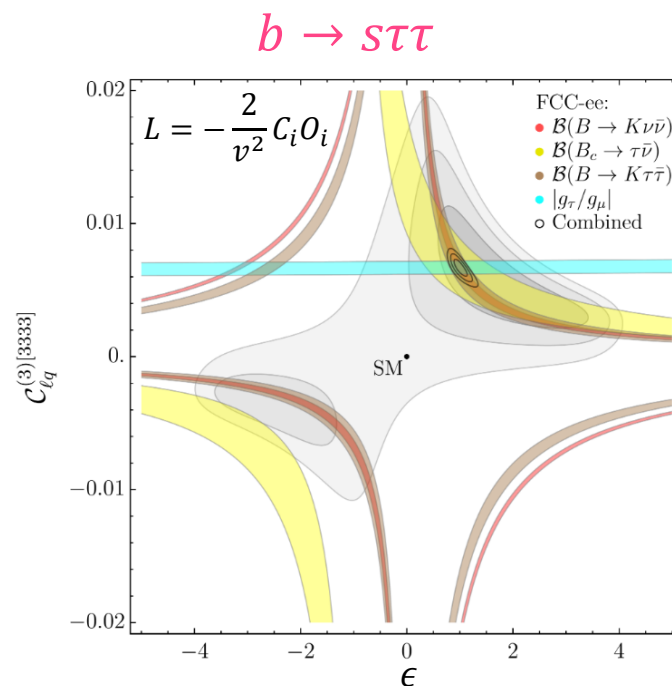
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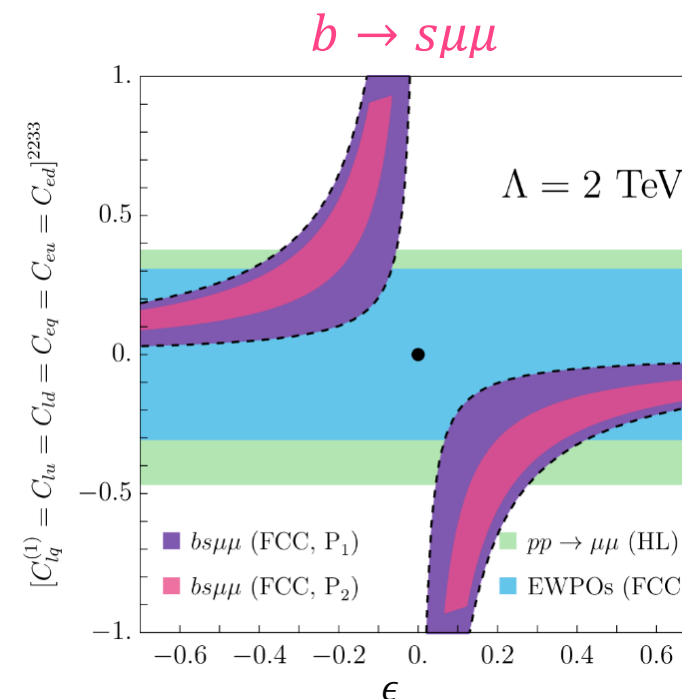
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Amhis, Kenzie, Reboud, Wiederhold, [2309.11353](#)



Allwicher, Isidori, Pesut, [2503.17019](#)



Bordone, Cornella, Davighi, [2503.22635](#)

Phenomenology of EW Flavour Deconstruction

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Flavour: $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ (up-alignment)	7.5 TeV	2 TeV
High p_T : Drell–Yan $pp \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu, \tau\tau$	4.5 TeV	3.5 TeV
EW projection FCC-ee: on and off Z-pole & W-pole	30 TeV	7 TeV

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5. Deconstructing the Composite Higgs

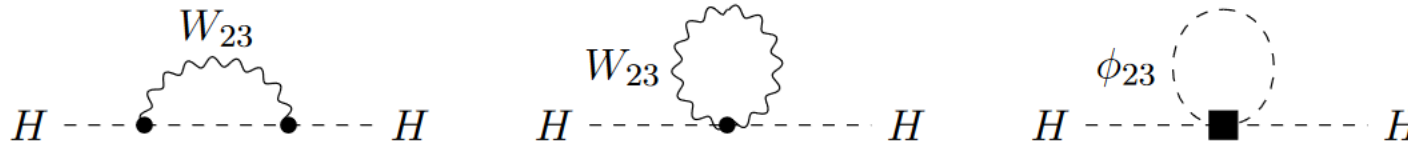
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Back to the Hierarchy Problem

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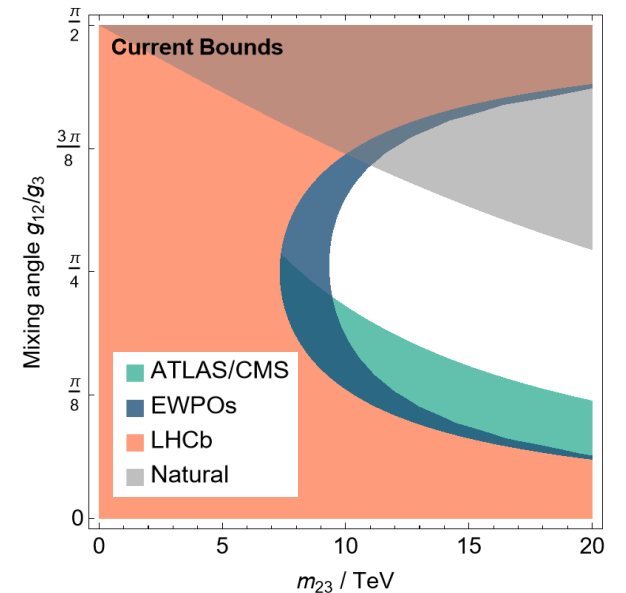
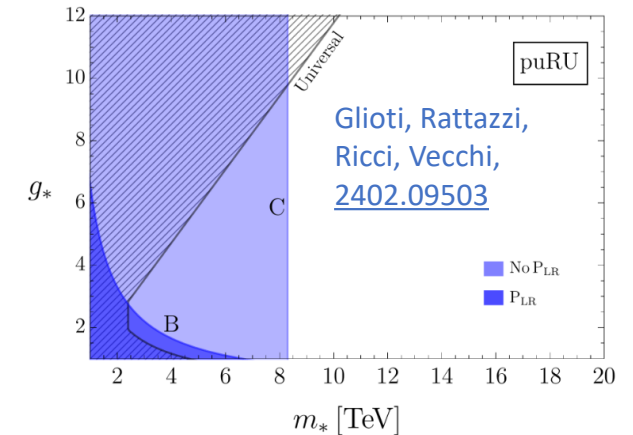
We also saw that flavour deconstruction can deliver U2 + solve flavour puzzle near TeV

- ... but EWPOs + flavour + high pT push us to regions with large finite δm_h^2
- Motivates us to solve the hierarchy problem simultaneously



→ **Joint solution** near TeV of hierarchy problem & flavour puzzle?

Maybe the flavour deconstruction can even help *reduce* little hierarchy in CH?

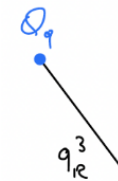
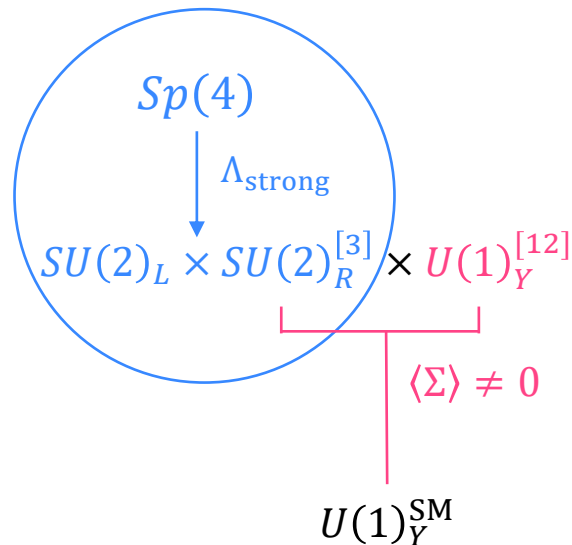


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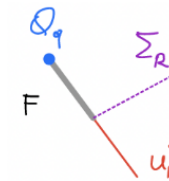
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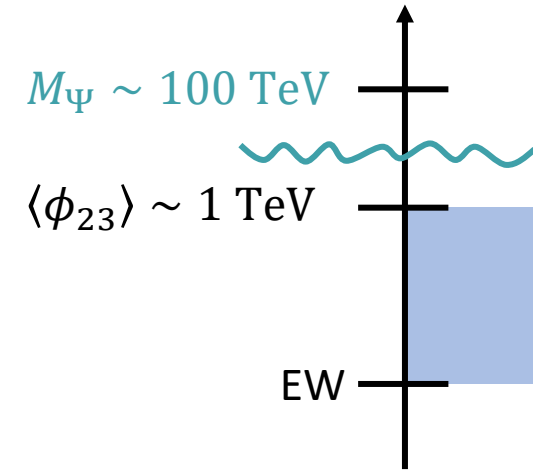
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- To explain $y_2 \ll y_3$, need $M_\Psi > \text{few } 100 \text{ TeV}$. Now this gives **no radiative contribution to Higgs mass** thanks to compositeness at lower scale ☺

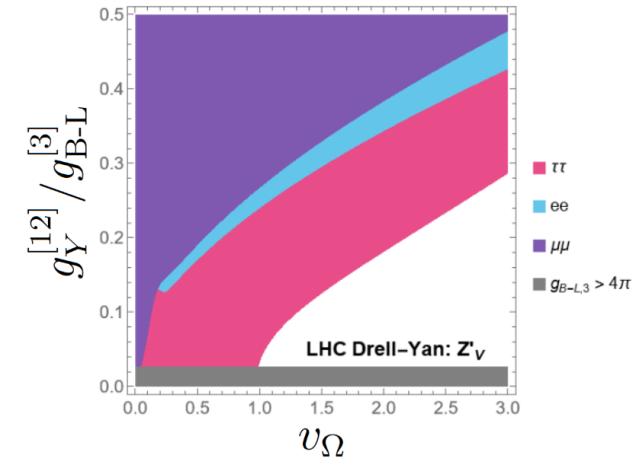
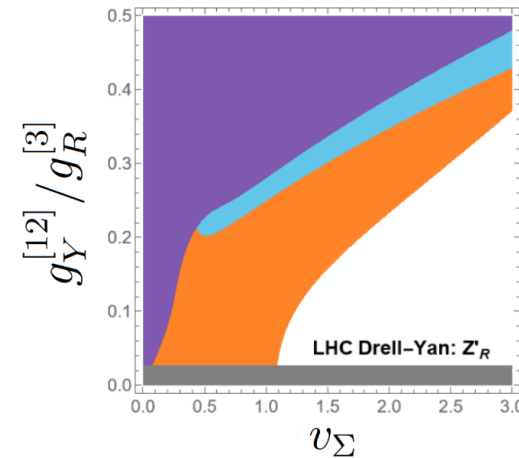
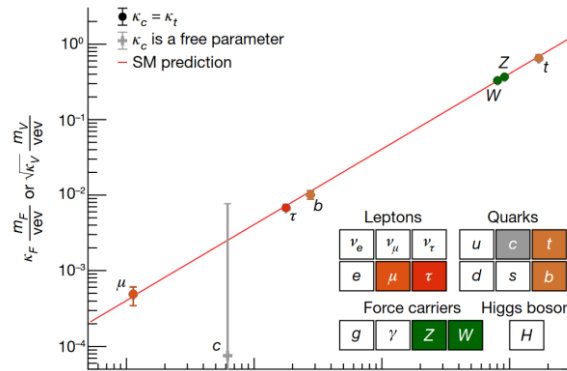
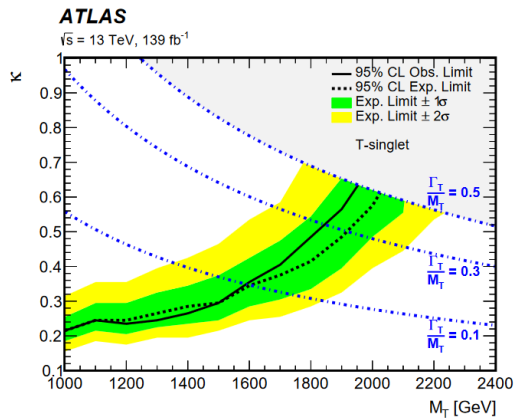


Higgs and Flavour – Together

Covone, Davighi, Isidori, Pesut, [2407.10950](#)

Phenomenology resembles that of minimal CHM with U2 x deconstructed gauge bosons

- Modified HWW and HZZ
- Top partners et al
- Universal shifts in EWPOs
- Flavour e.g. $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ particularly strong
- LHC Drell–Yan
- Non-universal shifts in EWPOs



Viable benchmark:

- Large $g_{R,3} \sim 1$
- Light top partner $M_T \approx 2$ TeV; spin-1 resonance $M_\rho \approx 10$ TeV
- Deconstruction scale $v_\Sigma \approx 3$ TeV
- Order 5% tuning in Higgs mass

Conclusions

The Higgs remains a central motivation for high-energy BSM. Flavour cannot be overlooked.

Pre-LHC: postpone flavour and solve the hierarchy problem with MFV

New vision: an intrinsically flavour non-universal approach can

1. Emerge from interesting new gauge-flavour unified theories
2. Render m_h more natural e.g. in composite Higgs framework
3. Simultaneously unlock the flavour puzzle e.g. by flavour deconstruction
4. ... and has rich phenomenology: great potential at HL-LHC and FCC-ee is just beginning to be explored

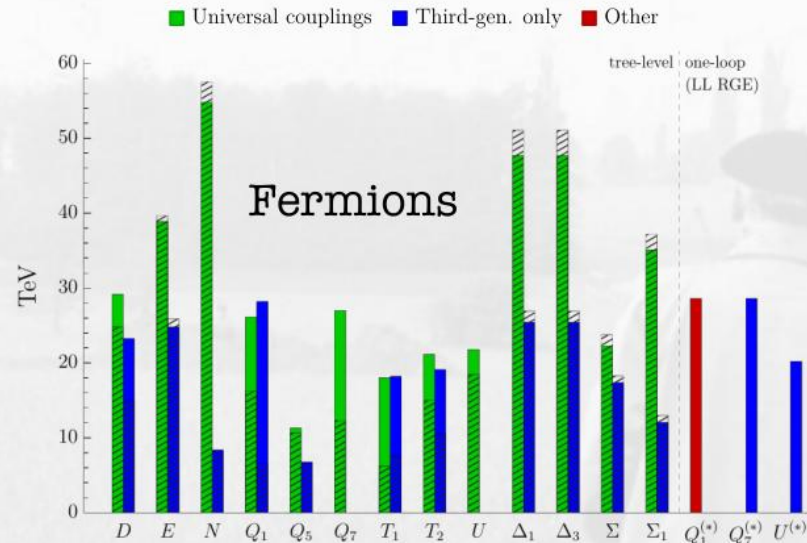


Thank you!

Backup

EWPOs at tera Z probe most BSM to few TeV

Plots assume all couplings are 1. Keep in mind when considering mass scales!

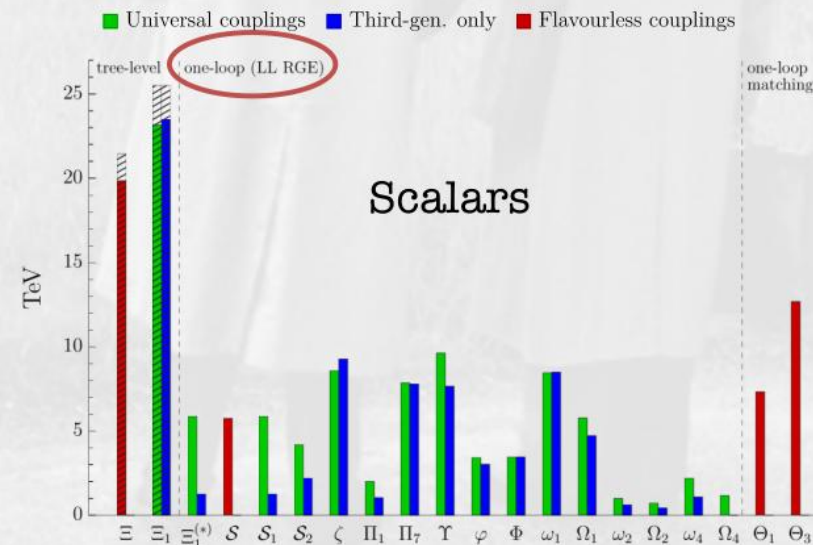
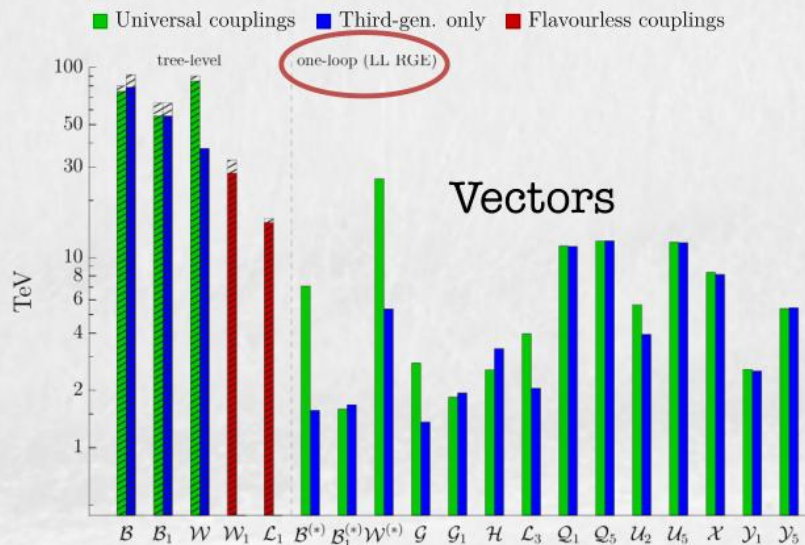


Only 1-loop RG contributions included. Full one-loop matching not.

Allwicher, McCullough, Renner, [2408.03992](#)

Celada, Hoeve, Mantani, Rojo, Rossia, Thomas, Vryonidou, [2404.12809](#);

Hoeve, Mantani, Rojo, Rossia, Vryonidou, [2502.20453](#)



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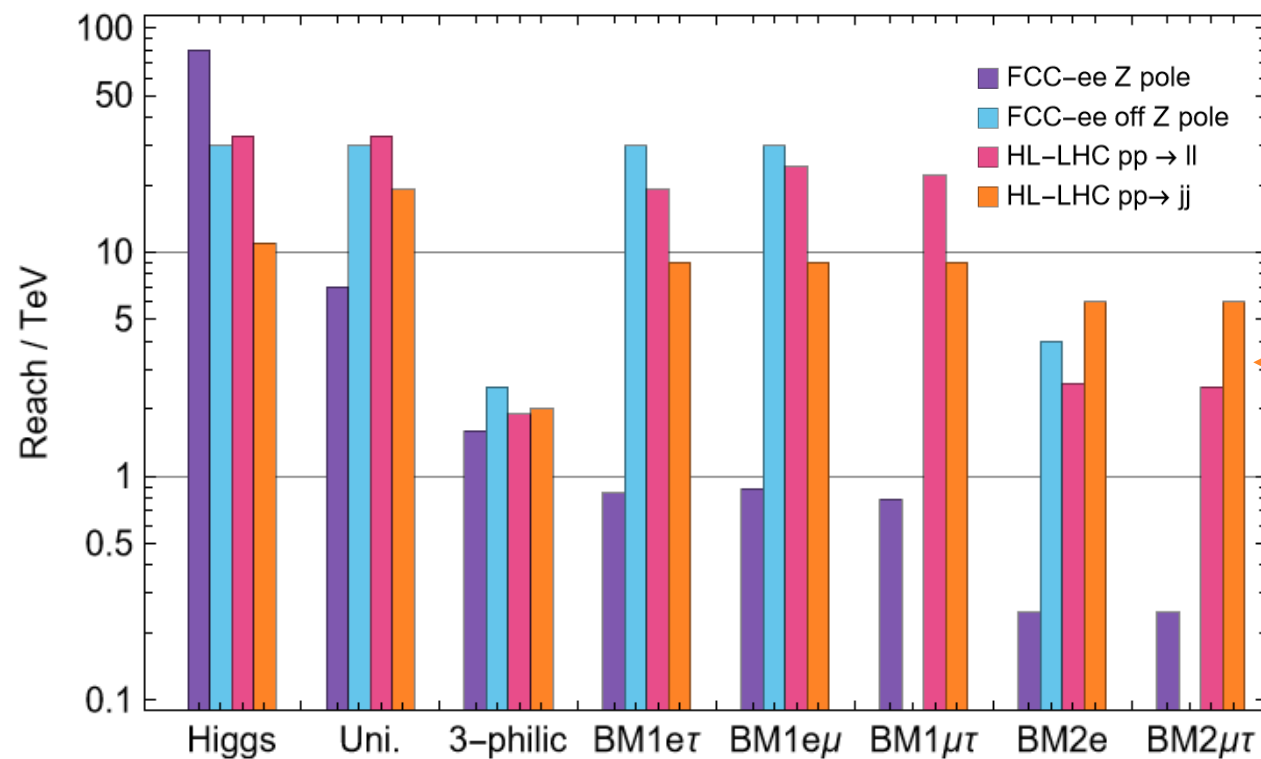
Slide from Matthew McCullough @ CERN EP/TH Faculty Meeting, Sep 2024

... with ≈ 1 exception

Davighi, [2412.07694](#)

Z' extension, from a gauged $U(1)$, avoids running into EWPOs at 1-loop for the anomaly-free charges:

- $(U_1, U_2, U_3) = (X_u, -X_u, 0)$, $X_u = p^2 + q^2$
- $(D_1, D_2, D_3) = (X_d, -X_d, 0)$, $X_d = p^2 + 2pq - q^2$
- $(E_1, E_2, E_3) = (X_e, -X_e, 0)$, $X_e = -p^2 + 2pq + q^2$



Models that are “invisible” on the Z pole are very visible at LHC!

How to generate flavour in Composite Higgs Models?

The problem with elementary fermions: $L_{\text{strong}} \supset \frac{1}{\Lambda^{d-1}} \bar{q} O_H u + \Lambda^{4-d'} O_H O_H^\dagger + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q} q)^2$ Cannot have Λ low due to flavour bounds

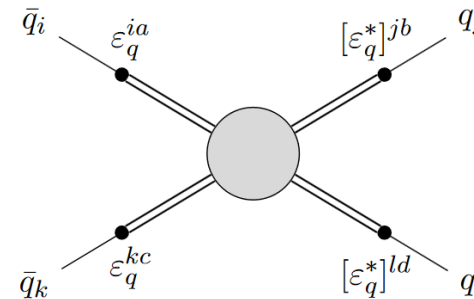
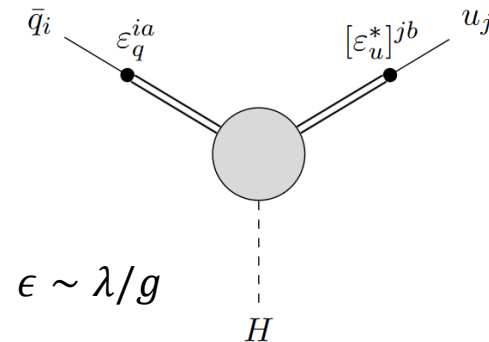
O_H is a composite scalar operator with quantum numbers of Higgs.
Want $d \approx 1$ to get large top Yukawa

Want $O_H O_H^\dagger$ to be irrelevant!
But $d \approx 1$ (quasi-free) implies $d' \approx 2d \approx 2$

Partial Compositeness is a solution: $L \supset \lambda_q^{ia} \bar{q}_i O_a^q + \lambda_u^{ia} \bar{u}_i O_a^u + \bar{O}_a^q O_H O_b^u$

Kaplan, [1991](#)

Review: Panico, Wulzer, [1506.01961](#)



Yukawa couplings now generated by **relevant** operators

Flavour from Anarchy?



Partial compositeness even promised a *dynamical solution* to *flavour puzzle*:

- The $\lambda_q^{ia} \bar{q}_i O_a^q$ mixing operators run with scale
- If λ_q^{ia} anarchic at high scale Λ_{high} , slight differences in anomalous dimensions of O_a^q transmute to *exponential hierarchies* in the resulting “proto-Yukawas” at scale m_*

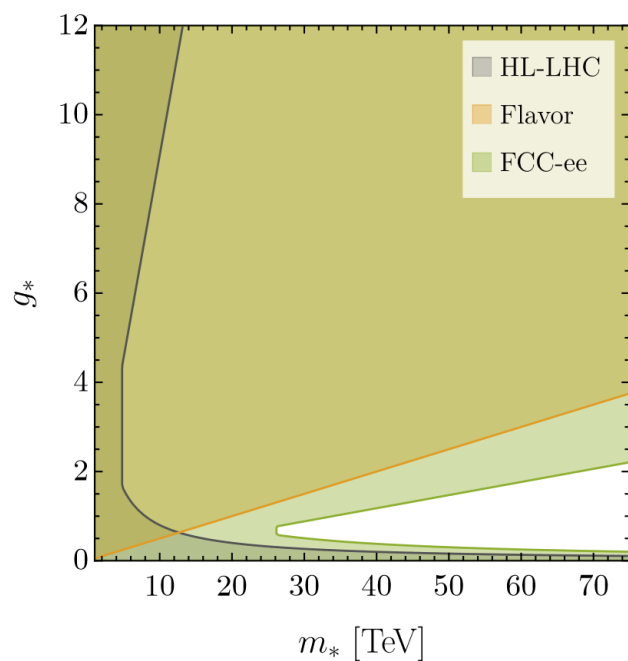
$$\lambda_\psi^{ia}(m_*) \simeq \lambda_\psi^{ia}(\Lambda) \left(\frac{m_*}{\Lambda} \right)^{\gamma_\psi^a} \equiv \lambda_\psi^{ia}(\Lambda) e^{-\gamma_\psi^a L}, \quad L \equiv \ln \Lambda / m_*$$

- BUT this entails large flavour violation also at m_*
- Strongest bound from neutron EDM $\Rightarrow M_* \gtrsim 20 \div 25 \text{ TeV}$
[Even assuming 1-loop suppressed quark dipole operators]
- Such a high scale degrades this as a solution to the hierarchy problem AND is untestable in colliders
- We **need** a flavour symmetry to bring down m_*

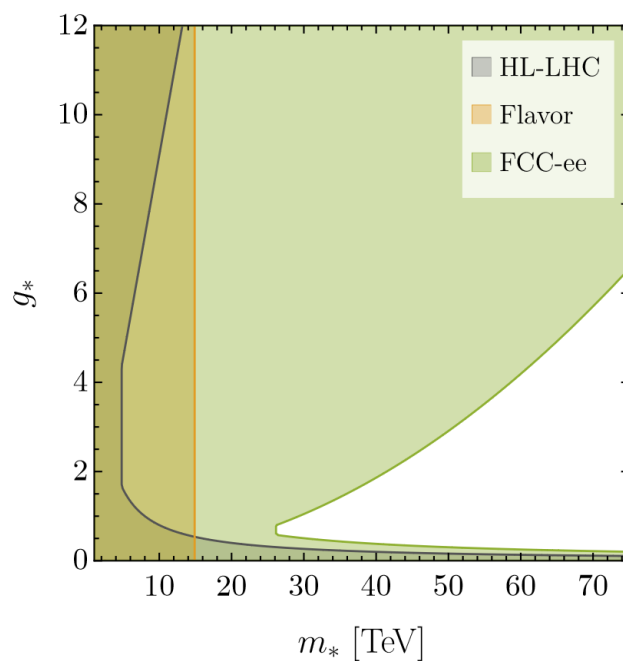
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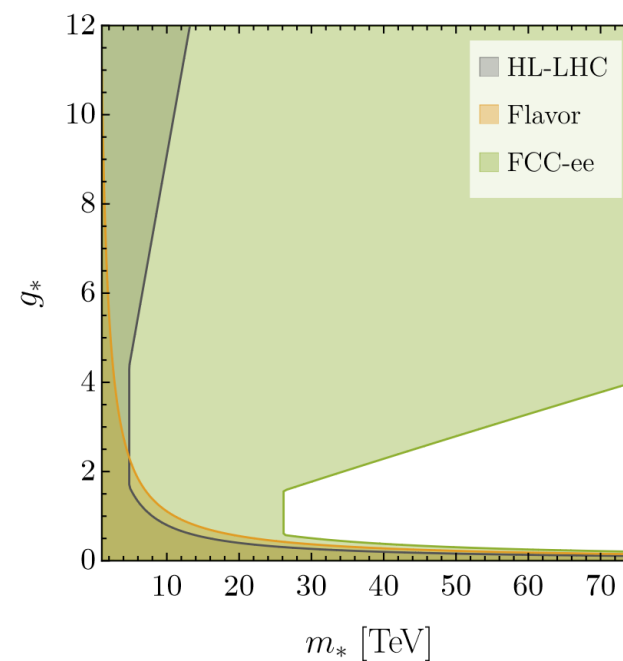
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(a) Left compositeness



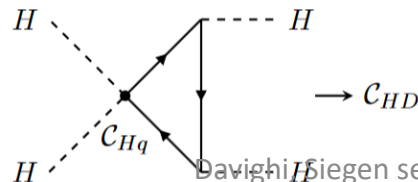
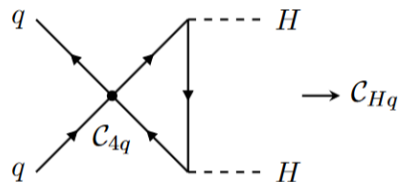
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(c) Right compositeness

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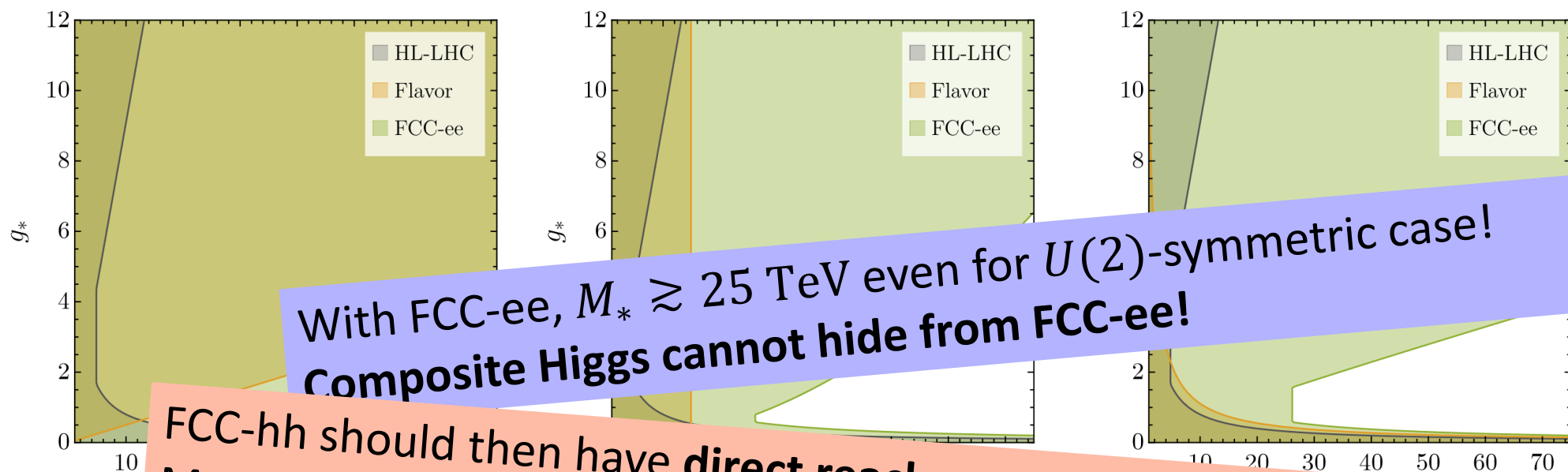
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c.f. also Alwall et al, [2302.11584](#)

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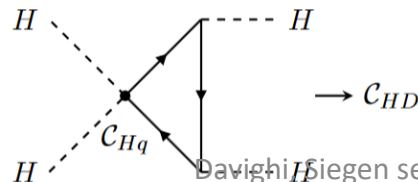
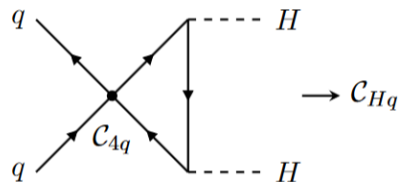
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FCC-hh should then have **direct reach** up to $M_* \sim 20$ TeV [Golling et al [1606.00947](#)]
 Muon Collider could have direct reach up to $E_{\text{CoM}}/2$ [Accettura et al [2303.08533](#)]

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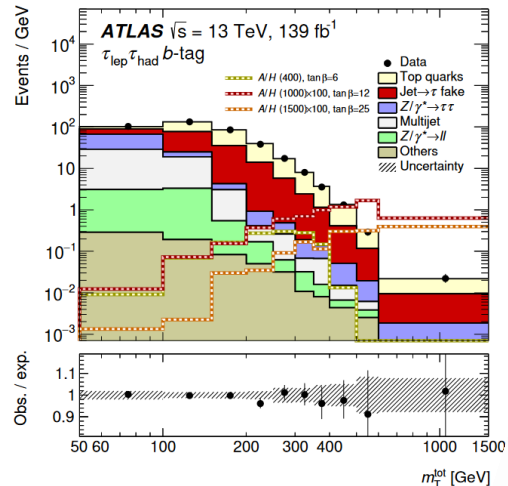
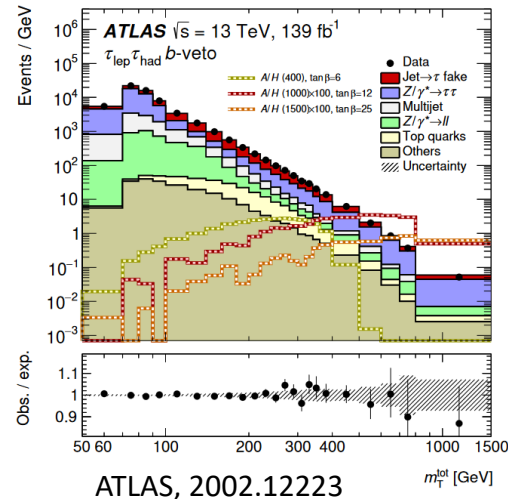
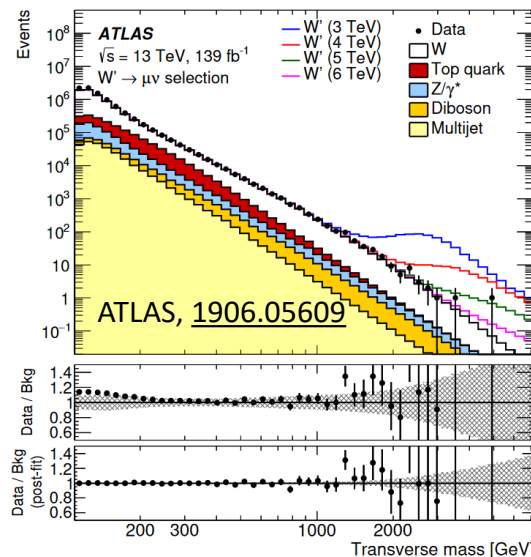
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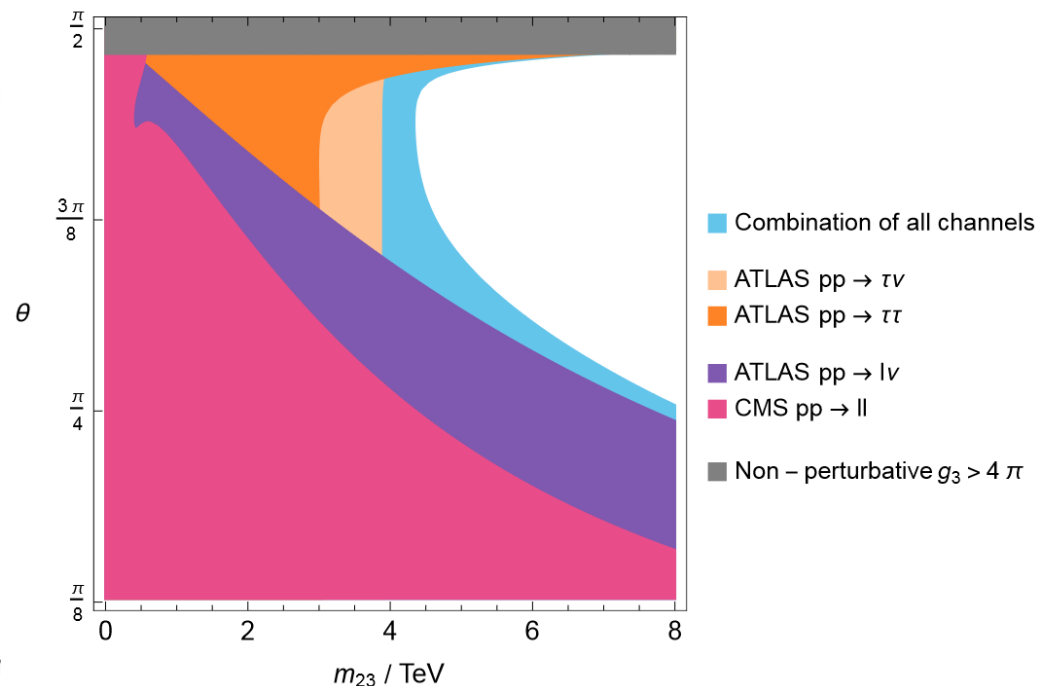
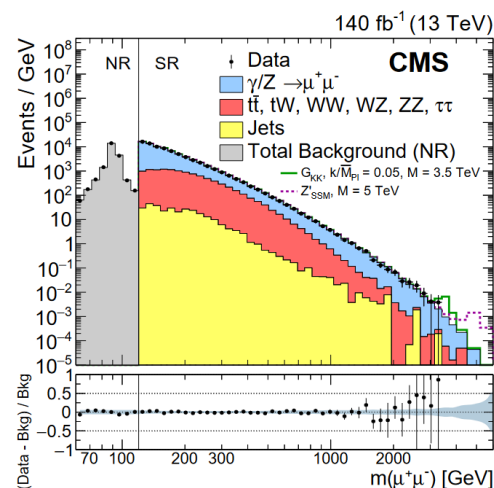
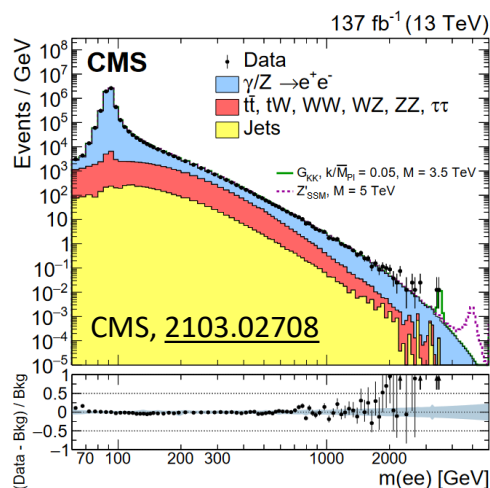
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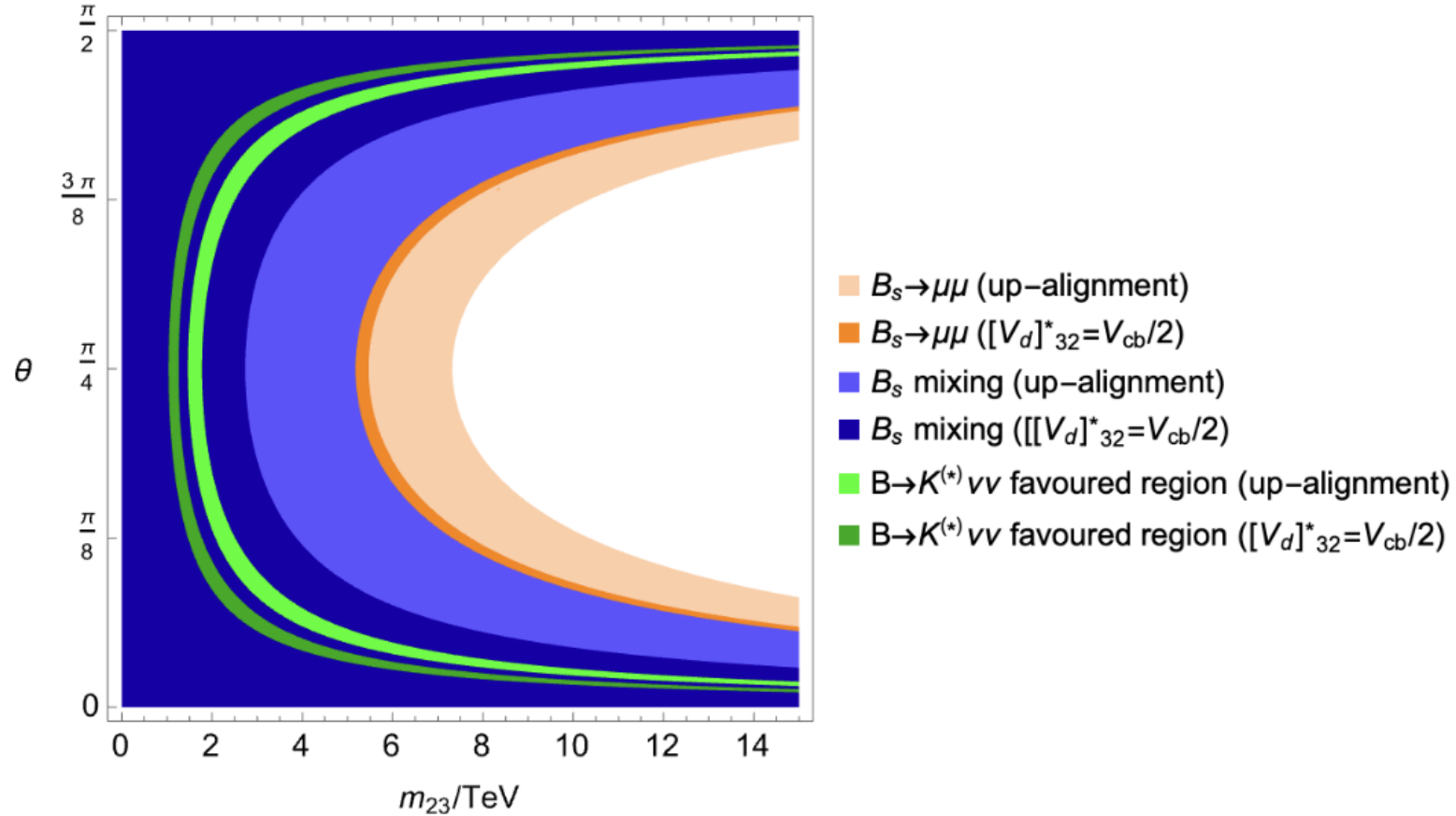
So far we just used LHC Drell-Yan data (139 fb^{-1}) to constrain the models

Many other collider probes are possible!

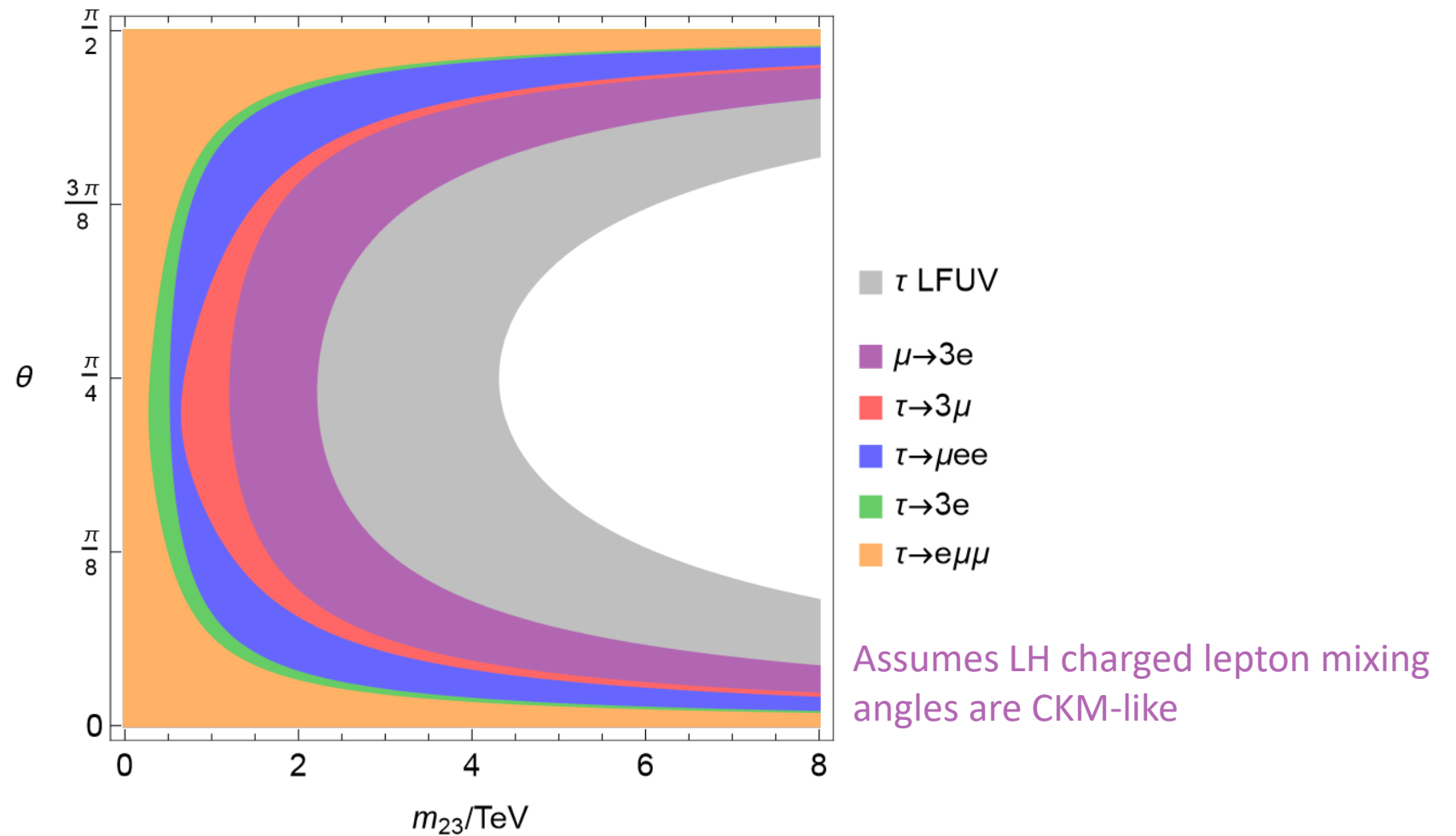


Deconstructed $SU(2)_L$: B -physics constraints

Davighi, Gosnay, Miller, Renner [2312.13346](#)

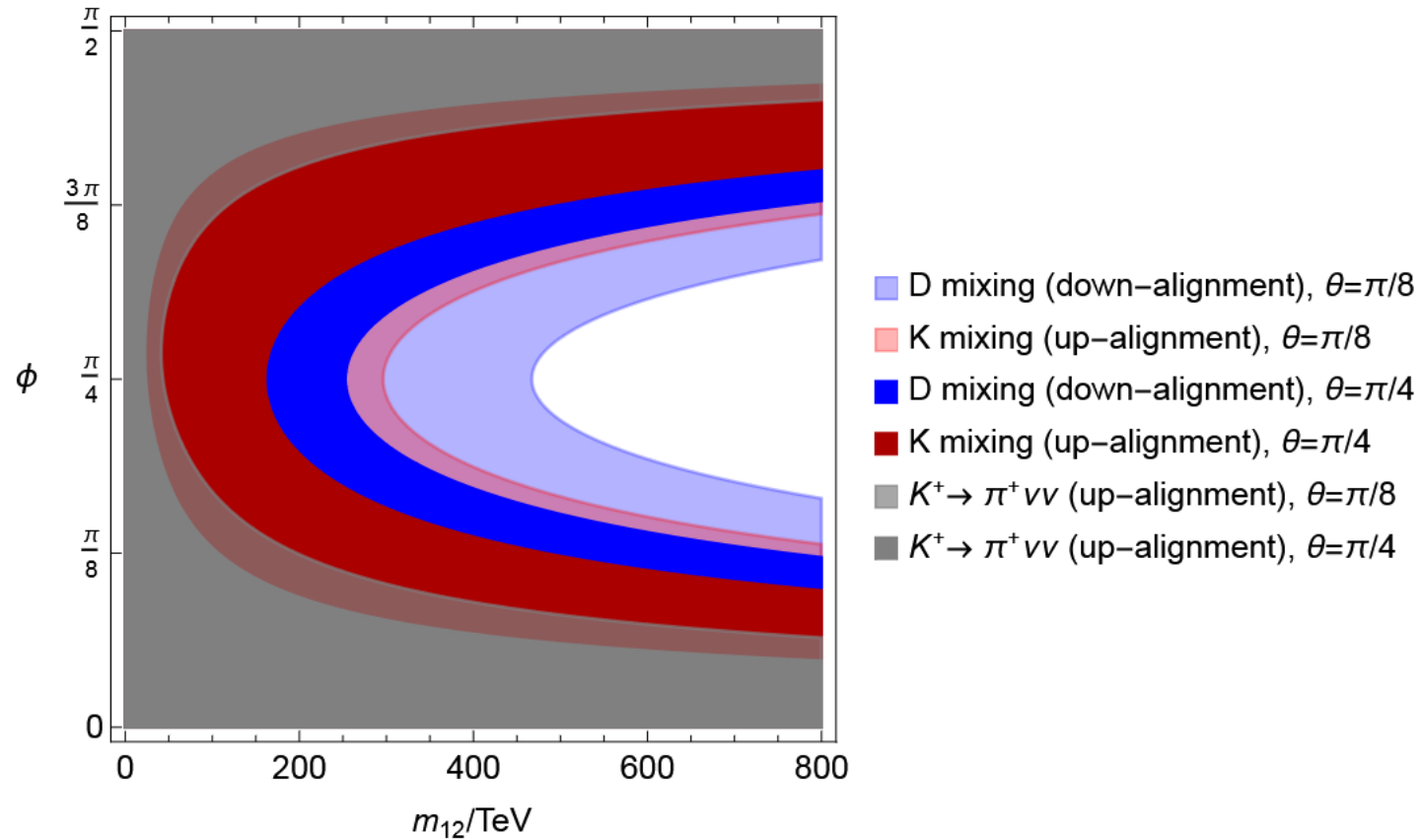


Deconstructed $SU(2)_L$: charged lepton constraints



Deconstructed $SU(2)_L$: constraints on the 1-2 breaking

$$G_1 \times G_2 \times G_{3+H} \xrightarrow{\langle \phi_{12} \rangle \sim 10^{2\div 3} \text{ TeV}} G_{12} \times G_{3+\text{Higgs}}$$



Deconstructed $U(1)_Y$

See also
 Fernández Navarro, King [2305.07690](#)
 Allanach, Davighi [1809.01158](#)

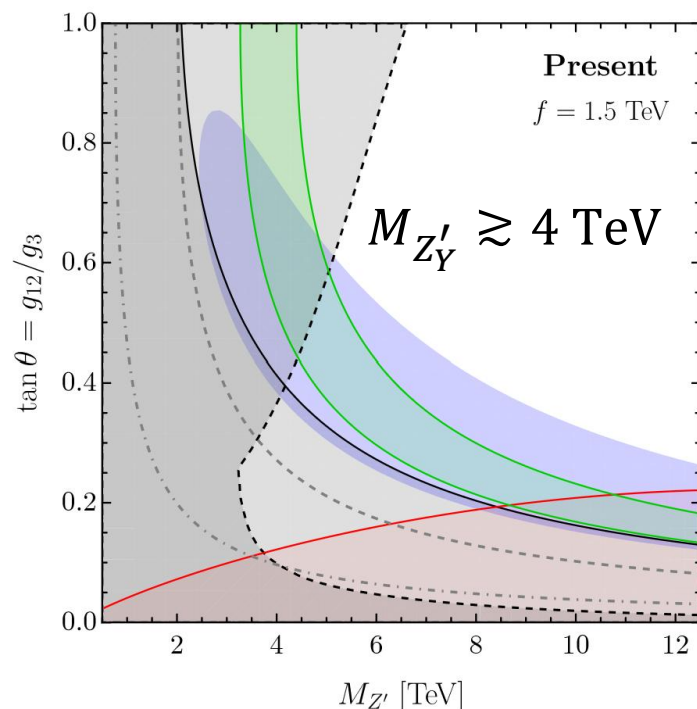
Davighi, Stefaneke [2305.16280](#)

More natural model; double benefit from $g_Y \sim g_L/2$ (roughly x2 smaller δm_h^2 , roughly x2 smaller NP effects)

	Flavour (mixing, $bs\mu\mu$)	LHC Drell-Yan $pp \rightarrow ll$	Electroweak Precision
$U(1)_{Y,12} \times U(1)_{Y,3}$	$O_{qq}^{(1)}, O_{dd} \dots, O_{lq}^{(1)}, O_{qe}, \dots$	$O_{lq}^{(1)}, O_{qe}, O_{eu}, O_{ed}, \dots$	$O_{Hq}^{(1)}, O_{Hl}^{(1)}, O_{He}, \dots, O_{HD}$

LL 4-quark operators especially small thanks to $Y_Q g_Y \sim 1/18$

+ve shift in M_W currently preferred by EW fit
 (even ignoring CDF II measurement)



- B_s mixing (with up-alignment! Suppressed by $Y_Q g_Y$)
- $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ exclusion (strong-ish because our $bs\mu\mu$ is $\approx C_{10}$)
- Electroweak fit (1 sigma) using a new M_W average
- Electroweak fit (2 sigma exclusion) excluding CDF II M_W
- High p_T exclusion (recast of $pp \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu, \tau\tau$ searches)
- Percent tuning in M_h^2
- A “natural” explanation of fermion mass hierarchies