



# CONSISTENT KINETIC MIXING

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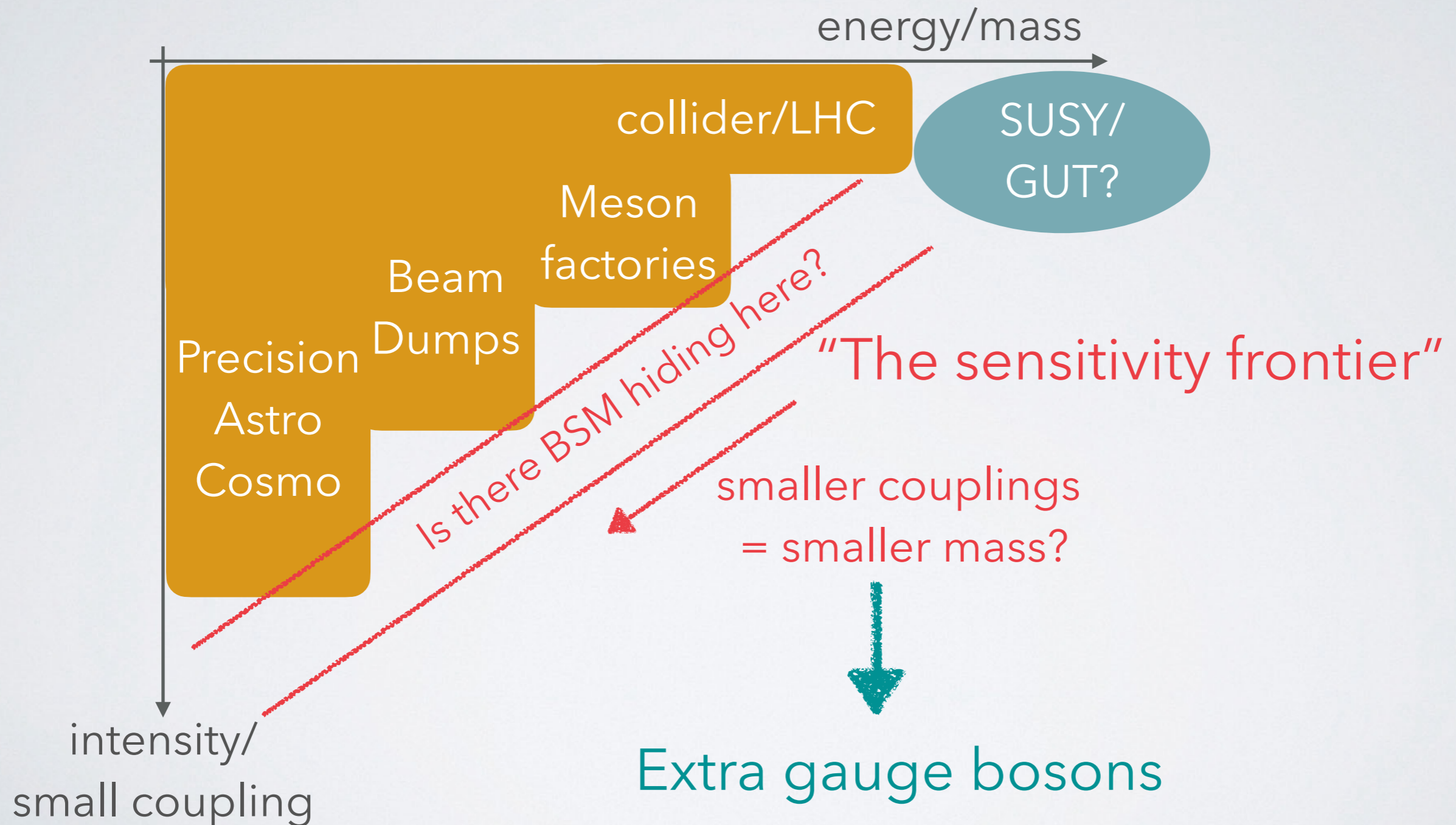
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# WHERE TO LOOK FOR BSM

- Many UV theories predict heavy new states with sizeable couplings (e.g. SUSY, GUTs, String Models, ...)

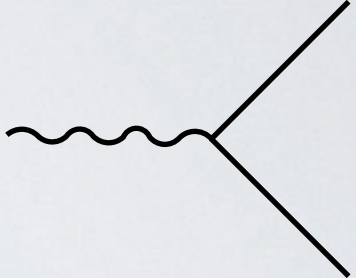


# HIDDEN PHOTONS

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\epsilon_A}{2} F_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

[Okun '82; Holdom '86]

- For light mediators  $M_X \ll M_Z$  kinetic terms can be diagonalised by simple field redefinition:

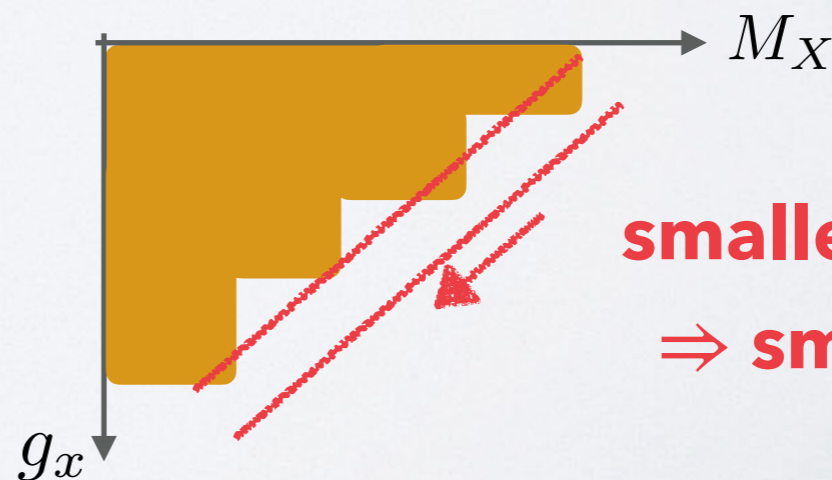
$$A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu - \epsilon_A X^\mu \quad \longrightarrow \quad eA_\mu J_{\text{EM}}^\mu - \epsilon_A e X_\mu J_{\text{EM}}^\mu$$


Coupling to EM current suppressed by  $\epsilon_A$ , where typically  $\epsilon_A \propto g_x/16\pi^2$

- If  $U(1)_X$  is broken by VEV  $f$  of scalar, mass is related to coupling:

$$\mathcal{L} = (D_\mu S)^\dagger D^\mu S \supset g_x^2 f^2 X_\mu X^\mu$$

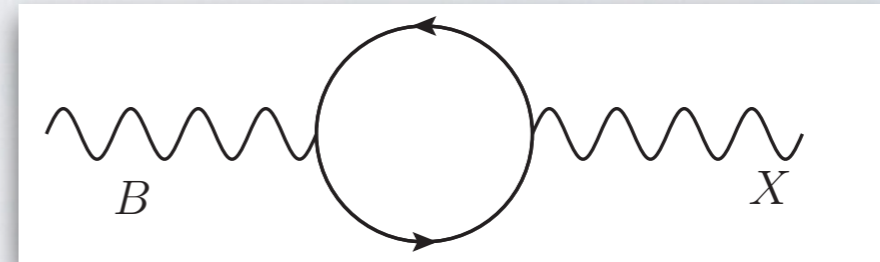
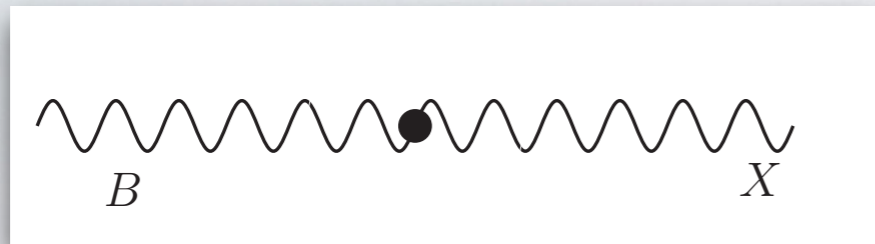
$$\Rightarrow M_X = g_x f$$



**smaller couplings  
=> smaller mass!**

# KINETIC MIXING — “COMMON LORE”

- How does kinetic mixing with photon arise? Cannot be fundamental!



- Kinetic mixing requires **either tree-level mixing** between the new  $U(1)_X$  and the SM hypercharge  $U(1)_B$  **or** is induced at the **loop-level** if there are **fields charged under both  $U(1)_B$  and  $U(1)_X$**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\epsilon_B}{2} B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

$$B_\mu = c_w A_\mu - s_w Z_\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -c_w \frac{\epsilon_B}{2} F_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} + s_w \frac{\epsilon_B}{2} Z_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_A = c_w \epsilon_B$$

# KINETIC MIXING — THE FULL PICTURE

- There is a dim-6 operator that induces mixing with the weak bosons (in theories with  $SU(2)_L$  multiplets charged under  $U(1)_X$  generated at loop level)

$$\mathcal{O}_{WX} = \frac{c_{WX}}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger \sigma^i H W_{\mu\nu}^i X^{\mu\nu}$$

New physics  
scale

- This operator induces kinetic mixing after EWSB

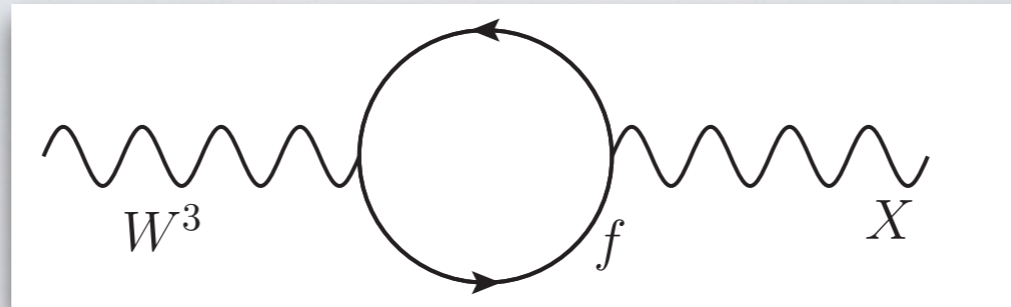
$$\mathcal{O}_{WX} \supset -\frac{\epsilon_W}{2} W_{\mu\nu}^3 X^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{with } \epsilon_W = c_{WX} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$W_\mu^3 = s_w A_\mu + c_w Z_\mu$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{WX} \supset -s_w \frac{\epsilon_W}{2} F_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} - c_w \frac{\epsilon_W}{2} Z_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_A = c_w \epsilon_B + s_w \epsilon_W$$

# LOOP GENERATION OF $\epsilon_W$



- The operator  $\mathcal{O}_{WX}$  captures the  $SU(2)_L$  contributions to kinetic mixing of the  $X$  boson with  $W^3$ . After EWSB one can identify

$$\Pi_{WX}^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\Pi_{WX}}_{\epsilon_W} [g^{\mu\nu} p_1 \cdot p_2 - p_1^\mu p_2^\nu] + \Delta_{WX} g^{\mu\nu}$$

- The kinetic mixing due to  $U(1)_X$  charged  $SU(2)_L$  multiplets reads

$$\Pi_{WX} = -\frac{g g_x}{8\pi^2} \sum_f T_3^f (v_X^f + a_X^f) \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{m_f^2 - x(1-x)q^2} \right)$$

Sum over  $SU(2)_L$  dofs (pointing to  $\sum_f$ )  
↑  $SU(2)_L$  charge (pointing to  $T_3^f$ )  
↑  $U(1)_X$  charge (pointing to  $(v_X^f + a_X^f)$ )  
( $v_X^f + a_X^f$ ) =  $2 Q_L^f$   
↑ loop function (pointing to the log term)

# WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Beyond kinetic mixing  $U(1)_X$  can be coupled to SM by gauge interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -g_x J_X^\mu X_\mu$$

$$J_X^\mu = \sum_{\psi} \bar{\psi} Q_\psi \gamma^\mu \psi$$

with  $\psi = Q, L, u, d, \ell, \nu$

$SU(2)_L$  multiplets!

- Phenomenologically viable** anomaly-free combinations are:

$B - L$

charging quarks & leptons

$L_\mu - L_e$

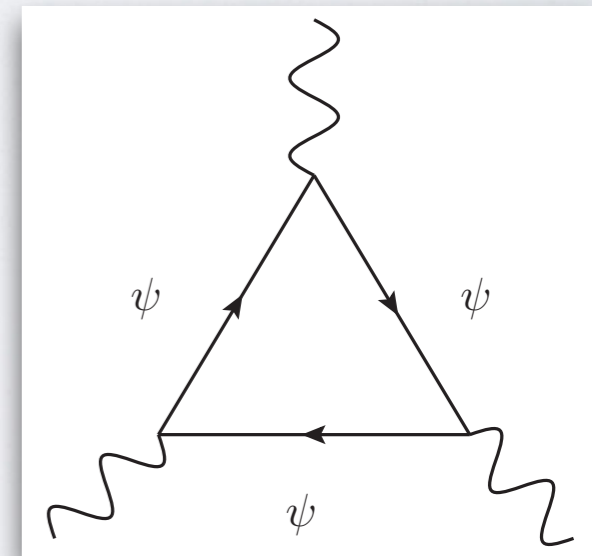
charging 1st & 2nd generation leptons

$L_e - L_\tau$

charging 1st & 3rd generation leptons

$L_\mu - L_\tau$

charging 2nd & 3rd generation leptons

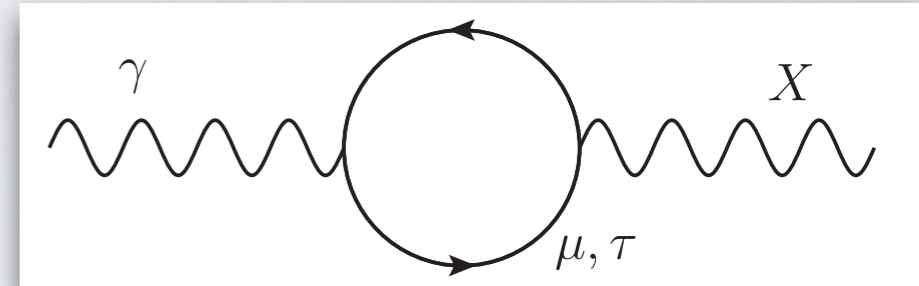


- All of these models charge SM  $SU(2)_L$  multiplets, and thus necessarily induce  $\mathcal{O}_{WX}$  at the renormalizable level ( $\Lambda = \nu$ )!

# MATCHING EXAMPLE: $U(1)_{L_\mu - L_\tau}$

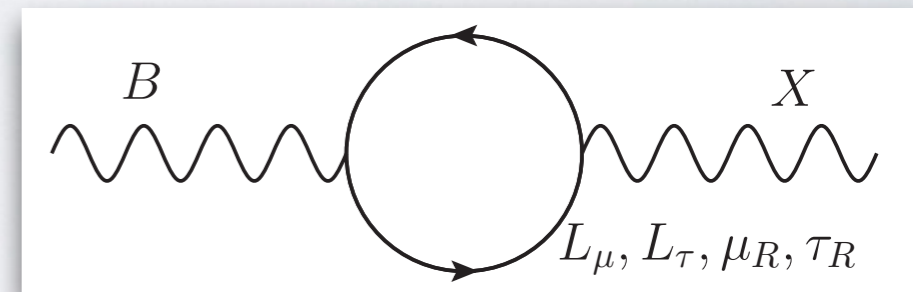
- In the IR the loop mixing with the photon is computed to

$$\epsilon_A = \frac{eg_{\mu\tau}}{6\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau}\right)$$



- The naive UV computation yields

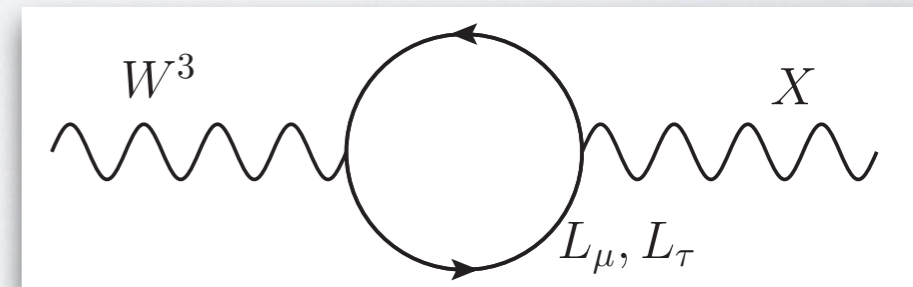
$$\epsilon_B = \frac{g'g_{\mu\tau}}{24\pi^2} \left[ 3 \log\left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau}\right) + \log\left(\frac{m_{\nu_\mu}}{m_{\nu_\tau}}\right) \right]$$



$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_A \neq c_w \epsilon_B \quad \times$$

- We are missing the mixing with the  $SU(2)_L$

$$\epsilon_W = \frac{gg_{\mu\tau}}{24\pi^2} \left[ \log\left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau}\right) - \log\left(\frac{m_{\nu_\mu}}{m_{\nu_\tau}}\right) \right]$$



$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_A = c_w \epsilon_B + s_w \epsilon_W \quad \checkmark$$



# HIGGS LOW-ENERGY THEOREM

- Starting from the low-energy Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu}, Z_{\mu\nu}, X_{\mu\nu}) \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \epsilon_A \\ 0 & 1 & \epsilon_Z \\ \epsilon_A & \epsilon_Z & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{\Pi} \right] \begin{pmatrix} F^{\mu\nu} \\ Z^{\mu\nu} \\ X^{\mu\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

One-loop corrections:  
vacuum polarization

we can derive the Higgs decay amplitudes via the **low-energy theorem**:

$$\lim_{p_h \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{M}(h \rightarrow V_i V_j) \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \mathcal{M}(V_i \rightarrow V_j) = \partial_v [G^T \mathbf{\Pi} G]_{ij}$$

[Ellis, Gaillard, Nanopoulos '76]

[Shifman, Vainshtein, Voloshin, Zakharov '79]

vacuum polarizations  
in canonical normalisation

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{\gamma\gamma} & \Pi_{\gamma Z} & \Pi_{\gamma X} \\ \Pi_{\gamma Z} & \Pi_{ZZ} & \Pi_{ZX} \\ \Pi_{\gamma X} & \Pi_{ZX} & \Pi_{XX} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{\epsilon_A}{\sqrt{1 - \epsilon_A^2 - \epsilon_Z^2}} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{\epsilon_Z}{\sqrt{1 - \epsilon_A^2 - \epsilon_Z^2}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \epsilon_A^2 - \epsilon_Z^2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G^T \mathbf{\Pi} G = \mathbf{\Pi} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \epsilon_A \Pi_{\gamma\gamma} + \epsilon_Z \Pi_{\gamma Z} \\ \cdot & 0 & \epsilon_A \Pi_{\gamma Z} + \epsilon_Z \Pi_{ZZ} \\ \cdot & \cdot & 2\epsilon_A \Pi_{\gamma X} + 2\epsilon_Z \Pi_{ZX} \end{pmatrix}$$

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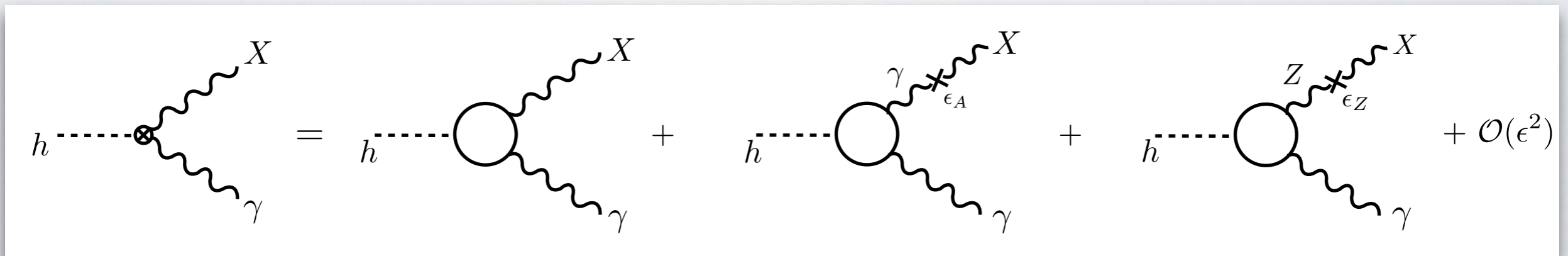
- In the SM we find then for mixing with a new  $U(1)_X$  in the IR

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_v \Pi_{\gamma X}(0) &= \sum_f N_c^f \frac{e g_x}{12 \pi^2 v} Q_f v_X^f \\ \partial_v \Pi_{ZX}(0) &= \sum_f N_c^f \frac{e g_x}{24 \pi^2 v} \frac{T_3^f - 2 s_w^2 Q_f}{s_w c_w} v_X^f \\ \partial_v \Pi_{XX}(0) &= \sum_f N_c^f \frac{g_x^2}{24 \pi^2 v} v_X^{f2}\end{aligned}$$

The sums run over all fermions with  $m_f \gg m_h$  (i.e. the top quark)



- Allows us to derive **universal branching ratios** for models gauging  $B$



$$\mathcal{BR}_{h \rightarrow \gamma X} \simeq (0.92 g_x^2 + 6.36 g_x \epsilon_A + 11.01 \epsilon_A^2) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$\Rightarrow \sim 10^{-8}$  (for  $g_x \sim 10^{-4}$  and  $\epsilon_A \sim 10^{-3}$ ) **in reach of FCC-hh!**

# CONCLUSIONS

- **Hidden Photons** are well motivated particles that could **hide along the sensitivity frontier** (i.e. weaker coupling, smaller mass)
- The **commonly quoted matching**  $\epsilon_A = c_w \epsilon_B$  is **incomplete!**
- There is a **dim-6 operator inducing  $W^3 X$  mixing**. In models with  $SU(2)_L$  multiplets charged under  $U(1)_X$  it is generated at loop level



$$\epsilon_A = c_w \epsilon_B + s_w \epsilon_W$$

- The  $\epsilon_W$  **contribution is essential** in anomaly-free U(1) models to obtain **correct IR mixing!**
- **Higgs low-energy theorems** automatically **incorporate all decay amplitudes** comprehensively **at fixed order** in  $\epsilon$

*THANK YOU!*

# BACKUP

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# HIGGS LOW-ENERGY THEOREM

- Have derived the vacuum polarisation amplitudes for kinetic mixing

$$\partial_v \Pi_{ij}^n = \frac{g_i g_j}{48\pi^2} N_c^n (v_i^n v_j^n + a_i^n a_j^n) \partial_v \log \left( \frac{\det \mathcal{M}_n^\dagger \mathcal{M}_n}{\mu^2} \right)$$

color factor

$U(1)$  charges

mass matrix of multiplet