

# Flavour Non-Universality vs Naturalness

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# Outline

1. **Motivation:** Flavour puzzles  $\rightarrow$  accidental  $U(2)$  flavour symmetries
2. **Models:** Natural gauge explanations by deconstructing the SM near the TeV
3. **Pheno:** flavour + high pT + EW precision

$$G_{\text{SM},12} \times G_{\text{SM},3+\text{Higgs}} \rightarrow G_{\text{SM}}$$

# 1. Flavour and accidental symmetries

# The Flavour Puzzle(s)

Why huge (technically natural) hierarchies in SM Yukawa couplings  $y \bar{\Psi}_L H \Psi_R$ ?

Masses:  $1 \approx y_t \gg y_c \gg y_u \sim 10^{-5}$

Mixings:  $V_{us} \gg V_{cb} \gg V_{ub}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \hline & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \hline & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Yukawa matrices exhibit approximate  $U(2)_L \times U(2)_R$  flavour symmetry

SM flavour

If New Physics is light ( $< 10$  TeV), it also exhibits  $U(2)$  flavour symmetries

BSM flavour

- Need to suppress eg **kaon mixing**, which probes effective scale  $\sim 10^{5-6}$  TeV

$(\psi_1 \ \psi_2) = \text{doublets of } U(2), \ \psi_3 = \text{singlets of } U(2)$

Kagan, Perez, Volansky, Zupan, [0903.1794](#)  
 Barbieri et al, [1105.2296](#)  
 Isidori, Straub, [1202.0464](#)  
 Fuentes-Martin et al, [1909.02519](#)

Tempting hypothesis: *common dynamical origin!*

These  $U(2)$  flavour symmetries emerge as accidental symmetries from a gauge symmetry (broken  $< 10$  TeV ) that is flavour non-universal (acts differently on 3<sup>rd</sup> family, same on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> families)

# $U(2)$ or $U(3)$ ?

Flavour-blind NP (traditional MFV) can also evade flavour bounds. [D'Ambrosio, Giudice, Isidori, Strumia, hep-ph/0207036](#)

MFV now ruled out to 10 TeV

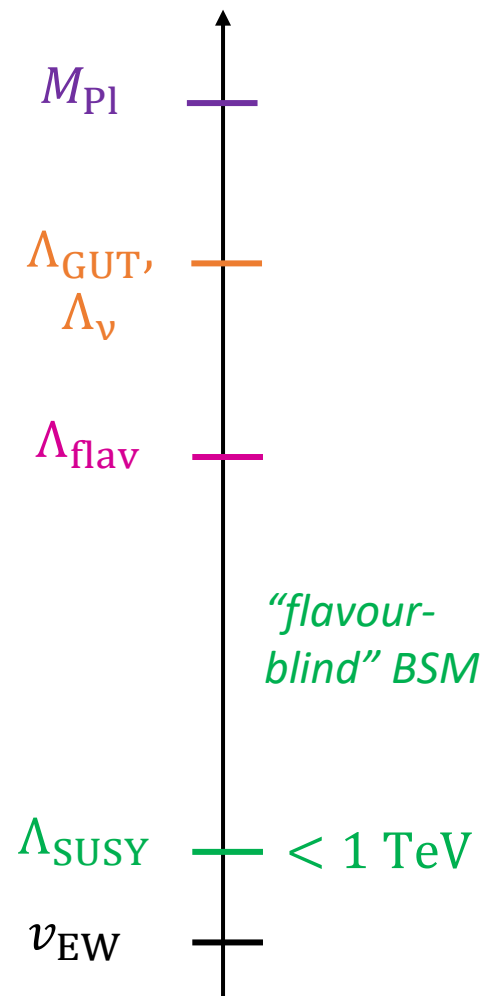
[European Strategy for Particle Physics, 2020 Briefing Book 1910.11775](#)

Reasons to prefer  $U(2)$ :

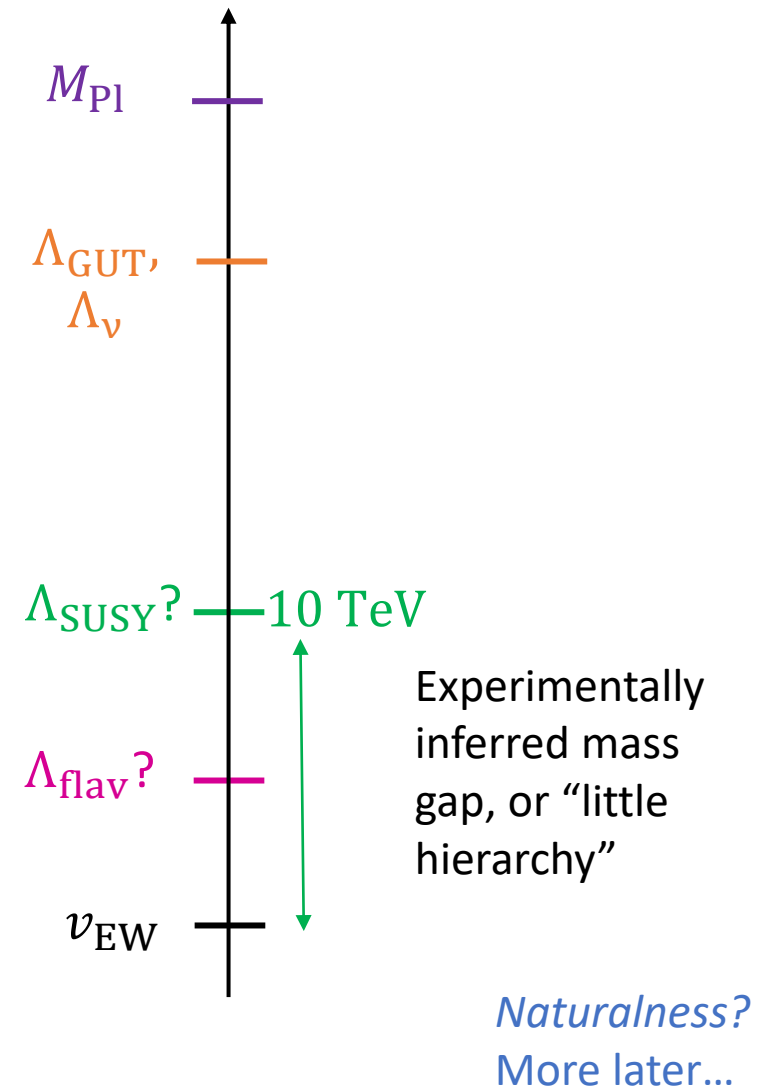
- $U(3)$  cannot explain the flavour hierarchies;  $U(2)$  can!
- NP with  $U(2)$  can be *lighter* by coupling dominantly to 3<sup>rd</sup> family



Old MFV picture (pre-LHC):



Maybe things are more like this:



## 2. Explaining the accidents: Deconstructing the SM



# Flavour non-universality, non-horizontally

- Want  $U(2)^n$  to emerge as **accidental** from a **flavour non-universal gauge symmetry**
- One approach is to “factorize the flavour problem” by gauging a horizontal symmetry e.g.  $U(1)_X$

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

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

...

## Deconstruction approach:

- A more intricate approach is to split apart (or “deconstruct”) SM gauge symmetry by flavour:

$$G = G_{\text{SM},12} \times G_{\text{SM},3+\text{Higgs}} \rightarrow G_{\text{SM}}$$

Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, Georgi [hep-th/0104005](#)

... Craig, Green, Katz [1103.3708](#)

... Bordone, Cornella, Fuentes-Martin, Isidori, [1712.01368](#) ...

## Comments:

- Embedding of SM gauge interactions intrinsically non-universal in UV
- This breaking is generic for simple  $G$ : for any choice of gauge couplings, and any scalar rep ( $R_1 \neq 1, R_2 \neq 1$ ), you *always* breaks this to the diagonal (flavour universal) subgroup!
- So universality of SM really pops out “accidentally” from deconstructed  $G_{\text{SM}}$

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

# Flavour non-universality, non-horizontally

With Higgs charged under  $G_{\text{SM},3}$ , we can explain Yukawa hierarchies with accidental  $U(2)^n$

$$SU(3)^{[12]} \times SU(3)^{[3]}$$

$$Y_{ij}^F \sim \begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & 0 \\ \times & \times & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

Allows 2 x 2 matrix of light Yukawas  
(Higgs colourless)

Explains  $V_{cb} \ll 1$

Doesn't explain  $m_2 \ll m_3$

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Rank-1 matrix, can be  
diagonalised by a RH-rotation  
that is unphysical (as in SM)

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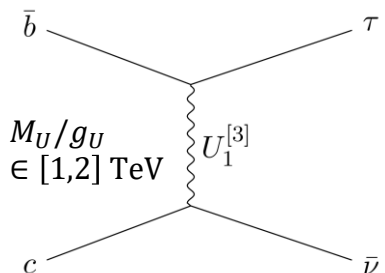
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If we enlarge  $SU(3)^{[3]} \rightarrow SU(4)^{[3]}$ ,  
can also explain  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  anomalies



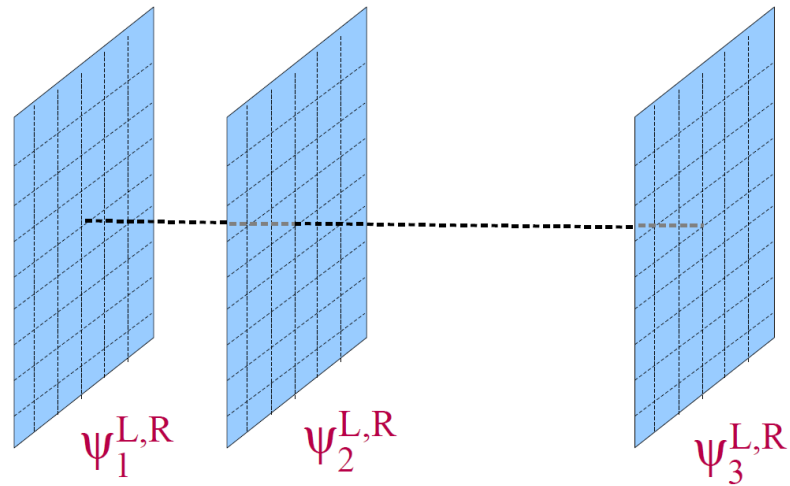
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Di Luzio, Fuentes-Martin, Greljo, Nardecchia, Renner,  
[1808.00942](#)

Hint for deconstruction near TeV

Need to deconstruct EW gauge  
symmetry to explain  $m_2 \ll m_3$

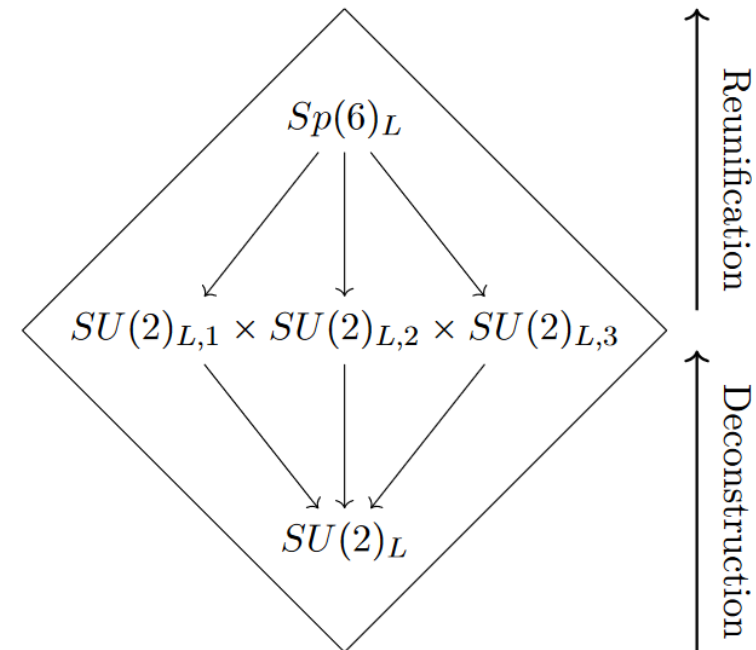
# UV origin?

## i. Fifth dimension; one bulk EW gauge group



Fuentes-Martin, Isidori, Lizana, Selimovic, Stefaneek, [2203.01952](#)

## ii. Electroweak flavour unification via $Sp(6)$



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

# What of Naturalness?

Flavour deconstructed models all predict heavy gauge bosons  $X$  with big couplings to Higgs or top

Unavoidable finite corrections to Higgs mass squared

$$\delta M_h^2 \sim \left( \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \right)^{\text{\#loops}} g_X^2 M_X^2$$

Farina, Strumia, Pappadopulo, [1303.7244](#)

If these corrections are  $\gg M_h^2$  then the physical Higgs mass is *fine-tuned* (regardless of higher-scale stabilization), in absence of SUSY or compositeness in interim scales to soften/cancel  $\delta M_h^2$

Absence of NP in colliders means a “little hierarchy”  $\delta M_h^2|_{\text{SUSY}} \sim \text{TeV}^2$  is  $\sim$  observational fact

c.f. Giudice, [1710.07663](#)

But we do not want to make the  $\delta M_h^2$  fine-tuning *worse* with our flavoured New Physics!

→ Use naturalness as a guide in the space of deconstructed flavour models

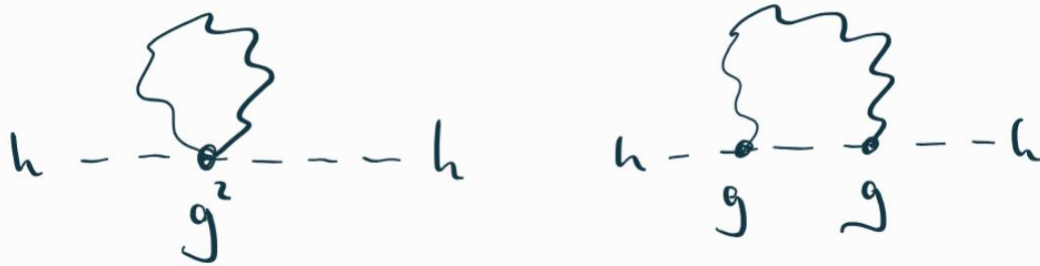
# Naturalness of electroweak scale

Davighi, Isidori [2303.01520](#)

See also Allwicher, Isidori, Thomsen [2011.01946](#)

Naturalness criteria:  $\delta M_h^2 \lesssim (125 \text{ GeV})^2$  (aggressive),  $\delta M_h^2 \lesssim (\text{TeV})^2$  (little hierarchy)

Deconstructing **EW symmetries** give 1-loop Higgs mass corrections:  
(recall we need this to explain  $m_2 \ll m_3$ )



$$\Rightarrow \delta M_h^2 \sim \frac{1}{16\pi^2} g_{L/Y}^2 M_{L/Y}^2$$

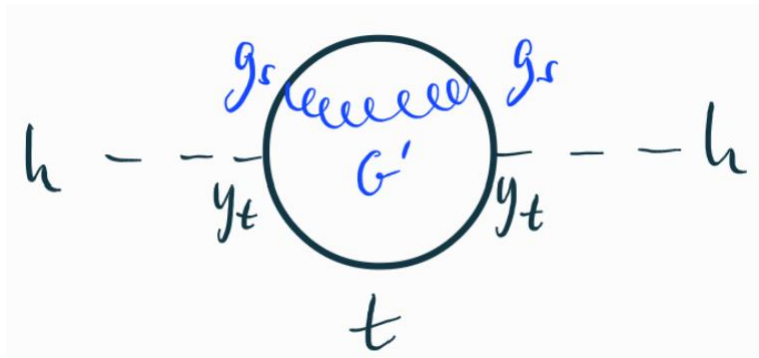
**Natural mass ranges**  
remain viable:

$$M_{W'_L} \lesssim 2.5 (20) \text{ TeV}$$

$$M_{Z'_Y} \lesssim 5 (40) \text{ TeV}$$

Since  $g_Y \sim \frac{1}{2} g_L$ , which  
*also* gives safer pheno  
(more later...)

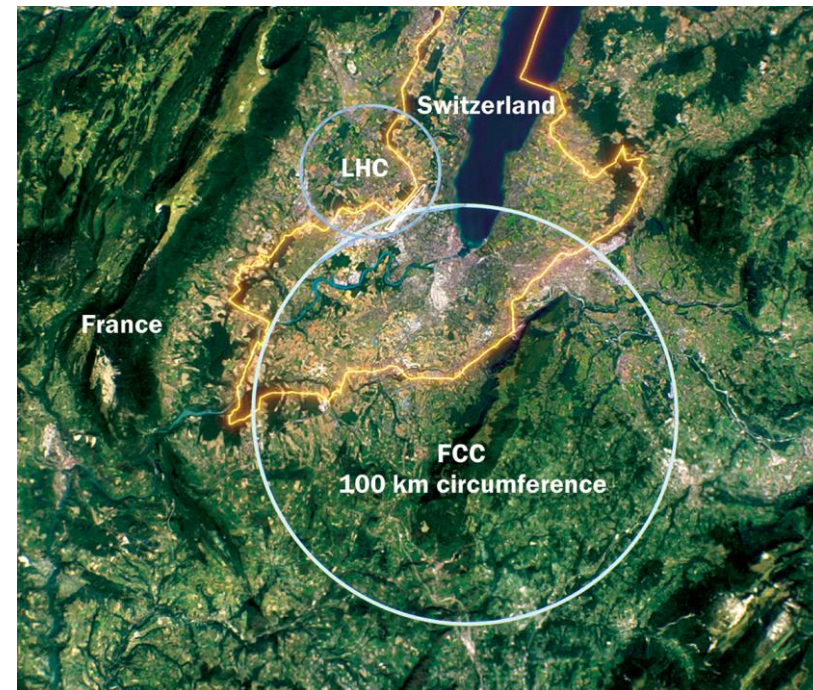
Deconstructing **colour** gives 2-loop correction, but with big couplings:



$$\Rightarrow \delta M_h^2 \sim \left( \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \right)^2 g_s^2 y_t^2 M_{G'}^2$$

$$M_{G'} \lesssim 10 (80) \text{ TeV}$$

### 3. Phenomenology



# Flavoured SM gauge bosons

Focus on deconstructed EW:  $SU(2)_{L,12} \times SU(2)_{L,3} \rightarrow SU(2)_L$  and  $U(1)_{Y,12} \times U(1)_{Y,3} \rightarrow U(1)_Y$

$$J^\mu \sim g_{12}^2 (J_1^\mu + J_2^\mu) - 2g_3^2 J_3^\mu, \quad J_3^\mu \supset D_{\text{SM}}^\mu H, \quad g_{12}, g_3 > g$$

Important SMEFT operators:

	Flavour (mixing, $bs\mu\mu$ )	LHC Drell-Yan $pp \rightarrow ll$ ( $lv$ )	Electroweak Precision
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(assuming flavour aligned charged lepton Yukawa)

(+ve) shift in  $M_W$  only in deconstructed hypercharge case (custodial violating)

**Current bounds:** all 3 observable classes give very complementary constraints!

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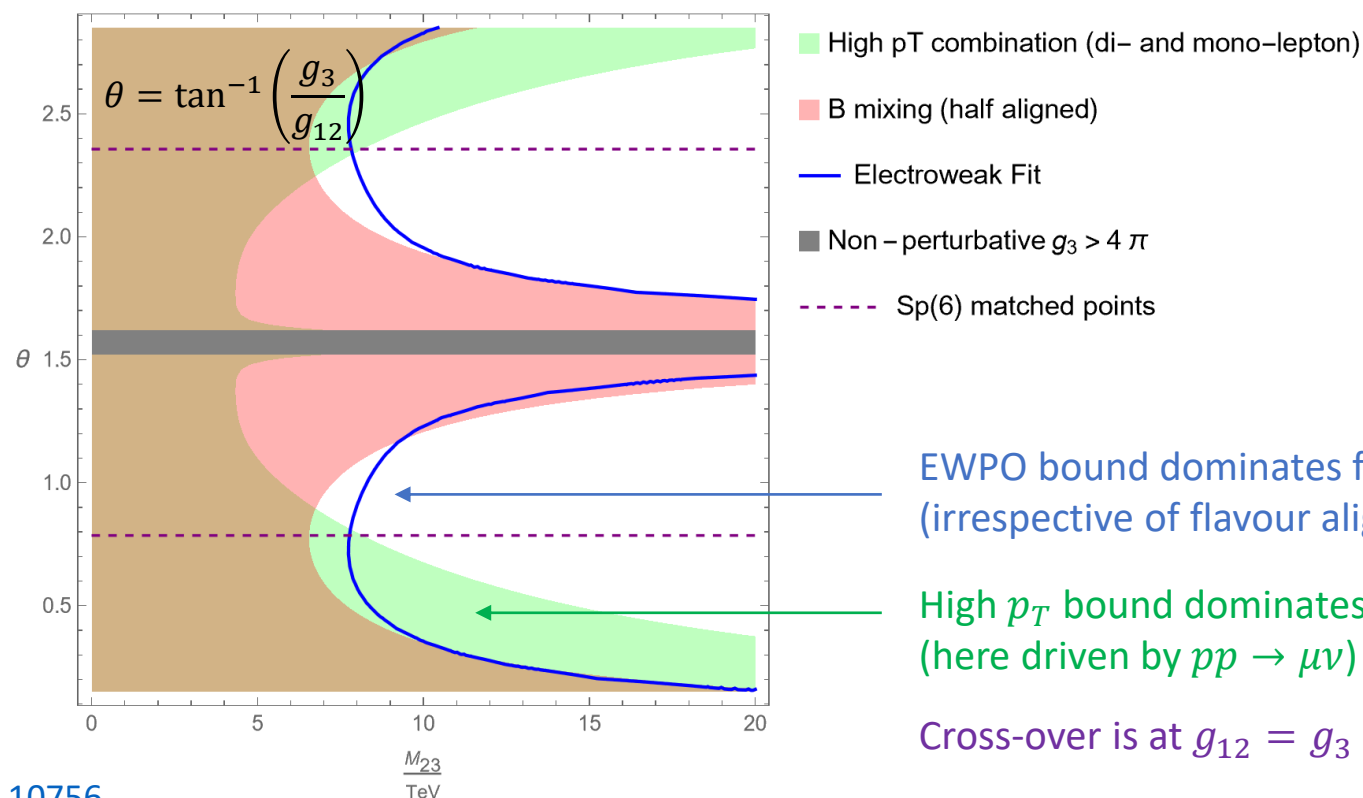
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Current bounds, combined:

- High  $p_T$
- Flavour ( $B_s$  mixing)
- EW fit

All are important!

$$M_{W'_L} > 8 \text{ TeV}$$



EWPO bound dominates for  $g_3 \gg g_{12}$  (irrespective of flavour alignment)

High  $p_T$  bound dominates for  $g_{12} \gg g_3$  (here driven by  $pp \rightarrow \mu\nu$ )

Cross-over is at  $g_{12} = g_3$  e.g. from  $Sp(6)_L$

High  $p_T$  bounds computed using **HighPT** package:  
[Allwicher, Farouhy, Jaffredo, Sumensari, Wilsch 2207.10756](#)  
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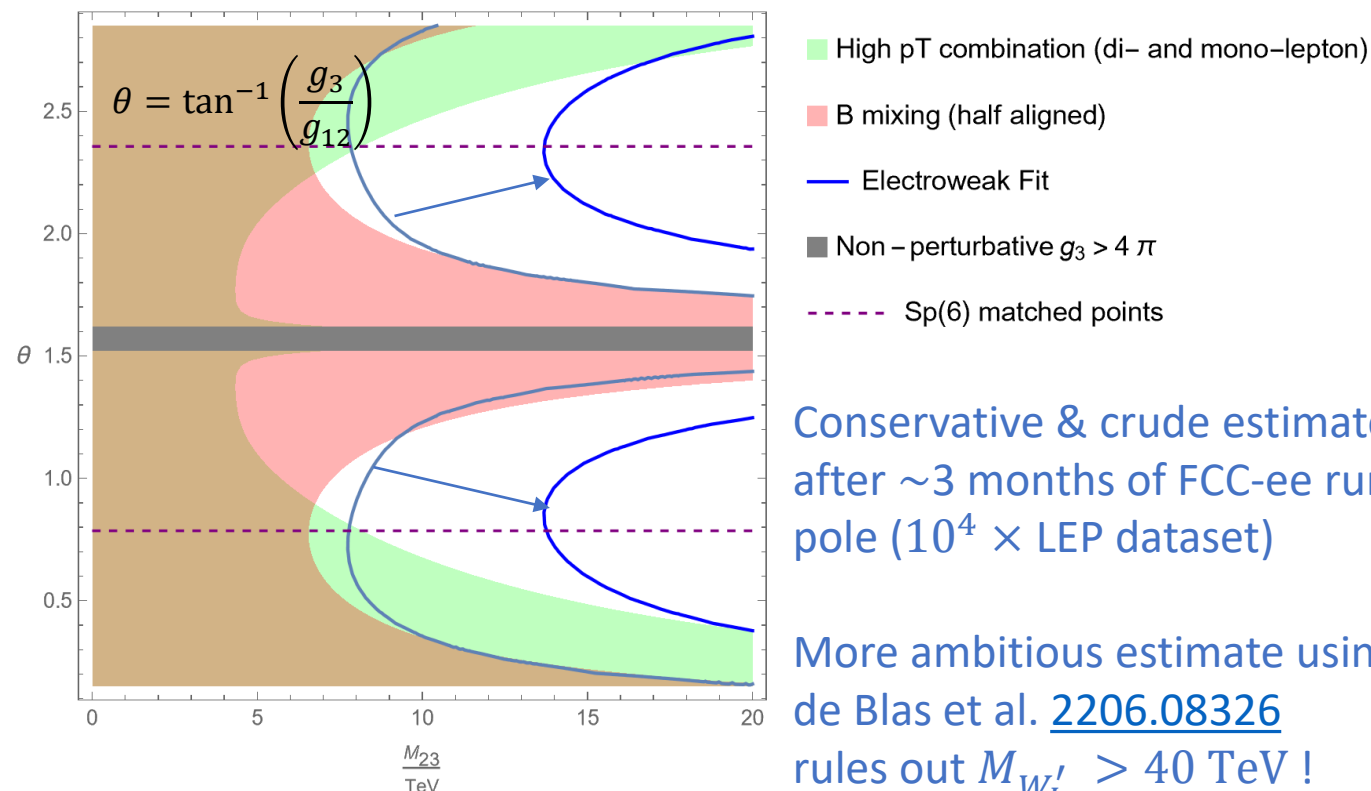
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Future:

$$M_{W'_L} > 14 \text{ (40) TeV}$$



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See also

Fernández Navarro, King [2305.07690](#)

See Mario F-N's talk!

Allanach, Davighi [1809.01158](#)

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Explicit model:

- TeV:  $U(1)_{Y_{12}} \times U(1)_{Y_3} \rightarrow U(1)_Y$  by two scalars  $\Phi_{q,H}$  (realises “model 1” flavour structure)
- Light Yukawas generated by UV states at  $\sim 10$  TeV (safe choice of  $U(2)$ -breaking spurions):

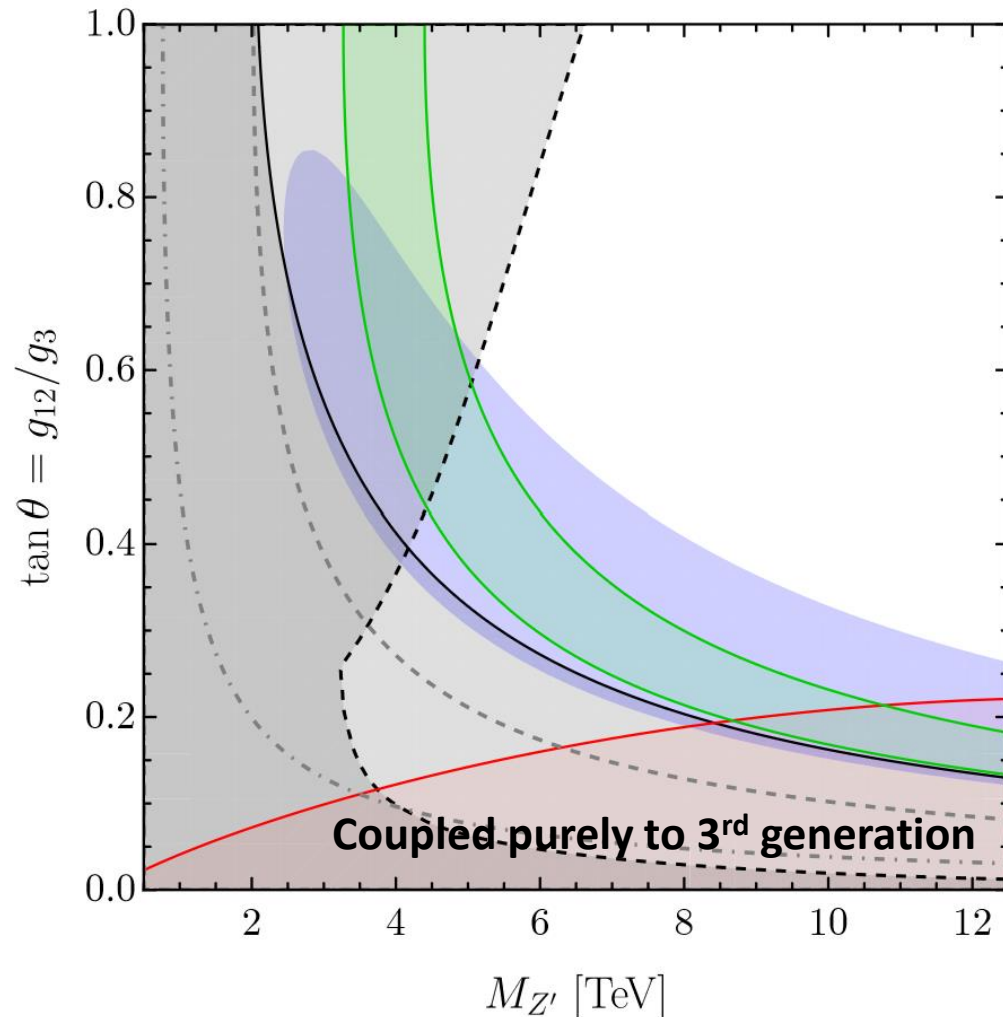
Field	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_3$	$U(1)_{12}$	Generates:
$H_{12}$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	0	1/2	$y_{c,s,\mu,u,d,e}, V_{us}$
$Q_{L,R}$	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	1/6	0	$V_{cb}, V_{ub}$

$$\frac{y_c}{y_t} \approx \frac{y_u^2}{y_u^3} \frac{f\langle\Phi_H\rangle}{m_{12}^2}$$

- RH mixing is zero at tree-level
- Semi-simple UV completion? Assume **layer of SUSY / compositeness** first kicks in around 10 TeV (for “best possible” solution to the *large* hierarchy problem)

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Davighi, Stefaneke [2305.16280](#)



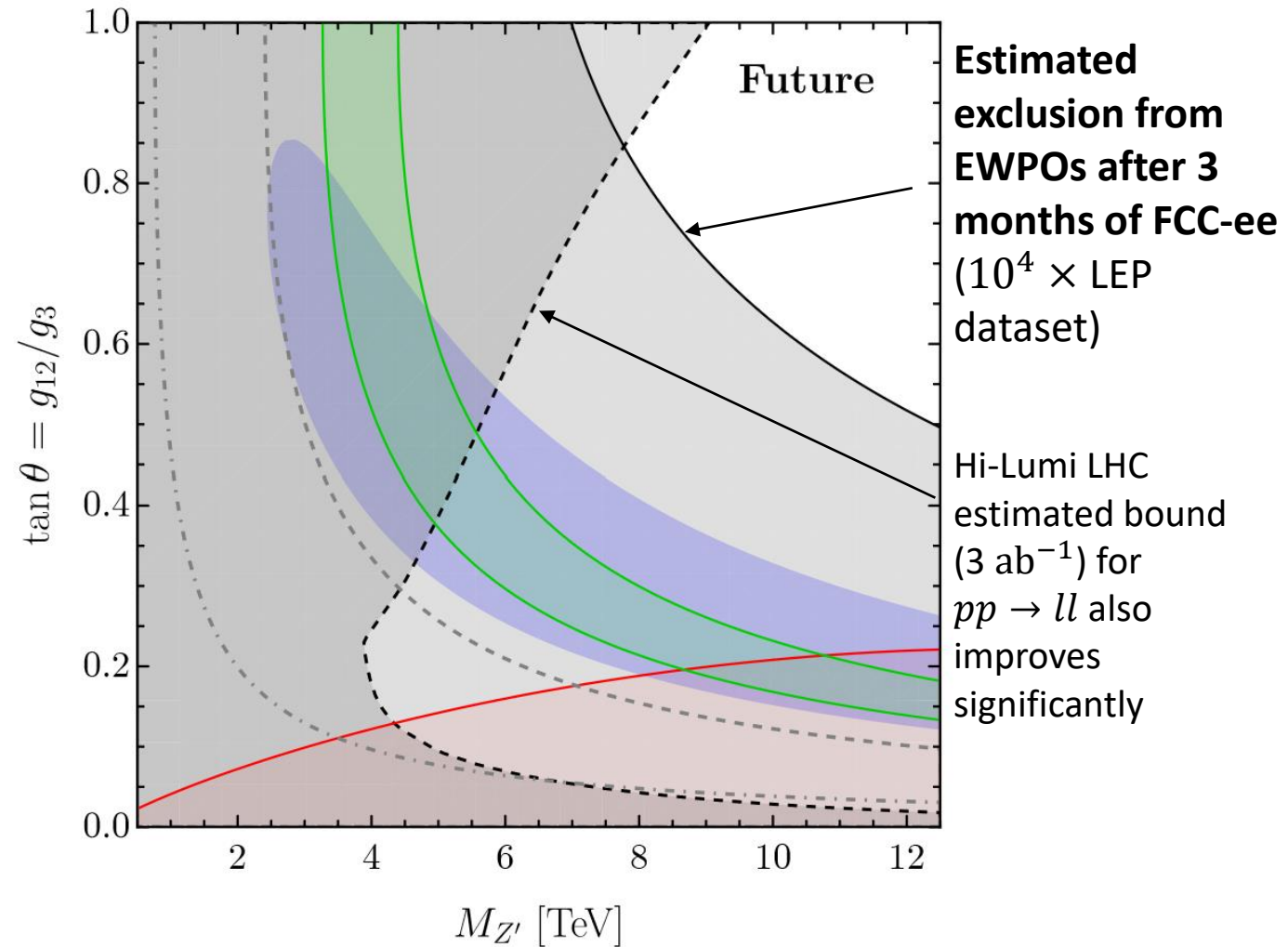
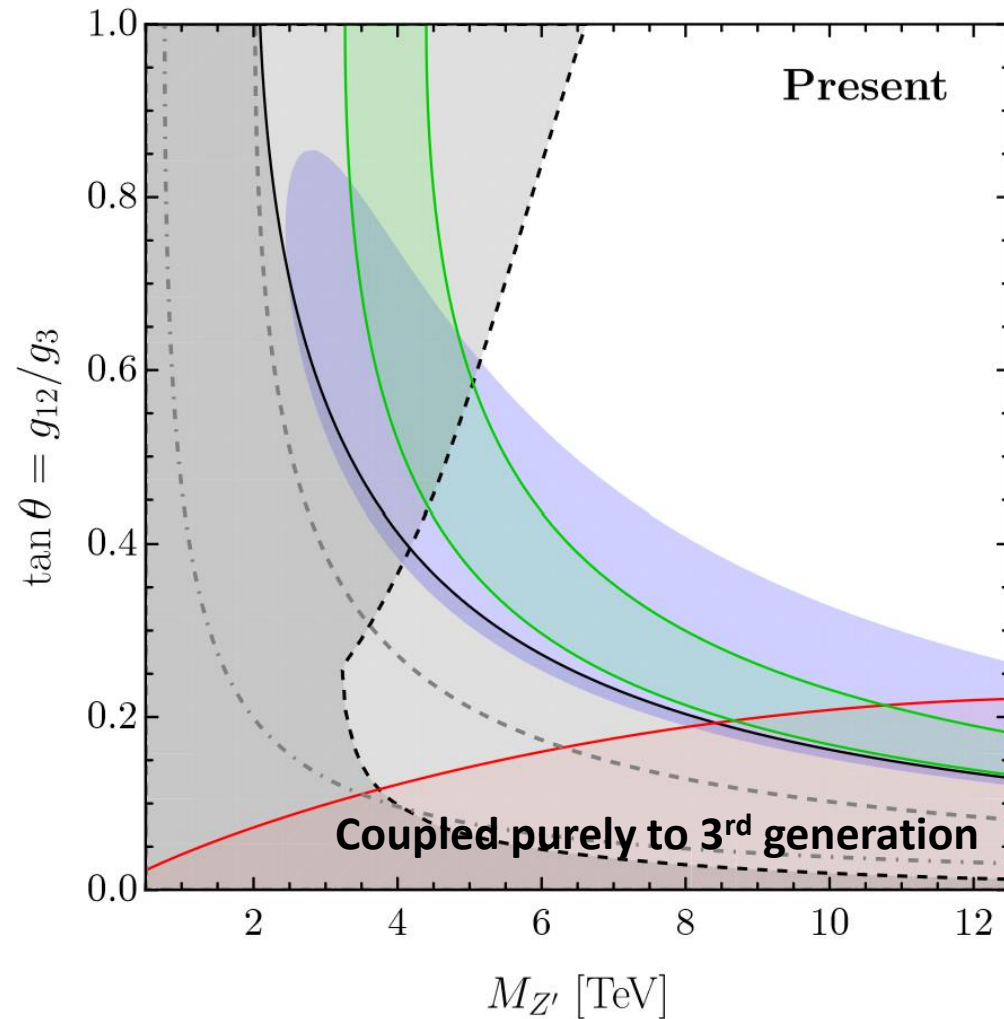
- $B_s$  mixing (with up-alignment! Suppressed by  $Y_Q g_Y$ )
- $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$  exclusion (strong-ish because our  $bs\mu\mu$  is  $\approx C_{10}$ )
- Electroweak fit (1 sigma) using a new  $M_W$  average
- Electroweak fit (2 sigma exclusion) excluding CDF II  $M_W$
- High  $p_T$  exclusion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

$$M_{Z'_Y} \gtrsim 4 \text{ TeV}$$

- As for deconstructed  $SU(2)_L$ , lowest allowed mass from intersection of high  $p_T$  + EWPO
- Lighter mass (more natural) allowed, as anticipated

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A key pheno message:

An EW precision machine like *FCC-ee* has power to *completely exclude natural\* flavour models* based on “deconstructed” gauge interactions

\* Natural means:

1. Electroweak stability:  $\delta M_h^2 \lesssim (\text{TeV})^2$
2. Order-1 marginal couplings in UV model

Thank you!

# Backup

# $U(2)$ or $U(3)$ ?

Pre-LHC, when  $< \text{TeV}$  SUSY or compositeness was anticipated, Minimal Flavour Violation (MFV) was an attractive way to pass flavour bounds. MFV now ruled out to 10 TeV

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Recall “Traditional MFV”: New Physics has approximate  $U(3)$  (flavour blind), broken only by  $Y_{u,d,e}$

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Reasons to prefer  $U(3)$ :

- No extra input spurions (predictive)

Reasons to prefer  $U(2)$ :

- $U(3)$  cannot explain the flavour hierarchies! Yukawas are just an “input”
- Extra spurions is reasonable from a UV perspective
- $U(3)$  unnecessarily aggressive; NP could couple differently to 3<sup>rd</sup> family
- E.g. if NP is “heavy-flavoured”, LHC search bounds are weaker





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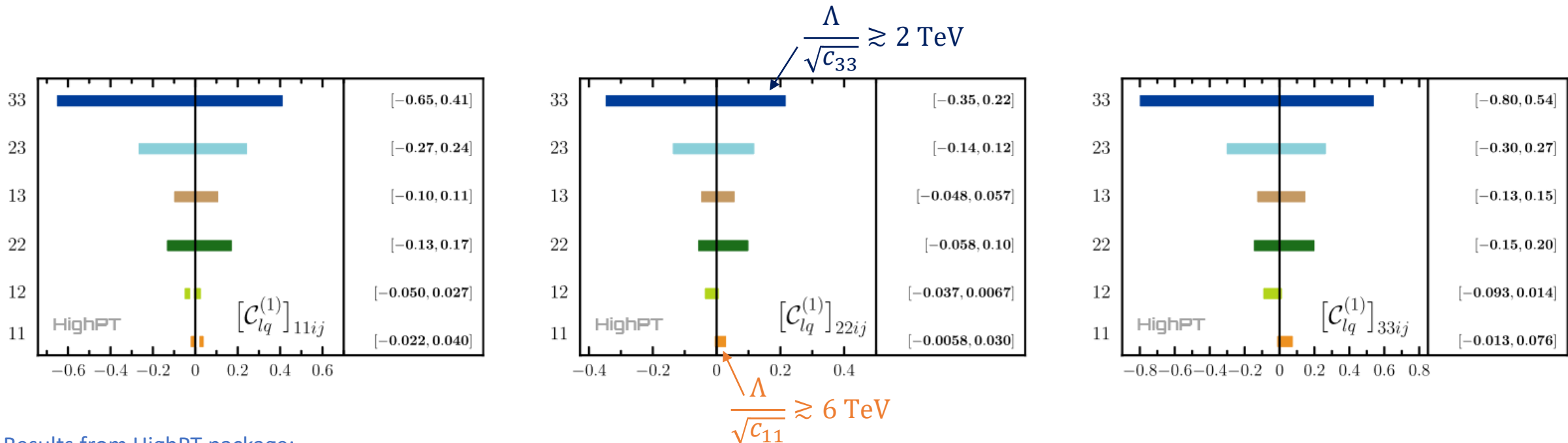
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Example: High- $p_T$  Drell-Yan tail constraints on semi-leptonic SMEFT operators

- For 33 vs 11 quark indices, bound on  $C/\Lambda^2$  weaker by factor  $\sim 10$

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{C}{\Lambda^2} QQLL$$



Results from HighPT package:

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

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UV completions?

# Semi-simple UV

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- “Explain” hypercharge quantisation and origin of SM fermion reps
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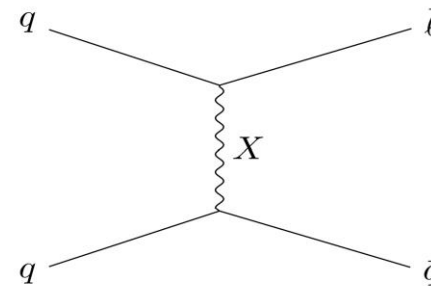
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$SU(5)$  &  $SO(10)$  feature LQs that give tree-level proton decay!  $\Rightarrow M_X \gtrsim$  GUT scale  
So  $SU(5)$  &  $SO(10)$ -based options cannot appear in low-scale natural models



$\therefore$  vertical unification structure requires  $SU(4)$ s and  $SU(2)_R$ s

# Semi-simple UV

From our bottom-up  $G_U \times H_{12} \times G_3$ , we have 4 options (up to choices of  $H_{12}$ )

	$G_U$	$G_3$	$H_{12}$	Flavour structure
Model 1	$SU(2)_L$	$SU(4)^{[3]} \times SU(2)_R^{[3]}$	$\times$	$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_R & \epsilon_\Omega \\ \epsilon_R \epsilon_\Omega & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ <span style="color: green;">✓</span> <span style="color: green;">✓</span>
Model 2	$SU(2)_R$	$SU(4)^{[3]} \times SU(2)_L^{[3]}$	$\times$	$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_L & \epsilon_\Omega \epsilon_L \\ \epsilon_\Omega & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ <span style="color: red;">✗</span>
Model 3	$SU(4)$	$SU(2)_L^{[3]} \times SU(2)_R^{[3]}$	$\times$	$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_L \epsilon_R & \epsilon_L \\ \epsilon_R & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ <span style="color: green;">✓</span>
Model 4	$\emptyset$	$SU(4)^{[3]} \times SU(2)_L^{[3]} \times SU(2)_R^{[3]}$	$\times$	$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_L \epsilon_R & \epsilon_\Omega \epsilon_L \\ \epsilon_R \epsilon_\Omega & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ <span style="color: green;">✓</span>

Higgs and  $\psi_3$ ,  
dominate  $M_h^2$

$\psi_{1,2}$ , small impact on  $M_h^2$ ,  
can UV complete at higher  $E$

# Deeper into the UV

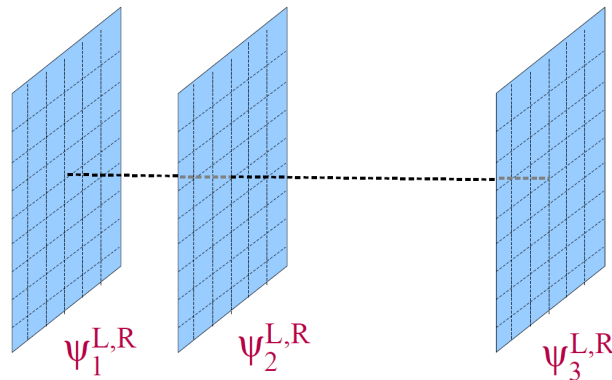
What is the origin of the flavour deconstruction?

$G_{\text{SM},12} \times G_{\text{SM},3} \rightarrow G_{\text{SM}}$  could be last step in a **multi-scale** breaking from fully deconstructed  $G_1 \times G_2 \times G_3$ ; scale hierarchy  $\Lambda_{12} > \Lambda_3$ ;  $G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_{12}$  breaking resolves 1-2 substructure

Dvali, Shifman [hep-ph/0001072](#)  
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*Example origin 1: Fifth dimension*

Realise multiple flavour sites via **multiple stable branes** in 5d bulk



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One bulk electroweak  $SO(5) \supset SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  gauge symmetry

- Holographic Higgs as light pNGB
- Fermions localised on **3 branes**  $\rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^3 (SU(2)_{L,i} \times SU(2)_{R,i})$  in effective 4d description
- $SU(2)_R$  more sharply localised on branes ( $SU(2)_L$  is “more universal”; approaching “model 1”)

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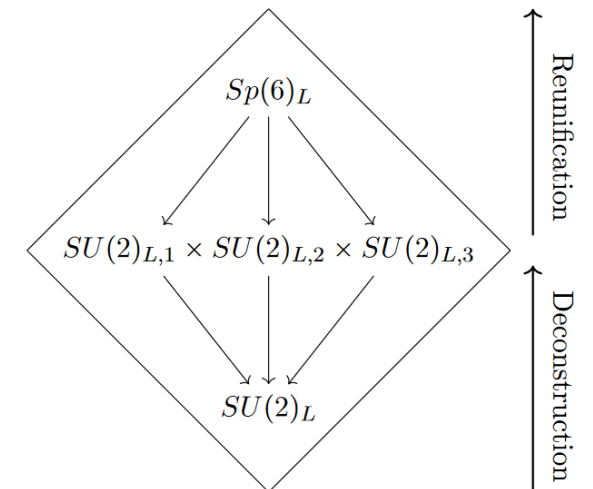
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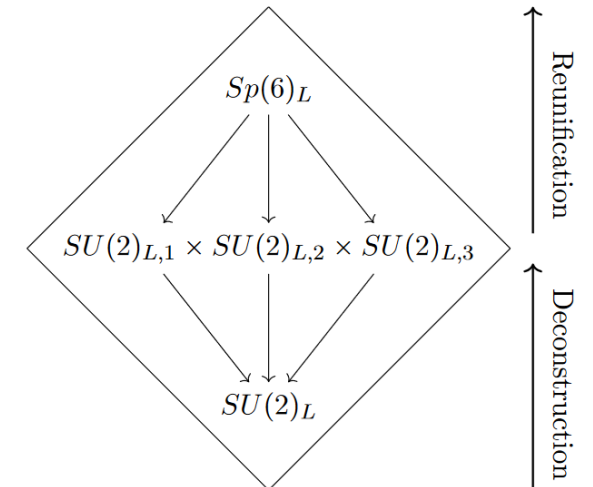
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BUT: flavour-universal  $SU(4)$  breaking must be  $\gtrsim 200$  TeV due to  $K_L \rightarrow e^+ \mu^-$  vs. natural scale for  $SU(4)$  breaking is 10 (80) TeV



A natural realisation could require e.g.  $SUSY < 80$  TeV (same for any “model 3”)



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*Example origin 3:*

“Hybrid” approach prioritizing flavour and naturalness:

$$G = SU(2)_L \times \underbrace{SU(4)^3}_{V_{cb}} \times \underbrace{SU(4)^{12}}_{m_2/m_3} \times \underbrace{SU(2)_R^3}_{m_1/m_2} \times Sp(4)_R^{12}$$

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- ✓ Realises “Model 1” with nicest flavour structure
- ✓ Keeping  $SU(2)_L$  **universal** helps “seclude”  $\delta M_h^2$  from large corrections
- ✓ Complete model has all 1-loop gauge beta functions negative