

Probing Flavour Models with Electroweak Precision

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Key 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

Outline

1. Flavour puzzles → accidental $U(2)$ flavour symmetries
2. Natural gauge explanations by deconstructing the SM near the TeV
3. UV?
4. Phenomenology: flavour + high p_T + EW precision

1. Flavour and accidental symmetries

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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 3rd family, same on 1st and 2nd families)

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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

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

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

D’Ambrosio, Giudice, Isidori, Strumia, [hep-ph/0207036](#)

Kagan, Perez, Volansky, Zupan, [0903.1794](#)

Reasons to prefer $U(3)$:

- No extra input spurions (predictive)

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- $U(3)$ 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 3rd family
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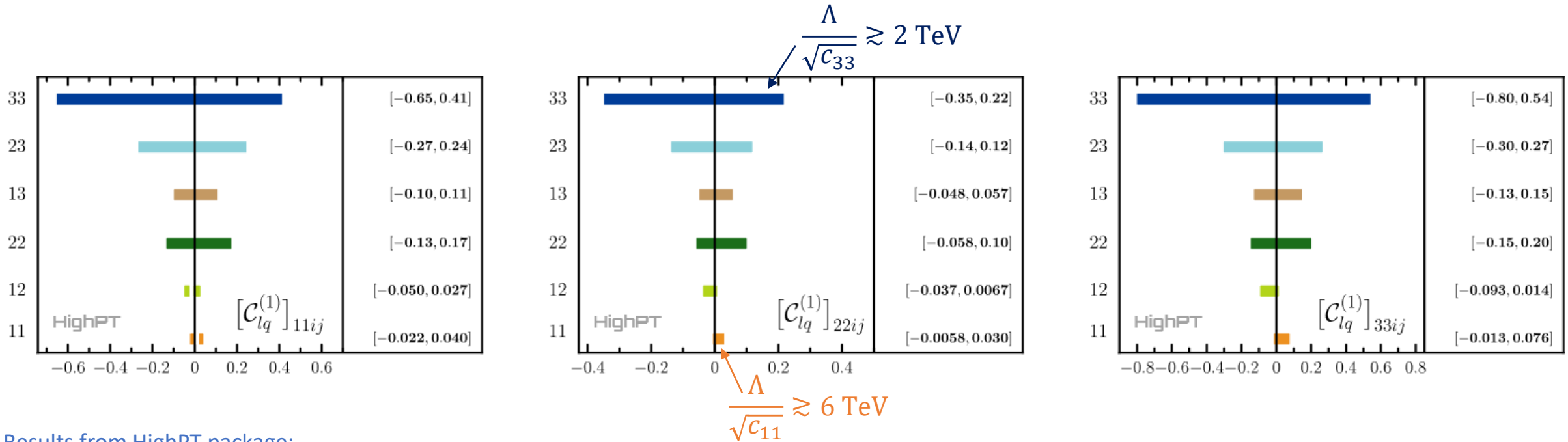
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Example: High- p_T Drell-Yan tail constraints on semi-leptonic SMEFT operators

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

- For 33 vs 11 quark indices, bound on C/Λ^2 weaker by factor ~ 10



Results from HighPT package:

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

Allwicher, Faroughy, Jaffredo, Sumensari, Wilsch, [2207.10756](#)

2. Explaining the accidents: Deconstructing the SM

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- 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_{SM}
 - whereas maybe it’s “reduced” to ad hoc charges in FN approach?
- Easy to find semi-simple UV completions with deconstruction approach
 - whereas most $G_{\text{SM}} \times U(1)_X$, even anomaly-free, have no semi-simple completion

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

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

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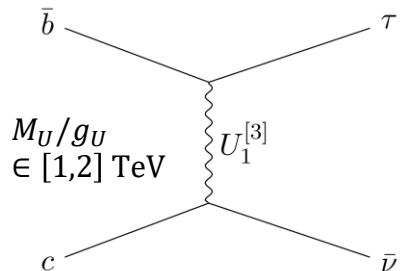
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If we enlarge $SU(3)^{[3]} \rightarrow SU(4)^{[3]}$,
can also explain $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ anomalies



Hint for deconstruction near TeV

See Gino's talk

Bordone, Cornella, Fuentes-Martin, Isidori, [1712.01368](#);
Greljo, Stefaneke, [1802.04274](#);
Di Luzio, Fuentes-Martin, Greljo, Nardecchia, Renner,
[1808.00942](#)

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The new particles: flavoured SM gauge bosons

Symmetry breaking pattern

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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 δM_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 δM_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](#)

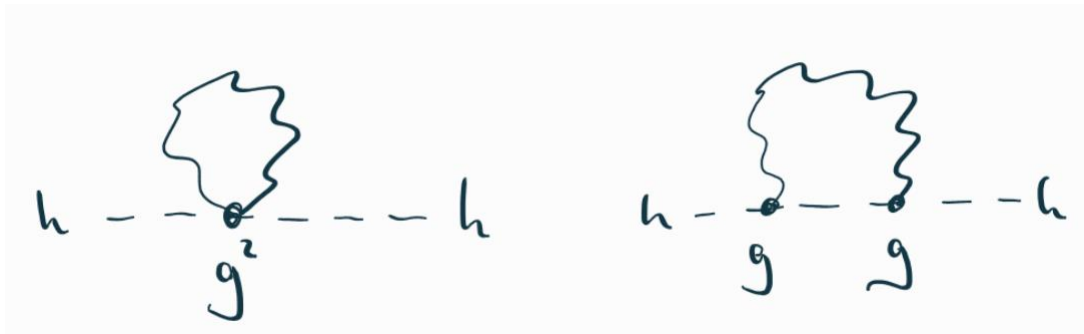
Davighi, Stefaneck [2305.16280](#)

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 $m_2 \ll m_3$)



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

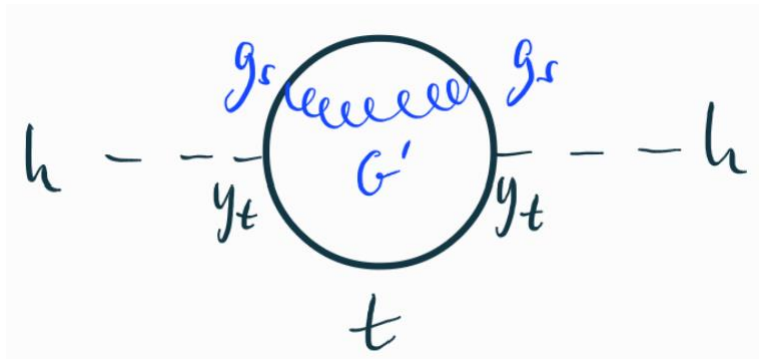
Natural mass ranges
remain viable:

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

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

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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. UV completion?

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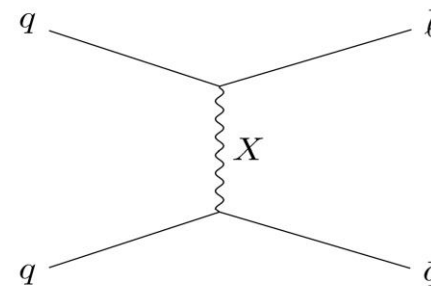
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$SU(5)$ & $SO(10)$ feature LQs that give tree-level proton decay! $\Rightarrow M_X \gtrsim$ GUT scale
So $SU(5)$ & $SO(10)$ -based options cannot appear in low-scale natural models



\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	$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_R & \epsilon_\Omega \\ \epsilon_R \epsilon_\Omega & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Higgs and ψ_3 ,
dominate M_h^2

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

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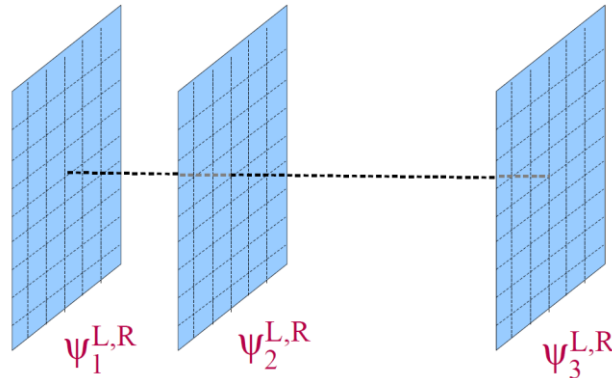
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Dvali, Shifman [hep-ph/0001072](#)
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Cacciapaglia et al, [1501.03818](#)
Panico, Pomarol [1603.06609](#)
Bordone et al, [1712.01368](#)
Navarro, King [2209.00276](#)
Davighi, Isidori, Pesut [2212.06163](#)

Example origin 1: Fifth dimension

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



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

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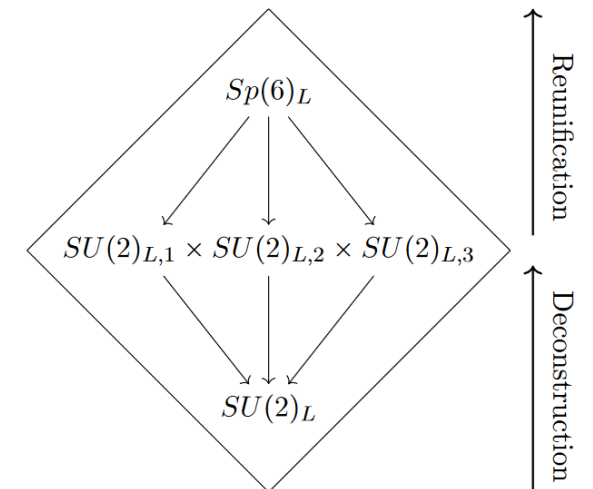
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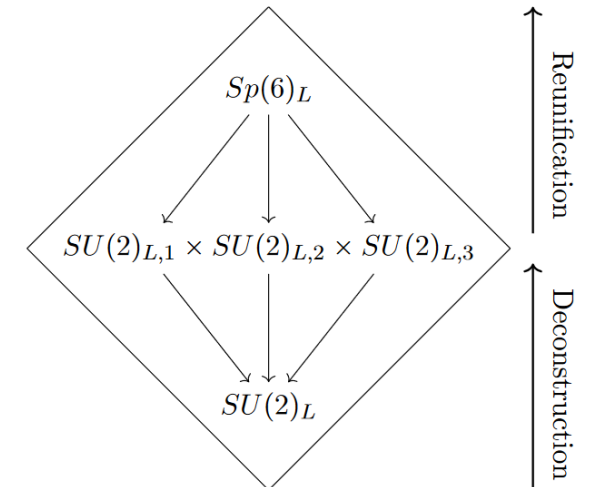
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BUT: flavour-universal $SU(4)$ breaking must be $\gtrsim 200$ TeV due to $K_L \rightarrow e^+ \mu^-$ vs. natural scale for $SU(4)$ breaking is 10 (80) TeV



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:

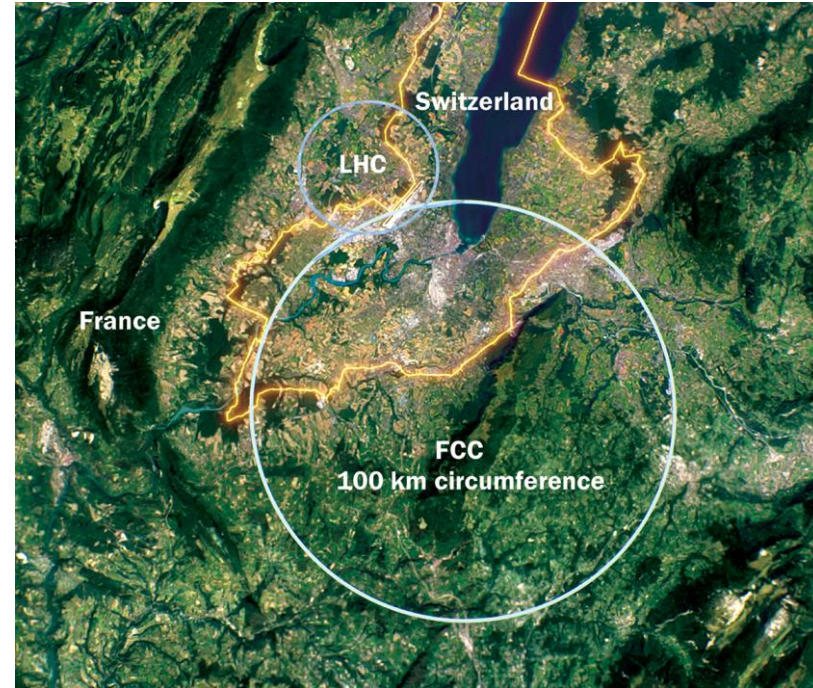
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- ✓ Realises “Model 1” with nicest flavour structure
- ✓ Keeping $SU(2)_L$ **universal** helps “seclude” δM_h^2 from large corrections
- ✓ Complete model has all 1-loop gauge beta functions negative

4. Phenomenology

... and the power of FCC-ee for probing flavour



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Low-energy pheno of all these models dominated by the low-scale breaking

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One can pump up the (relative) coupling to the heavy or light families by varying g_{12}/g_3 . BUT we **cannot decouple either** completely, because there is a matching condition (contrast with G_{hor}):

$$\frac{1}{g^2} = \frac{1}{g_{12}^2} + \frac{1}{g_3^2} \Rightarrow g_{12}, g_3 > g$$

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

for some $SU(4)_3 \times SU(3)_{12}$ pheno, see Gino's talk

Important SMEFT operators:

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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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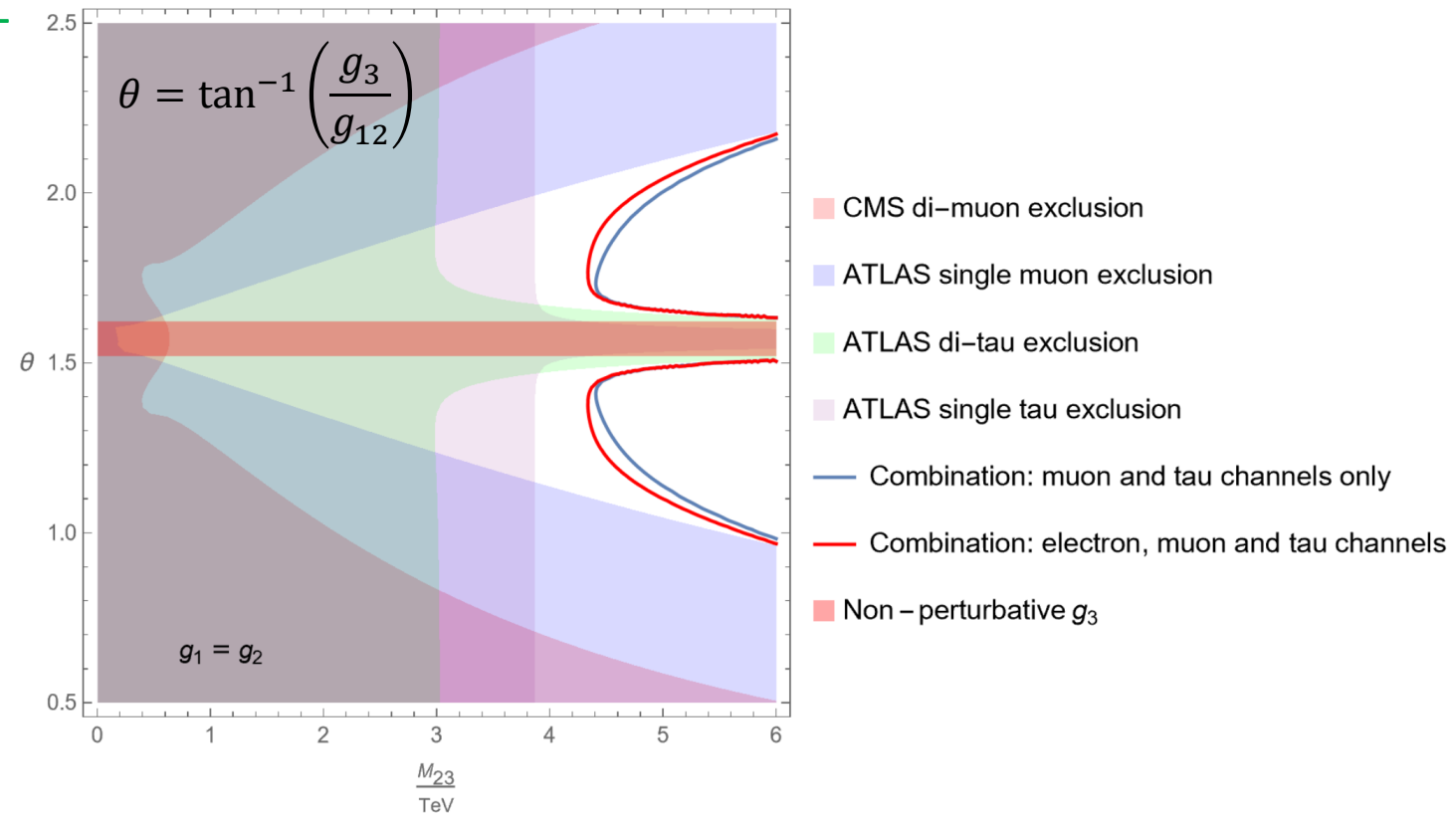
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Current bounds e.g. High pT

Compute using HighPT package:
Allwicher et al, [2207.10756](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.10756)

LHC searches all using 139 fb^{-1} :
[2002.12223](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.12223), [ATLAS-CONF-2021-025](https://arxiv.org/abs/ATLAS-CONF-2021-025),
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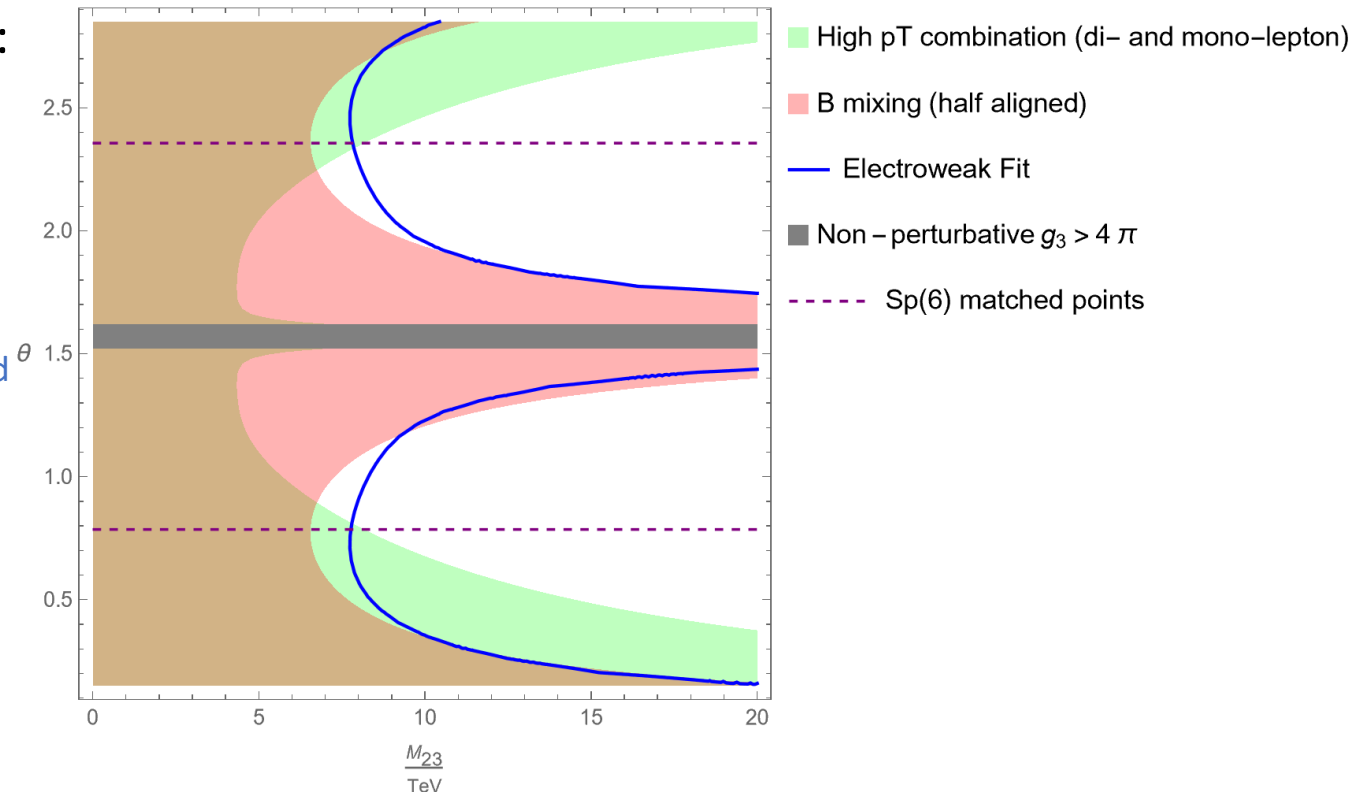
Current bounds, combined:

High pT

Flavour (B_s mixing)

EW fit

Based on (flavour-general) method and likelihood function of
Bresó-Pla, Falkowski, González-Alonso
[2103.12074](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.12074)



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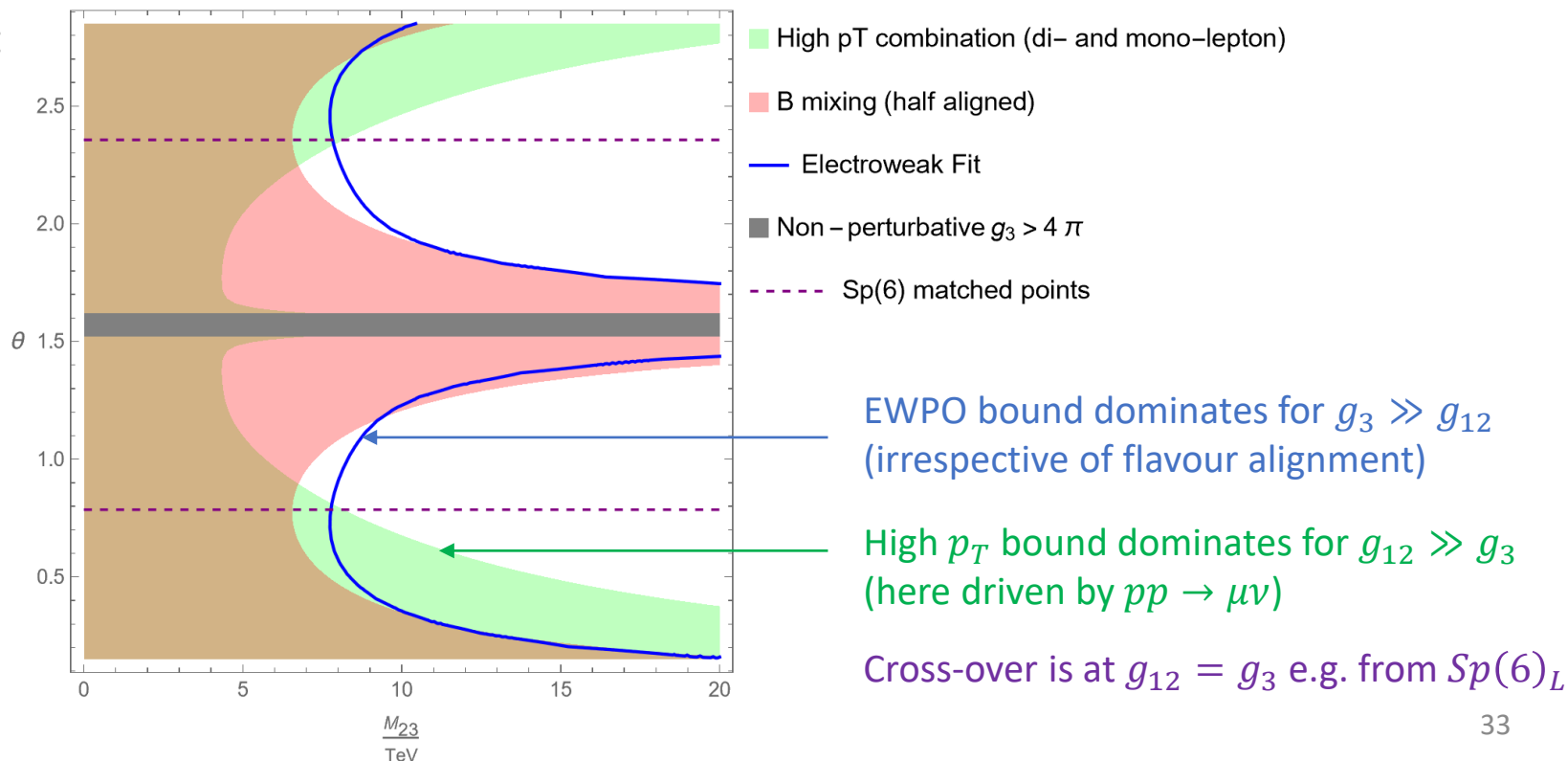
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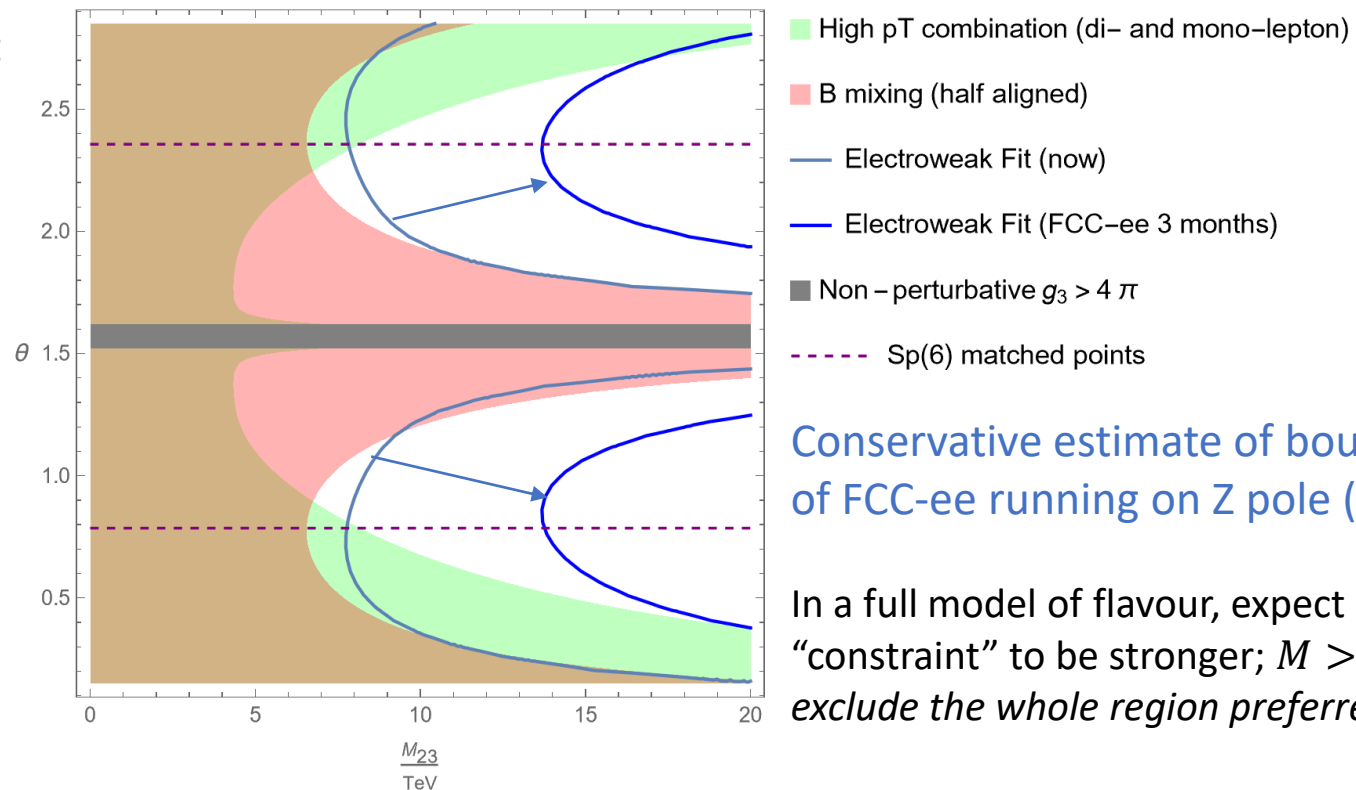
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Future:

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



Conservative estimate of bound after ~ 3 months of FCC-ee running on Z pole ($10^4 \times$ LEP dataset)

In a full model of flavour, expect naturalness "constraint" to be stronger; $M > 14 \text{ TeV}$ will typically exclude the whole region preferred by naturalness

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See also
 Fernández Navarro, King [2305.07690](#)
 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 ~ 10 TeV (safe choice of $U(2)$ -breaking spurions):

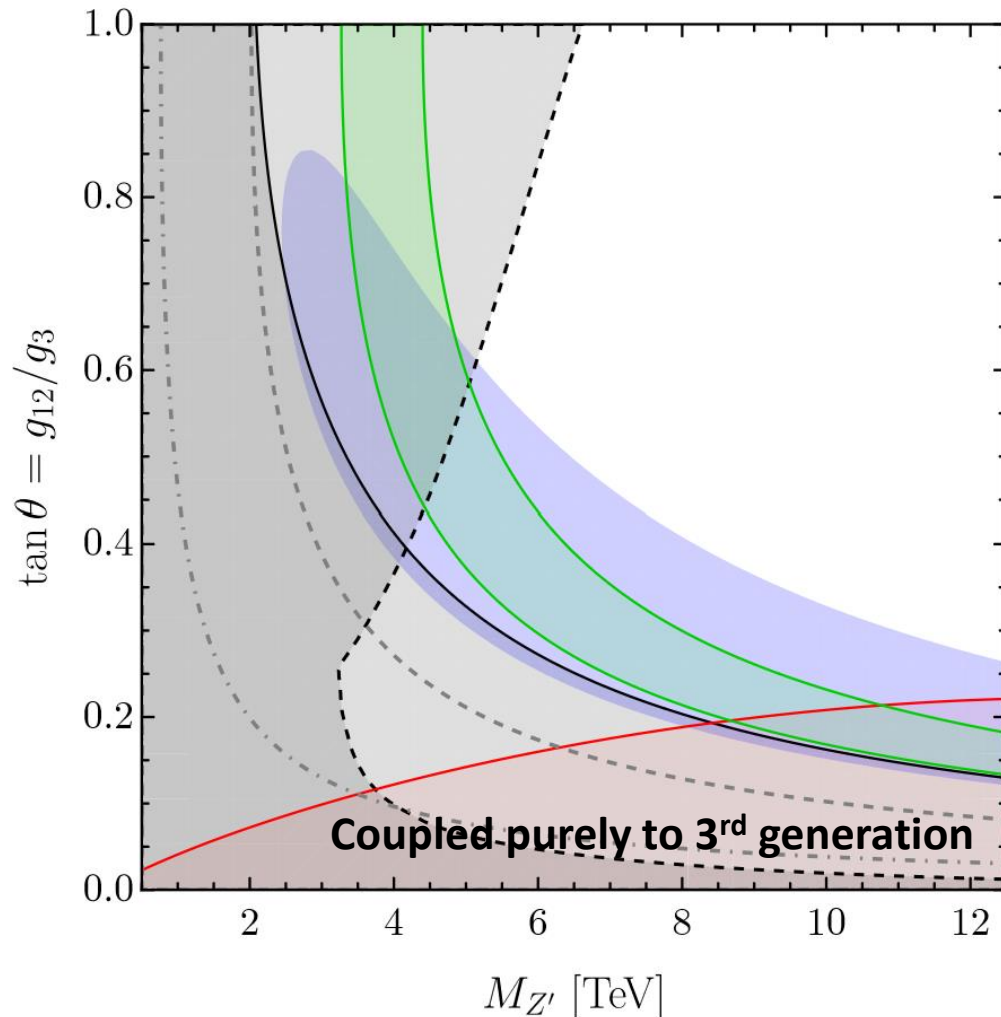
Field	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_3$	$U(1)_{12}$	Generates:
H_{12}	1	2	0	1/2	$y_{c,s,\mu,u,d,e}, V_{us}$
$Q_{L,R}$	3	2	1/6	0	V_{cb}, V_{ub}

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

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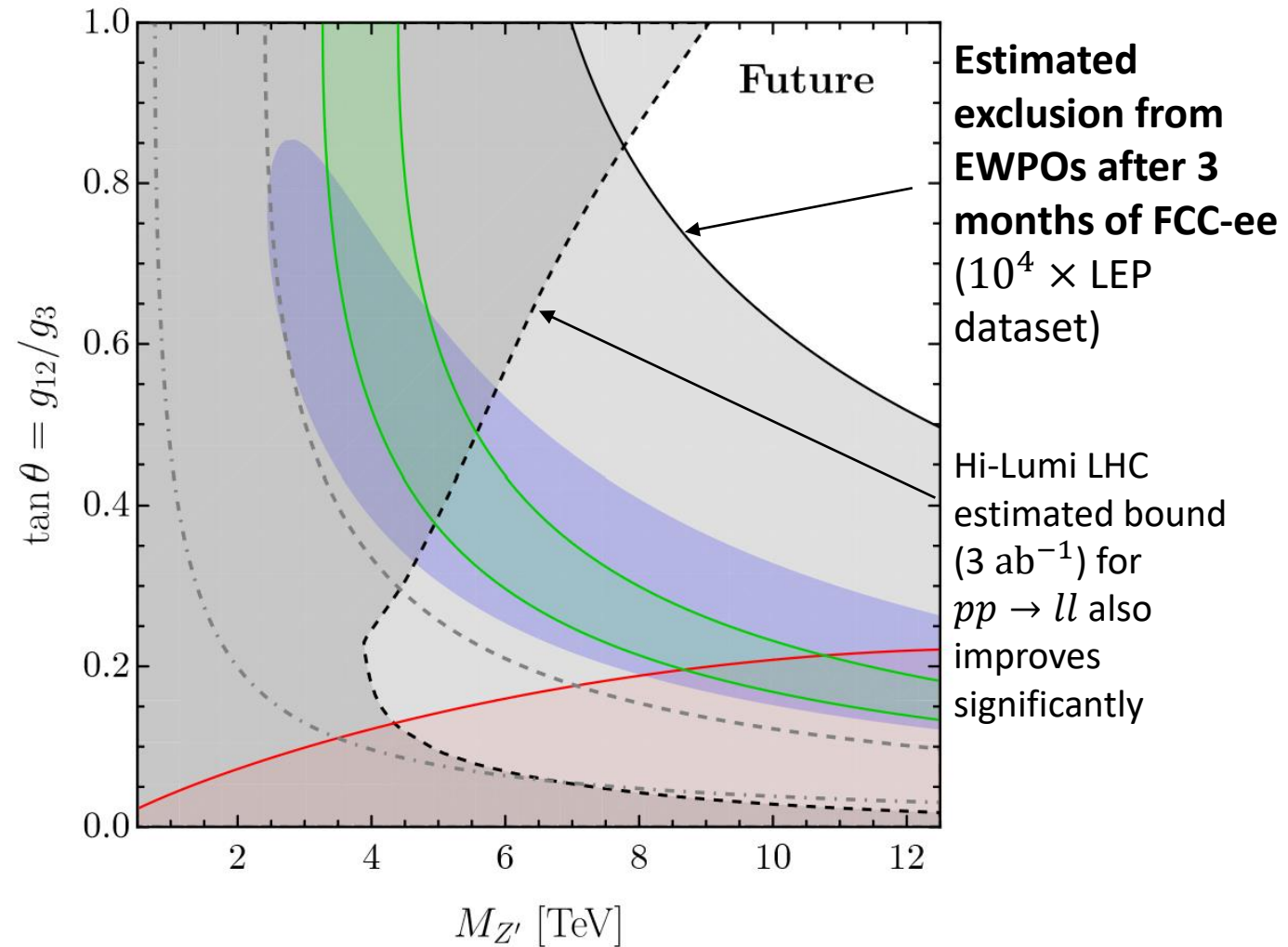
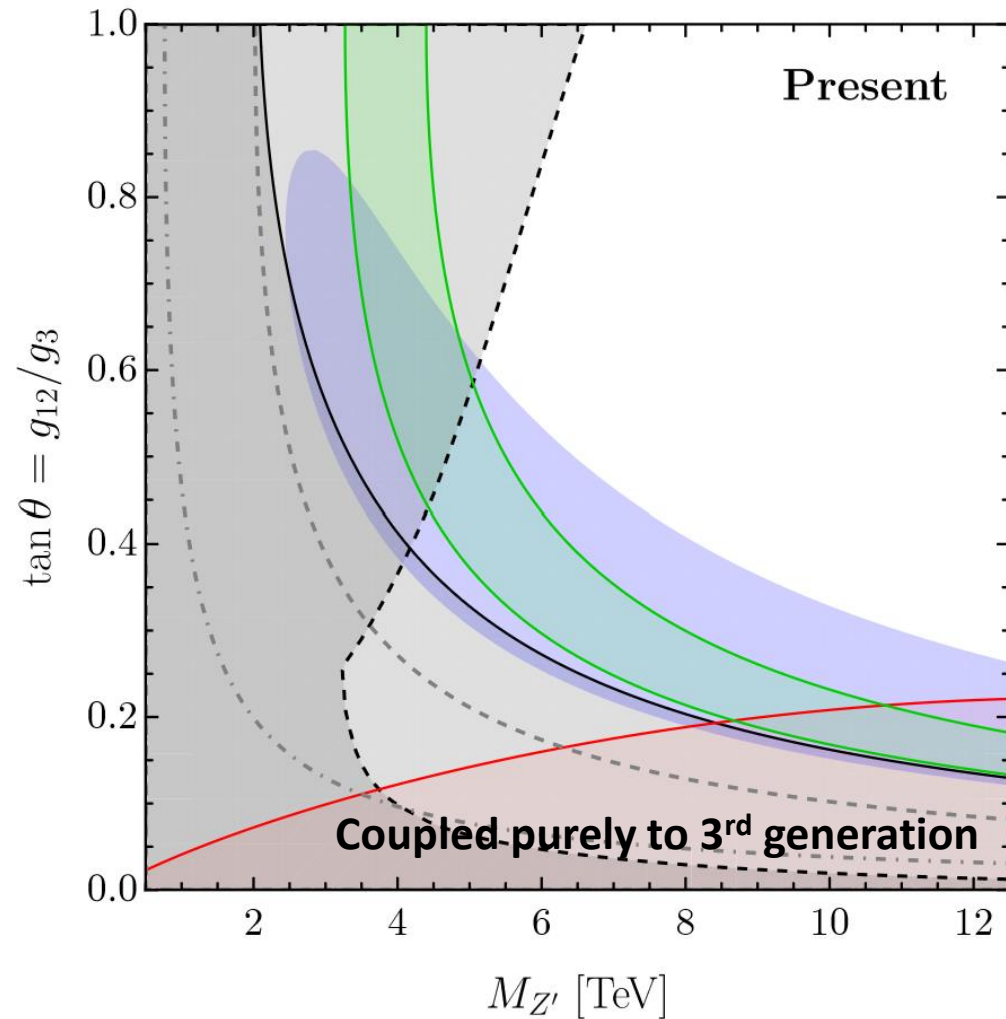
- B_s mixing (with up-alignment! Suppressed by $Y_Q g_Y$)
- $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ exclusion (strong-ish because our $bs\mu\mu$ is $\approx C_{10}$)
- █ Electroweak fit (1 sigma) using a new M_W average
- Electroweak fit (2 sigma exclusion) excluding CDF II M_W
- High p_T exclusion (recast of $pp \rightarrow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

I only sketched the spectacular [gain in EWP](#) from FCC-ee, which has a huge effect shaping the parameter space of these natural flavour models

Many other powerful probes of these models we haven't studied/mentioned. A few important ones:

- Continued High- p_T searches in 3rd family final states at LHC and HL-LHC
- Pheno of vector-like quarks and leptons (often appear in UV completion) e.g. at LHC
- Flavour itself @ FCC-ee(hh) !
 - Example 1: expect $BR(B \rightarrow K\tau^+\tau^-)$ observation at FCC-ee if SM rate [*much enhanced* in these models]
 - Example 2: $BR(B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu\mu)$ expect improvement by $\times 10$ in precision
- Top and Higgs physics
- Lepton flavour universality tests

[CMS 2209.07327](#)

see talks by Gino, Sophie, Michele T

Kamenik, Monteil, Semkiv, Silva, [1705.11106](#); Li & Liu, [2012.00665](#)

see e.g. S. Monteil's [slides](#)

see talks by Sophie, Michele S, Michele T

see talks by Gino and Sophie

Key message:

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

Thank you!