

# (Generalized) Tri-Boson Signals from BSM

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[Based on KA, Du, Hong, Sundrum (1608.00526): **theory**;  
KA, Collins, Du, Hong, Kim, Mishra (1612.00047, 1711.09920  
and 1809.07334) and KA, Ekhterachian, Kim, Sathyan (2008.06480): **LHC signals**]

# Introduction

- (Direct) Searches for new physics (NP) at LHC in full gear/reached **maturity**
- **lack** of signals for NP so far
- To some extent, focussed on “minimal” version of extension of SM (whether SUSY or extra dimensions etc.)

# Introduction (continued)

- Given above situation, searching for **non-standard** signals motivated
- in fact, sometimes **simple** modification of minimal incarnation of framework **significantly** changes signals (which are perhaps **less** constrained - than standard ones for same NP mass - thus far due to being “overlooked”, so possibly more visible in future with dedicated searches)
- in this talk, **illustrate** (in detail) with **warped/composite Higgs in (generalized) tri-boson channel**; mention others at end

# Outline

- **Standard** warped model: (resonant) **di**-SM signals
- General **extension**:
  - Suppression of usual (di-SM) signals
  - Emergence of (generalized) “**tri**-boson” final states (“**doubly**”-resonant):

$$\text{BSM}_1 \rightarrow \text{BSM}_2 + \text{SM}; \text{BSM}_2 \rightarrow \text{SM}_1 + \text{SM}_2$$

- **Specific** models/signals: **targeted** searches needed
- **Other** models: LR, phot**ophobic** axion

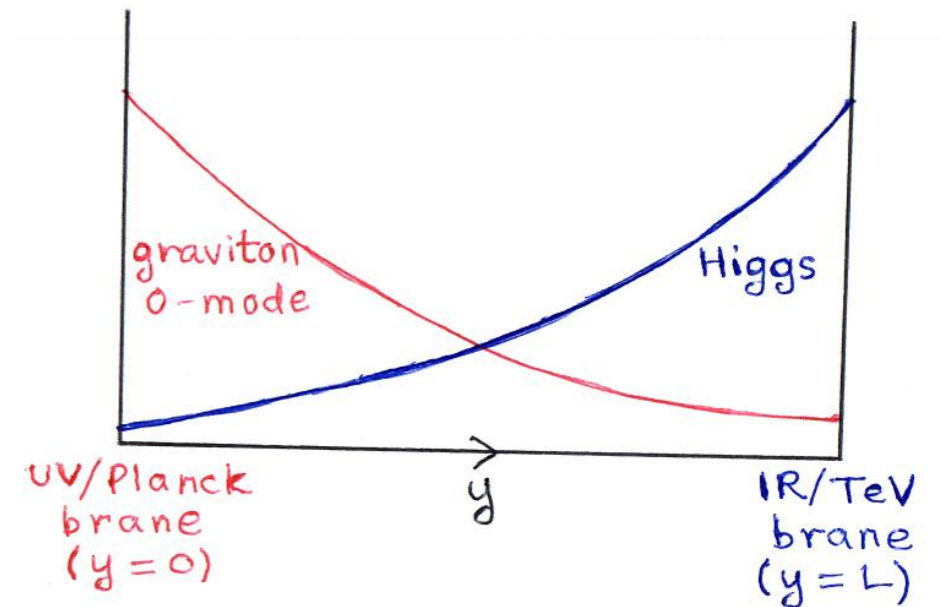
# *“Disclaimer”*

- *General/schematic idea and summary of results only: details (plots etc.) in papers*
- *contact Peizhi Du ([peizhidu@gmail.com](mailto:peizhidu@gmail.com)) for model files*

*Review of **standard** warped model*  
*[dual to **composite** Higgs (discuss **offline**): here*  
*use **geometrical** picture (easier to visualize)]*

# Planck-weak hierarchy

[Randall, Sundrum (1999)]



- **master formula:**  $M_{4D}^{\text{eff}}(y) \sim e^{-ky} M_{5D}^{\text{fund}}$

warp factor

- **RS1:**

4D gravity (zero-mode graviton):

$$y \sim 0 \Rightarrow M_{4D}^{\text{eff}} \sim M_{5D}^{\text{fund}}$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{choose } M_{5D}^{\text{fund}} \sim M_{\text{Pl}}$$

Weak scale/Higgs mass:

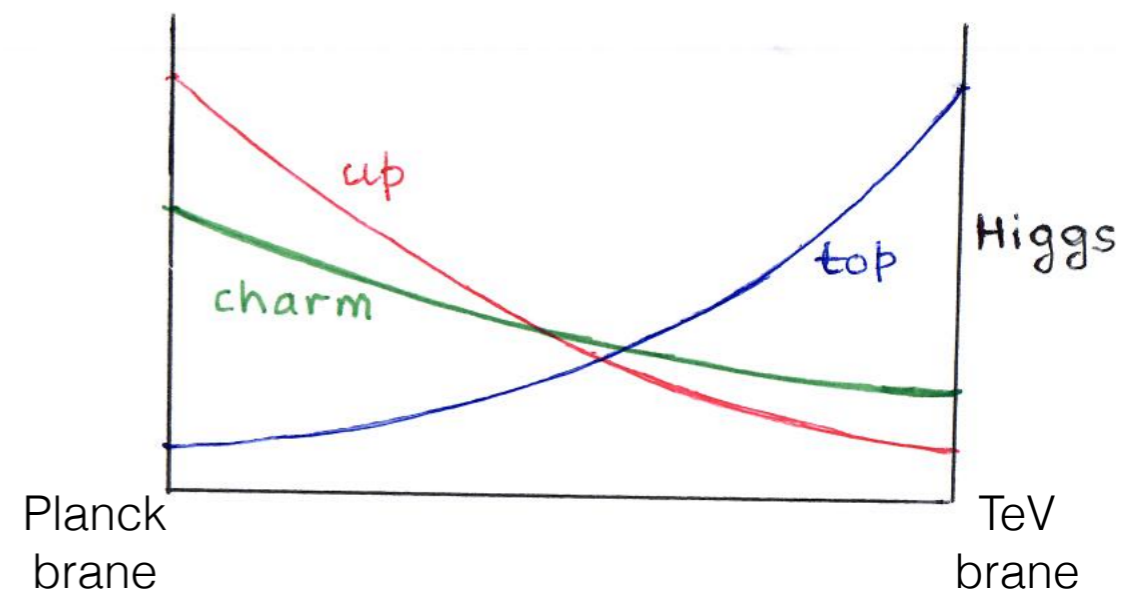
$$y \sim L \Rightarrow M_{4D}^{\text{eff}} \sim e^{-kL} M_{5D}^{\text{fund}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{choose } kL \sim 30$$

(mild hierarchy, with  $k \sim M_{5D}^{\text{fund}}$ )

# 4D Flavor hierarchy from 5D anarchy

[Grossman, Neubert (1999);  
Gherghetta, Pomarol (2000)]



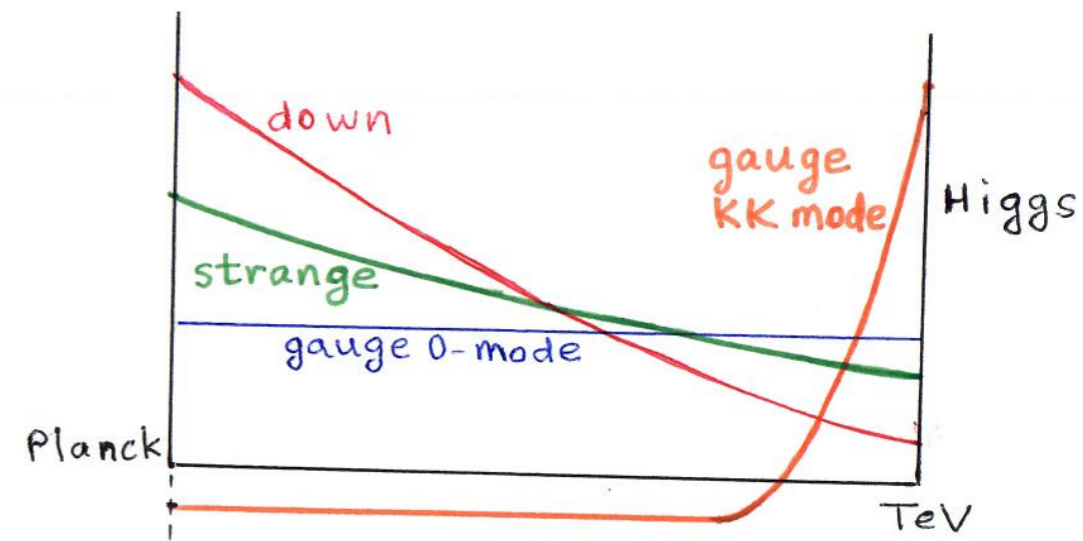
SM fermions are zero-modes of 5D fields

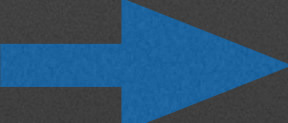
- **Coupling** of modes  $\propto$  **overlap** of profiles (in general)  
profile of zero-mode fermion  $\propto e^{-cky}$  ( $ck$  is 5D mass parameter)
- **Small** variation in  $c$  suffices (5D Yukawa **non**-hierarchical):  
 $c > 1/2$  for up, charm vs.  $c < 1/2$  for top



# Flavor/CP violation tests

[Gherghetta, Pomarol (2000);  
Huber, Shafi (2000); Huber (2003);  
KA, Perez, Soni (2004)]



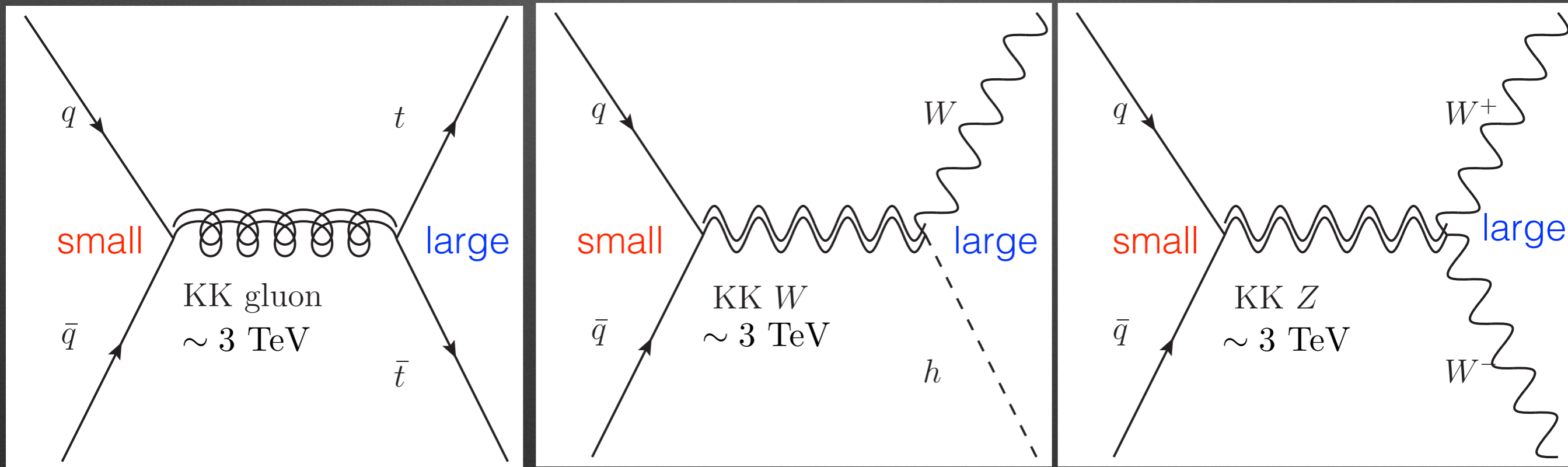
- SM **gauge** fields also in bulk
- **New** particles: **Kaluza-Klein** (KK) excitations of SM (near **TeV** brane)
- RS-**GIM** mechanism (flavor **violation** from  $KK \propto$  quark masses) **bound** on **KK** scale (much) weaker than  $\sim O(10^5)$  TeV for **generic** new physics 
- still  $\sim O(10)$  TeV [Csaki, Falkowski, Weiler (2008); Buras et al. (2008); Bauer et al. (2009)]
- ameliorated by flavor **symmetries**: a **few** TeV allowed

# EW precision tests

- Vanilla model: KK scale  $\sim$  5-10 TeV (from  $\Delta\rho$  and  $Zb\bar{b}$ )
- custodial symmetries [KA, Delgado, May, Sundrum (2003); KA, Contino, Da Rold, Pomarol (2006)] relax it to  $\sim$  3 TeV [Carena et al, (2006); Delaunay et al. (2010)]


# LHC signals (assume a few TeV KK scale for this slide)

- focus on gauge KK signal [for a review, see Davoudiasl, Gopalakrishna, Ponton, Santiago (2009)]
- “nearest neighbor” effect: coupling in production via  $q\bar{q}$  small (one mode near TeV brane, other 2 near Planck brane); large for decay into pair of heavy SM,  $t\bar{t}$  (or  $W/Z_{\text{long.}}/h$ ) (all 3 modes near TeV brane) (cf. sequential  $W'/Z'$ : decay back into  $q\bar{q}$  or leptons)



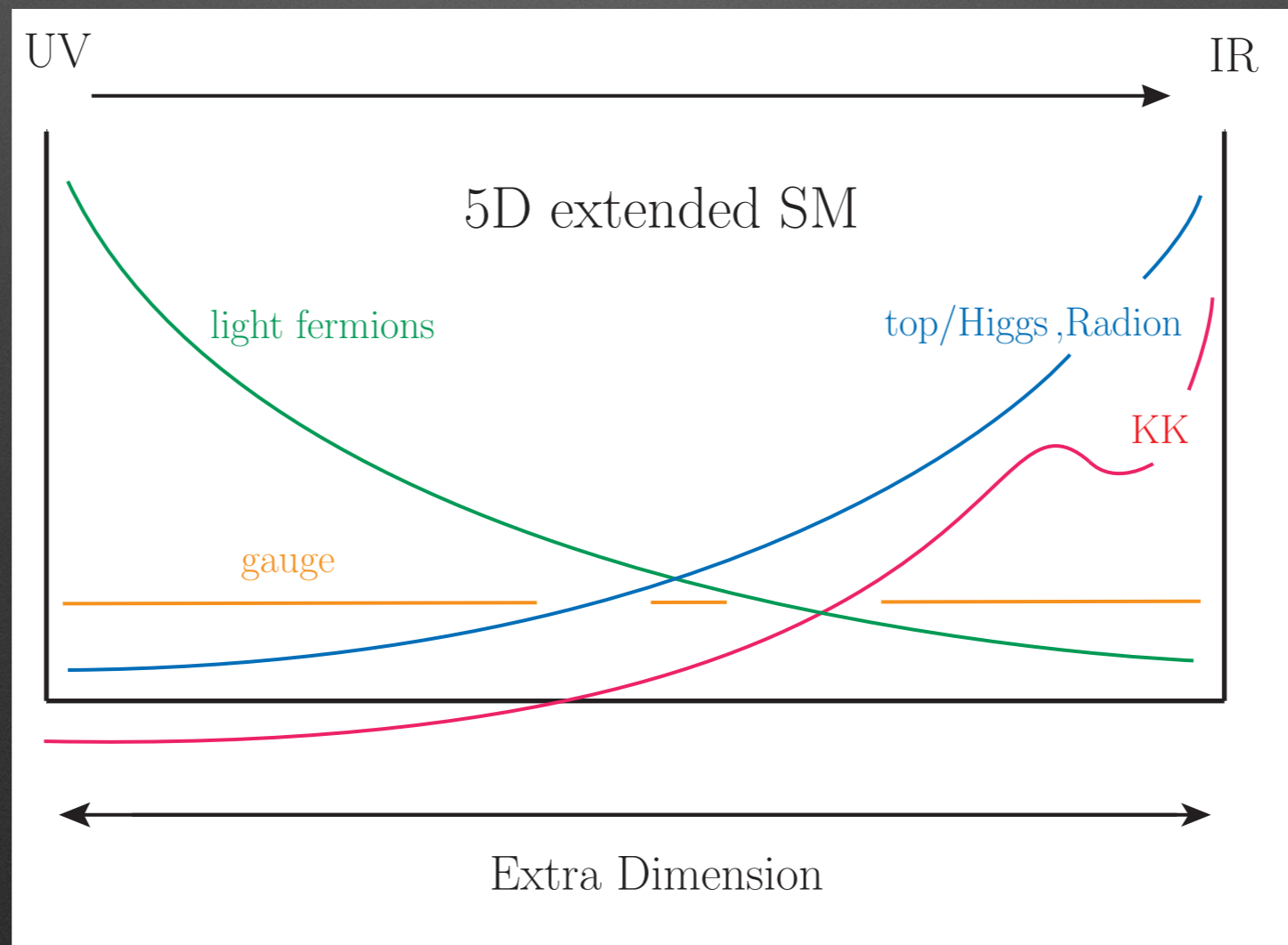
- “classic” search for boosted top/ $W/Z_{\text{long.}}/h$ , using jet-substructure [for a review, see proceedings of “BOOST” workshops]

# What if we take flavor/CP bounds at face value (no symmetries)?!

- KK scale  $\sim O(10)$  TeV  no on-shell production at LHC?!  
(indirect signals still possible)
- ....maybe not (rest of this talk)!

# Standard warped model at a glance (everyone in **same** bulk, cf. later...)

- **Two** branes/endpoints
- **Radion** (fluctuation of size of extra dimension): also localized near **TeV** brane (like KK/top/Higgs), can be a bit **lighter** than gauge KK

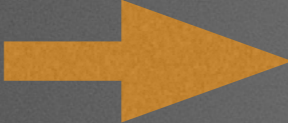


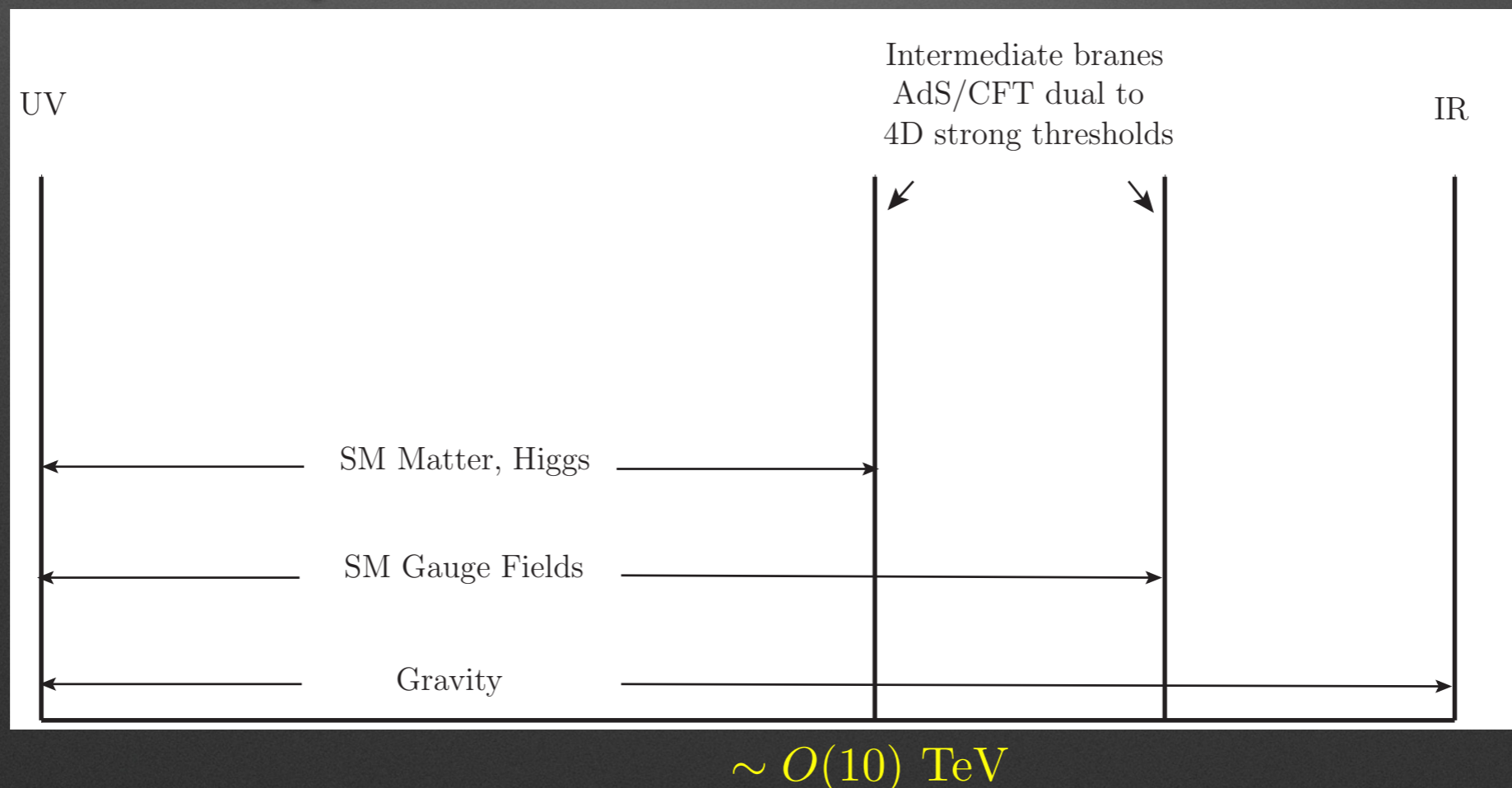
(...*end* of *review*, onto *new*...)

## *Simple extension(s)*

[KA, Du, Hong, Sundrum (2016)]

# General framework

- various fields in **different**, but overlapping “bulk” regions (plausible, reasonable)  **more** than **two** branes
- matter/Higgs till  $\sim O(10)$  TeV: satisfy flavor/CP
- gauge **continue** down to **a few** TeV (see later), gravity (possibly) even lower (another talk!)



- way to model **non**-trivial **IR** region (more structure than simply **one**, feature**less** brane)

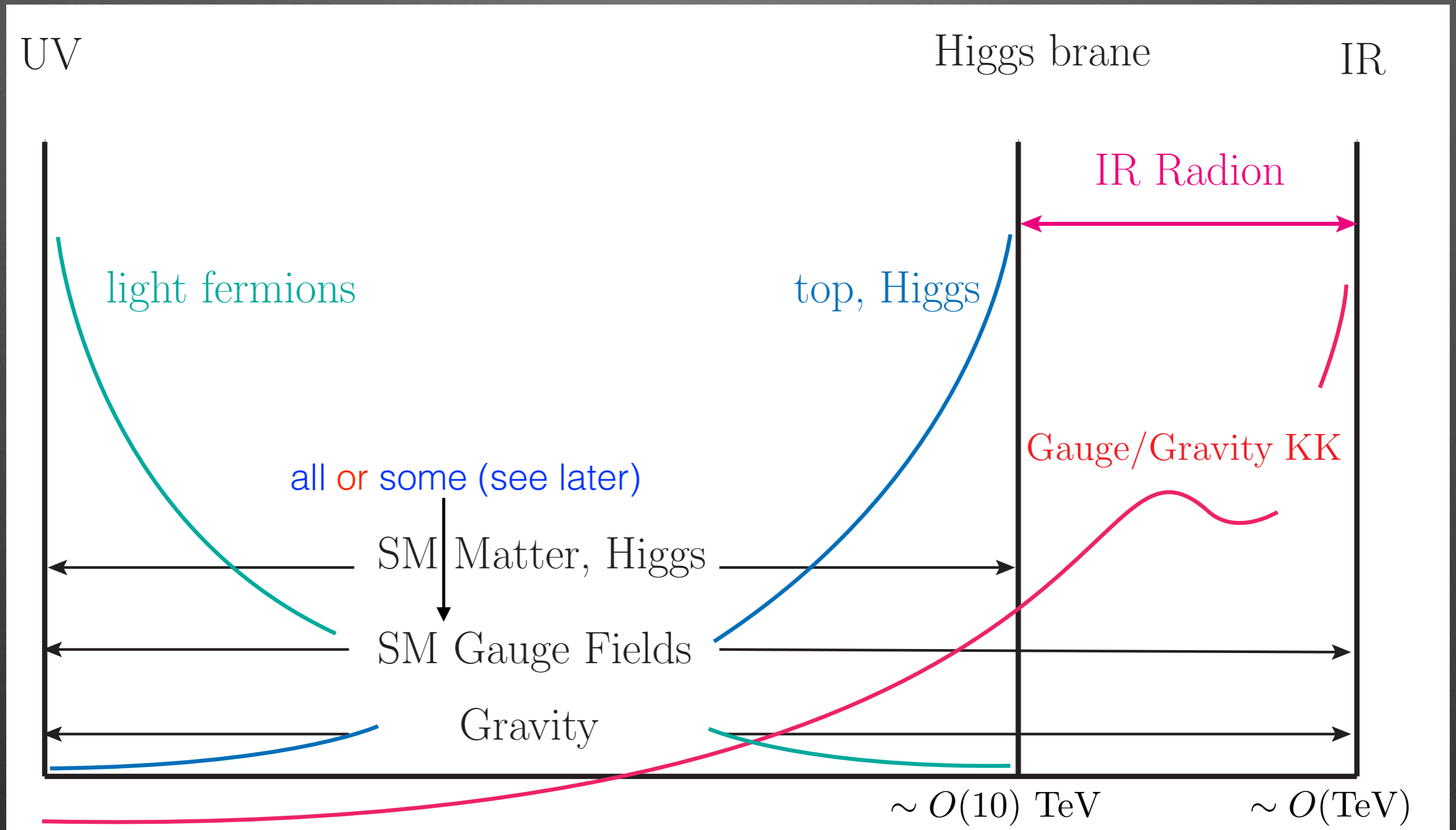
*Treasure chest* (opens-up model/signal-  
building possibilities):

*focus* here on

*LHC* signals from *gauge KK* (as  
illustration + gives *multi*-boson signals)



# Extended warped model at a glance...

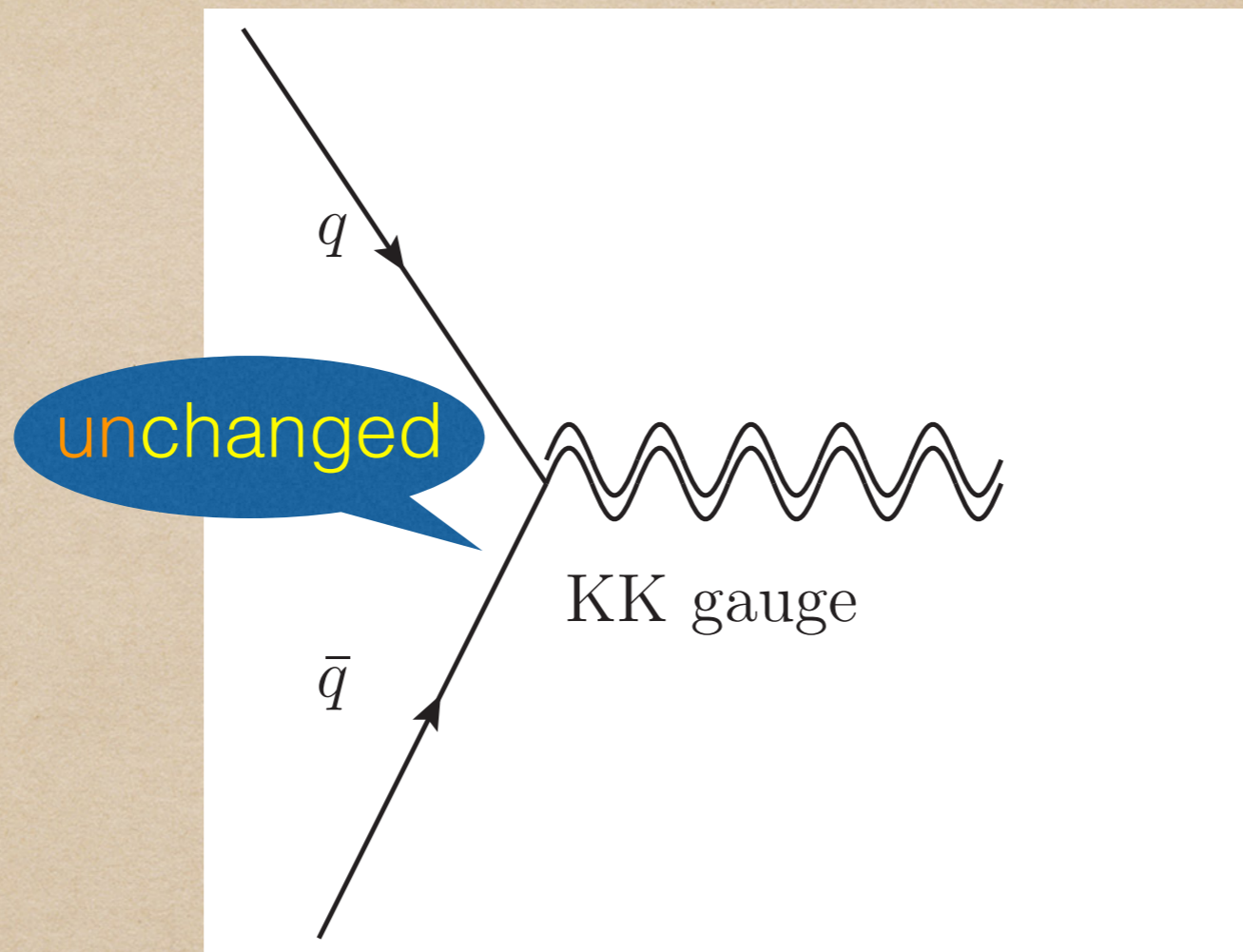


- **Gauge** fields in **entire** bulk (same as gravity) for **simplicity**
- (lightest) **gauge KK**, **radion** peak at (final) IR (**not** Higgs) brane

# New (lower) bound on gauge KK scale

- can show flavor/CP/EW precision (indirect) tests safe even for gauge KK  $\ll O(10)$  TeV, as long as matter/Higgs (most relevant for tests) till  $\sim O(10)$  TeV [like in standard (two branes) warped model]
- leading bound from direct search at LHC (see next)

# Production of gauge KK unchanged

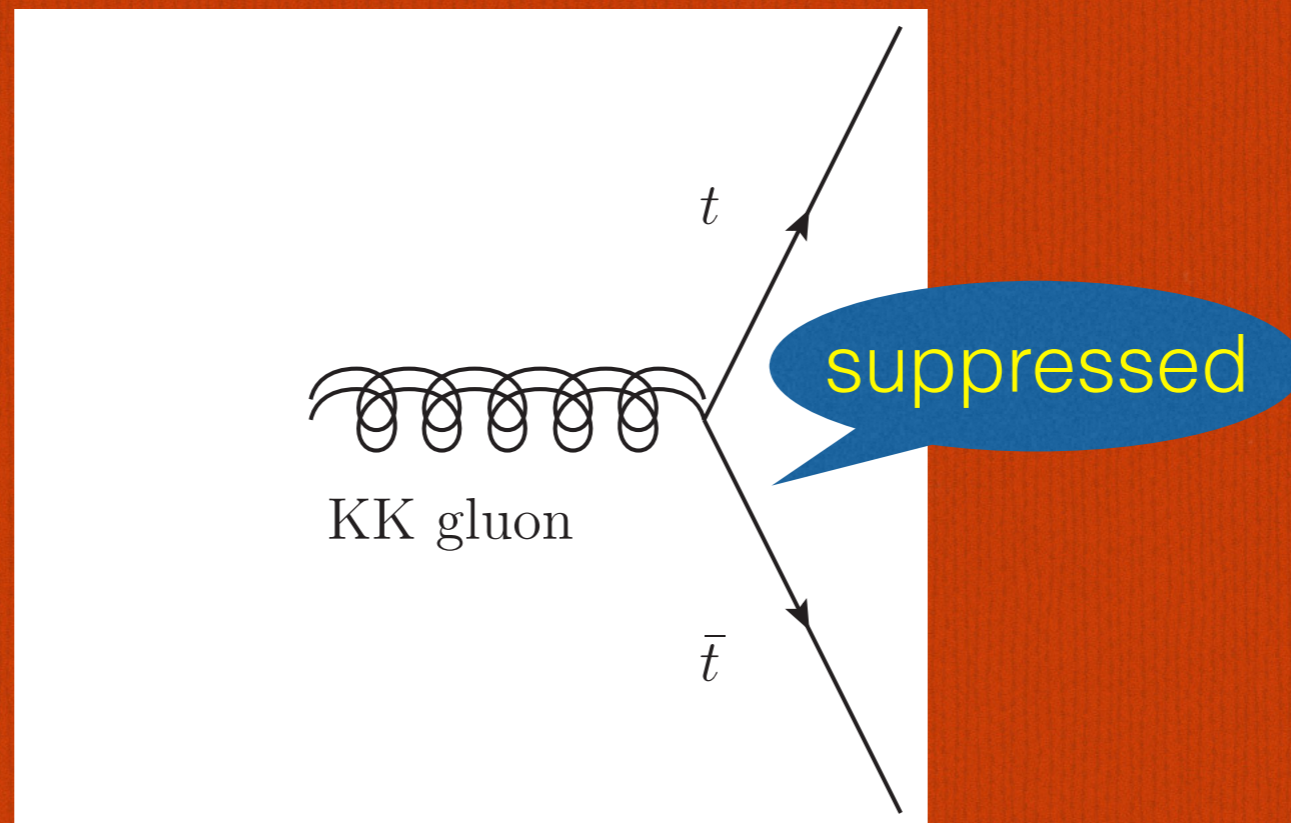


coupling  $\sim \frac{g_{\text{SM}}^2}{g_{\text{KK}}}$ , with  $3 \lesssim g_{\text{KK}} \lesssim 6$

- ◆ No modification near Planck brane (where  $q\bar{q}$  live)

# Usual dominant decay modes of gauge KK

[  $t\bar{t}$  (or  $W/Z_{\text{long.}}/h$ ) ] suppressed here



all 3 near  
TeV brane

universal

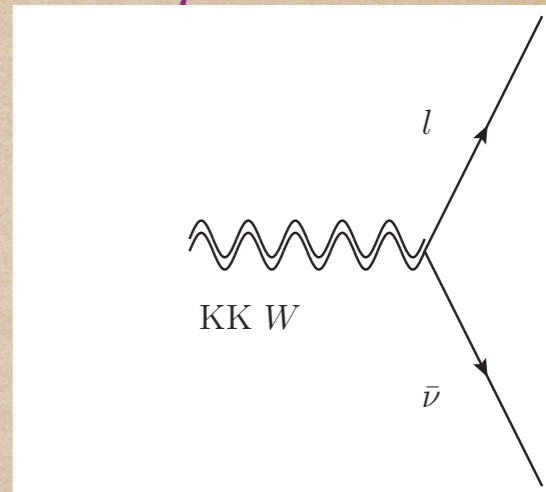
coupling  $\sim g_{\text{KK}}$  (standard)  $\rightarrow \frac{g_{\text{SM}}^2}{g_{\text{KK}}}$  (extended), with  $3 \lesssim g_{\text{KK}} \lesssim 6$

- due to gauge KK "split" from top/Higgs

Other decay modes can then shine

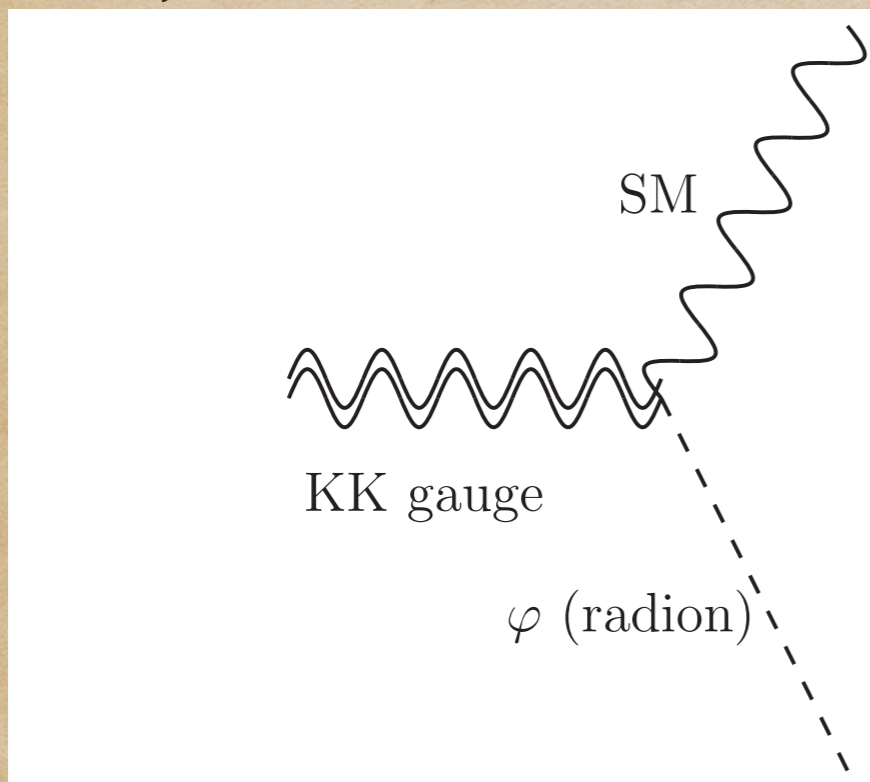
[already existed with same strength, but were swamped earlier  
(standard - 2 branes - model)]

- ◆ Gauge KK decay back into  $q\bar{q}$  (including  $t\bar{t}$ ) /  $l\nu$  gives bounds of a few TeV (likely discovery mode)



- ◆ Gauge KK decay into radion + SM gauge boson (focus of this talk):  
coupling "in-between" to  $q\bar{q}$  and to  $t\bar{t}$  in standard case (2 branes)

near TeV brane      near TeV brane      flat

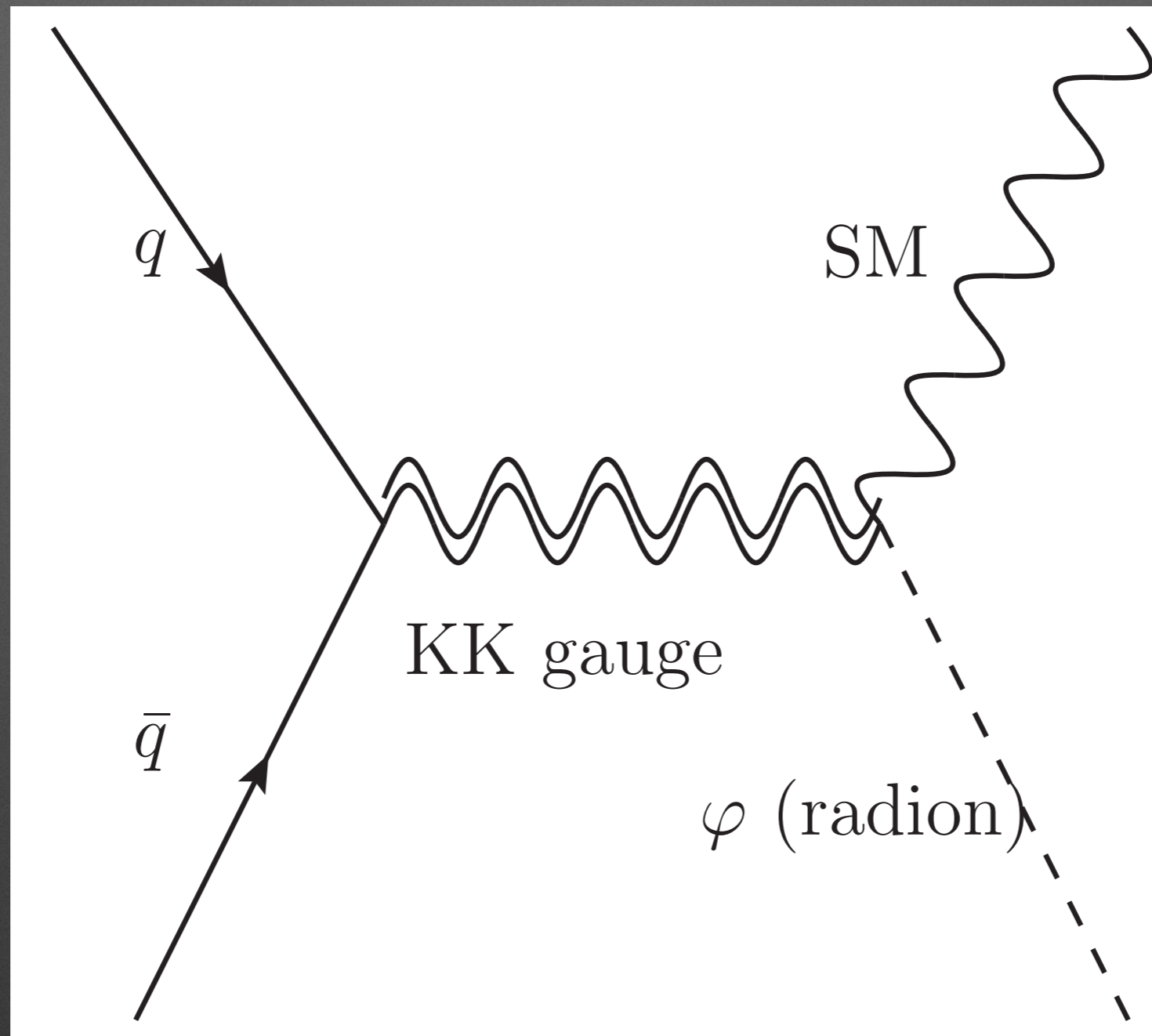


$$\sim g_{SM} \epsilon \quad (\text{with } \epsilon \lesssim 1)$$

related to stabilization

“New” *cascade* decay channel for  
*gauge KK*: *tri*-bosons of various  
kinds

# Basic process (I): gauge KK decay to radion



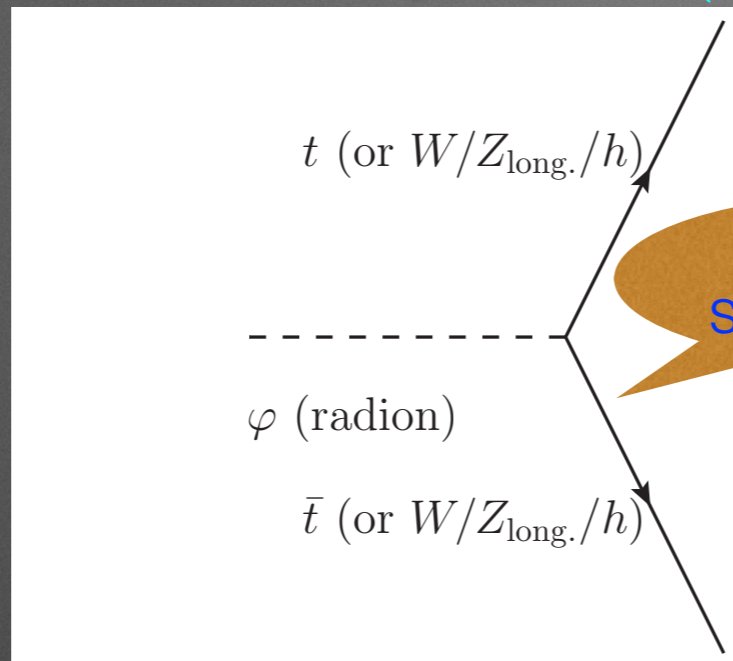
- Radion decay mode of **gauge KK** comparable to (or a bit larger than) decay into  $q\bar{q}$  (or  $l\nu$ )
- **final** state depends on fate of **radion**

*Radion decays also  
modified*



# Radion (near **gauge** brane) “split” from top/Higgs

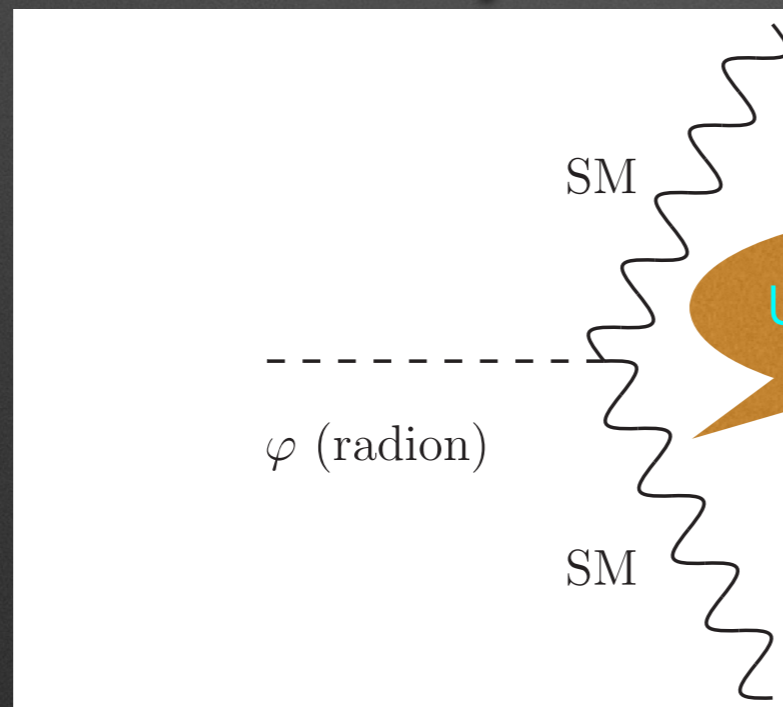
- Erstwhile dominant decays [  $t\bar{t}$  (or  $W/Z_{\text{long.}}/h$ ) ] **highly suppressed**



highly suppressed

[Radion couplings to  $q\bar{q}$  (remain) negligible]

- Pair of **SM gauge bosons** (sub-dominant in **standard** warped model) **take over** in **extended** warped model

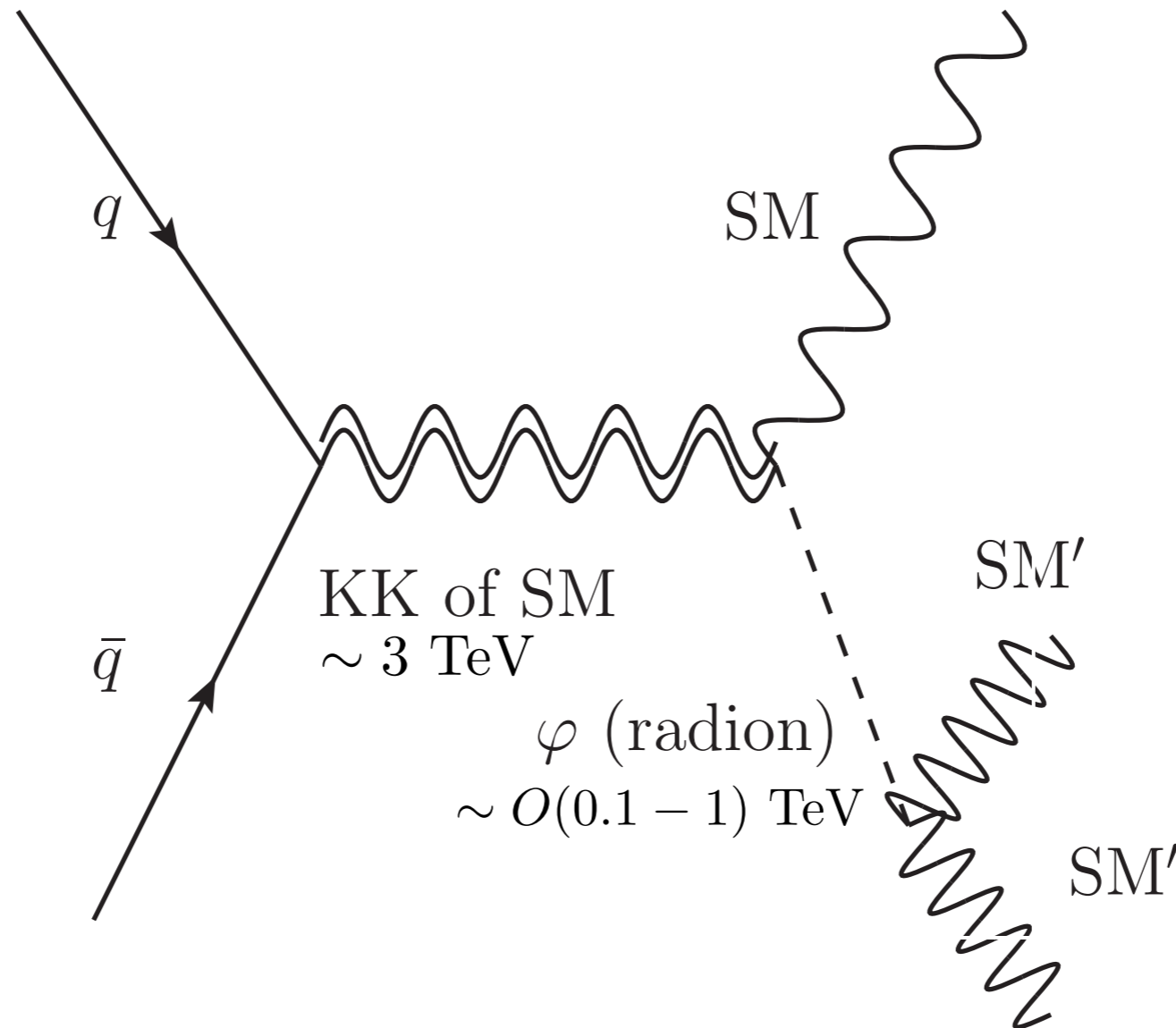


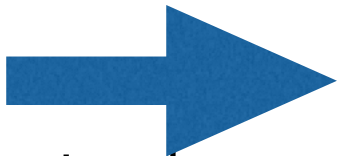
unchanged

$\propto g_{\text{SM}}^2$  (and d.o.f.)

- **Two** radions for 2 separations: focus on **lighter** one (~fluctuation of gauge brane vs. heavier one that of top/Higgs brane)

# Basic process (II): emergence of “tri”-boson signal (putting it all together)



- radion heavy (not boosted) or light (boosted)  2 SM gauge bosons from its decay well-separated or merged
- more specific signals to come...

3 *specific* models:

(I). *All SM gauge fields in extended bulk*

[KA, Collins, Du, Hong, Kim, Mishra (2016)]

(II). *Only EW gauge fields in extended bulk*

[...as “likely” as *all* in extended bulk as in model (I)...]

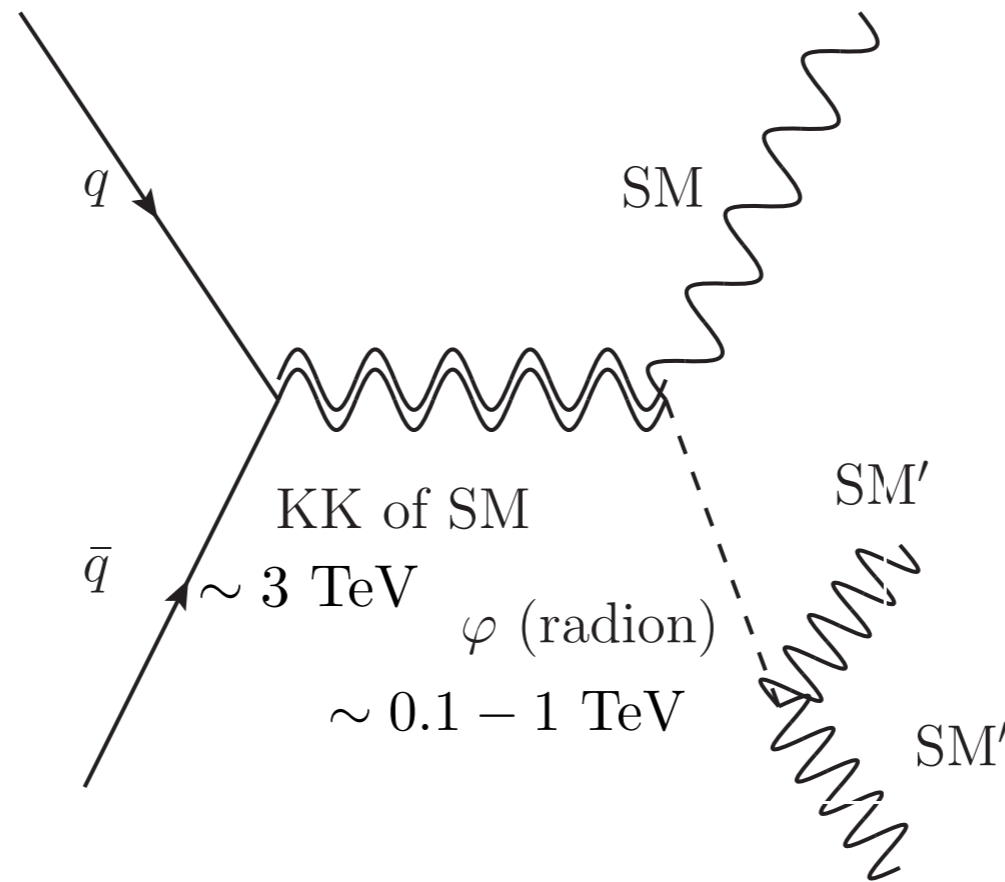
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(III). *Only QCD in extended bulk*

[KA, Collins, Du, Hong, Kim, Mishra (*unpublished note*);

KA, Ekhterachian, Kim, Sathyan (2020)]

# Summary table/diagram



Signal features $\rightarrow$ (gauge KK $\sim 3 \text{ TeV}$ ) Radion mass $\downarrow$	General topology	Which gauge bosons <i>can</i> "play"?	(I). All SM gauge in extended bulk (1612.00047)	(II). Only EW in extended bulk (1711.09920 & 1809.07334)	(III). Only QCD in extended bulk (2008.06480)
Heavy ( $\gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$ )	Tri-boson, with 2 resonances: 2-particle (radion) & 3-particle (gauge KK)	gluons <i>and/or</i> EW	<i>Mixture</i> of gluons and EW gauge bosons (3 gluon/jet is largest)	<i>Mixture</i> of $W/Z/\gamma$ ( $WWW$ is largest): for $WWW$ etc., <i>combinatorics</i> makes <i>existing</i> di-boson search <i>inefficient</i>	<i>Only 3</i> gluon/jet: <i>combinatorics</i> makes <i>existing</i> di-jet search <i>inefficient</i>
Light $O(100) \text{ GeV}$	isolated boson + <i>boosted/merged di-boson</i> resonance (radion) (combined resonance: gauge KK)	<i>Either</i> gluons <i>or</i> EW, i.e., <i>not both</i>	<i>not possible</i> (ruled out by di-photon searches)	$W/Z/\gamma +$ <i>boosted/merged</i> $WW/ZZ/Z\gamma/\gamma\gamma$ : search for 4-prong jet or lepton(s) inside 2-prong jet (for $WW/ZZ$ ); photon inside $Z$ -jet/leptons; allow $\Delta R_{\gamma\gamma} \lesssim 0.4$	gluon + <i>boosted/merged di-gluon</i> : <i>different</i> (in $N$ -subjettiness etc.) from $q\bar{q}$

- **goldmine** of signals to choose from!

(**Similar** topology of signals possible with **other** new physics)

# CMS and ATLAS took the bait!

- ◆ 3 isolated W and (boosted di-W + isolated W) analyses:

All hadronic: CMS-B2G-21-002 (2112.13090)

Semi-leptonic: CMS-B2G-20-001(2201.08476)

- ◆ Boosted di-gluon + isolated gluon:

CMS-EXO-20-007 (2201.02140)

- ◆ leptonic W + di-gluon :

ATLAS: CERN-EP-2022-179 (2211.08945)

...can ATLAS (and other channels) be so far behind?!

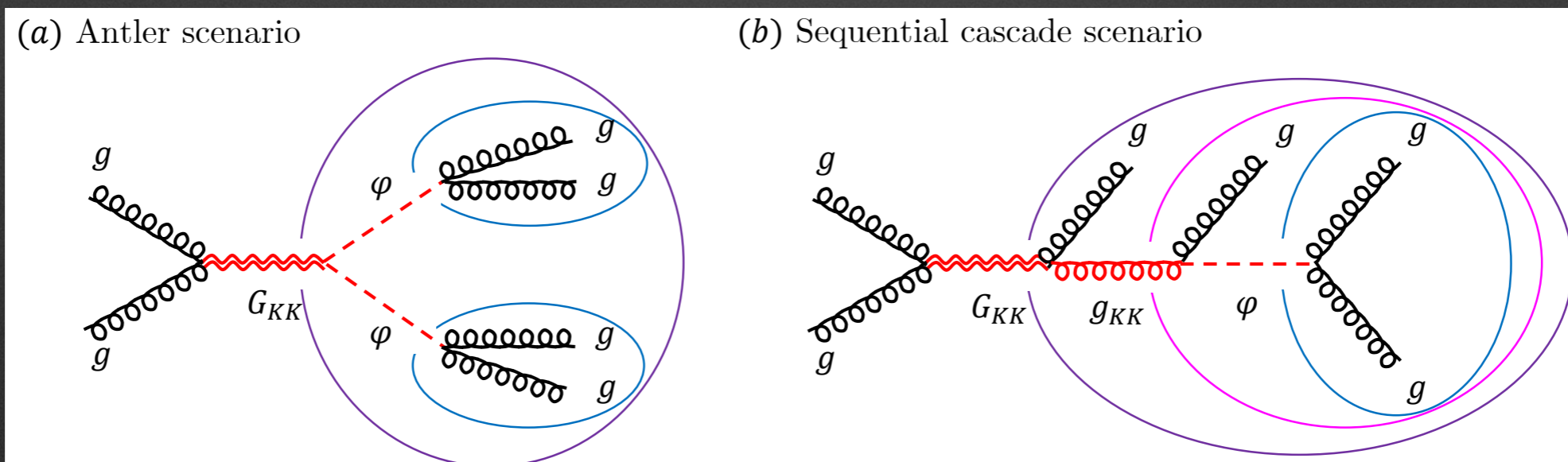
# *KK graviton*

*similar story: usual decay channels suppressed,  
other/pre-existing more important*

# Quadri-boson signals from **KK**graviton

[KA, Ekhterachian, Kim, Sathyan (2020), with only QCD in extended bulk]

- **production** via gluon fusion as usual
- decay to top/Higgs and WW/ZZ **suppressed** (vs. **standard**)
- decay to di-gluon, **gluon + KK gluon** and **di-radion** dominant
- **4-jet** signal (with 2 or 3 resonances):



# *Other examples/models*

(giving **tri**-boson signals)



# Left-Right symmetric (**LR**) model

- **extend** EW **gauge** symmetry to  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$
- spontaneous **breaking** (at  $\sim$ TeV):  $SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow U(1)_Y$  using extended scalar sector

- (one of) **standard** signals:  $W_R^\pm$  and  $Z'$  [**extra**  $U(1)$ ]:

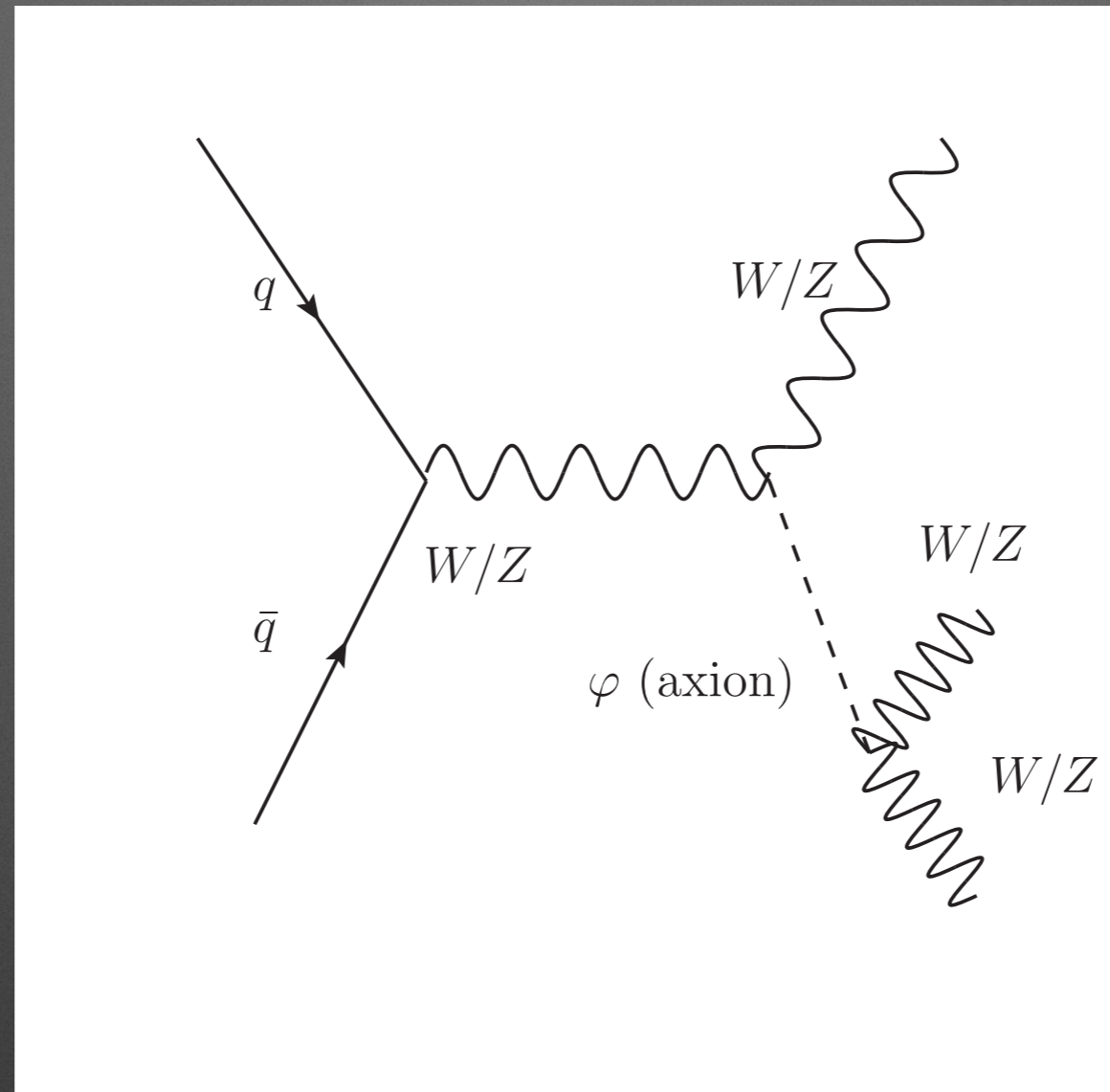
$$W_R^\pm, Z' \text{ (a few TeV)} \rightarrow \text{di-bosons } (W, Z, h)$$

- **modified** signals (**similar** to **warped** model: **2** resonances...):

$$W_R^\pm, Z' \rightarrow W/Z/h + \varphi \text{ (extra scalar), followed by } \varphi \rightarrow WW/ZZ\dots$$

# Photophobic axion-like particle (ALP)

[Craig, Hook, Kasko (2018)]



- **suppressed** coupling to di-photon (**un**like usual)
- coupling to  $WW/ZZ$ ...dominates, giving tri- $W/Z$  signal
- only **1** resonance, **different** than **2** in warped and LR models

# Conclusions

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- ❖ **Simple** modification of standard warped model can **dramatically** change LHC signals: instead of di-top / W / Z / Higgs final states, **variety** of
  - ❖ **tri**-boson or W/Z/gluon/photon
  - ❖ **novel fat**-jet (boosted / merged di-“boson”) + boson
- ❖ requires new / **dedicated** searches
- ❖ similar lesson for **other** frameworks (**broaden** searches):

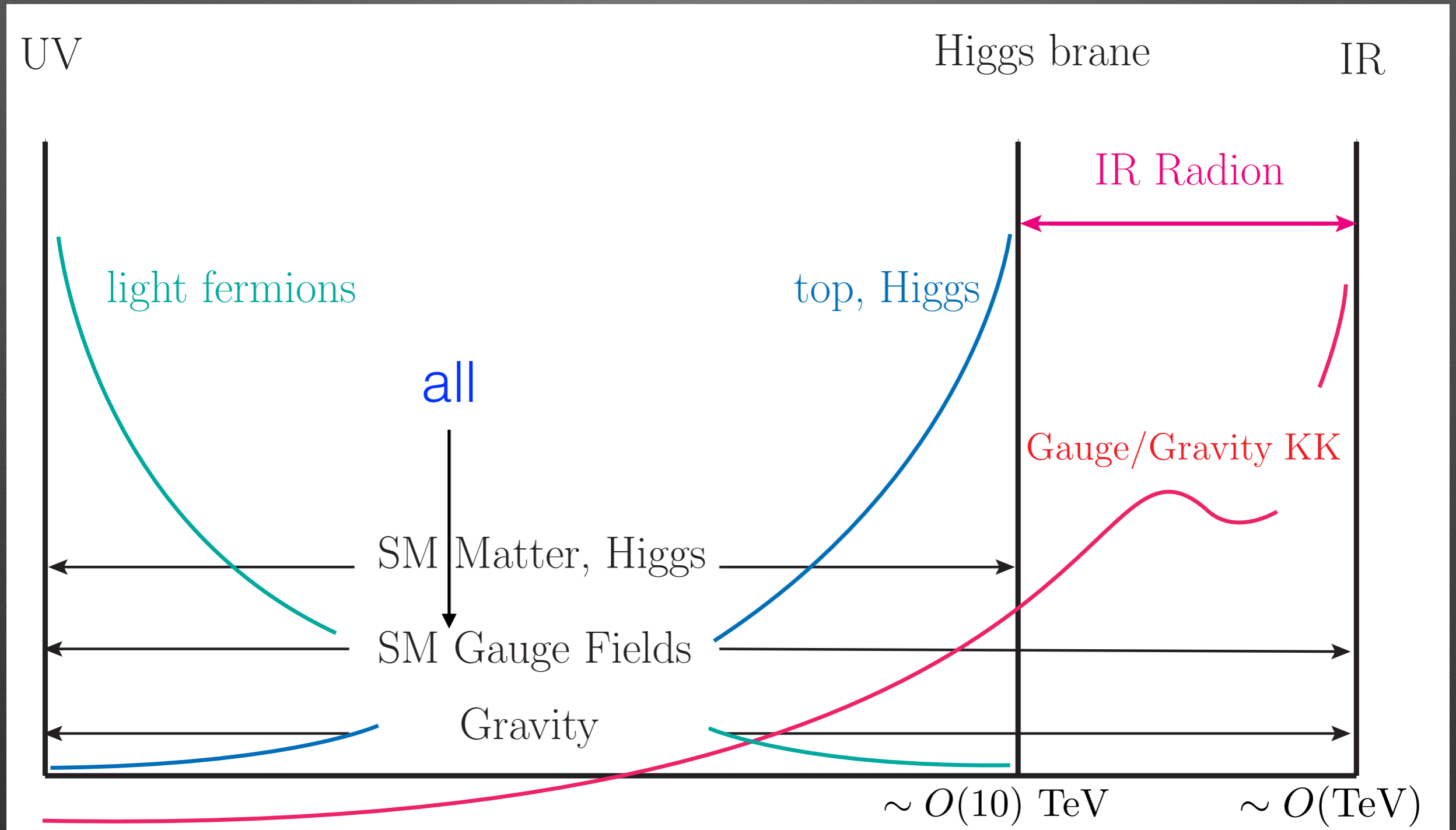
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# Back-ups

*3 specific models:*  
*(I). All SM gauge fields in extended bulk*

*[KA, Collins, Du, Hong, Kim, Mishra (2016)]*

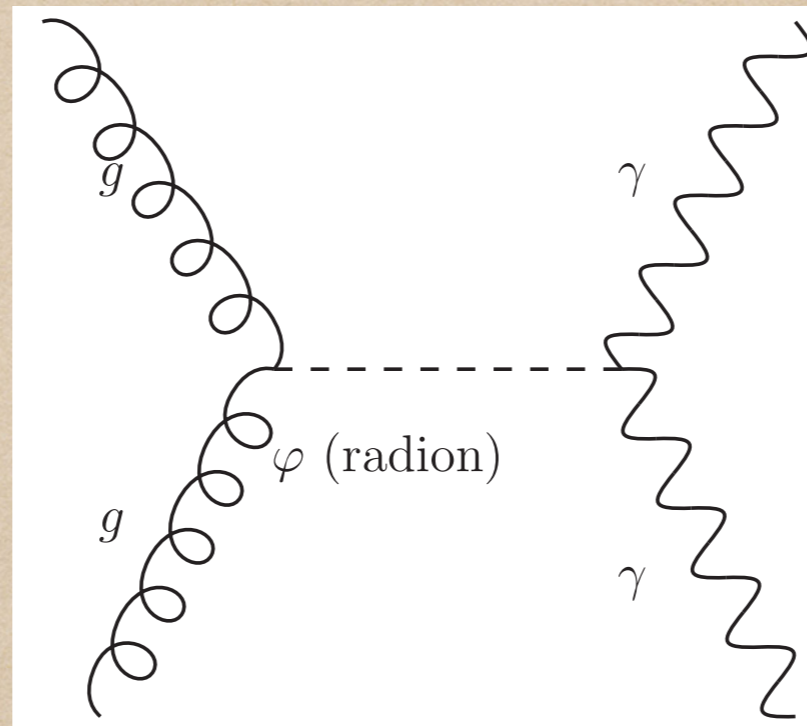
# All extended model (I) at a glance...



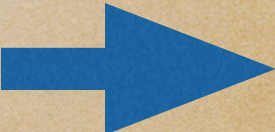
- Similar profile/mass for **QCD** vs. **EW** gauge (SM or KK)
- Role of SM or KK gauge bosons  $\propto g_{SM}^2$

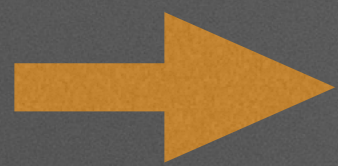
# Light ( $\lesssim 1$ TeV) radion **not** allowed

- Di-photon bound from **direct** production of radion (also likely **discovery** channel for **radion** for  $\sim 1$  TeV/on **edge** of current bound):



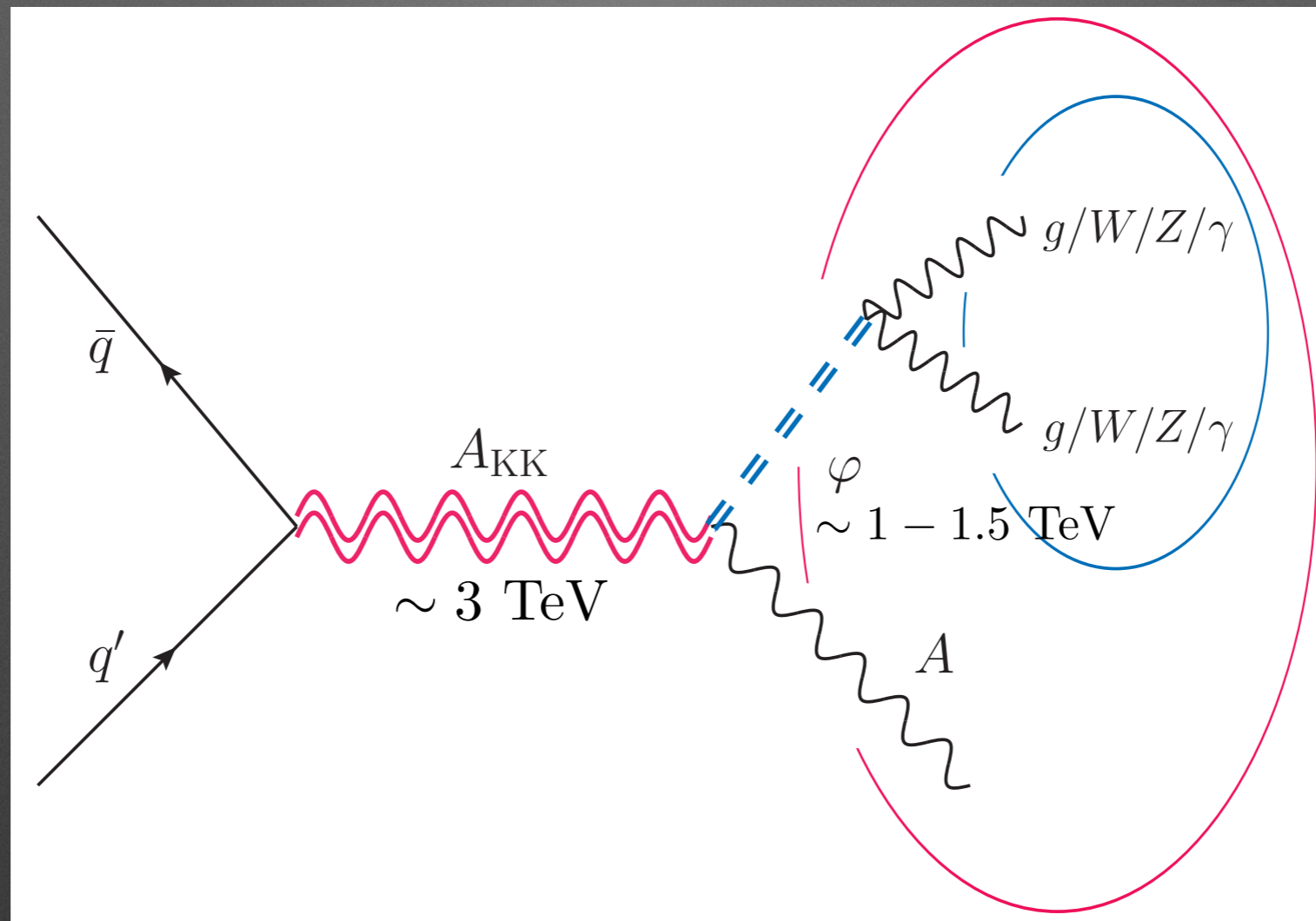
fixed at 3 TeV

- $\gtrsim 1.5$  TeV radion (well **above** current bound), production **via** gauge KK dominates over **direct** (likely **discovery** channel)
- Radion ( $\gtrsim 1$  TeV) produced from **few TeV** gauge KK **not** boosted   
2 SM gauge bosons from it **well**-separated (and from "prompt" SM gauge boson)



# (Genuine) **Tri-Boson** signals: basic structure/warm-up

- 2 resonances: di- **and** tri-boson (**use** to suppress **background**: **signal** small)



- **Largest** rate for tri-**gluon**/jet (based on KK production **and** radion decay)
- **Results** (including **background**, using **Delphes** etc.): observation of signal (**discovery** of **heavier** radion) with  $\sim 300/\text{fb}$  for  $\sim 3$  TeV KK **gluon** (and  $\sim 1-1.5$  TeV radion);  $\sim 3000/\text{fb}$  for **other** KK

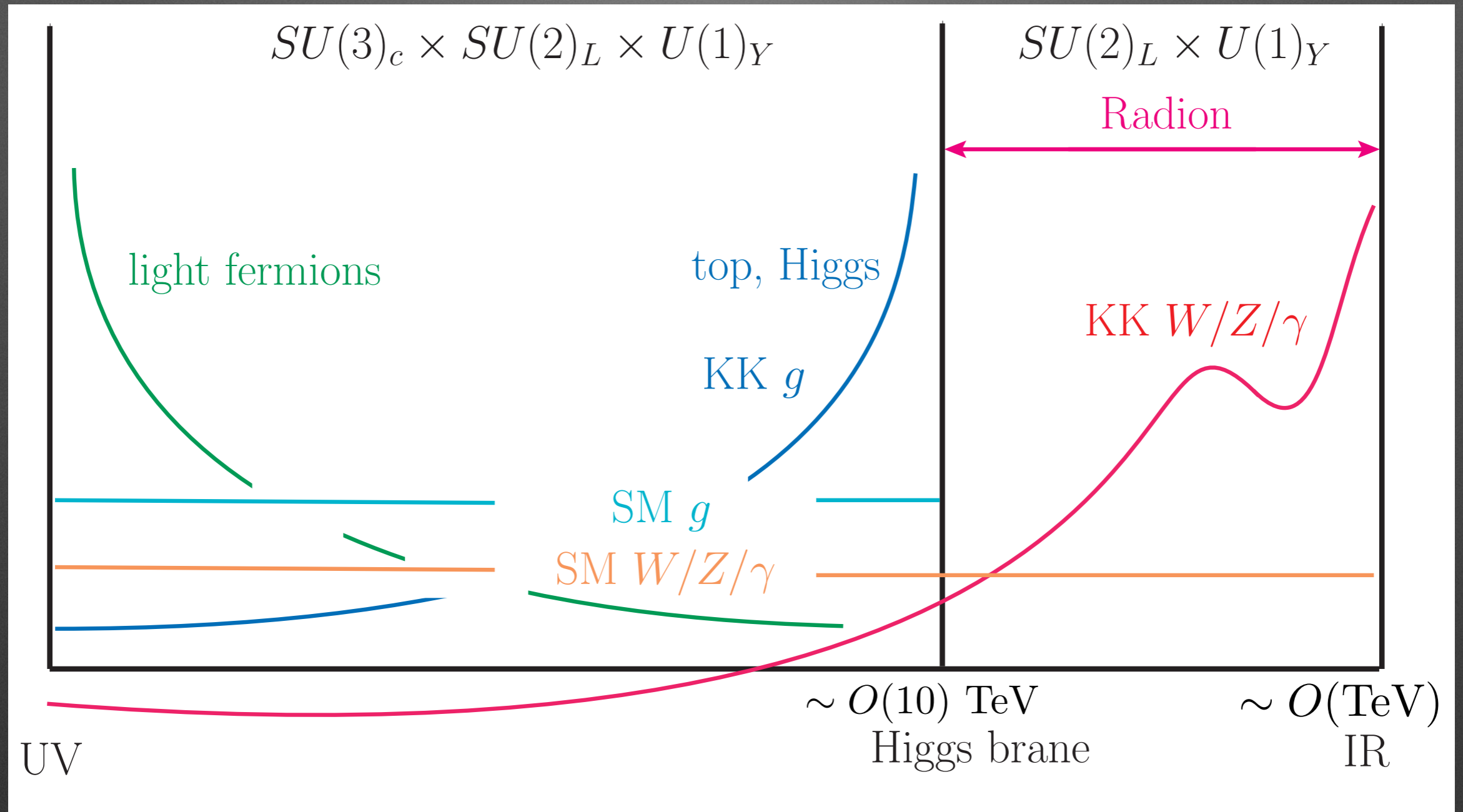


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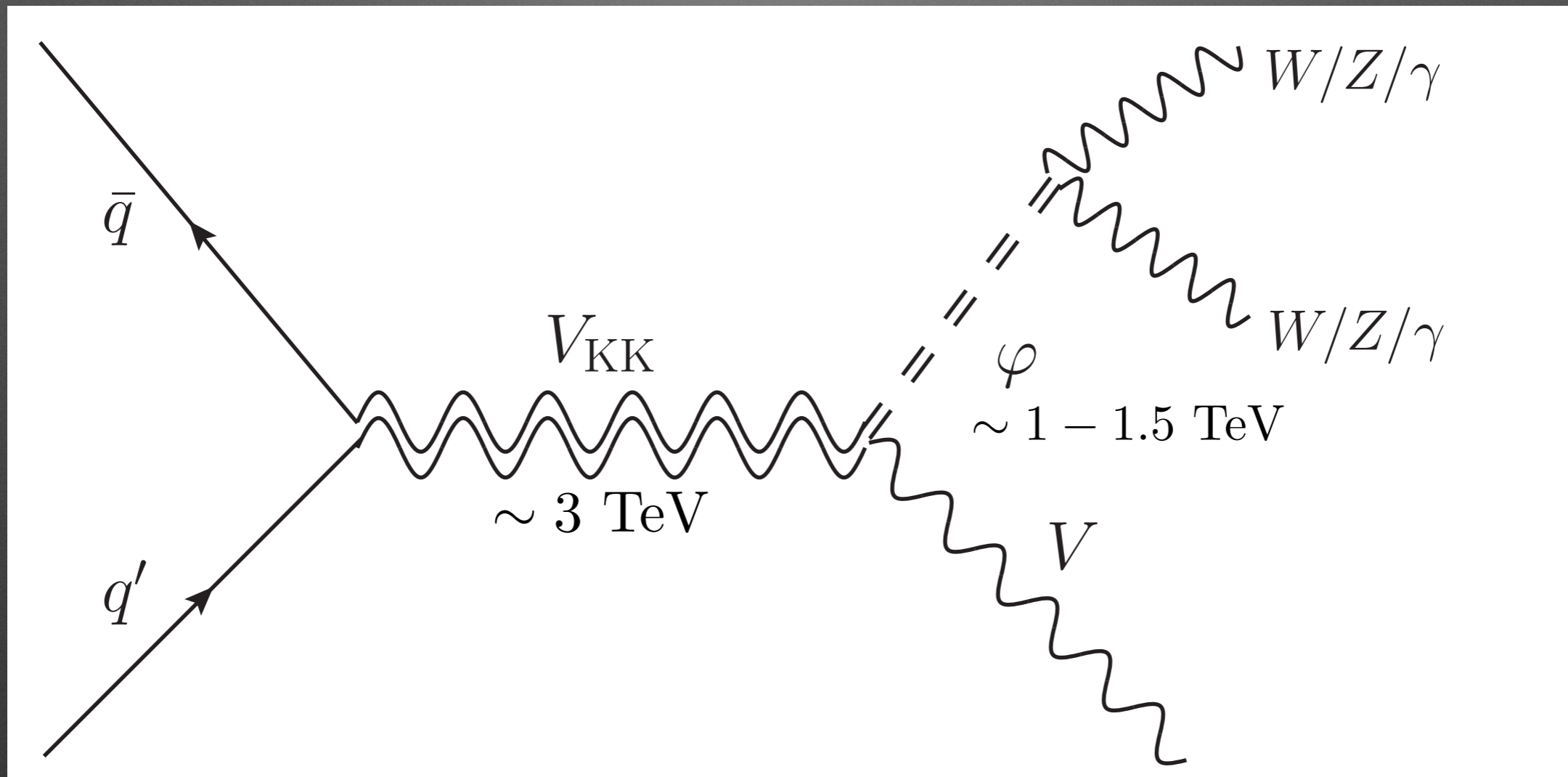
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# EW-extended model (II) at a glance...



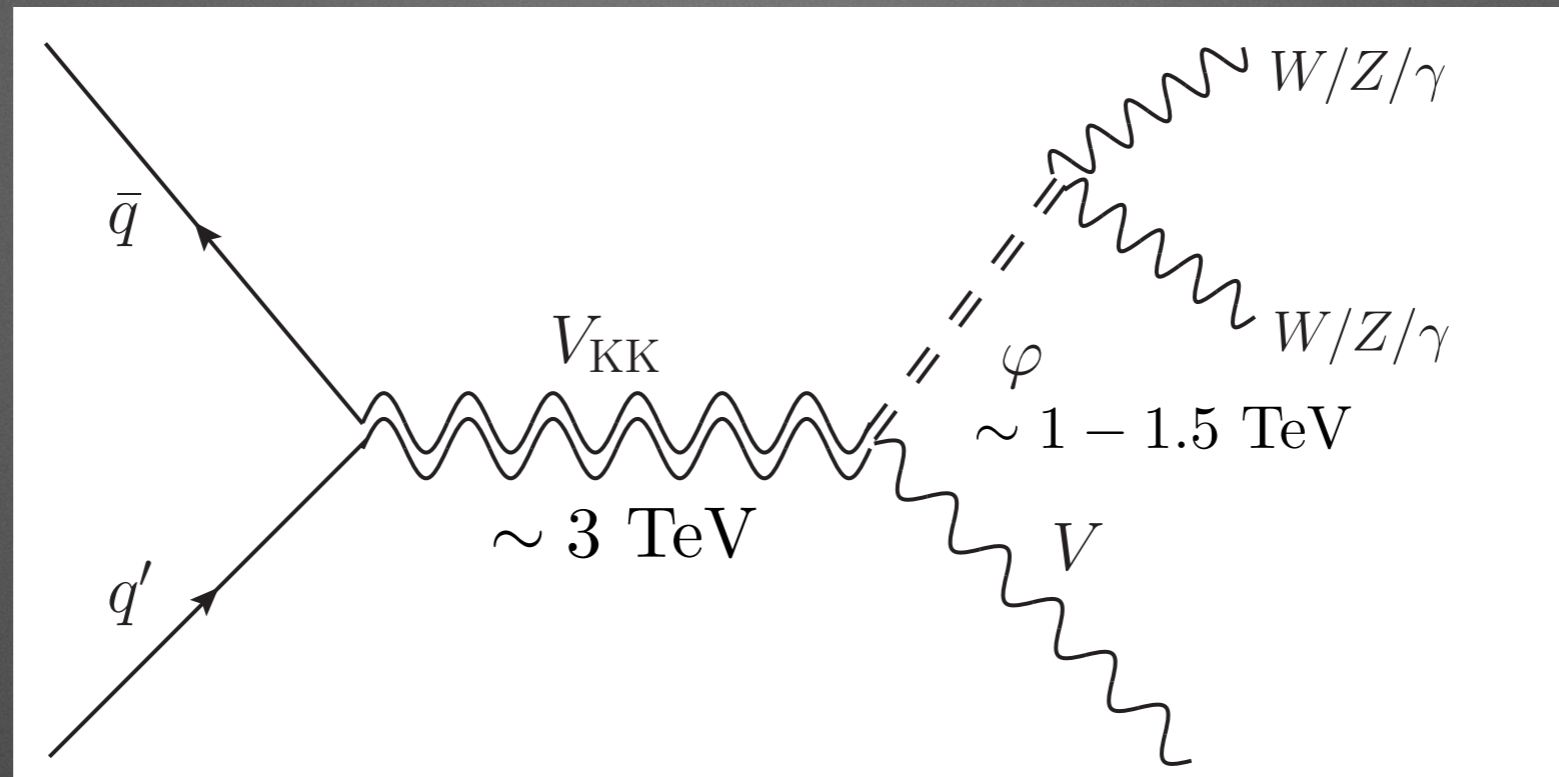
- **Gluons** (SM or KK) till  $\sim O(10)$  TeV  out of the game: KK gluon beyond LHC reach, radion “split” from gluons


# Tri-**EW**-gauge boson signals for **heavy** radion (I)



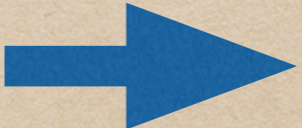
- 3 isolated  $W/Z/\gamma$  (all  $W/Z$  boosted)
- largest rate for  $WWW$  (based on production of gauge KK and radion decay)

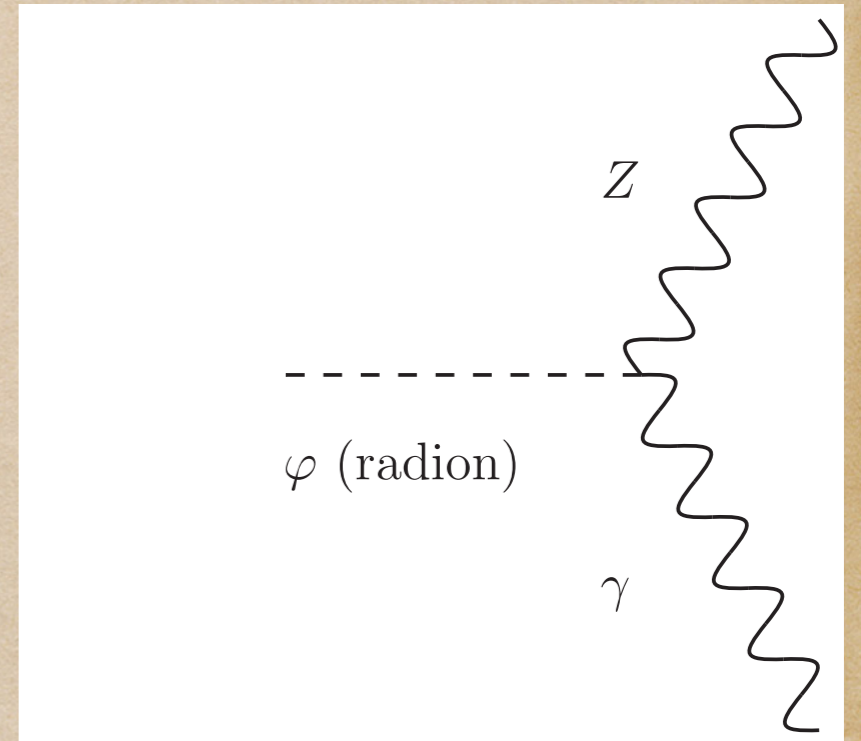
# Tri-EW-gauge boson signals for heavy radion (II)



- Existing di-boson ( $WW/WZ/ZZ$ ) search selects two hardest  $W/Z$ , not from radion typically  not efficient here (excess, but no bump)
- dedicated search needed: invariant mass of various combinations of di-bosons (for digging out radion) + invariant mass of tri-boson (for getting to gauge KK)   
 coupling to gluons/direct production suppressed (more later)
- Results (including background, using Delphes etc.): discovery of  $\sim 1-1.5 \text{ TeV}$  radion from decay of  $\sim 3 \text{ TeV}$  KK W with  $O(100)/\text{fb}$

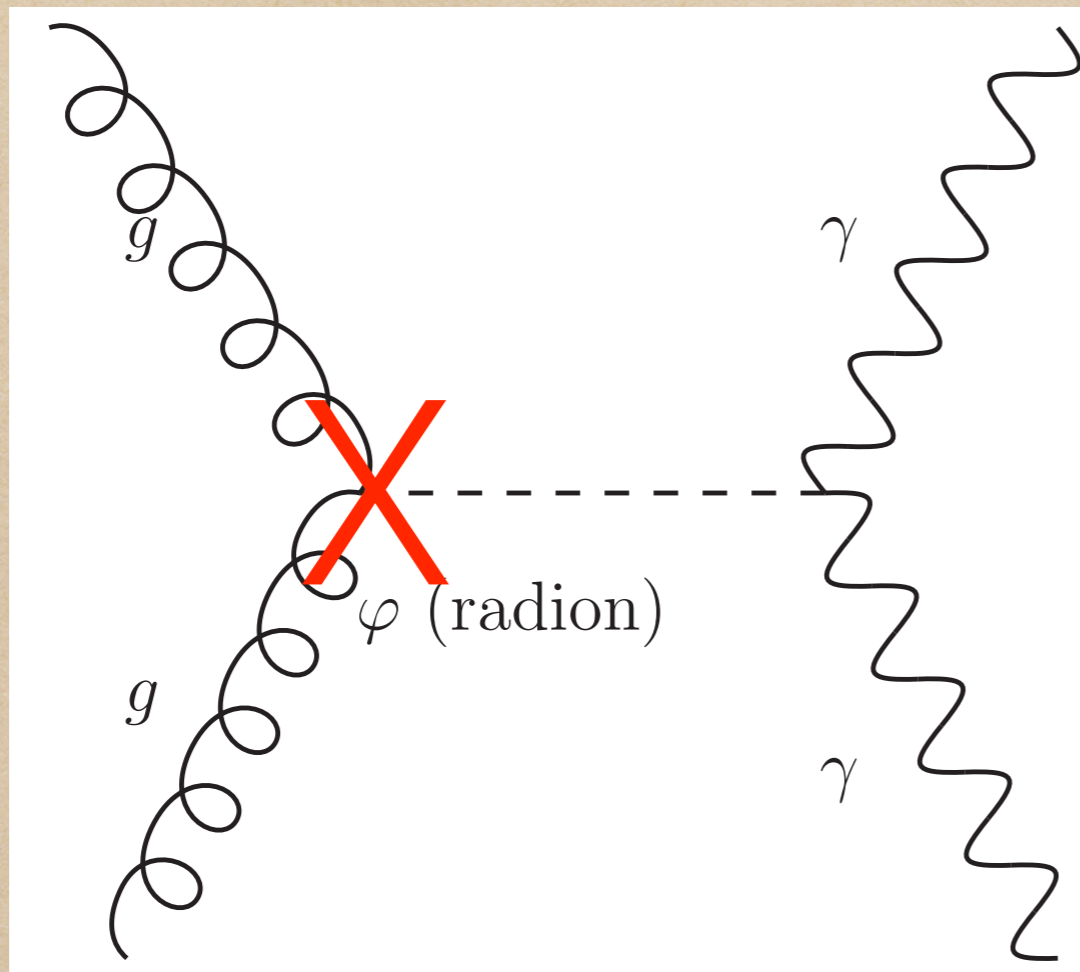
# "New" radion decay: (Z + photon)

- ◆ vanishes in minimal model (focus thus far), but present in general
- ◆ also for standard (2 branes) model
- ◆ hierarchy of radion BR's:  
 $WW > ZZ > (Z + \text{photon}) > \text{di-photon}$
- ◆ boosted Z (fat jet) for heavy radion  background for (Z + photon) vs. di-photon might be less compared to SM Higgs (Z  $\rightarrow$  resolved jets, with larger QCD background)
- ◆ extended model (radion from KK W): (W + Z + photon) signal



New: **light** [ $\sim O(100)$  GeV] radion allowed

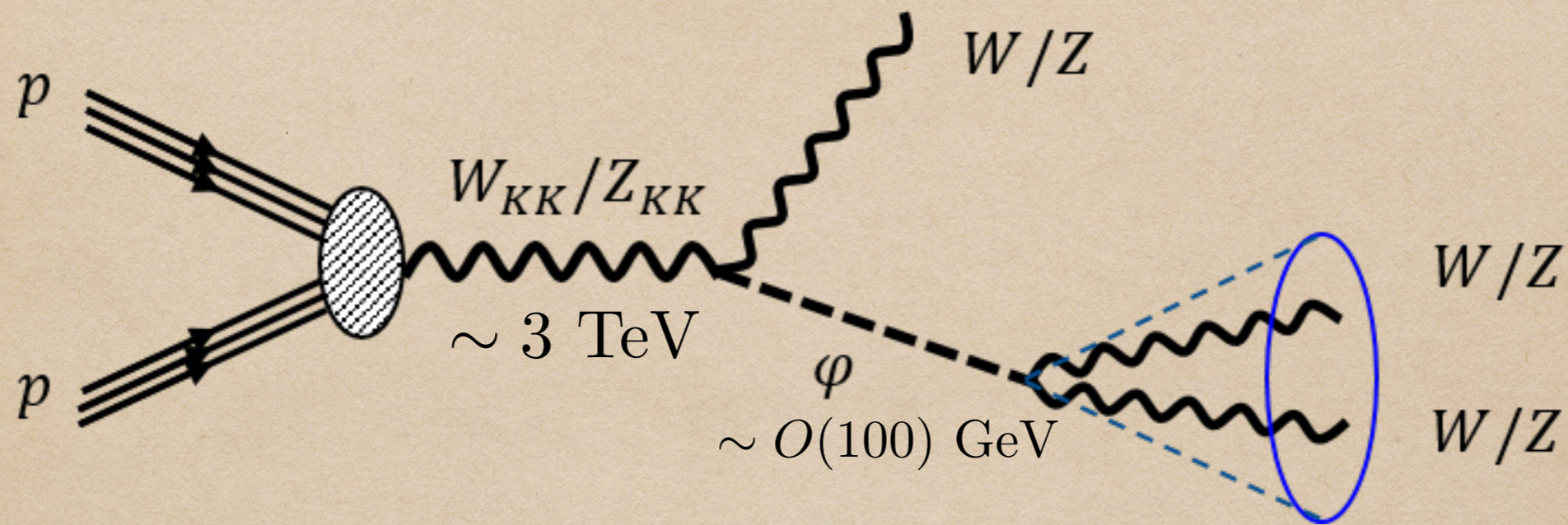
(even **lighter** is **unnatural**)



- ◆ Usual dominant **direct production** turned **off** (even if radion BR to di-photon enhanced: decay into EW only), **WW** fusion small **difficult** to **discover** via this channel

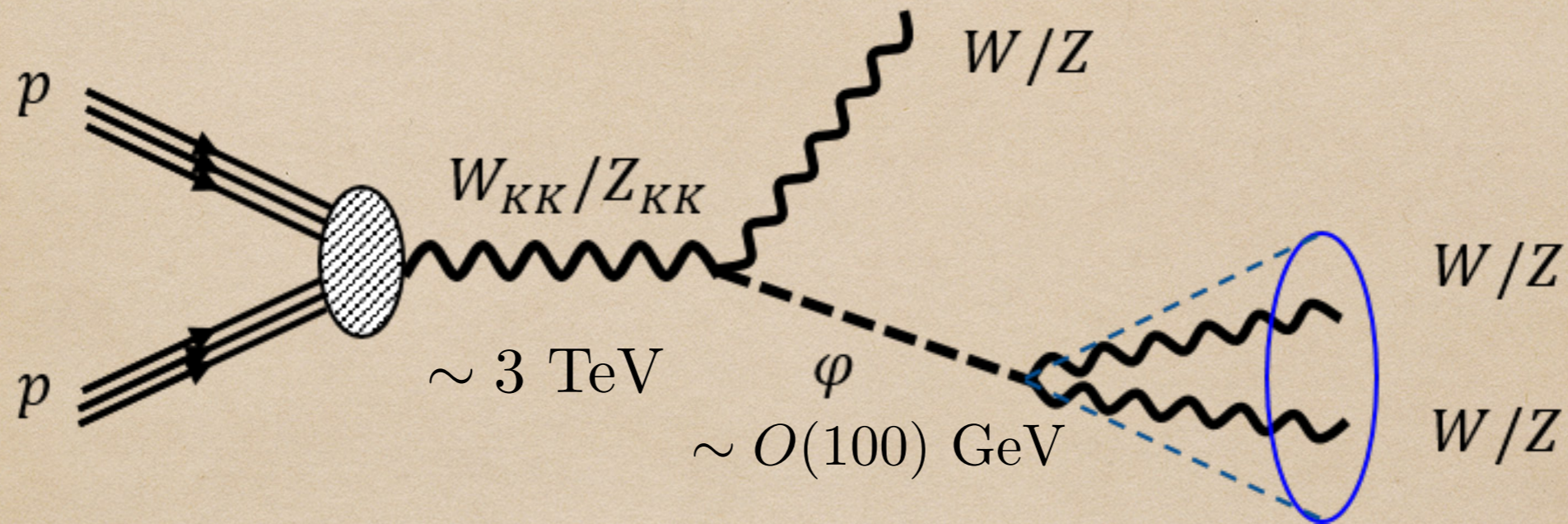
- ◆ **Instead**, radion **dominantly** produced (**boosted**) from **decay** of a few TeV **gauge KK** (its coupling to  $q\bar{q}$  **significant/unchanged**)

# Boosted/merged **di**-boson [ $+$ (boosted) boson] (1) $W/Z$



- ◆ 4-prong **fat**-jet (or lepton buried in 2-prong fat-jet), with mass **not**  $W/Z/\text{Higgs}/\text{top}$   $\rightarrow$  likely "**missed**" with current searches (need **dedicated** algorithm)

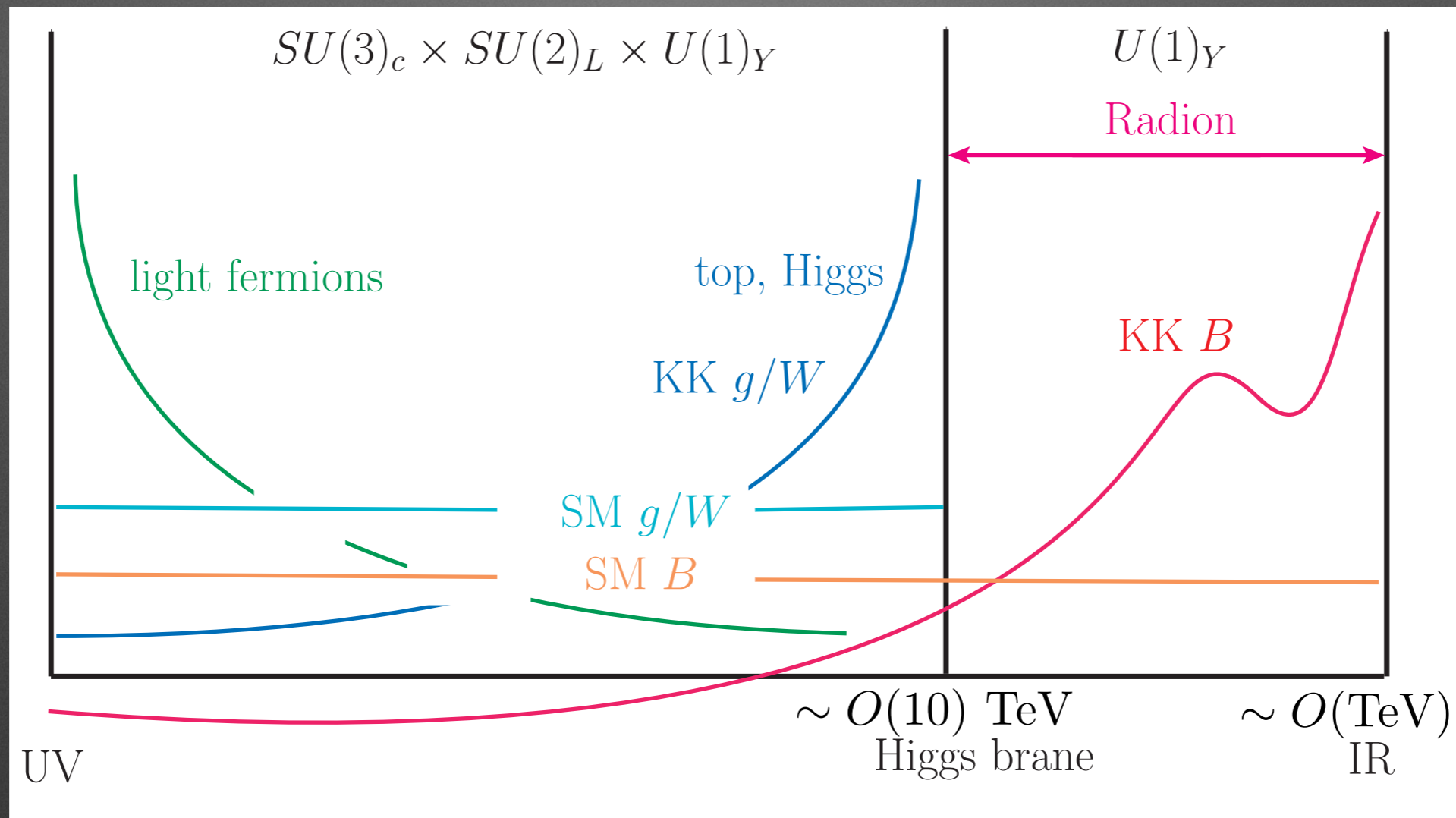
# Boosted/merged di-boson [+ (boosted) boson] (II)



- ◆ 2 resonances: fat-jet and [fat-jet + (isolated) W]
- ◆ Results (including background, using Delphes etc.): discovery of (light) radion from decay of  $\sim 3$  TeV KK W with  $\sim 300/\text{fb}$  (combining fully-hadronic and semi-leptonic channels)

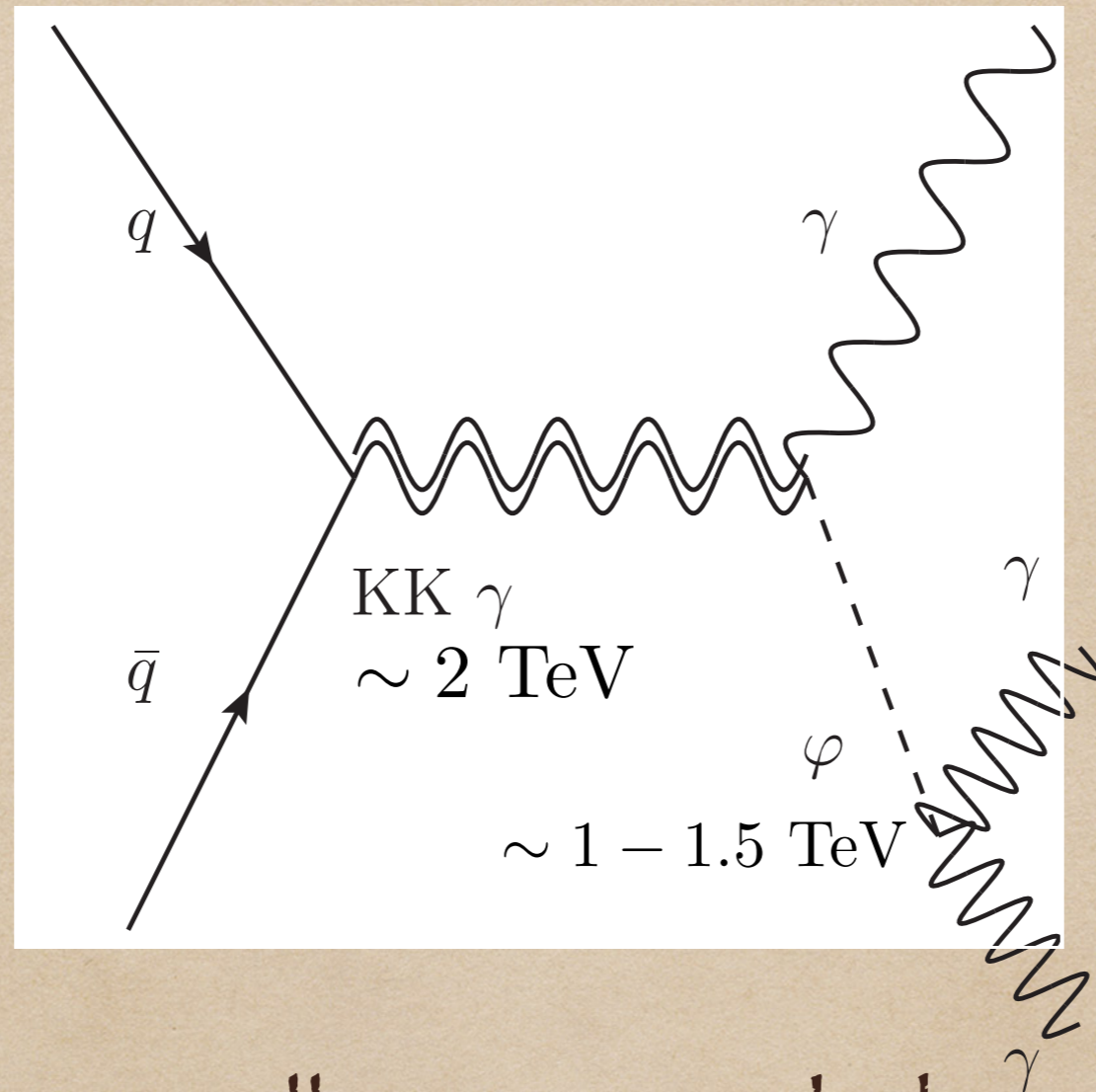


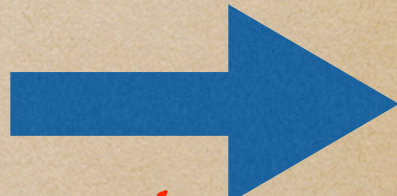
# Only **hypercharge** in **extended** bulk



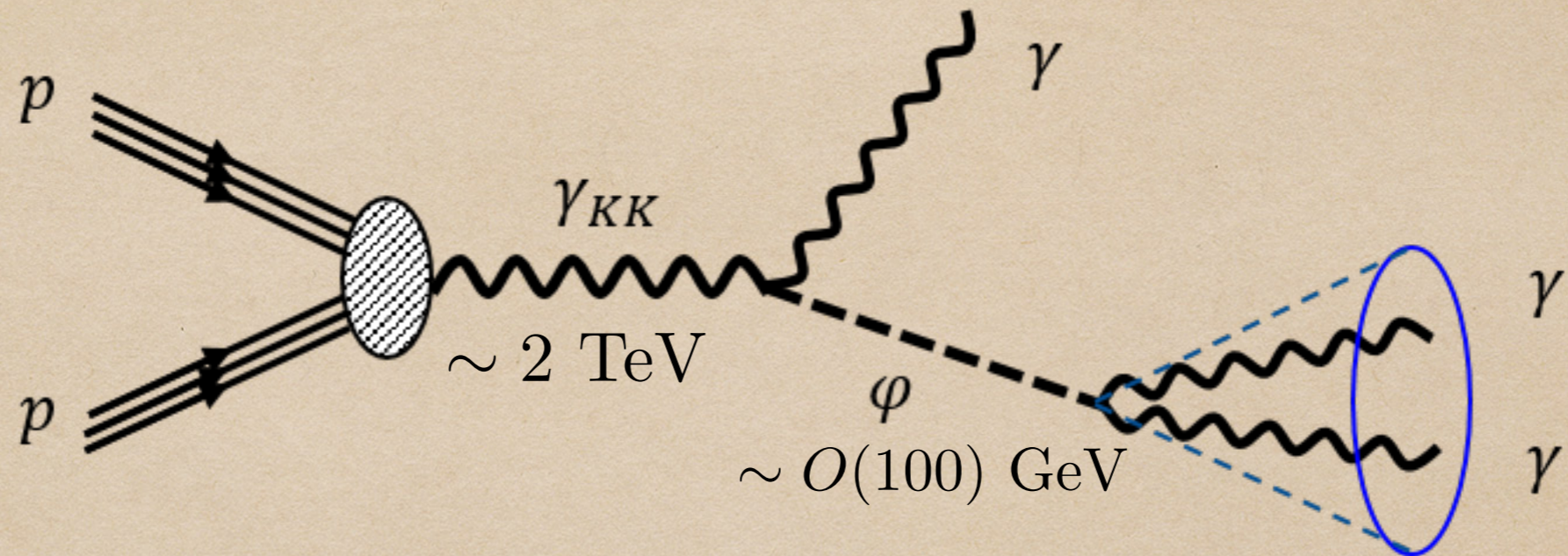
- At a glance: **gluons/W/Z** out of picture...
- Only **KK** hypercharge ( $\sim$ photon + bit of Z)
- **Radion** decays into di-photon [+ bit into ZZ and (Z + photon)]

# Tri-photon (with 2 resonances) ...



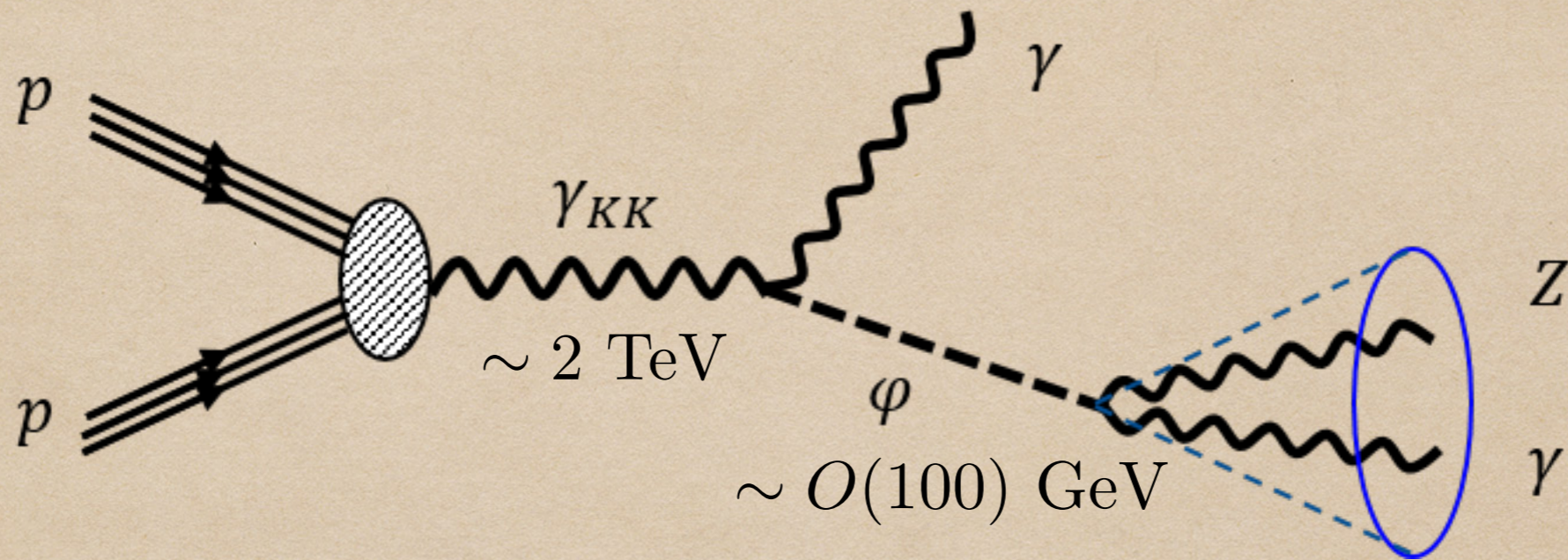
- ◆ Heavy radion: 3 well-separated photons  negligible background, but combinatorial ambiguity motivates dedicated search

...or, boosted/merged di-photon + photon



- ◆ Light [ $\sim O(100) \text{ GeV}$ ], boosted radion:  
isolated photon + **merged** di-photon  
**existing** search require isolation  $\Delta R_{\gamma\gamma} \gtrsim 0.3$ , vs.  
here  $\Delta R_{\gamma\gamma} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}/1 \text{ TeV} \sim O(0.1)$  **not**  
efficient, need to **relax** isolation (**dedicated** search)

# Boosted/merged (Z + photon)

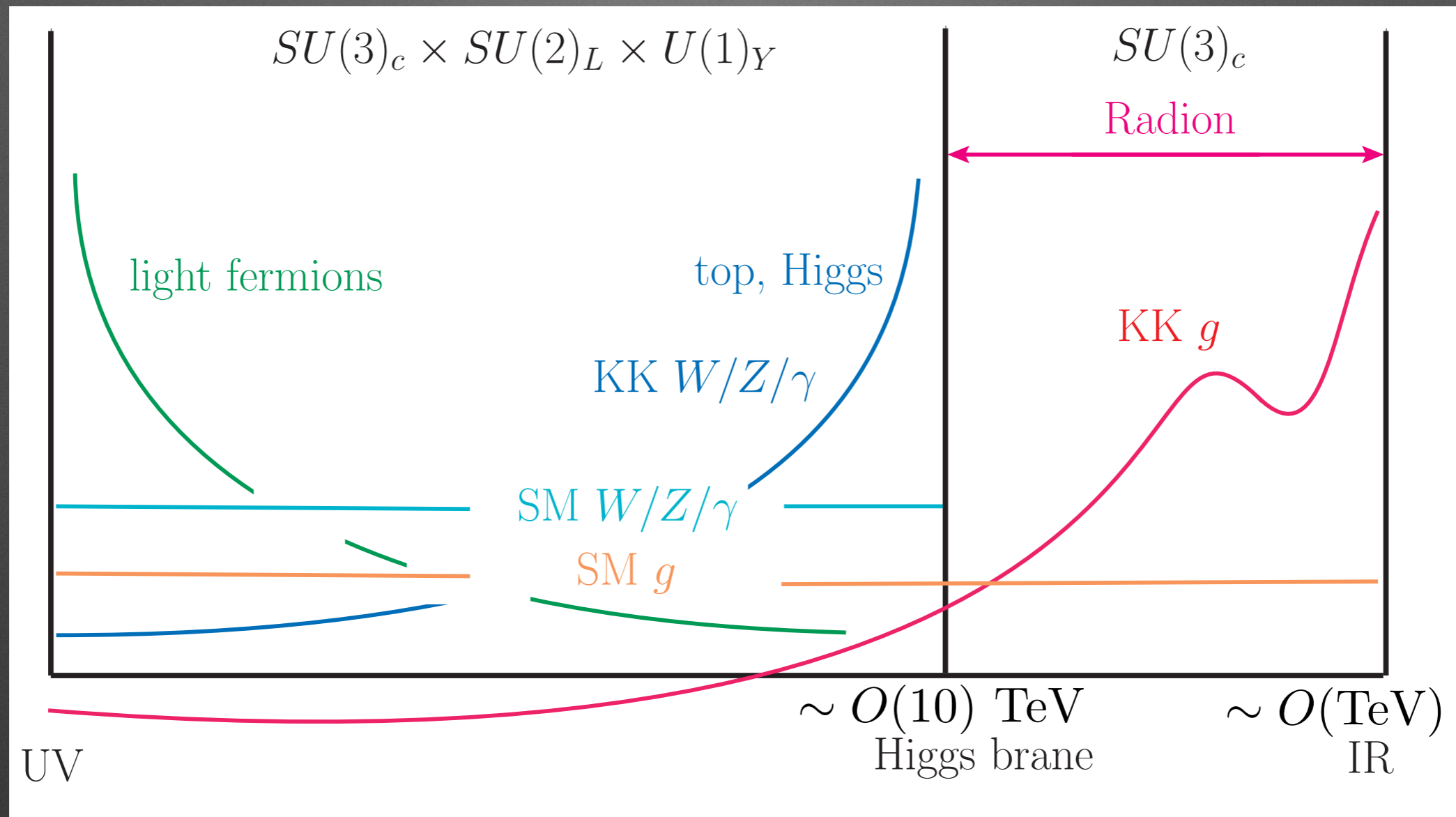


- ◆ from **light** radion decay
- ◆ photon inside Z-jet (hadronic) or (photon + leptons) "jet"

*(III). Only QCD in extended  
bulk*

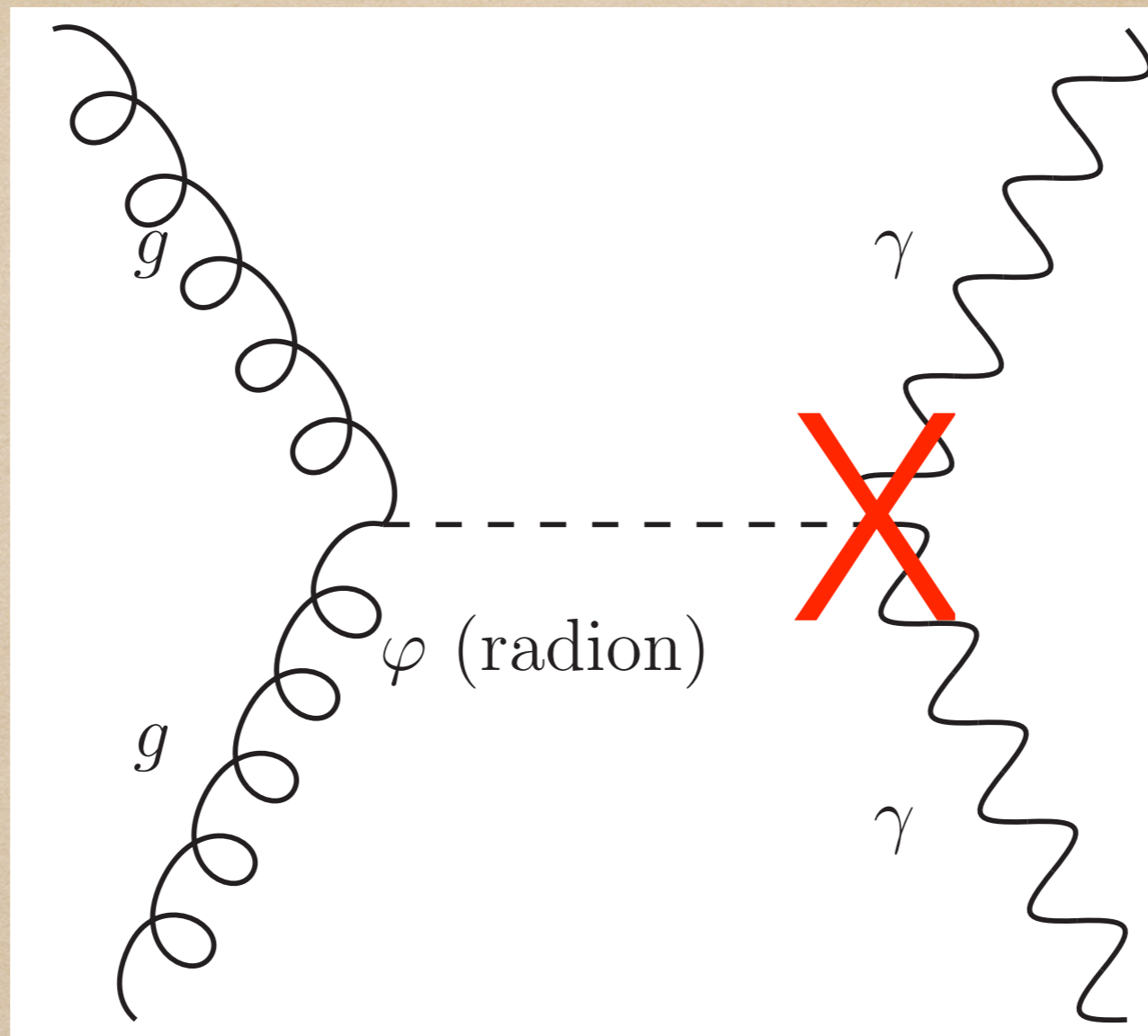
*[KA, Collins, Du, Hong, Kim, Mishra (unpublished note)]*

# QCD-extended model (III) at a glance...



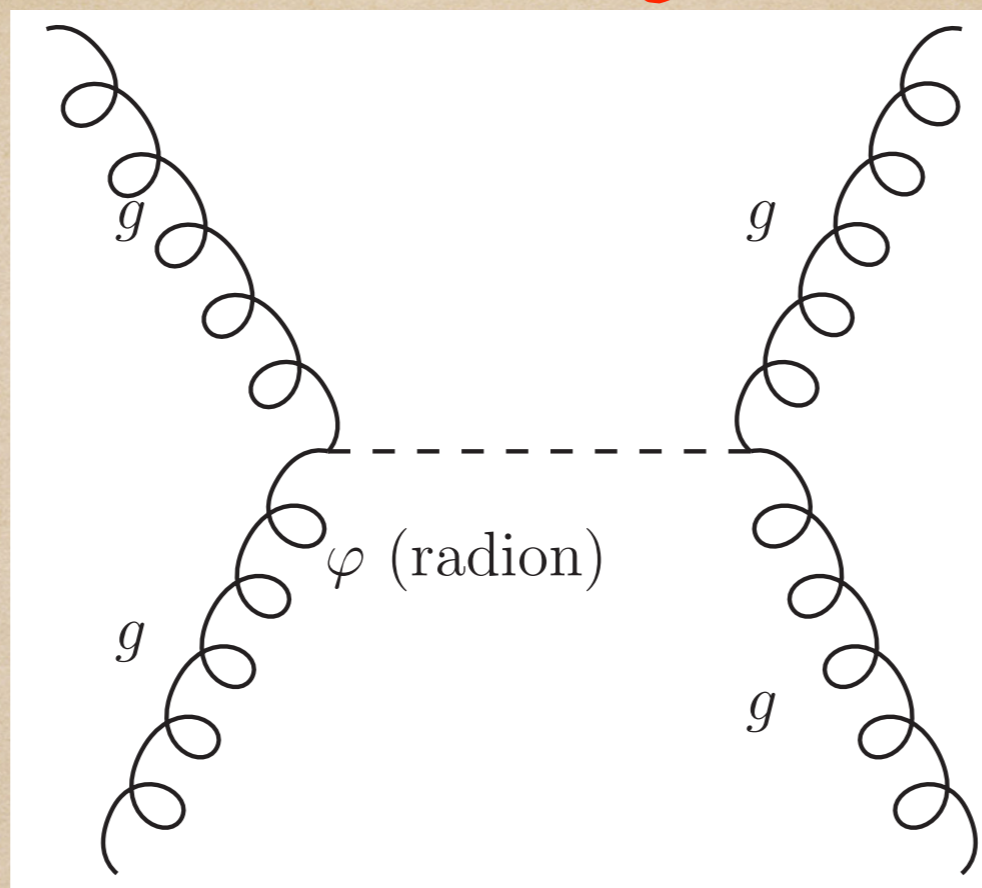
- **EW** gauge bosons (SM or KK) till  $\sim O(10)$  TeV  $\longrightarrow$  out of action
- **Heavy** radion as in case (I): (well-separated) tri-gluon/jet

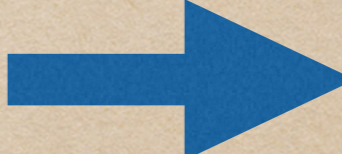
Light radion [ $\sim O(100)$  GeV] (again) allowed



- ◆ Now production **unchanged**, but **decay** to di-**photon** turned **off** (radion "split" from EW gauge bosons)

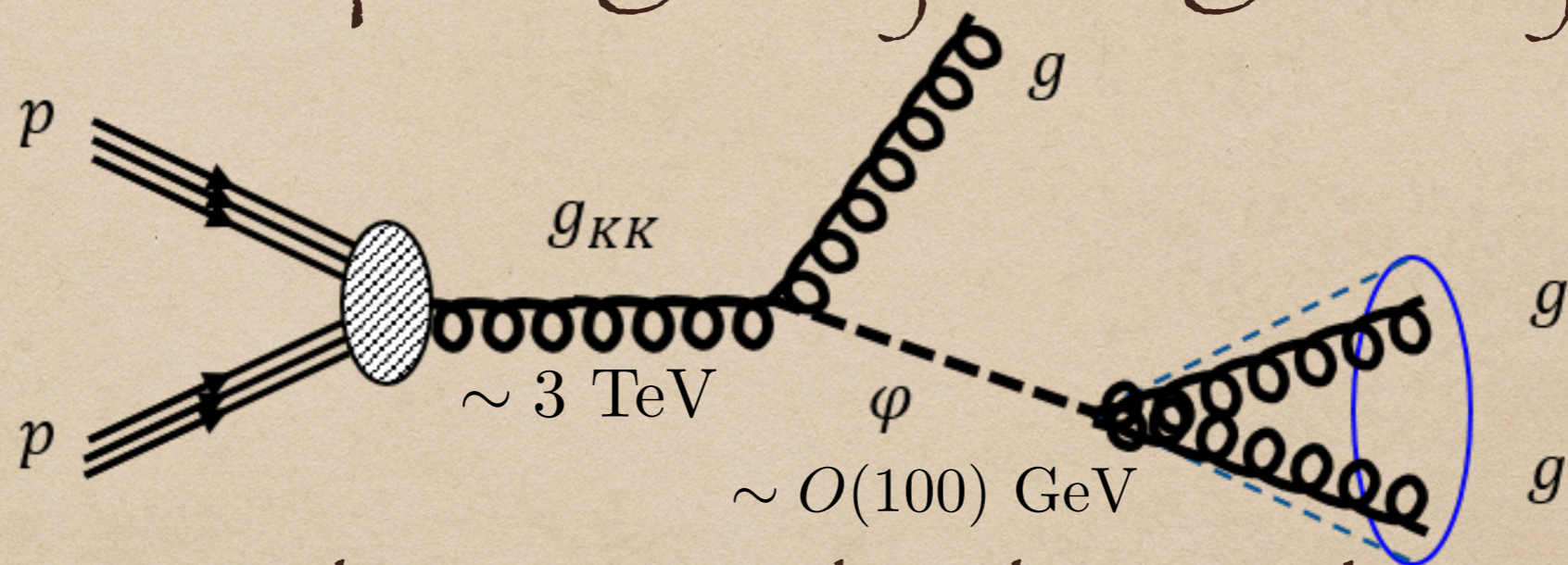
# Light radion **decay** to di-gluon



- ◆ **directly** produced (**not** boosted) radion   
2 gluons **well**-separated [di-jet signal,  
with invariant mass  $\sim O(100)$  GeV], **buried** in background
- ◆ reduce background by boosting to give **merged**  
di-gluon: either by **ISR** (as for  $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ) or...



KK gluon  $\rightarrow$  boosted/merged  
 di-gluon (2-prong fat-jet) + gluon/jet



- ◆ **different** (N-subjettiness) than boosted/merged  $q\bar{q}$  (latter studied, e.g., light  $Z'$ : CMS-PAS-EXO-17-001)  $\rightarrow$  **dedicated** search required
- ◆ **2** resonances: fat-jet **and** [ fat-jet + (isolated) jet ], use to **suppress** background

# New feature: Discovery of **KK gluon** (and radion)?

- KK gluon decay BR to radion and  $q\bar{q}$  (usual di-jet) comparable
- **Radion** signal of KK gluon has more “structure” than simple **di-jet**:  
**3** isolated gluons/jets (for **heavy** radion) or  
[(isolated gluon/jet + **boosted/merged** di-gluon/jet) for **light** radion]
- ➔ QCD background (to **dedicated** search for above “tri”-jet) likely **smaller** than for **usual** di-jet
- ➔ sensitivity to **KK gluon** larger in **new** channel
- **Light** radion missed in usual (**non**-boosted) di-jet search (direct production from gluon fusion) ➔ use KK gluon decay instead
- **Heavy** radion (**resolved** jets: whether direct production or via KK gluon) discovery via **usual** di-jet if radion just above **that** bound ( $\sim 1$  TeV), but via **KK gluon** (fixing that mass at  $\sim 3$  TeV) instead if **heavier**

*Probe **Higgs** compositeness  
[at  $\sim O(10)$  TeV] ?!*

(Above is testing compositeness  
of **spin-1** resonances)

# ...via **precision** analysis of gauge KK decay modes [KA, Du, Hong, Sundrum (2016)]

- gauge KK coupling to top/Higgs:

$$\sim g_{\text{SM}}^2 / g_{\text{KK}} + g_{\text{KK}} \Lambda_{\text{gauge}}^2 / \Lambda_{t/H}^2$$

spin-1 compositeness scale  $\swarrow$  top/Higgs compositeness scale  $\swarrow$

- For  $\Lambda_{t/H} \sim O(10)$  TeV (and  $g_{\text{KK}} \sim$  a few), top/Higgs **compositeness** component modulates coupling (gauge KK decay BR's) by  $\sim O(1)$





