

Flavour Phenomenology and Unitarity of Light Dark Vectors

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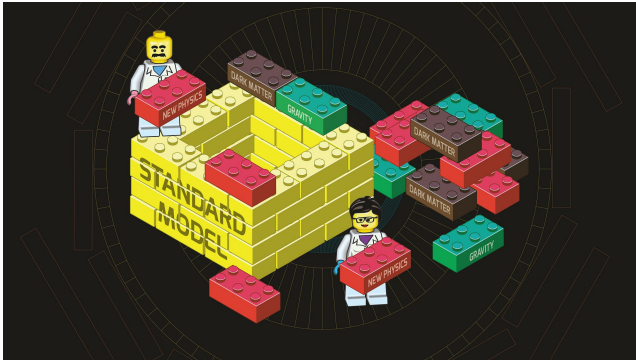
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Part I

Beyond the Standard Model, Flavour and Light Dark Vectors



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2HDM

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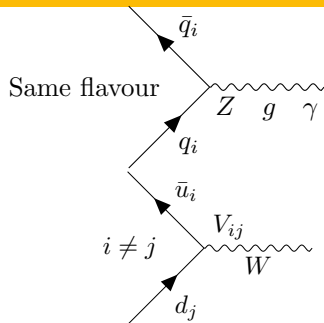
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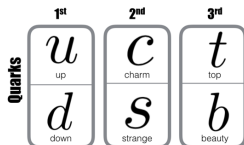
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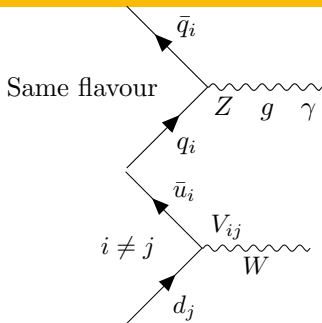
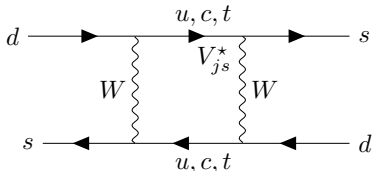
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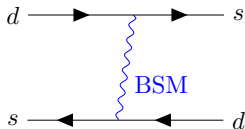
Dark Vectors



Flavour changing neutral currents (FCNCs) are **suppressed**



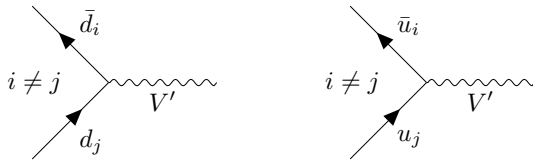
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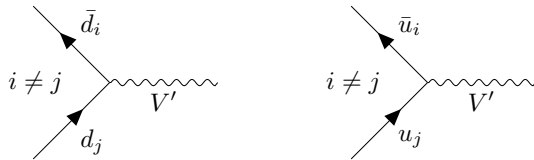


$$\mathcal{L}_D = \frac{1}{\Lambda} \bar{q}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \left(C_{ij}^D + i\gamma_5 C_{ij}^{5D} \right) q_j F'_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{Dipole (dim-5)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_V = \left(\frac{m_{V'}}{\Lambda} \right) \bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu \left(C_{ij} + \gamma_5 C_{ij}^5 \right) q_j V'_\mu \quad \text{Vector (dim-4)}$$

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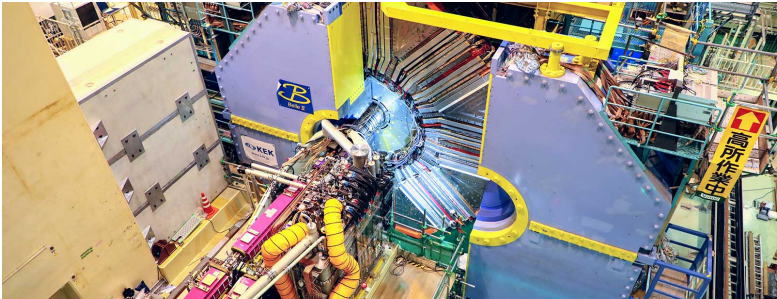


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Objective: Constrain $\{C_{ij}^D, C_{ij}^{5D}, C_{ij}, C_{ij}^5\}$ for $i \neq j$ via 2-body decays with experimental limits and with unitarity

Part II

Phenomenology



- Rich phenomenology with experimental searches with signature $SM \rightarrow SM + \text{invisible}$

- Belle II ($B \rightarrow \rho + \text{inv}$)
- NA62 ($K \rightarrow \pi + \text{inv}$)
- BaBar ($B \rightarrow \pi + \text{inv}$)
- ...



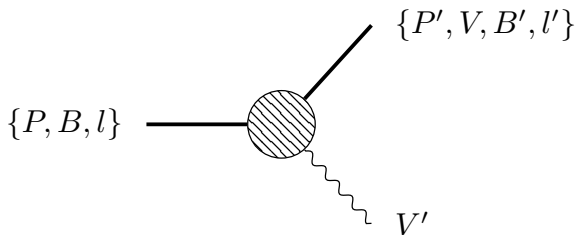
- Future upgrades and searches: KOTO, BESIII, ...

⇒ Potential discovery via FCNCs

- Constrain couplings via 2-body decays+experimental bounds on BR

2-body decays

$P^{(\prime)} \equiv$ pseudoscalar, $V \equiv$ vector, $B^{(\prime)} \equiv$ baryon, $l^{(\prime)} \equiv$ lepton

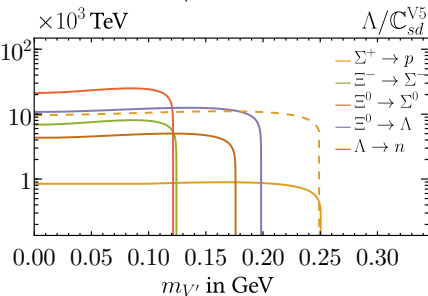
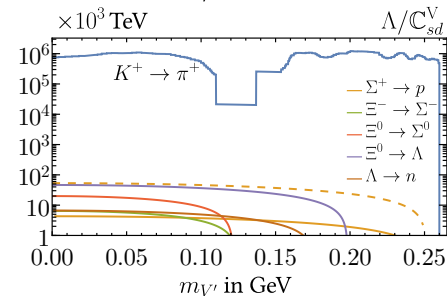
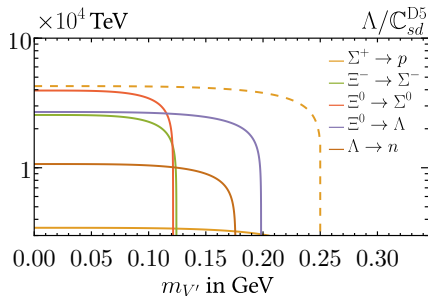
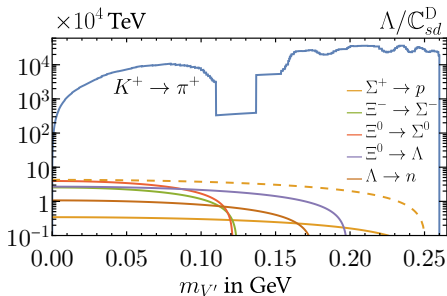


- Two relevant elements
 - **Form factors** for hadronic decays, which depend on the LDV mass, $F(m_{V'}^2) \rightarrow$ typically computed on the lattice
 - **Recast** of experimental data for 2-body decays \rightarrow BaBar, Belle II, CLEO

Quark Transition	Hadronic Process	Form Factors	Experimental Limit
$s \rightarrow d$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + V'$	[60, 61]	NA62 [17, 33, 34]
	$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p + V'$	[32, 62–64]	BES III [65], Lifetime _r [22, 58]
	$\Xi^- \rightarrow \Sigma^- + V'$	[32, 62–64]	Lifetime _r [22, 58]
	$\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^0 + V'$	[32, 62–64]	Lifetime _r [22, 58]
	$\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda + V'$	[32, 62–64]	Lifetime _r [22, 58]
$b \rightarrow s$	$\Lambda \rightarrow n + V'$	[32, 62–64]	Lifetime _r [22, 58]
	$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ + V'$	[66, 66]	BaBar _r [36], Belle II _r [39, 57]
	$B \rightarrow K^* + V'$	[66, 66]	BaBar _r [36, 57]
$b \rightarrow d$	$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda + V'$	[67, 67]	Lifetime _r [22, 58]
	$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + V'$	[66, 68]	BaBar _r [35]
	$B \rightarrow \rho + V'$	[66, 66]	LEP _r [55, 56]
$c \rightarrow u$	$\Lambda_b \rightarrow n + V'$	[67, 69]	Lifetime _r [22, 58]
	$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + V'$	[70, 71]	CLEO _r [22, 37]
	$\Lambda_c \rightarrow p + V'$	[72, 72]	BES III [40], Lifetime _r [22, 58]

LFV Transition	Experimental Limit
$\mu \rightarrow e$	TWIST [41], Jodidio _r [18, 73]
$\tau \rightarrow e$	Belle II [38]
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	Belle II [38]

Constraints sd sector



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Unitarity Constraints on Dimension-Six Operators

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Unitarity with FCNCs from $2 \rightarrow 2$ helicity partial waves

$$f_i f_j \rightarrow f_i f_j$$
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Feynman diagram illustrating a $2 \rightarrow 2$ helicity partial wave process. The incoming fermions are labeled i and j , and the outgoing fermions are labeled i and j . The helicity of the incoming fermions is $+1/2$ and $+1/2$, and the helicity of the outgoing fermions is $+1/2$ and $+1/2$. The interaction is mediated by a virtual vector boson V' , which is identified as \mathcal{T}_{++}^{++} .

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- Given the helicity amplitudes $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4}$ compute their partial waves

$$\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4, l} \propto \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \underbrace{d_{\lambda_i \lambda_f}^l(\theta)}_{\text{Wigner d}} \mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4}(s, \theta)$$

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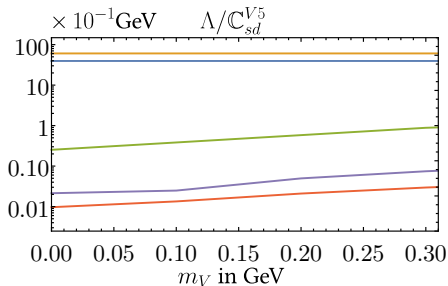
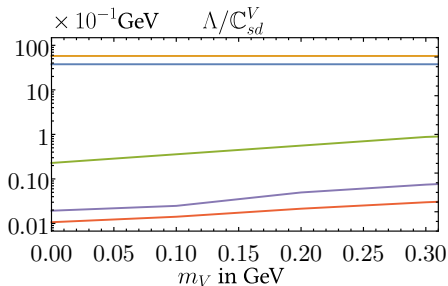
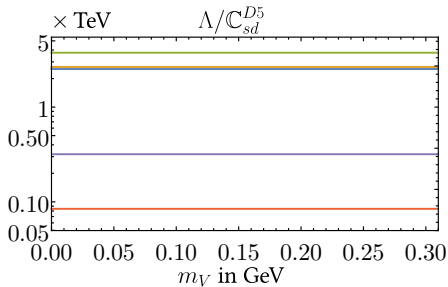
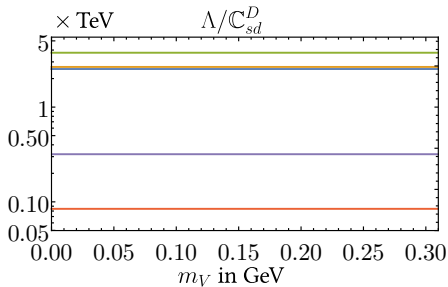
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- Unitarity implies $|\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4, l}| \leq 1$

$$\{ff \rightarrow ff, V'f \rightarrow V'f, V'V' \rightarrow \bar{f}f, Af \rightarrow V'f, AV' \rightarrow \bar{f}f\}$$

Constraints sd sector at high energy $\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV

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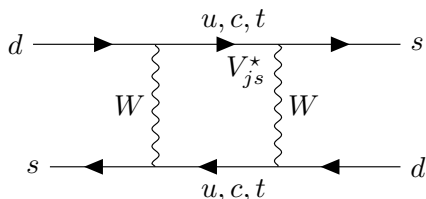
Conclusions and outlook

- LDV is a minimal extension of the SM and a DM candidate
- Flavour gives us a guide; potential of discovery with current (and future) searches
- Constrained FCNC couplings via
 - 2-body decays with experimental limits
 - Unitarity of $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering
- Baryon decays are the least constraining but sometimes the only available
- Phenomenology bounds are much stronger than unitarity bounds (but have kinematical endpoint)
- Unitarity \rightarrow much to learn about high energy behaviour, role of FCNCs (masses), Stückelberg mechanism and GBET

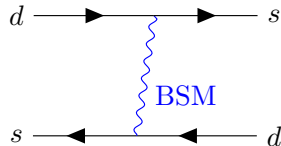
Backup slides

SM, FCNCs and BSM

FCNCs can occur at loop level



New BSM field with FCNCs



FCNC processes are very suppressed in the SM:

- Arise at loop level ($\sim 1/16\pi^2$)
- Smallness of CKM elements ($V_{ij} \ll 1, i \neq j$)
- GIM mechanism ($\sim (m_u - m_c)^2 / M_W^2; V_{td}, V_{ts} \ll 1$)

FCNCs are a good probe for BSM physics

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_{V'}^2}{2}V'_\mu V'^\mu \quad \text{Proca theory} \quad (1)$$

Is not (explicitly) gauge invariant. Use Stückelberg trick:

$$V'_\mu \rightarrow X_\mu - \frac{\partial_\mu \pi}{m_{V'}} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{St}} = -\frac{1}{4}X_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_{V'}^2}{2} \left(X_\mu - \frac{\partial_\mu \pi}{m_{V'}} \right)^2. \quad (2)$$

The Lagrangian is now manifestly $U(1)$ gauge invariant under

$$\begin{aligned} X_\mu &\rightarrow X_\mu + \partial_\mu \alpha(x), \\ \pi &\rightarrow \pi + m_{V'} \alpha(x) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Stückelberg is nothing else than the **affine Higgs mechanism** (i.e. Higgs is decoupled)

LDV can get mass through a $U(1)'$ Dark Higgs

LDV with kinetic mixing

Consider adding a **neutral spin 1** field (V'_μ) to QED (A_μ)

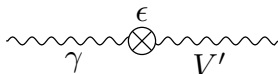
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}{}^2 + eJ_\mu A^\mu + e'J'_\mu V'^\mu + \frac{m_{V'}^2}{2}V'_\mu V'^\mu$$

J_μ SM matter

J'_μ dark sector (DS) matter

We can also write a kinetic mixing term!

$$\mathcal{L}_{KM} = -\frac{\epsilon}{2}F^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu}, \quad \epsilon \ll 1$$

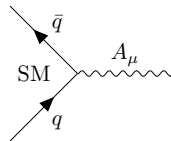
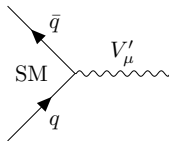
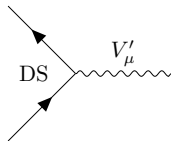


Due to kinetic mixing the LDV can interact with SM matter

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}{}^2 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}F^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} + eJ_{\mu}A^{\mu} + e'J'_{\mu}V'^{\mu} + \frac{m_{V'}^2}{2}V'_{\mu}V'^{\mu}$$

Diagonalisation of the kinetic mixing

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = (e'J'_{\mu} - \mathbf{e}\epsilon\mathbf{J}_{\mu})V'^{\mu} + eJ_{\mu}A^{\mu}$$



Minimal model with kinetic mixing and no flavour-changing couplings

Kinetic mixing with SM hypercharge boson

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{EW} + \mathcal{L}_{Higgs} + \mathcal{L}_{KM}$$

Kinetic mixing term for LDV and SM $U(1)_Y$ boson

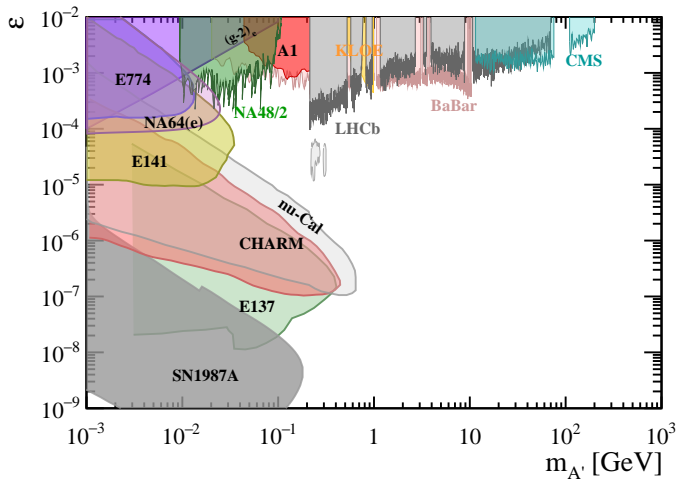
$$\mathcal{L}_{KM} = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} B^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$$

Diagonalisation+SSB+gauge mass basis

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_\mu \\ W_\mu^3 \\ V'_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\epsilon t \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_W & -s_W c_\xi & s_W s_\xi \\ s_W & c_W c_\xi & c_W s_\xi \\ 0 & s_\xi & c_\xi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu \\ Z_\mu \\ V'_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tan 2\xi = -\frac{2\eta s_W}{1 - s_W^2 \eta^2 - \delta} \quad \text{with} \quad t = 1/\sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2}, \quad \eta = \epsilon t, \quad \delta = m_{V'}^2/m_Z^2$$

Constraints on kinetic mixing



Di-lepton searches (LHCb, NA48, BaBar, etc); Beam dump (NA64, E774 at Fermilab, etc); Supernova (1987A)

Origin of flavour violating couplings

- \mathcal{L}_V comes from the interaction $V'_\mu J^\mu$

$$J^\mu = \sum_{ij} \bar{Q}^i Y_Q'^{ij} \gamma^\mu Q^j + \sum_{ij} \bar{u}_R^i Y_u'^{ij} \gamma^\mu u_R^j + \sum_{ij} \bar{d}_R^i Y_d'^{ij} \gamma^\mu d_R^j$$

Going to the Yukawa mass basis we infer:

FV couplings are induced if the hypercharges Y'_x are **not** universal

- \mathcal{L}_D comes from the interaction $\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} F'_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu}$

$$J^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{ij} \bar{Q}^i \tilde{H} C_u^{ij} \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_R^j + \sum_{ij} \bar{Q}^i H C_d^{ij} \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_R^j + \text{h.c}$$

Going to the Yukawa mass basis we infer:

FV couplings are induced if couplings C_x are **not** aligned with SM Yukawas

Flavour-changing couplings from RGEs

FCNCs can be induced from the couplings RGEs (1310.4838v3)

$$\mu \frac{dC}{d\mu} = \gamma^T C$$

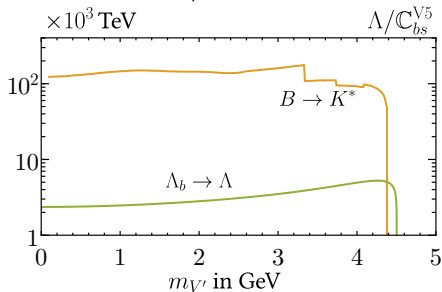
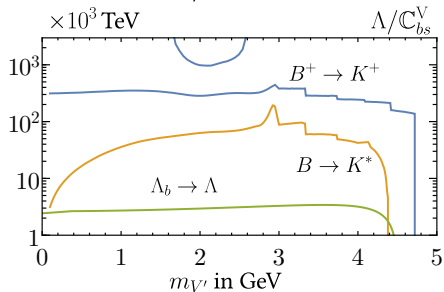
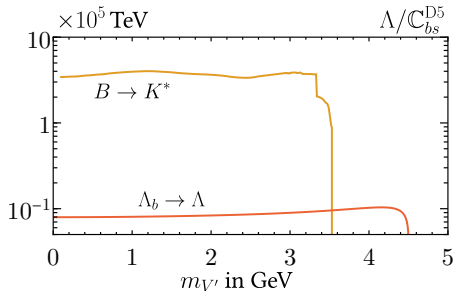
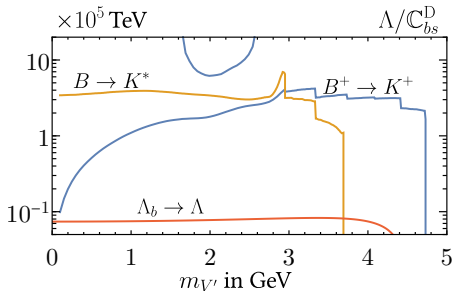
Taking into account 1-loop Yukawa corrections we find

Starting with flavour-diagonal interactions at a high scale Λ FCNCs are induced at the low scale μ

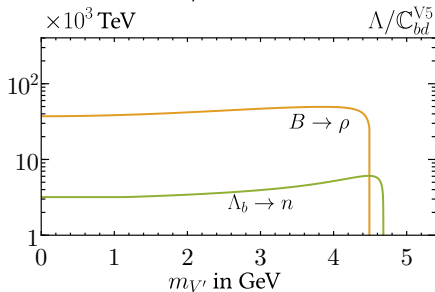
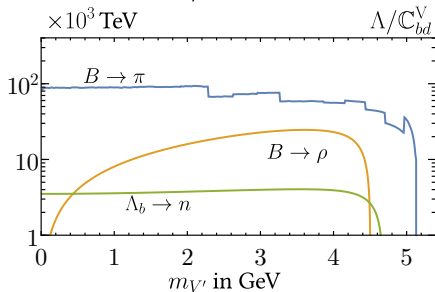
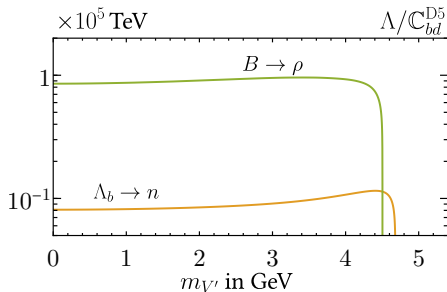
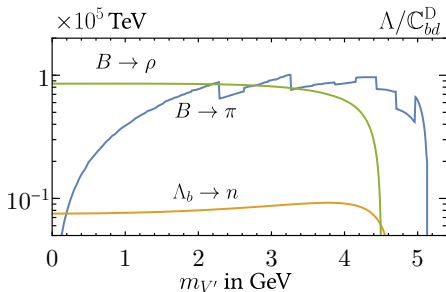
Top contributions yield

$$C_{ij}(\mu) \sim \delta_{ij} C_{ij}(\Lambda) + m_t^2 V_{tj} V_{ti}^* \log\left(\frac{\mu}{\Lambda}\right)$$

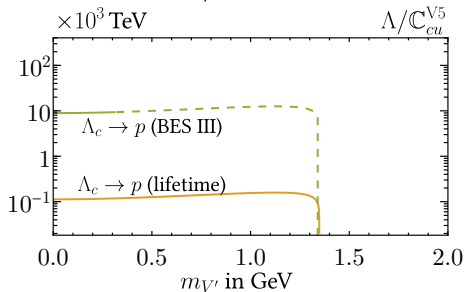
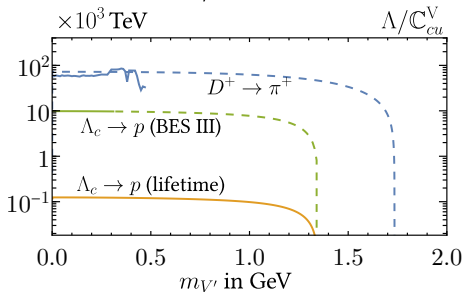
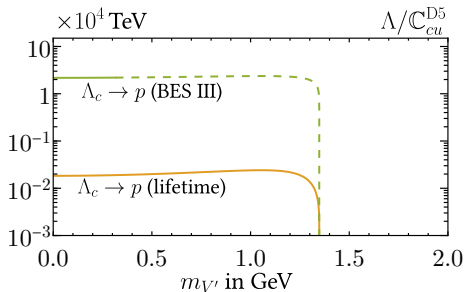
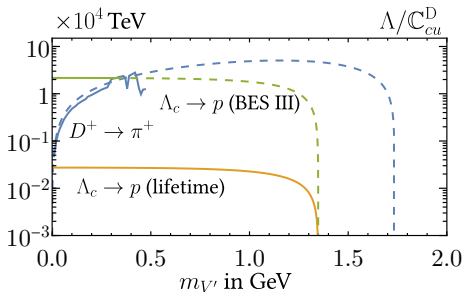
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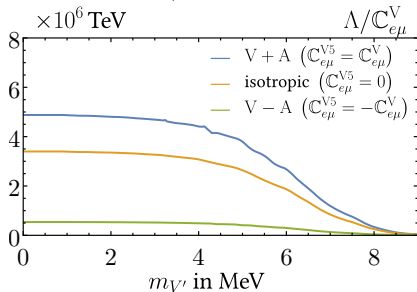
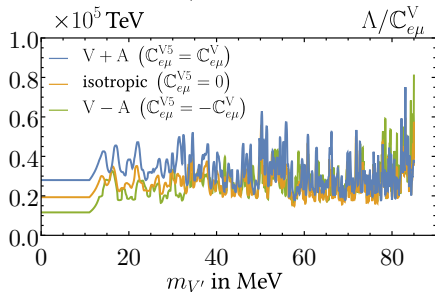
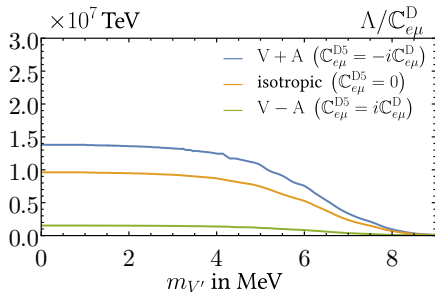
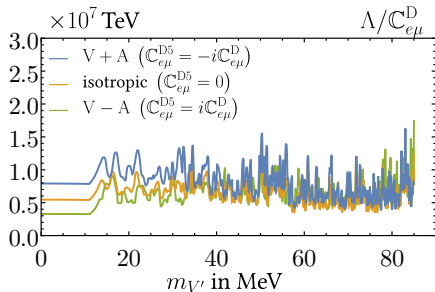
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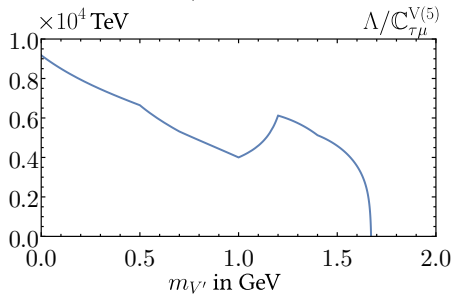
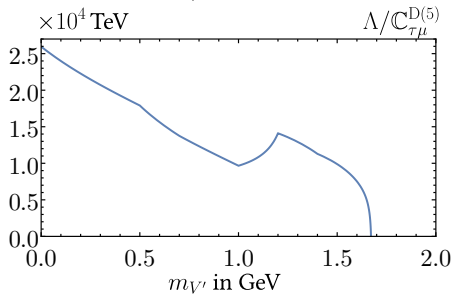
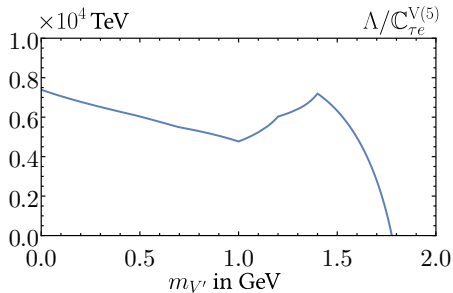
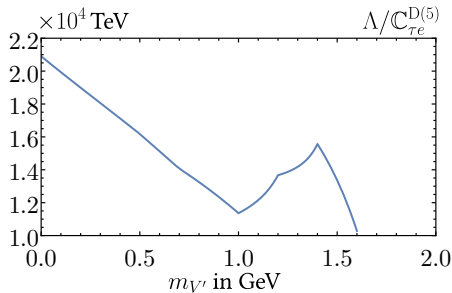
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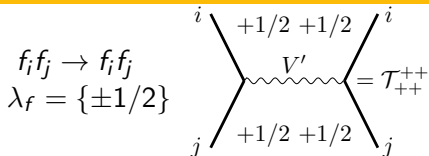
Constraints $e\mu$ sector



Constraints $\tau \rightarrow \mu/e$ sector



Unitarity with FCNCs from $2 \rightarrow 2$ partial waves



- Given the helicity amplitudes $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4}$ compute their partial waves

$$\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4, l} \propto \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \underbrace{d'_{\lambda_i \lambda_f}}_{\text{Wigner } d}(\theta) \mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4}(s, \theta) \xrightarrow{\text{Unitarity}} |\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4, l}| \leq 1$$

$$\{ff \rightarrow ff, V'f \rightarrow V'f, V'V' \rightarrow \bar{f}f, Af \rightarrow V'f, AV' \rightarrow \bar{f}f\}$$

- $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}^{\lambda_3 \lambda_4, l}$ are matrices in flavour (and helicity) space \rightarrow diagonalise

In flavour space

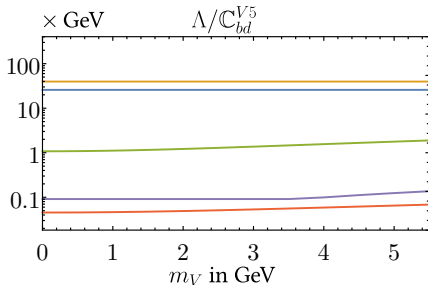
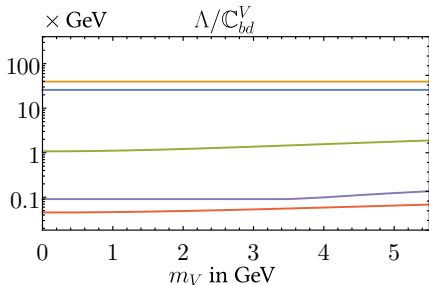
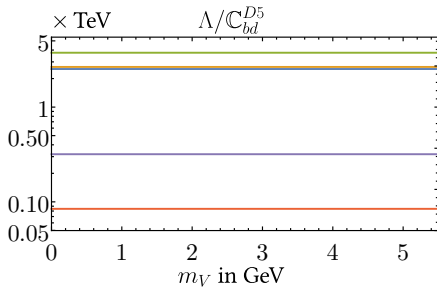
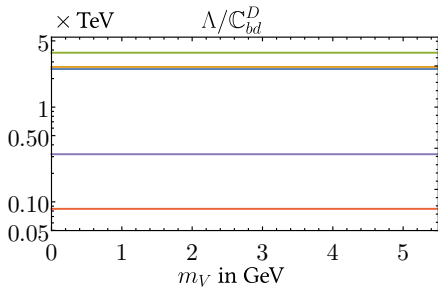
	$f_i f_j$	$\bar{f}_i f_j$	$f_i \bar{f}_j$	$\bar{f}_i \bar{f}_j$
$f_i f_j$	4×4			
$\bar{f}_i f_j$		4×4	4×4	
$f_i \bar{f}_j$			4×4	
$\bar{f}_i \bar{f}_j$				4×4

In helicity space

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{T}_{++}^{++} & \mathcal{T}_{++}^{+-} & \mathcal{T}_{++}^{-+} & \mathcal{T}_{++}^{--} \\ \mathcal{T}_{+-}^{++} & \mathcal{T}_{+-}^{+-} & \mathcal{T}_{+-}^{-+} & \mathcal{T}_{+-}^{--} \\ \mathcal{T}_{-+}^{++} & \mathcal{T}_{-+}^{+-} & \mathcal{T}_{-+}^{-+} & \mathcal{T}_{-+}^{--} \\ \mathcal{T}_{--}^{++} & \mathcal{T}_{--}^{+-} & \mathcal{T}_{--}^{-+} & \mathcal{T}_{--}^{--} \end{pmatrix}$$

Constraints bd sector at high energy $\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV

$ff \rightarrow ff$, $V'f \rightarrow V'f$, $V'V' \rightarrow \bar{f}f$, $Af \rightarrow V'f$, $AV' \rightarrow \bar{f}f$



High energy behaviour

- From Ward identities, we find that the processes with \mathcal{L}_V vertices violating unitarity are $V'V' \rightarrow \bar{f}f$, $V'f \rightarrow V'f$, i.e., $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1\lambda_2}^{\lambda_3\lambda_4} \propto s^\alpha$ with $\alpha > 0$
- For \mathcal{L}_D amplitudes grow with energy because it is a dim-5 operator in the EFT.
- At high energies $s \gg m_i^2 \quad \forall i$, scattering longitudinal V' is equivalent to scattering scalars
- Stückelberg decomposition is equivalent to GBET,
 $(V'_\mu)_{\text{longitudinal}} \propto -\partial_\mu \pi$
 - $(\mathcal{L}_V)_{\text{longitudinal}} = i\frac{\pi}{\Lambda} \bar{f}_i (\mathbb{C}_{ij}^V (m_i - m_j) + \gamma_5 \mathbb{C}_{ij}^{V5} (m_i + m_j)) f_j \rightarrow \text{masses!}$
 - $(\mathcal{L}_D)_{\text{longitudinal}} = 0$