

# The Flavor of Higgs

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Dery, Efrati, Hochberg, YN, 1302.3229

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Dery, Efrati, YN, Soreq, Susič, in progress

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Bressler, Dery, Efrati, 1405.3229

# Introduction

## Questions for the LHC

- What is the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking?
- What separates the electroweak scale from the Planck scale?
- What happened at the electroweak phase transition ( $10^{-11}$  second after the big bang)?
- What are the dark matter particles?
- How was the baryon asymmetry generated?
- What is the solution of the flavor puzzles?

# The flavor puzzles

- The SM flavor puzzle:  
Why is there smallness and hierarchy in the charged fermion flavor parameters?
- The SM flavor puzzle extended:  
Why is the neutrino flavor structure different?
- The NP flavor puzzle:  
If there is TeV-scale NP, why doesn't it affect FCNC?

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- $h$   $\implies$  The “NP” is already here!  
 $Y_{\bar{f}_i f_j}$  are new flavor parameters that can be measured

$$h \rightarrow l_i^+ l_j^- : \text{Future Lessons}$$

Avital Dery, Aielet Efrati, Yonit Hochberg, YN, JHEP1305,039 [arXiv:1302.3229]

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## Relevant data

Observable	Experiment
$R_{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$
$R_{ZZ^*}$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$
$R_{WW^*}$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$
$R_{b\bar{b}}$	$0.7 \pm 0.4$
$R_{\tau\tau}$	$0.94 \pm 0.23$

- $R_f = \frac{\sigma_{\text{prod}} \text{BR}(h \rightarrow f)}{[\sigma_{\text{prod}} \text{BR}(h \rightarrow f)]^{\text{SM}}}$
- Indication that  $Y_t, Y_b, Y_\tau$  not far from SM
- The beginning of Higgs flavor physics

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$R_{\tau^+ \tau^-}$	1
$X_{\mu\mu} = \frac{\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-)}$	$(m_\mu/m_\tau)^2$
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- ATLAS/CMS:  $R_{\tau\tau} = 0.94 \pm 0.23$ ,  $R_{\mu\mu} < 7.4$   
 $(\implies X_{\mu\mu}/(m_\mu/m_\tau)^2 \lesssim 15)$

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2HDM type II:  $Y_\tau = -\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \beta} \frac{\sqrt{2} m_\tau}{v}$
- $\frac{Y_\mu}{Y_\tau} = \frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau}$
- $Y_{\mu\tau} = Y_{\tau\mu} = 0$

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- $Y_\tau = \left(1 + \frac{av^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \frac{\sqrt{2}m_\tau}{v}$
- $\frac{Y_\mu}{Y_\tau} = \left[1 - \frac{2b(m_\tau^2 - m_\mu^2)}{\Lambda^2}\right] \frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau}$
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- $\frac{Y_\mu}{Y_\tau} = \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \right] \frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau}$
- $Y_{\mu\tau} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{|U_{23}|vm_\tau}{\Lambda^2}\right), \quad Y_{\tau\mu} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{vm_\tau}{|U_{23}|\Lambda^2}\right)$

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## Summary: $h\ell\ell$ , theoretically

Model	$R_{\tau^+\tau^-}$	$X_{\mu^+\mu^-} / (m_\mu^2/m_\tau^2)$	$X_{\tau\mu}$
SM	1	1	0
NFC	$(V_{h\ell}v/v_\ell)^2$	1	0
MSSM	$(\sin\alpha/\cos\beta)^2$	1	0
MFV	$1 + 2av^2/\Lambda^2$	$1 - 4bm_\tau^2/\Lambda^2$	0
FN	$1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)$	$1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)$	$\mathcal{O}( U_{23} m_\tau v/\Lambda^2)$

# $Y_{tq}, Y_{\tau\ell}$ : Model building

Avital Dery, Aielet Efrati, YN, Yotam Soreq, Vasja Susič, work in progress

## The goal

- Experimentally, the best direct probes of FC Higgs couplings:
  - $t \rightarrow hq$  ( $q = c, u$ )
  - $h \rightarrow \tau\ell$  ( $\ell = \mu, e$ )
- Are there viable and natural flavor models that have
  - $\sqrt{|Y_{tq}|^2 + |Y_{qt}|^2} \sim 0.17$
  - $\sqrt{|Y_{\tau\ell}|^2 + |Y_{\ell\tau}|^2} \sim 0.02$
  - All other couplings within FCNC bounds

## MFV

- MQFV:

- $\frac{Y_{ct}}{Y_{tt}} = \frac{C^u y_b^2 V_{cb} V_{tb}^*}{A^u + B^u y_t^2 + C^u y_b^2 |V_{tb}|^2} \lesssim V_{cb}$

- No problem with FCNC ( $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$  mixing)

- MLFV:

- If  $Y^e$  the only spurion:  
no LFV Higgs couplings

- If  $Y^e, Y^\nu$  the only spurions ( $M^N = \mathbf{1}$ ):

- The bounds from  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  on  $|Y_{e\mu}|$  implies  $|Y_{\mu\tau}| \lesssim 10^{-4}$

- With  $Y^e, Y^\nu, M^N$  spurions + accidental cancelations:

- Possible to have  $|Y_{\mu\tau}| \sim 10^{-2}$  and  $|Y_{e\mu}| \lesssim 10^{-6}$

## FN

- SM with non-renormalizable terms:
  - $\lambda_{ij}^u \bar{Q}_i \tilde{\phi} U_j + \lambda_{ij}^d \bar{Q}_i \phi D_j + \lambda_{ij}^e \bar{L}_i \phi E_j$   
 $+ \frac{\lambda'_{ij}{}^u}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) \bar{Q}_i \tilde{\phi} U_j + \frac{\lambda'_{ij}{}^d}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) \bar{Q}_i \phi D_j + \frac{\lambda'_{ij}{}^e}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) \bar{L}_i \phi E_j$
  - FN:  $\lambda'_{ij}{}^f = \mathcal{O}(1) \times \lambda_{ij}^f$
  - $Y_{ct} \sim 0.17$  or  $Y_{\ell\tau} \sim 0.02$  lead to violating FCNC bounds
- MSSM with non-renormalizable terms:
  - $\lambda_{ij}^u Q_i \phi_u \bar{U}_j + \lambda_{ij}^d Q_i \phi_d \bar{D}_j + \lambda_{ij}^e L_i \phi_d \bar{E}_j$   
 $+ \frac{\lambda'_{ij}{}^u}{\Lambda^2} (\phi_u \phi_d) Q_i \phi_u \bar{U}_j + \frac{\lambda'_{ij}{}^d}{\Lambda^2} (\phi_u \phi_d) Q_i \phi_d \bar{D}_j + \frac{\lambda'_{ij}{}^e}{\Lambda^2} (\phi_u \phi_d) L_i \phi_d \bar{E}_j$
  - If  $(\phi_u \phi_d)$  carries FN charge,  $\lambda'_{ij}{}^f \neq \mathcal{O}(1) \times \lambda_{ij}^f$
  - Holomorphic zeros might appear in  $\lambda^f$  and  $\lambda'^f$
  - We constructed viable supersymmetric  $U(1) \times U(1)$  models that saturate the  $Y_{ct}, Y_{\mu\tau}$  bounds

# $h \rightarrow \tau^\pm \ell^\mp$ : Experiment

Shikma Bressler, Avital Dery, Aielet Efrati, arXiv:1405.4545

$$h \rightarrow \tau^\pm \ell^\mp$$

## The background

- Consider the following signal processes:
  - $h \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$  followed by  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \nu \bar{\nu}$
  - $h \rightarrow \tau^\pm e^\mp$  followed by  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu \bar{\nu}$
- SM background:
  - (i)  $Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp \cancel{E}_T$
  - (ii)  $W^+ W^- \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp \cancel{E}_T$
- Problem: signal lies in transitional region between (i) and (ii)
- Extrapolations from outside Higgs window inadequate; Monte-Carlo uncertain
- But: SM processes approximately symmetric under  $e \leftrightarrow \mu$ ;  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tau \mu) \neq \text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tau e)$  breaks this symmetry



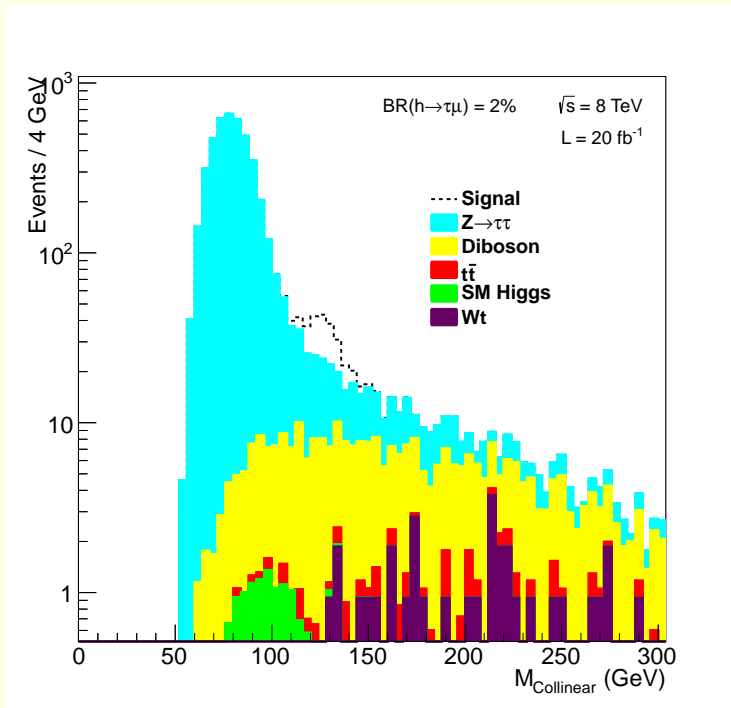
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## The method

- Divide the data to two mutually exclusive samples:
  - $\mu e$  data sample:  $p_T^\mu > p_T^e$
  - $e\mu$  data sample:  $p_T^e > p_T^\mu$
- SM background: divided equally between the two samples
- $h \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$  events are mostly in the  $\mu e$  sample
- For  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tau^\pm e^\mp) = 0$ , the  $e\mu$  sample provides the SM background

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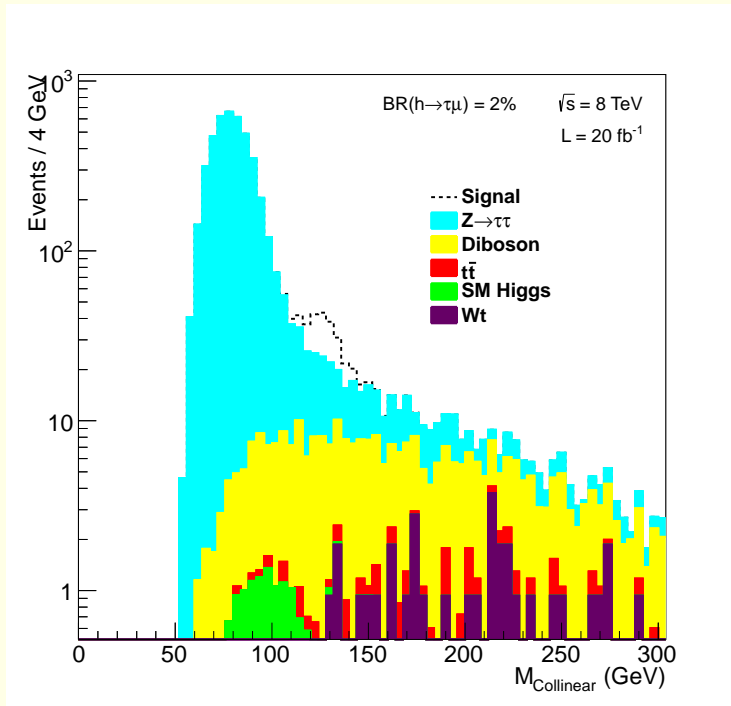
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Simulated background+signal

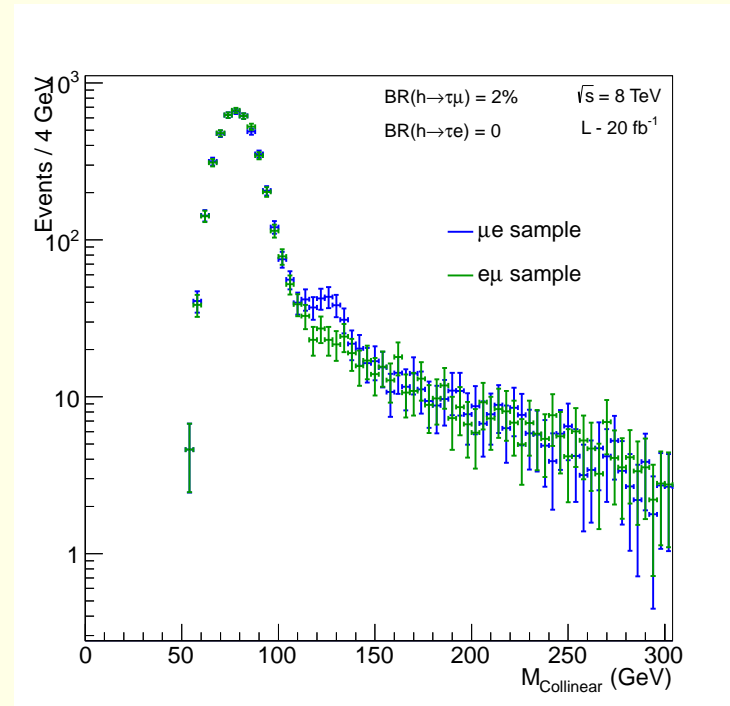
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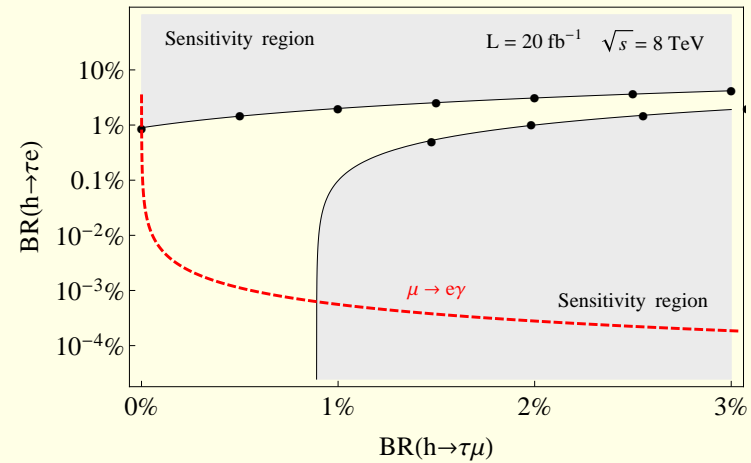
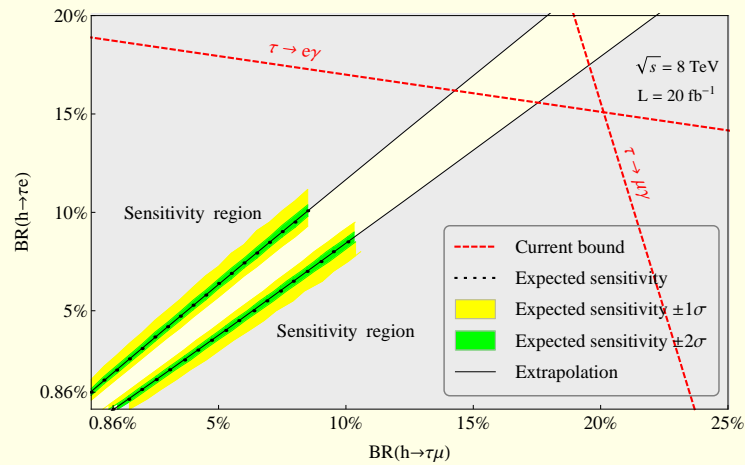
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$\mu e$  and  $e\mu$  distributions

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# The sensitivity



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- With one rate negligibly small, and with  $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of collected data:  $3\sigma$  sensitivity for discovering  $\text{BR}_{\tau\mu}$  (or  $\text{BR}_{\tau e}$ )  $\simeq 0.9\%$ .

# Conclusions

## Recent related work

- Blankenburg, Ellis, Isidori, Phys. Lett. B712, 386 (2012)
- Harnik, Kopp, Zupan, JHEP 1303, 026 (2013)
- Davidson, Verdier, Phys. Rev. D80, 111701 (2012)
- Celis, Cirigliano, Passemar, Phys. Rev. D89, 013008 (2014)

# $h$ Physics = New Flavor Arena

Measure:

- Third generation couplings:  $Y_t, Y_b, Y_\tau$
- Second generation couplings:  $Y_c, Y_\mu$
- Flavor violating couplings:  $Y_{\mu\tau}, Y_{ct}$

Test:

- MFV
- FN
- NFC
- ...