

# Predictions & speculations related to $b \rightarrow c \tau \bar{\nu}$

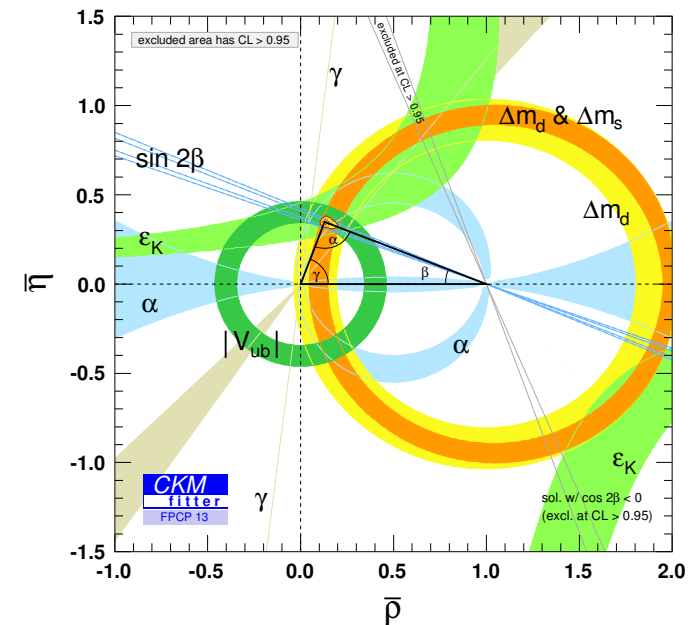
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See: Freytsis, ZL, Ruderman, to appear

Naturalness @ Weizmann, November 13, 2014

# Snapshot of flavor physics

- The level of agreement between the measurements is often misinterpreted
- Much larger allowed region if SM not assumed to hold, more parameters
- $\mathcal{O}(20\%)$  NP contributions to most FCNC (loop dominated) processes are still allowed



- Future:  $\frac{(\text{LHCb upgrade})}{(\text{LHCb } 1 \text{ fb}^{-1})} \sim \frac{(\text{Belle II data set})}{(\text{Belle data set})} \sim \frac{(\text{BaBar data set})}{(\text{CLEO data set})} \sim 50$

Last 15 yrs: verify Kobayashi–Maskawa mechanism — Next 15 yrs: discover/study BSM signals?

- Increase in sensitivity to higher scales  $\sqrt[4]{50} \sim 2.5$ , similar to LHC8  $\rightarrow$  LHC14

Expect “unpredictable” progress, too — data usually motivate people to think hard...



## The $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$ data

# The $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\bar{\nu}$ measurements

- BaBar reported  $3.4\sigma$  deviation from SM in the ratios:  $R(X) = \frac{\Gamma(B \rightarrow X\tau\bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow X\ell\bar{\nu})}$

|             | Belle             | BABAR                       | SM                |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| $R(D)$      | $0.430 \pm 0.091$ | $0.440 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.042$ | $0.297 \pm 0.017$ |
| $R(D^*)$    | $0.405 \pm 0.047$ | $0.332 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.018$ | $0.252 \pm 0.003$ |
| correlation | neglected         | -0.27                       | -                 |

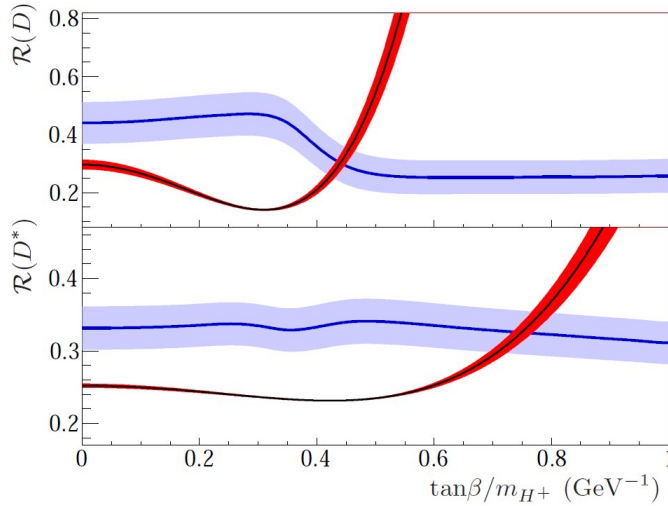
[Watanabe, FPCP 2014 — BaBar 1205.5442 + Belle private combination]

- Public Belle result not yet available with full data, correlation neglected  
Combined significance would only be larger  
[Naive combination, without correlations:  $R(D)$ :  $2.4\sigma$ ,  $R(D^*)$ :  $3.8\sigma$ ,  $R(D^{(*)})$ :  $4.8\sigma$ ]
- SM predictions fairly robust: heavy quark symmetry + lattice QCD

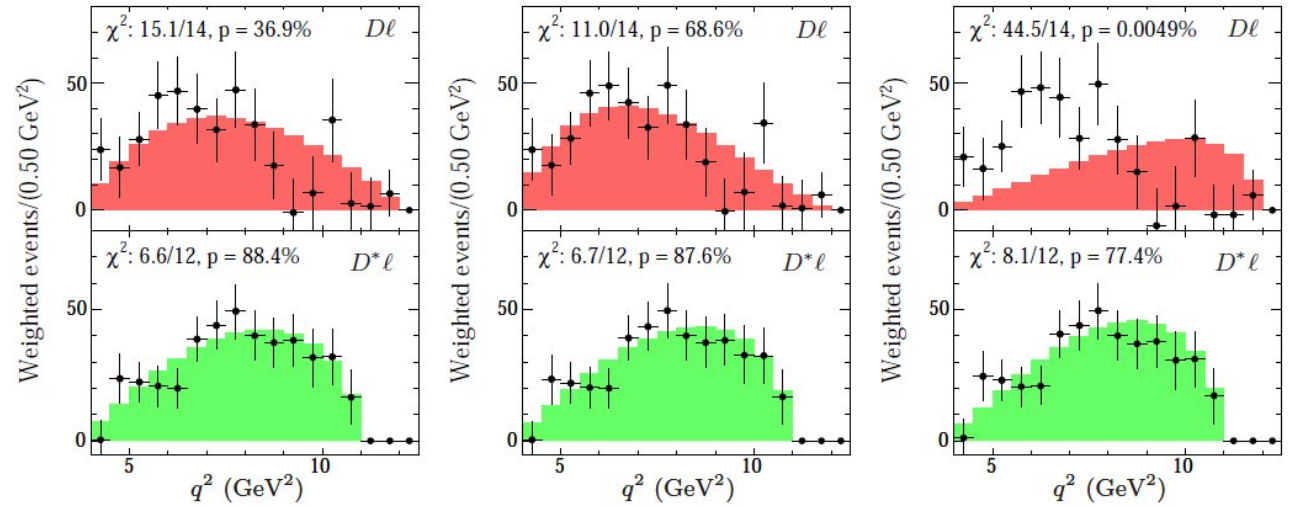


# BaBar statements on BSM models

- BaBar studied consistency of rates with 2HDM, and  $d\Gamma/dq^2$  with several models



[PRL 109 (2012) 101802, arXiv:1205.5442]



[PRD 88 (2013) 072012, arXiv:1303.0571]

- Found that type-II 2HDM gave nearly as bad fit to the data as the SM
- $d\Gamma/dq^2$  clearly has additional discriminating power



# Reasons (not) to take the tension seriously

- $B$  factory measurements with  $\tau$  leptons are difficult
  - Need a large tree-level contribution, SM suppression only by  $m_\tau$   
NP expected to show up in FCNCs — need fairly light NP here to fit the data
  - Severe constraints on actual models from flavor physics, and from LHC
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- Results from BaBar and Belle indicate consistent signal
  - Even when BaBar and Belle disagreed in the past, averages often proved robust
  - If Nature were as most theorist imagined (until a few years ago), then the LHC (Tevatron, LEP, DM searches) should have already discovered new physics



# Tension with SM is model independent

- Use an OPE-based analysis to constrain SM allowed range as much as possible

- Learn more from inclusive =  $\sum$  exclusive

$$\mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}) = (10.92 \pm 0.16)\% \text{ and } R(X_c) = 0.222 \pm 0.003 \quad [\text{hep-ph/9401226, hep-ph/9811239}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}(B^- \rightarrow X_c \tau \bar{\nu}) = (2.42 \pm 0.05)\%$$

$$\text{LEP average: } \mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow X \tau^+ \nu) = (2.41 \pm 0.23)\% \quad [\text{experimental concerns...}]$$

- The  $R(D^{(*)})$  data imply:

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \tau \bar{\nu}) + \mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D \tau \bar{\nu}) = (2.78 \pm 0.25)\%$$

- Estimate  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{**} \tau \bar{\nu}) \gtrsim 0.2\%$  in the SM (the four  $1P$  states)

- Thus, tension  $\gtrsim 2\sigma$ , independent of SM calculation of  $R(D^{(*)})$

- Belle II: Expect reduction of uncertainties by factor 8 – 10

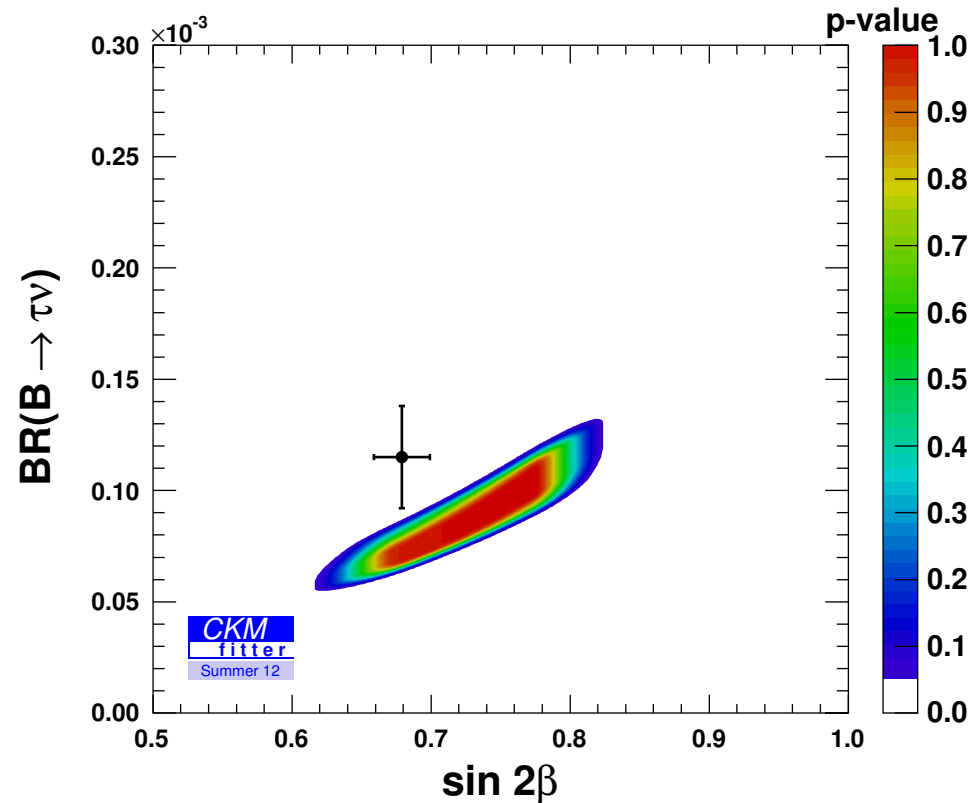
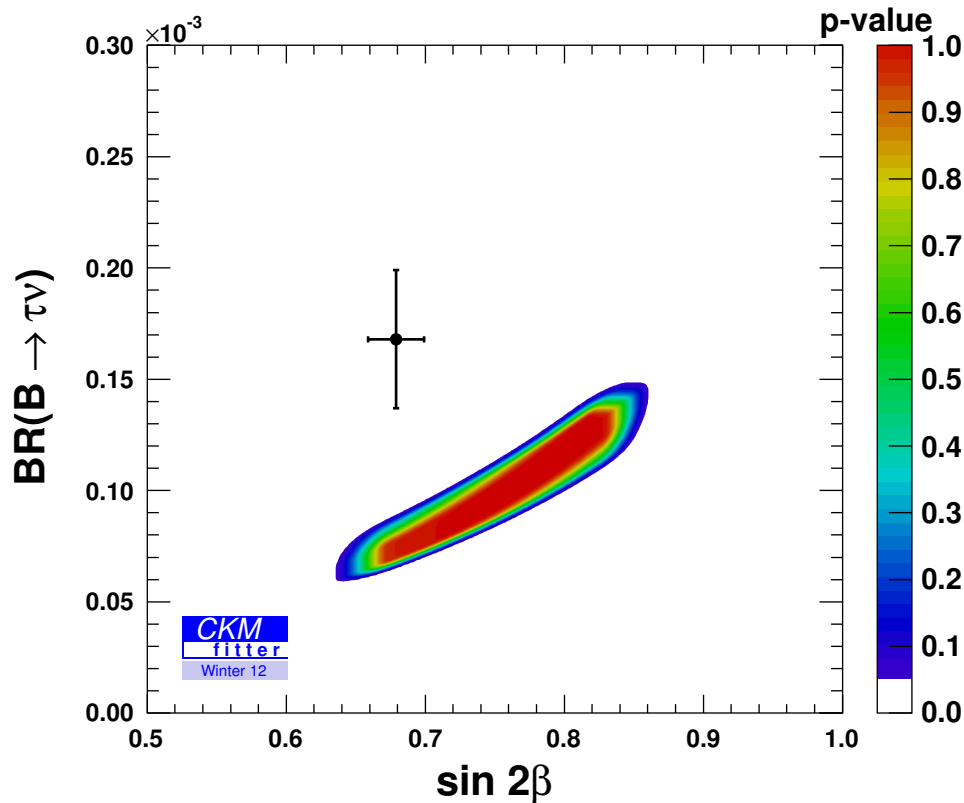






# Past tension in $B \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}$ decay

- Until 2012 there was a  $\sim 2.5\sigma$  tension between  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu})$  and the CKM fit

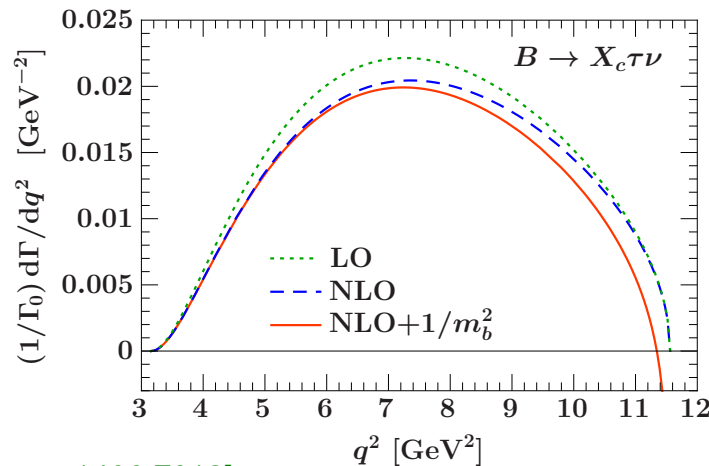


(Or, assuming the SM,  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu})$  gave too large  $|V_{ub}|$ )

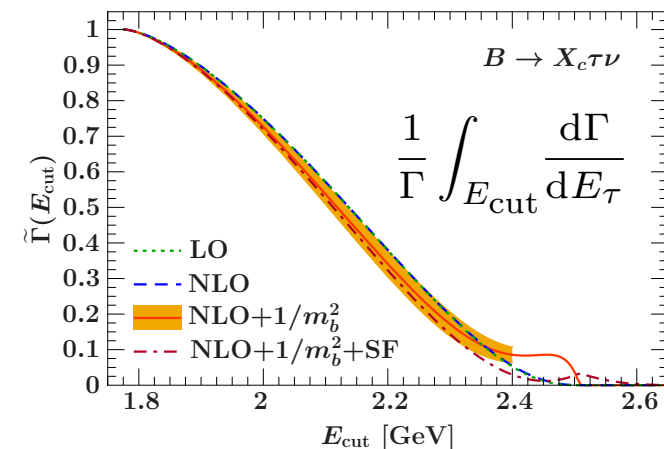
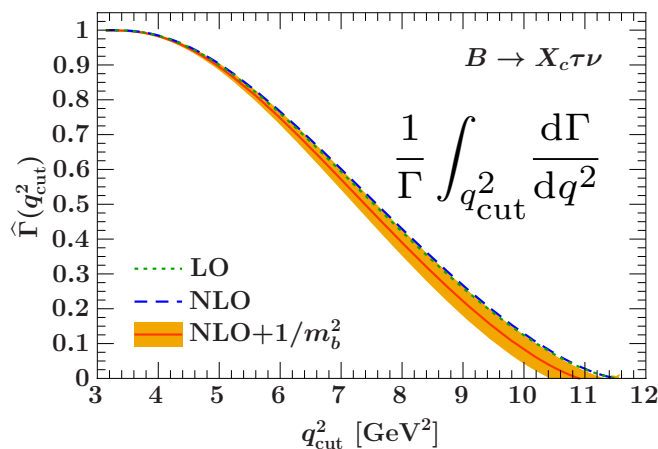
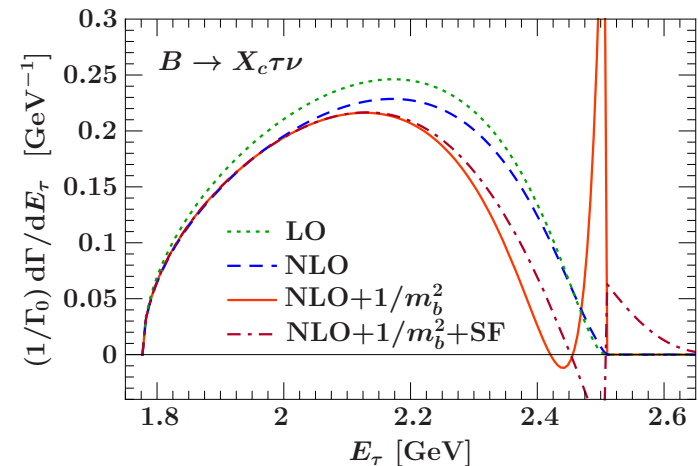


# Precision $B \rightarrow X_c \tau \bar{\nu}$ predictions

- No measurements since LEP, Belle analysis in progress (No theory work in  $\sim 15$  yrs)  
Papers in '90s used pole mass, did not study spectra (experimentally needed) and uncertainties



[ZL & Tackmann, 1406.7013]



## $B \rightarrow X_u \tau \bar{\nu}$ predictions

- Large interest in Belle II to study all decay modes with  $\tau$ -s

If LEP could measure  $B \rightarrow X_c \tau \bar{\nu}$  with a few  $\times 10^6$   $B - \bar{B}$  pairs, surely Belle II can measure  $B \rightarrow X_u \tau \bar{\nu}$  with  $5 \times 10^{10}$   $B - \bar{B}$  pairs...

- Suppression of  $\tau$  mode smaller in  $b \rightarrow u$ :  $\Gamma(B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}) / \Gamma(B \rightarrow X_u \tau \bar{\nu}) \simeq 3.0$   
 $\Gamma(B \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}) / \Gamma(B \rightarrow X_c \tau \bar{\nu}) \simeq 4.5$

- The inclusive calculation is unavailable for any distribution (except for total rate)

Calculated rates, figuring out subtleties with shape function... [ZL & Tackmann, to appear]



# Tensions in $|V_{ub}|$ determinations

- $\sim 3\sigma$  tension among  $|V_{ub}|$  measurements

Tim Gershon @ FPCP 2014: “Understanding this will involve a great deal of effort, but is essential for continued progress in the field”

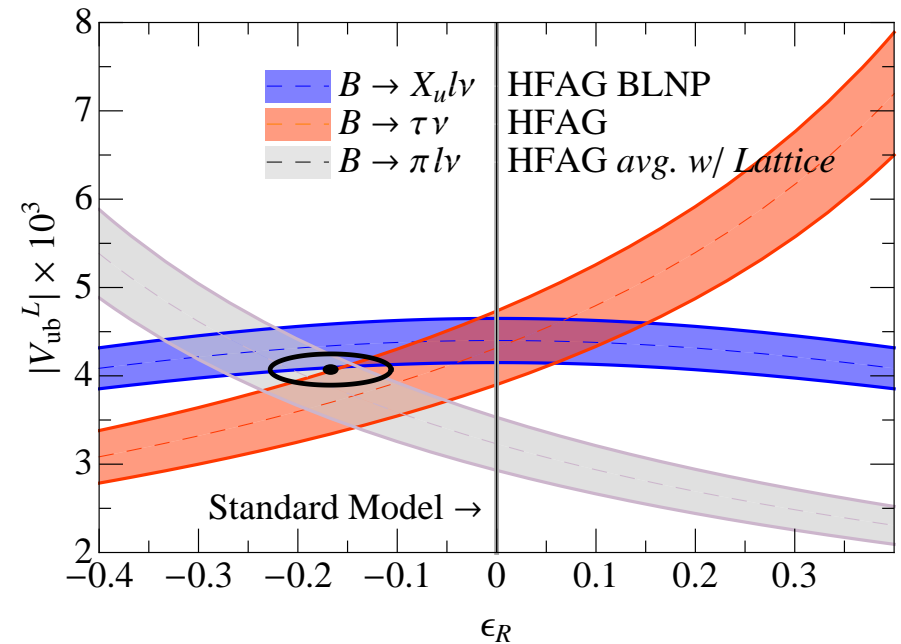
- Too early to conclude:
  - Inclusive determination can improve
  - Exclusive measured better with full reco
  - Lattice QCD results will improve

- A BSM possibility:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}}V_{ub}^L(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu P_L b + \epsilon_R \bar{u}\gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar{\nu}_\ell\gamma^\mu P_L \ell)$$

Can we construct observables which give “more vertical” constraints?

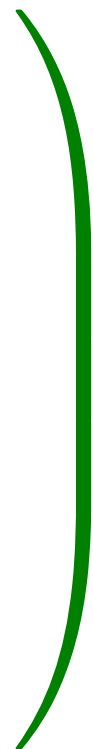
- NB: Cleanest  $|V_{ub}|$  I know, only isospin,  $\mathcal{B}(B_u \rightarrow \ell \bar{\nu})/\mathcal{B}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  — run LHCb @ 33 TeV



[Bernlochner, ZL, Turczyk, 1408.2516]

| Decay                                   | $ V_{ub}  \times 10^4$ | adm.                      |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|
| $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ | $3.23 \pm 0.30$        | $(1 + \epsilon_R)$        |
| $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ | $4.39 \pm 0.21$        | $\sqrt{1 + \epsilon_R^2}$ |
| $B \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$     | $4.32 \pm 0.42$        | $(1 - \epsilon_R)$        |





# Operator analysis

# Four-fermion operators

- Parametrize new physics:

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} \mathcal{O}_{VL} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i C_i^{(\prime,\prime)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(\prime,\prime)}$$

Consider redundant operators with different fermion ordering — simplifies understanding the mediators (which are integrated out)

Need substantial correction to SM tree-level process  $\Rightarrow$  forget about NP in loops

- Each ordering is convenient for a particular type of mediator

Simplifies fits to all possible gauge invariant operators generating  $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$



# Operators convenient to consider

- Redundant set of operators, simplifies understanding of models:

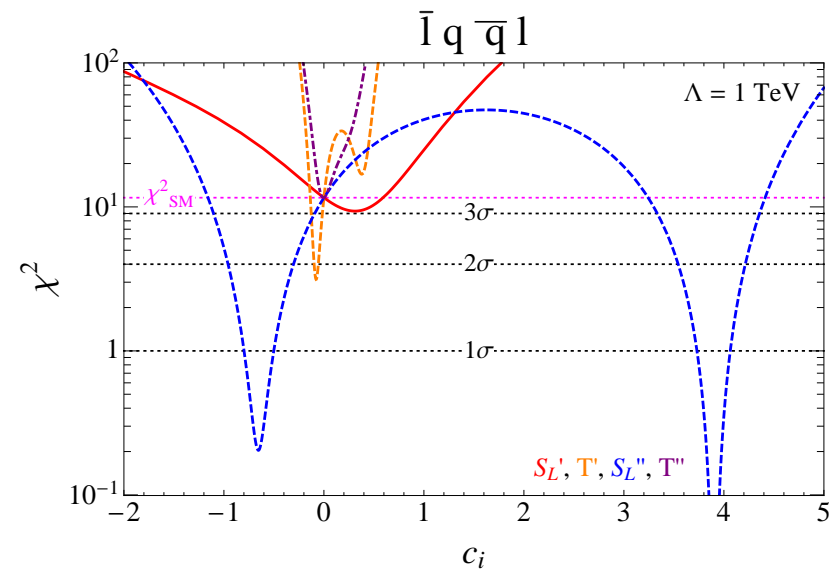
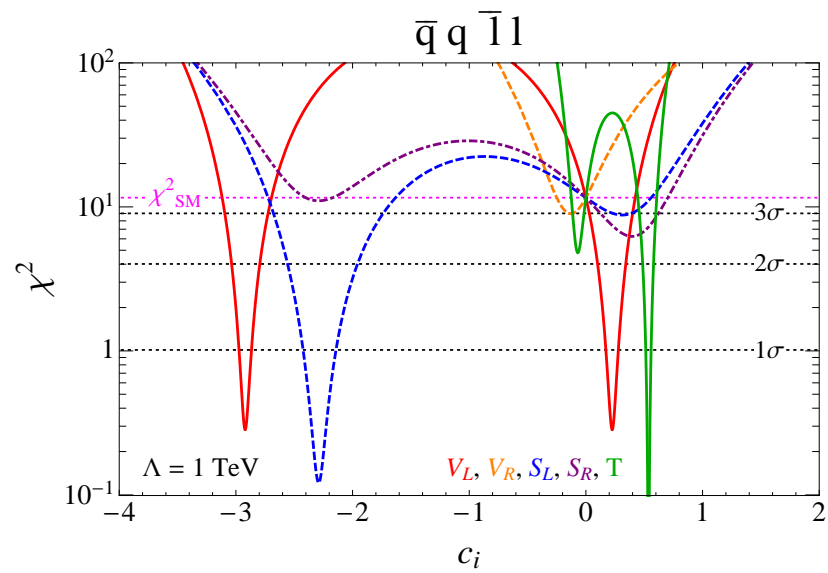
|                       | Operator   | Fierz identity   | Allowed Current  | $\delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$  |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|---|
| $\mathcal{O}_{V_L}$   | $(\bar{c}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{\tau}\gamma^\mu P_L \nu)$  |  | $(1, 3)_0$   | $(g_q \bar{q}_L \boldsymbol{\tau} \gamma^\mu q_L + g_\ell \bar{\ell}_L \boldsymbol{\tau} \gamma^\mu \ell_L) W'_\mu$   |
| $\mathcal{O}_{V_R}$   | $(\bar{c}\gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar{\tau}\gamma^\mu P_L \nu)$  |  |  |   |
| $\mathcal{O}_{S_R}$   | $(\bar{c} P_R b)(\bar{\tau} P_L \nu)$  |  | $\left. \begin{array}{l} (1, 2)_{1/2} \\ (3, 1)_{2/3} \end{array} \right\rangle$             | $(\lambda_d \bar{q}_L d_R \phi + \lambda_u \bar{q}_L u_R i \tau_2 \phi^\dagger + \lambda_\ell \bar{\ell}_L e_R \phi)$ |
| $\mathcal{O}_{S_L}$   | $(\bar{c} P_L b)(\bar{\tau} P_L \nu)$  |  |  |   |
| $\mathcal{O}_T$       | $(\bar{c} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L b)(\bar{\tau} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L \nu)$  |  |  |   |
| $\mathcal{O}'_{V_L}$  | $(\bar{\tau}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{c}\gamma^\mu P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{V_L}$  | $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} (3, 3)_{2/3} \\ (3, 1)_{2/3} \end{array} \right\rangle$ | $\lambda \bar{q}_L \boldsymbol{\tau} \gamma_\mu \ell_L U^\mu$                                |   |
| $\mathcal{O}'_{V_R}$  | $(\bar{\tau}\gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar{c}\gamma^\mu P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow -2\mathcal{O}_{S_R}$  |  | $(\lambda \bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu \ell_L + \tilde{\lambda} \bar{d}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) U^\mu$     |   |
| $\mathcal{O}'_{S_R}$  | $(\bar{\tau} P_R b)(\bar{c} P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_{V_R}$  |  |  |   |
| $\mathcal{O}'_{S_L}$  | $(\bar{\tau} P_L b)(\bar{c} P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_{S_L} - \frac{1}{8}\mathcal{O}_T$                           | $(3, 2)_{7/6}$   | $(\lambda \bar{u}_R \ell_L + \tilde{\lambda} \bar{q}_L i \tau_2 e_R) R$                      |   |
| $\mathcal{O}'_T$      | $(\bar{\tau} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L b)(\bar{c} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow -6\mathcal{O}_{S_L} + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_T$     |  |  |   |
| $\mathcal{O}''_{V_L}$ | $(\bar{\tau}\gamma_\mu P_L c^c)(\bar{b}^c \gamma^\mu P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow -\mathcal{O}_{V_R}$  | $(\bar{3}, 2)_{5/3}$   | $(\lambda \bar{d}_R^c \gamma_\mu \ell_L + \tilde{\lambda} \bar{q}_L^c \gamma_\mu e_R) V^\mu$ |   |
| $\mathcal{O}''_{V_R}$ | $(\bar{\tau}\gamma_\mu P_R c^c)(\bar{b}^c \gamma^\mu P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow -2\mathcal{O}_{S_R}$                                       | $(\bar{3}, 3)_{1/3}$   | $\lambda \bar{q}_L^c i \tau_2 \boldsymbol{\tau} \ell_L S$                                    |   |
| $\mathcal{O}''_{S_R}$ | $(\bar{\tau} P_R c^c)(\bar{b}^c P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_{V_L}$   | $\left. \begin{array}{l} (\bar{3}, 1)_{1/3} \end{array} \right\rangle$                 | $(\lambda \bar{q}_L^c i \tau_2 \ell_L + \tilde{\lambda} \bar{u}_R^c e_R) S$                  |   |
| $\mathcal{O}''_{S_L}$ | $(\bar{\tau} P_L c^c)(\bar{b}^c P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_{S_L} + \frac{1}{8}\mathcal{O}_T$                       |  |  |   |
| $\mathcal{O}''_T$     | $(\bar{\tau} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L c^c)(\bar{b}^c \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L \nu) \longleftrightarrow -6\mathcal{O}_{S_L} - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{O}_T$ |  |  |   |

(Usually only the first 5 operators are considered)

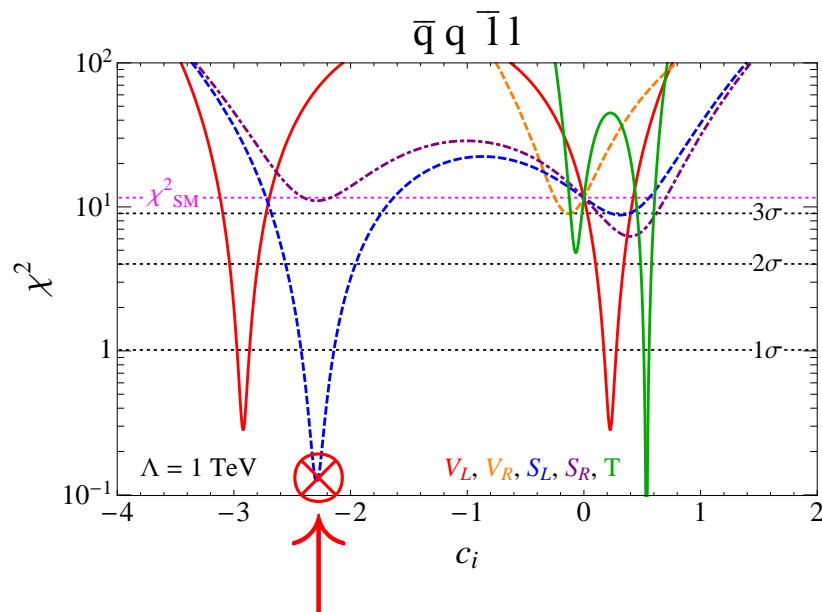




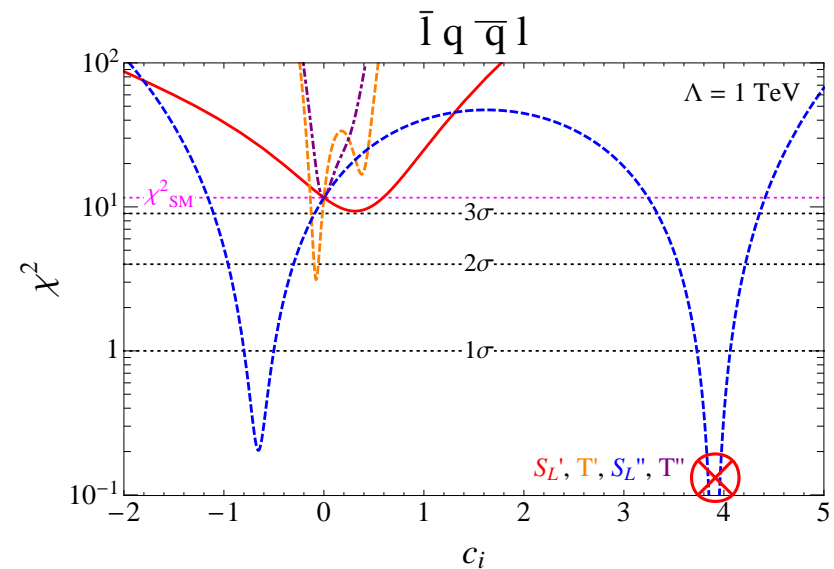
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[BaBar, 1303.0571]



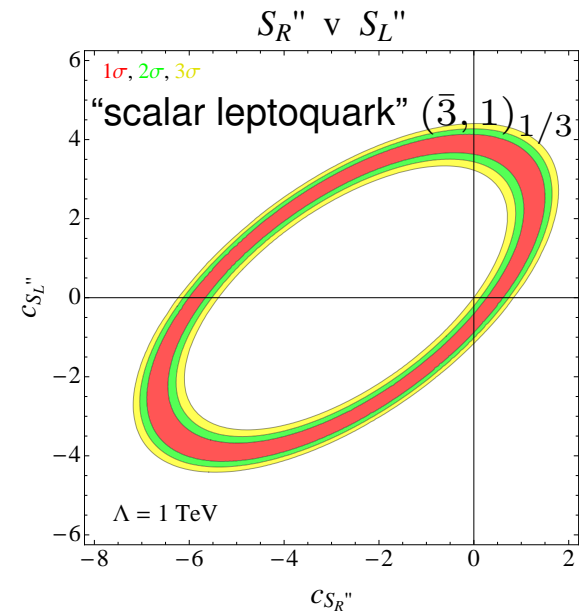
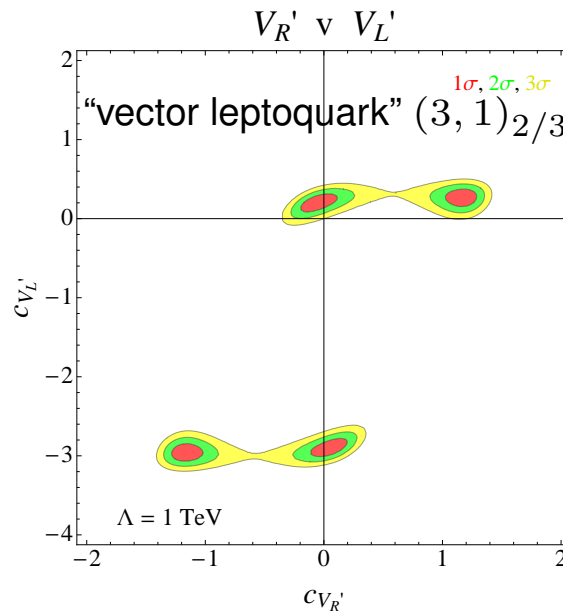
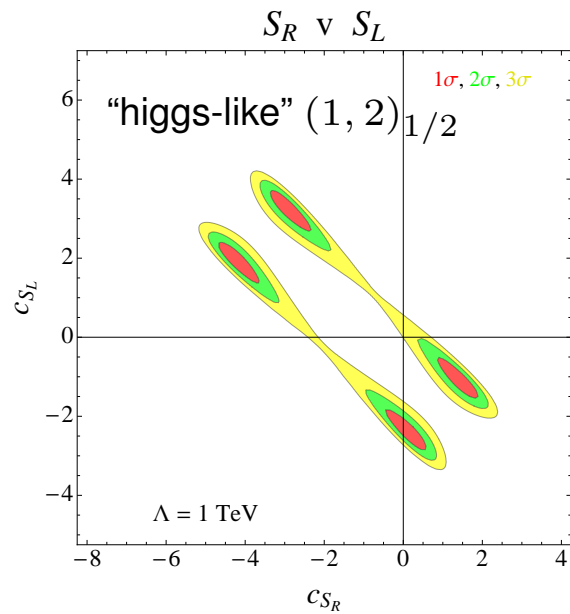
Solutions marked  $\otimes$  are ruled out by the  $q^2$  spectrum

- We rederived everything from scratch (beware of mis-Fierzing in some papers)

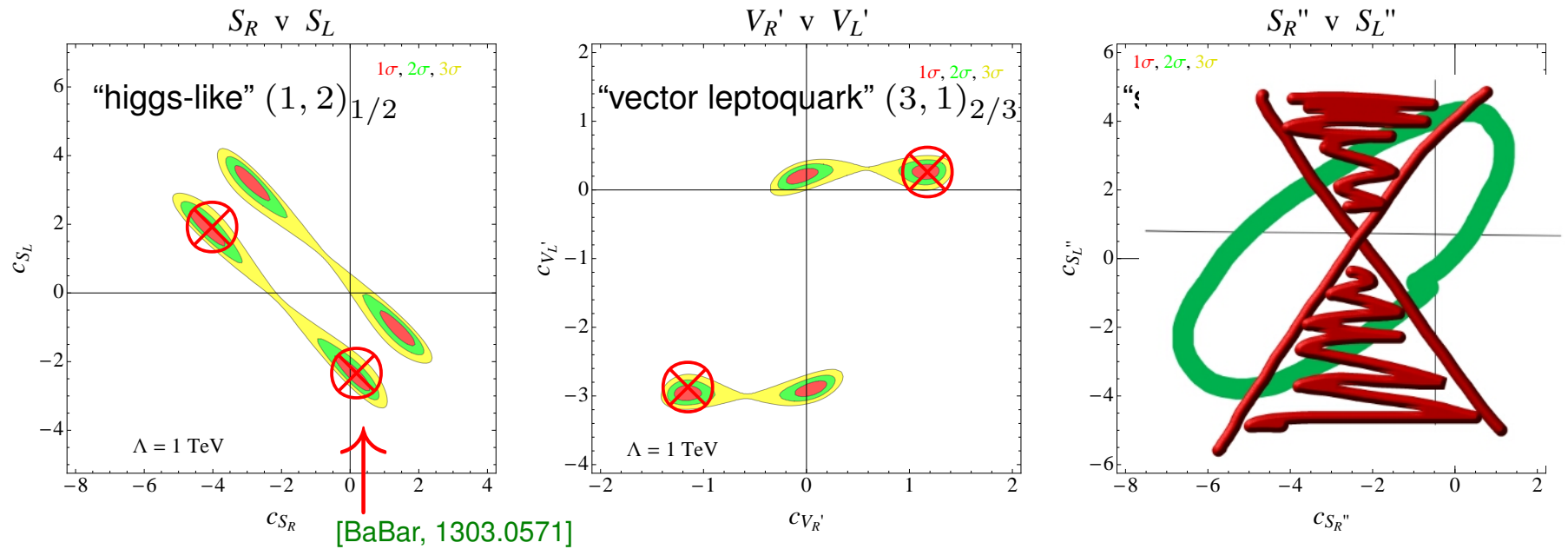
Agree (up to minor typos) with “classic” paper: Goldberger [hep-ph/9902311]



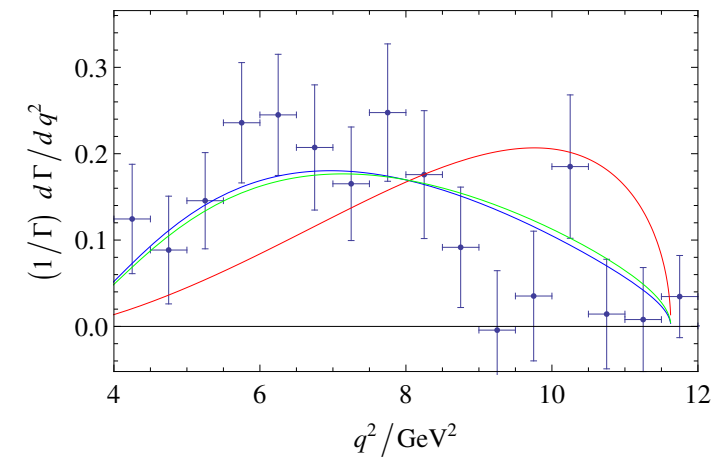
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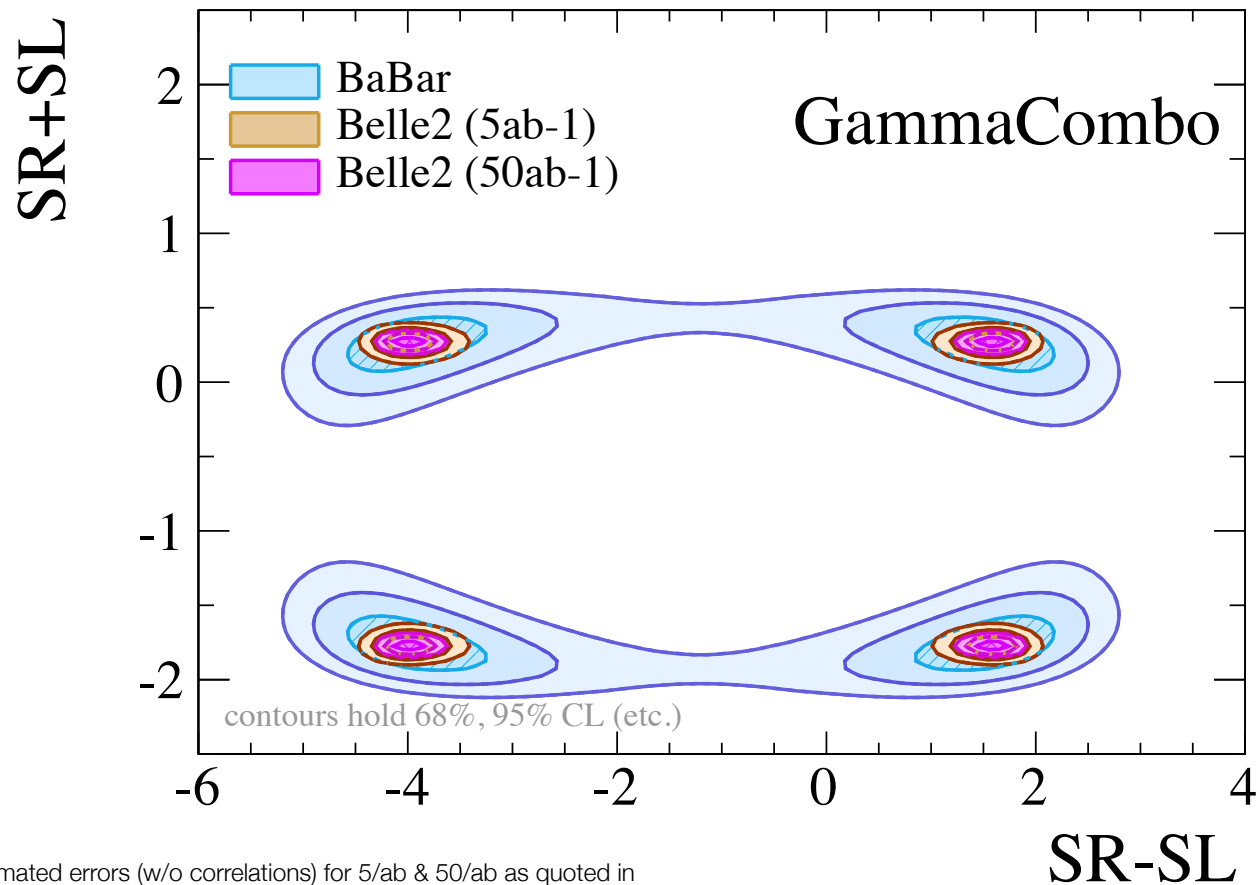


| Operator coefficients |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| $C'_{V_L} = 0.2$      | $C'_{V_R} = 1.2$    |
| $C'_{V_L} = 0.2$      | $C'_{V_R} = -0.02$  |
| $C''_{S_R} = 0.27$    | $C''_{S_L} = -0.27$ |



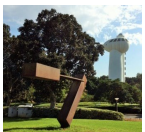
# Future sensitivity — a rough estimate

*Belle2* with 5/ab & 50/ab



Using estimated errors (w/o correlations) for 5/ab & 50/ab as quoted in  
<https://belle2.cc.kek.jp/~twiki/pub/Public/B2TIP/SuperKEKBReport.pdf>

[Bernlochner @ B2TIP]



# Flavor symmetries for $b \rightarrow c\tau\bar{\nu}$

# Viable mediators

- Good fits for several mediators: scalar, “Higgs-like”  $(1, 2)_{1/2}$   
vector, “ $W'$ -like”  $(1, 3)_0$   
“scalar leptoquark”  $(\bar{3}, 1)_{1/3}$  or  $(\bar{3}, 3)_{1/3}$   
“vector leptoquark”  $(3, 1)_{2/3}$  or  $(3, 3)_{2/3}$

- Surprising if only BSM operator had  $(\bar{b}c)(\bar{\tau}\nu)$  flavor structure

Consider MFV and  $U(2)^3$  models / scenarios

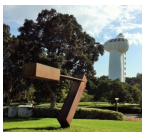
[Fajfer, Kamenik, Nisandzic, Zupan, 1206.1872]

- Focus on quark flavor, **assume only coupling to  $\tau$**   
This is an assumption in the MFV case, **more natural in  $U(2)^3$  models**
- **Bounds:**  $b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$ ,  $D^0$  &  $K^0$  mixing,  $Z \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ , LHC contact int.,  $pp \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ , etc.
- Enough to eliminate some scenarios



# Eliminating “ $W'$ -like” and “Higgs-like” models

- A vector mediator with  $W'$  quantum numbers has to be a flavor singlet to couple to both quark and lepton pairs
  - ⇒ Couplings to lighter generations cannot be suppressed
  - ⇒ Collider limits exclude such models by orders of magnitude
- Similar to the  $W'$ , a scalar must be a flavor singlet to have all necessary couplings
  - ⇒ Must have coupling ratios to different flavors like a (charged) Higgs
  - ⇒  $D - \bar{D}$  mixing data excludes observed  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \bar{\nu}$  excess
- Left with models with leptoquark quantum numbers





# MFV leptoquarks

- Assign charges under:

$$U(3)_Q \times U(3)_u \times U(3)_d$$

- Possible choices:

scalars:  $S \sim (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}), (\mathbf{1}, \bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}), (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \bar{\mathbf{3}})$

vectors:  $U_\mu \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}), (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}), (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})$

- 
- $S(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$  and  $U_\mu(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$  give large  $pp \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ , excluded by  $Z'$  searches
  - $S(\mathbf{1}, \bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})$  and  $U_\mu(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})$  give  $y_c$  suppressed  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \bar{\nu}$  contributions  
 $\Rightarrow$  too large couplings or too light leptoquarks
  - Possibly viable:  $S(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \bar{\mathbf{3}})$  and  $U_\mu(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}) \Rightarrow$  consider in more detail  
Both can be electroweak singlets or triplets



# The $S(1, 1, \bar{3})$ Lagrangians

- Interactions terms for electroweak singlet:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= S(\lambda Y_d^\dagger \bar{q}_L^c i\tau_2 \ell_L + \tilde{\lambda} Y_d^\dagger Y_u \bar{u}_R^c e_R) \\ &= S_i(\lambda y_{d_i} V_{ji}^* \bar{u}_{Lj}^c e_L - \lambda y_{d_i} \bar{d}_{Li}^c \nu_L + \tilde{\lambda} y_{d_i} y_{u_j} V_{ji}^* \bar{u}_{Rj}^c e_R)\end{aligned}$$

Integrating out  $S$ , contribution to  $R(X_c)$  via:  $(m_{S_3} \neq m_{S_1} = m_{S_2})$

$$-\frac{V_{cb}^*}{m_{S_3}^2} \left( \lambda^2 y_b^2 \mathcal{O}_{S_R}'' + \lambda \tilde{\lambda} y_c y_b^2 \mathcal{O}_{S_L}'' \right)$$

[electroweak triplet has no  $\tilde{\lambda}$  term]

- Can fit  $R(D^{(*)})$  data iff  $y_b = \mathcal{O}(1)$



# The $U_\mu(1, 1, 3)$ Lagrangians

- Interactions terms for electroweak singlet:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= (\lambda \bar{q}_L Y_d \gamma_\mu \ell_L + \tilde{\lambda} \bar{d}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) U^\mu \\ &= (\lambda y_{d_i} V_{ji} \bar{u}_{Lj} \gamma_\mu \nu_L + \lambda y_{d_i} \bar{d}_{Li} \gamma_\mu \tau_L + \tilde{\lambda} \bar{d}_{Ri} \gamma_\mu \tau_R) U_i^\mu\end{aligned}$$

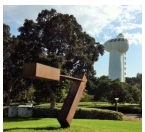
As before, contribution to  $R(X_c)$  via:  $(m_{U_3} \neq m_{U_1} = m_{U_2})$

$$\frac{V_{cb}}{m_{U_3}^2} \left( \lambda^2 y_b^2 \mathcal{O}'_{VL} + \lambda \tilde{\lambda} y_b \mathcal{O}'_{VR} \right)$$

[Again, electroweak triplet has no  $\tilde{\lambda}$  term]

- Can fit  $R(D^{(*)})$  data iff  $y_b = \mathcal{O}(1)$

[NB: vector leptoquarks are hard to make sense of as a low energy effective theory, without knowing the UV completion — divergences]



# Constraints from $b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$

- With three Yukawa spurion insertions, can write:

$$\lambda' S Y_d^\dagger Y_u Y_u^\dagger \bar{q}_L^c i\tau_2 \ell_L$$

- Leads to operators of the form:

$$\frac{V_{tb}^* V_{ts}}{2m_{S_3}^2} y_t^2 y_b^2 \lambda' \lambda (\bar{b}_L \gamma^\mu s_L \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L)$$

- Current limits from  $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$  require:

$$\lambda'/\lambda \lesssim 0.07$$

- A vector singlet is the only one of the four leptoquarks without such a constraint  
(E.g., vector triplet has  $\lambda' \bar{q}_L Y_u Y_u^\dagger Y_d \boldsymbol{\tau} \gamma_\mu \ell_L \mathbf{U}^\mu$  term)



# $U_\mu(1, 1, 3)$ — LHC constraints

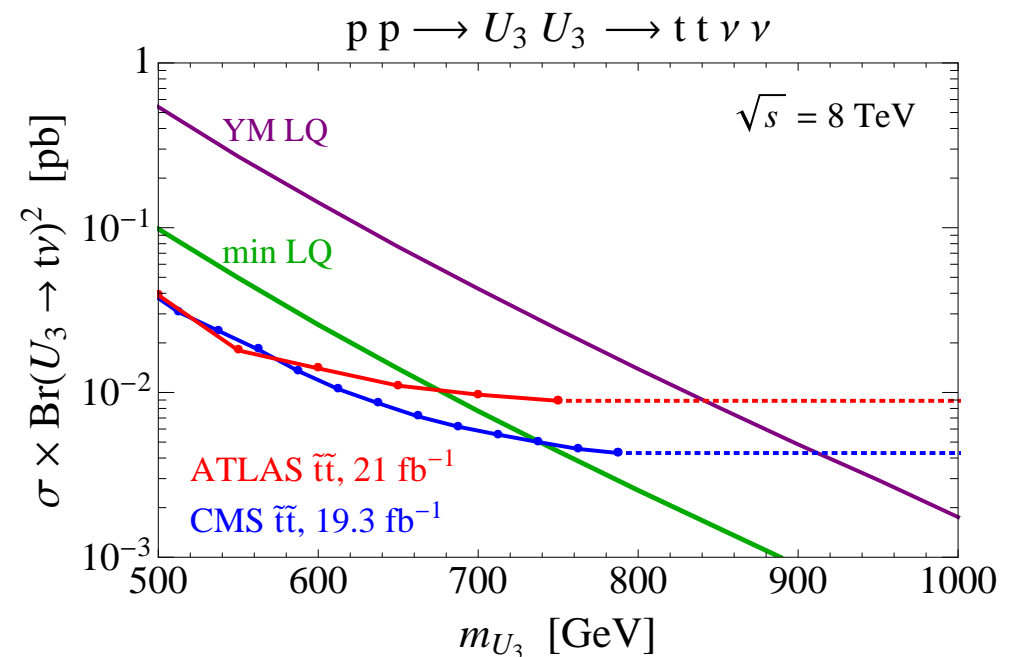
- The  $\tilde{\lambda}$  term for electroweak singlet vector leptoquark gives unsuppressed coupling to 1st generation  
 $\Rightarrow$  constraints from  $t$ -channel exchange in  $pp \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \Rightarrow \tilde{\lambda} \lesssim 0.15 \lambda$
- Limits on  $m_{U_3}$  from direct leptoquark search ( $b\tau$ ) or recasting stop ( $t\nu$ ) searches:

Ambiguities related to possible “dipole”

term:  $-ig_s \kappa U_\mu^{i\dagger} t_{ij}^a U_\nu^j G_a^{\mu\nu}$

Find:  $m_{U_3} \gtrsim 750 \text{ GeV}$

- For  $S$ , CMS search for third generation scalar LQ decaying to  $t\tau$  gives  $m_{S_3} \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$  [CMS-PAS-EXO-13-010]



## Additional constraints

- Main constraints from loop processes: (i) meson mixings, and (ii) electroweak precision corrections to  $R(Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-)$  and  $A(Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-)$

Scalar LQ calculable, for vector LQ need prescription for UV divergence of loops

[Jure et al. (1206.1872) dismissed scalar due to PEW constraints, we think there is marginal room]

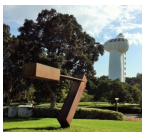
- Bounds are satisfied, although some constraints are tight



# **Final comments**

# Several possible tests & consequences

- LHC: several extensions to current searches would be interesting:
  - Searches for  $t\tau$  and  $b\tau$  resonances
  - Extensions of stop/sbottom searches to higher prod. cross sections ( $t\nu$  and  $b\nu$ )
  - Searches for states appearing on-shell in  $t$ - but not in  $s$ -channel in  $pp$  collisions
  - Enhanced  $h \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  rate (and  $t \rightarrow c\tau^+\tau^-$  [tough])
- Low energy probes:
  - Firm up  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\bar{\nu}$  rate and kinematic distributions; Cross checks w/ inclusive
  - Smaller theor. error in  $[\mathrm{d}\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\bar{\nu})/\mathrm{d}q^2]/[\mathrm{d}\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}l\bar{\nu})/\mathrm{d}q^2]$  at same  $q^2$
  - Improve bounds on  $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\bar{\nu})$
  - $\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}) \sim 10^{-5}$  possible, maybe observable at BES III
  - $\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) \sim 10^{-3}$  possible



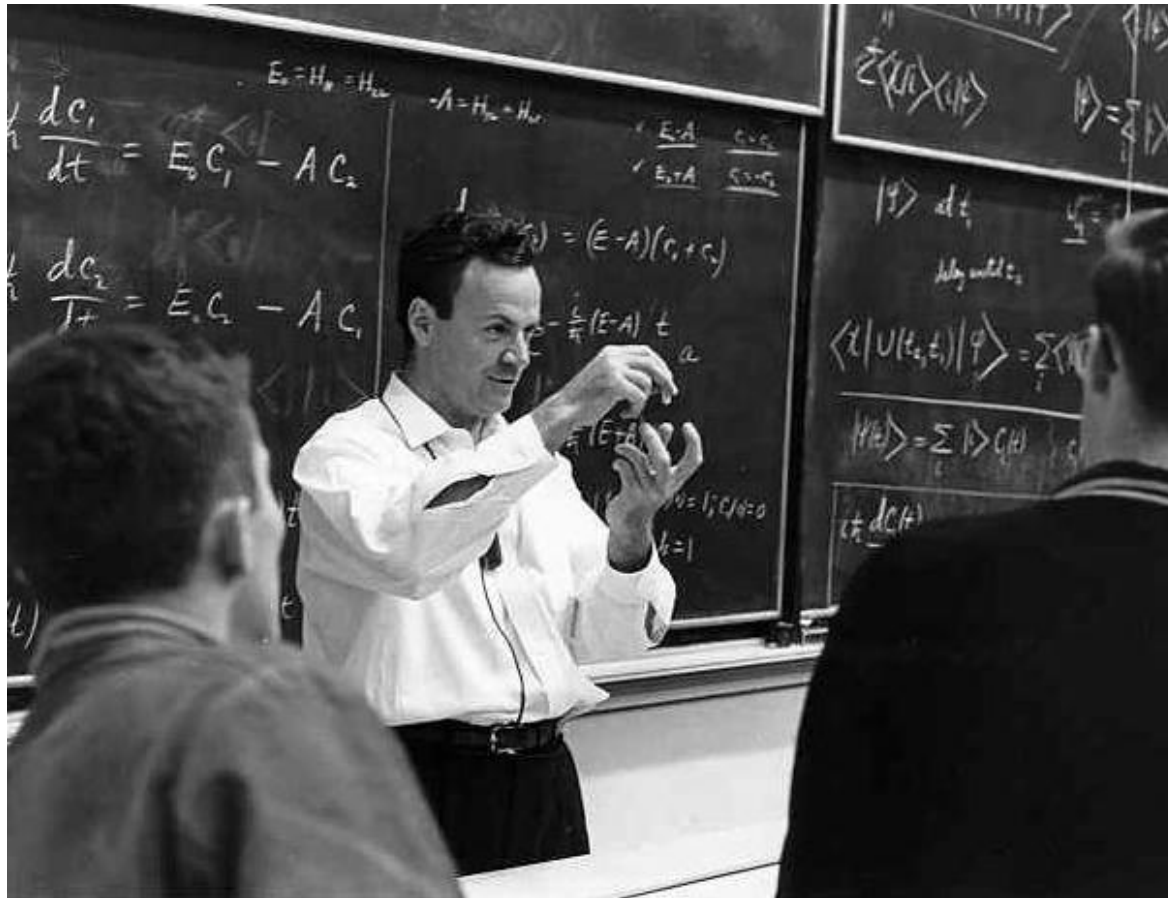


# Conclusions

- Amusing if NP shows up in an operator w/o much CKM and loop suppression
- Despite statements in the literature, possible to write down (somewhat) sensible models for  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \bar{\nu}$  excesses, with extensions to other flavors
- Several simple extensions to current LHC searches could cover much of this parameter space (see anomalies or rule out models)
- Measurements of  $b \rightarrow c \tau \bar{\nu}$  will improve in the next decade by order of magnitude  
(Even if central values change, plenty of room for significant deviations from SM)



# Ultimately, data will tell



“It doesn’t matter how beautiful your theory is, it doesn’t matter how smart you are. If it doesn’t agree with experiment, it’s wrong.”

[Feynman]