

# Can one make sense of the collection of B-decay anomalies?

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(and an extensive literature on leptoquarks)

# B-physics "anomalies"

1.  $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$

$$R_{D^*}^{\tau/\ell} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)_{\text{exp}} / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)_{\text{SM}}}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu)_{\text{exp}} / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu)_{\text{SM}}} = 1.28 \pm 0.08$$
$$R_D^{\tau/\ell} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D \tau \nu)_{\text{exp}} / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D \tau \nu)_{\text{SM}}}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D \ell \nu)_{\text{exp}} / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D \ell \nu)_{\text{SM}}} = 1.37 \pm 0.18 ,$$

2.  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$

$$R_K^{\mu/e} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{exp}}}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K e^+ e^-)_{\text{exp}}} \Big|_{q^2 \in [1,6] \text{ GeV}} = 0.745_{-0.074}^{+0.090} \pm 0.036$$

(could be related to the  $P'_5$  anomaly in the  $q^2$  distribution)

Both a 20 ÷ 30% deviation from the SM  
However tree (1) versus loop level (2)!

# Question

Is there a flavour group  $\mathcal{G}_F$  and a tree level exchange  $\Phi$  such that:

1. With unbroken  $\mathcal{G}_F$ ,  $\Phi$  couples to the third generation of quarks and leptons only;
2. After small  $\mathcal{G}_F$  breaking, the needed operators are generated

$$(\bar{c}_L \gamma_\mu b_L)(\bar{\tau}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L)$$

$$(\bar{b}_L \gamma_\mu s_L)(\bar{\mu} \gamma_\mu \mu) \text{ at suppressed level}$$

# Answer

$$\mathcal{G}_F = \mathcal{G}_F^q \times \mathcal{G}_F^l \quad \text{“minimally” broken}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_F^q = U(2)_Q \times U(2)_u \times U(2)_d \times U(1)_{d3}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_F^l = U(2)_L \times U(2)_e \times U(1)_{e3}$$

with mediators:

1.  $V_\mu = (3, 1)_{2/3}$       Lorentz vector,  $\mathcal{G}_F$  singlet
2.  $\mathbf{V}_\mu = (3, 3)_{2/3}$       Lorentz vector,  $\mathcal{G}_F$  singlet
3.  $\Phi = (3, 3)_{-1/3}$       Lorentz scalar,  $\mathcal{G}_F$  singlet

(unique, if I were a mathematician)

## Weak MFV

$$U(2)_Q \times U(2)_u \times U(2)_d \times U(1)_{d3}$$

$$y_b = (1, 1, 1)_{-1} \quad \lambda_u = (2, \bar{2}, 1)_0 \quad \lambda_d = (2, 1, \bar{2})_0 \quad \mathbf{V}_Q = (2, 1, 1)_0$$

1. gives a symmetry status to heavy and weakly mixed top
2. allows observable deviations from the SM by nearby BSM

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$$\Rightarrow \quad Y_u = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_u & y_t x_t \mathbf{V} \\ \hline 0 & y_t \end{array} \right) \quad Y_d = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_d & y_b x_b \mathbf{V} \\ \hline 0 & y_b \end{array} \right) \quad \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

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mimicked in the lepton sector by:  $U(2)_L \times U(2)_e \times U(1)_{e3}$

$$y_\tau = (1, 1)_{-1} \quad \lambda_e = (2, \bar{2})_0 \quad \mathbf{V}_L = (2, 1)_0$$

(except for neutrinos, due to  $N_R^T M N_R$ )

# Parameters after $\mathcal{G}_F$ breaking

e.g. in the vector-singlet case (but all similar)

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = g_U U_\mu (\bar{Q}_i \gamma_\mu F_{ij} L_j)$$

$$F_{ij} = \delta_{i3} \delta_{j3} + a V_{Qi} \delta_{j3} + b \delta_{i3} V_{Lj}^* + c V_{Qi} V_{Lj}^*$$

$$V_{Q,Li} = \delta_{i2} \epsilon_{Q,L}$$

$$M_{23}^{U,D,L} = \epsilon_Q, d\epsilon_Q, \epsilon_L$$

$$V_{cb} = -V_{ts} = \epsilon_Q (d - 1)$$

$\Rightarrow$  parameters:

$$\frac{g_U}{M_U^2}, \epsilon_L$$

$a, b, c, d$  "of order unity"

# Couplings in the physical bases

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = g_U (\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu F^U \nu_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu F^D e_L) U_\mu + \text{h.c}$$

and similar for  $\mathcal{L}_{2,3}$

$$F^U = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ub}(s_l \epsilon_l) A_u & V_{ub}(c_l \epsilon_l) A_u & V_{ub}(1-a)r_u \\ V_{cb}(s_l \epsilon_l) A_u & V_{cb}(c_l \epsilon_l) A_u & V_{cb}(1-a)r_u \\ V_{tb}(s_l \epsilon_l)(b-1) & V_{tb}(c_l \epsilon_l)(b-1) & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F^D = \begin{pmatrix} V_{td}(s_l \epsilon_l) A_d & V_{td}(c_l \epsilon_l) A_d & V_{td}[1 - (1-a)r_u] \\ V_{ts}(s_l \epsilon_l) A_d & V_{ts}(c_l \epsilon_l) A_d & V_{ts}[1 - (1-a)r_u] \\ V_{tb}(s_l \epsilon_l)(b-1) & V_{tb}(c_l \epsilon_l)(b-1) & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

in terms of  $\epsilon_l, \theta_l$  and 4  $O(1)$  coefficients

# Tree level effects

In terms of  $(R_U, R_{\vec{U}}, R_{\vec{S}}) = \frac{4M_W^2}{g^2} \left( \frac{g_U^2}{M_U^2}, \frac{g_{\vec{U}}^2}{M_{\vec{U}}^2}, \frac{g_{\vec{S}}^2}{M_{\vec{S}}^2} \right)$

$b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$

$$R_{D^{(*)}}^{\tau/l} \approx 1 + (R_U, -\frac{1}{4}R_{\vec{U}}, -\frac{1}{8}R_{\vec{S}})r_u(1-a)$$

$b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$

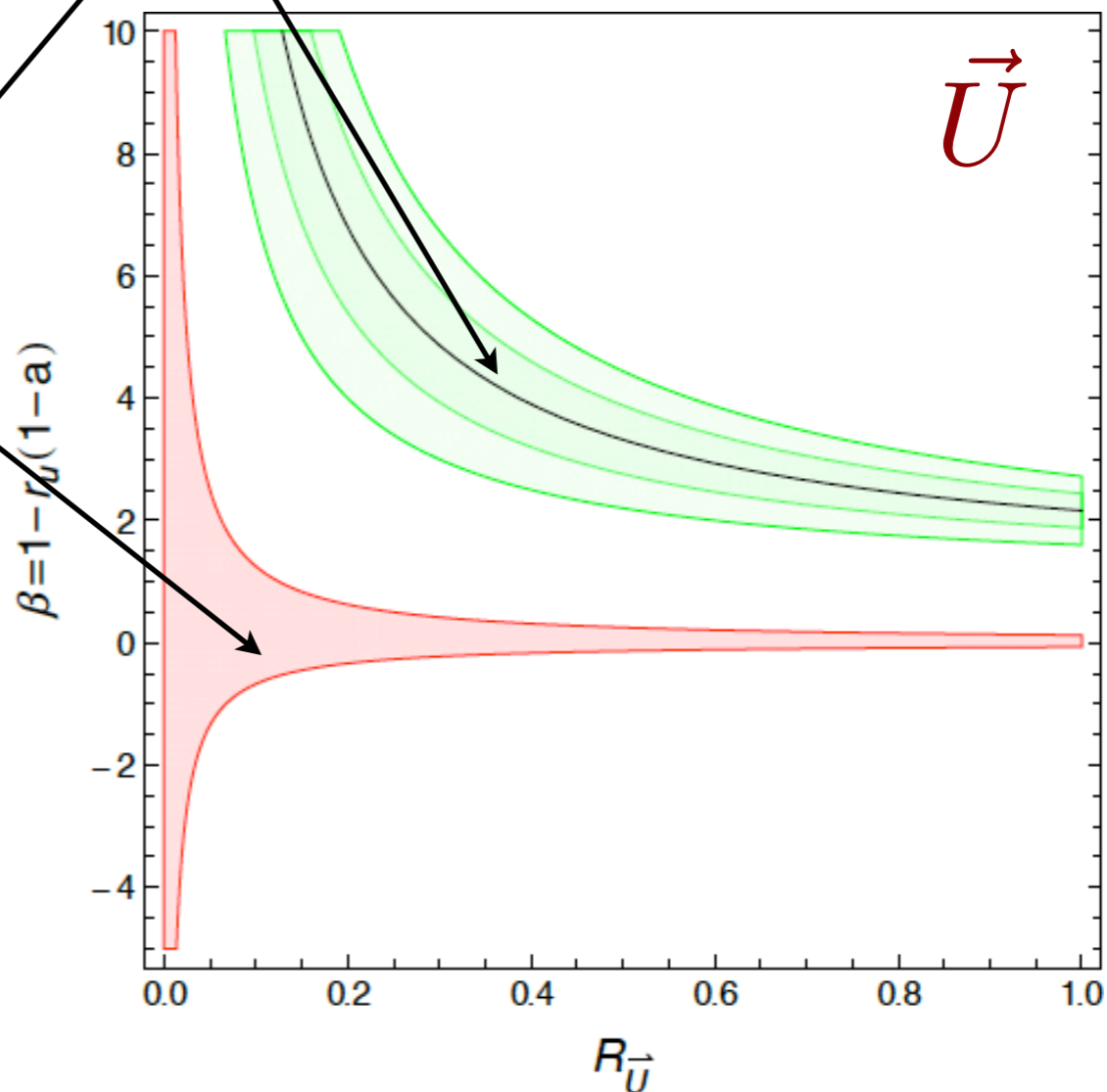
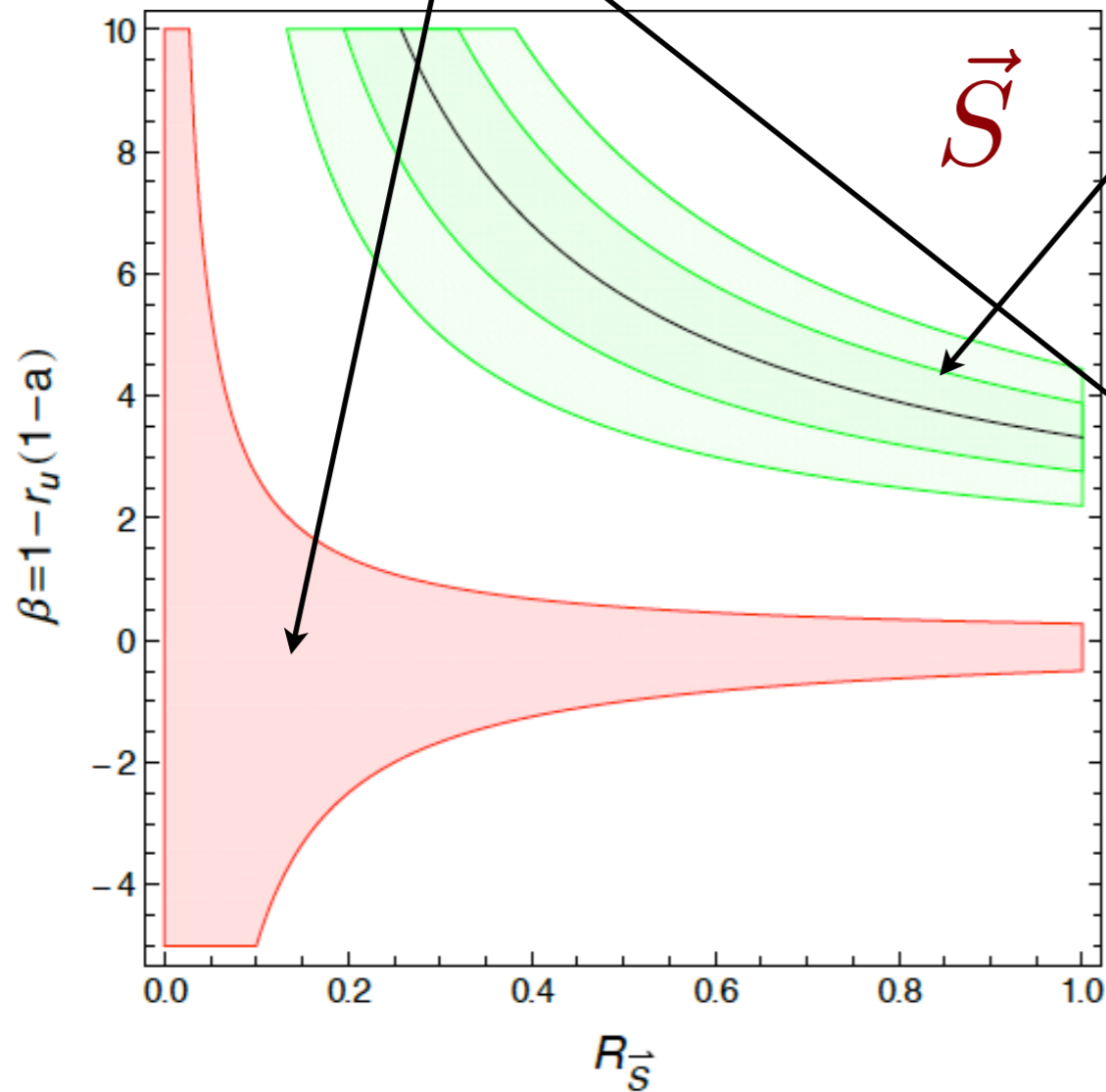
$$R_{K^{(*)}\nu} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\bar{\nu})_{SM}} \approx \frac{1}{3} \left( 3 + 2\text{Re}(x) + |x|^2 \right)$$

$$(x_U, x_{\vec{U}}, x_{\vec{S}}) = -\frac{\pi}{\alpha c_\nu^{SM}} [1 - r_u(1-a)] \left( 0, -\frac{R_{\vec{U}}}{2}, \frac{R_{\vec{S}}}{8} \right)$$



$b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$

$b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$



$\Rightarrow$  Only  $U_{\mu}$  survives tree level test (trivially)

From  $U_{\mu}$  exchange

$$R_K^{\mu/e} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Ke^+e^-)} = 1 + \left( \frac{2\pi}{\alpha C_9^{SM}} \right) [(b-1)A_d] R_U \epsilon_l^2 (1 - 2s_l^2)$$

# Loop effects 1

Based on

$$\mathcal{L}_U = -\frac{1}{2}U_{\mu\nu}^\dagger U^{\mu\nu} + M_U^2 U_\mu^\dagger U_\mu + \mathcal{L}_{an}$$

where

$$U_{\mu\nu} = D_\nu U_\mu - D_\mu U_\nu \quad D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - ig_s \frac{\lambda^a}{2} G_\mu^a - ig' \frac{2}{3} B_\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{an} = -ig_s k_s (U_\mu^\dagger \frac{\lambda^a}{2} U_\nu) G^{\mu\nu a} - ig' \frac{2}{3} k_Y U_\mu^\dagger U_\nu B^{\mu\nu}$$

(gauge invariant under  $SU_{3,2,1}$  for any  $k_Y, k_s$  )

and a cutoff  $\Lambda$  taken at  $\approx 4\pi M_U / g_U$

# Loop effects 2

Vac. pol.

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{BB} = ig_{\mu\nu} \left[ -k_Y^2 \frac{(4/9)g'^2}{64\pi^2} \frac{q^4}{M_U^2} \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_U^2} \right]$$

Vertices

$$\mathcal{M}_{B \rightarrow L_3 \bar{L}_3} = -i3k_Y \frac{(2/3)g'}{64\pi^2} g_U^2 \frac{q^2}{M_U^2} \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_U^2} \epsilon_\mu (\bar{u}_{L3} \gamma_\mu P_L v_{L3})$$

Box diagrams

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_a F_a W_a \frac{g_U^4}{64\pi^2} \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_U^4} O_a$$

	$O_a$	$F_a$	$W_a$
$b \rightarrow s \nu_3 \bar{\nu}_3$	$(\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b)(\bar{\nu}_3 \gamma_\mu P_L \nu_3)$	$[1 - (1 - a)r_u]$	$V_{tb} V_{ts}^*$
$s \rightarrow d \nu_3 \bar{\nu}_3$	$(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu P_L s)(\bar{\nu}_3 \gamma_\mu P_L \nu_3)$	$[1 - (1 - a)r_u]^2$	$V_{ts} V_{td}^*$
$b\bar{s} \rightarrow \bar{b}s$	$(\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b)^2$	$[1 - (1 - a)r_u]^2$	$(V_{tb} V_{ts}^*)^2$

Dipoles

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_a F_a \frac{g_U^2}{32\pi^2 M_U^2} (1 - k_Y) \text{Log} \left( \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_U^2} \right) O_a$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\tau\mu\gamma} = em_\tau (\bar{\mu}_L \sigma^{\alpha\beta} \tau_R) F_{\alpha\beta}, \quad F_{\tau\mu} = (b - 1)(c_l \epsilon_l)$$

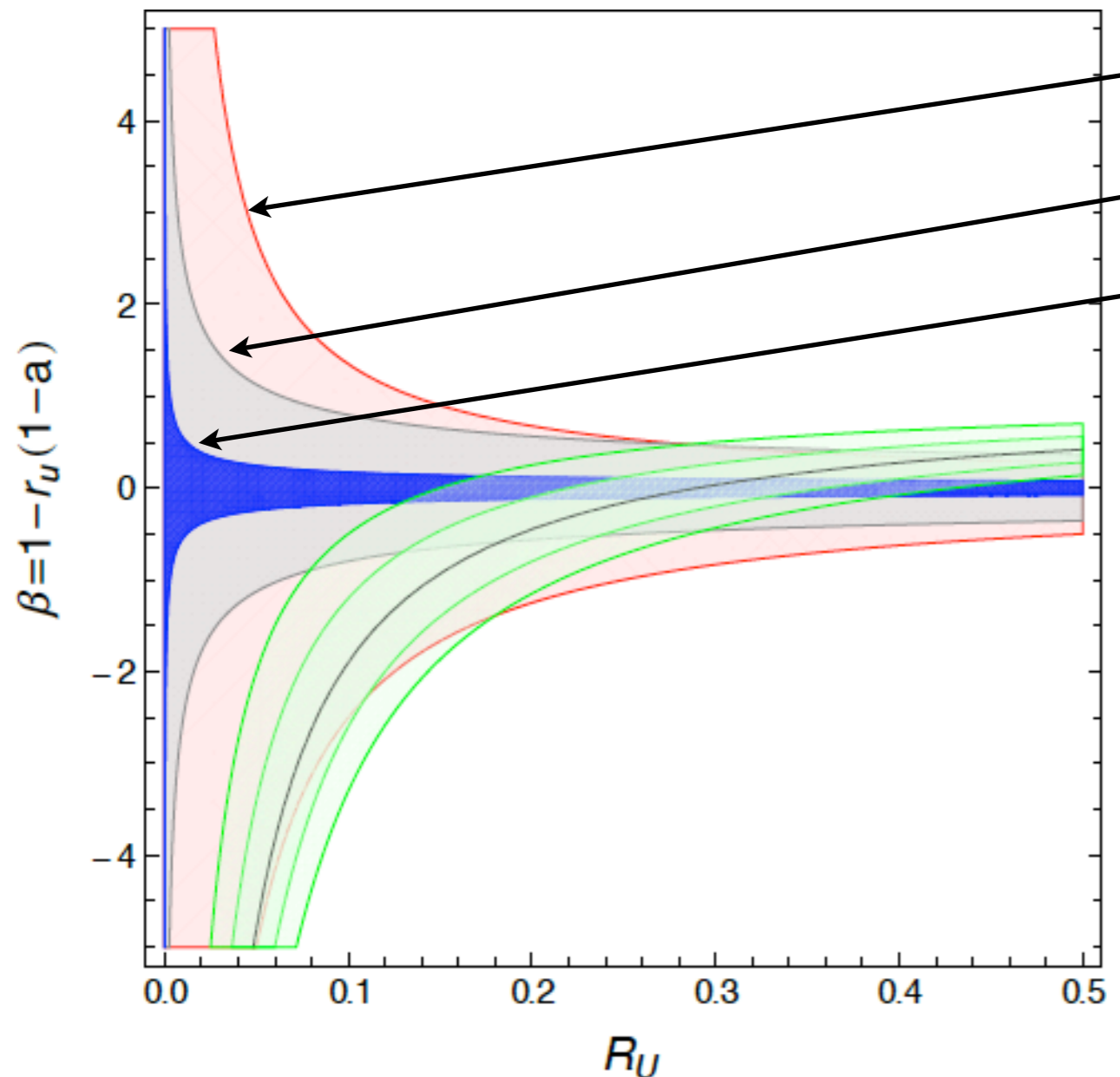
$$\mathcal{O}_{\mu e\gamma} = em_\mu (\bar{e}_L \sigma^{\alpha\beta} \mu_R) F_{\alpha\beta}, \quad F_{\mu e} = (b - 1)^2 (c_l \epsilon_l)(s_l \epsilon_l)$$

# Consistency with data (and expected signals) 1

EWPT: No S,T,U  $\Rightarrow$  mild bound on  $k_Y$

$$Z \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}(b\bar{b}) \Rightarrow k_Y \lesssim 3 \cdot 10^{-2} g_U^2 / gg'$$

$b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$  and correlated processes



$$B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$$

$$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$$

$$b \bar{s} \rightarrow \bar{b} s$$

$$R_{D^{(*)}}^{\tau/l}(b \rightarrow c\tau\nu)$$

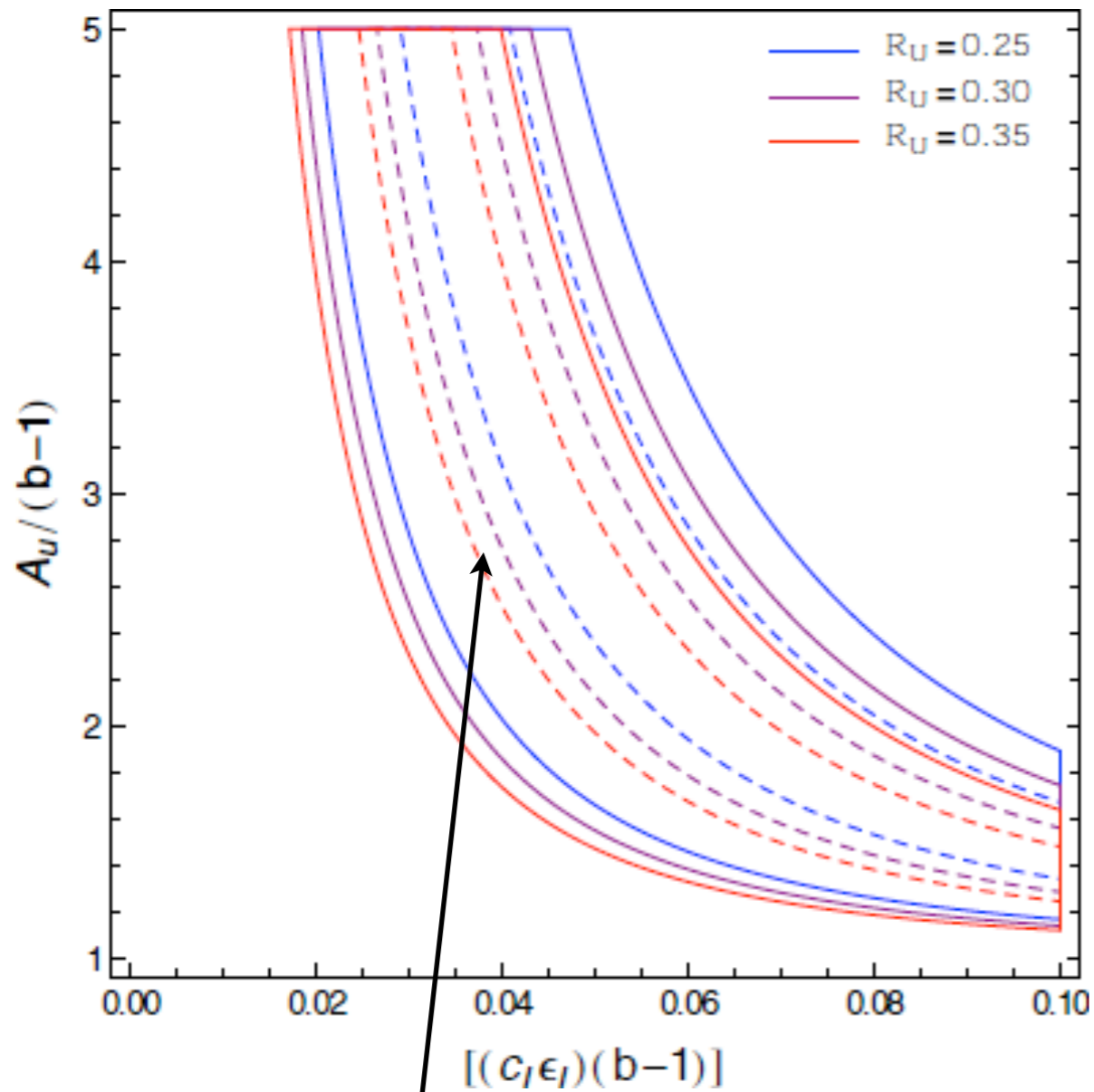


$$R_U = 4g_U^2 M_W^2 / g^2 M_U^2 \approx 0.2 \div 0.3$$

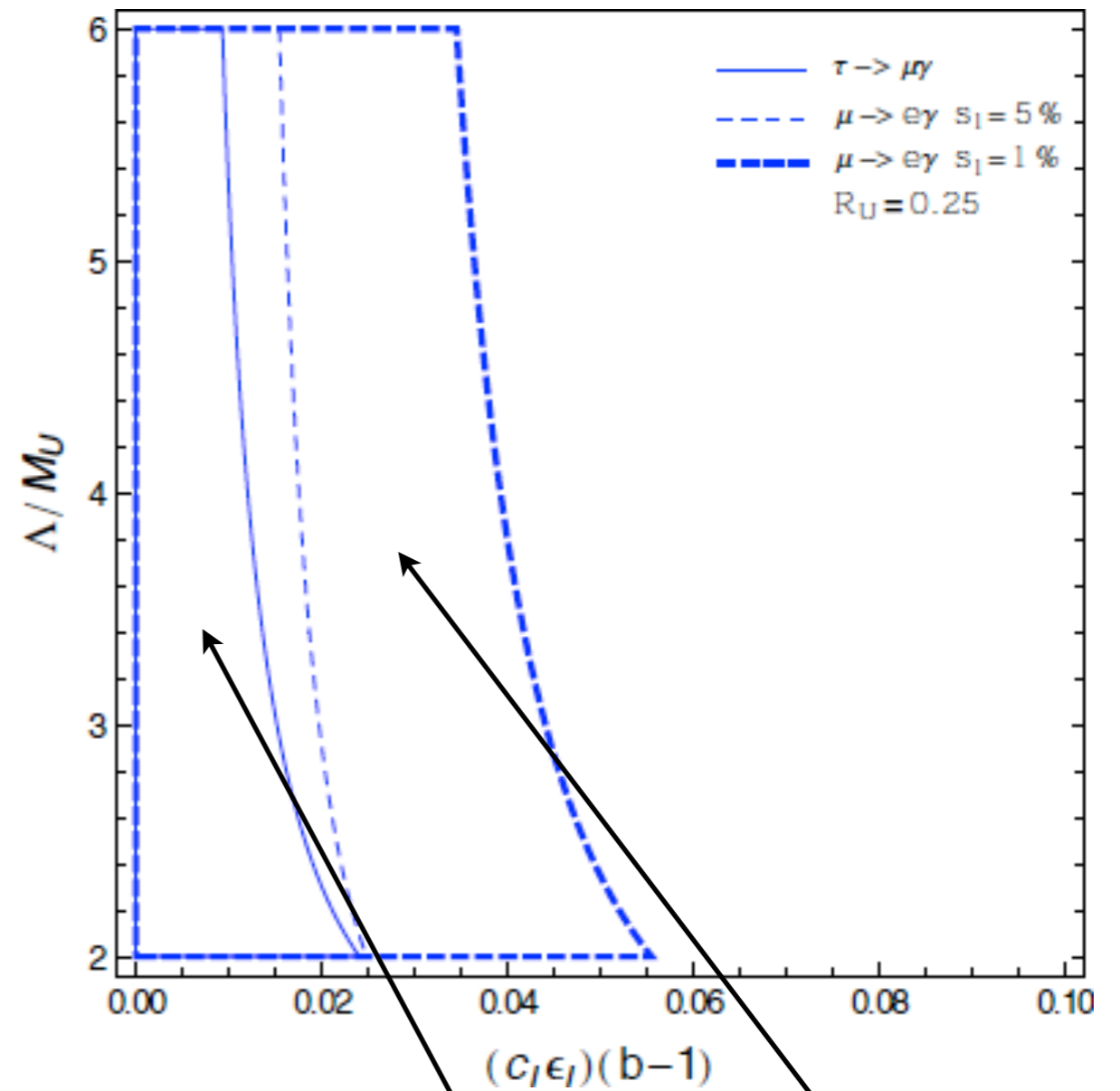
$$B \rightarrow K \tau \bar{\tau} \quad R_K^{\tau/\mu} \approx 1 \div 10$$

# Consistency with data (and expected signals) 2

$b \rightarrow s\mu\bar{\mu}$  and correlated processes



required by  $R_K^{\mu/e}$



allowed by  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$   $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

# Consistency with data (and expected signals) 3

## Leptoquark searches at LHC

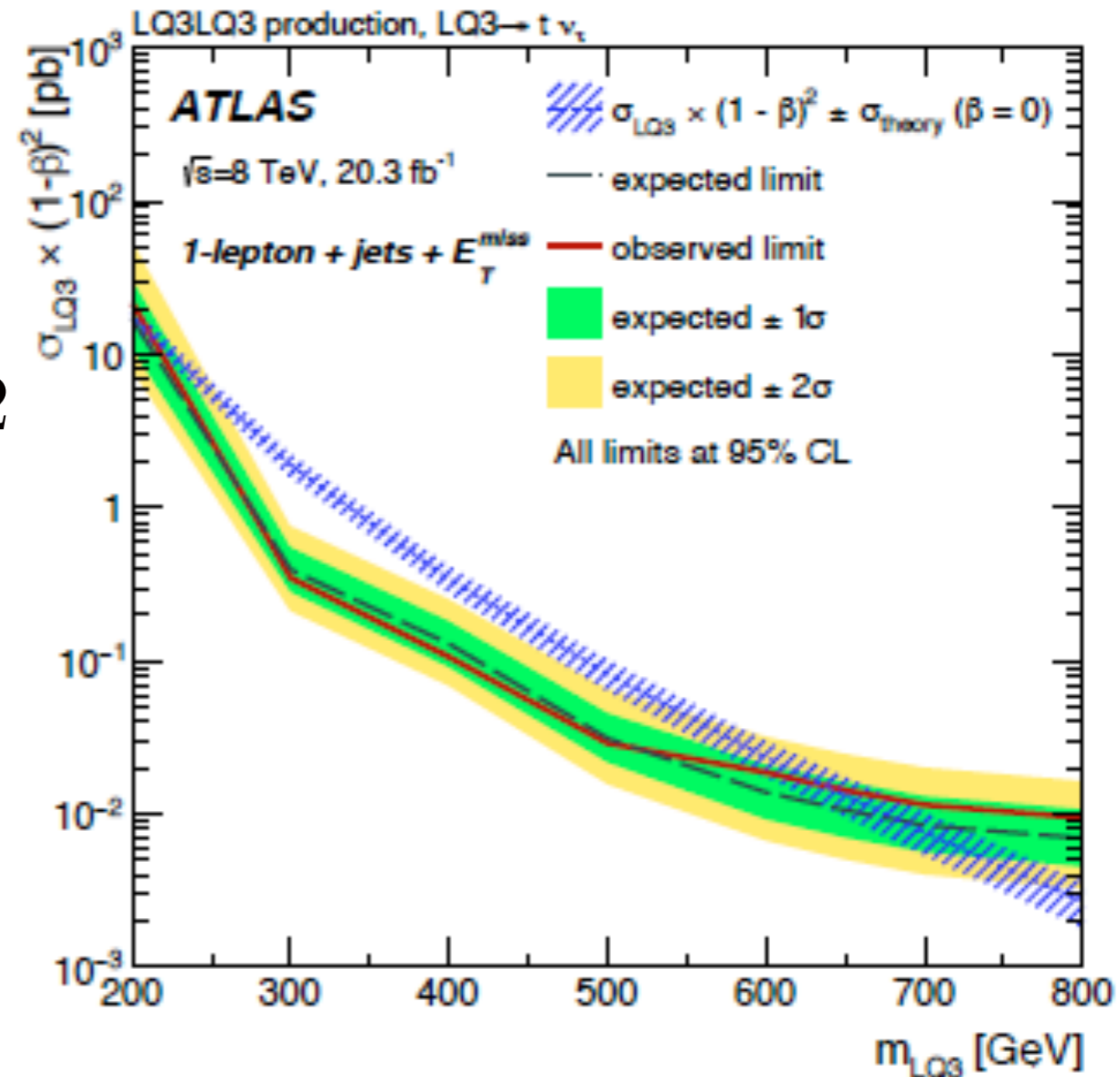
$$gg \rightarrow U_\mu U_\mu$$

$$\mathcal{B}(U \rightarrow t\bar{\nu}_3) \approx \mathcal{B}(U \rightarrow b\bar{\tau}) \approx 1/2$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = g_U^2 M_U / (12\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow M_U > 770 \text{ GeV}$$

$$(R_U > 0.2 \Rightarrow g_U > 1.4)$$



# The phenomenological model passes the tests but cries out for a UV completion

## A naive sketch

A strong sector with a global  $SU(4) \times SO(5)$

$\Rightarrow$  Composite vectors in adjoint of  $SU(4) \times SO(4)$

in  $SU(4)$  :  $G_\mu + X_\mu + U_\mu + U_\mu^+$

Composite fermions in

$$\Psi = (4, 2, 2)_{1/2} \oplus (4, 2, 2)_{-1/2} \oplus (4, 1, 1)_{1/2} \oplus (4, 1, 1)_{1/2}$$

If  $M_{V_i} \approx g^* f$  then

$$g_U \lesssim g^* \quad R_U \lesssim (V/f)^2$$



# Conclusion

Let us see if the anomalies  
get reinforced or fade away

e.g. from the LHCb program

- not only  $R_K$  ( $B \rightarrow Ke^+e^-/B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-$ ) but similar ratios with different hadronic systems ( $K^*$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\Lambda$ , etc.)
- not only  $D^*\tau\nu$ , but also  $D\tau\nu$ ,  $D_s\tau\nu$ ,  $\Lambda_c\tau\nu$ , etc.
  - also trying hadronic tau decays

If they are roses ...

take seriously the leptoquark and  $U(2)^5$



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$$\Rightarrow Y_u = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_u & y_t x_t \mathbf{V} \\ 0 & y_t \end{pmatrix} \quad Y_d = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_d & y_b x_b \mathbf{V} \\ 0 & y_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_{u,d} = U_{u,d}^{(12)} \lambda_{u,d}^D$$

$$Y_u \approx U_u Y_u^D \quad Y_d \approx U_d Y_d^D \quad U_{u,d} \approx U_{u,d}^{(23)}(x_{t,b} \epsilon) U_{u,d}^{(12)}(s_L^{u,d})$$

$$V_{CKM} = U_u^\dagger U_d = \begin{pmatrix} c_L^u c_L^d & \lambda & s_L^u s e^{-i\delta} \\ -\lambda & c_L^u c_L^d & c_L^u s \\ -s_L^d s e^{i(\delta+\phi)} & -c_L^d s & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad s \sim O(\epsilon)$$

$$s_L^u c_L^d - s_L^d c_L^u e^{i\phi} = \lambda e^{i\delta}$$

$$A(d_i \rightarrow d_j) = V_{tj} V_{ti}^* A_{SM}^{\Delta F=1} \left(1 + (a_{1b}, a_{1s}) \left(\frac{4\pi M_W}{\Lambda}\right)^2\right)$$

$$M_{ij} = (V_{tj} V_{ti}^*)^2 A_{SM}^{\Delta F=2} \left(1 + (a_{2b}, a_{2s}) \left(\frac{4\pi M_W}{\Lambda}\right)^2\right)$$