# A Higgs Portal to Vectorlike Fermions

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## **Motivations**

- From a purely theoretical point of view the most natural extensions of the SM are:
	- A sequential fourth generation (now heavily constrained)
	- A second Higgs doublet
		- The Higgs sector is not constrained by any symmetry apart from custodial SU(2). Note though that one doublet implies the CKM.
		- A second doublet is required in any supersymmetry model.  $\blacktriangleright$
	- Vectorlike fermions which appear in many extensions of the SM.  $\psi$ 
		- **String theories**
		- **Example Higgs models (heavy partners of SM fermions)**
		- Warped extra dimensions (KK excitations)
		- Composite Higgs models (excited Higgs constituent states)
		- Supersymmetric models (improve the little hierarchy problem, modify the Higgs  $\blacktriangleright$ spectrum without affecting EW precision observables)
		- Top see-saw models

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## **Motivations**

- From a phenomenological point of view, vectorlike fermions have been invoked
	- to explain anomalies in Z-pole observables (VLQ)
	- to resolve the muon g-2 anomaly (VLL which mixes with the muon)  $\psi$
	- to understand values of gauge couplings from IR fixed point behavior  $\psi$
	- as an explanation for the (now defunct) 750 GeV di-gamma resonance
	- ….
- We consider simple scenarios in which a 2HDM is supplemented by a SU(2) singlet or doublet vectorlike lepton (VLL) or quark (VLQ)
	- The main appeal of these models is that it is easy to arrange for large branching ratios of a heavy Higgs into a vectorlike fermion plus SM fermion; thus gaining competitive access to large Higgs and vectorlike fermion masses



## What are vectorlike fermions?

- Left and Right handed chiral components belong to the same SU(3)xSU(2)xU(1) representation.
	- All anomalies automatically cancel
	- Mass terms do not break gauge invariance, implying that the mass of vectorlike fermions is decoupled from the Higgs sector
- The simplest way to think about vectorlike fermions is to add a pair of left-handed fields transforming under the representations  $R$  and  $\bar{R}$  (the latter correspond to the right-handed component)
- Models usually considered in the literature consist of
	- Singlets: *TL,R* and *BL,R*
	- Doublets: *(T B)L,R*, *(X T)L,R* and *(B Y)L,R*  $\mathscr{M}_{\mathscr{P}}$
	- Triplets: *(X T B)L,R* and *(T B Y)L,R*
- The convention is that the field *T* and *B* have charges 2/3 and -1/3, implying that the field X, Y have charges 5/3 and -4/3
- We consider  $T_{L,R}$ ,  $B_{L,R}$  and  $(TQ BQ)_{L,R}$  which transform as  $t_R$ ,  $b_R$  and  $(t_L b_L)$

# A simple model with a handful of parameters

The particle content we consider is:



- The  $Z_2$  assignment has been made to guarantee a 2HDM type-II and avoid tree-level flavor changing neutral currents:
	- $*$  the *SU(2)* singlets  $u_R$  and  $T_{L,R}$  couple only to  $H_u$
	- $\bullet$  the *SU(2)* singlets  $d_R$  and  $B_{L,R}$  couple only to  $H_d$
- Note that the  $Q = (T^Q B^Q)$  and that  $T^Q$  and  $T$  are different particles!

# Vectorlike Quarks

## A simple model with a handful of parameters

• The most general Yukawa and Mass terms are:

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{Mass}}^{\text{VLQ}} = \left[ -y_d^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i d_R^j H_d \right] - \lambda_B^i \bar{q}_L^i B_R H_d - \lambda_Q^j \bar{Q}_L^i d_R^j H_d
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$$
- y_u^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i u_R^j H_u \right] - \kappa_T^i \bar{q}_L^i T_R H_u - \kappa_Q^j \bar{Q}_L^i u_R^j H_u
$$
\nVLQ masses\n
$$
\left[ -M_Q \bar{Q}_L Q_R - M_T \bar{T}_L T_R - M_B \bar{B}_L B_R
$$
\nVLQ Yukawas\n
$$
\left[ -\lambda \bar{Q}_L B_R H_d - \bar{\lambda} H_d^\dagger \bar{B}_L Q_R - \kappa \bar{Q}_L T_R H_u - \bar{\kappa} H_u^\dagger \bar{T}_L Q_R \right] + \text{h.c.}
$$

After EW Symmetry Breaking the mass matrix for the 5 charge 2/3 particles is:

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc} \bar{u}_L^i & \bar{T}_L^Q & \bar{T}_L \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{ccc} y_u^{ij}v_u & 0 & \kappa_T^iv_u \\ \kappa_Q^jv_u & M_Q & \kappa v_u \\ 0 & \bar{\kappa} v_u & M_T \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} u_R^j \\ T_R^Q \\ T_R \end{array}\right)
$$

# A simple model with a handful of parameters

- The <u>vectors</u>  $\kappa^i_T$ and  $\kappa^i_Q$  introduce mixing between the VLQs and the SM fermions
- Strong constraints from atomic parity violation and the  $R_c$  measurement at LEP, essentially confines this mixing to the third generation (hence the notation that we adopted)
- The decoupling of the direct contributions to the VLQ masses ( $M_{T,B,Q}$ ) from the corresponding subleading Yukawa terms,  $(\lambda_Q, \lambda_B) v_d$  and  $(\kappa_Q, \kappa_T) v_u$ , allows to evade bounds from Higgs production (that severely constrains a sequential fourth generation)
- The 3x3 mass matrices for up and down type VLQs are:

$$
M_u = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} y_t v_u & 0 & \kappa_T v_u \\ \kappa_Q v_u & M_Q & \kappa v_u \\ 0 & \bar{\kappa} v_u & M_T \end{array}\right) \quad M_d = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} y_b v_d & 0 & \lambda_B v_d \\ \lambda_Q v_d & M_Q & \lambda v_d \\ 0 & \bar{\lambda} v_d & M_B \end{array}\right)
$$

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- In our notation the 4 vectorlike mass eigenstates are denoted as *t4,5* and *b4,5*
- The parameters  $\kappa, \; \bar\kappa, \; \lambda, \bar\lambda$  control the mixing between the VLQ doublet and singlets: the doublet fraction of the lightest VLQ (*t4* in our case) is an important quantity because it controls its coupling to the W boson.

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**Before switching on mixing terms (** $\lambda$  **and**  $\kappa$  **terms) gauge interactions are diagonal** and controlled by the fermion representations:

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The mixed VLQ-SM Yukawa interactions generate the following mixing:

 $v_u^2$  $T_L^Q$ *<sup>L</sup> tL* At large VLQ masses doublets (singlets) mix only with right (left) handed quarks  $= \kappa_Q y_t$  $M_C^2$ mix only with right (left) handed quarks *Q*  $T^Q_R$  $v_u$ *tR R*  $\kappa_Q$ =  $M_{\bm{Q}}$  $B_L^Q$  $b_L$  $L \rightarrow \infty$   $\approx 0$  $B_R^Q$ *vd bR*  $R \rightarrow \frac{V_R}{V} = \lambda_Q$ =  $M_Q$ *tL*  $v_u$  $T_L$ <sub>*n*</sub>  $=\kappa_T$  $M_{\overline{I_{s}}}$  $v^2_u$  $T_R$ *tR u* =  $M^2_{\mathcal{T}}$ *T*  $v_d$  $b_L$  $B_L$   $b_L$  =  $\lambda_B$ =  $M_B$ *bR*  $\frac{B_R}{\rightarrow} \frac{b_R}{\rightarrow} \approx 0$ 

W-interactions between VLQ and the third generation:

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At large VLQ masses doublets (singlets)

Let's compare the W, Z and h couplings of a doublet/singlet vectorlike top:

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- W and Z interactions are responsible for VLQ decays (e.g.  $t_4 \rightarrow Wb$  and  $t_4 \rightarrow Zt$ ) and EW single production
- Modification of third generation couplings to W and Z. For instance:  $\bullet$

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## Gauge bosons couplings: CKM

- What about flavor changing interactions?
	- As long as the vectorlike fermions couple to the third generation only, there are no induced FCNC (at tree level) amongst the three SM generations
	- The structure of the CKM is modified by mixing with the VLQ quarks:  $\psi$

$$
V_{\text{CKM}}^{\text{eff}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & \alpha_b V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & \alpha_b V_{cb} \\ \alpha_t V_{td} & \alpha_t V_{ts} & \alpha_b \alpha_t V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } \begin{cases} \alpha_t = 1 - \begin{pmatrix} v_u^2 \frac{\kappa_T^2}{2M_T^2} \\ \alpha_b = 1 - \begin{pmatrix} v_d^2 \frac{\kappa_T^2}{2M_T^2} \\ \alpha_b = 1 - \begin{pmatrix} v_d^2 \frac{\lambda_B^2}{2M_B^2} \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}
$$

 $\leq 10^{-2}$ 

- Phenomenological implications:
	- No impact on CKM angles *α*, *β* and *γ*
	- Possible constraints from unitarity  $\psi$
	- Possible enhancements in D mixing and decays:  $\psi$

$$
A(c \to u) \sim \alpha_d^2 V_{cb} V_{ub}^* f(\frac{m_b^2}{m_W^2}) + (V_{cs} V_{us}^* + V_{cd} V_{ud}^*) f(0) \sim V_{cb} V_{ub}^* \left[ \frac{m_b^2}{m_W^2} + (\alpha_d^2 - 1) \right]
$$
  
74.10<sup>-3</sup>  $\approx$  2.10<sup>-2</sup>

Effects in B physics are expected to be small

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## VLQ: Standard production channels

- Pair production: controlled only by the VLQ mass
- Single production: sensitive to mixing with SM fermions. Smaller than pair production but can become dominant (in some scenarios) at large VLQ mass

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- CMS inclusive constraints from T and B pair production 8 TeV data
- Independent of any model parameter (as long as there are only three decay modes)!  $\bullet$
- Remember that singlet and doublet pair production is identical.

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- CMS constraints on single and pair production of VLQs (including 13 TeV data)  $\bullet$
- GB equivalence theorem assumptions on BRs and coupling at 0.5.

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#### Vector-like quark single production

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• ATLAS inclusive constraints from T and  $T^Q$  pair production - 8 TeV data

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ATLAS inclusive constraints from T and  $T^Q$  pair production - 13 TeV data

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Observed 95%

• ATLAS constraints on single  $T$  and  $T^Q$  production (8 and 13 TeV data)

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# VLQ: Higgs mediated channel

We consider the following Higgs-mediated single production topologies:

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- Details of mixing enter only via the *H* and *t4* branching ratios
- Dependence of EW and Higgs-mediated single production on the model parameters are different

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# VLQ: cross sections and backgrounds

- To avoid constraints from the 125GeV Higgs we impose alignment on the 2HDM:  $sin(\beta-\alpha)=1$
- This implies suppressed H couplings to Gauge bosons
- The signal cross section is simply (*gg,bb)*→*H* (VBF is suppressed) and has been generated with SuShi and HiGlu
- The range of the signal cross section is due to *tan(β)*
- In order to be competitive with pair and EW single production we focus on mass spectra for which the *H-t4* splitting is small
- Backgrounds have been estimated using MadGraph 5
- We require only some rough cuts (with signal acceptance larger than 80%):
	- The decay products of the  $t_4$  are required to have  $p_T > m_{t4}/2$  $\langle \psi \rangle$
	- The reconstructed Higgs mass is required to lie in a *100 GeV* window

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## VLQ: cross sections and backgrounds

- The topology of our signal is very similar to a heavy Zʹ: *pp*→*Z*ʹ→*t4t*
- In order to enhance the Z' branching ratio into the VLQ channel, one needs to assume a model in which the Zʹ is leptophilic and restrict the range of masses in such a way to suppress Z<sup>*'→t*4t4</sup>
- $2.6$  fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV) • In the first analysis with 2.3 fb<sup>-1</sup> the impact of the spin of the intermediate resonance was not found to be large, implying that Zʹ search strategies can be trivially extended to *H→t*4t
- Present bounds are [CMS 1703.06352]:

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### Parameter space scan

- The crucial quantities that we need are: *BR(H*→*t4 t)*  $BR(t_4 \rightarrow W b, Z t, h t)$
- We perform a scan over our model  $\bullet$ parameter space:
	- $\tan(\beta) \in [0.3, 50]$
	- $M_Q$   $\in [0.9, 6]$  TeV
	- $M_T$   $\in [0.9, 6]$  TeV

$$
\kappa_Q, \kappa_T, \kappa, \bar{\kappa} \in [-1,1]
$$

$$
\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1
$$

$$
m_{t_5} \qquad \qquad > m_H
$$

- We impose constraints from
	- Direct searches
	- Oblique Corrections (S,T,U)
	- *h*→*γγ*
	- *H*→*γγ*
	- Z-pole observables (*Rb*)
	- $\rightarrow$  *H*→*(WW, ZZ)*

## Parameter space scan: H production

The origin of the large spread in H production cross sections can be simply understood by looking at the top and bottom Higgs couplings:

 where we take  $tth \sim 1 + \frac{\xi}{\tan \theta}$  $\tan(\beta)$ *bbh* $\sim 1 - \xi \tan(\beta)$  $ttH \sim -$ 1  $\frac{1}{\tan(\beta)} + \xi$  $bbH \sim \tan(\beta) + \xi$  $\xi = \cos(\beta - \alpha) = 0$ 

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- We find  $H\rightarrow t_4$  t branching ratios up to 40%
- Branching ratios are essentially independent of the H mass $\bullet$

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- Dominant parameters are  $m_{t4}$  and tan( $\beta$ )
- Mixing is required (of course) but it is not responsible for setting the highest possible branching ratios

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## Parameter space scan: t<sub>4</sub> branching ratios

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- Ellipsoidal shape caused the presence of simultaneous Yukawa couplings for iso-doublet vectorlike quarks
- Dominant constraint is from oblique corrections

## Parameter space scan: EW vs Higgs production

- The ratio of Ht<sub>4</sub>t and Wt<sub>4</sub>b couplings ranges over more than two orders of magnitude, implying that, depending on the parameters, we expect regions of EW/Higgs dominance
- Numerical study in progress  $\bullet$

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# VLQ signatures

- Given the small cross sections it is necessary to avoid the very clean and suppressed Z→II and h→γγ modes, thus focusing on boosted massive jet signatures
- Main properties of the signal are the very large  $p<sub>T</sub>$  of the vectorlike quark decay products and presence of two resonances.
- The signal that we propose is very similar to production of a single VLQ in the decay of a heavy Zʹ
- Models with leptophobic Z' which decays dominantly into a VLQ are quite contrived (need to suppress decays to pair of light fermions and need to kinematically forbid decays to VLQ pair).
- Our main points are that
	- the model we propose is well motivated and very reasonable
	- In presence of vectorlike quarks, heavy Higgses might be accessible exclusively via cascade decays

Vectorlike Leptons

## Vectorlike leptons

Present bounds are very weak (few hundred GeV depending on the decay mode)

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- To avoid enormous lepton flavor violation (e.g. *μ*→*eγ*) we need to preserve generalized lepton number by coupling the VLL to one generation only
- Light VLL (< 200 GeV) allow to resolve the muon g-2 anomaly.

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Most recent flavor anomalies  $(b\rightarrow sll, R(K^{(*)}), R(D^{(*)}))$  point quite decisively to lepton universality violation: VLL mixing with the muon could play a role.

## Vectorlike leptons

- Collider signatures: VLQ vs VLL
	- Pair production of VLL is much smaller than in the VLQ case (EW suppression)  $\psi$
	- Single EW VLL production is absent  $\psi$
	- Single production in heavy Higgs decays are identical. Weak direct constraints on VLL imply much larger production cross sections which allow for searches based on *h*→*γγ* and leptonic Z and W decays.

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## Vectorlike leptons: constraints

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### Vectorlike leptons: the model

The Lagrangians for VLQ and VLL are identical:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

SM mixing in Yukawa interactions VLL masses VLL Yukawas *<sup>L</sup>*VLL Mass <sup>=</sup> *yij* ` ¯`*i L*` *j <sup>R</sup>H<sup>d</sup> <sup>i</sup> E* ¯`*i <sup>L</sup>ERH<sup>d</sup> <sup>j</sup> LL*¯*<sup>i</sup> L*` *j <sup>R</sup>H<sup>d</sup> <sup>i</sup> <sup>N</sup>* ¯`*<sup>i</sup> <sup>L</sup>NRH<sup>u</sup> MLL*¯*LL<sup>R</sup> <sup>M</sup><sup>N</sup> <sup>N</sup>*¯*LN<sup>R</sup> <sup>M</sup>EE*¯*LE<sup>R</sup> L*¯*LERH<sup>d</sup>* ¯*H† <sup>d</sup>E*¯*LL<sup>R</sup> L*¯*LNRH<sup>u</sup>* ¯*H† <sup>u</sup>N*¯*LL<sup>R</sup>* + h*.*c*.*

Mixing patterns in absence of doublet/singlet mixing and right-handed neutrino:

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### Vectorlike leptons: the model

W interactions between VLL and one generation of SM leptons:

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*e4*→*Wν* absent for purely doublet VLQ

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## Vectorlike leptons: constraints and parameter scan

We perform a scan over our model parameter space:

 $\tan(\beta) \in [0.3, 3]$  $M_{L,N,E}$   $\in$  [100*,* 500] GeV  $\kappa_N, \kappa, \bar{\kappa} \in [-1, 1]$  $\lambda_L, \lambda_E, \lambda, \overline{\lambda} \in [-1, 1]$  $\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1$ 

- **We impose constraints from** 
	- $\triangleleft$  LEP bound (m<sub>e4</sub>  $>$  105 GeV)
	- Oblique Corrections (S,T,U)
	- *h*→*γγ*
	- *H*→*γγ*
	- *H*→*WW*
	- muon lifetime
	- Z-pole observables (partial width to μμ, invisible width, Forwardbackward asymmetry, Left-right asymmetry)
	- Constraints from multilepton searches at LHC

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## Vectorlike leptons: H branching ratios

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## Vectorlike leptons: H branching ratios

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### Vectorlike leptons: VLL branching ratios

#### $\odot$  Impact of multilepton constraints

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## A case study: *hμμ*→*(γγ,bb)μμ*

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- $\bullet$  Cross sections for  $m_H = 200$  GeV,  $tan(\beta)=1$ ,  $BR(H\rightarrow h\mu\mu) = BR(H\rightarrow e_4\mu \rightarrow h\mu\mu) = 0.5$
- Existing searches require a *Z*→*μμ:*
	- *A*→*hZ*→*bbμμ* [ATLAS 1503.08089]
	- *hlX*→*γγlX* [ATLAS 1407.4222]
	- *Zγγ*→*llγγ* [ATLAS 1604.05232]
- Simple improvements can enhance the sensitivity:
	- off-Z cut,  $|m_{\mu\mu}-M_Z|>15\text{ GeV}$ , to suppress Z+jets, ZZ, hZ backgrounds
	- missing energy cut to suppress tt and hit backgrounds

Present searches (not optimized) already constrain the parameter space!

![](_page_42_Figure_2.jpeg)

## A case study: *hμμ*→*(γγ,bb)μμ*

Expected constraints from dedicated reanalysis of existing and future data:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

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Due to the extremely low background to the di-photon searches, higher  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ luminosity favors the bb channel.

## A case study: *hμμ*→*(γγ,bb)μμ* at large *mH*

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- *H*→*tt* dominates at small *tan(β)*
- *H*→*bb* dominates at large *tan(β)*
- $\bullet$  *H*→*e<sub>4</sub>μ* can dominate for *4* <  $tan(β)$  < 17

### Vectorlike leptons: other signatures

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## **Conclusions**

- A second Higgs doublet (with alignment) and vectorlike fermions are amongst the most straightforward extensions of the SM and appear in many BSM models.
- Vectorlike fermions have been invoked to solve several phenomenological issues (unification, muon g-2, flavor anomalies, …)
- Vectorlike Quarks standard productions mechanisms (QCD pair production and EW single production) are supplemented by production in Higgs decays
- Higgs mediated production cross sections can be large and yields promising channels to discover heavy Higgses and VLQ
- Vectorlike Leptons are allowed to be much lighter, have smaller pair production cross sections and no EW single production: Higgs mediated production is, therefore, extremely advantageous yielding a large number of novel signatures
- For both VLQ and VLL we explored the allowed parameter space and discussed novel signatures