

A universally enhanced light-quarks Yukawa couplings paradigm (A UEHiggsY paradigm)

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Based on:
[arxiv: 1804.02400, SBS & Amarjit Soni \(PRD 2018\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.02400)



Outline

- Light quark Yukawa enhancement (**UEHiggsY**):
the case of $Y_q(q=u,d,s,c) \sim O(Y_b^{SM}) \dots$
what's so special about $Y_q \sim O(Y_b^{SM}) ? \dots$
& is this excluded ? \Rightarrow CONSTRAINTS \Rightarrow NO!
- Can it (the UEHiggsY) be **NATURALLY** realized
in BSM scenarios? **YES!**
 - EFT description ✓
 - BSM physics with TeV-scale vector-like quarks ✓
- Can it be detected? \Rightarrow "SMOKING GUN" signals \Rightarrow **YES!**
- **Summary & outlook (LHC sensitivities)**

Why UEHiggsY ?

- Natural & “conventional” TeV-scale NP
can generate enhanced light-quarks Yukawa of $O(Y_b^{SM})$
 - Natural: having $O(1)$ couplings to the SM-fields
 - Conventional: heavy vector-like quarks, heavy scalars ...
 \Rightarrow building blocks of many BSM constructions ...
- $Y_q(q=u,d,s,c) \sim O(Y_b^{SM})$ not excluded !



Any sign of these couplings being significantly enhanced w.r.t SM will undermine the SM prediction:

$$y_f \propto m_f/v$$

Besides, light quarks Yukawa may play an important role in BSM physics:

Partially composite 1st-2nd gen quarks: enhanced Yukawa's from mixing with the strong dynamics (mixing with heavy VLQ ...)

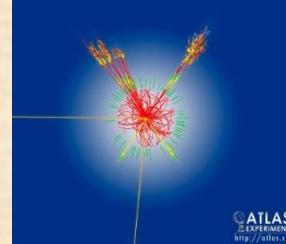
Delaunay, Grojean, Perez, JHEP2013 (arXiv:1303.5701);

Delaunay, Flacke, Gonzalez-Fraile, Lee, Panico, Perez, JHEP2014 (arXiv:1311.2072)

Modified Y_q may have important implications for Higgs portal DM pheno (DM annihilation altered ...)

Bishara, Brod, Uttayarat, Zupan, JHEP2016 (arXiv:1504.04022)

What do we currently know? **CONSTRAINTS ...**



- Sensitivity to light-quarks Yukawa:
mostly constrained by 125 GeV Higgs signals:

$$\mu^F = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow F)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow F)_{SM}}$$

-Currently, rather weak bounds on 1st & 2nd generations Yukawa's:

- $F = bb, \tau\tau, ZZ^*, WW^*, \gamma\gamma$
 $F = hV \rightarrow bbV$ ($V=W, Z$)

Consistent with $y_q \sim O(y_b^{SM})$ @ 1-2 σ
($q=u,d,s,c,b$)

(SBS & Amarjit Soni, arxiv:1804.02400)

-Also from Higgs p_T distribution & rare Higgs decays :

Kagan, Perez, Petriello, Soreq, Stoynev, Zupan, PRL2015 (arXiv:1406.1722); Perez, Soreq, Stamou, Tobioka, PRD2015 (arXiv:1503.00290); Soreq, Zhu, Zupan, JHEP2016 (arXiv:1606.09621); Bishara, Haisch, Monni, Re, PRL2017 (arXiv:1606.09253); Bonner, Logan arXiv:1608.04376; F. Yu, JHEP2017 (arXiv:1609.06592)

The UEHiggsY setup: an EFT description

dim.6 EFT operators that can generate non-SM Yukawa-like terms:

$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_{qH} = \frac{H^\dagger H}{\Lambda^2} \cdot \left(f_{uH} \bar{q}_L \tilde{H} u_R + f_{dH} \bar{q}_L H d_R \right) + h.c.$$

+ dim.4 SM Yukawa's:

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM}^Y = -Y_u \bar{q}_L \tilde{H} u_R - Y_d \bar{q}_L H d_R + h.c.$$

⇒ modified Yukawa couplings

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Light quarks Yukawa couplings of the size of the b-quark Yukawa
are the natural choice for TeV-scale NP !!!

Two Potential “problems”

fine-tuning

$$m_q \ll m_b \text{ with } y_q \sim \mathcal{O}(y_b^{SM})$$

flavor

Yukawa couplings & Wilson coefficients cannot be simultaneously diagonalized

Giving e.g.

$$y_d^{12} = y(\bar{d}sh) \sim \frac{\varepsilon \hat{f}_{dH}^{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \sim \mathcal{O}(y_b^{SM})$$

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- u-quark mass & Yukawa coupling:

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- The fine-tuned solution:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_u &= -\frac{y_b^{SM}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(1 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{m_u}{m_b} \right) \\ \epsilon f_{uH} &= -\sqrt{2} y_b^{SM} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{m_u}{m_b} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\Lambda \sim O(1 \text{ TeV})} f_{uH} \sim O(1)$$

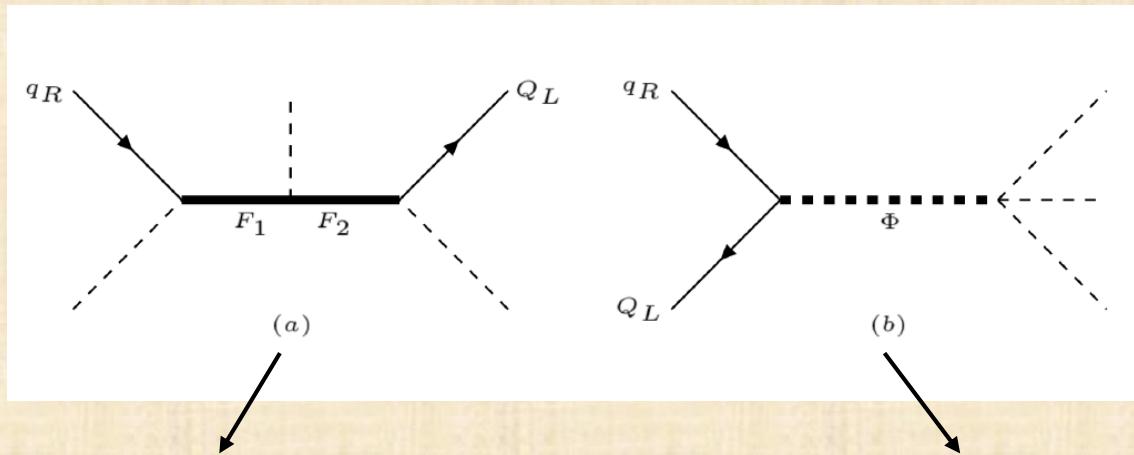
with a natural Wilson coefficient !

$$\text{fine-tuning} \sim \frac{m_u}{m_b} \sim 10^{-3} \Rightarrow O(0.1\%) \text{ technical fine-tuning}$$

In fact, not worst than the flavor fine-tuning problem in the SM – the small off-diagonal CKM elements ...

Flavor in the UEHiggsY paradigm: Underlying physics ...

- The effective UEHiggsY dim 6 ops can be generated by various types of heavy underlying NP (that couples to the SM fields):



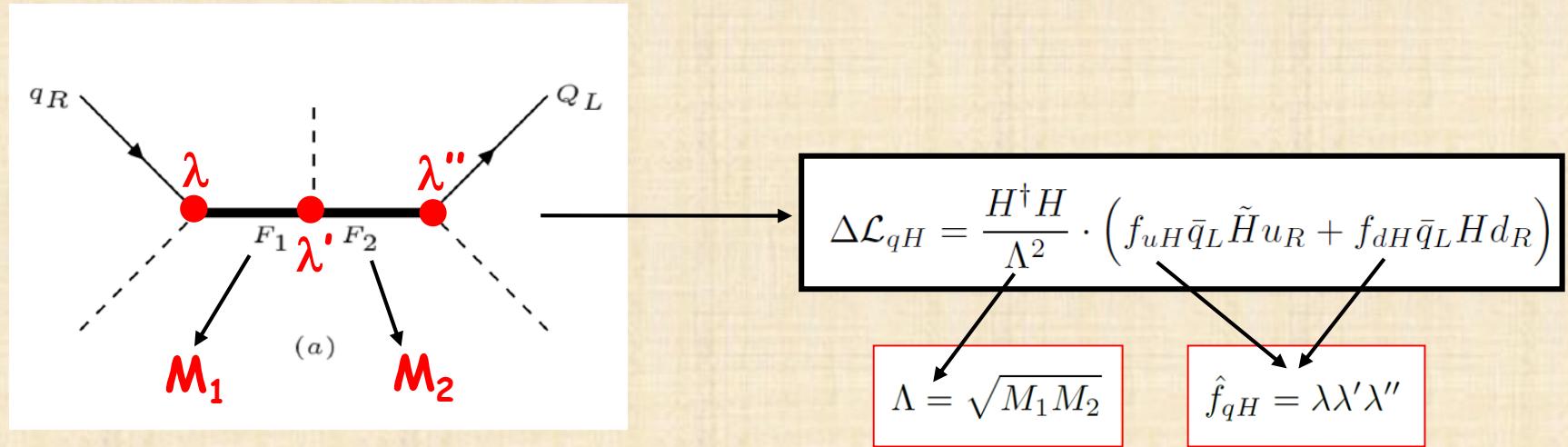
Heavy Vector-like quarks
(VLQ) F_1 & F_2

Heavy scalars Φ

\downarrow
 $(F_1, F_2) = (\text{doublet, singlet})$
and/or
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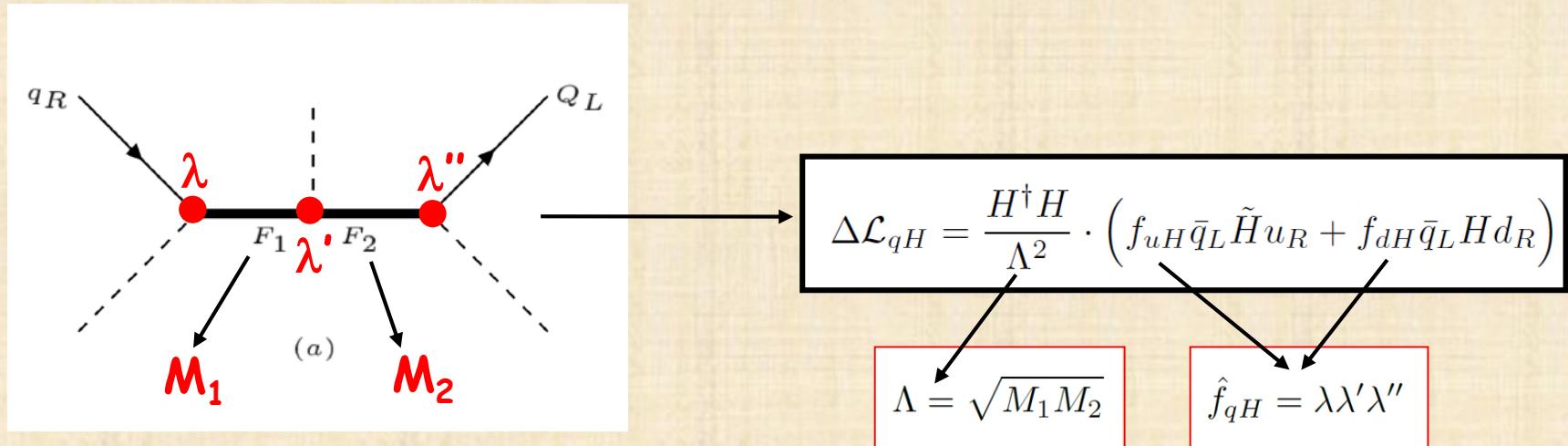
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- If VLQ have masses $M = M_1 \sim M_2 \sim O(1)$ TeV and natural couplings $\lambda \sim O(1)$, then Yukawa couplings of all light-quarks are enhanced, with a typical size of the b-quark Yukawa:

But,
also generates potentially “dangerous”
 $q_i q_j h$ FCNC: $y_q^{ij} \sim O(y_b^{SM}) \dots$

$$y_q^{ij} \sim \frac{v^2}{M^2} (\lambda \lambda' \lambda'')^{ij} \xrightarrow[M \sim 1.5 \text{ TeV}]{\lambda \sim \mathcal{O}(1)} y_b^{SM}$$

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e.g., the SM-like VLQ (singlet,doublet) case: $Q_i = (U, D)_i$, U_i , D_i

$$Q = (3, 2, 1/6) , U = (3, 1, 2/3) , D = (3, 1, -1/3)$$

with a Z_3 flavor symmetry:

$$\psi^k \rightarrow e^{i\alpha(\psi^k)\tau_3} , \tau_3 \equiv \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$\psi = q_L, u_R, d_R, Q_L, U_R, D_R$ & $\alpha(\psi^k)$ are the Z_3 charges of ψ^k

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More interesting examples of allowed Z_3 symmetries with non-diagonal textures:

Z_3 symmetry 1: $\alpha(q_L^k) = \alpha(u_R^k) = \alpha(d_R^k) = (1, 2, 3)$, $\alpha(Q_L^k) = \alpha(D_R^k) = (1, 2, 0)$, $\alpha(U_R^k) = (1, 2, 1)$

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No tree-level FCNC

tree – level
 $\bar{u}_L t_R h$ FC coupling
(no FCNC elsewhere ...)

signals of the UEHiggsY paradigm



Notation & BR's in the UEHiggsY framework

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For $h \rightarrow ff$, $f = b, \tau, \gamma, W, Z$ - ratio of BR's :

$$\mu_{UEHiggsY}^{decay} \equiv \frac{BR(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})_{UEHiggsY}}{BR(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})_{SM}} = \frac{1}{1 + 4\kappa_q^2 BR(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})_{SM}} \sim 0.3$$

$$\kappa_q \equiv \frac{y_q}{y_b^{SM}} \rightarrow 1$$

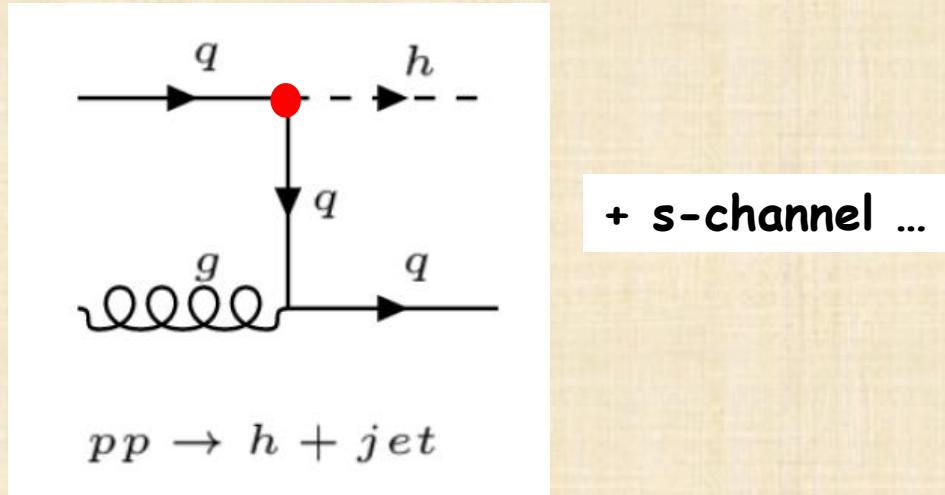
⇒ For **n Higgs bosons** in the final state & including the Higgs decays $h \rightarrow ff$:

$$R_{F(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})} = R_{F(h)} \cdot \left(\mu_{UEHiggsY}^{decay} \right)^n \sim 0.3^n \cdot R_{F(h)}$$



Single Higgs (high p_T) production

Higgs + high p_T jet : $pp \rightarrow h+j$



(J. Cohen, SBS, G. Eilam, A. Soni, PRD2018 arxiv:1705.09295)

see also: Soreq, Zhu, Zupan, JHEP2016 (arXiv:1606.09621); Bishara, Haisch, Monni, Re, PRL2017 (arXiv:1606.09253); Bonner, Logan, arXiv:1608.04376

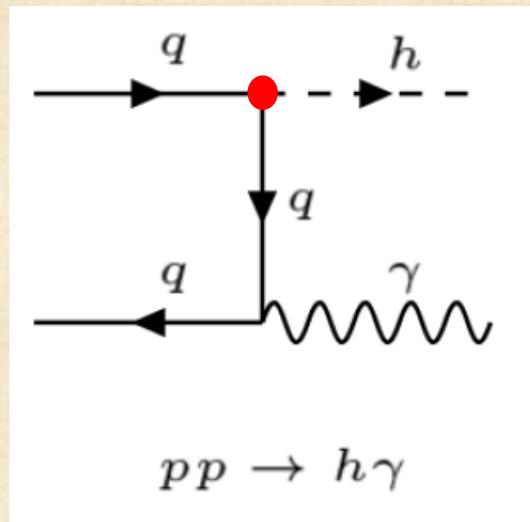
$$R_{hj \rightarrow f\bar{f}j} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}(pp \rightarrow hj \rightarrow f\bar{f} + j)}{\hat{\sigma}(pp \rightarrow hj \rightarrow f\bar{f} + j)_{SM}} \xrightarrow{y_q \sim y_b^{SM}} R_{hj \rightarrow f\bar{f}j} \sim 0.3 - 0.4$$

$p_T(h) > 200 \text{ GeV}$

$f = b, \tau, \gamma, W, Z$

For more studies of NP in $pp \rightarrow h+j$, see: Brein, Hollik, PRD2003 (hep-ph/0305321); Dittmaier, Kramer, Spira, PRD2004 (hep-ph/0309204); Dawson, Jackson, Reina, Wackerlo, PRD2004 (hep-ph/0311067) + PRL2005 (hep-ph/0408077) + MPL2006 (hep-ph/0508293); Campbell, hep-ph/0405302; Banfi, Martin, Sanz, JHEP2014 (arxiv:1308.4771); Grojean, Salvioni, Schlaffer, Weiler, JHEP2014 (arxiv:1312.3317); Ghosh, Wienbusch, PRD2015 (arxiv:1411.2029); Dawson, Lewis, Zeng, PRD2014 (arxiv:1409.6299); Harlander, Neumann, PRD2013 (arxiv:1308.2225); Bramante, Delgado, Lehman, Martin, PRD2016 (arxiv:1410.2484).

Higgs + high p_T photon : $pp \rightarrow h + \gamma$



+ crossed ...

SM:

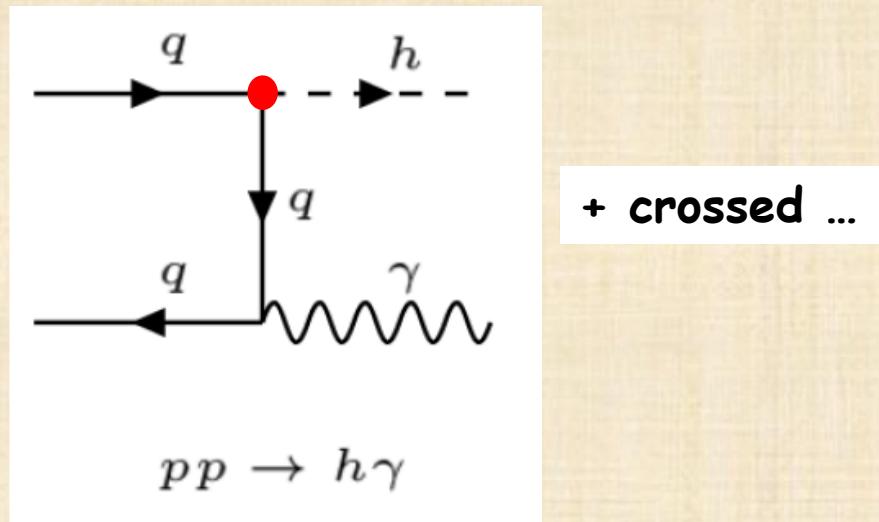
- tree-level: $cc, bb \rightarrow h\gamma \Rightarrow \sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow h\gamma) \sim O(0.1 \text{ fb})$ [$p_T(\gamma) > 30 \text{ GeV}$]
- No $gg \rightarrow h\gamma$ (Furry's theorem)
- SM inclusive $h\gamma$ production @ 13TeV LHC:

$$\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow h\gamma + j, h\gamma + W/Z, h\gamma + tt, h\gamma + t + j) \sim O(1 \text{ fb})$$

$$\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow h\gamma + 2j) \sim O(20 \text{ fb})$$

Gabrielli, Mele, Piccinini, Pittau, JHEP2016 (arxiv:1601.03635);
 Gabrielli, Maltoni, Mele, Moretti, Piccinini, Pittau, NPB2007, (hep-ph/0702119)

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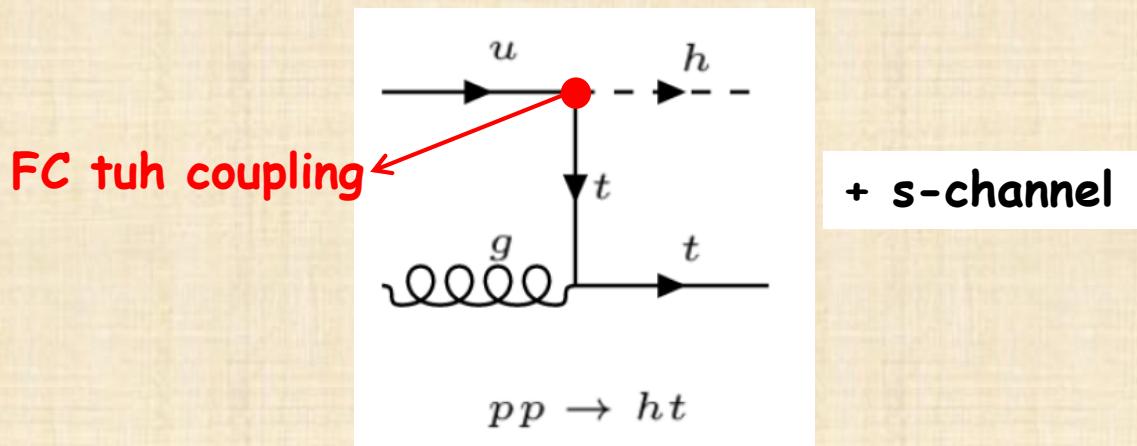
- tree-level: $qq \rightarrow h\gamma \Rightarrow \sigma(pp \rightarrow h\gamma) \sim O(1000 \text{ fb})$ [$p_T(\gamma) > 30 \text{ GeV}$]
(80% from $uu \rightarrow h\gamma$)

⇒ For the exclusive $\sigma(pp \rightarrow h\gamma \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma, \tau\tau\gamma, \gamma\gamma\gamma)$ a factor of ~ 3000 enhancement:

$$R_{h\gamma \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma/\tau\tau\gamma/\gamma\gamma\gamma} \equiv \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow h\gamma \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma/\tau^+\tau^-\gamma/\gamma\gamma\gamma)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow h\gamma \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma/\tau^+\tau^-\gamma/\gamma\gamma\gamma)_{SM}} \sim 10000 \times 0.3 \sim 3000$$

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SM tree-level Higgs+top production channels:

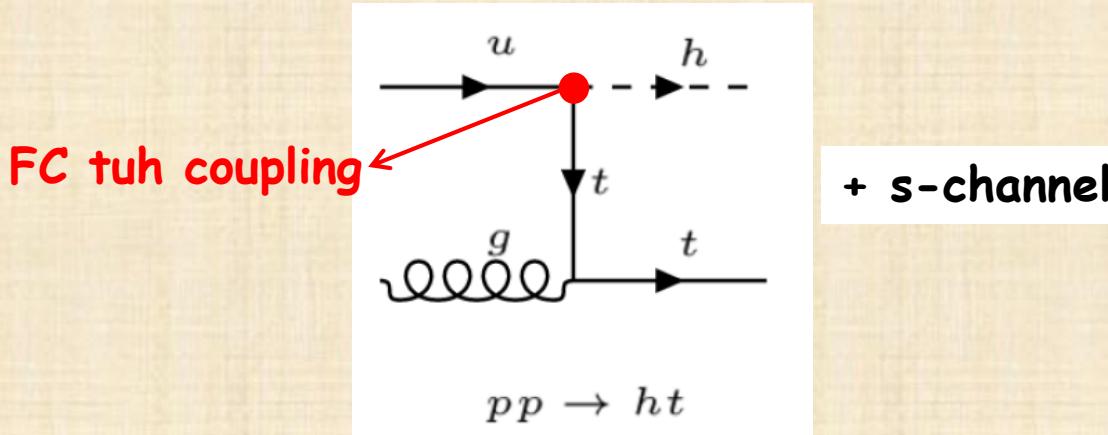
- $bW \rightarrow ht + \text{jet}$ (the dominant t-channel hard process)
 - * $\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow ht + \text{jet}) \sim 75 \text{ fb (LO)}$ (sensitive to the sign of the htt Yukawa coupling ...)

- $qq' \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow ht + b\text{-jet}$ (sub-dominant s-channel hard process)
 - * $\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow ht + b\text{-jet}) \sim \sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow ht + \text{jet})/25 \sim 3 \text{ fb (LO)}$

exclusive $pp \rightarrow ht (+h.c.) \propto$ vanishingly small 1-loop tuh/tch couplings ...

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UEHiggsY framework:

$$\mathcal{L}_{tuh} = \xi_{tu} \bar{t} u h + h.c. , \quad \xi_{tu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \hat{f}_{uH}^{13}$$

$$\hat{f}_{uH}^{13} \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \quad \& \quad \Lambda \sim 1.5 \text{ TeV}$$

$$y_b^{SM}$$

- Isolating the exclusive $ht + h.c.$ rates:
- Also, different asymmetric production rates $h+t$ vs. $h+t(\bar{b})$ than in SM ...

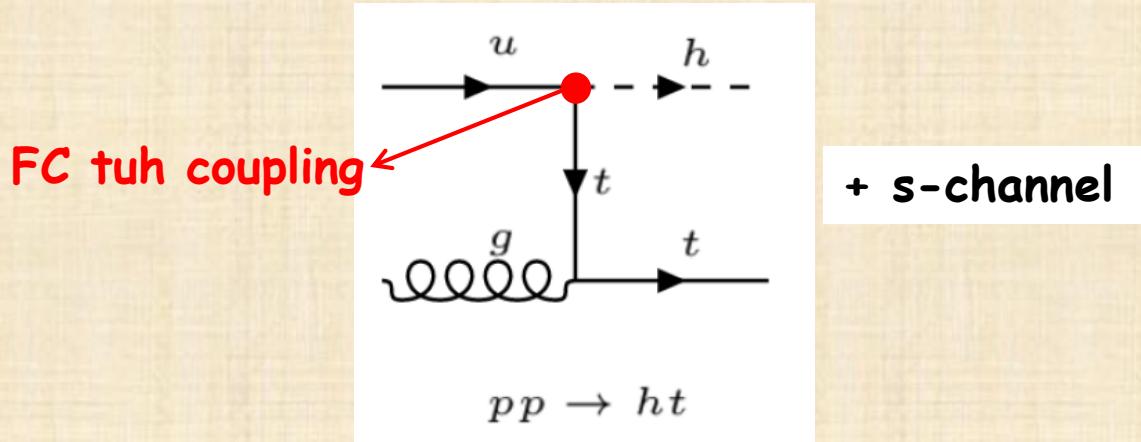
$$R_{th/thj} \equiv \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow th)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow th + j)_{SM}} \sim 2$$

$$\bar{R}_{\bar{t}h/\bar{t}hj} \equiv \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \bar{t}h)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \bar{t}h + j)_{SM}} \sim 0.8$$

in the SM: $R_{th/thj}, \bar{R}_{\bar{t}h/\bar{t}hj} \rightarrow 0$

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- Current sensitivity from CMS recent dedicated search for the exclusive single top + Higgs signal:

A.M. Sirunyan et al, CMS collab. , arxiv:1712.02399

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow th + \bar{t}h) \lesssim 16 \times \sigma(pp \rightarrow th + \bar{t}h)_{UEHiggsY}$$

- Current best direct bound by ATLAS (from $t \rightarrow uh, ch$):

M. Aaboud et al, CMS collab. , arxiv:1707.01404



Still “room” for the UEHiggsY:

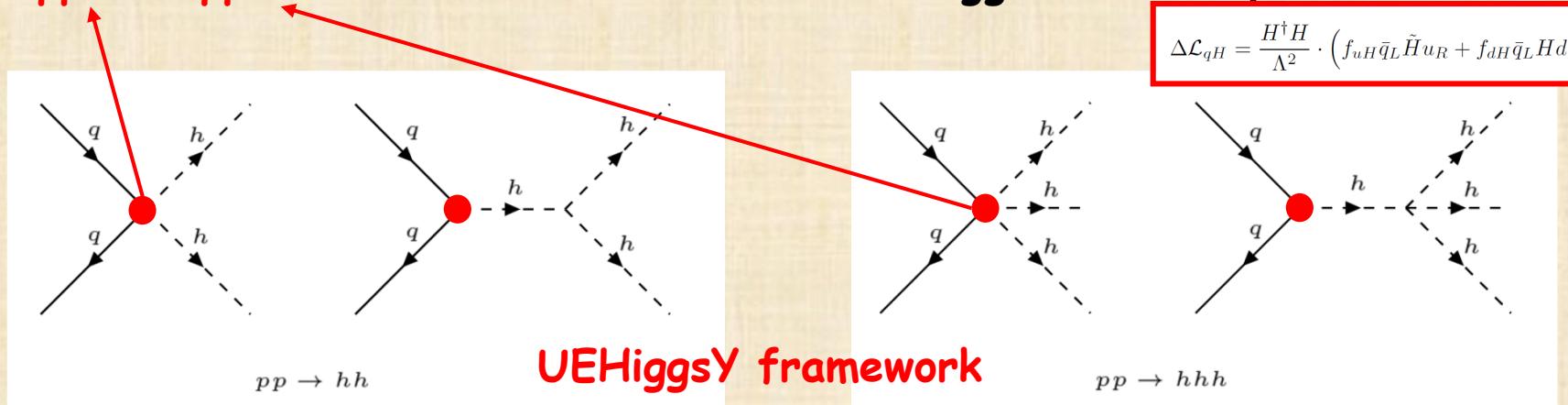
$$\xi_{tu/tc} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \hat{f}_{uH}^{13/23} \lesssim 3y_b^{SM}$$



Multi Higgs production

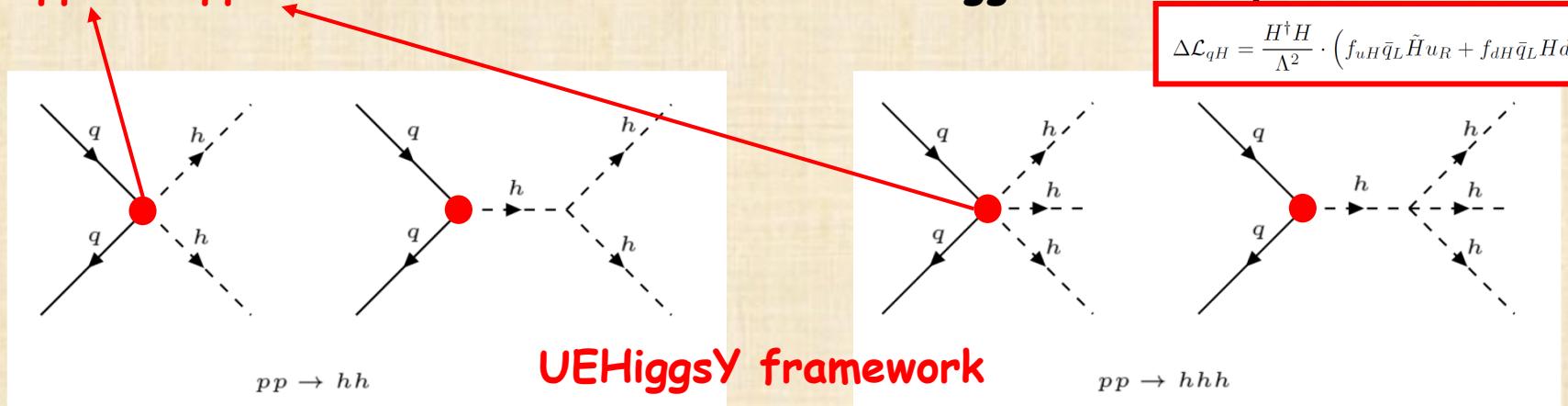
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$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow hh)_{UEHiggsY} \sim 1.5 [pb]$$

$$R_{hh} \equiv \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hh)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hh)_{SM}} \sim 100$$

$$R_{hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}/b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma} \sim 0.3^2 \cdot R_{hh} \sim 10$$

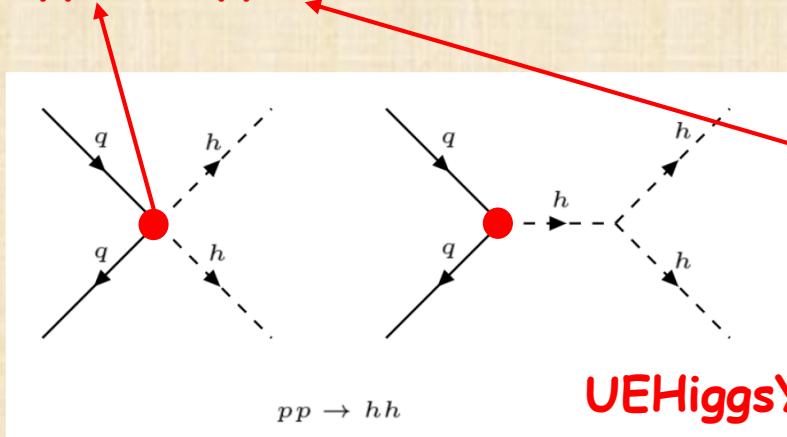
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh)_{UEHiggsY} \sim 10 [fb]$$

$$R_{hhh} \equiv \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh)_{SM}} \sim 300$$

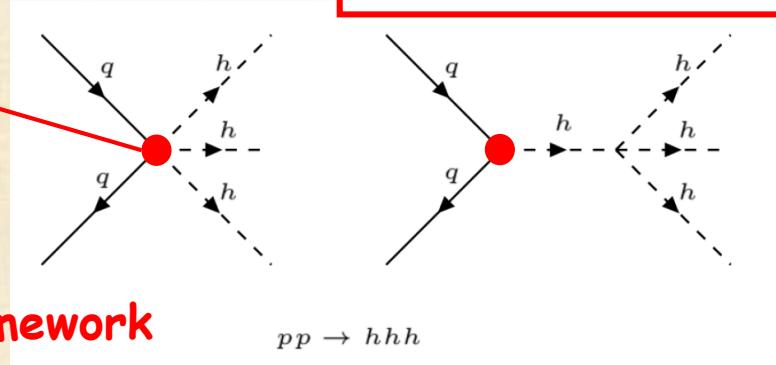
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$$R_{hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}/b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma} \sim 0.3^2 \cdot R_{hh} \sim 10$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh)_{UEHiggsY} \sim 10 [fb]$$

$$R_{hhh} \equiv \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh)_{SM}} \sim 300$$

$$R_{hhh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}b\bar{b}} \sim 0.3^3 \cdot R_{hhh} \sim 10$$

hh prod. current bounds:

$$R_{hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma} \lesssim 20 \text{ (CMS)}$$

$$R_{hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}} \lesssim 30 \text{ (ATLAS)}$$

hhh prod. CSX probably too small:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}b\bar{b}) \sim 60 [\text{ab}]$$



- Light quarks Yukawa couplings of the size of the b-quark Yukawa **are the natural choice** for TeV-scale NP
 - useful EFT parameterizations of the NP ...
- This scenario is naturally realized with new heavy TeV-scale Vector-like-quarks (VLQ) and/or scalars that have **O(1)** couplings with the SM fields
- “smoking gun” signals are expected @ the LHC in exclusive single high- p_T Higgs production

$pp \rightarrow h + \gamma$, $h + j$, $h + \text{top}$

as well as in multi-Higgs production

$pp \rightarrow hh$, hhh



LHC signals: expectations/predictions of the UEHiggsY framework & current search status

| $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV (RUN2)}$ | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Higgs signal | SM prediction | our UEHiggsY prediction | Current limit/sensitivity |
| $R_{hV \rightarrow b\bar{b}V} = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hV \rightarrow b\bar{b}V)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hV \rightarrow b\bar{b}V)_{SM}}$ $V = Z, W$ | 1 | ~ 0.33 | $\sim 0.9 \pm 0.3$ (ATLAS [30]) $\sim 1.06 \pm 0.3$ (CMS [31]) |
| $R_{hj \rightarrow f\bar{f}j} = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hj \rightarrow f\bar{f} + j)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hj \rightarrow f\bar{f} + j)_{SM}}$ $f = b, \tau, \gamma, Z, W$ $p_T(h) > 200 \text{ GeV}$ | 1 | $\sim 0.3 - 0.4$ | None |
| $\sigma(pp \rightarrow h\gamma)$ $p_T(\gamma) > 30 \text{ GeV}$ | $\sim 0.1 \text{ [fb]}$ | $\sim 1.25 \text{ [pb]}$ | None |
| $\sigma(pp \rightarrow ht)$ | ~ 0 | $\sim 100 \text{ [fb]}$ | $\lesssim 1.5 \text{ [pb]}$ (CMS [50]) |
| $R_{hh} = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hh)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hh)_{SM}}$ | 1 | ~ 100 | None |
| $R_{hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}$ | 1 | ~ 10 | $\lesssim 19$ (CMS [43]) |
| $R_{hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}}$ | 1 | ~ 10 | $\lesssim 29$ (ATLAS [44]) |
| $R_{hhh} = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhh)_{SM}}$ | 1 | ~ 300 | None |
| $R_{hhh \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}b\bar{b}}$ | 1 | ~ 10 | None |

backups

UEHiggsY paradigm: Underlying physics and flavor

- Assume VLQ are in their mass basis: $M_F(\bar{F}_L F_R + \bar{F}_R F_L)$
- With: $M_{F=Q,U,D} \sim 1 - 2 \text{ TeV}$ (typical bounds: $M_F > 1-1.5 \text{ TeV}$, depending on their mixing with SM quarks and on their decay pattern)
- In general, VLQ will also have Yukawa-like couplings:

Pure VLQ Yukawa-like couplings in the underlying theory:

$$-\mathcal{L}_V^Y = \hat{\lambda}_{QU} \bar{Q}_L \tilde{\phi} U_R + \hat{\lambda}_{QD} \bar{Q}_L \phi D_R + h.c. ,$$

Yukawa-like interactions - mixing VLQ with SM-quarks:

In general: all $\hat{\lambda}_{QU,QD,Uq,Dq,Qu,Qd}$ are
3X3 matrices in VLQ-SM flavor space

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{L}_{Vq}^Y = & \hat{\lambda}_{Uq} \bar{q}_L \tilde{\phi} U_R + \hat{\lambda}_{Dq} \bar{q}_L \phi D_R , \\ & + \hat{\lambda}_{Qu} \bar{Q}_L \tilde{\phi} u_R + \hat{\lambda}_{Qd} \bar{Q}_L \phi d_R + h.c. \end{aligned}$$

The dim.6 effective operators are generated with:

35 $\Delta \mathcal{L}_{qH} = \frac{H^\dagger H}{\Lambda^2} \cdot (f_{uH} \bar{q}_L \tilde{H} u_R + f_{dH} \bar{q}_L H d_R)$

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$\hat{f}_{uH} = \hat{\lambda}_{Uq} \hat{\lambda}_{QU}^\dagger \hat{\lambda}_{Qu} , \quad \Lambda = \sqrt{M_U M_Q}$
 $\hat{f}_{dH} = \hat{\lambda}_{Dq} \hat{\lambda}_{QD}^\dagger \hat{\lambda}_{Qd} , \quad \Lambda = \sqrt{M_D M_Q}$



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UEHiggsY paradigm: Underlying physics and flavor

- Taking care of flavor:

FCNC in down-quark sector and among 1st & 2nd generation up-quark sector are severely constrained, typically:

$$y_d^{12,21} \leq 10^{-5}, y_d^{13,31,23,32} \leq 10^{-4}, y_u^{12,21} \leq 10^{-5}$$

⇒ Any viable underlying UV completion of the SM should have a mechanism which strongly suppresses (or forbids) the Higgs mediated FCNF couplings:

⇒ in our TeV-scale VLQ case: $f_{dH}^{i \neq j}, f_{uH}^{12,21} \leq 10^{-4}$!

e.g., consider a simple/minimal Z_3 flavor symmetry:

$$\psi^k \rightarrow e^{i\alpha(\psi^k)\tau_3}, \tau_3 \equiv \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$\psi = q_L, u_R, d_R, Q_L, U_R, D_R$ & $\alpha(\psi^k)$ are the Z_3 charges of ψ^k