

# Three-boson signals of a three-brane world

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# General Motivation: Away from the first attempts

- Naturalness as a guiding principle is under question. Many of the favorite BSM frameworks are increasingly fine-tuned.
- Are there plausible extensions of BSM scenarios that are consistent with observations and still meaningful phenomenologically?

## RS models

Focus on this specific framework, but many considerations are model independent.

**Flavor + CP + EWPT**



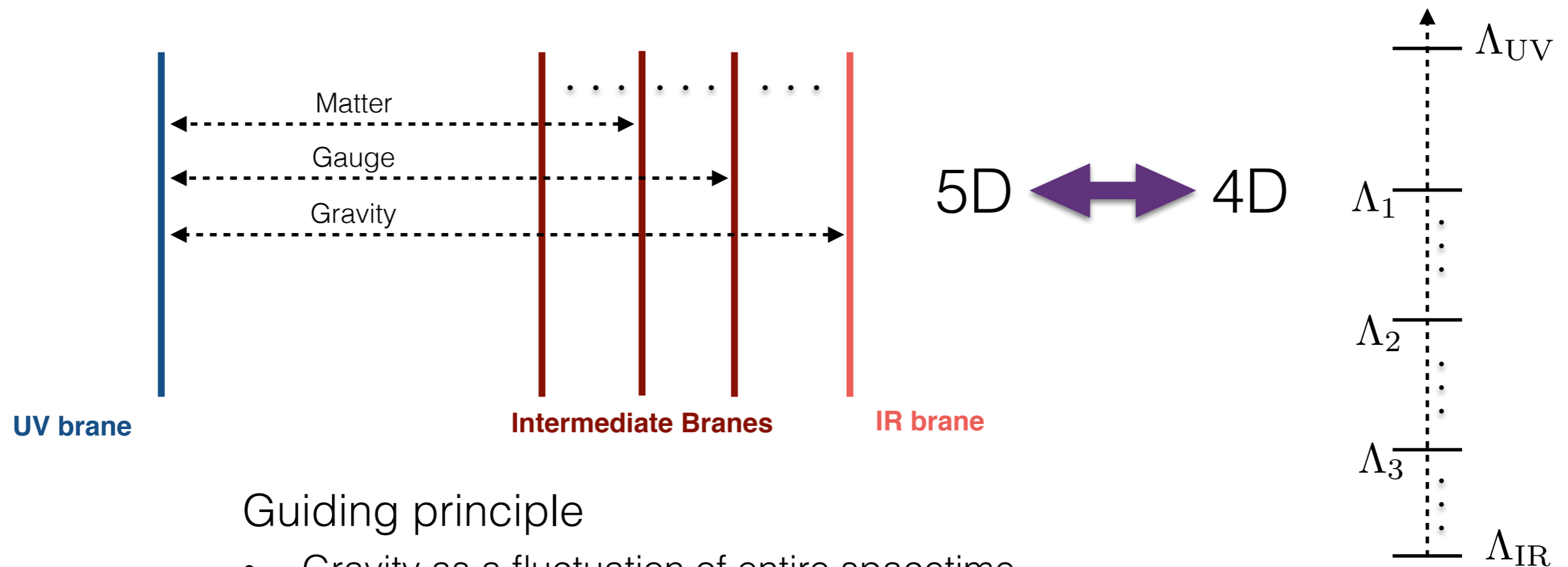
$$m_{\text{KK}} \gtrsim 20 \text{ TeV}$$

**Little hierarchy problem  
is not so little anymore.**

# Extended RS

Agashe, Du, Hong, Sundrum JHEP 1701 (2017) 016

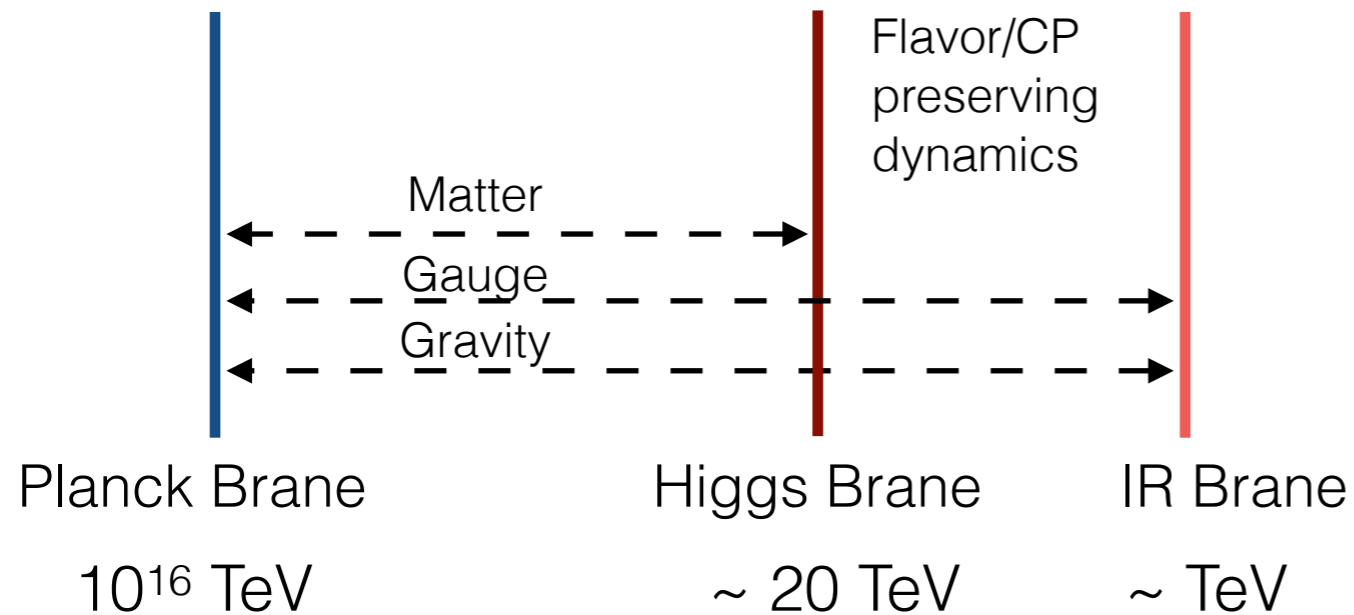
- General Framework: the IR structure modeled by multiple IR branes.
- Bulk fields can propagate different amounts in the bulk.



## Guiding principle

- Gravity as a fluctuation of entire spacetime
- Matter can radiate gauge bosons

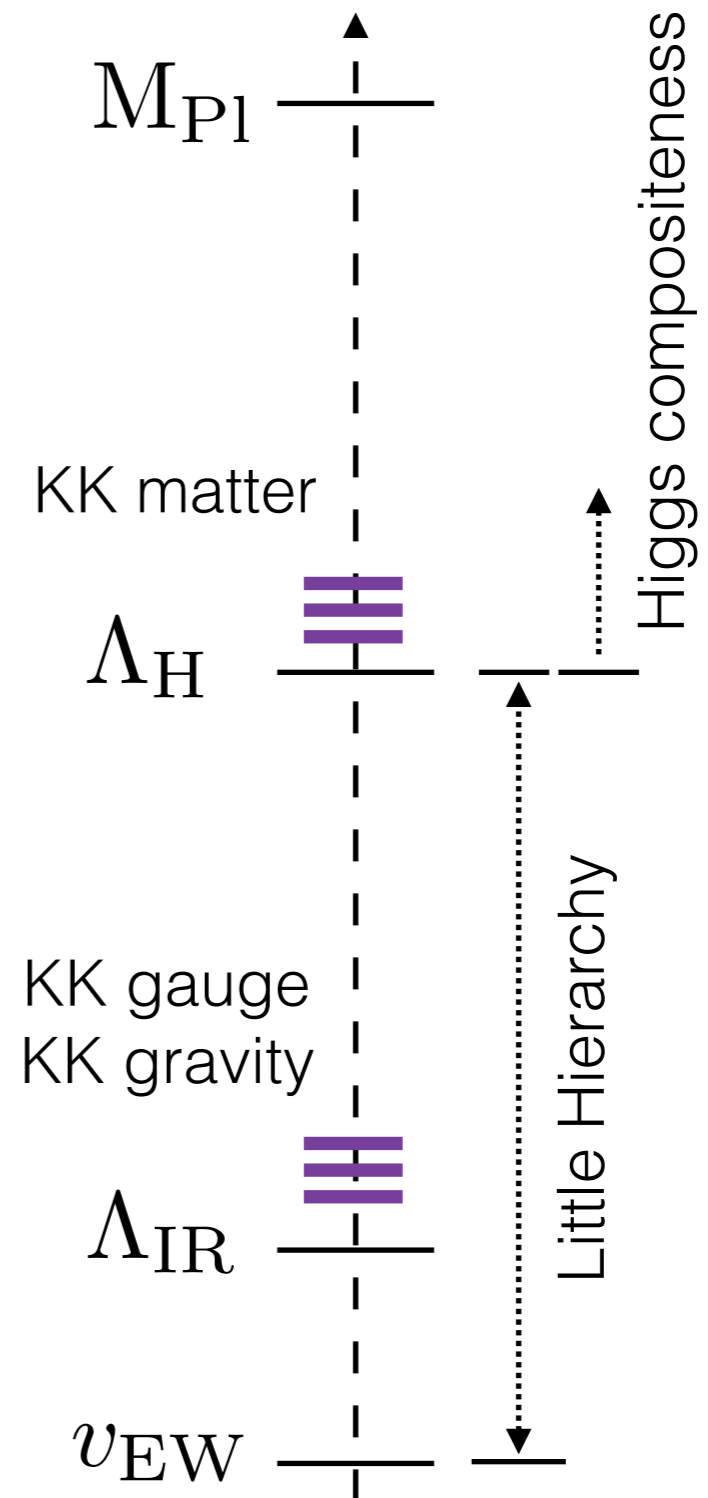
# Simplest scenario: 1 intermediate brane



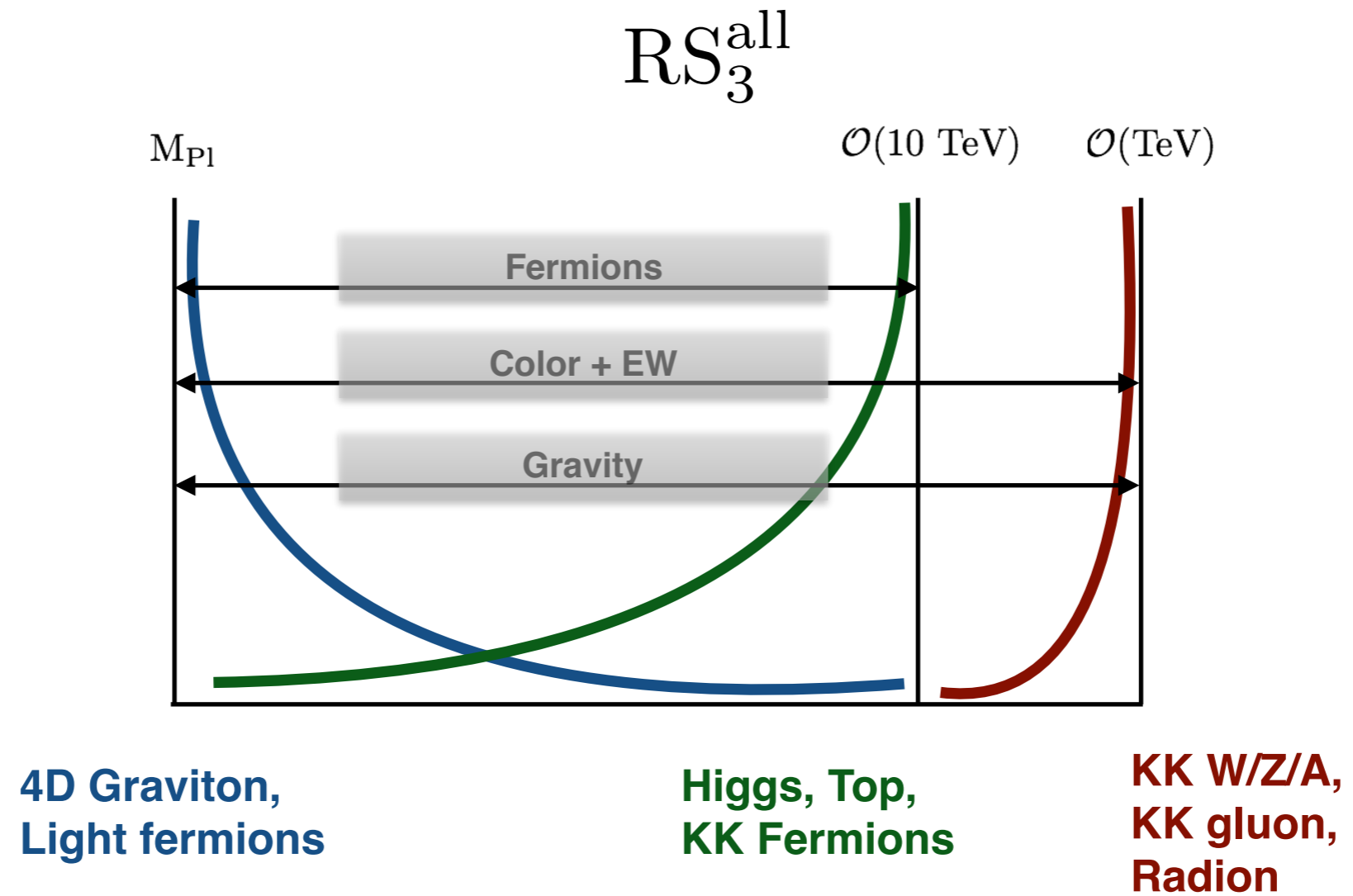
## Still many possibilities!

(will need varying levels of sophistication)

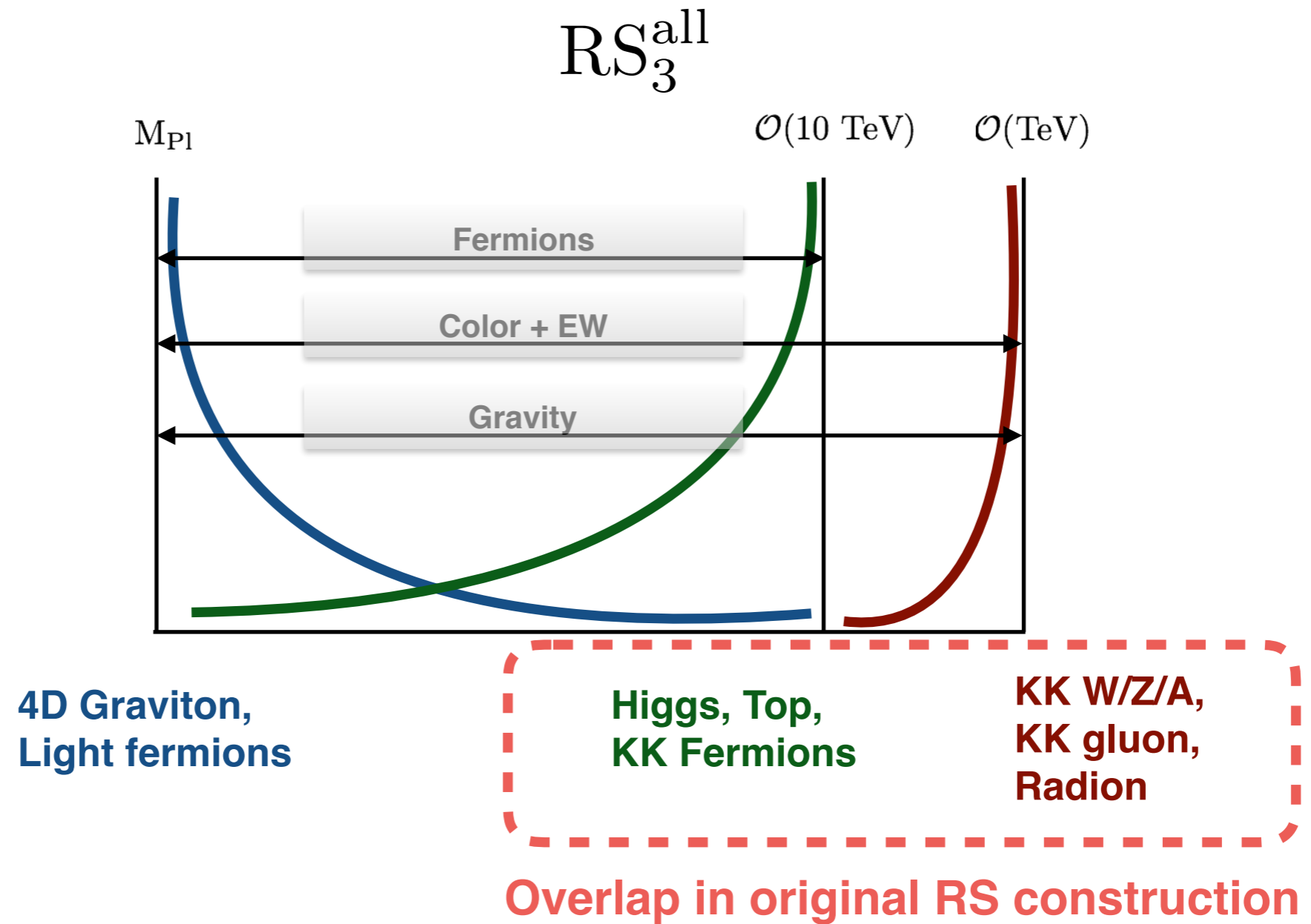
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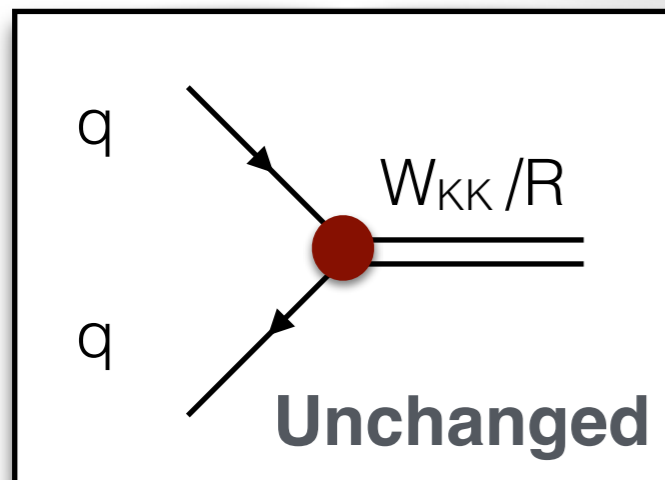
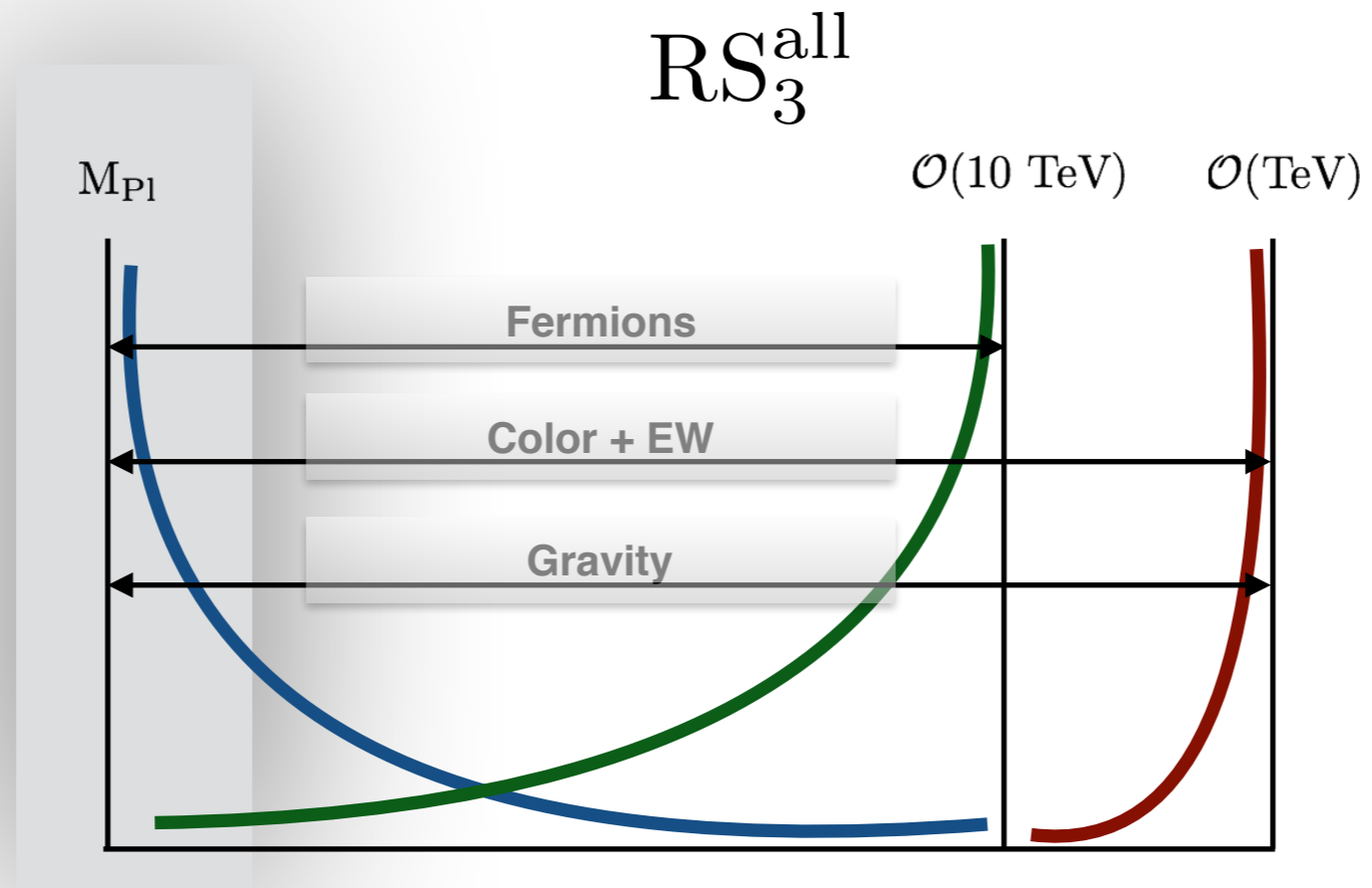
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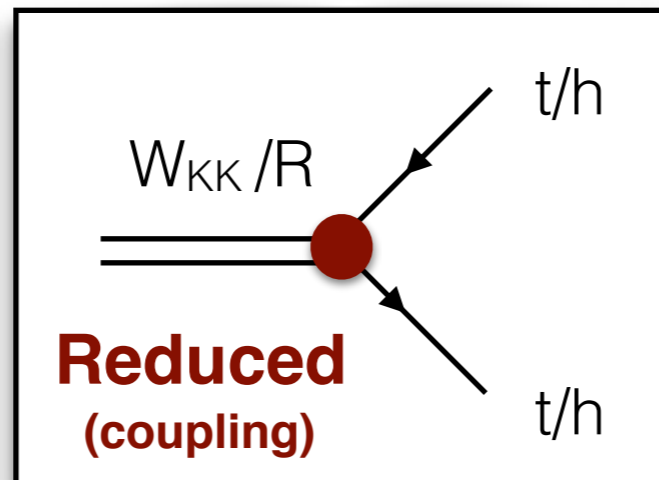
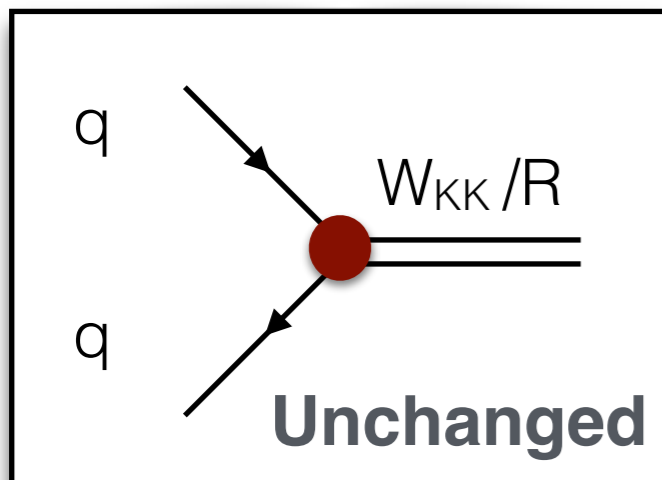
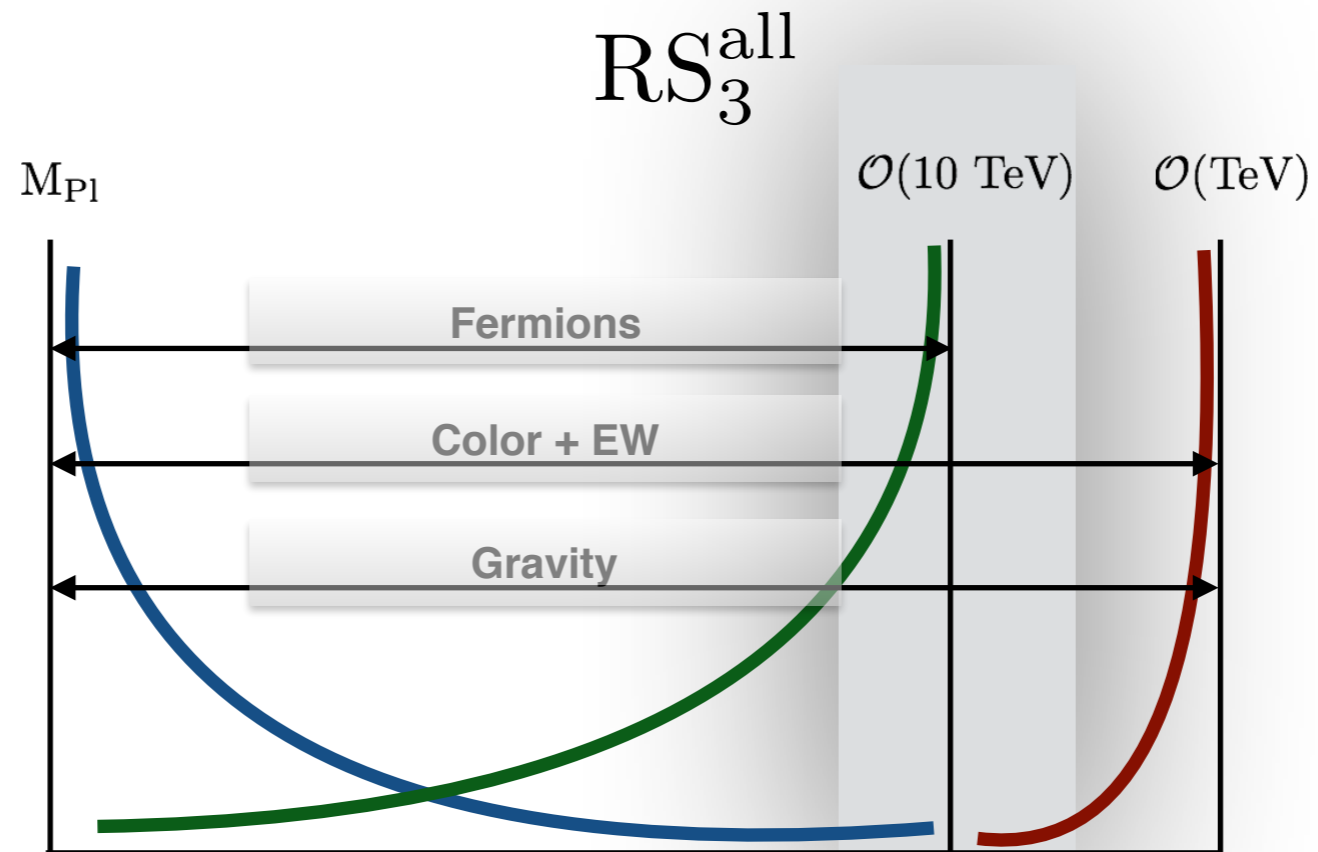
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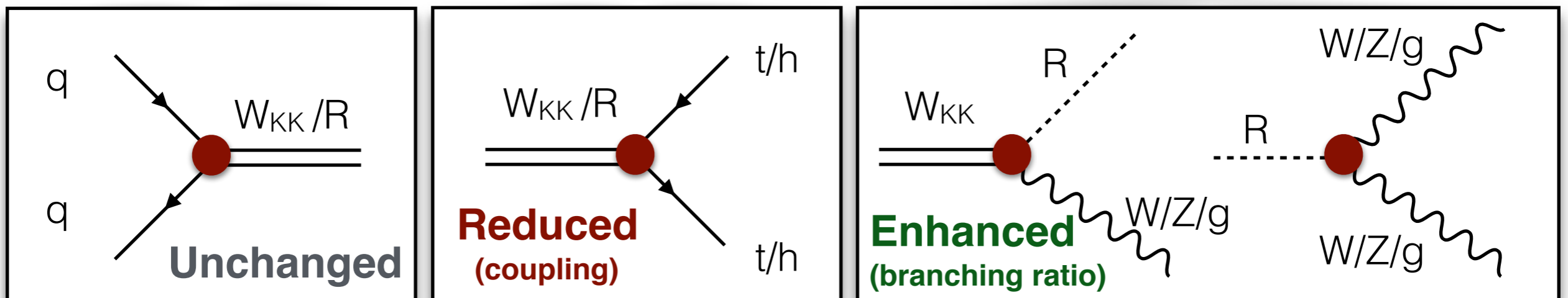
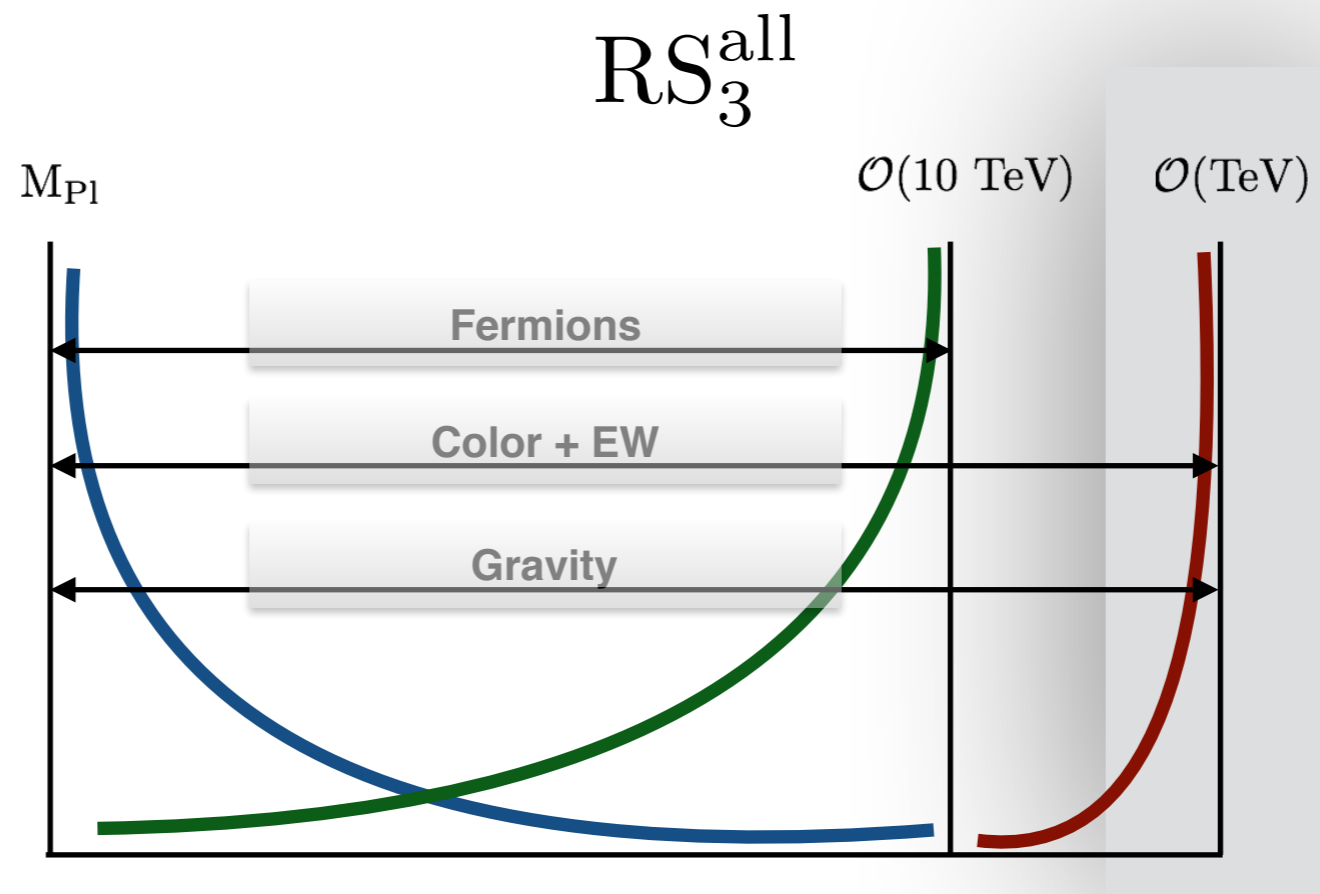


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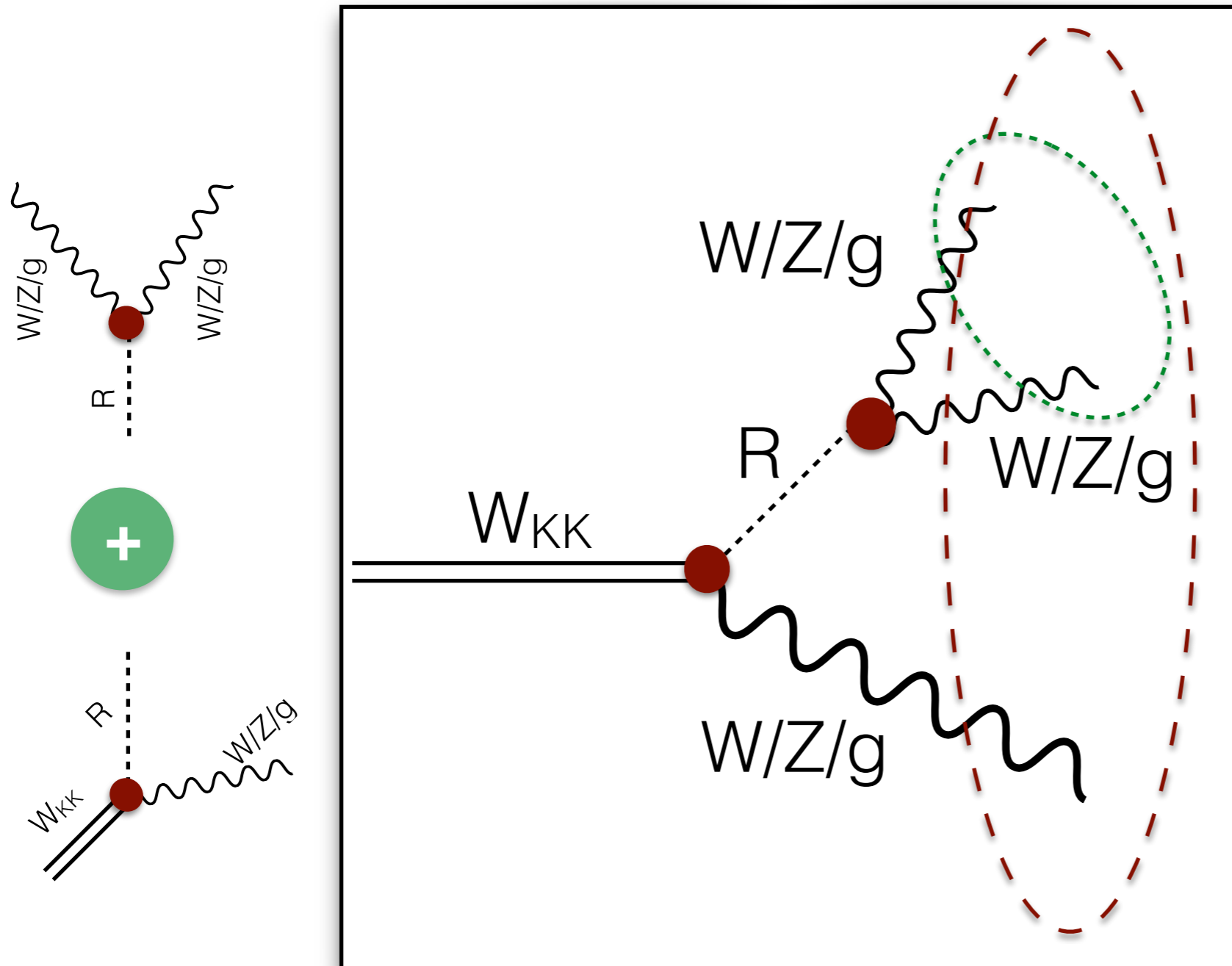




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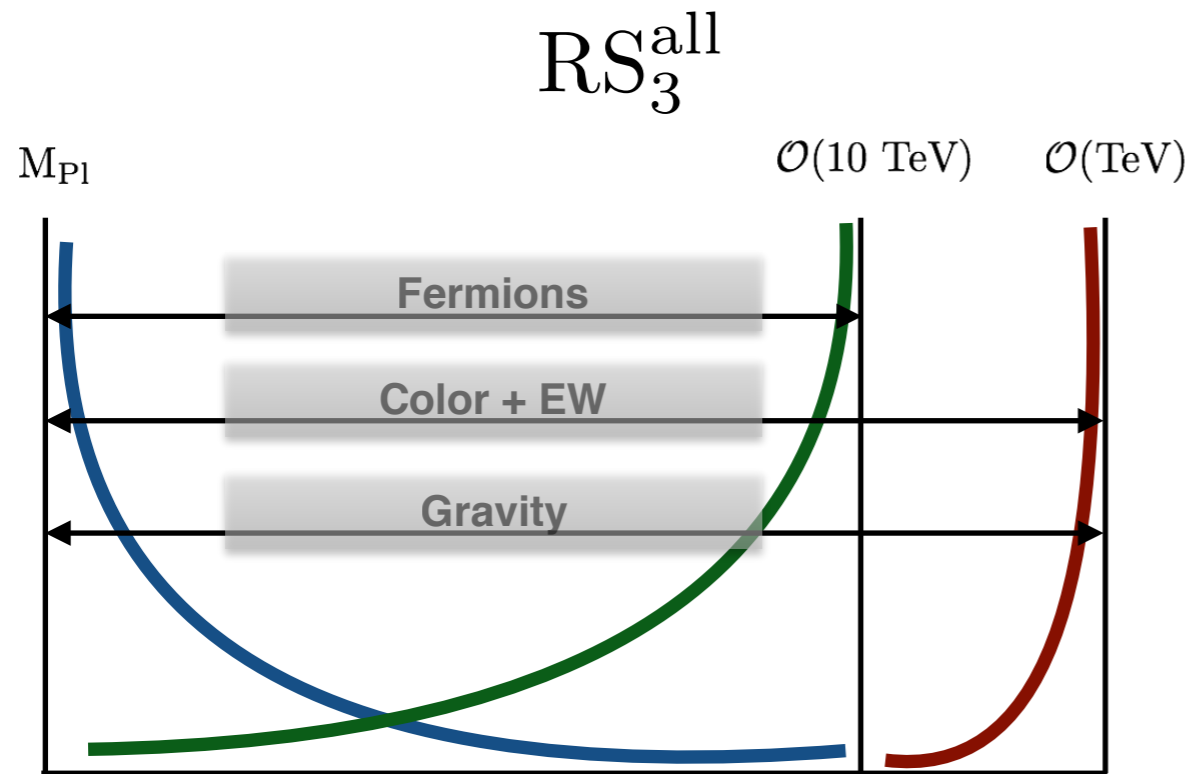
# Novel kinematic features: Cascade Decay



Challenges:

- Kinematic ambiguity.
- Non-standard topology: fat jets with varying radii, merged leptons, non isolated photons, ...

## “Tri” signals of various kinds.



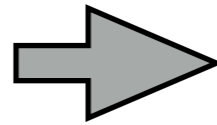
- tri-jet
- jet + di-boson
- jet + di-photon
- tri-boson
- boson + di-photon
- tri-photon

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- Studied two benchmark points: ( $m_{KK} = 3 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $m_{\text{rad}} = 1 \text{ TeV}$  and  $1.5 \text{ TeV}$ ).
- Most promising channels are tri-jet and jet + di-photons, where 300/fb is enough to get close to discovery reach of 3 sigma.

**Decouples gluons and its partners as well.**

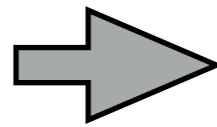
$RS_3^{\text{all}}$



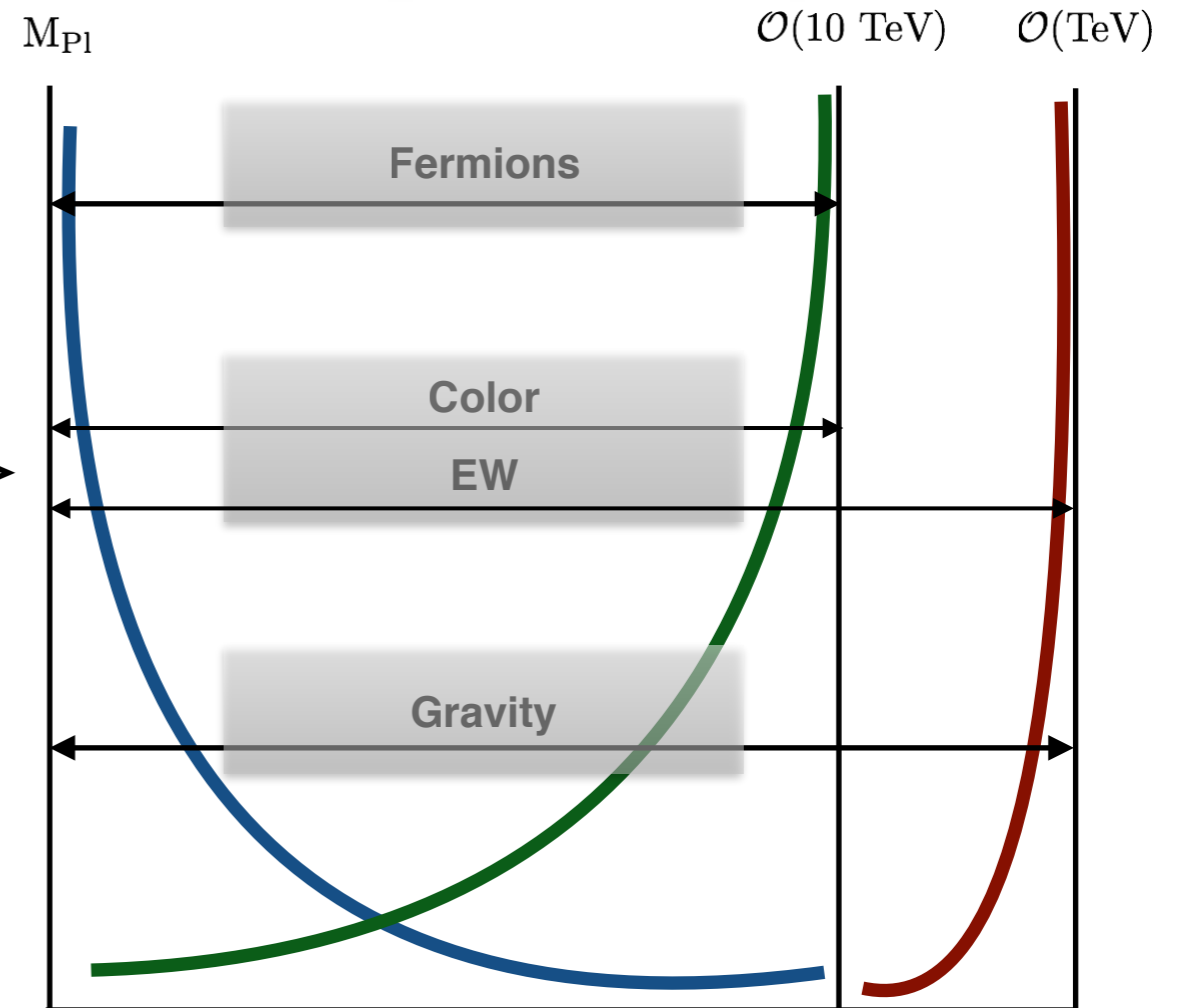
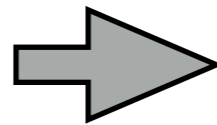
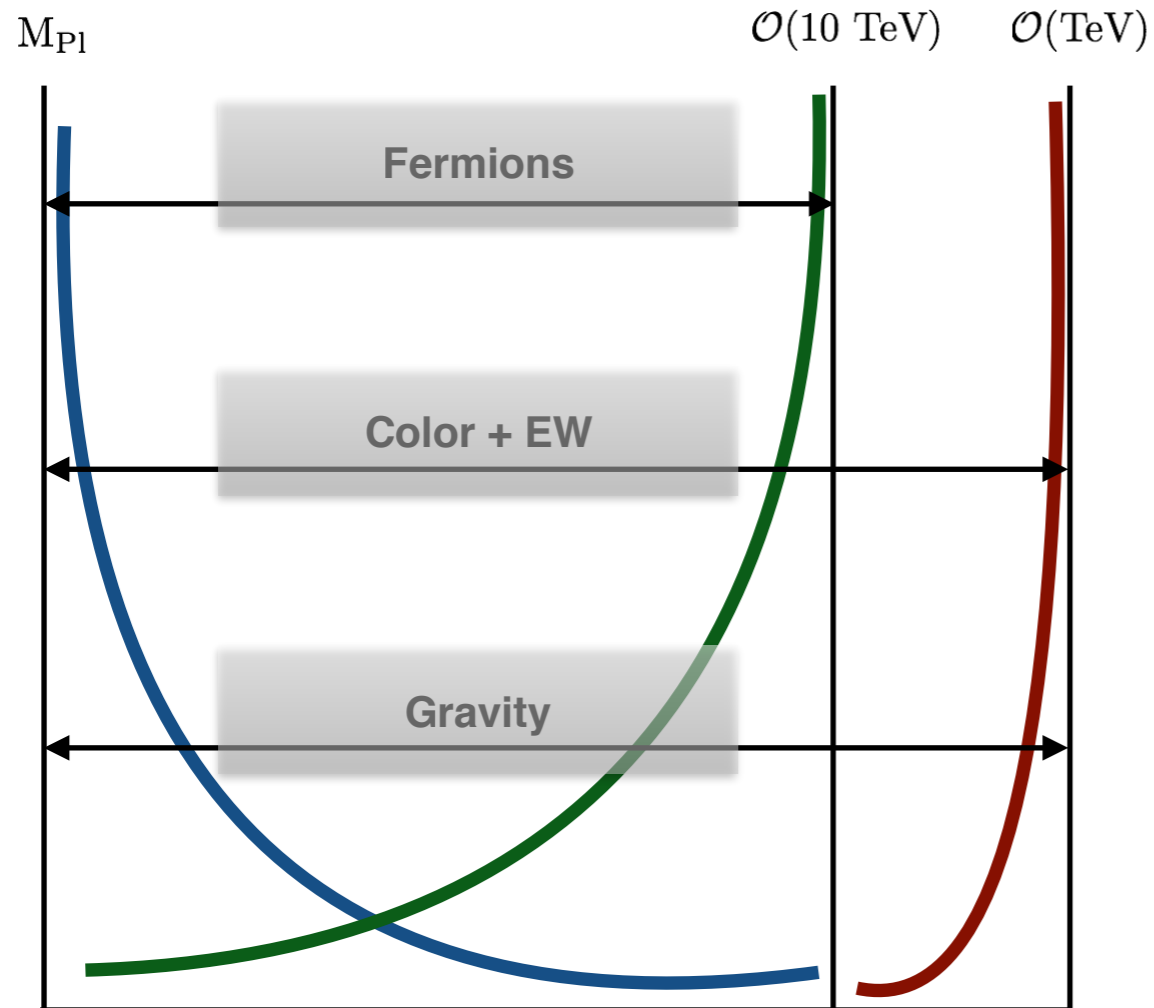
$RS_3^{\text{EW}}$

# An alternative: Decouples gluons (+ partners)

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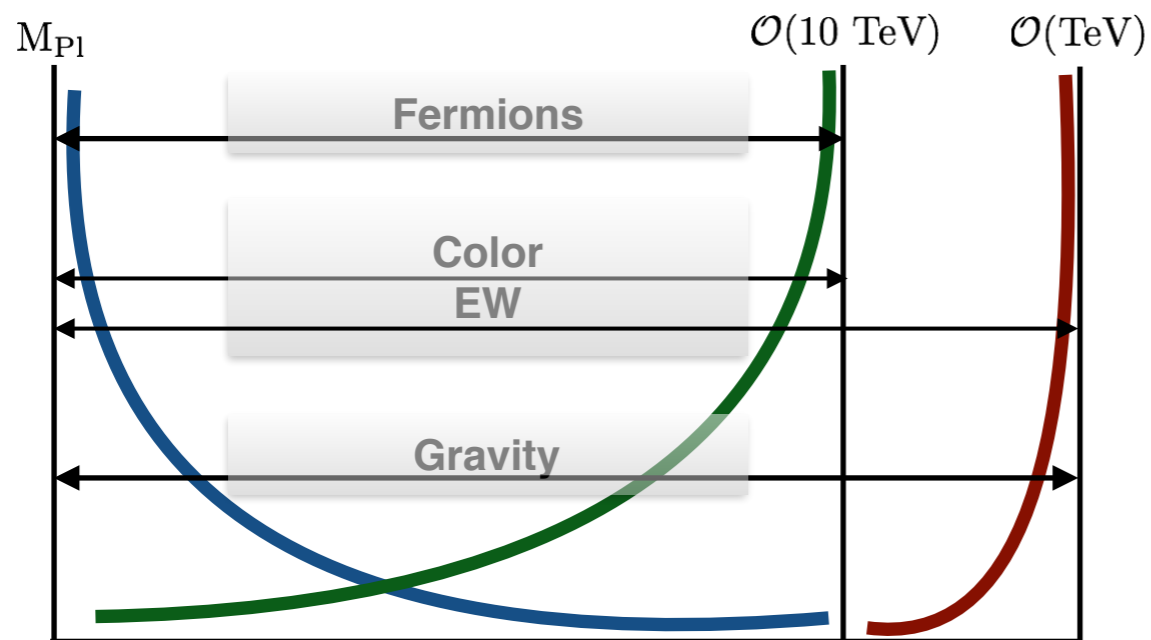


$RS_3^{\text{EW}}$



$$RS_3^{EW}$$

## Boosted Regime and Jet free signals



- tri-jet
- jet + di-boson
- jet + di-photon
- tri-boson
- boson + di-photon
- tri-photon

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### Two differences compared to the earlier case:

- Rates for final states with jets are suppressed. Tri-bosons become genuinely the dominant signal.
- Radion production cross-section also suppressed: can have a **light** radion, which leads to very boosted objects at detectors.

$RS_3^{EW}$

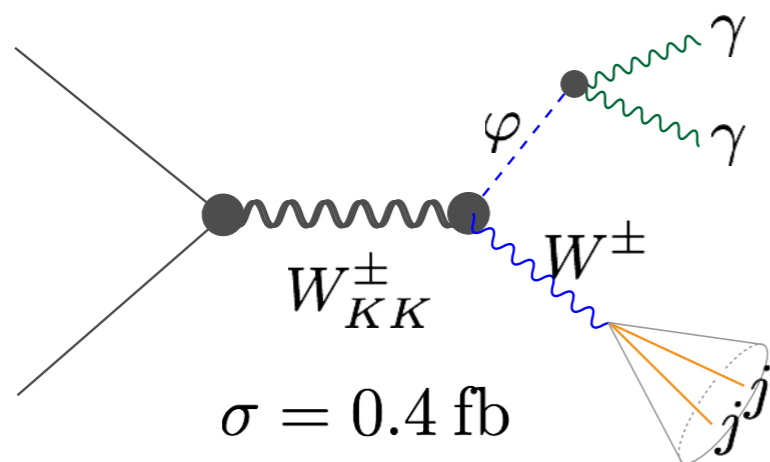
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## Focus on hadronic W channels:

- **W + di-photon**

- **Three W**



- W tagging:  $65 < M_J < 105 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\tau_{21} < 0.75$  with **60%** efficiency.
- Primary background:  $j\gamma\gamma$ ,  $jj\gamma$  (jet faking photon)
- Signal discriminants: high pT jet/photons, clean 2 body inv. mass in photons
- Additionally: Three body inv. mass peak - crucial for KK gauge boson discovery
- **Achieved significance**  $\sim 5\sigma$  @  $300/\text{fb}$ , LHC14

**A simple cut and count strategy suffices.**

**Discovery channel for Radion:  
Significance with existing di-photon searches is  $\sim 1.5$  sigma for 1 TeV radion.**

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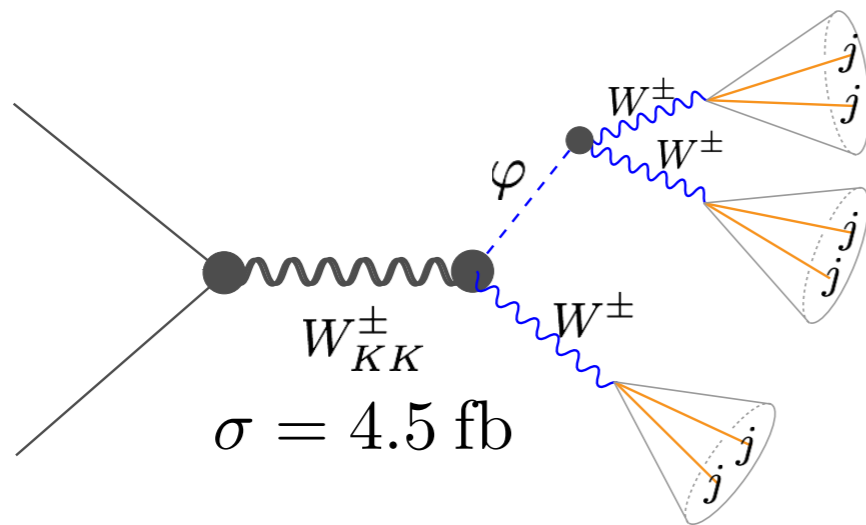
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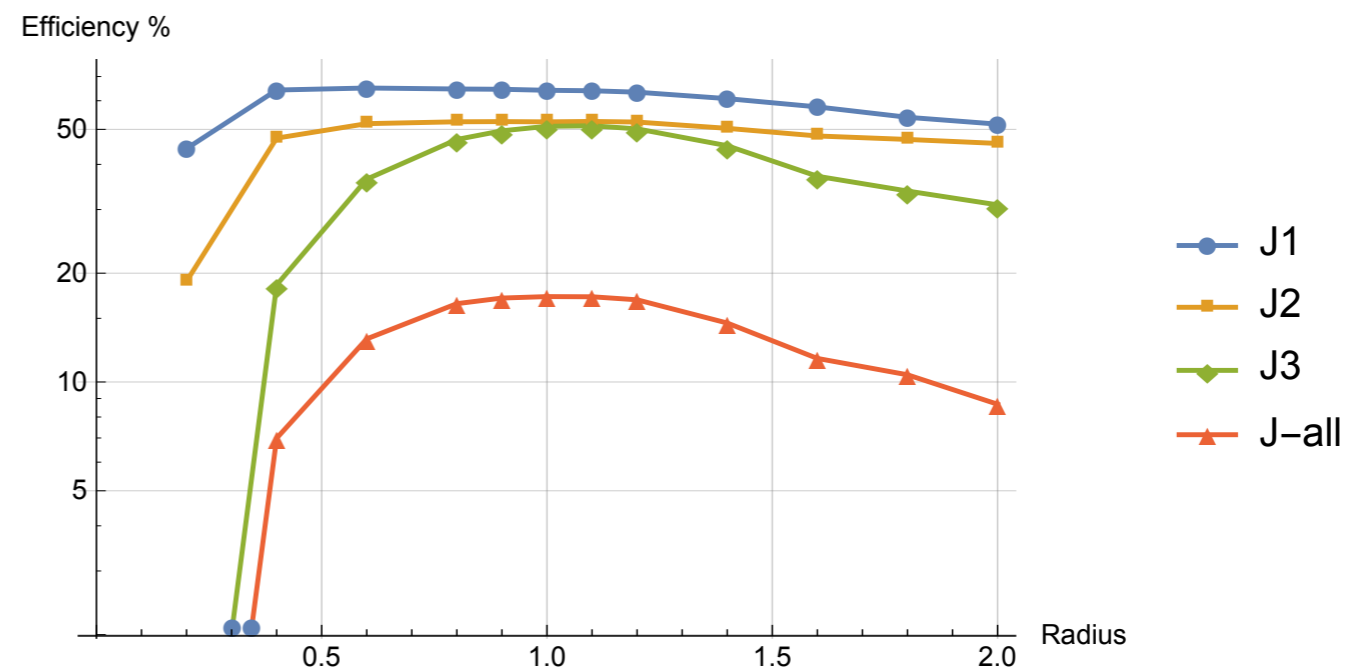
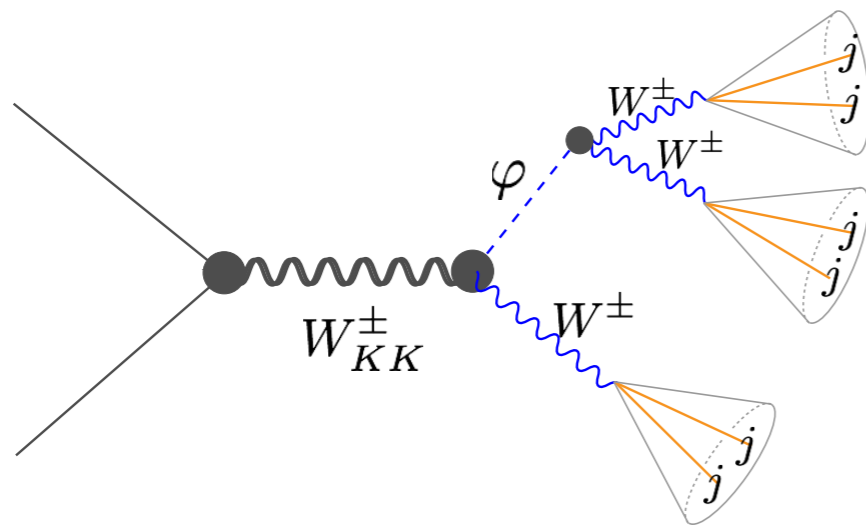
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Optimal  $R = 1$  gives  $\sim 18\%$  overall tagging efficiency.

$$RS_3^{EW}$$

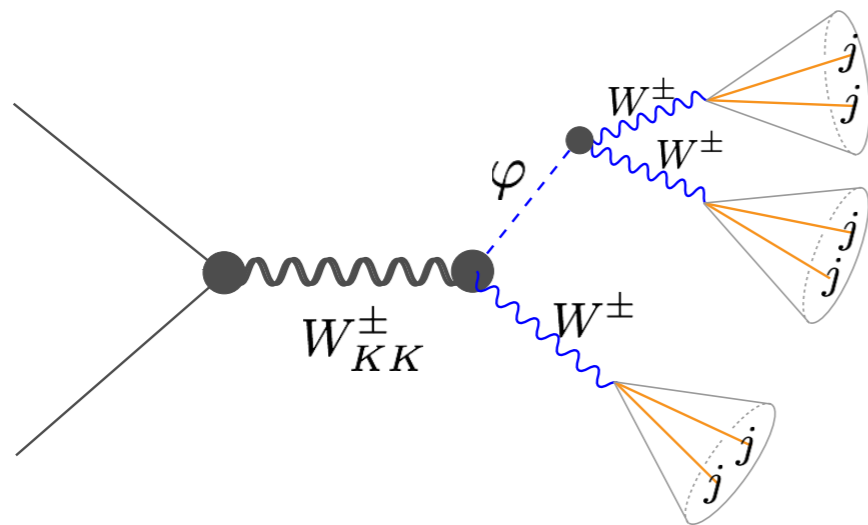
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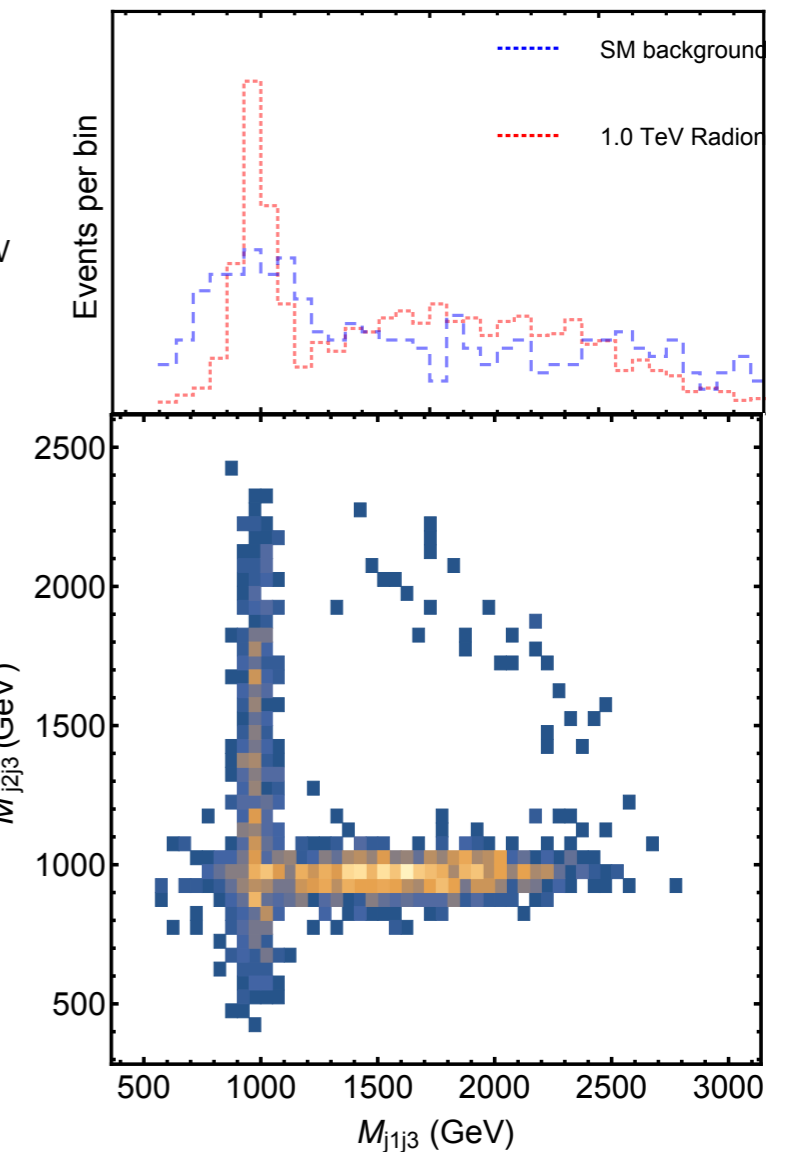
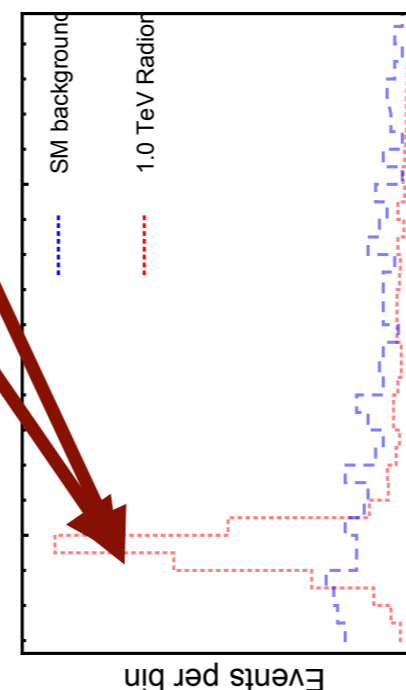
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Existing di-boson searches select two hardest jets which does not construct a radion. Use a “+” cut after  $M_{jjj}$  window cut.

**Using optimal jet radius and the “+” cut, can get disc. sig. of  $\sim 3$  at 300/fb at LHC 14.**

Further improvements possible: new variables - product of  $p_T$ , product of  $\tau_{21}$ . Requires background modeling so needs a more careful analysis.

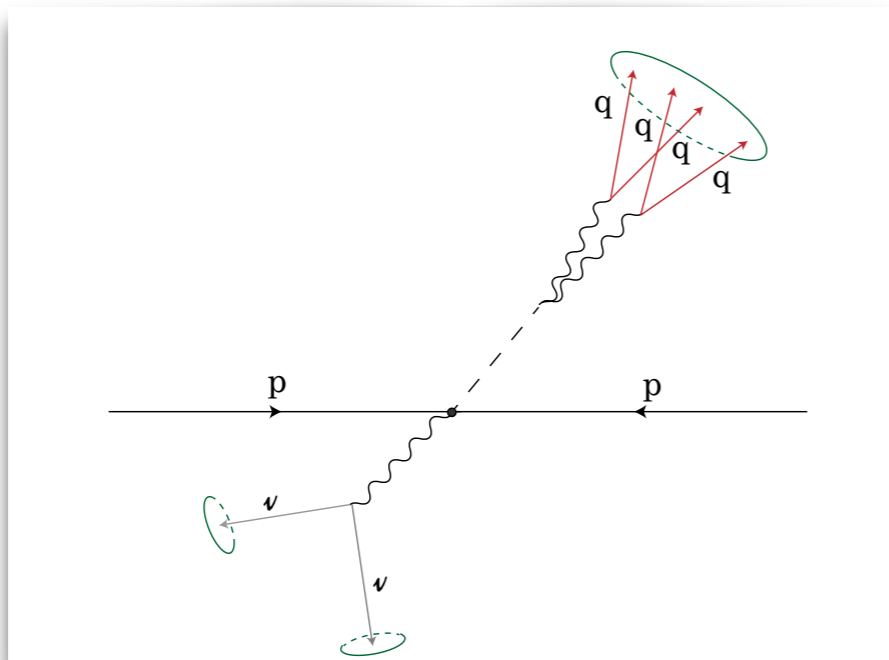


**Light scalars expected in many BSM models.**  
(composite Higgs model, Models with extended 4D gauge sectors,...)

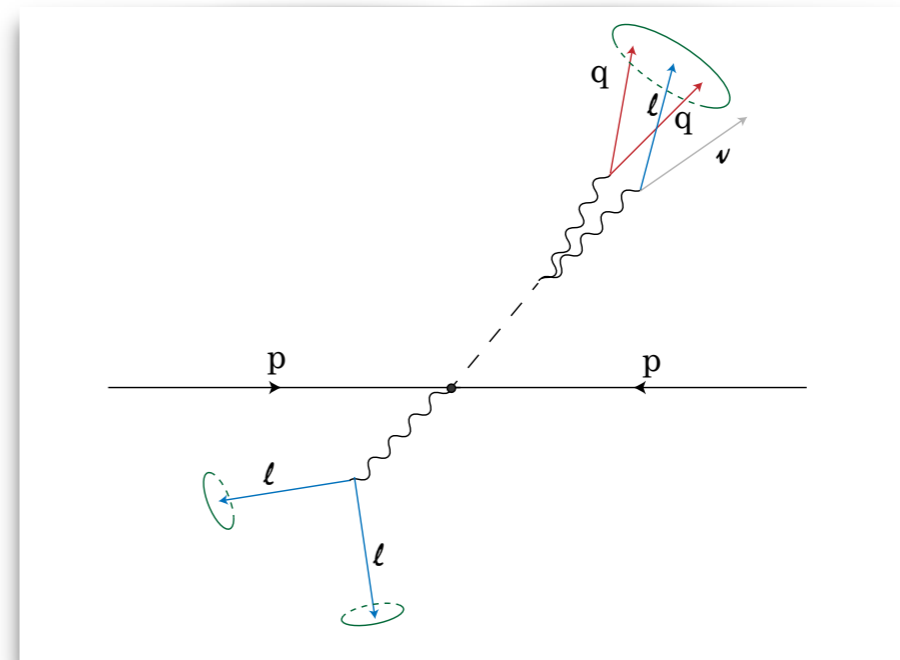
At this point, what's the novelty?

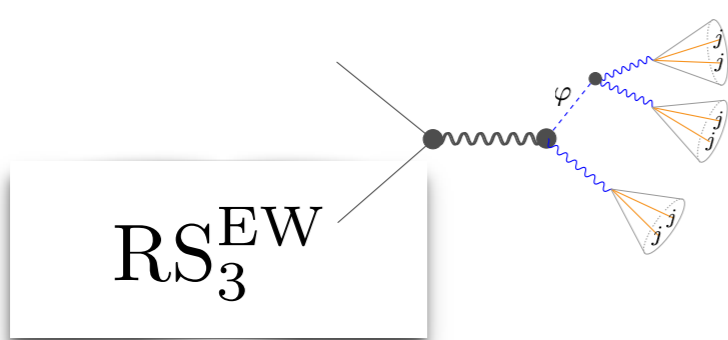
The detector level objects are completely different

4-pronged jets



Leptons inside jets



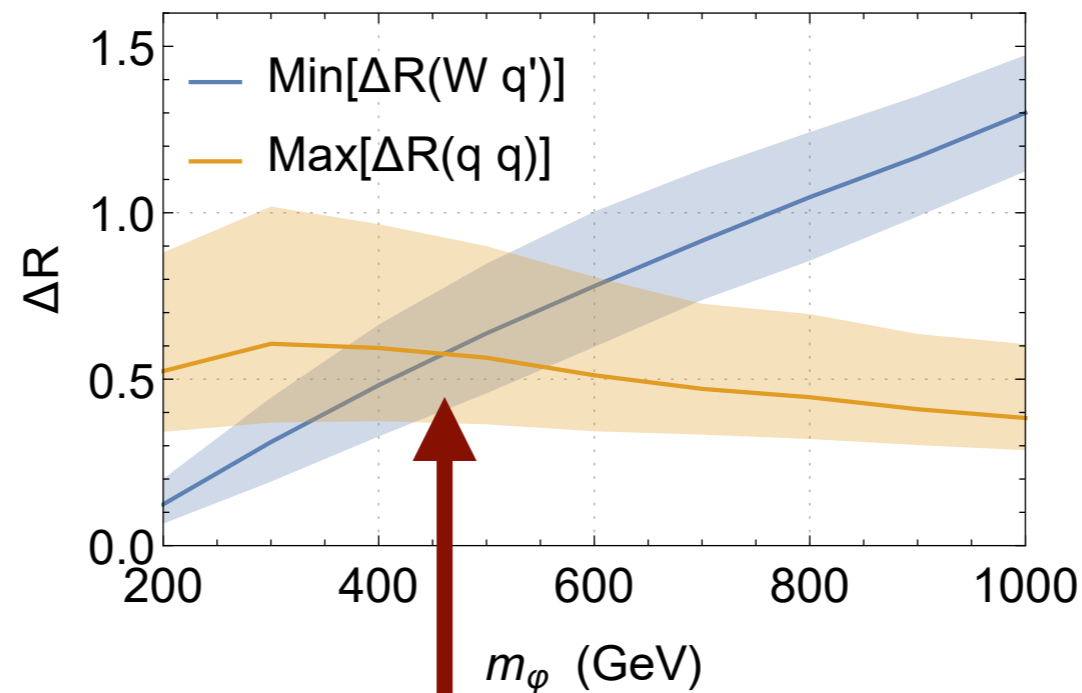


## Interplay of two relevant angles

Light Radion  $\sim 200$  GeV

$$\Delta R_{WW} \simeq \frac{2\sqrt{m_\phi^2 - 4m_W^2}}{pT_\phi}$$

$$\Delta R_{qq/\ell\nu} \simeq \frac{2m_W}{pT_W} \simeq \frac{4m_W}{pT_\phi}$$

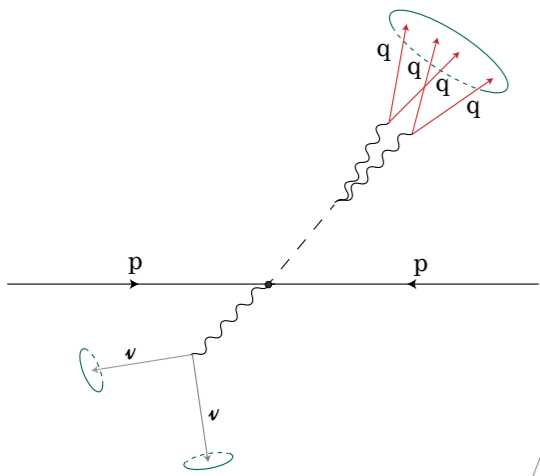


Decay products from different W start to overlap

Decay products from different W are separate

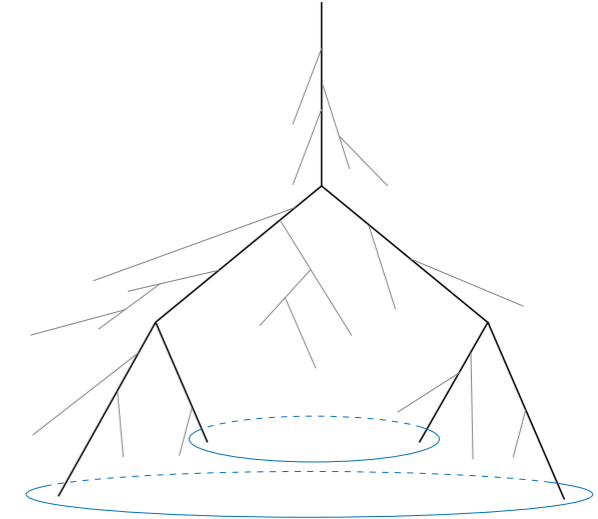
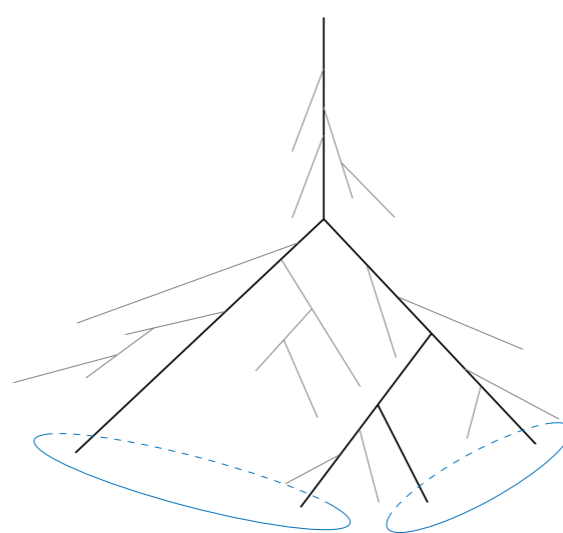
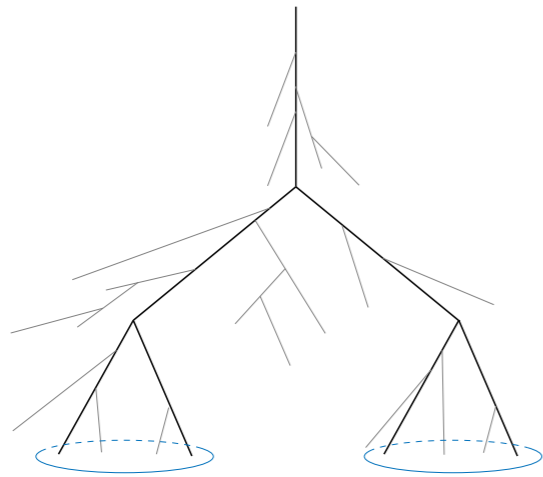
Desirable to identify the two W separately.

- For fully hadronic decay, just identifying sub-jets from W is not enough (for low masses).
- For semi-leptonic decay, no such ambiguity.



# Fully hadronic

## Cluster sequences vs Decay sequence.



### Intermediate masses

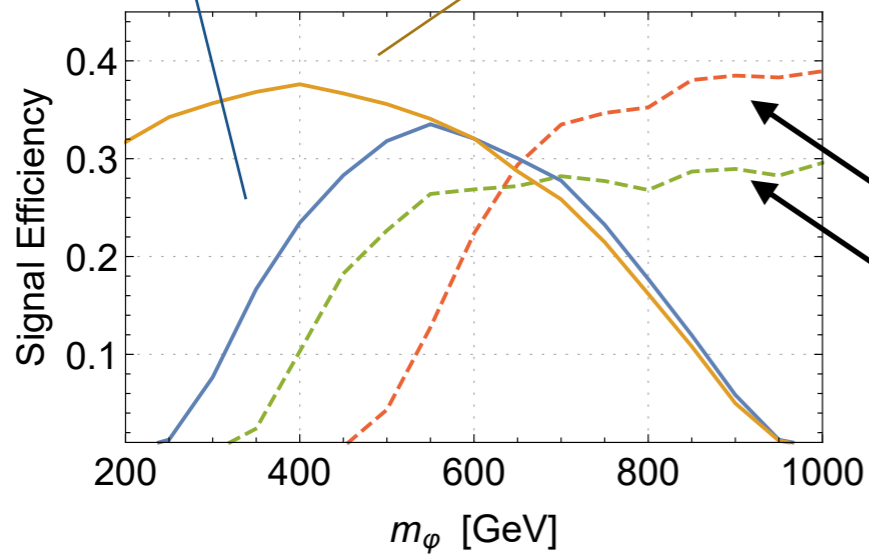
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### Lower masses

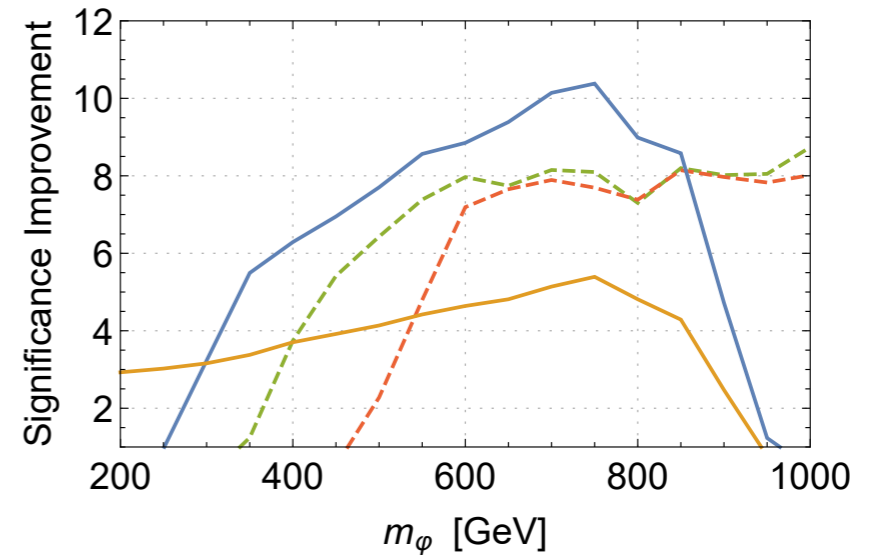
Cluster sequences does not match decay sequence

- Cluster using CA algorithm
- Identify hard splittings using soft drop condition

Relevant backgrounds - Z + jet

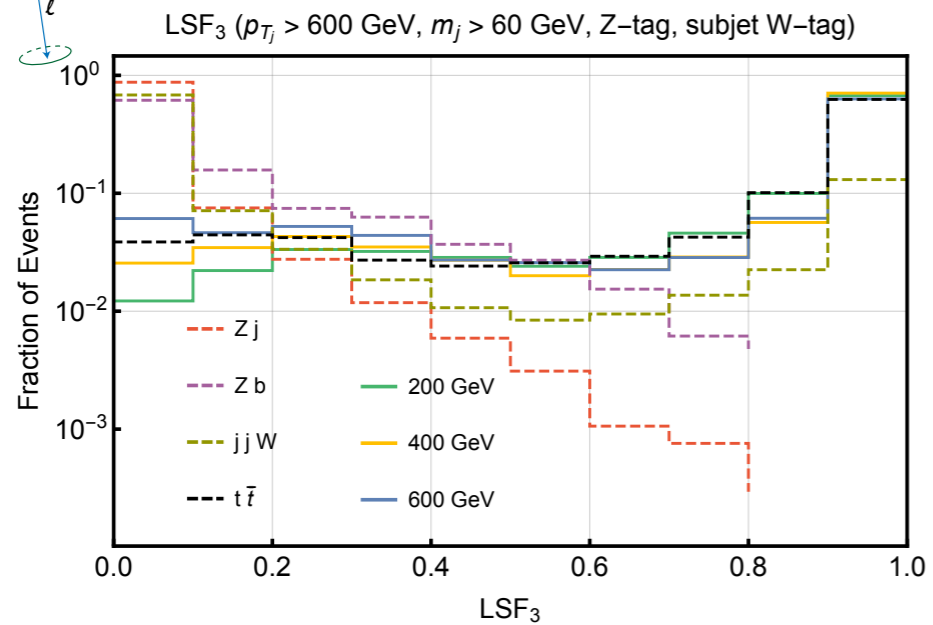
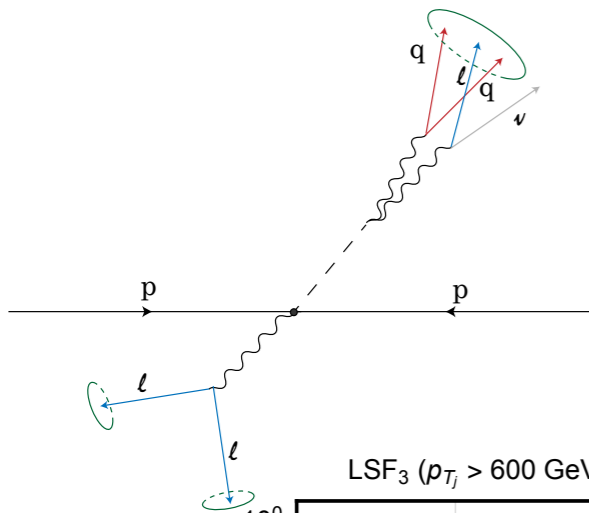


Resolved Tagger:  
R = 0.8 (red)  
R = 0.5 (green)



# Semi-Leptonic

## Lepton Subjet Fraction ( $LSF_n$ )

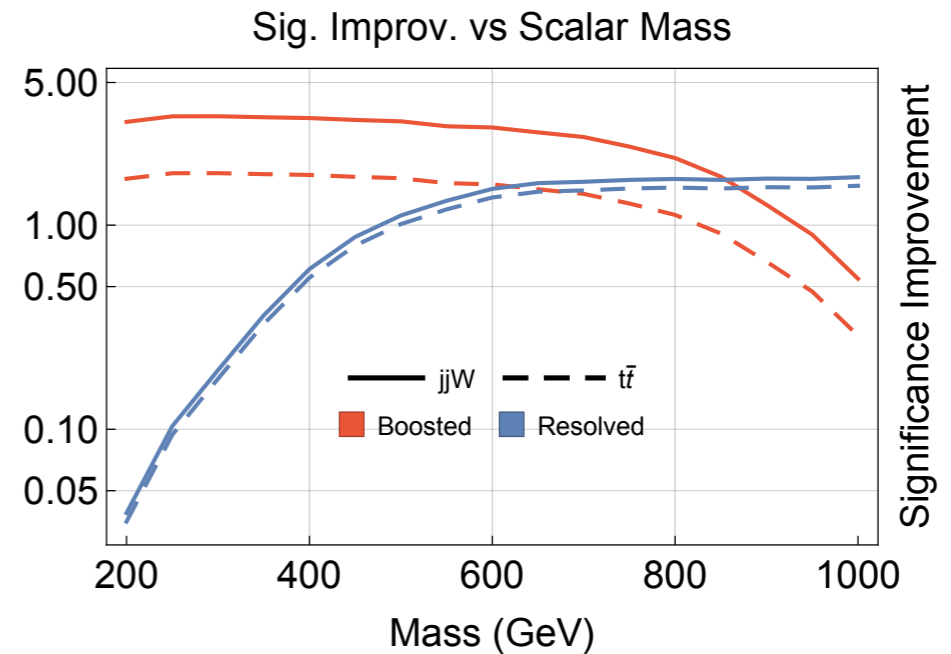
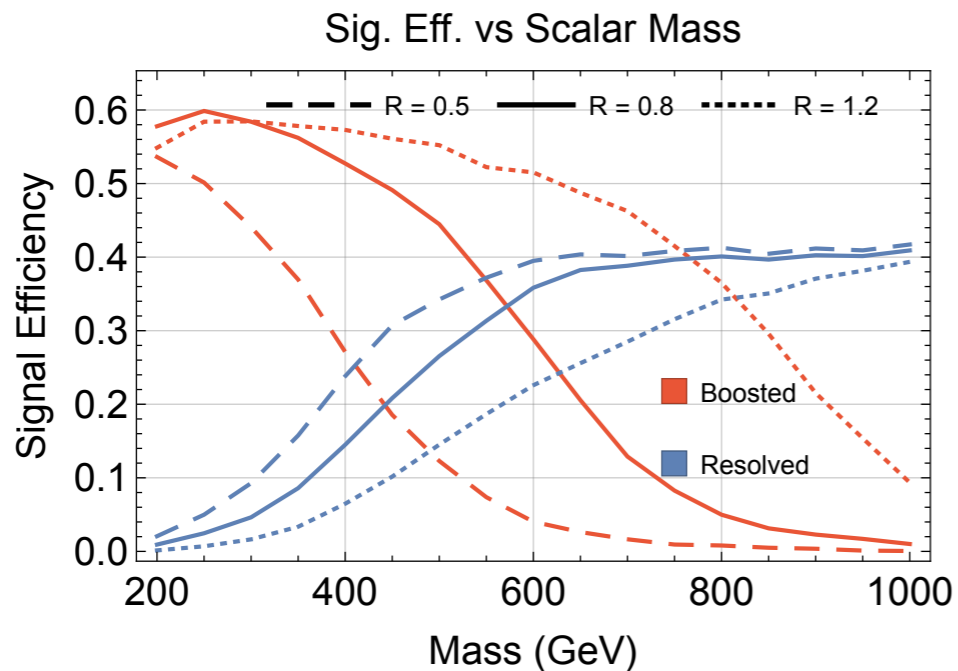


Cluster jet into  $n$  sub-jets

$$LSF_n = \max_{\text{all leptons}} \frac{p_{T_{l_k}}}{p_{T_{s_j}}}$$

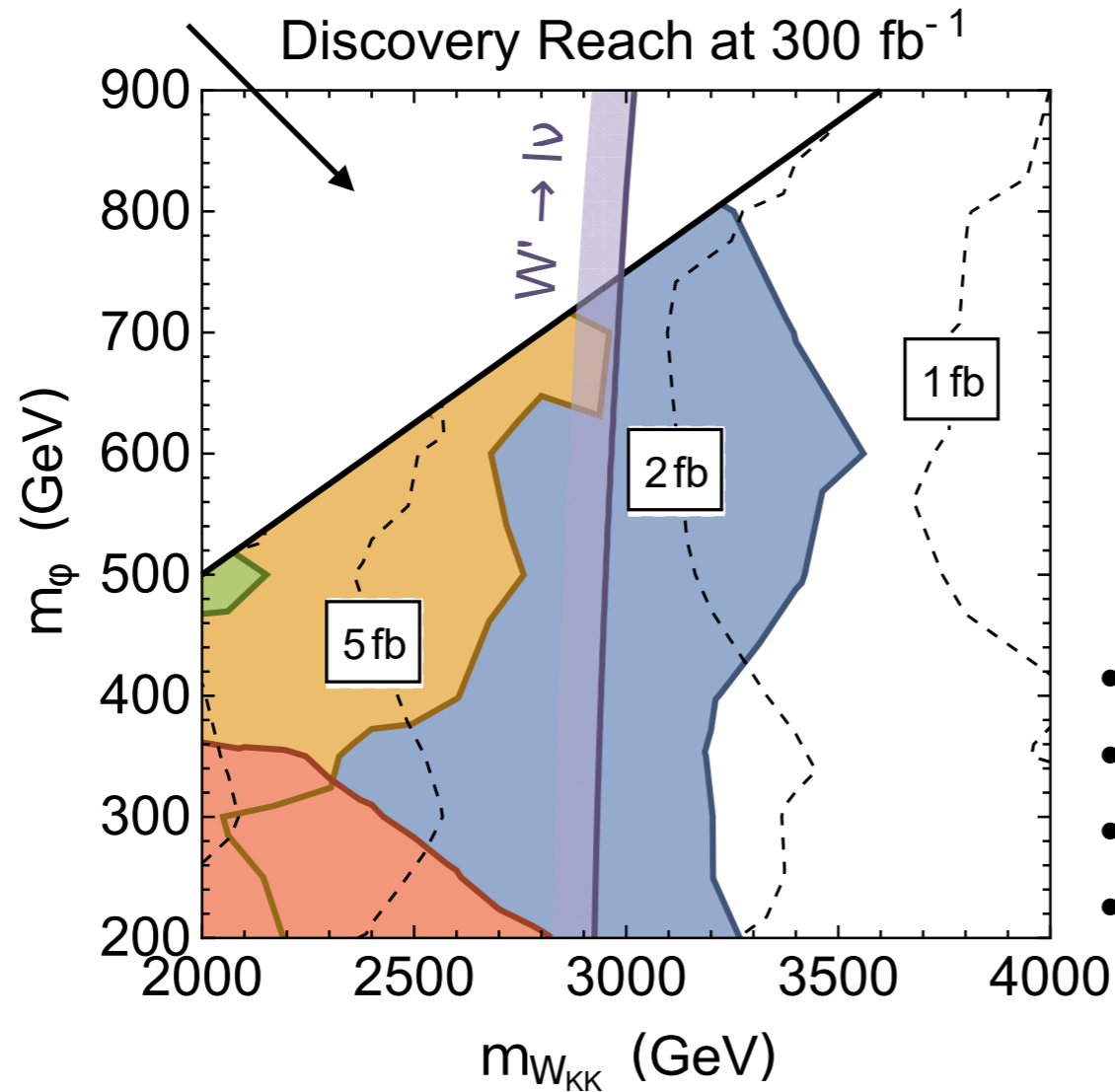
$l_k$  is the transverse momentum of  $k^{\text{th}}$  lepton in subject  $s_j$

Several relevant backgrounds - Zj, Zb, jjW, tt-bar. The variable selects the signal like backgrounds.



# Application of all of this to the explicit 3-brane RS model with only EW in the bulk

Decay products  
well resolved



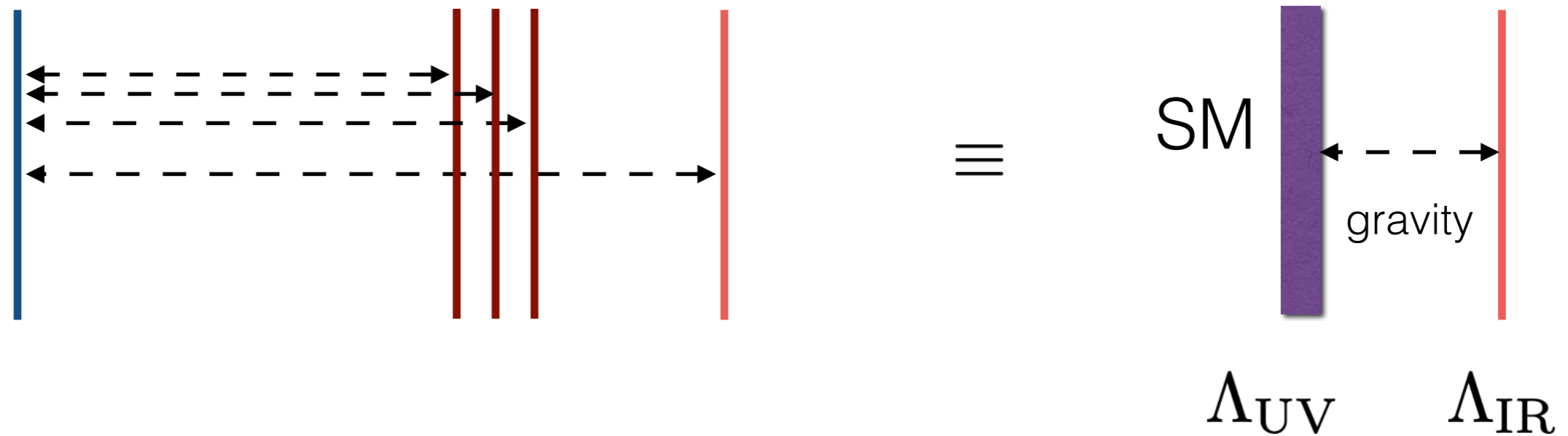
**$M_{W_{KK}}$  heavier than  
few TeV from  
leptonic decay**

- Yellow:  $l \nu (qqqq)$  ← **Hadronic Tagger**
- Green:  $qq (qqqq)$  ← **Hadronic Tagger**
- Red:  $qq (l \nu qq)$  ← **Leptonic Tagger**
- Blue: combined ← **Leptonic Tagger**

**Such signals can be buried in data very easily.**

# Only gravity in the extended bulk: Dark Sectors

Contino, Max, RKM *in preparation*



Like  $RS_2$ , except there is a second IR brane, and the UV brane is not at Planck/GUT scale. Motivates considering non-gravitational portals to dark sectors.

**See the talk “General bounds on Conformal Dark Sectors” by K. Max  
Wednesday at 15:00**



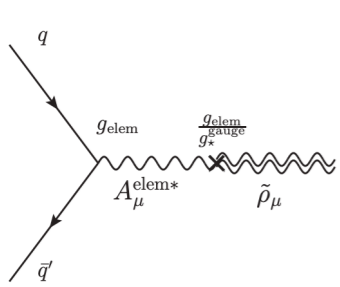
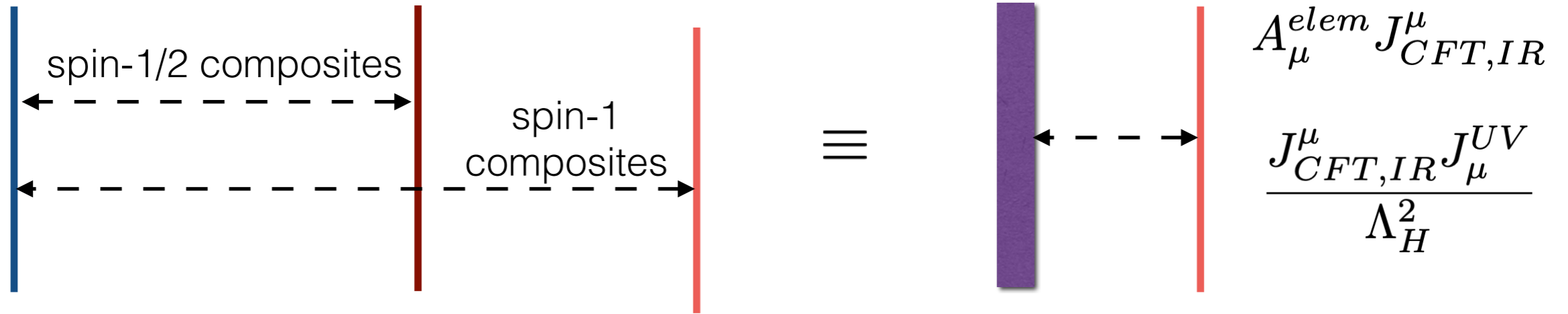
## **To summarise**

- Important to explore corners of theory space and confront them with data.
- New model considered, and model-independent lessons learnt from them: Signal can hide in data, dedicated searches are needed.
- Dark sectors arise naturally in this construction.

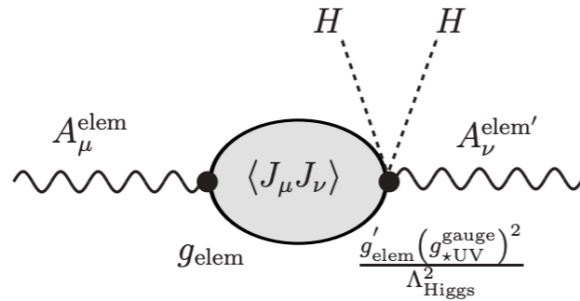
# Backup: IR CFT interactions

For a fixed value of Higgs scale, IR scale is only probed by direct production

Two contributions: UV CFT and IR CFT



photon-rho mixing



S-parameter

$$J_{\text{strong IR}}^\mu \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2}{g_\star^{\text{gauge}}} \rho_{\text{IR}}^\mu.$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{strong IR}} \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^3}{g_\star^{\text{grav IR}}} H_{\mu\nu}.$$

$$\delta\mathcal{L}(\Lambda_{\text{Higgs}}) \sim \frac{(g_\star^{\text{gauge}})^2}{\Lambda_{\text{Higgs}}^2} J_{\text{strong IR}}^\mu \left( \bar{t}\gamma_\mu t + H^\dagger D_\mu H \right)$$

$$\delta\mathcal{L}(\Lambda_{\text{Higgs}}) \sim \frac{(g_\star^{\text{grav}})^2}{\Lambda_{\text{Higgs}}^4} T^{\mu\nu}(t/H) T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{(strong IR)}}$$

Cuts	$g$ - $ggg$ -BP1	$g$ - $ggg$ -BP2	$jjj$
No cuts	29.33	46.60	$(7.7 \times 10^7)$
$N_j \geq 3$ with pre-selection cuts	23.23	40.05	$1.9 \times 10^6$
$M_{jjj} \in [2500, 3100]$ GeV	12.20	–	$7.9 \times 10^4$
$M_{j_1 j_2} \in [1700, 2900]$ GeV	11.12	–	$3.9 \times 10^4$
$M_{j_1 j_3} \in [850, 2100]$ GeV	9.96	–	$1.9 \times 10^4$
$M_{j_2 j_3} \in [800, 1050]$ GeV	5.12	–	2015.28
$p_{T,j_1} \geq 1100$ GeV	2.73	–	266.41
$M_{all} \leq 3300$ GeV	1.98	–	94.53
$M_{jjj} \in [2400, 3100]$ GeV	–	22.31	$1.0 \times 10^5$
$M_{j_1 j_2} \in [1300, 2400]$ GeV	–	19.57	$4.8 \times 10^4$
$M_{j_1 j_3} \in [1100, 1700]$ GeV	–	13.82	$1.0 \times 10^4$
$M_{j_2 j_3} \in [900, 1550]$ GeV	–	8.81	1564
$p_{T,j_1} \geq 900$ GeV	–	6.79	807.83
$p_{T,j_2} \geq 600$ GeV	–	6.20	644.54
$p_{T,j_3} \geq 300$ GeV	–	5.44	464.07
$M_{all} \in [2800, 3300]$ GeV	–	3.43	124.61
$S/B$	0.02	0.03	–
$S/\sqrt{B}$ ( $\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	3.49	5.25	–
$S/\sqrt{B}$ ( $\mathcal{L} = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	11.03	16.60	–

**Table 6.** Cut flows for signal and major background events in terms of their cross sections (in fb). The number in the parentheses for  $jjj$  is obtained with basic cuts ( $p_{T,j} > 20$  GeV,  $p_{T,\gamma} > 10$  GeV,  $|\eta_j| < 5$ ,  $|\eta_\gamma| < 2.5$ ,  $\Delta R_{jj} > 0.4$ ,  $\Delta R_{j\gamma} > 0.4$ ,  $\Delta R_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.4$ ) at the generation level to avoid divergence. The pre-selection cuts ( $p_{T,j} > 150$  GeV,  $M_{jj} > 300$  GeV) are imposed at the parton level as well to generate events in the relevant phase space, and are reimposed at the detector level.

Cuts	$g$ - $g\gamma\gamma$ -BP1	$g$ - $g\gamma\gamma$ -BP2	$j\gamma\gamma$	$jj\gamma$
No cuts	0.17	0.19	$(1.07 \times 10^5)$	$(8.7 \times 10^7)$
$N_{j(\gamma)} \geq 1$ (2) with pre-selection cuts	0.10	0.13	1.35	1.60
$M_{\gamma\gamma} \in [950, 1350]$ GeV	0.10	–	0.2	0.13
$M_{j\gamma\gamma} \in [2100, 3200]$ GeV	0.09	–	0.02	0.02
$M_{\gamma\gamma} \in [1450, 1550]$ GeV	–	0.12	0.04	0.04
$M_{j\gamma\gamma} \in [2500, 3150]$ GeV	–	0.11	0.005	0.006
$S/\sum B$	2.25	10.0	–	–
$S/\sqrt{S + \sum B}$ ( $\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	4.3	5.4	–	–
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## Backup: ATLAS 1903.10415

- Analysis focuses on at least two neutrinos in the final state: to allow two leptons which reduces background.
- Invariant mass cuts are not imposed with this topology in mind.

### **Evidence for the production of three massive vector bosons with the ATLAS detector**

The ATLAS Collaboration

A search for the production of three massive vector bosons in proton–proton collisions is performed using data at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV recorded with the ATLAS detector at the Large Hadron Collider in the years 2015–2017, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $79.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . Events with two same-sign leptons  $\ell$  (electrons or muons) and at least two reconstructed jets are selected to search for  $WWW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu qq$ . Events with three leptons without any same-flavour opposite-sign lepton pairs are used to search for  $WWW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\nu$ , while events with three leptons and at least one same-flavour opposite-sign lepton pair and one or more reconstructed jets are used to search for  $WWZ \rightarrow \ell\nu qq\ell\ell$ . Finally, events with four leptons are analysed to search for  $WWZ \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\ell$  and  $WZZ \rightarrow qq\ell\ell\ell\ell$ . Evidence for the joint production of three massive vector bosons is observed with a significance of 4.0 standard deviations, where the expectation is 3.1 standard deviations.