

New Prospects for BSM Physics

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i.e. the limit (*in the range of energies and effective couplings so far probed*)
of a more fundamental theory
with new degrees of freedom

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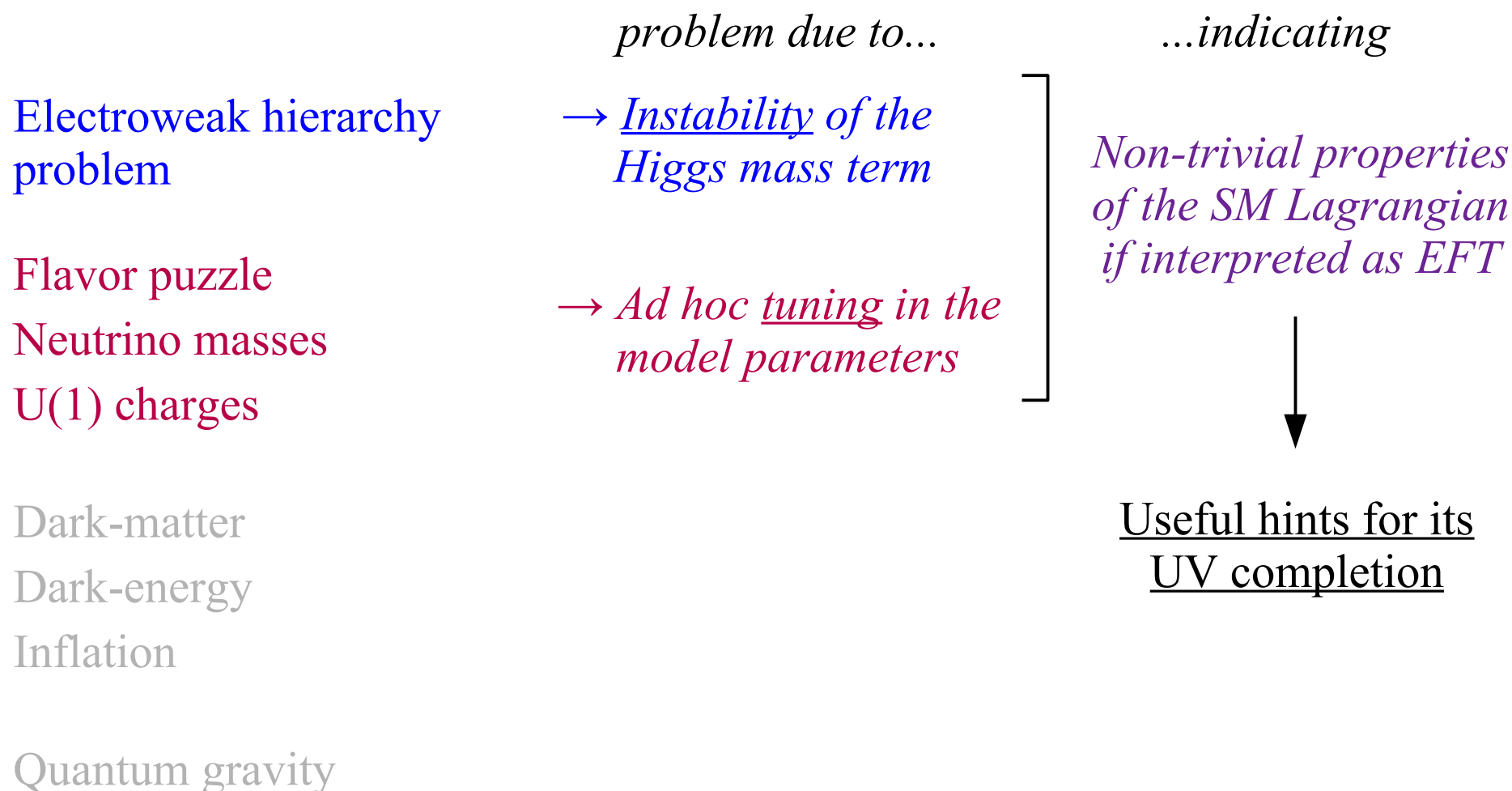
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	<i>problem due to...</i>	<i>...indicating</i>
Electroweak hierarchy problem	→ <u>Instability of the Higgs mass term</u>	→ <u>New dynamics close to the Fermi scale</u> (~ 1 TeV)
Flavor puzzle	→ <u>Ad hoc tuning in the model parameters</u>] <u>No well-defined energy scale</u>
Neutrino masses		
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Dark-matter	→ <u>Cosmological implementation of the SM</u>	
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Quantum gravity	→ <u>General problem of any QFT</u>	

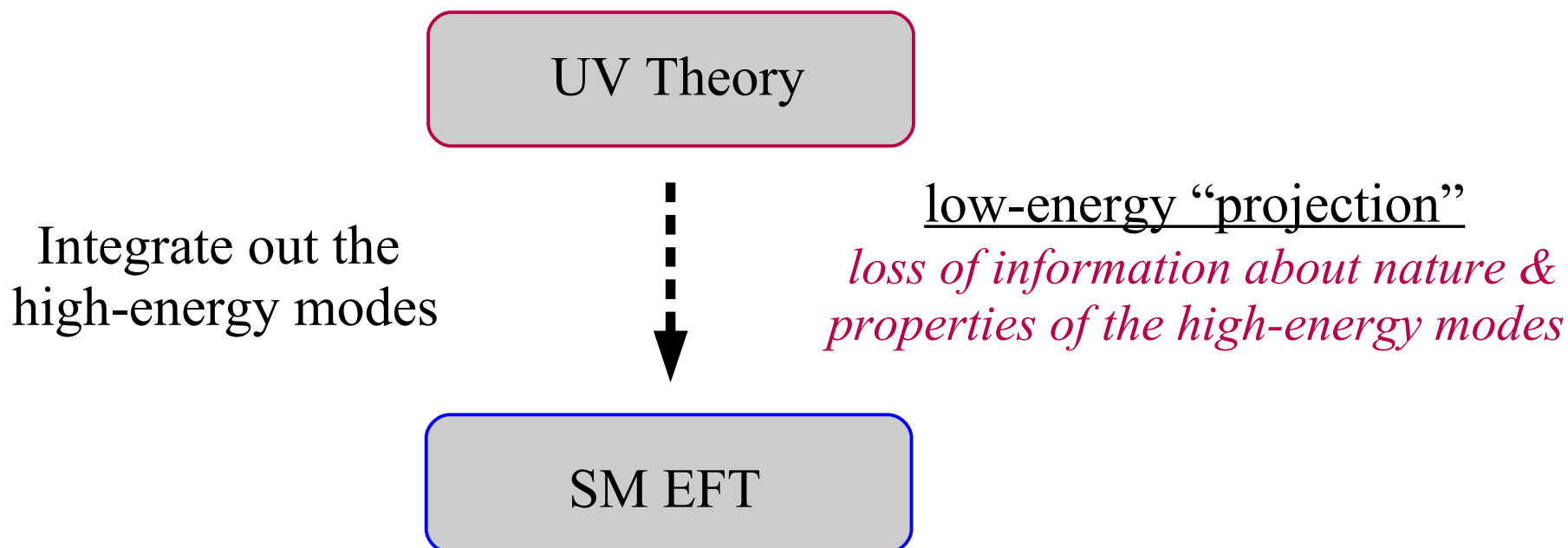
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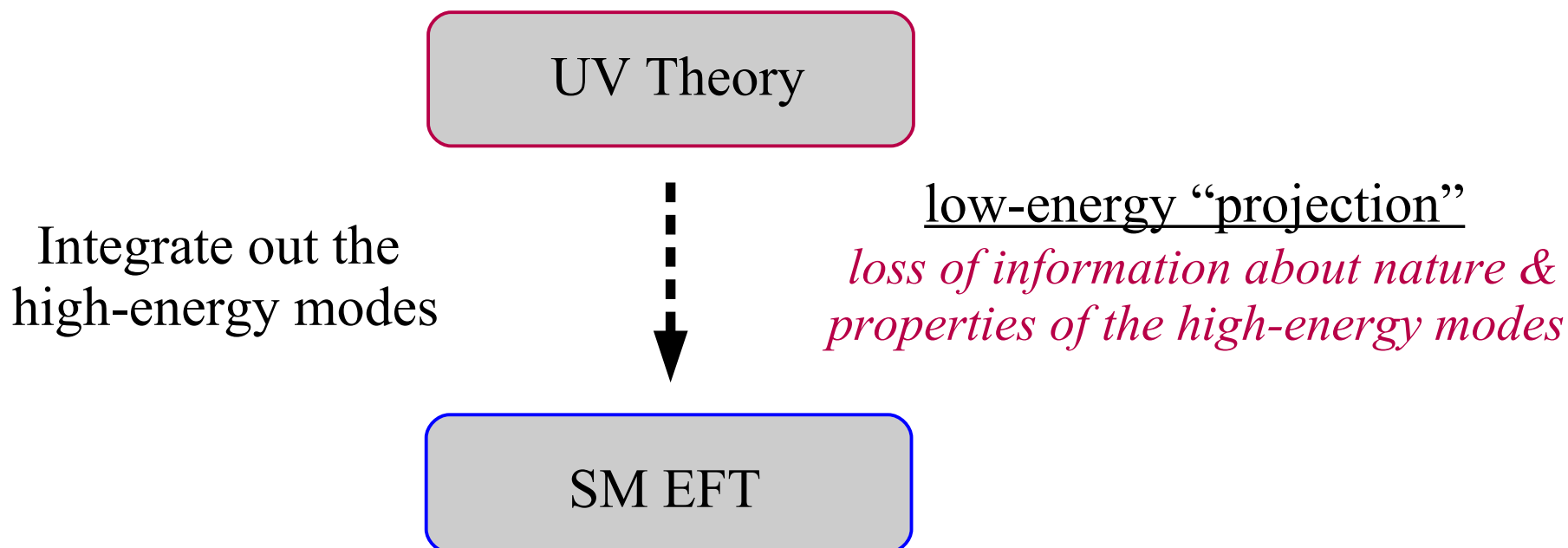


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- The light fields appearing in the EFT are often superposition of the fundamental fields [*N.B.: true also for weak theories & gauge fields: $A_\mu = c_\theta B_\mu + s_\theta W_\mu$*]
- Many global symmetries of the EFT could be accidental low-energy properties
- The most interesting hints on UV dynamics come from *un-natural features* of the EFT...

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“trivial” low-energy projection



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Structure fully dictated by

- Number of light fields
- Their charges under long-range interactions

Contains only “natural” $\mathcal{O}(1)$ couplings

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(III) $y_{ij} \psi_i \psi_j H$

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(II) $\Lambda_{t,W,H} > (\text{few}) \text{ TeV}$

(IV) $\Lambda_{\text{CP, F}} > 10^{2-4} \text{ TeV}$

$\Lambda_L \sim 10^{14} \text{ TeV}$

$\Lambda_B > 10^{15} \text{ TeV}$

- **Hierarchy problem** (II vs. I): $m_\phi \ll \Lambda_{t,W,H}$
- **SM Flavor problem** (III): $y_e \ll y_t$ [N.B.: 5 orders of magnitude !]
- **NP Flavor problem** (IV vs. I): $m_\phi \ll \Lambda_{\text{CP, F}}$

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The MFV “solution” (popular in the *pre-LHC era*):

- The genuine hierarchy problem is not too severe → **expect NP at TeV scale**
- Postpone the solution of III to very high scale, and assume no other sources of flavor-breaking at low-energies → **TeV scale NP is flavor-blind**

Try to separate the two problems & postpone the Flavor one

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The anthropic/landscape idea (popular in the *post LHC run-I era*):

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- Push the scale of NP to very high scale, so there is no NP flavor problem

Ignore both the Hierarchy & the SM Flavor problems

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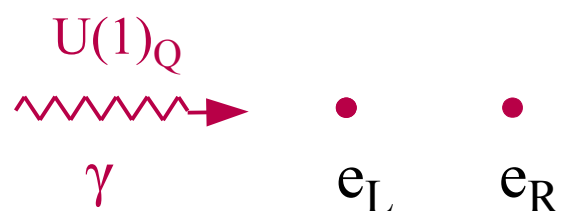
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- Genuine hierarchy problem less severe for NP coupled mainly to 3rd gen.

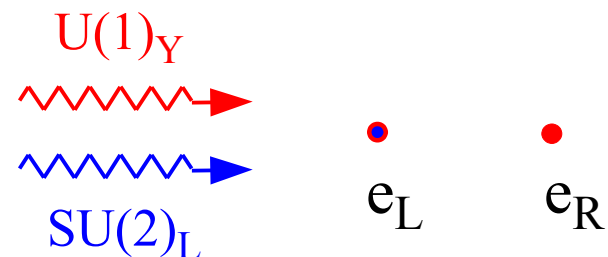
We should not give up & should not try to separate the two problems

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In the low-energy limit of the SM (= QED×QCD) we observe perfect universality of LH and RH gauge couplings. However, we know this is a low-energy artifact:

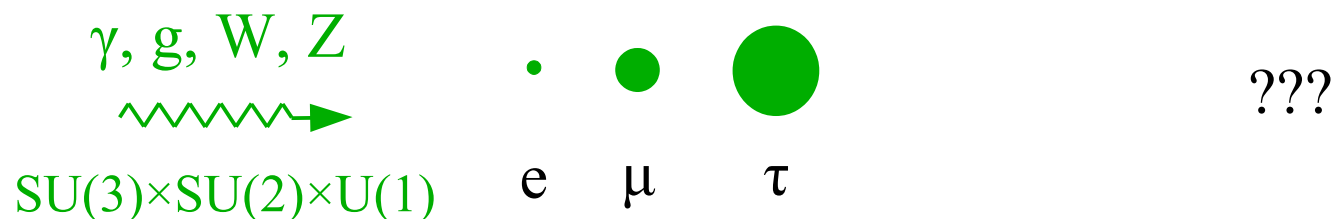


Low energies



High energies

Similarly, the apparent **flavor symmetry** of the SM could well be only an **accidental low-energy property**...



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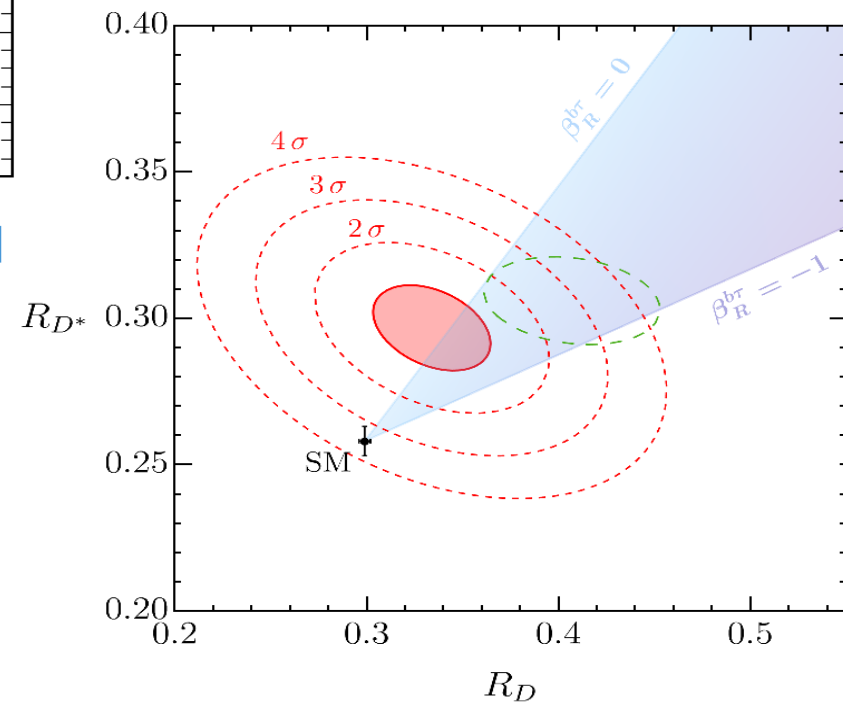
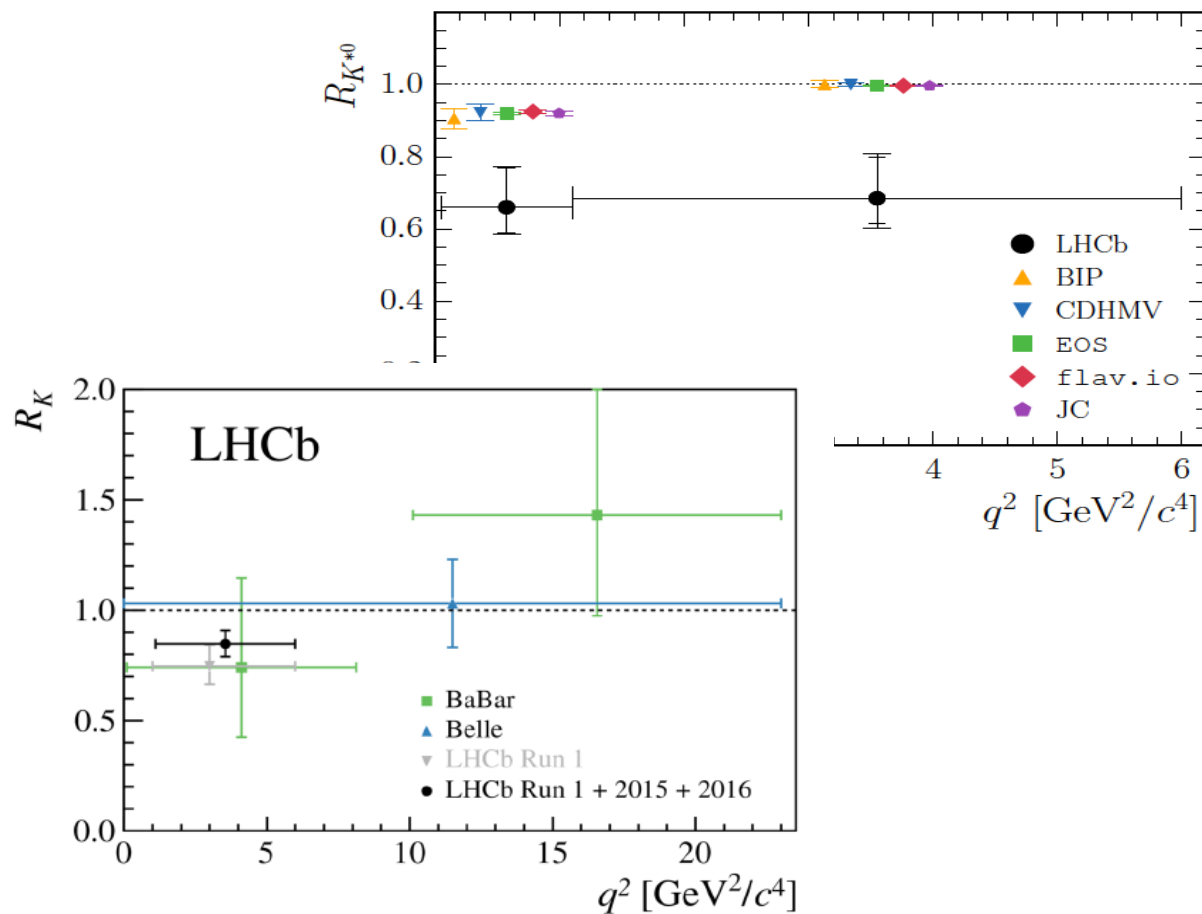
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This is the path that seems to be indicated by the recent hints of **Lepton Flavor non Universality** in semi-leptonic B decays

LFU anomalies & Flavor symmetries



► On the LFU anomalies

Recent data show some convincing evidences of **L**epton **F**lavor **U**niversality violations

- **b** → **c** charged currents: τ vs. light leptons (μ , e) [R_D , R_{D^*}]
- **b** → **s** neutral currents: μ vs. e [R_K , R_{K^*} (+ P_5 *et al.*)]

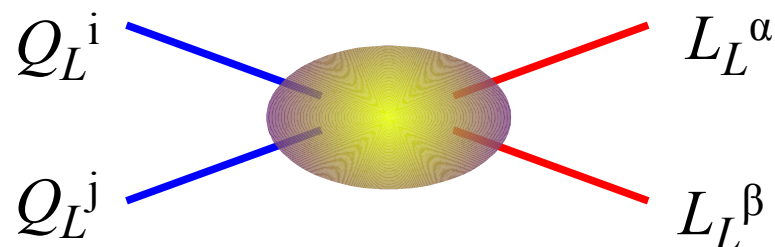
IF taken together... this is probably the largest “coherent” set of deviations from the SM we have ever seen...

I made statements of this type back in 2015... Since then the evidence for the anomalies has significantly increased.

This winter we have seen a first small decrease of the significance of some the anomalies; however, the overall picture has not changed. Actually, I dare to say it has become even more consistent...

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Bhattacharya *et al.* '14
 Alonso, Grinstein, Camalich '15
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- Large coupling [*competing with SM tree-level*] in **bc** → $l_3 \nu_3$ [$\mathbf{R}_D, \mathbf{R}_{D^*}$]
- Small coupling [*competing with SM loop-level*] in **bs** → $l_2 l_2$ [$\mathbf{R}_K, \mathbf{R}_{K^*}, \dots$]



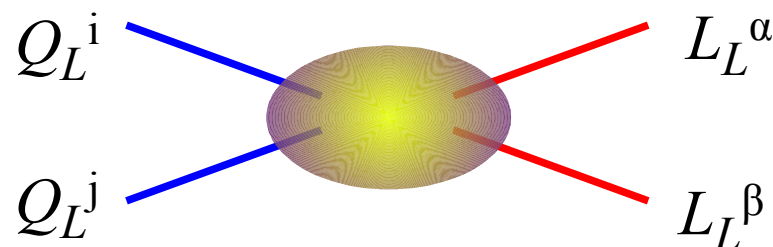
$$\Lambda_{ij\alpha\beta} = (\delta_{i3} \times \delta_{3j}) \times (\delta_{\alpha 3} \times \delta_{3\beta}) + \text{small terms for 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ (& 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ generations)}$$



*Link to pattern
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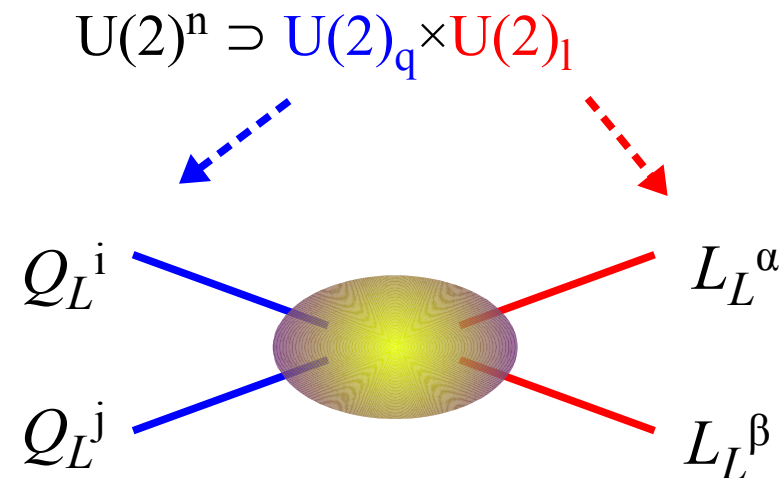
Long list of constraints [FCNCs + semi-leptonic b decays + π , K, τ decays + EWPO]



Essential role of *flavor symmetries*, not only to explain the pattern of the anomalies, but also to “protect” against too large effects in other low-energy observables

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....with suitable (small) symmetry-breaking terms, related to the structures observed in the SM Yukawa couplings

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E.g. up-sector: $U(2)_q \times U(2)_u$

$$Y_U = y_t \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow U(2)_q \\ \\ \uparrow U(2)_u \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{unbroken} \\ \text{symmetry} \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \Delta & V \\ \hline & 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \bullet \\ \cdot & \blacksquare \\ \hline & \blacksquare \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{after symmetry} \\ \text{symmetry} \end{matrix}$$

Barbieri, G.I., Jones-Perez, Lodone, Straub, '11

Main idea: the same symmetry-breaking pattern control the mixing $3^{\text{rd}} \rightarrow 1^{\text{st}}, 2^{\text{nd}}$ gen. for the NP responsible for the anomalies

$$|V| \approx |V_{ts}| = 0.04$$

$$|\Delta| \approx y_c = 0.006$$

N.B.: this symmetry & symmetry-breaking pattern was proposed well-before the anomalies appeared [*it is not ambulance chasing...!*]

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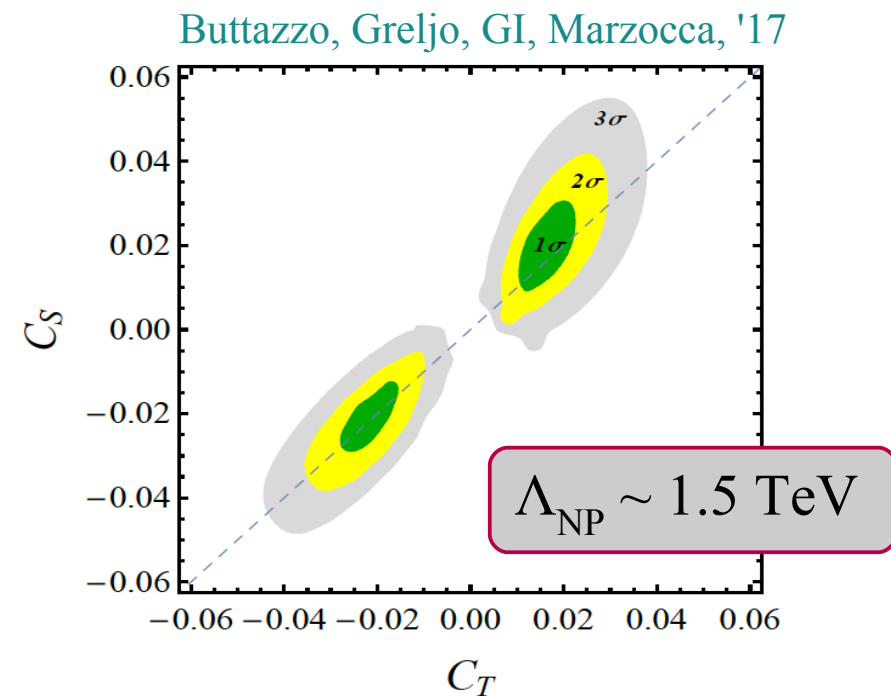
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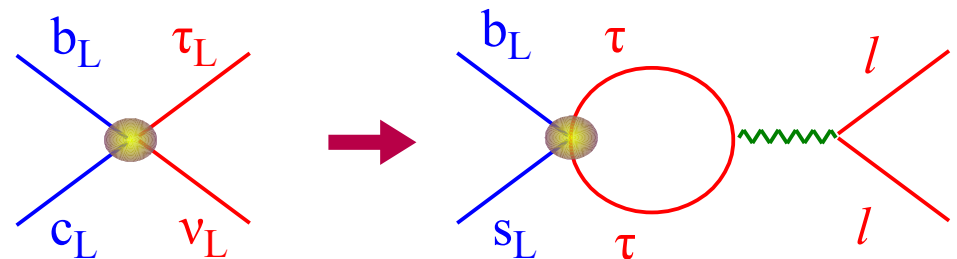
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Alguero *et al.* '19
Aebischer *et al.* '19



Crivellin, Greub, Muller, Saturnino '19

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by $\Delta C_9 = -\Delta C_{10}$

$$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)_{SM} = (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9} \quad \text{Beneke et al. '19}$$

Greljo, GI, Marzocca, '15

$$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)_{exp} = (2.72 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-9}$$

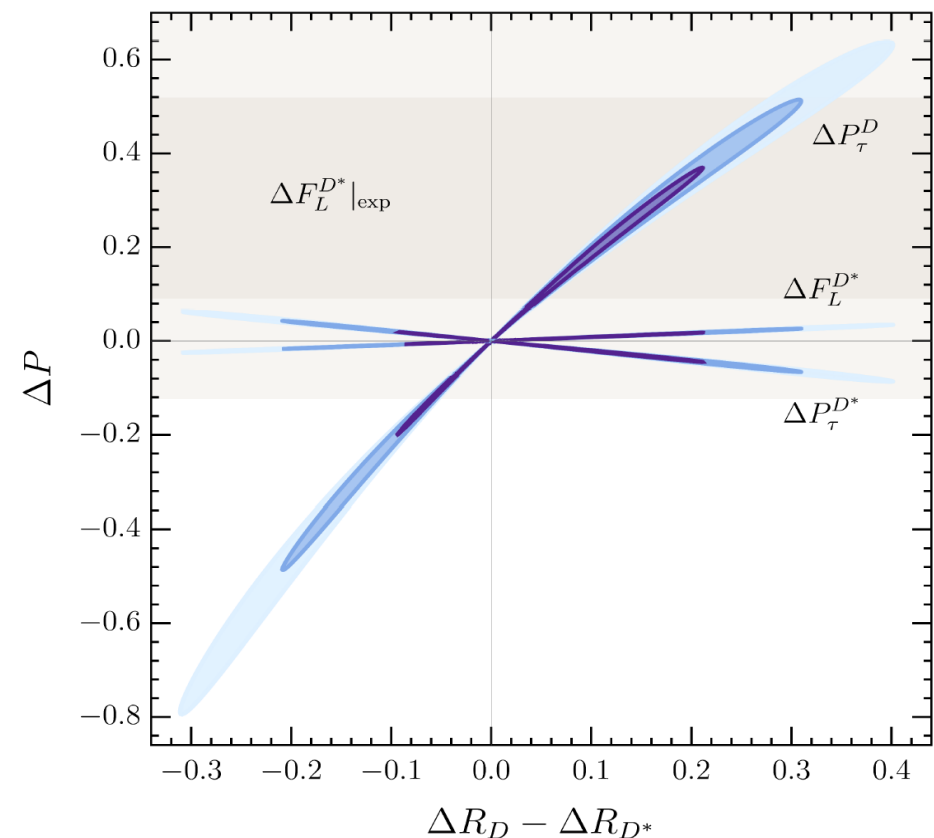
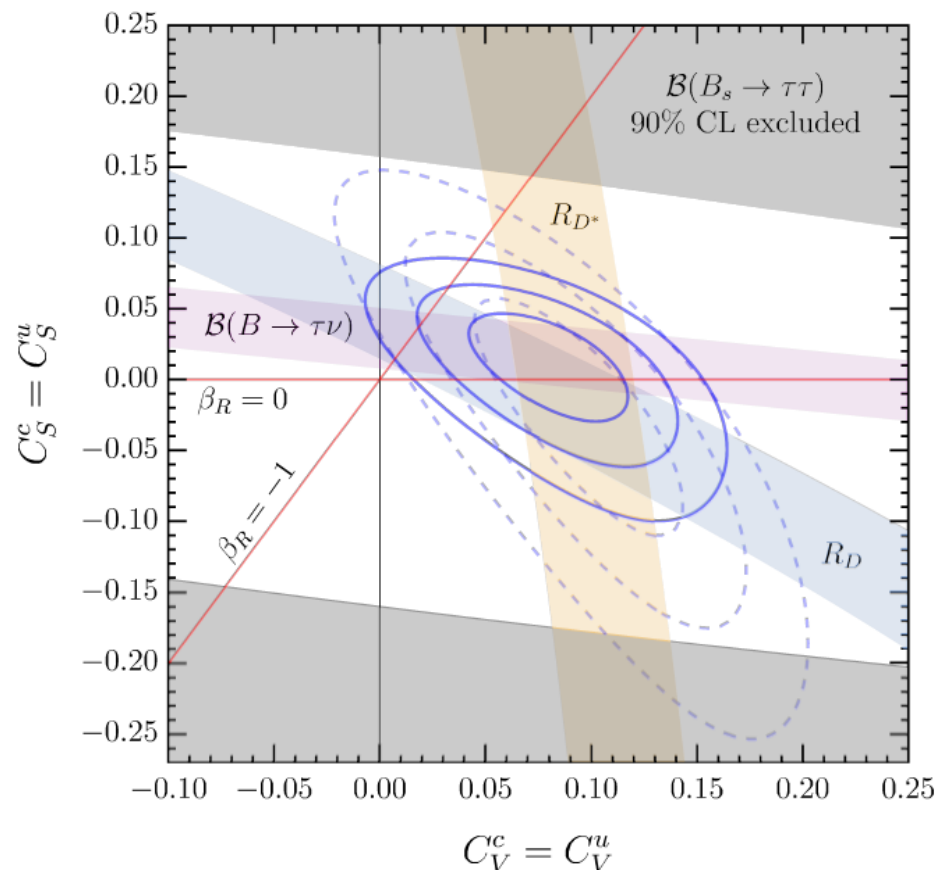
ATLAS+CMS+LHCb '19

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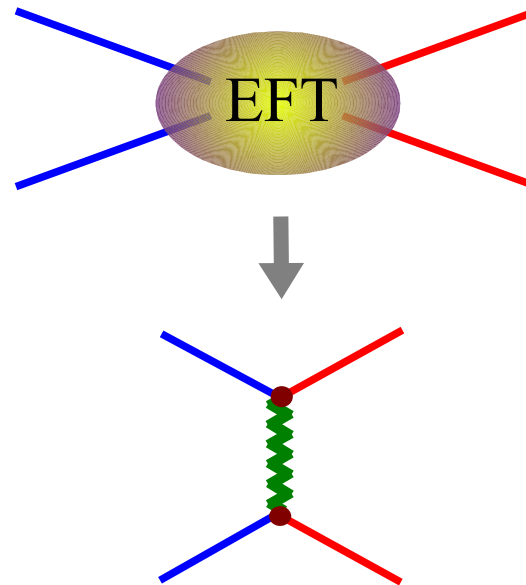
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A nice virtue of the EFT approach with flavor symmetries is the predictive power.

Clear example in semileptonic charged-currents (*only 2 effective parameters, even dropping the assumption of pure LH couplings*):

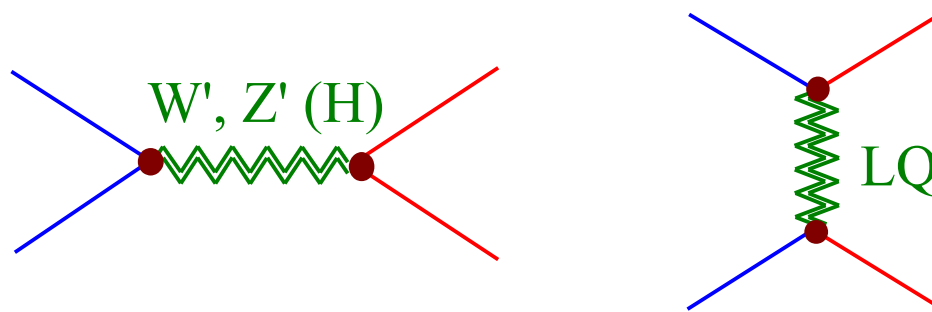


Simplified models: the return of the Leptoquark



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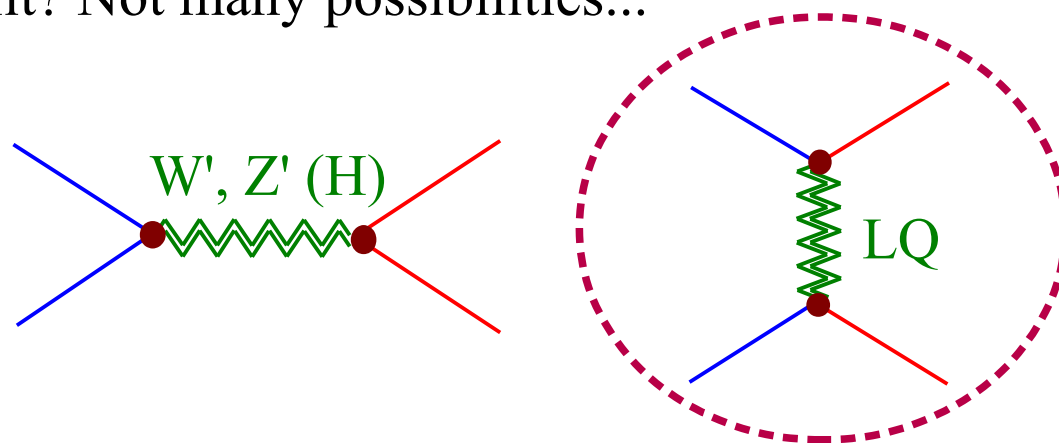
N.B.: Given the effective low-scale of NP, we are naturally lead to simplified models with tree-level leading mediators

These simplified models are not meant to be complete UV models, but rather a “**tool**” to **connect**

- low- vs. high-energy phenomenology,
- disconnected sectors of the EFT (e.g. semi-leptonic vs. $\Delta F=2$ ops.)

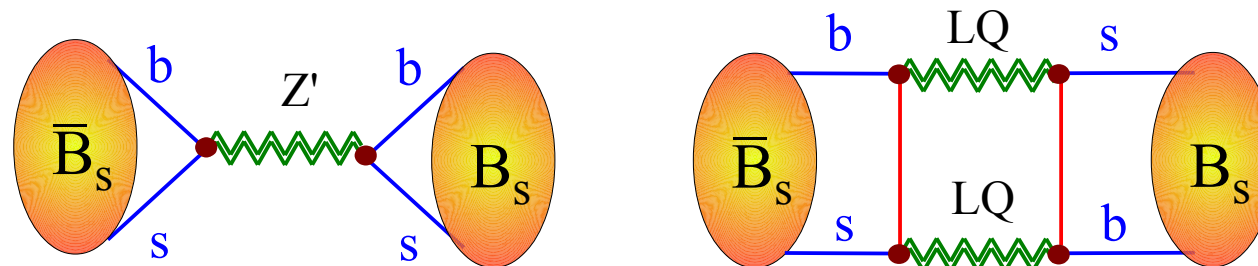
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LQ (both scalar and vectors) have two general strong advantages with respect to the other mediators:

I. $\Delta F=2$ &
 $\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu$



II. Direct searches:

3rd gen. LQ are also in better shape as far as direct searches are concerned (*contrary to Z'...*).

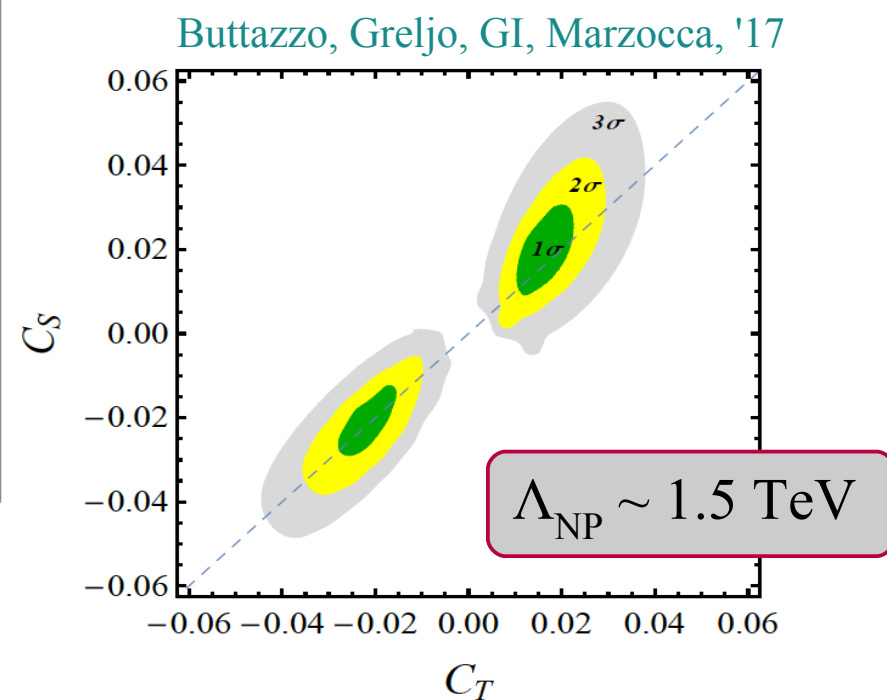
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	$\tilde{R}_2 = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/6}$	✗	✗	✗
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Angelescu, Becirevic, DAF, Sumensari [1808.08179]

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...but the **single-mediator** case is definitely an **over simplification** [*as we learned in the last ~ 2 years...*]

3 interesting options:

- U_1 + colorless-vectors

Being a massive vector, U_1 requires an appropriate UV compl. → always accompanied by (at least) a Z'

Alonso, Grinstein, Camalich '15
Barbieri, GI, Pattori, Senia '15
+ wide literature

- S_1 & S_3

Good option for the EFT “pure-LH” solution

Crivellin, Muller, Ota '17
Buttazzo *et al.* '17
Marzocca '18

- R_2 & S_3

GUT-inspired option for EFT solution including also RH currents

Becirevic *et al.* '18

► A “consistent” simplified model for the U_1

- Initial attempts focused on LQ with few, purely LH couplings. However, the quantum numbers of the U_1 allow both RH and LH currents.
- A consistent reduction in the number of free parameters is achieved with the help of the flavor symmetry:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g_U}{\sqrt{2}} U_1^\mu \left[\beta_{i\alpha}^L (\bar{q}_{L\mu}^i \gamma_\mu \ell_L^\alpha) - \beta_{i\alpha}^R (\bar{d}_{R\mu}^i \gamma_\mu e_R^\alpha) \right] + \text{h.c.}$$

to a good approximation...

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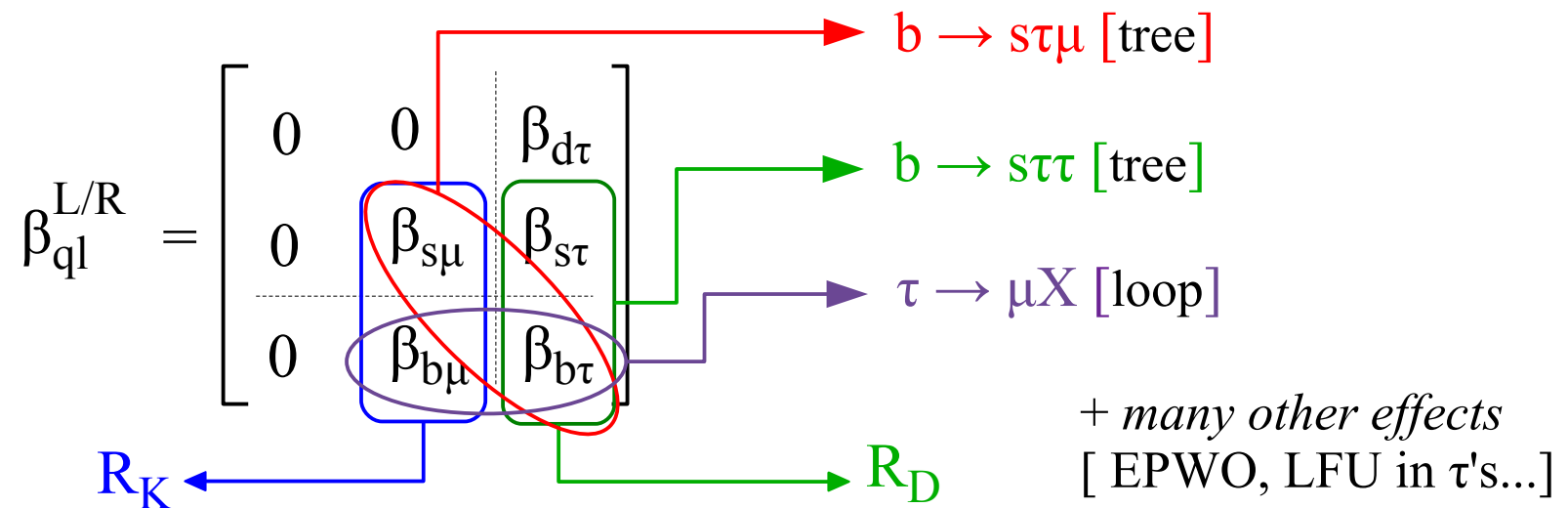
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U(2)ⁿ flavor symm. with Yukawa-like breaking

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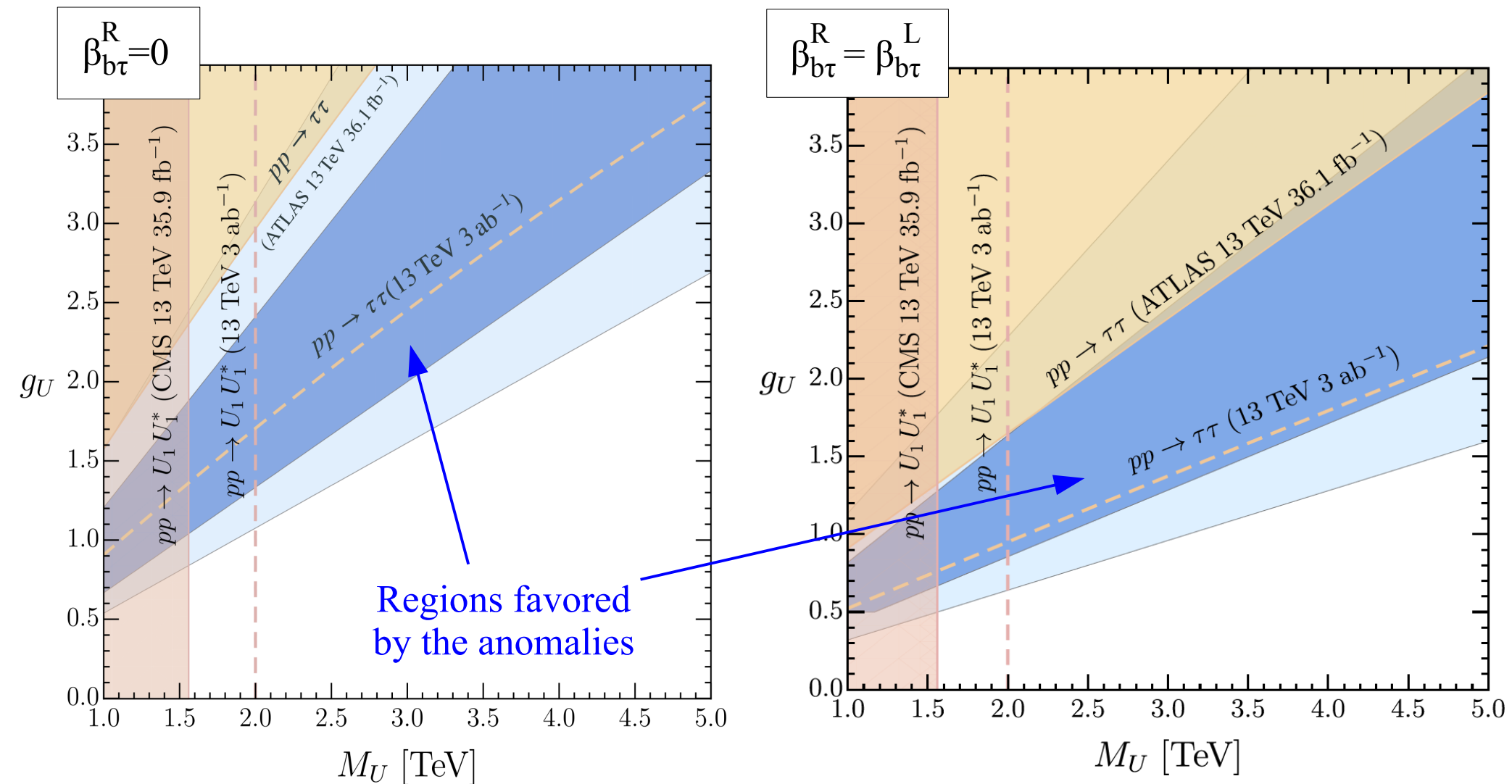
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The presence of the (motivated) extra coupling leads to a series of interesting effects at both low- and high-energies

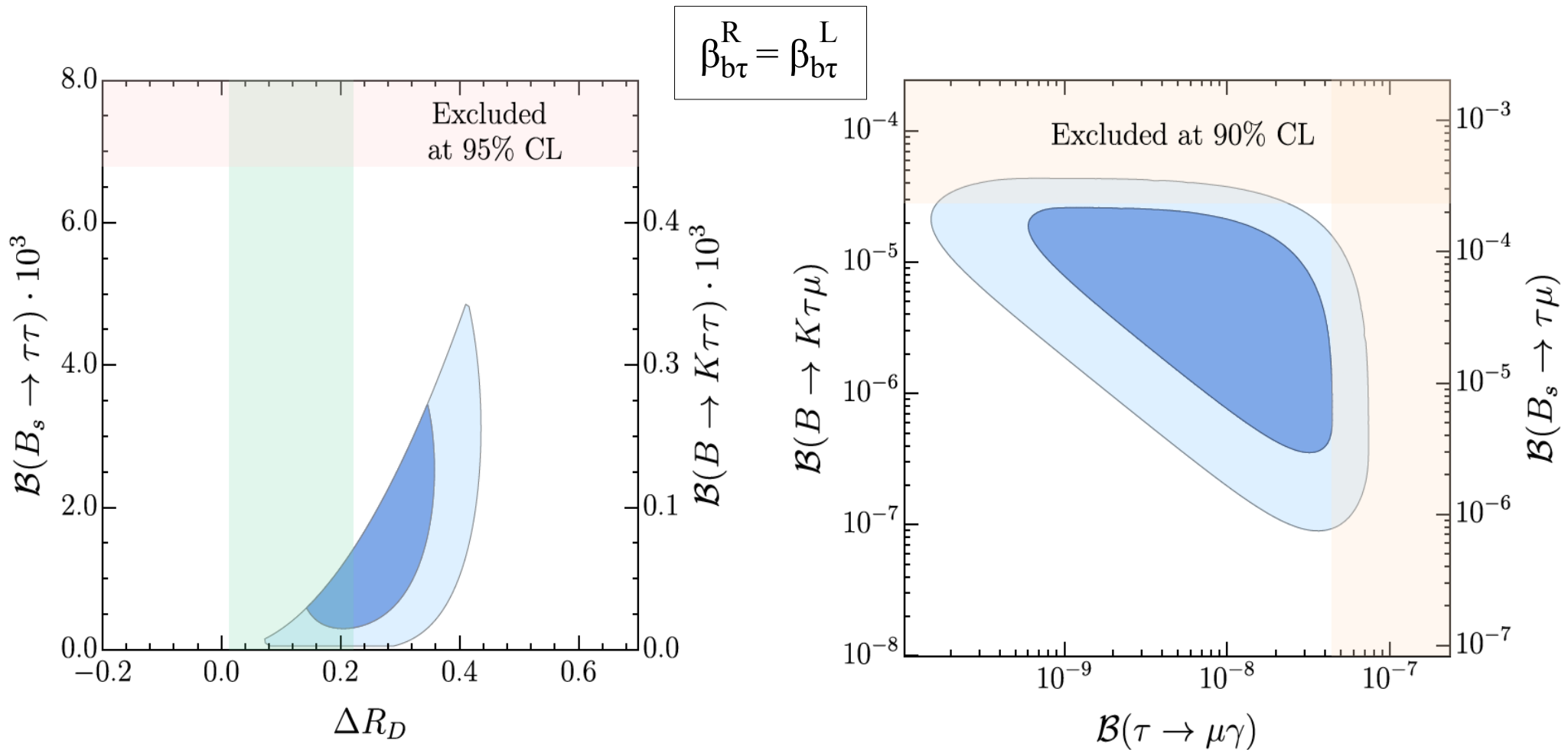
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The presence of RH couplings leads to significant differences at high- p_T :



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Probably the most striking signature of large RH couplings is the (unavoidable) large enhancement of $B(B \rightarrow \tau\tau)$ & $B(B \rightarrow \tau\mu)$:



Non-universal gauge interactions & the PS^3 hypothesis



► Toward a UV completion: the PS³ hypothesis

Starting observation: the gauge theory proposed in the 70's to unify quarks and leptons by Pati & Salam predicts a massive vector LQ with the correct quantum numbers to fit the anomalies:

Pati-Salam group: $SU(4) \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

Fermions in SU(4):

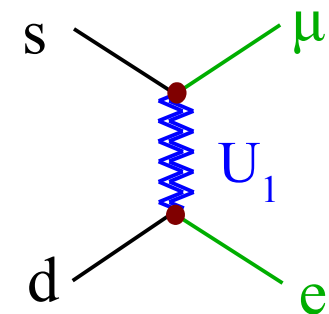
$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_L^\alpha \\ Q_L^\beta \\ Q_L^\gamma \\ L_L \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} Q_R^\alpha \\ Q_R^\beta \\ Q_R^\gamma \\ L_R \end{bmatrix}$$

Main Pati-Salam idea:
Lepton number as “the 4th color”

The massive LQ [U_1] arise from the breaking $SU(4) \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{B-L}$

The problem of the “original PS model” are the strong bounds on the LQ couplings to 1st & 2nd generations [e.g. $M > 200 \text{ TeV}$ from $K_L \rightarrow \mu e$]

Interesting recent attempts to solve this problem adding extra fermions and/or modifying the gauge group [Calibbi, Crivellin, Li, '17; Di Luzio, Greljo, Nardecchia, '17]

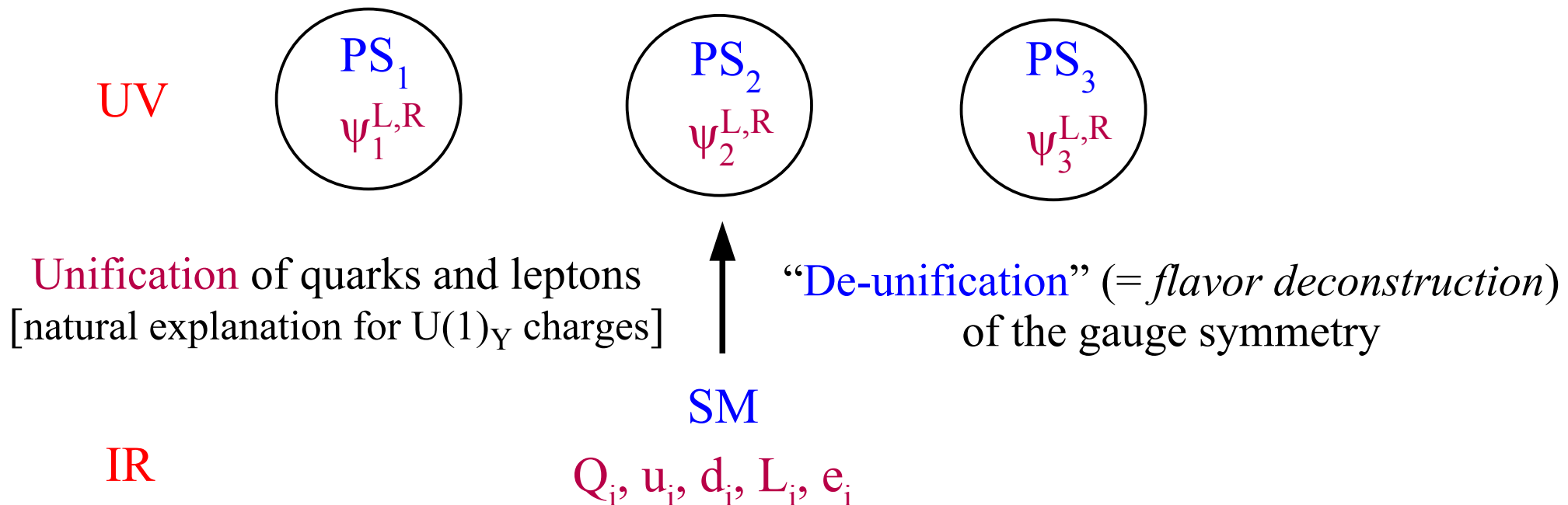


► The PS³ model

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Main idea: at high energies the 3 families are charged under 3 independent gauge groups (*gauge bosons carry a flavor index !*)



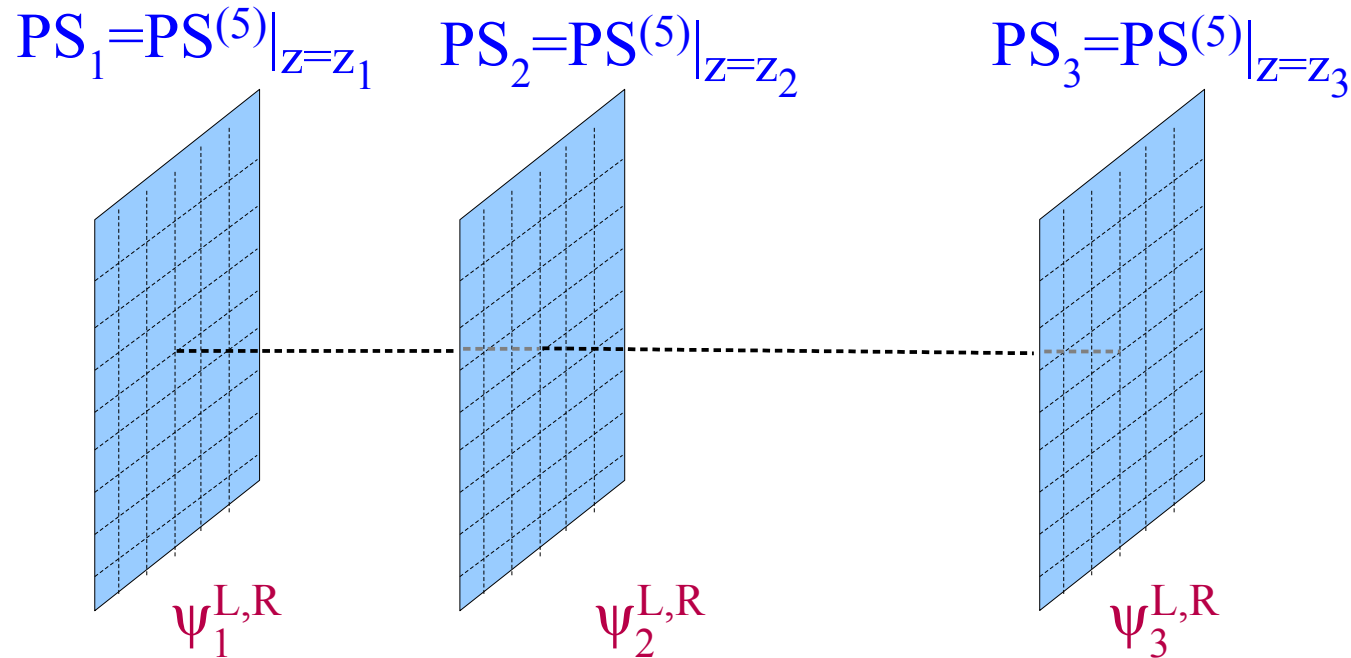
Key advantages:

- Light LQ coupled mainly to 3rd gen.
- Accidental $U(2)^5$ flavor symmetry
- Natural structure of SM Yukawa couplings

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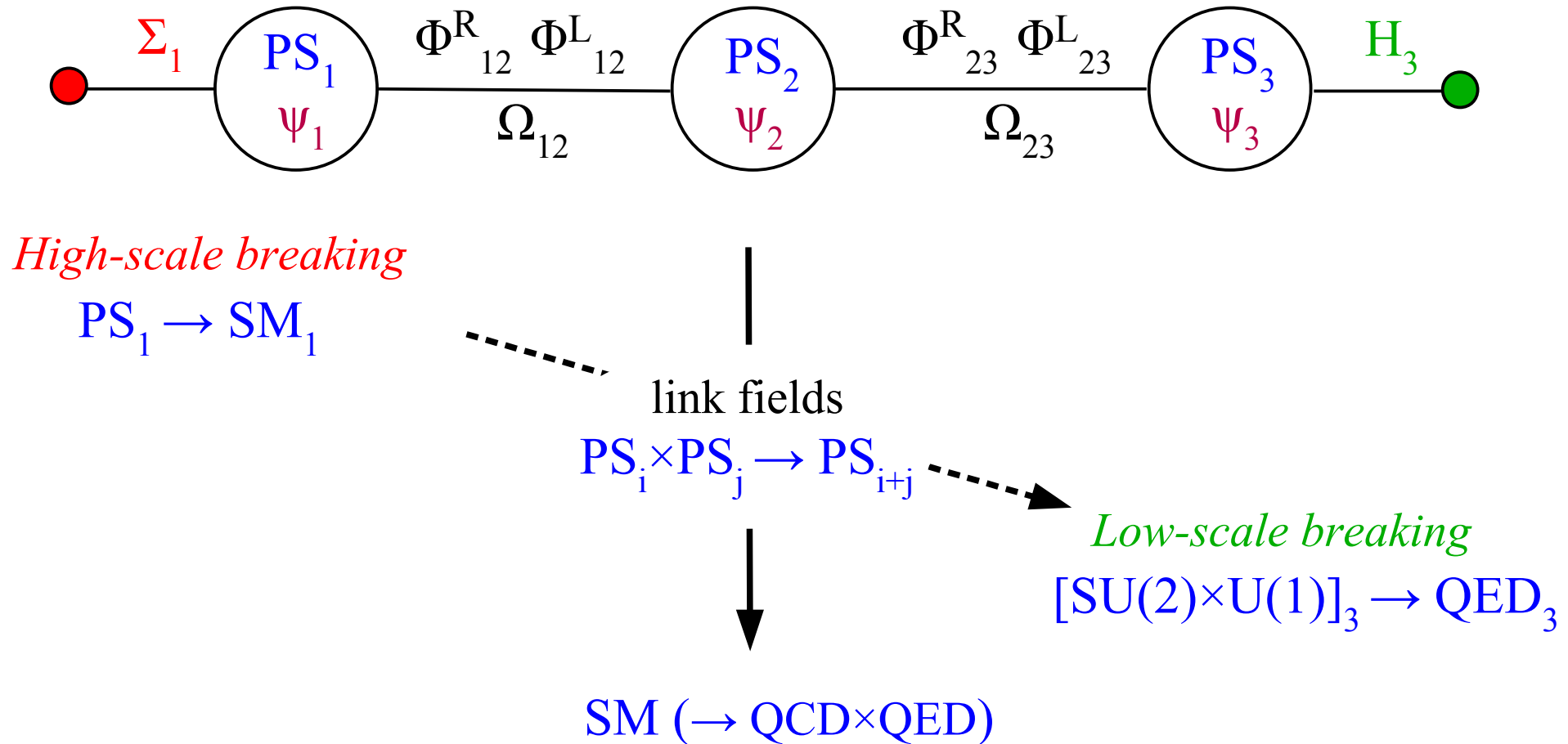
Unification
of quarks and leptons

“**De-unification**”
(= *flavor deconstruction*)
of the gauge symmetry

This construction can find a “natural” justification in the context of models with extra space-time dimensions

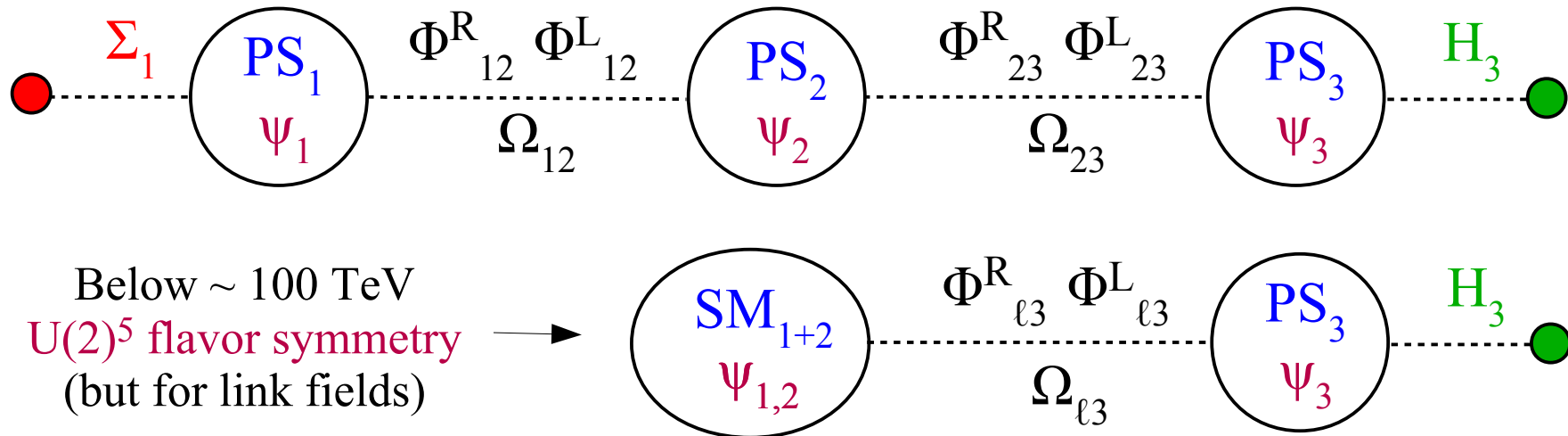
The 4D description is apparently more complex, but it allow us to derive precise low-energy phenomenological signatures (*4D renormalizable gauge model*)

► *The PS³ model*



- ★ The breaking to the diagonal SM group occurs via appropriate “link” fields, responsible also for the **generation of the hierarchy in the Yukawa couplings**.
- ★ The 2-3 breaking gives a **TeV-scale LQ** [+ Z' & G'] **coupled mainly to 3rd gen.**, as in the “4321” model [Di Luzio, Greljo, Nardecchia, '17]

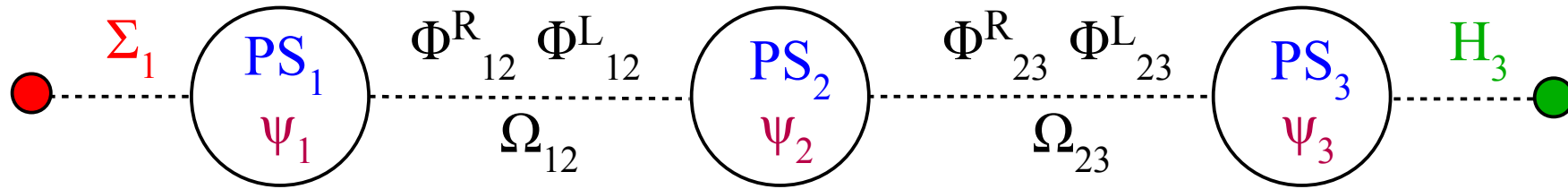
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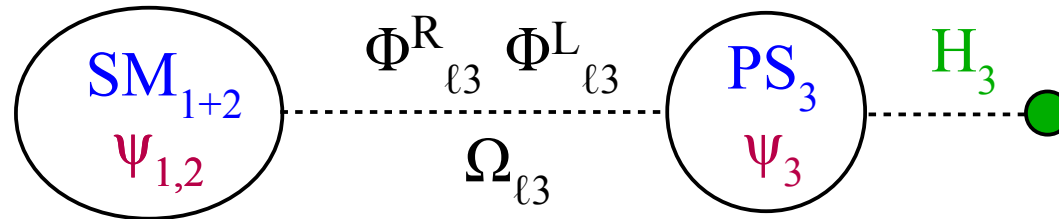
Leading flavor structure:

- Yukawa coupling for 3rd gen. only
- “Light” LQ field (from PS₃) coupled only to 3rd gen.
- U(2)⁵ symmetry protects flavor-violating effects on light gen.

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Below ~ 100 TeV
 $U(2)^5$ flavor symmetry
 (but for link fields)

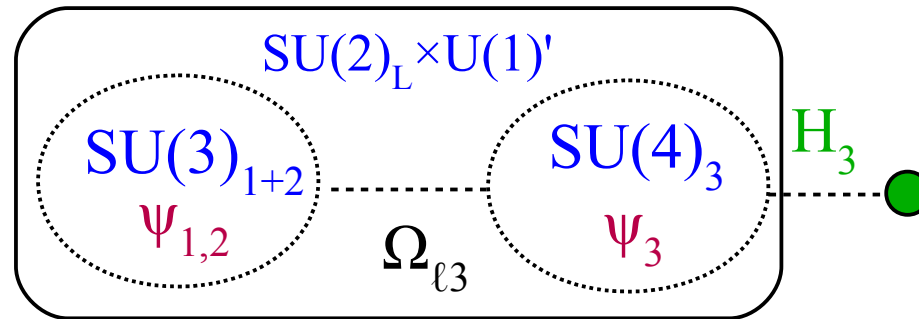


$\rightarrow W_L' + W_R' [\sim 5-10 \text{ TeV}]$

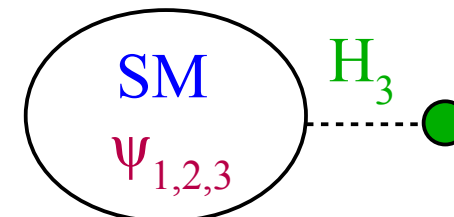
*Sub-leading Yukawa terms
 from higher dim ops:*

$$Y_U = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta & V \\ & y_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\langle \Phi_{\ell 3}^R \Phi_{\ell 3}^L \rangle}{(\Lambda_{23})^2} \qquad \frac{\langle \Omega_{\ell 3} \rangle}{\Lambda_{23}}$$



$\rightarrow \text{LQ } [U_1] + Z' + G' [\sim 1-5 \text{ TeV}]$



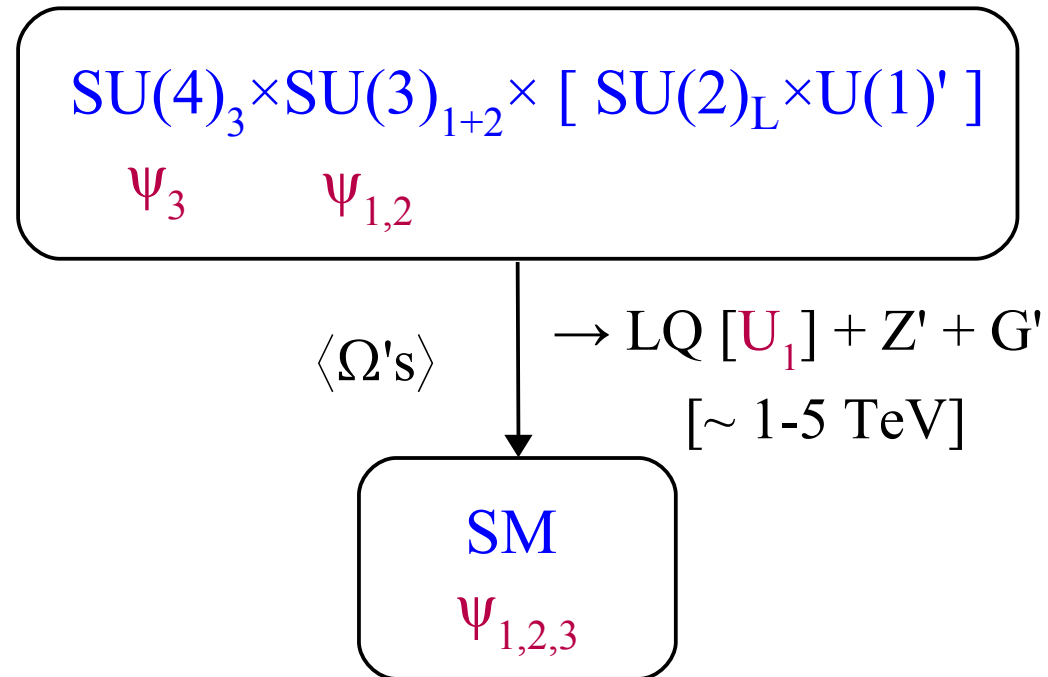
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Present collider and low-energy pheno are controlled by the last-step in the breaking chain [4321 → SM]

Despite the apparent complexity, the construction is highly constrained

Renormalizable structure (no d>5 ops) achieved with vector-like fermions

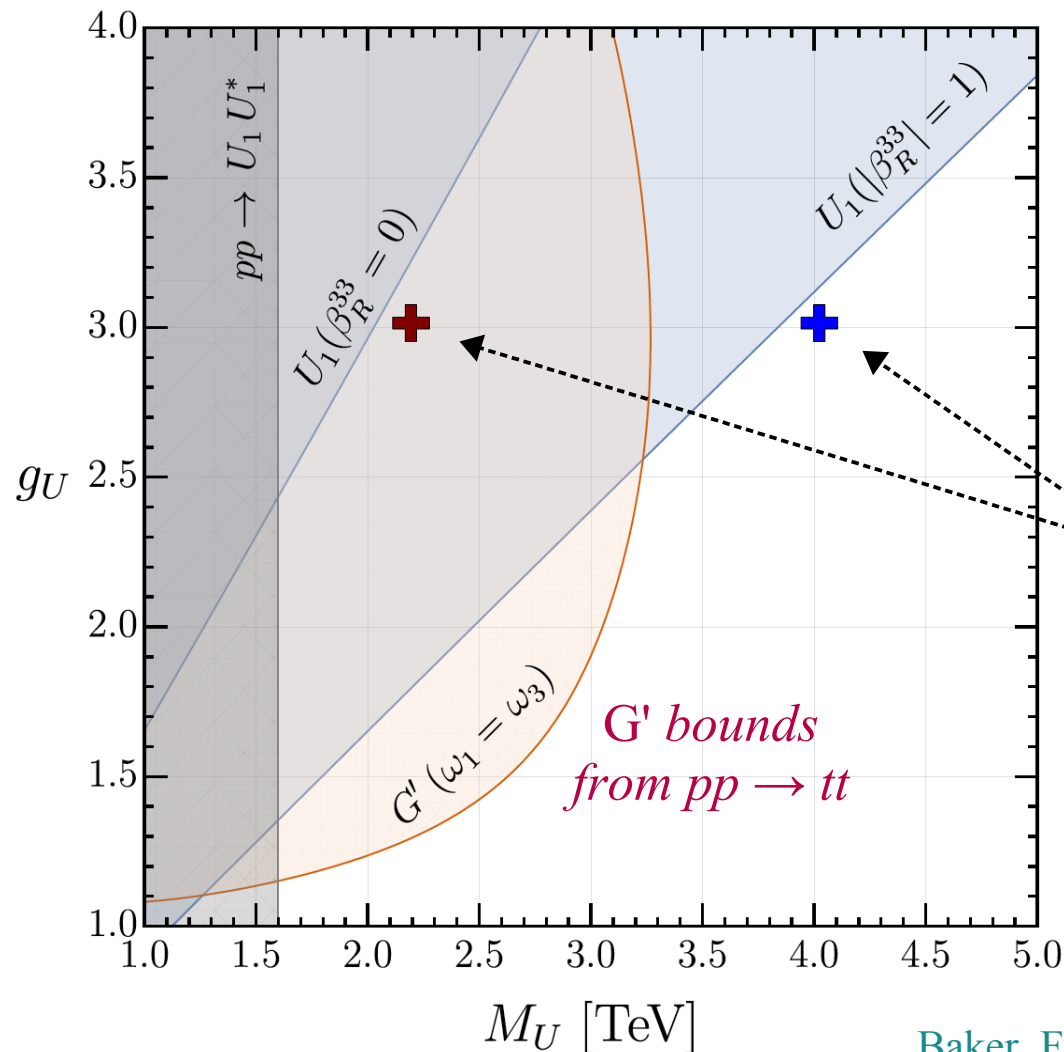
Field	SU(4)	SU(3)'	SU(2) _L	U(1)'
q_L^i	1	3	2	1/6
u_R^i	1	3	1	2/3
d_R^i	1	3	1	-1/3
ℓ_L^i	1	1	2	-1/2
e_R^i	1	1	1	-1
ψ'_L	4	1	2	0
ψ'_u	4	1	1	1/2
ψ'_d	4	1	1	-1/2
χ_L^i	4	1	2	0
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H_1	1	1	2	1/2
H_{15}	15	1	2	1/2
Ω_1	$\bar{4}$	1	1	-1/2
Ω_3	$\bar{4}$	3	1	1/6
Ω_{15}	15	1	1	0



We can reproduce all the positive features the simplified model
+
Calculability of $\Delta F=2$ processes
[in agreement with present data in large area of param. space]

► The PS³ model

A key difference between the simplified model and this complete UV model is the high-pT phenomenology, which now involves more states



The bounds on the coloron are less relevant in PS³ vs. the case of a pure LH coupled U_1

Same U_1
contrib. to R_D

Conclusions

- The recent **LFU anomalies** provide a concrete demonstration of the high discovery potential of indirect NP searches. Even if they will go away, they have been very beneficial in shaking some prejudices in model building and in (re-)opening new interesting directions.
- If interpreted as NP signals, both set of anomalies are not in contradiction among themselves & with existing low- & high-energy data. Taken together, they point to **NP coupled mainly to 3rd generation, with a flavor structure connected to that appearing in the SM Yukawa couplings**
- Simplified models with LQ states seem to be favored. Among them, the U_1 case **stands for simplicity & phenomenological success**. The PS^3 model is an interesting example of (class of) UV framework(s) which could host it, and could help to shed light on Flavor & Hierarchy problems.



... a lot of fun ahead of us !

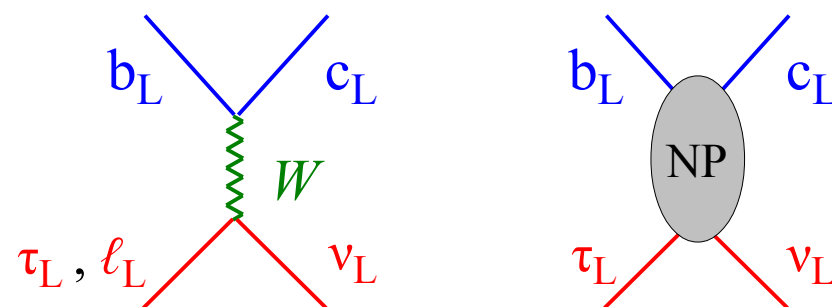
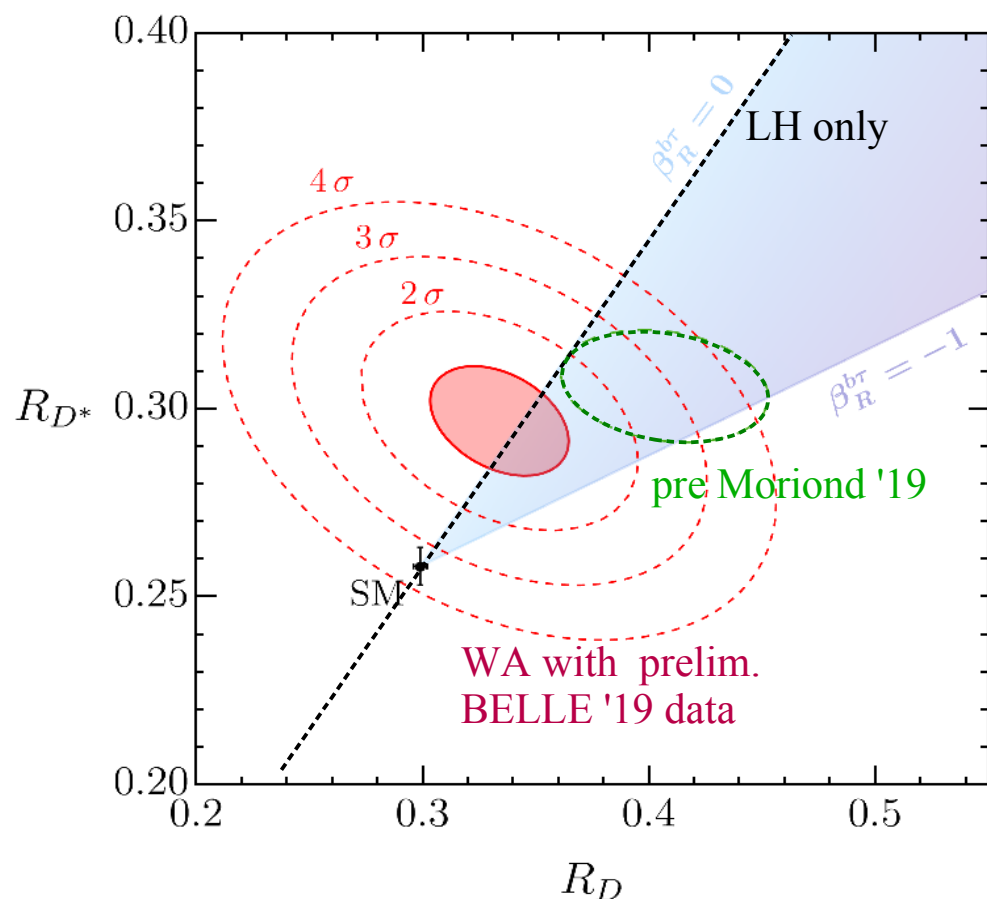
[both on the exp. / pheno / model-building point of view]



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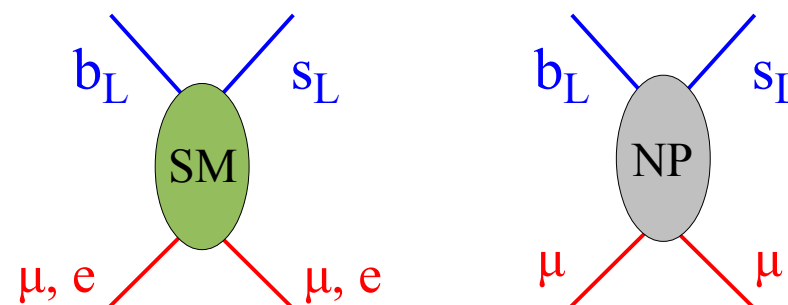
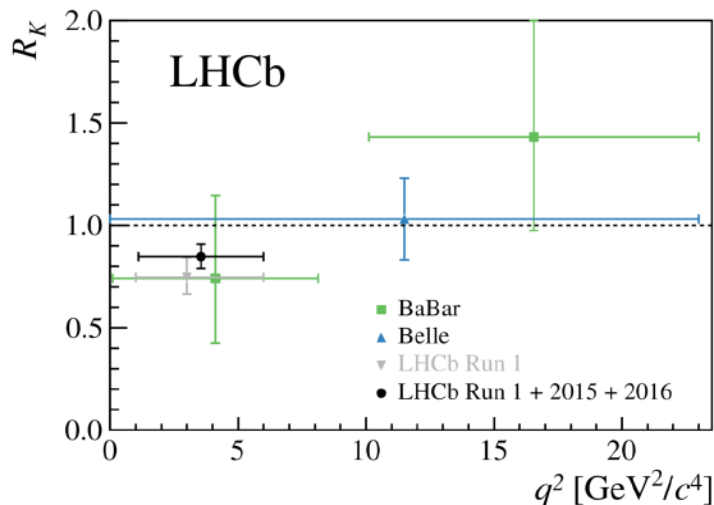
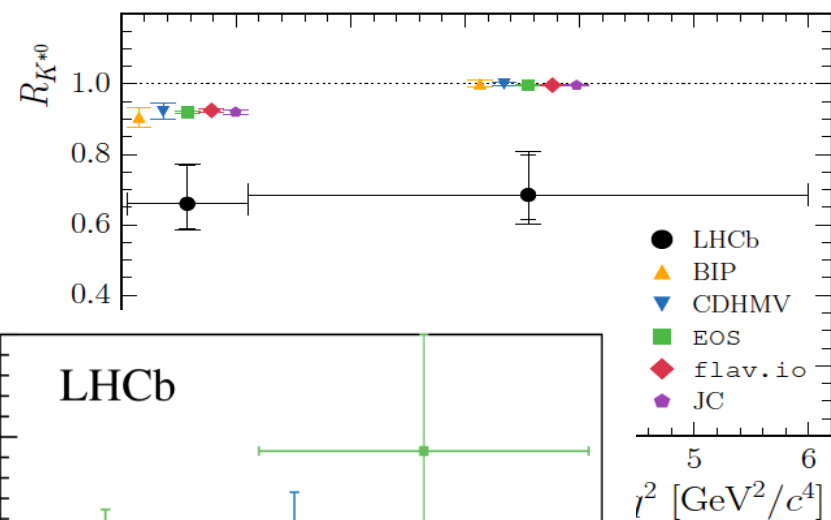
Several results by different exps.
all central values above the SM
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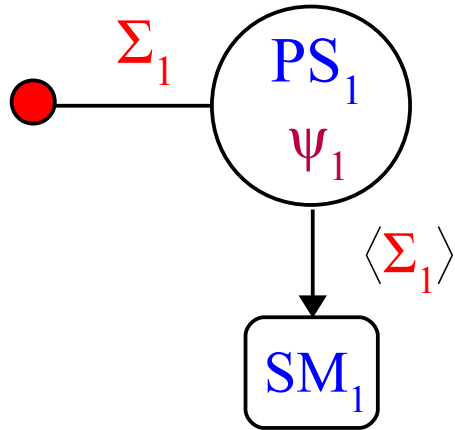
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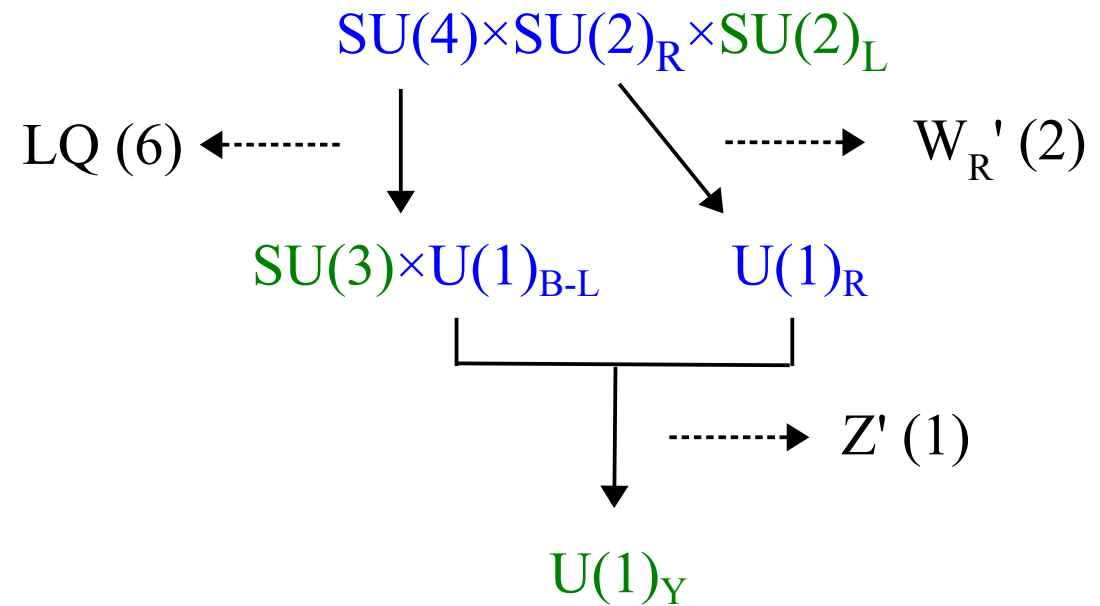


High-scale [$\sim 10^3$ TeV]
 “vertical” breaking [$PS \rightarrow SM$]

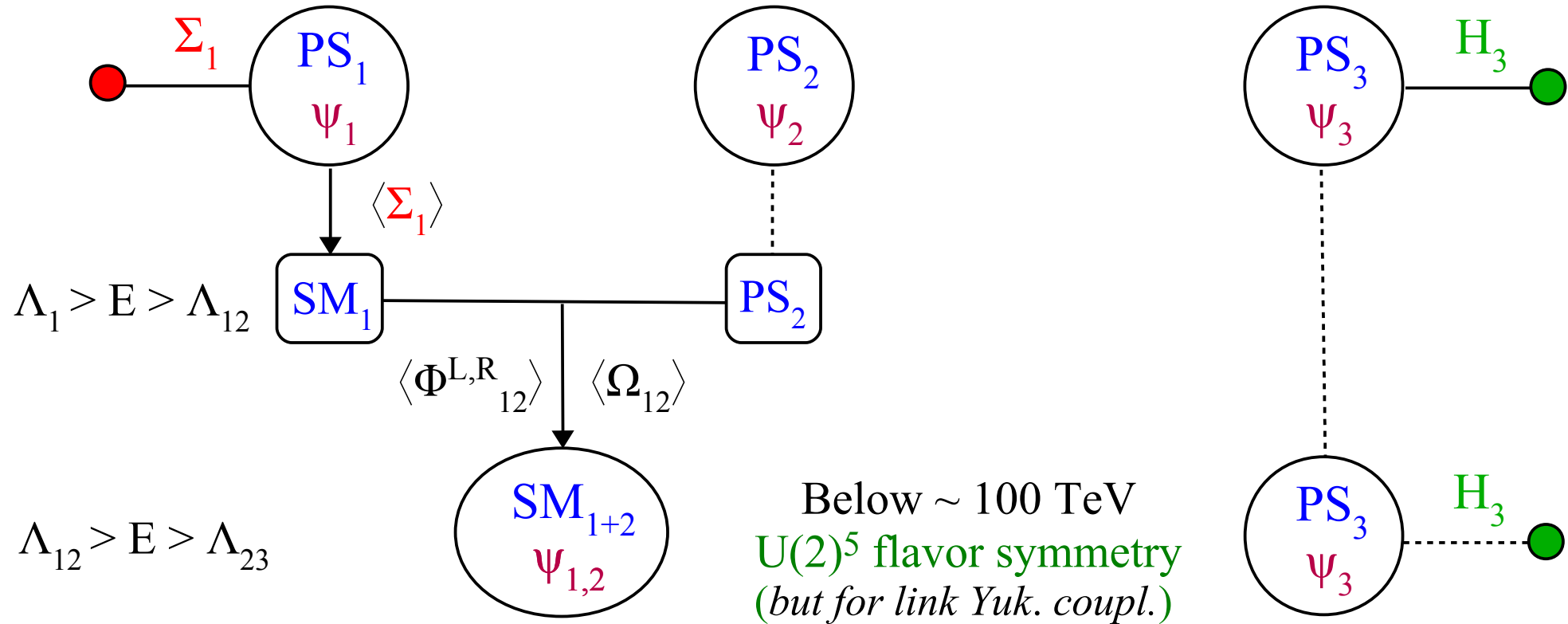
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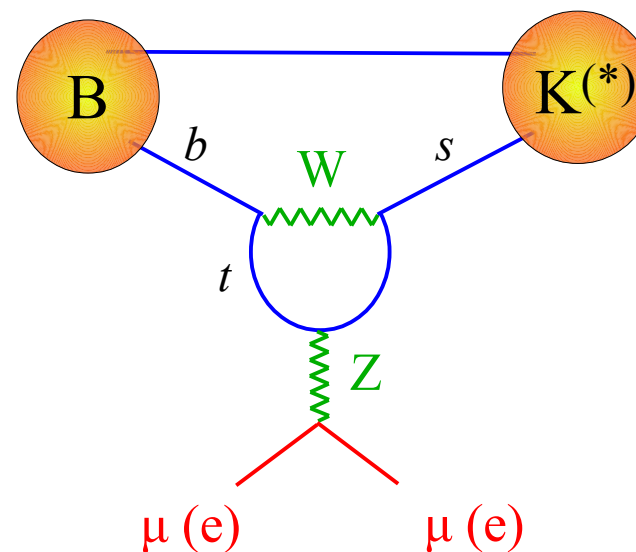
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- chronological order
↓

$b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ transitions are Flavor Changing Neutral Current amplitudes

- No SM tree-level contribution
- Strong suppression within the SM because of CKM hierarchy
- Sizable theory uncertainties (in some observables)



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Charm contributions (pert. +non-pert.) can induce only lepton-universal corrections to C_9 (not to C_{10})

Generally they lead to non-local effects (\leftrightarrow non-trivial q^2 dependence)

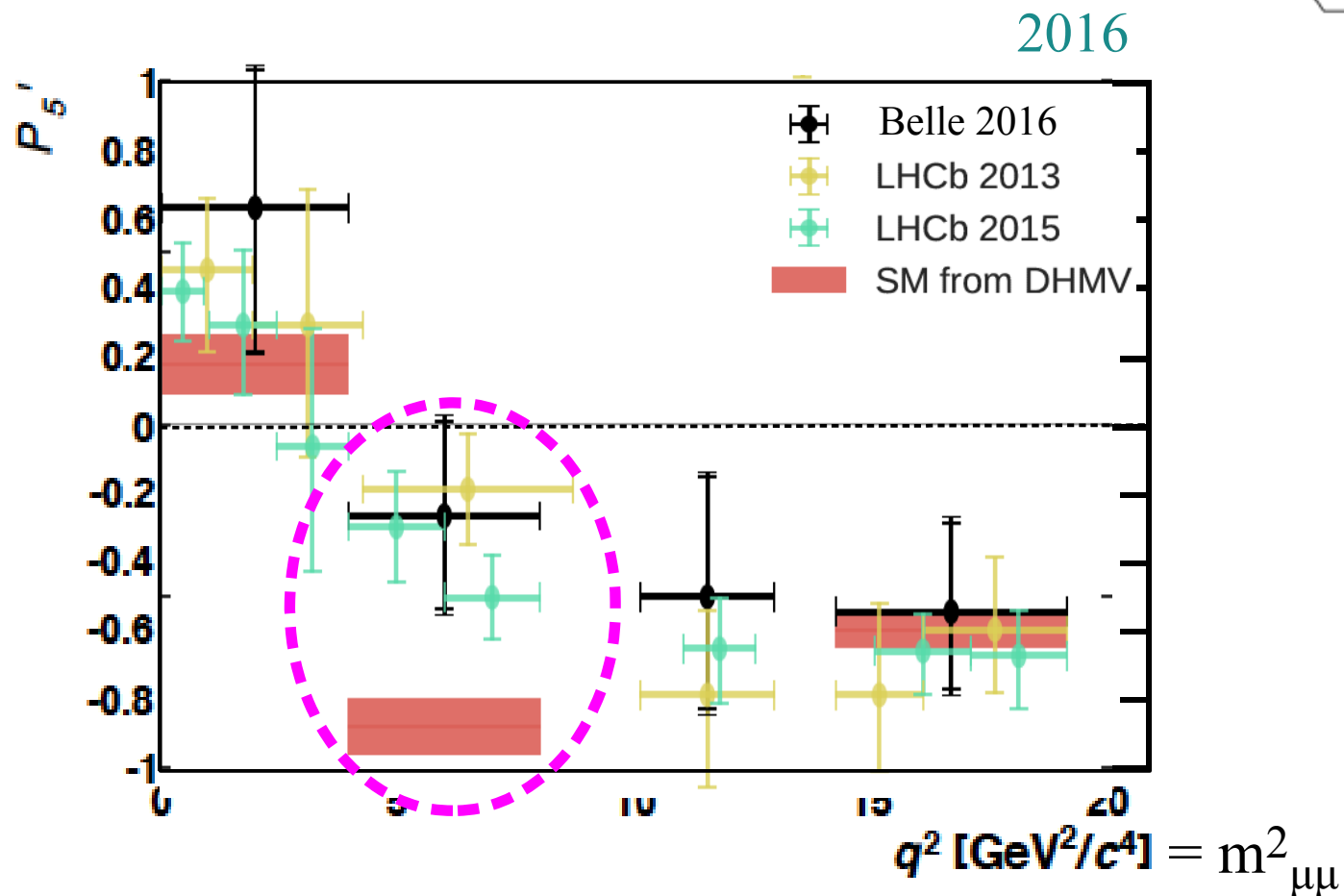
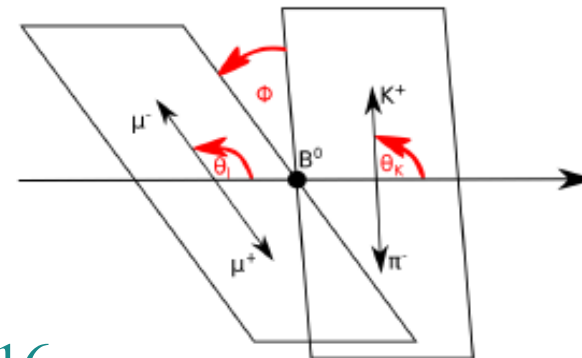
$$Q_9 = (\bar{b}_L \gamma_\mu s_L) \bar{l} \gamma^\mu l$$

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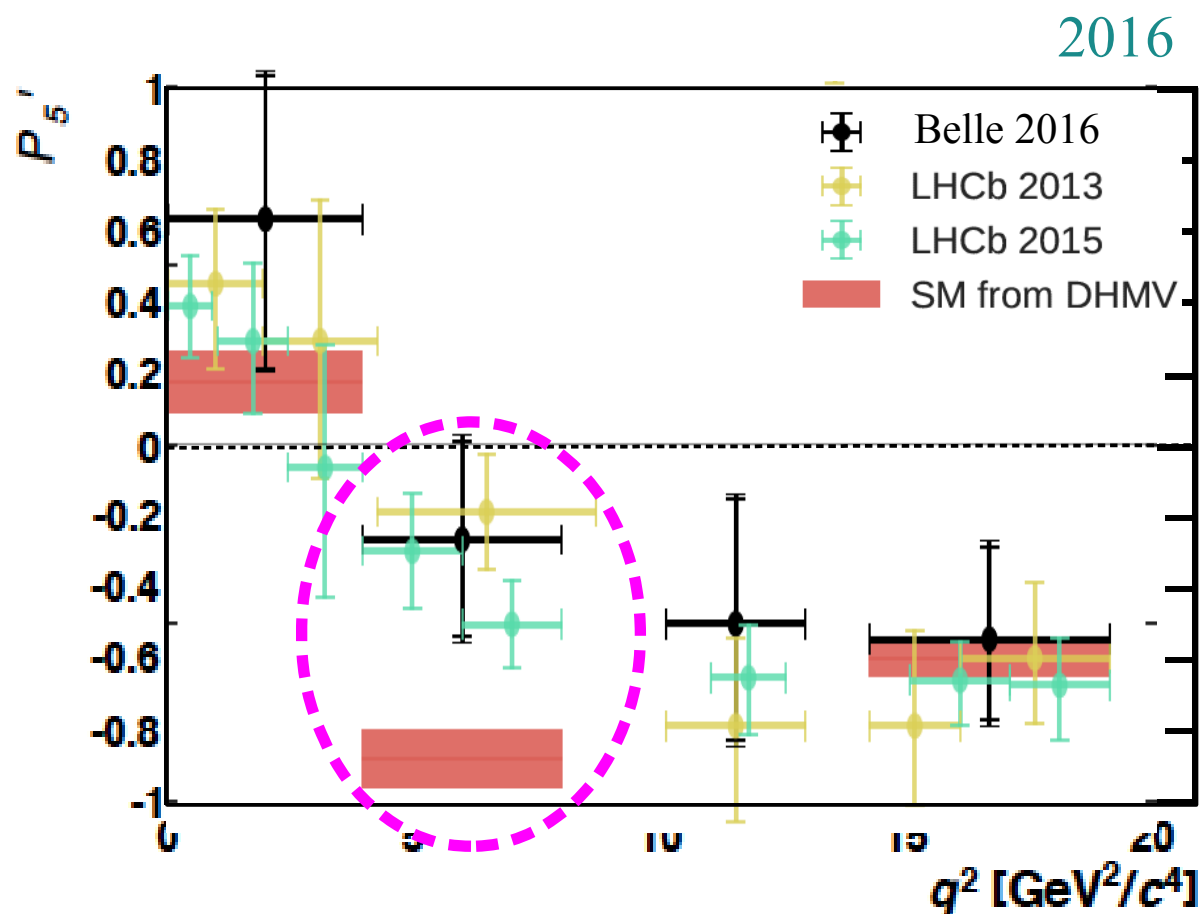
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The $B \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ differential distribution:



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 +
 II. The smallness of $d\Gamma(B \rightarrow H_s \mu\mu)$ in several modes
 [$H_s = K, K^*, \phi$ (from B_s)]



Pro NP:

Reduced tension in all the observable -in all bins- with a unique fit of non-standard $C_i(M_W) \rightarrow$ compatible with effect of short-distance origin [non-trivial: $O(100)$ observ. few Wilson coeff.]

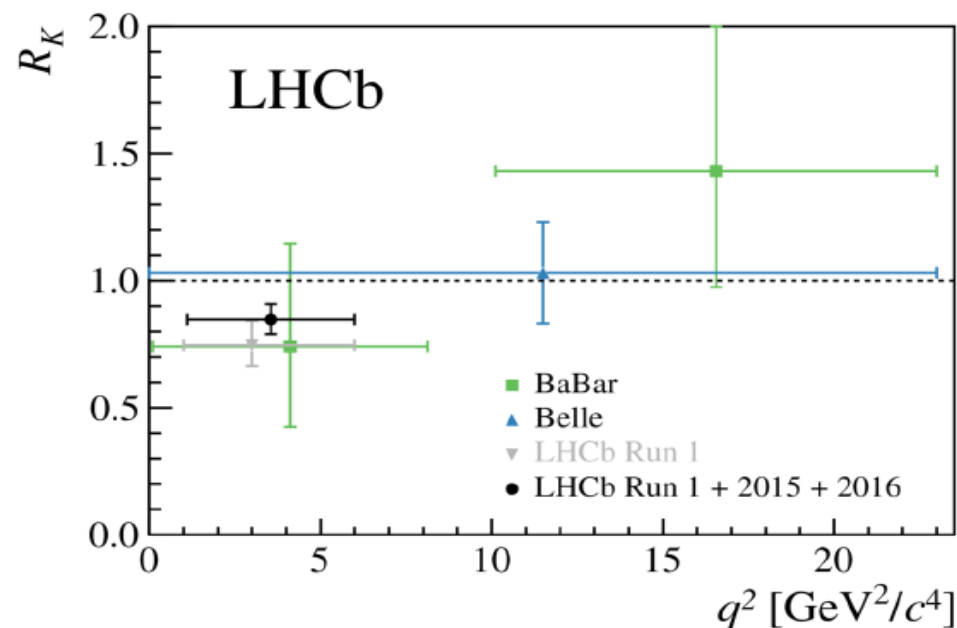
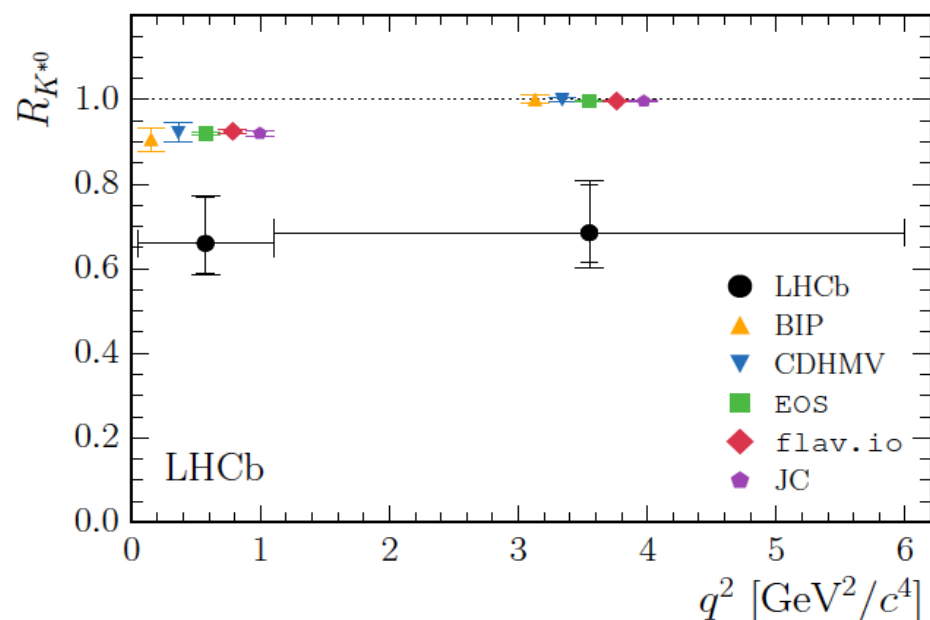
Against NP:

Non-standard effect mainly driven by C_9 (\leftrightarrow charm loops) \rightarrow significance reduced with conservative estimates of long-distance corrections

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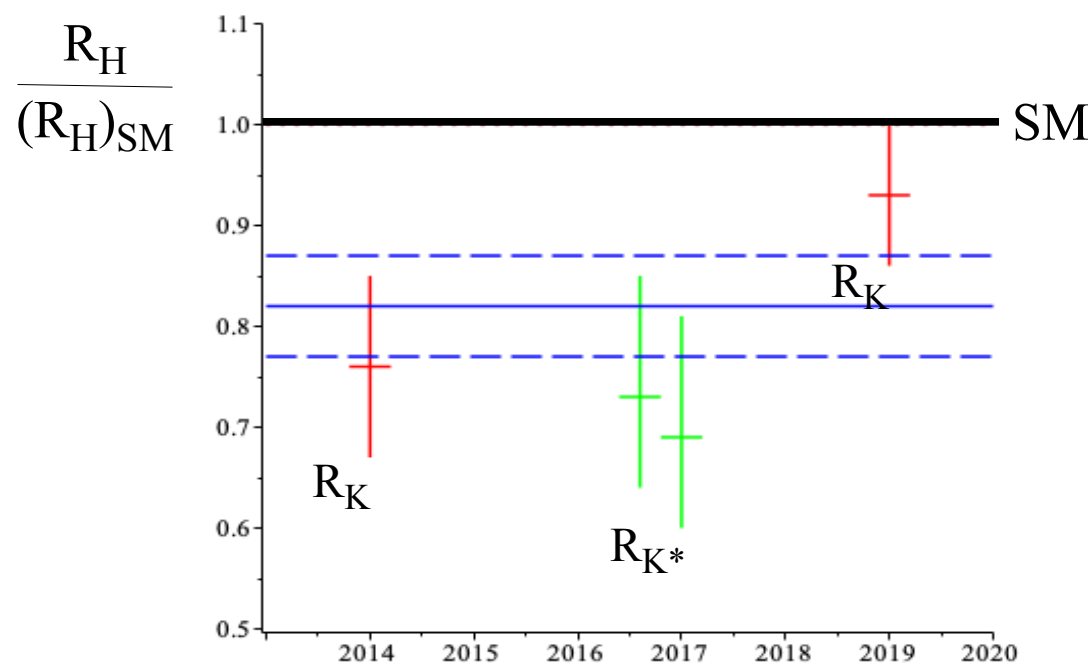


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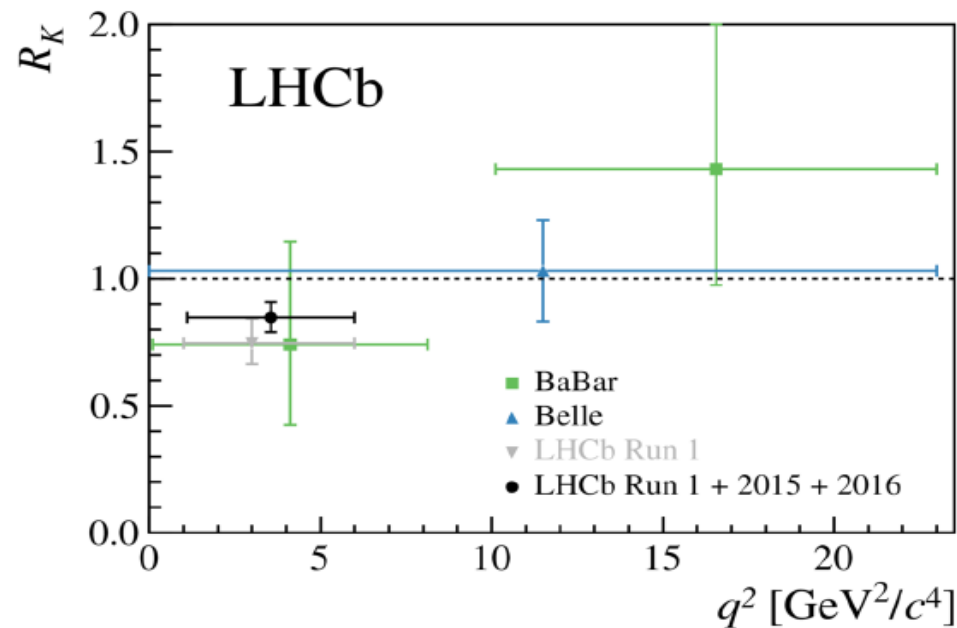
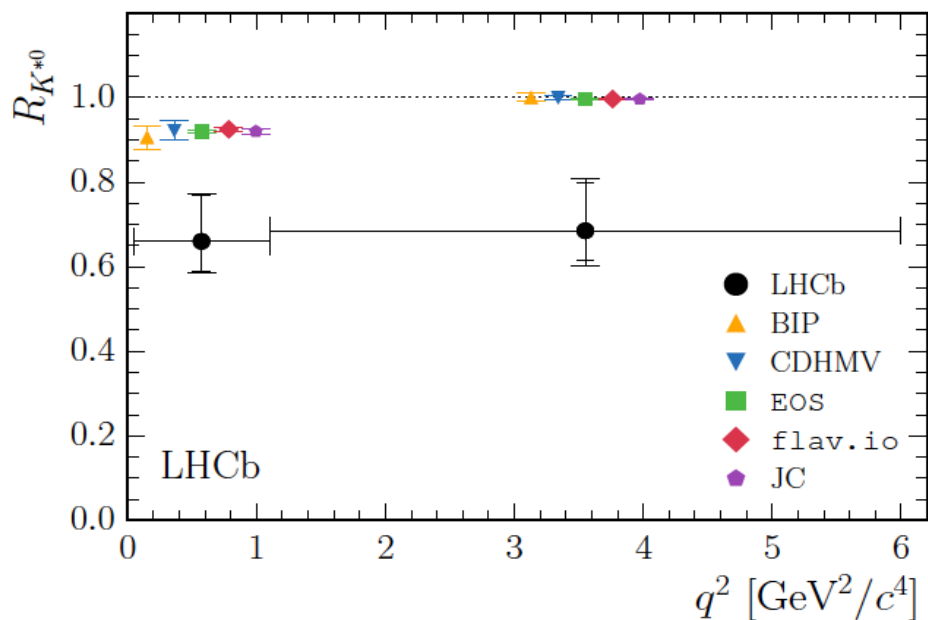


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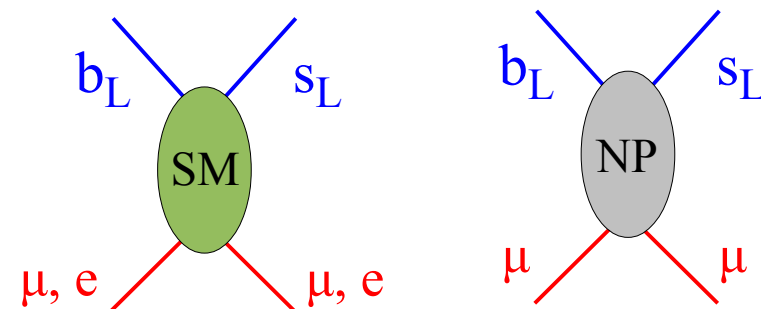
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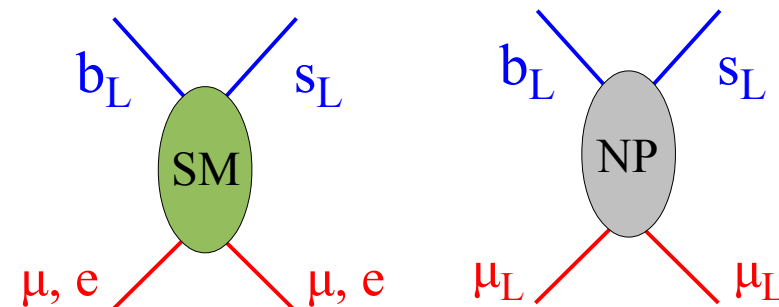
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Despite the significance has not increased with the release of new data in 2019, the overall consistency has further increased, as well as the evidence that the putative NP effects come from a pure left-handed operator \rightarrow expected suppression of $\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)$ by $\sim 20\%$ compared to its SM expectation:

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IV.
$$\begin{aligned} \text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)_{\text{SM}} &= (3.66 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{-9} \\ \text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)_{\text{exp}} &= (2.72 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-9} \end{aligned}$$

[LHCb+CMS+ATLAS '19]

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More sophisticated analyses, taking into account all observables, with state-of-the-art estimates of hadronic form factors + realistic (*but somehow model-dependent*) estimates of long-distance effects \rightarrow pull exceeding **5 σ** :

