



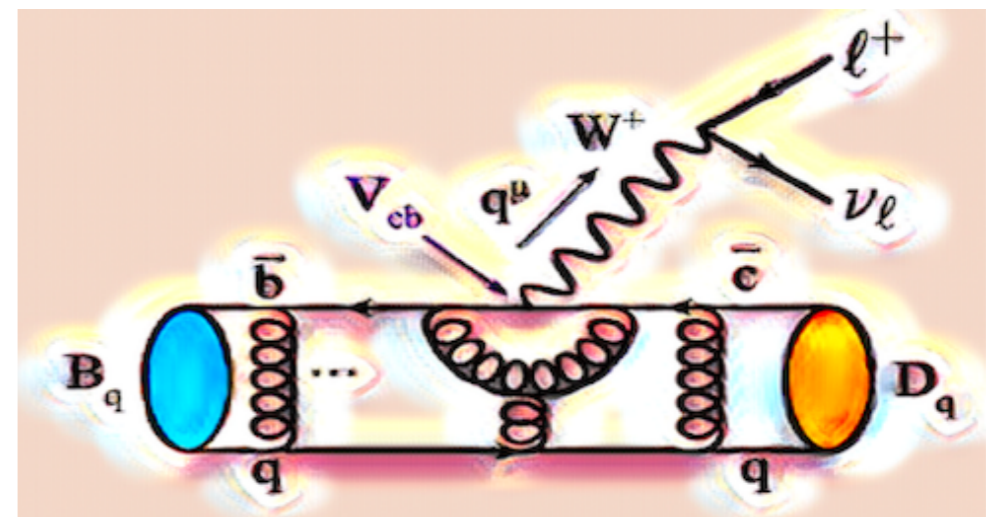
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The Flavor Puzzle: Hints for 3rd Family New Physics

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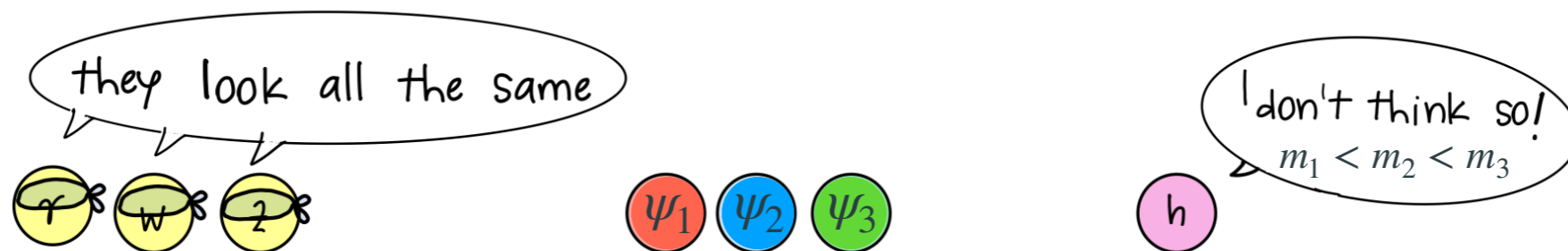
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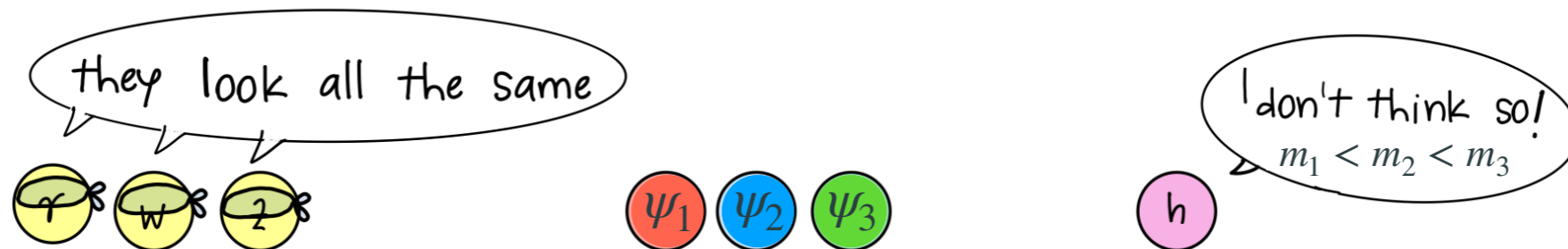


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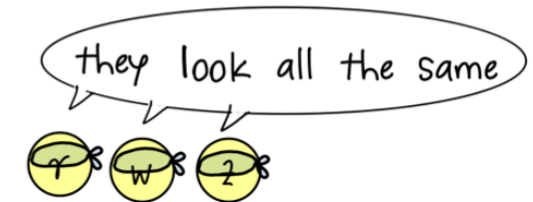
Is there a connection between the nature of the Higgs boson and the SM flavor puzzle? Clues toward the structure and scale of new physics (NP)?



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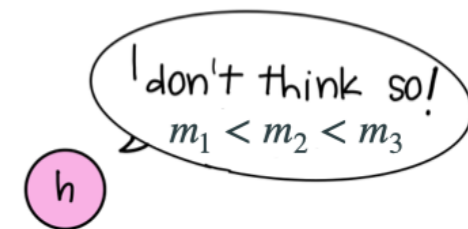
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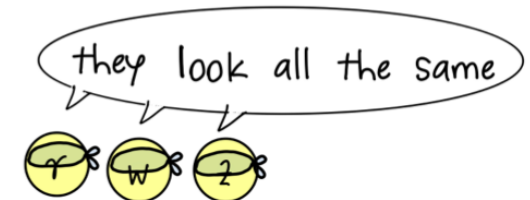


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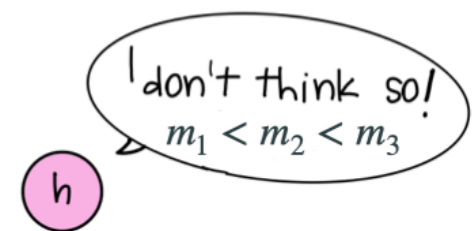
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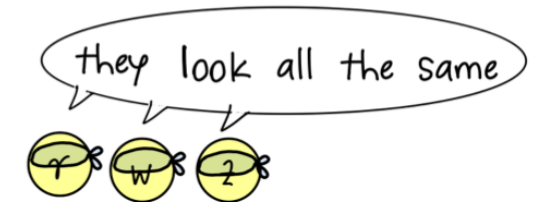
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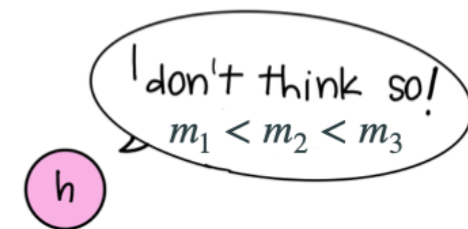
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Perhaps this is not an accident- maybe there is NP responsible for this pattern that follows the same structure....

Hints towards NP scale: Nature of the Higgs boson



Λ_{NP}^2

Higgs Hierarchy Problem

Pre-LHC viewpoint: Nature must be natural!

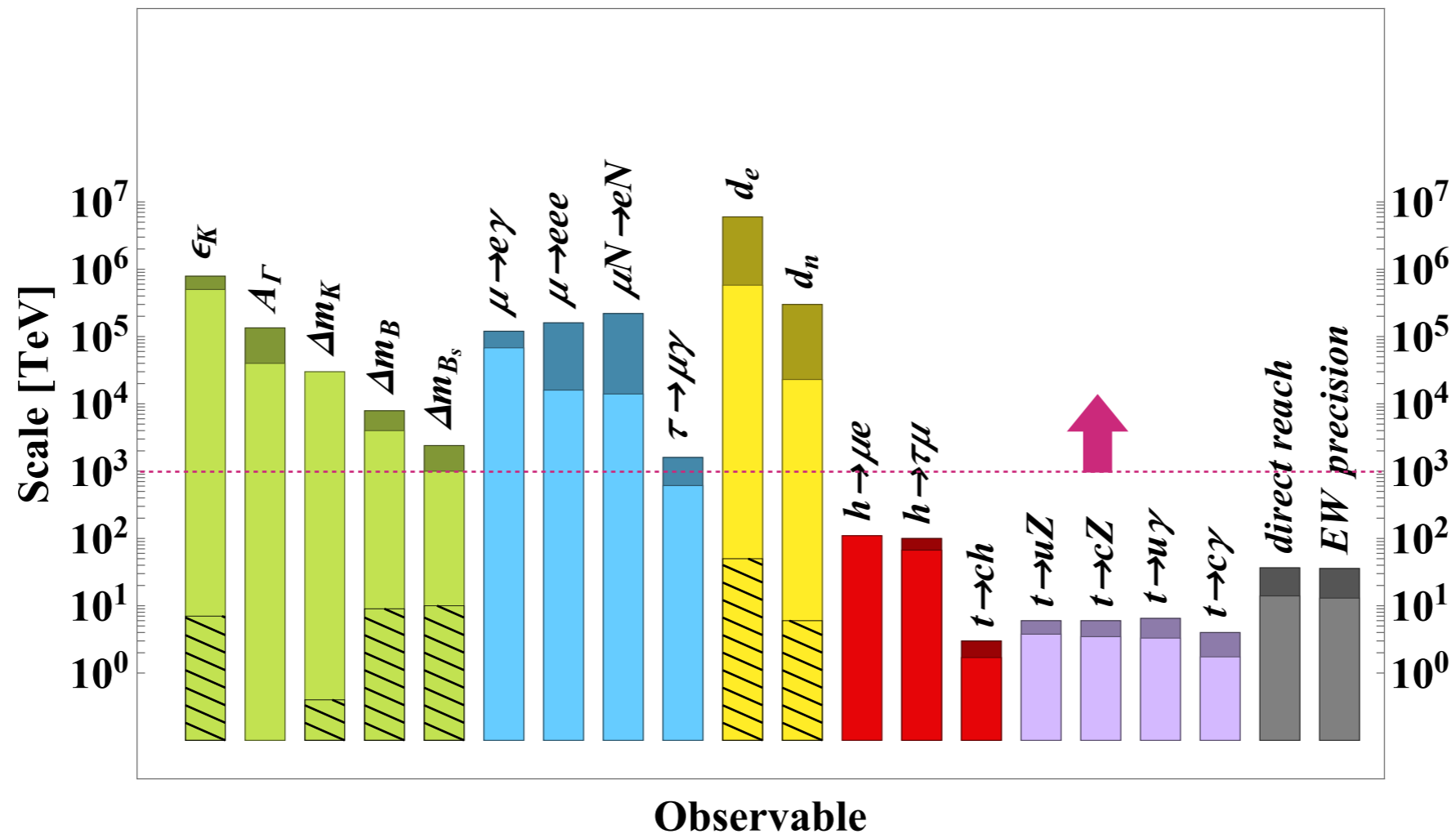
- The Higgs mass is unstable under quantum corrections- *it is quadratically sensitive to NP* in the UV. The top Yukawa gives the largest correction:

$$\Rightarrow \delta m_h^2 (\text{top loop}) \approx \frac{3y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2$$

- Naturalness principle: *Light NP that protects the Higgs mass* from large quantum corrections should appear no higher than the TeV scale.

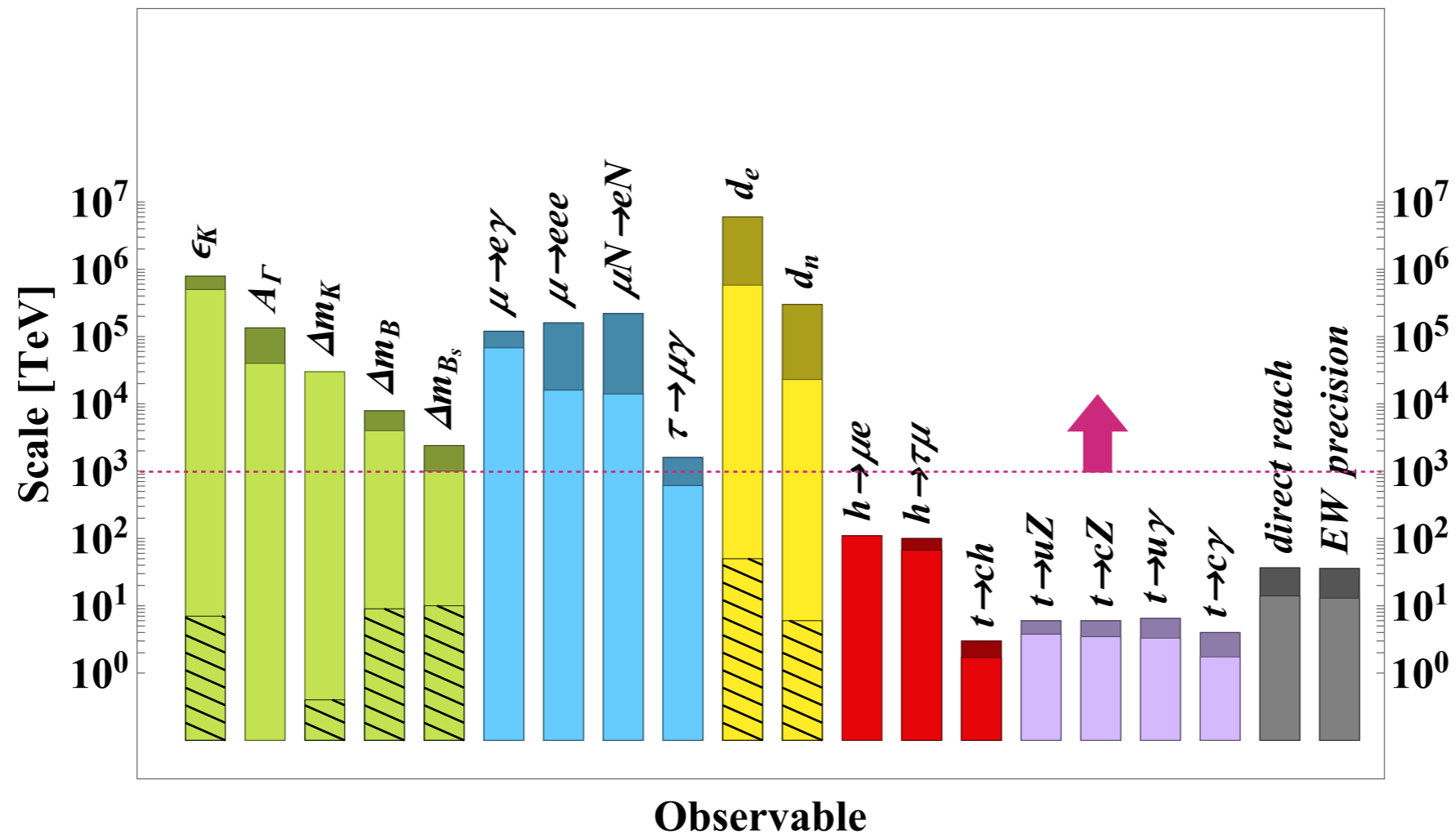
$$\delta m_h^2 / m_h^2 \lesssim 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Lambda_{\text{NP}} \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV}$$

The Flavor Problem of Light New Physics



- Flavor bounds push the scale of flavor anarchic new physics (NP) above 1000 TeV.
- But, to address the EW hierarchy problem, NP must be light. It follows that **light NP must have a very specific flavor structure** in order to pass flavor bounds.

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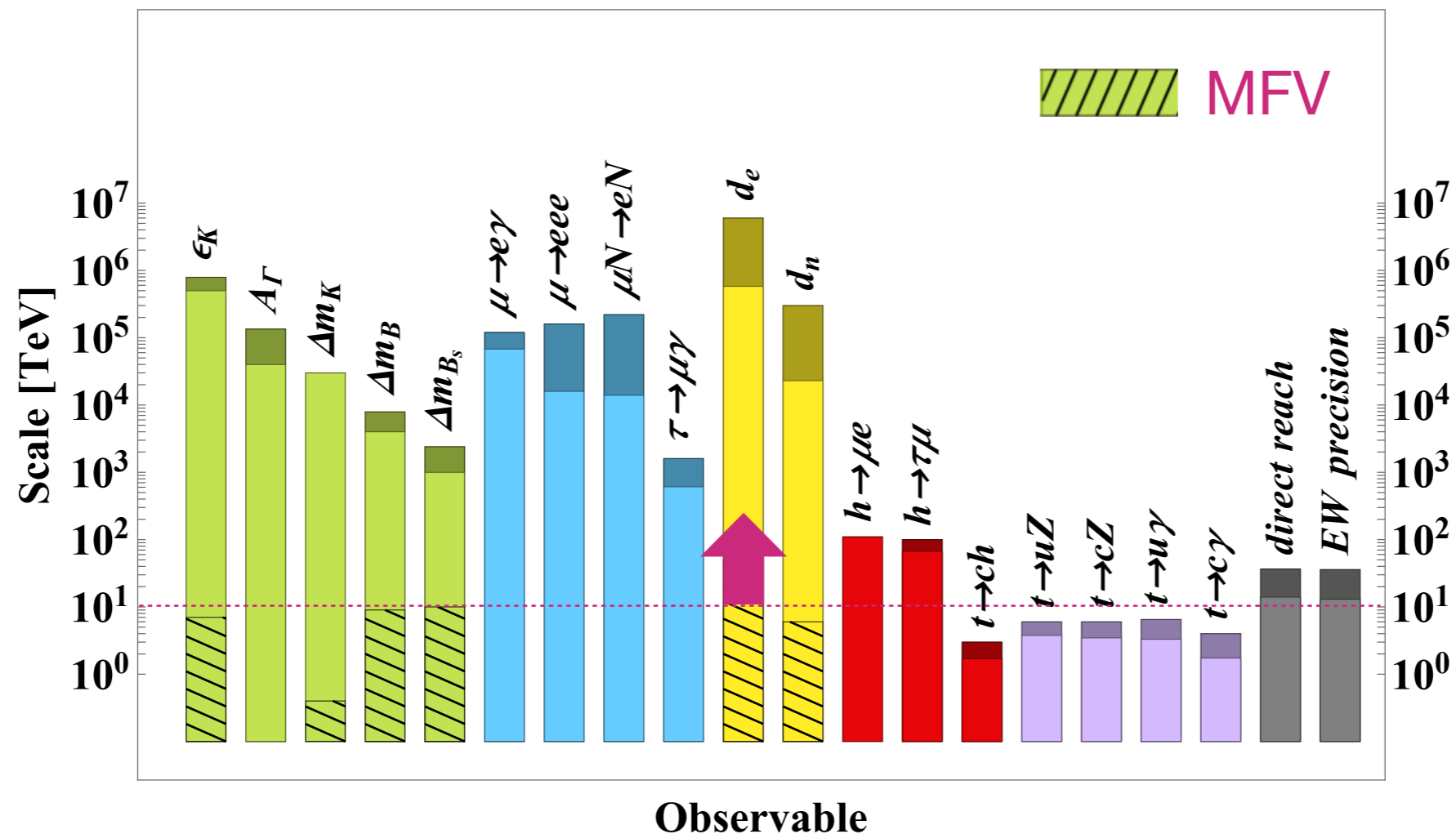
Minimal Flavor Violation (MFV)

- Key idea: Flavor puzzle probably solved at a high scale. Lightest NP can then be nearly flavor universal. All CP and flavor violation in the NP sector originates from the SM Yukawa couplings.

$$\lambda_{\text{FC}} \approx (Y_U Y_U^\dagger)_{\text{FC}} \approx y_t^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & V_{td}^* V_{ts} & V_{td}^* V_{tb} \\ V_{td} V_{ts}^* & 0 & V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \\ V_{td} V_{tb}^* & V_{ts} V_{tb}^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda^5 & \lambda^3 \\ \lambda^5 & 0 & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^3 & \lambda^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Minimally flavour violating dimension six operator	main observables	Λ [TeV]	
		-	+
$\mathcal{O}_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{Q}_L \lambda_{\text{FC}} \gamma_\mu Q_L)^2$	$\epsilon_K, \Delta m_{B_d}$	6.4	5.0
$\mathcal{O}_{F1} = H^\dagger (\bar{D}_R \lambda_d \lambda_{\text{FC}} \sigma_{\mu\nu} Q_L) F_{\mu\nu}$	$B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$	9.3	12.4
$\mathcal{O}_{G1} = H^\dagger (\bar{D}_R \lambda_d \lambda_{\text{FC}} \sigma_{\mu\nu} T^a Q_L) G_{\mu\nu}^a$	$B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$	2.6	3.5
$\mathcal{O}_{\ell 1} = (\bar{Q}_L \lambda_{\text{FC}} \gamma_\mu Q_L)(\bar{L}_L \gamma_\mu L_L)$	$B \rightarrow (X) \ell \bar{\ell}, K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}, (\pi) \ell \bar{\ell}$	3.1	2.7 *
$\mathcal{O}_{\ell 2} = (\bar{Q}_L \lambda_{\text{FC}} \gamma_\mu \tau^a Q_L)(\bar{L}_L \gamma_\mu \tau^a L_L)$	$B \rightarrow (X) \ell \bar{\ell}, K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}, (\pi) \ell \bar{\ell}$	3.4	3.0 *
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$\mathcal{O}_{q5} = (\bar{Q}_L \lambda_{\text{FC}} \gamma_\mu Q_L)(\bar{D}_R \gamma_\mu D_R)$	$B \rightarrow K \pi, \epsilon'/\epsilon, \dots$	~ 1	

Minimal Flavor Violation 20 Years Later



- In the case of flavor universal NP + MFV, NP couples to valence quarks!
- For this reason, flavor bounds are still ok, but **direct searches** at the LHC push MFV new physics to the 10 TeV ballpark.

Naturalness Paradigm 20 Years Later

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- Light NP protecting the Higgs mass from large corrections should appear. That didn't happen so far. If NP is almost flavor universal, we now have an experimentally proven “little hierarchy problem”:

$$\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV} \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_h^2 / \delta m_h^2 \sim 10^{-3}$$

So, did naturalness fail as a paradigm?

- This seems to be an increasingly common viewpoint. **Personal opinion:** Indeed, we were too aggressive, but this view is overly pessimistic.

$$m_h^2 / \delta m_h^2 \sim 10^{-3} \quad \text{vs.} \quad m_h^2 / M_P^2 \sim 10^{-34}$$

$(\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \sim 10 \text{ TeV})$ $(\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \sim M_P)$

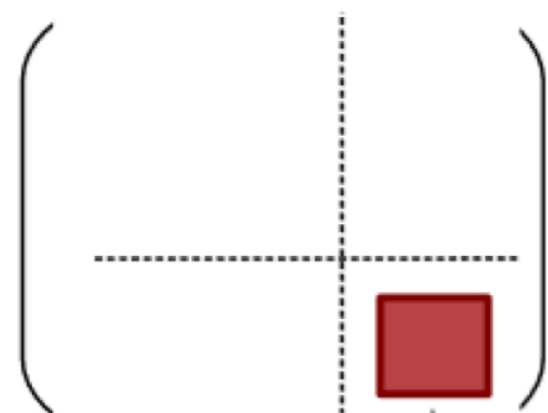
- Nature seems a bit fine-tuned. **However, I would not discard naturalness arguments:** they still provide the best hope that light NP could be around the corner.
- Can we do better than 10 TeV? To answer this question, we need to ask: Is there a “**more natural**” flavor protection for NP?

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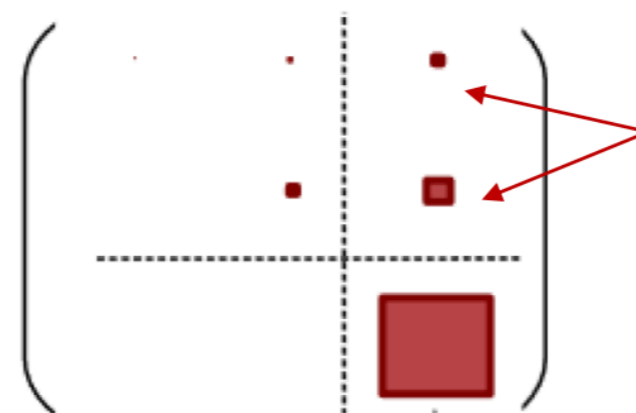
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- NP dominantly coupled to the third family quarks (+leptons) enjoys a $U(2)^3$ ($U(2)^5$) flavor symmetry, just like the SM Yukawa couplings.



Exact $U(2)$ limit

NP coupled only to 3rd family

\approx



Observed Yukawa

Also small couplings to light families

$U(2)$ -breaking effects

Barbieri et al, [1105.2296](#)

Isidori, Straub, [1202.0464](#)

Fuentes-Martin et al, [1909.02519](#)

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MFV: Minimally broken U(3)

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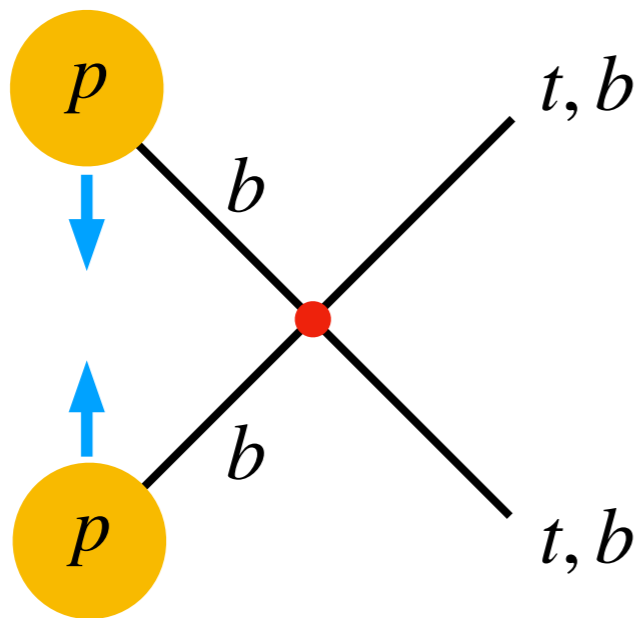
$$V_q \sim \mathcal{O} \begin{pmatrix} V_{td} \\ V_{ts} \end{pmatrix}$$

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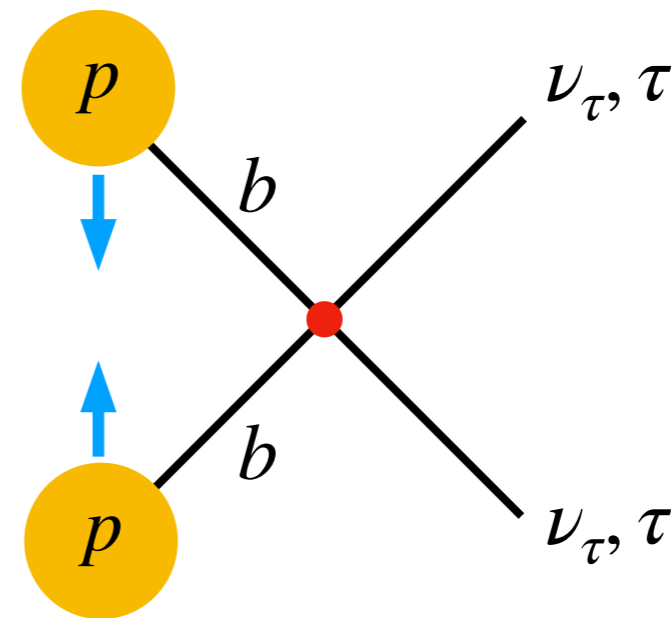
- Third family direct searches at the LHC (limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$)

$U(2)^3$ (quarks only)



- Signals: $t\bar{t}$, $b\bar{b}$ and $t\bar{b}$

$U(2)^5$ (also leptons)



Drell-Yan $\tau\bar{\tau}$ and mono- $\tau + E_T$

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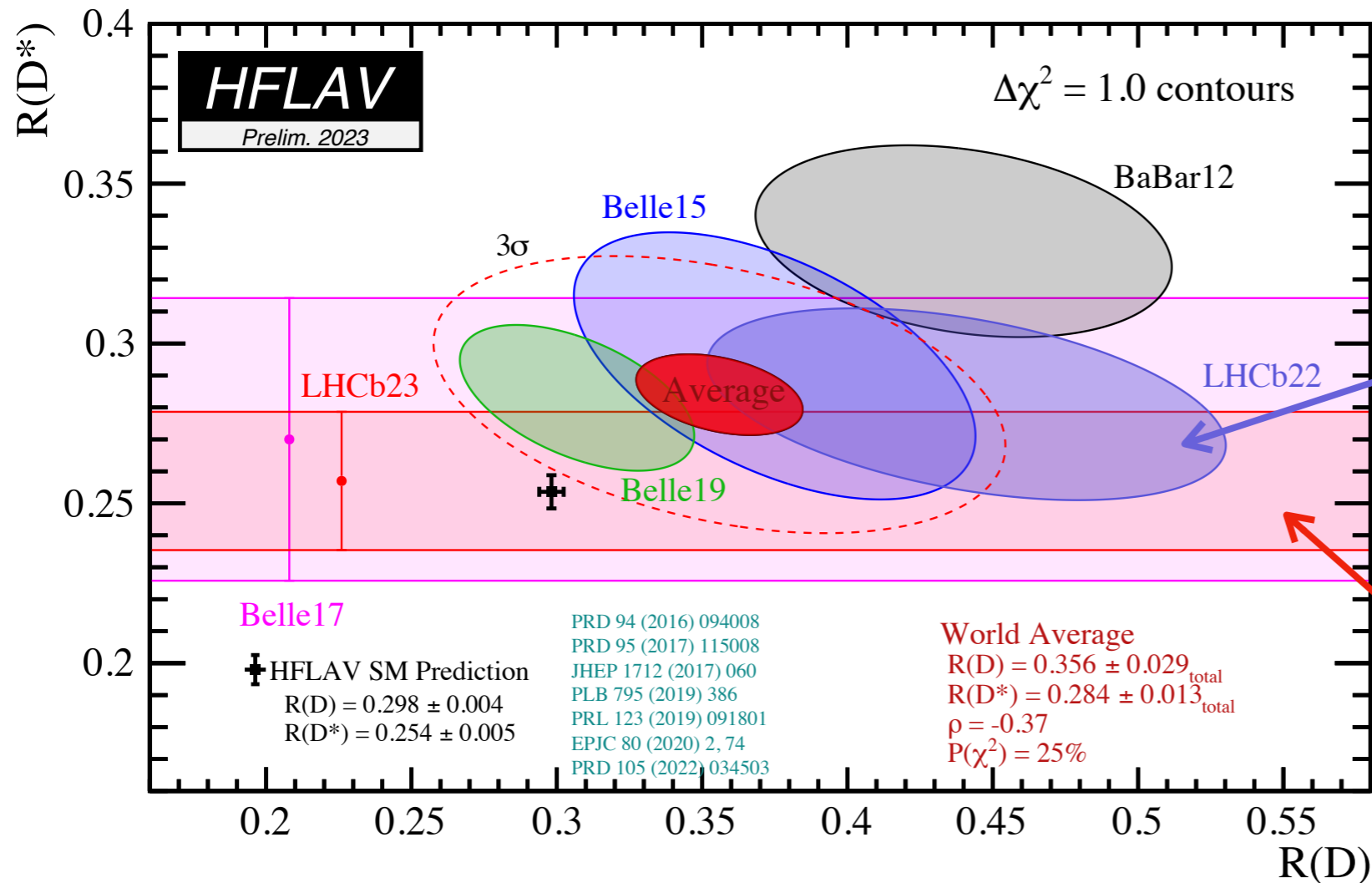
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Anomalies in $b \rightarrow c$ semi-leptonics: R_D and R_{D^*}



$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\bar{\nu})}$$

$[\ell = e, \mu]$

2022 LHCb $\tau \rightarrow \mu$: first joint measurement of R_D & R_{D^*} at a hadron collider. Only Run 1 data. [LHCb, 2302.02886]

New! 2023 LHCb $\tau \rightarrow \text{had}$: R_{D^*} with Run 1 + partial Run 2 data. Hadronic taus.

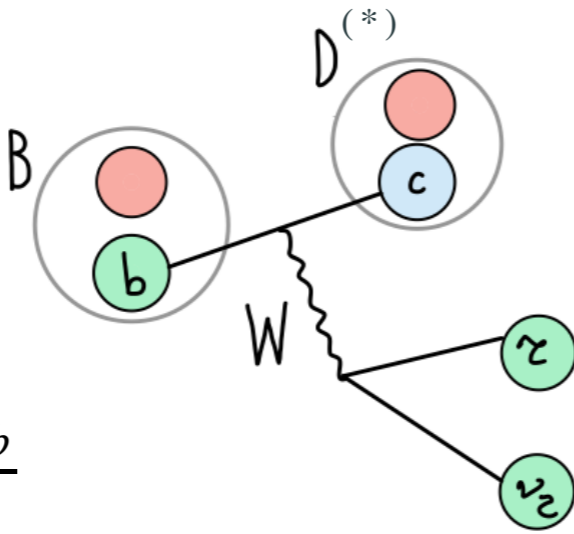
- **Theoretically clean.** Measurements by Babar, Belle, LHCb in good agreement.
- **Enhancement of $\sim 10\%$** over SM due to excess in tau mode: $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\bar{\nu}_\tau$. ✓
- Combined, 3.2σ tension w.r.t SM. Measurement of $R_{\Lambda_c}/R_{\Lambda_c}^{\text{SM}} = 0.73 \pm 0.23$ reduces tension slightly. [LHCb, 2201.03497]

New physics in $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ decays

$$\delta R_{D^{(*)}} = R_{D^{(*)}}/R_{D^{(*)}}^{\text{SM}} - 1$$

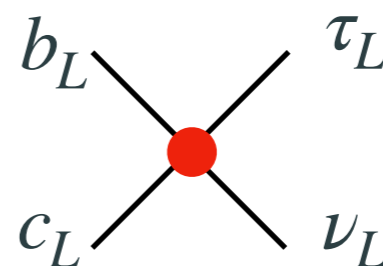
- We need $\sim 10\%$ of a tree-level SM process due to NP. Heavy NP should therefore also be tree-level to compete. Consider Fermi-like LH NP:

SM process



$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}} \sim \frac{g_L^2 V_{cb}}{2M_W^2} = \frac{2V_{cb}}{v^2}$$

Heavy new physics

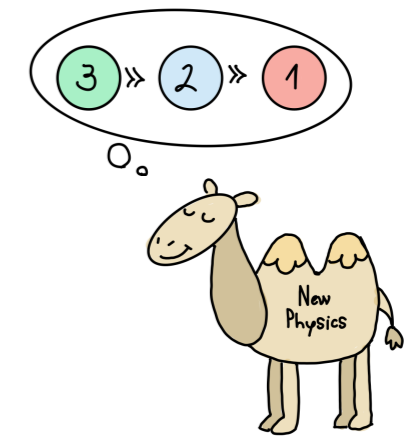


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- The charged current B -anomalies are calling for a low NP scale!

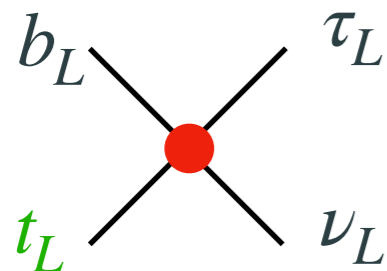
$$2 \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{NP}}}{\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}}} = \frac{v^2}{V_{cb} \Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \approx \delta R_{D^*} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Lambda_{\text{NP}} \approx \frac{v}{\sqrt{V_{cb} \delta R_{D^*}}} \approx 3.6 \text{ TeV} \left(\frac{0.12}{\delta R_{D^*}} \right)^{1/2}$$

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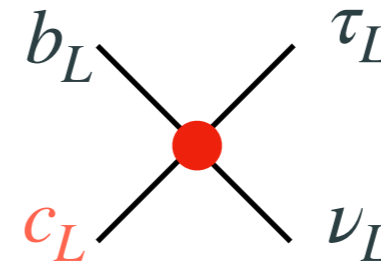
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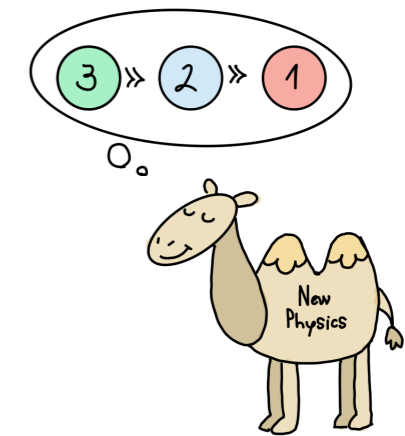
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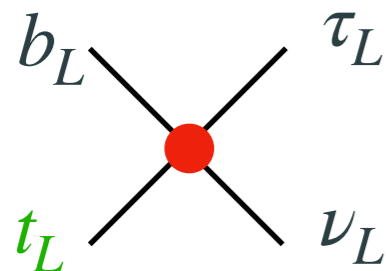
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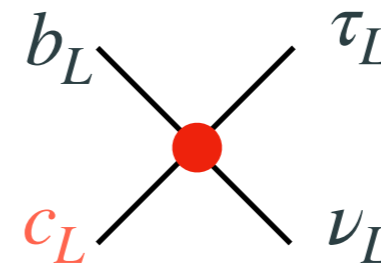
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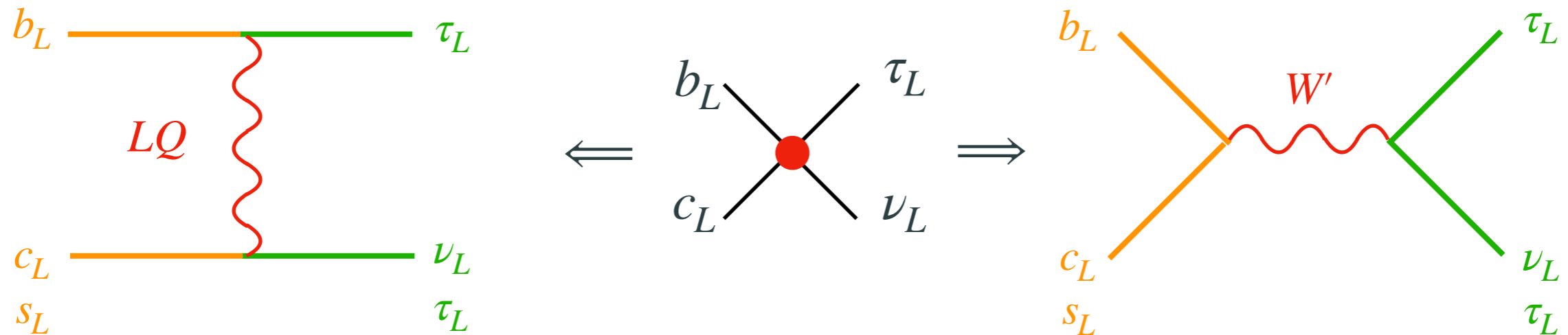
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- U(2) suppressed flavor violation means we need an even lower NP scale!

$$2 \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{NP}}}{\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}}} \approx \frac{v^2}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \left(1 + \frac{V_q}{V_{cb}} \right) \approx \delta R_{D^*} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Lambda_{\text{NP}} \approx 1.3 \text{ TeV} \left(\frac{0.12}{\delta R_{D^*}} \right)^{1/2}$$

($V_q = 0.1$)

What kind of new particles could we have?



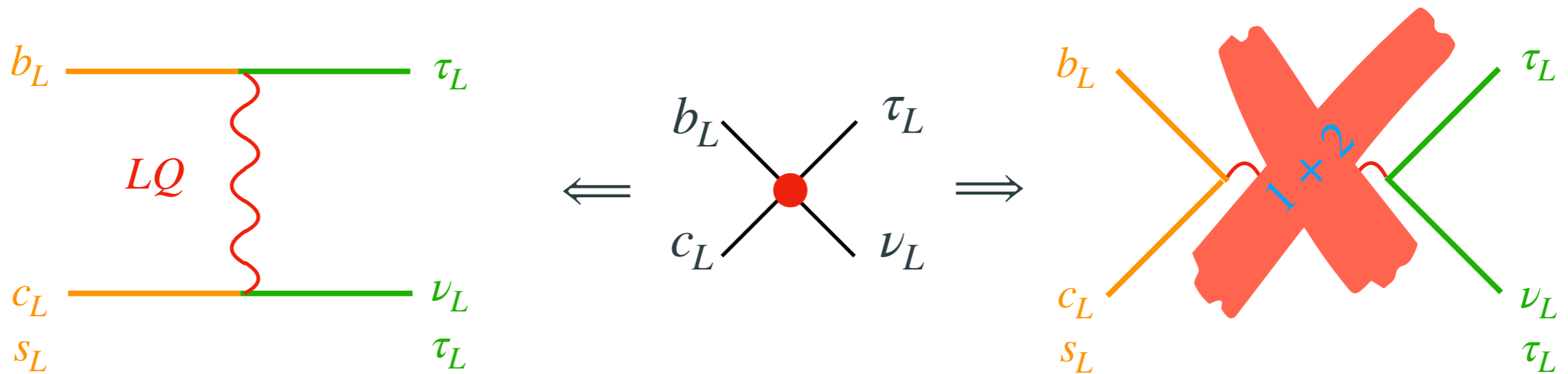
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2. **Direct searches:** t-channel versus resonant s-channel production

Only leptoquarks are viable mediators!



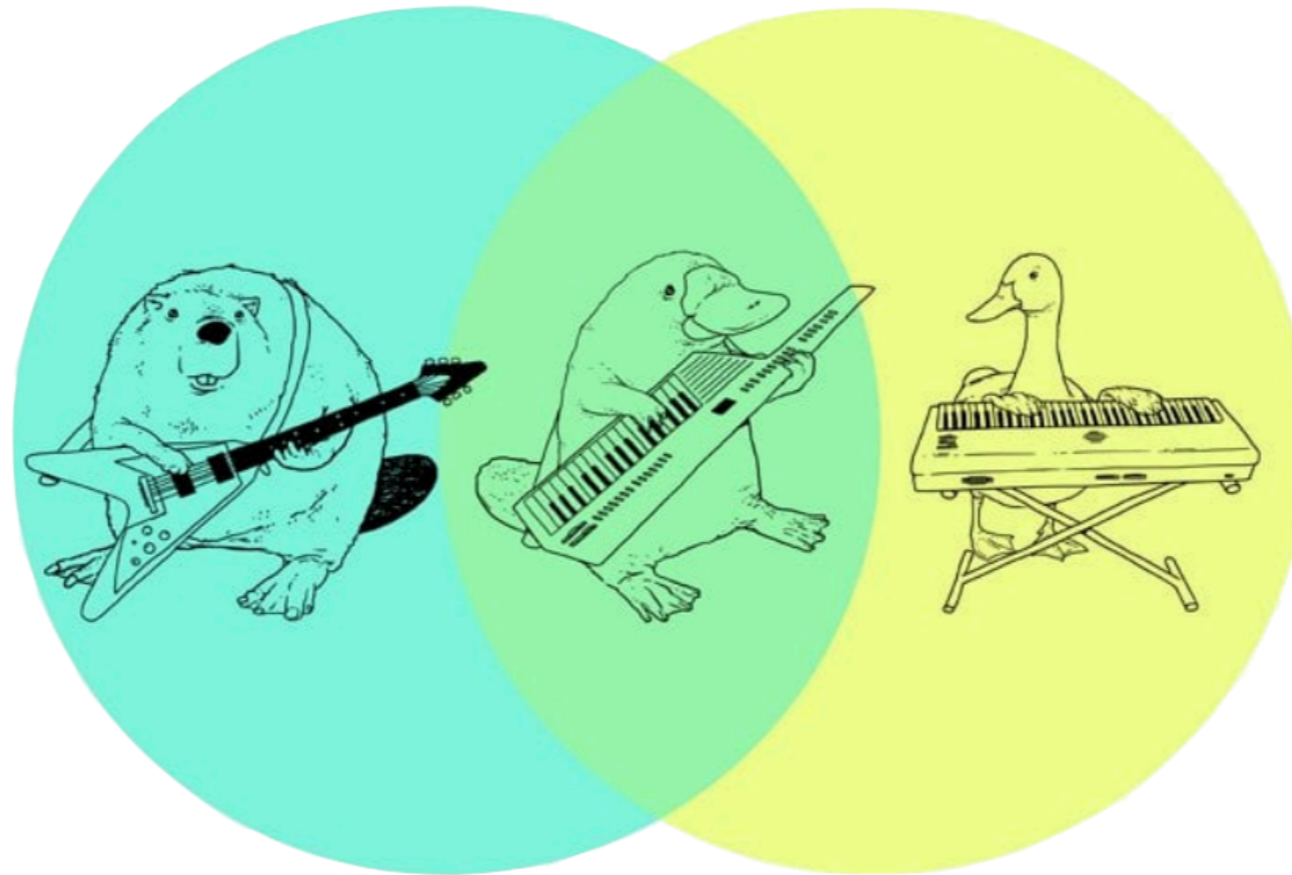
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What is a leptoquark?



Like a cross between a beaver & a duck is a platypus or a cross between a keyboard & a guitar is a keytar, a cross between a lepton & a quark is a leptoquark (LQ)

Shopping for Leptoquarks



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[Angelescu, Bečirević, Faroughy, Sumensari, [1808.08179](#)]

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[Crivellin, Muller, Ota [1703.09226](#); Buttazzo et al. [1706.07808](#); Marzocca [1803.10972](#),...]

★ $R_2 \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 7/6)$

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[di Luzio, Greljo, Nardecchia [1708.08450](#); Calibbi, Crivellin, Li [1709.00692](#);
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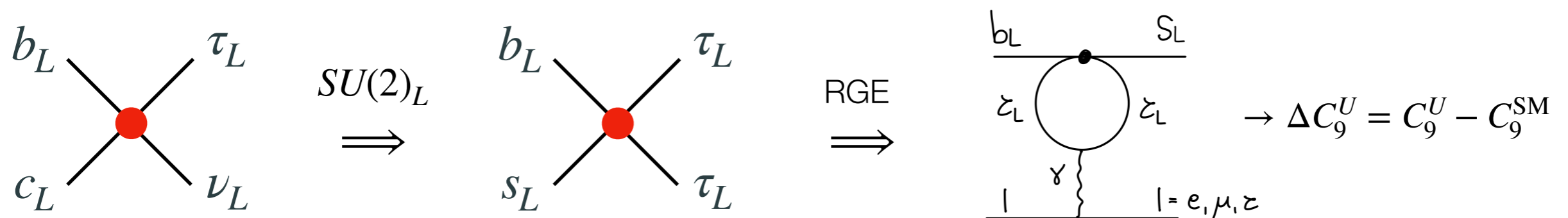
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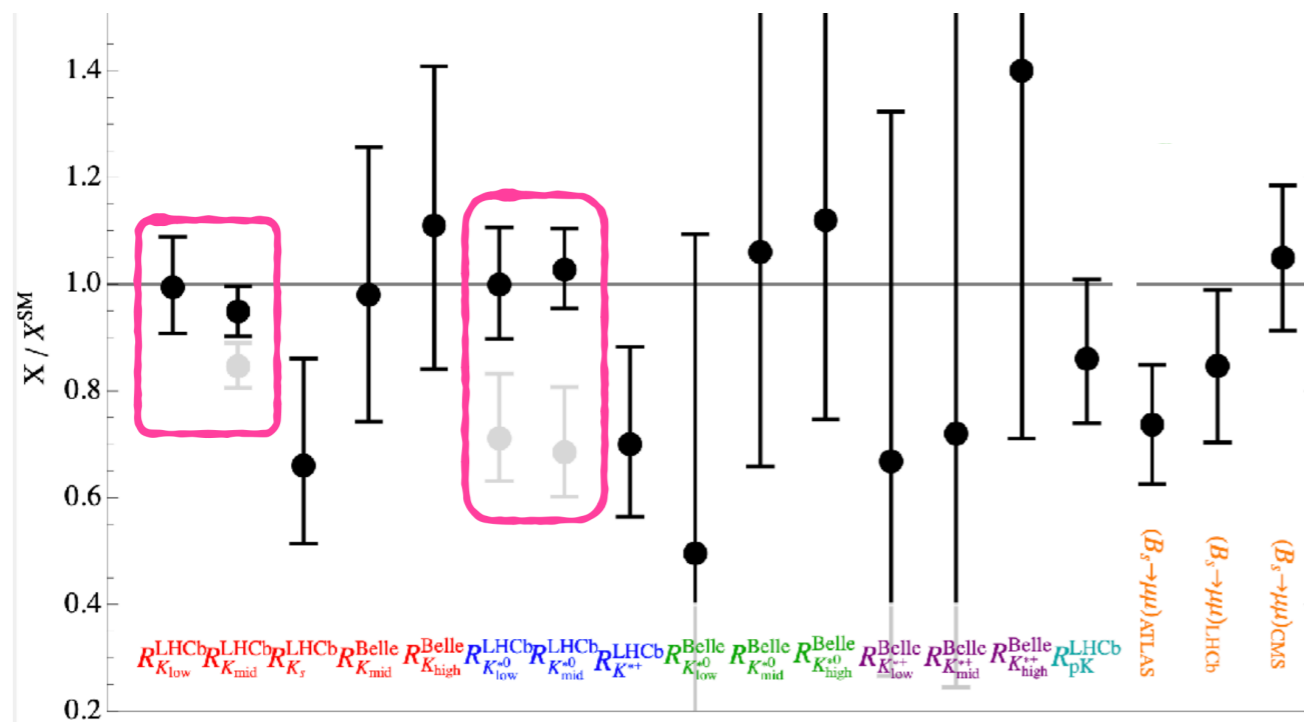
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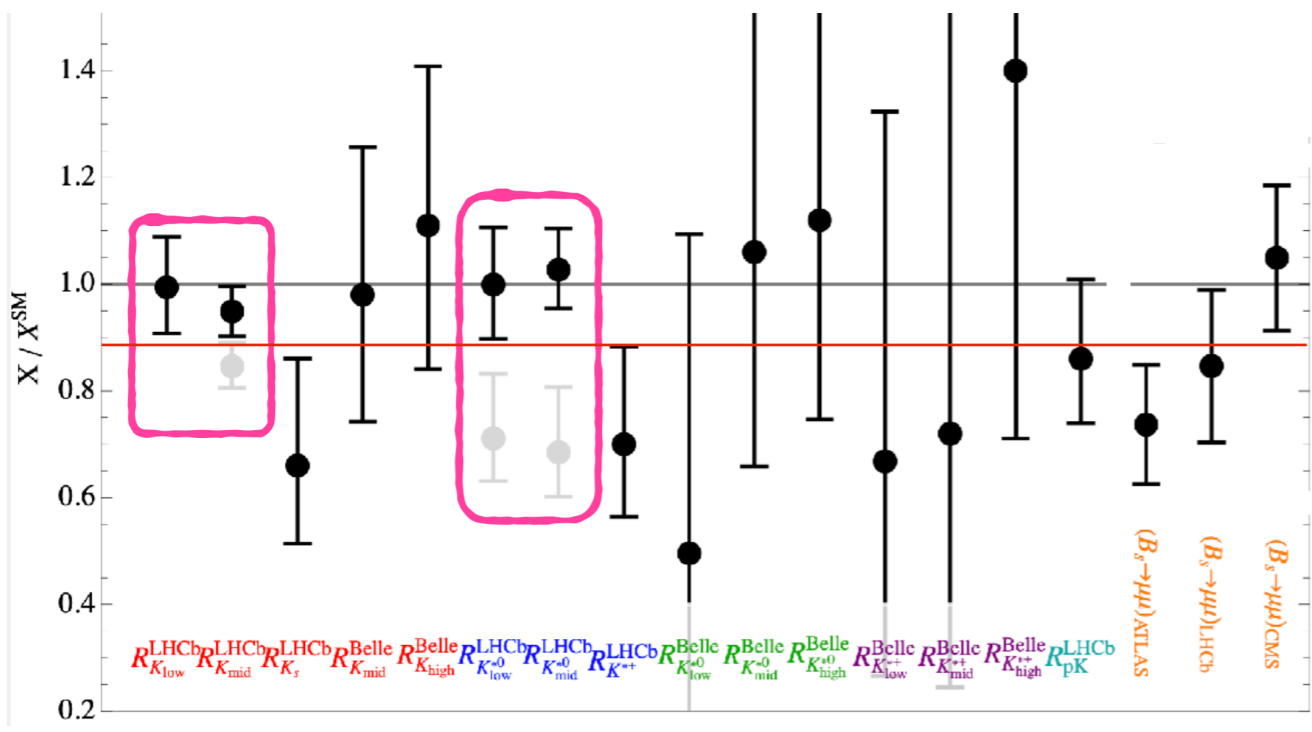
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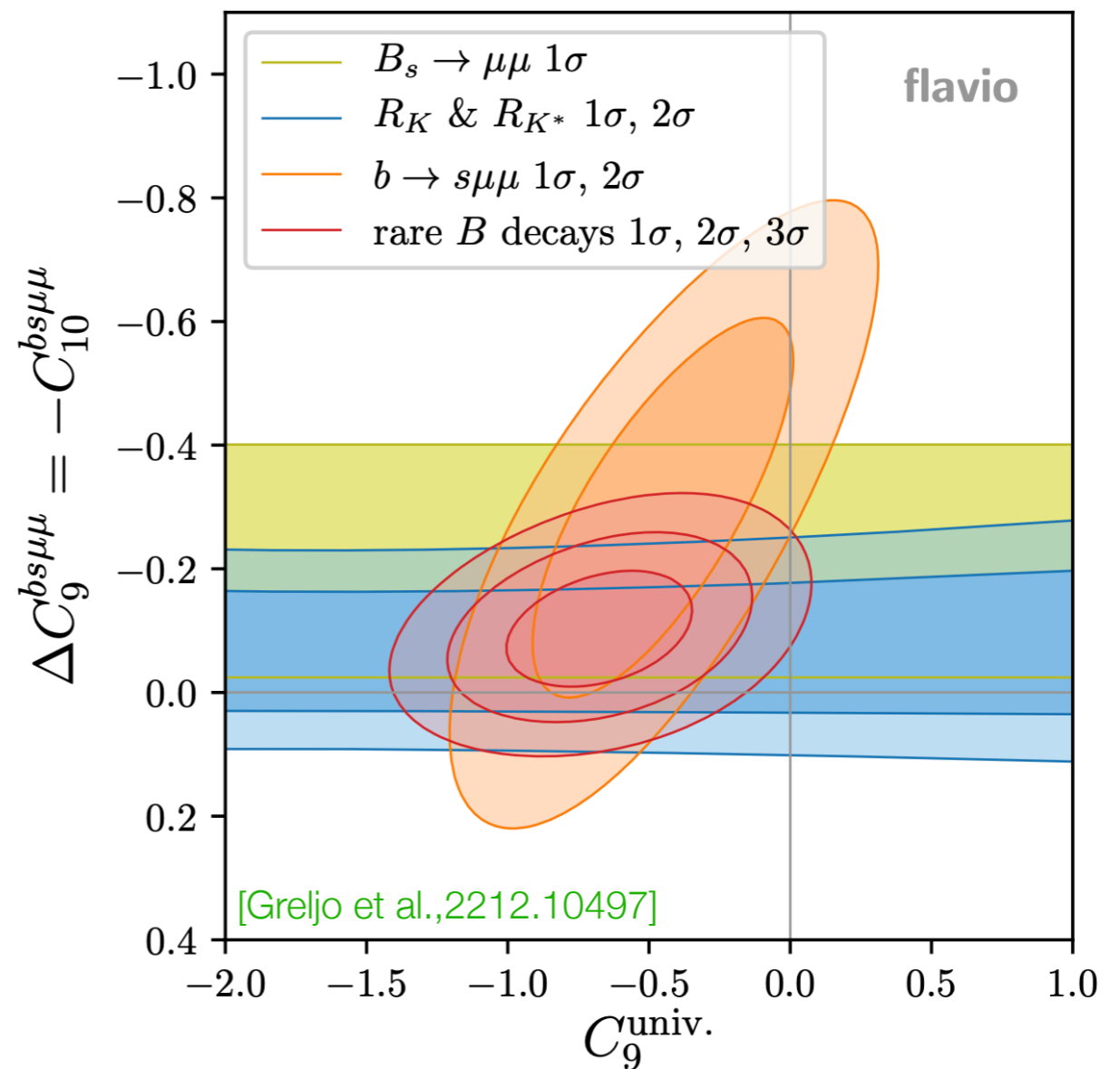
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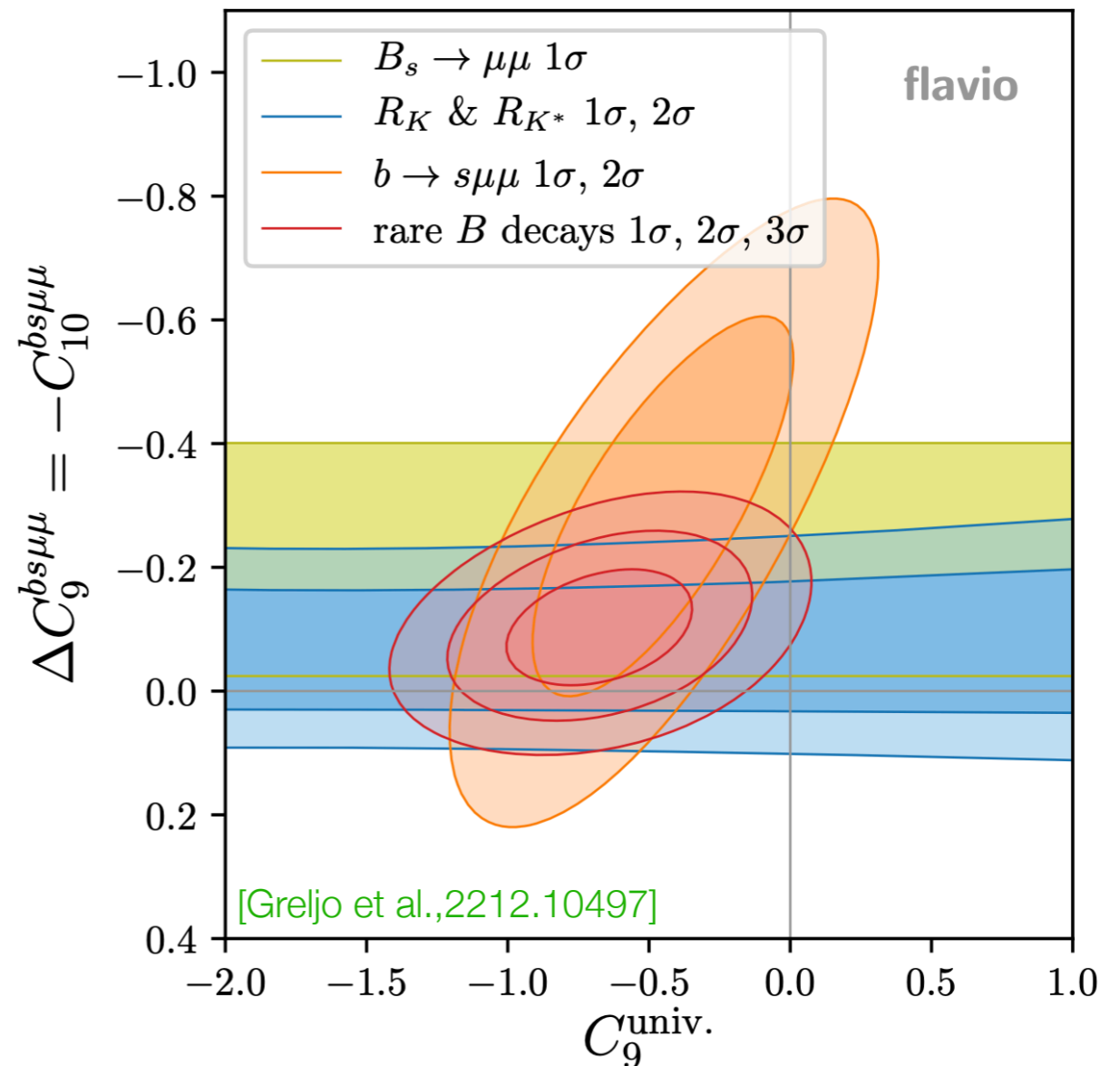
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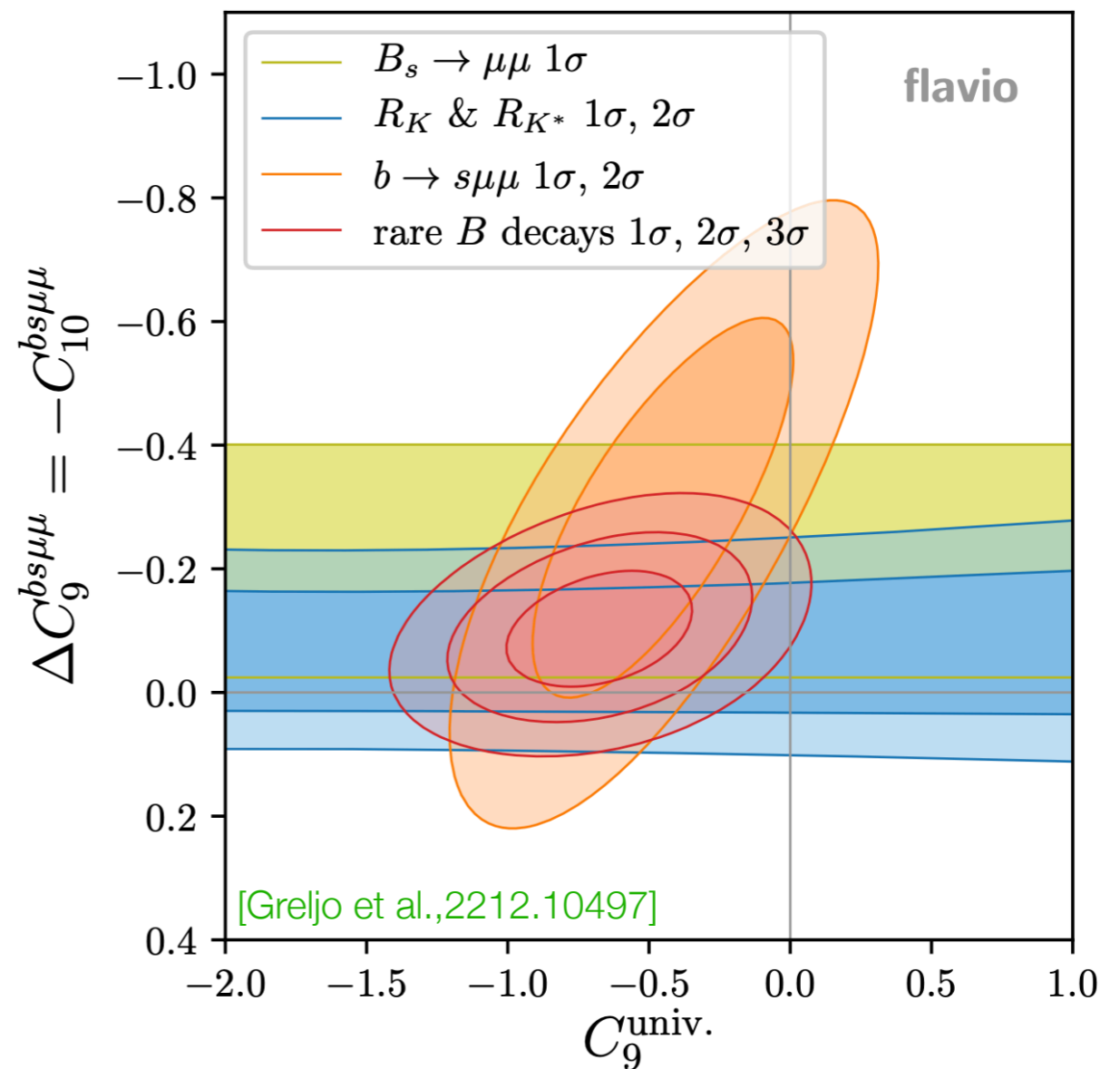
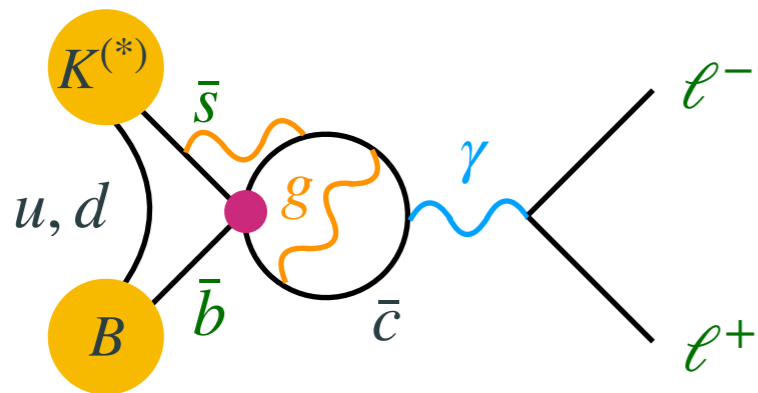
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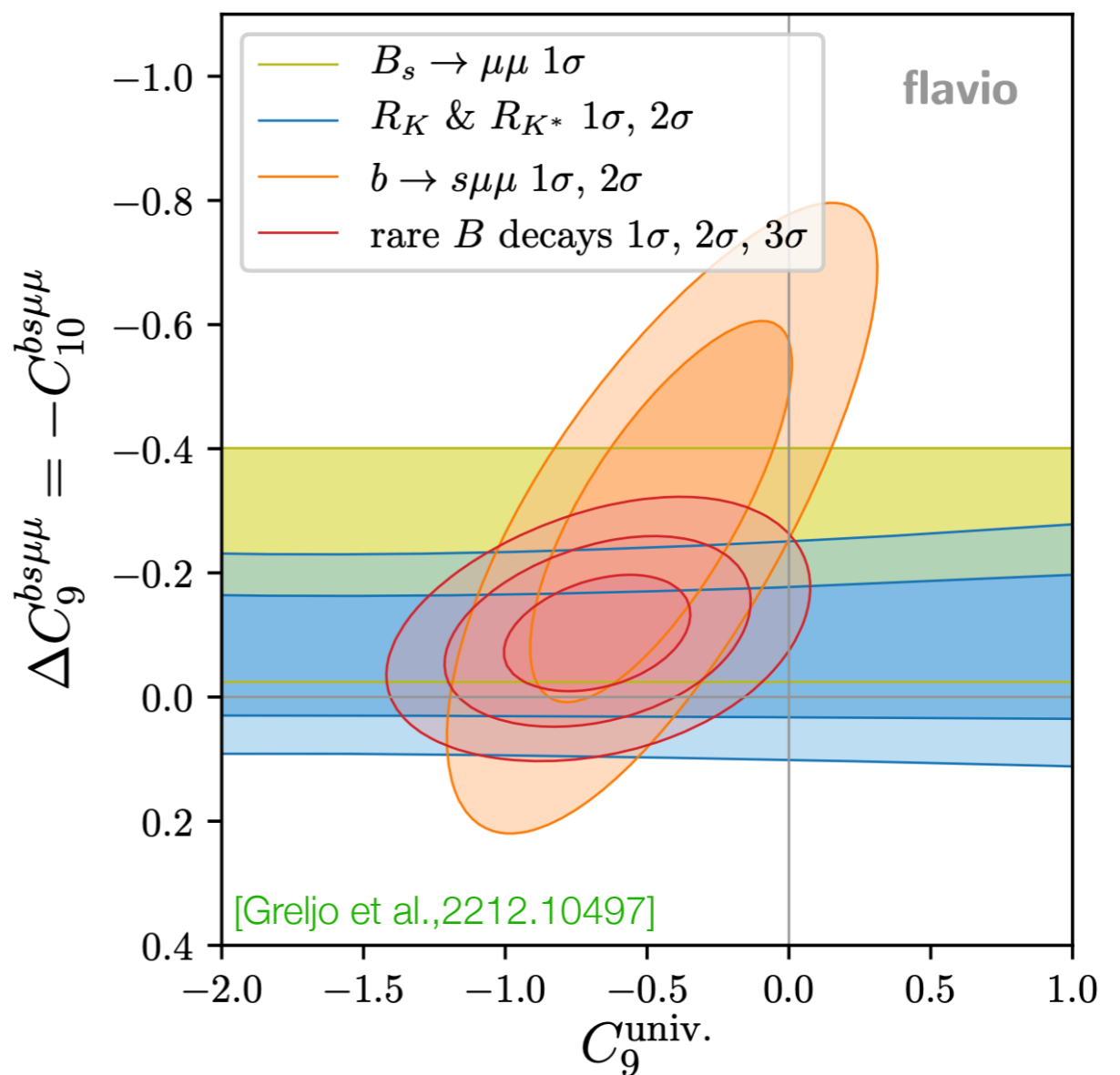
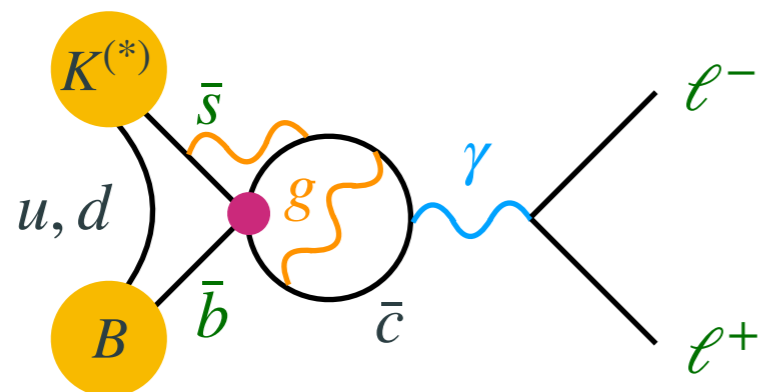
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Currently, no agreement: need improvement on the theory side



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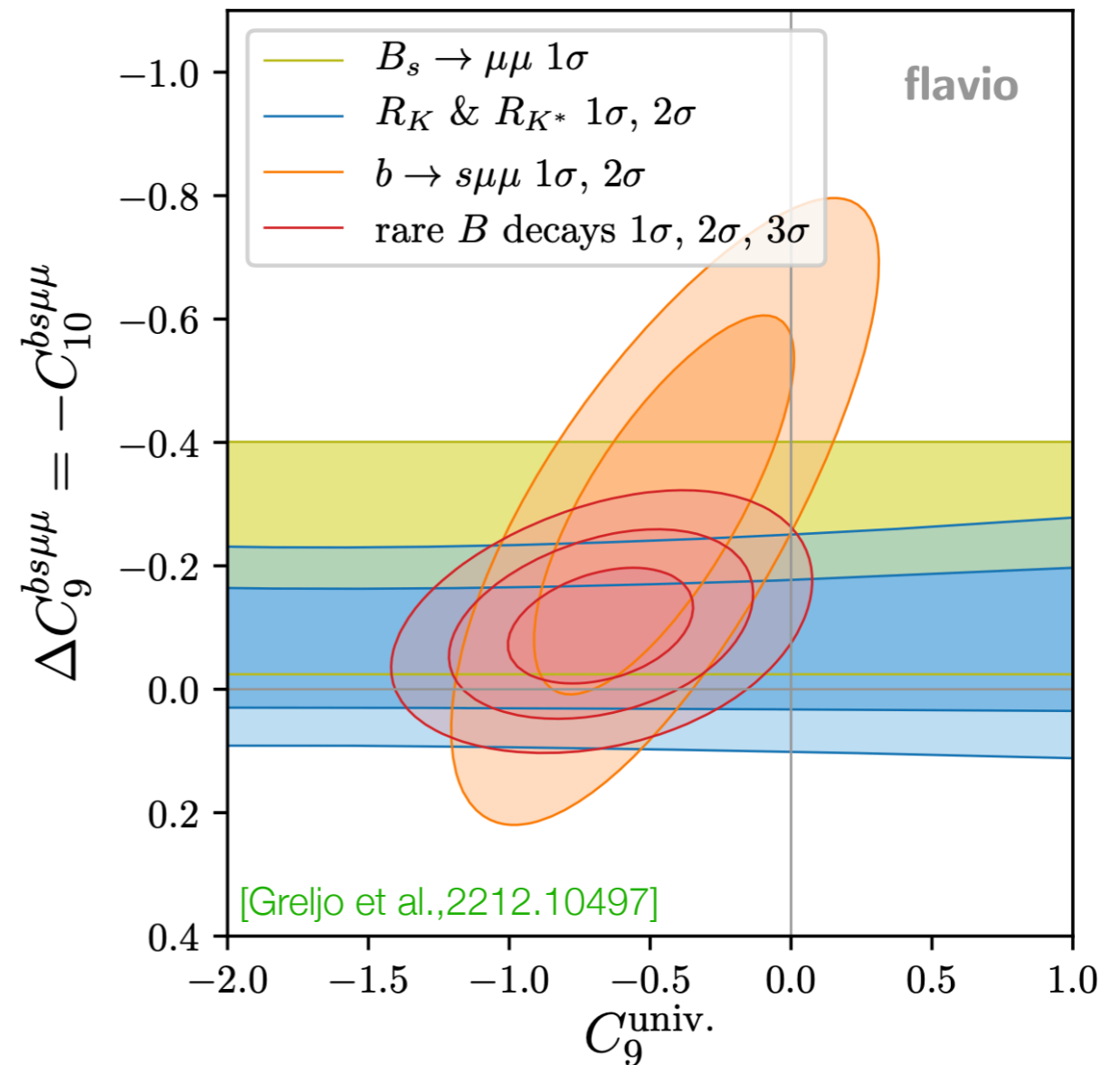
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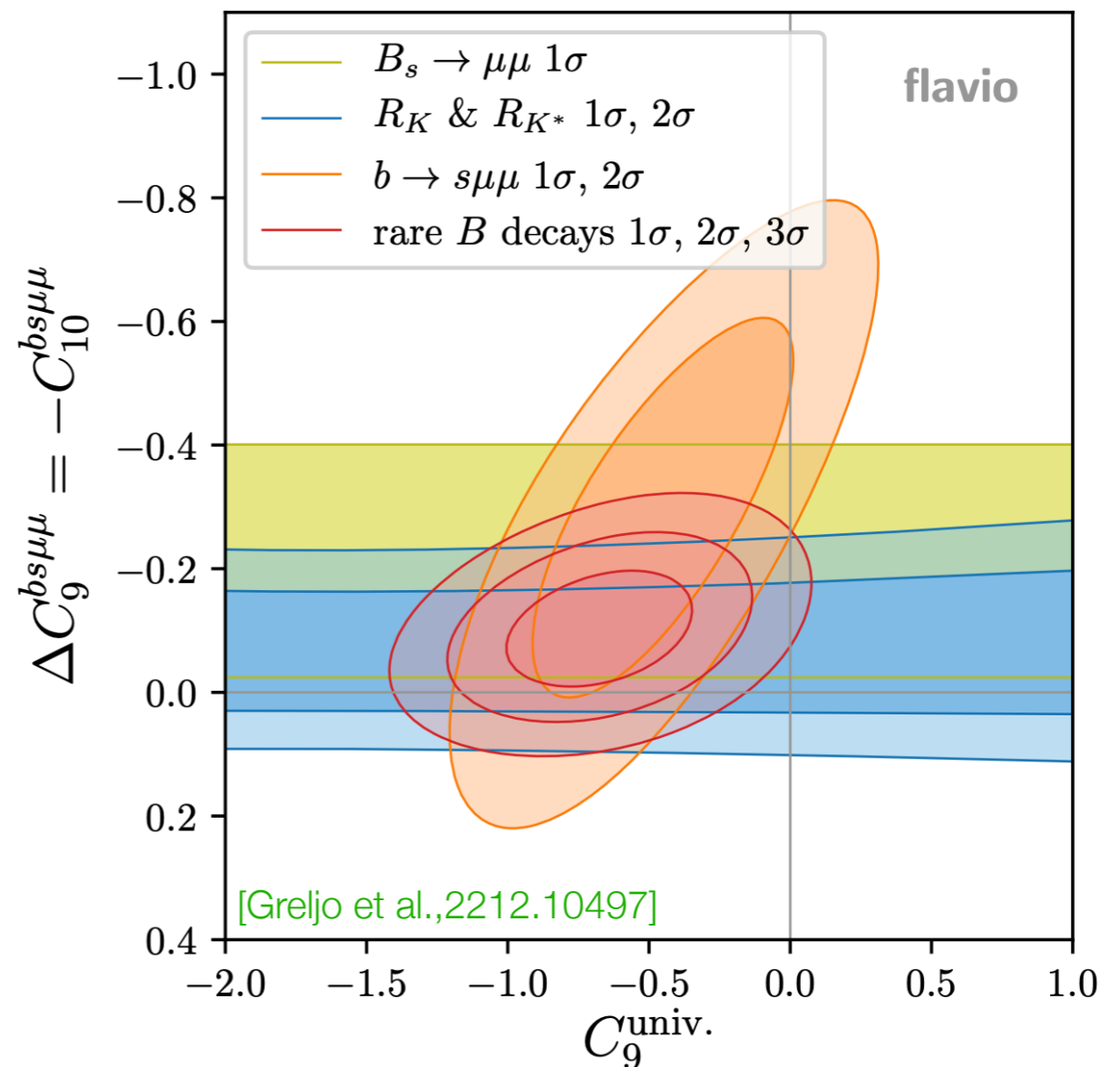
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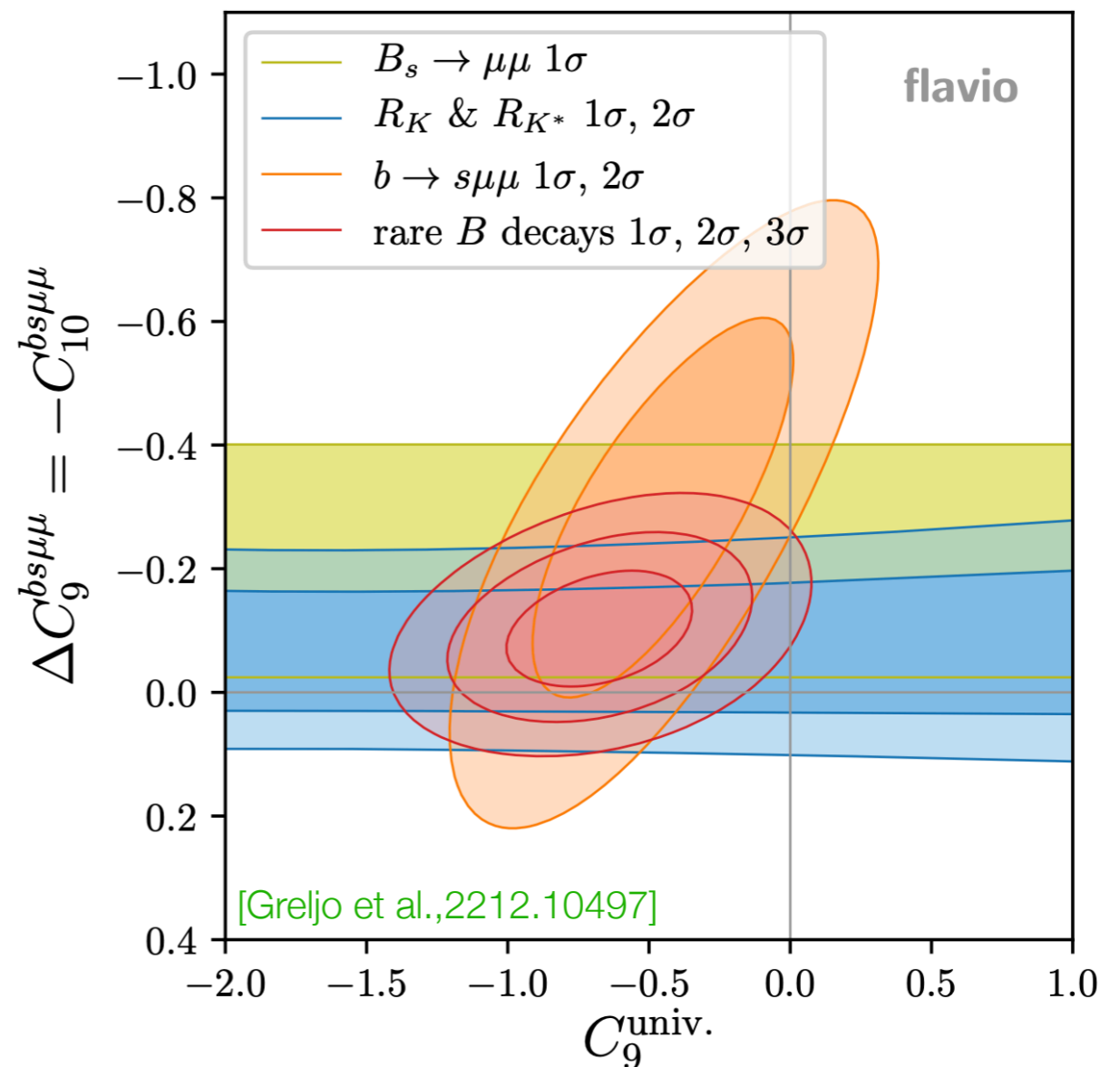
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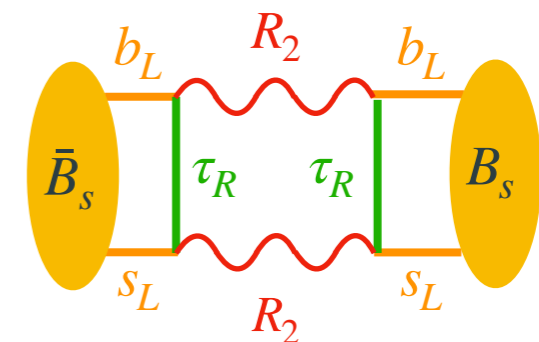
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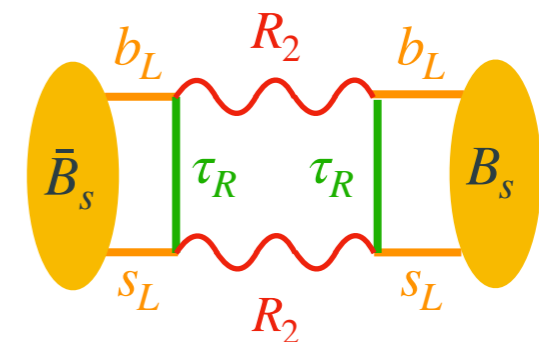
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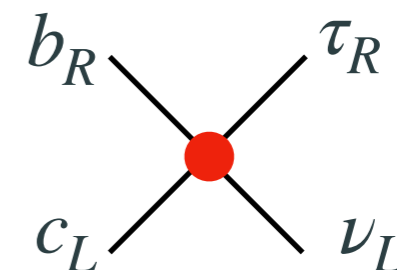
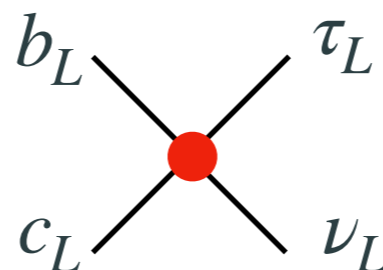


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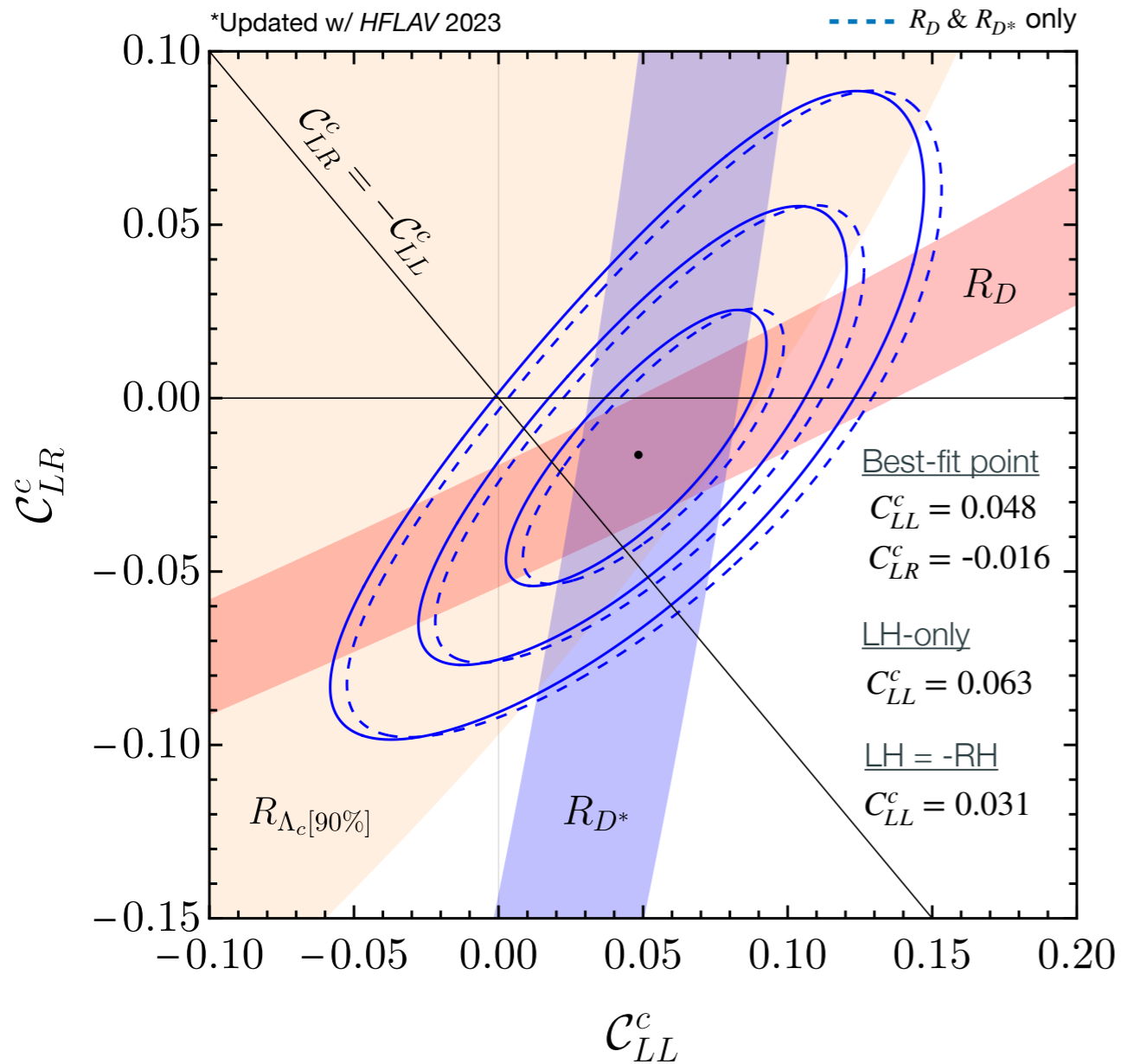
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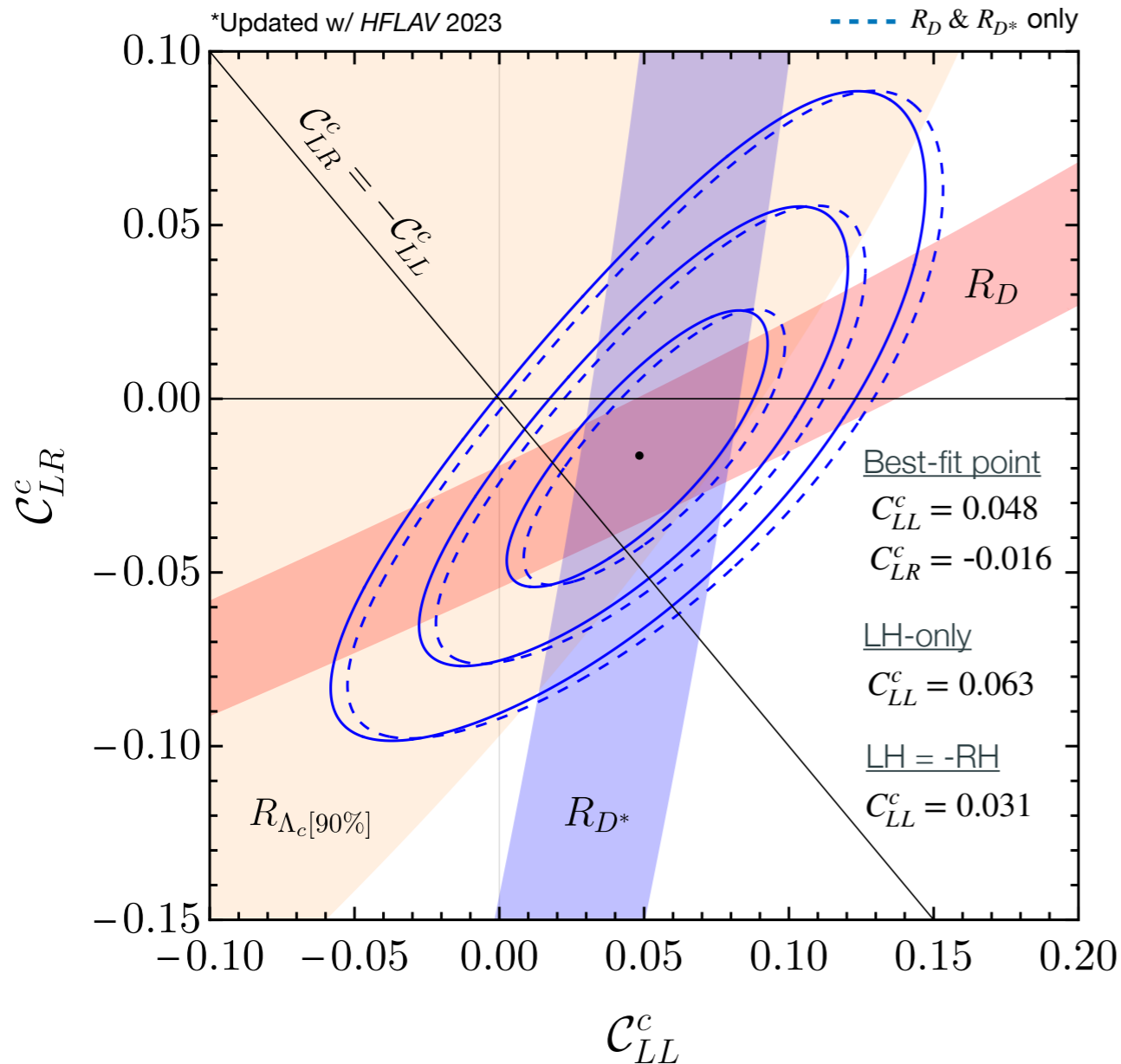
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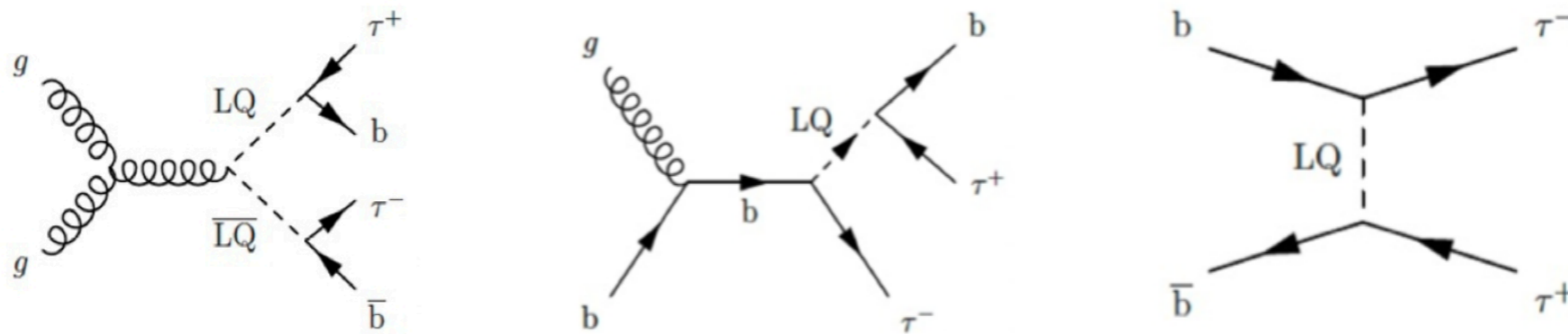
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New physics scale preferred by low-energy fit:

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{LH-only, BFP, LH=-RH}

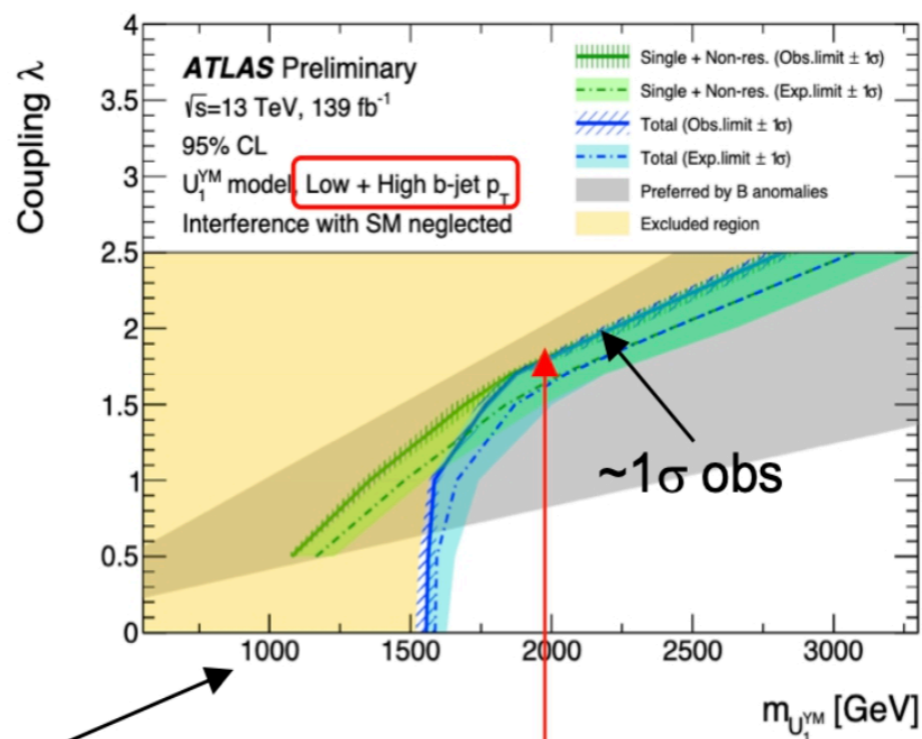
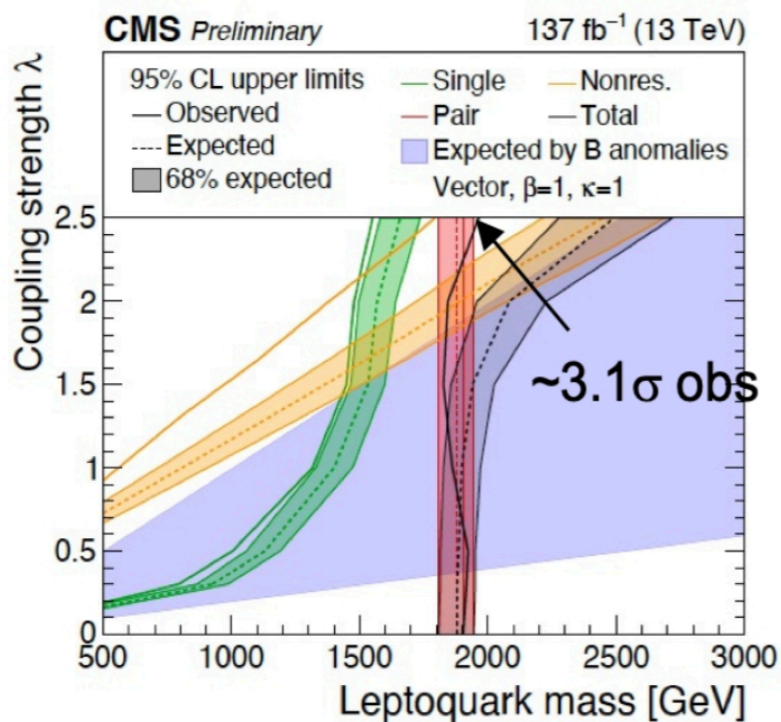
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Caveat: BR=1 (CMS) vs BR=0.5 (ATLAS)

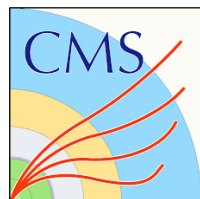
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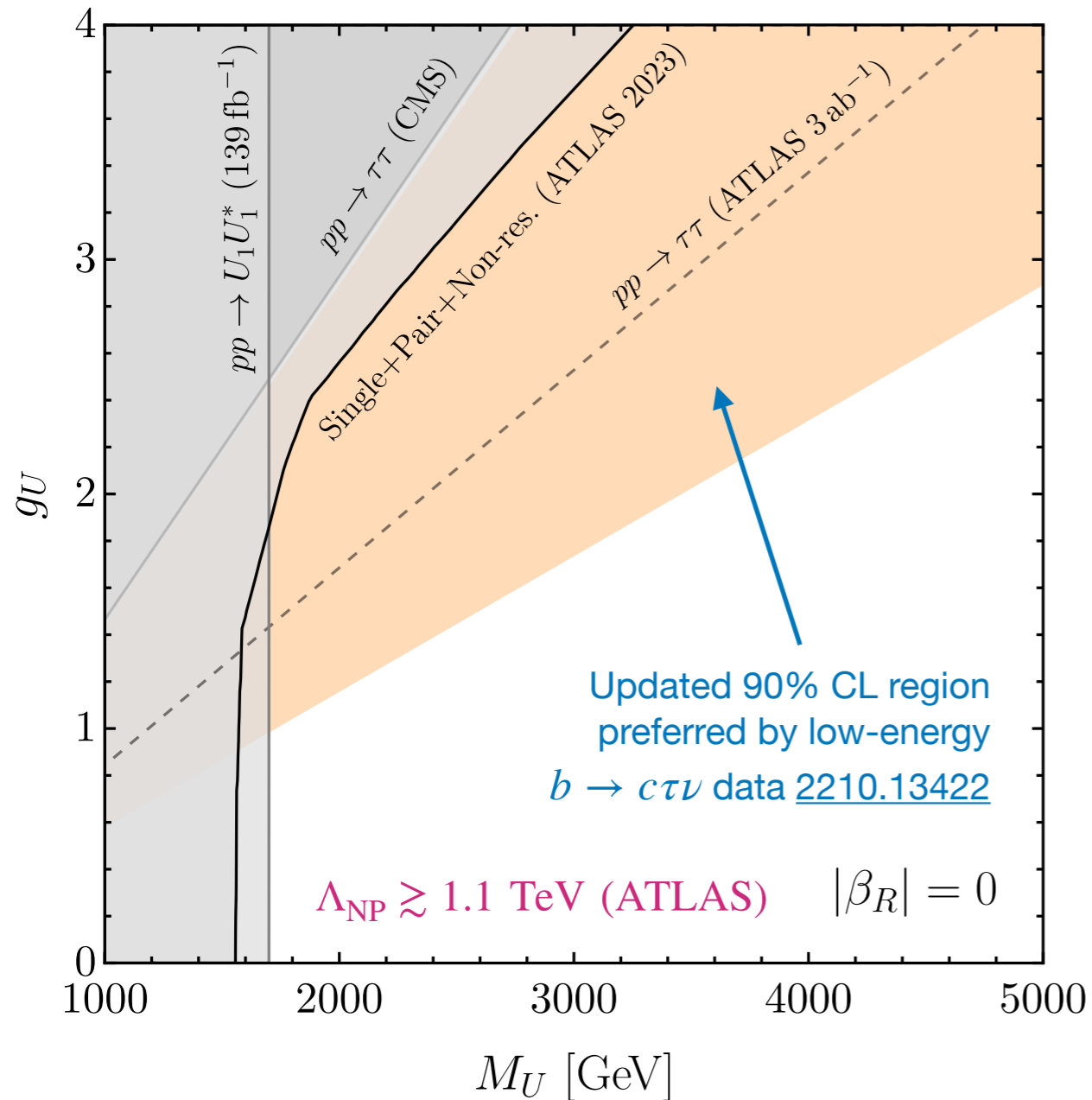
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Excludes CMS' excess

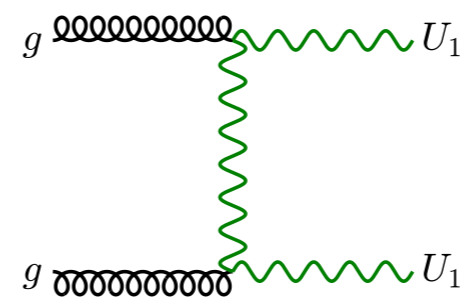


High-energy searches: U_1 leptoquark model (LH)

- The LHC is already probing the preferred region for the U_1 leptoquark model! CMS has a 3σ excess, ATLAS just set weaker than expected limits.....too soon to say.



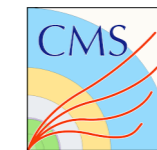
U_1 pair production



$$U_1 \rightarrow b\tau^+, t\bar{\nu}$$

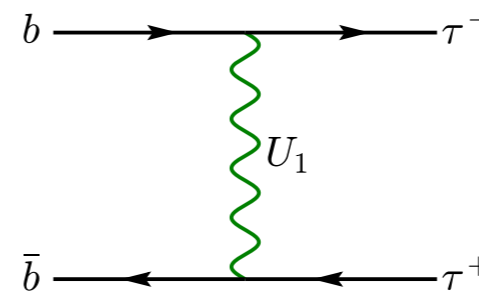
$$\mathcal{B}(U_1 \rightarrow b\tau^+) \approx 0.5$$

$$pp \rightarrow U_1^+ U_1^- \rightarrow b\tau t\nu$$



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Drell-Yan t-channel exchange: $\tau\tau$



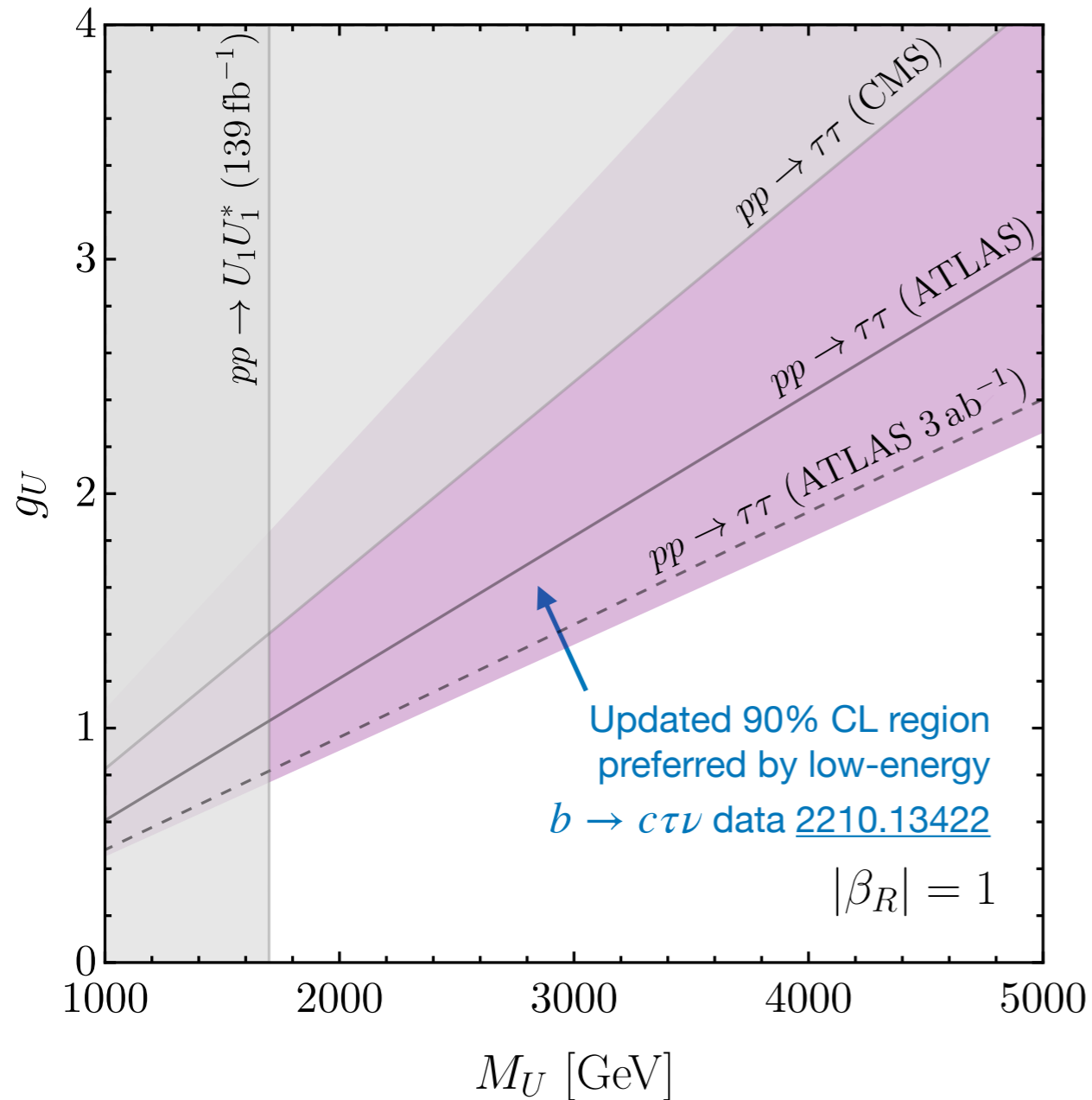
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High mass Drell-Yan tails

QCD corrections: [[U. Haisch, L. Schnell, S. Schulte, 2209.12780](#)]

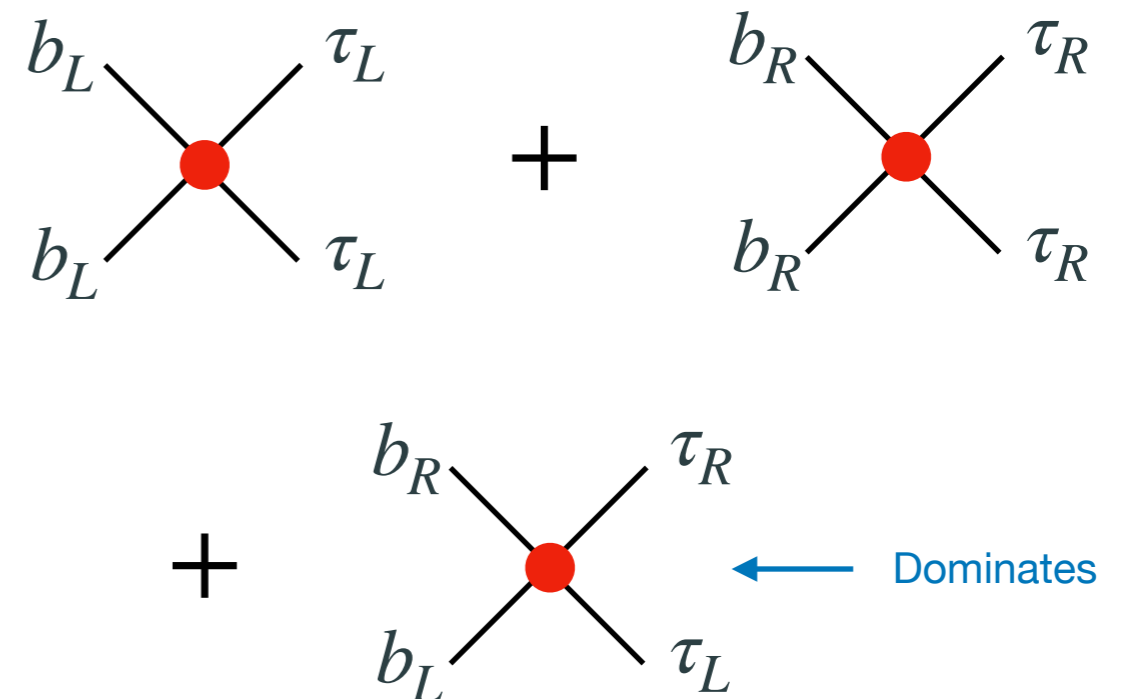
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- U_1 leptoquark model w/ RH currents preferred region fully within the HL-LHC reach!



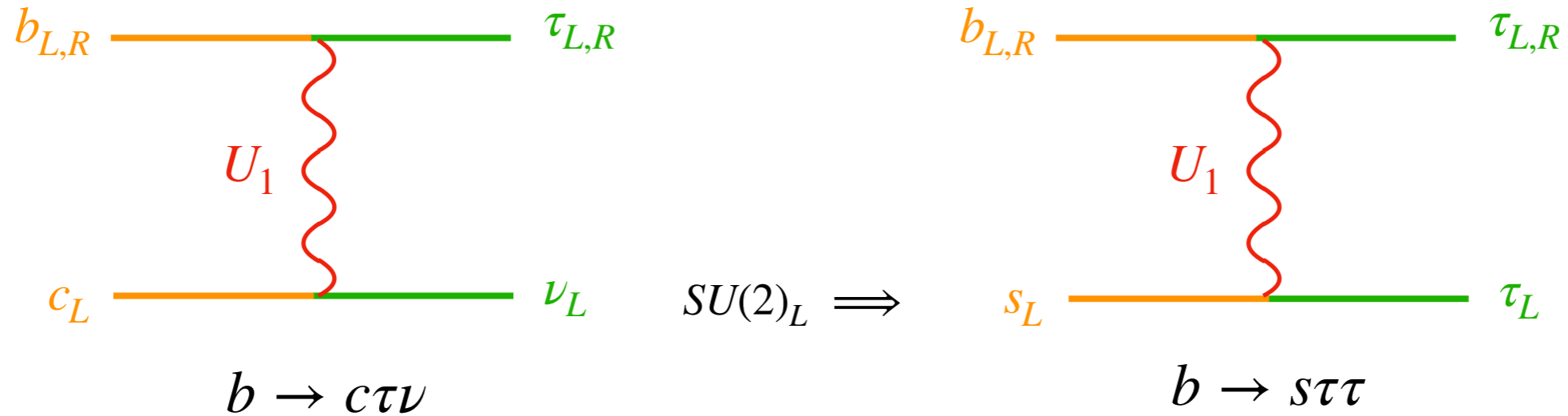
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g_U}{\sqrt{2}} U_1^\mu \left[(\bar{q}_L^3 \gamma_\mu \ell_L^3) + \beta_R^{b\tau} (\bar{b}_R \gamma_\mu \tau_R) \right] \quad (\beta_R^{b\tau} = -1)$$

- Additional contributions give stronger bound from t-channel Drell-Yan $\tau\tau$:



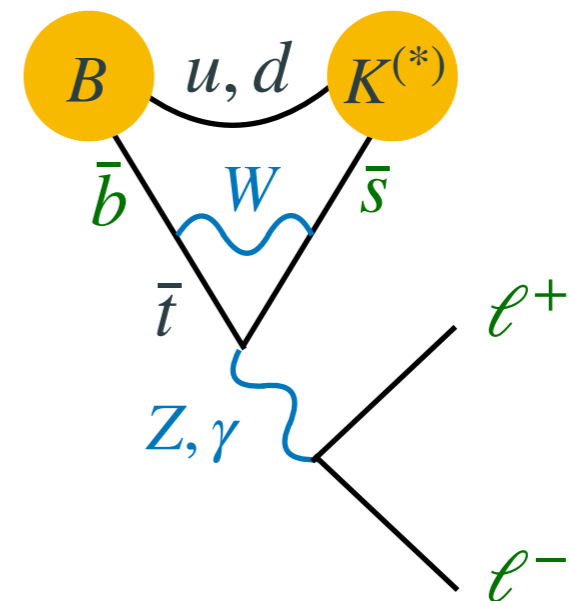
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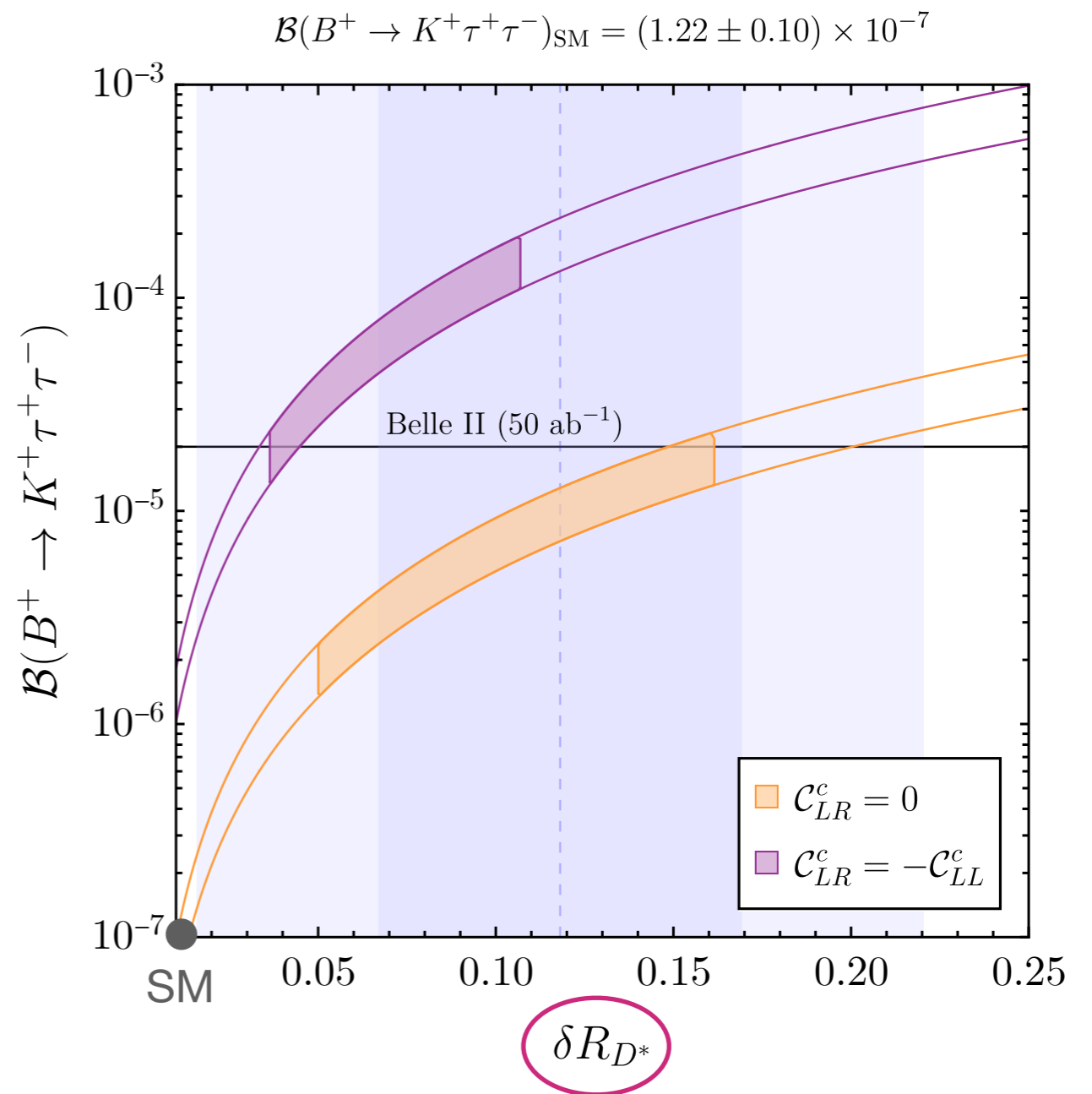
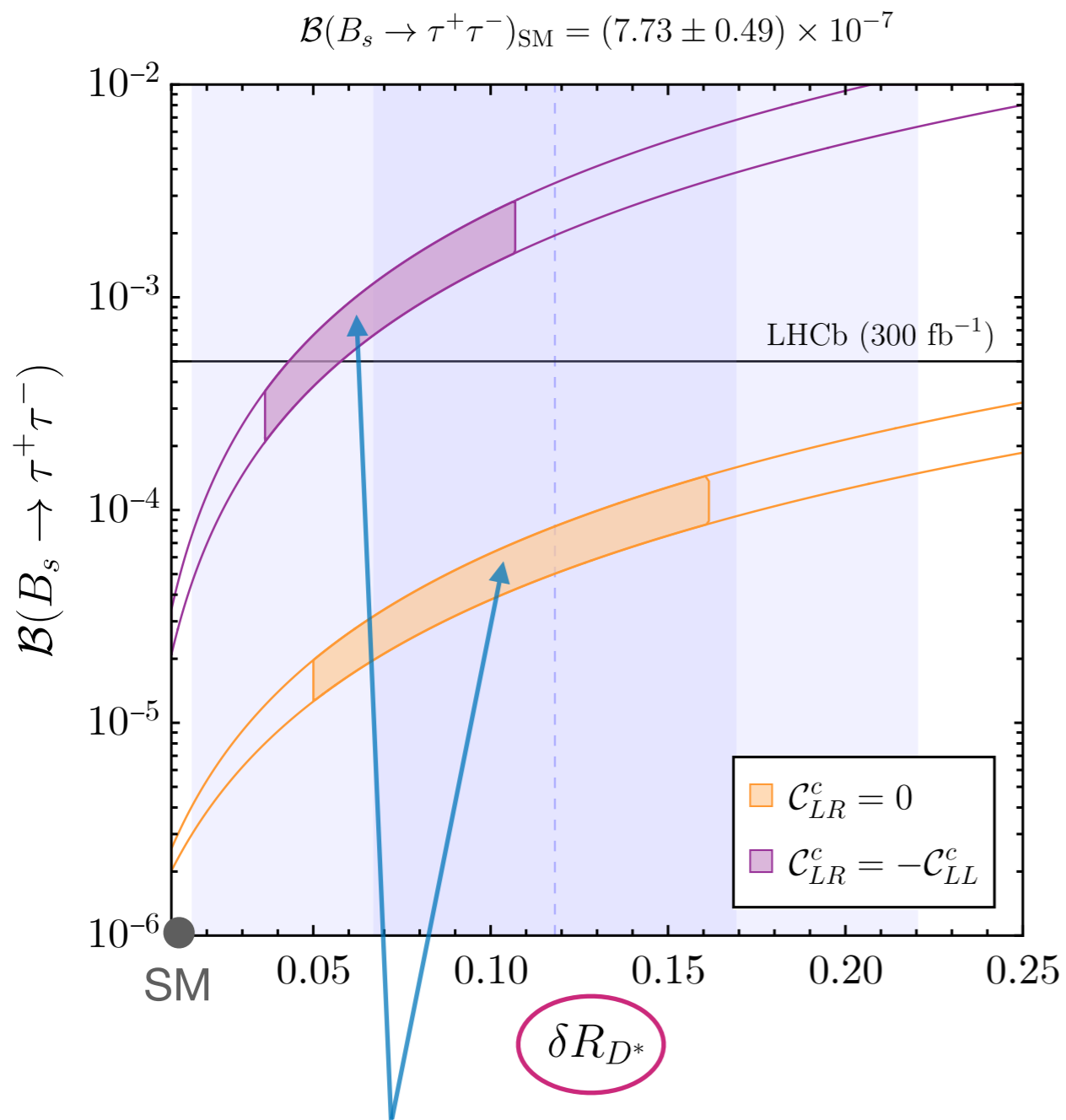
- Since $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$ is a FCNC, it is a 1-loop process in the SM. We therefore expect a huge NP enhancement in $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$!

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\tau\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\tau\tau)_{\text{SM}}} \sim 16\pi^2 \frac{R_{D^{(*)}}}{R_{D^{(*)}}^{\text{SM}}}$$



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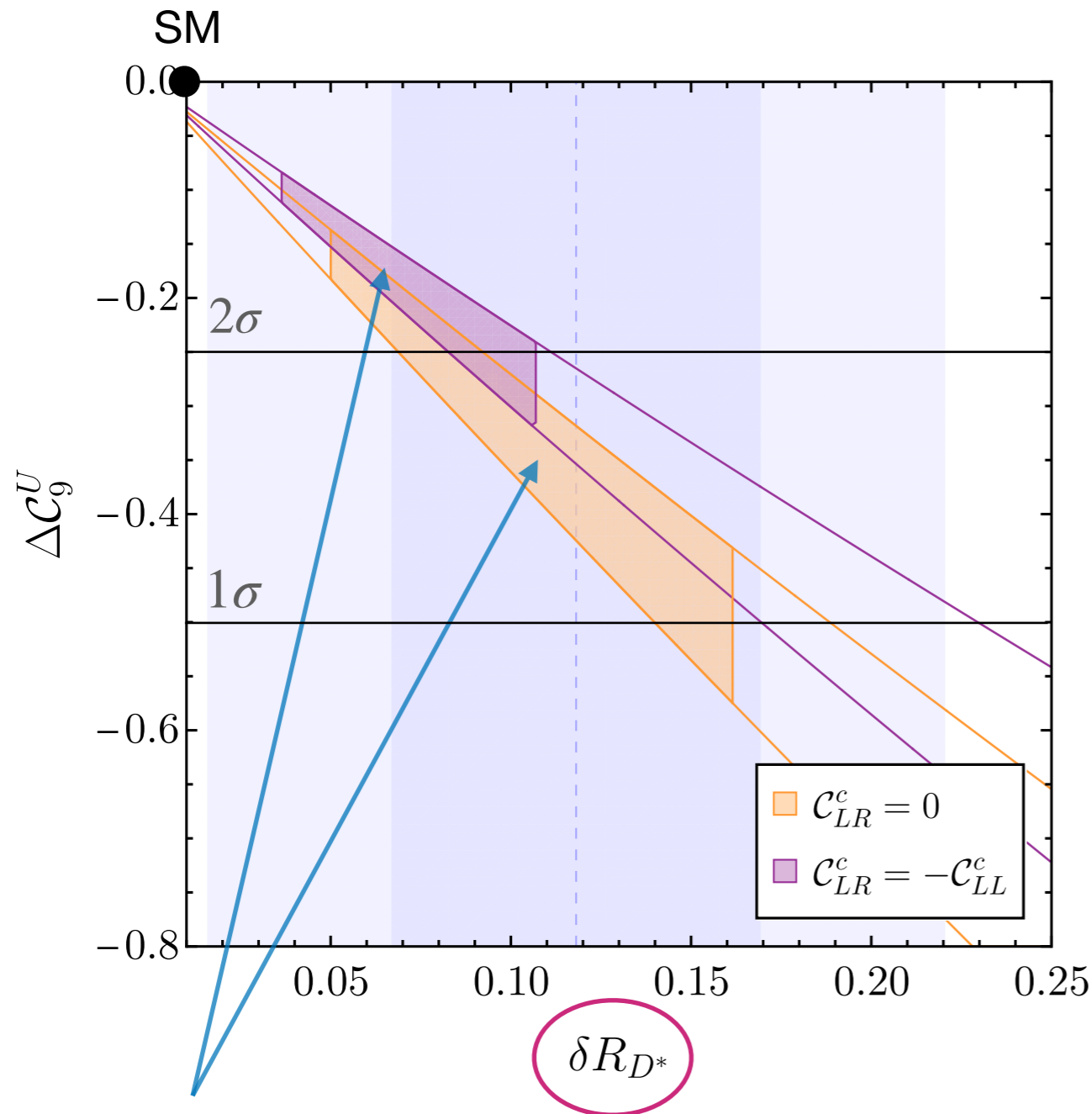


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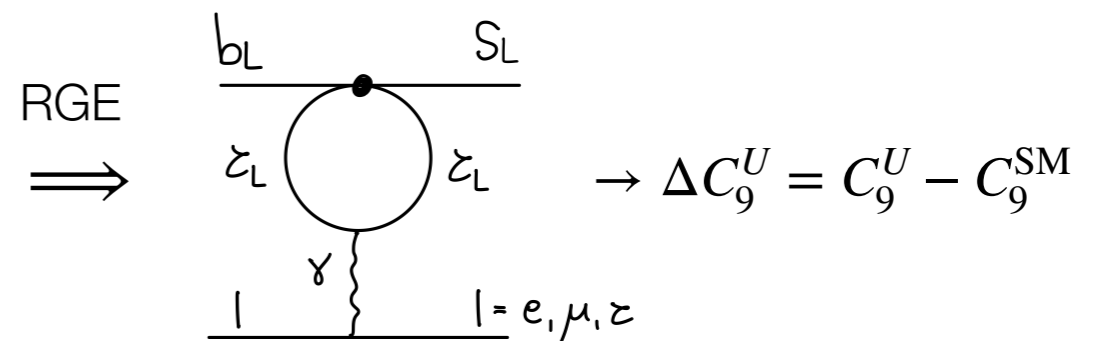
U_1 connects $R_{D^{(*)}}$ to universal $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ observables

- Large $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$ implies a sizable *flavor universal* loop effect in $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$!



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_i C_i^\ell O_i^\ell$$

$$O_9^\ell = (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu b_L)(\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell)$$



“Dirty” $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ data prefers:
 $\Delta C_9^U \approx -0.75 \pm 0.25$

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UV Completion for the U_1 Leptoquark

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Third-family quark-lepton unification at the TeV scale: [Greljo, BAS, [1802.04274](#)]

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- 3rd family charged under $SU(4)_h$
 \implies Direct NP couplings (L+R)
- Light families under 321 (SM-like)
- Accidental approximate $U(2)^5$ flavor symmetry: $\psi = (\psi_1 \ \psi_2 \ \psi_3)$
- Good starting point for CKM

Leptons as the fourth “color”

[Pati, Salam, [Phys. Rev. D10 \(1974\) 275](#)]
 (only 7 years after the SM was proposed)

4321 models

[di Luzio, Greljo, Nardecchia [1708.08450](#)
 Bordone, Cornella, Fuentes-Martin, Isidori
[1712.01368](#), [1805.09328](#);
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$$\Psi_{L,R} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{L,R}^1 \\ q_{L,R}^2 \\ q_{L,R}^3 \\ l_{L,R} \end{bmatrix}$$

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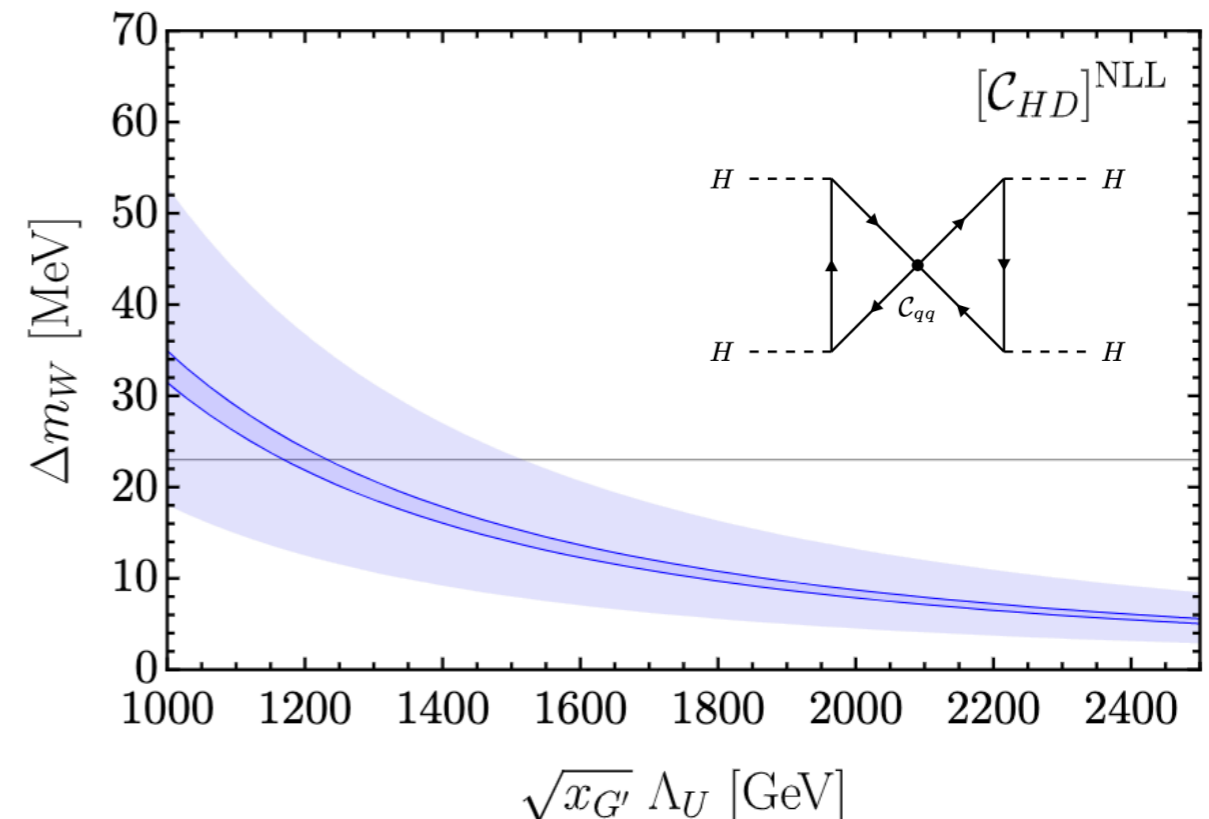
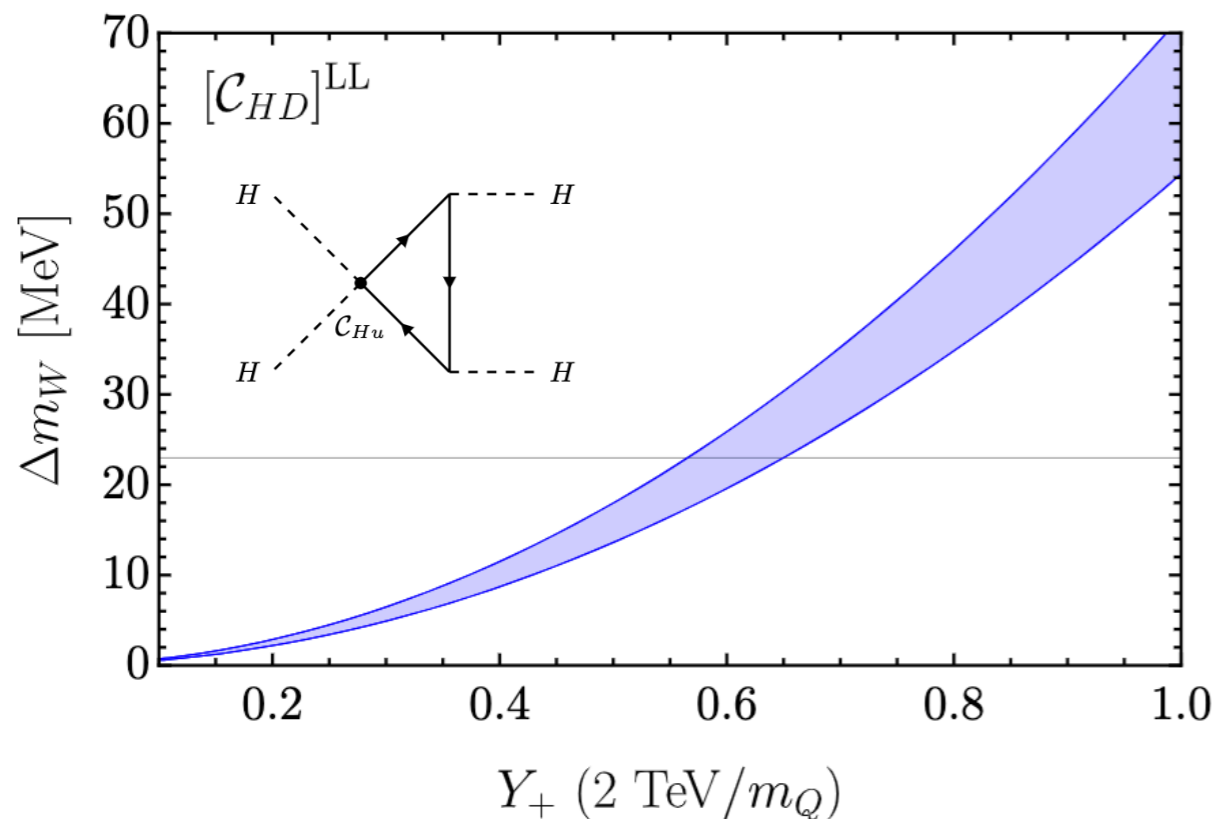
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$$\frac{\Delta m_W}{m_W} \supset -\frac{v^2}{4} \frac{g_L^2}{g_L^2 - g_Y^2} C_{HD}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{HD} = |H^\dagger D_\mu H|^2$$

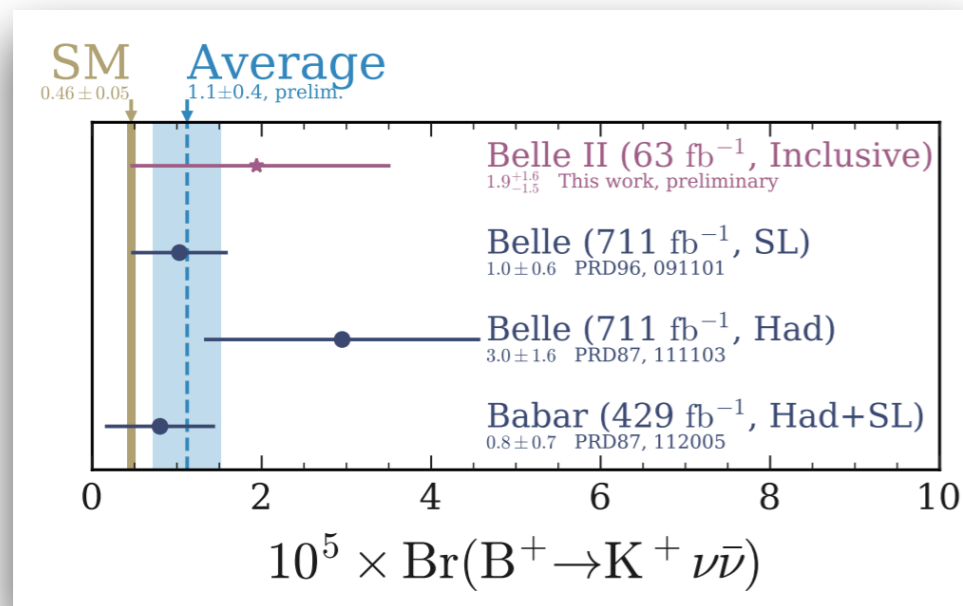
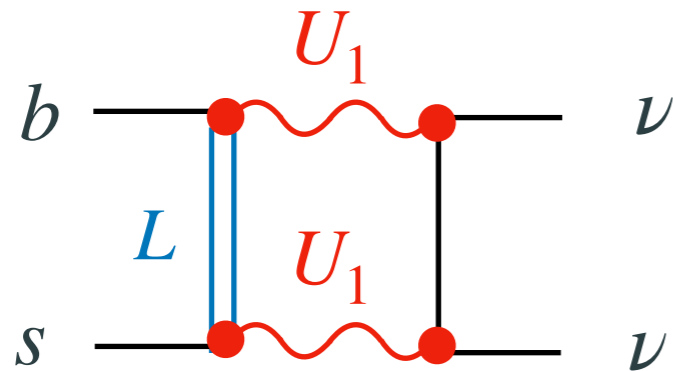
$$\alpha T = -\frac{v^2}{2} C_{HD}$$



- Full EW fit in 4321 model: [\[Allwicher, Isidori, Lizana, Selimovic, BAS, 2302.11584\]](#)

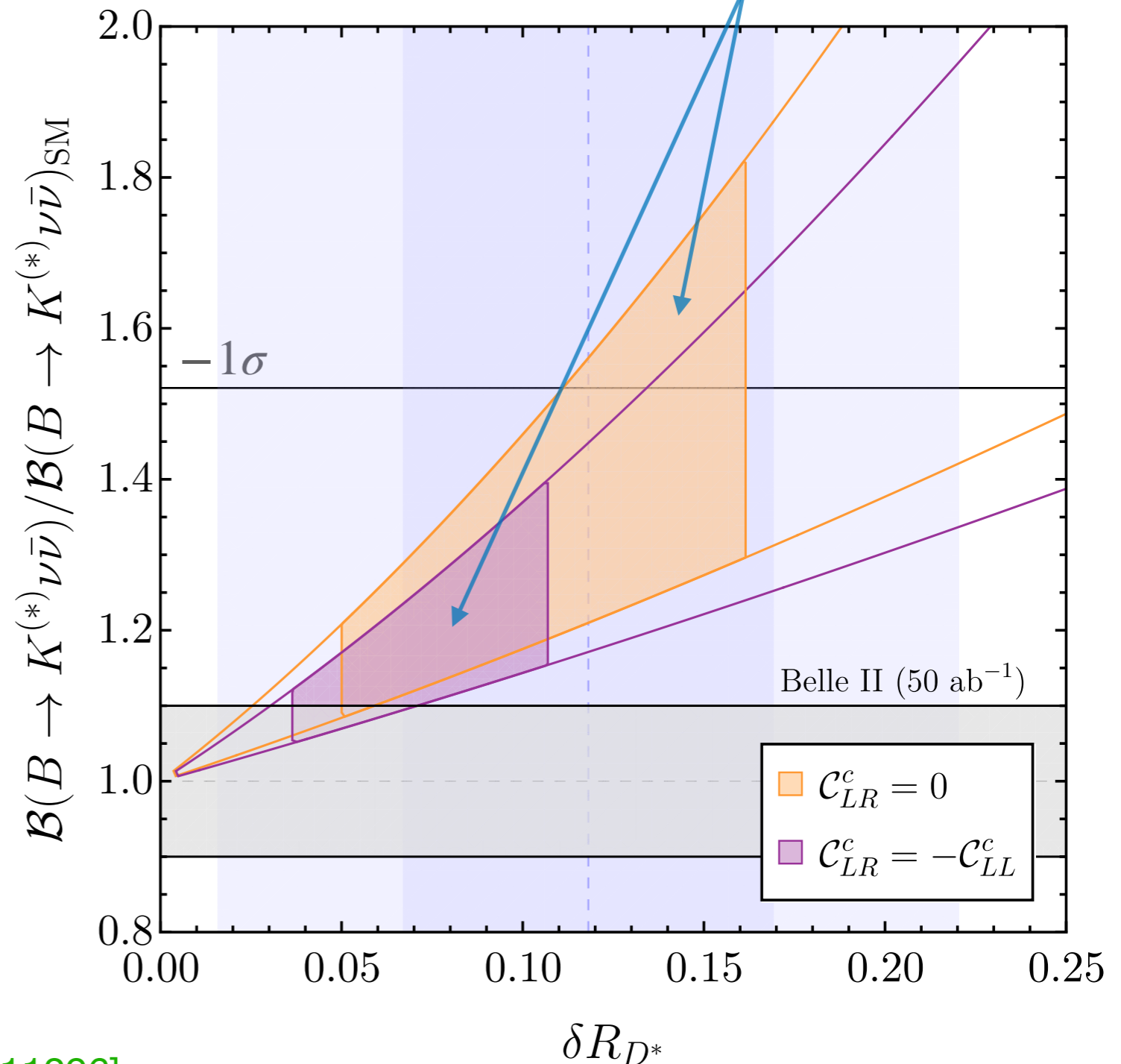
Important 1-loop effects: $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\nu\nu$ (4321 Model)

- Some (important) effects appear only at one loop. For U_1 , requires UV model!



[Belle II Collaboration, [2104.12624](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.12624)]

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[Fuentes-Martin, Isidori, König, Selimovic, [2009.11296](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.11296)]

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