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A possible “coherent” explanation of X(750) and flavor anomalies

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This is perfectly consistent with the (pre-LHC) indications coming from indirect NP searches (EWPO + flavor → light Higgs + mass gap above SM spectrum).

But all the problems of the SM (hierarchy problem, flavor pattern, dark-matter, U(1) charges,...) are still unsolved → the motivation for NP are still there (*somehow even stronger than before*)

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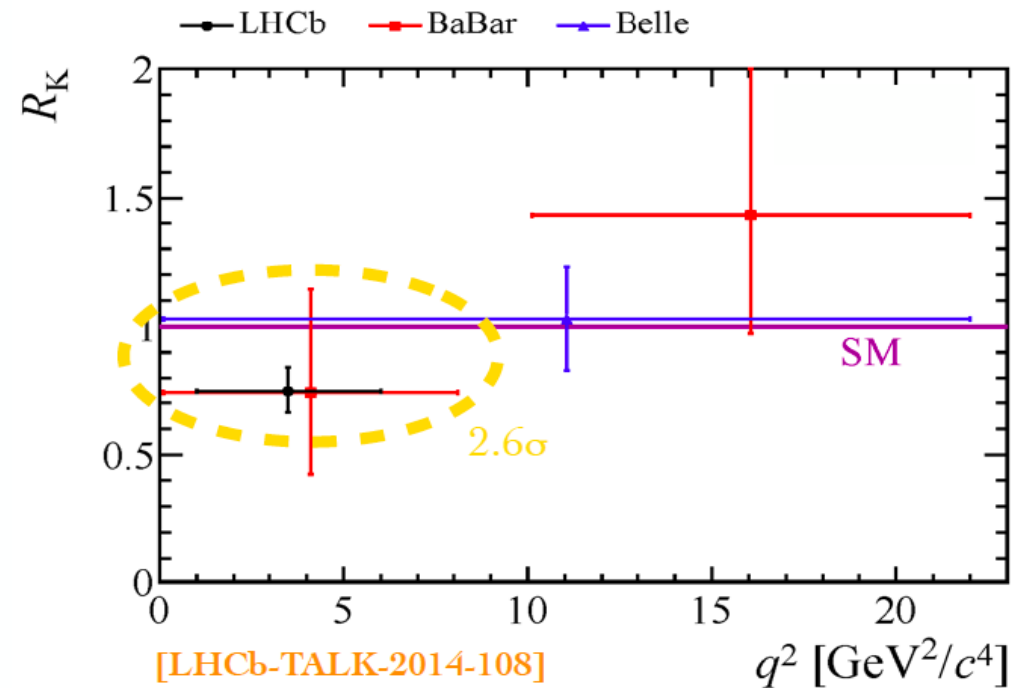
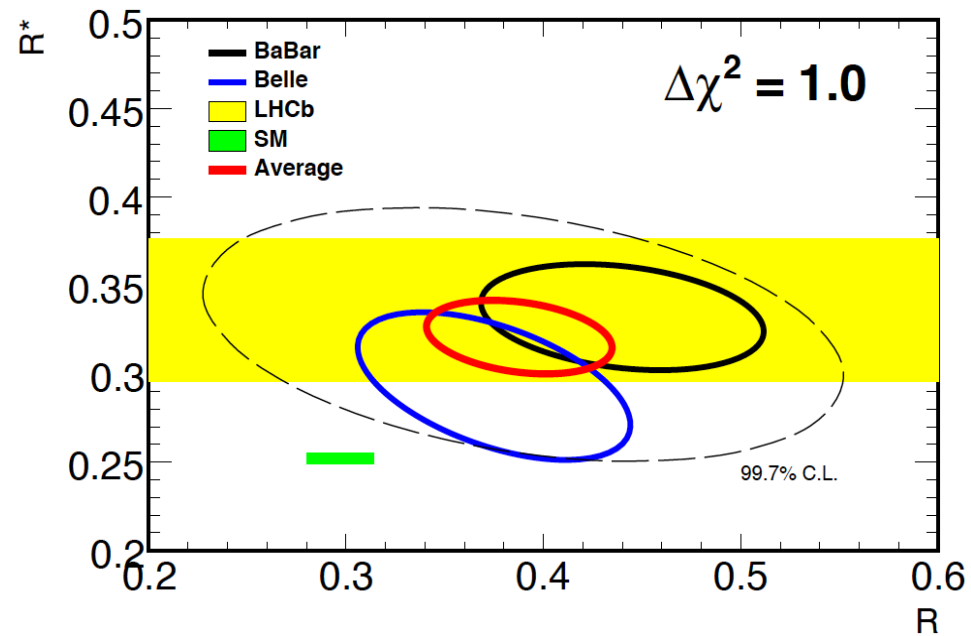
However, looking more closely to data:

- Direct bounds on NP exceed ~ 1 TeV only for new states colored and/or strongly coupled to 1st & 2nd generation of quarks
- Similarly, the tight indirect bounds from flavor physics always involve transitions with 1st & 2nd generation of quarks & leptons



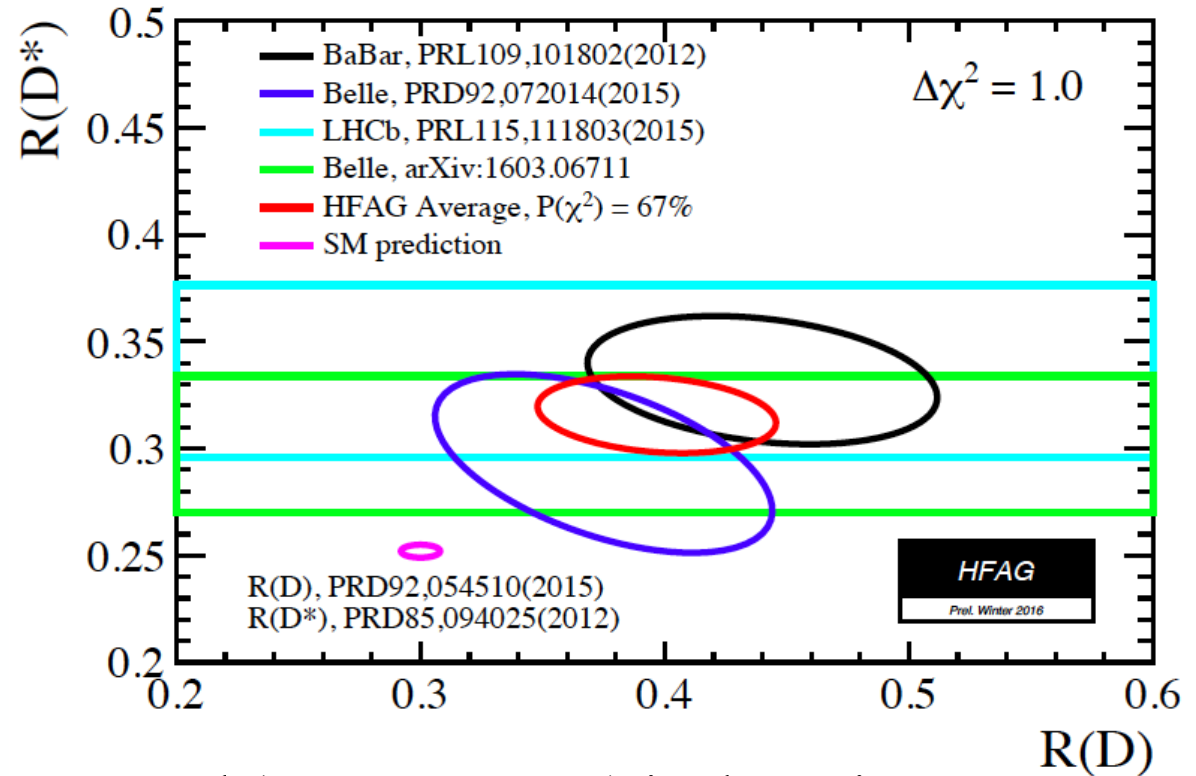
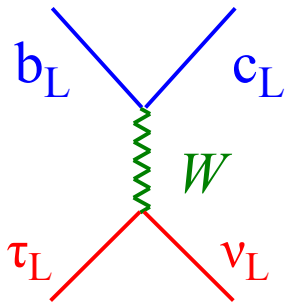
NP models with (relatively) light NP and where 3rd generation of quarks & leptons have a special role are (still) very well-motivated
 The interplay of flavor-physics and high-pT physics extremely important

On the flavor anomalies



► The observed violations of LFU [I. $b \rightarrow c$ (charg. curr.): τ vs. light leptons (μ, e)]

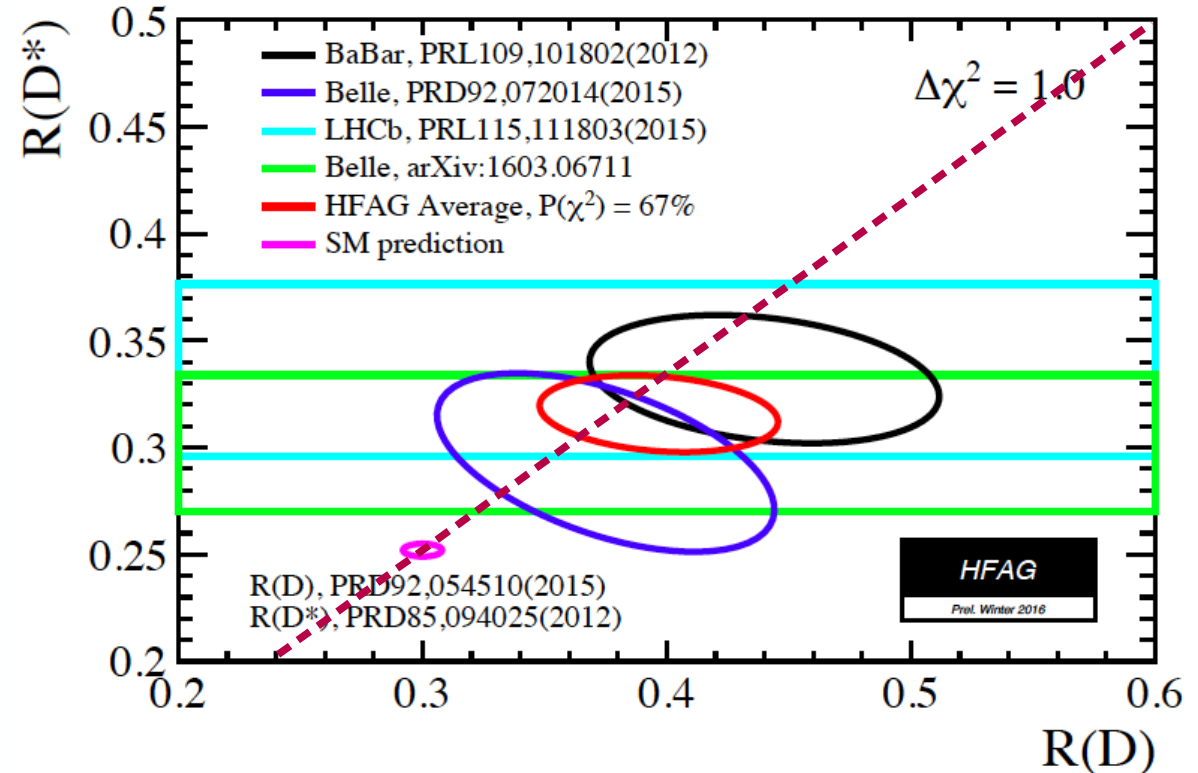
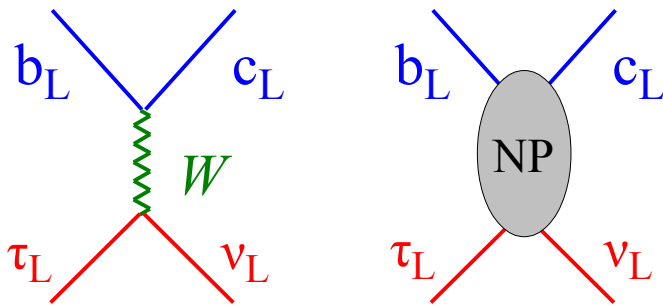
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 - The two channels are well consistent with a universal enhancement ($\sim 15\%$) of the SM $b_L \rightarrow c_L \tau_L \nu_L$ amplitude (*RH or scalar amplitudes disfavored*)

- In this case the combined significance of a deviation from the SM raises to 4.4σ

$$\frac{R^{\tau/\ell}(D)}{R_{\text{SM}}^{\tau/\ell}(D)} = \frac{R^{\tau/\ell}(D^*)}{R_{\text{SM}}^{\tau/\ell}(D^*)}$$

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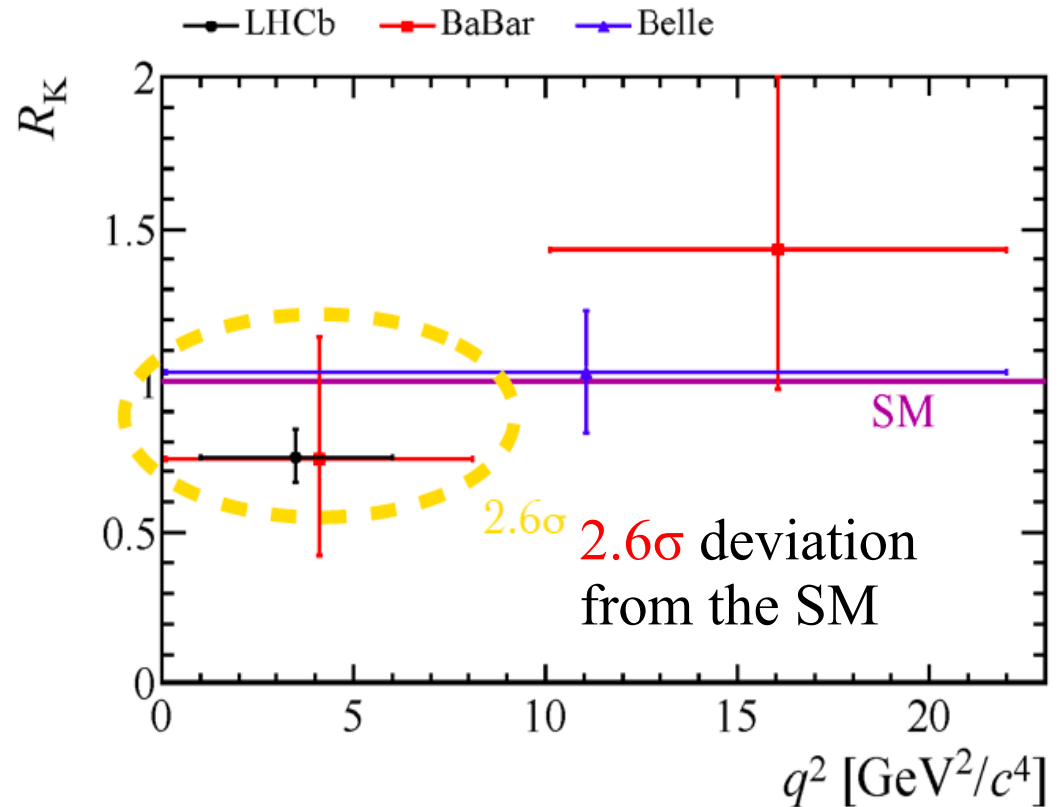
$$R_K = \frac{\int d\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu\mu)}{\int d\Gamma(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ ee)}$$

[1-6] GeV²

- Negligible th. error \rightarrow clean test of LFU (in neutral currents)

$$R_K = 1 \pm O(1\%)$$

Bordone *et al.*
to appear this week



- The statistical significance of R_K alone is small, but it increases a lot taking into account also the P5' anomaly and considering NP models that affects only (mainly) $b \rightarrow s \mu\mu$ [and not $b \rightarrow see$]
 \rightarrow perfect consistency of the 2 anomalies under this (motivated) hypothesis

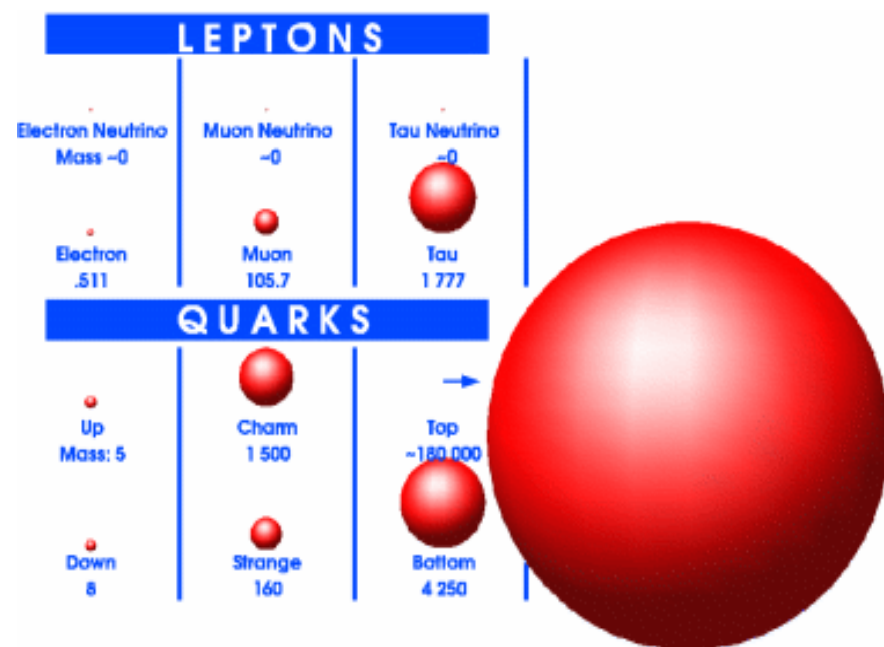
► General considerations about the breaking of LFU

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The most interesting (and somehow surprising...) aspect is the possible breaking of LFU, both in charged currents ($b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ vs. $b \rightarrow c\mu\nu$) and in neutral currents ($b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ vs. $b \rightarrow see$)

A few general messages:

- LFU is not a fundamental symmetry of the SM Lagrangian (*accidental symmetry in the gauge sector, broken by Yukawas*)
- LFU tests at the Z peak are not too stringent (\rightarrow gauge sector)
- Most stringent tests of LFU involve only 1st-2nd gen. quarks & leptons
 \rightarrow Natural to conceive NP models where LFU is violated more in processes with 3rd gen. quarks (\leftrightarrow hierarchy in Yukawa coupl.)



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+ many others...

...but till a few months ago most attempts were focused only on one set of anomalies (either charged or neutral currents)

What I will discuss next are some general considerations in trying to describe both these effects within simplified (rather general) dynamical models that are an important “prelude” for a combination of these anomalies with high-pT physics

► EFT-type considerations

- Anomalies are seen only in semi-leptonic (quark × lepton) operators
- RR and scalar currents disfavored → LL current-current operators
- Necessity of at least one SU(2)_L-triplet effective operator
(as in the Fermi theory):

$$\frac{g_q g_\ell}{\Lambda^2} \lambda_{ij}^q \lambda_{kl}^\ell (\bar{Q}_L^i T^a \gamma_\mu Q_L^j) (\bar{L}_L^k T^a \gamma^\mu L_L^l)$$

Bhattacharya *et al.* '14
Alonso, Grinstein, Camalich '15
Greljo, GI, Marzocca '15

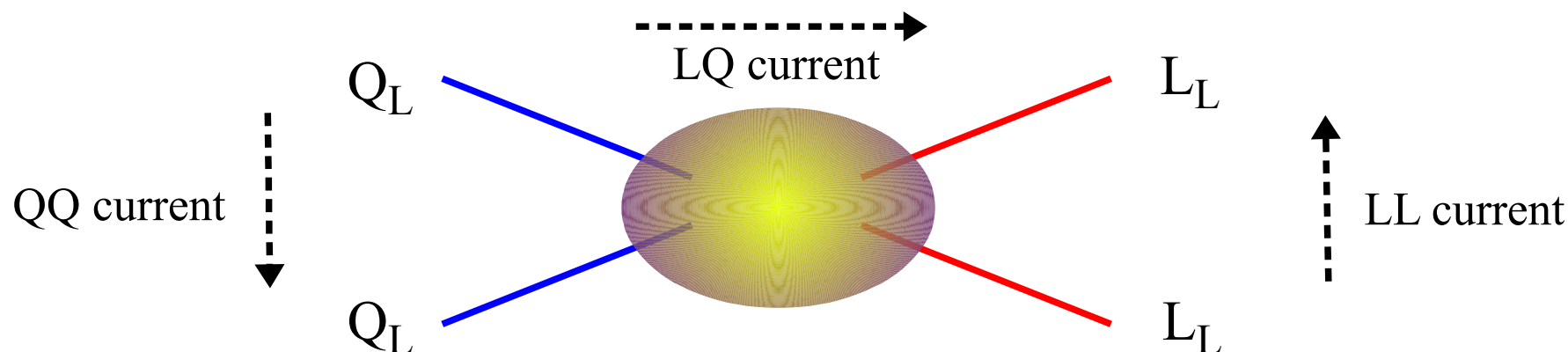
- Large coupling (competing with SM tree-level) in bc (=33_{CKM}) → $l_3 v_3$
- Small non-vanishing coupling (competing with SM FCNC) in bs → $l_2 l_2$

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- Two natural classes of mediators, giving rise to different correlations among **quark**×**lepton**, (evidence) and **quark**×**quark** + **lepton**×**lepton** (bounds)

► A simplified dynamical model (I)

Greljo, GI, Marzocca '15

Main assumptions:

- We assume the effective triplet operator is the result of integrating-out a **heavy triplet of vector bosons (W', Z')** coupled to a single current:

$$J_\mu^a = g_q \lambda_{ij}^q \left(\bar{Q}_L^i \gamma_\mu T^a Q_L^j \right) + g_\ell \lambda_{ij}^\ell \left(\bar{L}_L^i \gamma_\mu T^a L_L^j \right) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2m_V^2} J_\mu^a J_\mu^a$$

- Non-Universal flavor structure** of the currents → **mainly 3rd generations**
 - Coupling to 3rd generations not suppressed
 - Coupling to light generations controlled by small $U(2)_q \times U(2)_\ell$ breaking terms related to sub-leading terms in the Yukawa couplings ([link to models explaining CKM hierarchy](#))

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A brief detour: $U(2)^n$ flavor symmetries

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

- 3rd generations fermions are singlets
 - 1st and 2nd generation fermions are doublets
- Efficient protection of FCNCs (\sim MFV like)
- The exact symmetry limit is good starting point for the SM spectrum ($m_u=m_d=m_s=m_c=0, V_{CKM}=1$) → small breakings terms needed

$$Y_u = y_t \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \Delta & V \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Possible “natural solution”
of models with
“dynamical Yukawas”

unbroken symmetry $|V| \sim 0.04$ $|\Delta| \sim 0.006$

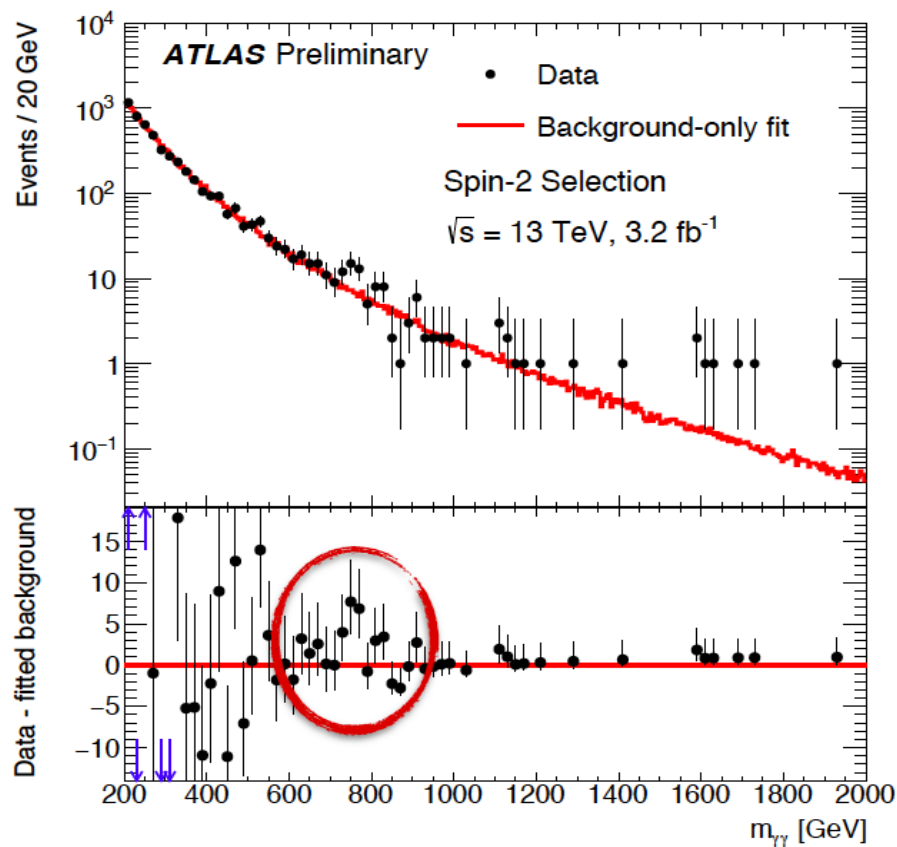
Alonso, Gavela,
G.I., Maiani '13

Coming back to the **heavy-triplet model**, the flavor symmetry implies:

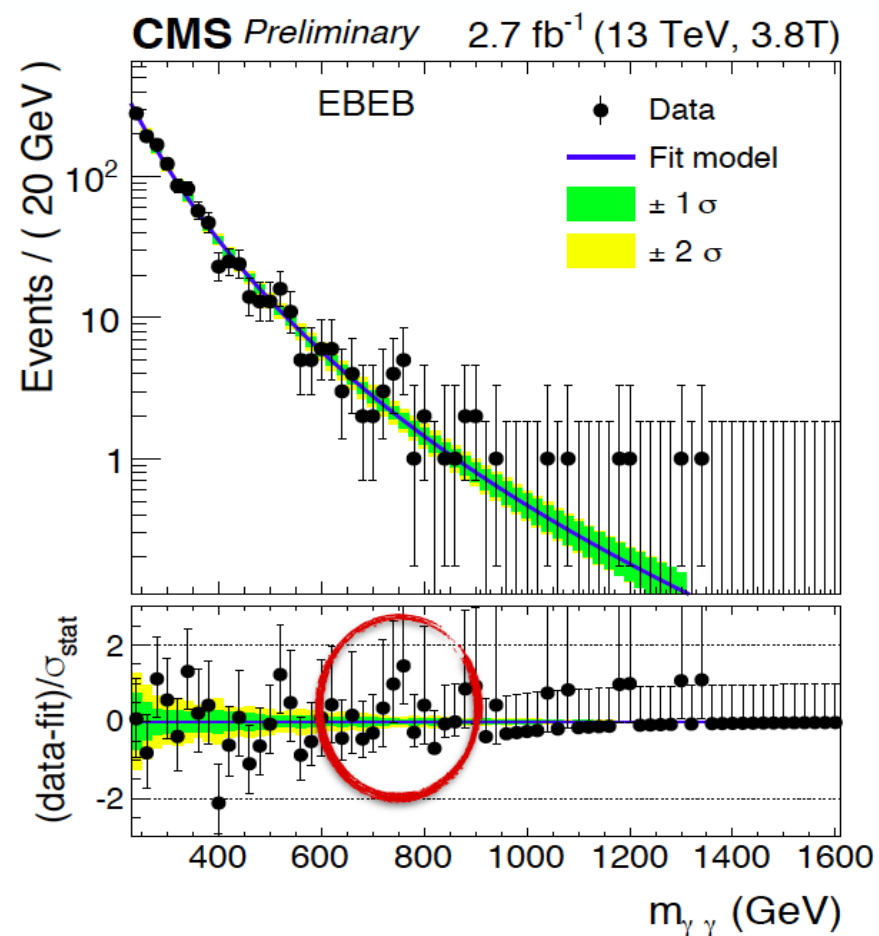
$$\lambda_{bd} \ll \lambda_{bs} \ll \lambda_{bb} = 1 \qquad \lambda_{ss} \sim \lambda_{bs}^2 \sim |V_{ts}|^2$$

On the X(750) anomaly

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► General considerations on the “X(750)”

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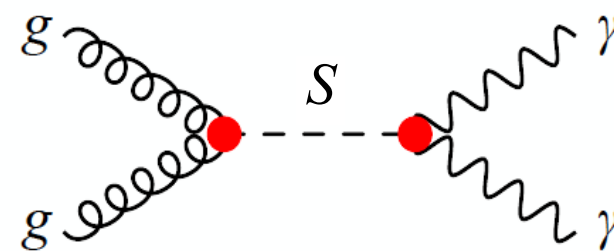
$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{eff}} = c_{gg} \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi m_S} S G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} + c_{\gamma\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi m_S} S F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow S}(8 \text{ TeV}) = c_{gg}^2 \times (12 \pm 1) \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow S}(13 \text{ TeV}) = c_{gg}^2 \times (55 \pm 6) \text{ fb}$$

Buttazzo, Greljo, Marzocca, '15
(& many others)

The large 13TeV/8TeV ratio in $\sigma(gg \rightarrow \eta)$
Explains why no anomalies @ 8 TeV



$$\mu_{pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \sigma_{pp \rightarrow S} \times \mathcal{B}_{S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \Big|_{\text{data}} \approx (4.7 \pm 1) \text{ fb}$$

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$$\frac{\alpha}{4\pi m_S} S (c_W W_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i,\mu\nu} + c_B B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu})$$

There are 2 gauge-invariant operators at d=5 that controls 4 accessible final states:
 $\gamma\gamma$, $Z\gamma$, ZZ , WW → we should see comparable signals ($\sigma \times B$) in all of them
 (at most one eff. coupling can be tuned to 0)

Right now OK (other channels less constraining than $\gamma\gamma$), but this will be a key test for the near future

$$\frac{\mu_{Z\gamma}}{\mu_{\gamma\gamma}} = \frac{2(1 - R_{WB})^2 \tan^2 \theta_W}{(1 + R_{WB} \tan^2 \theta_W)^2}$$

$$\frac{\mu_{ZZ}}{\mu_{\gamma\gamma}} = \frac{(\tan^2 \theta_W + R_{WB})^2}{(1 + R_{WB} \tan^2 \theta_W)^2}$$

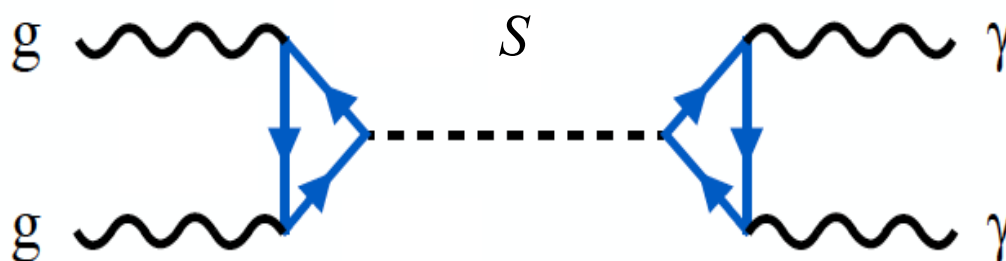
$$\frac{\mu_{WW}}{\mu_{\gamma\gamma}} = \frac{2R_{WB}^2}{(\cos^2 \theta_W + R_{WB} \sin^2 \theta_W)^2}$$

$$(R_{WB} = c_W / c_B)$$

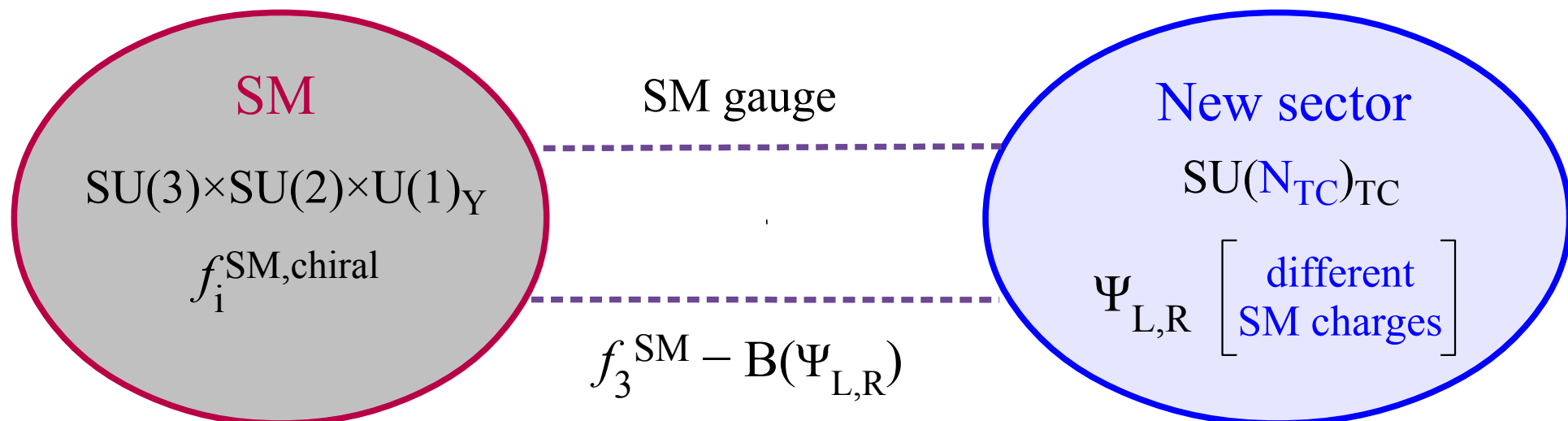
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There are many possible dynamical explanations for origin, mass, and couplings of this hypothetical state, but most of them share some common features:

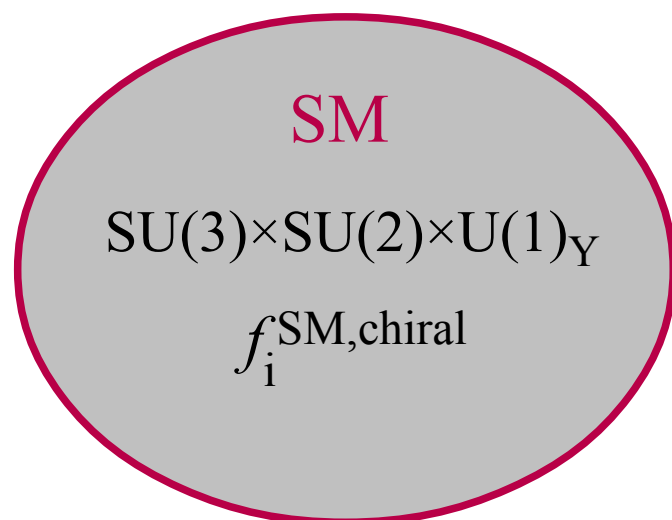
- Need additional vector-like fermions to enhance c_{gg} and $c_{\gamma\gamma}$
- If S is a **pNGB**, these couplings arise naturally via the anomaly (as in $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
- A large width (i.e. some leading “tree-level” decays) is very challenging
- Virtually all proposed explanations points to near-by new strong dynamics



A possible coherent explanation

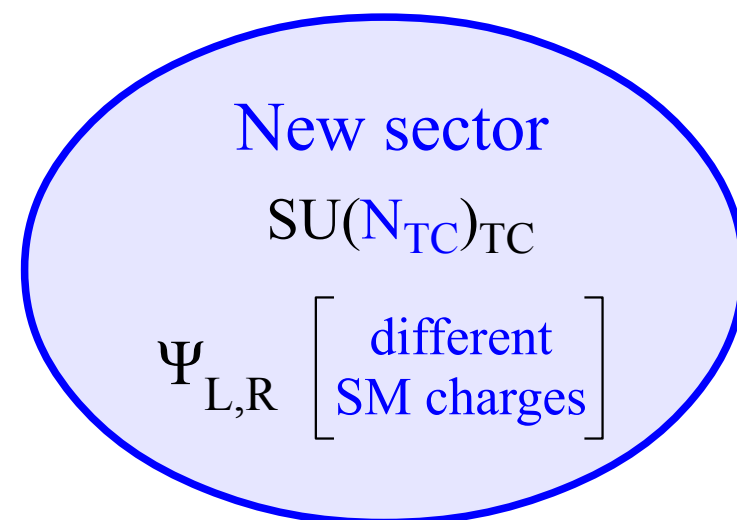


► A possible “coherent” explanation



The basic construction is based on the idea of “*Vector-like confinement*”

Kilic, Okhui, Sudrum, '09



$$SU(N_F)_L \times SU(N_F)_R \times U(1)_V$$

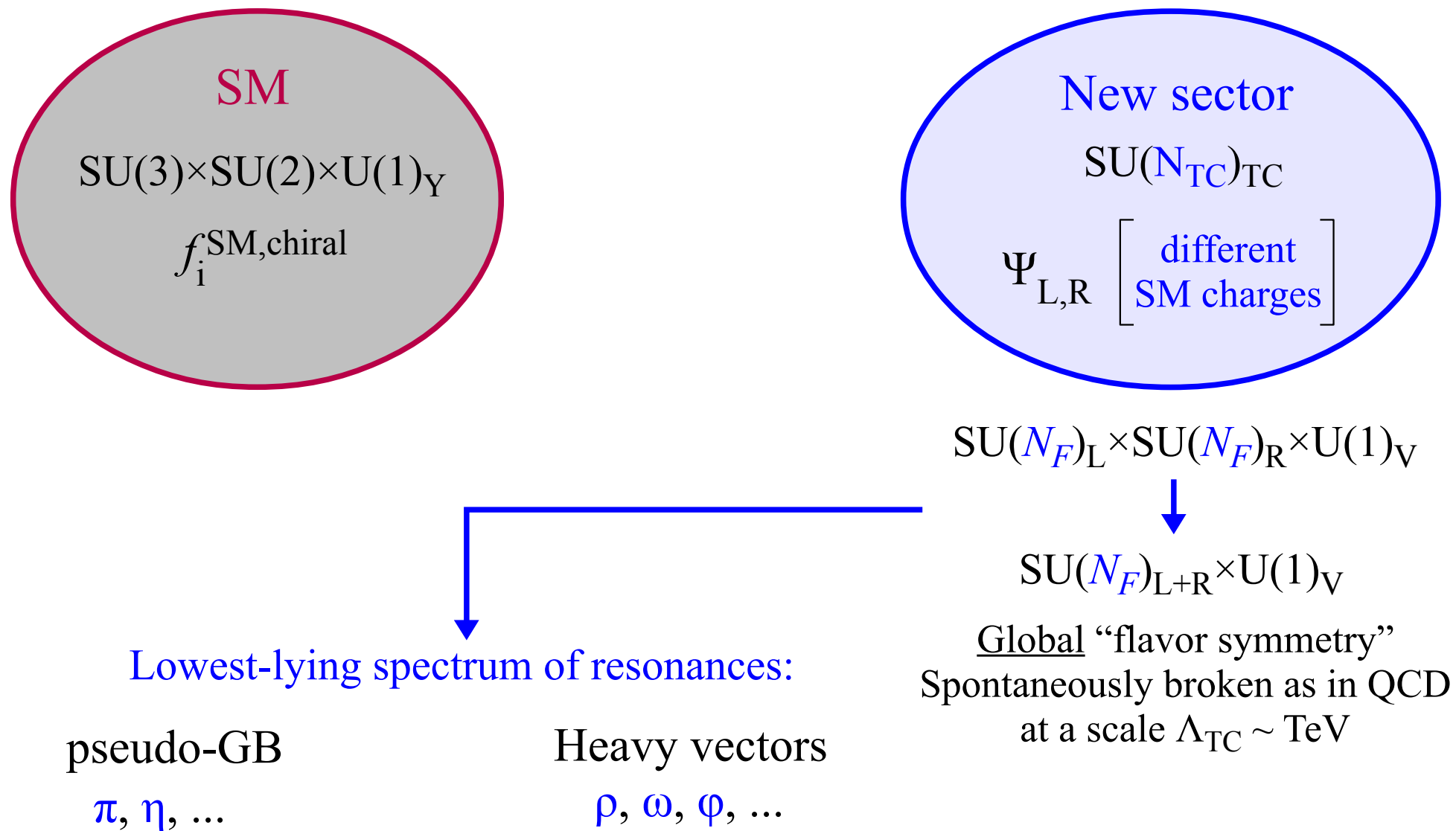


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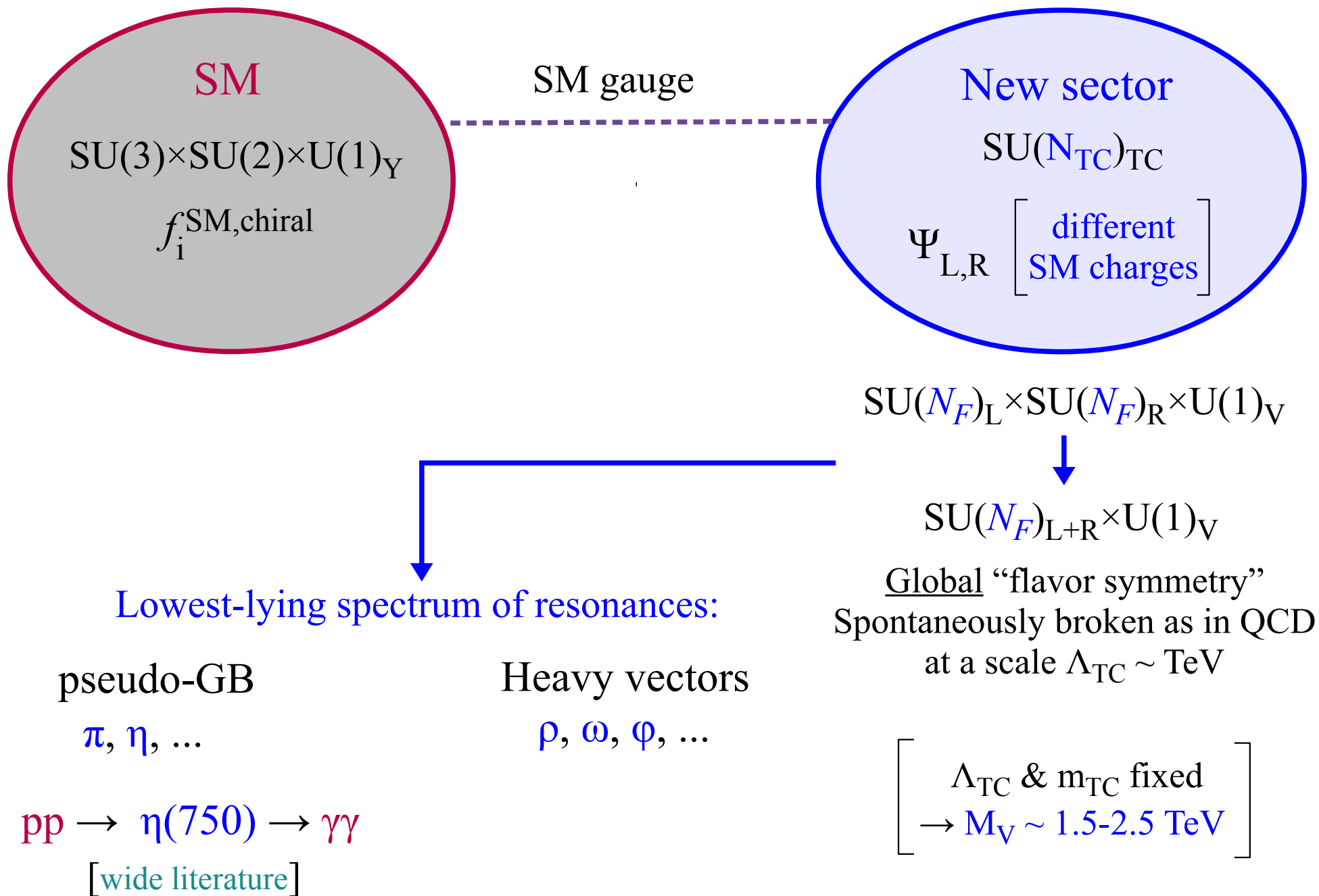
Global “flavor symmetry”
Spontaneously broken as in QCD
at a scale $\Lambda_{\text{TC}} \sim \text{TeV}$

- Very similar to the old idea of technicolor
- Key difference is that the SSB of the new sector preserves the SM gauge symmetry, that is broken in a 2nd step by an appropriate Higgs field

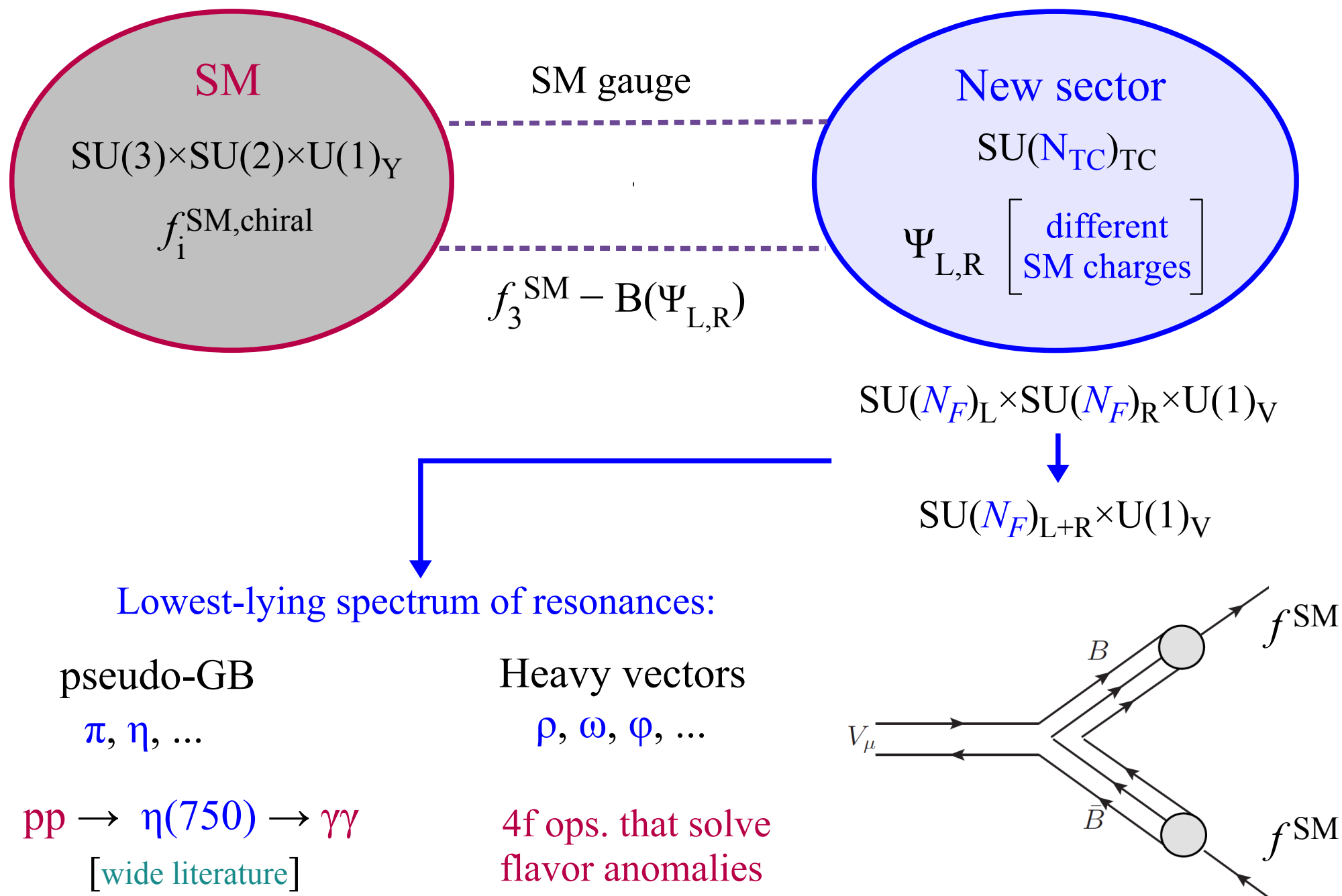
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► A closer look to the model

I. The mixing between heavy-vectors and SM fermions:

A) rho-baryon coupling:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rho BB} = g_{\rho} a_{\psi}^{\rho} \bar{B}_{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \tau^a B_{\psi} \rho_{\mu}^a$$

Expected and predicted, up to $O(1)$ factors, by TC dynamics

B) baryon-SM mixing:

$$B_q \rightarrow \kappa_q \chi_i^q q_L^i, \quad B_{\ell} \rightarrow \kappa_{\ell} \chi_i^{\ell} \ell_L^i$$

*Extra ingredient attributed to (unspecified) flavor dynamics
→ flavor structure predicted by $U(2) \times U(2)$ flavor symmetry*

$$\chi^{q(\ell)} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1^{q(\ell)} \\ \varepsilon_2^{q(\ell)} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{SU(2)-doublet spurions} \\ \text{SU(2)-singlet} \end{matrix}$$

A key requirement is to have TC baryons with quantum numbers of SM LH fermions



More complicated mixing structures are possible, but this simple construction turns out to be very predictive and successful in “curing” the flavor anomalies

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$(\bar{L}Q) + \text{h.c.}$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \Delta Y) + \text{h.c.}$	$m_{(\bar{L}Q)}^2 = B_0(m_L + m_Q)$
$(\bar{L}L)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, 0)$	$m_{(\bar{L}L)}^2 = 2B_0 m_L$
$3(\bar{L}L) - 2(\bar{Q}Q)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0) = \boldsymbol{\eta}$	$m_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}^2 = \frac{2}{5} B_0 (3m_L + 2m_Q)$

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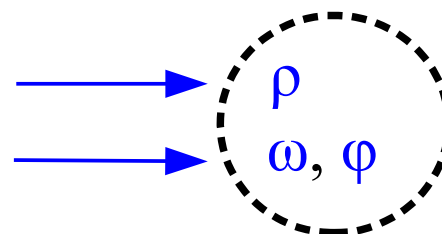
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color
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Can improve the flavor
fit with contribution to $\Delta B=2$

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Flavor structure	\mathcal{G}_{SM} irrep	pNGB Mass	states needed in model II for flavor anomalies
$(\bar{Q}Q)$	$(\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{3}, 0), (\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1}, 0), (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, 0)$	$m_{(\bar{Q}Q)}^2 = 2B_0 m_Q$	
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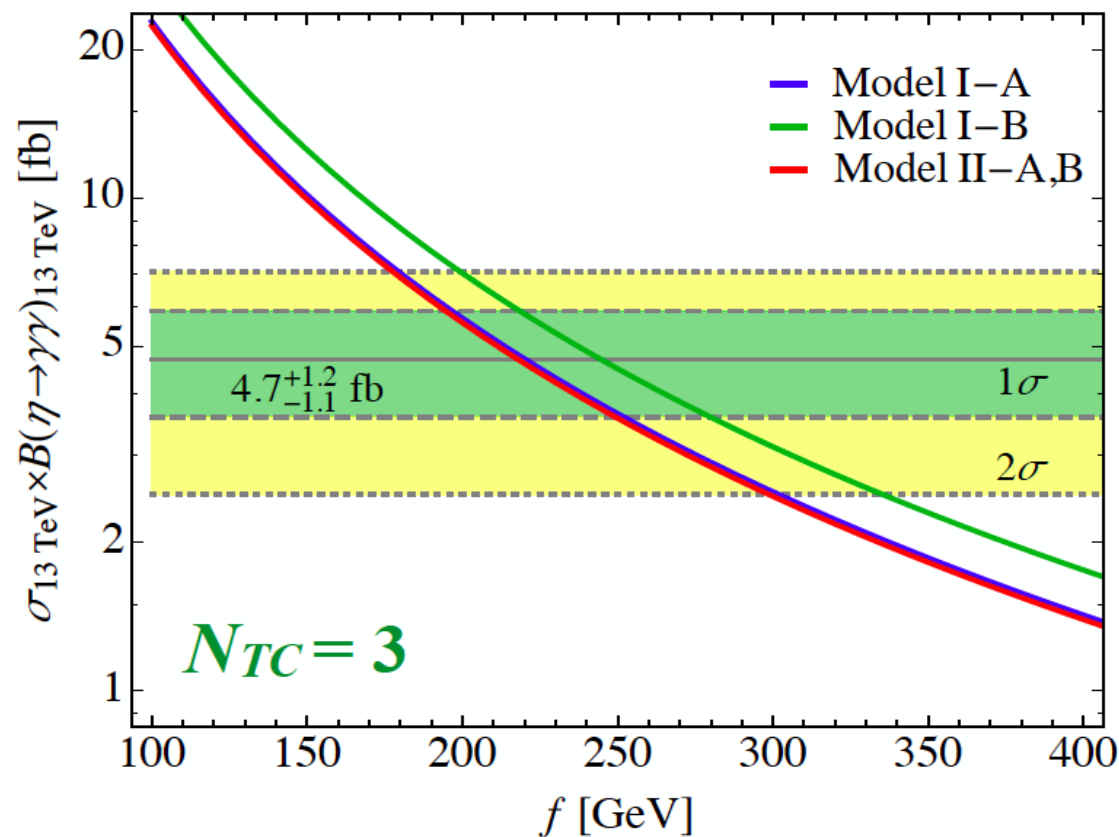
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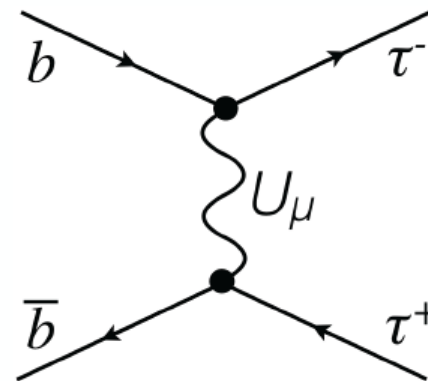
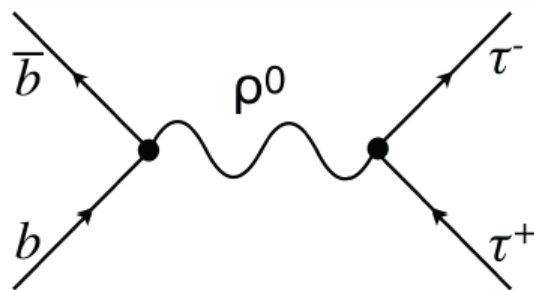
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$f \sim 200\text{-}250$ GeV

$M_V \sim 1.5\text{-}2.0$ TeV ($m_{TC} \sim 100$ GeV)

Where to look for, for further signals



► Other di-boson channels from the X(750)

For a given choice of hyper-charge assignment we can completely determine the rates for production and decay of the X(750) in any SM di-boson pair:

$$R_{VV} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow VV)}{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \eta \rightarrow VV)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \rightarrow \sim 5\text{fb}$$

LHC bounds: $R_{Z\gamma} \lesssim 5.6$, $R_{ZZ} \lesssim 11$, $R_{WW} \lesssim 36$

Buttazzo, Greljo, Marzocca, '15

Predictions:

	(Y_Q, Y_L)	$R_{Z\gamma}$	R_{ZZ}	R_{WW}
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	B: $(0, -\frac{1}{6})$	5.0	9.1	34
SU(8) Model II	A: $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{6})$	0.6	0.09	0
	B: $(\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{2})$			

Already near the bounds. Measurable in the near future!

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► **N.B:** the deviations should be seen universally in all the hadronic modes: $B \rightarrow K^* \tau\tau$, $B \rightarrow K \tau\tau$, $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \tau\tau$, ...

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• **Meson mixing** $\sim 10\%$ deviations from SM both in ΔM_{B_s} & ΔM_{B_d}

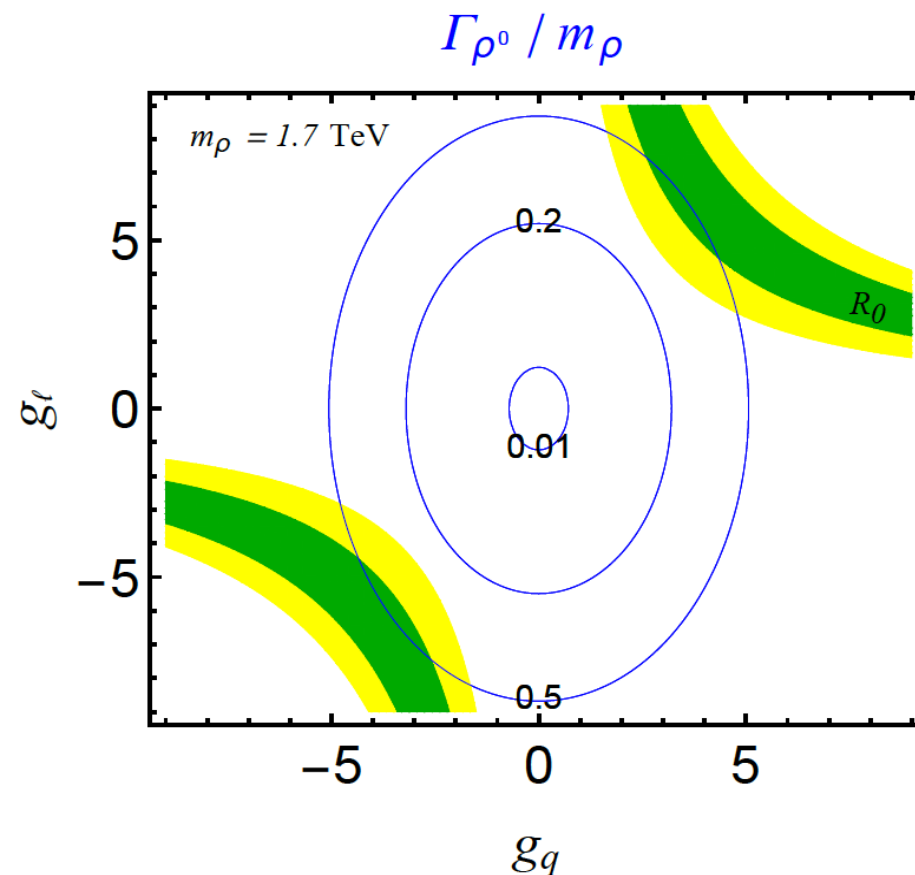
• τ decays $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ not far from present exp. Bound ($\text{BR} \sim 10^{-9}$)

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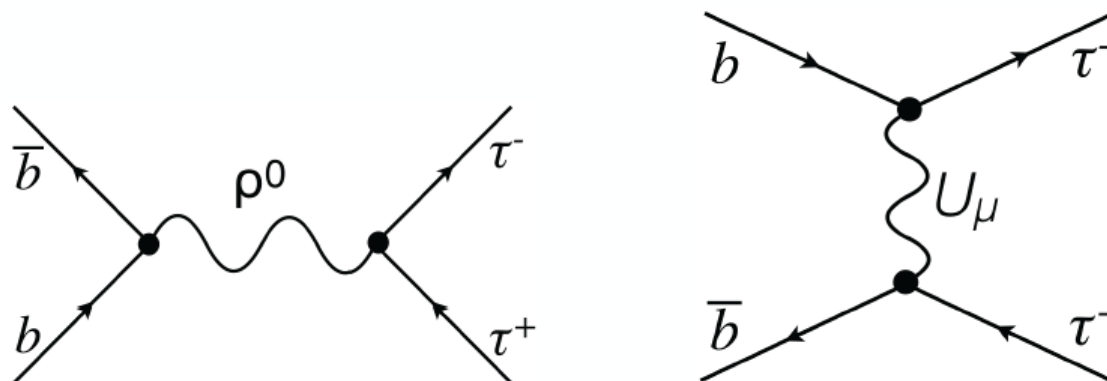


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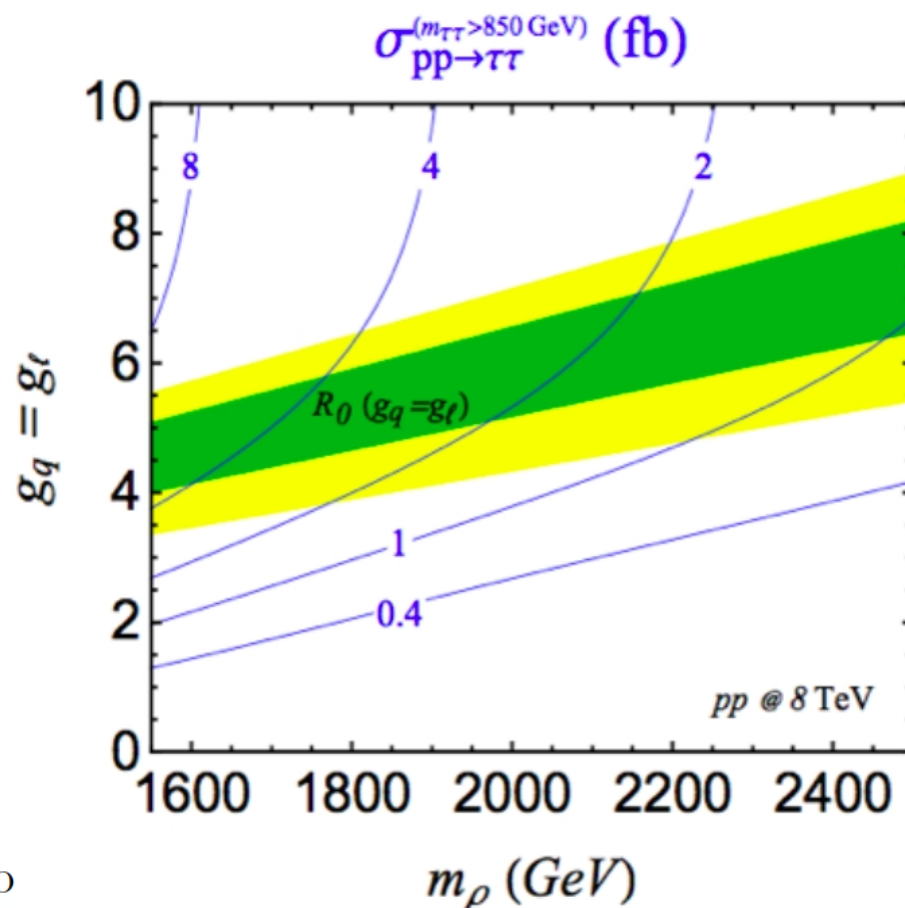
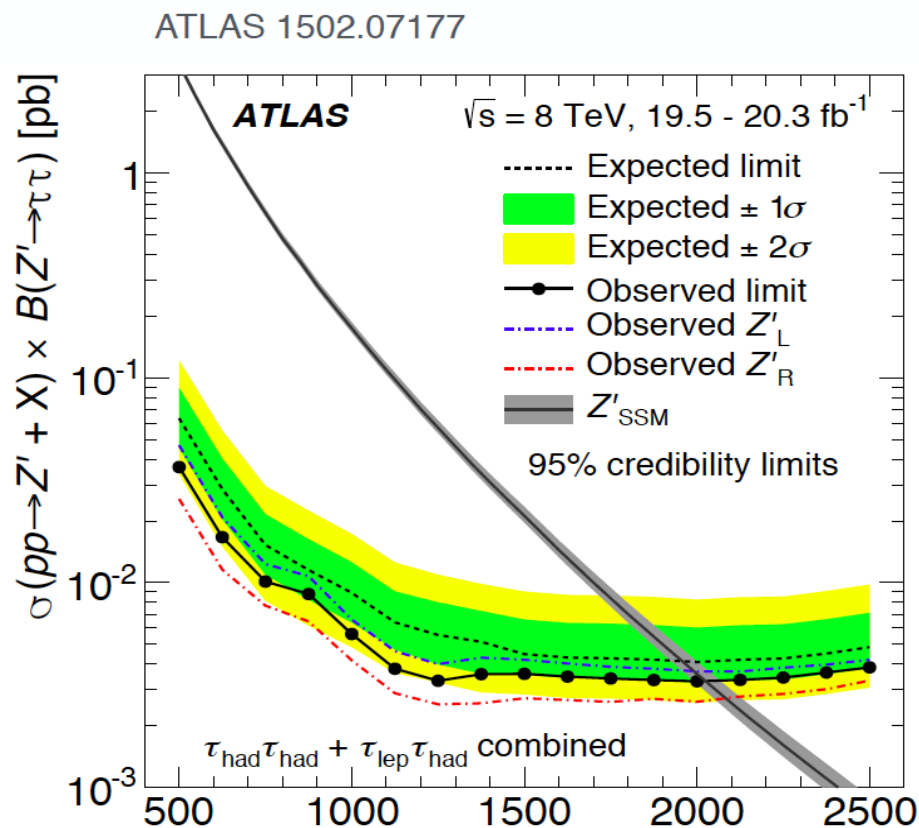
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- Almost model-independent expectation of sizable (broad) excess in $pp \rightarrow \tau\tau$ & $pp \rightarrow bb, tt$ that should be accessible in run-II



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$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z' + X) \times \mathcal{B}(Z' \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) \lesssim 4 \text{ (7) fb}$$

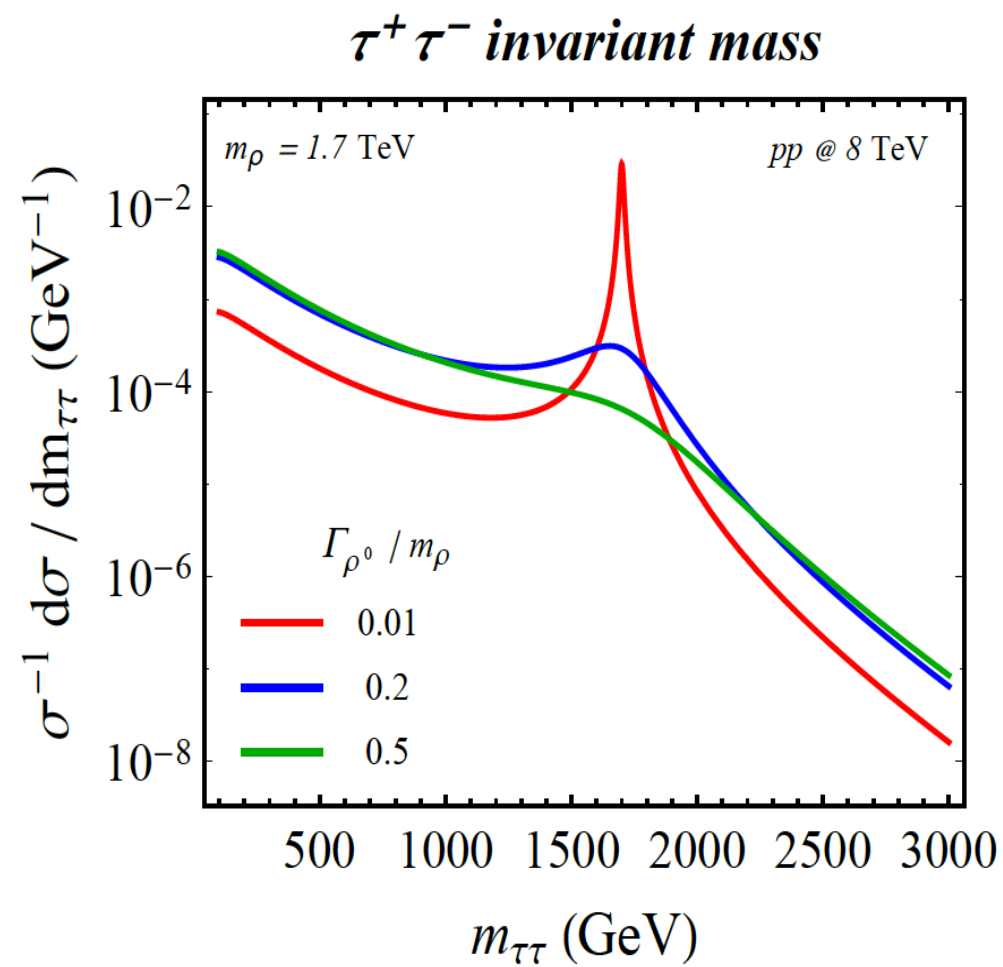
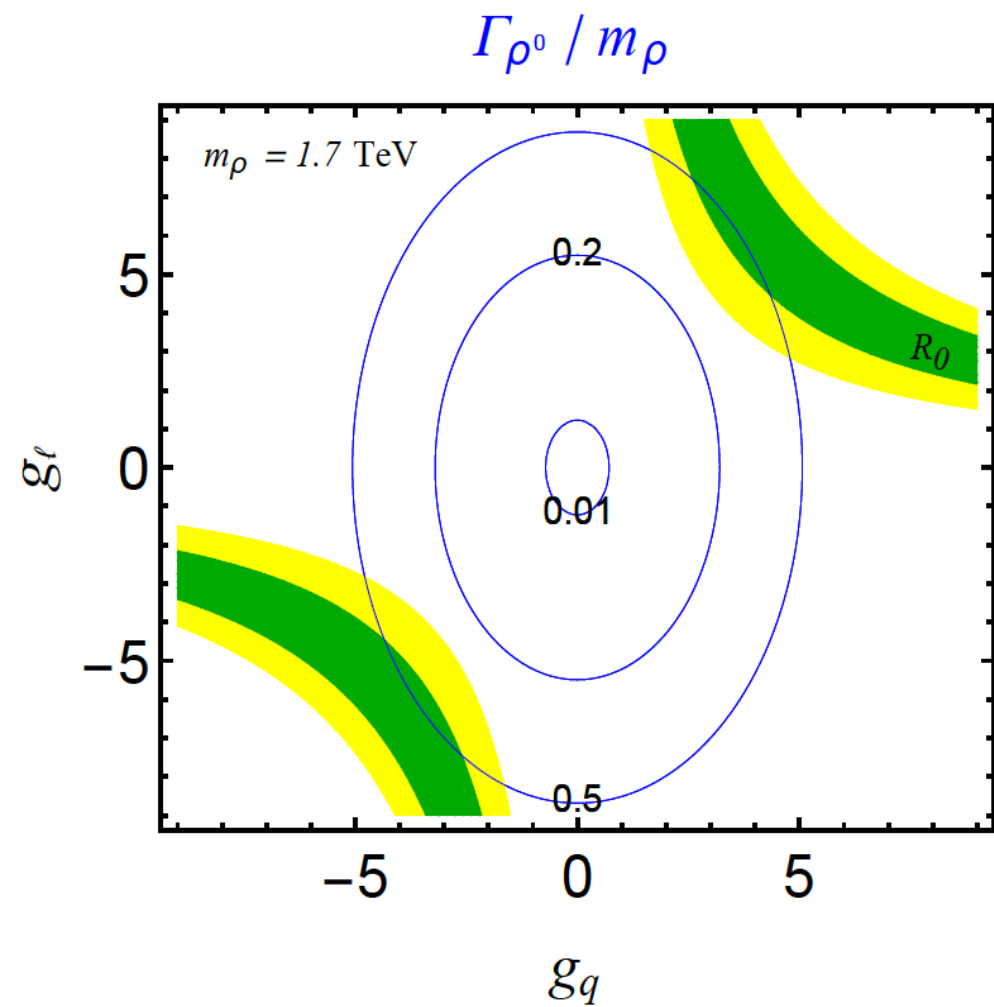
for a narrow (moderate) resonance
in 1.5-2.0 TeV

A detailed recast would be necessary to extract precise bounds

Conclusions

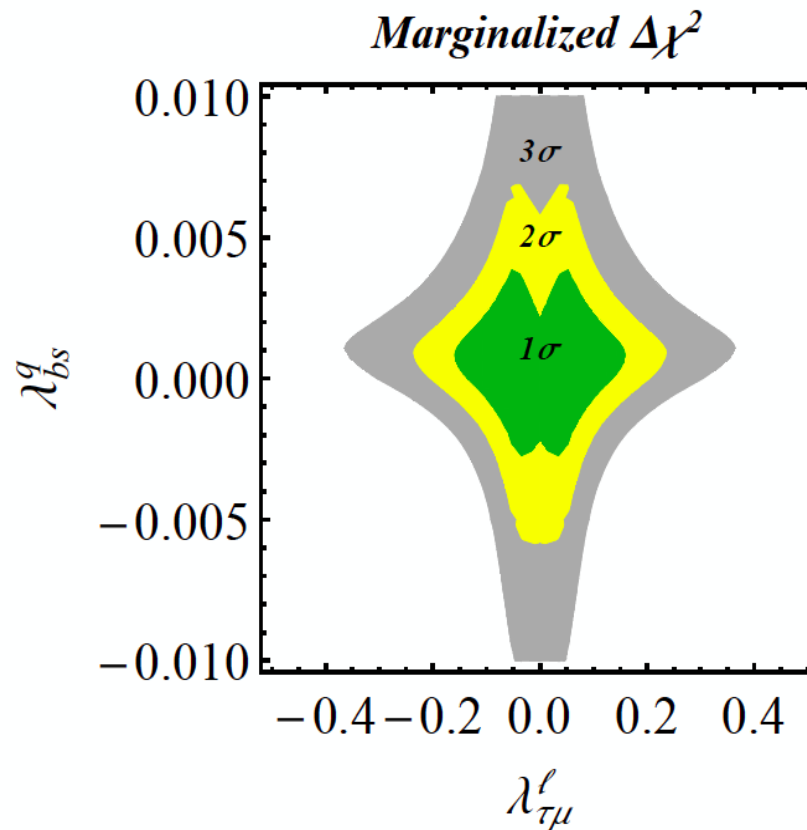
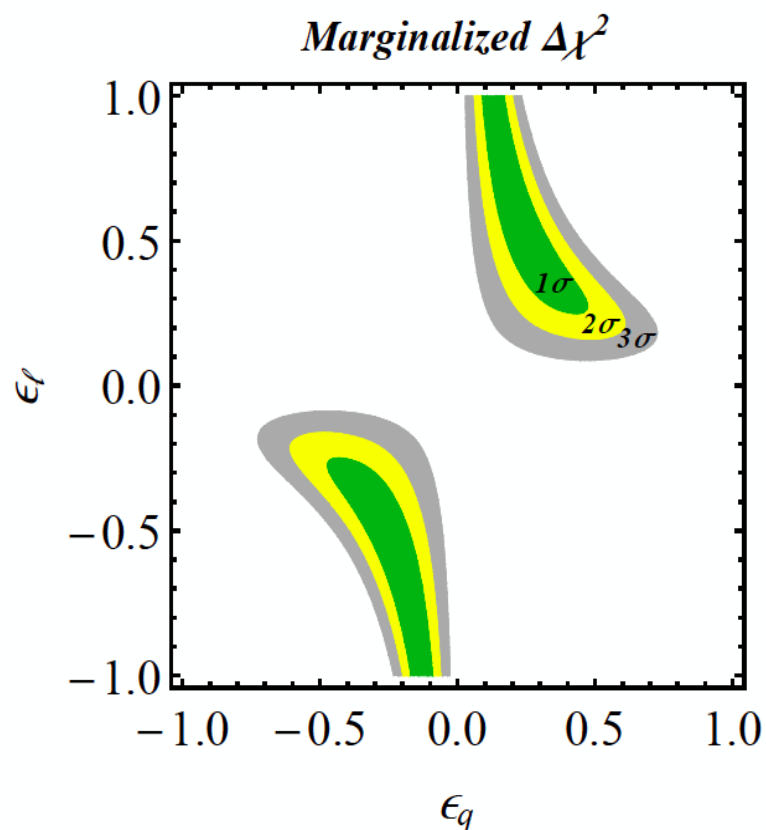
- We entered in a very special era in particle physics: the SM is a successful theory that has no intrinsic energy limitations.
- **Motivations for NP still there** (*including the puzzling structure of quark and lepton masses matrices, or the origin of flavor...*) → **We must search for NP with an “open-mind” perspective**, given the lack of a clear preferred direction in “model space”.
- Recent data show interesting hints of deviations from the SM, both in the flavor sector and at high P_t → **Vector-like confinement** offer an interesting framework to address both anomalies
- If this is the correct explanation and, especially, if these anomalies persist... we maybe facing the beginning of a new rich spectroscopy...





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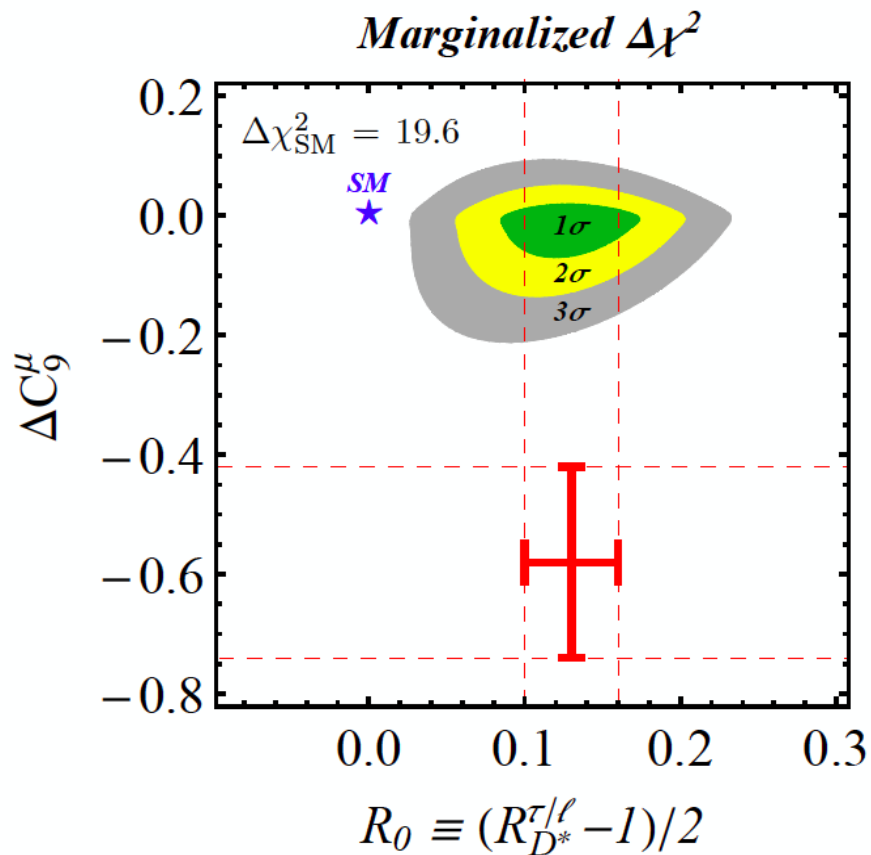
$\epsilon_{\ell,q} \sim 0.4$ driven mainly by R_0

Strong coupling for heavy resonances

While one would expect
 $|\lambda_{bs}^q| \sim |V_{ts}| \sim 4 \times 10^{-2}$

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Some residual tension in $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$ remains.

This is due to the bounds from B_s mixing, LFUV in τ decays, and the assumption $\lambda_{\mu\mu}^\ell = (\lambda_{\tau\mu}^\ell)^2$

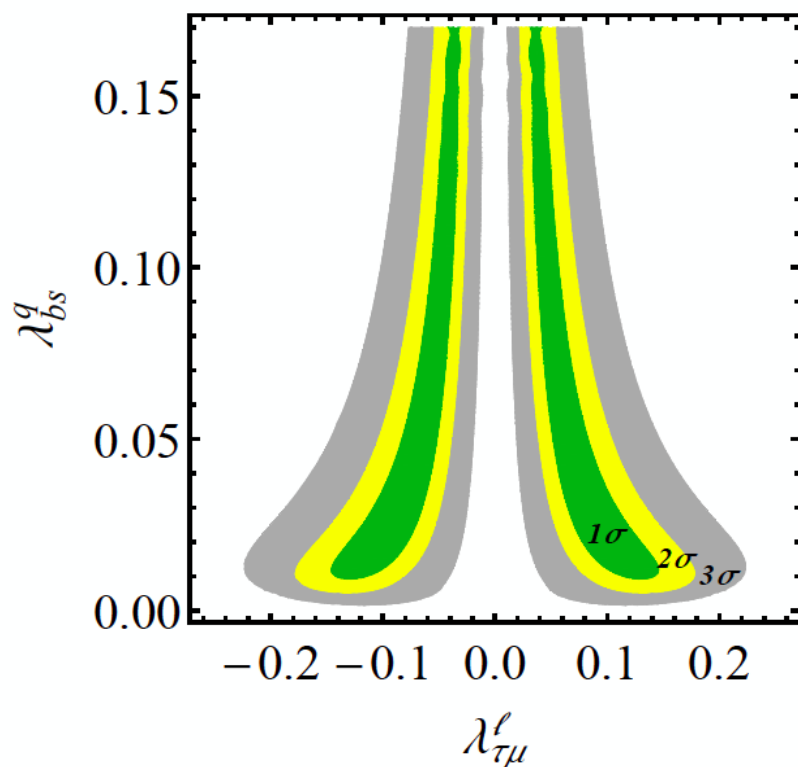
Low-energy Fit with the vector-octets

$\rho + \omega + V^A$ contribution

$$\epsilon_I \equiv \epsilon_q = \epsilon_\ell$$

$$\epsilon_O,$$

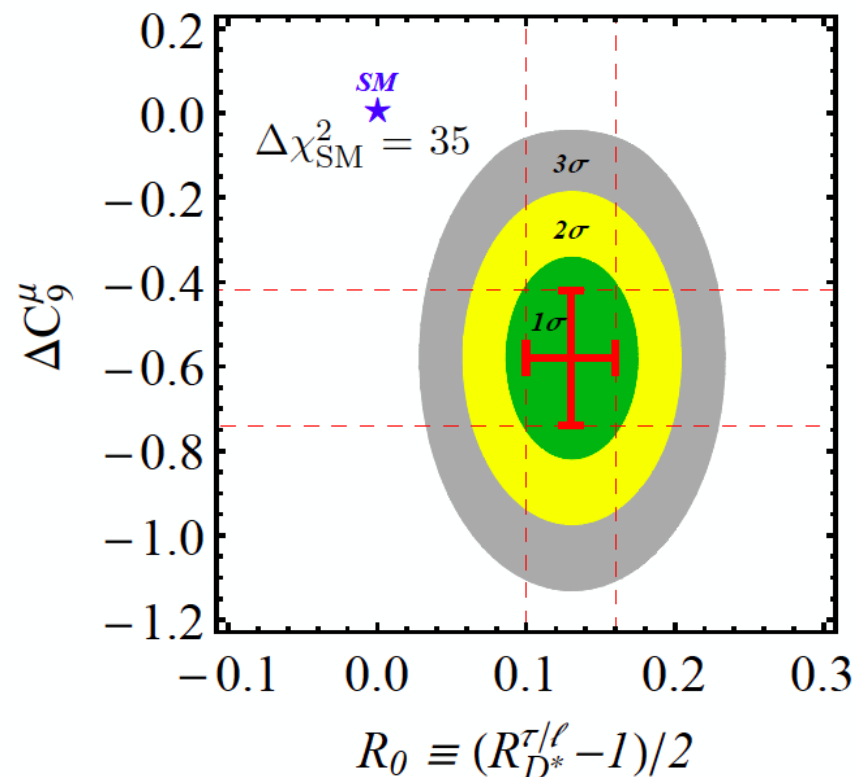
Marginalized $\Delta\chi^2$



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OK

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Perfect fit of ΔC_9 possible.