

Status and open questions in flavour physics

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Part I: The open questions

- The SM flavour puzzle
- The NP flavour puzzle

Part II: How to address them

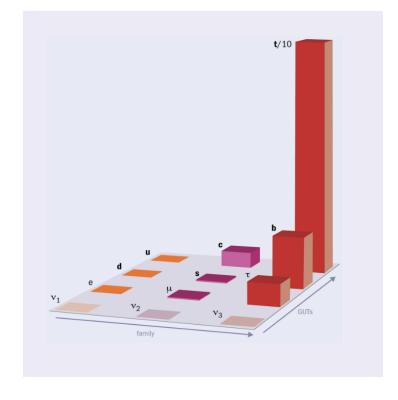
- The flavour of the SM-EFT
- NP-sensitive flavour transitions
- A closer look to FCNCs, LFU ratios & EDMs

Part III: Where we are & where we could go

- Generic bounds on NP scales
- Bounds under motivated flavour assumptions
- An explicit example of flavour-EW interplay

Part I.

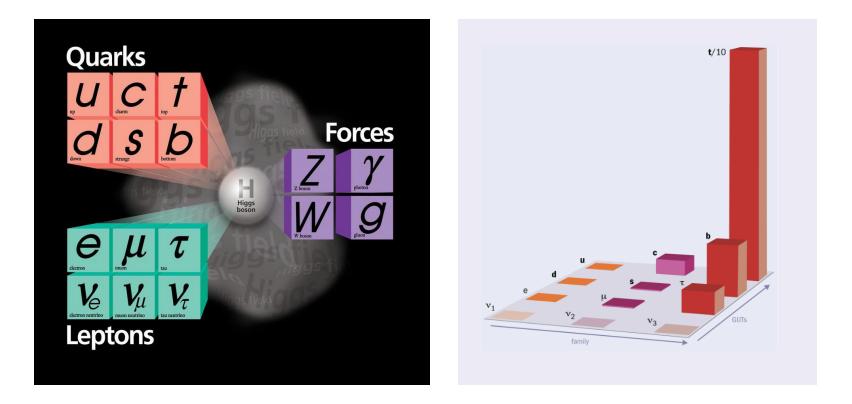
The open questions



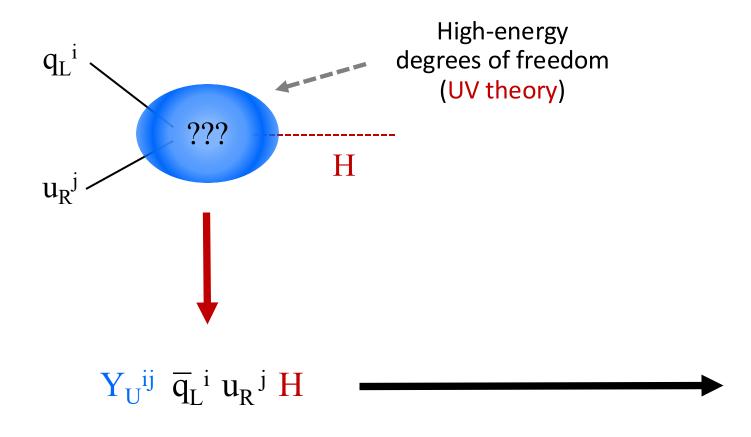
The "flavor puzzle" is an old problem, that emerged well before the Standard Model (SM) was conceived ["*Who ordered the muon ?*" - I. Rabi (~1950)].

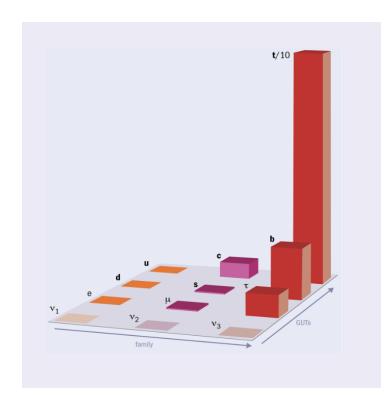
Current (SM version) of the puzzle:

- Why do we have 3 copies of fermions with identical gauge quantum numbers
- What determines their <u>highly non-trivial</u> mass matrices?



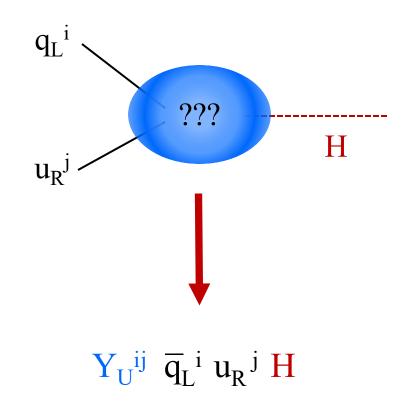
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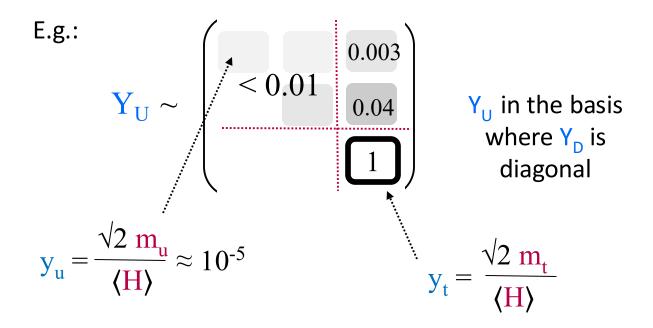


Contrary to gauge interactions, which are "protected" by gauge symmetries [*universal couplings controlled only by field charges*] the values of the Yukawa couplings provide more information about UV dynamics

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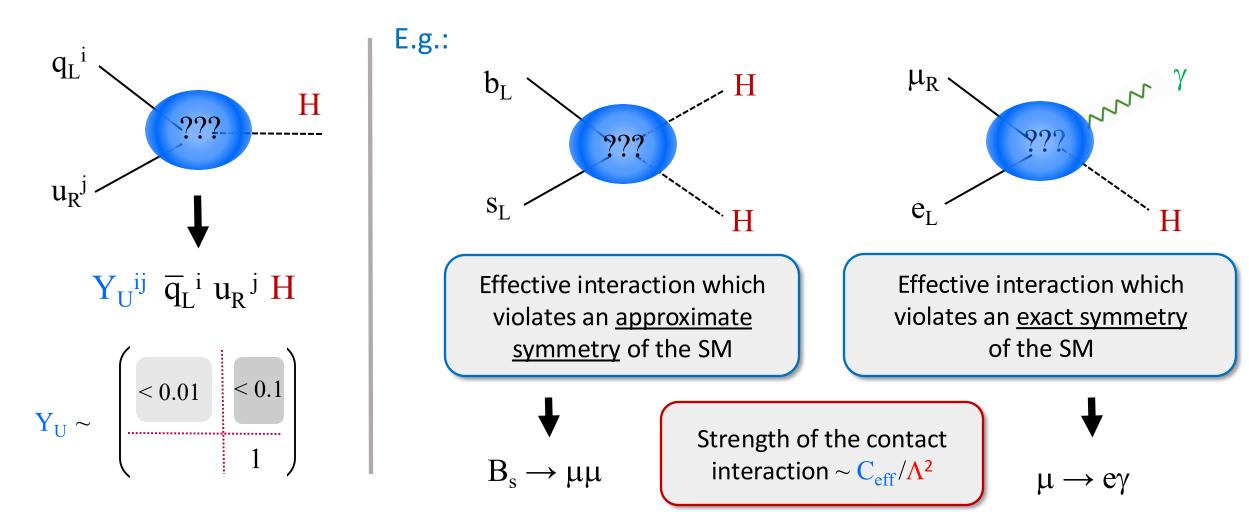
The UV dynamics responsible for the Higgsfermion couplings is flavor non universal and exhibits a strongly hierarchical pattern:



- Which is the nature of this dynamics?
- Which are the energy scales characterizing it?

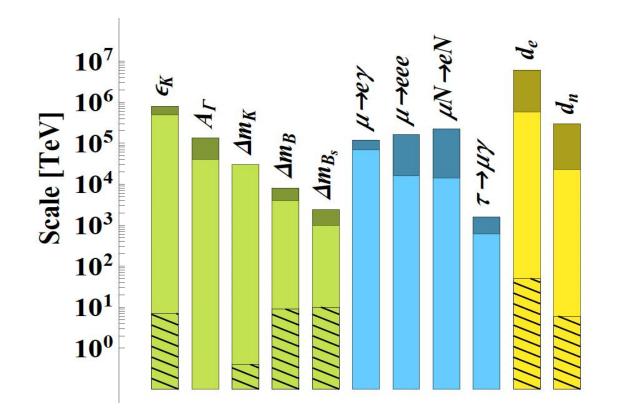
Key questions to investigate <u>the nature of the Higgs field</u> and, more generally, the <u>UV completion of the the SM</u>

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At present we do not see any of these effects, and this is often expressed in terms of strong bounds on effective NP scales:



N.B.: These bounds are obtained <u>assuming</u> <u>unit couplings for the effective coefficients</u>

$$\frac{C_{\mu e \gamma}}{\Lambda^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}$$

Useful to show the potential, but rather misleading...

E.g.:

Two possible interpretations of the strong bounds on effective New Physics scales from CP-violating & flavor-changing processes

Hypothesis: NP "badly violates" flavour [OK to assume C=O(1)]

NP scale must be very high

Problems:

- We do not understand why the Yukawa coupl. are hierarchical
- Huge tuning problem in the Higgs potential (*EW hierarchy problem*)

Hypothesis: Light families couple to NP (at least to flavour non-universal NP) via small couplings

NP scale can be as low as few TeV

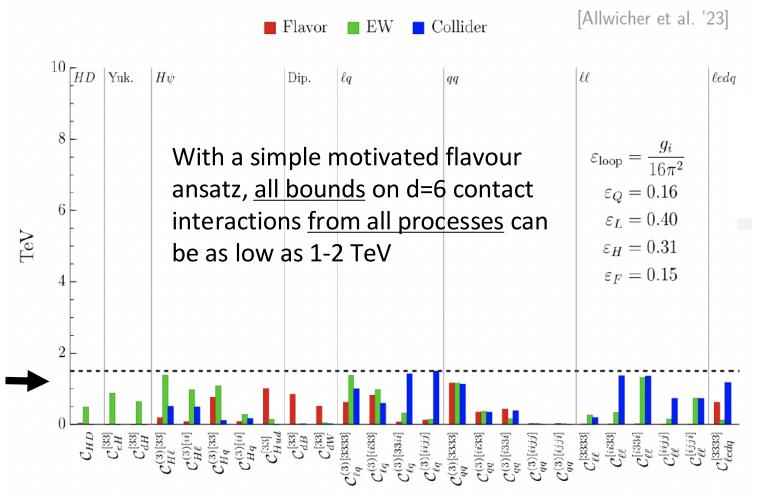
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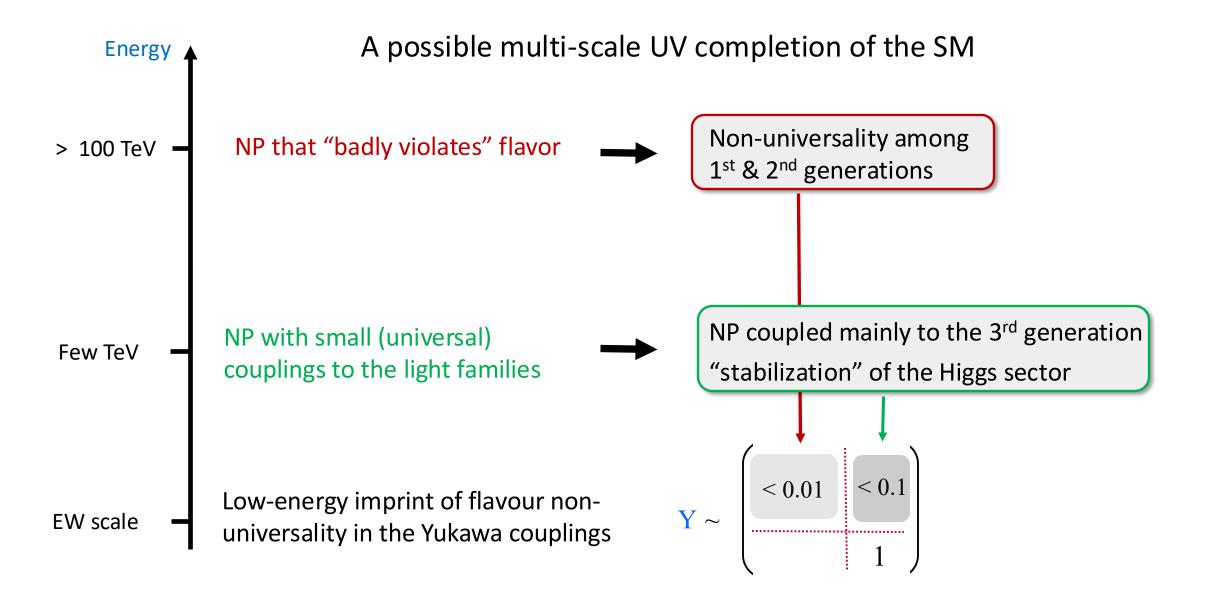
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Caveats:

- The couplings <u>cannot be zero</u> (Yukawa couplings provide a minimum benchmark... → MFV)
- Reducing the scale to 1-2 TeV (minimal Higgs tuning) <u>requires</u> <u>flavour non-universality</u> (and flavour alignment in the light sector)





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NP that "badly violates" flavour at high energies NP with small flavour-violating couplings to light family at nearby

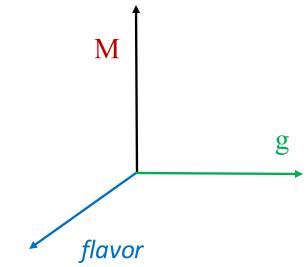
energies

In both cases exp. + th. progress in the flavor sector is a must !

Unique access to high scales not directly accessible at colliders

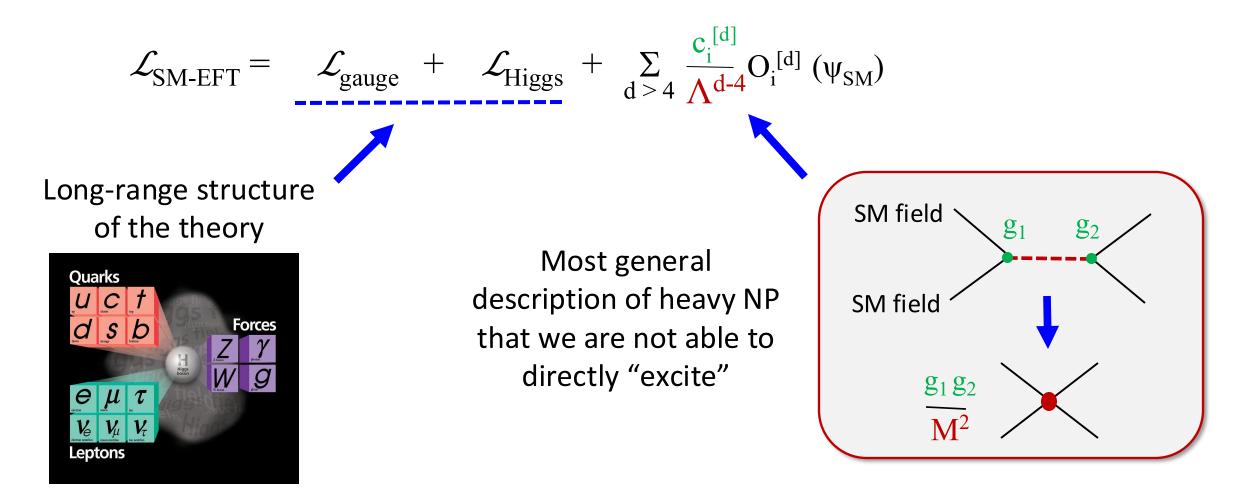
Key <u>interplay</u> with <u>electroweak</u> and <u>Higgs physics</u> to indirectly "decode" NP at nearby energies

Part II. M <u>How to address the</u> <u>open questions</u>



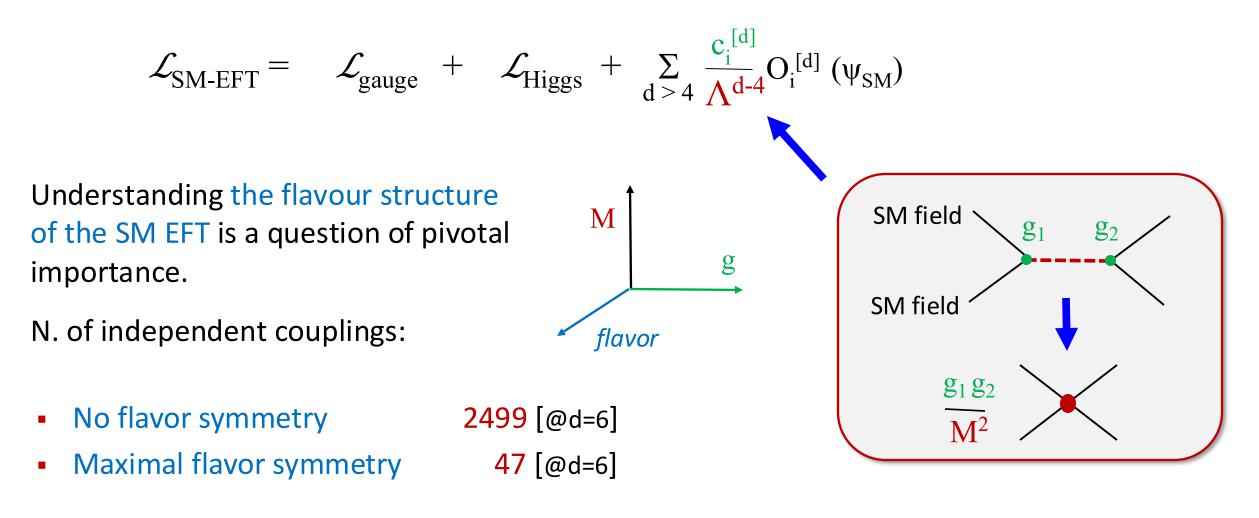
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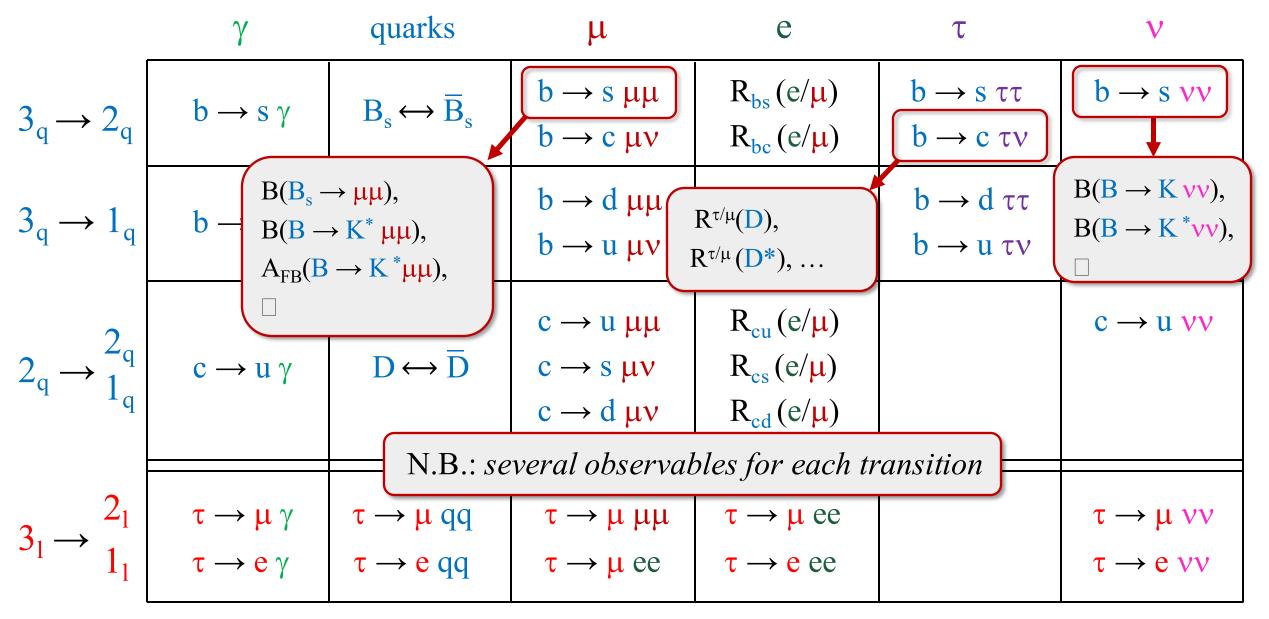
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$$\mathcal{L}_{SM-EFT} = \mathcal{L}_{gauge} + \mathcal{L}_{Higgs} + \sum_{d \ge 4} \frac{c_i^{[d]}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} O_i^{[d]} (\psi_{SM})$$
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of the SM EFT is a question of pivotal
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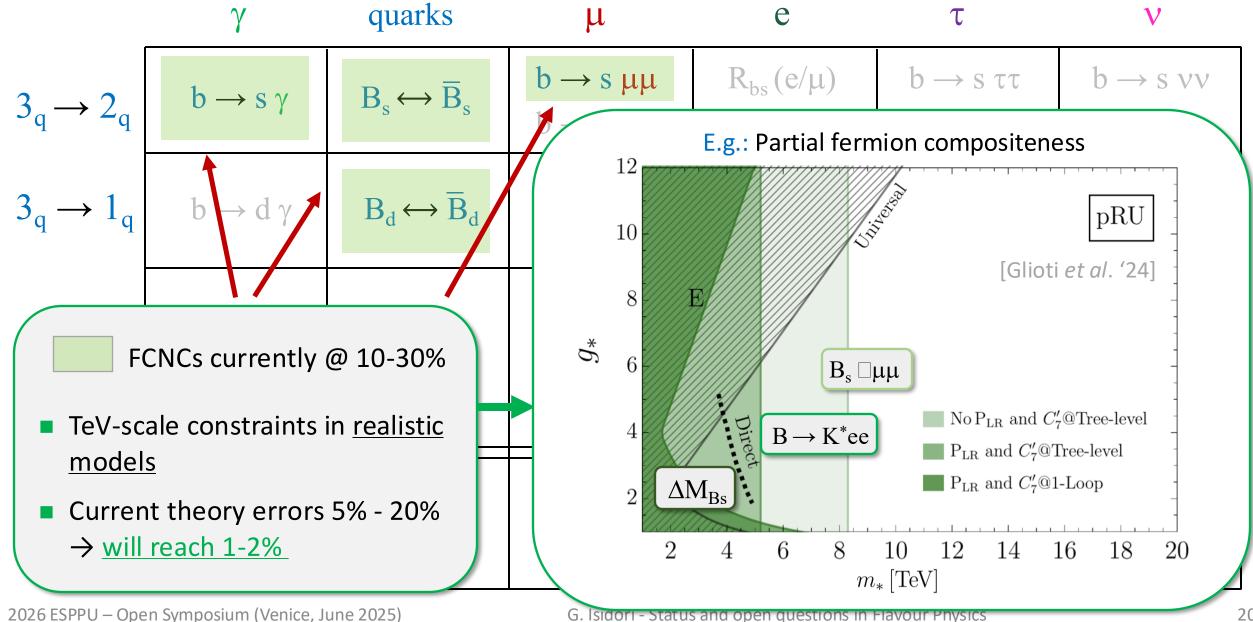
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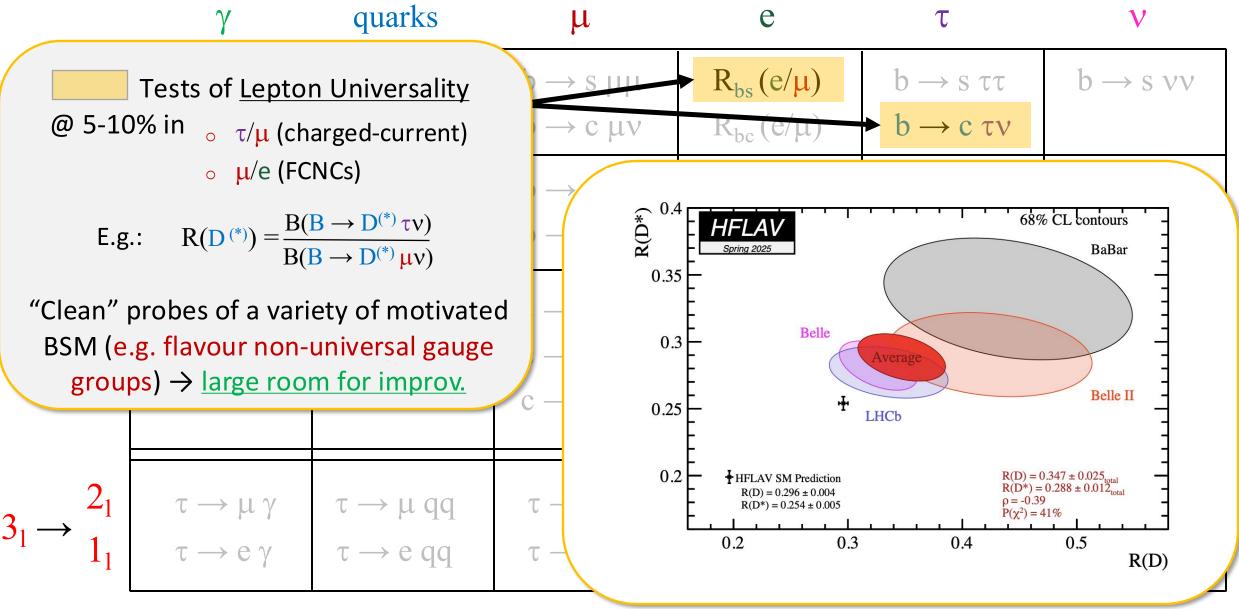
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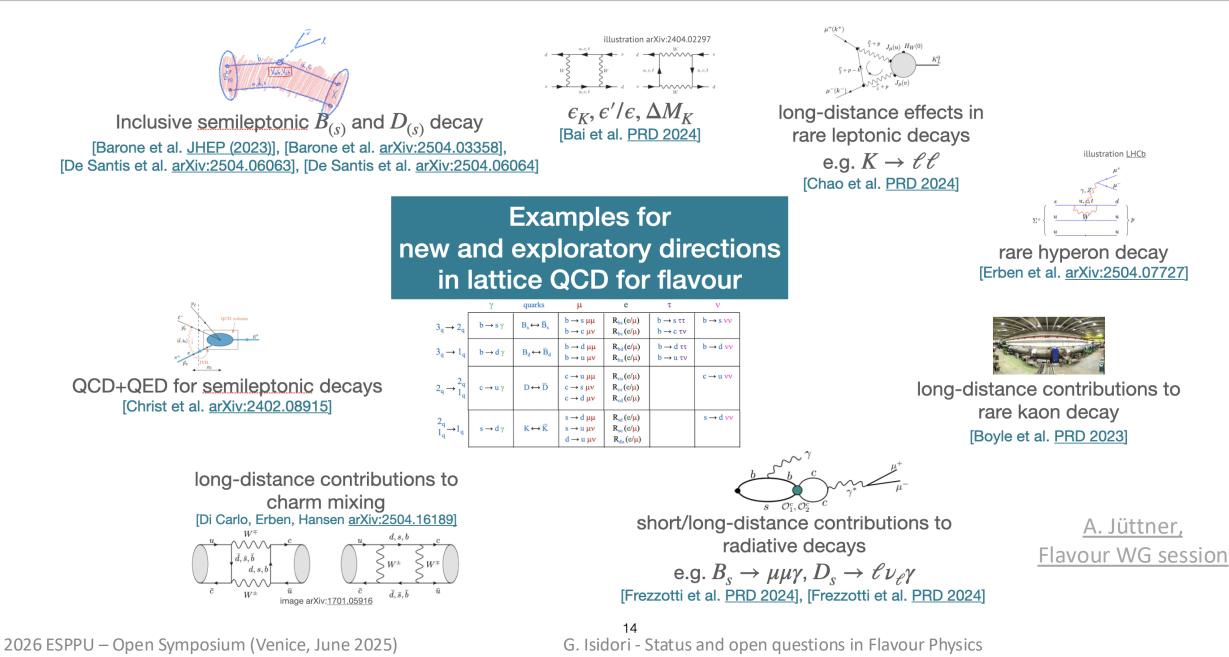


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Large-scale facilities [b,c, τ]: overview of present status

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Large-scale facilities [b,c,τ]: *future prospects*

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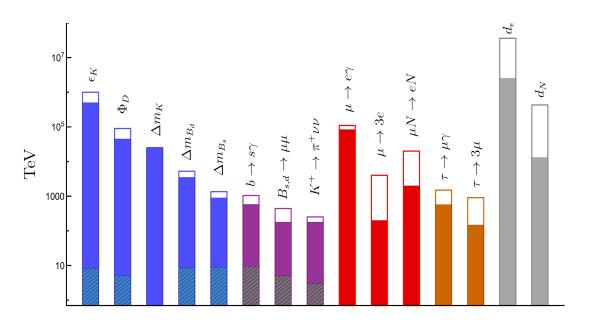
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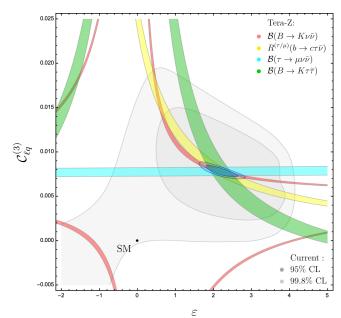
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$\frac{\lambda_q}{1} \rightarrow l_q$	$s \longrightarrow d \gamma$	$\mathbf{K} \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{K}$	$s \rightarrow u \mu v$	$R_{su}(e/\mu)$		$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$
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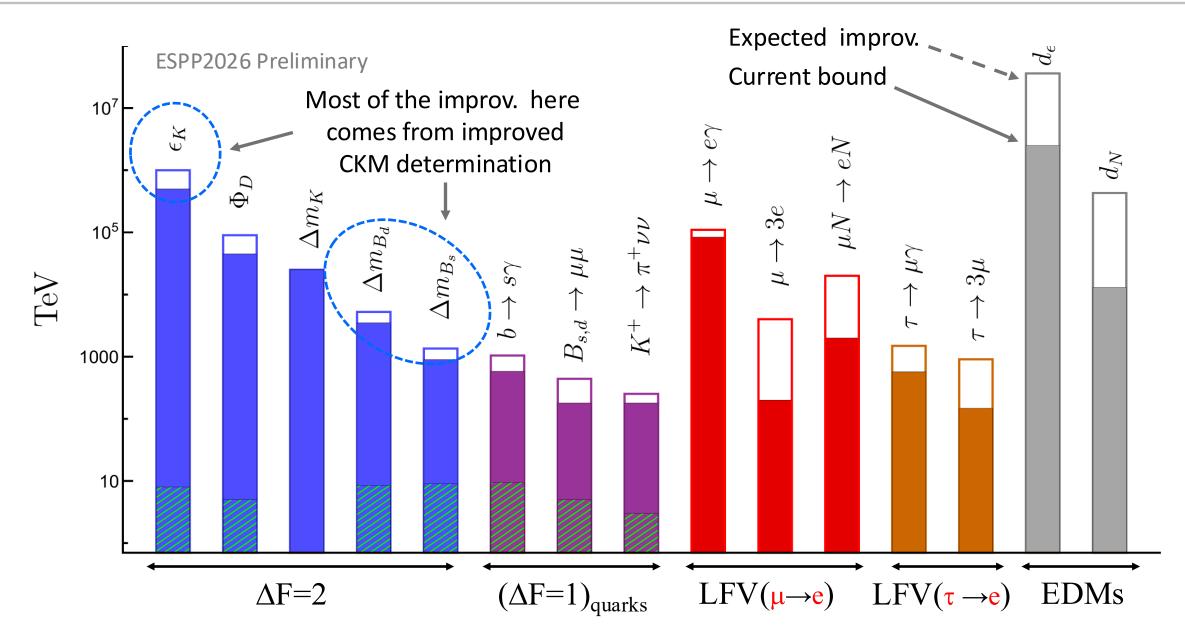
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[From agnostic bounds to flavour-EW-Higgs interplay in concrete cases]

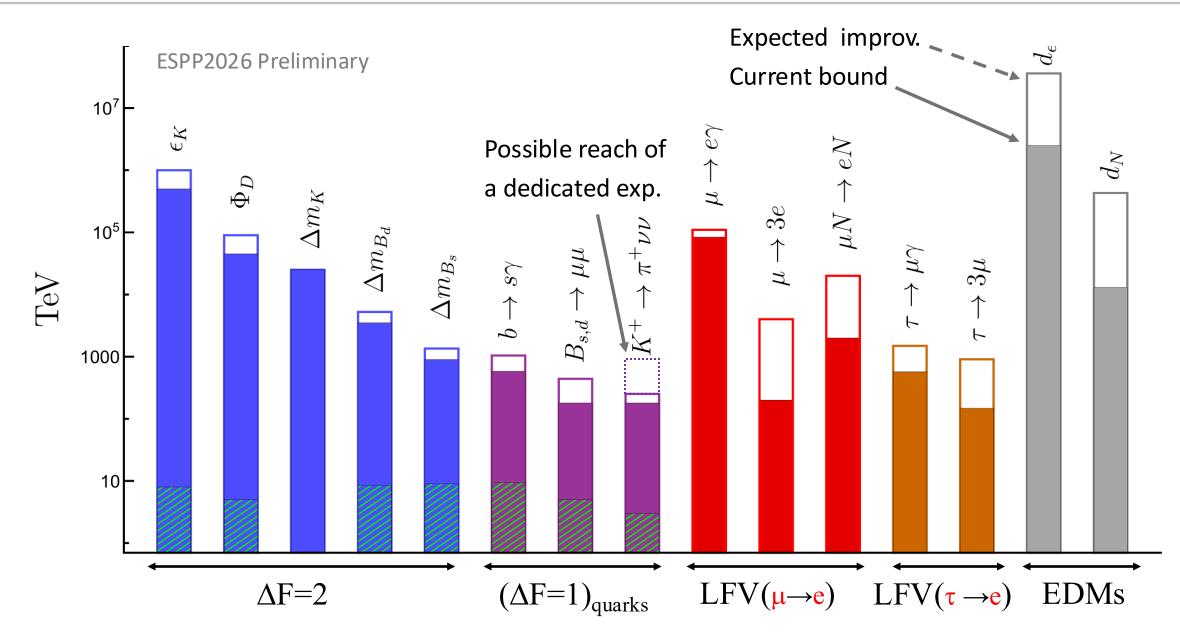
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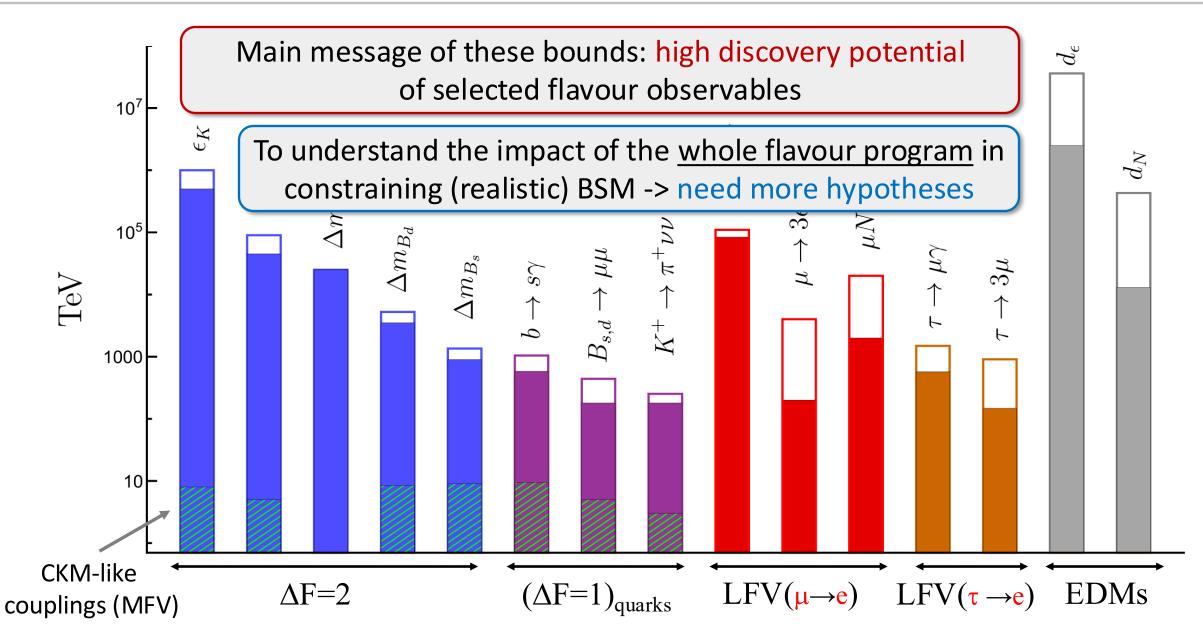
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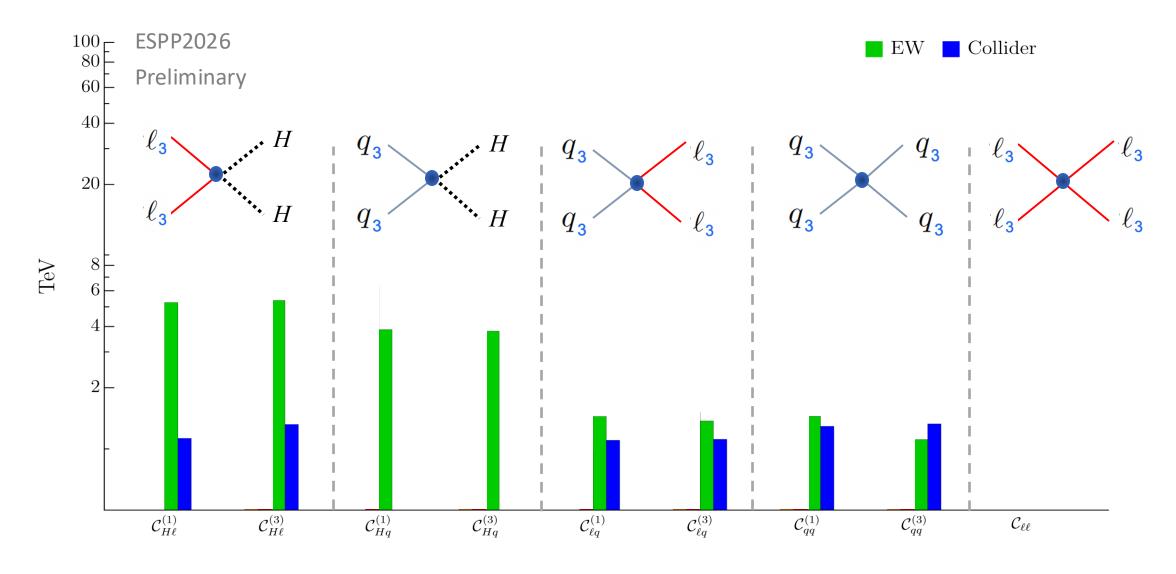
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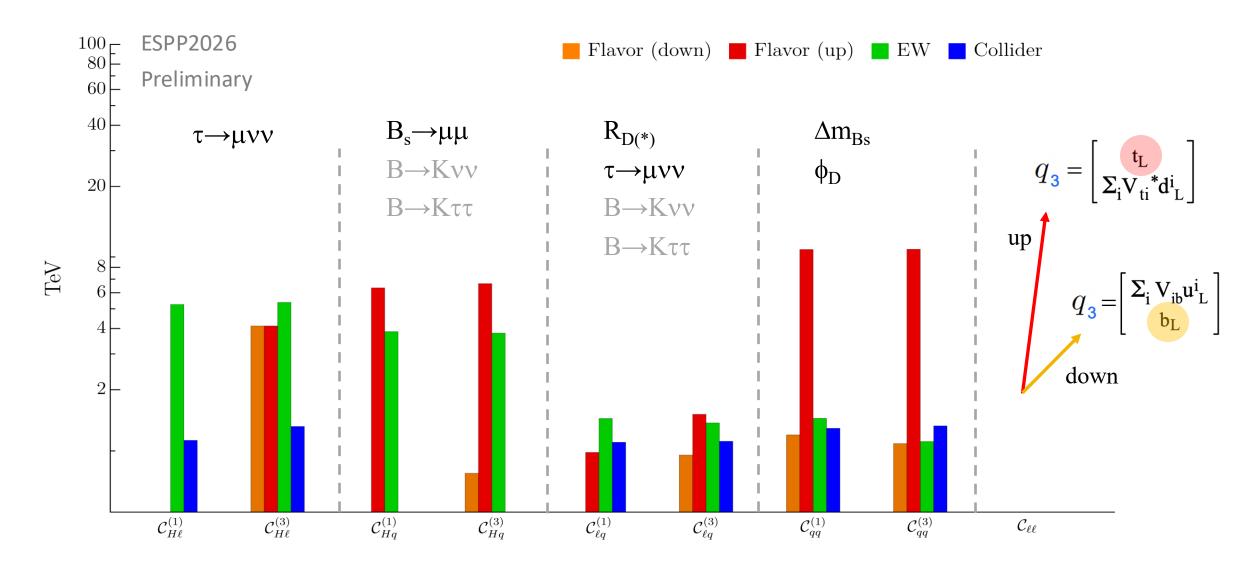
Conservative reference framework: NP with no new sources of quark flavour mixing, that differentiates between 3^{rd} and light generations [e.g. it couples mainly to the 3^{rd} gen., <u>as in many motivated models</u>] \rightarrow analysis of all the contact interactions involving 3^{rd} gen. quarks and lepton doublets:

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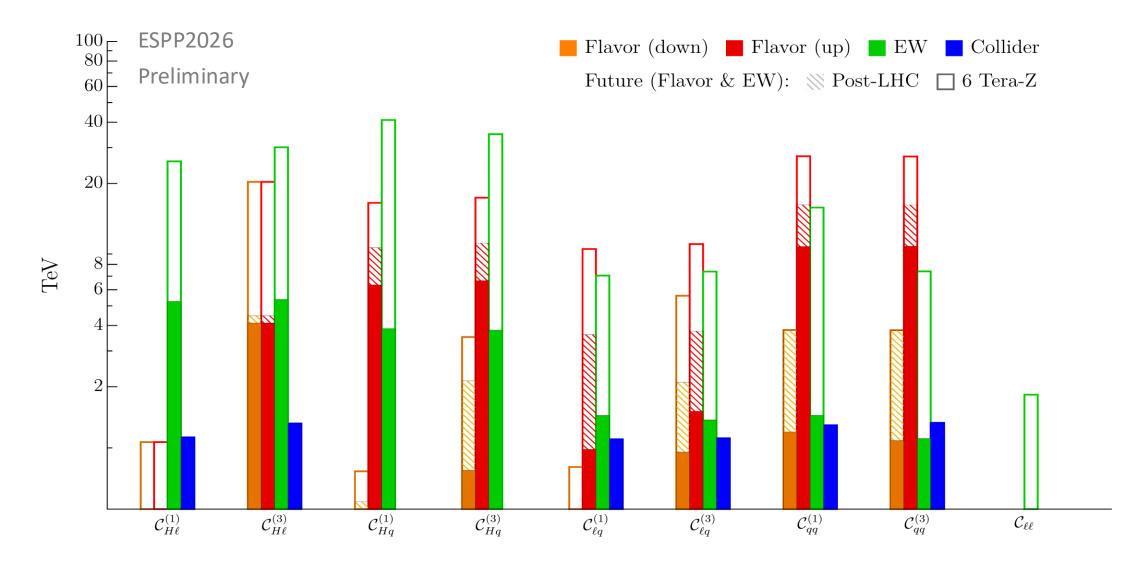
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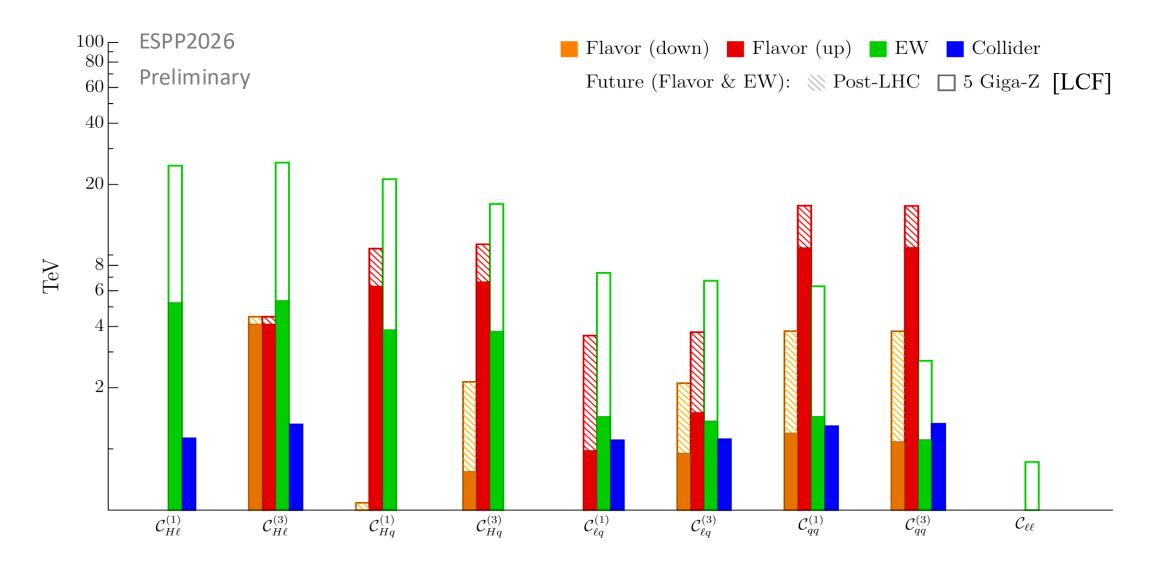
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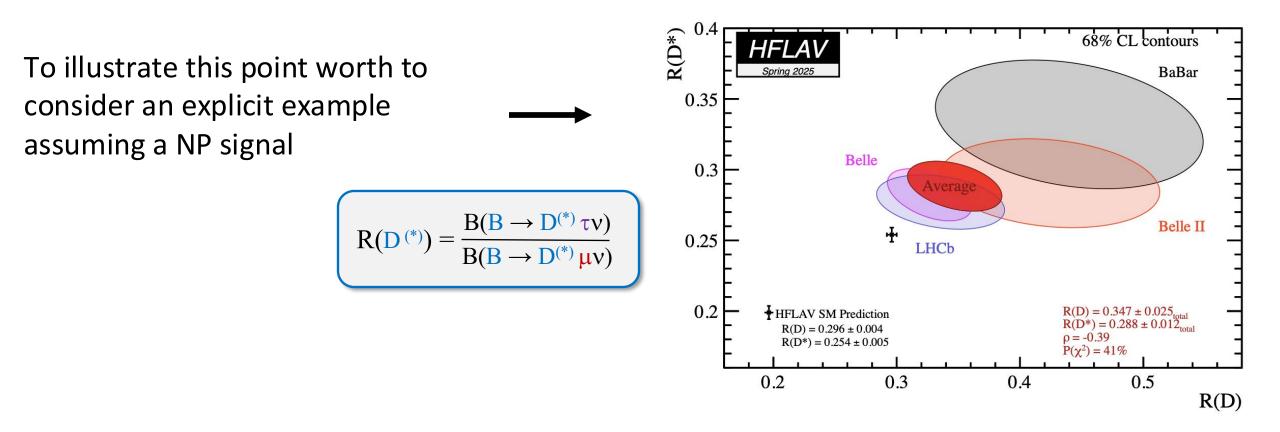


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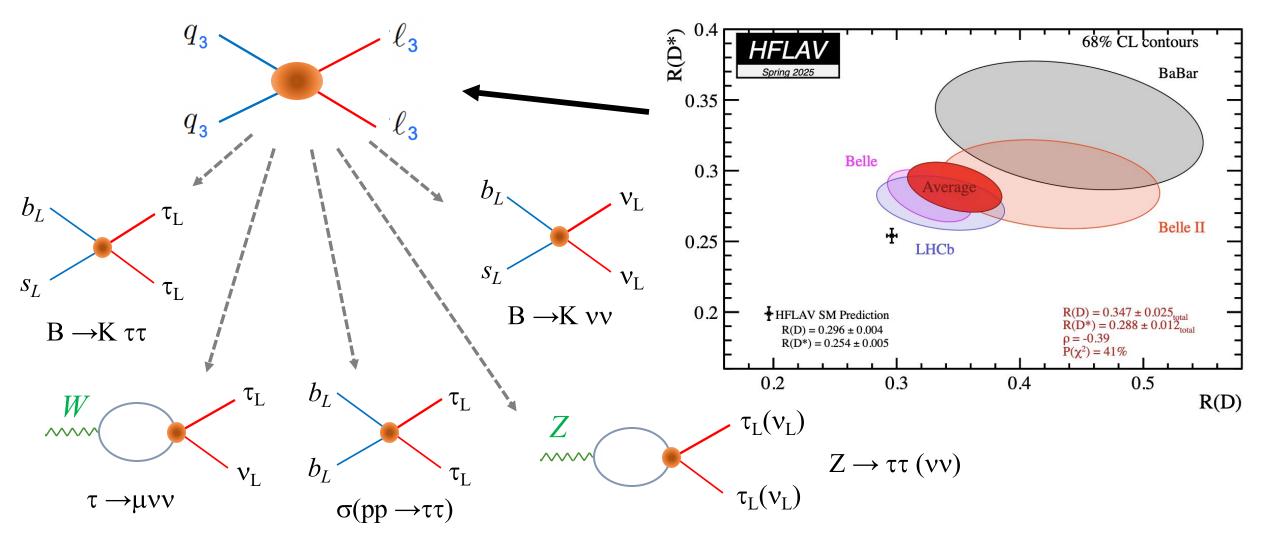
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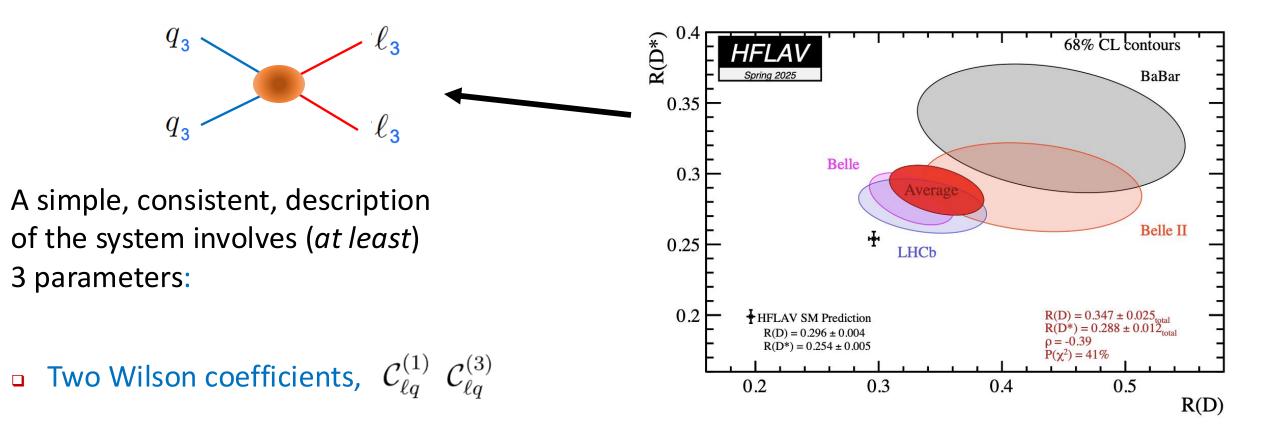


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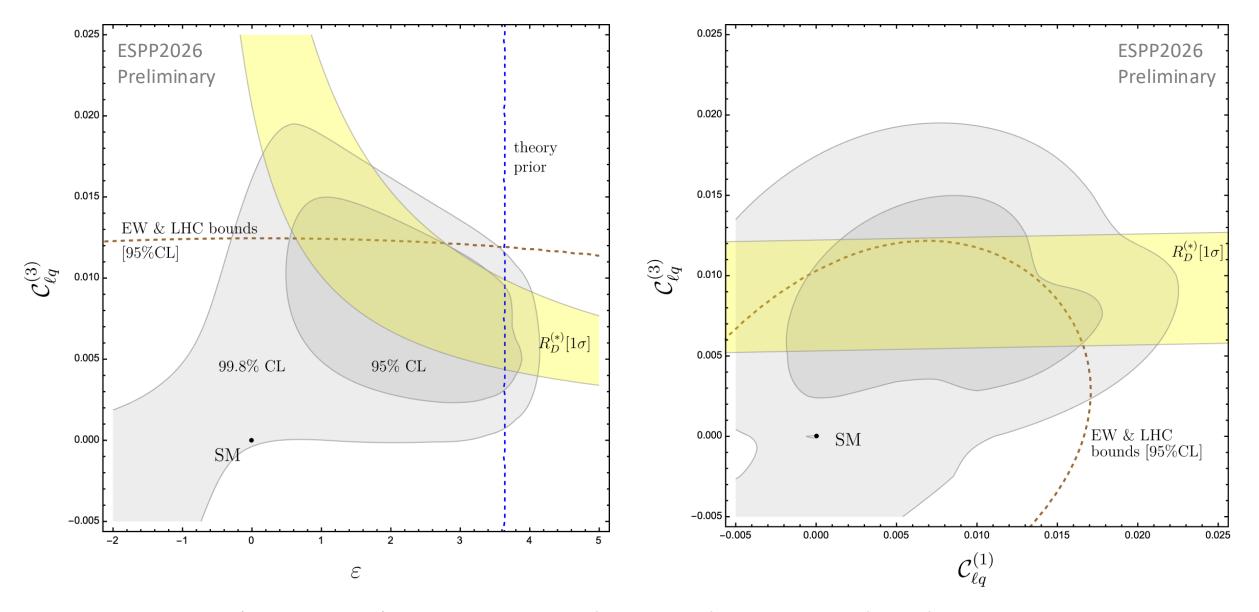


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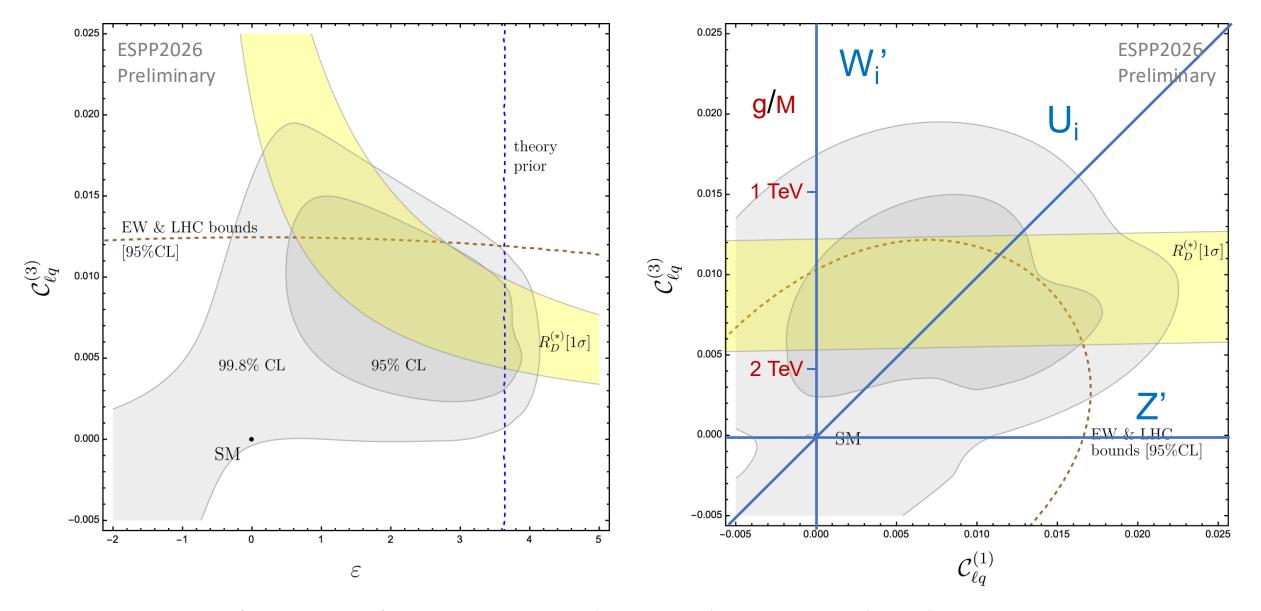
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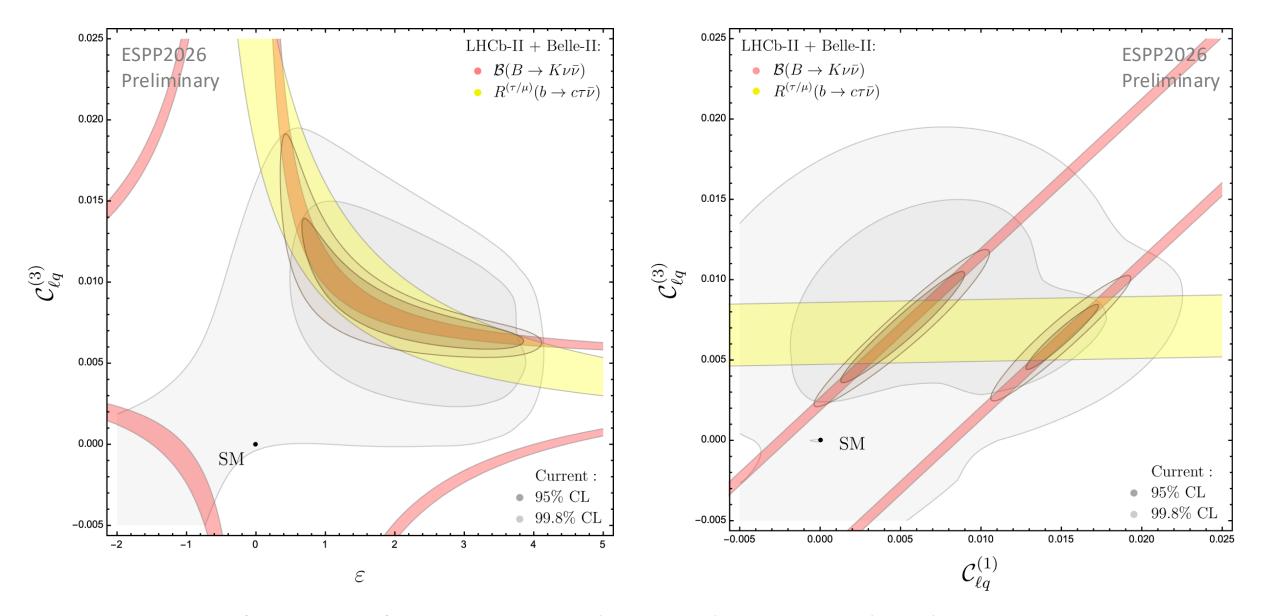
• One flavour-mixing parameter, $\varepsilon = O(1)$: $q_3 = b_L + \varepsilon |V_{ts}| s_L$



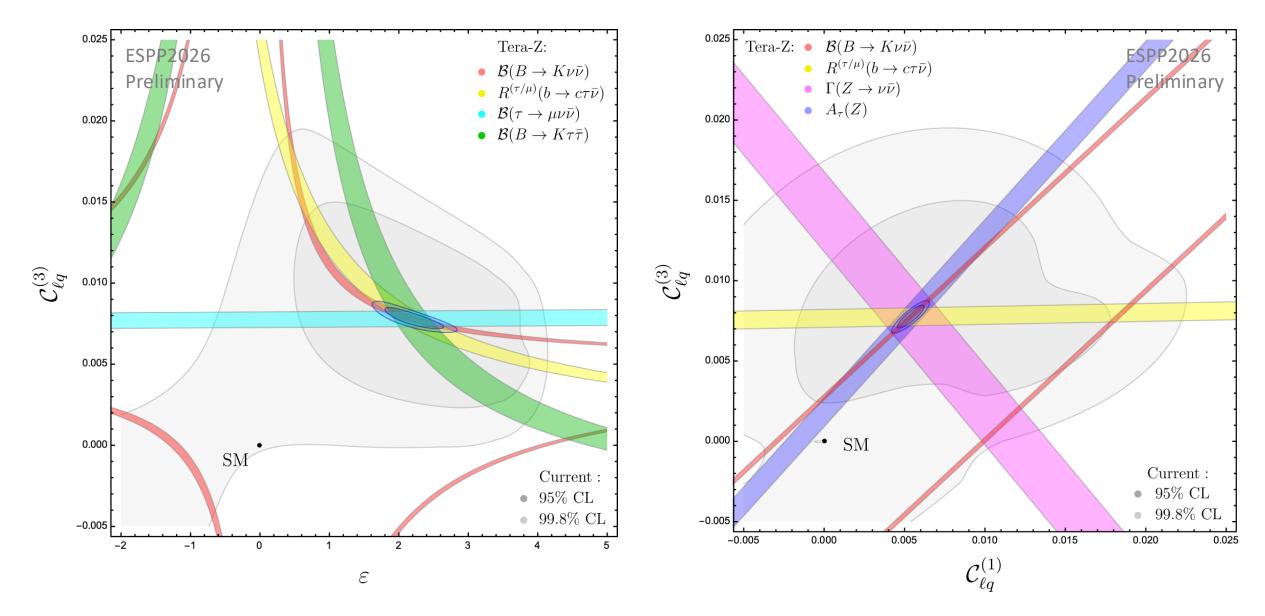
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About flavour, EW, and Higgs physics interplay

What we have illustrated is only an example, but the conclusions are very general:

The <u>interplay of a large number of observables</u> is a key ingredient if we aim to "decode" the underlying theory via indirect measurements and/or "validate" indirect BSM evidences (*in concrete models there are not hundreds parameters, but likely more than three...*) and <u>flavour physics represent a particularly "rich" domain</u> of NP sensitive observables.

Precision Higgs, electroweak, and flavour physics are three faces of the same strategy:

- for all of them the primary objective is indirect discovery
- in realistic models, with TeV-scale NP, they provide very complementary information

Conclusions

What Archimedes would have said, in 200 B.C., if he knew about our strategy...

"Give me enough statistics for flavour physics, precision in theory & experiment to exploit it ^(*) and I will unveil what's beyond the SM !"

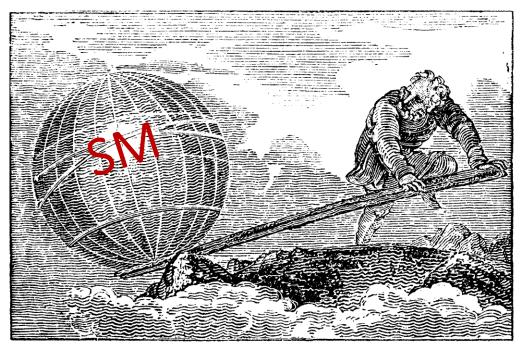


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(*) Next talk will clarify what this really means...

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