

# Model independent constraints on new physics in semitauonic decays

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Example: 2HDM. Take  $\epsilon_L = \epsilon_R = \epsilon_T = 0$ , and

$$\epsilon_{S_L} = \frac{m_\tau m_c}{m_{H^\pm}^2} \xi_{S_L}, \quad \epsilon_{S_R} = \frac{m_\tau m_b}{m_{H^\pm}^2} \xi_{S_R}$$

	type I	type II	lep-specific	flipped
$\xi_{S_L}$	$-\cot^2 \beta$	1	1	$-\cot^2 \beta$
$\xi_{S_R}$	$\cot^2 \beta$	$\tan^2 \beta$	-1	-1

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No right handed neutrino:

- Needed only if neutrinos are Dirac
- Straightforward to include:
  - double the number of EFT operators, 10 total
  - creative naming:  $\epsilon'_I$ ,  $I = L, R, \dots$

# Objective

If I understand correctly my marching orders,  
the purpose of this talk is to review constraints on  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$   
by means unrelated to measurement of  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu$   
(for this see Martin Jung's talk)

- 1 Introduction
- 2 SM-EFT
- 3  $B_c$  lifetime
- 4 Quarkonium leptonic decays
- 5 One line conclusion

# SM-EFT

- SM-EFT: Effective Field Theory of SM
- Assume SM field content: all new particles have masses above  $\Lambda \gg m_t$
- Supplement SM with operators of dimension  $\geq 5$
- Find contributions to  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$  at low energies (integrate out heavy (SM) fields)

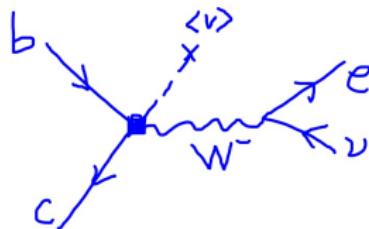
4-fermion operators:

$$Q_{lequ}^{(1)} = (\bar{\ell} e_R)(\bar{q}_L u_R) + \text{h.c.} \quad Q_{lequ}^{(3)} = (\bar{\ell} \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_R)(\bar{q}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_R) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$Q_{\ell q}^{(3)} = (\bar{q} \vec{\tau} \gamma^\mu q_L) \cdot (\bar{\ell} \vec{\tau} \gamma_\mu \ell_L) \quad Q_{ledq} = (\bar{\ell}_L e_R)(\bar{d}_R q) + \text{h.c.}$$

None give  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F V_{cb}}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \dots + \epsilon_R \bar{\tau} \gamma_\mu P_L \nu_\tau \cdot \bar{c} \gamma^\mu P_R b + \dots \right]$

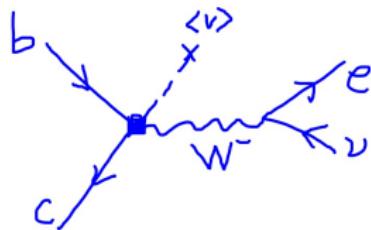
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Right handed neutrinos: additional 4-fermion operators (beware – done late last night)

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{Inuq}^{(1)} &= (\bar{\ell}_L n_R)(\bar{u}_R q_L) + \text{h.c.} & Q_{Inuq}^{(3)} &= (\bar{\ell}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} n_R)(\bar{u}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_L) = 0 \\ Q_{enud} &= (\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu n_R)(\bar{u}_R \gamma_\mu d_R) & Q_{\ell nqd} &= (\bar{\ell}_L n_R)(\bar{q}_L d_R) + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

Parameters:  $10 \rightarrow 7$ .

None give

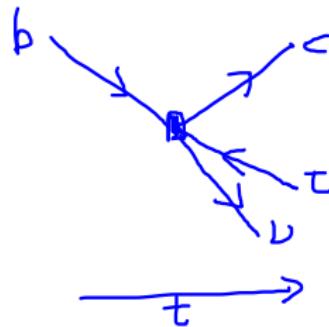
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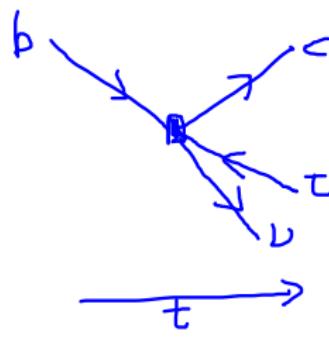
For  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu$

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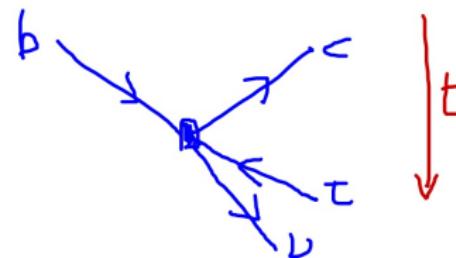


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- Bounds from  $B_c$  decays are independent of observed anomaly
- Branching fraction

$$\text{Br}(B_c \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau) = \tau_{B_c^-} \frac{m_{B_c} m_\tau^2 f_{B_c}^2 G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_{B_c}^2}\right)^2 \left|1 + \epsilon_L + \frac{m_{B_c}^2}{m_\tau(m_b + m_c)} \epsilon_P\right|^2$$

depends on pseudoscalar coupling  $\epsilon_P = \epsilon_{S_R} - \epsilon_{S_L}$  and  $\epsilon_L$  through

$$\epsilon_L + \frac{m_{B_c}^2}{m_\tau(m_b + m_c)} \epsilon_P \simeq \epsilon_L + 4\epsilon_P$$

Below use  $\epsilon_L = 0$ ; to restore  $\epsilon_L$  in bounds:  $\epsilon_P \rightarrow \epsilon_P + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_L$

- $R_{D^*}^{\text{expt}} = 0.316$ , need  $\epsilon_P = 1.48 \Rightarrow \text{Br}(B_c \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau) \approx 104\%$ .
- Measurement of  $\text{Br}(B_c^- \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau)$ : sensitive probe. [Du et al, PLB414 (1997) 130]

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Problem is

$$B_c^+ \text{ DECAY MODES} \times B(\bar{b} \rightarrow B_c)$$

 $B_c^-$  modes are charge conjugates of the modes below.

Mode	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	Confidence level
The following quantities are not pure branching ratios; rather the fraction $\Gamma_i/\Gamma \times B(\bar{b} \rightarrow B_c)$ .		
$\Gamma_1 J/\psi(1S) \ell^+ \nu_\ell \text{anything}$	$(5.2^{+2.4}_{-2.1}) \times 10^{-5}$	
$\Gamma_2 J/\psi(1S) \mu^+ \nu_\mu$		
$\Gamma_3 J/\psi(1S) \pi^+$	seen	
$\Gamma_4 J/\psi(1S) K^+$	seen	
$\Gamma_5 J/\psi(1S) \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	seen	
$\Gamma_6 J/\psi(1S) a_1(1260)$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	90%
$\Gamma_7 J/\psi(1S) K^+ K^- \pi^+$	seen	
$\Gamma_8 J/\psi(1S) \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	seen	
$\Gamma_9 \psi(2S) \pi^+$	seen	
$\Gamma_{10} J/\psi(1S) D_s^+$	seen	
$\Gamma_{11} J/\psi(1S) D_s^{*+}$	seen	
$\Gamma_{12} J/\psi(1S) p\bar{p}\pi^+$	seen	
$\Gamma_{13} D^*(2010)^+ \bar{D}^0$	$< 6.2 \times 10^{-3}$	90%
$\Gamma_{14} D^+ K^{*0}$	$< 0.20 \times 10^{-6}$	90%
$\Gamma_{15} D^+ \bar{K}^{*0}$	$< 0.16 \times 10^{-6}$	90%
$\Gamma_{16} D_s^+ K^{*0}$	$< 0.28 \times 10^{-6}$	90%
$\Gamma_{17} D_s^+ \bar{K}^{*0}$	$< 0.4 \times 10^{-6}$	90%
$\Gamma_{18} D_s^+ \phi$	$< 0.32 \times 10^{-6}$	90%
$\Gamma_{19} K^+ K^0$	$< 4.6 \times 10^{-7}$	90%
$\Gamma_{20} B_s^0 \pi^+ / B(\bar{b} \rightarrow B_s)$	$(2.37^{+0.37}_{-0.35}) \times 10^{-3}$	

- Measurement of  $\text{Br}(B_c^- \rightarrow \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau)$  may be sensitive probe in future?

- Alternative strategy: lifetime

- Very high precision (1.5%):  $\tau_{B_c} = 0.507(8) \times 10^{-12}$  s

- Relatively well understood

- Overview of result using NR-OPE:

[Beneke&Buchala, PRD53,4991]

- $\tau_{B_c}^{\text{OPE}} = 0.52^{+0.18}_{-0.12}$  ps; take  $\tau_{B_c}^{\text{OPE}} < 0.70$  ps

- OPE is inclusive; but only Weak Annihilation (WA) gives  $B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu$ .

- $\Gamma_{\text{WA}}^{\text{OPE}} \leq 3\%$

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma^{\text{exp}} &= 0.97\Gamma^{\text{OPE}} + \Gamma_{\text{WA}}^{\text{OPE}} > 0.97\Gamma^{\text{OPE}} + \Gamma(B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu) \\ &> 0.97\Gamma_{\text{min}}^{\text{OPE}} + \Gamma(B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu)\end{aligned}$$

- $\Rightarrow \text{Br}(B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu) < 30\%$

- Note Strategy does nothing for  $\epsilon_L$ :

- with  $R_D^{(*)}/R_{D,\text{SM}}^{(*)} = 1.3 = (1 + \epsilon_L)^2$  gives small effect

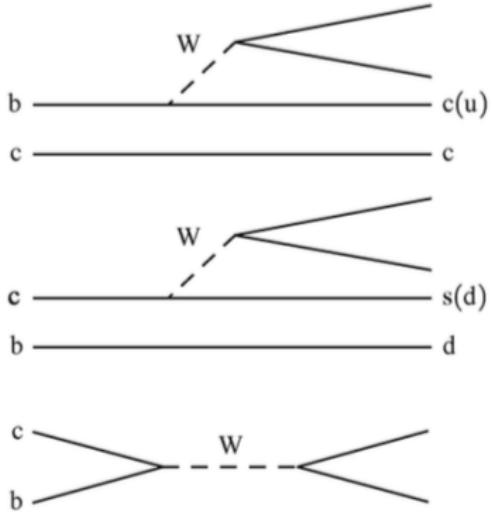
$$\text{Br}(B_c \rightarrow \tau \nu) = 2.7\% \text{ (and } \Gamma_{\text{WA}} < 4\%)$$

- even for perfect theory and including tau from spectator diagrams get effect below experimental uncertainty:  $\Delta\tau_{B_c}/\tau_{B_c} = 1.2\%$

# Theory of $B_c$ lifetime

## 0-th order, free quark decay

Lusignoli/Massetti, Z.Phys.C51,549(1991)  
 Gershtein et al, P.Uspekhi 38,1,(1995)  
 Bigi, PLB 371, 105(1996)  
 Beneke/Buchala, PRD 53,4991(1996)  
 Chang et al, PRD 64, 014003(2001)  
 Kiselev, NPB 585, 353(2000)  
 Gouz et al, Phys Atm Nucl 67, 1559(2004)



Simple:

$$\Gamma = \Gamma(b \rightarrow X) + \Gamma(c \rightarrow X) + \Gamma(\text{ann})$$

with

$$\Gamma(b \rightarrow X) = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2 m_b^5}{192\pi^3} \times 9$$

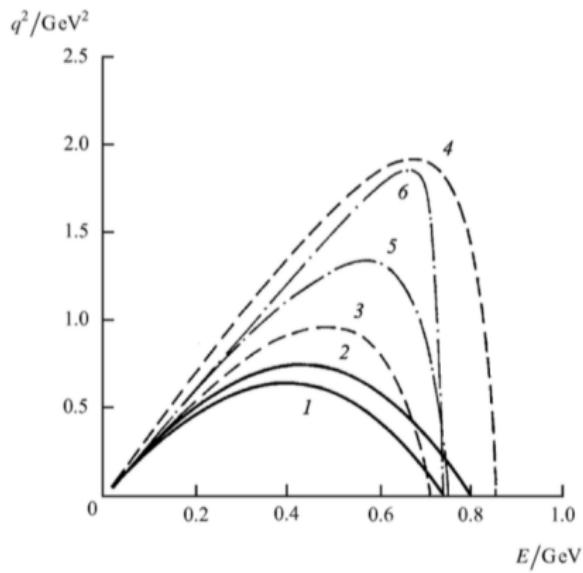
$$\Gamma(c \rightarrow X) = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cs}|^2 m_c^5}{192\pi^3} \times 5$$

and  $\Gamma(\text{ann})$  as in  $\text{Br}(\tau\nu)$   
 (with a factor of  $3|V_{cs}|^2$  for  $\bar{c}s$ )

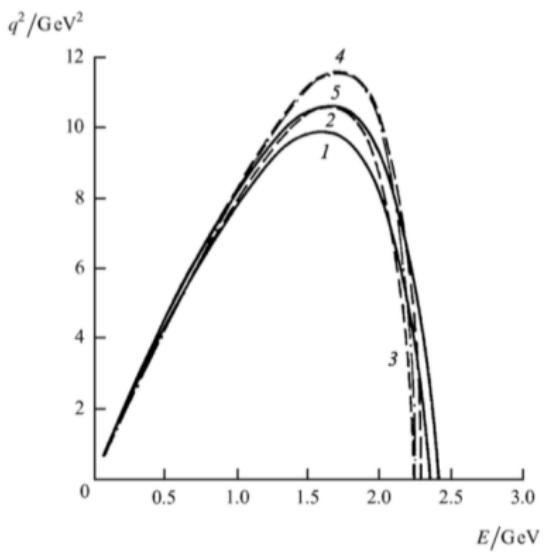
1st order, phase space correction:

large effect on  $c \rightarrow s$  because  $m_B/m_{B_c} \sim 0.8$

## Effect of phase space in pictures:



**Figure 3.** The Dalitz diagrams for the semileptonic decays: (1)  $B_c \rightarrow B_s^* l v$ , (2)  $B_c \rightarrow B_s l v$ , (3)  $D \rightarrow K^* l v$ , (4)  $D \rightarrow K l v$ , (5)  $c \rightarrow s l v$  ( $m_c = 1.7$  GeV,  $m_s = 0.55$  GeV), (6)  $c \rightarrow s l v$  ( $m_c = 1.5$  GeV,  $m_s = 0.15$  GeV);  $E$  is the lepton energy,  $q^2$  is the square of the lepton pair mass.



**Figure 4.** Dalitz diagrams for the semileptonic decays: (1)  $B_c \rightarrow \psi l v$ , (2)  $B_c \rightarrow \eta_c l v$ , (3)  $B \rightarrow D l v$ , (4)  $B \rightarrow D^* l v$ , (5)  $b \rightarrow c l v$ ;  $E$  is the lepton energy,  $q^2$  is the square of the lepton pair mass.

This simple minded approach gives widths ( $10^{-6}$ eV) and Br's

Decay mode	Free quarks	$B_c^+$	BR	Decay mode	Free quarks	$B_c^+$	BR
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$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} + \mu^+ v_\mu$	62	62	4.7	$c \rightarrow s + \mu^+ + v_\mu$	124	74	5.6
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} + \tau^+ v_\tau$	14	14	1.0	$c \rightarrow s + u + \bar{d}$	675	405	30.5
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} + \bar{d} + u$	248	248	18.7	$c \rightarrow s + u + \bar{s}$	33	20	1.5
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} + \bar{s} + u$	13	13	1.0	$c \rightarrow d + c^+ v$	7	4	0.3
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$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} + \bar{d} + c$	5	5	0.4	$c \rightarrow d + u + \bar{d}$	39	23	1.7
$B_c^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ + v_\tau$	—	63	4.7	$B_c^+ \rightarrow c + \bar{s}$	—	162	12.2
$B_c^+ \rightarrow c + \bar{d}$	—	8	0.6	$B_c^+ \rightarrow \text{all}$	—	1328	100

Note:  $10^6 / 1328 \text{eV}^{-1} = 0.496 \text{ps}$

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3rd order: OPE in NRQFT, basically same result, but systematic

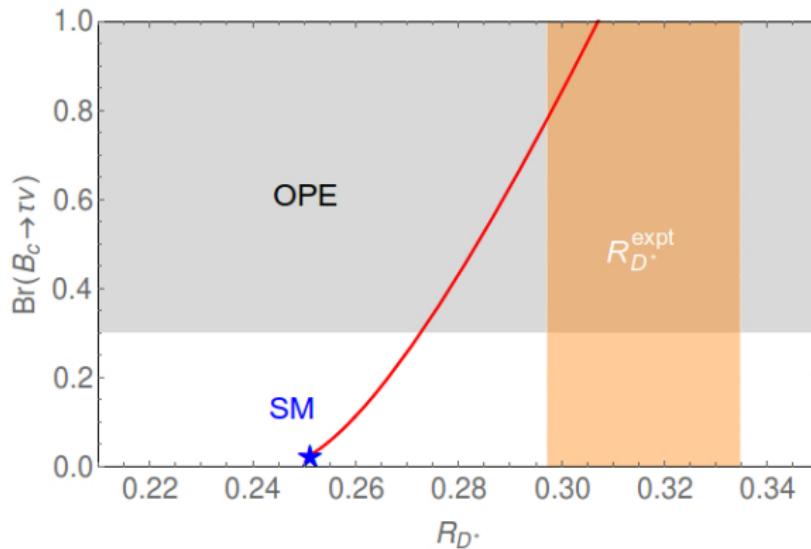
$$\Gamma_{B_c} = \frac{1}{2m_{B_c}} \langle B_c | \text{Im } i \int d^4x \mathcal{T} \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}(x) \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}(0) | B_c \rangle$$

followed by OPE expansion

- Not fully proven, but works pretty well for  $\Gamma_B$ ,  $\Gamma_\Lambda$
- Matrix Elements fairly accurate from potential model
- Largest uncertainty: quark masses (huge room for improvement)

Mode	Partial rate (ps <sup>-1</sup> )
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} u \bar{d}$	0.310
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} c \bar{s}$	0.137
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} e \nu$	0.075
$\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c} \tau \nu$	0.018
$\Sigma \bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c}$	0.615
$c \rightarrow s u \bar{d}$	0.905
$c \rightarrow s e \nu$	0.162
$\Sigma c \rightarrow s$	1.229
WA: $\bar{b} c \rightarrow c \bar{s}$	0.138
WA: $\bar{b} c \rightarrow \tau \nu$	0.056
PI	-0.124
Total	1.914

Taking care of errors (using  $\text{Br}(B_c \rightarrow \tau\nu) < 30\%$  as above)



Correlation between  $R_{D^*}$  and  $\text{Br}(B_c \rightarrow \tau\nu)$  for a pseudoscalar NP interaction (red line). The shaded areas are the  $1\sigma$ -band corresponding to the measurement of  $R_{D^*}$  (vertical orange) and to the bound on the NP contribution to the lifetime of the  $B_c$  assuming that the SM accounts for the 70% of it (gray horizontal).

# Quarkonium leptonic decays as Probes for $R(D^{(*)})$

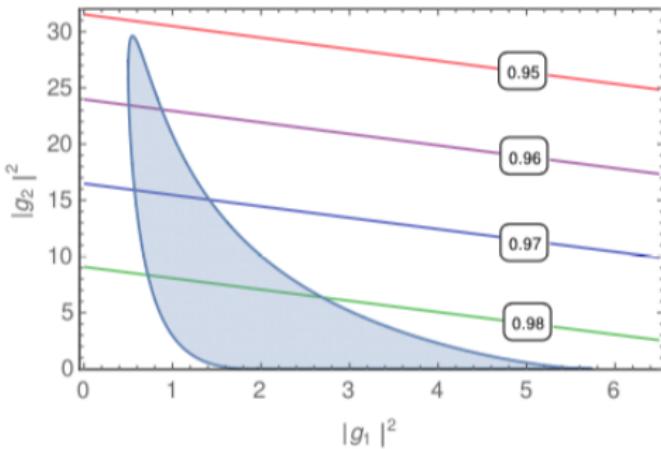
$V(nS)$	SM prediction	Exp. value $\pm \sigma_{\text{stat}} \pm \sigma_{\text{syst}}$
$\Upsilon(1S)$	$0.9924 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$1.005 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.022$
$\Upsilon(2S)$	$0.9940 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$1.04 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05$
$\Upsilon(3S)$	$0.9948 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$1.05 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.05$
$\psi(2S)$	$0.390 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$	$0.39 \pm 0.05$

D. Aloni, A. Efrat, Y Grossman, Y Nir, arXiv:1702.07356 [hep-ph]

- $R(D^{(*)})$ -New Physics Operators may also appear  $\bar{Q}Q \rightarrow \bar{\ell}\ell$
- Measurements better than 10 % accuracy
- Theory reasonably clean
- EFT (dim-4 operators) — can be mapped to specific mediators

UV field content	$R_{\tau/\ell}^{\Upsilon(1S)}$	$R_{\tau/\ell}^{\psi(2S)}$	Predicted modification to $R_{\tau/\ell}^{\Upsilon(1S)}$
$W'_\mu \sim (1, 3)_0$	0.989-0.991	0.390	Decrease by 0.2% – 0.4%
$U_\mu \sim (3, 1)_{+2/3}$	0.952-0.990	SM	Decrease by 0.3% – 4.0%
$S \sim (3, 1)_{-1/3}$	SM	0.389-0.390	–
$V_\mu \sim (3, 2)_{-5/6}$	0.976-0.987	SM	Decrease by 0.5% – 1.6%
SM	0.992	0.390	
Current measurement	$1.005 \pm 0.025$	$0.39 \pm 0.05$	
Achievable uncertainty (with current data)	$\pm 0.01$	$\pm 0.02$	
Projected uncertainty ( $\mathcal{L}^{\Upsilon(3S)} = 1/\text{ab}$ in Belle II)	$\pm 0.004$	–	

Example:  $U_\mu \sim (3, 1)_{+2/3}$ :  $\mathcal{L} = U_\mu (g_1 \bar{Q}_{3L} \gamma^\mu \ell_{3L} + g_2 \bar{d}_{3R} \gamma^\mu e_{3R})$



Couplings at 95% C.L. for  $M_u = 1$  TeV

Color lines: contours of  $R_{\tau/\ell}^{\Upsilon(1S)}$

# Conclusion

If I were a model builder  
and wanted to explain  $\tau$  anomalies  
I would build a model with

$$\epsilon_R = \epsilon_{S_R} = \epsilon_{S_L} = \epsilon_T = 0$$

and

$$\epsilon_L = 0.13$$