

Looking for a Muonic Force in the Muon Anomalies

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Muon Anomalies

—New physics in $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ and $(g-2)_\mu$?

$b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$ anomalies

$$R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\text{BR}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-)}{\text{BR}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)}e^+e^-)}$$

- LHCb measurements of $R_K^{[1.1,6]}$, $R_{K^*}^{[1.1,6]}$, and $R_{K^*}^{[0.045,1.1]}$ deviate from SM by 3.1σ , 2.5σ , and 2.3σ , respectively

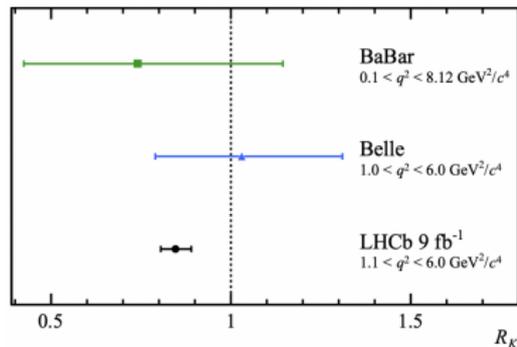
- Average ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ branching ratio deviate from SM by 2σ

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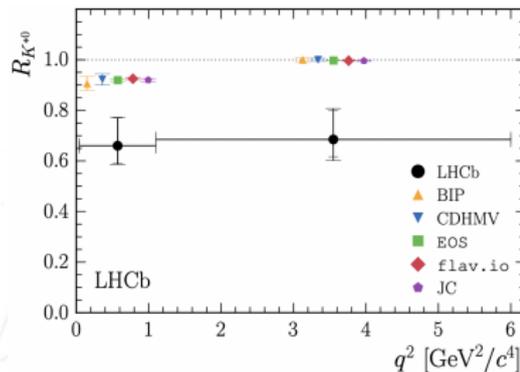
- Angular observables in $B \rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-$ and branching ratios in $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-$ and $B_s \rightarrow \phi\mu^+\mu^-$

- Consistent picture emerges in the EFT: tentative global 4.3σ significance for the NP hypothesis

Lancierini et al. [2104.05631]



Aaij et al. [2103.11769]



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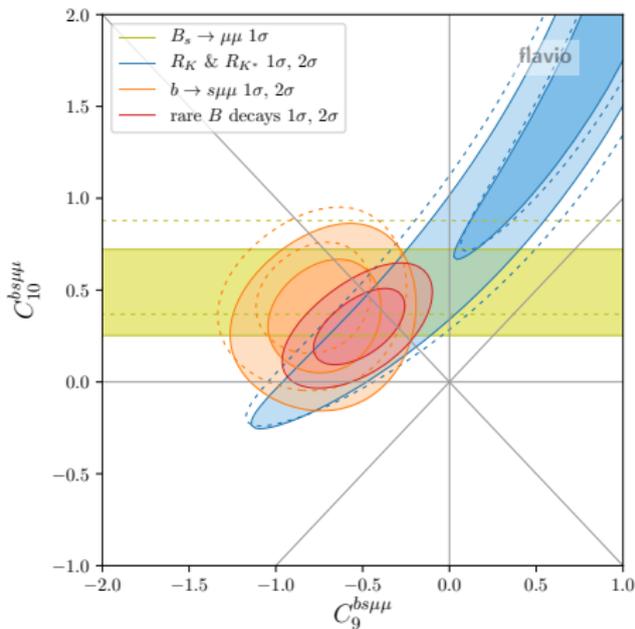
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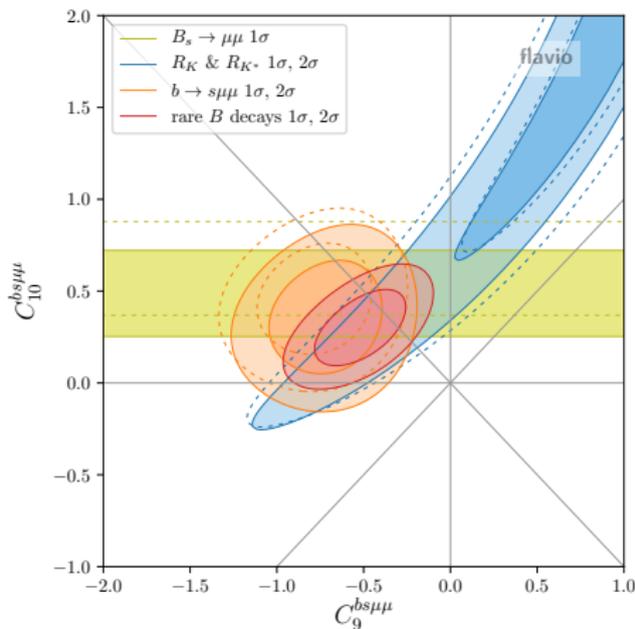
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Loop models are also viable

Tree-level mediators:

- Z' neutral vector boson
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- U_1 (U_3) vector LQ
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- S_3 scalar triplet LQ
single-field extension is possible

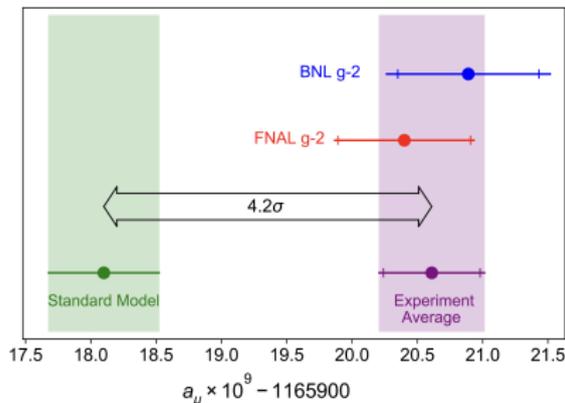
Flavor structure needed to avoid, e.g., FCNC bounds. MFV does not work. $U(2)^5$ seems like a good candidate.



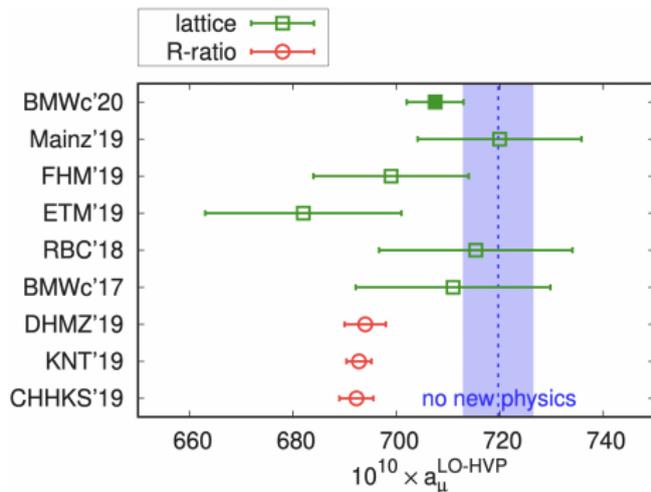
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$(g - 2)_\mu$ anomaly



Abi et al. [2104.03281]



Borsany et al. [2002.12347]

- First measurement of the Fermilab Muon $g-2$ Experiment is compatible with the Brookhaven experiment. Combined 4.2σ discrepancy with the Muon $g-2$ Theory Initiative. Aoyama et al. [2006.04822]
- HVP is the dominant error of the SM prediction. Potential disagreement between Lattice results (BMWc) and the data-driven approach (R -ratio) used in SM prediction.

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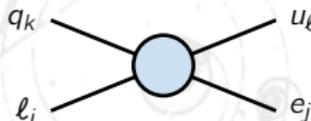
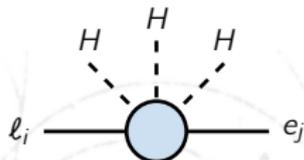
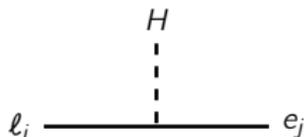
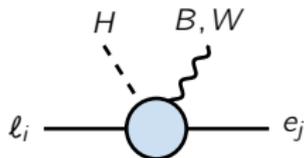
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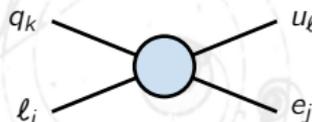
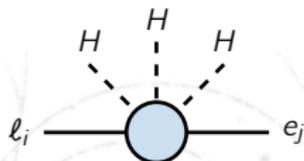
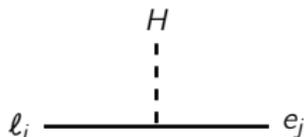
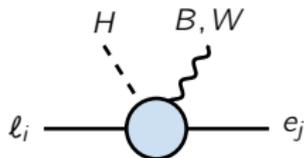
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- No charged LFV in NP if it satisfies SM accidental symmetries

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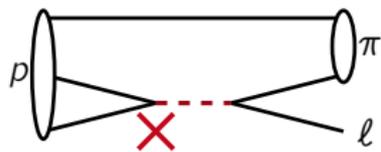
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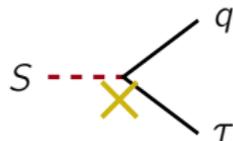
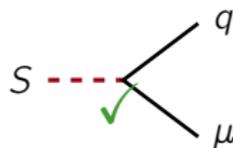
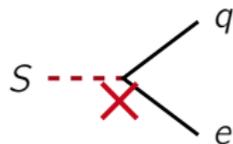
—Are we seeing signs of a new symmetry?

Introducing the muoquarks

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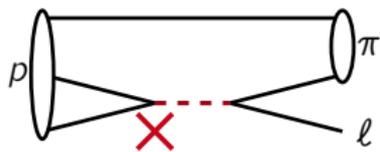
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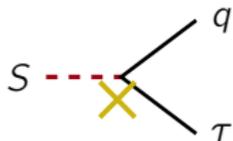
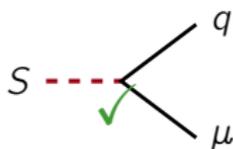
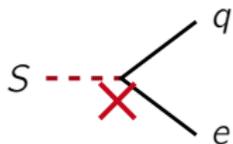
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Approximate recovery of SM accidental symmetries:

$$G_F^{\text{SM}} = U(1)_B \times U(1)_{L_e} \times U(1)_{L_\mu} \times U(1)_{L_\tau}$$

$$S \sim \left(-\frac{1}{3}, 0, -1, 0\right)$$

~ 500 quark-universal anomaly-free models with integer charge ratios ≤ 10 in SM+ $3\nu_R$. [Allanach, Davighi, Melville \[1812.04602\]](#)

Examples: $X = L_\mu - L_\tau$, $X = B - 3L_\mu$, and many, many others

The $B - 3L_\mu$ model

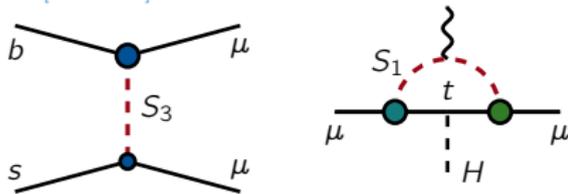
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	u_R	3		$2/3$	$1/3$
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	e_R			-1	$\{0, -3, 0\}$
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X-breaking SM singlet	Φ			0	3

Muonic force

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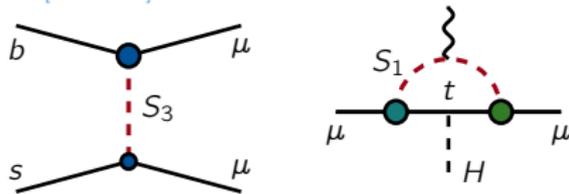
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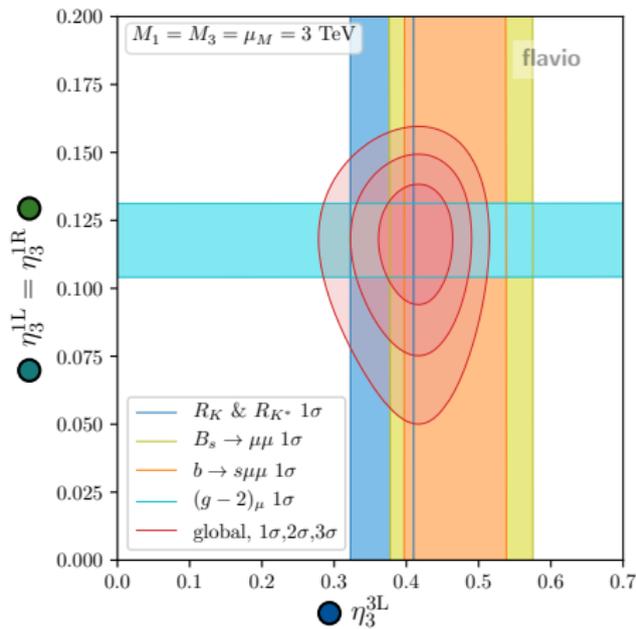
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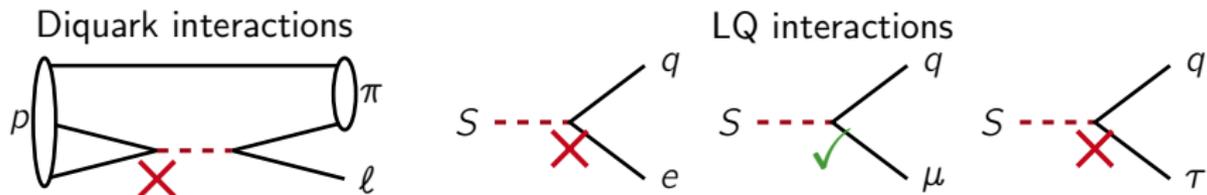
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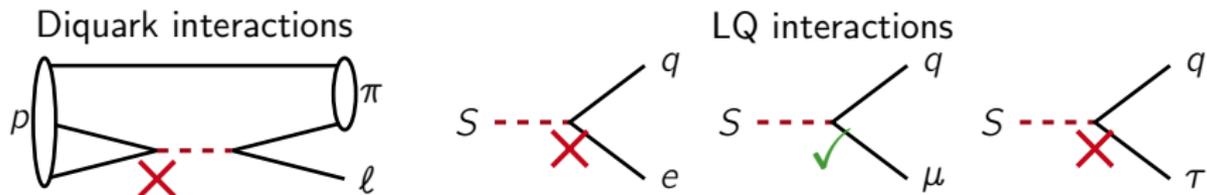


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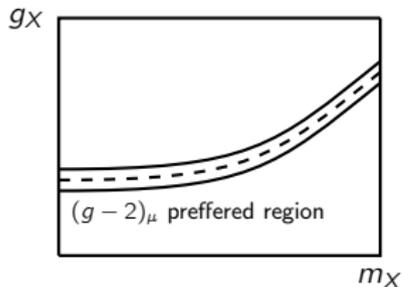
Are there $U(1)_X$ groups that allow for this scenario?

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}X_{\mu\nu}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon X_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_X^2 X_\mu^2 + g_X X^\mu \sum_f x_f \bar{f}\gamma_\mu f$$

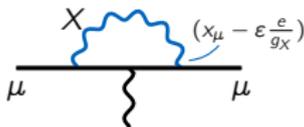
kinetic mixing parameter

Charges of SM (chiral) fermions

Addressing $(g - 2)_\mu$ with the muonic force

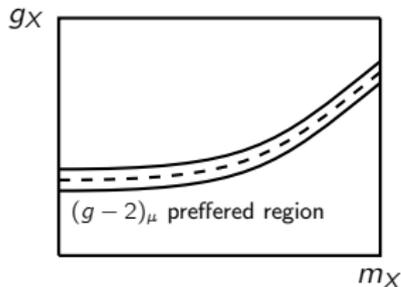


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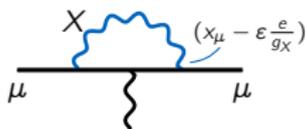


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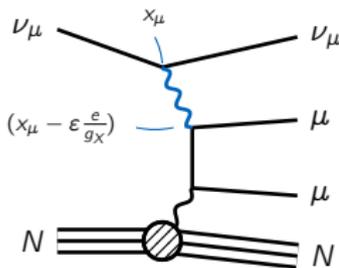
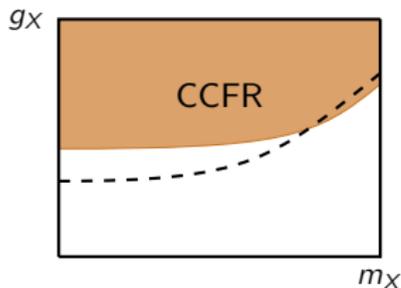
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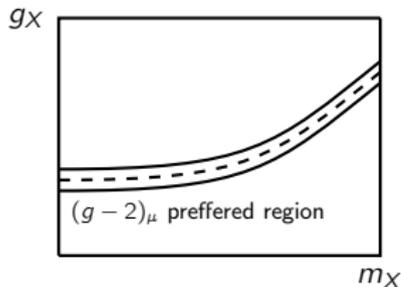


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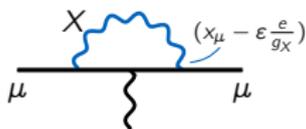


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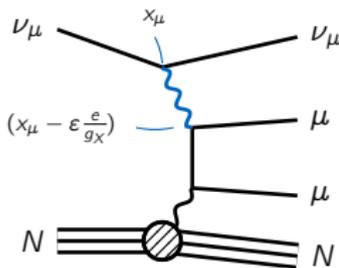
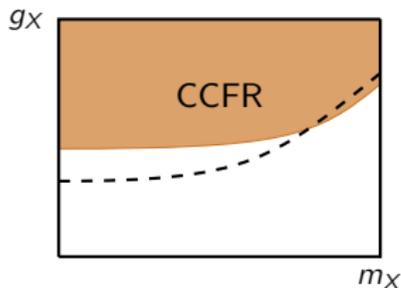
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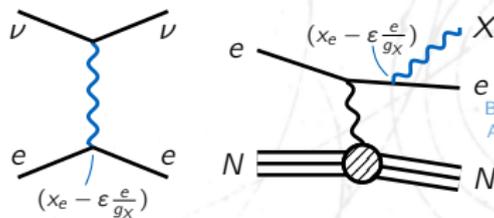
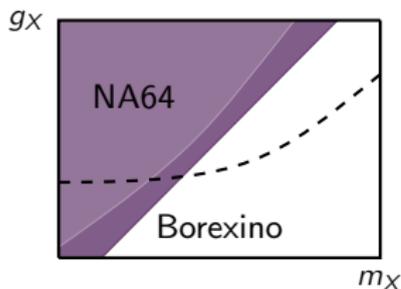
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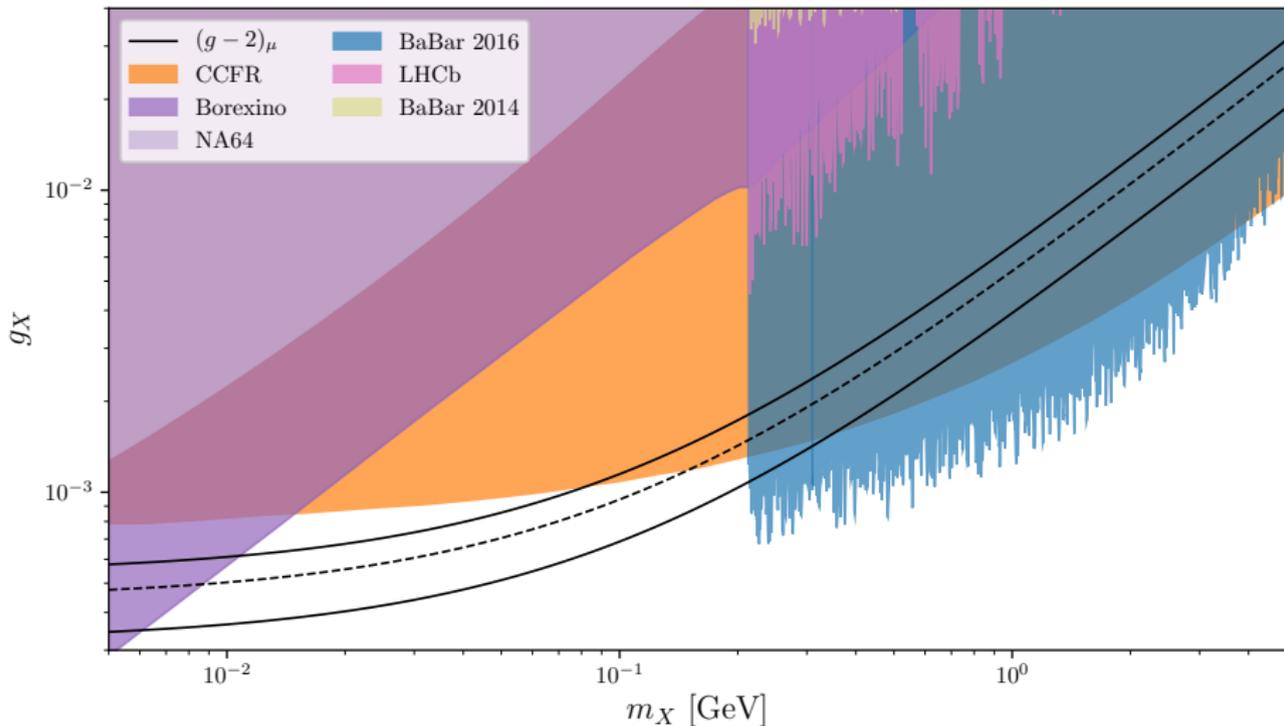
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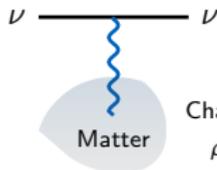
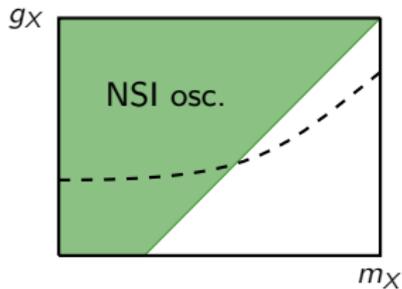
Light vector solution: $X = L_\mu - L_\tau$

$L_\mu - L_\tau$, μ/τ -loop effective kinetic mixing



Grejlo, Stangl, AET, Zupan [2203.13731]

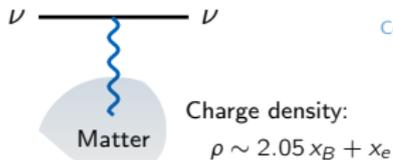
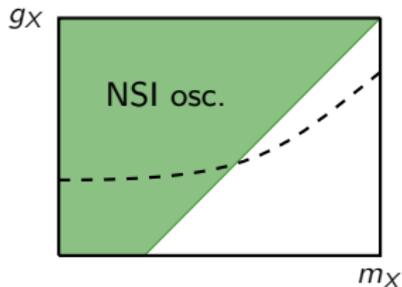
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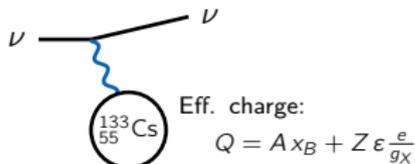
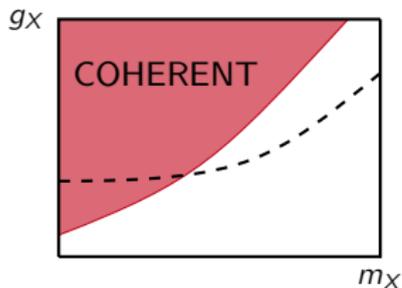
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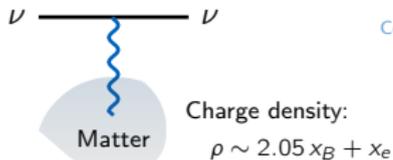
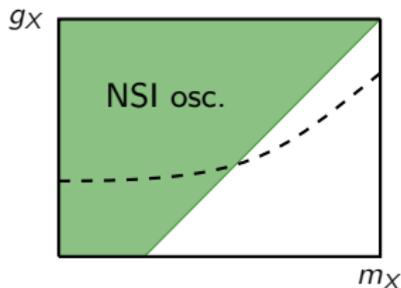


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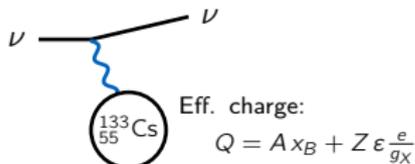
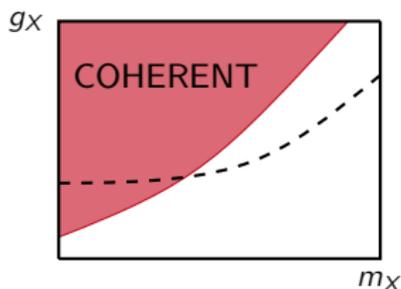


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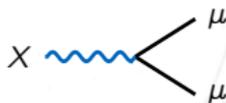
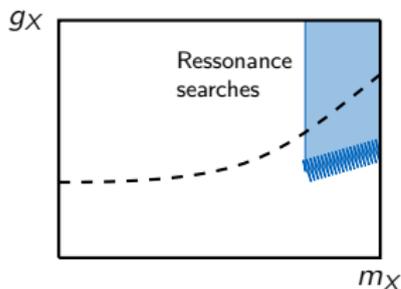
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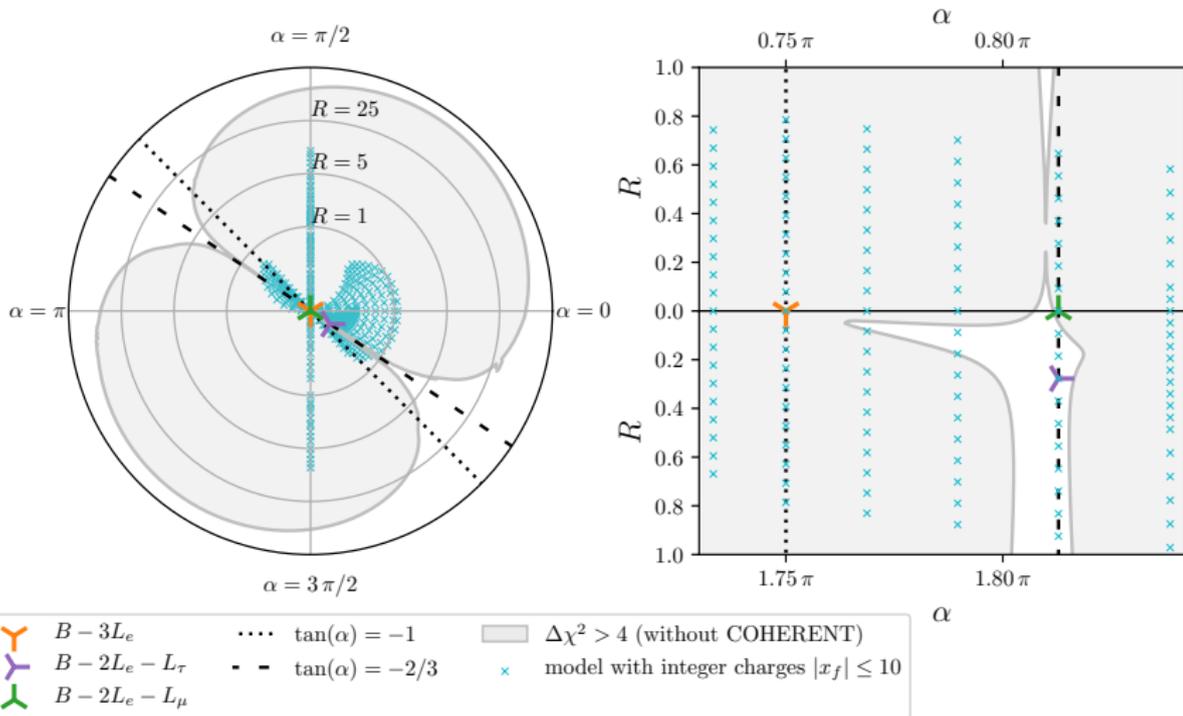
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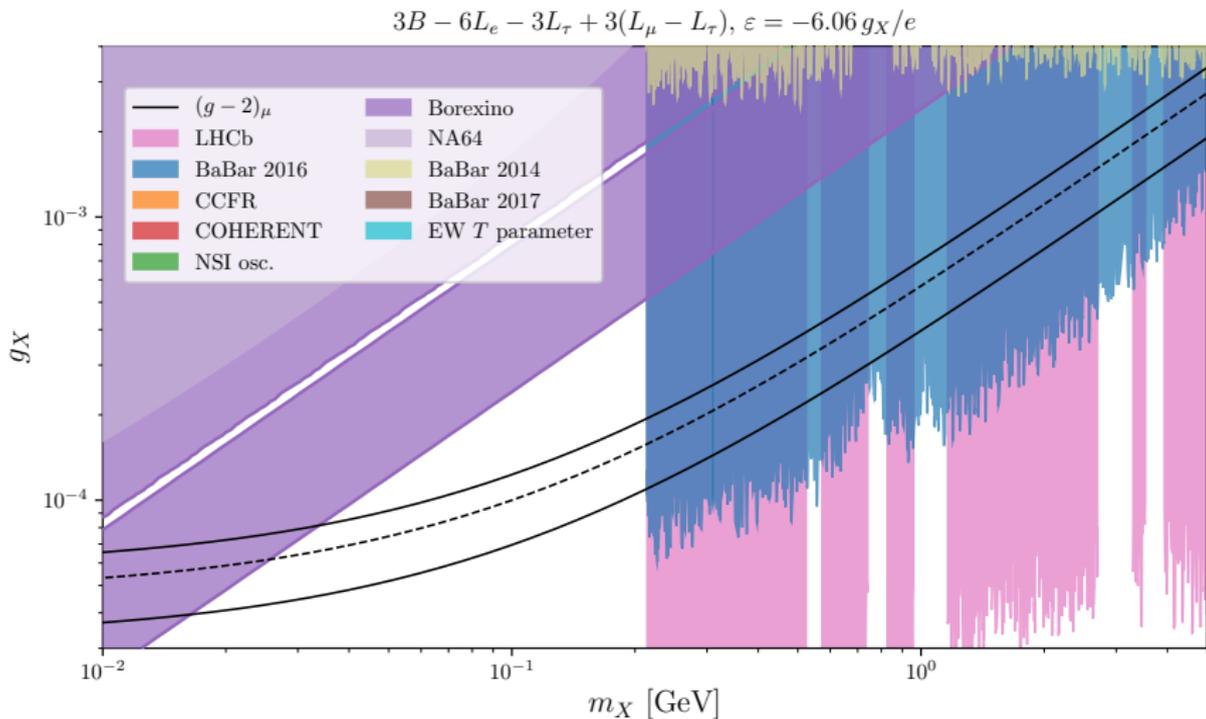
$$\sin(\alpha)(L_e - L_\mu) + \cos(\alpha)(B/3 - L_\mu) + R(L_\mu - L_\tau)$$



Light, quark-universal X solutions to $(g-2)_\mu$ in the space of vector-like $U(1)_X$ at $m_X = 200$ MeV. Includes NSI osc., NA64, and Borexino bounds.

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Allowed model with B charge



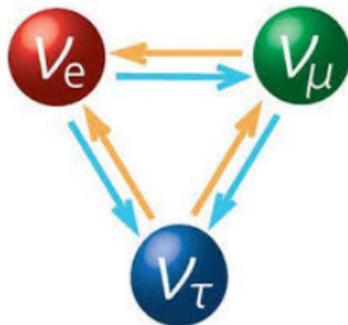
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Proton Stability

—Quality of the broken symmetry

Why break the lepton-flavored $U(1)_X$

- *LFV is observed in nature!* PMNS matrix is filled with $\mathcal{O}(1)$ elements.
- Neutrino mixing implies the breaking of lepton any flavored $U(1)_X$



- Current bounds on the proton lifetime is $\tau_p \gtrsim 10^{34}$ yr, but effective B -violation from further new physics is generically suppressed only by $(v_X/\Lambda_{UV})^n$, which needs to make up 10^{-20}

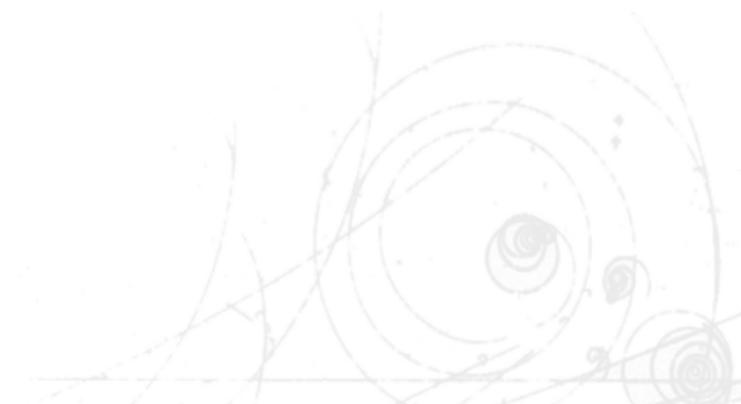
If $U(1)_X$ is broken, how good is our protection against proton decay? At dimension 5? 6?...

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Sufficient for realistic neutrino masses and mixings with a type-I seesaw for $v_X \lesssim 10^{11}$ TeV

e.g. Asai [1907.04042]

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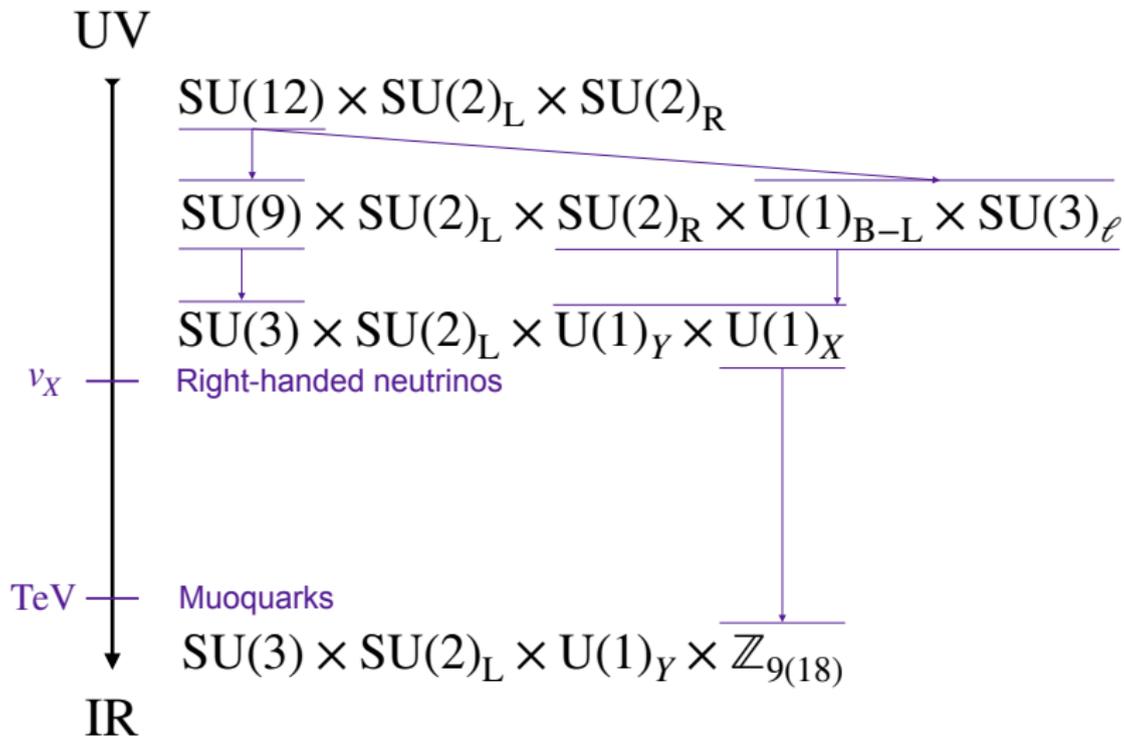
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Exact Proton Stability to all orders in EFT

$$\Delta B \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

Unification of lepton-flavored $U(1)_X$



Summary

Model	Type A	Type B	Type C	(Type D)
$b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$	S_3	S_3	heavy X	X
$(g - 2)_\mu$	S_1/R_2	light X	S_1/R_2	
	✓	✓	?	✗

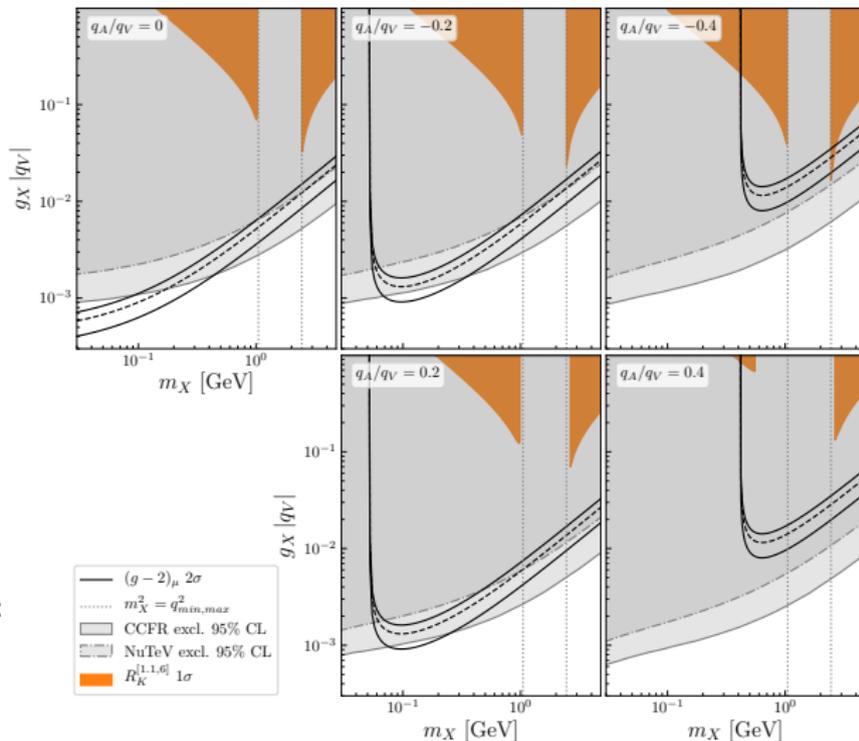
- Lepton-flavored gauge symmetries provide a good organizing principle for scalar-Leptoquark explanations of the muon anomalies
- Kinetic mixing between X and γ opens up *one* direction in models of light X solutions to $(g - 2)_\mu$ with charged quarks
- Lepton-flavored symmetry groups opens for new exciting mechanisms for exact proton stability
- We have to be prepared for the possibility (Type A) that new physics in the anomalies can be very elusive!

Backup

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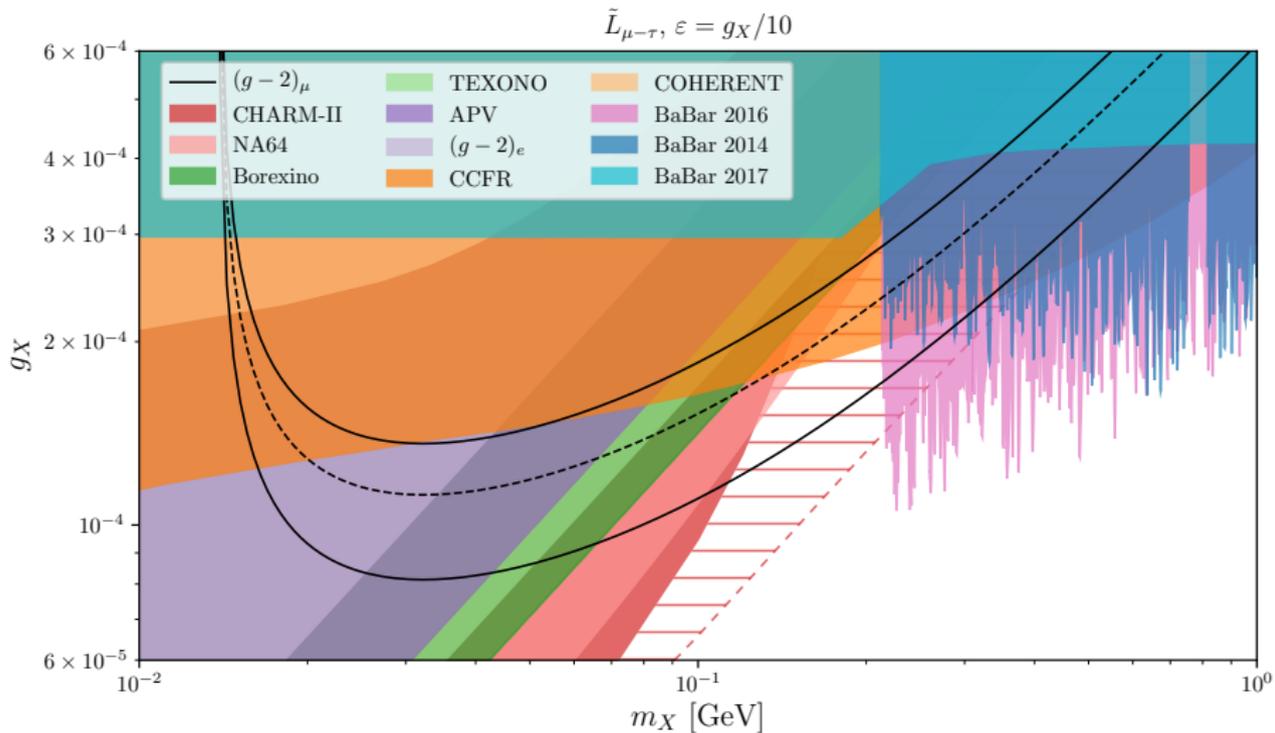
A single mediator seems unlikely

- Float X -couplings in b - s current, and muon vector and axial charges q_V, q_A . Assume $\varepsilon = 0$.
- Upper bound on b - s couplings to X from $\text{BR}(B \rightarrow K\nu\nu)$.
- $B \rightarrow K\nu\nu$ bound might be looser for $m_X > 2.5$ GeV
[Crivellin et al. \[2202.12900\]](#)
- Using kinetic mixing to relax CCFR bound, EW precision excludes $m_X \gtrsim 5$ GeV



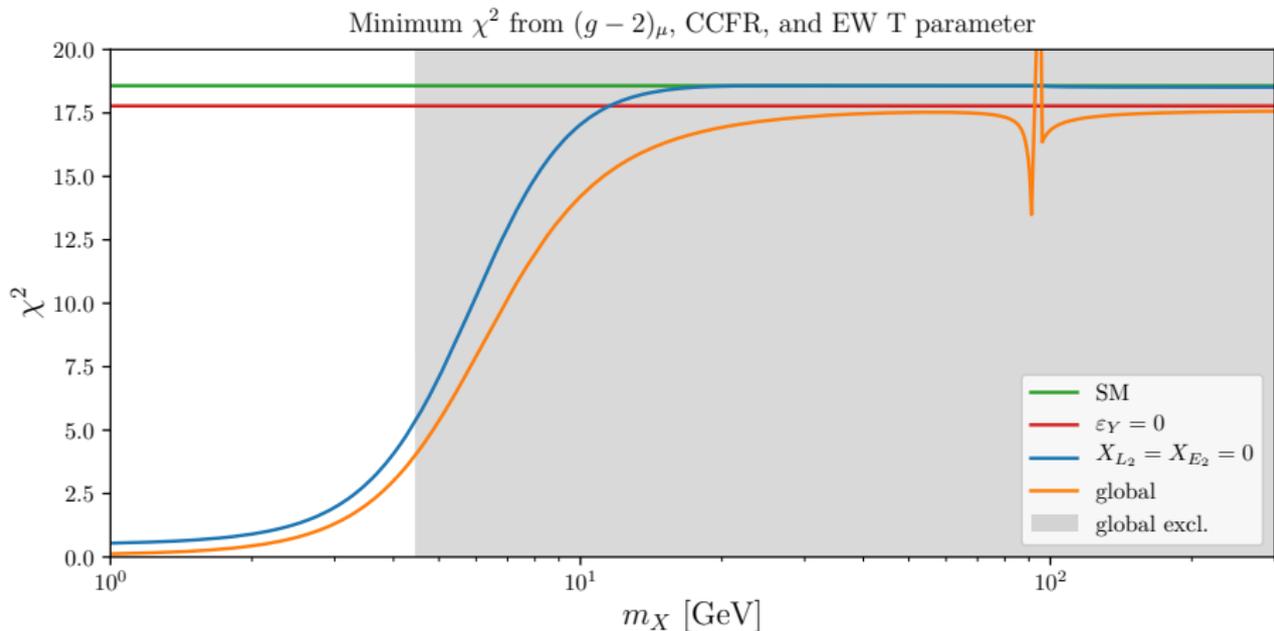
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Addressing $(g - 2)_\mu$ with the muonic force.



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High energy vector boson mediator



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