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# How large can the light Yukawa couplings be?

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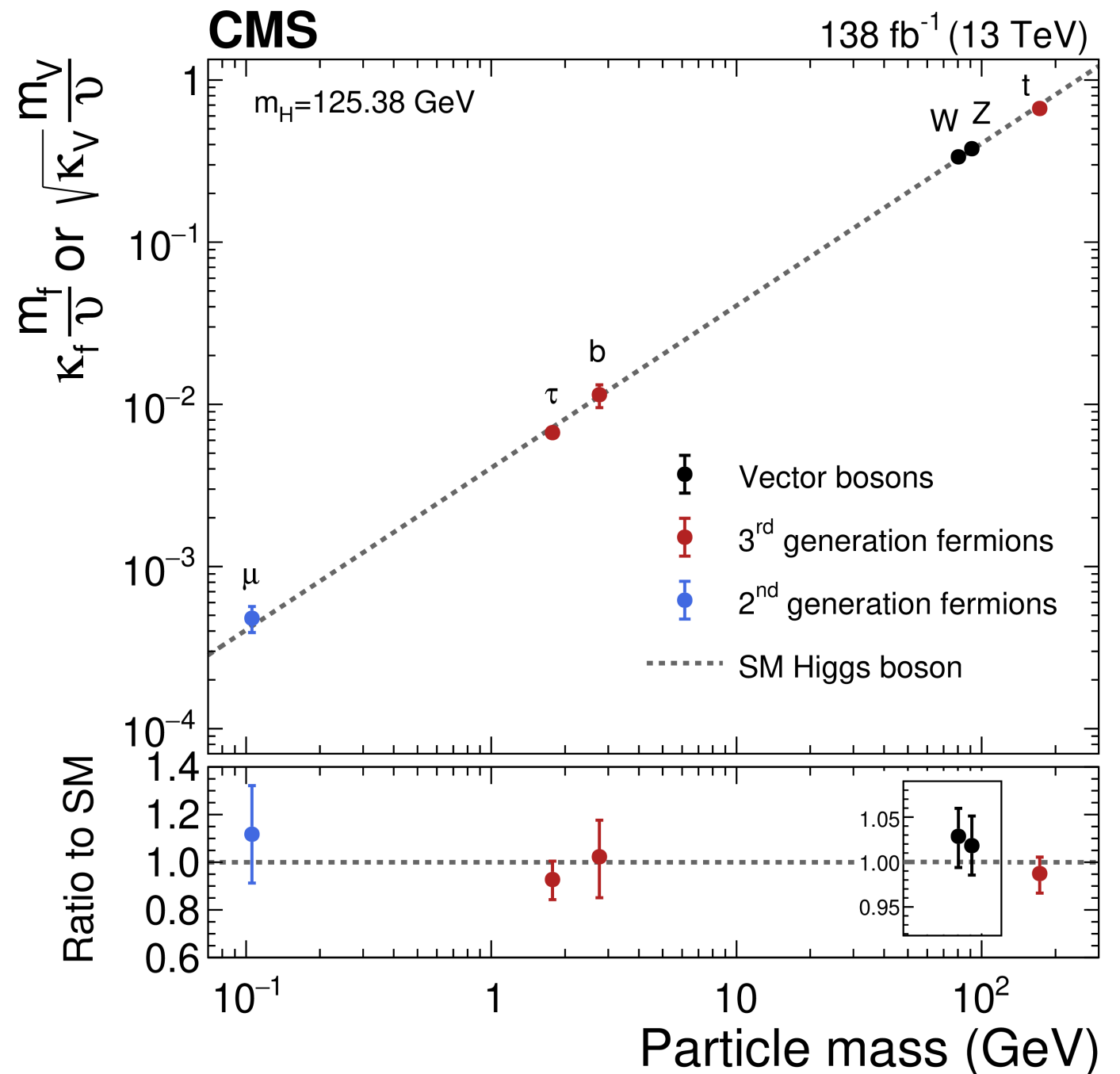
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# Higgs boson couplings

- ✓ couplings to EW gauge bosons;
- ✓ couplings to the third generation massive fermions;
- ✓ coupling to the muon;

- ✗ Higgs self couplings;
- ✗ coupling to the **electron**;
- ✗ couplings to the **light quarks**.

$$\kappa\text{-parametrisation: } \kappa_f = \frac{g_{hff}}{g_{hff}^{SM}}$$



[CMS Collaboration, 2022]

# General Overview

# Light fermion Yukawa couplings

Current  
constraints

Higgs + photon:

$$|\kappa_u| < 2.3 \cdot 10^3, \quad -42 < \kappa_s < 44$$
$$|\kappa_d| < 9.7 \cdot 10^2, \quad -4.0 < \kappa_c < 3.5$$

at 95 % C.L. [CMS  
Collaboration, 2025]

Higgs decay to **electrons**:

$$|\kappa_e| < 260$$

at 95 % C.L. [ATLAS Collaboration, 2019]

Proposals for **light quark** Yukawa couplings:

HL-LHC at 95 % C.L.

$$|\kappa_u| < 260$$
$$|\kappa_d| < 156$$

[Balzani, Gröber, Vitti,  
2023]

$$|\kappa_c| < 1.2$$

$$|\kappa_s| < 13$$

[de Blas et al., 2019]

$$|\kappa_e| < 120$$

[Cepeda et al., 2019]

- $W^\pm h$  charge asymmetry [Yu, 2016]
- Higgs  $p_T$  spectrum [Bishara, Haisch, Monni, Re, 2016]
- Higgs pair production [Alasfar, Corral Lopez, Gröber, 2019], [Alasfar, Gröber, Grojean, Paul, Qian, 2022]
- Global fits on Higgs data [de Blas et al., 2019]
- Triboson production [Falkowski et al, 2020]
- Higgs plus photon [Aquilar-Saavedra, Cano, No, 2020]
- Higgs off-shell production [Balzani, Gröber, Vitti, 2023]

# Standard Model Effective Field Theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{d>4} \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} \mathcal{C}_i^{(d)}(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}, \quad \left[ \mathcal{C}_i^{(d)} \right] = 4 - d.$$

1. Identify deviations from SM predictions:

$$\mathcal{O}_\alpha^{theo} = \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SM} + \delta \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SMEFT};$$

2. Compare with experimental results, obtaining constraints in terms of Wilson Coefficients;

3. Introduce UV model dependence by matching procedure [\[Fuentes-Martín, König, Pagès, Thomsen, Wilsch, 2022\]](#), [\[Guedes, Olgoso, Santiago, 2023\]](#) and [\[Guedes, Olgoso, 2024\]](#).

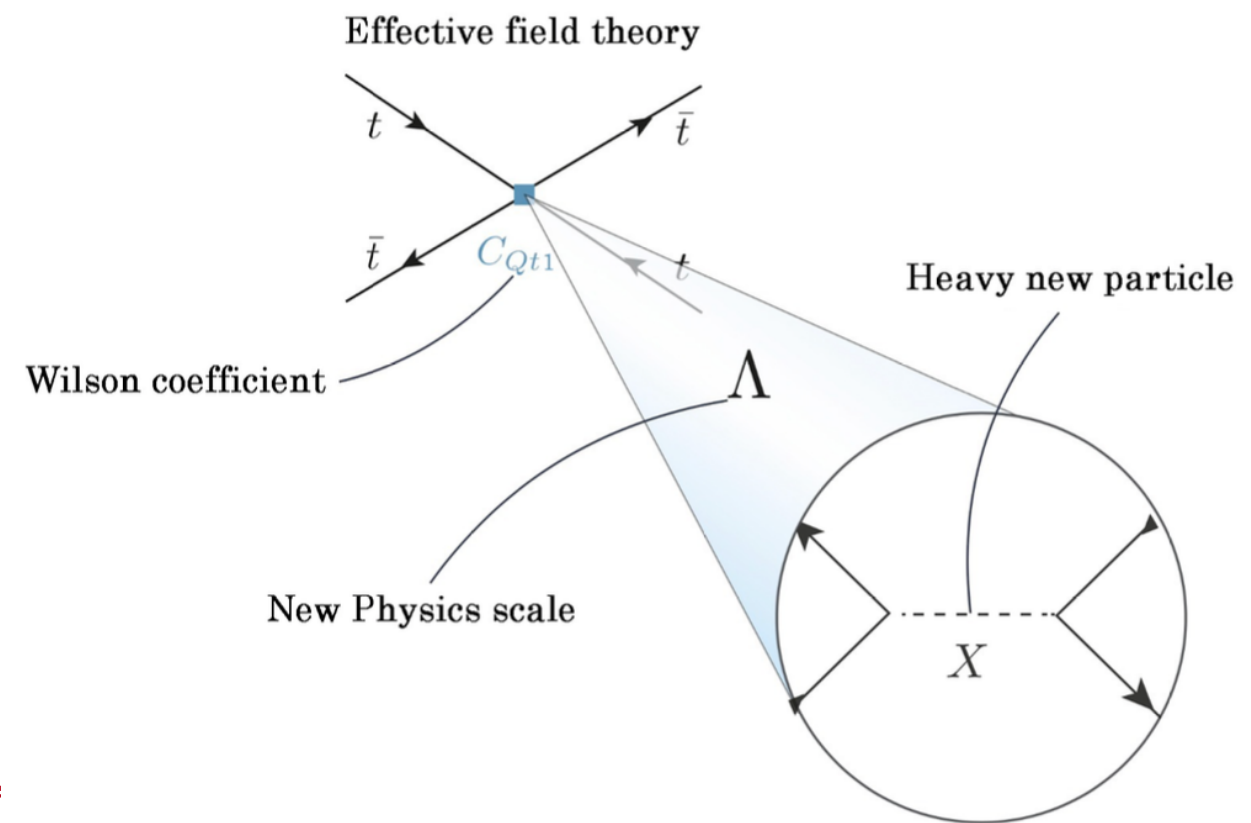


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# Identification of dimension-six SMEFT operators

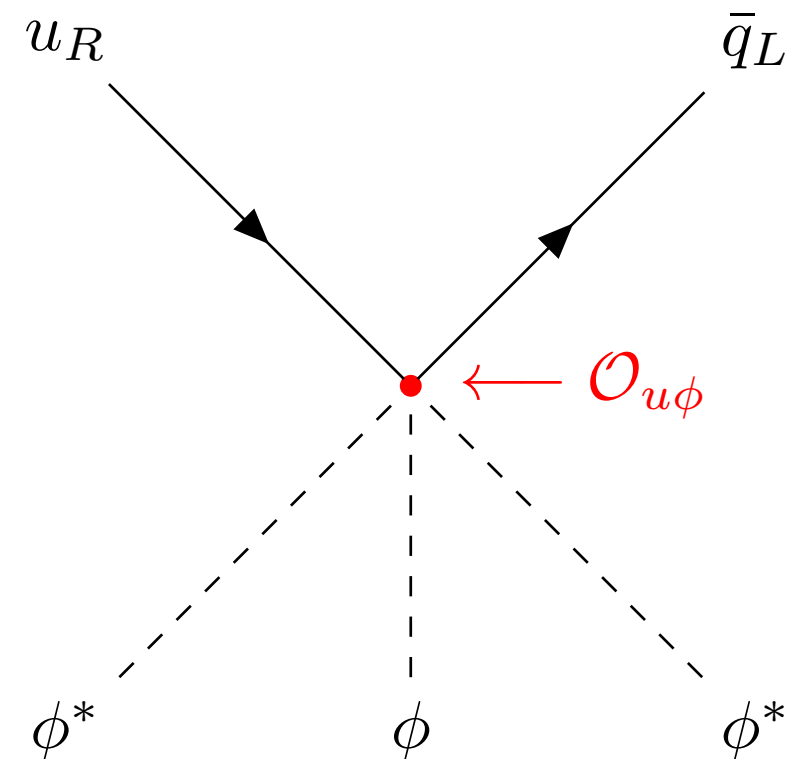
$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT}^{d=6} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_6} \mathcal{C}_i^{(6)}(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}, \quad \left[ \mathcal{C}_i^{(6)} \right] = -2.$$

Identify three Warsaw basis [\[Grzadkowski, Iskrzyński, Misiak, Rosiek, 2010\]](#) operators:

$$\mathcal{O}_{u\phi} = \left( \phi^\dagger \phi \right) \left( \bar{q}_L \tilde{\phi} u_R \right),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{d\phi} = \left( \phi^\dagger \phi \right) \left( \bar{q}_L \phi d_R \right),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{e\phi} = \left( \phi^\dagger \phi \right) \left( \bar{l}_L \phi e_R \right).$$



Broken  
phase

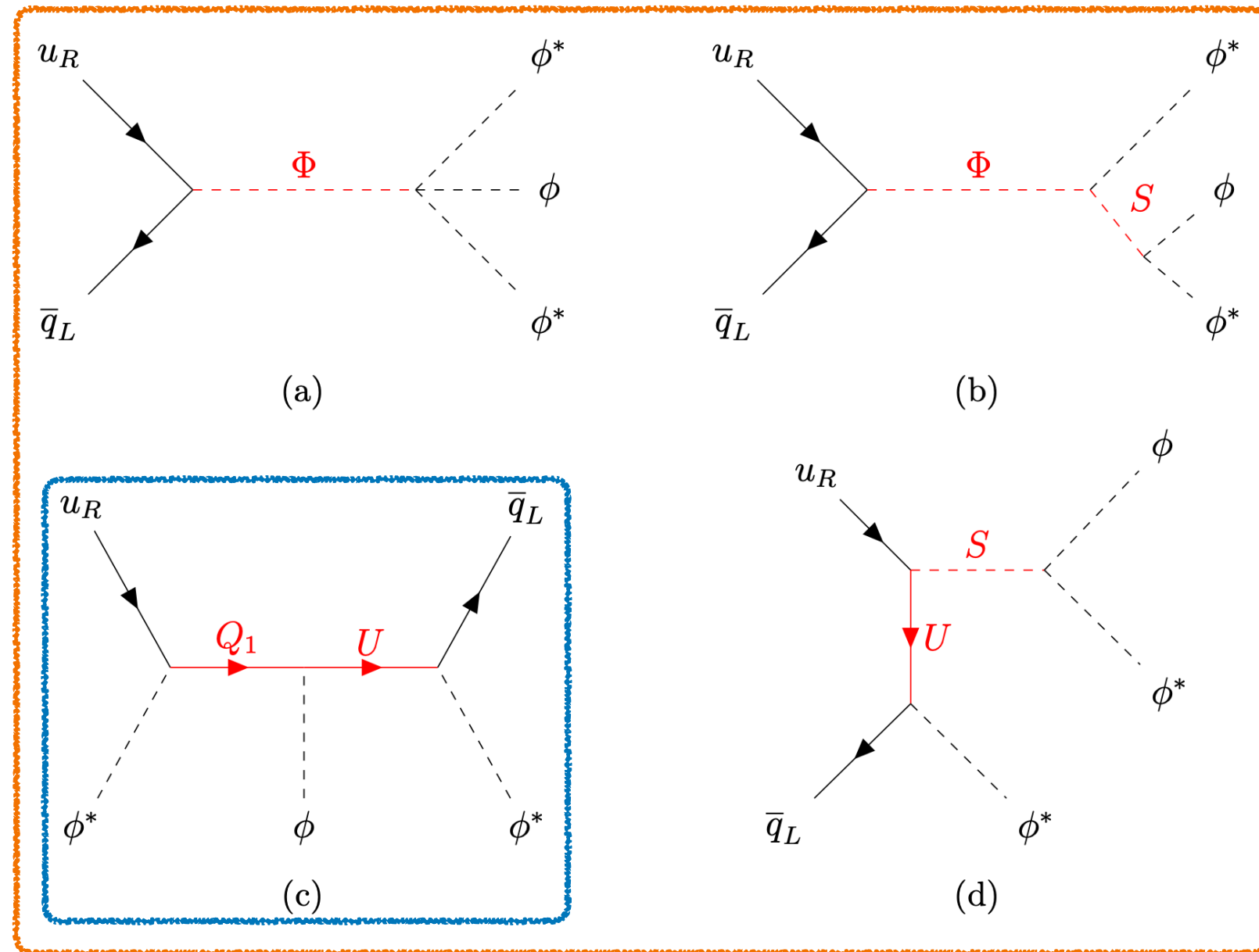
$$\begin{cases} m_f = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left( y_f - \frac{v^2}{2} \mathcal{C}_{f\phi} \right) \longrightarrow \text{Fine tuning} \\ g_{hff} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( y_f - \frac{3v^2}{2} \mathcal{C}_{f\phi} \right) \longrightarrow \kappa_f = 1 - \frac{v^3}{\sqrt{2}m_f} \mathcal{C}_{f\phi} \end{cases}$$

*E.g.: for  $\kappa_u \approx 1000$  order per mille tuning between  $[y_u]_{11}$  and  $v^2[\mathcal{C}_{u\phi}]_{11}/2$*

# Model Identification

**Goal:** identify UV models generating unsuppressed contributions to  $\mathcal{O}_{f\phi}$ :

- (a) **Single scalar** mediator models;
- (b) **Two scalars** models;
- (c) Models with a pair of vector-like fermions (**VLQs** and **VLLs**);
- (d) Models with a VLQ / **VLL** + **scalar**.



[de Blas, Criado, Perez-Victoria, Santiago, 2018]

# UV models with one vector-like fermion

If only one VLF is included, matching results in  $\mathcal{C}_{f\phi} \sim y_f \lambda_{UV}^2 \Rightarrow \kappa_f - 1 \sim \frac{v^2}{M^2} \lambda_{UV}^2$

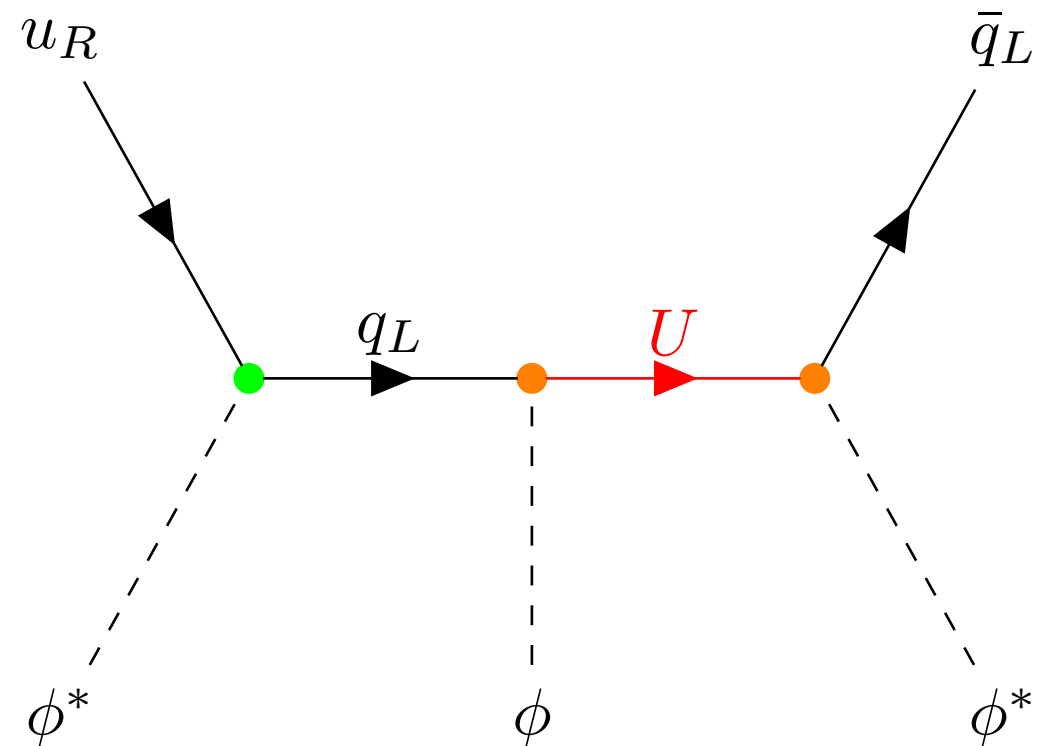
E.g.: model with only  $U \sim (3,1)_{\frac{2}{3}}$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -(\lambda_U \bar{U}_R \tilde{\phi}^\dagger q_L + \text{h.c.}) - M_U \bar{U} U$$

$$[\mathcal{C}_{u\phi}]_{ij} = \frac{[y_u^*]_{jk} [\lambda_U]_k [\lambda_U^*]_i}{2M_U^2}$$



$$\kappa_u - 1 \sim v^2 \frac{|[\lambda_U]_1|^2}{2M_U^2} = -\sqrt{2} \delta g_{Zu}, \text{ constrained by EWPOs.}$$



# Models with Vector-like quark pairs

VLQs and  
Irreps.  
under  
 $G_{\text{SM}}$

| Singlets                      | Doublets                        | Triplets                        |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| $U \sim (3,1)_{\frac{2}{3}}$  | $Q_1 \sim (3,2)_{\frac{1}{6}}$  | $T_1 \sim (3,3)_{-\frac{1}{3}}$ |
| $D \sim (3,1)_{-\frac{1}{3}}$ | $Q_5 \sim (3,2)_{-\frac{5}{6}}$ | $T_2 \sim (3,3)_{\frac{2}{3}}$  |
|                               | $Q_7 \sim (3,2)_{\frac{7}{6}}$  |                                 |

Models

| Doublet + Singlet | Doublet + Triplet |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| $Q_1 + U$         | $Q_1 + T_1$       |
| $Q_1 + D$         | $Q_5 + T_1$       |
| $Q_7 + U$         | $Q_1 + T_2$       |
| $Q_5 + D$         | $Q_7 + T_2$       |

Yukawa-like  
interactions with SM  
light quarks

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} \supset \sum_{i=1,2} \lambda_{Q_i} \phi Q_i q + \lambda_{Q_1 Q_2} \phi Q_1 Q_2$$

Yukawa-like pair  
interaction

$$\text{Prediction: } \kappa_q - 1 \approx \frac{v^3}{\sqrt{2}m_q} \mathcal{C}_{q\phi} \sim \frac{1}{M_{Q_1}M_{Q_2}} \lambda_{Q_1} \lambda_{Q_2} \lambda_{Q_1 Q_2} \Rightarrow \text{No Yukawa suppression}$$

[de Blas, Criado, Perez-Victoria, Santiago, 2018]

# Models with Vector-like Lepton pairs

VLLs and  
Irreps.  
under  
 $G_{\text{SM}}$

| Singlets            | Doublets                             | Triplets                   |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $E \sim (1,1)_{-1}$ | $\Delta_1 \sim (1,2)_{-\frac{1}{2}}$ | $\Sigma \sim (1,3)_0$      |
|                     | $\Delta_3 \sim (3,2)_{-\frac{3}{2}}$ | $\Sigma_1 \sim (1,3)_{-1}$ |

Models

| Doublet + Singlet | Doublet + Triplet     |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| $\Delta_1 + E$    | $\Sigma_1 + \Delta_3$ |
| $\Delta_3 + E$    | $\Sigma_1 + \Delta_1$ |
|                   | $\Sigma + \Delta_1$   |

Yukawa-like  
interactions with SM  
electron

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} \supset \lambda_R \phi L_{1L} e_R + \lambda_L \phi L_{2R} l_L + \lambda_{L_1 L_2} \phi L_1 L_2$$

Yukawa-like pair  
interaction

$$\text{Prediction: } \kappa_e - 1 \approx \frac{v^3}{\sqrt{2}m_e} \mathcal{C}_{e\phi} \sim \frac{1}{M_{L_1} M_{L_2}} \lambda_{L_1} \lambda_{L_2} \lambda_{L_1 L_2} \Rightarrow \text{No Yukawa suppression}$$

[de Blas, Criado, Perez-Victoria, Santiago, 2018]

# SMEFT operators from UV Models with VLF pairs

We focus on the following Warsaw basis operators [\[Grzadkowski, Iskrzyński, Misiak, Rosiek, 2010\]](#), generated by integrating out the heavy particles:

- Operators generated at the tree level ( $f = e, u, d$ ):

|                        |                                                                              |                              |                                                                              |                              |                                                                                         |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\mathcal{O}_{u\phi}$  | $(\phi^\dagger \phi) (\bar{q}_L \tilde{\phi} u_R)$                           | $\mathcal{O}_{d\phi}$        | $(\phi^\dagger \phi) (\bar{q}_L \phi d_R)$                                   | $\mathcal{O}_{e\phi}$        | $(\phi^\dagger \phi) (\bar{l}_L \phi e_R)$                                              |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\phi f}$ | $(i\phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{f}_R \gamma^\mu f_R)$ | $\mathcal{O}_{\phi f}^{(1)}$ | $(i\phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{f}_L \gamma^\mu f_L)$ | $\mathcal{O}_{\phi f}^{(3)}$ | $(i\phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \phi) (\bar{f}_L \gamma^\mu \sigma^I f_L)$ |

- Operators generated at the one loop level:

|                          |                                                |                        |                                                   |                         |                                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| $\mathcal{O}_{\phi\Box}$ | $(\phi^\dagger \phi) \Box (\phi^\dagger \phi)$ | $\mathcal{O}_{\phi G}$ | $(\phi^\dagger \phi) (G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{\mu\nu A})$ | $\mathcal{O}_{\phi B}$  | $(\phi^\dagger \phi) (B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu})$            |
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# SMEFT operators from UV Models with VLF pairs

These operators cause deviations in the theoretical predictions for **Higgs Physics Observables** and for **ElectroWeak Precision Observables** :

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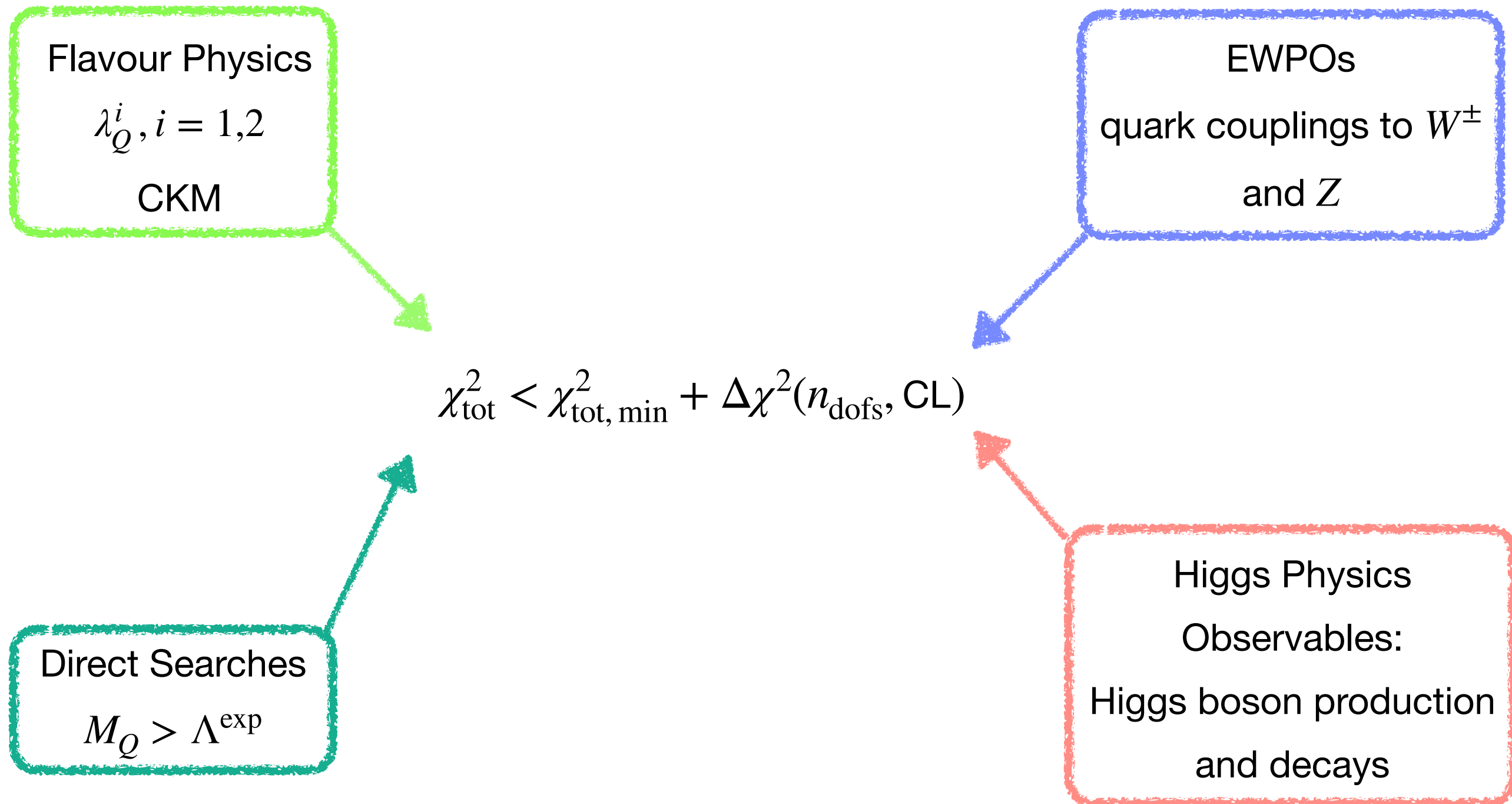
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Light quark Yukawa coupling enhancements

# Constraints: Overview



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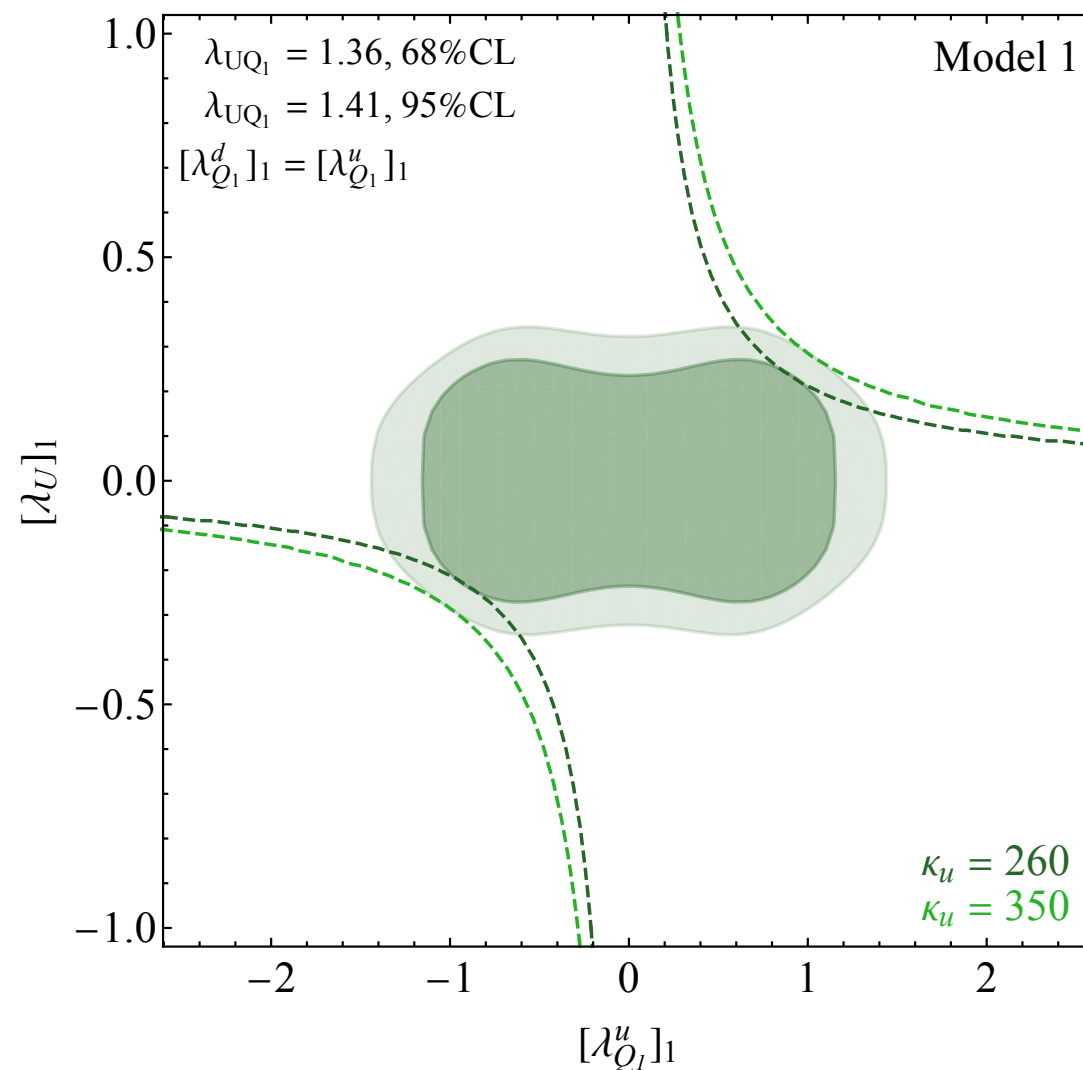
Flavour Physics

$$\lambda_Q^i, i = 1, 2$$

CKM

Direct Searches

$$M_Q > \Lambda^{\text{exp}}$$



EWPOs

quark couplings to  $W^\pm$   
and  $Z$

● 68 % CL  
 ● 95 % CL

Higgs Physics

Observables:

Higgs boson production  
and decays

Plot made using current experimental constraints

# Constraints: Flavour Physics Bounds

- Flavour changing neutral currents constrain models to very high scales if couplings to first and second generation couplings are allowed:

*E.g.:* For  $D \sim (3,1)_{-\frac{1}{3}}$ ,  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  sets  $M_D > \sqrt{[\lambda_D]^1 [\lambda_D]^2} 126 \text{ TeV}$ .

[Ishiwata, Ligeti, Wise, 2015]

⇒ NP couples to one generation at a time

- Presence of  $\mathcal{O}_{\phi q}^{(3)}$  induces deviations in  $W$  boson couplings, in particular deviations from CKM unitarity

$$S_{11} = |V_{i1}|^2 + |V_{i2}|^2 + |V_{i3}|^2 = 0.9984 \pm 0.0007$$

[Particle Data Group, 2024]

## Lower bounds on masses

| Particle                                   | CKM unitarity                    |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $U \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{2/3}$    | $3.2 \times  [\lambda_U]_1 $     |
| $D \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-1/3}$   | $3.2 \times  [\lambda_D]_1 $     |
| $T_1 \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3})_{-1/3}$ | $1.6 \times  [\lambda_{T_1}]_1 $ |
| $T_2 \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3})_{2/3}$  | $1.6 \times  [\lambda_{T_2}]_1 $ |

# Constraints: Direct searches for Vector-like Quarks

Production of **VLQs** coupled to the **light quarks** at the Large Hadron Collider.

- Current searches:

In the limit  $\text{Br}(Q \rightarrow qW) = 1$ ,

[\[ATLAS Collaboration, 2024\]](#) sets

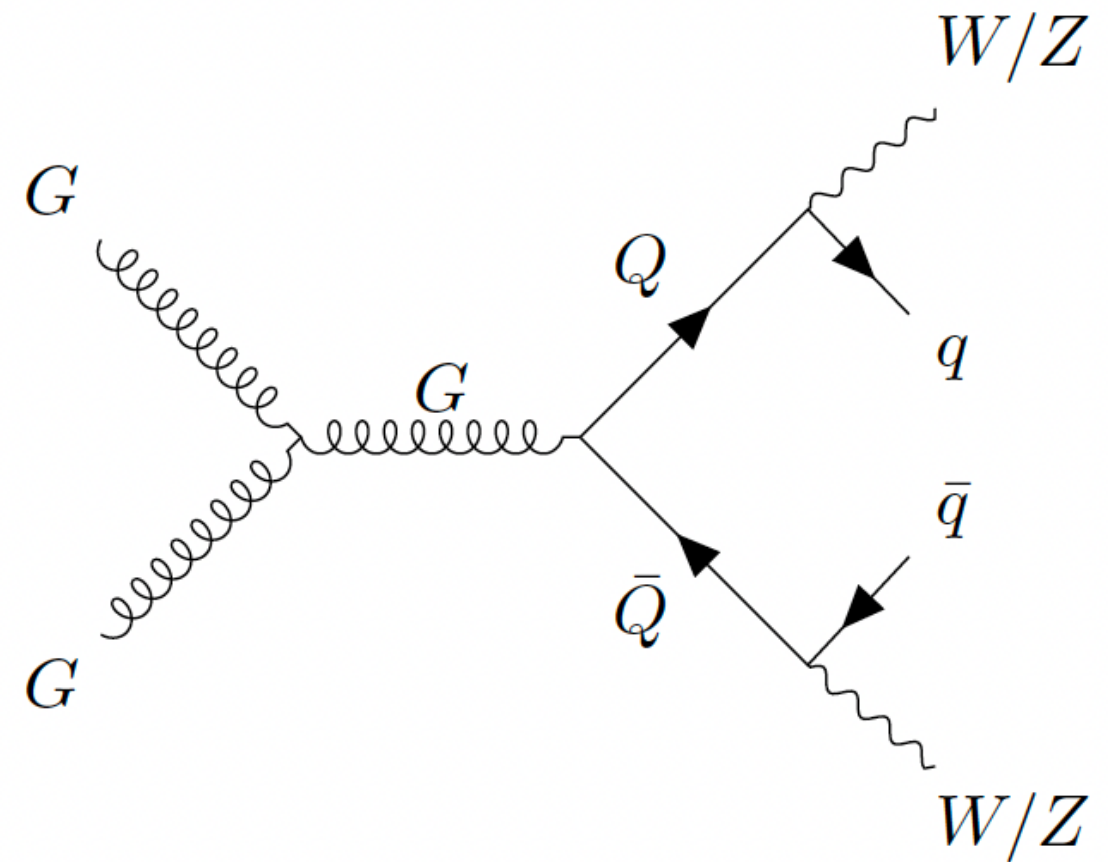
$$M_Q > 1.53 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow M_Q = \Lambda = 1.6 \text{ TeV};$$

- Future Colliders:

[\[Freitas, Gonçalves, Morais, Pasechnik, 2022\]](#) provides

projections for HL-LHC.

Sets  $M_Q = \Lambda = 2.4 \text{ TeV}$ .



# Constraints: ElectroWeak Precision Observables

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left( \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{exp} - \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{theo} \right) \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{-2} \left( \mathcal{O}_\beta^{exp} - \mathcal{O}_\beta^{theo} \right), \quad \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{theo} = \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SM} + \delta \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SMEFT}.$$

- $\mathcal{O}_\alpha^{exp} \rightarrow$  W-pole and Z-pole observables:
- $m_W = 80.379(12) \text{ GeV};$
  - $\Gamma_W = 2.085(42) \text{ GeV};$
  - $\Gamma_Z = 2.4955(23) \text{ GeV};$
  - ...

$\delta \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SMEFT} \rightarrow$  Deviations due to  $\mathcal{O}_{\phi q}^{(1)}, \mathcal{O}_{\phi q}^{(3)}, \mathcal{O}_{\phi u}, \mathcal{O}_{\phi d}, \mathcal{O}_{\phi ud}, \mathcal{O}_{\phi D}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\phi WB}$ .

$$E.g.: \delta m_W = -v^2 \frac{g_L^2}{4(g_L^2 - g_Y^2)} \mathcal{C}_{\phi D} - v^2 \frac{g_L g_Y}{g_L^2 - g_Y^2} \mathcal{C}_{\phi WB}.$$

[de Blas et al, 2019], [Bresó-Pla, Falkowski, González-Alonso, 2021], [Bernardi et al, 2022],  
[Allwicher, Isidori, Lizana, Selimović, Stefanek, 2023]

# Constraints: Higgs Physics Observables

Current LHC results and HL-LHC projections

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left( \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{exp} - \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{theo} \right) \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{-2} \left( \mathcal{O}_\beta^{exp} - \mathcal{O}_\beta^{theo} \right), \quad \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{theo} = \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SM} + \delta \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SMEFT}.$$

Observable is the **Signal Strength** :  $\mu_\alpha = \frac{\sigma_h^{SMEFT} \text{BR}^{SMEFT}(h \rightarrow \alpha)}{\sigma_h^{SM} \text{BR}^{SM}(h \rightarrow \alpha)}$

$$= \frac{\sigma_h^{SMEFT}}{\sigma_h^{SM}} \frac{\Gamma_h^{SM}}{\Gamma_h^{SMEFT}} \frac{\Gamma_{h \rightarrow \alpha}^{SMEFT}}{\Gamma_{h \rightarrow \alpha}^{SM}}$$

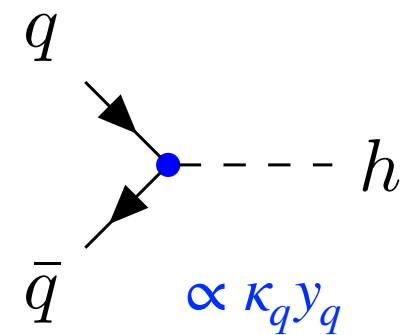
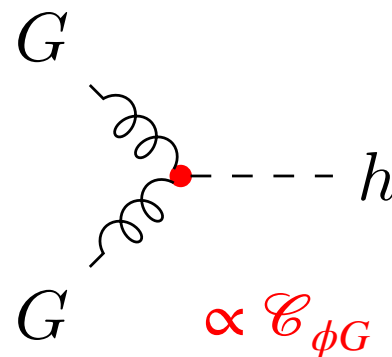
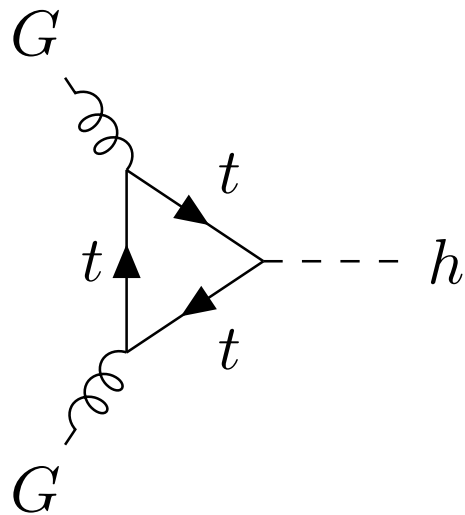
$$\alpha = \gamma\gamma, ZZ, W^+W^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \tau^+\tau^-, \bar{b}b.$$

[Brivio, Corbett, Trott, 2019], [Alasfar, Corral Lopez, Gröber, 2019], [Cepeda et al, 2019],  
[Spira, 2021], [CMS Collaboration, 2022]

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Higgs boson production in SMEFT:

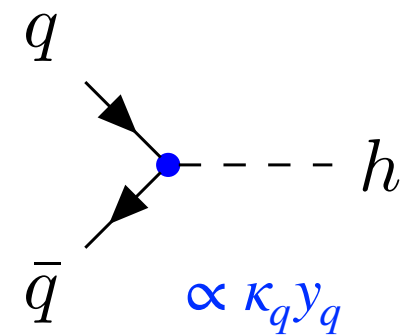
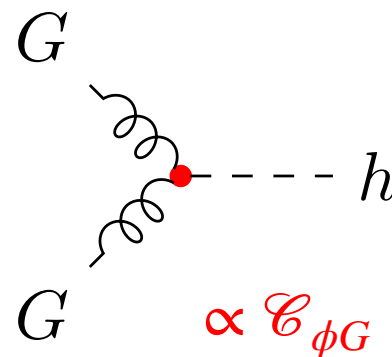
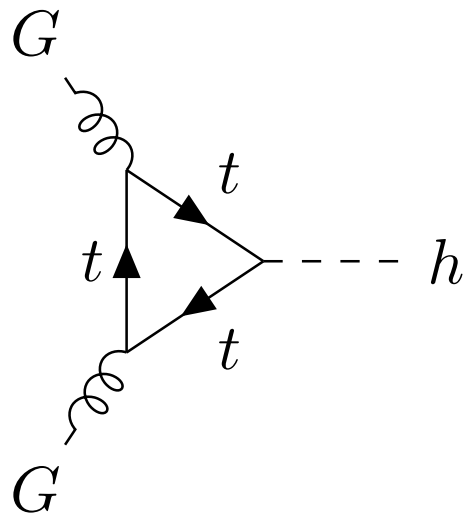
$$\sigma_h^{SMEFT} = \sigma_h^{SM} + \sigma_{GGh}^{SMEFT} + \kappa_u^2 \sigma_{uuh}^{SM} + \kappa_d^2 \sigma_{ddh}^{SM}.$$



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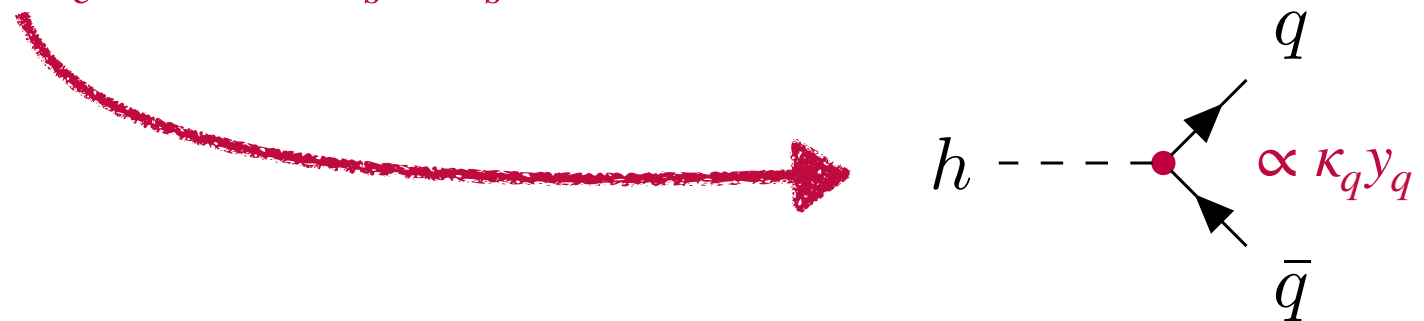
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Higgs boson decays in the SMEFT:

$$\Gamma_h^{SMEFT} = \Gamma_h^{SM} (1 + [\text{Brivio, Corbett, Trott, 2019}] + 2v^2 (\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) + \text{BR}(h \rightarrow GG)) \mathcal{C}_h^{kin}) + \\ + \Gamma_d^r \kappa_d^2 + \Gamma_u^r \kappa_u^2 + \Gamma_c^{SM} (\kappa_c^2 - 1) + \Gamma_s^{SM} (\kappa_s^2 - 1)$$



# Constraints: Higgs Physics Observables

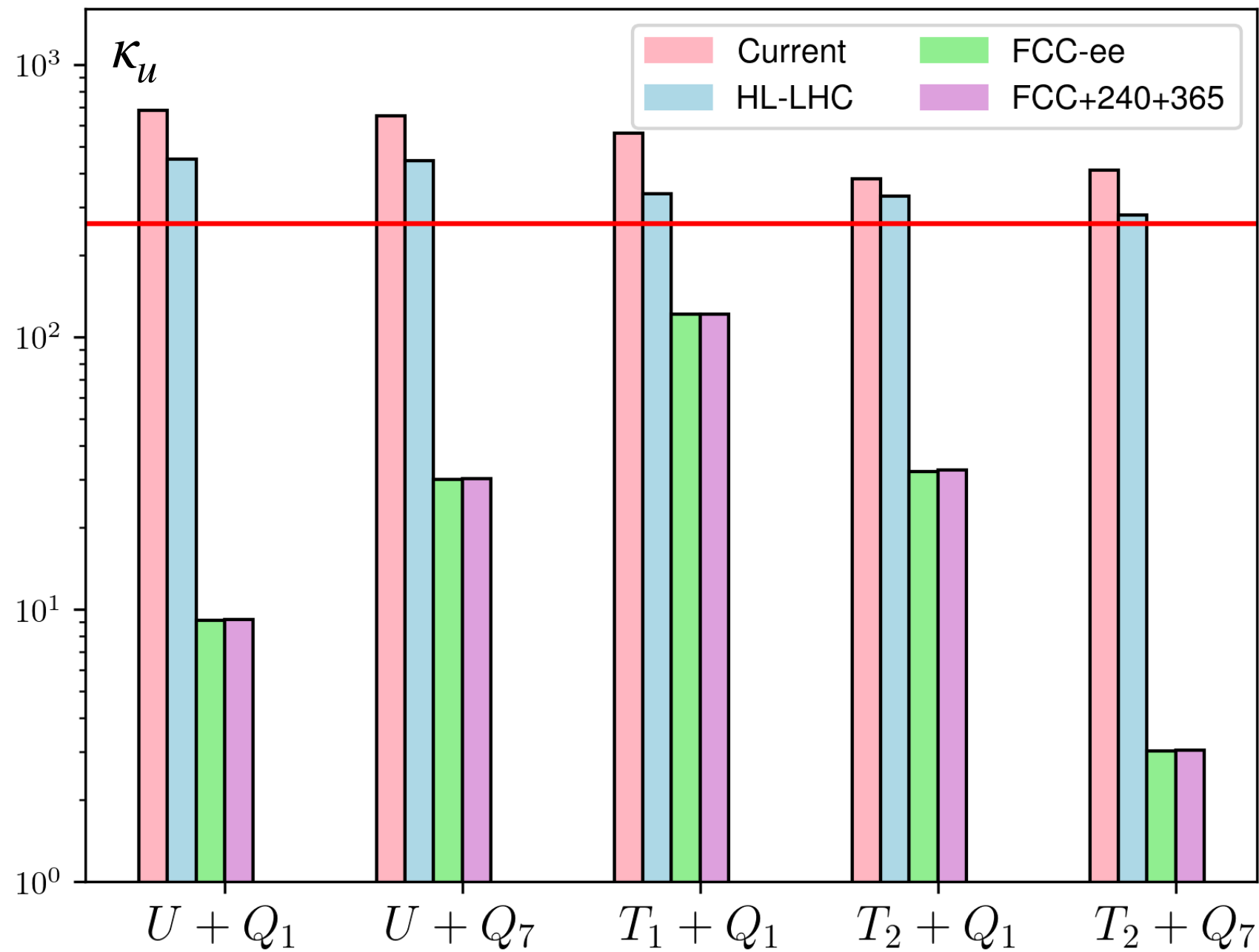
## FCC - ee projections

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| Quantity                                                       | Precision reach [%] | Quantity                                               | Precision reach [%] |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| $\frac{g_{hZZ}^{SMEFT}}{g_{hZZ}^{SM}} - 1$                     | 0.17                | $\frac{g_{h\tau\tau}^{SMEFT}}{g_{h\tau\tau}^{SM}} - 1$ | 0.74                |
| $\frac{g_{hWW}^{SMEFT}}{g_{hWW}^{SM}} - 1$                     | 0.43                | $\frac{g_{h\mu\mu}^{SMEFT}}{g_{h\mu\mu}^{SM}} - 1$     | 9.0                 |
| $\frac{g_{h\gamma\gamma}^{SMEFT}}{g_{h\gamma\gamma}^{SM}} - 1$ | 3.9                 | $\frac{\Gamma_h^{SMEFT}}{\Gamma_h^{SM}} - 1$           | 1.3                 |
| $\frac{g_{hbb}^{SMEFT}}{g_{hbb}^{SM}} - 1$                     | 0.61                |                                                        |                     |

Precision reach on effective Higgs couplings at 240 GeV and 365 GeV runs at FCC-ee [\[FCC Collaboration, 2018\]](#).

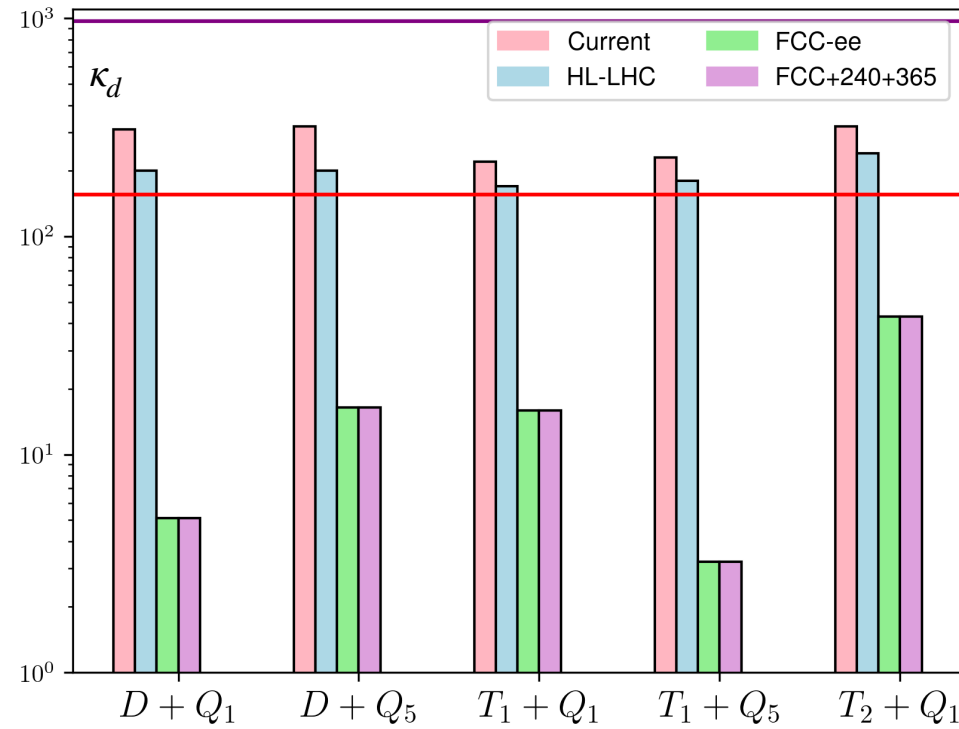
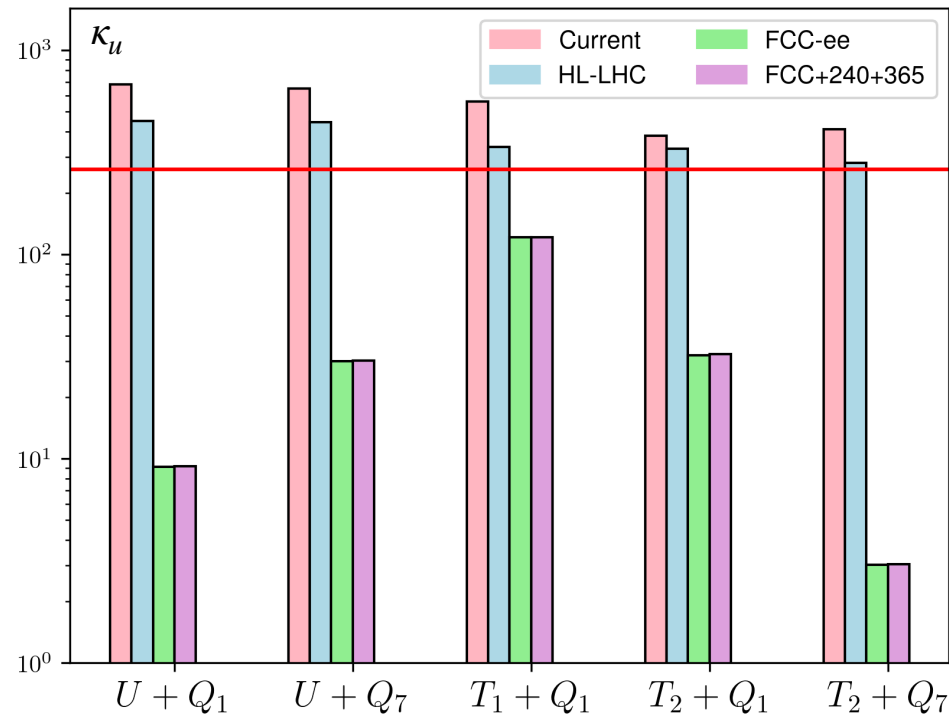
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HL-LHC projections  
@ 95 % CL

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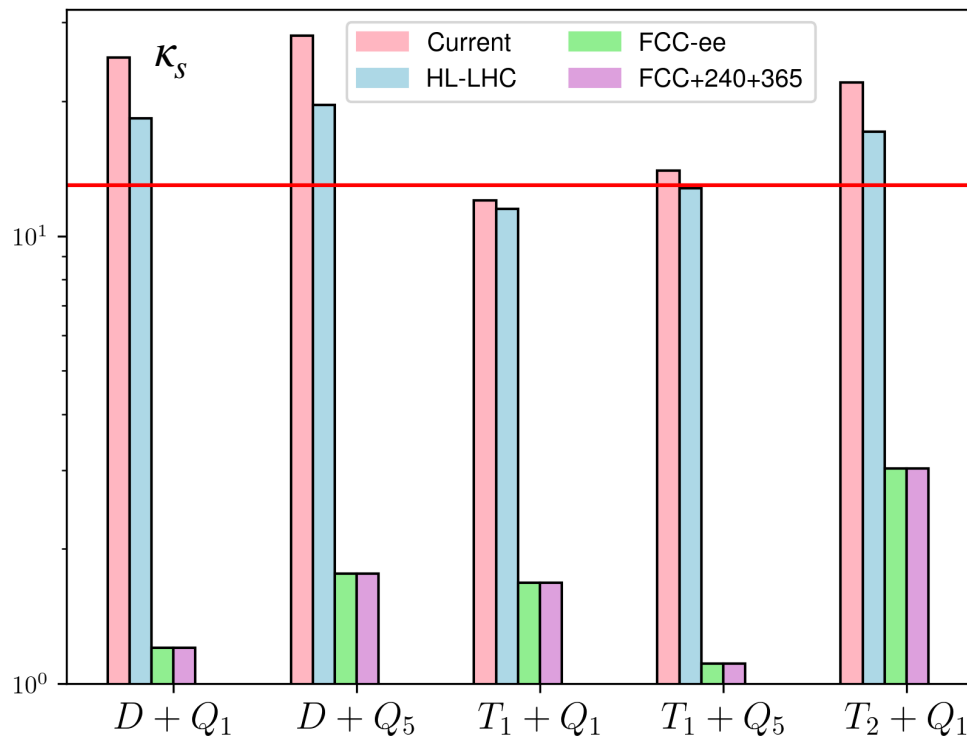
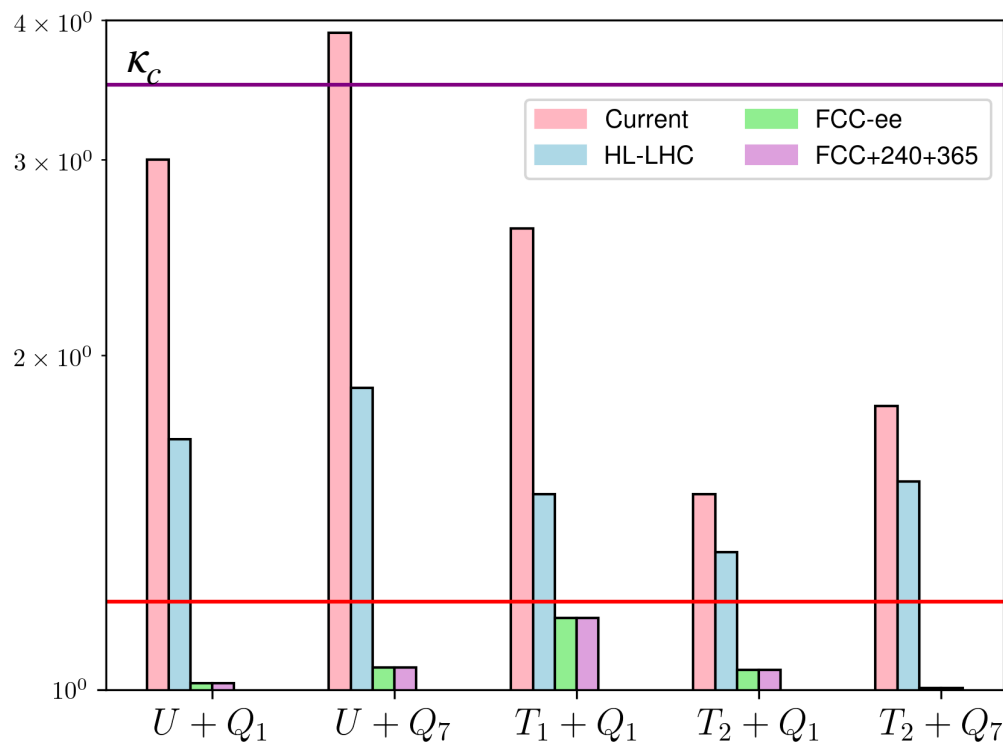
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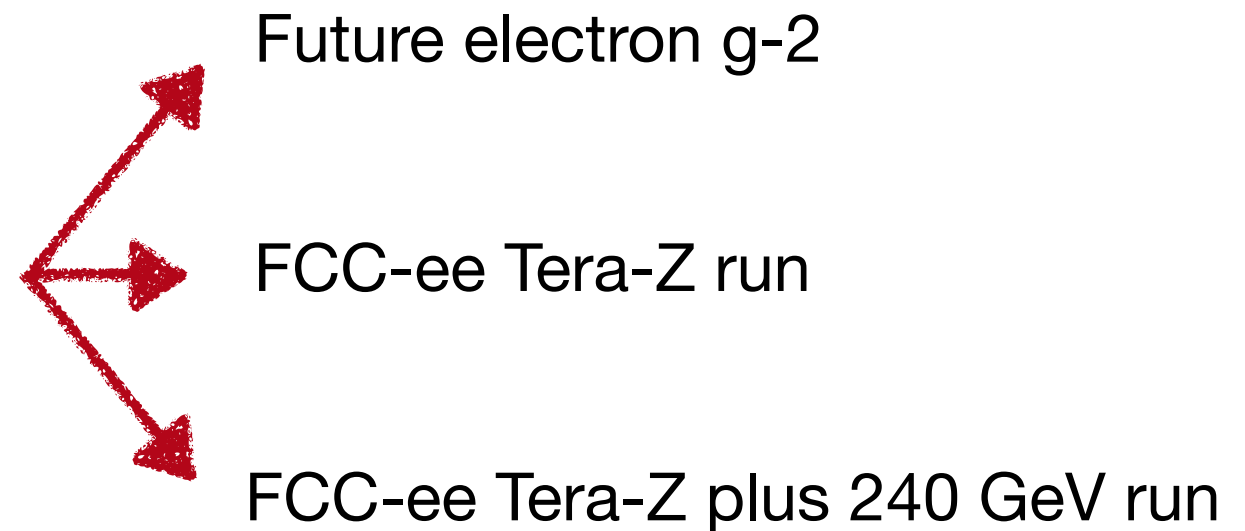
[CMS Collaboration, 2025]

# Electron Yukawa coupling enhancements

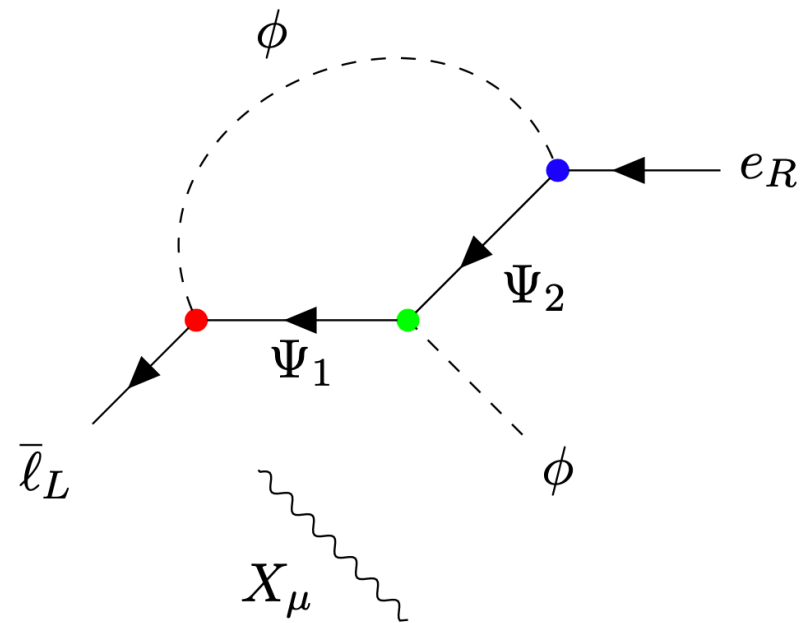
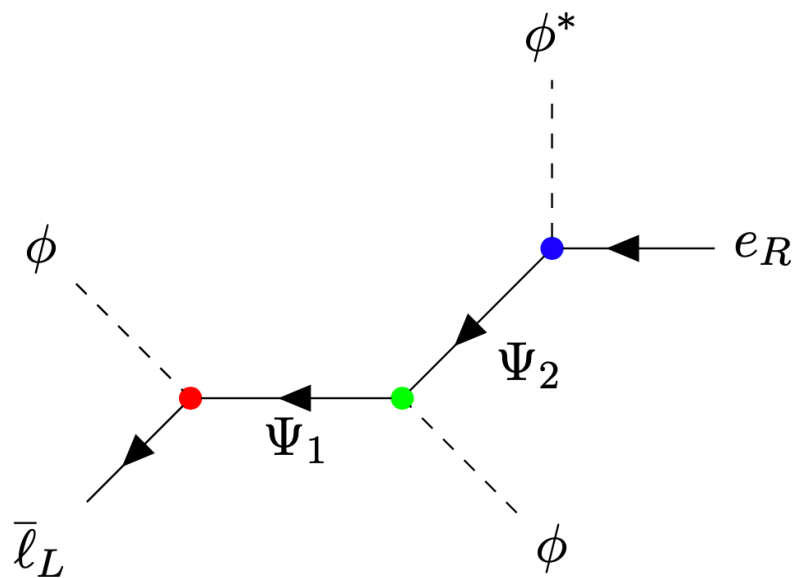
# Constraints: Overview

- Current constraints: electron  $g-2$  experiments

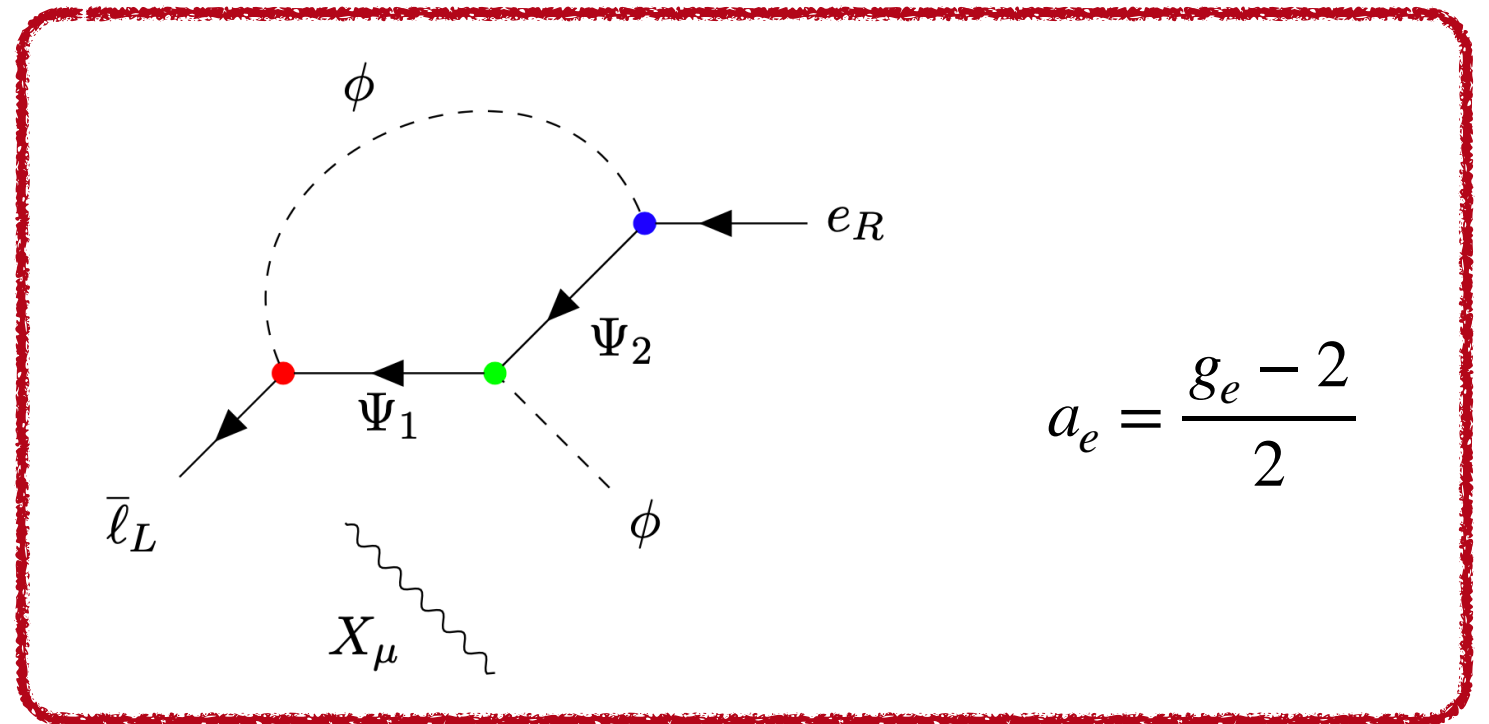
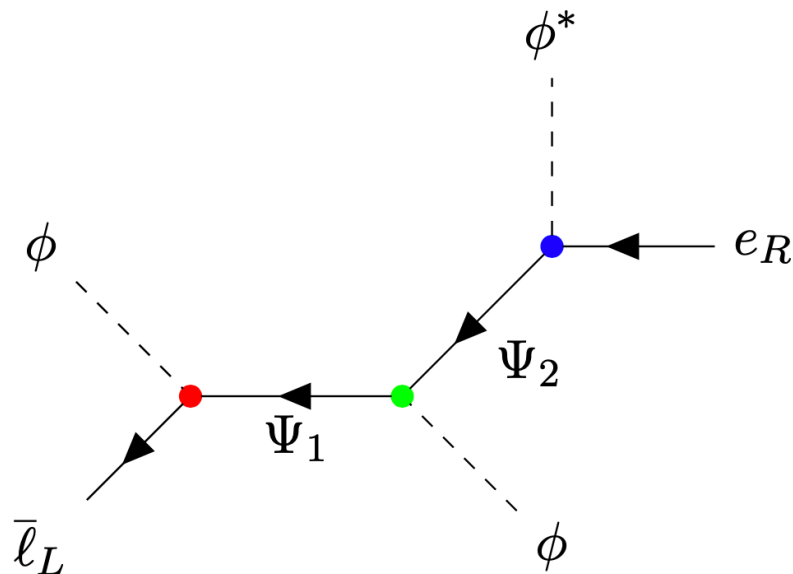
- Constraints from future experiments



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$$a_e = \frac{g_e - 2}{2}$$

Dipoles:  $\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} \supset \mathcal{C}_{eB}(\bar{l}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R) \phi B_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{C}_{eW}(\bar{l}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R) \sigma^I \phi W_{\mu\nu}^I + \text{h.c.} .$

$$\Delta a_e = \eta \frac{m_e^2}{16\pi^2 v^2} (\kappa_e - 1)$$

Current  
Constraints

$$\Delta a_e < 5 \cdot 10^{-13}$$

[Fan, Myers, Sukra,  
Gabrielse, 2022]

Future  
Constraints

$$\Delta a_e < 5 \cdot 10^{-14}$$

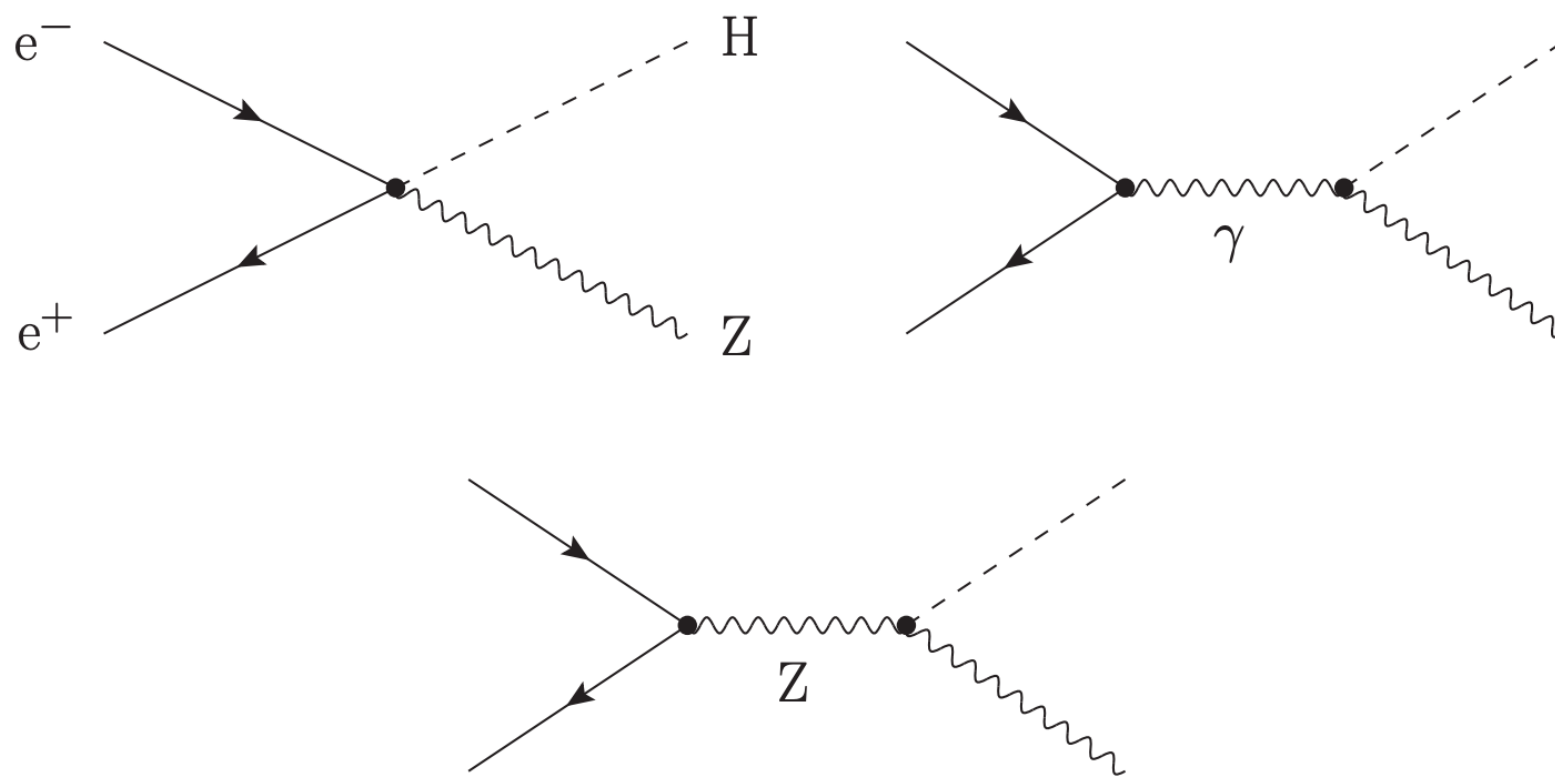
[Di Luzio, Keshavarzi,  
Masiero, Paradisi, 2024]

# Constraints: FCC-ee

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left( \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{exp} - \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{theo} \right) \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{-2} \left( \mathcal{O}_\beta^{exp} - \mathcal{O}_\beta^{theo} \right), \quad \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{theo} = \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SM} + \delta \mathcal{O}_\alpha^{SMEFT}.$$

Electroweak Physics fit: same construction as the one previously shown.

Higgs Physics fit: based on modifications from SMEFT to Zh production and h decays.



- Uncertainties on  $\sigma_{Zh}^{@ 240 \text{ GeV}} \cdot \text{BR}(h \rightarrow \alpha)$  from [\[FCC Collaboration, 2022\]](#)
- $\sigma_{Zh}^{@ 240 \text{ GeV}}$  in SMEFT at NLO studied in [\[Asteriadis, Dawson, Giardino, Szafron, 2024\]](#)

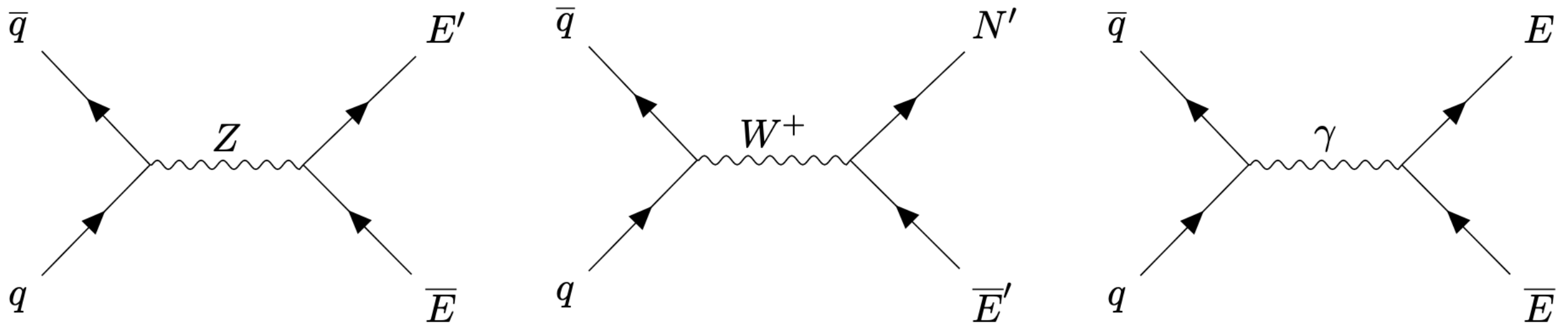
LO diagrams from [\[Asteriadis, Dawson, Giardino, Szafron, 2024\]](#)

# Direct searches for Vector-like Fermions at HL-LHC

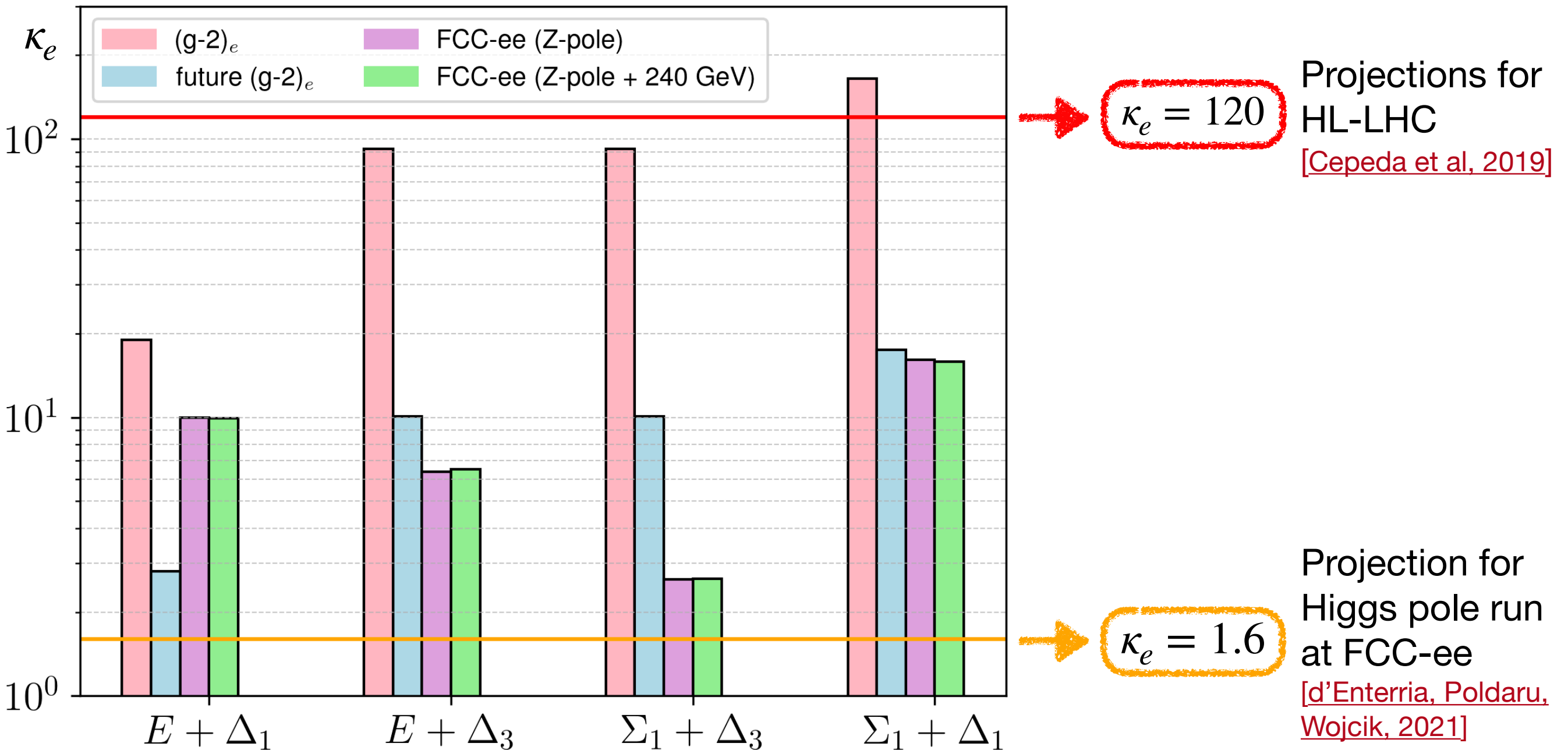
[CMS Collaboration, 2024]: Provides exclusion limits expected for HL-LHC for **VLLs** coupled to the first generation leptons, as a function of the VLL mass.

Setting  $M_{L_1} = M_{L_2} = \Lambda$ , we obtain:

| Model      | $\Delta_1 + E$ | $\Delta_3 + E$ | $\Sigma_1 + \Delta_3$ | $\Sigma_1 + \Delta_1$ |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mass [TeV] | 1.8            | 1.9            | 2.2                   | 2.1                   |



# Results: electron



# Conclusions and Outlook

- Existence of **interplay** between light fermion Yukawa enhancements and limits on other SMEFT operators  to be accounted for in future **global fits**;
- **Large enhancements in the light Yukawa couplings** are possible given current and future experimental data, even using simplified UV models

|              |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|              | $\kappa_u$         | $\kappa_d$         | $\kappa_c$          | $\kappa_s$         | $\kappa_e$         |
| Current      | $\mathcal{O}(600)$ | $\mathcal{O}(300)$ | $\mathcal{O}(3)$    | $\mathcal{O}(20)$  | $\mathcal{O}(100)$ |
| FCC-ee proj. | $\mathcal{O}(30)$  | $\mathcal{O}(20)$  | $\mathcal{O}(1.04)$ | $\mathcal{O}(1.8)$ | $\mathcal{O}(10)$  |

- Motivation for **dedicated experimental searches**.

Thank you!

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# Formulae

- To guarantee canonical normalisation of the Higgs boson's kinetic term, redefine

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h \left( 1 + v^2 \mathcal{C}_\phi^{\text{kin}} \right) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{C}_\phi^{\text{kin}} = \left( \mathcal{C}_{\phi\Box} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{C}_{\phi D} \right);$$

- Complete expression for the coupling deviation:

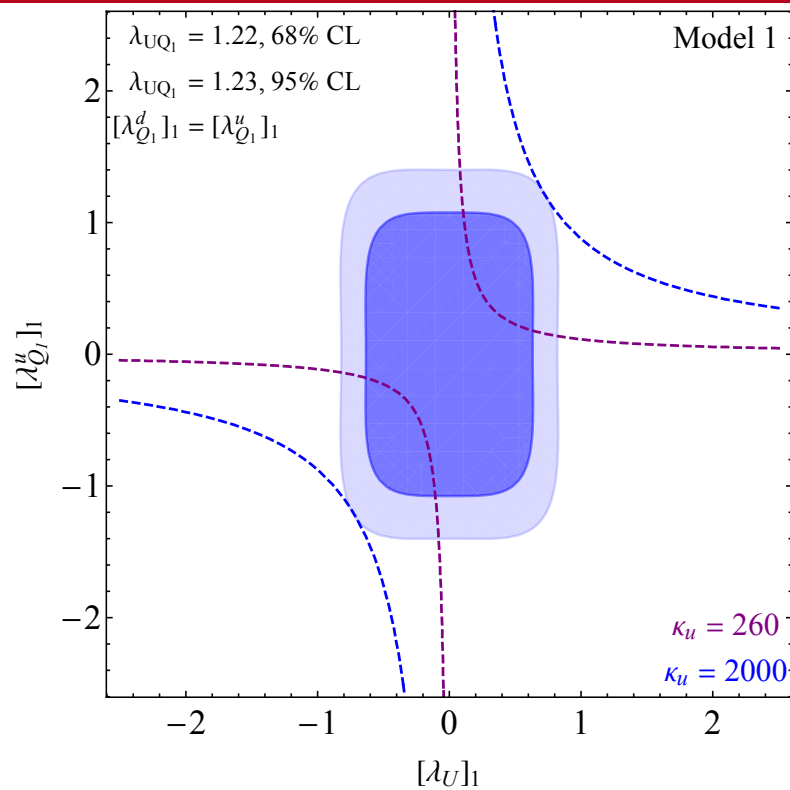
$$[g_{hf_i f_j}] = \frac{m_f}{v} \delta_{ij} \left( 1 + v^2 \mathcal{C}_\phi^{\text{kin}} \right) - \frac{v^2}{\sqrt{2}} [\mathcal{C}_{f\phi}]_{ij} \Rightarrow \kappa_{f_i} = 1 + v^2 \mathcal{C}_\phi^{\text{kin}} - \frac{v^3}{\sqrt{2} m_{f_i}} [\mathcal{C}_{f\phi}]_{ii}.$$

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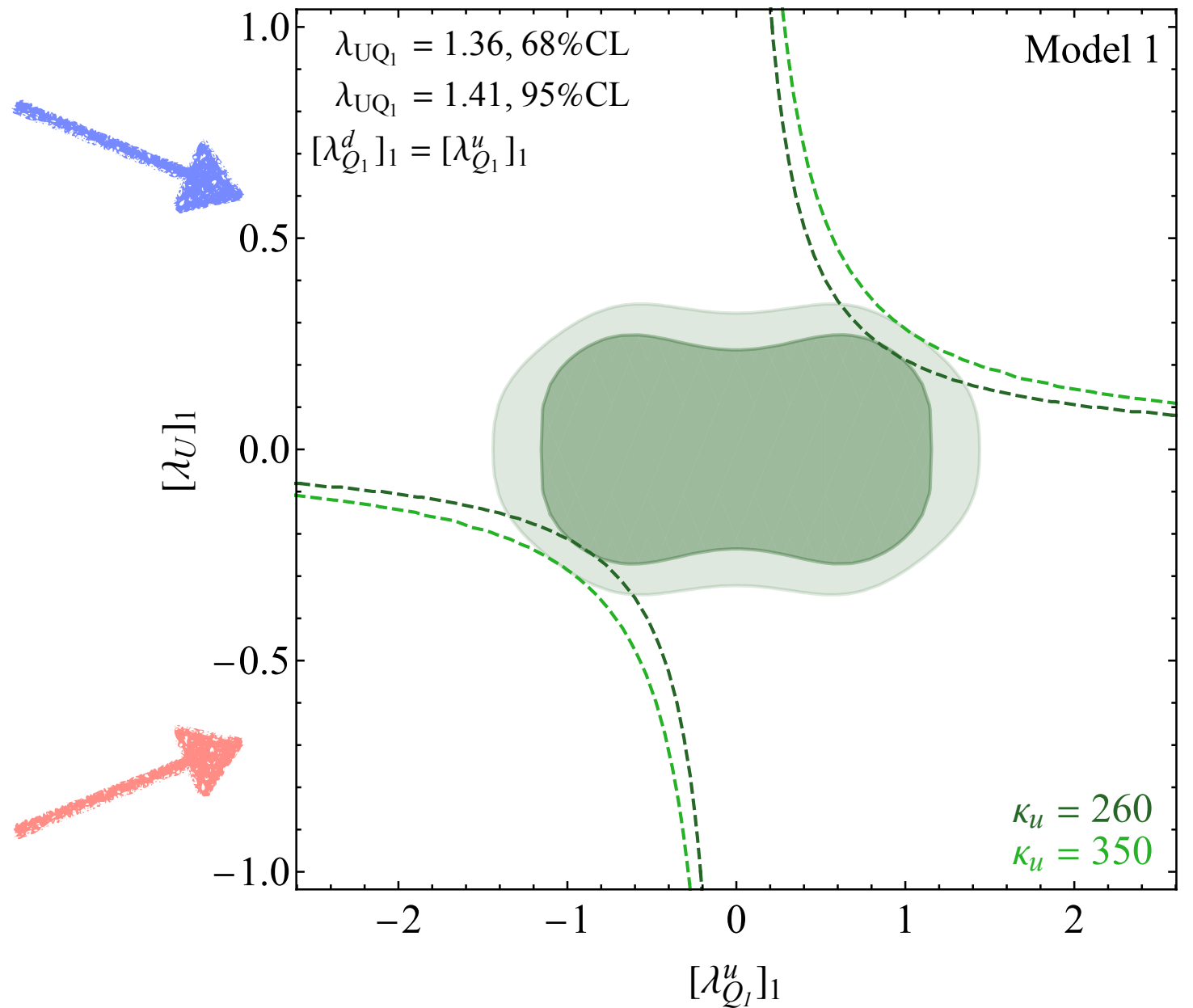
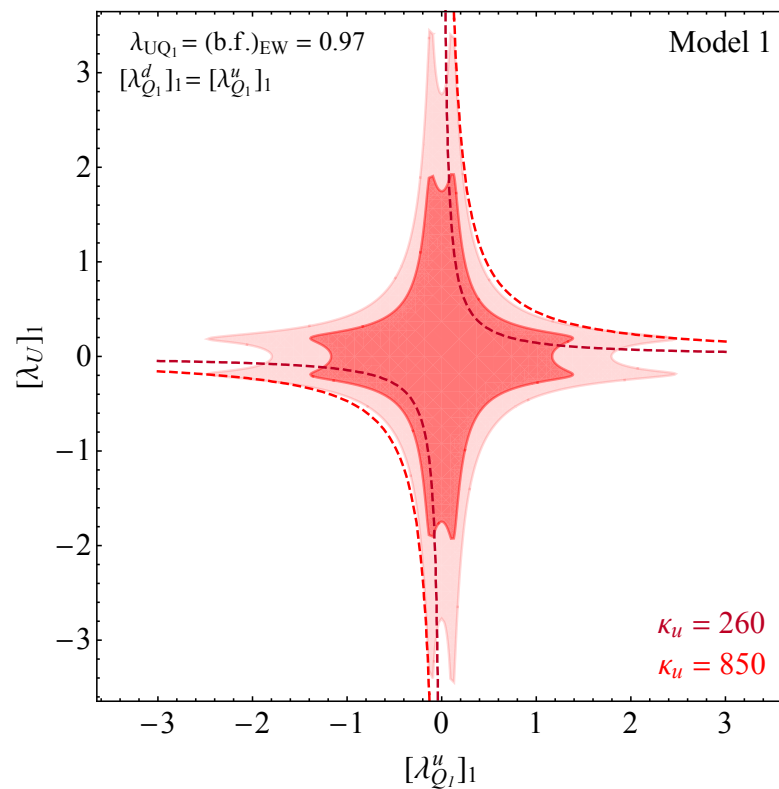
- One-loop generated operators;
- Would modify also heavy particle couplings;
- No  $1/m_q$  enhancement.

# Allowed Parameter Space (Model 1)

EWPOs  
+  
Flavour



Higgs  
Physics  
Fit

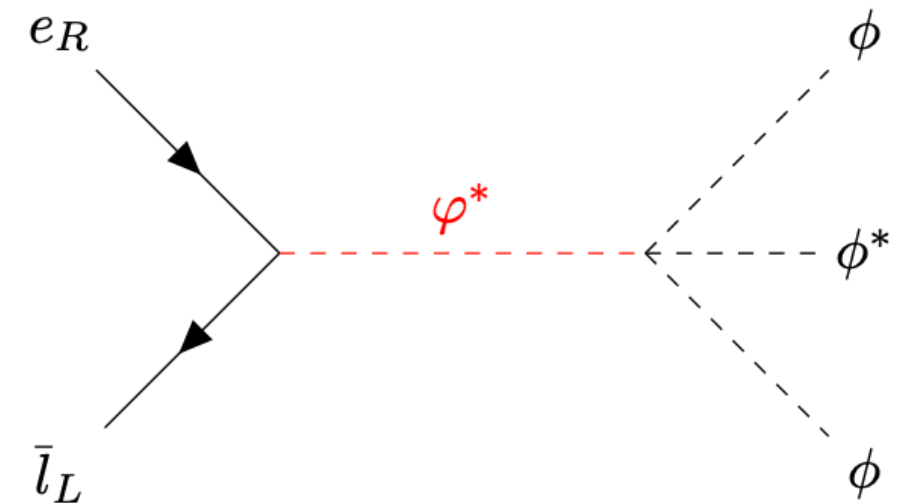


# UV models involving only scalars

| Singlets         | Doublets                           | Triplets             |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| $S \sim (1,1)_0$ | $\varphi \sim (1,2)_{\frac{1}{2}}$ | $\Xi \sim (1,3)_0$   |
|                  |                                    | $\Xi_1 \sim (1,3)_1$ |

[de Blas, Criado, Perez-Victoria, Santiago, 2018]

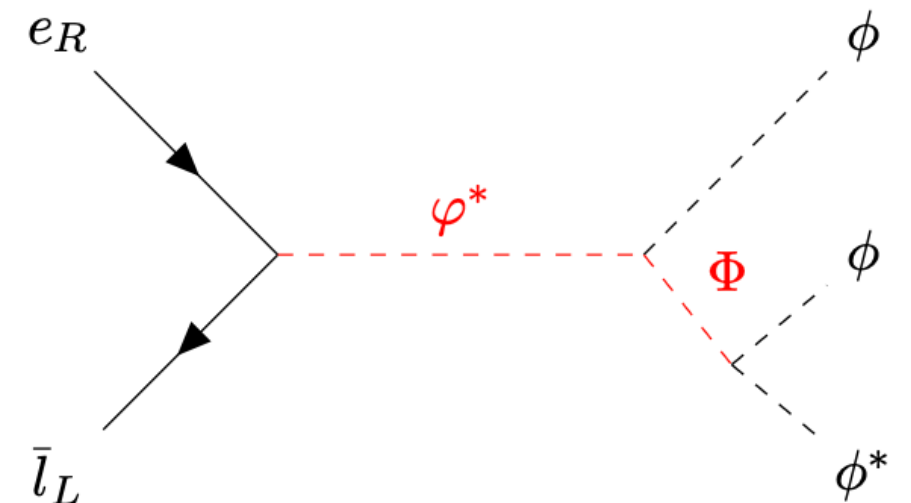
Generates  $\mathcal{O}_{\nu\nu} \Rightarrow$  Not considered



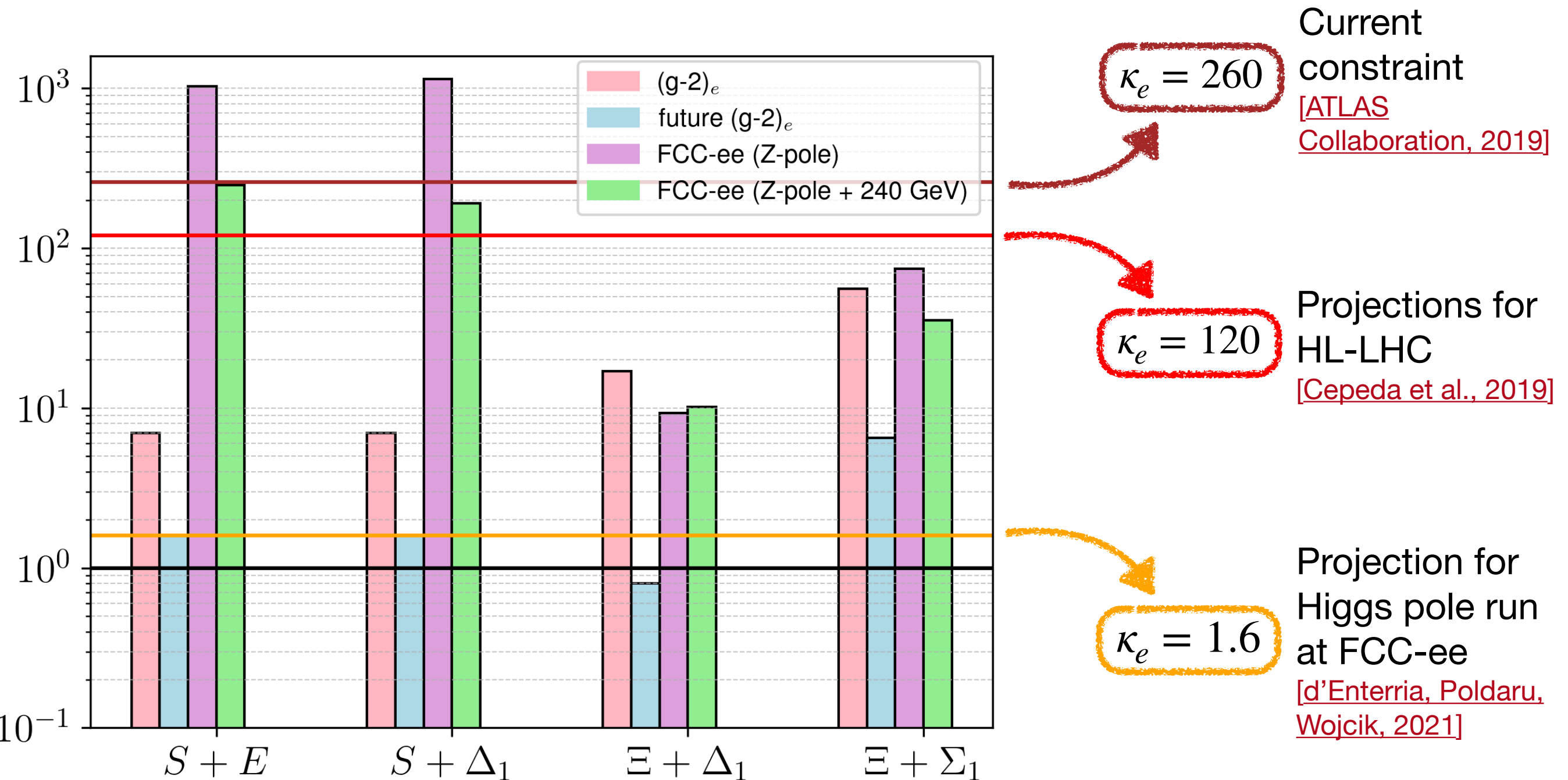
Three available models:

- Single scalar extensions with  $\varphi$
- Scalar pair extensions with  $\varphi + S$  and  $\varphi + \Xi_1$

| Particle content | $\varphi$ | $\varphi + S$ | $\varphi + \Xi$ |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| $\kappa_e$       | 266       | 925           | 323             |



# UV models involving one scalar and one VLL



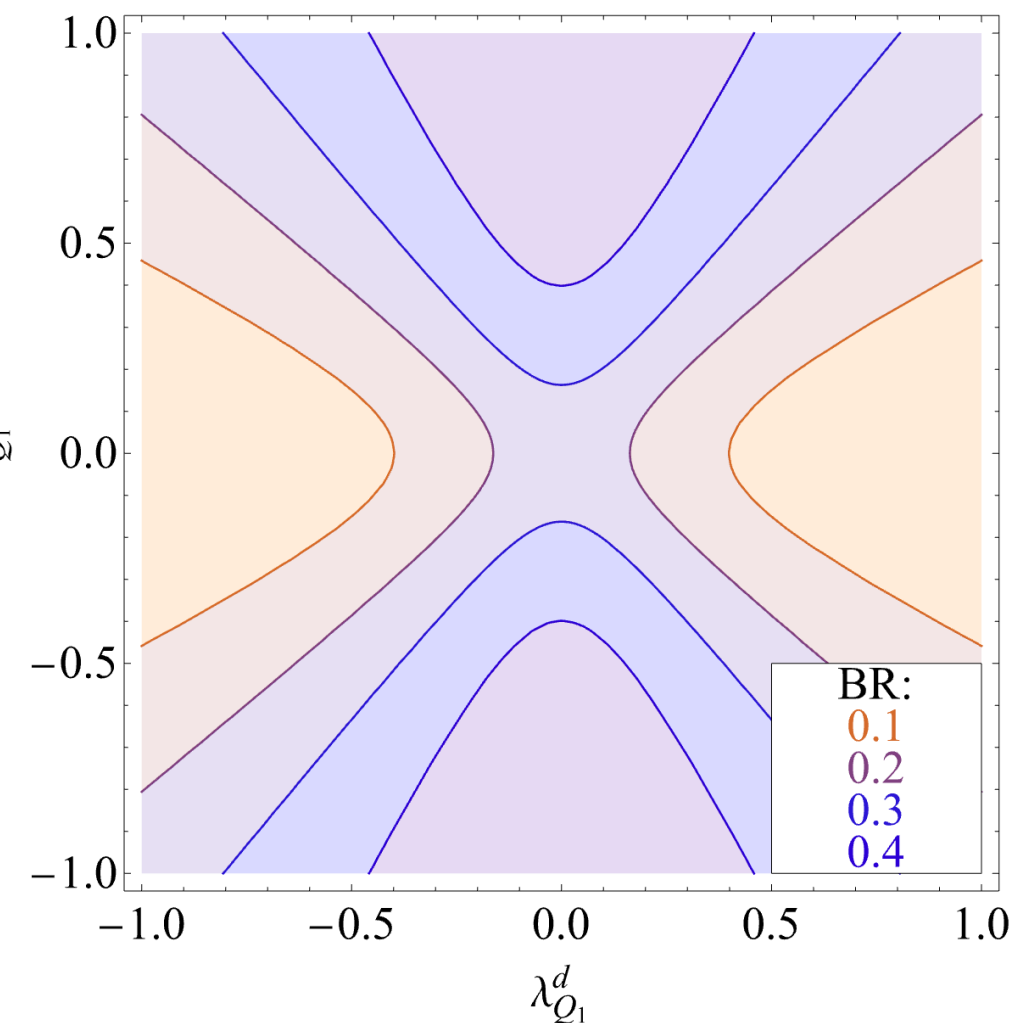
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In some models the branching ratios in an appropriate limit can reproduce

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$$\text{BR} (T/U \rightarrow hu) = \text{BR} (T/U \rightarrow Zu) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_U^2 + \lambda_{Q_1}^{u2}}{\lambda_{Q_1}^{u2} + \lambda_{Q_1}^{d2} + 2\lambda_U^2} \xrightarrow{\lambda_{Q_1}^{u2} \rightarrow \lambda_{Q_1}^{d2}} \frac{1}{4}$$



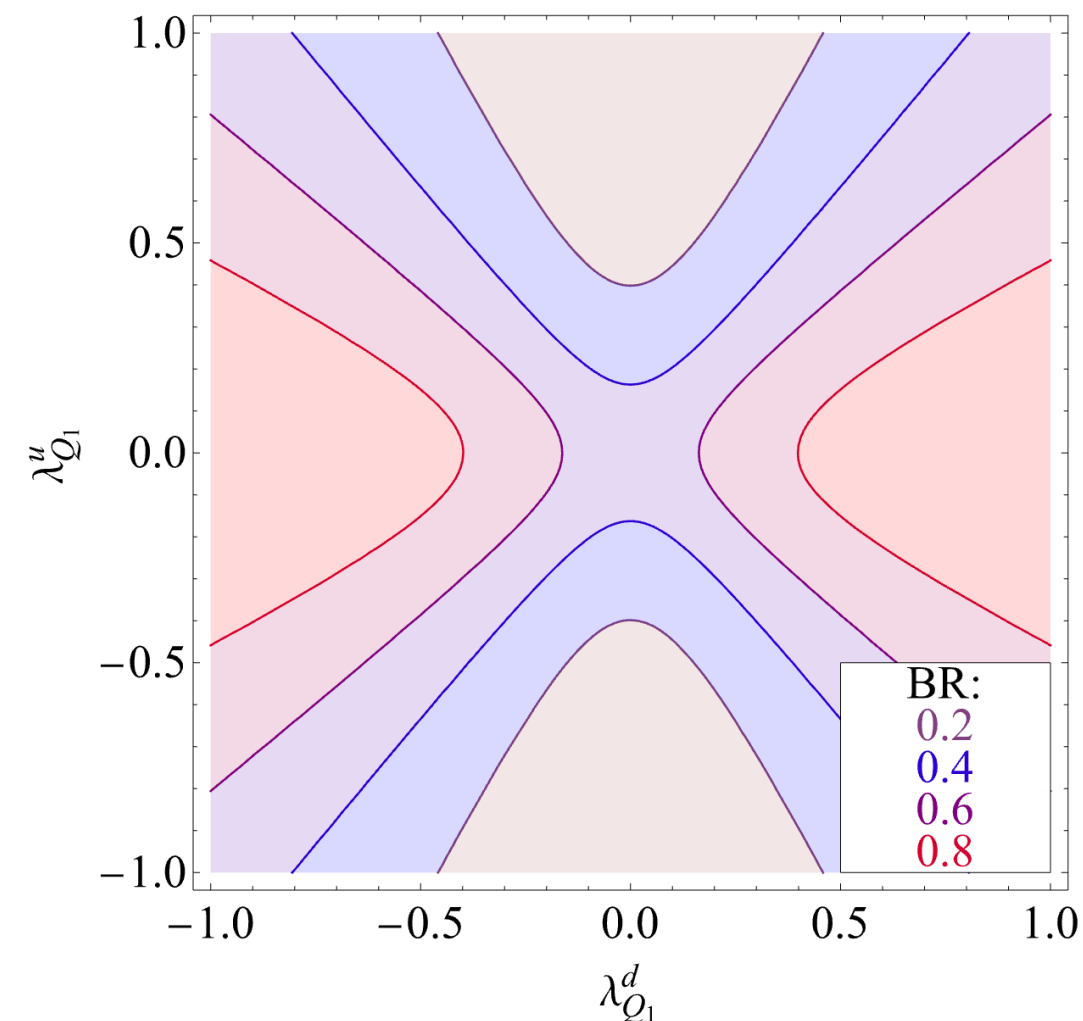
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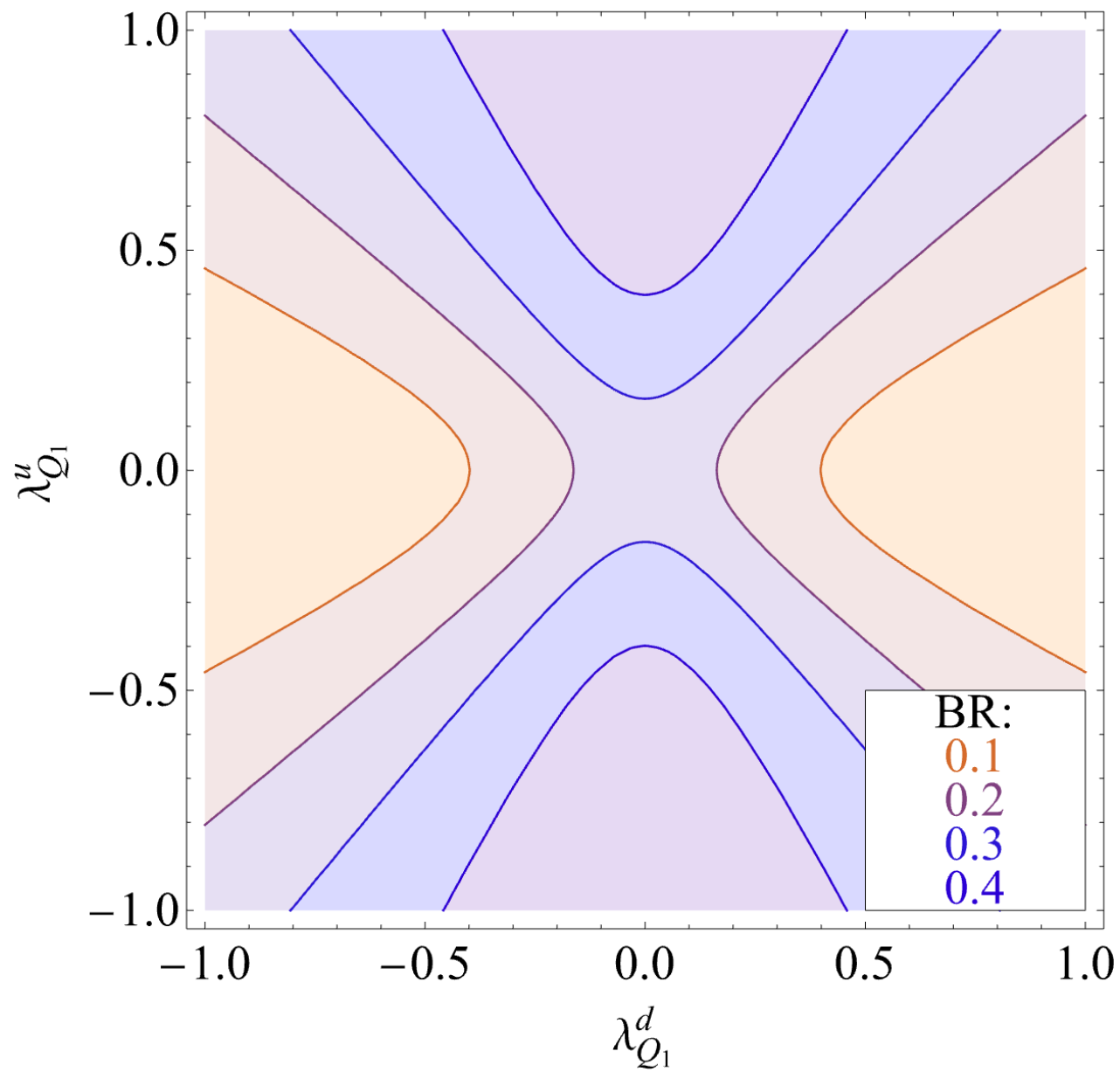
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# Branching Ratios

Neutral channel



Charged channel

