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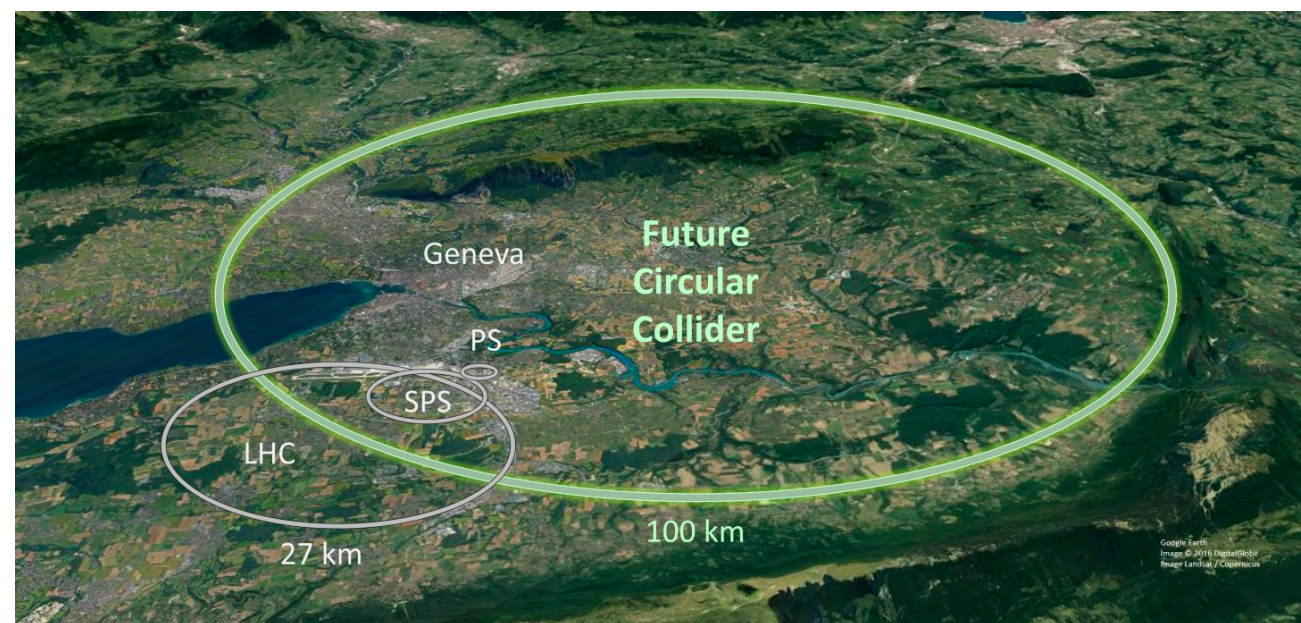
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Charting the path to new physics in the precision era

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to Characterize New Physics**
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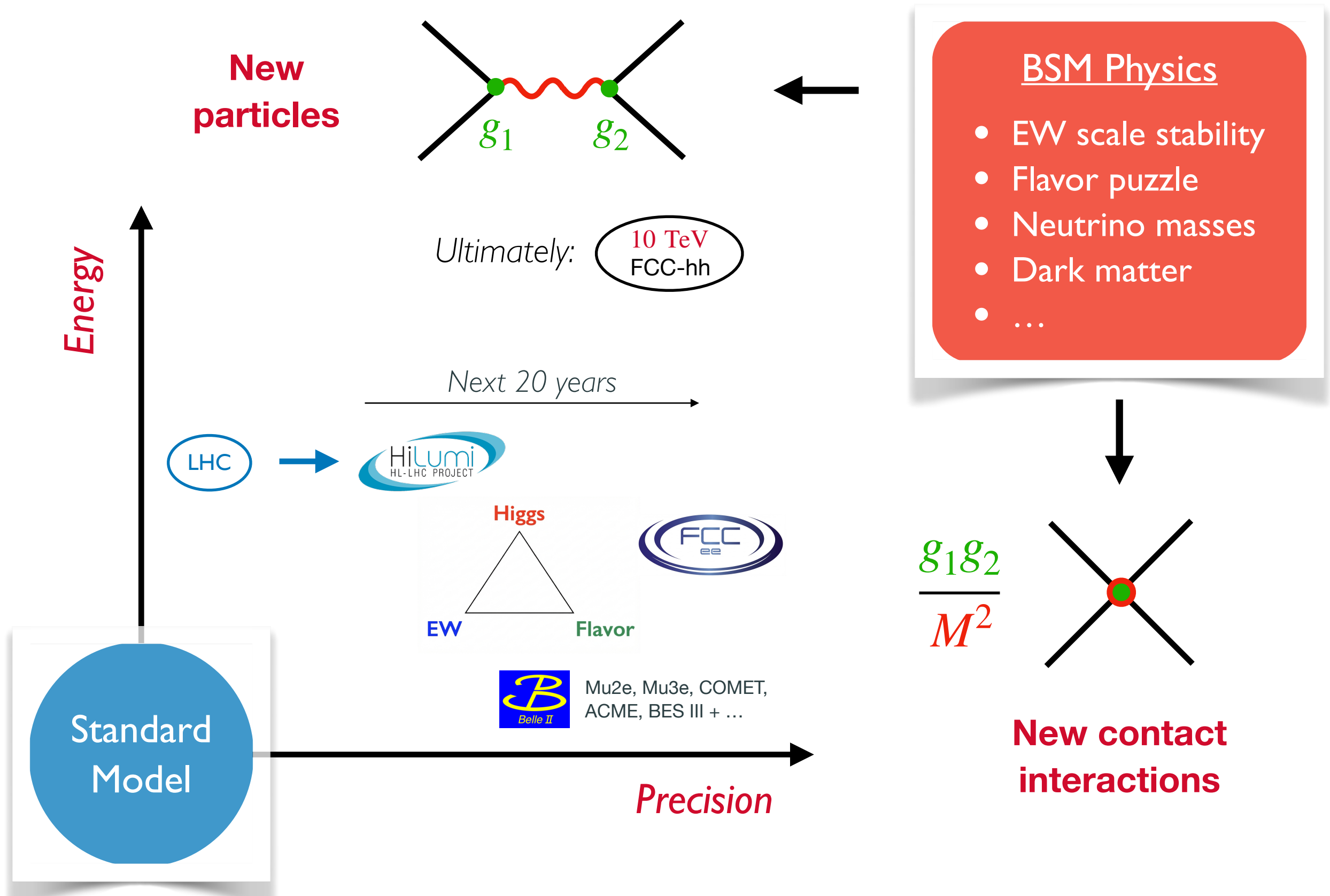
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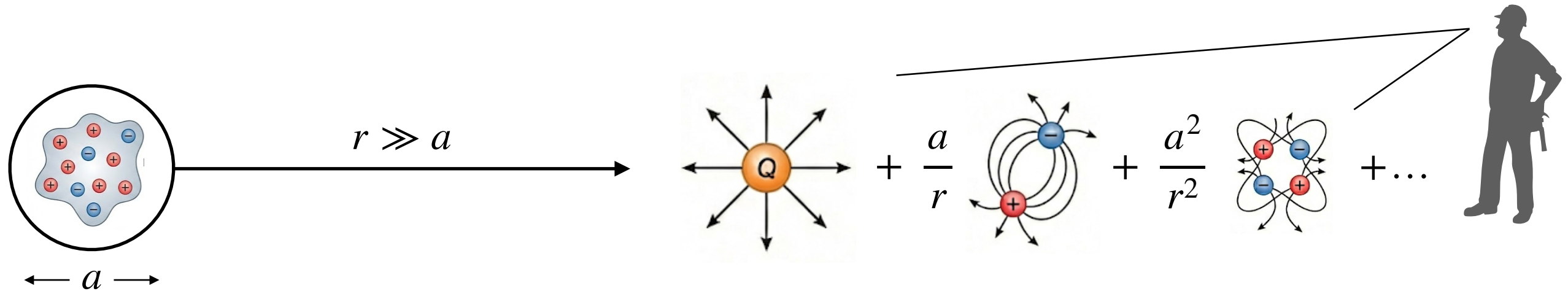
A global strategy for collider physics



Tools for the precision era: Separation of scales

- How does short-distance physics manifest at large distances (low energy)?

Classic example of scale separation: Multipole expansion in electrostatics



Organized as irreducible representations of the symmetry respected at long distance, $SO(3)$!

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{r} \left[\boxed{Q} + \frac{\boxed{d_i}}{r} \hat{r}_i + \frac{\boxed{Q_{ij}}}{r^2} \hat{r}_i \hat{r}_j + \dots \right]$$

Short-distance physics completely encoded into the **moments**! (constant coefficients)

The rest is “IR dynamics”! (how the potential changes as you move around)

Tools for the precision era: Effective field theory

- The SM effective field theory (SMEFT) is *based on exactly the same concepts!*

Constant coefficients containing info
about the UV theory at Λ_{NP}

Dynamics given by local operators built
with SM fields and respecting IR symmetries

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i=1}^{2499} \frac{C_i}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \mathcal{O}_i(x) + \dots$$

$$\text{IR Effects} \sim \left(\frac{v, E}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}} \right)^2$$

Heavy mass scale where new states should appear



General unifying framework



More parameters than
independent observables

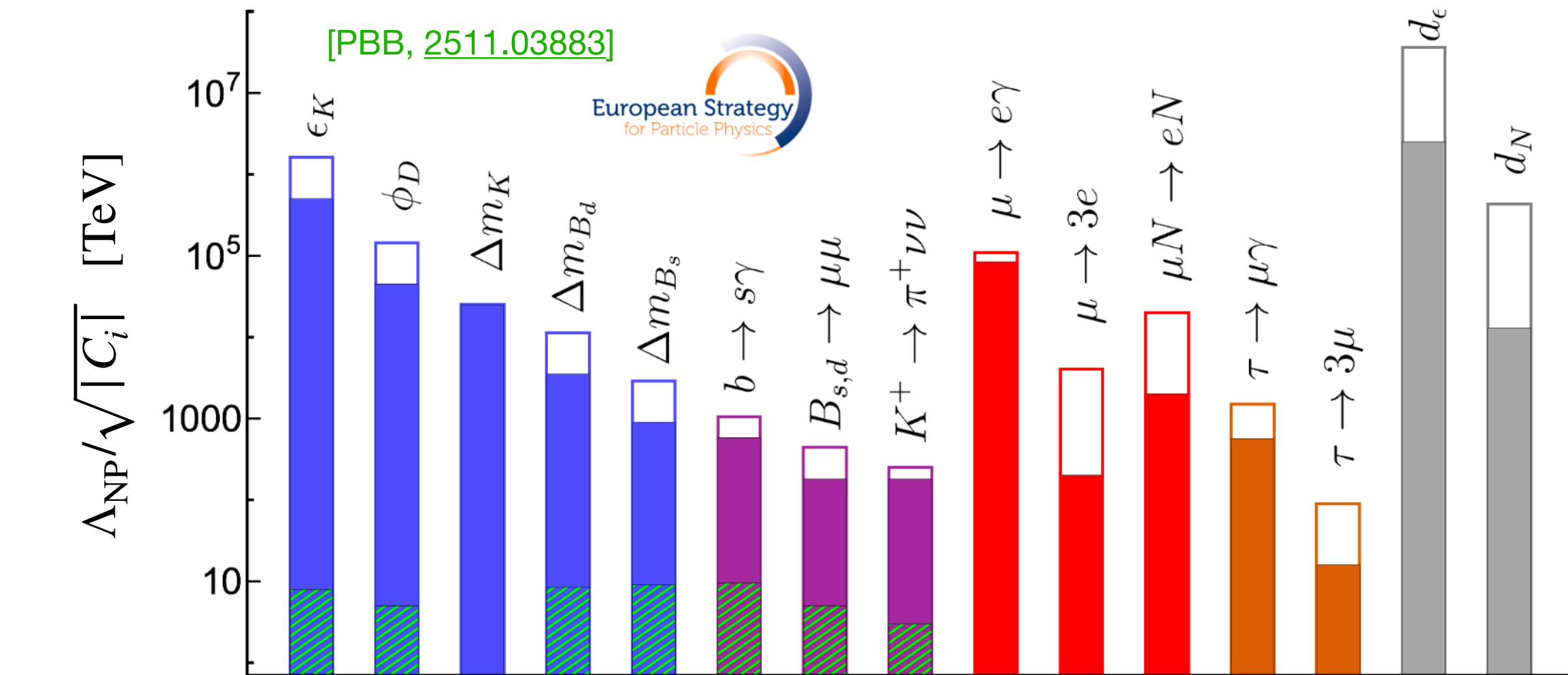
- Dimension-6 SMEFT: 59 unique operator structures, but 2499 parameters with 3 generations. Large # parameters $\Leftrightarrow$ flavor multiplicity

Flavor symmetries in the IR that organize these parameters?

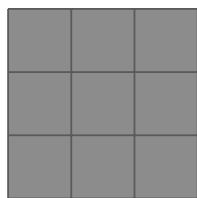
Flavor data and anarchy

- Vast majority of SMEFT operators are flavor-changing (>85%)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset \sum_{i=1}^{2499} \frac{C_i}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \mathcal{O}_i$$



Flavor anarchy



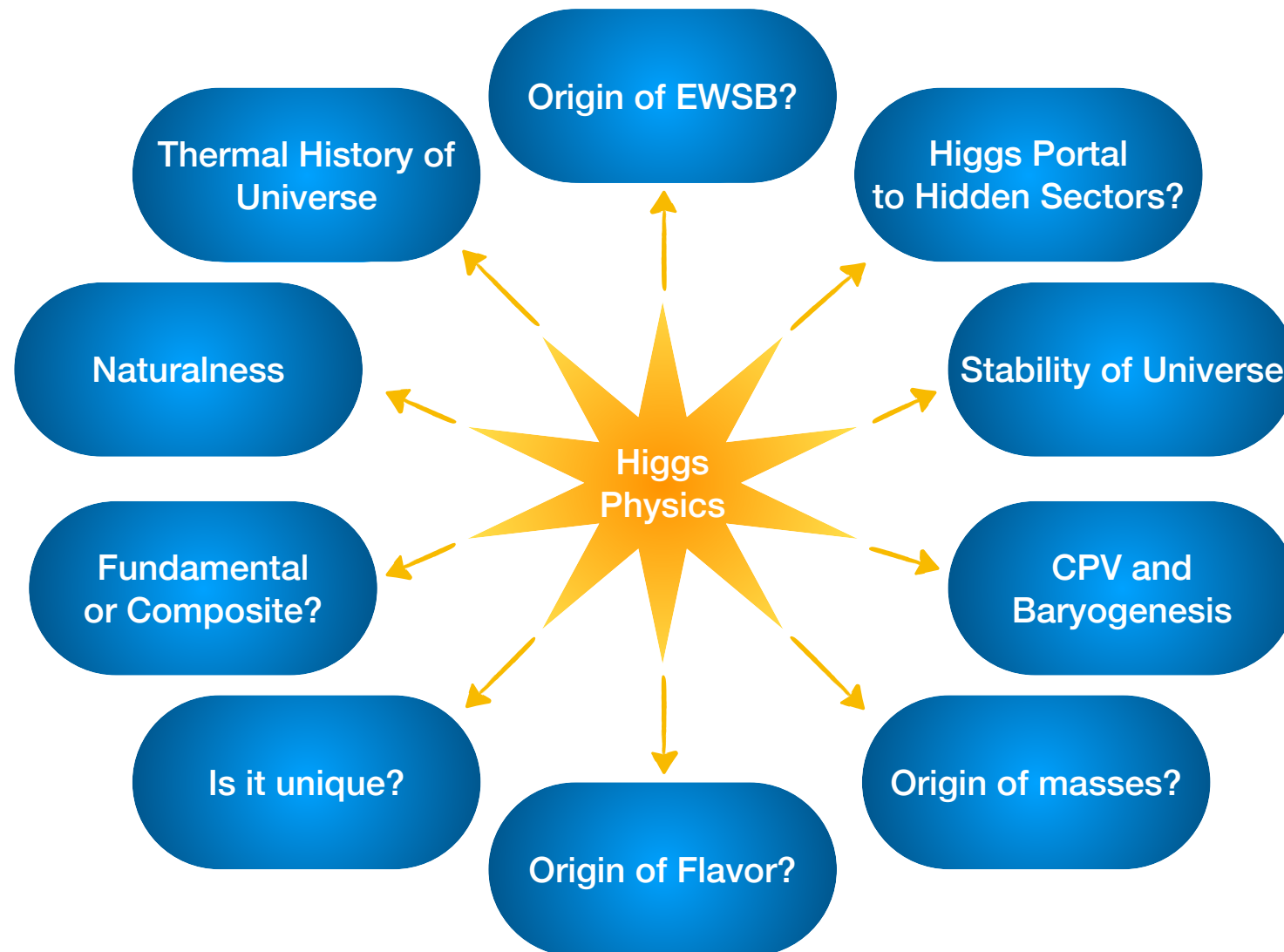
all $C_{ij} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$
no symmetry

$C_i \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ does not look at all compatible with TeV-scale physics!



Why TeV-scale new physics?

Understanding: What is the microscopic theory of the Higgs?

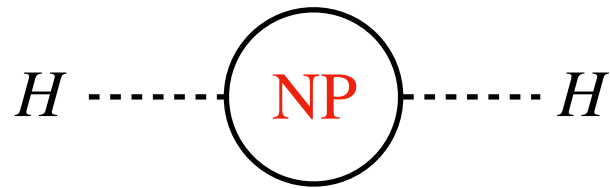


[Figure: Dawson, Meade, Ojalvosc, Vernieri, [2209.07510](#)]

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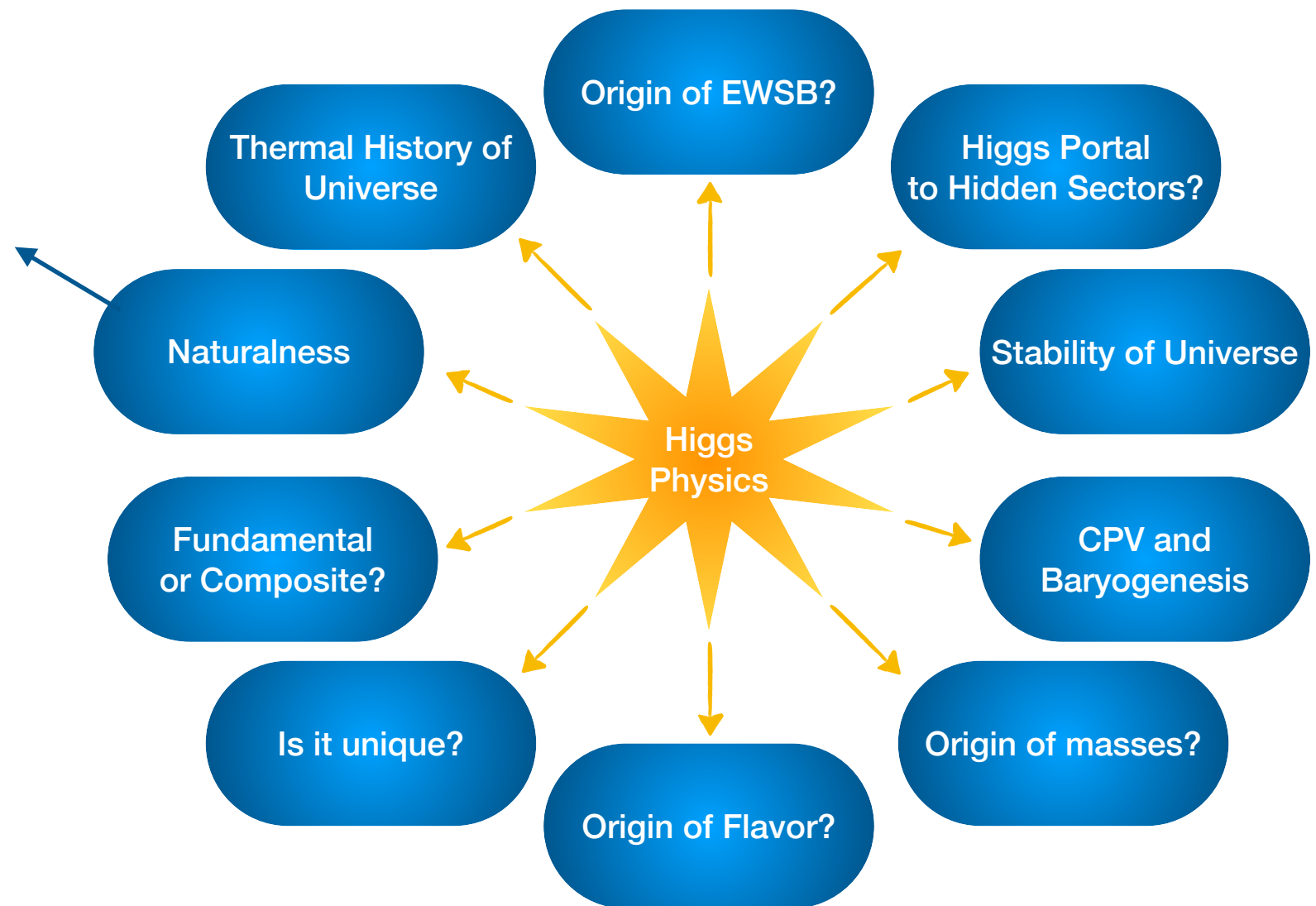
Understanding: What is the microscopic theory of the Higgs?

SM Higgs sector famously introduces an unstable scale



$$\delta m_H^2 \propto \Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2$$

Puts a theoretical prior on TeV-scale physics!



Exploration: It's the energy frontier of collider physics!

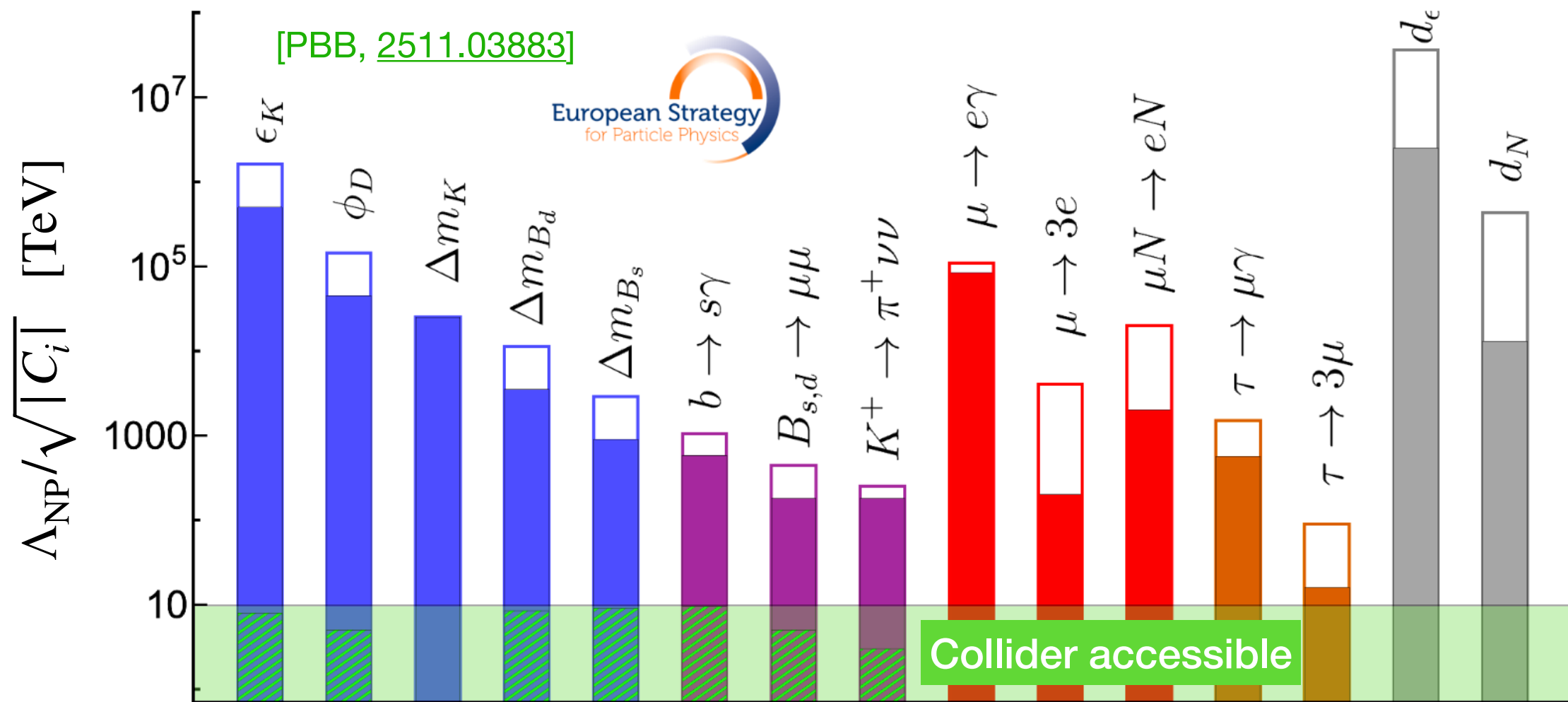
LHC $\rightarrow$ FCC

1-10 TeV

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The BSM flavor puzzle

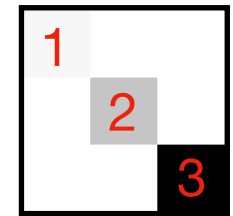
- How is a microscopic theory of the Higgs compatible with flavor data?



$\Rightarrow$ TeV-scale new physics requires a *very specific structure* for C_i

Radiatively-stable structure $\Leftrightarrow$ symmetries

- Hierarchical structure observed in the SM Yukawa couplings Y_f^{ij}

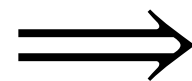


$\Rightarrow$ Approximate flavor symmetries in the SM!

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$ without Yukawas: $U(3)_q \times U(3)_u \times U(3)_d \times U(3)_\ell \times U(3)_e$ Flavor universality

- Only large breaking is $y_t \sim 1 \longrightarrow U(2)_q \times U(2)_u \times U(1)_t \times U(3)^3$
- Next breaking $y_{b,\tau} \sim 10^{-2} \longrightarrow U(2)^5 \times U(1)_{B_3} \times U(1)_{L_3}$
- Residual exact symmetry $\longrightarrow U(1)_B \times U(1)^3$

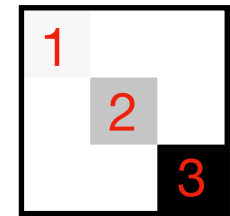
Hierarchical Y_f^{ij}



Approximate symmetries
of increasing quality

Radiatively-stable structure $\Leftrightarrow$ symmetries

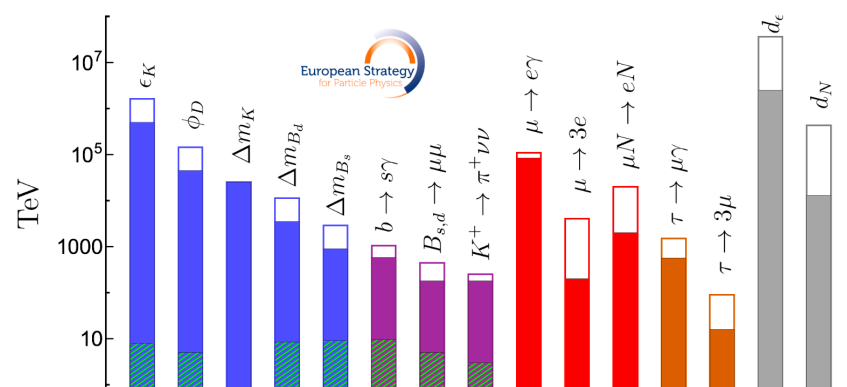
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New physics at collider-accessible energies must respect (a part) of the approximate symmetries of the SM.

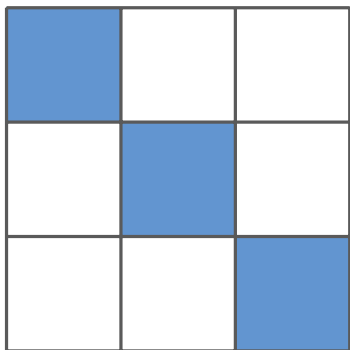
A brief history of flavor protection

Flavor terminology

- Just to clarify terminology so we're all on the same page. Consider the coupling matrix of a fermion bilinear, e.g.

$$C_{ij}(\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi_j)$$

Flavor universality

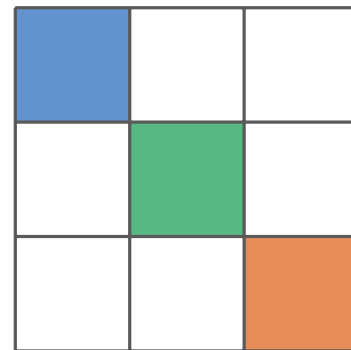


$$C = c \mathbf{1}$$

$$U(3)^5$$

BSM blind to generation

Flavor non-universality



$$C = \text{diag}(c_1, c_2, c_3)$$

$$U(1)^{15} \text{ (Cartan)}$$

$\Delta F = 0$, but generation-dependent interactions

rotate to
mass basis
→

$$U^\dagger \text{diag}(c) U \\ \Rightarrow (c_i - c_j) \theta_{ij}$$

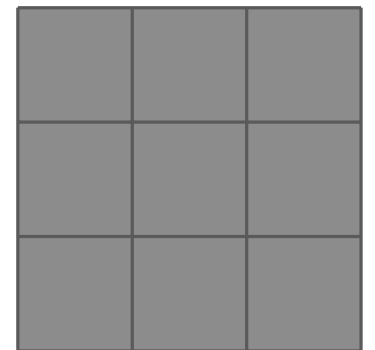
Flavor violation



$$C_{ij} \neq 0, i \neq j$$

$\Delta F \neq 0$: FCNC, cLFV
(mass basis)

Flavor anarchy



$$\text{all } C_{ij} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

no symmetry

Minimal Flavor Violation

- Pioneering idea: The only sources of $U(3)^5$ and CP violation for BSM physics are the SM Yukawa couplings themselves.

Symmetry group: $U(3)^5 \equiv U(3)_q \times U(3)_u \times U(3)_d \times U(3)_\ell \times U(3)_e$

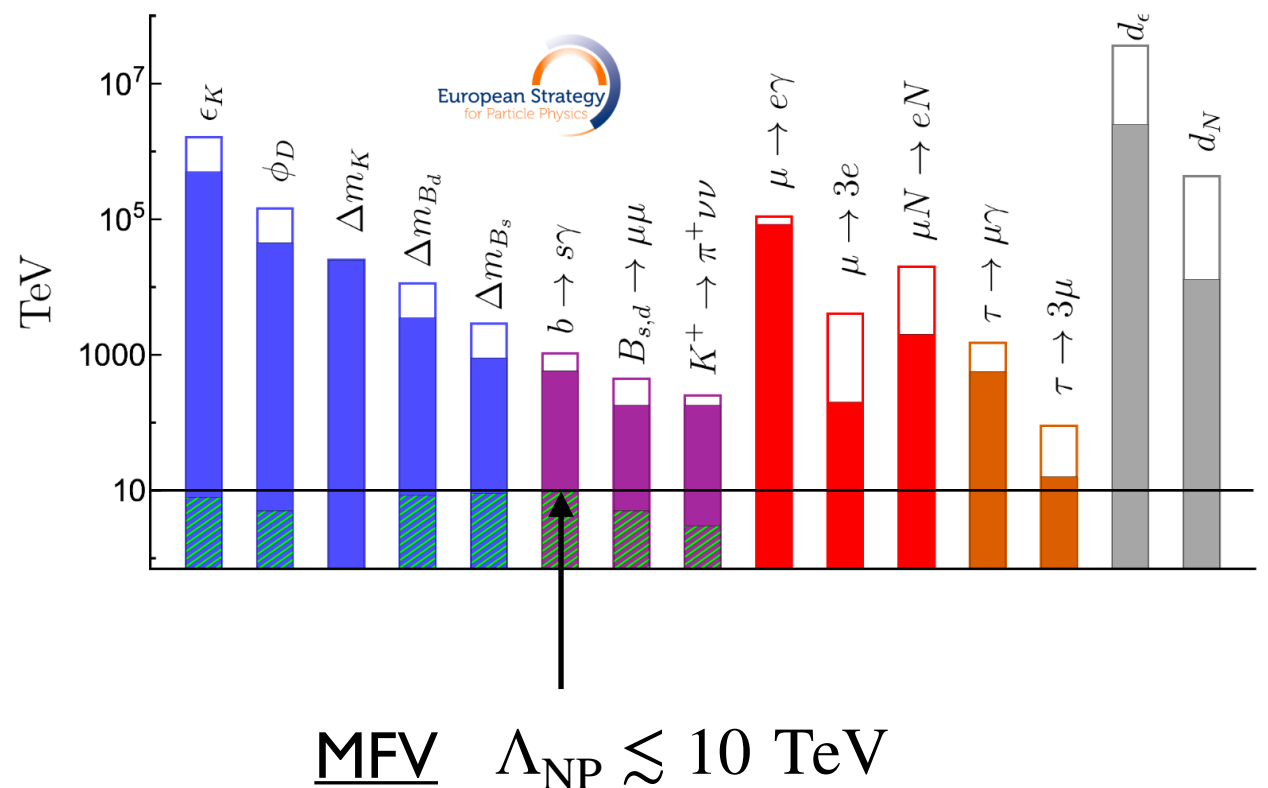
Symmetry-breaking spurions: $Y_u \sim (\mathbf{3}_q, \bar{\mathbf{3}}_u)$, $Y_d \sim (\mathbf{3}_q, \bar{\mathbf{3}}_d)$, $Y_e \sim (\mathbf{3}_\ell, \bar{\mathbf{3}}_e)$

SM fermions: $\mathbf{3}_f$ under $U(3)^5$

Wilson coefficients C_i built from positive powers of Y_f that form symmetry invariants:

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} (\bar{q} Y_u Y_u^\dagger q)^2, \quad [Y_u Y_u^\dagger]_{ij} \approx y_t^2 V_{3i}^* V_{3j}$$

BSM couplings C_i now inherit
SM flavor selection rules!



[G. D'Ambrosio, G.F. Giudice, G. Isidori, A. Strumia, [hep-ph/0207036](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0207036)]

Minimal Flavor Violation

- Shortcomings:



1. **Flavor-sterile “SM-like” TeV scale dynamics**

Not an appropriate interpretation framework for EFT in the era of precision flavor physics experiments!



2. **No hint of a resolution to the SM flavor puzzle**

Structure of Y_f^{ij} is simply assumed, but not explained.



3. **Naive power counting issues since $y_t \sim 1^*$**

MFV guarantees sufficient flavor protection, but it is *not strictly necessary* and is *overly restrictive*. It excludes a broad class of potentially interesting flavor phenomena that could still be compatible with TeV-scale dynamics.

[*Kagan, Perez, Volansky, Zupan, [0903.1794](#)]

Resummed MFV: $U(3)^5 \rightarrow U(2)^2 \times U(3)^3$

The next step: $U(2)^5$

- Key idea: Universality in the light families passes strongest flavor bounds, allow non-trivial third-family dynamics. [Barbieri, Isidori, Jones-Perez, Lodone, Straub, [hep-ph/0207036](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0207036)]

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Symmetry-breaking spurions: $V_q \sim \mathbf{2}_q, \quad \Delta_u \sim (\mathbf{2}_q, \bar{\mathbf{2}}_u), \quad \Delta_d \sim (\mathbf{2}_q, \bar{\mathbf{2}}_d), \quad \Delta_e \sim (\mathbf{2}_\ell, \bar{\mathbf{2}}_e)$

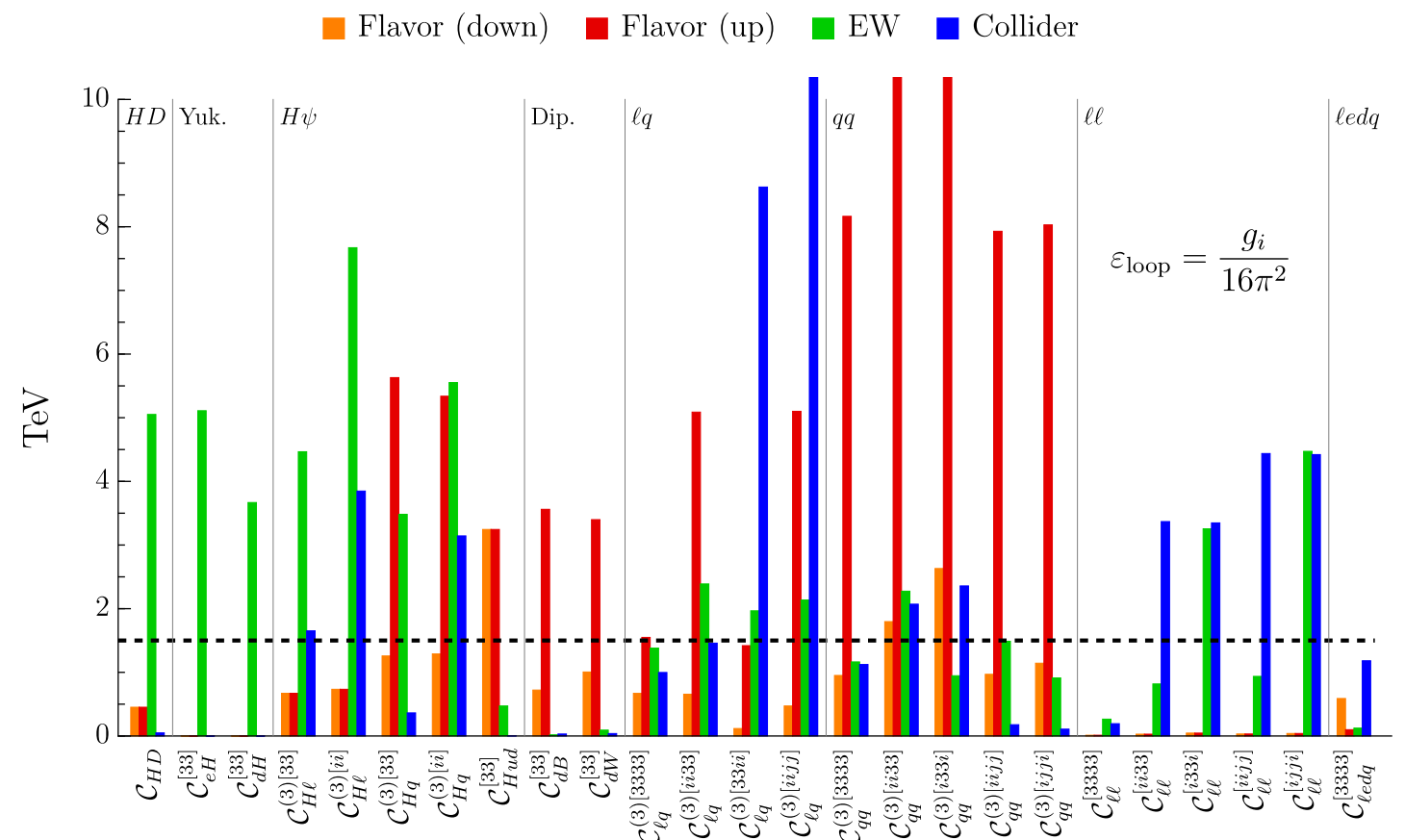
$$Y_{u,d} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \Delta_{u,d} & V_q \\ \hline 0 & y_{t,b} \end{array} \right)$$

EFT ops classified as $U(2)^5$ invariants:

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} (\bar{q}_i V_q^i q_3)^2 \quad B_{d,s} \text{ mixing}$$

- Allows $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \lesssim 10$ TeV, option to couple more to 3rd generation:

$$\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_p \rightarrow \epsilon_Q (\bar{q}_i \gamma_\mu q_i) + (\bar{q}_3 \gamma_\mu q_3) \quad (i = 1, 2)$$



[Allwicher, Cornella, Isidori, BAS, [2311.00020](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.00020)]

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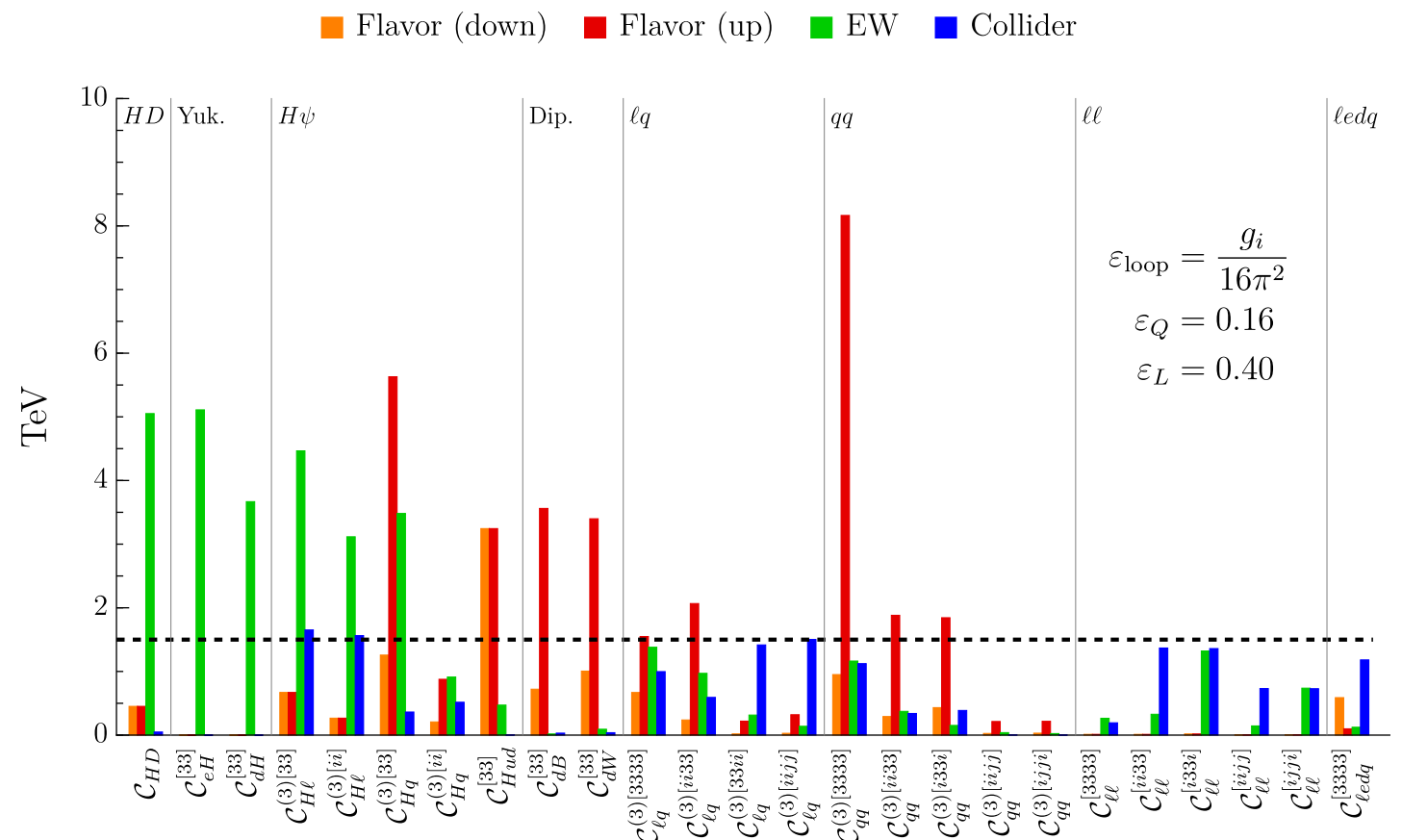
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- Solves some MFV shortcomings:



1. **Non-trivial third-family TeV scale dynamics.**

The leading interpretation framework in the past decade of B physics!



2. **Partial resolution to the SM flavor puzzle.**

Separates the 3rd family from the light from the start.

Hierarchical singular values of $\Delta_{u,d,e}$ unexplained!



3. **No issues with power counting**

The largest breaking is $V_q \sim O(V_{ts}) \sim 10^{-2}$

And perhaps still too restrictive! What is the most general interpretation framework for TeV-scale BSM? And can we find a more complete explanation of the flavor puzzle?

Minimal Flavor Protection

[Greljo, Palavrić, BAS, [2512.04159](#)]

Minimal Flavor Protection

What is the maximum amount TeV-scale BSM can break $U(3)^5$ while respecting all bounds from FCNC and CP-violating observables?

- Least symmetry $\Leftrightarrow$ largest allowed parameter space for TeV-scale new physics!



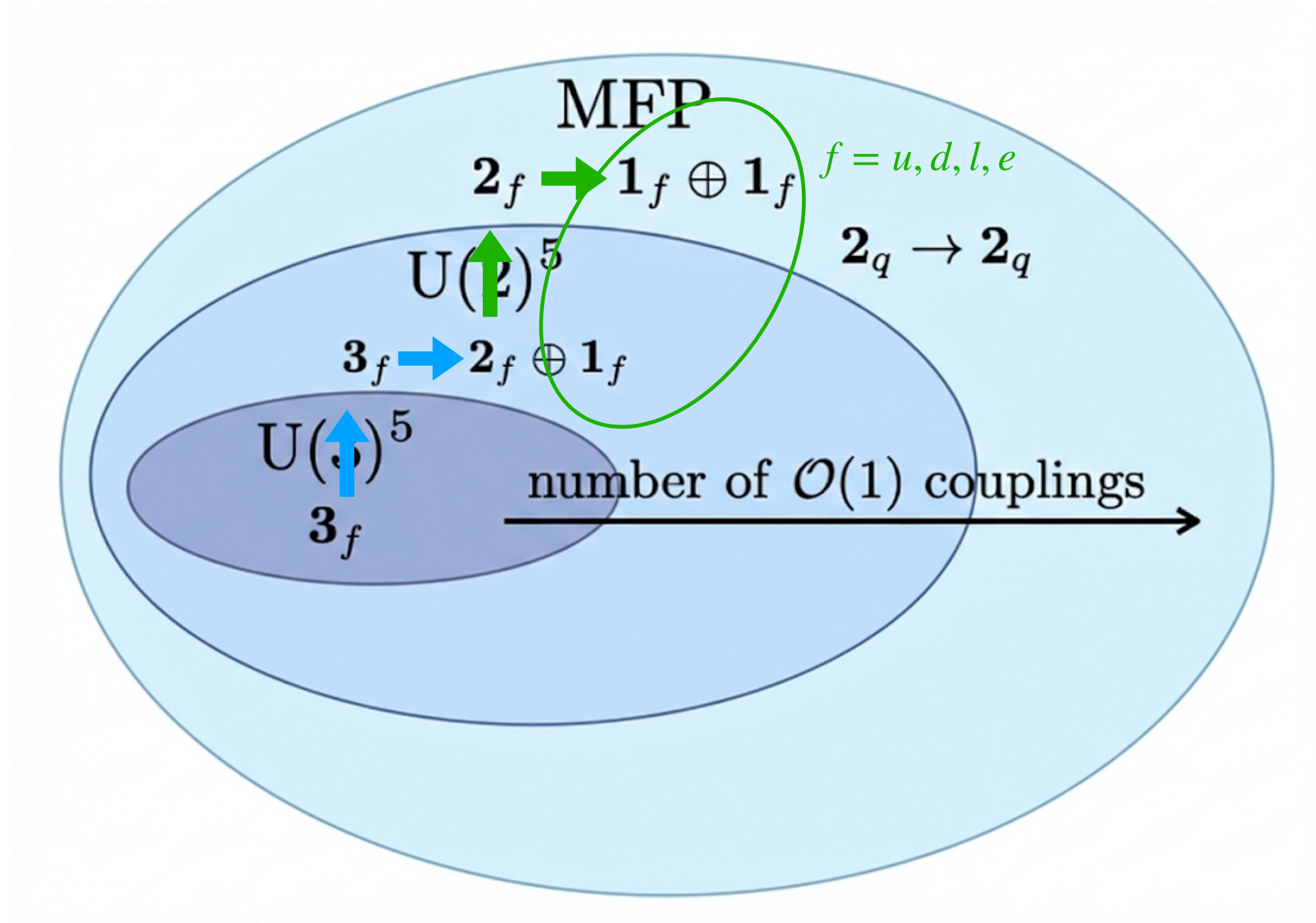
Find the minimal continuous subgroup $H_{\text{MFP}} \subset U(3)^5$ where:

1. All other directions in flavor space can be maximally violated, i.e., BSM can induce $\mathcal{O}(1)$ breaking of $U(3)^5 \rightarrow H_{\text{MFP}}$
2. Small spurions exist that reproduce all observed flavor parameters.
3. Structural protection against FCNC and CPV for the **entire** SMEFT.

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Minimal Flavor Protection

Symmetry: $SU(2)_q \times U(1)_X$



MFP: A novel symmetry-spurion framework for TeV-scale new physics

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[Figure: [2601.07921](#)]

The necessity of $SU(2)_q$

- Why not just a single $U(1)_X$ a la Froggatt-Nielsen? Let's try it- choose $X_{q_1} \neq X_{q_2} \neq X_{q_3}$ for no FV in interaction basis:

$$c\bar{q}\gamma_\mu M_{\text{int}}q \quad M_{\text{int}} = \text{diag}(a, b, 1)$$

- CKM guarantees that LH rotations ($L_u^\dagger L_d = V_{\text{CKM}}$) generate FV which is of order

$$M_{\text{mass}} = LM_{\text{int}}L^\dagger \sim \begin{pmatrix} a & \lambda(b-a) & A\lambda^3[a-b+(1-a)z^*] \\ \lambda(b-a) & b & A\lambda^2(1-b) \\ A\lambda^3[a-b+(1-a)z] & A\lambda^2(1-b) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

K/D meson mixing

$$\frac{(a-b)^2\lambda^2}{\Lambda^2}(\bar{q}_1q_2)^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{(2 \times 10^4 \text{ TeV})^2} \implies |a-b| \lesssim 10^{-3} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)$$

**** $SU(2)_q$ must be a very good symmetry below 10 TeV!**

Minimal Flavor Protection: Symmetry group

- What about the rest? $U(1)_X \subset U(1)^{14} \subset U(3)^5$

A single linear combination of the remaining Cartan generators is enough!

(Perhaps the most surprising discovery... would have expected a larger group!)

- Our ansatz for the minimal continuous symmetry is therefore:

$$H_{\text{MFP}} = SU(2)_q \times U(1)_X$$

Fermion fields

$$\Delta F = 2, \text{ cLFV} \implies X_{f_1} \neq X_{f_2}$$

~~$$(\bar{u}_1 u_2)^2, (\bar{d}_1 d_2)^2, (\bar{l}_1 l_2), (\bar{e}_1 e_2)$$~~

Forbidden in SMEFT interaction basis

$$\mathbf{3}_{x_q} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}_{x_q} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{x_{q3}},$$

$$\mathbf{3}_{x_f} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{x_{f1}} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{x_{f2}} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{x_{f3}}$$

$$f = u, d, \ell, e$$

Minimal Flavor Protection: Yukawa couplings

- As for $U(2)^5$, 4 spurions required: three $SU(2)_q$ doublets and one singlet.

$$V \sim (2, X_V) \quad W \sim (2, X_W), \quad U \sim (2, X_U), \quad z \sim (1, X_z)$$

SM fields	d_1, u_1	d_2	u_2	d_3	q_3, u_3	ℓ_i	e_i
$U(1)_X$ charge	$-X_V - 2X_z$	$X_V + X_z$	$-X_W$	$X_z - X_U$	$2X_z - X_U$	X_i	$X_i - (4 - i)X_z$

Allowed Yukawa structure up to $O(S^3)$: *All hierarchies produced for $V, W, U, z \sim O(10^{-2})$!*

$$Y_d = \begin{pmatrix} V z^2 & \tilde{V} z^* & U z^* \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_e = \begin{pmatrix} z^3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_u = \begin{pmatrix} V z^2 & W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z = z, \quad V = v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad W = w \begin{pmatrix} \sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = u \begin{pmatrix} \sin \beta e^{i\phi} \\ \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

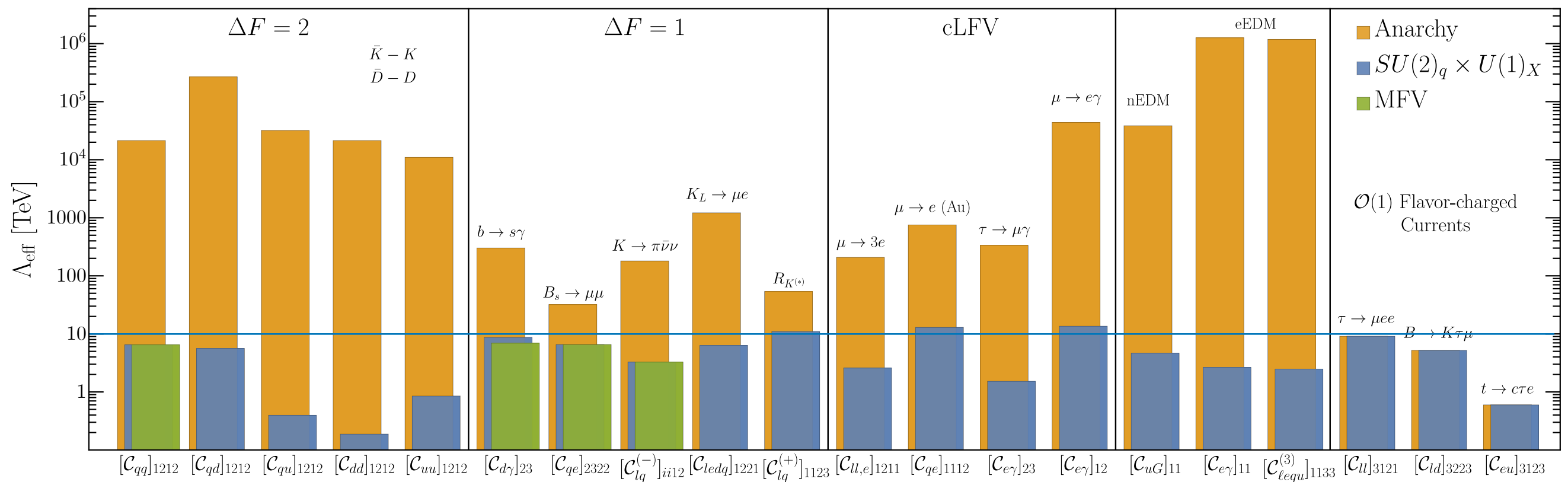
Flavor violation in MFP

$$\{X_V, X_W, X_U, X_z\} = \{1, -2, -3, 7\},$$

$$\{X_1, X_2, X_3\} = \{-2, -3, -1\}.$$

- SMEFT now admits a series expansion in small spurions $S = V, W, U, z$ about the MFP-symmetric point:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_{H_{\text{MFP}}} \left[S^0 \mathcal{O}_6^{[0]} + S^1 \mathcal{O}_6^{[1]} + S^2 \mathcal{O}_6^{[2]} + \dots \right]$$



MFP allows for rich flavor dynamics: “TeV-scale flavor anarchy”!

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Flavor-charged currents

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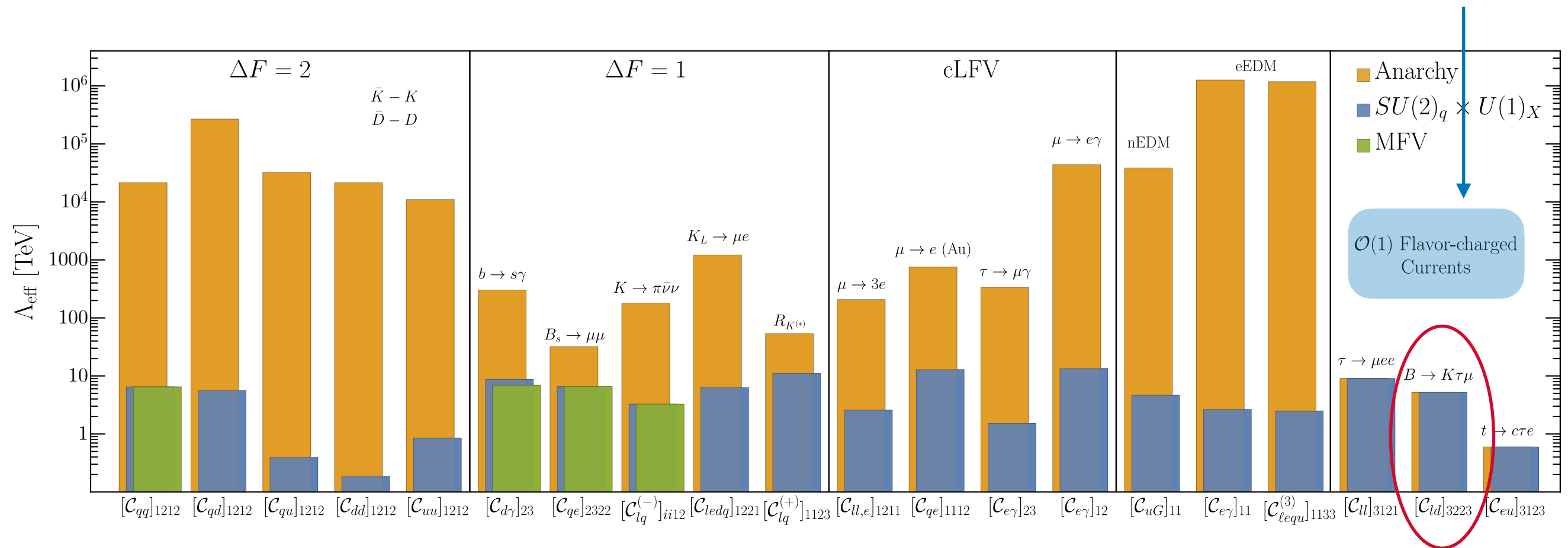
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Flavor violation possible at $O(S^0)$, e.g:

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{eff}}^2} (\bar{l}_3 \gamma_\mu l_2) (\bar{d}_2 \gamma^\mu d_3)$$

We call these flavor-charged currents!

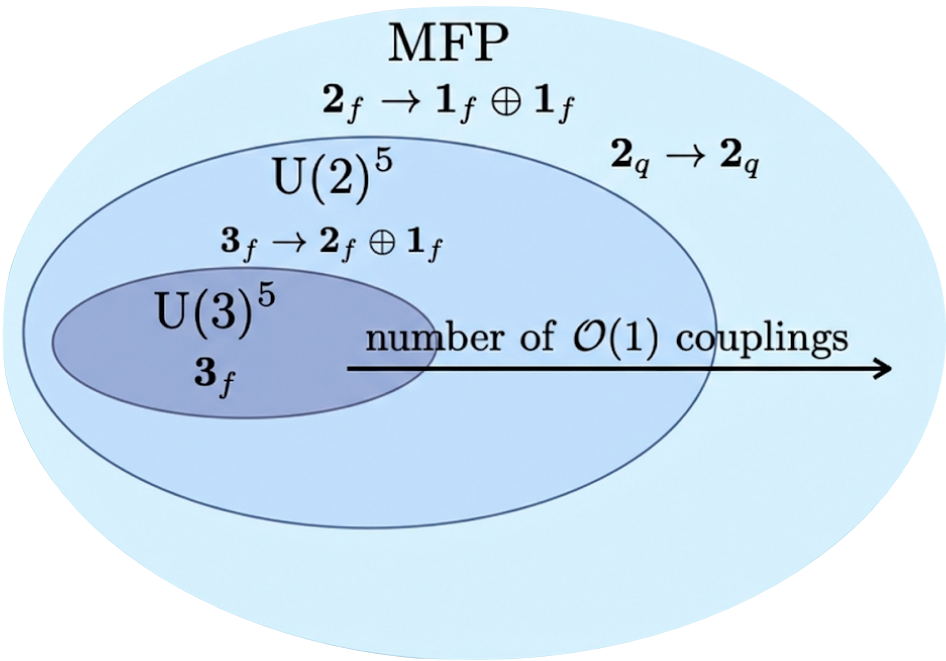


MFP provides new targets for colliders and flavor factories!

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Flavor-universality violation

Dimension-6 SMEFT ($\Delta B = 0$)
Operator basis w/ exact symmetry: $O(S^0)$



Operator class CP	$U(3)^5$		$U(2)^5$		$SU(2)_q \times U(1)_X$	
	even	odd	even	odd	even	odd
Bosonic	9	6	9	6	9	6
$\psi^2 H^3$	-	-	3	3	1	1
$\psi^2 X H$	-	-	8	8	3	3
$\psi^2 H^2 D$	7	-	15	1	20	1
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$	8	-	23	-	32	1
$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$	9	-	29	-	61	1
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	8	-	32	-	58	1
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$	-	-	1	1	1	1
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$	-	-	4	4	-	-
Total	41	6	124	23	185	15

Large reduction of
 $O(1)$ parameters!

$$2499 \rightarrow \lesssim 200$$

MFP: More flavor-universality violation possible than in MFV and $U(2)^5$

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Flavor-universality violation

- Start from the Cartan group, $U(1)^{15}$:

$$U(1)^{15} = U(1)_q^3 \times U(1)_u^3 \times U(1)_d^3 \times U(1)_l^3 \times U(1)_e^3$$

- Under this group, *fermion number cannot change, chirality cannot flip*. Counts self-conjugate operators.

H^6 and $H^4 D^2$	
Q_H	$(H^\dagger H)^3$
$Q_{H\Box}$	$(H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H)$
Q_{HD}	$ H^\dagger D_\mu H ^2$

207 CP even (8% of SMEFT)

Operator class CP	$U(1)^{15}$	
	even	odd
Bosonic	9	6
$\psi^2 H^3$	—	—
$\psi^2 X H$	—	—
$\psi^2 H^2 D$	21	—
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$	45	—
$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$	60	—
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	72	—
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$	—	—
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$	—	—
Total	207	6

$\psi^2 H^2 D$		$X^2 H^2$ and X^3		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_{H\ell}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \ell)_{pp}$	Q_{HG}	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\ell\ell}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \ell)_{pprr}$	Q_{ee}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell e}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$
$Q_{H\ell}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{\ell}\tau^I \gamma^\mu \ell)_{pp}$	Q_{HW}	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)_{pprr}$	Q_{uu}	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell u}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$
Q_{He}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)_{pp}$	Q_{HB}	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu \tau^I q)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu \tau^I q)_{pprr}$	Q_{dd}	$(\bar{d}\gamma_\mu d)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell d}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$
$Q_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)_{pp}$	Q_{HWB}	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\ell q}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)_{pprr}$	Q_{eu}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$	Q_{qe}	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$
$Q_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{q}\tau^I \gamma^\mu q)_{pp}$	Q_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\ell q}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \tau^I \ell)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu \tau^I q)_{pprr}$	Q_{ed}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$
Q_{Hu}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pp}$	Q_W	$\epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$			$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu T^A q)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu T^A u)_{pprr}$
Q_{Hd}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pp}$					$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu T^A u)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu T^A d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$
								$Q_{qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu T^A q)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu T^A d)_{pprr}$

Flavor-universality violation

- For the symmetry to allow an $O(1)$ top Yukawa, we should break

$$U(1)_{q_3} \times U(1)_{u_3} \rightarrow U(1)_{\text{diag}} \equiv U(1)_{\text{top}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad U(1)^{15} \rightarrow U(1)^{14}$$

Operator class CP	$U(1)^{15}$		$U(1)^{14}$	
	even	odd	even	odd
Bosonic	9	6	9	6
$\psi^2 H^3$	—	—	1	1
$\psi^2 XH$	—	—	3	3
$\psi^2 H^2 D$	21	—	21	—
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$	45	—	45	—
$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$	60	—	60	—
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	72	—	72	—
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$	—	—	—	—
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$	—	—	—	—
Total	207	6	211	10



$\psi^2 H^3$ and $\psi^2 XH$	
Q_{uH}^{33}	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_3 u_3 \tilde{H})$
Q_{uB}^{33}	$(\bar{q}_3 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_3 \tilde{H}) B_{\mu\nu}$
Q_{uW}^{33}	$(\bar{q}_3 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I u_3 \tilde{H}) W_{\mu\nu}^I$
Q_{uG}^{33}	$(\bar{q}_3 \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_3 \tilde{H}) G_{\mu\nu}^A$

- Only 4 new operators- top dipoles and Yukawa modification. FUV.
- The leading irreducible chiral flipping + non-hermitian operators.

Flavor-universality violation in MFP

- Now let's add $SU(2)_q$ to the picture: $q \equiv (q_1, q_2)^T$.

$SU(2)_q$ invariance requires: $U(1)_{q_1} \times U(1)_{q_2} \rightarrow U(1)_q \Rightarrow U(1)^{14} \rightarrow U(1)^{13}$

Operator class CP	$U(1)^{15}$		$U(1)^{14}$		$SU(2)_q \times U(1)^{13}$	
	even	odd	even	odd	even	odd
Bosonic	9	6	9	6	9	6
$\psi^2 H^3$	—	—	1	1	1	1
$\psi^2 X H$	—	—	3	3	3	3
$\psi^2 H^2 D$	21	—	21	—	19	—
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$	45	—	45	—	31	—
$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$	60	—	60	—	60	—
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	72	—	72	—	57	—
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	207	6	211	10	180	10

- $SU(2)_q$ correlates the WCs of operators w/ LH light quarks.
- Same operator classes, just less parameters.
- No change of phases.

$$C_1(H^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_1 \gamma^\mu q_1) + C_2(H^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_2 \gamma^\mu q_2) + C_3(H^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_3 \gamma^\mu q_3) \rightarrow C_{12}(H^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu q_i) + C_3(H^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_3 \gamma^\mu q_3)$$

Flavor-universality violation in MFP

- The breaking $U(1)^{13} \rightarrow U(1)_X$ lands on MFP, thus $SU(2)_q \times U(1)^{13}$ counts the charge-invariant MFP operators! They violate universality but not flavor.
- The difference counts charge-dependent operators, which are necessarily non-Hermitian. Can violate both flavor and universality!

Operator class CP	$SU(2)_q \times U(1)^{13}$		$SU(2)_q \times U(1)_X$	
	even	odd	even	odd
Bosonic	9	6	9	6
$\psi^2 H^3$	1	1	1	1
$\psi^2 X H$	3	3	3	3
$\psi^2 H^2 D$	19	—	20	1
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$	31	—	32	1
$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$	60	—	61	1
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	57	—	58	1
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$	—	—	1	1
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$	—	—	—	—
Total	180	10	185	15

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	even	odd	even	odd
Bosonic	9	6	9	6
$\psi^2 H^3$	1	1	1	1
$\psi^2 X H$	3	3	3	3
$[Q_{Hud}]_{11} \leftarrow \psi^2 H^2 D$	19	—	20	1
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$	31	—	32	1
$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$	60	—	61	1
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	57	—	58	1
$[Q_{ledq}]_{3333} \leftarrow (\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$	—	—	1	1
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$	—	—	—	—
Total	180	10	185	15

3 flavor-charged currents

$\tau \rightarrow \mu e e$ $B \rightarrow K \tau \mu$ $t \rightarrow c \tau e$

$[C_u]_{3121}$ $[C_d]_{3223}$ $[C_e]_{3123}$

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Applying MFP in SMEFT Likelihoods

Flavor-conserving observables (e.g. LHC + EWPO)

- Completely described by the charge-independent core of operators that are identified by imposing $SU(2)_q \times U(1)^{13}$ on the SMEFT.

Class	Operators	$SU(2)_q \times U(1)^{13}$ invariants	# / op.	# class
Bosonic	$\mathcal{Q}_H \quad \mathcal{Q}_{H\Box}$	—	1	9
	$\mathcal{Q}_{HD} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{HWB}$	—	1	
	$\mathcal{Q}_{HG} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{HW} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{HB}$	—	1	
	$\mathcal{Q}_G \quad \mathcal{Q}_W$	—	1	
$\psi^2 H^3, \psi^2 XH$	$\mathcal{Q}_{uH} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{uG} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{uW} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{uB}$	33	1	4
$\psi^2 H^2 D$	$\mathcal{Q}_{H\ell}^{(1)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{H\ell}^{(3)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{He} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{Hu} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{Hd}$	pp	3	19
	$\mathcal{Q}_{Hq}^{(1)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$ii, 33$	2	
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$	$\mathcal{Q}_{\ell\ell}$	$pprr \ (p \leq r), \ prrp \ (p < r)$	9	31
	$\mathcal{Q}_{qq}^{(1)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{qq}^{(3)}$	$ijjj, \ ijji, \ ii33, \ i33i, \ 3333$	5	
	$\mathcal{Q}_{\ell q}^{(1)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{\ell q}^{(3)}$	$ppii, \ pp33$	6	
$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$	$\mathcal{Q}_{ee}$	$pprr \ (p \leq r)$	6	60
	$\mathcal{Q}_{uu} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{dd}$	$pprr \ (p \leq r), \ prrp \ (p < r)$	9	
	$\mathcal{Q}_{ud}^{(1)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{ud}^{(8)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{eu} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{ed}$	$pprr$	9	
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	$\mathcal{Q}_{\ell e} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{\ell u} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{\ell d}$	$pprr$	9	57
	$\mathcal{Q}_{qe} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{qu}^{(1)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{qu}^{(8)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{qd}^{(1)} \quad \mathcal{Q}_{qd}^{(8)}$	$iirr, \ 33rr$	6	
Total CP-even, charge-independent MFP operators at $\mathcal{O}(S^0)$				180

Index conventions: $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ are $SU(2)_q$ doublet indices; 3 denotes the third-generation q_3 ; $p, r \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ label the generation of any $SU(2)_q$ -singlet field (u, d, ℓ, e) .

Flavor-violating observables

- Rotations are fully fixed in MFP and give charge-independent flavor violation. Start from SMEFT w/ $SU(2)_q \times U(1)^{13}$ and rotate to the mass basis after EWSB:

$$Y_d = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V} z^2 & \tilde{\mathbf{V}} z^* & \mathbf{U} z^* \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \quad Y_e = \begin{pmatrix} z^3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_u = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V} z^2 & \mathbf{W} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad z = z, \quad \mathbf{V} = v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{W} = w \begin{pmatrix} \sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U} = u \begin{pmatrix} \sin \beta e^{i\phi} \\ \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = L_u^\dagger L_d = U_{12}^\dagger U_{23} U_{13}$$

Yukawa texture forces rotations to factorize:

$$L_u = U_{12},$$

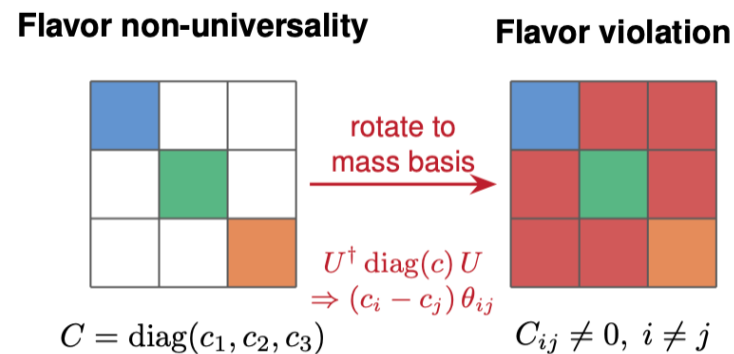
Cabibbo rotation

$$L_d = U_{23} U_{13}$$

Light-heavy mixing

Explicit rotation matrices for implementation

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$$L_u = U_{12},$$

Cabibbo rotation

$$L_d = U_{23} U_{13}$$

Light-heavy mixing

What about right-handed rotations?

$$Y_{u,d} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_R^{ij} \approx \frac{m_i}{m_j} \theta_L^{ij} \quad (i < j)$$

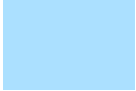
	θ_{12}	θ_{13}	θ_{23}
u_L	λ	0	0
u_R	$\lambda \frac{m_u}{m_c} \approx 5 \times 10^{-4}$	0	0
d_L	$V_{td} V_{ts}^*$	V_{td}	V_{ts}
d_R	$\frac{m_d}{m_s} V_{td} V_{ts}^*$	$\frac{m_d}{m_b} V_{td}$	$\frac{m_s}{m_b} V_{ts}$
e_L, e_R	0	0	0

**Probing the charge-independent core of MFP
(aka testing flavor non-universality)**

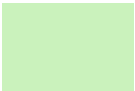
Irreducible interactions for TeV-scale BSM

- 180 CP-even, charge-independent MFP operators are special because i) they can be O(1) at the TeV scale and ii) they cannot be set to zero by symmetry.

H^6 and $H^4 D^2$	
Q_H	$(H^\dagger H)^3$
$Q_{H\Box}$	$(H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H)$
Q_{HD}	$ H^\dagger D_\mu H ^2$

 *EWPOs*

 *Higgs physics*

 *Flavor (non-universality)*

$\psi^2 H^3$ and $\psi^2 XH$	
Q_{uH}^{33}	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_3 u_3 \tilde{H})$
Q_{uB}^{33}	$(\bar{q}_3 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_3 \tilde{H}) B_{\mu\nu}$
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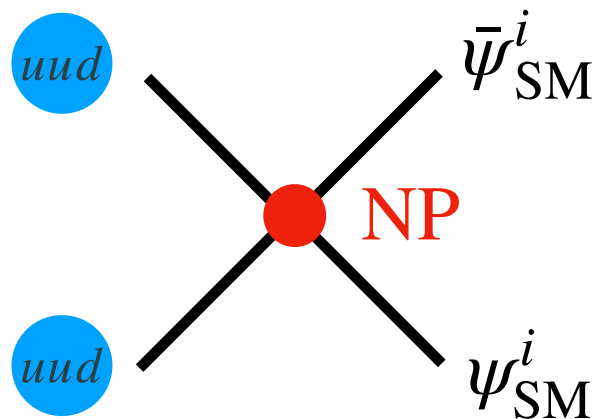
$\psi^2 H^2 D$		$X^2 H^2$ and X^3		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_{H\ell}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell)_{pp}$	Q_{HG}	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\ell\ell}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell)_{pprr}$	Q_{ee}	$(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell e}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$
$Q_{H\ell}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{\ell} \tau^I \gamma^\mu \ell)_{pp}$	Q_{HW}	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu q)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)_{pprr}$	Q_{uu}	$(\bar{u} \gamma_\mu u)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell u}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$
Q_{He}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)_{pp}$	Q_{HB}	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu \tau^I q)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q)_{pprr}$	Q_{dd}	$(\bar{d} \gamma_\mu d)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell d}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$
$Q_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)_{pp}$	Q_{HWB}	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\ell q}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)_{pprr}$	Q_{eu}	$(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$	Q_{qe}	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu q)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$
$Q_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{q} \tau^I \gamma^\mu q)_{pp}$	Q_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\ell q}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \tau^I \ell)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q)_{pprr}$	Q_{ed}	$(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu q)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$
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Q_{Hd}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pp}$					$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u} \gamma_\mu T^A u)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu T^A d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu q)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$
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Why is this important for collider physics?

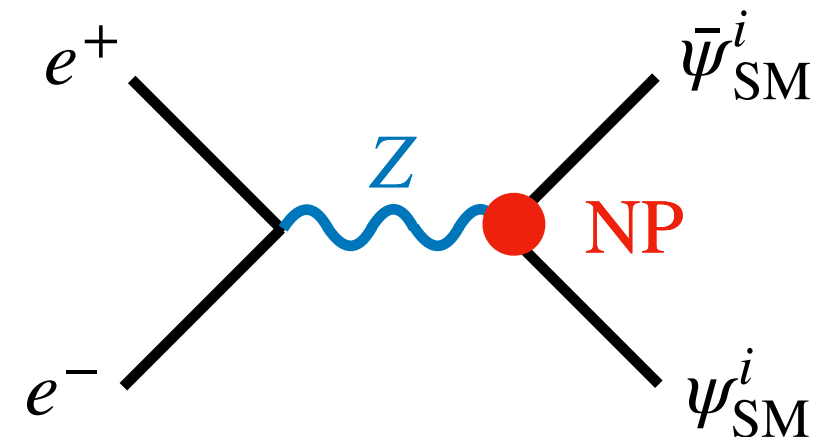
- These irreducible interactions are self-conjugate, just like tree-level neutral currents in the SM. They can interfere with SM neutral-current processes: Z-pole, DY, etc.

Non-resonant LHC physics



$$pp \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_{\text{SM}}\psi_{\text{SM}}$$

Z-pole physics



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_{\text{SM}}\psi_{\text{SM}}$$

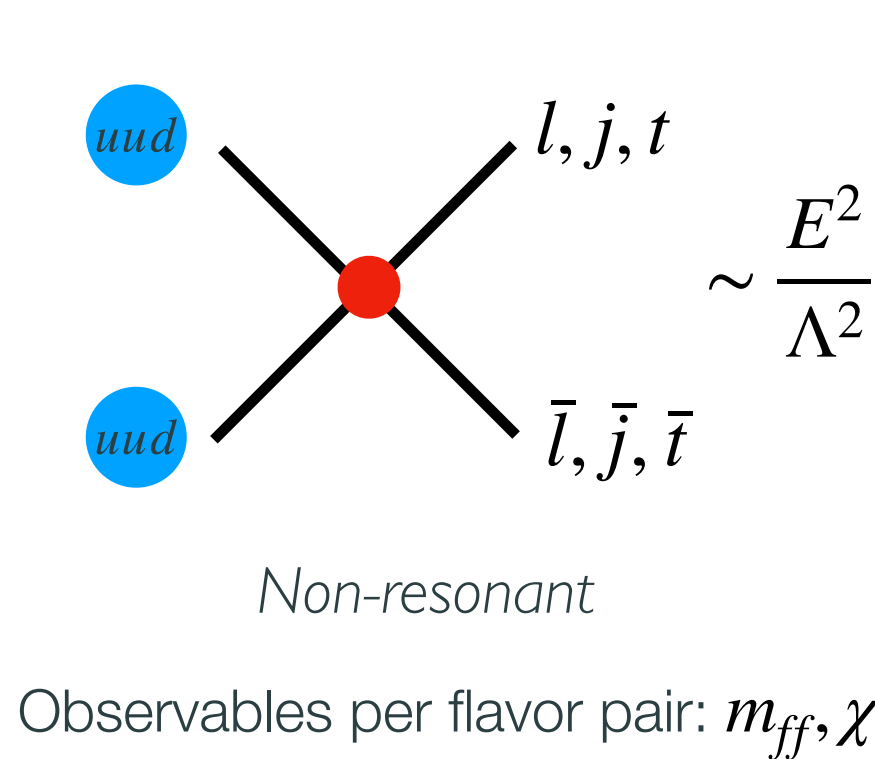
$$|\mathcal{A}|^2 = |\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{NP}}|^2 = |\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}}|^2 + 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}}\mathcal{A}_{\text{NP}}^*) + |\mathcal{A}_{\text{NP}}|^2$$

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Self-conjugate SMEFT operators have the right chiral/analytic structure

Flavor non-universality at the LHC

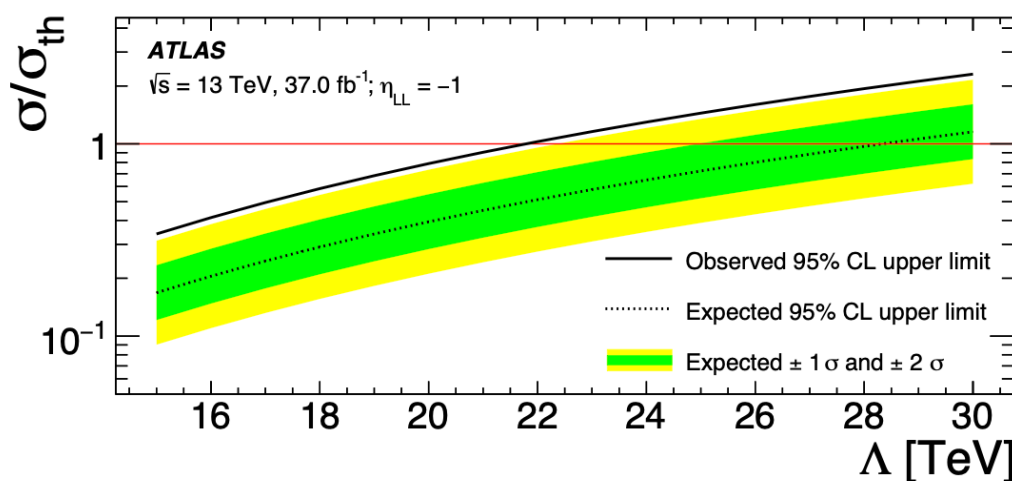
- A lot of progress can be made- no complete implementation in EFT likelihoods.



Drell-Yan Top + di-jets

	$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$
$Q_{\ell\ell}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\ell)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu\ell)_{pprr}$	Q_{ee}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$	Q_{le}	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\ell)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)_{pprr}$	Q_{uu}	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$	Q_{lu}	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\ell)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\tau^I q)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\tau^I q)_{pprr}$	Q_{dd}	$(\bar{d}\gamma_\mu d)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	Q_{ld}	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\ell)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$
$Q_{\ell q}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\ell)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)_{pprr}$	Q_{eu}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$	Q_{qe}	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$
$Q_{\ell q}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu\tau^I\ell)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\tau^I q)_{pprr}$	Q_{ed}	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$
		$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu T^A q)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu T^A u)_{pprr}$
		$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu T^A u)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu T^A d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$
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For di-jets, only inclusive searches exist!



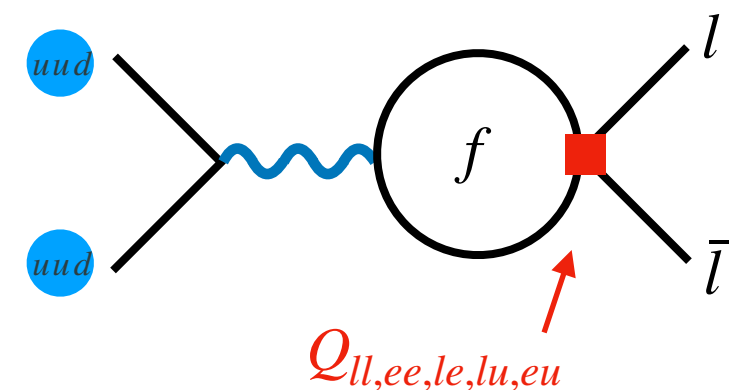
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$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{2\pi}{\Lambda^2} \eta_{LL} (\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)$$

Rescaled limit:

$$\Lambda_{\text{eff}} \gtrsim 9 \text{ TeV}$$

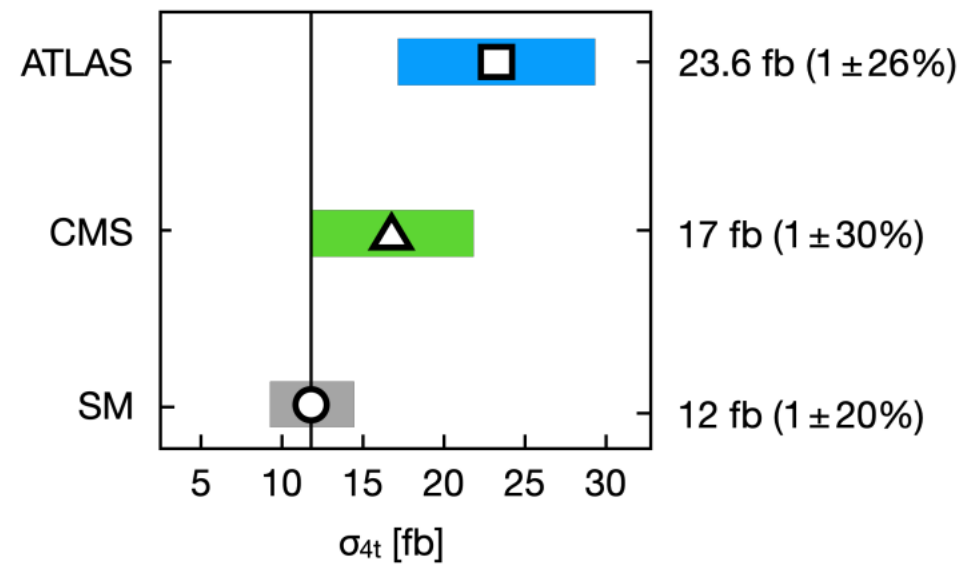
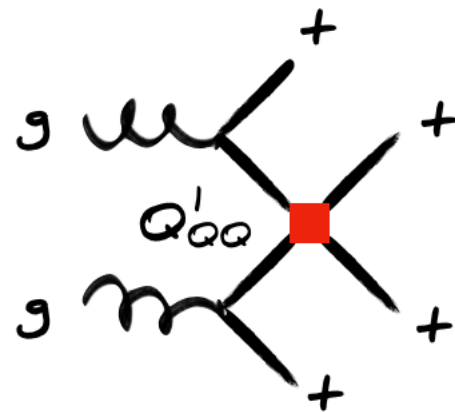
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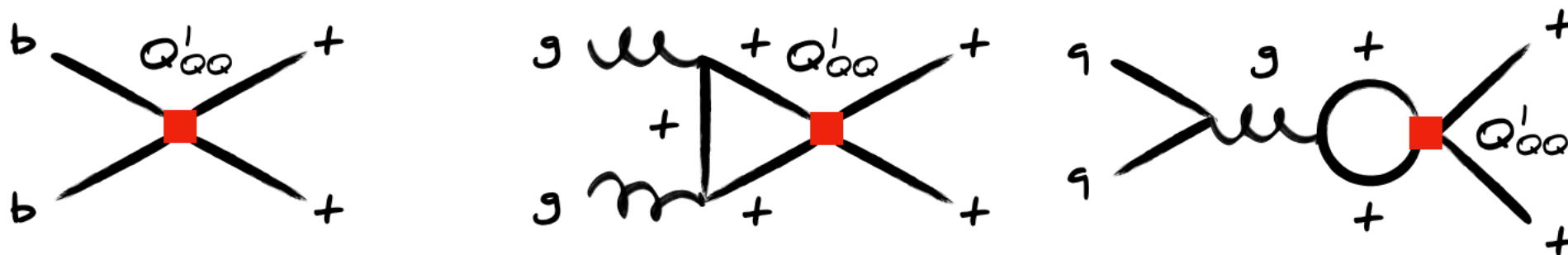
[Partial result in Dawson, Giardino, [2105.05852](#)]

Example: 4 top operators

- At the LHC, 3rd generation four-quark operators can be probed at tree level only in 4t, 4b, 2b2t production. Present measurements all have large uncertainties.

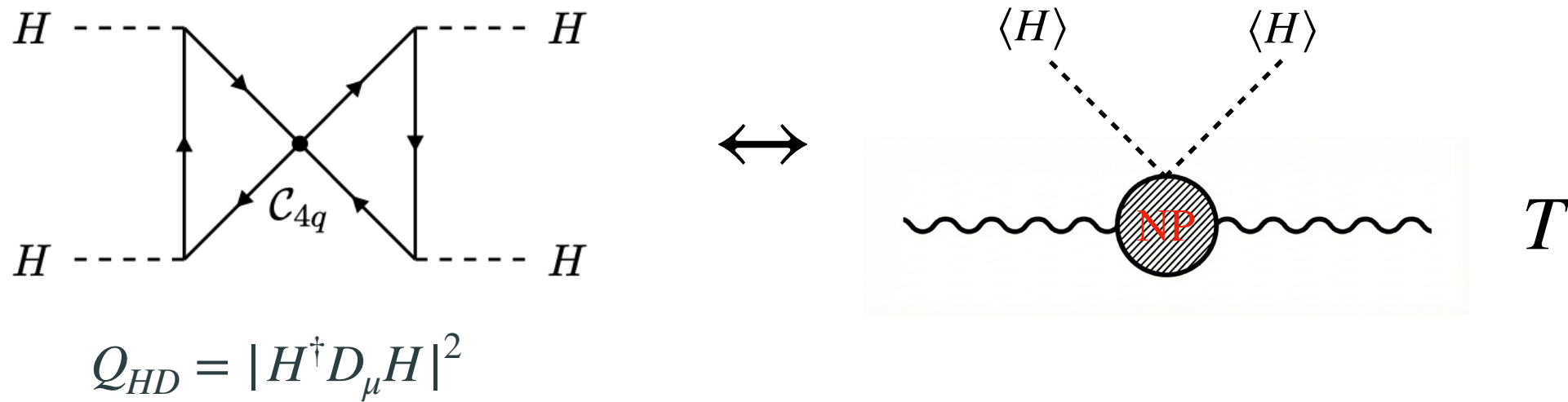


- Due to strong bottom PDF suppression, 3rd generation four-quark operators mainly contribute to 2-top production at 1-loop:



[Haisch, HEFT 2024, [Precision tests of 3rd-generation four-quark SMEFT operators](#)]

4-top operators and EW precision observables



- In general the full 2-loop contribution to T takes the form of a second-order logarithmic polynomial. E.g. for C_{tt} , we have:

$$[\mathcal{C}_{HD}]_{2\text{-loop}} = \frac{N_c(N_c + 1)}{4\pi^2} \alpha_t^2 \left[\underbrace{\log^2(\mu^2/m_*^2)}_{1\text{-loop RGE}} + \underbrace{c_1 \log(\mu^2/m_*^2)}_{2\text{-loop RGE}} + \underbrace{c_2}_{\text{finite}} \right] C_{tt}.$$

[Haisch, Schnell, 2410.13304]
 $c_1 = 1/2$ and $c_2 = 0^*$

- Using the 1-loop EWPOs + 2 loop RGE, all μ -dependence drops at $O(\alpha_t^2 L)$:

$$-\frac{2}{v^2} \hat{T} = C_{HD}(\Lambda) + \frac{3y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{m_t^2}\right) C_{Ht}(\Lambda) + \frac{3y_t^4}{16\pi^4} \left[\log^2\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{m_t^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{m_t^2}\right) \right] C_{tt}(\Lambda)$$

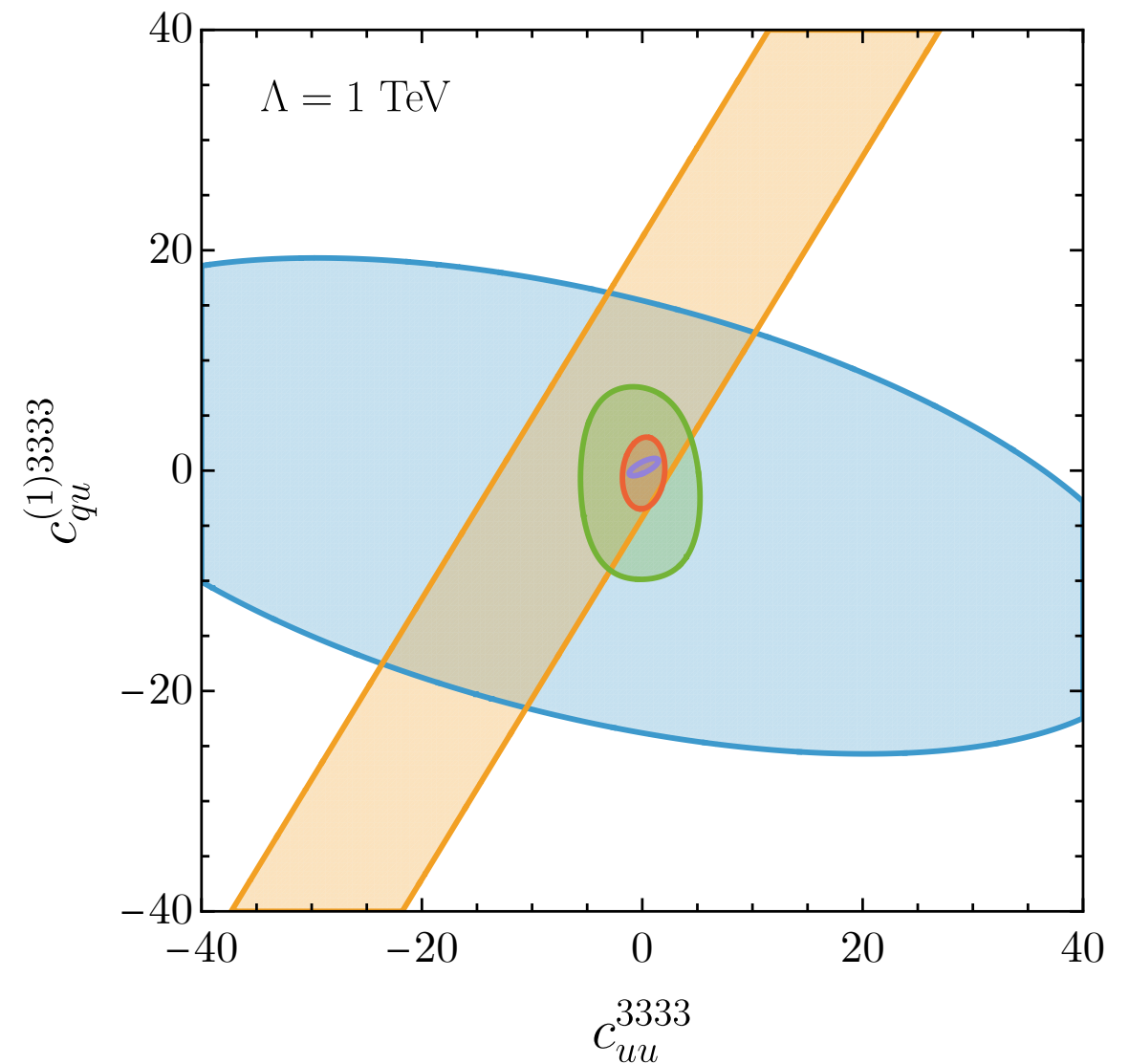
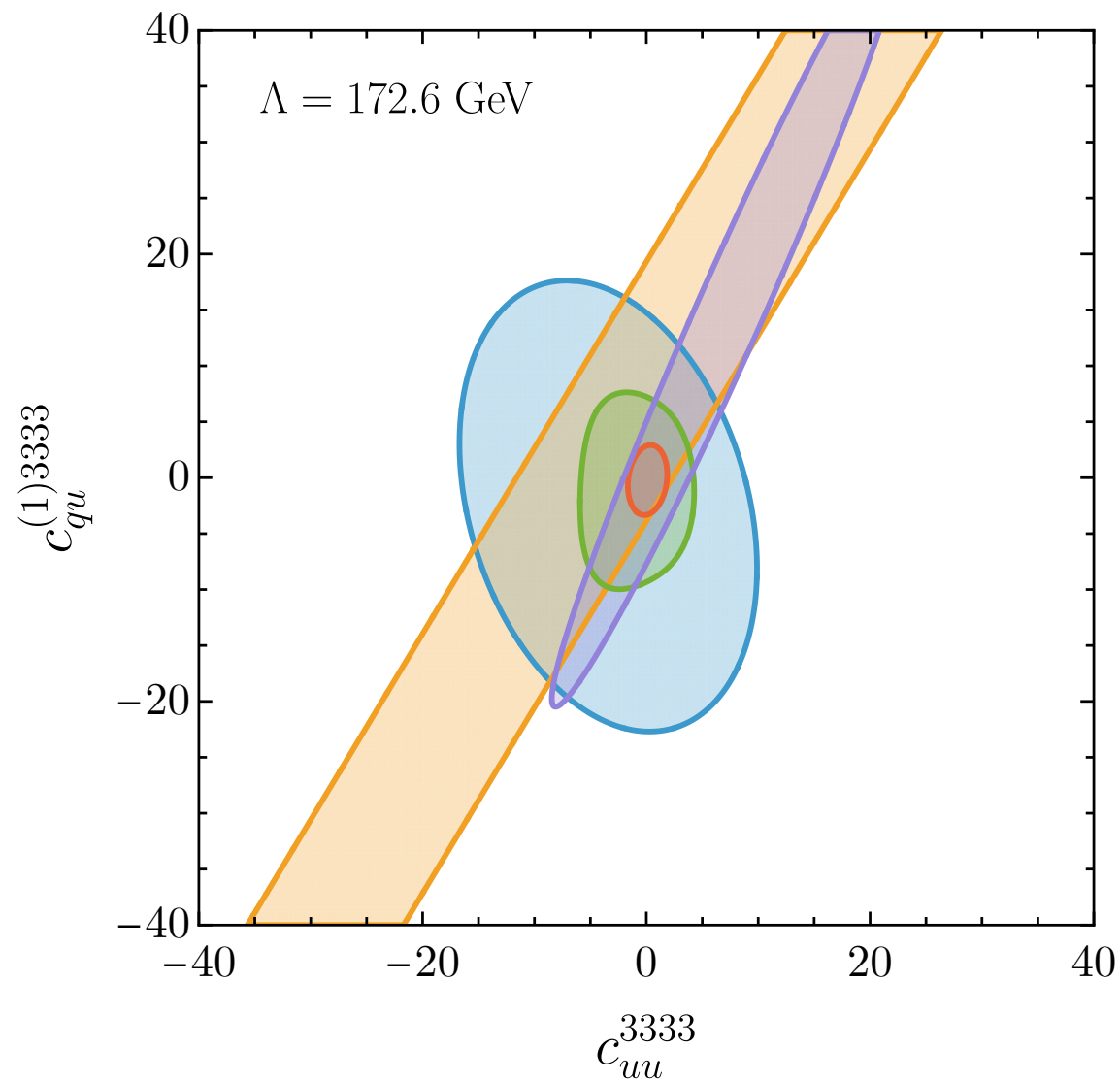
[Haisch, BAS, 2608.10064]

[2-loop RGE: Born, Fuentes-Martin, Thomsen 2601.19974]

Example: 4 top operators

- Limits from top production depend strongly on the EFT truncation order, in contrast with EWPO. RGE very important for EWPOs due to the double log UV sensitivity.

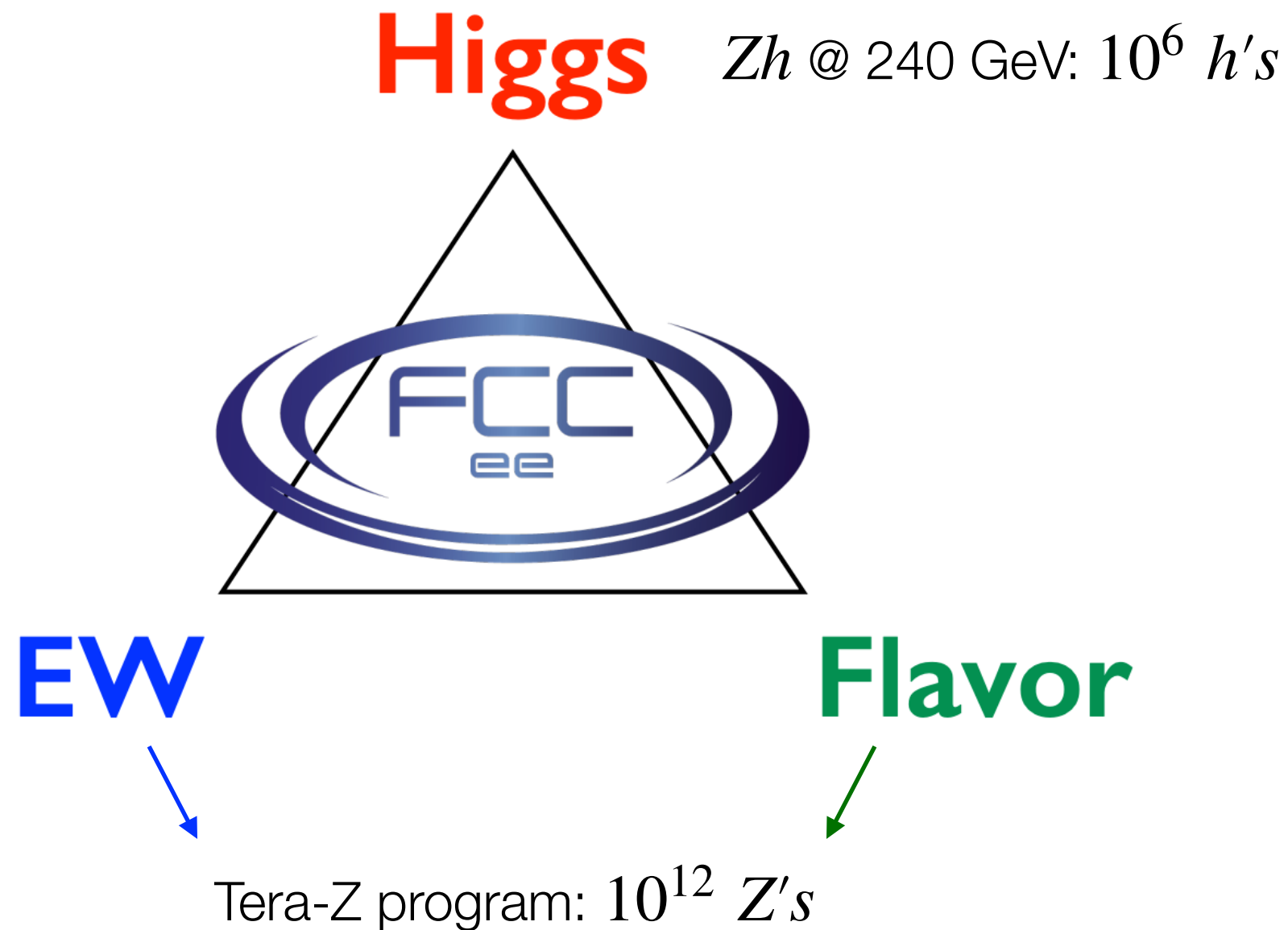
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 $\blacksquare$ EWPO (NLL)



[Haisch, BAS, [2608.10064](#)]

FCC is the flagship for BSM exploration

- Wide agreement: *An e^+e^- Higgs factory is the highest priority future collider.*



- FCC-ee is not only a Higgs factory, but also an electroweak and flavor factory!

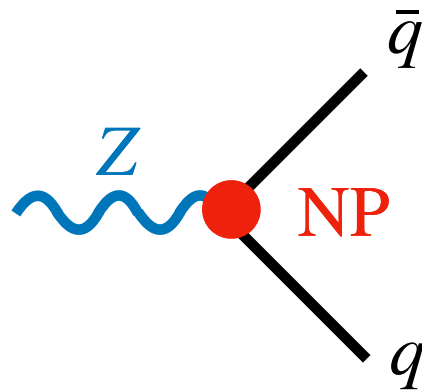
Sensitivity of the Tera-Z program

What can I do with 10^{12} Z bosons (Tera-Z)?

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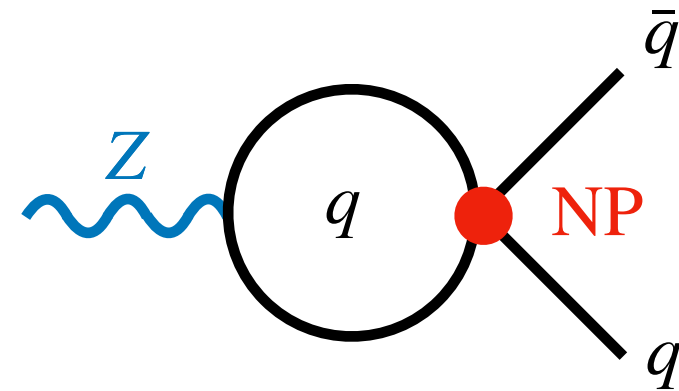
Loop contributions to Z-pole observables as sensitive as best tree-level Higgs measurements!

Tree level (LO)



$$O_{Hq}^{(1)} = (H^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu q_i)$$

One loop (NLO)



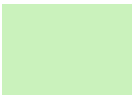
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EW precision observables beyond 1-loop

- Can combine 1-loop fixed-order predictions with the 2-loop RGE to improve EWPOs to next-to-leading logarithmic accuracy. All ops $\gtrsim 1$ TeV at Tera-Z.

H^6 and $H^4 D^2$	
Q_H	$(H^\dagger H)^3$
$Q_{H\Box}$	$(H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H)$
Q_{HD}	$ H^\dagger D_\mu H ^2$

 Tree level

 Leading-log effect

 Next-to-leading log effect

$\psi^2 H^3$ and $\psi^2 XH$	
Q_{uH}^{33}	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_3 u_3 \tilde{H})$
Q_{uB}^{33}	$(\bar{q}_3 \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_3 \tilde{H}) B_{\mu\nu}$
Q_{uW}^{33}	$(\bar{q}_3 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I u_3 \tilde{H}) W_{\mu\nu}^I$
Q_{uG}^{33}	$(\bar{q}_3 \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_3 \tilde{H}) G_{\mu\nu}^A$

$\psi^2 H^2 D$		$X^2 H^2$ and X^3	
$Q_{H\ell}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell)_{pp}$	Q_{HG}	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$
$Q_{H\ell}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{\ell} \tau^I \gamma^\mu \ell)_{pp}$	Q_{HW}	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$
Q_{He}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)_{pp}$	Q_{HB}	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$
$Q_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)_{pp}$	Q_{HWB}	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$
$Q_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{q} \tau^I \gamma^\mu q)_{pp}$	Q_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$
Q_{Hu}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pp}$	Q_W	$\epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$
Q_{Hd}	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pp}$		

$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_{\ell\ell}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell)_{pprr}$	Q_{ee}	$(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell e}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu q)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)_{pprr}$	Q_{uu}	$(\bar{u} \gamma_\mu u)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell u}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu \tau^I q)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q)_{pprr}$	Q_{dd}	$(\bar{d} \gamma_\mu d)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{\ell d}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$
$Q_{\ell q}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)_{pprr}$	Q_{eu}	$(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$	Q_{qe}	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu q)(\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)_{pprr}$
$Q_{\ell q}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \tau^I \ell)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q)_{pprr}$	Q_{ed}	$(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e)(\bar{d} \gamma^\mu d)_{pprr}$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q} \gamma_\mu q)(\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)_{pprr}$
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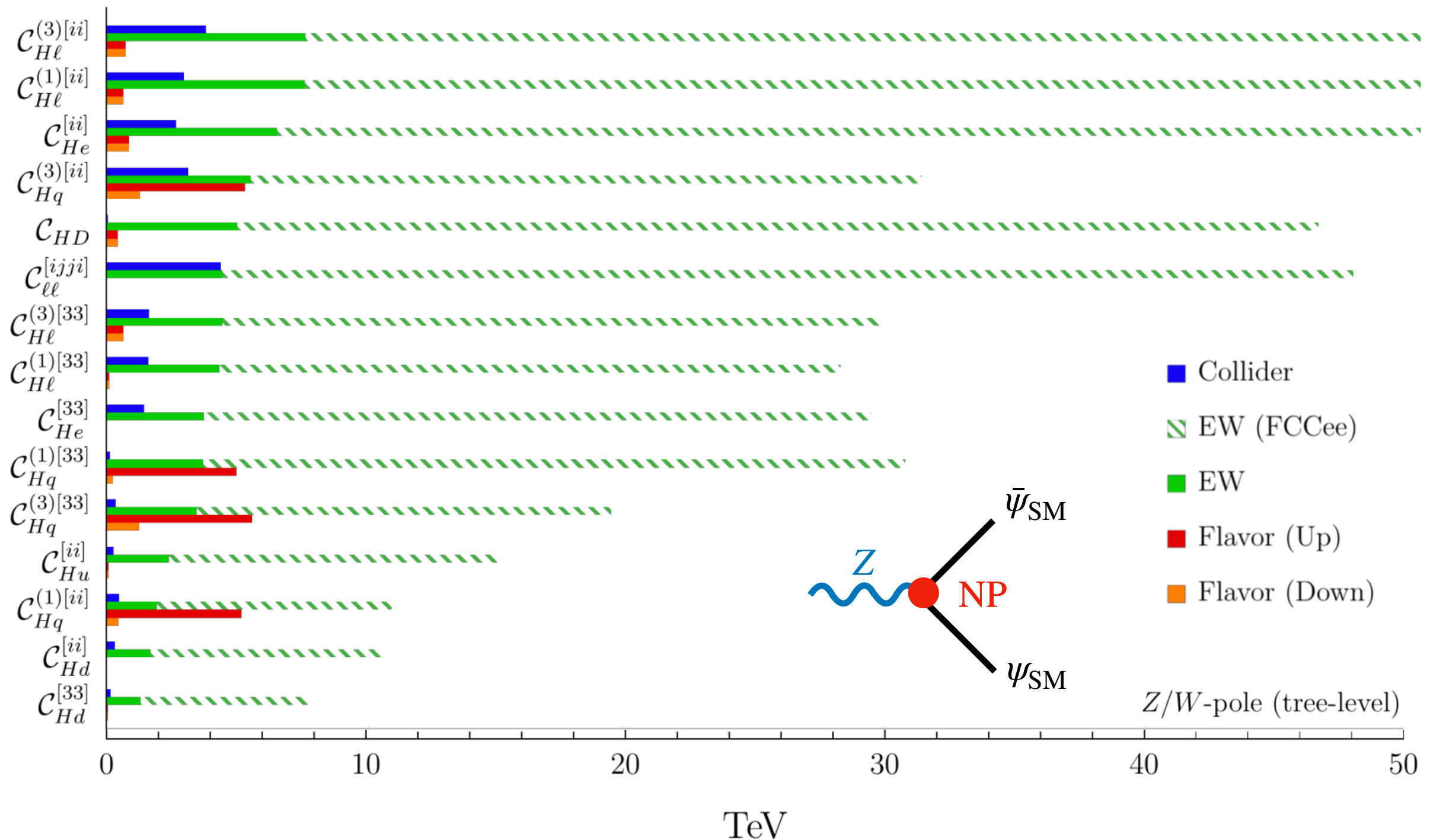
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Tera-Z at Tree Level (S1)

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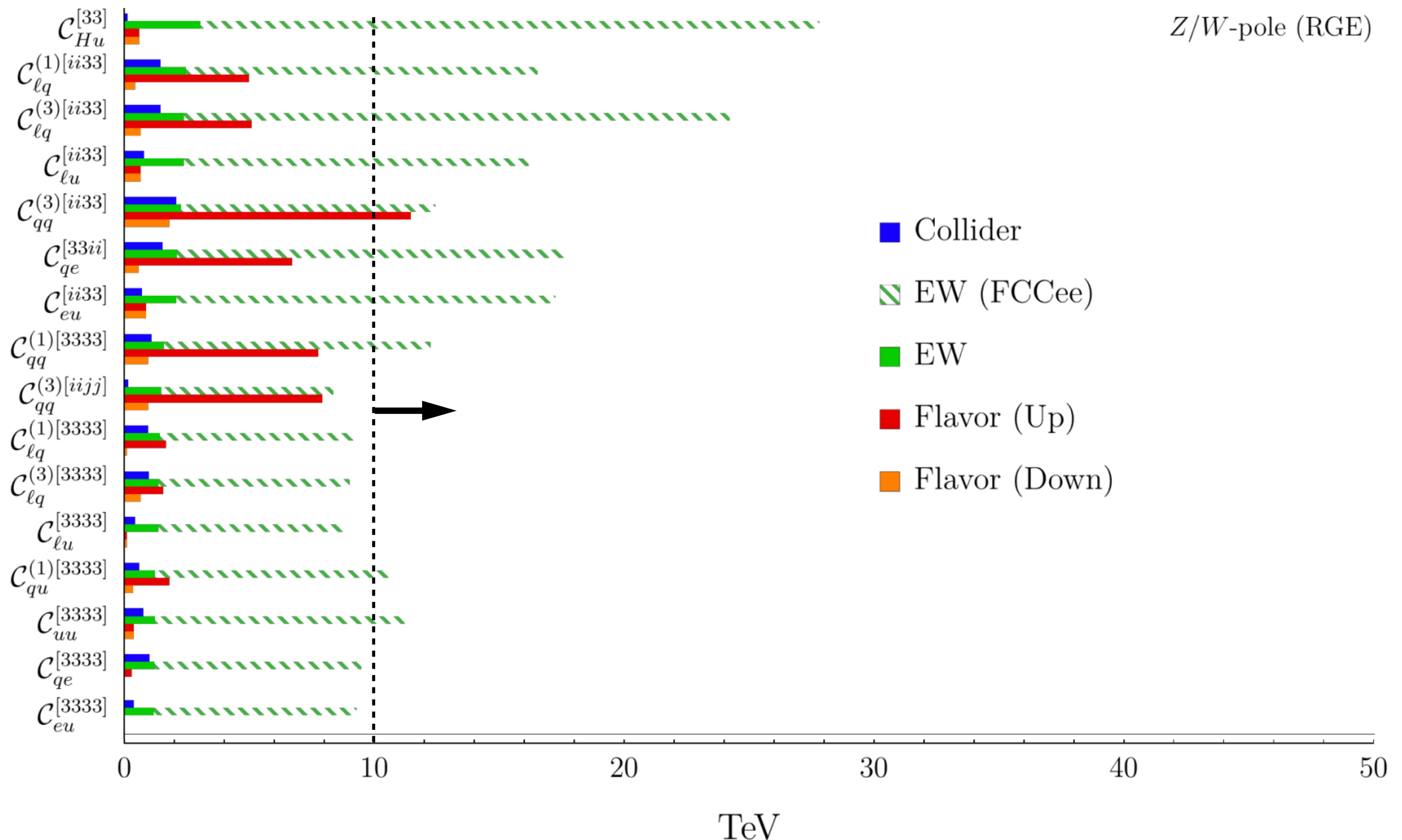
- Here are the Wilson coefficients entering the Z-pole at tree level in the $U(2)^5$ limit.



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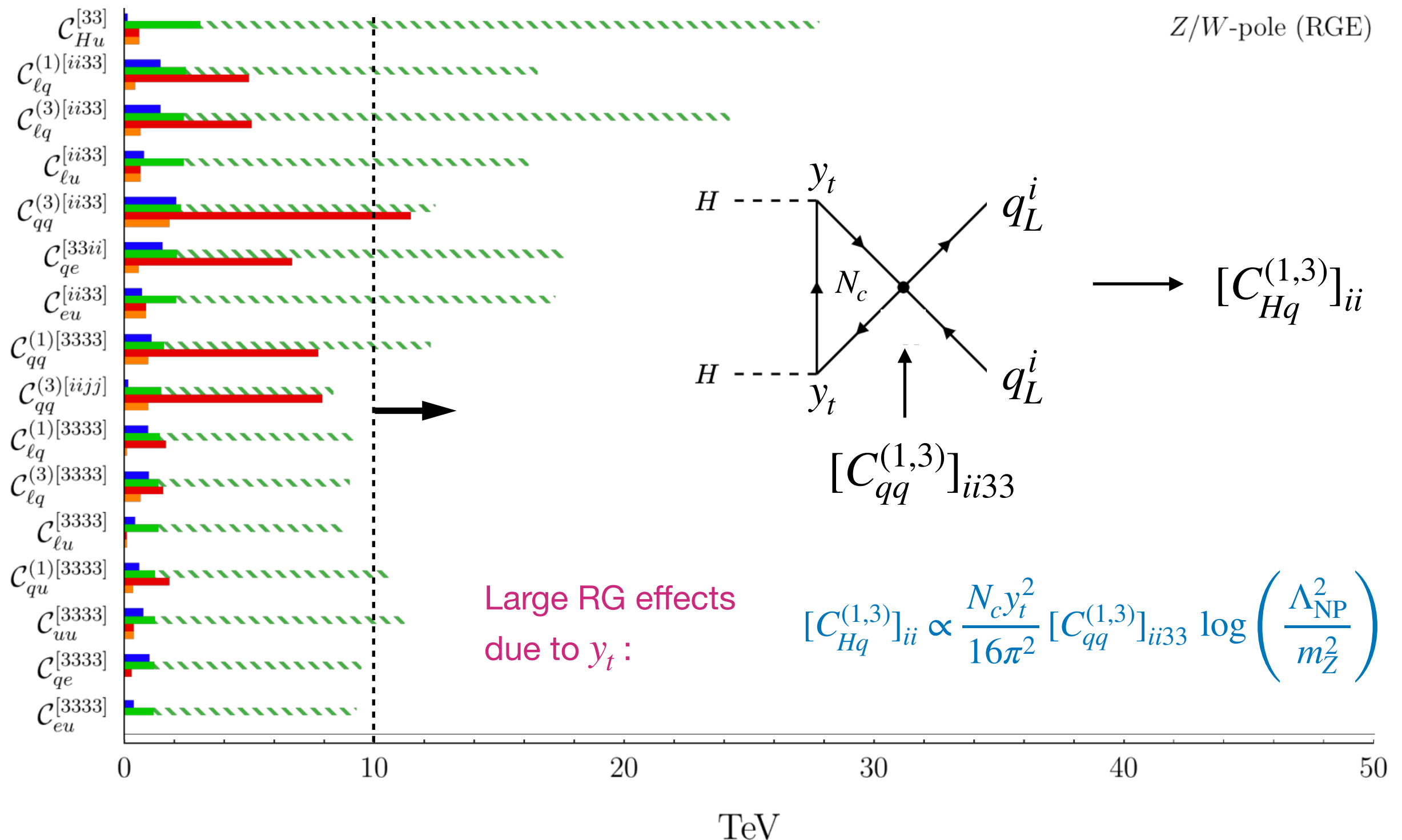
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Conclusions

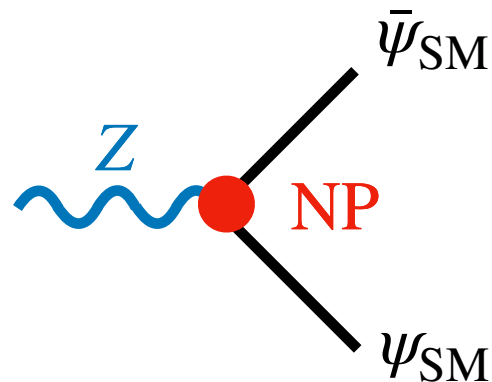
- We are still searching for a microscopic theory of the Higgs! The next 20 years will see a broad precision program with HL-LHC $\rightarrow$ FCC.
- Flavor data tells us that NP at the TeV scale has to be organized according to approximate global symmetries in the IR.
- Minimal flavor protection (MFP) identifies a core 180 CP-even operators that TeV scale BSM can populate with $O(1)$ Wilson coefficients.
- These operators have the right structure to run into EW precision observables- almost all are probed at NLL precision.
- FCC-ee sensitivity in the 1-10+ TeV range. I think such a broad precision program is the best way forward as we don't know where NP is.

Backup

Estimating BSM sensitivity at FCC-ee

- What is the BSM reach of Higgs coupling measurements? ($\delta\kappa \sim v^2 C/g_{\text{SM}}$)

<u>hZZ (0.1%)</u>	<u>hbb (0.36%)</u>	<u>htt (1%)</u>	<u>hhh (11%)</u>
$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \partial_\mu H ^2 \partial^\mu H ^2$	$\frac{y_b}{\Lambda^2} H ^2 \bar{q}_L^3 H b_R$	$\frac{y_t}{\Lambda^2} H ^2 \bar{q}_L^3 \tilde{H} t_R$	$\frac{\lambda}{\Lambda^2} H ^6$
$\Lambda \gtrsim 7.8 \text{ TeV}$	$\Lambda \gtrsim 4.1 \text{ TeV}$	$\Lambda \gtrsim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$	$\Lambda \gtrsim 750 \text{ GeV}$
BSM “enhancement”:	$(\Lambda \gtrsim 25 \text{ TeV})$	—	$(\Lambda \gtrsim 2 \text{ TeV})$



$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger D_\mu H) (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi)$$

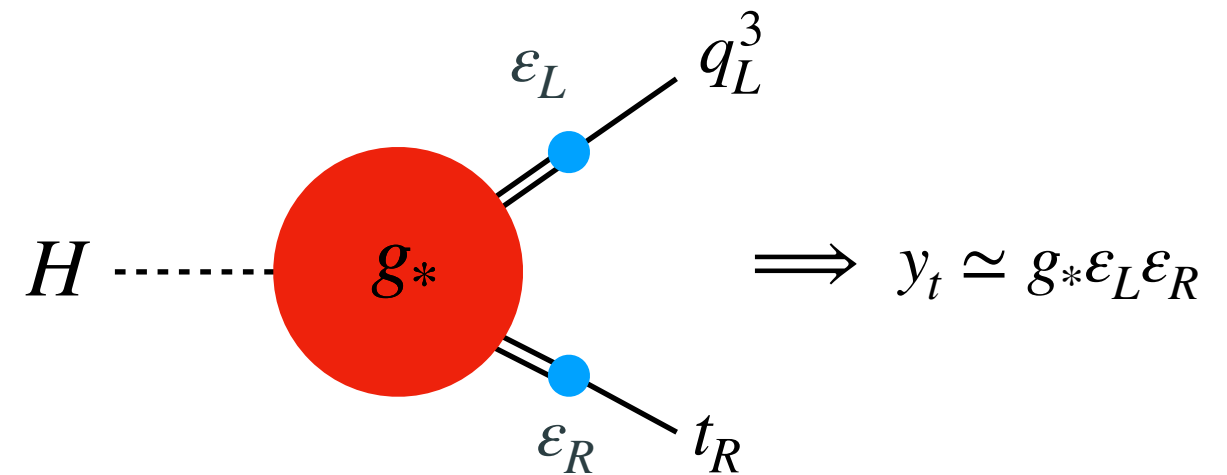
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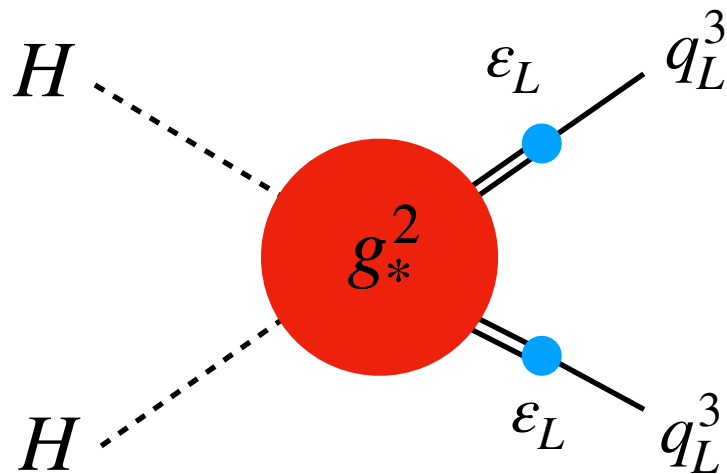
Loop contributions to Z-pole observables as sensitive as tree-level Higgs measurements!

Example: 4 top operators in CHM

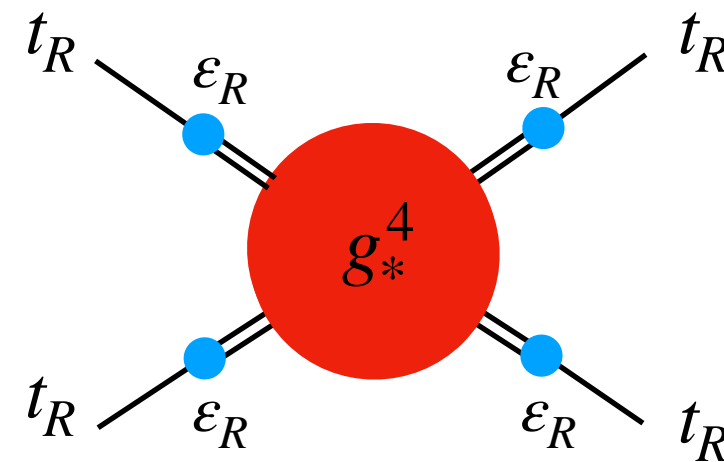
- The Higgs is a pNGB of a composite sector described by coupling g_* and mass scale m_* . The top must have sizable mixing!



- Via these mixing parameters, the composite sector will unavoidably generate other large top+H operators, for example:



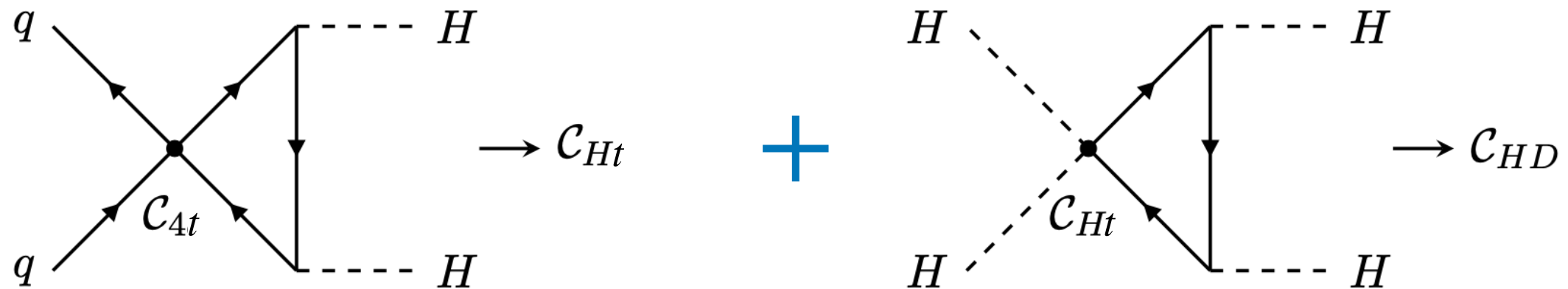
$$\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(1)} = (H^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_L^3 \gamma^\mu q_L^3)$$



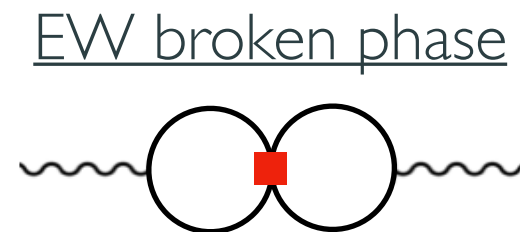
$$\mathcal{O}_{tt} = (\bar{t}_R \gamma_\mu t_R)(\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R)$$

Example: 4 top operators

- These 4 top operators also contribute to EWPO at loop level. In the case of the 4- t_R operator, the leading contribution is a 2-loop effect. Resummed RGE: $(\alpha \log)^n$



This $\alpha_t^2 \log^2$ effect allows EWPO to gain sensitivity to 4- t_R operators!



$$[\mathcal{C}_{HD}] = \frac{2N_c y_t^4}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left[(1 + 2N_c) \mathcal{C}_{qq}^{(1)} + 3\mathcal{C}_{qq}^{(3)} + 2(1 + N_c) \mathcal{C}_{tt} - 2N_c \mathcal{C}_{qt}^{(1)} \right] \log^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_*^2} \right)$$

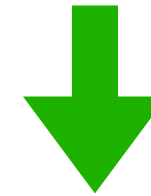
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- EWPO already gives a stronger (and more robust) limit on 4 top operators:

#	Wilson Coef.	Obs EWPO (NLL)	$\Delta_{\text{bound}} [\text{TeV}]$	Obs Top (LHC)	$\Delta_{\text{bound}} [\text{TeV}]$	Obs Higgs (LHC)	$\Delta_{\text{bound}} [\text{TeV}]$	Best Dataset	Best Obs	$\Delta_{\text{best}} [\text{TeV}]$
1	CHG	R_τ	0.17	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/d\cos\theta_*$ (CMS)	0.372	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$ (ATLAS)	20.872	Higgs (LHC)	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$ (ATLAS)	20.872
2	CuG[3, 3]	m_W	1.307	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/d\cos\theta_*$ (CMS)	1.721	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$ (ATLAS)	4.364	Higgs (LHC)	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$ (ATLAS)	4.364
3	CG	R_τ	0.243	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ (CMS)	2.603	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$ (ATLAS)	1.209	Top (LHC)	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ (CMS)	2.603
4	Cqq1[3, 3, 3, 3]	R_μ	1.609	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (ATLAS)	0.722	$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS)	0.148	EWPO (NLL)	R_μ	1.609
5	CHbox	m_W	0.962	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{incl}}$ (CMS)	0.006	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{YY}}$ (ATLAS)	1.219	Higgs (LHC)	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{YY}}$ (ATLAS)	1.219
6	Cqu1[3, 3, 3, 3]	m_W	1.201	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (CMS)	0.554	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS)	0.305	EWPO (NLL)	m_W	1.201
7	Cqq3[3, 3, 3, 3]	R_μ	1.107	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (ATLAS)	0.854	$\mu_{\text{WH}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS)	0.082	EWPO (NLL)	R_μ	1.107
8	Cuu[3, 3, 3, 3]	m_W	1.009	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (CMS)	0.724	$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS)	0.159	EWPO (NLL)	m_W	1.009
9	CuH[3, 3]	m_W	0.328	--	0	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS)	0.954	Higgs (LHC)	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS)	0.954
10	Cqu8[3, 3, 3, 3]	m_W	0.176	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (ATLAS)	0.417	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS)	0.29	Top (LHC)	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (ATLAS)	0.417



FCC-ee Projection (S1)



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1	CHG	R_μ	1.835	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ (CMS)	0.474	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{YY}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	34.09	Higgs (HL-LHC)	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{YY}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	34.09
2	Cqq1[3, 3, 3, 3]	Γ_Z	14.721	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (CMS)	0.982	$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	0.331	FCCee (S1)	Γ_Z	14.721
3	Cqu1[3, 3, 3, 3]	Γ_Z	10.244	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (CMS)	0.765	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (CMS HL-LHC)	0.498	FCCee (S1)	Γ_Z	10.244
4	Cqq3[3, 3, 3, 3]	Γ_Z	10.22	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (CMS)	1.017	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	0.197	FCCee (S1)	Γ_Z	10.22
5	CuG[3, 3]	m_W	7.877	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ (CMS)	2.194	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{YY}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	7.624	FCCee (S1)	m_W	7.877
6	Cuu[3, 3, 3, 3]	m_W	5.968	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (CMS)	0.995	$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{WW}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	0.349	FCCee (S1)	m_W	5.968
7	CHbox	m_W	5.805	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{incl}}$	0.006	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{YY}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	2.142	FCCee (S1)	m_W	5.805
8	CG	R_μ	2.617	$d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ (CMS)	2.478	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{YY}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	2.286	FCCee (S1)	R_μ	2.617
9	CuH[3, 3]	m_W	1.953	--	0	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	1.786	FCCee (S1)	m_W	1.953
10	Cqu8[3, 3, 3, 3]	m_W	1.005	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(t\bar{t})$ (CMS)	0.551	$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$ (ATLAS HL-LHC)	0.539	FCCee (S1)	m_W	1.005

Tera-Z factory brings novel precision challenges

Stat precision: $\frac{\delta O}{O} \sim 10^{-6} \approx \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \implies \Lambda \sim 100 \text{ TeV} \quad (\text{Loops : } 10 \text{ TeV})$

$\delta O/O \sim$	10^{-4}	10^{-5}	10^{-6}
	Scenario S1	Scenario S2	Scenario S3
Observable	TH PO+TH agg.+EXP (10^{-5})	TH agg.+EXP (10^{-5})	EXP Only (10^{-5})
Γ_Z	1.55	0.820	0.510
σ_{had}	4.33	2.06	1.93
R_e	2.21	1.05	0.410
R_μ	2.20	1.02	0.330
R_τ	2.20	1.03	0.350
R_b	20.1	1.63	0.180
R_c	100	1.19	0.260
A_{FB}^e	126	25.7	25.2
A_{FB}^μ	125	21.1	20.6
A_{FB}^τ	126	23.3	22.8
A_{FB}^b	87.8	6.42	5.50
A_{FB}^c	89.1	10.2	9.62
A_{FB}^s	88.2	10.7	10.2
$\sin^2 \theta_W$	6.87	0.780	0.730
A_e	87.9	9.78	9.20
A_μ	90.1	22.1	21.8
A_τ	90.5	23.4	23.2
A_b	11.7	10.5	10.5
A_c	16.9	9.00	8.99
A_s	14.2	13.2	13.2
M_W	0.490	0.320	0.300
Γ_W	16.1	16.1	16.1

More conservative

More aggressive

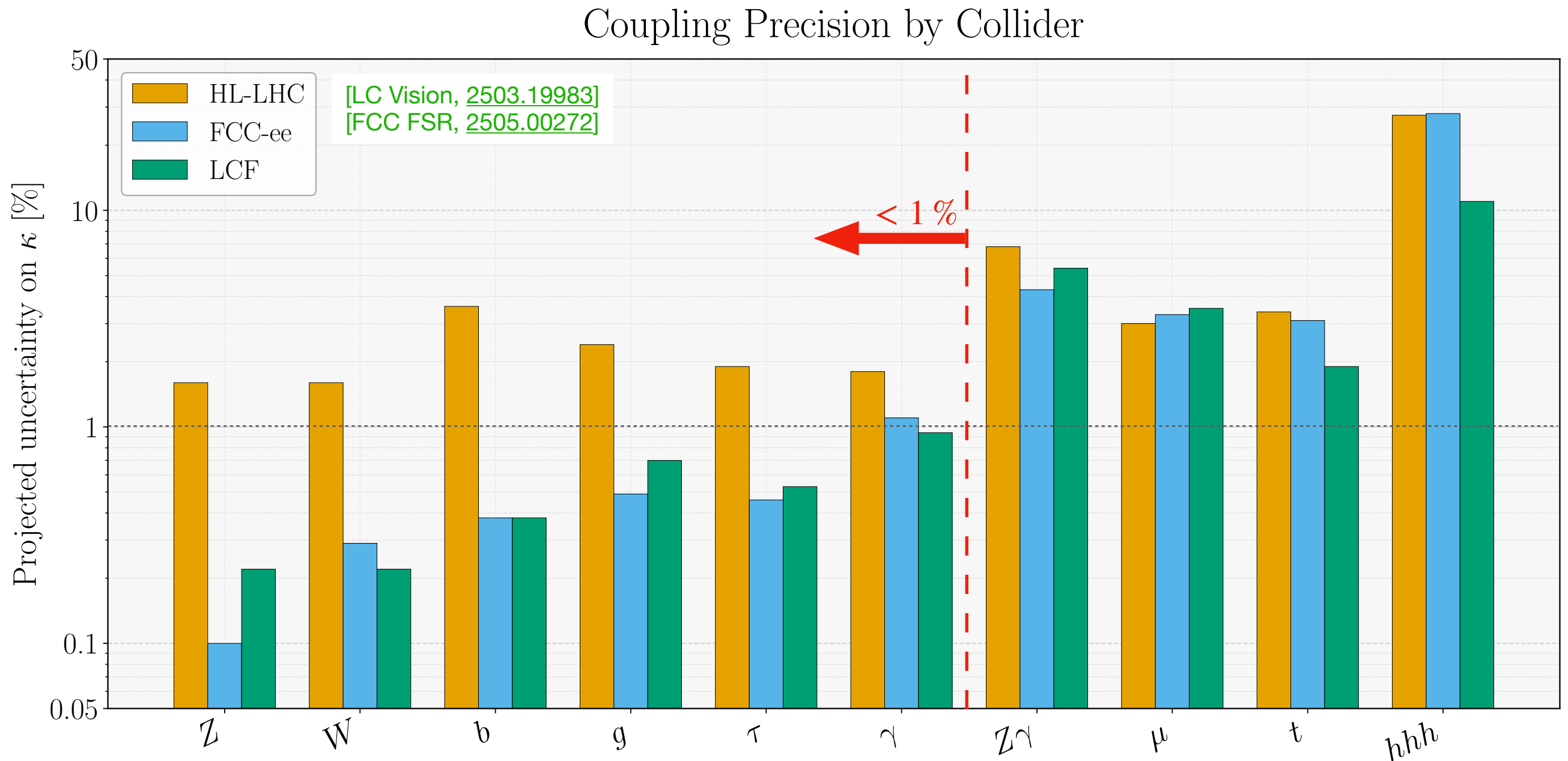
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Higgs couplings at Future Colliders

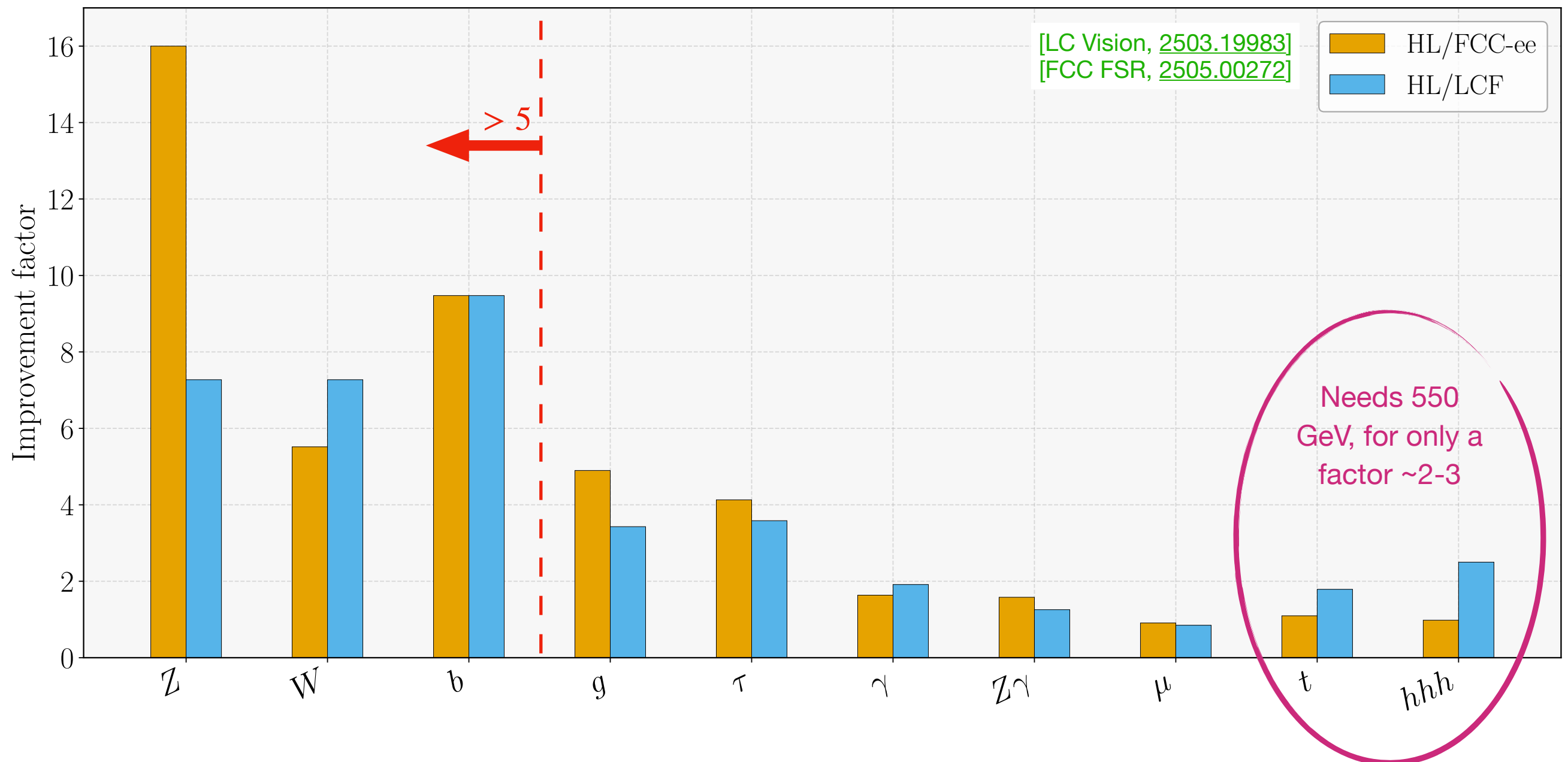
- With a million Higgses, hZZ , hWW , hbb couplings reach the per-mille level.



Higgs couplings: Improvement vs. HL-LHC

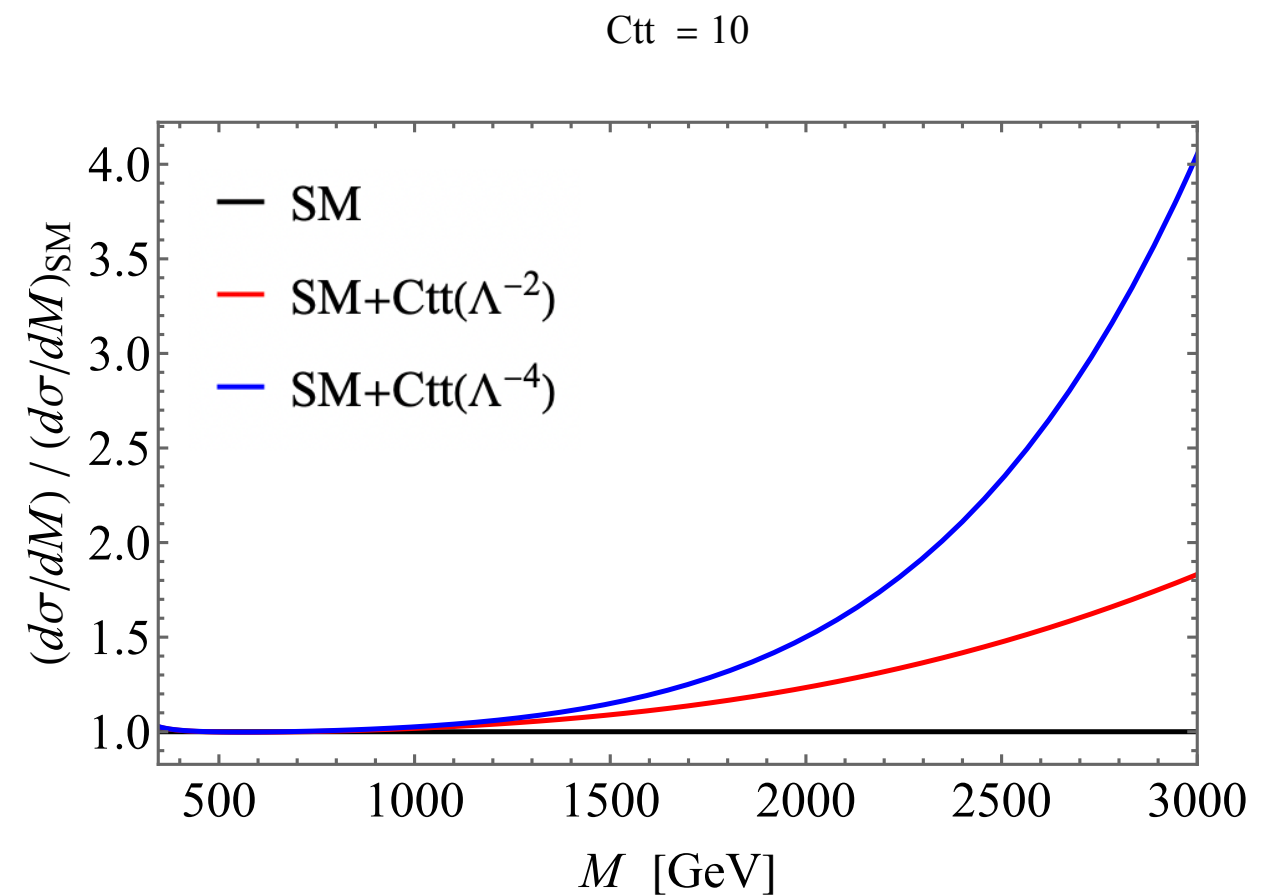
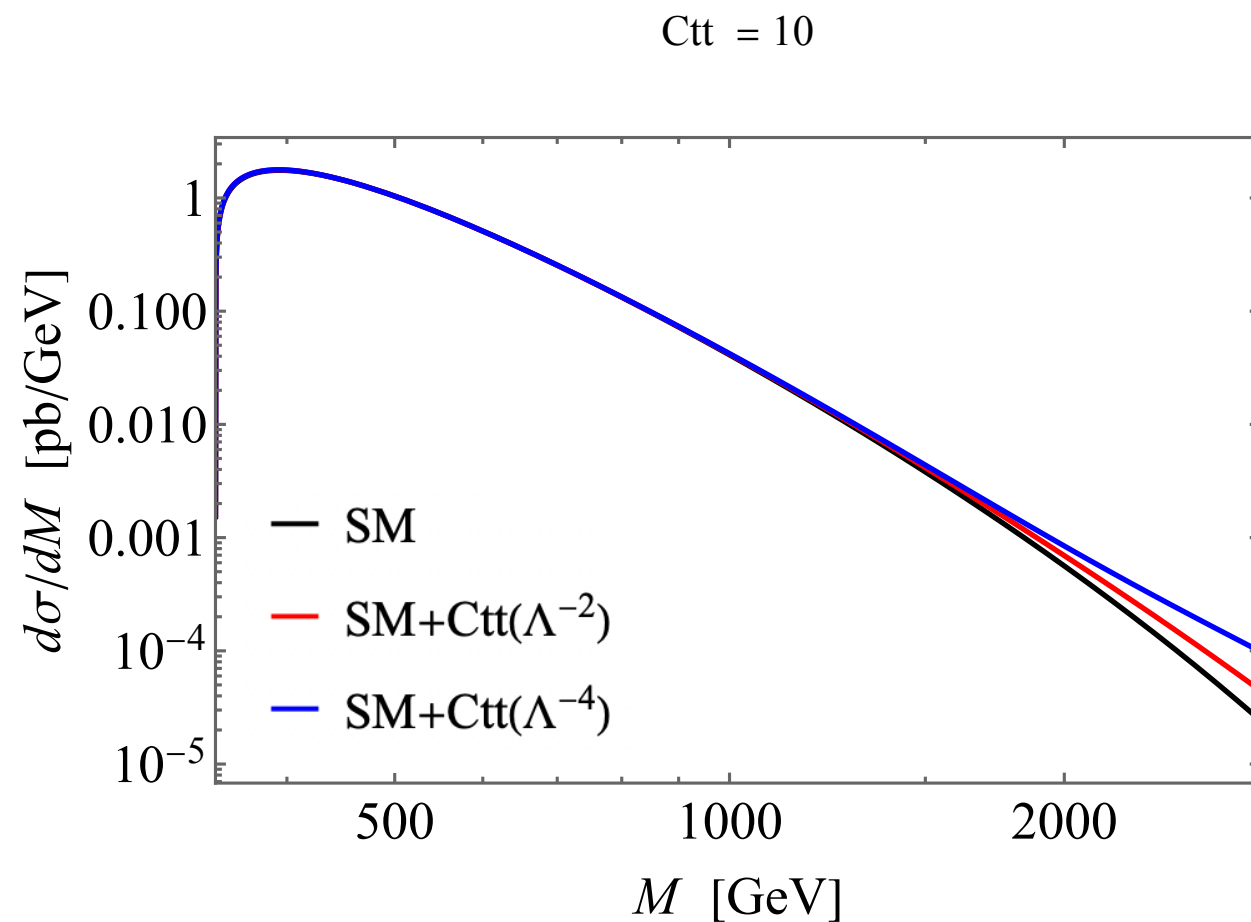
- Improvement with respect to HL-LHC is mainly concentrated in the hVV, hbb couplings. Both machines measure these well at 240 GeV!

Relative Improvement: HL-LHC vs FCC-ee and LCF



Example: 4 top operators

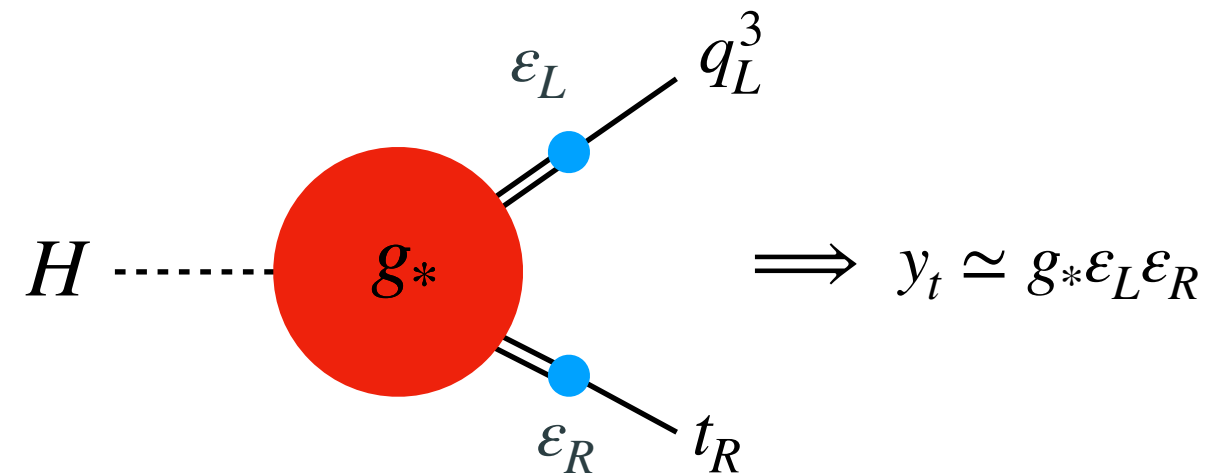
- Limits on SMEFT operators from top pair production come from very high energy bins where the inclusion of quadratics has a sizable impact.



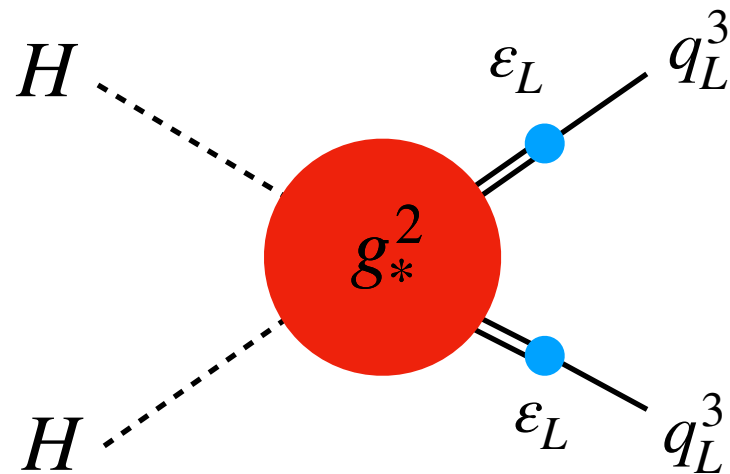
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Composite Higgs models

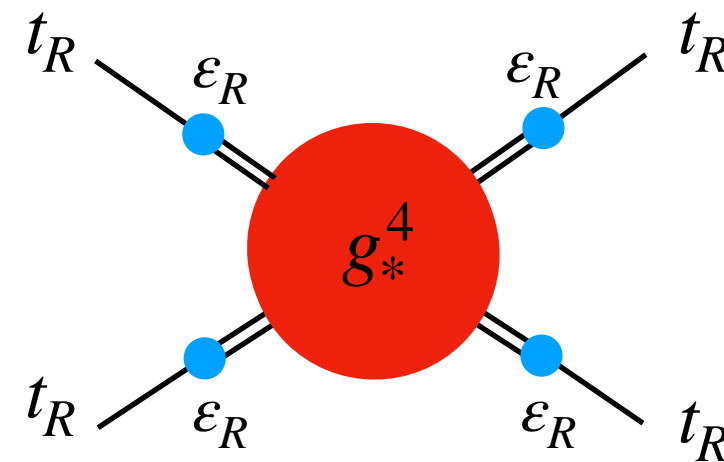
- The Higgs is a pNGB of a composite sector described by coupling g_* and mass scale m_* . The top must have sizable mixing!



- Via these mixing parameters, the composite sector will unavoidably generate other large top+H operators, for example:



$$\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(1)} = (H^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_L^3 \gamma^\mu q_L^3)$$



$$\mathcal{O}_{tt} = (\bar{t}_R \gamma_\mu t_R)(\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R)$$

Matching to composite Higgs model parameters

- The full UV Lagrangian can be written schematically as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}'} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{strong}} + g A_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} J_{\text{strong}}^{\mu} + \lambda_L \bar{q}_L^3 \mathcal{O}_L + \lambda_R \bar{t}_R \mathcal{O}_R$$

- Integrating out all heavy composite states, the low energy theory has the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}'} + \frac{m_*^4}{g_*^2} \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{EFT}} \left(\frac{g_* H}{m_*}, \frac{D_{\mu}}{m_*}, \frac{g F_{\mu\nu}}{m_*^2}, \frac{\lambda_L \bar{q}_L^3}{m_*^{3/2}}, \frac{\lambda_R \bar{t}_R}{m_*^{3/2}}, \frac{g_*^2}{16\pi^2}, \frac{g}{16\pi^2} \right)$$

- Let us write the **WCs in terms of composite Higgs model parameters** :

$$C_W g (H^{\dagger} D_{\mu}^I H) D_{\nu} W^{I\mu\nu} \implies C_W \sim \frac{m_*^4}{g_*^2} \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^4} \frac{1}{m_*^2} = \frac{1}{m_*^2} \quad (\text{S-parameter})$$

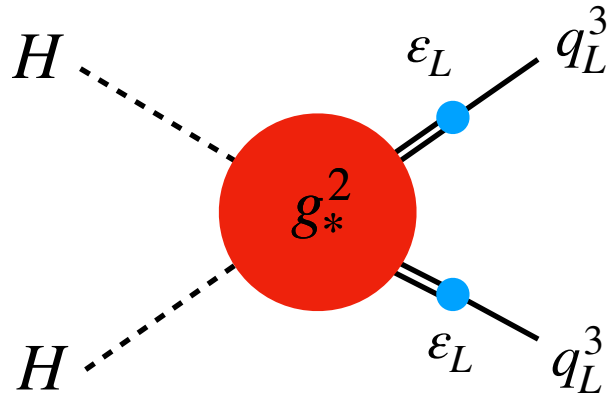
$$C_{tt} (\bar{t}_R \gamma_{\mu} t_R) (\bar{t}_R \gamma_{\mu} t_R) \implies C_{tt} \sim \frac{m_*^4}{g_*^2} \frac{\lambda_R^4}{m_*^6} = \frac{\lambda_R^4}{g_*^2 m_*^2} = \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \epsilon_R^4 \quad (4t_R \text{ operator})$$

$$(\lambda_{L,R} = g_* \epsilon_{L,R})$$

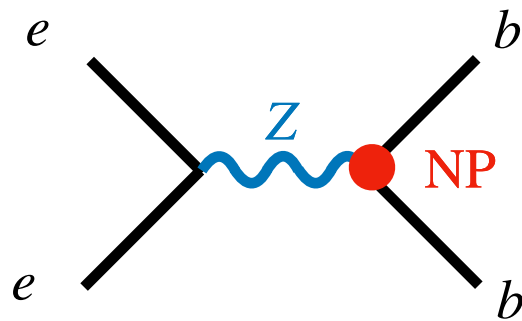
[G. F. Giudice, C. Grojean, A. Pomarol, R. Rattazzi, [hep-ph/0703164](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0703164)]

Composite Higgs model building

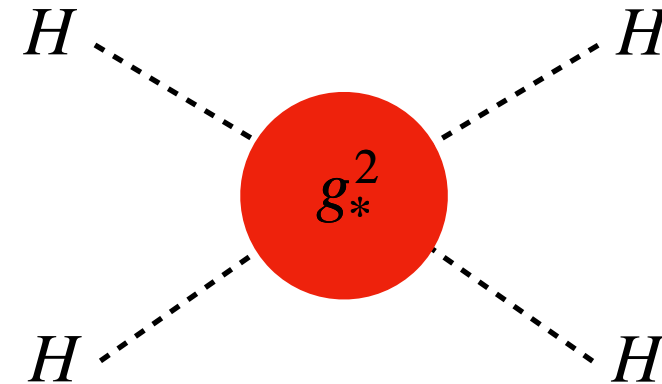
- Composite Higgs models without custodial symmetry face severe constraints:



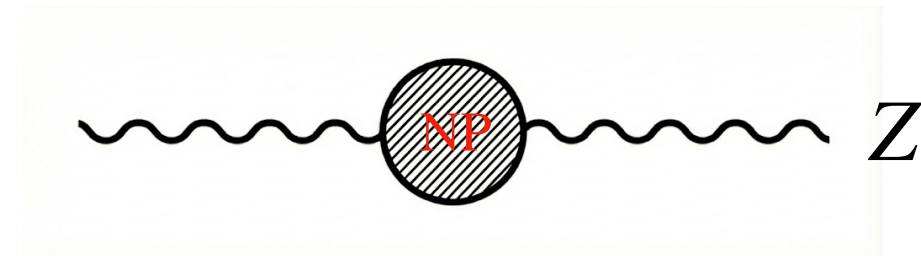
$$\frac{g_*^2 \epsilon_L^2}{m_*^2} (H^\dagger D_\mu H) (\bar{q}_L^3 \gamma^\mu q_L^3)$$



$$\delta g_Z^{b_L b_L} \propto C_{Hq}^{(1)} + C_{Hq}^{(3)}$$



$$\frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} |H^\dagger D_\mu H|^2$$

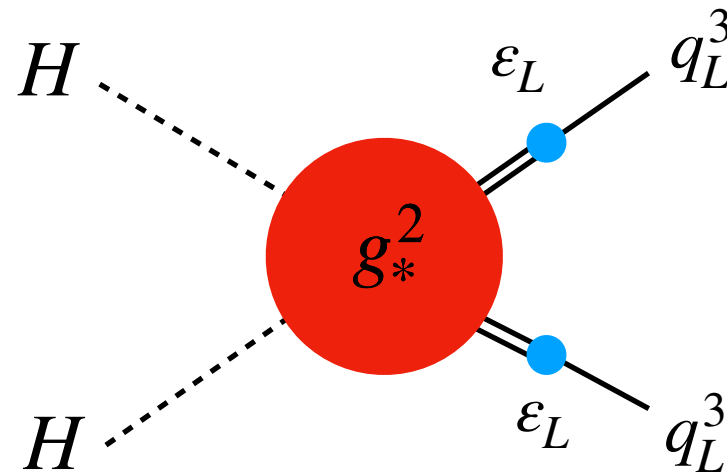


$$T = -\frac{v^2}{2} C_{HD}$$

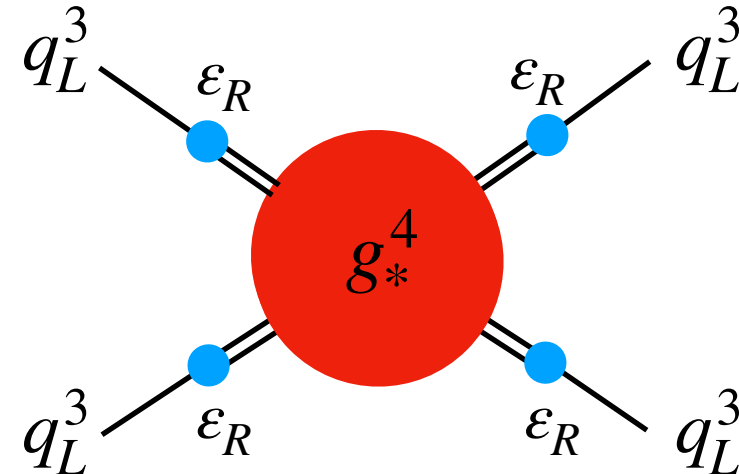
[Agashe, Contino, Da Rold, Pomarol, [hep-ph/0605341](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0605341)]

Composite Higgs model building

- But, custodial symmetry does not forbid large top operators:

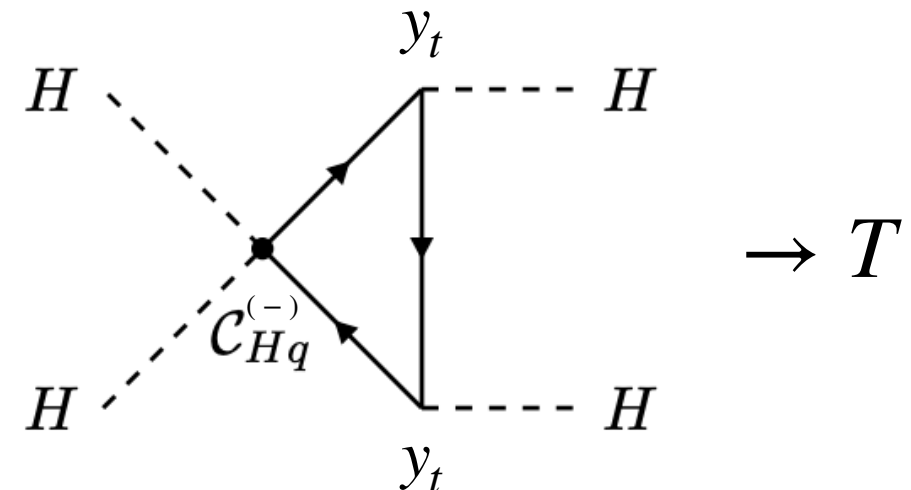


$$\delta g_Z^{t_L t_L} \propto C_{Hq}^{(1)} - C_{Hq}^{(3)} \propto \frac{g_*^2 \epsilon_L^2}{m_*^2}$$



$$C_{qq}, C_{tt} \propto \frac{g_*^2 \epsilon_L^4}{m_*^2}, \frac{g_*^2 \epsilon_R^4}{m_*^2}$$

- SM loops unavoidably break custodial symmetry: $y_t \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \gg y_b$.

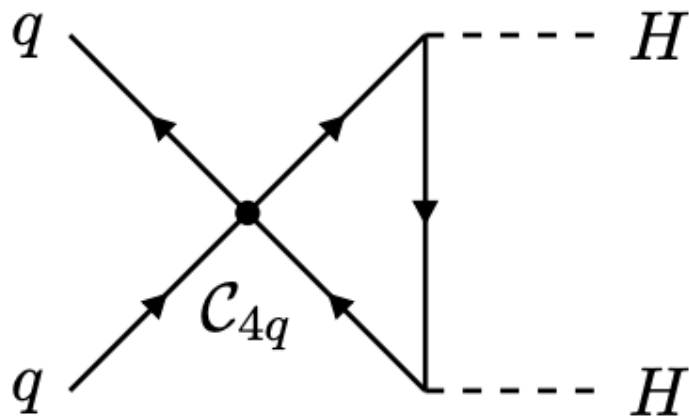


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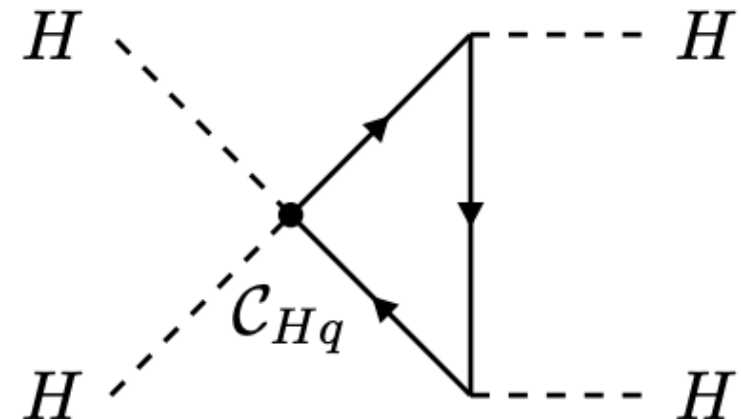
Top loops in composite Higgs models

- The most dangerous operators are re-generated via RGE as we run from m_* down to the EW scale!

Top Yukawa loops give large effects $\propto N_c y_t^2 \log(m_Z^2/m_^2)$*



4-top operators running into Zbb vertex corrections.



Top vertex corrections running into the T parameter.

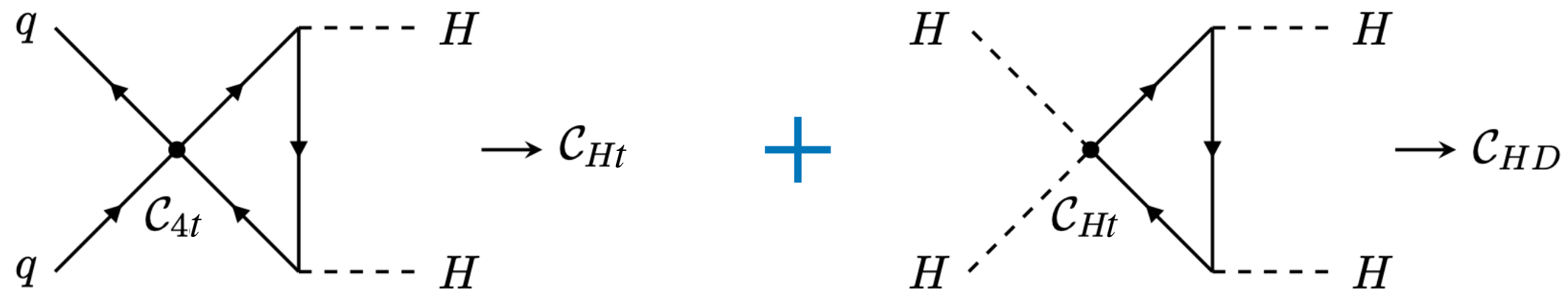
$$\mathcal{O}_{qq}^{(1,3)}, \mathcal{O}_{qt}^{(1)}, \mathcal{O}_{tt} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(1,3)}, \mathcal{O}_{Ht}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(1)}, \mathcal{O}_{Ht} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{HD}$$

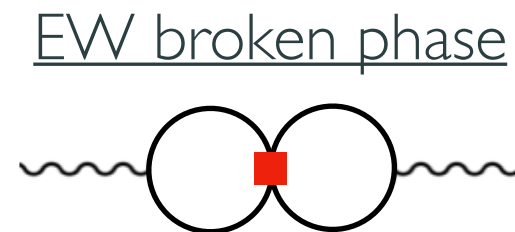
Irreducible RG effects! Cannot be avoided with clever model building!

2-loop sensitivity to 4-top operators

- Some important effects occur only beyond the first leading-log approx. Integrating the 1-loop RG equations resums higher loop effects of the form $(\alpha \log)^n$:



This $\alpha_t^2 \log^2$ effect allows EWPO to gain sensitivity to 4- t_R operators!

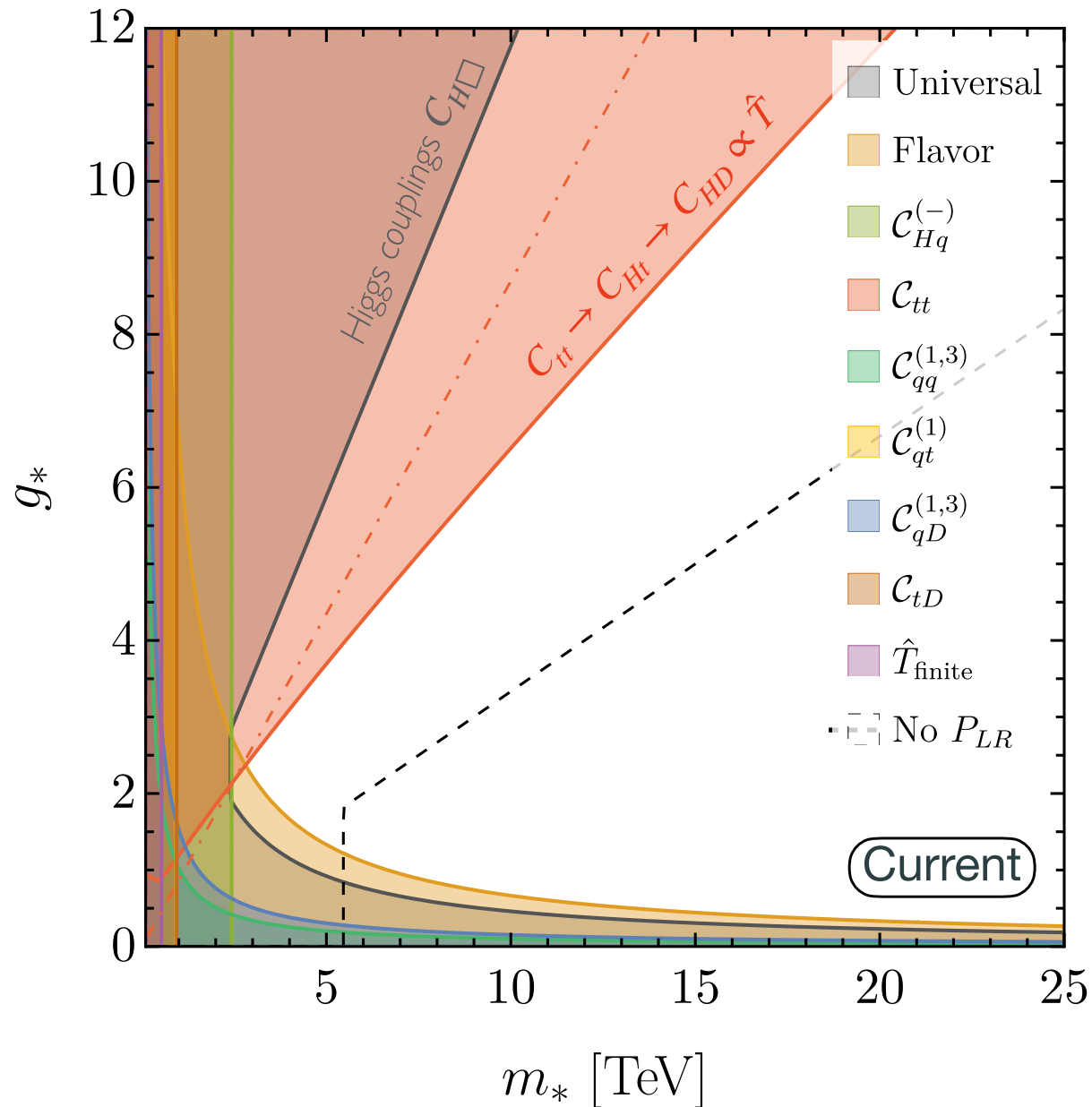


$$[\mathcal{C}_{HD}] = \frac{2N_c y_t^4}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left[(1 + 2N_c) \mathcal{C}_{qq}^{(1)} + 3\mathcal{C}_{qq}^{(3)} + 2(1 + N_c) \mathcal{C}_{tt} - 2N_c \mathcal{C}_{qt}^{(1)} \right] \log^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_*^2} \right)$$

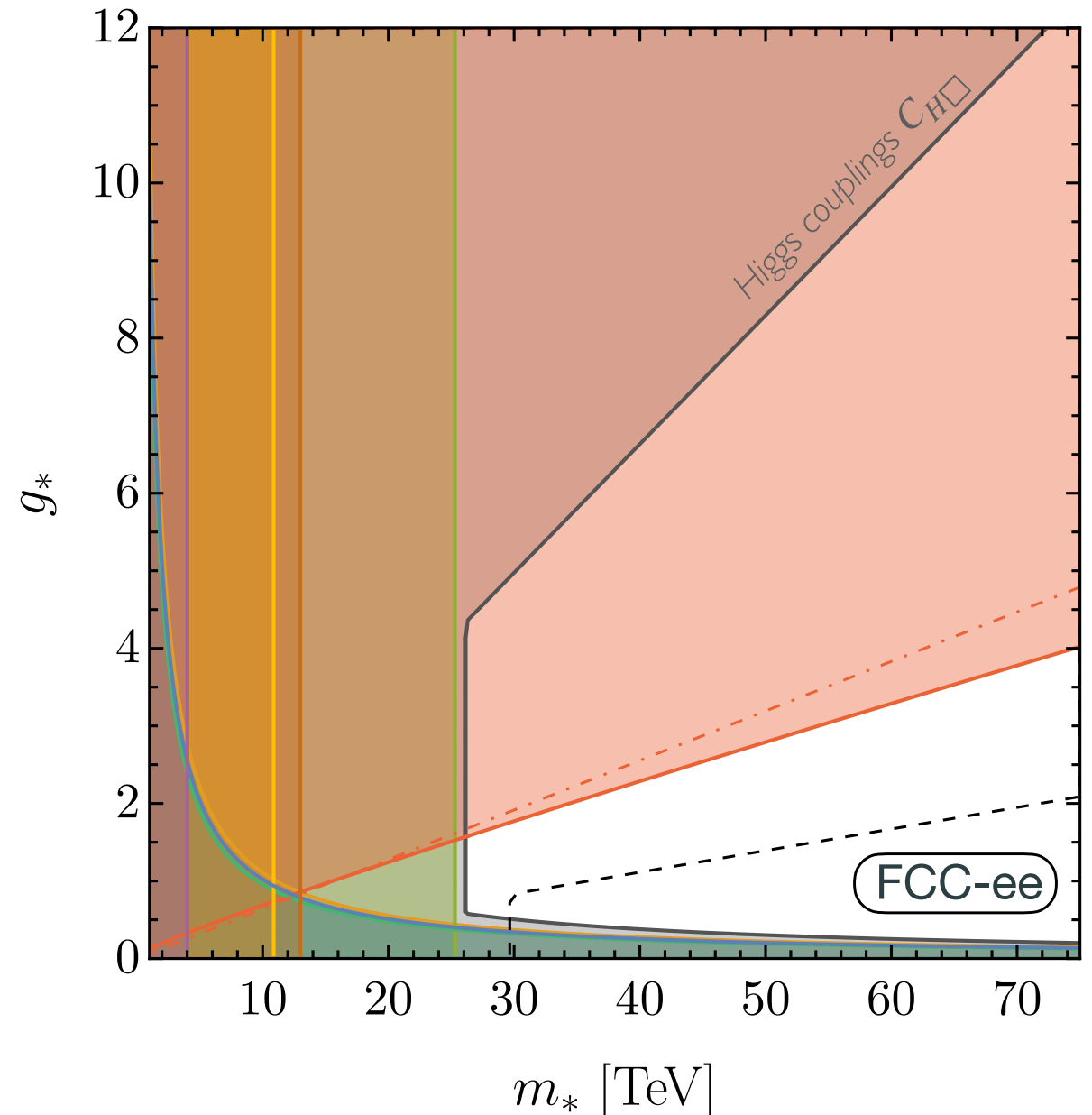
Results: Right compositeness (lowest NP scale)

- Right compositeness has $\epsilon_L = y_t/g_*$, $\epsilon_R = 1$. Flavor constraints: $C_{B_s} \propto \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \epsilon_L^4$

($\Lambda_{\text{NP}} = 2.5 \text{ TeV}$)



($\Lambda_{\text{NP}} = 25 \text{ TeV}$)



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A novel probe of composite Higgs models!

Right-handed rotations

- Ok so we need $SU(2)_q$. But what about $U(2)_u \times U(2)_d$? In general, RH rotations are not fixed, but they cannot be smaller than chirally-suppressed LH ones:

$$Y_{u,d} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times \end{pmatrix} \implies \theta_R^{ij} \approx \frac{m_i}{m_j} \theta_L^{ij} \quad (i < j)$$

Light mass ratios: $m_d/m_s \approx 5 \times 10^{-2}$ $m_u/m_c \approx 2 \times 10^{-3}$

$$\bar{K} - K : \quad \frac{(a-b)^2 \lambda^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{m_d^2}{m_s^2} (\bar{d}_1 d_2)^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{(2 \times 10^4 \text{ TeV})^2} \implies |a-b| \lesssim 0.05 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)$$

$$\bar{D} - D : \quad \frac{(a-b)^2 \lambda^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{m_u^2}{m_c^2} (\bar{u}_1 u_2)^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{(2 \times 10^4 \text{ TeV})^2} \implies |a-b| \lesssim O(1) \left(\frac{\Lambda}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)$$

^{**} $U(2)_{u,d}$ could be broken at 10 TeV if the Cabibbo angle comes mostly from L_u .

(Limits are weaker by a factor ~ 20 if the rotation is real)

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Minimal Flavor Protection: Lepton Yukawas

- Start with lepton Yukawas, which require just a single spurion:

$$z \sim (\mathbf{1}, X_z) \quad [l_i] = X_i, \quad [e_i] = X_i - (4 - i)X_z$$

- For $z \approx 2 \times 10^{-2}$, we get a Froggatt-Nielsen like solution for lepton Yukawas

$$Y_e = \begin{pmatrix} y_1^e z^3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_2^e z^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y_3^e z \end{pmatrix}$$

Off-diagonals and cLFV forbidden if:

$$(X_i - X_j) \bmod X_z \neq 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

- What about neutrinos? In general, we would also imprint hierarchies there

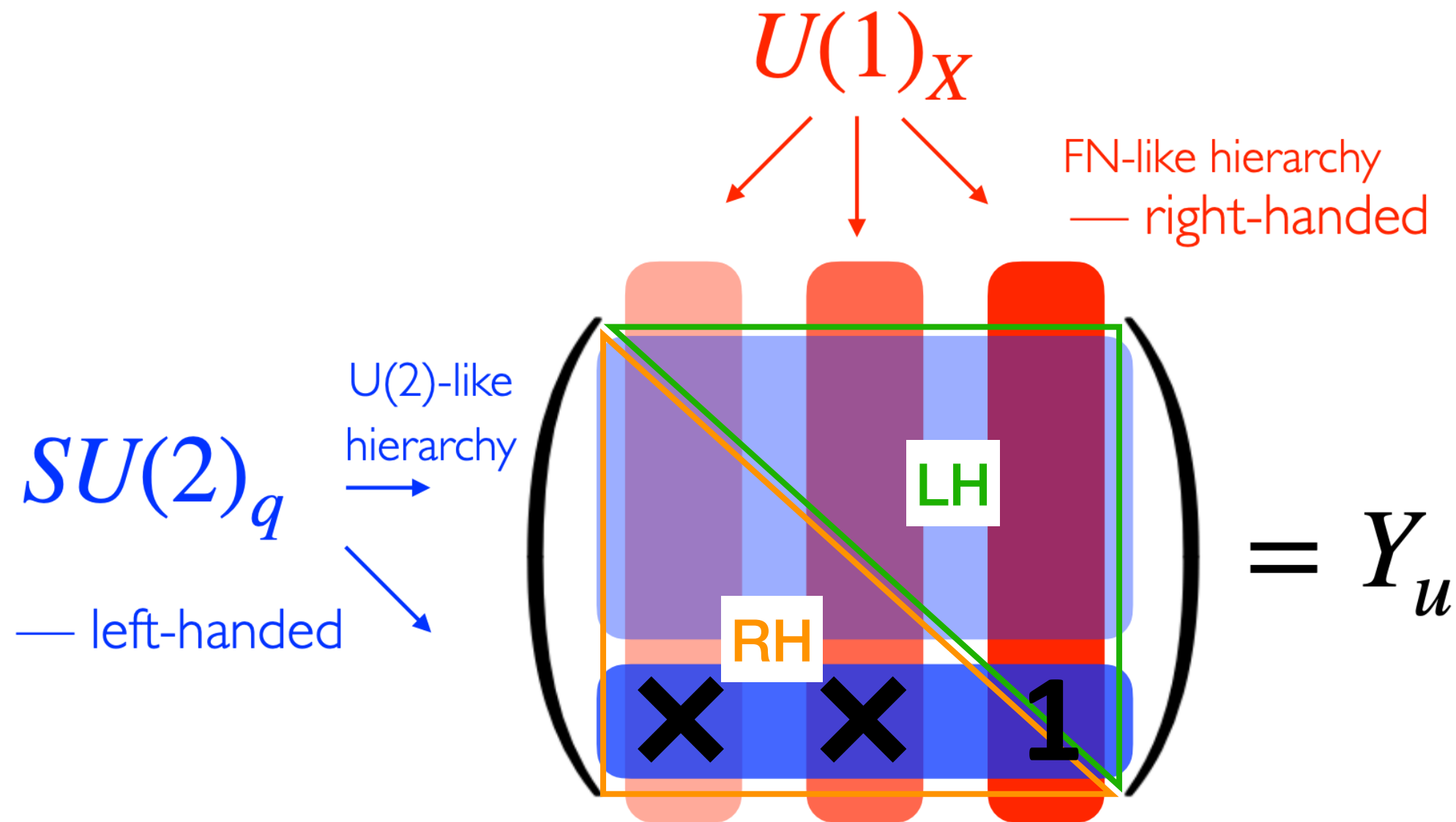
$$\mathcal{L}_{d=5} = C_{ij} \frac{z^{N_{ij}}}{\Lambda} \bar{l}_i^c l_j H H$$

Weinberg operator forbidden if:

$$(X_i + X_j) \bmod X_z \neq 0 \quad \forall i, j$$

Minimal Flavor Protection: Quark Yukawas

- Quark Yukawas arise essentially as hybrid between $U(2)$ and Froggatt-Nielson:



✗ Cannot be populated if $Y_{u,d}$ arise from $SU(2)_q$ -doublet spurions

Minimal Flavor Protection: Quark Yukawas

- The quark Yukawas require a minimum of three $SU(2)_q$ -doublet spurions:

$$SU(2)_q \text{ spurions: } V \sim (2, X_V) \quad W \sim (2, X_W), \quad U \sim (2, X_U)$$

Quarks	d_1, u_1	d_2	u_2	d_3	q_3, u_3
$U(1)_X$ charge	$-X_V - 2X_z$	$X_V + X_z$	$-X_W$	$X_z - X_U$	$2X_z - X_U$

- With these charges, the up and down Yukawas have the following texture:

$$Y_u = \begin{pmatrix} V z^2 & W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_d = \begin{pmatrix} V z^2 & \tilde{V} z^* & U z^* \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{V} = i\sigma_2 V^*$$

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- Without loss of generality, we can choose a basis where:

$$z = z, \quad \mathbf{V} = v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{W} = w \begin{pmatrix} \sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U} = u \begin{pmatrix} \sin \beta e^{i\phi} \\ \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

12 down alignment

$\tan \alpha \approx V_{us}/V_{cs}$

$\tan \beta e^{i\phi} \approx V_{td}^*/V_{ts}^*$

All mass hierarchies explained for $v, w, u, z \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$



*11 hierarchical SM parameters traded for 4 of the same order!
Towards a solution to the SM flavor puzzle...*

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