

Leptoquarks from above and below

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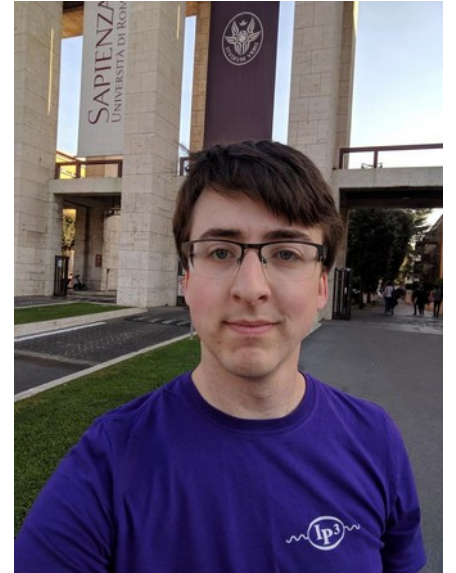
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Interests

- PhD was mostly on B physics, particularly B meson mixing
 - Moved into some BSM via the $bsll$ anomalies
- Generally interested in anomalies (e.g. CAA) and simple model building, global fits and computer tools

Now

- Working with Danny and Ery to carefully study $(\bar{b}s)(\bar{c}c)$ operators – can we properly disentangle QCD and NP?

Now let's talk physics

- 1) Using neutrino telescopes to search for LQs?
- 2) LQs without leptons for $b s \ell \ell$ anomalies?

1) Using neutrino telescopes to search for LQs?

(based on 2307.11152 with Keyun Wu and Shohei Okawa)

$$\nu q \rightarrow \text{LQ}$$

- If LQs exist, they can be generated in an s-channel diagram from a neutrino-quark initial state
 - And on-shell if the centre-of-mass energy is large enough
- How large?

$$\nu N \rightarrow \text{LQ}$$

- $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{2E_\nu m_N}$
- For $m_N \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$, $\sqrt{s} \sim 1.4 \text{ TeV} \sqrt{E_\nu / 10^6 \text{ GeV}}$
- Where can I get a 1000 TeV neutrino source?

UHE neutrinos

- Astrophysical sources expected to generate neutrinos with energies up to at least 1 exa-electronvolt ($1 \text{ EeV} = 10^{18} \text{ eV} = 10^9 \text{ GeV}$!)
- Can we detect these?

UHE neutrino experiments

- Next generation neutrino telescopes will measure neutrino-nucleon cross-section (i.e. neutrino DIS) at ultra-high energies
 - GRAND, TAMBO, POEMMA, Trinity, ...
- Enough to tell us anything about BSM?

Measurements of $\sigma(\nu N)$

Detector Requirements for Model-Independent Measurements of Ultrahigh Energy Neutrino Cross Sections

2205.09763

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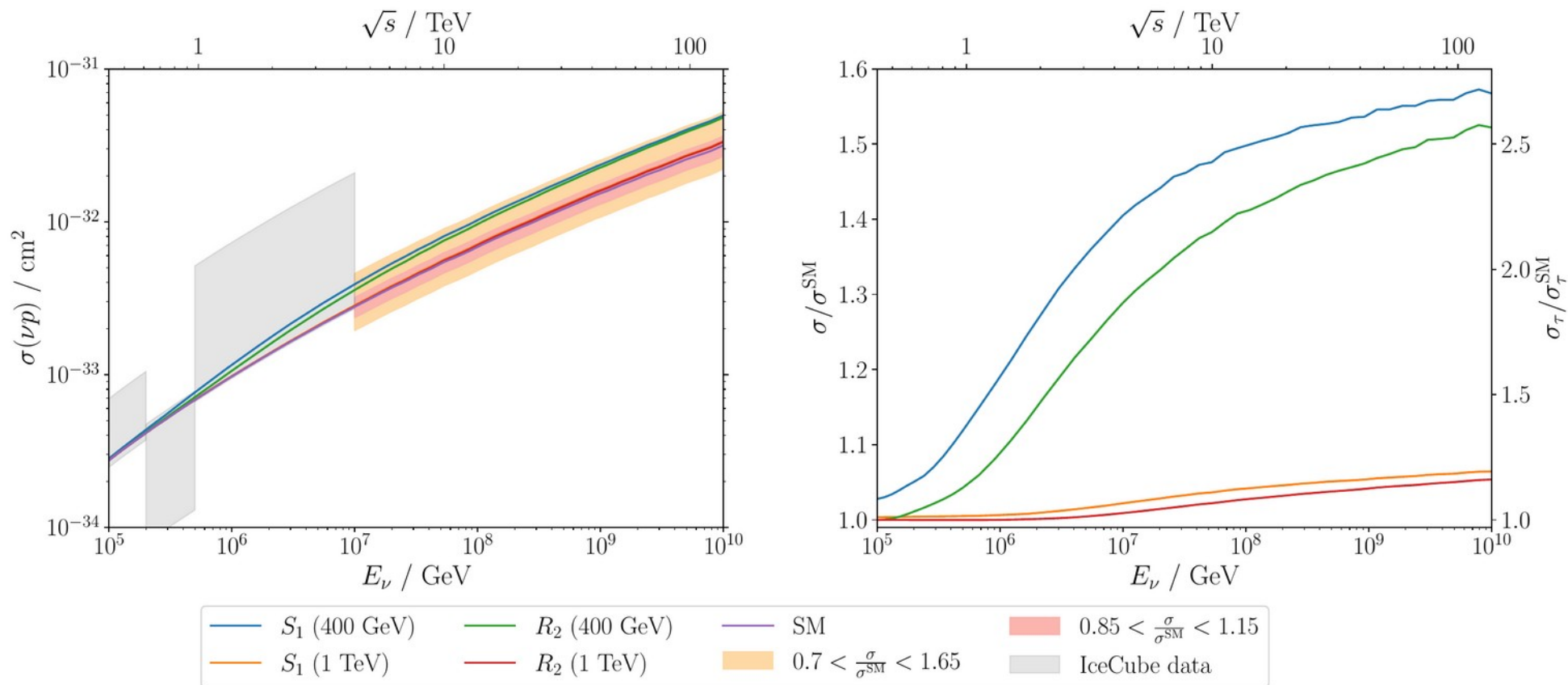
The ultrahigh energy range of neutrino physics (above $\sim 10^7$ GeV), as yet devoid of detections, is an open landscape with challenges to be met and discoveries to be made. Neutrino-nucleon cross sections in that range — with center-of-momentum energies $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 4$ TeV — are powerful probes of unexplored phenomena. We present a simple and accurate model-independent framework to evaluate how well these cross sections can be measured for an unknown flux and generic detectors. We also demonstrate how to characterize and compare detector sensitivity. We show that cross sections can be measured to $\simeq_{-30}^{+65}\%$ precision over $\sqrt{s} \simeq 4\text{--}140$ TeV ($E_\nu = 10^7\text{--}10^{10}$ GeV) with modest energy and angular resolution and $\simeq 10$ events per energy decade. Many allowed novel-physics models (extra dimensions, leptoquarks, etc.) produce much larger effects. In the distant future, with $\simeq 100$ events at the highest energies, the precision would be $\simeq 15\%$, probing even QCD saturation effects.

See also

[2204.04237](#) and

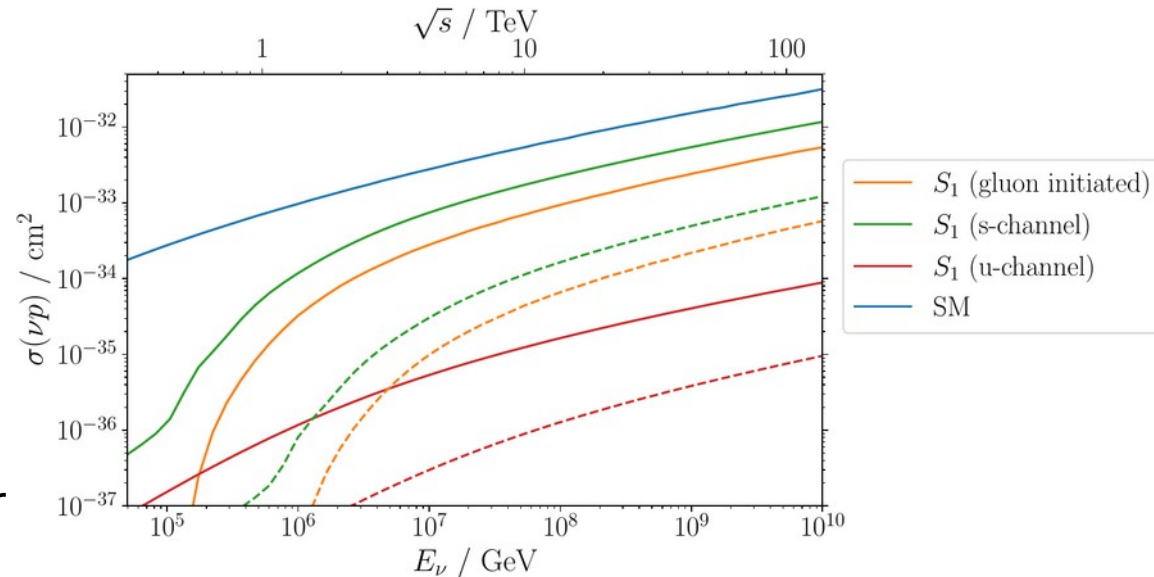
[2007.10334](#)

Measurements of $\sigma(\nu N)$



Calculating $\sigma(\nu N)$

- Turns out not just s-channel is important, if looking at heavy quark couplings
 - Often true since 3rd gen BSM more motivated and collider bounds are weaker
- Gluon initial states also very relevant



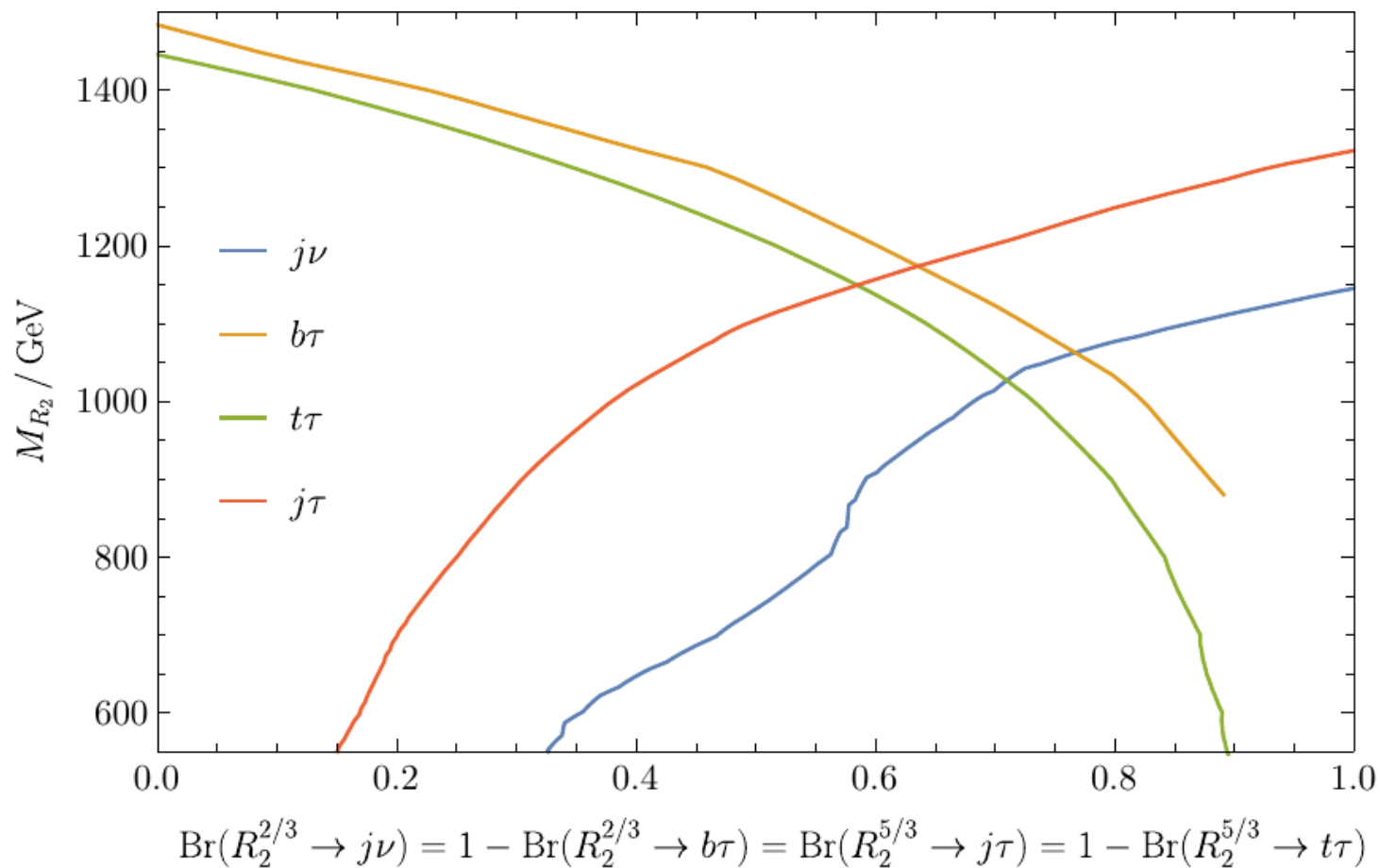
Theory uncertainties

- Primarily from PDFs
 - Around 5-10% from any particular PDF
 - Plus consider which PDF set to use
 - And what target: proton / proton+neutron average / Earth average
- We neglect these entirely

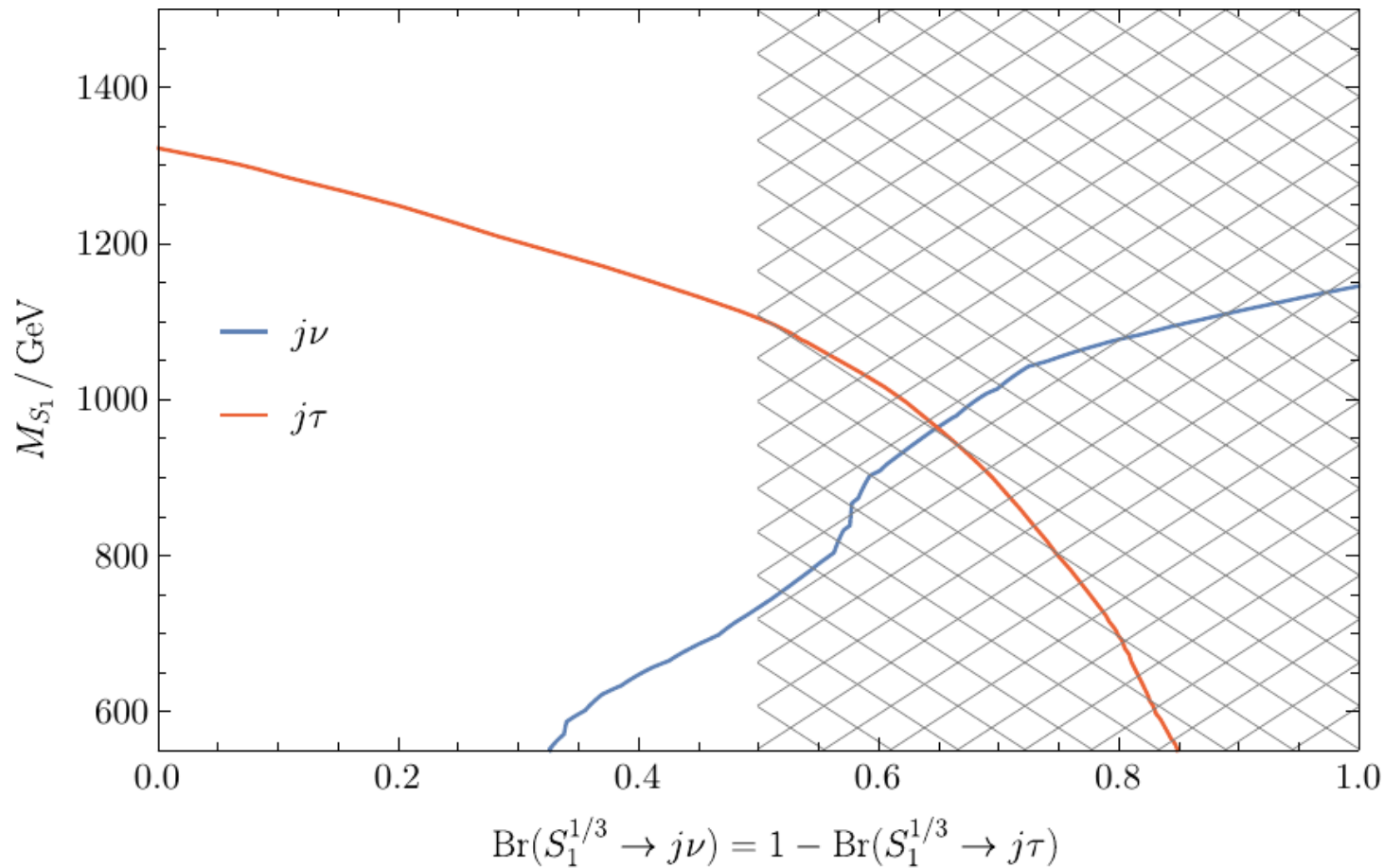
LQ models

- We study two LQ models:
 - $R_2 : (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 7/6)$
 - Can explain $R(D), R(D^*)$ anomalies with large couplings, and has been previously looked at using IceCube data
 - $S_1 : (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -1/3)$
 - Had recently (2021) been looked at using specific neutrino telescopes, where they showed potential!

LHC bounds – direct searches

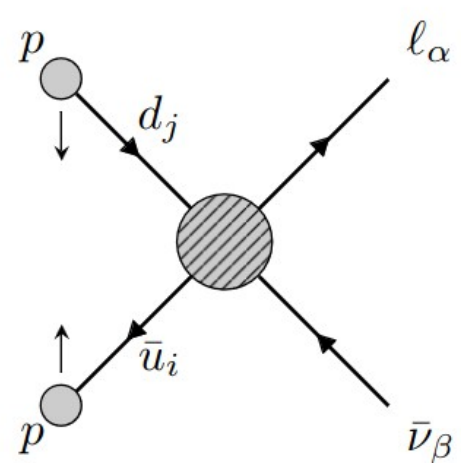
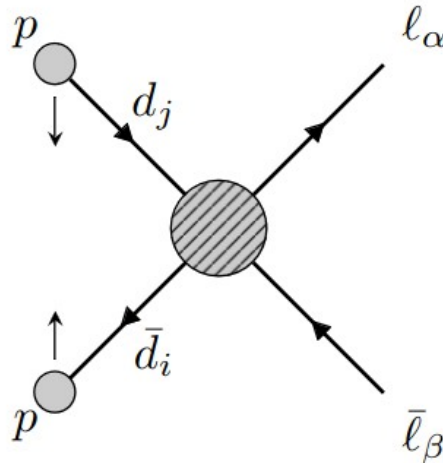
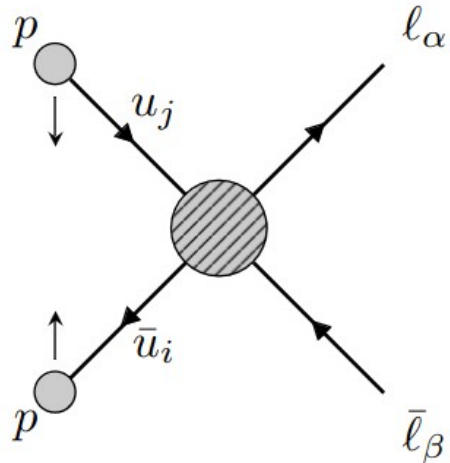


LHC bounds – direct searches



LHC bounds – high p_T tails

- Four fermion EFT operators give energy enhanced contributions to the high p_T tails at the LHC



LHC bounds – high p_T tails

- There is now a software package HighPT which makes it straightforward to check LHC bounds on SMEFT operators with arbitrary flavour structures.

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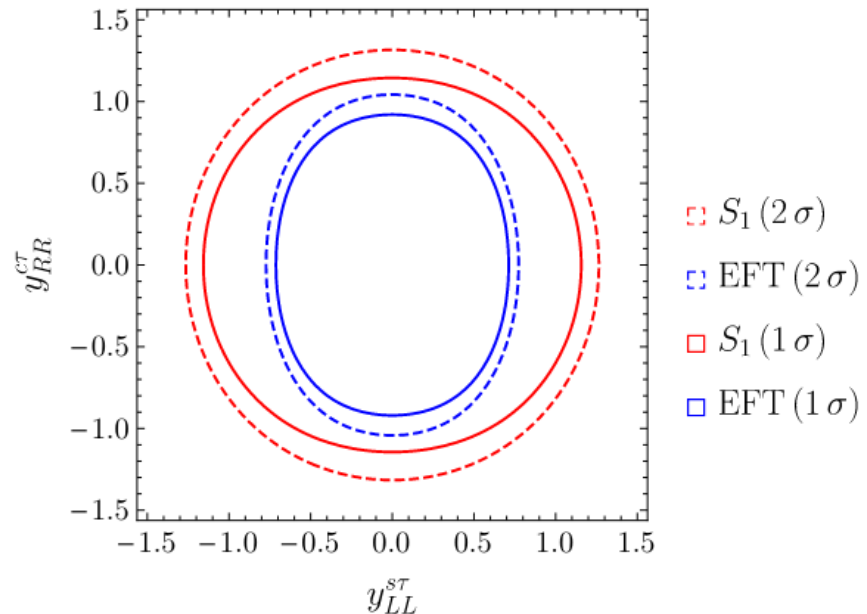
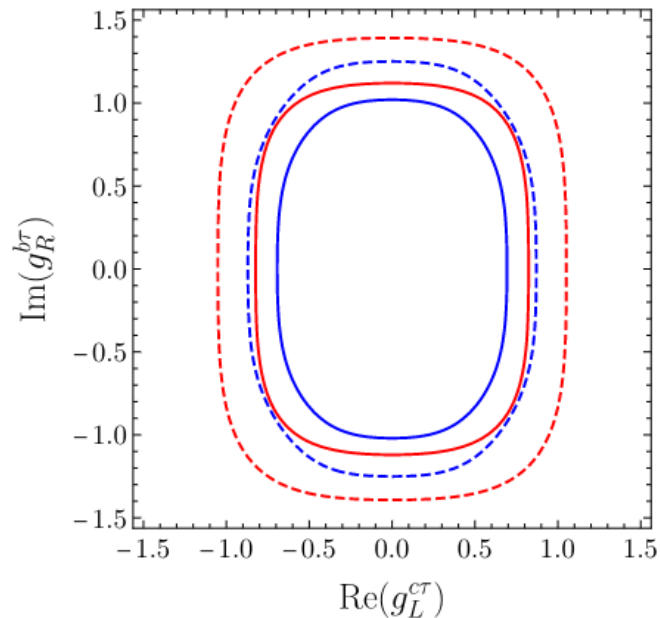


HighPT:

A Tool for high- p_T Drell-Yan Tails Beyond the Standard Model

LHC bounds – high p_T tails

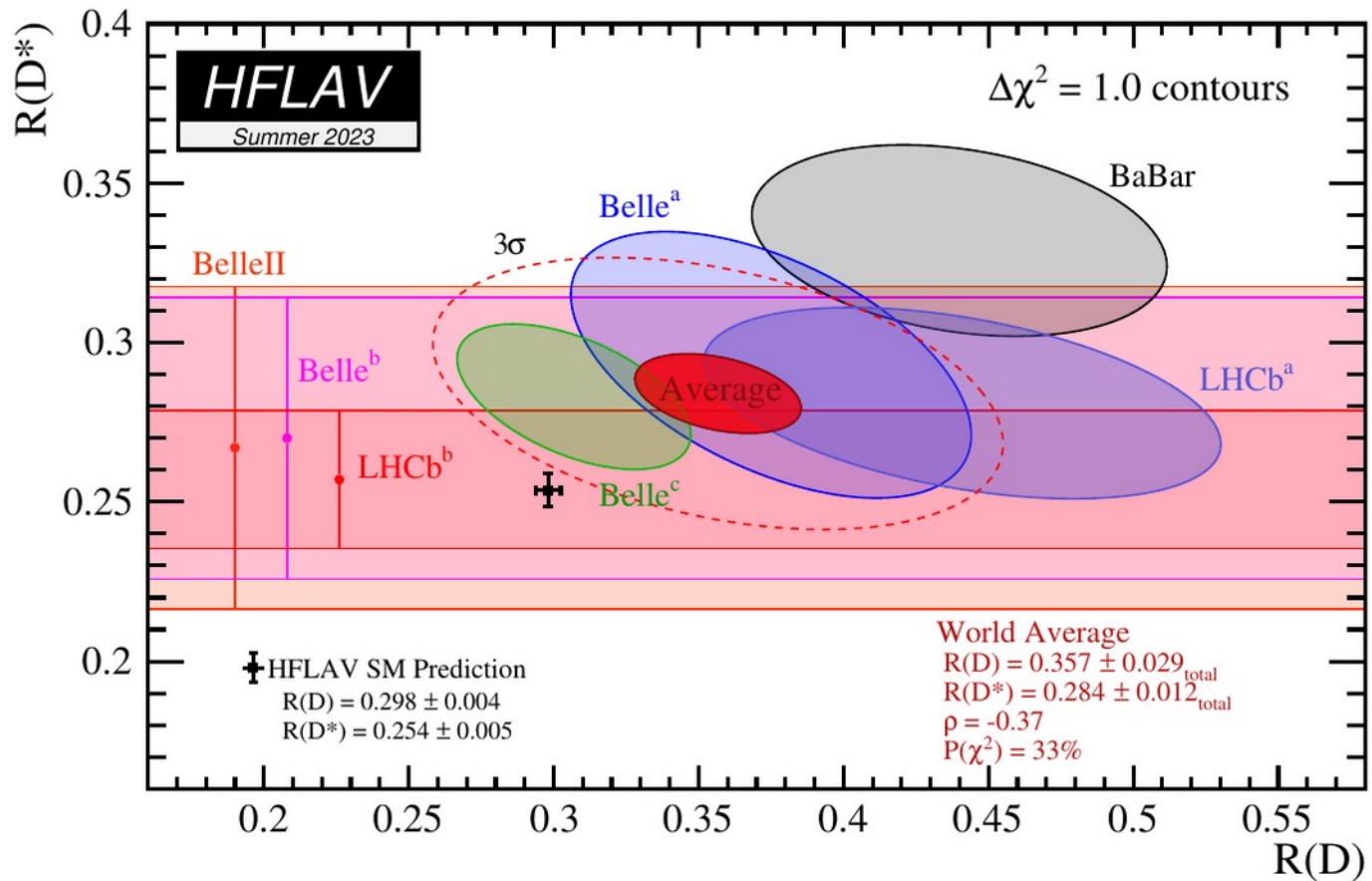
- They also include a mode with full model dependence for certain UV models and masses



$$R(D), R(D^*)$$

- Anomaly in $b \rightarrow cl\nu$ decays

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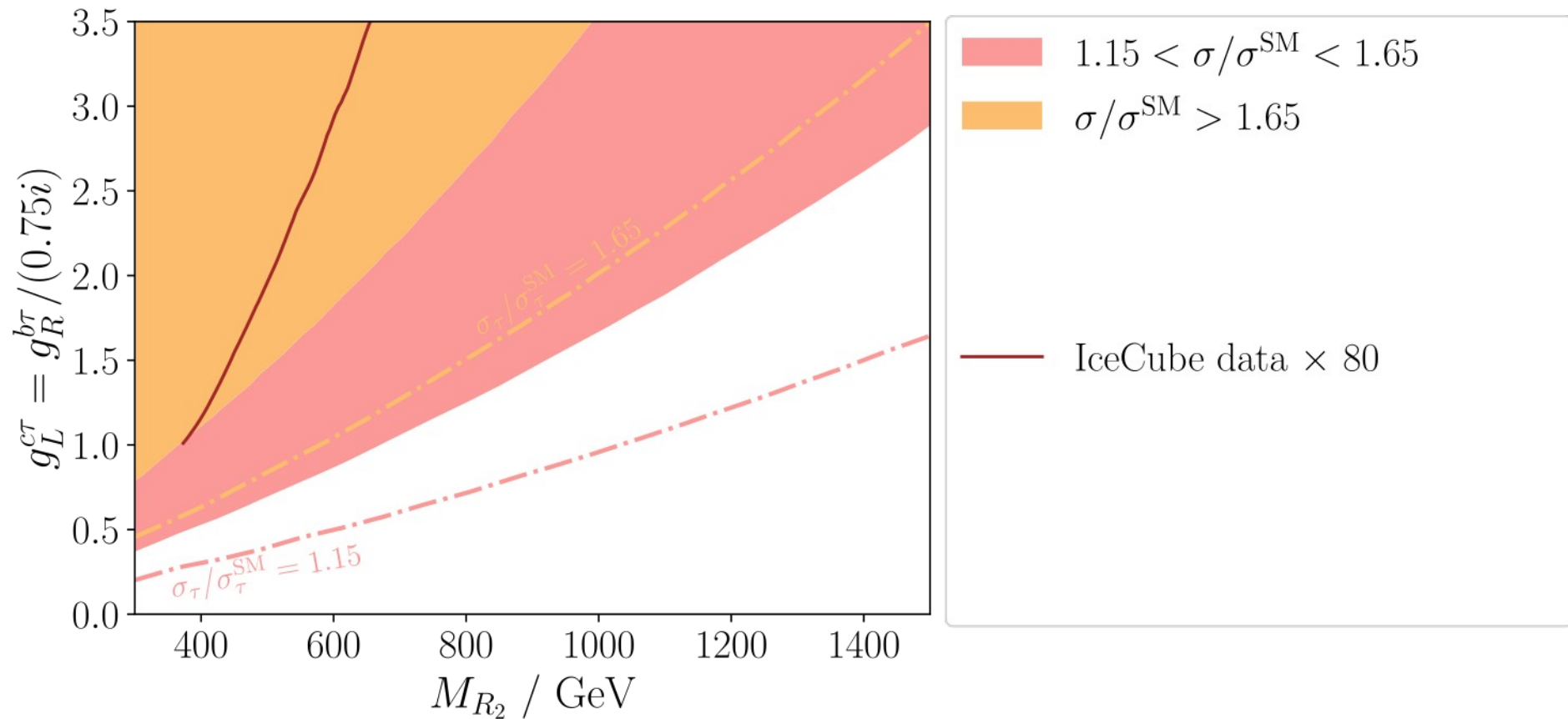
$$R(D), R(D^*)$$

- For R_2 , choose two non zero couplings
 - c_τ and b_τ
 - With one imaginary
- $\frac{|g_{c\tau} g_{b\tau}|}{M_{R_2}^2} \approx \frac{1}{(1.4 \text{ TeV})^2}$ improves fit by 3.1σ

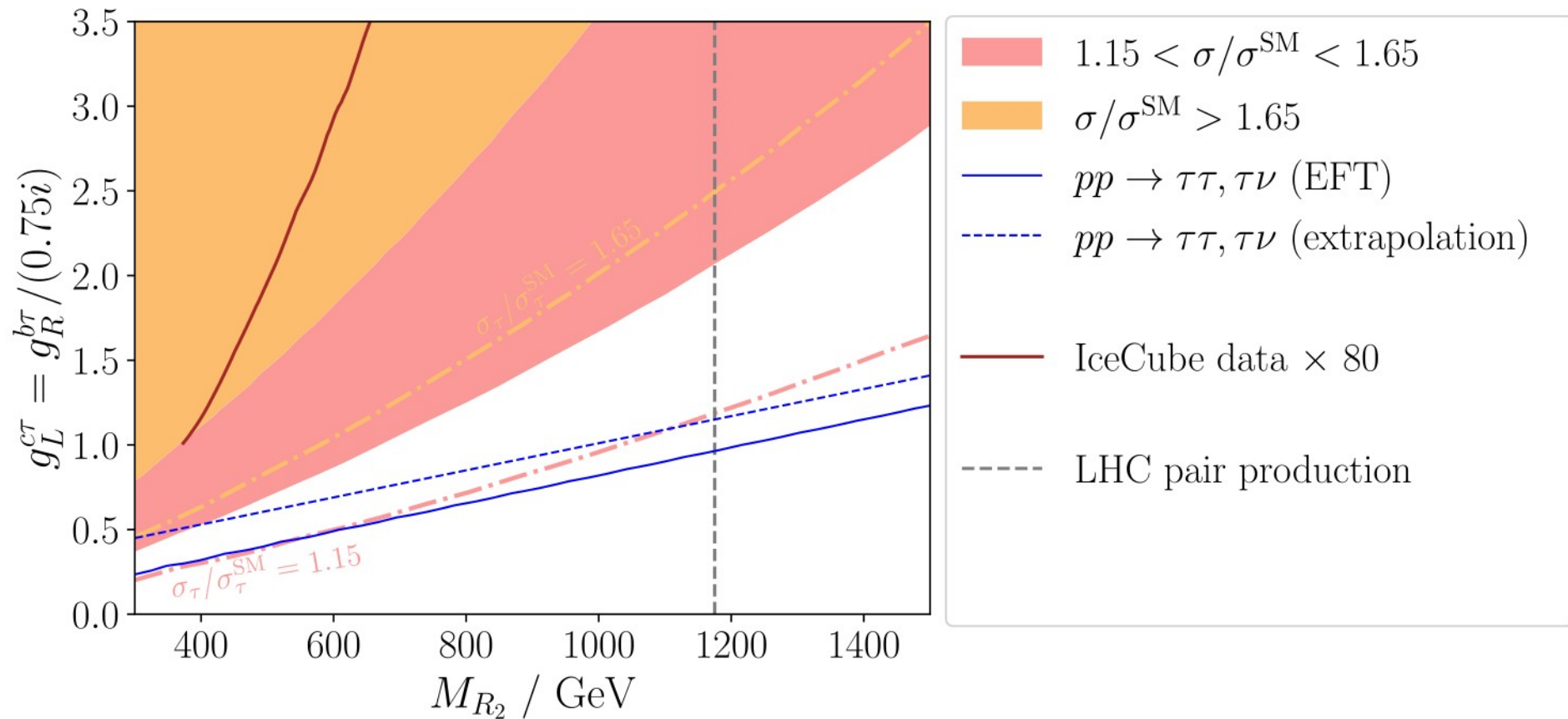
Others

- S_1 mediates $\tau \rightarrow K\nu, D_s \rightarrow \tau\nu$
- R_2 with imaginary couplings gives quark EDMs
 - Neutron and mercury measurements
- At 1-loop, modified $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$

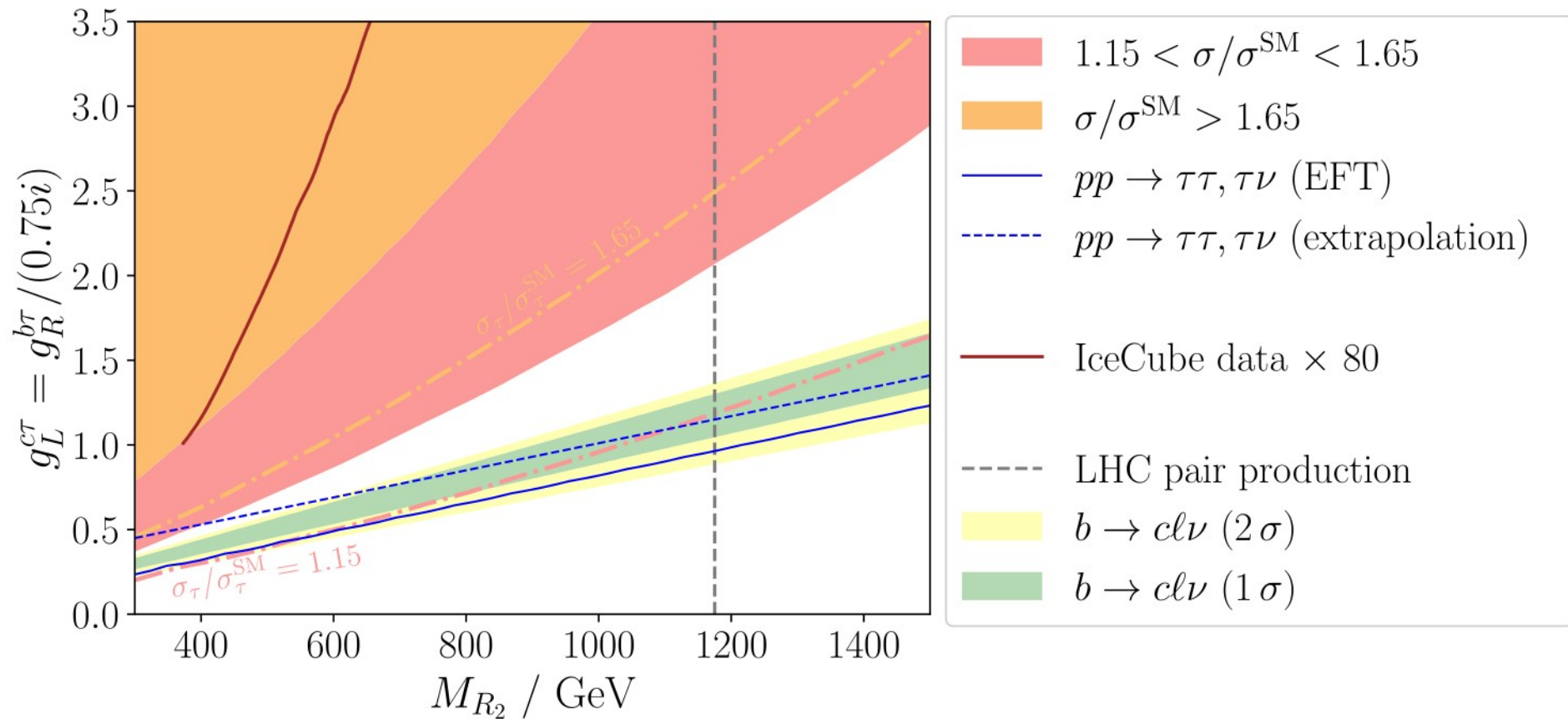
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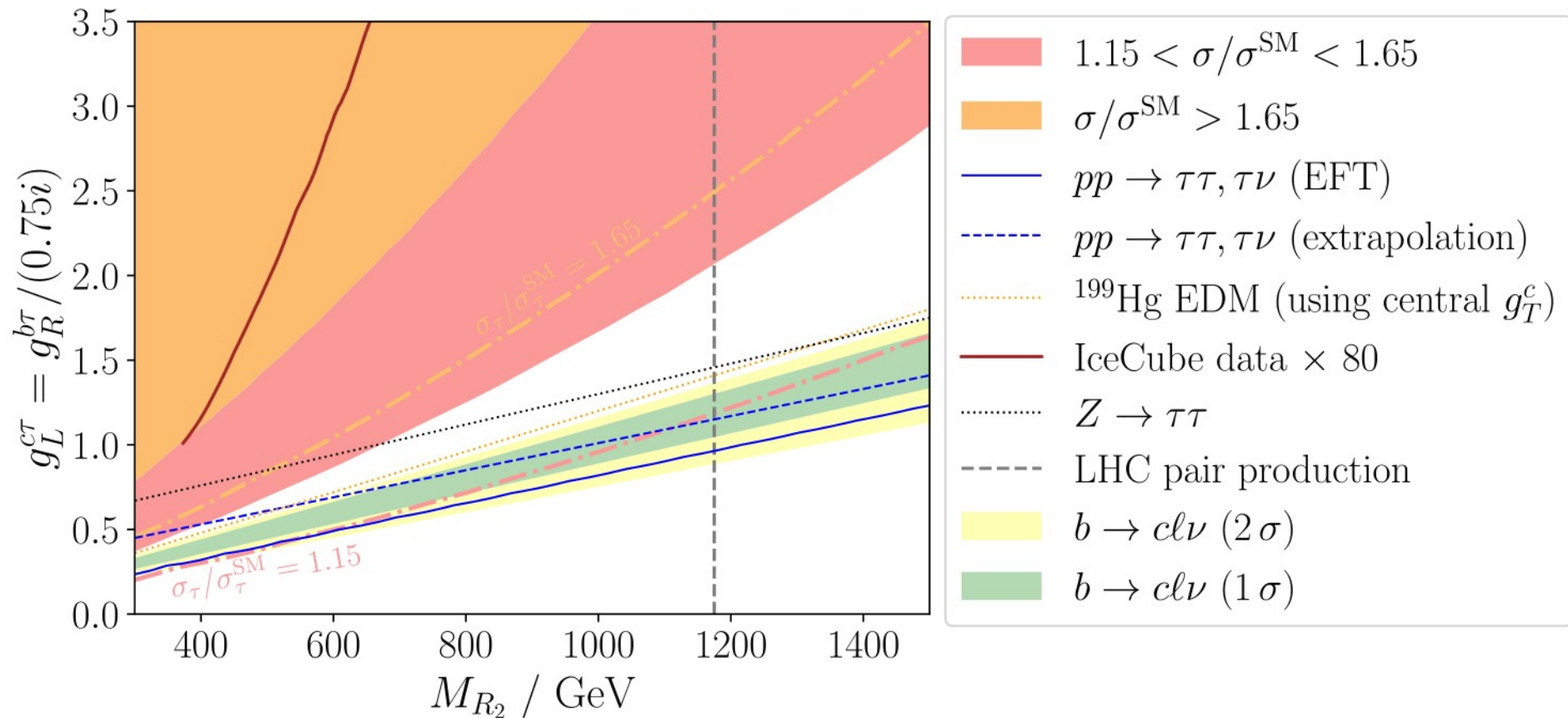
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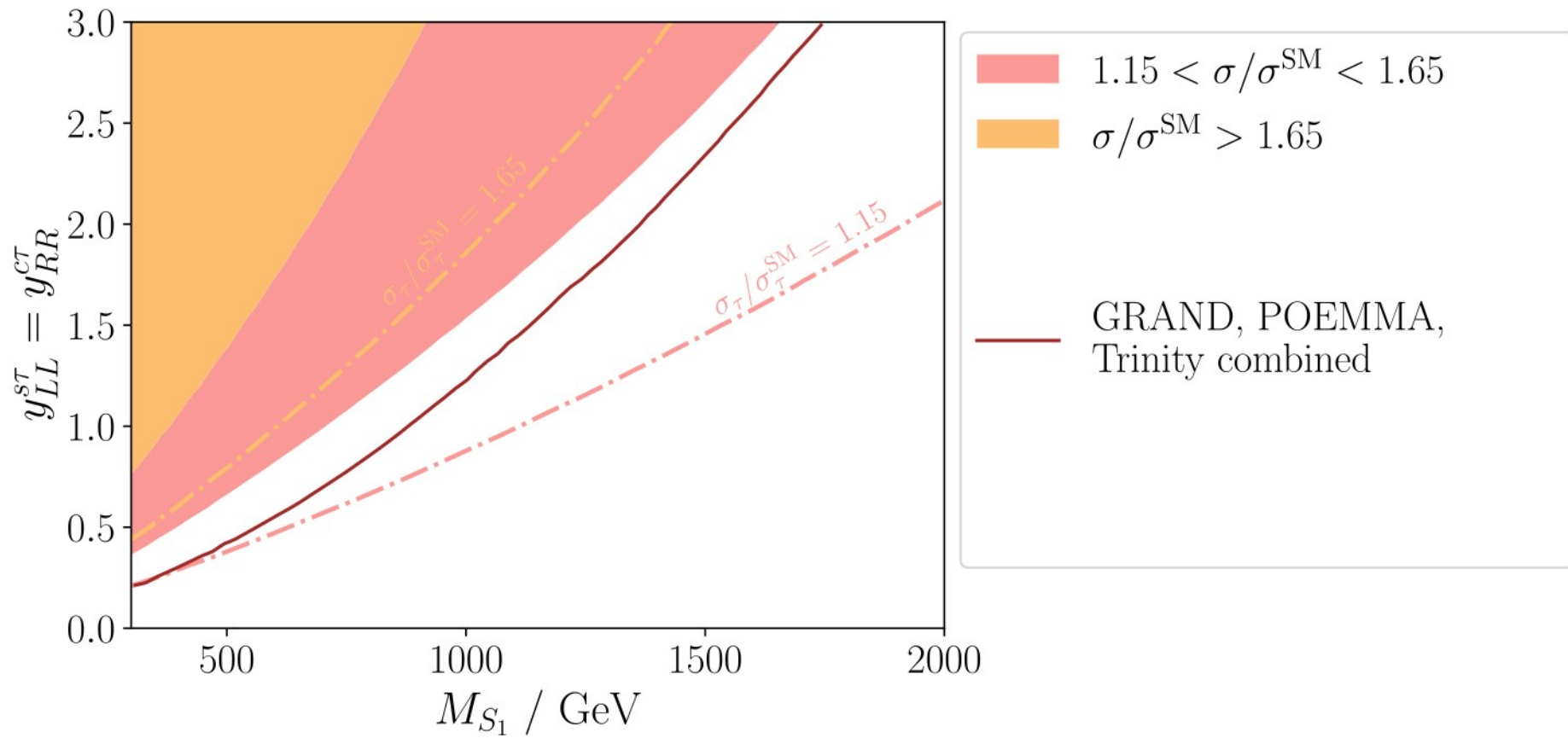
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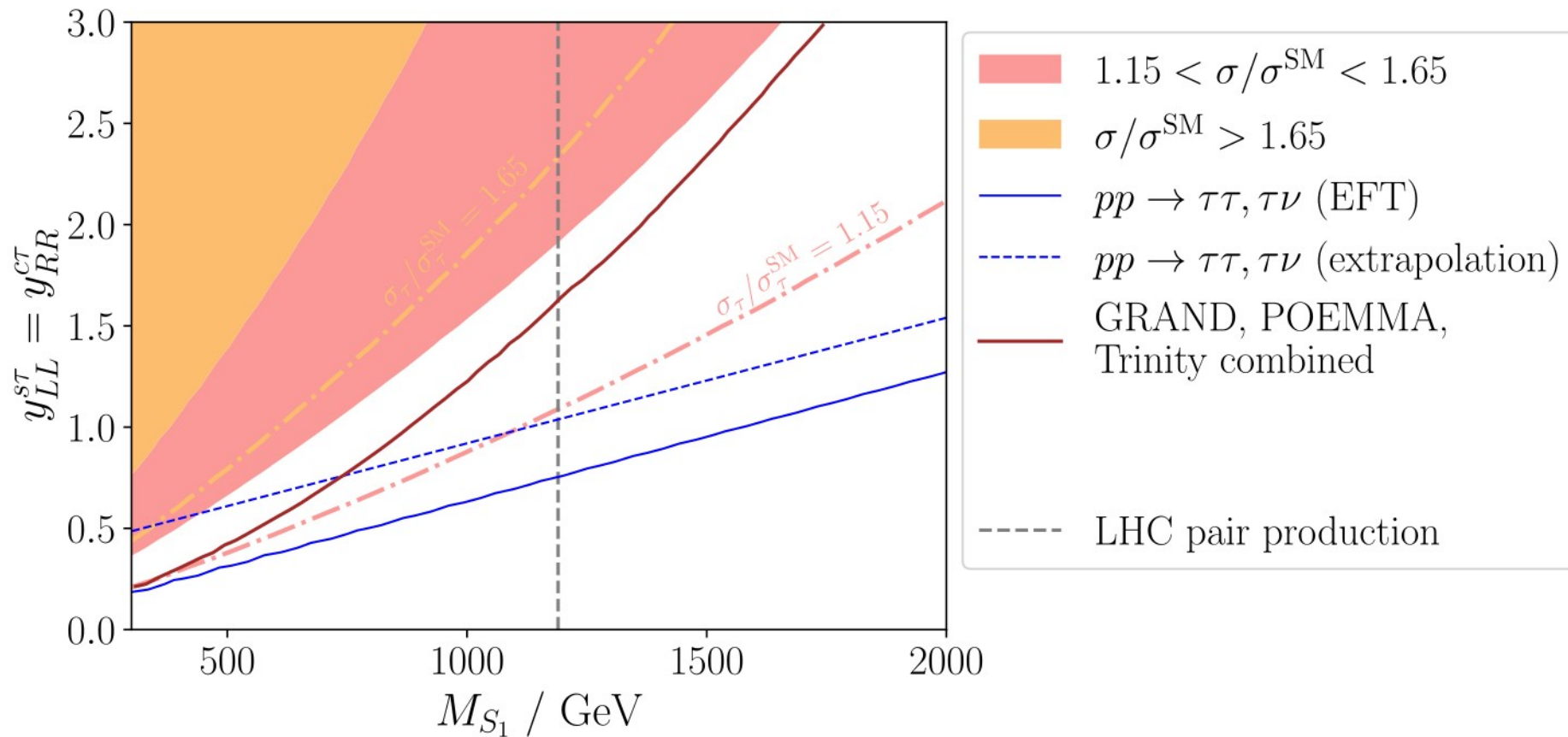
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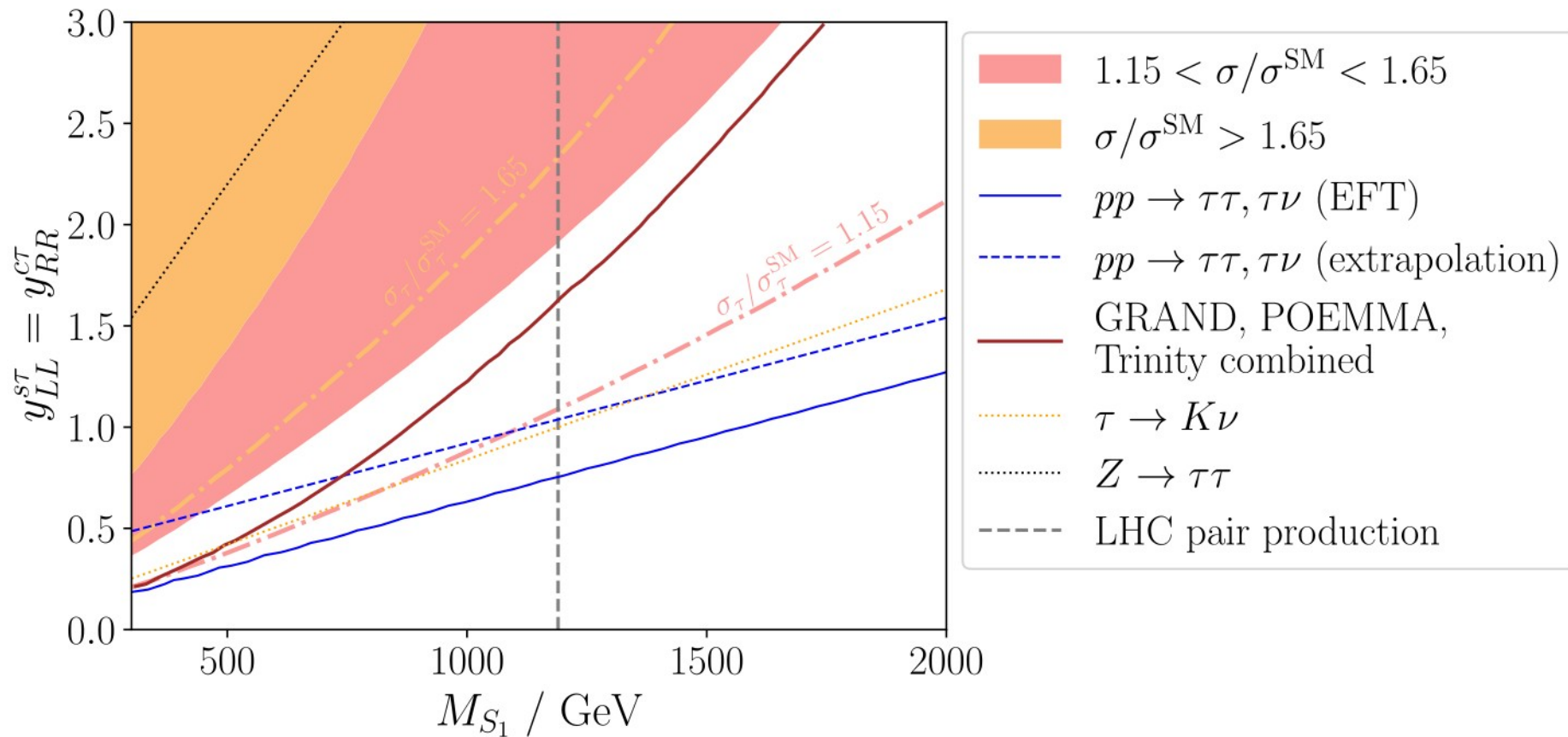
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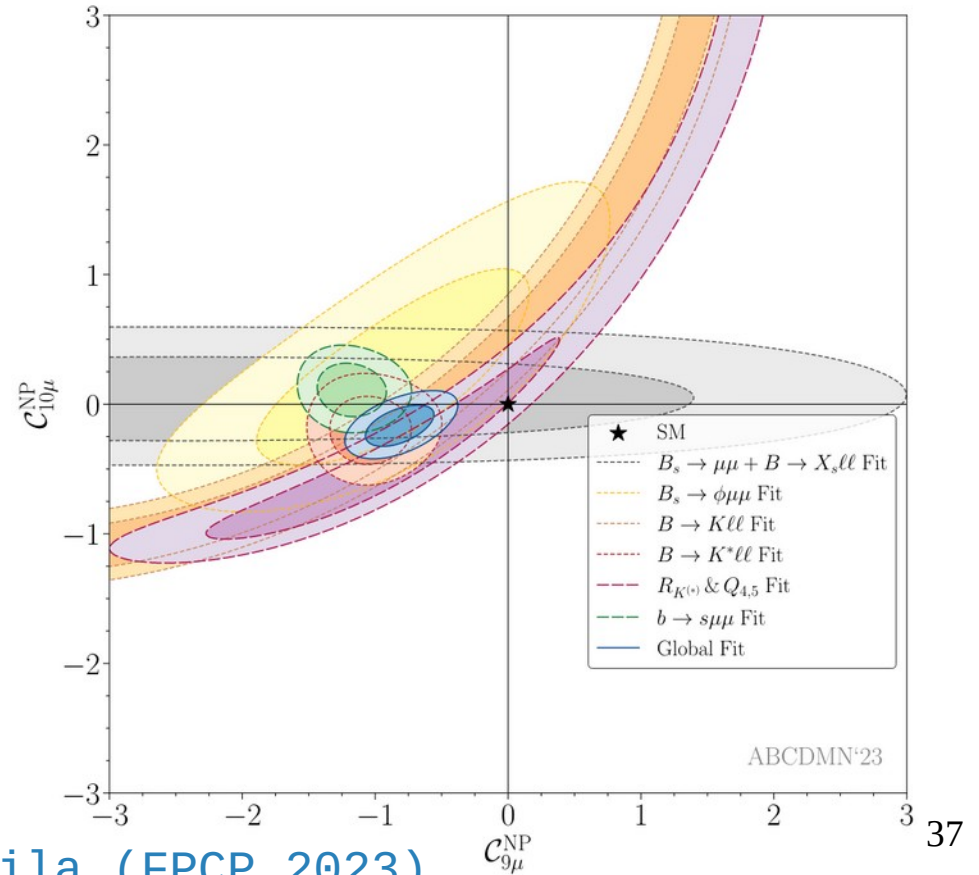
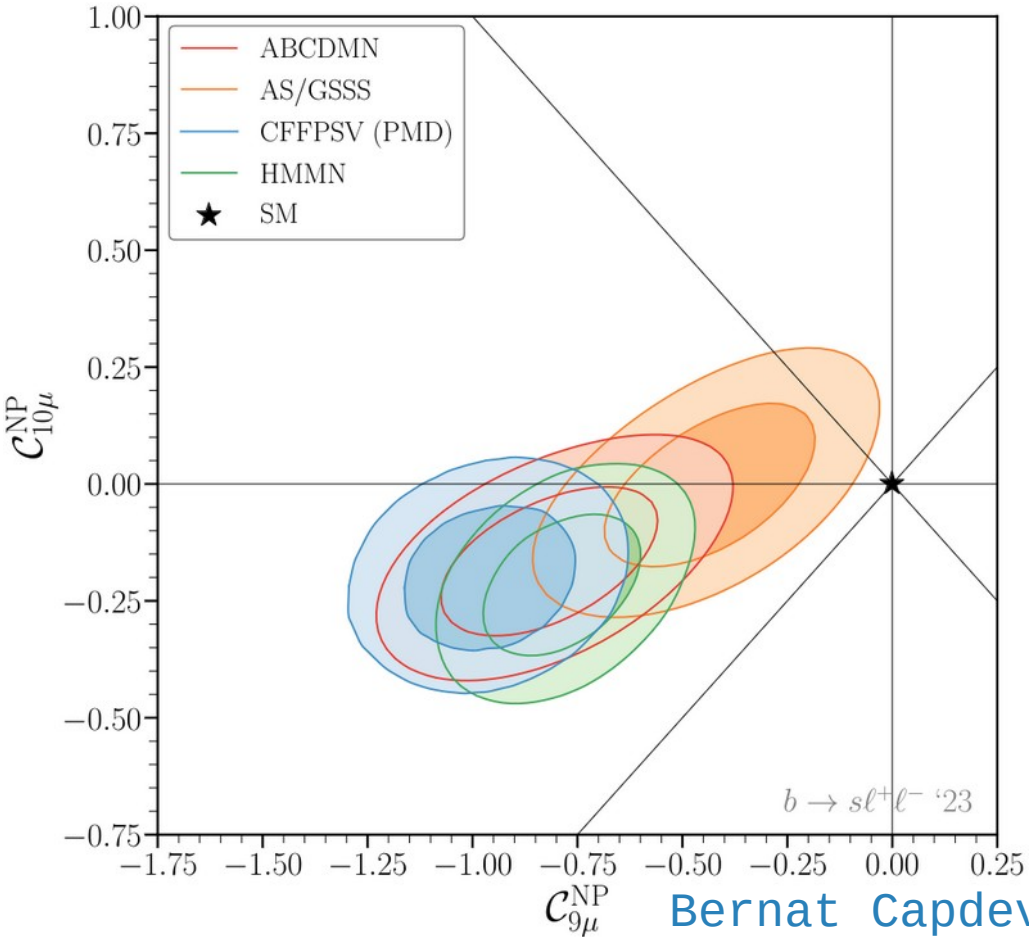
2) LQs without leptons for $bsll$ anomalies?

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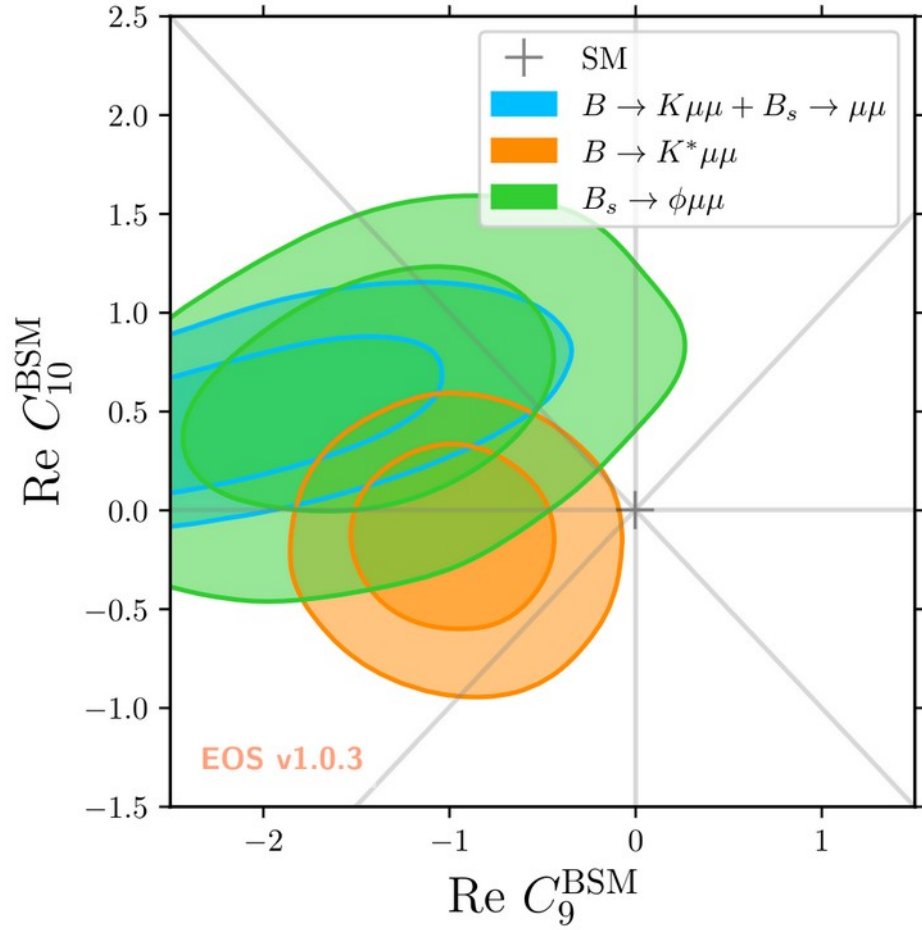
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Gubernari, Reboud, van Dyk, Virto
(2206.03797)

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- So you need to keep universality in leptons

LQs for $bsll$

- LQs are natural models for $bsll$
 - But a LQ coupling to multiple lepton generations generally leads to LFV
- Old idea: NP in $bscc$?

JKLL 1701.09183
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Charming new physics in b(eautiful) processes?

(based on 1701.09183)

Sebastian Jäger, Matthew Kirk, Alex Lenz, Kirsten Leslie

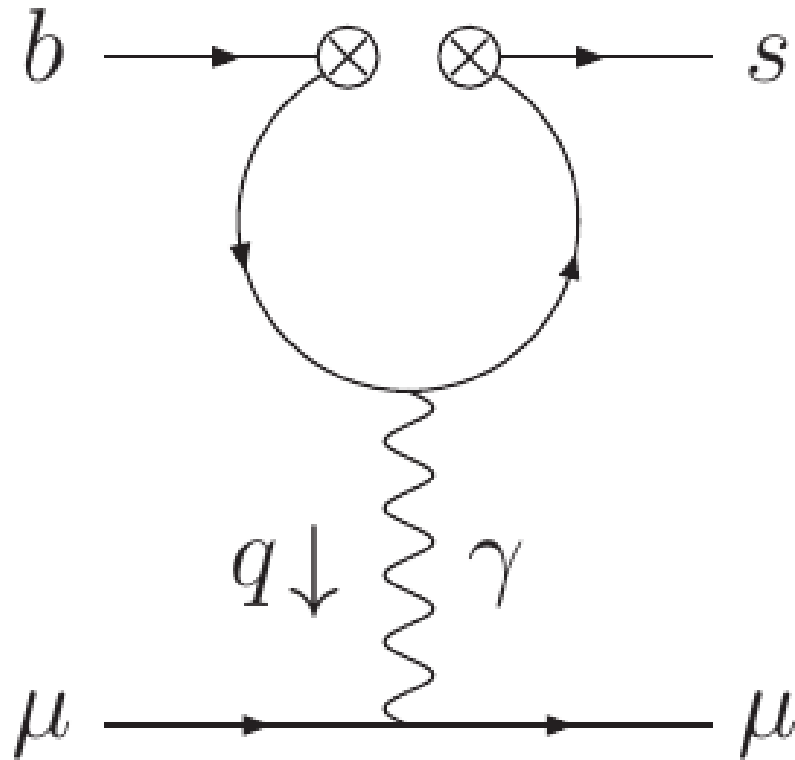
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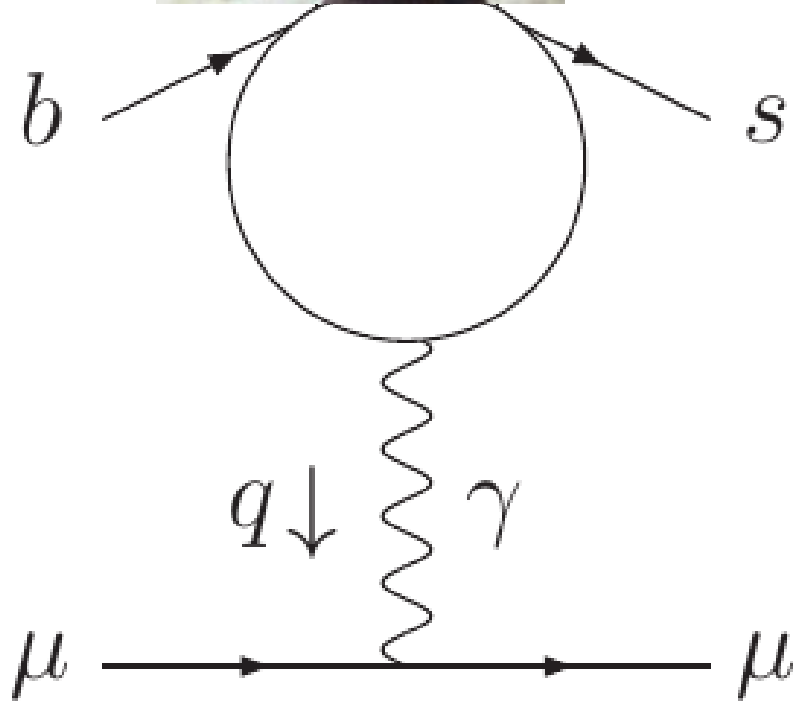
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- What if some NP modified $bscc$ operators?
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- Potential for large $bsll$ effects, plus correlated effects in various precise B meson observables
 - B_s meson mixing ($\Delta\Gamma_s$)
 - B meson lifetimes ($\tau(B_s)/\tau(B_d)$)
 - $B \rightarrow X_s\gamma$

$$UV \rightarrow bsc\bar{c}$$

- What kind of NP can generate $bsc\bar{c}$ after being integrated out?
 - Size of anomaly suggests tree level effect
- If tree level b and s interactions, need to avoid tree level B_s mixing (known at $O(3\%)$ precision)
 - Big problem for Z 's, or heavy gluon type field

UV \rightarrow *b s c c*

- Charged Higgs is one option
- Has been re-examined recently
- But parameter space is quite constrained
($M_{H^+} \leq 200 - 250$ GeV)

Kumar [2212.07233](#)
& Iguro [2302.08935](#)

S_1

- Consider the $S_1 : (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -1/3)$
- In addition to lepton-quark interactions, can write down quark-quark interactions
- Only get $u - d - S_1$ terms, not $d - d - S_1$ or $u - u - S_1$, so safe from meson mixing

S_1 LQ without leptons

- In general, having both lepton-quark and quark-quark couplings leads to tree level proton decay
- So often people drop the diquark term
- But instead we drop the lepton-quark term

S_1 diquark

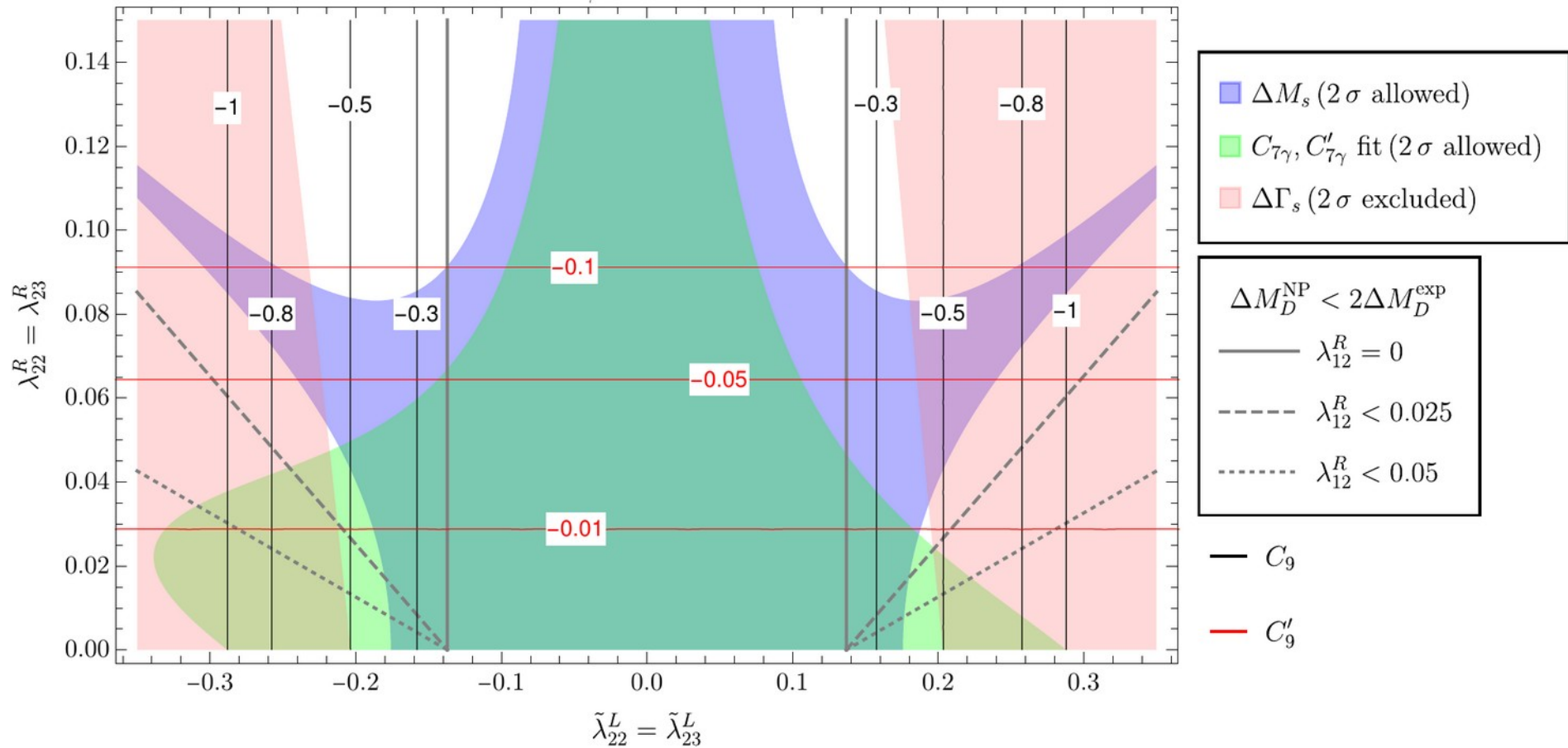
- $(\lambda_L \bar{Q}^c Q + \lambda_R \bar{u}^c d) S_1$
- $\rightarrow \bar{u}^c (\lambda_L P_L + \lambda_R P_R) d S_1$

S_1 diquark

- It will turn out that we need the S_1 to be quite light – $M_{S_1} \sim 500 \text{ GeV}$
- Integrate it out along with top/Z/W
- Loop calculations give (extra) constraints from B_s mixing, $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$, D mixing

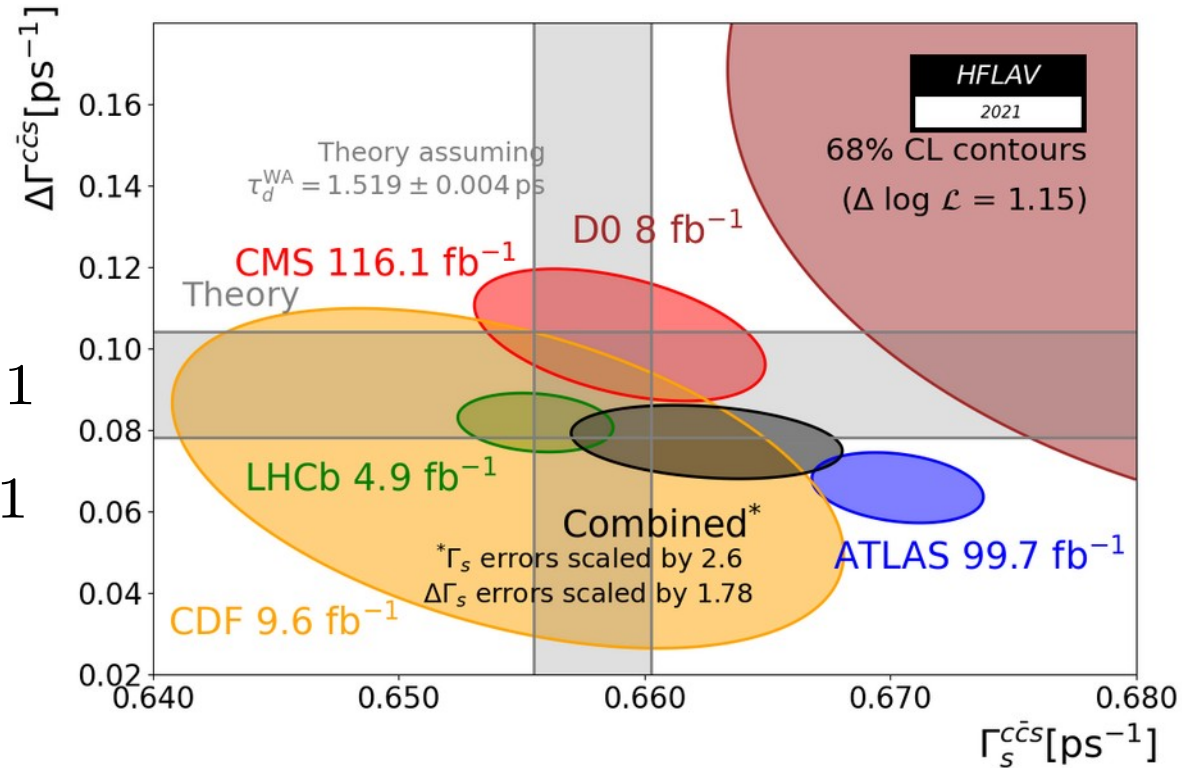
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$M_\phi = 500 \text{ GeV}$



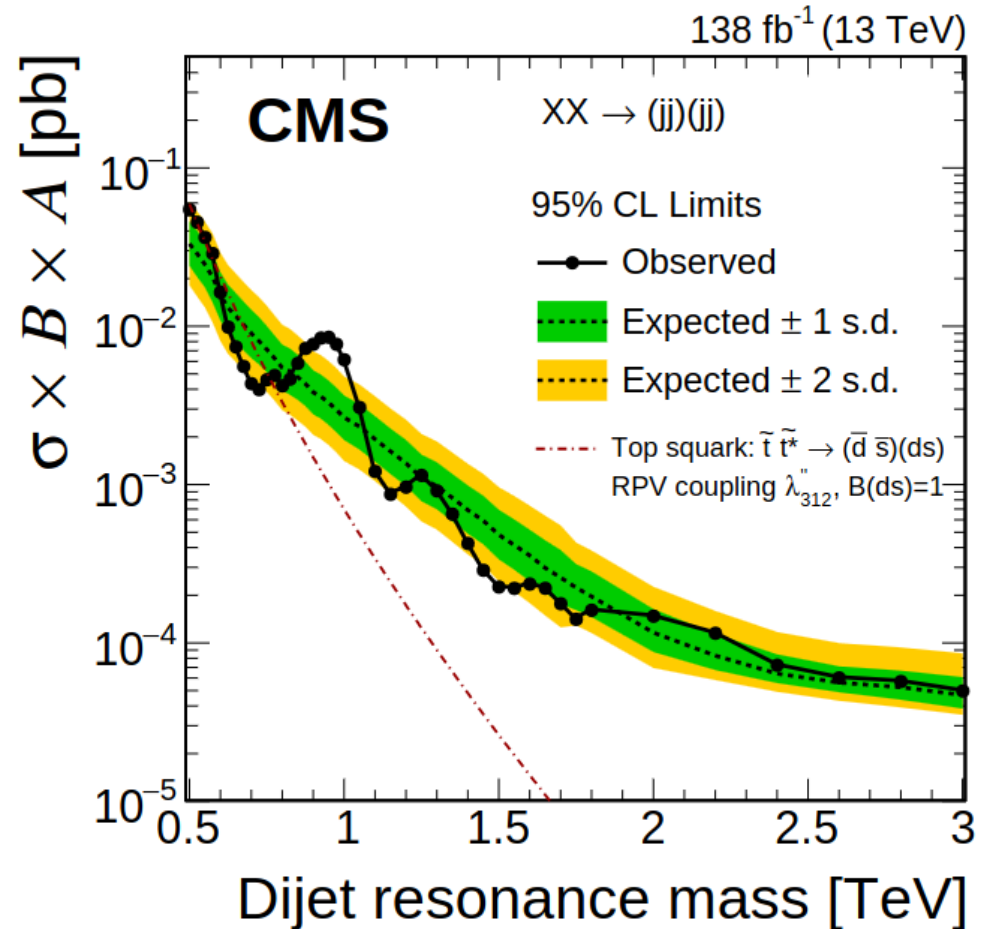
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- Interestingly, we predict an increase to $\Delta\Gamma_s$
- From $90 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ps}^{-1}$
 $\rightarrow 110 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ps}^{-1}$



Results

- CMS di-di-jet analysis ([2206.09997](#))
 - Hints for 500 GeV scalar?



Results

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Some comments on the missing charm puzzle

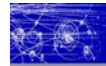
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Abstract. In this talk we summarize the status of theoretical predictions for the average number of charm quarks in a B-hadron decay.

- Missing charm puzzle?
 - Inclusive $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$ rate



New physics in inclusive decays? II

Motivation for a re-analysis of inclusive decays:

- Old analyses at least 15 years old - input parameters (m_b, m_c, V_{CKM}, \dots) are **now much better known**
Missing charm puzzle; semileptonic branching fraction, e.g.
Bigi et al '94; Bagan et al. '94; Falk, Wise, Dunietz '95, Buchalla et al '95; Neubert '97; Kagan '97,'98,... A.L. ,hep-ph/0011258
- Theory is now much **more reliable!** e.g. $b \rightarrow c\bar{c}s$
- Many rare decays were neglected, e.g. $b \rightarrow sg, b \rightarrow u\bar{u}s, \dots$
- Some NLO-QCD contributions are still missing
- Experimental improvements - latest number from BaBar; hep-ex/0606026
- This gives **model and even decay channel independent bounds**

Thanks!

BACKUP

UHE neutrino source

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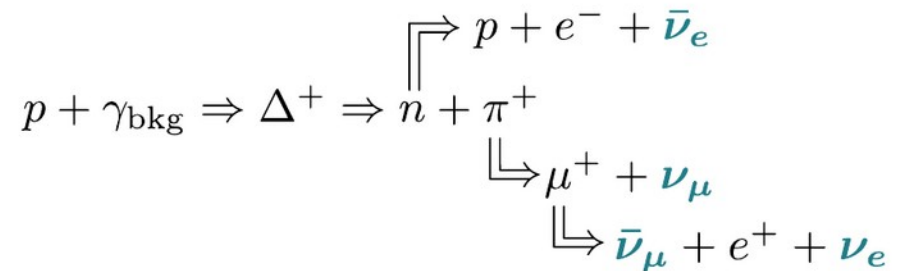
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What about neutrinos?

The idea is simple:

Ultra-high energy proton flux \Rightarrow **Ultra-High Energy neutrino flux**



Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin, 1966

For $E_p \gtrsim 10^9$ GeV, we **expect** this flux at $E_\nu \sim 10^7$ – 10^{10} GeV
 $\phi_\nu \sim 1$ – $100 \nu/\text{km}^2/\text{year}$

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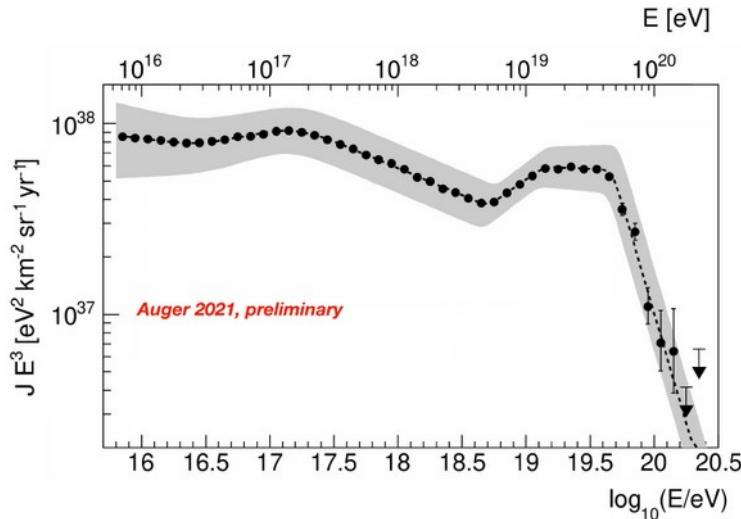
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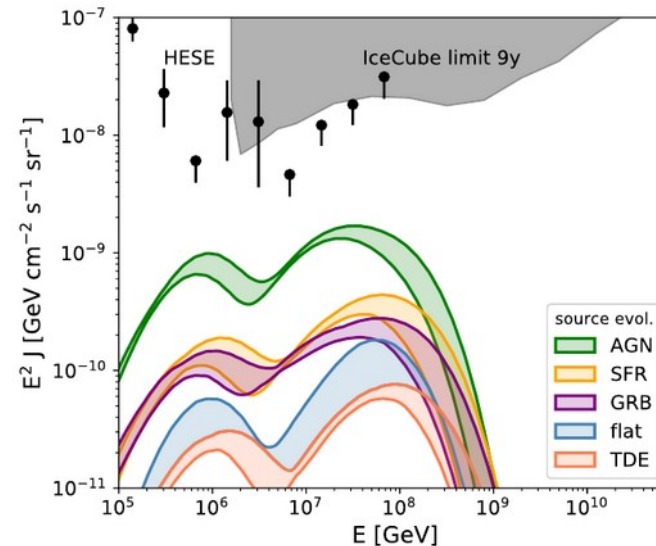
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Auger, ICRC2021



Heinze et al, 1901.03338

(Of course, sources could also directly produce neutrinos)

UHE neutrino experiments

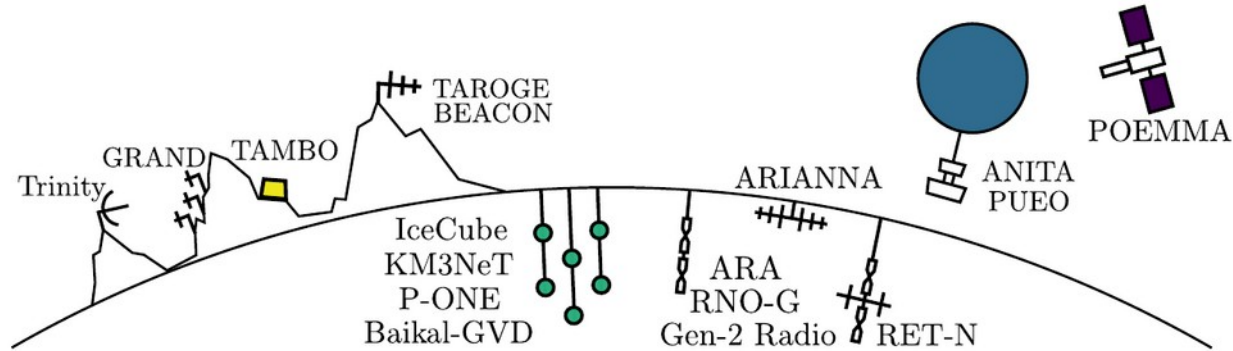
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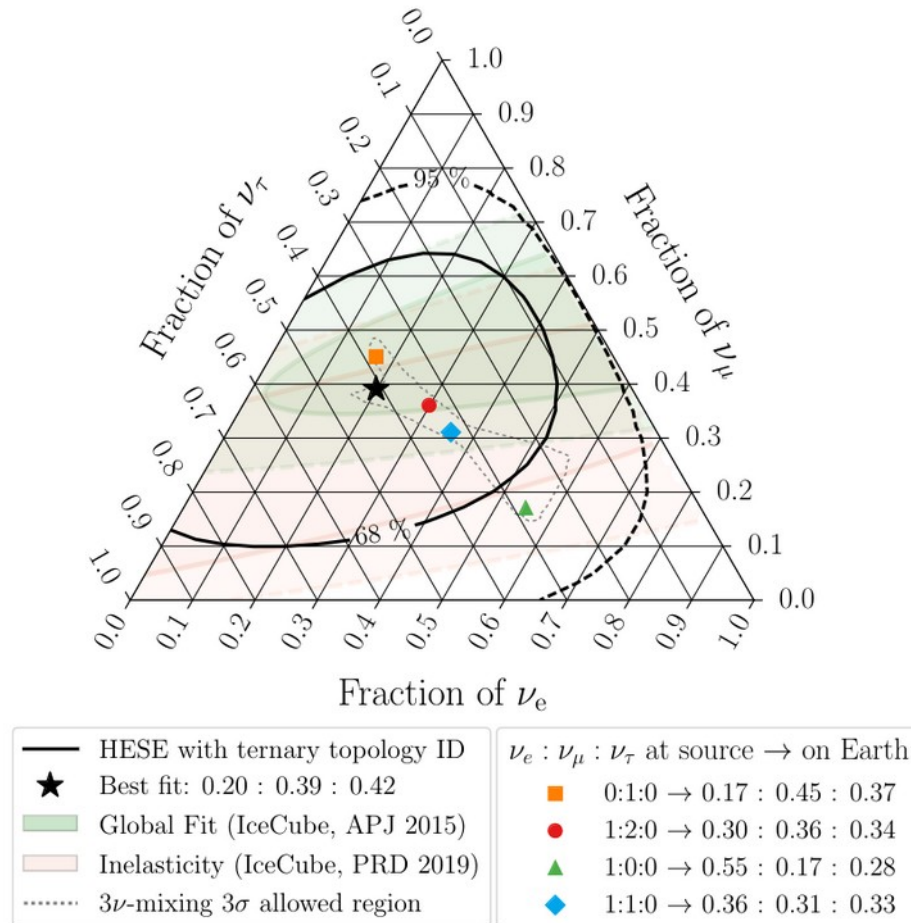
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Overall view



Flavour composition of neutrinos

- [2011.03561](#)



ATLAS di-jet

- 1804.03496

