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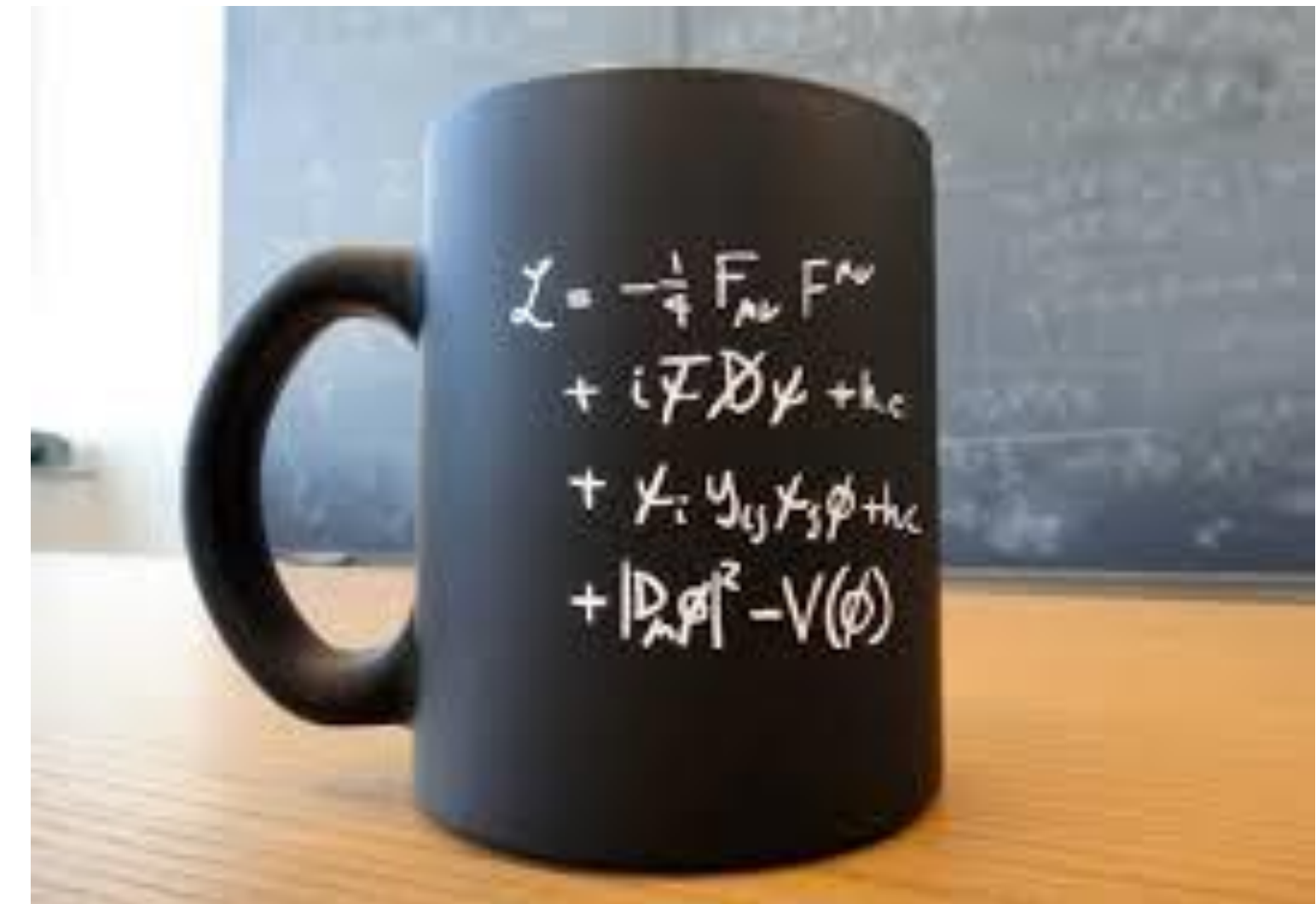
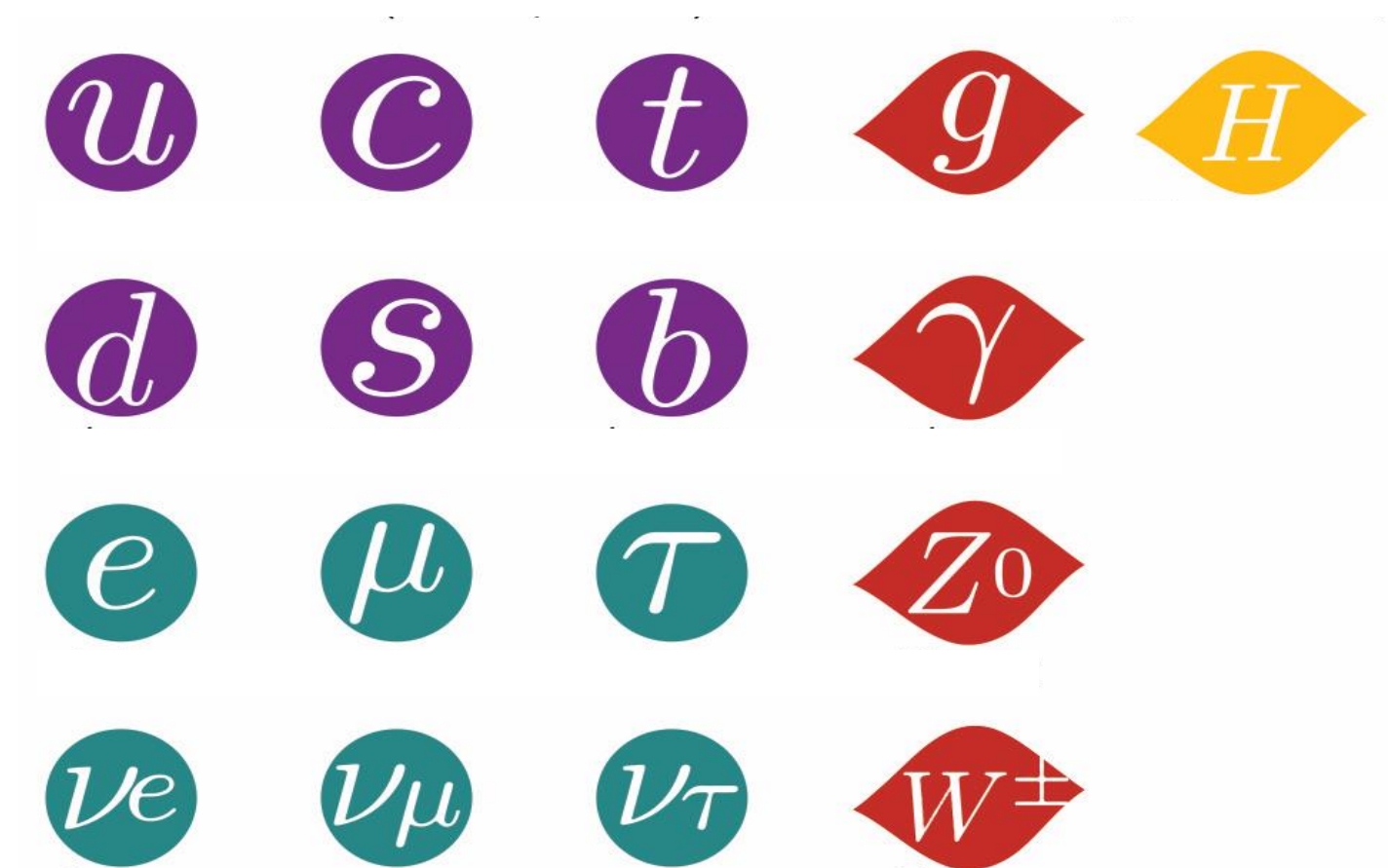
Flavour Deconstructing the Composite Higgs*

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Why BSM?



Open questions:

- Origin of neutrinos masses
- Dark Matter
- ...
- CP violation in the strong sector
- **Flavour Puzzle**

Flavour Puzzle

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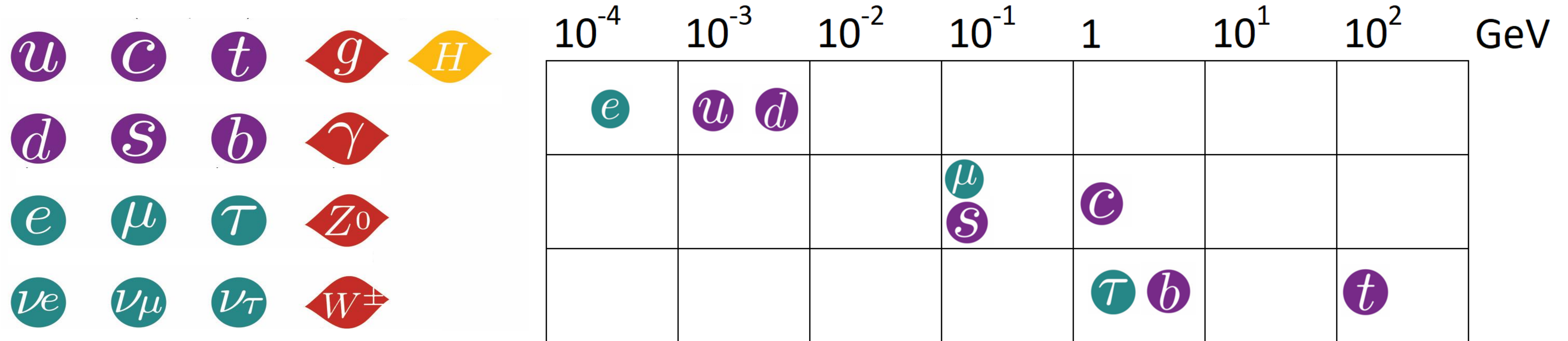
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H

10^{-4}	10^{-3}	10^{-2}	10^{-1}	1	10^1	10^2	GeV
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[See Gino's & Barbieri's talk]

Flavour Puzzle



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$$\mathcal{L}^{d \leq 4} = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}}_{\text{Flavour-universal}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}}}_{\text{Yukawa hierarchies}}$$

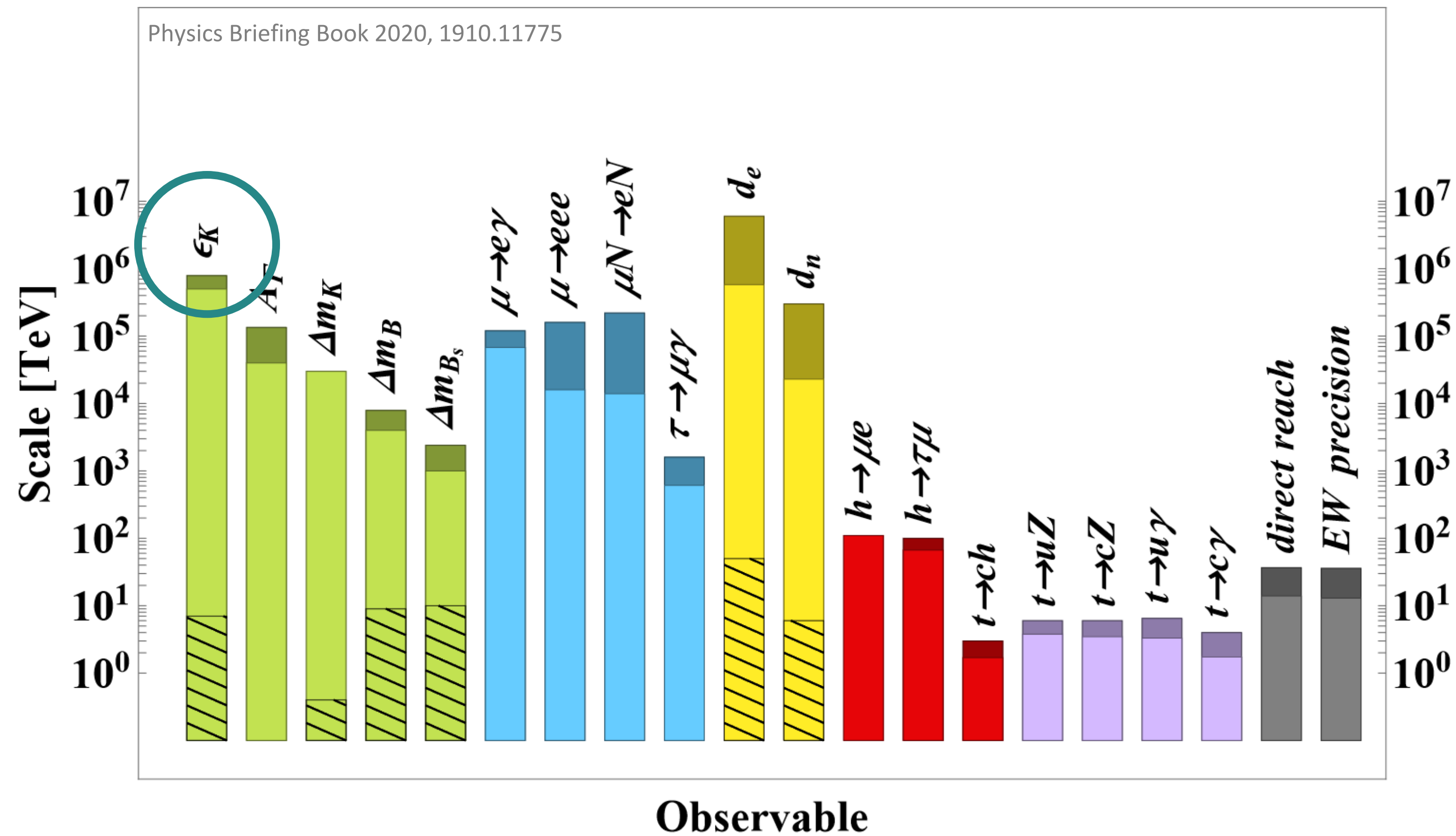
$$Y_u \sim \begin{pmatrix} < 0.01 & 0.04 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow U(2)^n \text{ approx. flavour symmetries}$$

In the basis where Y_d is diagonal

Barbieri et al. 2011, Isidori & Straub 2012,
Kagan et al. 2009, Blankenburg et al. 2012

Experimental Constraints on NP Scale

- No clear direct signals of NP -> Mass gap is a « fact » of life
- Proton decay, neutrino masses, EDMs, ... -> NP scale could be very high
- **Flavour** probes very high scale too!



The Hierarchy Problem

Any heavy NP will destabilize the Higgs mass

$$m_H^2 \sim \Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2 \quad \text{vs} \quad m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$$

➡ Protection mechanism

[See Rattazzi's & Giudice's talk]

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➡ *Joint solution* to the **Flavour Puzzle** and the **Higgs hierarchy problem**

*Mission for the
youngsters !*

➡ Hints provided by the SM and exp. data



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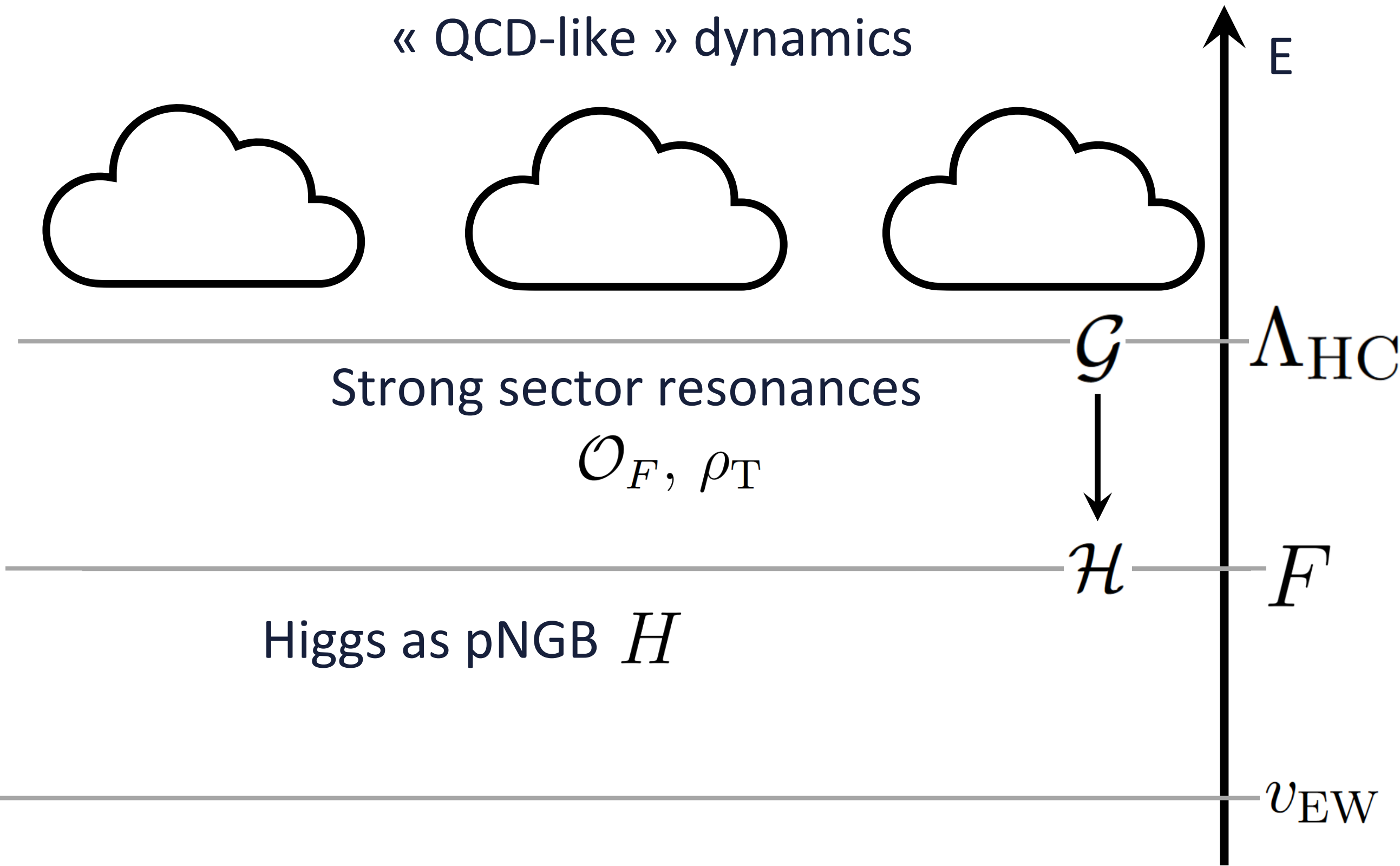
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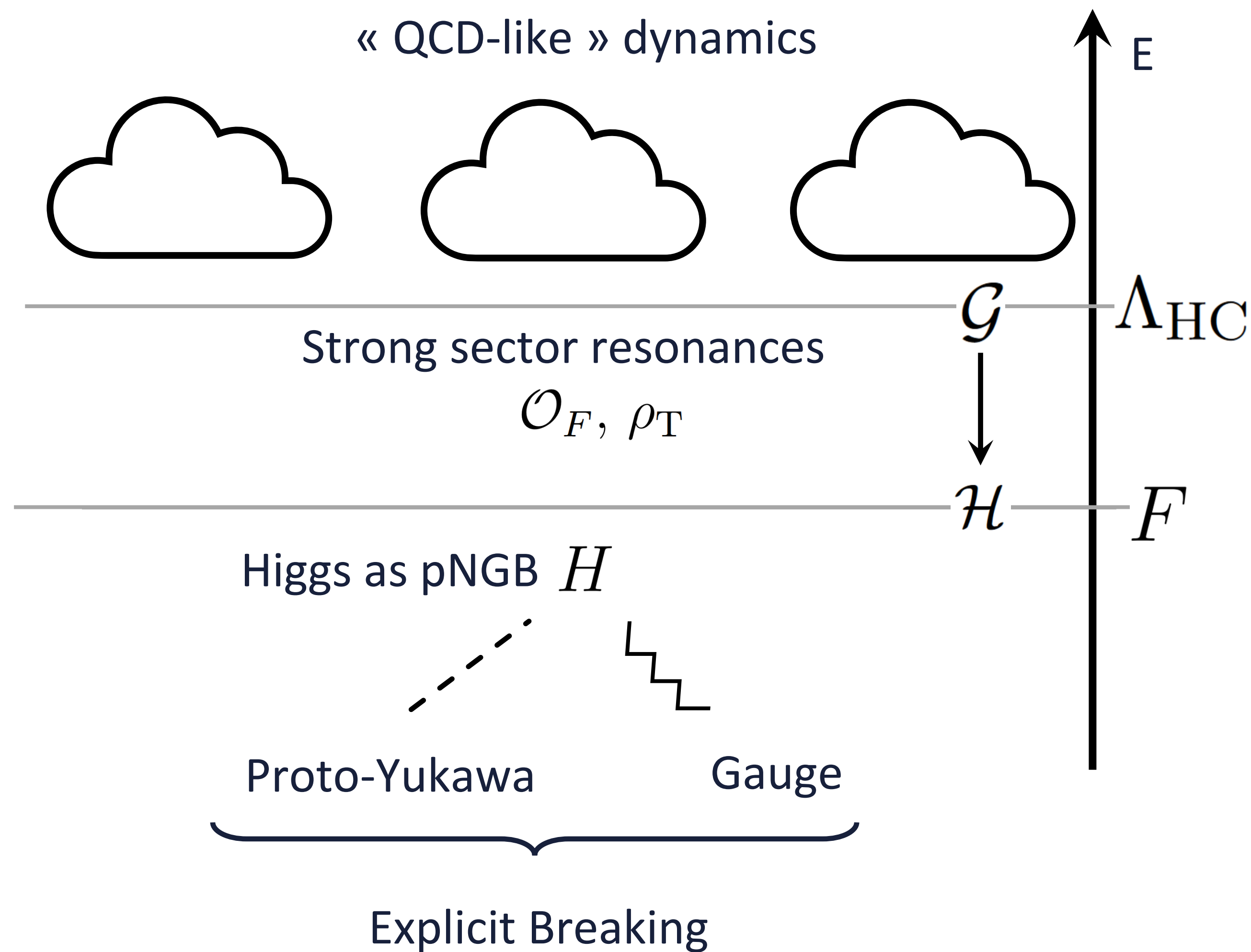
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Higgs Compositeness



Compositeness scale cuts off quantum corrections to the Higgs potential

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Back to Flavour

Natural Higgs -> close by NP scale ... What about Flavour ?

Lessons from SM & EXP:

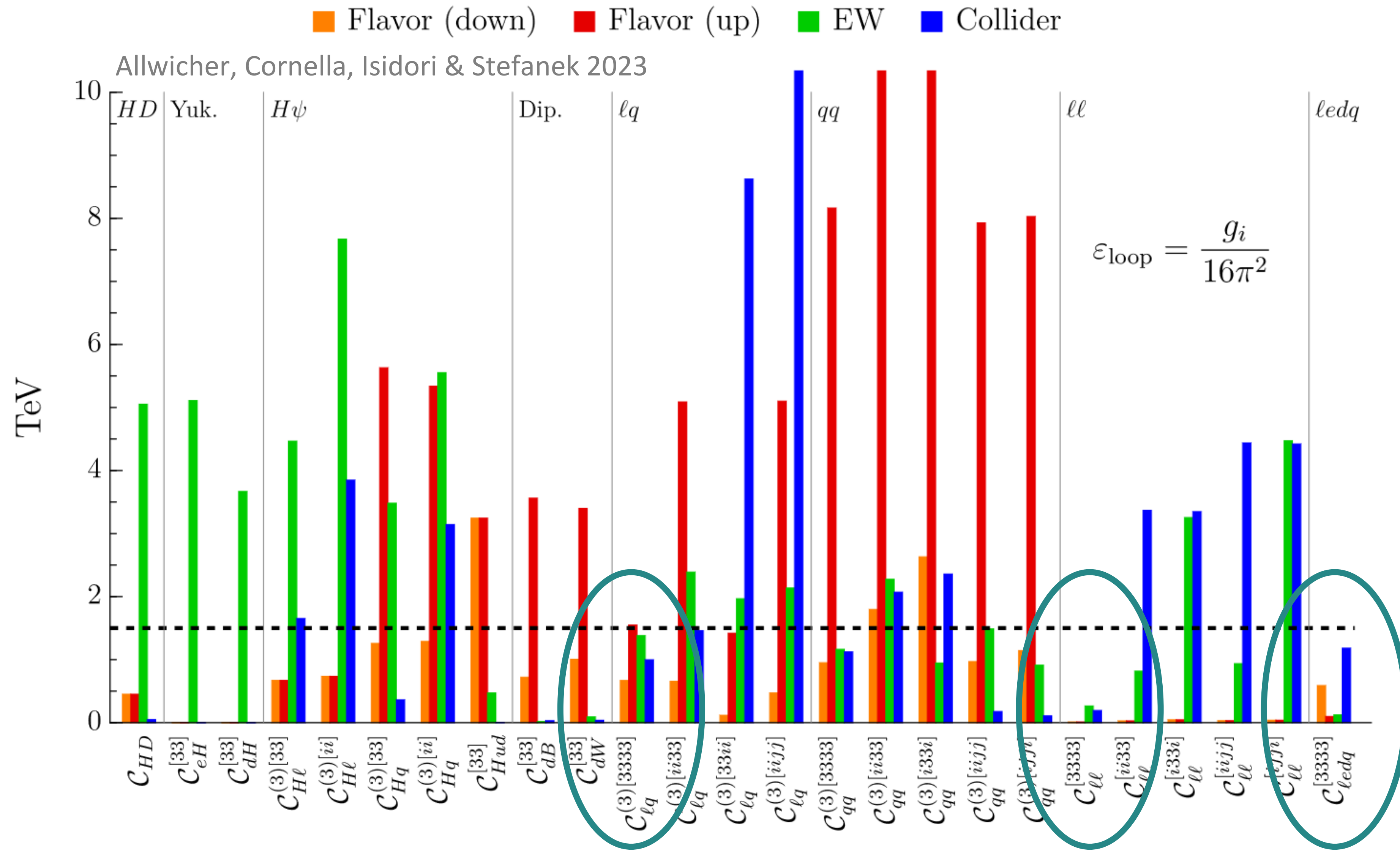
- ➡ Exact $U(3)^5$ flavour symmetry in the gauge and fermion sectors of the SM
- ➡ Peculiar breaking $U(3)^5 \rightarrow U(2)^n$ with only $y_t \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ --> $Y_u \sim \begin{pmatrix} < 0.01 & 0.04 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- ➡ No large breaking of $U(2)$ @TeV & stringent flavour bounds on light families

Any NP at the TeV scale has a *highly non-generic* flavour structure

$\Rightarrow U(2)^n$ approx. flavour symmetry as BSM *guide*

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➡ Flavour in CHM -> Partial Compositeness

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Higgs as pNGB

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Exploring the Flavor Symmetry Landscape, Glioti et al. 2024
-> Flavour symmetries options to reduce scale of NP

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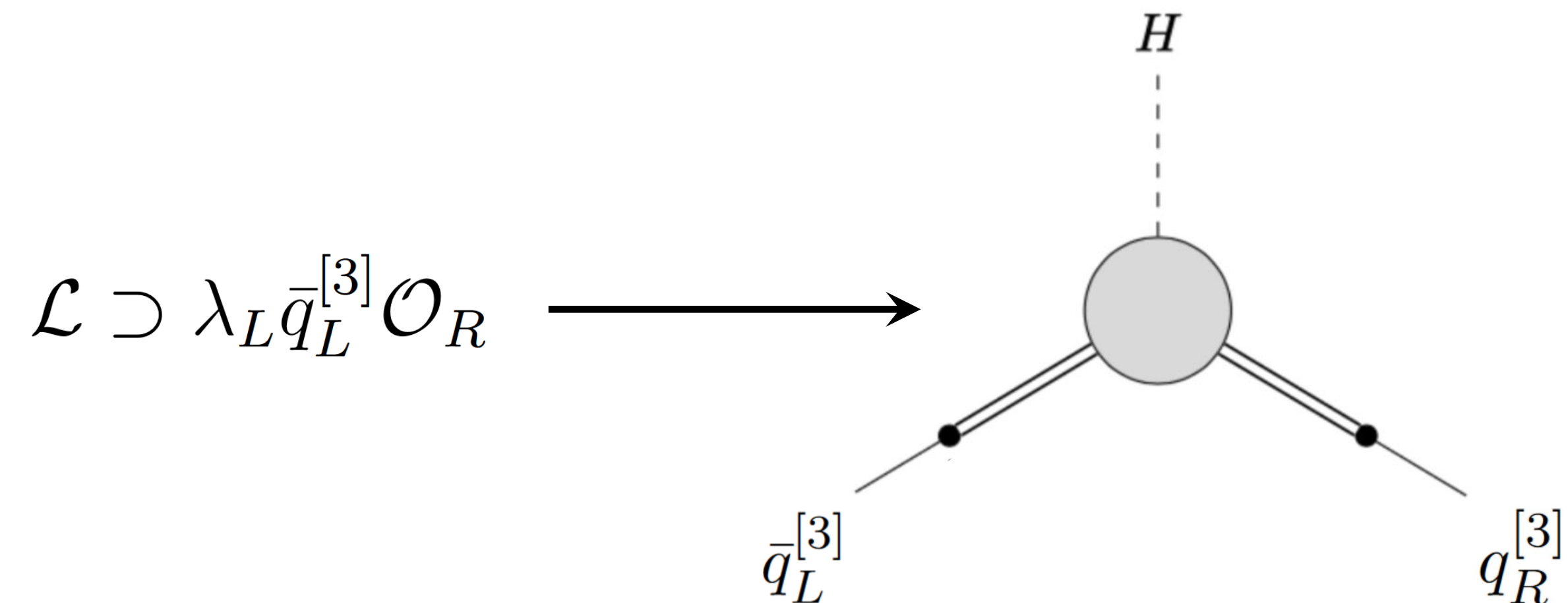
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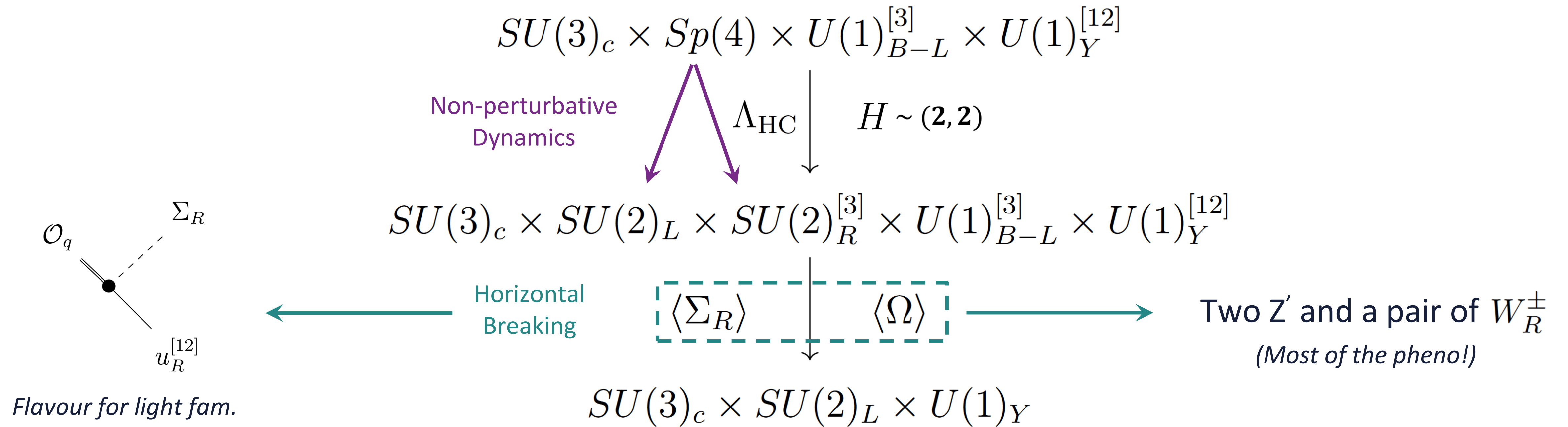
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Third-family Partial Compositeness:



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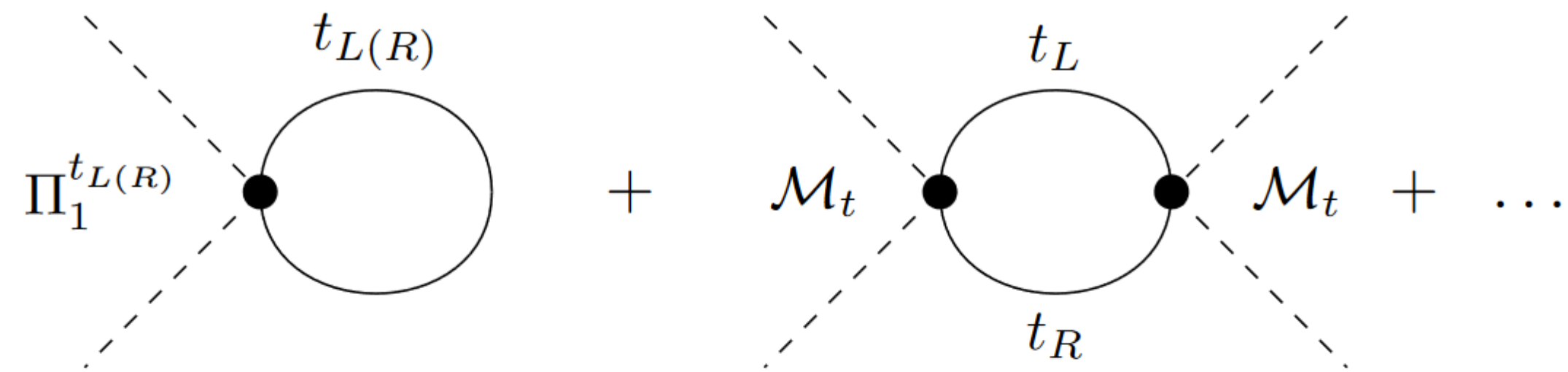


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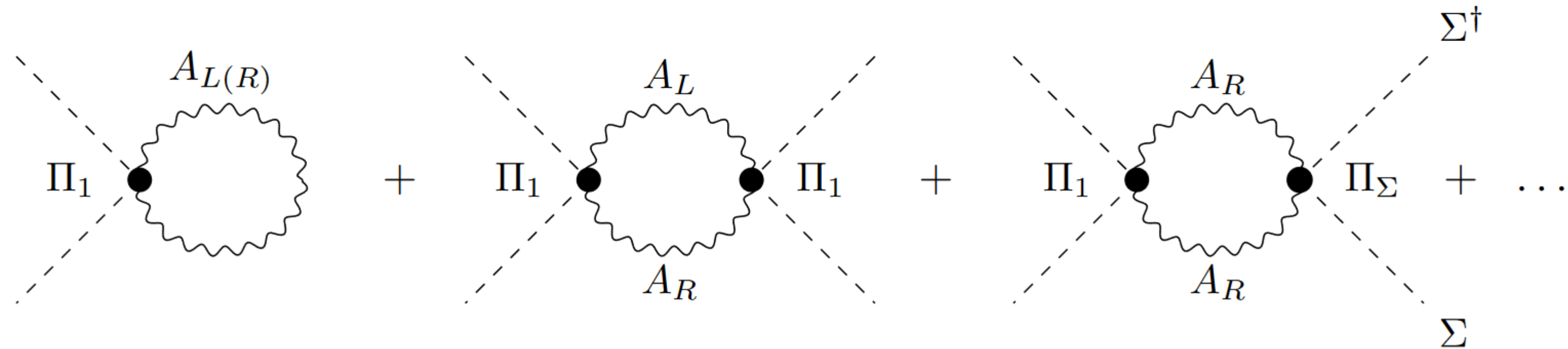
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$$\frac{c_1}{F^4} \Big|_{\text{phys.}} = \frac{m_h^2}{F^2} \lesssim 0.06 \quad (\text{from Exp.})$$

$$\frac{c_2}{F^4} \Big|_{\text{phys.}} = \frac{2m_h^2}{v^2} \approx \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{Natural}$$

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$$\frac{c_2}{F^4} = \frac{N_c y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{M_T^2}{F^2} + \text{Gauge contributions (suppressed)}$$

↑
Top partner → $M_T \approx 2.5F$

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Fermionic resonances

Top partner

Gauge contributions

$$\frac{c_1}{F^4} = \frac{N_c}{8\pi^2} \left[(\lambda_R^t)^2 \kappa_R^t - (\lambda_L^t)^2 \kappa_L^t \right] \frac{M_f^2}{F^2} + \frac{N_c y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{M_T^2}{F^2} - \frac{9g_R^2}{32\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{g_R^2 v_\Sigma^2}{2M_\rho^2} \right) \frac{M_\rho^2}{F^2} + \mathcal{O}(g_L g_R, g_L^2)$$

➡ Increase size of gauge contribution $\longrightarrow g_{R,3} = O(1) \gg g_{R,12} \approx g_Y^{\text{SM}}$
(Natural in flavour non-universal scenario !)

➡ Avoid suppression / sign flip $\longrightarrow M_{W_R}^2 = \frac{1}{4} g_R^2 v_\Sigma^2 < \frac{1}{2} M_\rho^2$

Phenomenological Constraints

➤ Constraints related to strong dynamics

- Modification of VVh- and VVhh-couplings

$$F \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$$

- Top partners and heavy resonances searches

$$M_T \gtrsim 1.5 \text{ TeV} \longrightarrow F \gtrsim 600 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_\rho \gtrsim 5 \text{ TeV}$$

- EWPO (S and T parameters)

$$g_{L,R}^2 \frac{v^2}{M_\rho^2} \lesssim 10^{-3}$$

➤ Constraints related to flavoured gauge bosons

- $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$
 - Bound on Z-pole obs.
- $$\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} B \rightarrow X_s \gamma \\ \text{Bound on Z-pole obs.} \end{matrix}} \right\} v_\Sigma \gtrsim 3 \text{ TeV}$$

- Bounds on Z' masses from FCNC (B_s -mixing)

$$v_\Omega \gtrsim 2.7 \text{ TeV} \text{ (up- vs down-alignment)}$$

- LHC bound from Drell-Yan data

$$v_\Sigma \gtrsim 2.0 \text{ TeV}$$

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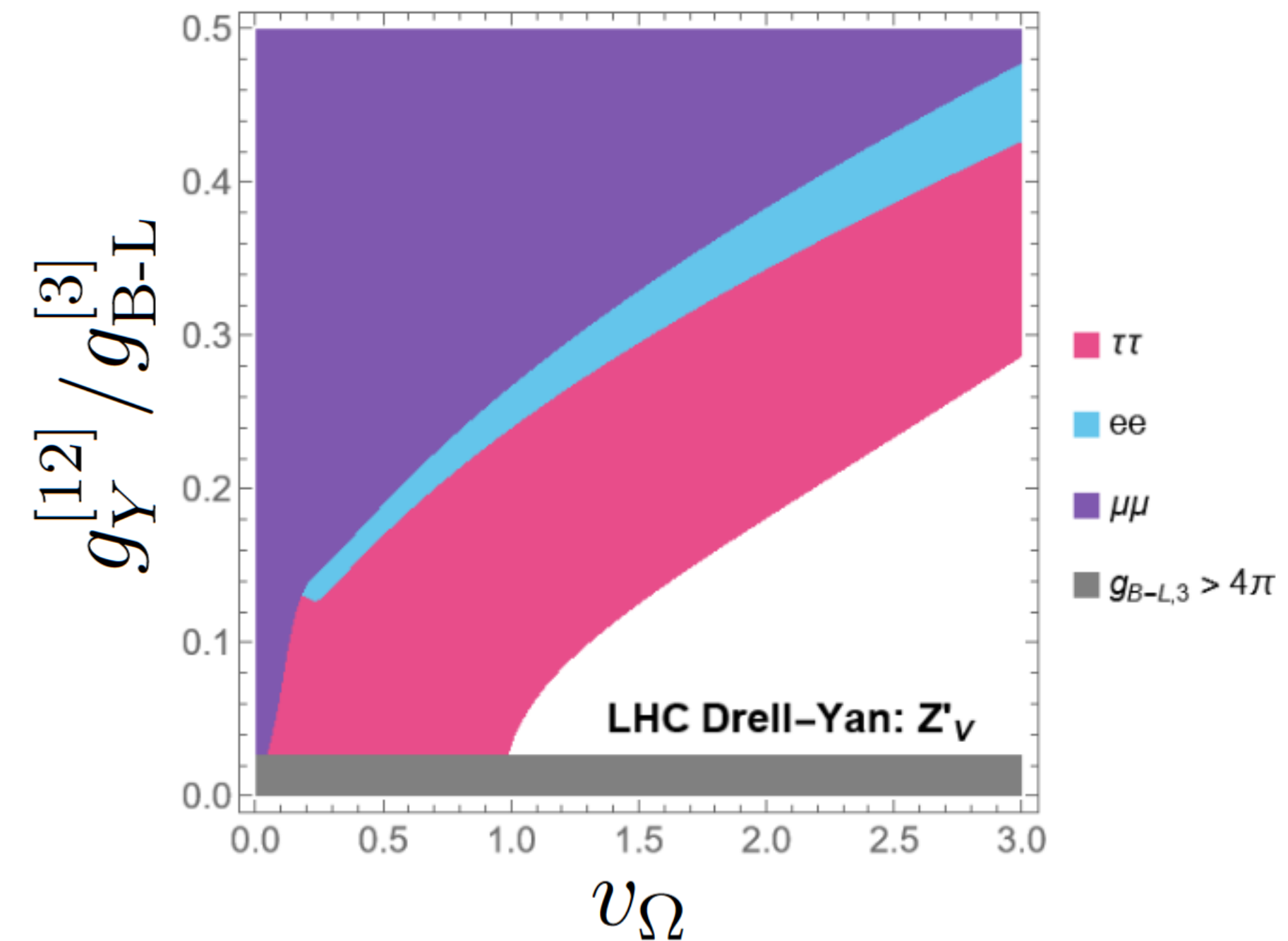
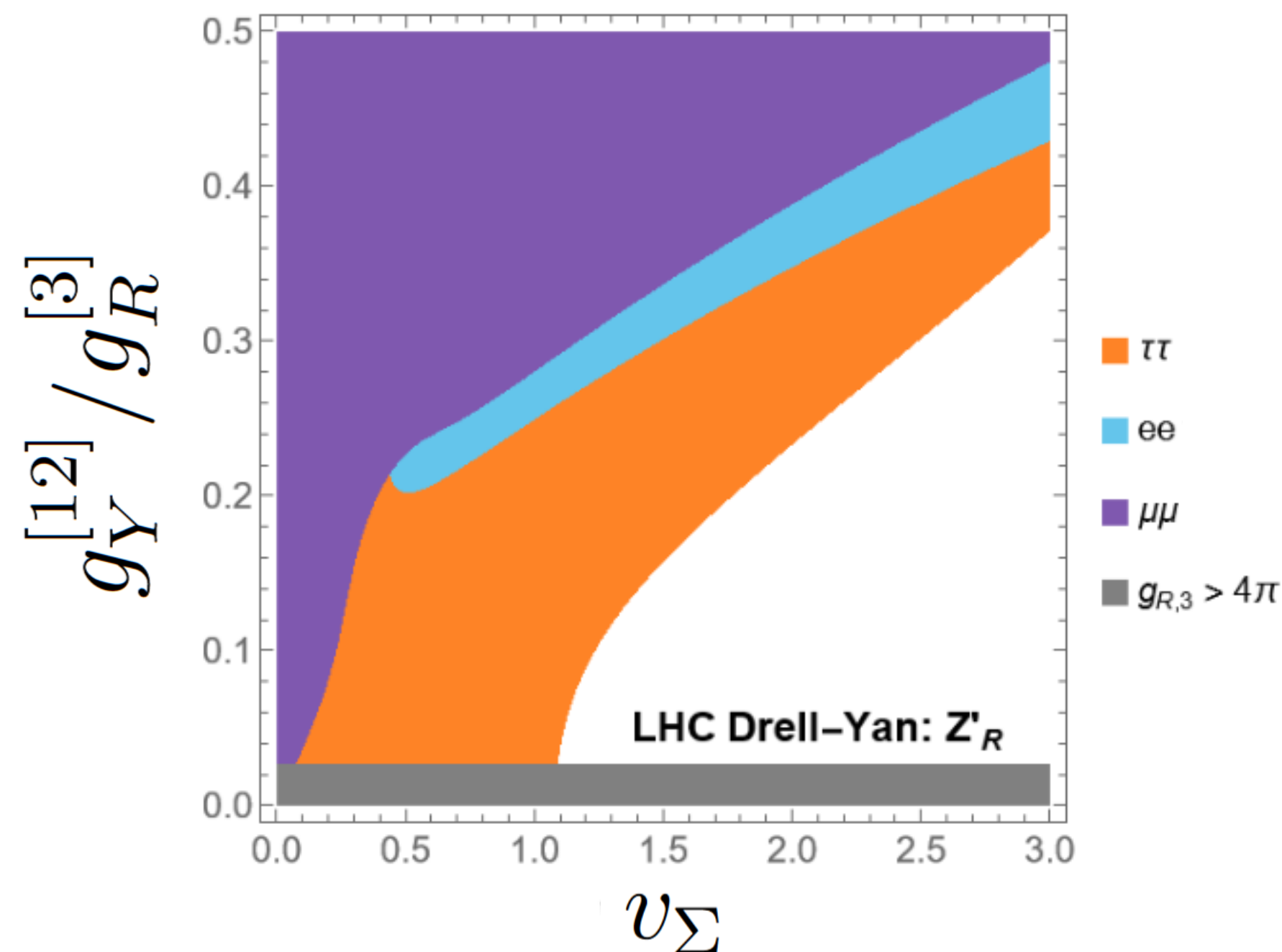
Typical scenario

- Large 3rd gen. RH gauge coupling: $g_{R,3} = O(1)$
- Light Top partner $M_T \approx 2 \text{ TeV}$ and $M_\rho \approx 10 \text{ TeV}$
- Flavour deconstruction breaking $v_\Sigma \approx 3 \text{ TeV}$

All constraints are satisfied and $\delta_{\text{EW}} \lesssim 10^{-3}$

→ 3% tuning in the potential

→ $O(1\%)$ corrections to Higgs couplings



Conclusion

➡ Null results @LHC put pressure on *natural* solutions to the hierarchy problem...

Naturalness has played a crucial role in NP searches in the past ...

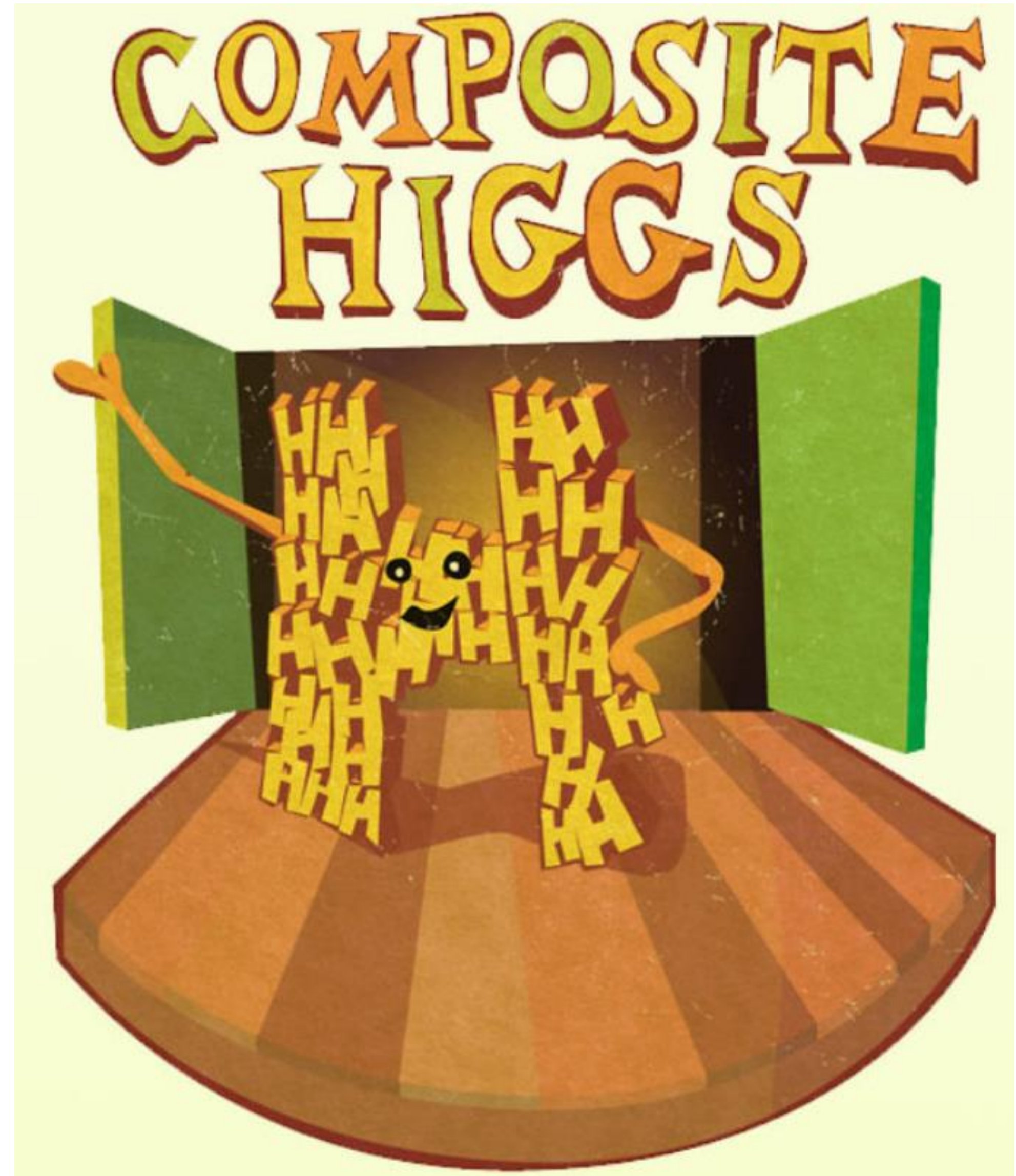
➡ Bounds on flavour violation suggest either a high NP scale or non-generic flavour of BSM

Approx. $U(2)$ -preserving + 3rd gen. NP compatible with TeV scale

➤ Flavour non-universal NP @TeV compatible with exp. bounds & accessible at current and near future exp.

➤ Well-motivated *model* for addressing *simultaneously* Higgs & flavour

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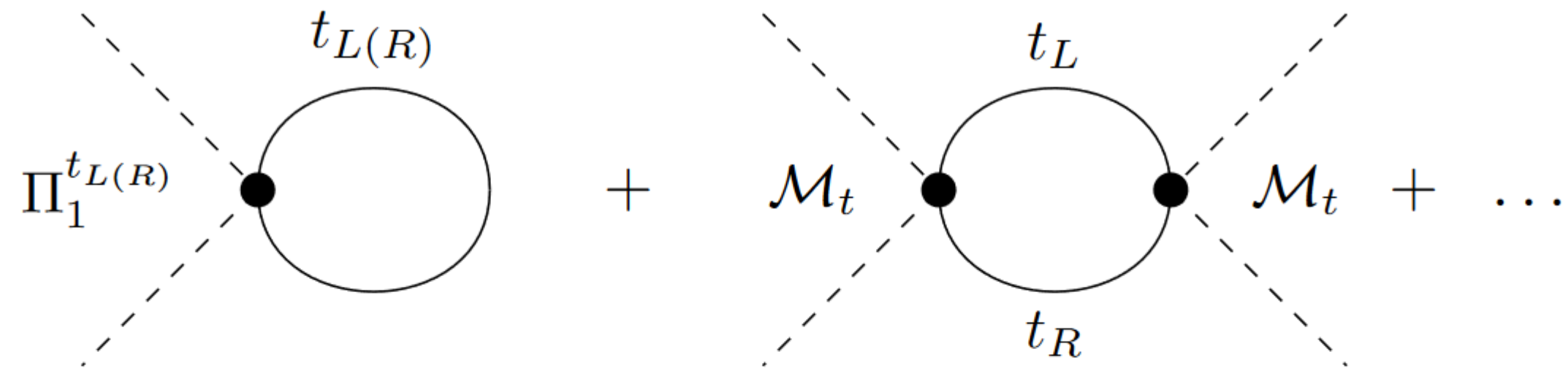


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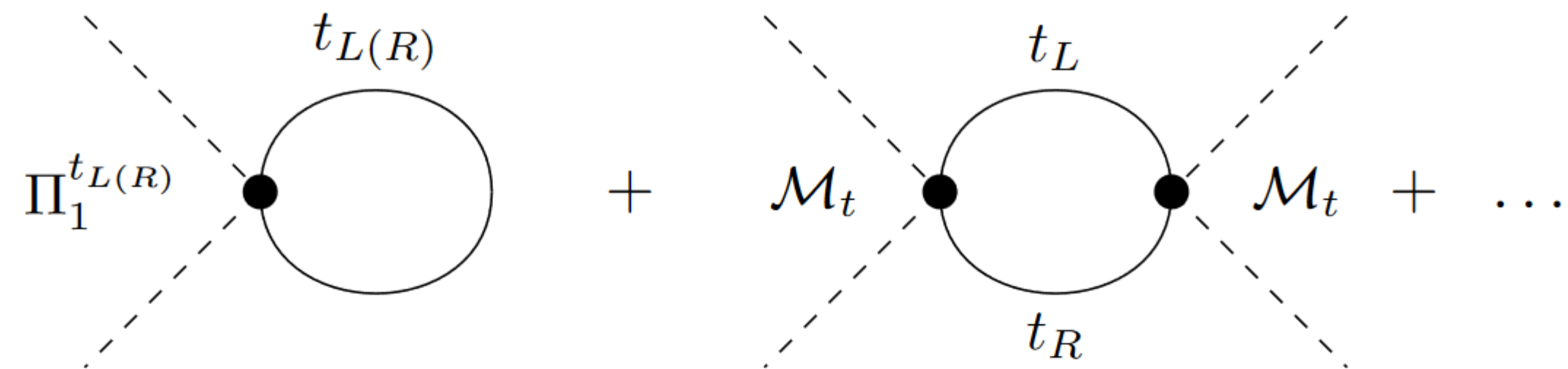
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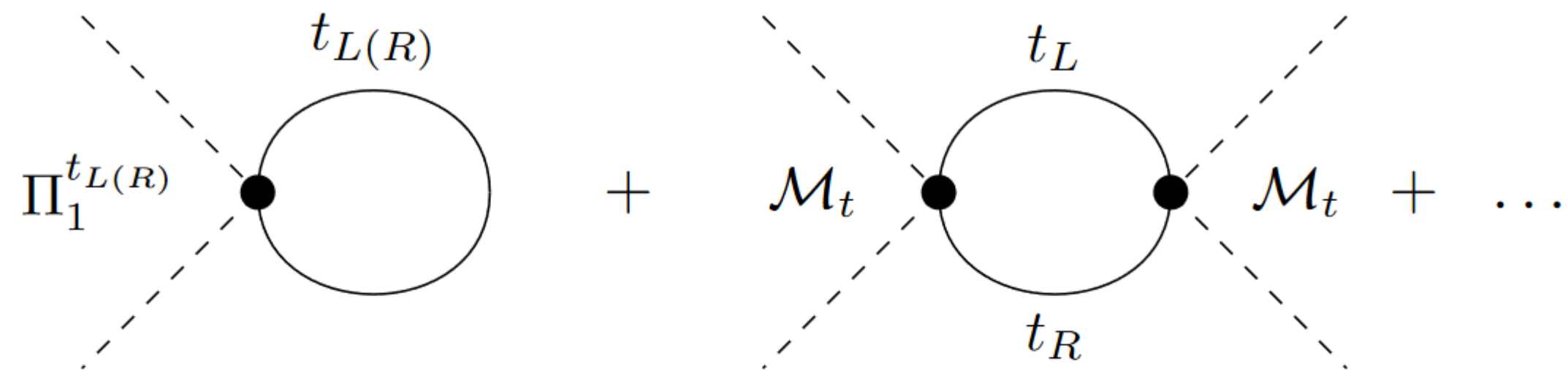
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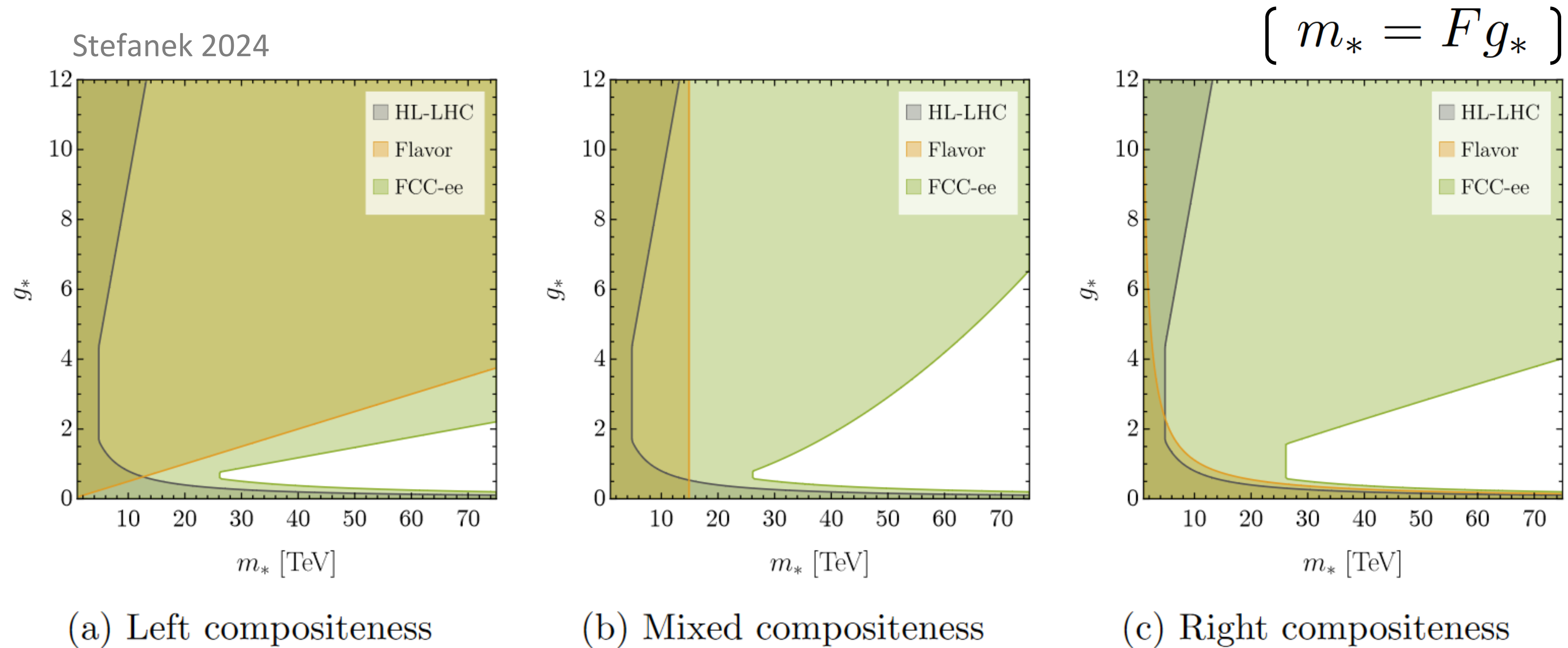
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Explicit expression in terms
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Composite Higgs @ HL-LHC and FCC-ee



➡ With improved precision: RG-running into EWPO become **crucial**

➡ Composite Higgs will be put under a microscope @ FCC-ee!

$$m_* \gtrsim 25 \text{ TeV}$$

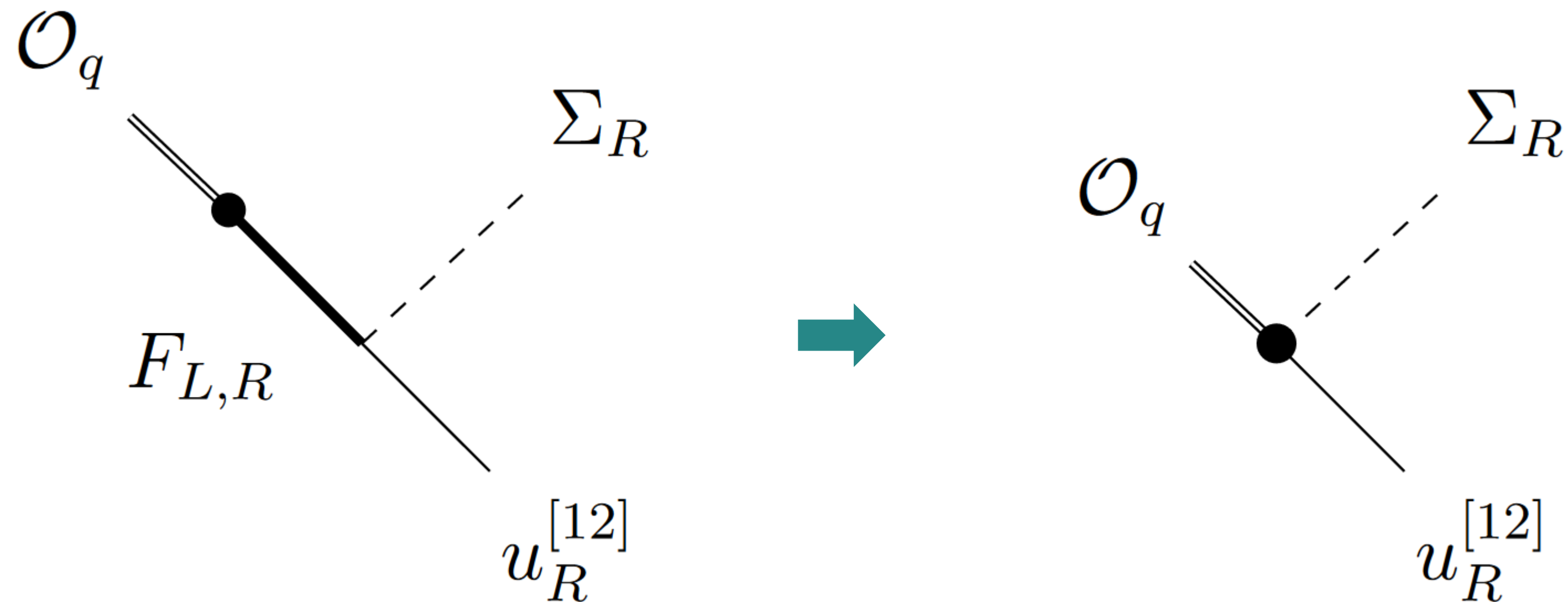
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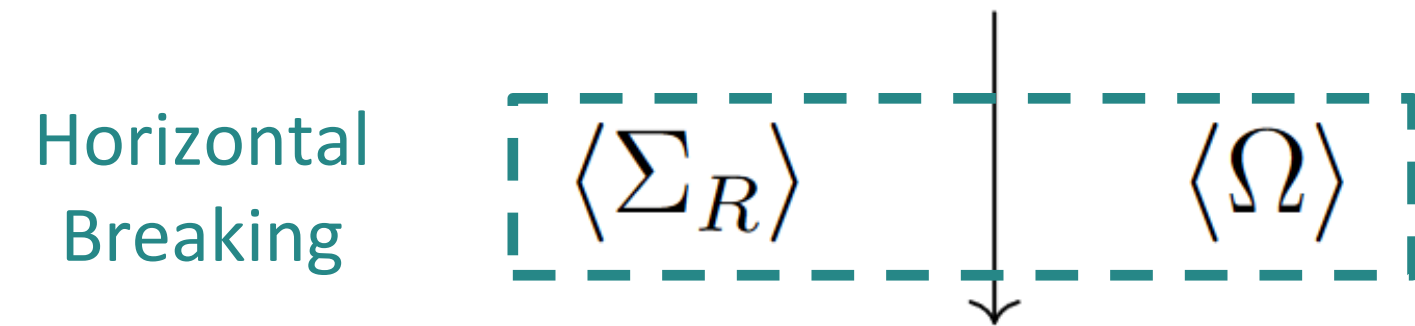
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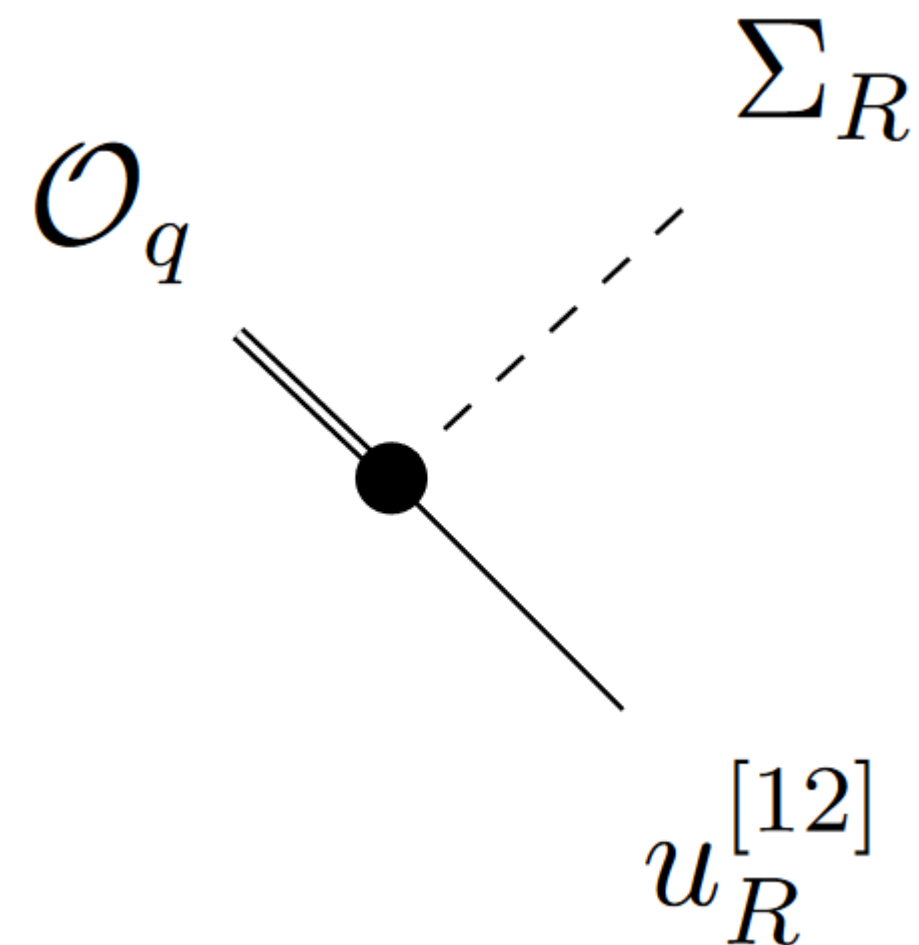
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$$\epsilon_R = O(m_c/m_t) = O(10^{-2})$$

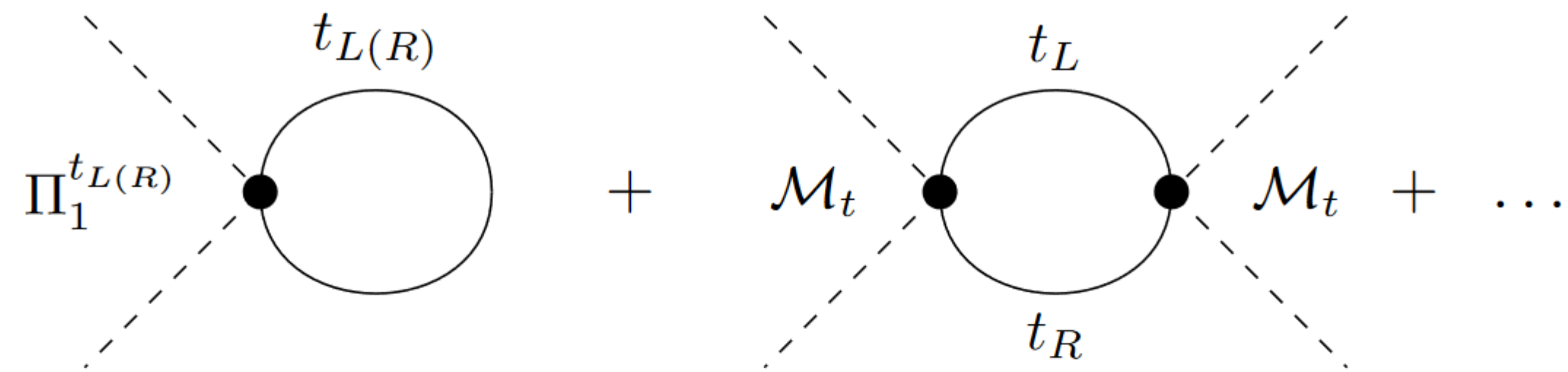
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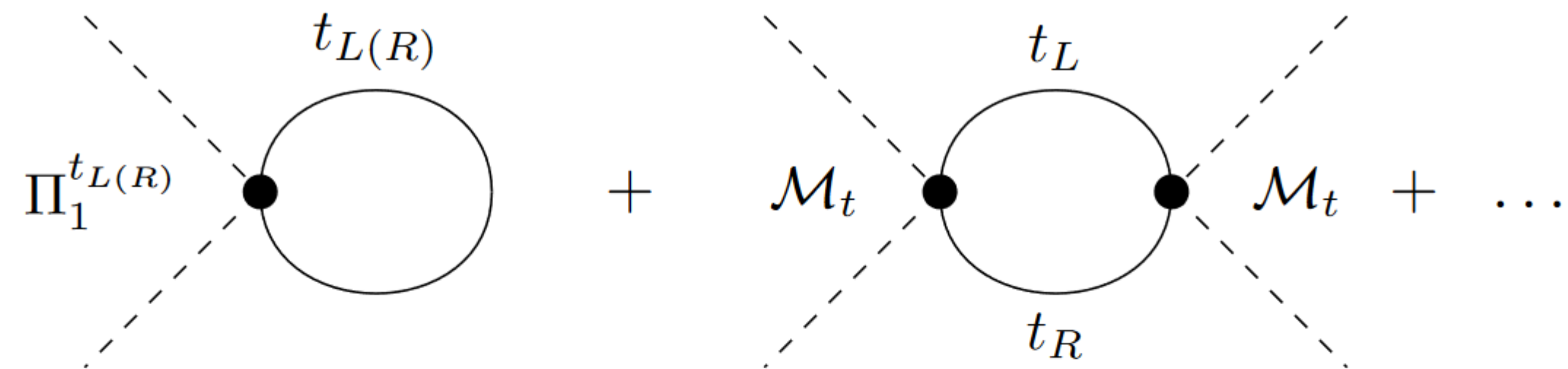
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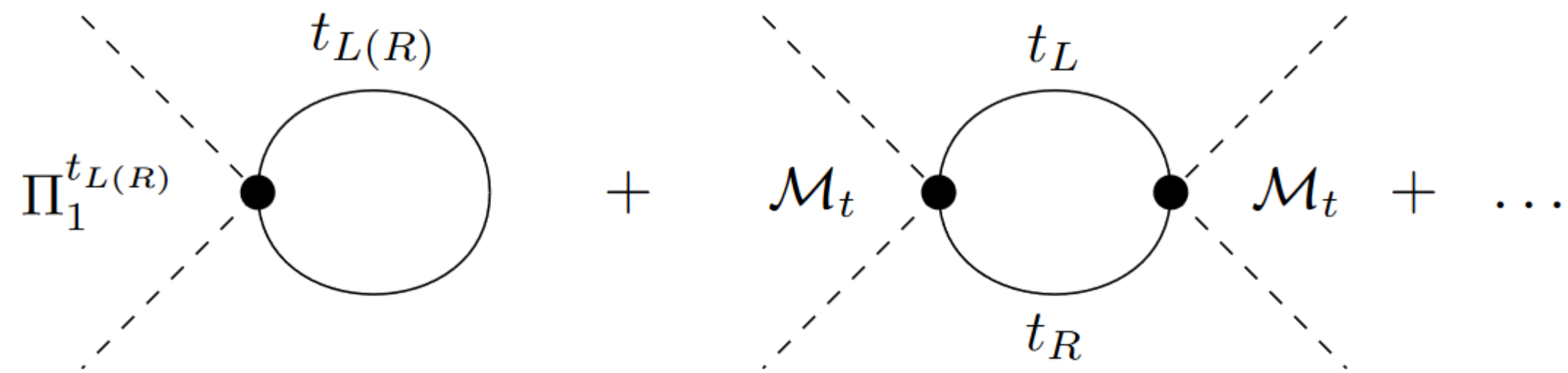
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The Hierarchy Problem

What possible theoretical frameworks can address the Hierarchy problem ?

« Beyond QFT / EFT »
option

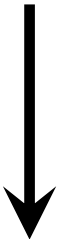


Solution: « Elsewhere »

Multiverse / Anthropics
Cosmological evolution
(Failure of EFT)

Agrawal et al., 1997
Kawai & Okada, 2011
Giudice et al. 2021
Kephart & Päs 2024, ...

SUSY



Elementary scalars are protected
by symmetry



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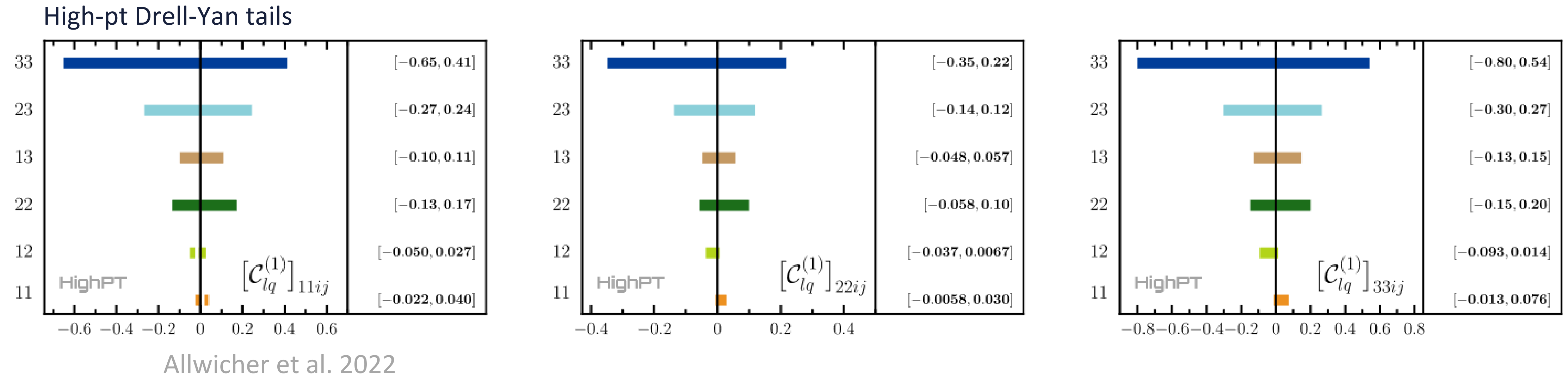
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Dugan et al. 1985,
Agashe, Contino &
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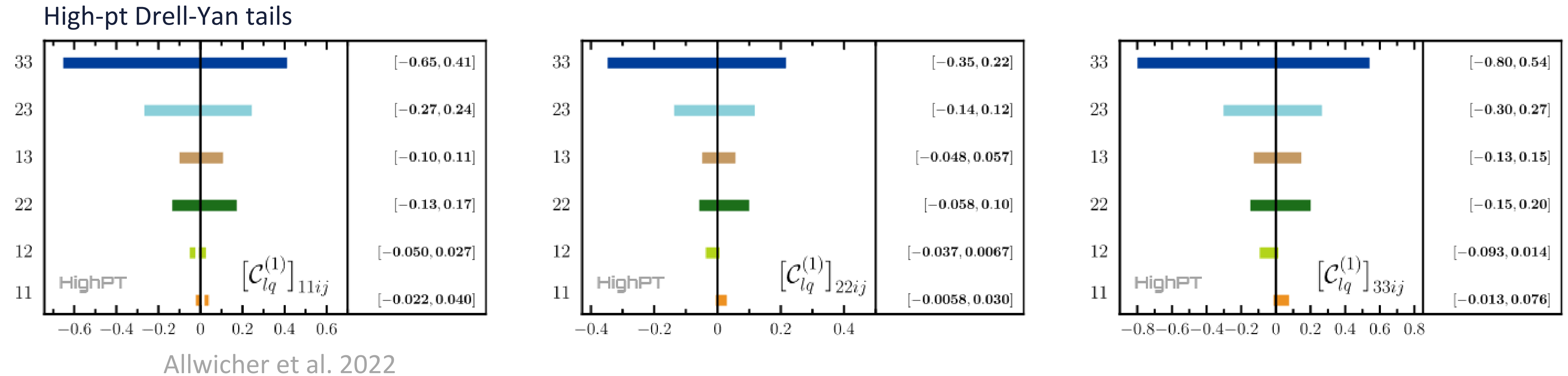
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Experiments have imposed strong bounds on flavour **universal** NP

(Naturalness $\Rightarrow$)

➡ Flavour **non-universal** NP @TeV-scale, mainly coupled to 3rd gen.

Flavour Non-Universal Composite Higgs

Ingredients:

- Spontaneously broken strong sector: $\mathcal{G} \equiv Sp(4) \xrightarrow{\Lambda_{\text{HC}}} SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R^{[3]} \equiv \mathcal{H}$
- Field Content:

Elementary fields		$U(1)_{B-L}^{[3]}$	$U(1)_Y^{[12]}$	$SU(2)_L$	$SU(2)_R^{[3]}$
chiral light quarks	$q_L^{[12]}$	0	1/6	2	1
	$u_R^{[12]}$	0	2/3	1	1
	$d_R^{[12]}$	0	-1/3	1	1
chiral 3 rd gen. quarks	$q_L^{[3]}$	1/6	0	2	1
	$q_R^{[3]}$	1/6	0	1	2
vector-like quarks	F_L^q	1/6	0	2	1
	F_R^q	0	1/6	1	2
scalar link fields	Σ_R	0	1/2	1	2
	Ω_q	-1/6	1/6	1	1
	Ω_ℓ	1/2	-1/2	1	1

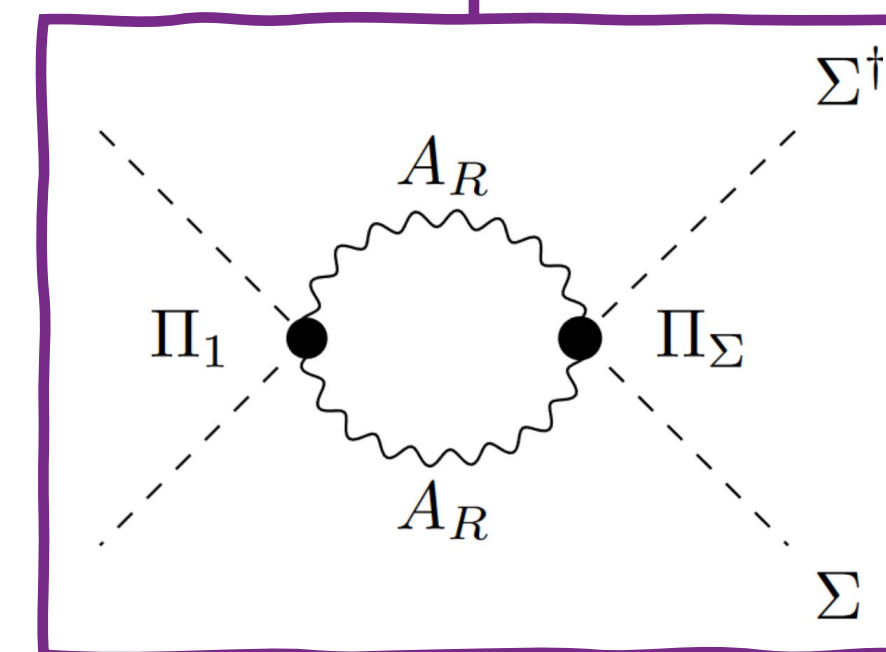
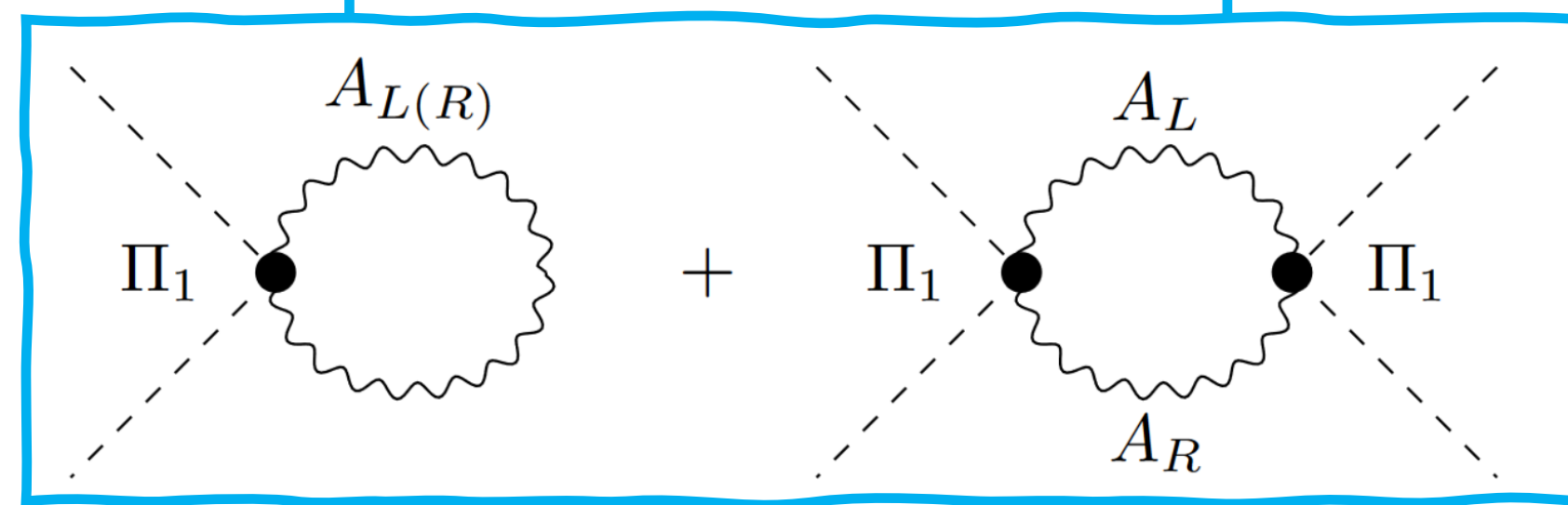
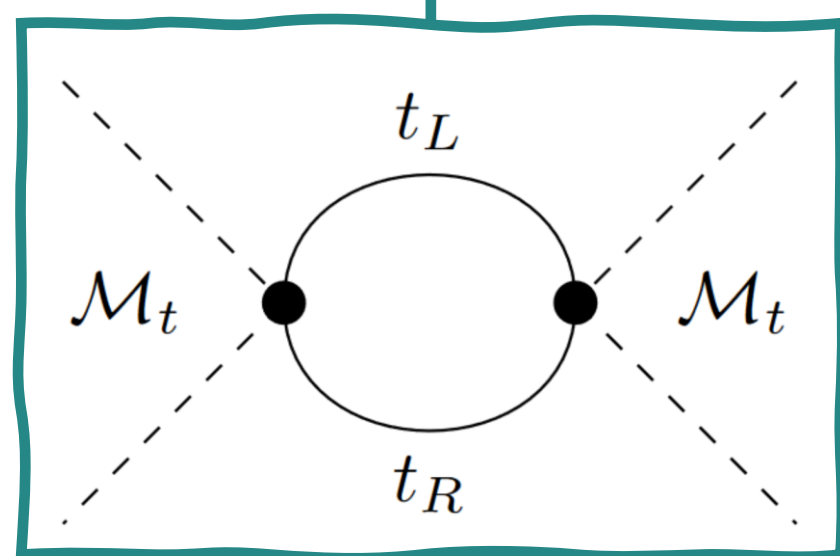


Higgs Potential

$$V(h) = \Delta V_f(h) + \Delta V_A(h) \approx c_0 - c_1 \sin^2 \left(\frac{h}{2F} \right) + c_2 \sin^4 \left(\frac{h}{2F} \right)$$

Gauge contributions

$$\frac{c_2}{F^4} = \frac{N_c y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{M_T^2}{F^2} + \frac{9g_R^2}{32\pi^2} \delta_\pi \left(1 - \frac{g_R^2 v_\Sigma^2}{2M_\rho^2} \right) \frac{M_\rho^2}{F^2} - \frac{9g_R^4}{64\pi^2} \log \left(\frac{M_\rho^2}{M_{W_R}^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(g_L g_R, g_L^2)$$



Flavour and Higgs Compositeness

➡ How do we couple fermions to the Higgs ?

OG approach in strongly-coupled EWSB models:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\lambda_b}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{d-1}} \bar{q}_L \mathcal{O}_S b_R \longrightarrow y_{t,b} \simeq \lambda_{t,b} \left(\frac{F}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right)^{d-1}$$

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Scalar Op.
from the
strong sector
 Strong resonances
-> Naturalness

Strong interactions are
resolved
-> Flavour

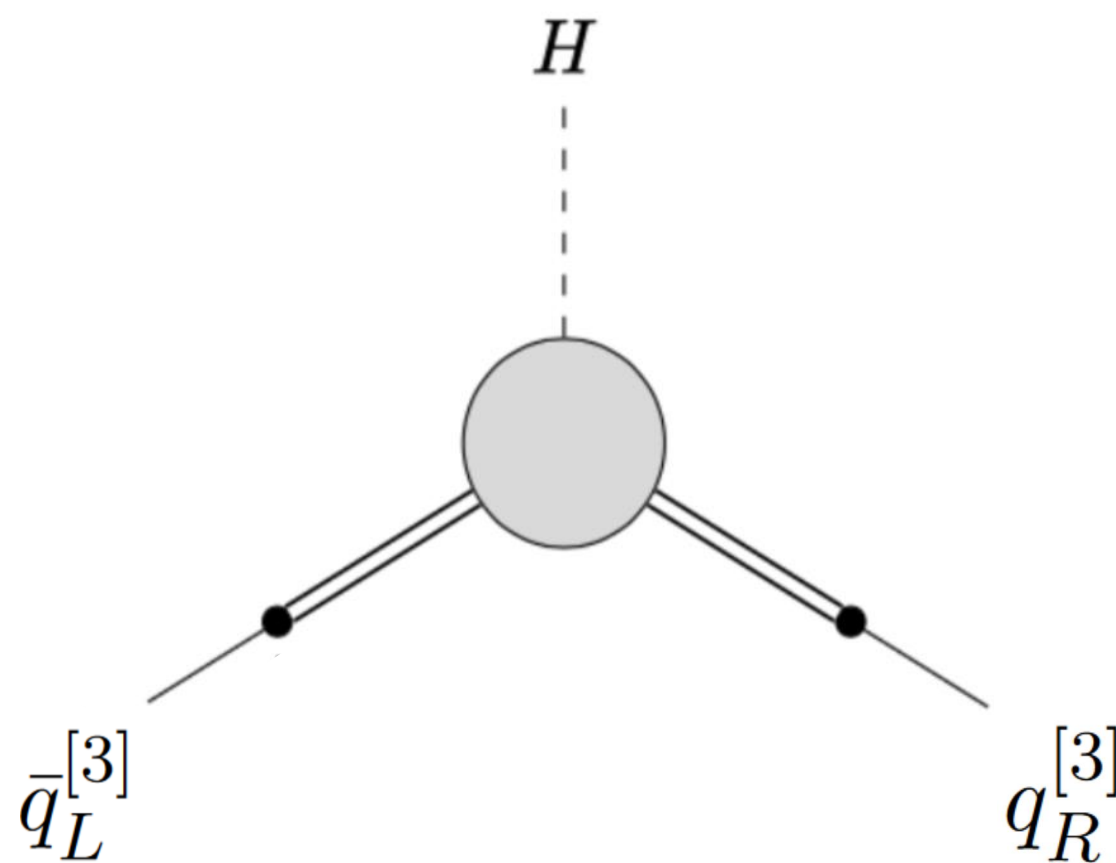
- Difficult to have $y_t \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ and Λ_{UV} high enough to avoid extra flavour-violation
- Reintroduces the Hierarchy problem for $\mathcal{O}_S^2$
- Enforce hierarchy of $\lambda_{t,b}$ in the UV because only one scalar op $\mathcal{O}_S$

Partial Compositeness

➡ How do we couple fermions to the Higgs ?

Partial Compositeness:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \lambda_L \bar{q}_L \mathcal{O}_R \longrightarrow |y_q| = \lambda_L^q \lambda_R^{q*} \kappa_{LR}^q \frac{F}{\sqrt{2} M_q}$$

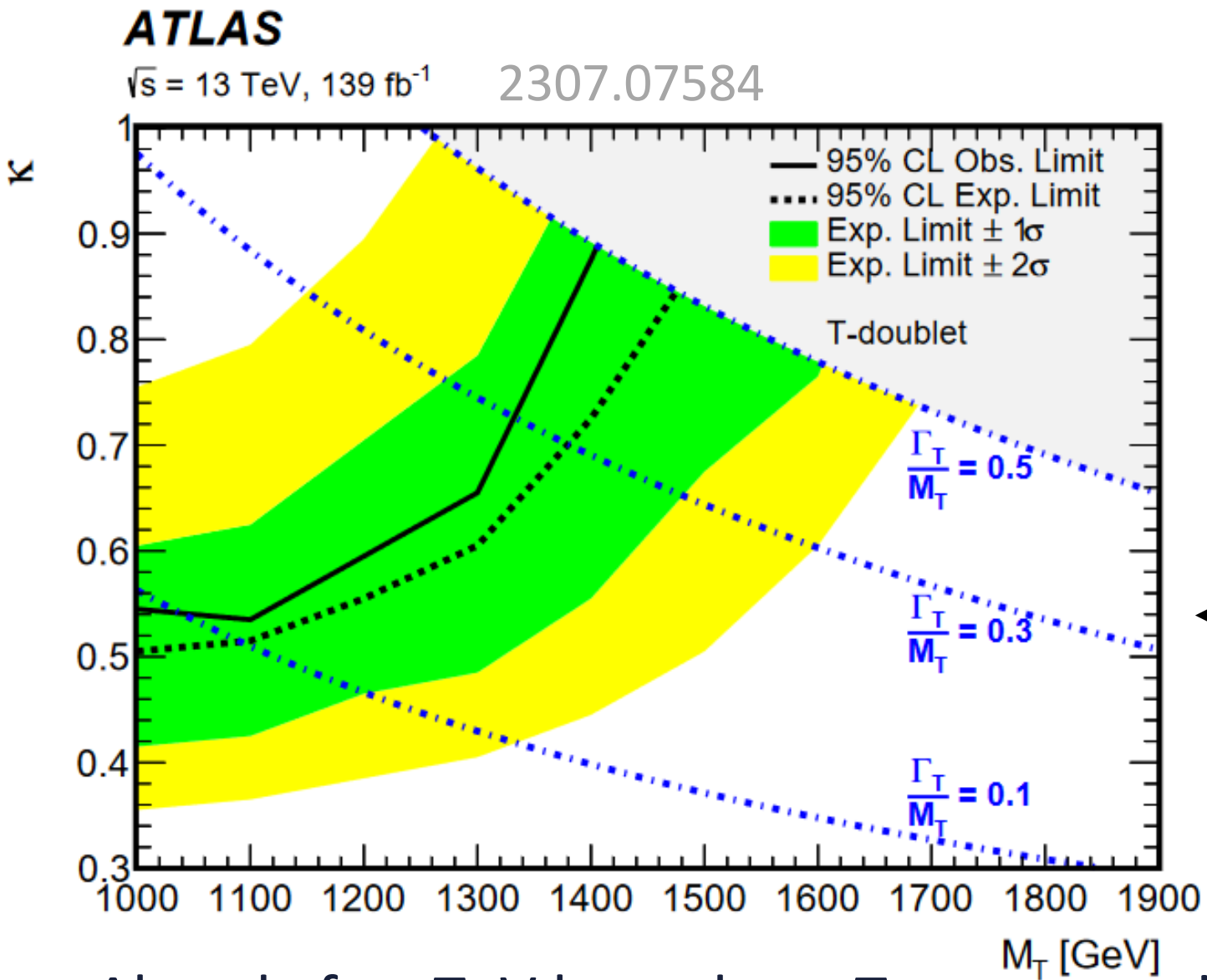


Composite partner

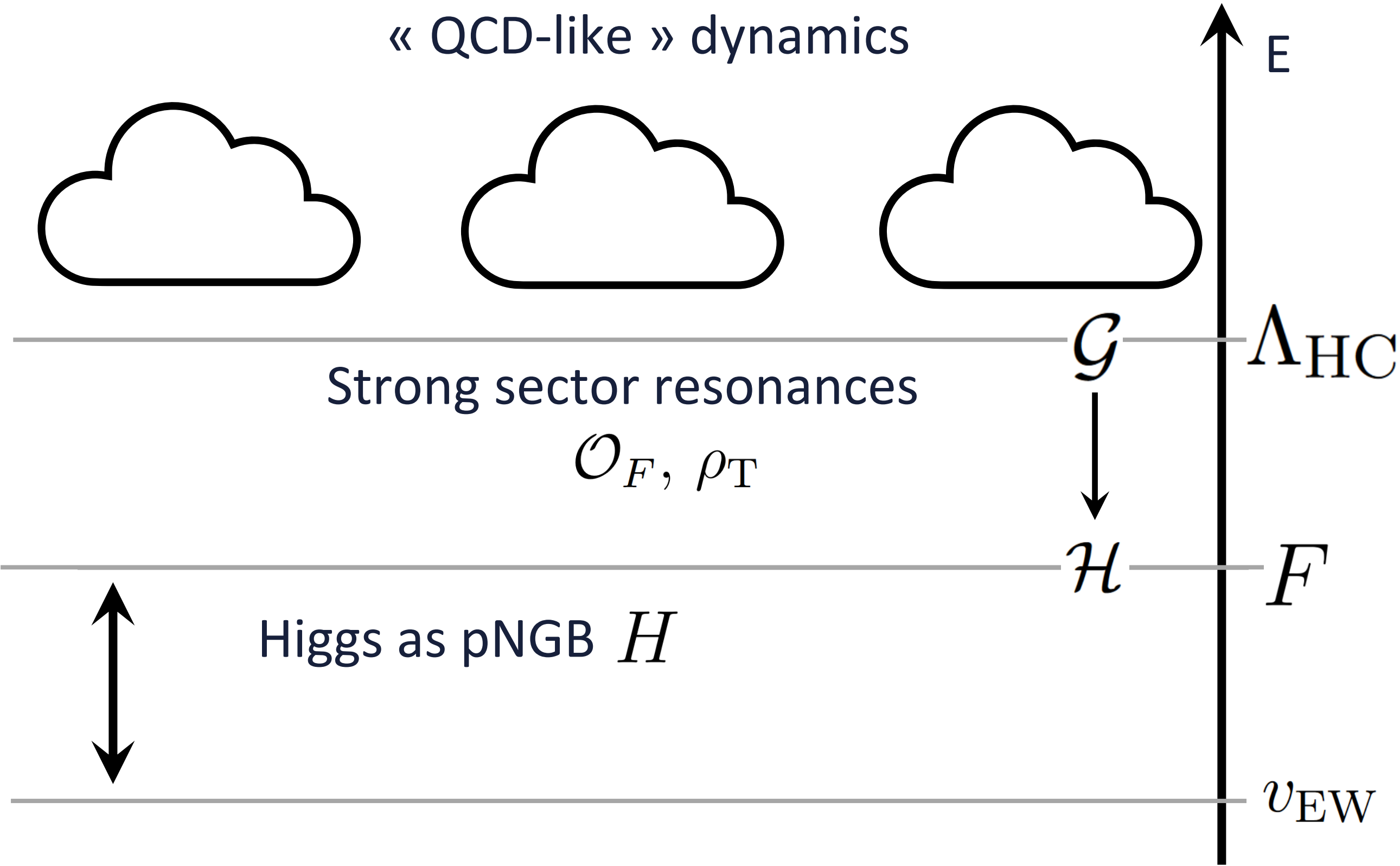
- Fermionic Ops -> No risk of reintroducing a hierarchy problem for $\mathcal{O}_F^2$
- Partners for each fermions -> can reproduce Yukawa pattern

Higgs Compositeness

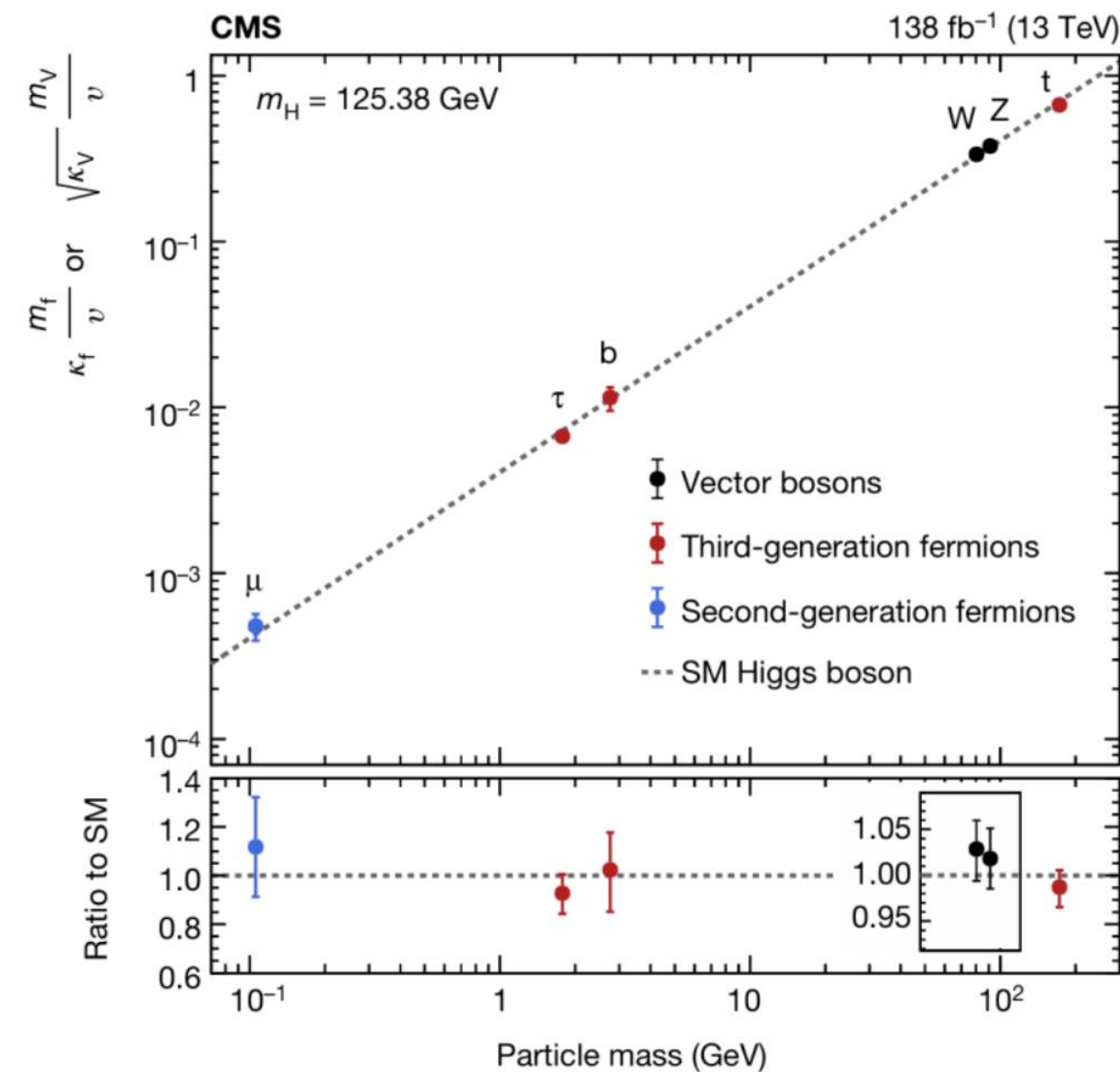
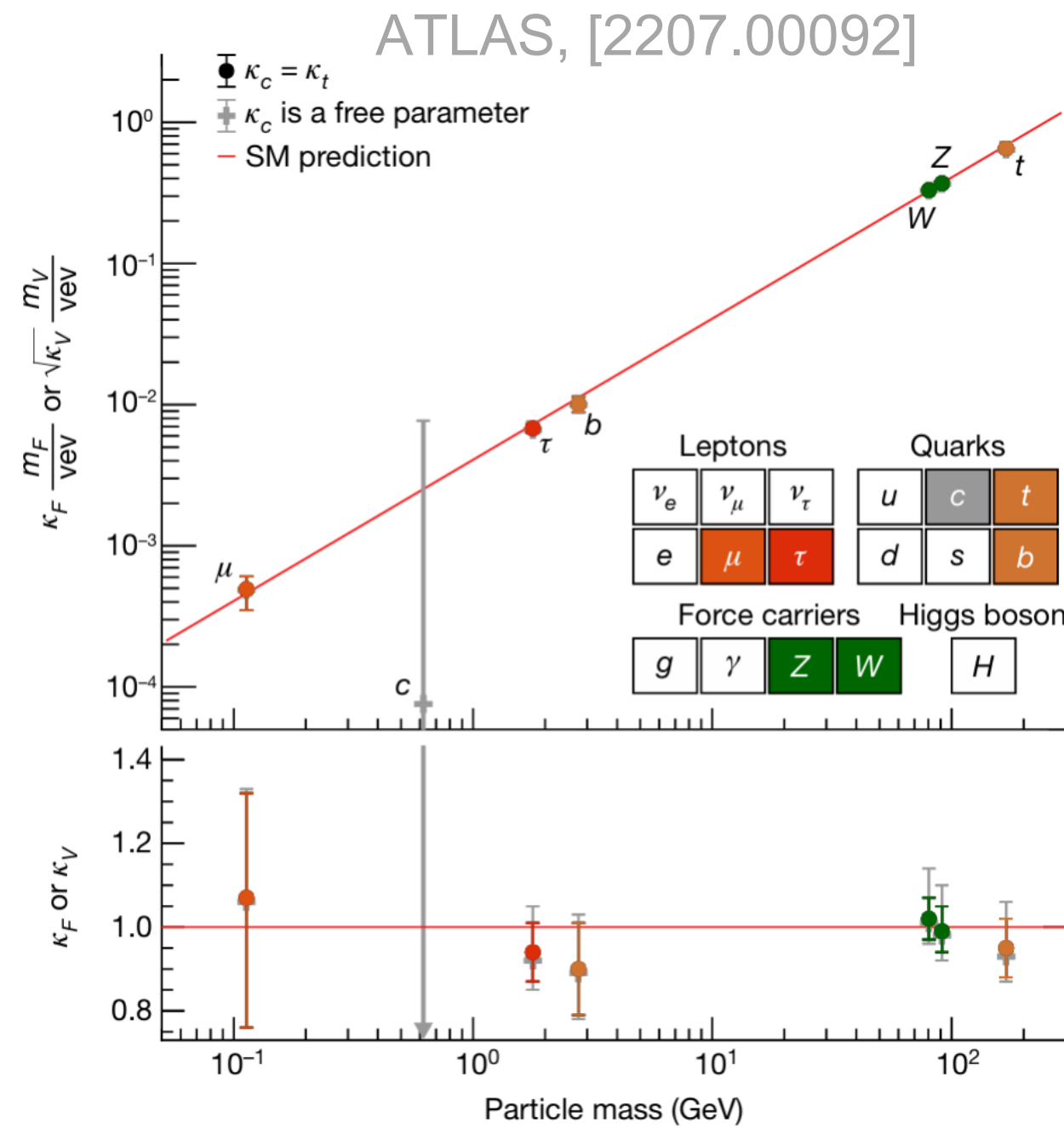
Compositeness scale cannot be too low!



Already few TeV bounds on Top partner !

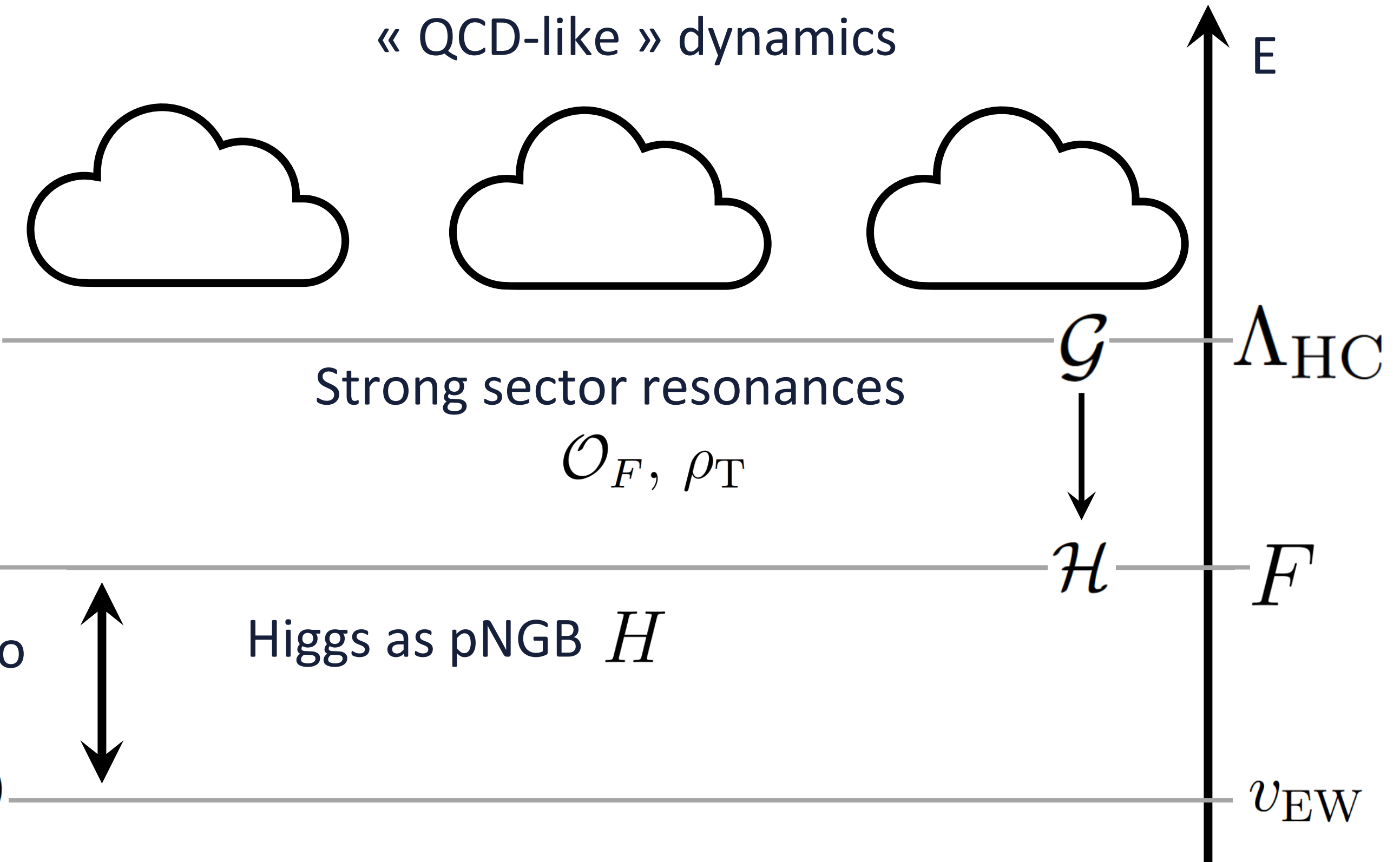


Higgs Compositeness



Higgs is SM-like to good approx.
 $\xi < 0.06$ (95% CL)

Compositeness corrects SM predictions

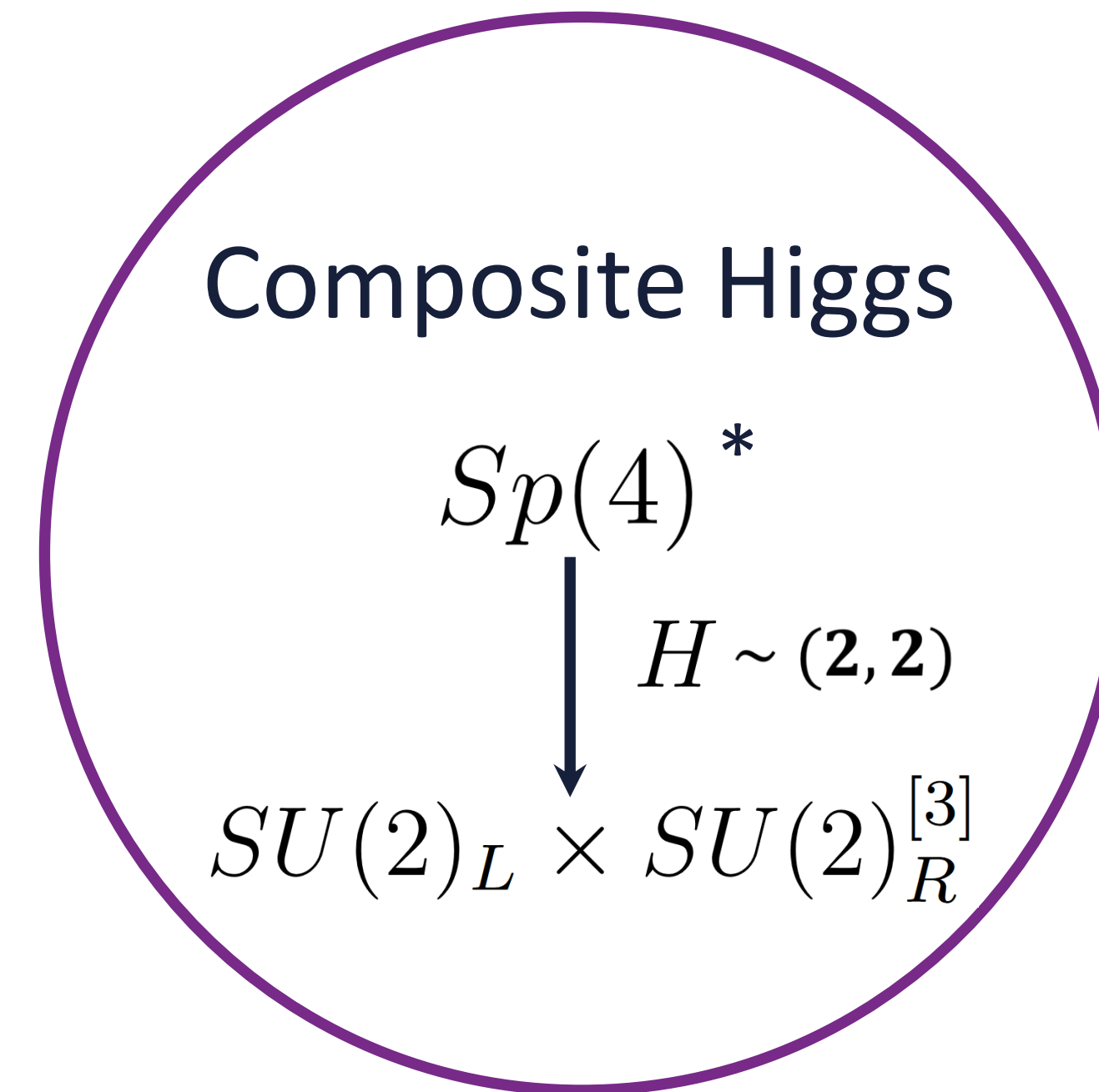
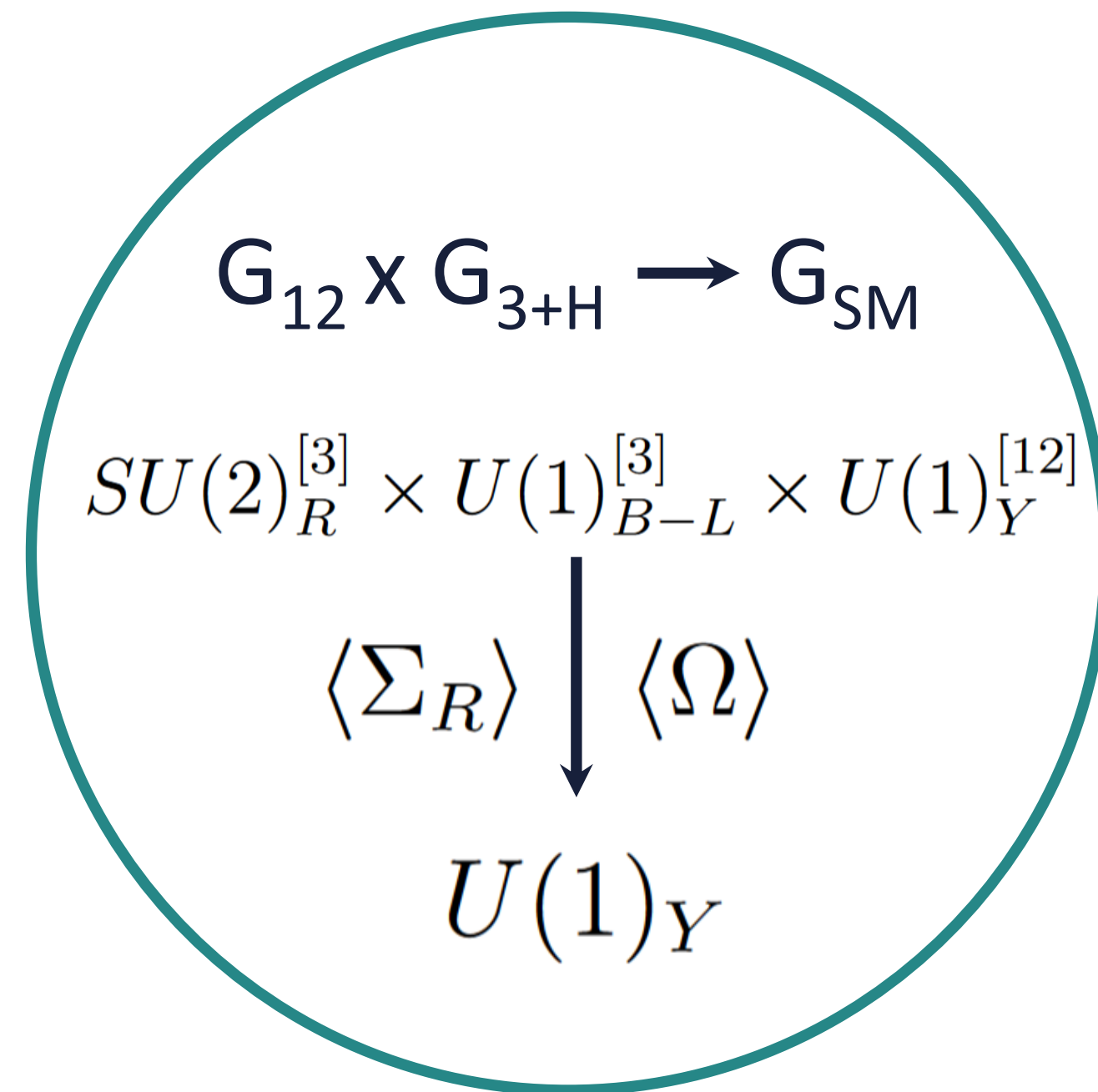


$$g_{VVh} = g_{VVh}^{\text{SM}} \sqrt{1 - \xi}$$

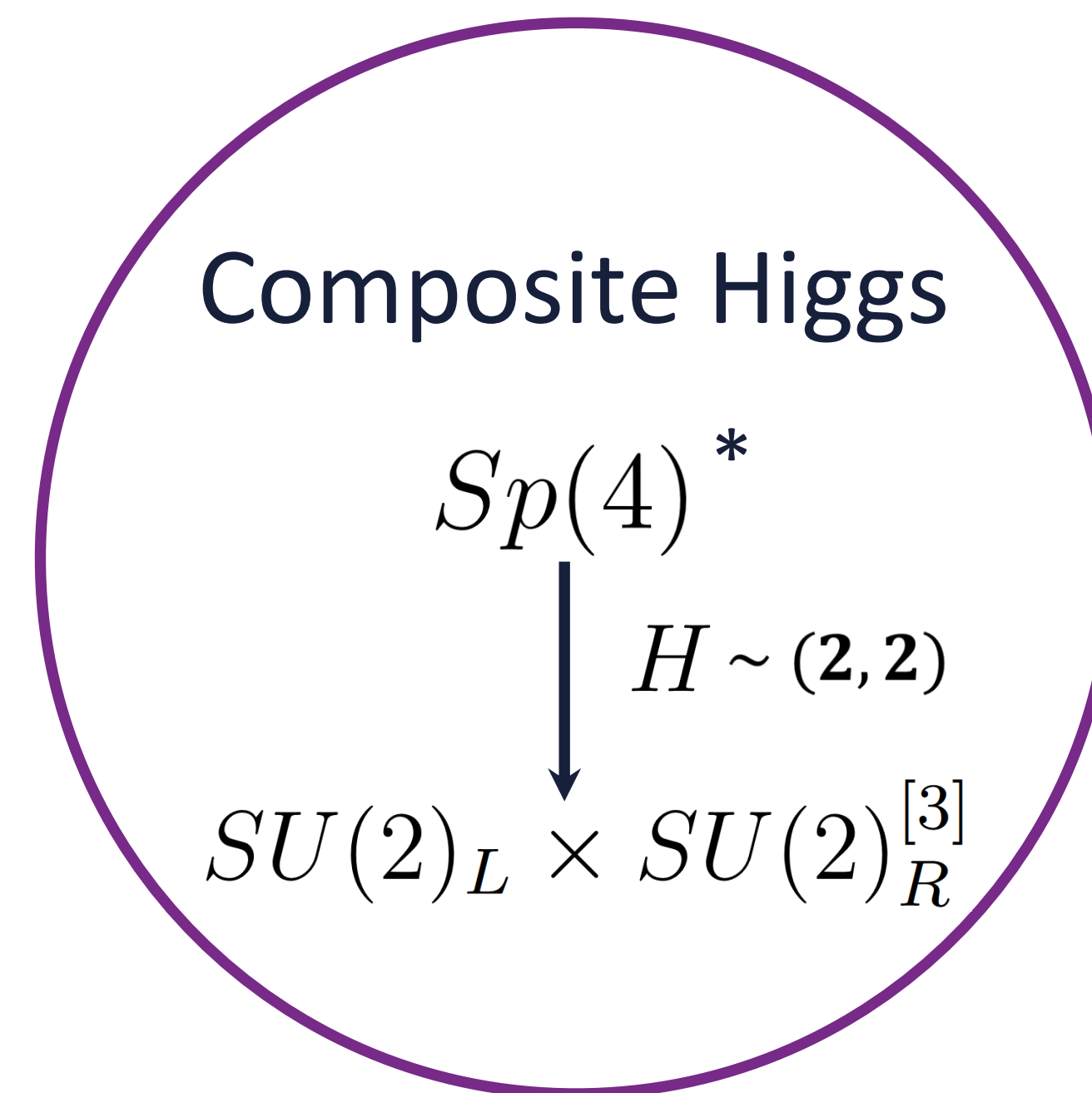
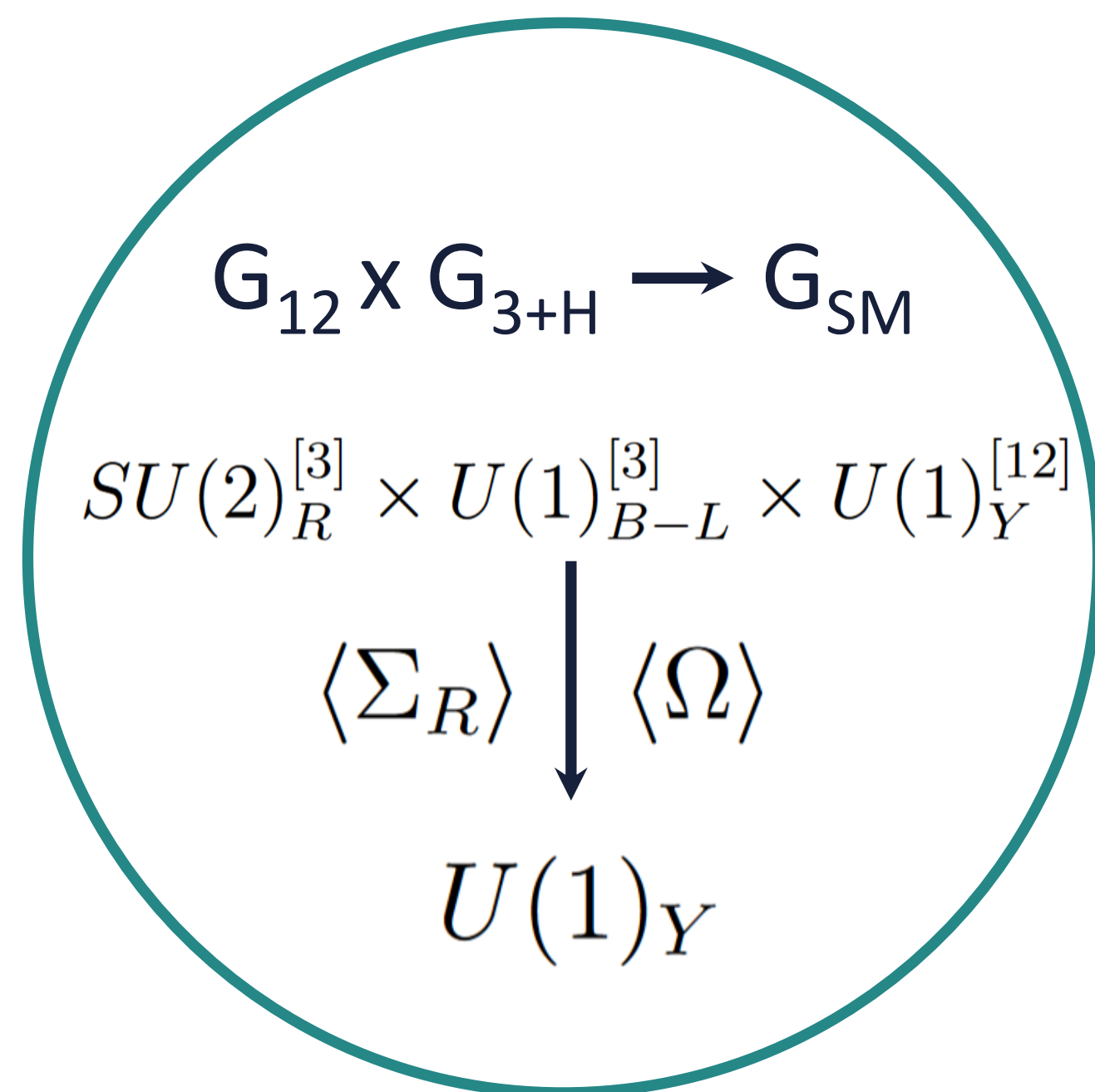
$$g_{VVhh} = g_{VVhh}^{\text{SM}} (1 - 2\xi)$$

$$\xi = \frac{v_{\text{EW}}^2}{4F^2}$$

Flavour Deconstructing the Composite Higgs



Flavour Deconstructing the Composite Higgs



➤ Flavour non-universal NP @TeV mainly coupled to 3rd generation

➡ $U(2)^5$ protection

➡ Low compositeness scale -> naturalness

➡ Explain SM flavour

Flavour Deconstructing the Composite Higgs

$$Sp(6)_{\text{global}} \longrightarrow SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R^{[3]} \times SU(2)_R^{[12]}$$

- Composite scalars needed for flavour deconstruction breaking
- Suppression in light Yukawas from heavy pNGBs -> no VLFs needed