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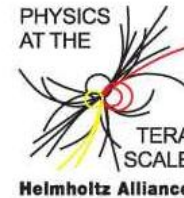
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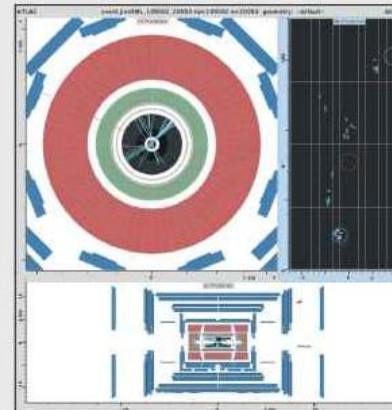
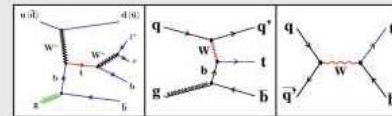
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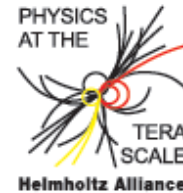
- Theoretical and experimental overview of single top and 4th generation quarks
- Single top results from ATLAS and CMS
- Searches for 4th generation quarks at ATLAS and CMS
- Monte Carlo models
- Analysis techniques



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$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}(j^{\mu+} W_{\mu}^{+} + j^{\mu-} W_{\mu}^{-}) \quad j^{\mu\pm} = j_L^{\mu\pm} + j_R^{\mu\pm}$$

SM chiral quarks

$$j_L^{\mu} = \bar{f}_L \gamma^{\mu} f'_L \quad j_R^{\mu} = 0$$

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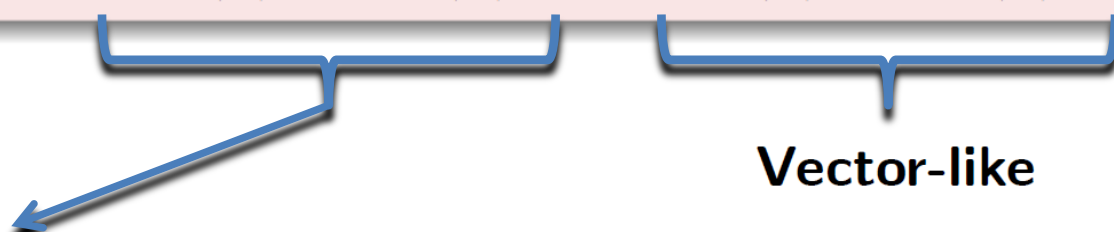
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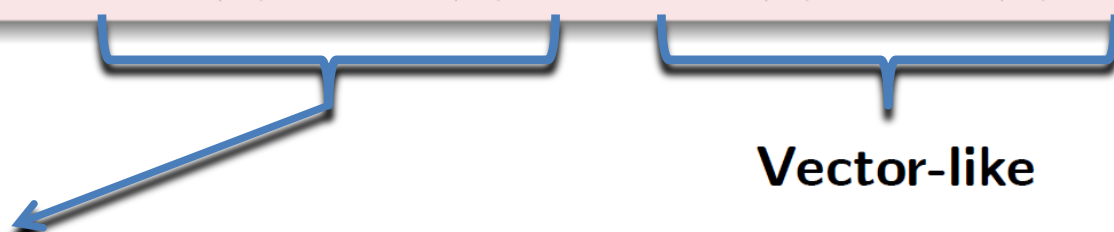
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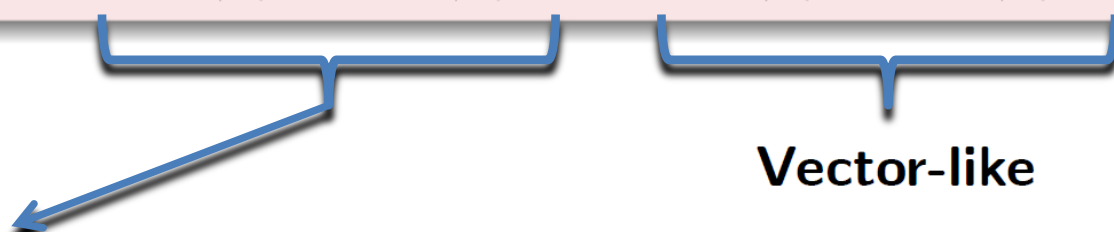
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Mass terms forbidden
by gauge invariance !



Fermion masses arise
from EWSSB

~~$$L \supset -M \bar{\psi} \psi$$~~

$$M_{u,d,e} = \frac{Y_{u,d,e} v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Theoretical Motivations (a selection thereof)

Vector-like quarks:

- may provide a solution to the Hierarchy Problem.
- provide anomaly-free extensions of the SM.
- break the GIM mechanism, allow for non-vanishing FCNCs at tree-level.
- decouple, i.e., do not conflict with the current precision constraints if $M \rightarrow \infty$.
- can lead to new sources of CP violations, ...
- appear as a common ingredient of many New Physics models: Composite Higgs/top models, Universal extra-dimensions, Little Higgs models, Gauge flavoured groups, extended gauge symmetries, ... and many more.
- ...



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- Vector-Like Quarks can couple to the SM Higgs doublet through standard Yukawa couplings

- The VLQ couplings to SM quarks are either left-handed or right-handed.

$$L_{Yukawa} = -\frac{\lambda_V}{\sqrt{2}} \underbrace{(\bar{q}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R q_L)}_{\text{LH: singlet (triplet)}} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{\lambda_V}{\sqrt{2}} \underbrace{(\bar{\psi}_L q_R + \bar{q}_R \psi_L)}_{\text{RH: doublet}}$$

- non-chiral quarks decay into a standard quark plus a W , Z , or H boson.

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Complete list of vector-like multiplets forming mixed Yukawa terms with the SM quark representations and a SM or SM-like Higgs boson doublet

ψ	$(SU(2)_L, U(1)_Y)$	T_3	Q_{EM}
U	$(1, 2/3)$	0	$+2/3$
D	$(1, -1/3)$	0	$-1/3$
$\begin{pmatrix} X^{8/3} \\ X^{5/3} \\ U \end{pmatrix}$	$(3, 5/3)$	$+2$ $+1$ 0	$+8/3$ $+5/3$ $+2/3$
$\begin{pmatrix} X^{5/3} \\ U \\ D \end{pmatrix}$	$(3, 2/3)$	$+1$ 0 -1	$+5/3$ $+2/3$ $-1/3$
$\begin{pmatrix} U \\ D \\ Y^{-4/3} \end{pmatrix}$	$(3, -1/3)$	$+1$ 0 -1	$+2/3$ $-1/3$ $-4/3$

Left-handed


Embeddings in $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

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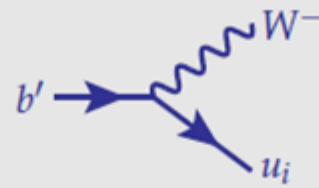
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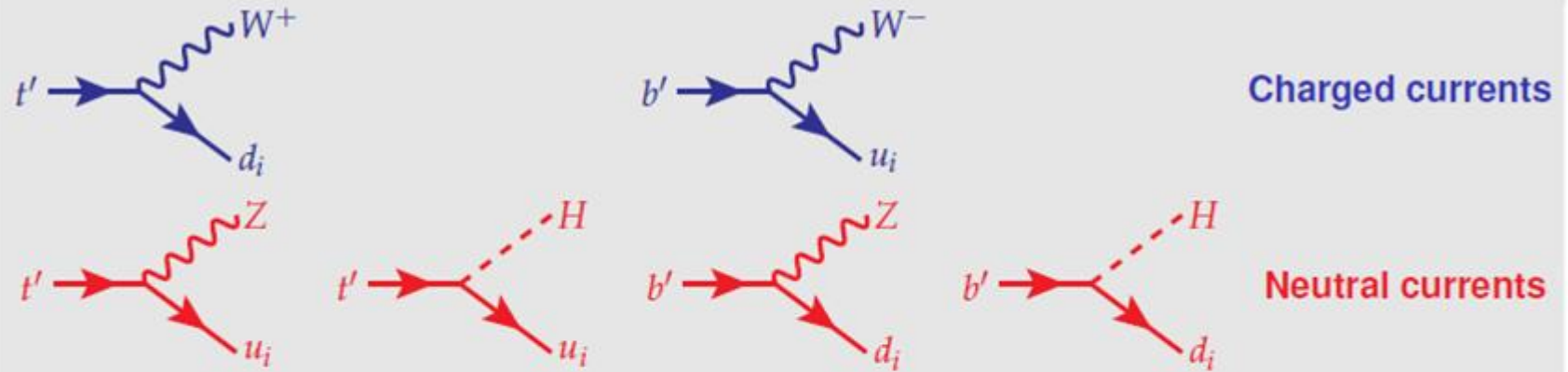


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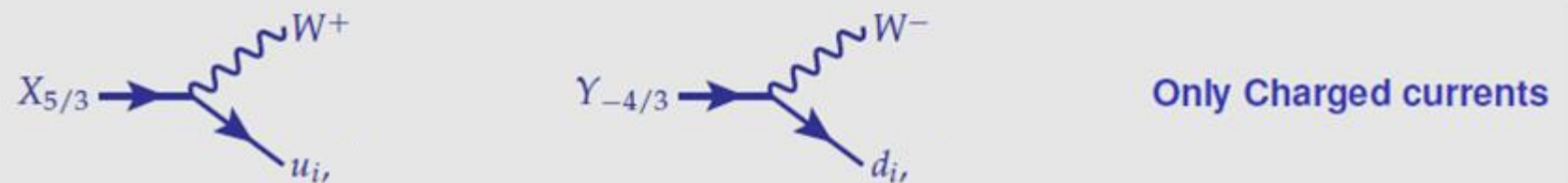
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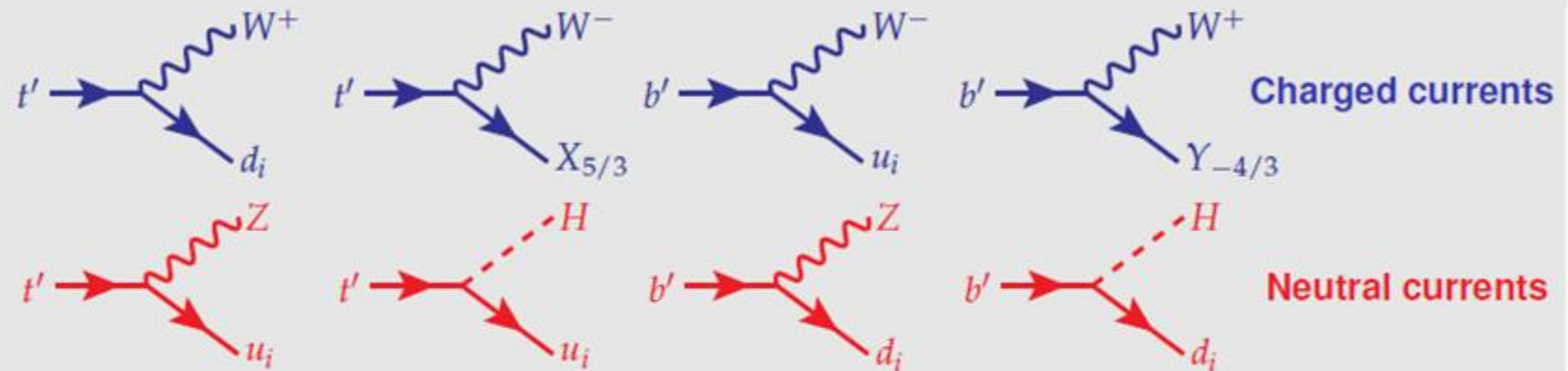


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- The branching ratios depend on the VLQ representations and masses

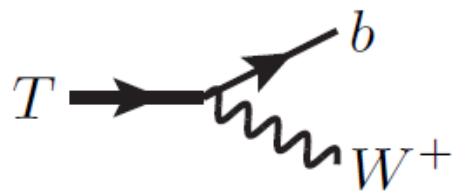


- For $T_{2/3}$ and $B_{-1/3}$ quarks, the Equivalence Theorem requires $\text{BR}(Q \rightarrow Zq) \simeq \text{BR}(Q \rightarrow Hq) \simeq \text{BR}(Q \rightarrow Wq) / 2$

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(The BRs do not directly depend on the Yukawas).

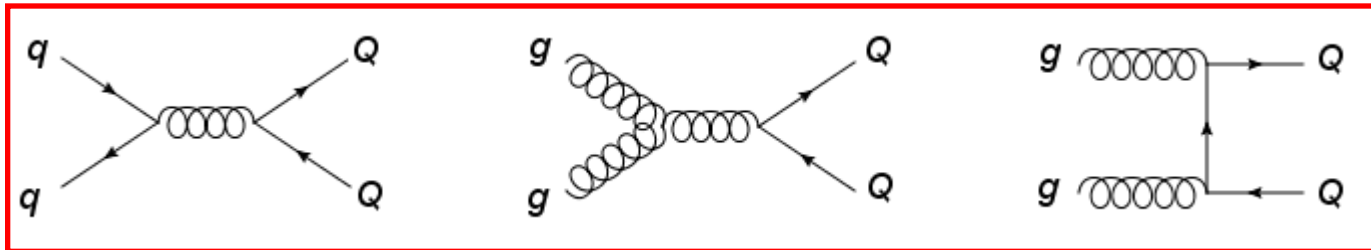
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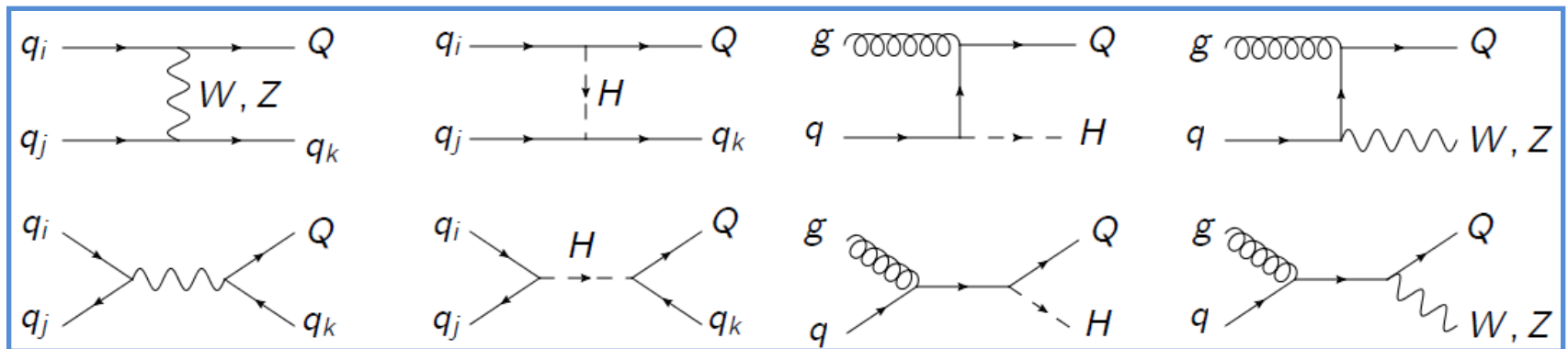
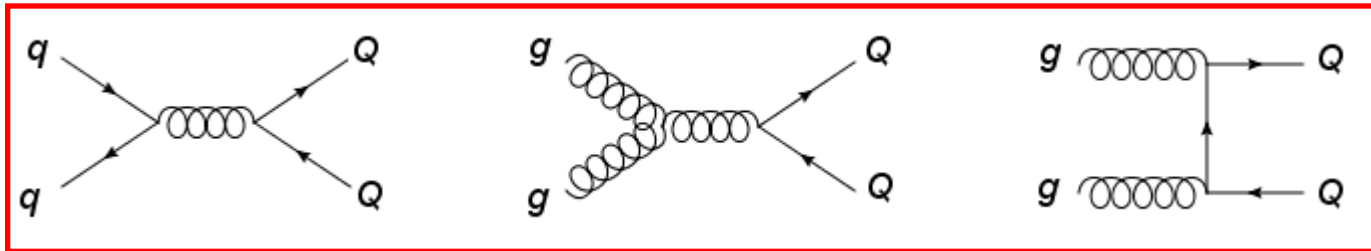
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- **Single production:** EW contributions are sensitive to both the Q mass and its mixing parameters (model-dependent).

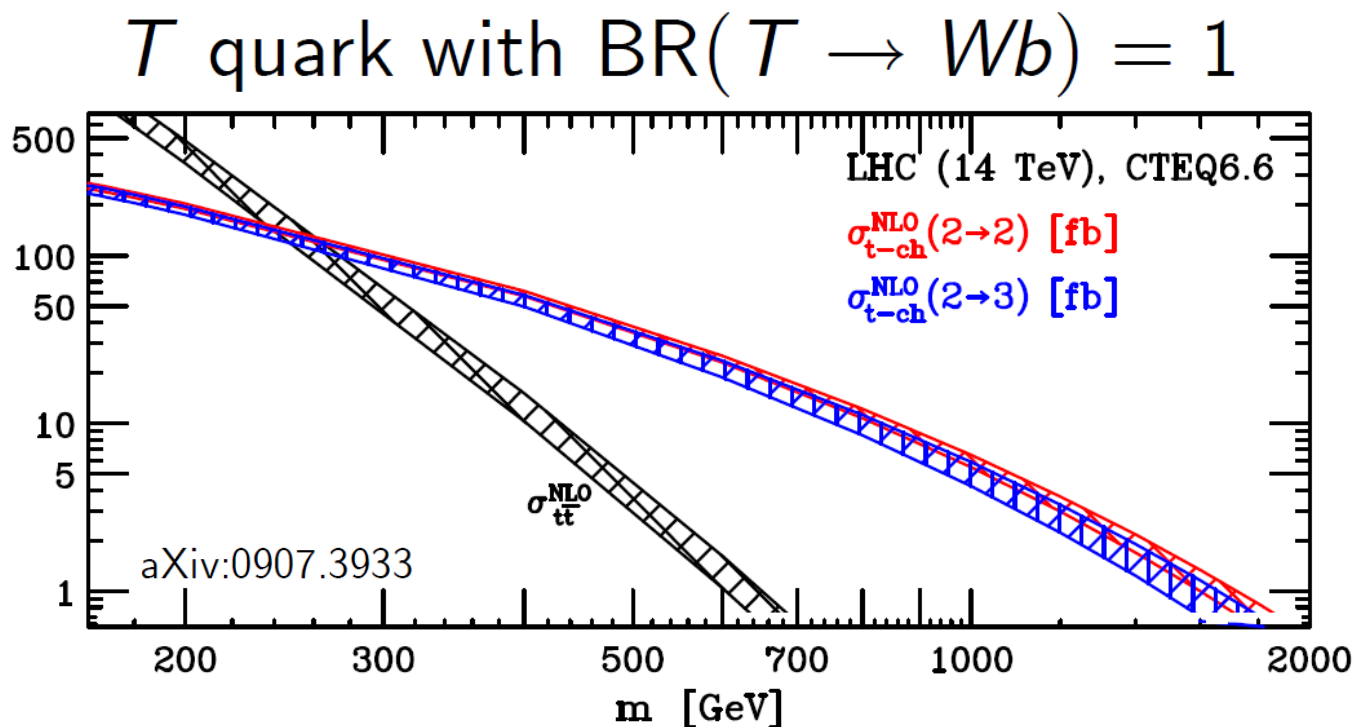


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NLO cross sections (in fb) at the LHC 14 TeV

Pair vs. t-channel single production ($2 \rightarrow 2$ and $2 \rightarrow 3$ schemes)



QCD pair production decreases faster than EW single production due to different PDF scaling.

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Coupling Strength

$\text{BR}(T \rightarrow Wb)$

TWb current

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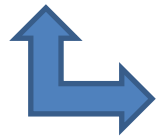
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Feynrules, MadGraph & CalcHEP public implementations:

- <http://feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/>
- <http://hepmdb.soton.ac.uk/>

(complete model, and specific representations).

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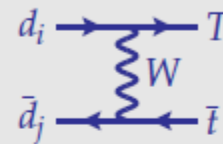


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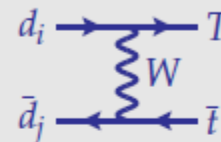


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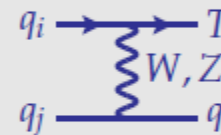
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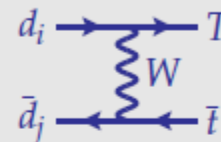


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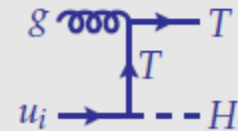
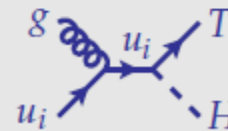
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In association with gauge or Higgs boson

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The $\bar{\sigma}$ are model-independent coefficients: the model-dependency is factorised!

2. Model Independent Framework for VLQ searches

Leading Order results
for $m = 600$ GeV

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Compendium of
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& distributions
for all the allowed
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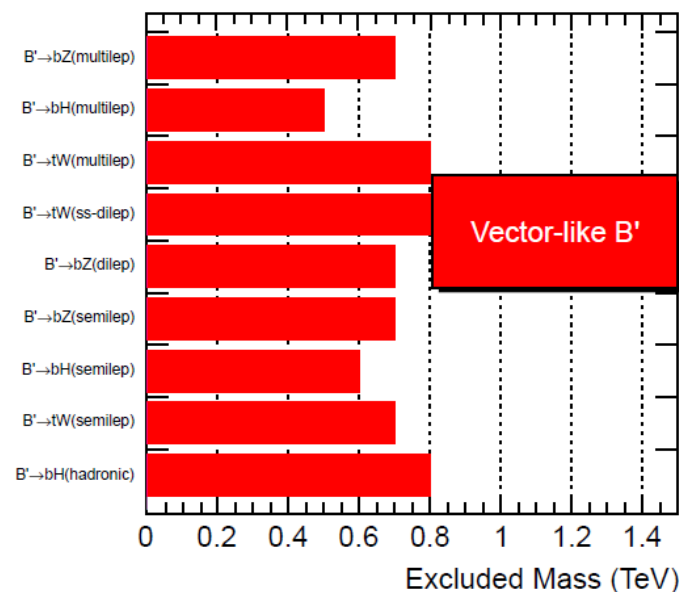
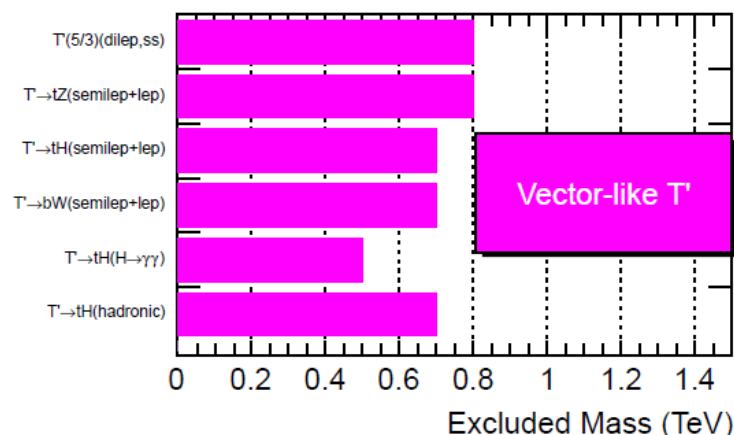
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3. Benchmark scenarios from flavour bounds

Current mass limits (direct searches, summer 2014)

- Main assumptions: pair-production + decays to 3rd generation quarks
- Upcoming searches: also single-production + decays to light quarks



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	Model	ℓ, γ	Jets	E_T^{miss}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Mass limit	Reference
Heavy quarks	Vector-like quark $TT \rightarrow Ht + X$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 b, \geq 4 j$	Yes	14.3	T mass 790 GeV	ATLAS-CONF-2013-018
	Vector-like quark $TT \rightarrow Wb + X$	$1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	14.3	T mass 670 GeV	ATLAS-CONF-2013-060
	Vector-like quark $TT \rightarrow Zt + X$	$2/\geq 3 e, \mu$	$\geq 2/\geq 1 b$	-	20.3	T mass 735 GeV	ATLAS-CONF-2014-036
	Vector-like quark $BB \rightarrow Zb + X$	$2/\geq 3 e, \mu$	$\geq 2/\geq 1 b$	-	20.3	B mass 755 GeV	ATLAS-CONF-2014-036
	Vector-like quark $BB \rightarrow Wt + X$	$2 e, \mu$ (SS)	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	14.3	B mass 720 GeV	ATLAS-CONF-2013-051
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3. Benchmark scenarios from flavour bounds

Besides the mass limits set from the direct searches, the VLQ parameters are constrained by many observables:

- Flavour Changing Neutral Currents.
- Meson mixing and decays ($\Delta F = 2, 1$).
- Rare top decays.
- $Zu\bar{u}$, and $Zd\bar{d}$ couplings from APV.
- $Zs\bar{s}$, $Zc\bar{c}$, and $Zb\bar{b}$ couplings from LEP.
- EW precision tests.
- Higgs physics at the LHC.

Constraints have been investigated thoroughly in:

- J.A. Aguilar-Saavedra, R. Benbrik, S. Heinemeyer, M. Perez-Victoria, PRD 88 (2013) 094010
- G. Cacciapaglia, A. Deandrea, D. Harada, Y. Okada, JHEP 11 (2010) 159
- G. Isidori, Y. Nir, G. Perez, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 60 (2010) 355

3. Benchmark scenarios from flavour bounds

1 Model-independent bounds from $\Delta F = 2$ operators.

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 (\bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu d_L)^2 &\Rightarrow \kappa^4 \zeta_1 \zeta_2 < 5.5 \cdot 10^{-8} \Rightarrow \kappa < \frac{0.015}{\sqrt[4]{\zeta_1 \zeta_2}} \\
 (\bar{b}_L \gamma^\mu d_L)^2 &\Rightarrow \kappa^4 \zeta_1 \zeta_3 < 2.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \Rightarrow \kappa < \frac{0.02}{\sqrt[4]{\zeta_1 \zeta_3}} \\
 (\bar{b}_L \gamma^\mu s_L)^2 &\Rightarrow \kappa^4 \zeta_1 \zeta_2 < 4.6 \cdot 10^{-6} \Rightarrow \kappa < \frac{0.045}{\sqrt[4]{\zeta_2 \zeta_3}} \\
 (\bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu u_L)^2 &\Rightarrow \kappa^4 \zeta_1 \zeta_2 < 3.4 \cdot 10^{-8} \Rightarrow \kappa < \frac{0.014}{\sqrt[4]{\zeta_1 \zeta_2}}
 \end{aligned}$$



applies to the product of the coupling to two generations (stronger)

2 Model-independent bounds from SM quarks Z couplings modifications.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z\bar{u}u(APV) &\Rightarrow |\delta g_{L/R}| < 3 \times 0.00069 \rightarrow \kappa < 0.074/\sqrt{\zeta_1} & Z\bar{d}d(APV) &\Rightarrow |\delta g_{L/R}| < 3 \times 0.00062 \rightarrow \kappa < 0.07/\sqrt{\zeta_1} \\
 Z\bar{s}s(LEP) &\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} |\delta g_L| &< 3 \times 0.012 \rightarrow \kappa < 0.3/\sqrt{\zeta_2} \\ |\delta g_R| &< 3 \times 0.05 \rightarrow \kappa < 0.6/\sqrt{\zeta_2} \end{aligned} & Z\bar{c}c(LEP) &\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} |\delta g_L| &< 3 \times 0.0036 \rightarrow \kappa < 0.17/\sqrt{\zeta_2} \\ |\delta g_R| &< 3 \times 0.0051 \rightarrow \kappa < 0.20/\sqrt{\zeta_2} \end{aligned} \\
 Z\bar{b}b(LEP) &\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} |\delta g_L| &< 3 \times 0.0015 \rightarrow \kappa < 0.11/\sqrt{\zeta_3} \\ |\delta g_R| &< 3 \times 0.0063 \rightarrow \kappa < 0.23/\sqrt{\zeta_3} \end{aligned} & Z\bar{t}t(T, \delta g_{Wtb}) &\Rightarrow \kappa < 0.1 \div 0.3/\sqrt{\zeta_3}
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applies to the coupling to a single generation (milder)

3. Benchmark scenarios from flavour bounds

Result: selection of **6** benchmark scenarios, obtained by saturating the couplings with the current Flavour & Electroweak precision bounds.

Benchmark 1	Benchmark 2	Benchmark 3	Benchmark 4	Benchmark 5	Benchmark 6
$\kappa = 0.02$	$\kappa = 0.07$	$\kappa = 0.2$	$\kappa = 0.3$	$\kappa = 0.1$	$\kappa = 0.3$
$\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 1/3$	$\zeta_1 = 1$	$\zeta_2 = 1$	$\zeta_3 = 1$	$\zeta_1 = \zeta_3 = 1/2$	$\zeta_2 = \zeta_3 = 1/2$

$\kappa \implies$ Max. value of the VLQ coupling strength

$\zeta_{1,2,3} \implies$ Branching Ratio to 1^{st} , 2^{nd} and/or 3^{rd} generation quarks

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Inclusive cross-sections (in fb) for EW single production

		Benchmark 1 $\kappa = 0.02$ $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 1/3$	Benchmark 2 $\kappa = 0.07$ $\zeta_1 = 1$	Benchmark 3 $\kappa = 0.2$ $\zeta_2 = 1$	Benchmark 4 $\kappa = 0.3$ $\zeta_3 = 1$	Benchmark 5 $\kappa = 0.1$ $\zeta_1 = \zeta_3 = 1/2$	Benchmark 6 $\kappa = 0.3$ $\zeta_2 = \zeta_3 = 1/2$
(1,2/3)	T	15	464	564	399	495	834
(1,-1/3)	B	14	455	457	167	-	-
(2,1/6) $\lambda_d = 0$	T	5.6	191	114	0.6	195	128
	B	10	351	267	1.1	358	301
(2,1/6) $\lambda_u = 0$	T	9.5	272	451	398	-	-
	B	3.7	103	190	166	-	-
(2,1/6) $\lambda_d = \lambda_u$	T	15	464	564	399	-	-
	B	14	455	457	167	-	-
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Inclusive cross-sections (in fb) for EW single production

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(2,1/6) $\lambda_d = 0$	T	5.6	191	114	0.6	195	128
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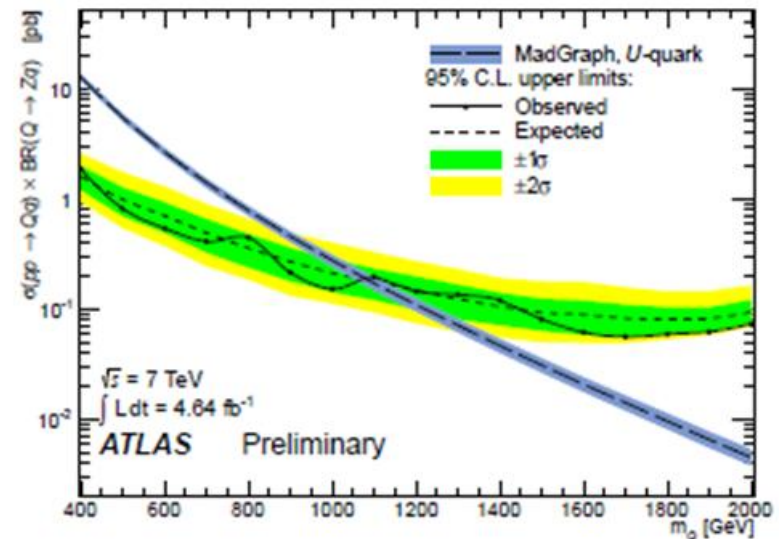
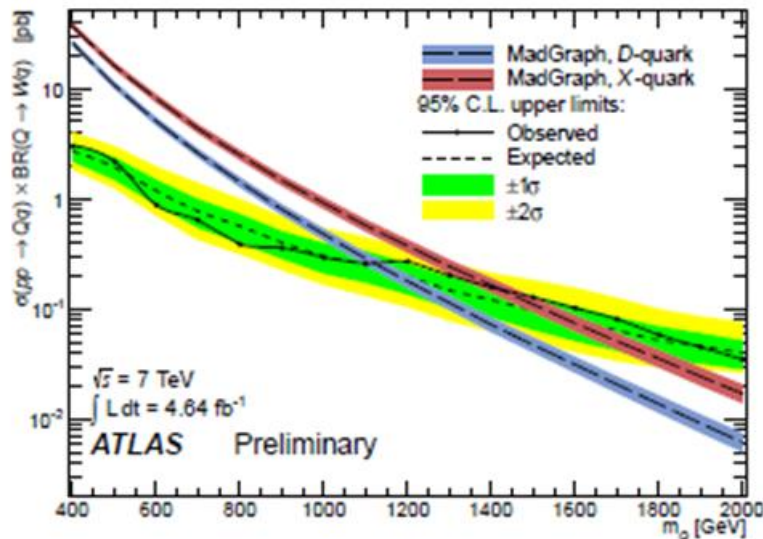
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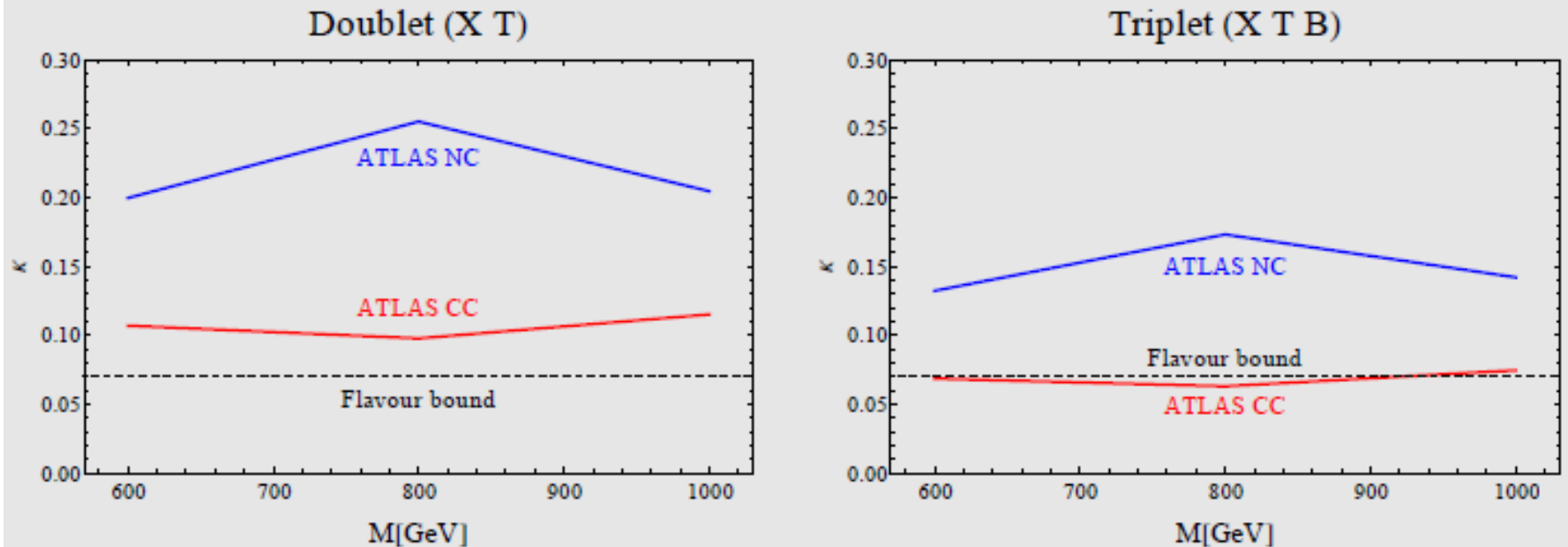
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(E.g., avoid looking for $pp \rightarrow TH \rightarrow tHH$ with $BR(T \rightarrow tH) = 100\%$)

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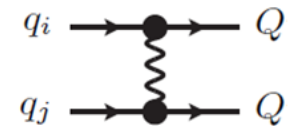
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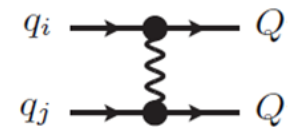
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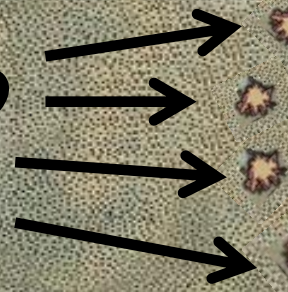
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