

# Characterisation of vector-like fermions at the LHC

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# Beyond the Higgs boson

open problems

The Standard Model is complete  
but are we happy with it?

## Observations

Dark Matter

Matter-antimatter  
asymmetry

Neutrino masses

## Theoretical issues

Fermion mass  
hierarchies

Origin of flavour  
families

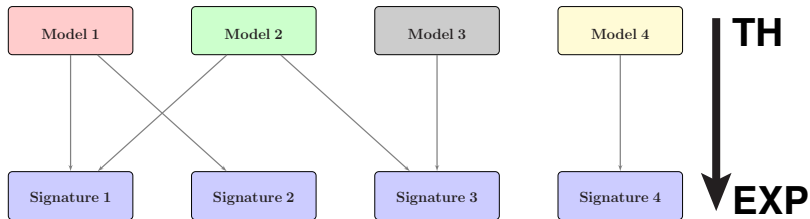
Gauge coupling  
unification

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**There must be new physics**  
and most probably it's already in our reach!

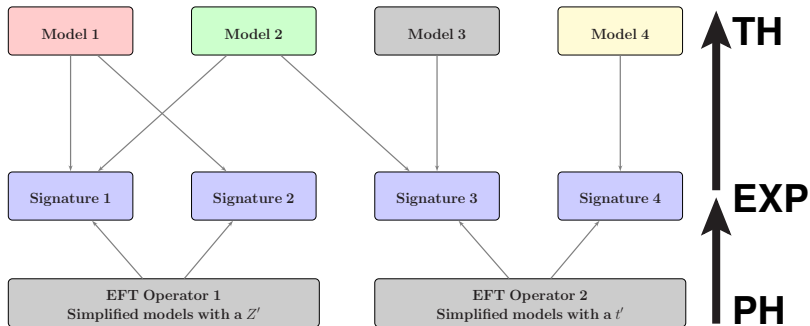
And if there's new physics we should be able to observe new particles (hopefully soon!)

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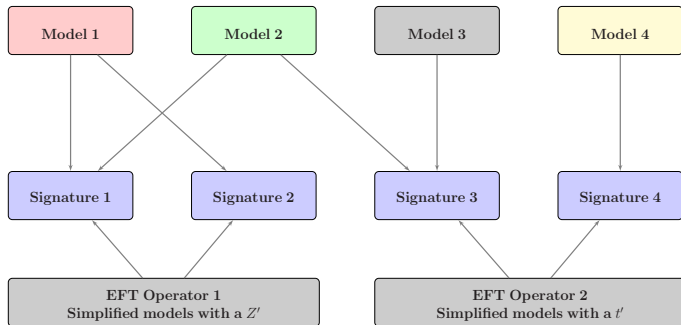
**Model-independent approach**

**EFTs: higher dimension operators where heavy d.o.f. are integrated out**

**Simplified models: minimal extensions of the SM with new states**

**Approximate description of classes of theoretical models**

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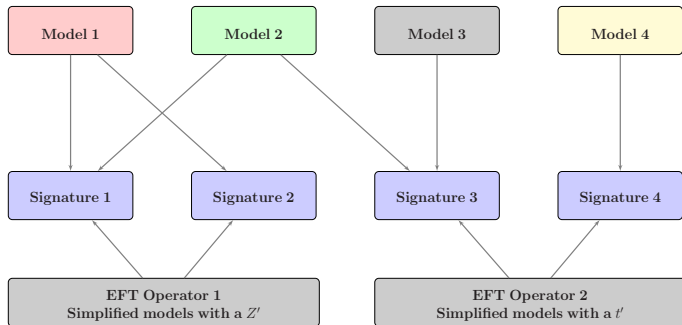
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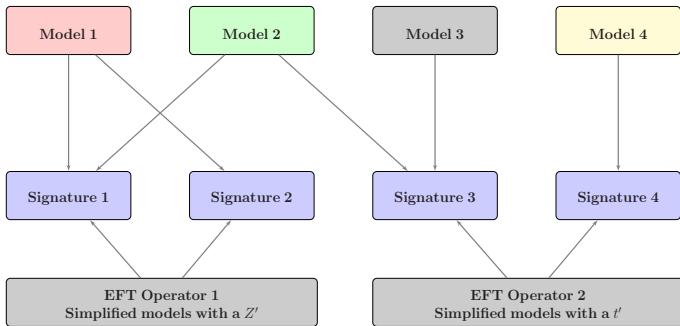
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**If new fermions exist what can they be?**

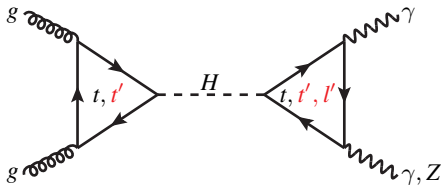
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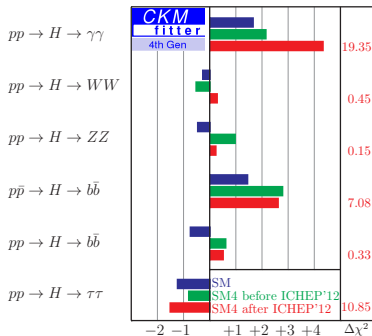
both quarks and leptons for  
anomaly cancellation  
 $Tr[Q] = 3\left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + (0 - 1) = 0$

## Modifications to observed processes



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$$(\mathcal{O}_{\text{exp}} - \mathcal{O}_{\text{fit}}) / \Delta\mathcal{O}_{\text{exp}}$$

O. Eberhardt, et al.

Impact of a Higgs boson at a mass of 126 GeV on the standard model with three and four fermion generations

Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012) 241802, arXiv:1209.1101

$$400 \text{ GeV} < m_{t',b'} < 800 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\nu'} > 100 \text{ GeV} \text{ and } m_{\nu'} > M_Z/2$$

A chiral 4th generation is excluded at  $4.8\sigma$   
(or  $5.3\sigma$  including  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  at Tevatron)

in the context of a simplified model where only the new family is added to the SM

Let's go for vector-like fermions

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## Peculiar Properties

$$\mathcal{L}_M = -M \bar{\psi} \psi$$

Gauge invariant mass term without the Higgs

No need to add both quarks and leptons: axial anomalies are automatically absent

# Vector-like quarks

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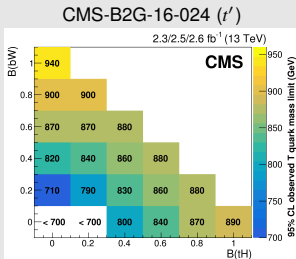
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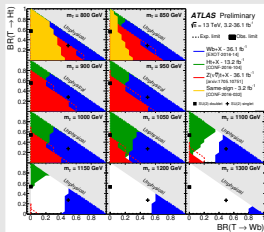
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Intense  
experimental  
effort



## ATLAS twiki: summary plots ( $r'$ )



Characterising VLQ properties if a discovery is made would be essential for embedding them into some scenarios (and exclude others!)

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# VLQ chirality

Minimal SM extensions with one VLQ representation interacting through Yukawa terms

	SM	Singlets	Doublets	Triplets
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$SU(2)_L$	2 and 1	1	2	3
$U(1)_Y$	$q_L = 1/6$ $u_R = 2/3$ $d_R = -1/3$	2/3   -1/3	7/6   1/6   -5/6	2/3   -1/3
$\mathcal{L}_Y$	$-y_u^i \bar{q}_L^i H^c u_R^i$ $-y_d^j \bar{q}_L^j V_{CKM}^{ij} H d_R^j$	$-\lambda_u^i \bar{q}_L^i H^c t_R^i$ $-\lambda_d^j \bar{q}_L^j H b_R^j$	$-\lambda_u^i \psi_L H^{(c)} u_R^i$ $-\lambda_d^j \psi_L H^{(c)} d_R^j$	$-\lambda_i \bar{q}_L^i T^a H^{(c)} \psi_R^a$

Mixing in left- and right-handed sectors behaves differently:  $\mathcal{L} = (\bar{q}_{SM} \bar{Q}_{VLQ})_L V_L^\dagger \mathcal{M} V_R (Q_{VLQ}^{qSM})_R$

Singlets, triplets...

$$\frac{\tan \theta_R}{\tan \theta_L} = \frac{m_q^{SM}}{M_{VLQ}}$$

**dominantly  
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$$M_{VLQ} \gg m_q^{SM}$$

Doublets, quadruplets...

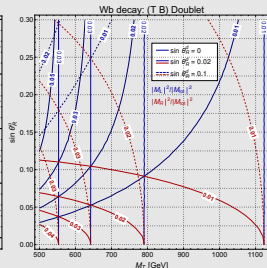
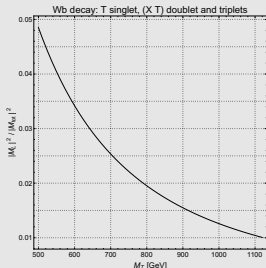
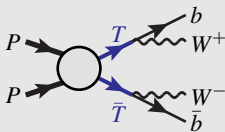
$$\frac{\tan \theta_L}{\tan \theta_R} = \frac{m_q^{SM}}{M_{VLQ}}$$

**dominantly  
right-handed**

**VLQ couplings always have a dominant chirality, which depends on their representation**

# Discriminating the chirality of a VLQ

## Polarisation of the gauge boson



For a T singlet:

$$|M|_L^2 = \frac{g^2}{2} \sin^2 \theta_L^u (m_T^2 - m_W^2) \quad |M|_0^2 = \frac{g^2}{4} \frac{m_T^2}{m_W^2} \sin^2 \theta_L^u (m_T^2 - m_W^2) \quad |M|_R^2 = 0$$

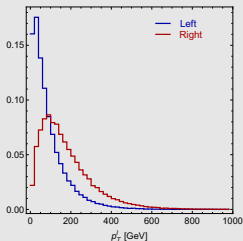
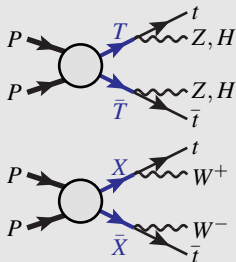
The W boson is always mainly longitudinally polarised for both L and R chiralities

$\mathcal{O}(1)\%$  transverse component

- Same for Z polarisation in the  $T \rightarrow tZ$  decay
- Higgs does not provide any information as it is a scalar

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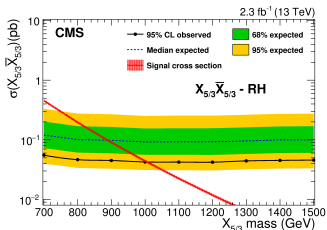
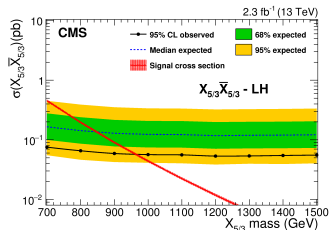
## Polarisation of the top



The polarisation of the top is transmitted to the leptons after W decay.

The **right-handed**  $p_T$  distribution of the leading lepton is harder than the **left-handed** one.

This information can be exploited to discriminate left from right chiralities!



Slightly higher reach for right-handed chirality



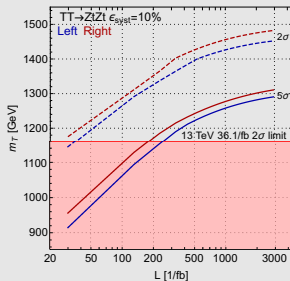
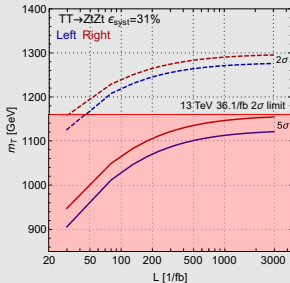
# Recasting experimental data

Pair production of a VLQ with charge  $2/3$  decaying exclusively to  $Zt$ :  $pp \rightarrow T\bar{T} \rightarrow ZtZ\bar{t}$

## Exclusion and discovery reach of a single lepton ATLAS search

ATLAS CONF-2017-015

- 1 lepton
- $\geq 4$  jets
- $E_T \geq 350\text{GeV}$



High  $E_T$  cut: the Z goes mostly invisible and the lepton comes from top decay

Depending on the uncertainty on the background, a discovery can be made in the HL phase  
If it cannot be reduced, only exclusion bounds will be possible with this selection

# Discrimination at higher luminosities

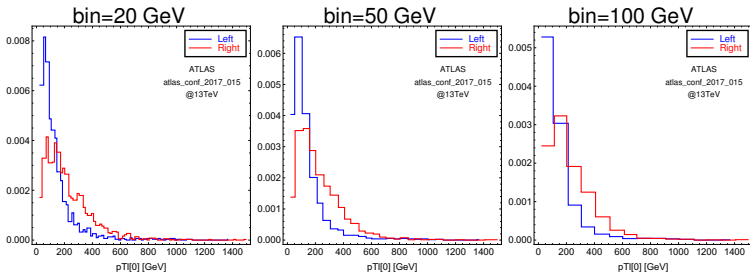
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Discrimination method on the leading lepton  $p_T$  distribution

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{bins}} (L - R)^2 / \max(L, R)$$

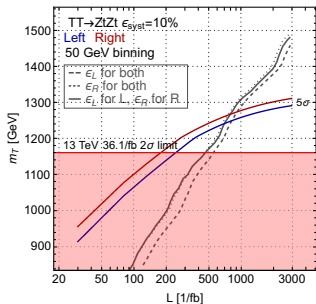
- We assume that the background can be neglected at discovery and only consider the poisson uncertainties on the signal for each bin
- The discrimination will depend on the number of bins (i.e. d.o.f. for the  $\chi^2$ )

$p_T$  of leading lepton after the cuts with different binning

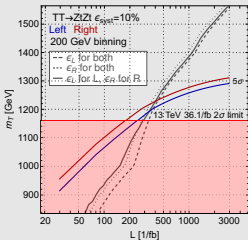
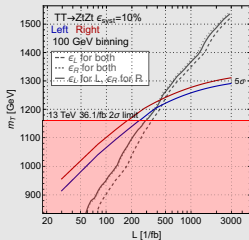


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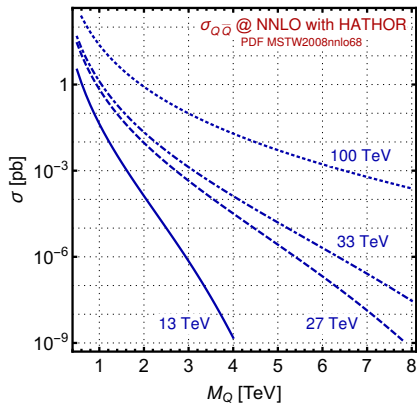


Current exclusion limit @ 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>: 1.16 TeV  
 A discrimination can be done above ~700 fb<sup>-1</sup>



A larger binning of the distribution allows a discrimination for smaller values of masses and luminosities

# Discrimination at higher energies

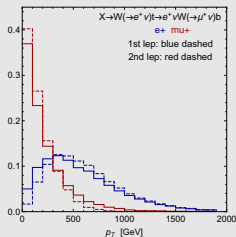


Higher energies mean (potentially)  
higher reach!

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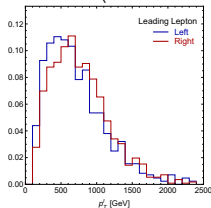
- Considering same-sign di-lepton final state
- For discrimination we must be able to identify the lepton from top decay



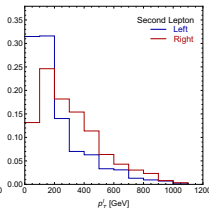
The leading lepton comes from W decay  
The sub-leading lepton comes from top decay

Distributions after the cuts (SR defined in arXiv:1309.2234 for HE-LHC at 33 TeV)

Leading lepton  
similar shapes



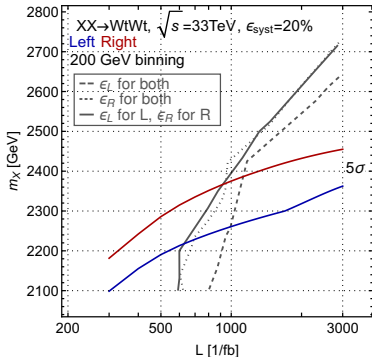
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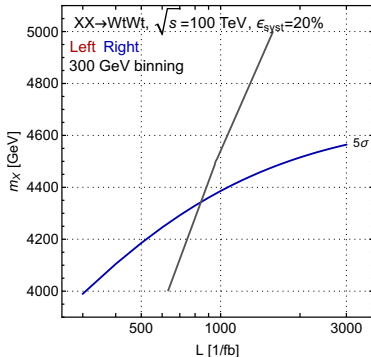
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**Promising perspectives for discrimination of coupling chiralities at high energy hadron collider prototypes!**

**Update for 27 TeV in progress**

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# Lagrangians

Interactions between the new lepton and a **singlet** dark matter

$$\mathcal{L}_1^S = \sum_{f=e,\mu,\tau} \left[ \lambda_{11}^f \bar{E} P_R e_f + \lambda_{21}^f (\bar{N} \bar{E}) P_L \left( \nu_f^c \right) \right] S_{DM}^0 + h.c.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_1^V = \sum_{f=e,\mu,\tau} \left[ g_{11}^f \bar{E} \gamma_\mu P_R e_f + g_{21}^f (\bar{N} \bar{E}) \gamma_\mu P_L \left( \nu_f^c \right) \right] V_{DM}^{0\mu} + h.c.$$

- The new lepton can be either **singlet** or **doublet**
- Since the lepton is **vector-like**, its couplings are either **purely left** or **purely right**

Interactions between the new lepton and the SM gauge bosons

$$\mathcal{L}_{AXL} = -e A^\mu \bar{E} \gamma_\mu E$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ZXL} = Z^\mu \bar{E} \gamma_\mu (g_L^{ZEE} P_L + g_R^{ZEE} P_R) E + Z^\mu \bar{N} \gamma_\mu (g_L^{ZNN} P_L + g_R^{ZNN} P_R) N$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{WXL} = W^{+\mu} \bar{N} \gamma_\mu (g_L^{WLN} P_L + g_R^{WLN} P_R) E + h.c.$$

The couplings with the Z and W boson **depend on the VLL representation**  
(in simplified scenarios)

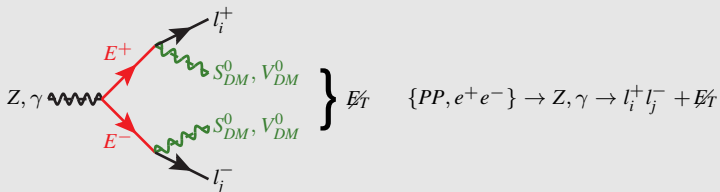
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# Collider signatures

LEP, LHC and future linear colliders

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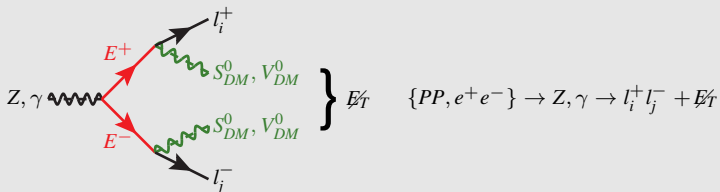


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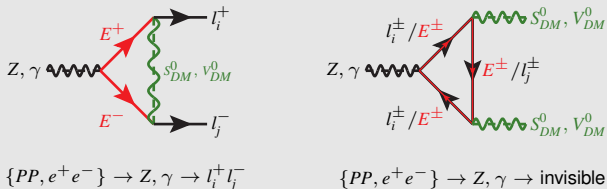
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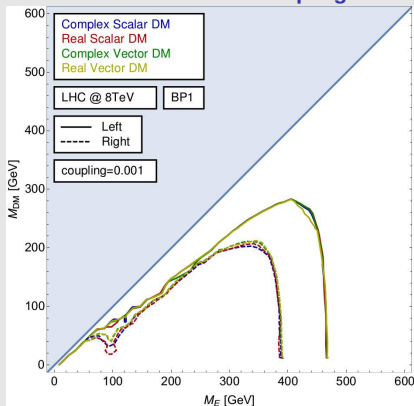
## One-loop



# Testing against data

Combination of ATLAS and CMS searches @ 8 TeV

## VLL coupling to DM and SM electron



Bounds for the process of pair production of VL leptons via DY and decay into SM leptons and DM with different spin

**Different gauge couplings between singlet and doublet VL leptons allow a potential discrimination between scenarios based on different cross-sections**

and by the way, the spin of DM cannot be distinguished

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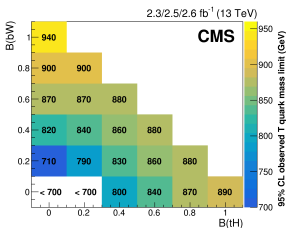
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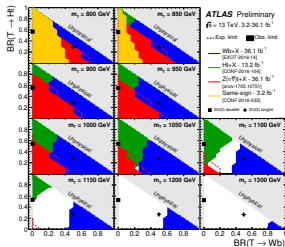
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# Searches at the LHC

CMS ( $t'$ )  
CMS-B2G-16-024



ATLAS ( $t'$ )  
ATLAS twiki: summary plots



## Common assumptions

- only one extra quark mixing with one generation only
- $\sigma \times BR$  assuming NWA ... at least until recently!
- only interactions with the visible sector

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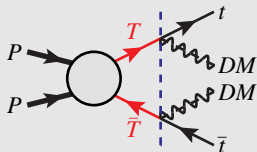
**I will focus on points 3 and 4**

Can we reinterpret current data? What are the bounds in these scenarios?  
**Can searches be sensitive to large widths (for visible and/or DM decays)?**

# Going to large width regime

example for DM decay

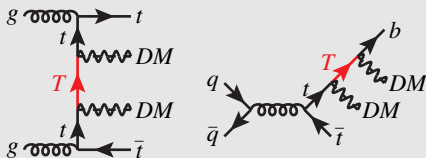
## QCD pair production and decay of on-shell VLQs



$$\sigma_X = \sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2} \times BR(T)BR(\bar{T})$$

- Production and decays are factorized
- Basically no information on the spin of DM

## Full signal



$$\sigma_S = \sigma_{2 \rightarrow 4} \text{ with any allowed topology}$$

- Topologies with  $\geq 1$  VLQ propagator (generally subleading in the NWA)
- More sensitivity to the coupling structure between  $T$  and  $DM$

If the width of the  $T$  mediator is large the kinematics will be different from NWA!

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# How large the width can be

example with a T singlet

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Tsinglet}} = \kappa_W V_{L/R}^{4i} \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{T}_{L/R} W_\mu^+ \gamma^\mu d_{L/R}^i] + \kappa_Z V_{L/R}^{4i} \frac{g}{2c_W} [\bar{T}_{L/R} Z_\mu \gamma^\mu u_{L/R}^i] - \kappa_H V_{L/R}^{4i} \frac{M}{v} [\bar{T}_{R/L} H u_{L/R}^i] + h.c.$$

## Width expressions

$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow W d_i) = \kappa_W^2 |V_{L/R}^{4i}|^2 \frac{M^3 g^2}{64\pi m_W^2} \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1, \frac{m_q^2}{M^2}, \frac{m_W^2}{M^2}\right) \left[ \left(1 - \frac{m_q^2}{M^2}\right)^2 + \frac{m_W^2}{M^2} - 2\frac{m_W^4}{M^4} + \frac{m_W^2 m_q^2}{M^4} \right]$$

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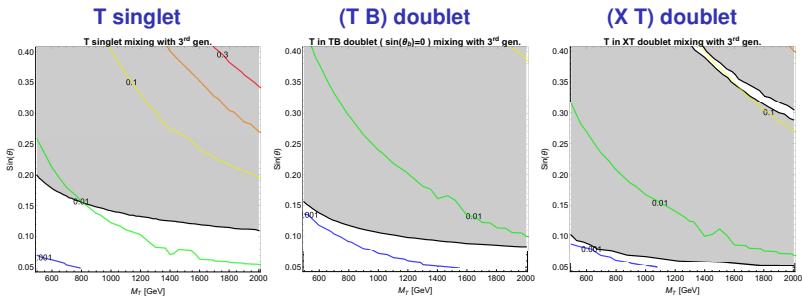
$$\Gamma_{T,\text{total}} = \Gamma(T \rightarrow W d_i) + \Gamma(T \rightarrow Z u_i) + \Gamma(T \rightarrow H u_i)$$

## To obtain a large width:

- **Increase couplings**
  - bounds from other observables (flavour, EWPT); perturbativity
  - non-minimal extensions which allow to escape bounds while enlarging couplings
- **Increase number of decay channels** → new physics, non-minimal extension

# How large the width can be

Increasing the couplings



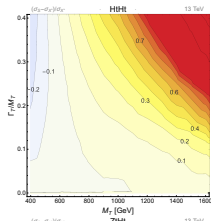
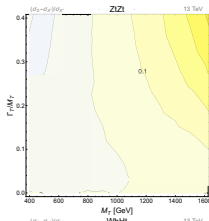
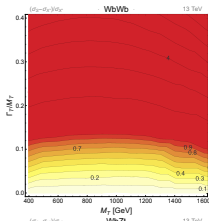
Bounds from C.-Y. Chen, S. Dawson, and E. Furlan, *Vector-like Fermions and Higgs Effective Field Theory Revisited*, Phys. Rev. D **96** (2017) no.1, 015006.

**Simplified models with large couplings already excluded by other observables**  
**New physics has to be invoked**

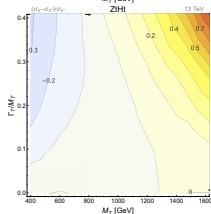
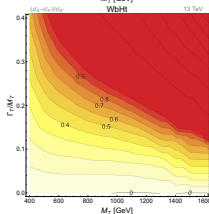
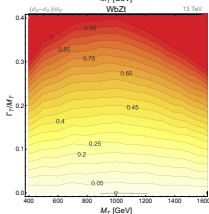
# Ratio of cross-sections

$$(\sigma_{LW} - \sigma_{NWA})/\sigma_{NWA}$$

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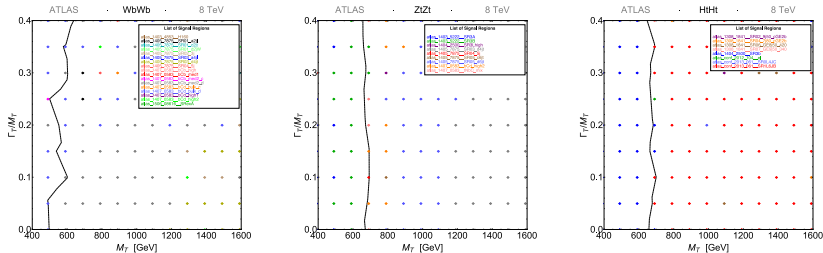
“Off-diagonal”  
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- Effects of “subleading” topologies is **very large!**
- How do **kinematical cuts** of current searches modify the picture?

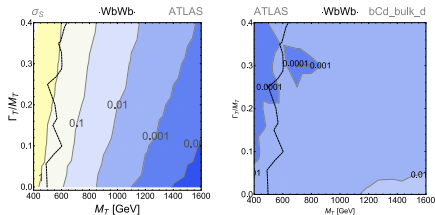
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## T mixing with third SM generation



ATLAS @ 8 TeV combination of searches implemented in CheckMATE

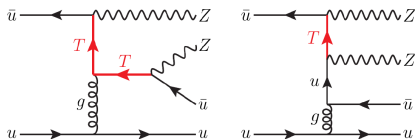
**Bounds weakly dependent on the width!**



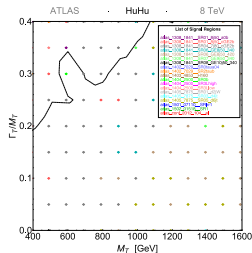
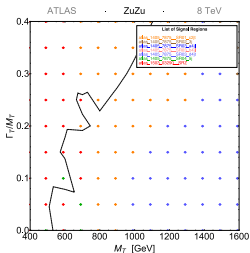
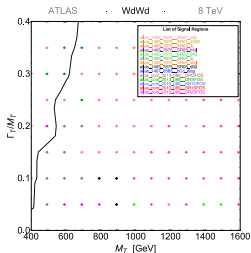
Increase of cross-section somehow compensated by decrease of search efficiencies in the region of the bound

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## T mixing with first SM generation



Topologies not present for mixing with third generation



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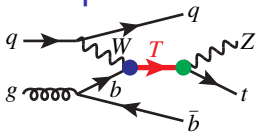
**Bounds strongly depend on the width!**

For mixing with first generation current searches may be able to characterise the width of the T



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also in collaboration with CMS



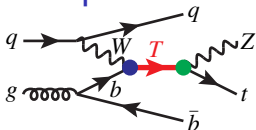
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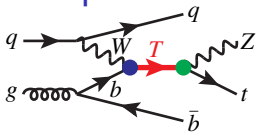
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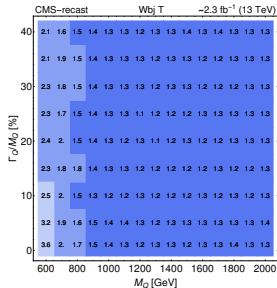
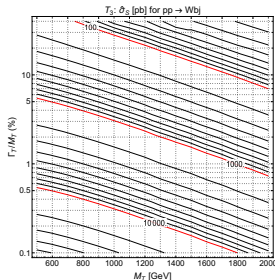
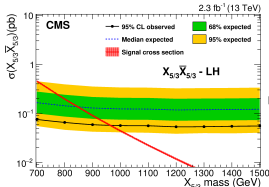
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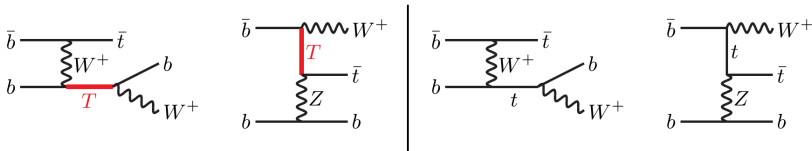
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If interference contributions are non negligible



signal with itself

$$\sigma_S = C_2^2 \hat{\sigma}_S(C_{1\dots}, M_Q, \Gamma_Q, \chi_Q)$$

signal with background

$$\sigma_{SB}^{\text{int}} = C_2 \hat{\sigma}_{SB}^{\text{int}}(C_{1\dots}, M_Q, \Gamma_Q, \chi_Q)$$

**Model-dependency is unavoidable**

Fiducial cross-section

$$S + B = L(\sigma_S \epsilon_S + \sigma_{SB_{\text{irr}}}^{\text{int}} \epsilon_{SB_{\text{irr}}}^{\text{int}}) + B_{\text{irr+red}} \equiv L\sigma_{\text{eff}} + B$$

Suppose the VLQ interacts only with one gauge boson:

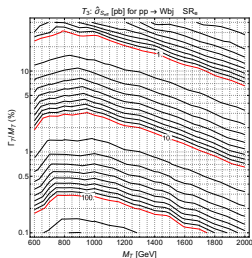
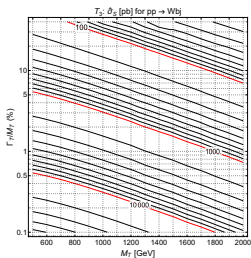
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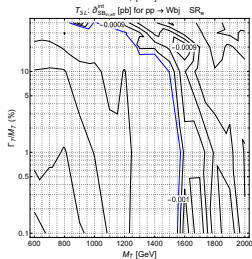
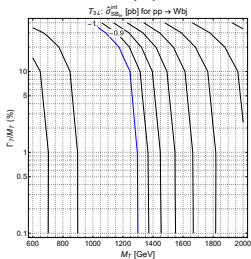
Recast of CMS-B2G-16-006

Folding search efficiencies into the reduced cross-section:

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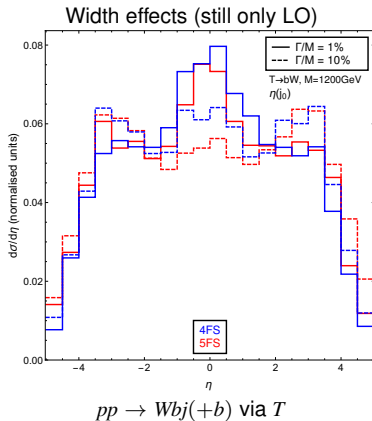
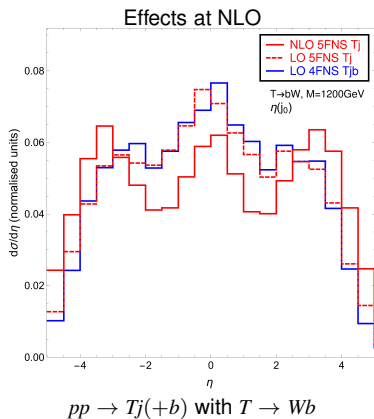


Interference with SM



# Development of new strategies

Preliminary results @NLO in LH proceedings arXiv:1803.10379



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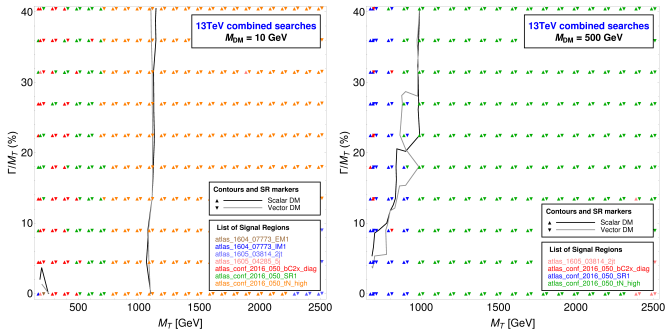
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# Width dependence of bounds

combination of ATLAS searches @ 13 TeV

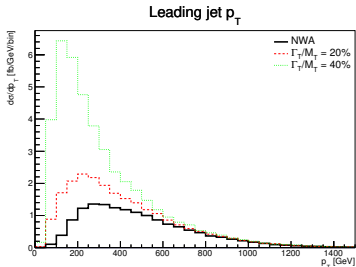
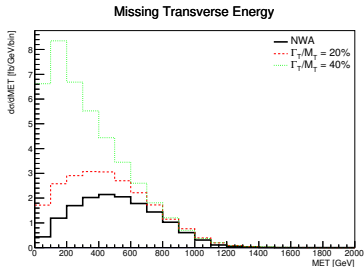


The **bounds weakly depend on the width** for light DM,  
somewhat more if the DM mass increases



# Kinematics of the signal

Scalar DM:  $M_T=1100$  GeV and  $M_{DM}=10$  GeV

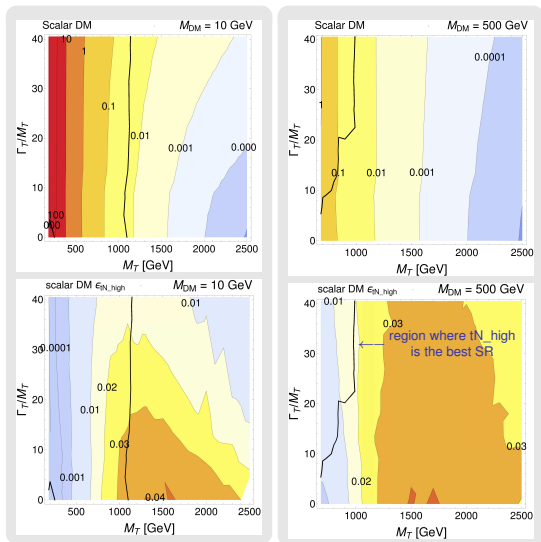


**The distributions of  $E_T^{\cancel{E}}$  and transverse momentum of the leading jet depend significantly on the width along the bound**

Need to look at the performance of the searches

# Cross-sections and efficiencies

SR  $tN_{high}$  of ATLAS CONF-2016-050 for scalar DM



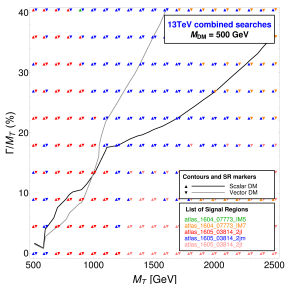
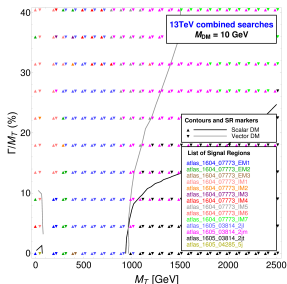
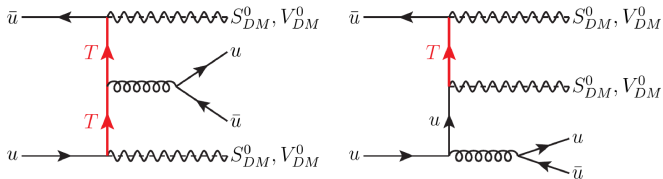
Cross-section weakly dependent on the width in the region of the bound

- Light DM: the efficiency of the best SR in the bound region depends in a complementary way, almost compensating the cross-section increase
- Heavier DM: the efficiency stays almost constant, as well as the cross-section

**For vector DM results are qualitatively analogous**

# Interactions with light quarks

In this case the DM can interact directly with the initial state

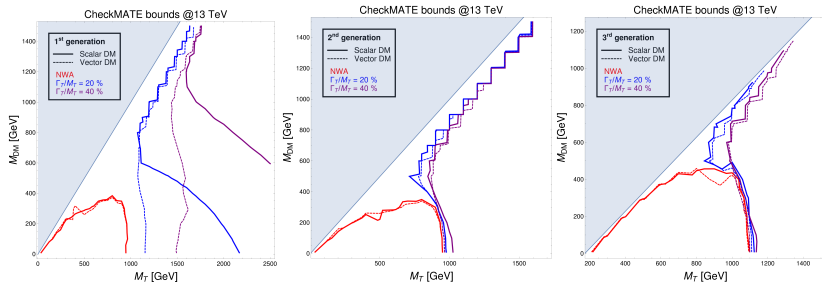


**The bound strongly depends on the width**  
 It is possible to distinguish scalar from vector DM

Different behaviour due to interplay between cross-sections and (shape-dependent) efficiencies

# Exclusion limits

$M_T$  vs  $M_{DM}$  plane



**In the small splitting region, the width dependence is always large**  
**For coupling with first generation, width effects are always sizable**

considering pair production final states and with the selections of current searches

A shape analysis of the signal would provide information about different scenarios

# Conclusions and perspectives

- Discovery of new physics may be (hopefully) **around the corner** and it is paramount to be ready to **characterise new signals**
- Characterisation of new fermions at the **LHC** and **future colliders** in **different channels** would be very useful to narrow down the theoretical possibilities

however

**Any new signal may possibly be used to discriminate between classes of models if effective strategies are developed**





# Backup



# Representations and lagrangian terms

Minimal extension of the SM with **just one** vector-like quark

	SM	Singlets	Doublets	Triplets
	$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} t' \\ b' \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ t' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b' \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ t' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t' \\ b' \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$
$SU(2)_L$	2 and 1	1	2	3
$U(1)_Y$	$q_L = 1/6$ $u_R = 2/3$ $d_R = -1/3$	2/3   -1/3	7/6   1/6   -5/6	2/3   -1/3
$\mathcal{L}_Y$	$-y_u^i \bar{q}_L^i H^c u_R^i$ $-y_d^i \bar{q}_L^i V_{CKM}^{i,j} H d_R^j$	$-\lambda_u^i \bar{q}_L^i H^c t'_R$ $-\lambda_d^i \bar{q}_L^i H b'_R$	$-\lambda_u^i \psi_L H^{(c)} u_R^i$ $-\lambda_d^i \psi_L H^{(c)} d_R^i$	$-\lambda_i \bar{q}_L^i \tau^a H^{(c)} \psi_R^a$
$\mathcal{L}_m$		$-M \bar{\psi} \psi$ (gauge invariant since vector-like)		
Free parameters		4 $M + 3 \times \lambda^i$	4 or 7 $M + 3\lambda_u^i + 3\lambda_d^i$	4 $M + 3 \times \lambda^i$

# Mixing between VL and SM quarks

$$\mathcal{L}_{y+M} = (\bar{\tilde{u}} \bar{\tilde{c}} \bar{\tilde{t}} \bar{U})_L \mathcal{M}_u \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{c} \\ \tilde{t} \\ U \end{pmatrix}_R + (\bar{\tilde{d}} \bar{\tilde{s}} \bar{\tilde{b}} \bar{D})_L \mathcal{M}_d \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{d} \\ \tilde{s} \\ \tilde{b} \\ D \end{pmatrix}_R + h.c.$$

## Mass matrices depend on representations

- Singlets and triplets:

$$\mathcal{M}_u = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_u & & x_1 \\ & \tilde{m}_c & x_2 \\ & & \tilde{m}_t & x_3 \\ & & & M \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{M}_d = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \tilde{V}_L^{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_d & \\ & \tilde{m}_s \\ & & \tilde{m}_b \end{pmatrix} \tilde{V}_R^{CKM} & \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} \\ \hline & & M \end{array} \right)$$

- Doublets:  $\mathcal{M}_{u,d}^{4I} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{u,d}^{I4}$

## Flavour and mass eigenstates

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{c} \\ \tilde{t} \\ U \end{pmatrix}_{L,R} = V_{L,R}^u \begin{pmatrix} u \\ c \\ t \\ t' \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{d} \\ \tilde{s} \\ \tilde{b} \\ D \end{pmatrix}_{L,R} = V_{L,R}^d \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \\ b' \end{pmatrix}$$

The exotics  $X_{5/3}$  and  $Y_{-4/3}$  do not mix  $\rightarrow$  no distinction between flavour and mass eigenstates

# A key property of mixing matrices

$$\mathcal{L}_m = (\bar{u} \bar{c} \bar{t} \bar{t}')_L (V_L^u)^\dagger \mathcal{M}_u (V_R^u) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ c \\ t \\ t' \end{pmatrix}_R + (\bar{d} \bar{s} \bar{b} \bar{b}')_L (V_L^d)^\dagger \mathcal{M}_d (V_R^d) \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \\ b' \end{pmatrix}_R + h.c.$$

$$(V_L^u)^\dagger \mathcal{M}_u (V_R^u) = \text{diag}(m_u, m_c, m_t, m_{t'}) \quad (V_L^d)^\dagger \mathcal{M}_d (V_R^d) = \text{diag}(m_d, m_s, m_b, m_{b'})$$

Mixing in left- and right-handed sectors behave differently

$$\begin{cases} (V_L^q)^\dagger (\mathcal{M} \mathcal{M}^\dagger) (V_L^q) = \text{diag} \\ (V_R^q)^\dagger (\mathcal{M}^\dagger \mathcal{M}) (V_R^q) = \text{diag} \end{cases} \quad q_{L,R}^I \xrightarrow{V_{L,R}^q} q_{L,R}^J$$

Singlets and triplets (case of up-type quarks)

$$V_L^u \implies \mathcal{M}_u \cdot \mathcal{M}_u^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_u^2 + |x_1|^2 & x_1^* x_2 & x_1^* x_3 & x_1^* M \\ x_2^* x_1 & \tilde{m}_c^2 + |x_2|^2 & x_2^* x_3 & x_2^* M \\ x_3 x_1 & x_3 x_2 & \tilde{m}_t^2 + x_3^2 & x_3 M \\ x_1 M & x_2 M & x_3 M & M^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{mixing in the left sector} \\ \text{present also for } \tilde{m}_q \rightarrow 0 \\ \hline \text{flavour constraints for } q_L \\ \text{are relevant} \end{array}$$

$$V_R^u \implies \mathcal{M}_u^\dagger \cdot \mathcal{M}_u = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_u^2 & & & \\ & \tilde{m}_c^2 & & \\ & & \tilde{m}_t^2 & \\ x_1 \tilde{m}_u & x_2 \tilde{m}_c & x_3 \tilde{m}_t & \sum_{i=1}^3 |x_i|^2 + M^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} m_q \propto \tilde{m}_q \\ \hline \text{mixing is suppressed} \\ \text{by quark masses} \end{array}$$

Doublets: other way round

