Flavor Physics from high-p_T tails at the LHC

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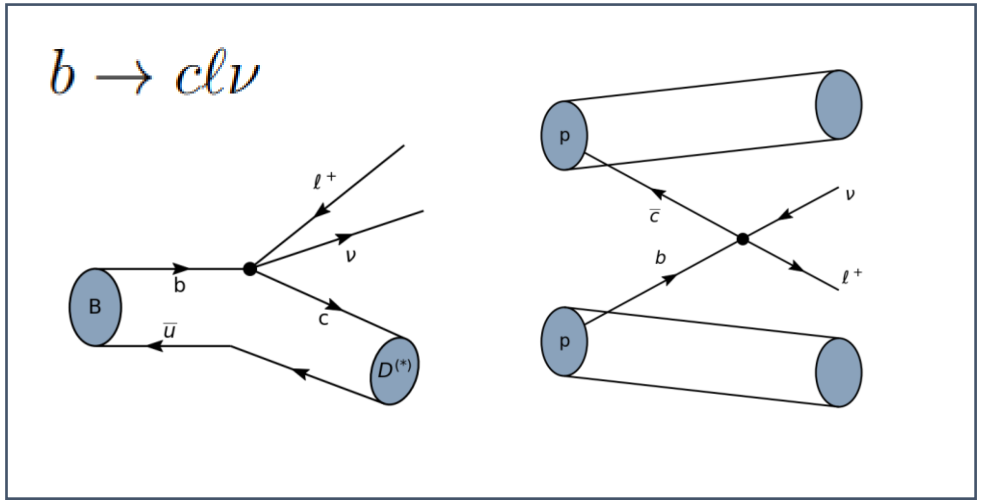
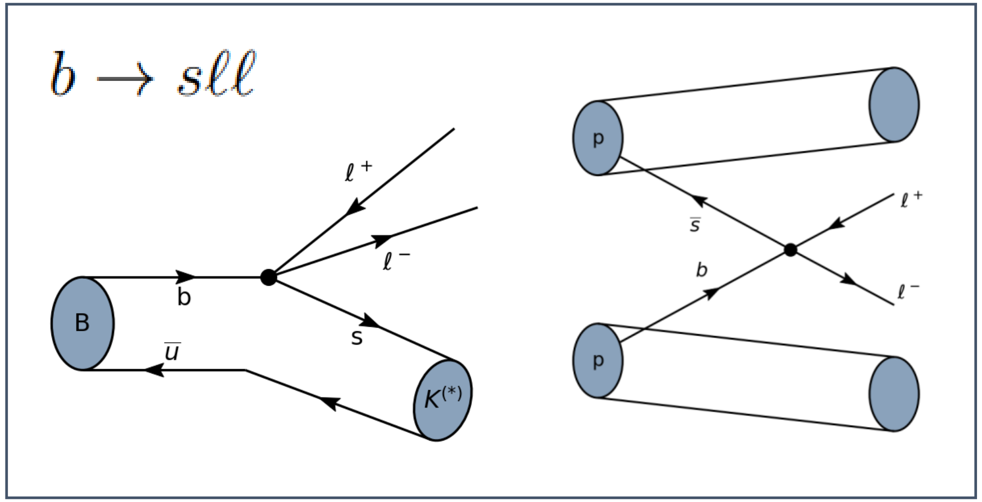
Motivations

- Hints of Lepton Flavor Universality Violation (LFUV) in $b \to s\ell\ell$ and $b \to c\ell\nu$ transitions from LHCb and B-factories.

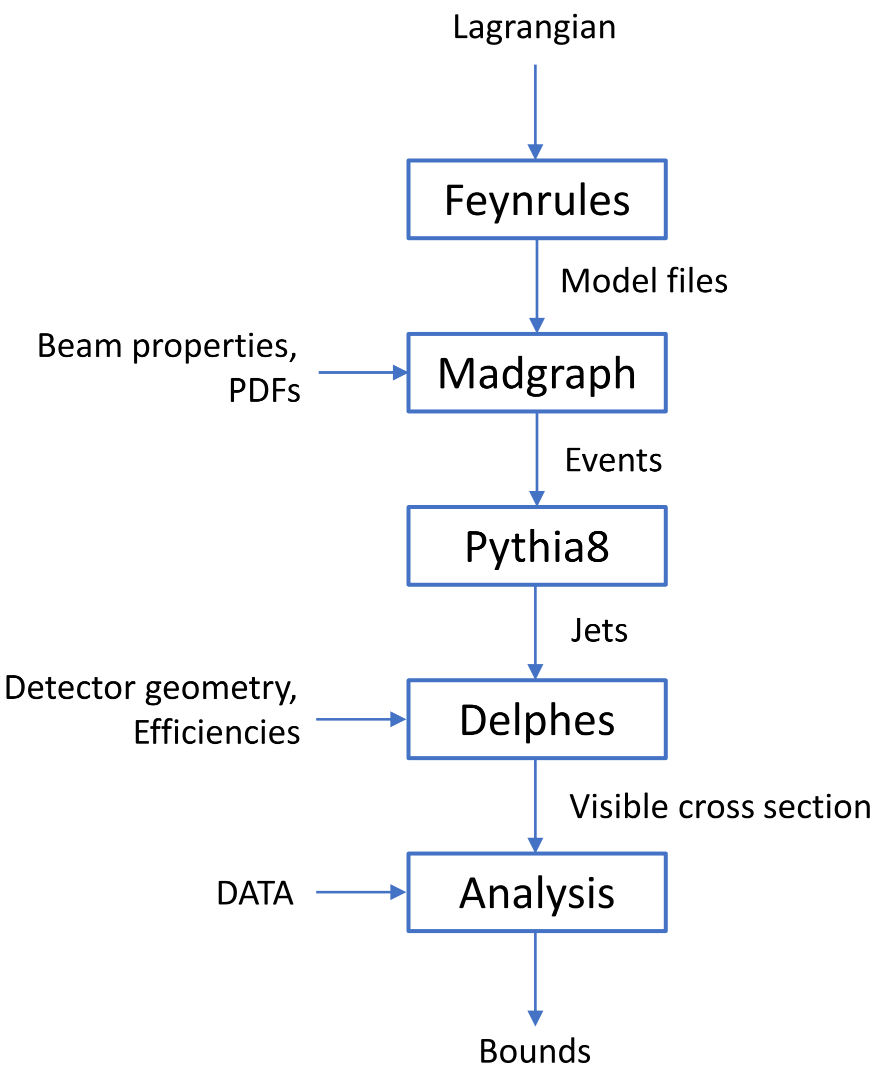
$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}\left(B \to D^{(*)}\tau\nu\right)}{\mathcal{B}\left(B \to D^{(*)}\mu\nu\right)} \qquad R_{K^{(*)}} = \left.\frac{\mathcal{B}\left(B \to K^{(*)}\mu^+\mu^-\right)}{\mathcal{B}\left(B \to K^{(*)}e^+e^-\right)}\right|_{q^2 \in \left[q^2_{\min}, q^2_{\max}\right]}$$

- The relevant semileptonic transitions can also be probed in pp collisions but in a different energy regime.
- Non-resonant interactions: search of "fat" tails in di-lepton production



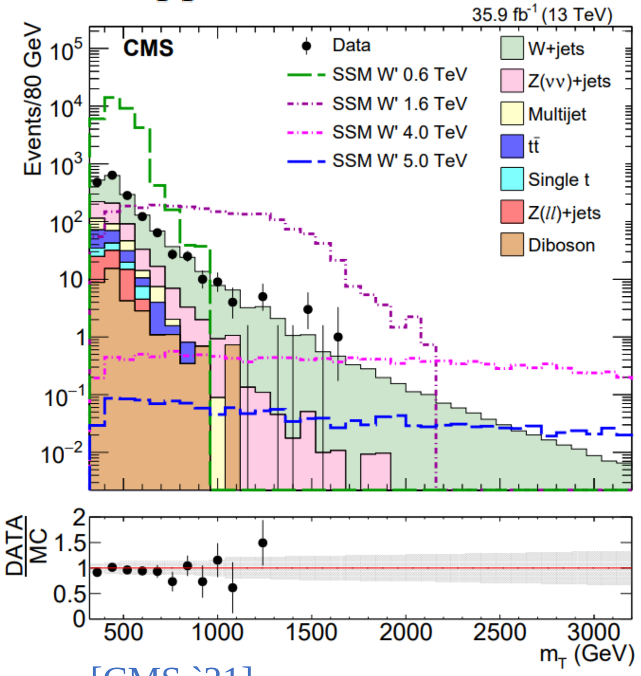


Constraining new physics using collider observables



- Parameters can be constrained by comparing the results of pseudo-experiments to data.
- Hard task : evaluate uncertainties

$pp \to \tau\nu$



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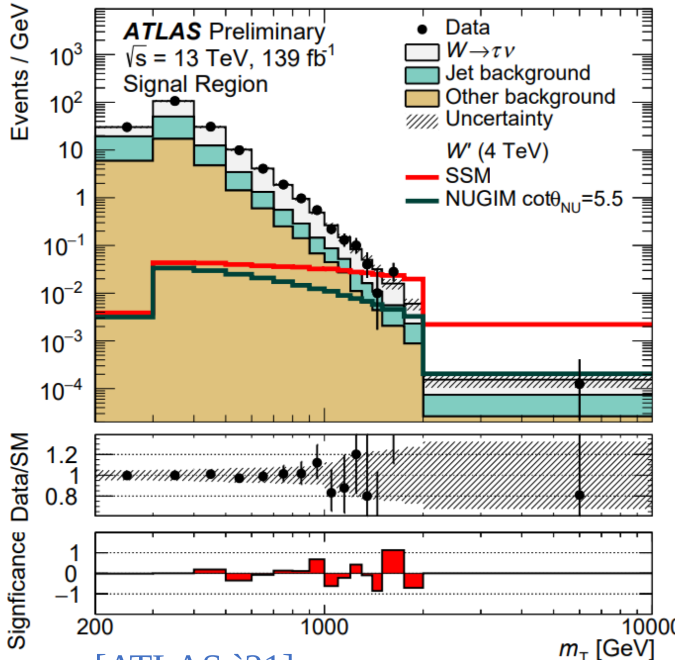


[ATLAS `21]

EFT example: $bc \to \ell\nu$

- EFT at the $\mathcal{O}(\mathrm{TeV})$ scale can accommodate both anomalies. [Di Luzio, Nardecchia `17]
- Lagrangian defined in term of 5 Wilson Coefficients:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{4G_f V_{ij}}{\sqrt{2}}\Big[g^{ij}_{V_{LL}}(\bar{u}_i\gamma_\mu P_L d_j)(\bar{\tau}\gamma^\mu P_L\nu_\tau) + g^{ij}_{V_{RL}}(\bar{u}_i\gamma_\mu P_R d_j)(\bar{\tau}\gamma^\mu P_L\nu_\tau)$$
$$+ g^{ij}_{S_L}(\bar{u}_i P_L d_j)(\bar{\tau}P_L\nu_\tau) + g^{ij}_{S_R}(\bar{u}_i P_R d_j)(\bar{\tau}P_L\nu_\tau) + g^{ij}_T(\bar{u}_i\sigma_{\mu\nu}P_L d_j)(\bar{\tau}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_L\nu_\tau)\Big] + h.c.$$

- Full cross section obtained by convoluting with PDFs $\longrightarrow$ Suppressed for heavy quarks

$$\hat{\sigma}(\hat{s}) \simeq \frac{|V_{cb}|^2 G_F^2 \hat{s}}{18\pi}\left[|g_{V_{LR}}|^2 + |g_{V_{RL}}|^2 + \frac{3}{4}|g_{S_L}|^2 + \frac{3}{4}|g_{S_R}|^2 + 4|g_T|^2\right]$$

$\downarrow$ Energy enhanced

$$\sigma(pp \to \tau^+\nu) = \sum_{ij}\int \frac{d\tau}{\tau}\mathcal{L}_{q_i\bar{q}_j}(\tau)\,[\hat{\sigma}(\tau s)]_{ij}\,,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{q_i\bar{q}_j} = \tau\int_\tau^1 \frac{dx}{x}\left(f_{q_i}(x,\mu_F)f_{\bar{q}_j}(\tau/x,\mu_F) + q_i \leftrightarrow \bar{q}_j\right).$$

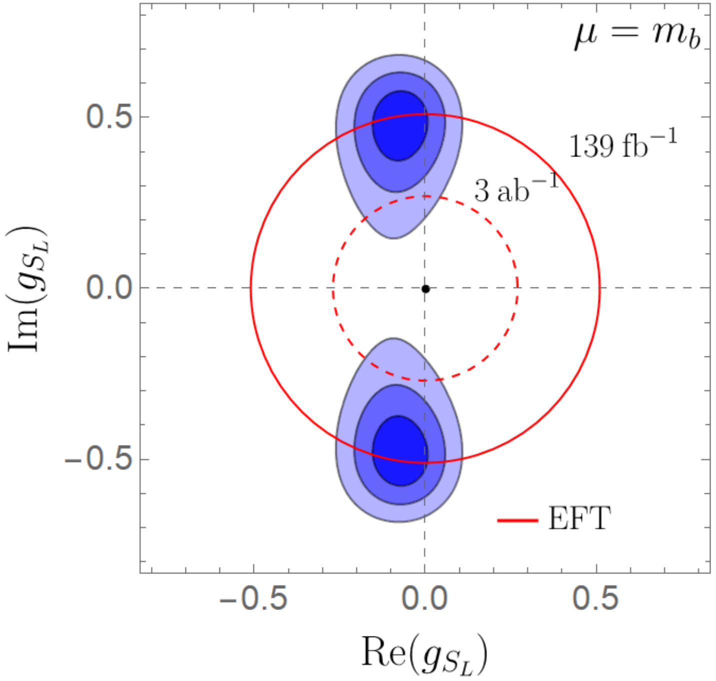
EFT example: $bc \to \ell\nu$

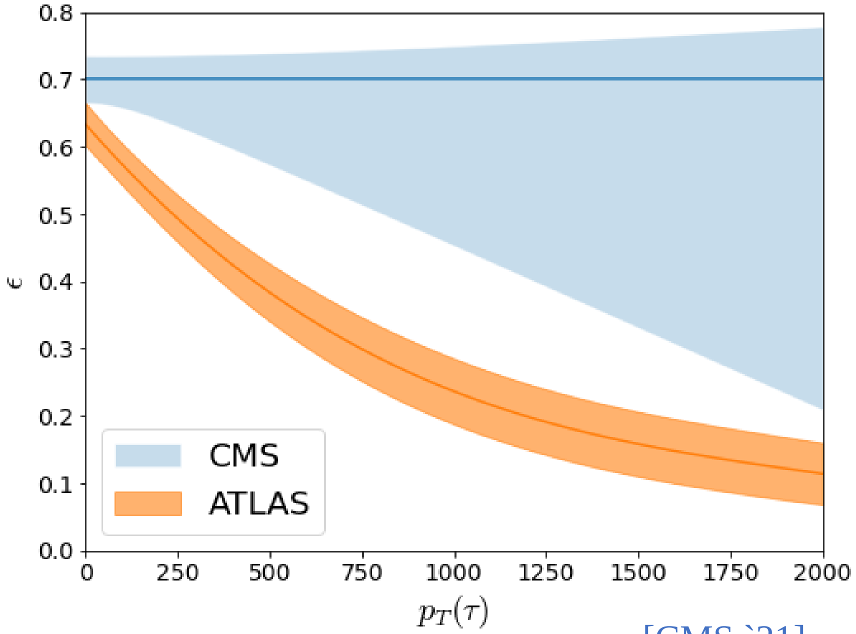
$$|g_{S_L}| < 0.5$$

[Marzocca, Min, Son, `20]
[Greljo, Camalich, Ruiz-Alvarez, `18]
[this work]

- Bounds of the same order than flavor !
- ATLAS at 139 fb^{-1} strangely equivalent to CMS at 36 fb^{-1}.

  $\longrightarrow$ Systematics on the tau reconstruction efficiency cannot be ignored.





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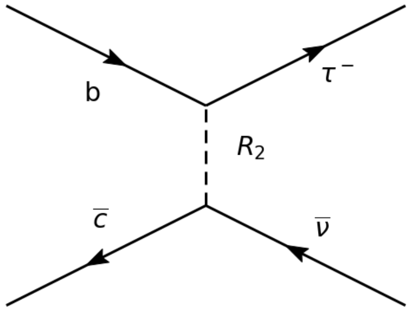
- Can we really trust the EFT at such high scales ?

Example of full model: R_2

$$\mathcal{L}_{R_2} = y_R^{ij}\bar{Q}_i R_2 l_{Rj} + y_L^{i,j}\bar{u}_{Ri}\widetilde{R}_2^\dagger L_j + \text{h.c.}$$

See [Becirevic et al. `18] for full model.



- We take $m_{R_2} = 1.4\ \text{TeV}$ and a particular Yukawa structure that can explain the charged current anomalies
- The total cross section is ~30% smaller than the EFT cross section after matching.

$$\hat{\sigma}\left(c\bar{b} \to \tau^+\nu_\tau\right) = \frac{1}{128 N_c \pi s}\frac{\left|y_{c\tau}^L\right|^2\left|y_{b\tau}^R\right|^2\hat{u}^2}{\left(\hat{u}-m_{R_2}^2\right)^2}$$

Because $\displaystyle \frac{1}{u-m_{R_2}^2} \simeq -\frac{1}{m_{R_2}^2}\left(1+\frac{u}{m_{R_2}^2}+\dots\right),\qquad u\in[-s,0]$

- We can plug the constraint back into the matching.
- How much weaker should the constraints be? 15%?

$$\boxed{\left(\left|y_{c\tau}^L\right|^2+\left|y_{c\mu}^L\right|^2\right)\left|y_{b\tau}^R\right|^2 < 8.31}$$

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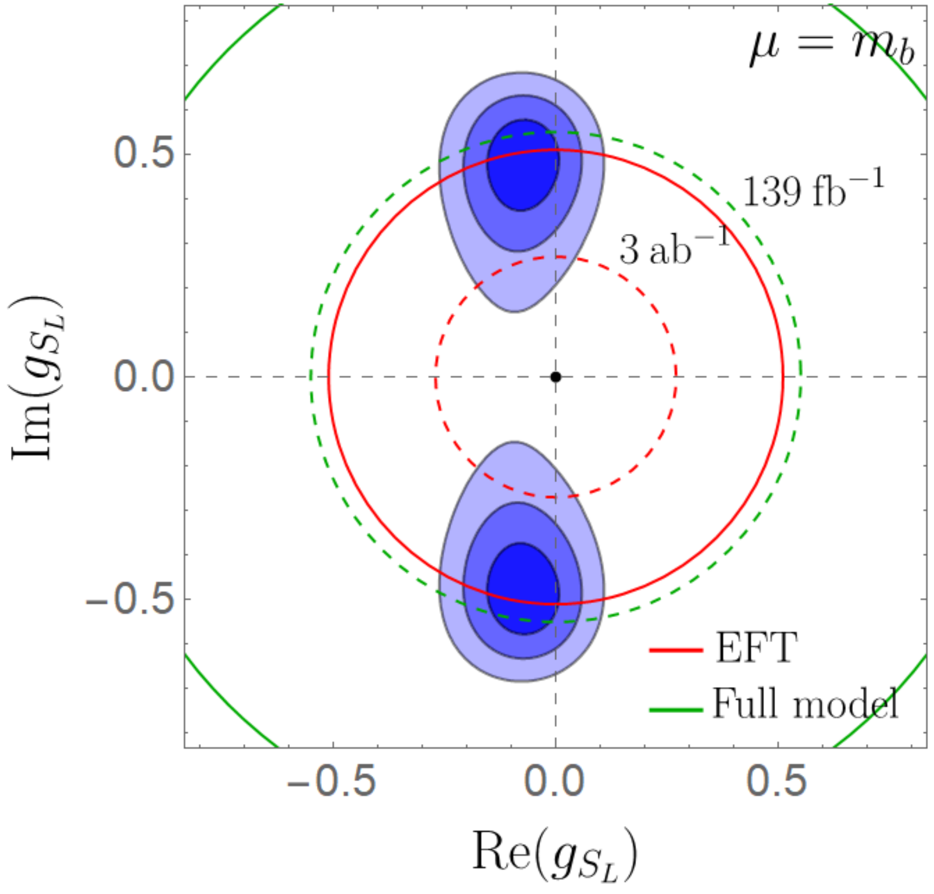
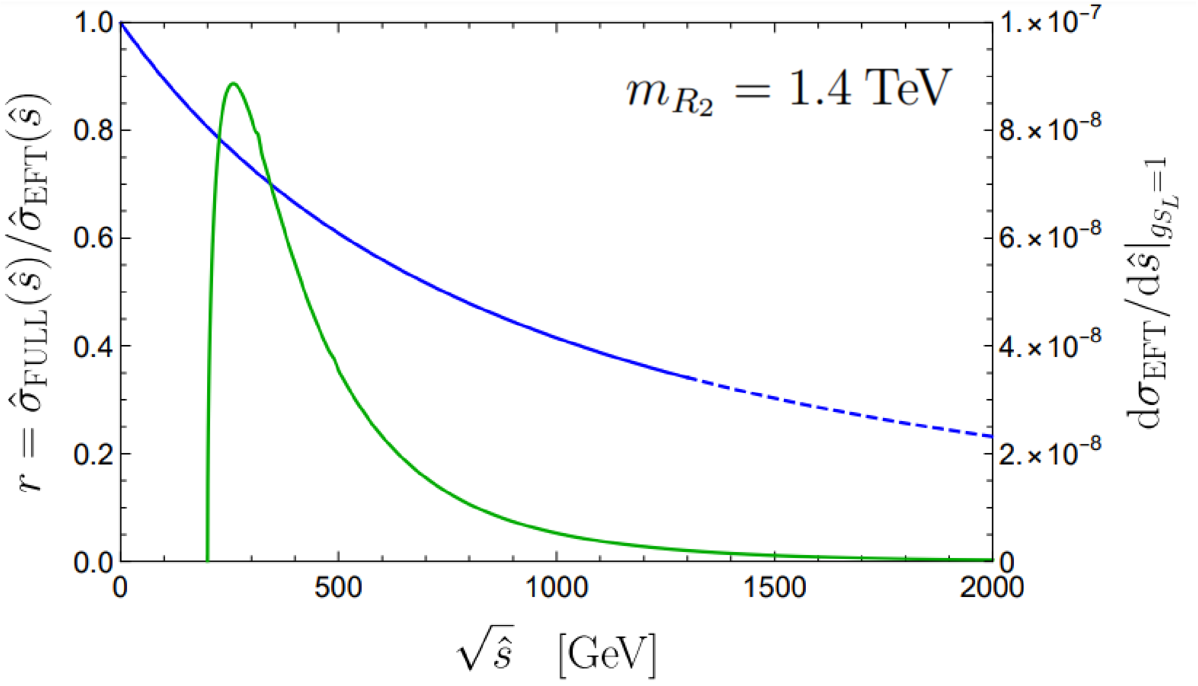
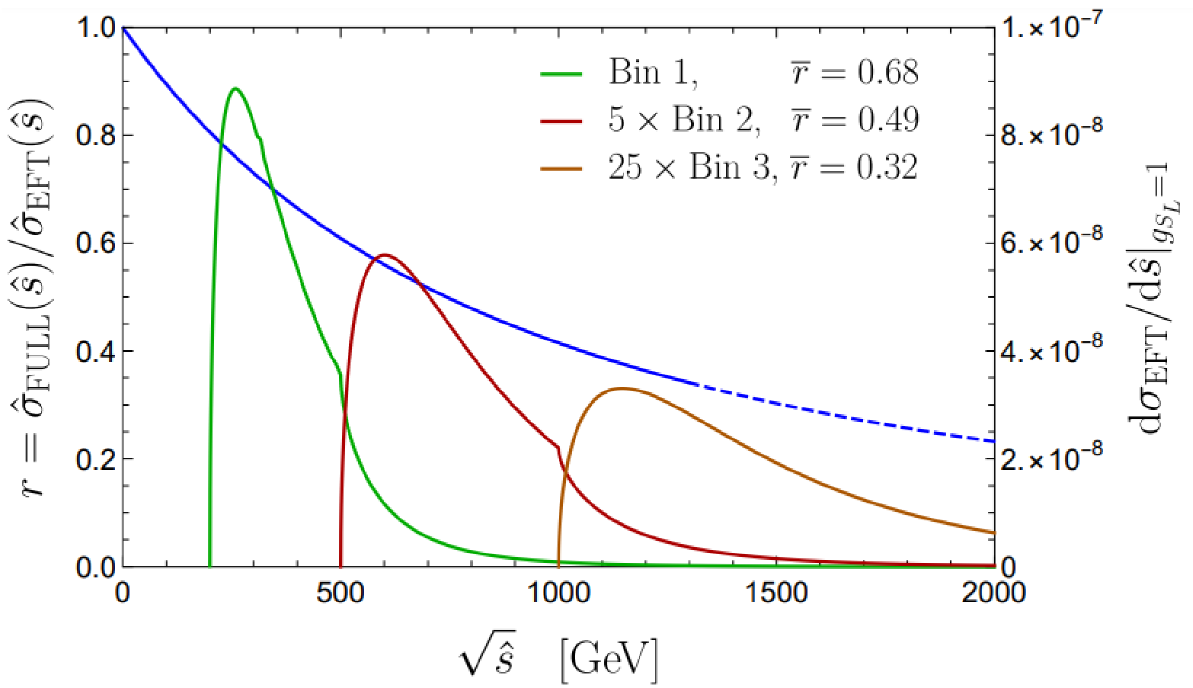
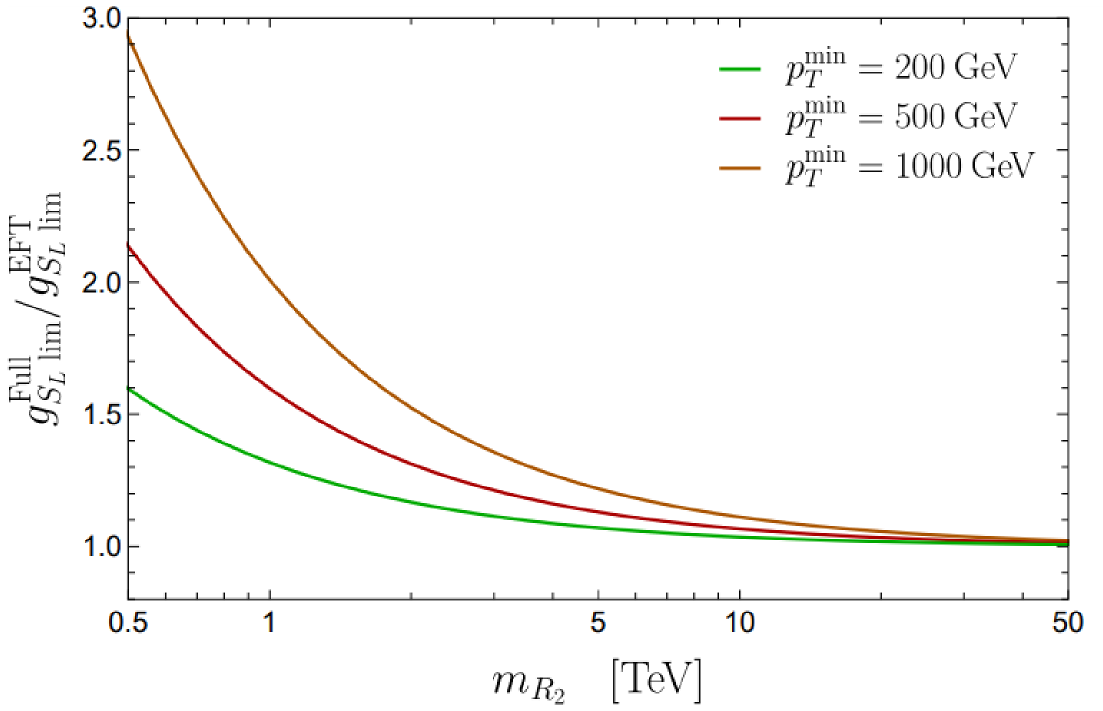


- The 30% difference in cross section only holds for the full cross section
- In general, it is a function of $\hat{s}$!



Discussion of EFT validity





Bin 1: $p_T \in [0.2, 0,5]$ TeV
Bin 2: $p_T \in [0.5, 1.0]$ TeV
Bin 3: $p_T > 1.0$ TeV

- Even without p_T cut, Bin 3 dominates in the analysis ⟶ Effective cut.
- 2 solutions:
  - Restrict the EFT fit to low p_T ⟶ Loses significance
  - Require the mass of NP to be high enough

    ⟶ Focus on the cases of the larger mass scale of NP

See also [Iguro, Takeuchi and Watanabe `21]

Conclusion

- Hints of LFUV in B decays strongly support the presence of NP.
- Since the cross section increases with energy, NP signatures could be seen at high-p_T.
- Hight-p_T searches can be competitive with flavor observables.
- The usual EFT approach can be used, but special care must be taken when interpreting the obtained results if the hight-p_T and NP scales are not sufficiently separated.
- Easy to over constrain the NP (tau efficiency, real cross-section smaller than the EFT)
- Inclusion of the propagation of the mediator in the simulation leads to more conservative but more reliable bounds.

Thank you !