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# Implications of the $(g - 2)_\mu$ anomaly on the flavor structure of New Physics

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# Flavor anomalies

- Muon magnetic moment  $(g - 2)_\mu$  anomaly ( $4.2 \sigma$ ) → assumption: due to NP

Muon  $(g - 2)$  Collaboration  
[\[hep-ex/0602035, 2104.03281\]](#);  
[\[Aoyama et al. \[2006.04822\]\]](#)

See also lattice results:  
[Borsanyi et al. \[2002.12347\]](#);  
[Alexandrou et al. \[2206.15084\]](#);  
[Cè et al. \[2206.06582\]](#)

- $B$ -meson anomalies (LFUV)

- Neutral current: ( $3.9\sigma$ )

$$b \rightarrow s\ell\ell, \left[ R(K^{(*)}), B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu, \dots \right]$$

[LHCb \[2103.11769\]](#), [CMS \[1910.12127\]](#), [CMS \[PAS-BPH-21-006\]](#),  
[Lancierini et al. \[2104.05631\]](#), ...

- Charged current: ( $\sim 3\sigma$ )

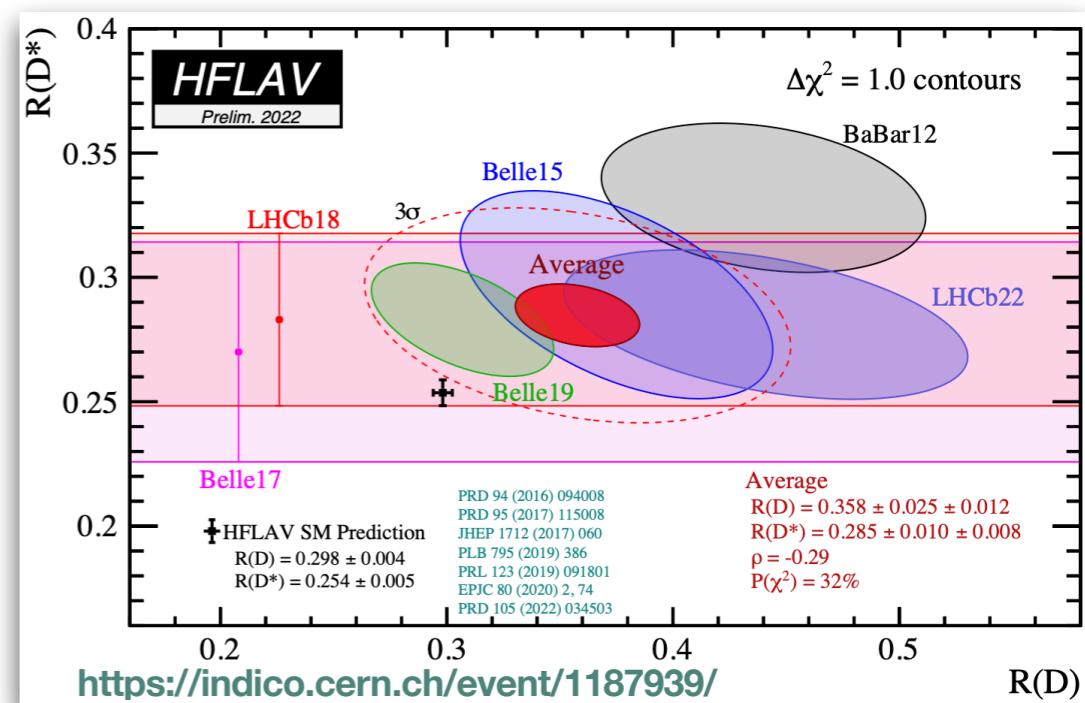
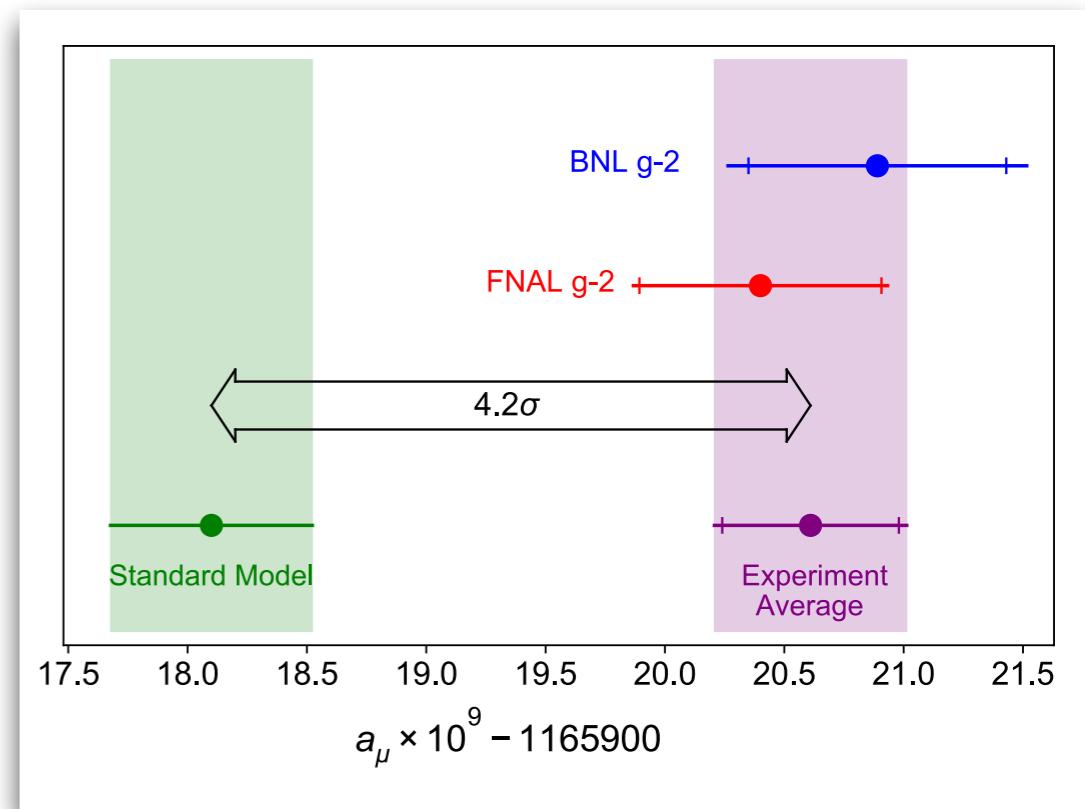
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[Belle \[1904.08794\]](#), [BaBar \[1303.0571\]](#),  
[LHCb \[https://indico.cern.ch/event/1187939/\] ...](#)

- Combined explanation with 4-fermion operators?

[Marzocca, Trifinopoulos \[2104.05730\]](#), [Greljo et al. \[2103.13991\]](#),  
[Crivellin et al. \[1912.04224\]](#), ...

- How do both types of anomalies fit together?



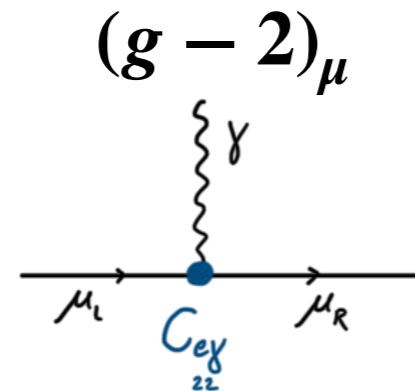
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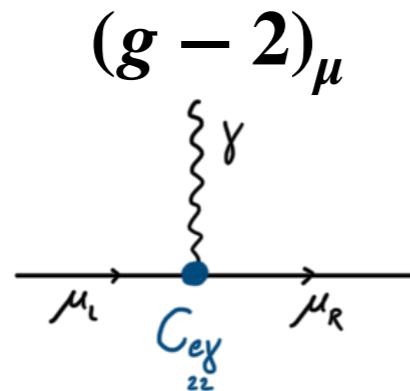
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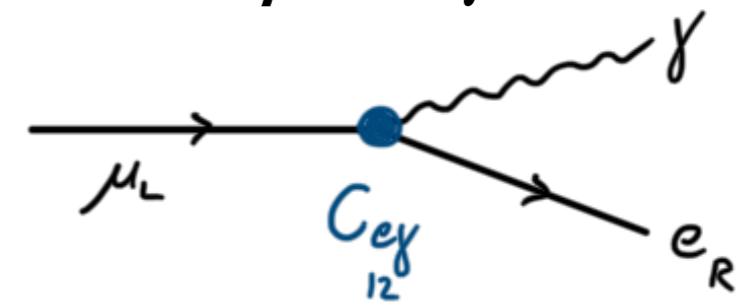
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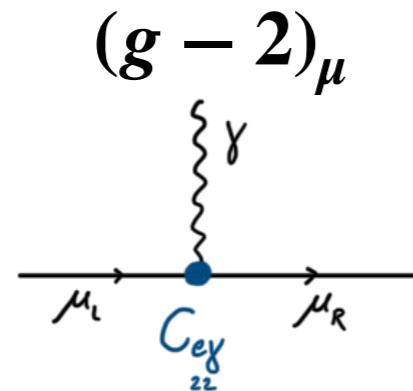
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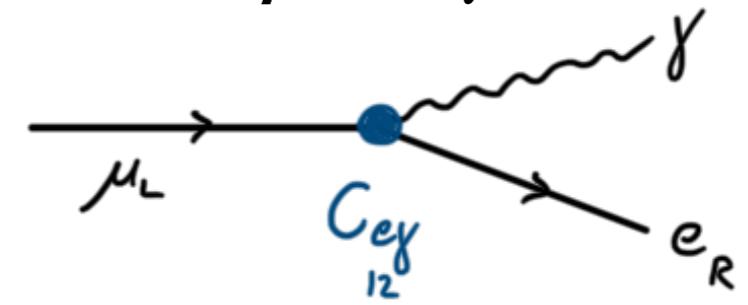
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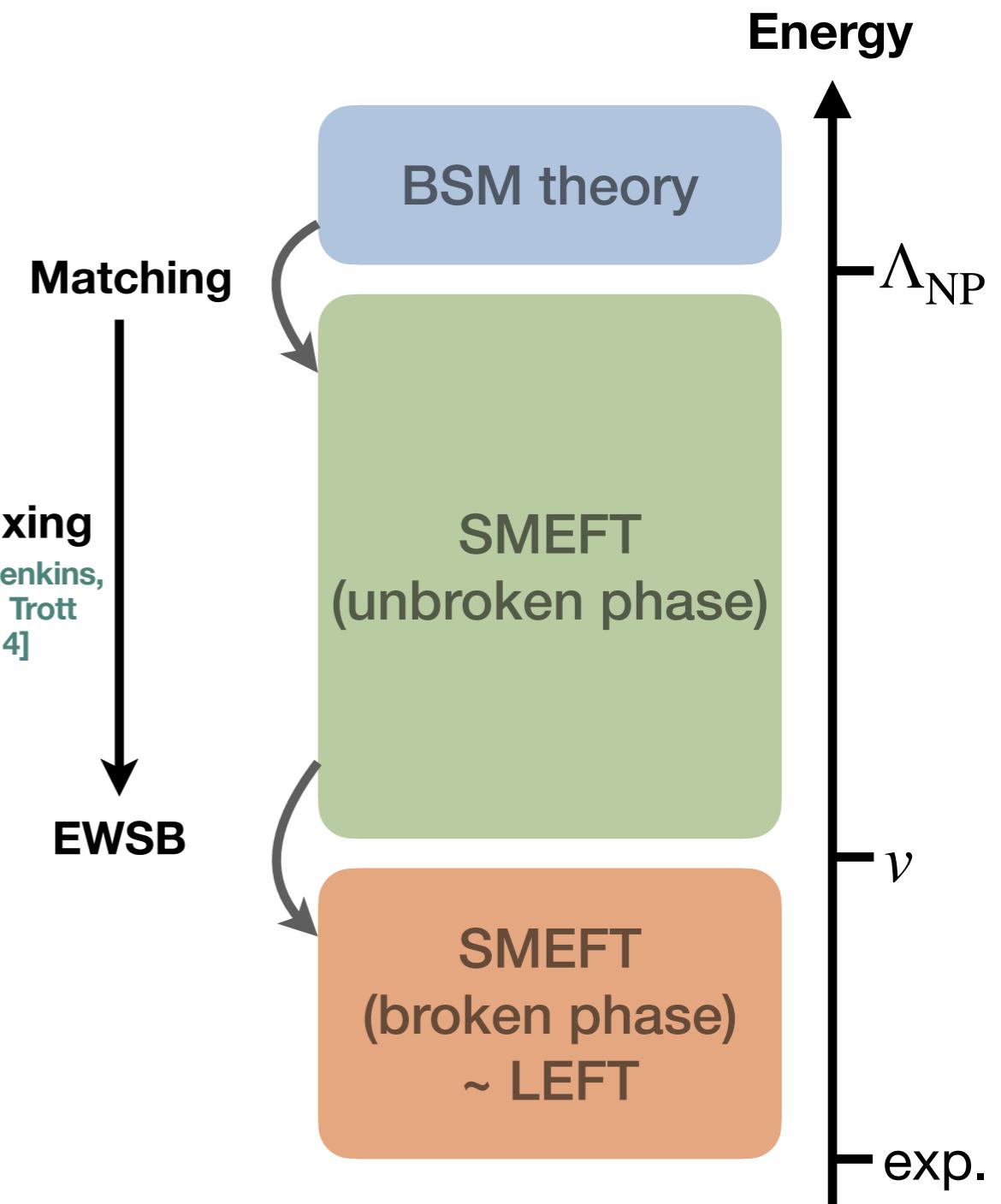
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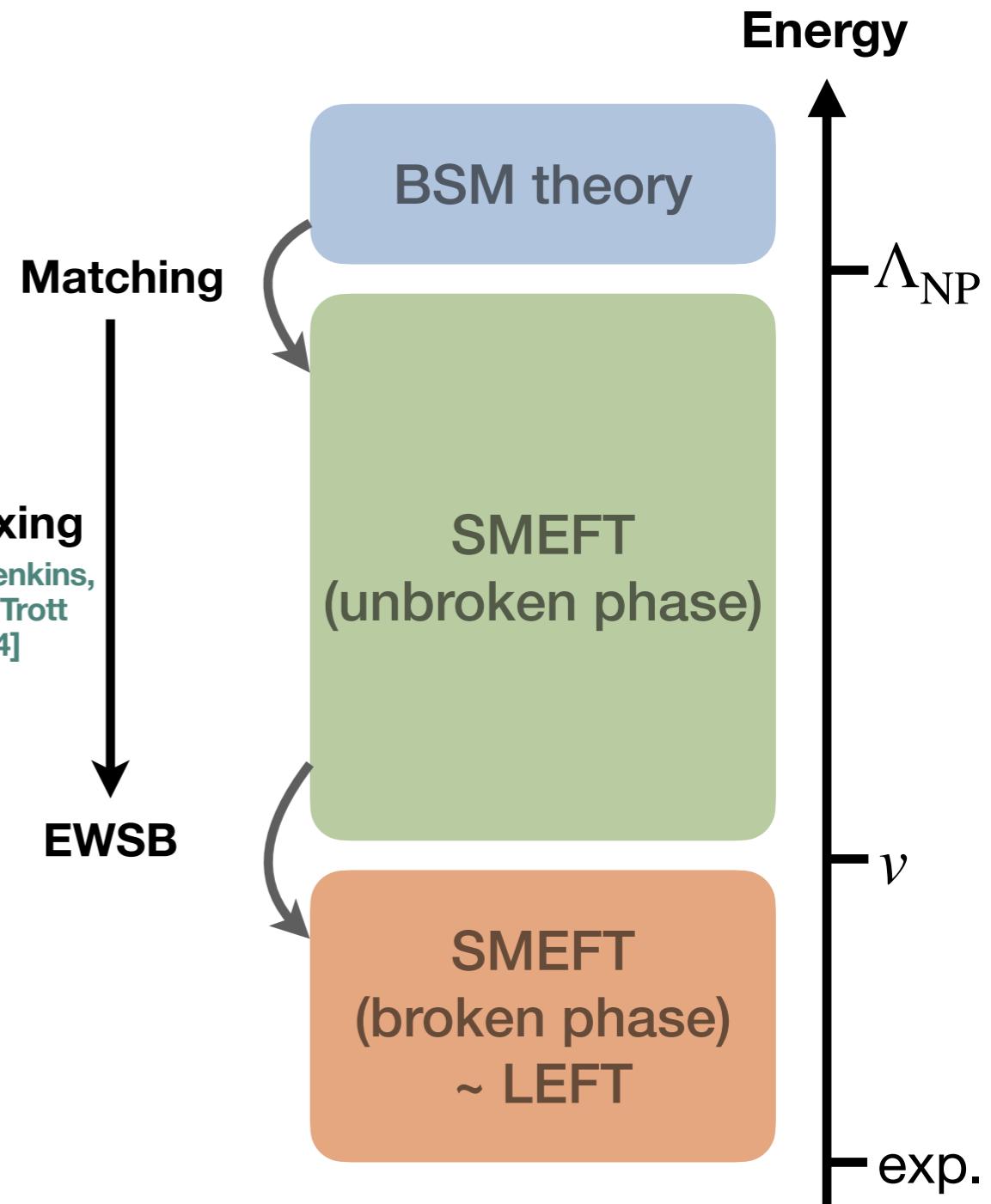
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Matching

RG mixing

Alonso, Jenkins,  
Manohar, Trott  
[1312.2014]

EWSB

BSM theory

SMEFT  
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Energy

$\Lambda_{NP}$

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exp.

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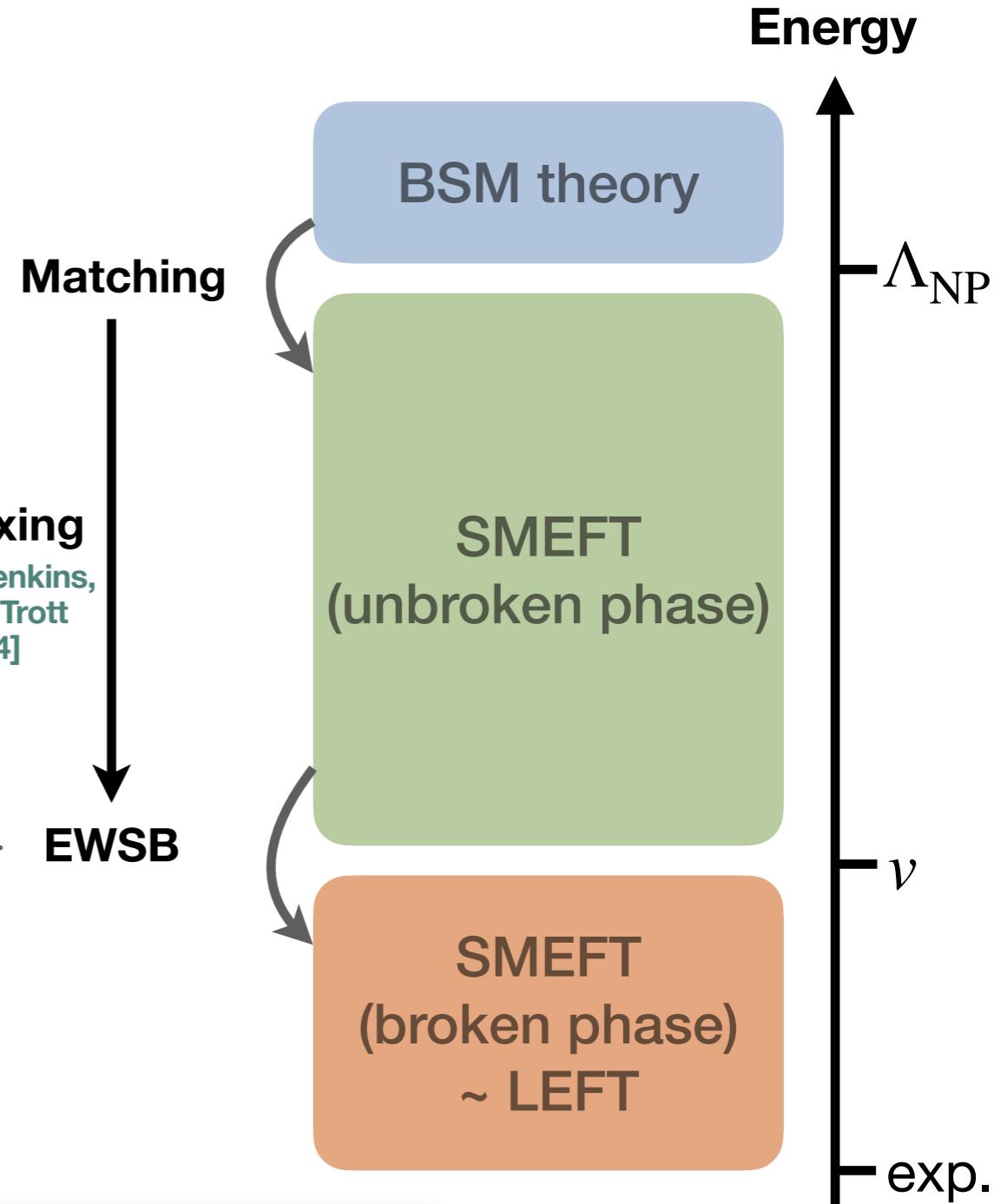
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$y_t$  and  $y_b$  Yukawa enhanced running:

$$C_{e\gamma}_{\alpha\beta}(\mu_L) = [1 - 3L(y_t^2 + y_b^2)] C_{e\gamma}_{\alpha\beta}(\mu_H) - [16Ly_te] C_{lequ}^{(3)}_{\alpha\beta 33}(\mu_H)$$

$$[\mathcal{Y}_e]_{\alpha\beta}(\mu_L) = [Y_e]_{\alpha\beta}(\mu_H) - \frac{v^2}{2} C_{eH}(\mu_H) + 6v^2 L \left[ y_t^3 C_{lequ}^{(1)}_{\alpha\beta 33} - y_b^3 C_{ledq}_{\alpha\beta 33} + \frac{3}{4}(y_t^2 + y_b^2) C_{eH}_{\alpha\beta} \right]_{\mu_H}$$



# Mass basis



- Diagonalize lepton Yukawa  $[\mathcal{Y}_e]$  with rotation:  $\theta_{L(R)}^{\mathcal{Y}} = - [\mathcal{Y}_e]_{12(21)}/[\mathcal{Y}_e]_{22} \Big|_{\mu_L}$
- Dipole in the mass basis:

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- LFV dipole in the mass basis:

$$\begin{aligned} C'_{\substack{e\gamma \\ 12}}(\mu_L) &= (\theta_L^{e\gamma} - \theta_L^Y) C'_{\substack{e\gamma \\ 22}}(\mu_L) + (\theta_L^{e\gamma} - \theta_L^{u_3}) (16 L e y_t) C_{\substack{lequ \\ 2233}}^{(3)}(\mu_H) \\ &\quad + \left[ (\theta_L^Y - \theta_L^{u_1}) C_{\substack{lequ \\ 2233}}^{(1)}(\mu_H) + (\theta_L^d - \theta_L^Y) \frac{y_b^3}{y_t^3} C_{ledq}(\mu_H) \right] 6 L v^2 y_t^3 \frac{1}{y_\mu} C'_{\substack{e\gamma \\ 22}}(\mu_L) \\ &\quad + (\theta_L^{eH} - \theta_L^Y) \frac{1 - 9 L (y_t^2 + y_b^2)}{2} C_{\substack{eH \\ 22}}(\mu_H) v^2 \frac{1}{y_\mu} C'_{\substack{e\gamma \\ 22}}(\mu_L). \end{aligned}$$

-  $C'_{\substack{e\gamma \\ 22}} \neq 0$  due to  $\Delta a_\mu$   
anomaly

-  $C_{ledq}$  has negligible coefficient  $(y_b/y_t)^3$

- LFV Higgs couplings  $(\theta_L^{eH} - \theta_L^Y)$  is tightly constrained

Blankenburg, Ellis, Isidori [1202.5704]  
Harnik, Kopp, Zupan [1209.1397]

- Flavor phases / angles:

$$\theta_L^Y = \frac{[Y_e]_{12}}{[Y_e]_{22}} \Big|_{\mu_H}, \quad \theta_L^{e\gamma} = \frac{C_{\substack{e\gamma \\ 12}}}{C_{\substack{e\gamma \\ 22}}} \Big|_{\mu_H}, \quad \theta_L^{eH} = \frac{C_{\substack{eH \\ 12}}}{C_{\substack{eH \\ 22}}} \Big|_{\mu_H}, \quad \theta_L^{u_i} = \frac{C_{\substack{lequ \\ 1233}}^{(i)}}{C_{\substack{lequ \\ 2233}}^{(i)}} \Big|_{\mu_H}, \quad \theta_L^d = \frac{C_{\substack{ledq \\ 1233}}}{C_{\substack{ledq \\ 2233}}} \Big|_{\mu_H}$$

→ We have  $C'_{\substack{e\gamma \\ 12}}$  sufficiently small only if all flavor phases  $\theta_L^X$  are aligned!

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- Minimally broken  $U(2)$  symmetry acting on the 2 light generations

$$U(2)^2 = U(2)_L \otimes U(2)_E$$

Barbieri et al. [1105.2296, 1203.4218]  
Blankenburg et al. [1204.0688]

- Lepton Yukawa:  $Y_e = y_\tau \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_e & x_\tau V_\ell \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} U(2)_L$

- Spurions  $V_\ell \sim (2,1)$ ,  $\Delta_e \sim (2,\bar{2})$  parametrized by:

$$V_\ell = e^{i\bar{\phi}_\ell} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \epsilon_\ell \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Delta_e = O_e^T \begin{pmatrix} \delta'_e & 0 \\ 0 & \delta_e \end{pmatrix}, \quad O_e = \begin{pmatrix} c_e & s_e \\ -s_e & c_e \end{pmatrix}$$

light generations: doublets,  
e.g.  $L = \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 \\ \ell_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim 2_L$

third generation: singlet,  
e.g.  $\ell_3 \sim 1$

- Hierarchy from Yukawas:  $1 \gg \epsilon_i \gg \delta_i \gg \delta'_i > 0$

Bordone, Isidori, Trifinopoulos [1702.07238]

Fuentes-Martín, Isidori, Pagès, Yamamoto [1909.02519]

$$\epsilon_i = \mathcal{O}(10^{-1}), \quad \delta_i = \mathcal{O}(10^{-2}), \quad \delta'_i = \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}), \quad s_e = \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{m_e/m_\mu}\right) \geq 10^{-2}$$

# $e - \mu$ alignment in $U(2)^5$

- Relevant leptonic structure:  $(\bar{\ell}_\alpha \Gamma e_\beta)$ 
  - Leading breaking ( $\bar{L} \Delta_e E$ ) is universal  $\Rightarrow$  no misalignment
  - Sub-leading breaking ( $\bar{L} V_\ell V_\ell^\dagger \Delta_e E$ ) can generate LFV
- Breaking term  $X_{\alpha\beta}^n = \kappa_n (\Delta_e)_{\alpha\beta} + \eta_n (V_\ell)_\alpha (V_\ell^\dagger)_\gamma (\Delta_e)_{\gamma\beta}$   
 diagonalized for each operator  $Q_n$  with rotation
 
$$\theta_L^n = \frac{s_e}{c_e} \left( 1 - a_n |\epsilon_\ell|^2 \right), \quad \theta_R^n = - \frac{s_e}{c_e} \frac{\delta'_e}{\delta_e}, \quad \text{where } a_n = \eta_n / \kappa_n = \mathcal{O}(1)$$
  - Automatic alignment in the  $U(2)_E$  space
  - Alignment constraint in the  $U(2)_L$  space

$$\theta_L^{e\gamma} - \theta_L^Y = \frac{s_e}{c_e} |\epsilon_\ell|^2 (a_Y - a_{e\gamma}) \leq \epsilon_{12}^L \sim 10^{-5}$$

$$\epsilon_\ell \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-1})$$

→ Alignment constraint in  $e - \mu$  sector  $|s_e(a_Y - a_{e\gamma})| \lesssim 10^{-3}$

Natural expectation:  
 $s_e = \mathcal{O} \left( \sqrt{m_e/m_\mu} \right)$

# An explicit NP model

- $S_1 \sim (\bar{3}, 1)_{1/3}$  scalar leptoquark + heavy Higgs  $\Phi \sim (1, 2)_{1/2}$  model:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{S_1} = & \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + (D_\mu S_1)^\dagger (D^\mu S_1) - M_{S_1}^2 S_1^\dagger S_1 - [\lambda_{i\alpha}^L (\bar{q}_i^c \epsilon \ell_\alpha) S_1 + \lambda_{i\alpha}^R (\bar{u}_i^c e_\alpha) S_1 + \text{h.c.}] \\ & + (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) - M_\Phi^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi - [\lambda_{\alpha\beta}^e (\bar{\ell}_\alpha e_\beta) \Phi + \lambda_{ij}^u (\bar{q}_i u_j) \tilde{\Phi} + \text{h.c.}] , \end{aligned}$$

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- $\theta_L^{e\gamma} \simeq \theta_L^{u_1} \simeq \theta_L^{u_3}$  obtained for:  
 $M_\Phi^2 \gg M_{S_1}^2, \quad \lambda_{i\alpha}^L \ll \lambda_{3\alpha}^L, \quad (\lambda^R)^2 \sim 0$
  - Hard to conceive dynamical alignment of  $\theta_L^Y$
  - $U(2)^2$  hypothesis:
- $$\theta_L^{e\gamma} = \frac{\lambda_{31}^L *}{\lambda_{32}^L *} = \frac{(V_\ell)_1}{(V_\ell)_2} \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta_L^Y = \frac{(\Delta_e)_{12}}{(\Delta_e)_{22}} \rightarrow s_e$$
- Unnatural alignment  $|s_e| < \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$

# Conclusions



- In combination the  $(g - 2)_\mu$  anomaly and the non-observation of  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  imply a tight alignment on the lepton dipole operator  $Q_{e\gamma}$  in flavor space
- By RG mixing several 4-fermion operators have to satisfy similar alignment constraints
- Alignment mechanisms:
  - Dynamical alignment  $\rightarrow$  alignment of Yukawa  $\theta_L^Y$  especially difficult
  - Flavor symmetries  $\rightarrow U(1)^3$  sets all flavor phases  $\theta_L^X$  to zero

- ➔ If  $(g - 2)_\mu$  anomaly is a sign of NP the lepton sector must feature enhanced symmetries
- ➔ The quark and lepton sectors must behave quite differently beyond the SM

**Thank you for your attention!**