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# Third-generation leptoquark searches in CMS

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# **INTRODUCTION**

# Standard Model's many symmetries...

Quantity	Symmetries	Electromagnetic	Weak	Strong
Energy	Time translation	✓	✓	✓
Linear momentum	Spatial translation	✓	✓	✓
Angular momentum	Rotations	✓	✓	✓
Center-of-mass	Lorentz boosts	✓	✓	✓
Charge, color, ...	Gauge transformation	✓	✓	✓
Lepton number L		✓	✓	✓
Baryon number B		✓	✓	✓
Isospin		✓	✗	✗
Lepton flavor	<b>not fundamental !</b>	✓	✓	✓
Quark flavor		✓	✗	✓
Parity P		✓	✗	✓
Charge conjugation C		✓	✗	✓
Time reversal T		✓	✗	✓
CP		✓	✗	✓
CPT		✓	✓	✓

\* fundamental to relativistic gauge field theories, like the SM

# Flavor universality in the SM

- SM gauge couplings cannot differentiate leptons
- only the Higgs can via Yukawa coupling

	I	II	III
mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
QUARKS	u up	c charm	t top
d down	s strange	b bottom	
LEPTONS	e electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau
$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	

but by what mechanism ?

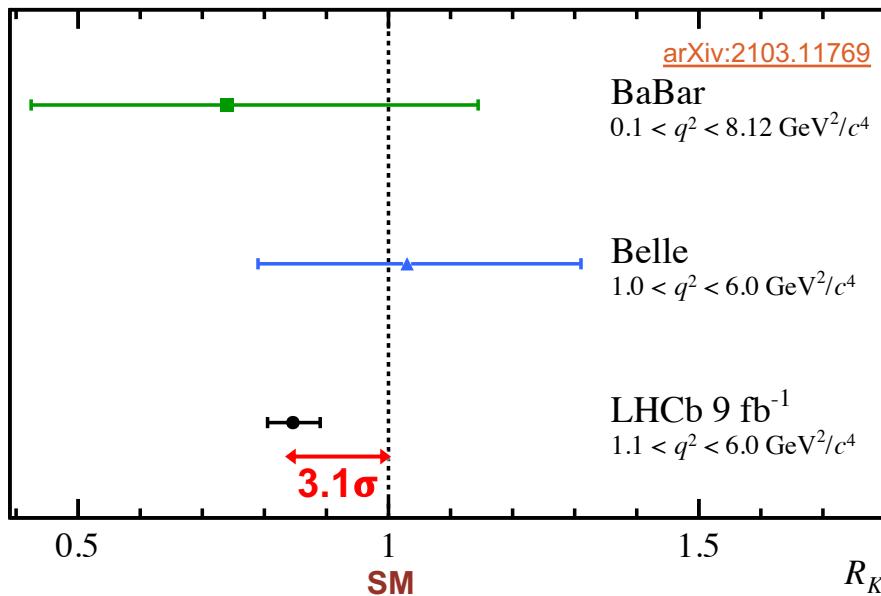
why three generations ?

⇒ hopefully new physics can explain

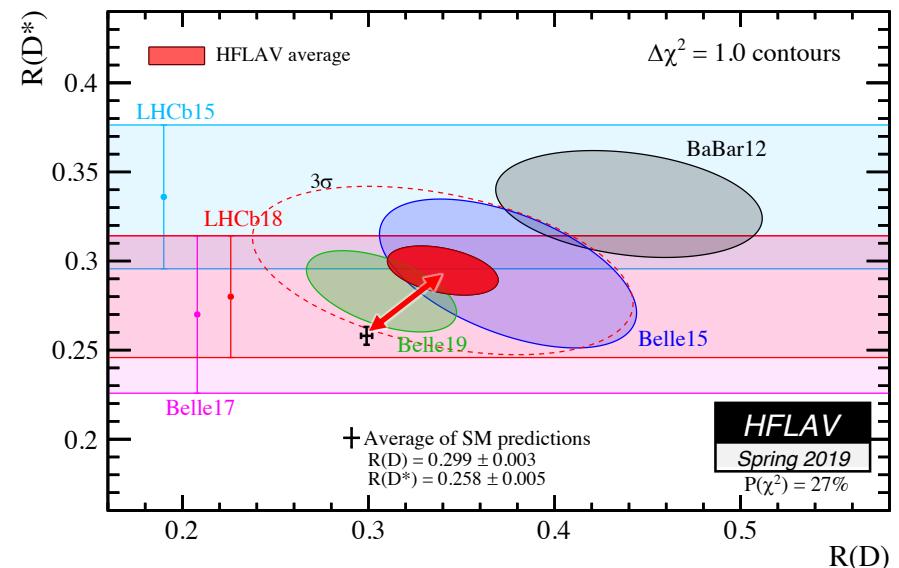
# B anomalies at Belle, BaBar, LHCb

$$R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\Gamma(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu\mu)}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} ee)} < \text{SM}$$

$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau\bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell\bar{\nu})} > \text{SM}$$



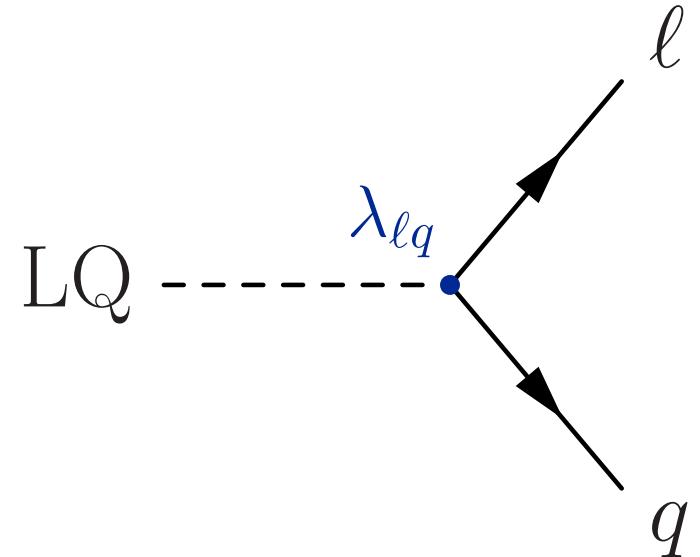
**R(K<sup>(\*)</sup>) and angular observables combined  $\sim 4\sigma$  deviation**



**R(D<sup>(\*)</sup>) combined 3.1 $\sigma$  deviation**

⇒ signs of new physics violating lepton flavor universality?

# Leptoquarks



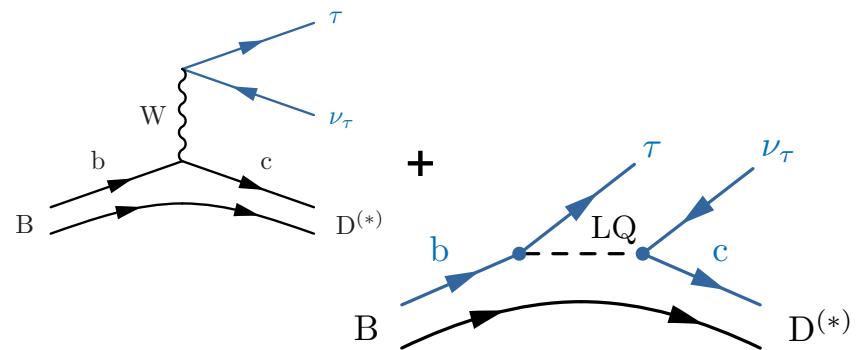
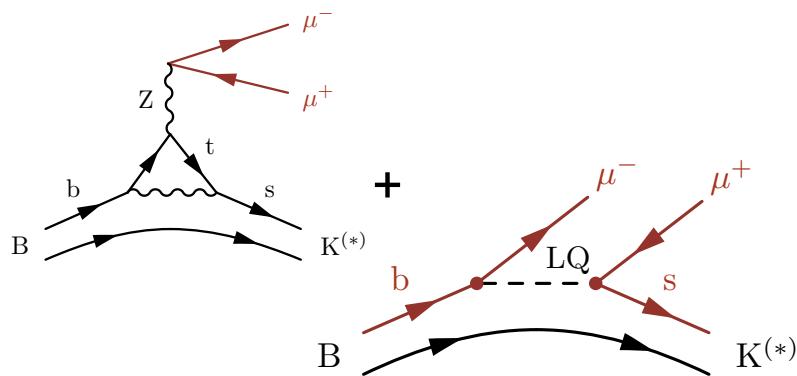
- **scalar or vector boson**
- **decays into  $\ell q$**   
⇒ carries L, B, color
- **fractional charge**       $\pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{4}{3}, \pm \frac{5}{3}$        $\pm 1, 0$        $\mp \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}$
- **coupling  $\lambda_{\ell q}$**

$$\underbrace{LQ}_{\text{LQ}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\ell}_{\pm 1, 0} \underbrace{q}_{\mp \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}}$$

# B anomalies according to LQs

$$R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\Gamma(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu\mu)}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} ee)} < 1 \quad \text{SM}$$

$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau\bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell\bar{\nu})} > 0.25 \quad \text{SM}$$

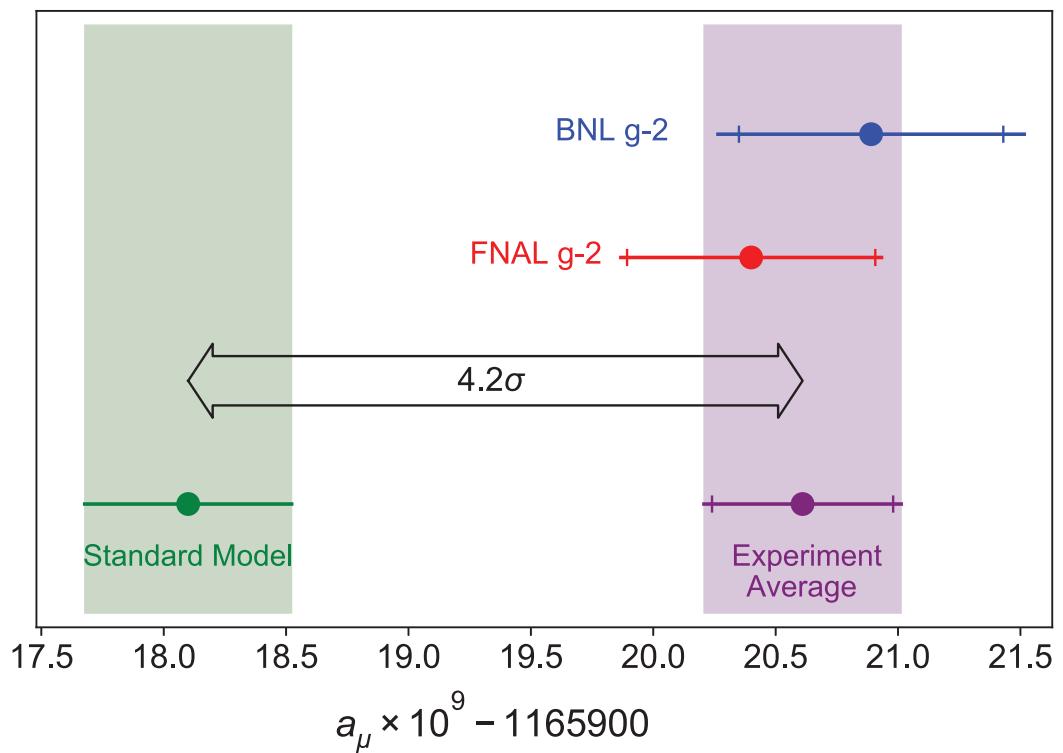
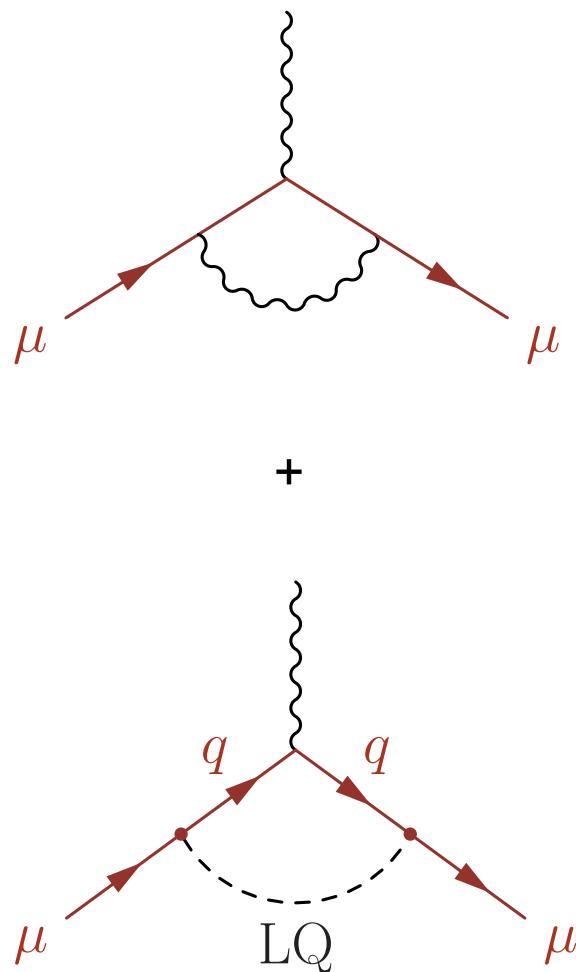


combined explanation with  
vector leptoquark:

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{\ell q} \sim \begin{pmatrix} d/u' \\ s/c' \\ b/t' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e/\nu_e & \mu/\nu_\mu & \tau/\nu_\tau \\ 0 & 0 & -0.02 \\ 0 & +0.02 & 0.13 \\ 0 & -0.13 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{LQ} \approx \text{LQ}_3$$

**signs** for destructive interference  
with SM in  $B \rightarrow K \mu\mu$  decay

# Muon anomalous moment

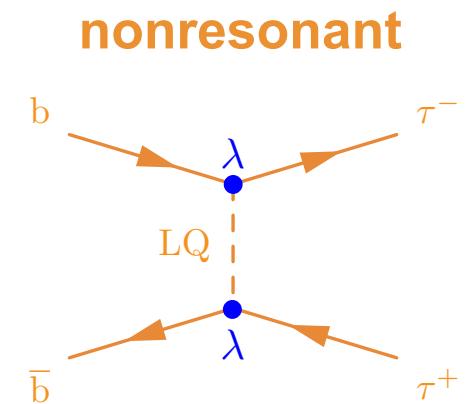
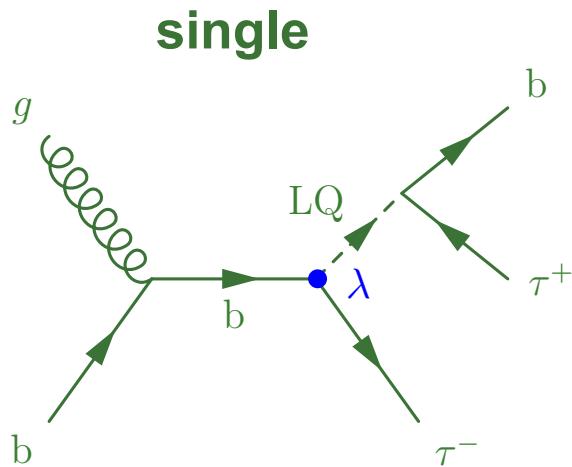
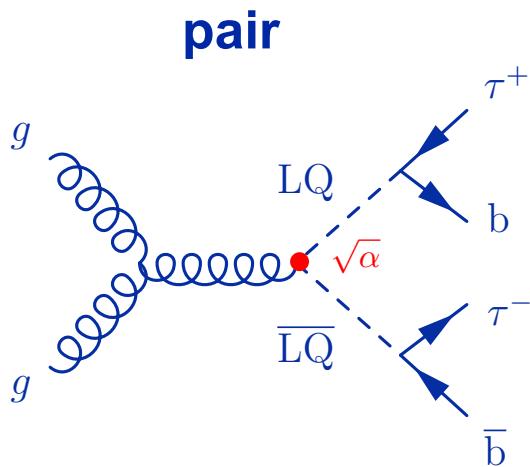


SM theory:  $116\ 591\ 810\ (43) \times 10^{-11}$  (460 ppb)  
Experiment:  $116\ 592\ 061\ (41) \times 10^{-11}$  (350 ppb)

**BNL & FNAL combined  $4.2\sigma$  deviation**

# **LQ<sub>3</sub> SEARCHES AT CMS**

# LQ production at CMS



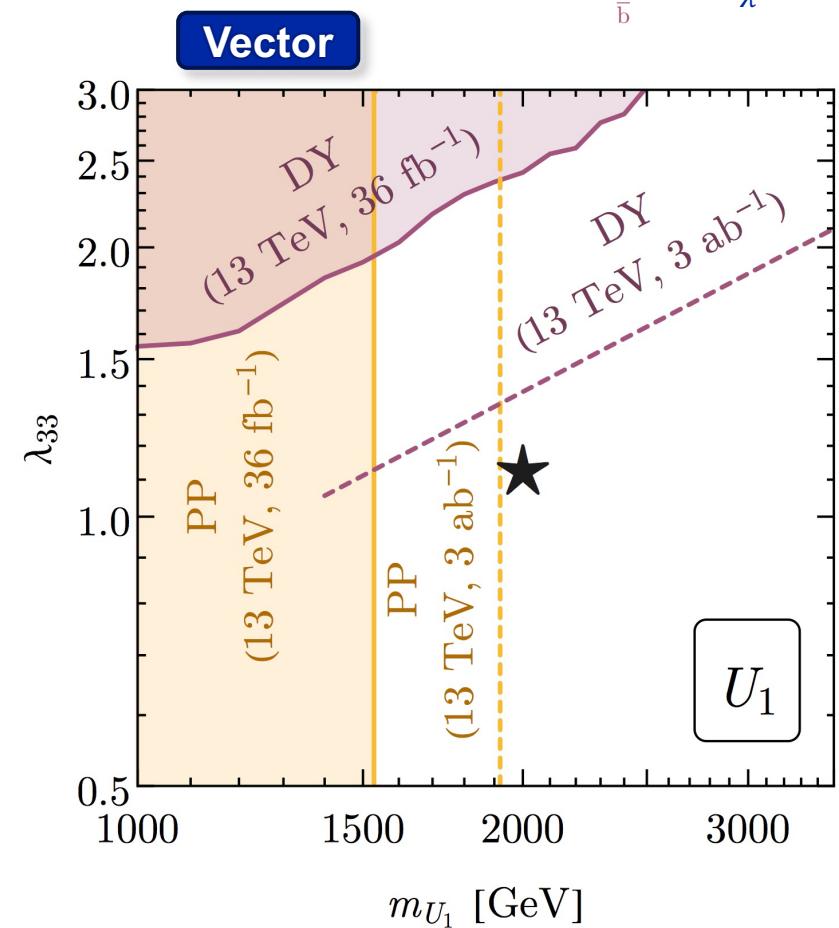
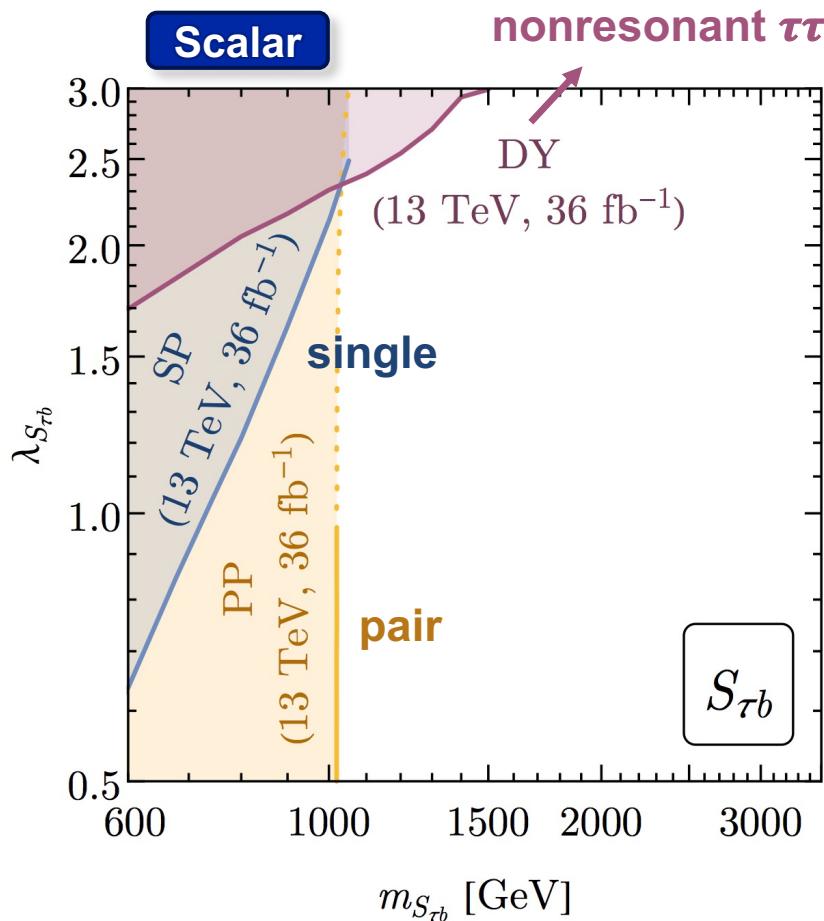
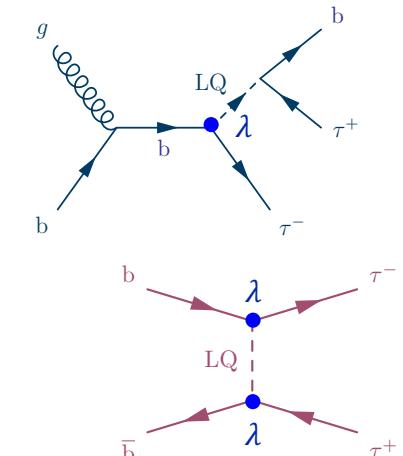
- 😊 large,
- 😊 model independent
- 😊 resonant

- 😊  $\sigma \propto \lambda^2$
- 😢 b-PDF suppression
- 😢 width  $\propto \lambda^2$

- 😊  $\sigma \propto \lambda^4$
- 😱 PDF suppression ^ 2
- 😢 wide resonance

# Exclusion in $\lambda$ vs. mass space

use the fact that single production has  $\sigma \sim \lambda^2$ ,  
 and nonresonant  $\tau\tau$  production  $\sigma \sim \lambda^4$   
 to exclude higher masses & couplings  $\lambda$



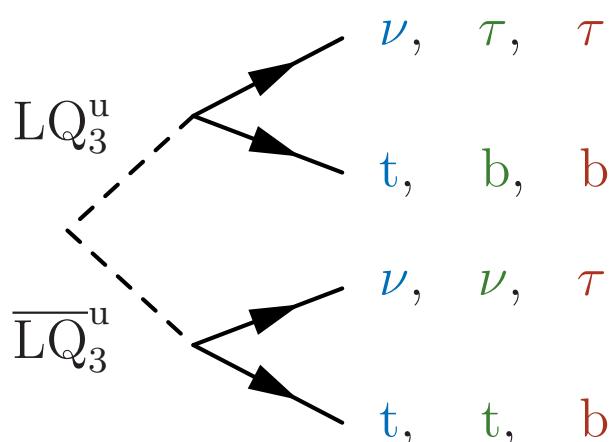
# LQ<sub>3</sub> models & signatures

- scalar LQ<sub>S</sub> ( $S = 0$ ), vector LQ<sub>V</sub> ( $S = 1$ )
- decays into  $\ell q$   
⇒ carries L, B, color  
⇒ fractional charge
- coupling  $\lambda_{\ell q}$
- simplified models restrict to up or down type:

$$\begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LQ}_3^u \rightarrow t\nu, b\tau, \quad Q = +\frac{2}{3} \\ \text{LQ}_3^d \rightarrow t\tau, b\nu, \quad Q = -\frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

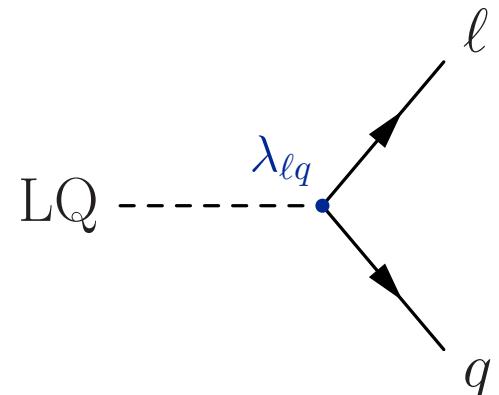
- branching parameter  $\beta$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(\text{LQ} \rightarrow q\ell^\pm) &= \beta \\ \mathcal{B}(\text{LQ} \rightarrow q'\nu) &= 1 - \beta \end{aligned}$$

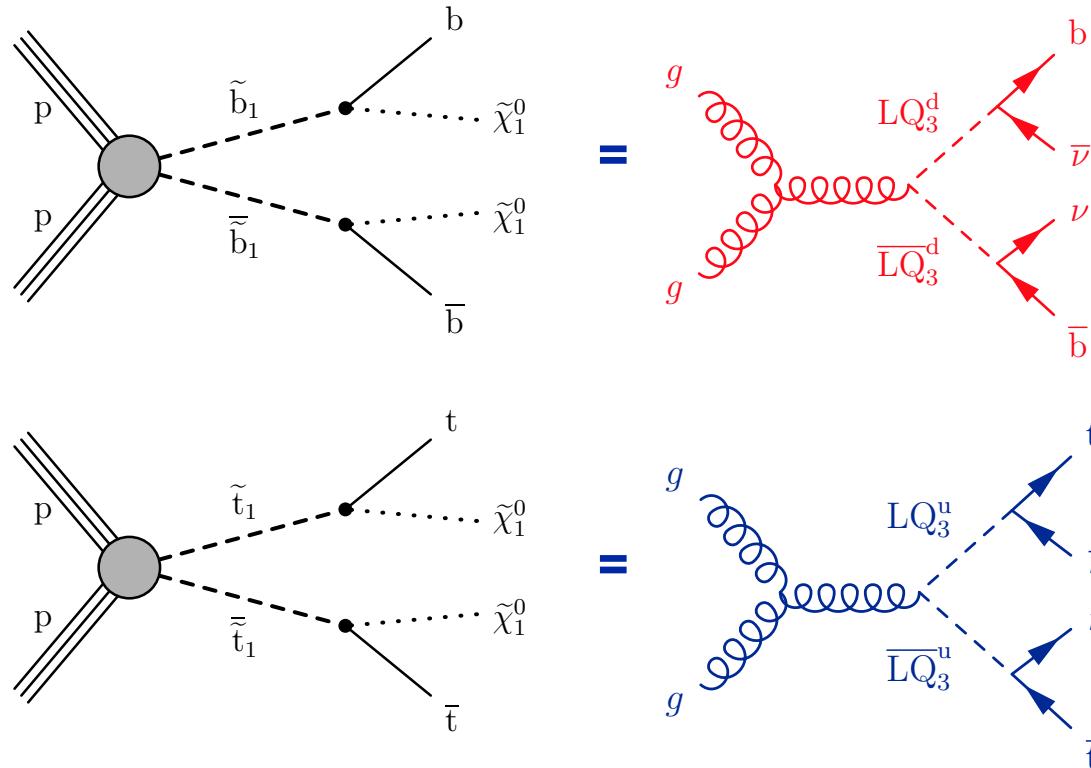
typical benchmarks  $\beta = 0, 0.5, 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LQ}_3^u \overline{\text{LQ}}_3^u &\rightarrow t\nu t\nu, t\nu b\tau, b\tau b\tau \\ \text{LQ}_3^d \overline{\text{LQ}}_3^d &\rightarrow t\tau t\tau, t\tau b\nu, b\nu b\nu \end{aligned}$$



# $LQ_3 LQ_3 \rightarrow bv\bar{b}v, tv\bar{t}v$

reinterpret stop & sbottom searches with  $\geq 2$  jets + MET:

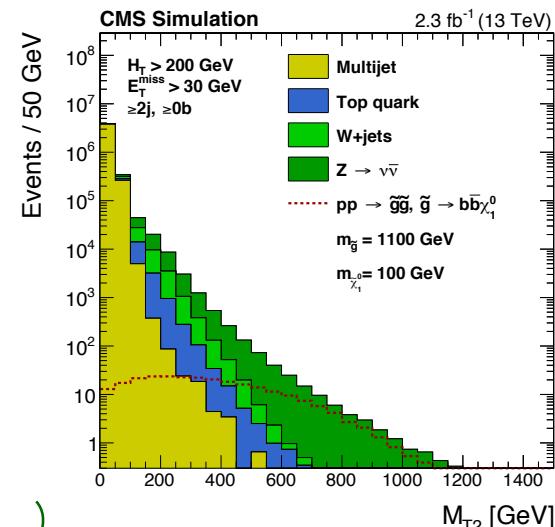
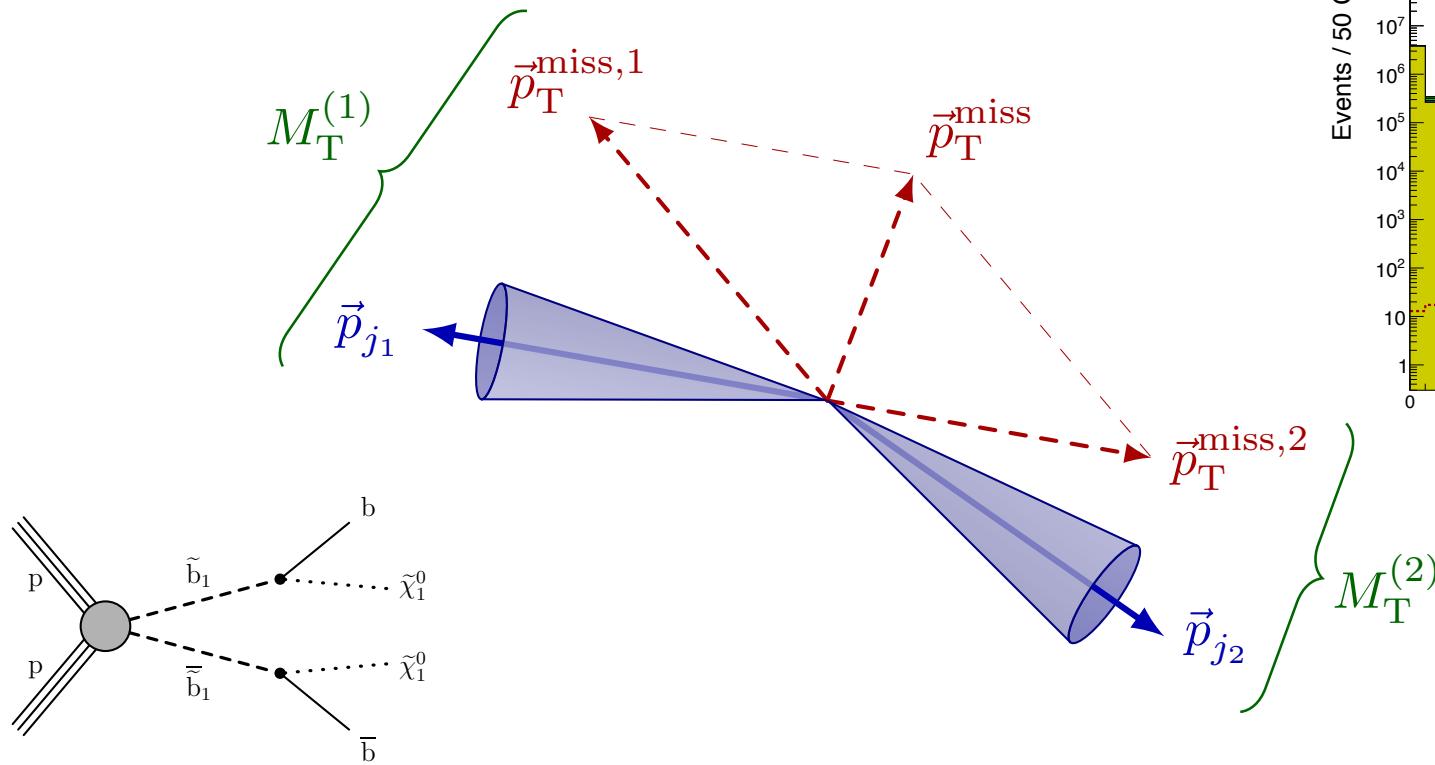


$$M_{T2} = \min_{\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss},1} + \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss},2} = \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \left[ \max \left( M_T^{(1)}, M_T^{(2)} \right) \right]$$

# $LQ_3 LQ_3 \rightarrow bv\bar{b}v, tv\bar{t}v$

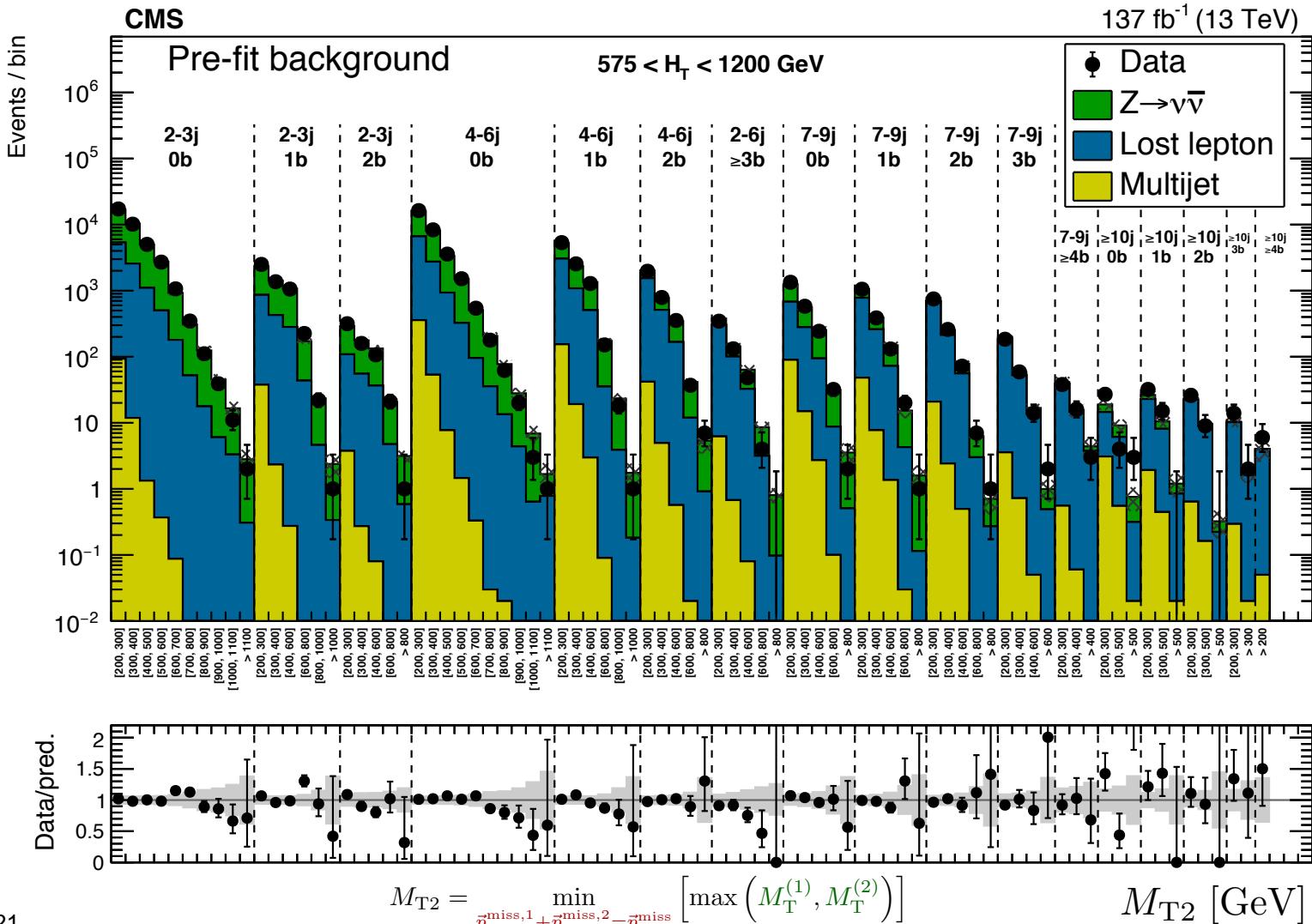
- select events with **≥2 jets**, large  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ ,  $H_T > 250 \text{ GeV}$
- cluster visible objects into 2 large pseudo-jets
- decompose  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  to minimize

$$M_{T2} = \min_{\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss},1} + \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss},2} = \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \left[ \max \left( M_T^{(1)}, M_T^{(2)} \right) \right]$$

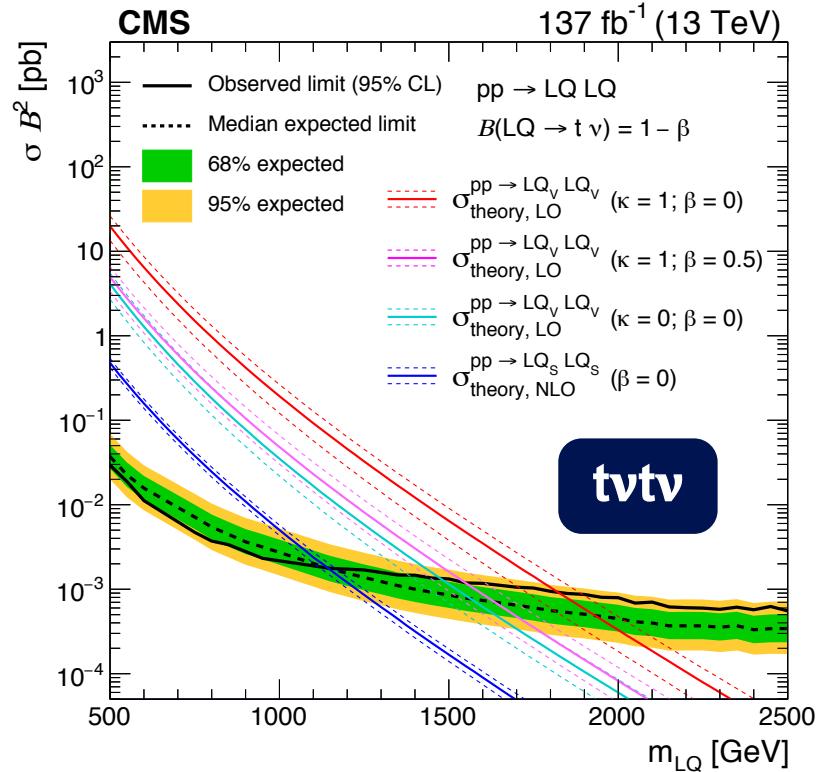
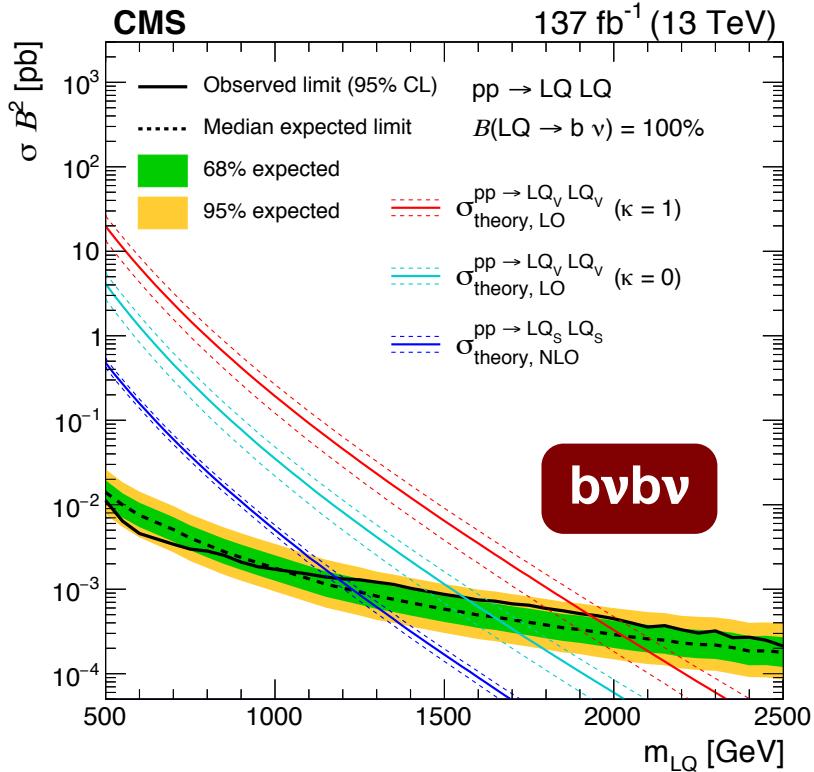


# LQ<sub>3</sub>LQ<sub>3</sub> → bvbv, tvtv strategy

- select 2 jets, veto charged lepton,  $\tau_h$
- fit  $M_{T2}$  in many bins of #jets, b tags,  $H_T$



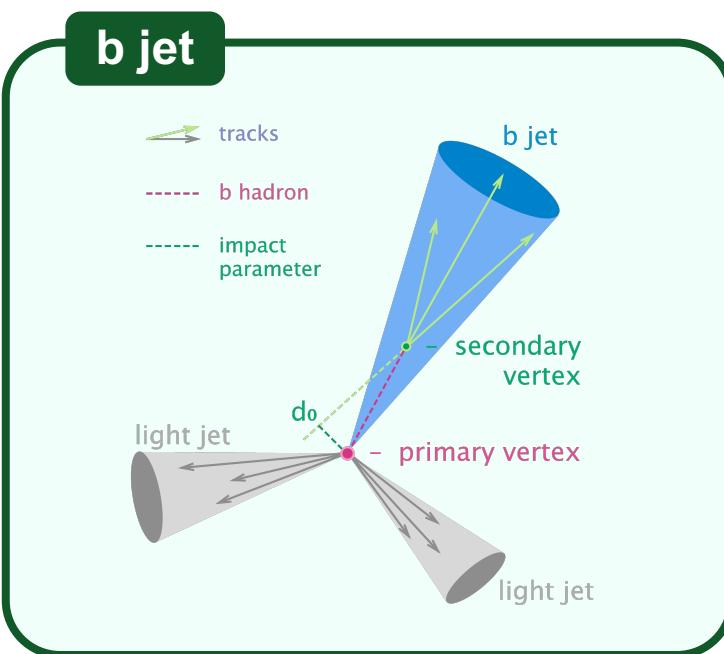
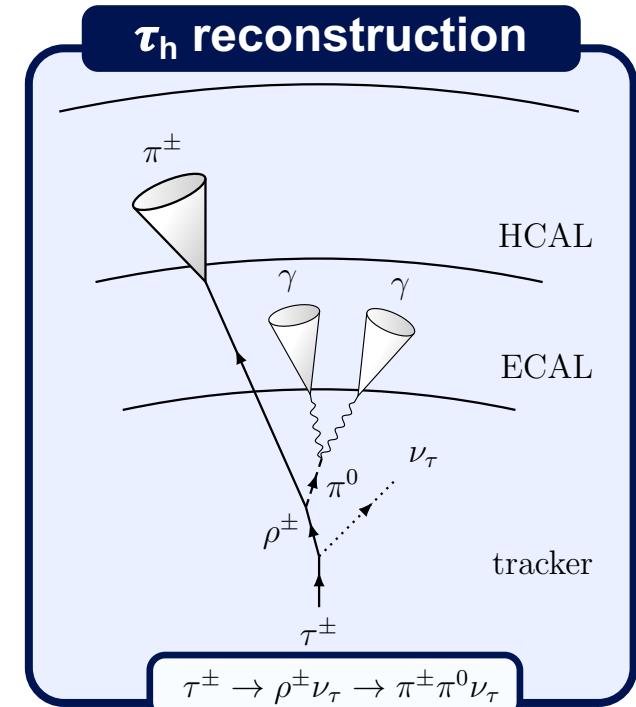
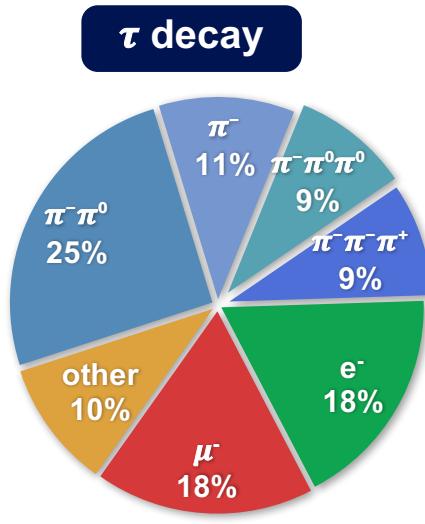
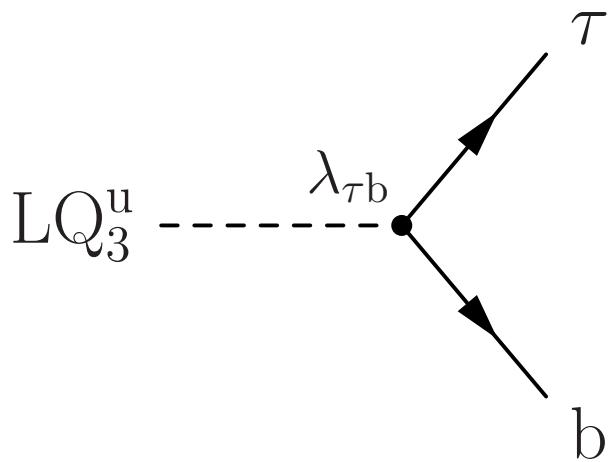
# LQ<sub>3</sub>LQ<sub>3</sub> → bvbv, tvtv results



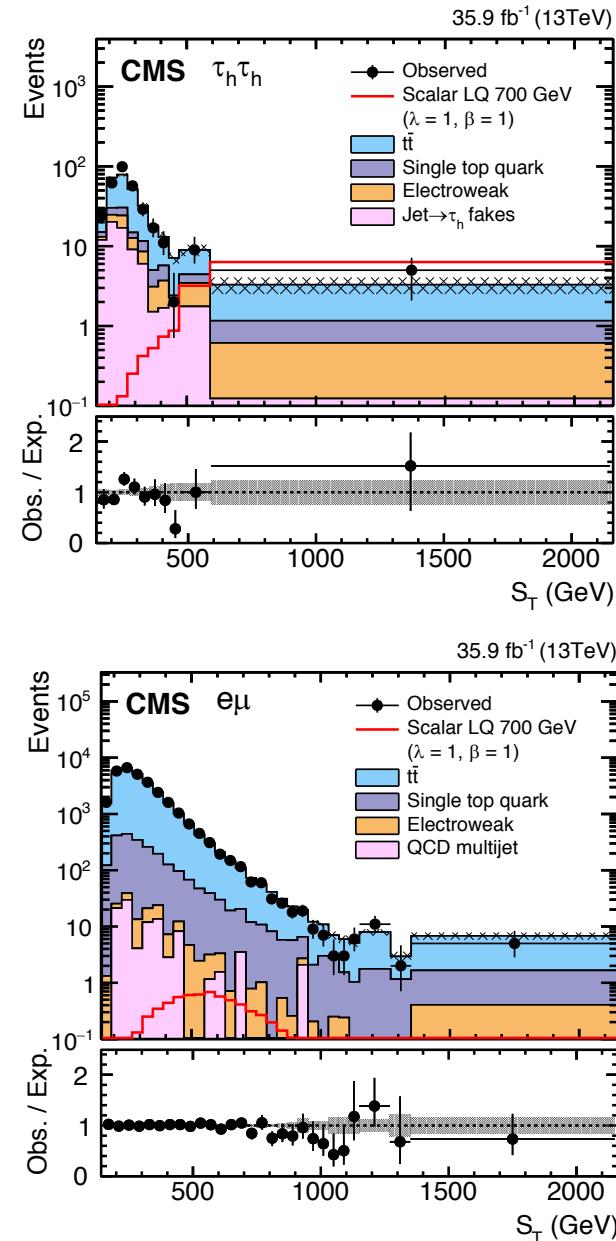
	LQ <sub>S</sub> mass [GeV]	LQ <sub>V</sub> , $\kappa = 1$ mass [GeV]	LQ <sub>V</sub> , $\kappa = 0$ mass [GeV]
LQ <sub>i</sub> → qν (q = u, d, s, or c)	1140	1980	1560
LQ <sub>3</sub> <sup>d</sup> → bν	1185	1925	1560
LQ <sub>3</sub> <sup>u</sup> → tν	1140	1825	1475
LQ <sub>3</sub> <sup>u</sup> → { tν ( $\mathcal{B} = 50\%$ ) bτ ( $\mathcal{B} = 50\%$ ) }	—	1550	1225

strongest constraints on  
scalar & vector production  
through pair production

# $LQ_3^u \rightarrow b\tau$ reconstruction

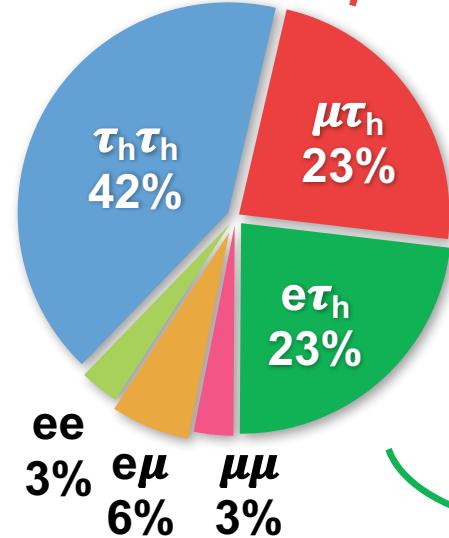


# $LQ_3 \rightarrow b\tau$ single production

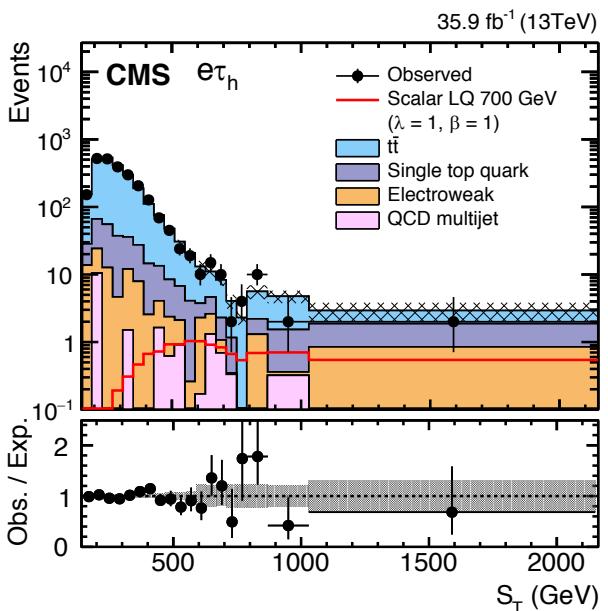
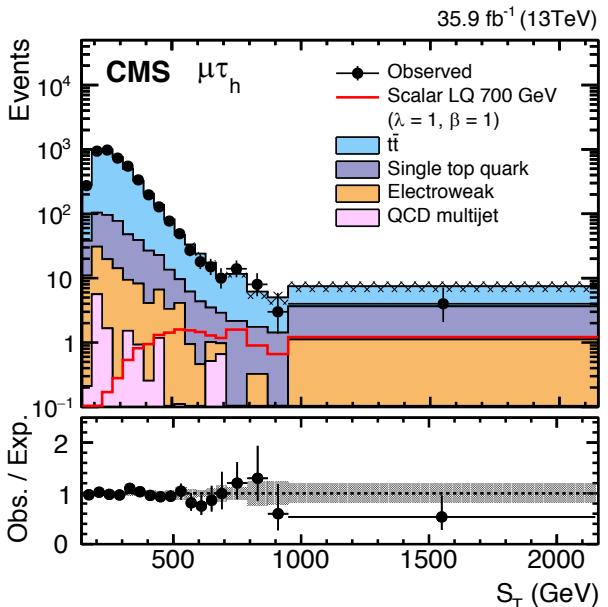


require 1 b jet +  $\tau\tau$   
fit “scalar sum  $p_T$ ”

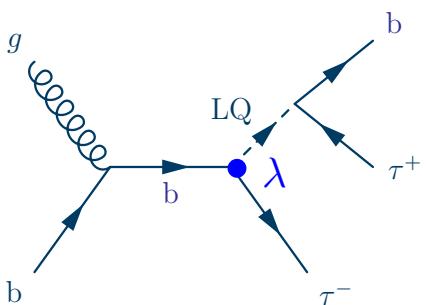
$$S_T = p_T^{\tau_{\text{vis}}^1} + p_T^{\tau_{\text{vis}}^2} + p_T^j$$



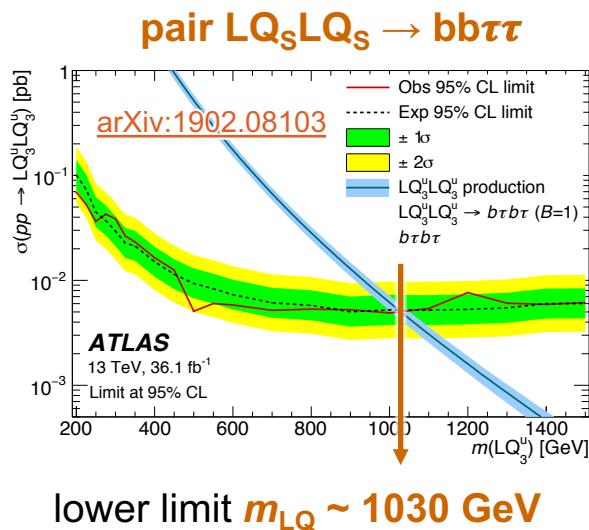
$e\mu$  control region to  
constrain uncertainties



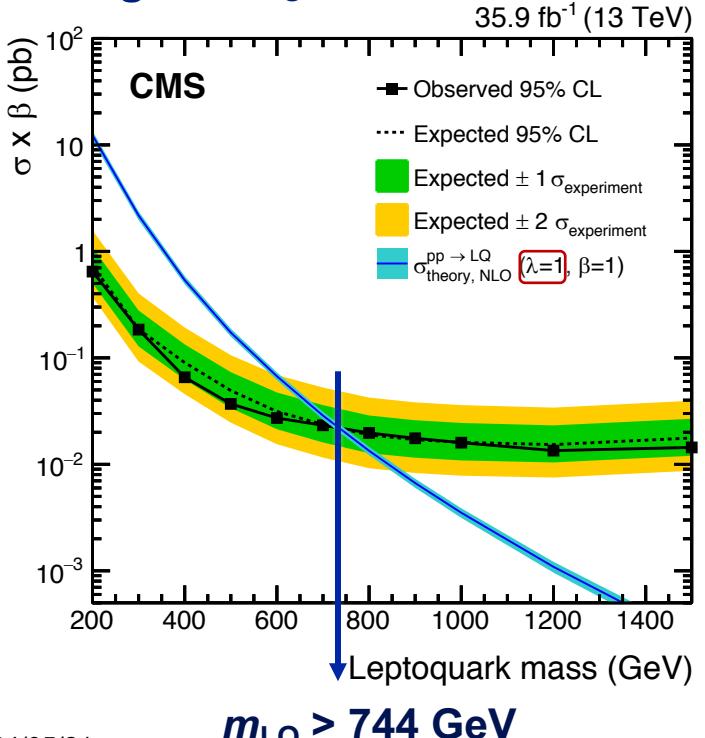
# $LQ_3 \rightarrow b\tau$ upper limits



single production becomes more important at high couplings:  $\sigma(\tau LQ) \sim \lambda^2$

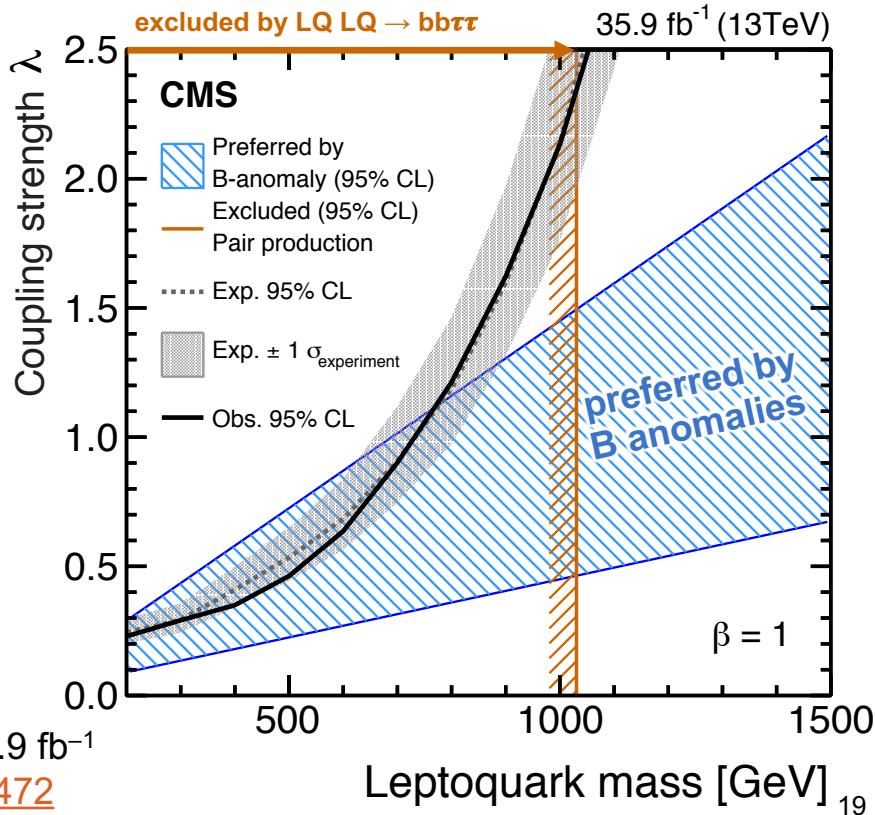


## single $\tau LQ_3 \rightarrow b\tau\tau$

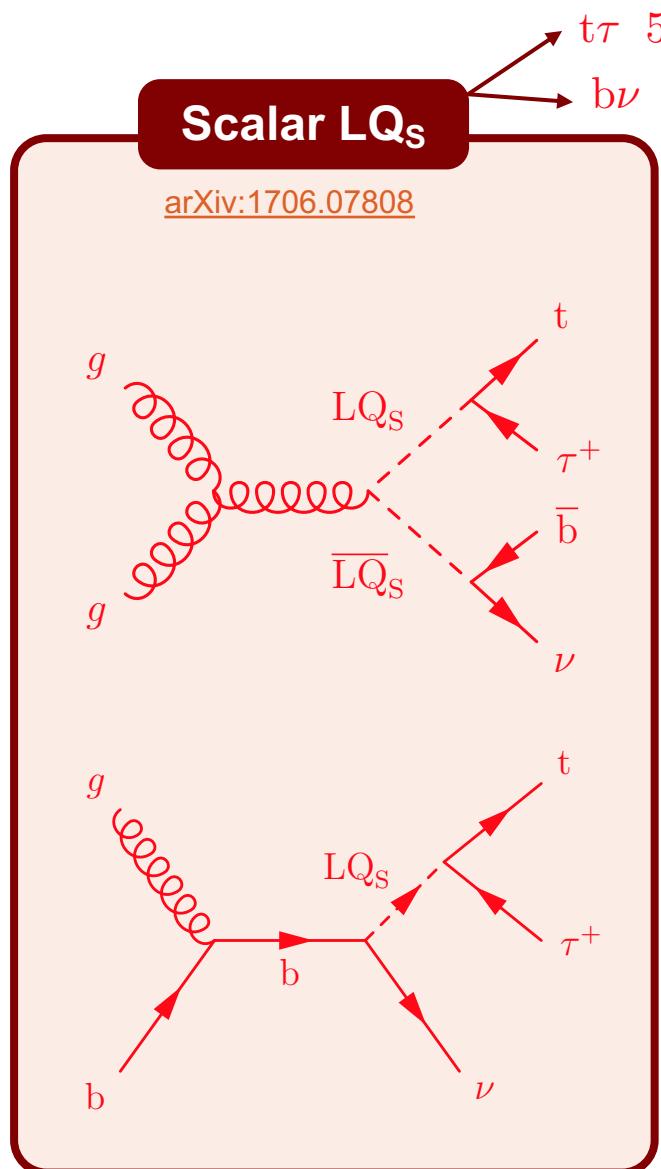


$$\sigma(\tau LQ) \sim \lambda^2$$

scalar,  $\beta = 1$ ,  $35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
[arXiv1806.03472](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.03472)



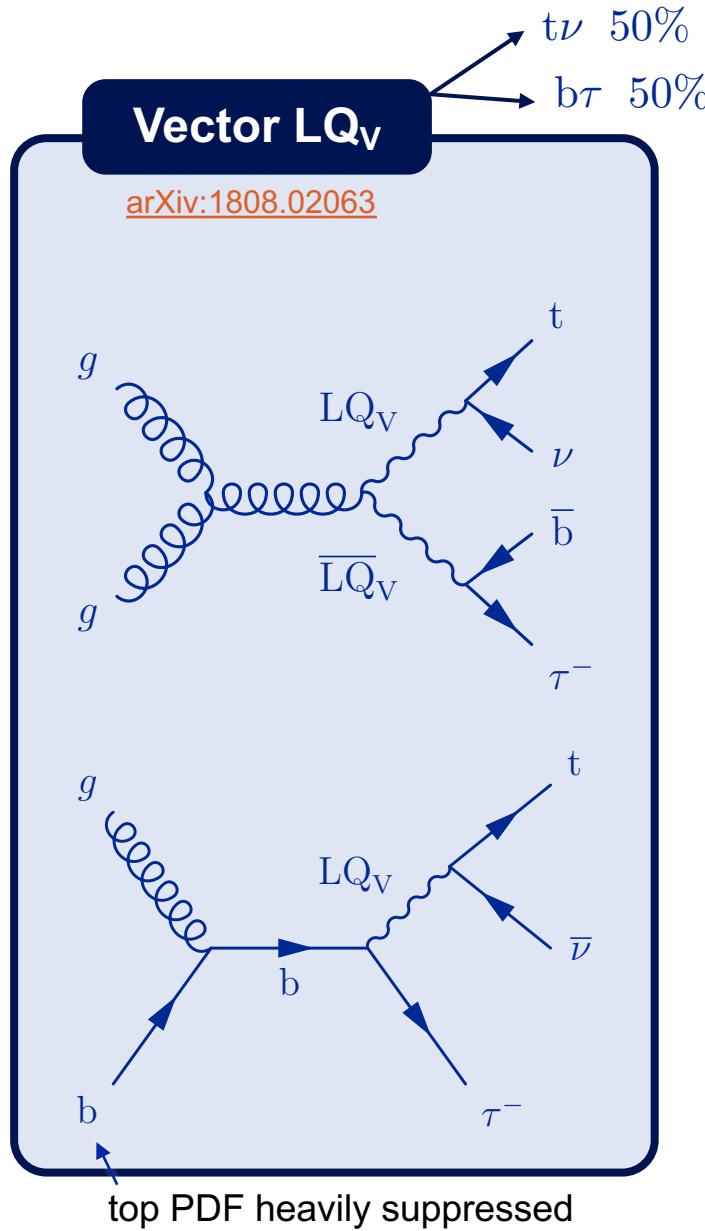
# $\text{LQ}_3\text{LQ}_3 \rightarrow \text{tvb}\tau / \text{t}\tau\text{bv}$



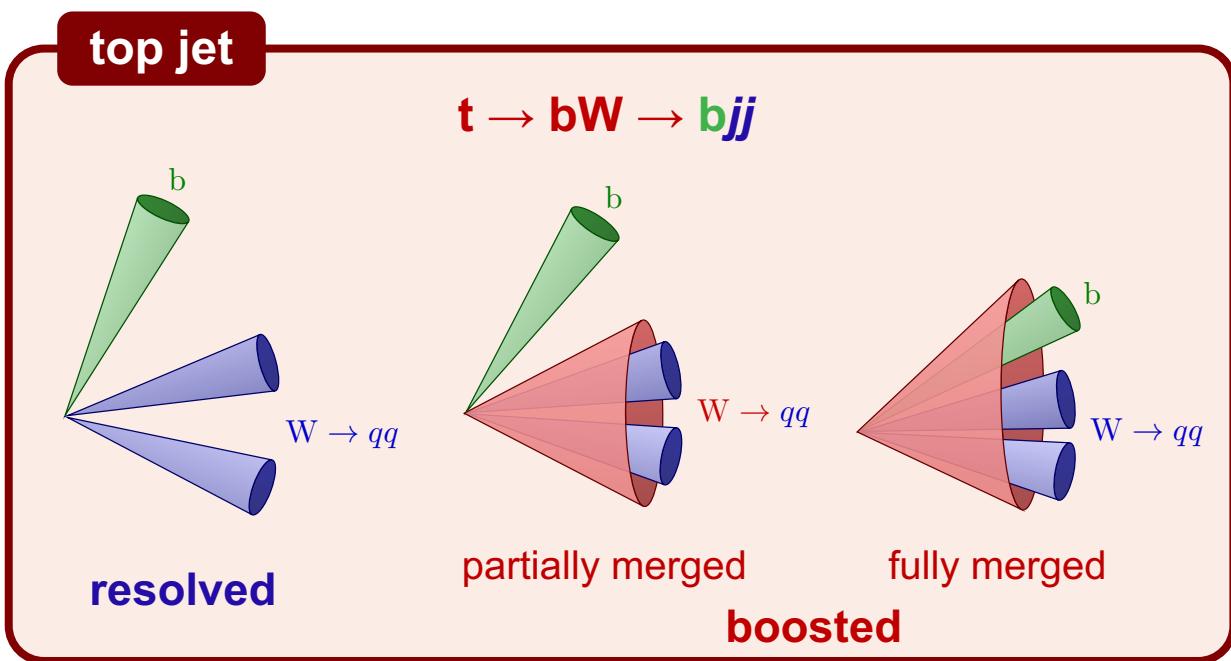
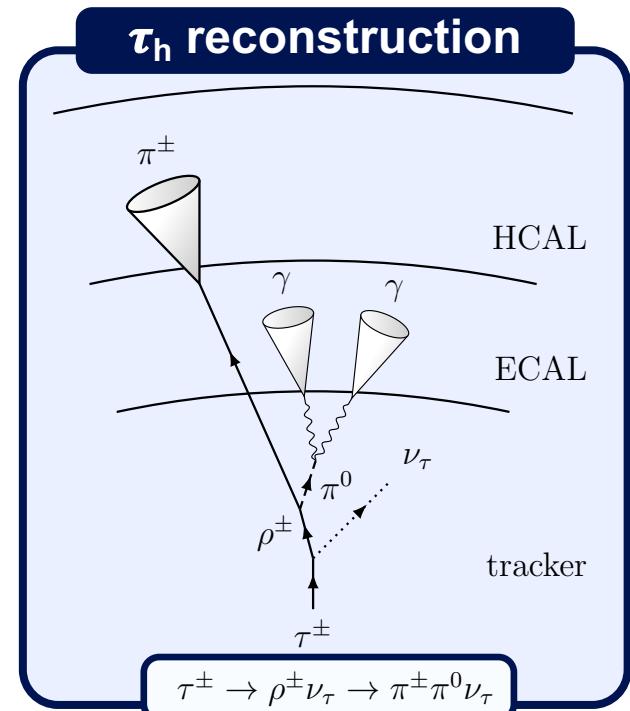
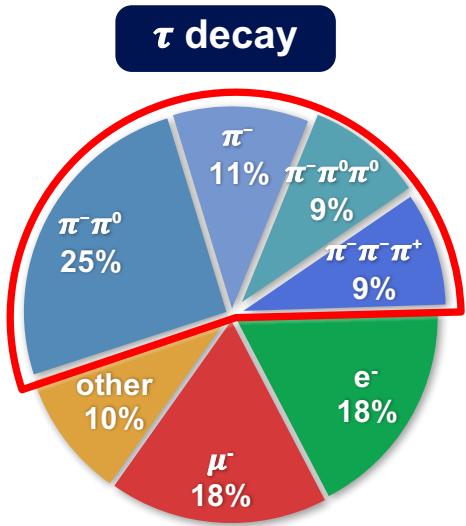
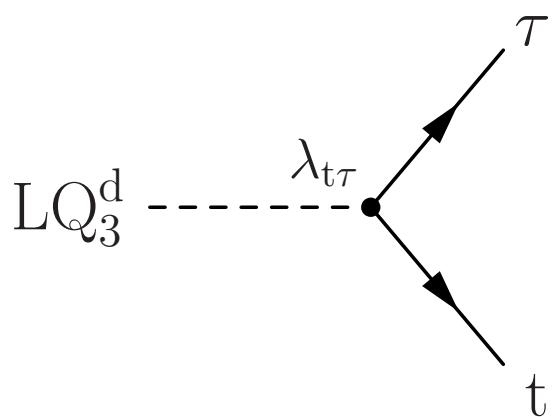
**pair final state  
 **$\text{tvb}\tau$****

**single final state  
 **$\text{tv}(b)\tau$****

gluon splitting

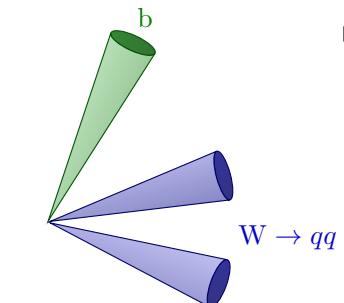


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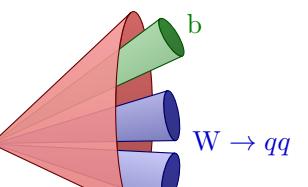
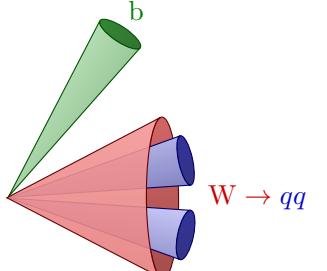
# $LQ_3 LQ_3 \rightarrow tvb\tau / t\tau bv$ strategy

- reconstruct  $\tau$  lepton in fully hadronic final state
  - reconstruct top in fully hadronic final state:
    - resolved**: 3 AK4 jets
    - boosted**, partially merged
    - boosted**, fully merged
  - four categories:
    - two b jet categories: 1b,  $\geq 2b$
    - resolved** or **boosted** top
  - fit scalar sum  $p_T$
- $$S_T = p_T^t + p_T^{\tau_h} + p_T^{\text{miss}}$$
- single + pair is one signal

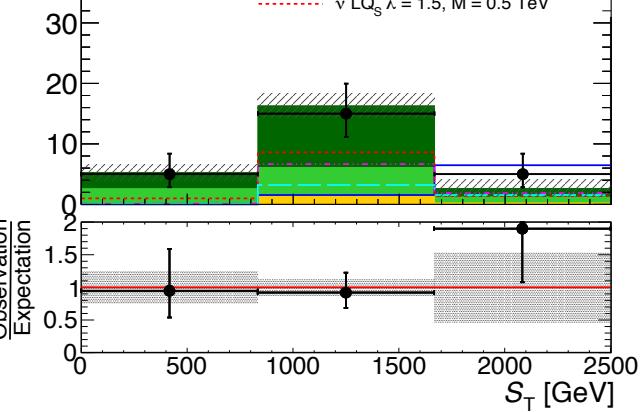
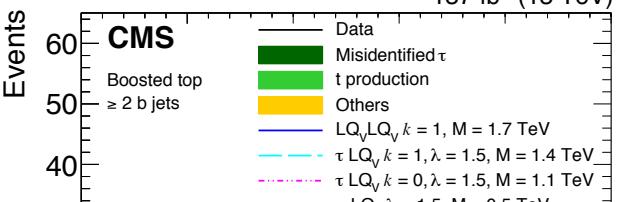
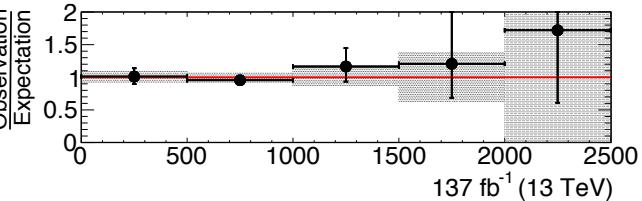
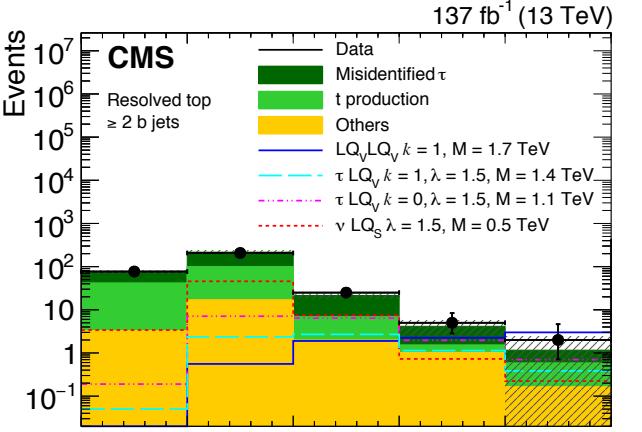


resolved top

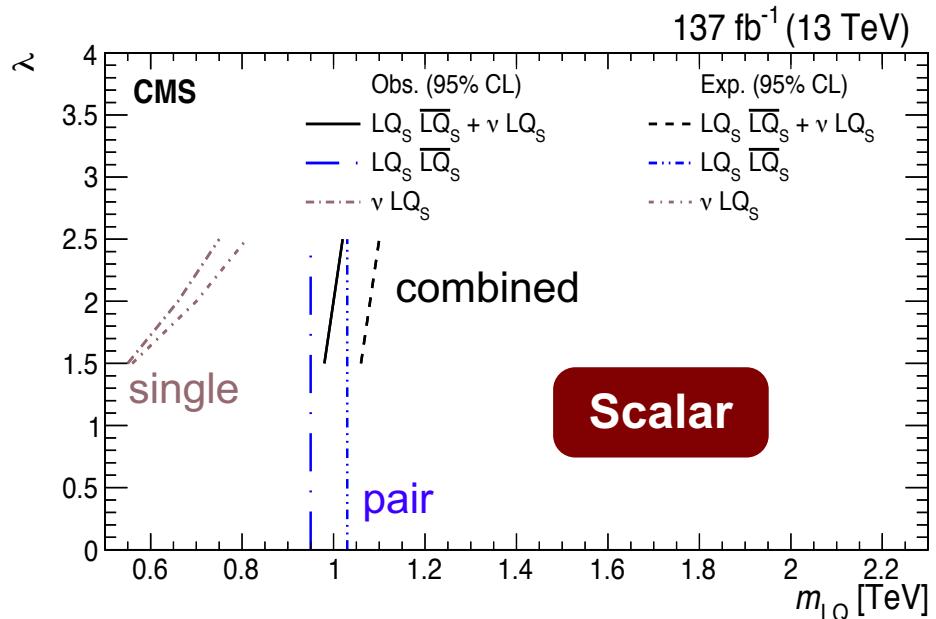
$t \rightarrow bW \rightarrow bjj$



boosted top

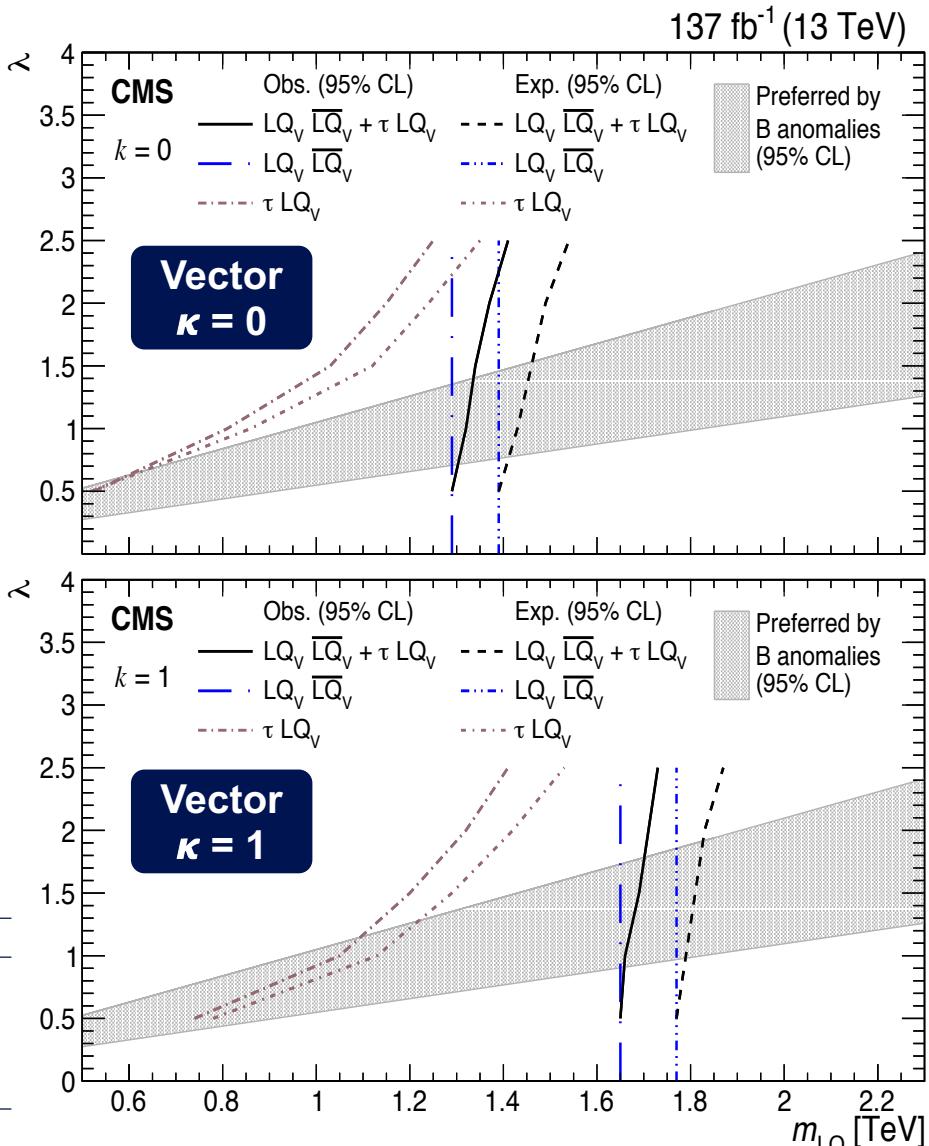


# $LQ_3 LQ_3 \rightarrow tb\bar{b}\tau / t\bar{\tau} b\bar{v}$ results



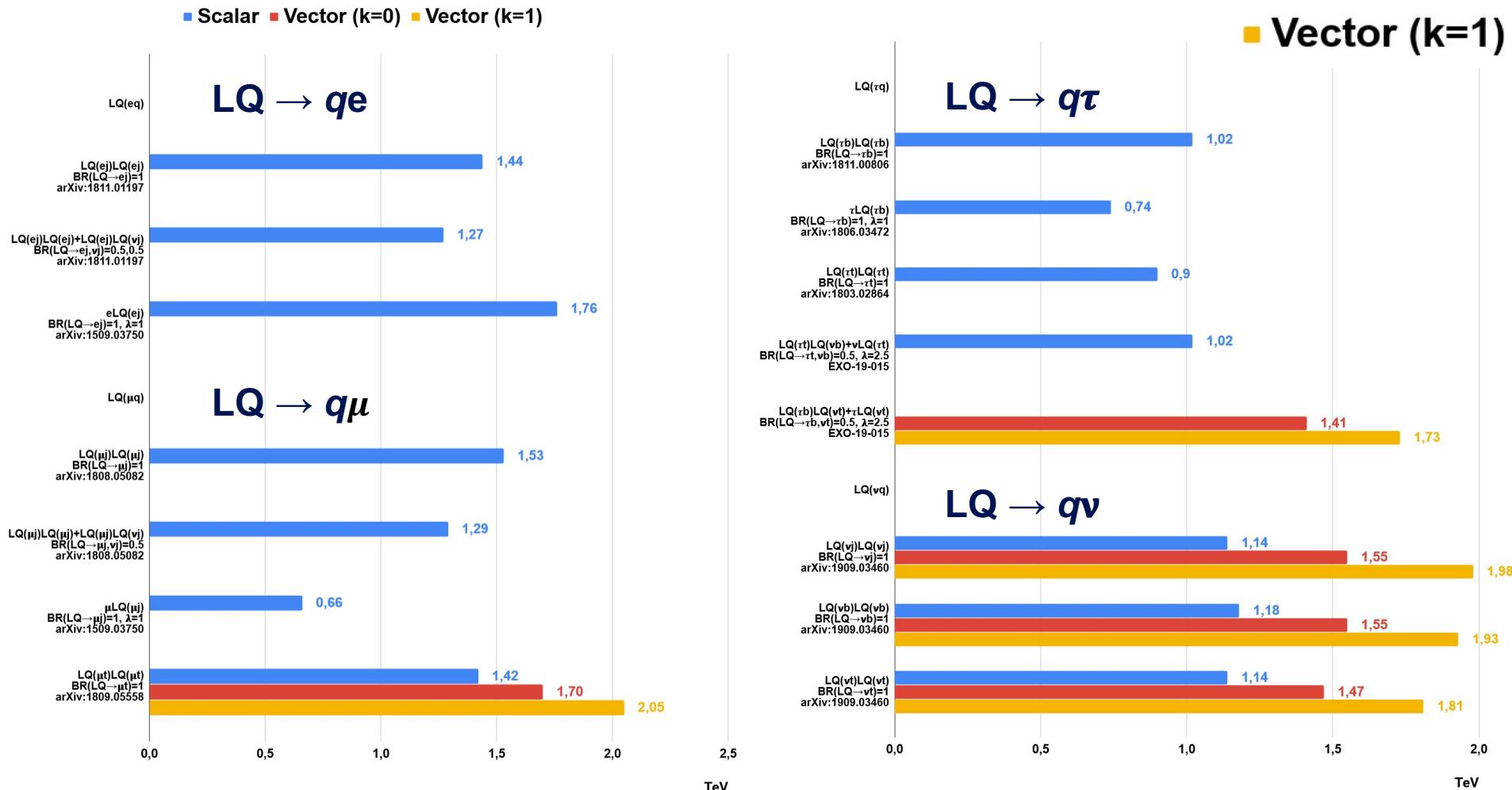
	LQ <sub>S</sub> (TeV)	
Pair	0.95 (1.03)	
	$\lambda = 1.5$	2.5
Single	0.55 (0.56)	0.75 (0.81)
Pair+Single	0.98 (1.06)	1.02 (1.10)

Obs. (Exp.)

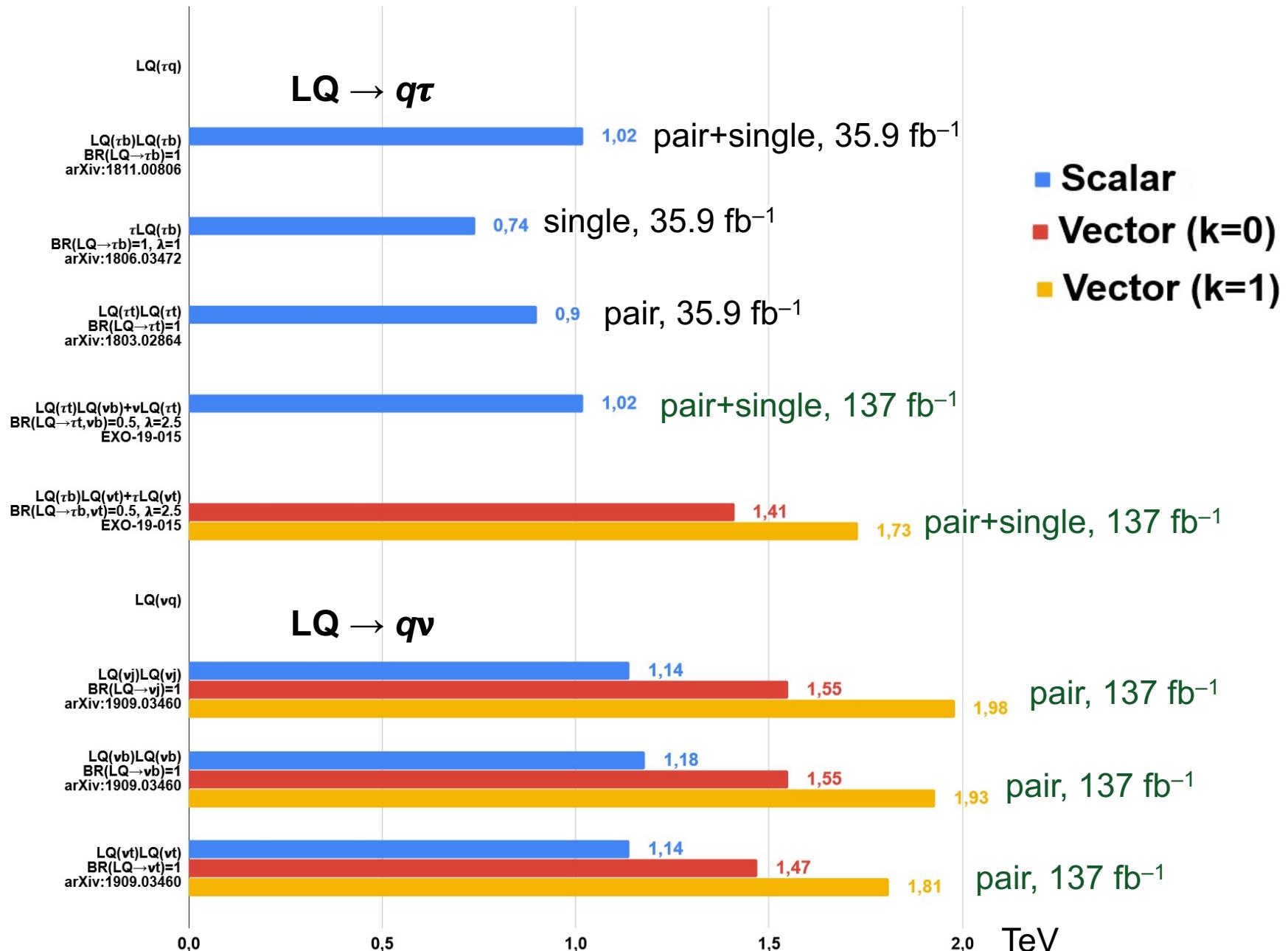


	LQ <sub>V</sub> , $k = 0$ (TeV)		LQ <sub>V</sub> , $k = 1$ (TeV)	
Pair		1.29 (1.39)		1.65 (1.77)
	$\lambda = 1.5$	2.5	1.5	2.5
Single	1.03 (1.12)	1.25 (1.35)	1.20 (1.29)	1.41 (1.53)
Pair+Single	1.34 (1.46)	1.41 (1.54)	1.69 (1.81)	1.73 (1.87)

# CMS LQ summary



# CMS LQ<sub>3</sub> summary



# **SUMMARY**

# Summary

- third-generation LQs are well motivated by theory and recent experimental results, like the B anomalies
- CMS has performed searches for several scenarios and resonant signatures
  - scalar, vector
  - single, pair production
  - $LQ \rightarrow t\nu, b\tau, \text{ or } t\tau, b\nu$
  - new results with  $137 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  probe in the  $1.5\text{--}2 \text{ TeV}$  region
- looking forward to new Run-2 results
  - vector  $LQ \rightarrow b\tau (\beta = 1)$
  - including nonresonant  $\tau\tau$  production (LQ  $t$ -channel)

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- *The Leptoquark Hunter's Guide: Large Coupling* (single +  $t$ -channel)  
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<https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.07808>
- *Revisiting the vector leptoquark explanation of the B-physics anomalies*  
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# **SUMMARY**

# LQ decay signatures at CMS

analyses often use a **parameter  $\beta$** :

$$\mathcal{B}(\text{LQ} \rightarrow q\ell) = \beta$$

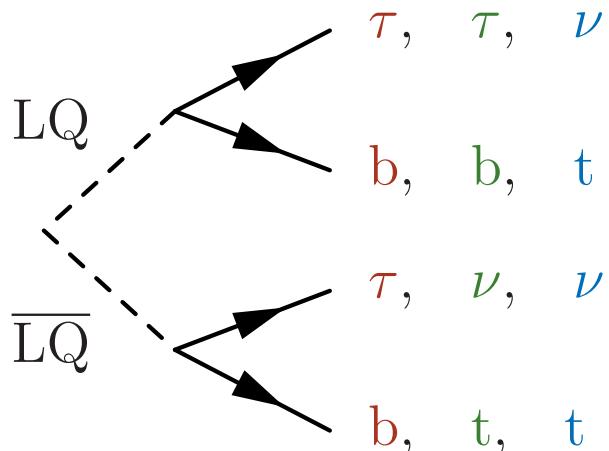
$$\mathcal{B}(\text{LQ} \rightarrow q'\nu) = 1 - \beta$$

typical benchmarks  $\beta = 0, 0.5, 1$

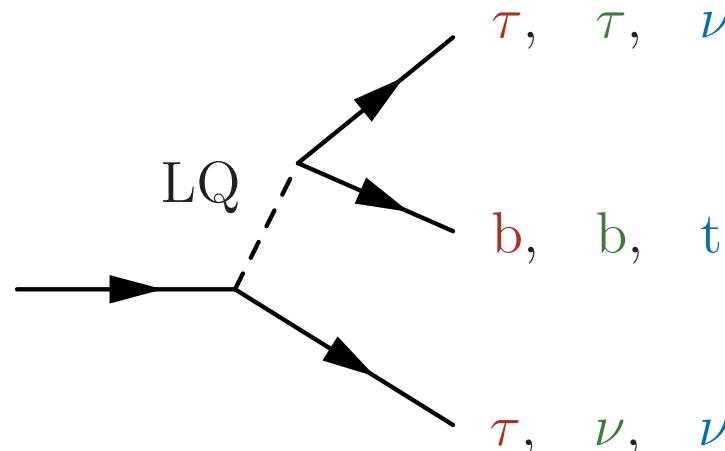
e.g. **purely third-generation LQ<sub>3</sub>**:

$$\mathcal{B}(\text{LQ}_3 \rightarrow b\tau) = \beta$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\text{LQ}_3 \rightarrow t\nu_\tau) = 1 - \beta$$



$bb\tau\tau, bt\tau\nu, tt\nu\nu$



$b\tau\tau, b\tau\nu, t\nu\nu$

# Third-generation LQ searches

$LQ \rightarrow b\tau$  coupling strength  $\lambda$   
non-minimal coupling  $\kappa$  (vector)  
 $\beta = B(LQ \rightarrow q\ell) = 1 - B(LQ \rightarrow q\nu)$

- $\beta = 0$  {
  - **LQ  $\rightarrow t\nu$**   
scalar pair (2016, arXiv:1902.08103)  
scalar/vector pair (2016, SUS-19-005)
  - **LQ  $\rightarrow b\nu$**   
scalar/vector pair (2016, SUS-19-005)
- $\beta = 0.5$  {
  - **LQ  $\rightarrow t\tau, b\nu$**   
scalar single+pair (Run 2, EXO-19-015)  
scalar pair (Run 2, ATLAS-CONF-2020-029)
  - **LQ  $\rightarrow t\nu, b\tau$**   
scalar pair (2016, arXiv:1902.08103)  
vector single+pair (Run 2, EXO-19-015)
- $\beta = 1$  {
  - **LQ  $\rightarrow b\tau$**   
scalar pair (2016, EXO-17-016)  
scalar single (2016, EXO-17-029)  
scalar pair (2016, arXiv:1902.08103)
  - **LQ  $\rightarrow t\tau$**   
scalar pair (2016, B2G-16-028)  
scalar pair (Run 2, ATLAS-CONF-2020-029)

# Single production yield & efficiency

two competing effects when  $\lambda$  is increased:

- cross section  $\sigma(\tau LQ) \sim \lambda^2$  at Breit-Wigner peak
- width increases, degrading efficiency
- pole at low mass of highly off-shell events increases yield, but degrades efficiency

