

On the Effects of Interference in BSM Production and Detection of $\tau\tau$ at the LHC

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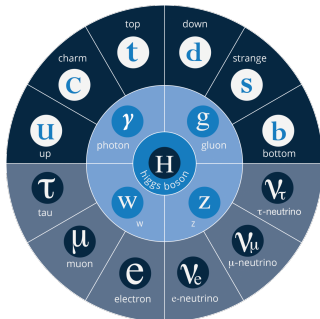
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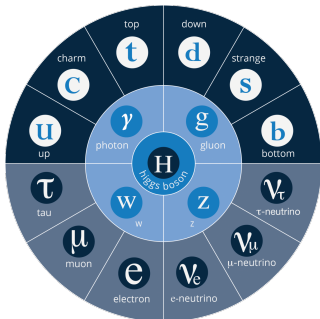
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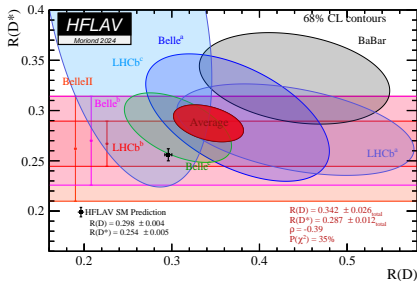


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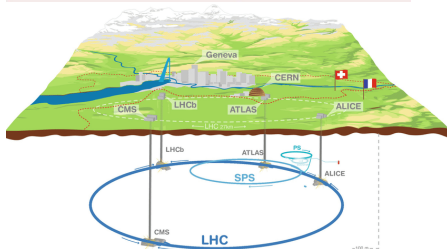
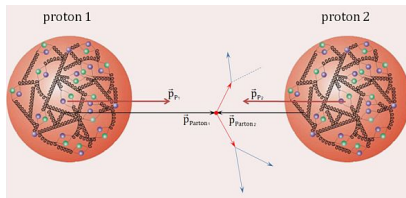
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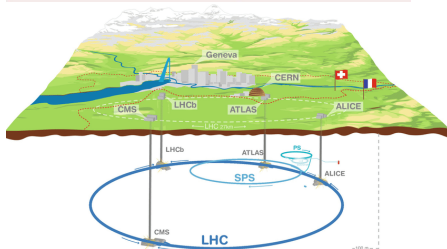
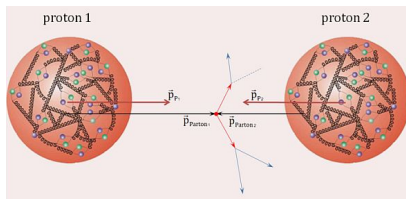
However, recent measurements of the $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$ ratios show a deviation from the SM predictions. This could be a hint of **lepton flavor violation (LFV)** and then **new physics beyond the SM**.



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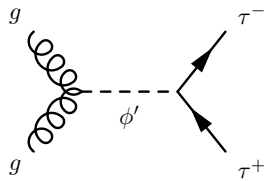
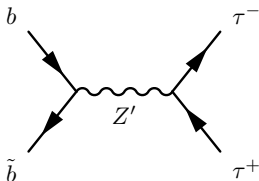


- Feasibility Studies is needed.
- Take Care on the dependence on the different parameters.
- Take care on the content of particles.
- Take care of the signal composition.
- Take care on interference effects.

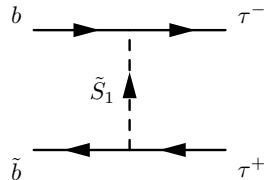
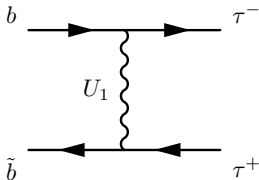
BSM Signatures on the Di-Tau Channel at the LHC

LFV and τ lepton as window to new physics

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For example, resonant ones



or non-resonant ones



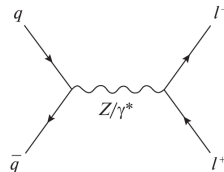
Different Models could have one or several contributions to the di-tau channel, and the **interference between them could be relevant.**

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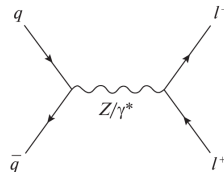


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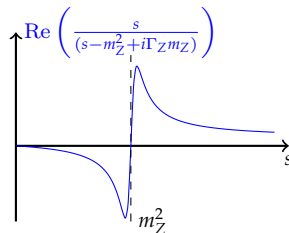
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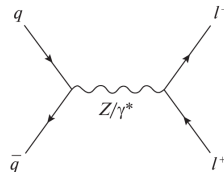


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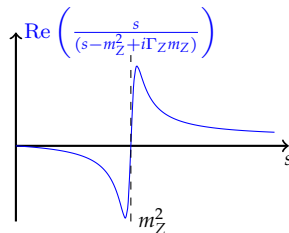
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Always that you have two or more contributions to a process, the interference between near to the resonances could be relevant.

Example: The Vector Leptoquark Model

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On the sensitivity reach of LQ production with preferential couplings to third generation fermions at the LHC

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Example: The Vector Leptoquark Model

A leptoquark is defined as a particle with a vertex that mix vectors and quarks.



If U_1 is a vector leptoquark that preserves the chirality on the vertex, we expect an interaction term like

$$\sim U_1^\mu \bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu \ell_L,$$

and these allows a similar interaction term for the right handed currents

$$\sim U_1^\mu \bar{d}_R \gamma_\mu e_R.$$

Where the SM charges for the leptoquark, in the $Y = 2(Q - T_3)$ convention, are

| | \bar{q}_L | ℓ_L^i | $\bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu \ell_L$ | U_1^μ |
|---------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| $U(1)$ | $-1/3$ | -1 | $-4/3$ | $+4/3$ |
| $SU(2)$ | $\mathbf{\bar{2}}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| $SU(3)$ | $\mathbf{\bar{3}}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{\bar{3}}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |

Then, the leptoquark $U_1 \sim (\mathbf{3}_C, \mathbf{1}_I, 4/3_Y)$, and its covariant derivative is

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu U_\nu = \left(\partial_\mu + ig_s T^a G_\mu^a + i \frac{2}{3} g' B_\mu \right) U_\nu.$$

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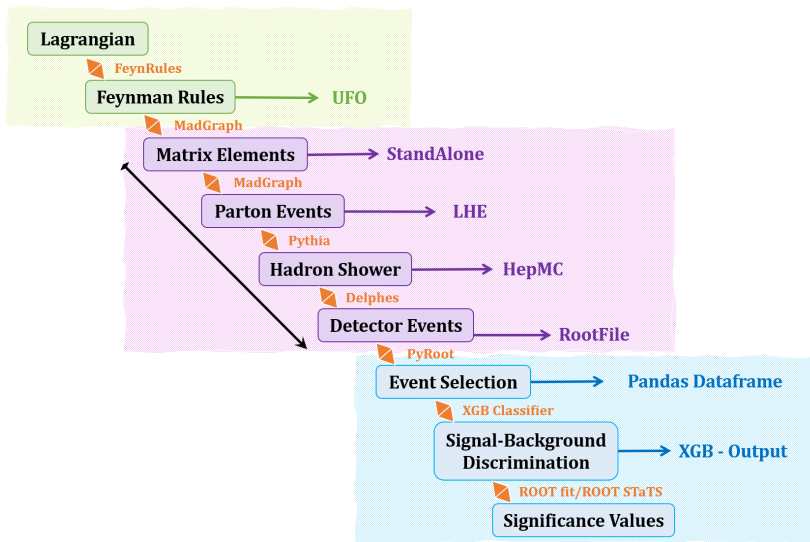
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The $\Delta F = 2$ and constraints on lepton flavor violating processes indicates an structure as

$$\beta_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \beta_L^{13} \\ 0 & 0 & \beta_L^{23} \\ 0 & \beta_L^{32} & \beta_L^{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta_R = \text{diag}(0, 0, \beta_R^{33})$$

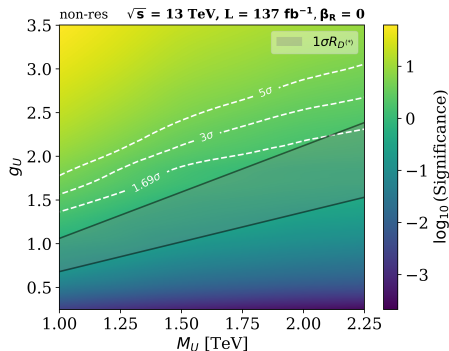
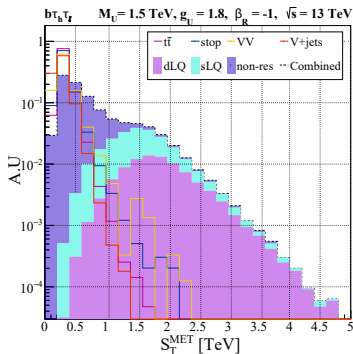
If U_1 has a gauge origin $\kappa_c = \kappa_Y = 0$. We choose $U(2)$ in quark and leptons space, in a way that you have an hierarchy, $|\beta_L^{31}| \ll |\beta_L^{23}|, |\beta_L^{32}| \ll |\beta_R^{33}|, |\beta_L^{33}| = \mathcal{O}(1)$.

Feasibility Studies Workflow



Sensitivity Reach of the U_1 Leptoquark

$$S_T^{\text{meT}} = \left| \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}} \right| + \sum_i \left| \vec{p}_T^i \right|$$



Non-resonant production is highly dependent on the couplings, so it dominates the regions of high coupling constants at all masses.

Take care, you could need a Z' boson

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we have six generators T_\pm^α with closure relation,

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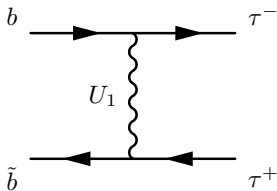
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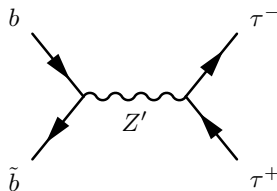
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{Z'} &= -\frac{1}{4} Z'_{\mu\nu} Z'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} M_{Z'}^2 Z'_\mu Z'^\mu \\ &\quad + \frac{g_{Z'}}{2\sqrt{6}} Z'_\mu \left(\zeta_q^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i \gamma_\mu q_L^j + \zeta_u^{ij} \bar{u}_R^i \gamma_\mu u_R^j + \zeta_d^{ij} \bar{d}_R^i \gamma_\mu d_R^j - 3\zeta_\ell^{ij} \bar{\ell}_L^i \gamma_\mu \ell_L^j - 3\zeta_e^{ij} \bar{e}_R^i \gamma_\mu e_R^j \right), \end{aligned}$$

Interference with a Z' vector boson

Non-Resonant Production (leptoquarks) Resonant Production (neutral bosons)



$$\mathcal{M}_{U_1} \sim \frac{1}{t - m_{U_1}^2 + im_{U_1}\Gamma_{U_1}}, \quad (1)$$



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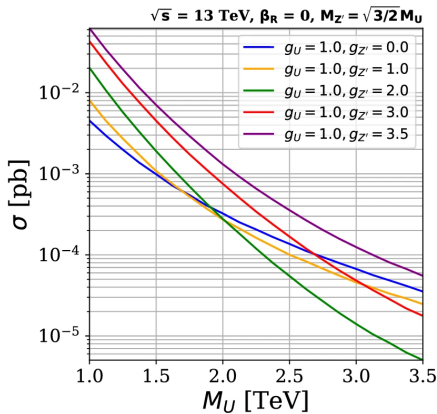
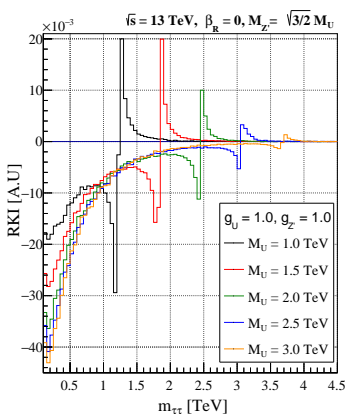
$$\mathcal{M}_{Z'} \sim \frac{1}{s - m_{Z'}^2 + im_{Z'}\Gamma_{Z'}}, \quad (2)$$

the interference has the form

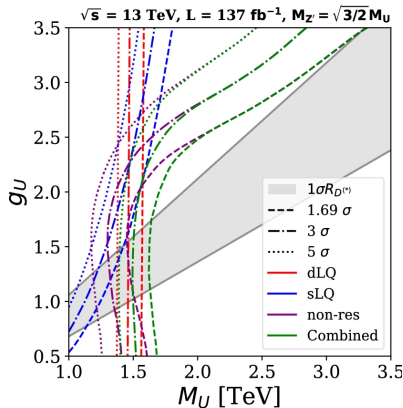
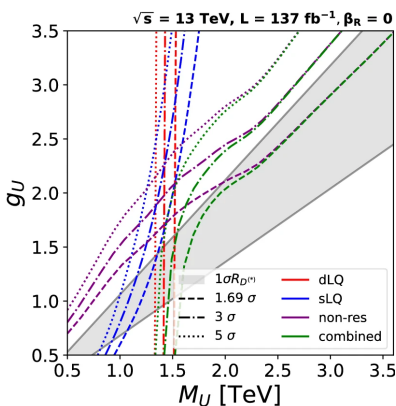
$$\sim \frac{m_{LQ}m_{Z'}\Gamma_{LQ}\Gamma_{Z'} - (t - m_{LQ}^2)(s - m_{Z'}^2)}{\left[(t - m_{LQ}^2)^2 + m_{LQ}^2\Gamma_{LQ}^2 \right] \left[(s - m_{Z'}^2)^2 + m_{Z'}^2\Gamma_{Z'}^2 \right]}.$$

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$$\frac{d}{dm} \left[\sigma_{LQ+Z'} - \left(\sigma_{LQ} + \sigma_{Z'} \right) \right] \sim \frac{g_{Z'} g_U}{s} \frac{m_{LQ} m_{Z'} \Gamma_{LQ} \Gamma_{Z'} - (t - m_{LQ}^2)(s - m_{Z'}^2)}{\left[(t - m_{LQ}^2)^2 + m_{LQ}^2 \Gamma_{LQ}^2 \right] \left[(s - m_{Z'}^2)^2 + m_{Z'}^2 \Gamma_{Z'}^2 \right]}.$$



Effects on the Sensitivity reach



Final Remarks

- We showed that LFV could be a window to new physics that could be explored at the LHC in searches with final states with *tau* leptons.
- It is necessary to consider possible interferences when looking for excesses in the ditau channel that can significantly affect the sensitivity of the different parameter spaces.
- Different models, in particular gauge models, have compressed mass sectors of newly physical particles that can be extremely susceptible to interference in different production mechanisms.
- Fingerprints in the two-taus channel can inherit information from the spin of the new physics mediator, so polarization studies of each model and the associated interference effects may also be relevant.