



Theoretical Physics: Directions

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 - Walter Giele
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 - Boris Kayser
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 - Stephen Parke
 - Chris Quigg
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 - Peter Skands (2/2007)
 - Patrick Fox (10/2007)
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 - Richard Hill ('05)
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 - Kyoungchul Kong ('06)
 - Jack Laiho ('04)
 - Enrico Lunghi ('05)
 - Rakhi Mahbubani ('06)
 - José Santiago ('04)
 - Ruth Van de Water ('05)
 - (Skands)



Theoretical Physics Group

- Associated colleagues:
 - Carl Albright (ex-NIU)
 - André de Gouvea (NU)
 - Elizabeth Freeland (SAIC)
 - Wai-Yee Keung (UIC)
 - Stephen Martin (NIU)
 - Stephen Mrenna (CD)
 - Jim Simone (CD)
 - Tim Tait (ANL)
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 - Frank Petriello (1-5/06)
 - JoAnne Hewett (3-4/07)
 - Matthias Neubert (7-9/07)
 - Mariano Quirós (10-11/07)
- Alumni:
 - Mu-Chun Chen -> UC Irvine
 - Olga Mena -> Roma I
- Upcoming departures:
 - Laiho -> Washington U.
 - Santiago -> ETH Zürich
- Incoming postdocs:
 - Yang Bai <- Yale
 - Jon Bailey <- Wash. U.
 - Jan Winter <- Dresden
- Latin American Students:
 - Boris Panes (Chile)
 - Juan Racker (Argentina)



Community Service

- American Physical Society
 - DPF: Lykken (Past Chair), Kayser (Chair-Elect), Kronfeld (ExecCom), Carena (NomCom, Outreach)
 - APS: Bardeen (candidate for APS presidency), Carena (CISA)
- Agency advisory committees
 - HEPAP: Lykken
 - P5: Carena, Kayser
 - Other subpanels: Kayser, Lykken, ...
- Institutional advisory committees
 - Aspen Center for Physics: Carena, Lykken
 - KITP Board: Lykken
 - Fermilab PAC: Kayser
- Fermilab-CERN Hadron Collider Physics Summer School
 - Dobrescu



Community Service (2)

- ILC Policy
 - Kronfeld (WWS-OC, Fermilab ILC Task Force, ...)
- Neutrino Physics Policy
 - Kayser (all possible panels), Parke, Mena
- Lattice QCD Policy
 - USQCD: Mackenzie (ExecCom), Kronfeld (SPC Chair)
 - DOE SciDAC, US NSF, KEK (Japan): Mackenzie
- Education
 - IMSA Board: Quigg
- Editorial
 - Annual Review of Nuclear and Particle Science: Kayser
- International conference advising and convening duties
 - All & too numerous to mention



Laboratory Service

- Academic Lectures (to educate on-site grad students)
 - Organization: Carena, Becher, Kronfeld, Quigg, ...
 - Lectures: Quigg, Kayser, Parke, Ellis, Giele, Lunghi, Becher, Kronfeld; Langacker, Plunkett, Dodelson, Cabrera, Green, Berryhill, Herndon
- Fermilab Seminars
 - Colloquium: Dobrescu (w/ many others)
 - Joint Experimental-Theoretical Physics: Becher, Giele
 - Theoretical Physics: Kronfeld, Skands
- Scientific Committees at Fermilab
 - FCSA: Eichten
 - Scientist III committee: Bardeen
 - Wilson Fellows: Quigg -> Kronfeld
 - URA (now FRA?) thesis award: Dobrescu
 - Awards: Quigg
 - Joint Appointments with nearby universities
 - Lab policy: Hill
 - Search with University of Chicago: Bardeen, Ellis, Kronfeld



Conferences and Workshops (@ Fermilab)

- Monte Carlo Tools for Beyond-the-Standard Model Physics
 - Skands
- USQCD Collaboration Meeting
 - Kronfeld
- Joint Fermilab-CERN Hadron Collider Physics Summer School
 - Dobrescu
- The LHC Early Phase for the ILC Workshop
 - Carena
- LoopFest VI: Radiative Corrections for the LHC and ILC
 - Ellis, Giele
- Neutrino Physics Summer School (2007)
 - Kayser



Cosmological Connections

- Scientific collaboration with colleagues in the Theoretical Astrophysics Group has always been healthy:
 - Classic papers: Hill & Schramm; Frieman, Hill, Stebbins, Waga
 - Neutrino cosmology: Barenboim, Mena, Quigg
 - Modified gravity: Mena, Santiago, and Weller (2005)
 - WIMPs at colliders: Carena, Hooper, Skands (2006)

- Pizza nights

- Grudge matches
 - Soccer
 - (American) football
 - Softball
 - Basketball (Bardeen was unavailable)

- Computational Cosmology Task Force
 - Includes lattice theorist and lattice computing experts



Lattice QCD

- Major theoretical and computational effort
 - Three senior scientists: Kronfeld, Mackenzie, Simone (CD); computing support from Holmgren, Singh, ...
 - Typically two postdocs: Van de Water and Laiho -> Bailey.
 - Fermilab Lattice Collaboration at Fermilab, UIUC, DePaul, SAIC
 - Collaboration of Collaborations with MILC Collaboration
 - Cooperation with HPQCD Collaboration

- USQCD hardware Project
 - PC clusters, funded by DOE-HEP and DOE-NP
 - \$9.2 M over FYs '06-'09.
 - Earlier DOE-funded QCDOC (FYs '04, '05; HEP, NP, SciDAC, ASCR).
 - Lab infrastructure from Fermilab, JLab, BNL.
 - Fermilab physics projects within USQCD:
 - B and D Meson Decays: 10% -> 13% of USQCD resources
 - Quarkonium Physics: 3.2% -> 4.5%
 - B_K with mixed action (Laiho, Van de Water): 2.9% -> 6.0%



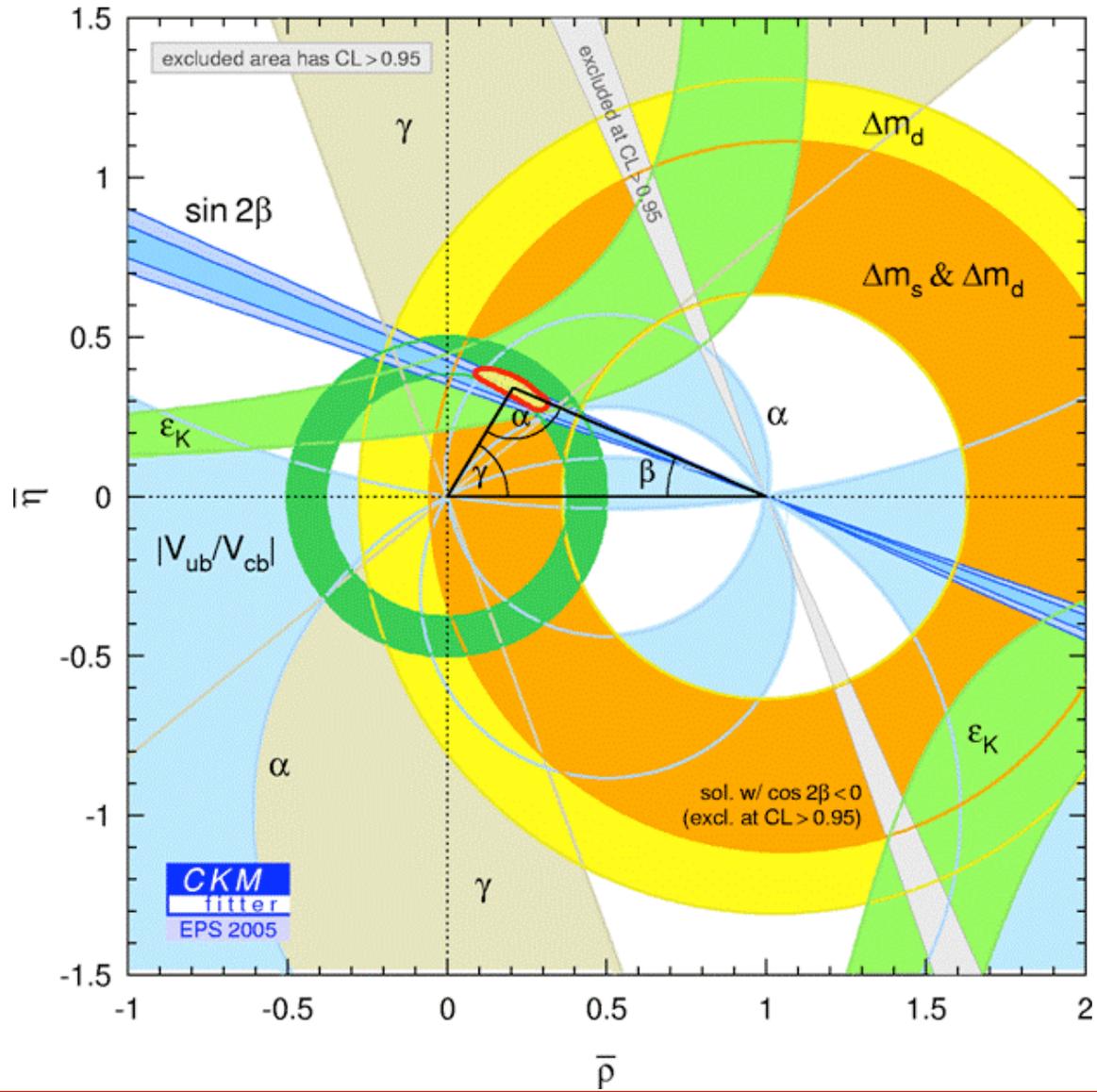
Lattice Status

- Benjamín Grinstein at CKM 2006 (December in Nagoya):
 - "I'll believe a 3% lattice [QCD] theory error when the lattice has produced one successful prediction and several 3% postdictions."
- Nine 1-3% postdictions in March 2003 from HPQCD, MILC, and Fermilab Lattice Collaborations. PRL.
- Predictions of D meson semileptonic decays in August 2004; mass of B_c meson in November 2004; and D meson leptonic decay in June 2005. (All PRL.) Verified by FOCUS, Belle, CLEO; CDF; CLEO, BaBar....
- Hardest part: sea quarks
 - Successful post- and predictions with fastest approach to sea quarks; other (theoretically cleaner) methods making strides.



Lattice Flavor Physics

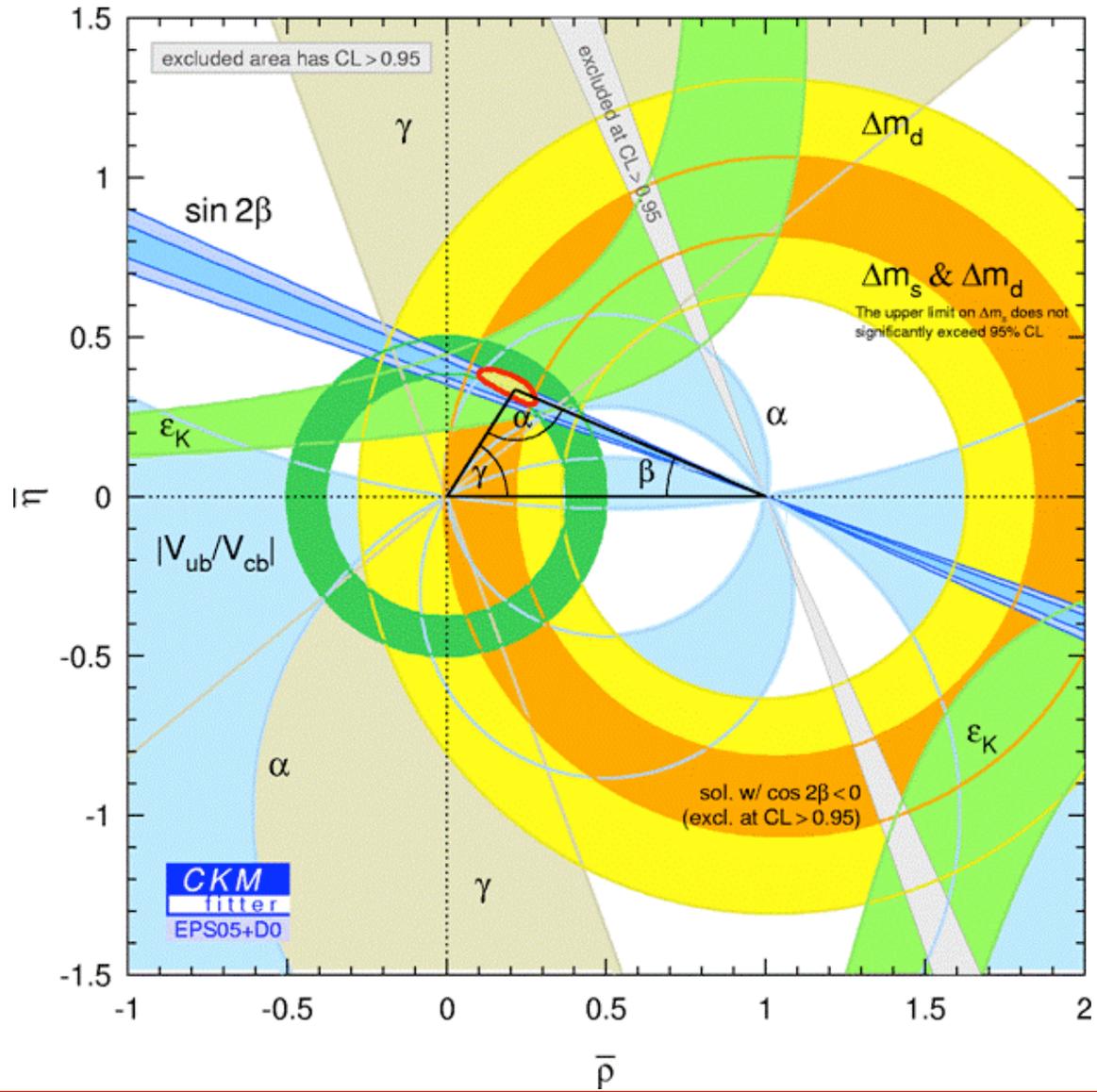
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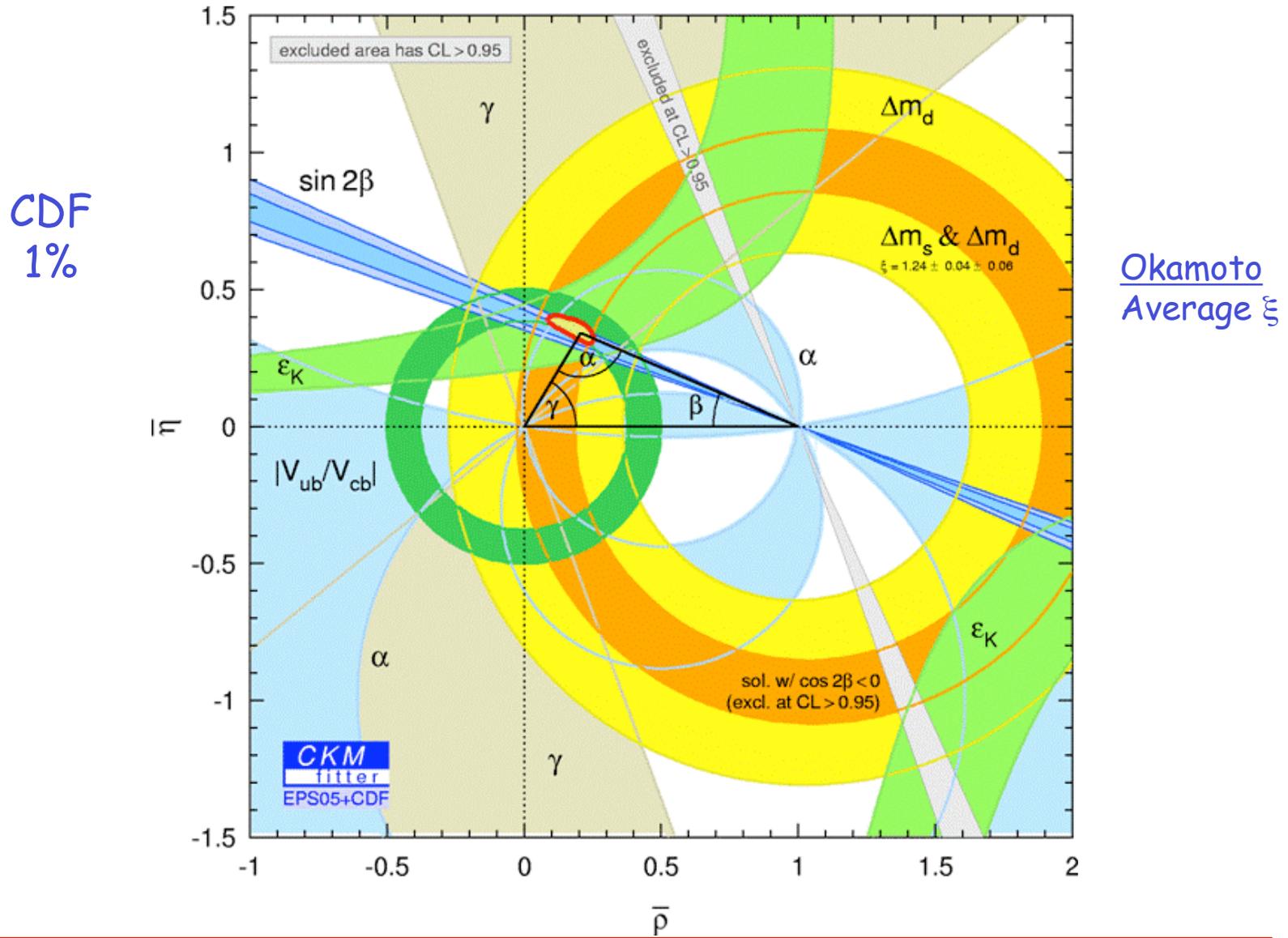
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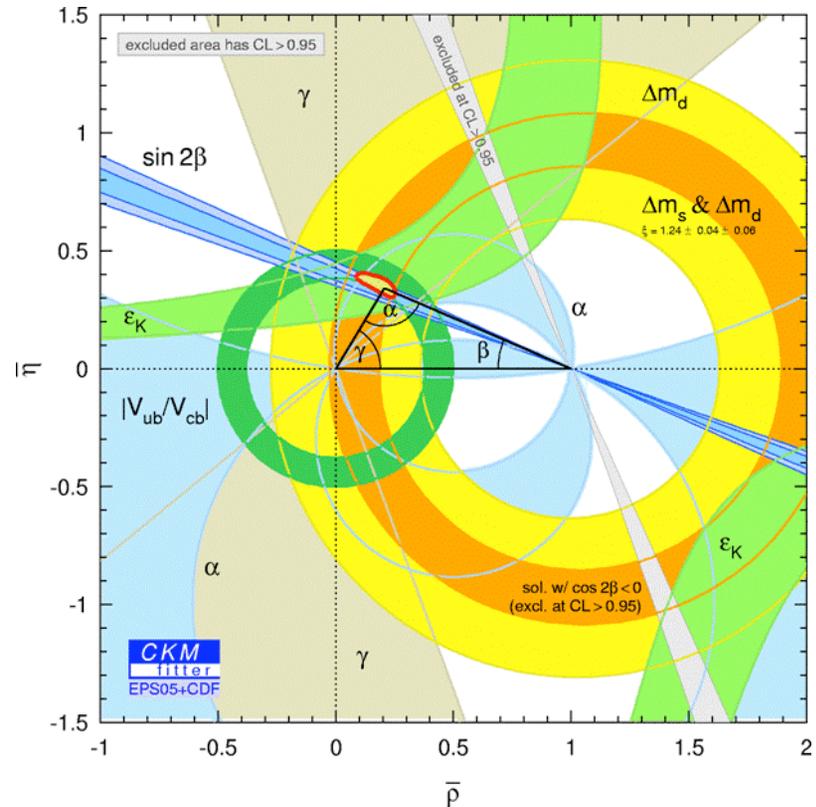
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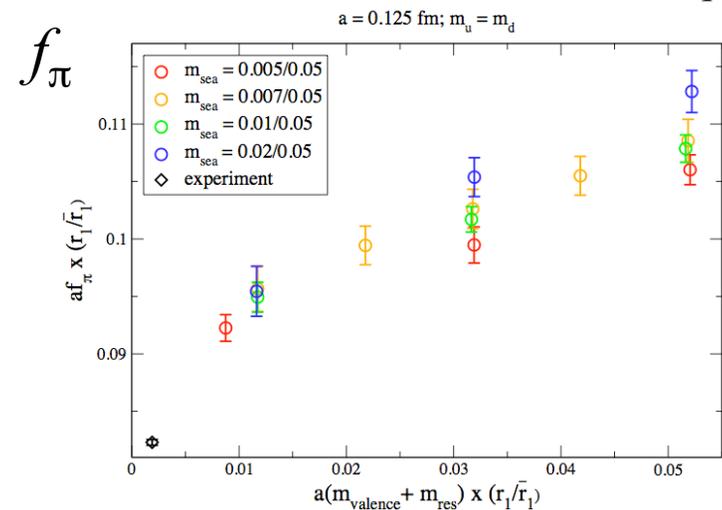
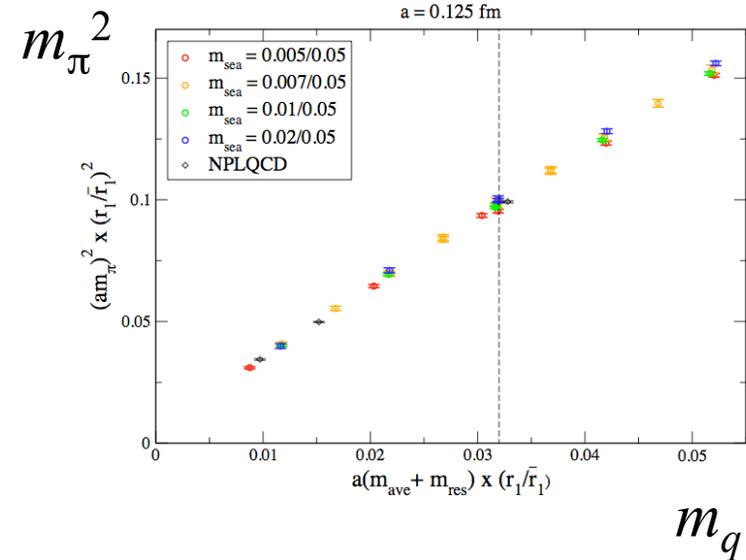
Fermilab Lattice Flavor Physics

- Unitarity triangle
 - V_{cb} units
 - B decays, K & B mixing
- After success with D mesons, we simply change the quark mass.
- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}l\nu$ yields V_{cb}
 - [Laiho, Kronfeld](#)
- $B \rightarrow \pi l\nu$ yields V_{ub}
 - [Van de Water, Mackenzie](#)
- SM B mixing yields V_{td}
 - [Simone, UIUC, DePaul](#)
- SM K mixing constrains apex
 - [Laiho, Van de Water](#)





- Neutral kaon mixing
 - Measure ε_K
 - Calculate B_K
- Staggered sea ready to go
- Chiral valence simpler (theoretically)
- "Mixed" action needs one new (unphysical) parameter
 - ChPT [hep-lat/0609009]
 - Numerical: straightforward
- Will yield one of best calculations of B_K : target 5% uncertainty





- Type III 2-Higgs Doublet Model in B Physics
 - One doublet for top quark; another for the rest.
 - New parameters: m_{H^\pm} , m_{H^0} , m_{A^0} , α , $\tan\beta$, $|\xi|e^{i\varphi_\xi}$, $|\xi'|e^{i\varphi_{\xi'}}$
 - Last two induce FC and CP violation in 23 & 13 processes
 - Sensitive to
 - Asymmetry in $B \rightarrow \psi K_S$, $a_{\psi K}$
 - Neutral kaon mixing, ε_K
 - Rare decay $B \rightarrow X_S \gamma$
 - $|V_{ub}/V_{cb}|$
 - Asymmetries in $K\pi$:

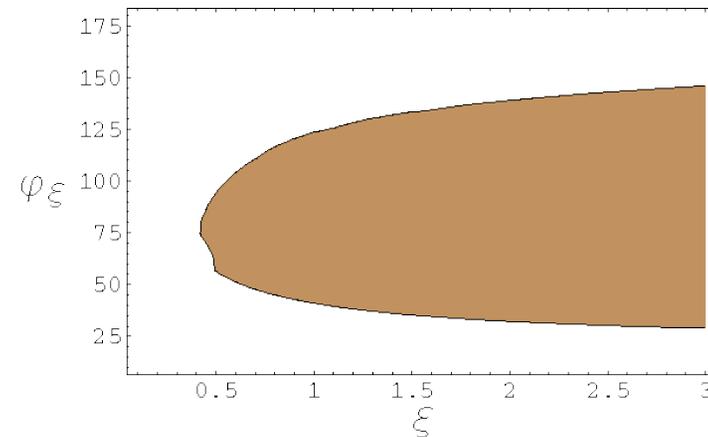
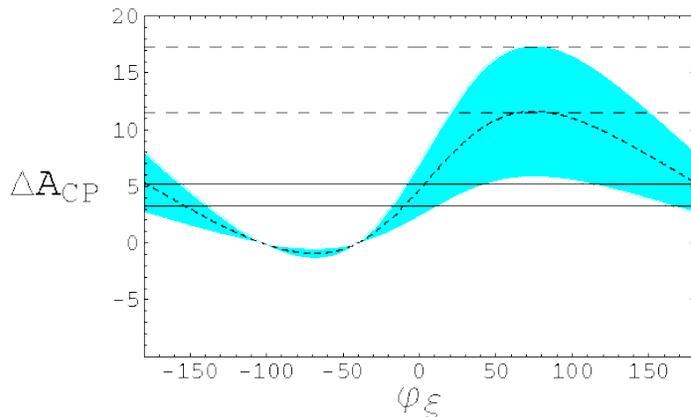
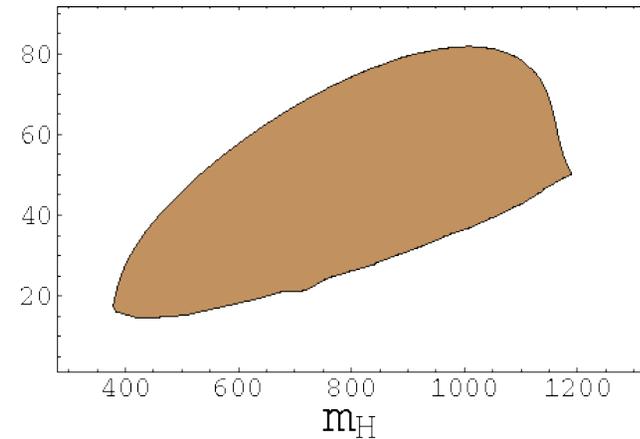
$$\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(B^- \rightarrow K^- \pi^0) - A_{CP}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+)$$



Lunghi & Soni (2)

Constraints from B Physics

- Look at m_{H^\pm} , $\tan \beta$, $|\xi|$, φ_ξ
- UT fit $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$, $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$
- ε_K and $a_{\psi K}$ depend strongly on φ_ξ
- Fix φ_ξ to accommodate $a_{\psi K}$ we have no freedom left to adjust ε_K .
- Same region improves fit to $K\pi$ asymmetries.





Becher and Melnikov

- Two-loop QED corrections to Bhabha scattering.
 - Used to measure luminosity at lepton colliders.
 - At present and past e^+e^- machines luminosity uncertainty is theory dominated.
 - Simple relation between massive and massless gauge theory amplitudes at large momentum transfers.
 - Massless loop amplitudes are much easier to evaluate.
 - Obtain the result for massive Bhabha scattering using known results for the massless case and for the massive form factor.
 - First independent check of
 - two-loop photonic corrections calculated by Penin '05.
 - electron loop contributions by Bonciani et al. '04.
 - New result for muon loop contribution.

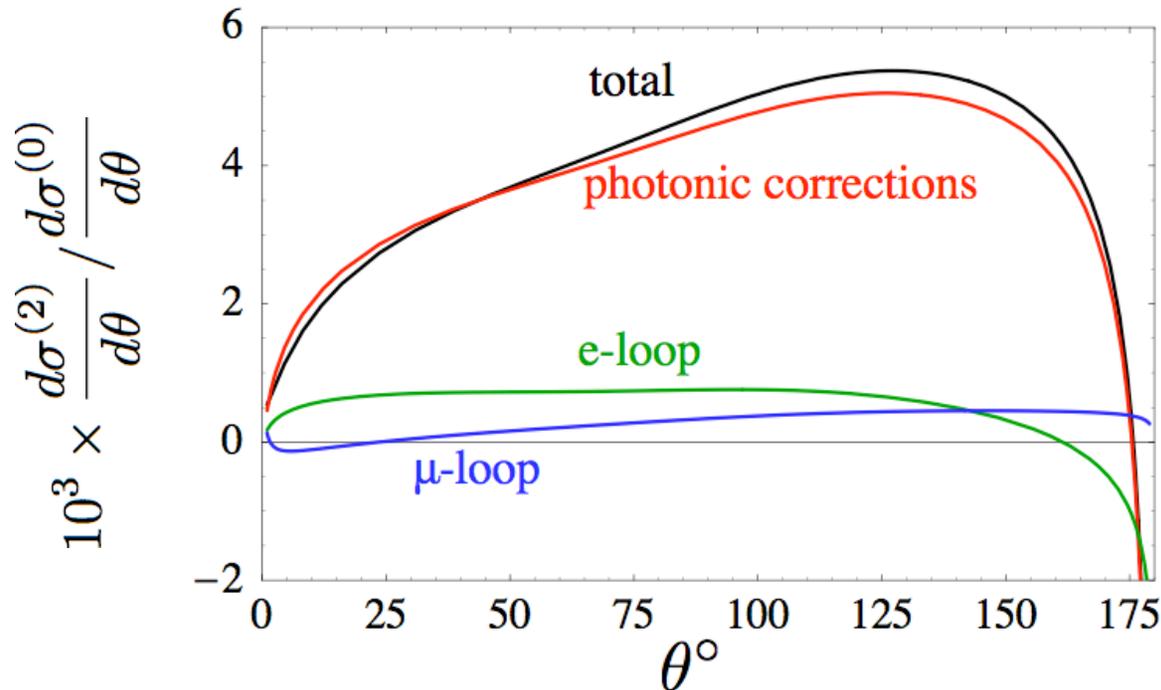
- Same method is applicable to QCD, for example to heavy quark production at large energies.

- Paper to appear; see Becher's talk at Loopfest VI.



Becher and Melnikov (2)

- Size of the two-loop corrections in units of the tree-level cross section ($s = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$).



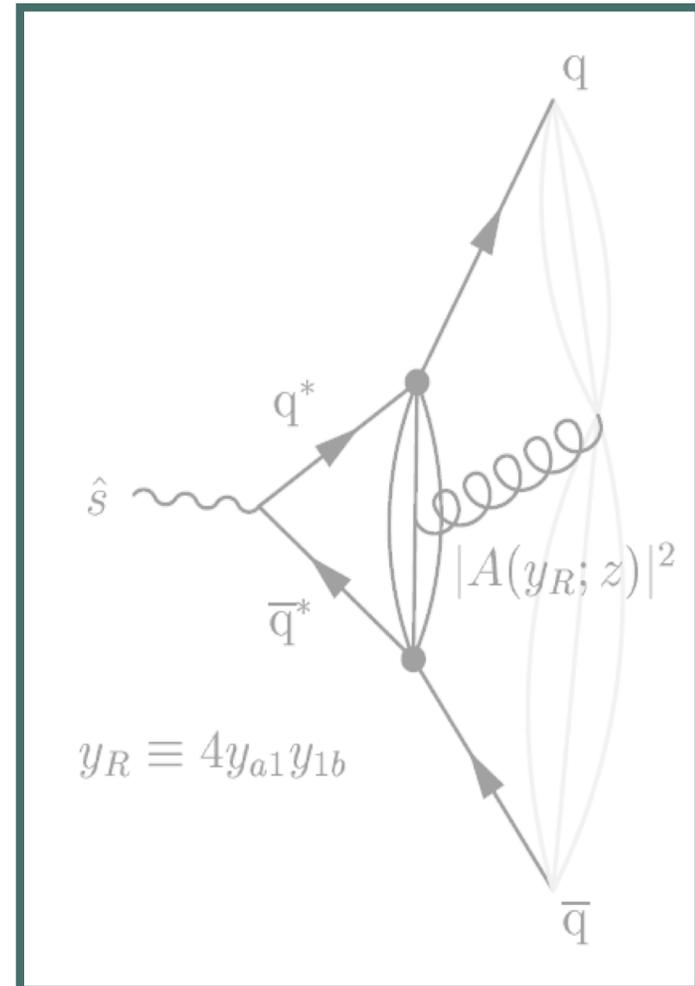
- Plot assumes that MC generates soft radiation (have set all soft logarithms $\ln(E_\gamma)$ to zero).
- Corrections need to be implemented into MC program.



- VINCIA Parton Showers
 - Antenna functions
 - Exact expansions
 - C++ code
 - Standalone version
 - PYTHIA plug-in version

- Matching at LO, NLO (and framework for NⁿLO).

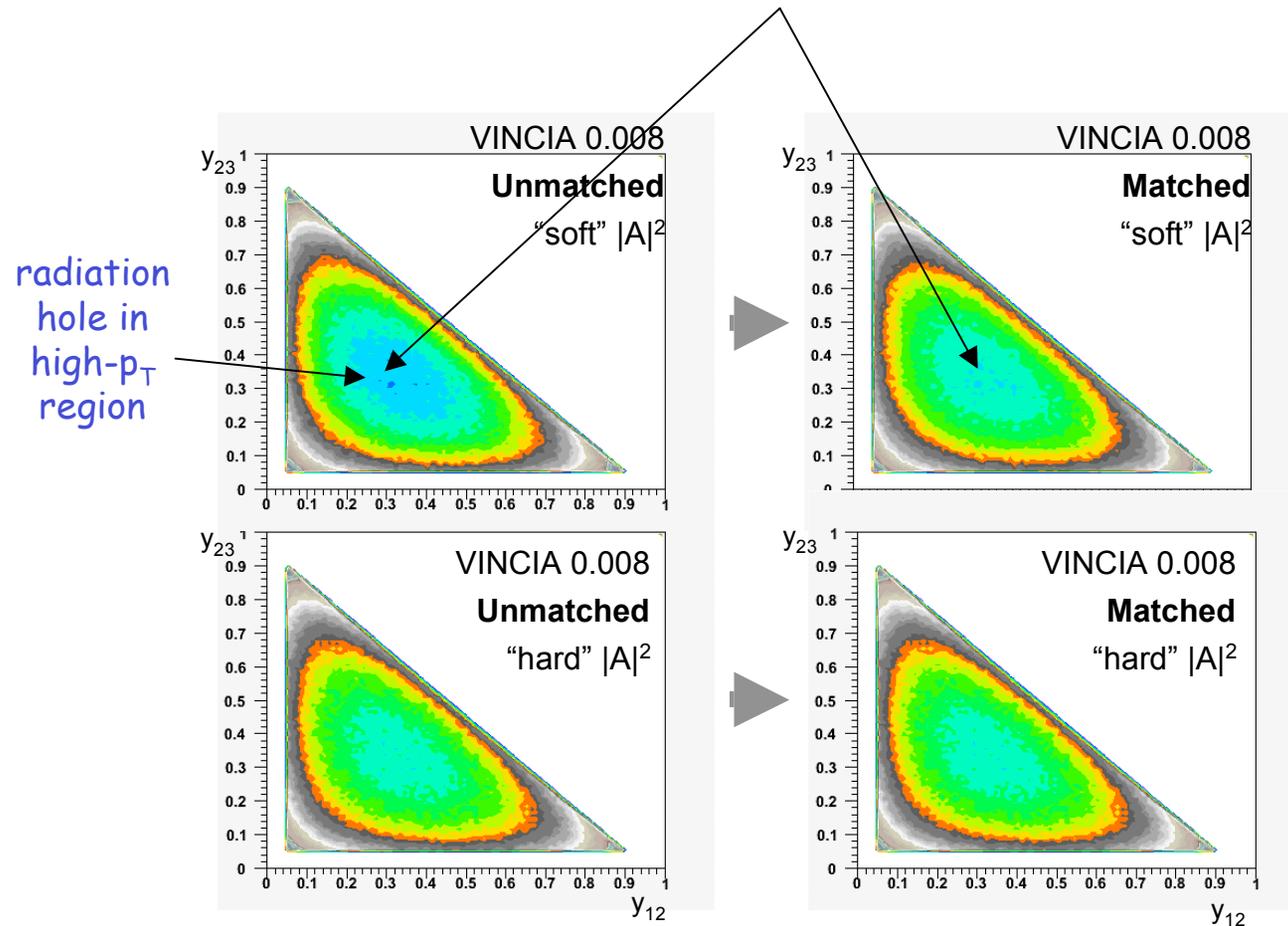
- Numerical implementation
 - General purpose
 - Overhead at startup
 - Fast event generation
 - Flexible





Giele, Kosower, Skands (2)

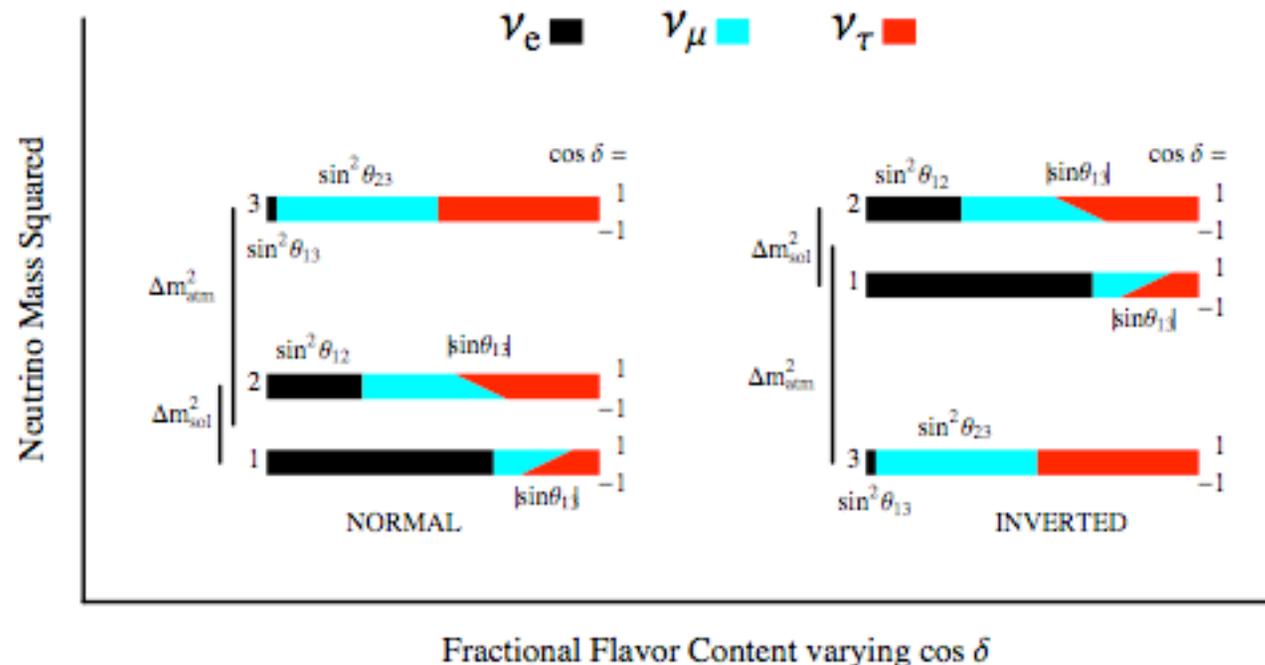
- Example: $H \rightarrow gg \rightarrow ggg$
 - Unmatched shower varied from "soft" to "hard" : soft shower has "radiation hole". Filled in by matching.





Mena, Nunokawa, Parke

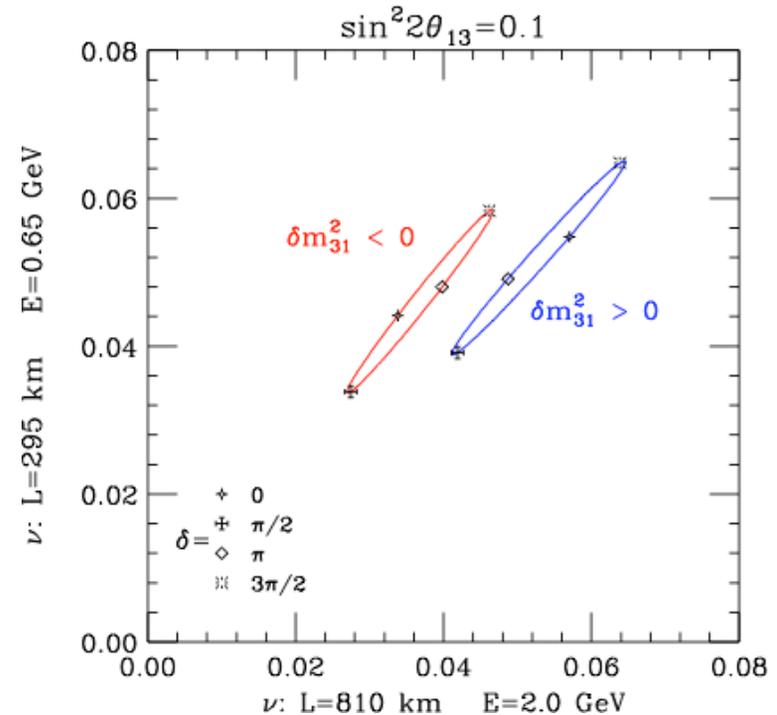
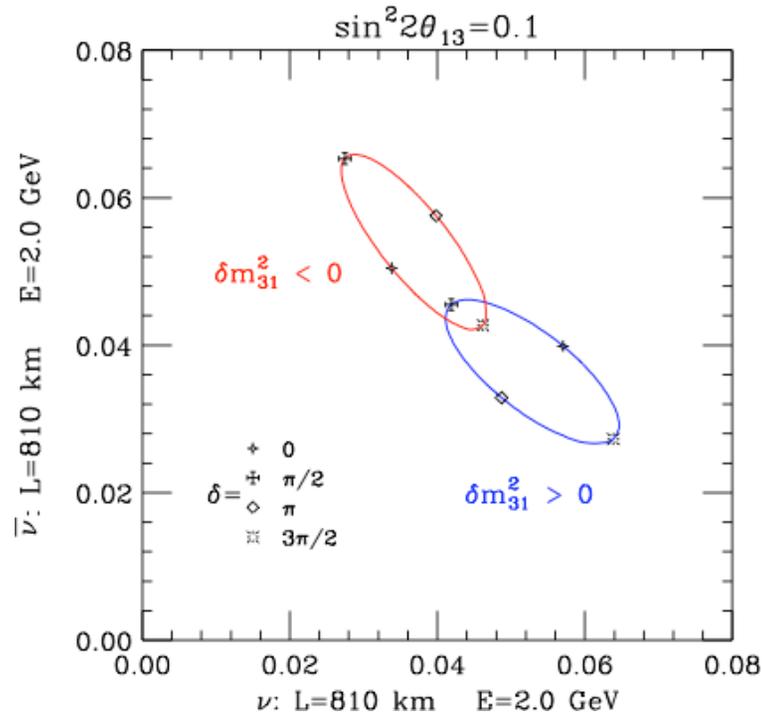
- NOvA and T2K: the Race for the Neutrino Mass Hierarchy [hep-ph/0609011]



- Examine by combining experiments at different L but same E/L , such as NOvA and T2K.



Mena, Nunokawa, Parke (2)



- Left: $P_{810}(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)$ vs. $P_{810}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$
- Right: $P_{295}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$ vs. $P_{810}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$
- Cf. talk by N. Saoulidou.



Chen, de Gouvea, Dobrescu

- TeV Scale Seesaw [Phys. Rev. D75 (2007) 055009]
 - Conventional wisdom: small neutrino masses \Rightarrow GUT-scale physics

$$m \sim \frac{HHLL}{\Lambda} \Rightarrow \Lambda \sim 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$$

- Small neutrino mass can also arise from TeV-scale physics

- SM + non-anomalous $U(1)'$ + 3 ν_R
- All particles charged under $U(1)'$
- $U(1)'$ forbids usual dim-4, dim-5 operators
- Neutrino mass generated by operators of much higher dimension

$$m \sim \left(\frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{\Lambda} \right)^p \frac{HHLL}{\Lambda} \Rightarrow \text{for large } p: \Lambda \sim \text{TeV}, \frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{\Lambda} \sim \text{not too small}$$

- Anomaly cancellations relate $U(1)'$ charges of different particles \Rightarrow predict flavor mixing
- Through coupling to Z' : can probe neutrino sector at colliders



Chen, de Gouvea, Dobrescu (2)

- Anomaly cancellation condition generally hard to solve: finding rational solutions to cubic equation \Rightarrow Fermat's last theorem
- "Leptocratic" model with 3 ν_R :
 - Solutions exist for flavor-blind $U(1)'$ charges for quarks & generation dependent charges for leptons
 - Only 2 parameters (a,b) in lepton sector; they describe charge diff
 - Bi-large mixing can arise for some (a,b)
 - Three active neutrinos can either be Dirac or Majorana
 - Three light sterile neutrinos:
 - Two heavier ones: 1 keV \sim 1 MeV
 - One ultra-light one: 10^{-9} eV
 - Active-sterile mixing $\leq 10^{-3} \Rightarrow$ may have interesting cosmological and astrophysical implications (pulsar kicks, ... etc)
- $M_{Z'} < 1$ TeV : can be produced at LHC
 - Most models predict 1 for the ratio of BF's; in leptocratic model can differ from 1 (depend on a, which also govern neutrino mixing)

$$\frac{B(Z' \rightarrow e^+ e^-)}{B(Z' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)} = \left(\frac{1 + 2az}{1 - az} \right), \quad z = -\frac{3(a+b)}{a^2 + ab + b^2}$$

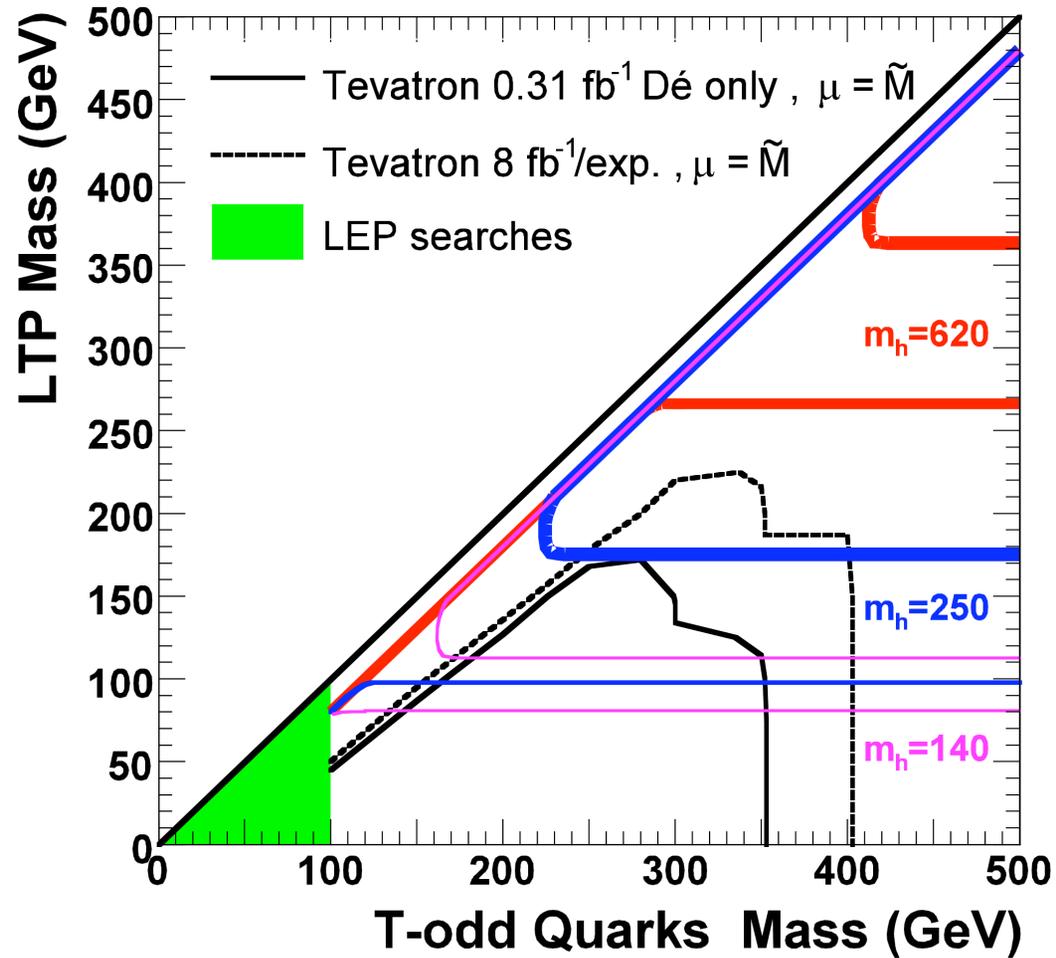


Carena, Hubisz, Perelstein, Verdier

- T-odd quark pair production in Little Higgs models with T-parity
 - New parity odd vector-like color triplet states
 - pair produced
 - decay to $2j + \text{MET}$
 - MET is lightest T-parity odd particle (massive neutral gauge boson)
- Implemented in MadGraph, preserving spin correlations
- Calculated production cross sections, studied distributions
- Used full $D\bar{0}$ background analysis
 - Realistic study of Tevatron discovery potential
- Placed limit of $\sim 350\text{GeV}$ on new states
- Reach is $\sim 400\text{GeV}$ with 8fb^{-1}
- Take into account dark matter constraints



Carena, Hubisz, Perelstein, Verdier (3)



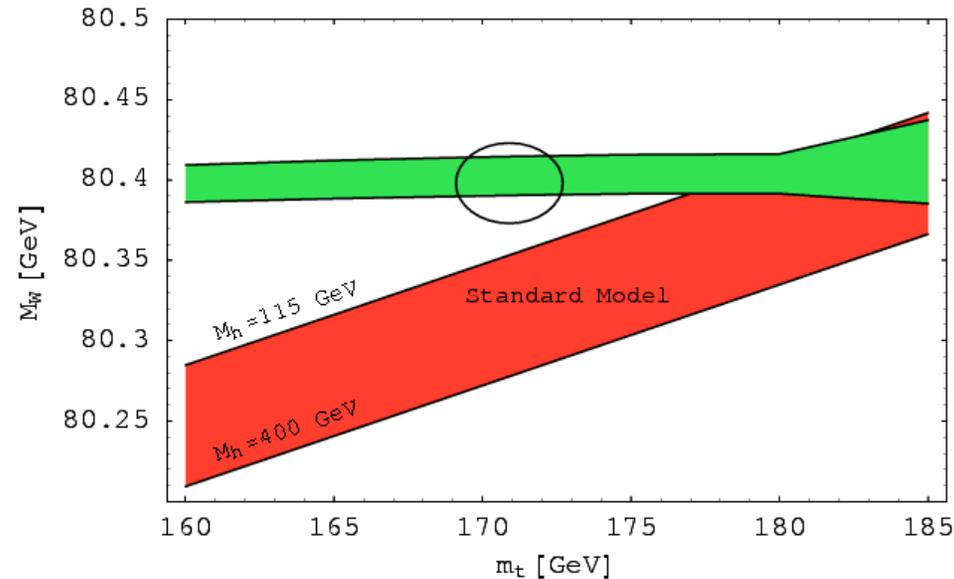


Carena, Pontón, Santiago, Wagner

- New Signatures from Warped Extra Dimensions
- Original model (Randall-Sundrum)
 - Solves hierarchy problem
 - Suggests theory of flavor
 - Towers of copies of SM particles
 - Out of LHC reach
- New ideas
 - Compatible with current data
 - Accessible at Tevatron and LHC
- Symmetries: custodial and LR
 - Custodial protects m_W/m_Z
 - Both together protect Zbb coupling



Carena, Pontón, Santiago, Wagner (2)



- Model agrees with recent measurements of m_t , m_W

- Masses:
 $M_{KK}^{gauge} \sim 2.5 - 3.5 \text{ TeV}$

$$M_{KK}^{fermions} \geq 300 \text{ GeV}$$

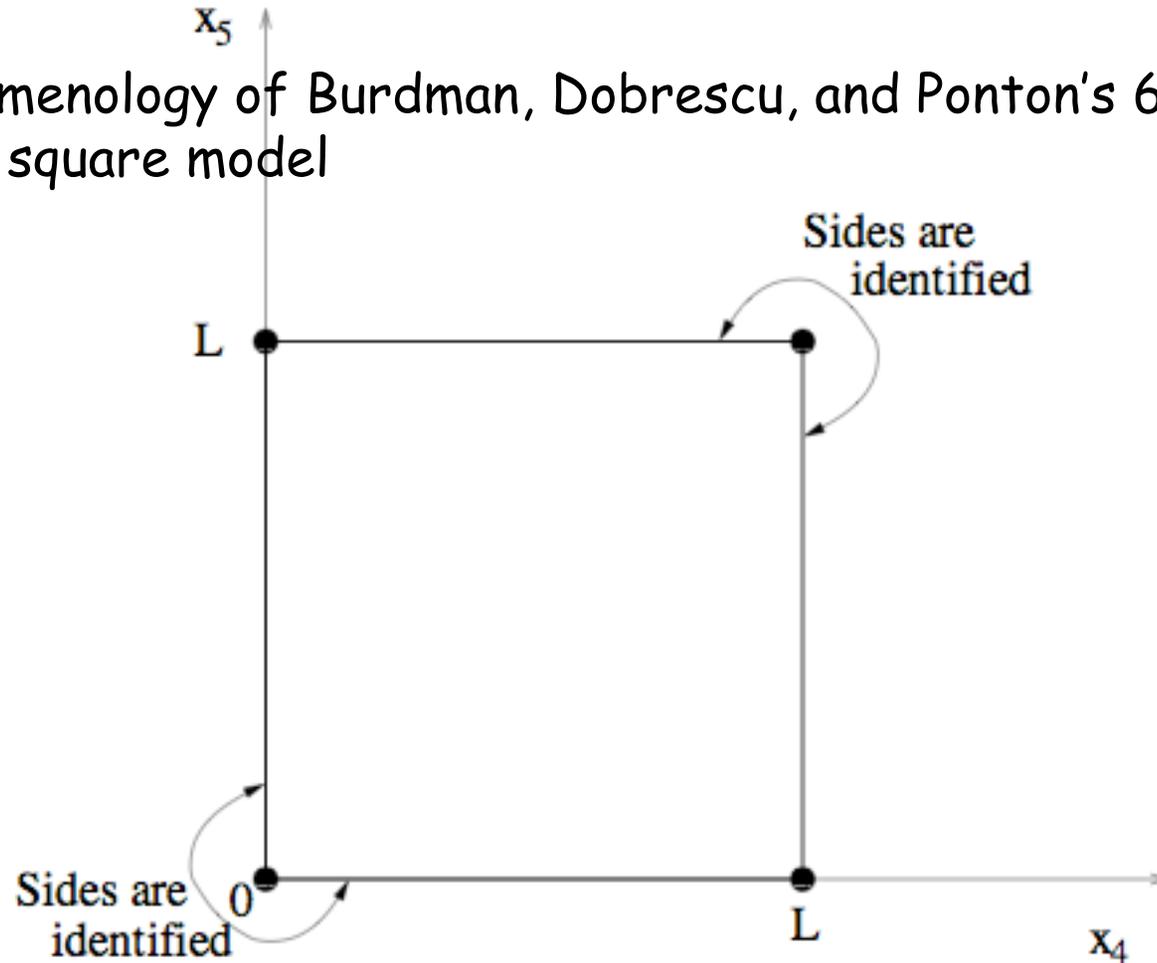
- Exotically charged quarks, $Q_{5/3} \rightarrow W^+W^+b_{-1/3}$



Dobrescu, Kong, Mahbubani

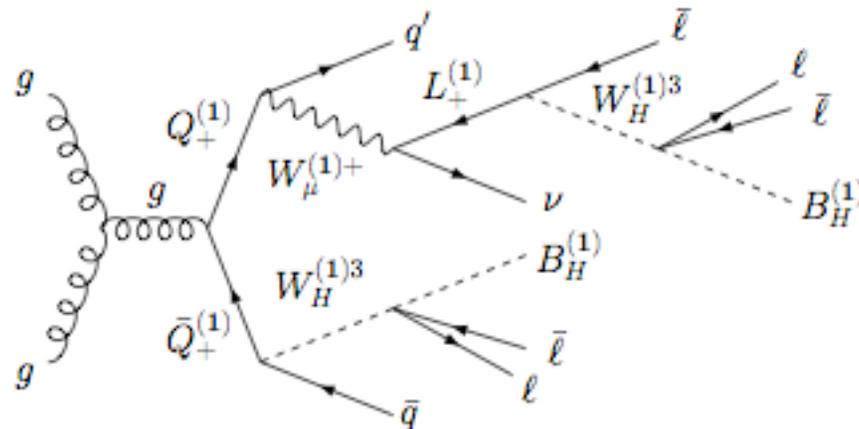
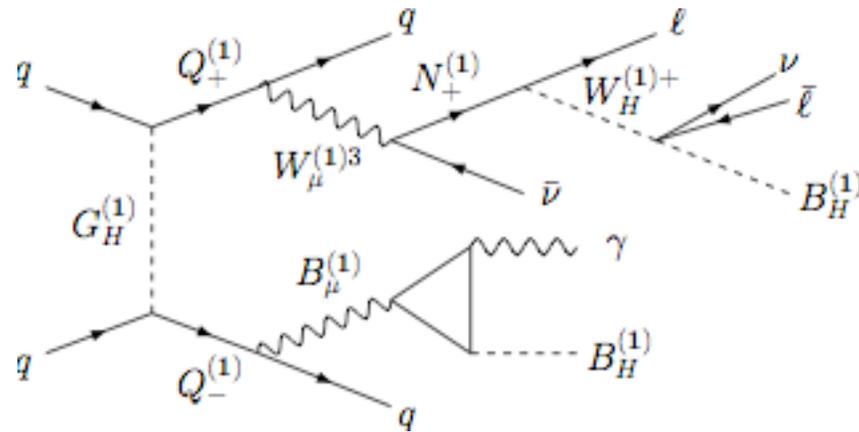
- Leptons and photons at the LHC: Cascades through spinless adjoints [hep-ph/0703231]

- Phenomenology of Burdman, Dobrescu, and Ponton's 6 UED chiral square model





Dobrescu, Kong, Mahbubani (2)

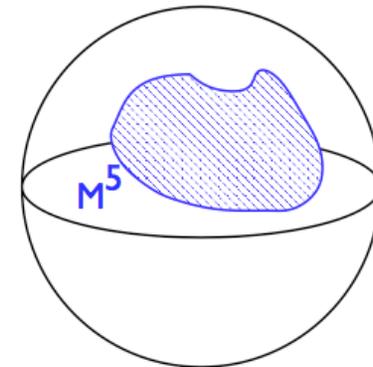




Hill & Hill

- Topological Interactions of Higgs Bosons
[hep-ph/07010444]
 - Consideration of composite Higgs models leads to questions
 - What is the most general 4-d Lagrangian for Goldstone bosons?
 - What is the most general low-energy description of (bound states of) strongly-coupled fermions?

- Constraints of topology and symmetry constrain former: index p (cf. N_c in WZW for pions).



- Topological action for bosons \Leftrightarrow
chiral fermion interpretation.



Hill & Hill (2)

- Physical implications
 - “Little Higgs” and “composite Higgs” are points of view
 - Interaction induced by anomalies always there
 - Identity of (putative) Higgs bosons tied up in these interactions.
 - Unless $p = 0$, T parity merges with spatial inversion to form “the” parity. Analogous to pion parity in QCD.



Conclusions

- **Service**
 - Theorists at Fermilab are actively engaged in many activities sustaining and planning the future of particle physics.

- **Research**
 - The senior theorists at Fermilab are acknowledged experts in many subfields of particle physics.

- **Education**
 - Fermilab's Theoretical Physics Department is a training ground for many of the best young theorists in the world, focusing on those with a keen interest in experimental and observational results, aka physics!