

A fresh look into grand unification: What can FCC tell us about it?

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- Revisit GUTs in light of the future and post-LHC era!

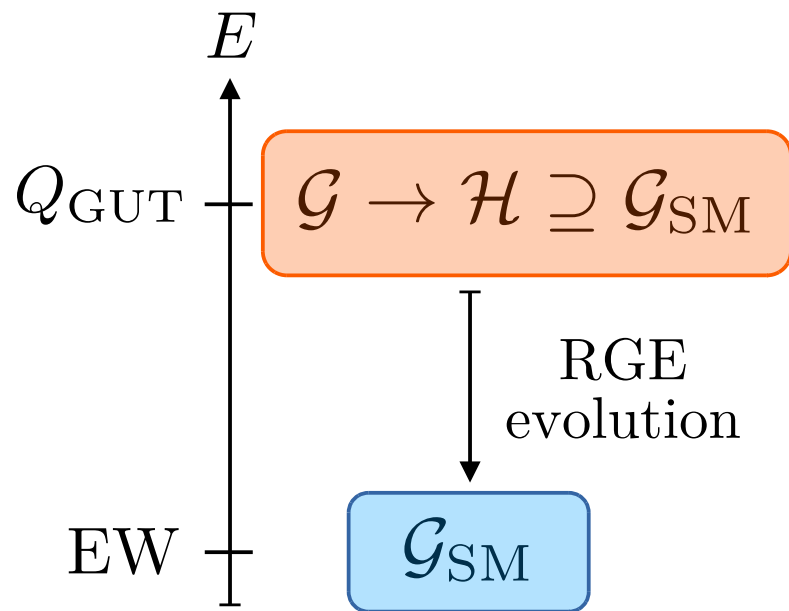
Outline.

- Introduction to (SUSY) GUTs
- What do we need to unify couplings?
- Role of FCC
- Example: Minimal SUSY SU(5)

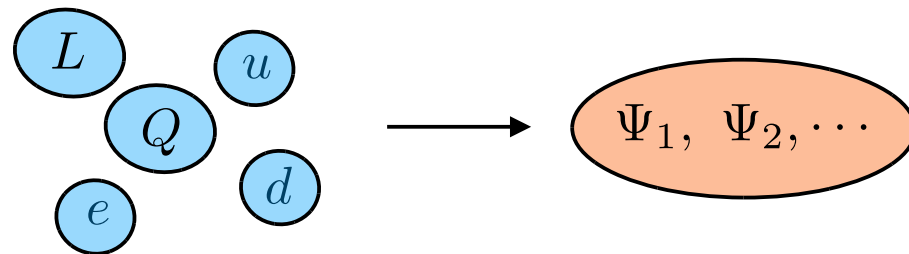
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- Embed the SM group into a larger group:



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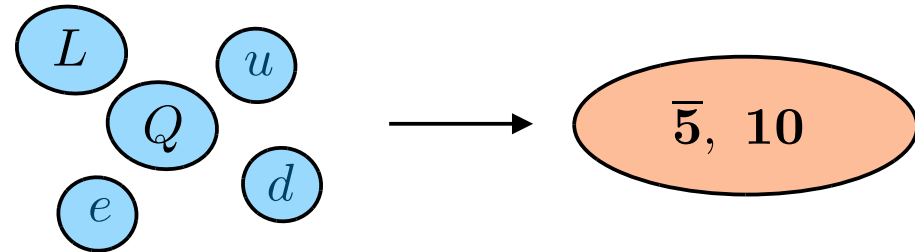
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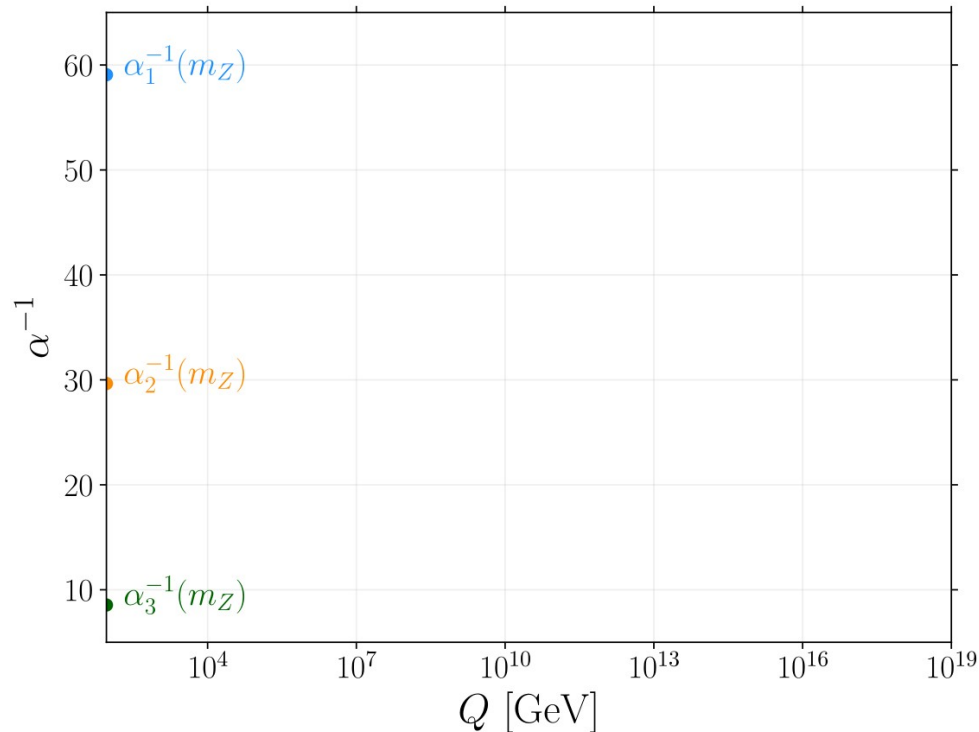


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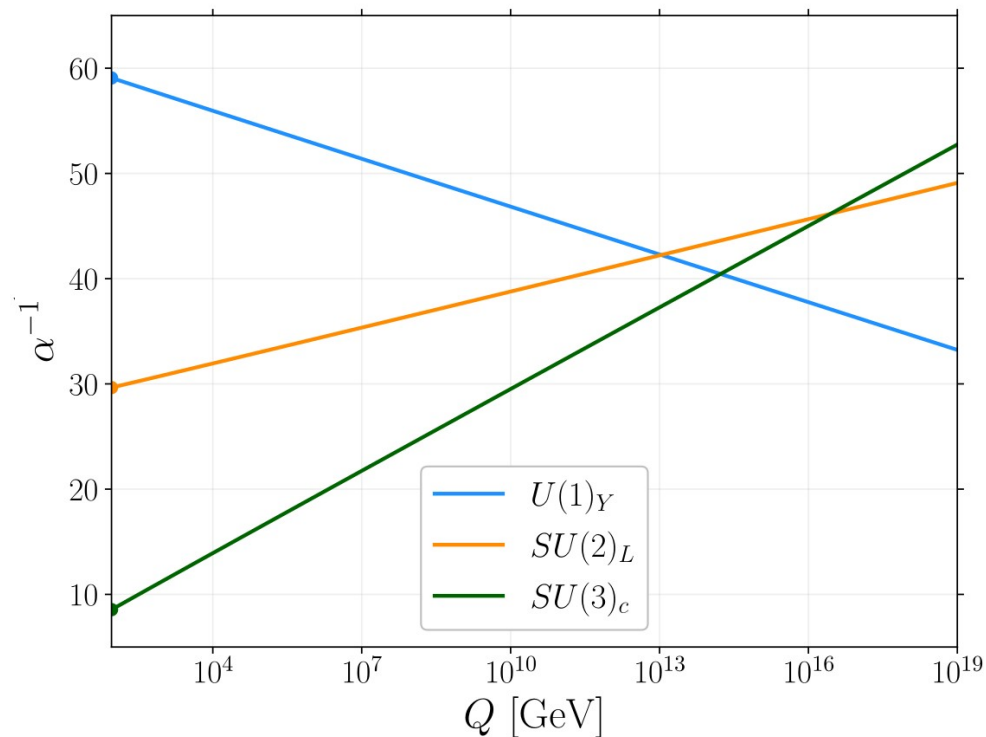
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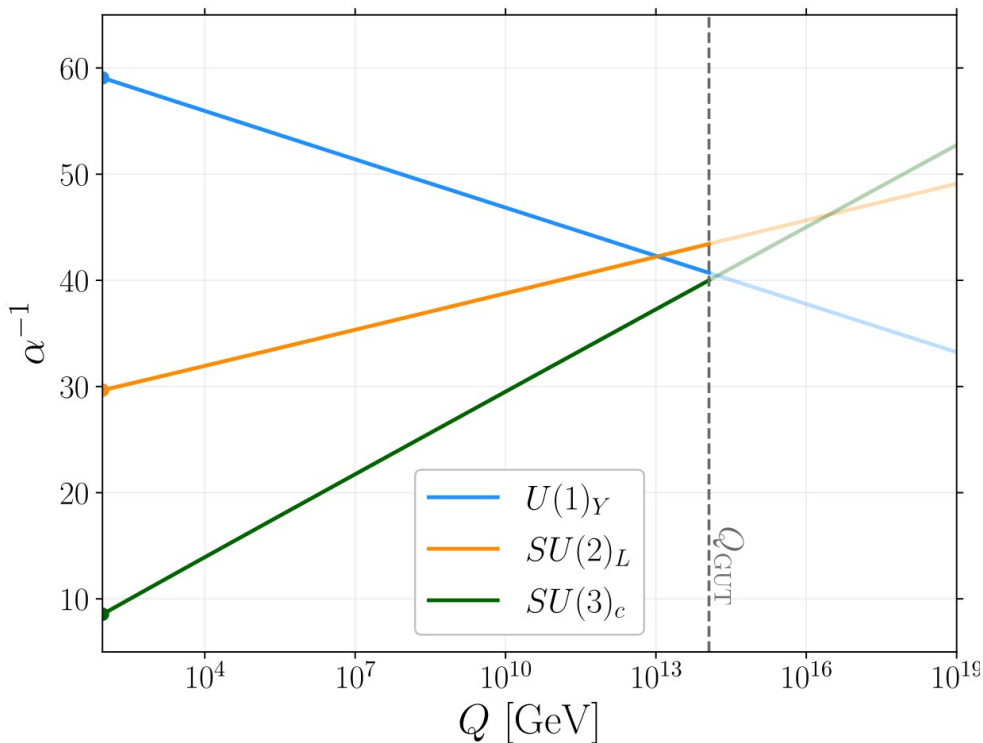
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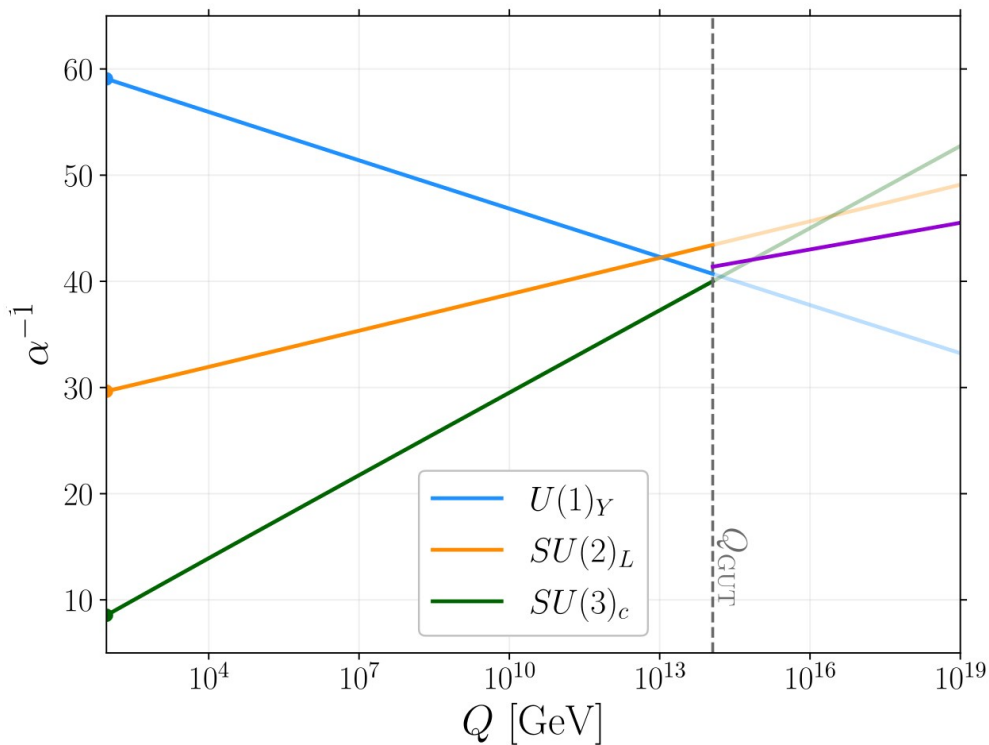
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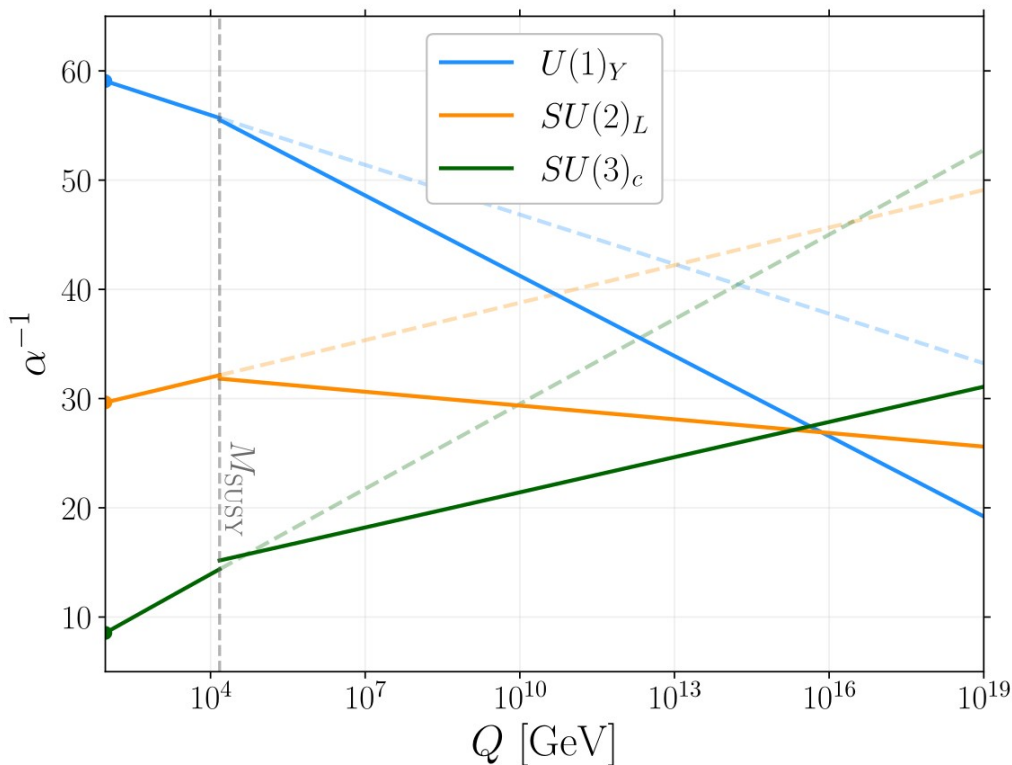
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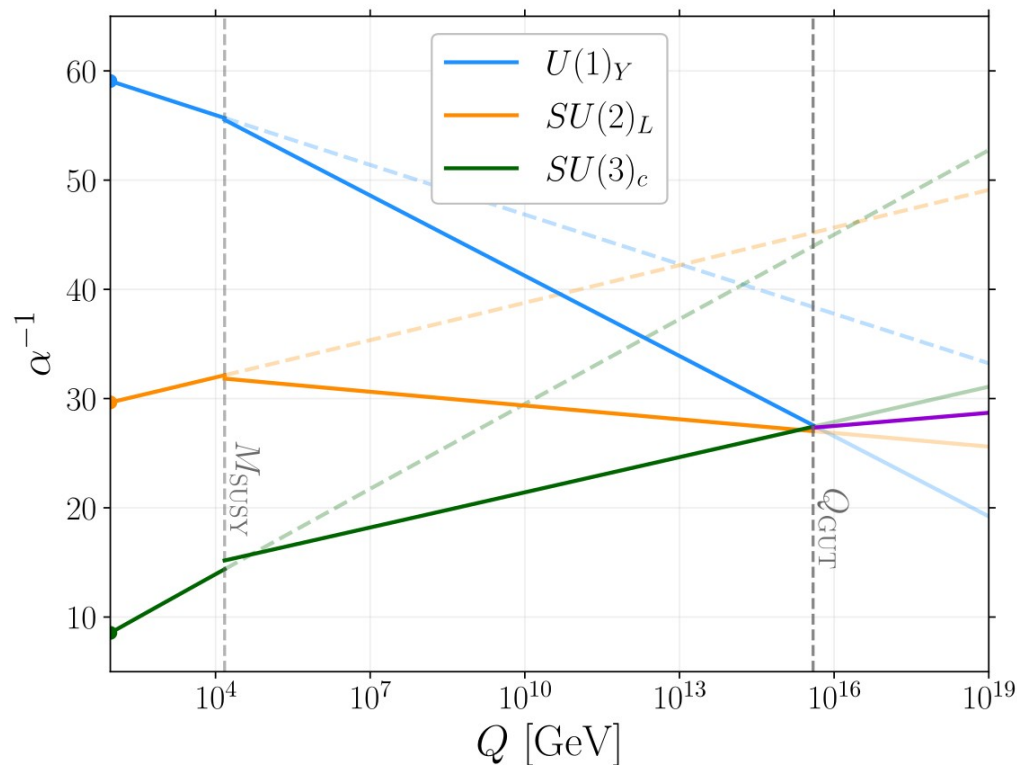


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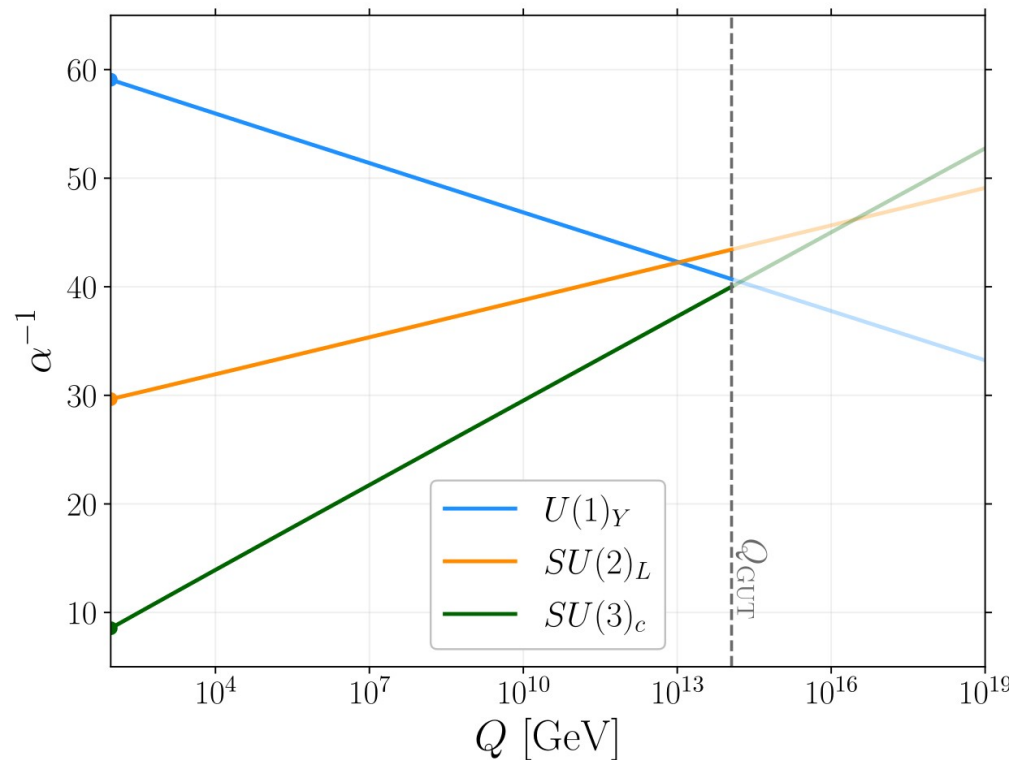


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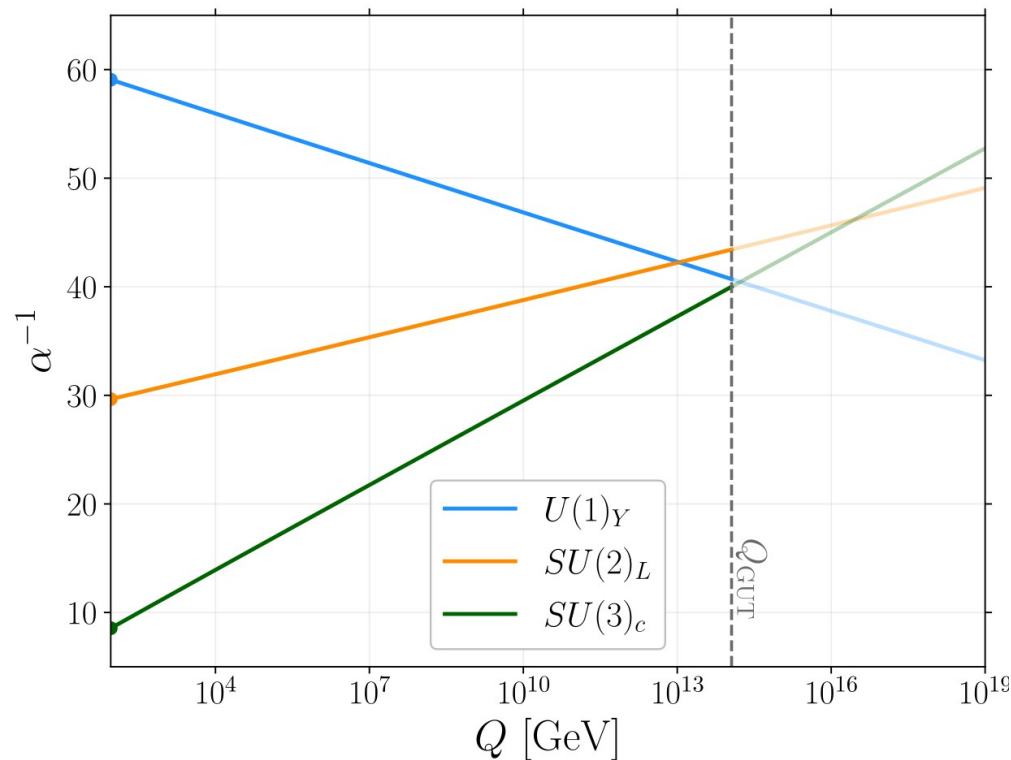
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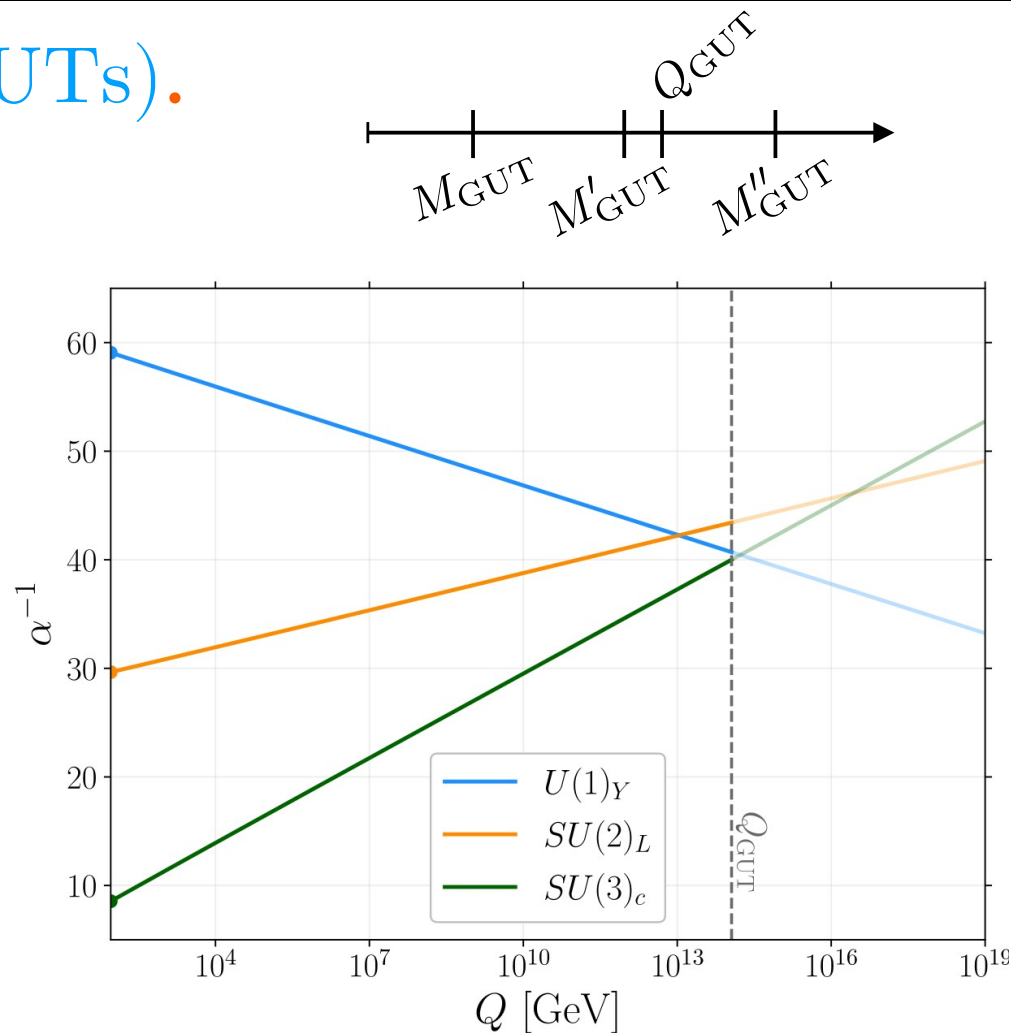


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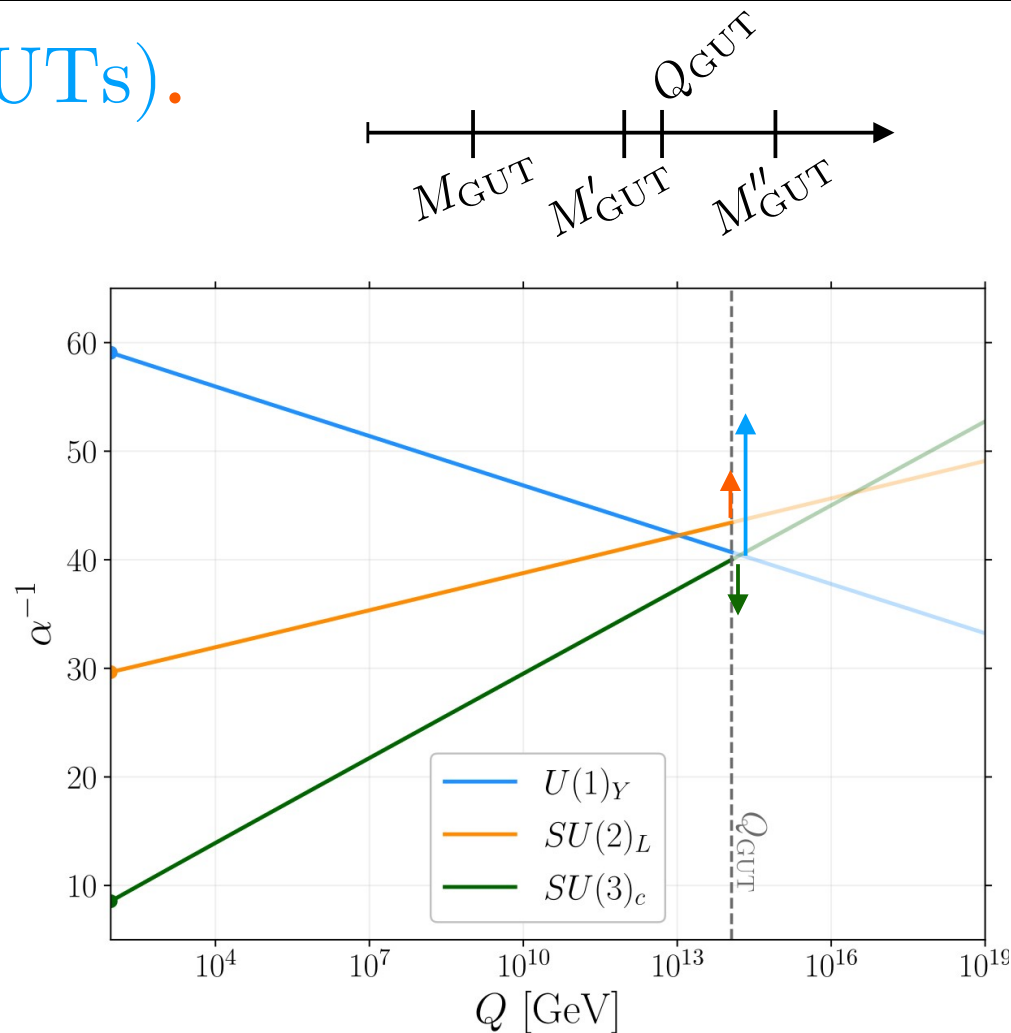


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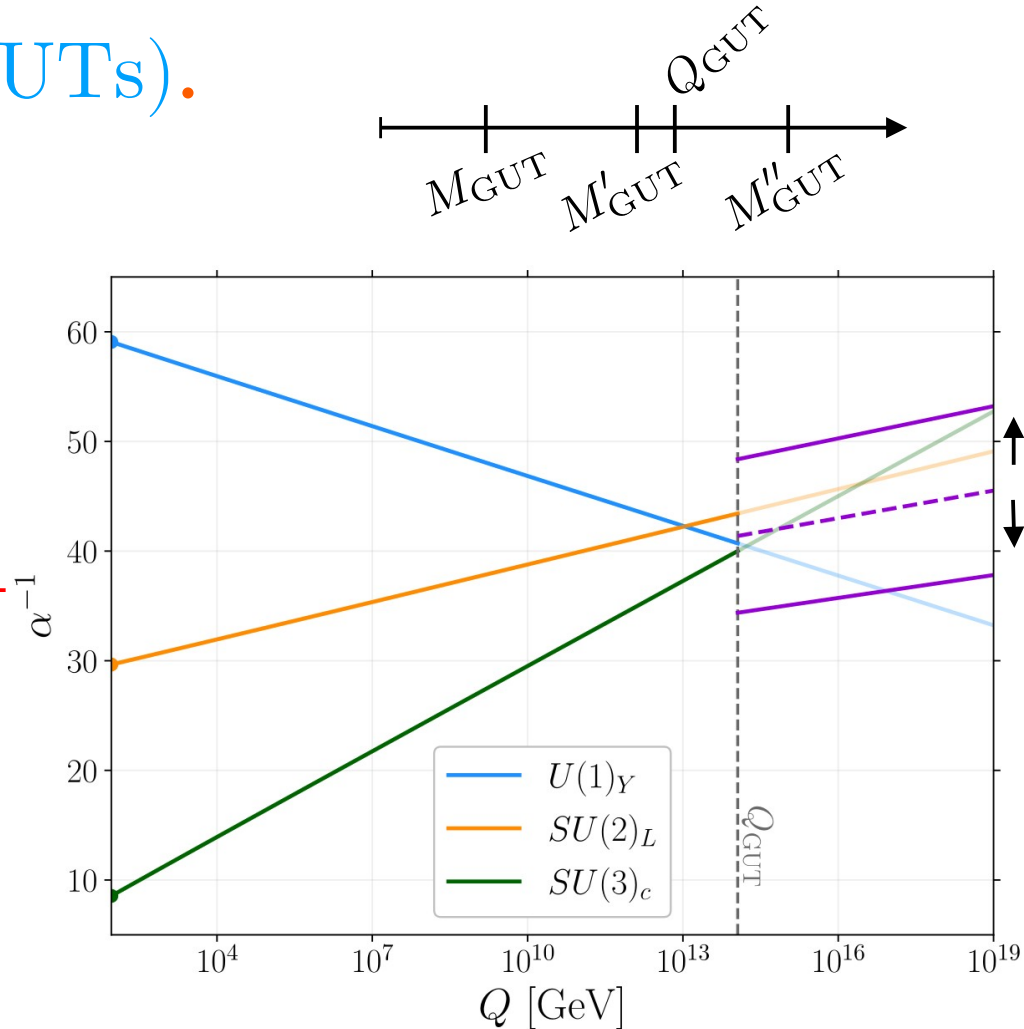


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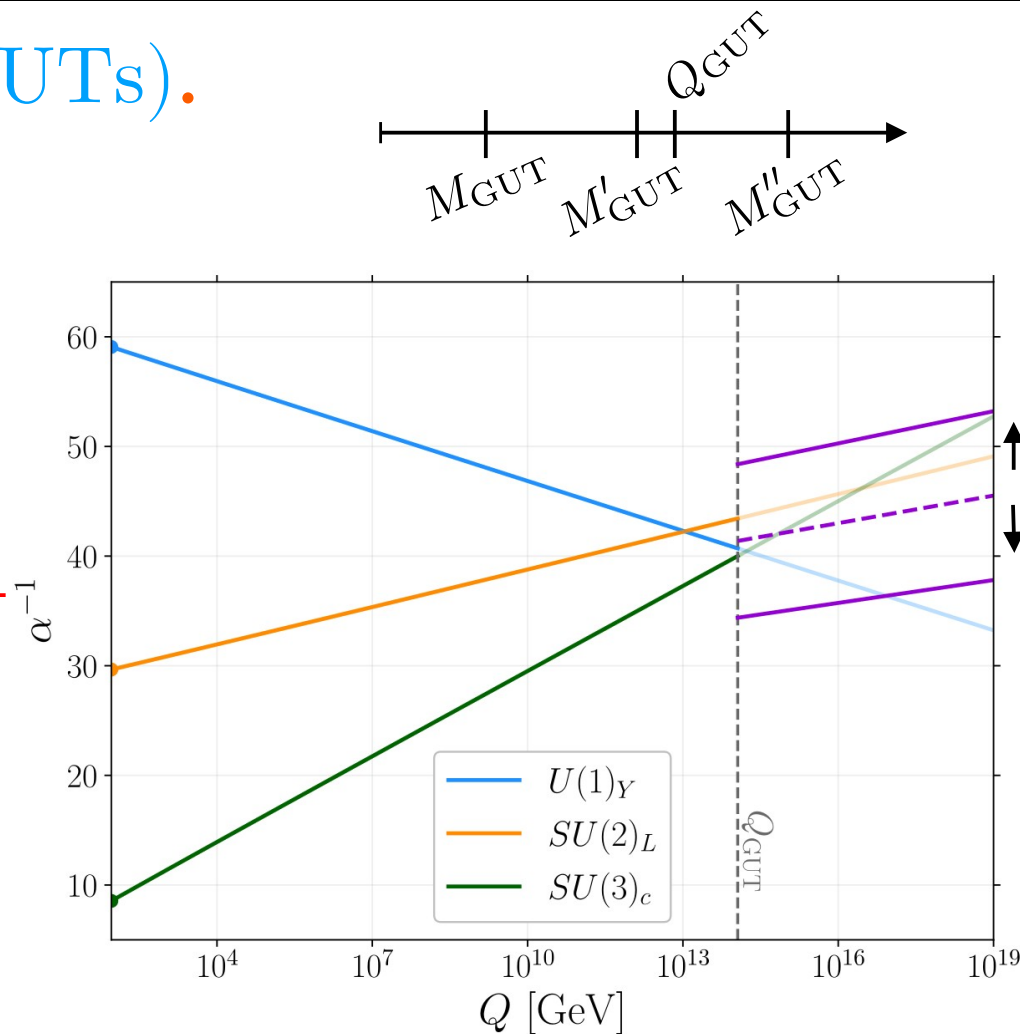
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→ Choice of GUT model!



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- New heavy particles:
 - Scalar in the adjoint (**24**) Σ
 - New gauge bosons $X \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2)$ (+ Super-partners)
 - Colour-triplet Higgs $H \rightarrow \mathbf{5}_H = \begin{pmatrix} H_c \\ H \end{pmatrix}$
- Threshold corrections depend on 3 masses and unified coupling:

4 parameters - 3 conditions to unification = 1 free parameter!

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[Martens et al, 1008.3070]

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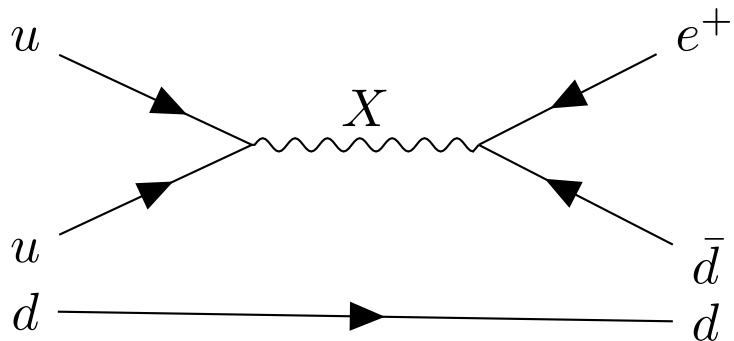
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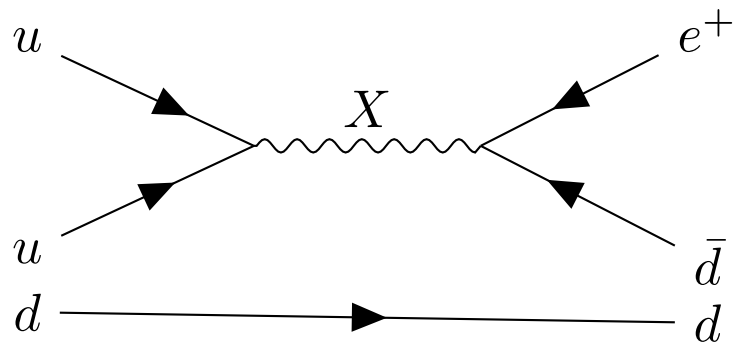
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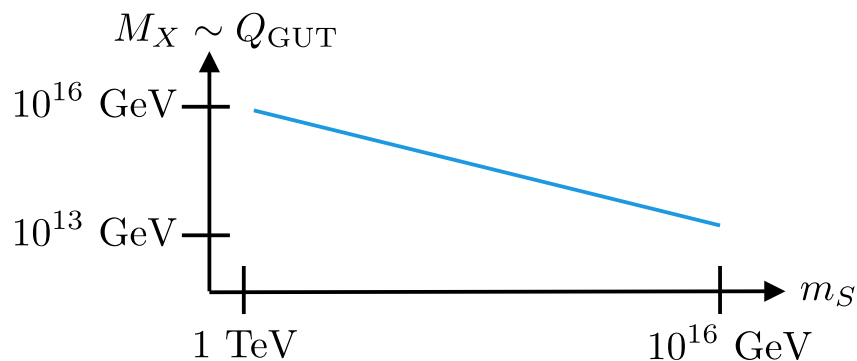
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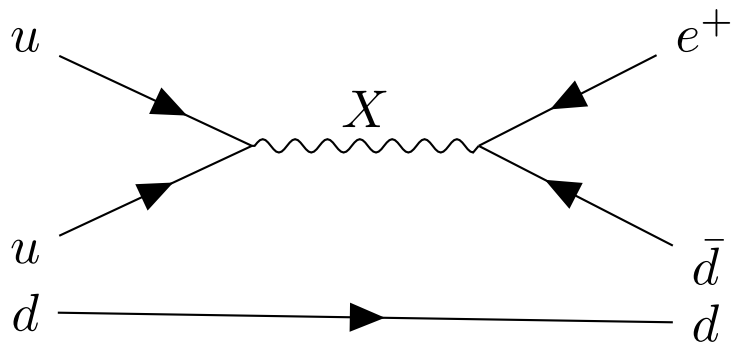
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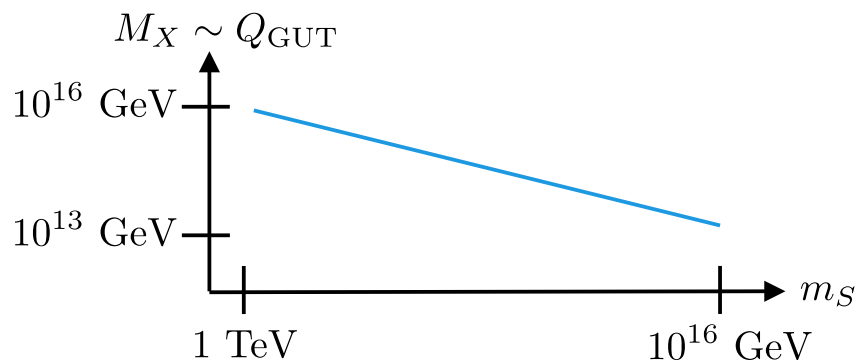
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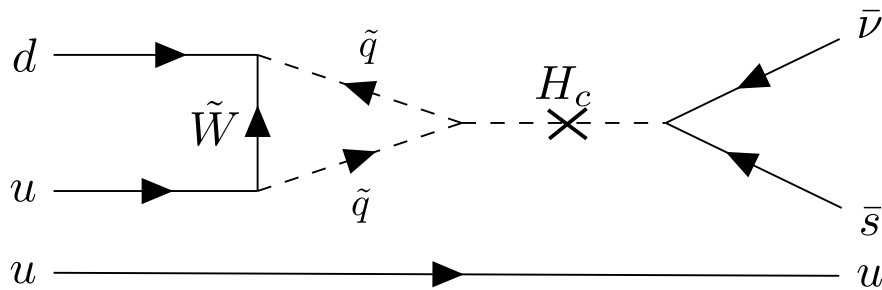
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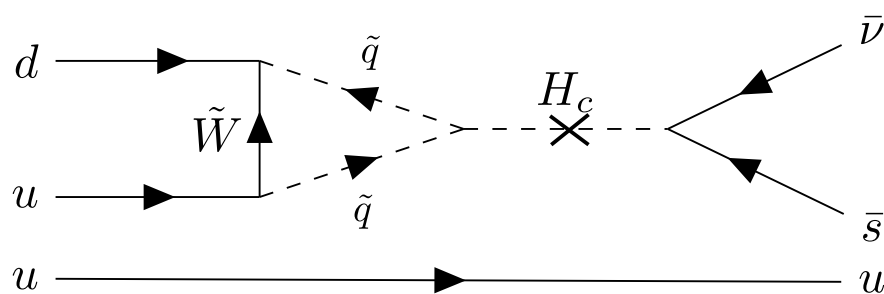
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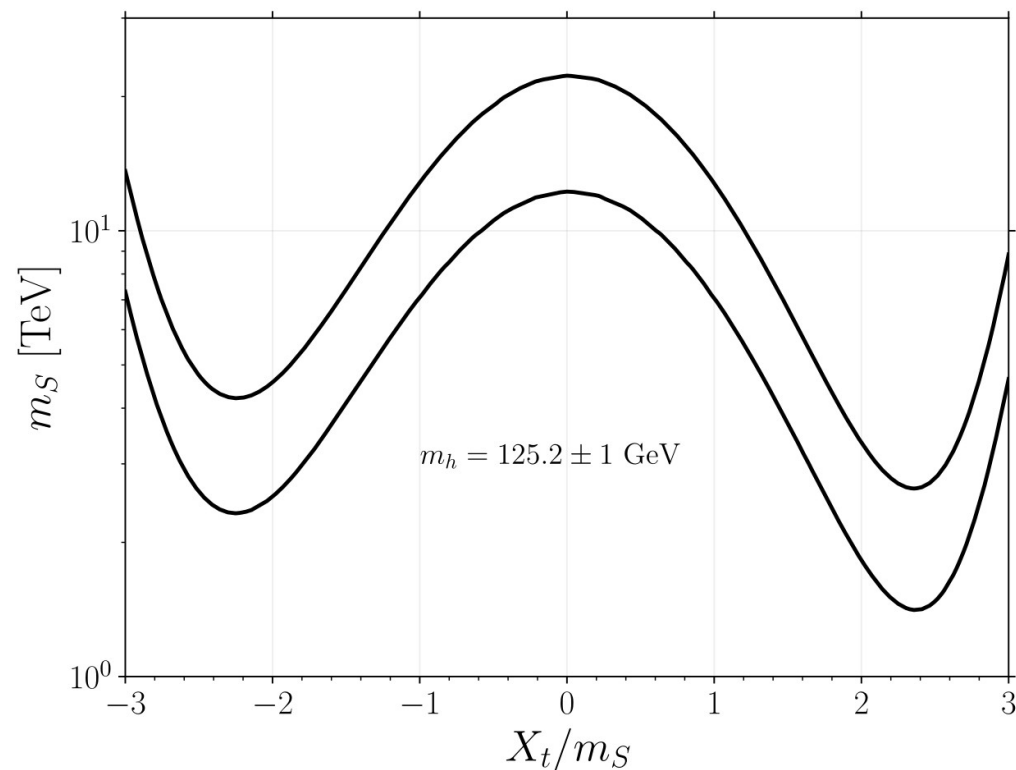
- Fix initial conditions for couplings
- Scan over SUSY parameters (we use CMSSM)
- Determine running of parameters [\[FlexibleSUSY, 1406.2319, 1710.03760\]](#)
(3-loop in MSSM) [\[SOFTSUSY, hep-ph/0104145\]](#)
- Compute Higgs mass & determine GUT spectrum [\[Martens et al, 1008.3070\]](#)
(2-loop + partial 3-loop) [\[Vega, Villadoro, 1504.05200\]](#)
- Obtain proton decay bounds [\[Hisano, '00\]](#) [\[FlexibleSUSY, 1406.2319, 1710.03760\]](#)
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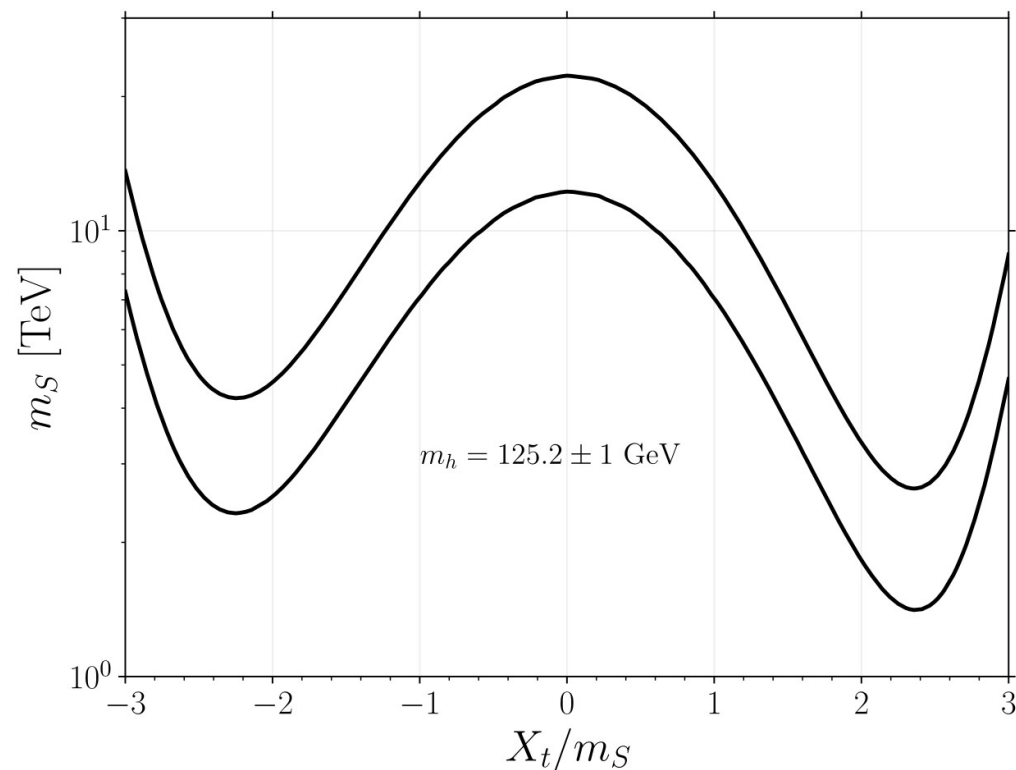
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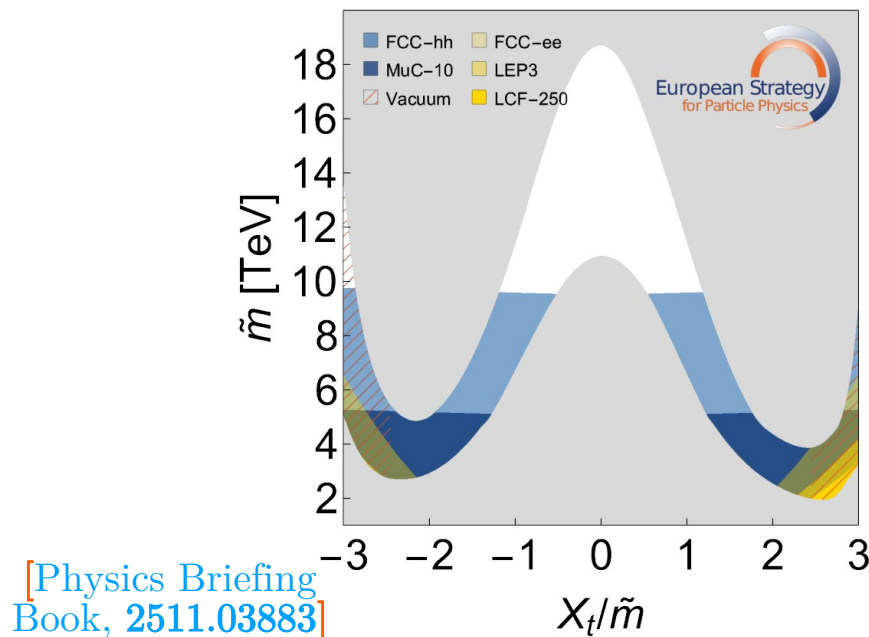
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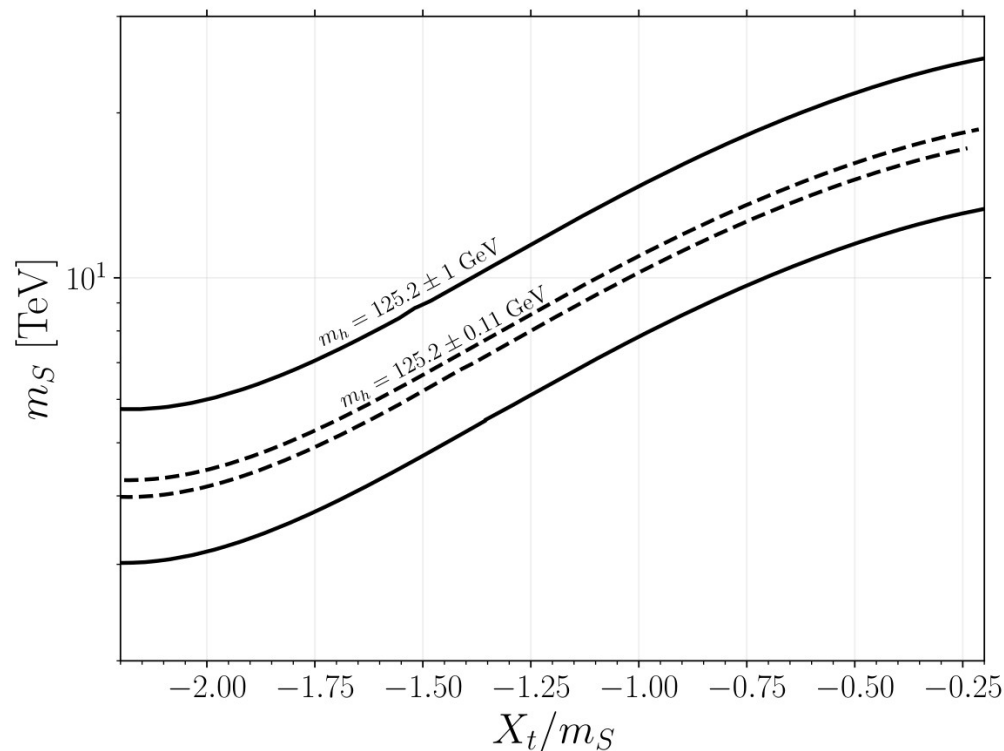
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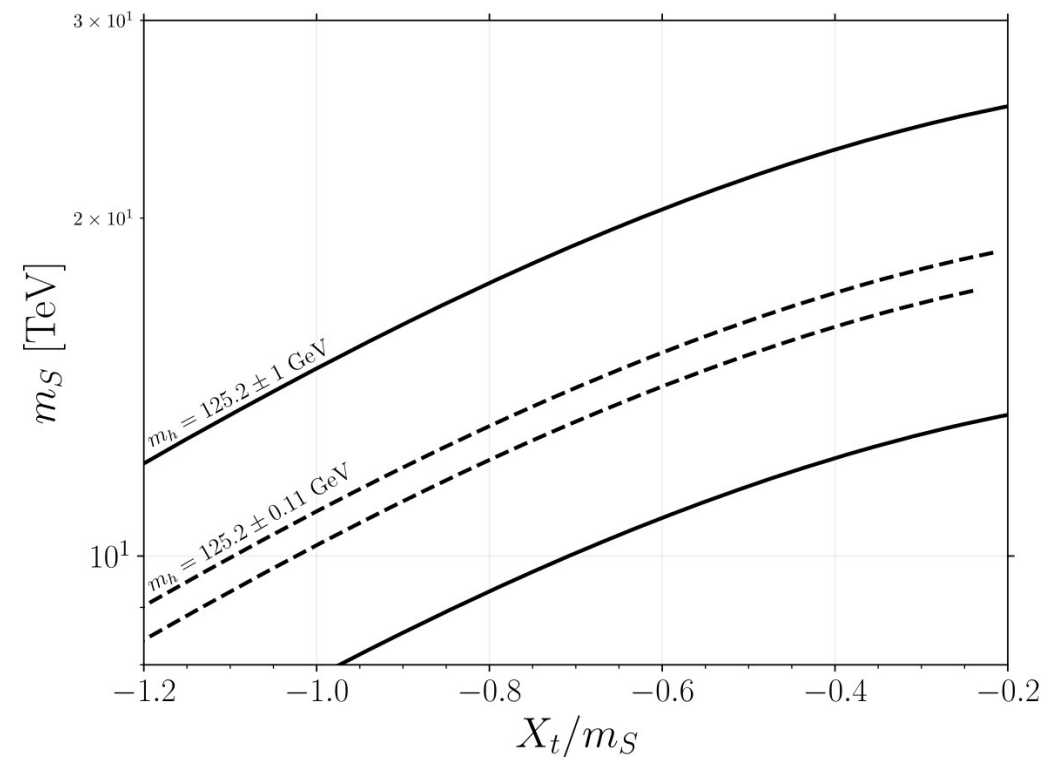
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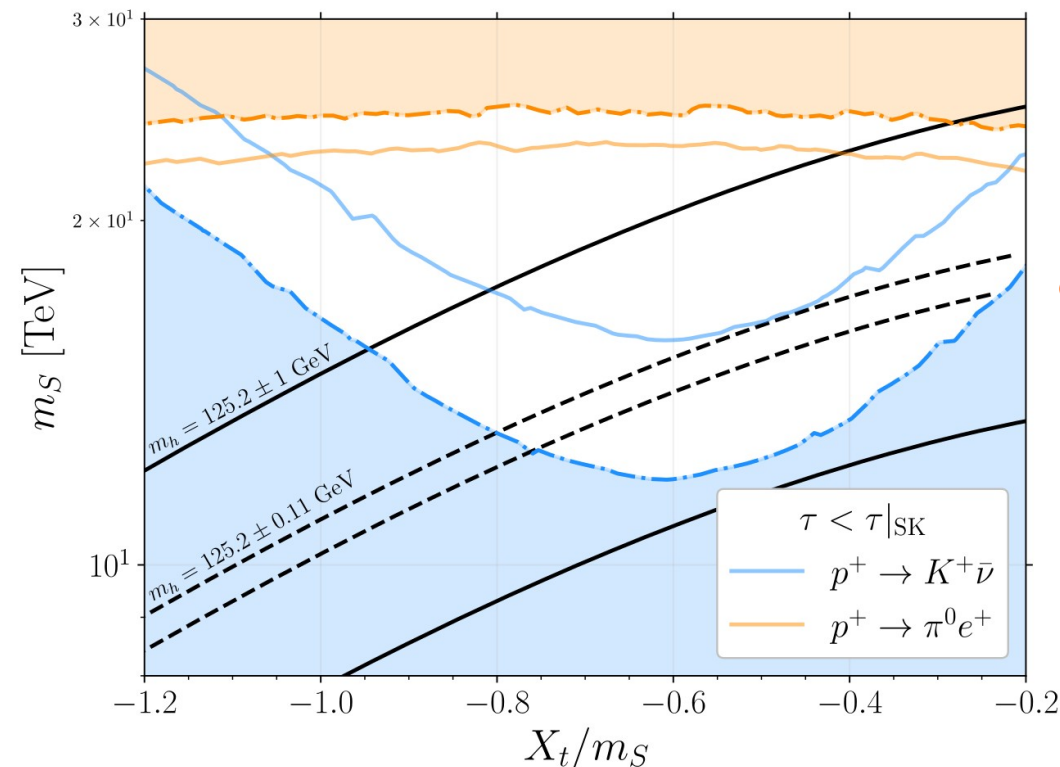
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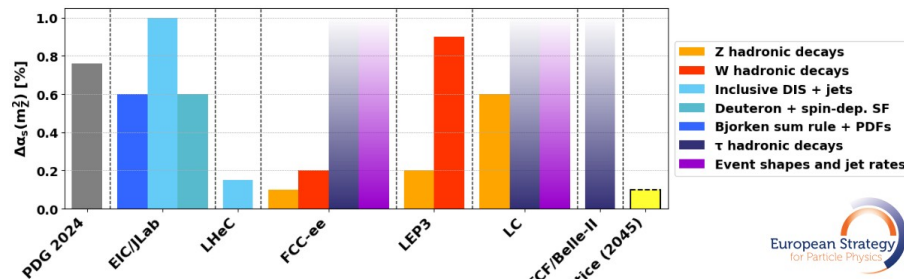
Where FCC comes into play.

- Increase precision on couplings at the Z pole

[FCC, 2505.00272]

Observable	value	present $\pm$	uncertainty	FCC-ee Stat.	FCC-ee Syst.
$\sin^2 \theta_W^{\text{eff}} (\times 10^6)$	231,480	$\pm$	160	1.2	1.2
$1/\alpha_{\text{QED}}(m_Z^2) (\times 10^3)$	128 952	$\pm$	14	3.9 0.8	small tbc
$\alpha_S(m_Z^2) (\times 10^4)$	1 196	$\pm$	30	0.1	1

More precision on $\alpha_i(m_Z)$ $\Rightarrow$ More precise determination of M_X, M_{H_c}, M_Σ $\Rightarrow$ Better determination of bounds from proton decay!



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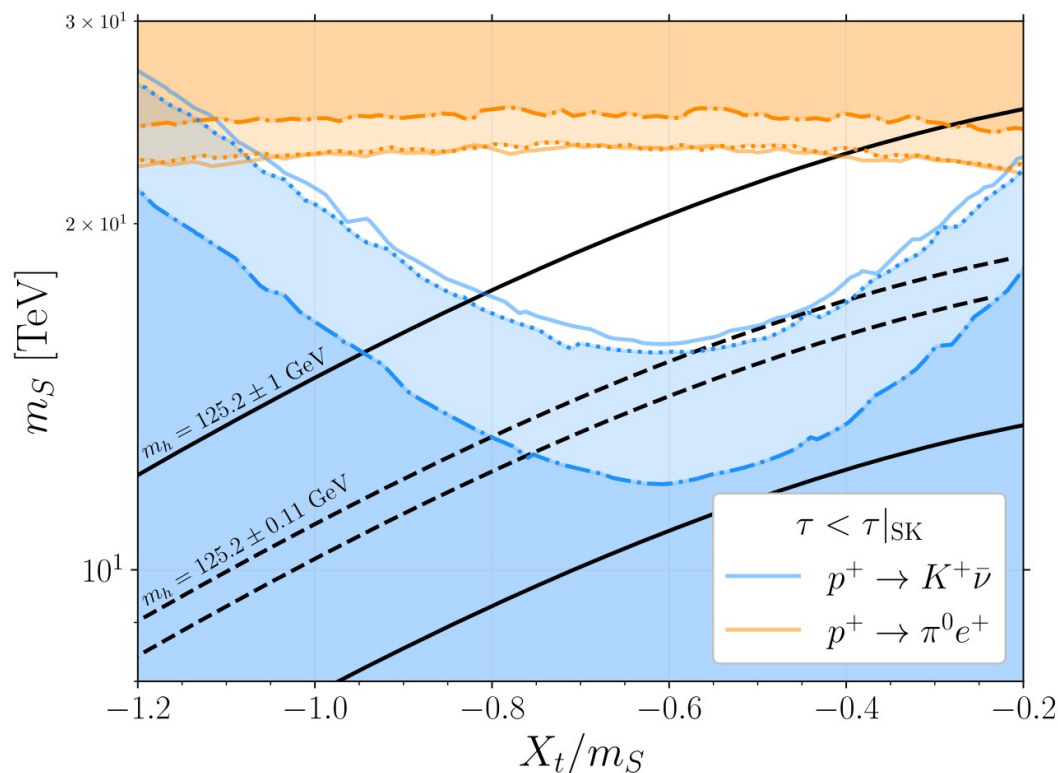
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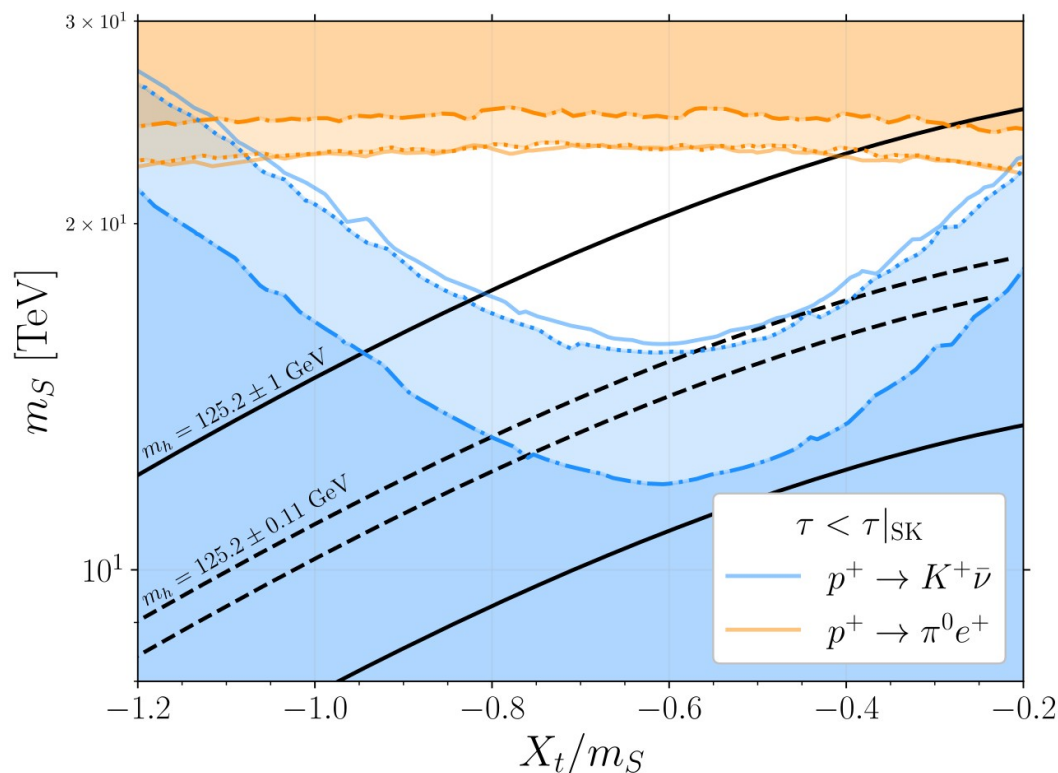
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Backup

Constrained MSSM (CMSSM).

- Simplified choice of soft-parameters

$$\begin{array}{c}
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 Q_{\text{GUT}} \text{ --- } m_{\tilde{q}, \tilde{\ell}}^2 = m_0^2 \mathbf{1}, \quad m_{H_u, H_d}^2 = m_0^2 \\
 \text{--- } m_{\tilde{G}, \tilde{W}, \tilde{B}} = m_{1/2} \\
 \text{--- } A_{u,d,e} = A_0 Y_{u,d,e} \\
 \text{EW --- } \tan \beta \\
 \text{--- }
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}} = & -\frac{1}{2} \left(m_{\tilde{G}} \tilde{G} \tilde{G} + m_{\tilde{W}} \tilde{W} \tilde{W} + m_{\tilde{B}} \tilde{B} \tilde{B} \right) \\
 & - \left(\tilde{u}^c A_u \tilde{Q} H_u - \tilde{d}^c A_d \tilde{Q} H_d - \tilde{e}^c A_e \tilde{L} H_d + h.c. \right) \\
 & - \tilde{Q}^\dagger m_{\tilde{Q}}^2 \tilde{Q} - \tilde{L}^\dagger m_{\tilde{L}}^2 \tilde{L} - \tilde{u}^{c\dagger} m_{\tilde{u}}^2 \tilde{u}^c - \tilde{d}^{c\dagger} m_{\tilde{d}}^2 \tilde{d}^c - \tilde{e}^{c\dagger} m_{\tilde{e}}^2 \tilde{e}^c \\
 & - m_{H_u}^2 H_u^* H_u - m_{H_d}^2 H_d^* H_d - (b H_u H_d + h.c.)
 \end{aligned}$$

Unification scale.

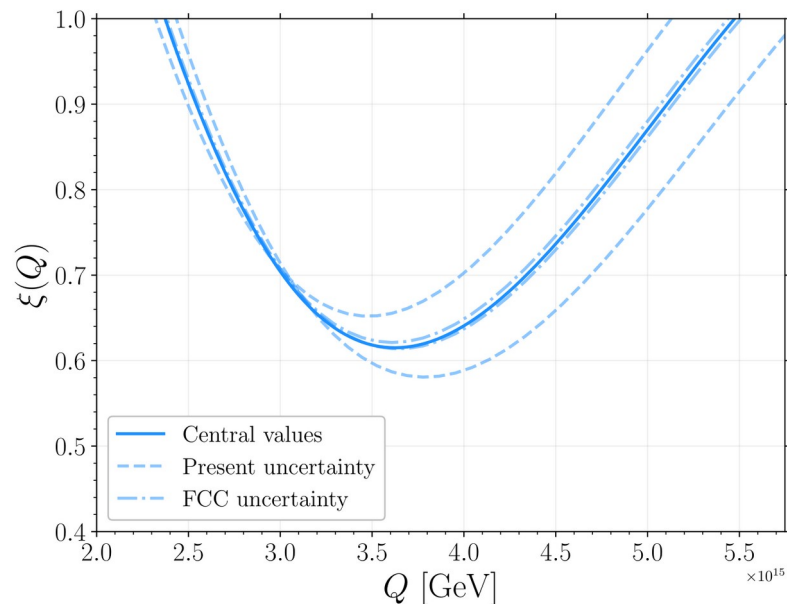
[Bhattiprolu, Wells, 2309.12954]

- Systematic prescription to determine GUT scale

$$\xi(Q)^2 \equiv (\alpha_1^{-1} - \alpha_2^{-1})^2 + (\alpha_1^{-1} - \alpha_3^{-1})^2 + (\alpha_3^{-1} - \alpha_2^{-1})^2$$

$$\xi^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3$$

- Unique minimum around $\sim 10^{15} - 10^{16}$ GeV



Meson decays.

[Babu, Kolda, [hep-ph/9909476](#)]

[Haish, Mahmoudi, [1210.7806](#)]

- $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

$$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{1}{128\pi} f_{B_s}^2 \tau_{B_s} m_{B_s}^3 \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_{B_s}^2}} \\ \times \left[\frac{m_{B_s}^2}{(m_b + m_s)^2} \left(1 - 4 \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_{B_s}^2} \right) C_{SP}^2 + \left| \frac{2m_\mu}{m_{B_s}} C_{AA} + \frac{m_{B_s}}{(m_b + m_s)} C_{PP} \right|^2 \right]$$

$$C_{SP} \approx -C_{PP} \approx \frac{-\sqrt{2} G_F \alpha}{\pi} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \mu A_t \frac{\tan^3 \beta}{(1 + \epsilon_b \tan \beta)^2} \frac{m_t^2}{m_{\tilde{t}^2}} \frac{m_b m_\mu}{4 \sin^2 \theta_W M_W^2 M_A^2} f(m_{\tilde{t}}/\mu)$$

$$f(x) = -\frac{x}{1-x} - \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \ln x$$

$$\epsilon_b = \frac{\mu A_t}{16\pi^2} \frac{y_t^2}{m_{\tilde{t}^2}} f(m_{\tilde{t}}/\mu) + \frac{2\alpha_s}{3\pi} \frac{\mu M_3}{m_{\tilde{b}^2}} f(m_{\tilde{b}}/\mu)$$

Meson decays.

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