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Searches for new physics

at HERA



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Outline:

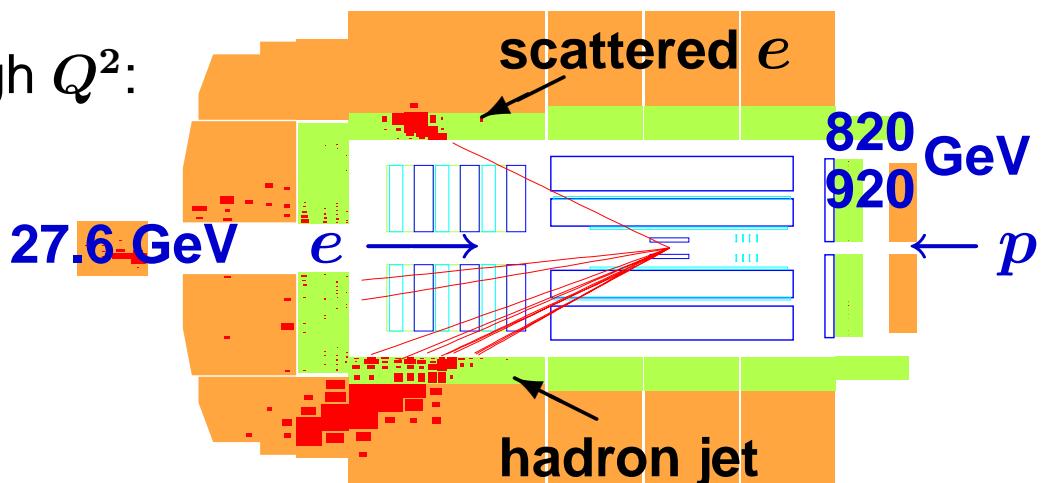
- ★ DIS at high Q^2
- ★ Contact Interactions, Compositeness,
Large Extra Dimensions
- ★ Leptoquarks
- ★ R_p violating SUSY
- ★ Excited Fermions
- ★ FCNC, Single Top Production
- ★ Conclusion and Outlook

Introduction to HERA

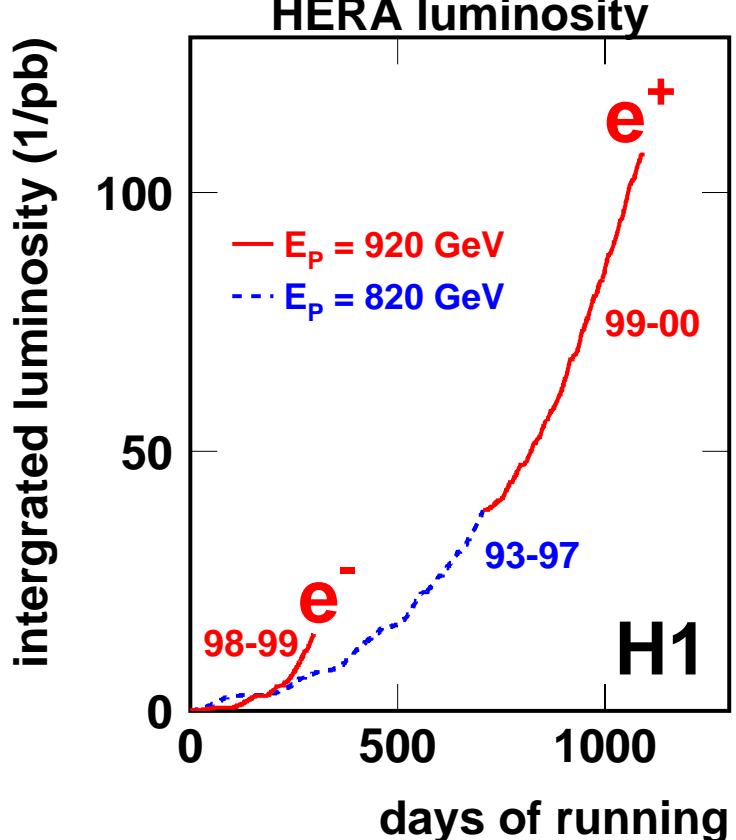
- HERA: ep collider at $\sqrt{s} \approx 300/320$ GeV

NC event at high Q^2 :

$$ep \rightarrow eX$$

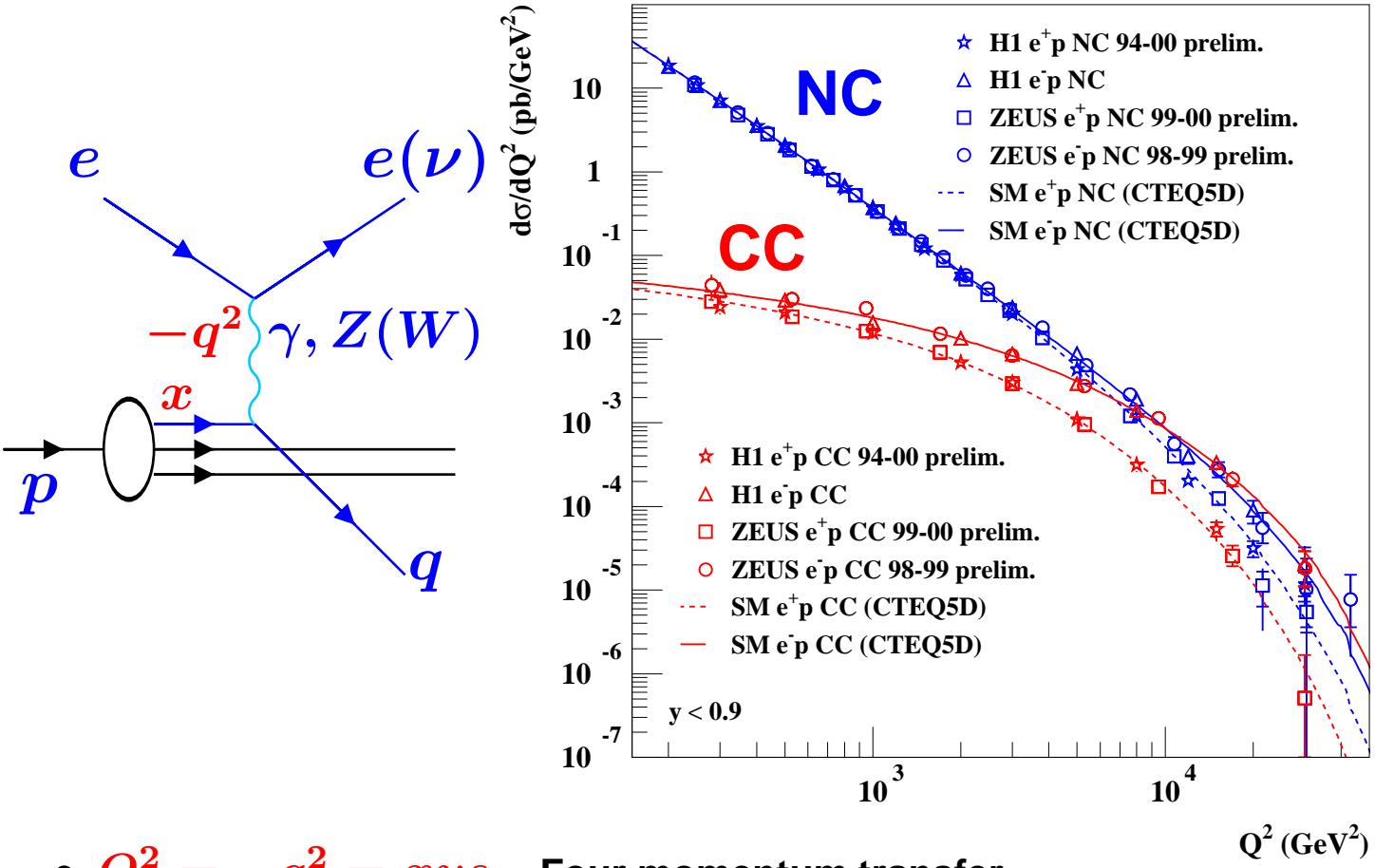


two detectors:



⇒ very good performance of HERA until shutdown in fall 2000

Deep Inelastic Scattering at high Q^2



- $Q^2 = -q^2 = xys$ **Four momentum transfer**
⇒ spatial resolution $\Delta r = 10^{-16}$ cm
- $x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$ **quark momentum fraction of the proton**
⇒ lepton-quark invariant mass $M = \sqrt{xs}$
⇒ direct production up to $M = \sqrt{s} = 320$ GeV
- $y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot l} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \theta^\star)$ **inelasticity**
⇒ polar angle of scattered electron
⇒ distinguish DIS (t-channel) and res. produc. (s-channel)

⇒ unique at HERA:

- eq interactions at high energies
- particles coupling to eq pairs

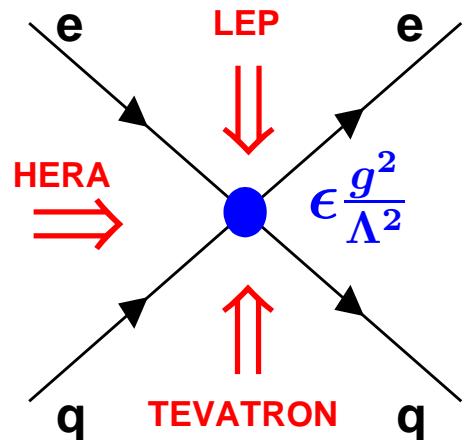
New physics at high Q^2 – Contact Interaction

- New physics with $\Lambda \gg \sqrt{s}$ observable as deviations from SM at high Q^2 because of virtual processes.
- parametrization as effective theory:

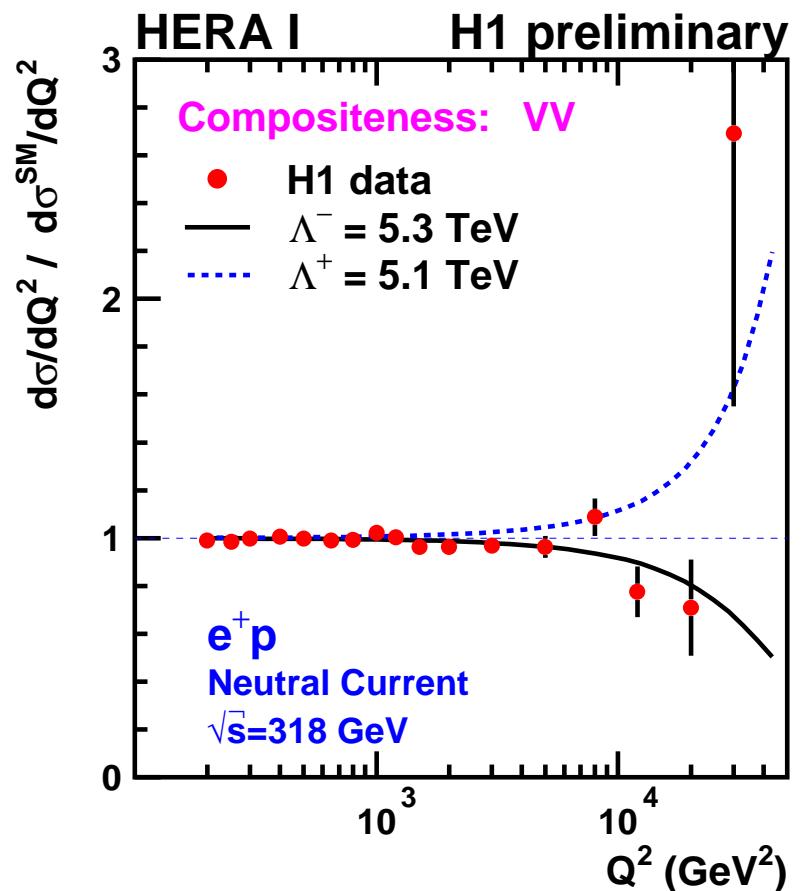
[e.g. Nucl. Phys. B234 (1984) 91.]

(only vector-like terms considered)

$$\mathcal{L}_{CI} = \sum_{i,j=L,R} \epsilon_{ij}^{eq} \frac{g^2}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{e}_i \gamma^\mu e_i)(\bar{q}_j \gamma_\mu q_j)$$

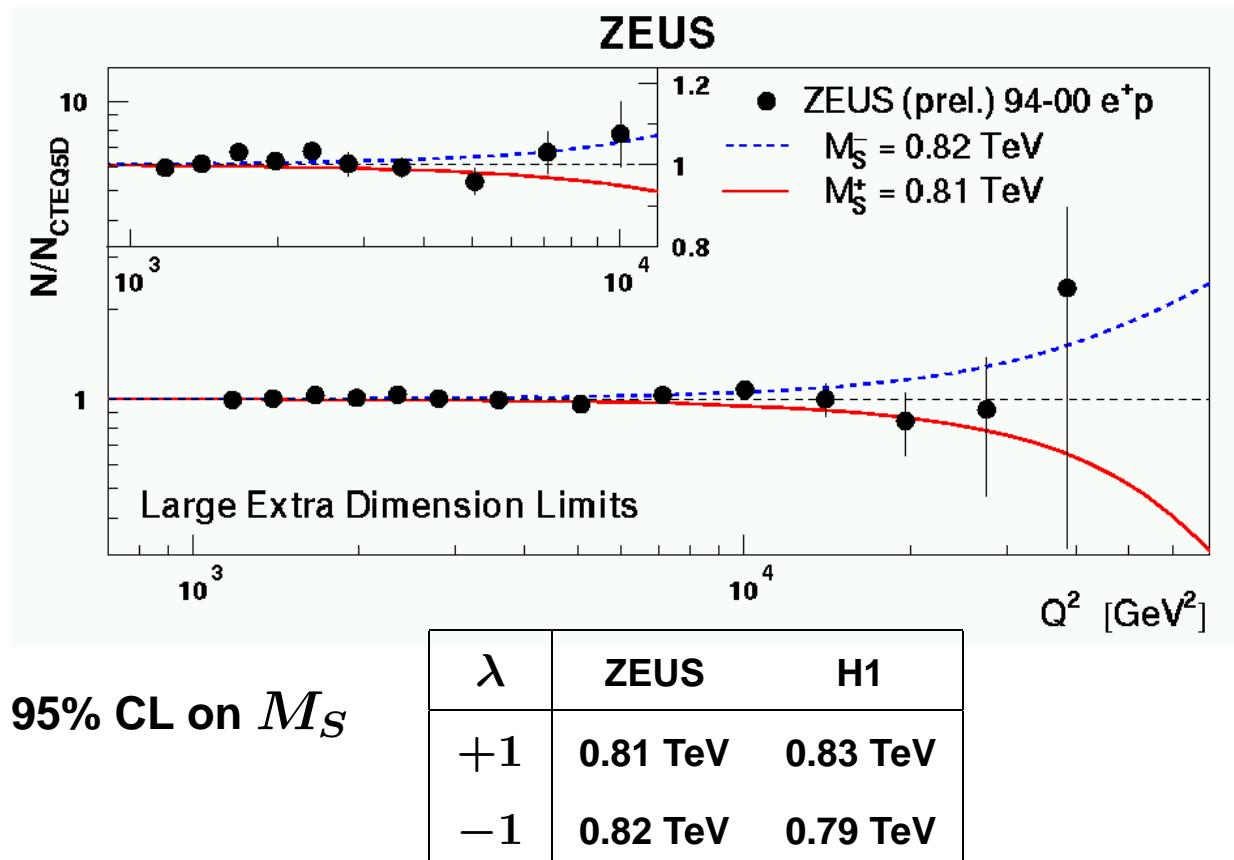


- compositeness:
 $\epsilon = \pm 1, \quad g^2 = 4\pi$
- several chiral combinations



Large Extra Dimensions

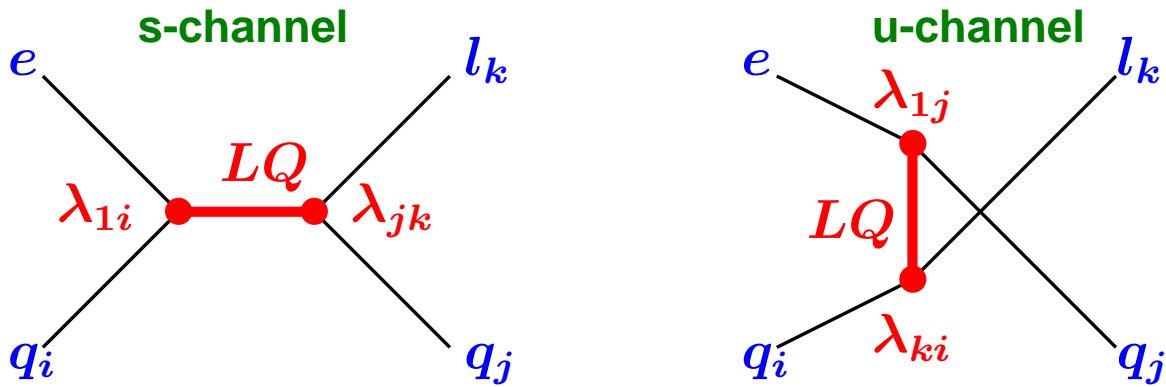
- hierarchy problem “solved” by extra dimensions
 - **Arkani-Hamed et al.** [hep-ph/9803315]:
 - propagation: SM particles in 4-D; gravitons in (4+n)-D
 - $M_P^2 = R^n M_s^{2+n}$ R = size of n compact extra dim.
 $M_s^{2+n} \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ TeV})$: eff. Planck scale
 - virtual KK “graviton” exchange interferes with γ, Z
 - effective coupling $\eta_G = \pm 1/M_s^4$
- ⇒ contribution to $eq \rightarrow eq$ at high Q^2



Leptoquarks

Leptoquarks considered as extension of SM

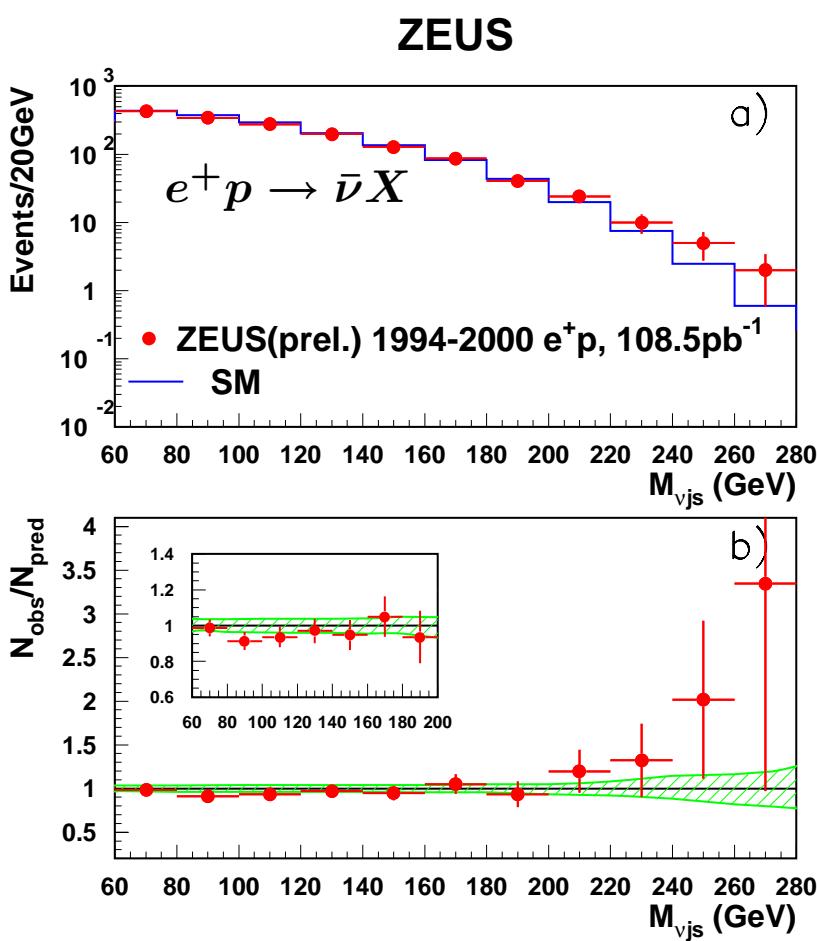
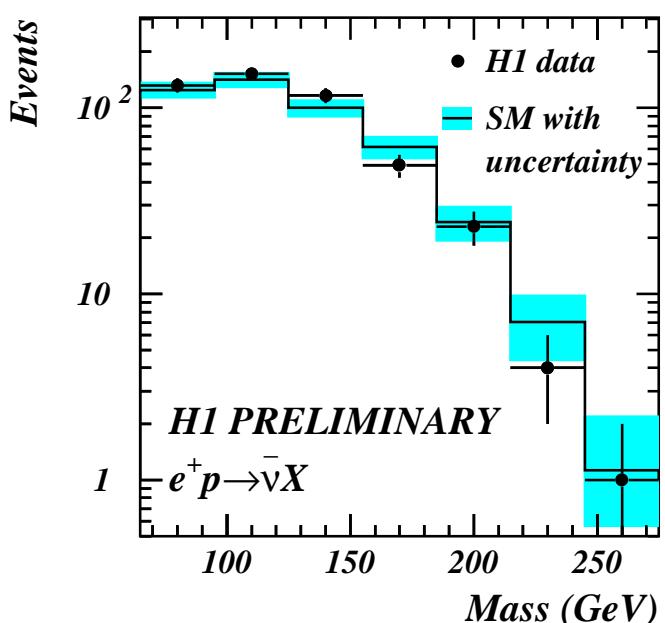
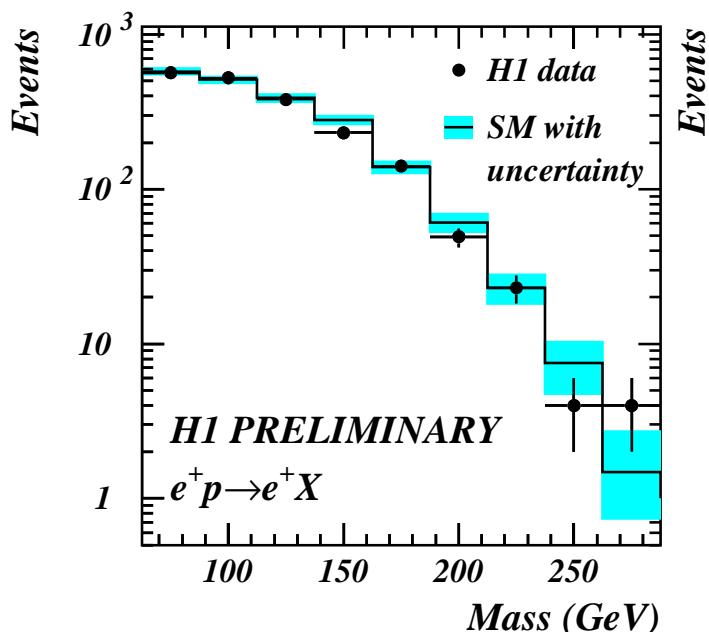
carry $B, L \neq 0$ and couple to leptons and quarks:



direct search: resonance peak

- production at HERA : $\sigma_{ep}^{\text{prod}} = f(M_{LQ}, \lambda)$
- **Buchmüller-Rückl-Wyler:** [Phys. Lett. B191 (1987) 442.]
 - couplings to chiral SM fermions and invariant under SM gauge group
- ⇒ 7 Scalar and 7 Vector Leptoquarks with fermion number $F = -(3B + L) = 0$ or 2
- ⇒ decays: fixed branching $1, \frac{1}{2}, 0$ into eq and/or νq
- separate from DIS by $\frac{d\sigma}{dy}$
DIS: $\propto 1/y^2$; Scalar LQ: flat; Vector LQ: $\propto (1 - y)^2$

Leptoquarks – Resonance scan

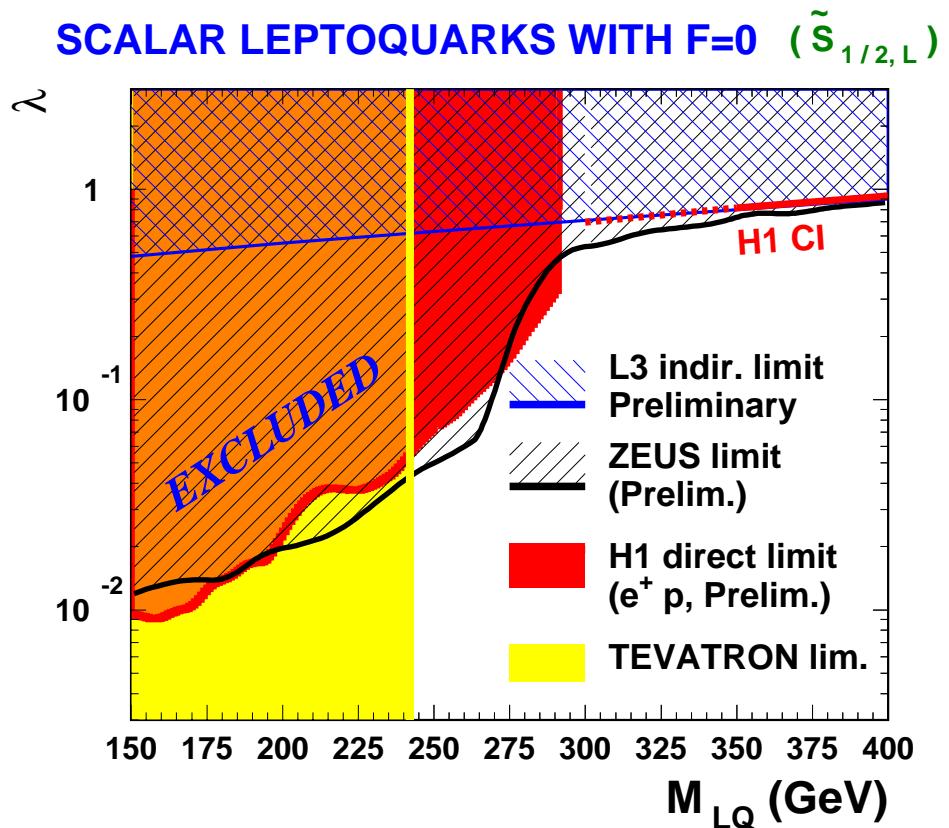


- **excess in 94–97 $e + \text{jet}$ data not confirmed.**
- **full data set in good agreement with SM**

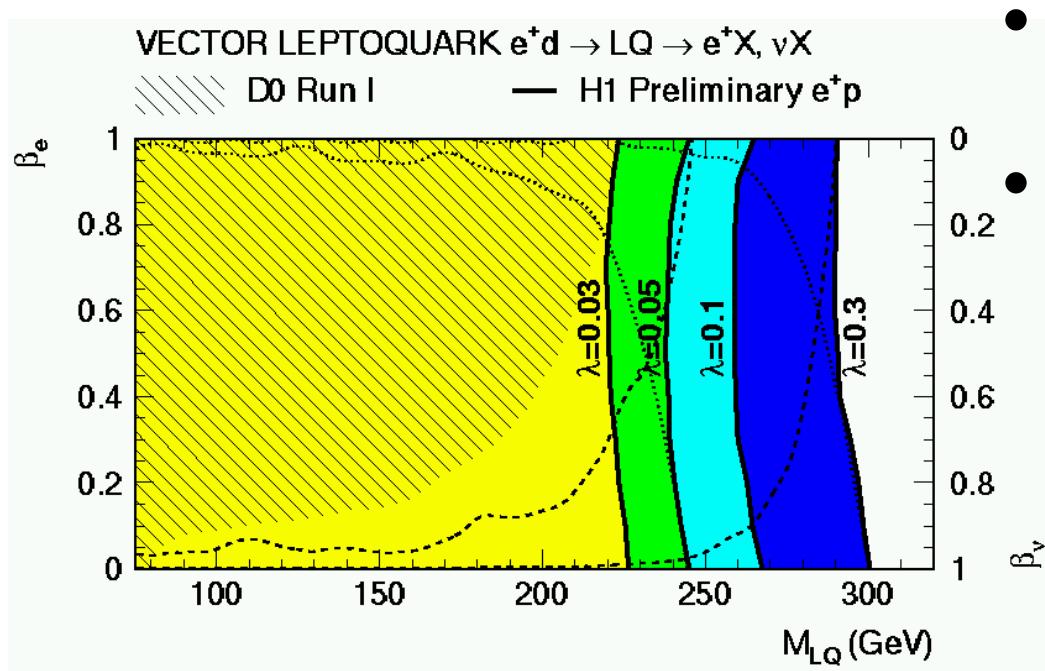
Leptoquarks – Limits

BRW model (β fixed):

- TeVatron pair production, independent of λ
- LEP t-channel contribution to $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons, strongly dependent on λ



more general model : β free, $\beta(eq) + \beta(\nu q) = 1$



- limits almost independent of β
- HERA limits very stringent for small $\beta(eq)$

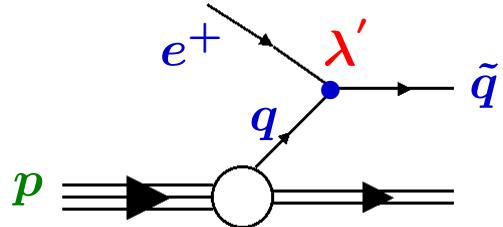
R -Parity violating Supersymmetry

- $R_p = (-1)^{3B+L+2S}$
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|------------|------------------|
| $R_p = +1$ | : SM particles |
| $R_p = -1$ | : SUSY particles |

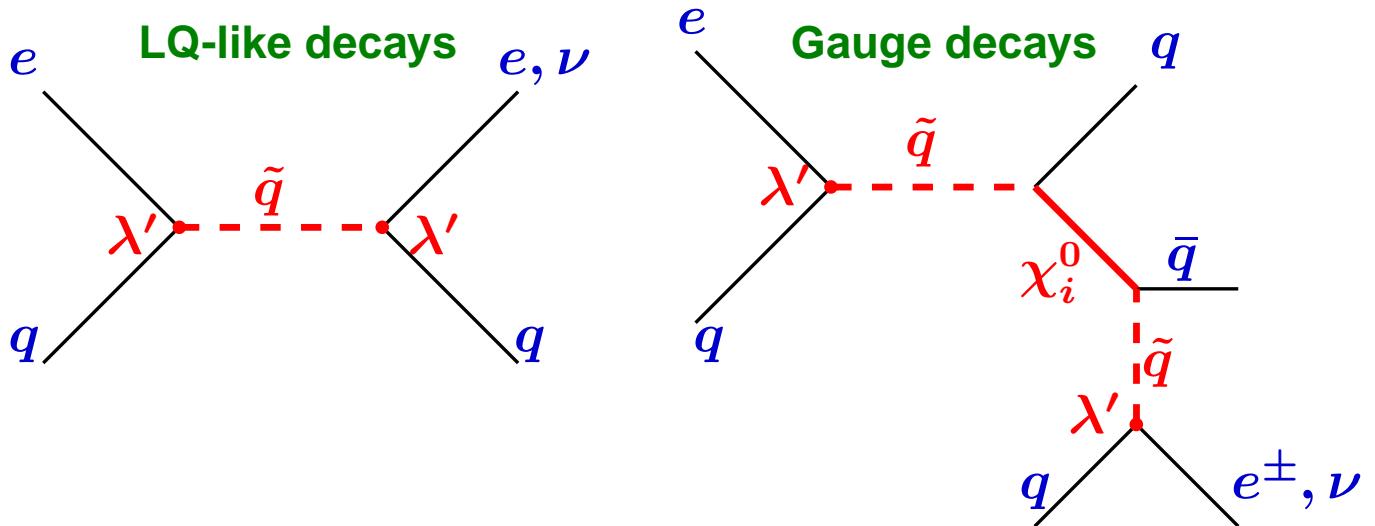
- most general theory has R_p term:

[hep-ex/9211204 and ref. therein]

$$W_{R_p} = \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k$$



↪ Resonant production of \tilde{q} ↪ LSP no more stable



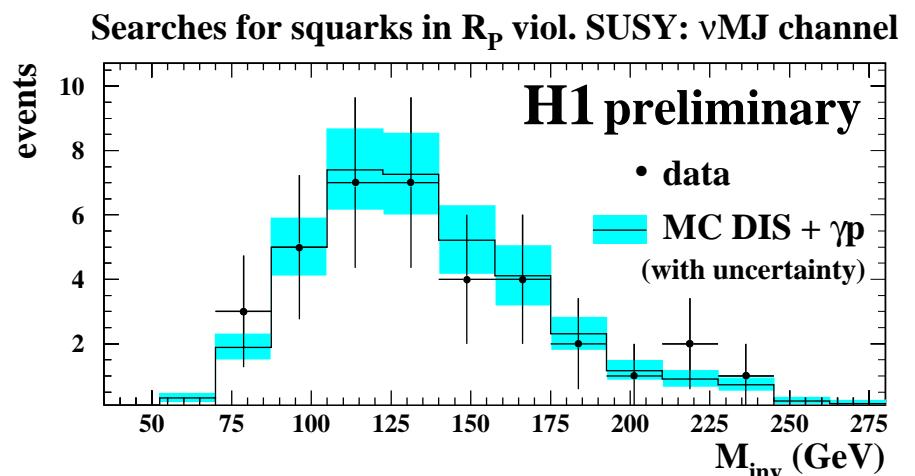
cascade decays via χ^\pm/\tilde{g} taken into account

⇒ large variety of final states

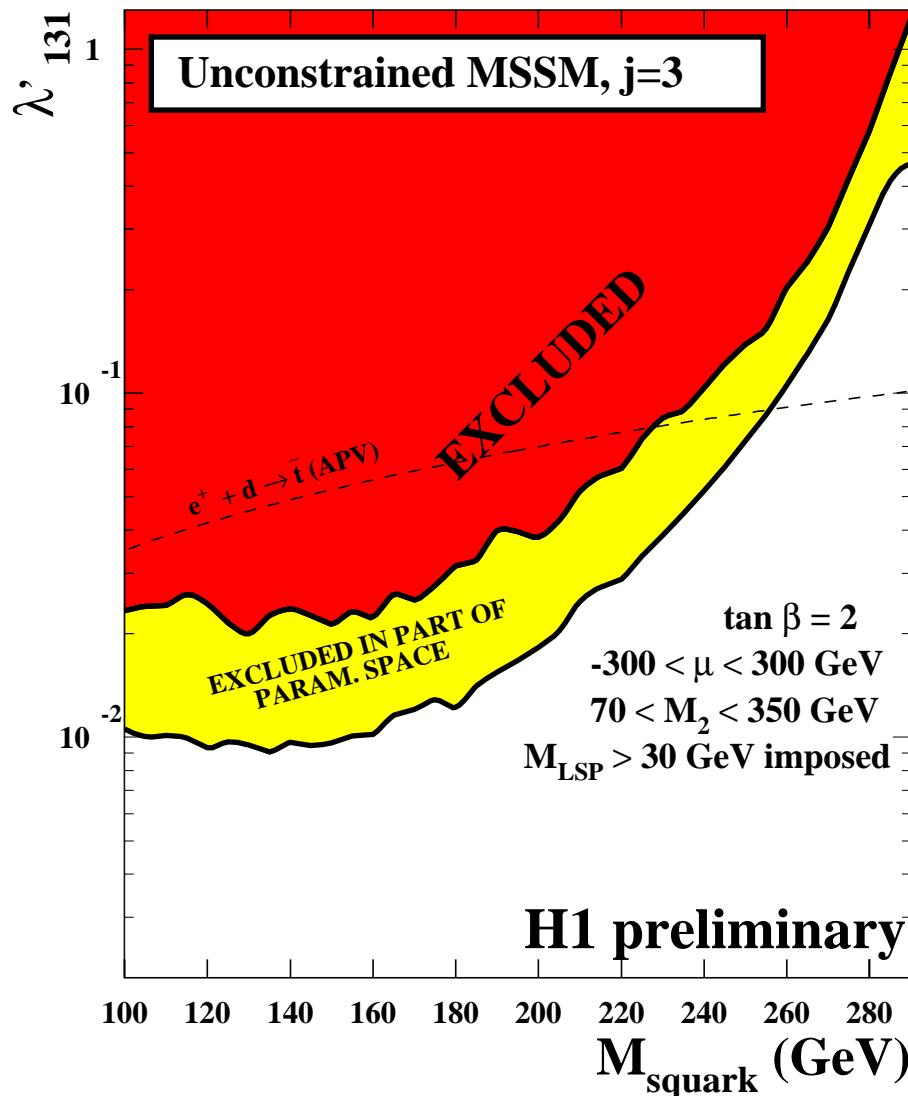
R -Parity violating Supersymmetry

- check all channels:
e.g. $\nu + \geq 2$ jets

\Rightarrow no deviation from SM



Searches for squarks in R_p viol. SUSY



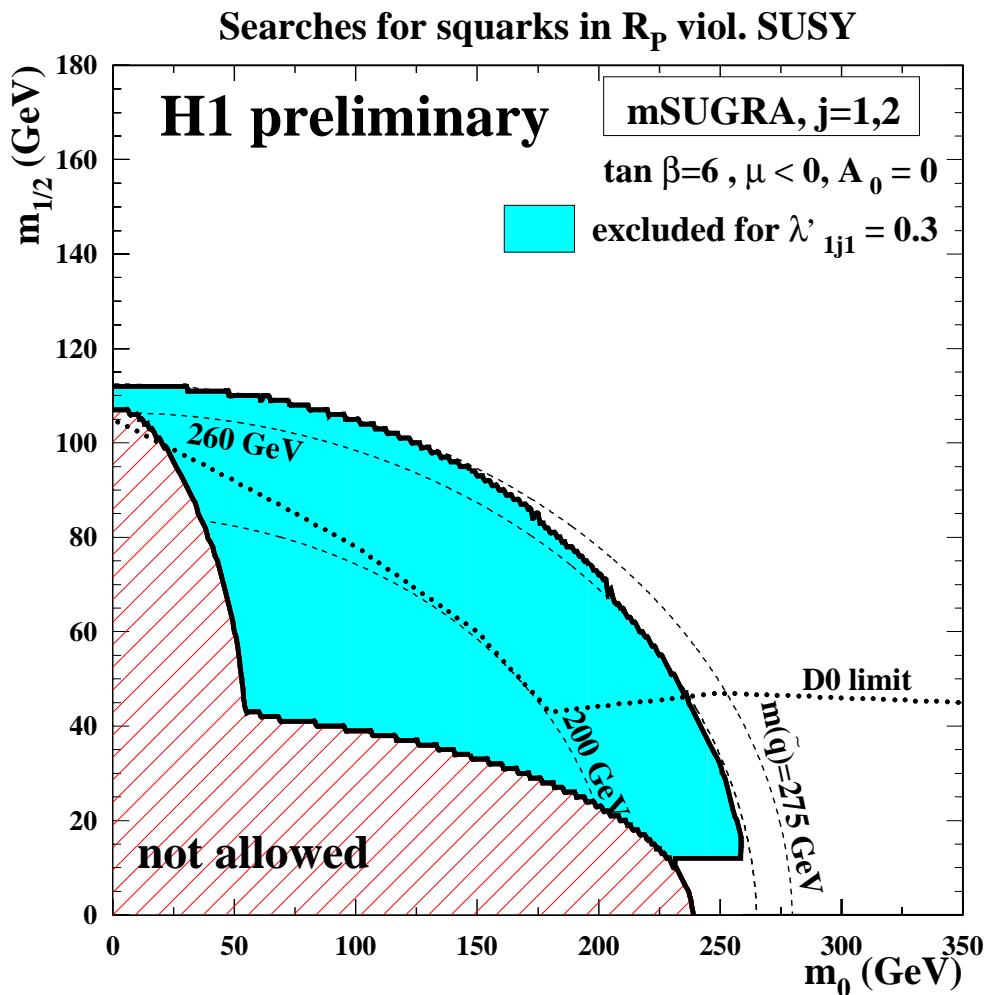
unconstrained MSSM:
sfermion masses free

- e.g. $j = 3 \Rightarrow$ stop
- limits widely parameter independent
- masses up to 270 GeV ruled out for $\lambda' = 0.3$

Limits in R_p mSUGRA

minimal SUperGRAvity:

- common sfermion (gaugino) mass m_0 ($m_{1/2}$) at GUT scale



- HERA sensitivity follows squark mass isocurve
- HERA constraints depend on λ'
- searches at LEP very sensitive. HERA competitive for intermediate values of m_0 for $\lambda'_{131} \neq 0$.

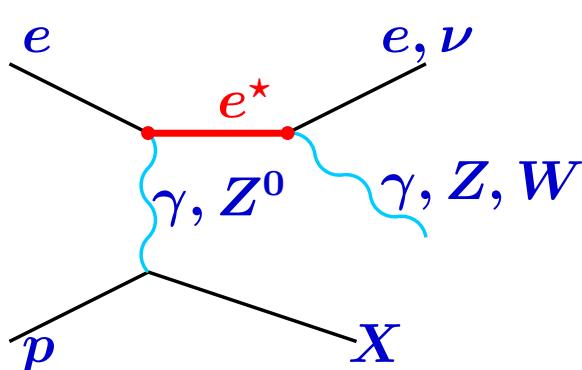
Excited Fermions

- compositeness of fermions would manifest in excited states f^* .
- (De-)excitation of states described by effective Lagrangian:
Hagiwara et al. [Z. Phys. C29 (1985) 115.]

$$\mathcal{L} \propto \frac{1}{\Lambda} (\mathbf{f} \cdot \text{SU}(2) + \mathbf{f}' \cdot \text{U}(1) + \mathbf{f}_s \cdot \text{SU}(3))$$

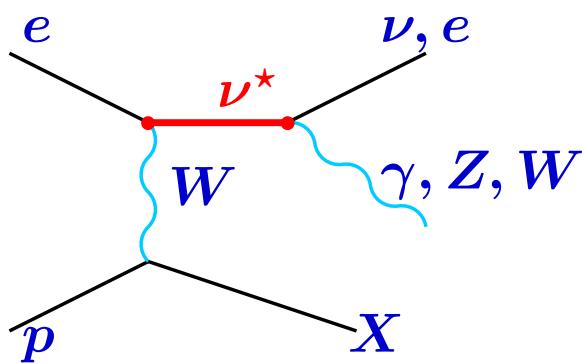
Λ : Compositeness scale f, f', f_s : gauge group weights

e^* :



- $e^* \rightarrow e\gamma$
- $e^* \rightarrow eZ^0 \hookrightarrow q\bar{q}$
- $e^* \rightarrow \nu W \hookrightarrow q\bar{q}'$

ν^* :

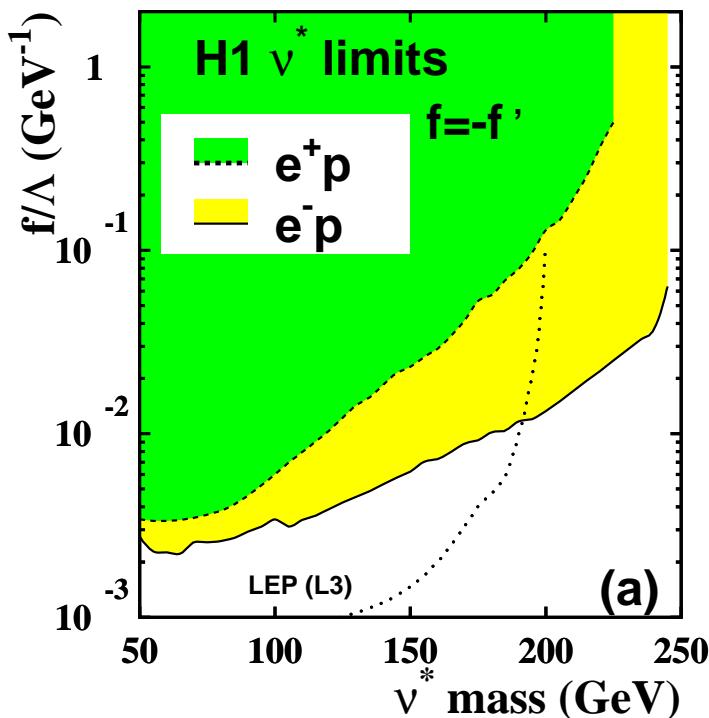
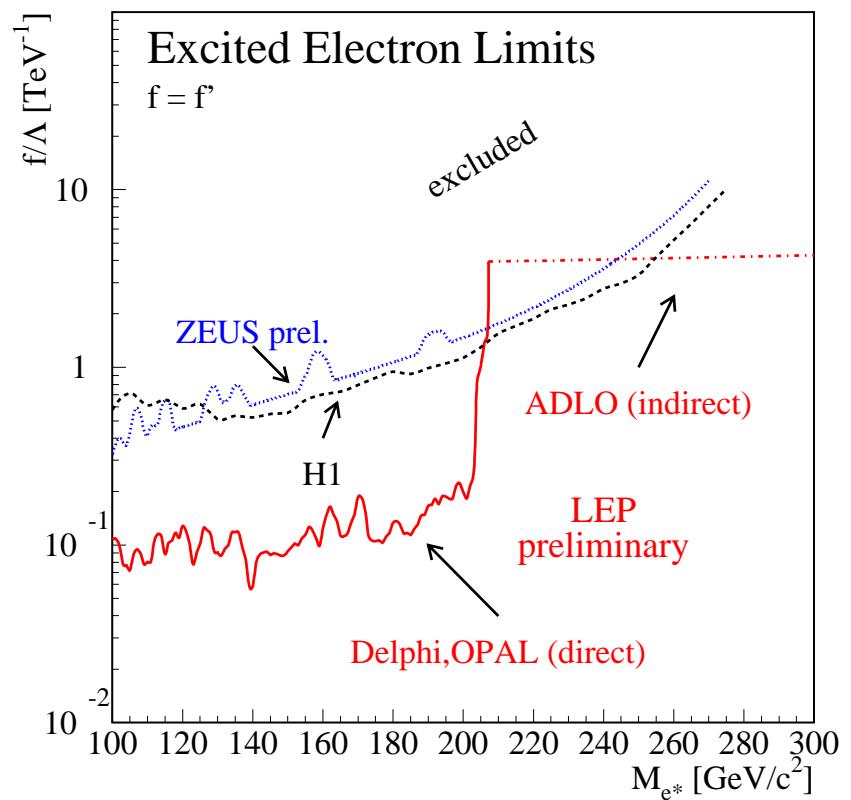


- $\nu^* \rightarrow \nu\gamma$
- $\nu^* \rightarrow \nu Z^0 \hookrightarrow q\bar{q}$
- $\nu^* \rightarrow eW \hookrightarrow q\bar{q}'$

⇒ much higher X-section for e^-p
(W exchange)

Limits on Excited Fermions

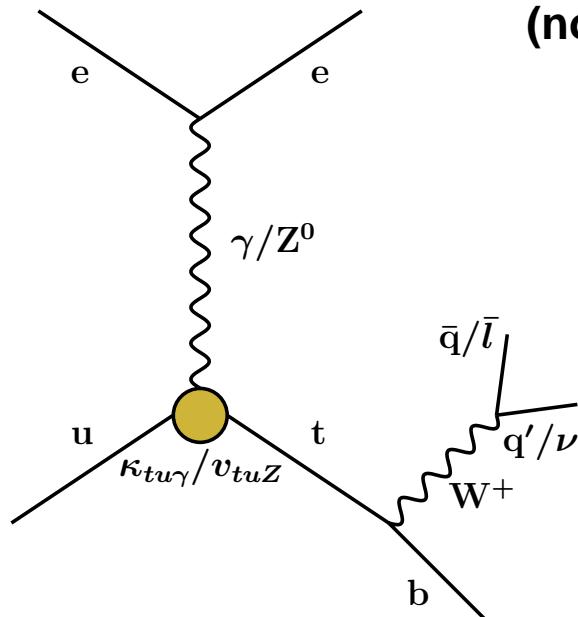
- cross section depends on f, f' and Λ .
- usually used:
 $f = -f'$
or $f = +f'$



for ν^* : e^-p data (just 15 pb^{-1}) give a much larger contribution
 \Rightarrow substantial improvement expected with HERA II

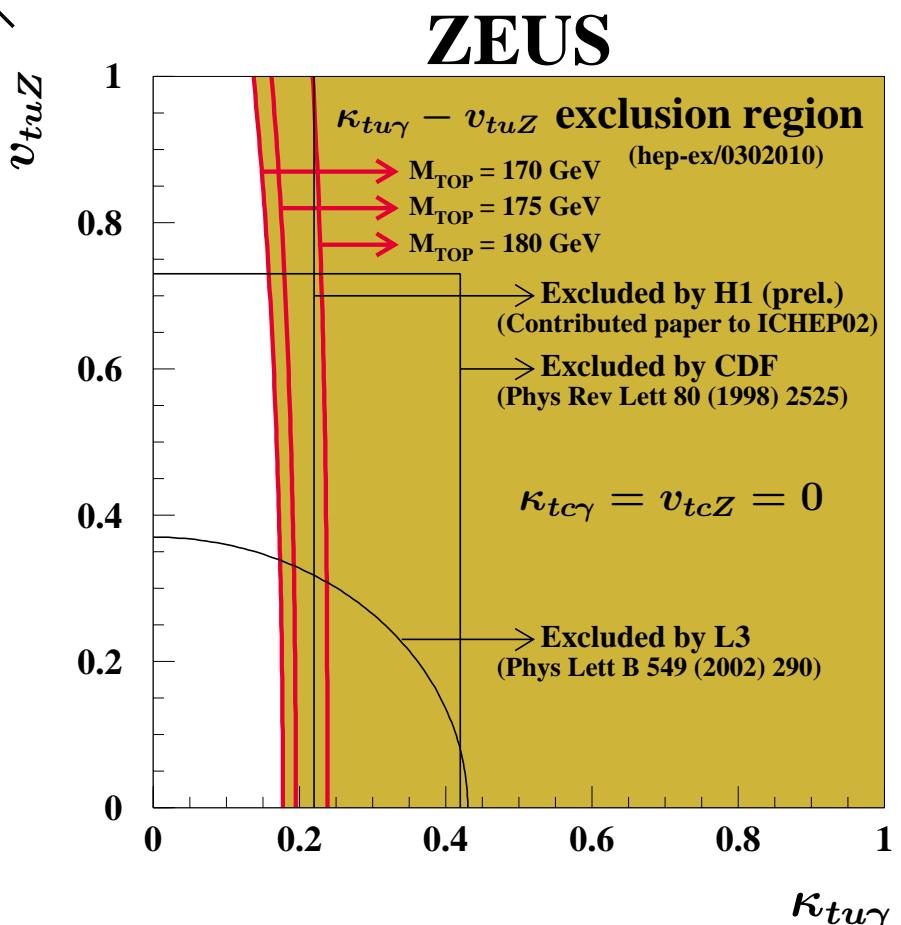
Anomalous (FCNC) single top production

- H1: excess of events with isolated leptons, p_t^{miss} and hard jet



⇒ signature for top

- FCNC vertex $\kappa_{tu\gamma}, v_{tuZ}$
- hadr. decay of W considered as well (in agreement with SM)



- very sensitive to $\kappa_{tu\gamma}$
- LEP:
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma Z \rightarrow tu$
- TeVatron: rare top decays: $t \rightarrow \gamma q, Z q$

Conclusion and Outlook

★ no signal found and limits derived for several models beyond the SM at HERA

★ Contact Interaction, Compositeness, Large Extra Dimensions

★ Leptoquarks

★ Lepton Flavour Violation

★ R_P violating supersymmetric models

★ Excited Fermions

★ anomalous top production and FCNC

but: some outstanding events – multi-leptons and isolated leptons – are still puzzling and very exciting !

→ see talk of T. Carli

★ prospects for HERA II

- polarisation helps to test specific chiral properties of models beyond the SM
- higher luminosity (in particular $e^- p$) will give significant improvement of limits (e.g. excited neutrinos)