

# Positivity bounds in SMEFT and the inverse problem

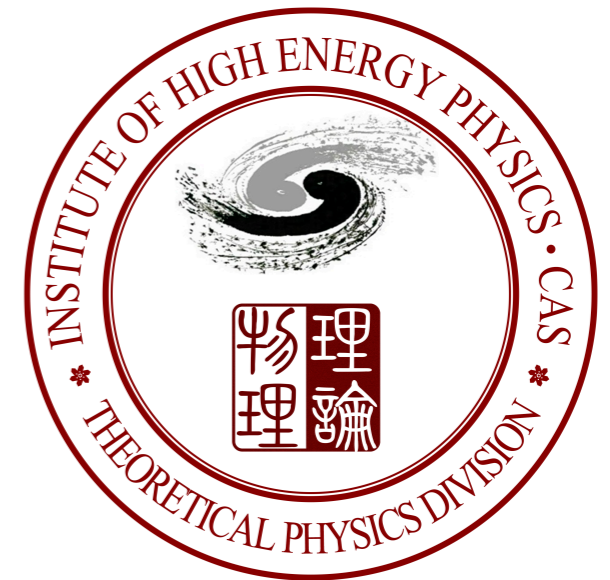
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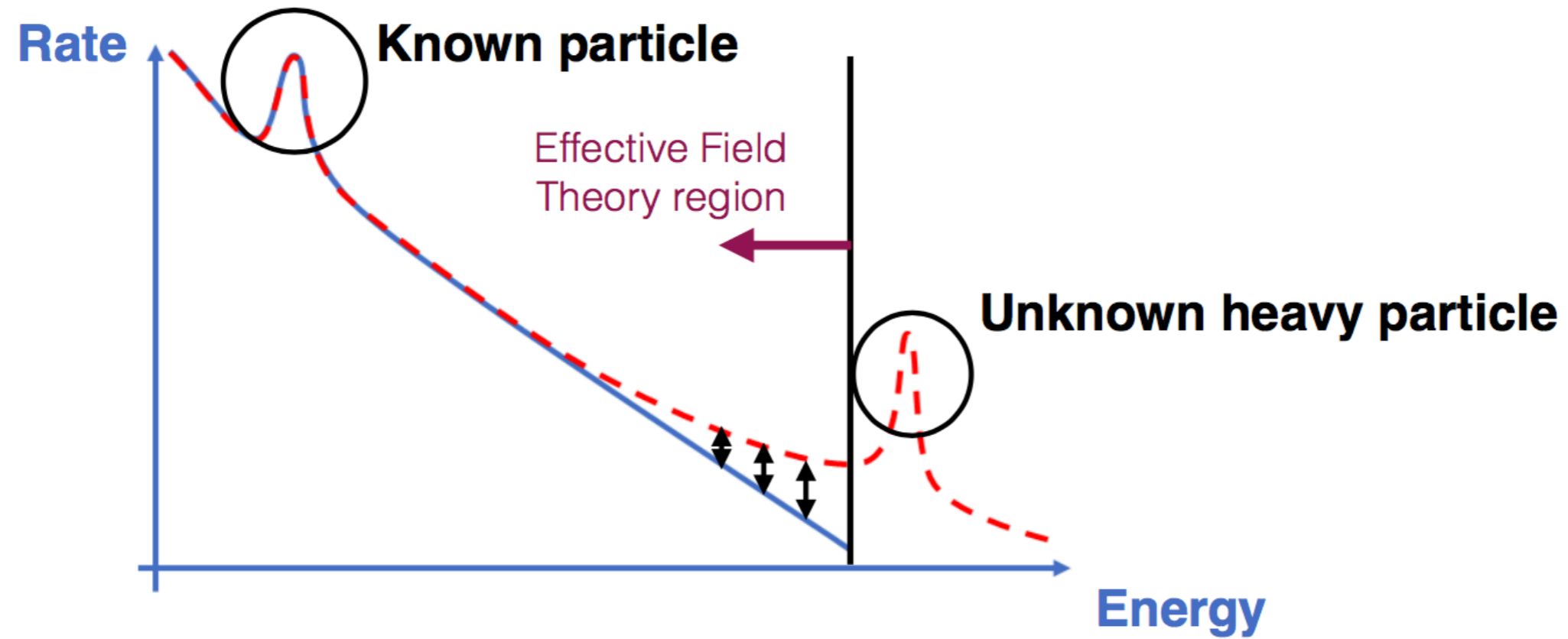
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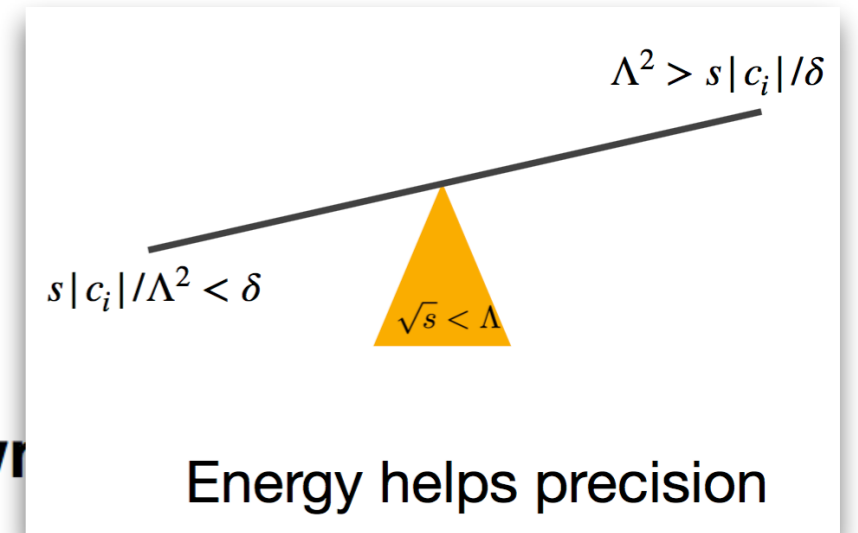
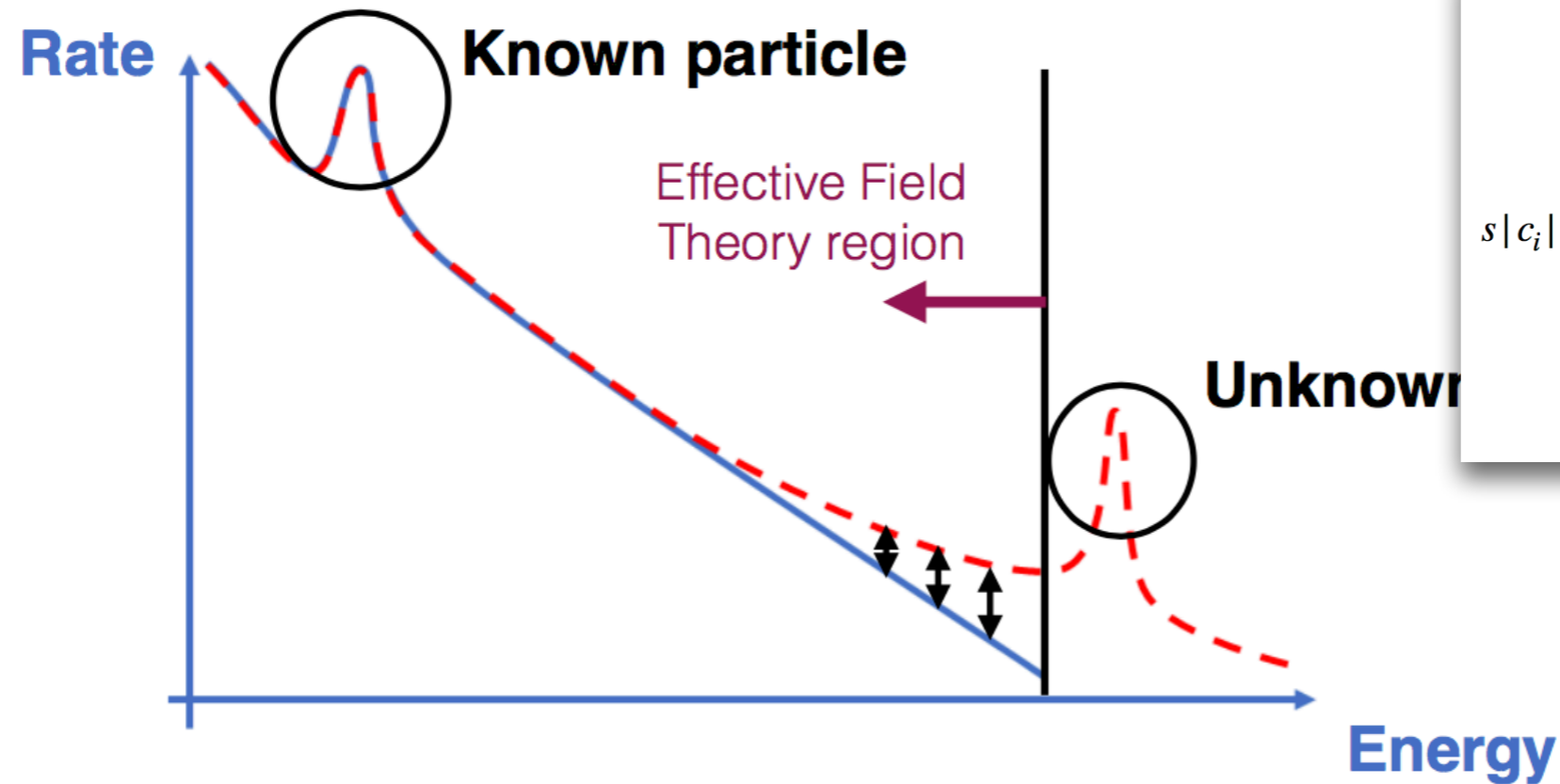
Based on 2005.03047 with S.-Y. Zhou, 2009.02212 with B. Fuks, Y. Liu and S.-Y. Zhou,  
2101.01191 with X. Li, H. Xu, C. Yang, S.-Y. Zhou, and ongoing works.



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Precise measurements at low energy => probe BSM beyond the collider reach.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)} O_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(8)} O_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} + \dots$$

### Dim-6 (84)

$X^3$		$\varphi^6$ and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_\varphi$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \varphi)$
$Q_W$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi \tilde{B}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi u}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
$Q_{\varphi WB}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi d}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
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$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_{ll}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	$Q_{ee}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	$Q_{le}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{uu}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{lu}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$Q_{dd}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{ld}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{eu}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{qe}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
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		$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
				$Q_{qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$
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$Q_{ledq}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s^k q_t^j)$	$Q_{duq}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jkl} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^j)^T C l_t^k]$		
$Q_{quqd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$	$Q_{quu}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jkl} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(u_s^j)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	$Q_{quq}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jnl} \varepsilon_{km} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(q_s^m)^T C l_t^l]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	$Q_{duu}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(u_s^j)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$				

[B. Grzadkowski et al., 1008.4884]

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1	$X^4$	7	43	43
2	$H^8$	1	1	1
3	$H^6 D^2$	1	2	2
4	$H^4 D^4$	1	3	3
5	$X^3 H^2$	3	6	6
6	$X^2 H^4$	5	10	10
7	$X^2 H^2 D^2$	4	18	18
8	$X H^4 D^2$	2	6	6
9	$\psi^2 X^2 H$	16	96	$96n_g^2$
10	$\psi^2 X H^3$	8	22	$22n_g^2$
11	$\psi^2 H^2 D^3$	6	16	$16n_g^2$
12	$\psi^2 H^5$	3	6	$6n_g^2$
13	$\psi^2 H^4 D$	6	13	$13n_g^2$
14	$\psi^2 X^2 D$	21	57	$57n_g^2$
15	$\psi^2 X H^2 D$	16	92	$92n_g^2$
16	$\psi^2 X H D^2$	8	48	$48n_g^2$
17	$\psi^2 H^3 D^2$	3	36	$36n_g^2$
18(B)	$\psi^4 H^2$	19	75	$n_g^2(67n_g^2 + n_g + 7)$
18(B̄)		4 + 3	12 + 8	$\frac{1}{3}n_g^2(43n_g^2 - 9n_g + 2)$
19(B)	$\psi^4 X$	40 + 5	156 + 12	$4n_g^2(40n_g^2 - 1)$
19(B̄)		4	44 + 12	$2n_g^3(21n_g + 1)$
20(B)	$\psi^4 H D$	16	134 + 2	$n_g^3(135n_g - 1)$
20(B̄)		7	32	$n_g^3(29n_g + 3)$
21(B)	$\psi^4 D^2$	18	55	$\frac{11}{2}n_g^2(9n_g^2 + 1)$
21(B̄)		4	10 + 2	$n_g^3(11n_g - 1)$
	$B$	204 + 5	895 + 14	895(36971), $n_g = 1(3)$
	$\mathcal{B}$	19 + 3	98 + 22	98(7836), $n_g = 1(3)$
	Total	223 + 8	993 + 36	993(44807), $n_g = 1(3)$

[H.-L. Li et al., 2020] [C. Murphy, 2020]

See also:

Dim-7: [L. Lehman, 14] [Liao & Ma, 16]

Dim-9: [H.-L. Li et al., 20] [Liao & Ma, 20]

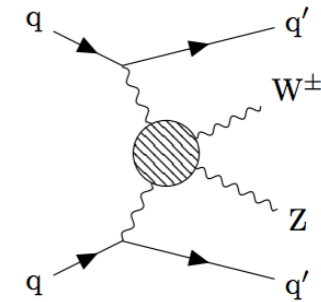
Counting: [Henning, Lu, Melia, Murayama, 1512.03433]

# Dim-8

## ◆ 4-boson (W,Z, $\gamma$ H) (anomalous quartic-gauge-boson couplings)

$$\begin{aligned}
 O_{S,0} &= [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi] \times [(D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi] \\
 O_{S,1} &= [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \times [(D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi] \\
 O_{T,0} &= \text{Tr} \left[ W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \right] \times \text{Tr} \left[ W_{\alpha\beta} W^{\alpha\beta} \right] \\
 O_{T,1} &= \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\alpha\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\beta} \right] \times \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\mu\beta} \hat{W}^{\alpha\nu} \right] \\
 O_{M,0} &= \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \right] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi] \\
 O_{M,1} &= \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\nu\beta} \right] \times [(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi]
 \end{aligned}$$

	14 TeV		27 TeV	
	$WZjj$	$W^\pm W^\pm jj$	$WZjj$	$W^\pm W^\pm jj$
$f_{S_0}/\Lambda^4$	[-8,8]	[-6,6]	[-1.5,1.5]	[-1.5,1.5]
$f_{S_1}/\Lambda^4$	[-18,18]	[-16,16]	[-3,3]	[-2.5,2.5]
$f_{T_0}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.76,0.76]	[-0.6,0.6]	[-0.04,0.04]	[-0.027,0.027]
$f_{T_1}/\Lambda^4$	[-0.50,0.50]	[-0.4,0.4]	[-0.03,0.03]	[-0.016,0.016]
$f_{M_0}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.8,3.8]	[-4.0,4.0]	[-0.5,0.5]	[-0.28,0.28]
$f_{M_1}/\Lambda^4$	[-5.0,5.0]	[-12,12]	[-0.8,0.8]	[-0.90,0.90]



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## ◆ Light-by-light, $gg \rightarrow$ diphoton

[J. Ellis et al. 1703.08450] [Ellis and Ge 1802.02416]

## ◆ nTGC, $ffZZ/ffZ\gamma/ff\gamma\gamma$

[C. Degrande 1308.6323] [Bellazzini and Riva 1806.09640]  
 [Ellis, He, Xiao 2008.04298] [J. Ellis et al. 1902.06631]  
 [Gu, Wang, CZ 2011.03055]

## ◆ EWPD

[Corbett, Helset, Martin, Trott 2102.02819]

## ◆ Higgs+Z

[Hays, Martin, Sanz, Setford 1808.00442]

## ◆ $qqqq, llll, qqll, \dots$

[Bellazzini, Riva, Serra, Sgarlata 1706.03070]  
 [Fuks, Liu, CZ, Zhou 2009.02212]  
 [Alioli, Boughezal, Mereghetti, Petriello 2003.11615]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)} O_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(8)} O_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} + \dots$$

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$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_\varphi$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \varphi)$
$Q_W$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{B}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi u}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi \tilde{WB}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
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$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$Q_{dd}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{ld}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
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		$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
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16	$\psi^2 X H D^2$	8	48	$48n_g^2$
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18(B)	$\psi^4 H^2$	19	75	$n_g^2(67n_g^2 + n_g + 7)$
18(B̄)		4 + 3	12 + 8	$\frac{1}{3}n_g^2(43n_g^2 - 9n_g + 2)$
19(B)	$\psi^4 X$	40 + 5	156 + 12	$4n_g^2(40n_g^2 - 1)$
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)} O_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(8)} O_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} + \dots$$

### Dim-6 (84)

$X^3$		$\varphi^6$ and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_\varphi$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \varphi)$
$Q_W$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{B}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi u}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
$Q_{\varphi WB}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi d}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{WB}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_{ll}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	$Q_{ee}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	$Q_{le}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
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$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$Q_{dd}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{ld}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
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$Q_{ledq}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s^k q_t^j)$	$Q_{duq}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jkl} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^j)^T C l_t^k]$		
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$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$				

[B. Grzadkowski et al., 1008.4884]

### Dim-8 classes (993)

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1	$X^4$	7	43	43
2	$H^8$	1	1	1
3	$H^6 D^2$	1	2	2
4	$H^4 D^4$	1	3	3
5	$X^3 H^2$	3	6	6
6	$X^2 H^4$	5	10	10
7	$X^2 H^2 D^2$	4	18	18
8	$X H^6$			6
9	$\psi^2 X^4$			$96n_g^2$
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250 OPs constrained by positivity ( $\propto E^4$ )

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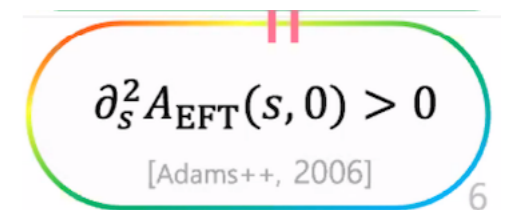
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# Positivity bounds

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- ◆ Not all SMEFTs have a UV completion.
- ◆ Bounds from axiomatic principles of QFT (causality, unitarity, etc.), on the signs of (combinations of) Wilson coefficients.

- ◆ 2-to-2 amplitude (1 particle)  $A_{2\rightarrow 2}(s, t = 0) = c_0 + c_2 s^2 + c_4 s^4 + \dots$


$$\partial_s^2 A_{\text{EFT}}(s, 0) > 0$$

[Adams++, 2006]

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- ◆  $c_2 > 0$ ; Often in SMEFT:  $C^{(8)} > 0$ . [A. Adams et al., JHEP 06]
  - ◆ General bosonic operators [G. Remmen, N. Rodd 1908.09845]
  - ◆ aQGC [Bi, CZ, Zhou 1902.08977] [Yamashita, CZ, Zhou 2009.04490]
  - ◆ Fermion/flavor operators [G. Remmen, N. Rodd 2004.02885], [Bonnefoy, Gendy, Grojean 2011.12855]
  - ◆ See also [Bellazzini, Riva, Serra, Sgarlata 1706.03070] [Bellazzini and Riva 1806.09640 ] [Fuks, Liu, CZ, Zhou 2009.02212] [Gu, Wang, CZ 2011.03055] [T. Trott 2011.10058]...

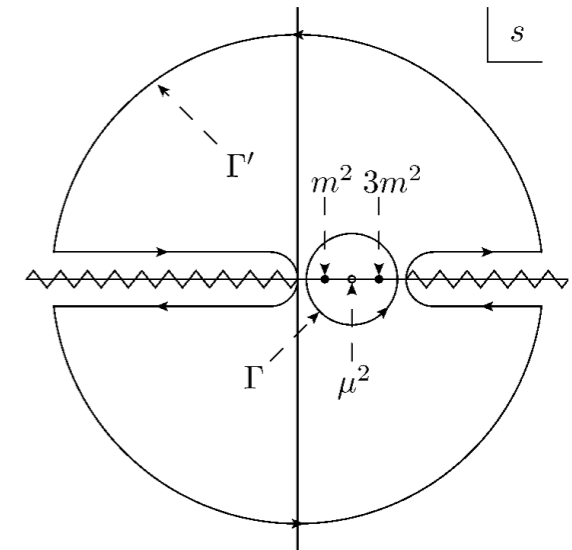


# Positivity bounds

$$A_{2 \rightarrow 2}(s, t = 0) = c_0 + c_2 s^2 + c_4 s^4 + \dots$$

◆ Analyticity:  $f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} ds \frac{A(s, 0)}{(s - \mu^2)^3}$

◆ Unitarity + Locality:  $A(s, 0) < \mathcal{O}(s \ln^2 s)$



$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} ds \frac{A(s, 0)}{(s - \mu^2)^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \int_{-\infty}^0 + \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} \right) ds \frac{\text{Disc} A(s, 0)}{(s - \mu^2)^3}$$

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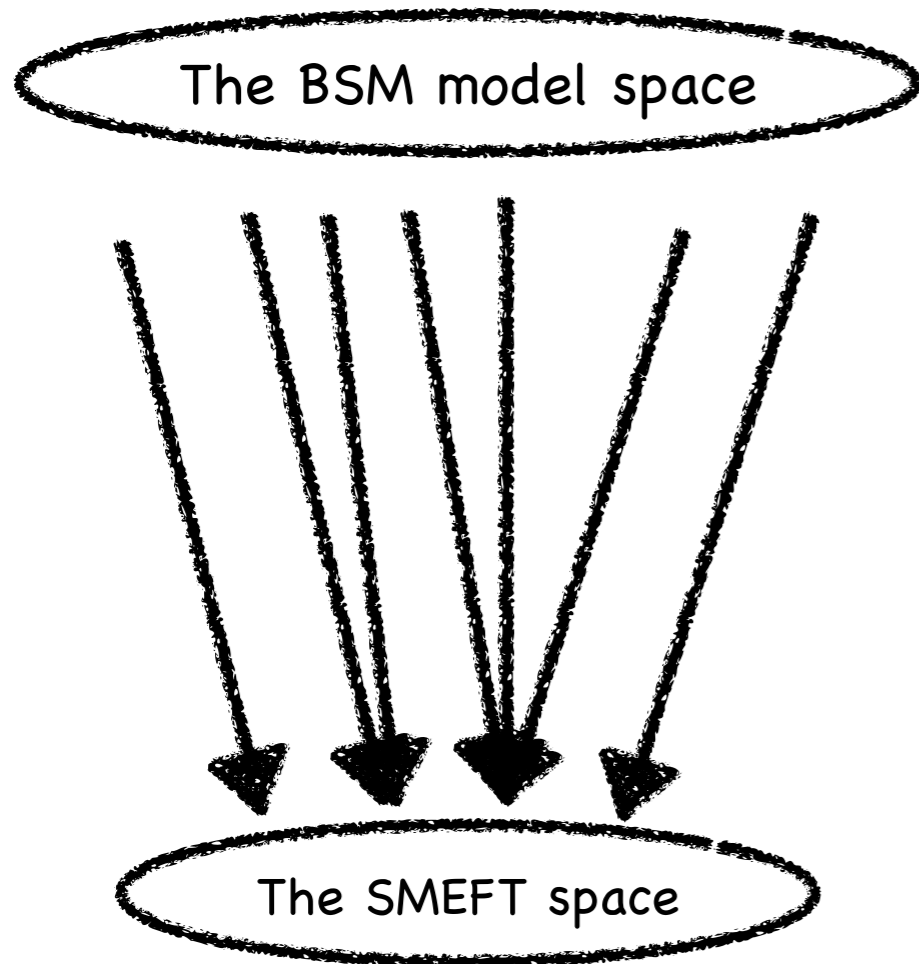
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UV ↑

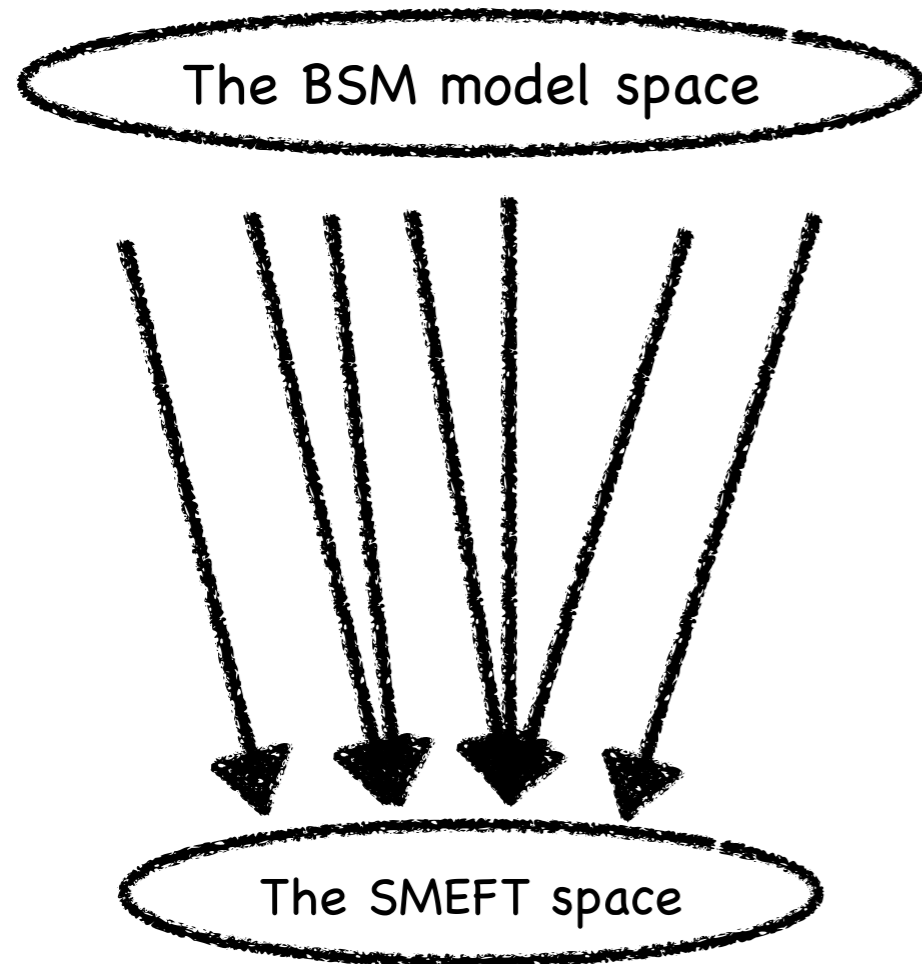
Disc > 0 by  
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+ (s-u) crossing

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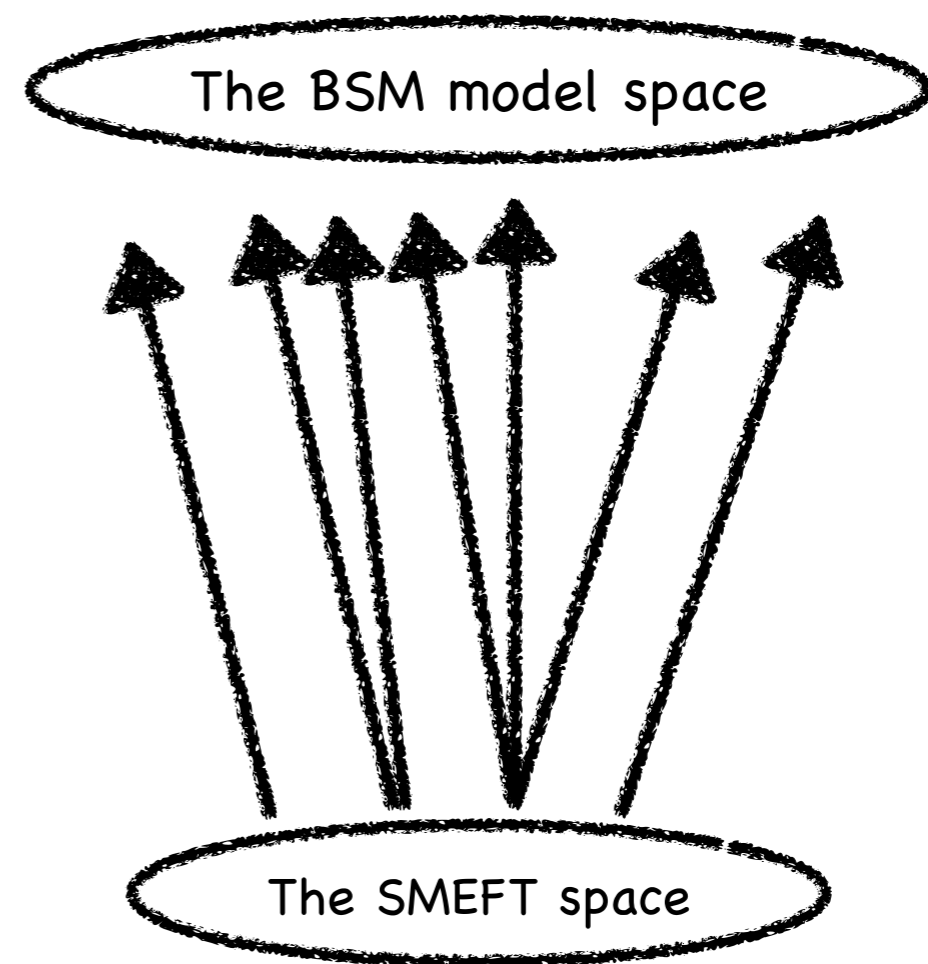
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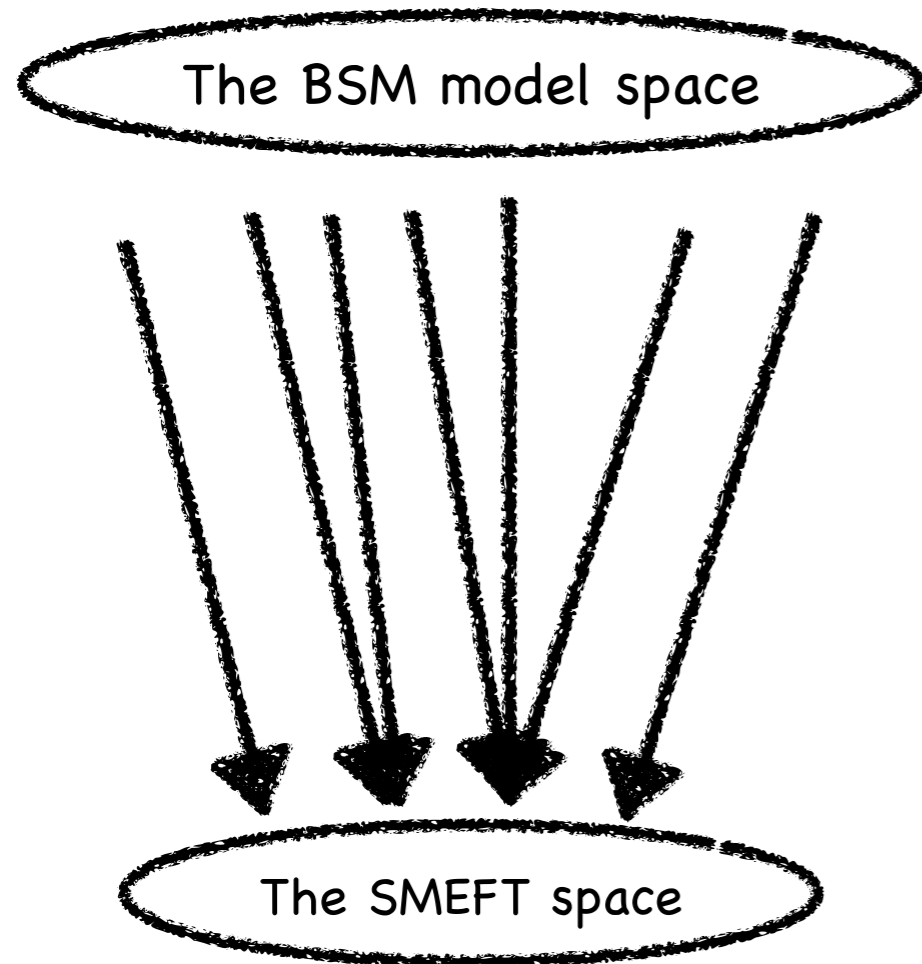
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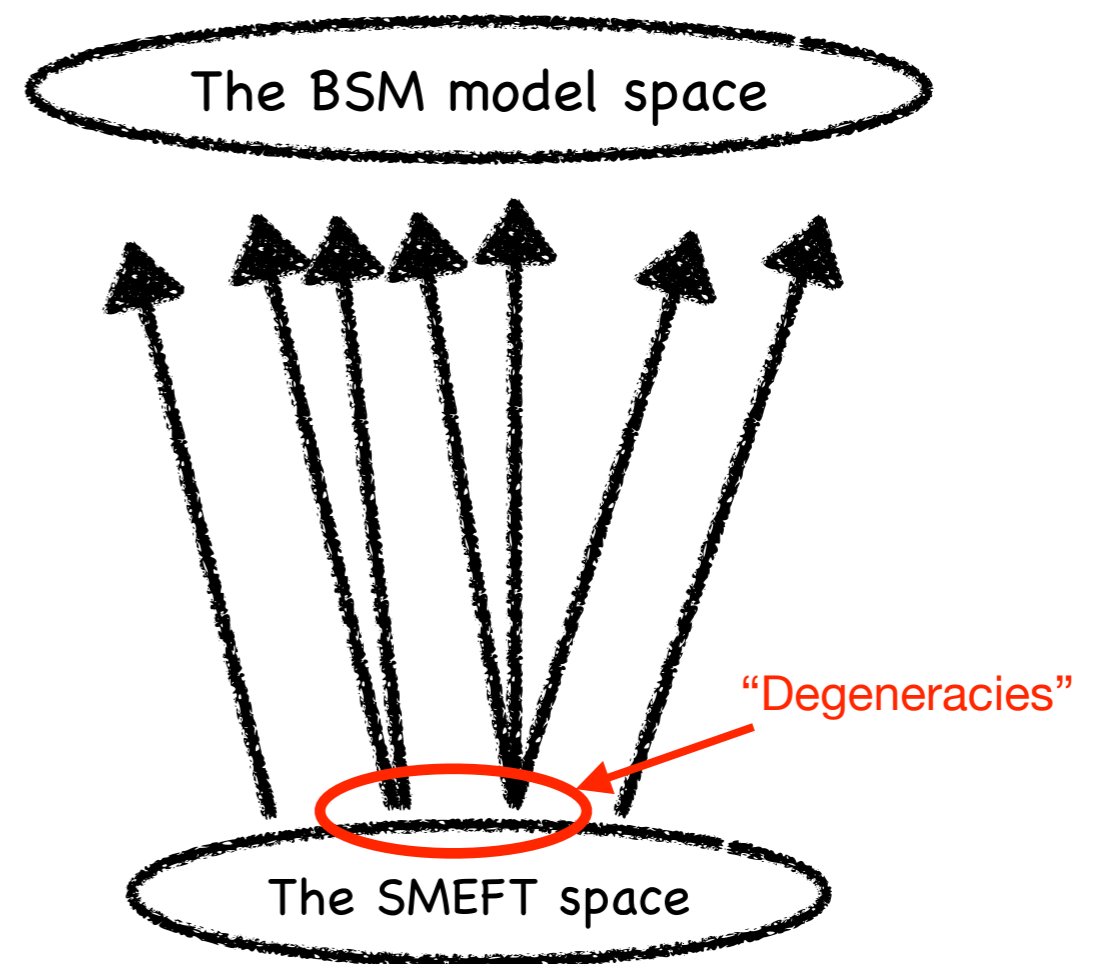
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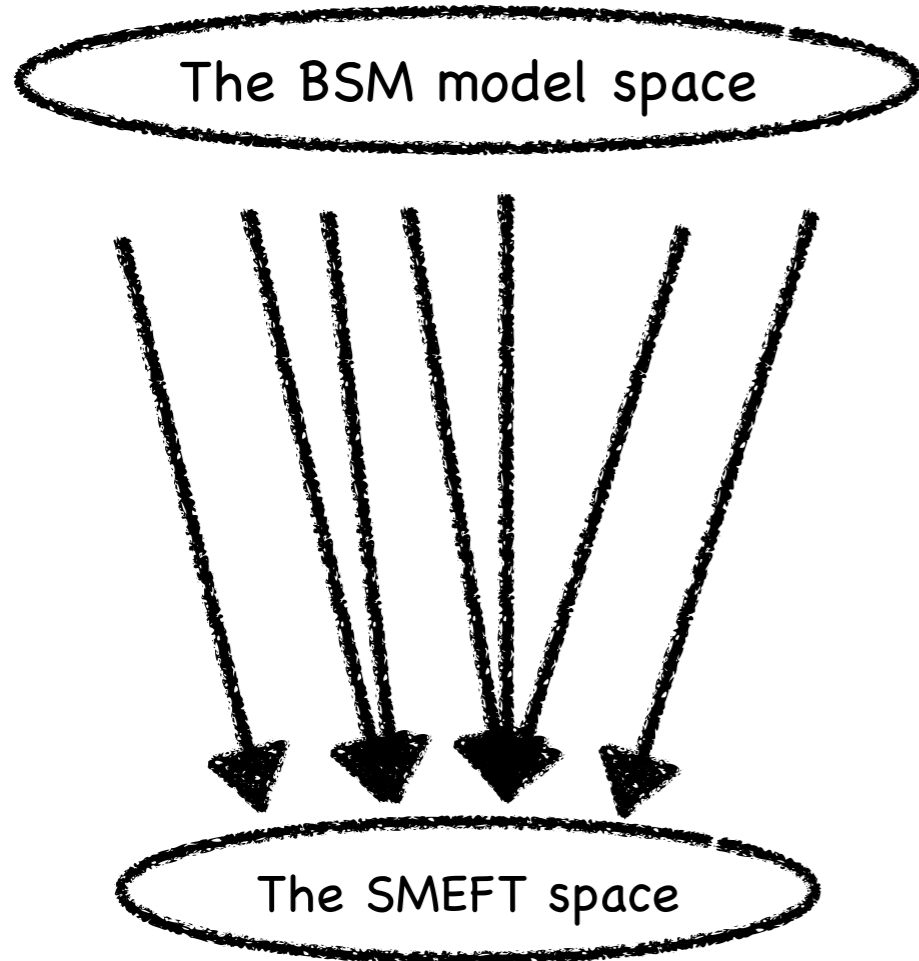
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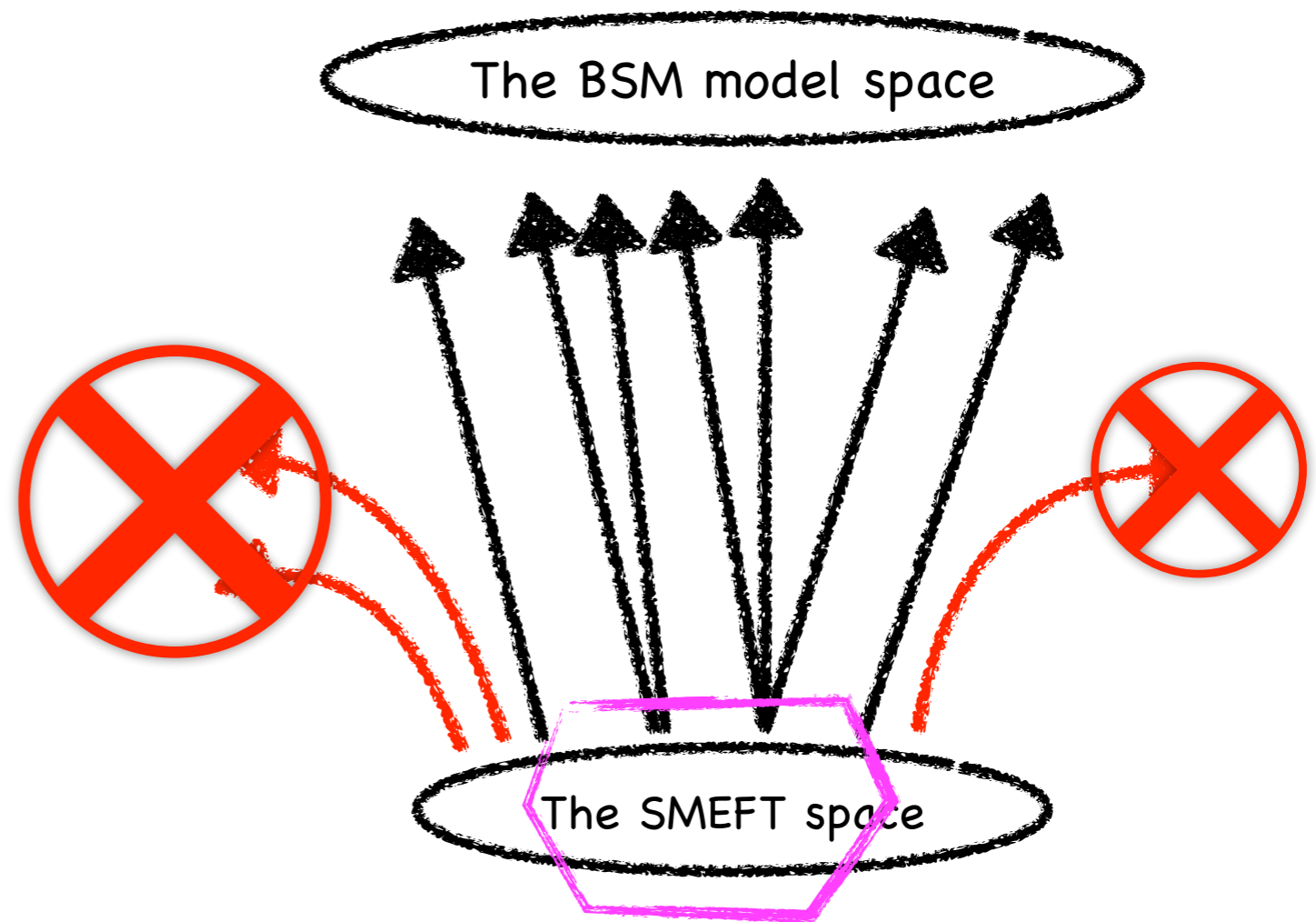
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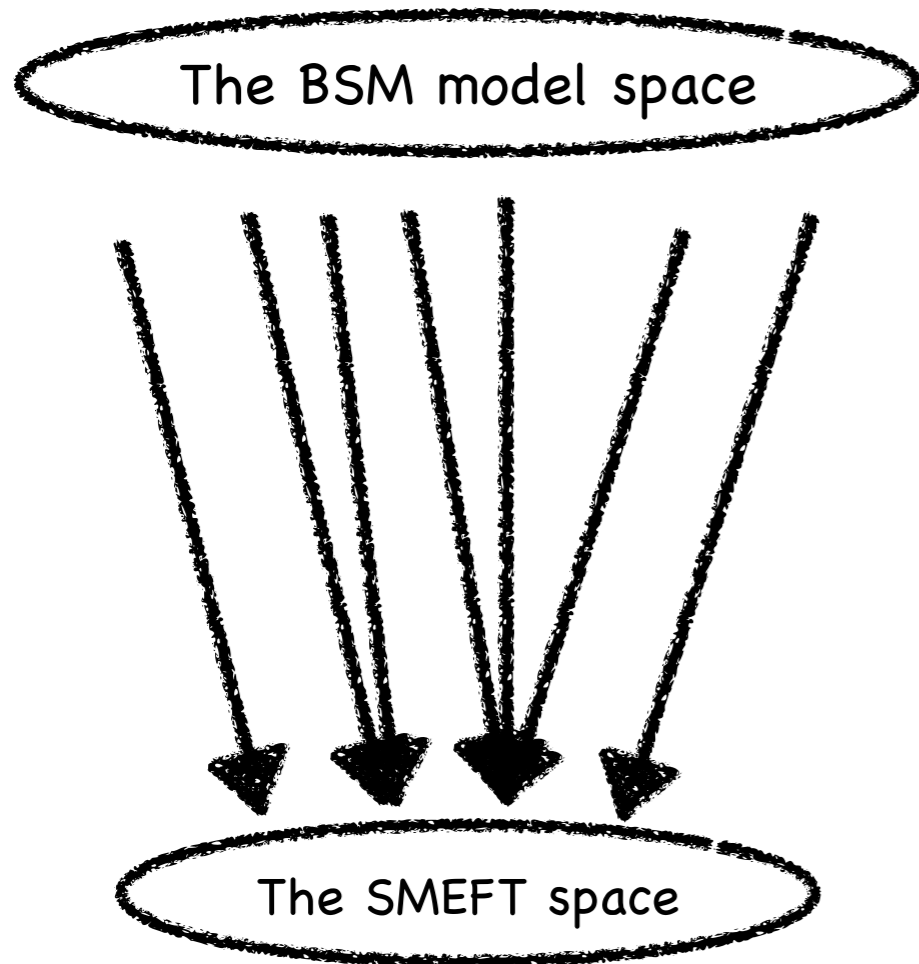
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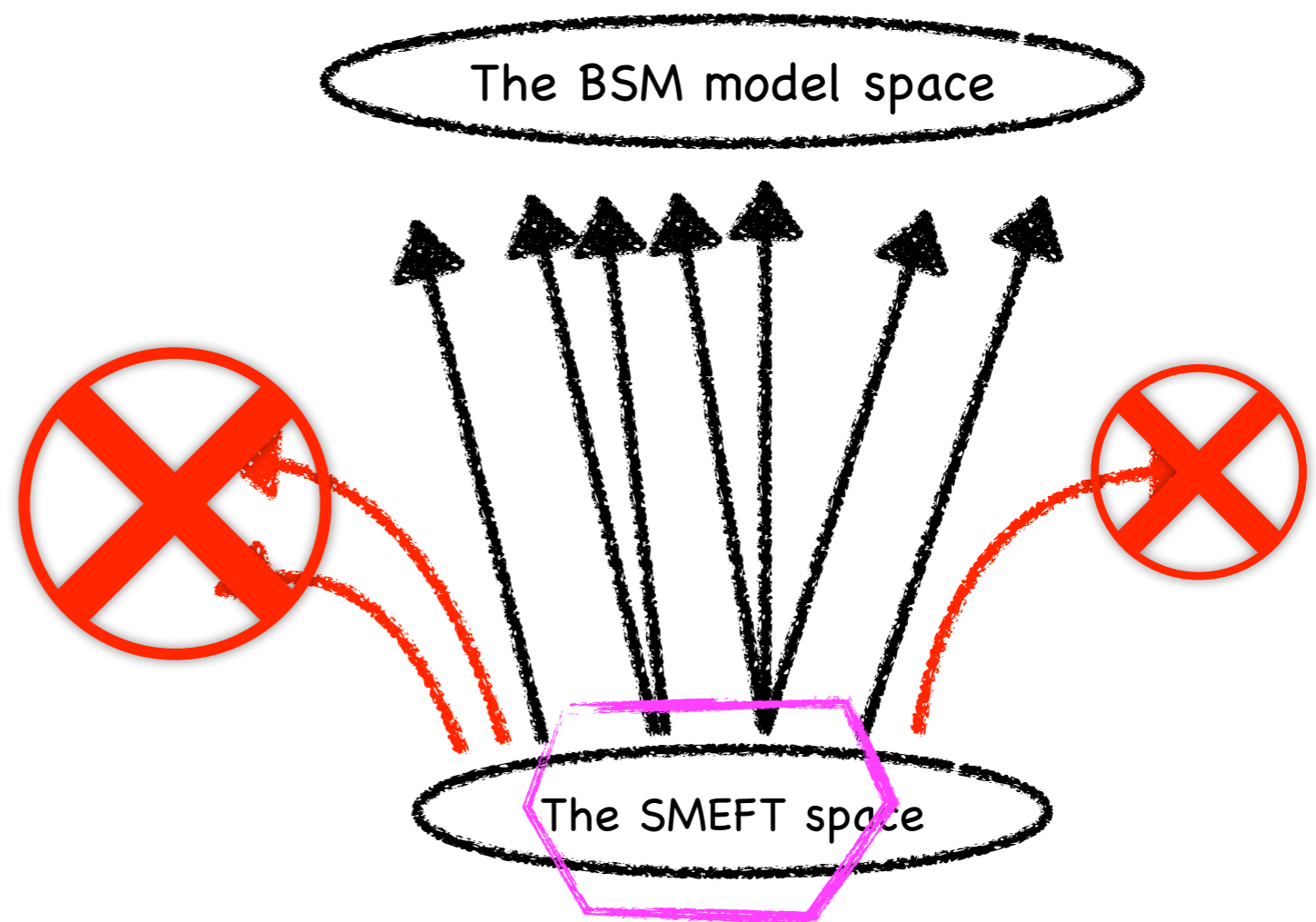
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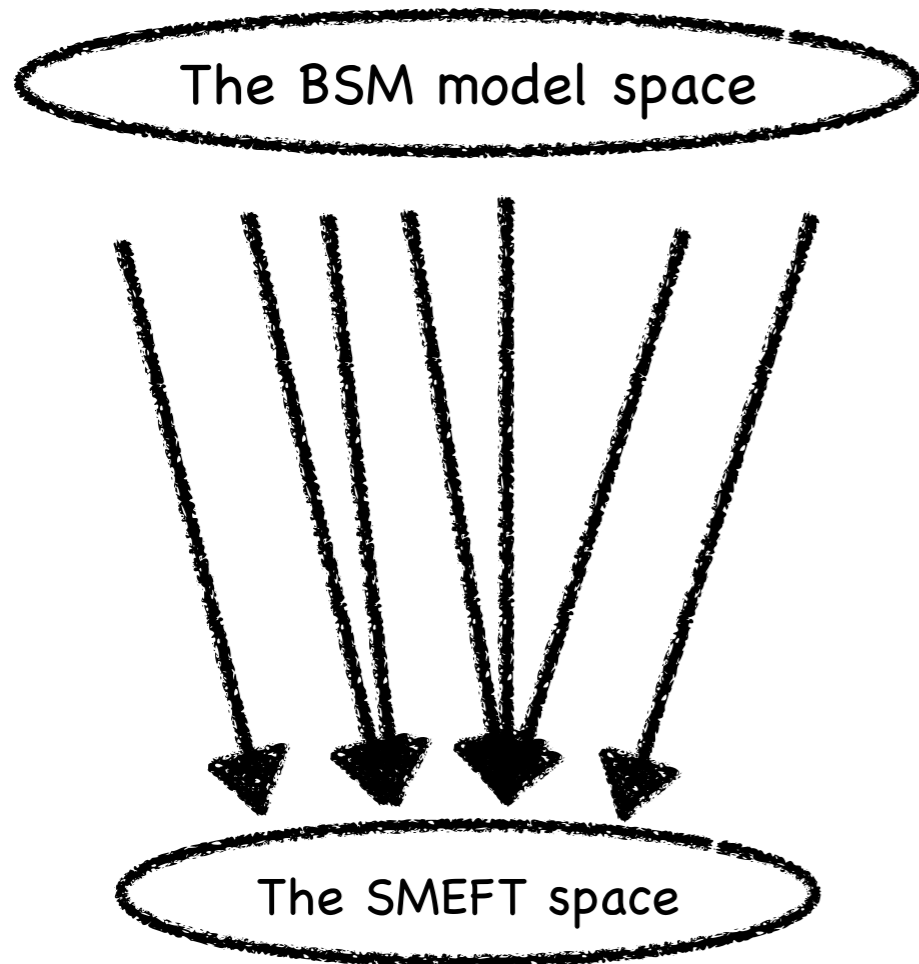


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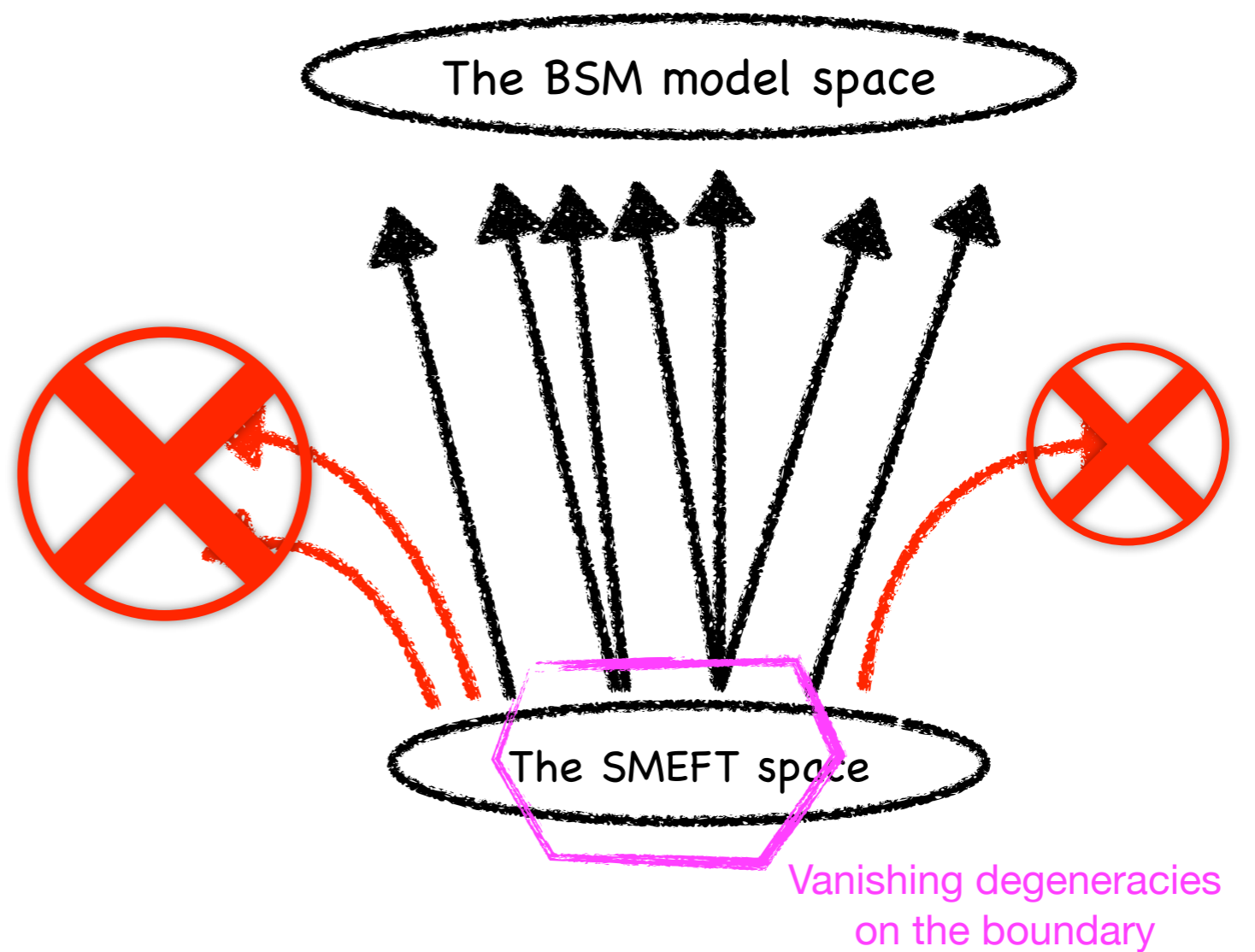


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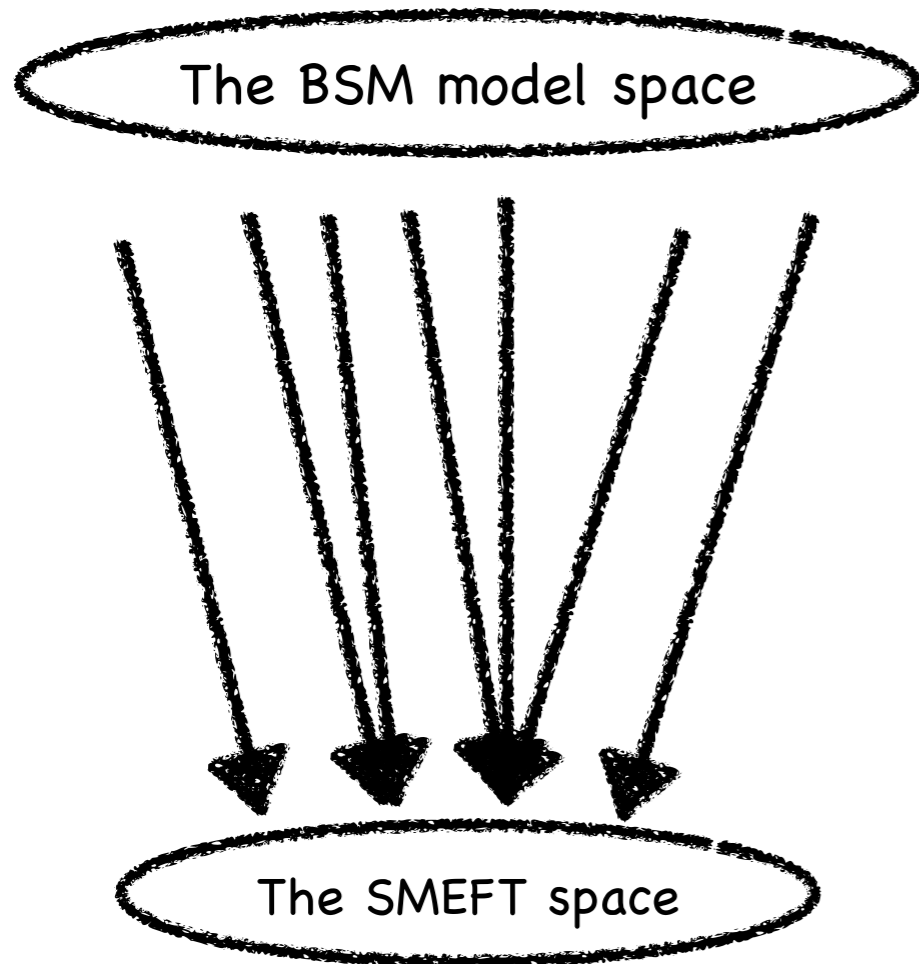


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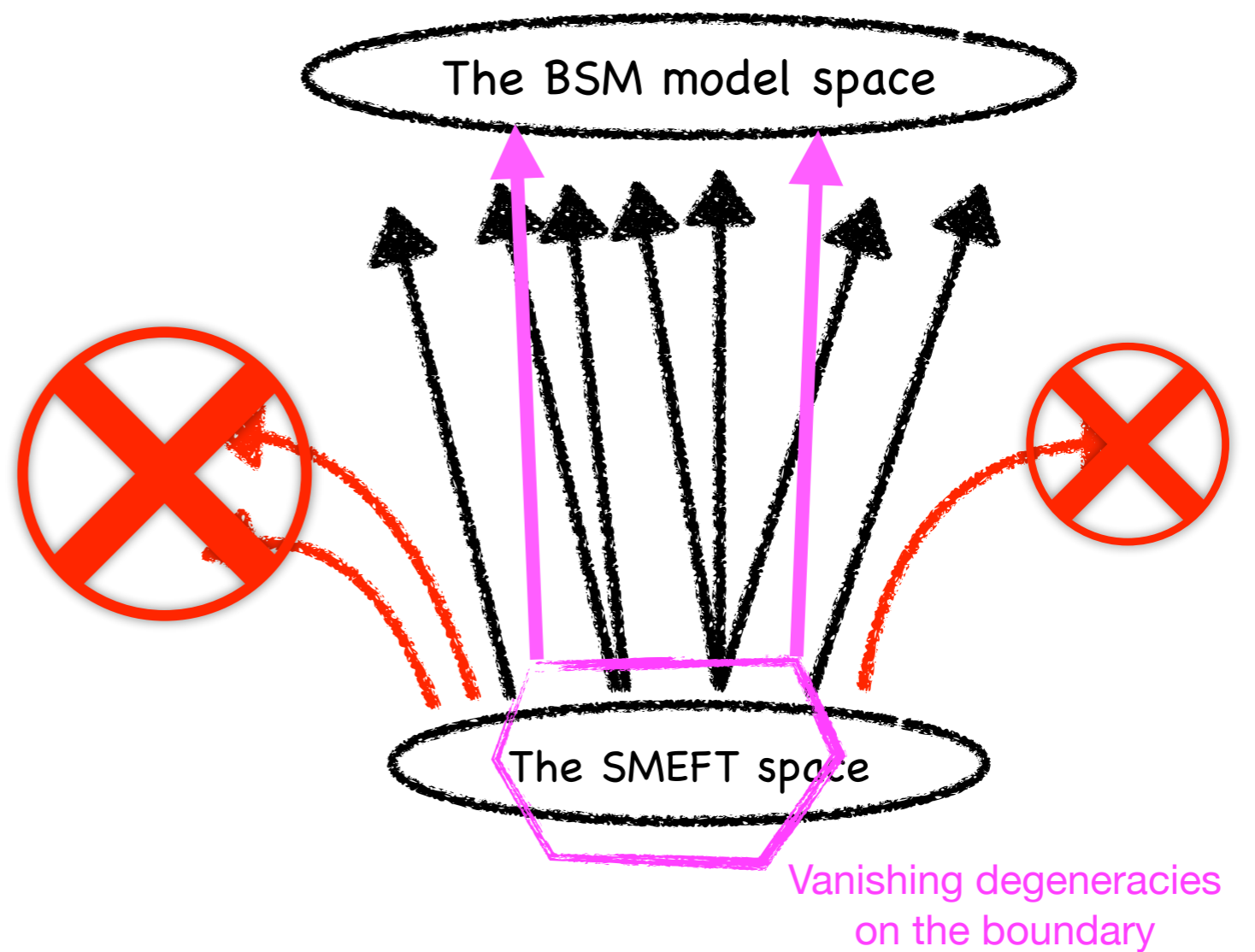


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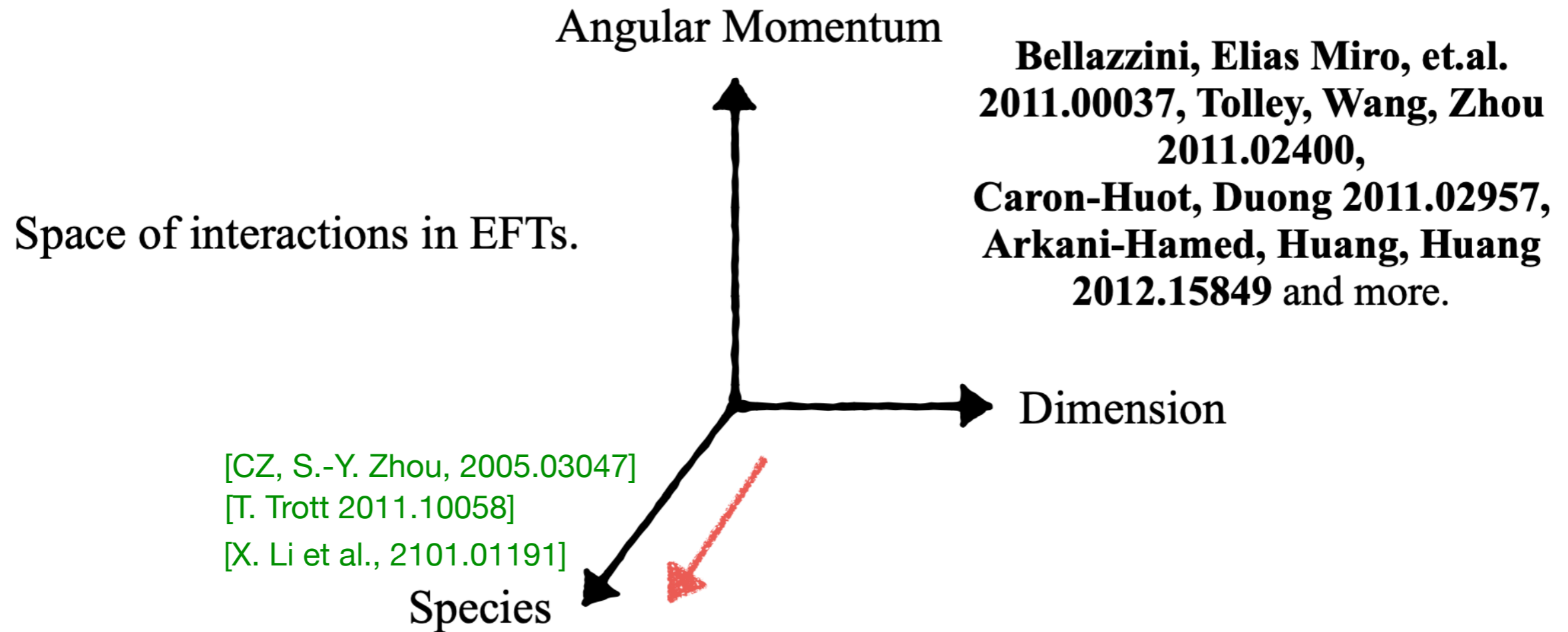


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- Where exactly is the boundary between UV-completable SMEFTs and the others?
- How to determine the UV models (in specific regions of the coefficient space)?





E.g. gluon = 16 dofs, 7 ops, 48 bounds

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# Outline

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- ◆ Exact boundary of UV-completable SMEFTs, positivity cone
  - ◆ Two approaches to the positivity region:
    - 1) find the **generators**, [CZ, S.-Y. Zhou, 2005.03047]
    - ◆ 2) and directly search for the **bounds**. [X. Li et al., 2101.01191]
- ◆ Phenomenological aspects
  - ◆ The “inverse problem”  
(i.e. how to find UV completions from EFT measurements)
  - ◆ Example:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  [Fuks, Liu, CZ, Zhou 2009.02212]

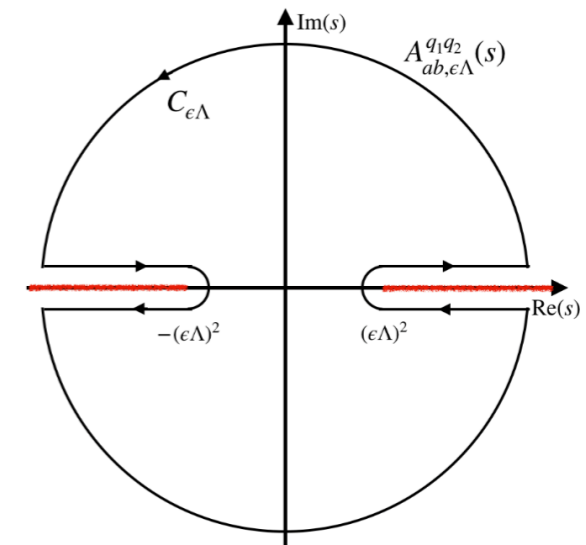
# Positivity bound from generators

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[CZ, S.-Y. Zhou, 2005.03047]

# Dispersion keeping track of particle modes

Define  $\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} \equiv \frac{d^2}{ds^2} A_{ij \rightarrow kl}(s) \Big|_{s \rightarrow 0}$



Dispersion relation with particle indices

$$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{(\epsilon\Lambda)^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{\text{Disc} A_{ij \rightarrow kl}(s, 0) + \text{Disc} A_{i\bar{l} \rightarrow k\bar{j}}(s, 0)}{(s - 2m^2)^3}$$

$\epsilon\Lambda$  is some scale comparable but below cutoff so the EFT is still valid; see “improved positivity” of [C. de Rham et al., 1710.09611]; and the “arc”s in [B. Bellazzini et al., 2011.00037]

Generalized optical theorem (neglecting masses):

$$\text{Disc} A_{ij \rightarrow kl}(s) = A_{ij \rightarrow kl}(s) - A_{kl \rightarrow ij}(s)^* = i \sum_X M_{ij \rightarrow X}(s) M_{kl \rightarrow X}(s)^*$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{(\epsilon\Lambda)^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s^3} \sum_X [\mathbf{M}_{ij \rightarrow X} \mathbf{M}_{kl \rightarrow X}^* + (j \leftrightarrow l)] \quad (\text{not positive yet})$$

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$M^{ijkl}$  can be mapped to coefficients  
e.g. 2-scalar theory, tree level

$$O_{ijkl} = (\partial_\mu \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_j)(\partial_\mu \phi_k \partial^\mu \phi_l)$$

$$O_1 = O_{1111}, \quad O_2 = O_{1122}, \quad O_3 = O_{2222},$$

$$O_4 = O_{1212}, \quad O_5 = O_{1112}, \quad O_6 = O_{1222}.$$

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$$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} = \begin{array}{c} \text{ij} \\ \begin{array}{c} \phi_1\phi_1 \\ \phi_2\phi_2 \\ \phi_2\phi_1 \\ \phi_1\phi_2 \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{kl} \\ \begin{array}{c} \phi_1\phi_1 \quad \phi_2\phi_2 \quad \phi_1\phi_2 \quad \phi_2\phi_1 \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 4C_1 & \bar{C}_2 & C_5 & C_5 \\ \hline \bar{C}_2 & 4C_3 & C_6 & C_6 \\ \hline C_5 & C_6 & C_4 & \bar{C}_2 \\ \hline C_5 & C_6 & \bar{C}_2 & C_4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Higher orders always possible

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$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} =$	$\phi_1\phi_1$	$4C_1$	$\bar{C}_2$	$C_5$	$C_5$
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Higher orders always possible

$\mathbf{M}_{ij \rightarrow X}$  describes unknown UV physics.  
Restricted by only symmetries.

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# Bounds from elastic scattering of two factorized superposed states

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As the simplest generalization of 1-species EFT ( $c_2 > 0$ ), consider two superposed states:  $|u\rangle = u^i |i\rangle$ ,  $|v\rangle = v^j |j\rangle$ ,

- ◆ The elastic amplitude is  $\mathbf{M}_{uv \rightarrow uv} \Rightarrow u^i v^j u^{*k} v^{*l} \mathcal{M}^{ijkl}$
- ◆ Expected to be positive. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} u^i v^j u^{*k} v^{*l} \mathcal{M}^{ijkl} &= \sum_X \lambda_X u^i v^j u^{*k} v^{*l} \left( m_X^{ij} m_X^{*kl} + m_X^{i\bar{l}} m_X^{*k\bar{j}} \right) \\ &= \sum_X \lambda_X \left( |u^i m_X^{ij} v^j|^2 + |u^i m_X^{ij} v^{*j}|^2 \right) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ Many applications in SMEFT.
- ◆ **Incomplete.** [CZ, S.-Y. Zhou, 2005.03047]



# Bounds from a generation point of view

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Define the “directional” information of  $m_X^{ij} m_X^{*kl} + m_X^{i\bar{l}} m_X^{*k\bar{j}}$  as the “**generator**”

$$\mathcal{G}_X^{ijkl} \equiv m_X^{ij} m_X^{*kl} + m_X^{i\bar{l}} m_X^{*k\bar{j}}$$

Can map to a set of coefficients (C1,C2,...)

$$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} =$$

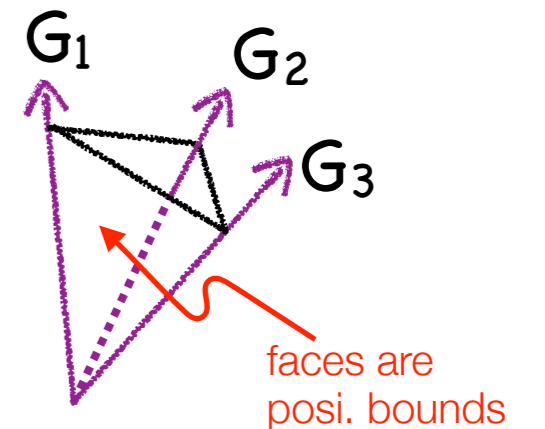
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$\mathcal{M}$  lives in the convex cone

$$\mathbf{C} \equiv \{ \mathcal{M}^{ijkl} \} = \text{cone} \left( \{ \mathcal{G}^{ijkl} \} \right)$$

i.e. all positively weighted sum

UV-completable SMEFTs are the conical hull of all generators.

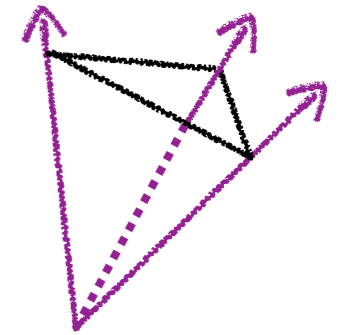


# Bounds from a generation point of view

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- ◆ One species charged under some continuous symmetry (SO/SU groups etc.),  $\mathbf{m}$  ( $\mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow X}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Clebsch Gordan coefficients,  $\mathbf{G}$   $\rightarrow$  projective operators  
[Bellazzini, Martucci, Torre, 1405.2960]

- ◆ Generators are the edge vectors. Positivity cone is a polytope.

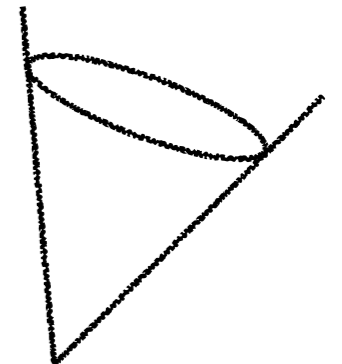


- ◆ More generally, can have infinite number of generators, curved boundary.  
[CZ, S.-Y. Zhou, 2005.03047]

- ◆ Edge vectors  $\rightarrow$  extremal rays (ERs).

- ◆ ERs are “one-particle SM extensions”

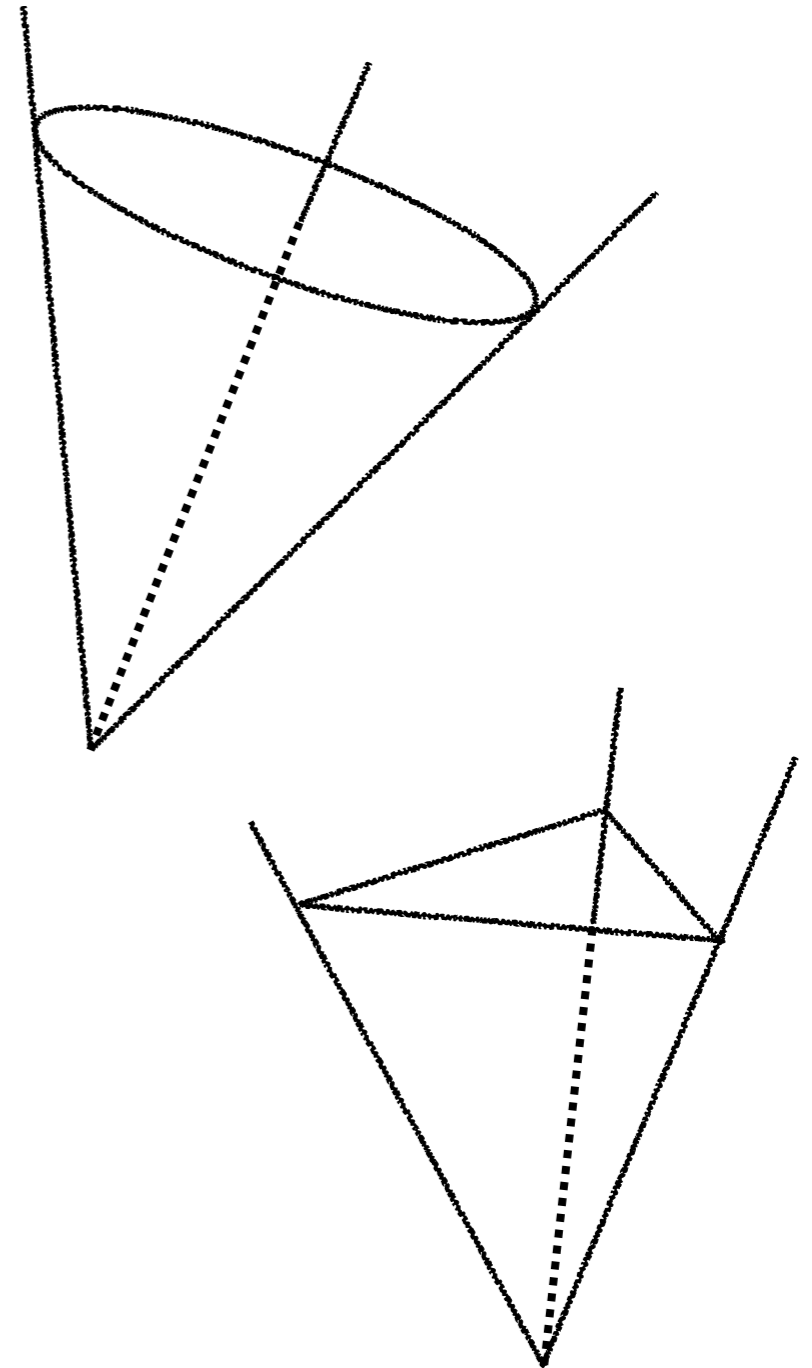
- ◆ Extremality plays a role in the “inverse problem”



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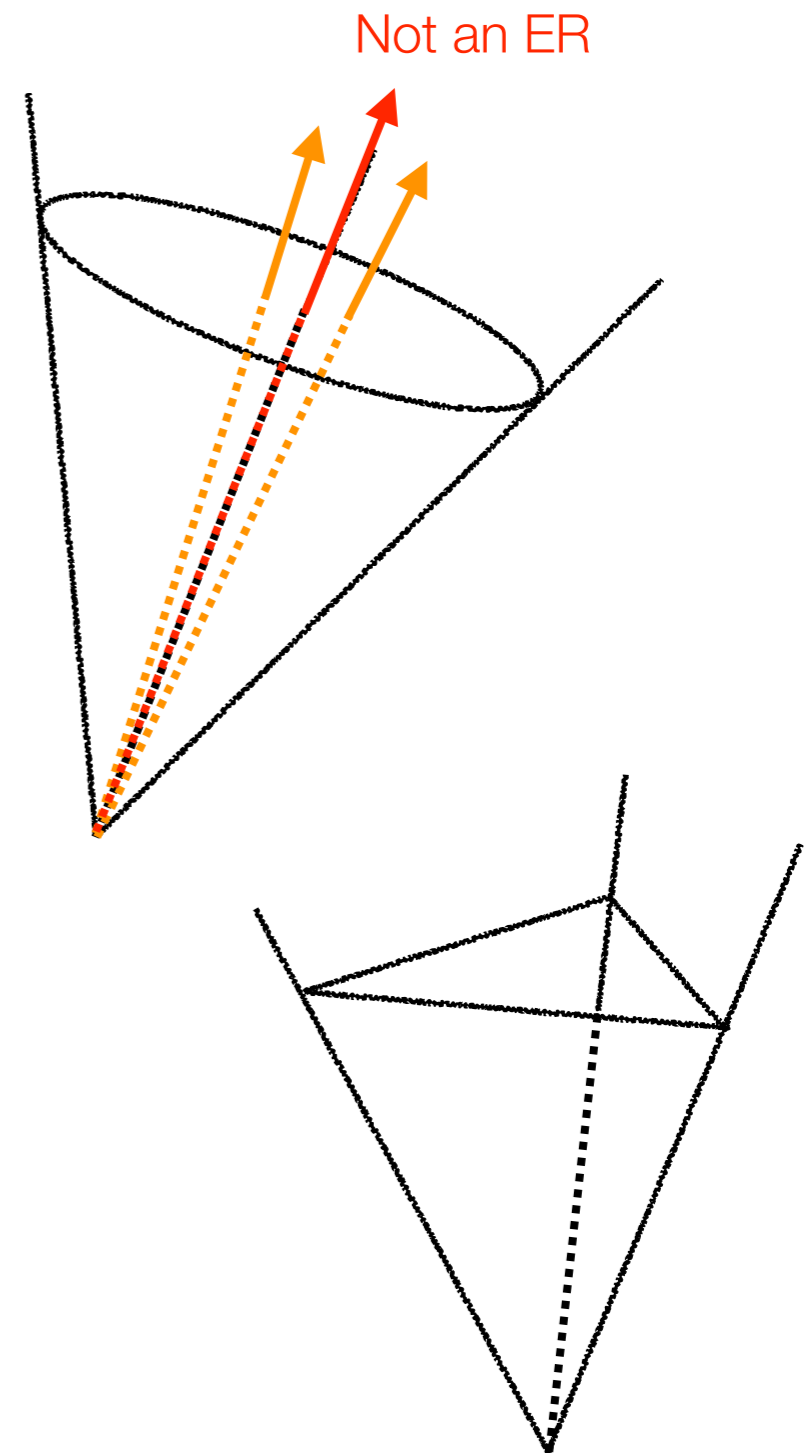
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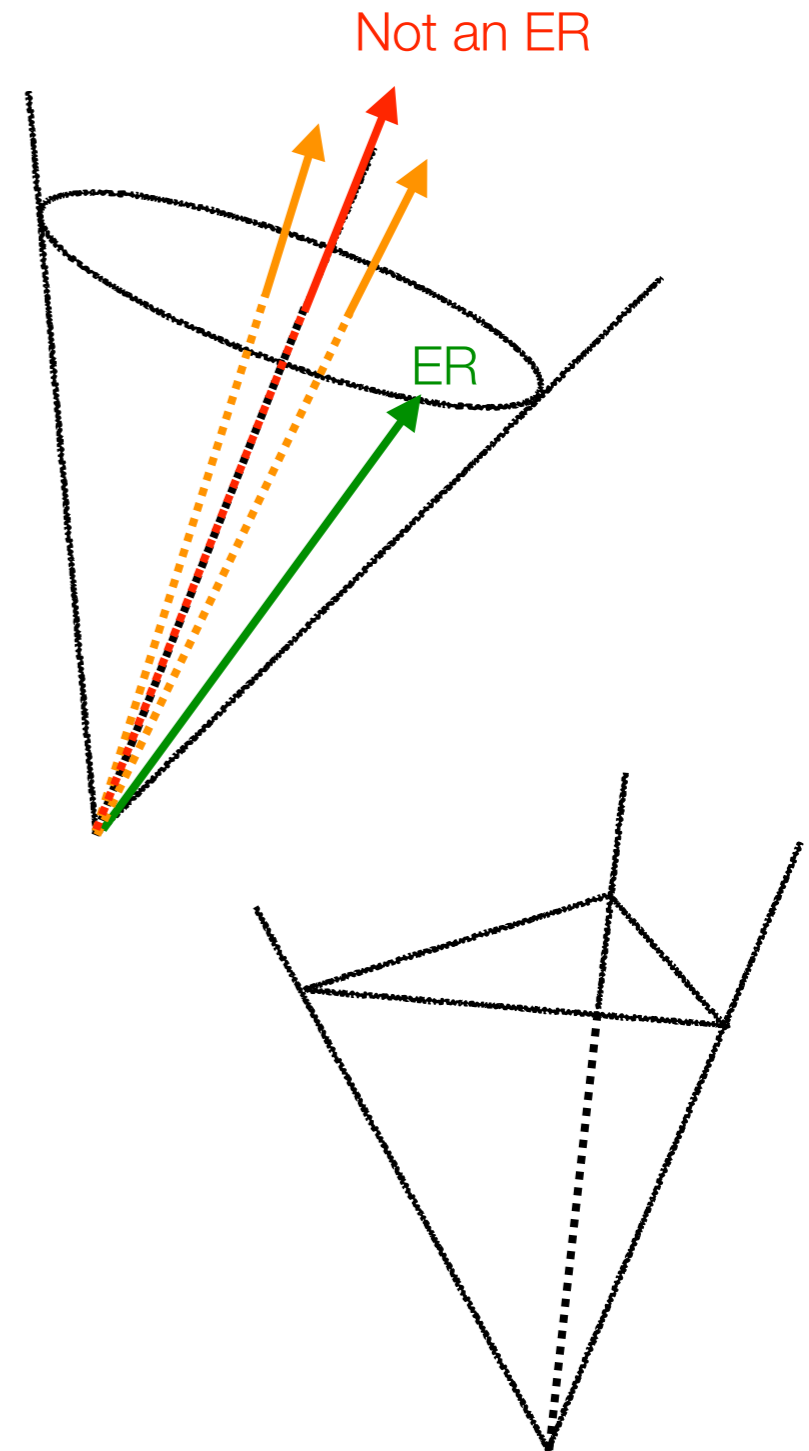
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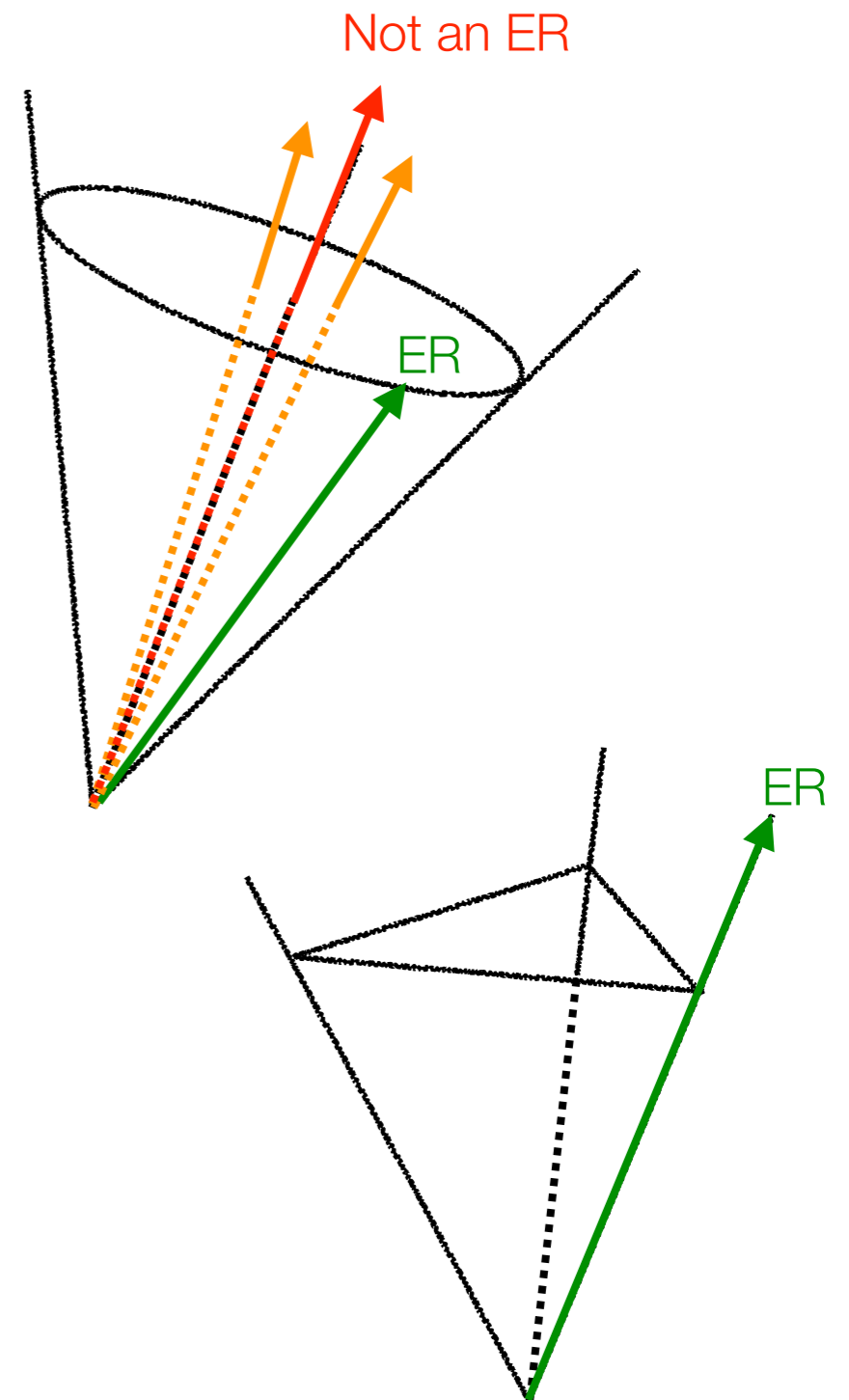
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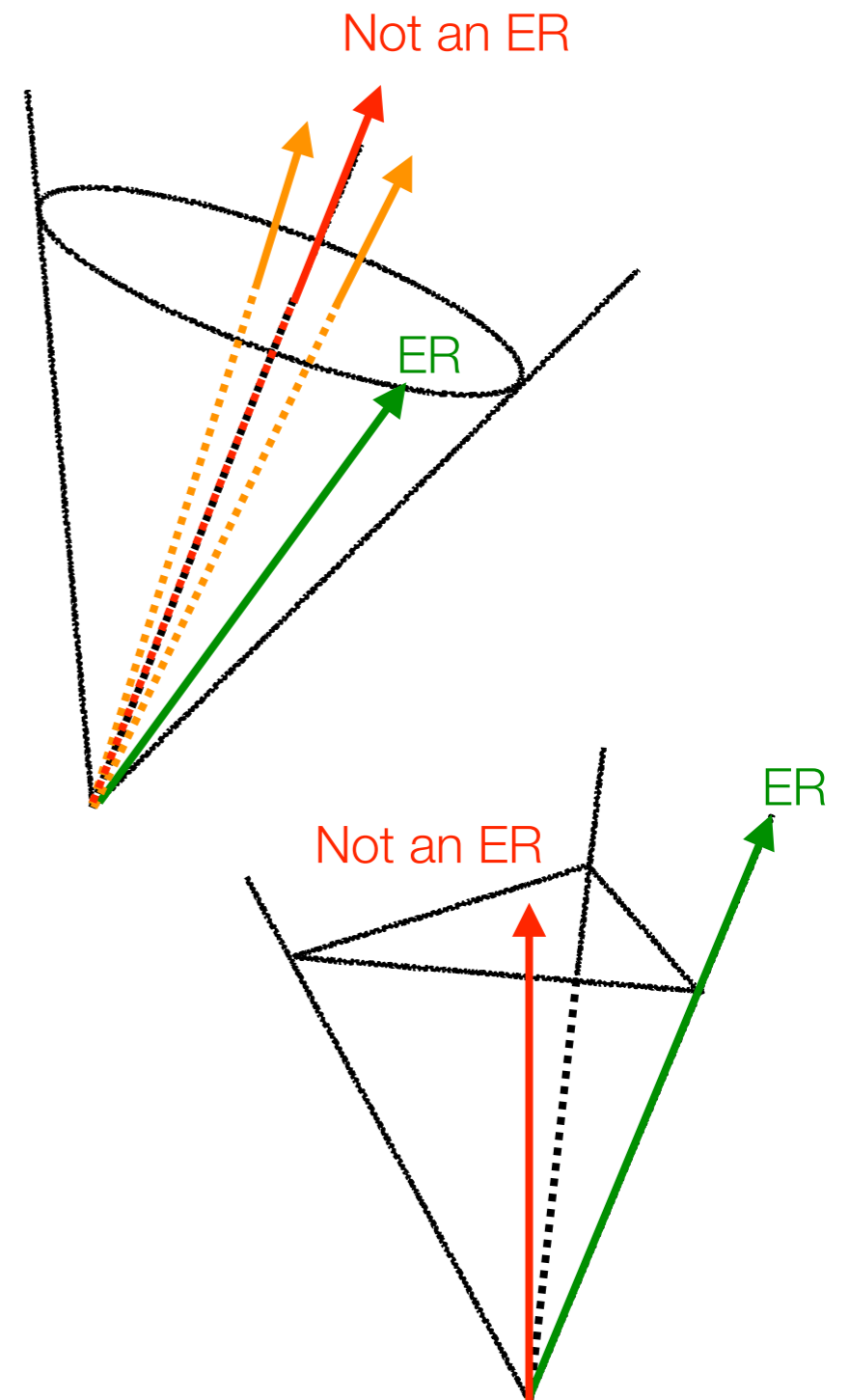
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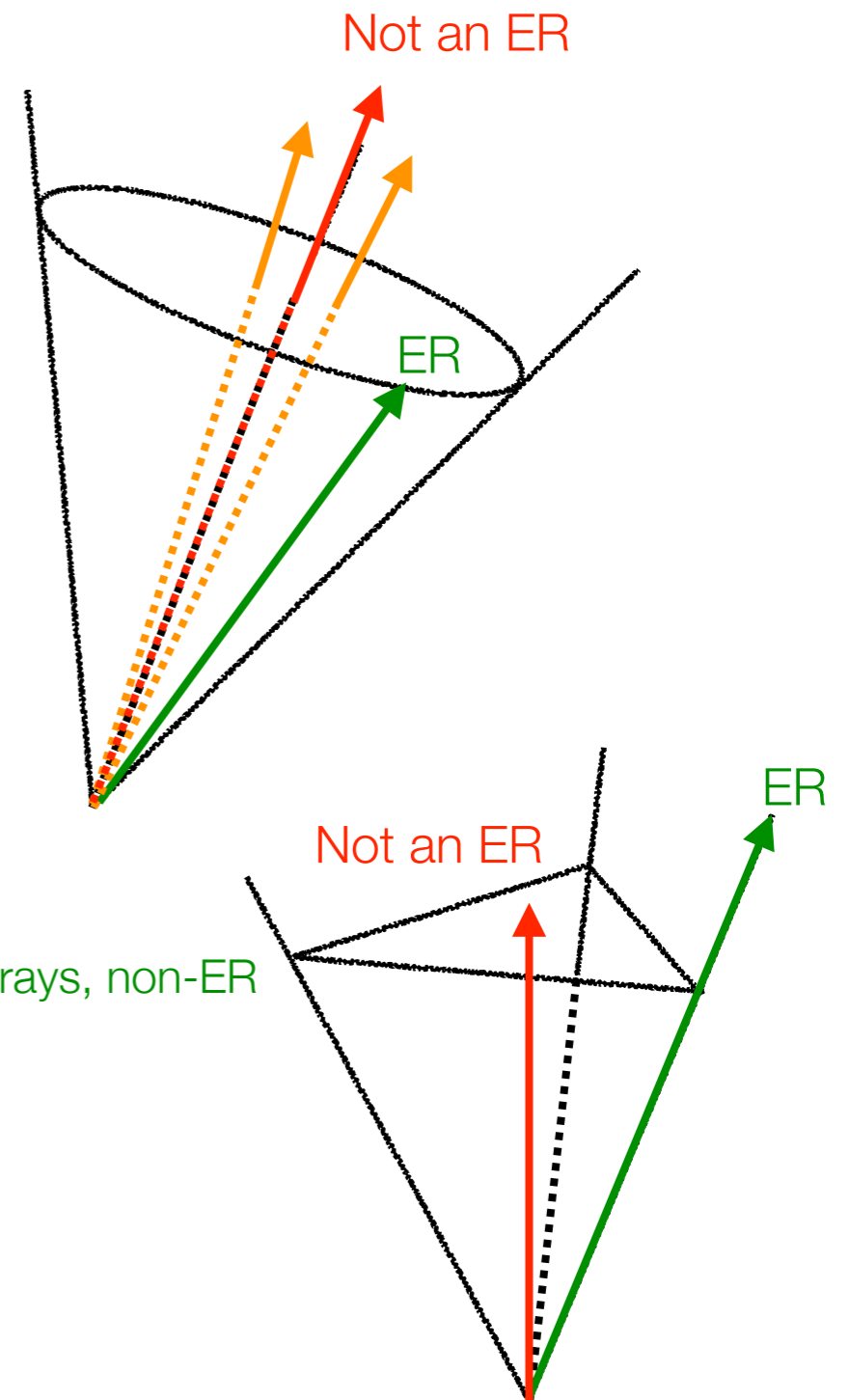
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- ◆ Being **not splittable**, the corresponding UV completion cannot have more than one (type of) particles.
  - ◆ If data tells us we are on an ER, the UV particle content is **uniquely determined**. More UV particles  
-> sum of more than one rays, non-ER
  - ◆ Other structures (vertices, faces, etc.) also have similar implication for the UV.
  - ◆ Not true at dim-6. No cone -> no ER exists.





# SM Higgs

## Operators

$$Q_{H^4}^{(1)} = \left( D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H \right) \left( D^\nu H^\dagger D^\mu H \right)$$

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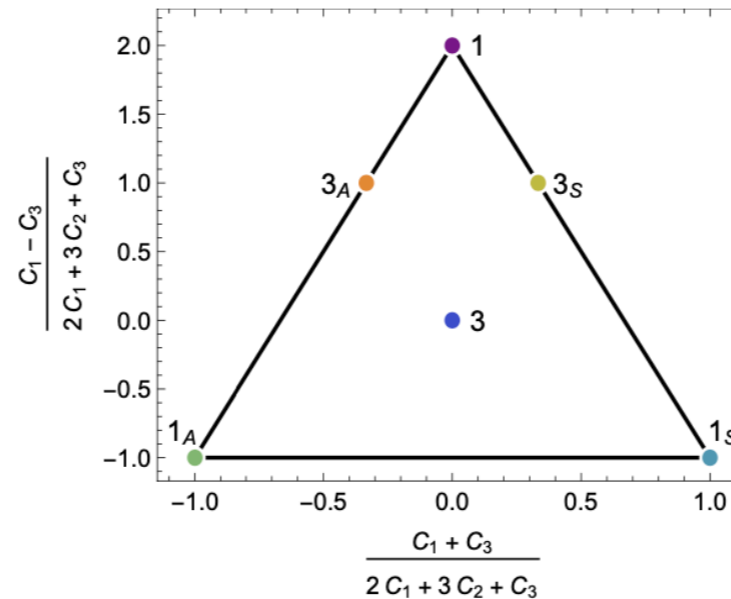
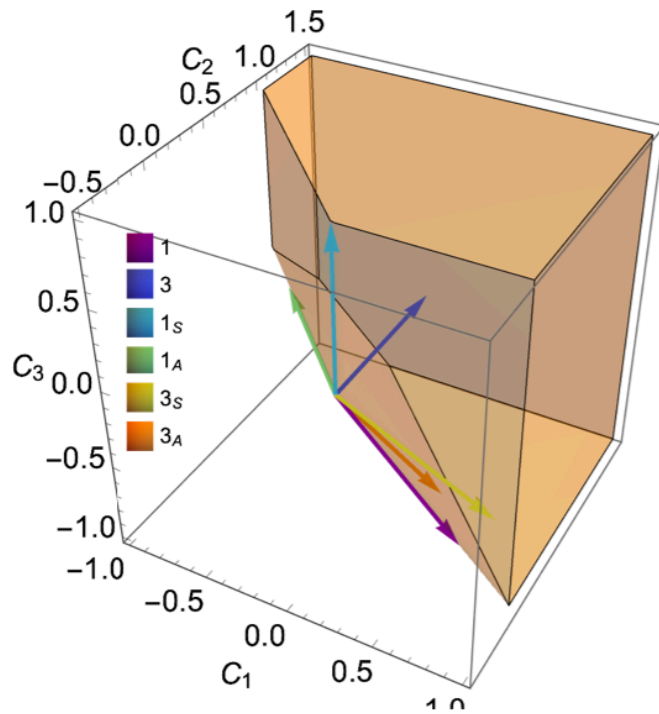
$$Q_{H^4}^{(3)} = \left( D^\mu H^\dagger D_\mu H \right) \left( D^\nu H^\dagger D_\nu H \right)$$

## Generators

Either construct from symmetry

Particle	Spin	Charge/irrep	Interaction	ER	$\vec{c}$
$B_1$	1	$1_1$	$gB_1^{\mu\dagger} (H^T \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) + h.c.$	✓	$8(1, 0, -1)$
$\Xi_1$	0	$3_1$	$gM\Xi_1^{I\dagger} (H^T \epsilon \tau^I H) + h.c.$	✗	$8(0, 1, 0)$
$S$	0	$1_0(S)$	$gMS(H^\dagger H)$	✓	$2(0, 0, 1)$
$B$	1	$1_0(A)$	$gB^\mu (H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$	✓	$2(-1, 1, 0)$
$\Xi_0$	0	$3_0(S)$	$gM\Xi_0^I (H^\dagger \tau^I H)$	✗	$2(2, 0, -1)$
$\mathcal{W}$	1	$3_0(A)$	$g\mathcal{W}^{\mu I} (H^\dagger \tau^I \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$	✗	$2(1, 1, -2)$

or enumerate all UV particle types



A cross section of the triangular cone

$$C_2 \geq 0, \quad C_1 + C_2 \geq 0, \quad C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \geq 0.$$

First derived with “elastic scattering” by [G. Remmen, N. Rodd 1908.09845]

**Figure 5.** The positivity cone for 4-Higgs operators, with the corresponding generators. Colors represent different irreps. They are only labeled with SU(2) irrep (1,3) and the exchange symmetry (S,A). The cone is shown in the left plot, while the right plot shows a slice of the cone. The latter can be thought of as intersecting the cone with a hyperplane  $2C_1 + 3C_2 + C_3 = 1$ .

# Quark doublets [SU(3) x SU(2)]

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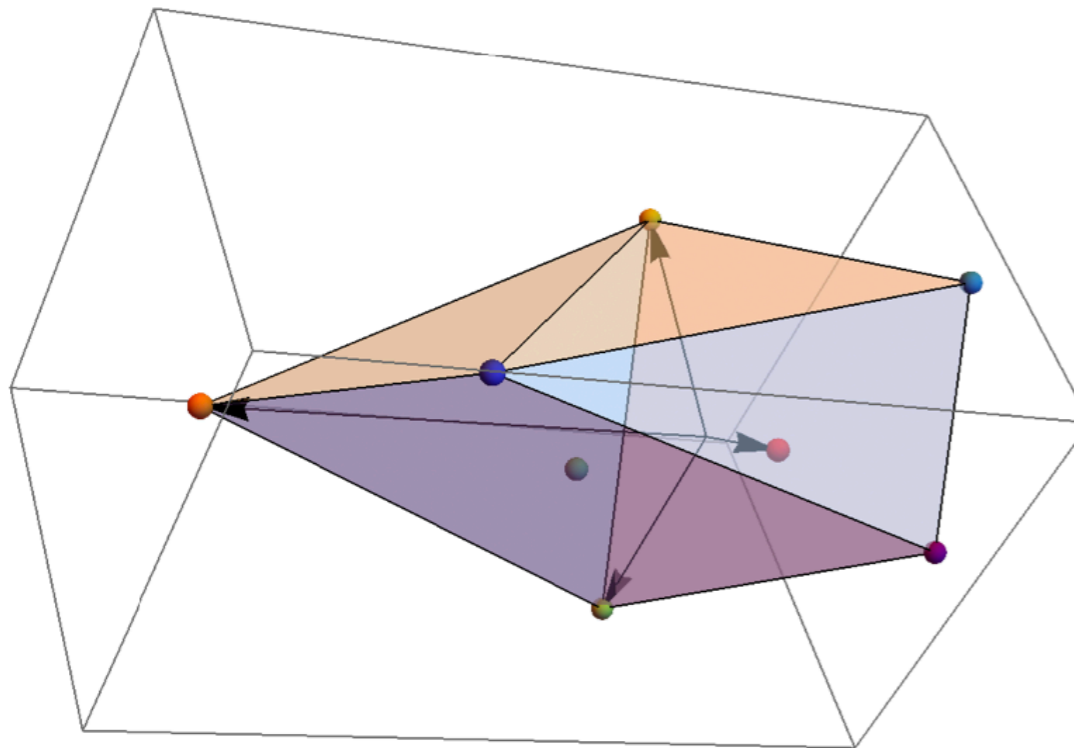
$$O_2 = \partial_\mu (\bar{q}\gamma_\nu \tau^I q) \partial^\mu (\bar{q}\gamma^\nu \tau^I q),$$

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$\omega_1$	0	$(3, 1)_{-\frac{1}{3}}$	$\omega_1^a \epsilon_{abc} \bar{q}^b \epsilon q^c$	✓	$\frac{1}{3}(-1, 1, 3, -3)$
$\mathcal{V}_{-\frac{1}{3}}$	1	$(3, 3)_{-\frac{1}{3}}$	$\mathcal{V}_{-\frac{1}{3}}^{aI} \epsilon_{abc} \bar{q}^b \epsilon \tau^I i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu q^c$	✓	$\frac{1}{3}(3, 1, -9, -3)$
$\mathcal{V}_{\frac{1}{3}}$	1	$(6, 1)_{\frac{1}{3}}$	$\mathcal{V}_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\dagger ab\mu} \bar{q}^{(a} \epsilon i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu q^{b)}$	✓	$\frac{1}{6}(2, -2, 3, -3)$
$\Upsilon$	0	$(6, 3)_{\frac{1}{3}}$	$\Upsilon^{\dagger Iab} \bar{q}^{(a} \epsilon \tau^I q^{b)}$	✗	$\frac{1}{6}(-6, -2, -9, -3)$
$\mathcal{B}$	1	$(1, 1)_0$	$\mathcal{B}^\mu \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$	✓	$\frac{1}{2}(-1, 0, 0, 0)$
$\mathcal{W}$	1	$(1, 3)_0$	$\mathcal{W}^{I\mu} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \tau^I q$	✓	$\frac{1}{2}(0, -1, 0, 0)$
$\mathcal{G}$	1	$(8, 1)_0$	$\mathcal{G}^{A\mu} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu T^A q$	✓	$\frac{1}{2}(0, 0, -1, 0)$
$\mathcal{H}$	1	$(8, 3)_0$	$\mathcal{H}^{AI\mu} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu T^A \tau^I q$	✗	$\frac{1}{2}(0, 0, 0, -1)$



- $\omega_1(\bar{3}, 1)$
- $V_{\frac{1}{3}}(6, 1)$
- $V_{-\frac{1}{3}}(\bar{3}, 3)$
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“Elastic bounds” incomplete  
[Remmen, Rodd 2004.02885]

First completed by  
[T. Trott 2011.10058]

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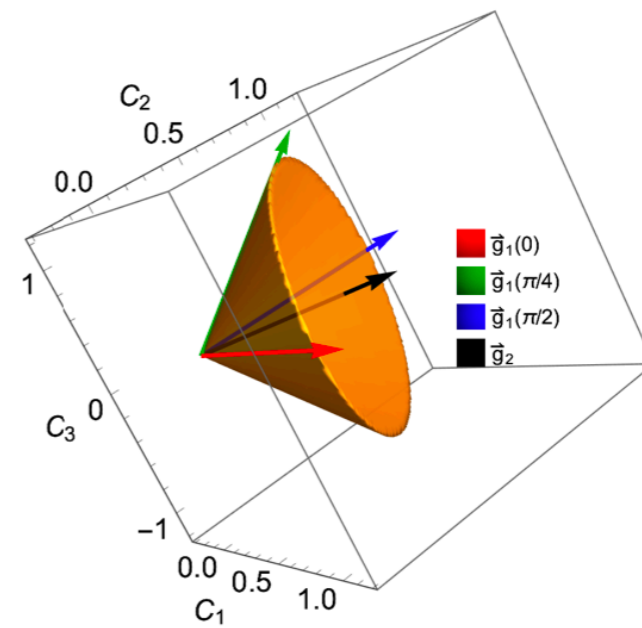
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Photon (parity violating)

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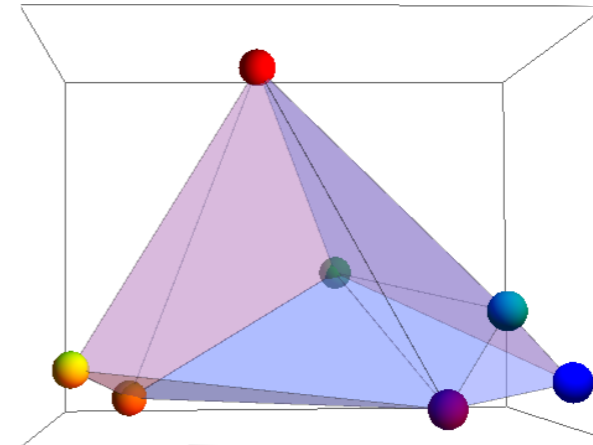
W-boson (with parity)

$$O_{T,0} = \text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu}] \text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\alpha\beta} \hat{W}^{\alpha\beta}]$$

$$O_{T,2} = \text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\alpha\mu} \hat{W}^{\mu\beta}] \text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\beta\nu} \hat{W}^{\nu\alpha}]$$

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Lepton (L+R)

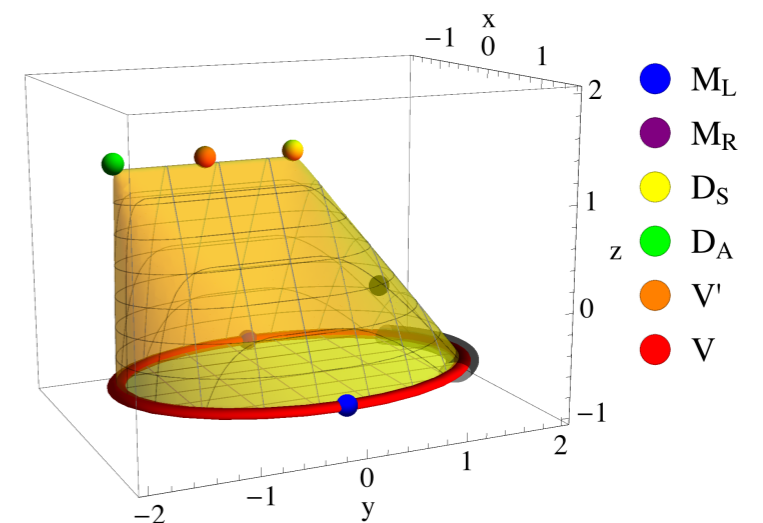
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$$O_4 = \partial^\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma^\mu l) \partial_\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu l) ,$$

$$O_5 = D^\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma^\mu \tau^I l) D_\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu \tau^I l)$$



Bounds on all self-quartic operators (i.e. with 4 identical fields) are known

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◆ How to find them? With symmetries, just enumerate the generators. Otherwise...



# Positivity bound from spectrahedrons

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[X. Li et al., 2101.01191]

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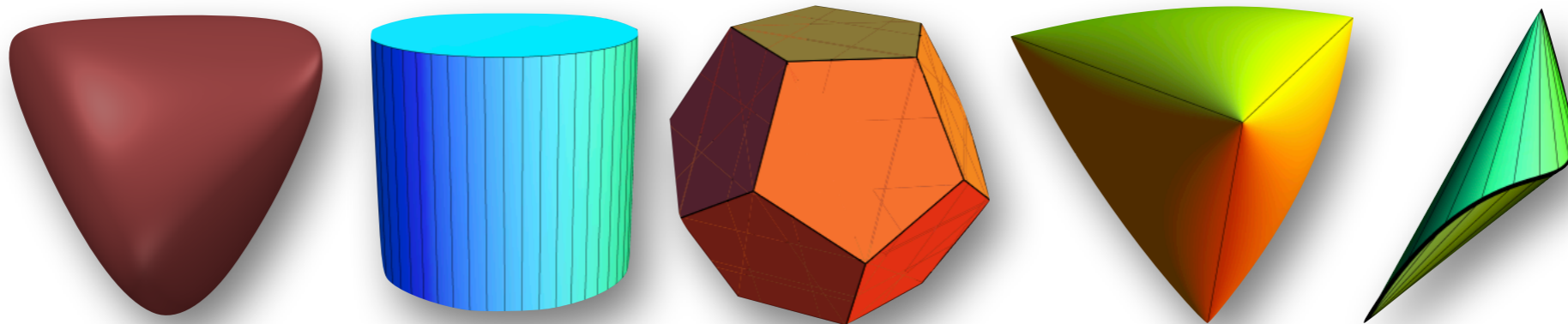
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# Spectrahedron is...

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- ◆ Wiki: the set of  $n \times n$  positive semidefinite matrices forms a convex cone, and a spectrahedron is a shape that can be formed by intersecting this cone with a linear affine subspace.
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- ◆ The spectrahedron  $G = \{x \mid Q(x) \succeq 0\}$
- ◆ How do they look like? From google:





# Example: 2-scalar EFT

Scalar EFT with  $\phi_1, \phi_2$ , with  $Z_2$  symmetry  $\phi_1 \rightarrow -\phi_1$

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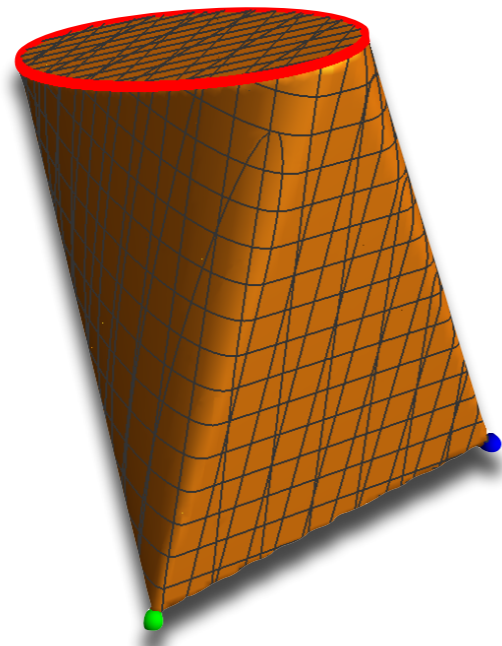
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$$\mathcal{Q} \succeq 0 \Rightarrow a \geq 0, c \geq 0, ac \geq b^2, d \geq |b|$$

ERs  $\mathcal{Q}_{\text{ex1}}(r) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r & 0 & 0 \\ r & r^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |r| & r \\ 0 & 0 & r & |r| \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{Q}_{\text{ex2}}^{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

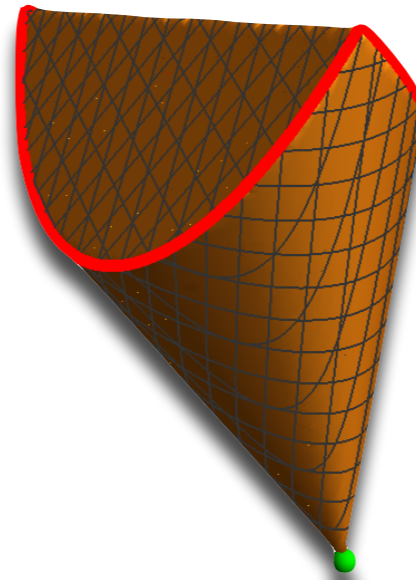
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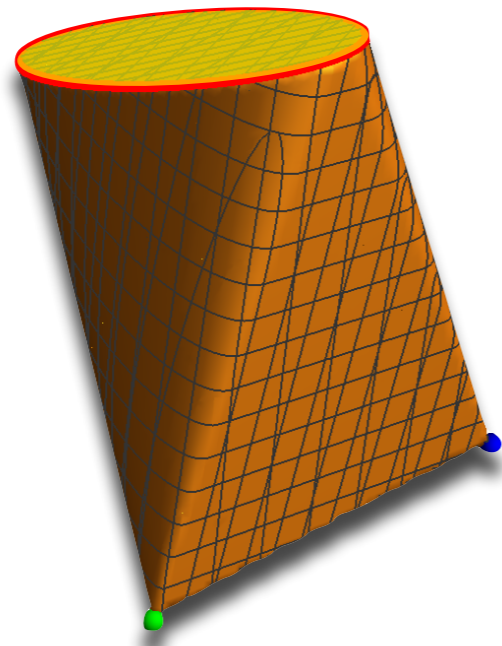
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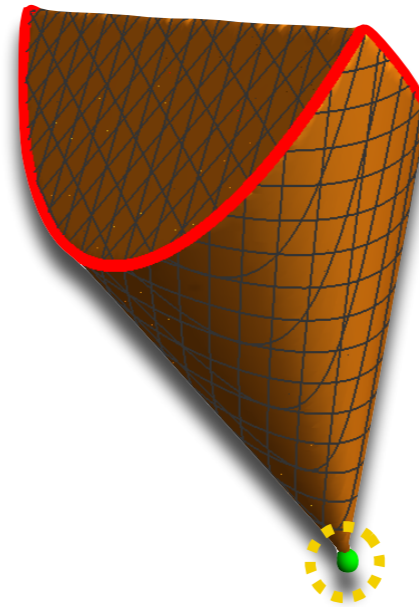
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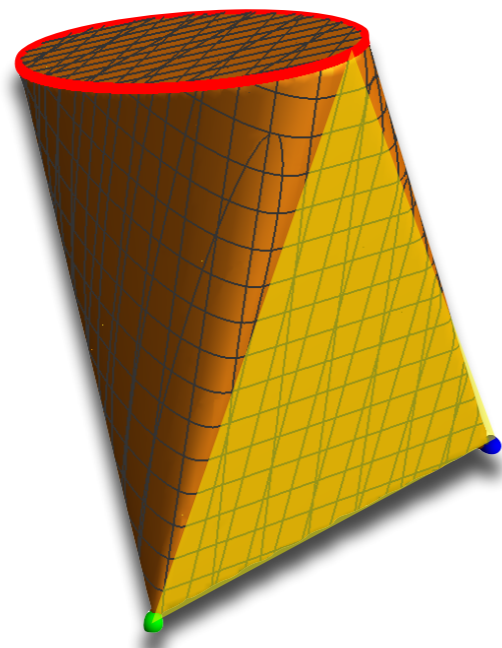
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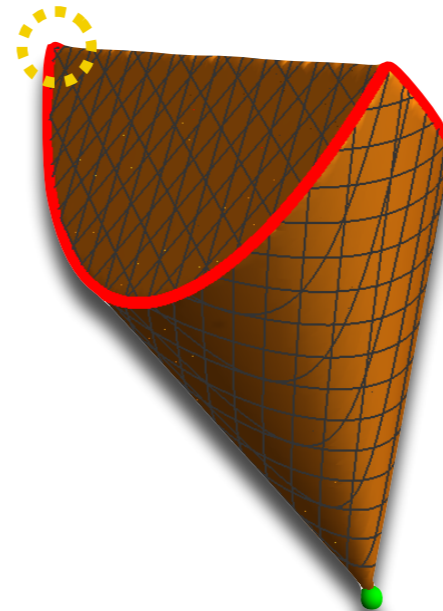
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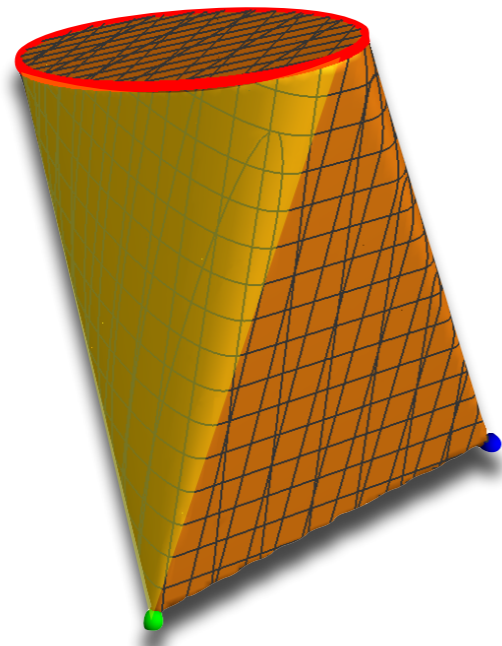
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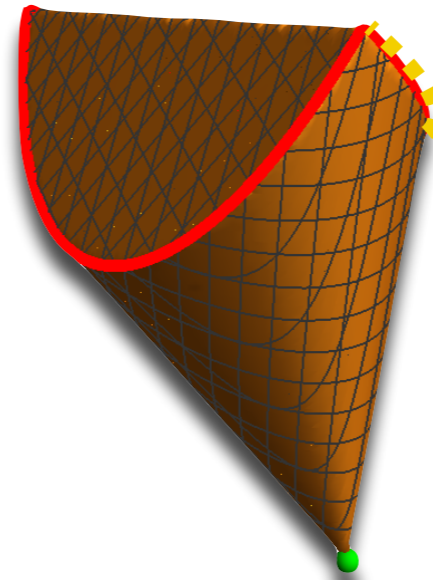
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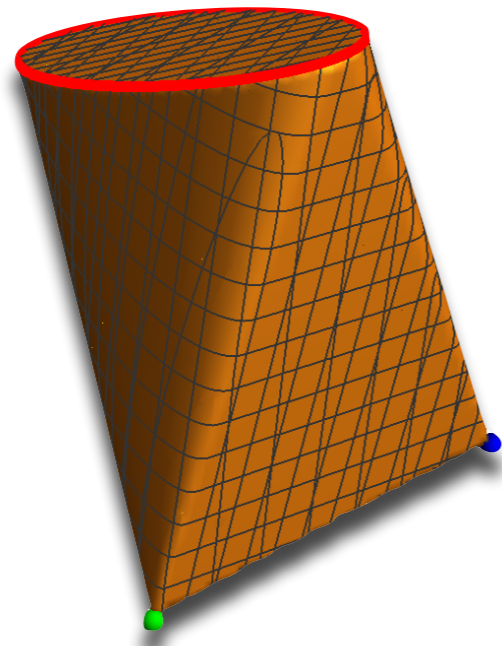
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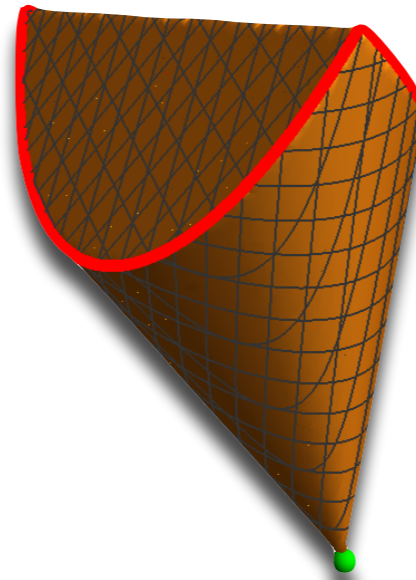
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$$C'_{1122} \equiv C_{1122} + \frac{1}{2} C_{1212}$$

$$\text{ERs: } \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & ab & ac & ac \\ ab & b^2 & bc & bc \\ ac & bc & 2c^2 - ab & ab \\ ac & bc & ab & 2c^2 - ab \end{bmatrix} \quad c^2 \geq ab$$

Bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{M}_{uv \rightarrow uv}$  interpretation:

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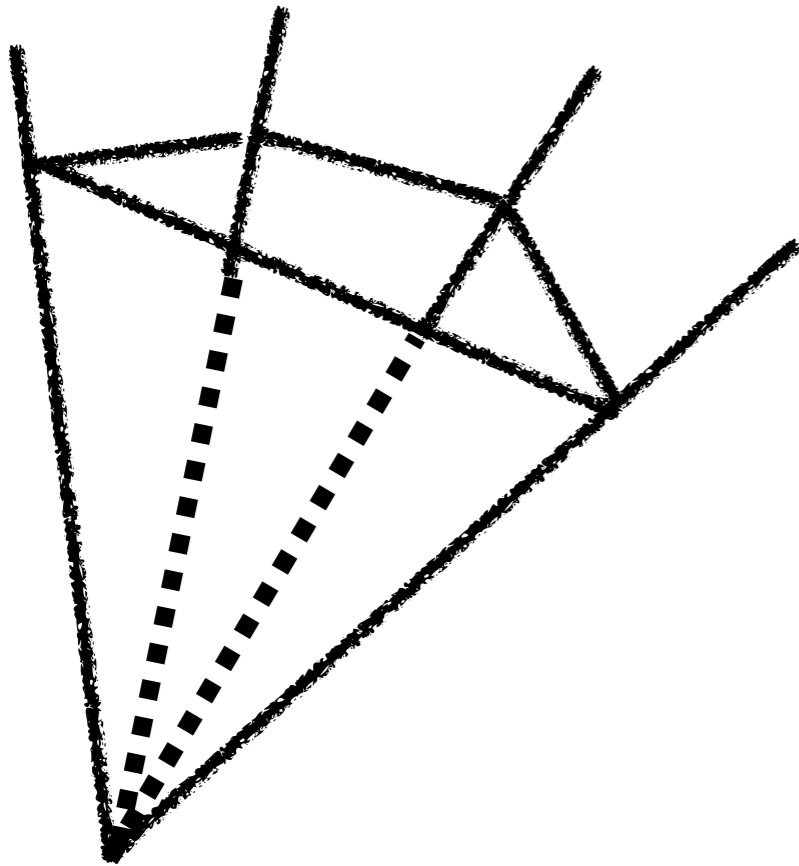
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Not possible for  $n > 2$

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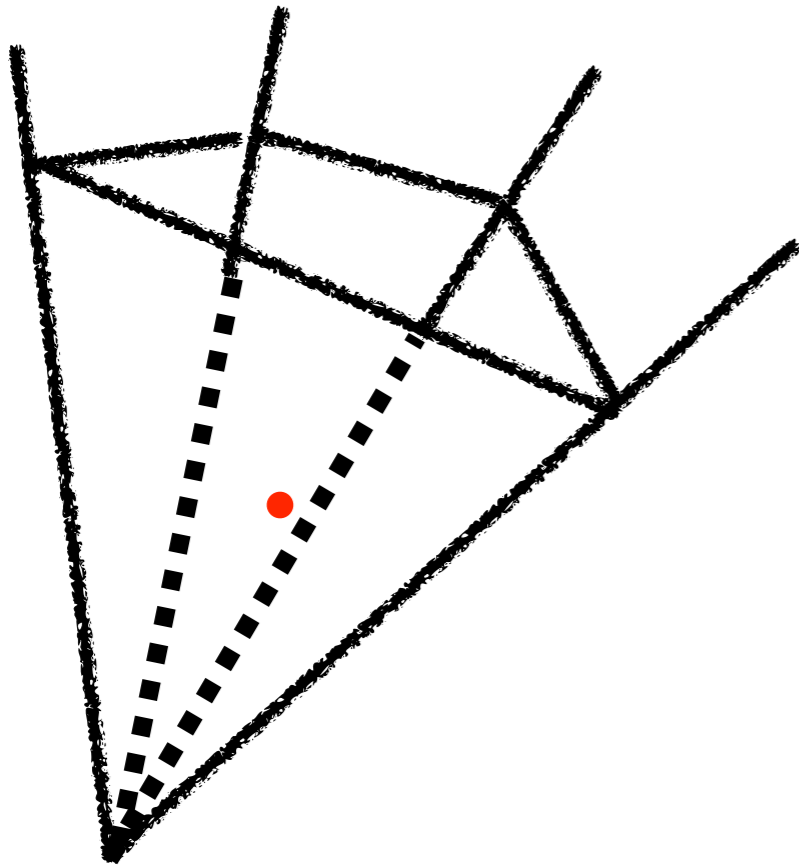


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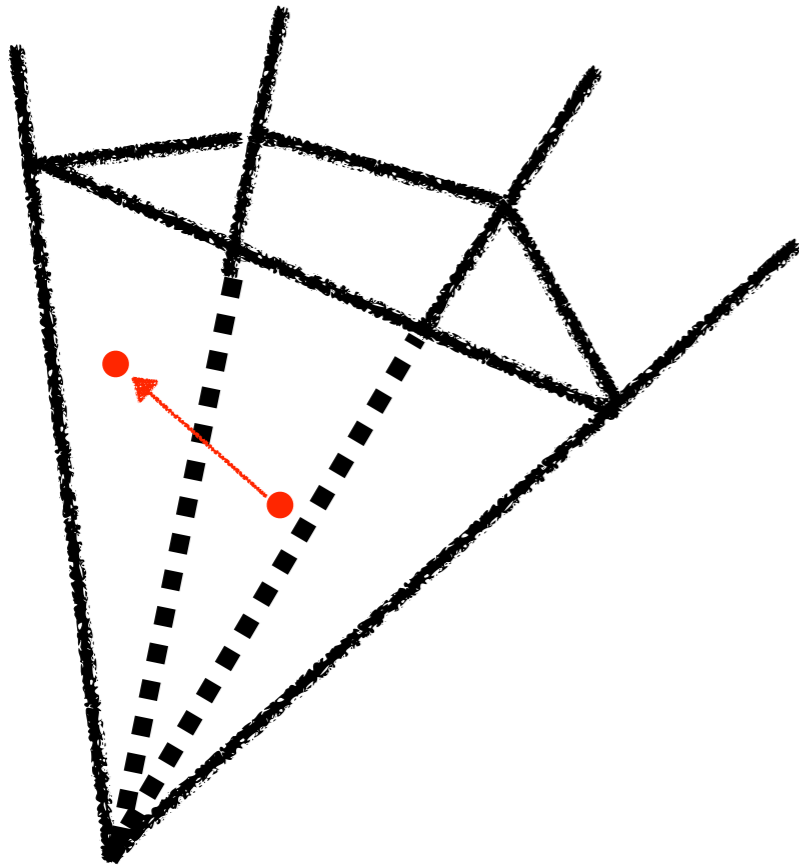


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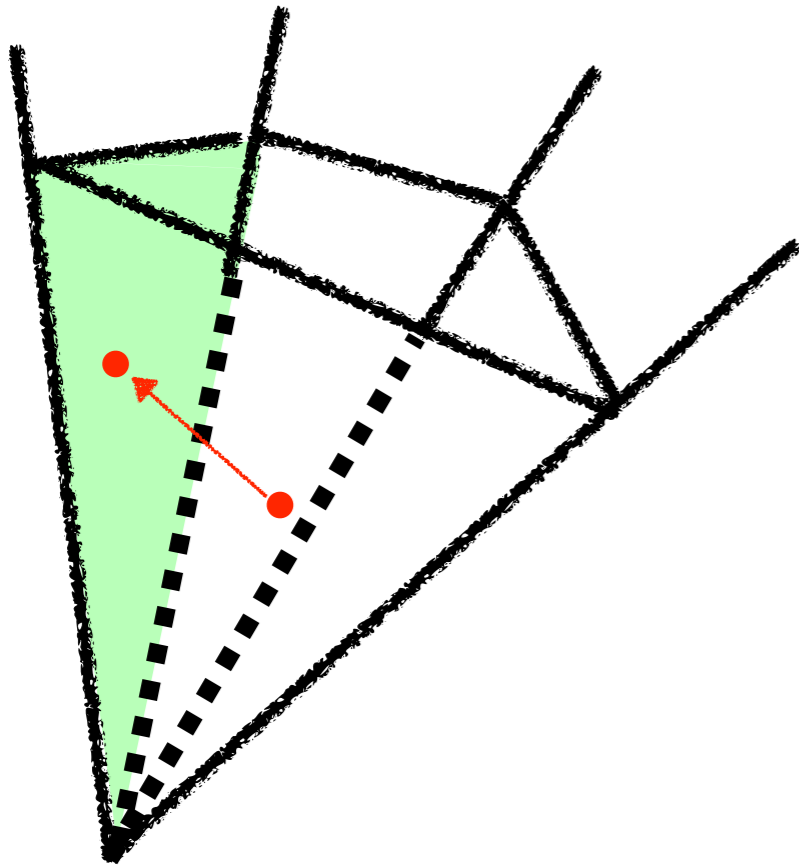


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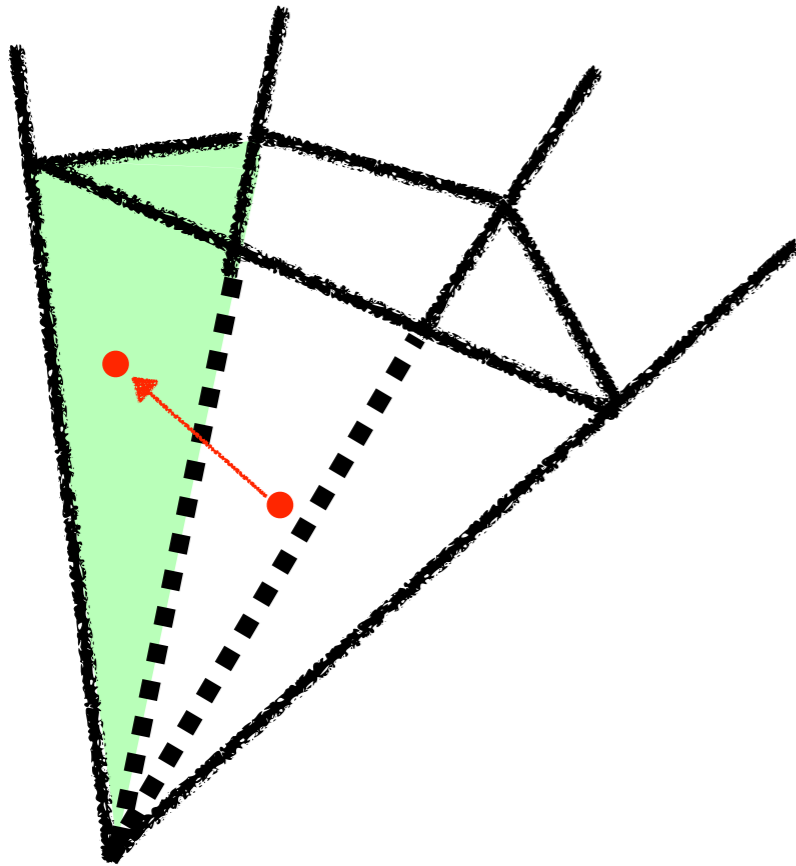
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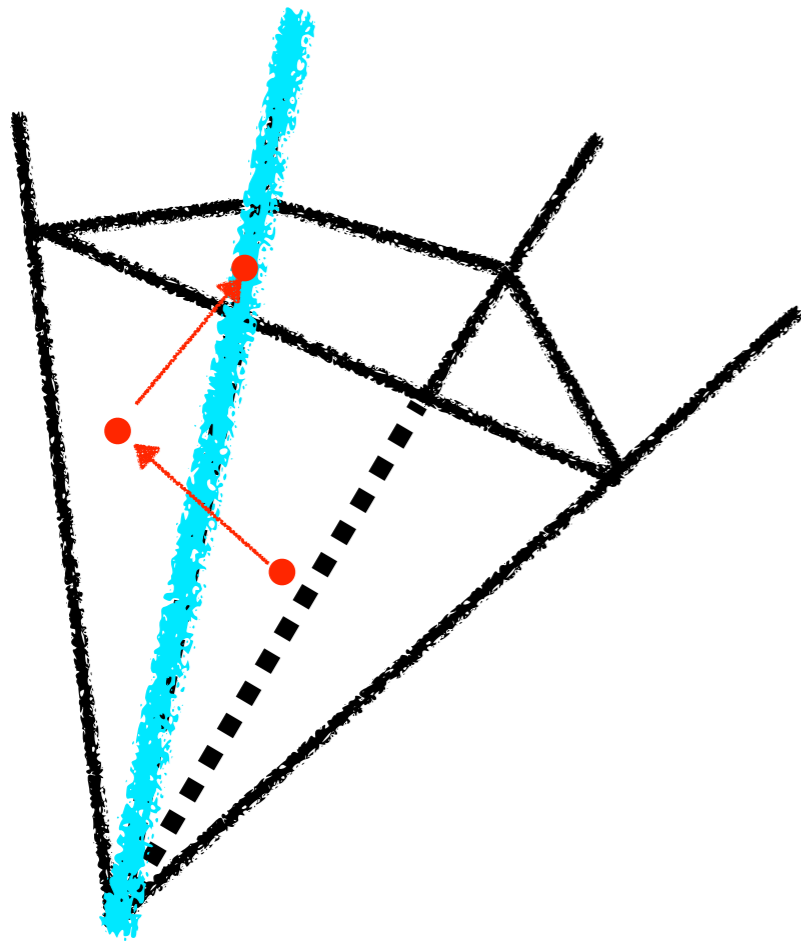
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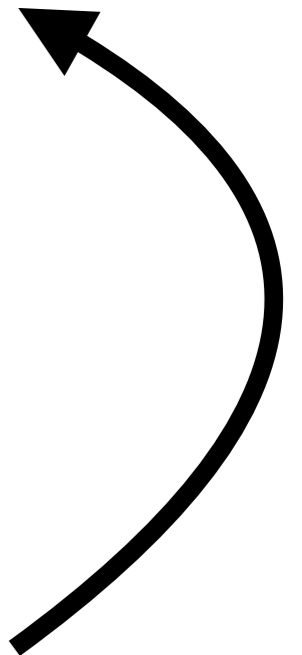
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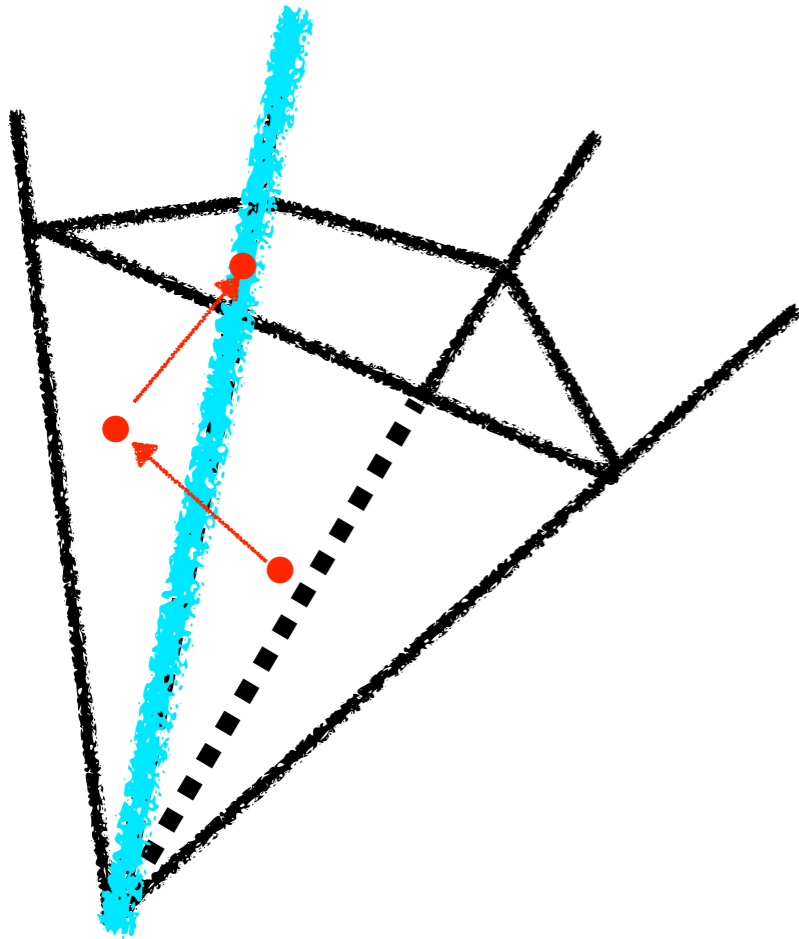


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# Gluon operators

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{c} \geq 0,$$

$$\vec{c} = [C_{G^4}^{(1)}, C_{G^4}^{(2)}, C_{G^4}^{(3)}, C_{G^4}^{(4)}, C_{G^4}^{(7)}, C_{G^4}^{(8)}, c_G^2]$$

$\vec{x}$  :

[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]	[0, 0, 6, 3, 7, 2, 0]	[24, 0, 12, 21, 15, 14, 0]	[0, 0, 96, 24, 64, 40, -81]	
[0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0]	[8, 6, 1, 6, 0, 2, 0]	[24, 32, 24, 4, 8, 0, -27]	[40, 32, 80, 4, 0, 0, -189]	
[2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]	[0, 6, 3, 12, 5, 0, 0]	[48, 36, 21, 27, 25, 0, 0]	[0, 0, 24, 120, 40, 104, -81]	
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48 total

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$O_G = f^{ABC} G_{\mu}^{A\nu} G_{\nu}^{B\rho} G_{\rho}^{C\mu}$

# Numerical approach 2: SDP

- ◆ Given a set of measured coefficients, or  $M$ , how to check if its in the positivity cone?

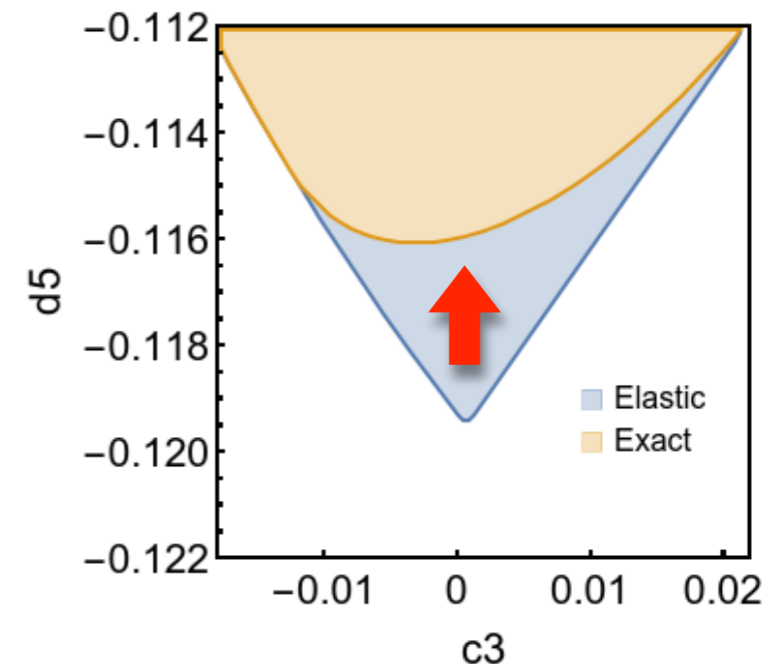
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- ◆ This is a semi-definite programming

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \mathcal{Q} \cdot \mathcal{M} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathcal{Q} \in \mathbf{Q}^{n^4} \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ If there is a (positive) minimum, positivity is satisfied.

- ◆ Solvable in polynomial complexity (in contrast to superposed elastic scattering, which is NP hard)
- ◆ Applications: aQGC, flavor operators, massive gravity (improved bounds on dRGT from [\[Cheung, Remmen, 1601.04068\]](#)), etc.



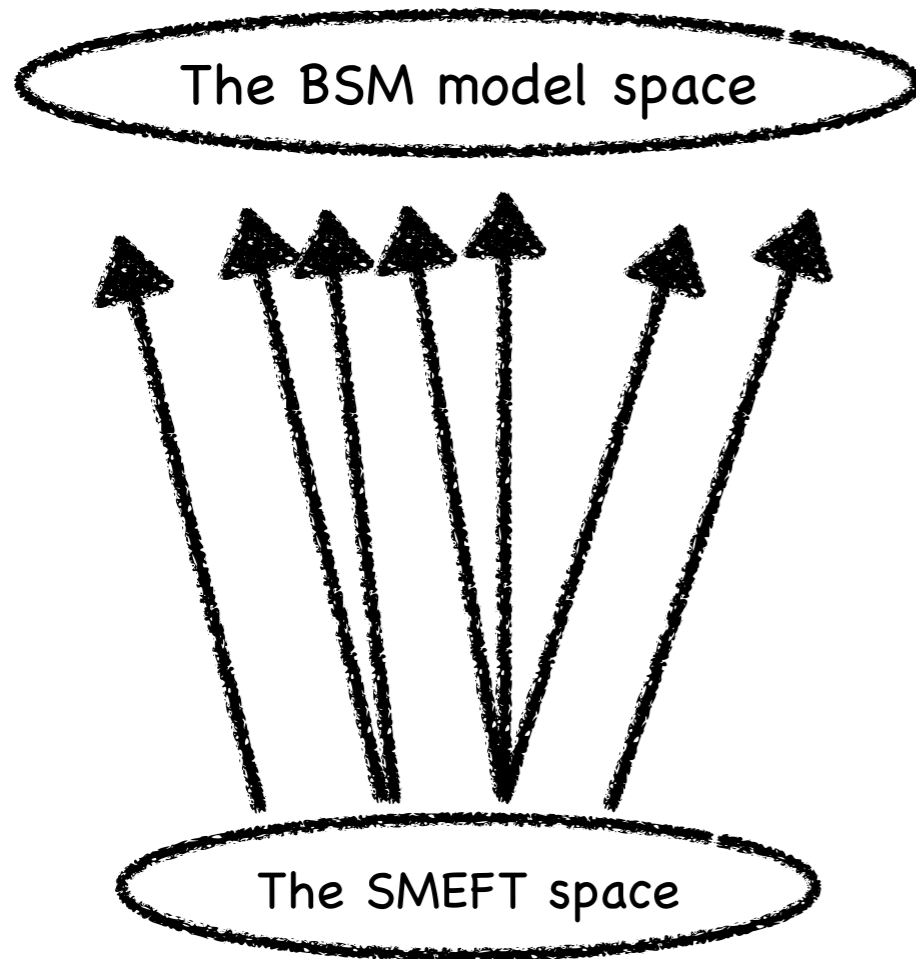


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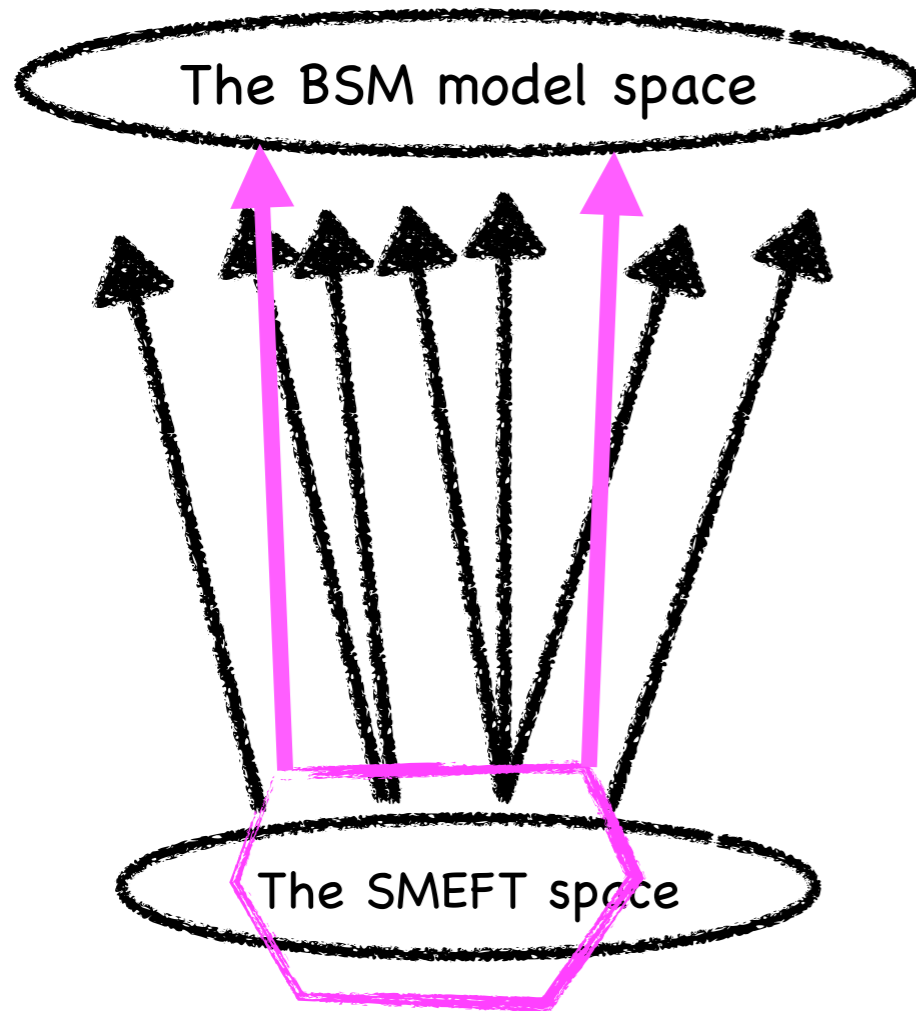
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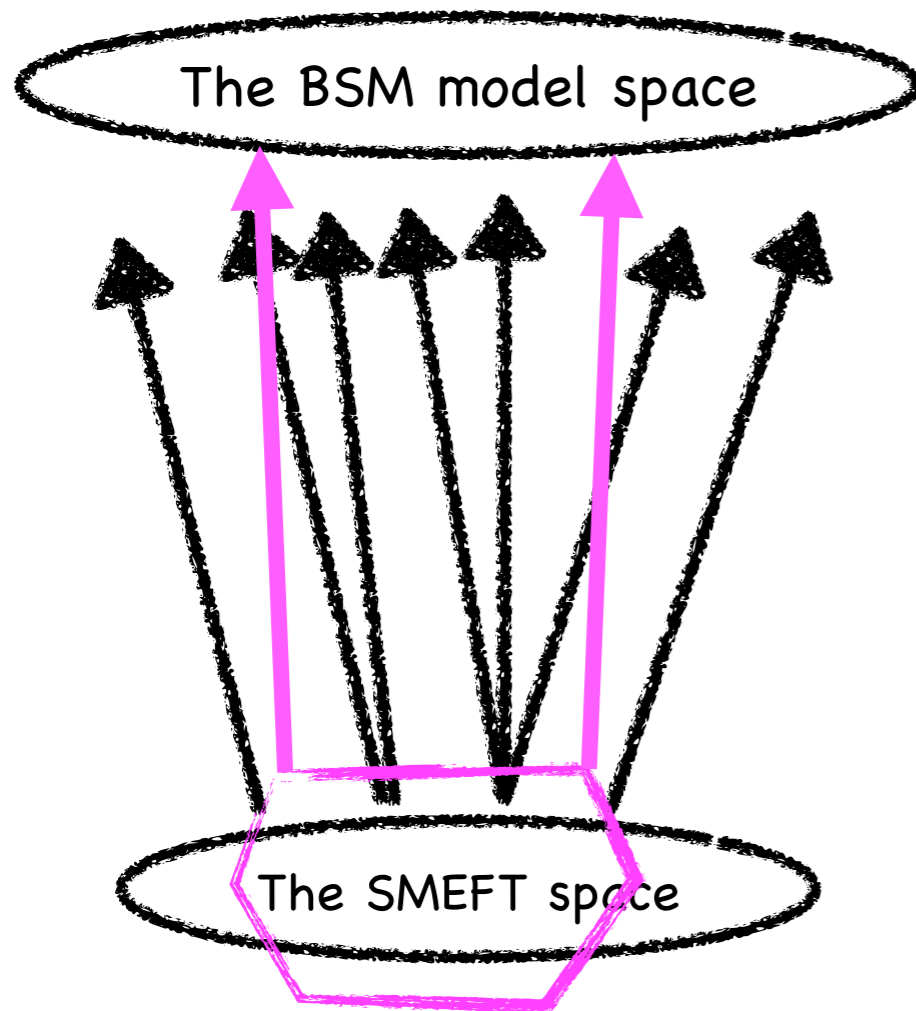
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$$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl}((\epsilon\Lambda)^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{(\epsilon\Lambda)^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s^3} [\mathbf{M}_{ij \rightarrow X}(s) \mathbf{M}_{kl \rightarrow X}^*(s) + (j \leftrightarrow l)]$$

Assume  $\mathcal{M}^{ijkl}((\epsilon\Lambda)^2) \in \mathbb{C}$  is extremal

M not splittable implies:

$$\mathbf{M}_{ij \rightarrow X}(s) \mathbf{M}_{kl \rightarrow X}^*(s) + (j \leftrightarrow l) \propto \mathcal{M}^{ijkl}((\epsilon\Lambda)^2) \quad \text{for all } s$$

I.e. fix UV interactions at all scales, but not the spectrum (mass, width, shapes,...)

# A toy example

◆ Consider a two scalar EFT, with two discrete symmetries:

- ◆  $\phi_1 \rightarrow -\phi_1$
- ◆  $\phi_1 \leftrightarrow \phi_2$

◆ 3 dim-8 operators ( $E^4$ ):

$$O_1^8 = \partial_\mu \phi_1 \partial^\mu \phi_1 \partial_\nu \phi_1 \partial^\nu \phi_1 + \partial_\mu \phi_2 \partial^\mu \phi_2 \partial_\nu \phi_2 \partial^\nu \phi_2$$

$$O_2^8 = \partial_\mu \phi_1 \partial^\mu \phi_1 \partial_\nu \phi_2 \partial^\nu \phi_2$$

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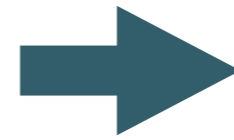
◆ Generators  $\rightarrow$  tree-level UV completions



particle	spin	parities ( $\phi_1 \rightarrow -\phi_1, \phi_1 \leftrightarrow \phi_2$ )	Interaction	ER	$\vec{c} = (C_1, C_2, C_3)$
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$V_4$	1	--	$g_4 (\phi_1 \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi_2) V_4^\mu$	✓	$2 \times (0, -1, 1) \times \frac{g^2}{M^4}$

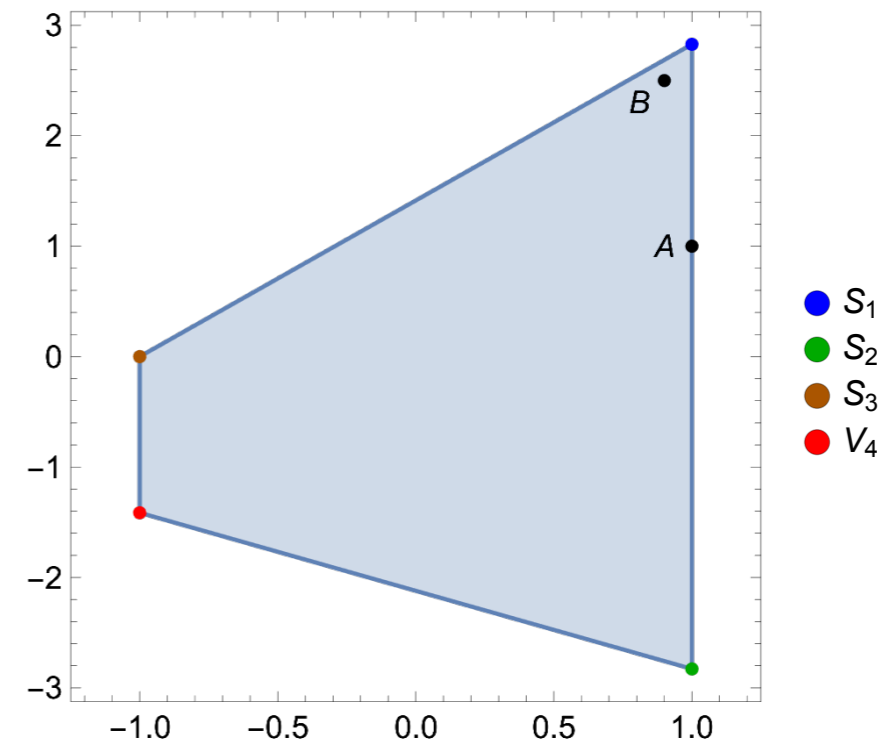
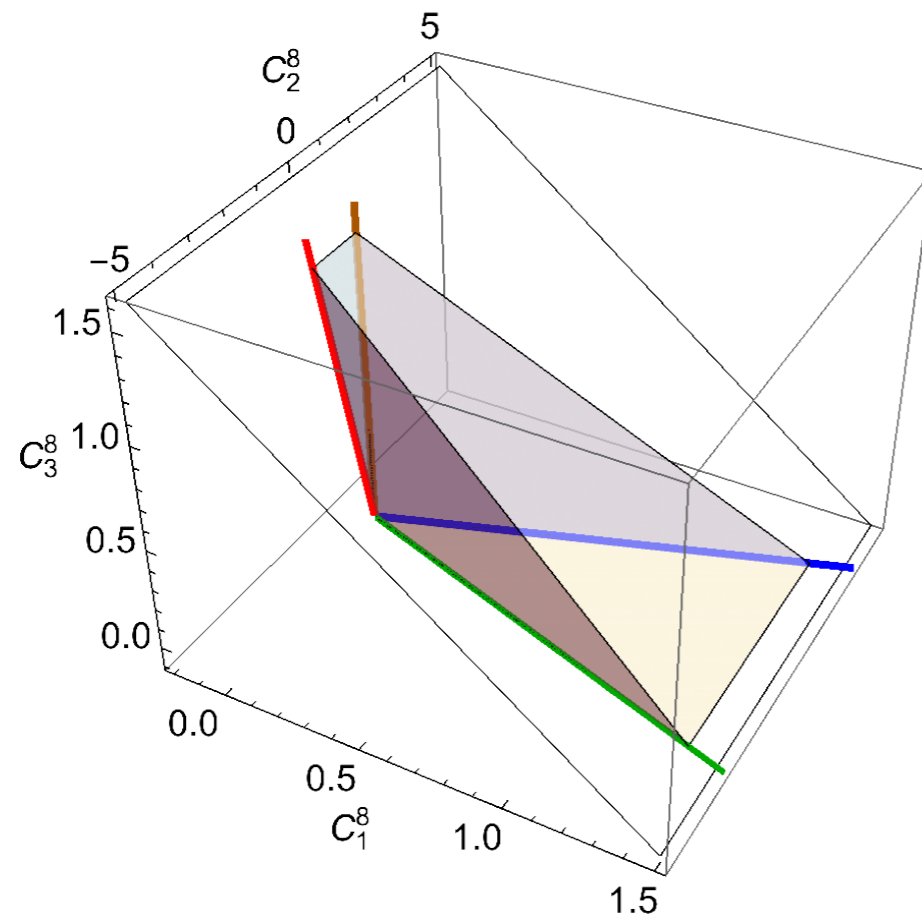
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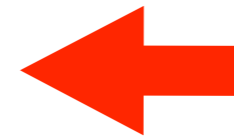
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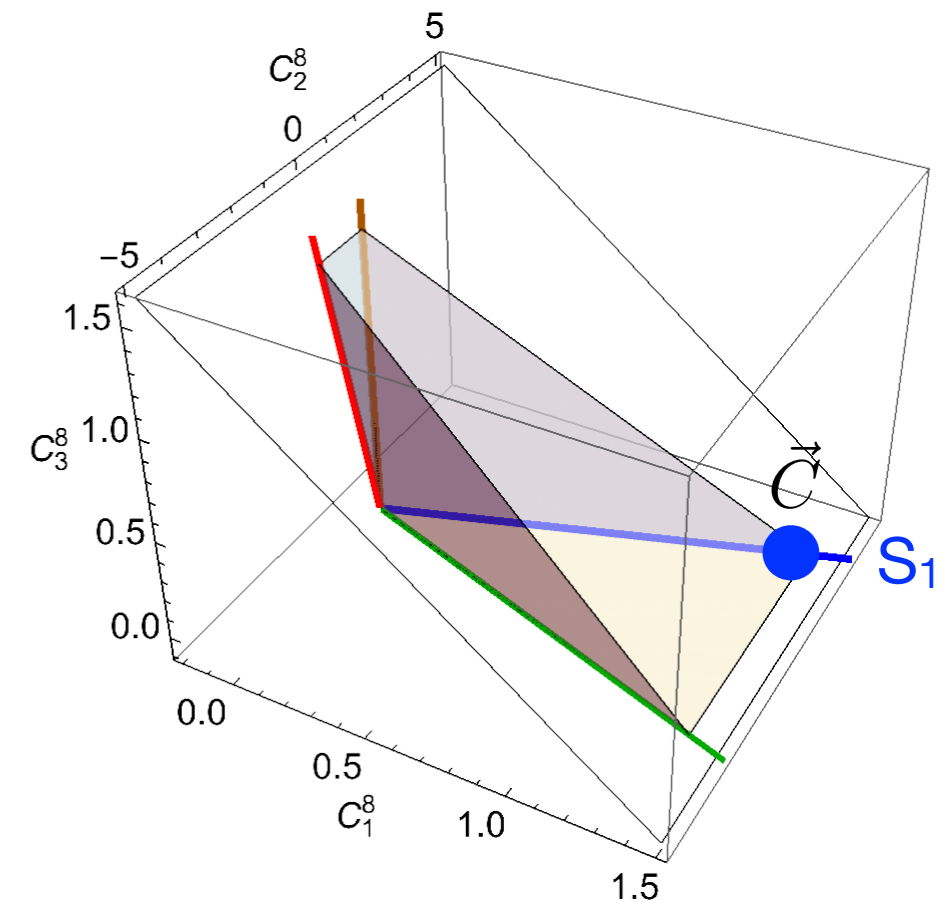
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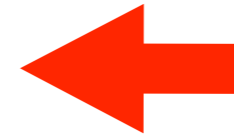
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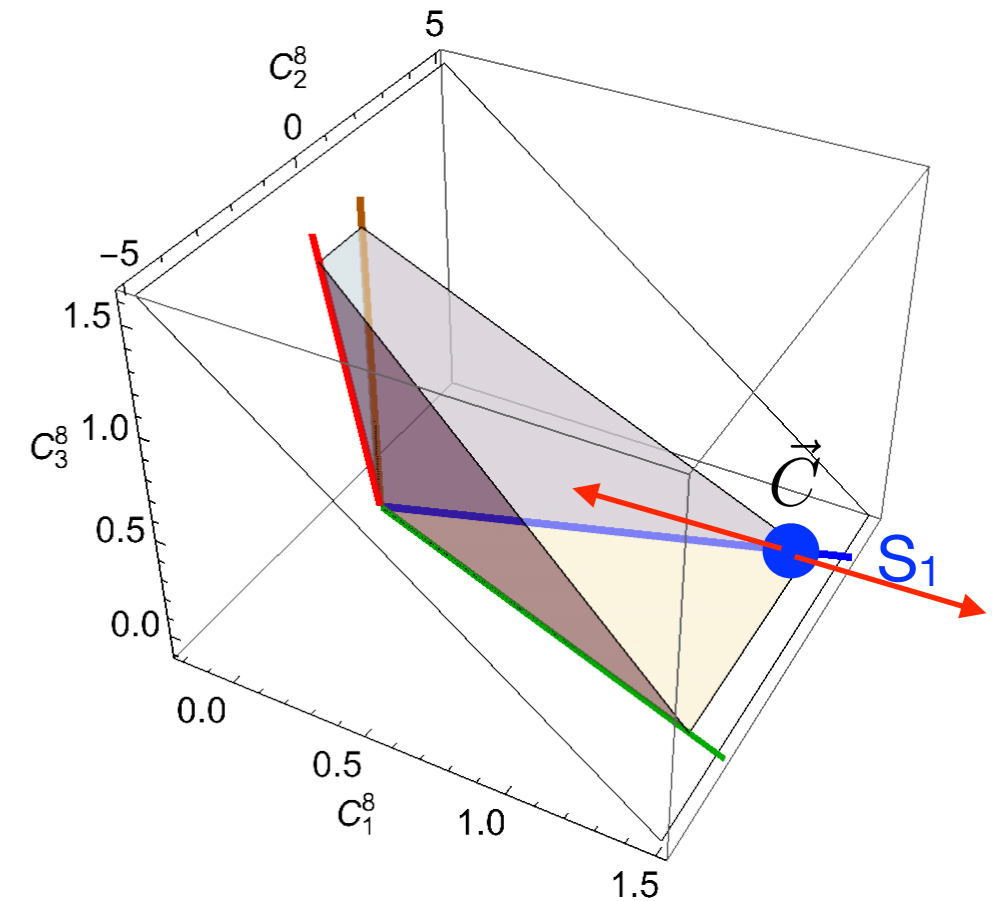
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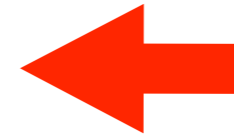
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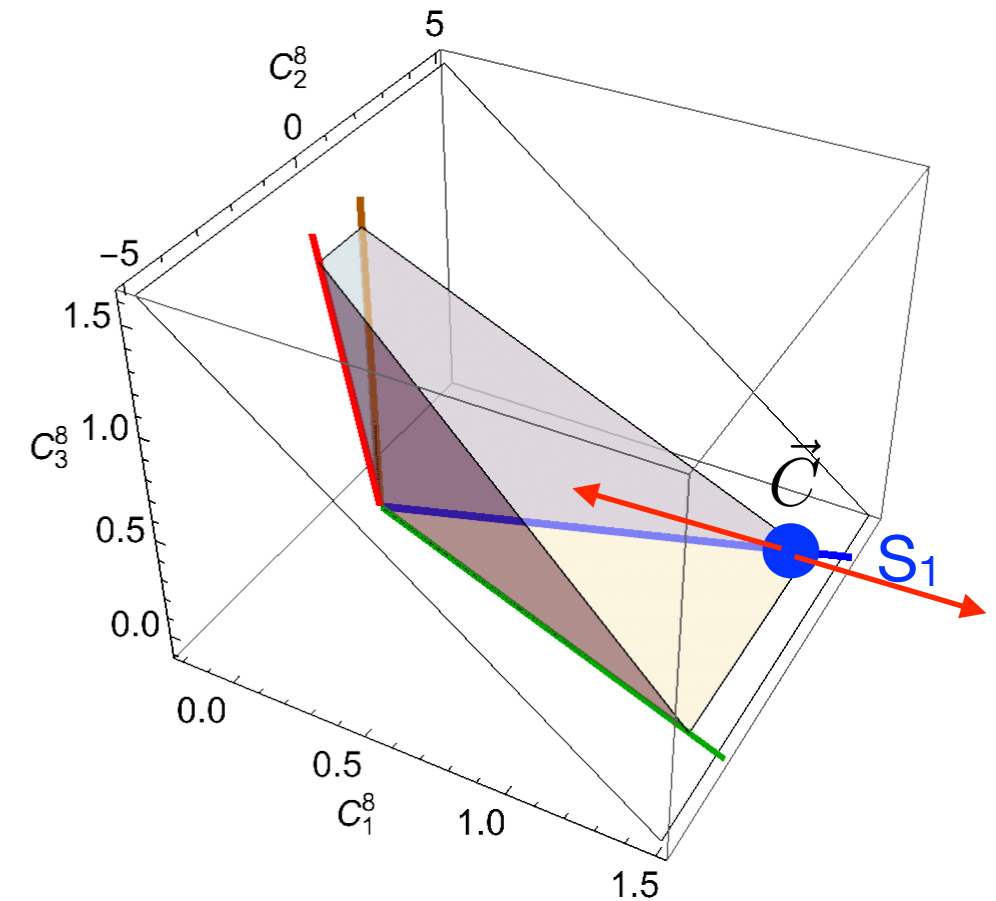
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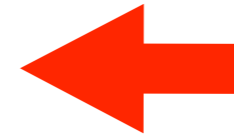
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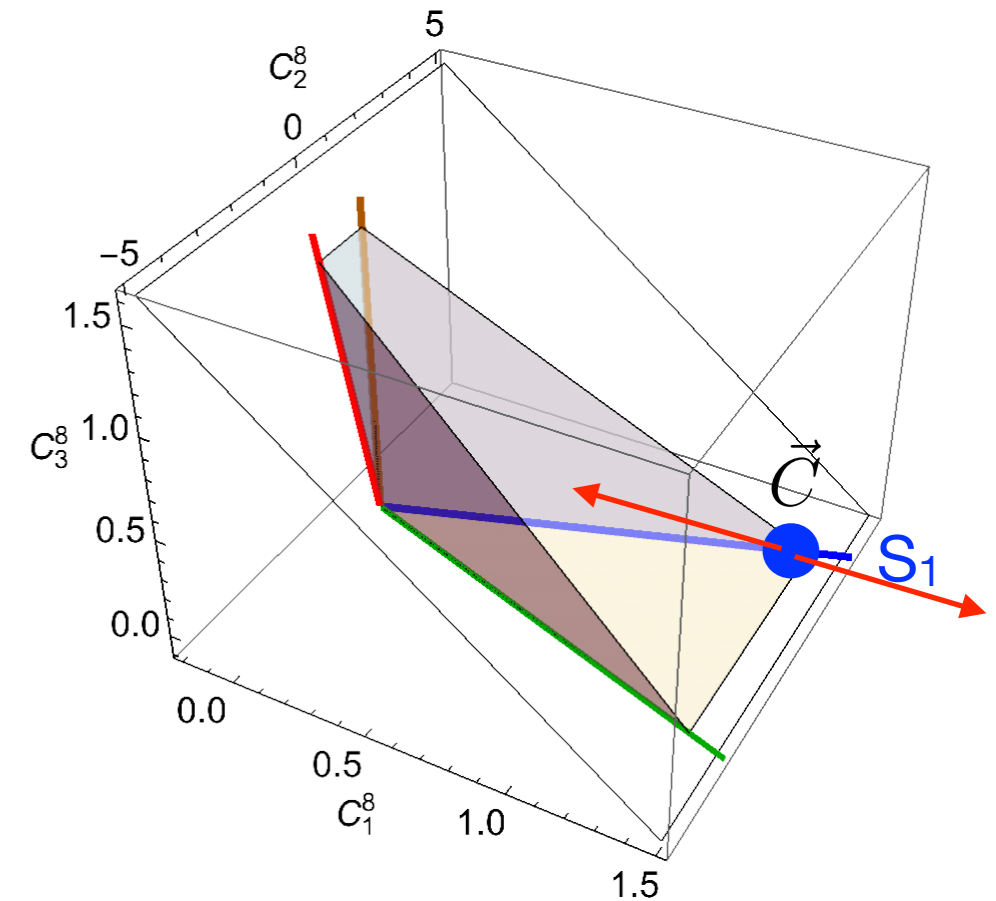
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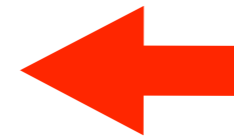
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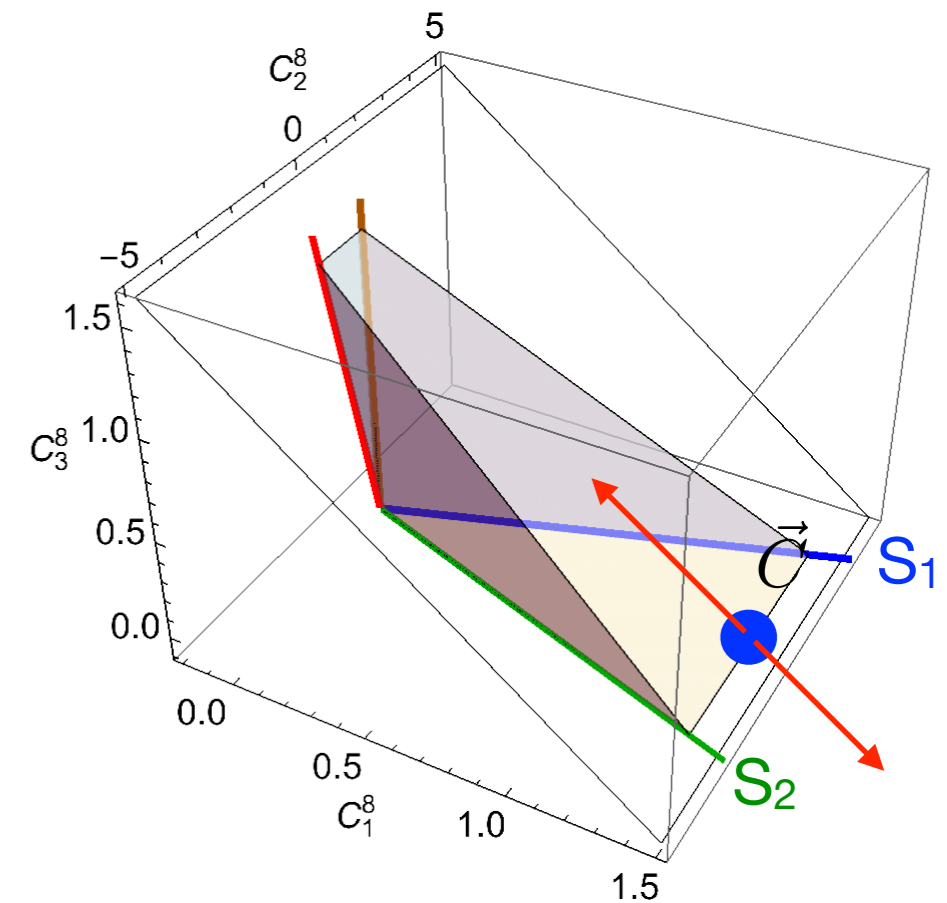
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UV particle content fixed for SMEFTs on the ER & boundary

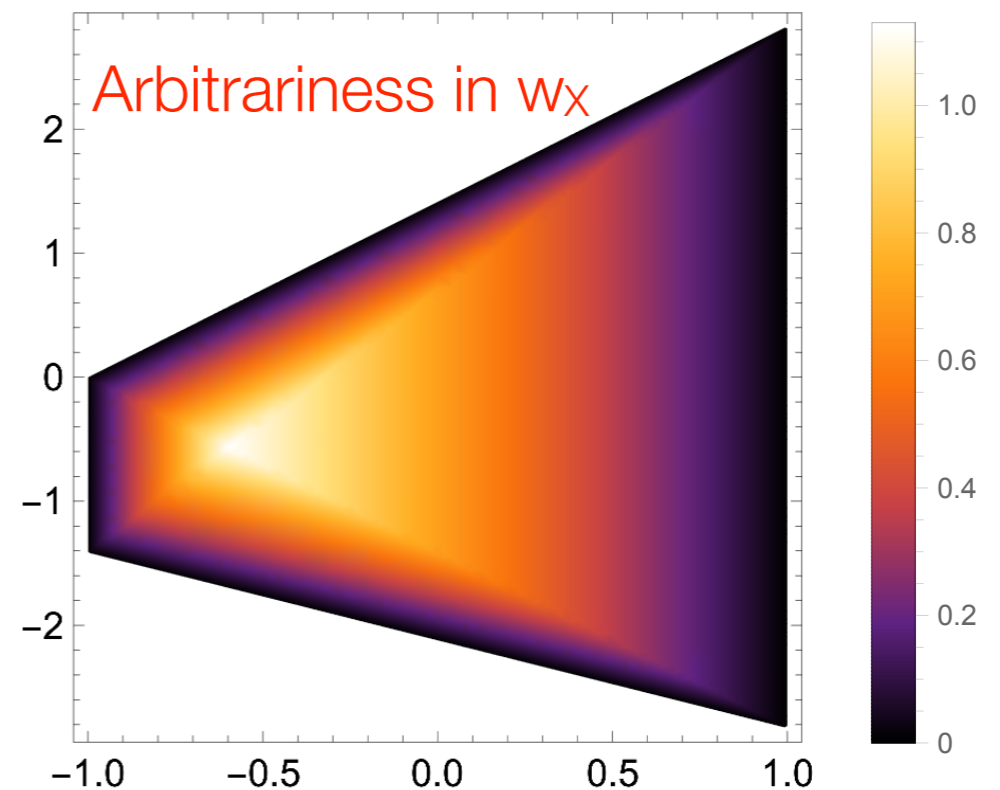


# Degeneracies in the space

$$\vec{C} = \sum_{X=S_1,2,3,V} w_X \vec{c}_X, \quad w_X \equiv \frac{g_X^2}{M_X^4} \geq 0$$

- ◆ Inverse: what extend can we determine the weights  $w$ , given the measured coefficients  $C$ ?
- ◆ Vertex, edge, facet: unique solution
  - ◆ Vertex ( $C=0$ ): no BSM states
  - ◆ Edge: one (type of) UV state
  - ◆ Facet: two (types of) UV states
- ◆ Inside: uncertainty is finite. Can set exclusion limit on each BSM state.

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$S_1$	$2 \times (1, 2, 0)$
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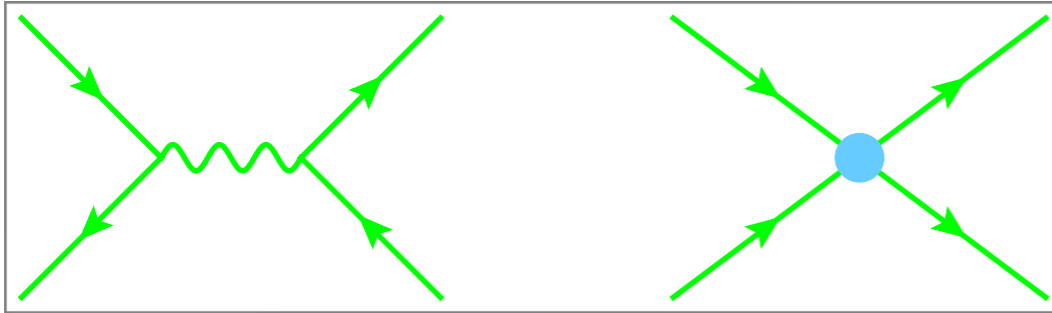
(No model assumption. Only rely on positivity: if  $w_1$  is too large, fixing  $C$ , the other states will contribute outside the positivity cone)

# $e^+e^-$ scattering at ILC

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# ee scattering at future lepton collider



$$O_1 = \partial^\alpha (\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e) \partial_\alpha (\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e),$$

$$O_2 = \partial^\alpha (\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e) \partial_\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu l),$$

$$O_3 = D^\alpha (\bar{l} e) D_\alpha (\bar{e} l),$$

$$O_4 = \partial^\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma^\mu l) \partial_\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu l),$$

~~$$O_5 = D^\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma^\mu \tau^I l) D_\alpha (\bar{l} \gamma_\mu \tau^I l)$$~~

In  $ee \rightarrow ee$ ,  $C_5$  does not give an independent contribution:

$$\vec{C}^{(8)} = (C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4)$$

UV states and interactions

Scalar			Vector	
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Generators:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{c}_D^{(8)} &= (0, 0, 1, 0), \\ \vec{c}_{M_L}^{(8)} &= (0, 0, 0, -1), \\ \vec{c}_{M_R}^{(8)} &= (-1, 0, 0, 0), \\ \vec{c}_{V'}^{(8)} &= (0, 0, -1, 2), \\ \vec{c}_{V(\kappa)}^{(8)} &= (-\kappa^2/2, -\kappa, 0, -1/2). \end{aligned}$$

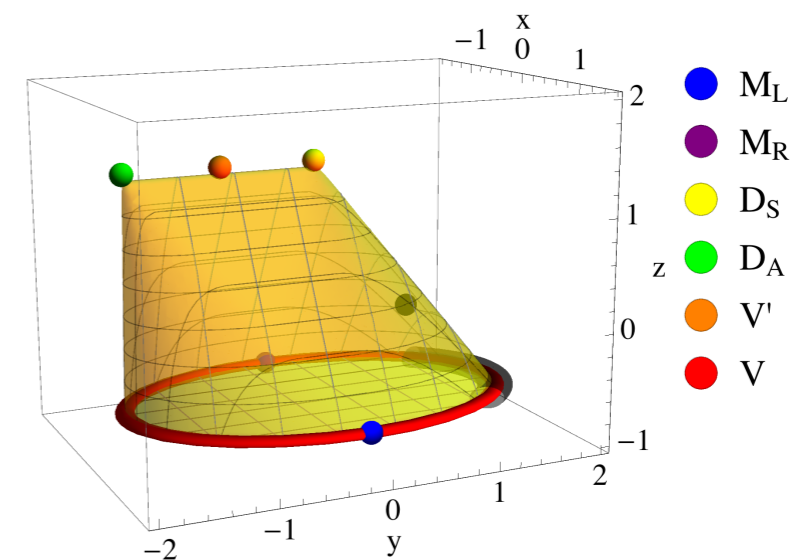
Bounds

$$C_5 \leq 0, \quad C_1 \leq 0,$$

$$C_3 \geq 0, \quad C_4 + C_5 \leq 0,$$

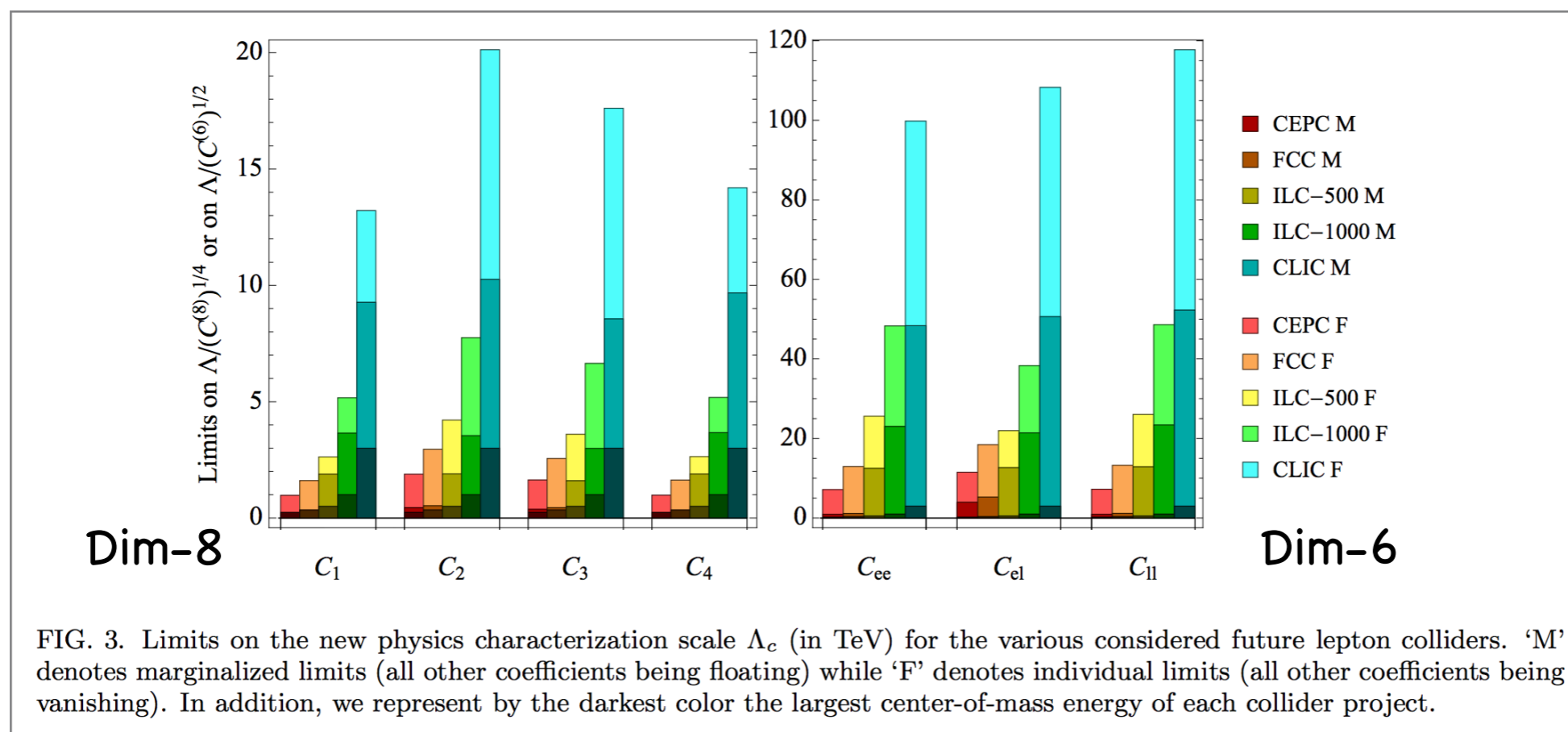
$$2\sqrt{C_1(C_4 + C_5)} \geq C_2,$$

$$2\sqrt{C_1(C_4 + C_5)} \geq -(C_2 + C_3).$$



# ee scattering at future lepton collider

Scenario	Beam polarization $P(e^-, e^+)$	Runs (luminosity @ energy), [ $\text{ab}^{-1}$ ] @ [GeV]			
		1	2	3	4
CEPC	None	2.6@161	5.6@240		
FCC-ee	None	10@161	5@240	0.2@350	1.5@365
ILC-500	(-80%, 30%)	0.9@250	0.135@350	1.6@500	
	(80%, -30%)	0.9@250	0.045@350	1.6@500	
ILC-1000	(-80%, 30%)	0.9@250	0.135@350	1.6@500	1.25@1000
	(80%, -30%)	0.9@250	0.045@350	1.6@500	1.25@1000
CLIC	(-80%, 0%)	0.5@380	2@1500	4@3000	
	(80%, 0%)	0.5@380	0.5@1500	1@3000	



# UV states

- ◆ Assume D-type scalar extension,  $g_D = 0.8$ ,  $M_D = 2$  TeV

- ◆ At ILC (with 1 TeV run),  
global fit ->

$C_{ee} = 0 \pm 0.0024,$	$C_{el} = -0.08 \pm 0.0035,$
	$C_{ll} = 0 \pm 0.0023,$
$C_1 = 0 \pm 0.0074,$	$C_2 = 0 \pm 0.0077,$
$C_3 = 0.04 \pm 0.020,$	$C_4 = 0 \pm 0.0071.$

- ◆ What to conclude at dim-6?

- ◆ If assume the SM is only supplemented by D-type scalar,

$$M_D/g_D \in [2.45, 2.56] \text{ TeV}.$$

- ◆ If assume the SM is extend by D and  $V'$ ,

$$\frac{g_D^2}{2M_D^2} - \frac{g_{V'}^2}{M_{V'}^2} = 0.08 \pm 0.0035 \text{ TeV}^{-2}.$$

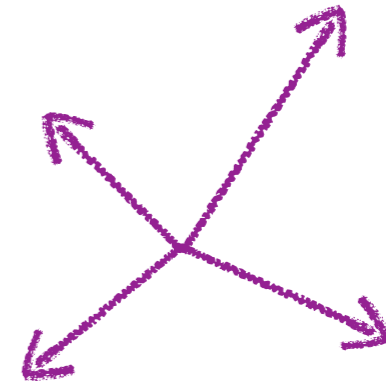
- ◆ If assuming more complicated models, not much to be concluded about the existence of UV states.

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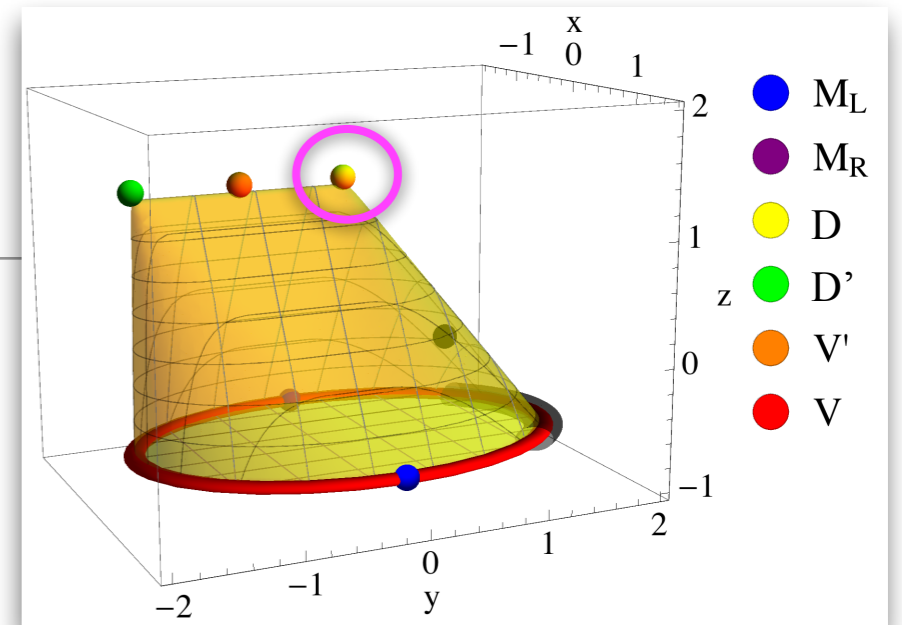


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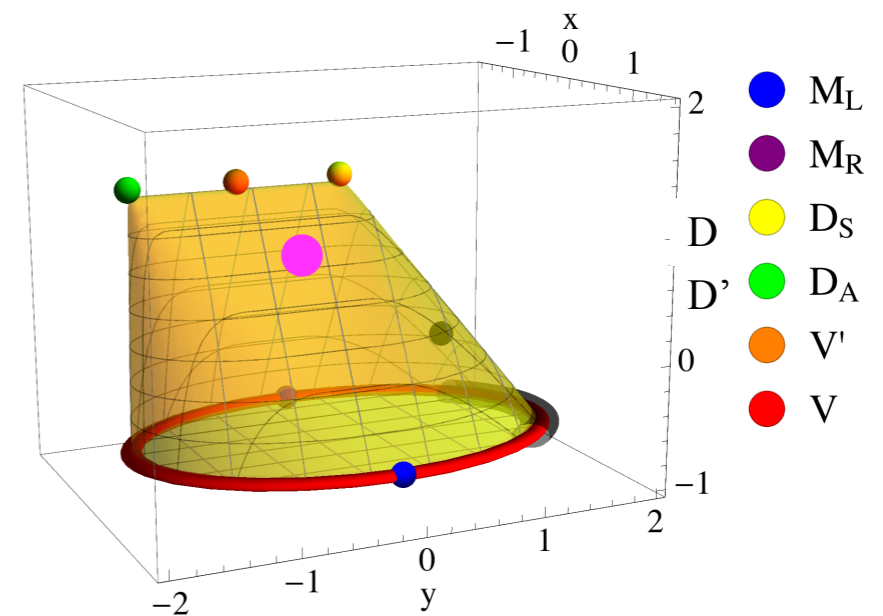
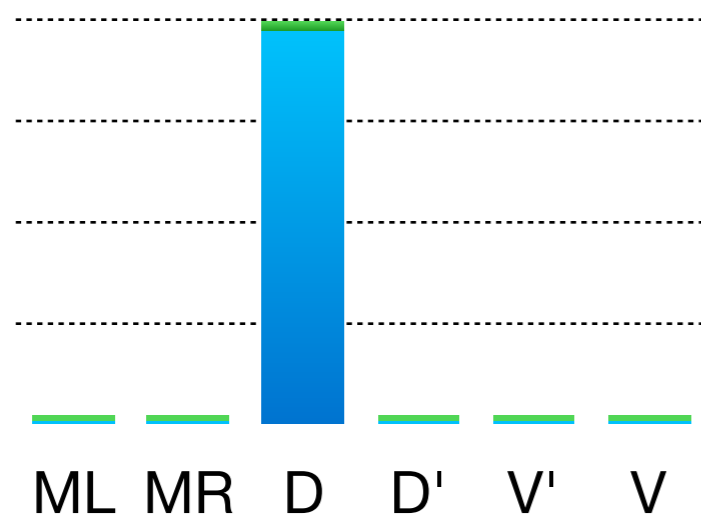
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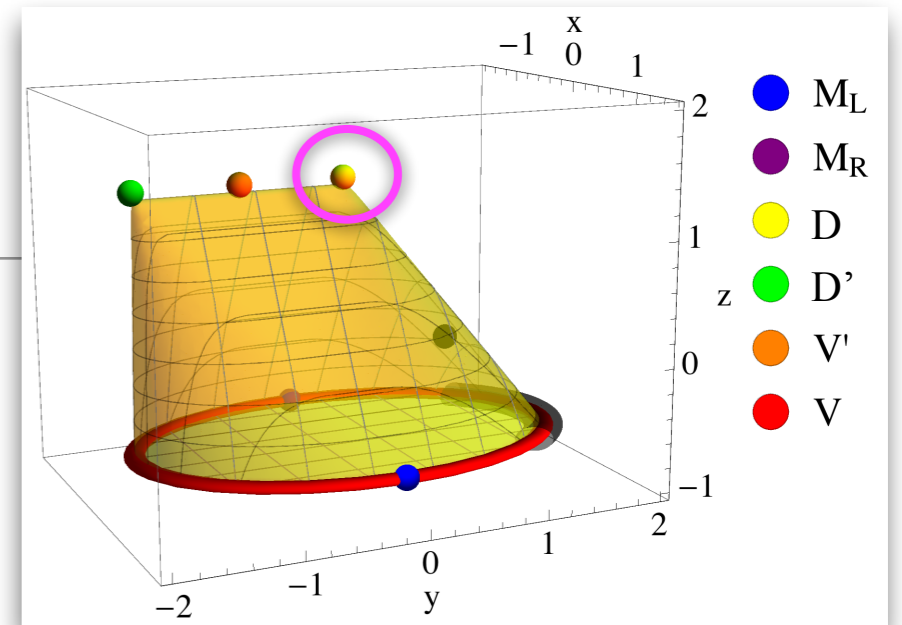


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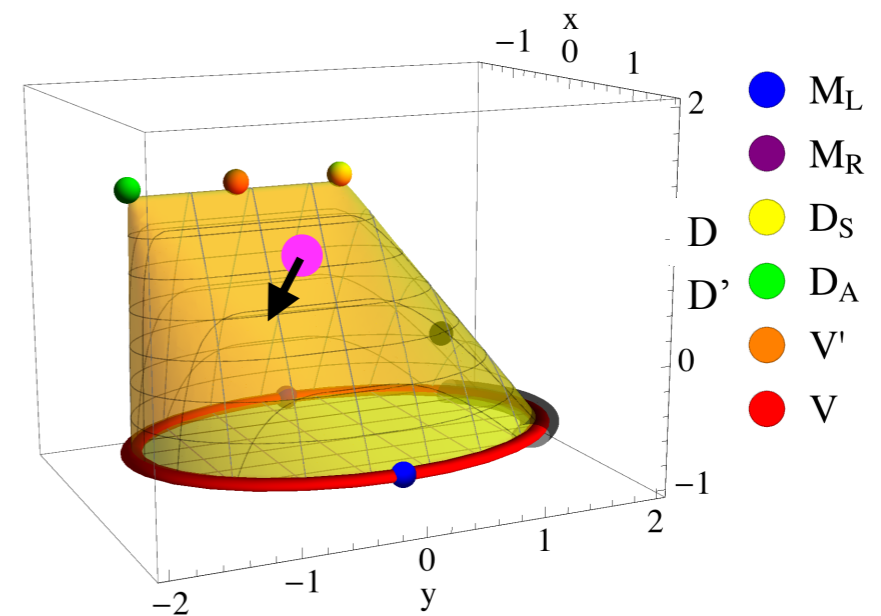
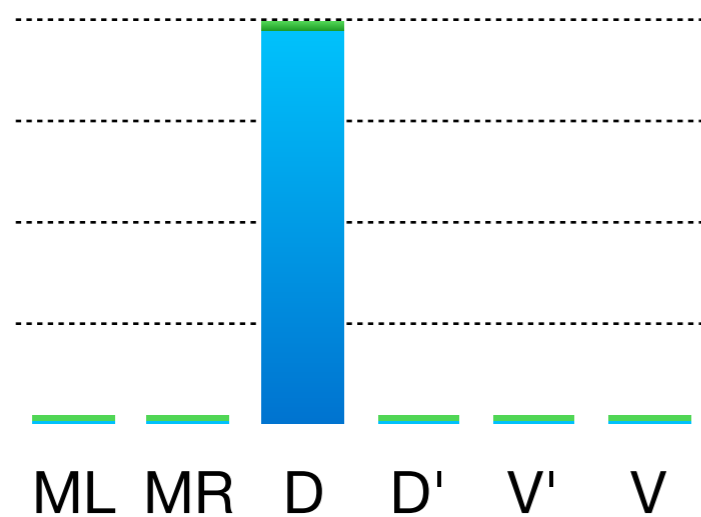
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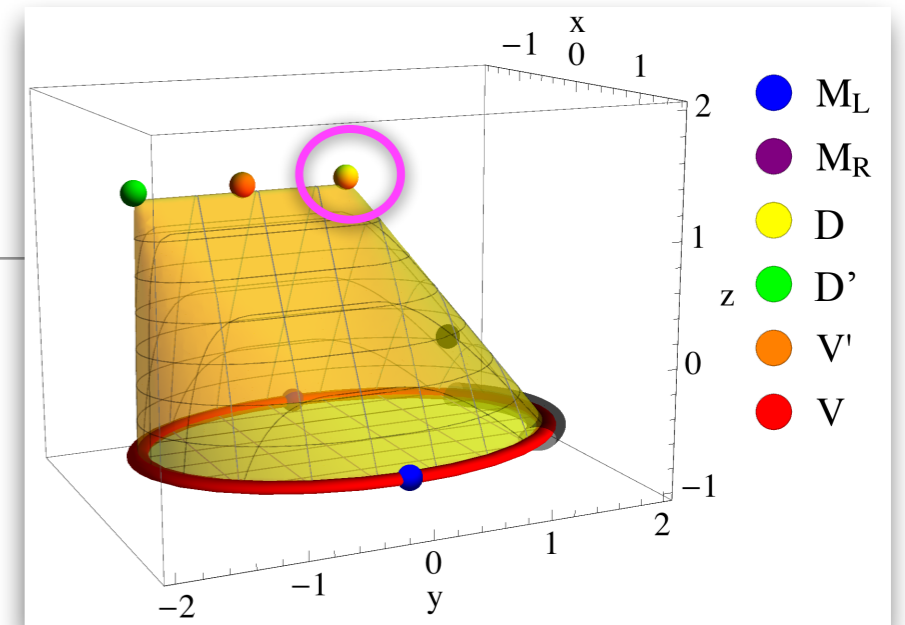


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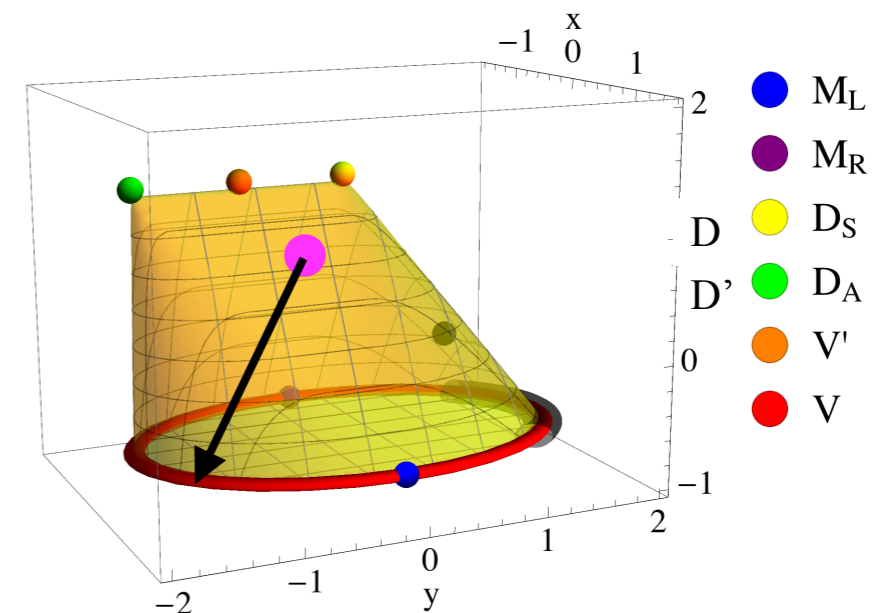
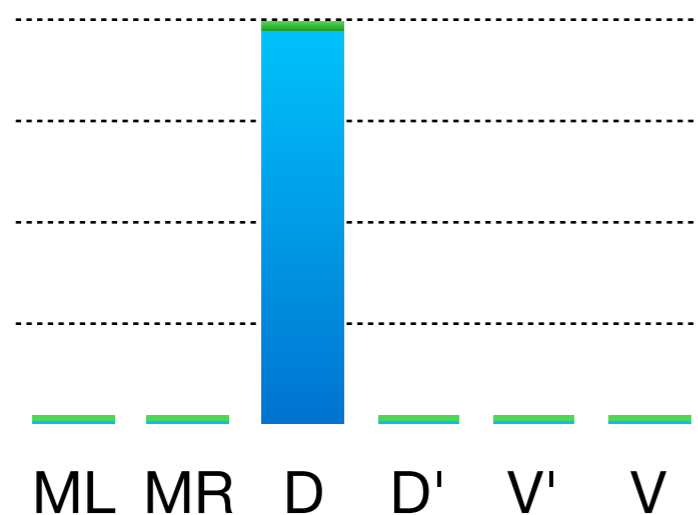
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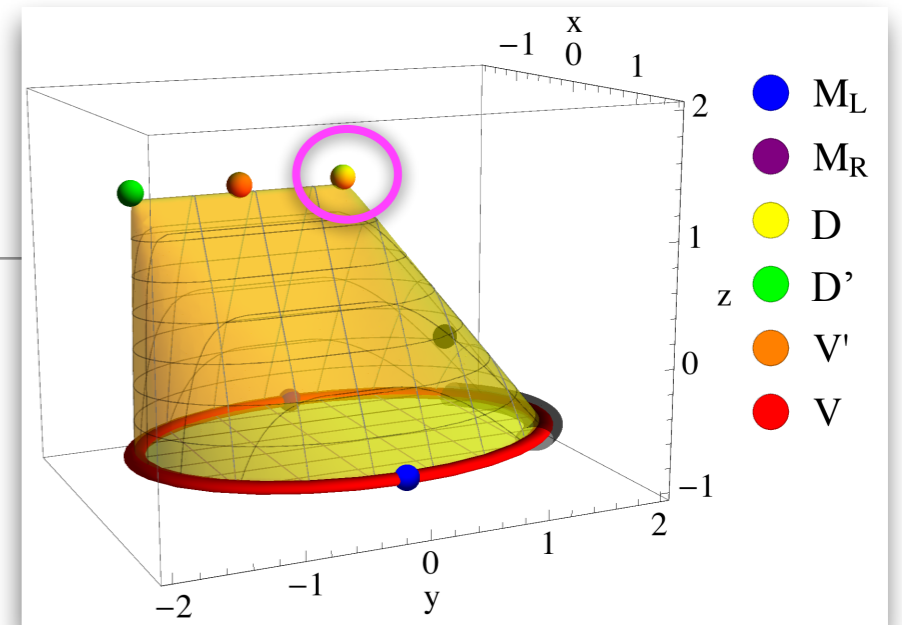


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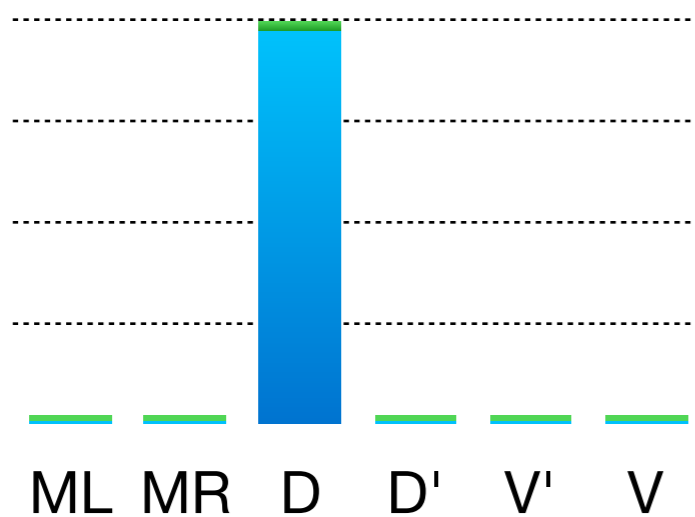


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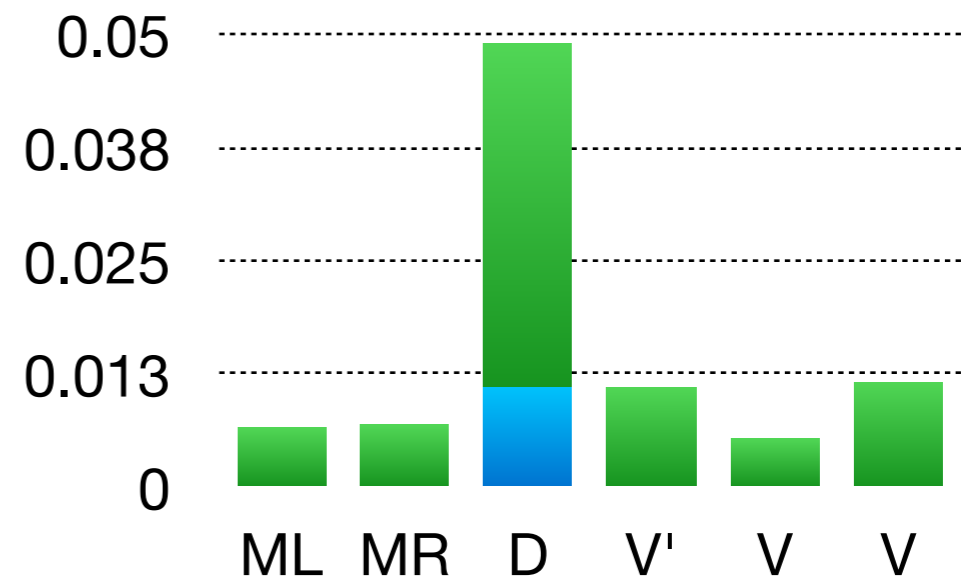
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maximum  $\lambda$   
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With exp. error:



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- ◆ Dim-8 measurement would universally exclude all alternative hypothesis, independent of any model assumptions.

$X$	$\vec{c}_X^{(8)}$	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$	$M_X / \sqrt{g_X}$
$M_L$	(0, 0, 0, -1)	0.0067	$\geq 3.5$ TeV
$M_R$	(-1, 0, 0, 0)	0.0069	$\geq 3.5$ TeV
$V$ (with $\kappa = 1$ )	(-1/2, -1, 0, -1/2)	0.0055	$\geq 3.7$ TeV
$V$ (with $\kappa = -1$ )	(-1/2, 1, 0, -1/2)	0.0116	$\geq 3.0$ TeV
$V'$	(0, -1, 2, 0)	0.0109	$\geq 3.1$ TeV

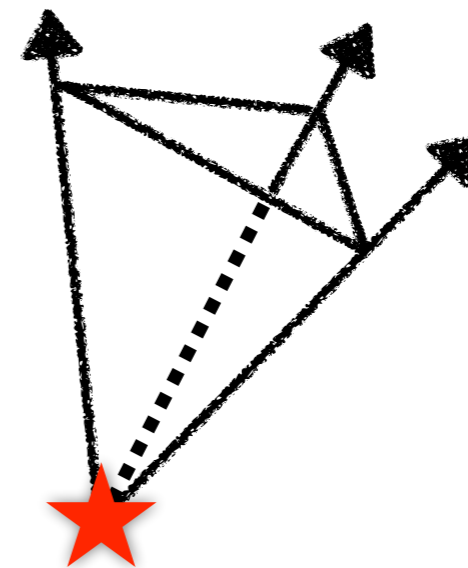
$$M_D / \sqrt{g_D} \in [2.1, 3.1] \text{ TeV}$$

# Testing the SM

- ◆ If all dim-8 coefficients are consistent with 0, all states can be excluded to above certain scales
- ◆ Not possible at dim-6

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximum } \lambda \\ &\text{subject to } \vec{C} - \lambda \vec{C}_k \in \mathbf{C} \\ &\text{and } \chi^2(\vec{C}, \vec{C}_{\text{EXP}}) \leq \chi_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

$X$	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$	$M_X / \sqrt{g_X}$
$D$	0.0076	$\geq 3.4 \text{ TeV}$
$M_L$	0.0053	$\geq 3.7 \text{ TeV}$
$M_R$	0.0054	$\geq 3.7 \text{ TeV}$
$V'$	0.0056	$\geq 3.7 \text{ TeV}$
$V$ (with $\kappa = 1$ )	0.0041	$\geq 4.0 \text{ TeV}$
$V$ (with $\kappa = -1$ )	0.0041	$\geq 4.0 \text{ TeV}$



# Summary

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- ◆ Two ways to derive positivity bounds for SMEFT at dim-8.
  - ◆ Enumerate the generators and take convex hull.
  - ◆ Find the ERs in the dual spetrahedron or SDP.
- ◆ Positivity seems connected to the inverse problem.
  - ◆ Vanishing degeneracy on the boundary allows to determine the UV particles and their quantum numbers.
  - ◆ A motivation to move from dim-6 to dim-8 SMEFT: we care about UV model rather than just coefficient measurements. The 250 dim-8 operators (with  $s^2$  dependence) clearly contain important information.

Thank you

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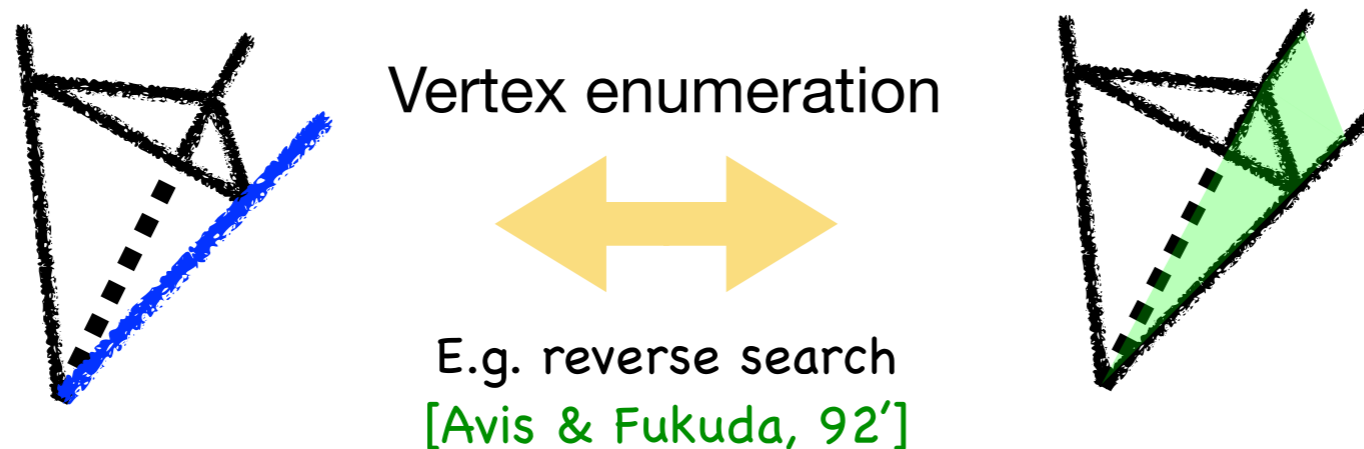


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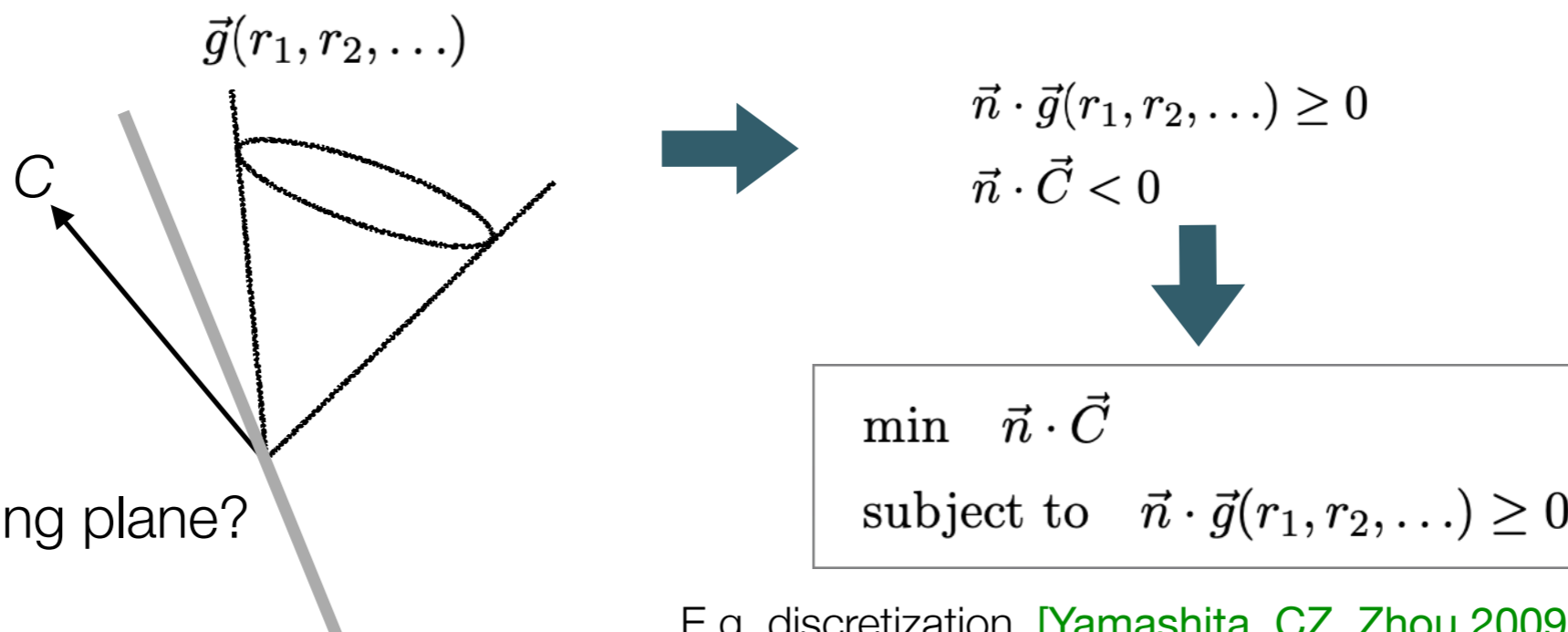
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# From extremal rays to bounds

- ◆ Polytope cones: vertex enumeration (for large dim, #ERs  $\gg$  #dim)



- ◆ None polytope, generators take continuous values. Can convert to programming



E.g. discretization, [Yamashita, CZ, Zhou 2009.04490]

# Example: SM Higgs

◆ Operators

[C. Murphy, 2005.00059]

4 :  $H^4 D^4$

$Q_{H^4}^{(1)}$	$(D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H)(D^\nu H^\dagger D^\mu H)$
$Q_{H^4}^{(2)}$	$(D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H)(D^\mu H^\dagger D^\nu H)$
$Q_{H^4}^{(3)}$	$(D^\mu H^\dagger D_\mu H)(D^\nu H^\dagger D_\nu H)$

◆ Coefficients

$C_1$

$C_2$

$C_3$



◆ Amplitude in terms complex fields

	$h_c h_d$	$\bar{h}^c \bar{h}^d$	$h_c \bar{h}^d$	$\bar{h}^c h_d$
$h^a h^b$	$\mathcal{M}(hh \rightarrow hh)_{cd}^{ab}$			
$\bar{h}_a \bar{h}_b$		$\mathcal{M}(\bar{h}\bar{h} \rightarrow \bar{h}\bar{h})_{ab}^{cd}$		
$h^a \bar{h}_b$			$\mathcal{M}(h\bar{h} \rightarrow h\bar{h})_{bc}^{ad}$	$\mathcal{M}(h\bar{h} \rightarrow \bar{h}h)_{b d}^{a c}$
$\bar{h}_a h^b$			$\mathcal{M}(\bar{h}h \rightarrow h\bar{h})_{a c}^{b d}$	$\mathcal{M}(\bar{h}h \rightarrow \bar{h}h)_{a d}^{bc}$

$$\mathcal{M}(hh \rightarrow hh)_{cd}^{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (C_2 + C_3) \delta_d^a \delta_c^b + (C_1 + C_2) \delta_c^a \delta_d^b \right]$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\bar{h}\bar{h} \rightarrow \bar{h}\bar{h})_{ab}^{cd} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (C_2 + C_3) \delta_a^d \delta_b^c + (C_1 + C_2) \delta_a^c \delta_b^d \right]$$

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$$\mathcal{M}(h\bar{h} \rightarrow \bar{h}h)_{b d}^{a c} = \frac{1}{2} (C_1 + C_3) (\delta_d^a \delta_b^c + \delta_b^a \delta_d^c)$$

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# Example: SM Higgs

◆ Intermediate states couple to  $hh, \bar{h}\bar{h}, h\bar{h}, \bar{h}h$ :  $1_1, 3_1, 1_{0S}, 1_{0A}, 3_{0S}, 3_{0A}$

◆ Generators

$$m_1 = \begin{matrix} & h^b & \bar{h}_b \\ h^a & \begin{matrix} \epsilon^{ab} & 0 \end{matrix} \\ \bar{h}_a & \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}, \quad m_3^I = \begin{matrix} & h^b & \bar{h}_b \\ h^a & \begin{matrix} [\epsilon\tau^I]^{ab} & 0 \end{matrix} \\ \bar{h}_a & \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}, \quad m_{1[S,A]} = \begin{matrix} & h^b & \bar{h}_b \\ h^a & \begin{matrix} 0 & \delta_b^a \end{matrix} \\ \bar{h}_a & \begin{matrix} [\pm]\delta_a^b & 0 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}, \quad m_{3[S,A]}^I = \begin{matrix} & h^b & \bar{h}_b \\ h^a & \begin{matrix} 0 & \tau^{Ia}_b \end{matrix} \\ \bar{h}_a & \begin{matrix} [\pm]\tau^{Ib}_a & 0 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

$\mathcal{G}_{1,3}^{ijkl}$

$P_{1,3}^{ab}_{cd}$			
	$P_{1,3}^{cd}_{ab}$		
		$P_{1,3}^{ad}_{cb}$	
			$P_{1,3}^{cb}_{ad}$

$\mathcal{G}_{1,3[S,A]}^{ijkl}$

$P_{1,3}^{a b}_{dc}$			
	$P_{1,3}^{c d}_{ba}$		
		$P_{1,3}^{a d}_{bc}$	$\pm P_{1,3}^{a c}_{bd} \pm P_{1,3}^{a c}_{db}$
		$\pm P_{1,3}^{b d}_{ac} \pm P_{1,3}^{b d}_{ca}$	$P_{1,3}^{c b}_{da}$

$$\vec{g} = (C_1, C_2, C_3)$$

$$\vec{g}_1 = (1, 0, -1) \quad \vec{g}_{1S} = (0, 0, 2) \quad \vec{g}_{3S} = (4, 0, -2)$$

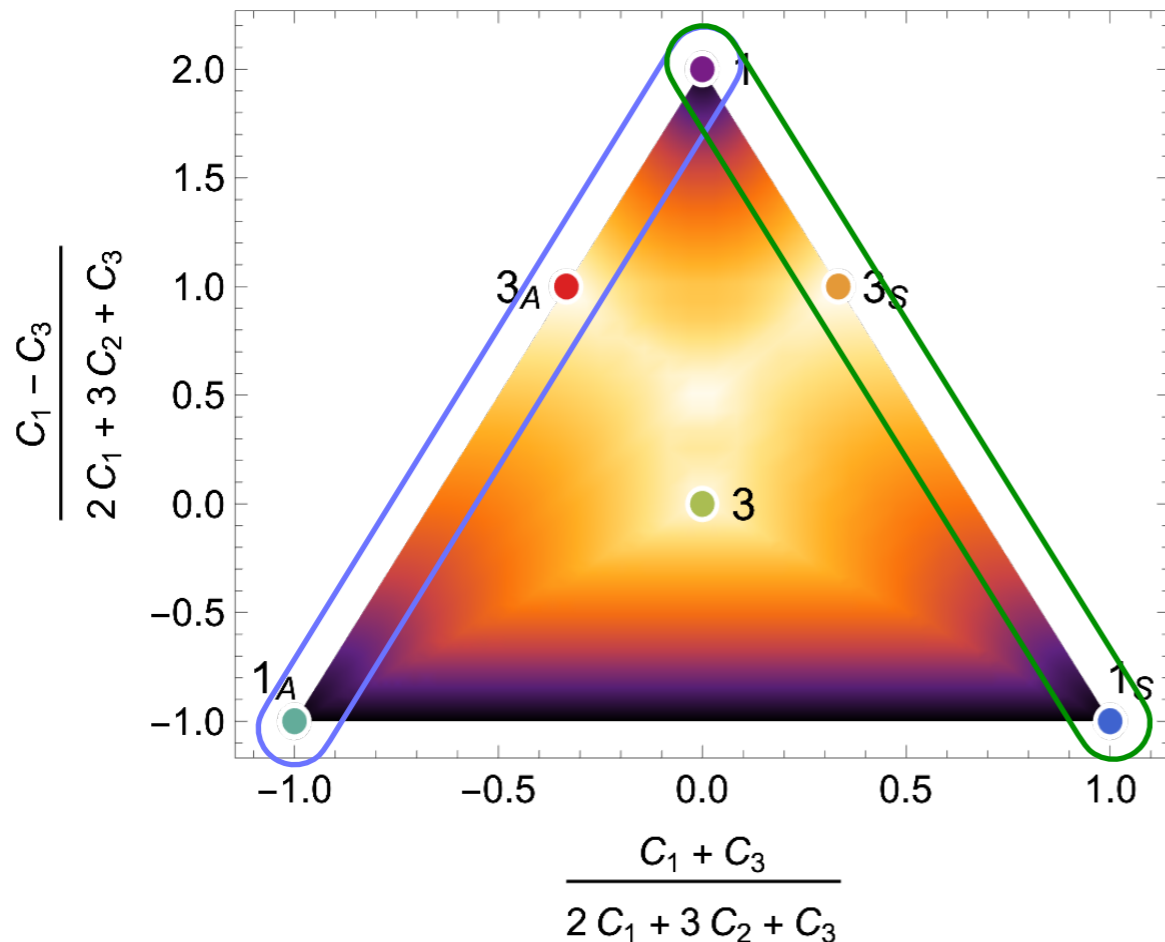
$$\vec{g}_3 = (0, 1, 0) \quad \vec{g}_{1A} = (-2, 2, 0) \quad \vec{g}_{3A} = (2, 2, -4)$$

# Example: SM Higgs

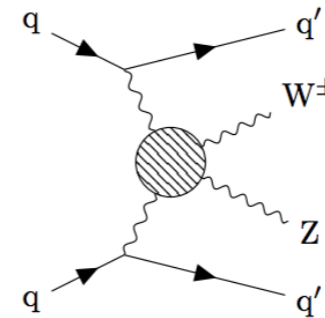
- ◆ 1, 1S, 1A are **extremal**. Triangular cone.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \vec{g}_1 = (1, 0, -1) & \vec{g}_{1S} = (0, 0, 2) & \vec{g}_{3S} = (4, 0, -2) \\ \vec{g}_3 = (0, 1, 0) & \vec{g}_{1A} = (-2, 2, 0) & \vec{g}_{3A} = (2, 2, -4) \end{array}$$

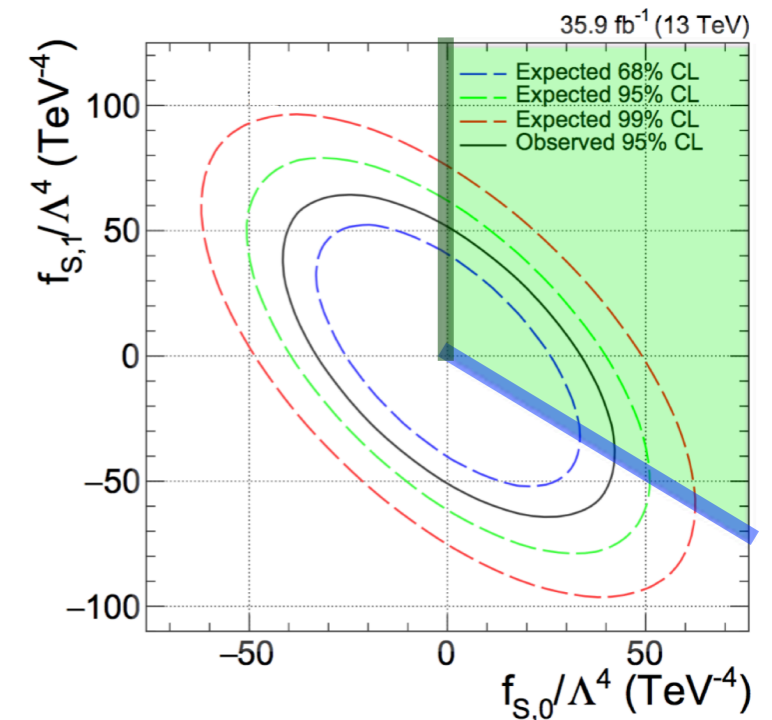
- ◆ Take the cross section of triangular cone



- ◆ Bounds on “aQGC”



$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{O}_{S,0} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi] \times [(D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi] \\ \mathcal{O}_{S,1} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \times [(D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi] \\ \mathcal{O}_{S,2} = [(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi] \times [(D^\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi] \end{array}$$



WZjj (CMS-PAS-SMP-18-001)

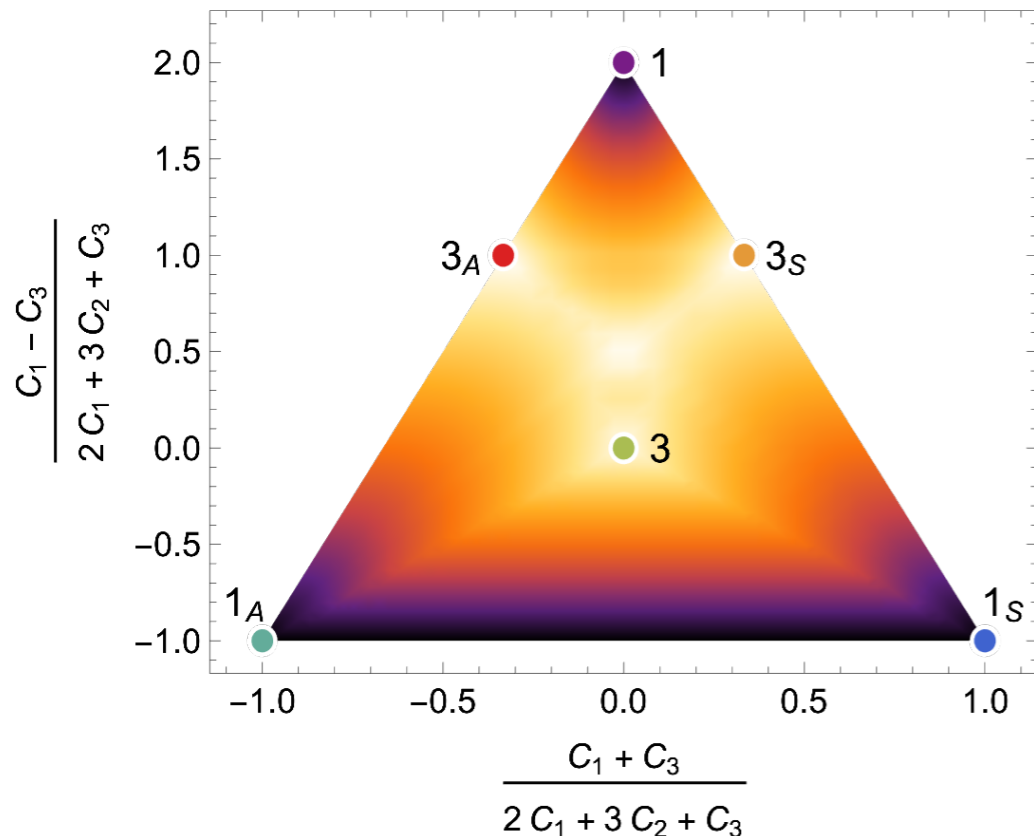
# SM Higgs cone as an example

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$Q_{H^4}^{(3)}$	$(D^\mu H^\dagger D_\mu H)(D^\nu H^\dagger D_\nu H)$

$$\vec{C} = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} \vec{g}_{\alpha} \quad w_{\alpha} = g_{\alpha}^2 / M_{\alpha}^4$$

Uncertainty of  $\vec{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_6)$   
(max distance between two valid w's)



Particle	Spin	Charge/irrep	Interaction	ER	$\vec{c}$
$\mathcal{B}_1$	1	$1_1$	$g\mathcal{B}_1^{\mu\dagger}(H^T \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) + h.c.$	✓	$8(1, 0, -1)$
$\Xi_1$	0	$3_1$	$gM\Xi_1^{I\dagger}(H^T \epsilon \tau^I H) + h.c.$	✗	$8(0, 1, 0)$
$\mathcal{S}$	0	$1_0(S)$	$gM\mathcal{S}(H^\dagger H)$	✓	$2(0, 0, 1)$
$\mathcal{B}$	1	$1_0(A)$	$g\mathcal{B}^\mu(H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$	✓	$2(-1, 1, 0)$
$\Xi_0$	0	$3_0(S)$	$gM\Xi_0^I(H^\dagger \tau^I H)$	✗	$2(2, 0, -1)$
$\mathcal{W}$	1	$3_0(A)$	$g\mathcal{W}^{\mu I}(H^\dagger \tau^I \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$	✗	$2(1, 1, -2)$

1. Degeneracy vanishes at the ERs, and one of the faces.
2. Origin -> excluding all BSM states. Confirms SM.
3. Degeneracies smaller outside, larger inside.
4. Always finite -> exclude UV particles to certain scales
5. At dim-6, always infinite.

# Example: SM W boson, gluons

## ◆ W boson: SO(2) x SU(2)

$$O_{T,0} = \text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\mu\nu}\hat{W}^{\mu\nu}]\text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\alpha\beta}\hat{W}^{\alpha\beta}]$$

$$O_{T,2} = \text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\alpha\mu}\hat{W}^{\mu\beta}]\text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\beta\nu}\hat{W}^{\nu\alpha}]$$

$$O_{T,1} = \text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\alpha\nu}\hat{W}^{\mu\beta}]\text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\mu\beta}\hat{W}^{\alpha\nu}]$$

$$O_{T,10} = \text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\mu\nu}\tilde{W}^{\mu\nu}]\text{Tr}[\hat{W}_{\alpha\beta}\tilde{W}^{\alpha\beta}]$$

$$O_W = \varepsilon^{IJK}W_{\mu}^{I\nu}W_{\nu}^{J\rho}W_{\rho}^{K\mu}$$

## ◆ Bounds (elastic only covers first 4)

$$F_{T,2} \geq 0,$$

$$4F_{T,1} + F_{T,2} \geq 36\bar{a}_W^2,$$

$$F_{T,2} + 8F_{T,10} \geq 36\bar{a}_W^2,$$

$$8F_{T,0} + 4F_{T,1} + 3F_{T,2} \geq 0,$$

$$12F_{T,0} + 4F_{T,1} + 5F_{T,2} + 4F_{T,10} \geq 0,$$

$$4F_{T,0} + 4F_{T,1} + 3F_{T,2} + 12F_{T,10} \geq 72\bar{a}_W^2$$

## ◆ See [Yamashita, Zhou, CZ, 2009.04490] for more W+B cases and applications in aQGC.

## ◆ Gluon: SO(2) x SU(3)

$Q_{G^4}^{(1)}$	$(G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu})(G_{\rho\sigma}^B G^{B\rho\sigma})$	$Q_{G^4}^{(7)}$	$d^{ABE}d^{CDE}(G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{B\mu\nu})(G_{\rho\sigma}^C G^{D\rho\sigma})$
$Q_{G^4}^{(2)}$	$(G_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{G}^{A\mu\nu})(G_{\rho\sigma}^B \tilde{G}^{B\rho\sigma})$	$Q_{G^4}^{(8)}$	$d^{ABE}d^{CDE}(G_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{G}^{B\mu\nu})(G_{\rho\sigma}^C \tilde{G}^{D\rho\sigma})$
$Q_{G^4}^{(3)}$	$(G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{B\mu\nu})(G_{\rho\sigma}^A G^{B\rho\sigma})$	[C. Murphy, 2005.00059] + D6 3gluon operator	
$Q_{G^4}^{(4)}$	$(G_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{G}^{B\mu\nu})(G_{\rho\sigma}^A \tilde{G}^{B\rho\sigma})$		

## ◆ Bounds $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{c} \geq 0$ x's are:

[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]	[0, 0, 6, 3, 7, 2, 0]	[24, 0, 12, 21, 15, 14, 0]	[0, 0, 96, 24, 64, 40, -81]
[0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0]	[8, 6, 1, 6, 0, 2, 0]	[24, 32, 24, 4, 8, 0, -27]	[40, 32, 80, 4, 0, 0, -189]
[2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]	[0, 6, 3, 12, 5, 0, 0]	[48, 36, 21, 27, 25, 0, 0]	[0, 0, 24, 120, 40, 104, -81]
[0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]	[8, 6, 1, 12, 0, 0, 0]	[32, 40, 4, 80, 0, 0, -27]	[0, 0, 120, 24, 104, 40, -81]
[0, 0, 3, 0, 2, 0, 0]	[0, 6, 6, 9, 10, 4, 0]	[0, 48, 0, 48, 0, 40, -81]	[96, 0, 144, 24, 64, 40, -81]
[0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 2, 0]	[0, 12, 0, 14, 0, 0, -9]	[24, 0, 36, 24, 16, 40, -81]	[48, 0, 96, 24, 0, 40, -243]
[1, 1, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0]	[0, 0, 8, 8, 0, 8, -27]	[0, 0, 48, 24, 32, 40, -81]	[0, 192, 168, 96, 112, 120, -405]
[6, 0, 3, 0, 2, 0, 0]	[12, 0, 14, 0, 0, 0, -27]	[0, 0, 24, 48, 16, 56, -81]	[168, 480, 168, 156, 56, 160, -729]
[4, 2, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0]	[6, 8, 12, 1, 0, 0, -27]	[88, 32, 56, 4, 40, 0, -27]	[264, 384, 156, 168, 16, 200, -729]
[0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, -9]	[8, 16, 4, 8, 0, 8, -27]	[96, 42, 27, 84, 25, 0, 0]	[288, 384, 216, 168, 0, 200, -891]
[6, 0, 6, 0, 5, 0, 0]	[0, 24, 0, 12, 0, 8, -27]	[96, 66, 42, 39, 50, 4, 0]	[480, 384, 480, 168, 160, 200, -729]
[0, 0, 3, 6, 5, 4, 0]	[8, 22, 1, 14, 0, 10, -27]	[120, 42, 39, 42, 40, 14, 0]	[336, 768, 672, 216, 0, 200, -2187]

7D polyhedral cone with 48 faces

[X. Li et al., 2101.01191]

# Dual cone

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$$\mathbf{C}^{n^4} = \text{cone} \left( \{ m^{ij} m^{kl} + m^{il} m^{kj} \} \right)$$

- ◆ A linear bound is represented by a r4 tensor  $Q$ :  $Q \cdot \mathcal{M} \geq 0$
- ◆ Collect **all valid** linear bounds:  $\mathbf{C}^{n^4*} = \{ Q \mid Q \cdot \mathcal{M} \geq 0, \forall \mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{C}^{n^4} \}$ 
  - ◆ This is the **dual cone** of  $\mathbf{C}$
  - ◆ **Exact bound** (thanks to hyperplane separation for convex bodies)

$$\mathbf{C}^{n^4} = \{ \mathcal{M} \mid Q \cdot \mathcal{M} \geq 0, \forall Q \in \mathbf{C}^{n^4*} \} \quad \text{or } \mathbf{C}^{**} = \mathbf{C}$$

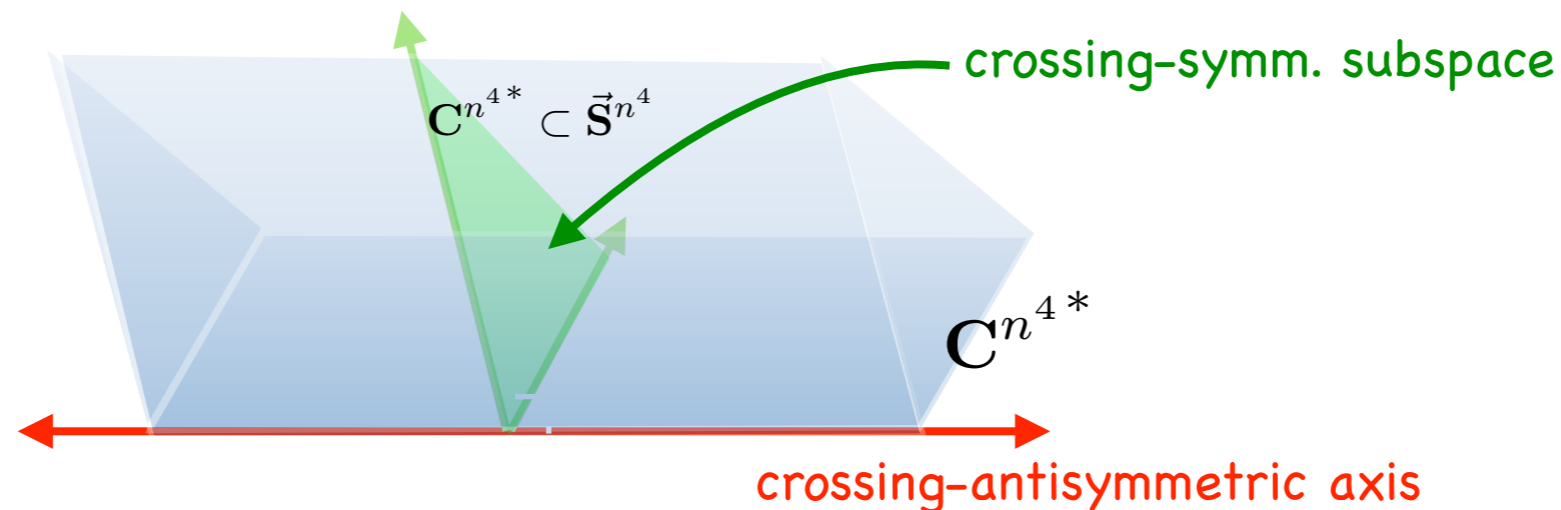
- ◆ But they are not **independent**: e.g. if  $Q_1 = Q_2 + Q_3$
- ◆ If the dual cone is salient, its generators are its ERs. Independent & complete bounds are:  $\mathbf{C}^{n^4} = \{ \mathcal{M} \mid Q \cdot \mathcal{M} \geq 0, \forall Q \in \text{ext}(\mathbf{C}^{n^4*}) \}$



- ◆ The amplitudes satisfy crossing symmetries by construction
  - ◆  $i \leftrightarrow k$ , and  $j \leftrightarrow l$  exchanges. These are  $s \leftrightarrow u$  crossing when  $t \rightarrow 0$ .
  - ◆ In addition,  $(i \leftrightarrow j)$  and  $(k \leftrightarrow l)$  simultaneously. Or equivalently,  $m$  matrices are symmetric or anti-symmetric. (implies P-conservation)
  - ◆ Define the crossing symmetric subspace

$$\mathbf{C}^{n^4} \subset \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{n^4} \equiv \{ \mathcal{T} \mid \mathcal{T}^{ijkl} = \mathcal{T}^{ilkj} = \mathcal{T}^{kjil} = \mathcal{T}^{jilk} \}$$

- ◆  $\mathbf{C}^{n^4*}$  contains straight lines perpendicular to this subspace. Not salient.



$$\mathbf{Q}^{n^4} \equiv \mathbf{C}^{n^4*} \cap \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{n^4}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^{n^4} = \left\{ \mathcal{M} \in \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{n^4} \mid \mathcal{Q} \cdot \mathcal{M} \geq 0 \forall \mathcal{Q} \in \mathbf{Q}^{n^4} \right\}$$

- ◆ Use the fact that physics amplitudes from EFT are crossing symmetric

$$\mathbf{C}^{n^4} \subset \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{n^4} \equiv \{ \mathcal{T} \mid \mathcal{T}^{ijkl} = \mathcal{T}^{ilkj} = \mathcal{T}^{kjil} = \mathcal{T}^{jilk} \}$$

- ◆ Define the duality within the symmetric subspace.

$$\mathbf{Q}^{n^4} \equiv \mathbf{C}^{n^4*} \cap \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{n^4}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^{n^4} = \left\{ \mathcal{M} \in \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{n^4} \mid \mathcal{Q} \cdot \mathcal{M} \geq 0 \forall \mathcal{Q} \in \mathbf{Q}^{n^4} \right\}$$

- ◆ What is  $\mathbf{Q}^{n^4}$  ?

- ◆ With crossing symmetry:

$$\mathcal{Q} \cdot \mathcal{M} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}^{ijkl} \sum_{\alpha} (m_{\alpha}^{ij} m_{\alpha}^{kl} + m_{\alpha}^{il} m_{\alpha}^{kj}) = 2 \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}^{ij} \mathcal{Q}^{ijkl} m_{\alpha}^{kl} \geq 0 \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}^{(ij),(kl)} \succeq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \in \mathbf{S}_{+}^{(n^2 \times n^2)}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}^{n^4} = \mathbf{S}_{+}^{n^2 \times n^2} \cap \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{n^4}$$

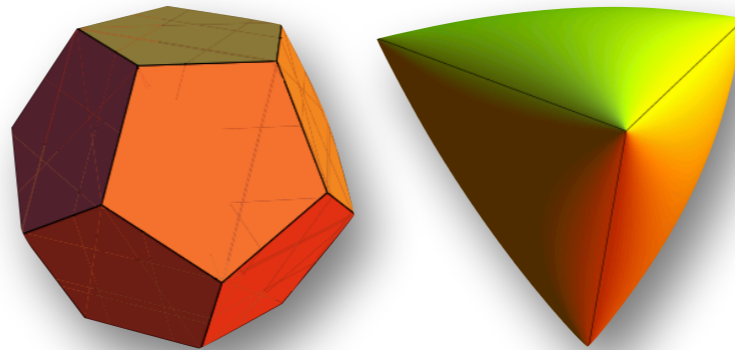
- ◆ Finding positivity bounds = finding the ERs of some “spectrahedron”.

$$\mathbf{C}^{n^4} = \left\{ \mathcal{M} \in \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{n^4} \mid \mathcal{Q} \cdot \mathcal{M} \geq 0, \forall \mathcal{Q} \in \text{ext} \left( \mathbf{Q}^{n^4} \right) \right\}$$

# Faces

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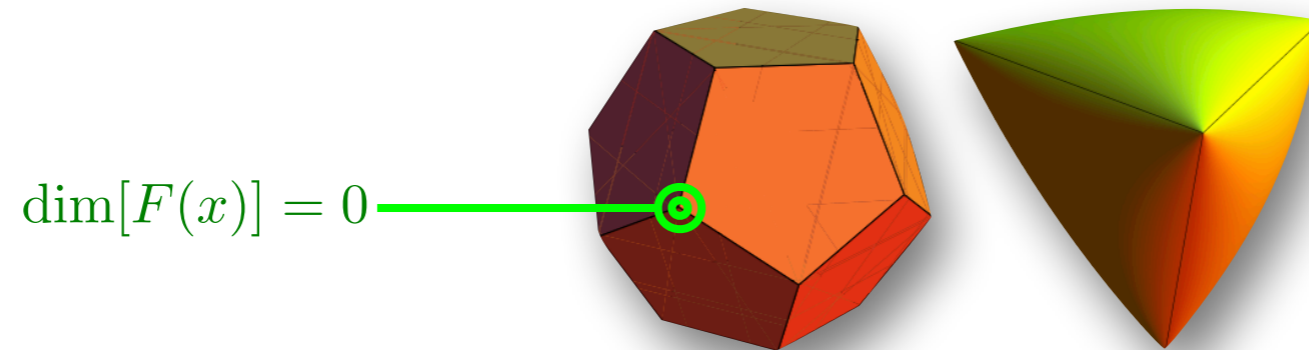
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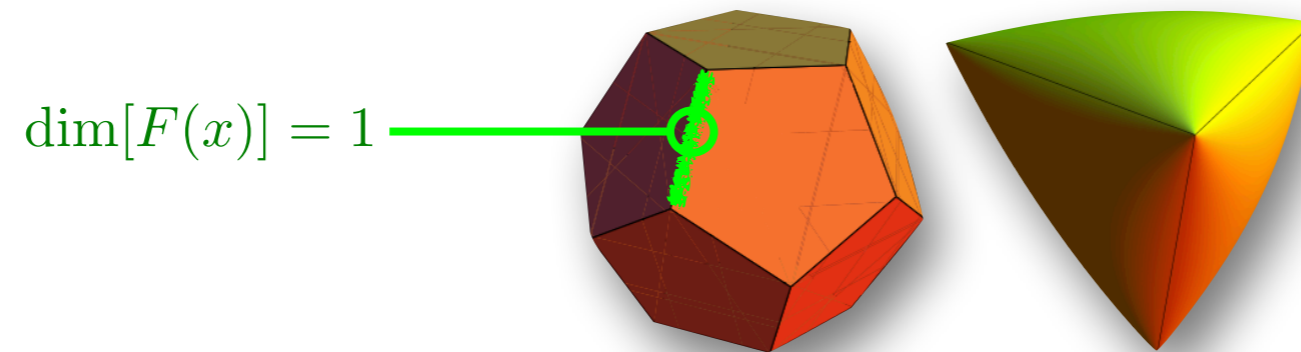
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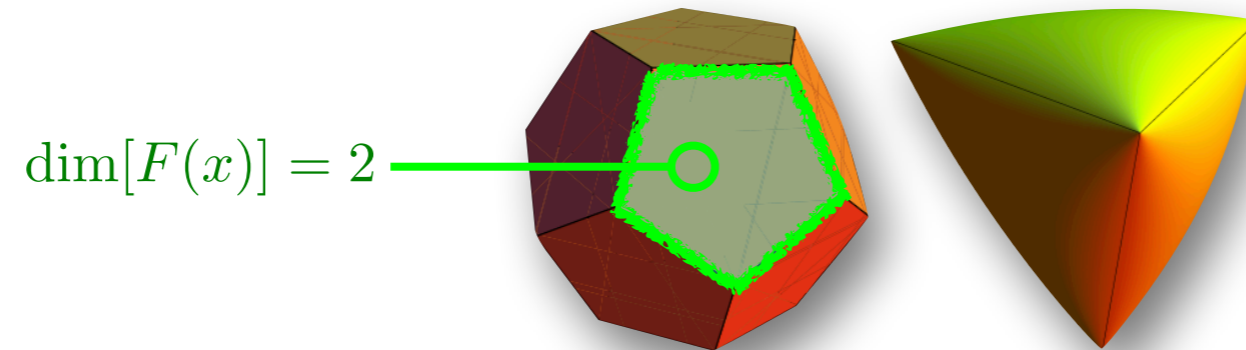
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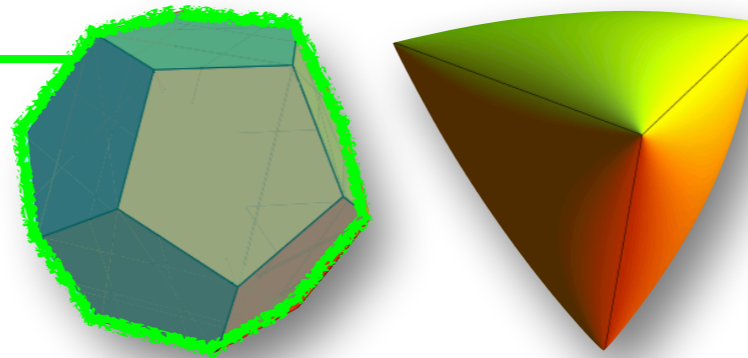


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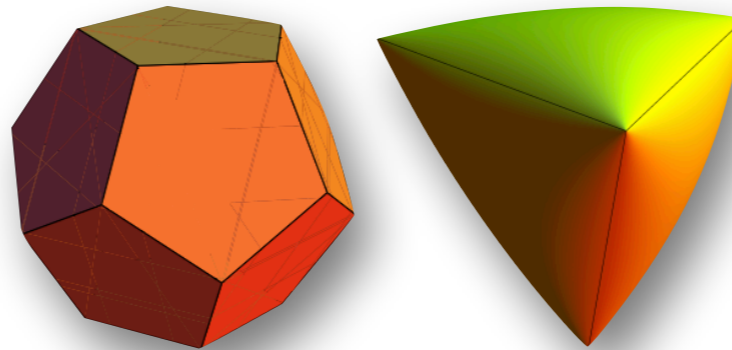
$$\dim[F(x)] = 3$$



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- ◆ The null space of  $Q(x)$  is constant on  $F(x)$   $\rightarrow$  numerically identify  $F(x)$  for any  $x$   
[Ramana & Goldman '95]
- ◆ Let  $\{u_i\}$  be basis of  $\text{Null}(Q(x))$ , then  $\text{Null}(B)$  is the linear span of  $F(x)$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 u_1 & \cdots & Q_m u_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Q_1 u_k & \cdots & Q_m u_k \end{bmatrix}$$



# Application to dRGT

- ♦ dRGT massive gravity (n=5): improves slightly the minimum value of  $d_5$

## Positive Signs in Massive Gravity

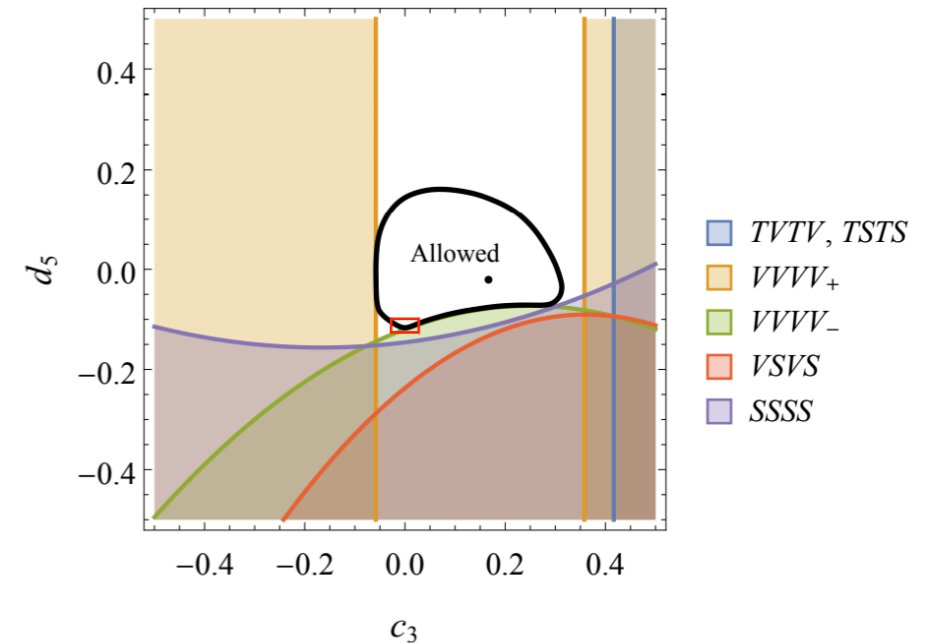
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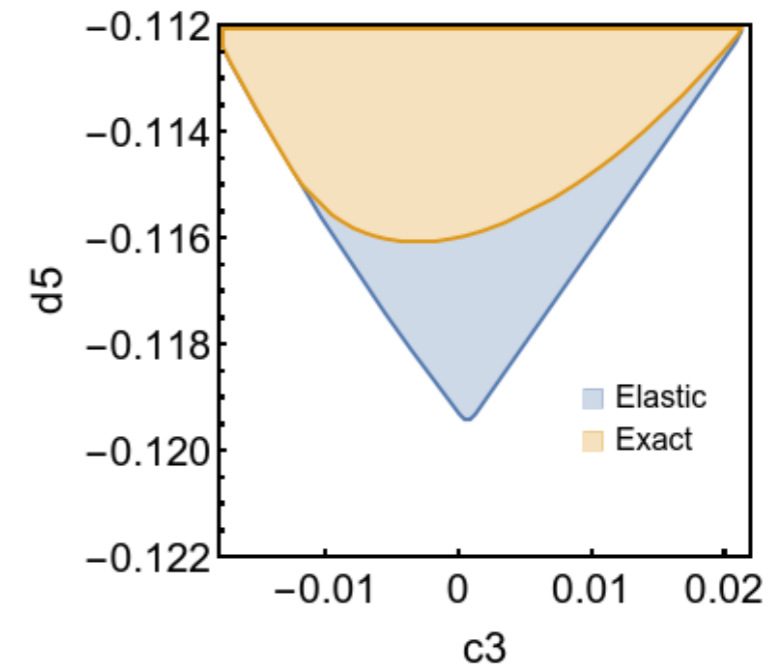
### Abstract

We derive new constraints on massive gravity from unitarity and analyticity of scattering amplitudes. Our results apply to a general effective theory defined by Einstein gravity plus the leading soft diffeomorphism-breaking corrections. We calculate scattering amplitudes for all combinations of tensor, vector, and scalar polarizations. The high-energy behavior of these amplitudes prescribes a specific choice of couplings that ameliorates the ultraviolet cutoff, in agreement with existing literature. We then derive consistency conditions from analytic dispersion relations, which dictate positivity of certain combinations of parameters appearing in the forward scattering amplitudes. These constraints exclude all but a small island in the parameter space of ghost-free massive gravity. While the theory of the “Galileon” scalar mode alone is known to be inconsistent with positivity constraints, this is remedied in the full massive gravity theory.

Elastic:



SDP:



- ◆ Two sources of degeneracies:
  - ◆ EXP: finite resolution in real measurements
  - ◆ TH: intrinsic degeneracy at any truncated mass dimension

- ◆ Example at dim-6:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_1 : & \quad g_1 V_1^\mu (\bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) \\
 S_2 : & \quad g_2 S_2 (\bar{e}_R^c e_R) + h.c.
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 O_{ee}^{(6)} &= (\bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) (\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R) \\
 \frac{C_{ee}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} &= -\frac{g_1^2}{2M_1^2} + \frac{g_2^2}{2M_2^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ Cannot resolve the flat direction  $g_1^2/M_1^2 - g_2^2/M_2^2 = \text{const.}$

This prevents us from determining the coupling/mass ratio of each UV particle type.

- ◆ Situation changes at dim-8.  $-\frac{C_{ee}^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{g_1^2}{2M_1^4} + \frac{g_2^2}{M_2^4}$

# Inverse problem in the PSD matrix cone

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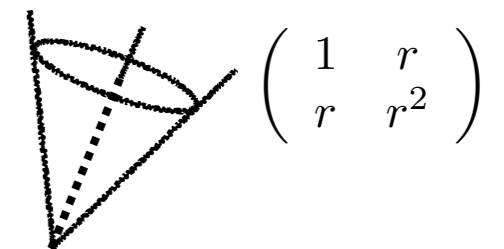
- ◆ Q: Knowing  $\vec{C} = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} \vec{g}_{\alpha}$  , or

$$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} (m_{\alpha}^{ij} m_{\alpha}^{kl} + m_{\alpha}^{il} m_{\alpha}^{kj}) \quad w_{\alpha} = g_{\alpha}^2 / M_{\alpha}^4$$

How do we determine  $w_{\alpha}$ ? (Matching: RHS  $\rightarrow$  LHS; Inverse: LHS  $\rightarrow$  RHS)

- ◆ **In general impossible:** more  $g$  (generators) than # coefficients.
- ◆ **There are exceptions:** e.g.  $M$  is extremal.

- ◆ For illustration, neglect for the moment the L cut



$$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} (m_{\alpha}^{ij} m_{\alpha}^{kl} + m_{\alpha}^{il} m_{\alpha}^{kj})$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{ij} = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}^i m_{\alpha}^j$$

# Inverse problem in the PSD matrix cone

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$$\mathcal{M}^{ij} = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}^i m_{\alpha}^j$$

What can we say about  $w_{\alpha}$  ?

◆ We expect the following four statements about  $w_{\alpha}$  to be physically interesting.

◆ **Rank-1**: only one  $w$  can be nonzero. No degeneracy.

(Uniquely determines the “1-particle extensions”)

◆ **Rank- $r$ ,  $r > 1$** : suppose  $b_{\beta}^i$ ,  $\beta = 1, 2, \dots, n - r$

are the basis vector of the dim- $(n-r)$  null space of  $M$ , we have

$$\mathcal{M}^{ij} b_{\beta}^i b_{\beta}^j = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} (m_{\alpha}^i b_{\beta}^i)^2 = 0 \quad \forall \beta$$

i.e. all generators not on the row space of  $M$  are excluded (model independent)

◆ **Rank-0**: all  $w$  have to vanish! Confirms the SM. (model independent)

◆ **Full rank**: all  $w$ 's are bound from above. Exclusion limits on all possible UV states (model independent)

# Inverse problem in the PSD matrix cone

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$$\mathcal{M}^{ij} = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}^i m_{\alpha}^j$$

What can we say about  $w_{\alpha}$  ?

- ◆ We expect the following four statements about  $w_{\alpha}$  to be physically interesting.
  - ◆ Rank-1 -> ER.
  - ◆ Rank-r -> Faces (of dim-r(r+1)/2)
  - ◆ Rank-0 -> Vertex.
  - ◆ Full rank -> Interior of the cone.

# Generalized to all salient cones

$$\mathcal{M}^{ijkl} = \sum_X \lambda_X \left( m_X^{ij} m_X^{*kl} + m_X^{i\bar{l}} m_X^{*k\bar{j}} \right), \quad \lambda_X \geq 0 \quad \text{is a salient cone}$$

(Positive projection on  $\delta^{ik} \delta^{jl}$ )

◆ We expect the following four statements about  $w_\alpha$  to be physically interesting.

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(Uniquely determines the “1-particle extensions”)

◆ **Rank- $r$ ,  $r > 1$  -> Faces.**

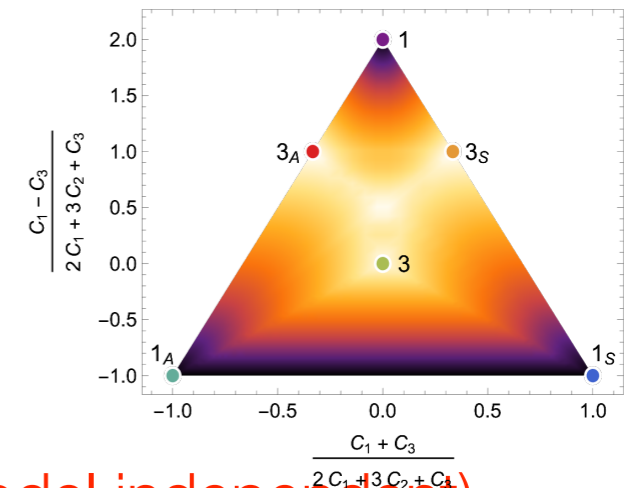
i.e. all generators not on the same face are excluded (model independent)

◆ **Rank-0 -> Origin.**

All  $w$  have to vanish! Confirms the SM. (model independent)

◆ **Full rank -> Interior.**

all  $w$ 's are bound from above. Exclusion limits on all possible UV states (model independent)

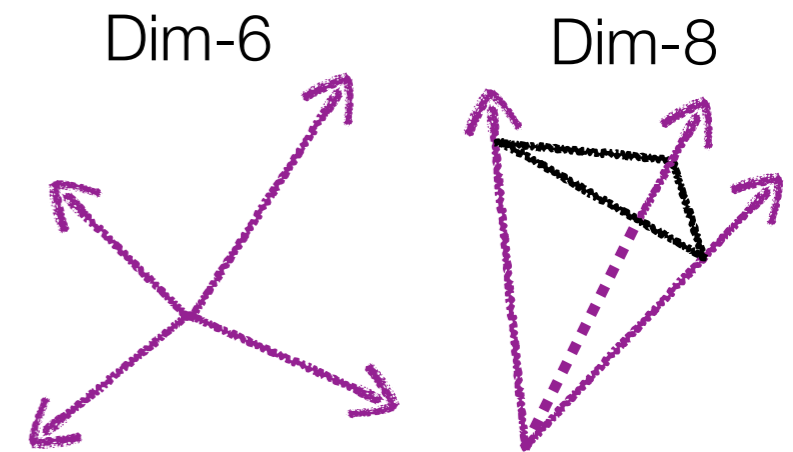


# Dim-6 vs dim-8

- Generators at dim-8 form a **salient** cone; at dim-6 this is **not true**.

- $\mathcal{G}_X^{ijkl} \equiv m_X^{ij} m_X^{*kl} + m_X^{i\bar{l}} m_X^{*k\bar{j}}$  always have positive projects on  $\delta^{ik} \delta^{jl}$

- $\vec{C} = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} \vec{g}_{\alpha}$  has very different implications



	Dim-6	Dim-8
Unique solutions	<b>No:</b> $0 = \sum_{\alpha} \bar{w}_{\alpha}^{(6)} \vec{g}_{\alpha}^{(6)}$ has nonzero solution $w_{\alpha}^{(6)} \rightarrow w_{\alpha}^{(6)} + \lambda \bar{w}_{\alpha}^{(6)}, \lambda > 0$	<b>Yes:</b> Salient cone -> ERs always exist ER not splittable -> unique w.
Zero coefs. rule out all BSM	<b>No:</b> $\lambda \bar{w}_{\alpha}^{(6)}, \lambda \in \mathbf{R}^{+}$	<b>Yes:</b> 0 is an extreme point of a salient cone.
Finite uncertainty; upper bound on w.	<b>No:</b> $w_{\alpha}^{(6)} \rightarrow w_{\alpha}^{(6)} + \lambda \bar{w}_{\alpha}^{(6)}, \lambda > 0$	<b>Yes.</b> $\vec{C}(\lambda) \equiv \vec{C} - \lambda \vec{g}_k = \sum_{i \neq k} w_i \vec{g}_i + (w_k - \lambda) \vec{g}_k$ $\lambda_M = \max_{\vec{C}(\lambda) \in \mathbf{C}} \lambda \geq w_k$