

# Moments for positivity

Using Drell-Yan data to test positivity bounds  
& reverse-engineer new physics

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# Outline

## Drell-Yan (DY) as a probe for SMEFT at the LHC

- Beyond dim-6: higher ( $l \geq 3$ ) angular moments

## Positivity bounds

- Elastic positivity  $\leftrightarrow$  higher moments in DY
- Beyond elastic: the positivity cone

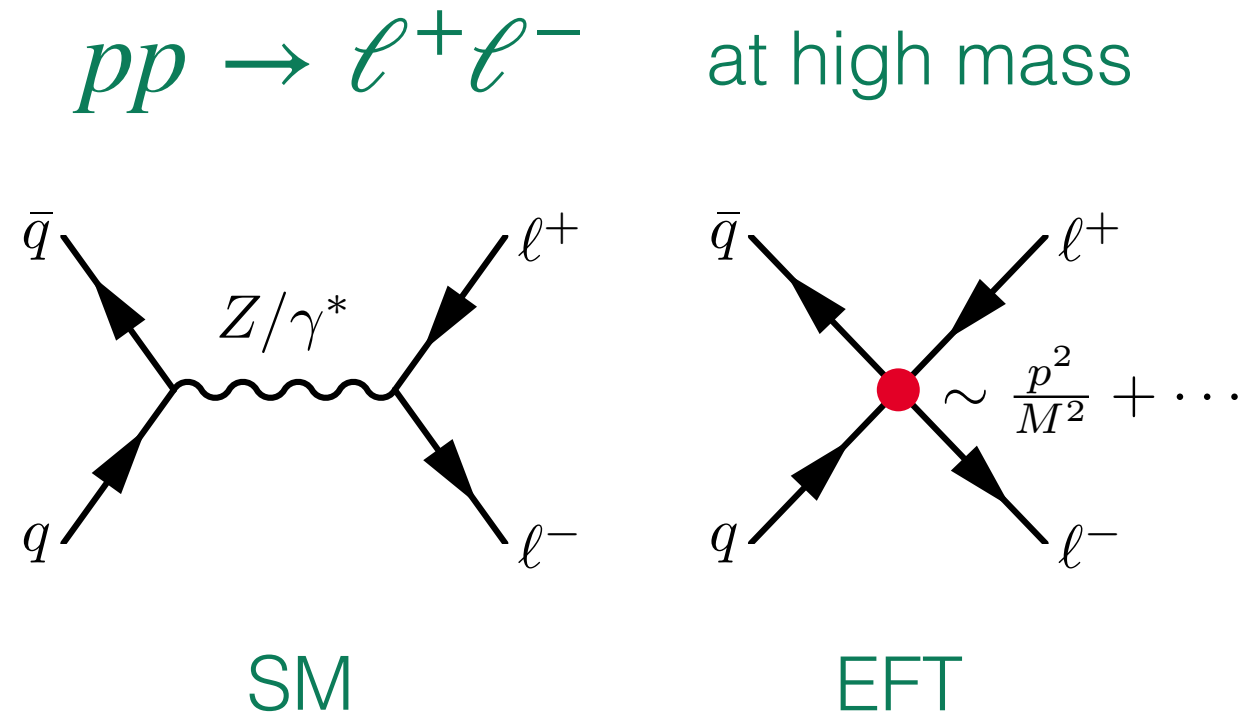
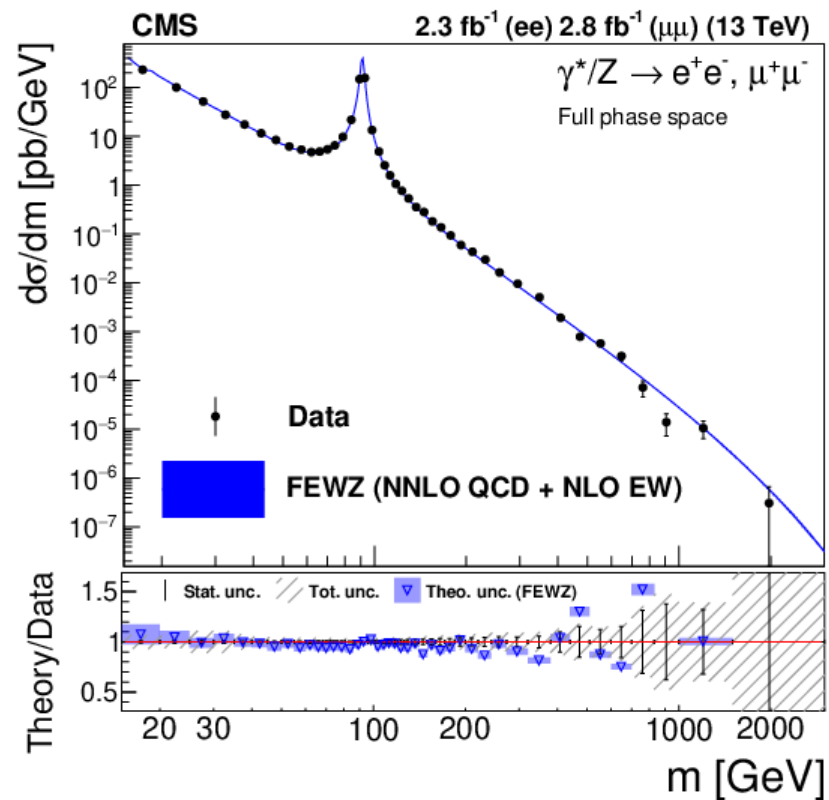
## LHC sensitivity study to higher moment observables

- Testing positivity (fundamental principles of QFT) at colliders

## Combining experimental bounds with positivity

- Interesting bounds on new physics scale
- Inferring the existence/nature of UV states

# Drell Yan at the LHC



Clean, high-energy probe of  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering

- Strong bounds on new resonances
- Sensitive to energy-growing contact interactions: 4F operators
- Complete reconstruction of final state: fully differential cross section

# Angular dependence

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-}}{dm_{\ell\ell} d\eta_{\ell\ell} d\Omega_{\ell}} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-}}{dm_{\ell\ell} d\eta_{\ell\ell}} \left[ (1 + c_{\theta}^2) + \frac{\tilde{A}_0}{2} (1 - 3c_{\theta}^2) + \tilde{A}_1 s_{2\theta} c_{\phi} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\tilde{A}_2}{2} s_{\theta}^2 c_{2\phi} + \tilde{A}_3 s_{\theta} c_{\phi} + \tilde{A}_4 c_{\theta} + \tilde{A}_5 s_{\theta}^2 s_{2\phi} + \tilde{A}_6 s_{2\theta} s_{\phi} + \tilde{A}_7 s_{\theta} s_{\phi} \right]$$

## Factorised leptonic angular dependence

- Polar ( $\theta$ ) & azimuthal ( $\phi$ ) scattering angle in the Collins Soper frame
- $\ell^+ \ell^-$  rest frame where  $\hat{z}$  bisects the angle between proton beams
- LO:  $\hat{z}$  = longitudinal direction of the  $\ell^+ \ell^-$  system  $\cos \theta_{CS} = \frac{p_{\ell^-}^z E_{\ell^+} - p_{\ell^+}^z E_{\ell^-}}{m_{\ell\ell} \sqrt{(m_{\ell\ell})^2 + (p_{\ell\ell}^T)^2}}$

## SM: dependence holds to all orders in QCD

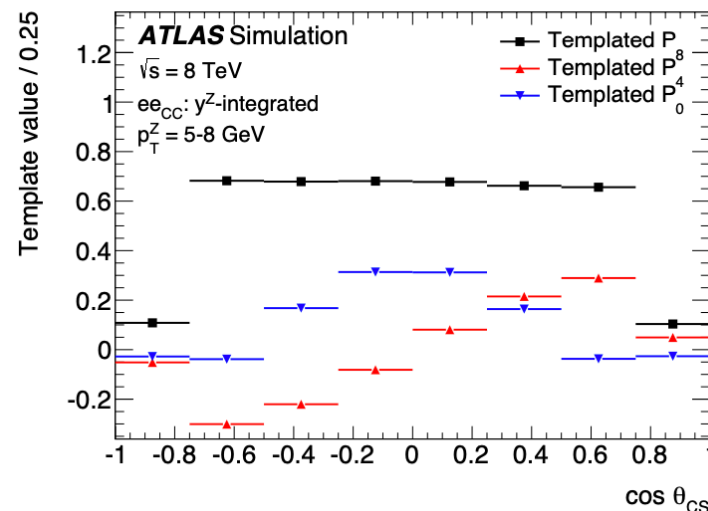
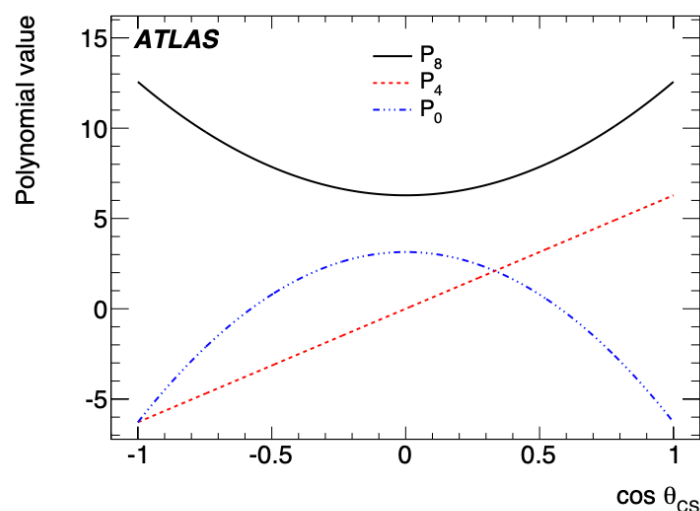
- Spin-1 photon & Z-boson  $\rightarrow l \leq 2$  angular dependence
- LO is  $\phi$  symmetric:  $\tilde{A}_{1,4} \neq 0$ , NLO:  $\tilde{A}_{1-7} \neq 0$

# Angular dependence

Extracting the  $\tilde{A}_i$ : moments of spherical harmonics \*

$$\langle f(\theta, \phi) \rangle \equiv \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dm d\eta d\Omega} \right)^{-1} \int d\Omega_\ell \frac{d\sigma}{dm d\eta d\Omega} f(\theta, \phi) \quad f(\theta, \phi) \propto \{Y_{0,0}, Y_{1,0}, Y_{1,\pm 1}, Y_{2,0}, Y_{2,\pm 1}, Y_{2,\pm 2}\}$$

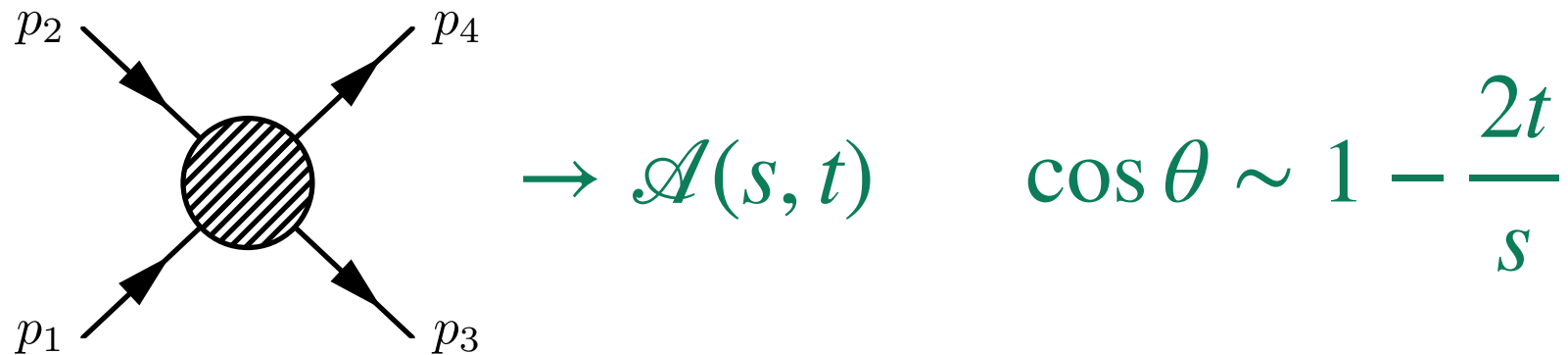
- A.K.A. weighted sum of the basis functions over event sample
- $\tilde{A}_i$ 's are linear functions of the  $\langle Y_{l,m} \rangle$
- \* In practice, finite experimental acceptance
- Spoils the orthonormality of spherical harmonics



Extracted by fit to signal templates

[CMS; PLB 750 (2015) 154-175]  
[ATLAS; JHEP 08 (2016) 159]

# New angular dependence



$$\mathcal{A}_{SM} : \text{spin-1} \rightarrow \propto \cos \theta \sim \frac{t}{s}$$

- Differential cross section  $|\mathcal{A}|^2 \sim t, t^2: Y_{l \leq 2, m}$
- QCD corrections factorise,  $l \leq 2$  unchanged
- Leading higher  $l$  contribution: NLL EW Sudakov

$$\sim \frac{\alpha^2}{16\pi^2} \log \frac{t}{m_W^2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{BSM} : \text{new Lorentz structures}$$

- Higher spin states or contact interactions (4F operators)

Dim 6

$$\mathcal{A} \sim s, t \Rightarrow |\mathcal{A}|^2 : l \leq 2$$

Dim 8

$$\mathcal{A} \sim s^2, t^2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{SM} \mathcal{A}_{EFT} : l \leq 3$$

# Higher moments

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow l+l^-}}{dm_{\ell\ell} d\eta_{\ell\ell} d\Omega_{\ell}} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow l+l^-}}{dm_{\ell\ell} d\eta_{\ell\ell}} \left[ (1 + c_{\theta}^2) + \frac{\tilde{A}_0}{2} (1 - 3c_{\theta}^2) + \tilde{A}_1 s_{2\theta} c_{\phi} \right.$$

$$l \leq 2 \quad \left. + \frac{\tilde{A}_2}{2} s_{\theta}^2 c_{2\phi} + \tilde{A}_3 s_{\theta} c_{\phi} + \tilde{A}_4 c_{\theta} + \tilde{A}_5 s_{\theta}^2 s_{2\phi} + \tilde{A}_6 s_{2\theta} s_{\phi} + \tilde{A}_7 s_{\theta} s_{\phi} \right.$$

$$l = 3 \quad \left. + \frac{\tilde{B}_1^e}{2} s_{\theta} (5c_{\theta}^2 - 1) c_{\phi} + \frac{\tilde{B}_1^o}{2} s_{\theta} (5c_{\theta}^2 - 1) s_{\phi} + \frac{\tilde{B}_0}{2} (5c_{\theta}^3 - 3c_{\theta}) \right.$$

$$\left. + \tilde{B}_3^e s_{\theta}^3 c_{3\phi} + \tilde{B}_3^o s_{\theta}^3 s_{3\phi} + \tilde{B}_2^e s_{\theta}^2 c_{\theta} c_{2\phi} + \tilde{B}_2^o s_{\theta}^2 c_{\theta} s_{2\phi} \right]$$

$\tilde{B}_i$  coefficients:  $Y_{3,m}$  spherical harmonics

- Only populated by certain class of dim-8 4F operators  $\mathcal{A}_{SM} \mathcal{A}_{EFT} \sim \cos^3 \theta$
- At LO, no SM or dim-6 contribution
- Dominant moment  $\tilde{B}_0$ :  $Y_{3,0}$  spherical harmonic (no  $\phi$  dependence)
- Clean probe of dim-8 effects in Drell Yan

# Which operators

Relevant dim-8 operators:  $\mathcal{A}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-) \sim t^2$

- Two-derivative 4F operators,  $\psi^4 D^2$
- No additional Higgs fields (powers of  $E$ , not  $\nu$ )

$$O_{8,lq\partial 3} = (\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu \ell)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu q)$$

$$O_{8,lq\partial 4} = (\bar{\ell}\tau^I \gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu \ell)(\bar{q}\tau^I \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu q)$$

$$O_{8,ed\partial 2} = (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu e)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu d)$$

$$O_{8,eu\partial 2} = (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu e)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu u)$$

$$O_{8,ld\partial 2} = (\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu \ell)(\bar{d}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu d)$$

$$O_{8,lu\partial 2} = (\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu \ell)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu u)$$

$$O_{8,qe\partial 2} = (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu e)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu q)$$

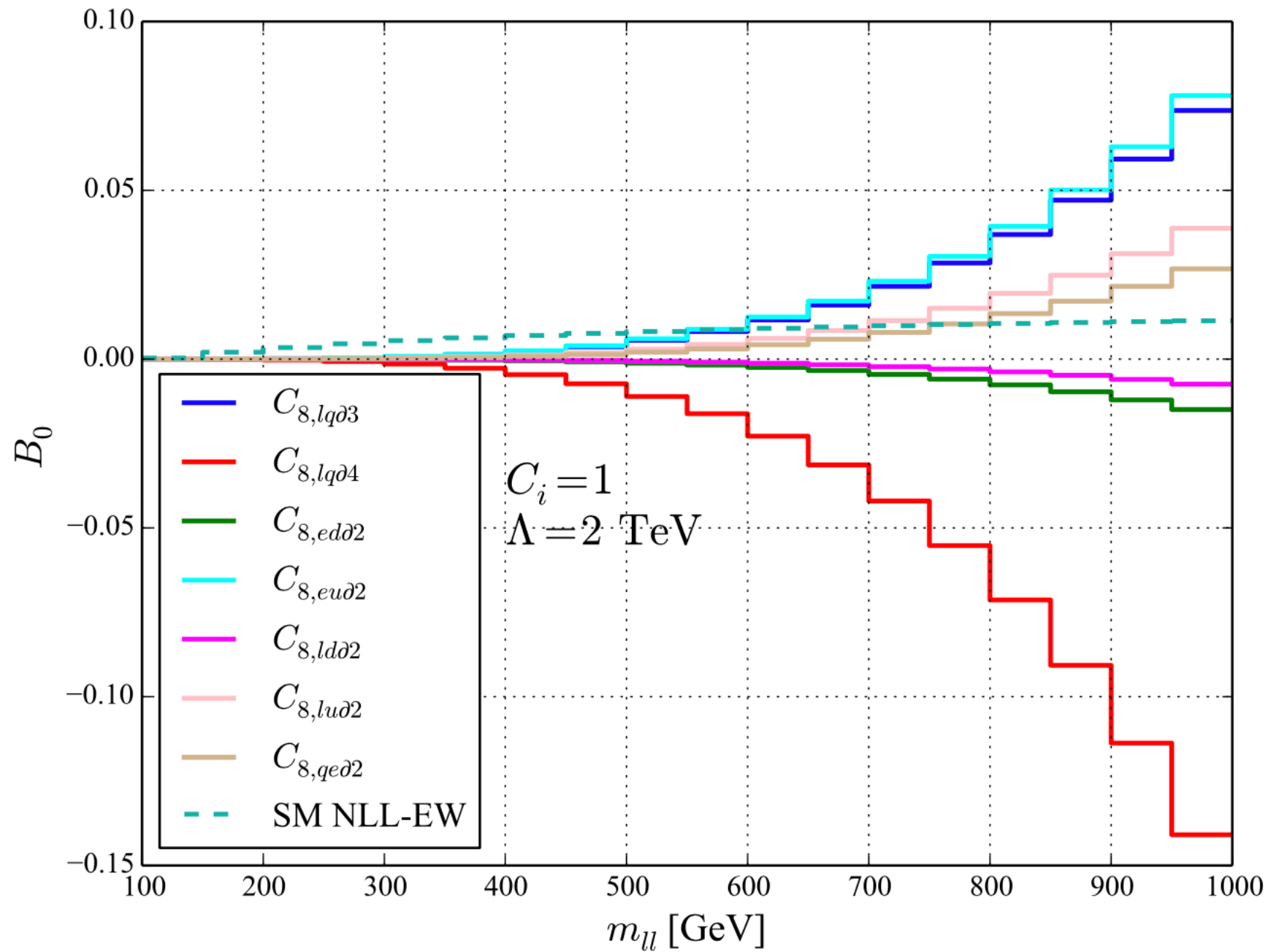
- Other class of  $\psi^4 D^2$ :  $(\bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \ell)\partial^2(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q) \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-) \sim s^2$

No new angular dependence

Higher moments in  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- \Leftrightarrow$  Positivity bounds



# $\tilde{B}_0(m_{\ell^+\ell^-})$



# Positivity in a nutshell

Set of theoretical constraints on scattering amplitudes

- Apply to a subset of  $D \geq 8$  Wilson coefficients

Result from basic assumptions about UV QFT/S-matrix

- Lorentz invariance, unitarity, causality & locality

[Pham & Troung; PRD 31 (1985) 3027]

[Anathanarayan et al.; PRD 51 (1995) 1093-1100]

[Adams et al.; JHEP 10 (2006) 014]

**+ many more in recent years...**

- Generalised optical theorem for scattering amplitude  $\mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow kl}$  satisfies
- Twice subtracted, forward dispersion relation by analytic continuation in complex  $s$ :  $M_{ijkl}(s, t = 0)$   $M_{ijkl} \equiv \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow kl} - (\text{low energy poles})$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(0)}{ds^2} = \sum_X \int d\Pi_X \int_{\Lambda^2}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i \mu^3} \left( m_{ij} m_{kl}^* + m_{i\tilde{l}} m_{k\tilde{j}}^* \right) \quad m_{ij} \equiv M_{ij \rightarrow X}(\mu)$$

# Positivity cone

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(0)}{ds^2} = \sum_X \int d\Pi_X \int_{\Lambda^2}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i \mu^3} \left( m_{ij} m_{kl}^* + m_{i\tilde{l}} m_{k\tilde{j}}^* \right) \quad m_{ij} \equiv M_{ij \rightarrow X}(\mu)$$

2  $\rightarrow$  1 amplitudes  $m_{ij}$  are unknown complex functions of  $\mu$

- Encode masses of new states at & above  $\Lambda^2$

Elastic ( $ij = kl$ ): 
$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(0)}{ds^2} = \sum_X \int d\Pi_X \int_{\Lambda^2}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i \mu^3} \left( |m_{ij}|^2 + |m_{i\tilde{j}}|^2 \right) \geq 0$$

Inelastic ( $ij \neq kl$ ): more information

- $m_{ij} m_{kl}^*$  are not positive-definite. However, RHS is a **positive sum** (integral)

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(0)}{ds^2} \text{ forms a } \mathbf{convex\ cone}$$

- Constrains the Wilson coefficients to a non-trivial, conical subspace

# Connecting to DY

Relevant dim-8 operators:  $\mathcal{A}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-) \sim t^2$

- By crossing symmetry, elastic amplitude:  $\mathcal{A}(q\ell \rightarrow q\ell) \sim s^2!$
- Novel angular dependence in Drell Yan  $\Leftrightarrow$  positivity bounds from  $q\ell \rightarrow q\ell$

Positivity bound	channel: $ 1\rangle +  2\rangle \rightarrow  1\rangle +  2\rangle$
$-4C_{8,lq\partial 3} + 4C_{8,lq\partial 4} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle =  e_L^- \rangle,  2\rangle =  u_L \rangle$
$-4C_{8,lq\partial 3} - 4C_{8,lq\partial 4} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle =  e_L^- \rangle,  2\rangle =  d_L \rangle$
$-4C_{8,ed\partial 2} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle =  e_R^- \rangle,  2\rangle =  d_R \rangle$
$-4C_{8,eu\partial 2} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle =  e_R^- \rangle,  2\rangle =  u_R \rangle$
$-4C_{8,ld\partial 2} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle =  e_L^- \rangle,  2\rangle =  d_R \rangle$
$-4C_{8,lu\partial 2} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle =  e_L^- \rangle,  2\rangle =  u_R \rangle$
$-4C_{8,qe\partial 2} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle =  e_R^- \rangle,  2\rangle =  u_L \rangle$

- Use higher angular moments in DY to test positivity  $\Rightarrow$  Fundamental properties of QFT in the UV

# DY matrix elements

Squared amplitude for  $l \geq 3$  angular moments

$$|M|^2 = |M_{\text{SMNLL EW}}|^2 + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \Delta M_i^{(8)} + \sum_{i \geq j} \frac{C_i^{(8)} C_j^{(8)}}{\Lambda^8} |M_{ij}^{(8)}|^2 \quad \Delta M_i^{(8)} \equiv 2\text{Re}[M_{\text{SM}}^* M_i^{(8)}]$$

LO SM: up to  $\cos^2 \theta$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}(q_L \bar{q}_R \rightarrow e_R^- e_L^+)|^2 = 16\pi^2 \alpha^2 (1 - \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \cdot \left| Q_f - \frac{(I_3 - s_W^2 Q_f) \hat{s}}{c_W^2 (\hat{s} - M_Z^2)} \right|^2,$$

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# DY matrix elements

LO dimension-8

$O(\Lambda^{-4})$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\mathcal{M}_{8,lq\partial 3} &= -\frac{C_{8,lq\partial 3}}{\Lambda^4} 8\pi\alpha \hat{c}_\theta(1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^2 \cdot \left( Q_f - \frac{(I_3 - s_W^2 Q_f)(-1/2 + s_W^2)\hat{s}}{c_W^2 s_W^2 (\hat{s} - M_Z^2)} \right), \\ \Delta\mathcal{M}_{8,lq\partial 4} &= \frac{C_{8,lq\partial 4}}{\Lambda^4} 8\pi\alpha \hat{c}_\theta(1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^2 (2I_3) \cdot \left( Q_f - \frac{(I_3 - s_W^2 Q_f)(-1/2 + s_W^2)\hat{s}}{c_W^2 s_W^2 (\hat{s} - M_Z^2)} \right), \\ \Delta\mathcal{M}_{8,ed\partial 2} &= \frac{C_{8,ed\partial 2}}{\Lambda^4} 8\pi\alpha \hat{c}_\theta(1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{s_W^2 \hat{s}}{c_W^2 (\hat{s} - M_Z^2)} \right), \\ \Delta\mathcal{M}_{8,eu\partial 2} &= -\frac{C_{8,eu\partial 2}}{\Lambda^4} 8\pi\alpha \hat{c}_\theta(1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{s_W^2 \hat{s}}{c_W^2 (\hat{s} - M_Z^2)} \right), \\ \Delta\mathcal{M}_{8,ld\partial 2} &= \frac{C_{8,ld\partial 2}}{\Lambda^4} 8\pi\alpha \hat{c}_\theta(1 - \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{(-1/2 + s_W^2)\hat{s}}{c_W^2 (\hat{s} - M_Z^2)} \right), \\ \Delta\mathcal{M}_{8,lu\partial 2} &= -\frac{C_{8,lu\partial 2}}{\Lambda^4} 8\pi\alpha \hat{c}_\theta(1 - \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{(-1/2 + s_W^2)\hat{s}}{c_W^2 (\hat{s} - M_Z^2)} \right), \\ \Delta\mathcal{M}_{8,qe\partial 2} &= -\frac{C_{8,qe\partial 2}}{\Lambda^4} 8\pi\alpha \hat{c}_\theta(1 - \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^2 \cdot \left( Q_f - \frac{(I_3 - s_W^2 Q_f)\hat{s}}{c_W^2 (\hat{s} - M_Z^2)} \right).\end{aligned}$$

$\cos^{n \leq 3} \theta$  dependence  $\Leftrightarrow l \leq 3$

$O(\Lambda^{-8})$

$$\begin{aligned}|\mathcal{M}_{8,lq\partial 3}|^2 &= \frac{C_{8,lq\partial 3}^2}{\Lambda^8} \hat{c}_\theta^2 (1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^4, \\ |\mathcal{M}_{8,lq\partial 4}|^2 &= \frac{C_{8,lq\partial 4}^2}{\Lambda^8} \hat{c}_\theta^2 (1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^4, \\ |\mathcal{M}_{8,ed\partial 2}|^2 &= \frac{C_{8,ed\partial 2}^2}{\Lambda^8} \hat{c}_\theta^2 (1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^4, \\ |\mathcal{M}_{8,eu\partial 2}|^2 &= \frac{C_{8,eu\partial 2}^2}{\Lambda^8} \hat{c}_\theta^2 (1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^4, \\ |\mathcal{M}_{8,ld\partial 2}|^2 &= \frac{C_{8,ld\partial 2}^2}{\Lambda^8} \hat{c}_\theta^2 (1 - \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^4, \\ |\mathcal{M}_{8,lu\partial 2}|^2 &= \frac{C_{8,lu\partial 2}^2}{\Lambda^8} \hat{c}_\theta^2 (1 - \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^4, \\ |\mathcal{M}_{8,qe\partial 2}|^2 &= \frac{C_{8,qe\partial 2}^2}{\Lambda^8} \hat{c}_\theta^2 (1 - \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^4, \\ |\mathcal{M}_{8,lq\partial 3,lq\partial 4}|^2 &= \frac{C_{8,lq\partial 3} C_{8,lq\partial 4}}{\Lambda^8} \hat{c}_\theta^2 (1 + \hat{c}_\theta)^2 \hat{s}^4.\end{aligned}$$

$\cos^{n \leq 4} \theta$  dependence  $\Leftrightarrow l \leq 4$

# Even higher moments

Exploit the full information of D8 amplitude:  $l = 4$  moments

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-}}{dm_{\ell\ell} d\eta_{\ell\ell} d\Omega_{\ell}} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-}}{dm_{\ell\ell} d\eta_{\ell\ell}} \left[ (1 + c_{\theta}^2) + \frac{\tilde{A}_0}{2} (1 - 3c_{\theta}^2) + \tilde{A}_1 s_{2\theta} c_{\phi} \right.$$

$$l \leq 2 \quad \left. + \frac{\tilde{A}_2}{2} s_{\theta}^2 c_{2\phi} + \tilde{A}_3 s_{\theta} c_{\phi} + \tilde{A}_4 c_{\theta} + \tilde{A}_5 s_{\theta}^2 s_{2\phi} + \tilde{A}_6 s_{2\theta} s_{\phi} + \tilde{A}_7 s_{\theta} s_{\phi} \right.$$

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$$\left. + \tilde{B}_3^e s_{\theta}^3 c_{3\phi} + \tilde{B}_3^o s_{\theta}^3 s_{3\phi} + \tilde{B}_2^e s_{\theta}^2 c_{\theta} c_{2\phi} + \tilde{B}_2^o s_{\theta}^2 c_{\theta} s_{2\phi} \right.$$

$$\left. + \tilde{D}_4^e s_{\theta}^4 c_{4\phi} + \tilde{D}_4^o s_{\theta}^4 s_{4\phi} + \tilde{D}_3^e s_{\theta}^3 c_{\theta} c_{3\phi} + \tilde{D}_3^o s_{\theta}^3 c_{\theta} s_{3\phi} \right.$$

$$l = 4 \quad \left. + \tilde{D}_2^e s_{\theta}^2 (7c_{\theta}^2 - 1) c_{2\phi} + \tilde{D}_2^o s_{\theta}^2 (7c_{\theta}^2 - 1) s_{2\phi} + \tilde{D}_1^e s_{\theta} (7c_{\theta}^3 - 3c_{\theta}) c_{\phi} \right.$$

$$\left. + \tilde{D}_1^o s_{\theta} (7c_{\theta}^3 - 3c_{\theta}) s_{\phi} + \frac{\tilde{D}_0}{2} (35c_{\theta}^4 - 30c_{\theta}^2 + 3) \right]$$

Use  $(\tilde{B}_0, \tilde{D}_0)$  to constrain the space of dim-8 WCs

- Quantify the ability of the LHC to test positivity in  $q\ell$  scattering



# Higher orders

$$M_{SM,D=6} \Leftrightarrow l = 1 \text{ \& } M_{D=8} \Leftrightarrow l = 2, \dots$$

- $M_{D=6} \times M_{D=8}$  populates  $l = 3$  at  $O(\Lambda^{-6})$
- $M_{SM} \times M_{D=10}$  populates  $l = 4$  at  $O(\Lambda^{-8})$
- $M_{D=6} \times M_{D=10}$  populates  $l = 4$  at  $O(\Lambda^{-10})$
- ...

Our assumption: neglect possible  $D = 6$

- Constrained elsewhere:  $A_0$  moments, APV,  $\beta$ -decays, ...

$l = 4$  have other possible contributions

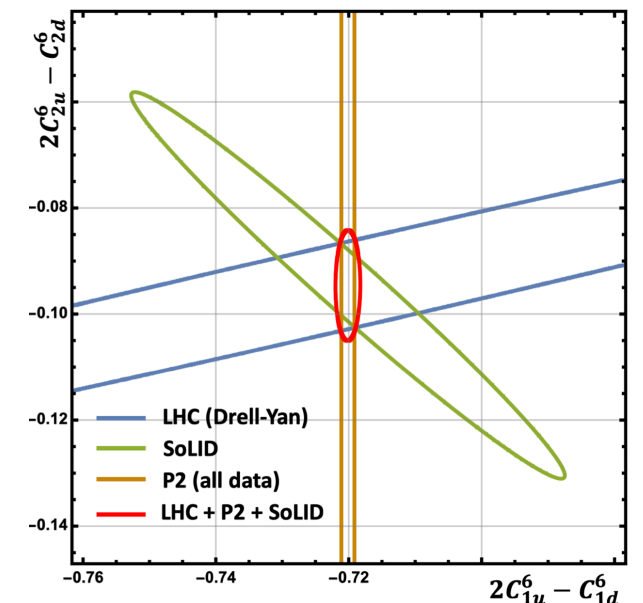
- We currently neglect them, try to mitigate impact

Ultimately, more complete (higher  $l$ ) & global ( $D = 6, 8, \dots$ ) analysis needed

$$l \leq n, O(\Lambda^{-m}) \quad A_i \ B_i \ D_i$$

D=	n,m	1,0	1,2	2,4	3,6	...
4	1,0	2,0				
6	1,2	2,2	2,4			
8	2,4	3,4	3,6	4,8		
10	3,6	4,6	4,8	5,10	6,12	
...	...					

[Boughezal et al.; PRD 104 (2021) 016005]





# Higher moments at LHC

Define dimensionful coefficients  $\tilde{B} \rightarrow B$  [fb]

- Encode the WC dependence on the  $(m_{\ell\ell}, \eta_{\ell\ell})$  differential cross section

$$\frac{dB_0}{dm_{\ell\ell} d\eta_{\ell\ell}} = \frac{4\sqrt{7\pi}}{9} \cdot \frac{\xi m_{\ell\ell}}{s} \int_{-1}^1 dc_\theta Y_3^0(c_\theta) [G_{q\bar{q}}(m_{\ell\ell}, \eta_{\ell\ell}, Q^2) - G_{\bar{q}q}(m_{\ell\ell}, \eta_{\ell\ell}, Q^2)] \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{c}_\theta}(c_\theta, m_{\ell\ell})$$

$$\frac{dD_0}{dm_{\ell\ell} d\eta_{\ell\ell}} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3} \cdot \frac{m_{\ell\ell}}{s} \int_{-1}^1 dc_\theta Y_4^0(c_\theta) [G_{q\bar{q}}(m_{\ell\ell}, \eta_{\ell\ell}, Q^2) + G_{\bar{q}q}(m_{\ell\ell}, \eta_{\ell\ell}, Q^2)] \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{c}_\theta}(c_\theta, m_{\ell\ell})$$

$$c_\theta = c_\theta^* \frac{\eta}{|\eta|} \equiv c_\theta^* \xi, \quad G_{ij}(x_1, x_2, Q^2) = f_{i/p}(x_1, Q^2) \cdot f_{j/p}(x_2, Q^2)$$

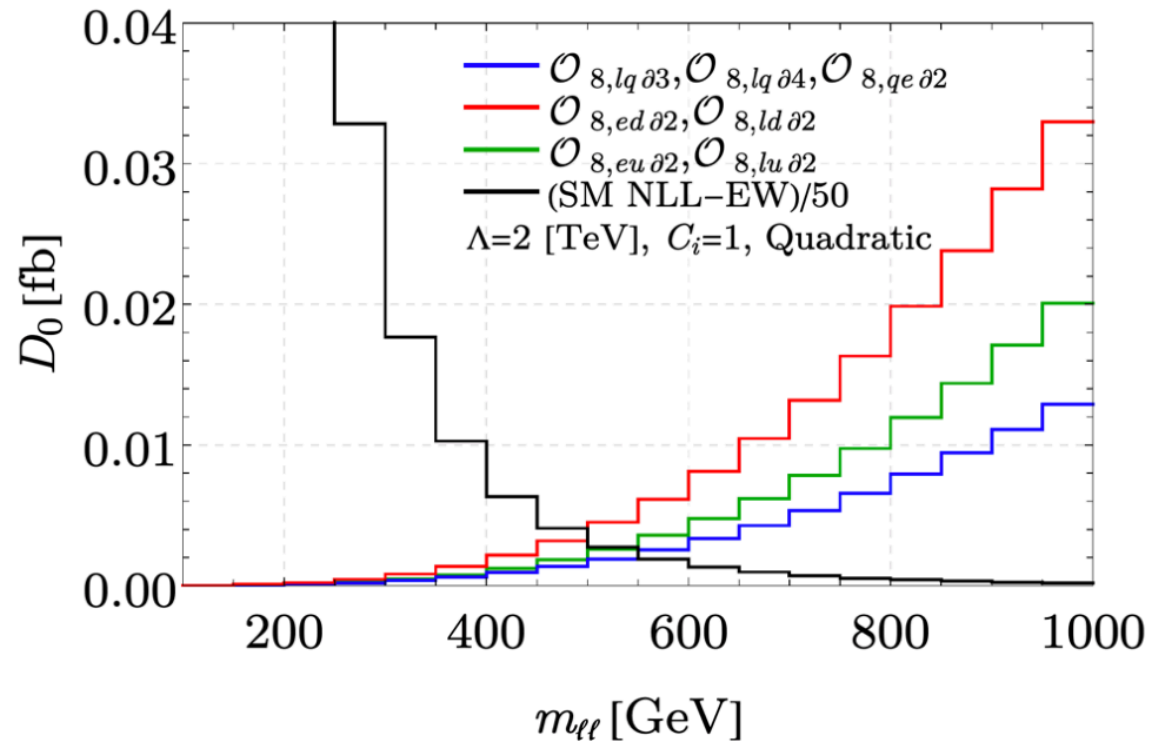
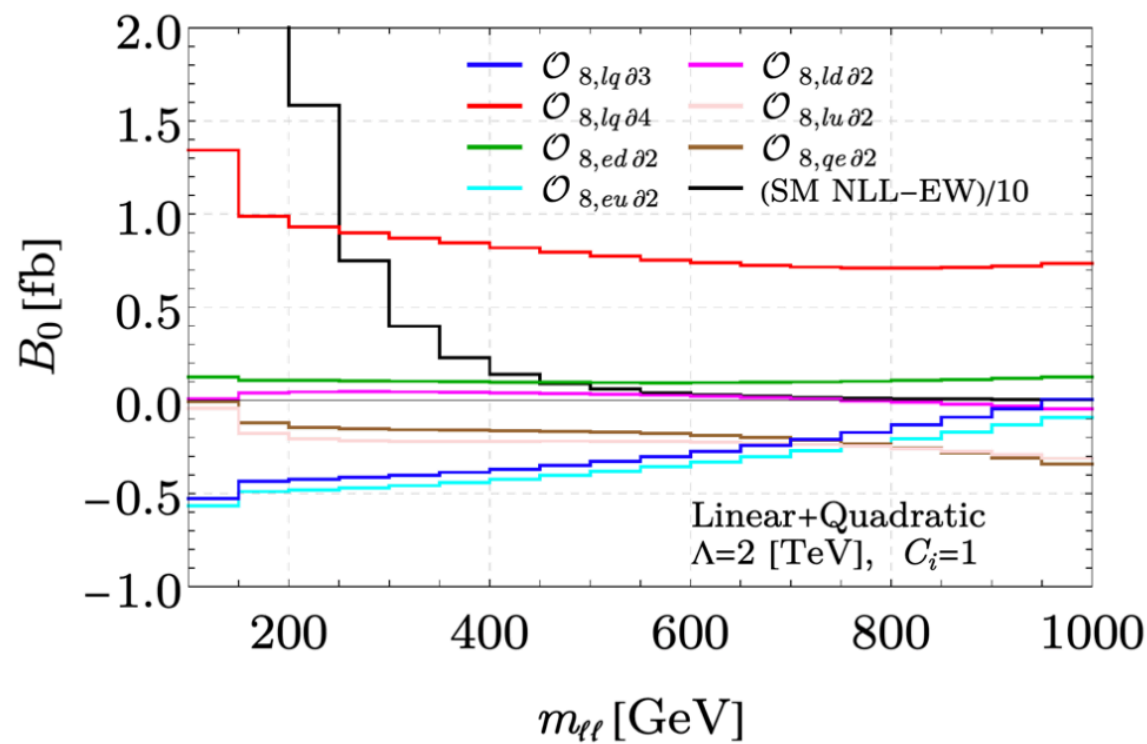
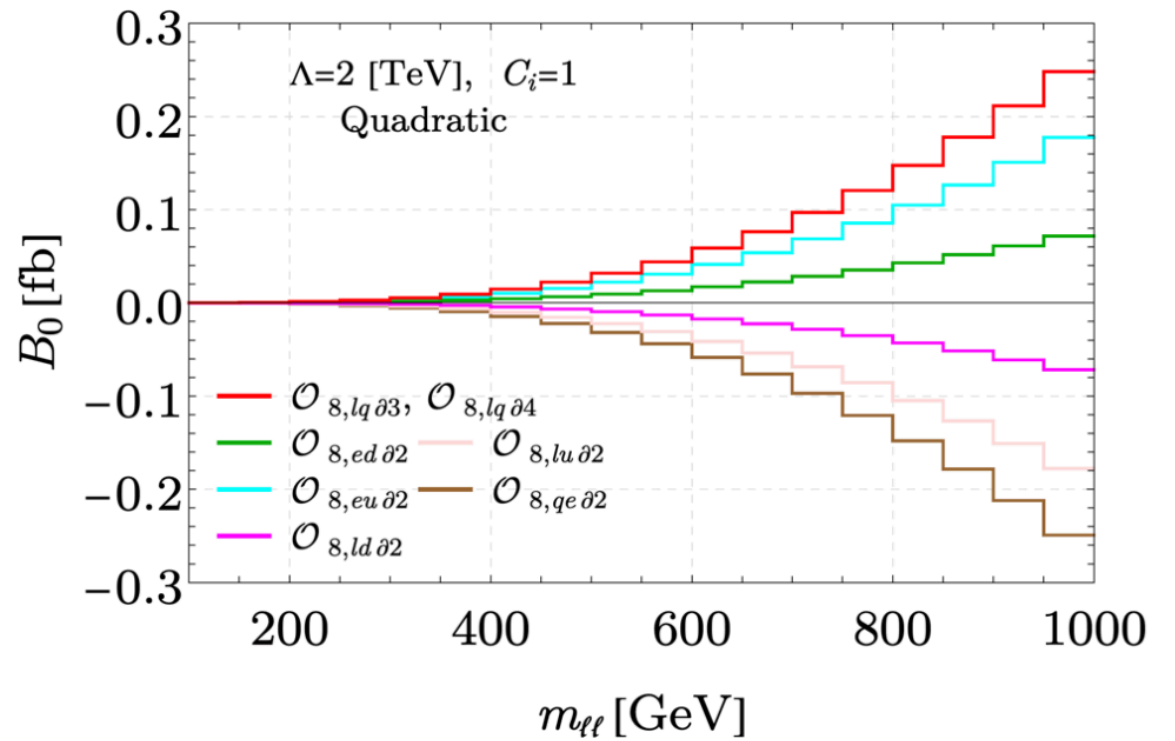
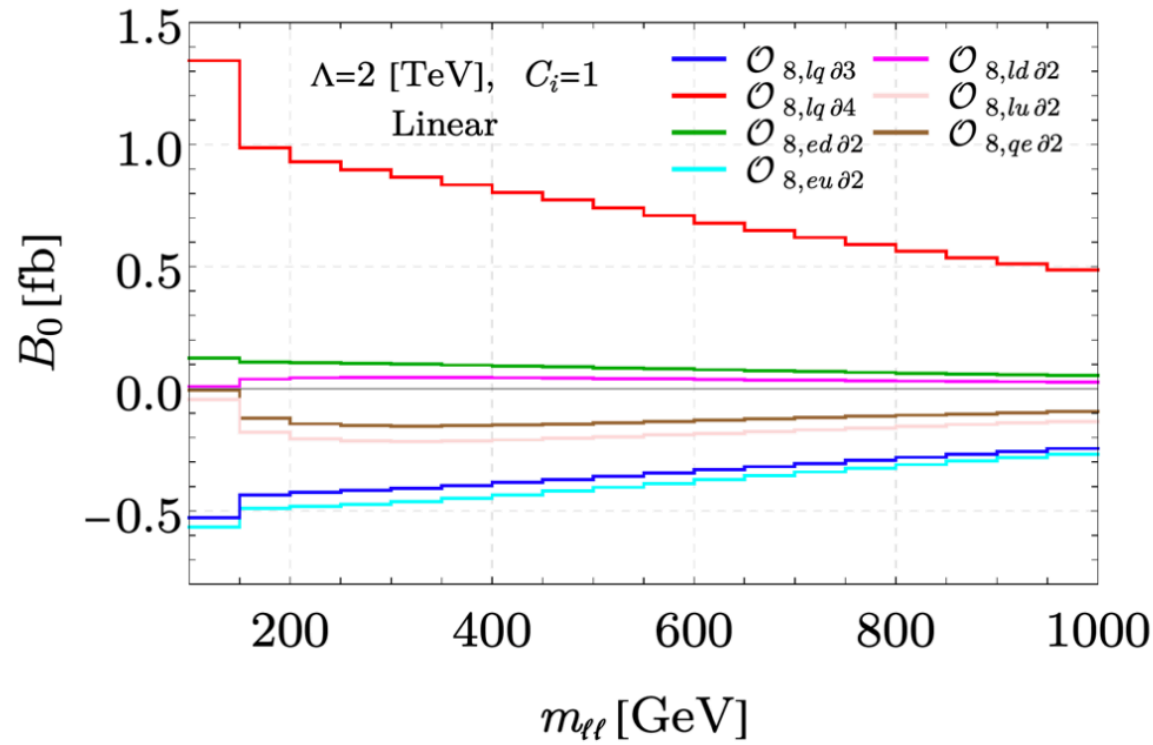
↑ CS frame                      ↑ CM frame w.r.t beam                      (anti)quark PDFs

Double differential moments bring maximal information

- $m_{\ell\ell}$ : energy growth
- $\eta_{\ell\ell}$ : partonic initial state  $u\bar{u}$  vs.  $d\bar{d}$

# LHC predictions

$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$



# Disentangling operators

Leading,  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-4})$  interference effects are degenerate

- Modulo  $\eta_{\ell\ell}$  sensitivity to the 3 different **partonic initial state** combinations
- Mild differences at **low energies near Z-pole**

Operators	Quark	$\Delta \mathcal{M}^{(8)} ^2$	$ \mathcal{M}^{(8)} ^2$	$B_0(\text{lin.})$	$B_0(\text{quad.})$	$D_0(\text{quad.})$
$\mathcal{O}_{8,lq\partial 3} + \mathcal{O}_{8,lq\partial 4}$	$d\bar{d}$	$1.9 \cdot c_\theta(1 + c_\theta)^2$	$c_\theta^2(1 + c_\theta)^2$	+	+	+
$\mathcal{O}_{8,lq\partial 3} - \mathcal{O}_{8,lq\partial 4}$	$u\bar{u}$	$-2.4 \cdot c_\theta(1 + c_\theta)^2$	$c_\theta^2(1 + c_\theta)^2$	-	+	+
$\mathcal{O}_{8,ed\partial 2}$	$d\bar{d}$	$0.43 \cdot c_\theta(1 + c_\theta)^2$	$c_\theta^2(1 + c_\theta)^2$	+	+	+
$\mathcal{O}_{8,eu\partial 2}$	$u\bar{u}$	$-0.87 \cdot c_\theta(1 + c_\theta)^2$	$c_\theta^2(1 + c_\theta)^2$	-	+	+
$\mathcal{O}_{8,ld\partial 2}$	$d\bar{d}$	$0.22 \cdot c_\theta(1 - c_\theta)^2$	$c_\theta^2(1 - c_\theta)^2$	+	-	+
$\mathcal{O}_{8,lu\partial 2}$	$u\bar{u}$	$-0.43 \cdot c_\theta(1 - c_\theta)^2$	$c_\theta^2(1 - c_\theta)^2$	-	-	+
$\mathcal{O}_{8,qe\partial 2}$	$u\bar{u}$ or $d\bar{d}$	$-0.22 \cdot c_\theta(1 - c_\theta)^2$	$c_\theta^2(1 - c_\theta)^2$	-	-	+

Additional information from  $|\mathcal{M}^{(8)}|^2$

- Relative size & sign between linear & quadratic  $B_0$
- $D_0$ : quadratic only ( $l = 4$ )

# LHC sensitivity

1 TeV cut to mitigate impact of quadratics



Consider  $10 \times 10$  square binning:

$$m_{\ell\ell}: \{100, 190, 280, 370, 460, 550, 640, 730, 820, 910, 1000\} \text{ GeV},$$

$$\eta_{\ell\ell}: \{-5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\},$$

Binned  $\Delta\chi^2$ , combining  $(B_0, D_0)$ , for  $L_{\text{int.}} = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$$\chi^2(C_i) \equiv \Delta\chi^2(C_i) = \sum_i \left( B_0^i(\vec{C}), D_0^i(\vec{C}) \right) \cdot \mathbf{V}^{-1} \cdot \left( B_0^i(\vec{C}), D_0^i(\vec{C}) \right) \leq 3.84,$$

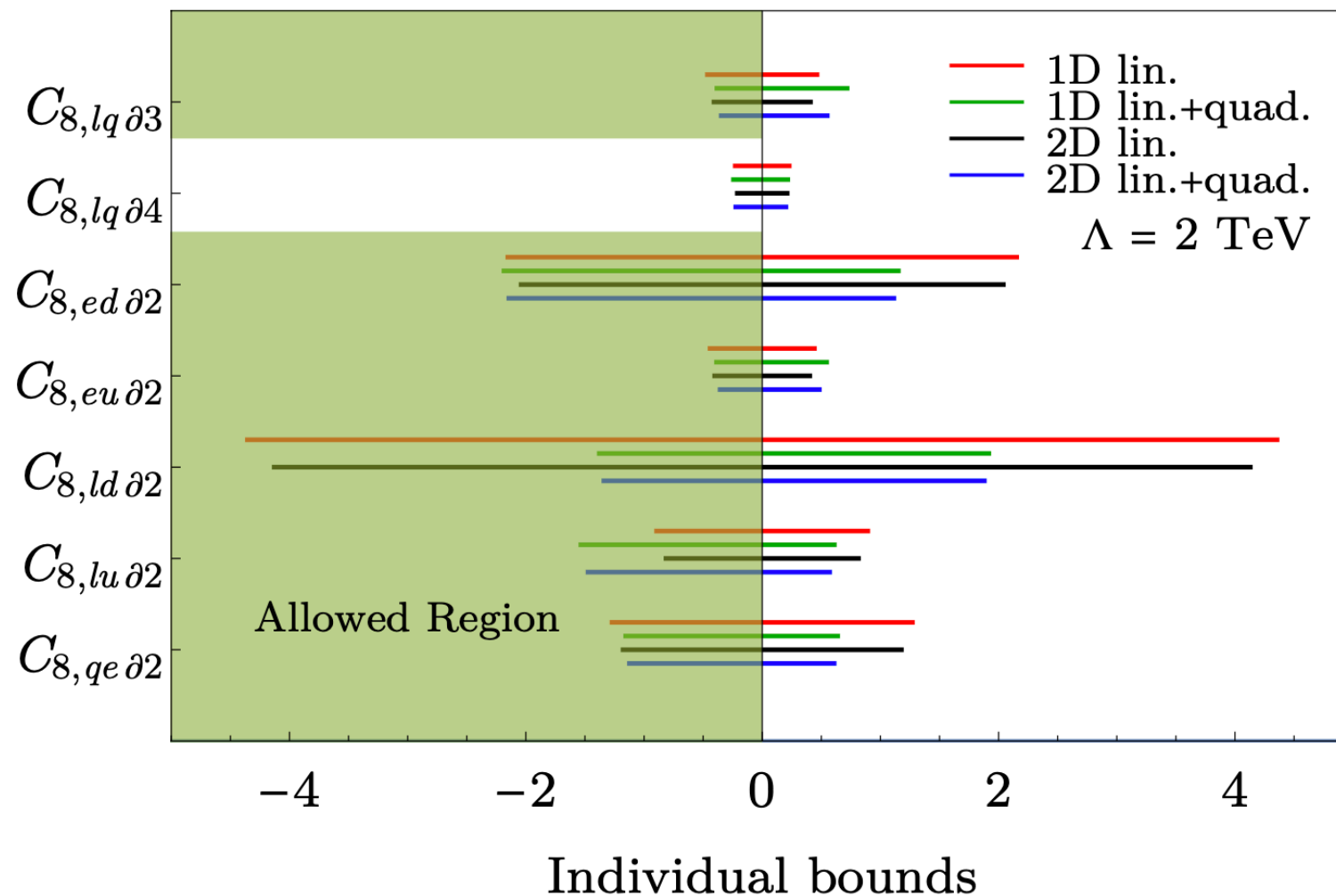
- $B_0$  &  $D_0$  are correlated: statistical covariance matrix  $\mathbf{V}$

$$V_{ij} = \frac{1}{L} \int_{m_{\text{min.}}}^{m_{\text{max.}}} dm_{\ell\ell} \int_{\eta_{\text{min.}}}^{\eta_{\text{max.}}} d\eta_{\ell\ell} \int_{-1}^1 dc_\theta \frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \ell^- \ell^+}}{d\eta_{\ell\ell} dm_{\ell\ell} dc_\theta} \cdot F_{ij}(c_\theta), \quad \text{(co)variance of weighted average(s)}$$

$$F_{11} = \frac{448\pi}{9} (Y_3^0(c_\theta))^2; \quad F_{22} = \frac{36\pi^3}{49} (Y_4^0(c_\theta))^2; \quad F_{12} = F_{21} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{7}} 4\pi^2 Y_3^0(c_\theta) Y_4^0(c_\theta)$$

- Variances **dominated by SM**, computed @ NLO QCD with `mg5`

# Individual bounds on $C_i$



Observe the SM:  $O(0.5 - 4)$  sensitivity for  $\Lambda = 2 \text{ TeV}$

- $\eta_{\ell\ell}$  (2D) information not important for individual bounds (expected)
- Quadratic effects significant for weakly constrained direction(s)

# Profiled bounds on $C_i$

Closed fit requires full information (quadratic  $B_0 + D_0$ )

- Linearised  $\Delta\chi^2$  has 2(1) well(moderately) constrained eigenvectors
- $\delta C_i = \{0.15, 2.5, 40\}$
- Full information yields  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  bounds for  $\Lambda = 2 \text{ TeV}$

Coeff.	$C_{8,lq\partial 3}$	$C_{8,lq\partial 4}$	$C_{8,ed\partial 2}$	$C_{8,eu\partial 2}$	$C_{8,ld\partial 2}$	$C_{8,lu\partial 2}$	$C_{8,qe\partial 2}$
$B_0 + D_0$	(-1.1, 1.1)	(-0.95, 0.85)	(-1.8, 1.8)	(-1.2, 1.3)	(-1.7, 1.7)	(-1.2, 1.2)	(-1.0, 1.0)

Flat directions expected from previous discussion

- Reliance on  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-8})$  effects means results should be interpreted with care
- Up to dim-12(!) interference with SM
- Our 1 TeV cut will partially mitigate them
- They contribute to higher moments

More complete  
analysis required

# Testing positivity

No concrete reason to expect violation of positivity

- Nature (data) should have the last word
- Probe the violation of positivity to test the axiomatic principles of QFT

Define “distance” from region allowed by elastic positivity

$$-\Delta^{-4} \equiv \min \left[ \min_{\text{processes}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M(0)}{ds^2}, 0 \right] = \frac{\delta(\vec{C}_0)}{\Lambda^4},$$

elastic  $ql$  scatterings
“most non-positive” direction

$$\delta(\vec{C}_0) \equiv \min \left[ -4C_{8,lq\partial 3} + 4C_{8,lq\partial 4}, -4C_{8,lq\partial 3} - 4C_{8,lq\partial 4}, \right. \\ \left. -4C_{8,ed\partial 2}, -4C_{8,eu\partial 2}, -4C_{8,ld\partial 2}, \right. \\ \left. -4C_{8,lu\partial 2}, -4C_{8,qe\partial 2}, 0 \right]$$

Associates a scale,  $\Delta$ , to positivity violation

Satisfied:  $\Delta = \infty$

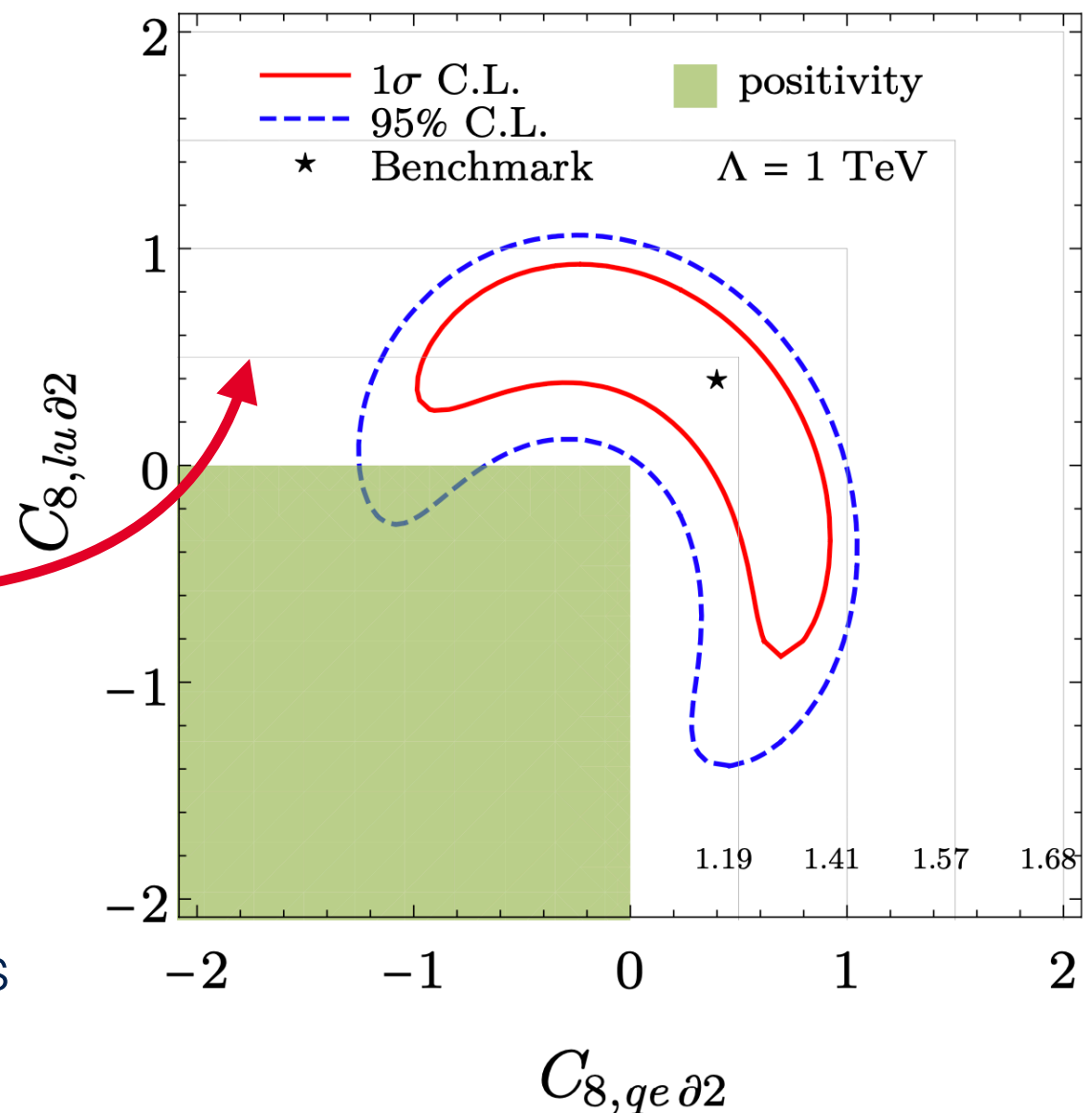
Violated:  $\Delta = \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt[4]{\delta C_{\min.}}}$



# Testing positivity

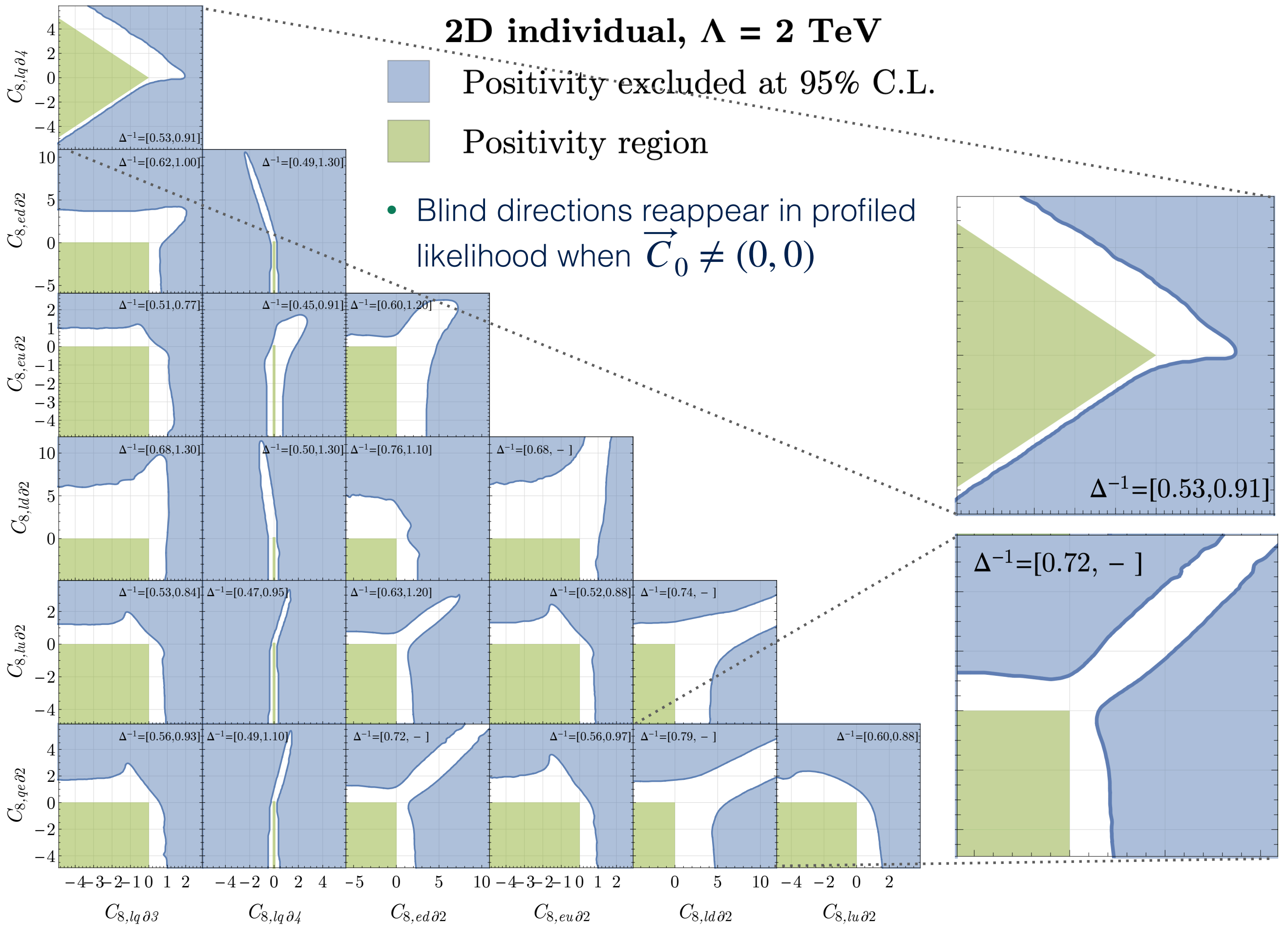
Suppose we observe some non-zero WCs,  $\vec{C}_0$

- Uncertainty crucial to determine whether we claim evidence for positivity violation:  $\Delta\chi^2$
- If 95% confidence region overlaps with positivity allowed region, **cannot rule out positivity**
- $\Delta$  values shown in TeV
- Cannot exclude positivity at 95% C.L. in this case:  $\vec{C}_0 = (0.4, 0.4)$
- $\Delta^{-1} = [\Delta_{\text{low}}^{-1}, \Delta_{\text{high}}^{-1}]$ ,  $\Delta_{\text{low}}$  gives conservative estimate





# 2D individual, $\Lambda = 2 \text{ TeV}$



# Beyond elastic positivity

Optimal forward positivity bounds: positivity cone

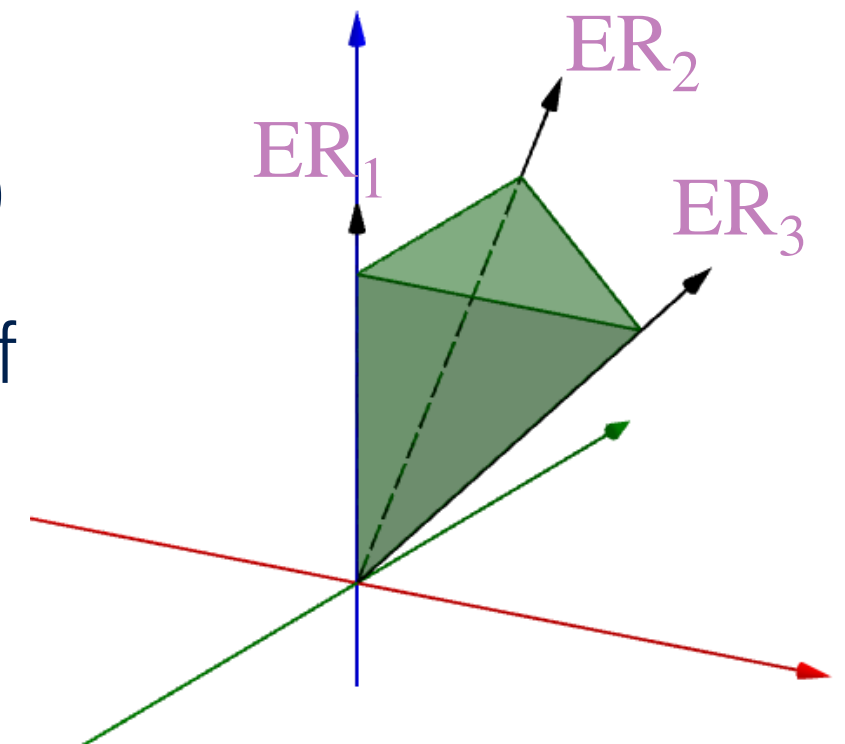
$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(0)}{ds^2} = \sum_X \int d\Pi_X \int_{\Lambda^2}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i \mu^3} \left( m_{ij} m_{kl}^* + m_{i\tilde{l}} m_{k\tilde{j}}^* \right) \quad m_{ij} \equiv M_{ij \rightarrow X}(\mu)$$

$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(0)}{ds^2}$  forms a salient **convex cone** (Cone that does not contain a straight line, only half lines)

Generated by all conical hulls (+ve linear combinations) of its **Extremal Rays** (ERs)

ER: cannot be expressed as a +ve sum of other elements

$m_{ij} m_{kl}^* + m_{i\tilde{l}} m_{k\tilde{j}}^*$  are ERs of the positivity cone



Moments for positivity

# Constructing the cone

$m_{ij} \equiv M_{ij \rightarrow X} : \text{ER} \Rightarrow m_{ij}$  cannot be decomposed into other  $m'_{ij}$

- $X$  is an irrep. in the decomposition of the product of  $i, j$ 's symmetry reps
- Construct (potential) ERs from CG coefficients of  $r_i \otimes r_j$

OR enumerate all possible tree-level completions

- Integrate them out to get the WC vectors for the pERs

Simplified example: new physics only couples to  $e_R, u_R$

$$C_1 : (\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e) \partial^2 (\bar{e} \gamma^\mu e) \quad C_4 : (\bar{u} \gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu u) (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu u)$$

$$C_2 : (\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e) \partial^2 (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u) \quad C_5 : (\bar{u} \gamma_\mu u) \partial^2 (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u)$$

$$C_3 : (\bar{e} \gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu e) (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu u) \equiv C_{8,eu\partial^2}$$

$$\vec{C} = (C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5)$$

$$\text{One state} \quad \frac{\vec{C}_X}{\Lambda^4} = w_X \vec{c}_X, \quad w_X = \frac{g_X^2}{M_X^4} \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Generic UV theory} \quad \frac{\vec{C}}{\Lambda^4} = \sum_X \frac{\vec{C}_X}{\Lambda^4} = \sum_X w_X \vec{c}_X$$

# UV states & new bounds

Notation of [de Blas et al.; JHEP 03 (2018) 109]

UV interaction	$(\text{SU}(3), \text{SU}(2))_{\text{U}(1)}^{\text{spin}}$	dim-8 EFT coefficients ( $\vec{c}_X$ )	ER?
$\bar{e}^c e \mathcal{S}_2 + h.c.$	$\mathcal{S}_2: (1, 1)_2^0$	$(1, 0, 0, 0, 0)$	✓
$\frac{1}{M_{UV}} \bar{u}^c_i \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu u_j \epsilon_{ijk} \mathcal{U}_{4\mu}^{\dagger k} + h.c.$	$\mathcal{U}_{4\mu}^k: (\bar{3}, 1)_{4/3}^1$	$(0, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2})$	✓
$(\bar{u}^c_i u_j \Omega_4^{\dagger ij} + \text{sym.}) + h.c.$	$\Omega_4^{ij}: (6, 1)_{4/3}^0$	$(0, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$	✗
$\bar{e}^c u_i \omega_1^{\dagger i} + h.c.$	$\omega_1^i: (3, 1)_{1/3}^0$	$(0, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0)$	✓
$\bar{e} \gamma_\mu u_i \mathcal{U}_5^{\dagger i\mu} + h.c.$	$\mathcal{U}_5^{i\mu}: (3, 1)_{5/3}^1$	$(0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0)$	✗
$(\sin \theta \bar{e} \gamma_\mu e + \cos \theta \bar{u}_i \gamma_\mu u_i) \mathcal{B}^\mu$	$\mathcal{B}^\mu: (1, 1)_0^1$	$(\sin^2 \theta, 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta, 0, 0, \cos^2 \theta)$	✓
$\bar{u}_i \gamma_\mu u_j T_{ij}^a \mathcal{G}^{\dagger a\mu}$	$\mathcal{G}^{a\mu}: (8, 1)_0^1$	$(0, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{5}{12})$	✗
$\frac{1}{M_{UV}} i \bar{e}^c \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu u^i \mathcal{U}_{1\mu}^{\dagger i} + h.c.$	$\mathcal{U}_{1\mu}^i: (3, 1)_{1/3}^1$	$(0, -\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0)$	✓

- Here, tree-level pERs span the full space of ERs, not generally the case
- One ER ( $\mathcal{B}^\mu$ ) has a free parameter, it is continuous, must be eliminated

$$\Rightarrow C_3 \leq 0, \quad -3C_4 + C_5 \geq 0, \quad C_4 \leq 0, \quad C_1 \geq 0,$$

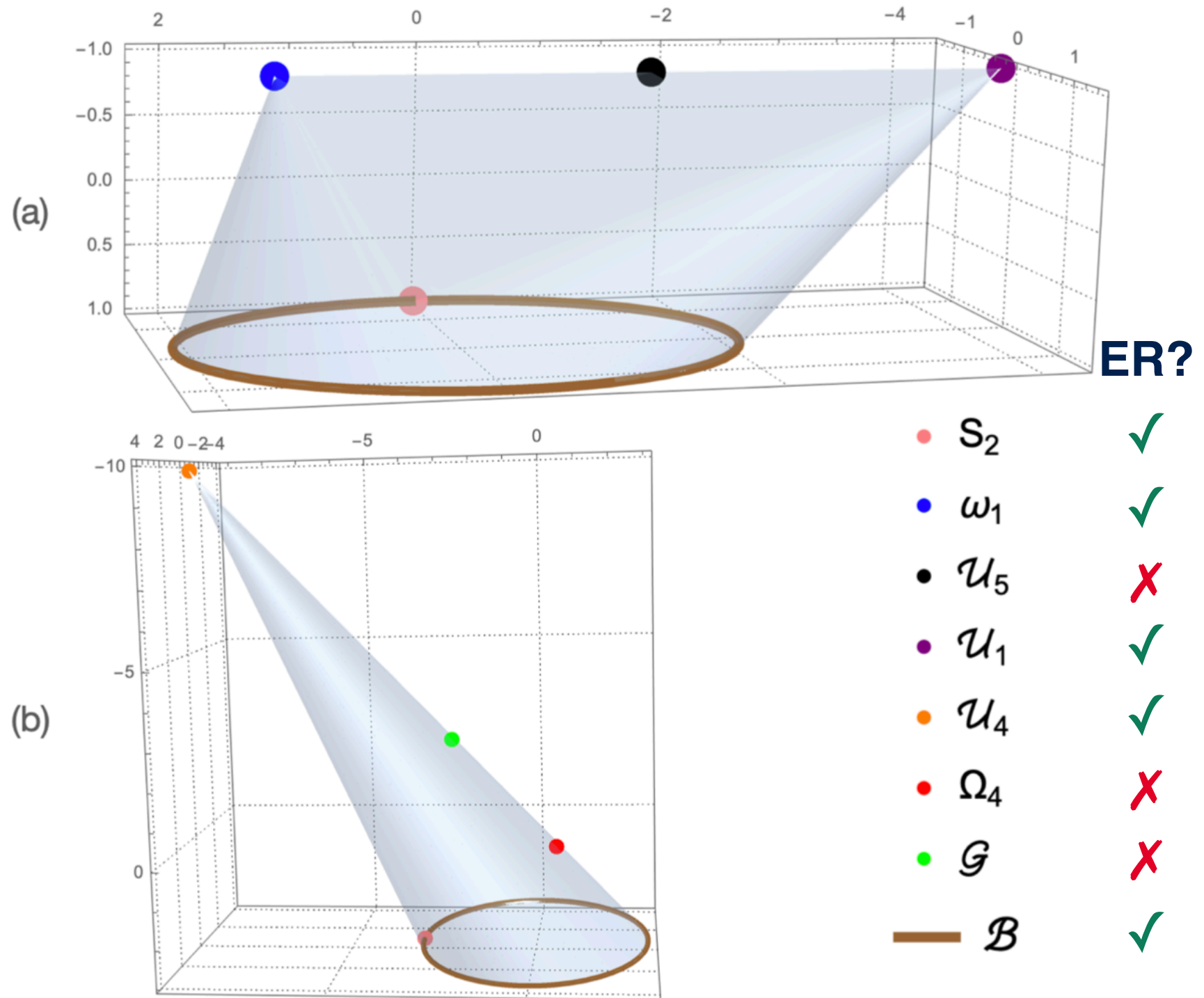
$$-(2\sqrt{C_1(-3C_4 + C_5)} - 3C_3) \leq C_2 \leq 2\sqrt{C_1(-3C_4 + C_5)} - C_3$$

# Visualising the cone



5D salient cone  
w/ 6 4D faces

Need to project  
down to  $\leq 3D$



# Reverse-engineering the UV

Given a measurement of  $\vec{C}_0$ , what more can we say

- Combine the experimental likelihood with the positivity cone
- If  $\vec{C}_0$  is extremal, we can pinpoint the UV origin
- What is the maximum allowed value of  $w_H = g_H^2/M_H^4$  given the data?
- Lower bound on  $M_H/\sqrt{g_h}$

maximize :  $\lambda$

subject to :  $\vec{C} - \lambda\vec{c}_H \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\chi^2(\vec{C}, \vec{C}_0) \leq \chi_c^2$

Positivity

+

Likelihood

$$w_H \leq \lambda_{\max}$$

Removing the H contribution,  
we should still remain in the  
positivity cone

- The value of  $\lambda$  that pushes  $\vec{C}$  outside of the cone  $\mathcal{C}$
- Since  $\vec{c}_H$  is an ER of the cone, it provides a robust bound:

Independent of the presence/absence of other states!



# Reverse-engineering the UV

Finite sensitivity to the WC space (uncertainties)

Take phenomenologically motivated sensitivities to  $\vec{C}$

- $C_1 : (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e) \partial^2 (\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e)$ , ILC 250 projection [Fuks et al.; Chin. phys. C 45 (2021) 023108]
- $C_2 : (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e) \partial^2 (\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)$ , LHC 8 TeV Drell Yan [Boughezal et al.; PRD 104 (2021) 095022]
- $C_3 : (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu e)(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu u)$ , our work (DY moments)

$$C_1 = 0 \pm 0.024, \quad C_2 = 0 \pm 0.45, \quad C_3 = 0 \pm 0.37$$

- $C_{4,5}$  no bounds available, take  $\pm 0, \pm 10$

$$B : (\sin^2 \theta, 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta, 0, 0, \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$U_1 : (0, -\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0)$$

$$S_2 : (1, 0, 0, 0, 0) \quad \Omega_4 : (0, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$$

$$U_5 : (0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0)$$

$$U_4 : (0, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}) \quad \omega_1 : (0, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathcal{E} : (0, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{5}{12})$$

# Reverse-engineering the UV

$\vec{C}_0 = \vec{0}$ , observe SM:

$$\delta C_{4,5} = 0$$

$$\delta C_{4,5} = 10$$

UV particle $H$	$\lambda_{\max}$ [TeV <sup>-4</sup> ]	$\frac{M_H}{\sqrt{g_H}}$ [TeV]
$\mathcal{S}_2$	0.0015	$\geq 5.1$
$\mathcal{U}_4$	0	$\infty$
$\Omega_4$	0	$\infty$
$\omega_1$	0.090	$\geq 1.8$
$\mathcal{U}_5$	0.045	$\geq 2.2$
$\mathcal{B}$	0	$\infty$
$\mathcal{G}$	0	$\infty$
$\mathcal{U}_1$	0.049	$\geq 2.1$

UV particle $H$	$\lambda_{\max}$ [TeV <sup>-4</sup> ]	$\frac{M_H}{\sqrt{g_H}}$ [TeV]
$\mathcal{S}_2$	0.0015	$\geq 5.1$
$\mathcal{U}_4$	1.2	$\geq 0.95$
$\Omega_4$	1.1	$\geq 0.97$
$\omega_1$	0.092	$\geq 1.8$
$\mathcal{U}_5$	0.046	$\geq 2.2$
$\mathcal{B}$	0.00075	$\geq 6.1$
$\mathcal{G}$	2.5	$\geq 0.80$
$\mathcal{U}_1$	0.092	$\geq 1.8$

Inject  $\mathcal{U}_1$ ,  $\Lambda = 2$  TeV,  $g_U = 1$

Inject  $\omega_1$ ,  $\Lambda = 2$  TeV,  $g_\omega = 1$

UV particle $H$	$\lambda_{\max}$ [TeV <sup>-4</sup> ]	$\frac{M_H}{\sqrt{g_H}}$ [TeV]
$\mathcal{S}_2$	0.0015	$\geq 5.1$
$\mathcal{U}_4$	0	$\infty$
$\Omega_4$	0	$\infty$
$\omega_1$	0.10	$\geq 1.7$
$\mathcal{U}_5$	0.10	$\geq 1.7$
$\mathcal{B}$	0	$\infty$
$\mathcal{G}$	0	$\infty$
$\mathcal{U}_1$	0.17	$\geq 1.5$

UV particle $H$	$\lambda_{\max}$ [TeV <sup>-4</sup> ]	$\frac{M_H}{\sqrt{g_H}}$ [TeV]
$\mathcal{S}_2$	0.0015	$\geq 5.1$
$\mathcal{U}_4$	0	$\infty$
$\Omega_4$	0	$\infty$
$\omega_1$	0.22	$\geq 1.5$
$\mathcal{U}_5$	0.053	$\geq 2.1$
$\mathcal{B}$	0	$\infty$
$\mathcal{G}$	0	$\infty$
$\mathcal{U}_1$	0.053	$\geq 2.1$



# Conclusions

$l \geq 3$  moments in Drell Yan probe interesting Dim-8 effects

- Connected to elastic/extremal positivity bounds
- We can use them to experimentally test axiomatic principles of QFT in the UV

$O(1)$  sensitivity to relevant WCs for  $\Lambda = 2 \text{ TeV}$

- Full information of dim-8 amplitudes encoded in  $l = 4$  moments
- Required for closed fit when profiling over d.o.f.
- Possible higher order effects should be investigated carefully

Sensitivity to positivity violation around  $\Delta \sim 2 \text{ TeV}$

- Cannot conclusively observe violation in full generality (7D)

Positivity cone + data  $\Rightarrow$  interesting bounds on UV models

Backup



# Positivity for pedestrians

Set of theoretical constraints on scattering amplitudes

- Apply to a subset of  $D \geq 8$  Wilson coefficients

Result from basic assumptions about UV QFT/S-matrix

- Lorentz invariance, unitarity, causality & locality

[Pham & Truong; PRD 31 (1985) 3027]

[Anathanarayan et al.; PRD 51 (1995) 1093-1100]

[Adams et al.; JHEP 10 (2006) 014]

**+ many more in recent years...**

Unitarity  $\Leftrightarrow$  conservation of probability in full theory

- Generalised optical theorem: scattering amplitude  $\mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow kl}$  satisfies

$$\frac{1}{2i} \left( \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow kl} - \mathcal{M}_{kl \rightarrow ij}^* \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_X \int d\Pi_X \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow X} \mathcal{M}_{kl \rightarrow X}^*$$

Forward limit:  $\text{Im} \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_X \int d\Pi_X |\mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow X}|^2 > 0 \Rightarrow$  Elastic positivity bounds

# Positivity for pedestrians

Tree-level dimension 8  $\Rightarrow$  highest growth:  $s^2, st, t^2$

- We will be taking 2 derivatives of w.r.t.  $s \Rightarrow$  set  $t = 0$  w.l.o.g.

Causality  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}(s, t = 0)$  analytic in the complex  $s$  plane

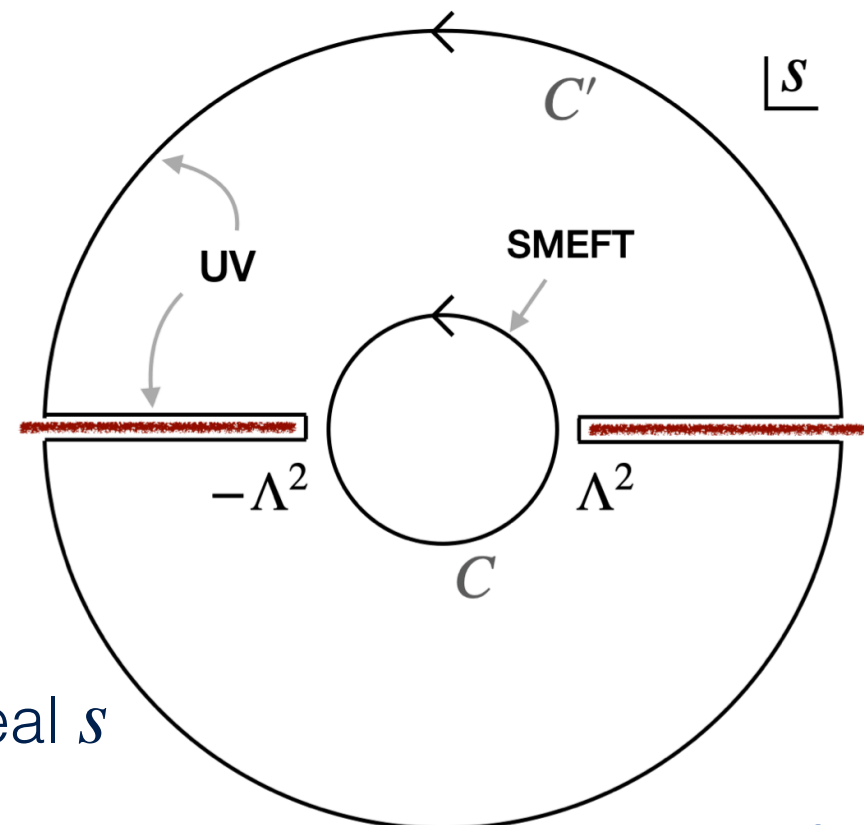
- Only poles & branch cuts on the real axis
- Define a pole subtracted amplitude:  $M_{ijkl} \equiv \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow kl} - (\text{low energy poles})$

Cauchy's intergral formula

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(s)}{ds^2} = \oint_C \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i} \frac{M_{ijkl}(\mu)}{(\mu - s)^3}$$

Avoiding UV branch cuts

- Deform contour to infinity  $\Rightarrow C'$
- $C' = 2$  semi-circles + discontinuities along real  $s$



# Positivity for pedestrians

Infinite semi-circle contributions vanish

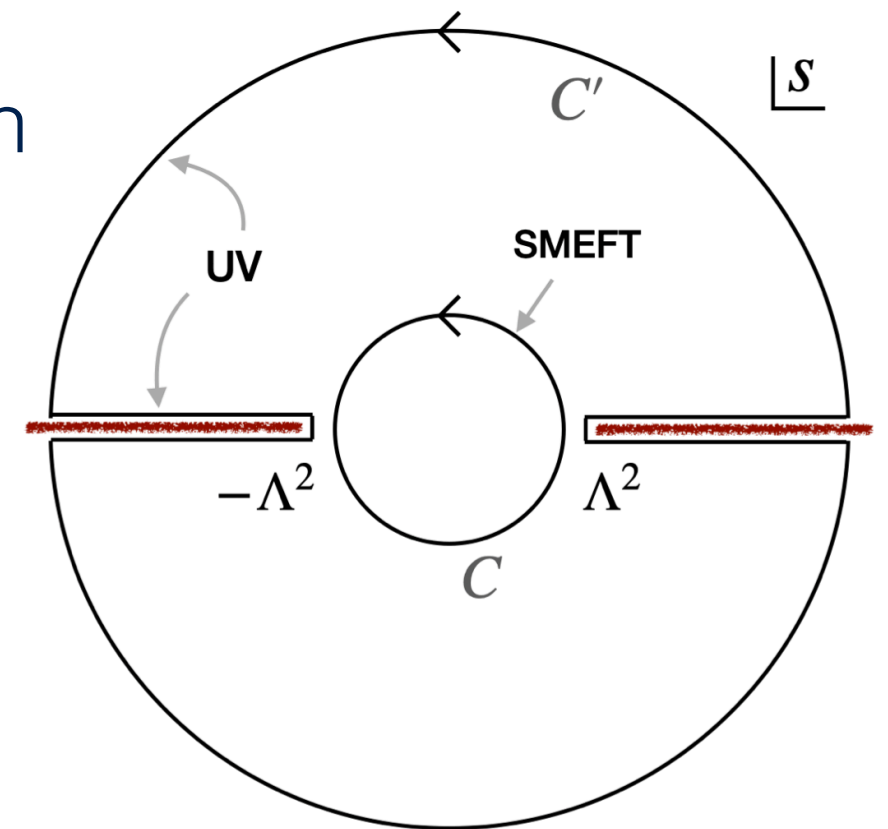
- Froissart bound for unitary & local amplitude

$$M \lesssim s \log^2 s, \quad s \rightarrow \infty$$

[Froissart; *Phys. Rev.* 123 (1961) 1053-1057]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(s)}{ds^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i} \frac{\text{Disc}[M_{ijkl}(\mu)]}{(\mu - s)^3}$$

$$\text{Disc}[f(s)] \equiv f(s + i\epsilon) - f(s - i\epsilon)$$



## “Twice subtracted” dispersion relation

For small  $s$ : **LHS:** approximated by EFT amplitude (IR)

**RHS:** integral to infinity: full amplitude (UV)

# Positivity for pedestrians

$\Lambda \gg v$ : take SM particles massless

- Crossing symmetry in massless, forward limit:  $M_{ijkl}(\mu) = M_{i\tilde{l}k\tilde{j}}(-\mu)$
- No discontinuities in  $M$  below  $s = \Lambda^2$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(0)}{ds^2} = \int_{\Lambda^2}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i \mu^3} \left( \text{Disc}[M_{ijkl}(\mu)] + \text{Disc}[M_{i\tilde{l}k\tilde{j}}(\mu)] \right)$$

Recall:  $\frac{1}{2i} \left( \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow kl} - \mathcal{M}_{kl \rightarrow ij}^* \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_X \int d\Pi_X \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow X} \mathcal{M}_{kl \rightarrow X}^*$

$$\mathcal{M}_{kl \rightarrow ij}^*(s, t) = \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow kl}(s^*, t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2i} \text{Disc}[\mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow kl}] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_X \int d\Pi_X \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow X} \mathcal{M}_{kl \rightarrow X}^*$$

- Generalised optical theorem + twice subtracted dispersion relation:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 M_{ijkl}(0)}{ds^2} = \sum_X \int d\Pi_X \int_{\Lambda^2}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi i \mu^3} \left( m_{ij} m_{kl}^* + m_{i\tilde{l}} m_{k\tilde{j}}^* \right) \quad m_{ij} \equiv M_{ij \rightarrow X}(\mu)$$

# Individual bounds on $C_i$

Breakdown:

Coeff.	1D lin.	1D lin.+quad.	2D lin.	2D lin.+quad.	+ $D_0$
$C_{8,lq\partial 3}$	(-0.46, 0.46)	(-0.38, 0.72)	(-0.41, 0.41)	(-0.35, 0.55)	(-0.32, 0.44)
$C_{8,lq\partial 4}$	(-0.23, 0.23)	(-0.24, 0.22)	(-0.21, 0.21)	(-0.22, 0.20)	(-0.20, 0.18)
$C_{8,ed\partial 2}$	(-2.2, 2.2)	(-2.2, 1.2)	(-2.0, 2.0)	(-2.1, 1.1)	(-1.8, 1.1)
$C_{8,eu\partial 2}$	(-0.44, 0.44)	(-0.39, 0.55)	(-0.40, 0.40)	(-0.36, 0.48)	(-0.33, 0.41)
$C_{8,ld\partial 2}$	(-4.4, 4.4)	(-1.4, 1.9)	(-4.1, 4.1)	(-1.3, 1.9)	(-1.1, 1.5)
$C_{8,lu\partial 2}$	(-0.89, 0.89)	(-1.5, 0.61)	(-0.81, 0.81)	(-1.5, 0.57)	(-1.2, 0.5)
$C_{8,qe\partial 2}$	(-1.3, 1.3)	(-1.2, 0.64)	(-1.2, 1.2)	(-1.1, 0.61)	(-0.93, 0.54)

- Weakest constraints for operators that mediate  $d\bar{d}$ , luminosity suppressed
- For others, quadratic impact below 50%
- $D_0$  inclusion leads to 10-20% improvement

Taking  $C_i = 1$ , scales probed: **1.7 – 3 TeV**

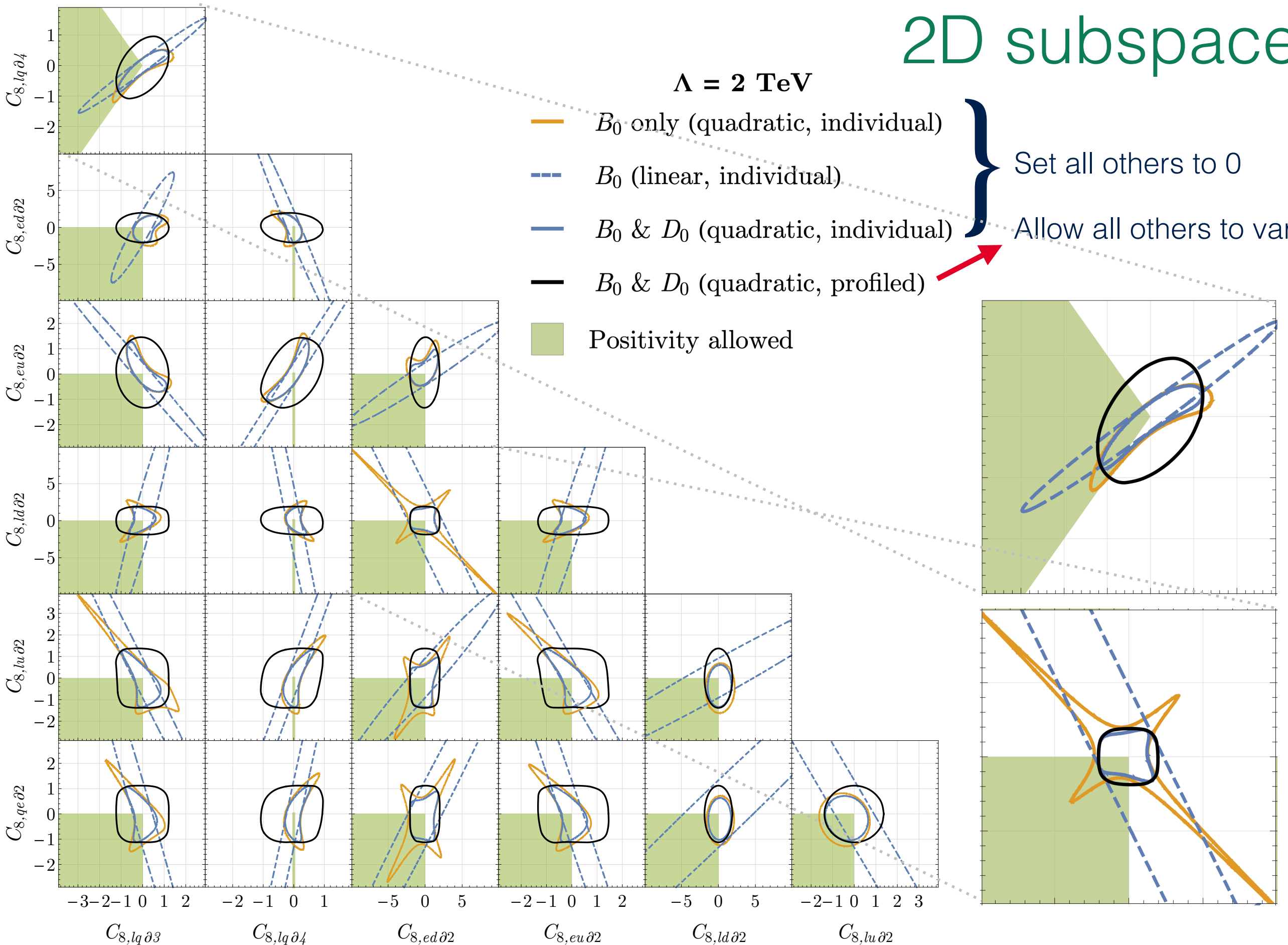


# 2D subspaces

$\Lambda = 2 \text{ TeV}$

- $B_0$  only (quadratic, individual)
- - -  $B_0$  (linear, individual)
- $B_0$  &  $D_0$  (quadratic, individual)
- $B_0$  &  $D_0$  (quadratic, profiled)
- Positivity allowed

} Set all others to 0  
 Allow all others to vary

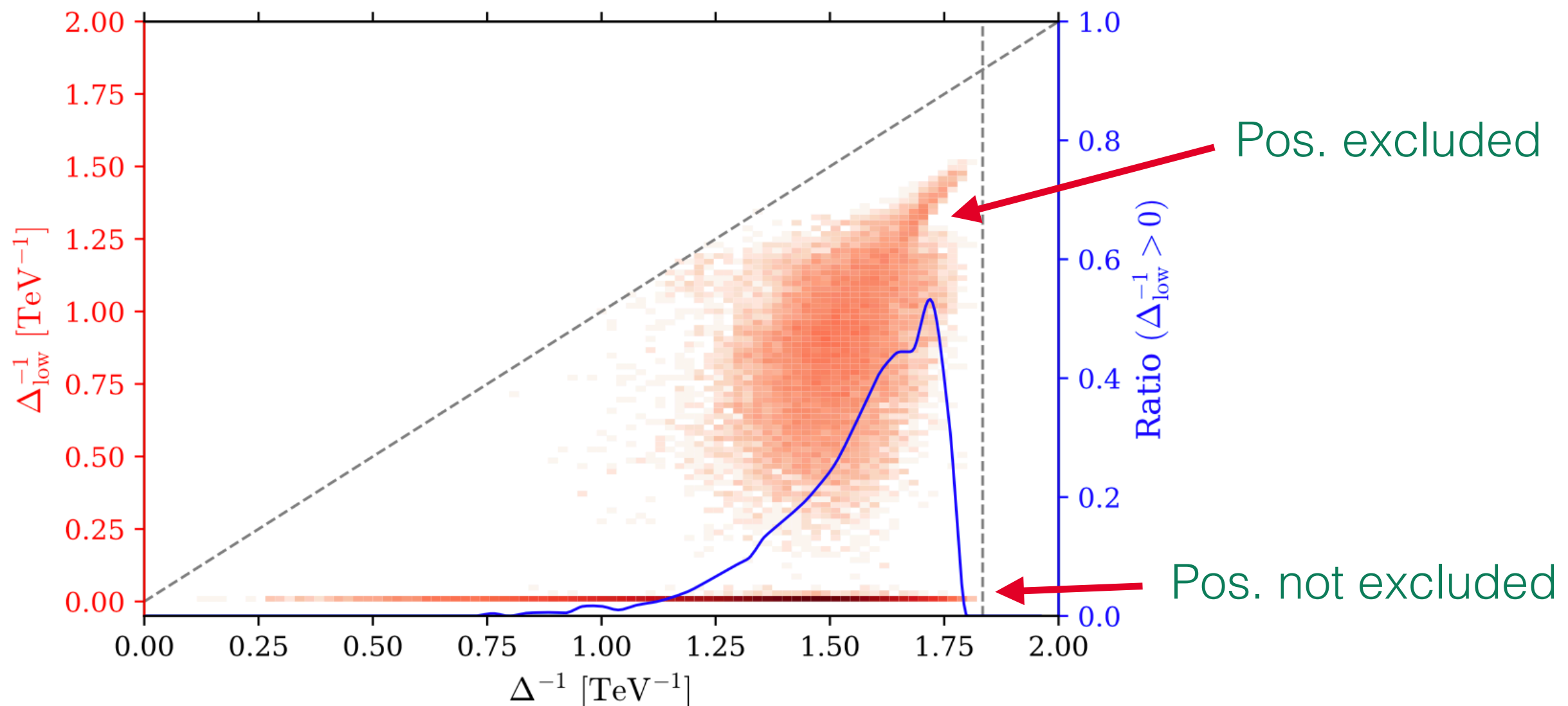




# Testing positivity

7D case: does the allowed region intersect positivity region?

- $\Delta^{-1} = [\Delta_{\text{low}}^{-1}, \Delta_{\text{high}}^{-1}]$ ,  $\Delta_{\text{low}}$  gives conservative estimate (highest scale)
- Uniformly sample a ball of radius 2, with  $\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$



# Constructing the cone

$m_{ij} \equiv M_{ij \rightarrow X} : \text{ER} \Rightarrow m_{ij}$  cannot be decomposed into other  $m'_{ij}$

- $X$  is an irrep. in the product decomposition of  $i, j$ 's symmetry reps.
- Lorentz & internal symmetries

- Construct ERs from Glebsch-Gordan coefficients  $m_{ij} \propto C_{i,j}^{r,\alpha}$

projector:  $m_{ij}m_{kl}^* \propto P_{ijkl}^r = \sum_{\alpha} C_{i,j}^{r,\alpha} (C_{k,l}^{r,\alpha})^*$

- $m_{ij}m_{kl}^* + m_{i\tilde{l}}m_{k\tilde{j}}^* \Rightarrow$  take  $j, l$  symmetric projector
- Some ERs become non-ERs

Find potential ERs (pERs) and geometrically pick out ERs

$$(m_{ij}m_{kl}^* + m_{i\tilde{l}}m_{k\tilde{j}}^*) \propto P_{i(j|k|l)}^r = \sum_{\alpha} C_{i,(j|}^{r,\alpha} (C_{k,|l)}^{r,\alpha})^*$$

# Constructing the cone

Alternative: enumerate all possible tree-level completions

- Integrate them out to get the WC vectors for the pERs
- Often easier in practice

Simplified example: new physics only couples to  $e_R, u_R$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_1 &: (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e) \partial^2 (\bar{e}\gamma^\mu e) & C_4 &: (\bar{u}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu u) (\bar{u}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu u) \\
 C_2 &: (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e) \partial^2 (\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u) & C_5 &: (\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u) \partial^2 (\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u) \\
 C_3 &: (\bar{e}\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu e) (\bar{u}\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu u) \equiv C_{8,eu\partial^2}
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \vec{C} = (C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5)$$

Integrate out a state,  $X \Rightarrow \frac{\vec{C}_X}{\Lambda^4} = w_X \vec{c}_X, \quad w_X = \frac{g_X^2}{M_X^4} \geq 0$

Generic UV completion:  $\frac{\vec{C}}{\Lambda^4} = \sum_X \frac{\vec{C}_X}{\Lambda^4} = \sum_X w_X \vec{c}_X$