# Area 1 targets – EFT formalism –

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## Proposals for future Area 1 activities

- 1. [ongoing] Parameter counting for benchmark flavor scenarios → with Areas 3+6, building on discussion at flavor meeting indico.cern.ch/event/1096487 → will be presented in more detail soon, once note is ready
- 2. Benchmarking of proposed truncation/uncertainty prescriptions

 $\rightsquigarrow$  with Area 4 (fitting ex.), Tisa's talk

- 3. Database of notation/basis conversions between tools and existing results → with Area 2
- 4. Validation of NLO predictions and tools

 $\rightsquigarrow$  with Area 2

- 5. Survey of unitarity and positivity bounds to ease comparison with measurements and potentially incorporation in fits
- 6. SMEFT/HEFT parameterizations for HH with the long-term goal of enabling consistent H + HH combinations

→ Jannis' talk

... more ideas? requests?

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## Benchmarking of truncation/uncertainty proposals

### Why?

- discussion about how to assess EFT validity, account for  $d \ge 8$  effects etc.
  - 5 proposals received so far: A,B,C,D discussed at previous mtgs + Tim's proposal this morning (E)
- WG did not formulate recommendations. proposals collected in a **note** on arXiv (kept up-to-date): 2201.04974
   → main ideas and pros & cons
- case studies with concrete examples missing (realistic fits, example UV scenarios...)



 $\rightarrow$  benchmark the proposals (and variants) within the Area 4 fitting exercise

## Benchmarking of truncation/uncertainty proposals

#### How?

[all "How?"'s are very preliminary!]

#### performing the fitting exercise with different setups and compare. e.g.:

- linear and linear+quadratic, including all bins
- clipping: removing highest bins, moving the cut (A,B,D)
  [variants: truncating data/prediction, removing/damping/capping EFT contribution...]
- ▶ incl. truncation uncertainty in fit, varying size and nuisance parameterization (C)



## Database of notation/basis conversions

### Why?

- diverse tools used by experiments to set limits on EFT operators, anomalous couplings,  $\kappa$ 's... in many analyses
- useful to recast some simulations or limits in terms of SMFFT
- requires mapping parameters onto common setups (basis, normalization etc.) correspondence sometimes non-obvious, must be re-derived each time
- $\rightarrow$  derive, validate and make publicly available once and for all

#### How?

dynamic twiki page or similar where conversions are uploaded and/or implementation of translations in available tools

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github.com/SMEFTsim/UFO-validation

- a validation/approval step should be implemented
- not planning to enforce one common format for now. different solutions might be more appropriate for different cases, eg. param\_cards, scripts, analytic tables...

LPCC Validation note 1906.12310 C conversion between SMEFT UFOs already available

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## Validation of NLO predictions and tools

### Why?

- Extension of the validation effort from 2019 LPCC note 1906.12310
- Long term: in order to adopt 1-loop (QCD+EW) predictions in SMEFT global fits, consistency in assumptions and conventions must be ensured
- Shorter term: important to keep track of conventions going into results derived with different tools and/or by different theory groups
   → understand potential differences, estimate associated theory uncertainties

Define validation/comparison procedures for NLO SMEFT predictions from MC generators, other tools and/or analytical results

### How?

- Can start by surveying existing generators/tools/results, tabulating conventions.
- Comparison most easily done numerically.
  Could be done at individual phase-space points, as for LO.
  Could be done evaluating only amplitude (coefficients of 1/ε powers)
- Eventually set up some validation code, to streamline comparisons

## Unitarity and positivity bounds

### Why?

- Theory considerations limit physical parameter space
  - $\rightarrow$  perturbative unitarity violated at high *E* if  $C/\Lambda^2$  too large  $\Rightarrow C(E^2/\Lambda^2) < X$

→ physical amplitude properties (analyticity, causality, crossing symmetry...) can further limit parameter space (e.g. C > 0) in practice: mostly applies to  $d \ge 8$ 

- Often hard for non-experts to have a sense of where bounds lie
- ► Unclear how to account for constraints in fits → minimal: comparison a posteriori



#### How?

- Make results available in a twiki/database, in form of inequalities and/or code
- Use as much as possible a unified notation



## EFT parameterizations of HH

### Why?

figures from: CMS Nature 607(2022)60

Experimental HH measurements currently in terms of (a subset of)  $\kappa$ 's



Well-known that large cancellations between diagrams play a big role:
 eg. assuming κ<sub>V</sub> = κ<sub>t</sub> = κ<sub>λ</sub> = 1, CMS excludes κ<sub>2V</sub> = 0 at 6.6σ from μ<sub>HH</sub> < 3.4</li>



- $\rightarrow$  a **global analysis** could be interesting (currently 1D/2D)
- $\rightarrow$  several  $\kappa$ 's constrained in single H  $\rightarrow$  worth doing a H + HH simultaneous fit?

 $\rightarrow$  promote SMEFT/HEFT parameterization of HH

## **EFT** parameterization of HH

### Main values

usual EFT advantages

gauge invariant, can be improved to NLO, accounts for all anomalous interactions, with and without Higgs.  $\ldots$ 

long-term, from a combined fit:

- more reliable ranges for  $\kappa_{\lambda}$ ,  $\kappa_{2V}$  $\mathfrak{O} \xrightarrow{} \kappa_{2V}$  most likely probed only from upper limits on VBF-HH also at HL-LHC
- explore interplay with  $\kappa_{\lambda}, \kappa_{2V}$  in single-H at 1loop (and EWPO at 2loops)
- ▶ possibility to disentangle HEFT vs SMEFT analyzing relations among Htt ↔ HHtt, HVV ↔ HHVV, Hgg ↔ HHgg

#### How?

- A number of theory studies already present in the literature, some at NLO
- Discuss what would be relevant to implement for experimental studies: SMEFT/HEFT? which HH channels? which operators? ...
- More details of activity can be defined with HH subgroup of Higgs WG

 $\rightsquigarrow$  dedicated note in preparation