

Flavour non-renormalisation theorems for the SMEFT

Sophie Renner
University of
Glasgow

Zurich
Phenomenology
Workshop
2023

Based on
[2210.09316](#) with
Camila Machado,
Dave Sutherland

SMEFT for BSM physics

Effective theory parameterising effects of heavy new physics respecting the full SM gauge group, and containing a Higgs doublet

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NP}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i C_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \sum_i C_i^{(8)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

ADVANTAGES

Can reproduce effects of heavy new physics at low energies

Model independent

Language to interpret experimental results

Can connect scales via anomalous dimension matrix

CHALLENGES

Too many parameters to deal with (2499 at dimension 6)

Sometimes opaque connection between operators and observables

Categorising operators

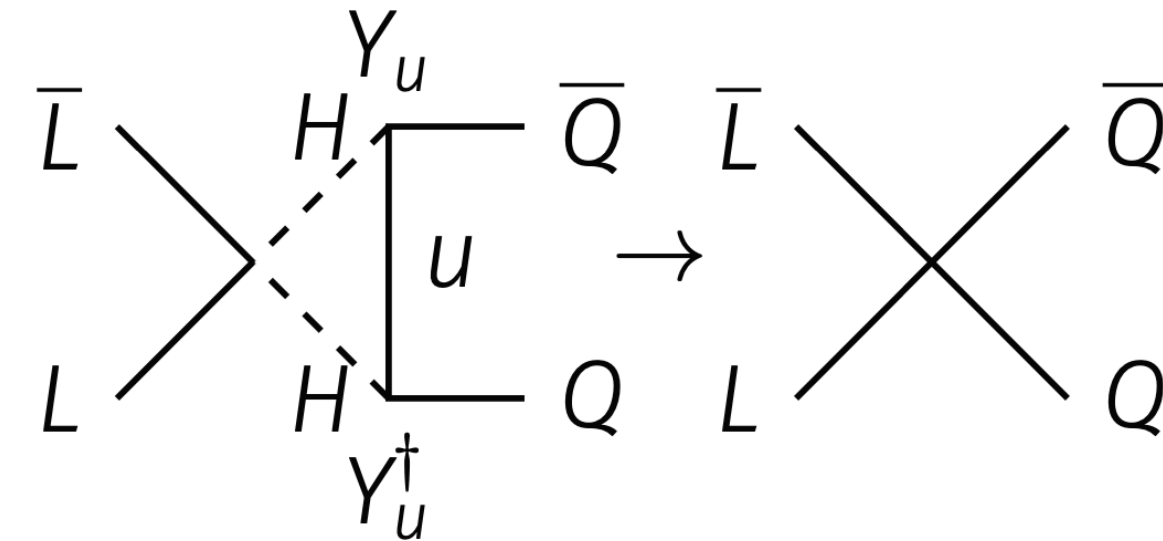
A way to narrow down the problem is to identify *categories of important operators*

- e.g.
- ▶ Operators that contribute (at tree or loop level) to a class of observables
 - ▶ Operators invariant under CP or flavour symmetries
 - ▶ Operators that are created at tree level by simple/motivated UV models

Running and categorisation

Categories of operators may not be conserved over scales

e.g. “flavourless” operators can produce FCNCs after running down



And “tree level” categorisations may prove less useful if scales are very different

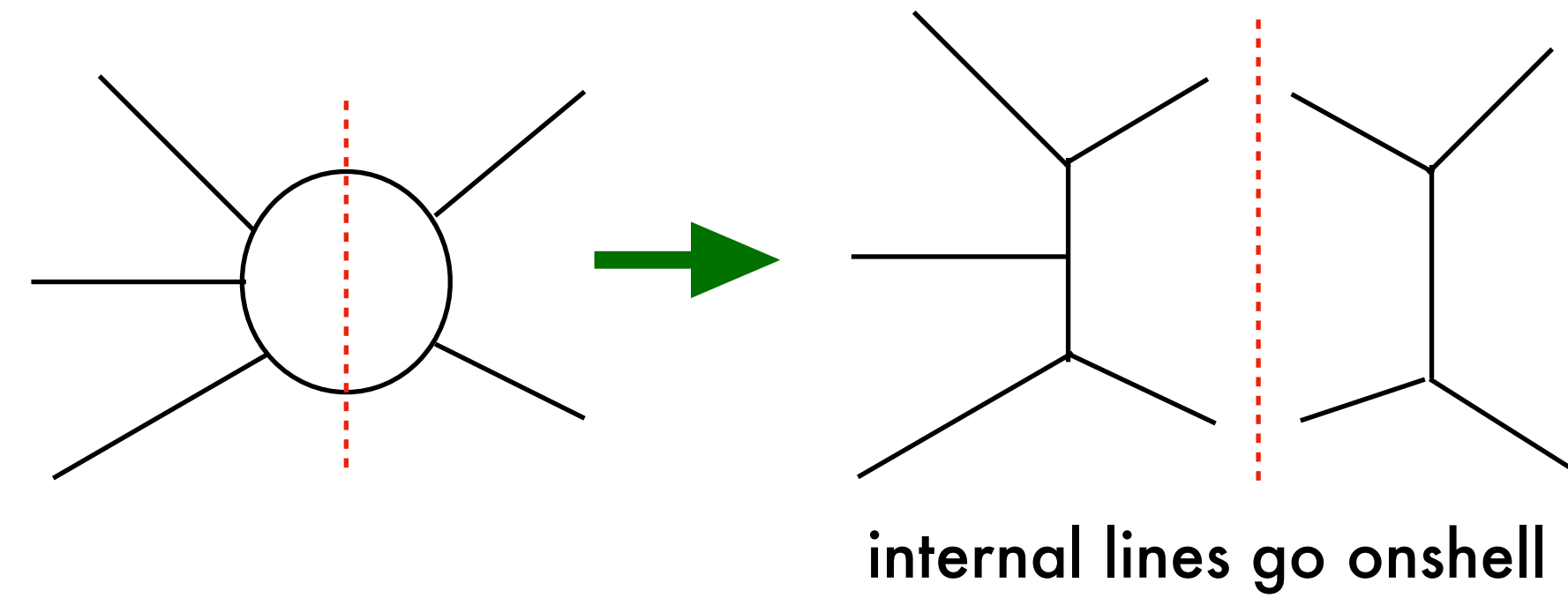
e.g. $(g - 2)_\mu$: loop-generated dipole operators can have significant effects

Overall, want to find categories that remain distinct over scales
i.e. they do not mix into each other under renormalisation group flow

Then can study subsets independently

Anomalous dimensions via tree amplitudes

Cutkosky's rule: 2-cuts isolate the discontinuities of the amplitude
 \implies can deduce divergences



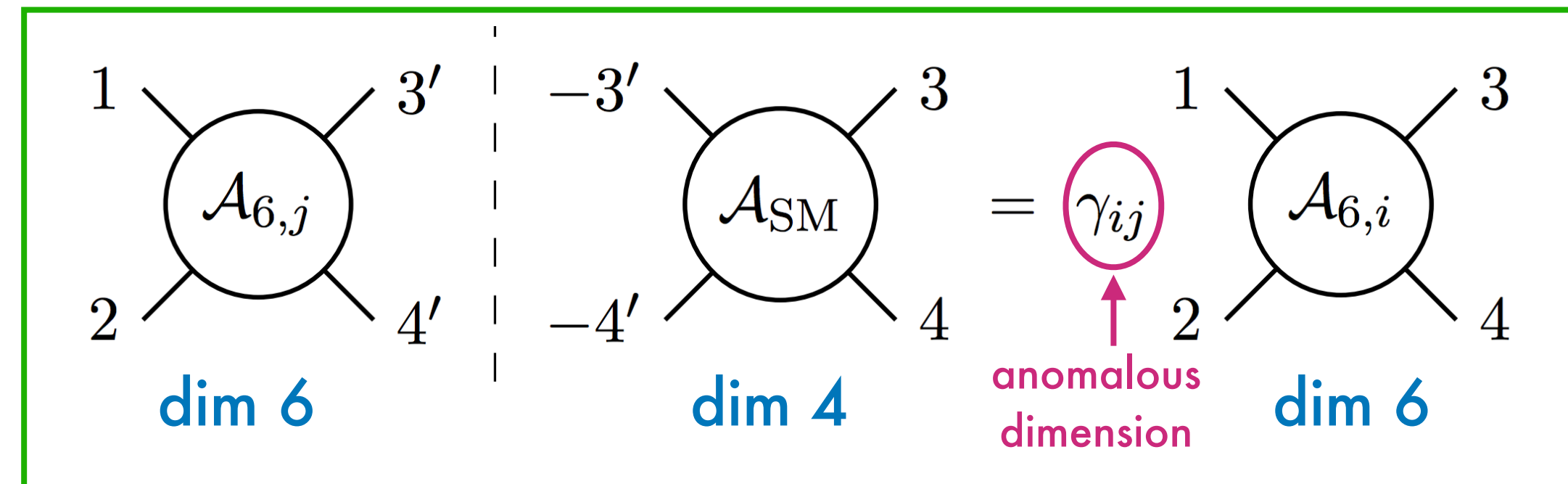
Cutkosky, J. Math. Phys 1, 429 (1960)

If there are no IR divergences, then 2-cuts isolate only the *UV divergent piece*
 This is always the case for operator mixing* in the SMEFT at dim 6

*but not always for self-renormalisation

\implies schematically:

Caron-Huot, Wilhelm 1607.06448
 Jiang, Ma, Shu, 2005.10261
 Baratella, Fernandez, Pomarol, 2005.07129
 Elias Miró, Ingoldby, Riembau, 2005.06983

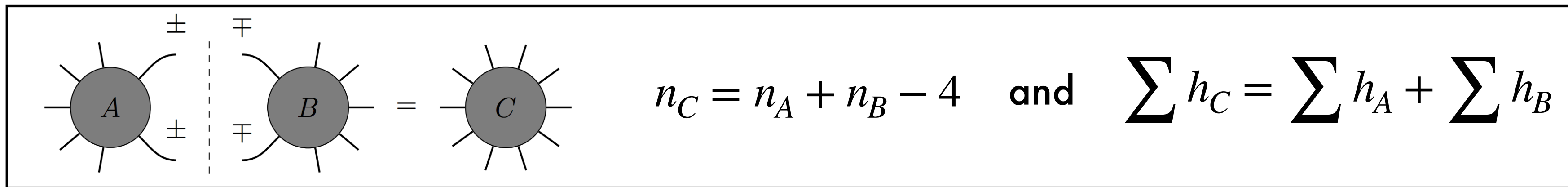


All momenta are defined *ingoing* \implies
 lines on either side of the cut have
 opposite momenta and helicity

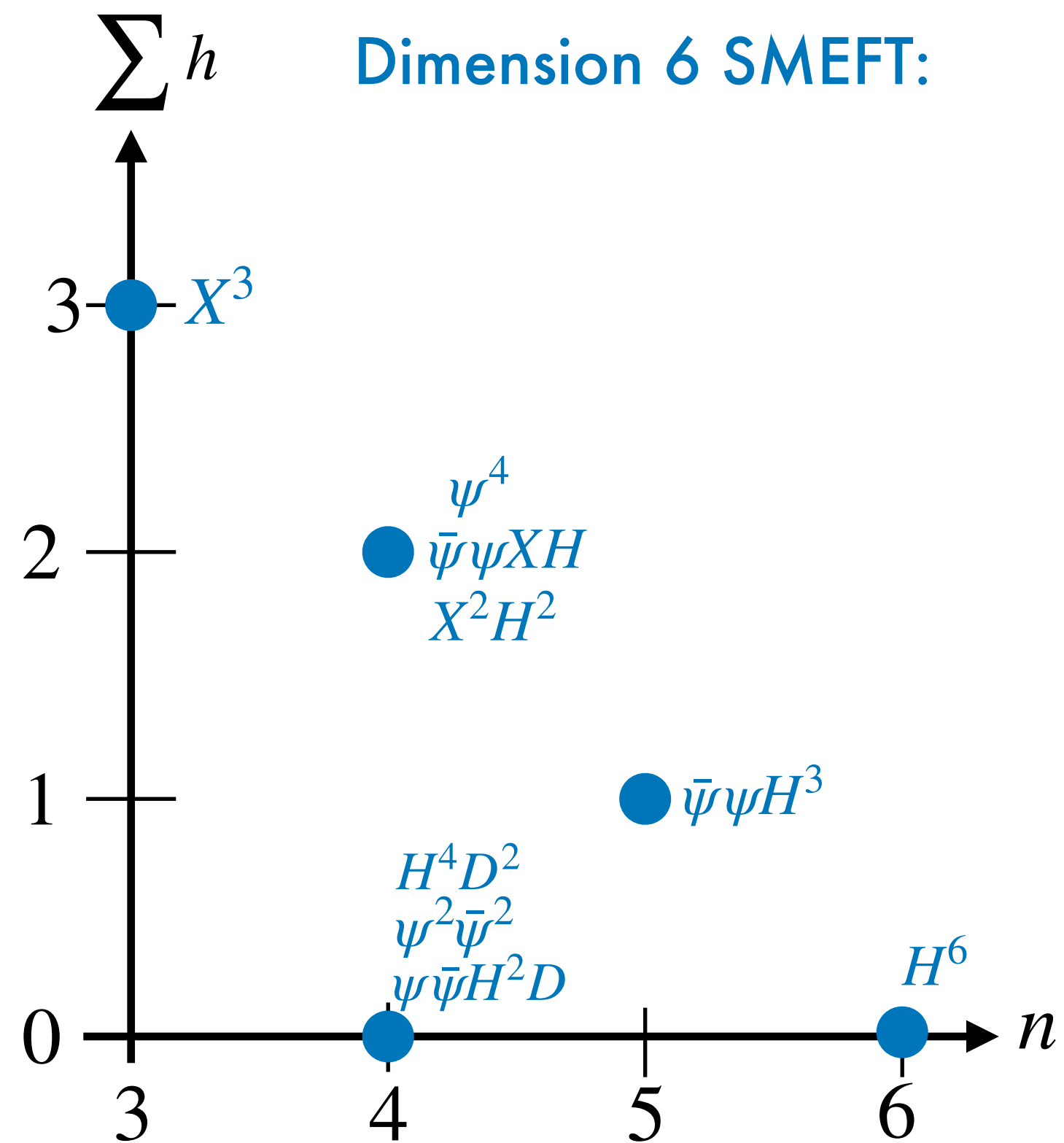
If we know the properties of the dim 6 and dim 4 amplitudes on the LHS, we can understand which amplitudes can be produced on the RHS

Helicity and non-renormalisation

Label amplitudes by number of legs n and total helicity $\sum h$

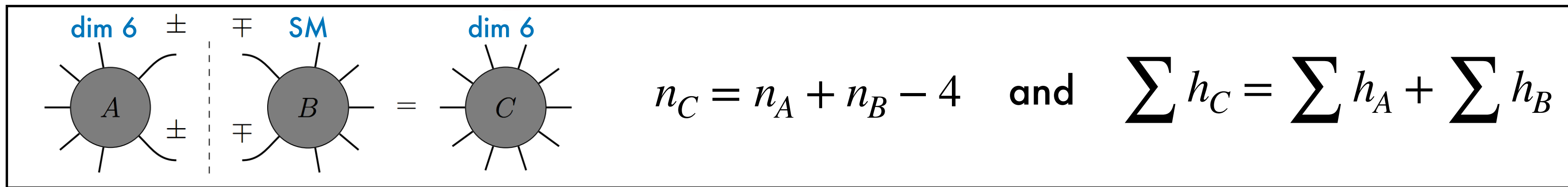


$X = B_{\mu\nu}, G_{\mu\nu}^A, W_{\mu\nu}^I$
 $\psi = Q, u, d, L, e$



Helicity and non-renormalisation

Label amplitudes by number of legs n and total helicity $\sum h$

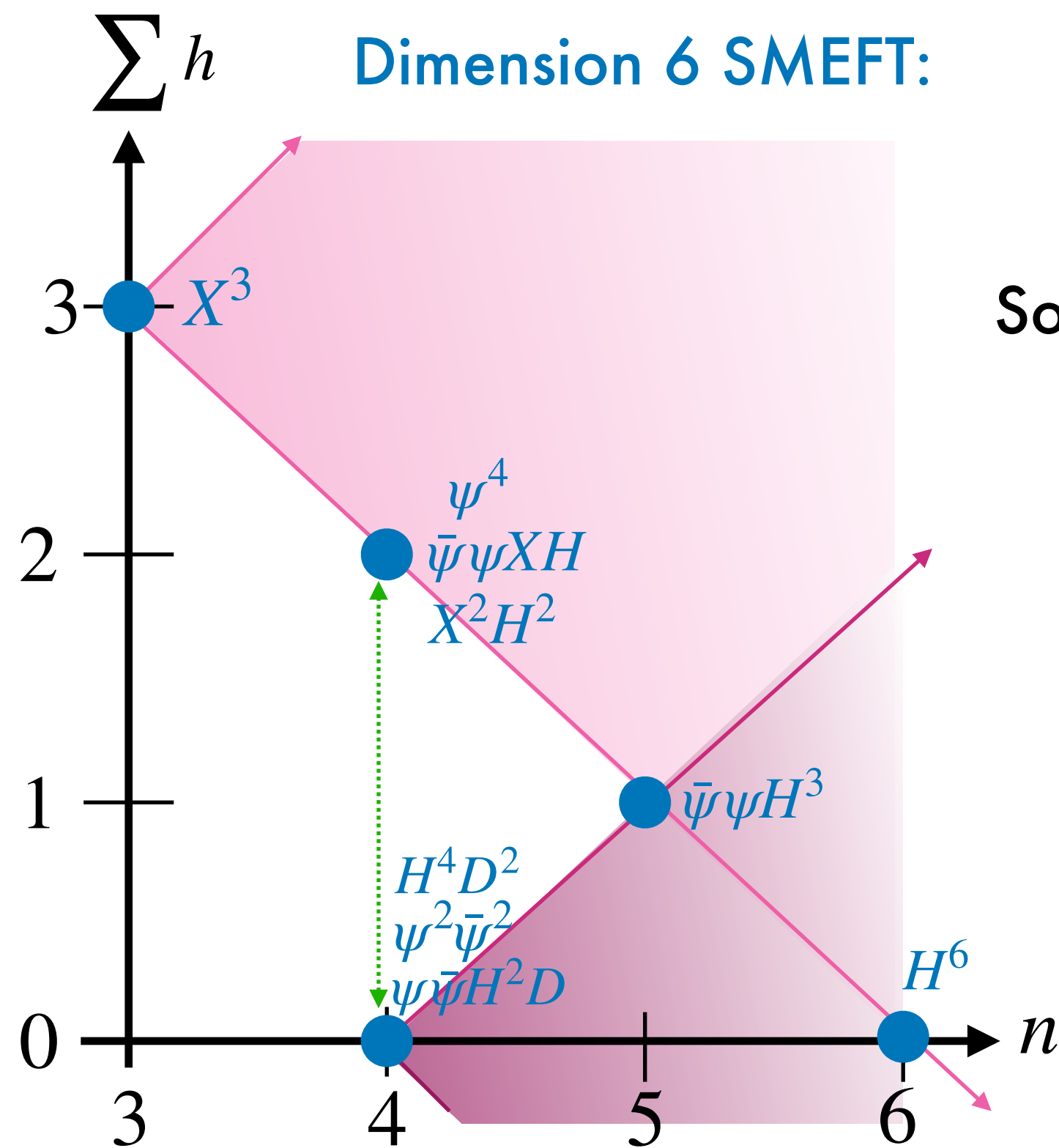


All SM amplitudes (*) lie in the cone defined by

$$\left| \sum h \right| \leq n - 4$$

So from any operator, can only run into operators on or within the cone at one loop

$X = B_{\mu\nu}, G_{\mu\nu}^A, W_{\mu\nu}^I$
 $\psi = Q, u, d, L, e$

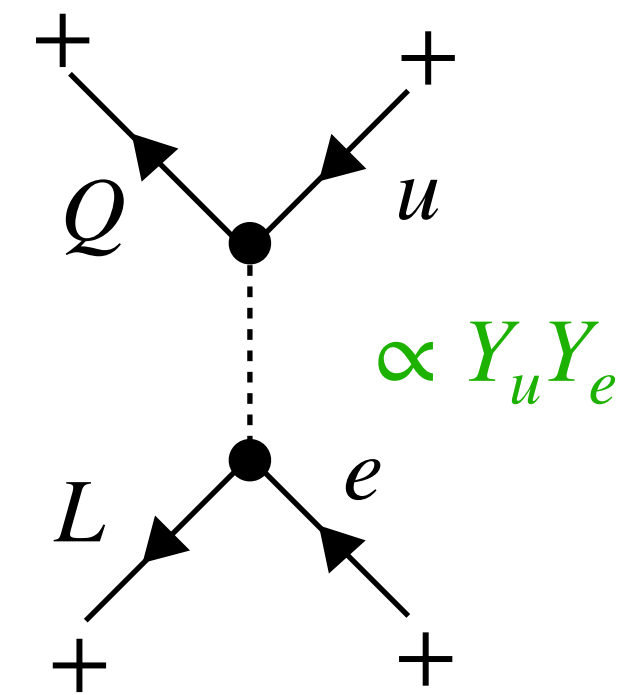
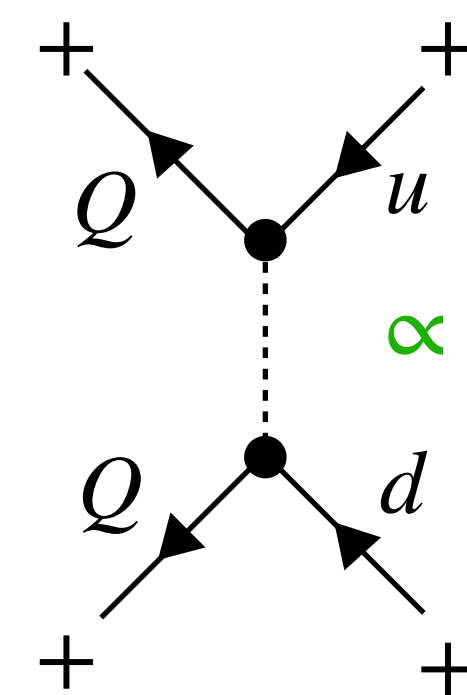


(*) exceptions:

$$\left| \sum h \right| = 2$$

$$n = 4$$

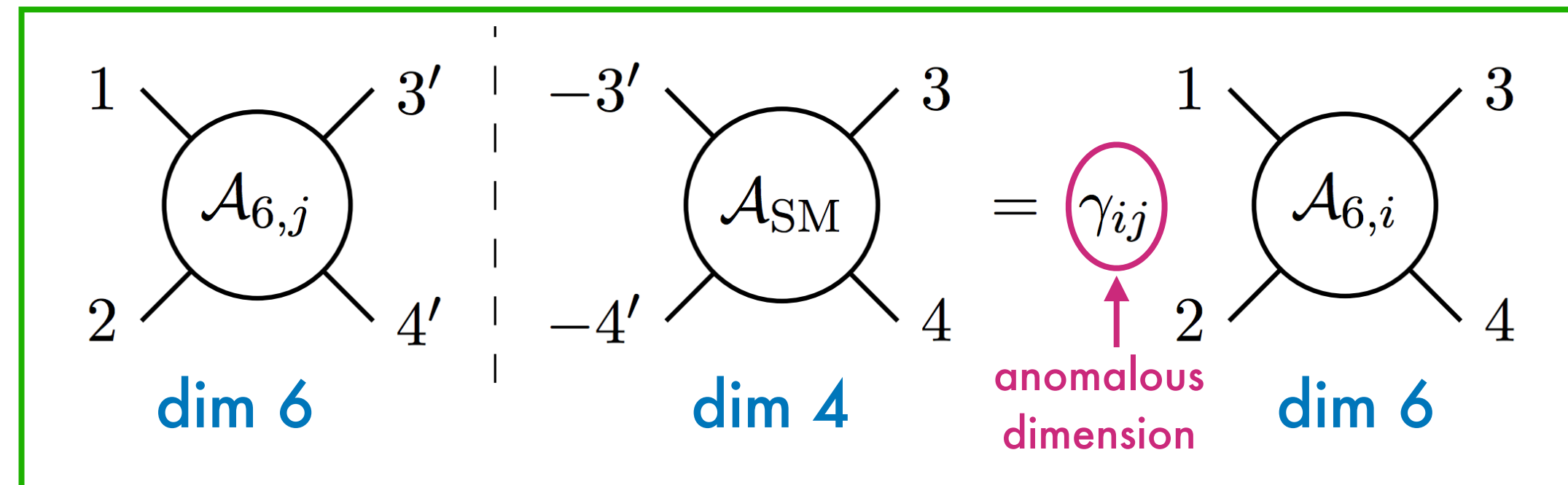
Always suppressed by a small Yukawa



Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar 1409.0868
 Cheung, Shen 1505.01844

Going further: gauge and flavour

We have non-renormalisation theorems based on helicity, i.e. the kinematical part of the amplitudes



Amplitudes factorise:

(kinematics) \times (gauge) \times (flavour)

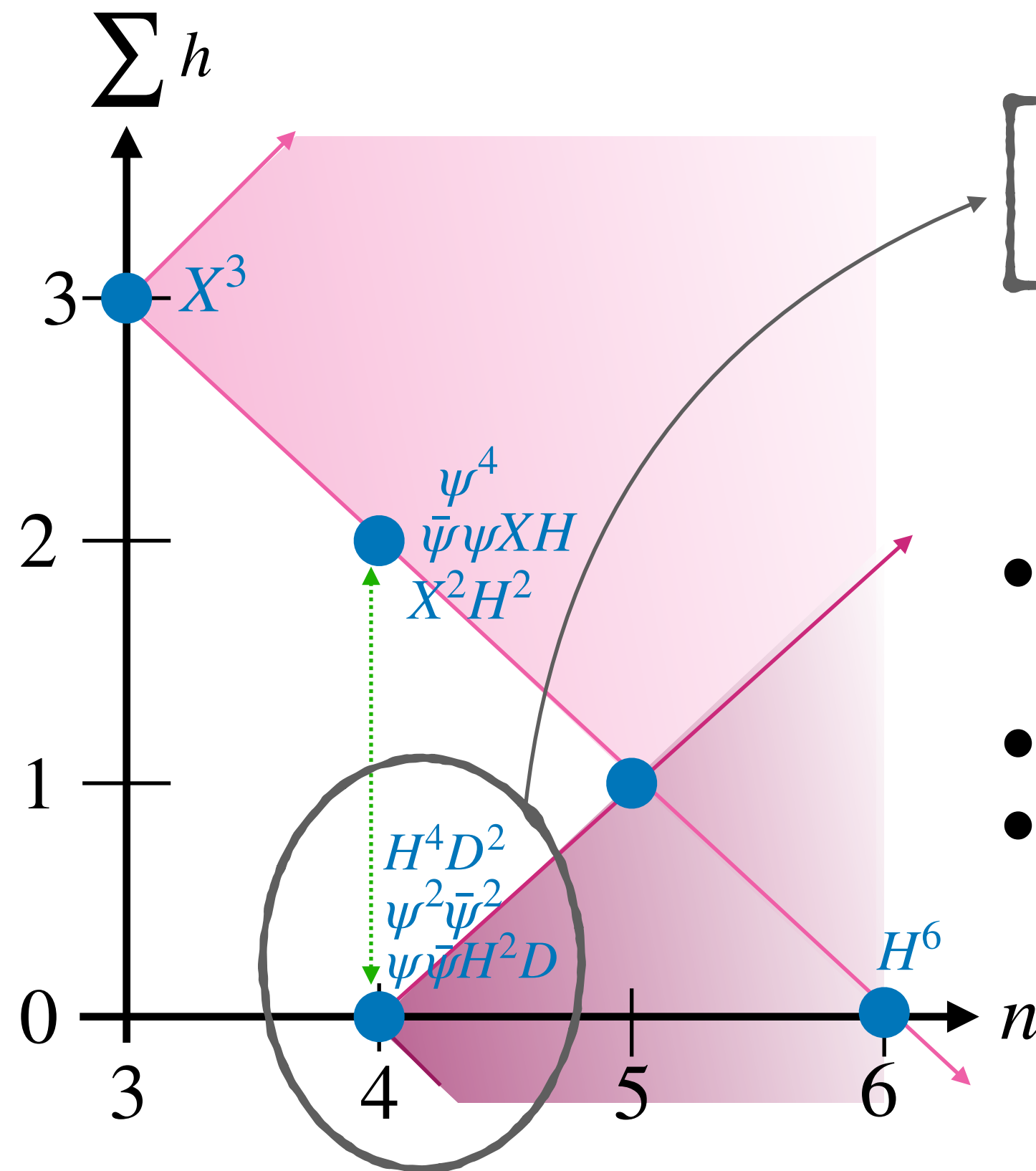


Anomalous dimension factorises:

(kinematics) \times (gauge) \times (flavour)

Can we find good categories for the gauge and flavour parts of the operators, that are conserved under running?

The (4,0) block



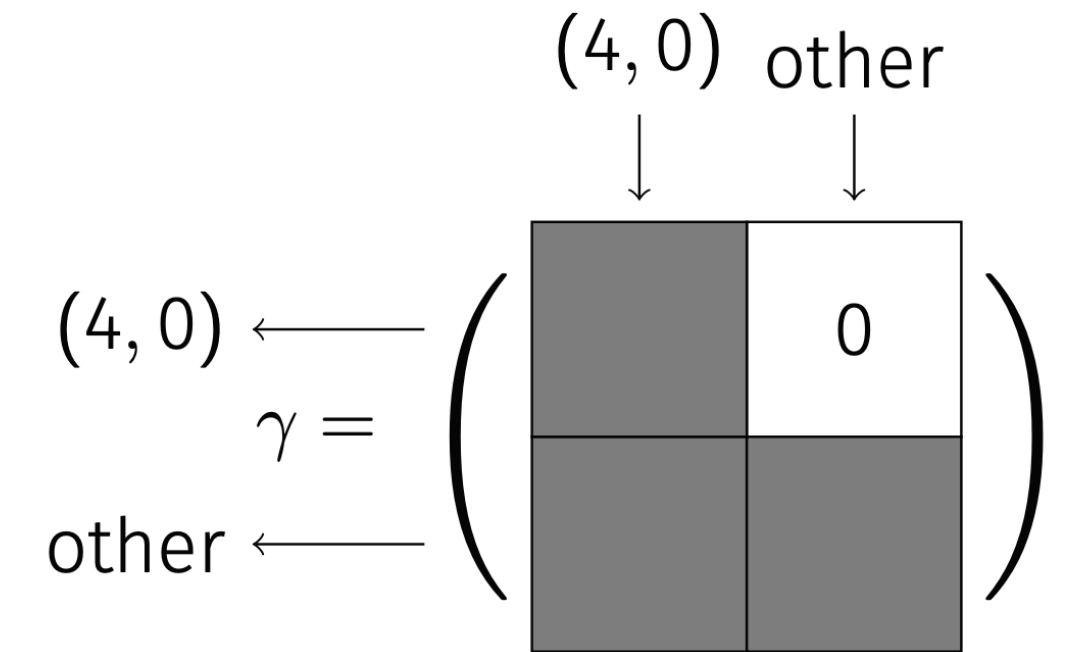
All dim 6 operators with $(n, \sum h) = (4,0)$

Good place to focus, since:

- Contains most of the operators that can be generated at tree level in weakly coupled UV completions
- Nothing runs *into* it (apart from $\propto Y_u Y_d, Y_u Y_e$)
- It contains most (1460) of the parameters

Einhorn, Wudka 1307.0478
Craig, Jiang, Li, Sutherland 2001.00017

(N.B. We neglect O_{Hud} and $O_{ledq'}$ which are also disconnected from the rest of the block by small Yukawas)



What's in the block

$H^4 D^2$
4 Higgs operators
 $O_{HD} \quad O_{H\Box}$

$\psi \bar{\psi} H^2 D$
2 Higgs, 2 fermion operators
e.g. $O_{Hu}, O_{Hl}^{(1,3)}$ etc

$\psi^2 \bar{\psi}^2$
4 fermion operators
(All except $O_{lequ}^{(1,3)}$ and $O_{quqd}^{(1,8)}$)

Flavour decomposition: irreps

Most operators have flavour matrices as Wilson coefficients

Can decompose these general matrices in any basis that is convenient

Natural choice: irreps of SM flavour group

$$SU(3)^5 = SU(3)_Q \times SU(3)_u \times SU(3)_d \times SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_e$$

SM fermions are in triplet irreps under their group

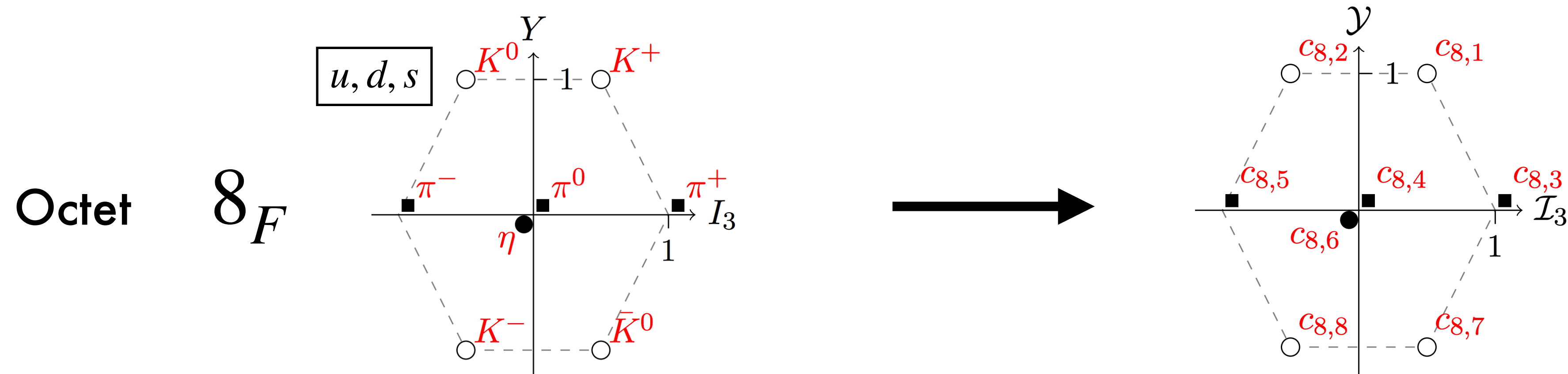
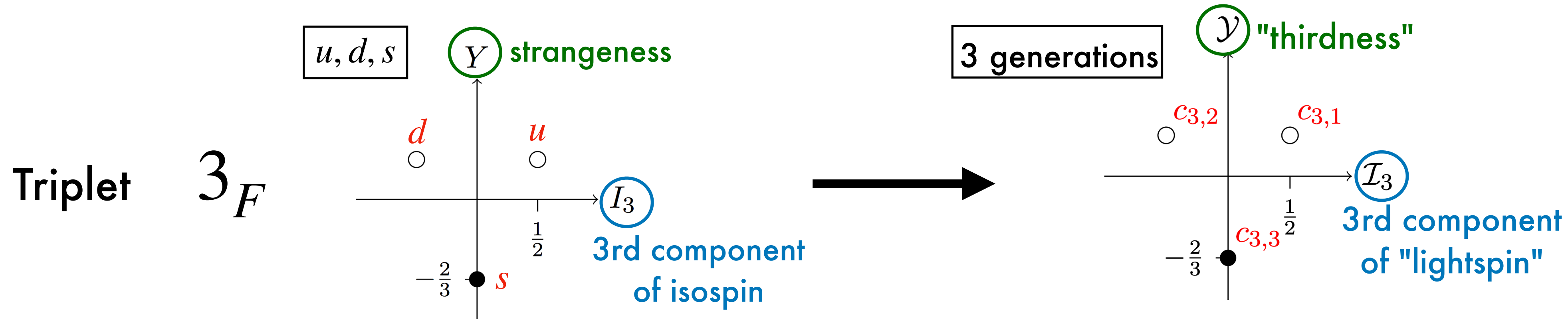
$SU(3)^5$ preserved by gauge interactions

Operator type	Wilson coeff	Irrep decomposition
$H^4 D^2$	c	$1_F (\forall F)$
$H^2 \psi_F^2 D$	c_q^p	$3_F \otimes \bar{3}_F = 1_F \oplus 8_F$
$\psi^2 \bar{\psi}^2 : (\bar{\psi}_{F_1} \psi_{F_1})(\bar{\psi}_{F_2} \psi_{F_2})$	c_{qs}^{pr}	$3_{F_1} \otimes \bar{3}_{F_1} \otimes 3_{F_2} \otimes \bar{3}_{F_2} = (1_{F_1} \otimes 1_{F_2}) \oplus (1_{F_1} \otimes 8_{F_2}) \oplus (8_{F_1} \otimes 1_{F_2}) \oplus (8_{F_1} \otimes 8_{F_2})$
$\psi_F^2 \bar{\psi}_F^2 : \text{symmetric}$	$c_{(qs)}^{(pr)}$	$(3_F \otimes \bar{3}_F)_{\text{sym}} \otimes (3_F \otimes \bar{3}_F)_{\text{sym}} = 1_F \oplus 8_F \oplus 27_F$
$\psi_F^2 \bar{\psi}_F^2 : \text{antisymmetric}$	$c_{[qs]}^{[pr]}$	$(3_F \otimes \bar{3}_F)_{\text{antisym}} \otimes (3_F \otimes \bar{3}_F)_{\text{antisym}} = 1_F \oplus 8_F$

Flavour decomposition: quantum numbers

To label the components of the irreps, can use conventions developed for the $SU(3)$ of light flavours u, d, s in the 1960s

de Swart, Rev. Mod. Phys. 35 (1963) 916-939



Total \mathcal{I} key:
 ● = 0, ○ = $\frac{1}{2}$, ■ = 1

4 quantum numbers for each species: $\{d, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}_3, \mathcal{Y}\}_F$

Block-diagonalising γ via flavour decomposition

Now we have categorised the Wilson coefficients via their flavour quantum numbers
Which are conserved in the running?

Depends on which Standard Model couplings we neglect or not

Only gauge couplings

All flavour quantum numbers are conserved

Gauge couplings and top Yukawa

Conserves everything but $\{d_{irrep}\}_{\{Q,u\}}$

SM flavour symm broken

$$SU(3)_Q \times SU(3)_u \rightarrow SU(2)_Q \times SU(2)_u \times U(1)_{Q+u}$$

All (Gauge couplings and all Yukawas)

Only Y_{L+e} and $I_{3,L+e}$ are conserved

(equivalent to two individual lepton numbers)

neglecting more parameters

neglecting fewer parameters

If we class Wilson coefficients by their flavour quantum numbers, we can trivially block-diagonalise γ

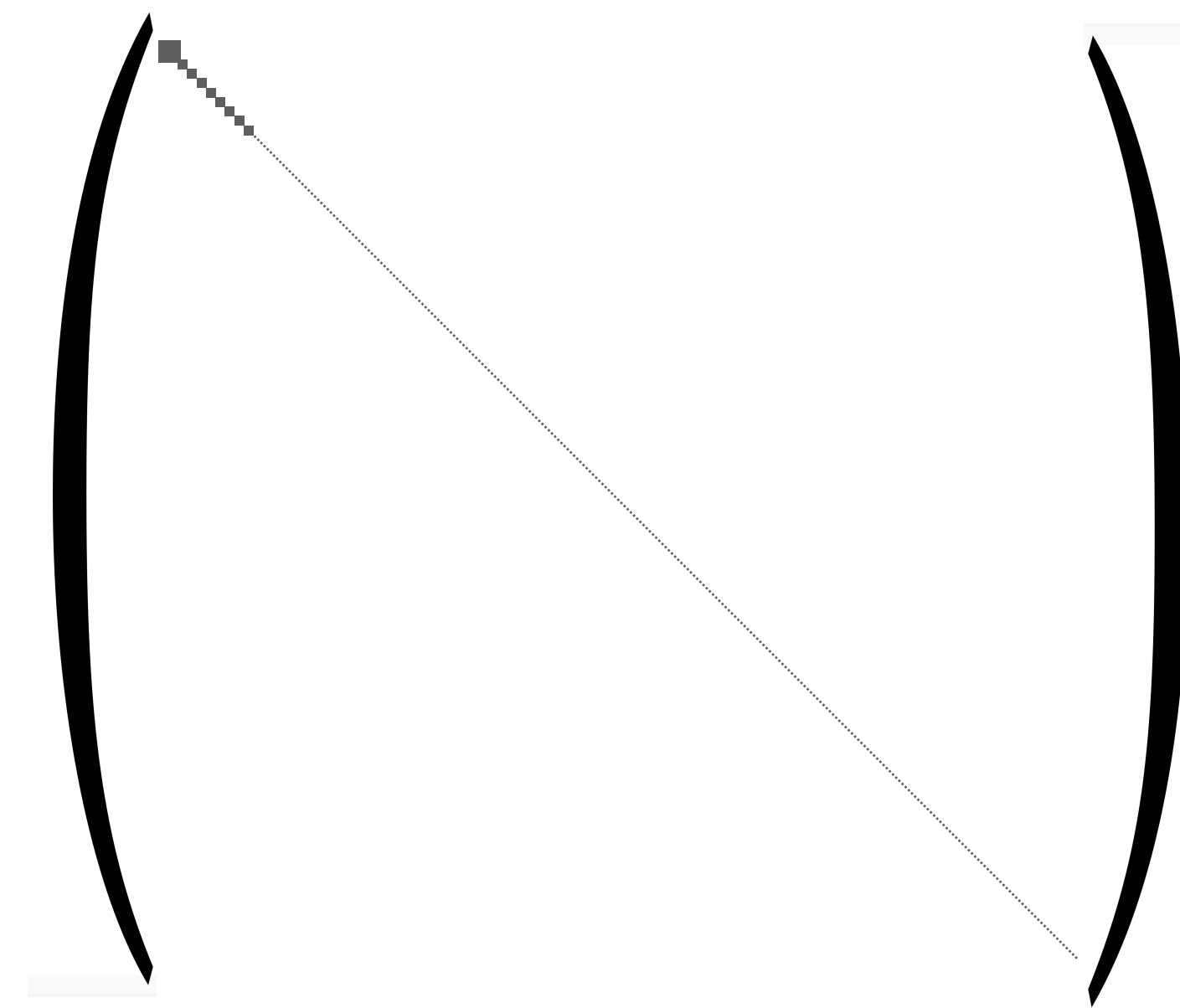
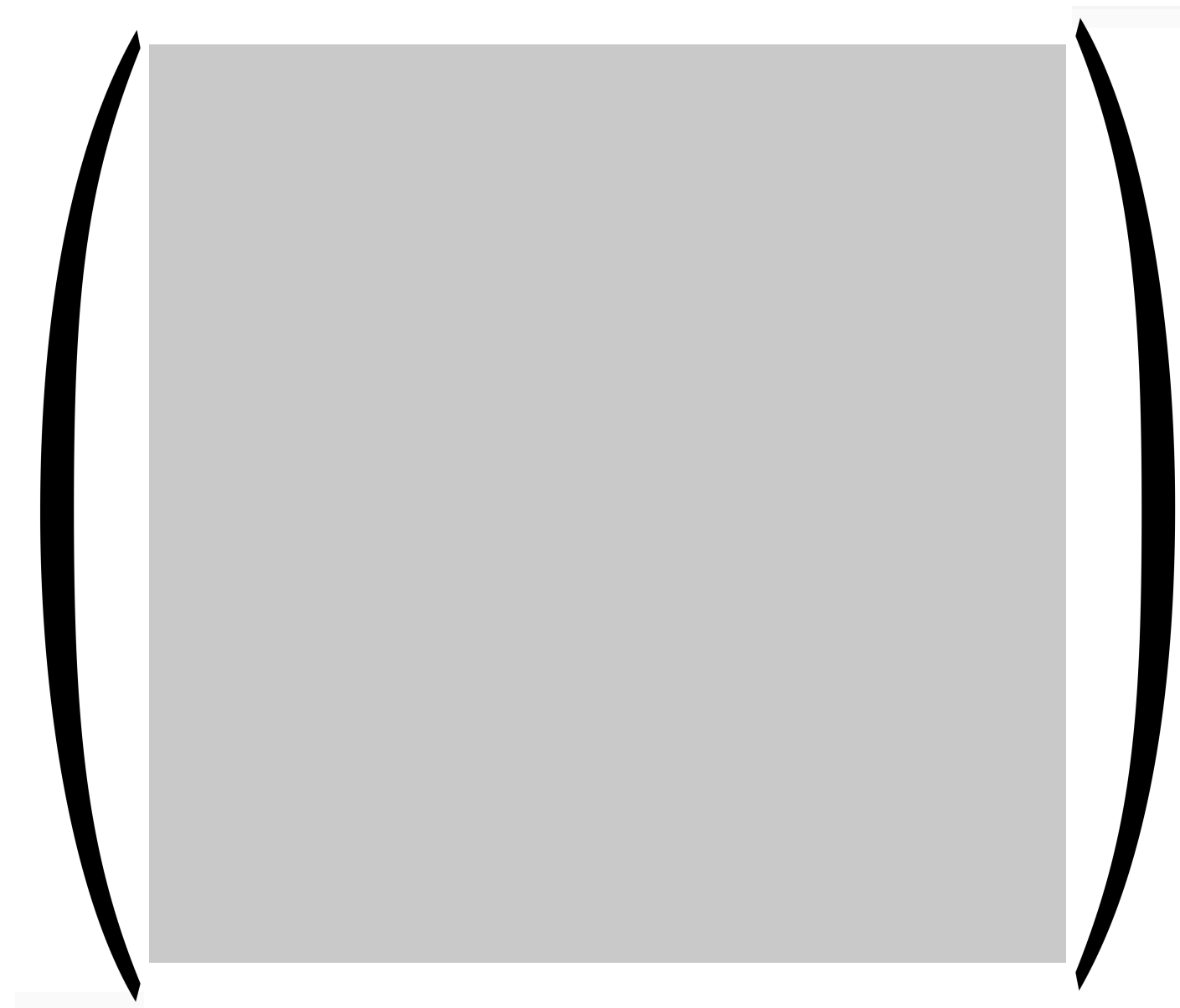
Blocks under different approximations

Only gauge couplings

All flavour quantum numbers conserved: $\{d, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}_3, \mathcal{Y}\}_{\{Q,u,d,L,e\}}$

(4,0) block
before flavour
decomposition

1460×1460



(4,0) block
after flavour
decomposition

Largest block size

34×34

(contains all the
flavour singlets)

Block size	34	13	9	6	2	1
Multiplicity	1	8	24	8	256	546

Blocks under different approximations

Gauge couplings and top Yukawa

SM flavour symm broken: $SU(3)_Q \times SU(3)_u \rightarrow SU(2)_Q \times SU(2)_u \times U(1)_{Q+u}$

Naively, expect conservation of $\mathcal{I}_Q, \mathcal{I}_u, \mathcal{I}_{3,Q}, \mathcal{I}_{3,u}, \mathcal{Y}_Q + \mathcal{Y}_u$

But in running within the (4,0) block, any factor of y_t comes with a y_t^\dagger , so in the end \mathcal{Y}_Q and \mathcal{Y}_u are conserved individually

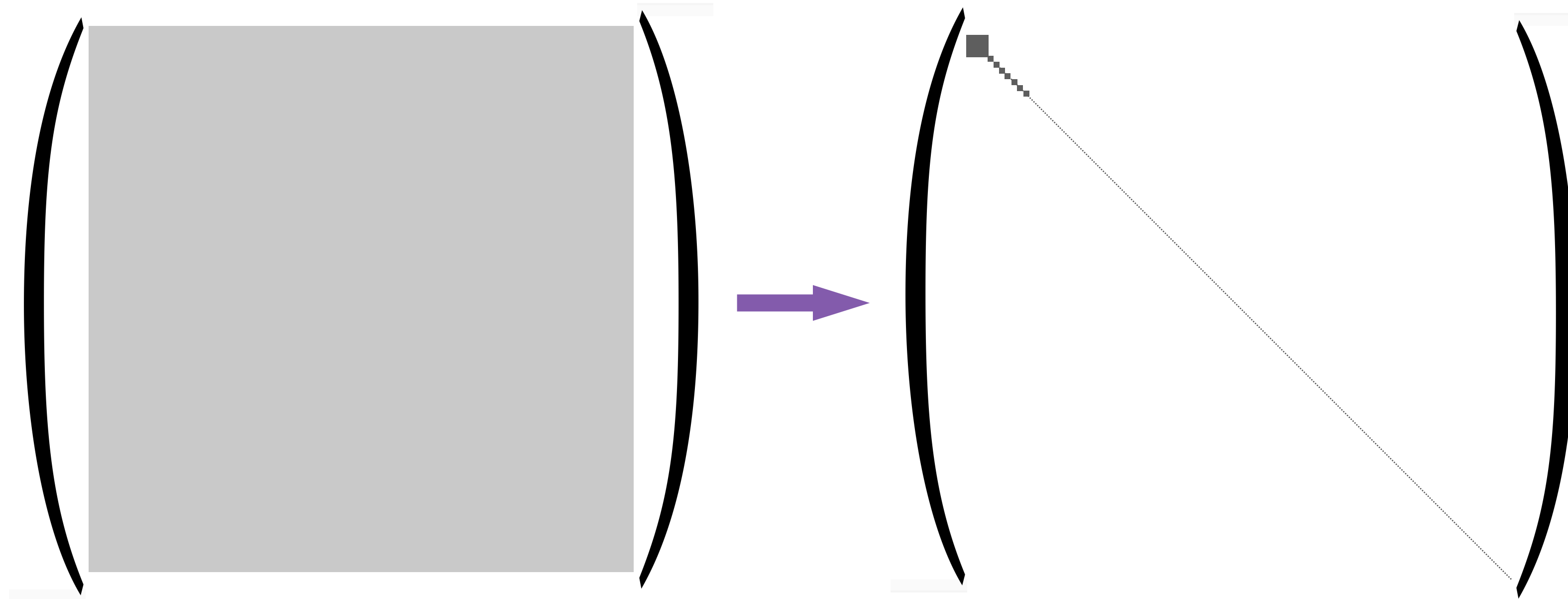
Blocks under different approximations

Gauge couplings and top Yukawa

Conserved: $\{\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}_3, \mathcal{Y}\}_{\{Q,u\}}, \{d, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}_3, \mathcal{Y}\}_{\{d,L,e\}}$

(4,0) block
before flavour
decomposition

1460 × 1460



(4,0) block
after flavour
decomposition

Largest block size

61 × 61

(contains all the
flavour singlets
plus things with

$\mathcal{I}_{\{Q,u\}} = 0$.)

Block size	61	17	13	12	8	2	1
Multiplicity	1	7	8	15	8	217	498

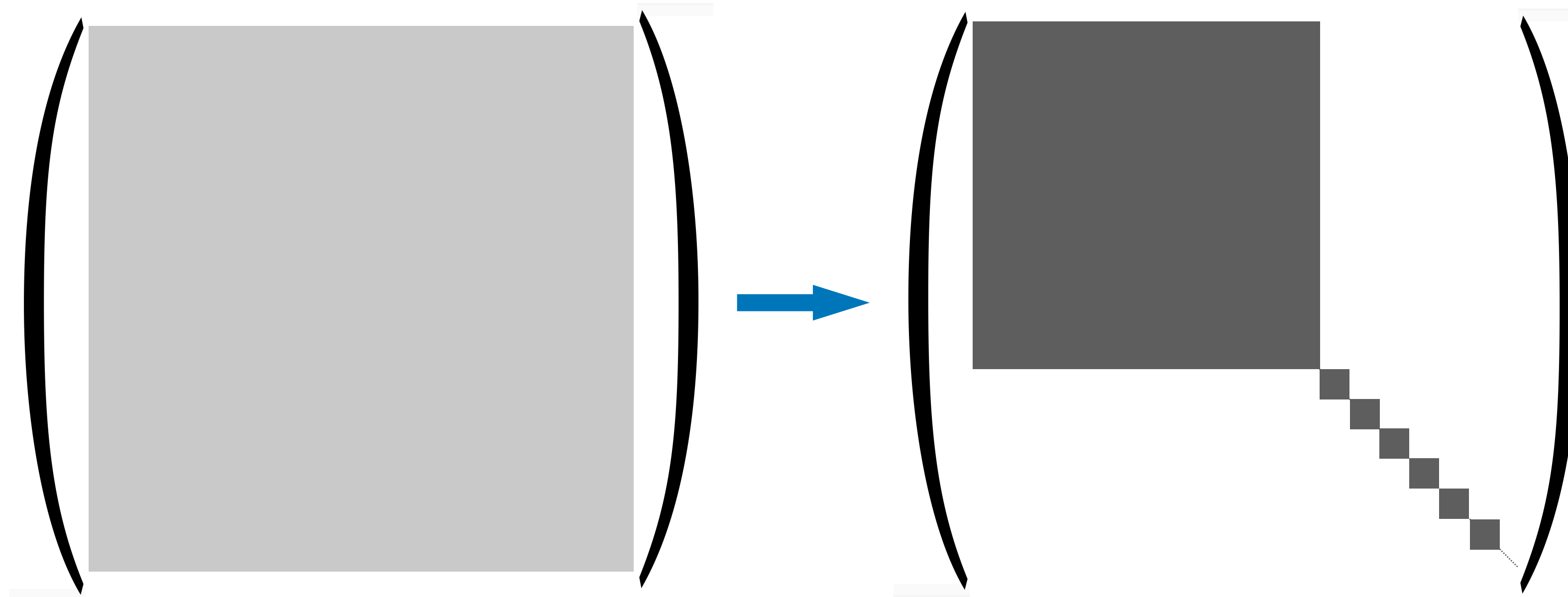
Blocks under different approximations

All (Gauge couplings and all Yukawas)

Conserved: $\mathcal{I}_{3,L} + \mathcal{I}_{3,e}, \mathcal{Y}_L + \mathcal{Y}_e$

(4,0) block
before flavour
decomposition

1460×1460



(4,0) block
after flavour
decomposition

Largest block size

932×932

6 4×4 blocks

6 3×3 blocks

Block size	932	81	4	3
Multiplicity	1	6	6	6

Invariant categorisations: a minimal parameter set

e.g. Assume that the flavour breaking we see in the SM is dominant

i.e. NP respects (at least) $U(2)_Q \times U(2)_u \times U(3)^3$ (and CP)

So within the (4,0) block we need the 61 parameters with

$$\mathcal{I}_{\{Q,u\}} = 0, d_{\{d,L,e\}} = 1$$

+ other operator coefficients

$$\underbrace{C_W \ C_G}_{(3,3)} \quad \underbrace{C_{tB} \ C_{tW} \ C_{tG}}_{(4,2)} \quad \underbrace{C_{HB} \ C_{HW} \ C_{HG} \ C_{HWB}}_{(4,2)} \quad \underbrace{C_{tH}}_{(5,1)} \quad \underbrace{C_H}_{(6,0)} = 11 \text{ parameters}$$

$(n, \sum h) =$

72 total

agrees with Greljo, Palavric, Thomsen [2203.09561](#) Table 1

If we neglect y_b and smaller, this set is complete across scales

This is a consistent choice for global fits

The non-(4,0) operators do not run into the (4,0) block

Invariant categorisations: a minimal parameter set

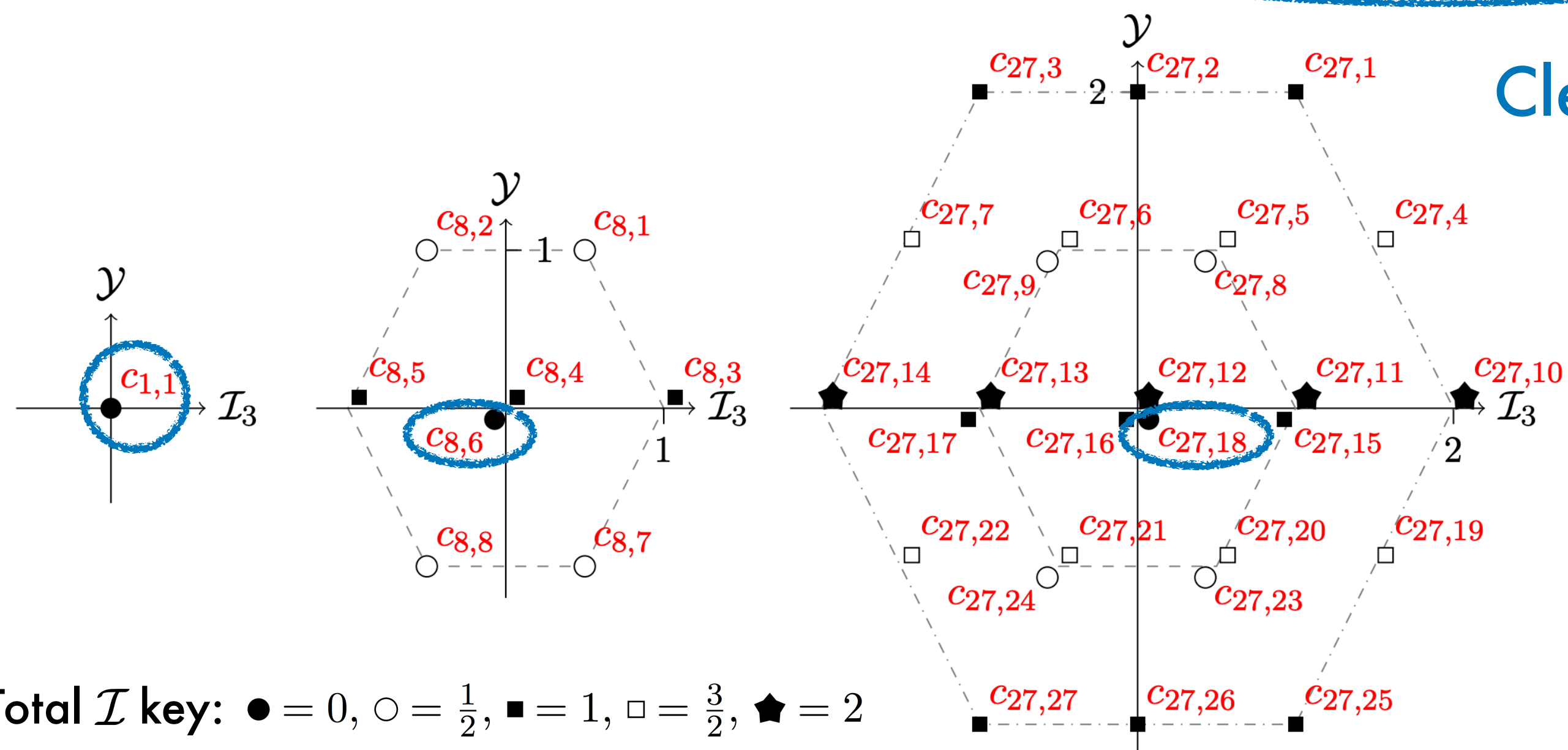
e.g. Assume that the flavour breaking we see in the SM is dominant
 i.e. NP respects (at least) $U(2)_Q \times U(2)_u \times U(3)^3$

So within the (4,0) block we need the 61 parameters with

Not just counting!

Can see the explicit parameters

$$\mathcal{I}_{\{Q,u\}} = 0, d_{\{d,L,e\}} = 1$$



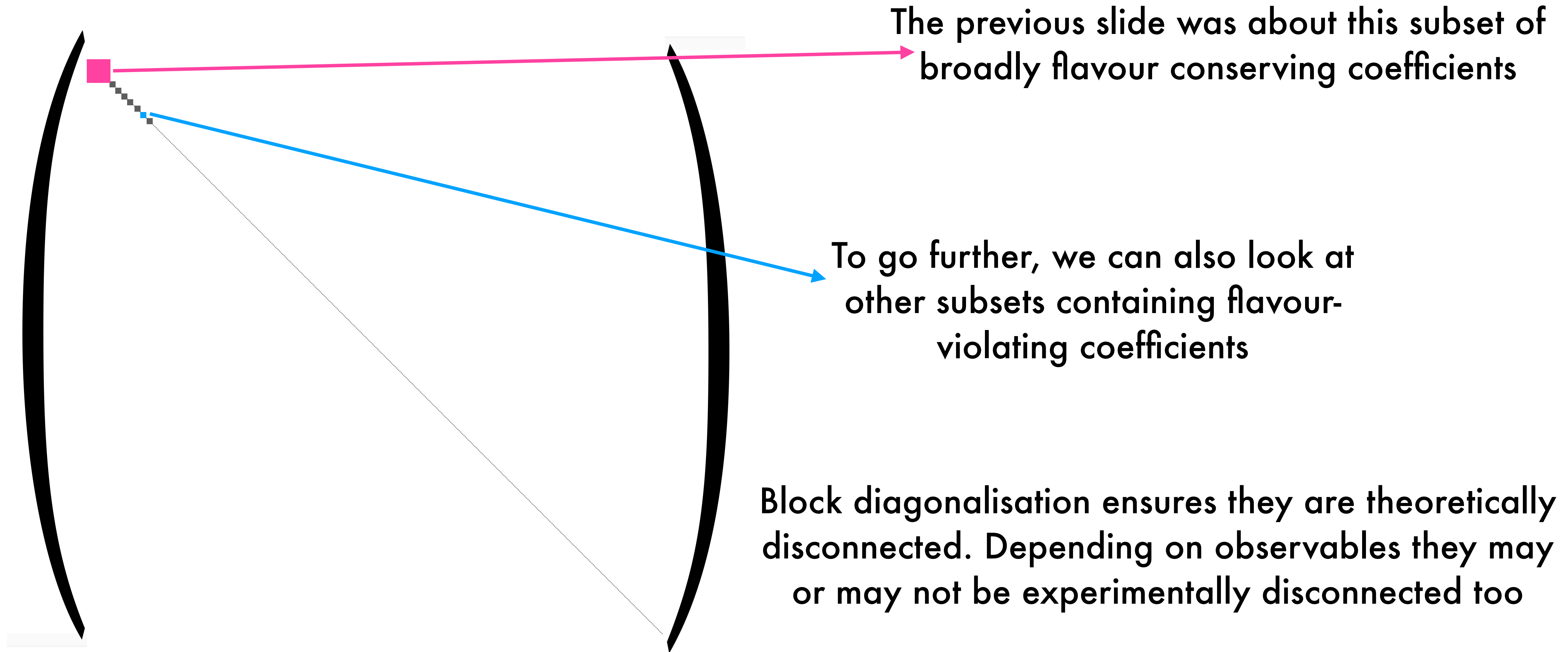
Clebsch-Gordan decompositions of the parameters:

$$c_{8,6} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} (-c_1^1 - c_2^2 + 2c_3^3)$$

$$c_{27,18} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{30}} (c_{11}^{11} + 2c_{(12)}^{(12)} + c_{22}^{22} - 6c_{(13)}^{(13)} - 6c_{(23)}^{(23)} + 3c_{33}^{33})$$

So, for example, as well as the full singlet piece of C_{qe} , we need $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (-C_{qe}^{11ii} - C_{qe}^{22ii} + 2C_{qe}^{33ii})$

Invariant categorisations: step by step approach



More pheno uses

Which coefficients can be induced by running from any given coefficient (including flavour structure), or vice versa?

e.g. the lepton flavour non-universal part of the operator

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NP}} = \frac{C}{\Lambda^2} \left((\bar{Q}'_3 \gamma^\mu Q'_3) (\bar{L}'_3 \gamma_\mu L'_3) + (\bar{Q}'_3 \gamma^\mu \sigma^I Q'_3) (\bar{L}'_3 \gamma_\mu \sigma^I L'_3) \right)$$

which can be responsible for LFUV in B decays

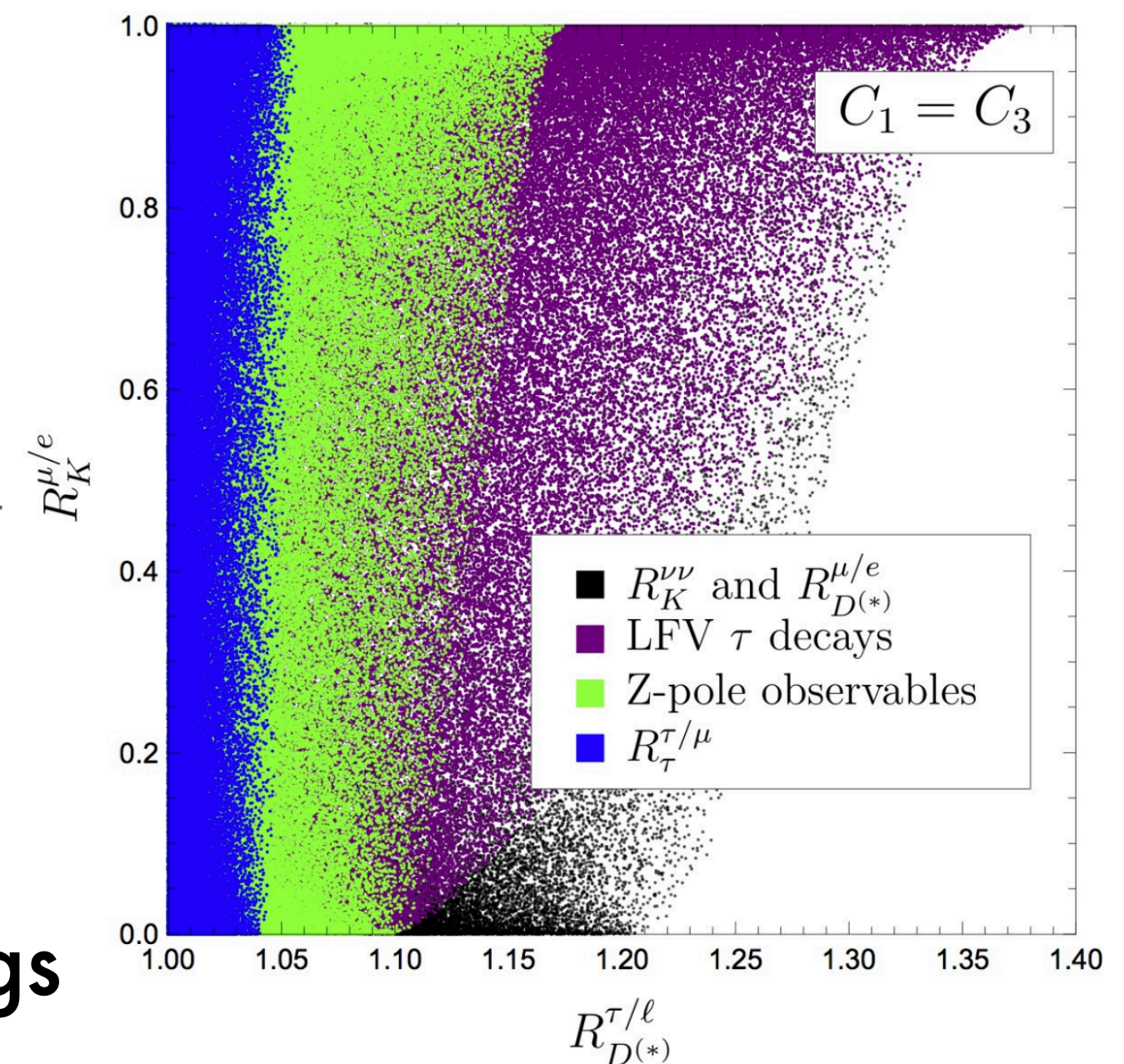
Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} c_{1,1,8,6} \\ c_{8,6,8,6} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 12 \times 12 \\ \text{block} \end{array}$$

Mixes with the $c_{8,6}$ lepton octet components of:

$$C_{LQ}^{(1)} (\times 2), C_{LQ}^{(3)} (\times 2), C_{Lu} (\times 2), C_{Ld}, \underbrace{C_{LL} (\times 2), C_{Le}}_{\tau \text{ decays}}, \underbrace{C_{HL}^{(1)}, C_{HL}^{(3)}}_{\text{LFUV in Z couplings}}$$


Feruglio, Paradisi,
Pattori, 1606.00524
& 1705.00929



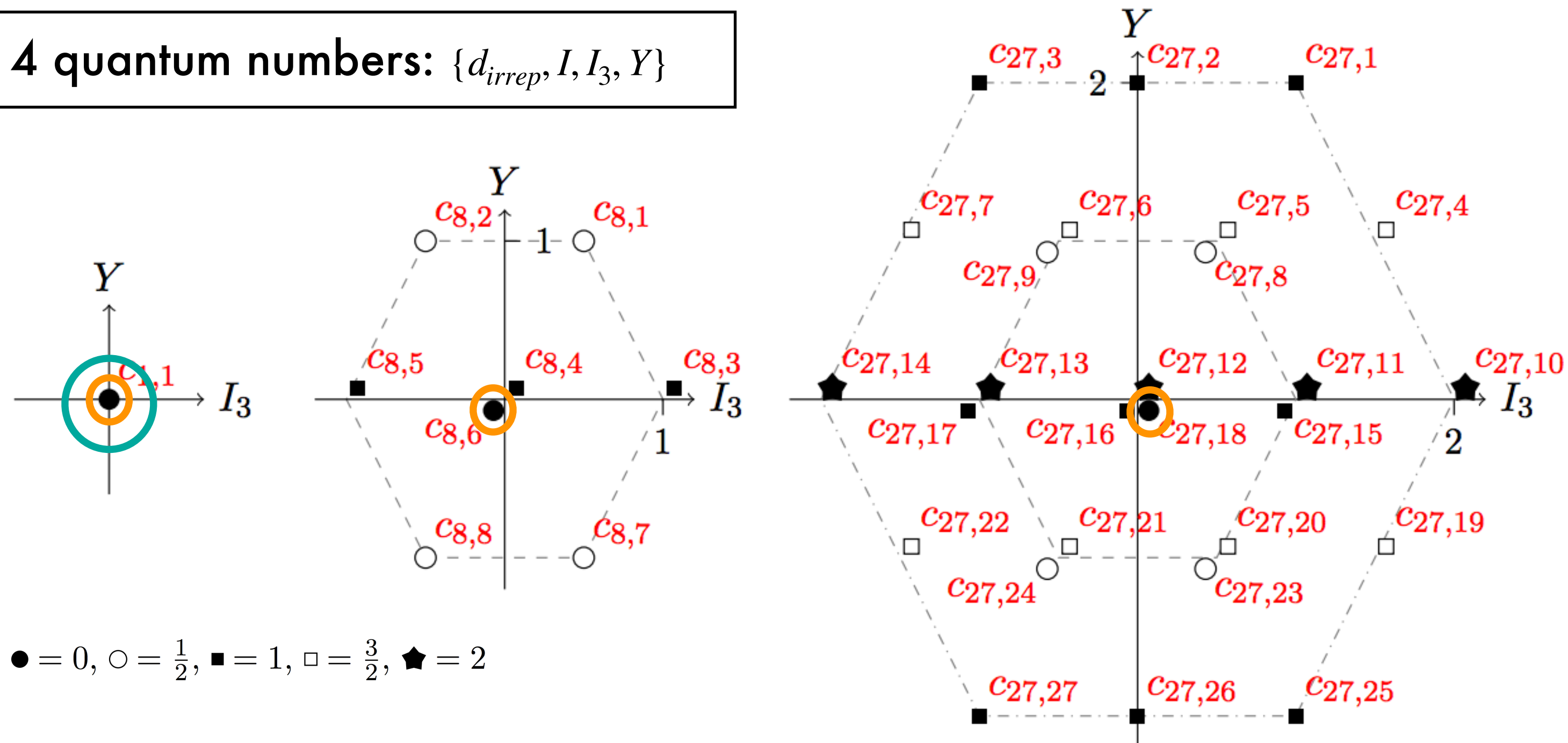
Summary and outlook

- ★ Large non-diagonal anomalous dimension matrix complicates SMEFT phenomenology
- ★ γ_{SMEFT} is very flavourful
- ★ Using a symmetry-based flavour decomposition, achieve simple block diagonalisation of $(4,0)$ operators
- ★ Blocks allow you to understand closed subsets of parameters and narrow in on loop-level pheno

Backups...

Flavour symmetry subsets

4 quantum numbers: $\{d_{irrep}, I, I_3, Y\}$



This is a fully general decomposition which does not restrict form of Wilson coefficients
 But, since it is couched in flavour symmetry irreps,
 easy to identify the subsets of coefficients that are invariant under exact flavour symmetries

e.g.

Exact $U(3)$ symmetry: just singlets

Exact $U(2)$ symmetry: just $I = 0$

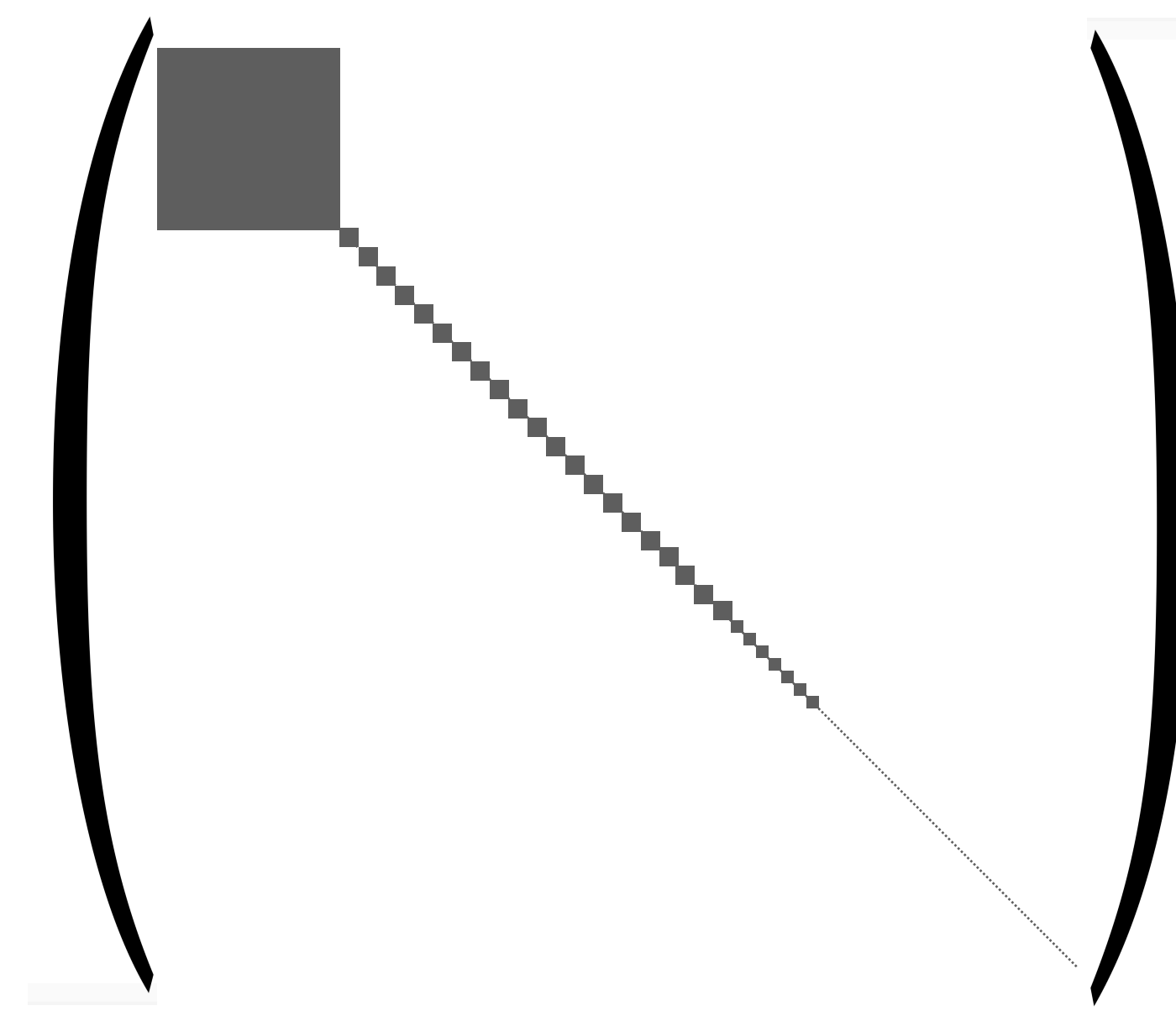
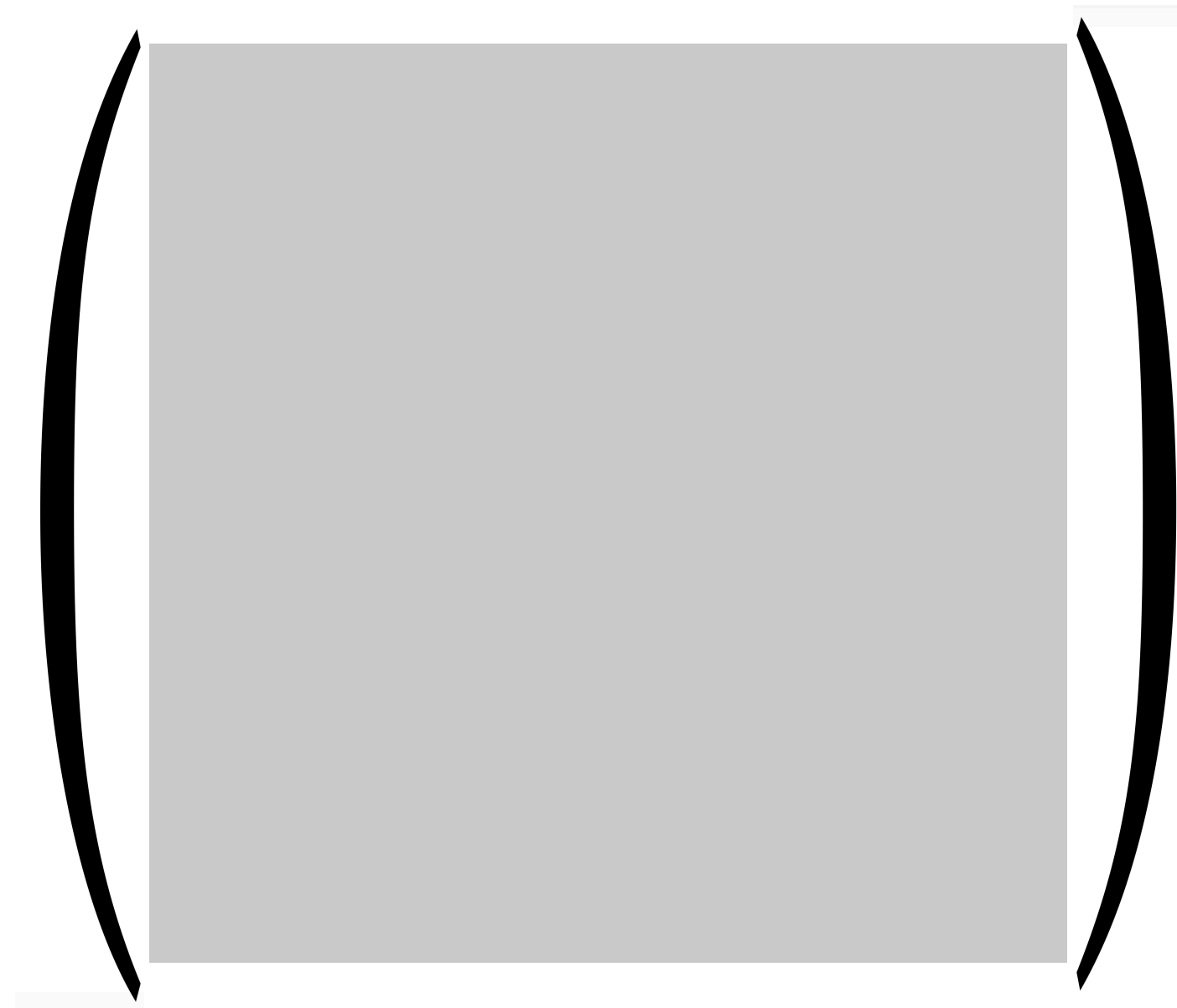
Blocks under different approximations

Gauge couplings and all 3rd generation Yukawas (full CKM)

Conserved: $\{I, I_3, Y\}_{\{u,d,L,e\}}$

(4,0) block
before flavour
decomposition

1460×1460



(4,0) block
after flavour
decomposition

Largest block size
 292×292

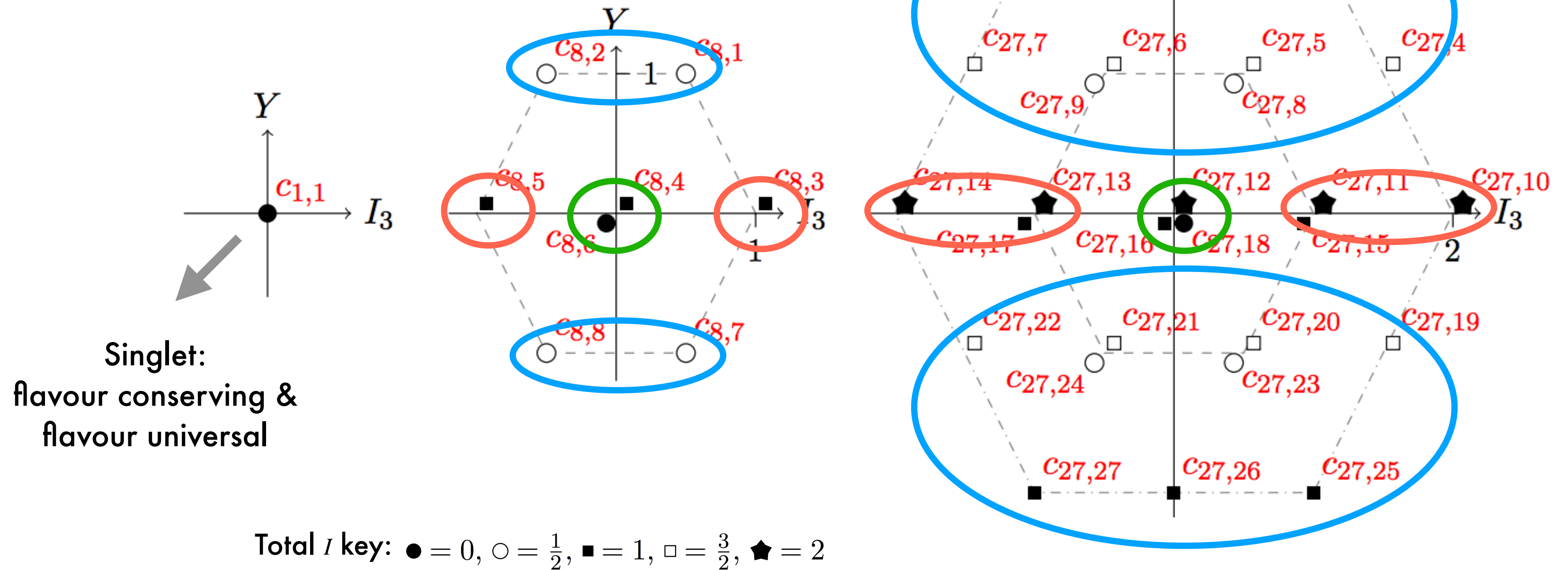
49 2×2 blocks

321 1×1 blocks

Flavour quantum numbers and pheno

For each flavour:

4 quantum numbers: $\{d_{irrep}, I, I_3, Y\}$



$d_{irrep} > 1, \{I_3, Y\} = 0$
Flavour
conserving but
non-universal

$I_3 > 0, Y = 0$
Flavour changing in first two
generations only

$Y \neq 0$
Flavour changing involving
3rd generation

For 27-plet, the larger the values of I_3 and Y , the more flavour violating