

# Evanescent Operators in (SM)EFT Matching

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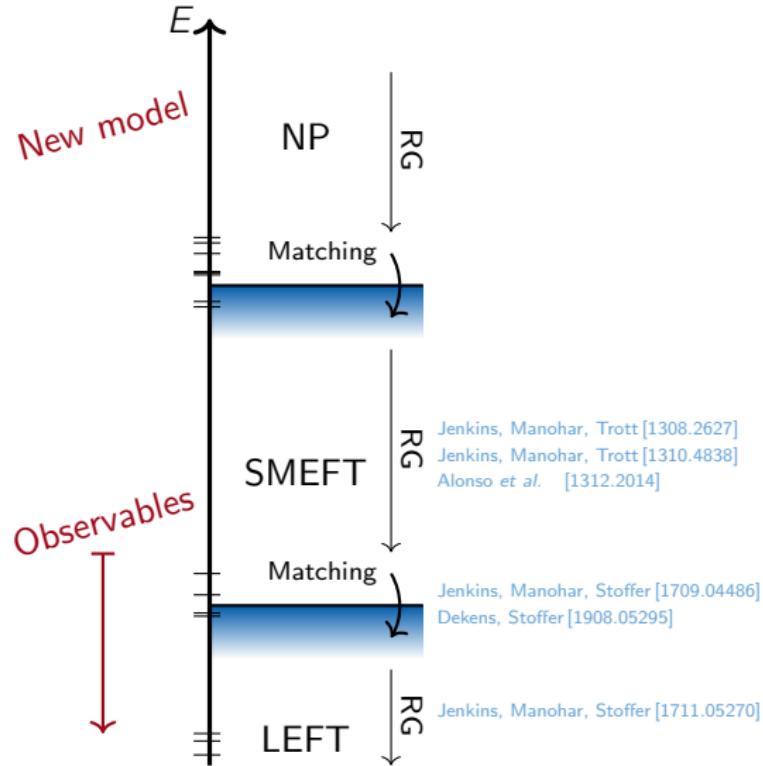
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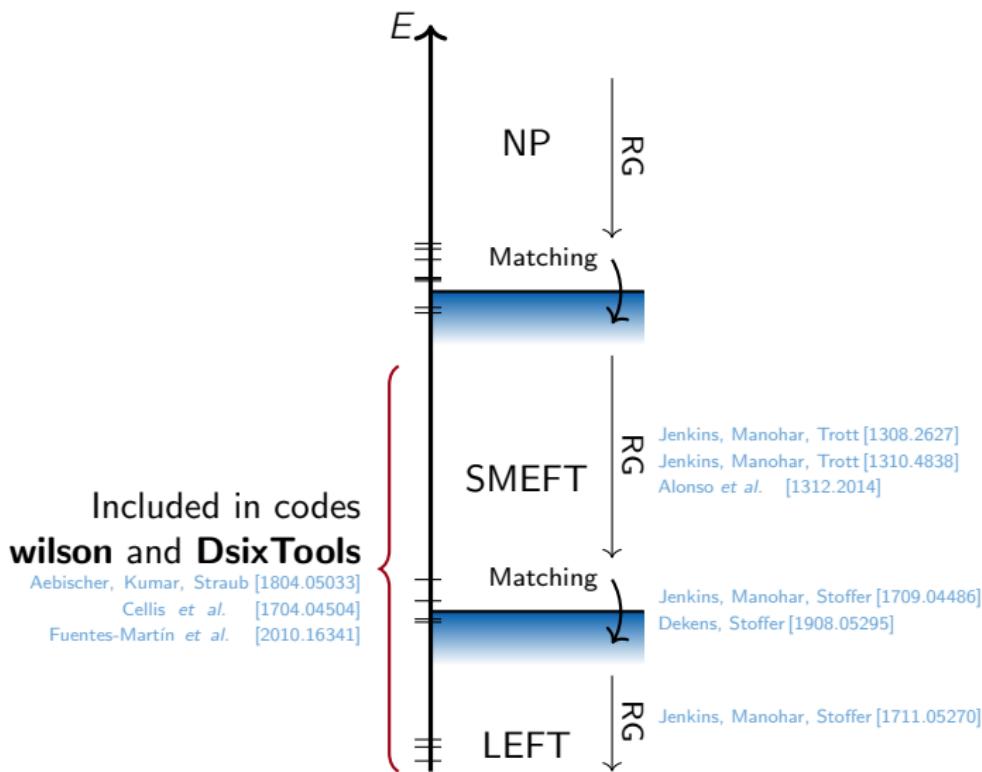
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- **Precision computations** necessitate the use of EFTs to separate the large scales introduced in BSM physics and avoid large logs
- Many BSM models result in the same EFT, ensuring that computations are **reusable**: you only need to compute once in the EFT

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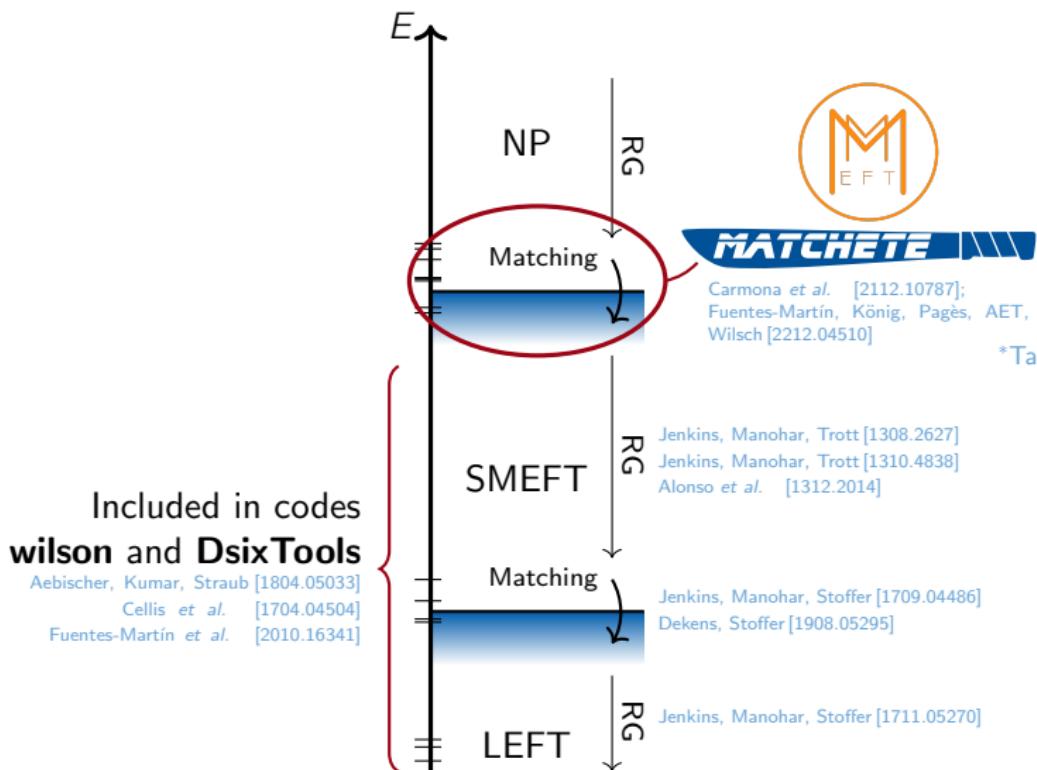


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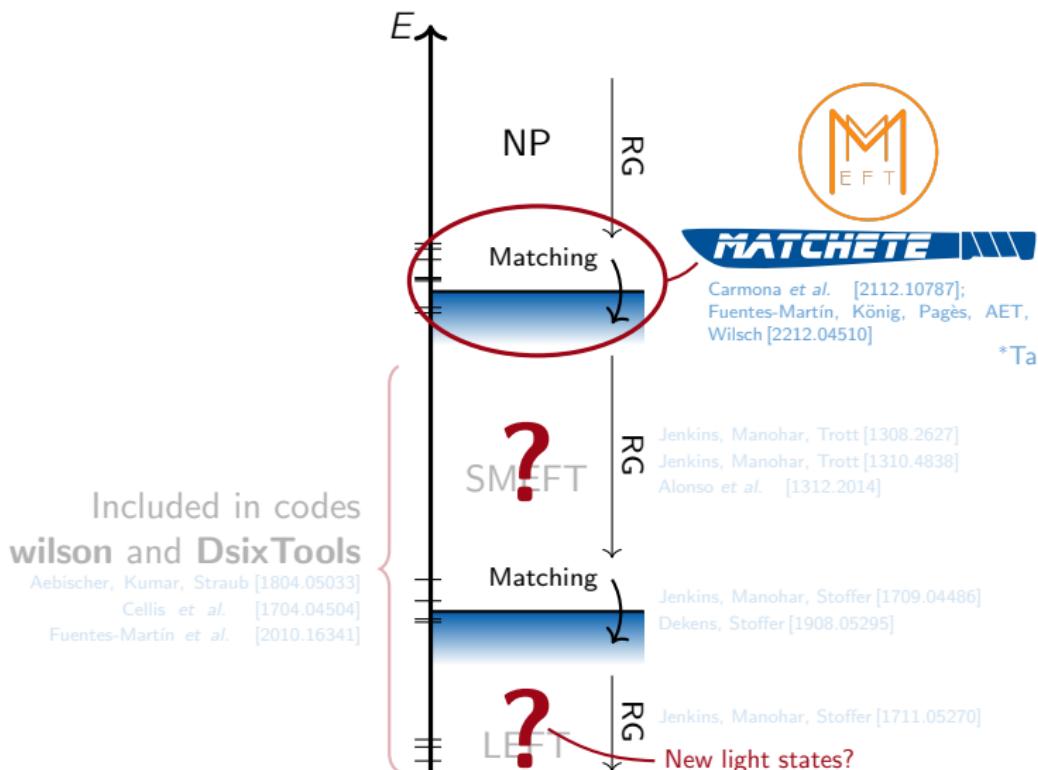
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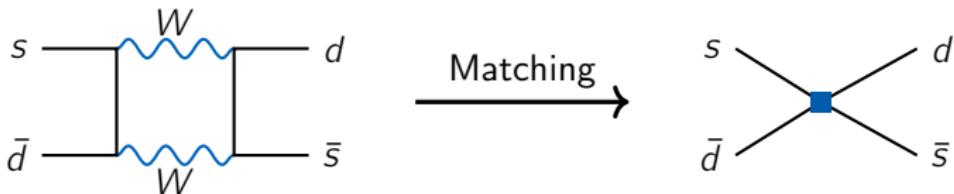


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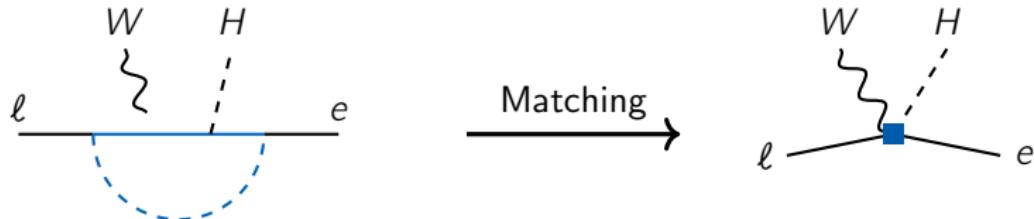
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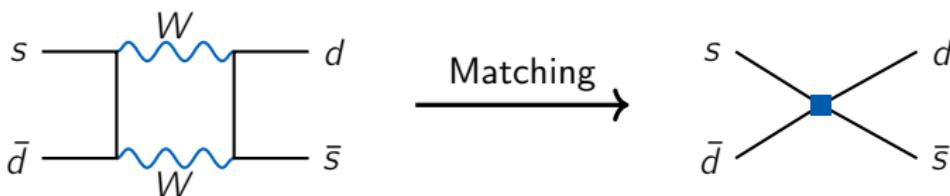
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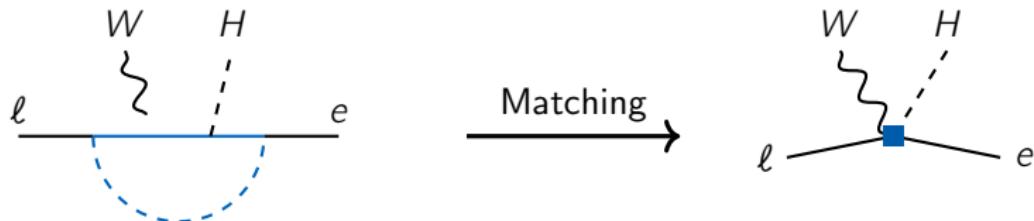
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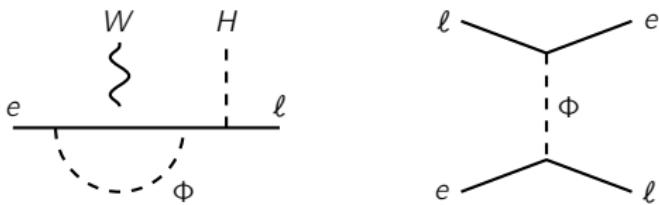
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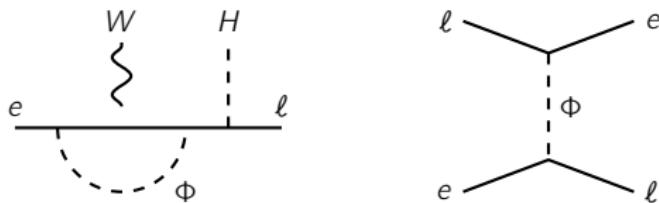
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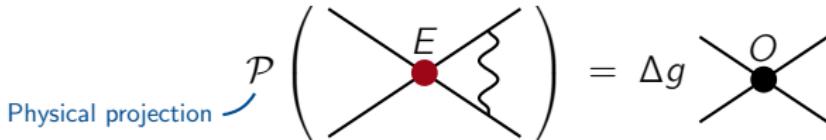
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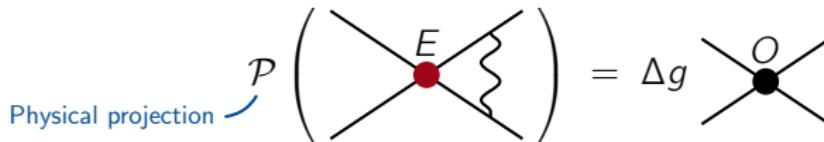
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e.g., in the 2HDM example

$$E_{\ell e}^{prst} \longrightarrow -\frac{g_L y_e^{ts}}{128\pi^2} Q_{eW}^{pr} + [\text{many other contributions}]$$

# The physical projector

The **physical projector**  $\mathcal{P}$  is defined through a choice of identities:

$$O_d = \underbrace{\mathcal{P} O_d}_{\text{phys. part}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{P}} O_d}_{\text{ev. part}}^{\text{id} - \mathcal{P}}$$

- Reduction of Dirac structures for 4-fermion operators, e.g.,

$$(\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\lambda P_L) \otimes [\gamma_\lambda \gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu P_L] = 4(1 - 2\epsilon) (\gamma^\mu P_L) \otimes [\gamma_\mu P_L] + E_{LL}^{[3]}$$

Compatibility with NDR

- Fierz identities for 4-fermion operators, e.g.,

$$(P_R) \otimes [P_L] = -\frac{1}{2} (\gamma_\mu P_L) \otimes [\gamma_\mu P_R] + E_{\text{Fierz}}(P_R, P_L)$$

- Other identities involving  $\gamma_5$  and/or the Levi-Civita tensor, e.g.,

$$\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \sigma^{\rho\sigma} = 2i\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma_5 + E_{\mu\nu}^{(\varepsilon\cdot\sigma)}$$

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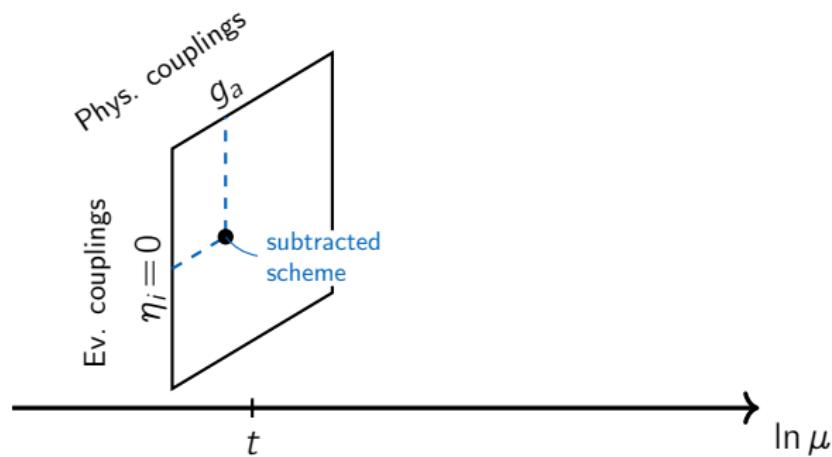
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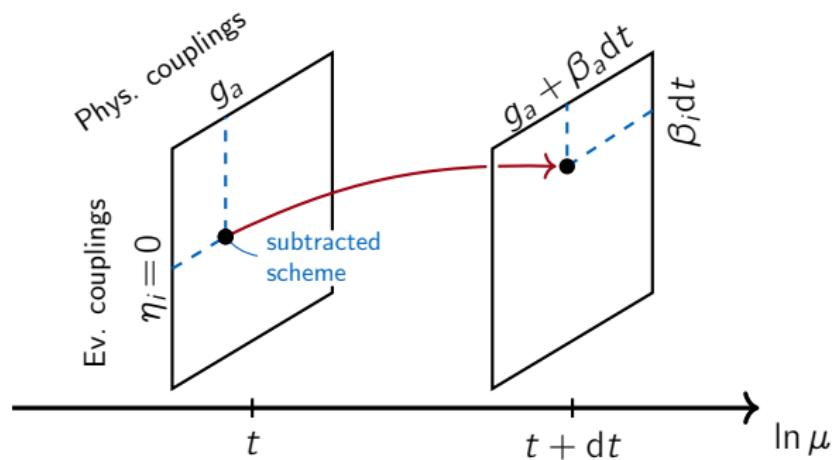
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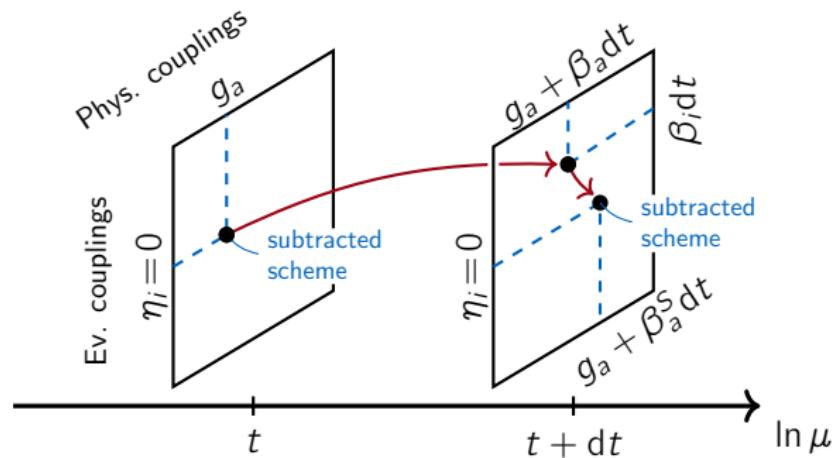
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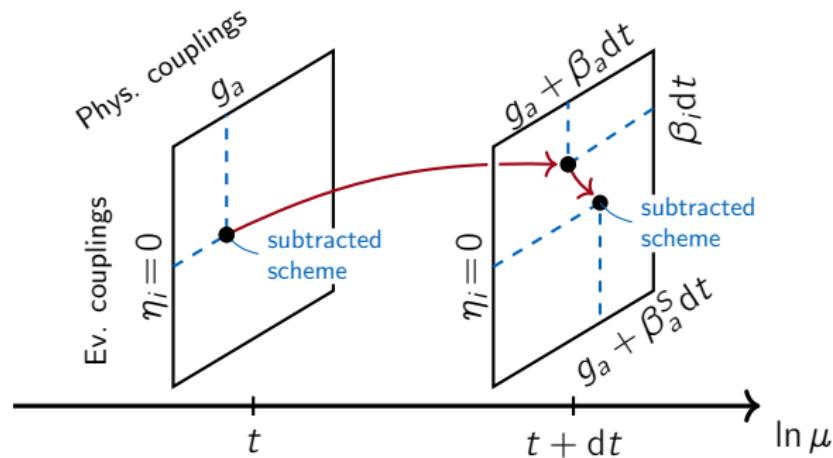
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# **Application to the SMEFT**

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**Reduction to the Warsaw basis**

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The redundant operators are

- i) 23 (+2 BNV) generated by scalar mediators;
- ii) none generated by fermion mediators;
- iii) 21 (+3 BNV) generated by vector mediators.

# SMEFT: redundant scalar-mediated operators

$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L) \& (\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$		$(\bar{R}^c R)(\bar{R}R^c)$	
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$R_{\ell^c \ell}$	$(\bar{\ell}_{ip}^c \ell_{jr})(\bar{\ell}_{js} \ell_{it}^c)$	$R_{u^c d q q^c}$	$(\bar{u}_{\alpha p}^c d_{\beta r}) \epsilon^{ij} (\bar{q}_{\beta is} q_{\alpha jt}^c)$
$R_{q^c q}$	$(\bar{q}_{\alpha ip}^c q_{\beta jr})(\bar{q}_{\beta js} q_{\alpha it}^c)$	$R_{u^c e \ell q^c}$	$(\bar{u}_p^c e_r) \epsilon^{ij} (\bar{\ell}_{is} q_{jt}^c)$
$R'_{q^c q}$	$(\bar{q}_{\alpha ip}^c q_{\beta jr})(\bar{q}_{\beta is} q_{\alpha jt}^c)$	Baryon number violating	
$R_{q^c \ell}$	$(\bar{q}_{\alpha ip}^c \ell_{jr})(\bar{\ell}_{js} q_{it}^c)$	$R_{q^c q q^c \ell}$	$\epsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl} (\bar{q}_{\alpha ip}^c q_{\beta jr})(\bar{q}_{\gamma ks}^c \ell_{lt})$
$R'_{q^c \ell}$	$(\bar{q}_{\alpha ip}^c \ell_{jr})(\bar{\ell}_{is} q_{jt}^c)$	$R_{u^c u d^c e}$	$\epsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} (\bar{u}_{\alpha p}^c u_{\beta r})(\bar{d}_{\gamma s}^c e_t)$

# SMEFT: redundant vector-mediated operators

$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{L}^c R)(\bar{R}L^c)$	
$R_{\ell\ell}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{\ell}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I \ell_r)(\bar{\ell}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I \ell_t)$	$R_{\ell^c e}$	$(\bar{\ell}_p^c \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu \ell_t^c)$
$R_{qq}^{(1,8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu T^A q_t)$	$R_{\ell^c u}$	$(\bar{\ell}_p^c \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu \ell_t^c)$
$R_{qq}^{(3,8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I T^A q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I T^A q_t)$	$R_{\ell^c d}$	$(\bar{\ell}_p^c \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu \ell_t^c)$
$R_{\ell q}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{\ell}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \ell_t)$	$R_{q^c e d \ell^c}$	$(\bar{q}_p^c \gamma^\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma_\mu \ell_t^c)$
$R_{\ell q}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{\ell}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I \ell_t)$	$R_{q^c e}$	$(\bar{q}_p^c \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu q_t^c)$
$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$R_{q^c u}$	$(\bar{q}_{\alpha p}^c \gamma_\mu u_{\beta r})(\bar{u}_{\beta s} \gamma^\mu q_{\alpha t}^c)$
$R_{uu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$	$R'_{q^c u}$	$(\bar{q}_{\alpha p}^c \gamma_\mu u_{\beta r})(\bar{u}_{\alpha s} \gamma^\mu q_{\beta t}^c)$
$R_{dd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu T^A d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$R_{q^c d}$	$(\bar{q}_{\alpha p} \gamma_\mu d_{\beta r})(\bar{d}_{\beta s} \gamma^\mu q_{\alpha t}^c)$
$R_{eu}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	$R'_{q^c d}$	$(\bar{q}_{\alpha p}^c \gamma_\mu d_{\beta r})(\bar{d}_{\alpha s} \gamma^\mu q_{\beta t}^c)$
$R_{ed}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	Baryon number violating	
$R_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$R_{d^c \ell q^c u}$	$\varepsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \varepsilon_{ij} (\bar{d}_{\alpha p}^c \gamma_\mu \ell_{ir})(\bar{q}_{\beta j s}^c \gamma^\mu u_{\gamma t})$
$R_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$	$R_{u^c \ell q^c d}$	$\varepsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \varepsilon_{ij} (\bar{u}_{\alpha p}^c \gamma_\mu \ell_{ir})(\bar{q}_{\beta j s}^c \gamma^\mu d_{\gamma t})$
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$		$R_{q^c e u^c q}$	$\varepsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \varepsilon_{ij} (\bar{q}_{\alpha i p}^c \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_{\beta s}^c \gamma^\mu q_{\gamma j t})$
$R_{\ell q d e}$	$(\bar{\ell}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$		

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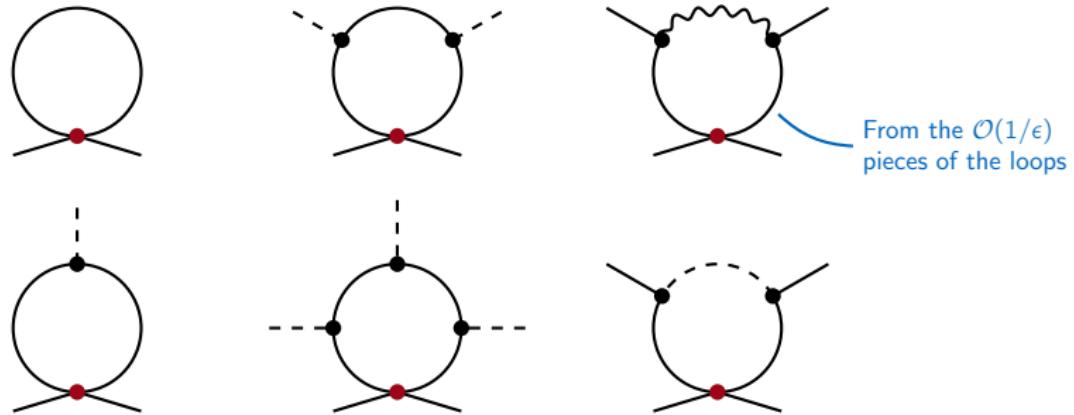
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- Functional calculations with a bespoke version of 
- Evanescent contributions stem from six covariant\* trace topologies:



\*Dressed with gauge lines

# Matematica interface

Filter: Redundant SMEFT All

$R_{\ell e}^{prst}$	$R_{\ell u}^{prst}$	$R_{\ell d}^{prst}$	$R_{qe}^{prst}$	$R_{qu}^{(1)prst}$	$R_{qu}^{(8)prst}$	$R_{qd}^{(1)prst}$	$R_{qd}^{(8)prst}$	$R_{\ell ue}^{prst}$	$R_{\ell ec}^{prst}$	$R_{qf}^{prst}$	$R_{qf}^{prst}$	$R_{qf}^{prst}$	$R_{qf}^{prst}$	$R_{qf}^{prst}$	$R_{qf}^{prst}$	$R_{e^c e}^{prst}$	$R_{u^c u}^{prst}$	$R_{d^c d}^{prst}$
$R_{e^c u}^{prst}$	$R_{e^c d}^{prst}$	$R_{u^c d}^{prst}$	$R_{u^c d}^{prst}$	$R_{u^c dq^c}^{prst}$	$R_{u^c elq^c}^{prst}$	$R_{q^c qq^c \ell}^{prst}$	$R_{u^c ud^c e}^{prst}$	$R_{\ell \ell}^{(3)prst}$	$R_{qq}^{(1,8)prst}$	$R_{qq}^{(3,8)prst}$	$R_{lg}^{(1)prst}$	$R_{lg}^{(3)prst}$	$R_{uu}^{(8)prst}$	$R_{dd}^{(8)prst}$				
$R_{eu}^{prst}$	$R_{ed}^{prst}$	$R_{ud}^{(1)prst}$	$R_{ud}^{(8)prst}$	$R_{\ell qde}^{prst}$	$R_{\ell ce}^{prst}$	$R_{\ell cu}^{prst}$	$R_{\ell cd}^{prst}$	$R_{q^c ed^c}^{prst}$	$R_{q^c e}^{prst}$	$R_{q^c u}^{prst}$	$R_{q^c u}^{prst}$	$R_{q^c d}^{prst}$	$R_{d^c \ell q^c u}^{prst}$	$R_{u^c \ell q^c d}^{prst}$	$R_{q^c eu^c d}^{prst}$			

Operator definition:

$$R_{\ell qde}^{prst} = (\bar{\ell}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$$

Reduces to:

$$\begin{aligned} & Q_{\ell qde}^{prst}, \quad Q_{qud}^{(1)prst}, \quad Q_{dW}^{pr}, \quad Q_{dB}^{pr}, \quad Q_{DH}^{pr}, \quad Q_{yd}^{pr}, \quad Q_{eB}^{pr}, \quad Q_{ed}^{prst}, \quad Q_{eh}^{pr}, \quad Q_{eW}^{pr}, \\ & Q_{ld}^{prst}, \quad Q_{\ell e}^{prst}, \quad Q_{\ell equ}^{(1)prst}, \quad Q_{\ell equ}^{(3)prst}, \quad Q_{\ell q}^{(1)prst}, \quad Q_{\ell q}^{(3)prst}, \quad Q_{qd}^{(1)prst}, \quad Q_{qd}^{(8)prst}, \quad Q_{qe}^{prst}, \quad Q_{ye}^{pr} \end{aligned}$$

Reduction Identity:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\ell qde}^{prst} = & -2Q_{\ell qde}^{ptss} + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{6} \bar{y}_e^{pt} y_d^{uv} Q_{qd}^{(1)ursv} + \frac{1}{4} g_Y y_d^{rs} Q_{eB}^{pt} \right. \\ & + \frac{3}{4} g_Y \bar{y}_e^{pt} \overline{Q_{dB}^{rs}} + Q_{eH}^{pt} \left( 6\bar{y}_d^{uv} y_d^{rv} y_d^{us} - 3\lambda y_d^{rs} \right) \\ & + Q_{tequ}^{(1)ptuv} \left( \frac{3}{4} y_d^{us} y_u^{re} + 3y_d^{rs} y_u^{uv} \right) + \bar{y}_e^{pt} y_d^{un} Q_{qd}^{(8)ursv} \\ & + \frac{3}{2} \bar{y}_e^{uv} y_d^{rs} Q_{te}^{pt} + 2\bar{y}_e^{pu} \bar{y}_e^{vt} y_e^{vu} \overline{Q_{dH}^{rs}} - \frac{1}{16} y_d^{us} y_u^{rv} Q_{tequ}^{(3)ptuv} \\ & - \frac{1}{4} g_L \bar{y}_e^{pt} \overline{Q_{dW}^{rs}} - \frac{1}{4} \bar{y}_e^{pt} y_d^{vs} Q_{\ell q}^{(1)puvr} - \frac{1}{4} \bar{y}_e^{ut} y_d^{vs} Q_{\ell q}^{(3)puvr} \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \bar{y}_e^{ut} y_d^{rv} Q_{\ell d}^{pusv} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{y}_e^{pu} y_d^{vs} Q_{qe}^{vrut} - \frac{3}{4} g_L y_d^{rs} Q_{eW}^{pt} \\ & - \bar{y}_e^{pt} \bar{y}_u^{uv} \overline{Q_{quqd}^{(1)uvrs}} - \lambda \bar{y}_e^{pt} \overline{Q_{dH}^{rs}} - \mu^2 \bar{y}_e^{pt} \overline{Q_{yd}^{rs}} \\ & - \bar{y}_e^{pu} y_d^{rv} Q_{ed}^{pusv} - \bar{y}_e^{pt} y_e^{uv} Q_{\ell edq}^{uvsr} - 3\bar{y}_d^{uv} y_d^{rs} Q_{\ell edq}^{ptvu} \\ & \left. - 3\mu^2 y_d^{rs} Q_{ye}^{pt} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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# Outlook

- 1-loop UV-to-(SM)EFT matching is crucial in BSM phenomenology
- Consistent (SM)EFT computations must account for evanescent contribution
- Evanescent shifts for 1-loop BSM-to-SMEFT matching are now available
- We plan to automate handling of evanescent operators in the public **Matchete** package for EFT matching.

<https://gitlab.com/matchete/matchete>



(See talk by Julie Pagès)