

Bridging Positivity and S-matrix Bootstrap bounds

or

how to bound dimension-six operators.

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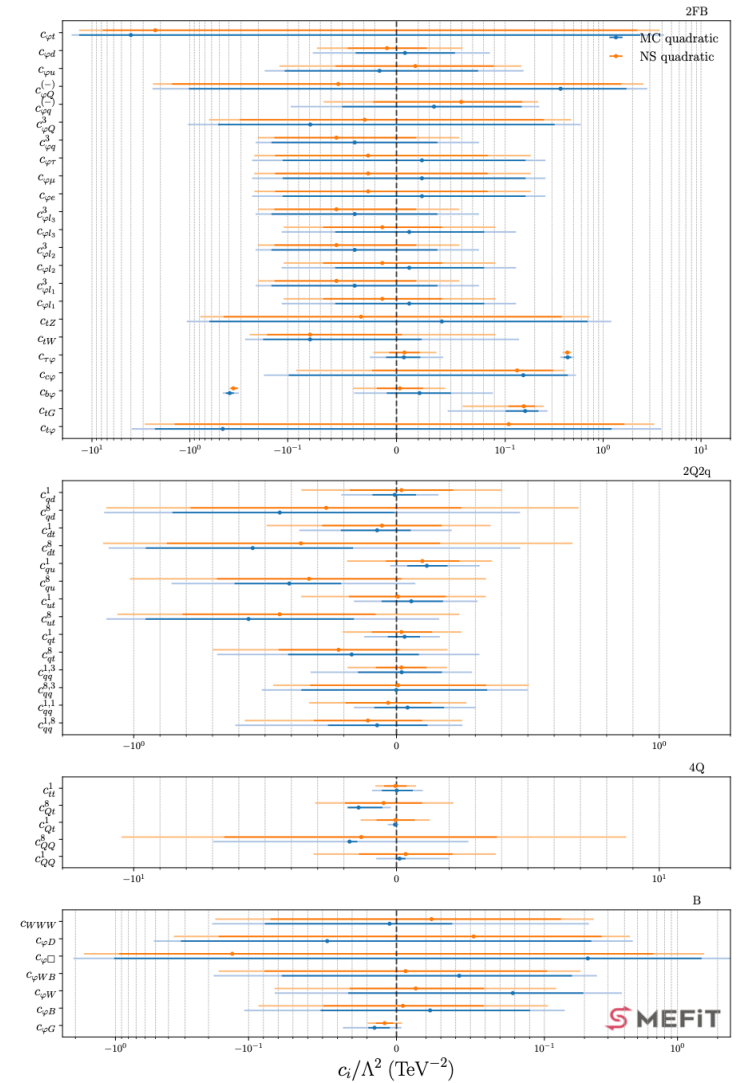
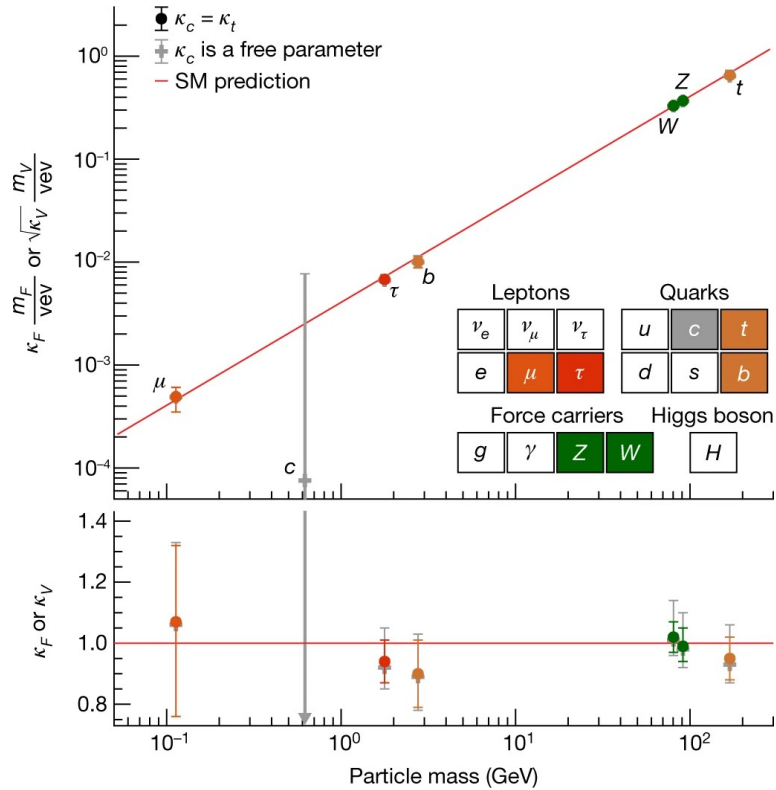


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$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{dim} \leq 4} + HHLL/\Lambda + \mathcal{L}_6 + \dots$$

The SM Formula T-Shirt

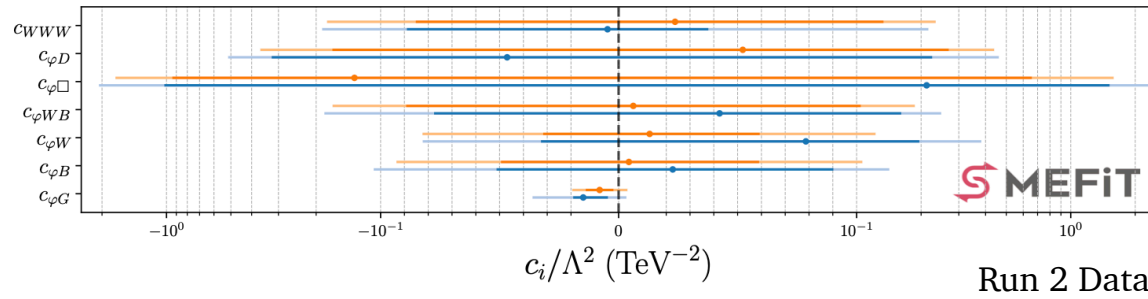
“Weinberg operator”,
high scale

Leading deviations at LHC:

$$M = M_{\text{SM}} + O(E^2/\Lambda^2, Ev/\Lambda^2, v^2/\Lambda^2)$$

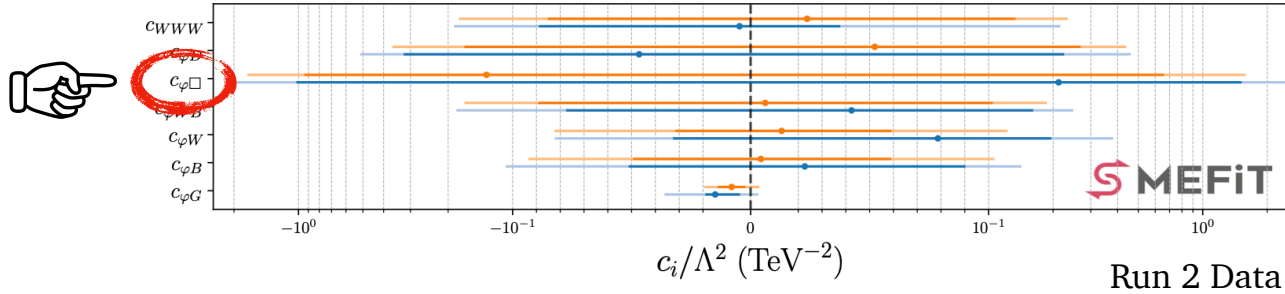
For instance:

$$\mathcal{L}_6 = g_{4F} (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi)^2 + g_D \bar{L} H \sigma_{\mu\nu} e F^{\mu\nu} + g_{FF} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} |H|^2 + g_H \partial_\mu |H|^2 \partial^\mu |H|^2 + \dots$$



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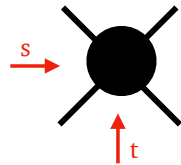
- Current bound $|g_H| \lesssim O(1) \times \Lambda^2 / (1 \text{ TeV})^2$.
- Modifies all SM Higgs couplings $O_H = -O_{H\Box} = |H|^2 \Box |H|^2 = |D_\mu H|^2 |H|^2 + \text{e.o.m.}$
- Interesting operator in SILH (EFT parametrization of strongly interacting BSM Higgs),
- and in extensions of EWSB

Effective Field Theory Wilson coefficients take *a priori* unknown real values, but
not anything goes

Non-perturbative properties of the amplitude

- Unitarity of the S-matrix $S^\dagger S = \mathbb{1}$,

- Crossing-symmetry,



- Analytic properties that follow from causal evolution. Cartoon version $F(w) = \int_0^\infty e^{iwt} S(t) dt$

imply sharp bound on the max/min values that Wilson coefficients can attain.

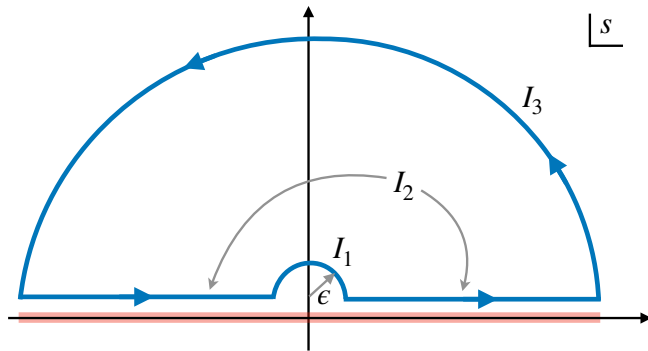
A positivity bound

No dim-six operator:

By crossing it should contribute as $c_6/\Lambda^2(s+t+u)$
 $s+t+u = 4m^2 \rightarrow 0$

Classic example: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{g_8}{\Lambda^4}(\partial\phi)^4 + \dots$ the forward amplitude is $A(s) = g_8/\Lambda^4 s^2 + \dots$

$$A''(\epsilon) = g_8 + O(\epsilon) = -I_1 = I_2 + I_3 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im}A(z)}{z^3} dz = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma(s)}{z^3} dz > 0!$$




- Massive scalar, Froissart-Martin: $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} M(s, t) / |s|^2 = 0$

- Convergence of I_2 and $I_3 = 0$ holds very generally for massless flows.

[Adams, Arkani-Hamed, Dubovsky, Nicolis, Rattazzi '06], ..., [Komargodski, Schwimmer '11], [Luty, Polchinski, Rattazzi '12], ...

Dimension-six & Doubly subtracted dispersion relations

Consider the $O(n)$ massive scalar theory in 4D. In particular the $2 \rightarrow 2$ amplitude

$$M_{ab}^{cd}(s, t, u) = M(s|t, u)\delta_{ab}\delta^{cd} + M(t|s, u)\delta_a^c\delta_b^d + M(u|t, s)\delta_a^d\delta_b^c$$


The amplitude can be characterised by Taylor series below the cuts. Expanding around $\bar{x} = x/m^2 - 4/3$

$$M(s|t, u) = -c_0 + c_H\bar{s} + O(s^2)$$

$$\text{Perturbatively } \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{Kin}} - \frac{g_0}{4}(\vec{\phi} \cdot \vec{\phi})^2 + \frac{g_H}{4\Lambda^2}[\partial^\mu(\vec{\phi} \cdot \vec{\phi})]^2$$

$$c_0 = 2g_0 - 8/3g_H m^2/\Lambda^2 + \dots, \quad c_H = 2g_H m^2/\Lambda^2 + \dots$$

Dimension-six & Doubly subtracted dispersion relations

Our low energy expansion is, $M(s | t, u) = -c_0 + c_H \bar{s} + O(s^2)$, thus we start with a subtracted dispersion relation:

$$M(s, t) = \frac{s^2}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{dz}{z-s} \frac{M(z, t)}{z^2}$$

After blowing up the contour and taking into account the three Isospin channels we get the sum rule

$$c_H = \vec{D}(s, t) \cdot \vec{M}(s, t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} dz \operatorname{disc}_z \vec{M}(z, t) \cdot \vec{K}(z, s, t; 4/3)$$

where $\vec{M} = (M_{\text{sing}}, M_{\text{sym}}, M_{\text{anti}})$, \vec{D} and \vec{K} are rational functions.

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c_H is not sign-definite — also known from un-subtracted sum rules [Low, Rattazzi, Vichi '09], [Falkowski, Rychkov, Urbano '12]

Project the last equation into the spin-0 partial waves

$$c_H \sim \operatorname{Re} f_0(s) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} dz \sum_J \operatorname{Im} f_J(s) \cdot \vec{k}'(z, s)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Compare with} \\ g_8 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{Im} A(z)}{z^3} dz > 0 \end{array} \right)$$

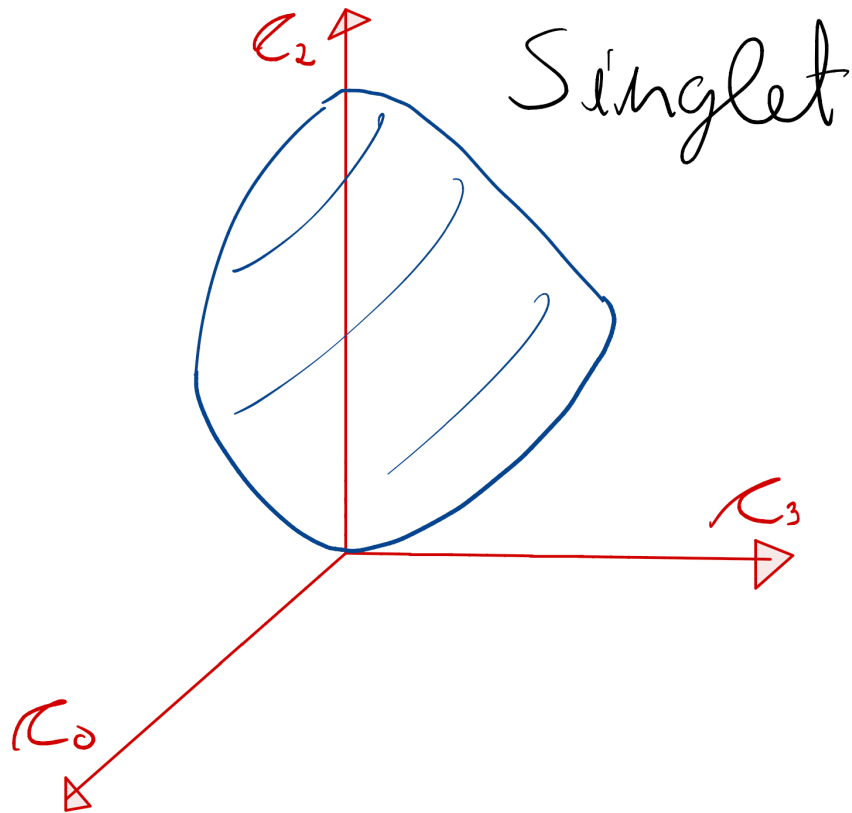


An opportunity for bootstrap methods.

e.g.1 the experimental bound is symmetric around $c_H = 0$, perhaps a highly asymmetric theory bound?

e.g.2 what are the theories achieving the maximally negative or maximally positive value?

A simpler example.



- singlet amplitude:

$$M(s, t, u) = -c_0 + c_2(\bar{s}^2 + \bar{t}^2 + \bar{u}^2) + c_3\bar{s}\bar{t}\bar{u} + O(s^4)$$

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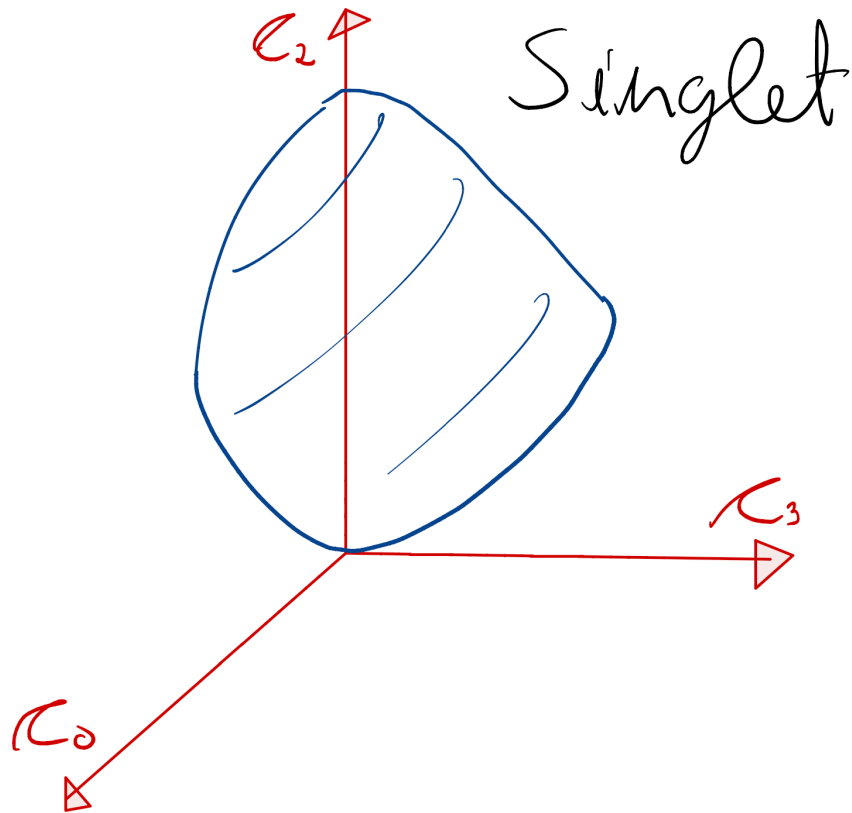
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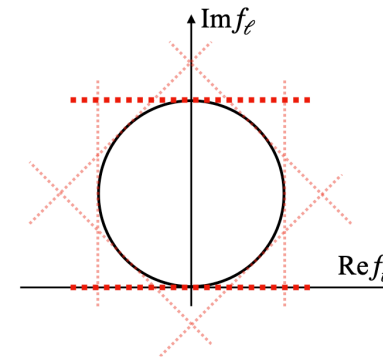


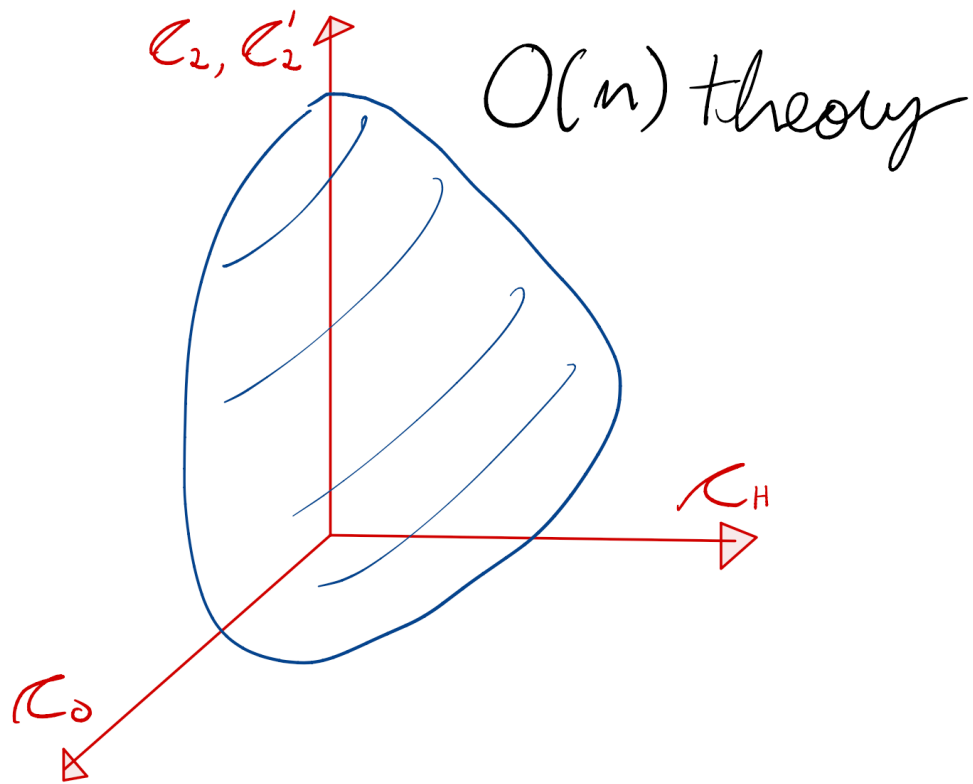
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Analogous intuition for why this bound exists comes from fixed- t (doubly subtracted) sum rules, e.g.

$$-c_0 = M(s, t) - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} dz \operatorname{disc}_z M(z, t) K(z, s, t; 4/3)$$





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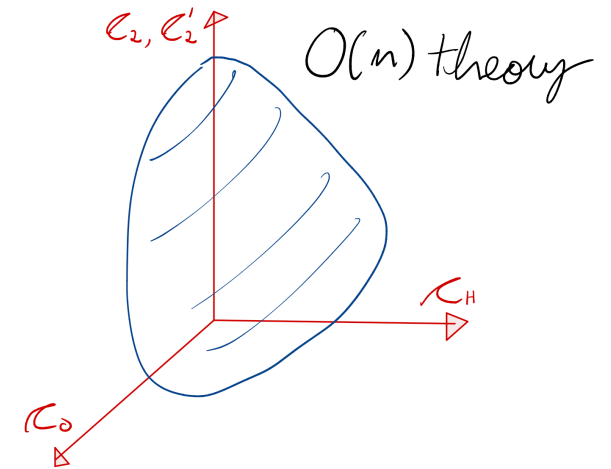
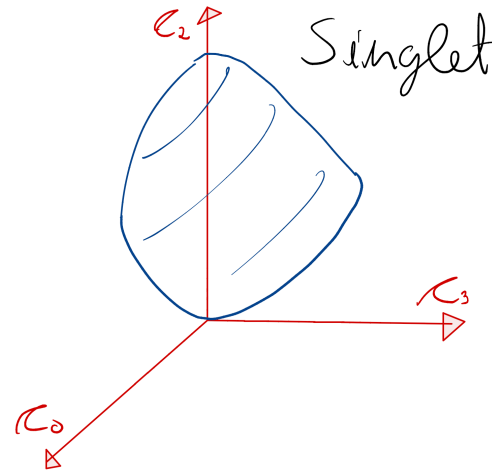
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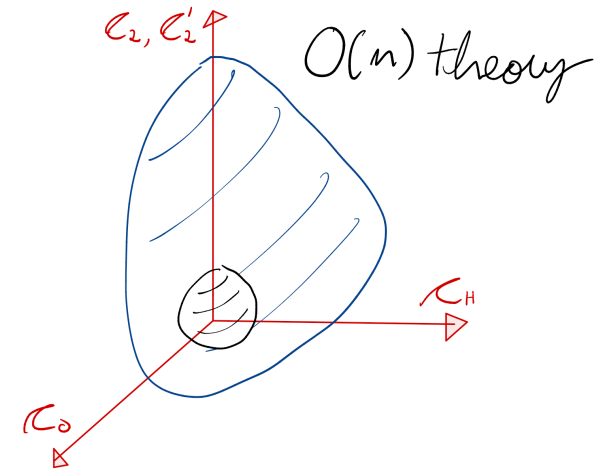
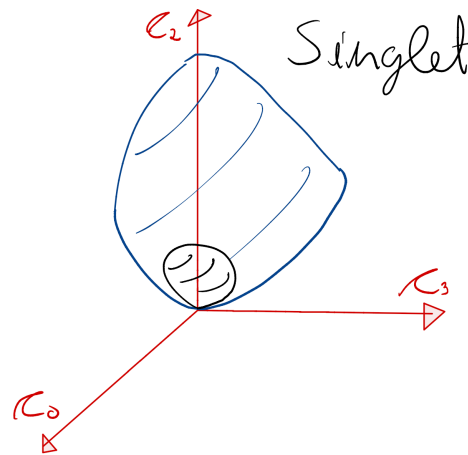
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The Space of amplitudes



Isolate amplitudes admitting
an EFT description

The Space of **EFT** amplitudes



Plan for the rest of the talk:

- ~~Motivation~~
- The space of two-to-two amplitudes
- The space of two-to-two **EFT** amplitudes
- Conclusions & outlook

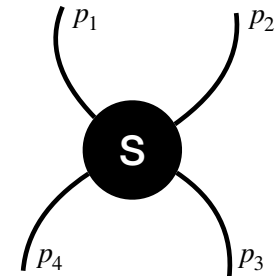
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subject to the constraints of

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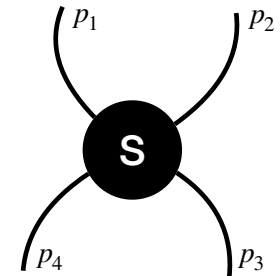
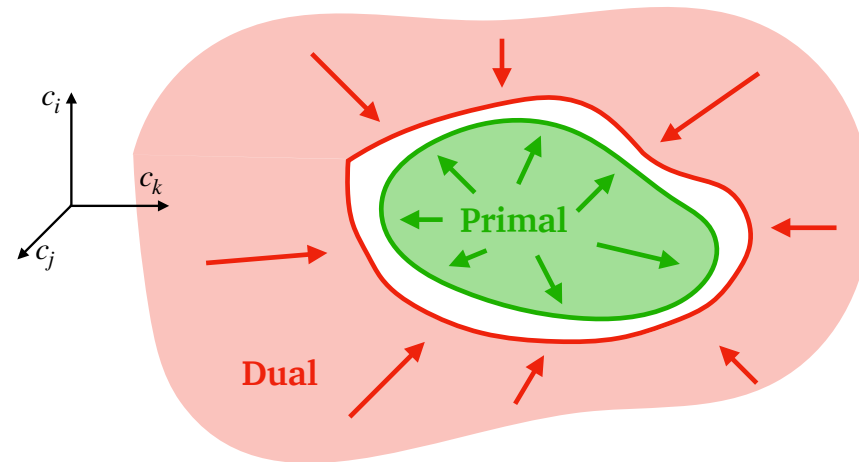
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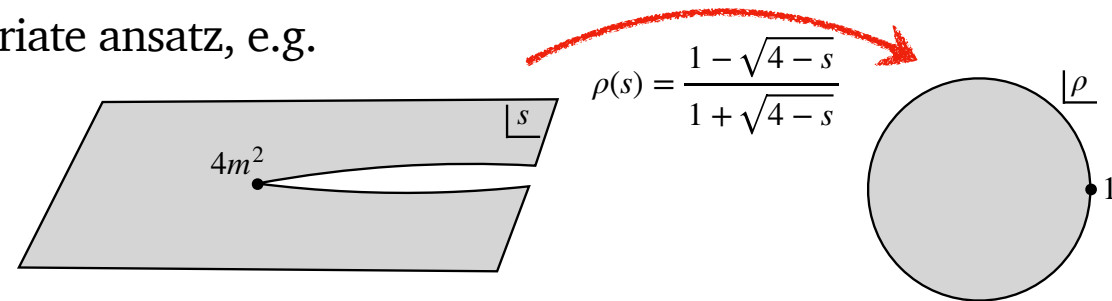
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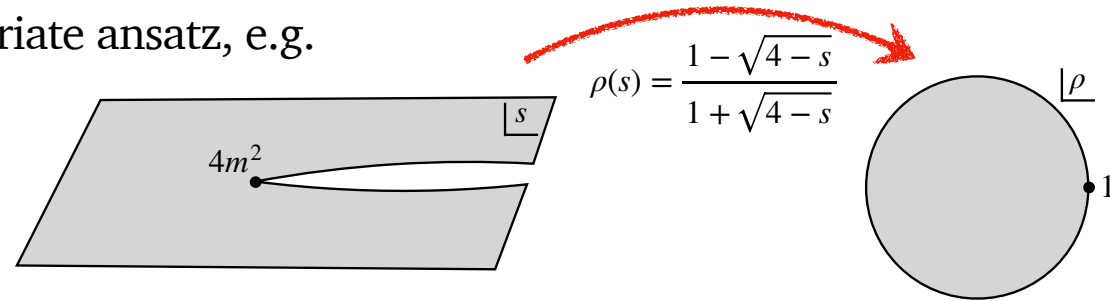


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2.- Solve for unitarity numerically.

$$\left| 1 + i \frac{\sqrt{s-4}}{s} f_\ell(s) \right| \leq 1 \quad \text{for } \ell = 1, \dots, L \quad \text{where } f_\ell^{\text{ans}}(s) = \frac{1}{32\pi} \int_{-1}^1 P_\ell(x) M^{\text{ans}}(s, t(s, x), u(s, x))$$

Fill in the space of amplitudes by maximizing $M^{\text{ans}}(4/3, 4/3, 4/3)$ for large values of L , and then taking large N .

Dual approach

$$\mathcal{L}(\{P\}, \{D\}) = R + \alpha_0 (c_0 - R \sin \theta) + \alpha_2 (c_2 - R \cos \theta - r_0) \\ + V_{n,m}(\text{crossing})^{n,m} + (\text{unitarity})$$

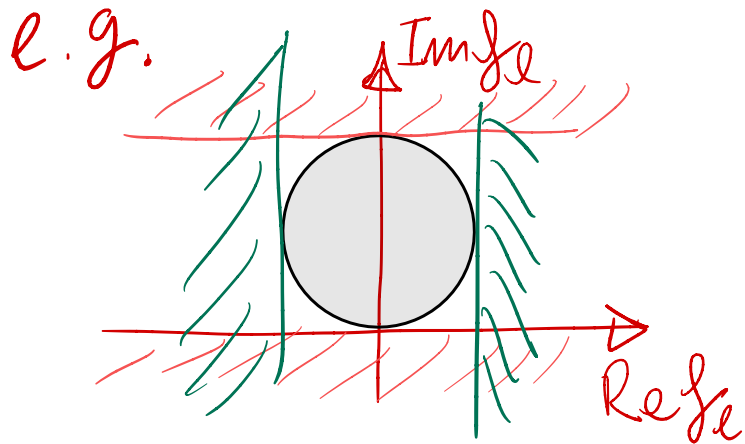
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$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_4^{\infty} dv \sum_{l=0,2,\dots}^{\infty} m_l \operatorname{Im} f_l(s) \frac{P_l(\dots)}{(v - 4/3)^3}$$

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$$0 \leq \text{Im } f_e \leq \frac{2}{\rho^2(s)} \quad \swarrow \\ -\frac{1}{\rho^2} \leq \text{Re } f_e \leq \frac{1}{\rho^2}$$

Dual approach

$$\Rightarrow M(s, t) = M(s_0, t_0) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\gamma}^{\infty} dz \left[M_z(z, t) K(z, s, t; t_0) + M_z(z, t_0) K(z, t, t_0; s_0) \right]$$

$$\text{w/ } K(z, s, t; t_0) = \frac{1}{z-s} + \frac{1}{z-4+s+t} - \frac{1}{z-t_0} - \frac{1}{z-4+t+t_0}$$

Explicit $s \leftrightarrow u$ symmetric

Impose $u \leftrightarrow t$ symmetry by expanding

$$M(s, t) - M(s, 4-s-t) = 0$$

into p.w.

$$\int_4^\infty dz \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} (2l+1) \text{Im} f_l(z) F_l(z, s, t; t_0, s_0) = 0$$

where

$$F_l = P_l \left(1 + \frac{2}{t-4}\right) K(z, s, t; t_0) + P_l \left(1 + \frac{2t_0}{z-4}\right) K(z, t, t_0; s_0) - (t \leftrightarrow u)$$

Finally act with derivatives

$$\mathcal{F}^{(l,k)} = \int_4^\infty dz \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) \text{Im} f_l(z) F_l^{(l,k)}(z) = 0$$

with $F_l^{(l,k)}(z) \equiv \partial_s^l \partial_t^k F_l(z, s, t; \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}) \Big|_{t=s=\frac{4}{3}}$

Equivalent to null constraints of
Tolley, Wang, Zhou '20
Caron-Huot, Van Duong '20

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Involves only the imaginary part of the amplitude.

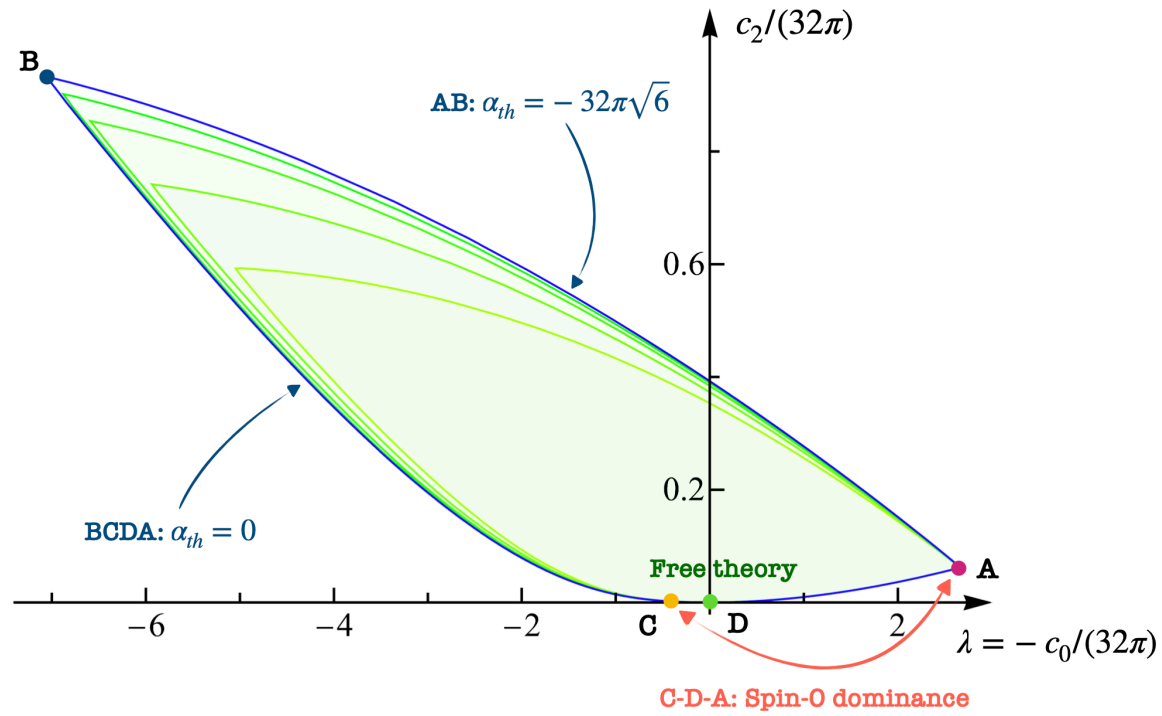
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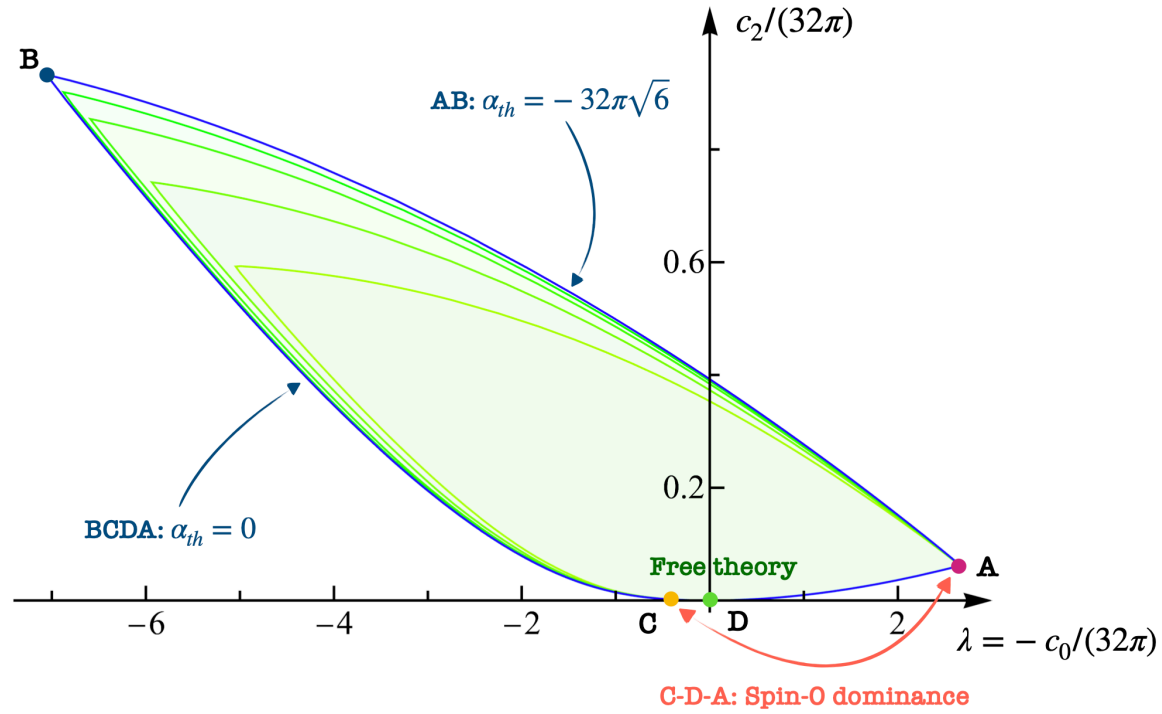
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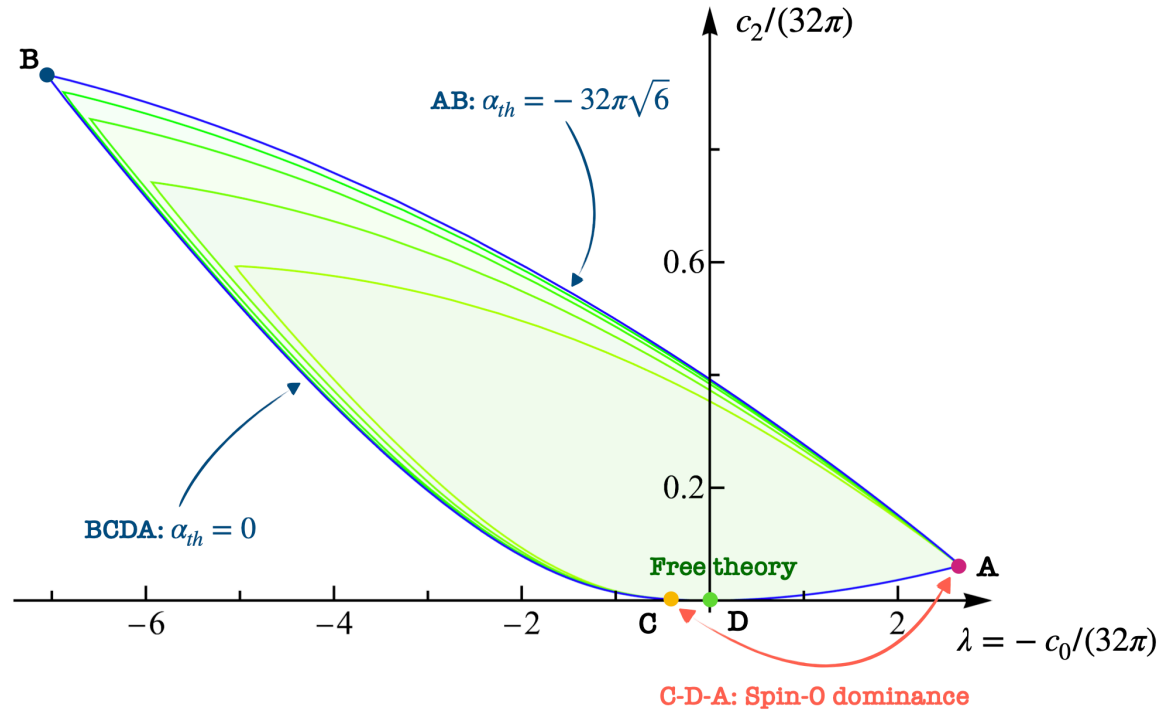
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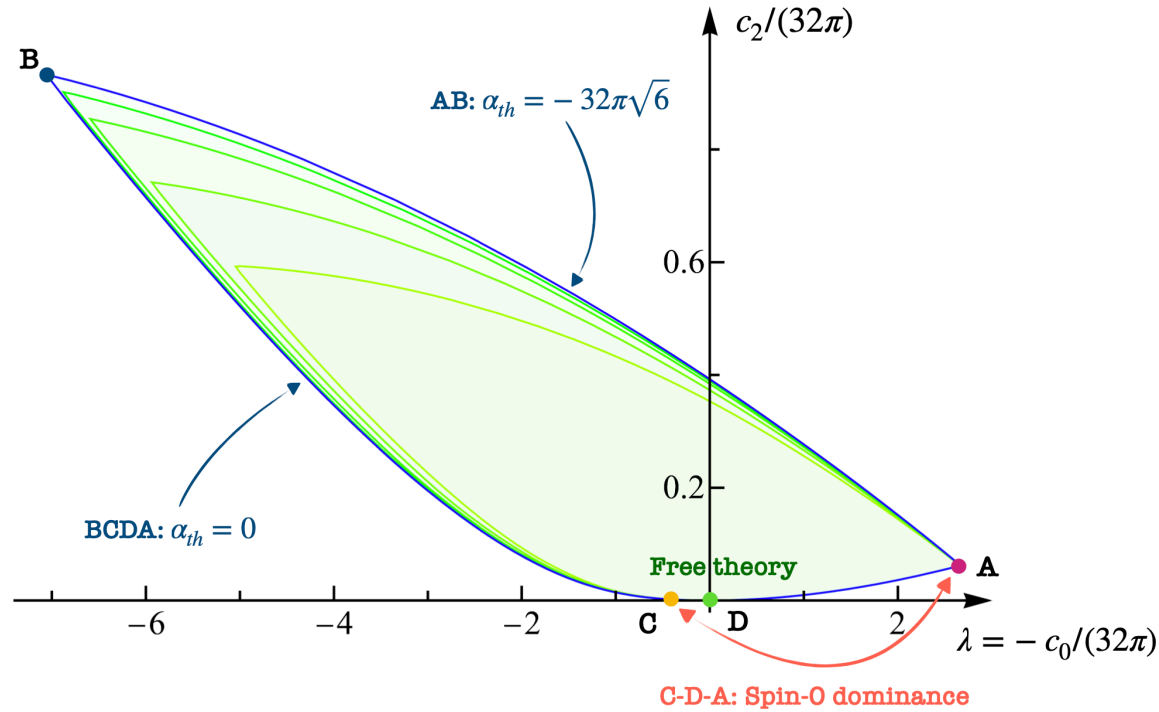
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 $\Sigma = (4, \infty); P_{\sigma}(s) = (\sqrt{s-4} - \sqrt{s-5}) / (\sqrt{s} + \sqrt{s-4})$

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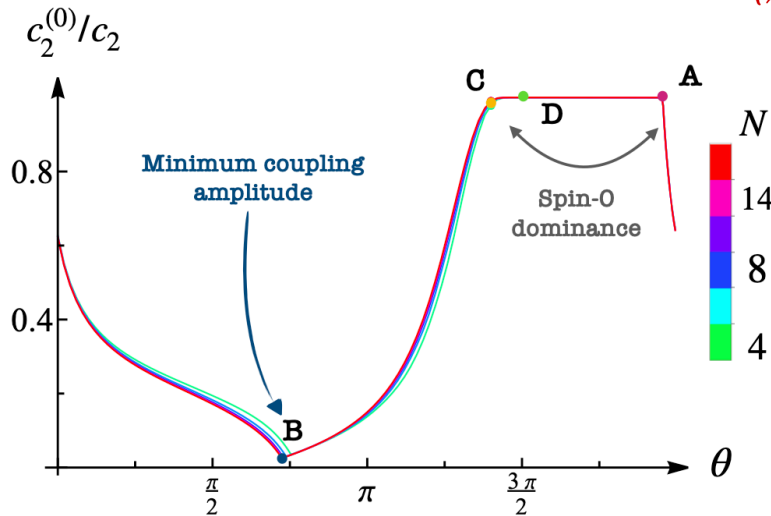
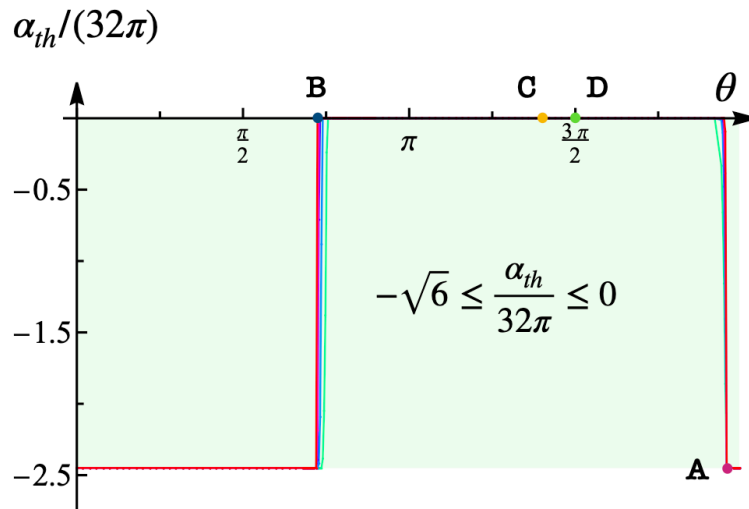
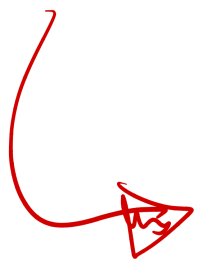
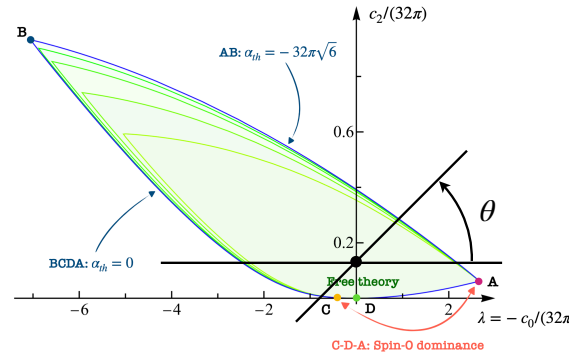
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Pole at threshold

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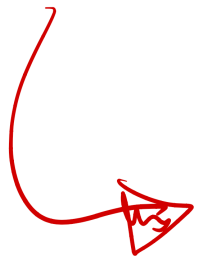
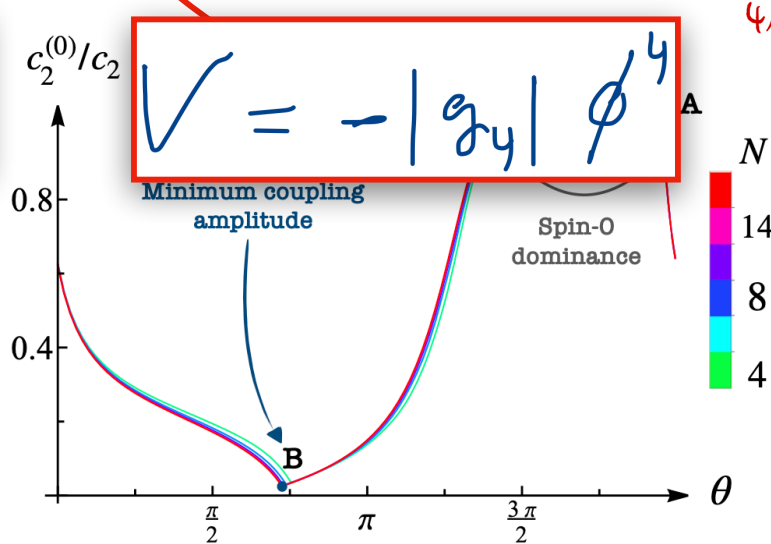
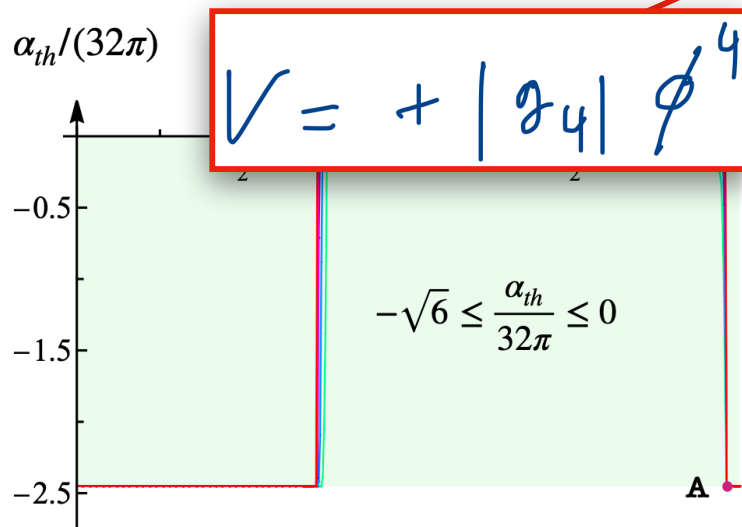
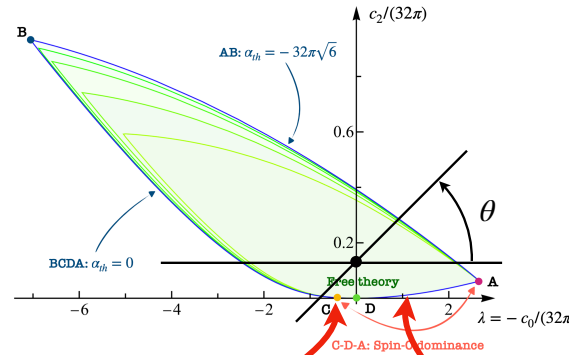
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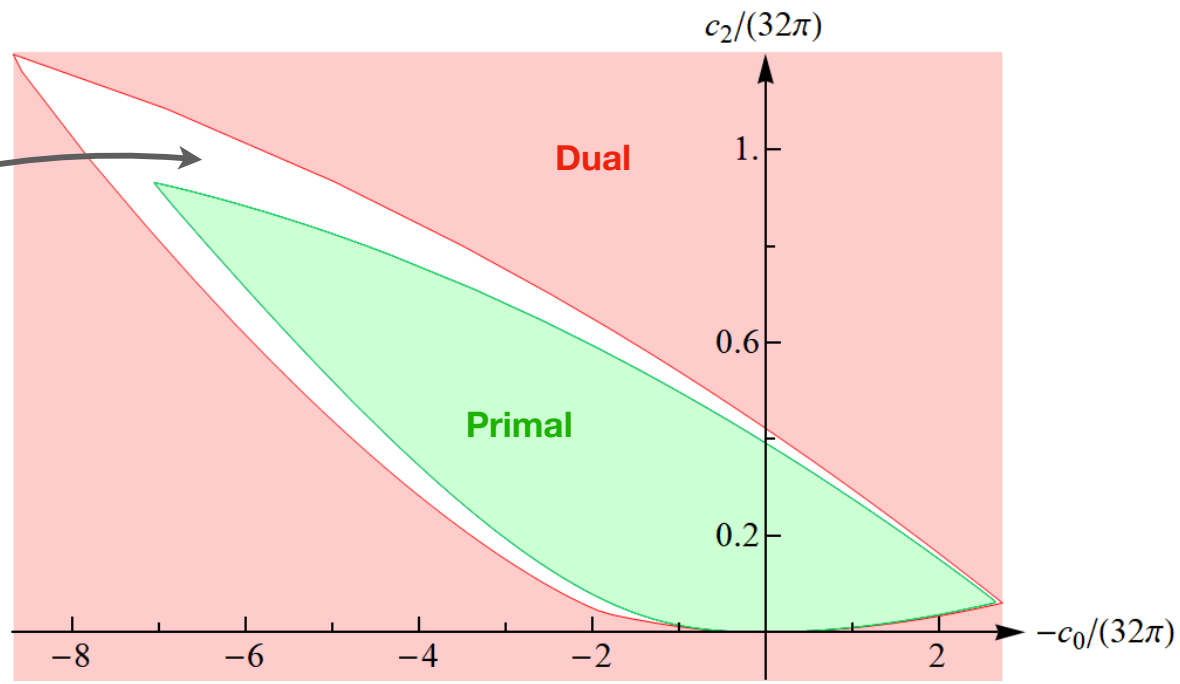
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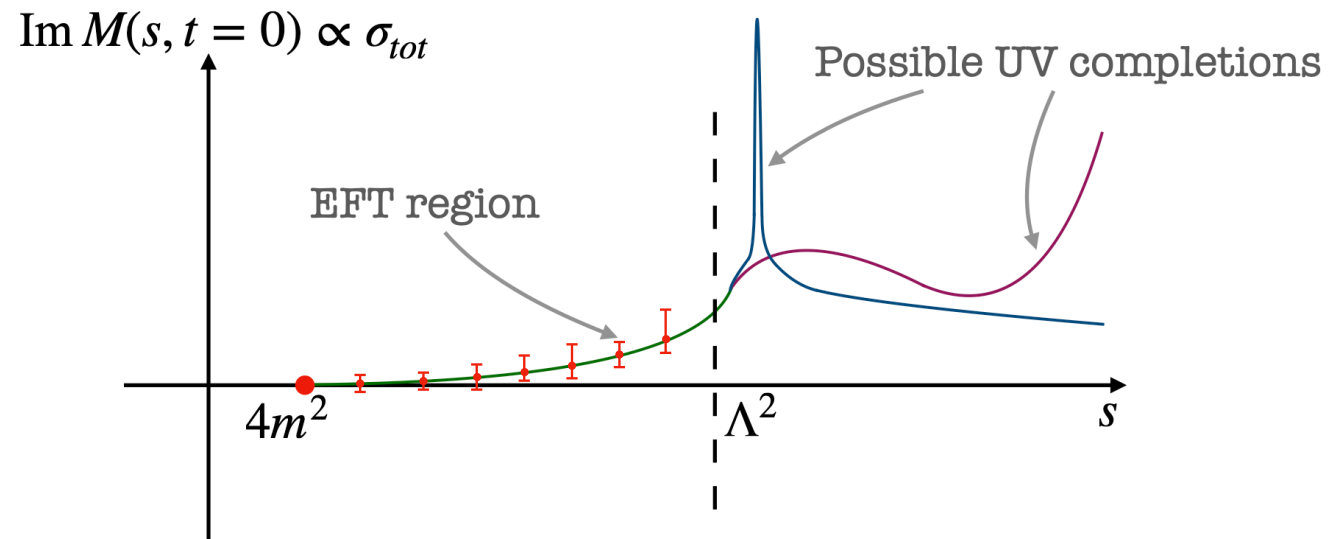
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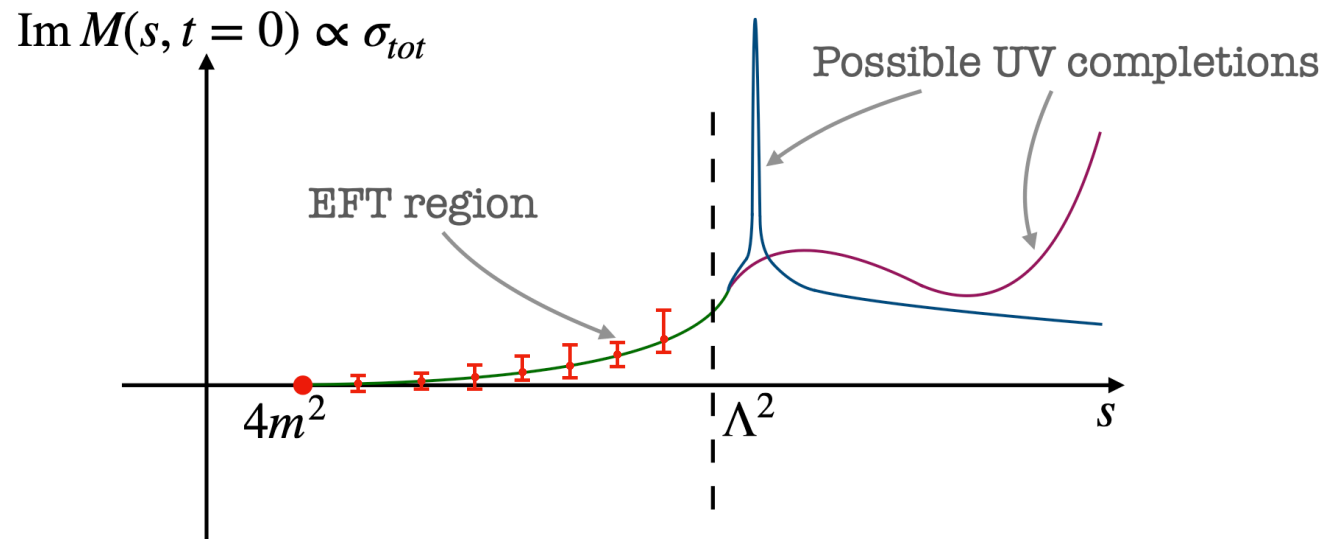
work in progress
to close the duality gap



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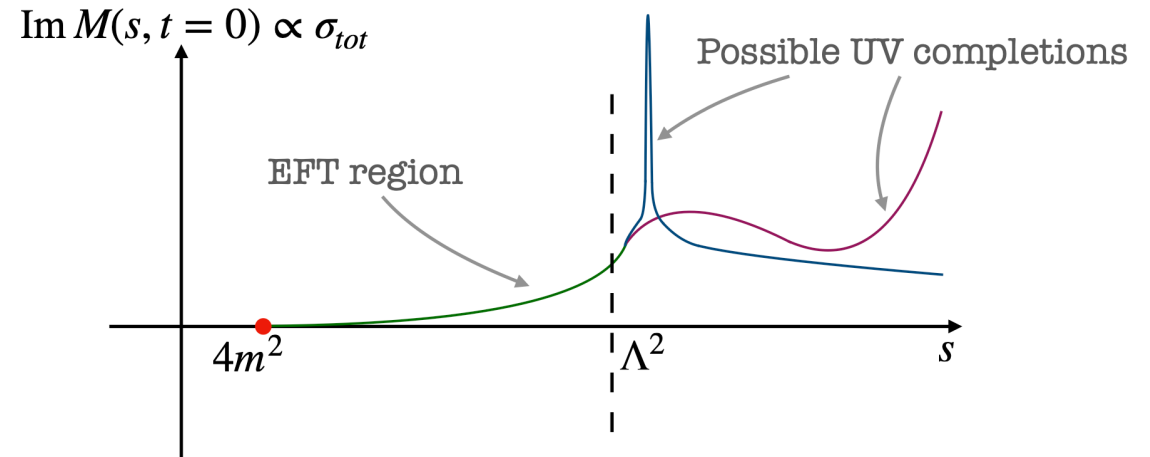
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Two methods:

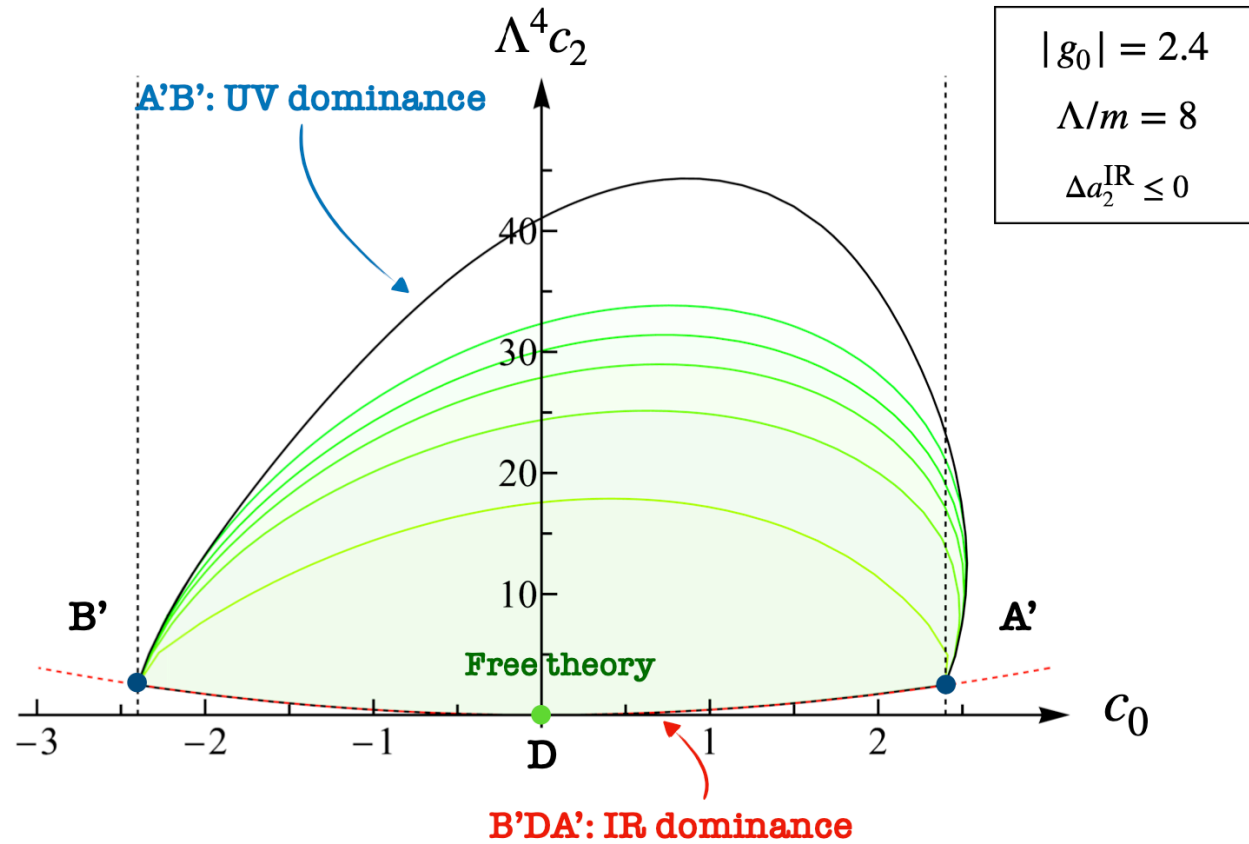
M1: Impose

$$\Delta_n a^{\text{IR}} \equiv \int_{4m^2}^{\Lambda^2} \frac{M_z^{\text{ans}}(z, 4/3) - M_z^{\text{EFT}}(z, 4/3)}{(z - 4/3)^{n+1}} dz \leq 0$$

with $M_z^{\text{EFT}}(z, t) = \frac{\sqrt{s-4}}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{g_0^2}{32\pi} + \dots$

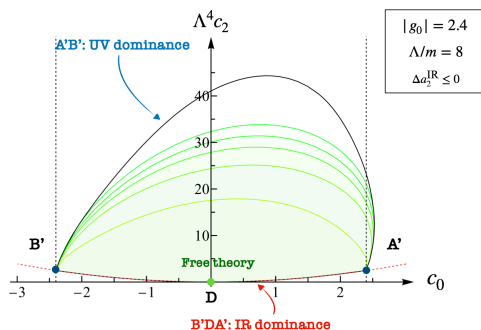
M2: Point wise constraints $\text{Im}f_\ell(s) \leq \text{Im}f_\ell^{\text{EFT}}(s)$ for $s \leq \Lambda^2$.

Extremal values of (c_0, c_2) , singlet EFT theory



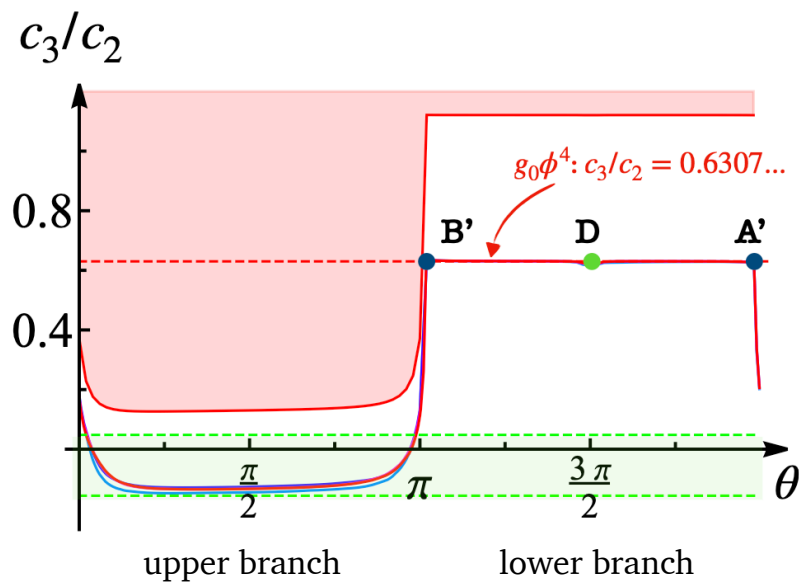
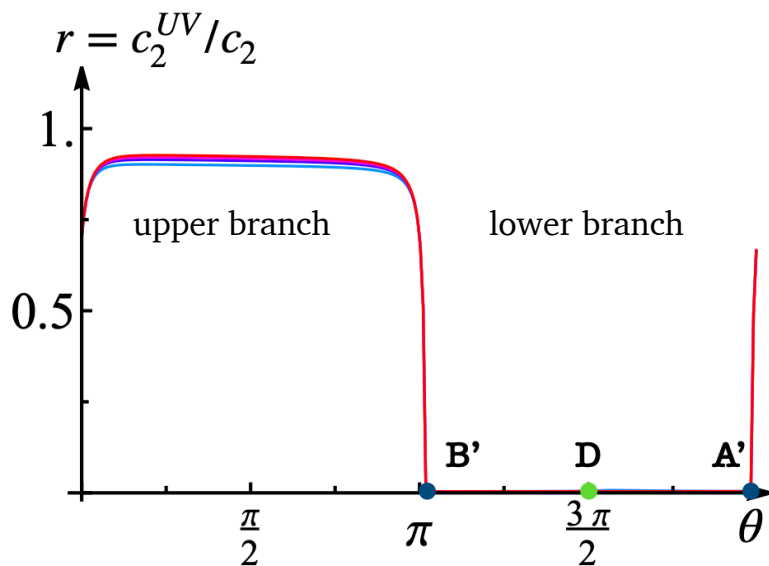
$$r \equiv \frac{C_2^{UV}}{C_2}$$

$$C_2^{UV} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\Lambda^2}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im} M(s, t=4/3)}{(s-4/3)^3} ds$$



$$c_3 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_4^{\infty} dz \left(3 \frac{M_2(z, \frac{4}{3})}{(z-\frac{4}{3})^4} - 2 \frac{\partial_t M_2(z, t)|_{t=4/3}}{(z-\frac{4}{3})^3} \right)$$

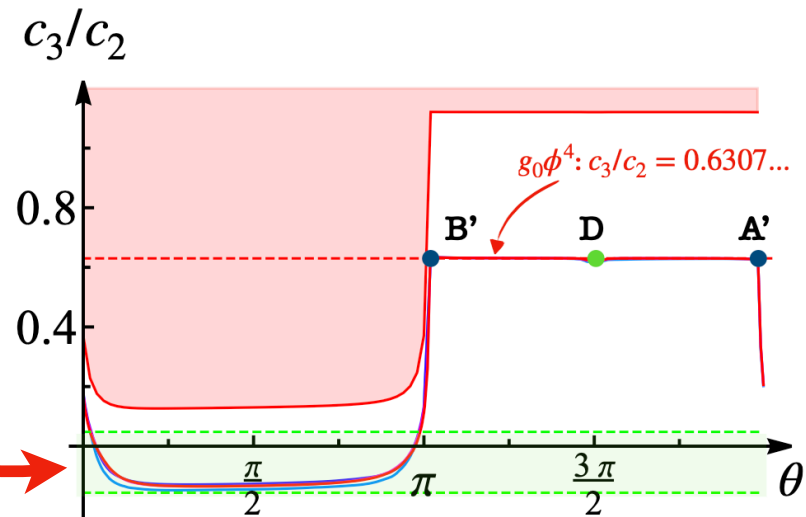
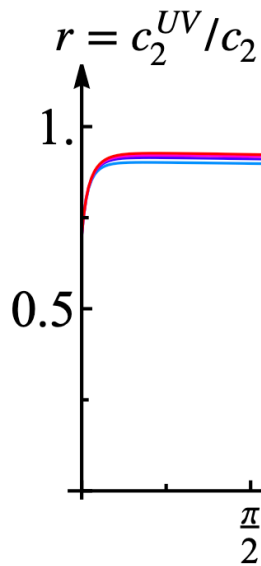
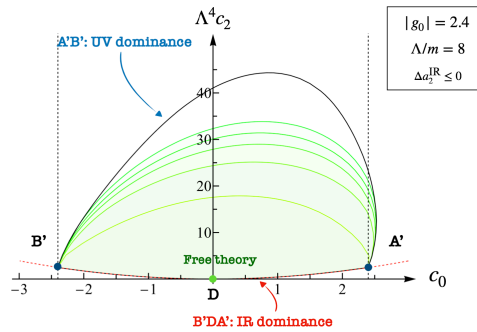
$$\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_4^{\infty} dz \frac{3 M_2(z, \frac{4}{3})}{(z-\frac{4}{3})^4} \leq \left(\frac{9}{8} (1-r) + \frac{3}{\Lambda^2 - 4/3} r \right) C_2$$



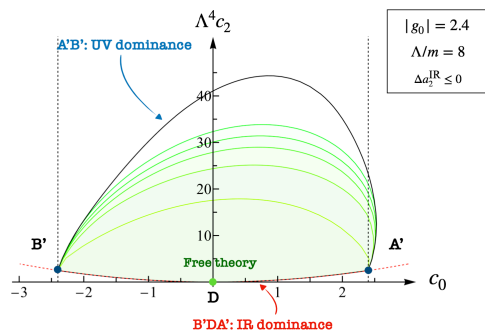
UV domination:

IR cuts can be neglected:

$$-0.1564 \leq c_3/c_2 \leq 9/188 \approx 0.0479$$



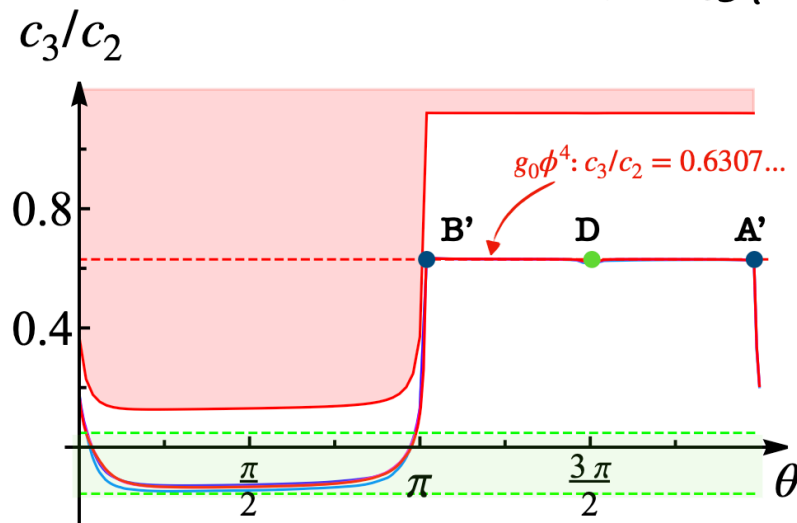
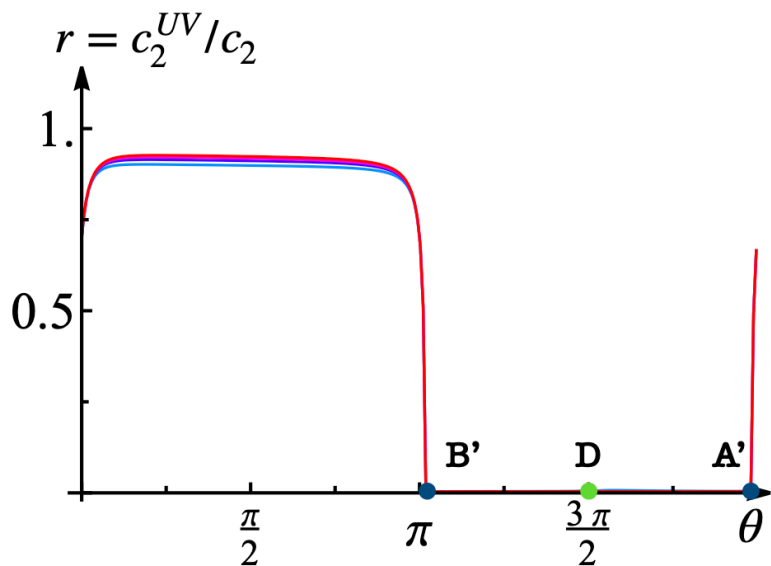
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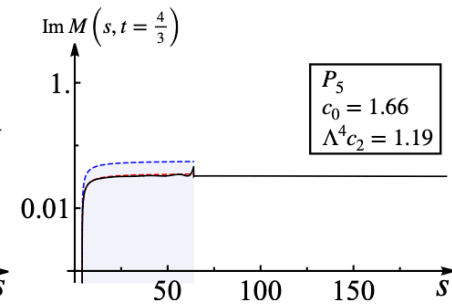
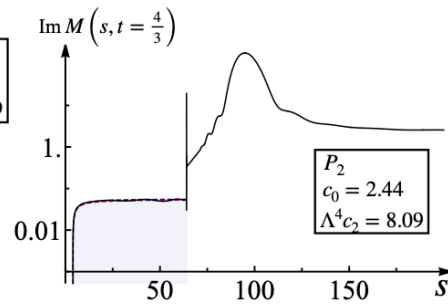
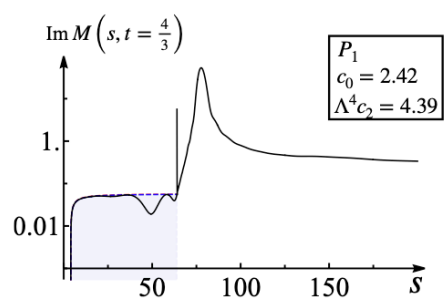
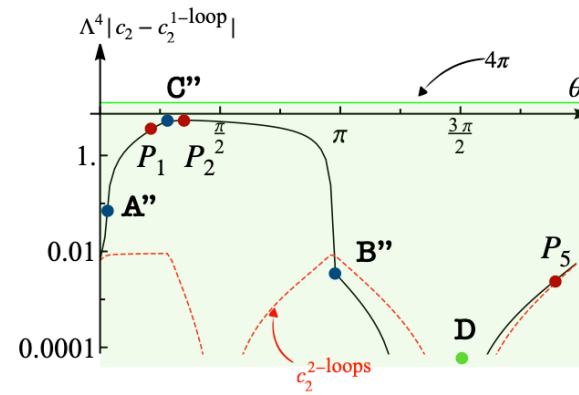
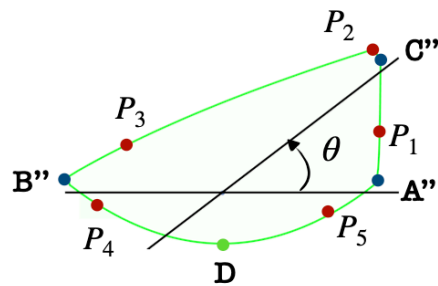


IR domination:

$$= -c_0^{(1)} + (\bar{s}^2 + \bar{t}^2 + \bar{u}^2) c_2^{(1)} + \bar{s} \bar{t} \bar{u} c_3^{(1)}$$

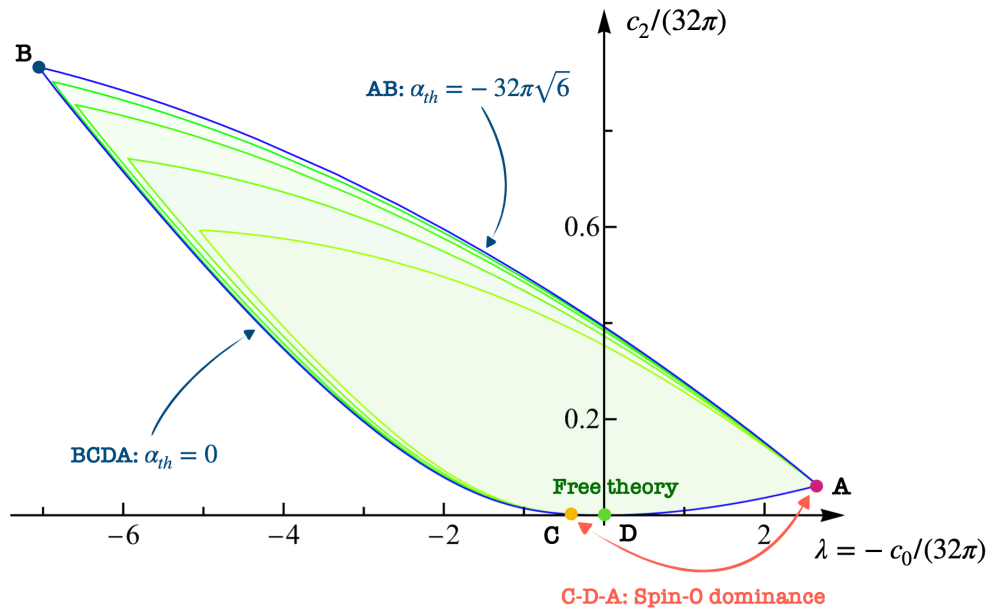
$$\frac{c_3^{(1)}}{c_2^{(1)}} = \frac{390 - 459\sqrt{2} \cot^{-1}\sqrt{2}}{-224 + 240\sqrt{2} \cot^{-1}\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.6307$$



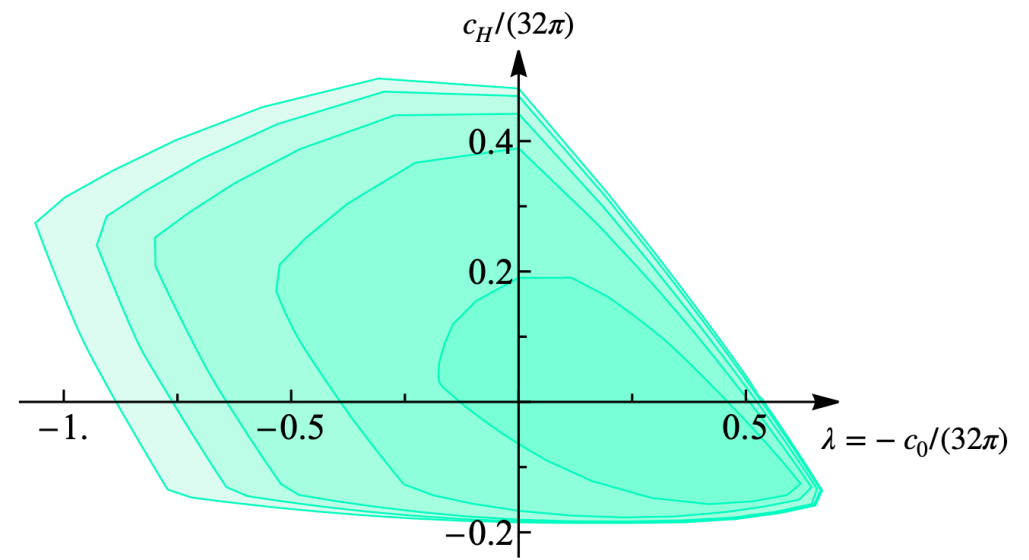


The space of amplitudes

singlet theory



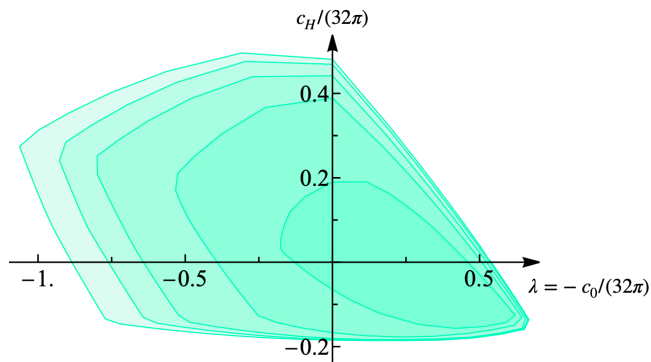
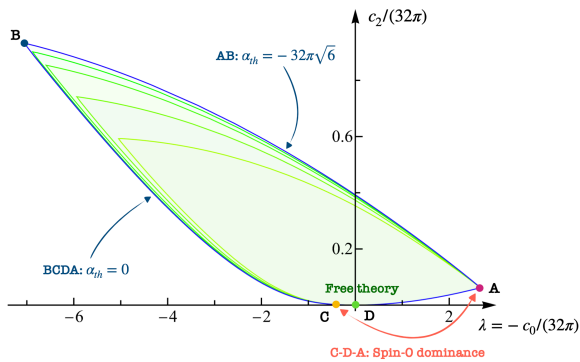
$O(n = 4)$ theory



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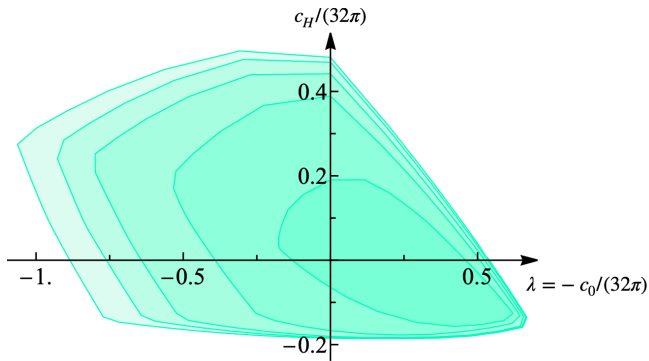
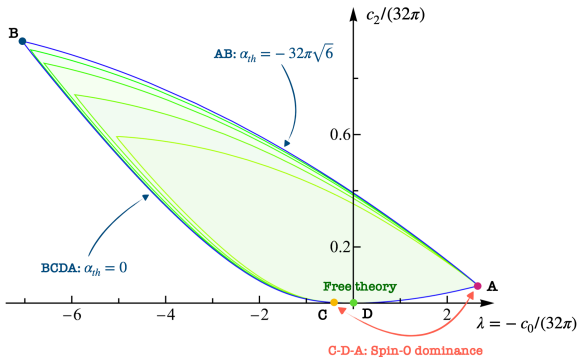


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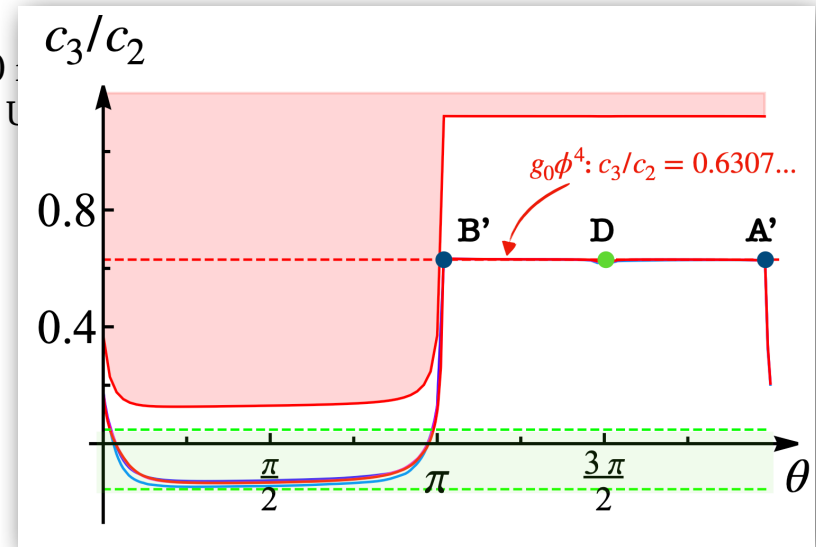
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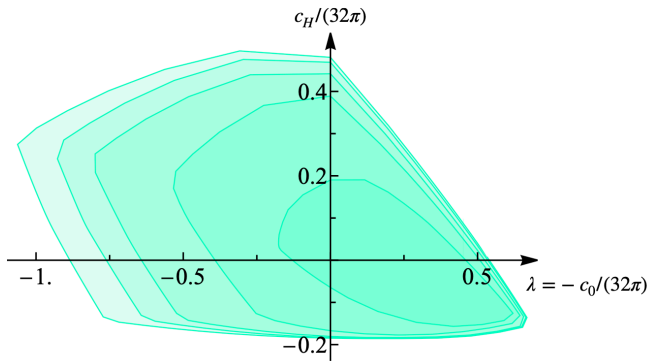
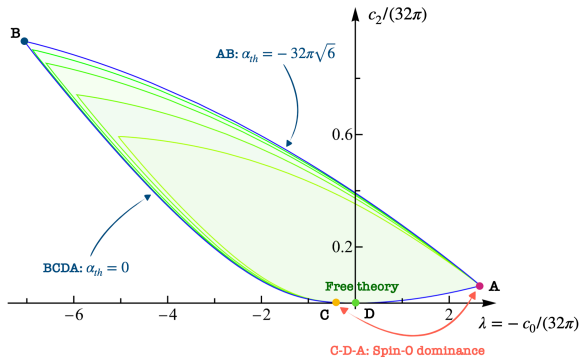
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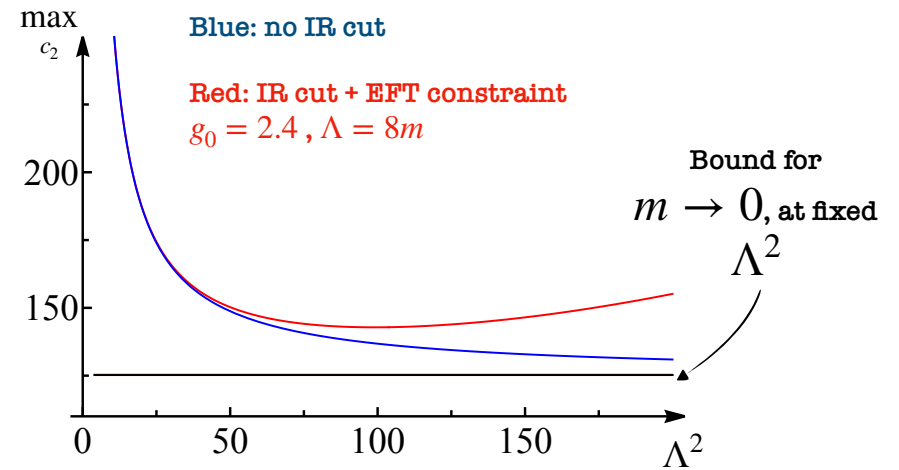
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The construction that I presented allows to ask precise questions for EFTs that, on one hand feature non-negligible IR physics, but on the other hand are maximally strongly coupled at energies above a physical cutoff Λ .

Conclusions:

- I showed how to isolate EFT amplitudes in the space of non-perturbative amplitudes.
- Discussed the interplay with positivity (see paper for further analyses).
- Discussed interesting observables along the boundary, such as UV/IR dominance and the spin dominance.
- Construction allows to set bounds on operators of dimensions less than or equal to six.
- Presented novel bounds on 4D $O(n)$ amplitudes.

Outlook:

- Characterise further the physics of the extremal amplitudes, in particular for the $O(n)$ theory (more to appear soon, w/ A.Guerrieri and M.Gümüş)
- Close the gap between dual and primal.
- Make a more realistic model (turn on gauge couplings, etc.), and then
- take input data from experiment to constraint the low energy EFT.
- Here I asked what is perhaps the simplest pheno question, the answer to many more interesting pheno questions will become available as we develop further this strategy.

