

# EFT intro part II

## Standard Model Effective Field Theory in more detail, practice

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# Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT)

= SM extended by higher dimensional operators formed solely from SM field content and their covariant derivatives

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_d \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}(Q, u_c, d_c, L, e_c, H, D_\mu, F_{\mu\nu} \dots)$$

$\Lambda$  = scale of heavy new physics

$c_i^{(d)}$  = 'Wilson coefficients',  
 encode info about interactions  
 between heavy new physics  
 and us

Ex.)

$\frac{c(HL)^2}{\Lambda}$	$\frac{c' Q H \sigma_{\mu\nu} u_c B^{\mu\nu}}{\Lambda^2}$	$\frac{c(Q^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu Q)(i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)}{\Lambda^2}$	$\frac{c(Q^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_\mu Q)^2}{\Lambda^2}$
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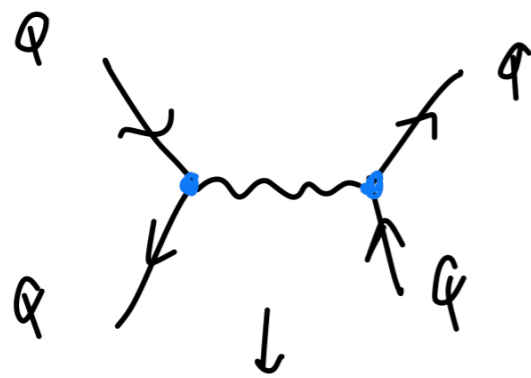
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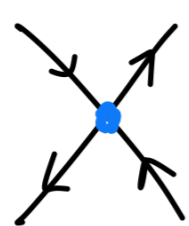
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Ex.)  $\mathcal{L} \supset g_{Z'} Q^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu Q Z'_\mu - \frac{M_{Z'}^2}{2} Z'_\mu Z'^\mu$



$$\frac{g_{Z'}^2 (Q^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_\mu Q)^2}{\hat{s} - M_{Z'}^2}$$

if  $\hat{s} \ll M_{Z'}^2$ , expand



$$\frac{-g_{Z'}^2}{M_{Z'}^2} (Q^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_\mu Q)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{s}/M_{Z'}^4)$$



$$c_i = -g_{Z'}^2$$

$$\Lambda = M_{Z'}$$

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## Can also use as a bottom-up EFT: Turn on all operators

Operators parameterize all possible deviations in SM inter-particle interactions. Bound these operators by precision measurements of how SM particles interact.

Use that information to inform about mass scale and properties of UV theories

### How many operators are there?

Dim 5: 12

Dim 6: 2499

Dim 7: 948

Dim 8: 36971

## But — can reduce the numbers by adding assumptions

- Only keep B, L preserving operators. Removes all odd dimension operators
- Only keep CP preserving operators
- Assume some flavor symmetry

often 'flavor universality' = effects are the same for all generations

$$(Q_i^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu Q_j)(i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) \longrightarrow (Q_i^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu Q_i)(i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$$

Dim 6: 59

**More manageable**

Dim 8: 993

# operators fixed, but exact form is not. Need to pick a basis to cover all effects

# 0-fermion and 2-fermion operators in “Warsaw basis”

$X^3$		$\varphi^6$ and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_\varphi$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{\varphi})$
$Q_W$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$

Here,  $\varphi = H$ ;  $p, r, \dots =$  flavor indices (so  $p = r \rightarrow$  flavor universal)

# 4-fermion operators in “Warsaw basis”

$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_{ll}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	$Q_{ee}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	$Q_{le}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{uu}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{lu}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$Q_{dd}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{ld}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{eu}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{qe}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
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$Q_{ledq}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s^j q_t^j)$	$Q_{duq}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^{\gamma j})^T C l_t^k]$		
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Implemented in MadGraph UFO models via SMEFTsim, SMEFT@NLO



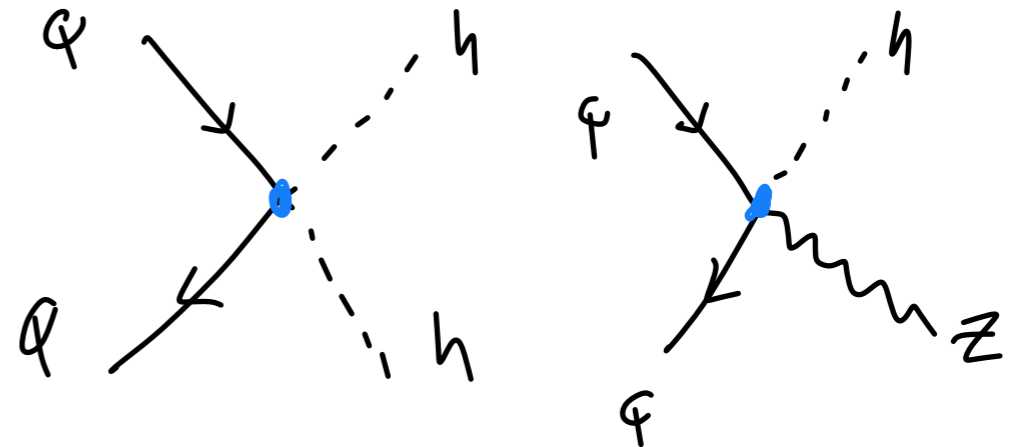
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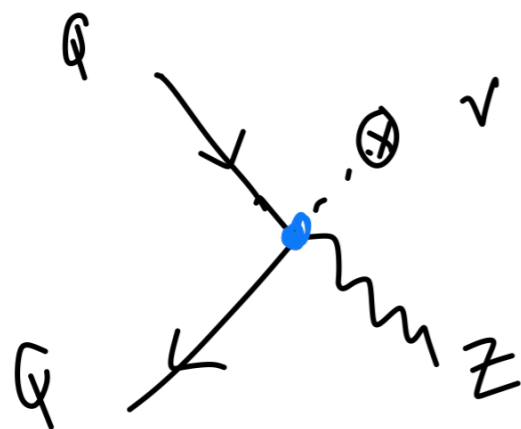
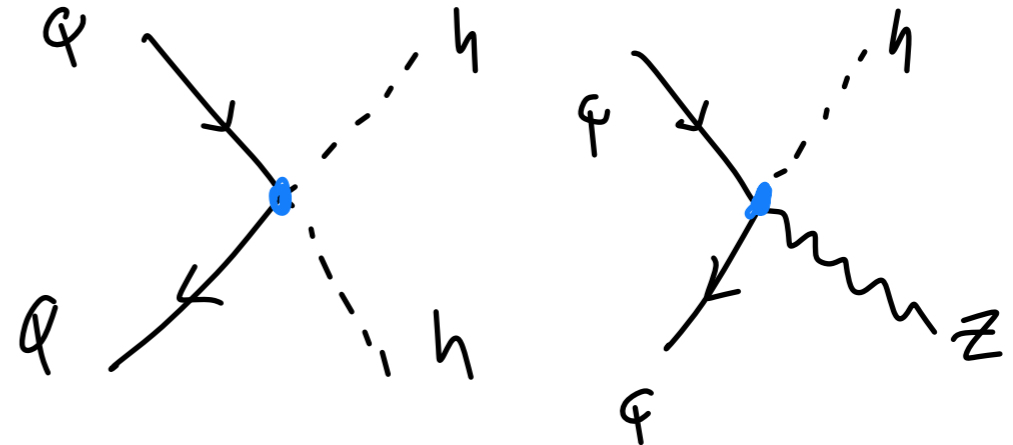
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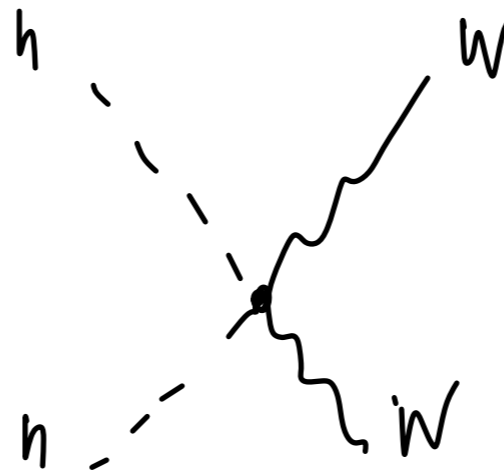
but also changes how  $Q$  couples to  $Z_\mu$  !

$$\delta g_{ZQQ} \sim \frac{g c_{HQ} v^2}{2\Lambda^2}$$

[quite constrained from LEP !!]

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But, setting  $H \rightarrow v/\sqrt{2}$ , looks like a shift in the  $W$  kinetic term

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{c_{HW} v^2}{2\Lambda^2} \right) W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I,\mu\nu}$$

We can redefine  $W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\hat{W}_{\mu\nu}^I}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{c_{HW} v^2}{2\Lambda^2}}}$  = to get back usual

normalization, but we have to do that everywhere consistently

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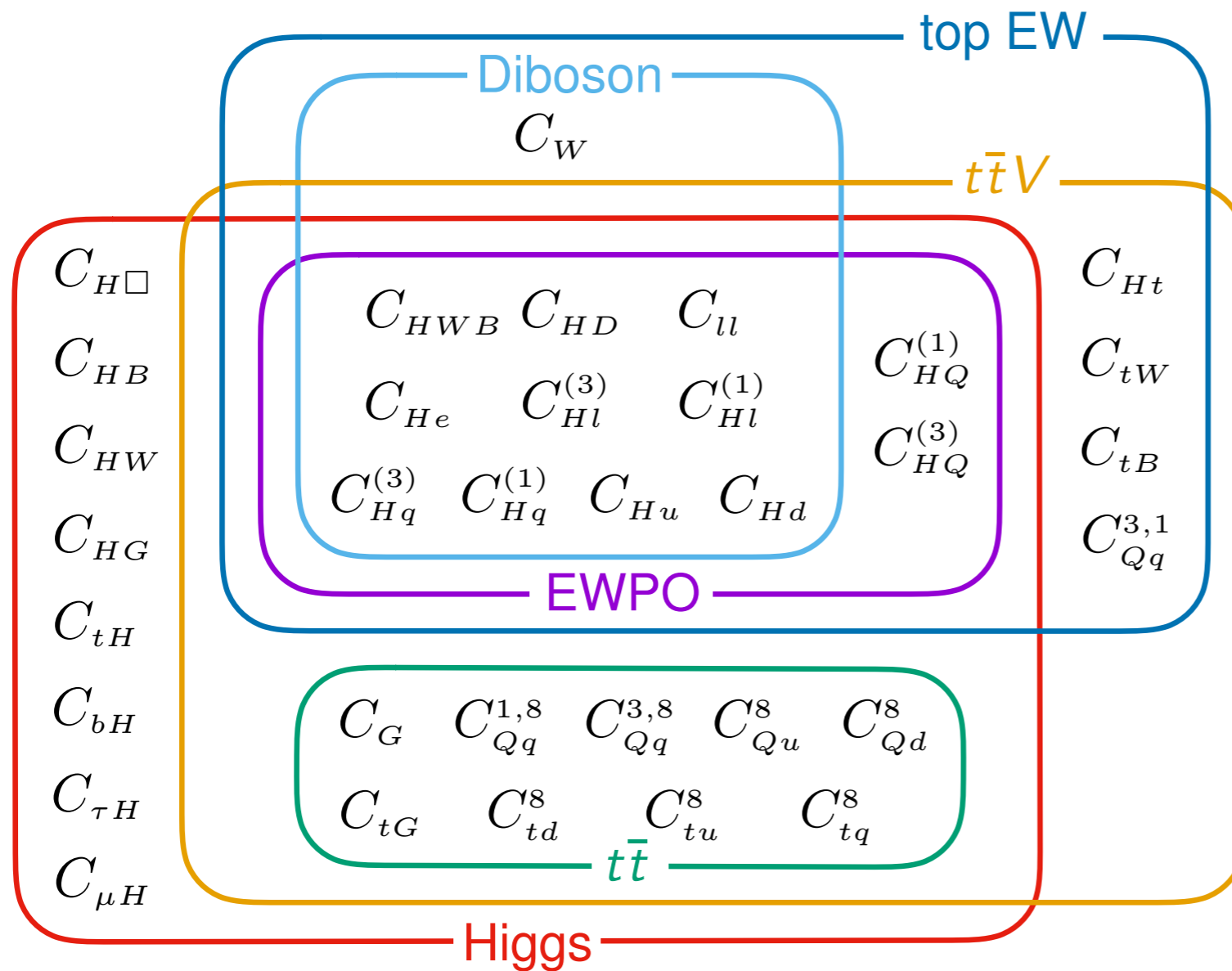
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Net result: SMEFT operators enter in subtle ways and in multiple processes

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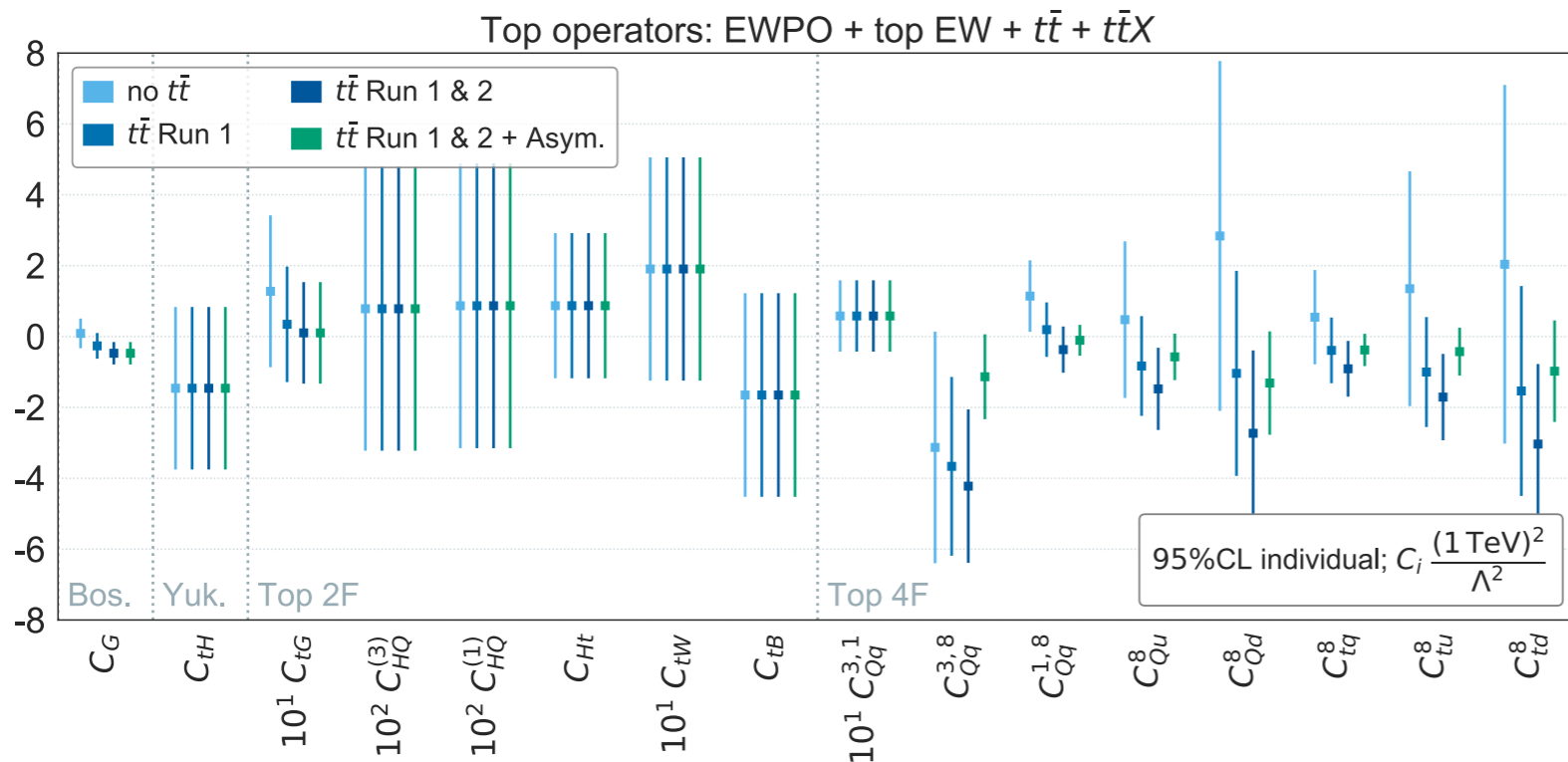
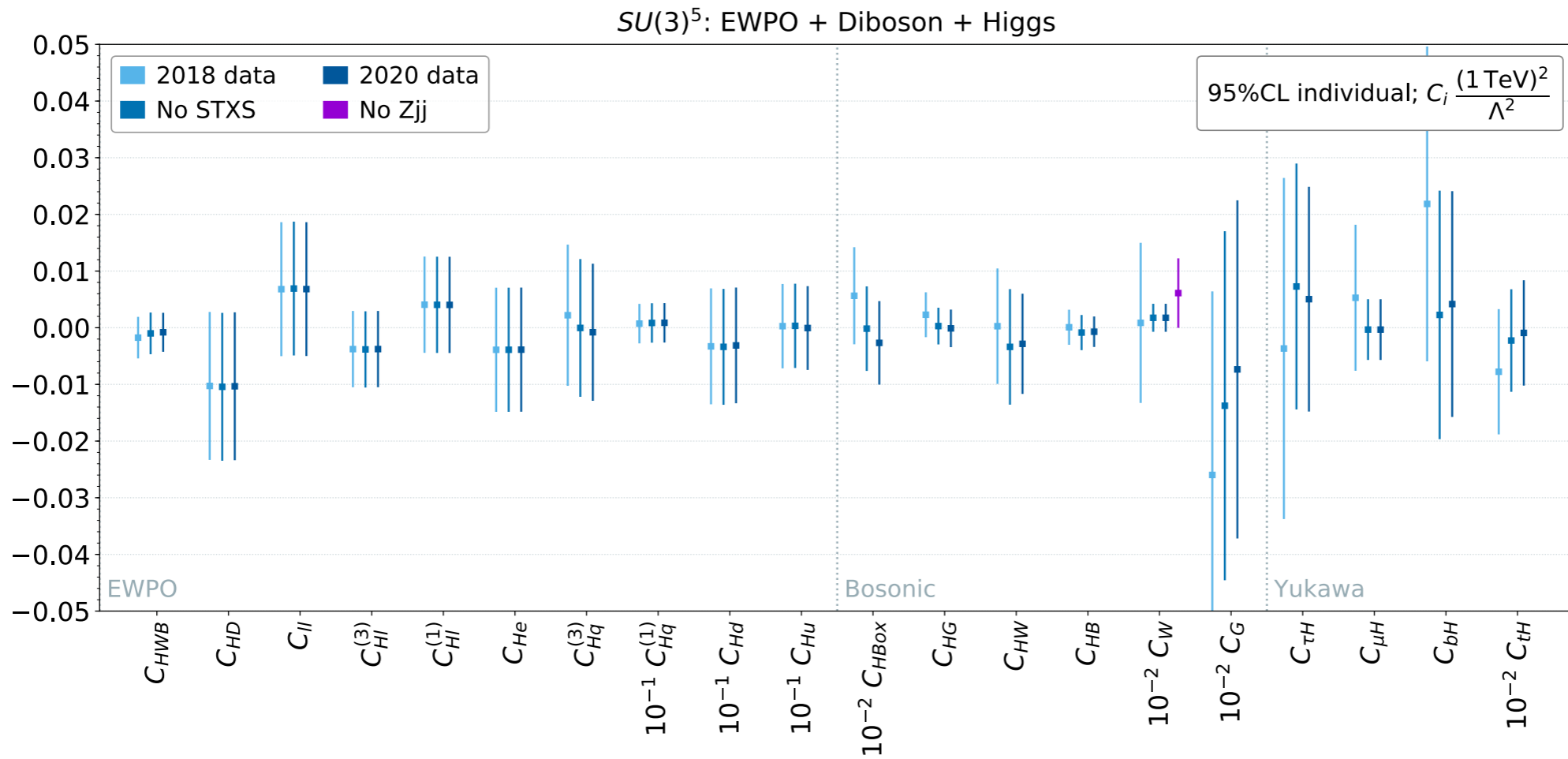


**Operators impact multiple processes:  
Global approach needed**

Remember the goal: from pattern in deviations, **determine  $\Lambda$**

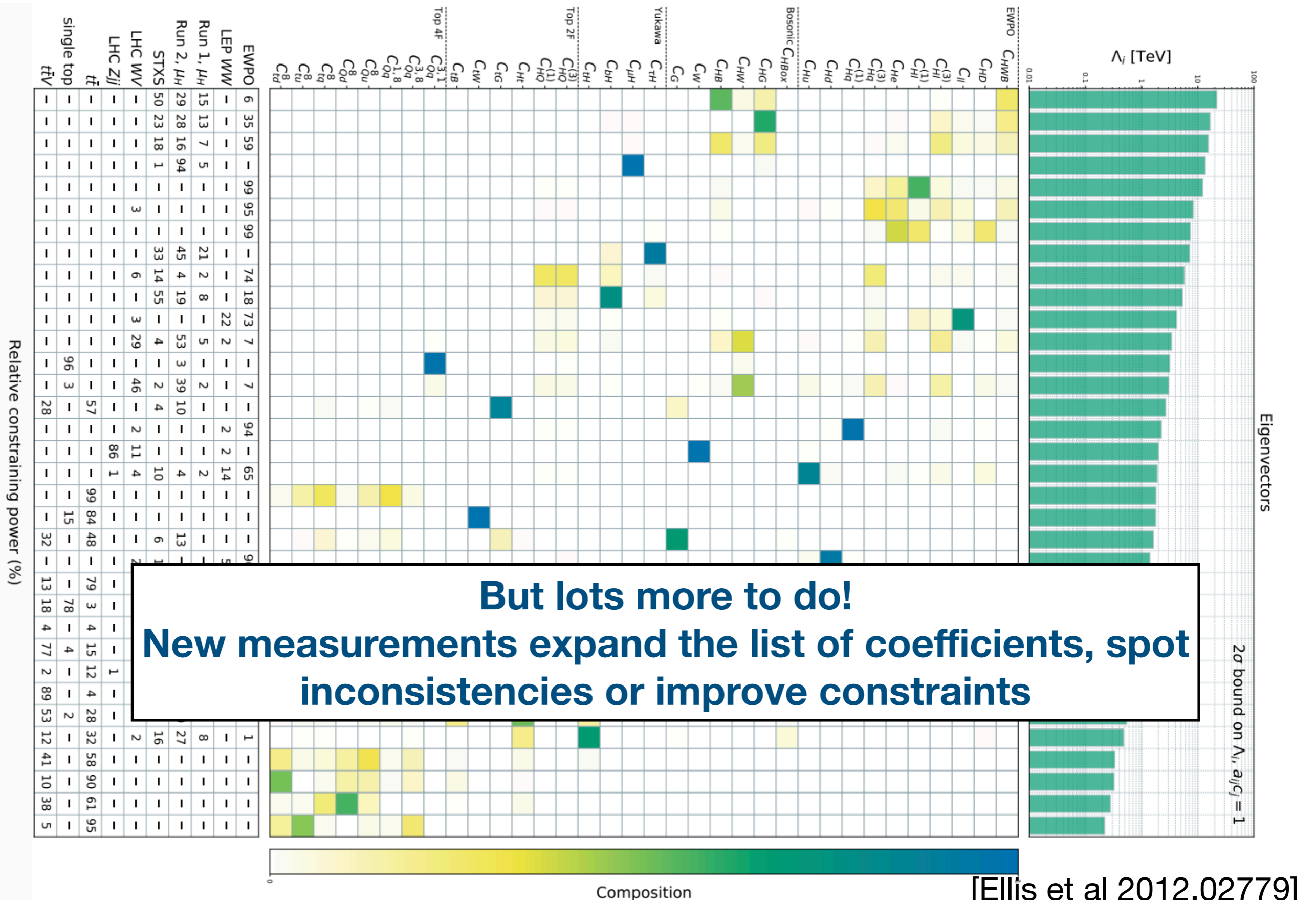


# SMEFT approach is a global approach



**Lots of work in the area!**  
**Tightest constraints on**  
**operators that affect  $\bar{f}fV$**   
**couplings or  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$**

# SMEFT approach is a global approach





## Looking for heavy new physics





**SMEFT**

**Looking for heavy new physics**



**OK lets calculate something! Good idea to understand what we should get before diving in**

$$A = A_{SM} + \frac{(A_{6,1} v^2 + A_{6,2} v E + A_{6,3} E^2)}{\Lambda^2} + \dots$$

$A_{6,i}$  are functions of Wilson coefficients  $c_i$ . Formed by turning new operators into Feynman rules (ex. FeynRules), calculating away

$$|A|^2 = |A_{SM}|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \left( A_{SM}^* \frac{(A_{6,1} v^2 + A_{6,2} v E + A_{6,3} E^2)}{\Lambda^2} \right) \leftarrow \text{interference term}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} |(A_{6,1} v^2 + A_{6,2} v E + A_{6,3} E^2)|^2$$



New physics  
“squared” term

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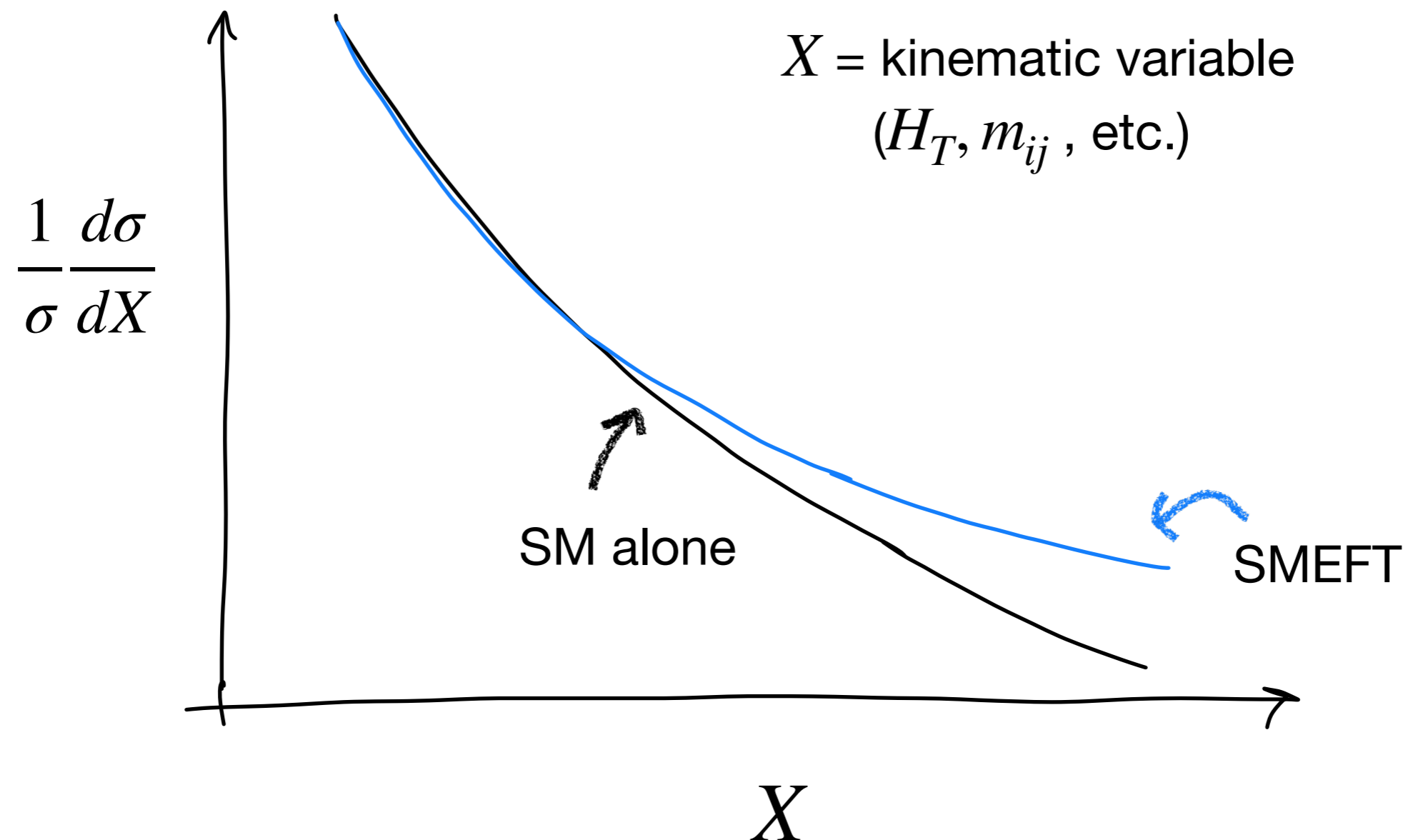
Know  $\Lambda \gg v, E$ . But  $v$  is fixed while  $E$  can vary (can be ‘selected’ by analysis cuts to focus on tails of distributions, etc.)

Means for fixed  $\Lambda$  (and  $c_i$ ) can have  $\left(\frac{E}{\Lambda}\right) \gg \left(\frac{v}{\Lambda}\right)$ , so we can be sensitive to smaller  $A_{6,3} \sim c_i$

**This is the main advantage of SMEFT at LHC.**  
**Needs a combination of energy ( $E > v$ ) and precision!**

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## But don't get carried away

We're still at the mercy of perturbation theory expansion in

$$c_i\left(\frac{v}{\Lambda}\right), c_i\left(\frac{E}{\Lambda}\right) < 1$$

If  $>1$ , no sense that lowest order is adequate, expansion is invalid!

**Analysis with expansion  $> 1$  is a straw man for some non-SM effect, but results don't contribute to SMEFT picture/goal**

[Running MC, **you** control this expansion:

- $E$  is set by process and cuts
- $c_i$  and  $\Lambda$  are inputs set in parameter cards.

e.g.  $t\bar{t}$  production,  $E \gtrsim 500$  GeV...

Need all three pieces to know the expansion parameter! ]



## But don't get carried away

Even if  $c_i \left( \frac{E}{\Lambda} \right) < 1$ , larger expansion parameter (in kinematic tails) means higher order corrections are more important

MC already contain some higher order terms

$$+ \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} | (A_{6,1} v^2 + A_{6,2} v E + A_{6,3} E^2) |^2$$

But these aren't the end of the story. Gotta do perturbation theory consistently, so if we need  $\mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda^4)$ , we need all terms with that 'power counting'

### **SM x dimension-8 effects**

Even with our simplifying assumptions, 993 dim-8 operators...

# Can't we just use $|\dim - 6|^2$ ?

Can suffice if no other choice, BUT

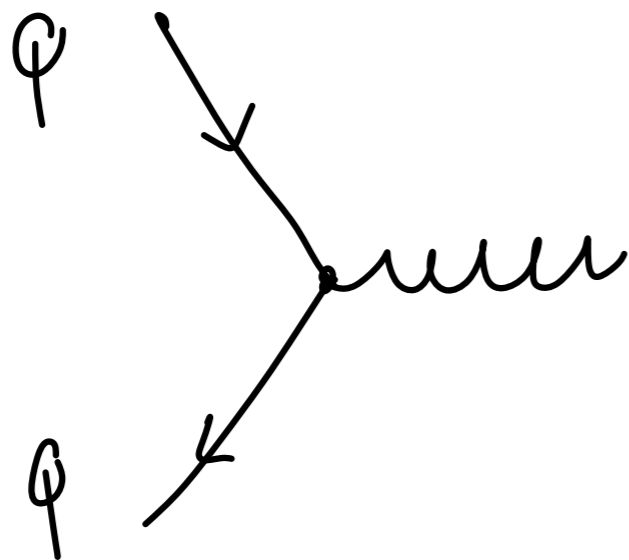
- $|\dim - 6|^2$  is positive definite, net  $\mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda^4)$  doesn't have to be (destructive interference)
- $|\dim - 6|^2$  is restricted to dim-6 operators, limited structure, some already bounded, small in some UV setups

**Can lead to wildly inaccurate estimates of  $\mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda^4)$  ...**

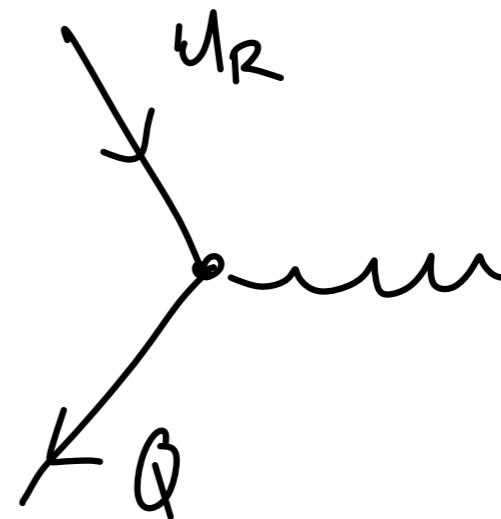
**Especially dangerous if  $|\dim - 6|^2 > SM \times (\dim - 6)$   
without a good reason!!**

# If $E/\Lambda$ vs. $v/\Lambda$ is so important, how can I spot it in the operators I choose for my analysis?

- Check out the helicity/polarization/color structure. To interfere, need to match the SM structure. Non-Higgs SM interactions involve fermions with the same helicity ( $Q^\dagger Q$ ,  $u_R^\dagger u_R$ , not  $Q u_R$ , etc.)



vs.



$$Q^\dagger \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_R H G_{\mu\nu}^A$$

**So SMEFT operators with opposite helicity can't interfere**

**If  $E/\Lambda$  vs.  $v/\Lambda$  is so important, how can I spot it in the operators I choose for my analysis?**

- $E$  comes from  $\partial_\mu$ . These hide in field strengths  $W_{\mu\nu}^I = \partial_\mu W_\nu^I - \partial_\nu W_\mu^I + \dots$

$$\frac{c_{HD}}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger D_\mu H) (H^\dagger D_\mu H)^*$$

$$\frac{c_{HW}}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger H) W_{\mu\nu}^I W_{I,\mu\nu}$$

Both make new  $h W^2$  vertices, but..

3 vevs

$$\frac{g^2 c_{HD} v^3}{2\sqrt{2} \Lambda^2}$$

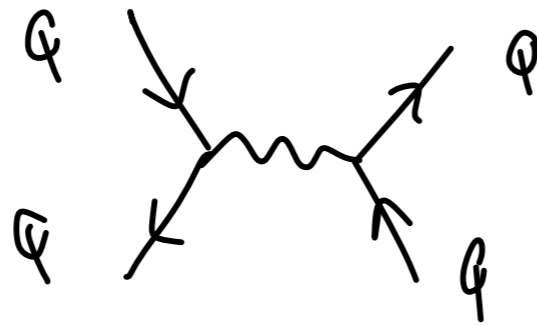
1 vev, 2 derivs

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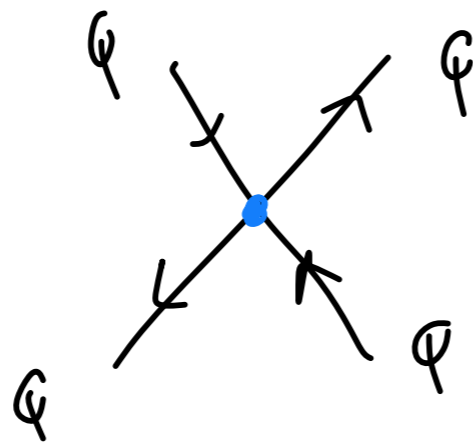
- Count the propagators,  $1/E^2$  for each

Ex.)  $Q^\dagger Q \rightarrow Q^\dagger Q$



$$A \propto \frac{\text{numerator}}{E^2}$$

vs.



$$A \propto \frac{\text{numerator}}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$c_i \frac{(Q^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu Q)^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

relative  $\left(\frac{E^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$  in cross section

# Takeaways

- SMEFT is top-down or bottom-up EFT, SM + higher dimension operators formed from SM field content +  $D_\mu$ .

## **Bottom up: determine $\Lambda$ via global approach, $\neq$ resonance search**

- Lowest dimension operators (typically dim-6) are the most important, enter processes via interference with SM + new physics<sup>2</sup>.
- ‘Energy enhanced effects’ are both a blessing and a curse. Increase sensitivity for fixed  $c_i$ ,  $\Lambda$ , but must be careful not to go too far to invalidate the EFT/introduce huge sensitivity to higher order effects
- Rules of thumb to help determine which SMEFT effects a particular analysis is most sensitive to (without huge  $c_i$ , small  $\Lambda$ )

**Go forth and SMEFT!**

