

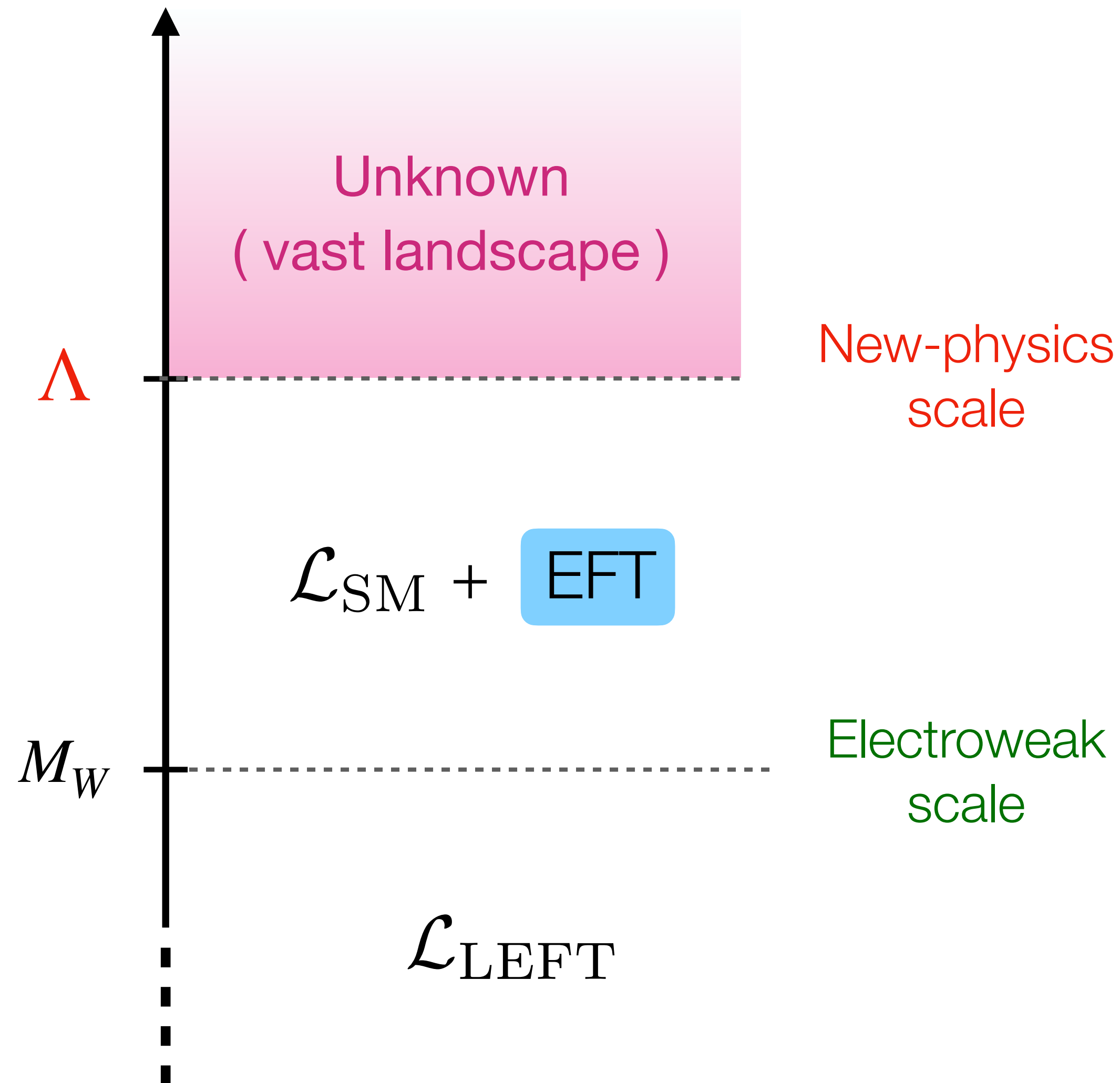


SMEFT at 2 loops

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The (SM)EFT approach

$E \equiv$ Energy



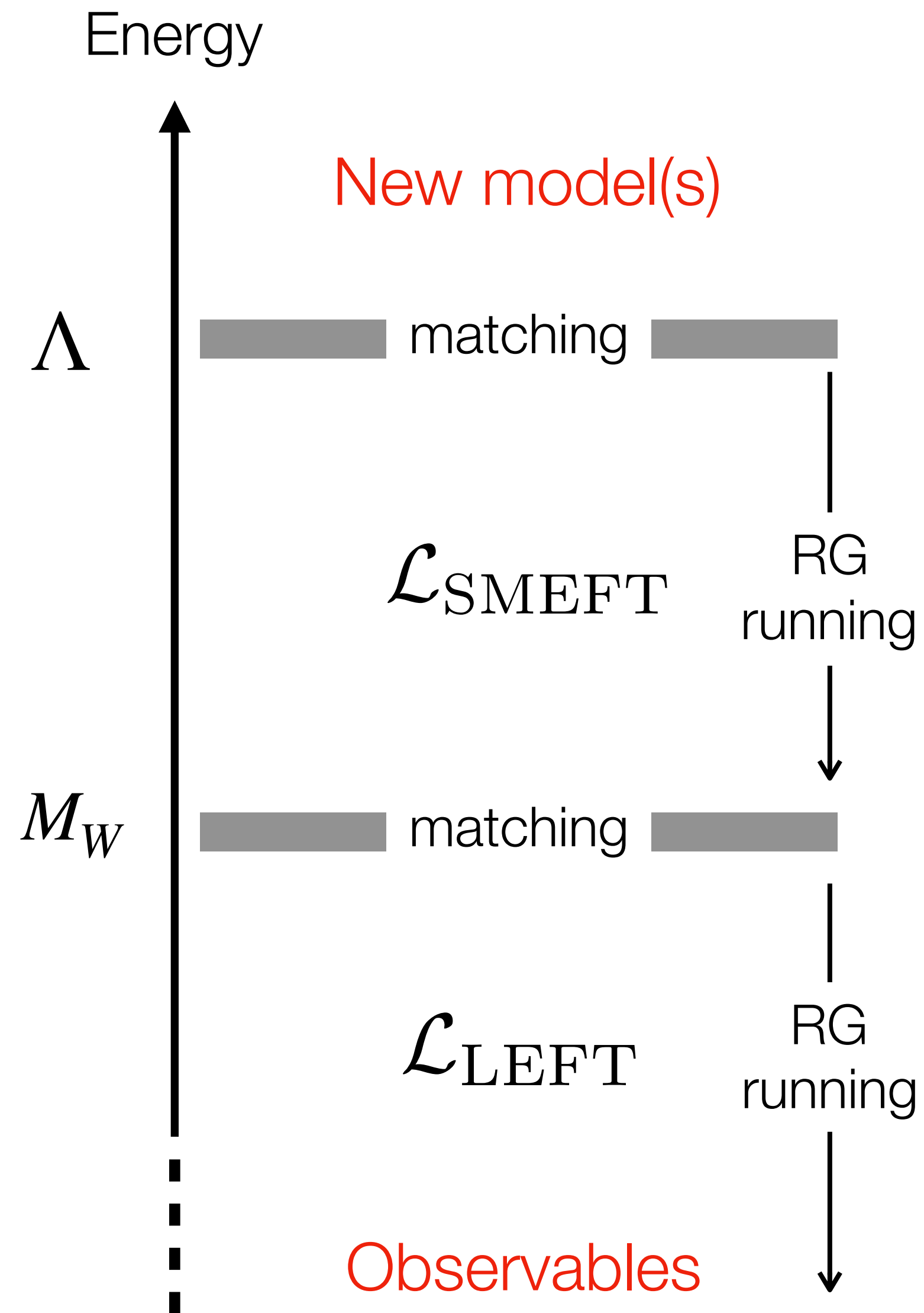
EFTs are great for parametrizing the **unknown**:

- Can be formulated **without knowing the full theory**
- **Systematically improvable** by adding extra terms in a double expansion in quantum corrections and E/Λ

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}(\eta_L) = \mathcal{L}_{d=4}(\eta_L) + \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \sum_k \frac{C_{n,k}^{(\ell)}}{(16\pi^2)^\ell \Lambda^{n-4}} \mathcal{O}_{n,k}(\eta_L)$$

UV physics

The rise of automation



Main motivation

The vast landscape of BSM models and the repetitive nature of EFT computations call for **automated solutions**

The rise of automation

Wim Klein, CERN "human computer"



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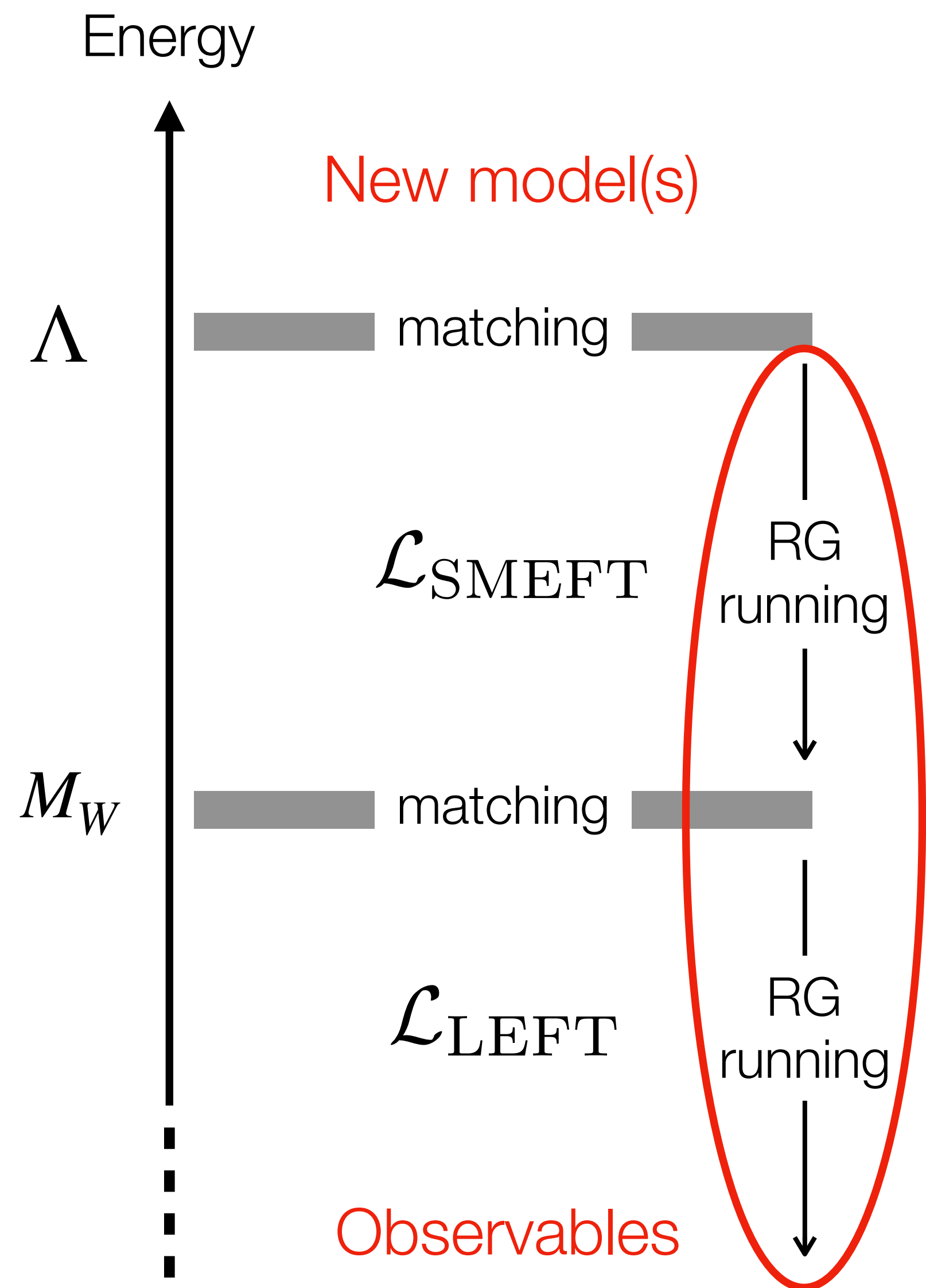
CERN first electronic computer



The (SM)EFT software project:

Upgrading from “human computers” to computers

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JFM et al. '17 & '21



Aebischer et al. '18

Building from “human computed” one-loop results:

[SMEFT running](#): Jenkins et al. '13, '14; Alonso et al. '14

[LEFT basis](#): Jenkins et al. '18

[SMEFT-LEFT matching](#): Dekens, Stoffer '19

[LEFT running](#): Jenkins et al. '18

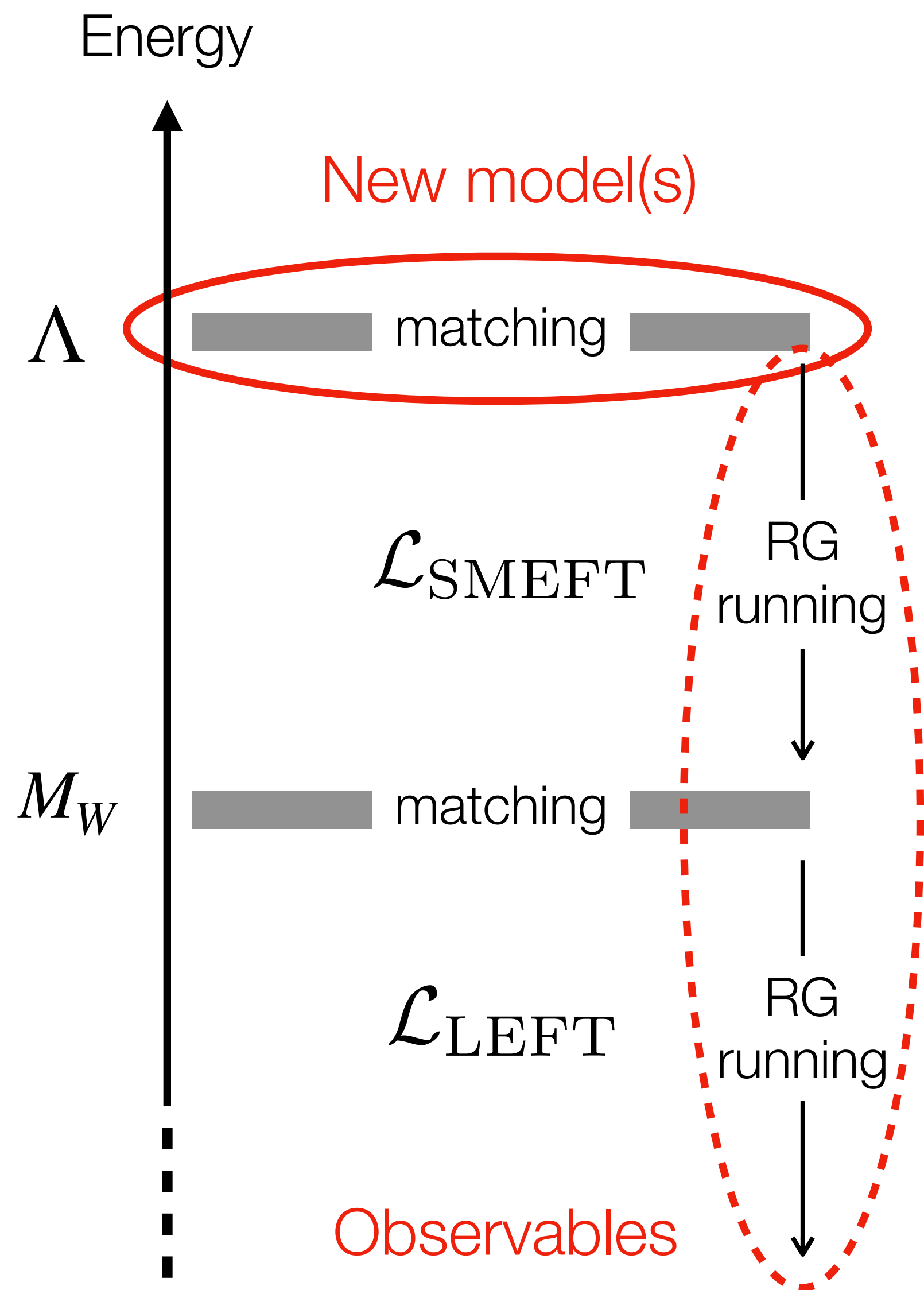
Very recent developments in the LEFT:

[LEFT 2-loop RGEs](#):

Aebischer, Morell, Pesut, Virto, [2501.08384](#)

Naterop, Stoffer, [2412.13251](#)

The rise of automation



matchmakereft
Carmona et al. '22



JFM et al. '23

Automated one-loop RG and matching calculations for *many* models



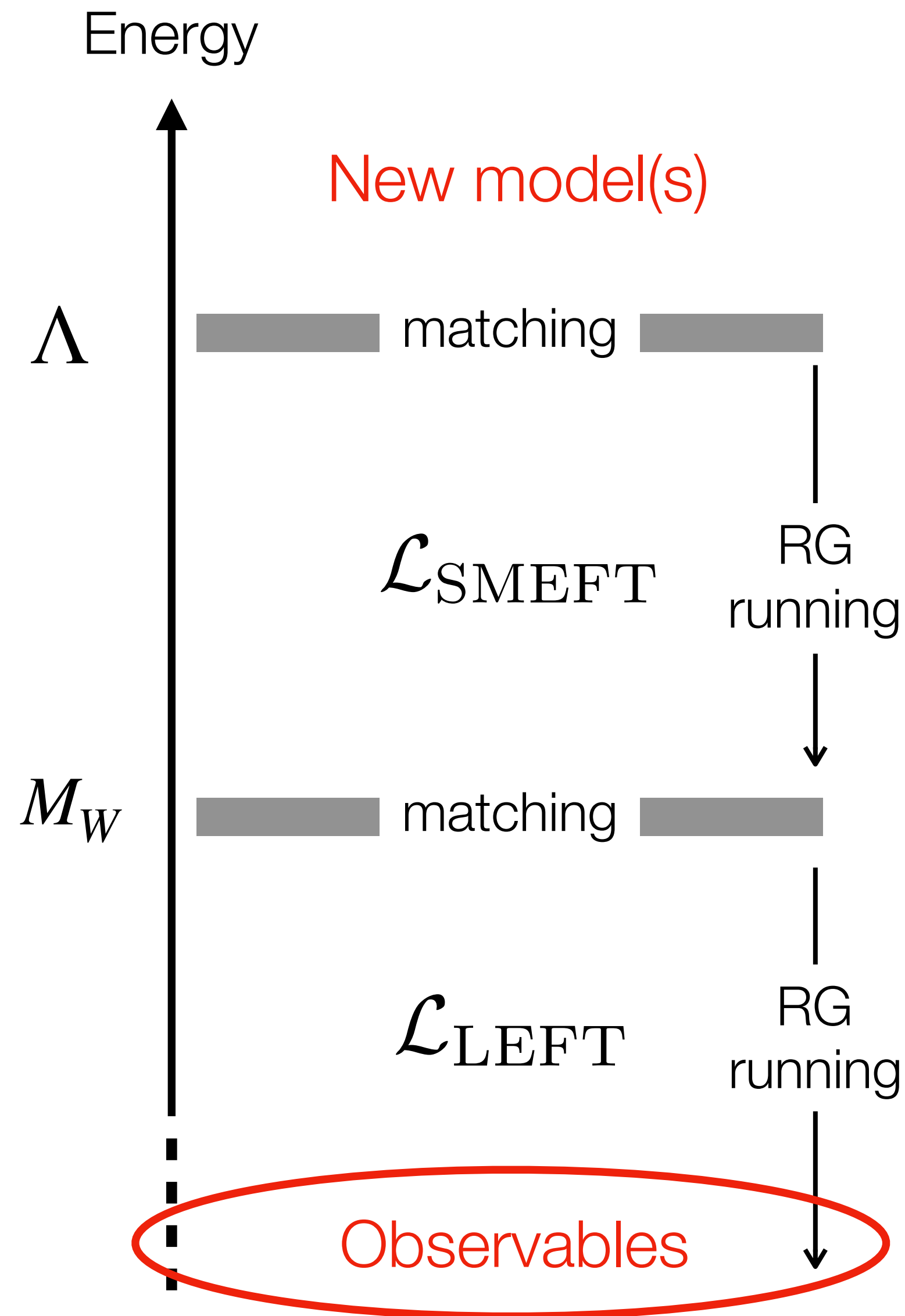
Guedes et al. '23
Guedes et al. '24

UV-SMEFT dictionaries

“Breaking SMEFT operators”
UV-to-SMEFT mapping

Cepedello et al. '23

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SMEFT likelihood (smelli)

Aebischer et al. '18



flavio

Straub '16



Allwicher et al. '22



De Blas et al. '19

+ others

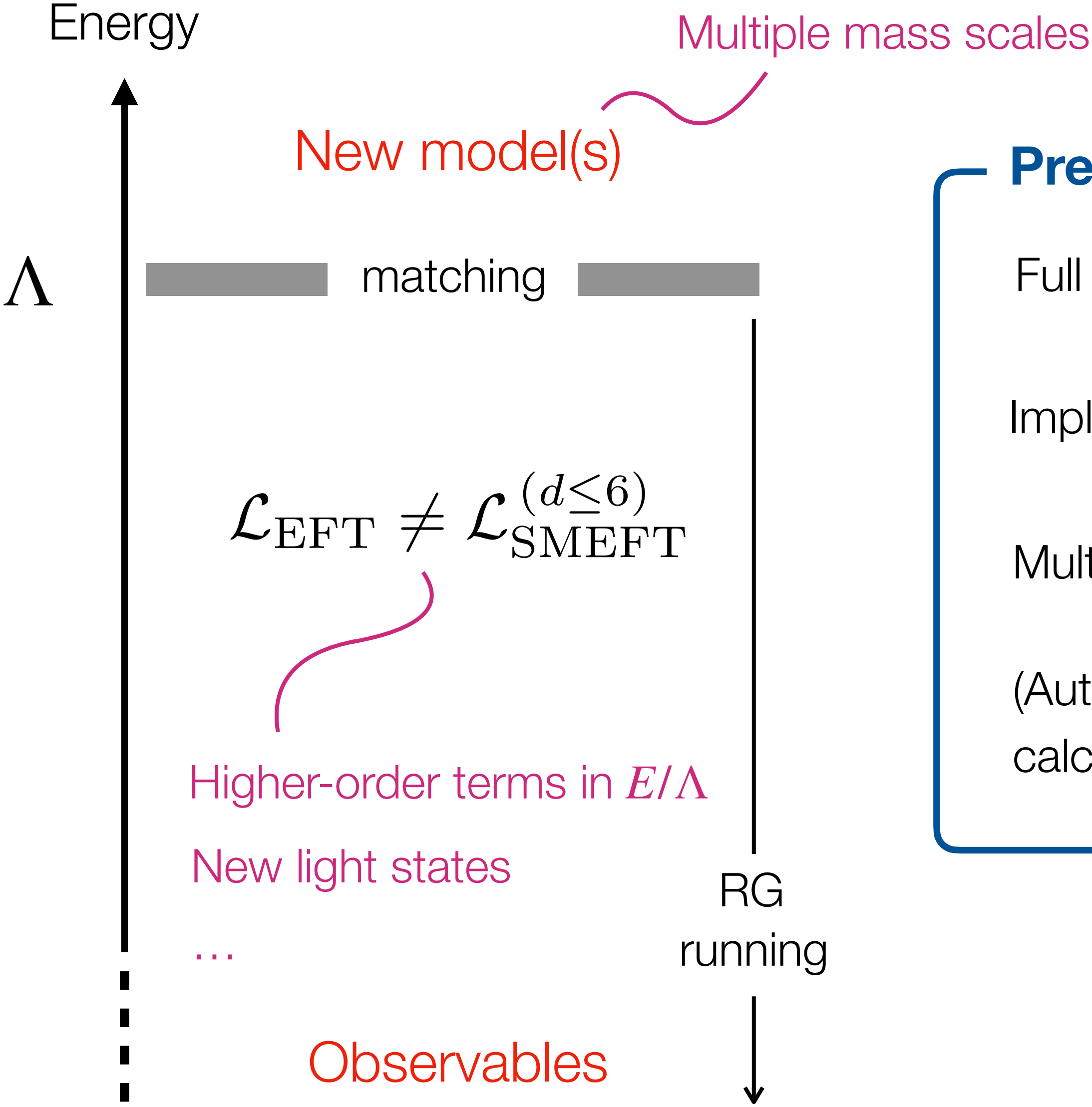
Fitmaker

Ellis et al '20



Giani et al. '23

Going beyond the state-of-the-art



Present limitations & ongoing efforts

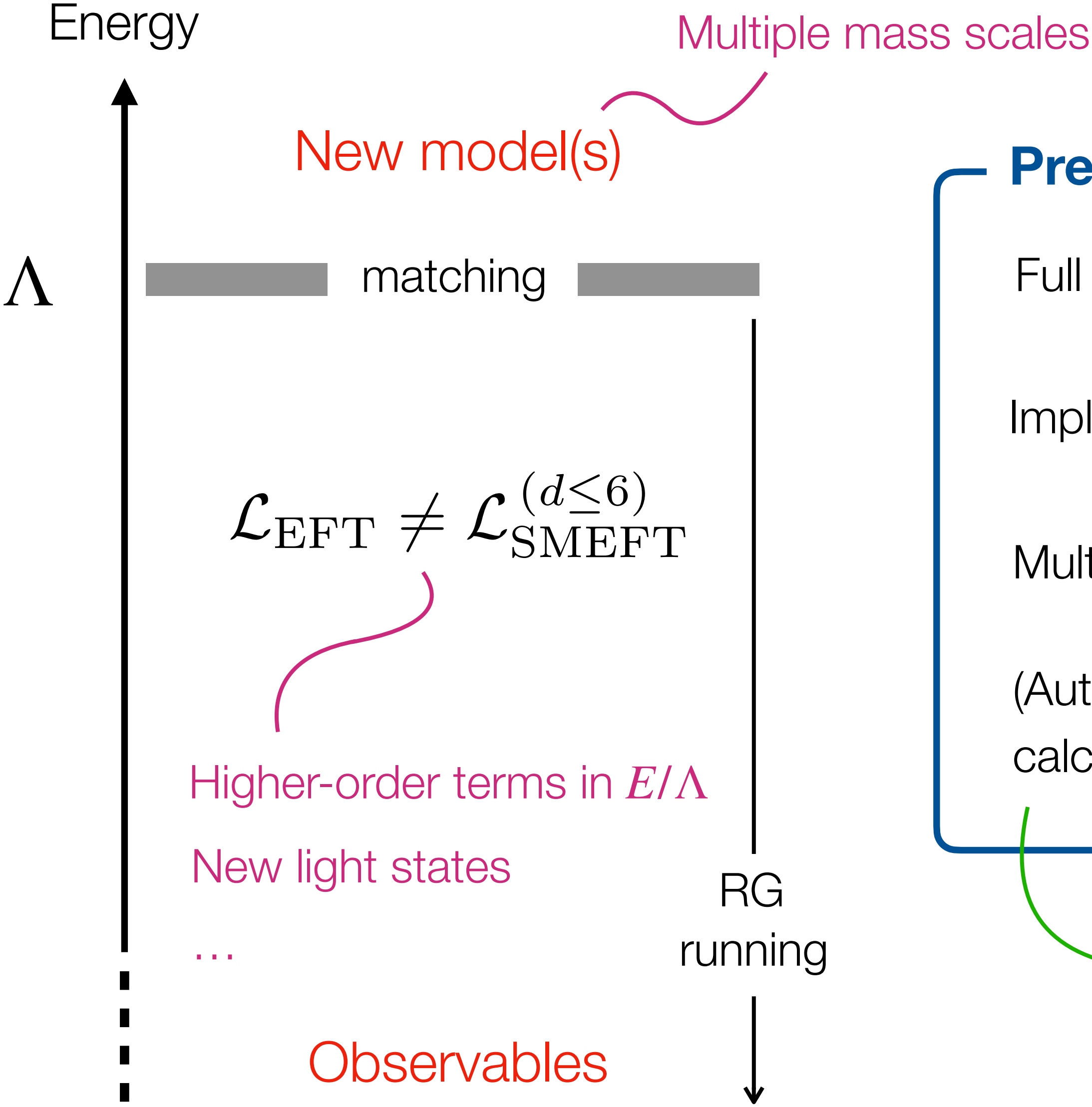
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Needed to cancel the scheme-dependence of one-loop matching contributions

See [Di Noi et al, [2310.18221](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.18221)] for a recent example in $gg \rightarrow h$

SMEFT at higher orders: dim-8 vs 2-loop effects

As Λ increases, 2-loop effects start becoming more relevant:

Naively, at FCC:
(assuming $\Lambda \sim 10$ TeV)

$$\frac{y_t^2}{16\pi^2} \sim \frac{1}{150}$$

Loop suppression

vs.

$$\frac{m_Z^2}{\Lambda^2} \sim \frac{2}{150^2}$$

Mass suppression

If an effect is absent at tree-level (e.g. protected by symmetries), two-loop effects easily dominate over dim-8

New states: $\Theta_1 \sim \mathbf{4}_{1/2}$, $\Theta_3 \sim \mathbf{4}_{3/2}$ \longrightarrow $\Theta \sim (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{4})$ of $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CQ}} \supset -M_4^2 \left(|\Theta_1|^2 + |\Theta_3|^2 \right) - \lambda_4 \left(H^* H^* (\varepsilon H) \Theta_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} H^* H^* H^* \Theta_3 \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

Custodially-protected models

See Ben Stefanek's talk

RG mixing in the SMEFT up to two loops

$$\frac{C_j(\mu)}{C_i(\mu_0)} \approx \frac{\gamma_{ji}^{(1)}}{16\pi^2} \ln \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} + \frac{\gamma_{jm}^{(1)} \gamma_{mi}^{(1)}}{2(16\pi^2)^2} \ln^2 \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} + \frac{\gamma_{ji}^{(2)}}{(16\pi^2)^2} \ln \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$$

1-loop LL effect

2-loop LL effect

2-loop NLL effect

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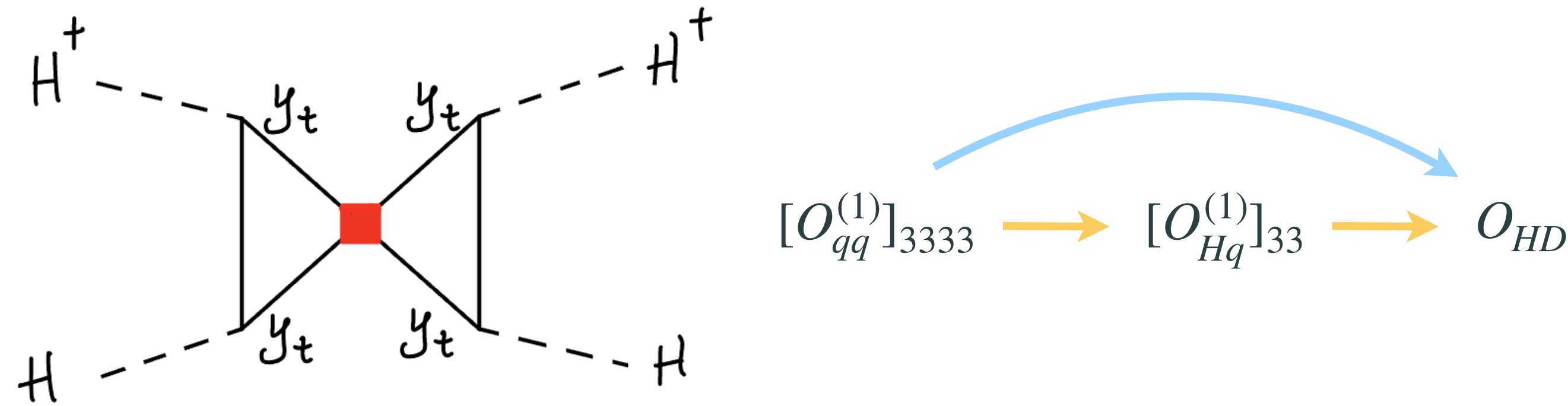
Mixing $Q_i \rightarrow Q_j$

Mixing $Q_i \rightarrow Q_m \rightarrow Q_j$

How relevant are 2-loop effects?

Two recent examples

1. Four-top operator mixing into C_{HD} (mostly 2-loop LL)



$$T \simeq -\frac{3y_t^4}{8\pi^4\alpha} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} [C_{qq}^{(1)}]_{3333} \left[\ln^2 \frac{\Lambda}{M_Z} - \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{M_Z} \right]$$

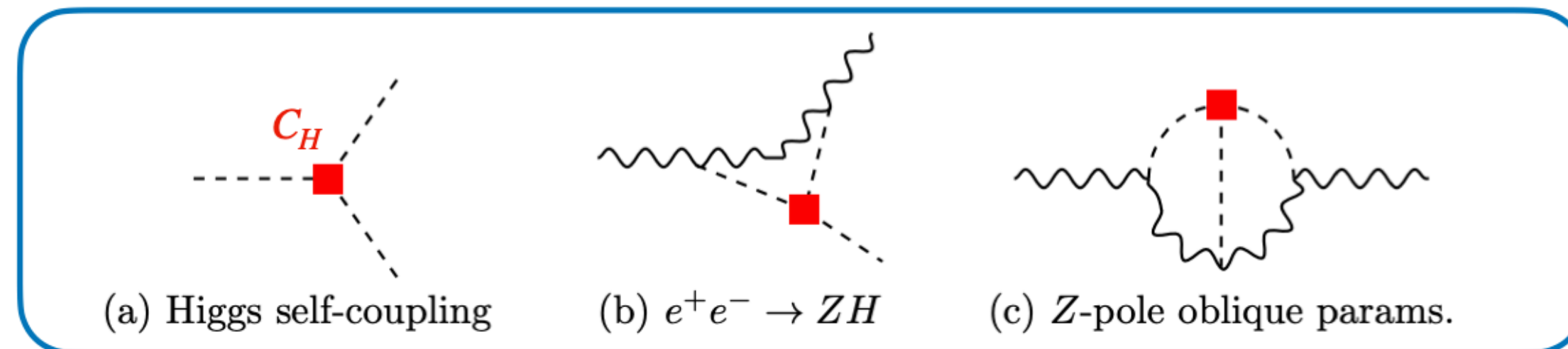
$$T \in [-0.23, 0.25] \longrightarrow \frac{[C_{qq}^{(1)}]_{3333}}{\Lambda^2} \in \frac{[-2.04, 1.87]}{\text{TeV}^2}$$

[Haisch, Schnell, [2410.13304](#); Stefanek, [2407.09593](#)]

2. C_H at the Z-pole (finite 2-loop)

Higgs self-coupling
modifications starting
at NLO (finite):

[\[1312.3322, 1702.07678, 1702.01737\]](#)



[Maura, BAS, You, [2412.14241](#)]

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2-loop RG and matching calculations

The functional approach in a nutshell

Functional matching

- **Lagrangian:** \mathcal{L}_{UV} with fields $\eta = (\eta_H \ \eta_L)^T$ and hierarchy $m_H \gg m_L$

- **Background field method:** shift *all* fields $\eta \rightarrow \hat{\eta} + \eta$

$\hat{\eta}$: background fields (satisfy the quantum EOM)

[Tree lines in Feynman graphs]

η : quantum fluctuations

[Loop lines in Feynman graphs]

- **Quantum effective action:**

$$e^{i\Gamma_{UV}[\hat{\eta}]} = \int \mathcal{D}\eta \exp\left(i \int d^d x \mathcal{L}_{UV}(\eta + \hat{\eta}) \right)$$

Goal: Evaluate the path integral
(“integrate out” the quantum fluctuations)
and isolate the EFT contribution

Functional matching

- Expanding the Lagrangian in η :

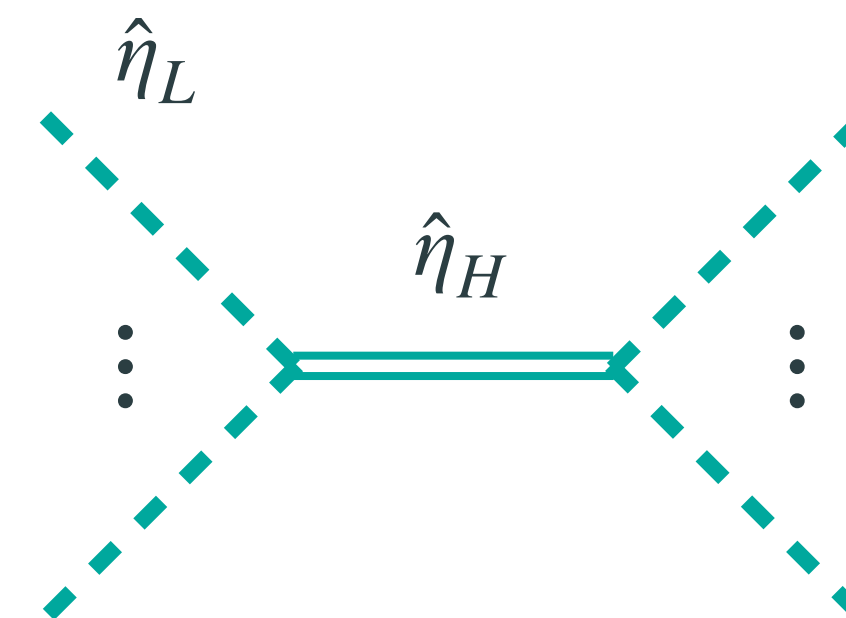
$$\mathcal{L}_{UV}(\hat{\eta} + \eta) = \mathcal{L}_{UV}(\hat{\eta}) + \left. \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{UV}}{\delta \eta_a} \right|_{\eta=\hat{\eta}} \eta_a + \frac{1}{2} \eta_a(x) \left. \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{L}_{UV}}{\delta \eta_a(x) \delta \eta_b(x')} \right|_{\eta=\hat{\eta}} \eta_b(x') + \mathcal{O}(\eta^3)$$

- **Tree-level:** $\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}^{(0)} = \mathcal{L}_{UV}(\hat{\eta}_L, \hat{\eta}_H(\hat{\eta}_L))$

– Substitute $\hat{\eta}_H$ by its EOM expanded in m_H^{-1}

[Simpler than computing Feynman graphs]

$$\left. \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{UV}}{\delta \eta_H} \right|_{\eta=\hat{\eta}} = 0$$



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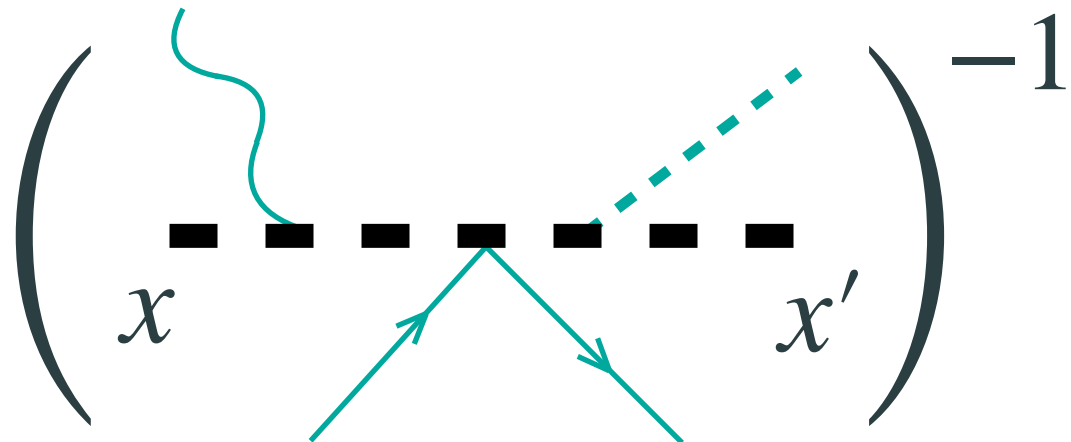
- Inverse quantum-field propagator:

Wilson line

[parallel transport $x \leftrightarrow x'$]

$$\mathcal{Q}_{ab}(x, x') = Q_{ac}(\hat{\eta}(x), \hat{D}_x^{\mu_1} \dots \hat{D}_x^{\mu_n} \hat{\eta}(x), \hat{D}_x^\mu) U_{cb}(x, x') \delta(x - x')$$

$$\hat{D}_x^{\mu_1} \dots \hat{D}_x^{\mu_n} U(x, x') \Big|_{x=x'} = p_n(G^{\mu\nu}, D^\mu G^{\nu\rho}, \dots)$$



[Kuzenko, McArthur, '03]

[JFM, Moreno-Sánchez, Palavrić, Thomsen, [2412.12270](#)]

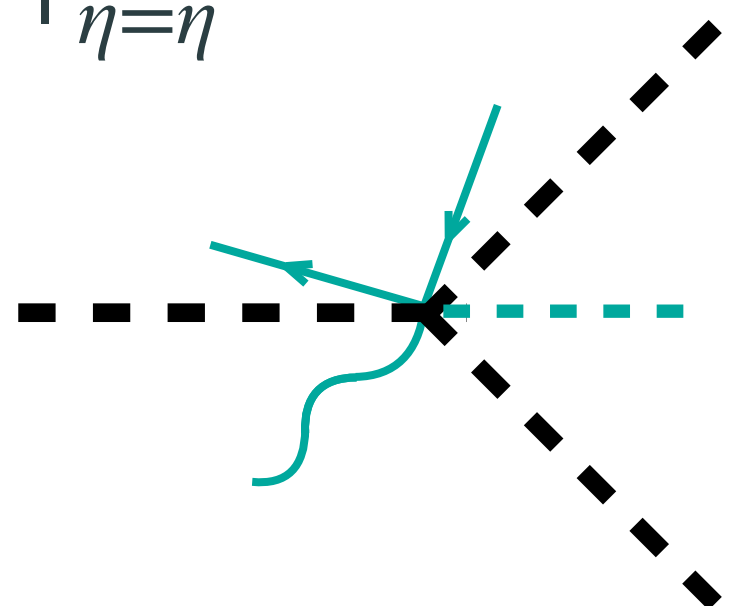
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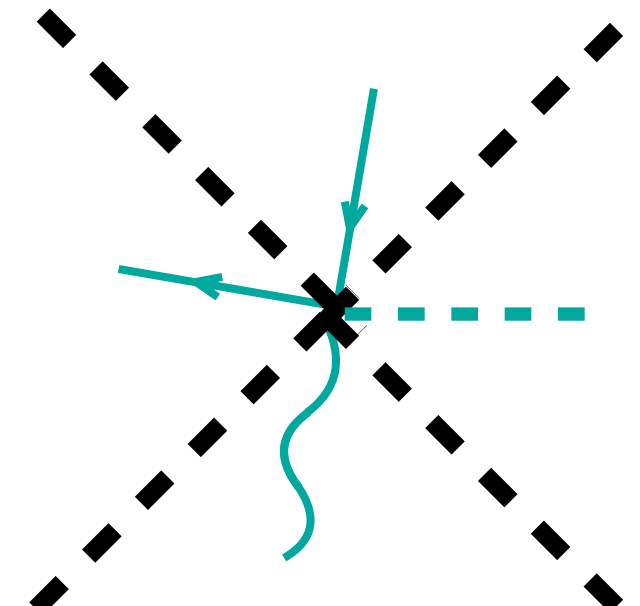
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Higher-loop orders

- Inverse quantum-field propagator:

$$\mathcal{C}_{IJK} \equiv \frac{\delta^3 \mathcal{L}_{UV}}{\delta \eta_I \delta \eta_J \delta \eta_K} \Big|_{\eta=\hat{\eta}}$$


$$\mathcal{D}_{IJKL} \equiv \frac{\delta^4 \mathcal{L}_{UV}}{\delta \eta_I \delta \eta_J \delta \eta_K \delta \eta_L} \Big|_{\eta=\hat{\eta}}$$


N.B.: $\eta_I \equiv \eta_a(x)$

Going beyond one loop

$$\Gamma_{\text{UV}}[\hat{\eta}] = S_{\text{UV}}[\hat{\eta}] - i \ln \int \mathcal{D}\eta \exp \left[i \left(\frac{1}{2} \bar{\eta}_I \mathcal{Q}_{IJ} \eta_J + \frac{1}{3!} \eta_K \eta_J \eta_I \mathcal{C}_{KJI} + \frac{1}{4!} \eta_L \eta_K \eta_J \eta_I \mathcal{D}_{IJKL} + \dots \right) \right]$$

$$= S_{\text{UV}}[\hat{\eta}] + \frac{i\hbar}{2} \text{STr} \ln \mathcal{Q} + \frac{i\hbar^2}{2} \mathcal{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} \mathcal{Q}_{JI}^{(1)} + \frac{\hbar^2}{12} \mathcal{C}_{IJK} \mathcal{Q}_{IL}^{-1} \mathcal{Q}_{JM}^{-1} \mathcal{Q}_{KN}^{-1} \mathcal{C}_{LMN} - \frac{\hbar^2}{8} \mathcal{Q}_{IJ}^{-1} \mathcal{D}_{IJKL} \mathcal{Q}_{KL}^{-1} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^3)$$

$$= S_{\text{UV}}[\hat{\eta}] + \frac{i}{2} \log \left(\text{circle} \right) + \frac{i}{2} \left(\text{circle with dot} \right) + \frac{1}{12} \left(\text{circle with dashed line} \right) - \frac{1}{8} \left(\text{two circles} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^3)$$

Tree level

One loop

Two loops

Every two-loop contribution is included here
(at all orders in the EFT expansion!)

Towards SMEFT RGEs at 2 loops

No phenomenology this time, apologies

Two-loop RGEs in the bosonic SMEFT (bSMEFT)

We have implemented functional methods at 2-loops into a custom version (still private) of



[fermions not yet implemented, ongoing progress]

[Born, JFM, Kvedaraitė, Thomsen, [2410.07320](#)]

First application: 2-loop RGEs in the bosonic SMEFT (bSMEFT) :

$$\mathcal{L}_{bSMEFT} = -\frac{1}{4}B^{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}W^{I\mu\nu}W_{\mu\nu}^I - \frac{1}{4}G^{A\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}^A + D_\mu H^\dagger D^\mu H + \mu^2 H^\dagger H - \frac{\lambda}{2}(H^\dagger H)^2 + \mathcal{L}_{gf.} + \mathcal{L}_{gh.} + \mathcal{L}_\theta$$

+

| | $X^2 H^2$ |
|-------------------|--|
| C_{HB} | $H^\dagger H B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$ |
| C_{HW} | $H^\dagger H W^{I\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^I$ |
| C_{HG} | $H^\dagger H G^{A\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^A$ |
| $C_{H\tilde{B}}$ | $H^\dagger H B^{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu}$ |
| $C_{H\tilde{W}}$ | $H^\dagger H W^{I\mu\nu} \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I$ |
| $C_{H\tilde{G}}$ | $H^\dagger H G^{A\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A$ |
| C_{HWB} | $(H^\dagger \sigma^I H) B^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^I$ |
| $C_{H\tilde{W}B}$ | $(H^\dagger \sigma^I H) B^{\mu\nu} \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I$ |

| | X^3 |
|-----------------|--|
| C_W | $f^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$ |
| C_G | $f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$ |
| $C_{\tilde{W}}$ | $f^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$ |
| $C_{\tilde{G}}$ | $f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$ |
| | $H^4 D^2$ and H^6 |
| C_H | $(H^\dagger H)^3$ |
| $C_{H\Box}$ | $(H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H)$ |
| C_{HD} | $(H^\dagger D_\mu H)^* (H^\dagger D^\mu H)$ |

Some results in the bSMEFT at NLL

$$\frac{dC_i}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{\beta_i^{(1)}}{(16\pi^2)} + \frac{\beta_i^{(2)}}{(16\pi^2)^2} + \dots$$

$$\beta_{C_{HD}}^{(1)} = \left(\frac{9}{2}g_L^2 + 6\lambda - \frac{5}{6}g_Y^2 \right) C_{HD} + \frac{20}{3}g_Y^2 C_{H\Box}$$

$$\beta_{C_{H\Box}}^{(1)} = \left(12\lambda - \frac{4}{3}g_Y^2 - 4g_L^2 \right) C_{H\Box} + \frac{5}{3}g_Y^2 C_{HD}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{C_{HD}}^{(2)} = & \left[\lambda \left(\frac{5}{2}g_Y^2 - \frac{45}{2}g_L^2 \right) + \frac{299}{216}g_Y^4 + \frac{41}{2}g_Y^2g_L^2 - \frac{1}{8}g_L^4 - 36\lambda^2 \right] C_{HD} \\ & + \left(\frac{70}{27}g_Y^4 - \frac{227}{9}g_Y^2g_L^2 - \frac{136}{3}\lambda g_Y^2 \right) C_{H\Box} \\ & + \left(32g_Y^3g_L - 68g_Yg_L^3 - 96\lambda g_Yg_L \right) C_{HWB} \\ & + \left(\frac{32}{3}g_Y^4 + 12g_Y^2g_L^2 - 48\lambda g_Y^2 \right) C_{HB} \\ & + 28g_Y^2g_L^2 C_{HW} + 26g_Y^2g_L^3 C_W \end{aligned}$$

Enlarged mixing: Most operators mix at NLL

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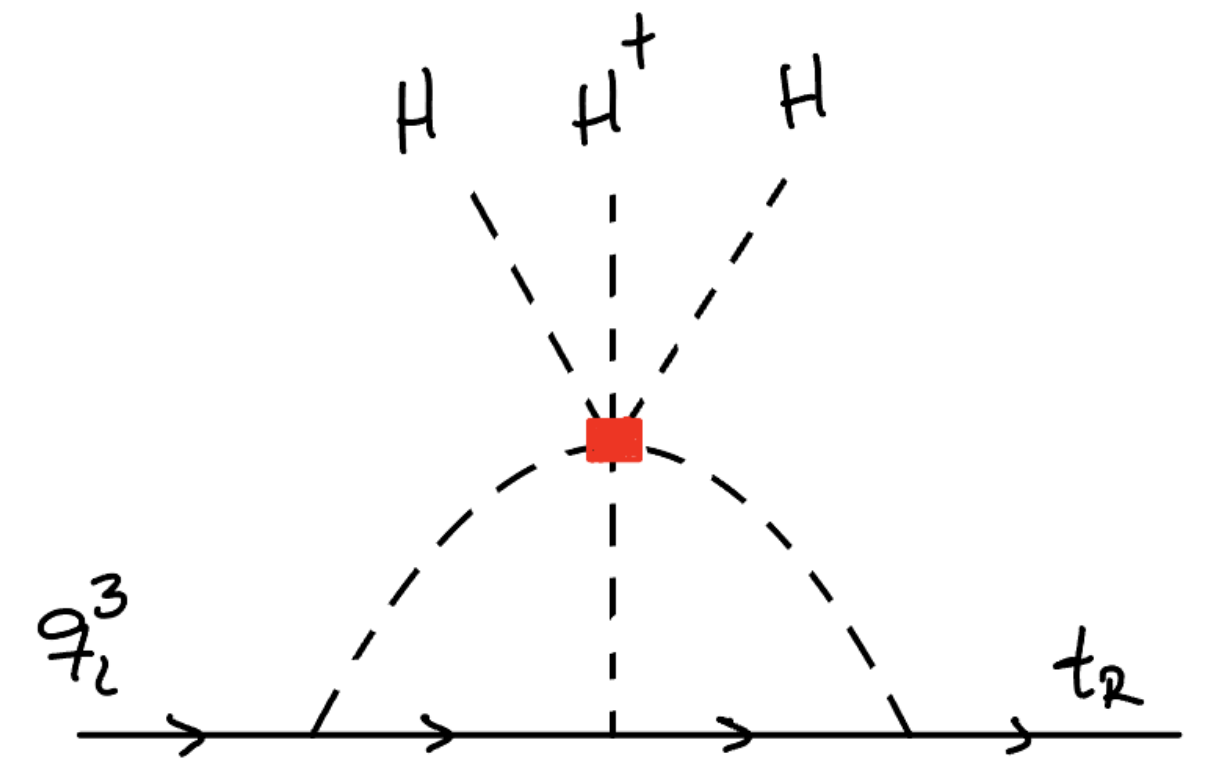
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C_H does not mix into any other bSMEFT operator, even at two loops

→ This is no longer the case in the complete SMEFT

This result was already anticipated using amplitude methods

[Bern, Parra-Martinez, Sawyer, [2005.12917](#)]



[Top-Yukawa correction]

Summary and conclusions

- The EFT program has entered an **era of automation**, considerably simplifying BSM analyses
- **Functional methods** play a crucial role in RG and matching calculations, especially when combined with computer tools
 - Compact, systematic, and manifestly gauge invariant at all steps
- First results towards the **2-loop SMEFT RGE** already available
 - 2-loop LL (from the one-loop anomalous dimension) often capture dominant 2-loop effects, but NLL effects give a richer operator-mixing structure
 - FCC-ee will reach sufficient precision to probe some of these 2-loop effects. However, a systematic phenomenological exploration is still missing

Thank you