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 $\mathbb{I}$  any UV compatible with the SM in the low energy limit can be matched onto the SMEFT

 $\mathbb{D}$  a convenient phenomenological approach: systematically classifies all the possible new physics signals allows to compute with NO REFERENCE to the UV

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# An important point: gauge invariance!

An example:

gauge invariance relates TGC and Vff corrections.

the Equations of Motion can transform TGC operators into Vff!



Non-gauge invariant parameterizations (e.g.  $\kappa_{Z, \gamma}, \, g_1^{Z, \gamma})$  cannot deal with this. Coefficients of an EFT basis always give EOM equivalent parameterizations  $\rightarrow$  not a matter of anomalous TGC / Zff but anomalous amplitude!

### An important point: gauge invariance!

Ideally, for the constraints to be as model independent as possible it is necessary to compute the whole observable in the EFT

 $\rightarrow \sim 20$  parameters in total (flavor blind)



# FAQ - EFT validity



- $\rightarrow$  the validity of the EFT in the tails of distributions is a big problem: when doing the analysis  $\Lambda$  is unknown + the actual energy scale of the process is not accessible.
- § direct searches are indicative but model dependent (absence of discoveries  $\neq$  EFT is valid)
- § at best: consistency checks a posteriori

# FAQ - EFT validity

Basic algorithm: set a kinematic cut  $\displaystyle \rho_T^{\rm max}(m_T^{\rm max})$ [Example from 1701.05379] extract a limit on  $C_i/\Lambda$ for  $C_i = 1$ , is NO  $\Lambda > 2p_T^{\text{max}}(m_T^{\text{max}})^7$  YES remove the last bin do an extra check:  $p_T$ , $m_T$ , $\rlap{\,/}\,\varepsilon_T \leqslant \sqrt{s}$ ! do a study to estimate the impact of events with  $\sqrt{s} > \cancel{p}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\max}(m_{\mathcal{T}}^{\max})$ 

The big challenge: determine what is **the actual energy** flowing in the process

some debate in the preliminary meeting!

6. What do we learn / how to interpret if an EFT parameter is found to be non-zero at a value that requires unitarization?

Theorist's view: naively the EFT is just not valid in the kinematic region that we used to extract the value.

The unitarization procedure **does not restore the EFT validity**  $\rightarrow$  not useful for the EFT interpretation

# FAQ - TGC vs QGC

- 2. Does it makes sense to look and set limits for aQGC if aTGC are not seen?
	- a. Can we have theories that predict aQGC but not triple?
	- b. Currently aOGC limits assume aTGC to be 0 is this a reasonable assumption?
- 7. Is interesting to fit aTGC and aQGC together?

It is always great to have new independent measurements,

regardless of the theoretical setup (EFT/model etc)

 $\rightarrow$  YES, it makes a lot of sense to look for aQGC

### FAQ - TGC vs QGC

The scenario at dimension 6 with the Warsaw basis:

$$
-ig_{WWV} \left[ g_1^V \left( W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu} V^{\nu} - W_{\mu\nu}^- W^{+\mu} V^{\nu} \right) + \kappa_V W_{\mu}^+ W_{\nu}^- V^{\mu\nu} \right] - i \lambda_V V^{\mu\nu} W_{\nu}^{+\rho} W_{\rho\mu}^-
$$
  
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$$
g_1^{\gamma} \left[ 1 \n\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 + \frac{v^2}{t_\theta} C_{HWB} & \kappa_Z \\ 1 + \frac{v^2}{t_\theta} C_{HWB} & \kappa_Z \\ 6 C_W s_\theta & \lambda_Z \end{array} \right] \n\begin{array}{c} \n\text{TCG} \\ \n1 - \frac{v^2}{4c_{2\theta}} \left( C_{HD} + 4C_{HI}^{(3)} - 2C_{II} + 4t_\theta C_{HWB} \right) \\ \n\text{(G)} \\ \n\text{(H)} \\ \n\text{(H)}
$$

$$
\mathcal{g}^{2}/2\bigg[g_{WW}^{(1)}\left((W_{\mu}^{+}W_{\nu}^{-})^{2}-(W_{\mu}^{+}W^{-\mu})^{2}\right)+g_{VV'}^{(1)}\left(W^{+\mu}W^{-\nu}\frac{V_{\mu}V_{\nu}'+V_{\nu}V_{\mu}'}{2}-W_{\mu}^{+}W^{-\mu}V_{\nu}V^{\prime\nu}\right)\bigg]
$$

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 $+$  structures from  $\,C_{W}\epsilon_{IJK}\, W_{\mu\nu}^{I}\, W^{J\nu\rho}\, W^{K\mu}_{\rho}$ 

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The scenario at dimension 6 with the Warsaw basis:

§ if all the TGCs are zero, the QGCs are also zero. (not very interesting)

 $\rightarrow$  the answer to 2.b is NO. in general: setting something to zero by hand is a strong (potentially dangerous) assumption

 $\blacktriangleright$  all the QGC depend on the same combination of coefficients as  $\delta g_1^Z$ 

 $\rightarrow$  if we find deviations, it would be interesting to check their correlation

 $\rightarrow$  the answer to 7 is **YES**. A fit with both TGC and QGC would be ideal. Even better: combine with LEP data

However the actual answer to 2.a is YES

The dimension 6 SMEFT scenario is not the only possible one!

There are others that are very interesting and allow decorrelated aTGC and aQGC

1. special theories in which  $d = 8$  operators dominate over  $d = 6$  $\rightarrow$  e.g. "Remedios"  $\sim$  F. Riva  $\rightarrow$  at dimension 8 the structure of the QGC is much richer. e.g. [1604.03555](https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.03555)

2. scenarios in which the right EFT is not the SMEFT but the **HEFT** 

VBS is an important signature of the HEFT, so there's a vast literature about it that should be explored  $\sim\rightarrow$  Dobado,Delgado,Herrero,Llanes-Estrada. . .

### $H$ EFT  $=$  Non-linear EFT  $=$  EW chiral Lagrangian

Main idea: the Higgs does not need to be in a doublet



 $\rightarrow$  matches composite Higgs models  $+$  other UVs with significant nonlinear effects in the EWSB sector

### aQGC in the HEFT

$$
\mathcal{L}_{4X} = g^2 \Big\{ g_{ZZ}^{(1)} (Z_\mu Z^\mu)^2 + g_{WW}^{(1)} W_\mu^+ W^+{}^\mu W_\nu^- W^{-\nu} - g_{WW}^{(2)} (W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu})^2 + g_{WW}^{(3)} W^{+\mu} W^{-\nu} (V_\mu V_\nu' + V_\mu' V_\nu) - g_{VV'}^{(4)} W_\nu^+ W^{-\nu} V^\mu V_\mu' + i g_{VV'}^{(5)} e^{\mu \nu \rho \sigma} W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- V_\rho V_\sigma' \Big\}
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### aTGC in the HEFT

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$$



 $g_{WWZ} = g \cos \theta$ ,  $g_{WW} = e$ 

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3. Is there a preferred EFT base, if so, which one and why?

No, as long as it's a BASIS  $=$  a set of gauge invariant operators (the kappas of the Zeppenfeld parameterization in the previous slide are not a basis!)

A popular one is the **[Warsaw basis](https://arxiv.org/abs/1008.4884)**. This is advantageous for some technical reasons related to removing derivative operators, and the only one for which the complete RGE running is available

# FAQ - predictions

4. Expected aTGC and aQGC values for different theoretical models. Where or how can we get this numbers? I found this table somewhere (not sure of the origin of this) but I would like to be able to produce something like this for EFTs for different theoretical models:

This question is not well posed in the EFT, as the EFT is model independent.

In the EFT the TGC and QGC are expressed as functions of the Wilson  $coefficients C_i$ .

If you wonder about the numerical precision needed:  $\leq 10\%$ 

5. What do we learn / how to interpret if a given EFT parameter is found to be non-zero?

It means that one operator gives a non-zero contribution  $=$  we found new physics!

Which operator it is can give indications about what kind of UV may be underlying, although I don't think we'd need to go further than the EFT interpretation

- 1. Figure how to produce experimental constraints on EFT parameters
	- $\rightarrow$  Determine a parameterization with  $d=6$ , trying to keep gauge invariance and avoiding setting stuff to zero. How many are feasible?
	- § UFO model with the complete SMEFT on the way!
	- $\rightarrow$  SMEFT vs **HEFT**: extremely interesting!
	- § Combination with other datasets?
- 2. Establish a way to report data in a flexible/model-independent way, crosssections  $+$  distributions that may be used by theorists in the future