

# Same-sign WW scattering as a test of Beyond the SM (BSM) physics: Effective Field Theory (EFT) approach, HL-, HE-LHC

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## Plan of the talk:

1. brief characterization of the EFT approach
2. brief description of discovery regions in the EFT approach to same-sign WW scattering
3. discussion of two EFT: SMEFT and HEFT
4. [1905.03354](#); PK, L. Merlo, S. Pokorski, M. Szleper  
(the HEFT context, HL-LHC)
5. [1906.10769](#); G. Chaudhary, J. Kalinowski, M. Kaur, PK, K. Sandeep, M. Szleper, S. Tkaczyk  
(27 TeV study)

$$pp \rightarrow 2j + W^+ W^+ \rightarrow 2j + 2(l \nu_l), \quad l = e^+, \mu^+$$

with particular emphasis on EFT validity

## Characterization of the EFT approach:

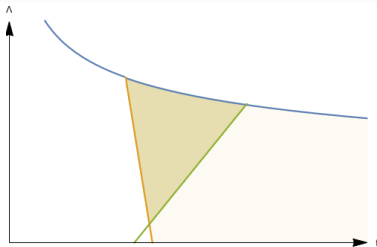
- EFT: existence of a new heavy particle manifests itself at energies  $E \ll \Lambda$  as deviations suppressed as  $(E/\Lambda)^n$
- these effects are parametrizable by non-renormalizable operators added to  $\mathcal{L}_{SM}$
- each concrete model, after decoupling of heavy fields:

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i f_i \cdot \mathcal{O}_i, \quad f_i = \frac{g^*}{\Lambda}$$

- the strength of EFT: one can investigate the experimental reach for NP discovery without specifying concrete models
- choice of  $\mathcal{O}_i, f_i$  defines an "EFT model" to be tested for its discovery potential

the goal: to examine discovery reach of the HL, HE-LHC in  $W^\pm W^\pm$  scattering, using EFT by studying discovery regions for a class of "EFT models",

## The problem of EFT validity (1802.02366, see also talk by M. Szleper at VBScan, Thessaloniki, 2018)



- the discovery regions should be reported in the  $(f_i, \Lambda)$  space
- $\Lambda$  bounded from above from unitarity; the bound is a function of  $f_i$  (blue curve)
- for fixed  $f_i$  different assumptions on  $\Lambda$  can be considered
- for BSM signal estimate, the EFT amplitudes are regularized  $M_{WW} > \Lambda$
- orange contour: lower bound on  $f_i$  from the condition  $> 5\sigma$  BSM discrepancy
- green contour: contribution to the discrepancy from  $M_{WW} > \Lambda$  in the regularized amplitudes must be negligible
- since  $f = f(g_*/\Lambda)$  one obtains the region in  $(g_*, \Lambda)$  that can be discovered via EFT in the future LHC data

Two ways of constructing  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$ , depending on how the scalar sector SM global symmetry breaking

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \longrightarrow SU(2)_V, \quad g_V : g_L = g_R \quad (1)$$

is realized:

1. the linear realization on the  $\Phi$  Higgs doublet; parametrization of  $\Phi$  in the broken phase:

$$\exp\{i\pi^a T^a/v\} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+h \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^a |0\rangle \neq 0 \quad (2)$$

→ the physical Higgs boson  $h$  is a component of the doublet

Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT)

the expansion is in  $1/\Lambda$

an EFT realization for the unbroken phase

2. non-linear realization of (1) on the 3 Goldstone Bosons (GB) ( $\equiv W_L^\pm, Z_L$ )  
described by the matrix:

$$U = \exp\{i\pi^a T^a/v\}, \quad U \rightarrow g_L \cdot U \cdot g_R \quad (3)$$

- expansion in  $\# \partial U$
- the physical Higgs  $h$  is a singlet of the global group (1)
- construction for the broken phase
- Higgs Effective Field Theory (HEFT) the most general EFT assuming (1):  
includes SM, SMEFT, ...<sup>1</sup>
- particularly suitable as the effective description of Composite Higgs (CH)  
scenarios<sup>2</sup>
- interesting question: discovery potential depending on the EFT construction used

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<sup>1</sup>see e.g. 1212.3305, 1406.6367, 1307.5017

<sup>2</sup>see e.g. 1409.1589, 1904.00026 and references therein

## The results of 1905.03354:

- main goal: to determine discovery potential of HEFT approach to HL-LHC data by finding discovery reach in  $(f_i, \Lambda)$  of several "EFT models" defined as SM + single effective operator at a time
- operators choice: modify VVVV quartic vertex, but not triple gauge and Higgs-to-gauge; start at dimension  $(D)=8$  in the SMEFT
- start at primary dimension  $(d_p)=8$  in HEFT  
( $d_p$ = leading  $D$  after  $U$  expanded)
- operators of the same  $d_p$  have similar pheno impact<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>see 1601.07551

## SMEFT

$$\mathcal{O}_{S_0} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi \right] \left[ (D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{S_1} = \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right] \left[ (D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_7} = (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W_{\alpha\nu} W^{\alpha\mu} D^\nu \Phi$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_0} = W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a\mu\nu} \left[ (D_\alpha \Phi)^\dagger D^\alpha \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{M_1} = W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a\nu\alpha} \left[ (D_\alpha \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_0} = W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a\mu\nu} W_{\alpha\beta}^b W^{b\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_1} = W_{\alpha\nu}^a W^{a\mu\beta} W_{\mu\beta}^b W^{b\alpha\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_2} = W_{\alpha\mu}^a W^{a\mu\beta} W_{\beta\nu}^b W^{b\nu\alpha}$$

## HEFT

$$\mathcal{P}_6 = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}^\mu) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}_\nu \mathbf{V}^\nu)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{11} = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}_\nu) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}^\mu \mathbf{V}^\nu)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{42} = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}_\alpha W_{\mu\nu}) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}^\alpha W^{\mu\nu})$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{43} = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}_\alpha W_{\mu\nu}) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}^\nu W^{\mu\alpha})$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{44} = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}^\nu W_{\mu\nu}) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}_\alpha W^{\mu\alpha})$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{61} = W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a\mu\nu} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}_\alpha \mathbf{V}^\alpha)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{62} = W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a\mu\alpha} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}_\alpha \mathbf{V}^\nu)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_0} = W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a\mu\nu} W_{\alpha\beta}^b W^{b\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T_1} = W_{\alpha\nu}^a W^{a\mu\beta} W_{\mu\beta}^b W^{b\alpha\nu}$$

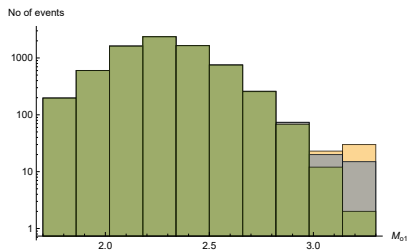
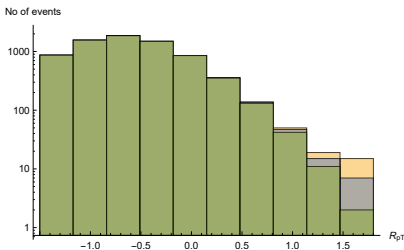
$$\mathcal{O}_{T_2} = W_{\alpha\mu}^a W^{a\mu\beta} W_{\beta\nu}^b W^{b\nu\alpha}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_\mu \equiv (D_\mu U) U^\dagger$$



We performed a generator level study:

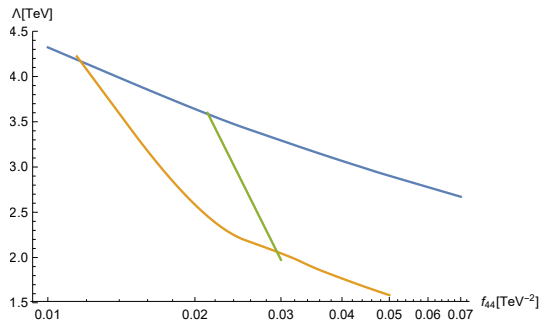
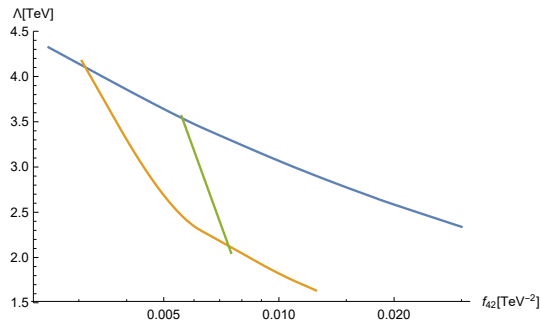
- the SM process  $pp \rightarrow 2j + W^+ W^+ \rightarrow 2j + 2(l\nu_l)$  is treated as the irreducible background
- "signal" is defined as the enhancement of over the SM prediction
- event selection:  $M_{jj} > 500$  GeV,  $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.5$ ,  $p_T^j > 30$  GeV,  $|\eta_j| < 5$ ,  $p_T^\ell > 25$  GeV and  $|\eta_\ell| < 2.5$



- BSM signal significance:  $\chi^2 = \sum_i (N_i^{BSM} - N_i^{SM})^2 / N_i^{SM}$  ( $\sqrt{\chi^2} \geq 5$ )
- EFT consistency:  $\chi_{add}^2 = \sum_i (N_i^{BSM} - N_i^{EFT})^2 / N_i^{BSM}$  ( $\sqrt{\chi_{add}^2} \leq 2$ )

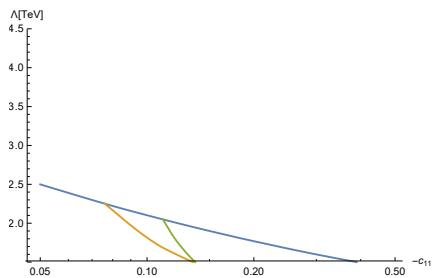
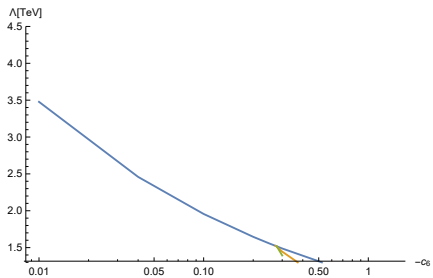
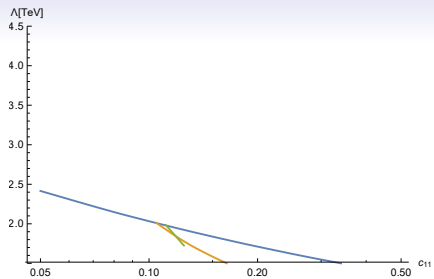
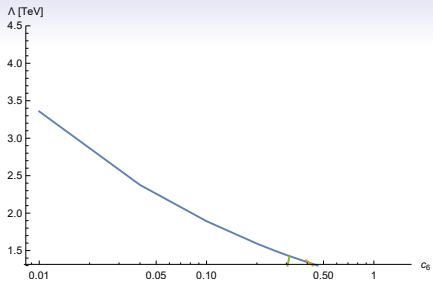
- SMEFT analyzed in 1802.02366; except for  $\mathcal{O}_{S1}$  ( $LL \rightarrow LL$ ) all discovery regions non-empty
- most HEFT operators have their equivalents in SMEFT (Lorentz structure)
- correspondingly all discovery regions in HEFT found non-empty, except for  $\mathcal{P}_{11}$  ( $LL \rightarrow LL$ )

## The discovery regions for $\mathcal{T}_{42}, \mathcal{T}_{44}$ :



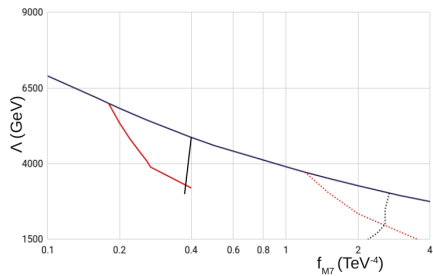
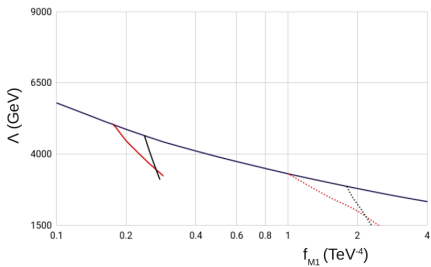
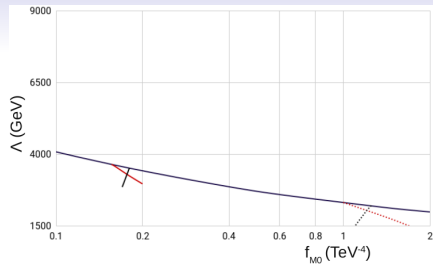
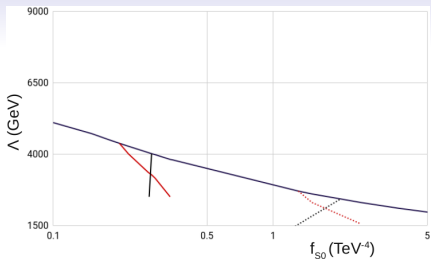
- dominating helicity amplitudes at  $M_{WW} \lesssim \Lambda$  for  $\mathcal{T}_{42}, \mathcal{T}_{44}$  are different than those found for the SMEFT operators (on-shell study)
- polarization studies in WW for SMEFT vs HEFT disentangling

- The results for  $\mathcal{P}_6$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{11}$  also interesting: in the literature, the coefficients  $c_6$  and  $c_{11}$  (typically labelled  $a_5$  and  $a_4$ , respectively) may vary within a large range of values providing hypothetically visible signals at colliders
- we found, instead, that chances to find a signal of NP in the  $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$  scattering, described in a consistent HEFT framework  $\mathcal{P}_6$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{11}$ , are present essentially only for negative  $c_{11}$



## The results of 1906.10769:

- the goal: to examine what the gain in the EFT discovery potential can be, when increasing the pp energy
- We applied the analysis chain to the events generated at 27 TeV pp energy
- and compared the discovery reach with the HL-LHC case



shifts to lower values of  $f_i$ , but the overall discovery potential (total area) does not get larger at 27 TeV  
 only  $i = S0, S1$  in perturbative regime, but close to strong interaction regime

## Conclusions:

- $W^\pm W^\pm$  scattering with its purely leptonic  $W$  decays features severe restrictions in describing the data in terms of the EFT
- The reason: lack of experimental access to the  $M_{WW}$   
→ extra bound: bulk of the BSM signal must be in the EFT controlled region
- Moreover, we found that going to higher pp energies (e.g. 27 TeV) does not make the EFT discovery reach larger
- also, interpretation of the SMEFT discovery regions unclear for most operators and close to strongly interacting regime for  $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$

on the other hand: interesting HEFT discovery regions non-empty and our study indicates that projections onto (concrete)  $WW$  helicity combinations could be a sensitive test of (non)linearity of the Higgs (sector)...



back up

- perturbative partial wave unitarity condition:

$$|\operatorname{Re} \mathcal{T}_J| \leq 1/2 \quad (4)$$

- in the presence of non-renormalizable operators in EFT

$$A(VV \rightarrow VV) \sim E^n, \quad A \equiv A(f_i)$$

- $\rightarrow$  EFT applicable at most for  $E < E^U(f_i)$ , where  $|\operatorname{Re} \mathcal{T}_J(E^U)| = 1/2$
- the  $\Lambda$  sector 'protects' the unitarity of amplitudes:

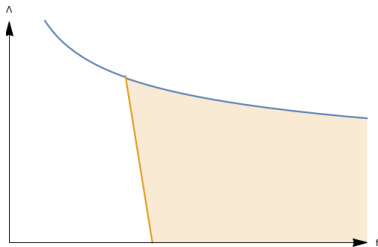
$$\Lambda < E^U$$

- hence the region of validity of an "EFT model"

$$E < \Lambda < E^U(f_i), \quad E \equiv M_{WW} \quad (5)$$

- in particular, for a fixed  $f_i$  one should consider different assumptions on the cut-off  $\Lambda$  in the EFT analysis

- if access to  $M_{WW}$ , the EFT analysis more straightforward – apply cut-off at  $\Lambda$  in  $M_{WW}$  distribution both in data and simulated EFT prediction
- Discovery region of an "EFT model" : region in  $(\Lambda, f_i)$  for which deviation from the SM is  $> 5\sigma$
- for a single operator



- since  $f = f(g_*/\Lambda)$  one obtains the region in  $(g_*, \Lambda)$  that can be discovered via EFT in the future LHC data

- in the case of

$$pp \rightarrow 2j + W^+ W^+ \rightarrow 2j + 2(l \nu_l), \quad l = e^+, \mu^+ \quad (6)$$

$$M_{WW} = ?$$

- one has necessarily rely on other (observable) distributions
- what are the consequences for the EFT analysis?
  
- generally, it may happen that for considered  $f_i$  the assumed scale  $\Lambda$  is within kinematic reach of WW collision energy

$$\Lambda < M_{max}$$

then one has to care about two aspects:

1. BSM signal as predicted by  $\mathcal{L}_{EFT}$  must be necessarily regularized above  $\Lambda$  <sup>4</sup>

$$\underbrace{\int_{2M_W}^{\Lambda} \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{WW}} \Big|_{EFT \text{ model}} dM_{WW}}_{\text{EFT controlled region}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Lambda}^{M_{max}} \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{WW}} \Big|_{regularized} dM_{WW}}_{\text{the tail}} \quad (7)$$

2. any physics conclusions from the EFT analysis can be taken only if bulk of the signal is in the EFT controlled region  $E < \Lambda$  and not in the tail  $E > \Lambda$

$$\int_{2M_W}^{\Lambda} \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{WW}} \Big|_{EFT \text{ model}} dM_{WW} + \int_{\Lambda}^{M_{max}} \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{WW}} \Big|_{SM} dM_{WW} \quad (8)$$

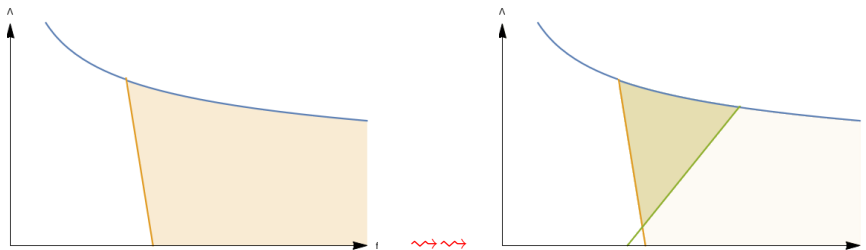
it defines signal coming uniquely from the EFT in its range of validity

EFT prediction sensible only if both (7) and (8) are statistically consistent at  $2\sigma$

<sup>4</sup>see 1907.06668 for study of impact on different popular regularizations

as a result one obtains smaller discovery regions

an extra contour (green) occurs which bounds the discovery regions ("from the right")



discovery regions  $\equiv$  irregular "triangles"

## Simple matching<sup>5</sup>:

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} \supset f_i \mathcal{O}_i \equiv c_i \cdot 2 \frac{g^2}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i, \quad i = M0, M1 \quad \sim (D_\alpha \Phi)^2 (W_{\mu\nu}^i)^2$$

$$f_i \mathcal{O}_i \equiv c_i \cdot 2^2 \frac{g^4}{16\pi^2 \Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i, \quad i = T0, T1, T2 \quad \sim (W_{\mu\nu}^i)^4$$

$$f_i \mathcal{O}_i \equiv c_i \cdot 2^2 \frac{g^2}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i, \quad i = M6, M7 \quad \sim (D_\alpha \Phi)^2 (W_{\mu\nu}^i)^2$$

$|c_i| < 1$  in perturbative deeper completions, but instead e.g. for  $c_i > 0$

27 TeV	T0	T1	T2	M0	M1	M7
$c_{min}-c_{max}$	130.-770.	120.-1300.	670.-2200.	23.-32.	45.-133.	33.-140.
HL-LHC	T0	T1	T2	M0	M1	M7
$c_{min}-c_{max}$	137.-790.	76.-1300.	280.-2200.	23.-33.	38.-140.	24.-130.

<sup>5</sup>see 1601.07551