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## SMEFT and CP violation

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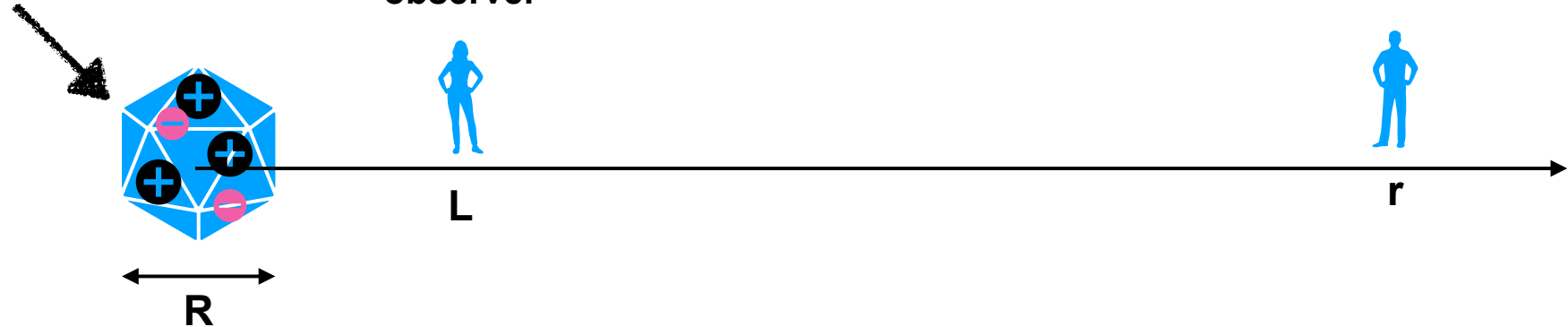
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**Part 1**

*Brief Philosophy of EFT*

# Role of scale in physical problems

Some distribution of electric charges



Near observer,  $L \sim R$ , needs to know the position of every charge to describe electric field in her proximity

Far observer,  $r \gg R$ , can instead use multipole expansion:

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{Q}{r} + \frac{\vec{d} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} + \frac{Q_{ij}r_i r_j}{r^5} + \dots$$

$\sim 1/r \quad \sim R/r^2 \quad \sim R^2/r^3$

Higher order terms in the multipole expansion are suppressed by powers of the small parameter ( $R/r$ ). One can truncate the expansion at some order depending on the value of ( $R/r$ ) and experimental precision

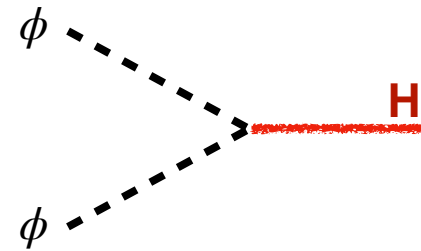
Far observer is able to describe electric field in his vicinity using just a few parameters: the total electric charge  $Q$ , the dipole moment  $\vec{d}$ , eventually the quadrupole moment  $Q_{ij}$ , etc....

On the other hand, far observer can only guess the "fundamental" distributions of the charges, as many distinct distributions lead to the same first few moments

Far observer, like Molière's Mr. Jourdain, discovers that he has been using EFT all his life

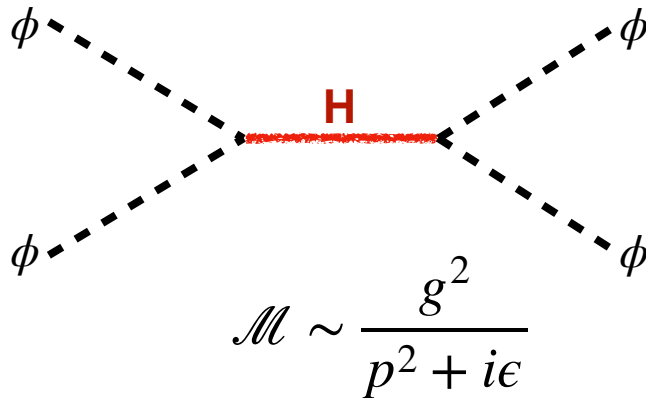
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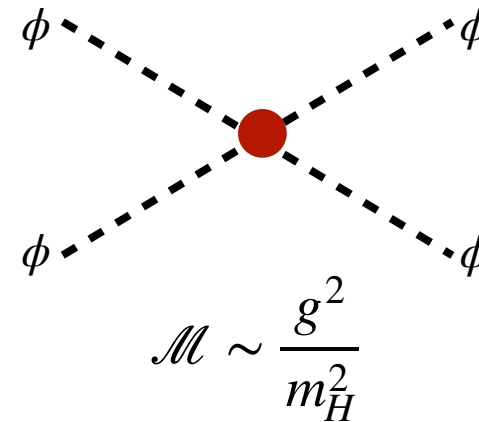


Heavy particle H propagator in momentum space:

$$P(p^2) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m_H^2 + i\epsilon} \approx \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon} & p^2 \gg m_H^2 \\ -\frac{1}{m_H^2} & p^2 \ll m_H^2 \end{cases}$$



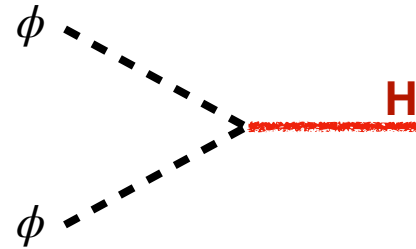
At large momentum scales,  $p^2 \gg m_H^2$ , we see propagation of the heavy particle H. Long range force acting between light particles  $\phi$



At small momentum scales,  $p^2 \ll m_H^2$ , propagation of the heavy particle H effectively leads to a contact interaction between light particles  $\phi$

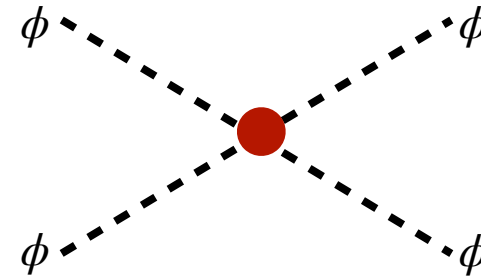
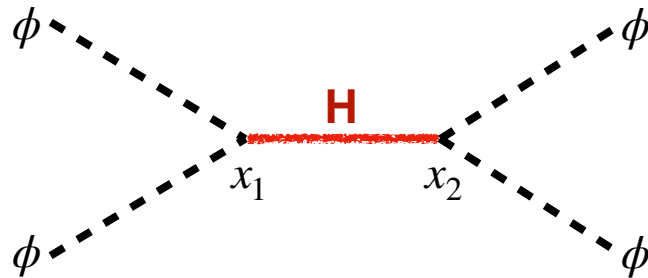
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Heavy particle H propagator in coordinate space:

$$P(x_1, x_2) \sim \exp(-m_H |x_1 - x_2|)$$



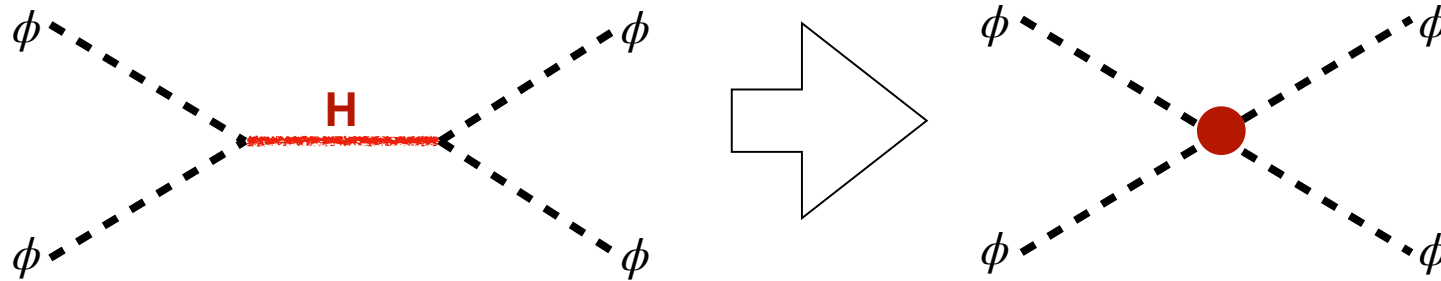
At small distance scales,  $|x_1 - x_2| \ll 1/m_H$ , the heavy particle H propagates. Force acting between light particles  $\phi$

At large distance scales,  $|x_1 - x_2| \gg 1/m_H$ , propagation of the heavy particle H suppressed. Interaction looks like a delta function potential

$$m_H \sim \Delta E \ll \frac{1}{|x_1 - x_2|} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow \Delta E \Delta t \ll 1$$

$$m_H \sim \Delta E \gg \frac{1}{|x_1 - x_2|} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow \Delta E \Delta t \gg 1$$

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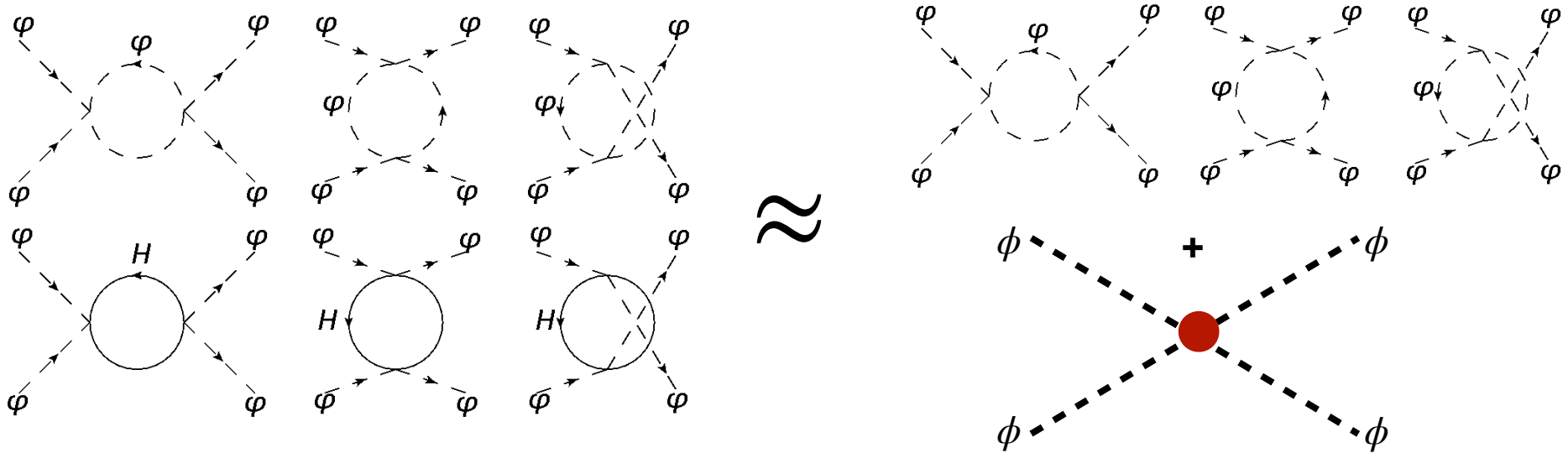


- Processes probing distance scales  $L \gg m_H$ , equivalently energy scales  $E \ll m_H$ , cannot resolve the propagation of H
- Then, intuitively, exchange of heavy particle H between light particles  $\phi$  should be indistinguishable from a contact interaction of  $\phi$
- In other words, the effective theory describing  $\phi$  interactions should be well approximated by a local Lagrangian, that is, by a polynomial in  $\phi$  and its derivatives

**This is the generic way how the effective theory description arise in particle physics,**

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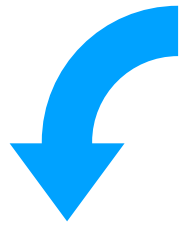
Effective theory approach works beyond tree level



This works also for higher loops, and with both heavy and light particles in the loops

# Effective field theory

How to build an EFT



**Bottom up**

**Top down**

**Starting with a set of particles  
we build the Lagrangian  
describing all their possible interactions  
obeying a prescribed set of symmetries  
and organised in a consistent expansion**

**Starting with a given theory  
(effective or fundamental)  
we integrate out degrees of freedom  
heavier than some prescribed mass scale**





<b>UV</b>	10 TeV	<b>Dragons</b>	
<b>SMEFT</b>	100 GeV	$\gamma, g, W, Z, \nu_i, e, \mu, \tau + \mathbf{u, d, s, c, b, t} + \mathbf{h}$	
<b>WEFT5</b>	5 GeV	$\gamma, g, \nu_i, e, \mu, \tau + \mathbf{u, d, s, c, b}$	
<b>WEFT4</b>	2 GeV	$\gamma, g, \nu_i, e, \mu, \tau + \mathbf{u, d, s, c}$	
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<b>ChRT</b>	1 GeV	$\gamma, \nu_i, e, \mu + \mathbf{hadrons}$	
<b>ChPT</b>	100 MeV	$\gamma, \nu_i, e, \mu, \pi, K$	
<b>QED</b>	1 MeV	$\gamma, \nu_i, e$	
<b>EH</b>	0.01 eV	$\gamma, \nu_i$ $\gamma$	

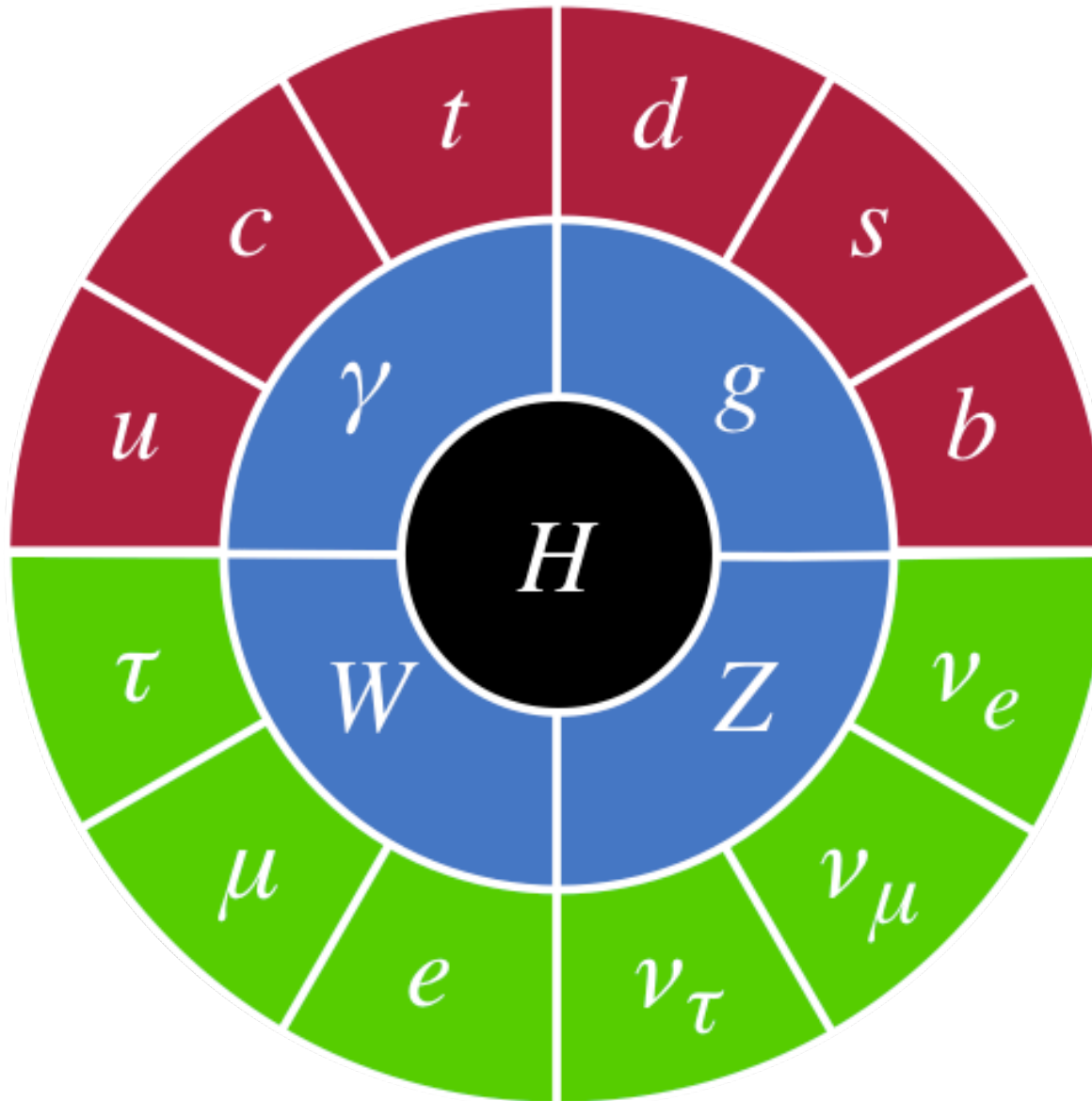




**Part 2**

*Introducing SMEFT*

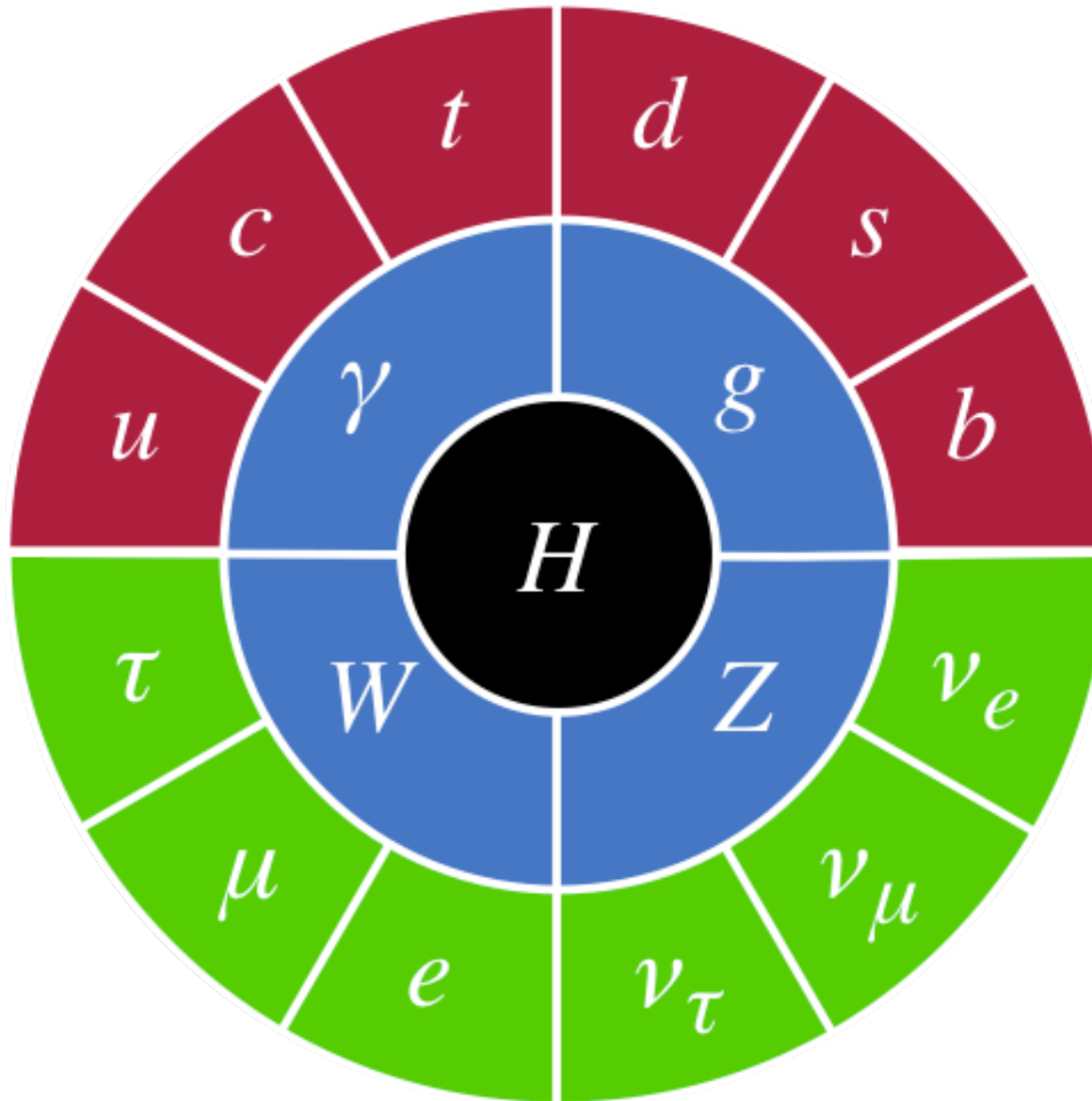
## Elementary particles we know today



graviton

This set of particles are the propagating degrees of freedom (at least) right above the electroweak scale, that is at  $E \sim 100 \text{ GeV} - 1 \text{ TeV}$

## Elementary particles we know today



In these lectures gravity is decoupled and ignored (good assumption in most of laboratory experiments). Otherwise the relevant EFT is called GRSMEFT.

# SMEFT

**SMEFT is an effective theory for these degrees of freedom:**

Field	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	Name	Spin	Dimension
$G_\mu^a$	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	0	Gluon	1	1
$W_\mu^k$	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	0	Weak $SU(2)$ bosons	1	1
$B_\mu$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	Hypercharge boson	1	1
$Q$	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	1/6	Quark doublets	1/2	3/2
$U^c$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	<b>1</b>	-2/3	Up-type anti-quarks	1/2	3/2
$D^c$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	<b>1</b>	1/3	Down-type anti-quarks	1/2	3/2
$L$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	-1/2	Lepton doublets	1/2	3/2
$E^c$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	1	Charged anti-leptons	1/2	3/2
$H$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	1/2	Higgs field	0	1

**incorporating certain physical assumptions:**

- 1. Locality, unitarity, Poincaré symmetry**
- 2. Mass gap: absence of non-SM degrees of freedom at or below the electroweak scale**
- 3. Gauge symmetry: local  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$  symmetry strictly respected by all interactions and spontaneously broken to  $SU(3) \times U(1)$  by a VEV of the Higgs field**

## Note on fermion conventions

I am using the 2-component spinor formalism

A Dirac fermion is described by a pair of spinor fields  $f$  and  $\bar{f}^c$  with the kinetic and mass terms

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{f}\bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu f + if^c \sigma^\mu D_\mu \bar{f}^c - mf^c f - m\bar{f}\bar{f}^c$$

$$\sigma^\mu = (1, \boldsymbol{\sigma})$$

$$\bar{\sigma}^\mu = (1, -\boldsymbol{\sigma})$$

$$\bar{f} \equiv f^*$$

To translate to 4-component Dirac notation use

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ \bar{f}^c \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{F} = (f^c \quad \bar{f}), \quad \gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{F} \equiv F^\dagger \gamma^0$$

For example

$$\bar{f}\bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu f = \bar{F}_L \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu F_L$$

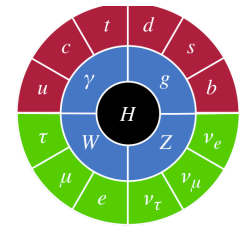
$$f^c \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{f}^c = \bar{F}_R \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu F_R$$

$$f^c f = \bar{F}_R F_L$$

$$\bar{f}\bar{f}^c = \bar{F}_L F_R$$

See the spinor bible  
[arXiv:0812.1594]  
for more details

# SMEFT power counting



1. Locality, unitarity, Poincaré symmetry
2. Mass gap: absence of non-SM degrees of freedom at or below the electroweak scale
3. Gauge symmetry: local SU(3)xSU(2)xU(1) symmetry strictly respected by all interactions

We can organize the SMEFT Lagrangian in a dimensional expansion:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{D=2} + \mathcal{L}_{D=3} + \mathcal{L}_{D=4} + \mathcal{L}_{D=5} + \mathcal{L}_{D=6} + \mathcal{L}_{D=7} + \mathcal{L}_{D=8} + \dots$$

Each  $\mathcal{L}_D$  is a linear combination of SU(3)xSU(2)xU(1) invariant interaction terms (operators) where  $D$  is the sum of canonical dimensions of all the fields entering the interaction

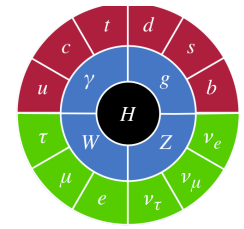
Since Lagrangian has mass dimension  $[\mathcal{L}] = 4$ , by dimensional analysis the couplings (Wilson coefficients) of interactions in  $\mathcal{L}_D$  have mass dimension  $[C_D] = 4 - D$

Standard SMEFT power counting:  $C_D \sim \frac{c_D}{\Lambda^{D-4}}$  where  $c_D \sim 1$ ,  
and  $\Lambda$  is identified with the mass scale of the UV completion of the SMEFT,

In the spirit of EFT, each  $\mathcal{L}_D$  should include a complete and non-redundant set of interactions



# SMEFT power counting



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SM Lagrangian

Higher-dimensional  
 $\text{SU}(3)_c \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y$  invariant  
 interactions added to the SM

At sufficiently high energies, such that we can ignore particle masses, amplitudes for physical processes take the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{\text{SMEFT}} &= \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + C_{D=5}E + C_{D=6}E^2 + C_{D=7}E^3 + C_{D=8}E^4 + \dots \\ &\sim \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{c_5 E}{\Lambda} + \frac{c_6 E^2}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{c_7 E^3}{\Lambda^3} + \frac{c_8 E^4}{\Lambda^4} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Standard SMEFT power counting sets up the rules for expanding the amplitudes and observables in powers of the new physics scale  $\Lambda$ .

For  $E \ll \Lambda$  expansion can be truncated at some  $D$ , depending on the desired precision

## SMEFT

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Only a single D=2 operator can be build from the SM fields:

$$\mathcal{L}_{D=2} = \mu_H^2 H^\dagger H$$

**Philosophy of EFT:**  $\mu_H \sim \Lambda \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$

**Experiment:**  $\mu_H \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$

*Unsolved mystery why  $\mu_H^2 \ll \Lambda^2$ ,  
which is called the hierarchy problem*

**From the point of view of EFT, the hierarchy problem is a breakdown of dimensional analysis**

## SMEFT

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$$\mathcal{L}_{D=3} = 0$$

Simply, no gauge invariant operators made of SM fields exist at canonical dimension  $D=3$

The absence of  $D=3$  operators is a feature of SMEFT, but not a law of nature.

E.g. in  $\nu$ SMEFT, where one also has singlet neutrino, one can write down

$$\mathcal{L}_{D=3}^{\nu\text{SMEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \nu^c M_\nu \nu^c + \text{h.c.}$$

# SMEFT

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**D=4 is special because it doesn't contain an explicit scale (marginal interactions)**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{D=4} = & -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{V \in B, W^i, G^a} V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{f \in Q, L} i \bar{f} \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu f + \sum_{f \in U, D, E} i f^c \sigma^\mu D_\mu \bar{f}^c \\ & - (U^c Y_u \tilde{H}^\dagger Q + D^c Y_d H^\dagger Q + E^c Y_e H^\dagger L + \text{h.c.}) + D_\mu H^\dagger D^\mu H - \lambda (H^\dagger H)^2 \\ & + \tilde{\theta} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H}_a &= \epsilon^{ab} H_b^* \\ V_{\mu\nu}^a &= \partial_\mu V_\nu^a - \partial_\nu V_\mu^a - g f^{abc} V_\mu^b V_\nu^c \\ D_\mu f &= \partial_\mu f + i g_s G_\mu^a T^a f + i g_L W_\mu^i \frac{\sigma^i}{2} f + i g_Y B_\mu Y f \\ \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} G^{\alpha\beta a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U^c &= \begin{pmatrix} u^c \\ c^c \\ t^c \end{pmatrix} & D^c &= \begin{pmatrix} d^c \\ s^c \\ b^c \end{pmatrix} & E^c &= \begin{pmatrix} e^c \\ \mu^c \\ \tau^c \end{pmatrix} \\ Q &= \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (u) \\ (c) \\ (s) \\ (t) \\ (b) \end{pmatrix} & L &= \begin{pmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \\ l_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (\nu_e) \\ (e) \\ (\nu_\mu) \\ (\mu) \\ (\nu_\tau) \\ (\tau) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Experiment: all these interactions at D=4 above have been observed, except for  $\tilde{\theta}$**

Strictly speaking,  $\lambda$  has not been observed directly. Its value is known within SM hypothesis, but not within SMEFT, without additional assumptions.

Observation of double Higgs production (receiving contribution from cubic Higgs coupling) will be a direct proof that  $\lambda$  is there in the Lagrangian.

Note that  $\theta_B B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu}$  has no physical consequences, while  $\theta_W W_{\mu\nu}^k \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^k$  can be eliminated by chiral rotation

# SMEFT at dimension-5

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{D=2} + \mathcal{L}_{D=4} + \mathcal{L}_{D=5} + \mathcal{L}_{D=6} + \mathcal{L}_{D=7} + \mathcal{L}_{D=8} + \dots$$

Weinberg (1979)  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 43, 1566

$$\mathcal{L}_{D=5} = (LH)C(LH) + \text{h.c.} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J,K=e,\mu,\tau} v^2 C_{JK} (\nu_J \nu_K) + \text{h.c.}$$

$H \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$   
 $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \dots \\ v + h + \dots \end{pmatrix}$

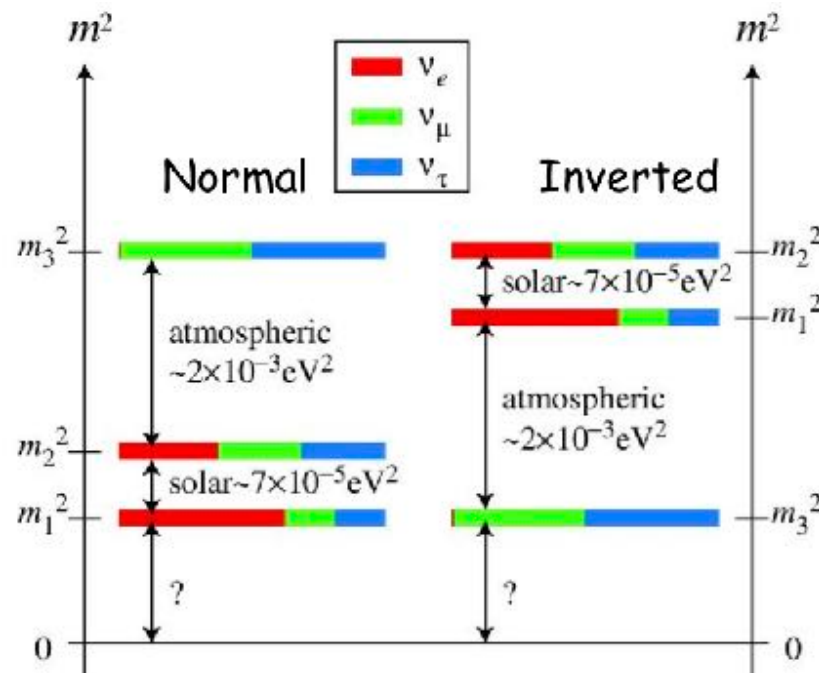
- At dimension 5, the only gauge-invariant operators one can construct are the so-called Weinberg operators, which break the lepton number
- After electroweak symmetry breaking they give rise to Majorana mass terms for the SM (left-handed) neutrinos with the mass matrix  $M = -v^2 C$
- Neutrino oscillation experiments strongly suggest that these operators are present (unless neutrino masses are of the Dirac type)

**This is a huge success of the SMEFT paradigm:  
corrections to the SM Lagrangian predicted at the next order in the EFT expansion, are  
indeed observed in experiment!**

# SMEFT at dimension-5

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset -\frac{1}{2}(\nu M \nu) + \text{h.c.} \quad M = -v^2 C$$

Neutrino masses or most likely in the 0.01 eV - 0.1 eV ballpark (though the lightest neutrino may even be massless)



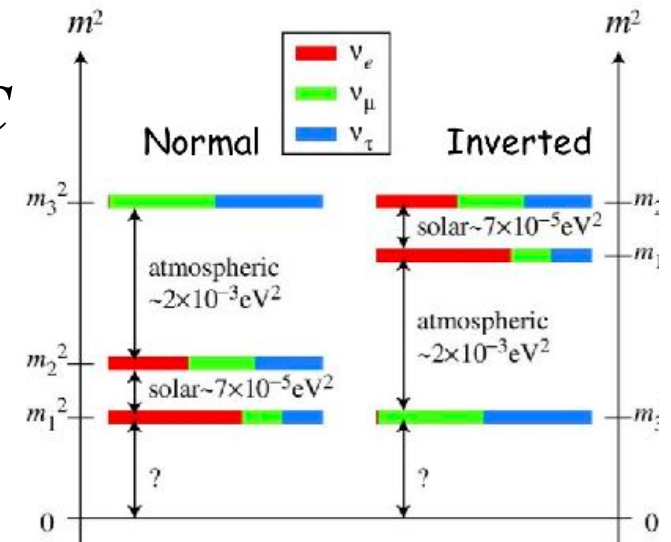
It follows that the dimension-5 Wilson coefficient is of order  $C \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda}$  with  $\Lambda \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$

On one hand, that is perfect, because it suggests that the basic SMEFT assumption,  $\Lambda \gg v$ , is indeed satisfied

# SMEFT at dimension-5

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset -\frac{1}{2}(\nu M \nu) + \text{h.c.} \quad M = -v^2 C$$

However,  $\Lambda \sim 10^{15}$  GeV leads to a *psychological* problem



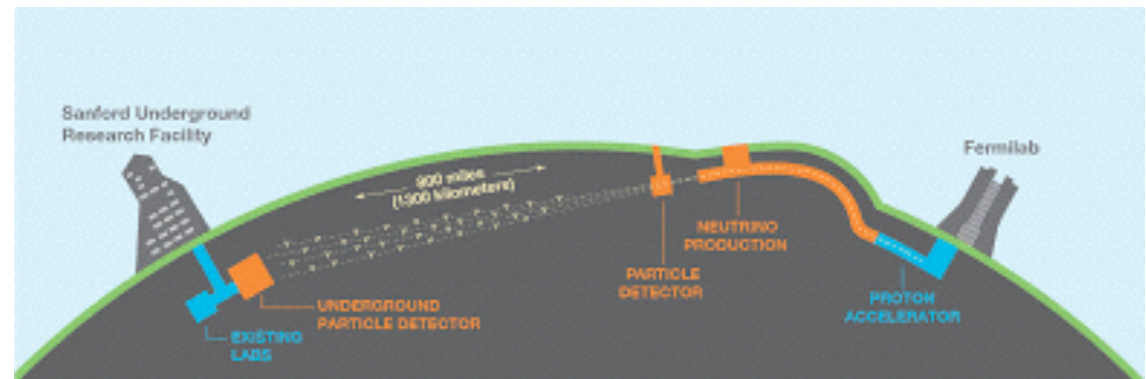
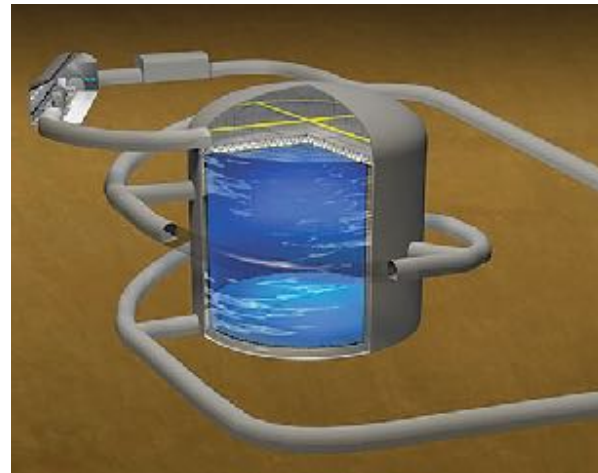
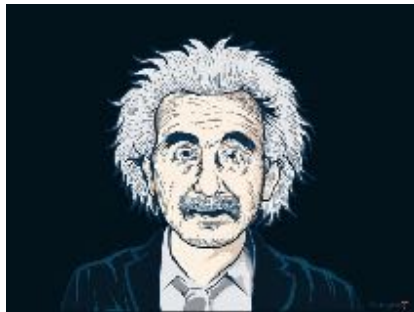
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If  $\mathcal{L}_{D=5} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda}$  then naive SMEFT counting suggest  $\mathcal{L}_{D=6} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{D=7} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^3}$ ,  
and so on

If this is really the correct estimate, then we will never see any other effects of higher-dimensional operators, except possibly of the baryon-number violating ones :/

# Career opportunities

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$$\mathcal{L}_{D=6} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{D=7} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^3}, \dots$$

However, this conclusion is not set in stone

It is possible that the true new physics scale is not far from TeV,  
but its coupling to the lepton sector is very small

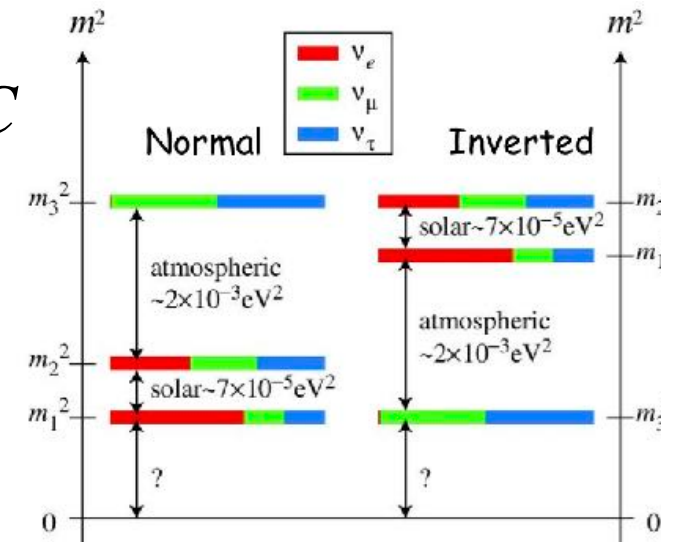
Alternatively, it is possible (and likely) that there is more than one mass scale of new physics

Dimension-5 interactions are special because they violate lepton number L.

More generally, all odd-dimension SMEFT operators violate B-L

If we assume that the mass scale of new particles with B-L-violating interactions is  $\Lambda_L$ ,  
and there is also B-L-conserving new physics at the scale  $\Lambda \ll \Lambda_L$ , then the estimate is

$$\mathcal{L}_{D=5} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_L}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{D=6} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{D=7} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_L^3}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{D=8} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^4}, \quad \text{and so on}$$



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Grzadkowski et al  
arXiv:1008.4884

**At dimension-6 all hell breaks loose**



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{D=6} = & C_H (H^\dagger H)^3 + C_{H\Box} (H^\dagger H) \Box (H^\dagger H) + C_{HD} |H^\dagger D_\mu H|^2 \\ & + C_{HWB} H^\dagger \sigma^k H W_{\mu\nu}^k B_{\mu\nu} + C_{HG} H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a + C_{HW} H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^k W_{\mu\nu}^k + C_{HB} H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu} \\ & ++ C_W \epsilon^{klm} W_{\mu\nu}^k W_{\nu\rho}^l W_{\rho\mu}^m + C_G f^{abc} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\nu\rho}^b G_{\rho\mu}^c \\ & + C_{H\tilde{G}} H^\dagger H \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a + C_{H\tilde{W}} H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^k W_{\mu\nu}^k + C_{H\tilde{B}} H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu} + C_{H\tilde{W}B} H^\dagger \sigma^k H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^k B_{\mu\nu} \\ & + C_{\tilde{W}} \epsilon^{klm} \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^k W_{\nu\rho}^l W_{\rho\mu}^m + C_{\tilde{G}} f^{abc} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\nu\rho}^b G_{\rho\mu}^c \\ & + H^\dagger H (\bar{L} H C_{eH} \bar{E}^c) + H^\dagger H (\bar{Q} \tilde{H} C_{uH} \bar{U}^c) + H^\dagger H (\bar{Q} H C_{dH} \bar{D}^c) \\ & + i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (\bar{L} C_{Hl}^{(1)} \bar{\sigma}^\mu L) + i H^\dagger \sigma^k \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (\bar{L} C_{Hl}^{(3)} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \sigma^k L) + i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (E^c C_{He} \sigma^\mu \bar{E}^c) \\ & + i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (\bar{Q} C_{Hq}^{(1)} \bar{\sigma}^\mu Q) + i H^\dagger \sigma^k \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (\bar{Q} C_{Hq}^{(3)} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \sigma^k Q) + i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (U^c C_{Hu} \sigma^\mu \bar{U}^c) \\ & + i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (D^c C_{Hd} \sigma^\mu \bar{D}^c) + \left\{ i \tilde{H}^\dagger D_\mu H (U^c C_{Hud} \sigma^\mu \bar{D}^c) \right. \\ & + (\bar{Q} \sigma^k \tilde{H} C_{uW} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{U}^c) W_{\mu\nu}^k + (\bar{Q} \tilde{H} C_{uB} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{U}^c) B_{\mu\nu} + (\bar{Q} \tilde{H} C_{uG} T^a \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{U}^c) G_{\mu\nu}^a \\ & + (\bar{Q} \sigma^k H C_{dW} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{D}^c) W_{\mu\nu}^k + (\bar{Q} H C_{dB} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{D}^c) B_{\mu\nu} + (\bar{Q} H C_{dG} T^a \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{D}^c) G_{\mu\nu}^a \\ & \left. + (\bar{L} \sigma^k H C_{eW} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{E}^c) W_{\mu\nu}^k + (\bar{L} H C_{eB} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{E}^c) B_{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.} \right\} + \mathcal{L}_{D=6}^{4\text{-fermion}} \end{aligned}$$





# SMEFT at dimension-6

**Bosonic CP-even operators**

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These affect single Higgs boson couplings to SM gauge bosons. For example

$$C_{HG} H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a = C_{HG} \frac{(v+h)^2}{2} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a \rightarrow v C_{HG} h G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

For operators inducing couplings to photons and gluons bounds of order  $|C| \lesssim \frac{1}{(10 \text{ TeV})^2}$ , while

$$|C_{HD}| \lesssim \frac{1}{(\text{TeV})^2} \text{ from Higgs physics alone}$$

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## Peculiar effect...

Contributes to the kinetic term of the Higgs boson

$$C_{H\Box} (H^\dagger H) \Box (H^\dagger H) \rightarrow -v^2 C_{H\Box} (\partial_\mu h)^2$$

Together with the SM kinetic term:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)^2 \left( 1 - 2v^2 C_{H\Box} \right)$$

To restore canonical normalization,  
we need to rescale the Higgs boson field:

$$h \rightarrow h \left( 1 + v^2 C_{H\Box} \right)$$

All Higgs boson couplings present in the SM  
are modified in a universal way!

$$\frac{h}{v} [2m_W^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- + m_Z^2 Z_\mu Z_\mu] \rightarrow \frac{h}{v} \left( 1 + v^2 C_{H\Box} \right) [2m_W^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- + m_Z^2 Z_\mu Z_\mu]$$

$$\frac{h}{v} m_f \bar{f} f \rightarrow \frac{h}{v} \left( 1 + v^2 C_{H\Box} \right) m_f \bar{f} f$$

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## Affects cubic Higgs boson coupling

$$C_H (H^\dagger H)^3 = \frac{C_H}{8} (v + h)^6 \rightarrow \frac{5v C_H}{2} h^3$$

Currently weak bounds of order  $|C_H| \lesssim \frac{1}{v^2}$

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Induce anomalous triple gauge couplings  
Bounds on the electroweak ones lead to

$$|C_W| \lesssim \frac{1}{(3\text{TeV})^2},$$

bounds on the gluon ones much weaker



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**These affect electroweak precision observables  
(W boson mass, Z branching fractions),  
which are measured at per-mille level at LEP**

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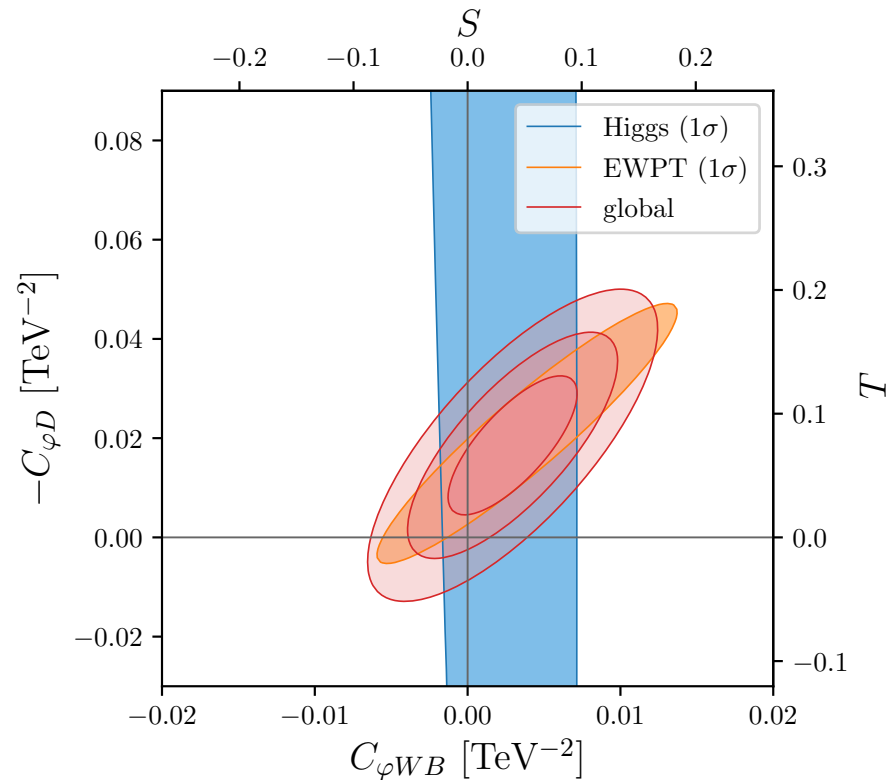
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Similar constraining power  
of Higgs and electroweak constraints  
on these particular operators  
Interesting synergy



## SMEFT at dimension-6

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**These affect single Higgs boson couplings  
to SM gauge bosons, and triple gauge couplings  
But also, via loop effects other CP observables,  
such as e.g. electron EDMs**

## SMEFT at dimension-6

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset \sum_{I,J=1}^3 [O_{fH}]_{IJ} [C_{fH}]_{IJ} + \text{h.c.}$$

Yukawa-like operators

$$O_{eH} = H^\dagger H (\bar{L} H \bar{E}^c)$$

$$O_{uH} = H^\dagger H (\bar{Q} \tilde{H} \bar{U}^c)$$

$$O_{dH} = H^\dagger H (\bar{Q} H \bar{D}^c)$$

These affect single Higgs boson couplings to SM fermions. Bounds depends on the flavor but typically don't exceed  $|C| \lesssim \frac{1}{(1 \text{ TeV})^2}$

# SMEFT at dimension-6

## Vertex-like operators

$$O_{Hl}^{(1)} = iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (\bar{L} \bar{\sigma}^\mu L)$$

$$O_{Hl}^{(3)} = iH^\dagger \sigma^k \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (\bar{L} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \sigma^k L)$$

$$O_{He} = iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (E^c \sigma^\mu \bar{E}^c)$$

$$O_{Hq}^{(1)} = iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (\bar{Q} \bar{\sigma}^\mu Q)$$

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$$O_{Hd} = iH^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H (D^c \sigma^\mu \bar{D}^c)$$

$$O_{Hud} = i\tilde{H}^\dagger D_\mu H (U^c \sigma^\mu \bar{D}^c)$$

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$$\text{Bounds of order } |C| \lesssim \frac{1}{(10 \text{ TeV})^2}$$

## SMEFT at dimension-6

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{D=6}^{\text{dipole}} = & (\bar{Q}\sigma^k \tilde{H} C_{uW} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{U}^c) W_{\mu\nu}^k + (\bar{Q}\tilde{H} C_{uB} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{U}^c) B_{\mu\nu} + (\bar{Q}\tilde{H} C_{uG} T^a \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{U}^c) G_{\mu\nu}^a \\
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 & + (\bar{L}\sigma^k H C_{eW} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{E}^c) W_{\mu\nu}^k + (\bar{L}H C_{eB} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{E}^c) B_{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.} \quad (
 \end{aligned}$$

**These affect anomalous magnetic and electric moments of SM particles at tree level**  
**Bounds depend on flavor and can be very strong, especially for the first generation**

# SMEFT at dimension-6

## 4-fermion operators

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{D=6}^{4\text{-fermion}} = & (\bar{L}\bar{\sigma}^\mu L)C_{ll}(\bar{L}\bar{\sigma}_\mu L) + (E^c\sigma_\mu\bar{E}^c)C_{ee}(E^c\sigma_\mu\bar{E}^c) + (\bar{L}\bar{\sigma}^\mu L)C_{le}(E^c\sigma_\mu\bar{E}^c) \\
 & + (\bar{L}\bar{\sigma}^\mu L)C_{lq}^{(1)}(\bar{Q}\bar{\sigma}_\mu Q) + (\bar{L}\bar{\sigma}^\mu\sigma^k L)C_{lq}^{(3)}(\bar{Q}\bar{\sigma}_\mu\sigma^k Q) \\
 & + (E^c\sigma_\mu\bar{E}^c)C_{eu}(U^c\sigma_\mu\bar{U}^c) + (E^c\sigma_\mu\bar{E}^c)C_{ed}(D^c\sigma_\mu\bar{D}^c) \\
 & + (\bar{L}\bar{\sigma}^\mu L)C_{lu}(U^c\sigma_\mu\bar{U}^c) + (\bar{L}\bar{\sigma}^\mu L)C_{ld}(D^c\sigma_\mu\bar{D}^c) + (E^c\sigma_\mu\bar{E}^c)C_{eq}(Q\bar{\sigma}_\mu Q) \\
 & + \left\{ (\bar{L}\bar{E}^c)C_{ledq}(D^c Q) + \epsilon^{kl}(\bar{L}^k\bar{E}^c)C_{lequ}^{(1)}(\bar{Q}^l\bar{U}^c) + \epsilon^{kl}(\bar{L}^k\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu}\bar{E}^c)C_{lequ}^{(3)}(\bar{Q}^l\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu}\bar{U}^c) + \text{h.c.} \right\} \\
 & + (\bar{Q}\bar{\sigma}^\mu Q)C_{qq}^{(1)}(\bar{Q}\bar{\sigma}_\mu Q) + (\bar{Q}\bar{\sigma}^\mu\sigma^k Q)C_{qq}^{(3)}(\bar{Q}\bar{\sigma}_\mu\sigma^k Q) \\
 & + (U^c\sigma_\mu\bar{U}^c)C_{uu}(U^c\sigma_\mu\bar{U}^c) + (D^c\sigma_\mu\bar{D}^c)C_{dd}(D^c\sigma_\mu\bar{D}^c) \\
 & + (U^c\sigma_\mu\bar{U}^c)C_{ud}^{(1)}(D^c\sigma_\mu\bar{D}^c) + (U^c\sigma_\mu T^a\bar{U}^c)C_{ud}^{(8)}(D^c\sigma_\mu T^a\bar{D}^c) \\
 & + (Q^c\sigma_\mu\bar{Q}^c)C_{qu}^{(1)}(U^c\sigma_\mu\bar{U}^c) + (Q^c\sigma_\mu T^a\bar{Q}^c)C_{qu}^{(8)}(U^c\sigma_\mu T^a\bar{U}^c) \\
 & + (Q^c\sigma_\mu\bar{Q}^c)C_{qd}^{(1)}(D^c\sigma_\mu\bar{D}^c) + (Q^c\sigma_\mu T^a\bar{Q}^c)C_{qd}^{(8)}(D^c\sigma_\mu T^a\bar{D}^c) \\
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 & + \left\{ (D^c U^c)C_{duq}(\bar{Q}\bar{L}) + (QQ)C_{qqq}(\bar{U}^c\bar{E}^c) + (QQ)C_{qqq}(QL) + (D^c U^c)C_{duu}(U^c E^c) + \text{h.c.} \right\}.
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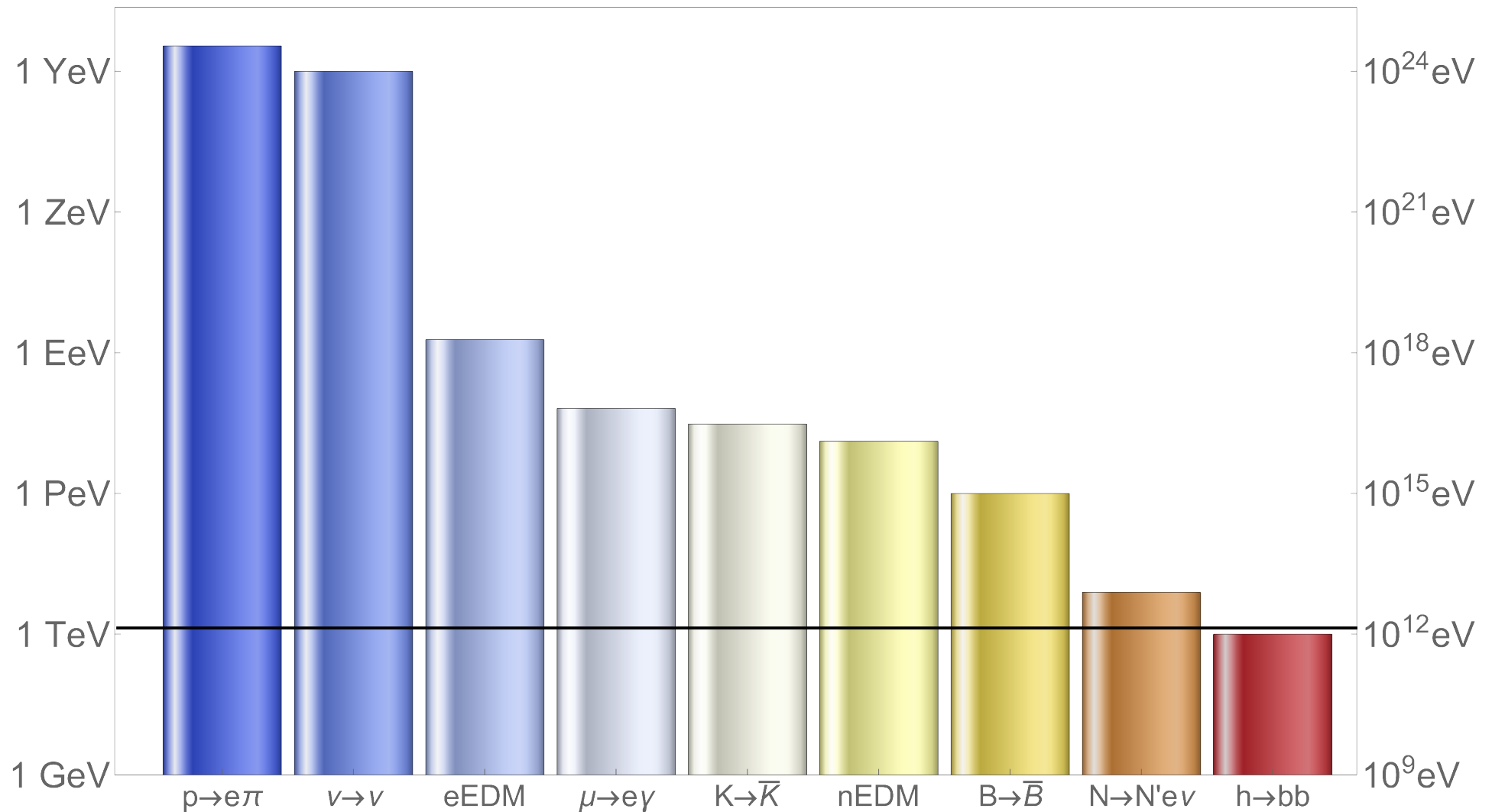
**These affect a wide range of physics.**

**Bounds can be very strong, especially for baryon-number violating operators and for certain flavor- or lepton-flavor-violating operators**

# SMEFT up to dimension-6

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In particular, it allows one to quantify the strength of different observables

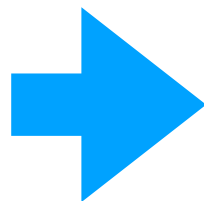




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**SMEFT Lagrangian up to dimension-6 provides a convenient framework for a bulk of precision physics happening today.**

**Moreover, it leads to correlations between different observables, e.g. due to  $SU(2)_W$  symmetry relating charged and neutral currents, and due to the interplay of tree- and loop-level contributions to observables**



**Importance of global fits collecting results from different types of experiments !**

# Global fits with SMEFT up to dimension-6

$$\begin{pmatrix} [\delta g_L^{Wl}]_{ee} \\ [\delta g_L^{Wl}]_{\mu\mu} \\ [\delta g_L^{Wl}]_{\tau\tau} \\ [\delta g_R^{Ze}]_{ee} \\ [\delta g_R^{Ze}]_{ee} \\ [\delta g_L^{Ze}]_{\mu\mu} \\ [\delta g_R^{Ze}]_{\mu\mu} \\ [\delta g_L^{Ze}]_{\tau\tau} \\ [\delta g_R^{Ze}]_{\tau\tau} \\ [\delta g_R^{Wq}]_{11} \\ [\delta g_R^{Zu}]_{11} \\ [\delta g_R^{Zu}]_{11} \\ [\delta g_L^{Zd}]_{11} \\ [\delta g_R^{Zd}]_{11} \\ [\delta g_L^{Zu}]_{22} \\ [\delta g_R^{Zu}]_{22} \\ [\delta g_L^{Zd}]_{22} \\ [\delta g_R^{Zd}]_{22} \\ [\delta g_L^{Zd}]_{33} \\ [\delta g_R^{Zd}]_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1.8(2.6) \\ -0.6(2.2) \\ 0.2(3.5) \\ -0.21(28) \\ -0.42(27) \\ 0.2(1.2) \\ 0.0(1.4) \\ -0.09(59) \\ 0.61(62) \\ -3.8(8.1) \\ -7(22) \\ 4(29) \\ -13(35) \\ 10(120) \\ -1.5(3.6) \\ -3.3(5.3) \\ 14(27) \\ 34(46) \\ 3.2(1.7) \\ 22(8.8) \end{pmatrix} \times 10^{-3},$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} [c_{lq}^{(3)}]_{ee11} \\ [\hat{c}_{eq}]_{ee11} \\ [\hat{c}_{lu}]_{ee11} \\ [\hat{c}_{ld}]_{ee11} \\ [\hat{c}_{eu}]_{ee11} \\ [\hat{c}_{ed}]_{ee11} \\ [c_{lequ}^{(1)}]_{ee11} \\ [c_{ledq}]_{ee11} \\ [c_{lequ}^{(3)}]_{ee11} \\ [\hat{c}_{lq}^{(3)}]_{ee22} \\ [c_{lu}]_{ee22} \\ [\hat{c}_{ld}]_{ee22} \\ [c_{eq}]_{ee22} \\ [c_{eu}]_{ee22} \\ [\hat{c}_{ed}]_{ee22} \\ [\hat{c}_{lq}^{(3)}]_{ee33} \\ [c_{ld}]_{ee33} \\ [c_{eq}]_{ee33} \\ [c_{ed}]_{ee33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1(2.8) \\ -4(30) \\ -2.5(8.7) \\ -2(18) \\ -3.1(9.4) \\ -2(17) \\ -0.017(60) \\ -0.018(57) \\ 0.023(66) \\ -61(32) \\ 2.4(8.0) \\ -300(130) \\ -21(28) \\ -87(46) \\ 250(140) \\ -8.5(8.0) \\ -1(10) \\ -3.1(5.1) \\ 18(20) \end{pmatrix} \times 10^{-2},$$

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## Ingredients

- $e^+e^-$  collisions
- W boson mass and decays
- Drell-Yan at LHC and Tevatron
- Neutrino scattering on electrons
- Atomic parity violation
- Parity-violating electron scattering
- Nuclear beta decays
- Semi-leptonic decays of pions and kaons
- Trident muon production in  $\nu$  scattering
- Leptonic and hadronic tau decays
- $\nu$  scattering on nuclei (coherent to not)



## Correlation matrix



Only 65 dimension-6 Wilson coefficients  
simultaneously constrained in this fit.  
Can do better :)

# SMEFT at higher dimensions

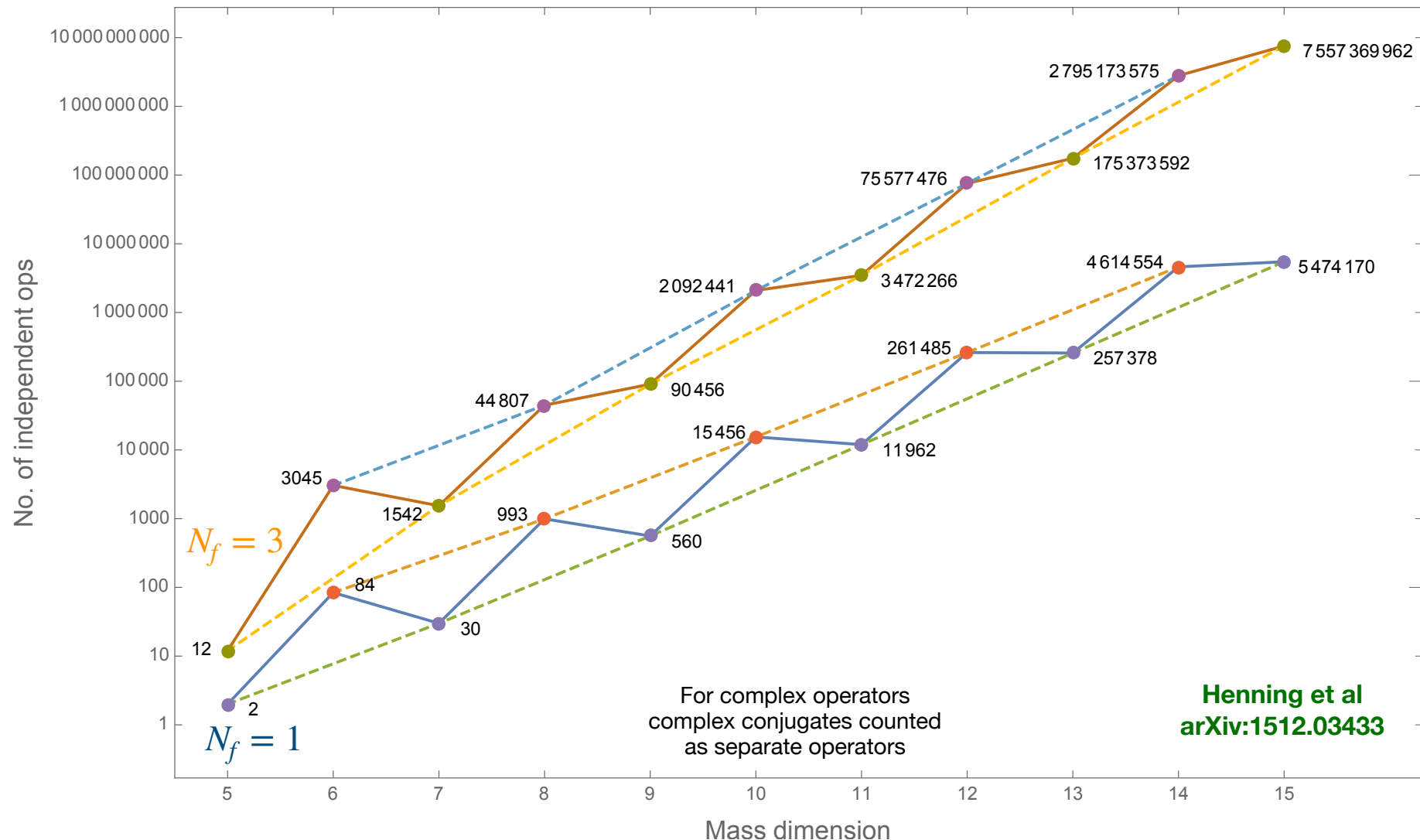
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Number of baryon-number-conserving operators as function of D and number of generations  $N_f$

	$N_f=0$	$N_f=1$	$N_f=2$	$N_f=3$	...
Dimension-5	0	2	6	12	...
Dimension-6	15	76	582	2499	...
Dimension-7	0	22	212	948	...
Dimension-8	89	895	8251	36971	...
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**Exponential growth of the number of operators with the canonical dimension D**

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**SMEFT at dimension-5:**

Weinberg (1979)  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 43, 1566

**SMEFT at dimension-6:**

Grzadkowski et al  
arXiv: 1008.4884

**SMEFT at dimension-7:**

Lehman  
arXiv: 1410.4193

**SMEFT at dimension-8:**

Li et al  
arXiv: 2005.00008

**SMEFT at dimension-9:**

Li et al  
arXiv: 2012.09188

**Code to generate a basis at arbitrary dimension in SMEFT:**

Li et al  
arXiv:2201.04639

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**At tree level, light-by-light scattering receives contribution from dimension-8, which in some situations may compete with lower order loop contributions**

$$\mathcal{L}_{D=8} \supset (B_{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu})^2 + \dots$$

**Neutron-antineutron oscillations arise at dimension-9**

$$\mathcal{L}_{D=9} \supset \epsilon_{abc}\epsilon_{def}(\bar{d}_a\bar{d}_d)(q_bq_e)(q_cq_f) + \dots$$

**CP violating 3Z vertex in SMEFT from integrating out 2HDM arises via a dimension-12 operator!**

$$\mathcal{L}_{D=12} \supset C_{12}[H^\dagger D^2(HH^\dagger H)]^2 + \text{h.c.}$$

**In all such cases however, you need to argue validity of your EFT and why you don't expect any larger effects of new physics from operators of lower dimensions**

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**If experiment pinpoints a coefficient of some operators of dimension-6, then subleading dimension-8 operators will provide precious information**

$$C_6 \sim \frac{g_*^2}{M^2}$$

**Only determines  
coupling over mass scale  
of new physics**

$$C_8 \sim \frac{g_*^2}{M^4}$$

**May allow disentangle  
coupling and mass**