Revisiting effective field theories

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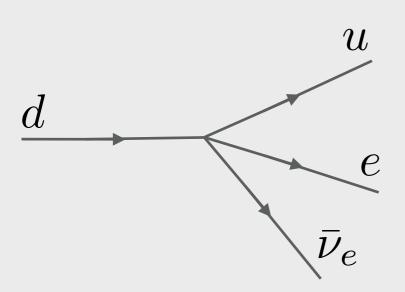
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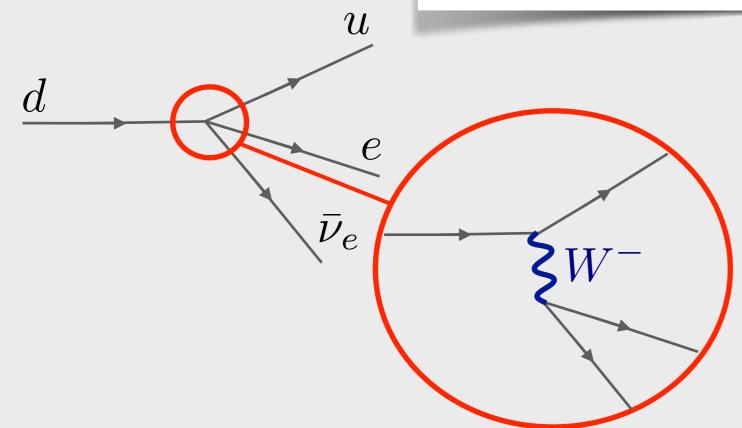
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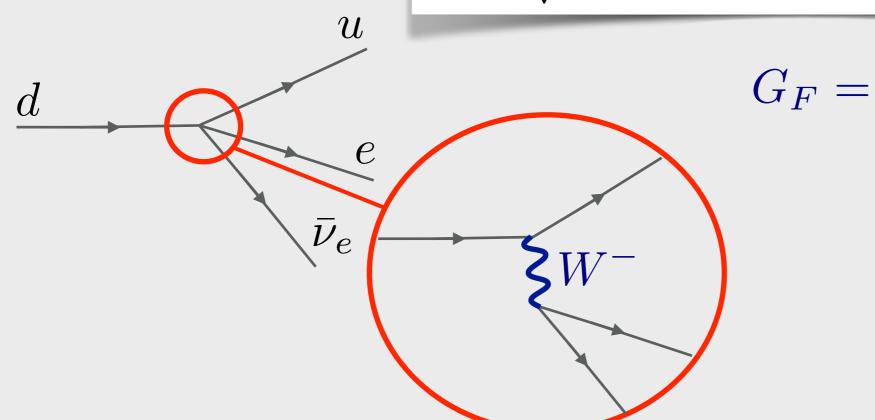


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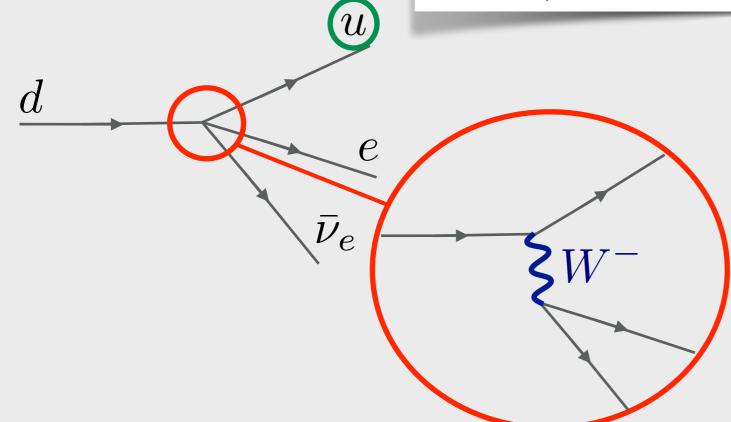
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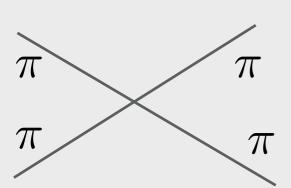
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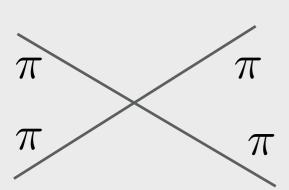
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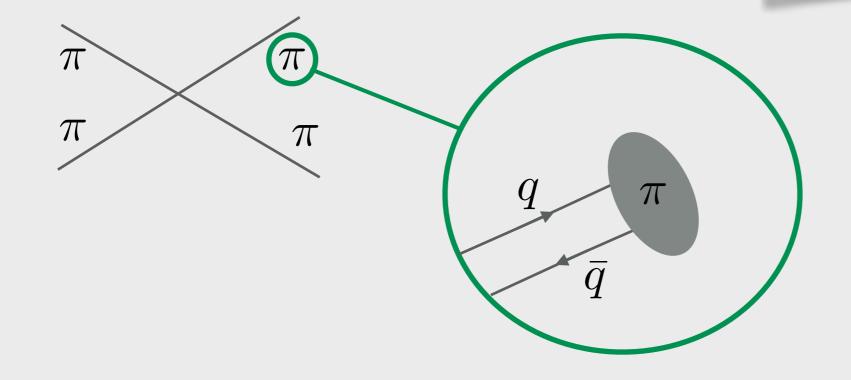
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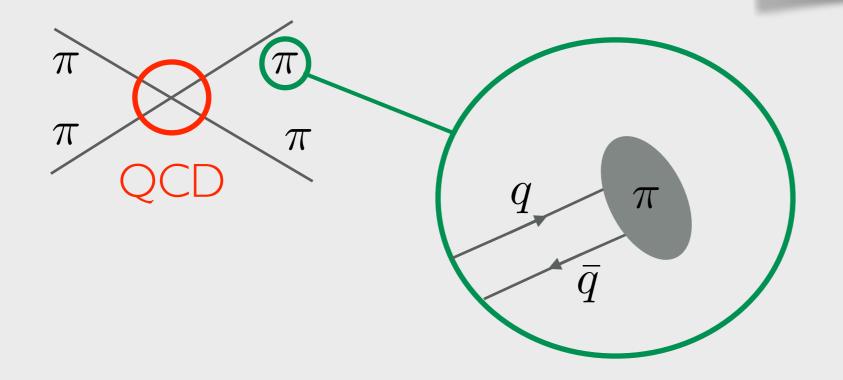


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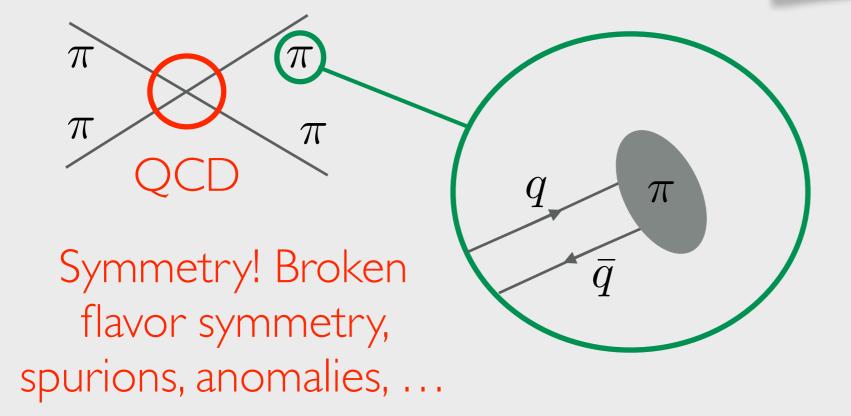


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$$\mathcal{O}_{i} = C_{H\psi_{L},ij}^{(1)} \overline{\psi}_{L}^{i} \gamma^{\mu} \psi_{L}^{j} \left(H^{\dagger} \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\mu} H \right)$$

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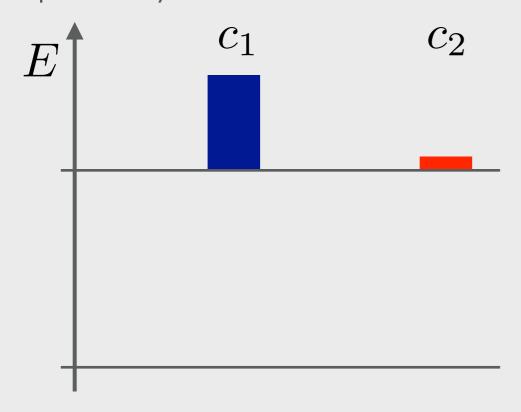
Ex: (classical or quantum) symmetry breaking in EFTs

[QB/Di Luzio/Grojean/Paul/ Rossia '20, '20, QB/Gendy/ Grojean/Ruderman '21, '23, QB/ Grojean/Kley '22]

Today: two examples of recent developments in our understanding of EFTs.

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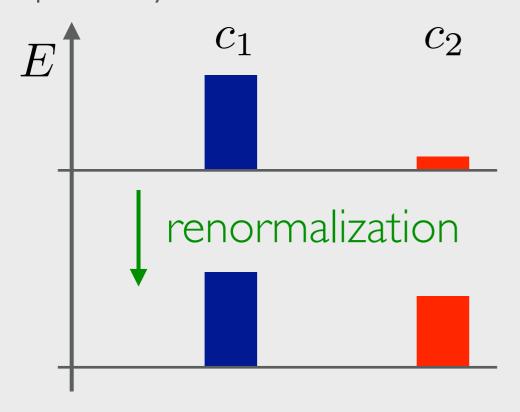
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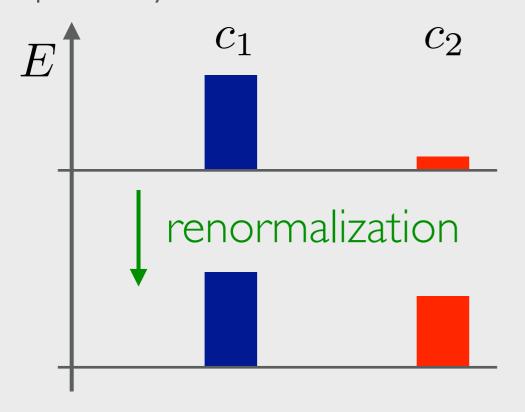
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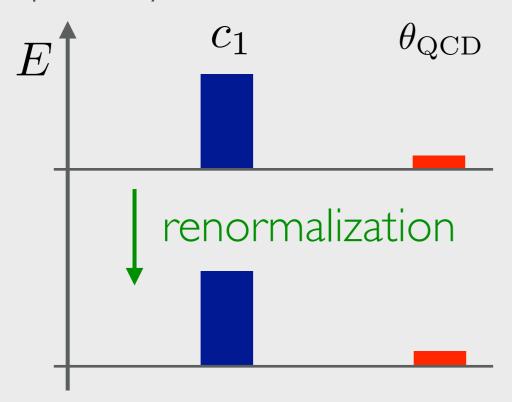


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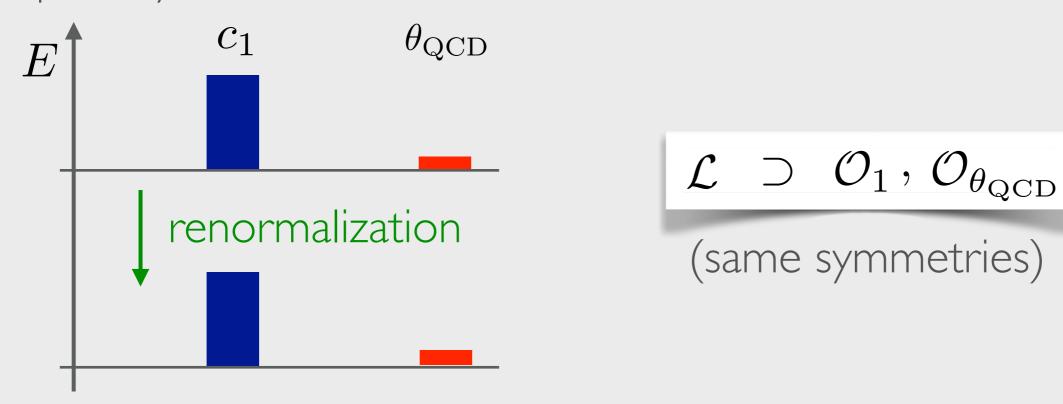
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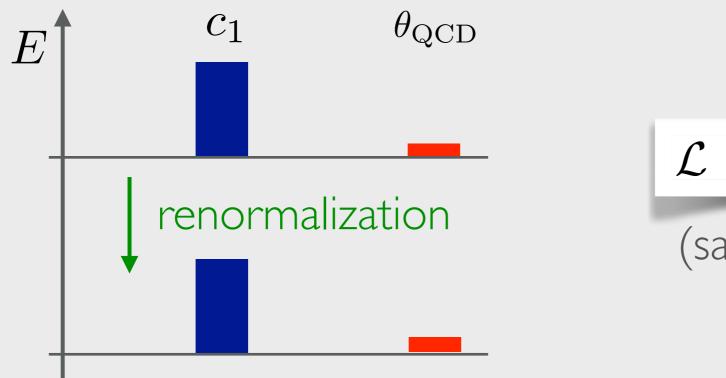


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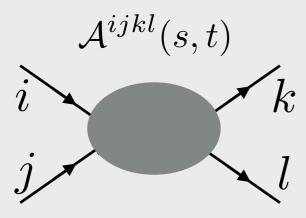
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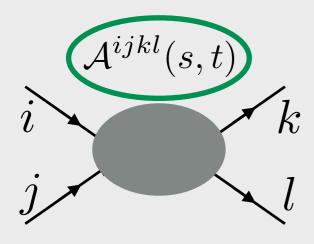
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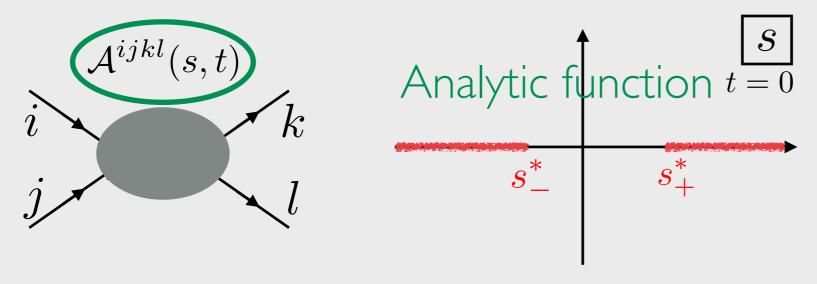
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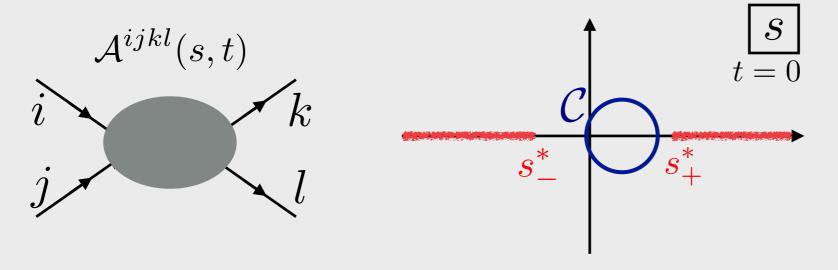


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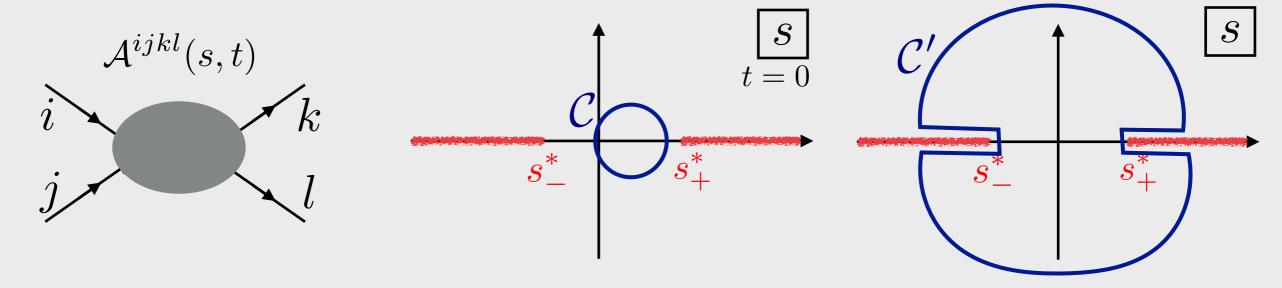
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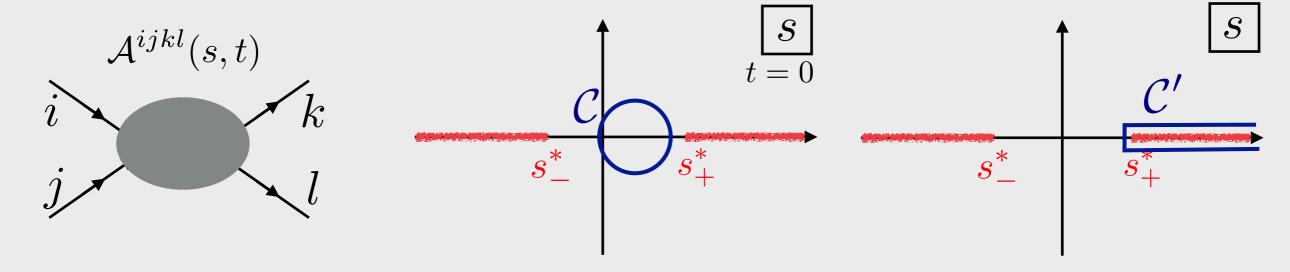
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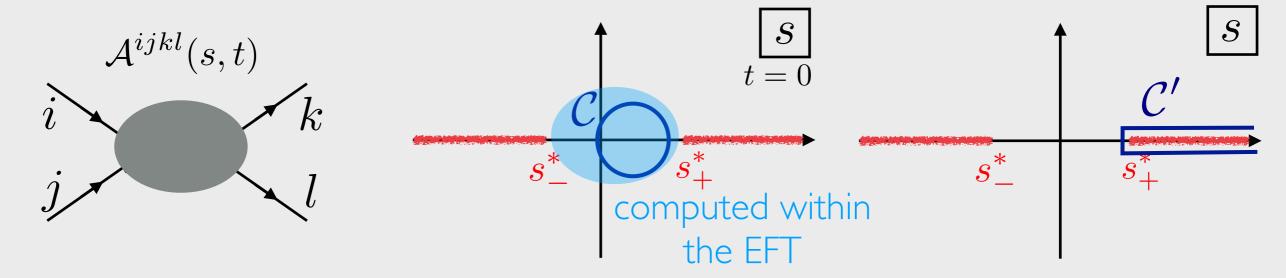
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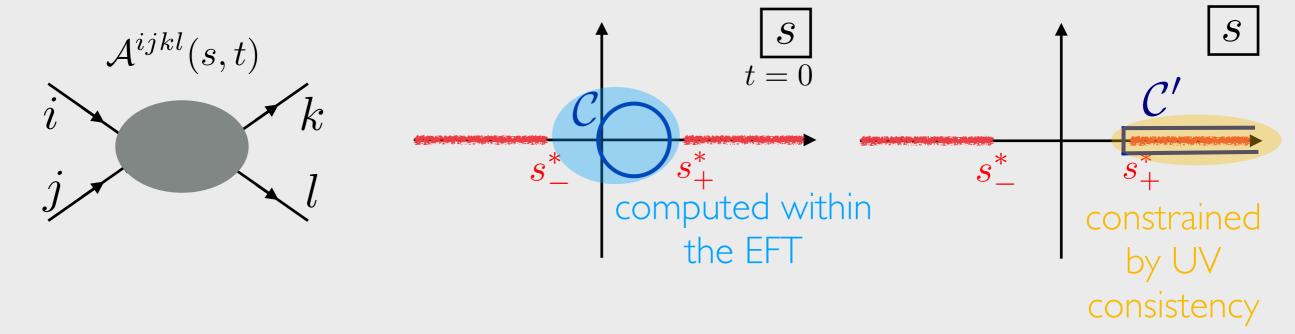
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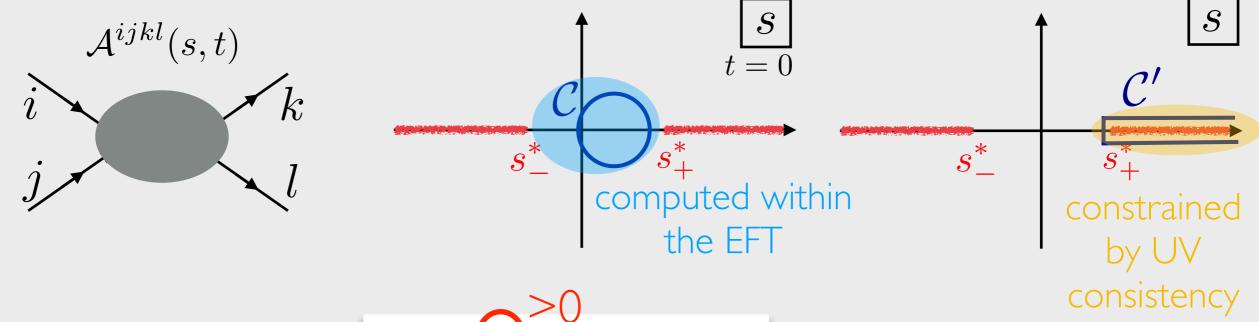


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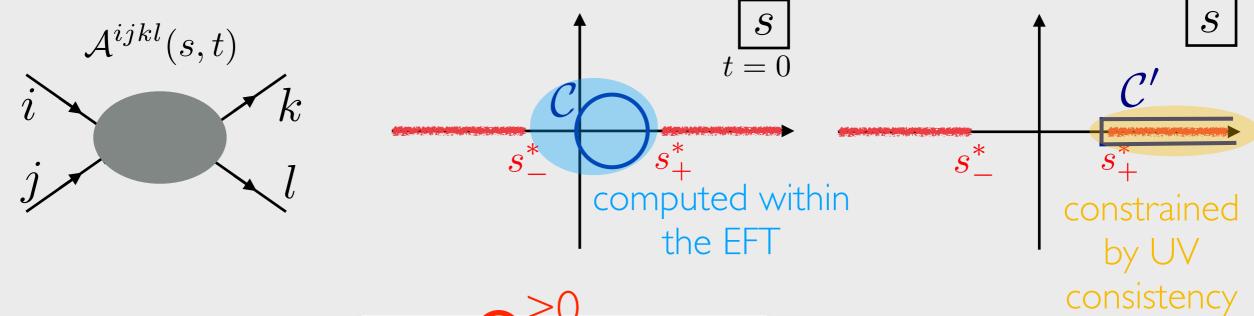


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[Broedel, Dixon '12, QB/Durieux/Grojean/Machado/ Roosmale Nepveu '20]

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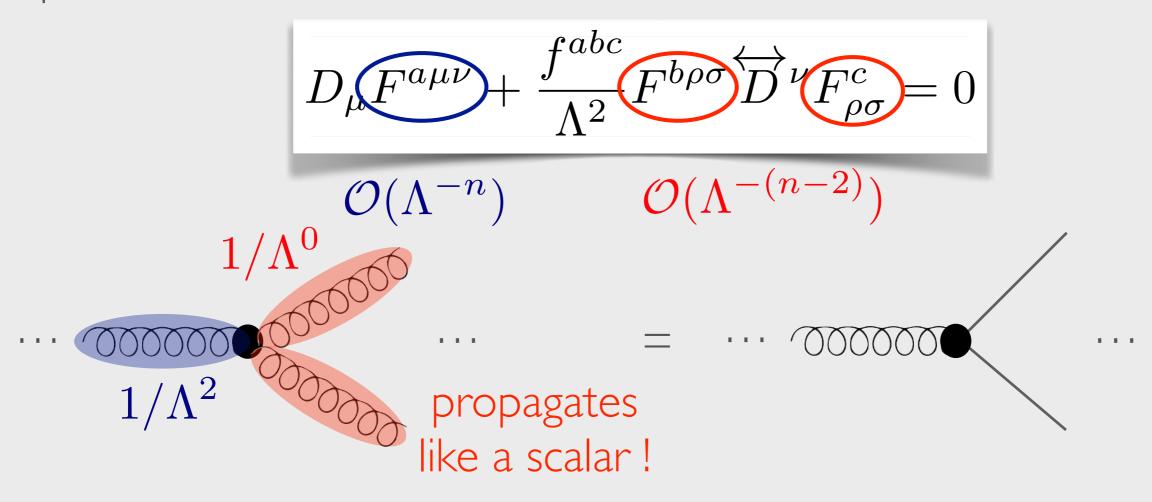
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