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 $m_{11}^2 = -0.66, m_{12}^2 = -0.74, m_{22}^2 = -0.74, \lambda_{1111} = 0.74, \lambda_{1122} = -0.16, \lambda_{2222} = 0.65$



## Consider the (simplified) EFT of the SM scalar sector

We observe four scalar degrees of freedom in high energy collisions: the Higgs boson and the three longitudinal components of the  $W^+$ ,  $W^-$  and  $Z$ . What field theory should we use to parameterise their interactions?

On first principles, what is the difference between scalar sectors of:

- ▶ **SMEFT**: built about the electroweak preserving vacuum, out of fields  $\vec{\phi}$  that linearly realise electroweak symmetry, and
- ▶ **HEFT**: built about our low energy vacuum, out of fields  $h$ ,  $\vec{\pi}$  that don't?

Are **SMEFT** and **HEFT** just field redefinitions of each other?

# Use (field redefinition invariant) geometric properties

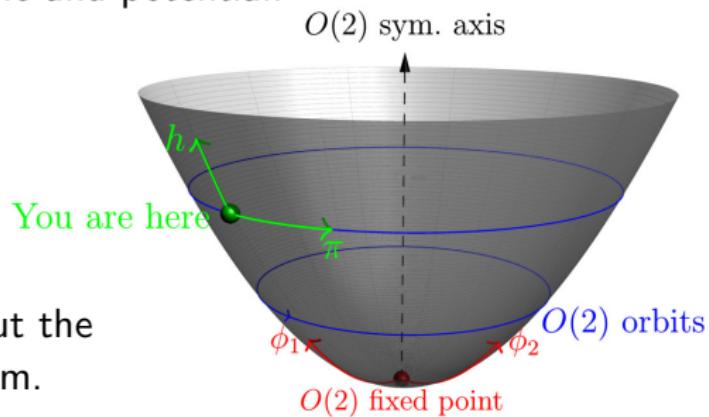
(Alonso, Jenkins, and Manohar 2016)

Dynamics encoded by a metric and potential.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}(\phi)\partial^\mu\phi^\alpha\partial_\mu\phi^\beta - V(\phi)$$

**HEFT** is an expansion about our vacuum.

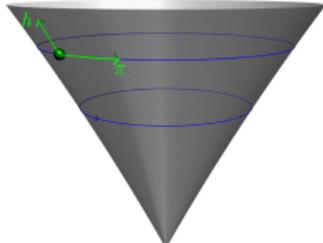
**SMEFT** is an expansion about the electroweak preserving vacuum.



A **HEFT** is poorly described by **SMEFT** when sufficient violence is done to the manifold between us and the EW preserving vacuum.

# When is a HEFT not a SMEFT?

- 1) When turning off the Higgs vev gives massless BSM particles  
(Falkowski and Rattazzi 2019)



Extend the scalar sector with an EW singlet

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} = |\partial H|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial S)^2 - \left( -\mu_H^2 |H|^2 + \lambda_H |H|^4 + \frac{1}{2}(m^2 + \kappa |H|^2)S^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_S S^4 \right)$$

Match at tree-level: sub in the solution  $S^c$  to the EOM, assume  $m^2, \kappa \leq 0$ .

$$\frac{\delta S_{\text{UV}}}{\delta S} = (\partial^2 + m^2 + \kappa |H|^2 + \lambda_S S^2)S = 0 \implies S^c = \sqrt{-\frac{m^2 + \kappa |H|^2}{\lambda_S}} + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = |\partial H|^2 - \frac{\kappa^2 (\partial_\mu |H|^2)^2}{4\lambda_S (m^2 + \kappa |H|^2)} - \left( -\mu_H^2 |H|^2 + \lambda_H |H|^4 - \frac{(m^2 + \kappa |H|^2)^2}{4\lambda_S} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\partial^4)$$

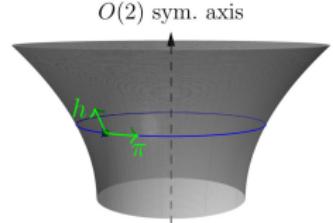
The lagrangian is non-analytic at  $H = 0$  when  $m^2 = 0$ .

# When is a HEFT not a SMEFT?

2) When there are extra sources of EWSB, e.g., a triplet

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} = |\partial H|^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \Phi)^2$$

$$-\left(-\mu_H^2 |H|^2 + \lambda_H |H|^4 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu H^\dagger \sigma^a H \Phi_a + \kappa |H|^2 \Phi^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_\Phi \Phi^4\right)$$



Reparameterise as radial ( $r, f$ ) and angular modes ( $\pi^a, \beta^i$ )

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} r \exp\left(i \frac{\pi^a}{v} \sigma^a\right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \Phi_a = \frac{2f}{r^2} \exp\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \beta_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta_2 \\ -\beta_1 & -\beta_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H^\dagger \sigma^1 H \\ H^\dagger \sigma^2 H \\ H^\dagger \sigma^3 H \end{pmatrix}$$

to integrate out at tree-level (sub. in EOM solutions of  $f$  and  $\beta$ )

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \beta^i} = 0 \implies \beta^i = 0; \frac{\partial V}{\partial f} \Big|_{\beta^i=0} = -\frac{1}{4} \mu r^2 + (m^2 + \kappa r^2) f + \lambda_\Phi f^3 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = & \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + (f_c')^2 + \frac{8f_c^2}{r^2} \right] (\partial r)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{r^2 + 4f_c^2}{v^2} \right] ((\partial \pi_1)^2 + (\partial \pi_2)^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{r^2}{v^2} \right] (\partial \pi_3)^2 \\ & - V + \mathcal{O}(\partial^4, \pi^4) \end{aligned}$$

Need  $f_c \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$  for SMEFT

## SMEFT, like the SM, is a chiral theory

Can write the lagrangian in terms of fields in irreps of Lorentz group  $\approx SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

$$\phi, \psi_\alpha, \bar{\psi}_{\dot{\alpha}}, F_{\alpha\beta}, \bar{F}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}, D_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}},$$

These excite massless particles of definite helicities

$$h = \begin{array}{ccccccc} \phi & \psi^+ & \psi^- & V^+ & V^- & V^\pm \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & -1 & \pm 1 \end{array}$$

Leading to the familiar dimension 4 Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = -F^2 - \bar{F}^2 + i\bar{\psi}D\psi + (D\phi)^2 - \lambda\phi^4 - y\phi\psi\bar{\psi} + \text{h.c.}$$

# Dimension 4 tree-level amplitude map

(Cheung and Shen 2015)

In terms of the coordinates

1.  $n$ , number of external legs
2.  $\sum h$ , total helicity of external legs, with all particles' momenta outgoing

At  $(n, \sum h) = (3, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(\phi\psi^+\psi^+), \quad & \mathcal{A}(\psi^+\psi^-V^+) \\ \mathcal{A}(\phi\phi V^+), \quad & \mathcal{A}(V^+V^+V^-) \end{aligned}$$

At  $(n, \sum h) = (4, 2)$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}(V^+V^+V^+V^-)$$

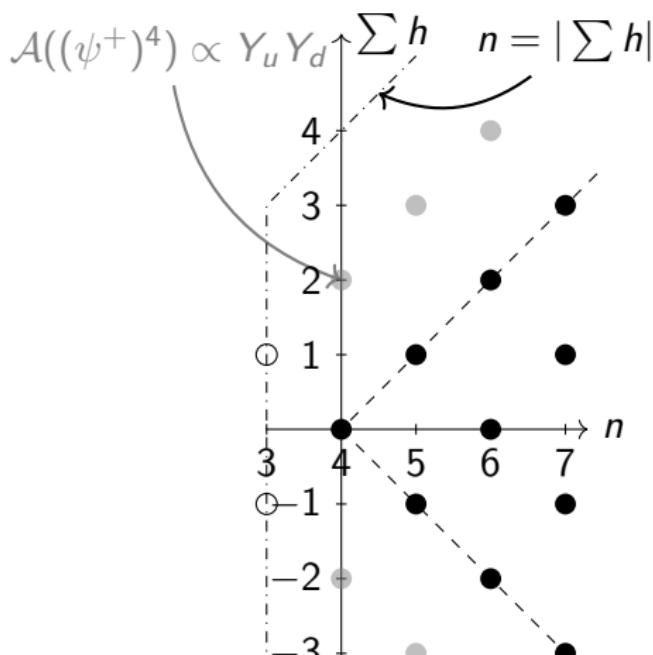
$$\mathcal{A}(V^+V^+\psi^+\psi^-)$$

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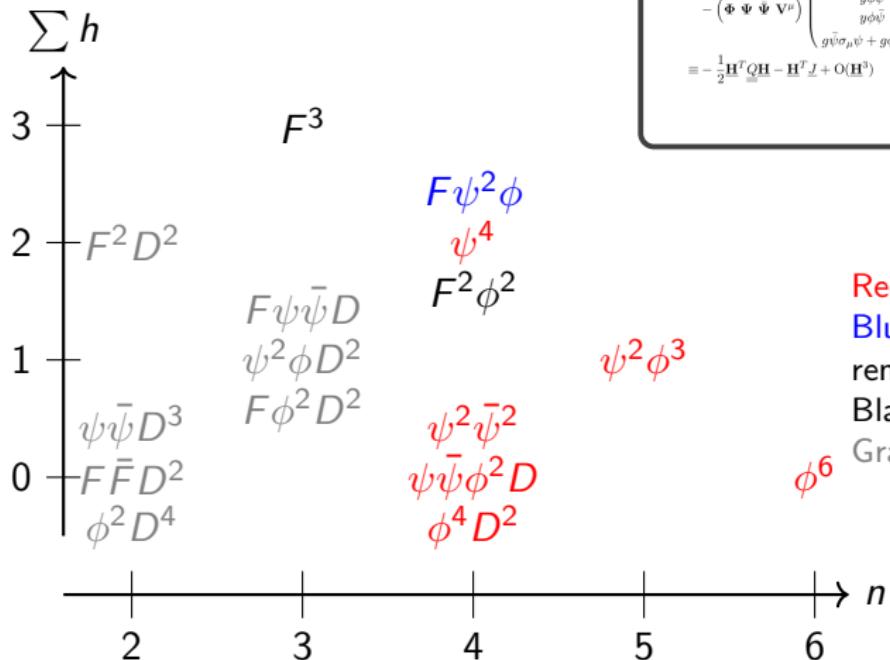
vanish at dim 4, leaving just

$$\mathcal{A}(\psi^+\psi^+\psi^+\psi^+)$$



# A map of dimension 6 operators

Classified by tree/loop-level generated



$$\mathcal{L}_{UV} = -\frac{1}{2} (\Phi \Psi \bar{\Psi} V^\mu) \begin{pmatrix} D^2 + M^2 + \lambda\phi^2 & y\psi & y\bar{\psi} & 0 \\ y\psi & M + y\phi & -i\bar{\phi} & 0 \\ y\bar{\psi} & i\bar{\phi} & M + y\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -g_{\mu\nu}(D^2 + M^2 + g\phi^2) + D_\nu D_\mu - [D_\mu, D_\nu] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ \Psi \\ \bar{\Psi} \\ \Psi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-\left(\Phi \Psi \bar{\Psi} V^\mu\right) \begin{pmatrix} y\psi\psi + y\bar{\psi}\bar{\psi} + \lambda\phi^3 \\ y\phi\psi \\ y\phi\bar{\psi} \\ g\bar{\psi}\sigma_\mu\psi + g\phi\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_\mu\phi \end{pmatrix} + O(\{\Phi, \Psi, \bar{\Psi}, V\}^3) \quad (3.1)$$

$$\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{H}^T Q \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}^T J + O(\mathbf{H}^3) \quad (3.2)$$

(UV lagrangian)

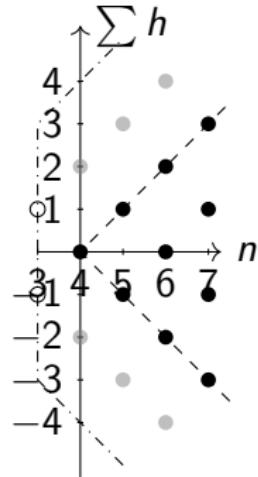
Red: tree-level  
 Blue: loop-level,  
 renormalised by tree level  
 Black: loop-level  
 Gray: eliminable by EOMs

... plotted in terms of the number of legs  $n$ , and total helicity  $\sum h$ , of the associated contact interactions.

# A map of dim 6 processes

(Dim. 6)

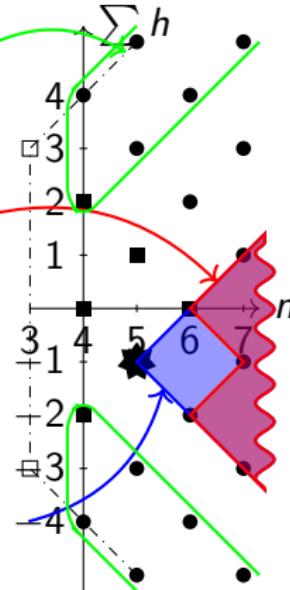
(Dim. 4)



Tree effects of  
star amp

Cut constructible  
1 loop effects of  
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No int w/  
SM



(Azatov, Contino, Machado, and Riva 2017): Many dim 6 operators, at tree level, do not interfere with SM, e.g.  $\mathcal{A}(V^+\psi^+\psi^+\phi)$ .

(Cheung and Shen 2015): Many operators do not renormalise others at one loop, e.g.,  $\phi^4 D^2 \not\rightarrow F^2 \phi^2$ .

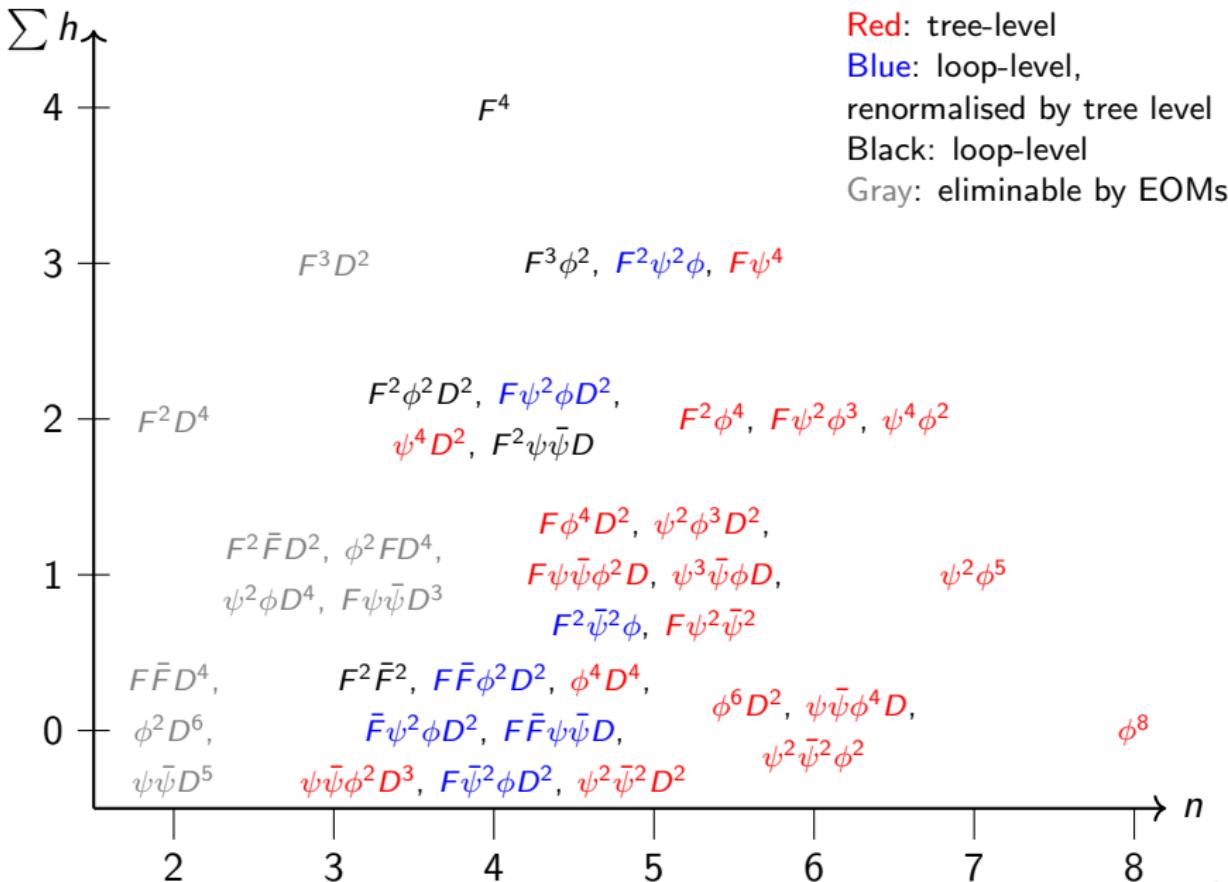
# Many one-loop dimension 6 amplitudes vanish exactly

Non-Abelian				Abelian			
(4, 0)		(4, 2)		(4, 0)		(4, 2)	
(4, 0)	$V^{+V^-V^-V^+}$	$\bar{\psi}^+\bar{\psi}^+$	$\phi^-\phi^+$	$V^{+V^-V^+V^+}$	$\bar{\psi}^+\bar{\psi}^+$	$V^{+V^-V^-V^+}$	$\bar{\psi}^+\bar{\psi}^+$
	$\psi^2\bar{\psi}^2$	$\times$	0	$\times$	$0^*$	$\times$	R
	$\phi^4 D^2$	$\times$	$\times$	0	$\times$	$\times$	$\phi^4 D^2$
(4, 2)	$\phi^2\psi\bar{\psi}D$	$\times$	0	0	0	$\times$	R
	$F\psi^2\phi$	$\times$	R	R	R	$\times$	0
	$F^2\phi^2$	R	0	R	R	$0^*$	$0^*$
(4, -2)	$\psi^4$	$\times$	0	$\times$	0	$\times$	0
	$\bar{F}\bar{\psi}^2\phi$	$\times$	R	R	R	$\times$	0
	$\bar{F}^2\phi^2$	R	0	R	R	$0$	0
	$\bar{\psi}^4$	$\times$	0	$\times$	R	$\times$	0
	$\bar{F}\bar{\psi}^2\phi$	$\times$	R	R	R	$\times$	0
	$\bar{F}^2\phi^2$	R	0	R	R	$0$	0
	$\bar{\psi}^4$	$\times$	0	$\times$	R	$\times$	0

[Key:  $\times$ =No diagram, 0 = zero, R = rational (non-zero)];

See also (Jiang, Shu, Xiao, and Zheng 2021) for an explanation in terms of angular momentum selection rules.

# A map of dimension 8 operators



## Summary

2008.08597: Using a geometric picture, we argue that UV theories containing

1. particles getting most of their mass from electroweak symmetry breaking;
2. extra sources of electroweak symmetry breaking,  
are in principle not amenable to a SMEFT description.

2001.00017: SMEFT operators have a particular pattern in helicity amplitudes (in the high energy limit). Many contributions vanish exactly at one-loop!

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