

The electroweak effective field theory the on-shell way

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\mathcal{L}_{EFT} has many fields + derivatives \implies could be simplified by on-shell methods!

On-shell methods were used to:

- ▶ derive selection rules for (non) interference of EFT amplitudes and the SM (tree)

Azatov, Contino, Machado and Riva

- ▶ explain non-trivial zeros in the anomalous dimension matrix in SMEFT (loop)

Cheung, Kampf, Novotny, Shen and Trunka Bern, Sawyer and Parra-Martinez

Work only with physical particles \implies no redundancies, no field redefinitions

Shadmi, YW Durieux, Kitahara, Shadmi, YW

Ma, Shu and Xiao Aoude and Machado

Jiang, Shu, Xiao and Zheng Durieux and Machado

Falkowski Bachu and Yelleshpur

Herderschee, Koren and Trott Christensen, Field, Moore and Pinto

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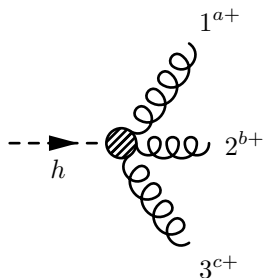
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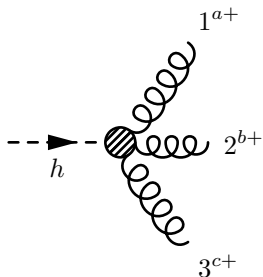
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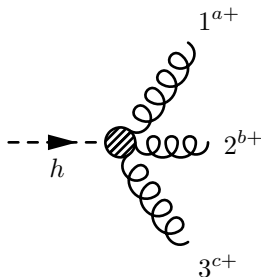


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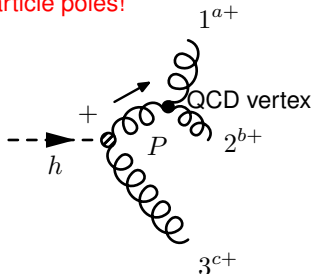
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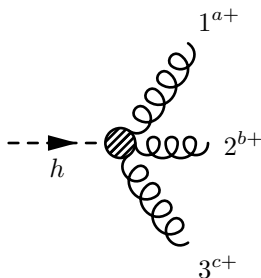
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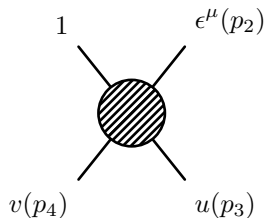
Little group scaling, factorization and Bose statistics (almost: c 's) fix the amplitude

How to Bootstrap amplitudes

Backtrack to explain how to bootstrap amplitudes

Generically any amplitude can be written

$$\mathcal{M} = \underbrace{\text{External polarizations}}_{\text{massless/massive little group}} \times \underbrace{\text{Mandelstam variables, couplings}}_{\text{Functions of momenta, no little group!}}$$



The strategy is:

- ▶ Little group+spin statistics \implies 3-pt, contact terms
- ▶ Glue the 3-pt functions \implies higher point +contact

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What we'll see in this talk

- ▶ the massive gauge boson 3-point function $\implies SU(2)$ structure
- ▶ the $\psi^c \psi Z$ 3-point function
- ▶ the $\psi^c \psi Z h$ 4-point function

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We can see $SU(2)$ emerging already the three point function!

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SU(2) from little group + Bose!

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Can we see relations between couplings (*e.g.* Higgs mechanism) from the on-shell approach?

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$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{1}_{\psi^c}, \mathbf{2}_{\psi}, \mathbf{3}_Z) = \frac{c_{\psi^c\psi Z}^{RRR}}{\bar{\Lambda}} [\mathbf{13}] [\mathbf{23}] + \frac{c_{\psi^c\psi Z}^{LLL}}{\bar{\Lambda}} \langle \mathbf{13} \rangle \langle \mathbf{23} \rangle + \frac{c_{\psi^c\psi Z}^{LR0}}{m_Z} \langle \mathbf{13} \rangle [\mathbf{23}] + \frac{c_{\psi^c\psi Z}^{RL0}}{m_Z} [\mathbf{13}] \langle \mathbf{23} \rangle$$

- ▶ Very simple expression includes *all* renormalizable and non-renormalizable contributions
- ▶ The c 's are functions of the mass ratios, *e.g.*, m_{ψ}/m_Z , $m_{\psi}/\bar{\Lambda}$ etc
- ▶ Contains **all** spin information of the external particles

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Gauge boson \implies two indices $K_1, K_2 = 1, 2 \implies$ two “half brackets”

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- ▶ For each external massive spin s particle we have $2s$ bolded spinors
- ▶ Repeated indices are totally symmetrized, *e.g.*, the K 's
- ▶ This formalism can handle any massive spinning particle

Massive amplitudes in the broken phase EFT

Take massless limit:

$$\mathcal{M}(1_{\psi^c}^{I_1=2}, 2_{\psi}^{J_1=1}, 3_Z^{K_1, K_2=1}) =$$

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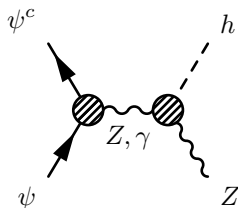
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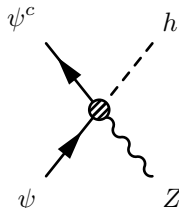
Relation between m_{ψ} and m_Z without $\mathcal{L}!$

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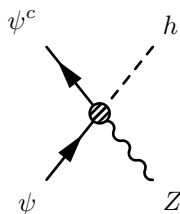
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Contact terms *without poles*



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Little group + no poles \implies contact terms:

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the c 's: positive powers of s_{ij} 's.

Most general form of the amplitude!

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Back to the factorizable part!

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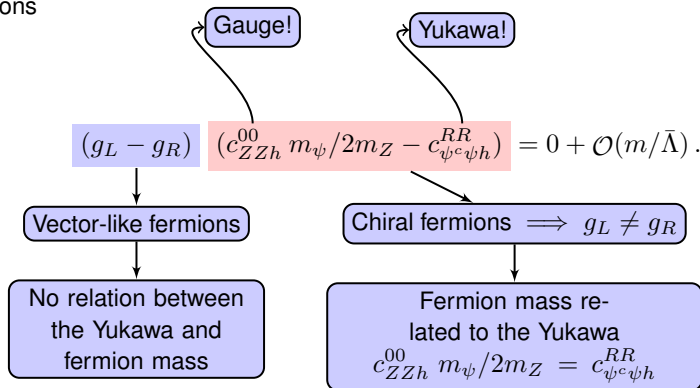
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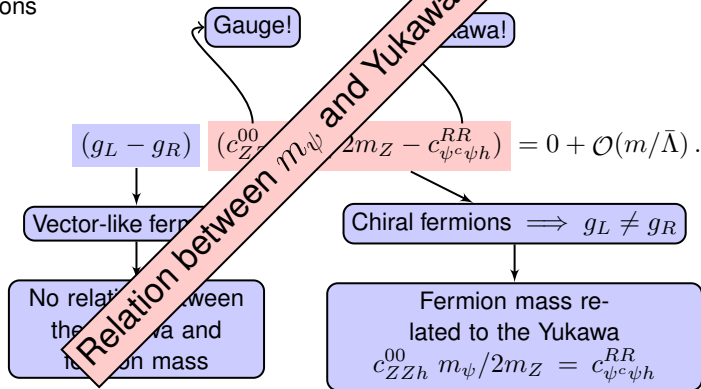
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Conclusions

- ▶ We derive the necessary ingredients for on-shell SMEFT analysis:
 - ▶ all the three-point amplitudes: both massive and massless
 - ▶ one example of fully massive four point
 - ▶ matching to the SMEFT Lagrangian
- ▶ We adopted massive on-shell amplitude methods to examine a theory of the electroweak spectrum from the bottom up, including both renormalizable and non-renormalizable interactions
- ▶ We demonstrated the emergence of patterns due to electroweak symmetry breaking, starting from a purely bottom-up approach, **without ever using a Lagrangian**
- ▶ In the on-shell approach, we never encounter the operator or gauge redundancies that are associated with Lagrangians.

Thanks for listening!

Backup slides

Future outlook

- ▶ Consider higher point functions to find relations between different non-renormalizable couplings
- ▶ These methods can be extended to include loops, where the effects of operator mixing and RGE would arise.

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while a timelike momentum ($p^2 = m^2$) can be decomposed into a *two* pairs of **helicity spinors**

$$\not{p} \equiv p_\mu \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\mu = \lambda_\alpha \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}} + \eta_\alpha \tilde{\eta}_{\dot{\alpha}} \equiv \lambda_\alpha^I \tilde{\lambda}_{I,\dot{\alpha}}$$
$$\text{LG: } \lambda^I \rightarrow W^I_J \lambda^J, \tilde{\lambda}_I \rightarrow (W^{-1})^J_I \tilde{\lambda}_J,$$

where $I = 1, 2$ are $SU(2)$ indices.

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where $h_{1,2} = \pm 1/2$, and I_1, I_2 are massive LG indices.

Polarization vectors

For a massless spin one particle we can write the two polarizations (with Lorentz indices suppressed)

$$\epsilon_p^-(r) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\lambda_p \tilde{\lambda}_r}{[pr]}, \quad \epsilon_p^+(r) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\lambda_r \tilde{\lambda}_p}{\langle rp \rangle},$$

where r^μ is a lightlike reference momentum, which we are free to choose as long as $p \cdot r \neq 0$ (gauge invariance!). If we perform a little group transformation for r, p we'll get

$$\epsilon_p^-(r) \xrightarrow{\text{LG}} \epsilon_p^-(r) \xi_p^2, \quad \epsilon_p^+(r) \xrightarrow{\text{LG}} \epsilon_p^+(r) \xi_p^{-2},$$

which means that the polarizations are **not** invariant under the massless little group.