

The Standard Model Effective Field Theory in a nutshell

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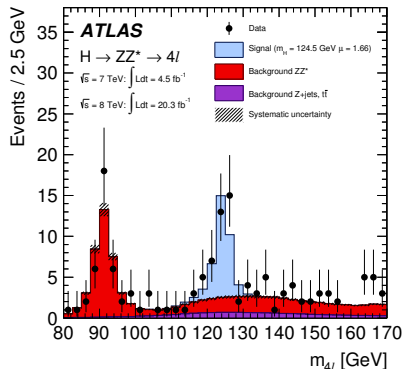
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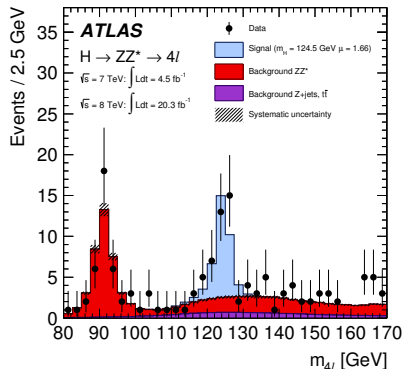
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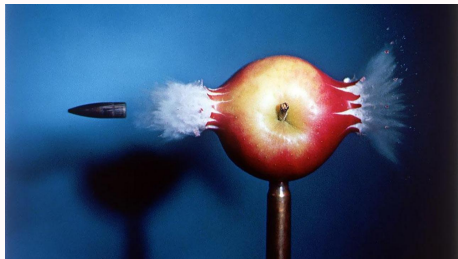
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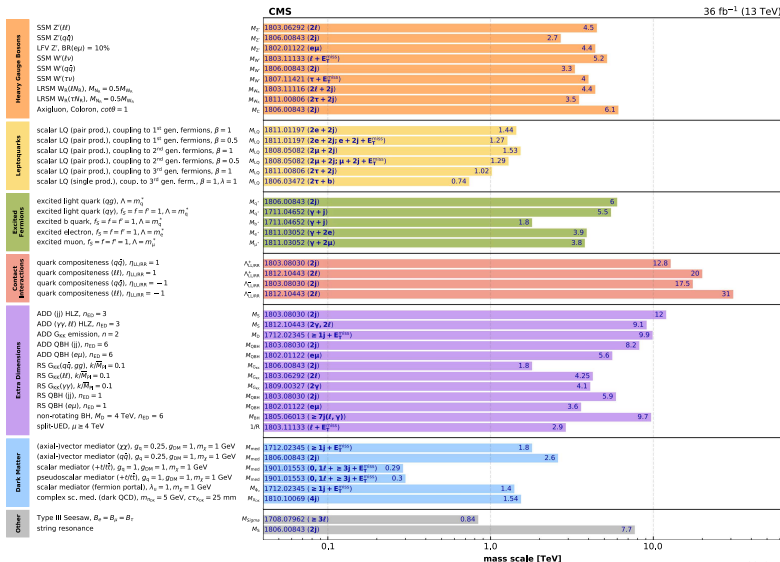
we **don't need to specify** in detail
what we are looking for

gives valuable information
even if the new particles
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requires **precise measurements**

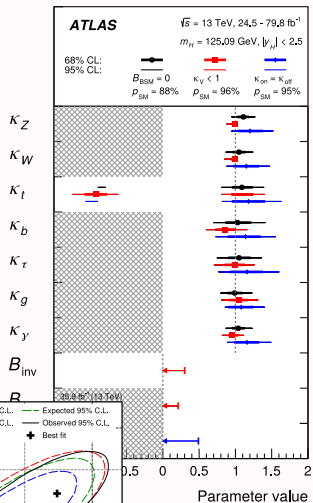
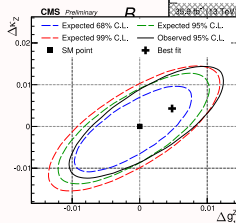
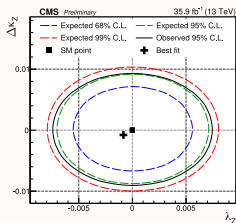
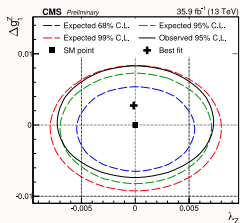
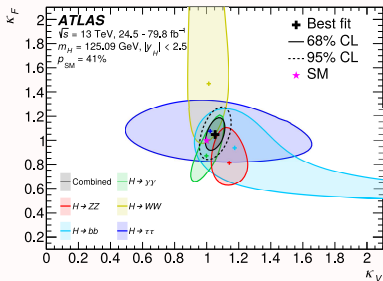
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Overview of CMS EXO results



Indirect searches of new physics at the LHC

Historically: constraints on anomalous couplings



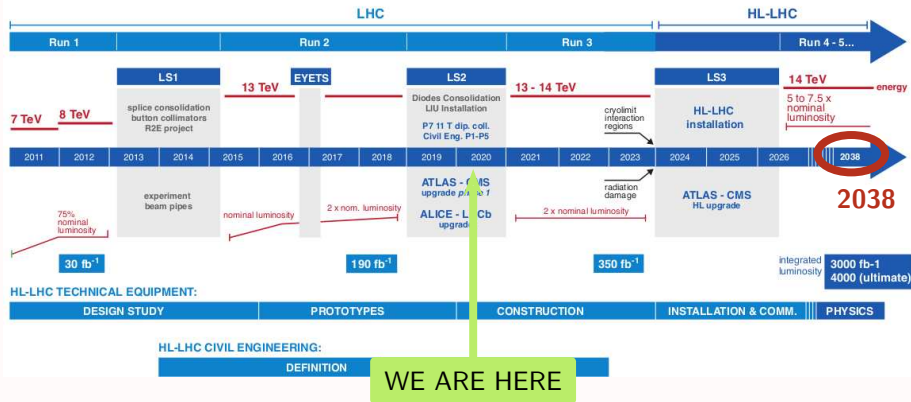
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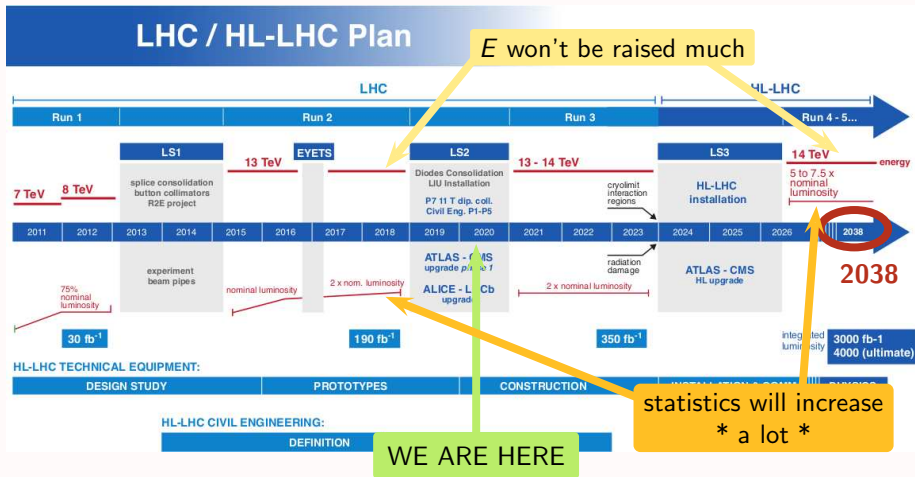
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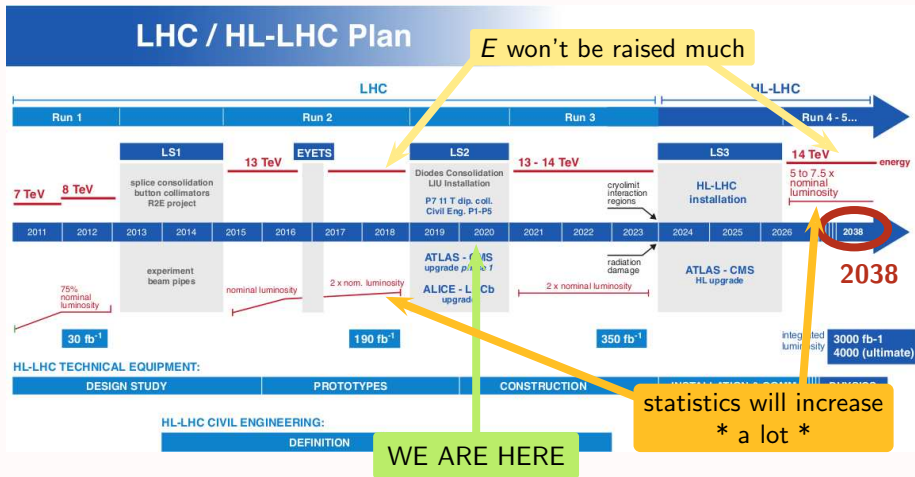
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precision will improve significantly

indirect searches will become more and more important!

worth having a systematic program

Theory tools

Standard Model recap

symmetries

color $SU(3)$

isospin $SU(2)$

hypercharge $U(1)$

$$T^a = \lambda^a/2$$

$$a = 1 \dots 8$$

$$t^i = \sigma^i/2$$

$$i = 1, 2, 3$$

fields

$\alpha = 1, 2, 3$

G_μ^a	8	-	-
W_μ^i	-	3	-
B_μ	-	-	0
l_α	-	$2 = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$	1/2
e_α	-	-	-1
q_α	3	$2 = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$	1/6
u_α	3	-	2/3
d_α	3	-	-1/3
H	-	$2 = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ H^0 \end{pmatrix}$	1/2

Standard Model recap

SM Lagrangian

all terms

- made of SM fields
- invariant under symmetries (+ Lorentz!)
- up to canonical dimension 4

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{SM} = & -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\theta}{16\pi^2}G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} \\ & + \sum_{\psi=\{l,e,u,d,q\}} \bar{\psi} i \not{D} \psi - \left[\bar{l} H Y_l e + \bar{q} H Y_d d + \bar{q} \tilde{H} Y_u u + \text{hc.} \right] \\ & + D_\mu H^\dagger D^\mu H + \frac{m_h^2}{2}(H^\dagger H) - \lambda(H^\dagger H)^2 \\ \\ D_\mu \sim & \partial_\mu + ig_s G_\mu^a T^a + ig W_\mu^i t^i + ig' B_\mu\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ redundant terms were removed ($(D_\mu \bar{\psi}) i \gamma^\mu \psi$, $H^\dagger D_\mu D^\mu H \dots$)
- ▶ 19 free parameters, fixed by measurements

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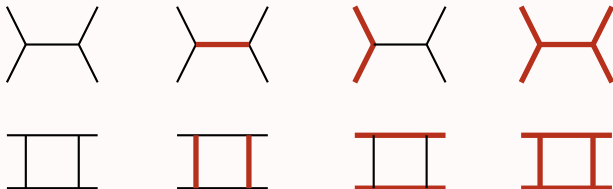
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The SMEFT describes
the effects of new physics with scale $\Lambda \gg v$
onto processes that happen at the LHC or at lower energies

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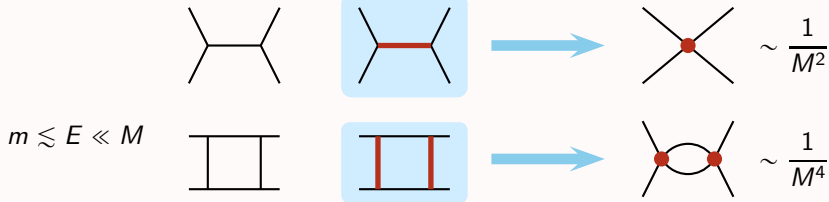


$$m \lesssim E \ll M$$

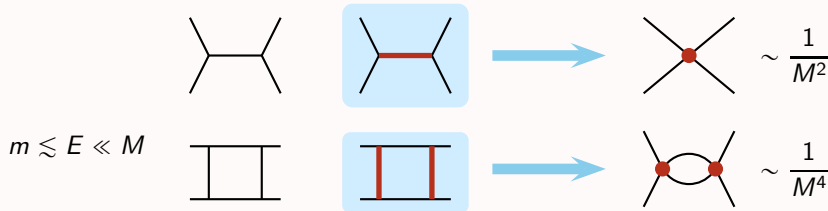
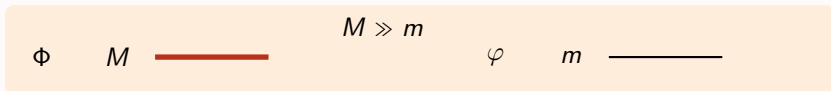


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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Phi & M & \text{--- (red line) ---} \\ & M \gg m & \\ \varphi & m & \text{--- (black line) ---} \end{array}$$



Effective Field Theories



The effects of Φ at $E \ll M$ are described by

local, analytic operators $\propto \frac{1}{M^n}$

uncertainty
principle

internal lines
never on-shell

Decoupling Theorem

Appelquist, Carrazone
PRD11 (1975) 2856

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\mathcal{L}_5 contains only 1 operator (Weinberg) \rightarrow Majorana neutrino masses.

\mathcal{L}_6 leading deviations from SM \rightarrow interesting for LHC, flavor ...

X^3		φ^6 and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
Q_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	Q_φ	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{\varphi})$
Q_W	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	Q_{eW}	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	Q_{eB}	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	Q_{uG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{uB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{B}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi u}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
$Q_{\varphi WB}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dW}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi d}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$

$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
Q_{ll}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	Q_{ee}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	Q_{le}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	Q_{uu}	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	Q_{lu}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	Q_{dd}	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	Q_{ld}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
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$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$ and $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$		B -violating			
Q_{ledq}	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s^j q_t^j)$	Q_{duq}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{j k} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^j)^T C l_t^k]$		
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tot \mathcal{L}_6
with $U(3)^5$:
81 param.

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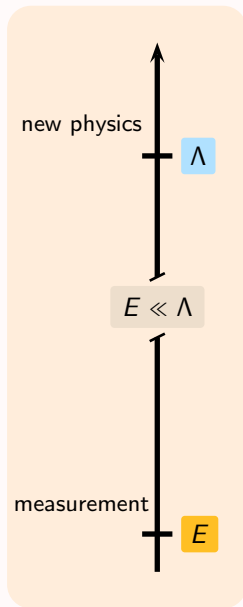
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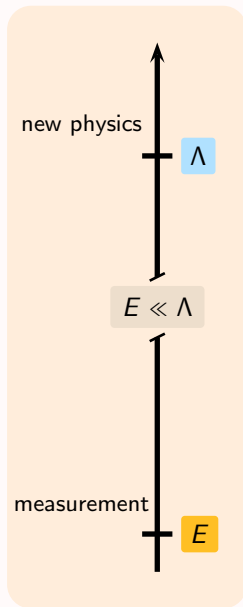
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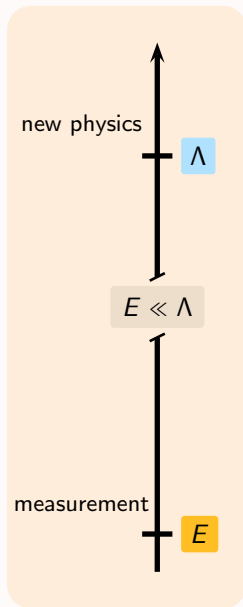


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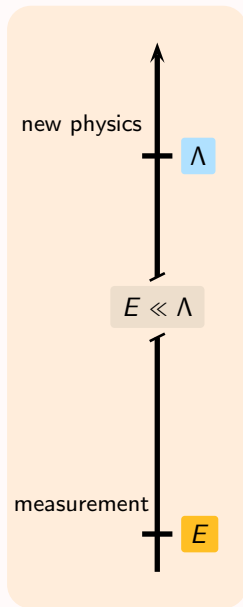
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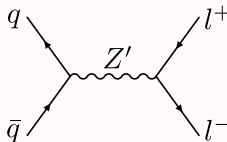
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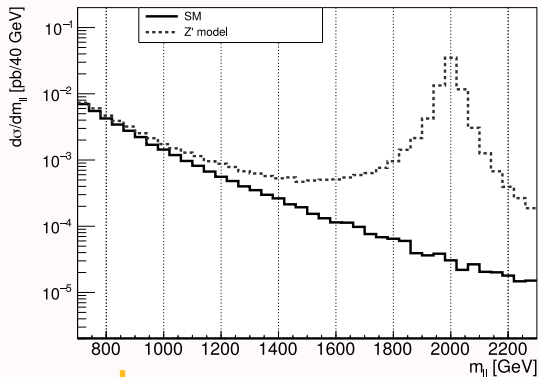
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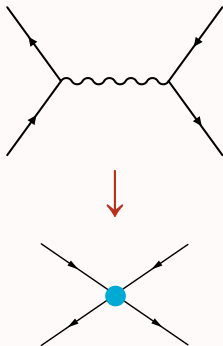
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at $m_\eta \ll m_{Z'}$ the SMEFT
description applies

We can **integrate out** the Z'



matching to the Warsaw basis:

$$C_{ij} = -\frac{(2 - \delta_{ij})}{2m_{Z'}^2} \kappa_i \kappa_j, \quad i, j = \{l, e, q, u, d\}$$

Dilepton with a heavy Z' - matrix elements

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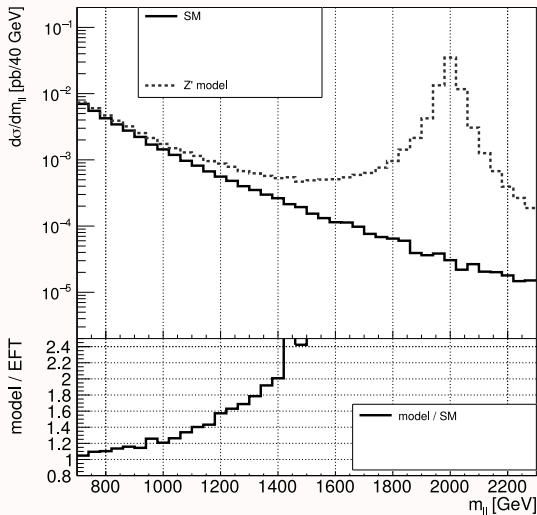
in the SMEFT:

$$|\mathcal{A}|^2 = |\mathcal{A}_{SM}|^2 + 2\text{Re}\mathcal{A}_{SM}\mathcal{A}_{Z',SMEFT}^\dagger + |\mathcal{A}_{Z',SMEFT}|^2$$

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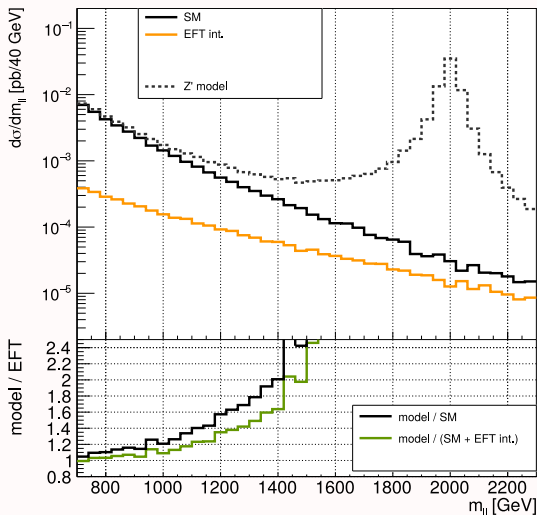
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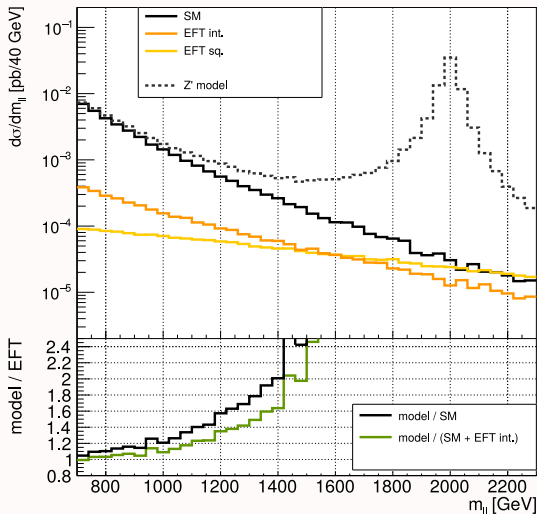
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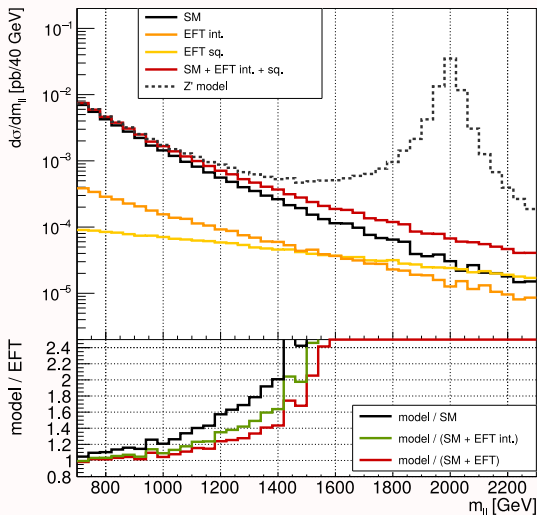
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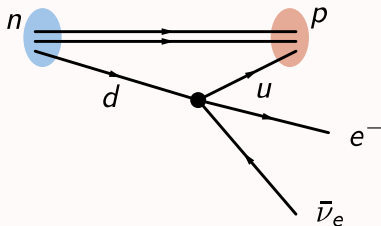
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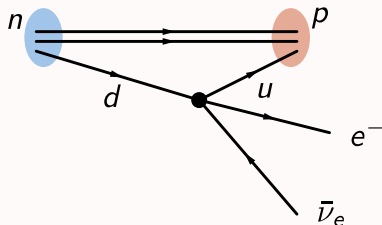


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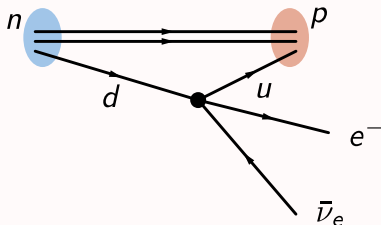
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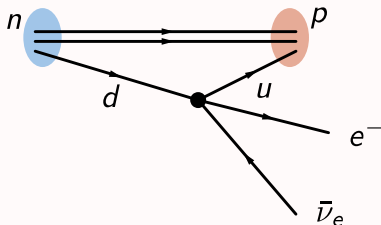
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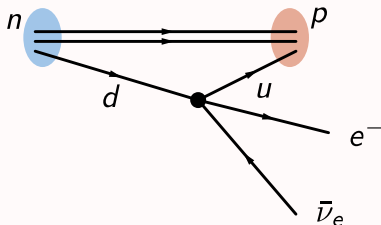
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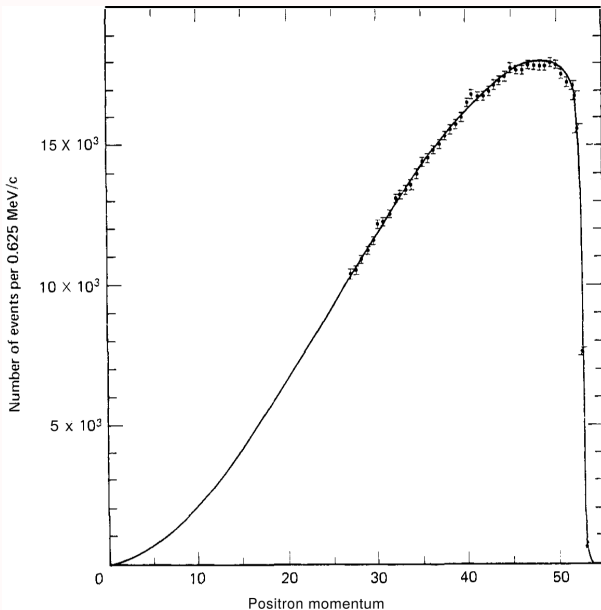
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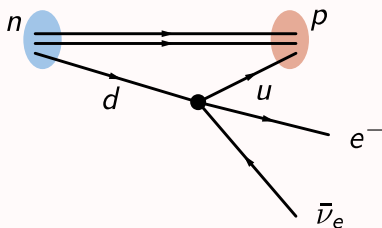
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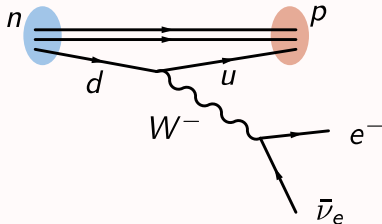
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today we know

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from integrating out the W



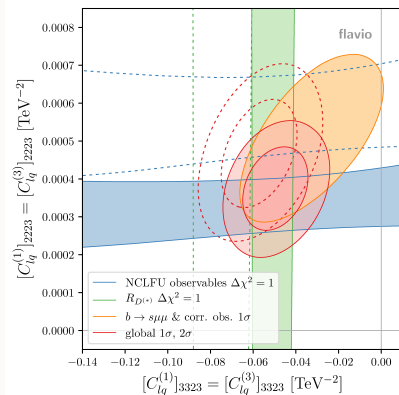
► the EFT worked very well as $\left(\frac{m_n}{m_W}\right)^2 \simeq 10^{-4}$, $\left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_W}\right)^2 \simeq 10^{-6}$

The SM is the new Fermi theory

...so what is the new SM?

An ambitious plan:

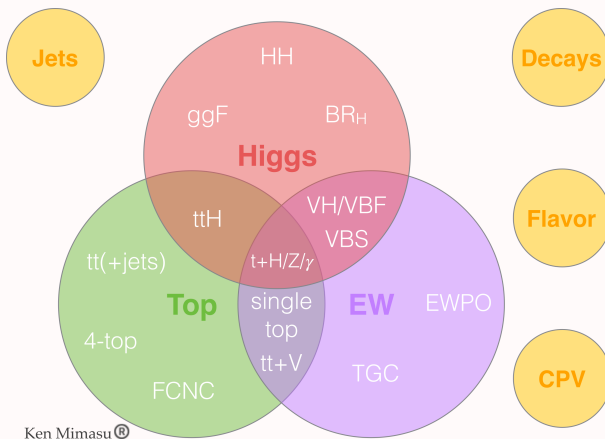
- ▶ compute processes in the SMEFT including *all* the relevant Wilson coefficients in \mathcal{L}_6
- ▶ make a **fit** to determine their values
→ who's **not zero**?
- ▶ infer **hints** about the possible UV sector



Aebischer, Altmannshofer, Guadagnoli,
Reboud, Stangl, Straub 1903.10434

Global SMEFT analyses

- ▶ individual processes necessarily have **blind directions**
- ▶ combination of different processes / sectors required



Real example: fit to top quark processes

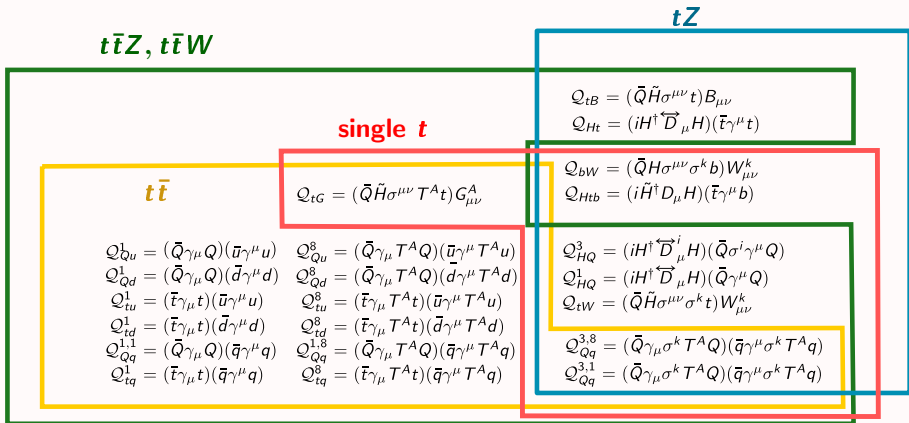
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- ▶ $U(2)_q \times U(2)_u \times U(2)_d$
- ▶ top interactions only for now
- ▶ up to NLO QCD, quadratic SMEFT

22 relevant operators

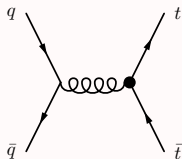
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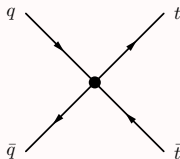


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C_{tG}



8 terms: $2 \chi_q \times 2 \chi_t \times 2$ color contractions
+ singlet/triplet isospin for LL currents



10 operators for each initial state (u/d)

restricting to those with
non-zero interference:

7 4-fermion operators
(5 / initial state)

LL: $C_{Qq}^{(1,8)}, C_{Qq}^{(3,8)}$

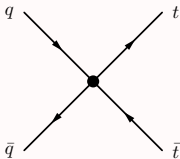
LR: C_{tq}^8

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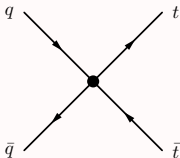
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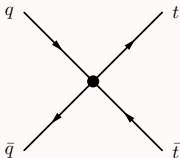
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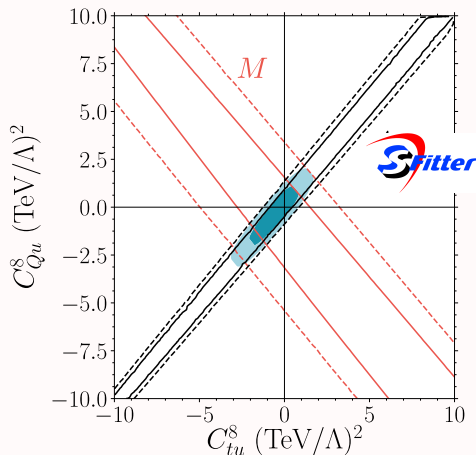
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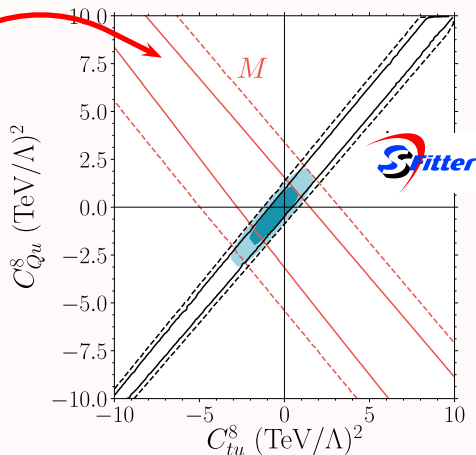
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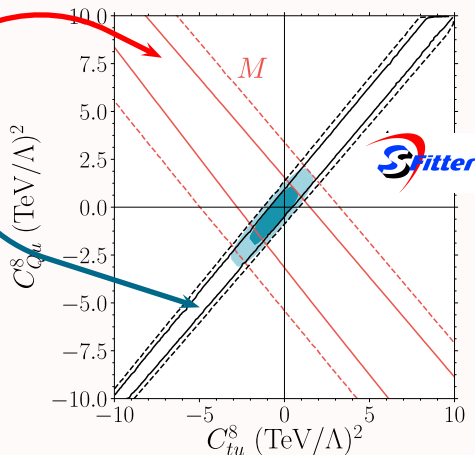
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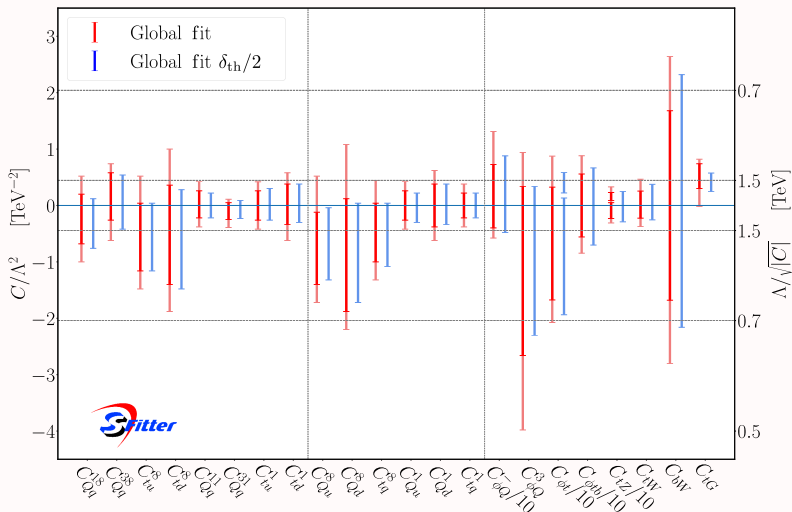


Global fit to top processes: results

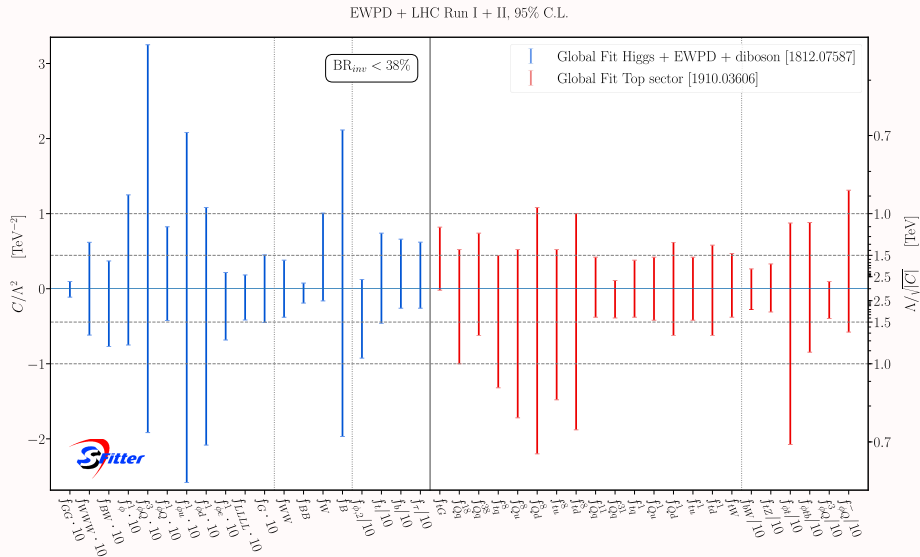
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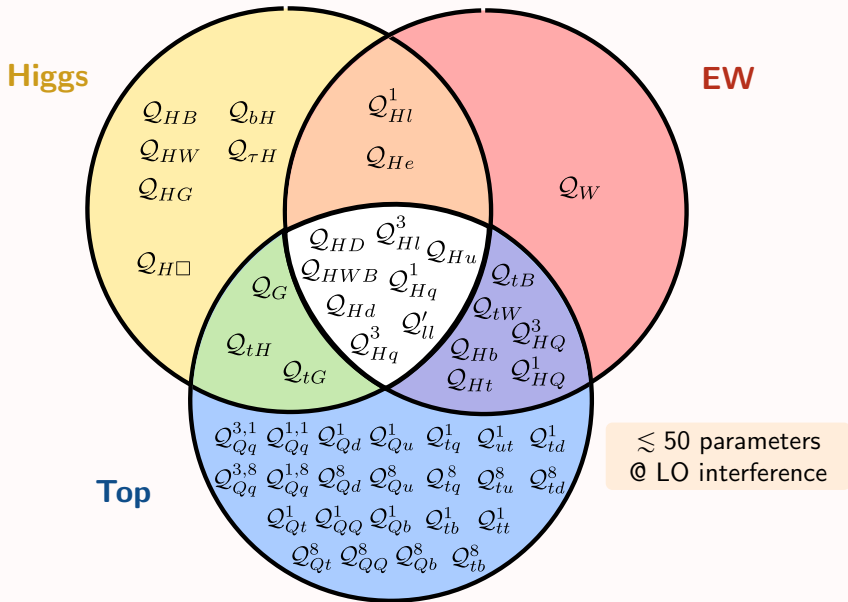
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Top fit vs EW+Higgs fit results



Next step: top + EW + Higgs



Recap & take-home

- ▶ Indirect searches of BSM physics @LHC will become more and more significant in the next runs
- ▶ The **SMEFT** is a well-defined and general theory framework to do this systematically
- ▶ It describes possible effects from *nearly-decoupled* new physics
 - complement direct searches
 - minimal model dependence
- ▶ Added value:
 - ▶ a full-fledged QFT
 - ▶ a universal language : allows combination with other experiments
 - ▶ allows an agnostic bottom-up approach
 - requires **global fits**

Backup slides

Top fit – observables

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

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- ▶ 4 $d\sigma/dp_T^t(p_T^1, p_T^h)$ dist. at 8 and 13 TeV (30 bins tot)
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Single-top

- ▶ 6 $\sigma_{tq, \bar{t}q}$ measurements in t -channel at 7, 8, 13 TeV
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Top decays

- ▶ 4 measurements of W helicity at 7, 8, 13 TeV