

# Positivity bounds on HEFT operators: Towards the HEFT-hedron

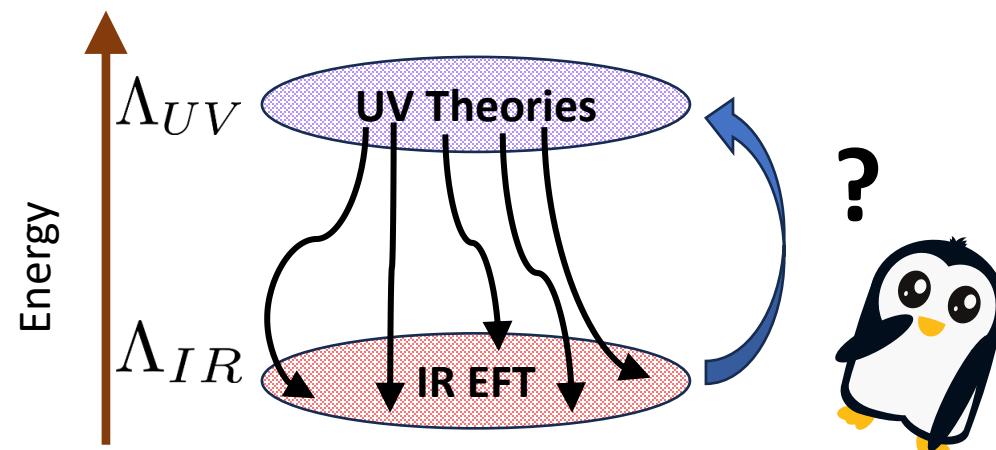
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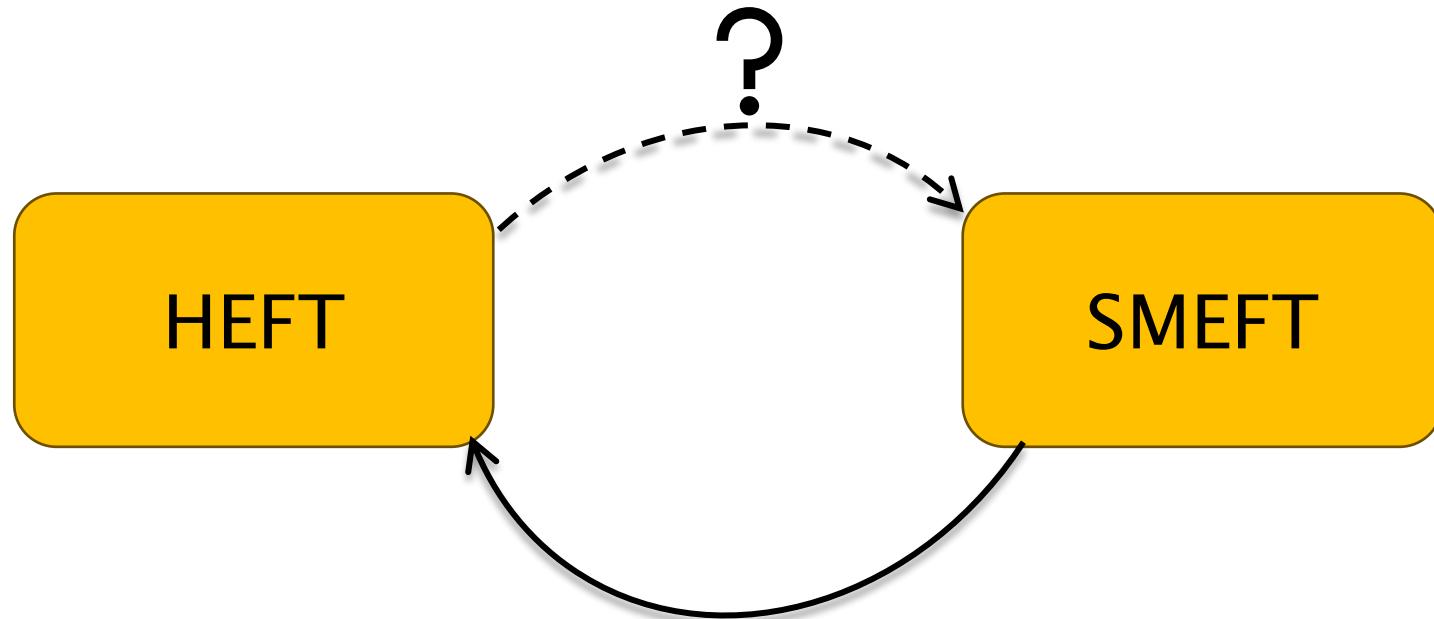
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# HEFT v/s SMEFT

	<b>HEFT</b>	<b>SMEFT</b>
Realization of Higgs dofs.	Non-linear $U \equiv \text{Exp} \left( \frac{i\vec{\phi} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{v} \right)$ $\mathbf{V}_\mu = iUD_\mu U^\dagger$ $\mathbf{T} = U \frac{\sigma_3}{2} U^\dagger$ $h$	Linear $H \equiv (v + h) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$
Power Counting	$v^2 \Lambda^2 \left( \frac{D}{\Lambda} \right)^{n_D} \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^{n_h}$	$\frac{\Lambda^4}{g_H^2} \left( \frac{D}{\Lambda} \right)^{n_D} \left( \frac{g_H H}{\Lambda} \right)^{n_H}$

# HEFT $\leftrightarrow$ SMEFT ?



A toy example:

$$\left(1 + \frac{h}{v}\right)^{2/3}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2/3}{n} \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^n \rightarrow \text{A perfectly valid HEFT expansion}$$
$$\sim (H^\dagger H)^{1/3} \rightarrow \text{NOT SMEFT}$$

# Correlations in SMEFT

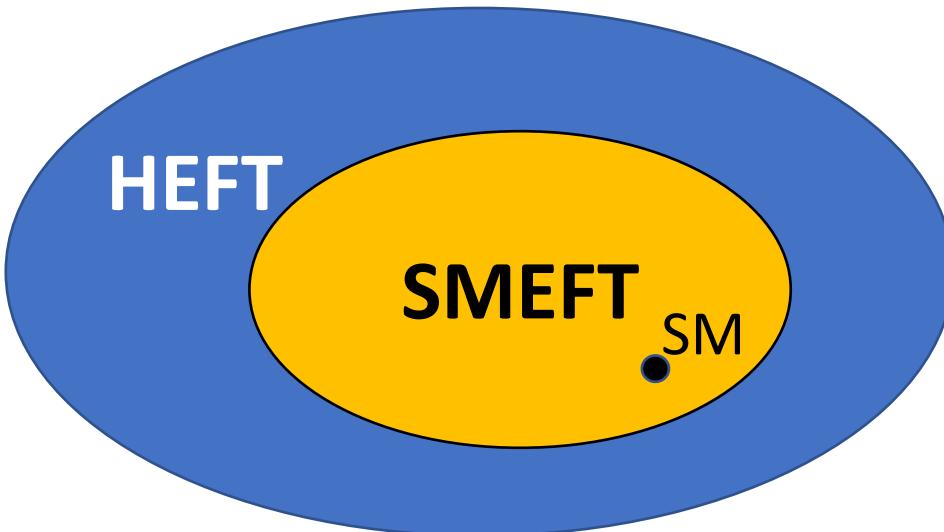
Example:  $V\ell\ell$  couplings: (In unitary gauge)

$$SM + \delta g_{e_L}^Z Z_\mu \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + \delta g_{e_R}^Z Z_\mu \bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R \\ + \delta g_{\nu_L}^Z Z_\mu \bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_L + \delta g_L^W (W_\mu^+ \bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + h.c.)$$

$$\text{SMEFT: } \delta g_L^W = \frac{\cos(\theta_W)}{\sqrt{2}} (\delta g_{\nu_L}^Z - \delta g_{e_L}^Z) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Only 3 WCs independent,

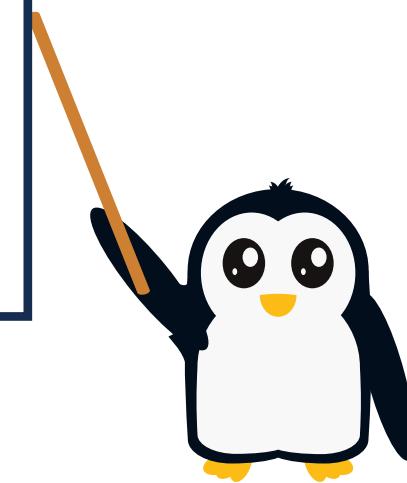
HEFT: all the 4 WCs appear independently at  
 $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$



Ref: Falkowski, Rattazzi '19;  
Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar '15, '16;  
Cohen, Craig, Lu, Sutherland '20

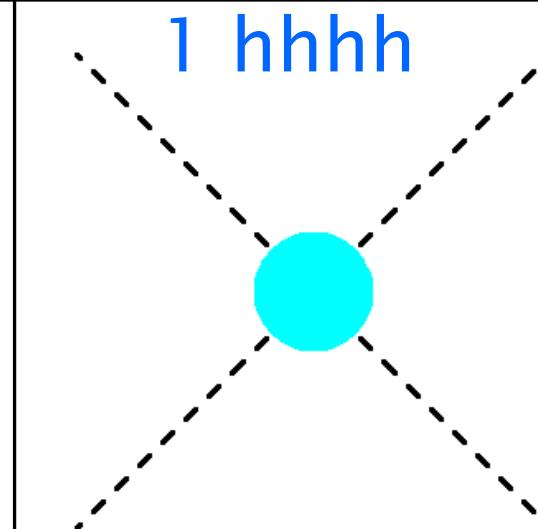
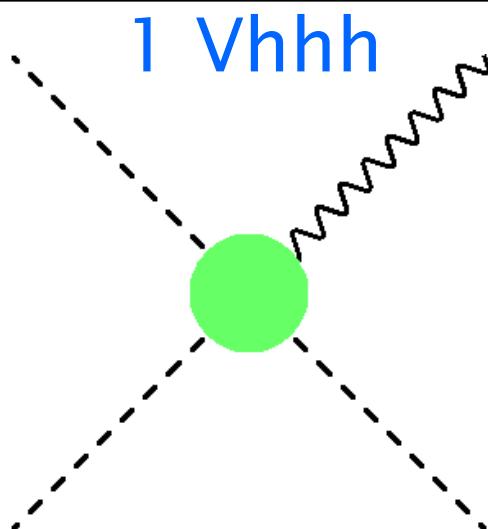
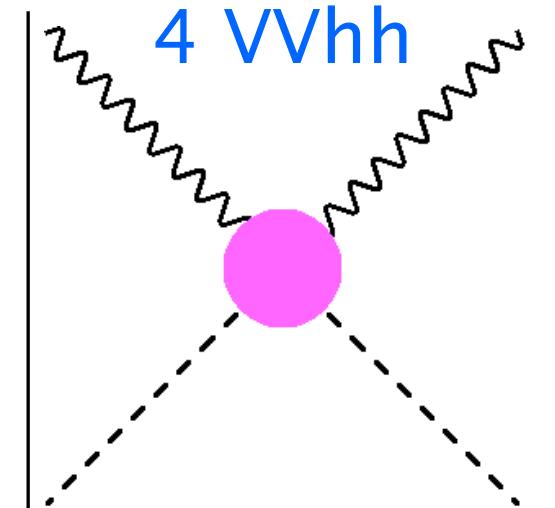
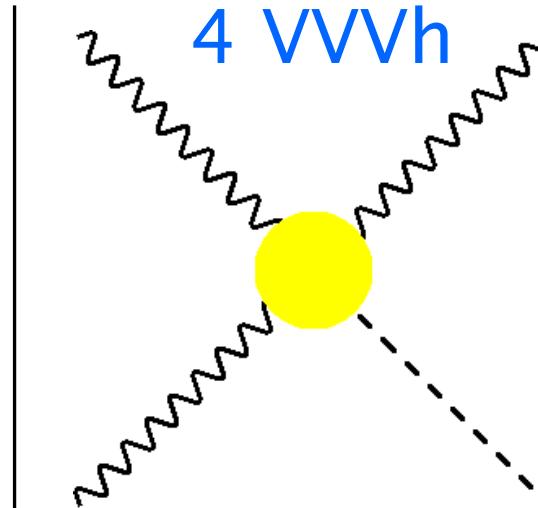
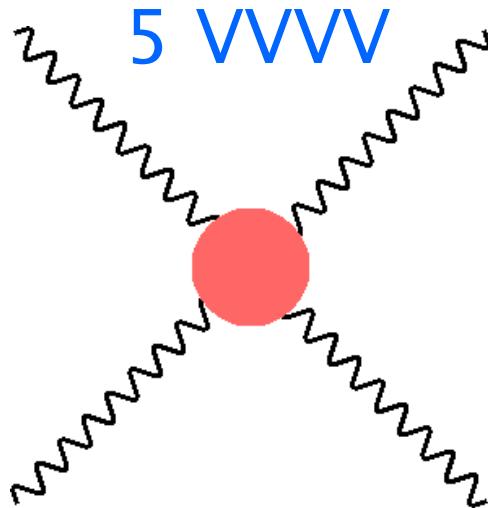
$$SMEFT \subset HEFT$$

Correlations exist between  
HEFT operators when  
written as SMEFT.



# HEFT Operators @ $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$

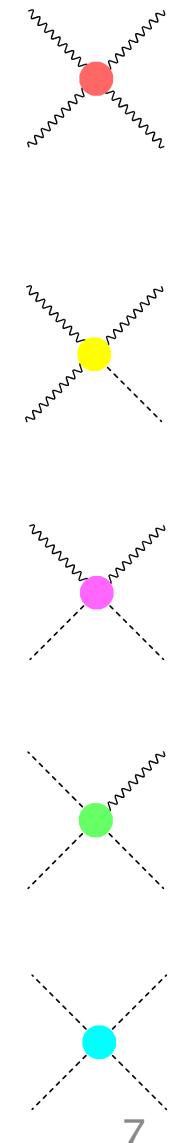
(Long.) Gauge-Higgs Couplings:  $V \equiv W^\pm, Z$



$$5+4+4+1+1 = 15 \text{ Operators}$$

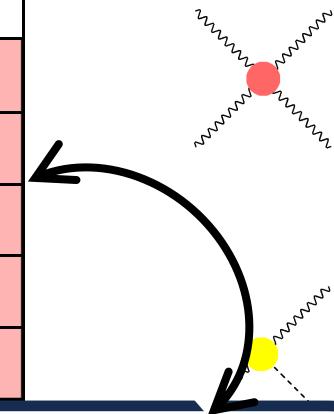
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	$\langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\mu \rangle \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\nu \rangle \langle \mathbf{V}^\mu \mathbf{V}^\nu \rangle \mathcal{F}_3^{UhD^4}(h)$
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	$(\langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\mu \rangle \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}^\mu \rangle)^2 \mathcal{F}_5^{UhD^4}(h)$
$VVVh$	$\langle \mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}^\mu \rangle \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\nu \rangle \frac{D^\nu h}{v} \mathcal{F}_6^{UhD^4}(h)$
	$\langle \mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}_\nu \rangle \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}^\mu \rangle \frac{D^\nu h}{v} \mathcal{F}_7^{UhD^4}(h)$
	$\langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}_\nu \rangle \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}^\mu \rangle \frac{D^\nu h}{v} \mathcal{F}_8^{UhD^4}(h)$
	$\langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\mu \rangle \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}^\mu \rangle \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\nu \rangle \frac{D^\nu h}{v} \mathcal{F}_9^{UhD^4}(h)$
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$Vhhh$	$\langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\mu \rangle \frac{h D^\nu h D_\nu D^\mu h}{v^3} \mathcal{F}_{14}^{UhD^4}(h)$
$hhhh$	$\frac{1}{v^4} h^2 (D_\mu D_\nu h) (D^\mu D^\nu h) \mathcal{F}_{15}^{UhD^4}(h)$



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	$(\langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}_\mu \rangle \langle \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}^\mu \rangle)^2 \mathcal{F}_5^{UhD^4}(h)$



## Anomalous Quartic Gauge Couplings (aQGCs)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathcal{L}_{QGC} = & g^2 c_{\theta_W}^2 \left[ \delta g_{ZZ1}^Q Z^\mu Z^\nu W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ - \delta g_{ZZ2}^Q Z^\mu Z_\mu W^{-\nu} W_\nu^+ \right] \\ & + \frac{g^2}{2} \left[ \delta g_{WW1}^Q W^{-\mu} W^{+\nu} W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ - \delta g_{WW2}^Q (W^{-\mu} W_\mu^+)^2 \right] + \frac{g^2}{4c_{\theta_W}^4} h_{ZZ}^Q (Z^\mu Z_\mu)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta g_{ZZ1}^Q &= \frac{g^2}{c_{\theta_w}^4} (\textcolor{red}{c_2} + \textcolor{red}{c_3}), & \delta g_{ZZ2}^Q &= -\frac{g^2}{c_{\theta_w}^4} (\textcolor{red}{c_1} + \textcolor{red}{c_4}), & \delta g_{WW1}^Q &= g^2 \textcolor{red}{c_2} \\ \delta g_{WW2}^Q &= -g^2 (2\textcolor{red}{c_1} + \textcolor{red}{c_2}) & h_{ZZ}^Q &= g^2 c_{\theta_w}^2 (\textcolor{red}{c_1} + \textcolor{red}{c_2} + 2\textcolor{red}{c_3} + 2\textcolor{red}{c_4} + 4\textcolor{red}{c_5}) \end{aligned}$$

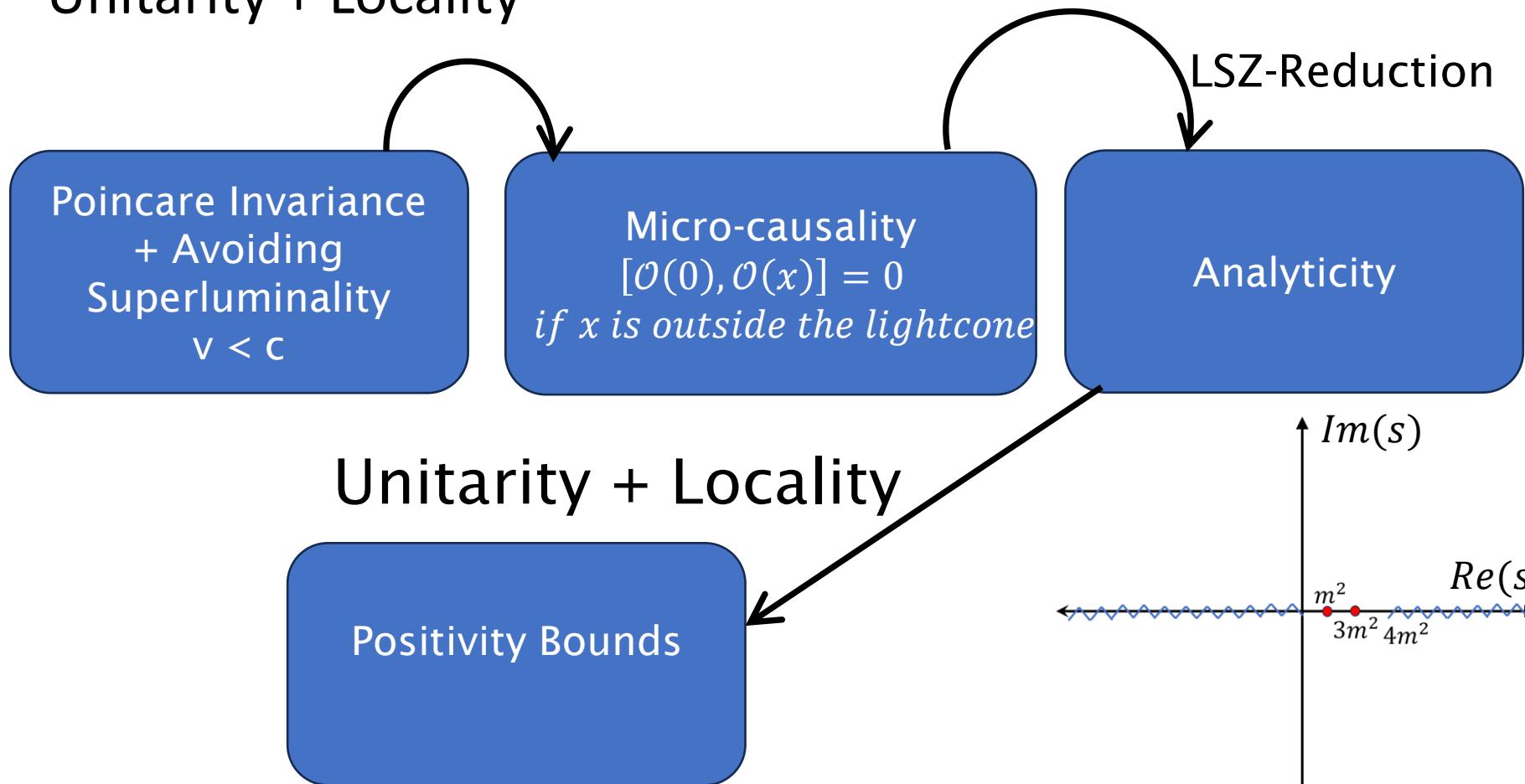
BUT, unlike HEFT, in SMEFT dim-8, there are only 3 independent operators for aQGCs.

# Deriving Positivity

Ref: Adams et al. '06

For “reasonable” UV-completions:

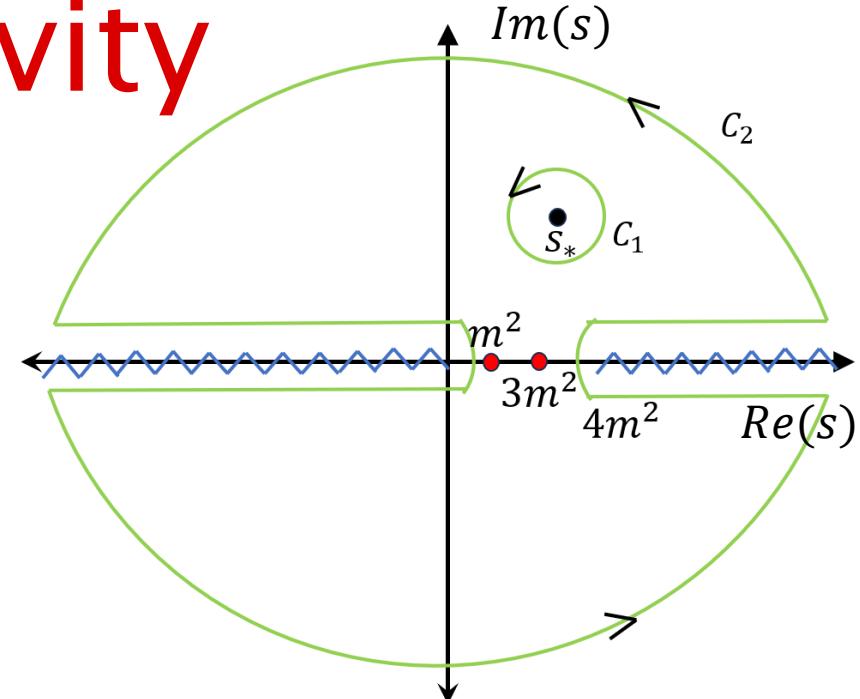
“reasonable” = Poincare Invariance + Causality +  
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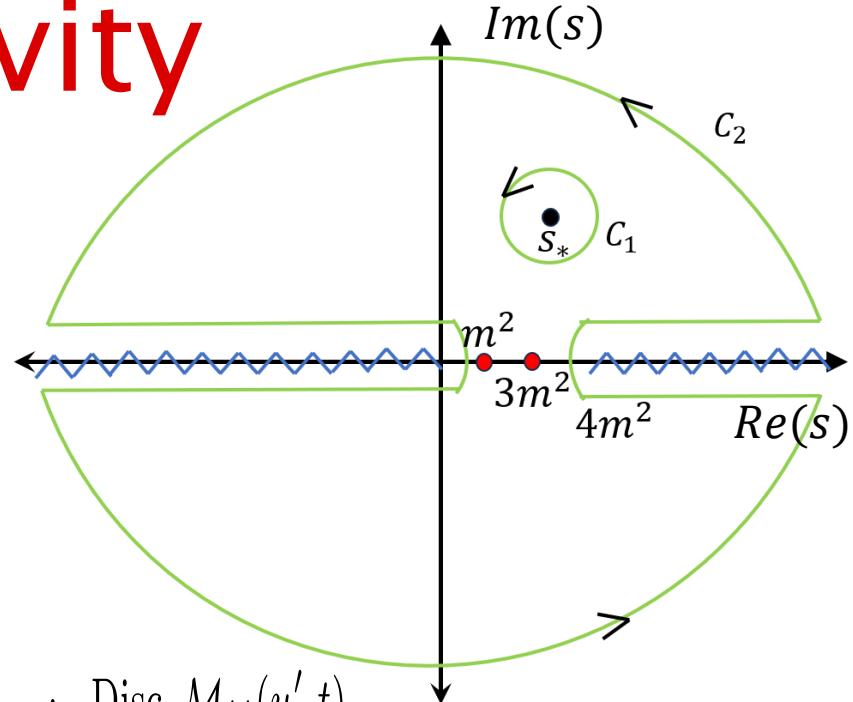
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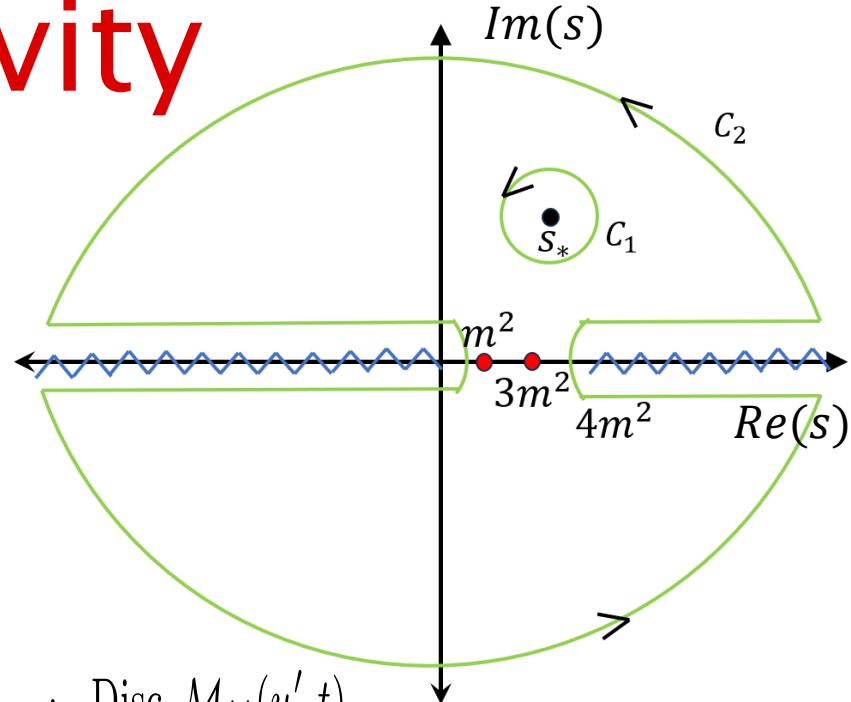
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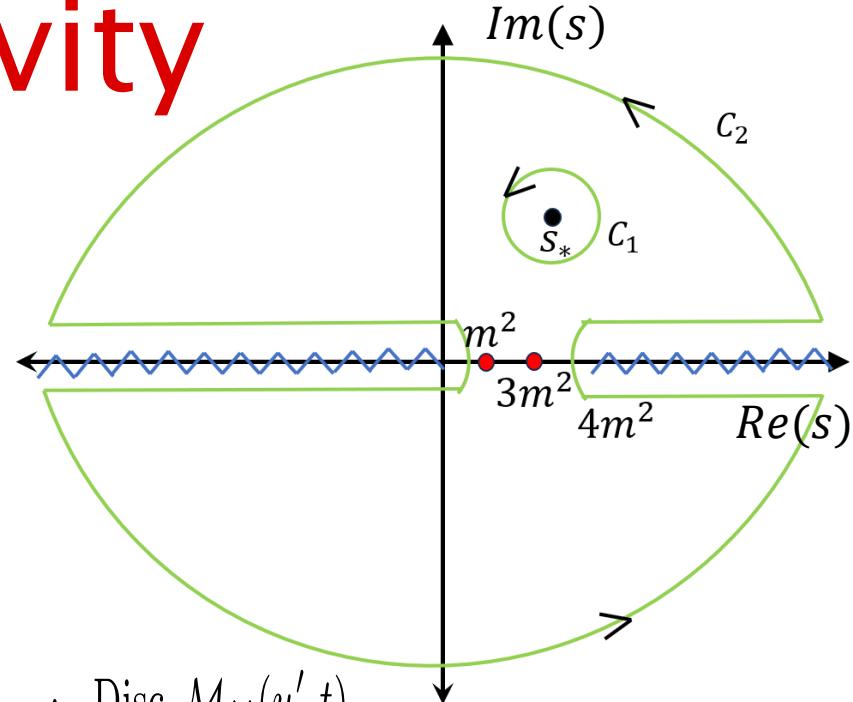
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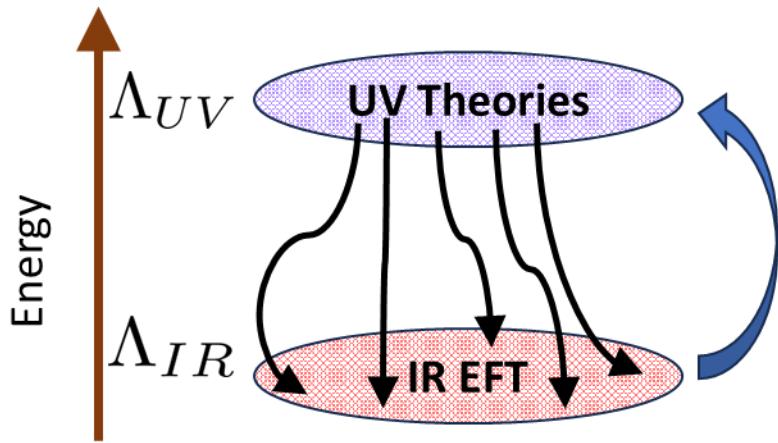
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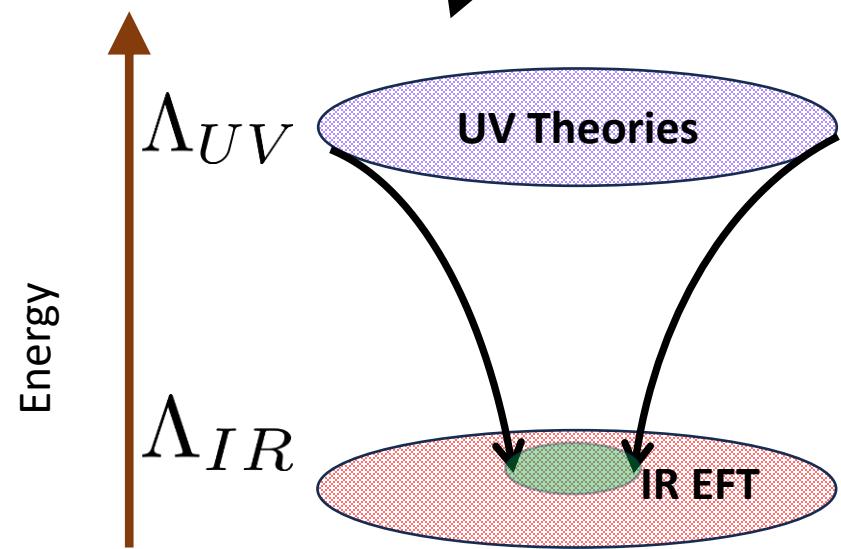


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$$M(s, t, u) = \sum_i \mathbf{c}_i f_i(s, t, u)$$

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# Positivity Bounds

$|\chi_a\rangle + |\chi_b\rangle \rightarrow |\chi_a\rangle + |\chi_b\rangle$ , where

$$|\chi_a\rangle \equiv \sum_I \alpha_I |\phi_I\rangle + \alpha_4 |h\rangle$$

$$|\chi_b\rangle \equiv \sum_I \beta_I |\phi_I\rangle + \beta_4 |h\rangle$$

**Superpositions give stronger constraints:**

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 M_{IJ \rightarrow KL}(s,t,u=4m^2-s-t)}{\partial s^2} \right|_{t \rightarrow 0} \succcurlyeq 0$$

# Positivity Bounds

$$\frac{v^4}{2} \frac{\partial^2 M(s,t,u=4m^2-s-t)}{\partial s^2}$$

D.Chakraborty, SC, R.S.Gupta (in prep.)

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$t \rightarrow 0$

	$\phi_1\phi_1$	$\phi_1\phi_2$	$\phi_1\phi_3$	$\phi_2\phi_1$	$\phi_2\phi_2$	$\phi_2\phi_3$	$\phi_3\phi_1$	$\phi_3\phi_2$	$\phi_3\phi_3$	$\phi_1h$	$\phi_2h$	$\phi_3h$	$h\phi_1$	$h\phi_2$	$h\phi_3$	$hh$
$\phi_1\phi_1$	a	0	0	0	b	0	0	0	c	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	2c11
$\phi_1\phi_2$	0	d	0	b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-ic8	0	0	ic8	0
$\phi_1\phi_3$	0	0	f	0	0	0	c	0	0	c7	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	ic8	0	0
$\phi_2\phi_1$	0	b	0	d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	ic8	0	0	-ic8	0
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$\phi_2\phi_3$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	c	0	0	c7	0	-ic8	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0
$\phi_3\phi_1$	0	0	c	0	0	0	f	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	ic8	0	c7	0	0	0
$\phi_3\phi_2$	0	0	0	0	0	c	0	f	0	-ic8	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0	c7	0	0
$\phi_3\phi_3$	c	0	0	0	c	0	0	0	e	0	0	g	0	0	g	h
$\phi_1h$	0	0	c7	0	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	-ic8	0	-2c10	0	0	2c11	0	0	0
$\phi_2h$	0	0	0	0	0	c7	ic8	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0	-2c10	0	2c11	0	0	0
$\phi_3h$	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	-ic8	0	i8	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0	0	g	0	-2c10	0	0	2c11 + c13	$-\frac{c14}{2}$	0
$h\phi_1$	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0	-c8	c7	0	0	2c11	0	0	-2c10	0	0	0
$h\phi_2$	0	0	ic8	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	c7	0	0	2c11	0	0	-2c10	0	0
$h\phi_3$	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	ic8	0	-ic8	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0	0	g	0	0	2c11 + c13	0	0	$-2c10 - c12$	$-\frac{c14}{2}$
$hh$	2c11	0	0	0	2c11	0	0	0	h	0	0	$-\frac{c14}{2}$	0	0	$-\frac{c14}{2}$	2c15

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	$\phi_1\phi_1$	$\phi_1\phi_2$	$\phi_1\phi_3$	$\phi_2\phi_1$	$\phi_2\phi_2$	$\phi_2\phi_3$	$\phi_3\phi_1$	$\phi_3\phi_2$	$\phi_3\phi_3$	$\phi_1h$	$\phi_2h$	$\phi_3h$	$h\phi_1$	$h\phi_2$	$h\phi_3$	$hh$	
$\phi_1\phi_1$	$a$	0	0	$b$	0	0	0	0	$c$	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	$2c11$	
	0	$d$	0	$b$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$-ic8$	0	0	$ic8$	0	
	0	0	$f$	0	0	0	$c$	0	0	$c7$	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	$ic8$	0	0	
	0	$b$	0	$d$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ic8$	0	0	$-ic8$	0	
	$b$	0	0	0	$a$	0	0	0	$c$	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	$2c11$	
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	$c$	0	0	0	$c$	0	0	0	$e$	0	0	$g$	0	0	$g$	$h$	
	$\phi_1h$	0	0	$c7$	0	0	0	$c6 + \frac{c7}{2}$	$-ic8$	0	$-2c10$	0	0	$2c11$	0	0	
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$h\phi_1$	$2c11$	0	0	0	$2c11$	0	0	0	$h$	0	0	$-\frac{c14}{2}$	0	0	$-\frac{c14}{2}$	$2c15$	
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$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 M(s,t,u=4m^2-s-t)}{\partial s^2} \right|_{t \rightarrow 0} \succcurlyeq 0$$
$$a - b \geq 0$$
$$b + d \geq 0$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left( \sqrt{4(8c c_{10} - 8c c_{11} + 8c_{10} f - 8c_{11} f + 4c_6^2 + 12c_6 c_7 + 9c_7^2 - 4c_8^2) + (2c - 4c_{10} + 4c_{11} + 2f)^2} + 2c - 4c_{10} + 4c_{11} + 2f \right) \geq 0$$

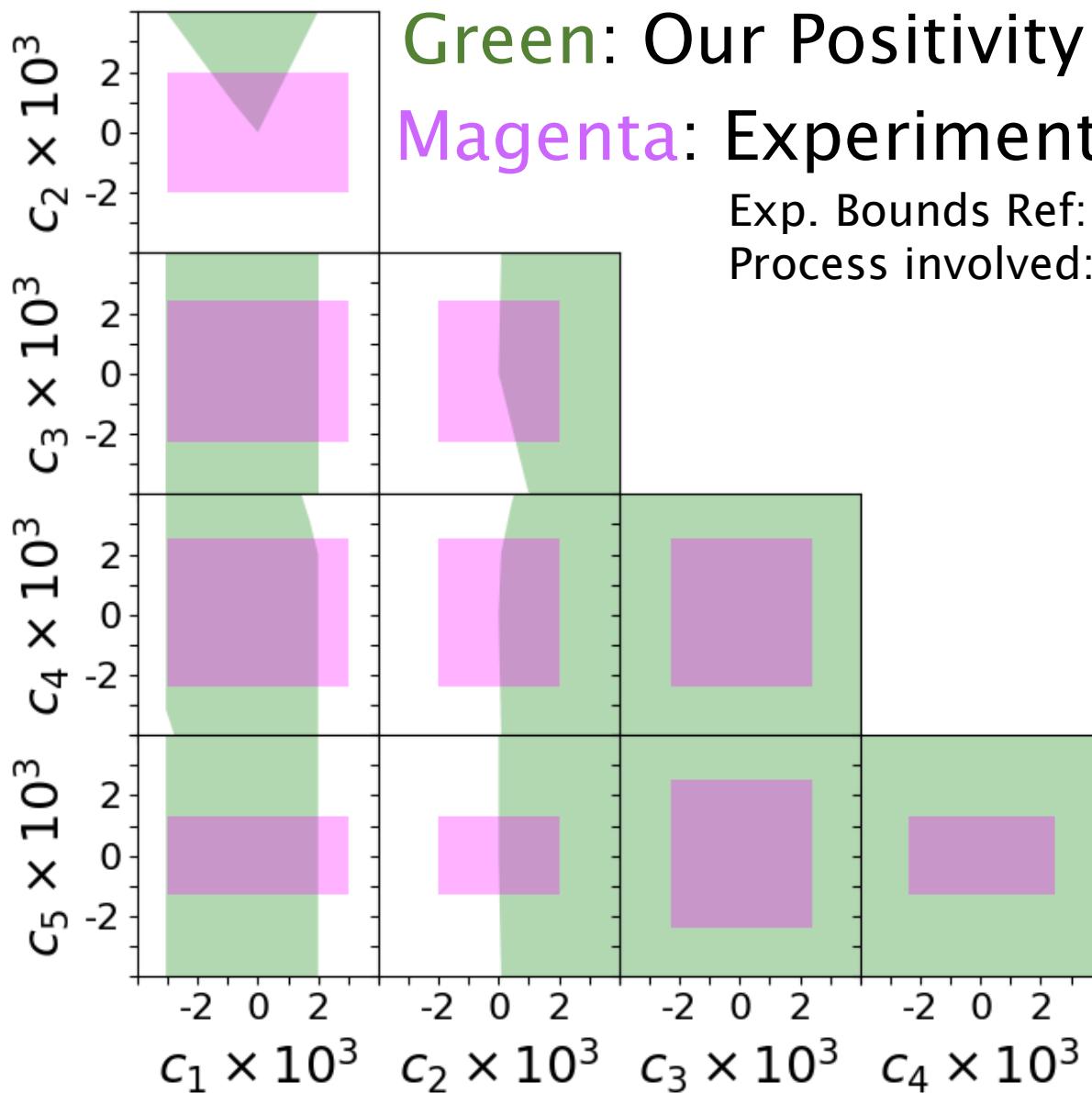
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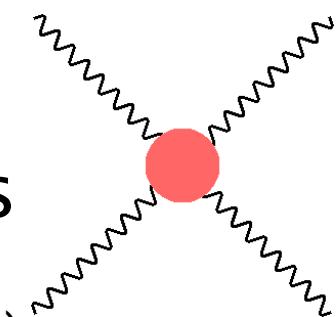


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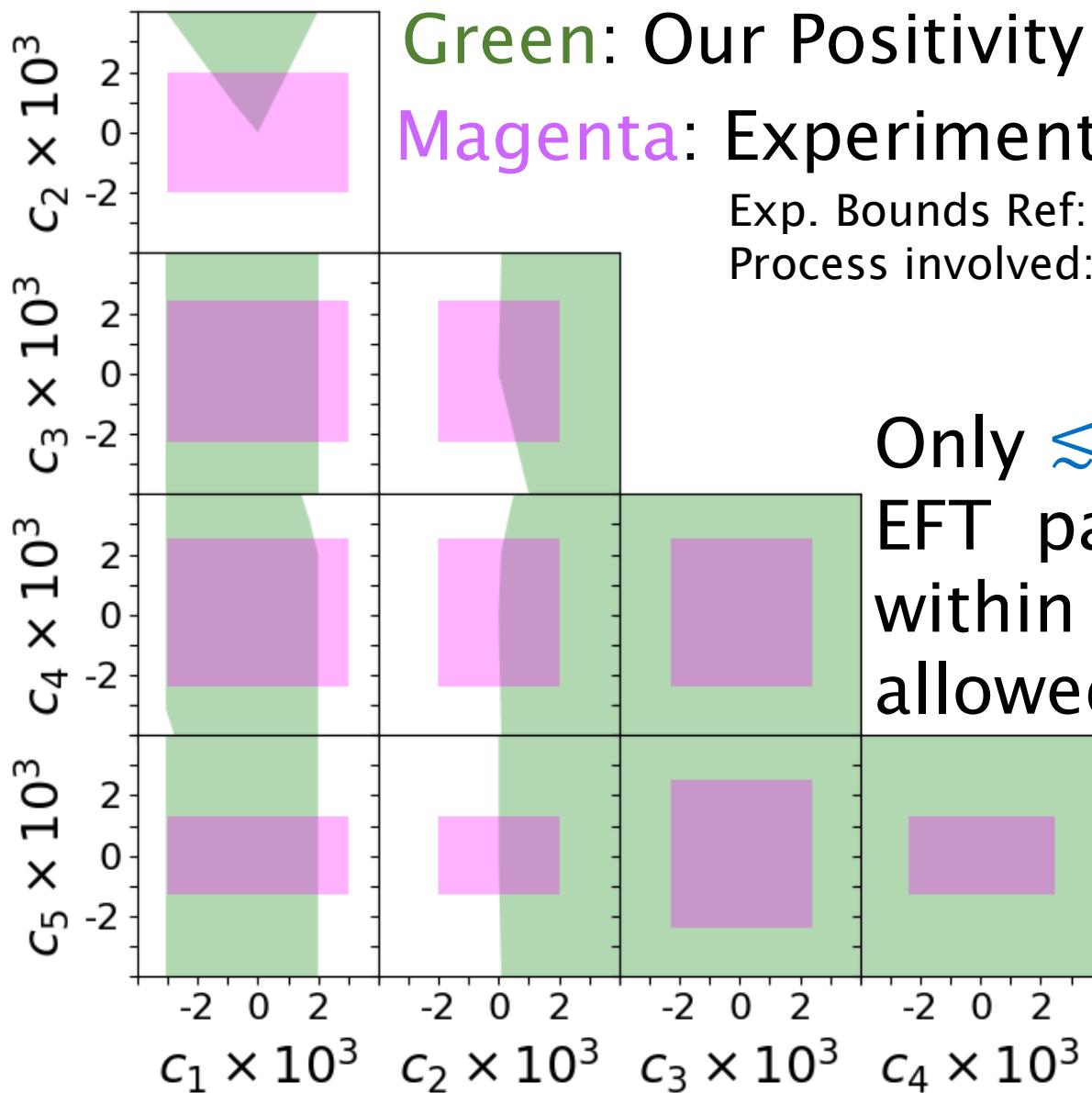
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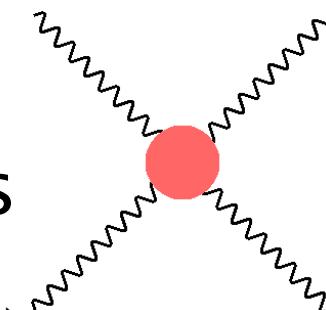


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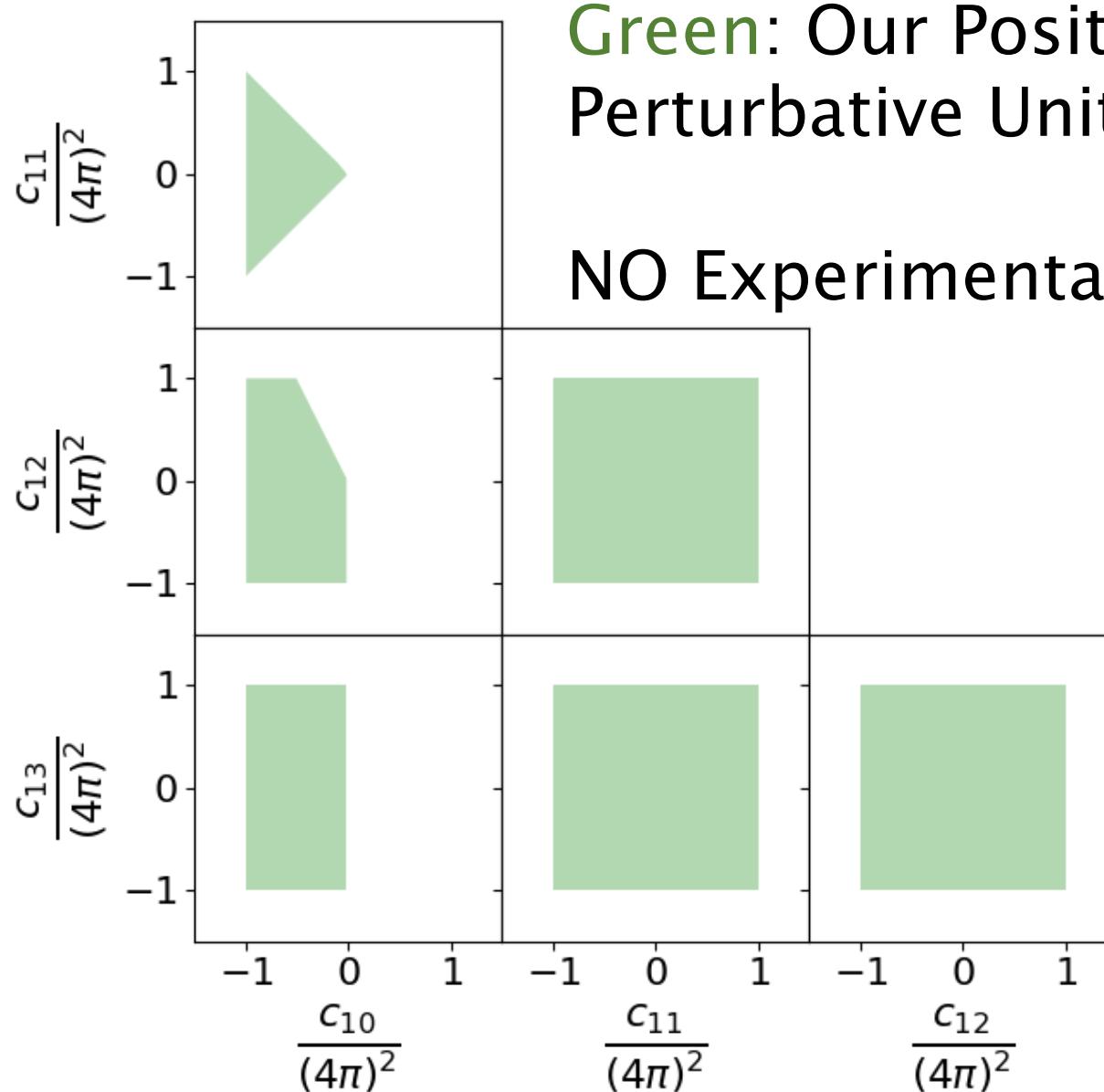


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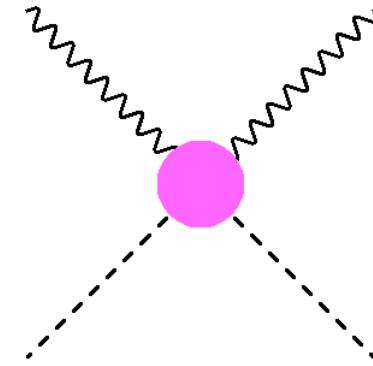
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# Bounds on $V_{hh}$



Green: Our Positivity Bounds +  
Perturbative Unitarity bounds

NO Experimental Bounds yet.

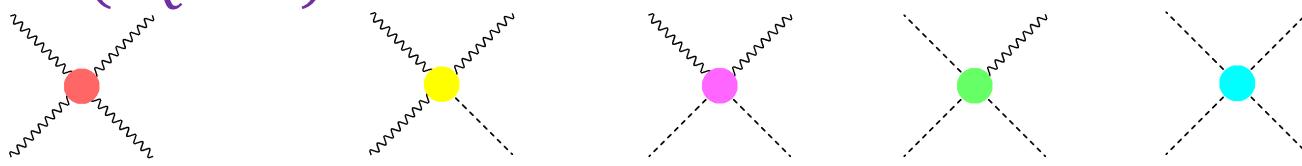


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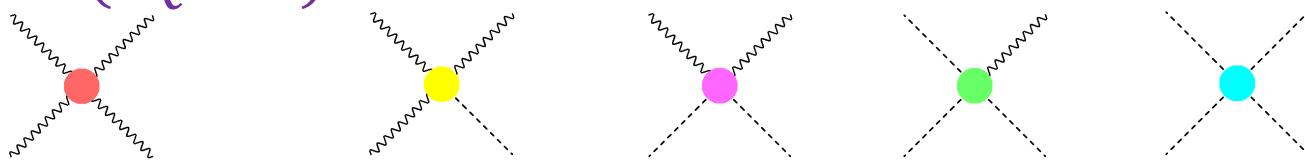


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*Thank You !!!*  
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HEFT in terms of SMEFT:

**3 independent + 2 correlations**

$$\zeta = \left( \frac{\Lambda}{v} \right)^4$$
$$c_1 = \frac{1}{16} (a_3 + a_2 - a_1) \zeta; \quad c_4 = -c_3;$$
$$c_2 = \zeta \frac{a_1}{8}; \quad c_5 = 0$$
$$c_3 = \zeta \frac{a_3 - a_1}{4}$$

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Definitions of some Elements of the matrix

$$\frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial s^2} :$$

$$a = 16(c_1 + c_2)$$

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$$c = 8c_1 + 4c_2 + c_3 + 2c_4$$

$$d = 8c_2$$

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$$f = 2(4c_2 + c_3)$$

$$g = 2c_6 + 2c_7 + c_9$$

$$h = 2c_{11} + c_{13}$$