

Effective Field Theory

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Physics of Different “Scales”

Scales: Energy /Mass, Length

$$M = 1/L$$

High energy to probe small length

Experimental Search for new Physics:

Direction of Energy Scale?

Theoretical Proposal for new Physics:

High Energy Theory

High Energy Theory

Top-Down

Bottom-Up

Low Energy Theory

Low Energy Theory

Different length scales around us

Base 10 Logarithms of Scales of Typical Objects
in the Physical Universe in Units of Meters

Typical objects	Powers of 10 (meters)
Observable Universe (Quasars, etc.)	27
Super-clusters	25
Clusters of galaxies	24
Size of Virgo cluster	23
Distance to Andromeda galaxy	22
Milky Way diameter	21
Distance to Orion arm	19
Distance to the nearest stars	17
Size of the solar system	13
Venus, Earth, and Mars	11
Earth-Moon distance	9
Earth diameter	7
San Francisco	4
Human scale	0
Micro-Organisms / Hair Thickness	-4
Size of a red blood cell	-5
DNA Structure	-8
Carbon Nucleus	-14
Quarks	-16
Planck length	-35

Source: Google web

Our interest

Q. Is there a unique theory to encompass the Physics of all length scales?

A. There is no such thing (so far). Theory of Everything is a myth.

We, the **Particle Physicist**, are interested in a length scale around 10^{-16} meters

smallest sub-atomic “fundamental” particles (observed so far)

Sub-atomic Particles and their dynamics

Important ingredients to build a model/theory:

- (*i*) **Symmetry of the system**
- (*ii*) **Particles and their characteristics under the assigned symmetry**
- (*i*) + (*ii*) \Rightarrow **Lagrangian (set of operators)**

Task

Using information of Symmetry and Particles construct the Lagrangian

Q. How do we perform the task?

A. One can do it manually looking for all possible *invariants*

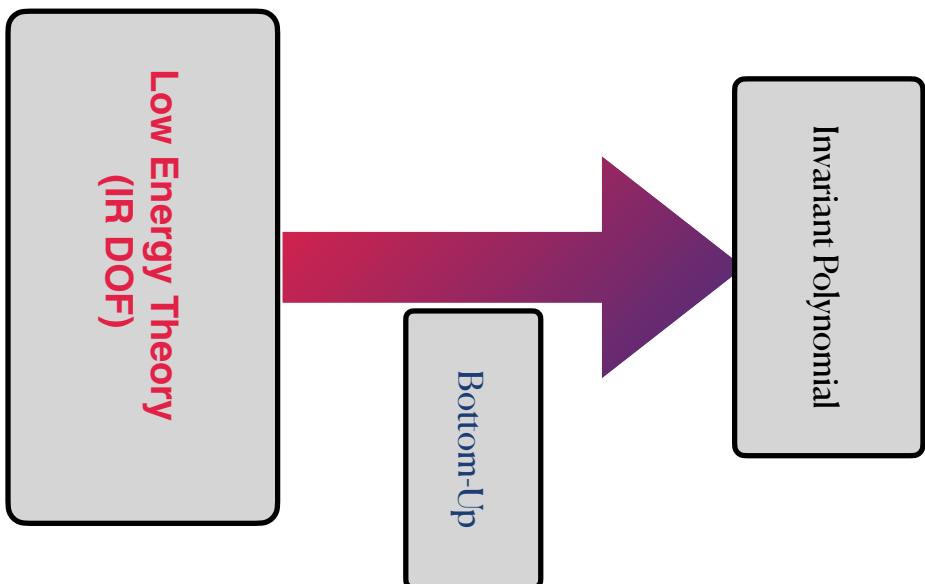
Q. What could be the possible issue with this?

A. For a complicated framework this could be error prone:

Over and(or) Under estimation of invariants

Q. Is it possible to develop a Tool which will ease out the task and make it error free?

A. Let's explore



To proceed further, let's consider the following mapping

Symmetry → “Tag”

Particles → “variables”

Invariants → “Clusters”

Lagrangian → “Polynomial”

Q. Any “Polynomial” or a “Special One”

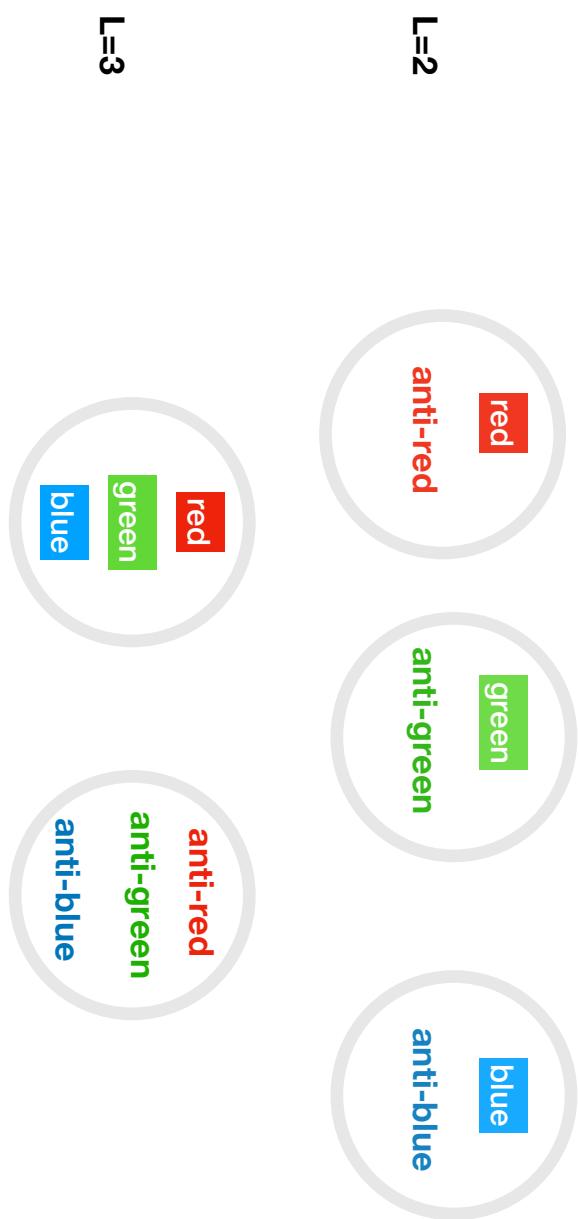
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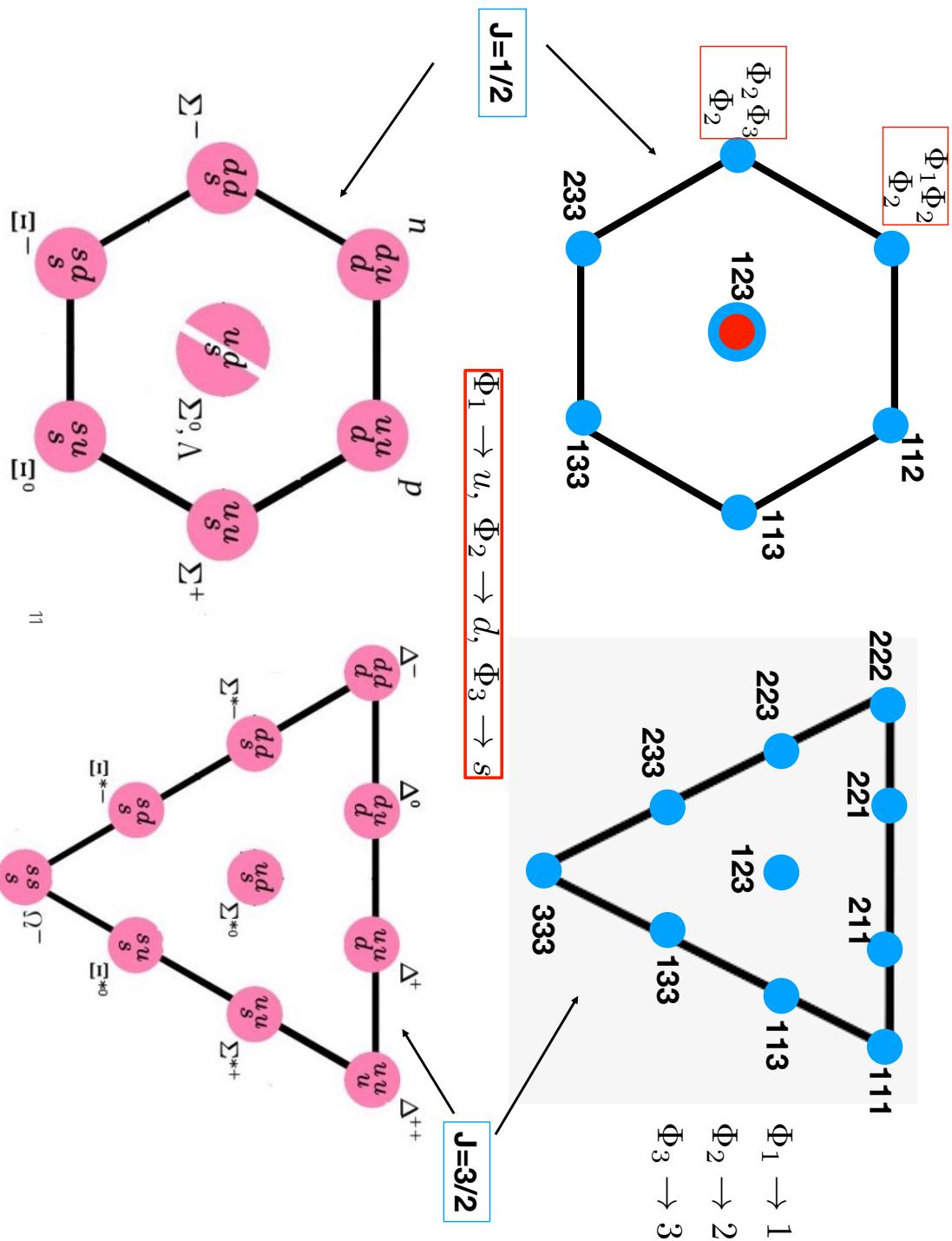
Toy Example.....

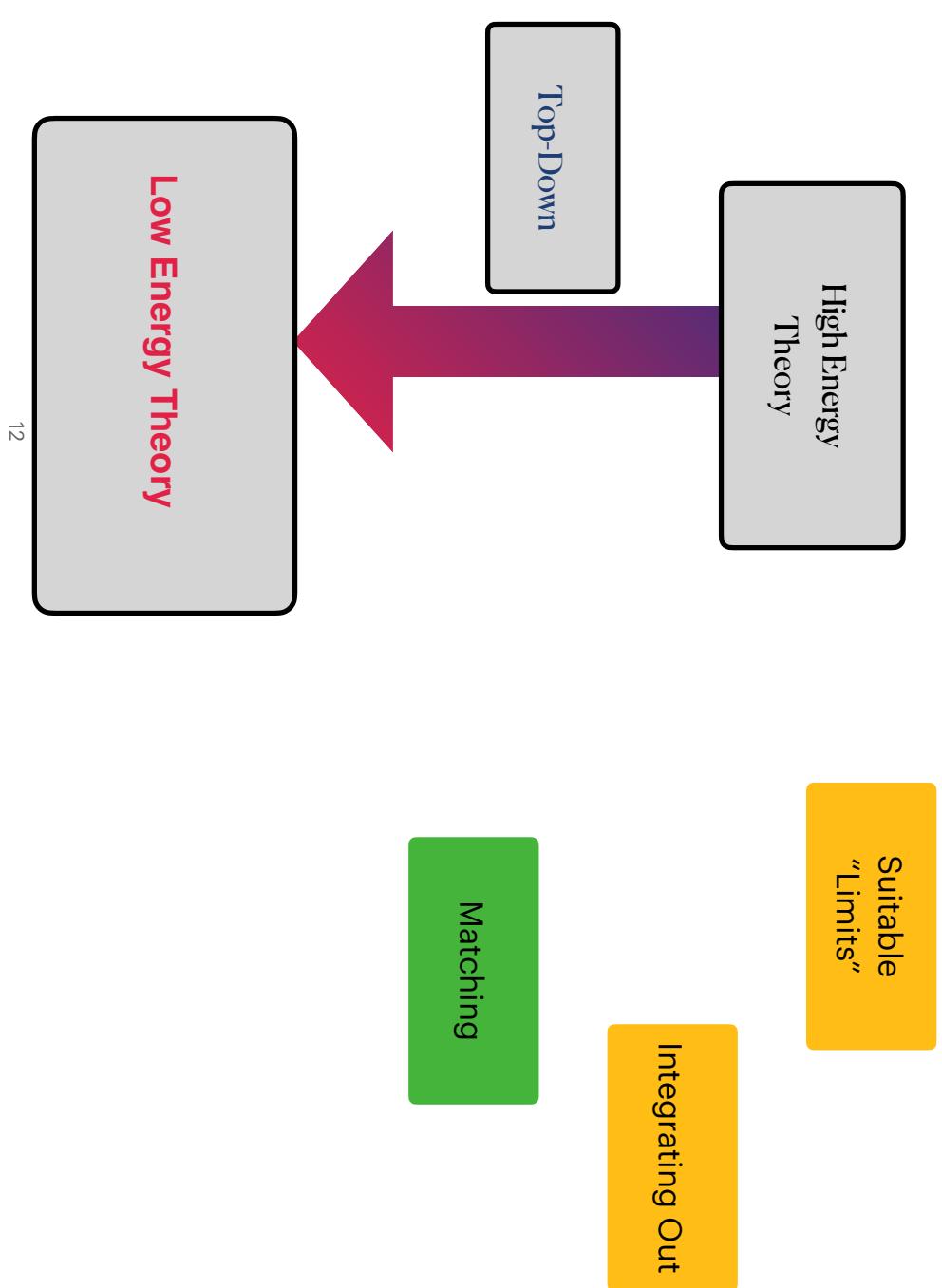
Tags	Φ_1	Φ_1^*	Φ_2	Φ_2^*	Φ_3	Φ_3^*
L	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spin (\downarrow)	+1/2	+1/2	+1/2	+1/2	+1/2	+1/2
	-1/2	-1/2	-1/2	-1/2	-1/2	-1/2
Color (C)	red	anti-red	red	anti-red	red	anti-red
	green	anti-green	green	anti-green	green	anti-green
Electric charge (Q)	blue	anti-blue	blue	anti-blue	blue	anti-blue
	+2/3	-2/3	-1/3	+1/3	-1/3	+1/3

White (invariant) Clusters



Examples: $\Phi_1 \Phi_1^*$, $\Phi_2 \Phi_2 \Phi_2$,





“Limits” and Matching ...

Scattering in 1D:

Square well potential

δ -function potential

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= -\frac{\alpha^2}{2m\Delta^2}; \quad 0 \leq x \leq \Delta \\ &= 0; \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Potential width Δ , depth $\frac{\alpha^2}{2m\Delta^2}$,

$$k = \sqrt{2mE}, \quad \kappa = \sqrt{k^2 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\Delta^2}}$$

α, g are dimensionless parameters.

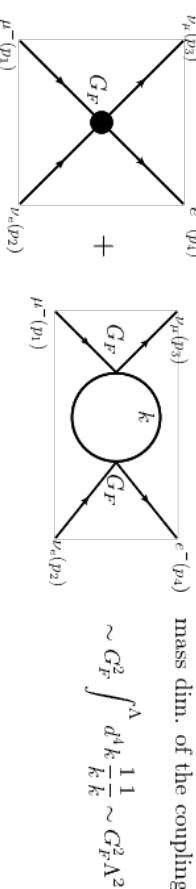
$$\begin{aligned} R = (1 - T) &= \left[\frac{4k^2 \kappa^2 \csc^2(\kappa\Delta)}{(k^2 - \kappa^2)^2} + 1 \right]^{-1} \\ &\simeq 1 - 4 \frac{\Delta^2 k^2}{\alpha^2 \sin^2 \alpha} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^4 k^4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R = (1 - T) &= (1 + 4k^2 \Delta^2 / g^2)^{-1} \\ &= 1 - 4k^2 \Delta^2 / g^2 + O(k^4) \end{aligned}$$

Matching: $g = \alpha \sin \alpha$

Effective 4-Fermi theory vs SM

muon decay: $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$

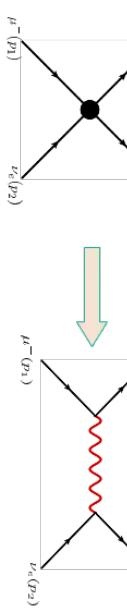


mass dim. of the coupling $[G_F] = -2$

$$\sim G_F^2 \int^\Lambda d^4 k \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{k} \sim G_F^2 \Lambda^2$$

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \underbrace{G_F}_{\text{lowest order}} + \underbrace{G_F^2 \Lambda^2}_{\text{next order}} + \mathcal{O}(G_F^3)$$

muon decay: $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$



$$\mathcal{M} = \left(\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}(p_3) \gamma^\sigma \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma^5) u(p_1) \right) \frac{1}{M_W^2 - q^2} \left(\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}(p_4) \gamma_\sigma \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma^5) v(p_2) \right)$$

$$\sim \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} (\bar{u}(p_3) \gamma^\sigma (1 - \gamma^5) u(p_1)) (\bar{u}(p_4) \gamma_\sigma (1 - \gamma^5) v(p_2))$$

Calculate same process from

$$\text{both theory } \frac{1}{q^2 - M_W^2} \sim \frac{1}{M_W^2} \quad \boxed{q^2 << M_W^2}$$

Matching condition:

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \equiv \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2}$$

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