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Effective Field Theory after a New Physics Discovery

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Imagine we feel like in paradise ...



... after the discovery of a new particle



What will happen?

We will see a tsunami of theoretical papers describing this particle's properties in an EFT

For the example of a spin-0 singlet S

* Most general effective Lagrangian at D=5:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} &= -M\lambda_1 \, S \, \phi^{\dagger} \phi - \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \, S^2 \, \phi^{\dagger} \phi - \frac{\lambda_3}{6M} \, S^3 \, \phi^{\dagger} \phi - \frac{\lambda_4}{M} \, S \left(\phi^{\dagger} \phi \right)^2 \\ &+ \frac{c_{GG}}{M} \, \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \, S \, G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu,a} + \frac{c_{WW}}{M} \, \frac{\alpha}{4\pi s_w^2} \, S \, W^a_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu,a} + \frac{c_{BB}}{M} \, \frac{\alpha}{4\pi c_w^2} \, S B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} \\ &+ \frac{\tilde{c}_{GG}}{M} \, \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \, S \, G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,a} + \frac{\tilde{c}_{WW}}{M} \, \frac{\alpha}{4\pi s_w^2} \, S \, W^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu,a} + \frac{\tilde{c}_{BB}}{M} \, \frac{\alpha}{4\pi c_w^2} \, S B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} \\ &- \frac{1}{M} \left(S \, \bar{Q}_L \, \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_u \, \tilde{\phi} \, u_R + S \, \bar{Q}_L \, \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_d \, \phi \, d_R + S \, \bar{L}_L \, \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_e \, \phi \, e_R + \text{h.c.} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{M^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

 Can describe the production and decay rates of S in terms of a hand full of parameters

What's wrong about it?

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- An EFT is used to separate the physics on different (length or mass/energy) scales
- * Goal: separate new-physics scale *M* from the electroweak scale *v*
- * But the EFT **contains the heavy resonance** *S* **as a field**, so it's scales are *v* (masses of SM particles) and *M*_S
- * Widely different scales $M_S \gg v$ are not separated by the EFT (no control over large logs)
- * For $M \sim M_S$, an **infinite tower** of higher-dimensional operators gives rise to unsuppressed contributions

Is there a way out?



Is there a way out?



Soft-collinear effective theory (SCET)

- * SCET is the proper effective field theory to describe the properties of highly energetic light particles produced in the decay of a heavy particle: Bauer, Fleming, Pirjol, Stewart 2001; Bauer, Pirjol, Stewart 2002 Beneke, Chapovsky, Diehl, Feldmann 2002
 - systematic scale separation between M_S and v,
 including resummation of large logarithms
 - * case where $M \sim M_S$ can be dealt with naturally
- Effective Lagrangian is process dependent: will consider
 2-body decays of a heavy, spin-0 resonance S which is a singlet under the SM

Outline of the construction

- At the new-physics scale M ~ M_S the full theory is matched onto SCET_{BSM}, giving rise to Wilson coefficient functions
- The SCET operators are evolved from *M_S* down to the scale *v* using RGEs and anomalous dimensions derived in the effective theory
- * At the scale *v* a matching onto a theory with massive SM fields is performed
- If desired, the operators can be evolved down further when very light SM particles are involved

see also: Chiu, Golf, Kelley, Manohar 2007



- * Intrinsic complication consists of fact that large mass M_S enters low-energy theory as a parameter characterizing the large energies $E_i \sim M_S$ of the light final-state particles
- Gives rise to non-local operators in the effective Lagrangian, with fields separated along the light-like directions in which these particles travel

Bauer, Fleming, Pirjol, Stewart 2001; Bauer, Pirjol, Stewart 2002 Beneke, Chapovsky, Diehl, Feldmann 2002

* After Fourier transformation, this introduces a dependence of the Wilson coefficients on *M*_S

- * In a given decay process of *S*, final state contains jets defining directions $\{n_1, \ldots, n_k\}$ of large energy flow
- Each jet consists of one or more *n_i*-collinear particles,
 which carry energies much larger than their rest mass
- * Define light-like reference vectors $n_i^{\mu} = (1, \mathbf{n}_i)$ and $\bar{n}_i^{\mu} = (1, -\mathbf{n}_i)$ with $n_i \cdot \bar{n}_i = 2$; then:

$$p^{\mu} = \bar{n}_i \cdot p \, \frac{n_i^{\mu}}{2} + n_i \cdot p \, \frac{\bar{n}_i^{\mu}}{2} + p_{\perp}^{\mu}$$
$$(n_i \cdot p, \bar{n}_i \cdot p, p_{\perp}) \sim M_S \, (\lambda^2, 1, \lambda)$$



expansion parameter

- Particles inside a jet can interact with each other, but only soft particles can mediate between different jets
- * In SCET, particles are described by gauge-invariant collinear building blocks defined using Wilson lines:
 - * scalar doublet: $\Phi_{n_i}(x) = W_{n_i}^{\dagger}(x) \phi(x)$

$$\mathfrak{X}_{n_i}(x) = \frac{\not{n_i} \vec{\not{n}_i}}{4} W_{n_i}^{\dagger}(x) \psi(x)$$

* gauge bosons:

* fermions:

$$\mathcal{A}_{n_{i}}^{\mu}(x) = W_{n_{i}}^{(A)\dagger}(x) \left[i D_{n_{i}}^{\mu} W_{n_{i}}^{(A)}(x) \right]$$

= $g_{A} \int_{-\infty}^{0} ds \, \bar{n}_{i\alpha} \left[W_{n_{i}}^{(A)\dagger} A_{n_{i}}^{\alpha\mu} W_{n_{i}}^{(A)} \right] (x + s \bar{n}_{i})$
Bauer Piriol Stewart 2002

Bauer, Pirjol, Stewart 200 Hill, MN 2002

SCET_{BSM} for 2-body decays of a heavy spin-0 resonance *S*

* Power counting rules:

 $\Phi_{n_i} \sim \lambda$, $\mathfrak{X}_{n_i} \sim \lambda$, $\mathcal{A}_{n_i\perp}^{\mu} \sim \lambda$, $n_i \cdot \mathcal{A}_{n_i} \sim \lambda^2$ imply that adding fields gives rise to power suppression

* Because of EWSB, the effective theory also contains scalar fields carrying no 4-momentum:

$$\Phi_0 \stackrel{\text{EWSB}}{\to} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ v \end{pmatrix} \sim \lambda$$

- For 2-body decays, operators need to contain collinear fields in two opposite directions
- * Obtain Lagrangian by constructing gauge-invariant operators built out of these fields, starting at $O(\lambda^2)$

Effective Lagrangian at $O(\lambda^2)$

* Most general expression:

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} = M C_{\phi\phi}(M_S, M, \mu) O_{\phi\phi}(\mu) + M \sum_{A=G, W, B} \left[C_{AA}(M_S, M, \mu) O_{AA}(\mu) + \widetilde{C}_{AA}(M_S, M, \mu) \widetilde{O}_{AA}(\mu) \right]$

with:

$$O_{\phi\phi} = S \left(\Phi_{n_1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{n_2} + \Phi_{n_2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{n_1} \right)$$
$$O_{AA} = S g_{\mu\nu}^{\perp} \mathcal{A}_{n_1}^{\mu,a} \mathcal{A}_{n_2}^{\nu,a}$$
$$\widetilde{O}_{AA} = S \epsilon_{\mu\nu}^{\perp} \mathcal{A}_{n_1}^{\mu,a} \mathcal{A}_{n_2}^{\nu,a}$$

 Model-independent predictions for all diboson decay rates in terms of 7 Wilson coefficient functions!

Effective Lagrangian at
$$O(\lambda^2)$$

* After EWSB, Φ_{n_i} contains both the Higgs boson and the longitudinal modes of the electroweak gauge bosons:

$$\Phi_{n_i}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} W_{n_i}^{\dagger}(0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h_{n_i}(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

with:

$$W_{n_{i}}(0) = P \exp\left[\frac{ig}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{0} ds \left(\frac{\frac{c_{w}^{2} - s_{w}^{2}}{c_{w}} \bar{n}_{i} \cdot Z_{n_{i}} + 2s_{w} \bar{n}_{i} \cdot A_{n_{i}}}{\sqrt{2} \bar{n}_{i} \cdot W_{n_{i}}^{-}} - \frac{1}{c_{w}} \bar{n}_{i} \cdot Z_{n_{i}}\right) (s\bar{n}_{i})\right]$$

* Hence:

$$D_{\phi\phi} = S(0) h_{n_1}(0) h_{n_2}(0) + m_Z^2 \int_{-\infty}^0 ds \int_{-\infty}^0 dt \, S(0) \,\bar{n}_1 \cdot Z_{n_1}(s\bar{n}_1) \,\bar{n}_2 \cdot Z_{n_2}(t\bar{n}_2) + m_W^2 \int_{-\infty}^0 ds \int_{-\infty}^0 dt \, S(0) \left[\bar{n}_1 \cdot W_{n_1}^-(s\bar{n}_1) \,\bar{n}_2 \cdot W_{n_2}^+(t\bar{n}_2) + (+\leftrightarrow -) \right] + \dots$$

Diboson decay rates

- * For the $S \to hh$ decay mode we obtain: $\mathcal{M}(S \to hh) = M C_{\phi\phi}$
- * For the $S \rightarrow V_1 V_2$ decay modes we define the form factor decomposition:

$$\mathcal{M}(S \to V_1 V_2) = \mathcal{M}\left[F_{\perp}^{V_1 V_2} \varepsilon_{1\perp}^* \cdot \varepsilon_{2\perp}^* + \widetilde{F}_{\perp}^{V_1 V_2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu}^{\perp} \varepsilon_{1\perp}^{*\mu} \varepsilon_{2\perp}^{*\nu} + F_{\parallel}^{V_1 V_2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{k_1 \cdot k_2} \varepsilon_{1\parallel}^* \cdot \varepsilon_{2\parallel}^*\right]$$

 Both amplitudes scale like λ⁰ and hence are of leading order in power counting

Diboson decay rates

* For the form factors we obtain:

$$\begin{split} F_{\perp}^{gg} &= g_s^2 C_{GG}, \\ F_{\perp}^{\gamma\gamma} &= e^2 \left(C_{WW} + C_{BB} \right), \\ F_{\perp}^{\gamma Z} &= e^2 \left(\frac{c_w}{s_w} C_{WW} - \frac{s_w}{c_w} C_{BB} \right), \\ F_{\perp}^{\gamma Z} &= e^2 \left(\frac{c_w}{s_w} C_{WW} - \frac{s_w}{c_w} C_{BB} \right), \\ F_{\perp}^{ZZ} &= e^2 \left(\frac{c_w^2}{s_w^2} C_{WW} + \frac{s_w^2}{c_w^2} C_{BB} \right), \\ F_{\perp}^{ZZ} &= e^2 \left(\frac{c_w^2}{s_w^2} C_{WW} + \frac{s_w^2}{c_w^2} C_{BB} \right), \\ F_{\perp}^{WW} &= \frac{e^2}{s_w^2} C_{WW}, \\ \end{split}$$

and:

$$F_{\parallel}^{ZZ} = -C_{\phi\phi} , \qquad F_{\parallel}^{WW} = -C_{\phi\phi}$$

→ Goldstone boson equivalence theorem!

Example of a UV completion

* Consider for illustration a model containing a doublet of heavy, vector-like quarks $\psi = (T B)^T$ transforming as (3, 2, 1/6), with Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_S + \mathcal{L}_{\psi}$ and:

$$\mathcal{L}_{S} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_{\mu} S \right) \left(\partial^{\mu} S \right) - \frac{M_{S}^{2}}{2} S^{2} - c_{1} S \, \bar{\psi} \psi - c_{2} S \left(\bar{Q}_{L} \psi + \bar{\psi} \, Q_{L} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{\psi} = \bar{\psi} \left(i \not{D} - M \right) \psi - \left(g_{t} \, \bar{\psi} \, \tilde{\phi} \, t_{R} + g_{b} \, \bar{\psi} \, \phi \, b_{R} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

* We then find the non-trivial matching conditions:

$$C_{GG} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \operatorname{arcsin}^2 \left(\frac{M_S}{2M}\right)$$
$$S = C_{WW} + C_{BB} = -\frac{5}{6\pi^2} \operatorname{arcsin}^2 \left(\frac{M_S}{2M}\right)$$

Effective Lagrangian at $O(\lambda^3)$

* Most general result (*i*,*j* are generation indices):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{M} \left[C_{F_L \bar{f}_R}^{ij}(M_S, M, \mu) O_{F_L \bar{f}_R}^{ij}(\mu) + \sum_{k=1,2} \int_0^1 du \, C_{F_L \bar{f}_R \phi}^{(k) \, ij}(u, M_S, M, \mu) \, O_{F_L \bar{f}_R \phi}^{(k) \, ij}(u, \mu) + \text{h.c.} \right] \\ + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{A=G,W,B} \left[\int_0^1 du \, C_{F_L \bar{F}_L A}^{ij}(u, M_S, M, \mu) \, O_{F_L \bar{F}_L A}^{ij}(u, \mu) + (F_L \to f_R) + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

with:

$$O_{F_L \bar{f}_R}^{ij}(\mu) = S \,\bar{\chi}_{L,n_1}^i \Phi_0 \,\chi_{R,n_2}^j + (n_1 \leftrightarrow n_2)$$

$$O_{F_L \bar{f}_R \phi}^{(1)\,ij}(u,\mu) = S \,\bar{\chi}_{L,n_1}^i \Phi_{n_1}^{(u)} \,\chi_{R,n_2}^j + (n_1 \leftrightarrow n_2)$$

$$O_{F_L \bar{f}_R \phi}^{(2)\,ij}(u,\mu) = S \,\bar{\chi}_{L,n_1}^i \Phi_{n_2}^{(u)} \,\chi_{R,n_2}^j + (n_1 \leftrightarrow n_2)$$

$$O_{F_L \bar{f}_R \phi}^{ij}(u,\mu) = S \,\bar{\chi}_{L,n_1}^i \,\mathcal{A}_{n_1}^{\perp(u)} \,\chi_{L,n_2}^j + (n_1 \leftrightarrow n_2)$$

$$O_{f_L \bar{f}_R \bar{f}_R A}^{ij}(u,\mu) = S \,\bar{\chi}_{R,n_1}^i \,\mathcal{A}_{n_1}^{\perp(u)} \,\chi_{L,n_2}^j + (n_1 \leftrightarrow n_2)$$

Decay rates into fermions

* For the $S \to \psi_1 \overline{\psi}_2$ decay modes, we find: $\mathcal{M}(S \to f_{iL} \overline{f}_{jR}) = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{M_S}{M} C^{ij}_{f_L \overline{f}_R} e^{i\varphi_{ij}},$ $\mathcal{M}(S \to f_{iR} \overline{f}_{jL}) = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{M_S}{M} C^{ji*}_{f_L \overline{f}_R} e^{-i\varphi_{ji}}$

where after rotation to the mass basis:

$$oldsymbol{C}_{F_Lar{f}_R} o oldsymbol{U}_{f_L}^\dagger oldsymbol{C}_{F_Lar{f}_R} oldsymbol{W}_{f_R} \equiv oldsymbol{\mathrm{C}}_{f_Lar{f}_R}$$

* Both amplitudes scale like *λ* and hence are of subleading order in power counting

Effective Lagrangian at $O(\lambda^4)$

- * The only decay mode not yet accounted for is $S \to Zh$, and at tree level a single operator contributes
- * We find:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(4)} \ni \frac{\widetilde{C}_{\phi\phi\phi\phi}(M_S, M, \mu)}{M} \Big[iS \Big(\Phi_{n_1}^{\dagger} \Phi_0 - \Phi_0^{\dagger} \Phi_{n_1} \Big) \Big(\Phi_{n_2}^{\dagger} \Phi_0 + \Phi_0^{\dagger} \Phi_{n_2} \Big) + (n_1 \leftrightarrow n_2) \Big]$$

and: $\mathcal{M}(S \to Z_{\parallel}h) = -iC_{\phi\phi\phi\phi} \frac{v^2}{M} \longrightarrow \text{resolves a puzzle!}$ Bauer, MN, Thamm 2016

Amplitude scales like λ² and hence is of subsubleading order in power counting

Resummation of large logs

Resuming logarithms of M_S/v

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Resumming logarithms of M_S/v

- * Anomalous dimensions in SCET contain terms enhanced by a logarithm $\ln(M_S^2/\mu^2)$ times the cusp anomalous dimension
- * These are responsible for resuming Sudakov double logarithms $\sim [\alpha_s \ln^2(M_S^2/v^2)]^n$
- * Some of the RGEs also contain convolutions over the momentum-fraction variable *u* (à la DGLAP)
- * We find that a non-trivial operator mixing occurs starting at $O(\lambda^3)$, where also other subtleties arise

QCD evolution at $O(\lambda^3)$

* We find, for example:

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subleading interactions in the SCET Lagrangian

$$\frac{d}{d\mu} \mathbf{C}_{Q_L \bar{q}_R}(\mu) = \Gamma_{Q_L \bar{q}_R}(\mu) \mathbf{C}_{Q_L \bar{q}_R}(\mu) + \frac{M^2}{M_S^2} \left[\gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{q\bar{q}} \left(\ln \frac{M_S^2}{\mu^2} - i\pi \right) + \tilde{\gamma}_{q\bar{q}} \right] g_s^2(\mu) \left(C_{GG}(\mu) + i\tilde{C}_{GG}(\mu) \right) \mathbf{Y}_q(\mu) + \int_0^1 dw \, \Gamma_{\text{mix}}(0, w, \mu) \left[\mathbf{Y}_q(\mu) \, \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{q_R \bar{q}_R G}(w, \mu) + \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{Q_L \bar{Q}_L G}^{\dagger}(w, \mu) \, \mathbf{Y}_q(\mu) \right]$$

mixing of $O(\lambda^2)$ operators into $O(\lambda^3)$ operators via

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \boldsymbol{C}_{q\bar{q}G}(u, M_S, M, \mu) = \int_0^1 dw \, \Gamma_{q\bar{q}G}(u, w, M_S, \mu) \, \boldsymbol{C}_{q\bar{q}G}(w, M_S, M, \mu) \qquad \text{with } q = Q_L \text{ or } q_R$$

Example: QCD evolution at $O(\lambda^3)$

Relevant diagrams:



mixing of $O(\lambda^2)$ operators into $O(\lambda^3)$ operators via subleading interactions in the SCET Lagrangian

Example: QCD evolution at $O(\lambda^3)$

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with: $\Gamma_{Q_L\bar{q}_R} = C_F \gamma_{cusp}^{(3)} \left(\ln \frac{M_S^2}{\mu^2} - i\pi \right) + 2\gamma^q$ $\Gamma_{mix}(u, w, \mu) = \frac{C_F \alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \frac{\theta(1 - u - w)}{1 - u} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ $\Gamma_{q\bar{q}G}(u, w, M_S, \mu) = \left[C_F \left(\ln \frac{\bar{u}M_S^2}{\mu^2} - i\pi - \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{C_A}{2} \left(\ln \frac{u}{\bar{u}} + 1 \right) \right] \gamma_{cusp}^{(3)} \delta(u - w)$ $- \bar{w} \left[V_1(\bar{u}, \bar{w}) + V_2(\bar{u}, \bar{w}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$

Add a second

and:

$$V_1(\bar{u},\bar{w}) + V_2(\bar{u},\bar{w}) = -\frac{C_A}{2} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{\bar{u}\bar{w}} \left[\bar{u} \frac{\theta(u-w)}{u-w} + \bar{w} \frac{\theta(w-u)}{w-u} \right]_+ + \left(\frac{w}{\bar{w}} - \frac{1}{u} \right) \theta(u-w) + \left(\frac{u}{\bar{u}} - \frac{1}{w} \right) \theta(w-u) \right\}$$
$$+ \left(C_F - \frac{C_A}{2} \right) \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[\left(2 - \frac{\bar{u}\bar{w}}{uw} \right) \theta(u+w-1) + \frac{uw}{\bar{u}\bar{w}} \theta(1-u-w) \right]$$

see also: Hill, Becher, Lee, MN 2004

Conclusions

- If a new heavy particle the first of a new sector is discovered at the LHC, its interactions with SM particles can be described using an effective field theory
- * This should be done consistently!
- SCET_{BSM} offers the systematic framework for separating the scales M_S and v and resumming large Sudakov logs of this ratio, while correctly treating the dependence on the mass ratio M/M_S, where M refers to the masses of yet undiscovered particles

The end!