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Renormalization of the SMEFT to dimension eight: Fermionic interactions

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Motivations

The **SMEFT** is (probably) the most reasonable model of new physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(4)} + \sum_{d>4} \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

Wilson coefficients

Cut-off

If probed by experiments at very different scales

RGEs of the theory are needed

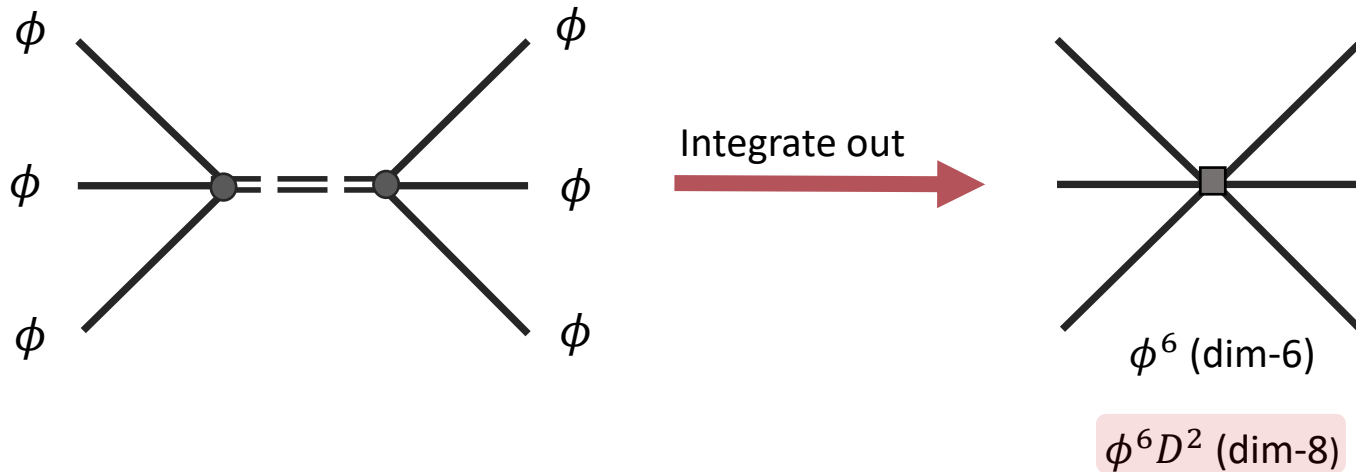
Higher accuracy. The dimension-8 SMEFT should be renormalized to the 1-loop level

Interesting theoretical aspects at dim-8

Positivity bounds, test tools, phenomenological studies ...

Anomalous dimensions of dim-8 operators not always phenomenologically irrelevant

Custodial quadruplets



Chala, Krause, Nardini, (2018);

Durieux, McCullough, Salvioni (2022)

Custodial symmetry violation absent at tree-level dim-6, dim-8, and 1-loop dim-6

Some partial results:

Chala, Guedes, Ramos, Santiago; [2106.05291](#)

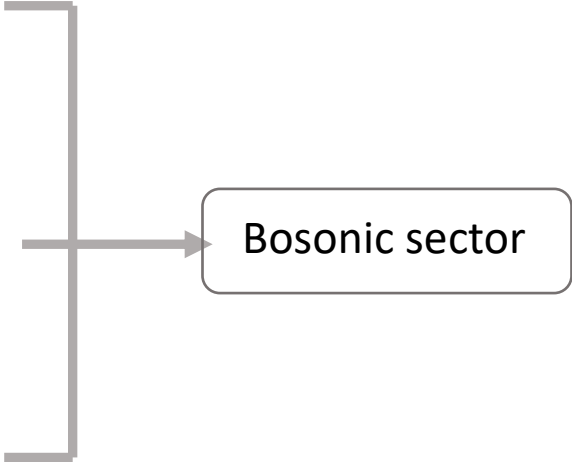
Accettulli Huber, De Angelis; [2108.03669](#)

Bakshi, Chala, Diaz-Carmona, Guedes; [2205.03301](#)

Helset, Jenkins, Manohar; [2212.03253](#)

Asteriadis, Dawson, Fontes; [2212.03258](#)

Bakshi, Diaz-Carmona; [2301.07151](#)



Bosonic sector

More generally, **certain aspects of the full anomalous dimension matrix** well understood

Craig, Jiang, Li, Sutherland; [2001.00017](#)

SMEFT renormalisation status

	d_5	d_5^2	d_6	d_5^3	$d_5 \times d_6$	d_7	d_5^4	$d_5^2 \times d_6$	d_6^2	$d_5 \times d_7$	d_8
$d_{\leq 4}$ (bosonic)			✓						✓		✓
$d_{\leq 4}$ (fermionic)			✓						✗		✗
d_5	✓				✓	✓					
d_6 (bosonic)		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
d_6 (fermionic)		✓	✓					✗	✗	✗	✗
d_7				✓	✓	✓					
d_8 (bosonic)							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
d_8 (fermionic)							✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Blank entries vanish; ✓ → known; ✗ → nothing, or very little, is known.

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d_6 (bosonic)		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
d_6 (fermionic)		✓	✓					✗	✗	✗	✗
d_7				✓	✓	✓					
d_8 (bosonic)							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
d_8 (fermionic)							✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Computation of **two-fermion RGEs** triggered by **pairs of dimension-six terms**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i c_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \sum_j c_j^{(8)} \mathcal{O}_j^{(8)}$$

Can appear at tree level in
UV completions of the SMEFT

$$\dot{c}_i^{(8)} \equiv 16\pi^2 \tilde{\mu} \frac{dc_i^{(8)}}{d\tilde{\mu}} = \gamma_{ij} c_j^{(8)} + \gamma'_{ijk} c_j^{(6)} c_k^{(6)}$$

Divergences to RGEs, some details:

- Compute **1-PI Loop Diagrams**

Utilize **FeynRules**, **FeynARTs** and **FormCalc** packages

Cross-checks with **MatchMakerEFT** arXiv:2112.10787

- A Carmona, A Lazopoulos, P Olgoso, J Santiago

- Divergences are captured by operators of the **off-shell/Green's basis**

New basis of dim-8 with two-fermions and two or more Higgs fields

Explicitly-hermitian version of the one presented in arXiv:2211.01420

- Z Rhen, J Yu

- Redundant operators removed using **on-shell relations**

Diagrammatic on-shell matching



arXiv:2307.08745 (SMEFT-Tools 2022)

arXiv:2411.12798

- M Chala, J Miras, J. Santiago, F. V.



See JLM's talk
on Thursday

- Subset of our RGEs **cross-validated** with arXiv: 2202.09246

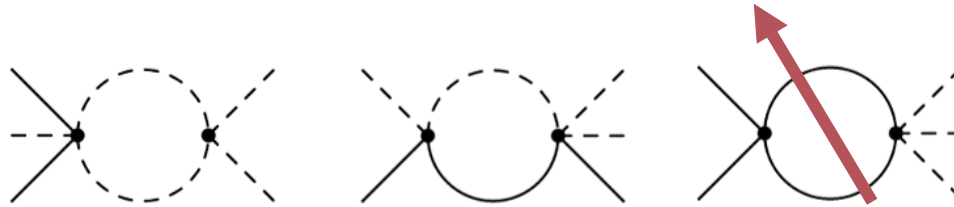
- M Ardu, S Davidson, M Gorbahn

Detailed example: renormalization of $\mathcal{O}_{e\phi}$

$$\mathcal{O}_{e\phi} = (\bar{l}\phi e)\phi^\dagger\phi$$

Renormalizes *directly* through:

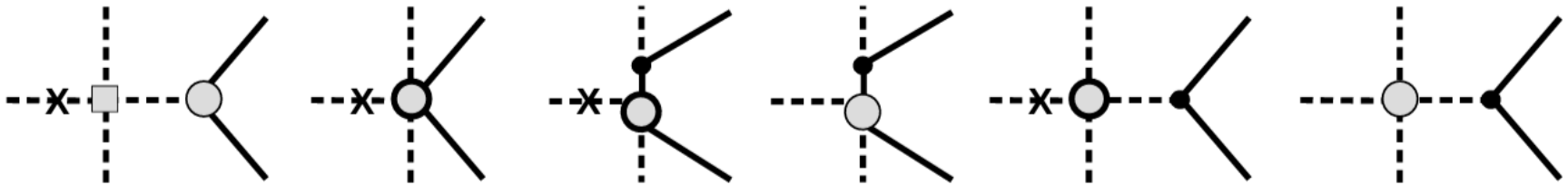
Vanish!! Dimensional analysis



$$(\dot{c}_{e\phi,mn})^{\text{dir}} = -\mu^2 \left[8(3c_{\phi\Box} - c_{\phi D})c_{e\phi,mn} + 2c_{e\phi,mp}c_{\phi e,pn} - 2(c_{\phi l,mp}^{(1)} + 3c_{\phi l,mp}^{(3)})c_{e\phi,pn} \right. \\ \left. - 4c_{\phi D}(c_{\phi l,mp}^{(1)} + c_{\phi l,mp}^{(3)})y_{pn}^e + 4c_{\phi D}y_{mp}^e c_{\phi e,pn} - 4(c_{\phi l,mr}^{(1)} + c_{\phi l,mr}^{(3)})y_{rp}^e c_{\phi e,pn} \right]$$

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Renormalizes *indirectly* upon using the EoM on **redundant** Green's functions



Redundant dim-6



Physical dim-6



Higgs mass
insertion



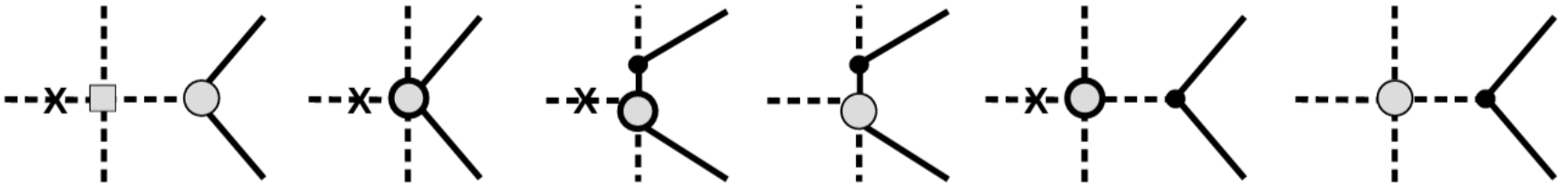
Redundant dim-8



Renormalizable

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (\dot{c}_{e\phi,mn})^{\text{ind}} = & \frac{1}{2}r'_{\phi D}y_{mn}^e + r'_{\phi e,pn}y_{mp}^e + r_{\phi l,mp}^{(1)}y_{pn}^e + r_{\phi l,mp}^{(3)}y_{pn}^e - \mu^2 \left[-4c_{\phi\Box}r_{e\phi D,mn}^{(1)} + c_{\phi D}r_{e\phi D,mn}^{(1)} \right. \\
 & - 2c_{\phi\Box}r_{e\phi D,mn}^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2}c_{\phi D}r_{e\phi D,mn}^{(2)} + 2c_{\phi\Box}r_{e\phi D,mn}^{(4)} - \frac{1}{2}c_{\phi D}r_{e\phi D,mn}^{(4)} + r_{le\phi^3 D^2,mn}^{(7)} \\
 & + i r_{le\phi^3 D^2,mn}^{(9)} + r_{le\phi^3 D^2,mn}^{(11)} - r_{le\phi^3 D^2,mn}^{(14)} + \frac{1}{2}r_{le\phi^3 D^2,mn}^{(15)} + \frac{3}{2}i r_{le\phi^3 D^2,mn}^{(16)} - r_{\phi^4 D^4}^{(4)}y_{mn}^e \\
 & \left. + 2r_{\phi^4 D^4}^{(8)}y_{mn}^e + r_{\phi^4 D^4}^{(10)}y_{mn}^e + r_{\phi^4 D^4}^{(11)}y_{mn}^e + \frac{1}{2}r_{l^2\phi^2 D^3,mp}^{(33)}y_{pn}^e + \frac{1}{2}r_{l^2\phi^2 D^3,mp}^{(35)}y_{pn}^e \right]
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 & \left. + 2r_{\phi^4 D^4 y_{mn}}^{(8)} + r_{\phi^4 D^4 y_{mn}}^{(10)} + r_{\phi^4 D^4 y_{mn}}^{(11)} + \frac{1}{2}r_{l^2\phi^2 D^3,mp}y_{pn}^e + \frac{1}{2}r_{l^2\phi^2 D^3,mp}y_{pn}^e \right]
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$\psi^2 \phi^2 D$



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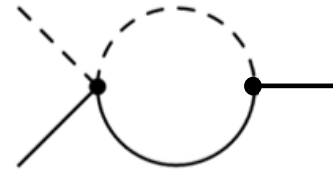
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$\psi^2 \phi D^2$



$$\begin{aligned}
 r_{e\phi D,mn}^{(1)} = & -2c_{\phi e,pn}y_{mn}^e + 4c_{le,mprn}y_{pr}^e \\
 & - 6c_{ledq,mnpr}y_{rp}^d + 6c_{lequ,mnpr}^{(1)}y_{pr}^{u*}
 \end{aligned}$$

Dimension-eight operators

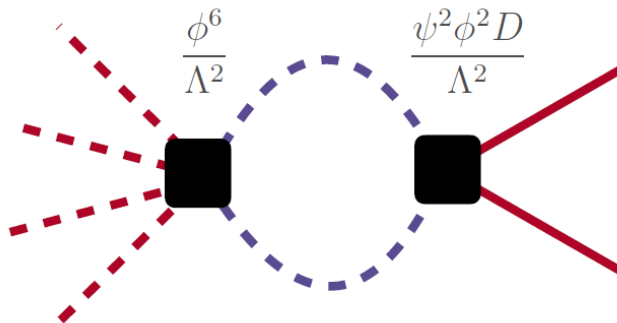
	$\phi^4 D^2$	$\psi^2 \phi^2 D$	$\psi^2 \phi D^2$	$X \phi^2 D^2$	$\phi^4 D^4$	$\phi^6 D^2$	$\psi^2 \phi^2 D^3$	$\psi^2 \phi^3 D^2$	$\psi^2 \phi^4 D$	$X \psi^2 \phi^2 D$	$X \phi^4 D^2$
$\psi^2 \phi^2 D$							✓				
$\psi^2 \phi^3$	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			
$\psi^2 \phi^2 D^3$							✓				
$\psi^2 \phi^3 D^2$			✓		✓		✓	✓			
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$X \psi^2 \phi^2 D$							✓			✓	
$X \psi^2 \phi^3$							✓	✓		✓	

Table 2. Green's functions (columns) that, on-shell, contribute to the renormalization of the different physical operators (rows) are indicated with ✓. Dimension-six and eight interactions are separated by vertical and horizontal lines.

Dimension-eight operators

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$\psi^2 \phi^3$	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			
$\psi^2 \phi^2 D^3$							✓				
$\psi^2 \phi^3 D^2$			✓		✓		✓	✓			
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- **Contributes to a redundant operator.**
- **Translates to $\psi^2 \phi^5$**

Dimension-eight operators

Classes of
tree-generated
fermionic operators



$\psi^2 \phi^2 D^3$	$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	c_{ϕ^6}	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$	c_{ψ^4}
$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	0	0	...	0	0
c_{ϕ^6}		0	0	0	0
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$			...	0	...
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$				0	0
c_{ψ^4}					0

$X \psi^2 \phi^2 D$	$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	c_{ϕ^6}	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$	c_{ψ^4}
$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	0	0	g	0	0
c_{ϕ^6}		0	0	0	0
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$			g	0	g
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$				0	0
c_{ψ^4}					0

- Largest contribution from each operator class is shown

$\psi^2 \phi^3 D^2$	$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	c_{ϕ^6}	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$	c_{ψ^4}
$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	y	0	y	...	y
c_{ϕ^6}		0	0	0	0
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$			y	...	y
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$				0	...
c_{ψ^4}					0

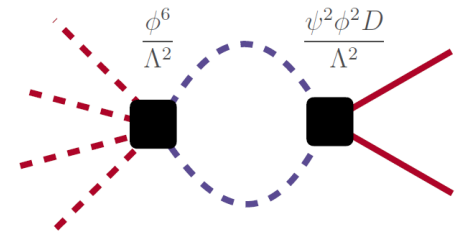
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$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	0	0	gy	0	0
c_{ϕ^6}		0	0	0	0
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$			gy	g	0
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$				0	0
c_{ψ^4}					0

- Blue entries contribute larger than what expected from naive dimensional analysis

$\psi^2 \phi^4 D$	$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	c_{ϕ^6}	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$	c_{ψ^4}
$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	y^2	0	y^2	y	g^2
c_{ϕ^6}		0	0	0	0
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$			y^2	y	y^2
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$				...	y^2
c_{ψ^4}					0

$\psi^2 \phi^5$	$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	c_{ϕ^6}	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$	$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$	c_{ψ^4}
$c_{\phi^4 D^2}$	y^3	y	y^3	y^2	$y\lambda$
c_{ϕ^6}		0	y	...	y
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^2 D}$			y^3	y^2	0
$c_{\psi^2 \phi^3}$				y	y^2
c_{ψ^4}					0

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C_{ψ^4}					0

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C_{ϕ^6}		0	0	0	0
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C_{ψ^4}					0

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C_{ϕ^6}		0	0	0	0
$C_{\psi^2\phi^2 D}$			y^2	y	y^2
$C_{\psi^2\phi^3}$				...	y^2
C_{ψ^4}					0

$\psi^2\phi^5$	$C_{\phi^4 D^2}$	C_{ϕ^6}	$C_{\psi^2\phi^2 D}$	$C_{\psi^2\phi^3}$	C_{ψ^4}
$C_{\phi^4 D^2}$	y^3	y	y^3	y^2	$y\lambda$
C_{ϕ^6}		0	y	...	y
$C_{\psi^2\phi^2 D}$			y^3	y^2	0
$C_{\psi^2\phi^3}$				y	y^2
C_{ψ^4}					0



- We have computed the **one-loop RGEs** of the **two-fermion operators** of the SMEFT to $\mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda^4)$ triggered by **pairs of dimension-6 terms**

These corrections do not spoil the validity of tree-level positivity bounds

Full result in a Mathematica notebook at: <https://github.com/SMEFT-Dimension8-RGEs>

- **Future directions**

Renormalization of two-fermion dim-8 operators by loops involving single dim-8 terms

Completion of the running for four-fermion interactions

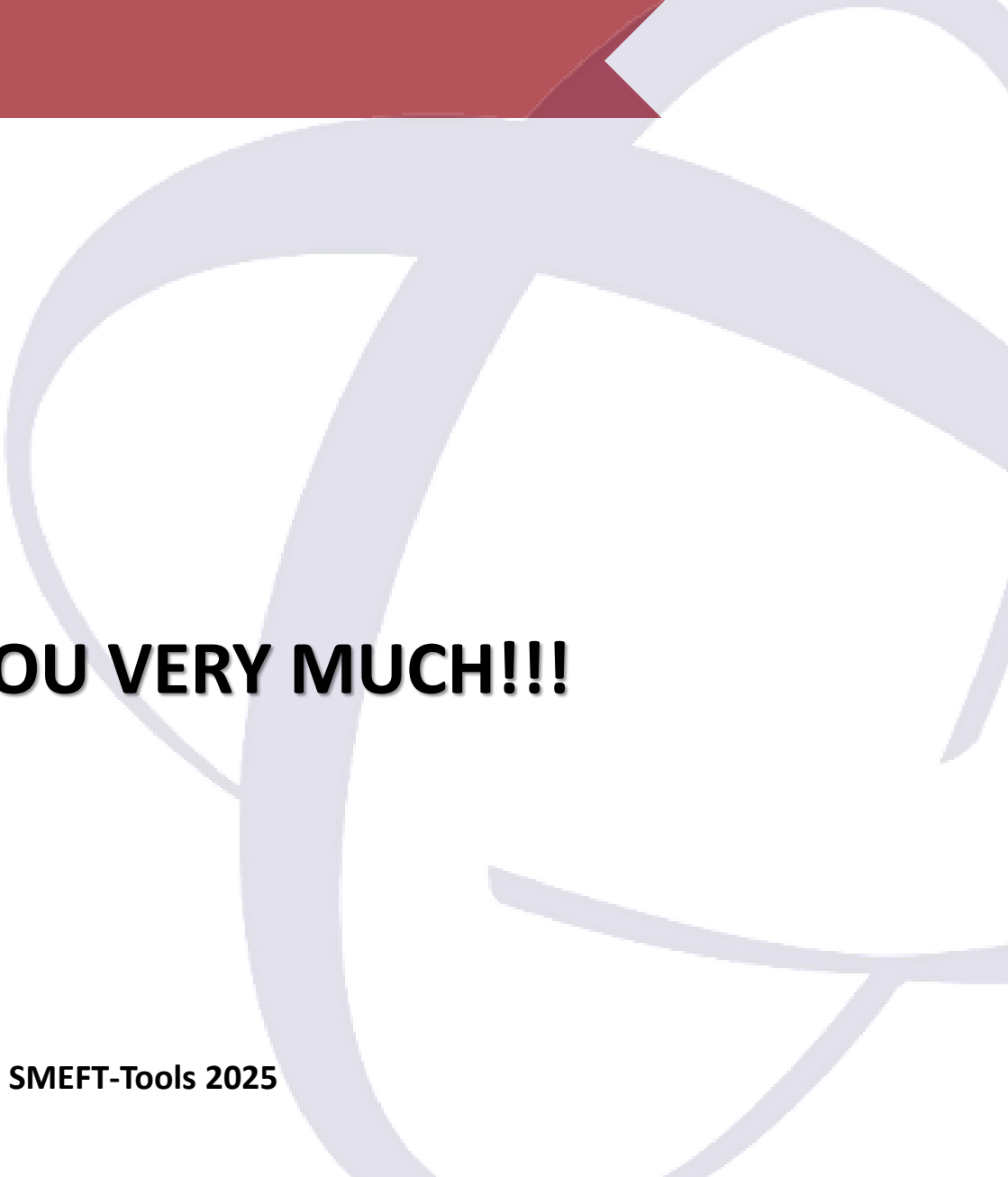
- **Applications**

Improved description of **universality breaking** within SMEFT

Analysis of deviations from different **flavour assumptions** due to quantum corrections

Impact on **electroweak precision parameters**

Results enable **higher precision** confrontation of SMEFT with experimental data

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

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- **Restrictions** on Wilson coefficients using unitarity, analyticity, and crossing symmetry.

From M. Chala, X. Li (2309.16611) :

One flavour limit

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{c}_{e^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(1)} + \dot{c}_{e^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(2)} &\geq 0 \\ \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(1)} + \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(2)} + \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(3)} + \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(4)} &\geq 0 \\ \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(1)} + \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(2)} - \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(3)} - \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(4)} &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

In our RGEs :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{c}_{e^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(1)} + \dot{c}_{e^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(2)} &= 4c_{\phi e}^2, \\ \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(1)} + \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(2)} + \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(3)} + \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(4)} &= 4(c_{\phi l}^{(1)} + c_{\phi l}^{(3)})^2 + 8(c_{\phi l}^{(3)})^2, \\ \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(1)} + \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(2)} - \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(3)} - \dot{c}_{l^2\phi^2 D^3}^{(4)} &= 4(c_{\phi l}^{(1)} - c_{\phi l}^{(3)})^2 + 8(c_{\phi l}^{(3)})^2.\end{aligned}$$