



The SM as an Effective Field Theory: an overview

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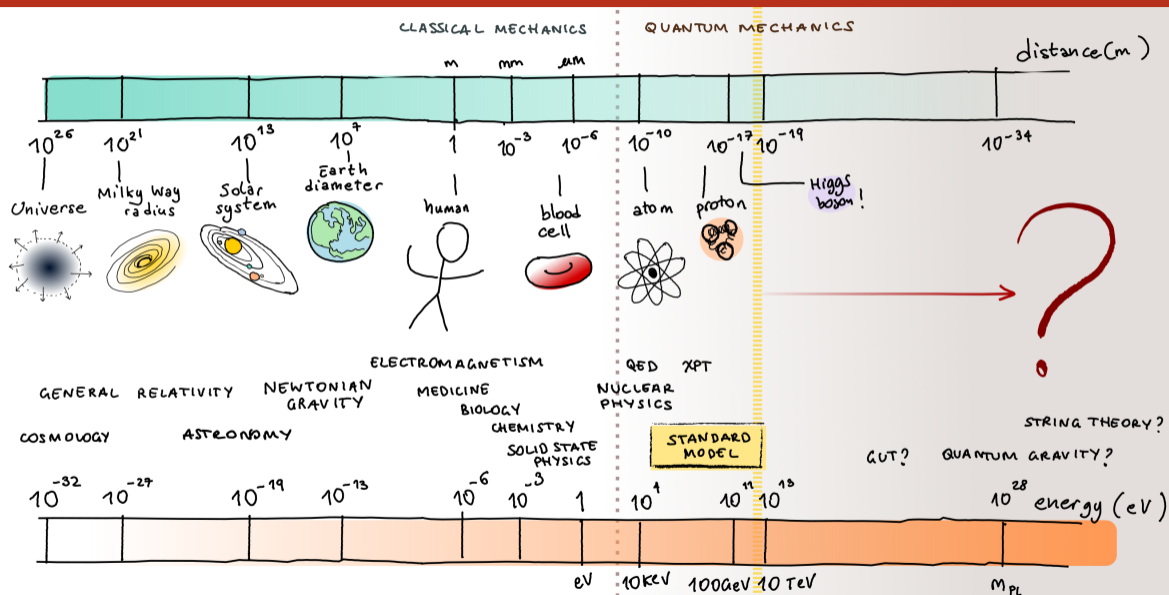
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Physics across energy scales



All Theories are Effective

an **Effective Theory** is obtained from a more fundamental one taking a kinematic or parametric limit
→ typically ET = the LO in an **expansion**

- ▶ ET typically **simpler** than the full theory in the pertinent regime
- ▶ one **doesn't need to know** the full theory to calculate! the ET is enough

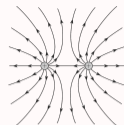
separation of scales/decoupling

Newtonian gravity can be formulated w/o general relativity

nuclear physics can be formulate w/o QCD

chemistry can be formulated w/o SM...

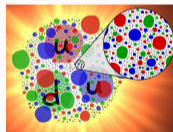
→ we expect any theory to be replaced by another one going to higher energies
(until the ultimate Theory of Everything)



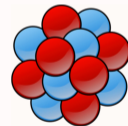
$$r/d \gg 1$$



$$v/c \ll 1$$

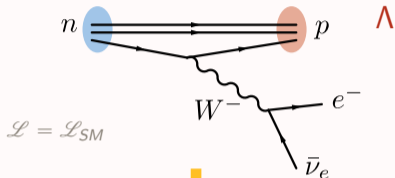


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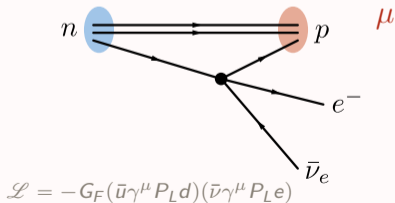


Effective Field Theories

Fermi Theory of β decay



$$q^2 < m_N^2 \ll m_W^2$$



E

Λ

μ

Theory with heavy particles



TAYLOR SERIES in $(\mu/\Lambda \ll 1)$

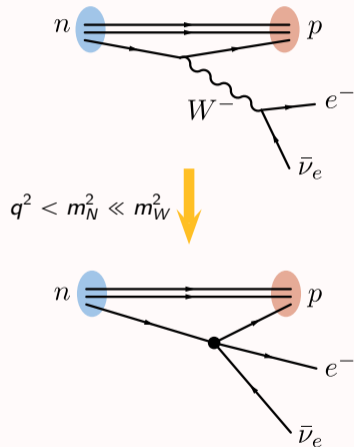
Effective Field Theory: only light particles

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \mathcal{L}_4 + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \mathcal{L}_5 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{L}_6 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \mathcal{L}_7 \dots$$

Appelquist, Carazzone 1975

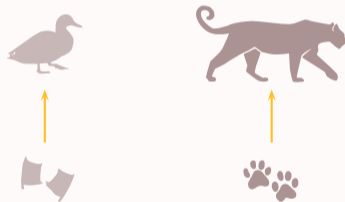
- heavy DOFs are removed: cannot be produced at $E \ll M$
- local, analytic, higher-dimensional terms added to \mathcal{L}

Fermi Theory of β decay



Bottom-up paradigm

measuring EFT parameters **reveals properties** of full theory
→ *complement* direct searches, reach into higher energies



- EFT** fully specified by **fields+symmetries at $E = \mu$**
- no reference to underlying model
 - **free couplings that can be measured!**
 - higher- d terms \Rightarrow limited UV validity, due to E growth

The Standard Model Effective Field Theory – SMEFT

promoting the Standard Model to an EFT →

add **higher-dimensional** terms made of SM **fields** and respecting the SM **symmetries**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \mathcal{L}_5 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{L}_6 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \mathcal{L}_7 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{L}_8 + \dots \quad \mathcal{L}_d = \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

$C_i =$ Wilson coefficients

$\mathcal{O}_i^{(d)} =$ gauge-invariant operators forming a basis: a complete, non-redundant set

Buchmüller, Wyler 1986

- ▶ describes **any beyond-SM theory**, provided it lives at $\Lambda \gg v$
- ▶ a complete catalogue of all allowed beyond-SM effects, organized by expected size
- ▶ not experiment-specific! can be used as a **common framework** for LHC *and* other experiments
- ▶ a proper QFT! renormalizable order-by-order, systematically improvable in loops

SMEFT at $d = 6$: the Warsaw basis

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	$\epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\epsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	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}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$



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Faroughy et al 2005.05366
Grejlo et al 2203.09561
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$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
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}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	Q_{eu}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	Q_{qe}	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	Q_{ed}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
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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}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^j)^T C l_t^k]$		
$Q_{quqd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$	Q_{qqu}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	Q_{qqq}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} \varepsilon_{mn} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(q_s^m)^T C l_t^n]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	Q_{dqu}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$				



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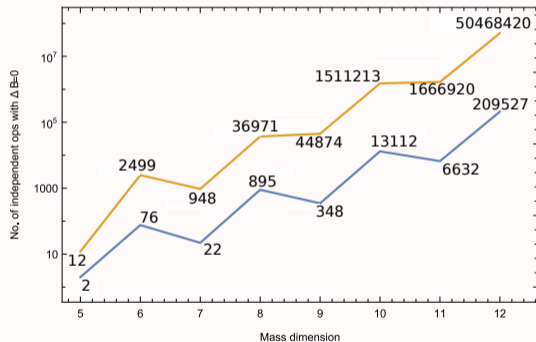
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A fast growing series

parameters computed with Hilbert series and automated. **flavor** plays a major role.

Henning, Lu, Melia, Murayama 1512.03433



bases available up to dimension 12

d = 5 Weinberg PRL43(1979)1566

d = 6 Grzadkowski et al 1008.4884 ...

d = 7 Lehman 1410.4193, Henning et al 1512.0343

d = 8 Li et al 2005.00008, Murphy 2005.00059

d = 9 Li et al 2007.07899, Liao, Ma 2007.08125

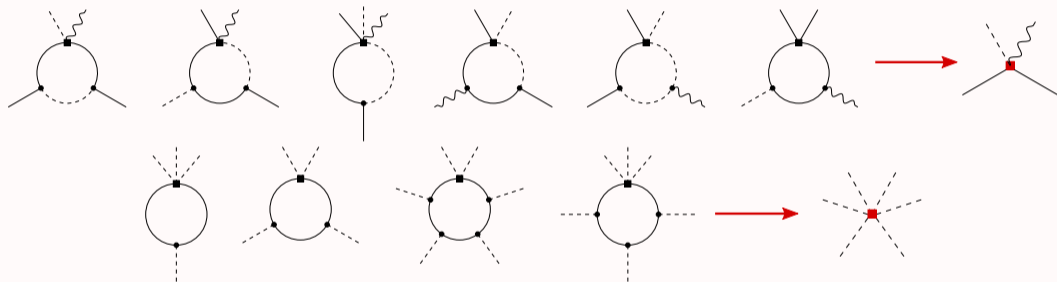
d = 10, 11, 12 Harlander, Kempkens, Schaaf 2305.06832

In SMEFT, operators of odd dimension violate the conservation of B and/or L Kobach 1604.05726

Renormalization Group evolution

when going to 1-loop divergences appear, reabsorbed by counterterms of the same dimension

→ SMEFT operators **run and mix** with each other, order by order in Λ



fully computed at 1 loop for dim-6, automated in `DsixTools`, `wilson`

Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar, Trott 1308.2627, 1310.4838, 1312.2014

Celis, Fuentes-Martin, Ruiz-Femenia, Vicente, Virto 1704.04504, 2010.16341, Aebischer, Kumar, Straub 1804.05033

partial results for dim6-2loops and dim8-1loop \rightsquigarrow Luigi, Stefano

Elias-Miro' et al 2005.06983, 2112.12131, Bern, Parra-Martinez 2005.12917, Jin, Ren, Yang 2011.02494, Fuentes-Martin et al 2311.13630, 2410.07320

Bresciani, Levati, Mastrolia, Paradisi 2312.05026, Chala et al 2106.05291, 2205.03301, 2309.16611, 2409.15408, Boughezal et al 2408.15378. . .

Below m_W : the Low Energy EFT (LEFT) or Weak EFT (WET)


at energies $\lesssim m_W$, the heaviest SM particles effectively decouple, and another EFT is more appropriate

fields: SM w/o H, W, Z, t

symmetries: $U(1)_{em} \times SU(3)_c$

$$\mathcal{L}_{LEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{QED+QCD} + v \mathcal{L}_3 + \frac{1}{v} \mathcal{L}_5 + \frac{1}{v^2} \mathcal{L}_6 + \dots$$

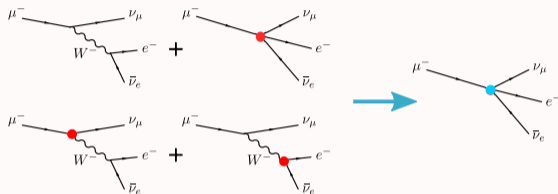
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{QED+QCD} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} + \sum_{\psi} \bar{\psi} i \not{D} \psi - \sum_{\psi} [\bar{\psi}_R M_{\psi} \psi_L + \text{h.c.}] \\ & + \theta_{QED} \frac{e^2}{32\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \theta_{QCD} \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{A\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

 employed extensively in **flavor physics**. at even lower energies $\lesssim \Lambda_{QCD}$: chiral perturbation theory

LEFT operators

\mathcal{L}_3 $(\nu_{Lp}^T C \nu_{Lr})$	\mathcal{L}_6 $f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$ $f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$ + 4-fermion interactions
\mathcal{L}_5 $(\nu_{Lp}^T C \sigma^{\mu\nu} \nu_{Lr}) F_{\mu\nu}$ $\bar{e}_{Lp} \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_{Rr} F_{\mu\nu}$ $\bar{u}_{Lp} \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_{Rr} F_{\mu\nu}$ $\bar{d}_{Lp} \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_{Rr} F_{\mu\nu}$ $\bar{u}_{Lp} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_{Rr} G_{\mu\nu}^A$ $\bar{d}_{Lp} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_{Rr} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	

example: SMEFT to LEFT match at tree level



$$c_{V,LL} \sim -\frac{1}{v^2} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left[C_{H,1221} - C_{HI,11}^{(3)} - C_{HI,22}^{(3)} \right]$$

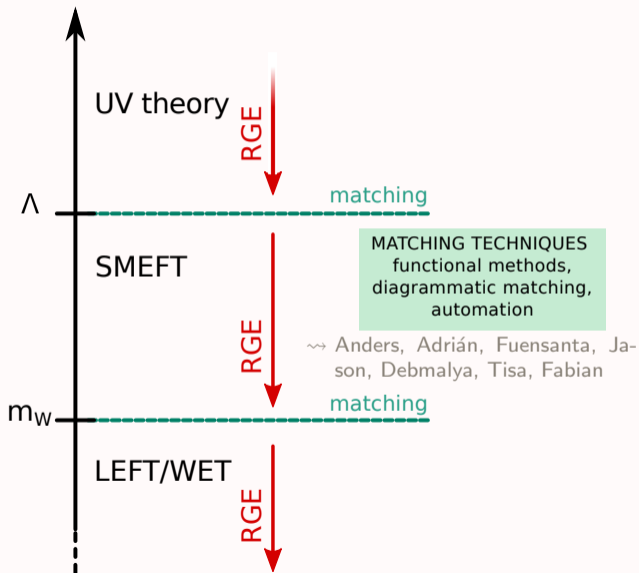
bases available up to $d = 9$

Jenkins,Manohar,Stoffer 1709.04486, Aebischer,Fael,Greub,Virto 1704.06639
Liao,Ma,Wang 2005.08013, Murphy 2012.13291, Li,Ren,Xiao,Yu,Zheng 2012.09188

matching to SMEFT and RG running \rightsquigarrow Ben

Aebischer,Crivellin,Fael,Greub 1512.02830,
Jenkins,Manohar,Stoffer 1709.04486,1711.05270

The bigger picture – a blooming research field!



EXPLORING EFT PROPERTIES
parameters, bases, flavor, unitarity, positivity,
on-shell amplitude structure,
geometric formulations...

OBSERVABLES PREDICTIONS
MC tools, analytic calculations,
SMEFT beyond ME, optimal observables ...

↪ Victor, Elie, Riccardo, Marion

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS
fitting tools, likelihood inference,
information geometry, ML-based tools,
interplay with PDFs...

SMEFT @LHC: two main challenges

1. being sensitive to indirect BSM effects \rightarrow needs uncertainty reduction

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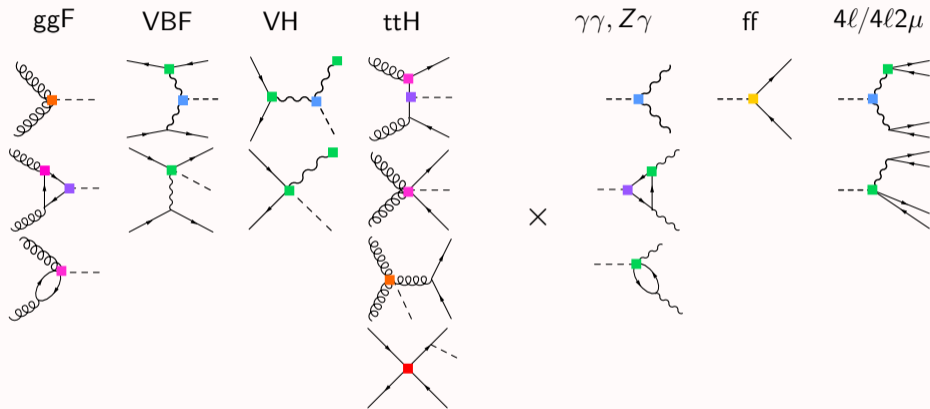
2. making sure that, if we observe a deviation, we interpret it correctly

- ▶ **minimizing bias** by retaining all relevant contributions
- ▶ correct understanding of uncertainties and correlations
- ▶ systematic mapping to BSM models

tree-level dictionary: de Blas et al 1711.10391
1-loop dictionary: Guedes et al 2303.16965

\rightarrow global analyses

Example: SMEFT in Higgs physics



Marginalized fit results

ATLAS 2402.05742

all Warsaw basis considered,
only 19 combinations
meaningfully constrained

selected with

Principal Component Analysis:

diagonalize Fisher information
matrix

$$\mathcal{I}_{ij} = -\frac{\partial^2 \log \mathcal{L}}{\partial C_i \partial C_j}$$

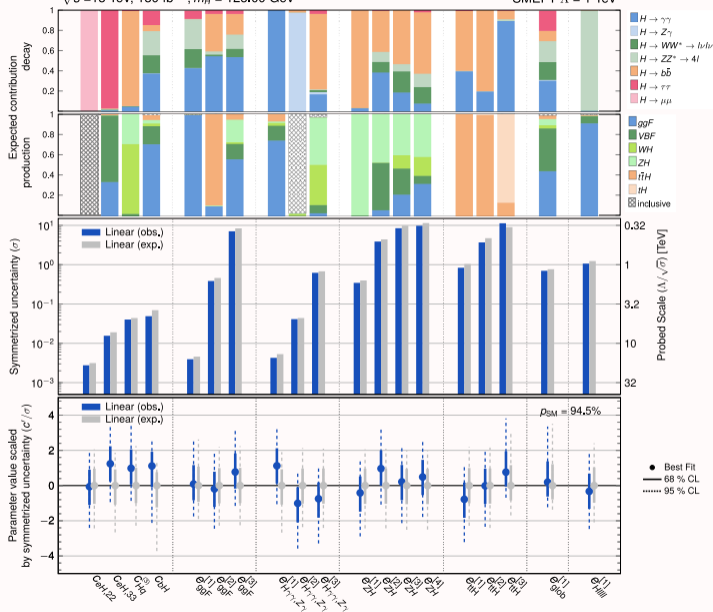
eigenvalues $\simeq (\text{bound})^{-1}$

👉 keep only eigenvectors with
eigenvalues above a chosen
sensitivity threshold

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$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$, 139 fb^{-1} , $m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}$

SMEFT $\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$

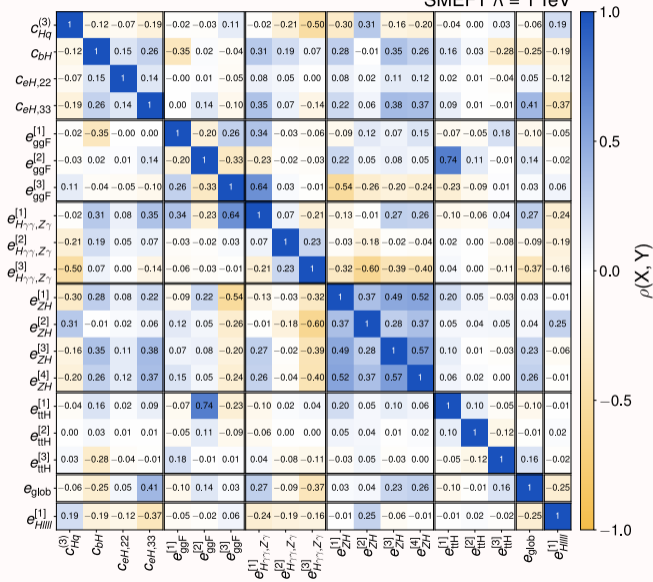


Correlations

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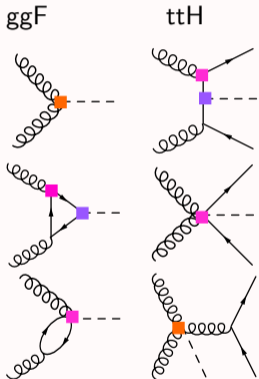
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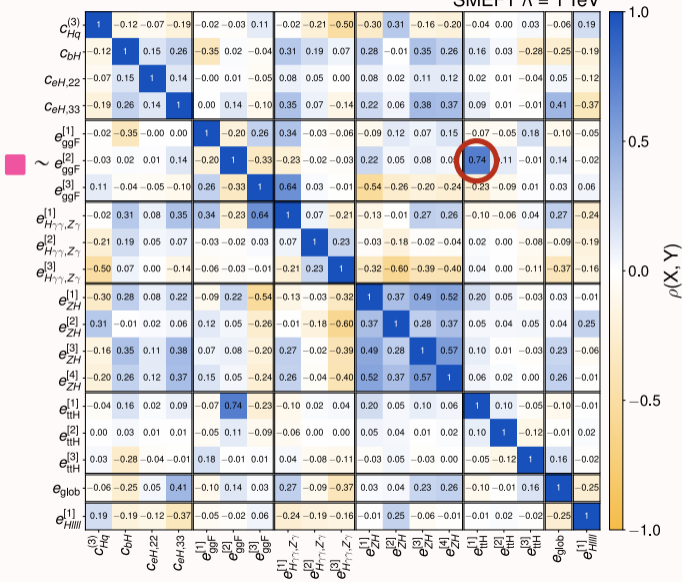
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Open challenges and active lines of development

- 🔍 improve **predictions** to higher perturbative orders
- ✂️ improve **matching and running** to higher perturbative and EFT orders
- 🍴 combine Higgs/top/EW measurements with **flavor** measurements
- 📈 improve **statistical** analyses with likelihoods, optimal observables...
- 🏠 explore interplay of SMEFT constraints with **direct searches**
- ✂️ **truncation uncertainties** and impact of dim-8
- 📄 move (partially) to **HEFT** ?

Origin of SMEFT truncation uncertainties / EFT validity concern

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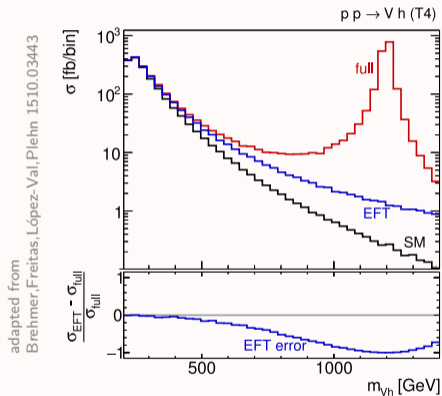
is $(E, v) \ll \Lambda$ a valid assumption?

are $d \geq 8$ terms always negligible?

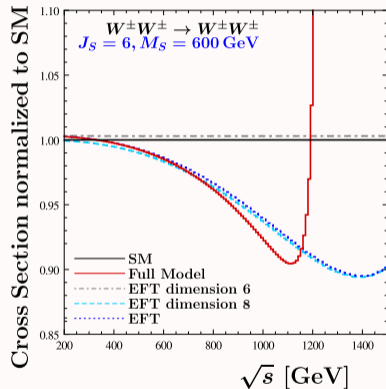
can there be UV scenarios for which SMEFT does not describe the low-E limit?

Poor SMEFT convergence

EFT obtained from matching to full model



$d = 6$ contribution dominant at low m_{VH}

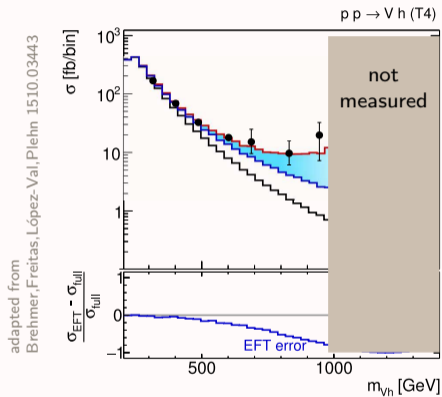


$d = 6$ contribution negligible

adapted from
 Brehmer, Freitas, López-Val, Plehn 1510.03443

adapted from
 Lang, Liebler, Schäfer-Siebert, Zeppenfeld 2103.16517

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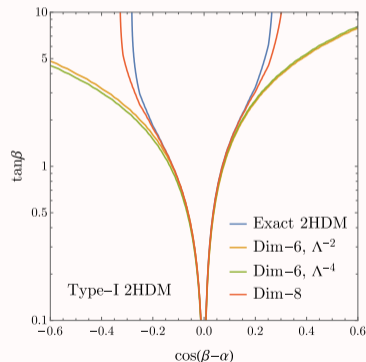
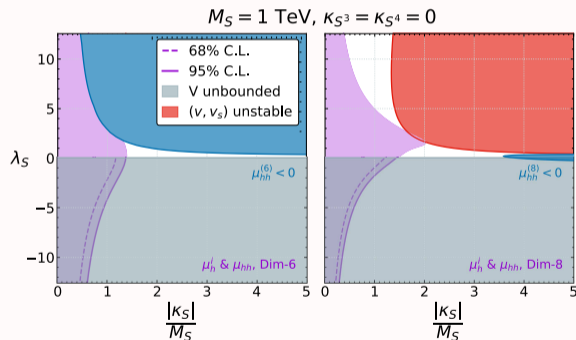


- 👉 **top-down:** truncated EFT does not reproduce full model at high-E
- 👉 **bottom-up:** fit to data finds wrong values of C_i

→ several studies of $d = 8$ impact

Exploring the impact of dim-8 terms

- ▶ hard to establish true relevance when left free (eg in a fit)
- ▶ checking impact when matched to specific models helps accounting for natural size



The Higgs Effective Field Theory – HEFT

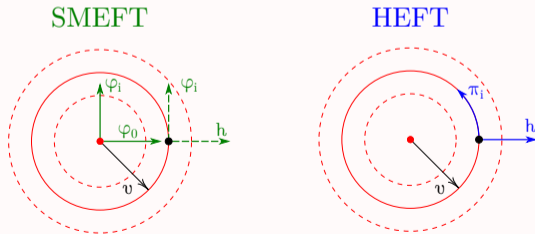
rather than H doublet:
singlet h + Goldstones \mathbf{U}

Feruglio 9301281, Grinstein, Trott 0704.1505, Buchalla, Catà 1203.6510,
Alonso et al 1212.3305, IB et al 1311.1823, 1604.06801,
Buchalla et al 1307.5017, 1511.00988. . .

$$H \mapsto \frac{v + h}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{U} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U} = \exp\left(\frac{i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\pi}}{v}\right)$$

SMEFT expands around **EW-symmetric point**, HEFT expands around **EW vacuum**

Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar 1511.00724, 1605.03602



- ▶ **more complicated power counting**, mix of χ PT and canonical dimensions

Gavela, Jenkins, Manohar, Merlo 1601.07551
Buchalla, Catà, (Celis), Krause 1312.5624, 1603.03062

orders are defined as $\mathcal{L}_{HEFT} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2 + \dots$

\mathcal{L}_1 = leading deviations from SM = “4 derivatives” = NLO

- ▶ order-by-order, **more operators** than SMEFT: for 3 flavors, L, B conserving: \mathcal{L}_1 : 6573, \mathcal{L}_2 : $10^6 +$

Hilbert series counting is available Gráf, Henning, Lu, Melia, Murayama 2211.06725

complete bases available up to \mathcal{L}_2 Buchalla, Catà, Krause 1307.5017, IB et al 1604.06801
Sun, Xiao, Yu 2210.14939, Sun, Wang, Yu 2211.11598

- ▶ looking at the bosonic sector, \mathcal{L}_1 contains 39 operators \rightarrow better than dim-8!

15 in dim-6 Warsaw basis < **39** < 89 in dim-8 Murphy basis

Main HEFT features

- ▶ **more general** than SMEFT, because implements weaker symmetry requirement
→ \exists UV scenarios that can be matched to HEFT but not SMEFT Cohen et al 2008.0597, Banta et al 2110.02967

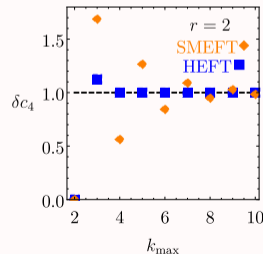
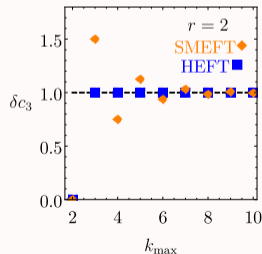
HEFT \supset SMEFT \supset SM

- ▶ in general **more convergent** than SMEFT: takes fewer orders to reproduce well UV model
→ $\mathcal{F}(h)$ resums series in $(H^\dagger H)^n \sim$ geoSMEFT: Helset, Martin, Trott 2001.01453
→ classic example: composite Higgs for largish ξ

e.g. SO(5)/SO(4)

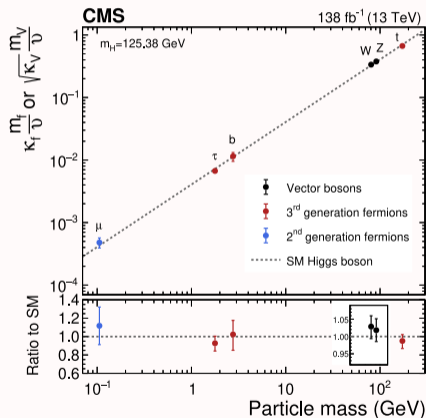
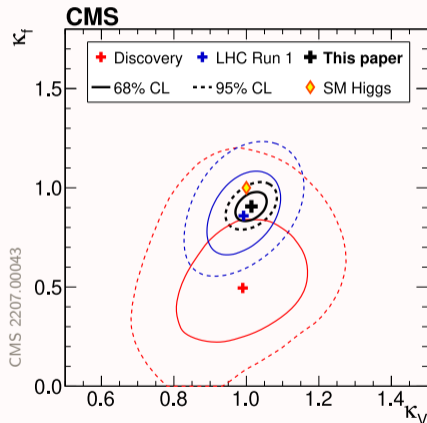
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(h) &= \frac{4}{\xi} \sin^2 \frac{\varphi}{2f} = \frac{4}{\xi} \sin^2 \left[\frac{\langle \varphi \rangle + h}{2f} \right] \\ &= 1 + \sqrt{4 - \xi} \frac{h}{v} + \left(1 - \frac{\xi}{2}\right) \frac{h^2}{v^2} - \frac{\xi \sqrt{4 - \xi}}{6} \frac{h^3}{v^3} + \dots \\ \xi &= \frac{v^2}{f^2} = 4 \sin^2 \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle}{2f}\end{aligned}$$

see eg. Alonso et al 1409.1589



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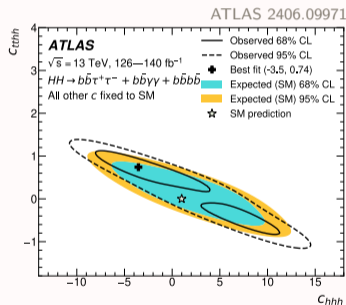
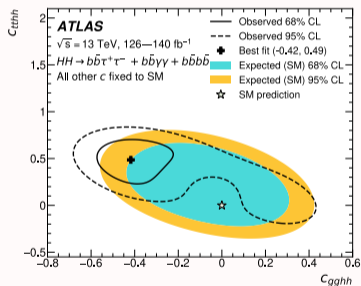
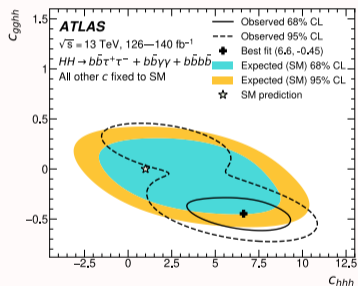
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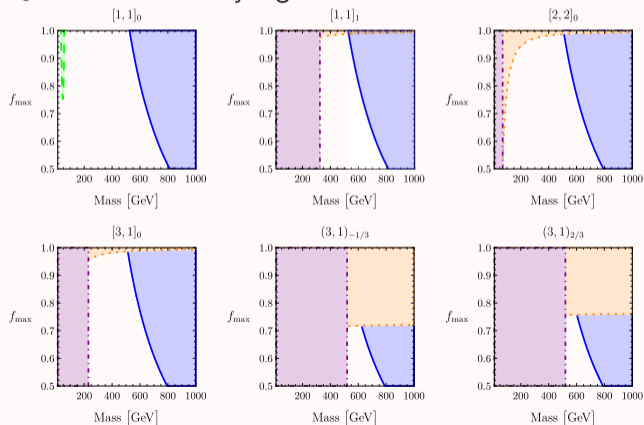
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 - HEFT as an alternative to dim-8?

Wrapping up

- ▶ Effective Field Theories are a powerful theoretical concept, long used to investigate nature
- ▶ **SMEFT** has become a very popular tool for BSM searches
 - enable **model-independent** “agnostic” searches
 - allow joining information from LHC searches and measurements at other experiments
- ▶ the SMEFT program for **LHC** is blooming.
 - massive developments in **several directions**, theoretical, experimental, technical...
 - sensitivity already in the interesting region for many operator classes
- ▶ **HEFT** is an alternative formulation that has been recently resurfacing
 - particularly interesting for multi-Higgs measurements
 - could help describe cases where SMEFT convergence is not so good

