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Uncertainties in SMEFT predictions: The Role of Flavor

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Based on work:

- **Flavor**

- ***The Importance of Flavor in SMEFT Electroweak Precision Fits*** (Bellafronte, Dawson, Giardino), [2304.00029](#)
- ***Flavorful Electroweak Precision Observables in the SMEFT*** (Dawson and Giardino), [2201.09887](#)

- **Double Insertions**

- ***Double Insertions of SMEFT Operators in Gluon Fusion Higgs Boson Production*** (Astieradis, Dawson, and Fontes), [2212.03258](#)

SMEFT (Also Known As): *Is it the SM?*

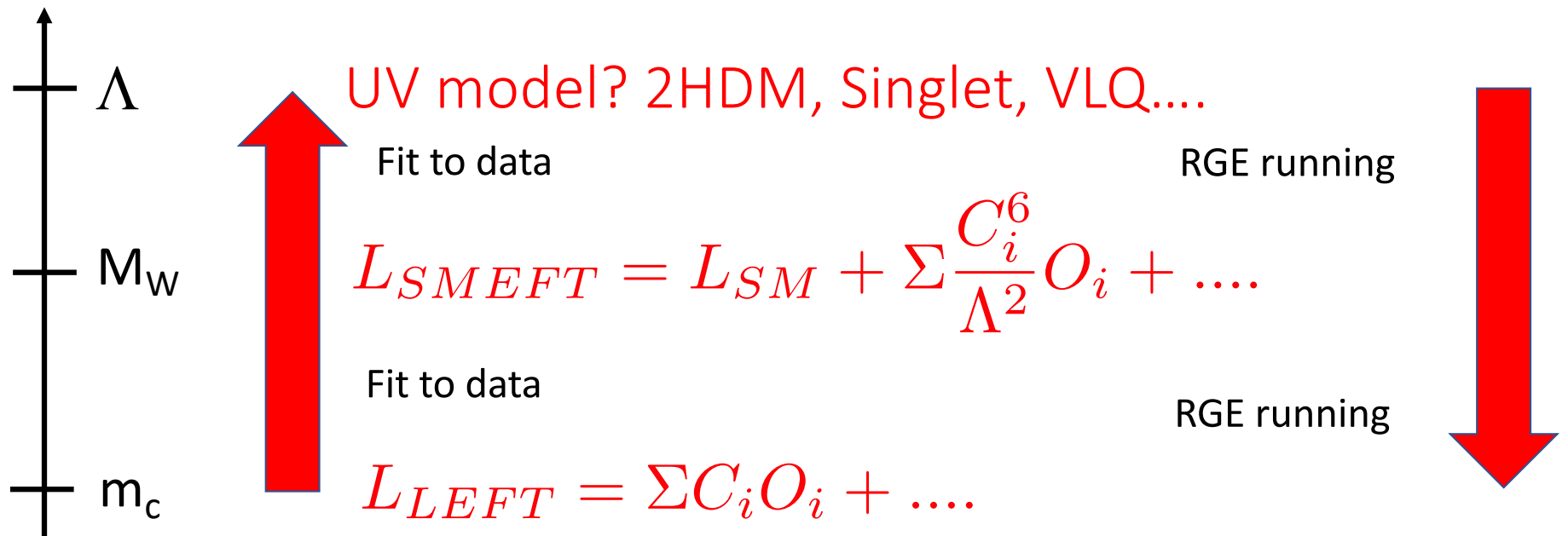
- If there are *no new light particles* discovered, EFTs can help
- SMEFT predicts observables as a power series in a high scale
- SMEFT assumes the Higgs is in an SU(2) doublet and constructs SU(3) x SU(2) x U(1) gauge invariant operators

$$L = L_{SM} + \sum C_i^6 \frac{O_i^6}{\Lambda^2} + \dots$$

- *SMEFT is model independent, but....*
- In general, too many operators to be practical
 - Power is connection between Higgs, di-boson, EWPO, top data
 - Hidden assumptions

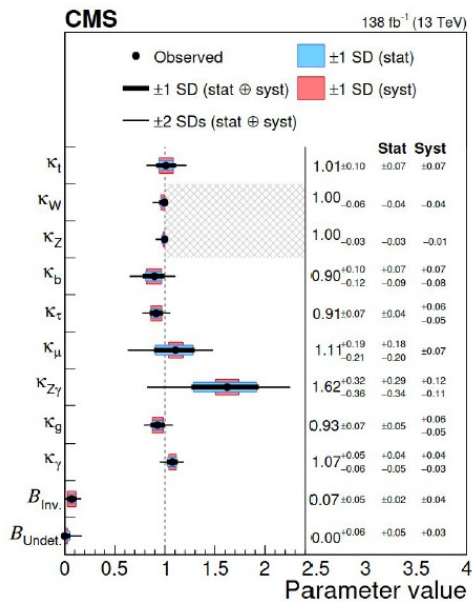
From far away, SMEFT is model independent

- Relies on large separation of scales



Top-down vs Bottoms-up

- Bottoms-up:** Fit to multiple observables at EW scale and try to figure out the UV model from patterns of coefficients

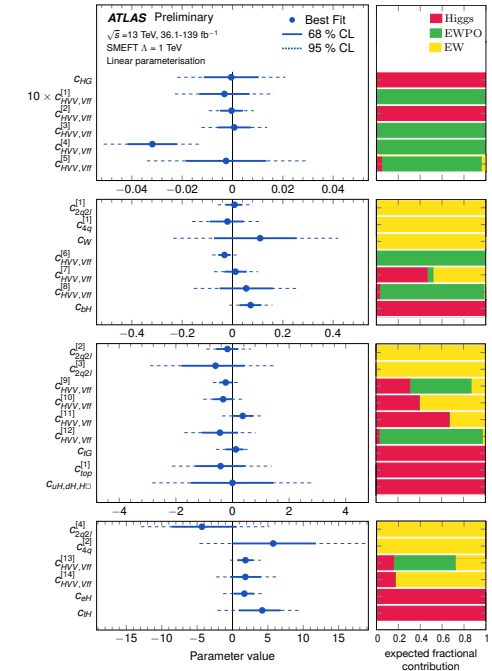


Higgs only

Higgs, di-boson,
EWPO at
quadratic order



What are theory
uncertainties?



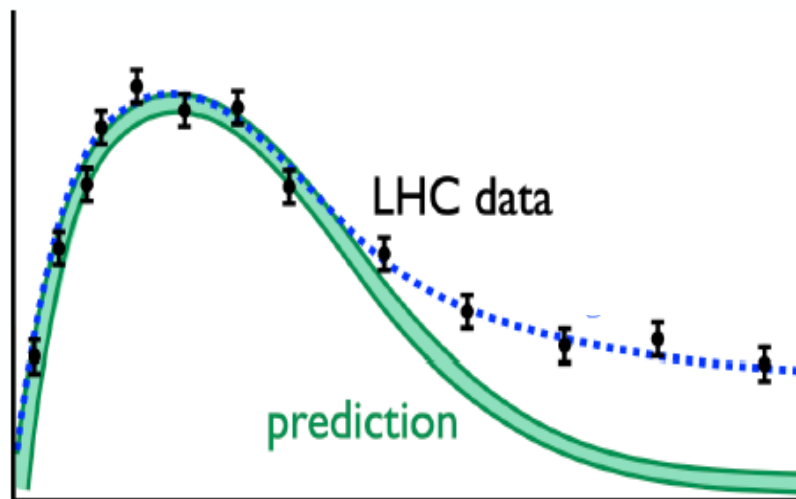
CMS, [Nature, 2022](#)

ATLAS, [2301.03212](#)

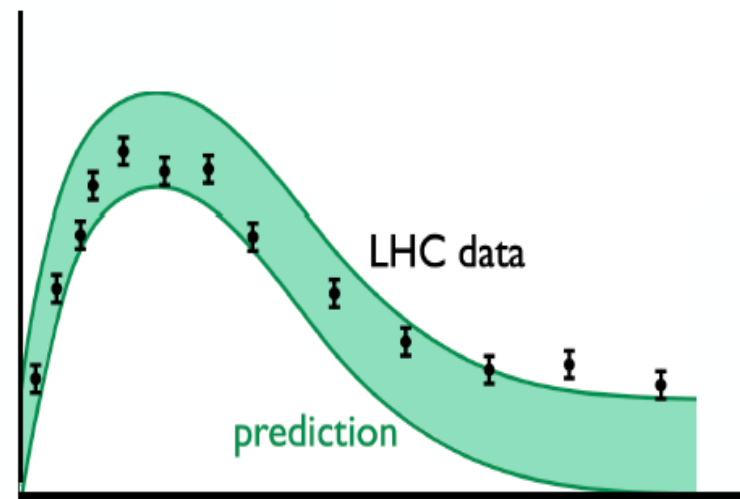
Using the SMEFT

- Need accurate SM and EFT predictions
- EFTs give shape changes in tails (need theory precision!)

Want this



Not this

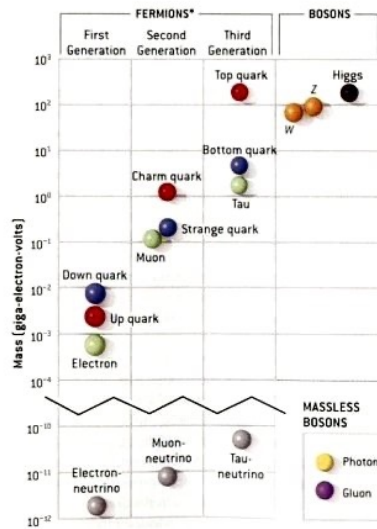


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Flavor and the SMEFT

- Flavor is poorly understood in the SM

$$L_{YUK} = -\bar{q}_L V^\dagger Y_u \tilde{H} u_R - \bar{q}_L Y_d H d_R - \bar{l}_L Y_e H e_R + h.c$$



- Large hierarchy of masses: Y_u, Y_d, Y_e
- Approximate alignment of CKM matrix:

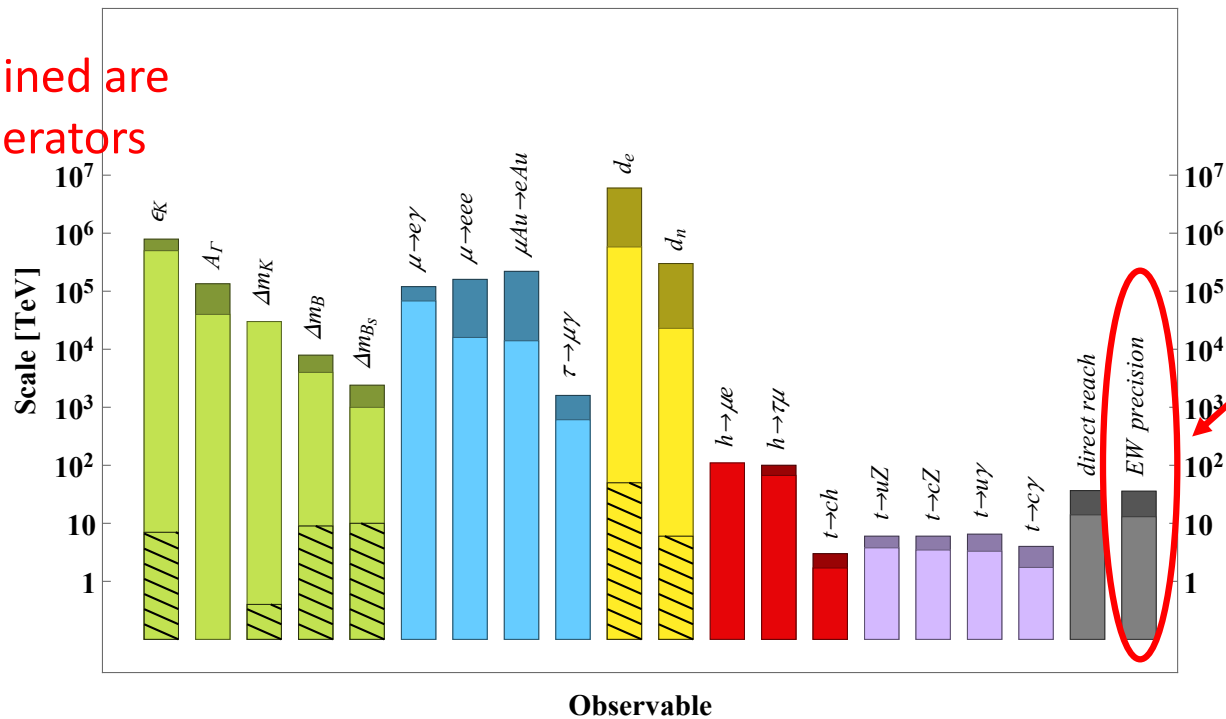
$$V_{CKM} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & .2 & (.2)^3 \\ .2 & 1 & (.2)^2 \\ (.2)^3 & (.2)^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Do SMEFT operators follow a similar flavor pattern?
- Imposing global flavor symmetries reduces number of operators

Strong constraints on flavor violation in SMEFT from low energy measurements

Most constrained are 4-fermion operators

Interpreting measurements in terms of scale implies assuming SMEFT coefficients $C=1$

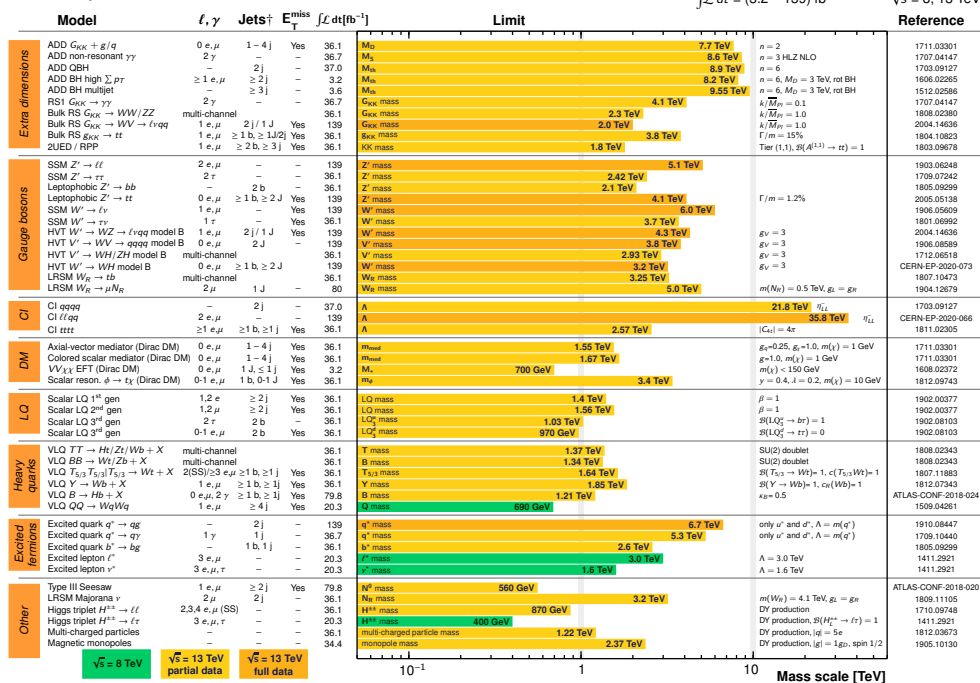


What are assumptions?

Is SMEFT flavor violation at the TeV scale allowed?

ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits
Status: May 2020

ATLAS Preliminary
 $\int \mathcal{L} dt = (3.2 - 139) \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$



*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

†Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter J (J').

Strong limits on new physics at 1 TeV; mostly from 1st and 2nd generation

Weaker limits on new physics at multi-TeV scales

No evidence for new physics in EWPOs

- Electroweak precision observables (EWPOs) provide strong evidence for SM at EW scale
- Comparison between EWPOs and SMEFT theory predictions strongly constrains new physics
- At NLO SMEFT, new 2-fermion and 4-fermion contributions to EWPOs from operators that do not arise at LO

Measurement	Experiment	*Best* theory
$\Gamma_Z(\text{GeV})$	2.4955 ± 0.0023	2.4943 ± 0.0006 [62-64]
R_e	20.804 ± 0.05	20.732 ± 0.009 [62-64]
R_μ	20.784 ± 0.034	20.732 ± 0.009 [62-64]
R_τ	20.764 ± 0.045	20.779 ± 0.009 [62-64]
R_b	0.21629 ± 0.00066	0.2159 ± 0.0001 [62-64]
R_c	0.1721 ± 0.0030	0.1722 ± 0.00005 [62-64]
σ_h	41.481 ± 0.033	41.492 ± 0.008 [62-64]
$A_c(\text{from } A_{LR} \text{ had})$	0.15138 ± 0.00216	0.1469 ± 0.0004 [64, 65]
$A_c(\text{from } A_{LR} \text{ lep})$	0.1544 ± 0.0060	0.1469 ± 0.0004 [64, 65]
$A_c(\text{from Bhabha pol})$	0.1498 ± 0.0049	0.1469 ± 0.0004 [64, 65]
A_μ	0.142 ± 0.015	0.1469 ± 0.0004 [64, 65]
$A_\tau(\text{from SLD})$	0.136 ± 0.015	0.1469 ± 0.0004 [64, 65]
$A_\tau(\tau \text{ pol})$	0.1439 ± 0.0043	0.1469 ± 0.0004 [64, 65]
A_c	0.670 ± 0.027	0.66773 ± 0.0002 [64, 65]
A_b	0.923 ± 0.020	0.92694 ± 0.00006 [64-66]
A_s	0.895 ± 0.091	0.93563 ± 0.00004 [64, 65]
$A_{c,FB}$	0.0145 ± 0.0025	0.0162 ± 0.0001 [64, 65]
$A_{\mu,FB}$	0.0169 ± 0.0013	0.0162 ± 0.0001 [64, 65]
$A_{\tau,FB}$	0.0188 ± 0.0017	0.0162 ± 0.0001 [64, 65]
$A_{b,FB}$	0.0996 ± 0.0016	0.1021 ± 0.0003 [64-66]
$A_{c,FB}$	0.0707 ± 0.0035	0.0736 ± 0.0003 [64, 65]
$A_{s,FB}$	0.0976 ± 0.0114	0.10308 ± 0.0003 [64, 65]
$M_W(\text{GeV})$ PDG World Ave	80.377 ± 0.012	80.357 ± 0.006 [67, 68]
$\Gamma_W(\text{GeV})$	2.085 ± 0.042	2.0903 ± 0.0003 [69]

W and Z pole observables

- Fit to 24 data points—inputs are G_μ , M_Z , α

$$M_W, \Gamma_W, \Gamma_Z, \sigma_h, A_{l,FB}, A_{b,FB}, A_{c,FB}, A_b, A_c, A_l, R_l, R_b, R_c$$

- Tree level expressions depend on (in Warsaw basis)

$$C_{ll}, C_{HWB}, C_{Hu}, C_{Hq}^{(3)}, C_{Hq}^{(1)}, C_{Hl}^{(3)}, C_{Hl}^{(1)}, C_{He}, C_{HD}, C_{Hd}$$

- Tree level observables depend on 8 combinations of operators parameterized as:

$$M_W, \delta g_L^{Zu}, \delta g_L^{Zd}, \delta g_L^{Z\nu}, \delta g_L^{Ze}, \delta g_R^{Zu}, \delta g_R^{Zd}, \delta g_R^{Ze}$$

⇒ 2 blind directions (resolved by other measurements)

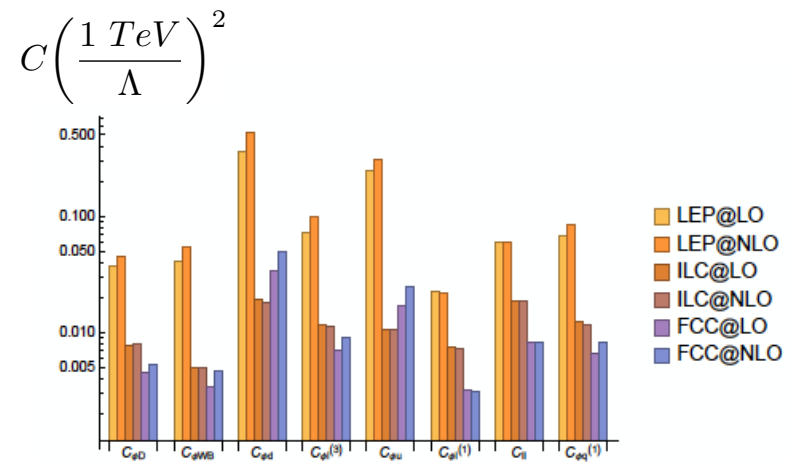
Fits are straightforward

- Compute observables in SMEFT including all NLO QCD and EW contributions:

$$O_i = O_{i,SM} + \delta O_{i,SMEFT}$$

- Use most accurate SM theory
- Do χ^2 fit to data
- Operators contributing to EWPOs at tree level strongly restricted
- At NLO, many new operators contribute

Previous study assumed no flavor structure in 4-fermion operators



Coefficients constrained at tree level

Dawson, Giardino [2201.09887](#)

Include Flavor Structure

- Consider **CKM diagonal**, which implies specific flavor structures

- In Warsaw basis:

- 4-fermion operators

$$(\bar{f}_i \gamma^\mu f_j)(\bar{f}_k \gamma_\mu f_l)$$

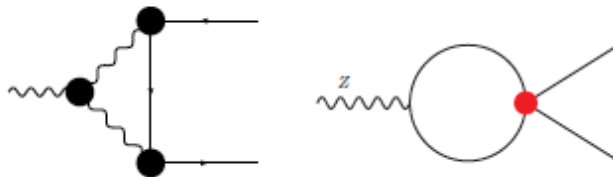
Not all combinations of flavor indices arise in EWPOs

- 2-fermion operators

$$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu q_j) \rightarrow C_X [ij] = E_X \delta_{ij}$$

- Bosonic operators

- Most general case: **NLO EWPO calculation** involves **178** independent coefficients (6 from bosonic, 23 from 2-fermion, 149 from 4-fermion)



Enhancement of diagrams with internal top quarks

What about flavor assumptions?

- Global fits often done assuming **flavor universality**
- SM has $U(3)^5$ global symmetry that is broken only by Yukawas
$$(q_L)^T = (u_L, d_L), (l_L)^T = (\nu_L, e_L), u_R, d_R, e_R$$
- 3rd generation is different
 - **Do fits with $U(2)^5$ global symmetry**
- MFV assumption assumes top Yukawa is only source breaking $U(3)^5$ symmetry (since we assume all other fermions are massless)
- Do fits assuming new physics only couples to 3rd generation
- Do fits assuming new physics doesn't couple to 3rd generation

Do flavor assumptions make significant differences to SMEFT fits?

Flavor assumptions reduce possibilities

Operators that contribute to EWPO at NLO

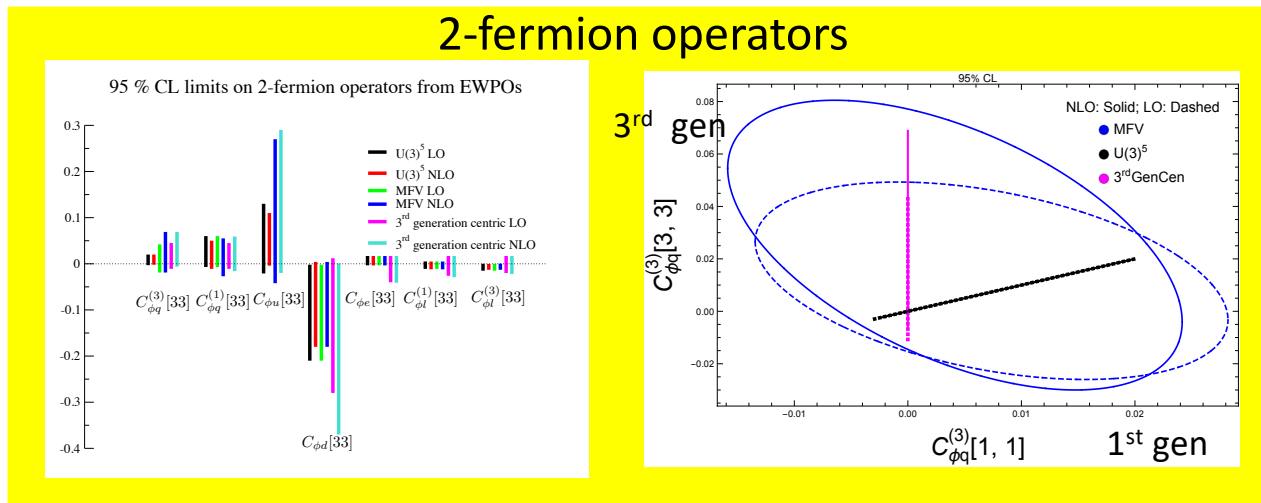
Operator	$U(3)^5$	MFV	$U(2)^5$	3 rd gen specific	3 rd gen phobic	3 rd gen phobic + $U(2)^5$	Flavorless
Class A	7	12	16	9	14	7	9
Class B	11	17	27	5	23	11	6
Class C	11	21	44	11	44	11	11
Total	29	50	87	25	81	29	26

2-fermion →
 4-fermion with identical representations →
 Remaining 4-fermion →

- NLO SMEFT EW fits done with coefficients evaluated at M_Z
- **Input parameter dependence?** Results use G_F , M_Z , α
- After separating out dominant scheme independent contributions, residual scheme dependent contributions similar in commonly used schemes [Biekotter, Pecjak, Scott, Smith, [2305.03763](#)]

Flavor matters!

- Take-away: **Neglecting flavor gives overly aggressive limits**
- Strong correlations in flavor space
- NLO can have large effects



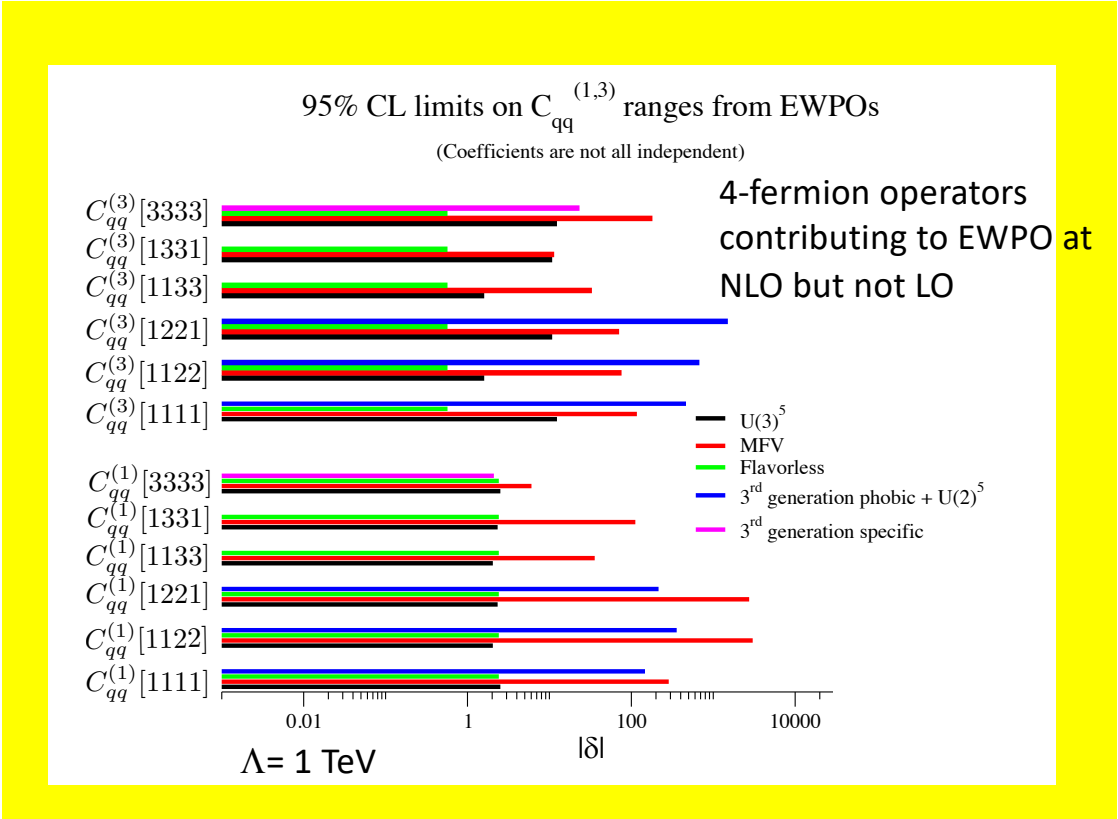
Note difference in NLO/LO shapes in MFV scenario

* Coefficients are related by flavor assumptions

Flavor matters

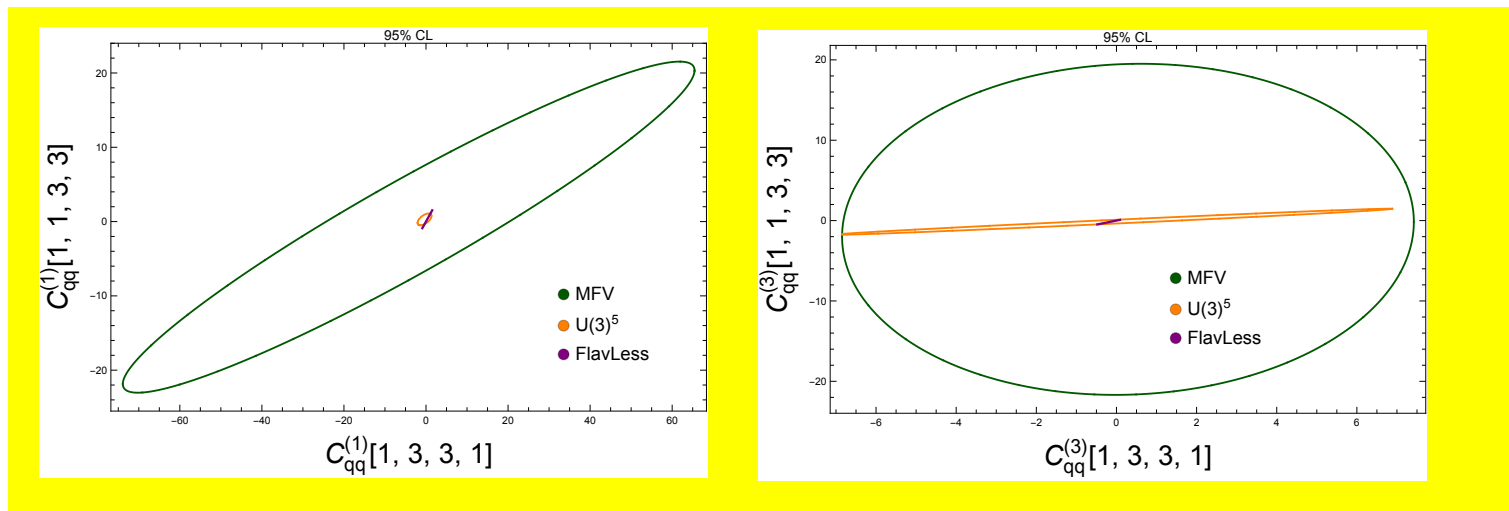
Flavorless assumption yields more stringent bounds than flavor scenarios

Can also limit these coefficients with fits to LHC dijets. More stringent limits for gens 1 and 2 from dijets (tree level process) [Bruggisser, Westhoff: [2212.02532](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.02532)]



U(3)⁵ results more constrained than MFV

Flavor matters!



Consider 1 operator type at a time and marginalize over flavor structures not shown

How to tame the SMEFT expansion?

- Various terminations of the expansion possible

$$A \sim A_{SM} + C_i^6 \frac{A_i^6}{\Lambda^2} + C_i^6 C_j^6 \frac{A_{ij}}{\Lambda^4} + C_i^8 \frac{A_i^8}{\Lambda^4}$$

- Linear: (Not guaranteed to be positive definite!)

$$\sigma_{lin} = |A_{SM}|^2 + \frac{C_i^6}{\Lambda^2} A_{SM} A_i^6$$

- Quadratic: (Why does it make sense to neglect dim-8 and double insertions?)

$$\sigma_{quad} = |A_{SM} + \frac{C_i^6}{\Lambda^2} A_i^6|^2$$

- Dimension-8 + double insertions

$$\sigma_8 \sim |A_{SM} + \frac{C_i^6}{\Lambda^2} A_i^6|^2 + \frac{A_{SM}}{\Lambda^4} \left(C_i^6 C_j^6 A_{ij} + C_8 A^8 \right)$$

- Proliferation of operators is a problem for studies of the impact of dimension-8
- Ignoring flavor, but including CP violation: 84 dim-6 ops and 993 dim-8 ops

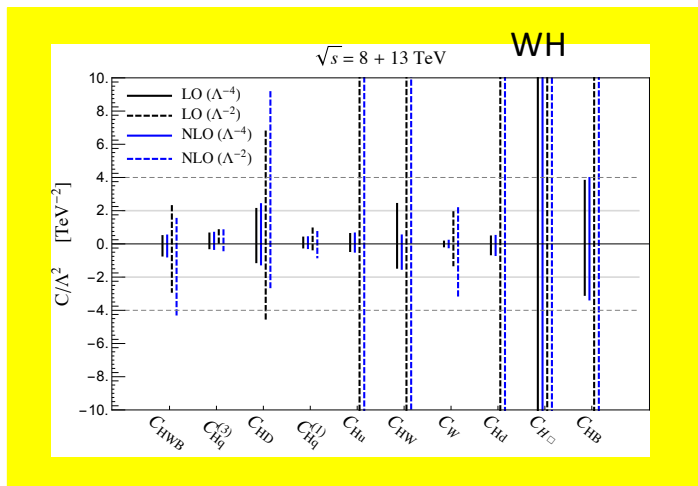
Flavor results
obtained in
linear scenario

Bottom up approach: Double Insertions

- For tree level processes, it is straightforward to include as many insertions of SMEFT operators as you like (included in standard SMEFT codes)

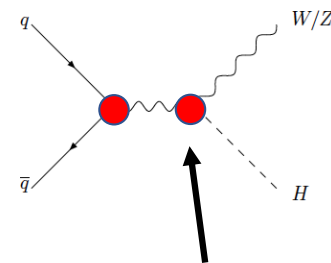
$$\sigma_{quad'} = |A_{SM} + \frac{C_i^6}{\Lambda^2} A_i^6|^2 + \frac{A_{SM}}{\Lambda^4} (C_i^6 C_j^6)$$

This is only
NLO QCD



Baglio et al, [2003.07862](#)

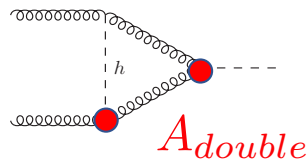
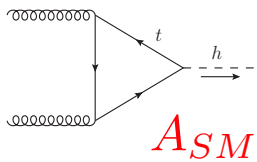
Small effects for well
constrained coefficients



SM+dim-6 operator

Double Insertions for loop processes

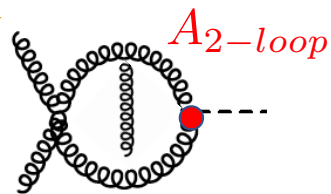
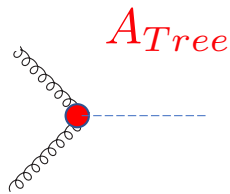
- $gg \rightarrow H$ $L \sim \frac{C_{Hg}}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger H) G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{\mu\nu,A}$



$$A_{double} A_{SM} \sim \frac{C_{HG}^2}{\Lambda^4 (16\pi^2)^2}$$

- C_{Hg} contribution starts at tree level

Need both for double insertions

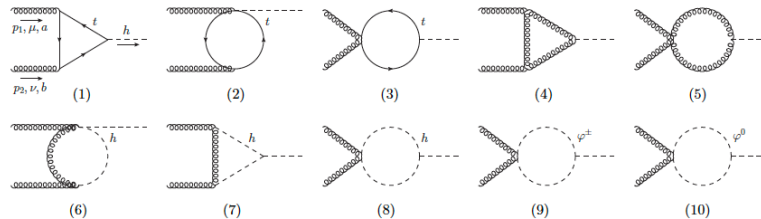


$$A_{tree} A_{2-loop} \sim \frac{C_{HG}^2}{\Lambda^4 (16\pi^2)^2}$$

* A_{Tree} and A_{SM} are same order in loop expansion in $M_t \rightarrow \infty$ limit

Double Insertions without C_{Hg}

- C_{Hg} not generated at tree level by new color singlet scalars or gauge bosons
- Simplest model to generate C_{Hg} is colored vector-like quark, but this arises at 1-loop
- Ignore C_{Hg} : remaining dim-6 operators contribute at one-loop and SMEFT amplitudes can be expanded around SM top loop result
- Compute amplitude consistently to $1/(16\pi^2\Lambda^4)$
- Compute SMEFT relations between Lagrangian parameters and physical parameters to $O(1/\Lambda^4)$
- UV divergences absorbed by renormalization of dim-8 term:

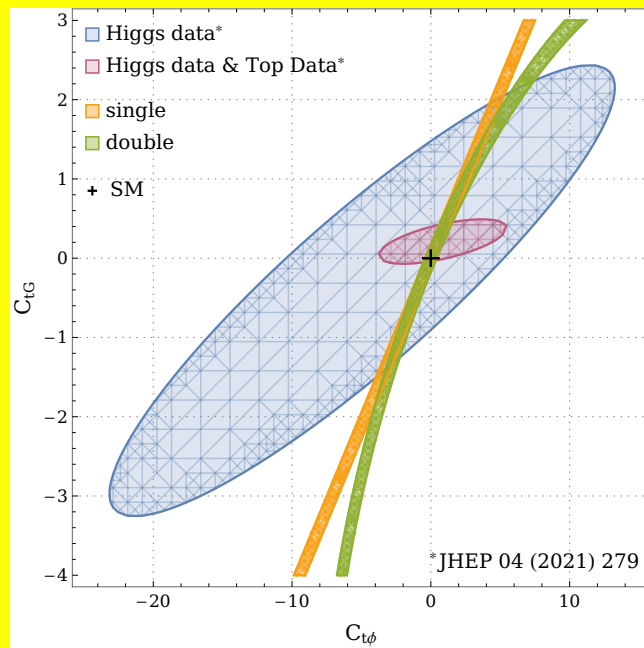


$$L \sim \frac{C^8}{\Lambda^4} (H^\dagger H)^2 G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{\mu\nu, A}$$

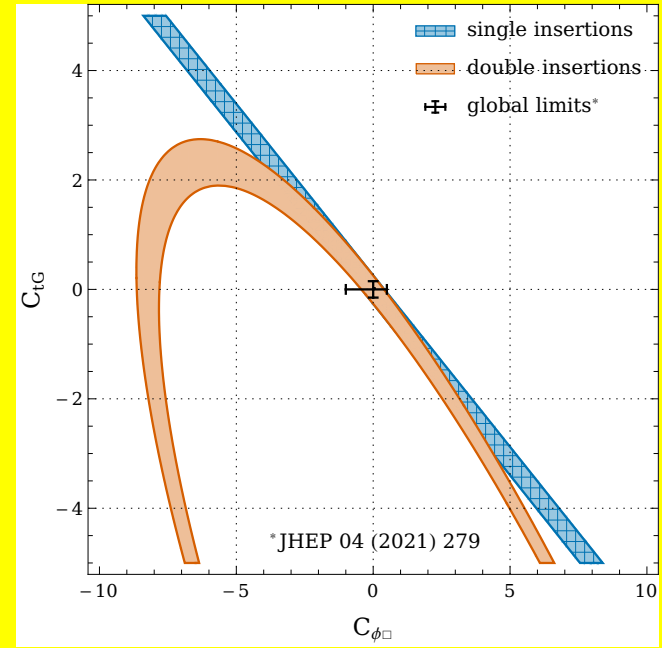
Double insertions

- Effects irrelevant when compared to global fit limits!
- Plot regions where μ_{ggH} is within 5% of measured value

Top dipole operator



Changes top Yukawa



Changes Higgs kinetic energy

Conclusions

- SMEFT fits have many uncertainties baked in
- Studies of flavor effects in EWPOs show that neglecting the flavor structure of 4-fermion operators leads to overly optimistic results
- Preliminary study of double insertions of dimension-6 operators to gluon fusion demonstrates that for the operators studied, these effects can be ignored

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