

Multi-Higgs production in EFT

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Motivation

- Understanding the SM as the leading order of an EFT, we would like to find new terms.
- At the current energies, both SMEFT and HEFT are valid descriptions of the currently available LHC data.
- Multi-Higgs measurements at HL-LHC and beyond are crucial to check their validity range.

Framework

- We used the Equivalence theorem approximation where $W_L^a \sim \omega^a$.
- Assuming $m_h^2 \sim m_W^2 \ll s \ll \Lambda^2$.
- Using only derivative terms of the Lagrangian up to 2 derivatives (which scale with the energy).
- As a first approximation, only one SMEFT operator is needed (at each EFT dimension).

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Relation between parameters

Relation with canonical parameters⁴

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$$a_{1/2} = a = 1 + \frac{d}{2} + \frac{d^2}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_2 = b = 1 + 2d + 3d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_3 = \frac{4}{3}d + d^2 \left(\frac{14}{3} + 4\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{3}d + d^2 \left(\frac{11}{3} + 3\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

⁴ a_5 and a_6 can be found in L. Delgado et al. 2311.04280v2.
 a_n for $n \geq 7$ vanishes at order $1/\Lambda^4$.

$\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$

The following results in this section are calculated in the massless limit.

Amplitude⁵

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h} \stackrel{\text{HEFT}}{=} -\frac{\hat{a}_2 s}{v^2} =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{SMEFT}}{=} -\frac{s}{v^2} [d + 2d^2(1 + \rho)] + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

Cross section

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h} \stackrel{\text{HEFT}}{=} \frac{8\pi^3 \hat{a}_2^2}{s} \left(\frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2}\right)^2 =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{SMEFT}}{=} \frac{8\pi^3}{s} [d^2 + 4d^3(1 + \rho)] \left(\frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2}\right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(d^4)$$

⁵Compatible with previous analysis in e.g. Arganda et al. - [1807.09763](#), Dobado et al. - [1711.10310](#).

$\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$ Amplitude⁶

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h} \stackrel{\text{HEFT}}{=} -\frac{3\hat{a}_3 s}{v^3} =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{SMEFT}}{=} -\frac{4s}{v^3} d^2 (1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

Cross section

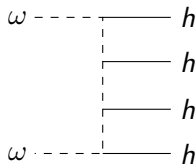
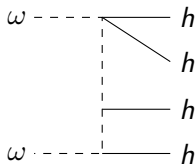
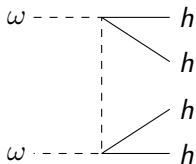
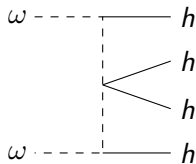
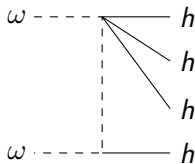
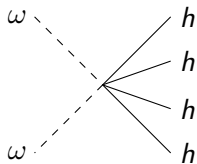
$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h} \stackrel{\text{HEFT}}{=} \frac{12\pi^3 \hat{a}_3^2}{s} \left(\frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2}\right)^3 =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{SMEFT}}{=} \frac{64\pi^3}{3s} d^4 (1 + \rho)^2 \left(\frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2}\right)^3 + \mathcal{O}(d^5)$$

⁶Previous analysis with modifications in e.g. Gonzalez-Lopez et al. - [2011.13915](#),
Chen et al. - [2105.11500](#).

$\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$

Contributing diagrams



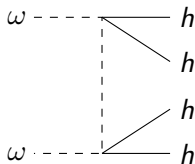
With permutations of external particles, there are a total of 75 diagrams

$\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$

Amplitude

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} \stackrel{\text{HEFT}}{=} -\frac{4s}{v^4} (3\hat{a}_4 + \hat{a}_2^2 (B-1)) =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{SMEFT}}{=} -\frac{4s}{v^4} d^2 (1 + \rho + B) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$



Cross section

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} \stackrel{\text{HEFT}}{=} \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left(\frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 \left[(3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2)^2 + 2(3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2) \hat{a}_2^2 \chi_1 + \hat{a}_2^4 \chi_2 \right] =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{SMEFT}}{=} \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left(\frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 d^4 \left[(1 + \rho)^2 + 2(1 + \rho) \chi_1 + \chi_2 \right] + \mathcal{O}(d^5)$$

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Parameters

Definitions⁷

$$B = f_1 f_2 f_3 f_4 \left(\mathcal{B}_{1234} + \mathcal{B}_{1324} + \mathcal{B}_{1423} + \mathcal{B}_{2314} + \mathcal{B}_{2413} + \mathcal{B}_{3412} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{ijkl} = \frac{z_{ij} z_{kl}}{2f_i f_j z_{ij} - f_i z_i - f_j z_j}, \quad z_{ij} = z_{ji} = \frac{q^2 (p_i p_j)}{(q p_i)(q p_j)} \stackrel{\text{CM}}{=} 2 \sin^2(\theta_{ij}/2)$$

$$f_i = \frac{q p_i}{q^2} \stackrel{\text{CM}}{=} \|\vec{p}_i\| / \sqrt{s}, \quad z_i = \frac{2k_1 p_i}{q p_i} \stackrel{\text{CM}}{=} 2 \sin^2(\theta_i/2)$$

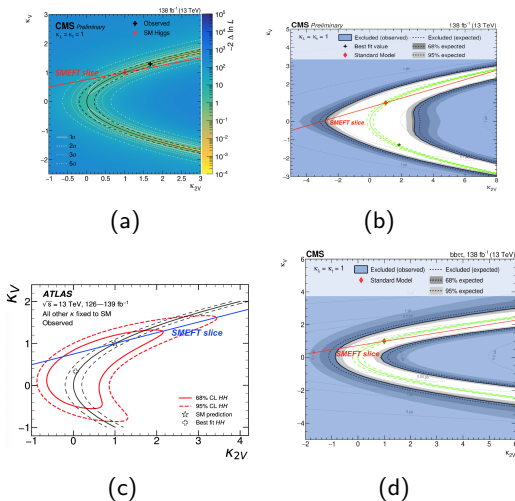
$$q = k_1 + k_2 = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4$$

$$\chi_n = \mathcal{V}_4^{-1} \int d\Pi_4 B^n, \quad \chi_1 = -0.124984(10), \quad \chi_2 = 0.0193760(16)$$

⁷Numerical values computed with a personal code, see:

<https://github.com/mamupaxs/mamupaxs>

Cross section phenomenology. ATLAS and CMS data



- a_1 is relatively well known from Higgs decays at LHC. Close to the SM, up to $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$.

- $\kappa_V = a = \frac{a_1}{2}$

$$\kappa_{2V} = a_2$$

- Superimposed SMEFT correlation:

$$a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$$

- Plotted parabolas:

$$\hat{a}_2 \equiv a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{4} = 0$$

$$\hat{a}_2 = \pm 0.2$$

Figure: (a) Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 (2023) 041803 [2205.06667]

(b) CMS-PAS-HIG-21-005 (c) ATLAS-CONF-2022-050

(d) Phys. Lett. B 842 (2023) 137531 [2206.09401].

SMEFT-like model. Benchmark points

SMEFT^(D=6) BP

$$d = 0.1$$

$$a = a_1/2 = 1.05, \quad b = a_2 = 1.20$$

$$a_3 = 0.1\hat{3}, \quad a_4 = 0.0\hat{3}$$

SMEFT^(D=8) BP

$$d = 0.1, \quad \rho = 1$$

$$a = a_1/2 \approx 1.06, \quad b = a_2 = 1.26$$

$$a_3 = 0.22, \quad a_4 = 0.10$$

- d is compatible with the SM deviation range of ATLAS and CMS, $\Delta a = a - 1 \approx 0.05$ with $a \approx 1 + d/2$.
- d is crucial for the convergence of the expansion.
- ρ is not really relevant.
- $a_{1,\text{SM}} = 2, a_{2,\text{SM}} = 1$
 $a_{3,\text{SM}} = 0, a_{4,\text{SM}} = 0$

Non-SMEFT-like models⁸. Benchmark points

BP1^(a₁): input $a_1 = 2.1$

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \exp \left\{ a_1 \frac{h}{v} \right\}$$

$$a_2 = 2.205, a_3 \approx 1.54, a_4 \approx 0.81$$

BP2^(a₁): input $a_1 = 2.1$

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \left(1 - \frac{a_1 h}{2v} \right)^{-2}$$

$$a_2 \approx 3.31, a_3 \approx 4.63, a_4 = 6.08$$

BP1^(a₁, a₂): input $a_1 = 2.1, a_2 = 1.2$

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \exp \left\{ a_1 \frac{h}{v} + \left(a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{2} \right) \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right\}$$

$$a_3 \approx -0.57, a_4 \approx -0.90$$

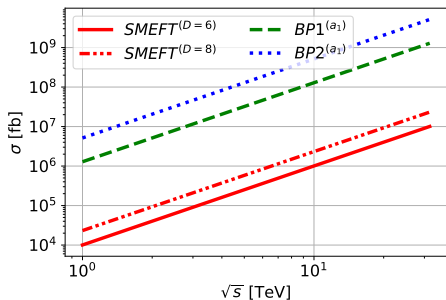
BP2^(a₁, a₂): input $a_1 = 2.1, a_2 = 1.2$

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \left(1 - \frac{a_1 h}{2v} - \left(\frac{a_2}{2} - \frac{3a_1^2}{8} \right) \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right)^{-2}$$

$$a_3 \approx -2.01, a_4 \approx -4.53$$

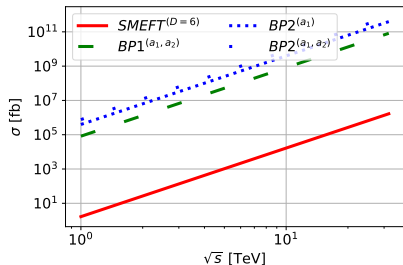
⁸This flare functions have no real zeros [Cohen et al. - [2008.08597](#), Manohar et al. [1605.03602](#)] but fulfil the postivity requirements in Gómez-Ambrosio et al. - [2204.01763](#)

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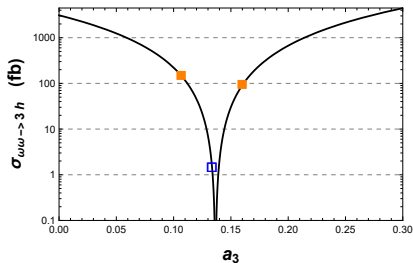
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- SMEFT is suppressed by 2 orders of magnitude.
- $BP1^{(a_1, a_2)}$ and $BP2^{(a_1, a_2)}$ are identical to $SMEFT^{(D=6)}$.
- If a_1 and a_2 are set to the SM values the cross section vanishes.

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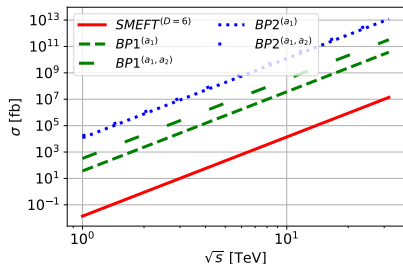
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- SMEFT is suppressed by 5 orders of magnitude.
- $BP1^{(a_1)}$ XS accidentally vanishes for this parameters' values.
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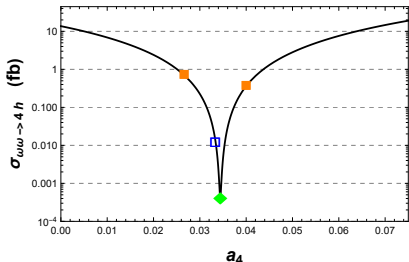


- a_1 and a_2 are set to their $SMEFT^{(D=6)}$ values. $\sqrt{s} = 1$ TeV.
- SMEFT is a particular value (blue).
- A 20% variation on a_3 varies the XS by 2 orders of magnitude.
- The XS vanishes for a particular value.

BP study

 $\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$ 

- SMEFT is suppressed by 4 orders of magnitude.
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- a_1 , a_2 and a_3 are set to their SMEFT^(D=6) values. $\sqrt{s} = 1$ TeV.
- SMEFT is a particular value (blue).
- A 20% variation on a_4 varies the XS by 2 orders of magnitude.
- The XS doesn't vanish.

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- We studied longitudinal VBS using the Goldstone equivalence theorem, massless approximation and $\mathcal{L} \sim \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$.
- We computed analytic expressions for $2h$, $3h$ and $4h$ production at tree level for SMEFT and HEFT.
- Multi-Higgs production is very suppressed in SMEFT but not in general HEFT scenarios.

Next steps

- Full collider analysis: PDFs, mass corrections, NLO...

THANK YOU!

5 Back up

- Back up 1. Redefinition of HEFT
- Back up 2. HEFT-SMEFT parameters relation

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Redefined flare function

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) = 1 + \hat{a}_2 \left(\frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + \hat{a}_3 \left(\frac{h}{v} \right)^3 + \hat{a}_4 \left(\frac{h}{v} \right)^4 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

Back up 1. Redefinition of HEFT

Parameters redefinition

Redefined parameters

$$\hat{a}_2 = b - a^2$$

$$\hat{a}_3 = a_3 - \frac{4a}{3}(b - a^2)$$

$$\hat{a}_4 = a_4 - \frac{3}{2}a a_3 + \frac{5}{3}a^2(b - a^2)$$

Back up 2. HEFT-SMEFT parameters relation

Parameters

SMEFT parameters

$$d = \frac{2v^2 c_{H\Box}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \quad , \quad \rho = \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}}{2(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2}$$

Back up 2. HEFT-SMEFT parameters relation

Relation with canonical parameters

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$$a_{1/2} = a = 1 + \frac{d}{2} + \frac{d^2}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_2 = b = 1 + 2d + 3d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_3 = \frac{4}{3}d + d^2 \left(\frac{14}{3} + 4\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{3}d + d^2 \left(\frac{11}{3} + 3\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

Back up 2. HEFT-SMEFT parameters relation

Relation with redefined parameters

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$$\hat{a}_2 = d + 2d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$\hat{a}_3 = \frac{4}{3}d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$\hat{a}_4 = \frac{1}{3}d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$