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Exact SMEFT formulation and expansion to $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$

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Abstract: The Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT) theoretical framework is increasingly used to interpret particle physics measurements and constrain physics beyond the Standard Model. We investigate the truncation of the effective-operator expansion using the geometric formulation of the SMEFT, which allows exact solutions, up to mass-dimension eight. Using this construction, we compare the exact solution to the expansion at $\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)$, partial $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ using a subset of terms with dimension-6 operators, and full $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$, where $v$ is the vacuum expectation value and $\Lambda$ is the scale of new physics. This comparison is performed for general values of the coefficients, and for the specific model of a heavy U(1) gauge field kinetically mixed with the Standard Model. We additionally determine the input-parameter scheme dependence at all orders in $v/\Lambda$, and show that this dependence increases at higher orders in $v/\Lambda$.

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1 Introduction

With the proliferation of precise experimental results at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and other facilities, and the lack of observed particles beyond the Standard Model (SM), data analysis and theoretical developments in the framework of the Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT) are of increasing interest. The SMEFT parameterizes the effects of high-scale phenomena as effective operators with dimension \( d > 4 \) suppressed by a factor \( 1/\Lambda^{d-4} \), where \( \Lambda \) is the new-physics energy scale. The truncation of the effective field theory (EFT) typically leads to relative errors of \( \mathcal{O}(Q^2/\Lambda^2) \) on the operator coefficients, where \( Q^2 \) is the square of the momentum transfer in a process. Given the wide range of \( Q^2 \) probed by LHC measurements, a systematic accounting of these errors is central to the result [1–7]. They are relevant even when purely resonance observables are considered \( (Q^2 \ll \bar{v}^2) \), as the measurements typically constrain scales only within an order of magnitude of the process. Here \( v \equiv \bar{v}_T = \sqrt{2 \langle H^\dagger H \rangle} \) is the vacuum expectation value of \( H^\dagger H \), with \( H \) the \( SU(2)_L \) scalar doublet Higgs field.

For LHC resonance processes, the leading non-SM contribution occurs at \( \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \) and is described by the interference between SM operators and dimension-6 operators in the effective Lagrangian. Given the historical lack of a complete formulation relating processes to dimension-8 operator coefficients,\(^1\) several approaches have been proposed to address unknown contributions at \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \): (1) a generic relative \( v^2/\Lambda^2 \) uncertainty, which assumes the higher-dimensional coefficients are of similar magnitude to the leading coefficients; (2) an uncertainty estimated from the squared amplitude of diagrams containing dimension-6 coefficients, which accounts for the next order in the coefficients present at \( \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \) as well as new coefficients from dimension-6 operators that do not interfere with the SM operators, or are otherwise suppressed; and (3) an uncertainty based on a scan of dimension-8 operator coefficients present in a specific process, which allows a more complete accounting of the missing \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) effects. Each approach has its limitations, which should be considered when translating any coefficient constraints to a particular model.

The recent development of the geometric formulation of the SMEFT (geoSMEFT [10]), which builds on an extensive theoretical foundation [11–17], allows a comprehensive analysis of the truncation of the SMEFT expansion. The geoSMEFT approach provides results not

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\(^1\)Recently, a complete dimension-8 operator basis for the SMEFT was reported [8, 9].
only for operators up to dimension 8, but at all orders in the $v/\Lambda$ expansion for several observables. For these observables we can now quantitatively compare different orders in the SMEFT truncation, including partial higher-order contributions. In this paper, we study the observables $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$, $\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z\gamma)$, and $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \bar{\psi}\psi)$, and determine the input-parameter dependence in two schemes to all orders in $v/\Lambda$. We further match the SMEFT coefficients to an underlying U(1) kinetic mixing model up to dimension eight, quantifying the differences in inferred model parameters using different EFT truncation prescriptions.

2 SMEFT and geoSMEFT

The SMEFT Lagrangian is defined as

$$L_{\text{SMEFT}} = L_{\text{SM}} + L^{(d)}$$

The particle spectrum includes an SU(2)$_L$ scalar doublet ($H$) with hypercharge $y_h = 1/2$. The higher-dimensional operators $Q_i^{(d)}$ in the SMEFT are constructed out of the SM fields. Our SM Lagrangian and conventions are consistent with ref. [18]. The operators $Q_i^{(d)}$ are labelled with a mass dimension $d$ superscript and multiply unknown Wilson coefficients $C_i^{(d)}$. We use the Warsaw basis [19] for $L^{(6)}$ and refs. [10, 20] for $L^{(8)}$ results, with the geoSMEFT conventions taking definitional precedence in the case of modified conventions or notation. We define $\tilde{C}_i^{(d)} = C_i^{(d)} v_T^{d-4}/\Lambda^{d-4}$. Our remaining notation is defined in refs. [18, 21].

The parameter $\tilde{v}_T$ in the SMEFT is defined as the minimum of the potential, including corrections due to higher-dimensional operators. The value of $\tilde{v}_T^2$ represents a tower of higher-order corrections in the SMEFT, but we do not expand out $\tilde{v}_T^2$ explicitly in terms of its SM value plus $1/\Lambda$ corrections, as this same tower of higher order effects is present in all instances of $\tilde{v}_T^2$ in numerical predictions.\footnote{We nevertheless present in appendix B an iterative solution for the vev in terms of $1/\Lambda$ corrections for completeness.}

The geometric formulation of the SMEFT organizes the theory in terms of field-space connections $G_i$ multiplying composite operator forms $f_i$, represented schematically by

$$L_{\text{SMEFT}} = \sum_i G_i(I, A, \phi \ldots) f_i,$$

where $G_i$ depend on the group indices $A, I$ of the (non-spacetime) symmetry groups, and the scalar field coordinates of the composite operators, except powers of $D^\mu H$, which are grouped into $f_i$. The connections can be thought of as background-field form factors. The field-space connections depend on the coordinates of the Higgs scalar doublet expressed in terms of real scalar field coordinates, $\phi_I = \{\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4\}$, with normalization

$$H(\phi_I) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_2 + i\phi_1 \\ \phi_4 - i\phi_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$
The corresponding general coupling in the SM is \( \alpha_A = \{g_2, g_2, g_2, g_1\} \). The mass eigenstate field coordinates are \( \mathcal{A}^A = \{W^+, W^-, Z, A\} \), and final-state photons are represented by \( \gamma \).

In the observables we examine, the field-space connections \( (h_{IJ}, g_{AB}, k_{IJA}, L^{R/L}_{IA}) \) are used:

\[
\begin{align*}
    h_{IJ}(\phi) (D_\mu \phi)^I (D^\mu \phi)^J, & \\
    g_{AB}(\phi) W^A_{\mu \nu} W^B_{\mu \nu}, & \\
    k_{IJA}(\phi) (D_\mu \phi)^I (D^\mu \phi)^J W^A_{\mu \nu}, & \\
    L^{R/L}_{IA} (\phi) (D_\mu \phi)^I (\bar{\psi}_p R/L \gamma_\mu T_A \psi_r R/L),
\end{align*}
\]

(4.1) (4.2) (4.3) (4.4)

each of which is defined to all orders in the \( \sqrt{2} (H^\dagger H) / \Lambda \) expansion in ref. [10]. The geometric Lagrangian parameters are functions of the field-space connections \( h_{IJ}, g_{AB} \), in particular the matrix square roots of these field space connections \( \sqrt{g}_{AB} = (g_{AB})^{1/2} \), and \( \sqrt{h}_{IJ} = (h_{IJ})^{1/2} \). As the SMEFT perturbations are small corrections to the SM, the field-space connections are positive semi-definite matrices, with unique square roots.

3 Partial vs. full \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \)

The standard procedure for evaluating partial \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) corrections is to include the squared amplitude of diagrams with a linear dependence on dimension-6 Wilson coefficients for an observable \( \mathcal{O}_i \):

\[
\begin{align*}
    \langle \mathcal{O}_i \rangle_{\text{p.s.}} & \simeq \int [\text{dps}] \left| A_{\text{SM}} + A_{\text{SMEFT}}(C^{(6)}_i) \right|^2 \\
    & \simeq \int [\text{dps}] \left( |A_{\text{SM}}|^2 + A_{\text{SM}} A_{\text{SMEFT}}(C^{(6)}_i) + A_{\text{SMEFT}}(C^{(6)}_i) + A_{\text{SMEFT}}(C^{(8)}_i) \right)^2,
\end{align*}
\]

(3.1)

where \( \int [\text{dps}] \) indicates an integral over phase space. We define this calculation to be the partial-square procedure, which we compare to the full \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) result. In the above calculation the SMEFT amplitude correction includes corrections to the SM amplitude from dimension-six operators, and novel contributions to the Wick expansion without an SM equivalent. The dependence on the full set of dimension-six Wilson coefficients is indicated by \( C^{(6)}_i \), with the sum over \( i \) suppressed. When an observable is predicted using a reference set of observables to numerically fix Lagrangian parameters, i.e. an input-parameter set, the corrections to an SM amplitude in the SMEFT also include redefinitions of this mapping. We defer a discussion on input-parameter effects to appendix C and first compare results analytically. We restrict our analysis to CP-even operators, approximating \( A_{\text{SMEFT}} = A_{\text{SMEFT}} \).

The full result in the SMEFT to \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) is

\[
\begin{align*}
    \langle \mathcal{O}_i \rangle_{\text{SMEFT}} &= \int [\text{dps}] \left( |A_{\text{SM}}|^2 + 2 \text{Re}(A_{\text{SM}}) A_{\text{SMEFT}}(C^{(6)}_i) + \left| A_{\text{SMEFT}}(C^{(6)}_i) \right|^2 \right) \\
    & \quad + \int [\text{dps}] \left( 2 \text{Re}(A_{\text{SM}}) A_{\text{SMEFT}}(C^{(8)}_i) \right).
\end{align*}
\]

(3.2)

\footnotetext[3]{Note that \( \sqrt{g}^{AB} \sqrt{g}_{BC} \equiv \delta^A_C \) and \( \sqrt{h}^{IJ} \sqrt{h}_{JK} \equiv \delta^I_K \).}
This expression incorporates not only the $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ coefficients, but importantly also terms quadratic in the $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$ coefficients that are missing in the partial-square procedure, as we will discuss below. When interpreting experimental measurements in the SMEFT, the use of complete calculations at a fixed order in $v/\Lambda$ avoids the basis and scale dependence that can arise from missing terms.

Due to the large number of operators at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$, it has not been possible to perform practical calculations until recently. However, the geoSMEFT formalism now defines corrections to all orders in $v/\Lambda$ expansion for several observables. Here we compare results for the partial-square procedure and the full $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ calculation for $\Gamma(h \to \gamma \gamma)$, $\Gamma(h \to Z \gamma)$, and $\Gamma(Z \to \bar{\psi} \psi)$, and comment on other observables.

### 3.1 $\Gamma(h \to \gamma \gamma)$

In the SM, $\Gamma(h \to \gamma \gamma)$ is loop-suppressed, and the leading-order result was developed in refs. [22–24]. Defining

$$i A_{\text{SM}}^{h \gamma \gamma} = \frac{ig_2 e^2}{16 \pi^2 m_W} \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \left( \frac{-4 m_W^2 + 6 x y m_W + x y m_h^2 + \sum_f N_c Q_f^2 m_f^4 (1-4 x y)}{m_W^2 - x y m_h^2} \right),$$

$$\langle h A^{\mu \nu} A_{\mu \nu} \rangle = \langle h A^{\mu \nu} A_{\mu \nu} | \gamma(p_a), \gamma(p_b) \rangle = -4 \left(p_a \cdot p_b g^{\alpha \beta} - p_a^\alpha p_b^\beta \right) \epsilon_\alpha \epsilon_\beta,$$  

(3.3)

the three-point function $h - \gamma - \gamma$ in the SMEFT is [10]

$$\langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle = -\langle h A^{\mu \nu} A_{\mu \nu} \rangle \frac{\sqrt{\Lambda}}{4} \left[ \left( \frac{\delta g_{33}(\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \right)^2 + \langle \frac{\delta g_{44}(\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \rangle^2 \right] + \langle h A^{\mu \nu} A_{\mu \nu} \rangle A_{\text{SM}}^{h \gamma \gamma}.$$  

(3.4)

Here we have used the geometric electric charge gauge coupling $\tilde{e}$ and Weinberg angle $s_\theta$ [10] defined in appendix A.

We write the $\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ correction to the $h - \gamma - \gamma$ function as $\langle h A^{\mu \nu} A_{\mu \nu} \rangle \langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} / \bar{v}_T$, with

$$\langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} = \left[ \frac{g_2^2 C_{HB}^{(6)} + g_1^2 C_{HW}^{(6)} - g_1 g_2 C_{HWB}^{(6)}}{(g_{Z}^{\text{SM}})^2} \right],$$  

(3.5)

where $(g_{Z}^{\text{SM}})^2 \equiv g_1^2 + g_2^2$. To $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ the full three-point function is

$$\langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = \langle h A^{\mu \nu} A_{\mu \nu} \rangle \frac{\bar{v}_T A_{\text{SM}}^{h \gamma \gamma} + \left(1 + \langle \sqrt{h} \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} \right) \langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}}}{\bar{v}_T}$$

$$+ 2 \langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}}^2 + 2 \left( \langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} \right)_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)},$$  

(3.6)

Here

$$\langle \sqrt{h} \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} = C_{HB\Box}^{(6)} - \frac{1}{4} C_{HD}^{(6)},$$  

(3.7)
and we have used the short-hand notation $C_i^{(6)} \rightarrow C_i^{(8)}$ for the replacements
\[
C_{HB}^{(6)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} C_{HB}^{(8)}, \quad C_{HW}^{(6)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left( C_{HW}^{(8)} + C_{HW}^{(8)} \right), \quad C_{HB}^{(6)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} C_{HW}^{(8)}. \tag{3.8}
\]

Squaring the amplitude at $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ gives the partial-square result
\[
\langle h A^\mu A_{\nu} \rangle \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} O(v^2/\Lambda^2)/v_T^2, \quad \text{where}
\]
\[
\langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} O(v^2/\Lambda^2) = \bar{v}_T^2 \left| A_{SM}^{h \gamma} \right|^2 + 2 \bar{v}_T \text{Re}(A_{SM}^{h \gamma} \gamma) \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} + \left( \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} \right)^2_{\nu} \tag{3.9}
\]

while the square of the amplitude with $L^{(8)}$ operators can be expanded to give the full $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ result
\[
\langle h A^\mu A_{\nu} \rangle^{2} \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} O(v^4/\Lambda^4)/v_T^2, \quad \text{with:}
\]
\[
\langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} O(v^4/\Lambda^4) = \bar{v}_T^2 \left| A_{SM}^{h \gamma} \right|^2 + 2 \bar{v}_T \text{Re}(A_{SM}^{h \gamma} \gamma) \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} + \left( \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} \right)^2_{\nu} \tag{3.10}
\]

The dependence on $\langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu}^{2} O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$, which one might expect to correctly determine in the partial-square procedure, is not correctly predicted by Eqn 3.9. This arises from a modification to the couplings in the transformation to the mass-eigenstate field basis. The relationship between $e^2$ in the SMEFT and $(e^2)^{SM}$ is
\[
e^2 = (e^2)^{SM} \left[ 1 + 2 \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} + 4 \left( \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu} \right)^2_{\nu} \right] \tag{3.11}
\]

As a result, when expanding to $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$, the dependence on $\langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu}^{2} O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ is not correctly predicted by the partial-square procedure. The procedure has further inconsistencies if the $L^{(6)}$ operators are rescaled by powers of the gauge couplings of the theory, as in ref. [7].

In addition to the incorrect coefficient of $\langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu}^{2} O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ in the partial-square procedure, there are missing quadratic $L^{(6)}$ coefficients due to the normalization of the Higgs field, which modifies the coefficient of $\langle h | \gamma \rangle_{\nu}^{2} O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ in eq. (3.10).

3.2 $\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z \gamma)$

For $\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z \gamma)$ the differences between the partial-square procedure and the full $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ result are similar to those for $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$. The SM result for this decay was developed in refs. [24, 25],\(^4\) and is
\[
A_{SM}^{h Z} = \frac{i g_2 e^2}{16 \pi^2 m_W} \left( \frac{m_h^2}{m_W^2} \right) \left( \frac{m_Z^2}{m_W^2} \right)
I_{W} \left( \frac{m_h^2}{m_W^2} \frac{m_Z^2}{m_W^2} \right)
+ \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} \frac{d y}{4} \sum_f \frac{4 m_f^2 (1 - 4 x y) N_C Q_f g_{V}^{f} s_{\theta}}{m_f^2 - (m_h^2 - m_Z^2) x y - m_Z^2 y (1 - y)}
\]
\[
I_{W} (a, b) = \frac{2}{t_0} \left( \frac{5 - t_0^2 + 2 a (1 - t_0^2) x y - (3 - t_0^2)}{1 - 4 (a - b) x y - 4 b y (1 - y)} \right) - i 0^+.
\]
\[
\langle h A^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu} \rangle = \langle h A^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu} | \gamma (p_a), Z (p_b) \rangle = -2 \left( p_a ^{\alpha} p_b ^{\beta} - p_a ^{\beta} p_b ^{\alpha} \right) \epsilon_{\alpha \beta}.
\tag{3.12}
\]

\(^4\)Note the sign correction to the results in ref. [24] pointed out in ref. [26].
Here we have used \( g_{\nu}^{\psi, SM} = T_3/2 - Q_\psi (s_{\theta_Z}^2) \). For \( \psi = \{ u, \nu, d, e \} \) we have \( 2T_3(\psi) = \{ 1, 1, -1, -1 \} \) and \( Q_\psi = \{ 2/3, 0, -1/3, -1 \} \).

The three-point function \( h - \gamma - \gamma \) in the SMEFT is [10]

\[
\langle h|\gamma Z \rangle = - \langle h A^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu} \rangle \frac{\sqrt{h^{44}}}{2} v_Z \left[ \left( \frac{\delta g_{33}(\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \right) \frac{c_Z^2}{g_2^2} + \left( \frac{\delta g_{44}(\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \right) \frac{c_Z^2 - s_Z^2}{g_{1 g_2}} + \left( \frac{\delta g_{34}(\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \right) \frac{s_Z^2}{g_1^2} \right]
+ \langle h A^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu} \rangle A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM},
\]  

(3.13)

which depends on the geometric rotation angle \( s_{\theta_Z}^2 \) and \( Z \) defined in appendix A. Expanding out the \( h - \gamma - \gamma \) three-point function to order \( v^2/\Lambda^2 \), we have

\[
\langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{O(v^2/\Lambda^2)} = \langle h A^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu} \rangle \times \frac{1}{\bar{v}_T} \left[ \bar{v}_T A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM} + \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)} \right],
\]  

(3.14)

where

\[
\langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)} = \left[ \frac{2g_1g_2}{(g_{SM}^Z)^2} \left( C_{HW}^{(6)} - C_{HB}^{(6)} \right) + \left( g_2^2 - g_3^2 \right) C_{HW}^{(6)} \right].
\]  

(3.15)

Expanding out to order \( v^4/\Lambda^4 \) yields

\[
\langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{O(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = \langle h A^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu} \rangle \frac{1}{\bar{v}_T} \left[ \bar{v}_T A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM} + \left( 1 + \sqrt{h^{44}} \right) O(v^2/\Lambda^2) \right] \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)} + \frac{2g_1g_2}{g_2^2 - g_1^2} \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)}^{(2)}
+ \langle h A^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu} \rangle \frac{1}{\bar{v}_T} \left( \bar{v}_T A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM} \right) \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)}^{(2)}
+ \langle h A^{\mu \nu} Z_{\mu \nu} \rangle \frac{2}{\bar{v}_T} \left( \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)}^{(2)} \right) \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(8).
\]  

(3.16)

The difference between the partial-square procedure and the full \( O(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) result then follows from

\[
|\langle h|\gamma Z \rangle^{(2)}_{O(v^4/\Lambda^4)}|^2 = \bar{v}_T^2 \left| A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM} \right|^2 + 2\bar{v}_T \text{Re}(A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM}) \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)} + \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)}^{(2)},
\]  

(3.17)

and

\[
|\langle h|\gamma Z \rangle^{(2)}_{O(v^4/\Lambda^4)}|^2 = \bar{v}_T^2 \left| A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM} \right|^2 + 2\bar{v}_T \text{Re}(A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM}) \left( 1 + 2/\sqrt{h^{44}} \right) O(v^2/\Lambda^2) \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)}^{(2)}
+ 2\bar{v}_T \text{Re}(A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM}) \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)}^{(2)} \left[ \frac{C_{HW}^{(6)} g_1^2 - C_{HB}^{(6)} g_2^2 + 3(C_{HW}^{(6)} g_2^2 - C_{HB}^{(6)} g_1^2)}{g_2^2 - g_1^2} \right]
+ \left( 1 + \frac{4g_1g_2}{g_2^2 - g_1^2} \text{Re}(A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM}) \right) \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)}^{(2)}
+ 4\bar{v}_T \text{Re}(A^{h \gamma Z}_{SM}) \left( \langle h|\gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)}^{(2)} \right) \rangle_{\mathcal{L}(6)} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(8).
\]  

(3.18)
3.3 $\Gamma(Z \to \bar{\psi}\psi)$

We now consider a process that is present at tree level in the SM: the decay of a $Z$ boson into a pair of fermions. This decay can be defined at all orders of the $v/\Lambda$ expansion via

$$\Gamma_{Z \to \bar{\psi}\psi} = \frac{N_c}{24\pi} \sqrt{\frac{m_Z^3}{2}} |g_{Z,pr}^\psi|^2 \left( \frac{1 - \frac{4M_Z^2}{m_Z^2}}{} \right)^{3/2},$$

(3.19)

where

$$g_{Z,pr}^\psi = \frac{g_Z^2}{2} \left[ (2s_{\theta_Z}^2 Q_\psi - \sigma_3) \delta_{pr} + \bar{\nu}_T \langle Z,pr \rangle + \sigma_3 \bar{\nu}_T \langle Z,pr \rangle \right].$$

(3.20)

Here $\psi = \{q_L, u_R, d_R, \ell_L, e_R\}$, with $\sigma_1 = 1$ for $u_L, \nu_L$ and $\sigma_3 = -1$ for $d_L, e_L$. The decay width depends on the Lagrangian parameters defined in the previous sections, supplemented with the masses

$$m_Z^2 = \frac{g_Z^2}{4} \sqrt{h_{33}} v_T^2,$$

$$\bar{m}_Z^2 = \left( Y_{pr}^\psi \right)^T,$$

(3.21)

with $M_{\psi,i}$ the vector of eigenvalues of the $\bar{m}_Z^2$ matrix. The generalized Yukawa couplings $(Y_{pr}^\psi)$ are defined in ref. [10]. Focusing on the effective coupling contributing to the decay width, the expressions at each order are:

$$\langle g_{eff,pr}^SM \rangle = g_{SM}^Z \left[ \left( \frac{\langle s_{\theta_Z}^2 Q_\psi - \sigma_3 \rangle}{2} \right) \delta_{pr} \right],$$

(3.22)

$$\langle g_{eff,pr}^SM O(v^2/\Lambda^2) \rangle = \frac{\langle g_{eff,pr} SM \rangle}{g_Z^2} \left[ \langle g_{eff,pr} SM \rangle \delta_{pr} + g_{SM}^Z Q_\psi \langle \tilde{C}_{Hq_\psi}^{(6)} \rangle \delta_{pr} + \frac{g_{SM}^Z}{2} \left[ \tilde{C}_{Hq_\psi}^{(6)} \delta_{pr} \right] \right],$$

(3.23)

$$\langle g_{eff,pr}^SM O(\nu^4/\Lambda^4) \rangle = \frac{\langle g_{eff,pr} SM \rangle}{g_Z^2} \left[ \langle g_{eff,pr} SM \rangle \delta_{pr} + g_{SM}^Z Q_\psi \langle \tilde{C}_{Hq_\psi}^{(8)} \rangle \delta_{pr} + \frac{g_{SM}^Z}{2} \left[ \tilde{C}_{Hq_\psi}^{(8)} \delta_{pr} \right] \right].$$

(3.24)

Expressions for $\langle s_{\theta_Z}^2 O(v^2/\Lambda^2) \rangle$, $\langle s_{\theta_Z}^2 O(\nu^4/\Lambda^4) \rangle$, $\langle g_{eff,pr} O(v^2/\Lambda^2) \rangle$, and $\langle g_{eff,pr} O(\nu^4/\Lambda^4) \rangle$, are given in ref. [10] and summarized in appendix A. In addition, there are scheme-dependent corrections due to the mapping of redefined Lagrangian parameters to measured input parameters.

As can be seen from eqs. (3.23) and (3.24), the partial-square and full $O(\nu^4/\Lambda^4)$ results differ extensively. As an illustration we consider the dependence on the Wilson coefficient $(\tilde{C}_{HWB}^{(6)})^2$, which corresponds to the (squared) $S$ parameter in the Warsaw basis. The partial-square procedure yields a dependence of

$$\langle g_{eff,pr}^SM \rangle_{\text{partial square}} \propto \frac{g_{SM}^Z}{g_{SM}^2} \left[ \tilde{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \right]^2 \delta_{pr} \left[ g_{SM}^Z \langle g_{eff,pr} SM \rangle + (g_{SM}^2 - g_{Z1}^2) Q_\psi \right]^2,$$

(3.25)
while the full $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ result yields a dependence of

$$|g_{\text{eff},pr}|^2_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} \propto \frac{g_1^2 g_2^2 (\tilde{C}_{\text{HWB}}^{(6)})^2 (g_2^2 - g_1^2)^2 Q_\psi^2}{(g_{\text{SM}}^2)^6} \, \delta_{pr} + (\tilde{C}_{\text{HWB}}^{(6)})^2 \langle g_{\text{eff},pr}^Z, \psi \rangle_{\text{SM}}^2 \delta_{pr}. \quad (3.26)$$

The partial-square result contains a term proportional to $Q_\psi$ that is not present in the full result due to cancellations. We examine the numerical difference between these results in section 4.

### 3.4 $h \rightarrow ZZ^*$

Although the $h \rightarrow ZZ^*$ final state includes an off-shell particle and is not directly observable, it is of interest to examine the structure of corrections to the $h-Z-Z$ three-point function. The geoSMEFT result is [10]

$$\langle h | Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{h}}{4} \frac{g_2^2}{\tilde{g}_Z^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\delta g_{33} (\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \right) \frac{c_4^2}{g_2^2} - 2 \left( \frac{\delta g_{34} (\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \right) \frac{c_2^2 s_2^2}{g_1 g_2} + \left( \frac{\delta g_{44} (\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \right) \frac{s_4^2}{g_1^2} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{\langle h, h \rightarrow ZZ^* \rangle}{h} \frac{g_2^2}{\tilde{g}_Z^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\delta h_{33} (\phi)}{\delta \phi_4} \right) \frac{v_T^2}{2} + \langle h_{33} (\phi) \rangle \frac{v_T}{2} \right]$$

$$+ \langle \partial_{\mu} h, h \rightarrow ZZ^* \rangle \frac{g_2^2}{\tilde{g}_Z^2} \left[ \langle k_{34} \rangle \frac{v_T^2}{g_2} - \langle k_{44} \rangle \frac{s_4^2}{g_1} \right]. \quad (3.27)$$

In the SM, we have:

$$\langle h | Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle_{\text{SM}} = \frac{(g_{\text{SM}}^2)^2}{4} \bar{v}_T, \quad (3.28)$$

$$\langle h | Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle_{\text{SM}} = 0, \quad (3.29)$$

$$\langle \partial_{\mu} h, Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle_{\text{SM}} = 0, \quad (3.30)$$

where the notation is such that $\langle h | Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle$ represents the term multiplying $\langle h Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle$ and so forth. Expanding the geoSMEFT result to $\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ gives:

$$\langle h | Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} = \frac{(g_{\text{SM}}^2)^2}{4} \frac{\bar{v}_T}{g_{\text{SM}}^2} \left[ 2 \langle \tilde{g}_Z \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} + \tilde{C}_{HD} + \sqrt{h} \right]_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)}, \quad (3.31)$$

$$\langle h | Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} = \frac{(g_{\text{SM}}^2)^2}{4} \frac{\bar{v}_T}{g_{\text{SM}}^2}, \quad (3.32)$$

$$\langle \partial_{\mu} h, Z_{\mu} Z_{\mu} \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} = 0, \quad (3.33)$$
and expanding to $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ one has

$$
\langle h|Z^\mu Z_\mu^{(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = \left[ \langle \sqrt{\slashed{H}} \rangle^{14}_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} + 2 \frac{\langle gz \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)}}{g^2_{\text{SM}}} \right] \langle h|Z^\mu Z_\mu^{(v^2/\Lambda^2)} + 2 \left( \frac{\langle gz \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)}}{g^2_{\text{SM}}} \right)^2 - \left( \tilde{C}^{(6)}_{HD} \right)^2 - 2 \frac{\langle \tilde{C}^{(6)}_{HD} \rangle \langle gz \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)}}{g^2_{\text{SM}}}
$$

$$
\langle h|Z^\mu Z_\mu^{(v^2/\Lambda^2)} = \left[ \langle \sqrt{\slashed{H}} \rangle^{14}_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} + 2 \frac{\langle gz \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)}}{g^2_{\text{SM}}} \right] \langle h|Z^\mu Z_\mu^{(v^2/\Lambda^2)} + 2 \left( \frac{\langle gz \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)}}{g^2_{\text{SM}}} \right)^2 - \left( \tilde{C}^{(6)}_{HD} \right)^2
$$

$$
\langle \partial_{\mu} h|Z_\mu Z^{\mu
u} = \left[ \langle \sqrt{\slashed{H}} \rangle^{14}_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} + 2 \frac{\langle gz \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)}}{g^2_{\text{SM}}} \right] \langle \partial_{\mu} h|Z^{\mu
u} + 2 \left( \frac{\langle gz \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)}}{g^2_{\text{SM}}} \right)^2
$$

where

$$
\langle \sqrt{\slashed{H}} \rangle^{14}_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = - \frac{1}{8} \left( \tilde{C}^{(8)}_{H,D2} + \tilde{C}^{(8)}_{HD} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \tilde{C}^{(6)}_{H\Box} (2\tilde{C}^{(6)}_{H\Box} - \tilde{C}^{(6)}_{H^2}) + \frac{3}{32} \left( \tilde{C}^{(6)}_{H^2} \right)^2.
$$

By direct inspection, it is clear that the differences between the partial-square and full results for the $h-Z-Z$ three-point function are extensive.

4 Numerical results

It is now possible to quantitatively compare the predictions of processes in the SMEFT using a partial-square result and a full (CP-even) SMEFT result up to order $v^4/\Lambda^4$. In this section we perform this comparison for the first time using an exact SMEFT formulation to $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$.

Accounting for SMEFT corrections to Lagrangian parameters is a precursor to an exact SMEFT calculation of observables to sub-leading order. In the SM a key set of Lagrangian parameters are the gauge couplings and the vacuum expectation value. In the SMEFT the inference of these parameters from well-measured observables is modified by the presence of higher-dimensional operators. When a Lagrangian parameter in a prediction is not accompanied by the same set of SMEFT corrections as in the observable used to fix corrections when the Higgs vev appears in predictions. Formally, this parameter includes an infinite tower of $1/\Lambda^n$ corrections. There is no need to re-expand out $\bar{v}_T$ in terms of an SM vev and these $1/\Lambda^n$ corrections when the same combination of higher-order terms is present in all instances of $\bar{v}_T$ in a prediction. This is the case for the set of higher-dimensional operators that define the minimum of the potential, but this is not the case for a) four-fermion operators and b) modifications of

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the $W^{\pm}$ couplings to fermions when this parameter is extracted from muon decay. These effects must be corrected for when making predictions using a value of the vev.

Two popular input-parameter schemes are the $\{\hat{\alpha}_{\text{ew}}, \hat{m}_Z, \hat{G}_F\}$ and $\{\hat{m}_W, \hat{m}_Z, \hat{G}_F\}$ schemes. Results to $L^{(6)}$ for these schemes were developed in refs. [18, 21, 27–32]. Extending these schemes to $L^{(8)}$ was explored in ref. [20]. Here we build on these results, with some differences due to the consistent formulation of the SMEFT at $L^{(8)}$ using the geoSMEFT [10]. We provide numerical relations between partial widths and Wilson coefficients in the $\{\hat{m}_W, \hat{m}_Z, \hat{G}_F\}$ scheme in this section, and the corresponding relations in the $\{\hat{\alpha}_{\text{ew}}, \hat{m}_Z, \hat{G}_F\}$ scheme in appendix E. Formulas for the inference of Lagrangian parameters at all orders in $\bar{v}_T/\Lambda$ are provided in appendix C.

4.1 Order-of-magnitude estimates

The numerical impact of $L^{(6)}$ and $L^{(8)}$ corrections on decay widths can be categorized using several factors, such as whether the correction is part of an input parameter shift, whether it comes from interference with the SM or between different $L^{(6)}$ terms, and whether the corresponding SM amplitudes are tree- or loop-level. It is worthwhile to estimate the order-of-magnitude effect in each of these categories before diving into numerics, in order to develop some intuition for the hierarchy of effects.

Considering first loop-suppressed SM amplitudes, a SMEFT correction will have an equivalent loop suppression for terms that arise from input-parameter $L^{(6)}$ and $L^{(8)}$ corrections. In general, an $L^{(4+2n)}$ correction to the input parameters will give a correction to the squared loop-suppressed amplitude of order

$$\sim \left( \frac{\bar{g}^{\text{SM}}}{(16\pi^2)^2} \right)^4 \left( \frac{\bar{v}_T}{\Lambda} \right)^2 C_{i}^{(4+2n)} . \quad (4.1)$$

Similarly, a one-loop correction in the SMEFT with a higher-dimensional operator inserted in a loop will have an effect of this order. Such loop corrections are generally not included in partial-square estimates, as they are available for a limited set of processes. These results are neglected here, although they are available in the literature for $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$ [5, 34–37], $\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z \gamma)$ [38, 39], and $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \bar{\psi}\psi)$ [6, 40]. These calculations could be used to study the important issue of perturbative uncertainties in the SMEFT.

In the case where a loop-suppressed SM amplitude interferes with an $L^{(4+2n)}$ amplitude, the correction will be of order

$$\sim \left( \frac{\bar{g}^{\text{SM}}}{(16\pi^2)^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\bar{v}_T}{\Lambda} \right)^2 C_{i}^{(4+2n)} . \quad (4.2)$$

Higher-order terms arise when a loop-suppressed SM amplitude with an input-parameter correction interferes with an $L^{(4+2n)}$ amplitude,

$$\sim \left( \frac{\bar{g}^{\text{SM}}}{(16\pi^2)^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\bar{v}_T}{\Lambda} \right)^2 C_{j}^{(4+2n)} C_{i}^{(4+2n)} . \quad (4.3)$$

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5 A self-contained and up-to-date summary of these effects, in both schemes, is included in ref. [33].
6 It is important to note, when considering scheme dependence in the SMEFT, that such scheme dependence is due to the effects of physics beyond the SM being absorbed into a set of low-energy parameters. This is distinct physics from the scheme dependence associated with a perturbative expansion in a renormalizable model, such as the SM, though the same label of “scheme dependence” is used in both cases.
or when two $\mathcal{L}^{(4+2n)}$ amplitudes interfere,

$$
\sim \left( \frac{\bar{v} r}{\Lambda} \right)^{4n} (C_i^{(4+2n)})^2, \quad \text{or} \quad \sim \left( \frac{\bar{v} r}{\Lambda} \right)^{2n} \left( \frac{\bar{v} r}{\Lambda} \right)^{2m} (C_i^{(4+2n)})(C_k^{(4+2m)}). \tag{4.4}
$$

The effect of input-parameter corrections (and corresponding scheme dependence) is more significant for decays that occur at tree level in the SM. In a tree-level SM decay, an input-parameter correction due to $\mathcal{L}^{(4+2n)}$ operators gives a width correction of order

$$
\sim (g_Z^{SM})^2 \left( \frac{\bar{v} r}{\Lambda} \right)^{2n} C_i^{(4+2n)}, \tag{4.5}
$$

while the direct interference between $\mathcal{L}^{(4+2n)}$ and SM amplitudes gives a width correction of

$$
\sim g_Z^{SM} \left( \frac{\bar{v} r}{\Lambda} \right)^{2n} C_i^{(4+2n)}. \tag{4.6}
$$

These scalings dictate the numerical size of the corrections we report below.

### 4.2 $\Gamma(h \to \gamma \gamma)$

Using the input parameters in table 1, we find the following SM leading-order $h \to \gamma \gamma$ partial width in the $m_W$ scheme:

$$
\Gamma^{m_W}_{SM}(h \to \gamma \gamma) = \frac{\hat{m}_h^3}{4\pi} \left| A_{h\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \right|^2 = 1.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{GeV}. \tag{4.7}
$$

The corresponding value in the $\hat{\alpha}_{ew}$ scheme is $\Gamma^{\hat{\alpha}_{ew}}_{SM}(h \to \gamma \gamma) = 1.08 \times 10^{-5} \text{GeV}$. The differences in the SM results for different schemes are reduced at higher order in perturbation theory. Since we use leading-order results when evaluating $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$ and $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ corrections, we list here the SM leading-order results for completeness. Results in the SMEFT are quoted as ratios with respect to the SM, which can be applied to the highest-order result known in perturbation theory (in the SM).

The squared amplitudes $\langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{O(v^2/\Lambda^2)}$ and $\langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{O(v^4/\Lambda^4)}^2$ give the partial-square and full $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ SMEFT corrections, respectively, to the partial decay width. Explicitly,

$$
\Gamma_{p.s.}(h \to \gamma \gamma) \simeq \frac{\hat{m}_h^3}{4\pi \bar{v} \bar{T}} \langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{O(v^2/\Lambda^2)}^2
$$

$$
= \frac{\hat{m}_h^3}{4\pi \bar{v} \bar{T}} \left[ \bar{v}^2 \left| A_{h\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \right|^2 + 2 \bar{v} \bar{T} \text{Re}(A_{h\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{L^{(6)}} + \langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{L^{(6)}}^2 \right], \tag{4.8}
$$

while in the case of the full CP-even $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ SMEFT result one has

$$
\Gamma_{\text{SMEFT}}(h \to \gamma \gamma) = \frac{\hat{m}_h^3}{4\pi \bar{v} \bar{T}} \langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{O(v^4/\Lambda^4)}^2
$$

$$
= \frac{\hat{m}_h^3}{4\pi \bar{v} \bar{T}} \left[ \bar{v}^2 \left| A_{h\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \right|^2 + 2 \bar{v} \bar{T} \text{Re}(A_{h\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{L^{(6)}} + \langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{L^{(6)}}^2 \right] + (1 + 4 \bar{v} \bar{T} \text{Re}(A_{h\gamma\gamma}^{SM} \langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{L^{(6)}} + \langle |h|\gamma\gamma \rangle_{L^{(6)}}^2) \left| C_i^{(6)} \right|_{C_{i}^{(6)}}. \tag{4.9}
$$
Table 1. Numerical central values of the relevant SM parameters used as inputs. Only one of \( \hat{m}_W \) or \( \hat{\alpha}_{ew} \) is used as input depending on the scheme adopted. The remaining SM inputs are taken from the central values in the PDG [42].

| Parameter         | Value (GeV) | Reference |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| \( \hat{m}_W \)   | 80.387      | [41]      |
| \( \hat{\alpha}_{ew}(M_Z) \) | 1/127.950   | [42]      |
| \( \hat{m}_Z \)   | 91.1876     | [42–44]   |
| \( \hat{G}_F \)   | 1.1663787 · 10^{-5} GeV^{-2} | [42, 44] |
| \( \hat{m}_h \)   | 125.09      | [45]      |
| \( \hat{\alpha}_s(\hat{m}_Z) \) | 0.1181     | [42]      |
| \( \hat{m}_t \)   | 173.21      | [42]      |
| \( \hat{m}_b \)   | 4.18        | [42]      |
| \( \hat{m}_c \)   | 1.28        | [42]      |
| \( \hat{m}_\tau \) | 1.77686    | [42]      |

Restricting the analysis to corrections scaling as eqs. (4.2)–(4.4) and neglecting corrections \( \propto (\bar{g}_{SM})^4 (16 \pi^2)^2 \) as in eq. (4.1), the partial-square correction is

\[
\frac{\Gamma_{\tilde{m}_W}^{\text{p.s.}}(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{\tilde{m}_W}(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)} \simeq 1 - 788 f_1^\tilde{m}_W + 394^2 (f_1^\tilde{m}_W)^2 - 351 (C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} - C_{\text{HB}}^{(6)}) f_3^\tilde{m}_W, \tag{4.10}
\]

\[
+ 979 C_{\text{HD}}^{(6)} (C_{\text{HB}}^{(6)} + 0.80 C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} - 1.02 C_{\text{HB}}^{(6)}) + 2228 \delta G_F f_1^\tilde{m}_W
\]

\[
+ 2283 C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} (C_{\text{HB}}^{(6)} + 0.66 C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} - 0.88 C_{\text{HB}}^{(6)}),
\]

where

\[
f_1^\tilde{m}_W \simeq f_1^{\hat{\alpha}_{ew}} = \left[ C_{\text{HB}}^{(6)} + 0.29 C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} - 0.54 C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} \right], \tag{4.11}
\]

\[
f_2^\tilde{m}_W \simeq f_2^{\hat{\alpha}_{ew}} = \left[ C_{\text{HB}}^{(8)} + 0.29 (C_{\text{HW}}^{(8)} + C_{\text{HW}}^{(8)} - 0.54 C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} \right], \tag{4.12}
\]

\[
f_3^\tilde{m}_W \simeq f_3^{\hat{\alpha}_{ew}} = \left[ C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} - C_{\text{HB}}^{(6)} - 0.66 C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)} \right], \tag{4.13}
\]

in both input-parameter schemes. The corresponding (CP-even) \( O(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) SMEFT result in the \( \hat{m}_W \) scheme is

\[
\frac{\Gamma_{\text{SMEFT}}^{\tilde{m}_W}(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{\tilde{m}_W}(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)} = \frac{\Gamma_{\tilde{m}_W}^{\text{p.s.}}(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{\tilde{m}_W}(h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)} - 788 \left( \frac{C_{\text{HB}}^{(6)} - C_{\text{HD}}^{(6)}}{4} \right) f_1^\tilde{m}_W + f_2^\tilde{m}_W - 1224 (f_1^\tilde{m}_W)^2. \tag{4.14}
\]

We numerically analyse the difference between the SMEFT result and the partial-square result in sections 5 and 6.
4.3 $\Gamma(h \to Z\gamma)$

A similar analysis for $\Gamma(h \to Z\gamma)$ begins with the SM result

$$\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{mW}(h \to Z\gamma) = \frac{m_h^3}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_Z^2}{m_h^2}\right)^3 |A_{\text{SM}}^{hZ\gamma}|^2 = 6.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{GeV}.$$ \hfill (4.15)

Again neglecting corrections $\propto (g_{\text{SM},\beta})^4$, the partial-square correction is

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{mW}(h \to Z\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{mW}(h \to Z\gamma)} \approx 1 - 237 f_3^{mW} + 118^2 (f_3^{mW})^2 - 131 (\tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)} - \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)})^2 - 670 \delta G_F^{(6)} f_3^{mW}$$

$$- 616 \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)} (\tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)} - 0.02 \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)}) - 265 \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)} (\tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)} - 0.54 \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)}).$$

Finally, the full (CP-even) SMEFT result in the $\hat{m}_W$ scheme to $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ is

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{SMEFT}}^{mW}(h \to Z\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{mW}(h \to Z\gamma)} = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{mW}(h \to Z\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{mW}(h \to Z\gamma)} - 237 \left[ (\tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)} - \frac{\tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)}}{4}) f_3^{mW} + f_4^{mW}\right]$$

$$- 296 (f_3^{mW})^2 - 237 f_3^{mW} \left(3.8 \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)} + 0.20 \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(6)}\right),$$

where $f_4^{mW} \approx f_4^{ew} = \left[ \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(8)} + \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(8)} - \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(8)} - 0.66 \tilde{C}_{\text{SM}}^{(8)}\right].$

4.4 $\Gamma(Z \to \bar{\psi}\psi)$

For $\Gamma(Z \to \bar{\psi}\psi)$ the difference between the partial-square and $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ results is dictated by the difference in $\left|g_{\text{eff},pr}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi}\right|^2$ for each input-parameter case. We add the two chiral final states for each fermion pair to obtain a partial-square correction of

$$\frac{\Gamma_{p.s.,z \to \bar{\psi}\psi}}{\Gamma_{z \to \bar{\psi}\psi}} \approx 1 + 2 \text{Re} \left[ \frac{\langle Z,\bar{\psi}\psi \rangle}{\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle} \langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) + \frac{\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle}{\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle} \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \right]$$

$$\frac{|\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle|^2 + |\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle|^2}{|\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle|^2 + |\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle|^2},$$

while the full $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ result is

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{SMEFT}}^{Z \to \bar{\psi}\psi}}{\Gamma_{z \to \bar{\psi}\psi}} = \frac{\Gamma_{p.s.,Z \to \bar{\psi}\psi}}{\Gamma_{z \to \bar{\psi}\psi}} + 2 \text{Re} \left[ \frac{\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle}{\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle} \langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) + \frac{\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle}{\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle} \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \right]$$

$$\frac{|\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle|^2 + |\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle|^2}{|\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle|^2 + |\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\bar{\psi}\psi} \rangle|^2}. \hfill (4.18)$$

In the $\{\hat{m}_W,\hat{m}_Z, \hat{G}_F\}$ input-parameter scheme, the leading-order SM results are

$$\Gamma_{Z \to \bar{\nu}u} = 0.29 \text{GeV}, \quad \Gamma_{Z \to \bar{d}d} = 0.37 \text{GeV}, \quad \Gamma_{Z \to \bar{\ell}\ell} = 0.08 \text{GeV}, \quad \Gamma_{Z \to \bar{\nu}\nu} = 0.17 \text{GeV}. \hfill (4.19)$$

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For up-type quarks, we find the following expressions for $\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,\psi_L/R} \rangle$:

$$
\langle g_{\text{SM,pp}}^{Z,u_L} \rangle = -0.26,
$$

$$
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,u_L} \rangle_{O(\psi^2/\Lambda^2)} = -0.13\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.21\hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} + 0.18\delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37(\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)}_{pp})^{(4.22)},
$$

$$
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,u_L} \rangle_{O(\psi^4/\Lambda^4)} = \left(\frac{\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)}}{4} + \frac{\delta G_F^{(6)}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,u_L} \rangle_{O(\psi^2/\Lambda^2)} + \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \left(0.13\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.21(\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \hat{C}_{HW})^{(4.23)}\right)
$$

$$
-0.01(\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)})^2 + 0.05\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)}\delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.03\hat{C}_{HD}^{(8)} - 0.16\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} - 0.10\hat{C}_{HWB}^{(8)}
$$

$$
-0.38\hat{C}_{HW}^{(8)} + \frac{0.37}{2}(\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} + \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)}_{pp} - \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)}_{pp}) - 0.07(\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 + 0.18\delta G_F^{(8)},
$$

$$
\langle g_{\text{SM,pp}}^{Z,u_R} \rangle = 0.11,
$$

$$
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,u_R} \rangle_{O(\psi^2/\Lambda^2)} = -0.22\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.21\hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} - 0.08\delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)}_{pp}^{(4.25)},
$$

$$
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,u_R} \rangle_{O(\psi^4/\Lambda^4)} = \left(\frac{\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)}}{4} + \frac{\delta G_F^{(6)}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,u_R} \rangle_{O(\psi^2/\Lambda^2)} + \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \left(0.13\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.21(\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \hat{C}_{HW})^{(4.25)}\right)
$$

$$
+0.003(\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)})^2 - 0.02\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)}\delta G_F^{(6)} - 0.01\hat{C}_{HD}^{(8)} - 0.21\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} - 0.10\hat{C}_{HWB}^{(8)}
$$

$$
-0.38\hat{C}_{HW}^{(8)} + \frac{0.37}{2}\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)}_{pp} + 0.03(\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 - 0.08\delta G_F^{(8)}.
$$

The remaining expressions for final-state fermions are listed in appendix D. The total width is the linear sum of the partial widths.

### 5 Coefficient sampling analysis

The final step required to numerically compare the full $O(\psi^4/\Lambda^4)$ result to the partial-square calculation for each process is to choose the coefficients $C^{(d)}$. The processes examined in section 4 depend on $O(30)$ coefficients.\footnote{This number assumes flavor universality and treats $\delta G_F^{(d)}$ as a single coefficient rather than separating out the different contributions as shown in appendix C. Relaxing either of these assumptions will change the count by a small amount.} While 30 is far less than the $O(1000)$ coefficients in the full dimension-6 plus dimension-8 SMEFT ($N_f = 1$), it is still too many to analyze coherently without making further assumptions (outside of a global fit). We explore two options for choosing coefficients: a sampling approach (this section), and an ultraviolet (UV) model-based approach (section 6).

In a sampling study, coefficient values are drawn from assumed distributions. This approach treats the SMEFT as a bottom-up effective field theory, irrespective of a particular UV completion of the SM. The decoupling theorem [46, 47] establishes the SMEFT as a distinct theory, so this approach is favored in EFT studies of experimental data. Absent any UV model constraint on the parameters, the simplest assumed distribution is a uniform
flat distribution with all coupling values equally likely, consistent with perturbation theory. One can add a mild assumption by noting that UV models typically introduce particles whose parameters can be mapped to a few coefficients, and in these cases the majority of the coefficients will have small values. This scenario can be approximated by a gaussian distribution for the coefficient values. We find that the differences between the uniform and gaussian distributions are imperceptible, and we sample from a gaussian distribution for the results in this section.

We start with a qualitative assessment of the variations in the partial widths as terms at $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ are included in the calculation (section 5.1). We then turn to a study of procedures for coefficient uncertainty estimates in section 5.2.

5.1 Partial-width variations

In order to compare partial-square and full $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ results for the partial widths, we proceed as follows:

1. We sample coefficients affecting the calculation to $\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)$. Coefficients of tree-level operators are drawn from a gaussian (or uniform) distribution with a mean of zero and a root mean square (r.m.s.) equal to one. For loop-level coefficients the r.m.s. and range are reduced by a factor of 100, since larger values give large relative corrections to the SM predictions that are inconsistent with experimental results. The categorization of operator coefficients as tree-level or loop-level is determined using the results of refs. [48–50]. For example, the $h \to \gamma \gamma$ tree-level matching coefficients for SMEFT operators are $C^{(6)}_{HD}, C^{(6)}_{HE}, C^{(6)}_{H^2}, C^{(6)}_{H^2}, C^{(6)}_{H^{\gamma}}, \delta G^{(6)}_T$, while the loop-level coefficients are $C^{(6)}_{HB}, C^{(6)}_{HW},$ and $C^{(6)}_{HWB}$. We draw random values for the $C^{(6)}$ coefficients, and the $\tilde{C}^{(6)}$ coefficients that appear in sections 2 and 3 can be obtained by multiplying by $v^2/\Lambda^2$.

With these coefficients and using the procedure outlined in appendix C to connect to experimental EW inputs, the $\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ and partial-square calculations are determined up to the value of $\Lambda$. The result after this step is schematically

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{SM}} + \frac{\#}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{\#}{\Lambda^4}.$$  (5.1)

2. For each set of coefficients obtained above, we perform 10,000 separate samplings of the remaining coefficients affecting the full $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ result. The coefficients are again separated into tree- and loop-level, with dimension-8 operators with Higgs and gauge field strengths (e.g. $C^{(8)}_{HB}, C^{(8)}_{HW}, C^{(8)}_{HWB}$) classified as tree-level following [50] (their dimension-6 counterparts are classified as loop-level for the Higgs boson partial widths we consider).

3. We calculate the deviation from the SM for each $\Gamma_{\text{SMEFT}}(\Lambda)$,

$$\delta_{\text{SMEFT}}(\Lambda) = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{SMEFT}}(\Lambda) - \Gamma_{\text{SM}}}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}}$$  (5.2)

and determine the standard deviation $\sigma_{\delta}$ of the $\delta_{\text{SMEFT}}(\Lambda)$ distribution.
4. We compare the $\delta_O(v^2/\Lambda^2)(\Lambda)$ and $\delta_{\text{p.s.}}(\Lambda)$ curves, defined in the same way as eq. (5.2), to the $\pm 1, 2, 3 \sigma_\delta$ $\delta_{\text{SMEFT}}$ curves.

Following this procedure for $h \to \gamma \gamma$ in the $\hat{m}_W$ scheme gives the results in figure 1 for two sets of $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ coefficients. The green shaded region shows the $\pm 1 \sigma_\delta$ deviations of the partial width from the SM prediction with the full $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ SMEFT calculation, for given $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ (red line) and partial-square (black line) results. The $\pm 2, 3 \sigma_\delta$ regions are shown in yellow and gray, respectively. The figure shows the expected dependence of the partial width on $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$: as $\Lambda$ increases the impact of these terms decreases. For $\Lambda \lesssim 1$ TeV neither the $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ nor the partial-square calculation provides a good approximation. Equivalently, for a given measured partial width the inferred coupling or scale is affected by higher order terms if the scale is low. A 10% deviation in the partial width corresponds to a scale of $\approx 3$ TeV for the chosen coefficients at $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$, but the scale can be much lower if there are cancellations from higher-order terms.

The relatively large impact of dimension-8 terms in figure 1 results from the significant constraint on dimension-6 coefficients in this loop-suppressed process. Any deviation of $<100\%$ from the SM requires these coefficients to be $\lesssim 0.01$, while there can be scenarios where the dimension-8 coefficients are $O(1)$. The wide range of $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ effects is therefore dominantly due to the dimension-8 coefficients (the $f_2^{\hat{m}_W}$ term in eq. (4.14)); adding the other ($f_1^{\hat{m}_W}$) terms to the partial-square result gives only a small effect. For $\Lambda = 3$ TeV larger dimension-6 coefficients are allowed by the measurements, and choosing from a larger range would expand the green band vertically due to the increased contributions from the $f_1^{\hat{m}_W}$ terms.
Figures 2 and 3 show the results of similar coefficient sampling studies for $h \to Z \gamma$ and $Z \to \ell \ell$ in the $\hat{m}_W$ scheme. The loop-level $h \to Z \gamma$ and $h \to \gamma \gamma$ processes are similar, with a broad band of deviations from $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ contributions at low scales. In the right panel of figure 2 an accidental cancellation in the partial-square result leads to essentially zero deviation, while the $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ band is just as broad as in the left panel. The band of deviations is narrower for the $Z \to \ell \ell$ partial width, which is tree-level in the SM and is affected less by dimension-6 contributions. This is reflected in the smaller factors in front of the Wilson coefficients in eqs. 4.11 and 4.14 compared to those in eqs. 4.17–4.26. To obtain a similarly narrow band in the loop-level processes, the range of coefficient variations would have to be further reduced for those processes.

5.2 Coefficient variations

In global fits for SMEFT coefficients at $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$, it is appropriate to consider the effect of the EFT truncation on the extracted values. We investigate two possible procedures for estimating this effect: (1) using the difference between the partial-square result and the $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ SMEFT result as an estimate of a 'truncation uncertainty'; and (2) taking the fractional uncertainty on each coefficient to be $v^2/\Lambda^2$.

We test the uncertainty procedures by taking the full $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ SMEFT calculation to provide the 'true' value of a given coefficient. The shift in the partial width relative to the SM is calculated for a set of coefficients drawn from a gaussian distribution. Fixing the value of this shift and taking a given value of $\Lambda$, we determine the change in one of the coefficients when calculating the partial width at $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$, or with the partial-square
The bias arises from quadratic terms, e.g. square calculation, and has an value of the coefficient. The least biased estimate of the uncertainty comes from the partial-square (right) calculations of ‘truncation error’. In the right panel they are and partial-square results and partial-square results are and the full results (green , yellow , and grey ). In the left panel the coefficients determining the and partial-square results are and and and and and and . In the right panel they are and and and and and and . In the right panel they are and and and and and and . An uncertainty of 10 times the coefficient. The uncertainty estimate is 1-2 orders of magnitude smaller than the error, with the distribution narrower by a factor of a few.

The validity of an uncertainty estimate is typically demonstrated by the pull distribution, defined as the error divided by the uncertainty. An unbiased estimate of the central value and uncertainty would have a pull distribution with a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one. Figure 6 shows this distribution for (top) and (bottom) for the two estimates of the uncertainty using the calculation for the central value of the coefficient. The least biased estimate of the uncertainty comes from the partial-square calculation, and has an width when applied to the tree-level process. The bias arises from quadratic terms, e.g. , whose multiplicative factors have the same sign in the differences and . An uncertainty of 10 would also be a reasonable estimate, as it would scale down the entire -axis by a factor of 10. Such an uncertainty would imply that a scale of would be required to reduce the truncation uncertainty to %. 

Figure 3. The deviations in from the (red line) and partial-square (black line) results, and the full results (green , yellow , and grey ) regions. In the left panel the coefficients determining the and partial-square results are and and and and . In the right panel they are and and and and and and .
Figure 4. The distribution of $C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)}$ deviations between $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ and either $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ (left) or partial-square (right) calculations, where the impact on $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ relative to the SM is fixed to the value obtained from the $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ calculation. These deviations represent the truncation errors on the $C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)}$ coefficients extracted from the $L^{(6)}$ calculations.

Figure 5. Left: the distribution of the $C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)}$ deviation between $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ and partial-square calculations, where the impact on $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ relative to the SM is fixed. Right: the distribution of $(v^2/\Lambda^2)C_{\text{HW}}^{(6)}$ for the same parameter sets. The two calculations estimate the difference between the calculations at $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ and $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$, and we consider their applicability as truncation uncertainties.
Figure 6. The pull distributions for coefficients affecting $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$ (top) and $\Gamma(Z \to \ell\ell)$ (bottom), using as the uncertainty the difference between the partial-square and $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ calculations (left) or $(v^2/\Lambda^2)C^6_1$ (right).

We do not address here the case where measurements do not have sensitivity to the true values of the coefficients, which are thus consistent with zero within experimental uncertainties. In this situation the procedures discussed here would be dominated by the noise in the measurement and would not provide an accurate estimate of the uncertainty. When using these results to constrain specific models, a truncation uncertainty based on the measurement uncertainty may be sufficient, e.g. $a(v^2/\Lambda^2)\sigma_{C^6_1}$ with $a$ of order 1.
6 Model example: kinetic mixing of gauge bosons

In the previous section we investigated the numerical differences between the various calculations using coefficient sampling. Here we examine the differences that arise when using experimental results to infer UV model parameters. To this end, we explore a simple two-parameter model where a heavy U(1) gauge boson $K_\mu$ with mass $m_K$ kinetically mixes with $B_\mu$, the U(1)$_Y$ gauge boson in the SM.

6.1 Matching to $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$

We follow and extend the treatment of this model in ref. [51], where the SM Lagrangian is supplemented with the UV Lagrangian

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} K_{\mu\nu} K^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_K^2 K_\mu K^\mu - \frac{k}{2} B_{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu}, \quad (6.1)$$

where the field strength is $K_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu K_\nu - \partial_\nu K_\mu$. Integrating out the heavy $K$ state, a particular matching pattern results in the SMEFT. The equation of motion for $K_\mu$ is

$$\partial_\nu K^{\mu\nu} - m_K^2 K_\mu + k (\partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}) = 0, \quad (6.2)$$

which can be split into two equations:

$$\partial_\mu K^\mu = 0, \quad (6.3)$$

$$\left(\partial^2 + m_K^2\right) K^\mu = k (\partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}). \quad (6.4)$$

To find the tree-level matching, it is sufficient to insert the solution for the equation of motion for $K^\mu$ back into the Lagrangian. The classical solution is

$$K^\mu_{cl} = \frac{k}{\partial^2 + m_K^2} (\partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}) = \frac{k}{m_K} (\partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}) - \frac{k}{m_K} \left(\partial^2 \partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}\right) + \ldots \quad (6.5)$$

Plugging this solution back into the Lagrangian, we find [51]

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} K_{cl,\mu} \left[ \partial^2 + m_K^2 \right] K^{\mu}_{cl} - \frac{1}{2} K^{\mu}_{cl} \partial_\nu K_{cl}^\nu - \frac{k}{2} B_{\mu\nu} K_{cl}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$= -\frac{k}{2} (\partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}) K_{cl,\mu}$$

$$= -\frac{k^2}{2 m_K^2} (\partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}) (\partial^\alpha B_{\mu\alpha}) + \frac{k^2}{2 m_K^2} (\partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}) \left(\partial^2 \partial_\nu B_{\mu\alpha}\right). \quad (6.6)$$

The induced operators are reducible by the equations of motion. The relevant terms in the Lagrangian are

$$\mathcal{L}_B = -\frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + \sum_\psi \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu i D_\mu \psi + (D_\mu H)^\dagger (D^\mu H) + \Delta \mathcal{L}, \quad (6.7)$$
Table 2. \(\mathcal{L}^{(6)}\) matching coefficients; here \(b_1 = k^2 - 2\lambda(k^2 - k^4) \frac{\bar{\psi} \psi}{m_K^2}\). Flavour indices are suppressed and the heavy field does not violate \(U(3)^5\) flavour symmetry. Fierz rearrangements of the four-fermion operators are allowed.

| Operator | Formula |
|----------|---------|
| \(H^4D^2\) | \(C_{H\ell}^{(6)} = \frac{g_\ell^2 k^2}{8m_K^2} b_1\) |
| \(\psi^4: (\bar{RR})(RR)\) | \(C_{ee}^{(6)} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{g_{e}^2 k^2}{m_K^2}\) |
| \(\psi^4: (\bar{LL})(LL)\) | \(C_{uu}^{(6)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g_{u}^2 k^2}{m_K^2}\) |

| Operator | Formula |
|----------|---------|
| \(H^4D^2\) | \(C_{He}^{(6)} = -\frac{g_{e}^2 k^2}{8m_K^2} b_1\) |
| \(\psi^4: (\bar{RR})(RR)\) | \(C_{ud}^{(6)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g_{d}^2 k^2}{m_K^2}\) |
| \(\psi^4: (\bar{LL})(LL)\) | \(C_{ee}^{(6)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g_{e}^2 k^2}{m_K^2}\) |

with \(\psi = \{q, \ell, u, d, e\}\) possessing hypercharges \(y_\psi = \{1/6, -1/2, 2/3, -1/3, -1\}\). By redefining the field,

\[
B_\mu \rightarrow B_\mu + \frac{k^2}{2m_K^2} \left[ (\partial^\nu B_{\nu}) - j_\mu \right] + \frac{1}{m_K^2} \left[ \left( \frac{k^2}{2} - \frac{3k^4}{8} \right) (\partial^2 \partial^\nu B_{\nu}) - \frac{k^4}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} g_1 \right)^2 (H^1 H)(\partial^\nu B_{\nu}) \right] + \frac{1}{m_K^2} \left[ \left( \frac{k^2}{2} - \frac{5k^4}{8} \right) (\partial^2 j_\mu) + \frac{3k^4}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} g_1 \right)^2 (H^1 H) j_\mu \right],
\]

the Lagrangian becomes

\[
\mathcal{L}_B = -\frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + \sum_\psi \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu i D_\mu \psi + (D_\mu H)^\dagger (D^\mu H) - \frac{k^2}{2m_K^2} j_\mu j^\mu + \frac{k^2 - k^4}{2m_K^2} (\partial^2 j_\mu) j^\mu + \frac{g_\ell^2 k^4}{4m_K^2} (H^1 H) j_\mu j^\mu, \tag{6.9}
\]

where\(^8\)

\[
j_\mu = \sum_\psi \left( -g_1 y_\psi \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi + \left( \frac{1}{2} g_1 \right) H^1 \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi \right). \tag{6.10}
\]

Up to \(\mathcal{L}^{(8)}\) it is sufficient to use the marginal equations of motion to simplify the matching to an operator basis consistent with the geoSMEFT formulation \([10]\) (and the Hilbert series \([52\text{--}55]\)).

\(^8\)We use a positive sign convention in the covariant derivative.
The $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$ matching is given in table 2. The reduction of the derivative terms in the current at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ requires non-trivial manipulations. These terms can be reduced into the form

\[
\begin{align*}
    j^\mu \partial^2 j_\mu &\simeq \\
    g_1^2 \left[ (D_\mu H^\dagger)(D_\nu H)(D^\mu H^\dagger)(D^\nu H) - (D_\mu H^\dagger)(D_\nu H)(D^\nu H)(D^\mu H) \right] \\
    &+ g_2^2 \left[ g_1 (H^\dagger H) B_{\mu\nu}(D^\mu H^\dagger)i(D^\nu H) - g_2 (H^\dagger H)(D^\mu H^\dagger)i\sigma_a(D^\nu H)W^a_{\mu\nu} \right] \\
    &+ \frac{g_1^2 g_2^2}{8} W^a_{\mu\nu} W^\mu W^\nu - \frac{g_1^4}{8} B_{\mu\nu}(H^\dagger H)^2 + g_1^2 y_\psi (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\alpha \gamma \psi) B_{\mu\nu} D^\nu (H^\dagger H) \\
    & - \frac{g_1^2 g_2^2}{4} \left[ 4 (H^\dagger H)^2 (D_\mu H^\dagger D^\mu H) + \lambda (H^\dagger H)^3 (\bar{\psi}^2 - 2H^\dagger H) + H^\dagger \sigma_a H (D_\mu H^\dagger \sigma^a D^\mu H) \right] \\
    &+ 2i g_1^2 y_\psi (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) \left[ \lambda (\bar{\psi}^2 - 2H^\dagger H) \left( H^\dagger i D^\mu H \right) + (D_\mu H^\dagger)(D^\nu D_\mu H)-(D^\nu D_\mu H^\dagger)(D_\nu H) \right] \\
    &- g_2^2 y_\psi (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) \left( H^\dagger H \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( g_1^2 + g_2^2 \right) \left( H^\dagger i D^\mu H \right) + g_1^2 y_\psi (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) \right) \\
    &+ g_2^2 y_\psi (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) \left[ - \frac{g_2^2}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \psi_L (H^\dagger \sigma_a H) + g_2 W^a_{\mu\nu} D^\nu (H^\dagger \sigma_a H) \right],
\end{align*}
\]

where a sum is implied over all $\psi_L$, $\psi$, and $\psi'$ pairs, and terms proportional to Yukawa couplings are neglected. The conventions used for reducing to the operator basis in the $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ matching are those of the geoSMEFT formulation \[10\], which allows all-orders results in the $v^4/\Lambda^4$ expansion to be defined. In this convention derivatives have been moved onto scalar fields and off of fermion fields. A useful identity in deriving this result is

\[
(H^\dagger \sigma_a H)(D^\mu H^\dagger)(D^\nu H)iW^a_{\mu\nu} = -(H^\dagger H)(D^\mu H^\dagger)\sigma_a(D^\nu H)iW^a_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} D^\mu W^a_{\mu\nu} \left[ H^\dagger H \left( i \sigma^a H \right) + H^\dagger \sigma_a H \left( i \sigma^a H \right) \right] \\
+ \frac{g_2^2}{8} \left[ (H^\dagger H)^2 W^a_{\mu\nu} W^a_{\mu\nu} + (H^\dagger \sigma_a H)(H^\dagger \sigma^b H)W^a_{\mu\nu} W^b_{\mu\nu} \right] \\
+ \frac{g_2^2}{4} (H^\dagger \sigma^a H)(H^\dagger H)W^a_{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}.
\]

The matching at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ illustrates a number of interesting features:

- At $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$, the matching results are only dependent on the model parameters and the SM gauge coupling $g_1$. This is consistent with naive expectations in a U(1) kinetic mixing model. At $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$, the result in eq. (6.9) is expressed in terms of derivatives and U(1) currents. Dependence on $g_2$ is introduced in the rearrangement of higher-derivative terms, as required to be consistent with the geoSMEFT conventions. This coupling dependence comes about via commutators of derivatives acting on the Higgs field. Further dependence on $g_2$, and more $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ terms, are introduced through mapping the SM gauge coupling $g_1$, present in the $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$ matching, to input measurements, including SMEFT corrections. As a result, the input-parameter scheme dependence is enhanced at $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ in the SMEFT.
Table 3. Matching coefficients onto operators in $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ relevant for $\Gamma(h\to\gamma\gamma)$ and $\Gamma(Z\to\bar{\psi}\psi)$. In addition to these matching contributions, there are four-fermion operators and four-point contributions. See the results in eq. (6.11), which include these terms and neglect only effects suppressed by Yukawa couplings.

$$H^4\psi^2D$$

| $C_{H^4\psi^2D}$ | $H^4\psi^2D$ |
|------------------|---------------|
| $C_{H^4\psi^2D}$ | $y_s y_t / 4m_K^4$ |
| $C_{H^4\psi^2D}$ | $-g_1^2 y_t / m_K^4$ |
| $C_{H^4\psi^2D}$ | $-g_1^2 y_s / m_K^4$ |
| $C_{H^4\psi^2D}$ | $-g_1^2 y_u / m_K^4$ |
| $C_{H^4\psi^2D}$ | $-g_1^2 y_d / m_K^4$ |
| $C_{H^4\psi^2D}$ | $-g_1^2 y_e / m_K^4$ |
| $C_{H^4\psi^2D}$ | $-g_1^2 y_m / m_K^4$ |

- A naive interpretation of UV physics acting as a mediator leading to a $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$ operator at tree level is frequently possible by inspection. For example, the tree-level exchange of an $SU(2)_L$ triplet field or singlet field leads to

$$Q_{H\psi}^{(3)} = \left(H^\dagger i\gamma^\mu D^\mu_H\right)\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu \sigma^a \psi,$$  

$$Q_{H\psi} = \left(H^\dagger i\gamma^\mu D^\mu_H\right)\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu \psi,$$  

respectively at $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$. Such naive intuition fails at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ and beyond. Specifically, at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ operators can be reduced due to the $SU(2)_L$ completeness relations acting on the scalar coordinates as

$$\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu \psi H^\dagger \sigma^a (H^\dagger i\gamma^\mu D^\mu_H) \rightarrow \bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu \psi H^\dagger (H^\dagger i\gamma^\mu D^\mu_H).$$  

This rearrangement is present in the SMEFT at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ when using a non-redundant operator basis. Such simplifications lead to eq. (6.11) in part. This reduces the transparency of the underlying UV field content and the interactions leading to tree-level matchings to higher-dimensional operators.

- At $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$, there can be patterns that classify Wilson coefficients as tree-level or loop-level [48], with the latter in particular applying to coefficients of operators with gauge field strengths. This is an accidental pattern due to the renormalizability of some UV physics models. Such matching patterns are not present in non-renormalizable
UV theories in general \cite{49}. They also do not apply to operators with higher mass dimensions. The result in eq. (6.11) shows that gauge field-strength operators can receive tree-level matching contributions at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ in a weakly-coupled renormalizable UV model. This is consistent with the results in refs. \cite{49, 50}, and this relative hierarchy of Wilson coefficient values at $\mathcal{L}^{(6,8)}$, when assumed in a UV completion for coefficient sampling, leads in large part to the numerical behavior shown in the first three figures, where loop level processes in the SM are more sensitive to subleading corrections. At $\mathcal{L}^{(7)}$, the seesaw model also leads to operators with gauge field strengths \cite{56} in tree-level matching. These examples show that the operator normalization pattern of ref. \cite{48} does not extend to operators of arbitrary mass dimension in the SMEFT.

- The rearrangement of derivative terms at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ leads to matching coefficients proportional to $\bar{v}_T^2/m_K^2$ for $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$. Formally, an infinite series in $(\bar{v}_T^2/m_K^2)^n$ is present in matching coefficients for higher-dimensional operators. This is due to rearranging matching terms in the non-redundant operator basis. However, as this dependence is an artifact of this particular basis we expect it to cancel in the full result. This occurs as expected.

Restricting the results to the subset of operators that contribute to $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$ and $\Gamma(Z \to \bar{\psi}\psi)$, the matching results for $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ operators are given in table 3.

### 6.2 Constraints to $\mathcal{O}(\bar{v}_T^4/m_K^4)$

The kinetic mixing model allows a comparison of the constraints on an underlying UV physics model at different orders in the SMEFT expansion, and for the partial-square calculation. Consider an experimental bound on the deviation of $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$ from the SM prediction. Substituting the results of table 2 into the partial-square $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$ formula eq. (4.11) yields no constraint on the model parameters, at least when considering tree-level matching. However, using eq. (4.14) we find the partial width to be sensitive to this model at $\mathcal{O}(\bar{v}_T^4/m_K^4)$:

$$\frac{\Gamma^{[\text{SM}]}_{\text{SMEFT}}(h \to \gamma\gamma)}{\Gamma^{[\text{SM}]}_{\text{SM}}(h \to \gamma\gamma)} = 1 - [49.3, 46.8](k_4^4 - k_2^2)g_1^2(g_1^2 - 0.29g_2^2)\frac{\bar{v}_T^4}{m_K^4}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.16)

The width correction has $\approx 5\%$ scheme dependence, and we show its dependence on the model parameters in figure 7 in the $\bar{\alpha}_{\text{ew}}$ scheme. Direct bounds on $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$ are not available, since LHC cross sections depend on the production interaction and the total Higgs width. Ratios of partial widths are available and could be applied as a constraint if a calculation of $h \to 4\ell$ and/or $\Gamma_h$ were available in the SMEFT to this order. A calculation has recently been performed to $\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ \cite{33} and could be extended to $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ with the geoSMEFT framework. However, this is beyond the scope of this work.

Experimental constraints can be considered in the case of the total width of the $Z$ boson, $\Gamma_Z = 2.4952 \pm 0.0023$ GeV. Defining this quantity as the sum of the decay widths
to each two-body final state, the partial-square calculations in the two input-parameter schemes are

$$\sum_p \tilde{\Gamma}^{p.s., \hat{\alpha}_{ew}}_{Z \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_p \psi_p} = 1 + 4.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\tilde{v}_T^2 k^2}{m_K^2} + 4.4 \times 10^{-3} k^4 \frac{\tilde{v}_T^4}{m_K^4},$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.17)

$$\sum_p \tilde{\Gamma}^{p.s., \hat{m}_W}_{Z \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_p \psi_p} = 1 - 3.1 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\tilde{v}_T^2 k^2}{m_K^2} + 2.3 \times 10^{-4} k^4 \frac{\tilde{v}_T^4}{m_K^4}. \hspace{1cm} (6.18)$$

The results show significant scheme dependence. In addition, when summing over partial widths we find a common shift in each partial width in the $\hat{m}_W$ scheme but a different shift for each partial width in the $\hat{\alpha}_{ew}$ scheme.

The corresponding full SMEFT results matched onto the U(1) model at $O(\tilde{v}_T^4/m_K^4)$ are\(^9\)

$$\sum_p \tilde{\Gamma}^{\text{SMEFT}, \hat{\alpha}_{ew}}_{Z \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_p \psi_p} = 1 + 4.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\tilde{v}_T^2 k^2}{m_K^2} - 5.7 \times 10^{-3} \left(k^4 - 1.74k^2\right) \frac{\tilde{v}_T^4}{m_K^4}, \hspace{1cm} (6.19)$$

$$\sum_p \tilde{\Gamma}^{\text{SMEFT}, \hat{m}_W}_{Z \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_p \psi_p} = 1 - 3.1 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\tilde{v}_T^2 k^2}{m_K^2} + 7.9 \times 10^{-3} \left(k^4 - 0.88k^2\right) \frac{\tilde{v}_T^4}{m_K^4}. \hspace{1cm} (6.20)$$

\(^9\)For this result we include the $\tilde{v}_T^2/m_K^2$ correction in the parameter $b_1$ that is formally present as a contribution to matching onto $L^{(1)}$ operators. Doing so, the $\lambda$ dependence exactly cancels out, as expected.

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**Figure 7.** The dependence of $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ on the parameters of a U(1) mixing model using the SMEFT expansion to $O(\tilde{v}_T^2/m_K^2)$. The left plot shows the dependence of the ratio $\Delta\Gamma_{\text{SMEFT}}^{\alpha}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{\alpha}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ on the coupling parameter $k$ for $m_K = \{500, 1000\}$ GeV, for the blue and orange curves respectively. The right plot shows the relative deviations $\{\pm0.01, \pm0.1, \pm0.3\}$ of the partial width in the $\{m_K, k\}$ plane, with intermediate deviations represented by coloured regions. The results are shown in the $\hat{\alpha}_{ew}$ scheme, though results in the $\hat{m}_W$ scheme are qualitatively the same. The partial width has no sensitivity to the model at $O(\tilde{v}_T^2/m_K^2)$ with tree-level matching. Direct experimental bounds on $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)/\Gamma(h \rightarrow 4\ell)$ are not available since only ratios of partial widths can be measured directly, e.g. $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)/\Gamma(h \rightarrow 4\ell)$ [57].
All differences between partial-square and full SMEFT results are at order $\bar{v}_T^4/m_K^4$. Such differences are most important when deviations from the SM are larger, e.g. for lower mass scales, where experimental analyses are more likely to uncover deviations using the SMEFT formalism. We show some of the implications of these results in figures 8 and 9. A number of conclusions are apparent:

- The results show significant scheme dependence, which increases when a full SMEFT result is used. This is expected on general grounds due to the decoupling theorem: low-energy measured parameters are absorbing the effects of high-scale physics. Scheme dependence is expected to be reduced only through a global combination of constraining measurements.

- The model parameters extracted from the partial-square result for the $\hat{\alpha}_{ew}$ input-parameter scheme are constrained more tightly than those at $O(\bar{v}_T^2/m_K^4)$, given the $<0.1\%$ precision on the $\Gamma_Z$ measurement (figure 9). The $O(\bar{v}_T^2/m_K^4)$ constraints are also overly tight, though less so.

- Results in the $\hat{m}_W$ scheme are more consistent across the different orders in the calculation. The parameter constraints extracted from the partial-square and $O(\bar{v}_T^2/m_K^4)$ calculations are essentially the same, and slightly tighter than those from the full $O(\bar{v}_T^4/m_K^4)$ calculation. This is due to the relatively small coefficients to the $\bar{v}_T^4/m_K^4$ terms in this scheme.

- At $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$ there is no dependence on $g_2$ in the matching. The dependence on $g_2$ at $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ comes about due to the arrangement of operator forms in the middle term of eq. (6.9), and when inferring Lagrangian parameter numerical values from input parameters. The correction to the $\Gamma_Z$ width dependent on $g_2$ in the U(1) model carries an overall $k^2-k^4$ dependence, suppressing the numerical dependence of the results on $g_2$. We also find that the $O(\lambda)$ contributions cancel in the $O(\bar{v}_T^4/m_K^4)$ result, as expected for a basis-independent result.

These results are specific to the U(1) mixing model and should be considered as illustrative. Nevertheless, they highlight the need to combine multiple measurements to suppress scheme dependence, and they show that the inference of model parameters from partial-square results can be less accurate than those from a $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ calculation. A consistent truncation order is preferred for measuring coefficients and matching to UV models.

7 Conclusions

Using the geoSMEFT formalism we have calculated the first complete results in the SMEFT to $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$. We have provided numerical expressions to this order for the operator dependence of the partial widths $\Gamma(h\rightarrow\gamma\gamma)$, $\Gamma(h\rightarrow Z\gamma)$, and $\Gamma(Z\rightarrow\bar{\psi}\psi)$, for both the $\hat{m}_W$ and $\hat{\alpha}_{ew}$ input-parameter schemes. A necessary ingredient for these results is the theoretical formalism of input-parameter schemes to all orders in the $\bar{v}_T/\Lambda$ expansion. This formalism
Figure 8. Illustrative bounds on a U(1) mixing model parameters due to bounds on $\Gamma_Z$. Shown is the $\{1,2,3\}\sigma$ allowed region in green, yellow, gray. Here 1$\sigma$ for $\delta\Gamma_Z = 0.0023/2.4952$. Results shown are for the $\hat{\alpha}_{ew}$ input-parameter scheme in the first row. The results in the second row are in the $\hat{m}_W$ input-parameter scheme.

can be applied to any process constructed from three-point functions, and with further development the application to four-point functions should be possible.

In addition to the full $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ calculations, we have obtained numerical expressions for the expansion of each partial width to $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$, and using a 'partial-square' procedure whereby the amplitudes with dimension-6 operators are squared. We have used these results to study the partial-width deviations from the SM for the different calculations and a common set of parameters. As expected the effect of the higher-order terms increase as the scale decreases, and are particularly important for the (SM) loop-level widths $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$ and $\Gamma(h \to Z\gamma)$. We have investigated two procedures for estimating the effects of $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ relative to $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$, and found that the partial-square calculation provides a reasonable estimate of the truncation uncertainty for one of the operators affecting the tree-level width of the $Z$ boson, but both procedures underestimate the uncertainty for the loop-
level partial widths. Current global fits find dimension-6 coefficients consistent with zero, so we recommend using an uncertainty based on the measurement precision and expected Λ dependence in order to minimize the effects of measurement noise. A total uncertainty assignment, due to missing higher order effects, should also include an estimate for missing perturbative corrections.

We have performed a matching of operators up to $\mathcal{L}^{(8)}$ for a kinetic mixing model, and we have determined the differences in inferred parameter values using the various calculations. We have observed a significant dependence on the input-parameter scheme, highlighting the importance of combining multiple measurements when fitting for Wilson coefficients. The partial width $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ is only affected at $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$, providing an example of the value of determining coefficients to this order. The total width $\Gamma_Z$ is affected at $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$, and the parameter constraints inferred from a partial-square calculation are tighter than those inferred from either the $O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$ or $O(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ calculations in the $\hat{\alpha}_{ew}$ scheme. A consistent expansion in the matching and the coefficient measurement is preferred on general grounds, and this example demonstrates that the use of a partial-square calculation in a fit can lead to overly tight constraints. While a partial-square procedure
can provide an indication of the $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ contributions, for consistency a full fixed-order calculation should be used when measuring coefficients in data, or when matching to UV models. We have demonstrated the power of the geoSMEFT formalism to expand the canon of complete calculations at $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ and open up a new avenue to exploring the phenomenology of the SMEFT.

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A Gauge couplings and mixing angles

The geometric Lagrangian parameters are

\begin{equation}
\tilde{e} = g_2 \left( s_\theta \sqrt{g} s_{33} + c_\theta \sqrt{g} s_{34} \right) = g_1 \left( c_\theta \sqrt{g} s_{44} + s_\theta \sqrt{g} s_{34} \right),
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
s^2_{\theta 2} = \frac{1}{g_1^2 \left( (\sqrt{g})^2 + (\sqrt{g}_{44})^2 \right) + g_2^2 \left( (\sqrt{g})^2 + (\sqrt{g}_{44})^2 \right) - 2g_1g_2 \sqrt{g} (\sqrt{g} + \sqrt{g}_{44})},
\end{equation}

and

\begin{equation}
s^2_{\theta z} = \frac{g_1 (\sqrt{g} s_{33} - \sqrt{g} s_{34} c_\theta)}{g_2 (\sqrt{g} s_{33} c_\theta - \sqrt{g} s_{34} s_\theta) + g_1 (\sqrt{g} s_{44} s_\theta - \sqrt{g} s_{44} c_\theta)},
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
s \tilde{g} = \frac{g_2}{c_\theta} \left( c_\theta \sqrt{g} s_{33} - s_\theta \sqrt{g} s_{34} \right) = \frac{g_1}{s_\theta} \left( c_\theta \sqrt{g} s_{44} - s_\theta \sqrt{g} s_{34} \right).
\end{equation}

A set of useful results for Lagrangian parameters expanded out to $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ as

\begin{equation}
\tilde{P} = \tilde{P}^{SM} + \langle \tilde{P} \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} + \langle \tilde{P} \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} + \ldots
\end{equation}

are

\begin{equation}
\tilde{g}_{2}^{SM} = g_2,
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\langle \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P}) \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} = g_2 \tilde{C}_{H}^{(8)};
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\langle \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P}) \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = \frac{3}{2g_2^{SM}} \left( \langle \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P}) \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P}) \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} \left( C_{H}^{(6)} \rightarrow C_{H}^{(8)} \right),
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P})_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = \frac{9g_2}{\sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2}} \left( \langle \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P}) \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} \right)^2 + \langle \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P}) \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} \left( C_{H}^{(6)} \rightarrow C_{H}^{(8)} \right),
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P})_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = \frac{3}{2g_2^{SM}} \left( \langle \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P}) \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} \right)^2 + \langle \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P}) \rangle_{\mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)} \left( C_{H}^{(6)} \rightarrow C_{H}^{(8)} \right),
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P})_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = \frac{g_2^2 C_{H}^{(6)} + g_1^2 C_{H}^{(8)} - g_1g_2 C_{H}^{(6)} \mathcal{B}_{H}^{(6)}}{g_1^2 + g_2^2}. \left( g_1^2 + g_2^2 \right)^{1/2},
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{P})_{\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)} = \frac{g_2^2 C_{H}^{(6)} + g_1^2 C_{H}^{(8)} + g_1g_2 C_{H}^{(6)} \mathcal{B}_{H}^{(6)}}{g_1^2 + g_2^2}. \left( g_1^2 + g_2^2 \right)^{1/2},
\end{equation}
An all-orders form of the vev can be constructed as an infinite series by defining

\[ \langle \mathcal{F}_Z \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) = \frac{3}{2g_{Z2}^2} \left( \langle \mathcal{F}_Z \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \right)^2 + \frac{g_{Z2}^2}{2s_{\theta_Z}^2 c_{\theta_Z}} \left( \langle s_{\theta_Z}^2 \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \right)^2 \]

and

\[ s_{\theta_Z}^2 = \frac{g_1^2}{g_1^2 + g_2^2} \]

It is also useful to note the relations

\[ \langle s_{\theta_Z}^2 \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) = \frac{g_1 g_2}{2 (g_{Z2}^2 + g_2^2)} \left( \langle 2g_{HB} (C_{HB}^{(6)} - C_{HW}^{(6)}) - (g_1^2 - g_2^2) C_{HW B}^{(6)} \right) \]

\[ \langle s_{\theta_Z}^2 \rangle \mathcal{O}(u^4/\Lambda^4) = 2 \left( \langle s_{\theta_Z}^2 \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \right) \left( \langle h | \gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} \right) + \left( \langle s_{\theta_Z}^2 \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \right) \left( \langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} \right) \]

where \( \langle h | \gamma Z \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} \) is defined in eq. (3.15) and \( \langle h | \gamma \gamma \rangle_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} \) is defined in eq. (3.5).

## B All-orders vev

An all-orders form of the vev can be constructed as an infinite series by defining

\[ \langle \bar{v}_F^2 \rangle = \]

\[ v_{\text{SM}}^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^n A_{m,k} \ldots (n+1)_p (\frac{q}{2})_m}{(r)_n} \left( \frac{v_{\text{SM}}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)^j \left( \frac{6}{8 \lambda} C_{H}^{(6)} \right)^m \left( \frac{8}{16 \lambda} C_{H}^{(8)} \right)^n \left( \frac{10}{32 \lambda} C_{H}^{(10)} \right)^k \ldots \]

(B.1)
where $(x)_n$ is the Pochhammer symbol and

\[
\begin{align*}
i &= n + m + k + \ldots \\
j &= n + 2m + 3m + \ldots \\
r &= 2 - n + j \\
p &= \frac{1}{4} [6m - 1 + (-1)^m] + 2k + \ldots \\
q &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} [6m + 1 - (-1)^m] + 2k + \ldots \\
a &= \frac{1}{9} \left( 12k + \sqrt{3} \sin \left( \frac{2\pi k}{3} \right) + 3 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{3} \right) - 3 \right) + \ldots \\
b &= \frac{1}{9} \left( 12k - \sqrt{3} \sin \left( \frac{2\pi k}{3} \right) - \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{3} \right) + 1 \right) + \ldots \\
c &= \frac{1}{9} \left( 12k - 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{3} \right) + 2 \right) + \ldots \\
d &= \frac{1}{4} \left( 6k + 1 - (-1)^k \right) + \ldots \\
e &= \frac{1}{4} \left( 6k + 1 + (-1)^k \right) + \ldots \\
A_{m,k,\ldots} &= B_{k,\ldots} \frac{\left( \frac{27}{4} \right)^m (m+1)a \left( \frac{1}{3} + b \right)_m \left( \frac{2}{3} + c \right)_m}{(1 + d)_m (1 + e)_m (1 + p)_m} \\
B_{k,\ldots} &= C_{\ldots} \frac{\left( \frac{256}{27} \right)^k \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)_k \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)_k \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)_k}{\left( \frac{2}{3} \right)_k (1) a \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)_k \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)_k} \\
C_{0,0,\ldots} &= 1.
\end{align*}
\]

This does not violate the Abel impossibility theorem, as the solution is not a solution in radicals.

The same solution can be applied to solve for the Lagrangian parameter $\tilde{v}_T$ in terms of the measured value of $\hat{G}_F$.

### C \ ((\tilde{v}_T^2/\Lambda^2)^n$ mappings of input parameters to Lagrangian parameters

We use the “hat-bar” convention [18, 21, 29] in our input parameter analysis. Lagrangian parameters directly determined from the measured input parameters are defined as having hat superscripts. Lagrangian parameters in the canonically normalized SMEFT are indicated with bar superscripts. These parameters are the geoSMEFT mass eigenstate Lagrangian parameters. A numerical value of an SM Lagrangian parameter ($P$) can be modified in the SMEFT, and the difference between these Lagrangian parameters ($P$) is in general denoted as $\delta P = \bar{P} - \hat{P}$. Note that defining the parameter shift in this manner introduces a sign convention for $\delta P$. The Lagrangian parameters are defined to all orders in appendix A.
C.1 Input parameter \( \hat{G}_F \)

The value of the vev of the Higgs field is obtained from the precise measurement of the decay \( \Gamma(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu_e + \nu_\mu) \). It is sufficient when considering corrections up to \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \) to define the local effective interaction for muon decay as

\[
\mathcal{L}_{G_F} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma^\mu P_L \mu)(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu P_L e). \tag{C.1}
\]

The modification of this input parameter in the SMEFT to \( \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \) in the Warsaw basis was given in ref. [21]

\[
-\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{h_{11}^2 v^2_T}} \left( C_4^{(6)} + C_4^{(6)} \right) - 2 \left( C_3^{(6)} + C_3^{(6)} \right). \tag{C.2}
\]

At higher orders in the \( v_T/\Lambda \) expansion, the results in ref. [10] define the contributions through a \( W^+ \) exchange to eq. (C.1) via

\[
\langle \bar{\psi} \psi | W \rangle \langle W | \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle \simeq -\frac{2}{\sqrt{h_{11}^2 v^2_T}} (\bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma^\mu P_L \mu)(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu P_L e)
\times \left[ 1 - i v_T \langle L_4,1 \rangle + i v_T \langle L_{4,2} \rangle \right] \left[ 1 - i v_T \langle L_{4,1} \rangle - i v_T \langle L_{4,2} \rangle \right]. \tag{C.3}
\]

Here we are neglecting corrections relatively suppressed by the light fermion masses and \( \Gamma_W \). The cross terms of the field-space connections \( \langle L^\ell \rangle \) are examples of “double insertions” of higher-dimensional operators in the SMEFT, generically present when developing analyses to \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) or higher. To generalize to higher orders in the power counting expansion we define

\[
-\frac{4G_F^W}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{h_{11}^2 v^2_T}} \left[ 1 - i v_T \langle L_{4,2} \rangle + i v_T \langle L_{4,2} \rangle \right] \left[ 1 - i v_T \langle L_{4,1} \rangle - i v_T \langle L_{4,2} \rangle \right]. \tag{C.4}
\]

The tower of higher-dimensional operators that directly give a four-point function can interfere with the SM contribution. Four-fermion operators that can contribute to muon decay have the chirality combinations \( LLLL \) or \( LLRR \). At \( \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \) only \( LLLL \) terms interfere with the SM amplitude, and such contributions are from \( C_4^{(6)} \) in eq. (C.1). When considering corrections to \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) and higher, self-interference terms are also present in the Wick expansion that need not interfere with (C.1). For example, in the Warsaw basis [19] for \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \), a contribution from

\[
Q^{(6+2n)}_{1e \prst} = (H^\dagger H)^n (\bar{\ell}_r \gamma_\mu \ell_r) (\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t) \tag{C.5}
\]

is present when \( n = 0 \). Here \( p, r, s, t \) are flavour indices that run over 1, 2, 3. The generalization for \( LLRR \) operators to higher mass dimensions introduces an additional operator of the form

\[
Q^{(n+2n)}_{e\prst H} = (H^\dagger H)^n (H^\dagger \sigma^i H) (\bar{\ell}_p \gamma^\mu \sigma_i \ell_r) (\bar{e}_s \gamma_\mu e_t). \tag{C.6}
\]
We use a dot product in the operator label to indicate an SU(2)_{L} triplet contraction and define a short-hand notation for these contributions

\[ G_{\text{pr}}^{4\text{pt}} = \frac{1}{v_{F}T} \tilde{C}_{\text{pr}}^{(6+2n)} - \frac{1}{v_{F}T} \tilde{C}_{\text{pr}}^{(8+2n)}. \]  

(C.7)

When considering four-fermion operators of the chirality \( LLLL \) that can contribute to muon decay, it is sufficient to define

\[
\mathcal{L}_{4\ell}^{(d\geq 8)} = C_{\ell\ell H H}^{(8+2n)} (H_i^{1} H_i^{1}) (\tilde{\ell}_p \gamma^\mu \ell_r)(\tilde{\ell}_s \gamma^\mu \ell_t) \\
+ C_{\ell\ell H H}^{(8+2n)} (H_i^{1} \sigma^i H_i^{1})^n (\tilde{\ell}_p \gamma^\mu \sigma_i \ell_r)(\tilde{\ell}_s \gamma^\mu \ell_t) \\
+ C_{\ell\ell H H}^{(10+2n)} (H_i^{1} \sigma^i H_i^{1})^n (H_i^{1} \sigma^j H_i^{1}) (\tilde{\ell}_p \gamma^\mu \sigma_i \ell_r)(\tilde{\ell}_s \gamma^\mu \sigma_j \ell_t).
\]

(C.8)

where \( \sigma^i \) are the Pauli matrices. Fermi statistics imposes a non-trivial counting in the allowed \( \text{prst} \), as is also the case for \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \), see refs. [21, 58, 59]. An operator form with an explicit \( e_{pk} \) can be related to those above using the Pauli matrix commutation and completeness relations. We also introduce the short-hand notation for the set of higher-dimensional-operator contributions that interfere with the SM amplitude

\[ G_{\text{pr}}^{4\text{pt}} = \frac{1}{v_{F}T} \tilde{C}_{\text{pr}}^{(6)} + \tilde{C}_{\text{pr}}^{(6)} + \frac{1}{21+n} \left[ \tilde{C}_{\text{pr}}^{(8+2n)} + \tilde{C}_{\text{pr}}^{(8+2n)} \right] + \frac{1}{21+n} \left[ \tilde{C}_{\text{pr}}^{(8+2n)} - \tilde{C}_{\text{pr}}^{(8+2n)} \right], \]

(C.9)

which interferes with the SM when \( r = 2, s = 1 \).

There are also self-interference terms present in the Wick expansion at \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) and higher that need not interfere with eq. (C.1). For example, in the Warsaw basis [19] contributions from \( Q_{\mu}^{(6)} \) arise when \( r \neq 2, s \neq 1 \) [21].\footnote{The muon decay width is measured without identification of the produced neutrino species, but the SM weak interaction eigenstates are defined to be the flavour labels in eq. (C.1), so only contributions from the same weak neutrino eigenstates interfere with the SM contribution.} These contributions are also given by \( G_{\text{pr}}^{4\text{pt}} \), when \( r \neq 2, s \neq 1 \).

A measurement of the inclusive decay width of \( \mu^{-}(p_1) \rightarrow e^{-}(p_4) + \bar{\nu}_e(p_3) + \nu_\mu(p_2) \) and an assumed value of the muon mass \( m_\mu \) yields

\[ \hat{\Gamma}(\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu) = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192 \pi^3}. \]

(C.10)

The value of \( G_F^2 \) in a theoretical prediction of the right-hand side above corresponds to the amplitude squared via

\[ |A|^2 = 8 \left( \frac{4 G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 (p_1 \cdot p_3)(p_2 \cdot p_4) \]

(C.11)
The same sum over phase space and spin sum is present for all contributions considered here. The mapping of these results to the Lagrangian parameters is then given by
\[
\left( \frac{4 \hat{G}_F}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{-4 G_W^F}{\sqrt{2}} + G_{4pt}^{4pt, 21} \right)^2 + \sum_{pr} \left( \hat{G}_{4pt}^{4pt, pr} \right)^2 + \sum_{r,s,r \neq 21, s} \left( \hat{G}_{4pt}^{4pt, rs} \right)^2.
\] (C.12)

Inverting this equation and solving for \( \bar{v}_T^2 \) order by order in the \( \bar{v}_T/\Lambda \) expansion defines \( \delta G_F \) order by order. Consistent with past works [29] we define this correction with the normalization
\[
\bar{v}_T^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{G}_F + \delta G_F \hat{G}_F,
\] (C.13)
which can be defined at any order in \( (\bar{v}_T/\Lambda)^{2n} \) using (C.12).

C.2 Input parameter \( \hat{\alpha}_{ew} \)

For the \( U(1)_{ew} \) current we have
\[
\mathcal{L}_A = -\bar{e} \bar{\psi}_A Q_{\psi} \delta_{pr} \psi_r
\] (C.14)

The extraction of \( \hat{\alpha}_{ew} \) occurs in the measurement of the Coulomb potential of a charged particle in the low momentum limit \( (q^2 \to 0) \). A low-scale measurement of this coupling must be run up through the hadronic resonance region \( q^2 \sim \Lambda^2_{QCD} \) to be used at higher scales, and this introduces the dominant error in the use of this input parameter. See the discussion in ref. [60] for more details.

C.3 Input parameters \( \hat{m}_Z, \hat{m}_W \)

The remaining input parameters are more directly generalized to higher orders in the power counting. The experimental measurements of these parameters are discussed in ref. [60]. For \( m_{Z,W} \) we use the geometric definitions of the bar parameters, which are valid to all orders in the \( \bar{v}_T/\Lambda \) expansion:
\[
m_Z^2 = \frac{g_2^2}{4} \sqrt{h_{33}} \bar{v}_T^2, \quad m_W^2 = \frac{g_2^2}{4} \sqrt{h_{11}} \bar{v}_T^2,
\] (C.15)
where in the Warsaw basis
\[
\sqrt{h_{33}} = 1 + \frac{\hat{c}_{6,HD}}{4} + \frac{\hat{c}_{8,HD} + \hat{c}_{8,HD,2}}{8} - \frac{(\hat{c}_{6,HD})^2}{32} + \ldots,
\] (C.16)
\[
\sqrt{h_{11}} = 1 + \frac{\hat{c}_{8,HD,2}}{8} + \ldots.
\] (C.17)

D \( \{ \hat{m}_W, \hat{m}_Z, \hat{G}_F \} \) input-parameter scheme at all orders in \( (\bar{v}_T^2/\Lambda^2)^n \)

In this scheme we can again use eq. (E.2) to define a shift to \( \hat{g}_Z \). We also use
\[
\bar{g}_2 = g_2 \sqrt{\frac{g^{11}}{h_{11} \bar{v}_T}}.
\] (D.1)
and

\[ g_1 = g_2 \left( \frac{s_\theta \sqrt{g}^{33} + c_\theta \sqrt{g}^{34}}{c_\theta \sqrt{g}^{44} + s_\theta \sqrt{g}^{34}} \right) \]  

(D.2)

to solve for \( s_\theta^2 \) via

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{\left[ (\sqrt{g}^{44})^2 + (\sqrt{g}^{34})^2 \right]^2} & \left\{ - \left( \frac{g_2 \sqrt{g}^-}{g_Z} \right)^2 \left[ \left( \sqrt{g}^{44} \right)^2 - \left( \sqrt{g}^{34} \right)^2 \right] 
+ \left( \sqrt{g}^{44} \right)^2 \left[ \left( \sqrt{g}^{44} \right)^2 + (\sqrt{g}^{34})^2 \right] 
- 2 \left( \frac{g_2 \sqrt{g}^-}{g_Z} \right) \sqrt{(\sqrt{g}^{44})^2 (\sqrt{g}^{34})^2} \left[ \left( \sqrt{g}^{44} \right)^2 + (\sqrt{g}^{34})^2 - \left( \frac{g_2 \sqrt{g}^-}{g_Z} \right)^2 \right] \right\}.
\end{align*}
\]

(D.3)

The remaining Lagrangian parameters can then be defined via

\[ \bar{\bar{e}} = \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{\bar{g}}} \left( s_\theta \sqrt{g}^{33} + c_\theta \sqrt{g}^{34} \right), \]  

(D.4)

and

\[ s_\theta^2 \bar{Z} = \frac{\pi}{g_Z} \left( s_\theta \sqrt{g}^{44} - c_\theta \sqrt{g}^{34} \right). \]  

(D.5)

In both schemes, \( g_Z \) and \( s_\theta^2 \bar{Z} \) have the same definition in terms of other “barred” Lagrangian parameters.

**D.1 \( \Gamma(Z \to \bar{b}b) \)**

The effective coupling results to \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) in the case of down quarks are given by

\[
\langle Z_{dL}^{dL}, \bar{Z}_{SM,pp} \rangle = 0.32, \]  

(D.6)

\[
\langle Z_{dL}^{dL}, \bar{Z}_{eff,pp} \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) = 0.02 \bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} + 0.10 \bar{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} - 0.22 \bar{G}_{F}^{(6)} + 0.37 \left( \bar{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \bar{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} \right), \]  

(D.7)

\[
\langle Z_{dL}^{dL}, \bar{Z}_{eff,pp} \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) = - \left( \frac{\bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)}}{4} + \frac{\bar{G}_{F}^{(6)}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \langle Z_{dL}^{dL}, \bar{Z}_{eff,pp} \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2)
+ \bar{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \left( -0.06 \bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} + 0.10 \bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} + \bar{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \right)
+ 0.01 (\bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)})^2 - 0.06 \bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} \bar{G}_{F}^{(6)} - 0.04 \bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} + 0.06 \bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} + 0.05 \bar{C}_{HWB}^{(6)}
+ 0.19 \bar{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} + \frac{0.37}{2} \left( \bar{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \bar{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \bar{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} \right) + 0.08 (\delta G_{F}^{(6)})^2 - 0.22 \delta G_{F}^{(6)}, \]  

(D.8)

\[
\langle Z_{dR}^{dR}, \bar{Z}_{SM,pp} \rangle = -0.06, \]  

(D.9)

\[
\langle Z_{dR}^{dR}, \bar{Z}_{eff,pp} \rangle \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) = 0.11 \bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} + 0.10 \bar{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} + 0.04 \delta G_{F}^{(6)} + 0.37 \bar{C}_{H_D}^{(6)}, \]  

(D.10)
The effective coupling results to \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) in the case of charged leptons are given by

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z_{\ell \ell}} \rangle = 0.20, \\
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z_{\ell L}} \rangle = 0.24 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} + 0.31 \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} - 0.15 \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37 \left( \hat{C}_{L \ell}^{(6)} + \hat{C}_{H_{\ell \ell}}^{(6)} \right), \\
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z_{\ell R}} \rangle = -0.17, \\
\langle g_{\text{SM,pp}}^{Z_{\ell L}} \rangle = 0.33 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} + 0.31 \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} + 0.12 \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37 \hat{C}_{H_{\ell \ell}}^{(6)}.
\]

The effective coupling results to \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) are given by

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{\nu_{\ell L}} \rangle = -0.37, \\
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{\nu_{\ell L}} \rangle = 0.09 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} + 0.26 \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37 \left( \hat{C}_{L \ell}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{H_{\ell \ell}}^{(6)} \right), \\
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{\nu_{\ell R}} \rangle = -0.01 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} + 0.12 \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.12 \hat{C}_{H_{\ell \ell}}^{(6)}.
\]
E \{\hat{\alpha}_{\text{ew}}, \hat{m}_Z, \hat{G}_F\} input-parameter scheme at all orders in $(\hat{v}_T^2/\Lambda^2)^n$

For the \{\hat{\alpha}_{\text{ew}}, \hat{m}_Z, \hat{G}_F\} input-parameter scheme we use the inputs [29, 60]

\[
\hat{e} = \sqrt{4\pi \hat{\alpha}_{\text{ew}}}, \quad \hat{v}_T = \frac{1}{2^{1/4} \sqrt{\hat{G}_F}}, \quad \hat{m}_Z^2,
\]  

(E.1)

to numerically fix values for the U(1)$_{\text{ew}}$ coupling, the vev, and the $Z$ and Higgs pole masses. From these inferred numerical values for Lagrangian parameters, one derives numerical values for the remaining Lagrangian parameters. When considering the geoSMEFT formalism an efficient way to derive the shifts in the remaining Lagrangian parameters is to first determine

\[
\bar{g}_Z = \frac{2\bar{M}_Z}{\sqrt{h_{33} v_T}}
\]

(E.2)

\[
= \hat{g}_Z + \delta g_Z
\]

(E.3)
to a desired order in $(\hat{v}_T/\Lambda)^{(2n)}$. Then we express $g_1$ and $g_2$ in terms of $\bar{v}$, $s_\theta$ and the $g^{AB}$ metric using eq. (A.1),

\[
g_1 = \bar{v} c_\theta \sqrt{g^{11}}, \quad g_2 = \bar{v} s_\theta \sqrt{g^{33}} + c_\theta \sqrt{g^{34}}.
\]

(E.4)

Further, eq. (A.3) combined with eq. (E.4) allows $s_\theta^2$ to be defined in terms of quantities related to input parameters via

\[
s_\theta^2 = \frac{\bar{v}}{2g_Z} \left[ \left( \frac{\sqrt{g^{33}}}{\bar{g}_+} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\sqrt{g^{34}}}{\bar{g}_-} \right)^2 \right] \cdot \left[ 2 \sqrt{g^{14}} \left( \sqrt{g^{33}} - \sqrt{g^{34}} \right) \sqrt{\bar{g}_-} \right. \\
+ \frac{g_Z}{\bar{v}} \left[ \left( \frac{\sqrt{g^{33}}}{\bar{g}_+} \right)^2 \left( \sqrt{g^{44}} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \sqrt{g^{44}} \right)^2 \left( \sqrt{g^{34}} \right)^2 + \left( \sqrt{g^{34}} \right)^4 \right] \\
\left. - \sqrt{g_+} \sqrt{g_-} \sqrt{\bar{g}_+} \frac{\sqrt{g^{33}}}{\bar{v} \sqrt{g^{34}}} \frac{\sqrt{g^{34}}}{\bar{g}_+} \left( \sqrt{g^{33}} + \sqrt{g^{34}} \right) - 4 \right]
\]

(E.5)

where $\sqrt{\bar{g}_\pm} = \sqrt{g^{33}} \sqrt{g^{14}} \pm \left( \sqrt{g^{34}} \right)^2$.

The remaining electroweak Lagrangian parameters are then determined in terms of the inputs by using

\[
s_{\theta_Z}^2 = \frac{\bar{v}}{g_Z} \left( s_\theta \sqrt{g^{14}} + \frac{g^{11}}{c_\theta \sqrt{g^{34}}} \right)
\]

(E.6)

\[
\bar{g}_Z = \frac{g_1}{s_\theta \sqrt{g^{33}} + c_\theta \sqrt{g^{34}}},
\]

(E.7)

\[
\hat{m}_W^2 = \frac{\bar{g}_Z^2}{4} \left( \sqrt{h_{11}} \right)^2 \hat{v}_T^2
\]

(E.8)

\footnote{When comparing to past work [18, 21, 29] the sign of a defined $\hat{g}_Z$ has conventionally absorbed a factor of $\hat{v}^2 = -1$ when only considering $\mathcal{L}^{(3)}$ corrections.}
To utilize these relations, one expands out to a fixed order in $(\bar{v}_T/\Lambda)^{(2n)}$, thereby relating each “barred” Lagrangian parameter to parameters defined by input measurements via $P = \hat{P} + \delta P$. This determines $\delta P$ up to the fixed order in $(\bar{v}_T/\Lambda)^{(2n)}$ one is examining.

The following subsections provide numerical results for the partial widths in the SMEFT in this scheme. For reference the corresponding SM predictions are given by

\begin{align}
\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to \gamma\gamma) &= 1.08 \times 10^{-5}\text{ GeV}, \\
\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to Z\gamma) &= 6.61 \times 10^{-6}\text{ GeV}, \\
\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(Z \to \bar{u}u) &= 0.28\text{ GeV}, \\
\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(Z \to d\bar{d}) &= 0.36\text{ GeV}, \\
\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(Z \to \ell\ell) &= 0.08\text{ GeV}, \\
\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(Z \to \nu\nu) &= 0.17\text{ GeV}.
\end{align}

### E.1 $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$

The partial-square calculation of the partial decay width $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$ is

\begin{equation}
\frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to \gamma\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to \gamma\gamma)} \simeq 1 - 748 f_1^{\text{SM}} + 374^2 (f_1^{\text{SM}})^2 - 349 (\hat{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)})^2
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
- 53.3 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)} (\hat{C}_{H_B}^{(6)} + 8.5 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)} - 10.6 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)})
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
- 13.9 \hat{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} (\hat{C}_{H_B}^{(6)} + 18 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)} - 17 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)})
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
+ 1370 \delta G_F^{(6)} (\hat{C}_{H_B}^{(6)} - 0.14 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)} - 0.15 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)})
\end{equation}

while the full $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ SMEFT result is

\begin{equation}
\frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to \gamma\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to \gamma\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to \gamma\gamma)} - 748 \left[ (\hat{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)}) f_1^{\text{SM}} - f_2^{\text{SM}} \right] - 1147 (f_1^{\text{SM}})^2.
\end{equation}

### E.2 $\Gamma(h \to Z\gamma)$

The partial-square calculation of the partial decay width $\Gamma(h \to Z\gamma)$ is

\begin{equation}
\frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to Z\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to Z\gamma)} \simeq 1 - 239 f_3^{\text{SM}} + 120^2 (f_3^{\text{SM}})^2 - 128 (\hat{C}_{H_B}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)})^2
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
+ 27.8 \hat{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} (\hat{C}_{H_B}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)})^2 - 4.1 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)}
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
- 17.1 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)} (\hat{C}_{H_B}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)} - 33 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)})
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
- 444 \delta G_F^{(6)} (\hat{C}_{H_B}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)} + 1.5 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)})
\end{equation}

while the full $\mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4)$ SMEFT result is

\begin{equation}
\frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to Z\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to Z\gamma)} = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to Z\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^\text{SM}(h \to Z\gamma)} - 239 \left[ (\hat{C}_{H_D}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)}) f_3^{\text{SM}} + f_4^{\text{SM}} \right]
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
- 321 (f_3^{\text{SM}})^2 - 239 f_3^{\text{SM}} (3.9 \hat{C}_{H_B}^{(6)} + 0.12 \hat{C}_{H_W}^{(6)}).
\end{equation}
E.3 \( \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \bar{u}u) \)

The effective-coupling results in the \( \hat{\alpha}_{\text{ew}} \) scheme dictating \( Z \) boson decay to up-type quarks are

\[
\langle g_{\text{SM,pp}}^{Z,ul} \rangle = -0.26, \quad (E.15)
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}/O(v^2/\Lambda^2)}^{Z,ul} \rangle = 0.15 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} + 0.39 \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} + 0.41 \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37 \left( \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} - \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(3,6)} \right), \quad (E.16)
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}/O(v^2/\Lambda^2)}^{Z,ul} \rangle = - \left( \frac{\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)}}{4} + \frac{\delta G_F^{(6)}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,ul} \rangle - \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \left( 0.35 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} + 0.39 (\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \hat{C}_{HW}^{(6)}) + 0.98 \delta G_F^{(6)} \right) + 0.02 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.07 \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} + 0.07 \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} + 0.58 (\hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)})^2 + 0.20 \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(8)} - \frac{0.37}{2} \left( \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(2,8)} + \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} - \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} \right), \quad (E.17)
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{SM,pp}}^{Z,ur} \rangle = 0.12, \quad (E.18)
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}/O(v^2/\Lambda^2)}^{Z,ur} \rangle = 0.05 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} + 0.39 \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} + 0.15 \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37 \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} \left( \frac{0.37}{2} \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} + \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} + \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} \right) + 0.15 (\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 + 0.41 \delta G_F^{(8)}. \quad (E.19)
\]

E.4 \( \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \bar{b}b) \)

The effective coupling results defining \( Z \) decay to \( O(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) in the case of down quarks are given by

\[
\langle g_{\text{SM,pp}}^{Z,dl} \rangle = 0.31, \quad (E.21)
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}/O(v^2/\Lambda^2)}^{Z,dl} \rangle = -0.12 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.20 \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} - 0.34 \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37 \left( \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(3,6)} \right), \quad (E.22)
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}/O(v^4/\Lambda^4)}^{Z,dl} \rangle = - \left( \frac{\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)}}{4} + \frac{\delta G_F^{(6)}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \langle g_{\text{eff,pp}}^{Z,dl} \rangle - \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \left( -0.17 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.20 (\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(6)} + \hat{C}_{HW}^{(6)}) - 0.49 \delta G_F^{(6)} \right) + 0.003 (\hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)})^2 - 0.19 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.012 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} + 0.06 \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} + 0.03 (\hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)})^2 + 0.58 (\hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)})^2 + 0.20 \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(8)} + \frac{0.37}{2} \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(2,8)} + \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(2,8)} + \hat{C}_{Hq}^{(8)} + 0.15 (\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 + 0.41 \delta G_F^{(8)}. \quad (E.23)
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{SM,pp}}^{Z,dr} \rangle = -0.06, \quad (E.24)
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff,pp}/O(v^2/\Lambda^2)}^{Z,dr} \rangle = -0.03 \hat{C}_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.20 \hat{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} - 0.08 \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37 \hat{C}_{Hd}^{(6)} + \hat{C}_{Hd}^{(6)} \left( -0.03 (\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 - 0.34 \delta G_F^{(8)}. \quad (E.25)
\]
\[
\langle g_{\text{eff},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \rangle = \left( \frac{C_{HD}^{(6)}}{4} + \frac{\delta G_F^{(6)}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \langle g_{\text{eff},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \rangle + \tilde{C}_{\text{HWB}}^{(6)} \left( -0.17C_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.20(C_{HB}^{(6)} + C_{HW}^{(6)}) - 0.49\delta G_F^{(6)} \right) - 0.015(C_{HD}^{(6)})^2 - 0.12 C_{HD}^{(6)} \delta G_F^{(6)} - 0.01 C_{HD}^{(6)} - 0.01 \tilde{C}_{H,D2}^{(8)} - 0.29(C_{HWB}^{(6)})^2 - 0.10 C_{H,D2}^{(8)} + \frac{0.37}{2} \tilde{C}_{H,D2}^{(8)} - 0.12(\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 - 0.08\delta G_F^{(8)}.
\]

E.5 \( \Gamma(Z \to \bar{\ell}\ell) \)

The effective coupling results to \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) in the case of charged leptons are given by

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \rangle = 0.21,
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \rangle = -0.17 C_{H,D}^{(6)} - 0.59 C_{H,WB}^{(6)} - 0.49\delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37(C_{H,D}^{(6)} + \tilde{C}_{H,D}^{(6)}),
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \rangle = - \left( \frac{C_{H,D}^{(6)}}{4} + \frac{\delta G_F^{(6)}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \langle g_{\text{eff},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \rangle + \tilde{C}_{H,WB}^{(6)} \left( -0.52C_{H,D}^{(6)} - 0.59(C_{H,B}^{(6)} + C_{H,W}^{(6)}) - 1.46\delta G_F^{(6)} \right) - 0.03(C_{H,D}^{(6)})^2 - 0.43 C_{H,D}^{(6)} \delta G_F^{(6)} - 0.09 C_{H,D}^{(6)} - 0.09 C_{H,D2}^{(8)} - 0.88(C_{H,WB}^{(6)})^2 - 0.29 C_{H,D2}^{(8)} + \frac{0.37}{2} C_{H,D2}^{(8)} + \frac{0.37}{2} C_{H,D2}^{(8)} - 0.26(\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 - 0.49\delta G_F^{(8)}.
\]

E.6 \( \Gamma(Z \to \bar{\nu}\nu) \)

The effective coupling results to \( \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \) are given by

\[
\langle g_{\text{SM},pp}^{Z,\nu
u}, \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \rangle = -0.37,
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \rangle = 0.09 C_{H,D}^{(6)} + 0.26\delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.37(C_{H,D}^{(6)} + \tilde{C}_{H,D}^{(6)}),
\]

\[
\langle g_{\text{eff},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^4/\Lambda^4) \rangle = - \left( \frac{C_{H,D}^{(6)}}{4} + \frac{\delta G_F^{(6)}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \langle g_{\text{eff},pp}^Z, \mathcal{O}(v^2/\Lambda^2) \rangle - 0.09(\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 + 0.26\delta G_F^{(8)} - 0.01(C_{H,D}^{(6)})^2 + 0.07 C_{H,D}^{(6)} \delta G_F^{(6)} + 0.05 C_{H,D}^{(6)} - 0.05 C_{H,D2}^{(8)} - 0.37 C_{H,D2}^{(8)} + \frac{0.37}{2} C_{H,D2}^{(8)} + \frac{0.37}{2} C_{H,D2}^{(8)} - 0.36(\delta G_F^{(6)})^2 - 0.23\delta G_F^{(8)}.
\]
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