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The equations of motion for the standard model effective field theory (SMEFT) differ from those in the standard model. Corrections due to local contact operators modify the equations of motion and impact matching results at sub-leading order in the operator expansion. As a consequence, a matching coefficient \( C_{i}^{(d)} \) for operators of dimension \( d \) can be dependent on the basis choice for \( \mathcal{L}^{(d)} \). We report the SMEFT equations of motion with corrections due to \( \mathcal{L}^{(5,6)} \). We demonstrate the effect of these corrections when matching to sub-leading order by considering the interpretation of recently reported \( B \to K^{(*)} \ell^{+} \ell^{-} \) lepton universality anomalies in the SMEFT.

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I. INTRODUCTION

When physics beyond the standard model (SM) is present at scales \( \Lambda > \sqrt{2} |H^\dagger H| = \tilde{v}_T \), the SM can be extended into an effective field theory (EFT). Such an EFT can be constructed with two further defining assumptions: no light hidden states in the spectrum with couplings to the SM; and a SU(2)\(_L \) scalar doublet with hypercharge \( y_h = 1/2 \) being present in the EFT. The resulting standard model effective field theory (SMEFT) extends the SM with higher dimensional operators \( \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)} \) of mass dimension \( d \):

\[
\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}^{(5)} + \mathcal{L}^{(6)} + \mathcal{L}^{(7)} + \cdots,
\]

\[
\mathcal{L}^{(d)} = \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)} \quad \text{for } d > 4.
\]

The operators \( \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)} \) are suppressed by \( d - 4 \) powers of the cutoff scale \( \Lambda \) and the \( C_i^{(d)} \) are the Wilson coefficients. We use the nonredundant \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \) Warsaw basis [1], which removed some redundancies (see also [2]) in the overcomplete basis of Ref. [3].

The exact size of the SMEFT expansion parameters: \( \tilde{v}_T^2/\Lambda^2 < 1 \), \( p^2/\Lambda^2 < 1 \) (\( p^2 \) stands for a general dimension two kinematic Lorentz invariant, \( \tilde{v}_T^2 \) is the modified Higgs potential\(^1\), are unknown and modified by the \( C_i^{(d)} \). As a result when deviations from the SM are interpreted in the SMEFT formalism, subleading results and loop corrections are sometimes of interest in interpreting an experimental result.

To perform a matching to a nonredundant operator basis for \( \mathcal{L}^{(d)} \), it is usually required to know the equations of motion (EOM), including possible SMEFT corrections due to \( \mathcal{L}^{(5,6)} \). In this paper, we report the EOM for the SMEFT including corrections due to \( \mathcal{L}^{(5,6)} \) and demonstrate the utility of these results in some examples.

A partial discussion concerning corrections of this form has recently appeared in literature in Refs. [5,6]. Reference [5] discusses EOM corrections to matching results of the seesaw model to subleading order, while Ref. [6] discusses the importance of these corrections to matching between the SMEFT and the low-energy EFT where some standard model particles are integrated out.

II. NOTATION AND CONVENTIONS

The SM Lagrangian [7–9] notation is fixed to be

\[
\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^{A} G^{A \mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} W_{\mu}^{I} W_{\mu I} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu},
\]

\[
+ \sum_{\psi} \bar{\psi} i \gamma^\mu \psi + \left( D_{\mu} H \right)^{\dagger} \left( D^\mu H \right) - \lambda \left( H^\dagger H - \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right)^2
\]

\[
- \left[ H^{\dagger} j \bar{\psi} Y_{\ell} q_{j} + \bar{H}^{\dagger} j \bar{\psi} Y_{\ell} q_{j} + H^{\dagger} j \bar{\psi} Y_{\ell} e_{j} + \text{H.c.} \right],
\]

where \( \psi = \{ q, \ell, u, d, e \} \) are four component Dirac spinors that transform as \( \{ 2, 2, 1, 1, 1 \} \) under SU(2)\(_L \). The fermion fields \( q \) and \( \ell \) are left-handed fields and transform as \( (1/2, 0) \) under the restricted Lorentz group SO\(^+\)(3,1). The \( u, d \) and \( e \) are right-handed fields and transform as \( (0, 1/2) \).
chiral projectors have the convention \( \psi_{L/R} = P_{L/R} \psi \) where \( P_{R/L} = (1 \pm i \gamma_5)/2 \). The gauge covariant derivative is defined with a positive sign convention \( D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_3 T^A \partial_\mu A^A_\mu \) \(+ ig_1 t^I W^I_\mu \) \(+ ig_2 y_1 B_\mu \). \( y_1 \) is the U(1) hypercharge generator. The SU(3) generators \( (T^A) \) are defined with normalization \( \text{Tr}(T^A T^B) = 2 \delta^{AB} \) and finally \( t^I = t^I/2 \) are the SU(2) generators, with \( t^I \) the Pauli matrices. \( H_1 = e_{jk} H^{*k} \) where the SU(2) invariant tensor \( e_{jk} \) is defined by \( e_{12} = 1 \) and \( e_{jk} = -e_{kj} \). At times we raise or lower this index in notation for clarity on index sums. The flavor dependence on basis choice at order \( \Lambda \) is interesting to note that, equivalently, for \( \dim F = \dim O \) \(+ \dim [N] \) \(- \dim [\Lambda] \), \( \text{dim}[N] = 1 \), no factorization of \( \mathcal{O}_i \) is possible into a field variable transforming as \( F \) while \( \mathcal{O}_i/F \) is composed of dynamical (SMEFT symmetry preserving) fields.

For a more thorough discussion on field redefinitions and the removal of redundant operators, see Ref. [10]. Consistency conditions result from this procedure. Some of these conditions are the EOM relations between operators of different bases. Another consequence is that the higher dimensional operators play a role in the renormalization group evolution of the Lagrangian parameters of dimension \( d \leq 4 \). For the Warsaw basis, the RG running results of this form were reported in Ref. [23].

In this paper we address another set of consistency conditions, the modifications of the EOM in a particular operator basis. Once \( L_{\text{SMEFT}} \) is defined up to dimension \( n \), when considering matching up to this canonical dimension, the higher dimensional operators themselves correct the SM EOM due to operators of dimension \( m < n \). This results in matching results at dimension \( n \) having a subtle dependence on basis choice at order \( m < n \). This effect comes about as the field variables themselves are redefined in the EFT when defining a nonredundant operator basis.

The EOM for the SMEFT, as in the SM, are defined by the condition that the variation of the action with respect to the fields vanishes \( (\delta S = 0) \), where

\[
S = \int L_{\text{SMEFT}}(F,D_\mu F) dx,
\]

resulting in

\[
0 = \int dx \left[ \frac{\partial L_{\text{SMEFT}}}{\partial F} \delta F - \frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu F)} \left( \frac{\partial L_{\text{SMEFT}}}{\partial F} \right) \delta F \right],
\]

where the surface term given by

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial (\partial_\mu F)} \left( \frac{\partial L_{\text{SMEFT}}}{\partial F} \right).
\]

vanishes. The surface term vanishes up to an accuracy dictated by the power counting of the SMEFT to order \( d \), as this is the accuracy to which the field variables are defined. The surface term and variation are defined by a partial derivative. At low orders in the operator dimension expansion of \( L_{\text{SMEFT}} \) the EOM terms are simplified into a form with covariant derivatives in the adjoint and fundamental representations due to renormalizability. This simplification is present in the SM EOM, but is not present in the SMEFT EOM corrections in some cases, as shown below.

**IV. SMEFT EOM**

We use the Hermitian derivative conventions and integration by parts identity

\[\text{At } L^{(5)} \text{ only } Q_{\text{odd}} \text{ (and its Hermitian conjugate) are present. It is interesting to note that, equivalently, for } \dim [N] = 1, \text{ no factorization of } \mathcal{O}_i \text{ is possible into a field variable transforming as } F \text{ while } \mathcal{O}_i/F \text{ is composed of dynamical (SMEFT symmetry preserving) fields.}\]
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\[ H^\dagger iD^\mu H = iH^\dagger(D^\mu H) - i(D^\mu H)^\dagger H, \]

\[ H^\dagger iD^\mu H = iH^\dagger t^\mu(D^\mu H) - i(D^\mu H)^\dagger t^\mu H. \]

\[ Q_{HC} + 4Q_{HD} = (H^\dagger iD^\mu H)(H^\dagger iD^\mu H). \]

The currents of the SM fields are defined as

\[ j^A_\mu = \sum_{\psi=u,d,q} \bar{\psi} T^A \gamma_\mu \psi. \]

\[ j^\tau_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\tau} \gamma_\mu \tau + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\tau} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \tau + \frac{1}{2} H^\dagger iD^\mu H. \]

\[ j_\mu = \sum_{\psi=u,d,q,e,\nu} \bar{\psi} I^A \gamma_\mu \psi + \frac{1}{2} H^\dagger iD^\mu H. \]

Corrections to the SM EOM gauge fields are

\[ [D^\mu, J^A_\mu] = g_3 j^A_\mu + g_3 \sum_{d=5}^{10} \frac{\Delta^{A,(d)}_{G,\mu}}{\Lambda^{d-4}}, \]

\[ [D^\mu, W^\mu] = g_2 j^I_\mu + g_2 \sum_{d=5}^{10} \frac{\Delta^{I,(d)}_{W,\mu}}{\Lambda^{d-4}}, \]

\[ D^\mu B^\mu = g_1 j^3_\mu + g_1 \sum_{d=5}^{10} \frac{\Delta^{(d)}_{B,\mu}}{\Lambda^{d-4}}. \]

\[ \Delta^{(6)} \] here contains the full set of corrections to each field's EOM, due to the complete Warsaw basis of \( \Delta^{(6)} \) operators. These corrections are reported in the Appendix.

The covariant derivatives for an operator Q in the adjoint representations of SU(2) and SU(3) are

\[ [D^\mu, Q^I] = \partial^\mu Q^I - g_2 e^{H^I W^\mu}_j Q^K, \]

\[ [D^\mu, Q^A] = \partial^\mu Q^A - g_3 e^{BCA} A^\mu_\beta Q_C. \]

Corrections to the SM EOM for the fermions are of the form (color indices are suppressed)

\[ iD^\mu q_m = u^\mu [Y_{u,m}^\tau H] + d^\mu [Y_{d,m}^\tau H] + \sum_{d=5}^{10} \Delta^{(d)}_{(u,d),m}/\Lambda^{d-4}, \]

\[ iD^\mu \ell^I = [Y_{\ell,m}^\tau] e^{I} H] + \sum_{d=5}^{10} \Delta^{(d)}_{(\ell,\mu),m}/\Lambda^{d-4}, \]

\[ iD^\mu d_m = [Y_{d,m}]^\dagger H_j + \sum_{d=5}^{10} \Delta^{(d)}_{(d),m}/\Lambda^{d-4}, \]

\[ iD^\mu u_m = [Y_{u,m}]^\dagger H_j + \sum_{d=5}^{10} \Delta^{(d)}_{(u,\mu),m}/\Lambda^{d-4}, \]

\[ iD^\mu e_m = [Y_{e,m}]^\dagger H_j + \sum_{d=5}^{10} \Delta^{(d)}_{(e),m}/\Lambda^{d-4}, \]

The modifications of the Higgs EOM in the SMEFT are

\[ D^2 H_j^I = \lambda^I H^I H^I - 2\lambda^I (H^\dagger H) H^I - \tilde{\lambda}^I [Y_{u,m}]^\dagger H_m e^{I}, \]

\[ \tilde{\lambda}^I [Y_{u,m}]^\dagger H_m e^{I} - \tilde{\lambda}^I [Y_{e,m}]^\dagger H_m e^{I} + \sum_{d=5}^{10} \Delta^{(d)}_{H,I}/\Lambda^{d-4} \]

The corrections for \( \mathcal{L}^{(5)} \) using Eqn. (3) are

\[ \Delta^{(5)}_{\ell,\mu} = -2C^{(5)}_{nm} \bar{H}(H^T \ell_n^c), \]

\[ \Delta^{(5)}_H = -C^{(5)}_{nm} e^{I} \bar{H}(H^T \ell_n^c) \]

V. MATCHING EXAMPLES

As an illustrative set of examples of matching using the SMEFT EOM, we consider the interpretation of anomalous measurements of \( B \to K^{(s)} \bar{\epsilon}^+ \bar{\epsilon}^- \) lepton universality ratios for \( \ell_m = \{e, \mu\} \) \cite{24,25} which have shown some minor tension with the SM predictions. Such anomalies could signal physics beyond the SM\(^3\) that induce the \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \) operators

\[ Q^{(1)}_{(\text{mix})} = (\bar{\epsilon}_m \gamma^\mu \ell_m)(\bar{\epsilon}_m b), \]

\[ Q^{(3)}_{(\text{mix})} = (\bar{\epsilon}_m \gamma^\mu \ell_m)(\bar{\epsilon}_m b). \]

The operators and anomalies of interest can come about by matching at tree level to \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \) the effect of fields denoted as \( \{\xi, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \zeta, \chi\} \) (using the notation of Ref. \cite{26}), for example. These fields have the \{SU(3), SU(2)\} \( \mu/1 \)

\(^3\)These anomalies could also be statistical fluctuations, as indicated by their global (in)significance. Here our interest in these anomalies only extends to an illustrative example of EOM SMEFT effects.
representations, with the spin of each field given as a superscript

\[ \{ (3, 3)^0_{-1/3}, (1, 1)_{1/2}, (1, 3)_{1/2}, (3, 1)^{1/2}_{2/3}, (3, 3)^{1/2}_{2/3} \}. \quad (23) \]

The field \( \zeta \) leads to the baryon number violating operator \( Q_{qqq} \), indicating a very small matching coefficient. In addition, the operators \( Q_{qq}^{(1,3)}, Q_{\ell q}^{(1,3)} \) are also induced in a tree level matching. Since \( \zeta \) is a scalar field, the low-momentum expansion of a scalar propagator introduces a dependence on the momentum \( p \) flow through the scalar propagator at subleading order—i.e., \( p^2/m_\zeta^2 \), which can be reduced using EOM. The first irreducible corrections appear only at \( \mathcal{L}^{(10)} \).

The heavy vector fields \( \{ \beta, W \} \) are more interesting when considering EOM corrections in \( \mathcal{L}^{(8)}_{\text{SMEFT}} \). Consider the singlet field \( \beta \), with a bare mass introduced via the Stueckelberg mechanism \cite{Barzini:2018}, as encoded in a Proca Lagrangian. The \( \beta \) field is coupled to the SM through

\[
\mathcal{L}_\text{int} = -g^R_\beta \beta \gamma^\mu \bar{H} i\gamma_\mu H + g^H_\beta \bar{\beta} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu (H^\dagger H),
\]

\[
- \sum_{\psi = (\ell, q, c, d, u)} g^{m_{\psi}}_\beta \bar{\psi} m_{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi. \quad (24)
\]

Here \( g^R_\beta \) and \( g^H_\beta \) are real and imaginary components of the coupling of the \( \beta \) field to the non-Hermitian scalar current \( H^\dagger iD_\mu H \). Integrating out \( \beta \) gives the \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \) Wilson coefficients

\[
C^{(1)}_{\psi_1 \psi_2} = -g^R_\beta \gamma^\mu \bar{\psi}_1 m_{\psi_1} \gamma^\mu \psi_2, \quad C^{(2)}_{\psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_3} = -g^{m_{\psi_1}}_\beta \bar{\psi}_1 m_{\psi_1} \gamma^\mu \psi_3, \quad (25)
\]

directly, here \( \psi_1 \neq \psi_2 \), in the case of \( \psi_1 = \psi_2 \), a further factor of two is present in \( C_{\psi \psi \psi} \). When using the Warsaw basis to define the matching to \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \), products of currents are reduced with the EOM and integration by parts. The latter is used to simplify the pure Higgs currents into

\[
C_{\text{HH}} = -\left( g^R_\beta \right)^2 + \left( g^H_\beta \right)^2, \quad C_{\text{HD}} = -2 (g^R_\beta)^2. \quad (26)
\]

These matching results have been verified against the comprehensive tree-level matching dictionary given in Ref. \cite{Barzini:2018}.

In addition, the following products of currents are also reduced with the EOM

\[
\mathcal{L}^{(6)}_\beta \supset \frac{1}{m^2_\beta} \bar{g}^R_\beta \gamma^\mu \bar{H}^\dagger i\gamma_\mu H \gamma^\mu \bar{H}^\dagger H + \frac{\bar{g}^H_\beta}{m^3_\beta} \bar{\partial}_\mu (H^\dagger H) \sum_{\psi = (\ell, q, c, d, u)} g^{m_{\psi}}_{\mu \psi} \bar{\psi}_\mu m_{\psi} \psi. \quad (27)
\]

This generates the Wilson coefficients

\[
C_{\psi_1 \psi_2} = -ig^H_\beta \gamma^\mu (Y_{\ell \psi_1})^* \bar{g}^R_\beta \gamma^\mu \bar{Y}_{\ell \psi_2} - (Y_{q \psi_1})^* \gamma^\mu \bar{g}^{m_{\psi_1}}_\beta \gamma^\mu \psi_{\psi_2} + (Y_{c \psi_1})^* \gamma^\mu \bar{g}_{\mu \psi_2} + (Y_{d \psi_1})^* \gamma^\mu \bar{g}_{\mu \psi_2} + (Y_{u \psi_1})^* \gamma^\mu \bar{g}_{\mu \psi_2},
\]

\[
C_{\psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_3} = -ig^H_\beta \gamma^\mu (Y_{\ell \psi_1})^* \bar{g}^R_\beta \gamma^\mu \bar{Y}_{\ell \psi_2} - (Y_{q \psi_1})^* \gamma^\mu \bar{g}^{m_{\psi_1}}_\beta \gamma^\mu \psi_{\psi_3} + (Y_{c \psi_1})^* \gamma^\mu \bar{g}_{\mu \psi_3} + (Y_{d \psi_1})^* \gamma^\mu \bar{g}_{\mu \psi_3} + (Y_{u \psi_1})^* \gamma^\mu \bar{g}_{\mu \psi_3}, \quad (28)
\]

and their Hermitian conjugates. EOM corrections due to \( \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \) are introduced into the matching due to this procedure. In general, a very large number of \( \mathcal{L}^{(8)} \) matching corrections are introduced in the SMEFT, as can be directly verified.

These matching contributions are non-intuitive (for the authors). They correspond to the effect of redefining the field variables to fix the operator basis at \( \mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda^2) \) in conjunction to tree level matching, as illustrated in Fig. 1. It is interesting to note that for this reason, the standard naive example of expanding a massive vector propagator in \( p^2/m^2 \) to obtain a series of local contact operators to introduce the idea of EFT, is quite an incomplete description of the physics defining the SMEFT at subleading order.\textsuperscript{4}

Restricting our attention to the corrections due to the operator in Eq. (21) one finds the matching corrections

\[
\mathcal{L}^{(8)}_\beta \supset \frac{ig^H_\beta}{m^2_\beta} \frac{g^{m_{\psi}}_{\mu \psi}}{m^2_\psi} \left[ C^{(1)}_{\mu \nu \psi_1} J^\mu_{\mu \psi_1} - C^{(1)}_{\nu \mu \psi_1} J^\nu_{\mu \psi_1} \right] J^\mu_{\nu \psi_2} H^\dagger H + \frac{ig^H_\beta}{m^3_\beta} \frac{g^{m_{\psi}}_{\mu \psi}}{m^2_\psi} \left[ C^{(1)}_{\mu \nu \psi_1} J^\mu_{\mu \psi_1} - C^{(1)}_{\nu \mu \psi_1} J^\nu_{\mu \psi_1} \right] J^\mu_{\nu \psi_3} H^\dagger H. \quad (29)
\]

\textsuperscript{4}Of course, other effects at subleading order also exist, including the expansion of the matrix elements in the power counting.
Definition of $J_{pr,\mu}$ is given by (A1) in the Appendix. The scaling of these matching contributions with couplings to $\beta$ is also nonintuitive. A directly constructed Feynman diagram with this coupling scaling involves two intermediate $\beta$ fields and an internal propagator of the light states retained in the SMEFT, as shown in Fig. 2. The light intermediate state propagator leads to the lack of a local contact operators in the low momentum limit defining the local operator in the low momentum limit defining the lack of a light internal intermediate propagating state.

The presence of an explicit factor of $i$ in Eq. (29) indicates that the decomposition of the Wilson coefficient of the operator into real and imaginary components leads to the cancellation of some terms symmetric in the flavor indices. Recall that the flavor indices that are bilinear in the same field of a self Hermitian operator can be decomposed into a real symmetric $S_{pr}$ ($CP$-even) and real anti-symmetric $A_{pr}$ ($CP$-odd) dependence as

$$C_{pr} = S_{pr} + iA_{pr}. \tag{30}$$

The antisymmetric components of the Hermitian operator’s Wilson coefficient do not cancel in the case considered, but the symmetric components do cancel. Such cancellations occur as the derivative terms reduced with the EOM in defining the Warsaw basis act on bi-linear currents with the same fermion field. As the $B$ meson anomalies are associated with flavor diagonal lepton interactions, but off-diagonal quark flavor indices, the second term in Eq. (29) survives for case of the $\beta$ field leading to these anomalies with a $CP$-odd phase. This effect comes about directly when the $\beta$ field is promoted to a complex singlet vector field.

The EOM effects at subleading order due to the heavy field $\mathcal{W}$ are similar. The interaction Lagrangian with the SM fields is then

$$2\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\mathcal{W}} = -g_{\mathcal{W}}^H \mathcal{W}_H^H H^T iD_\mu H + g_{\mathcal{W}}^H H H^T \partial_\mu (H^T H),$$

leading to the contact operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(6)} \supset \frac{1}{4m_{\mathcal{W}}} g_{\mathcal{W}}^H g_{\mathcal{W}}^H (H^T iD_\mu H) \partial^\mu (H^T H),$$

$$+ \frac{g_{\mathcal{W}}^H}{4m_{\mathcal{W}}} \partial^\mu (H^T H) \sum_{\nu=\{e,\mu\}} g_{\mathcal{W}}^{\nu} \bar{\psi}_m \gamma_\mu m \gamma_\mu \psi_n. \tag{32}$$

This results in corrections to $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(8)}$ due to the field $\mathcal{W}$, which include the operator in Eqs. (22). The matching is analogous to the form in Eq. (29) with the operators $Q_{\ell q}^{(3)}$ replacing the operators $Q_{\ell q}^{(1)}$. In addition, the normalization differs by a factor of 4.

The fermion fields $\{\mathcal{U}_2, \chi\}$ do not lead to an EOM reduction in $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(6)}$ when using the Warsaw basis. As such, they do not induce nonintuitive corrections through the EOM of this form. This result is due to the particular representations that these fermion fields carry and is not general. For example, integrating out a singlet fermion field in Ref. [5] leads to subleading corrections at $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(7)}$ due to EOM reductions of $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(6)}$ when considering the matching of the minimal seesaw model to $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}}$.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we have determined the corrections due to $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(5)}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(6)}$ to the SMEFT equations of motion. These corrections introduce a dependence on the operator basis defined at dimension $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(6)}$ when matching to $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}}^{(7)}$, or higher orders. Incorporating EOM corrections can be essential to correctly determine matching to subleading order in the SMEFT. We have illustrated these effects in some simple matching examples using the $B$ meson anomalies as motivation.

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APPENDIX: $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$ EOM CORRECTIONS

We use the notation

$$J_{\mu}^{pr} = \bar{\psi}_p \gamma^\mu \psi_r,$$

$$J_{\mu}^{pr, \lambda} = \bar{\psi}_p \gamma^\mu \tau^\lambda \psi_r,$$

$$J_{\mu}^{pr, A, \lambda} = \bar{\psi}_p \gamma^\mu T^A \tau^\lambda \psi_r,$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{\mu \nu}_{(1)} = \mathcal{C}^{(1)}_{(\mu \nu)} \mathbf{F}_{\mu \nu} \mathbf{F}_{\mu \nu} + \mathbf{C}^{(1)}_{(\mu \nu) \rho \sigma} \mathbf{G}_{\rho \sigma} \mathbf{G}_{\mu \nu} + \mathcal{C}^{(1)}_{(\mu \nu) \rho \sigma} \mathbf{G}_{\rho \sigma} \mathbf{G}_{\mu \nu},$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{\mu \nu}_{(2)} = \mathcal{C}^{(1)}_{(\mu \nu) \rho \sigma} \mathbf{G}_{\rho \sigma} \mathbf{G}_{\mu \nu} + \mathcal{C}^{(1)}_{(\mu \nu) \rho \sigma} \mathbf{G}_{\rho \sigma} \mathbf{G}_{\mu \nu},$$

(\text{with } (g, G) = \{ (1, 1), (1, 1'), (A, T^A) \} \text{ for more compact expressions. Throughout the paper, we use the following convention for the subscripts to denote quantum numbers. SU(3) indices are } \{ \alpha, \beta, \gamma \} \text{ and the corresponding generator indices are } \{ A, B, C, D, E \}. \text{ The SU(2) indices are represented by } \{ i, j, k, l, \alpha \} \text{ and its generator indices by } \{ I, J, K, R, S \}. \text{ The Lorentz indices are represented by the Greek letters } \{ \nu, \mu, \nu', \gamma \} \text{ and lastly the flavor (fermion family) indices are denoted by } \{ p, q, r, s, t, m, n \}. \text{ The corrections due to } \mathcal{L}^{(6)} \text{ in the "Warsaw" basis for the Higgs EOM are}

$$\Delta H^{(6)} = 3 \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}^2 (H^2 H)^2 H^I + \sum_{F = \{ F, B, G \}} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}^2 (F^\mu F^\nu + C_{\mathcal{H}}^2 F^\mu \tilde{F}^\mu F^\nu + \sum_{F = \{ F, B, G \}} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}^2 (F^\mu F^\nu + C_{\mathcal{H}}^2 F^\mu \tilde{F}^\mu F^\nu) + \sum_{F = \{ F, B, G \}} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}^2 (F^\mu F^\nu + C_{\mathcal{H}}^2 F^\mu \tilde{F}^\mu F^\nu),$$

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} = -C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I + C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I + C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I + C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I,$$

(\text{A3})

The corrections to the fermion due to the B number conserving $\mathcal{L}^{(6)}$ operators are

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} = -C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I - C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I + C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I + C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I,$$

(\text{A4})

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{L}^{(6)}} = -C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I - C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I + C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I + C_{\mathcal{L}}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^2 \mathcal{H}^I \ell^I,$$

(\text{A5})
\[
\Delta_{6,m}^{(6,B)} = -C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta\gamma}(H^\dagger H)H^\dagger q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger iD_{\mu\nu} H)\gamma^\mu u_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger D_{\mu\nu} H)\gamma^\mu d_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger H^\dagger q_p W_{\mu\nu}^L,
\]
\[
- C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger H^\dagger q_p B_{\mu\nu}) - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger T_{\lambda\mu\nu} q_p A_{\lambda\mu\nu}^A) - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger T_{\lambda\mu\nu} u_p f_{\mu\nu}) - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger T_{\lambda\mu\nu} d_p f_{\mu\nu}),
\]
\[
- C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger T_{\lambda\mu\nu} f_{\mu\nu} J_{\lambda\mu\nu}^\dagger) - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger T_{\lambda\mu\nu} f_{\mu\nu} J_{\lambda\mu\nu}^\dagger) - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger T_{\lambda\mu\nu} u_p f_{\mu\nu}) - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(H^\dagger T_{\lambda\mu\nu} d_p f_{\mu\nu}),
\]
\[
- C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p - C_{(n)_{\mu\nu}}^{\alpha\beta}(\bar{q}_{q_k} T A q_k^s) q_j k q_p.
\]
The gauge field EOM corrections are

\[
\Delta_{B,\mu}^{(6)} = 2\gamma H(H^\dagger H) \left[ \sum_{q=\gamma,\bar{e},\bar{d}} C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(1)} f_{\mu\nu}^q + \sum_{q=\gamma,e,d} C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(2)} f_{\mu\nu}^q + \frac{C_{HD}}{2} H^\dagger i D_\mu H \right] + 2\gamma H(H^\dagger \tau_1 H) \sum_{q=\gamma,\bar{e},\bar{d}} C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(3)} f_{\mu\nu}^q,
\]

\[
+ \frac{4C_{HB}}{g_1} \partial^\nu (H^\dagger H) B_{\nu\mu} + \frac{2C_{HWB}}{g_1} [D^\nu, H^\dagger \tau H] W_{\nu\mu}^I + \frac{2g_2}{g_1} C_{HWB}(H^\dagger \tau_1 H) J_\mu^I,
\]

\[
+ \frac{4C_{HB}}{g_1} \partial_\nu (H^\dagger H B_{\nu\mu}) + \frac{2C_{HWB}}{g_1} [D^\nu, H^\dagger \tau H] W_{\nu\mu}^I + \frac{2C_{HWB}}{g_1} [D^\nu, \bar{W}_{\nu\mu}] H^\dagger \tau H + \frac{2}{g_1} \left( \partial_\nu C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(1)} + \partial_\mu C_{(\gamma\nu)}^{(1)} \right),
\]

\[\text{(A13)}\]

\[
\Delta_{W,\mu}^{(6)} = 2(H^\dagger t H) \left[ \sum_{q=\gamma,\bar{e},\bar{d}} C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(1)} f_{\mu\nu}^q + \sum_{q=\gamma,e,d} C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(2)} f_{\mu\nu}^q + \frac{C_{HD}}{2} H^\dagger i D_\mu H \right] + 2i\epsilon^{JK}(H^\dagger \tau J H) \sum_{q=\gamma,\bar{e},\bar{d}} C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(3)} f_{\mu\nu}^q K,
\]

\[
+ C_{(\gamma\nu)}^{(3)} (H^\dagger t H)(\bar{H}_F^\dagger t_\mu d_F) + C_{(\gamma\nu)}^{(3)} (H^\dagger t H)(\bar{d}_F^\dagger t_\mu d_F) + \frac{4}{g_2} \partial^\nu (H^\dagger H)(C_{HW} W_{\nu\mu}^I + C_{HW} \bar{W}_{\nu\mu}^I),
\]

\[\text{(A14)}\]

\[
\Delta_{G,\mu}^{(6)} = \frac{4}{g_3} \partial^\nu (H^\dagger H)(C_{HG} G_{\nu}^A + C_{HG} \tilde{G}_{\nu}^A) + \frac{4}{g_3} H^\dagger H(C_{HG} \rho_{\nu j} + C_{HG} [D^\nu, \tilde{G}_{\nu j}])^A,
\]

\[
+ \frac{2}{g_3} \partial^\nu (D^\nu, C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(1)})^A + \frac{2}{g_3} \partial^\nu (D^\nu, C_{(\gamma\mu)}^{(2)})^A + \frac{6C_G}{g_3} f^{ABC} (\partial^\nu (G_{\nu}^{A\tau} G_{\tau}^C) + g_3 f_{DEC} G_{\nu}^{E\tau} G_{\tau}^D A_E)^B,
\]

\[
+ \frac{2}{g_3} C_{G} f^{ABC} (\partial^\nu (G_{\nu}^{A\tau} G_{\tau}^C) + g_3 f_{DEC} G_{\nu}^{E\tau} G_{\tau}^D A_E) + \frac{2}{g_3} C_{G} f^{ABC} (\partial^\nu (G_{\nu}^{A\tau} G_{\tau}^C) + g_3 f_{DEC} G_{\nu}^{E\tau} G_{\tau}^D A_E),
\]

\[\text{(A15)}\]
