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Electroweak Precision Physics and Constraining New Physics

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1 Introduction

The precise measurement of physics observables and the test of their consistency within the standard model (SM) are an invaluable approach, complemented by direct searches for new physics, to determine the existence of physics beyond the standard model (BSM). Historically, the discovery of new particles (*e.g.*, the W and Z bosons by the UA1 and UA2 collaborations) has been followed by the construction of accelerator machines dedicated to the in-depth study of the new particles' features. After the discovery of a Higgs boson in 2012, there is no compelling theoretical argument or measurement result that predicts the mass scale of any BSM physics. The indirect search for new physics, which exploits off-shell and loop contributions of new particles, allows one to explore a much wider range of energy scales than those probed by direct searches in specific BSM scenarios. Such indirect BSM effects are typically inversely proportional to some power of the mass scale of the new degrees of freedom, so that high precision is crucial for probing large energy scales. The achievable precision of an experiment is determined by the statistics of the collected data sample, the experimental and theoretical systematic uncertainties, and their correlations.

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Studies of massive electroweak gauge bosons (W and Z bosons) are a promising target for indirect BSM searches, since the interactions of photons and gluons are strongly constrained by the unbroken gauge symmetries. They can be divided into two categories:

- Fermion scattering processes mediated by s- or t-channel W/Z bosons. These are known as *electroweak precision measurements*, since large-statistics samples can be produced at e^+e^- and $pp/p\bar{p}$ colliders. These measurements are sensitive to modifications of the gauge-boson-fermion couplings and the gauge-boson masses.

Electroweak precision tests at e^+e^- colliders benefit from the clean and controlled initial state, whereas hadron colliders are affected by large systematic uncertainties due to parton distributions functions and other QCD effects. Thus e^+e^- colliders have the potential to have a better sensitivity for electroweak precision measurements than hadron colliders, but a large integrated luminosity is crucial for that purpose.

Electroweak precision measurements will be covered in more detail in section 2, in particular the interplay of statistical, experimental systematic and theory uncertainties. It should be noted that it is very difficult to realistically predict the systematic uncertainties (both experimental and theory) of a future facility, since any uncertainty estimate is based on assumptions that can only be tested with data or by carrying out a certain theoretical calculation. Nevertheless, to fairly compare the potential of different proposed e^+e^- colliders, the systematic uncertainties should be based on the same assumptions for all these machines. Such a consistent treatment of systematic error estimates has been attempted in this document.

- Multi-boson processes, which include production of two or more vector bosons in fermion-antifermion annihilation, as well as vector boson scattering (VBS) processes. These processes can test modifications of gauge-boson self-interactions, and the sensitivity is typically improved with increased collision energy, so that hadron colliders tend to provide the strongest limits, although a future multi-TeV electron-positron or muon collider would also be very competitive.

A more extensive discussion of multi-boson physics at the high-luminosity run of the LHC (HL-LHC), at future higher-energy pp colliders, and at high-energy e^+e^- and $\mu^+\mu^-$ colliders is the topic of section 3.

A model-independent description of indirect BSM effects is given by an extension of the SM with higher-dimensional operators. The most common effective theory framework for this purpose is the Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT), which has the same field content and symmetries as the SM. The leading contributions to electroweak observables stem from operators of dimension 6, which are suppressed by Λ^{-2} , where Λ indicates an effective new physics scale. **write generic Lagrangian formula (13)?**

Generally, even at the dimension-6 level, there are more operators than independent observables, so that additional assumptions (*e.g.* about flavor symmetries) are needed to constrain the operator coefficient from the data. On the other hand, some of these operators also contribute to other phenomenological sectors of the SM, *i.e.* to Higgs physics or top

physics, and measurements in these different sectors can help to break some parameter degeneracies. Thus it is advantageous to perform a *global fit* of a large number of operators to a large number of observables from different sectors. In particular, such a global fit can be used to evaluate and compare the new physics reach of future experimental facilities.

Various global SMEFT fits of different scope are presented in section 4. Compared to previous such studies in the literature, the analysis in section 4 uses updated inputs for the expected statistical and systematic uncertainties of key measurements at future colliders. Furthermore, it also extends previous studies by including 4-fermion operators, which generate contact interactions contributing to processes like $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$, and which can also modify the non-resonant background in Z-pole precision studies.

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2 Electroweak precision tests at future colliders

Precision measurements of the properties of W and Z bosons can be used to test the SM at the quantum level and to indirectly constrain potential BSM physics. The masses, widths and effective couplings of these gauge bosons can be modified through many different extensions of the SM, including new gauge interactions, extended Higgs sectors, composite Higgs scenarios, vector-like fermion fields, *etc.* (see *e.g.* section 10 of Ref. [1] for an overview).

2.1 Current status of electroweak precision tests

An important class of electroweak precision measurements focus on fermion-pair production processes, $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ and $pp \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$. For electron-positron colliders with center-of-mass energies near the Z-boson mass, the dominant contribution to the cross-section follows from the Z resonance, which can be approximately written as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}[e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}] \approx \frac{N_c^f s}{64\pi^2} \times \frac{(1 - P_+P_-)[G_1(1 + c_\theta^2) + 2G_3 c_\theta] + (P_+ - P_-)[H_1(1 + c_\theta^2) + 2H_3 c_\theta]}{(s - m_Z^2)^2 + s^2\Gamma_Z^2/m_Z^2}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$G_1 = (v_e^2 + a_e^2)(v_f^2 + a_f^2), \quad G_3 = 4v_e a_e v_f a_f, \quad (2)$$

$$H_1 = 2v_e a_e (v_f^2 + a_f^2), \quad H_3 = 2(v_e^2 + a_e^2)v_f a_f, \quad (3)$$

where v_f and a_f are the effective vector and axial-vector couplings of Z-boson to the fermion type f , respectively, $N_c^f = 1(3)$ for leptons (quarks), and $P_{+/-}$ is the degree of longitudinal polarization of the positron/electron beam. Furthermore, $c_\theta \equiv \cos \theta$, where θ is the scattering angle.

The partial and total Z boson width can also be expressed in terms of these effective couplings,

$$\Gamma_Z = \sum_f \Gamma_Z^f, \quad \Gamma_Z^f \approx \frac{N_c^f m_Z}{12\pi} (v_f^2 + a_f^2), \quad (4)$$

which in turn lead to the following expression for the total peak cross-section:

$$\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}]_{s=m_Z^2} \approx \frac{12\pi}{m_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma_Z^e \Gamma_Z^f}{\Gamma_Z^2}. \quad (5)$$

The Z mass and total width can be determined from measurements of the cross-section lineshape at a few center-of-mass energies near the resonance peak. From measurements of cross-sections with different final states one can determine ratios of the Z-boson partial widths. It is customary to express them in terms of

$$\sigma_{\text{had}}^0 \equiv \sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{had.}]_{s=m_Z^2}, \quad R_q \equiv \frac{\Gamma_q}{\Gamma_{\text{had}}} \quad (q = b, c), \quad R_\ell \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{\text{had}}}{\Gamma_\ell} \quad (\ell = e, \mu, \tau), \quad (6)$$

91 where “had” refers to all hadronic final states (*i.e.* the sum over u, d, c, s, b final states at
92 the partonic level).

Ratios of the vector and axial-vector couplings can be extracted from the forward-backward asymmetry, the average polarization degree of produced tau leptons (for $f = \tau$), and the left-right asymmetry (for a polarized electron beam):

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{FB}} &\equiv \frac{\sigma_F - \sigma_B}{\sigma_F + \sigma_B} \approx \frac{3}{4} A_e A_f, \\ \langle P_\tau \rangle &= A_\tau, \\ A_{\text{LR}} &\equiv \frac{\sigma_L - \sigma_R}{\sigma_L + \sigma_R} \approx A_e, \end{aligned} \quad A_f \equiv \frac{2v_f a_f}{v_f^2 + a_f^2}. \quad (7)$$

Here σ_F and σ_B refer to the cross-section for only positive and negative values of $\cos \theta$, respectively; whereas σ_L and σ_R denote the cross-section for left-handed ($P_- < 0$) and right-handed ($P_- > 0$) electrons (assuming $P_+ = 0$). The ratio v_f/a_f is also related to the *effective weak mixing angle*

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f \equiv \frac{1}{4|Q_f|} \left(1 - \frac{v_f}{a_f} \right). \quad (8)$$

93 The expressions above do not include the contributions stemming from photon-exchange
94 and box diagrams and from radiative corrections that cannot be absorbed into the effective
95 couplings, in particular initial-state and final-state radiation. These effects need to be
96 predicted from theory and subtracted from the data in order to extract “measured” values of
97 the quantities in eqs. (6). The latter are therefore known as electroweak *pseudo-observables*
98 (EWPOs).

EWPO Uncertainties	Current	HL-LHC
Δm_W (MeV)	12 / 9.4 [†]	5
Δm_Z (MeV)	2.1	
$\Delta \Gamma_Z$ (MeV)	2.3	
Δm_t (GeV)	0.6*	0.2
$\Delta \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\ell} (\times 10^5)$	13	< 10
$\delta R_\mu (\times 10^3)$	1.6	
$\delta R_b (\times 10^3)$	3.1	

[†] The recent W mass measurement from CDF with 9.4 MeV precision [8] has not yet been included in the global average [1].

* This value includes an additional uncertainty due to ambiguities in the top mass definition (see **TOPHF report** for more details).

Table 1: The current precision of a few selected EWPOs, based on data from LEP, SLC, Tevatron and LHC [1], and expected improvements from the HL-LHC [9]. Δ (δ) stands for absolute (relative) uncertainty.

99 Other EWPOs include the W-boson mass (m_W) and branching ratios, as well as the
100 Fermi constant of muon decay, G_F . The latter is a key ingredient for predicting m_W in the
101 SM, based on the relation

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\pi\alpha}{2m_W^2(1 - m_W^2/m_Z^2)}(1 + \Delta r), \quad (9)$$

102 where Δr describes higher-order corrections. G_F is currently known with a precision of 0.5
103 ppm [1], which may be further improved in the future, and thus it is a negligible source of
104 uncertainty.

105 Moreover, when comparing experimental values for the EWPOs to theory predictions
106 in the SM, other SM parameters are needed as inputs for the latter. Specifically, the mass
107 of the top quark and the Higgs boson play an important role, as well as the strong coupling
108 constant α_s and the shift due to the running of the fine structure constant from the Thomson
109 limit to the Z scale, $\Delta\alpha \equiv 1 - \frac{\alpha(0)}{\alpha(m_Z)}$. $\Delta\alpha$ receives contributions from leptons, which can
110 be computed perturbatively [2], and from hadronic states. The hadronic part can be split
111 into non-perturbative and perturbative contributions. The non-perturbative contributions
112 can be extracted from data for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{had.}$ [3–5] or from lattice QCD simulations [6, 7]
113 using a dispersive approach. The data-driven methods are currently more precise, with an
114 uncertainty for $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ of about 10^{-4} [3–5].

115 Reducing the uncertainty of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ requires improved measurements of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{had.}$
116 for energies below 2 GeV (*e.g.* with ongoing measurements at VEPP-2000 and BEPC-II),
117 4-loop perturbative QCD corrections, and more precise determinations of the charm and
118 bottom quark masses. With these improvements, an uncertainty of $< 0.5 \times 10^{-4}$ appears
119 within reach [3]. Similarly, the lattice QCD evaluation of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ is expected to continue to
120 improve, but quantitative estimates are currently not available.

121 The current precision for a few selected EWPOs is listed in Tab. 1. Most of these

122 results stem from measurements are the e^+e^- colliders LEP and SLC, but the hadron
123 colliders TeVatron and LHC contribute important results for $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$, m_W and m_t .

124 The HL-LHC with integrated luminosity of 3000 fb^{-1} can make improved measurements
125 of certain EWPOs. The effective weak mixing angle can be extracted from measurements
126 of the forward-backward asymmetry in Drell-Yan production, $pp \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$). The
127 measurement precision is mostly limited by uncertainties of the parton distribution functions
128 (PDFs), but the PDFs can be constrained simulatenously with the weak mixing angle
129 determination through Drell-Yan data. In particular, the $m_{\ell\ell}$ distribution can be useful
130 in disentangling the effect of PDFs from the weak mixing angle determination [10]. It is
131 estimated that the total uncertainty of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ can be reduced below 10^{-4} at HL-LHC [9].

132 Similarly, the W-boson mass can be extracted from measurements of $pp \rightarrow \ell\nu$, by
133 performing fits to the lepton p_T and transverse mass distributions. This measurement
134 benefits from a dedicated run with low instantaneous luminosity to improve the accurate
135 reconstruction of the missing transverse momentum. Again PDF uncertainties are expected
136 to dominate, and an ultimate precision of about 5 MeV appears achievable [9].

137 It should be noted that these precision measurements at the HL-LHC will rely on de-
138 tailed theory input, including higher-order EW and mixed QCD $\times$ EW corrections [11–13],
139 as well as resummations for low p_T (see *e.g.* Ref. [14] and references therein). Moreover, the
140 extraction of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ assumes that the dependence of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f$ on different fermion flavor f
141 is small and as predicted in the SM*.

142 2.2 Electroweak precision measurements at future e^+e^- colliders

143 Future high-luminosity e^+e^- colliders proposed as Higgs factories can also be used to study
144 the masses and interactions of electroweak bosons to much higher precision than before.
145 We here focus on four collider proposals: ILC [15–17], CLIC [18, 19], FCC-ee [20, 21], and
146 CEPC [22–24]. Table 2 summarizes the run scenarios considered for these colliders within
147 the Snowmass 2021 study. The 50 MW upgrade of CEPC [24] is assumed for all quantitative
148 analyses throughout this document.

149 The linear collider projects ILC and CLiC feature polarized electron beams (and also
150 a polarized positron beam in the case of ILC). Two options are considered for ILC, the
151 default option with center-of-mass energies of 250 GeV and above, and the “GigaZ” option
152 that includes a run at the Z pole. [Note that a Z-pole run is also considered as a possible
153 option for CLiC [25].] The ILC and CLiC runs with 500 GeV and above are irrelevant for
154 “canonical” electroweak precision studies (*i.e.* not considering multi-gauge-boson processes).

155 The circular colliders (FCC-ee and CEPC) can deliver very large integrated luminosities
156 on the Z pole, yielding samples of $\mathcal{O}(10^{12})$ events. On the other hand, the standard run
157 scenarios for ILC (without the GigaZ option) and CLiC do not include any run at the Z pole.
158 Instead, precision studies of the Z boson are possible through the radiative return method,

*In other words, this measurement can serve as a high-precision consistency check of the SM, but it will be difficult to interpret an observed deviation from the SM without model assumptions.

Collider	$\sqrt{s}$	P [%] e^-/e^+	L_{int} ab $^{-1}$
ILC	250 GeV	$\pm 80 / \pm 30$	2
	350 GeV	$\pm 80 / \pm 30$	0.2
	500 GeV	$\pm 80 / \pm 30$	4
	1 TeV	$\pm 80 / \pm 20$	8
ILC-GigaZ	m_Z	$\pm 80 / \pm 30$	0.1
CLiC	380 GeV	$\pm 80 / 0$	1
	500 GeV	$\pm 80 / 0$	2.5
	1 TeV	$\pm 80 / 0$	5
CEPC	m_Z		60 / 100
	$2m_W$		3.6 / 6
	240 GeV		12 / 20
	$2m_t$		– / 1
FCC-ee	m_Z		150
	$2m_W$		10
	240 GeV		5
	$2m_t$		1.5

Table 2: Electron-positron collider run scenarios used for the Snowmass 2021 study. The two sets of numbers for CEPC refer to the 30 MW baseline and 50 MW upgrade for the beam power.

159 *i.e.* by producing Z bosons together with one or more initial-state photons, $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z + n\gamma$.
160 The photons are emitted predominantly at low angles and lost in the beam pipe. However,
161 the requirement of hard photon emission reduces the event yield and thus the achievable
162 precision.

163 Given the large statistics of these future e^+e^- colliders, systematic uncertainties may
164 have a significant impact on the achievable precision. In the following we discuss the dom-
165 inant machine-specific systematic error sources, as well as uncertainties that are common
166 to all machines. It should be emphasized that these systematic error evaluations are just
167 order-of-magnitude estimates, while a more precise assessment would require instrumenta-
168 tion detail and tools that are not available at this time.

169 **Common systematics:** Uncertainties due to the physics modeling affect all collider pro-
170 posals equally. Previous publications by the collider collaborations [22, 26–28] have made
171 differing assumptions for the size and relevance of these common uncertainties. This sit-
172 uation creates problems for the comparison of the new-physics reach between different
173 machines. Therefore, as part of the Snowmass 2021 process, a consistent set of assumptions
174 is being used and applied uniformly to all e^+e^- collider proposals.

175 For branching ratios of heavy-quark (b and c) final states, the tagging efficiency can be

controlled *in situ* by comparing single and double tag rates. However, the simple scaling $\epsilon_{2\text{tag}} = (\epsilon_{1\text{tag}})^2$ gets modified by so-called hemisphere correlations. These correlations can be produced by detector effects, vertex fitting, and QCD effects. The first two sources can be reduced to a sub-dominant level through the availability of large-statistics calibration samples and the increased vertex precision of modern vertex detectors. The most important QCD effect is gluon splitting into a heavy-flavor $q\bar{q}$ pair. The contamination from gluon splitting can be reduced with acolinearity cuts between the two tagged jets. Moreover, the large available data sets can be used to dramatically improve the modeling of gluon splitting, but this will require parallel improvements in Monte-Carlo (MC) simulation tools. Here it is assumed that the QCD uncertainty can be improved by about one order magnitude compared to LEP [29], leading to relative uncertainties of 0.2×10^{-3} for R_b and 1×10^{-3} for R_c , respectively.

Similarly, QCD effects are a dominant source of uncertainty for determinations of A_b (A_c) from the forward-backward asymmetry of $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ($c\bar{c}$). QCD radiation can change the angular distributions and correlations of the heavy-quark jets, which in turn modified the observable asymmetry. This has been studied in detail in Ref. [30], where it was found that the impact of QCD effects can be substantially reduced with an acolinearity cut. With a moderate acolinearity cut and assuming NNLO QCD corrections, the relative error on $A_{b,c}$ due to missing higher-order perturbative QCD contributions is estimated to be about 3×10^{-4} (see Tab. 9 in Ref. [30]). With future work on QCD calculations this can likely be reduced to the level of 1×10^{-4} . In addition, one needs to consider non-perturbative hadronization and showering uncertainties. Due to wealth of available data at any of the proposed colliders, a significant improvement of the hadronization and showering models should be possible. Assuming an improvement of a factor 5 compared to currently available MC tunes (see Tab. 9 in Ref. [30]), this leads to an estimated relative error of 2×10^{-4} . Combining perturbative and non-perturbative uncertainties, the total absolute error due to QCD effects amounts to 2.1×10^{-4} for A_b and 1.5×10^{-4} for A_c .

Experimental systematic for linear colliders: For electroweak precision measurements at ILC250 or CLIC380 using the radiative return method, signal events need to be selected based on the invariant mass m_{ff} of two fermions from $Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}$. m_{ff} can be reconstructed using the polar angles of the fermions [31], which can be measured very precisely, so that this becomes a negligible source of systematic uncertainty. Note that multi-photon emission produces a tail in the reconstructed m_{ff} distribution, but this dilution does not diminish the precision of the overall energy scale calibration.

Combining this method with a precise calibration of the tracker momentum scale using large samples of kaon and Λ baryon decays, it may be possible to determine the Z mass and width at ILC250 with a systematic uncertainty of 2 ppm [32].

Many measurements at linear e^+e^- colliders profit from polarized beams, which in turn makes the polarization calibration a leading source of systematic uncertainties. Both the ILC and CLIC designs expect that the luminosity-weighted long-term average of the polarization can be controlled to 0.1% [17, 18]. However, as demonstrated in Ref. [33], the impact of the polarization uncertainty can be further reduced by treating the polarization

values as nuisance parameters in the actual extraction of physics parameters from a set of observables.

The asymmetry parameter A_e can be determined from the left-right asymmetry A_{LR} (see Ref. [34] for a full simulation study), while A_f for other fermion types ($f = \mu, \tau, b, c$) can be obtained from the left-right-forward-backward asymmetry for the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$,

$$A_{LR,FB} = \frac{\sigma_{LF} - \sigma_{LB} - \sigma_{RF} + \sigma_{RB}}{\sigma_{LF} + \sigma_{LB} + \sigma_{RF} + \sigma_{RB}} \approx \frac{3}{4}A_f \quad (10)$$

The polarization calibration leads to a relative systematic uncertainty of 3×10^{-4} . Other important systematic uncertainties include the control of the luminosity and detector acceptance between runs with different polarization, which are estimated to be subdominant.

For the branching ratios R_i , the dominant source of uncertainty stems from the flavor identification, which is estimated at the level of 0.1% [17].

Measurements of $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ at ILC250 or CLIC380 can yield information about a variety of properties of the W bosons, including anomalous gauge-boson couplings. The W mass can be determined from a variety of kinematic final-state observables [17]: (1) constrained reconstruction of $qq\ell\nu$ events; (2) di-jet invariant mass for semi-leptonic and all-hadronic final states; (3) endpoints of the lepton energy spectrum for di-lepton ($\ell\nu\ell\nu$) and semi-leptonic ($qq\ell\nu$) final states; and (4) approximate kinematic reconstruction of di-lepton events by assuming that the event has a planar topology (“pseudo-mass” method). With an integrated luminosity of a few ab^{-1} at ILC250, a statistical uncertainty of 0.5 MeV on m_W can be achieved [17]. The systematic uncertainty was estimated in the Snowmass 2013 study with 2.4 MeV [35], which receives comparable contributions from the beam-energy calibration, luminosity spectrum, modeling of hadronization, modeling of radiative corrections, and detector energy calibration. With improved detectors and methods for addressing the other systematic issues, a total error of 1 MeV at ILC250 may well be feasible.

An ILC run on the Z pole (ILC-GigaZ) would yield a higher-statistics sample of clean Z events, thus leading to improved overall precision for EWPOs. For the asymmetry parameters A_f , the systematic errors are again dominated by the polarization uncertainty, whereas the acceptance is the leading source of systematics for the branching ratios R_f [26].

Experimental systematic for circular colliders: The beam energy at circular colliders can be controlled with high accuracy using resonant depolarization, leading to an absolute precision of 100 keV (for $\sqrt{s} \sim 100$ GeV) and a point-to-point precision of 25 keV (*i.e.* the accuracy with which the energy difference between two nearby center-of-mass energies can be determined). These two numbers are the leading systematic uncertainties for the determination of the Z mass and width, respectively.

For the determination of A_e , it is advantageous to consider the forward-backward tau polarization in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$,

$$\langle P_{\tau,FB} \rangle \equiv \frac{\langle P_\tau \rangle_F - \langle P_\tau \rangle_B}{\langle P_\tau \rangle_F + \langle P_\tau \rangle_B} \approx \frac{3}{4}A_e. \quad (11)$$

This quantity is independent of the tau polarization distributions and of hemisphere migration effects. It would only be affected by correlations between these two effects, which are expected to be very small. As a result, the dominant systematic uncertainty would instead stem from non-tau backgrounds. These are estimated from the statistics of control samples used for calibrating the background, leading to an error estimate of 2×10^{-5} .

Other A_f parameters can be determined from A_{FB} for $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$. The main systematic uncertainty for A_μ is point-to-point control of the luminosity and detector acceptance. For A_c and A_b the dominant systematic error stems from QCD effects (see “Common systematics” above). While A_τ could also be obtained from the forward-backward asymmetry, a more precise determination is possible from the tau polarization. The main systematic uncertainty for the polarization measurement is due to the modeling of the hadronic tau decay modes. Since these are expected to be substantially improved by using the large available calibration samples at FCC-ee/CEPC, it is expected that this error is reduced by a factor 10 compared to LEP [29], leading to uncertainty of 2×10^{-4} .

The measurement of the total peak cross-section, σ_{had}^0 , is limited by the luminosity calibration. Using low-angle Bhabha events, an relatively precision of 10^{-4} or better should be achievable. For the hadronic branching fractions $R_{b,c}$, QCD uncertainties from gluon splitting are the dominant error source (see “Common systematics” above). For the leptonic branching fractions $R_{e,\mu,\tau}$ the lepton acceptance and beam energy control will be important factors. R_e is additionally affected by the subtraction of Bhabha backgrounds.

The W mass and width can be extracted with high precision from measurements at a few energy points near the WW threshold. As mentioned above, the dominant systematic uncertainty due to the beam energy calibration can be controlled using resonant depolarization, but with a slightly lower precision (0.0002%) at this center-of-mass energy compared to the Z pole.

Summary: A summary of projected statistical and systematic uncertainties for the different proposed e^+e^- colliders is given in Tab. 3. This table also serves as an input for the global fits presented in section 4.

Measurements of leptonic branching ratios R_ℓ ($\ell = e, \mu, \tau$) can be used to extract a precise value for the strong coupling constant α_s , which enters through final-state radiative corrections in Γ_{had} . Given that R_ℓ is a highly inclusive quantity, this determination of α_s is essentially free of non-perturbative QCD effects, so that a robust $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$ precision is achievable. However, it should be noted that this method assumes the validity of the SM, but the Z decay ratios may in general be modified by BSM physics. For more information about future determinations of α_s , see Ref. [38].

As mentioned in the previous subsection, the shift $\Delta\alpha$ between the $\alpha(m_Z)$ and $\alpha(0)$ is also an important ingredient for precision electroweak studies. Future e^+e^- Higgs factories could in principle provide data for the dispersive approach using the radiative return method, $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{had.} + n\gamma$. While no detailed studies have been performed, it is not expected that this will lead to an improvement compared to data from lower-energy e^+e^- colliders. On the other hand, with sufficient amounts of luminosity spent at two center-

Quantity	current	ILC250	ILC-GigaZ	FCC-ee	CEPC	CLIC380
$\Delta\alpha(m_Z)^{-1} (\times 10^3)$	17.8*	17.8*		3.8 (1.2)	17.8*	
Δm_W (MeV)	12*	0.5 (2.4)		0.25 (0.3)	0.35 (0.3)	
Δm_Z (MeV)	2.1*	0.7 (0.2)	0.2	0.004 (0.1)	0.005 (0.1)	2.1*
Δm_H (MeV)	170*	14		2.5 (2)	5.9	78
$\Delta\Gamma_W$ (MeV)	42*	2		1.2 (0.3)	1.8 (0.9)	
$\Delta\Gamma_Z$ (MeV)	2.3*	1.5 (0.2)	0.12	0.004 (0.025)	0.005 (0.025)	2.3*
$\Delta A_e (\times 10^5)$	190*	14 (4.5)	1.5 (8)	0.7 (2)	1.5 (2)	64
$\Delta A_\mu (\times 10^5)$	1500*	82 (4.5)	3 (8)	2.3 (2.2)	3.0 (1.8)	400
$\Delta A_\tau (\times 10^5)$	400*	86 (4.5)	3 (8)	0.5 (20)	1.2 (20)	570
$\Delta A_b (\times 10^5)$	2000*	53 (35)	9 (50)	2.4 (21)	3 (21)	380
$\Delta A_c (\times 10^5)$	2700*	140 (25)	20 (37)	20 (15)	6 (30)	200
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{had}}^0$ (pb)	37*			0.035 (4)	0.05 (2)	37*
$\delta R_e (\times 10^3)$	2.4*	0.5 (1.0)	0.2 (0.5)	0.004 (0.3)	0.003 (0.2)	2.7
$\delta R_\mu (\times 10^3)$	1.6*	0.5 (1.0)	0.2 (0.2)	0.003 (0.05)	0.003 (0.1)	2.7
$\delta R_\tau (\times 10^3)$	2.2*	0.6 (1.0)	0.2 (0.4)	0.003 (0.1)	0.003 (0.1)	6
$\delta R_b (\times 10^3)$	3.1*	0.4 (1.0)	0.04 (0.7)	0.0014 (< 0.3)	0.005 (0.2)	1.8
$\delta R_c (\times 10^3)$	17*	0.6 (5.0)	0.2 (3.0)	0.015 (1.5)	0.02 (1)	5.6

Table 3: EWPOs at future e^+e^- : statistical error (estimated experimental systematic error). Δ (δ) stands for absolute (relative) uncertainty, while * indicates inputs taken from current data [1]. See Refs. [17, 24, 26, 27, 36, 37].

of-mass energy a few GeV below and above the Z peak, it is possible to determine $\alpha(m_Z)$ directly, since the γ -Z interference contribution depends on this quantity [39]. However, this method crucially depends on multi-loop theory calculations for the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$.

Further improvements: Some of the statistical and systematic uncertainties discussed above may be further improved with new advances of detector design and reconstruction techniques. Ref. [40] studied the prospects for precision measurements of the tau polarization, which can be used for measuring Z-boson coupling ratios, as mentioned in section 2.1. Due to the unobserved neutrino in the tau decays, a direct measurement of the tau polarization is not possible. Approximate polarization observables can be defined using only the visible decay tau decay products. A better approximation of the true polarization may be obtained by using the full visible event information in di-tau events, $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$. In this case it is possible to kinematically reconstruct the invisible neutrino momenta up to a two-fold ambiguity. However, all of the aforementioned polarization measurement methods require knowledge of the collision energy, and thus they suffer from ISR and beamstrahlung.

A new reconstruction method, which is much less sensitive to ISR, also makes use of the impact parameter of the visible tau decay products with the beam axis [40]. This information allows one to reconstruct the tau momenta exactly in the presence of a single ISR photon. For tau decays, the observable impact parameters are typically below 1 mm and thus they require precise vertex detectors. The impact parameter method appears promising

309 to achieve 70–80% efficiency for the tau momentum and polarization reconstruction [40].

310 2.3 Electroweak precision measurements at other facilities

311 Besides high-energy pp and e^+e^- colliders, other experiments can also perform interesting
312 precision measurements of the electroweak sector.

313 At electron-positron colliders with $\sqrt{s} \ll m_Z$, the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ is dominated
314 by photon exchange, and thus it is less sensitive to electroweak physics. However, the
315 Belle II experiment at the SuperKEKB collider with $\sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$ will benefit from
316 the very large integrated luminosity to obtain some competitive constraints. In particular,
317 an upgrade SuperKEKB with polarized electron beams would open up the possibility of
318 the measuring the left-right asymmetry of the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ [41]. For $\sqrt{s} \ll m_Z$,
319 this process is mainly sensitive to v_f , the vector coupling of the Z-boson to $f\bar{f}$. With
320 40 ab^{-1} integrated luminosity, the precision of v_f for $f = \mu, b, c$ could be improved by a
321 factor of 4–7 compared to the current world average. For most final states, the precision is
322 statistics limited, except for the $b\bar{b}$ final state. The dominant systematic error sources are
323 the polarization measurement (0.3%) and subtraction of backgrounds (which include the v
324 resonances) [41].

325 One also can interpret the results for v_f as a determination of the running weak mixing
326 angle in the $\overline{MS}$ scheme, $\sin^2 \bar{\theta}(\mu)$. The achievable precision is comparable to the combined
327 LEP+SLC precision, but at a lower scale $\mu \approx 10 \text{ GeV}$, thus providing a non-trivial test of
328 the running of $\sin^2 \bar{\theta}(\mu)$.

329 Similarly, various low-energy precision experiments can determine the running weak
330 mixing angle at very small scales, $\mu \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}$, through measurements of parity violation in
331 fixed-target electron scattering and in atomic physics, see Ref. [42] for a brief overview.

332 On the other hand, new information on the running of $\sin^2 \bar{\theta}(\mu)$ at larger scales, $10 \text{ GeV} <$
333 $\mu < 60 \text{ GeV}$ will be accessible at the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC), using scattering of electron
334 and positron beams on proton and deuteron beams [43, 44].

335 While e^+e^- colliders can deliver the best precision for many EWPOs, it is difficult to
336 disentangle individual couplings of gauge bosons to light quarks, due to the low sensitiv-
337 ity of tagging light-quark flavor and charge. Lepton-proton colliders are ideally suited to
338 overcome this difficulty. With the possibility of switching between e^-p and e^+p runs and
339 with polarized e^+ beams, it is possible to individually determine the vector and axial-vector
340 couplings of the Z-boson to light quarks (v_d, a_d, v_u, a_u) and simultaneously constrain the rel-
341 evant PDFs. This is achieved by measuring neutral-current deep-inelastic scattering (DIS),
342 $e^\pm p \rightarrow e^\pm + X$, where photons and Z-bosons appear in the t-channel. The relatively con-
343 tribution of Z-boson increases with higher energies, so that a future high-energy ep collider
344 will have substantially higher sensitivity to these couplings than previous experiments.

345 Two proposals for such a collider utilize the proton beam from the LHC (called LHeC)
346 [45] or from FCC (called FCC-eh) [46], with center-of-mass energies of 1.3 TeV and 3.5 TeV,
347 respectively. By performing a simultaneous coupling and PDF fit, it was found the LHeC

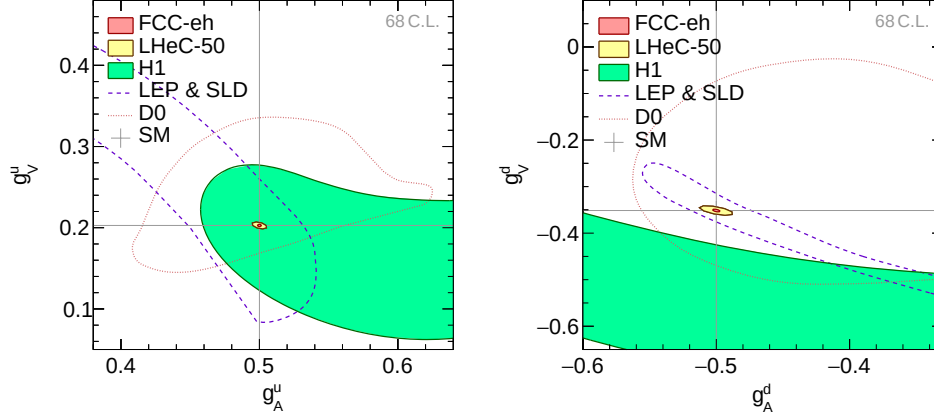


Figure 1: Projected precision for the Z-boson vector and axial-vector couplings to light quarks at LHeC and FCC-eh, compared to the current precision from LEP, SLC, TeVatron and HERA (figure taken from Ref. [48]). Here g_V^f and g_A^f are rescaled versions of the vector and axial-vector couplings introduced in eqs. (2),(3): $v_f = g/(2 \cos \theta_w) g_V^f$, $a_f = g/(2 \cos \theta_w) g_A^f$.

can determine all for couplings (v_d, a_d, v_u, a_u) with $\mathcal{O}(\%)$ precision [47], while the precision can be improved by another factor 2–3 at FCC-eh [48], see Fig. 1.

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A muon collider with center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s} \approx 91$ GeV [49] could perform electroweak measurements with a precision that greatly exceeds that currently available data from LEP/SLC. More studies for electroweak physics at muon colliders would be important to more thoroughly assess its potential.

2.4 Theory needs for the interpretation of Electroweak precision data

To fully exploit the potential of electroweak precision measurements to test the SM and possible new physics effects, theory inputs are needed in multiple places:

- Most of the quantities in Tab. 3 are not real observables, but *pseudo-observables*. The pseudo-observables are defined without backgrounds, initial-state radiation (ISR), the impact of final-state QED/QCD radiation on distributions, and detector smearing and acceptance effects. Various correction factors and subtraction terms are needed to translate real observables to pseudo-observables. While it is possible to extract some of these terms with data-driven methods, theory input is needed in many instances, either for calibration or because the data-driven methods do not capture all relevant effects. The current state of the art are NLO results for the irreducible background contributions, MC tools with full NLO and partial higher-order QED radiation, and higher-order initial-state photon radiation in a leading-log approximation (see *e.g.* Ref. [50] for a review). For the expected precision of future e^+e^- Higgs factories, one

EWPO uncertainties	Current theory error	Projected theory error	Current param. error	Projected param. error	
				Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Δm_W (MeV)	4	1	5	2.8	0.6
$\Delta \Gamma_Z$ (MeV)	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1
$\Delta \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell (\times 10^5)$	4.5	1.5	4.2	3.7	1.1
$\Delta A_\ell (\times 10^5)$	32	11	30	25	7.5
$\delta R_\ell (\times 10^3)$	6	1.5	6	3.2	1.3

Table 4: Impact of theory and parametric uncertainties on the prediction of a few selected EWPOs (see Ref. [54]). For the theory errors, the uncertainty estimates from currently available calculations are compared to the projected improvement when assuming the availability of N³LO corrections and leading N⁴LO corrections. For the parametric errors, current uncertainties are compared to two future scenarios, see eq. (12).

more order of perturbation theory (NNLO) will likely be needed for the background contributions, and one or more orders of improvement are required for the simulation of QED effects in MC tools, which may require novel frameworks for the architecture of MC programs [51–53].

- For the interpretation of measured values of the pseudo-observables, they need to be compared to precise predictions within the SM. For Z-pole EWPOs, full NNLO and partial higher-order corrections are currently known, while NLO plus partial higher orders are available for most other processes (such as $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW$). The estimated theory uncertainties are subdominant compared to current experimental accuracies, but are significantly larger than the anticipated precision of future e^+e^- collider, cf. Tabs. 1, 3, 4. The dominant missing contributions are 3-loop corrections with at least one closed fermion loop[†] and leading 4-loop corrections enhanced by powers of the top Yukawa coupling [54]. It is not possible to provide a reliable projection for how much the availability of these corrections would reduce the overall theory uncertainty, but a very rough estimate has been attempted in Ref. [54], using a combination of methods (extrapolation of the perturbation series, counting of known prefactors, scheme comparisons). As shown in Tab. 4, these corrections will likely be needed to match the precision of future e^+e^- colliders (Tab. 3), and in some cases even higher orders may be necessary. Fortunately, there is continuous progress in the development of new calculational techniques for loop diagrams [55–58].

- Furthermore, as already mentioned above, SM theory predictions of EWPOs require various SM parameters as inputs, most notably the top mass m_t and Higgs mass m_H , the strong coupling constant α_s , and the shift of the fine structure constant, $\Delta\alpha$. While the latter has been discussed above on pages 5 and 10, information about the other parameters can be found in Ref. [38] and **the EF Higgs and TOPHF reports** [].

The impact of SM parameter uncertainties are illustrated in Tab. 4 for current results

[†]Corrections with fermion loops are enhanced due to the large top Yukawa coupling and the large fermion multiplicity in the SM.

for these parameters and two future scenarios:

	Δm_t [GeV]	Δm_H [GeV]	Δm_Z [MeV]	$\Delta(\Delta\alpha)$	$\Delta\alpha_s$
Current	0.6	0.17	2.1	10^{-4}	9×10^{-4}
Scenario 1	0.3	0.02	0.8	10^{-4}	5×10^{-4}
Scenario 2	0.05	0.01	0.1	3×10^{-5}	2×10^{-4}

(12)

Scenario 1 approximately corresponds to a Higgs factory with a Giga-Z Z-pole run and no data taking at the $t\bar{t}$ threshold. Scenario is more similar to a Higgs factory with a Tera-Z Z-pole run (FCC-ee, CEPC) and including $t\bar{t}$ threshold run. In particular, the improvement in the m_t precision is crucial for reducing the parametric uncertainties in Scenario 2, to a level that is roughly comparable to the target precision for these EWPOs shown in Tab. 3.

Note that the dependence of the predictions for Γ_Z and R_ℓ on α_s are to a certain extent circular, since these quantities would be used for the extraction of the strong coupling constant at future e^+e^- colliders [38].

3 Multi-boson processes at high-energy colliders

The SM predicts the existence of multi-boson interactions, which give rise to final states with two or three bosons. Anomalies in the rate and kinematic of these final states can be indicative of new physics not currently described in the SM. Such anomalies can be parametrized through modifications of the strength of form of the SM multi-boson vertices. A newer approach consists in using EFT operators of dimension six or above, where measurements of multi-boson processes can be recast as direct determinations of the Wilson coefficients of these operators.

It shall be noted that the sensitivity to BSM effects, or, in other terms, the upper limits to the Wilson coefficients of new operators, scale with a power of the c.o.m. energy, thus making multi-TeV colliders the ideal tools for studying these final states. At this time, the most promising avenues for reaching multi-TeV energies are proton-proton colliders or $\mu^+\mu^-$ colliders.

Di-boson final states can be produced directly through annihilation of the colliding particles or partons, or indirectly through vector-boson fusion (VBF) / vector-boson scattering (VBS) processes. These processes can give important clues about the origin of the electroweak symmetry breaking, and whether the Higgs mechanism is the only source of it. Hadron colliders also offer the possibility to study same-sign WW production through VBS. Other interesting final states contain three bosons, such as WWW, or the as-of-yet unobserved ZZZ. These final states can be produced via quartic-gauge couplings, and allow one to unveil one of the ostensibly least known sector of the SM.

As noted above, discrepancies between the expected total and differential cross sections for each of the multi-boson final states and their SM predictions can be studied with two different approaches. A modification of the strength of the SM couplings constitute the

premise of the searches for triple- and quartic-gauge-coupling anomalies (TGC and QGC, respectively). The fundamental assumption is that there are no additional types of interaction among SM particles than the ones already included in the SM Lagrangian. The adoption of EFT operators allows one to eliminate this constraint, and bestows the freedom to obtain a model-independent extension of the SM Lagrangian, under the assumption that there are no additional fields. The SMEFT approach is described in more detail in Section 4.1.

Plentiful experimental results with multi-boson final states are available. Both the ATLAS and CMS collaborations have measured di-boson [59–67], tri-boson processes [68–71], as well as VBF/VBS processes [72–82], which are characterized by a $VVjj$ final state. Di-boson final states include W^+W^- , same-sign $W^\pm W^\pm$, WZ , ZZ , $Z\gamma$. Tri-boson final states include $W\gamma\gamma$, $Z\gamma\gamma$, $WV\gamma$ (where $V = W, Z$), and WVV' (where $V, V' = W, Z$).

Bounds on new physics have been determined in the language of anomalous gauge-boson couplings (aGCs) [59, 62–64, 67] and effective operators [60, 64–66, 71, 78–81]. The latter is theoretically preferred since it provides a consistent power counting and allows one to implement theoretical consistency constraints. In these studies, only one or two aGCs/operators are allowed to be non-zero at the same time, i.e., no full aGC/SMEFT analysis has been performed.

The most up-to-date limits on gauge-coupling anomalies are available at Refs. [83, 84]. Expected limits at the end of the HL-LHC and HE-LHC runs are reported in Refs. [85, 86].

3.1 Theory studies on anomalous couplings

It is well known that diverging from the SM predictions of the TGC and QGC causes the growth of scattering amplitudes, up to the point at which unitarity is lost. Various methods have been implemented in TGC and QGC searches to enforce the conservation of unitarity, and the consistency of the analyses. A study of the different methods employed by experimental collaborations is presented, e.g., in Ref. [87]. A new direction of research toward the imposition of constraints dictated by the necessity that SMEFT admits a UV completion is explored in Ref. [88]. The conventional approach to the derivation of positivity bounds uses 2-to-2 scattering amplitudes, showing that one can obtain a set of linear homogeneous inequalities for the dim-8 Wilson coefficients. The limit of this technique is that it requires one to consider scattering amplitudes between arbitrarily superimposed particle states, which has not been done systematically. The new approach draws a connection between the positivity bounds of EFT Wilson coefficients and the solution of a geometric problem, i.e., finding the extremal rays of a spectrahedron, built from the crossing symmetries of an interaction amplitude. The bounds obtained with new method are compared to the ones from the elastic positivity bounds and shown to be more stringent.

A review of the usage and potential pitfalls of SMEFT is presented in [89]. As indicated before in this report, EFT is the leading tool employed to determine, in a model-independent way (with certain symmetry assumptions), the impact of SM measurements on new physics. Two energy regimes, in which SMEFT studies are currently performed, are identified and

separately discussed: resonant and near-threshold processes at low energy; distribution tails at high energy. In the former case, it is possible to show that the number of ways in which SMEFT can contribute is finite; this allows to identify combinations of Wilson coefficients as contributors to the process in question, and effectively obtain a resummation of all orders in the SMEFT expansion that affect the process of interest. In the latter case, it is not possible to consider the full EFT effect on a process, and one needs to cut the expansion at dimension 6. As hinted above, one then must consider the effect of truncating the expansion by neglecting higher-order operators, such as dim-8 ones, as well as the limits of validity of the EFT approximation. The choice of a method to fit any model data is also discussed. A global fit, where all measurements are considered on equal footing, is ideal, but requires significant work to properly combine and compare the fit inputs. A sequential fit is presented as a quicker alternative, in which intermediate fits are performed by adding measurements divided in subsets, in order of decreasing precision. Directions for future progress are summarized at the end of the paper, and involve studies of SMEFT at higher order for on-shell and near-threshold observables, the adoption by experiments of an error estimation scheme for high-energy observables, and the development of sequential fits toward the definition of a fully-global fitting framework.

3.2 Multi-boson processes at future lepton colliders

While limited in energy reach compared to hadron colliders, lepton colliders with $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 1$ TeV have advantages for measurement of vector-boson scattering (VBS), due to the well-defined initial state, complete coverage of final states, and the possibility to separate spin, isospin and CP quantum numbers. Particle flow algorithms enable very good particle ID (to reduce photon-induced background) and W/Z discrimination from hadronic decays [90].

An e^+e^- collider like ILC or CLIC can cover energies of a few TeV, while a muon collider or more speculative proposals such as plasma wakefield accelerators can reach tens of TeV. In the latter case, VBS can be described with good accuracy by factorizing the full process $\ell\ell \rightarrow VV\ell'\ell'$ into a $V'V' \rightarrow VV$ hard process and V' radiation in the initial state described by electroweak PDFs [91, 92].

Significant backgrounds arise from a number of processes (including $\ell^+\ell^- \rightarrow VV$ without VBS), but they can be reduced with suitable cuts or machine learning techniques, and they also become less important relative to the signal process when going to higher values of $\sqrt{s}$ [93–95]. However, the achievable constraints on SMEFT coefficients do not always improve when increased center-of-mass energy [91].

Reference [91] presents a review of how electroweak vector boson fusion/scattering processes become the dominant production modes of vector bosons as the center-of-mass energy of a lepton collider enters the few-TeV range. The size and growth of VBF cross sections for numerous SM and new physics processes are investigated. The key observation is that s -channel production rates decrease, with collider energy, as $1/s$, while VBF rates grow as $\log s$, eventually becoming the most dominant process.

A comprehensive review of VBS processes at current and future colliders is presented in

Ref. [96]. This paper also discusses the importance of adopt the proper formalism to describe initial-and final-state radiation (electroweak parton distribution functions, and resummation of fragmentation functions, respectively). This latter topic is presented also in Ref. [97] for lepton colliders (and similarly, in the scenario of a high-energy hadron collider, in Ref. [98], which is discussed later). Multi-TeV lepton colliders are effectively weak-boson colliders, which suggests that EW bosons should be treated as constituents of high-energy leptons. The paper reviews the validity of W and Z parton distribution functions, investigates power-law and logarithmic corrections that arise in the derivation of weak boson PDFs in the collinear limit, and reports an implementation of the Effective W/Z and Weizsäcker-Williams approximations into the Monte Carlo generator `MadGraph_aMC@LN0`. The key question is how factorization and resummation work in the weak sector, and how it differs from QED and perturbative QCD. This question is critically important, as in multi-TeV muon colliders, and at 100 TeV hadron colliders, typical parton collisions satisfy the criteria for collinear factorization of weak bosons. It will furthermore be important to extend the factorization framework to higher orders (see *e.g.* Ref. [99]).

The future lepton colliders obviously offer the opportunity to investigate, in detail, interesting experimental signatures. Three such studies are presented below, and touch two specific aspects of lepton colliders: the precision study of Higgs physics, and the unique advantage (high-energy, high-statistics, clean environment) offered by muon colliders as weak-boson colliders.

Reference [100] reports a study of the Vh process that is relevant for both the HL-LHC and future lepton colliders, in which the signal to background ratio is significantly higher than at the LHC. The idea is to exploit the tree-level destructive interference between the W and Z mediated processes that contribute to the production of a Higgs boson in association with a vector boson via vector-boson fusion. The future lepton collider being considered is the CLIC, at 1.5 TeV and 3 TeV center-of-mass energy. A particularly interesting aspect of the analysis is the ability to check whether the Higgs couplings to W and Z, κ_W and κ_Z have the same sign; models in which they do not include scalars which have higher isospin representations. It is important to note that tree-level processes, such as the Higgs decay to ZZ^* and WW^* , are sensitive to the absolute value of the ratio between the Higgs couplings to Z and W bosons, denominated λ_{WZ} . The achievable sensitivity at a lepton collider is shown in Fig. 2. It is reported that the point $(\kappa_W, \kappa_Z) = (1, -1)$ is excluded at more than two standard deviation at the end of the HL-LHC run[‡], while 3.4 fb^{-1} (14.1 fb^{-1}) are enough at CLIC 3 TeV (1.5 TeV) to exclude that point at 95% CL against the SM case.

Prospects for searches for anomalous quartic gauge couplings at a high-energy muon collider are presented in Ref. [101]. A multi-TeV muon collider is effectively a high-luminosity weak boson collider, and allows for the measurement, in a relatively clean environment, of vector boson scattering processes. The study of W pair production, in association with two muons or two neutrinos, is presented in the reference. Deviations of the proposed mea-

[‡]Note that a more precise determination of the magnitude of $\kappa_{W,Z}$ can be achieved with a global fit of HL-LHC measurements, but the discussion here focuses only on the direct determination of the sign of these couplings.

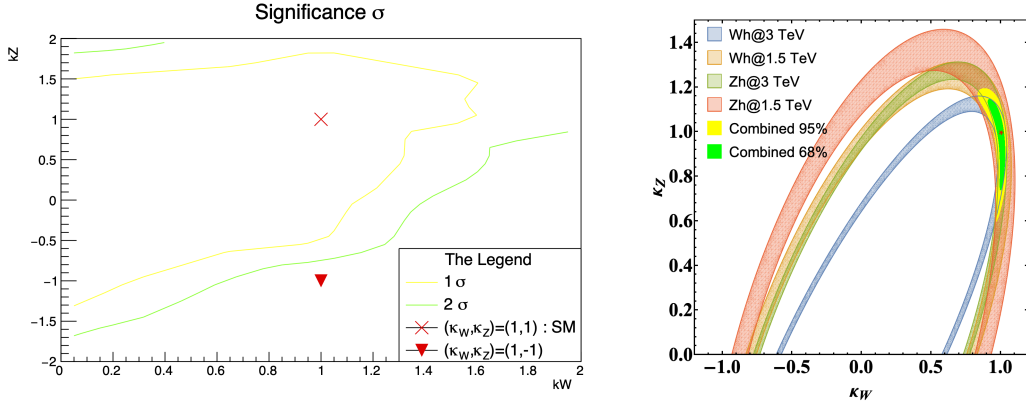


Figure 2: Left: 1- and 2- σ sensitivity of the measurement to κ_W and κ_Z at the HL-LHC. Right: constraints in the $\kappa_W - \kappa_Z$ plane for the total rate measurement at CLIC. (figures taken from Ref. [100]).

measurements with respect to the SM predictions could indicate the presence of an anomalous quartic gauge coupling. Figure 3 shows the distribution of the mass of the W pair in the $WW\nu\nu$ and $WW\mu\mu$ channels, including an example of a signal prediction for one illustrative aQCG parameter. The limits on anomalous quartic gauge couplings that can be set with a luminosity of 4/ab of muon collisions at a center-of-mass energy of 6 TeV are about two orders of magnitude tighter than the current limits. It shall be noted that the effects of beam-induced background have not been included in the analysis, and that the limits on aQGCs are set under the assumption that triple gauge couplings are not modified.

Muon colliders also offers the opportunity to study in detail the topic of unitarity restoration, for example, by measuring longitudinally polarized vector boson scattering. It is shown in Ref. [102] that such a study could surpass the end-of-life HL-LHC results in the ZZ channel. The study utilizes a Boosted Decision Tree and shows that, even with a conservative estimation, a 5 standard deviation discovery of longitudinally polarized ZZ scattering can be achieved with 3/ab of data collected at a 14 TeV muon collider. This results outperforms the expected results of the end-of-life HL-LHC, which expects to have a sensitivity of about 2 standard deviations. The paper also reports the study of a 6 TeV muon-collider case, and shows that its sensitivity is comparable to the HL-LHC one.

3.3 Multi-boson processes at future hadron colliders

Multi-TeV future hadron colliders provide a unique bench to explore the nature of EW symmetry breaking, and its restoration as energies increase above the EW scale. The most compelling direction of investigation entails the study of vector bosons produced in association with a Higgs boson, or the longitudinal polarization of pair-produced vector bosons. Both these lines of investigations are discussed below.

A discussion of the prospects for physics measurements in the at future hadron colliders requires a suitable description of the physics in the high-energy regime. This is a necessary

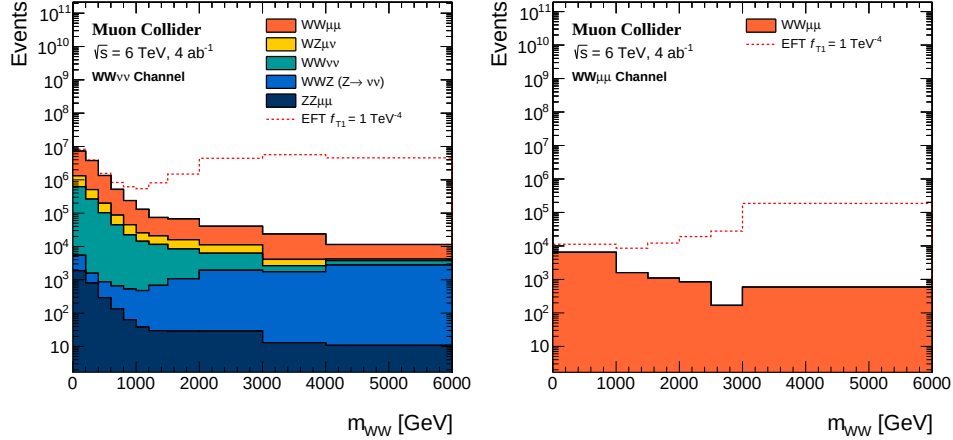


Figure 3: Distribution of $m(WW)$ in the $WW\nu\nu$ and $WW\mu\mu$ channels, after event selection. The dashed lines show the signal prediction for one illustrative aQGC parameter. (figure taken from Ref. [101]).

step to correctly formulate predictions. Reference [98] discusses the definition of a consistent theoretical treatment to describe the physics processes that take place in particle collisions at high energy. In that regime, higher than the mass scale involved, all the SM particles, including the gauge bosons, can be considered to be massless. Collinear splitting becomes the dominant phenomenon. The proper description of parton distribution functions, initial state radiations, final state radiations and fragmentation functions is needed. The focus of the paper is the resummation of final-state radiation up to leading-log accuracy, and show the effect of high-energy splitting at a 100 TeV collider. The formalism developed in the paper is applicable also to the case of multi-TeV muon colliders.

As indicated earlier, the study of Higgs production in association with a vector boson at a high-energy hadron collider offers a test stand to probe the restoration of EW symmetry. Reference [103] presents a new test to study the restoration of EW symmetry at high energy. The two colliders under consideration are the 14 TeV HL-LHC and the 27 TeV HE-LHC. The main assumption of the analysis is that at those energies the EW vector bosons become massless, and one can replace their longitudinal modes with the associated Goldstone bosons. The conclusion is that while the VV' production is dominantly transversely polarized, up to very high energies, the Vh channel is longitudinally dominated starting at relatively low energies (e.g., at a c.o.m. energy of 14 TeV, the W boson is longitudinally polarized in $\approx 90\%$ of the Wh events with a Higgs transverse momentum above 200 GeV). Figure 4 demonstrates this effect, by showing the fraction of polarized gauge-boson production as a function of the boson transverse momentum. It is ultimately demonstrated that the EW restoration can be confirmed with a precision of 40% at the HL-LHC, and 6% at the HE-LHC.

The second compelling direction of investigation previously identified is the study of longitudinal polarization of pair-produced vector bosons. The sensitivity to longitudinal vector boson scattering at a multi-TeV proton-proton collider, using same-sign WW pairs

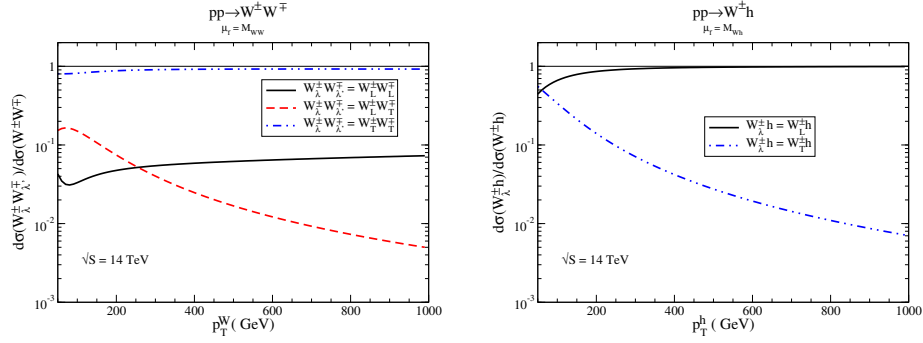


Figure 4: Ratio of transverse momentum distributions of polarized gauge boson production to the total distribution summed over polarizations. (figures taken from Ref. [103]).

produced in association with two jets, is presented in Ref. [104]. Vector boson scattering processes are important probes of the non-Abelian structure of electroweak interactions, as the unitarity of the tree-level amplitude of the scattering of longitudinally polarized gauge bosons could be restored at high energies by the Higgs boson. Extensions of the SM introduce new resonances or modifications of the Higgs boson couplings that modify the cross sections of processes involving the scattering of longitudinally polarized gauge bosons. The same-sign WW state is of particular interest because the requirement of two same-sign leptons in the final states greatly reduces the backgrounds from other SM processes. The study reported in the paper assumes 30/ab collected at a center-of-mass energy of 27, 50, and 100 TeV. The result of the analysis is that a cut-and-count method is sufficient to measure with a relative precision of 39%, 22%, and 17% the fraction of the purely longitudinal contribution to same-sign WWjj production, using the fully leptonic decay mode (at a center-of-mass energy of 27, 50, and 100 TeV, respectively). The purely transverse and mixed longitudinal-transverse contributions are measured with a relative precision of 2% and 4%, respectively, at 100 TeV. Figure 5 shows the distribution of the signal and background components, as a function of the pseudorapidity difference between the two jets. As expected, the signal-to-background ratio is higher at a large pseudorapidity difference.

4 Global fits of new physics

Assuming new physics scales are significantly higher than the EW scale, Effective Field Theories (EFT) provide a model-independent prescription that allows us to put generic constraints on new physics and to study and combine large sets of experimental data in a systematically improvable quantum field theory approach. All new physics effects are represented by a set of higher dimensional operators which consist of only the SM fields and respect the SM gauge symmetries. Depending on whether the SM $SU(2) \times U(1)$ symmetries are realized linearly or nonlinearly, there are two classes of formalism popular for studying EW physics at colliders, respectively the Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT) [105, 106] or the Higgs Effective Field Theory (HEFT) [107, 108]; see [109] for a pedagogical review. The EFT approach has some features that are of particular interest for

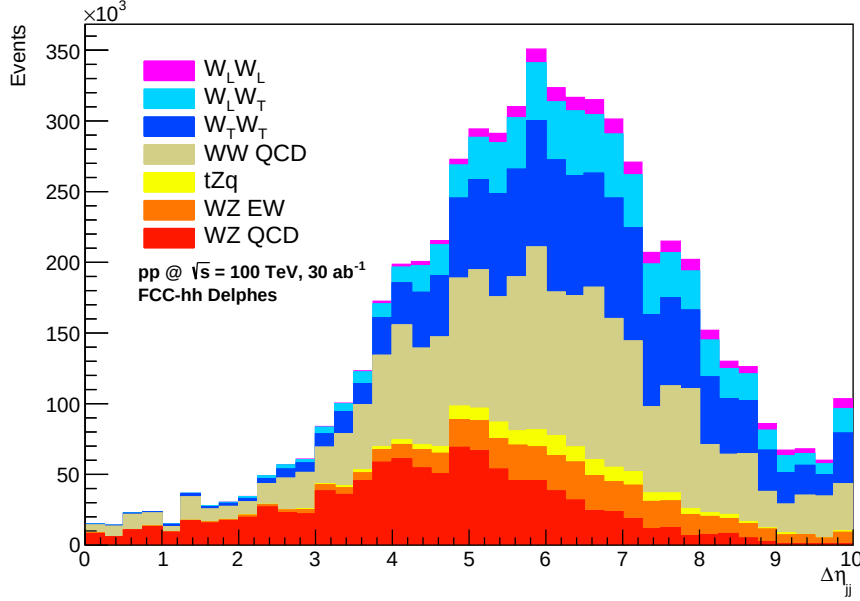


Figure 5: The distribution of events as a function of $\Delta\eta(jj)$, the pseudorapidity difference between the two leading jets, after full event selection, for $\sqrt{s} = 100$ TeV (figure taken from Ref. [104]).

studying precision EW physics, for instance: it provides a well-defined theoretical framework that enables the inclusion of radiative corrections for both the SM and BSM parts; and the synergies between different precision EW measurements can be explored globally so that a comprehensive picture of the constraints on new physics can be drawn. However, the EFT approach also has some practical limitations since it has in principle an infinite number of degrees of freedoms, and it is only an adequate description if the new physics scales are larger than the experimentally reachable energies. In a realistic global EFT fit, various flavor assumptions and truncations to the lowest order of relevant operators often have to be applied. The HEFT allows considerably more parameter freedom than the SMEFT. A subset of BSM physics that couples only to SM gauge bosons can also be represented by the so-called oblique parameters [110, 111]. Two of the oblique parameters (S and T) are directly related to dimension-6 SMEFT operators, while the U parameter corresponds to a dimension-8 operator.

Most of the global EFT fits are currently performed based on the SMEFT, which will also be the focus here. The up-to-date global SMEFT fit at future colliders has been performed for the European Study Group (ESG), which combines measurements of EWPOs, Higgs production and decay rates at LHC and future colliders, and $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW$ [36]. The results of global EFT fit may give important implications for proposals of future colliders which otherwise would not get recognized. Just to name two examples from ESG: Z -pole and WW runs at circular e^+e^- colliders can help improve significantly the Higgs coupling precisions with respect to what can be obtained using only ZH runs; beam polarizations at linear e^+e^- colliders can play special roles that help lift degeneracies of different new

physics effects, as a result of which similar Higgs coupling precisions can be achieved at linear e^+e^- with less integrated luminosity compared to circular e^+e^- .

For Snowmass 2021, the global EFT fit for ESG has been extended in a few directions [112]: consistent implementation of full EFT treatment in $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW$ using optimal observables; new inclusion of a large set of 4-fermion operators; more complete set of operators that are related to top-quark. The projections of the uncertainties of required input observables are provided by EF01 for Higgs related observables, EF03 for top-quark related observables, EF04 for W/Z related observables, and Rare Process and Precision Frontier (RF) for a set of low-energy measurements. **references to their reports?** The projections for various future e^+e^- colliders are made to be as consistent as possible, for instance: by applying common systematic errors as explained in Section 2.2; by extrapolating from one collider to another whenever there is any important missing input. More details about the considerations of inputs can be found in [112]. The global fits are performed with respect to various running scenarios for each collider. The results of global fits are provided as bounds on the Wilson coefficients as well as uncertainties of effective $H/Z/W$ couplings. The intrinsic theory errors of the SM predictions of observables are not included in the global fits by defaults, however their impacts are evaluated in a few examples. [The parametric theory errors of which the prospects are known rather clearly are going to be included in the default fits: for instance from uncertainties on Higgs mass, top mass, strong couplings, etc]. The computation of EFT contributions to various observables is done at tree level only except for the loop contribution from the triple Higgs coupling in the single Higgs processes.

4.1 Framework and scope

The SMEFT takes a form of Effective Lagrangian from the SM part up to dimension-4 operators plus an infinite tower of higher-dimensional ($d > 4$) operators (O_i^d) which respect Lorentz and the SM gauge symmetries and are suppressed by the corresponding inverse powers of the cut-off scale Λ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{d=5}^{\infty} \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}. \quad (13)$$

The information of new physics is encoded in the serial of Wilson Coefficients $C_i^{(d)}$. The number of non-redundant operators for $d = 5, 6, 7, 8$ is known [105, 106, 113–118]. The operators considered in the global fits here are restricted to be dimension-6 ($d = 6$) and to preserve baryon and lepton numbers. A complete basis of such operators contains 2499 operators without flavor assumptions. It reduces to 84 if only one generation of fermions are considered, and further to 59 if only for CP-even operators. Three main global fits, namely Fit-1/2/3, are performed for Snowmass 2021 focusing on EW physics at future colliders, each done for a subset of operators. Independent operators for more than one generation of fermions are considered, with a general assumption that the flavor structure is diagonal for simplicity. Lepton-flavor universality is completely relaxed. The operators for the 3rd-generation of quarks are always included manifestly, while universality for the

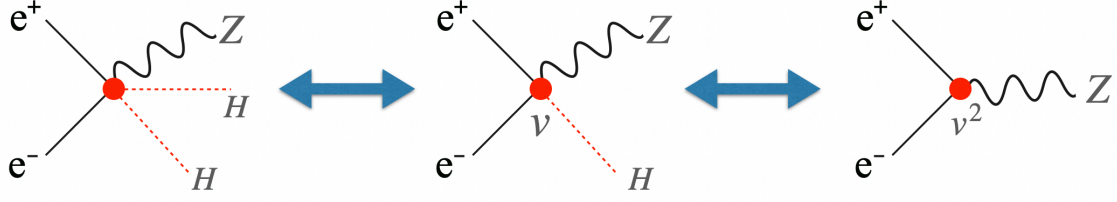


Figure 6: The contribution from the same operator $C_{\phi e}$ (defined in the text) in three different processes: double Higgs production (left), single Higgs production (middle) and Z-pole production (right).

689 1st- and 2nd-generation of quarks is assumed in Fit-1. While the three main fits are focused
 690 on CP-even operators, another fit is carried out for pure bosonic CP-odd operators which
 691 involve only 4 operators. When the bounds on Wilson Coefficients are given, the formats
 692 of the original Warsaw basis [106] are followed. More details can be found in [112].

693 Fit-1 is mainly focused on: the interplay among measurements for Higgs production and
 694 decay rate, EWPOs and di-boson processes; the roles played by energy, luminosity and beam
 695 polarizations; and the synergy between LHC and future lepton colliders. There are around
 696 20 operators that contribute to those measurements, a complete set given the assumptions
 697 as mentioned above included in the global fit. Here just take one of the operators as an ex-
 698 ample to illustrate why those measurements are inherently related: $\frac{C_{\phi e}}{\Lambda^2}(\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi)(\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R)$.
 699 As sketched in Fig. 6, this operator will directly generate a five-point interaction that con-
 700 tributes to $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZHH$. By replacing the Higgs field by v , it will then generate a
 701 four-point interaction that contributes to $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$ which is one of the leading Higgs
 702 production channels. Going further replacing the other Higgs field by v , it will result in a
 703 vertex correction to Z pole observables. This brings the interplay between Higgs measure-
 704 ments and EWPOs at Z-pole which together will provide advantage in probing the effects
 705 from new physics.

706 Fit-1 results are given mainly in terms of effective couplings [36, 119] which are defined
 707 by pseudo-observables and thus are independent of the operator basis one would have chosen
 708 for the fit. The Higgs effective couplings ($g_{HX}^{\text{eff } 2}$) are defined as

$$g_{HX}^{\text{eff } 2} \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow X}}{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow X}^{\text{SM}}}, \quad (14)$$

709 where $\Gamma_{H \rightarrow X}$ is the decay partial width of $H \rightarrow X$ [§] The electroweak effective couplings,
 710 g_L^f and g_R^f for each fermion f , are defined essentially same from the decay partial widths
 711 of $Z \rightarrow f_L \bar{f}_L$ and $Z \rightarrow f_R \bar{f}_R$ where f_L and f_R are respectively the left- and right-handed
 712 fermion.

713 Fit-2 is focused on probing 4-fermion interactions which are present in many BSM models
 714 with new gauge bosons that couple to the SM fermions. The framework is based on the study

[§]Each Higgs effective coupling assembles a κ in the κ -formalism.

in [120] and goes beyond by including measurements at future colliders. It involves both 4-fermion operators and 2-fermion operators that modify W/Z vertices, around 60 parameters in total. While the vertex part has significant overlap with Fit-1, Fit-2 extends the scope by relaxing the universality assumption that was imposed in Fit-1 for the first and second generation quarks. Essentially Fit-2 doesn't need to apply any flavor assumption except focusing only on the diagonal part. The effects of 4-fermion operators grow quadratically as energy increases thus this global fit can provide a very good measure to the merit from running at high energies at future colliders. There are degeneracies which can only be lifted by low-energy measurements thus this fit is also a place to study the synergy between future colliders and low-energy experiments. The renormalization group evolution of the relevant operators at different scales are properly taken into account. The results from Fit-2 are presented in terms of $1\text{-}\sigma$ bounds directly on the Wilson Coefficients of 4-fermion operators as well as the precision on electroweak effective couplings. Fit-2 results can also be interpreted in terms of the bounds on O_{2W} and O_{2B} operators (defined in [121])[¶] which correspond to the oblique parameters W and Y [122].

Top-quark sector has essentially been excluded in the scope of Fit-1 and Fit-2. Fit-3 is thus focused on top-quark electroweak couplings and $eett$ 4-fermion operators, a global fit restricted to around 20 operators that are directly related to top-quark or the third generation quarks. Top-quark has not yet been directly produced at any lepton colliders thus the top-quark measurements at hadron colliders play an essential role. Fit-3 provides another place to study the synergy between HL-LHC and future lepton colliders where top-quark can be directly produced. There have already been global SMEFT fits to current data including the interplay between the top-quark sector and Higgs/EW sector [123, 123]. The interplay may become more subtle when the loop effects from top-quark operators in the Higgs/EW observables are included [124–126]. The scope of Fit-3 for Snowmass 2021 focusing on future colliders is much more restricted since technically not all ingredients that are needed for such a combined top-quark/Higgs/EW fit are ready. Nevertheless the interplay related to top-Yukawa coupling is studied.

[Technical realization: HEPfit; simple χ^2 minimization by Mathematica and C++; TBD]

4.2 Collider scenarios and observables

- Summary of colliders and run scenarios; Tab. 2 + HL-LHC + muC + ...
- List of inputs from EW prec., Higgs, top, 4-fermion sectors

The colliders scenarios that are considered in the global fits include the HL-LHC and future e^+e^- colliders as shown in Tab. 2. In addition, future muon colliders are also included in Fit-1 with three scenarios: 10 ab^{-1} at 10 TeV; 1 ab^{-1} at 3 TeV; 10 ab^{-1} at 10 TeV plus 20 fb^{-1} at 125 GeV. No muon collider scenarios have been considered for Fit-2 and Fit-3,

[¶]Using the equations of motion, these operators lead to charged and neutral current four-fermion contact interactions of universal type.

partly due to a lack of suitable studies of input observables[‡] The projected uncertainties of various input observables are mainly from the corresponding collider collaborations [15–22, 24, 128–130]. The list of input observables in each fit is too lengthy to be included in this report. We will show here only a few typical examples. The complete list and details can be found in [112].

The input observables for Fit-1 include: EWPOs as shown in Tab. 3; Higgs production and decay rates, as shown partially in Tab. 5 for HL-LHC and Tab. 6 for FCC-ee and CEPC^{**}; optimal observables in $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ [131]. The input observables for Fit-2 include: EWPOs; cross section and forward-backward asymmetry in $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ off the Z -pole; low-energy observables as shown in Tab. 7. Fit-3 includes the following observables: cross section or differential cross section in top-quark pair production, single top-quark production, top-quark pair production associated with a Z boson or a photon at (HL-)LHC; cross section and forward-backward asymmetry in $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$; optimal observables in $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow bW^+\bar{b}W^-$ [132]; cross section of $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$.

It is important to ensure the consistency among inputs provided by different collider collaborations. One example about common systematic errors in A_b measurements has been elaborated in Section 2.2. Another example is shown in Tab. 6: we can compare the direct inputs by one collaboration with extrapolated inputs from another collaboration, illustrated for FCC-ee240 direct inputs and ILC extrapolations (numbers in brackets) in the second column; though $BR_{\gamma Z}$ input was missing, not directly provided by FCC collaboration, the extrapolated projection is included in the global fit since this observable turns out to play a sensitive role. More examples about the care that was taken to ensure consistency on inputs can be found in [112].

4.3 Results

- Key plots showing the reach of different colliders/scenarios for the full list of Wilson coefficients
- Some example plots for important correlations?
- Results for constrained new physics scenario (*e.g.* composite Higgs), which implies relations between Wilson coefficients?
- Discussion of key findings (*e.g.* advantage of energy reach vs. precision, impact of missing observables, impact of theory assumptions, ...)

The preliminary results of each global fit are shown in Fig. 7 for electroweak and Higgs effective couplings in Fit-1, Fig. 12–14 for 4-fermion operators in Fit-2, and Fig. 9–11 for top-quark operators in Fit-3. Exact definition of each parameter or Wilson coefficient shown in

[‡]However, a study of the sensitivity of muon colliders to new 4-fermion interactions was performed in Ref. [127] in the framework of the W/Y parameters, which is more constrained than the SMEFT framework.

^{**}There are many more tables for Higgs inputs at other energies and other colliders in [112] which are not explicitly listed here for conciseness.

HL-LHC	3 ab ⁻¹ <i>ATLAS + CMS</i>				
Prod.	ggH	VBF	WH	ZH	ttH
σ	-	-	-	-	-
$\sigma \times BR_{bb}$	19.1	-	8.3	4.6	10.2
$\sigma \times BR_{cc}$	-	-	-	-	-
$\sigma \times BR_{gg}$	-	-	-	-	-
$\sigma \times BR_{ZZ}$	2.5	9.5	32.1	58.3	15.2
$\sigma \times BR_{WW}$	2.5	5.5	9.9	12.8	6.6
$\sigma \times BR_{\tau\tau}$	4.5	3.9	-	-	10.2
$\sigma \times BR_{\gamma\gamma}$	2.5	7.9	9.9	13.2	5.9
$\sigma \times BR_{\gamma Z}$	24.4	51.2	-	-	-
$\sigma \times BR_{\mu\mu}$	11.1	30.7	-	-	-
$\sigma \times BR_{inv.}$	-	2.5	-	-	-
Δm_H	30 MeV	-	-	-	-

Table 5: Projected uncertainties of Higgs observables at HL-LHC for the leading five production channels and various decay modes: numbers by default in %.

	FCCee240 5ab ⁻¹		CEPC240 20ab ⁻¹	
Prod.	ZH	$\nu\nu H$	ZH	$\nu\nu H$
σ	0.5(0.537)	-	0.26	-
$\sigma \times BR_{bb}$	0.3(0.380)	3.1(2.78)	0.14	1.59
$\sigma \times BR_{cc}$	2.2(2.08)	-	2.02	-
$\sigma \times BR_{gg}$	1.9(1.75)	-	0.81	-
$\sigma \times BR_{ZZ}$	4.4(4.49)	-	4.17	-
$\sigma \times BR_{WW}$	1.2(1.16)	-	0.53	-
$\sigma \times BR_{\tau\tau}$	0.9(0.822)	-	0.42	-
$\sigma \times BR_{\gamma\gamma}$	9(8.47)	-	3.02	-
$\sigma \times BR_{\gamma Z}$	(17*)	-	8.5	-
$\sigma \times BR_{\mu\mu}$	19(17.9)	-	6.36	-
$\sigma \times BR_{inv.}$	0.3(0.226)	-	0.07	-

Table 6: Projected uncertainties of Higgs observables at FCCee240 and CEPC240 in the two leading production channels and various decay modes: numbers by default in %. The numbers in brackets are extrapolated from the projections at ILC250.

Process	Observable	Experimental value	Ref.	SM prediction
$(-)\nu_\mu - e^-$ scattering	$g_{IV}^{\nu_\mu e}$	-0.035 ± 0.017	CHARM-II [133]	-0.0396 [134]
	$g_{VA}^{\nu_\mu e}$	-0.503 ± 0.017		-0.5064 [134]
τ decay	$G_F^{\tau e}$	1.0029 ± 0.0046	PDG2014 [135]	1
	$G_F^{\tau \mu}$	0.981 ± 0.018		
	$G_F^{\tau \nu}$	0.981 ± 0.018		
Neutrino scattering	$R_{\nu\mu}$	0.3093 ± 0.0031	CHARM ($r = 0.456$) [136]	0.3156 [136]
	$R_{\bar{\nu}\mu}$	0.390 ± 0.014		0.370 [136]
	$R_{\nu\mu}$	0.3072 ± 0.0033	CDHS ($r = 0.393$) [137]	0.3091 [137]
	$R_{\bar{\nu}\mu}$	0.382 ± 0.016		0.380 [137]
	κ	0.5820 ± 0.0041	CCFR [138]	0.5830 [138]
	$R_{\nu\mu, \bar{\nu}\mu}$	$0.406^{+0.145}_{-0.135}$	CHARM [139]	0.33 [140]
Parity-violating scattering	$(s_w^2)^{\text{Møller}}$	0.2397 ± 0.0013	SLAC-E158 [141]	0.2381 ± 0.0006 [142]
	$Q_W^S(55, 78)$	-72.62 ± 0.43	PDG2016 [140]	-73.25 ± 0.02 [140]
	$Q_W^P(1, 0)$	0.064 ± 0.012	QWEAK [143]	0.0708 ± 0.0003 [140]
	A_1	$(-91.1 \pm 4.3) \times 10^{-6}$	PVDIS [144]	$(-87.7 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$ [144]
	A_2	$(-160.8 \pm 7.1) \times 10^{-6}$		$(-158.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-6}$ [144]
	$g_{VA}^{e\mu} - g_{VA}^{e\tau}$	-0.042 ± 0.057	SAMPLE ($\sqrt{Q^2} = 200$ MeV) [145]	-0.0360 [140]
		-0.12 ± 0.074	SAMPLE ($\sqrt{Q^2} = 125$ MeV) [145]	0.0265 [140]
	b_{SPS}	$-(1.47 \pm 0.42) \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$	SPS ($\lambda = 0.81$) [146]	$-1.56 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ [146]
τ polarization	$\mathcal{P}_\tau$	0.012 ± 0.058	VENUS [147]	0.028 [147]
	$\mathcal{A}_P$	0.029 ± 0.057		0.021 [147]
Neutrino trident production	$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}}(\nu_\mu \gamma^* \rightarrow \nu_\mu \mu^+ \mu^-)$	0.82 ± 0.28	CCFR [148–150]	1
$d_I \rightarrow u_J \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell(\gamma)$	$e_{L,R,S,P,T}^{deJ}$	See text	[151]	0

Table 7: Low-energy observables included in Fit-2.

the plots can be found in [112]. Following are a few brief observations from the preliminary results. [to be continued]

- Electroweak effective couplings can be improved by a few orders of magnitude at future e^+e^- colliders over current precision or HL-LHC, with better precisions at circular e^+e^- than at linear ones.
- The precision of many Higgs effective couplings can reach 1% or below at future e^+e^- , where qualitative improvements over HL-LHC are expected when Higgs total width is assumed to be a free parameter. When Higgs total width is constrained (not allowing any exotic decay), muon colliders can offer comparable precision with respect to e^+e^- without the need of running at 125 GeV, typically a factor of 2-10 improvement over HL-LHC.
- There are synergies on Higgs rare decays as well as top-Yukawa couplings between HL-LHC and future lepton colliders which play an important role in the global fits.
- The reach on 4-fermion interactions is significantly better at linear e^+e^- than circular ones not only because of higher collision energies but also polarized beams which help lift degeneracies.
- Z-pole and WW -threshold measurements play an important role at circular e^+e^- for the Higgs coupling determination, offering about a factor of 2 improvement in the global fits. The precision for HZZ or HWW at a 10 TeV muon collider can gain a factor of 2 improvement if much better EWPOs were available. Both are supported in Fig. 8

- The degeneracies in $eett$ contact interactions can not be lift without running at two different energies above $t\bar{t}$ threshold.

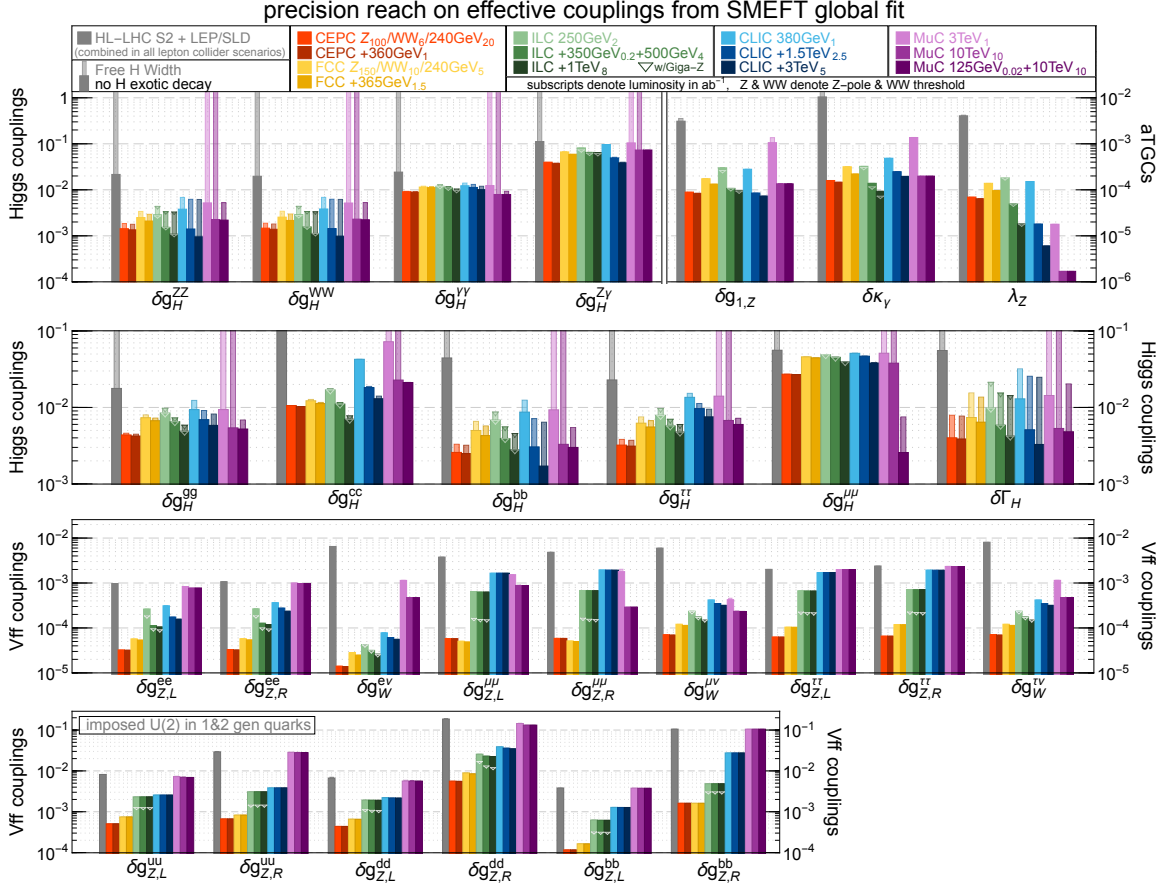


Figure 7: Precision reach on Higgs and electroweak effective couplings from a SMEFT global analysis of the Higgs and EW measurements at various future colliders. The wide (narrow) bars correspond to the results from the constrained- Γ_H (free- Γ_H) fit. The HL-LHC and LEP/SLD measurements are combined with all lepton collider scenarios. For e^+e^- colliders, the high energy runs are always combined with the low energy ones. For the ILC scenarios, the (upper edge of the) triangle mark shows the results for which a Giga-Z run is also included. For the muon collider, 3 separate scenarios are considered. The subscripts in the collider scenarios denote the corresponding integrated luminosity of the run in ab^{-1} .

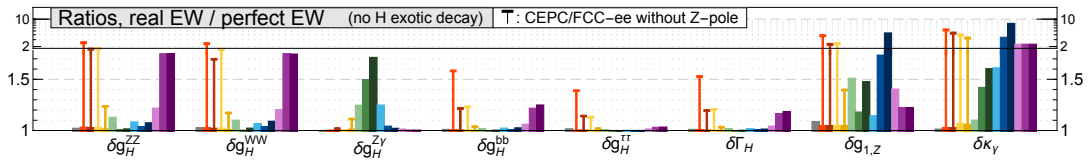


Figure 8: Ratios of the measurement precision (shown in Figure 7) to the one assuming perfect EW measurements (Z pole + W mass/width) in the constrained- Γ_H fit. Results are only shown for Higgs couplings and aTGCs with ratios significantly larger than one. For CEPC/FCC-ee, we also show (with the thin bars) the results without their Z-pole measurements.

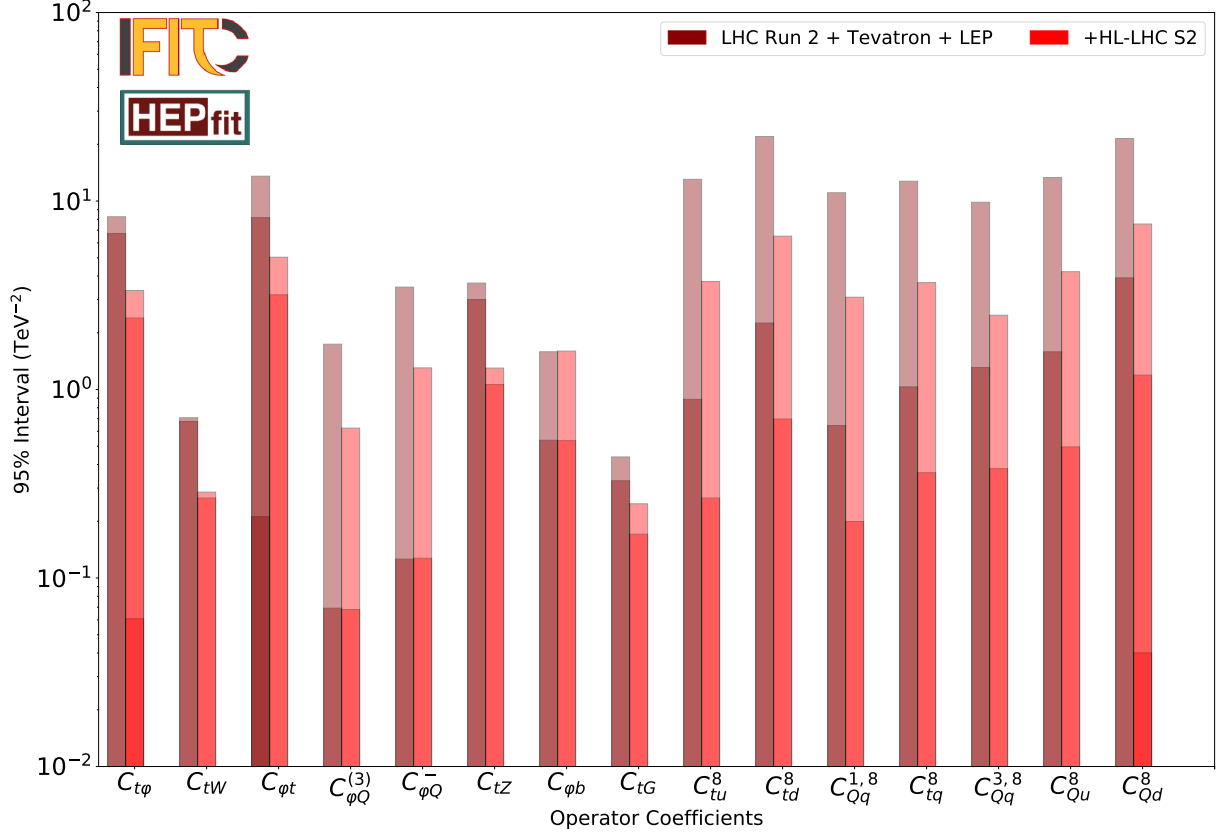


Figure 9: The 95% probability bounds on the Wilson coefficients for dimension-six operators that affect the top-quark production and decay measurements after run 2 of the LHC (in dark red) and prospects for the bounds expected after completion of the complete LHC program, including the high-luminosity stage (in light red). The individual bounds obtained from a single-parameter fit are shown as solid bars, while the global or marginalised bounds obtained fitting all Wilson coefficients at once are indicated by the full bars (shaded region in each bar).

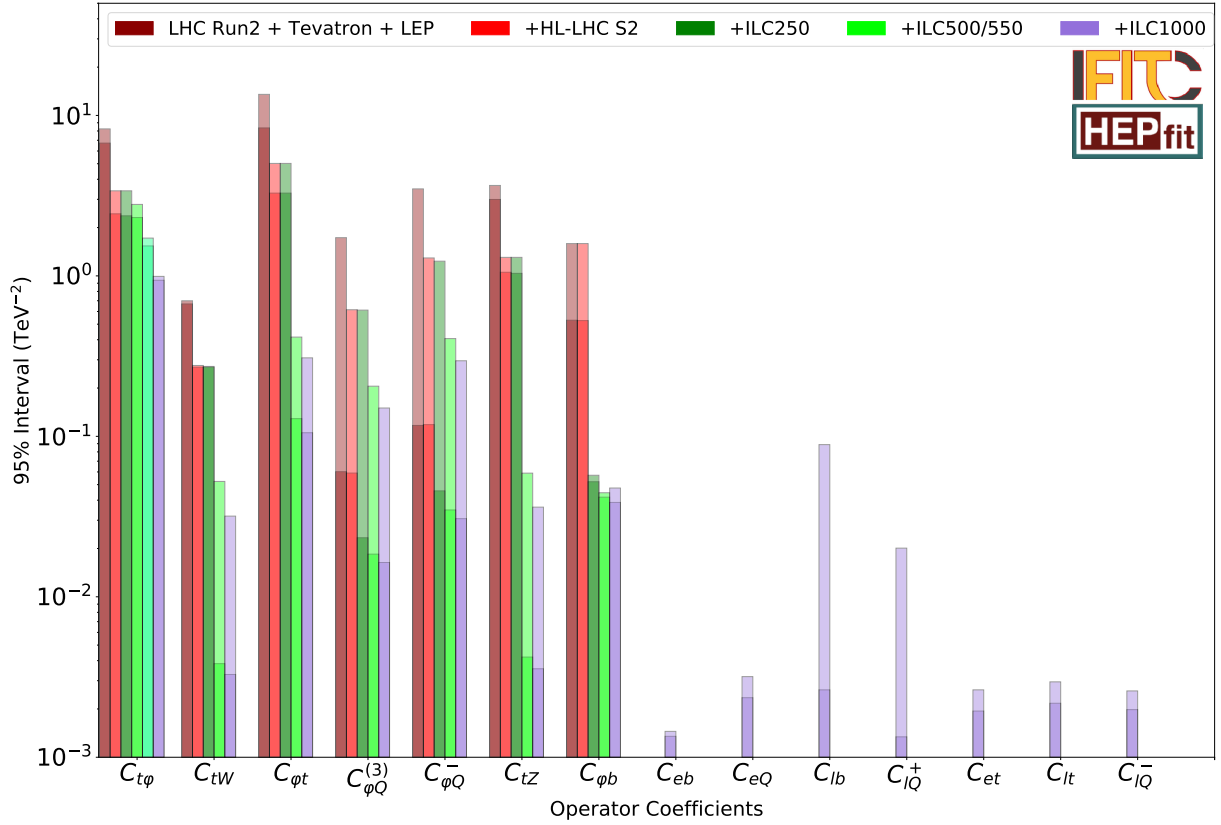


Figure 10: Comparison of current LHC constraints with HL-LHC ones, and those deriving from ILC runs at 250, 500 and 1000 GeV. The limits on the $q\bar{q}t\bar{t}$ and C_{tG} coefficients are not shown, since the e^+e^- collider measurements considered are not sensitive to them, but all operators are included in the global fit. The improvement expected from the HL-LHC on these coefficients is shown in Fig. 9. The additional bar included for $C_{t\phi}$ in light green shows the effect on this operator of ILC working at 550 GeV. The solid bars provide the individual limits of the single-parameter fit and the shaded ones the marginalised limits of the global fit.

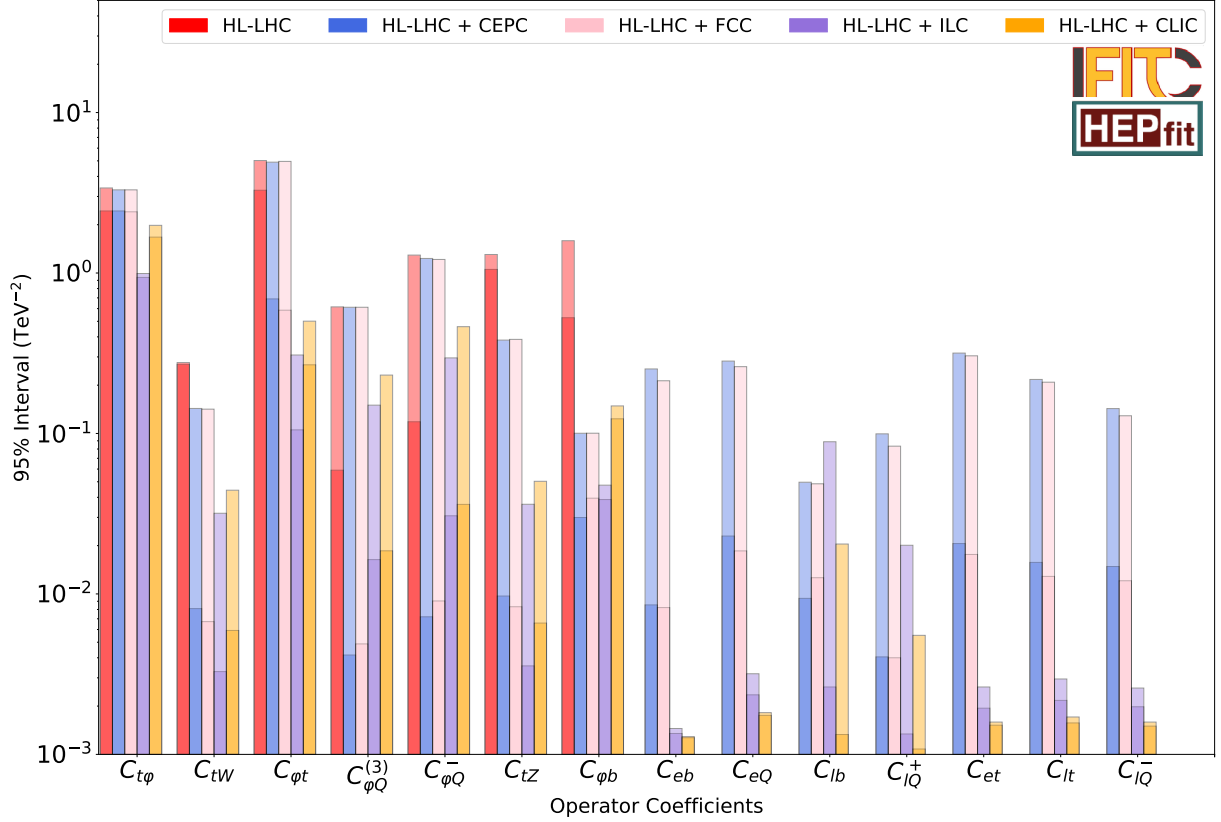


Figure 11: Comparison of the constraints expected from a combination of HL-LHC and lepton collider data. The limits on the $q\bar{q}t\bar{t}$ and C_{tG} coefficients are not shown, since the e^+e^- collider measurements considered are not sensitive to them, but all operators are included in the global fit. The improvement expected from the HL-LHC on these coefficients is shown in Fig. 9. The solid bars provide the individual limits of the single-parameter fit and the shaded ones the marginalised limits of the global fit.

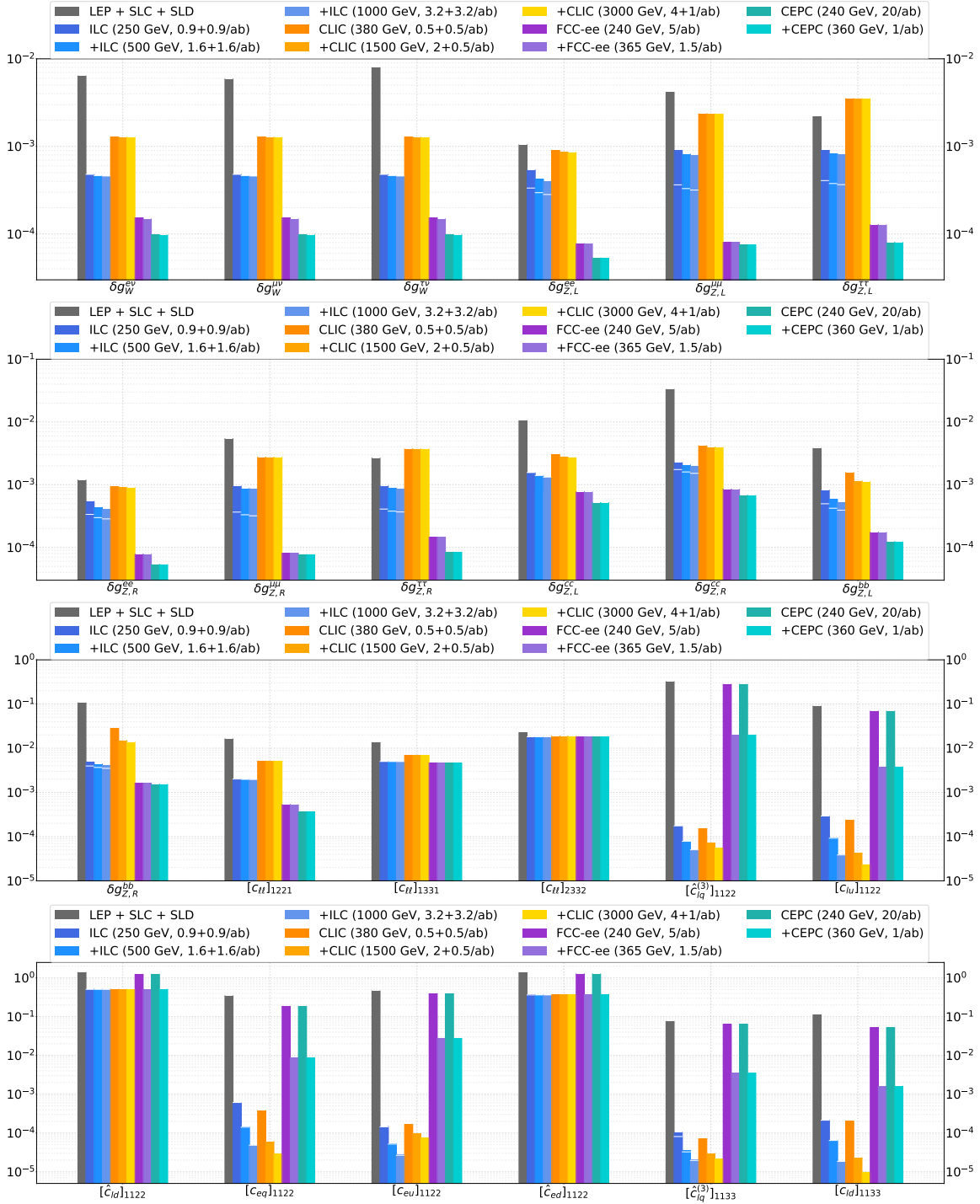


Figure 12: Precision reach on the 4-fermion operators and electroweak effective couplings from a SMEFT global fit at various future lepton colliders. The "LEP+SLC+SLD" represents current measurements which are always combined in the future collider scenarios. The horizontal white line for ILC suggests the global fit results when the pole observables from its Giga-Z option are included.

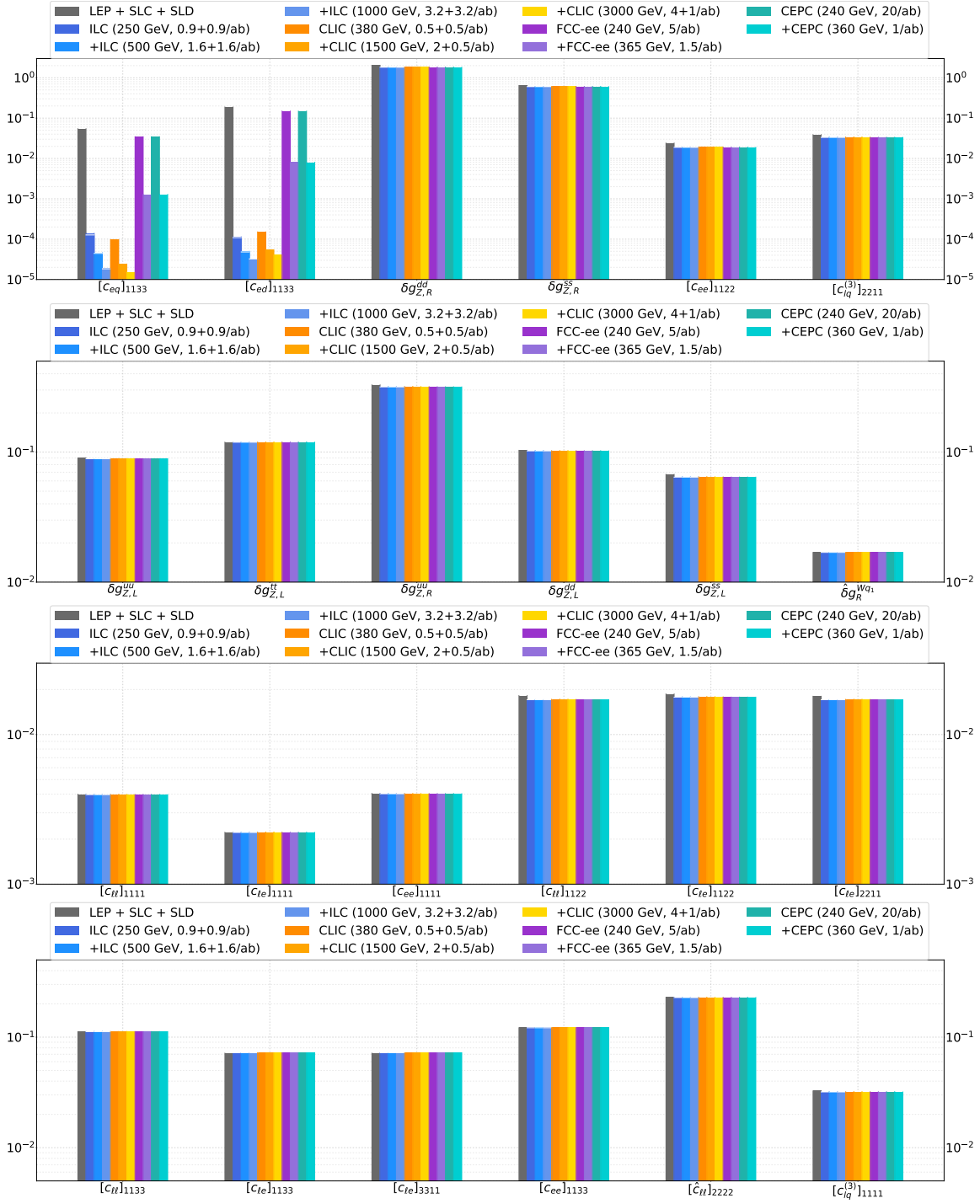


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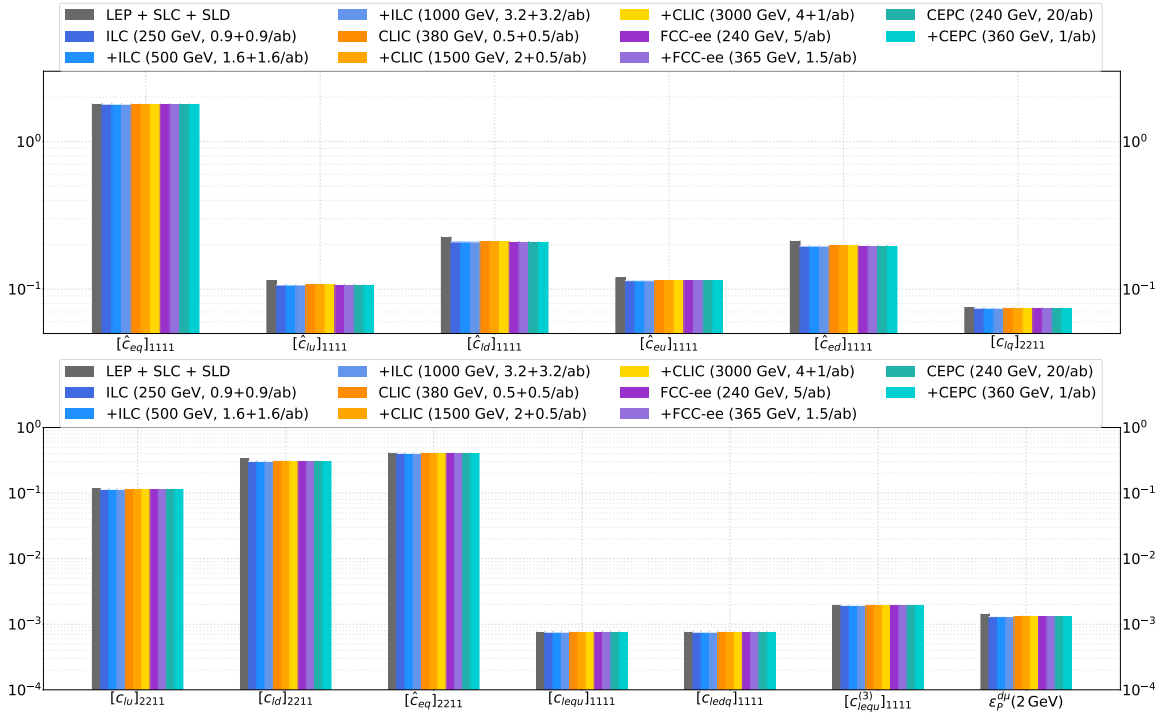


Figure 14: Figure 13 continued.

5 Conclusions

Some preliminary ideas, not polished yet:

- For “canonical” electroweak precision measurements (Z-pole, WW threshold), circular e^+e^- colliders (FCC-ee, CEPC) have in general a higher sensitivity than linear colliders (ILC, CLIC) due to the high luminosity at center-of-mass energies below 200 GeV. Beam polarization at the linear colliders improves their sensitivity and can help to control systematics. In particular, for a linear collider run on the Z pole, beam polarization would enable measurements of the asymmetry parameters A_f with a precision that is only a factor of a few worse than for circular colliders, in spite of several orders of magnitude larger statistics for Z-pole physics at circular colliders.
- At center-of-mass energies $\sqrt{s} \lesssim 160$ GeV, the beam energy can be precisely calibrated using resonant depolarization at circular e^+e^- colliders, thus enabling very precise determinations of Z and W masses and widths. Linear colliders need a physical mass for energy calibration, which could be the Z mass (with 25 ppm precision from LEP) or possibly hadron (kaon and Λ) masses. Using the latter may put an energy calibration with 2ppm precision within reach, but requires further investigation.
- For many of the most precisely measurable precision observables at linear colliders, the most significant source of experimental systematics stems from the polarization calibration. For the circular colliders, on the other hand, modeling uncertainties for hadronic final states appear to be the dominant systematic error source.
- All e^+e^- Higgs factory colliders are similarly affected by a class of systematic uncertainties due to QCD and hadronization modeling, in particular for heavy-flavor final states.
- At any proposed e^+e^- collider it will be possible to measure the W mass with a precision of a few MeV or even better, thus conclusively resolving the recent discrepancy among different W mass determinations at hadron colliders [8].
- Experiments at lower-energy e^+e^- colliders, lepton-proton or lepton-ion colliders, or neutrino scattering facilities can deliver complementary information about electroweak quantities, such as the running electroweak mixing angle at low scales, or the separate determination of up- and down-quark electroweak couplings.
- High-energy lepton colliders (e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$ with $\sqrt{s} > 1$ TeV) are effectively boson colliders. The total cross-section for many production processes is dominated by VBF/VBS-type contributions. However, for studies of BSM effects at very high invariant masses, non-VBF processes become typically more dominant.
- At multi-TeV lepton colliders, multiple electroweak gauge-boson production is ubiquitous, and new theoretical tools are needed for calculating and simulating these effects.
- Hadron colliders and lepton colliders offer complementary information about potential new BSM physics: Measurements of EWPOs at future Higgs factories offer indirect

sensitivity to heavy new physics at scales of several TeV, which in many cases substantially exceeds the reach of LHC / HL-LHC. Furthermore, they have unique sensitivity to very weakly coupled new particles with smaller masses. A hadron collider with 100 TeV center-of-mass energy, on the other hand, is able to directly produce new particles in the parameter space covered by indirect EWPO tests for most BSM scenarios (see **BSM report for more information**). However, multi-TeV e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$ colliders, while having lower statistical power than a 100-TeV pp collider, can have an advantage for certain multi-boson studies due to the well-defined initial state and clean event signatures. The specific benefits of hadron and lepton colliders depend on the type of BSM physics, and thus a combination of both collider types is needed for the broadest coverage of new physics scenarios.

- Assuming that any new particles are heavy, a model-independent parametrization of the new-physics reach of different colliders is given by the SMEFT framework, where the SM is extended by dimension-6 operators. Several subsets of such dimension-6 operators have been investigated in a set of global fits across a large number of observables: (a) operators contributing to electroweak gauge-boson interactions; (b) operators contributing to Higgs interactions; (c) operators contributing to top-quark interactions; and (d) operators contributing to four-fermion contact interactions.
- Generally, future lepton colliders have a better reach for many of the aforementioned operators than the HL-LHC. Circular e^+e^- colliders have the best sensitivity to electroweak operators, due to the large statistical precision of Z pole and WW threshold measurements. All lepton colliders are comparable in their reach for Higgs operators, although a multi-TeV muon collider cannot constrain exotic Higgs decays in a model-independent way. Top-quark and four-fermion operators are best constrained at machines with $\sqrt{s} \geq 500$ GeV, and measurements at at least two values of $\sqrt{s}$ are crucial for breaking degeneracies.
- Low-energy measurements are needed to close the fit for four-fermion operators.
- **At this point, not enough information was available to include pp colliders beyond the LHC (such as HE-LHC or a 100-TeV collider) in the global fit. It is likely that these machines have superior sensitivity to many energy-dependent operators, such as 4-fermion operators involving quarks and several operators that mediate multi-boson interactions.**

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