



Composite Higgs

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Open fundamental questions

- **I**s it the SM Higgs?
- Is it small mass "natural"?
- **I**s it an elementary or composite particle?
- **I**s it unique?

- Higg
- **Solution** Is it the first supersymmetric particle ever observed?
- **I**s it the only responsible for the masses of all the elementary particles?
- Is it a portal to a hidden world?

The SM is a "partial" description of the Nature, it could be part of a more general theory which will manifest itself at energies higher than the ones explored till now





Basic rules for explicit composite pNGB models

Meed to choose the correct $G \rightarrow H$ (spontaneous) breaking at f (~ TeV) to have the required NGBs (≥ 4)

Need to break H (explicitly, so pNGBs) via g₀ (gauge) and Y (Yukawa) couplings to generate the one-loop effective potential for EWSB

Need to include new composite resonances from the confining strong dynamics





Composite Higgs Models



Extended Composite Higgs Models

Models with a larger Higgs structure with respect to the SM have been largely discussed Supersymmetry requires two Higgs doublets with specific Yukawa and potential terms 2HDMs offer a rich phenomenology in EW and flavour physics

Look for a pNGB realisation of extended Higgs scenarios

The structure of the Higgs sector is determined by the coset G/H

G	Н	PGB	
SO(5)	SO(4)	4=(2,2)	Minimal = One dobulet
SO(6)	SO(5)	5=(2,2)+(1,1)	> Doublet + Singlet
SO(6)	SO(4)xSO(2)	8=(2,2)+(2,2)	> Two Doublets
SO(7)	SO(6)	6=(2,2)+(1,1)+(1,1)	
	G ₂	7=(1,3)+(2,2)	

New players in the game

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The SM fields are linearly coupled to operators of the strong sector and explicitly break its symmetry A potential for the Higgses is radiatively generated, couplings and masses determined by the strong sector

Fermion sector: embed the 3rd generation quarks into SO(6) reps. + linear couplings $\Delta_{L,R}$ between composite and elementary fermions (partial compositeness)

 \mathbf{M} Two heavy fermions' sextuplets ψ^{J} needed for an UV finite effective potential I, J=1, 2

scale of f_{\perp} $\Delta_L^{1,2}$, $\Delta_R^{1,2}$, $Y_{1,2}^{IJ}$, M_{Ψ}^{IJ} , I, J = 1, 2 (partial compositeness for the top) compositeness, linear mixings, Yukawas, heavy fermion mass parameters

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in the C2HDM the Higgs sector parameters are correlated and carry the imprint of compositeness

→ Ex: Htt and Hhh

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 $\xi \leq 0.1$ f ≥ 750 GeV

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HL-LHC : the Higgs couplings will be constrained at 2-4% level ξ≤0.04 f≥1200 GeV



Can di-Higgs production at LHC reveal the underlying EWSB?



INGREDIENTS: modified h couplings, s-channel H exchange, new heavy tops in the loops, new quartic hhTT (typical of pNGBs)

In C2HDM both resonant and non-resonant modes yield to a change in the integrated cross-section and to peculiar kinematic features in its differential distributions

h-top Yukawa and h-trilinear couplings in the C2HDM

scan over the model parameters $700 \le f(GeV) \le 3000$, $0 \le \Delta, Y, M_{\psi} \le 10f$ with the constraints to reconstruct v_{SM}, m_h, m_{top} exp. values, and $M_T \ge 1.3$ TeV

the grey points are excluded by the present direct and indirect Higgs searches (enforced with HiggsBounds and HiggsSignals)



deviations up to 10% in g_{htt} and 15% in λ_{hhh}

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RESONANT: M_H> 2 m_h

compare with the exp. limits on resonant di-Higgs production obtained in the narrow width approximation (points with $\Gamma_{\rm H}/M_{\rm H}$ >5% are not excluded)



Impact of new C2HDM effects (not present in 2HDM)



The largest cross-sections are the resonant ones (yellow and green BPs) are not affected by heavy Tops and new quartic terms



Peculiar feature of the C2HDM: Γ_H/M_H can be ~10-20%

di-Higgs production in C2HDM - invariant mass distributions

- 1. modified hhh (κ_{λ}) and tth (κ_{t}) couplings \rightarrow small deviations
- 2. additional H contributions \rightarrow present in several BSM schemes (MSSM, 2HDM, ...)
- 3. additional heavy top contributions $(t' = T_i, i = 1, ..., \delta) \rightarrow$ naturally present in CHMs
- 4. quartic tthh coupling (since h is pNGB) \rightarrow naturally present in CHMs



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The results of the present analysis are primarily of theoretical nature and serve to demonstrate that a computable framework exists within composite scenarios that can eventually be tested experimentally $\sigma_{\rm tot}/\sigma_{\rm SM} = 1.5$

m_H ~ 1.2 TeV Γ_H/m_H ~ 5.4%

 $m_T > 1.3 \text{ TeV}$

destructive interference before the peak and constructive interference after the peak



start to see the threshold shape at 2MT induced by boxes





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Sakharov Conditions for Baryogenesis

- Baryon number violation
- C and CP violation
- Out of equilibrium dynamics: (strong) Ist order phase transition

In the SM phase transition is a smooth crossover, also not enough CP violation from CKM \rightarrow **NP needed !!**



Composite Dynamics in the Early Universe Properties of the EWPhT

H+ η pNGBs of SO(6) -> SO(5)

(De Curtis, Delle Rose, Panico, 2019)



(*) the rate of bubble formation does not balance the Hubble expansion (ex. $\lambda_{h\eta}$ too large produces a high barrier) and no EWSB occurs The EWPhT starts at $T_n < T_c$ determined by requiring: Rate of nucleation of bubbles / Hubble volume ~ I

> The computation of T_n requires solving (numerically) a two-field bounce equation (use CosmoTransition package)

— Strength of the phase transition v_n/T_n ($v_n = <h>|_{T_n}$) a crucial parameter for EWBG

 $T_n \mbox{ is one of the parameter characterising } the amplitude and the frequency peak of the GW spectrum }$

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The bubbles expand, collide incoherently ... Stochastic Background of GW's :

(bubble collisions, sound waves in the plasma, magnetohydrodynamic turbulence effects)

(Grojean, Servant '06, Caprini, Durrer, Servant '08, '09) Gravitational Wave Spectrum



peak frequencies within the sensitivity reach of future experiments for a significant part of the parameter space

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Gowling, Hindmarsh, 2019





the wall speed has a strong effect on the shape of the power spectrum

Can be determined by solving the Boltzmann equation which describes the plasma dynamics and its interactions with the bubble wall

De Curtis, Delle Rose, Guiggiani, Mayor, Panico JHEP 03(2022), I 63; JHEP 05(2023), I 94; JHEP 05(2024) 009

Conclusions

if di-Higgs production is a target process for the LHC, within the SM it is the experimental signature of the Higgs self-interaction, but also a probe for BSM scenarios

 \heartsuit We analysed gg \rightarrow hh within the C2HDM with an approach which enables to disentangle the different NP ingredients: coupling modifications, new resonance exchange, heavy fermions in the loops, and the extra quartic couplings

Sizeable effects both in the integrated cross-section and in the differential distributions open the prospect of using di-Higgs production at the LHC as a probe for NP with the possibility to disentangle among different BSM schemes

New Physics in the Higgs sector can provide 1st order EWPhT, thus signals of gravitational waves and EW baryogenesis, along with modifications to the Higgs couplings and signatures at colliders