Pseudo Observables in Higgs Physics

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Gonzalez-Alonso, Greljo, G.I., Marzocca,
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After the exciting discovery phase...

...we are entering into the era of precise measurements of the properties of the “Higgs particle” observed at 125 GeV.
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Given the absence of clear NP directions, it's important to make these studies in general terms (with minimum theoretical bias)

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We need to identify a larger set of “pseudo-observables” able to characterize NP in the Higgs sector in general terms.
General comments about Pseudo Observables

Experimental data
- raw data,
- fiducial cross-sections,
- ...

Pseudo Observables
- masses, widths,
- slopes, ...

Lagrangian parameters
- Wilson coefficients,
- renormalization scale,
- running masses, ...
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- The theory corrections applied to extract them should be universally accepted as “NP-free” \((\text{soft QCD and QED radiation})\)
**General comments about PO**

**Example I:** The **mass** of a particle is a PO

Not always obvious how to extract it from data (→ *debate on Z line-shape*) and how to make it in a way that is useful for theoreticians (→ *top mass*).

The $M_Z$, $M_W$, $M_h$, determined by experiments are 3 well-defined PO and **not** fundamental couplings of the SM Lagrangian (or BSM models).

Either we predict them (*at a certain order*) in terms of other couplings or we use them to extract the couplings (*at a given order and at a given scale*...). This does not affect their experimental determination, while the way they are defined from data affect the way we compute them.
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Example II: The effective couplings of the Z boson

Parametrise the $Z \bar{f} f$ vertex as $\gamma \mu \left( g^f_v + g^f_A \gamma_5 \right)$

$$\Gamma_f \equiv \Gamma \left( Z \to f \bar{f} \right) = 4 c_f \Gamma_0 \left( |g^f_v|^2 R^f_v + |g^f_A|^2 R^f_A \right) + \Delta_{EW/QCD}$$

Bardin, Grunewald, Passarino, '99

The pseudo-observables are defined as $g^f_v = \text{Re} \ g^f_v$, $g^f_A = \text{Re} \ g^f_A$

To be model-independent it is important to work with on-shell initial and final states.

Then a theorist can take their model, or their EFT, compute the contribution to these POs, and obtain the constraints on the model.
General comments about PO

There are two main categories:

A) “Ideal observables”

$M_W, \Gamma(Z \rightarrow ll), \ldots$  
$M_h, \Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma), \Gamma(h \rightarrow 4\mu), \ldots$  
but also $d\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ)/dm_{hZ} \ldots$

B) “Effective on-shell couplings”

$g_{Zf}, g_{Wf}, \ldots$

This is the category we want to “extend” in order to describe non-standard effects in the Higgs sector

- Both categories are useful  
  (there is redundancy having both, but that's not an issue...).

- For B) one can write an effective Feynman rule, not to be used beyond tree-level
There is more to extract from data other than the $\kappa_i$

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e.g. $h \rightarrow 4\ell, \ell\ell\gamma, \ldots$

Two-body (on-shell) decays
[e.g. $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \mu\mu, \tau\tau, bb$]

The $\kappa_i (\leftrightarrow \Gamma_i)$ is all what one can extract from data

[+ one more parameter if the polarization is accessible]
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E.g.: $\mathcal{A}(h \rightarrow Z\ell\ell) \sim$

$$\varepsilon^Z_{\mu} J^e_{\mu} \left[ f_1^{ZeL}(q^2) g^{\mu\nu} + f_3^{ZeL}(q^2)(pq g^{\mu\nu} - q^\mu p^\nu) + ... \right]$$

N.B.: There is noting “wrong” or “dangerous” in using $f.f.$, provided

- they are defined from on-shell amplitudes
  [hill-defined for $h \rightarrow WW^*, ZZ^*$ but perfectly ok for $h \rightarrow 4\ell$]

- no model-dependent assumptions are made on their functional form
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G.I., Manohar, Trott, 1305.0663
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- No need to specify any detail about the EFT, but for the absence of light new particles \( \rightarrow \) momentum expansion very well justified by the Higgs kinematic

- The \( \{\kappa_i, \varepsilon_i\} \) thus defined are well-defined PO \( \rightarrow \) systematic inclusion of higher-order QED and QCD (soft) corrections possible (and necessary...)
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Only 3 Lorentz structures allowed, e.g.:

\[\mathcal{A} = i \frac{2m_Z^2}{v_F} \sum_{e=e_L,e_R} \sum_{\mu=\mu_L,\mu_R} (\bar{e} \gamma_\alpha e)(\bar{\mu} \gamma_\beta \mu) \times \]

\[\left[ F^e_{1\mu}(q_1^2, q_2^2) g^{\alpha\beta} + F^e_{3\mu}(q_1^2, q_2^2) \frac{q_1 \cdot q_2}{m_Z^2} g^{\alpha\beta} - q_2^\alpha q_1^\beta \right] + F^e_{4\mu}(q_1^2, q_2^2) \frac{\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} q_2^\rho q_1^\sigma}{m_Z^2}\]
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   non-local amplitude at the EW scale:

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   h = h + h + h + \text{negligible}
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+ \left( \varepsilon_{ZZ}^e g_Z^\mu \right) \frac{g_Z^e}{P_Z(q_1^2)P_Z(q_2^2)} + \kappa_{\gamma\gamma} \varepsilon_{Z\gamma}^{SM-1L} \left( \frac{eQ_\mu g_Z^e}{q_2^2 P_Z(q_1^2)} + \frac{eQ_e g_Z^\mu}{q_1^2 P_Z(q_2^2)} \right) + \kappa_{\gamma\gamma} \varepsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{SM-1L} \frac{e^2 Q_e Q_\mu}{q_1^2 q_2^2} \right] \frac{q_1 \cdot q_2}{m_Z^2} g^{\alpha\beta} - q_2^\alpha q_1^\beta + \\
+ \left( \varepsilon_{Z\gamma}^{CP} \right) \left( \frac{eQ_\mu g_Z^e}{q_2^2 P_Z(q_1^2)} + \frac{eQ_e g_Z^\mu}{q_1^2 P_Z(q_2^2)} \right) + \varepsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{CP} \frac{e^2 Q_e Q_\mu}{q_1^2 q_2^2} \right] \frac{e^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} q_2^{\rho} q_1^{\sigma}}{m_Z^2} \\
+ P_Z(q^2) = q^2 - m_Z^2 + i m_Z \Gamma_Z
\]

- The \( \{\kappa_i, \varepsilon_i\} \) are defined from the residues of the amplitude on the physical poles \( \rightarrow \) well-defined PO that can be extracted from data and computed to desired accuracy in a given BSM framework

- By construction, the \( g_Z^f \) are the PO from Z-pole measurements, while \( \kappa_{\gamma\gamma} \) and \( \kappa_{Z\gamma} \) are the standard "kappas" from on-shell \( h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \) and \( h \rightarrow Z\gamma \)
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$$P_Z(q^2) = q^2 - m_Z^2 + im_Z \Gamma_Z$$

- The $\kappa_i$ are normalized such that the SM is recovered in the limit $\kappa_i \rightarrow 1$
- The $\epsilon_i$ describe terms not present in the SM at the tree level (and always sub-leading): SM recovered for $\epsilon_i^{(\text{SM})} = O(10^{-3}) \rightarrow 0$
- To this amplitude we can apply a “radiation” function to take into account QED radiation → excellent description of SM beyond the tree level [work in prog]
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These PO are calculable in the (various) Higgs-EFT approaches.

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20 (no symmetries) $\rightarrow$ 7 (CP + Lepton Univ + Custodial)
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The symmetry assumptions can be directly tested from data, focusing on specific kinematical distributions sensitive to the relevant PO's [e.g. CPV-violating observables & LFU tests → key role played by the “contact terms” ($\epsilon_{Z1}$)]
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E.g.:

- Residual accidental custodial symmetry at $d=6$

\[
\begin{align*}
\epsilon^2_W \epsilon_{ZZ} + 2c_W s_W \epsilon_{Z\gamma} + s^2_W \epsilon_{\gamma\gamma} - \epsilon_{WW} &= 0, \\
\epsilon^2_W \epsilon_{CP} + 2c_W s_W \epsilon_{Z\gamma}^{CP} + s^2_W \epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{CP} - \epsilon_{WW}^{CP} &= 0, \\
\epsilon_{We^i} - \frac{c_W}{\sqrt{2}} (\epsilon_{Z\nu^L} - \epsilon_{Ze^L}) &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\kappa_{WW} - \kappa_{ZZ} = -\frac{2}{g} \left( \sqrt{2} \epsilon_{We^i} + 2c_w \epsilon_{Ze^i} \right).
\]

- **N.B.**: Custodial Symmetry does not imply $\kappa_{WW} = \kappa_{ZZ}$
- Using these relations we can (*try...*) to test if $h$ belongs to a doublet simply using Higgs data.
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EPWO + Linear EFT $\rightarrow$ small (tiny) & flavor-universal $\varepsilon_{Zl}$

Excellent opportunity to test from data (via h $\rightarrow$ 4l) if h belongs to a pure SU(2)_L doublet

Contino et al., 1303.3876
Pomarol & Riva, 1308.2803
G.I., Manohar, Trott, 1305.0663
G.I., Trott, 1307.4051
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TGC fit by Falkowski & Riva, 1411.0669

Gonzalez-Alonso, Greljo, G.I., Marzocca, to appear...
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Main message: **full complementary** between PO approach and EFT.

- PO → inputs for EFT coupling fits
- EFT → predictions of relations between different PO sets (that can be tested)
PO beyond decays

\[ h \rightarrow Zf \]

vs.

\[ q\bar{q} \rightarrow Zh \]
**PO beyond decays**

The same Green Function controlling $h \rightarrow 4f$ decays is accessible also in $pp \rightarrow hV$ and $pp \rightarrow h$ via VBF, i.e. the two leading EW-type Higgs production processes (*N.B.: this follows from “plain QFT” no need to invoke any EFT...*)

$$G_{[JJh]} = \langle 0 | \mathcal{T} \left\{ J^\mu_f(x), J^\nu_f(y), h(0) \right\} | 0 \rangle$$

But for two important differences:

- different flavor composition ($q \leftrightarrow \ell$) $\rightarrow$ 4 more param. for $hZ$ + 4 for $hW$ and VBF (no symm.) $\rightarrow$ only 2 eff. combinations easily accessible

- different kinematical regime: momentum exp. not always justified (*large momentum transfer*)
The new parameters to be introduced are related to the momentum transfer associated to the quark-current ↔ variable related to the possible breakdown of the momentum expansion.

\[ \frac{1}{s - m_Z^2} \left[ g^Z_q \kappa_{ZZ} + \epsilon^Z_q (s - m_Z^2)/m_Z^2 + \ldots \right] \quad s = (m_{hZ})^2 \]

Two (complementary) approaches:

- design **kinematical cuts** to remain in the region where the expansion works & introduce **diagnostic tools** to validate the result
- “**ideal solution**”: extract the shape of the distribution from data (only for the variables that can go into the large-momentum transfer region)

\[ \frac{[d\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ)/dm_{hZ}]_{exp}}{[d\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ)/dm_{hZ}]_{SM}} \]
Conclusions

The 125 GeV scalar is certainly compatible with the properties of the SM Higgs boson, but we are still far from having explored its properties in great detail.

The PO represent a general tool for the exploration of such properties (in view of high-statistics data), with minimum loss of information and minimum theoretical bias.