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Pseudo Observables in Higgs Physics

[a concise status report in view of YR4]

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- ▶ Introduction [*What are and why we need Higgs PO*]
- ▶ PO in Higgs decays
- ▶ PO in Higgs EW production [*→ more in the next talk*]
- ▶ PO vs. EFT, parameter counting & symmetry limits
- ▶ Outlook [*YR4 and beyond*]

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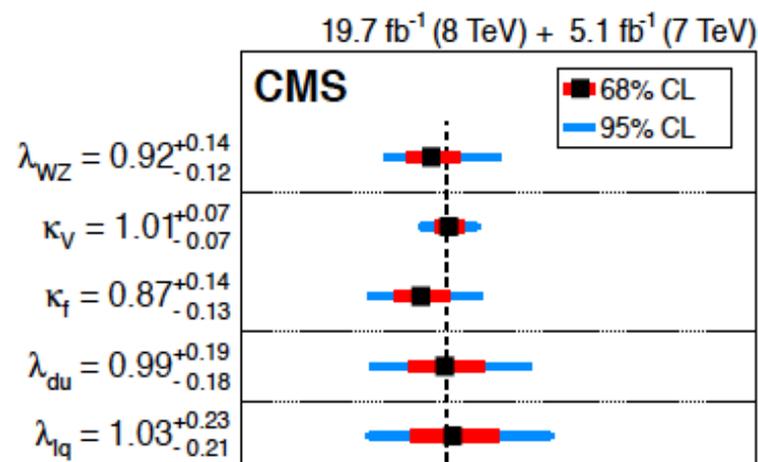
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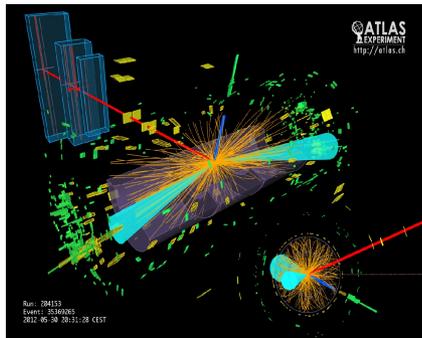
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We need to identify a larger set of “pseudo-observables” able to characterize NP in the Higgs sector in general terms

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi + \text{h.c.} \\ & + \chi_i y_{ij} \chi_j \phi + \text{h.c.} \\ & + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

Experimental data

Pseudo Observables

Lagrangian parameters

The PO can be computed in terms of Lagrangian parameters in any specific th. framework (SM, SM-EFT, SUSY, ...)

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- The PO should be defined from kinematical properties of on-shell processes (*no problems of renormalization, scale dependence, ...*)
- The theory corrections applied to extract them should be universally accepted as “NP-free” (*soft QCD and QED radiation*)

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There are two main categories of PO:

A) “Ideal observables”

$M_W, \Gamma(Z \rightarrow ll), \dots$

$M_h, \Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma), \Gamma(h \rightarrow 4\mu), \dots$

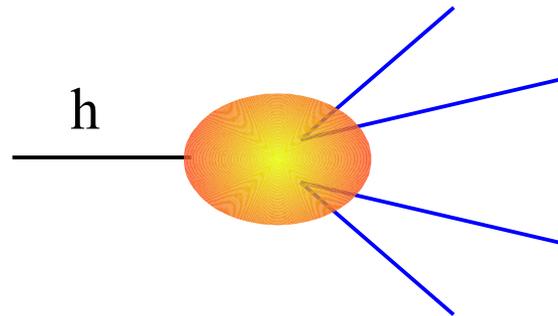
but also $d\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ)/dm_{hZ} \dots$

B) “Effective on-shell couplings”

g_Z^f, g_W^f, \dots

- 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
(its just a practical way to re-write, *and code in existing tools*, an on-shell amplitude).

PO in Higgs decays



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



There is more to extract from data other than the κ_i

Two-body (on-shell) decays

[no polarization properties of the final state accessible]

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The κ_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.: $\mathcal{A}(h \rightarrow Z ee) \sim$

$$\varepsilon_{\mu}^Z J_{\mu}^{e_L} [f_1^{Ze_L}(q^2) g^{\mu\nu} + f_3^{Ze_L}(q^2) (pq g^{\mu\nu} - q^{\mu} p^{\nu}) + \dots]$$

N.B.: There is nothing “wrong” or “dangerous” in using $f.f.$, provided

- they are defined from on-shell amplitudes
[ill-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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Momentum expansion of the $f.f.$ around leading poles

$$\text{E.g.: } f_i^{\text{SM+NP}} = \frac{\kappa_i}{s - m_Z^2 + im_Z\Gamma_Z} + \frac{\varepsilon_i}{m_Z^2} + \mathcal{O}(s/m_Z^4)$$

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Gonzales-Alonso *et al.*
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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...)

► PO in Higgs decays [e.g.: the $h \rightarrow 4f$ case]

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

$$\epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM-1L}} \simeq 3.8 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\epsilon_{Z\gamma}^{\text{SM-1L}} \simeq 6.7 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$P_Z(q^2) = q^2 - m_Z^2 + im_Z\Gamma_Z$$

$$\left[\left(\kappa_{ZZ} \frac{g_Z^e g_Z^\mu}{P_Z(q_1^2) P_Z(q_2^2)} + \frac{\epsilon_{Ze}}{m_Z^2} \frac{g_Z^\mu}{P_Z(q_2^2)} + \frac{\epsilon_{Z\mu}}{m_Z^2} \frac{g_Z^e}{P_Z(q_1^2)} \right) g^{\alpha\beta} + \right. \\ \left. + \left(\epsilon_{ZZ} \frac{g_Z^e g_Z^\mu}{P_Z(q_1^2) P_Z(q_2^2)} + \kappa_{Z\gamma} \epsilon_{Z\gamma}^{\text{SM-1L}} \left(\frac{eQ_\mu g_Z^e}{q_2^2 P_Z(q_1^2)} + \frac{eQ_e g_Z^\mu}{q_1^2 P_Z(q_2^2)} \right) + \kappa_{\gamma\gamma} \epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM-1L}} \frac{e^2 Q_e Q_\mu}{q_1^2 q_2^2} \right) \frac{q_1 \cdot q_2 g^{\alpha\beta} - q_2^\alpha q_1^\beta}{m_Z^2} + \right. \\ \left. + \left(\epsilon_{ZZ}^{\text{CP}} \frac{g_Z^e g_Z^\mu}{P_Z(q_1^2) P_Z(q_2^2)} + \epsilon_{Z\gamma}^{\text{CP}} \left(\frac{eQ_\mu g_Z^e}{q_2^2 P_Z(q_1^2)} + \frac{eQ_e g_Z^\mu}{q_1^2 P_Z(q_2^2)} \right) + \epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{CP}} \frac{e^2 Q_e Q_\mu}{q_1^2 q_2^2} \right) \frac{\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} q_{2\rho} q_{1\sigma}}{m_Z^2} \right]$$

- The $\{\kappa_i, \epsilon_i\}$ 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 (including the SMEFT)
- By construction, the g_Z^f are the PO from Z-pole measurements
- $\kappa_{\gamma\gamma}$ and $\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ are the standard “kappas” from on-shell $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $h \rightarrow Z\gamma$, the ϵ_i are sub-leading terms in the SM: SM recovered for $\kappa_i \rightarrow 1$, $\epsilon_i = \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) \rightarrow 0$
- To this amplitude we must apply a “**radiation function**” to take into account QED radiation \rightarrow excellent description of SM (and NP) beyond the tree level.

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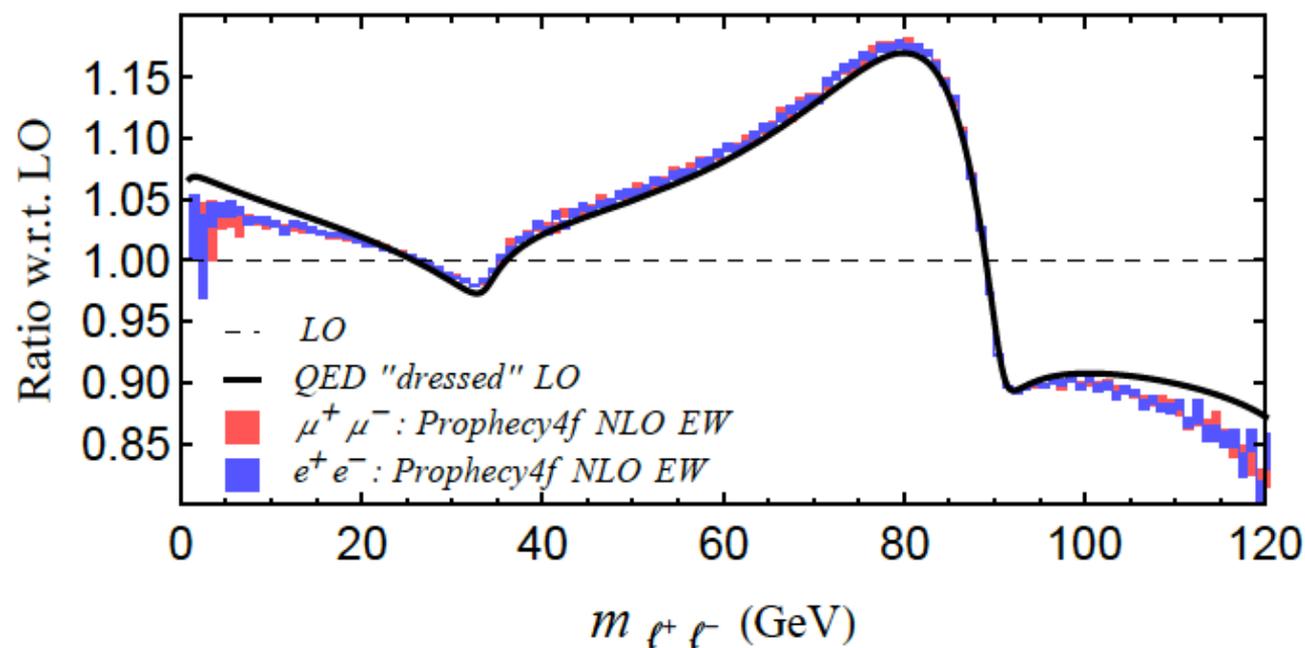
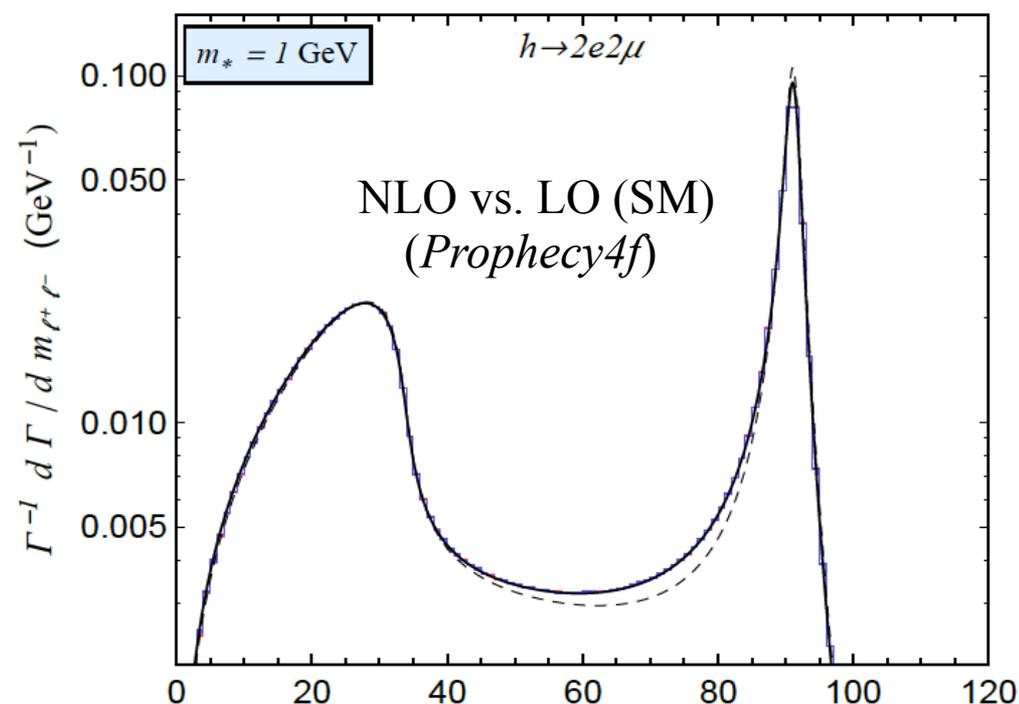
“Dressing” with QED radiation



excellent description of NLO SM
(when setting PO to SM values)



tool able to describe
(general) NP beyond LO



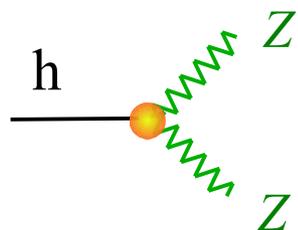
Bordone *et al.* 1507.02555

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 \end{aligned}$$

“double Z-pole”



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$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z_T Z_T) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow 2e2\mu) [\epsilon_{ZZ}]}{\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow 2e) \mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow 2\mu)} = 0.0189 |\epsilon_{ZZ}|^2 \text{ MeV}$$

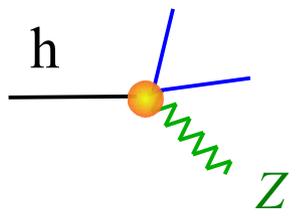
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“single Z-pole”



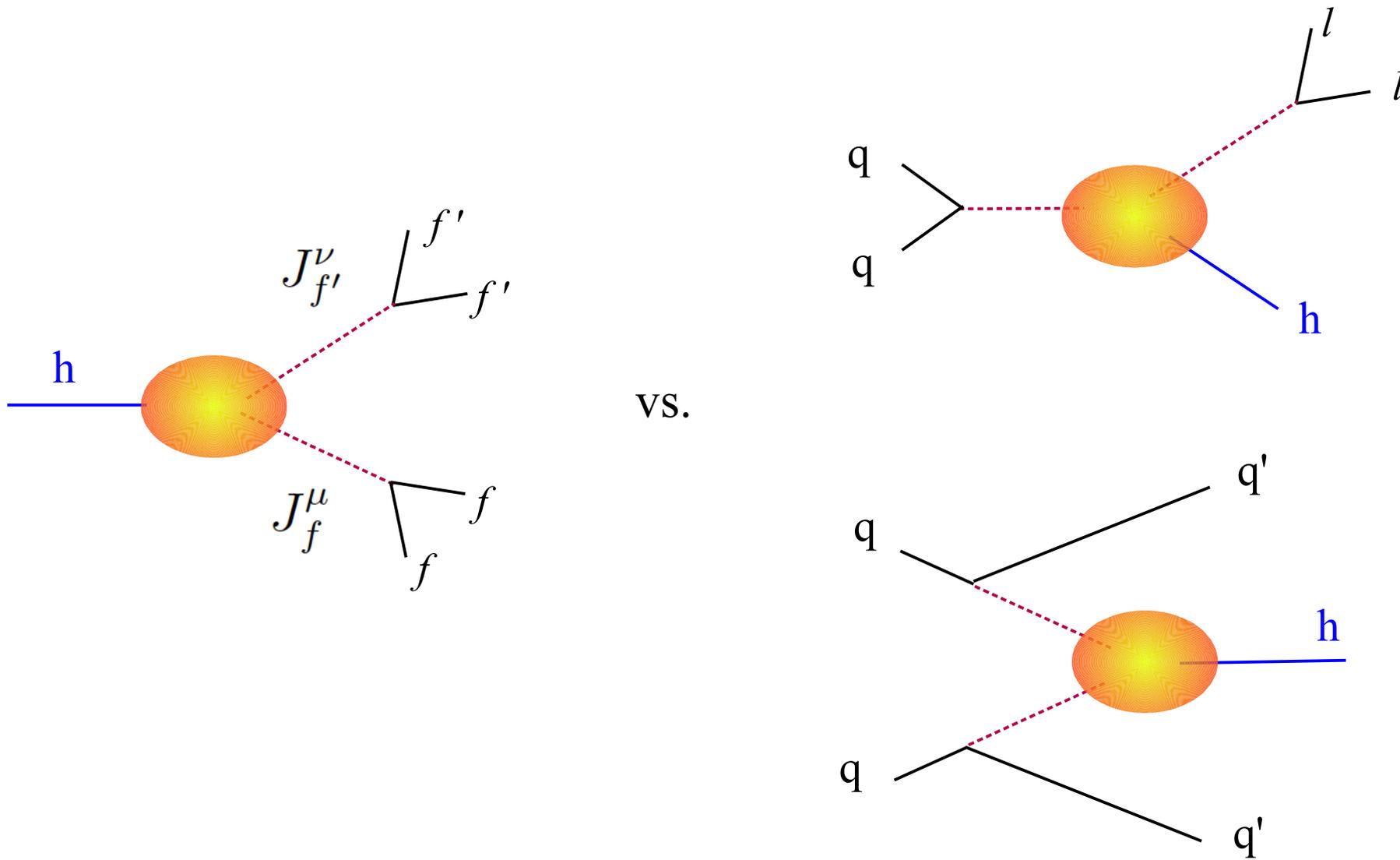
$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z l^+ l^-) = 0.0366 |\epsilon_{Zl}|^2 \text{ MeV}$$

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PO	Physical PO	Relation to the eff. coupl.
$\kappa_f, \lambda_f^{\text{CP}}$	$\Gamma(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})$	$= \Gamma(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})^{(\text{SM})} [(\kappa_f)^2 + (\lambda_f^{\text{CP}})^2]$
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$\epsilon_{ZZ}^{\text{CP}}$	$\Gamma^{\text{CPV}}(h \rightarrow Z_T Z_T)$	$= (8.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ MeV}) \times \epsilon_{ZZ}^{\text{CP}} ^2$
ϵ_{Zf}	$\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z f\bar{f})$	$= (3.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ MeV}) \times N_c^f \epsilon_{Zf} ^2$
κ_{WW}	$\Gamma(h \rightarrow W_L W_L)$	$= (0.84 \text{ MeV}) \times \kappa_{WW} ^2$
ϵ_{WW}	$\Gamma(h \rightarrow W_T W_T)$	$= (0.16 \text{ MeV}) \times \epsilon_{WW} ^2$
$\epsilon_{WW}^{\text{CP}}$	$\Gamma^{\text{CPV}}(h \rightarrow W_T W_T)$	$= (6.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ MeV}) \times \epsilon_{WW}^{\text{CP}} ^2$
ϵ_{Wf}	$\Gamma(h \rightarrow W f\bar{f}')$	$= (0.14 \text{ MeV}) \times N_c^f \epsilon_{Wf} ^2$

PO in Higgs EW production



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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...)

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{T} \{ J_f^\mu(x), J_{f'}^\nu(y), h(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

Same approach as in $h \rightarrow 4f$ (and, to some extent, same PO) but for three important differences:

Greljo et al. 1512.06135

- different flavor composition ($q \leftrightarrow \ell$) \rightarrow new param. associated to the physical PO $\Gamma(h \rightarrow Zqq)$ & $\Gamma(h \rightarrow Wud)$
- large impact of (factorizable) QCD corrections
- different kinematical regime: momentum exp. not always justified (*large momentum transfer*)

trivial

conceptually
easy

delicate
point

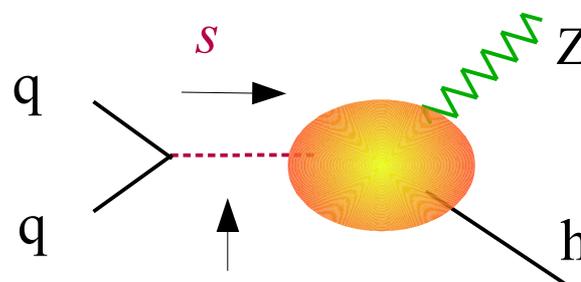
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I. identify which are the “dangerous” kinematical variables (and how to access them when not directly measurable $\rightarrow p_T^{\text{jet}}$ in VBF, p_T^Z in Zh [\rightarrow see next talk])

II. how to control the validity of the expansion

E.g.: $pp \rightarrow Zh$



$$s = (m_{hZ})^2$$

$$\frac{1}{s - m_Z^2} \left[g_q^Z \kappa_{ZZ} + \epsilon_{Zq} (s - m_Z^2)/m_Z^2 + \dots \right]$$

Key point: since we expand on a measurable kinematical variable, the validity of the expansion can be directly checked/validated by data

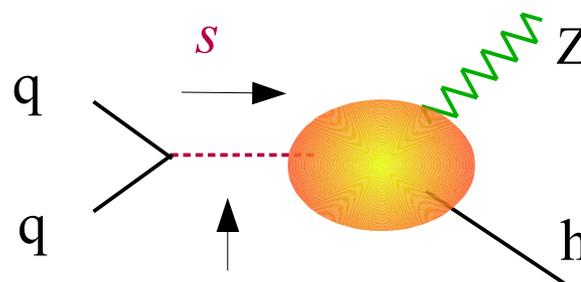
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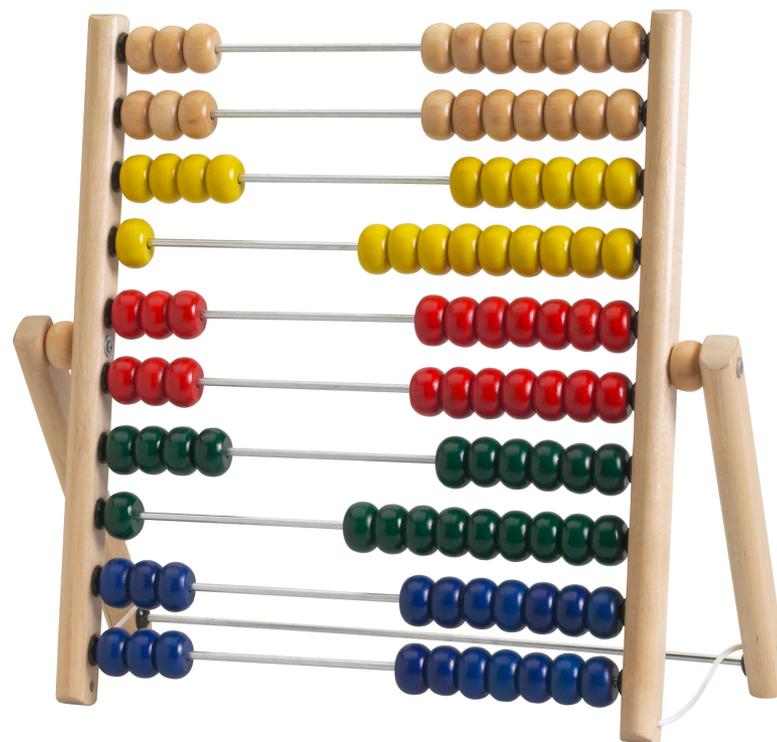
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General procedure:

- Measure the PO setting close to the threshold region, setting a cut on the “dangerous” kinematical variable [\rightarrow a-posteriori data-driven check of the validity of the momentum expansion = definition of threshold region]
- Report the cross-section as a function of the kinematical variable in the high-momentum region [\rightarrow natural link/merging with template cross-section]

PO vs. EFT,
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- For Higgs production also the PO involve an **expansion in momenta**; however, this is different that the operator expansion employed within the EFT
 - ➔ To define the PO we expand only on a measurable kinematical variables, this is why the validity of the *expansion can be checked directly by data* (on the same process used to determine the PO)
- In each process the PO are the maximum number of independent observables that can be extracted by that process only → **naturally optimized for data analyses**

► Parameter counting & symmetry limits

Number of independent PO for EW Higgs decays [$h \rightarrow 4\ell$ ($\ell=e,\mu,\nu$) + $\ell\ell\gamma$ + $\gamma\gamma$]:

EW decay modes	<i>flavor + CP symm.</i>	<i>flavor non univ.</i>	<i>CP violation</i>
$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, 2e\gamma, 2\mu\gamma$ $4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu$	$\kappa_{ZZ}, \kappa_{Z\gamma}, \kappa_{\gamma\gamma}$ (6) $\epsilon_{ZZ}, \epsilon_{ZeL}, \epsilon_{ZeR}$	$\epsilon_{Z\mu L}, \epsilon_{Z\mu R}$ (2)	$\epsilon_{ZZ}^{CP}, \epsilon_{Z\gamma}^{CP}, \epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{CP}$ (3)
$h \rightarrow 2e2\nu, 2\mu2\nu, e\nu\mu\nu$	κ_{WW} (4) $\epsilon_{WW}, \epsilon_{Z\nu e}, \text{Re}(\epsilon_{WeL})$	$\epsilon_{Z\nu\mu}, \text{Re}(\epsilon_{W\mu L})$ $\text{Im}(\epsilon_{W\mu L})$ (5)	$\epsilon_{WW}^{CP}, \text{Im}(\epsilon_{WeL})$
all EW decay modes <i>with custodial symmetry</i>	$\kappa_{ZZ}, \kappa_{Z\gamma}, \kappa_{\gamma\gamma}$ $\epsilon_{ZZ}, \epsilon_{ZeL}, \epsilon_{ZeR}$ $\text{Re}(\epsilon_{WeL})$ (7)	$\epsilon_{Z\mu L}, \epsilon_{Z\mu R}$	$\epsilon_{ZZ}^{CP}, \epsilon_{Z\gamma}^{CP}, \epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{CP}$

20 (no symmetries) \rightarrow 7 (CP + Lepton Univ + Custodial)

► Parameter counting & symmetry limits

Number of independent PO for EW Higgs decays + EW production + Yukawa modes ($h \rightarrow ff$):

Production & decays	PO with maximal symmetry [CP + Lepton Univ + Custodial]:
EW decays only	$\kappa_{ZZ}, \kappa_{Z\gamma}, \epsilon_{ZZ}$
EW productions only	$\kappa_{\gamma\gamma}, \epsilon_{Ze_L}, \epsilon_{Ze_R}, \text{Re}(\epsilon_{We_L})$
	$\epsilon_{Zu_L}, \epsilon_{Zu_R}, \epsilon_{Zd_L}, \epsilon_{Zd_R}$
	(11) [→ 32 with no symm.]
Yukawa modes	$\kappa_b, \kappa_c, \kappa_\tau, \kappa_\mu$ (4) [→ 8 with no symm.]
	<i>(as in the original κ-formalism)</i>

► Tools

A first automated public tool (*UFO model* for **MG5_aMC@NLO** or **Sherpa**) is now

- ♦ [fully available for decays](#) (*QED corrections fully accounted by standard shower algorithms, as verified by the comparison with Profecy4f*)
- ♦ [will soon be available also for EW production](#), with inclusion of NLO QCD corrections (*work in prog.... → see next talk*)



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<http://www.physik.uzh.ch/data/HiggsPO>

Outlook

- The PO represent a general tool for the exploration of Higgs properties (in view of high-statistics data), with minimum loss of information and minimum theoretical bias → *full complementary to EFT* (and explicit BSM)
- The formalism is now fully developed and the corresponding note for YR4 is well in progress [*incomplete version available as additional material to this talk, 1st complete version expected next week → will be circulated within WG2 for comments/feedback*]
- But there is still a lot of work to be done, especially from the tool/implementation side → worth to conceive a dedicated subgroup within the HXSWG, beyond YR4 (*if sufficient interest shown by the exp. collab....*).