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Pseudo Observables in Higgs Physics

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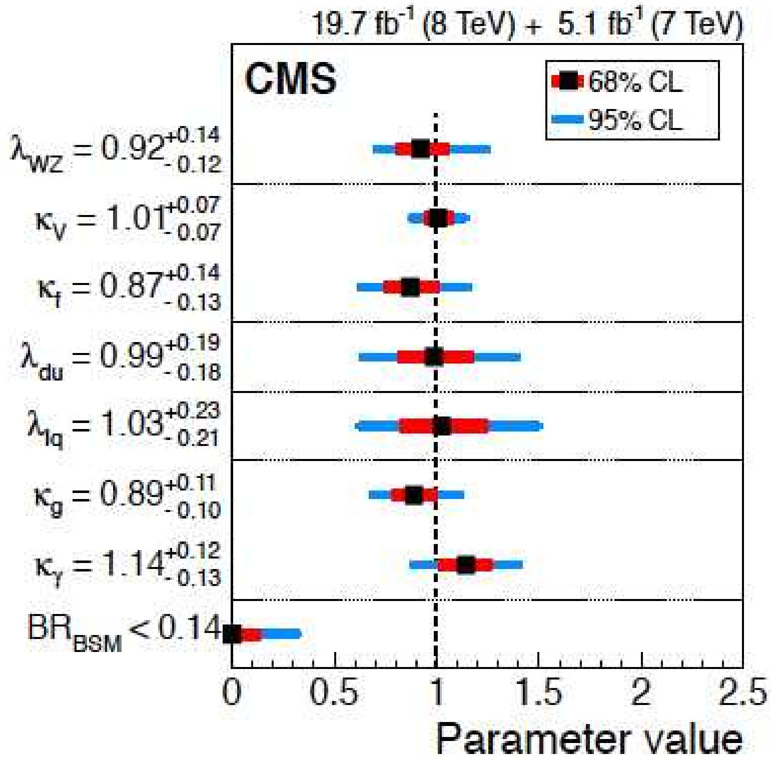

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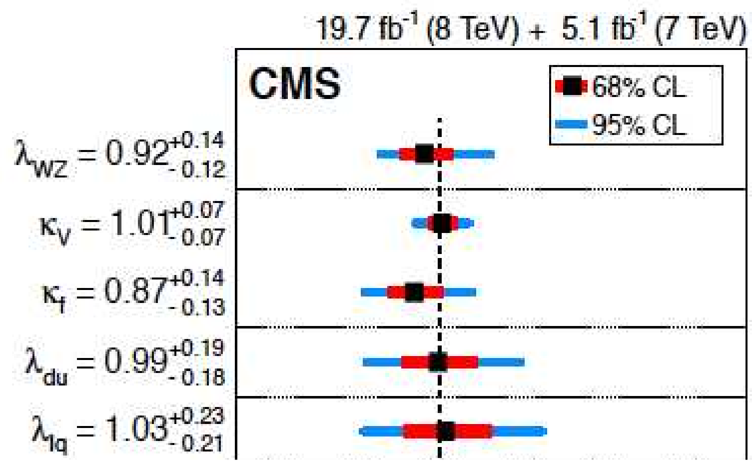

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$\rightarrow$ We need to identify a larger set of "pseudo-observables" able to characterize NP in the Higgs sector in general terms

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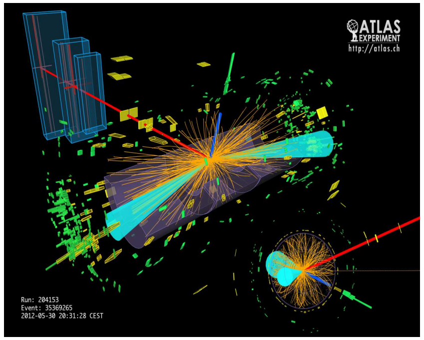

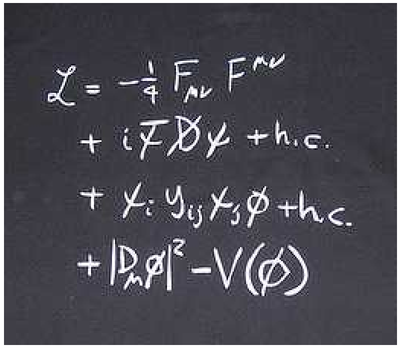

Experimental data

raw data,
fiducial cross-sections,
...

Pseudo Observables

masses, widths,
slopes, ...

Lagrangian parameters

Wilson coefficients,
renormalization scale,
running masses, ...

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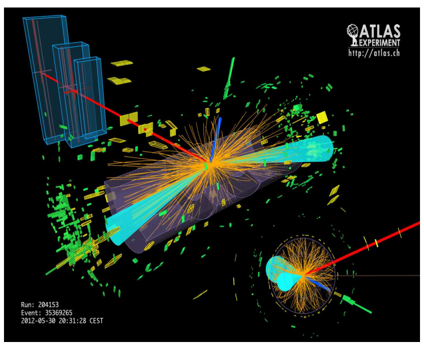

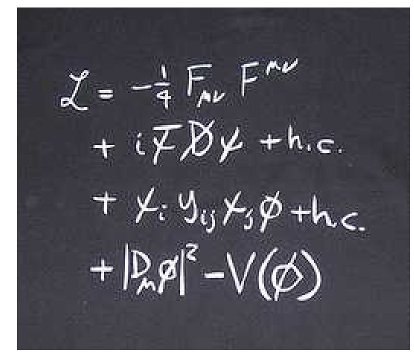

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The PO can be <u>computed</u> in terms of Lagrangian parameters in any specific th. framework (SM, SM-EFT, SUSY, ...)

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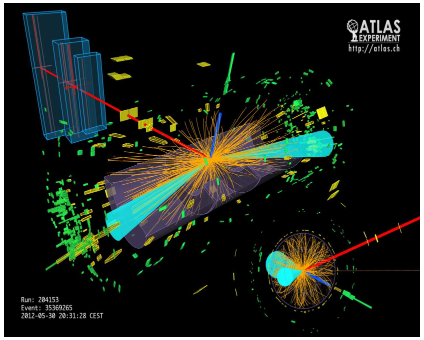

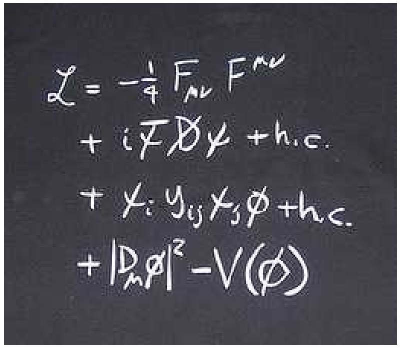

- The PO should be defined from kinematical properties of <u>on-shell processes</u> (*no problems of renormalization, scale dependence,…*)

- The theory corrections applied to extract them should be universally accepted as "NP-free" (*soft QCD and QED radiation*)

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.

General comments about PO

Example II: The effective couplings of the Z boson

Parametrise the $Z\bar{f}f$ vertex as $\gamma_\mu \left(\mathcal{G}_V^f + \mathcal{G}_A^f \gamma_5\right)$

Radiators: final state radiation

$$\Gamma_f \equiv \Gamma\left(Z \to f\overline{f}\right) = 4\, c_f\, \Gamma_0 \left(|\mathcal{G}_V^f|^2\, R_V^f + |\mathcal{G}_A^f|^2\, R_A^f\right) + \Delta_{\rm EW/QCD}$$

non-factorizable corrections, very small.

Bardin, Grunewald, Passarino, '99

The pseudo-observables are defined as $\boxed{g_V^f = \mathrm{Re}\, \mathcal{G}_V^f, \qquad g_A^f = \mathrm{Re}\, \mathcal{G}_A^f}$

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, $\Gamma(Z \to ll)$, …

M_h, $\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)$, $\Gamma(h \to 4\mu)$, …
but also $d\sigma(pp \to hZ)/dm_{hZ}$ ...

B) "Effective on-shell couplings"

g_Z^f, g_W^f, ...

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

▶ *PO in Higgs decays*

Multi-body modes
e.g. $h \to 4\ell$, $\ell\ell\gamma$, ...

↓

There is more to extract from data other than the κ_i

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[*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.: $\mathcal{A}(h \to Z\, ee) \sim$

$$\varepsilon^Z_\mu J^{e_L}_\mu \left[f_1^{Ze_L}(q^2)\, g^{\mu\nu} + f_3^{Ze_L}(q^2)\left(pq\, g^{\mu\nu} - q^\mu p^\nu\right) + \ldots \right]$$

N.B.: There is noting "wrong" or "dangerous" in using *f.f.*, provided

- they are defined from on-shell amplitudes
  [*hill-defined for* $h \to WW^*$, ZZ^* *but perfectly ok for* $h \to 4\ell$]
- no model-dependent assumptions are made on their functional form

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Momentum expansion of the *f.f.* around leading poles

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

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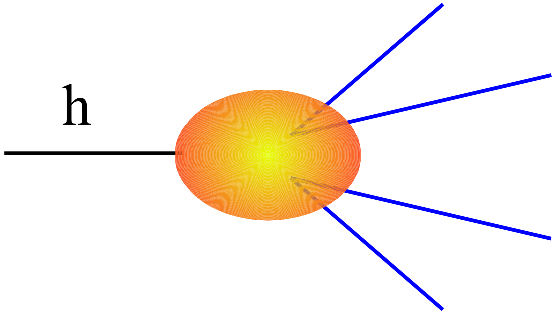
Gonzales-Alonso *et al.* 1412.6038

- No need to specify any detail about the EFT, but for the absence of light new particles → momentum expansion <u>very well justified</u> by the Higgs kinematic
- The $\{\kappa_i, \varepsilon_i\}$ thus defined are well-defined PO → systematic inclusion of higher-order QED and QCD (soft) corrections possible (<u>and necessary...</u>)

The $h \to 4f$ case



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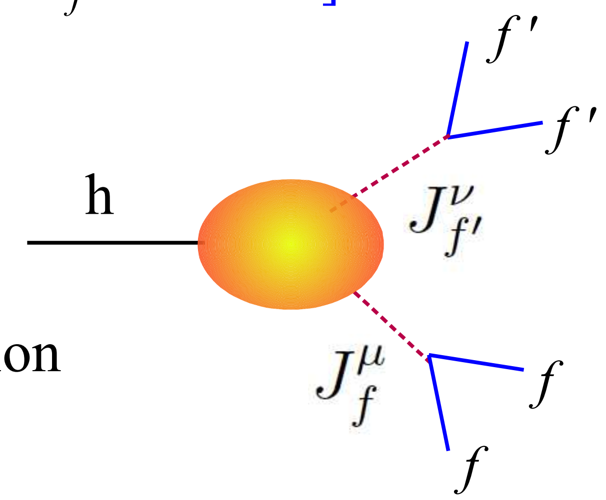

The amplitude is fully determined by this Green function that contains long-distance modes (↔ non-local terms in x and y due to the exchange of EW gauge bosons) & short-distance modes (↔ contact terms for x or $y \to 0$)

Only 3 Lorentz structures allowed, e.g.:

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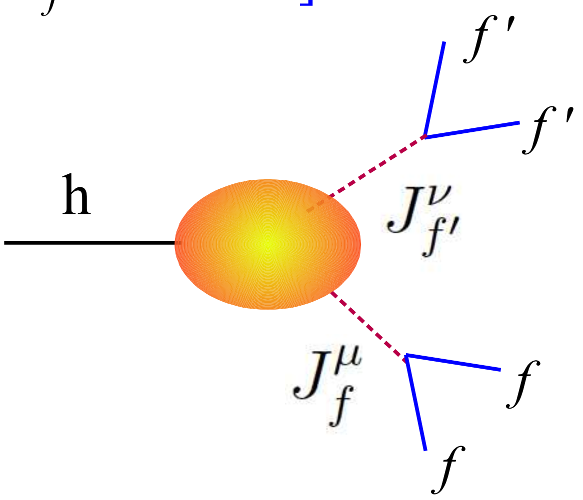
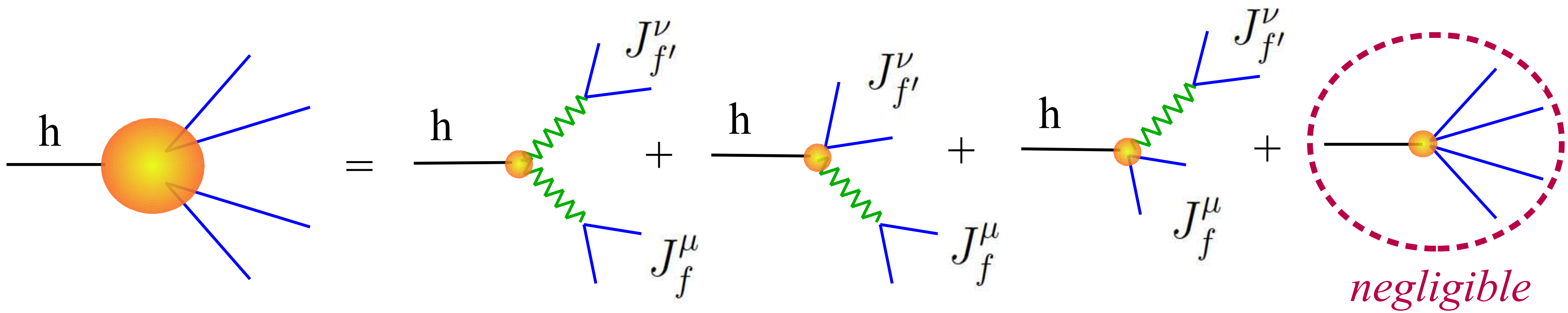


II. Expansion of $G_{[JJh]}$ neglecting short-distance modes corresponding to local operators with d > 6

non-local amplitude at the EW scale:



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

- The $\{\kappa_i, \varepsilon_i\}$ are defined from the residues of the amplitude on the physical poles $\to$ 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 $h \to \gamma\gamma$ and $h \to Z\gamma$

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\end{aligned}$$

- The κ_i are normalized such that the SM is recovered in the limit $\kappa_i \to 1$
- The ε_i describe terms not present in the SM at the tree level (*and always sub-leading*): SM recovered for $\varepsilon_i^{(SM)} = O(10^{-3}) \to 0$
- To this amplitude we can apply a "radiation function" to take into account QED radiation $\to$ excellent description of SM (and NP) beyond the tree level.

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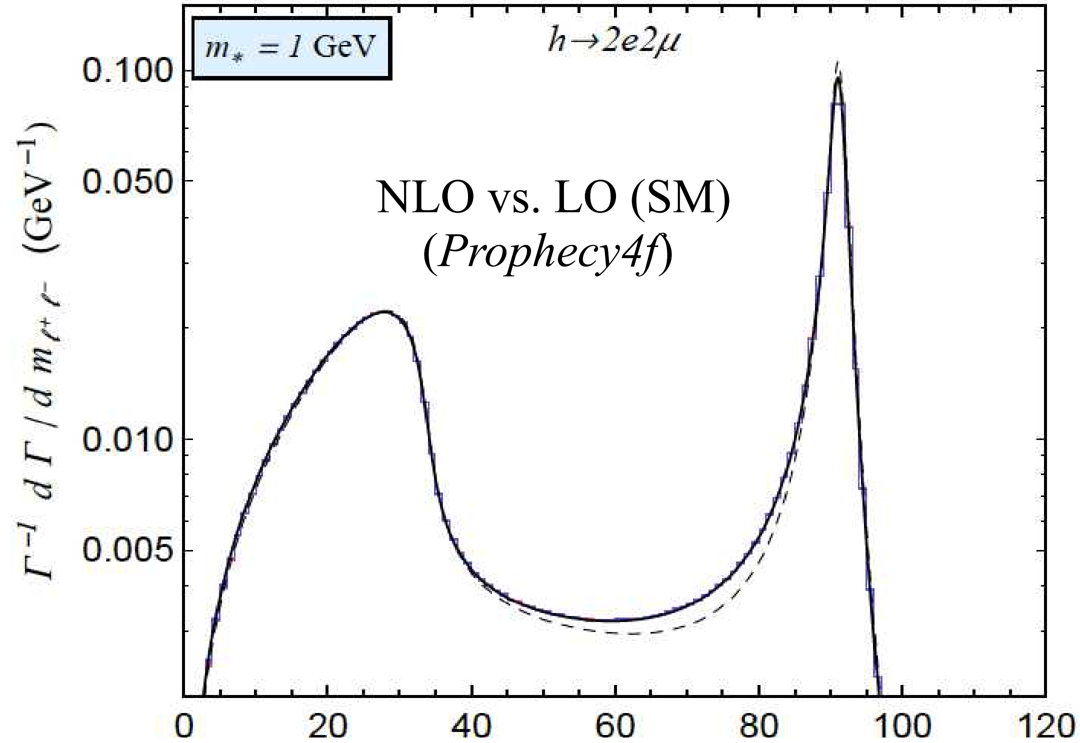

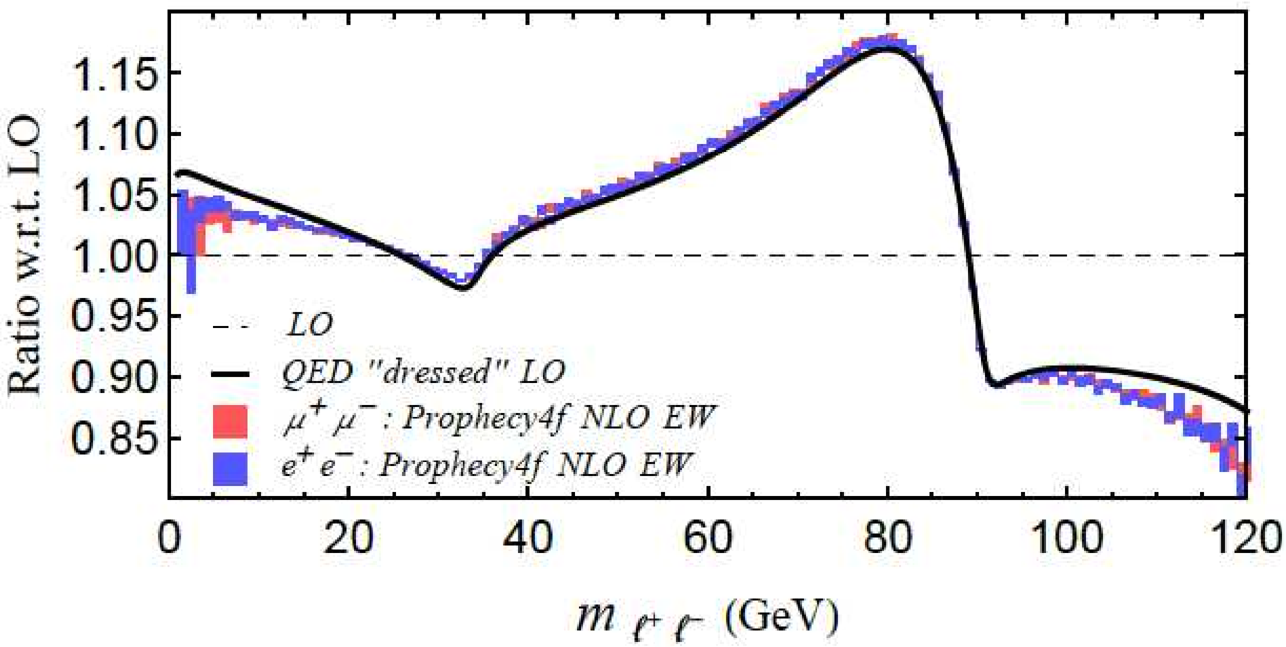

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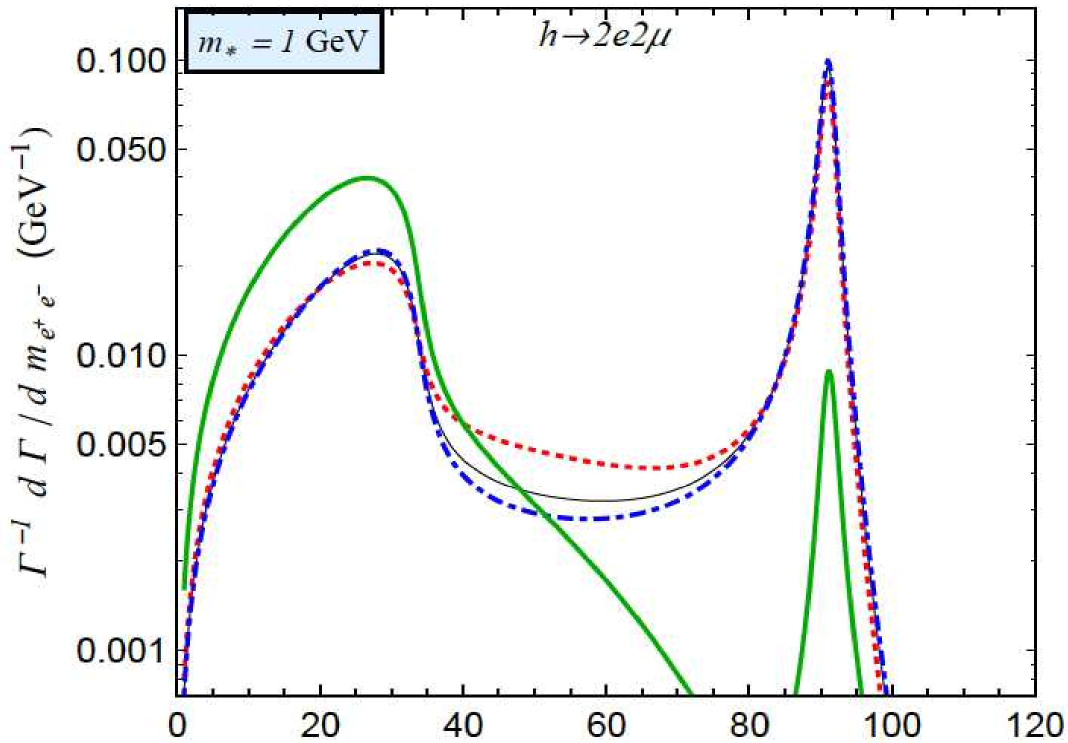

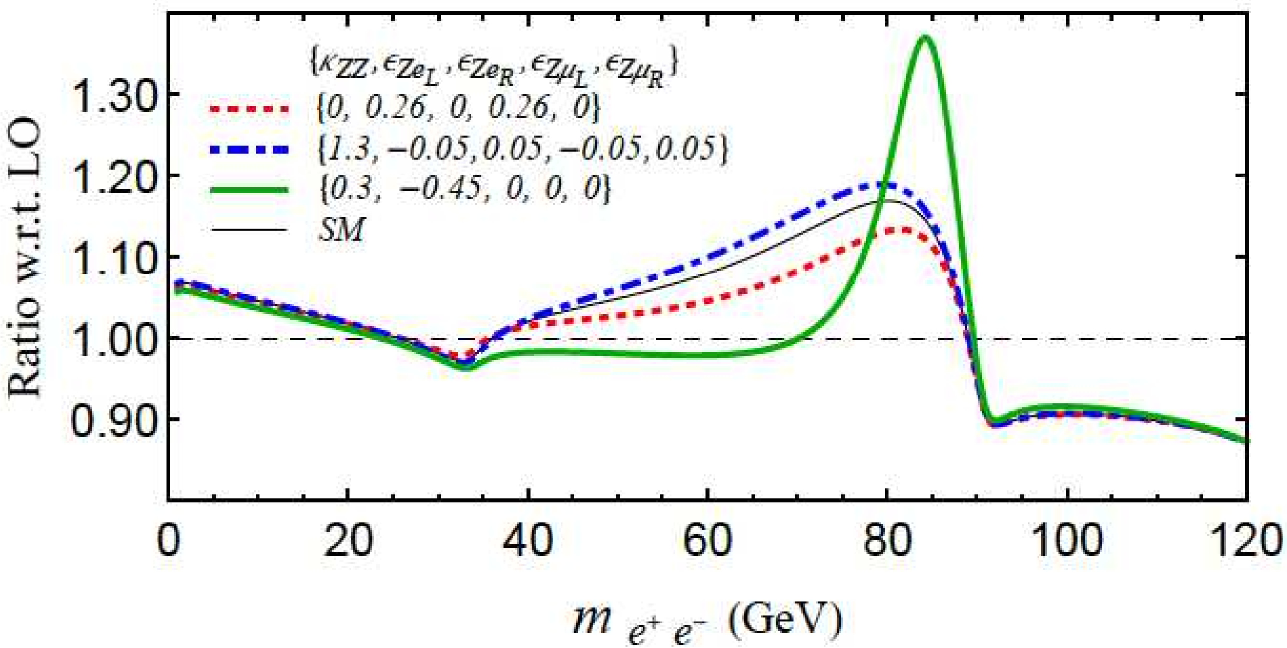

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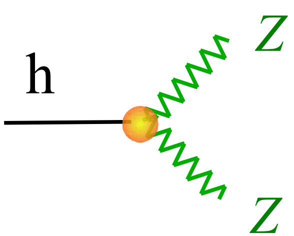
"double Z-pole"



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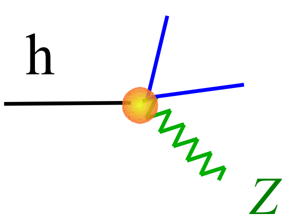
"single Z-pole"



$$\Gamma(h \to Z\ell^+\ell^-) = 0.0366 |\epsilon_{Z\ell}|^2 \ \text{MeV}$$

▶ *The $h \to 4f$ case*

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The PO do not change, but their relation to EFT couplings is more involved...

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20 (no symmetries) → 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" (ε_{Zl})]

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EPWO + Linear EFT → small (tiny) & flavor-universal ε_{Zl}

Contino *et al.*, 1303.3876
Pomarol & Riva, 1308.2803

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

G.I., Manohar, Trott, 1305.0663
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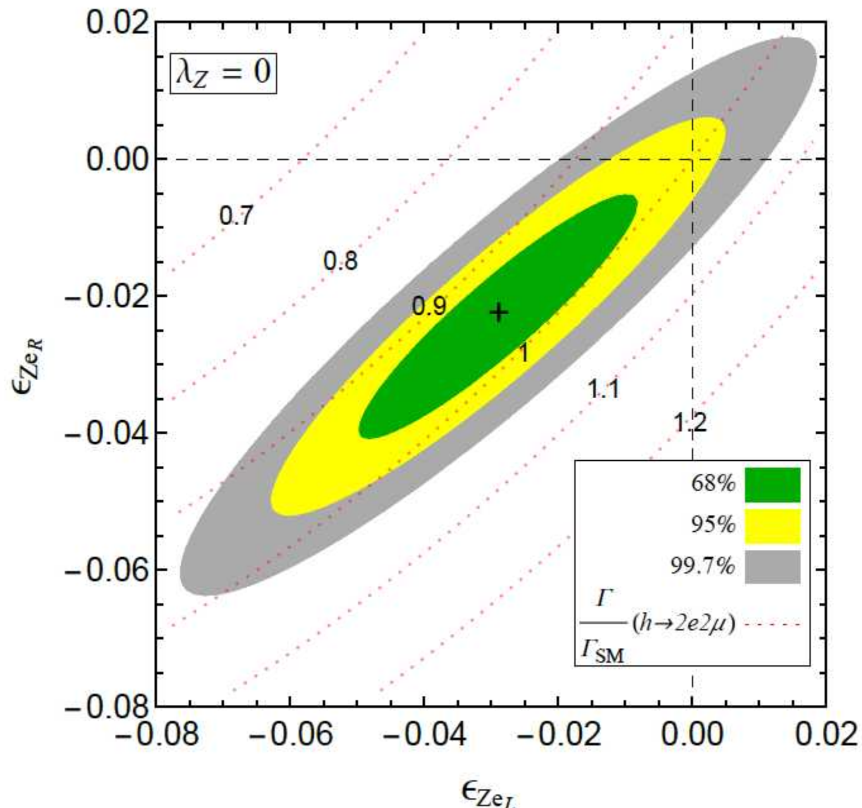

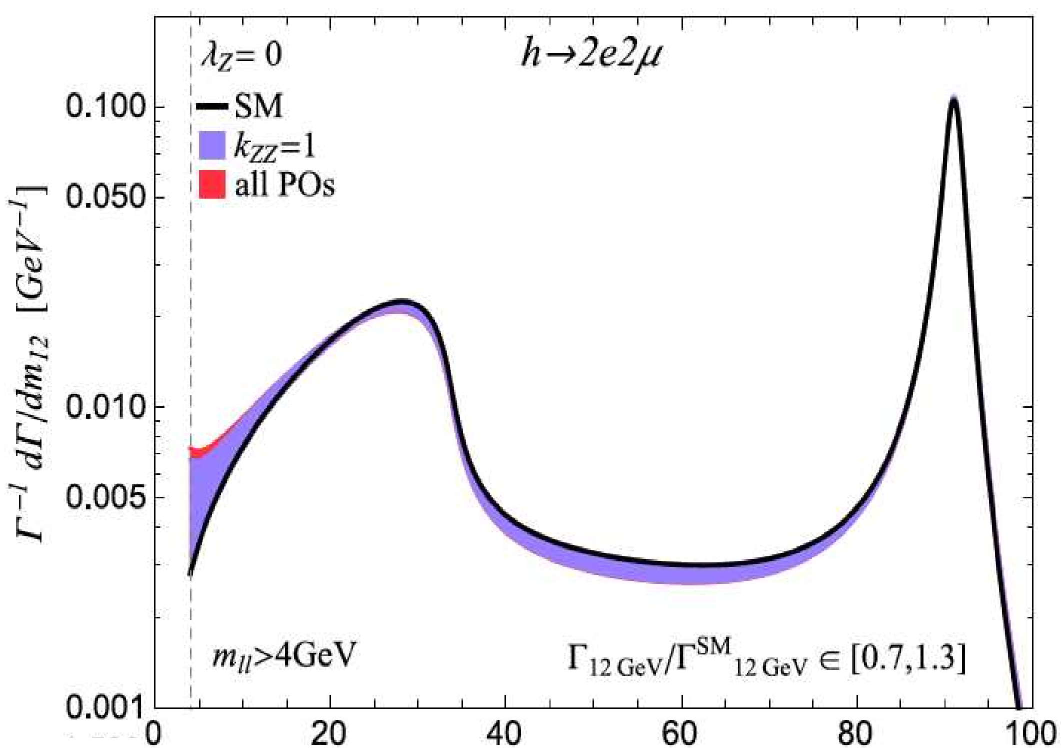

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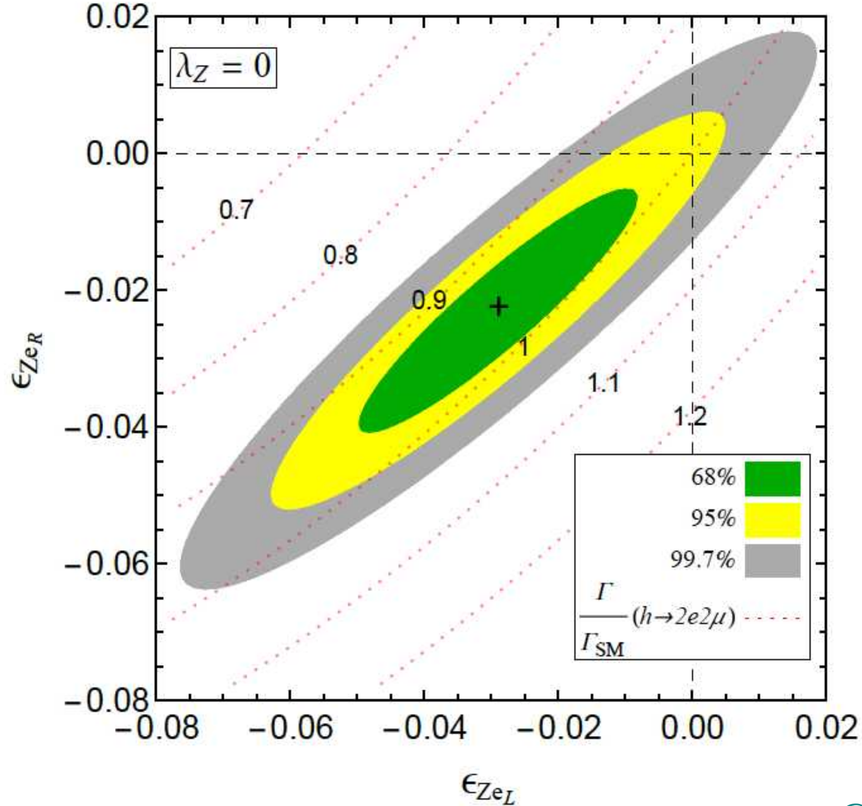

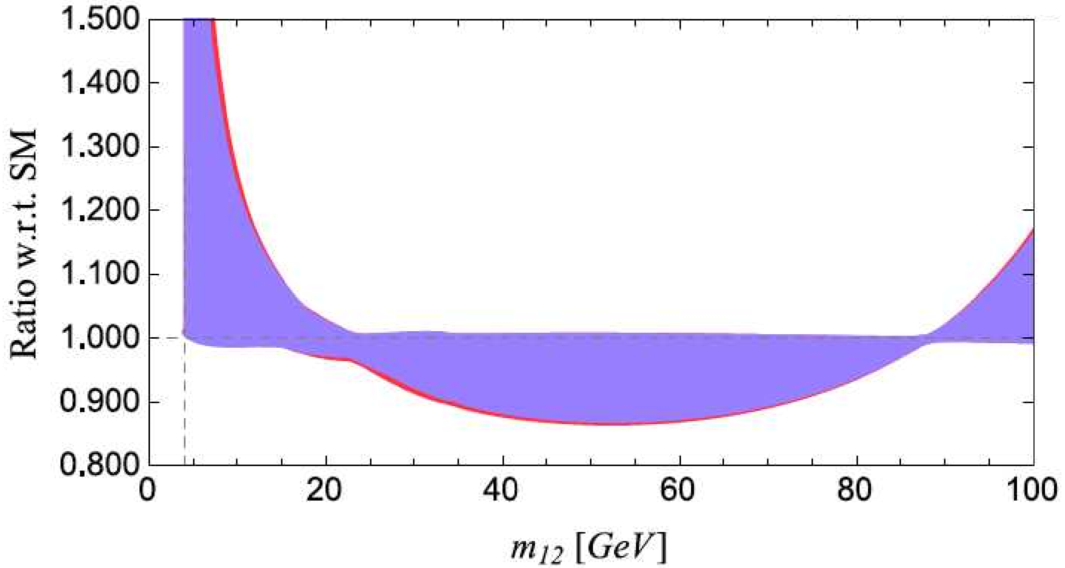

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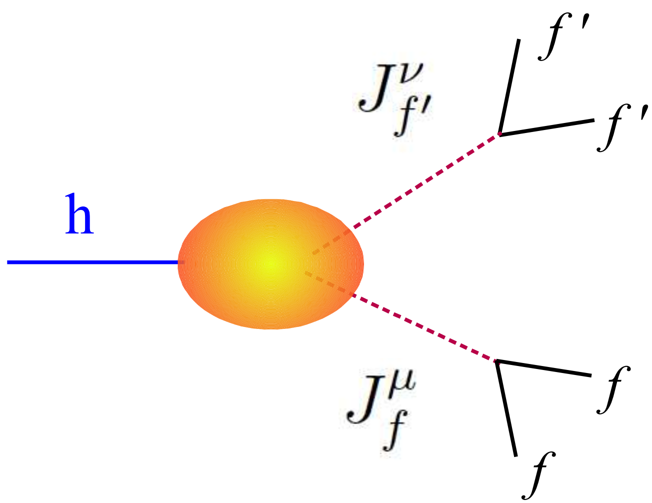
Maim message: full complementary between PO approach and EFT.

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

PO beyond decays



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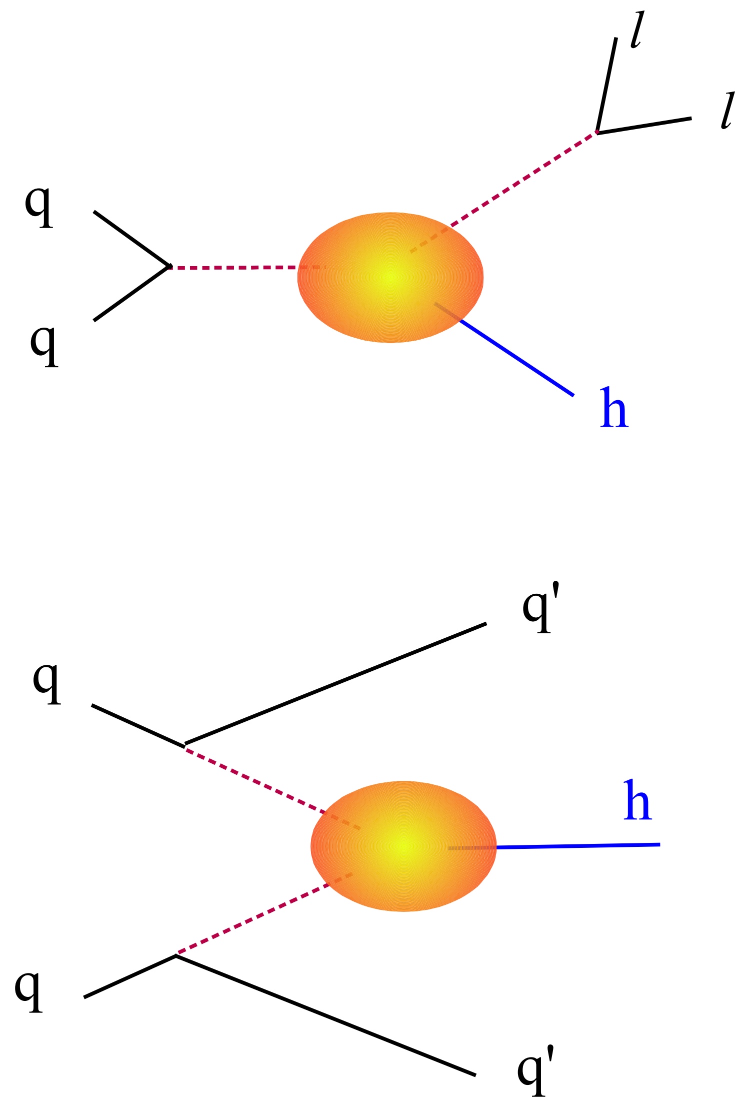

PO beyond decays

The same Green Function controlling $h \to 4f$ decays is accessible also in $pp \to hV$ and $pp \to h$ 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 ($q \leftrightarrow \ell$) $\to$ 6 more parameters for hZ+hW+VBF (with flavor & CP symm.) $\to$ only a subset easily accessible
- different kinematical regime: momentum exp. not always justified (*large momentum transfer*)

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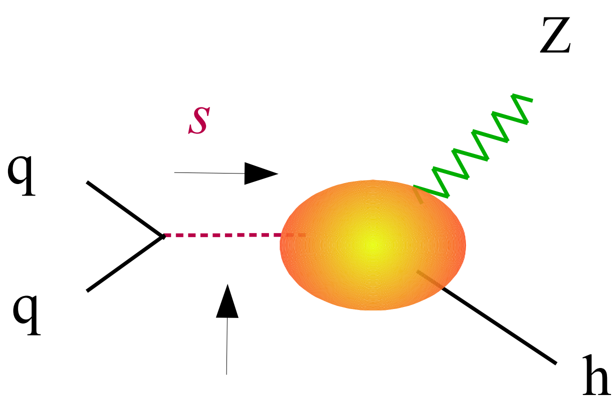

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In VBF the "dangerous" kinematical variables are the p_T of the two outgoing (VBF-tag) jets

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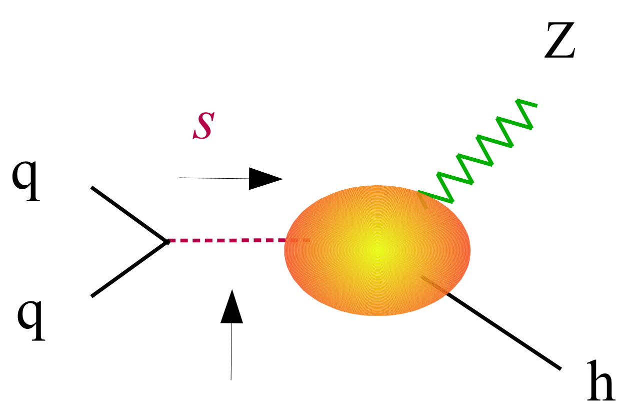

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Most general procedure to deal with this problem:

- Measure the contact terms (ε_{Zq}, ε_{Wq}) as a function of the "dangerous" kinematical variable defining different kinematical bins $\rightarrow$ a-posteriori data-driven (unbiased) check of the validity of the momentum expansion
- Note that, by construction (because of unitarity), the pole terms (κ's) are momentum independent

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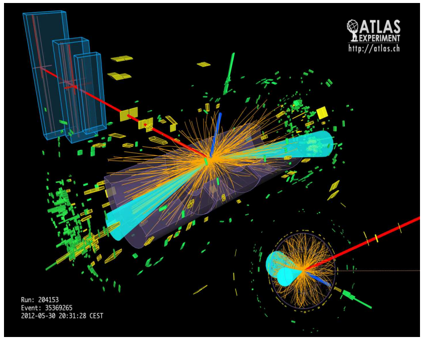
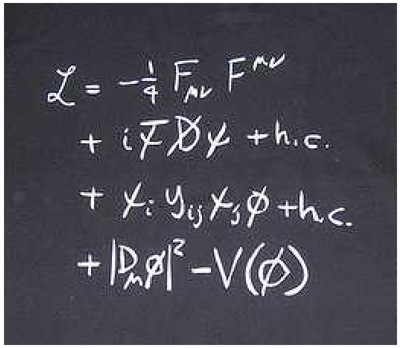
Conclusions

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.





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