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Pseudo Observables in Higgs Physics

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These “well-defined” κ 's
[please never “break loops”!]
 are nothing but a subset
 of the Higgs PO

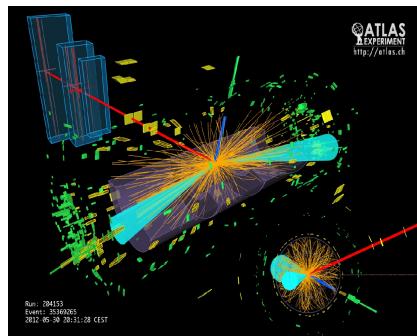
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Aiming at high precision,
 in processes with non-trivial kinematics,
 we need a larger set of Higgs PO

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

← 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, gauge dependence, ...*)
- The theory corrections applied to extract them should be universally accepted as “NP-free” (*soft QCD and QED radiation*)

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Answer (I):

What is “more fundamental”?

- A) The combination: $c_W(\mu) + c_{HW}(\mu) + \tan(\theta_W)[c_B(\mu) + c_{HW}(\mu)]$,
-defined assuming a *linear realization of the EWSB* & employing
the SILH basis for the EFT Lagrangian
-extracted computing amplitudes at *LO in the EFT expansion*,
setting the *renormalization scale* $\mu = 1 \text{ TeV}$ (and assuming that
at that scale NLO-EW effects are negligible)
- B) The partial width $\Gamma(h \rightarrow W_L W_L)$

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Answer (II):

There is no reason to consider Wilson coefficients and, more generally, Lagrangian parameters “more fundamental” than on-shell physical amplitudes (*or the elements of the S matrix*). Actually it is the opposite.

Lagrangians are noting but tools...

Extracting their parameters requires a series of additional assumptions, that we may change in the future with more data and/or better understanding of the underlying (BSM) physics theory.

...the “physics” is in the scattering amplitudes, hence in the PO.

► Introduction

There are two main categories of PO:

A) “Ideal observables”

$$M_W, \Gamma(Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}), \dots$$

$$M_h, \Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma), \Gamma(h \rightarrow Z\mu\bar{\mu}), \dots$$

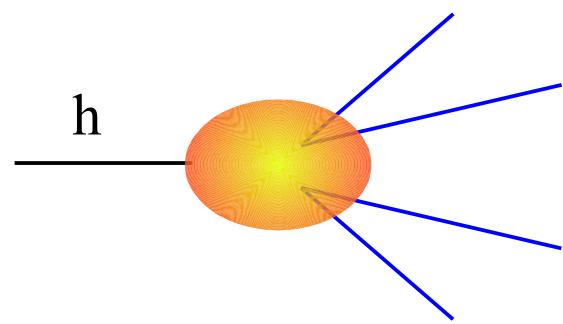
but also $d\sigma(pp \rightarrow hZ)/dm_{hZ} \dots$

B) “Effective on-shell couplings”

$$g_Z^f, g_W^f, \dots \leftrightarrow \Gamma(Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}) = C [|g_Z^{fL}|^2 + |g_Z^{fR}|^2], \dots$$

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

[*+ one more parameter if the polarization is accessible*]

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- No need to specify any detail about the underlying theory but for the absence of light new states [*momentum expansion fully justified by Higgs kinematic*]
- The $\{\kappa_i, \epsilon_i\}$ thus defined are well-defined **PO** [*pole decomposition → gauge-invariant terms*] → systematic inclusion of higher-order QED and QCD (soft) corrections possible (and necessary...)

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

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$$\mathcal{A} = i \frac{2m_Z^2}{v_F} (\bar{e}\gamma_\alpha e)(\bar{\mu}\gamma_\beta \mu) \times \left[F_L^{e\mu}(q_1^2, q_2^2) g^{\alpha\beta} + F_T^{e\mu}(q_1^2, q_2^2) T^{\alpha\beta} + F_{CP}^{e\mu}(q_1^2, q_2^2) \frac{\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} q_2\rho q_1\sigma}{m_Z^2} \right]$$

longitudinal transverse CP-odd


$$\left(\kappa_{ZZ} \frac{g_Z^e g_Z^\mu}{P_Z(q_1^2) P_Z(q_2^2)} + \frac{\epsilon_{Ze}}{m_Z^2} \frac{g_Z^\mu}{P_Z(q_2^2)} + \frac{\epsilon_{Z\mu}}{m_Z^2} \frac{g_Z^e}{P_Z(q_1^2)} + \Delta_{\text{non-loc}}^{\text{SM}}(q_1^2, q_2^2) \right)$$

double-pole single-pole non-resonant
 (negligible)

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

$$T^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{q_1 \cdot q_2}{m_Z^2} \frac{g^{\alpha\beta} - q_2^\alpha q_1^\beta}{m_Z^2}$$

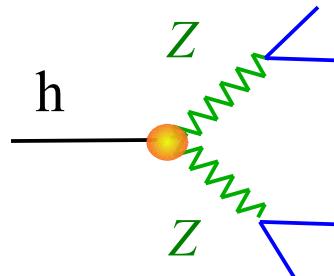
$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM-1L}} &\simeq 3.8 \times 10^{-3} \\ \epsilon_{Z\gamma}^{\text{SM-1L}} &\simeq 6.7 \times 10^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

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“double Z-pole”



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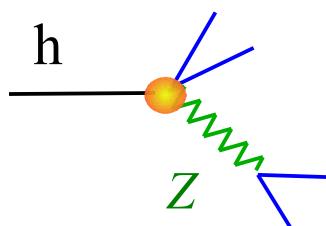
$$\Gamma^{\text{CPV}}(h \rightarrow Z_T Z_T) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow 2e2\mu)[\epsilon_{ZZ}^{\text{CP}}]}{\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow 2e)\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow 2\mu)} = 0.00799 |\epsilon_{ZZ}^{\text{CP}}|^2 \text{ MeV}$$

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“single Z-pole”



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

N.B.: these contact terms are the only possible sources of flavor non-universality.

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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}	$\Gamma(h \rightarrow W f\bar{f}')$	$= (0.14 \text{ MeV}) \times N_c^f \epsilon_{Wf} ^2$

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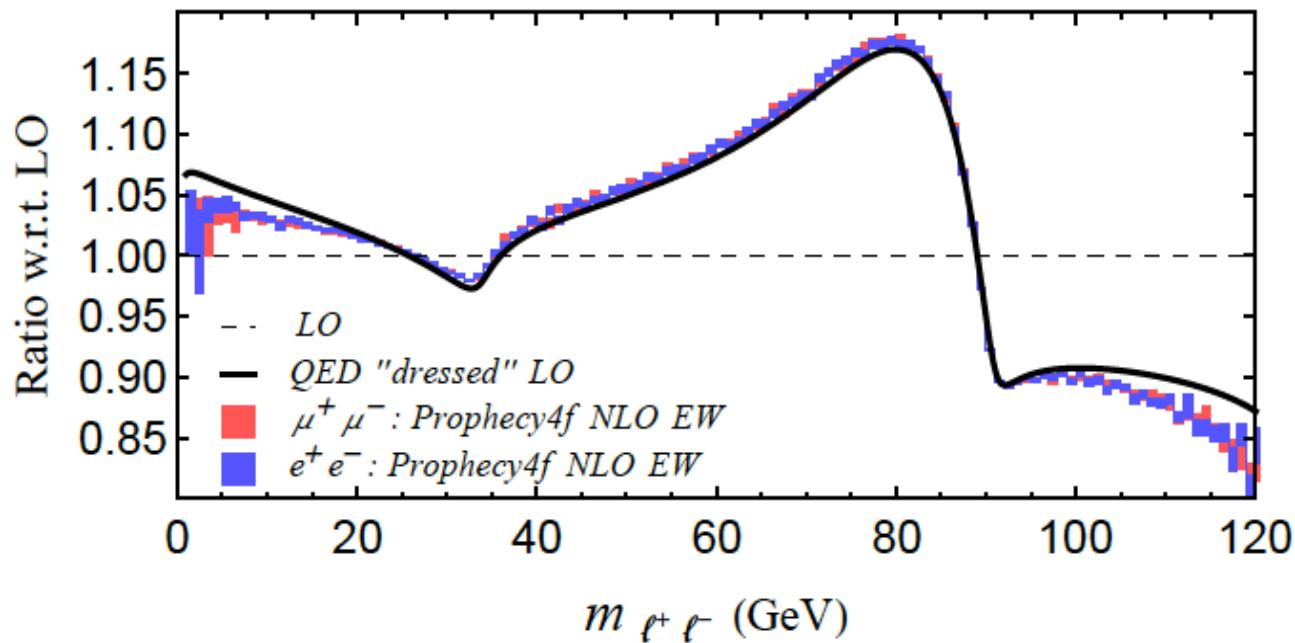
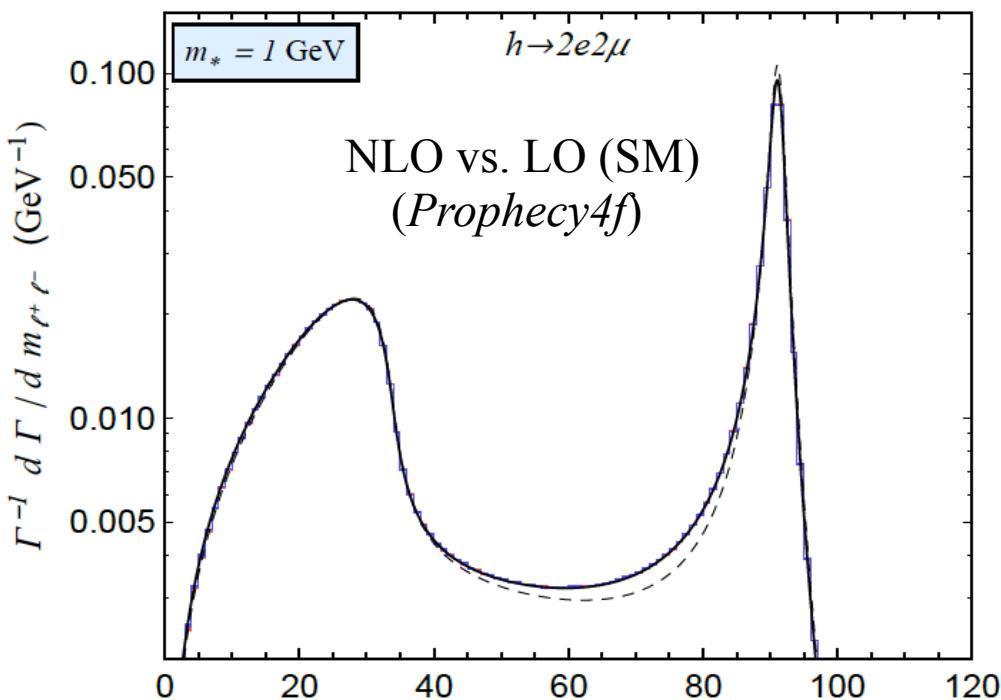
“Dressing” with QED radiation



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

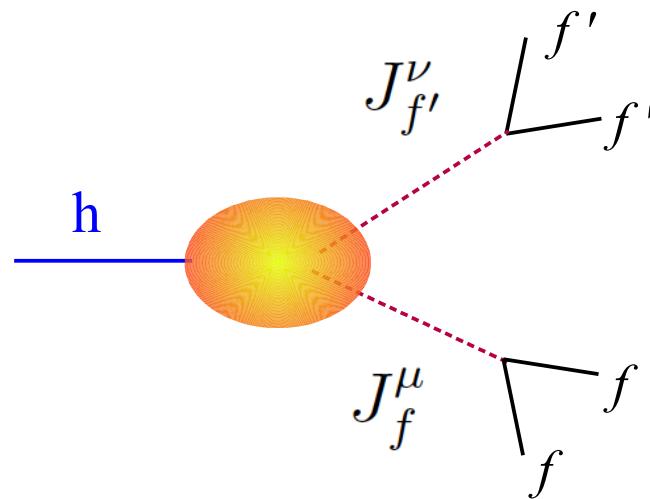


tool able to describe
(general) NP beyond LO

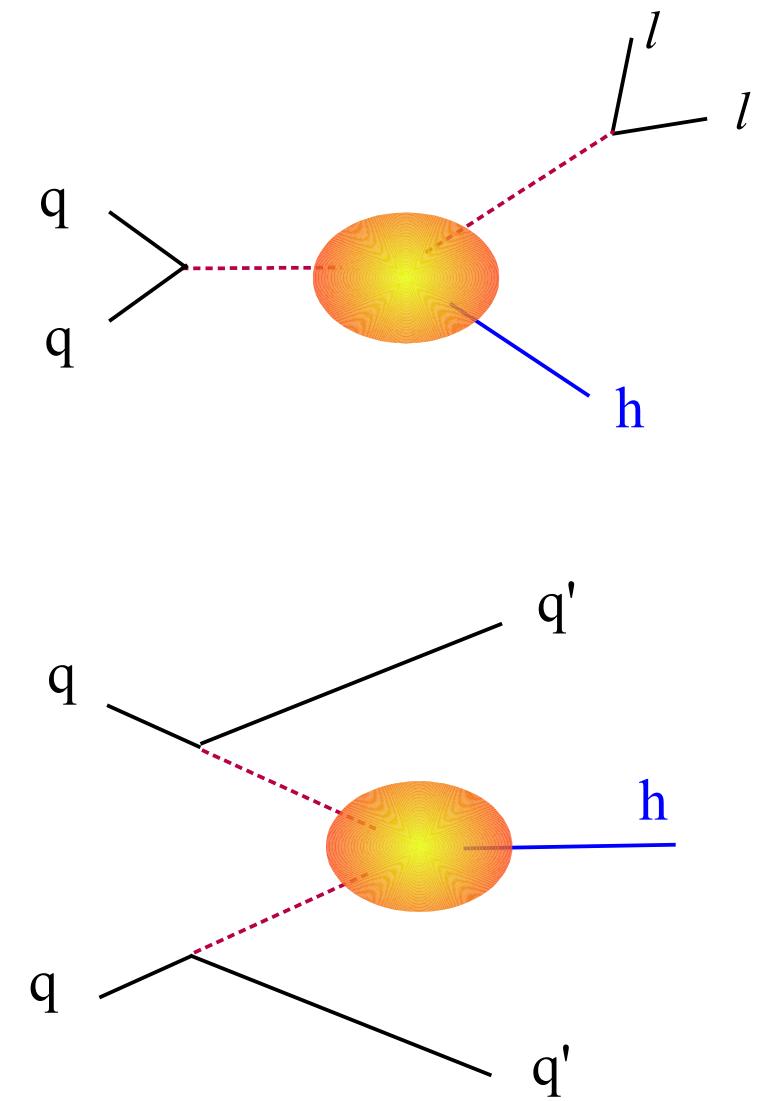


Bordone et al. 1507.02555

PO in Higgs EW production



vs.



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

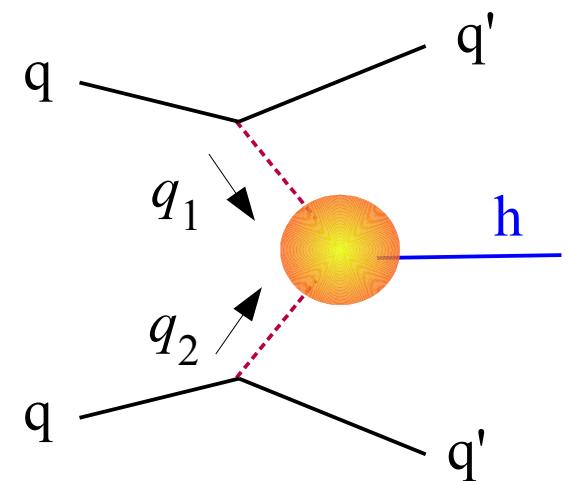
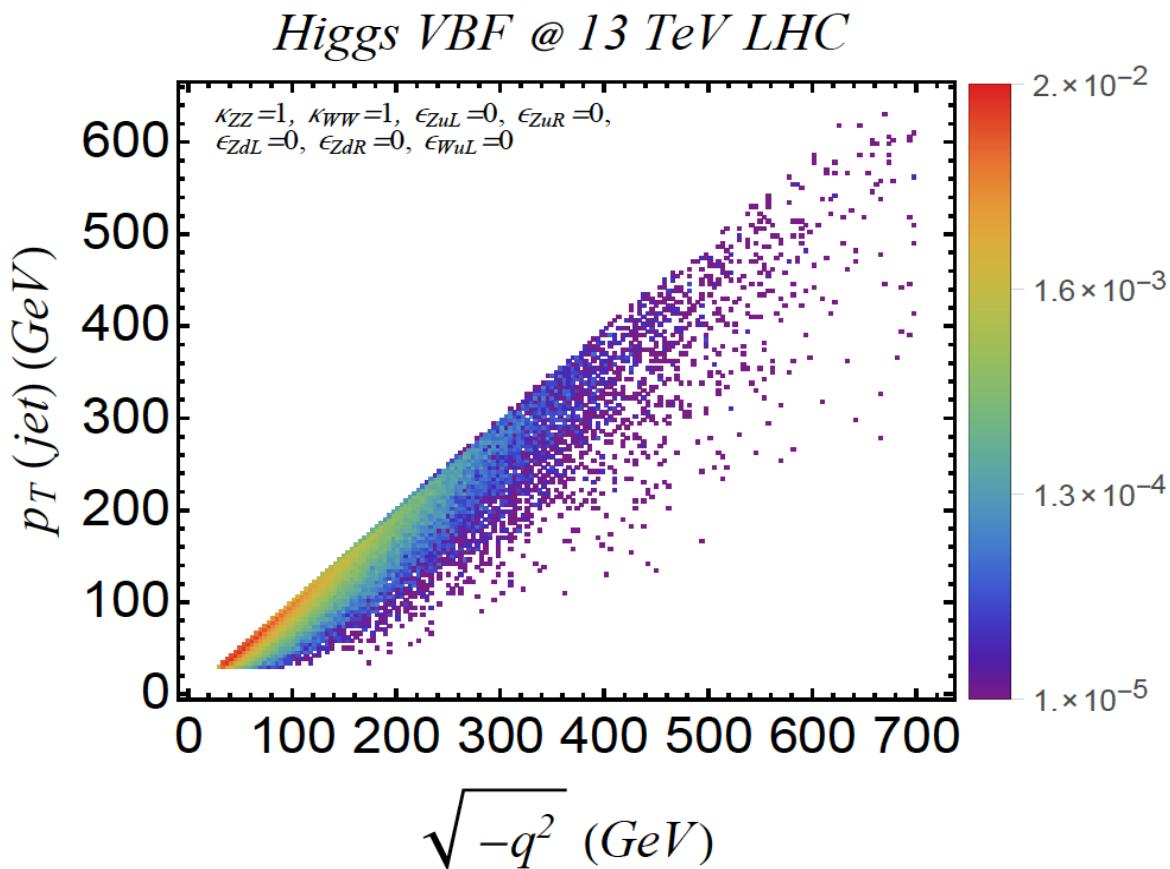
trivial

conceptually
easy

delicate
point

► PO in Higgs EW production [the VBF case]

A practical problem is also posed by the difficulty to directly access the key variables for the f.f. decomposition → need to construct a proxy



strong correlation

$$q_i^2 \leftrightarrow -p_{T_i}^2$$

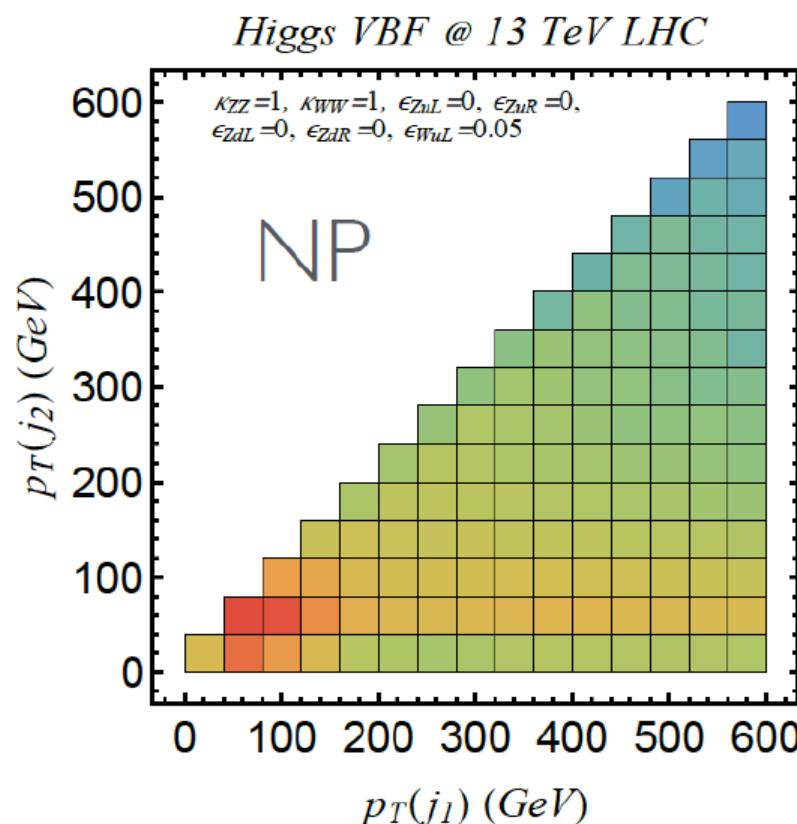
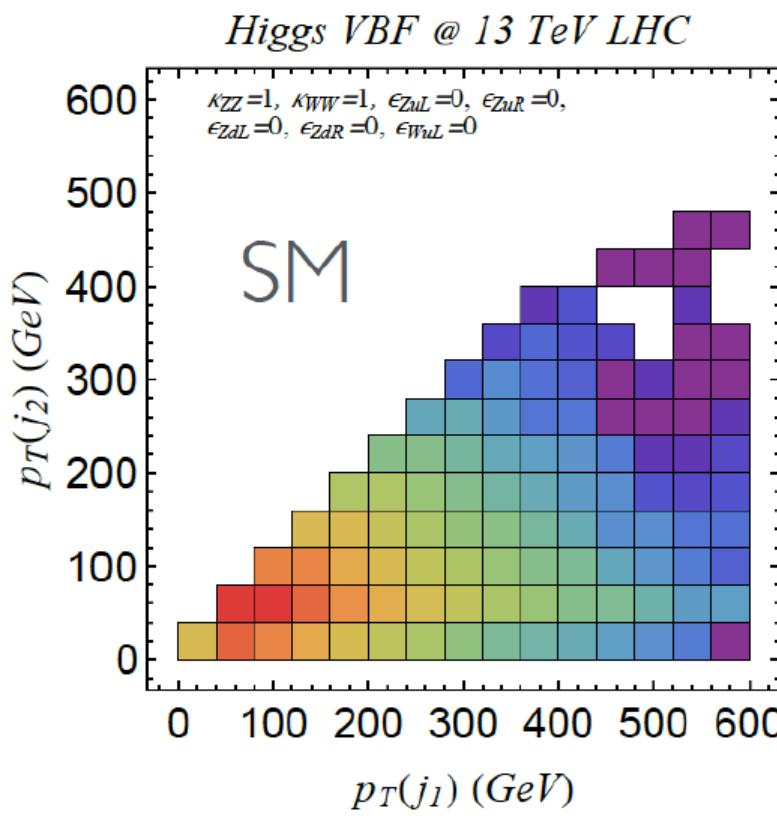
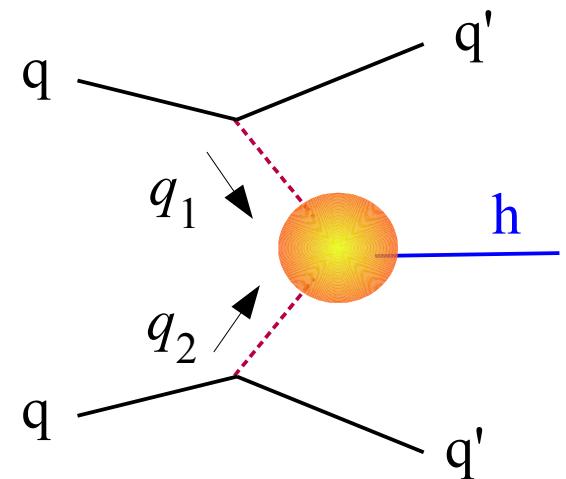
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$$F(q_1^2, q_2^2) \leftrightarrow \frac{d^2\sigma}{dp_{T_1} dp_{T_2}}$$

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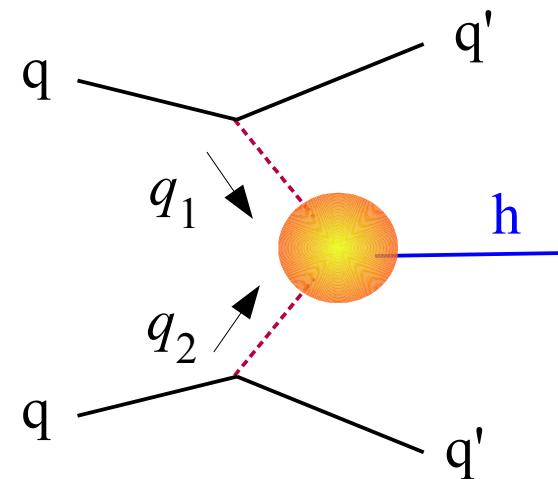
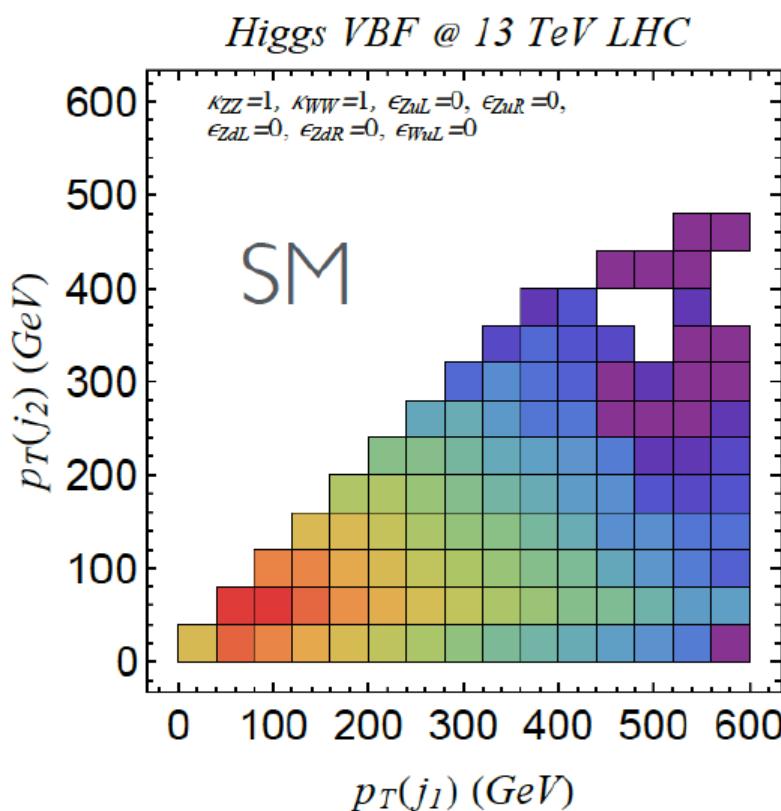
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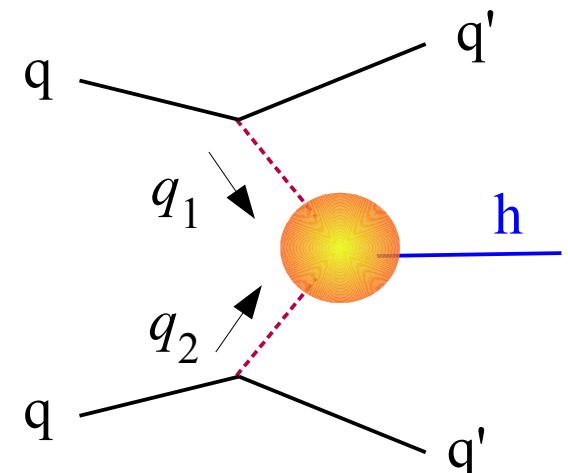
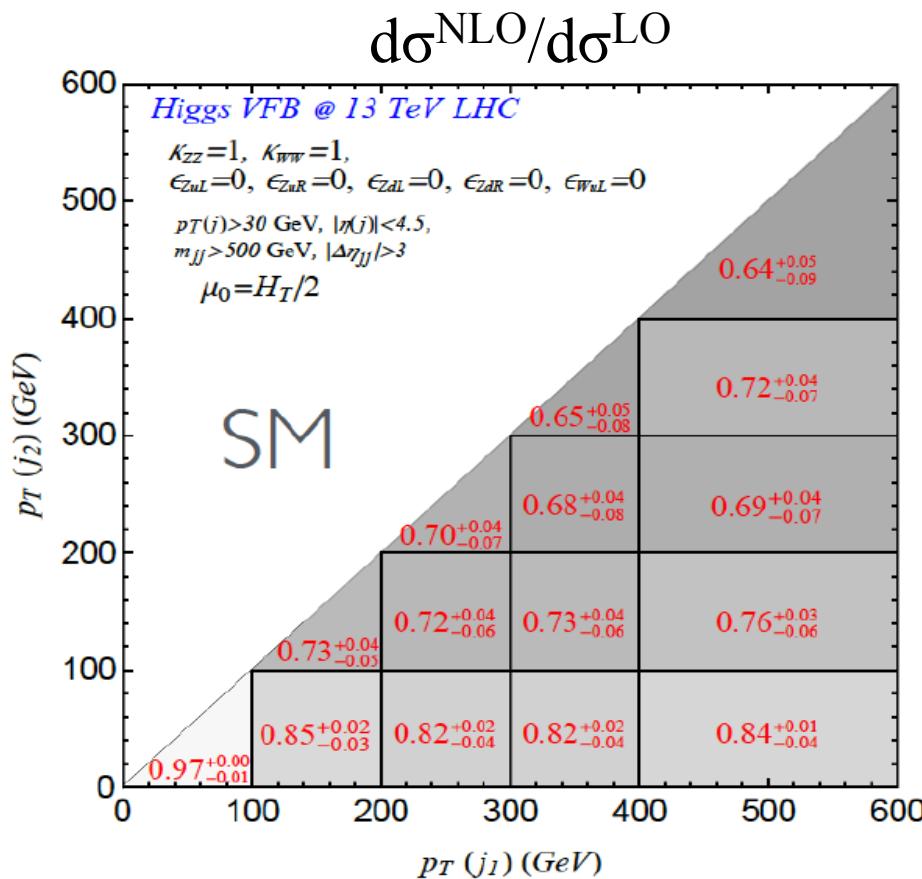
General procedure:

- Measure the PO close to the threshold region, setting a cut on the “dangerous” kinematical variables [→ 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 variables in the high-momentum region [→ natural link/merging with template cross-section]

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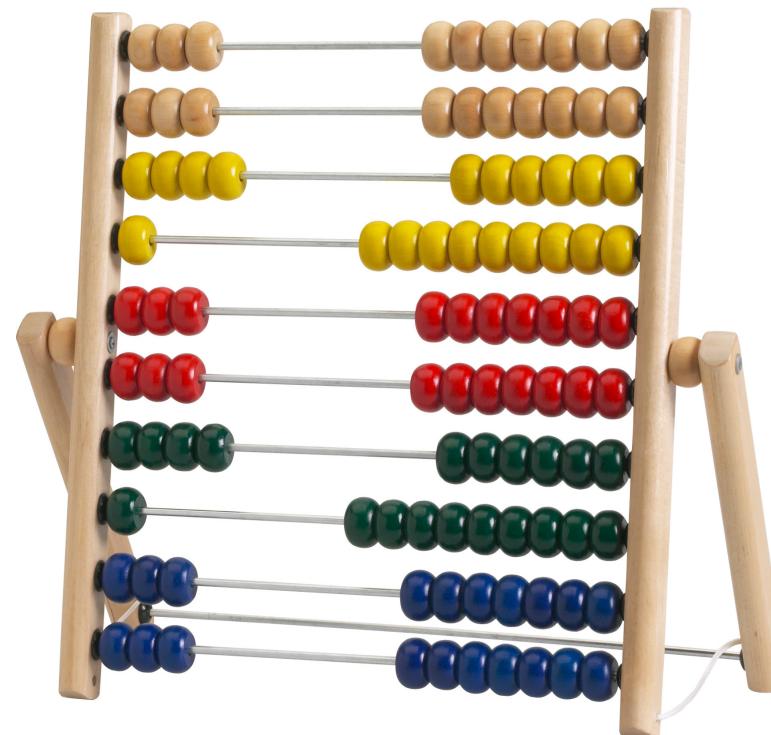
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Straightforward inclusion of (factorizable) NLO QCD corrections, which have a sizable impact on the distribution

PO vs. EFT,
parameter counting & symmetry limits



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PO essential ingredient for EFT beyond LO

Ghezzi *et al.* 1505.03706
Passarino & Trott, YR4

More generally (*linear, non-linear, LO, NLO...*):

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

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- For Higgs production also the PO involve an expansion in momenta; however, this is different than 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

PO set with maximal symmetry [CP + Lepton Univ + cust.] → no symmetry

$h \rightarrow 4\mu, 4e, 2e2\mu,$
 $2\mu 2\nu, 2e2\nu, e\mu 2\nu,$
 $\gamma\gamma, ee\gamma, \mu\mu\gamma$

Minimal set:

$$\kappa_{ZZ}, \kappa_{Z\gamma}, \epsilon_{ZZ}$$

$$\kappa_{\gamma\gamma}, \epsilon_{Ze_L}, \epsilon_{Ze_R}, \epsilon_{We_L}$$

Without custodial symm.:

$$\kappa_{WW}, \epsilon_{WW}$$

$$\epsilon_{Z\nu_\mu}$$

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VBF, Zh, Wh

Without custodial symm.:

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$$\epsilon_{Wu_L}$$

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► Parameter counting & symmetry limits

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

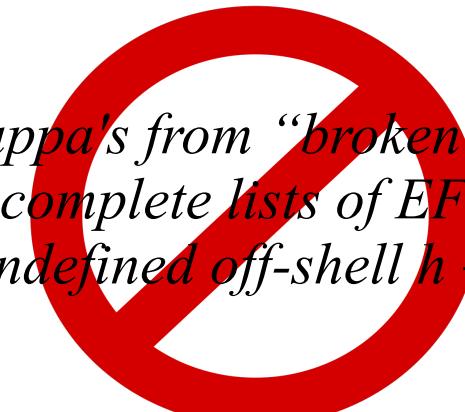
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	<i>Minimal set:</i>	<i>Without custodial symm.:</i>
Prod. & decays	$\kappa_{ZZ}, \kappa_{Z\gamma}, \epsilon_{ZZ}$	$\kappa_{WW}, \epsilon_{WW}$
EW decays only	$\kappa_{\gamma\gamma}, \epsilon_{Ze_L}, \epsilon_{Ze_R}, \epsilon_{We_L}$	$\epsilon_{Z\nu_\mu}$
EW prod. only	$\epsilon_{Zu_L}, \epsilon_{Zu_R}, \epsilon_{Zd_L}, \epsilon_{Zd_R}$	ϵ_{Wu_L}
		$11 \rightarrow 15$ (no CS) $\rightarrow 32$ (no symm.)
Yukawa modes	$\kappa_b, \kappa_\tau, \kappa_c, \kappa_\mu$	4 → 8 (no symm.) <i>(as in the original κ-formalism)</i>
gg→h & ttH	κ_g, κ_t	2 → 4 (no symm.)

Conclusions

- 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 for Higgs decays and Higgs EW productions [→ *see PO section in YR4*]. NLO tools are ready for all relevant Higgs decay channels and (almost) ready for EW production (VBF+VH) [<http://www.physik.uzh.ch/data/HiggsPO>]

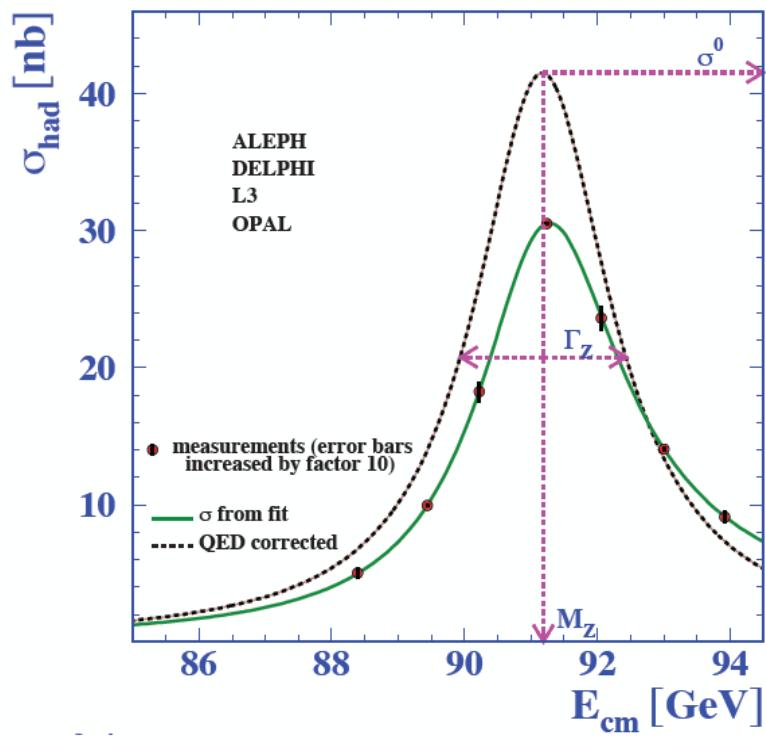
*It's time to start
doing the right thing...*

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- *kappa's from “broken loops”*
 - *Incomplete lists of EFT ops.*
 - *Undefined off-shell $h \rightarrow ZZ^*$ f. factors*
 - ...



► PO @ LEP [Bardin, Grunewald, Passarino, '99]

The goal was to parametrise on-shell Z decays as much model-independently as possible.



1) Unfold QED (and/or QCD) soft radiation effect

$$\sigma(s) = \int_{4m_f^2/s}^1 dz H_{\text{QED}}^{\text{tot}}(z, s) \sigma_{\text{ew}}(zs).$$

2) Parametrize the shape with some PO defined at amplitude level:

$$m_Z, \Gamma_Z$$

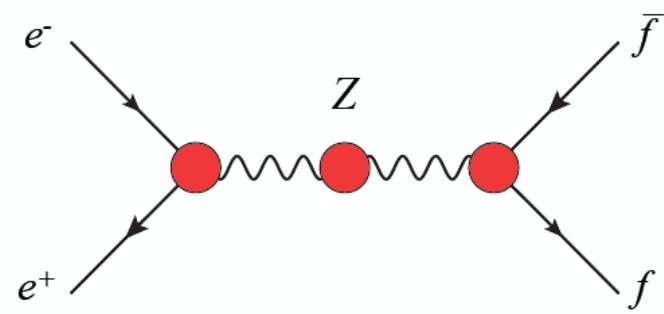
Lineshape

$$\chi(s) = \frac{G_F m_Z^2}{8\pi\sqrt{2}} \frac{s}{s - m_Z^2 + is\Gamma_Z/m_Z}$$

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

The PO are defined as

$$g_V^f = \text{Re } \mathcal{G}_V^f, \quad g_A^f = \text{Re } \mathcal{G}_A^f$$

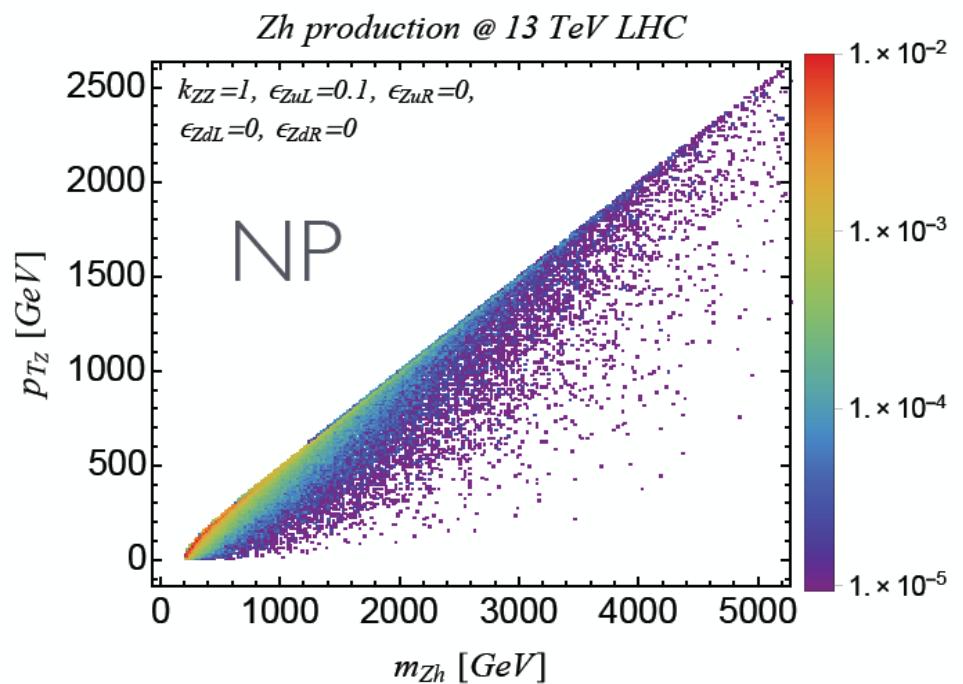
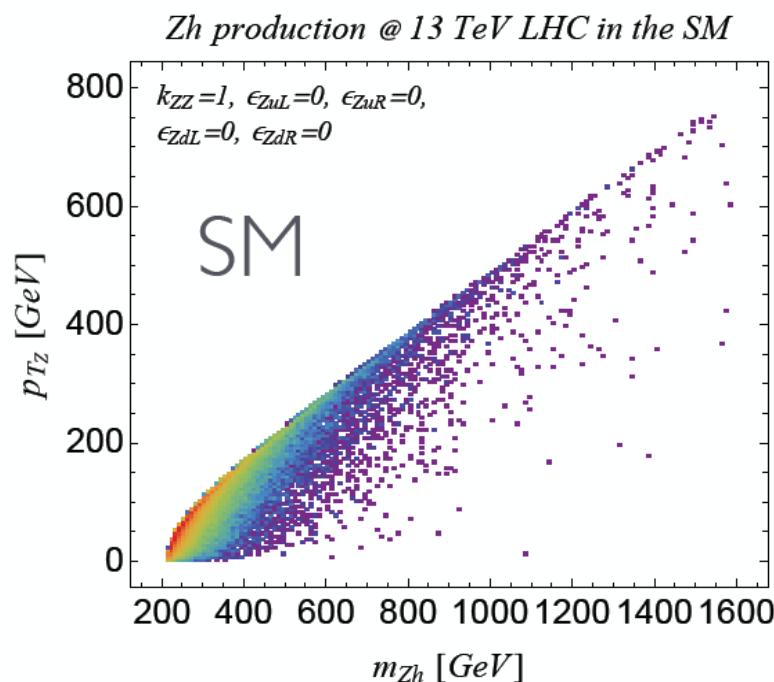
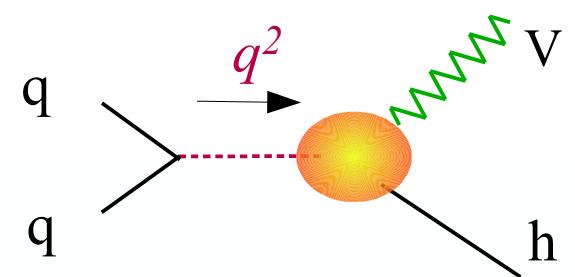


3) Fit the PO from data

► PO in Higgs EW production [VH]

Practical problem:

- process governed by $q^2 = m_{Vh}^2$
- not measurable in all decay modes ($V=W$ or $H \rightarrow WW$)

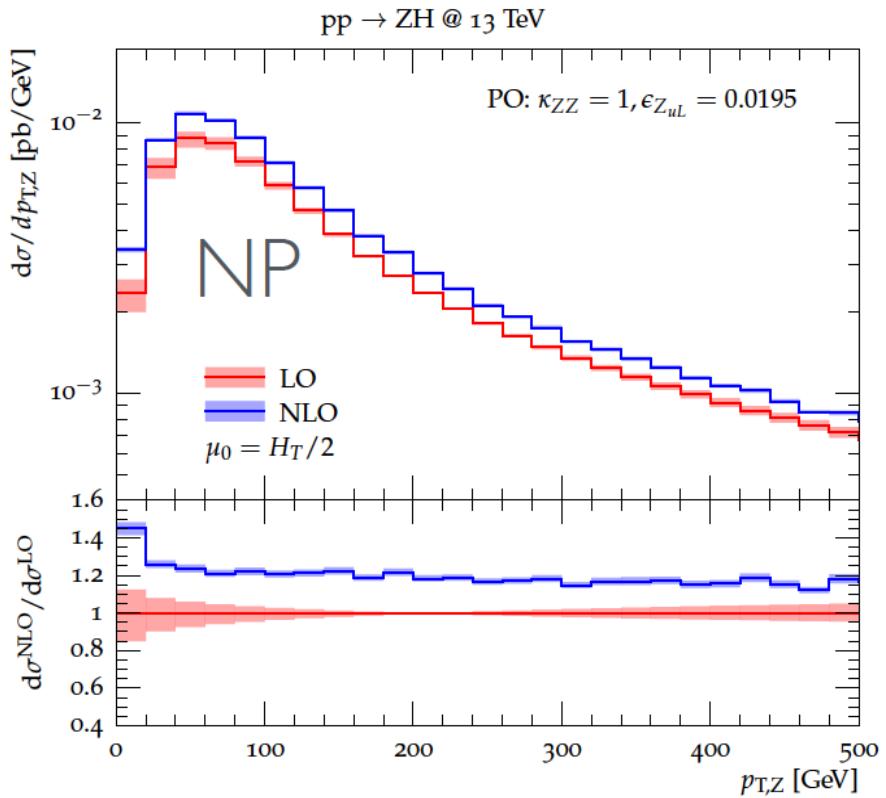
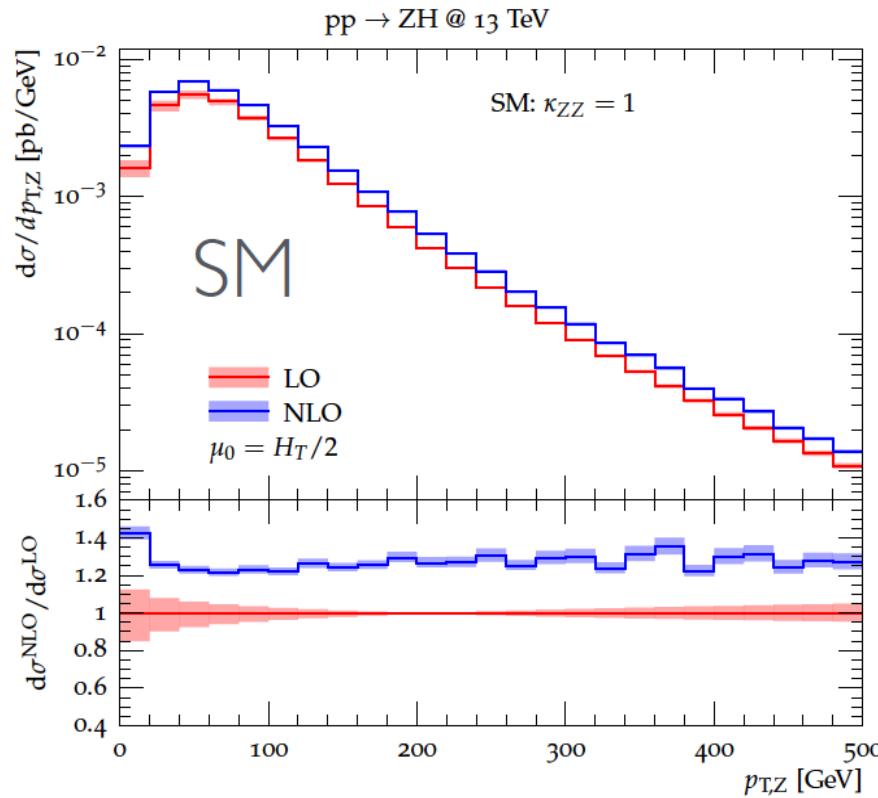


$$m_{Vh}^2 \rightarrow 4p_T^2 \quad \text{for} \quad |p_T| \rightarrow \infty$$

► PO in Higgs EW production [VH]

NLO QCD corrections in PO

- process independent implementation of **Higgs PO @ NLO QCD** in Sherpa+OpenLoops
- via Sherpa's UFO functionality (1412.6478)



- NP shapes largely unaffected by QCD corrections
- detailed study @ NLO+PS in preparation

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Computing the PO in specific EFT (e.g.: *the linear EFT*) we get additional dynamical constraints dictated by the specific extra dynamical assumption of the EFT employed (e.g.: *h belongs to the $SU(2)_L$ doublet breaking the EW symmetry*)

The most powerful of such constraints is the link between the contact terms and EW precision measurements performed at LEP:

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



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

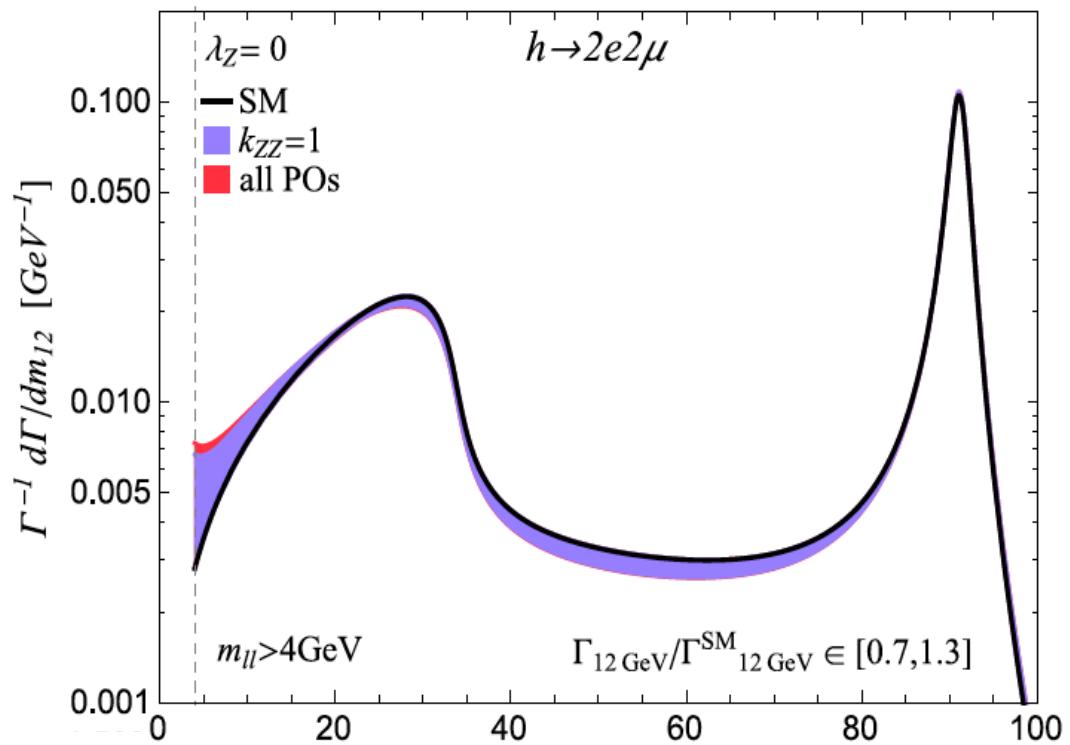
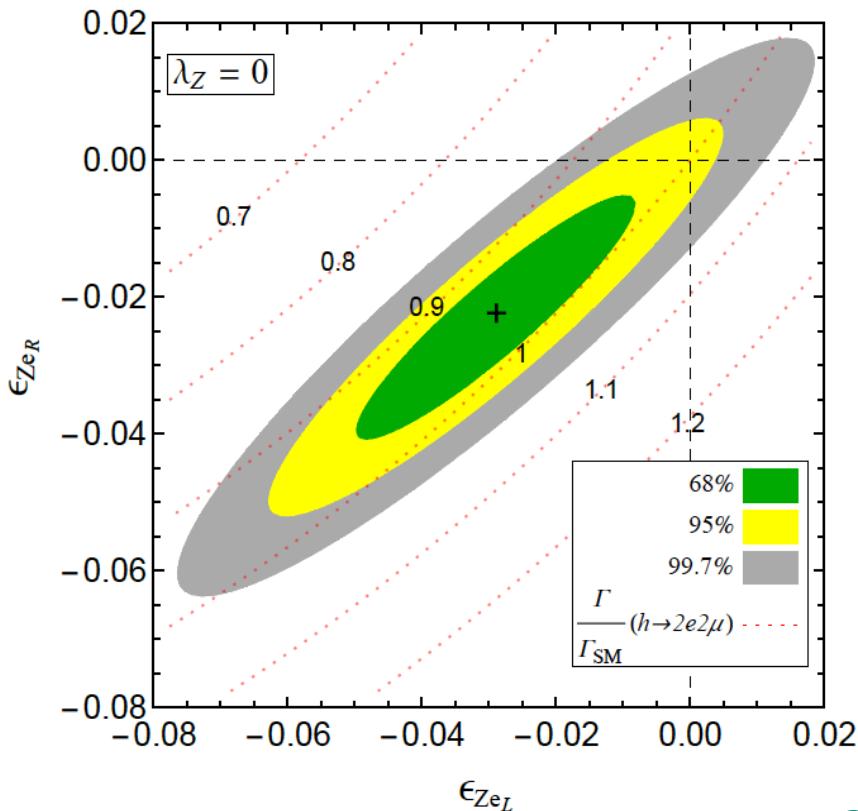
Excellent opportunity to test from data (via $h \rightarrow 4l$)
if h belongs to a pure $SU(2)_L$ doublet

G.I., Manohar, Trott, 1305.0663
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