# After the Discovery: Challenges and Open Questions in Higgs Physics



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only 1 out of 100 billions events are "interesting" (for comparison, Shakespeare's 43 works contain only 884,429 words in total)

furthermore many of the background events furiously look like signal events

... like finding the paper you are looking for in (10<sup>8</sup> copies of) John Ellis' office

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1 (The importance of being Higgs

... or "why the Higgs boson is not just yet another particle?"

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the behavior of this amplitude is not consistent above  $4\pi v$  (\*1÷3TeV)

#### Lee, Quigg & Thacker '77

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A single scalar degree of freedom neutral under  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R / SU(2)_V$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{EWSB}} &= \frac{v^2}{4} \text{Tr} \left( D_{\mu} \Sigma^{\dagger} D_{\mu} \Sigma \right) \left( 1 + 2a \frac{h}{v} + b \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right) - \lambda \bar{\psi}_L \Sigma \psi_R \left( 1 + c \frac{h}{v} \right) \\ \text{'a', 'b' and 'c' are arbitrary free couplings} \\ & \overset{\text{W}}{} & \overset{\text{W}}{} & \overset{\text{W}}{} & \overset{\text{W}}{} & & \\ & \mathcal{M}^{+} & \overset{\text{W}}{} & \overset{\text{W}}{} & & \\ & \mathcal{M}^{+} & \overset{\text{W}}{} & & \\ & \mathcal{M}^{+} & \overset{\text{W}}{} & & \\ & & \mathcal{M}^{+} & & \\ \end{aligned}$$

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'a=1', 'b=1' & 'c=1' define the SM Higgs  
Higgs properties depend on a single unknown parameter (m\_H)  
H =  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{i\sigma^{a}\pi^{a}/v} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+h \end{pmatrix}$   
h and  $\pi^{a}$  (ie W<sub>L</sub> andZ<sub>L</sub>) combine to form a linear representation of SU(2)<sub>L</sub>×U(1)<sub>Y</sub>

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Have the theorists been lying for so many years?

Have the exp's been too naive to believe the th's?

HEP future:

exploration/discovery era or consolidation/measurement era?

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#### SM Higgs computations: State of the art e.g. LHCHXSWG YRI & YR2 & YR3



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# Signal/Background Interference

Naively small since the width is small (FH=4MeV, FH/MH = 3×10-5) for a light Higgs





FIG. 2: Top panel: the percentage reduction of the S. Wien, 31<sup>SC</sup> Oct. 2013 cuts.

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Among the 59 irrelevant directions, 3 of them induce CP Higgs couplings in the EW bosonic sector



γ operator: already severely constrained by e and q EDMs McKeen, Pospelov, Ritz '12

 $\sim hF\tilde{F}$ 

Z operator(s): studied in the kinematical distributions for h → ZZ → 41

see the  $f_{a3}$  CMS study

Higgs rates? poor constraints

since no interference with SM effects ≈ dim-8 CP-even operators

need to look for CP-odd observables that are linear in the GP Wilson coeffs.

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#### Elias-Miro et al '13

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Towards BSM Precision Higgs Physics

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### Chiral Lagrangian for a light Higgs-like scalar

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu}h)^{2} - \frac{1}{2}m_{h}^{2}h^{2} - \frac{d_{3}}{6} \left(\frac{3m_{h}^{2}}{v}\right)h^{3} - \frac{d_{4}}{24} \left(\frac{3m_{h}^{2}}{v^{2}}\right)h^{4} + \dots$$

$$- \left(m_{W}^{2}W_{\mu}W^{\mu} + \frac{1}{2}m_{Z}^{2}Z_{\mu}Z^{\mu}\right) \left(1 + 2c_{V}\frac{h}{v} + b_{V}\frac{h^{2}}{v^{2}} + \dots\right)$$

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Contino, Grojean, Moretti, Piccinini, Rattazzi '10 + many others refs.

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### Higgs coupling fits: test of unitarity



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### $\chi^2$ fit: other tests of the SM structures

 $\circ$  custodial symmetry:  $C_W = C_Z$ ?

- probing the weak isospin symmetry:  $C_u = C_d$ ?
- quark and lepton symmetry:  $C_q = C_l$ ?

• new non-SM particle contribution: BR<sub>inv</sub>?  $C_g = C_{\gamma} = 0$ ?



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#### Some tensions

#### but no statistically significant deviations from the SM structure

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# Back to loop computations

There is a tremendous effort in computing radiative corrections in SM Higgs physics it is now time to bring BSM Higgs computations to higher accuracy at least to test/measure possible deviations

A lot has been done with the MSSM and contributed to explore the parameter space Need to think in a model-independent way



computing radiative corrections in the effective Lagrangian

For a discussion, see e.g.

Contino, Ghezzi, Grojean, Muhlleitner, Spira '13 Passarino '12

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## **RG-improved Higgs physics**

Grojean, Jenkins, Manohar, Trott '13 Elias-Miro, Espinosa, Masso, Pomarol '13 Integrating-out heavy degrees of freedom gives Wilson coefficients @ NP scale Higgs physics is done around the weak scale RG effects can give important effects  $\bar{c}_i(\mu) \simeq \left(\delta_{ij} + \gamma_{ij}^{(0)} \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{M^2}\right)\right) \bar{c}_j(M)$ anomalous dimensions operator that induces  $(\partial_{\mu}|H|^2)^2$ universal shift  $\frac{h}{h} \ll \frac{x}{h} \ll \frac{x}{h} \ll \frac{x}{h} \ll \frac{x}{h} \ll \frac{x}{h}$ of couplings  $\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \begin{pmatrix} c_H \\ c_W + c_B \\ c_{HW} + c_{HP} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \gamma \begin{pmatrix} c_H \\ c_W + c_B \\ c_{HW} + c_{HP} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \gamma_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

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anomalous dimensions



### RG-Higgs physics: Don't forget LEP!



EW data prefer value of 'a' close to 1

#### by running, a shift of the coupling induced oblique corrections that are already highly constrained by LEP data

for other more complete studies along this line, see Eboli et al '12 Falkowski, Riva, Urbano '13 Elias-Miro, Espinosa, Masso, Pomarol '13

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Beyond current channels

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#### Is the Higgs part of an SU(2) doublet? Does New Physics flow towards the SM in the IR?

production and decay rates in agreement with SM is a good hint but can never exclude a malicious conspiracy

and the  $SU(2)\times U(1)$  quantum # of the Higgs cannot be measured in single higgs processes

not an easy question at the LHC since we need multi-Higgs couplings



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$$\mathcal{A}\left(W_{L}^{a}W_{L}^{b} \to W_{L}^{c}W_{L}^{d}\right) = \mathcal{A}(s,t,u)\delta^{ab}\delta^{cd} + \mathcal{A}(t,s,u)\delta^{ac}\delta^{bd} + \mathcal{A}(u,t,s)\delta^{ad}\delta^{bc} \quad \mathcal{A} = \left(1-a^{2}\right)\frac{s}{v^{2}}$$
$$\mathcal{A}\left(Z_{L}^{0}Z_{L}^{0} \to hh\right) = \left(W_{L}^{+}W_{L}^{-} \to hh\right) = \left(b-a^{2}\right)\frac{s}{v^{2}}$$

if the Higgs is part of a doublet and custodial symmetry is at work

$$WW \to h \ln 1 - a^{\frac{a}{2}} (b - a^{2}) = b^{\frac{2}{f^{2}}} (b - a^{f$$

if the Higgs is a Goldstone

then non-linear symmetry relates operators of different dimensions

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the LHC measurements are plagued with several degeneracies

#### ex: inability to resolve the top loops

the bearable lightness of the Higgs: rich spectroscopy w/ multiple decays channels
 the unbearable lightness: loops saturate and don't reveal the physics @ energy physics (\*)

$m_H(\text{GeV})$	$\frac{\sigma_{NLO}(m_t)}{\sigma_{NLO}(m_t \to \infty)}$	$\frac{\sigma_{NLO}(m_t, m_b)}{\sigma_{NLO}(m_t \to \infty)}$	e.g. Grazzini, Sargsyan '13	<sup>(*)</sup> unless it doesn't decouple (e.g. 4th generation)
125	1.061	0.988	the inclusive rate doesn't "see" the finite mass of the top	
150	1.093	1.028		
200	1.185	1.134		

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cut open the top loops

Grojean, Salvioni, Schlaffer, Weiler 'in progress see also Azatov, Paul '13

high  $p_T$  tail discriminates short and long distance physics contribution to  $gg \rightarrow h$ 



Competitive/complementary to htt channel to measure the top-Higgs coupling

Are the NLO<sub>m</sub> QCD corrections (not known) going to destroy all the sensitivity? Frontier priority:  $N^{3}LO_{\infty}$  for inclusive xs or  $NLO_{mt}$  for pT spectrum?

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# **Boosted Higgs**

QCD corrections?

pT distribution with full quark mass dependence known at LO order.

K-factor are known to be large. However, most of the QCD corrections drop out in xs ratios:

 $\sigma(p_T > 650 \text{ GeV}) / \sigma(p_T > 200 \text{ GeV})$ 

☑ scale variation around few % corrections only ☑ LO→NLO in  $m_t=\infty$  limit (MCFM): less than 10% corrections

#### • Validity of EFT approach?

we rely on an EFT approach to describe the effects of heavy resonances but we impose a large pT cut potentially close to the cutoff



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# Boosted SUSY Higgs

natural susy calls for light stop(s) that can affect the Higgs physics

$$\frac{\Gamma(h \leftrightarrow gg)}{\Gamma(h \leftrightarrow gg)_{\rm SM}} = (1 + \Delta_t)^2 , \qquad \frac{\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)}{\Gamma(h \to \gamma\gamma)_{\rm SM}} = (1 - 0.28\Delta_t)^2$$

$$\Delta_t \approx \frac{m_t^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} + \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2} - \frac{X_t^2}{m_S^2} \right)$$

... or not if ∆t≈O, e.g. light stop window in the MSSM (stop right ~200-400GeV ~ neutralino w/ gluino < 1.5 TeV)

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Delgado et al '12
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- Higgs rates
- + flavor constraints ( $\epsilon_K$ ,  $B \rightarrow X_s + \gamma$ )
- RG evolution
- + DM

difficult direct search (trigger on stop+extra jet)

# The light stop flat direction





~10% sensitivity on boosted h+j can close out the light stop window

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Understanding the scalar sector of the SM will help us grasping what lays beyond the SM

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Altarelli @ Blois'10



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