

THE HIGGS TRILINEAR COUPLING AND THE SCALE OF NEW PHYSICS

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PRECISE HIGGS PROPERTIES



Fits for Higgs couplings Standard Model particles have 20-50% errors and currently agree with SM value





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Standard **Tilted Bowl EWSB** Nonstandard Potentials **Tilted Hat** occur in many scenarios w/ new EWSB source e.g. 2HDM, induced EWSB



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0.8 0.6 |Re a⁰h→hh t+u 0.4 s+t+u+4vrtx 0.2 4vrtx 0.0 300 400 500 600 700 800 √s [GeV]

 $\lambda_{\rm hhh} / \lambda_{\rm hhh}^{\rm SM} = 7$ $\lambda_{\rm hhhh} = \lambda_{\rm hhhh}^{\rm SM}$

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√s = 13 TeV, 27.5 - 36.1 fb⁻¹ 10⁻² -20 -15 -10 -5 10 0 5 20 15 $\kappa_{\lambda} = \lambda_{HHH} / \lambda_{SM}$ ATLAS-CONF-2018-043

Currently only sensitive to O(10) variations, but projections estimate trilinear sensitivity to ~ [-0.2,3.6] at LHC w/ 3 ab⁻¹ and 20-30% at future colliders

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Sensitivity to Higgs quartic is poor even in optimistic cases

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A model independent approach to constraining this new physics is (perturbative) unitarity violation

UNITARITY VIOLATION



The Standard Model is a precise deck of cards, modifications (due to higher dimensional operators) lead to problems at high energies, in particular Unitarity violation

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Higgs exchange cancels high energy growth if its couplings are SM-like, matrix element is Unitary if m_H ≤ ITeV (Lee, Quigg,Thacker)

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Phenomenological and agnostic about origin of Higgs boson Not SU(2) \times U(1) invariant, but can be lifted to EW gauge invariant theory via

$$X \equiv \sqrt{2|H|^2} - v = \sqrt{(v+h)^2 + \vec{G}^2} - v$$
$$= h + \frac{1}{2v}\vec{G}^2 - \frac{1}{2v^2}h\vec{G}^2 + \cdots$$

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$$Y \equiv |H|^2 - \frac{v^2}{2}$$

$$V(Y) = \lambda_{SM} Y^2 + c_3 Y^3 + c_4 Y^4 + \cdots$$

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Cancellation to get M ~ I/Energy² requires SM trilinear value!

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Unitarity constraints from this amplitude requires

$$E \le 4\pi \left[\frac{64\pi^2}{\lambda^2} \left(k_1! \cdots k_r! \left(k - 1 \right)! \left(k - 2 \right)! \right) \left(\left(n_1 - k_1 \right)! \cdots \left(n_r - k_r \right)! \left(n - k - 1 \right)! \left(n - k - 2 \right)! \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2n - 8}}$$

where $n \equiv n_1 + \cdots + n_r, k \equiv k_1 + \cdots + k_r$

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$$\frac{E_{k=n/2}}{E_{k=2}} = \left[\frac{\{(n/2)!(n/2-1)!(n/2-2)!\}^2}{2!1!0!(n-2)!(n-3)!(n-4)!}\right]^{1/(2n-8)}$$



 $n/2 \Leftrightarrow n/2$ channel improves Unitarity bound by up to factor of two compared to standard $2 \Leftrightarrow n-2$

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Unitarity violating scale for $Z_L h^{m/2} \iff Z_L h^{m/2}$ is ~5 TeV for m ~ 10-15



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Thus, these higher order terms are model dependent and are due to assumptions about Higgs potential modifications (e.g. existence of h⁴, h⁵, h⁶ corrections)

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In SMEFT with correlated trilinear to hexilinear couplings bound does not get better until much larger δ_3 (w/o large multiplicity disaster)

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Weak Isospin = 0, 1, 2 channels singlet channel gives best bound of $57.4 \text{ TeV}/\delta_3$

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Generic scaling for a UV completion with one mass scale M and one coupling strength g*

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However, Higgs mass and quartic have to be tuned since they should be of order M and g*² respectively!

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Strong coupling is larger than nonperturbative and f ~ M/g* = v, so all Higgs coupling deviations should be order one, not 10-20%! (also see Falkowski & Rattazzi for alternative argument)

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Weakly coupled, non-tuned models will have new physics at lower energies just like the Higgs turned out

COLLIDER PROBES Henning et.al. 1812.09299

Some work towards observing Unitarity violating processes



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Searching for Unitarity violating process has similar sensitivity as double Higgs production

But Higgs wasn't discovered by vector boson scattering, so need to continue to explore model dependent signals

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Thanks for your attention!

EXTRA SLIDES







Process	Unitarity Violating Scale
$h^2 Z_L \leftrightarrow h Z_L$	$66.7 \text{ TeV}/ \delta_3 - \frac{1}{3}\delta_4 $
$hZ_L^2 \leftrightarrow Z_L^2$	94.2 TeV/ $ \delta_3 $
$hW_LZ_L \leftrightarrow W_LZ_L$	$141 \text{ TeV}/ \delta_3 $
$hZ_L^2 \leftrightarrow hZ_L^2$	9.1 TeV/ $\sqrt{\left \delta_3 - \frac{1}{5}\delta_4\right }$
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$Z_L^3 \leftrightarrow Z_L^3$	$15.7 \text{ TeV}/\sqrt{ \delta_3 }$
$Z_L^2 W_L \leftrightarrow Z_L^2 W_L$	$20.4 \text{ TeV}/\sqrt{ \delta_3 }$
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$hZ_L^2 W_L \leftrightarrow Z_L^2 W_L$	$8.0 \text{ TeV}/ \delta_3 - \frac{1}{6}\delta_4 ^{\frac{1}{3}}$
$Z_L^4 \leftrightarrow Z_L^4$	$6.1 \text{ TeV}/ \delta_3 - \frac{1}{6}\delta_4 ^{\frac{1}{4}}$

FALKOWSKI & RATTAZZI



Figure 1: Parameter space for the cubic Higgs self-coupling deformation Δ_3 relative to the SM value. The allowed region depends on the value $c_4 = \xi a_4/a_2$, which encodes effects of dimension-8 SMEFT operators in the Higgs potential. The gray area is excluded by stability considerations, as the potential contains a deeper minimum that the EW vacuum at $\langle H^{\dagger}H\rangle = v^2/2$. Left: the purple areas are excluded for $a_4 = 1$ and $a_2 = 0.01$ under different hypotheses about the parameter $\xi = v^2/f^2$, which characterizes the size of the corrections to the single Higgs boson couplings to matter. Right: the blue areas are excluded for $a_4 = 1$ and $\xi = 0.1$ under different hypotheses about the coupling strength g_* of the BSM theory underlying the SM.