How SM-like is the Higgs Boson?

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How well do we know the Higgs?



To understand the origin and nature of the Higgs boson, we need to study how it behaves. $\mathcal{C}_{T} (H^{\dagger} \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu} H)^{2} \quad \mathcal{O}_{W} = \frac{ig c_{W}}{2M^{2}} (H^{\dagger} \sigma^{a} \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu} H) D^{\nu} W^{a}_{\mu\nu} \qquad \mathcal{O}_{2B} = -\frac{c_{2B}}{4M^{2}} (\partial_{\rho} B_{\mu\nu})^{2}$ Let us suppose that any new physics is heavy. Not necessary, just for our purposes. $\mathcal{O}_{B} = \frac{ig^{\prime} c_{B}}{2M^{2}} (H^{\prime} D^{\prime} D^{\prime}$ Operators like those above capture leading effects of heavy physics beyond the standard model. Probing them could reveal origins.

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$$[H] = [A_{\mu}] = \frac{1}{LC} \quad , \quad [\psi] = \frac{1}{L^{3/2}C}$$

Fields carry not only dimension of inverse length, but also inverse coupling.



Example: Muon Decay

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 $\frac{Fermi \, Scale}{\text{Interaction:}} \mathcal{L} \sim \frac{\psi^4}{\Lambda^2}$ $\frac{W^4}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{[M_W]}{[g]}$





$$[\boldsymbol{g_*}]$$
 $\mathcal{O}_6 = rac{c_6}{M^2} |H|^6$

Gauge Only

 $\mathcal{O}_{2W} = -\frac{c_{2W}}{4M^2} (D_{\rho} W^a_{\mu\nu})^2$

$$\mathcal{O}_{2G} = -\frac{c_{2G}}{4M^2} (D_{\rho} G^a_{\mu\nu})^2$$

 $[g_{*}^{0}]$

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"Oblique" Corrections

Oblique corrections have formerly been a formidable toolkit in the effort to explore propagation in the electroweak sector.

- S-parameter
- T-parameter
- W-parameter
- Y-parameter



The latter two contribute to processes in an "energy-growing" manner:

$$\Delta_W(p^2) \approx \frac{1}{p^2 - M_W^2} - \frac{\hat{W}}{M_W^2}$$

Making these oblique parameters an excellent target for high energy colliders...

"Oblique" Corrections

Makes sense to extend to the Higgs sector. Especially since the Higgs can easily interact with new states...

• H-parameter:



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This also contributes to processes in an "energy-growing" manner:

$$\Delta_H(p^2) \approx \frac{1}{p^2 - m_h^2} - \frac{\dot{H}}{m_h^2} + \dots$$

However, one needs to take the Higgs momentum far from mass-scale, which isn't easy...

Oblique Corrections

Most promising avenue to take the Higgs momentum high is through four-top production:



We may relate the effective field theory coefficient to the scale of new physics as:

$$\frac{H}{m_h^2} = \frac{c_{\Box}}{M^2}$$

Oblique Corrections

Our estimate suggests the practical way to probe this special operator is with future colliders:





Oblique Corrections





What is the Higgs Field Potential?



Important because it determines how the Universe froze in the EW sector, giving mass to gauge bosons, fermions, the Higgs...

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...because it determines how the Universe will end..

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Naïve Dimensional Analysis

It's known that O_6 contributes to Higgs selfinteraction, etc.



But less-well appreciated are the NDA aspects underlying it...

Naïve Dimensional Analysis

The fact that

$[c_6] = [g^4]$

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and all other operator coefficients have

makes the self-coupling special, with one important implication I'll highlight today.

 $[c_j] \leq [g^2]$

Self-Coupling Dominance

No obstruction to having Higgs self-coupling modifications a "loop factor" greater than **all** other couplings. Could have

$$\left|\frac{\delta_{h^3}}{\delta_{VV}}\right| \lesssim \min\left|\left(\frac{4\pi v}{m_h}\right)^2, \left(\frac{M}{m_h}\right)^2\right|$$

without fine-tuning any parameters, as big as,

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Custodial Quadruplet

This is all well and good, but does such a theory exist? Yes: The custodial quadruplet scalar. Projecting the (4, 4) of $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ onto EW group we have

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ightarrow & {f 4}_{1/2}+{f 4}_{3/2} \end{array}$$

and including all couplings to the Higgs we have for scalar quadruplet

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SO}(4)} = -\lambda \left(H^* H^*(\epsilon H) \Phi + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} H^* H^* H^* \widetilde{\Phi} \right) + \mathrm{h.c.}$$

which has exactly the pattern described.

Custodial Quadruplet Higgs self-coupling is modified at dim-6 at treelevel, all other couplings modified at dim-6 oneloop, or dim-8. All calculable, giving

$$-\frac{\delta_{VV}}{\delta_{h^3}} = 3\left(\frac{m_h}{4\pi v}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_h}{M}\right)^2 \approx \frac{1}{200} + \frac{1}{580}\left(\frac{3 \text{ TeV}}{M}\right)^2$$

Remarkably close to NDA estimate!

Is the Higgs Fundamental? The Higgs boson has a size/wavelength. What's inside?

Precision measurements are different ways of probing the "compositeness of the Higgs".

 $\lambda_{10 \text{ TeV}} \approx 10^{-19}$

 $\lambda_h \approx 10^{-17} \text{ m}$

Backdrop

We know what happens with pions... what about the Higgs?

Backdrop

Vanilla composite Higgs scenarios have a potential which looks like "Comp

"Compositeness"

$$V(h) = \epsilon f^2 \Lambda^2 F(h/f)$$

Where F is a generic function. Not so difficult to have a light Higgs

 $m_h^2 \sim \epsilon \Lambda^2$

If one has $\epsilon \ll 1$. This is not fully possible in concrete models, since this is controlled by a symmetry which is already broken in SM. However...

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"Compositeness"

$$V(h) = \epsilon f^2 \Lambda^2 F(h/f)$$

Where F is a generic function. The position of the minimum of the potential doesn't care about this parameter:

$$V'(h) = 0 \Leftrightarrow F'(h/f) = 0$$

So, if this is to occur at $h = v \ll f$ then one has to fine-tune the contributions to the potential from the composite physics.

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Compositeness Scale

$$V(h) = \epsilon f^2 \Lambda^2 F(h/f)$$

Where F is a generic function. However, it is generic that the operator

$$\mathcal{O}_H \sim \frac{1}{f^2} \left(\partial^{\mu} |H|^2 \right)^2$$

is generated. This modifies all Higgs couplings by an amount $\delta_\kappa \sim \frac{v^2}{f^2}$

Naturalness – Composite Higgs Vanilla composite Higgs scenarios have a So, in vanilla scenarios, Higgs coupling which looks like measurements suggest that if the Higgs is composite then there must be some finetuning of parameters at least at the 10% is generated. This modifies all Higs by an amount $\delta_\kappa \sim rac{v^2}{f^2}$

Naturalness – Composite Higgs The Composite Higgs scenarios have a The Composite Higgs scenarios have a Composite Nambu-Goldstone Higgs Va Giuliano Panico, Andrea Wulzer Compositeness Scale The composite Higgs scenario, in which the Higgs emerges as a composite pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson, is extensively reviewed in these Notes. The material is presented in a pedagogical fashion, with great emphasis on the conceptual and technical foundations of the construction. A comprehensive summary of the flavor, collider and electroweak precision phenomenology is also presented. SS by an amount $\delta_\kappa \sim rac{v^2}{f^2}$

Let's scrutinize the assumptions...

 $V(h) = \epsilon f^2 \Lambda^2 F(h/f)$

How much symmetry breaking How the symmetry is broken...

Assumption until now has been that the symmetry is broken in the most minimal ways.

Technically: Breaking "spurion" is in a lowindex irrep of the global symmetry.

Beyond Minimality

Consider a simple scenario that could apply to the Higgs boson.

Example SO(N+1):

$$\mathcal{L} = rac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \cdot \partial^\mu \phi - rac{\lambda}{4} \left(\phi \cdot \phi - rac{f^2}{2}
ight)^2$$

We get N massless pNGBs with decay constant "f" and unbroken SO(N).

Beyond Minimality

Now assume some small explicit breaking "spurion" in a symmetric irrep with "n" indices:

 $V_{\epsilon} = \frac{\lambda}{f^{n-4}} \epsilon_{a_1,a_2,...,a_n} \phi^{a_1} \phi^{a_2} \dots \phi^{a_n}$

For the pNGB fields this generates a potential:

$$V = \epsilon m_{\rho}^2 f^2 G_n^{(N-1)/2} (\cos \Pi/f)$$

Gegenbauer function!

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is broken...

Getting to know Gegenbauer

The Gegenbauer potential looks like:

Gegenbauer contribution allows to naturally realise v<<f. On the other hand, for a standard composite Higgs model the top sector doesn't allow ϵ to be arbitrarily small...

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Twin Higgs models, however, address that particular aspect. Could "Gegenbauer's Twin" allow both $\epsilon \ll 1$ and $v \ll f$?

Application

Consider some standard pNGB Higgs construction and, inspired by pions, allow for an additional source of explicit symmetry breaking, in n-index irrep of global symmetry.

$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{Old}} + \epsilon \mathcal{L}_{S_n \neq 0}$

What happens?

Predictions, in absolute terms:

Present Limits

HL-LHC Expectations

HL-LHC Expectations & FCC-ee

Modifications to self-interaction relative to other couplings are huge:

Fine-tuning is small. The Higgs could still, naturally, be composite!

How well do we know the Higgs?

Barely.

Conclusions

Higgs physics is still in its nascence. Pions were discovered in the early 1940's. Their fundamental origin, QCD, was developed theoretically in the early 1970's and only experimentally established in the late 1970's.

It has been eleven years since the discovery of the Higgs boson.

We must be patient and determined to uncover its origins.

Future of Higgs/EW Couplings Future facilities can give us valuable new insights into the nature of the Higgs boson.

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Conclusions

As it stands, we don't know how the Higgs behaves if we displace it by distances smaller than its Compton wavelength.

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As it stands, we don't know if the Higgs boson is composite. However, some clues may already be pointing in a specific theory direction.

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Future of Higgs Self-Coupling

Future facilities can give us valuable new insights into the nature of the Higgs potential.

Rich interplay between direct/indirect, HL-LHC, Higgs factory, future High energy machines.

If tuning calculations interest you (I understand if not...), we followed conservative approach

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$$\delta = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \log v^2}{\partial \log \epsilon} & \frac{\partial \log v^2}{\partial \log a} \\ \frac{\partial \log m_h^2}{\partial \log \epsilon} & \frac{\partial \log m_h^2}{\partial \log a} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \Delta = \left(\sum \text{eigenvalues} \left(\delta^T \delta\right)\right)$$

As Gegenbauer gives vev, tuning dominated by

$$\left(\frac{\partial \log v^2}{\partial \log a}\right)^{-1} = \frac{8\pi^2 m_h^2}{3y_t^4 f^2 \left(1 - \frac{3v^2}{f^2} + \frac{2v^4}{f^4}\right)}$$

So, compared to standard Twin expect improvement of

$$\frac{\Delta}{2v^2/f^2} \approx \frac{4\pi^2 m_h^2}{3y_t^4 v^2} \approx 4$$

Quantitatively:

Estimate of Craig & Howe seems robust.

Twin model of Barbieri, Greco, Rattazzi, Wulzer.

Generalising Gegenbauer story to pNGB Twin Higgs for $SO(8) \rightarrow SO(7)$ and going to Unitary gauge the top-sector contributions to the Higgs potential are

$$V_t \approx \frac{3y_t^4 f^4}{64\pi^2} \left[\sin^4 \frac{h}{f} \log \frac{a}{\sin^2 h/f} + \cos^4 \frac{h}{f} \log \frac{a}{\cos^2 h/f} \right]$$

Whereas the symmetric n-index irrep gives
$$V_G^{(n)} = \epsilon m_\rho^2 f^2 G_n^{3/2} \left(\cos 2h/f \right)$$

Note: This is radiatively stable at all scales.