

A HIGGS OR NOT

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OUTLINE

* A model-independent analysis of a new scalar particle

I Motivation:

.... Why do this?

II Method:

.... how to do this?

III Results:

..... what do you learn?

MOTIVATION

Q: If a new scalar is discovered, what do we learn?

A:

- SUPERSYMMETRY
- COMPOSITENESS
- LARGE EXTRA DIMENSIONS

⋮

Best-motivated alternatives.....

..... given the present state of knowledge

but
what if.....

□ **NOTA***

*None of the Above

Flies in the Ointment...

- * Even if right, models often difficult to distinguish from one another at accessible energies
 - 2HDMs, MSSM
- * Are there signals not (yet) predicted by any model?
- * What can be ruled out early on after a scalar's discovery?

METHOD

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* MODELS ARE SIMILAR IF THEY DIFFER ONLY AT HIGH ENERGIES

- heavy states decouple
- all differences are in low energy effective couplings



* EXPAND IN $1/M$: Write most general possible effective h couplings

- sufficient if $M \gtrsim 200 - 300 \text{ GeV}$
- can systematically compare low-energy properties

Effective Couplings

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* Interactions organized by dimension (powers of $1/m$)
[eg: single electrically-neutral scalar]

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = -\frac{1}{2} m_h^2 h^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = -\frac{1}{3!} v h^3 - \frac{1}{2} a_z z_\mu z^\mu h$$
$$- a_w W_\mu^* W^\mu h$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = -\frac{1}{4!} \lambda h^4 - \frac{1}{4} b_z z_\mu z^\mu h^2 - \frac{1}{2} b_w W_\mu^* W^\mu h^2$$
$$- \bar{f} (y_{ff'} + i\gamma_5 z_{ff'}) f' h$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = -c_\gamma F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} h - \tilde{c}_\gamma F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} h$$
$$- c_g G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} h - c_{\gamma Z} z_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} h$$

+.....

THE PROGRAM

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* COMPUTE OBSERVABLES FROM EFFECTIVE COUPLINGS

- Once and for all...
- What can be measured?
- model-specific assumptions?

eg:
 $y \sim m$
→

* COMPUTE PREDICTIONS FOR EFFECTIVE COUPLINGS IN MODELS

- How widely sampled is coupling space?
- Which models are distinguishable?
- Which observables are model-specific, which are generic to all?

● A THEORETICAL TOOLBOX:

- expressions for observables without model-dependent assumptions (like $y_e = m_e$)
- expressions for effective couplings in wide variety of models.

● EXPERIMENTAL CONSEQUENCES:

- current bounds on some effective couplings

eg $y_{ee} \lesssim 0.01 - 0.1$ depending on m_h

- identify 12 experimentally distinguishable categories (popular models explore 7)

● ROBUST COMPARISON OF MODELS:

- which couplings 'see' loops $\frac{y_u y_d}{m_u m_d}$
- which couplings test which models

eg: $\frac{a_w}{e M_w / s_w} \lesssim 1$ for doublets, singlets only

Some Scalar Botany

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* Q: What kinds of scalars can be out there?

A: Can be operationally categorized by size of couplings to f, W, Z, g, γ :

	Yes	No
I Is $ffh \propto (e)$?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
II Is $WWh \propto (e)$?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
III Is $\gamma\gamma h \propto (\frac{\alpha}{4\pi})$?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IV Is $gg h \propto (\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi})$?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Since $II = \gamma \Rightarrow III = \gamma$ there are 12 options....

WHICH COUPLINGS SEE LOOPS?

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* Loops bring info about higher-energy spectrum

- need low dimⁿ to fight decoupling
- need small tree value to see loop

eg: $y_f, c_g, \tilde{c}_g, \dots$

● Eg: When is $(y_b/y_\tau)/(m_b/m_\tau)$ a useful discriminator?

- proposed to tell Type II from SUSY

- * Carena, Mrenna, Wagner
- * Babu + Kolda

► y_b loops $\propto m_b$ due to chiral symmetry in SM + many models

→ Big Loop Requires:

● Direct χ SB couplings
(SUSY partners...)

OR ● RH tBW couplings

SINGLETs AND DOUBLETs

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* Multiscalar models satisfy:

$$M_W^2 = \frac{e^2}{2s_W^2} v^T \left[\vec{T}^2 - T_3^2 \right] v$$

$$M_Z^2 = \frac{e^2}{s_W^2 c_W^2} v^T T_3^2 v$$

$$a_W^i = \frac{e^2}{s_W^2} \left[A^T (\vec{T}^2 - T_3^2) v \right]^i$$

$$a_Z^i = \frac{2e^2}{s_W^2 c_W^2} \left[A^T T_3^2 v \right]^i$$

for $\phi^i = v^i + [Ah]^i$
vev \uparrow \uparrow diagonalizⁿ of masses etc

IMPLY: $\frac{a_W^h}{eM_W/s_W} \leq 1$ for doublets,
singlets only

CONCLUSIONS

- MODEL INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS IS USEFUL WHEN MODELS DIFFER MOSTLY AT HIGH ENERGIES
 - COMPLEMENTS MORE PREDICTIVE MODEL BY MODEL APPROACH
 - APPROPRIATE TO SCALAR SEARCHES, B PHYSICS, PRECISION EW DATA,.....