## EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY FOR STRONGLY-COUPLED HIGGS

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- Anomalous Higgs couplings
- Electroweak chiral Lagrangian
- Systematics and power counting
- Applications



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- $\leftrightarrow$  electroweak symmetry breaking? SM unnatural,  $m_h \ll \Lambda$ ; no other new particles (so far)
- $\rightarrow$  Effective Field Theory

- quarks, leptons,  $SU(3)_C$ ,  $SU(2)_L$ ,  $U(1)_Y$
- Goldstones  $\varphi^a$ ,  $U = \exp(2i\varphi^a T^a/v)$ EW chiral Lagrangian Appelquist, Longhitano
- light Higgs h

$$U \to g_L U g_R^{\dagger}, \qquad h \to h, \qquad g_{L,R} \in SU(2)_{L,R}$$

special case:

$$(\tilde{\Phi}, \Phi) \equiv (v+h)U$$

## LO Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{LO} = -\frac{1}{2} \langle G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \rangle - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} i \not D \psi$$

$$+\frac{v^2}{4} \left\langle D_{\mu} U^{\dagger} D^{\mu} U \right\rangle \left(1 + F_U(h/v)\right) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} h \partial^{\mu} h - V(h)$$
$$-v \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{q} \hat{Y}_u^{(n)} U P_+ r \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^n + \text{h.c.} + \dots\right]$$

•  $U = \exp(2i\varphi^{a}T^{a}/v), \qquad F_{U}(h/v) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{n}(h/v)^{n}$ , etc.

- SM:  $f_1 = 2$ ,  $f_2 = 1$ ,  $f_{n>2} = 0$ , etc.
- deviations  $\sim \xi \equiv v^2/f^2$ ;  $\xi \sim 10\%$  still allowed
- $\mathcal{L}_{LO}$  non-renormalizable, *NDA* cut-off  $\Lambda = 4\pi f$   $\rightarrow$  EW $\chi$ L

## Nonlinear realization of EWSB

Weinberg; Callan, Coleman, Wess, Zumino

- $U = \exp(2i\varphi^a T^a/v)$ :  $SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R \to SU(2)_V$  nonlinear
- $\frac{v^2}{4} \langle D_{\mu} U^{\dagger} D^{\mu} U \rangle$ : contains all powers of  $\varphi^a$
- nonrenormalizable, nonperturbative  $\rightarrow$  loop expansion

• LO: 
$$\frac{p^2}{v^2} \qquad \leftrightarrow \text{NLO:} \gtrsim \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{p^4}{v^4}$$

- relative correction  $p^2/16\pi^2 v^2 \to {\rm cut-off} \; \Lambda = 4\pi v$
- NLO coefficient  $\gtrsim 1/16\pi^2 = v^2/\Lambda^2$



- particle content of SM, mass gap gauge bosons and fermions weakly coupled to Higgs dynamics
- symmetries: SM gauge symmetries conservation of lepton and baryon number conservation *at lowest order* of custodial symmetry, CP invariance in the Higgs sector, (fermion flavour).
- **power counting** by chiral dimensions ⇔ loop expansion

## **Loop counting** $\equiv$ chiral counting

Urech; Nyffeler, Schenk; Hirn, Stern; G.B., Catà, Krause

chiral dimensions: 
$$[A_{\mu}, \varphi, h]_{c} = 0, \quad [\partial_{\mu}, g, y, \psi \overline{\psi}]_{c} = 1$$
  
loop order: 
$$2L + 2 = \Sigma \text{ (chiral dim.)}$$
  
example: 
$$4_{p} - 6_{p} + 4_{g} + 2_{\psi} = 4$$
  
$$\Rightarrow [\mathcal{L}_{LO}]_{c} = 2, \quad [\text{NLO}]_{c} = 4 \quad (\text{local terms; } D^{n}, n \ge 0)$$
  
$$UhD^{4}, \quad g^{2}X^{2}Uh, \quad gXUhD^{2}, \quad y^{2}\psi^{2}UhD, \quad y\psi^{2}UhD^{2}, \quad y^{2}\psi^{4}Uh$$
  
•  $\overline{\psi}\psi\overline{\psi}\psi, X^{2}Uh \text{ not LO}$ 

#### $\rightarrow$ classification of NLO operators



related work:

Giudice et al., Contino et al., Alonso et al.

## Loop vs. dimensional counting



# LO couplings



$$\mathcal{L} = 2\mathbf{c}_{V} \left( m_{W}^{2} W_{\mu}^{+} W^{-\mu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{Z}^{2} Z_{\mu} Z^{\mu} \right) \frac{h}{v} - \mathbf{c}_{t} y_{t} \bar{t} th - \mathbf{c}_{b} y_{b} \bar{b} bh - \mathbf{c}_{\tau} y_{\tau} \bar{\tau} \tau h$$
$$+ \frac{e^{2}}{16\pi^{2}} \mathbf{c}_{\gamma\gamma} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \frac{h}{v} + \frac{g_{s}^{2}}{16\pi^{2}} \mathbf{c}_{gg} \langle G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} \rangle \frac{h}{v}$$

## **Sample applications**

 $h \to Z \ell^+ \ell^-$ 









production: ggh, Wh/Zh, VBF,  $t\bar{t}h$ decay:  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , WW, ZZ,  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $\tau\bar{\tau}$ 

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#### Higgs-pair production in gluon fusion



#### Gröber, Mühlleitner, Spira, Streicher



- focus on anomalous Higgs couplings
- power counting by chiral dimensions
- consistent EFT, systematic improvement possible
- LO description  $\leftrightarrow$  QFT justification of  $\kappa$ -formalism
- limited number of parameters
- well adapted to LHC precision with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (Run 2 and 3)

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