

Introduction to  
Electroweak Symmetry

Breaking



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In the previous lecture, I discussed the minimal model of EWSB, the MSM

This model has many good features:

it naturally leads to  $m_A = 0$ ,  $m_W/m_Z = \cos\theta_W$

it naturally removes flavor-changing transitions due to the symmetry-breaking fields

it is consistent with precision electroweak measurements, at least if  $m_h \lesssim 200 \text{ GeV}$

However, it has the unpleasant feature that

the reason that EWSB takes place cannot be understood in this model, even in principle.



In this lecture, I will present two models  
in which EWSB has a physical explanation

The reasons are different in the two models,  
and this illustrates the extent of our ignorance  
of the source of EWSB

However, there is a common feature:

EWSB is an epi phenomenon

The two models have interesting and complex  
dynamics at TeV energies

They do not care that  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  is broken

We care, but only because we view Nature  
from much lower energies.

first idea:  $\phi$  is not a fundamental field

If we build  $\phi$  from scalars, we will bring back the problem of  $\Lambda^2$ -divergences in  $m^2$

so

Build  $\phi$  as a fermion-antifermion bound state.

analogy to the theory of superconductivity:

$\phi \rightarrow$  Landau-Ginzburg field

$f\bar{f} \rightarrow$  Cooper pairs

QCD can make bound states;

why not copy QCD and see what happens?

$\Rightarrow$  Technicolor

Weinberg  
Susskind



An explicit model:

postulate a new gauge group, to be added to the SM

technicolor  $SU(N_{TC})$

with fermions (T-quarks)  $(R_{TC}, I, Y)$

$$Q_L^i = \begin{pmatrix} U^i \\ D^i \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$$(N_{TC}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$$

$$Q_R^i = \begin{cases} U_R^i \\ D_R^i \end{cases}$$

$$(N_{TC}, 0, \pm \frac{1}{2})$$

with (postulate) zero bare mass

$\sim$  QCD w. 2 flavors

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{Q}_L^i i \not{D} Q_L^i + \bar{Q}_R^i i \not{D} Q_R^i - \frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2$$

$$Q_L \rightarrow e^{i\alpha \cdot \tau} Q_L$$

$$Q_R \rightarrow e^{i\beta \cdot \tau} Q_R$$

$SU(2) \times SU(2)$  flavor symmet

If this were QCD, then

① T-quarks would be confined  
→ mesons ( $Q\bar{Q}$ ) and baryons ( $\underbrace{Q\cdots Q}_{N_c}$ )

② Attractive  $Q\bar{Q}$  interactions would make it energetically favorable for the vacuum to fill with  $Q\bar{Q}$  pairs (Cooper pairing)

③ As a sign of this,  $\langle \bar{Q}Q \rangle \neq 0$

$$\langle \bar{Q}_L^i Q_R^j \rangle = \Delta \cdot U^{ij}$$

$U$  is an  $SU(2)$  matrix;  $SU(2) \times SU(2) \xrightarrow{\text{sp. breakg}} SU(2)$

④ 3 spont. broken symmetries → 3 Goldstone bosons

$$U = e^{i 2\pi^a \tau^a / F_\pi}$$

degenerate vacuum states ⇒  $\pi^a$  are massless

⑤ there is a scalar ( $0^{++}$ ,  $I=0$ ) bound state

However, this is the  $\sigma$  or  $\epsilon$ , a broad resonance

The most prominent T-hadronic resonance

is the T-rho ( $1^{--}$ ,  $I=1$ )



effective Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{4} F_\pi^2 \text{tr} \partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U \\ &= \frac{1}{4} F_\pi^2 \text{tr} \left( -2i \partial_\mu \pi \cdot \tau / F_\pi \right) \left( +2i \partial_\mu \pi \cdot \tau / F_\pi \right) + \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \pi)^2 + \left( \frac{\pi^2 (\partial_\mu \pi)^2}{F_\pi^2} \text{interactions} \right)\end{aligned}$$

add back  $SU(2) \times U(1)$

$$D_\mu U = \partial_\mu U - ig A_\mu^a \tau^a U + ig' B_\mu U \tau^3$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4} F_\pi^2 \text{tr} D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U$$

set  $U = 1$        $\pi^a$  are "eaten"

$$= \frac{1}{4} F_\pi^2 \text{tr} \left[ g A_\mu^a \tau^a - g' B_\mu \tau^3 \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (A_\mu^a, B_\mu) (\mathcal{M}^2) \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu^b \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} g^2 & & & & \\ & g^2 & & & \\ & & g^2 & & \\ & & & -gg' & \\ & & & -gg' & g'^2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} F_\pi^2$$

This is exactly the MSM result, with

$$v \rightarrow F_\pi \quad (\text{analogue of } f_\pi = 93 \text{ MeV})$$

The structure should not be a surprise

$$Q = I^3 + Y \quad \text{is unbroken}$$

T-isospin  $\rightarrow$  custodial  $SU(2)$

The scale of EWSB is set by

$$F_\pi = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{T-e} \sim m_e \frac{F_\pi}{f_\pi} \sim 2000 \text{ GeV}$$

In QCD and in T-color (asymptotic freedom)

$$m_e = c \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \quad \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = M e^{-2\pi/b_0 \alpha_s(M)}$$

$$b_0 = \frac{11}{3} N_c - \frac{2}{3} N_f$$

this explains

$$\alpha_s(M) \ll 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_\pi, m_e \ll M$$

$$\alpha_{TC}(M) \ll 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_\pi, m_W \ll M$$



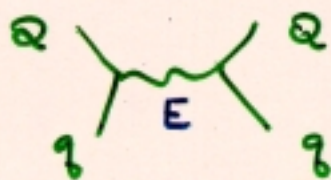
We are doing excellently on the big questions. But:

flavor?

So far,  $\langle \bar{Q}Q \rangle \neq 0$  does not generate masses for quarks and leptons

In our philosophy, we cannot use scalars to couple  $Q$  to  $q, l$ , so

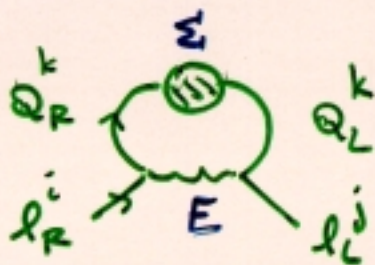
introduce a larger gauge symmetry



"extended technicolor"

Dimopoulos  
Susskind  
Eichten  
Lane

which must be spontaneously broken to TC at the scale  $m_E$ .



$$\Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{L} = (\Lambda_L^{ji} \phi) \bar{L}^i e_R^j$$

where

$$(\Lambda_L^{ji} \phi) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} g_E^{jk} \frac{1}{p^2 - m_{Ek}^2} g_E^{ki} \frac{\Sigma(p)}{p^2 - \Sigma^2(p)}$$

convergent?  $\Sigma(p) \sim \frac{\Delta}{p^2}$  in an asymptotically free gauge theory

simple scaling estimates

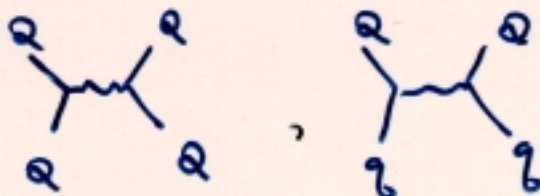
$$m_{\tau} \sim \frac{g_E^2}{m_E^2} \Lambda_{TC}^3$$

with

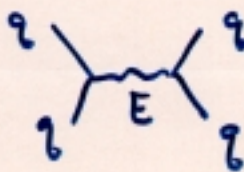
$$\frac{g_E^2}{4\pi} \sim \frac{1}{10} \quad \Lambda_{TC} \sim \frac{1}{2} m_{T-P}$$

$$m_E \sim \begin{cases} 100 \text{ TeV} & s, \mu \\ 30 \text{ TeV} & c \\ 3 \text{ TeV} & t \end{cases}$$

A gauge group with



must also contain



This is a new source of flavor violation  
not diagonalized with the quark mass matrix

$m_E \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$  is too low to be  
invisible in  $K\bar{K}$  mixing  
dangerously low for  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$   $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion

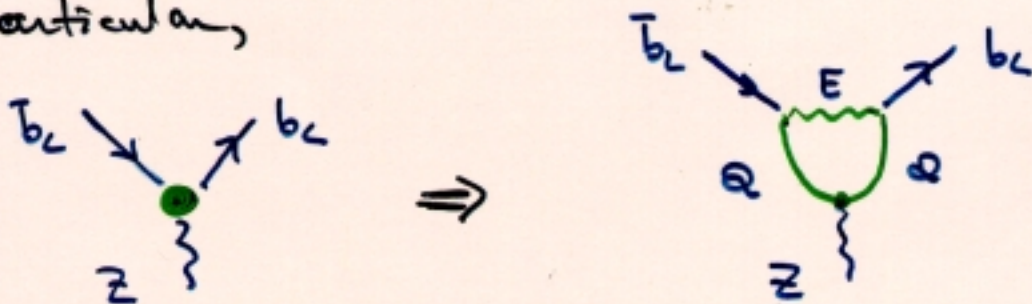


top?

the ETC bosons which give mass to  $t$   
are not much heavier than  $\Lambda_{TC}$ .

So, expect TC effects in  $t$  dynamics?

In particular,



$$Sg_{Zbb} \sim \frac{k}{c_s} \cdot \left( \frac{g_E^2}{m_E^2} F_{TC} \Lambda_{TC} \right)$$

$$\sim g_{Zbb} \cdot \left( \frac{m_t}{\Lambda_{TC}} \right)$$

a  $\sim 5\%$  correction

This is a huge effect:

$$R_b = R_b(\text{SM}) (1 \pm 0.3\%)$$

Choukula  
Simmons  
Selipsky

# precision electroweak?

The scalar Higgs boson is heavy, so

$W, Z$  self-energy diagrams give large effects

$$W, Z \text{ self-energy loop with } h \sim \alpha_W \log \frac{m_h^2}{m_W^2}$$

and, there are new contributions to the vacuum polarization

$$W, Z \text{ self-energy loop with } Q, \bar{Q} = \text{self-energy loop with } T, \bar{T}$$

Holdom +  
Terning  
Golden + Randal  
Takenchi + M

$$S = \frac{1}{3\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} [R_V(s) - R_A(s)]$$

$$R(s) = \sum_{R=Q, T} 12\pi^2 F_R^2 \delta(s - m_R^2)$$

in 2-flavor QCD

$$\approx +0.3$$

(cf. 2 free quarks

$$S = \frac{N_c}{6\pi} \sim 0.16)$$

Total contribution to  $S$ :

$$S = 0.1 + 0.3 = +0.4$$



Can technicolor be saved?

Hope that this gauge theory has dynamics different from that of QCD

Conformally invariant UV fixed point

[present in supersymmetric QCD  
for  $N_f > N_c + 1$ ]

Holdom

Slow running of  $\alpha_{TC}(Q)$   
"walking technicolor"

Appelquist  
Korabeli  
Wijewardhana



Keep  $\Sigma(p) \sim \text{constant}$  for large  $p$ ,  
along a higher ETC scale

$\Sigma(p) \sim \text{const}$  is much like a  
pointlike effective scalar  $Q\bar{Q}$

second idea:  $\phi$  is a fundamental scalar field

To understand and eventually compute  $m^2$ ,  
we need a symmetry that will control the radiative corrections  
to the scalar mass term

relate  $\phi$  to a higher-spin field

$\leadsto$  Supersymmetry

Dimpando  
+  
Georgi  
Sakai

I will first explain how supersymmetry solves  
the problem of  $\Lambda^2$  divergences in  
scalar masses.

Only after some further analysis will it  
be clear that SUSY can also  
explain EWSB

For an introduction to the formulae of SUSY,  
see J. Feng's lectures

Here I will only pick up topics associated  
with EWSB.



vanishing of  $\lambda^2$  divergences

look first at the simplest model of a self-interacting boson

"chiral multiplet": complex boson + L-handed fermion

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi + \bar{\psi}_L i \not{\partial} \psi_L + F^\dagger F + \left( F \frac{\partial W}{\partial \phi} + \frac{i}{2} \psi_L^\dagger c \psi_L \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \phi^2} \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$W(\phi) = \text{"superpotential"} \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

choose  $W = \frac{1}{2} m \phi^2 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda \phi^3$

$$= \partial_\mu \phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi + F^\dagger F + F(m\phi + \lambda\phi^2) + \text{h.c.} + \bar{\psi}_L i \not{\partial} \psi_L + \frac{i}{2} \psi_L^\dagger c \psi_L (m + 2\lambda\phi) + \text{h.c.}$$

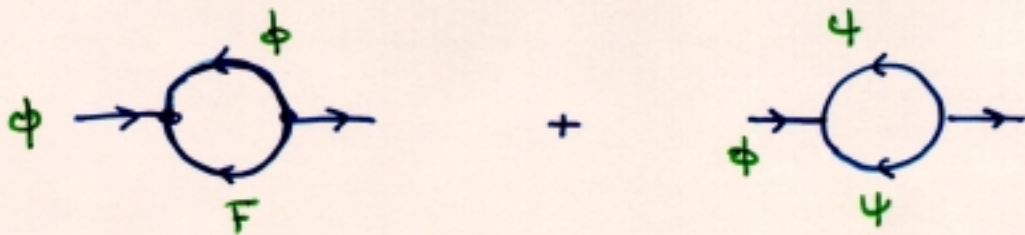
eliminate F:  $\partial_\mu \phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi - m^2 \phi^\dagger \phi$

$m$  is also the Majorana mass of  $\psi_L$

$$\overline{\phi \phi^\dagger} = \frac{i}{p^2} \quad \overline{\psi \psi} = \frac{i \sigma \cdot p}{p^2} \quad \overline{F F^\dagger} = i$$

$$\sigma^\mu = (1, \vec{\sigma})$$

divergent radiative corrections to the  $\phi$  mass term



$$\int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} (2i\lambda)^2 \cdot \frac{i}{p^2} \cdot i \quad + \quad (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} (2i\lambda)^2 \text{tr} \left[ c \frac{i\sigma \cdot p}{p^2} e^{-i\sigma \cdot 1/p} \right]$$

$$4\lambda^2 \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{p^2} \quad + \quad 4\lambda^2 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{tr} \frac{c \sigma \cdot p c (-\sigma \cdot p)^T}{p^4}$$

$$= 0 \quad !$$

this had to happen:

a fermion mass cannot have an additive renormalization,  
 since if  $m=0$  chiral symmetry prohibits a mass  
 from appearing

by SUSY, the scalars and the fermions must have  
 the same mass

there is even a more powerful theorem:

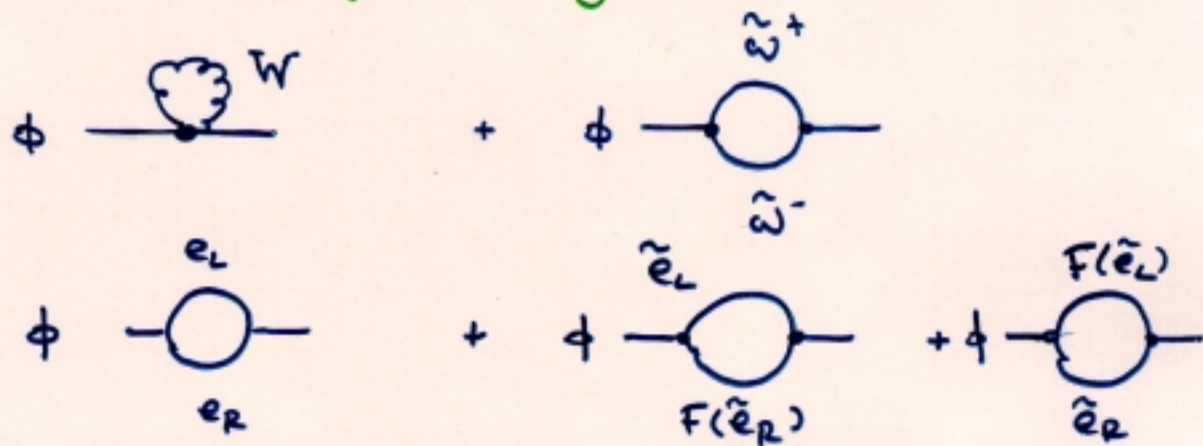
$\mathcal{W}(\phi)$  is renormalized only by  
 field rescaling.

Diopoulos  
 Zumino



Can we supersymmetrize only the Higgs part of  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  
 avoid SUSY partners of  $q, l, W^\pm, \dots$  ?

No! eventually, the  $\phi$  mass correction reaches  
 into all sectors of the theory



SUSY must be (spontaneously) broken

$\rightarrow$  partial cancellations  $\Lambda \leftarrow M(\text{SUSY partner})$

We have no freedom to all  $M(\tilde{e}), M(\tilde{u})$  to  
 be heavy ...

to preserve  $Q_{EM}$ , VEV's of  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  must align

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

define:  $\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$

physical states of a 2-Higgs-field system:

eaten Goldstone bosons	$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$
physical charged bosons	$H^+ H^-$
physical CP-odd	$A^0$
physical CP-even	$h^0 H^0$

$$\phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v_1 + \cos \alpha H^0 - \sin \alpha h^0] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\cos \beta \pi^0 - \sin \beta A] \\ \cos \beta \pi^- - \sin \beta H^- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \beta \pi^+ + \cos \beta H^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v_2 + \sin \alpha H^0 + \cos \alpha h^0] - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\sin \beta \pi^0 + \cos \beta A] \end{pmatrix}$$

place  $\pi$  by acty  $\pi \cdot \tau \langle \phi \rangle$

$h^0 H^0$  mixing introduces a second angle  $\alpha$



Because the Higgs - fermion coupling is through the superpotential,  
two Higgs doublet fields are required

chiral multiplet: complex boson  $\leftrightarrow$  L-handed fermion

$W$  must be an analytic function of boson fields

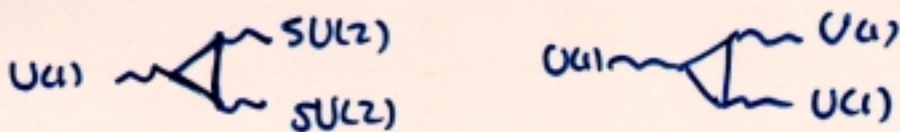
so:  $Q_L / \bar{Q}_R \rightarrow \tilde{Q} \quad u_R / \bar{u}_L \rightarrow \tilde{u} \quad d_R / \bar{d}_L \rightarrow \tilde{d}$

$$W = \Lambda_{\ell}^{ij} \tilde{e}^i \phi_1 \tilde{L}^j + \Lambda_d^{ij} \tilde{d}^i \phi_1 \tilde{Q}^j + \Lambda_u^{ij} \tilde{u}^i \epsilon^{ab} \phi_{2a} \tilde{Q}^j$$

$\uparrow \quad I = \frac{1}{2} \quad Y = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad I = \frac{1}{2} \quad Y = +\frac{1}{2} \quad \uparrow$   
 (not  $\phi_1^*$ !)

a cross-check:

the fermionic partners of  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  have triangle anomalies:



which cancel when we include both  $\phi_1, \phi_2$ .

the minimal SUSY extension of the SM,

with 2 Higgs doublets  $\phi_1, \phi_2$   
is called the MSSM.

add more doublet?

-this disrupts the apparent grand unification  
of SM couplings

add SM singlets?

this is allowed, adds freedom/complexity

flavor?

In a general model with 2 Higgs doublets,  
flavor-changing effects of the Higgs field cannot be  
rotated away.

However, with the specific structure

$$e, d \rightarrow \phi_1 \quad u \rightarrow \phi_2$$

there is no obstruction to removing flavor violation  
as in the MSM

Glashow-Weinberg



The various elements of the MSSM combine to give a well-defined scalar potential:

SUSY-breaking mass terms:

$$V_{\text{soft}} = M_1^2 (|\phi_1^0|^2 + |\phi_1^-|^2) + M_2^2 (|\phi_2^+|^2 + |\phi_2^0|^2) - B\mu (\phi_1^0 \phi_2^0 - \phi_1^- \phi_2^+) + \text{h.c.}$$

Superpotential terms:

$$W = \mu \epsilon^{ab} \phi_{1a} \phi_{2b}$$

$$V_F = \mu^2 (|\phi_1^0|^2 + |\phi_1^-|^2 + |\phi_2^+|^2 + |\phi_2^0|^2)$$

D-terms  $(\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$  terms from gauge coupling

$$V_D = \frac{(g')^2}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} (|\phi_1^0|^2 + |\phi_1^-|^2) + \frac{1}{2} (|\phi_2^+|^2 + |\phi_2^0|^2) \right)^2 + \frac{g^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} |\phi_1^0|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\phi_1^-|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\phi_2^+|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\phi_2^0|^2 \right)^2 + \frac{g^2}{2} (\phi_1^{0\dagger} \phi_1^- + \phi_2^{+\dagger} \phi_2^0) (\phi_1^{-\dagger} \phi_1^0 + \phi_2^{0\dagger} \phi_2^+)$$

add these up, set

$$\phi_1^0 = \frac{v_1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\phi_2^0 = \frac{v_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

this gives

$$V = \frac{1}{2} M_1^2 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_2^2 v_2^2 - B\mu v_1 v_2 + \frac{\mu^2}{2} (v_1^2 + v_2^2) + \frac{1}{32} (g^2 + (g')^2) (v_1^2 - v_2^2)^2$$

if, e.g.  $(M_2^2 + \mu^2) < 0$

there is an instability to  $v_2 \neq 0$

then if  $B\mu \neq 0$ , we also find a nonzero  $v_1$

$$v_1 \sim \frac{B\mu}{M_1^2 + \mu^2} v_2 \quad \text{or} \quad \tan \beta \sim \frac{M_1^2 + \mu^2}{B\mu}$$

It is convenient to define

$$m_A^2 = \frac{B\mu}{\sin \beta \cos \beta}$$

Now work out the mass matrix of CP-even bosons

$$\phi_1^0 = \frac{(v_1 + h_1)}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \phi_2^0 = \frac{(v_2 + h_2)}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$$m^2 \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial v_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial v_1 \partial v_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial v_1 \partial v_2} & \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial v_2^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} M_1^2 + \mu^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_E^2}{v^2} (3v_1^2 - v_2^2) & -B\mu - \frac{m_E^2}{v^2} v_1 v_2 \\ -B\mu - \frac{m_E^2}{v^2} v_1 v_2 & M_2^2 + \mu^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_E^2}{v^2} (3v_2^2 - v_1^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

using  
minimize  
conditions  
for  $V$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} m_A^2 \sin^2 \beta + m_Z^2 \cos^2 \beta & -(m_A^2 + m_Z^2) \sin \beta \cos \beta \\ -(m_A^2 + m_Z^2) \sin \beta \cos \beta & m_A^2 \cos^2 \beta + m_Z^2 \sin^2 \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

then eg. for  $\sin \beta = 1$   $\cos \beta = 0$

$$m^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_A^2 & \\ & m_Z^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{eigenvalues: } m_Z^2 \quad m_A^2$$

in general, let  $|v\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta \\ \sin \beta \end{pmatrix}$

$$\langle v | m^2 | v \rangle = m_Z^2 (\sin^2 \beta - \cos^2 \beta)^2$$

so there is one Higgs boson with

$$m_{h^0} \leq m_Z \cos 2\beta$$

up to radiative corrections

1-loop radiation corrections turn out to give a substantial addition to this bound

$$m_{h^0}^2 \leq m_Z^2 + \frac{3\alpha_w}{2\pi m_W^2} m_t^4 \log \frac{m_a^2}{m_t^2}$$

Haber, Hempfling,  
Okada, Yamaguchi,  
Yanagida  
Ellis, Ridolfsi, Zwirner

$$\sim (135 \text{ GeV})^2 \quad \text{for } m_a \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

Nevertheless, this is still a very stringent bound on the mass of the lightest Higgs boson

This bound is not valid in models with extra Higgs singlets. However, as long as  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are

elementary fields up to  $M \sim M_{\text{GUT}} \sim 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ ,

one finds

$$m_{h^0} < 205 \text{ GeV}$$

Quiros  
Espinosa



the rest of the Higgs spectrum (tree level)

$$A^0 \quad m_A$$

$$H^\pm \quad m_{H^\pm}^2 = m_A^2 + m_W^2$$

$$H^0 \quad m_H^2 + m_h^2 = m_A^2 + m_Z^2$$

(take trace of  $m^2$ )

if  $m_A \gg m_Z$ ,

$A^0$   $H^\pm$   $H^0$  are approximately degenerate

$h^0$  is isolated

Properties of  $h^0$  closely approximate those of the MSM Higgs boson, up to corrections of order  $m_Z^2/m_A^2$ .