Lecture 1 – Phenomenology

Discovery Physics at the LHC

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Lecture Themes

I. Phenomenology beyond the Standard Model

- Empirical & theoretical limitations of the Standard Model
- Supersymmetry
- Extra Dimensions
- Little Higgs
- II. Experimental Searches
 - LHC, ATLAS and CMS: Experimental Challenges
 - Searches at the LHC: SUSY, Extra Dimensions, Little Higgs
- *III.* CP Violation and the Genesis of a Matter World (out-of-series lecture)

Lectures based on many, many sources... please contact me for a list

Empirical and Theoretica

Limitations of tl Standard Mode



- Baryogenesis (CKM CPV too small)
- Grand Unification of the gauge couplings
- The gauge hierarchy Problem (Higgs sector, NP scale ~ 1)
- The strong *CP* Problem (why is $\theta \sim 0$?)
- Neutrino masses



Dark Matter

matter !

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 - kinetics of galaxies
 - anisotropy of cosmic microwave background (blackbody) radiation



Bullet cluster: Collision of galaxy clusters: baryonic matter, stars – weakly affected by collisions – and strongly affected gas (pink in picture), and collisionless dark matter (blue)



Galaxy Cluster Abell 1689 Mass density contours superimposed over photograph taken with Hubble Space Telescope

NASA, N. Benitez (JHU), T. Broadhurst (The Hebrew University), H. Ford (JHU), M. Clampin(STScI), G. Hartig (STScI), G. Illingworth (UCO/Lick Observatory), the ACS Science Team and ESA STScI-PRC03-01a

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 - \rightarrow 2006 Nobel Price in Physics: John C. Mather, and George F. Smoot (COBE satellite)



- First peak determines curvature of universe
- Second peak (ratio of odd-to-even peaks) determines reduced baryon density
- Third peak is related to dark matter density !
- Data analysis reveals a flat universe and lots of unknown matter and energy !

Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry



Sakharov Conditions

Is baryon asymmetry initial condition ? Possible ?

Dynamically generated ?

Sakharov conditions (1967) for Baryogenesis

- 1. Baryon number violation \rightarrow new physics !
- 2. C and CP violation \rightarrow (probably) new physics !





Grand Unification of the Gauge Couplings (GUT)

T. Kondo (KEK)

- Electromagnetic and weak couplings unify at *E* ~100 GeV
- When computing the renormalization group equations (=running) for the unified SU(3)×SU(2)×U(1) couplings α_1 (EM/hypercharge) α_2 (weak), and α_3 (strong), one finds that all three almost meet at $E \sim 10^{15}$ GeV, but <u>not quite</u> !
- SM extensions such as Supersymmetry (SUSY) with a characteristic mass scale of ~1000 GeV can have the right properties to adjust the RGEs and allow for GUT at *E* ~10¹⁶ GeV



Exact unification does not need to occur, but wouldn't it be very appealing if it did ?

It would be consistent with the speculation that the three couplings (forces) are in effect different manifestations of a single overarching gauge symmetry

A Light Higgs ?

- If a Higgs boson with mass < 1 TeV is discovered, the Standard Model is complete !</p>
- However, when computing radiative corrections to the bare Higgs mass a problem occurs:



Such a cut-off would require an incredible amount of finetuning to keep m_H light and stable

$$m_{H}^{2} = 120 \text{ GeV} = m_{0}^{2} + C \cdot \Lambda_{\text{cut-off}}^{2}$$

The natural Higgs mass seems to be $M_{\rm Pl}$ rather than the experimentally favoured value...

Digression: Arguments for a light (but not too light) Higgs

Several theoretical arguments favour a Higgs mass below ~1000 GeV (= 1 TeV)



Digression: A Light Standard Model Higgs Boson

If indeed the mass of the Higgs is light it will be produced at the LHC → see Oliver Buchmüller's lecture



Experies $s_{m_{p}^{2}}$ is cancelled by Higgs amplitude

Higgs mass as a function of cut-off scale Λ

The Hierarchy Problem

 $G_{F} = \frac{g^2}{4\sqrt{2}m_{M}^2}$

The Gauge Hierarchy Problem...

- ...denotes this finetuning of parameters, and the stroweak scale on the physics at (presumably) much high
- If the loops are cut off at the scale of gravity, why is breaking so different from the scale of gravity? Why
- Equivalently, why is gravity so weak?

Possible solutions to the hierarchy problem:

New physics appears not much above the EW scale and regularises the quadratic divergences. The "desert" between the EW and GUT/Planck scales is not empty!



Digression: What the New Physics Should Be

Three diagrams give the largest contributions to the diverging Higgs radiative corrections...

top loop	$-(3/8\pi^2)\lambda_t^2\Lambda^2$	~ (2 TeV)²	
gauge boson loop	$(9/64\pi^2)g^2\Lambda^2$	~ (700 GeV) ²	Contributions of diagrams, assuming
Higgs loop	$-(1/16\pi^2)\lambda^2\Lambda^2$	~ (500 GeV) ²	

- The total mass-squared of the Higgs is the sum of these contributions and the tree-level
- What would be the cut-off (= new physics) scales if only small (~10%) finetuning existed $\rightarrow \Lambda_{top} < 2 \text{ TeV}, \qquad \Lambda_{gauge} < 5 \text{ TeV}, \qquad \Lambda_{Higgs} < 10 \text{ TeV}$
- Hence... with a new physics sensitivity of ~3 TeV, the LHC could discover the new physics !
- To naturally cancel these divergences, the new physics should couple to the Higgs and should be related to the particles in the loop (top, gauge, Higgs) by some symmetry

Extending the Standard Model ?

Some Observations Beforehand ...

- The hierarchy problem (among others) of the SM Higgs sector can be turned into a prediction that **new physics** is expected at the TeV scale
- Since precision data do not give hints for new physics, we can use the data to constrain "effective models" that have the particle content of the SM, and where new physics is

And... by the way... the Higgs is not yet discovered ;-)

Broken symmetry	Operators	$O(\Lambda)$
baryon, lepton number	$(QQQL)/\Lambda^2$	10 ¹² TeV
flavour (1 st ,2 nd family), CP	(dsds)/ Λ^2	10 ⁴ TeV
flavour (1 st ,3 rd family), CP	(dbdb)/ Λ^2	10 ³ TeV
flavour (2 nd ,3 rd family), CP	$m_b(s\sigma_{\mu u}F^{\mu u}b)/\Lambda^2$	50 TeV

example only... many more indirect constraints

- The question is: how to stabilize the light Higgs without violating the above bounds ?
- The answer to this is by no means trivial, and the SM extensions discussed in the following only partially succeed in doing so ... some apparent finetuning seems to be always involved

Extending the Standard Model

Supersymmetry

- Extra dimensions
- Little Higgs

Supersymmetry (SUSY)

We have seen that the light scalar Higgs boson is unprotected at GUT/ Planck scales

- On the contrary, all the *other* light particles of the SM *are* protected against large scales:
 - Due to chiral symmetry, their mass corrections are logarithmic in E (and not quadratic)
 - Gauge symmetry protects the bosons (no correction to photon or gluon masses)
- Fermion and boson loops contribute with different signs to the Higgs radiative corrections: if there existed a symmetry relating these two, this could protect the masses of the scalar !



Local gauge invariance of SUSY requires existence of spin-3/2 and spin-2 particles

This naturally introduces the spin-2 graviton, assumed to mediate the gravitational force

Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model – MSSM

- Standard SUSY has: N_{dof} (bosons) = N_{dof} (fermions) [*cf*. SM: N_{dof} (bosons) $\Box N_{dof}$ (fermions)]
 - To create supermultiplets, we need to add one superpartner to each SM particle
 - Need to introduce an additional Higgs doublet to the non-SUSY side
 - Mutual superpartners have equal masses and couplings



The MSSM Supermultiplets



Interactions of SUSY Particles



R-Parity

The *superpotential* contains new lepton- or baryon number violating couplings of the form:



- All interactions with odd numbers of SUSY particles are forbidden (SUSY production in pairs !)
- The lightest SUSY particle (LSP) is stable
- SUSY naturally provides a dark matter candidate (should be neutral (WIMP) $\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ LSP candidate)
- *R*-parity has important phenomenological and <u>experimental</u> consequences (see later)

Dark Matter

- *R*-parity provides **dark matter candiates**: sneutrino (ruled out?), gravitino and **neutralino**
- The χ^0 LSP as thermal relic: relic density computed as thermally avaraged cross section of all χ^0 annihilation channels \rightarrow Cold dark matter density: $\Omega_{DM}h^2 \sim \langle \sigma v \rangle^{-1} \sim 1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



• CMB measurement: $0.094 < \Omega_{DM}h^2 < 0.129$ strongly bounds SUSY parameter space [However, bounds are model-dependent: MSSM parameters, *R*-parity, other DM candidates, ...]

Observations

- If SUSY is unbroken (and *R*-parity is conserved), the MSSM has only a single additional parameter arising from the new Higgs doublet
- This is however not realised in nature:
 - EW symmetry breaking would be impossible (positive or zero Higgs potential)
 - In a given multiplet, the masses of the (s)particles are identical, but no scalar electron is observed
- SUSY if it exists must be broken in the vacuum state chosen by our nature !
- Spontaneous SUSY breaking is much more complicated than the EWSB in the SM
- Masses are added by hand to the SUSY Lagrangian ("soft" symmetry beaking)
 - Unlike massive fermions, massive sfermions do not break gauge symmetry of the Lagrangian

$\tilde{A}^{\dagger}\mathbf{m}_{A}^{2}\tilde{A}$, where: $\tilde{A} = \tilde{Q}, \tilde{L}, \tilde{U}^{c}, \tilde{D}^{c}, \tilde{E}^{c}$	+ squark and slepton terms (\mathbf{m}_{A}^{2} : 3×3 matrix)	
$m_{H_1}^2 H_1^* H_1 + m_{H_2}^2 H_2^* H_2 + (\mu B \cdot H_1 H_2 + \text{h.c.})$	g Higgs boson mass terms	
$\tilde{U}^{c}\mathbf{A}_{u}\tilde{Q}H_{2}+\tilde{D}^{c}\mathbf{A}_{d}\tilde{Q}H_{1}+\tilde{E}^{c}\mathbf{A}_{e}\tilde{L}H_{1}+\mathrm{h.c.}$	δ_i trilinear Yukawa couplings (A _i : 3×3 matrices)	
$M_1 \tilde{B}\tilde{B} + M_2 \tilde{W}\tilde{W} + M_3 \tilde{g}_a \tilde{g}_a + \text{c.c.}$	gaugino mass terms	

MSSM Parameters

The MSSM defined by these soft SSB terms has a large number of free parameters



Hence, the generic MSSM has 124 free parameters (of which 44 are CP-violating phases!)

- Many of these parameters are already constrained from experiment:
 - lepton sector: electric dipole moments (EDMs), magnetic moments, charged-lepton flavour violation
 - quark sector: n-EDM, rare (radiative) *B* decays, flavour-changing neutral currents, *CP* violation

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C(onstrained)MSSMs: Modeling SUSY Breaking



- Through gauge interaction (GMSB): "messenger fields" transmit the SSB to the MSSM
 - The SSB scale is much smaller than in SUGRA
 - Very light gravitino is LSP, different experimental signature than SUGRA (where $m_{3/2} \sim m_{soft}$)

The Supersymmetric Higgs Sector

At least 2 Higgs doublets with opposite hypercharge (Y_H) are necessary to realise EWSB

$$H_1^{Y_{H_1}=-1} = \begin{pmatrix} H_1^0 \\ H_1^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_2^{Y_{H_2}=+1} = \begin{pmatrix} H_2^+ \\ H_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$V_{H} = \frac{\frac{1}{44} \left(\left| \frac{1}{24} \right|^{2} + \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|^{2} \right)^{2} \left| \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{$$

- The only free parameters are the m_i . Quartic couplings of the Higgs are constrained by the gauge coupling constants, g, g', in SUSY, while they are free (parameterised by λ) in the SM
- Contrary to the SM, the lightest Higgs mass can be predicted in SUSY !

SUSY Higgs Doublet – Species & Masses

The vacuum expectation values (VEV) of the neutral Higgs fields are:

$$\langle H_1^0 \rangle = v_1 / \sqrt{2}, \ \langle H_2^0 \rangle = v_2 / \sqrt{2} \text{ with } v_1^2 + v_2^2 = v^2 = \frac{2m_Z^2}{g^2 + {g'}^2} = (246 \text{ GeV})^2$$

 $v_{1(2)}$ gives mass to fermions with isospin $I_z = -1/2(+1/2)$

- The ratio of VEVs determines the mixing parameter: $tan\beta = v_2 / v_1$
- After EWSB, 5 out of 8 degrees of freedom stay massive, and are the physical Higgs field

$$h, H_{CP=+1}, A_{CP=-1}, H^+, H^-$$

As in the SM, the remaining 3 degrees of freedom become the bosons W^+ , W^- and Z^0

The 6 parameters of the MSSM Higgs sector reduce to 2 ! By convention use: $tan\beta$, m_A

MSSM Higgs Searches at LEP

The masses of the physical fields are obtained by minimising the Higgs potential; at Born level one finds in particular for the lightest SUSY Higgs:

$$m_{h} = \frac{1}{2} \left(m_{A}^{2} + m_{Z}^{2} - \sqrt{\left(m_{A}^{2} + m_{Z}^{2} \right)^{2} - 4m_{A}^{2}m_{Z}^{2}\cos 2\beta} \right)^{1/2} \le m_{Z}$$

• If there weren't higher order corrections ($m_h < 132 \text{ GeV}$) it would have been excluded already !



Digression: SUSY Higgs – Couplings

SUSY Higgs couplings to gauge bosons:

Trilinear couplings VVH_{i} , V=W,Z (do not exist for H^{\pm} (charge conservation) A (CP invariance)):

 $g(VVh) \propto \sin(\alpha - \beta)$ and $g(VVH) \propto m_V \cos(\alpha - \beta) \rightarrow g(VVh)^2 + g(VVH)^2 = g(VVH)_{MS}$

Note: <u>no</u> $\gamma\gamma H$ or γZH couplings ($m_{\gamma} = 0$), <u>nor</u> γZH coupling (*CP* invariance)

Trilinear couplings VH_iH_i :

ZhA, ZHA, ZH+H-, γ H+H-, and WH±h, WH±H, WH±A

Note: Zhh, ZHh, ZHH, ZAA forbidden (CP invariance)

Quartic couplings:

 $ZZH_{i}H, W^{+}W^{-}H_{i}H_{i}, (H_{i,j} = h, H, A, H^{\pm}), \gamma\gamma H^{+}H^{-}, \gamma ZH^{+}H^{-}, ZWH^{\pm}H_{i}, \gamma WH^{\pm}H_{i} (H_{i,j} = h, H, A),$

SUSY Higgs couplings to fermions:

Trilinear Yukawa couplings between Higgs and two fermions (dominated by heavy top, bottom quarks)

 $\lambda(H_i pp) \propto m_p \times f(\text{trig}(\alpha)/\text{trig}(\beta))$, where p=u,d-type, and $H_i = h, H, A$,

 $\lambda(H^{\pm}pq) \propto f(m_p, m_q) \times V_{CKM} \times f'(trig(\alpha), trig(\beta))$

Note: A, H^{\pm} couplings to down-type quarks increase with tan β , while those to up-type quarks decrs.

Couplings to τ also important for searches at LHC

SUSY – Résumé and Comments

- The MSSM naturally responds to a number of SM problems:
 - The quadratic divergence of the Higgs radiative corrections becomes logarithmic
 - SUSY "naturalizes" the Higgs and cures the hierarchy problem by introducing new fields at ~ O(TeV)
 - Grand unification of the forces at high scale is achieved
 - The existence of a spin-2 graviton (and a spin-3/2 gravitino) is naturally embedded in SUSY
 - SUSY provides a cold dark matter candidate → LSP
- **However, no experimental evidence for SUSY so far, on the contrary** (\rightarrow *flavour problem*)
- Other SUSY models exist, for example the controversial *Split Supersymmetry*

From the observation that the m_{EW} -vs- M_{Pl} hierarchy problem is not the only one (there also is a huge gap between the cosmological constant ($\Lambda \sim (0.002 \text{ eV})^4$) and m_{EW}), it is suggested to neglect the necessity to cure the EW hierarchy problem with SUSY.

Consequences:

- Lightest Higgs and gaugino sector light (keeps dark matter candidate and GUT)
- Very heavy sfermions ~ 10¹⁰ GeV
- Cures problem that no indirect SUSY hints have been observed
- Very different phenomenology and experimental signature

Extending the Standard Model



- Extra dimensions
- Little Higgs

Perhaps the problem with the hierarchy is that we use the wrong $M_{\rm Pl}$?

Could there be strong gravity at the TeV scale ?



Quantity	Value
Planck Mass	1.2 x 10 ¹⁹ GeV/c ²
Planck Length	1.6 x 10 ⁻³³ cm
Planck Time	5.4 x 10 ⁻⁴⁴ s
Planck Temperature	1.4 x 10 ³² K

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Extra Dimensions (EDs) ?

- Since the very end of the last century, an old theory (~1920), invented to unify gravitation and EM interaction was rediscovered to solve the hierarchy problem... the **Kaluza-Klein theory**
- ED theories associate "Kaluza-Klein towers" with the particles propagating in (compact) EDs
- String theory requires 10 11 space-time dimensions $\rightarrow \leq 7$ extra spatial dimensions (ED)?
- String theory acts at scale $M_{\text{string}} \sim M_{\text{Pl}} \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV} \sim 1.6 \ 10^{-33} \text{ cm} \rightarrow \text{not observable at LHC}$
- Up to $M_{\rm EW} \sim 10^2 \,\text{GeV} \sim 1.6 \,10^{-16} \,\text{cm}$ [SM], and $10^{-2} \,\text{cm}$ [Gravitation] EDs can be excluded
- Relatively large EDs in which gravitons propagate are thus not excluded; the SM particles could be confined in a smaller sub-space: a "**brane**"
- Gravity would allow us to probe the EDs
- Unfortunately, since gravity is a very weak force, and the EDs are small, we can hardly see the effects of them in a laboratory... unless gravitation could be amplified making extra dimensions of up to a mm possible ?

Extra Dimensions are Compactified ...

If there are Extra (spatial) Dimensions ...

...why did we only cheerve 3 spatial dimensions so far?



they are "compactified", *i.e.*, tightly rolled up. In this demonstration, a 2D surface is rolled up in a tube (bottom), becoming so tightly rolled that it looks like a 1D line (top). [Graphics by Mark McLellan].

Extra Dimensions and Newton's Gravitation

- Let us consider d EDs with some size R, the distance r_{12} between two masses m_1 and m_2
 - If $r_{12} \square R$, we live in a (4+*d*)D world with:

$$F^{(4+d)}(r_{12}) = \frac{G^{(4+d)}m_1m_2}{r_{12}^{d+2}} = \frac{m_1m_2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{d+2} \cdot r_{12}^{d+2}}$$

If $r_{12} \square R$, we live in a 4D world, where the EDs are integrated out, and is identified with Newton's law:

$$F^{(4+d)}(r_{12}) \propto \frac{G^{(4+d)}m_1m_2}{R^d r_{12}^2} = \frac{G^{(4)}m_1m_2}{r_{12}^2}$$

From continuity at $r_{12} = R$, one finds:

$$G^{(4)} = G^{(4+d)}/R^d$$
 and $(M_{Pl}^{(4)})^2 = (M_{Pl}^{(4+d)})^{d+2} \cdot R^d$

4D gravity is diluted by the extra dimension !

The Planck scale is no longer fundamental !

• At the LHC scale of $M_D \sim M_{\text{Pl}}^{(4+d)} \sim 1$ TeV, one thus finds:

d=1: *R* ~ 10¹⁵ cm (excluded from large scale gravitation tests) *d*=2: *R* ~ 10⁻¹ cm (limit from gravitation tests) → only probes energy scale *R*⁻¹ ~ 2 10⁻⁴ eV ! *d*=3: *R* ~ 10⁻⁶ cm (allowed)

Kaluza-Klein Towers

Suppose a massless scalar ϕ in a 5D space. 1D, y, is compactified on a circle with radius R

• We need to verify that: $\phi(x^{(4)}, y) = \phi(x^{(4)}, y + 2\pi R)$

which translates into a quantification of the momentum in this dimension: p = n/R, $n \in Z$

Developing ϕ into Fourier series of *y*,

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(4)}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{n} \phi_{n} = \sum_{n} \phi(\mathbf{x}^{(4)}) \mathbf{e}^{in\mathbf{y}}$$

one finds that the ensemble of ϕ_n represents a **Kaluza-Klein (KK) tower** associated with the field ϕ , and the mass-squared of the mode ϕ_n in 4D (solution of Klein-Gordon equation) is given by:

$$m_n^2 = m_0^2 + \left(\frac{n}{R}\right)^2 \implies \Delta m = \frac{1}{R} \stackrel{R \sim 2 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}}{\sim} 1 \text{ TeV}$$

- KK attempted in 1920 to unify EM interactions and gravitation with their theory: they have developed the metric between space-time and the 5th D around small perturbations proportional to the photon field A_u.
- Computing the effective action with this metric in 4D, one recovers the 4D gravitation by identifying:

$$G^{(4)} = \frac{1}{2\pi R} G^{(5)}$$

In the KK theory, G⁽⁴⁾ is only a reflection of the real gravitational constant G⁽⁵⁾ (*i.e.*, the Planck scale), reduced by the extra dimension !

The ADD Model



Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali (1998)

Unfortunately, there is a little secret in the ADD model.

The original purpose of it to eliminate the hierarchy problem is missed: although the true (4+*d*) Planck scale is indeed of O(EW), one finds that $R \cdot M_D = (M_{Pl}/M_D)^{2/d}$ is a very large number (due to the large EDs).

\rightarrow ADD trades one hierarchy problem for another one !

energy by the large number of accessible KK states that is summed over [remember: the mass difference of a KK towers is given by the (small) energy scale (R^{-1}) of the large ED]

- No momentum conservation per ED, *i.e.*, gravitons are emitted into ED by SM fields
- Main ADD ED signatures at the LHC:
 - 1. $pp \rightarrow jet + missing energy$ (from undetected sum of accessible KK graviton towers)
 - 2. gravitons can modify SM cross sections through loops (here: all KK towers are virtually accessible)

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EDs in Astrophysics, Cosmology and HEP

- Large EDs would act only after the inflation period; they could influence:
 - Primordial nucleosynthesis
 - Cosmic microwave background if the gravitons decay into photons by interacting with the SM brane
- A priori, nothing is known about cosmology when we enter the domain of strong gravitation. For example: non-perturbative effects could occur
- EDs could modify the v-nucleon scattering cross section of ultra-high energetic cosmic v's
- **EDs could modify deflection angle of gravitational lensing [limit: for d=2, M_D > 4 TeV]**
- EDs could influence the maximum allowed mass for neutron stars, and contribute to cooling of stars: limit on ED scale from super nova (SN1987A) [d=2, $M_D > 50$ TeV, d=4, $M_D > 1$ TeV]
- EDs modify Newton's gravitational law at small distances (\rightarrow dedicated experiments)
- **E** Ds influence cross sections of standard accelerator processes (e.g., $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
- **EDs** allow direct production of gravitons, e.g., $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma G$, ZG, and excited KK graviton states

Extending the Standard Model





Little Higgs

Perhaps Higgs is Goldstone of new interaction at scale $\Lambda \sim 10$ TeV, so we didn't notice the interaction yet ? Its breaking could lead to new fields of mass ~ 1 TeV that stabilize the SM for the "little hierarchy": $v \rightarrow \Lambda$

Digression: A "Little" Higgs ?

- Seeks to solve the radiative instability of the SM Higgs sector
- In the "Little Higgs" model, the massless Higgs is generated (in analogy of the pion in QCD) through SSB of a new symmetry
- It's mass is acquired during EWSB. The new symmetry being still approximately valid, the mass is protected and stays small
- As new symmetry one could use SU(5), embedding the unified gauge group (SU(2)×U(1))²

Breaking SU(5) by a VEV into SO(5) creates 14 "Goldstone" bosons

Then, the group $(SU(2)\times U(1))^2$ is broken into $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$, where 4 of the 14 Goldstone bosons are used to create massive longitudinal SM gauge fields (W_H^*, Z_H, A_H) of the broken gauge group

Among the remaining Goldstone bosons one finds a complex scalar doublet (SM Higgs), and a scalar triplet with 5 Higgs bosons: ϕ^0 , $\phi \pm$, $\phi \pm \pm$

Breaking SU(5) requires at least one heavy, O(TeV), new particle for each particle contributing to the radiative corrections of the Higgs, which cancel the SM corrections

By construction: the W_{H}^{\pm} , Z_{H} cancel the weak divergence, a new quark *T* cancels the top-quark divergence, the new Higgs triplet cancels the SM Higgs divergence

The new heavy top and gauge bosons decay into their SM partners through associated Higgs production. These and the new Higgs fields could be discovered at the LHC

Conclusions

of the first lecture

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- Strong experimental and theoretical hints for physics beyond the SM exist from both astro physics and particle physics
- Dark matter, baryogenesis (& leptogenesis) and the hierarchy problem are the best ones
- Good new physics models can deal with all these problems at once
- Best candidate is Supersymmetry, but could also be several models at once!
- The experimentalists cannot restrict there search to one favourite model, but should search as inclusively as possible for the most diverse phenomena...

... this will be the subject of the next (less difficult!) lecture.