Electroweak measurements – The quest for even higher precision –

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→ 4th July 2012: Observation of *Higgs-like* Boson at the LHC

The free parameters of the Standard Model

- $\bullet~\alpha_{\rm EM}:$ electromagnetic coupling constant
- *α_s*: strong coupling constant
- G_F: weak coupling constant
- 6 quark masses
- 3 charged lepton masses
- Z₀ mass
- Higgs mass

• 3 mixing angles and 1 complex phase (CKM matrix)

 \rightarrow for non-vanishing neutrino masses: 7 add. parameters (masses and mixing)

Why is the Higgs-boson special in the SM?

- \rightarrow neither quark nor lepton, which are building blocks of other matter
- \rightarrow also not a gauge boson, so it does not carry any force
- \rightarrow only scalar in the SM
- \rightarrow mechanism postulated long before many SM particles were known!



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Now a question for you!



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So from our nice list of elementary particles here...



... only these were known (postulated) in 1964

A little (pre)-history

Historical context

My Life as a Boson

Peter Higgs

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Based on a talk presented at Kings College London, Nov. 24th, 2010

The plan of this talk is that I will introduce the ideas of spontaneous symmetry breaking and discuss how these developed from condensed matter through the work of Yoichiro Nambu and Jeffrey Goldstone to the work of Robert Brout and Franois Englert and myself in 1964. That will be the main part, and other topics such as the application of these ideas to electroweak theory are much better known to this audience, so I shall skim through them.

→ nice summary of the history of SSB from Peter Higgs <

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Spontaneous symmetry breaking papers

What is the difference between the approaches?

When approaches are equivalent, why "Higgs"-boson?

- \rightarrow one reason: people got order wrong and cited Higgs paper first
- → then: first version of Higgs paper got rejected
- \hookrightarrow when revising the paper for resubmission, Higgs added the following:

It is worth noting that an essential feature of the type of theory which has been described in this note is the prediction of incomplete multiplets of scalar and vector bosons.⁸ It is to be expected that this feature will appear also in theories in which the symmetry-breaking scalar fields are not elementary dynamic variables but bilinear combinations of Fermi fields.⁹

- \rightarrow first explicit mentioning of the scalar boson
- → nowadays: Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH) Boson!

The BEH mechanism in simpler form

Introduce a doublet of complex, scalar fields ϕ :

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_+ \\ \phi_0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The corresponding Higgs potential is of the form:

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi^{\dagger} \phi + \lambda (\phi^{\dagger} \phi)^2$$



 \Rightarrow get a non-vanishing vacuum-expectation value $\textit{v}=\sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda}$

Breakdown of Lagrangian for $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SU}(2)_{\mathrm{L}} \times \mathrm{U}(1)_{\mathrm{Y}}} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}}_{\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{Gauge}}} + \underbrace{\psi_{L} \gamma^{\mu} (iD^{\mu}) \psi_{L} + \bar{\psi_{R}} \gamma^{\mu} (i\partial_{\mu} - g' \frac{Y}{2} B_{\mu}) \psi_{R}}_{\psi_{L} \operatorname{Fermions}} + \underbrace{|(iD^{\mu})\phi|^{2} - V(\phi)}_{\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{Higgs}}} - \underbrace{(\lambda_{I} \bar{\psi_{L}} \phi \psi_{R} + \lambda_{q} \bar{\psi_{L}} \phi \psi_{R} + h.c.)}_{\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{Yukawa}}}$$

\rightarrow We will look into many parts of this today and tomorrow

Mistake often made:

- → The Higgs boson is NOT the origin of mass!
- \hookrightarrow it allows for massive elementary particles in the theory

Example proton:



- → mass proton: 938 MeV
- $ightarrow 2 \cdot m_{\mathrm{u-quark}} + m_{\mathrm{u-quark}} + m_g pprox 11.5 \text{ MeV}$
- \Rightarrow missing a factor of \approx 82 !
- \Rightarrow proton mass comes mainly from QCD confinement

What happened after papers were published?

1965 Higgs:

- → Full review paper published
 Phys.Rev 145 1156
- \rightarrow Ideas were shown by all authors in seminars

 \rightarrow Many people thought the idea was wrong, since the Goldstone theorem had been fully proven.

1967: Glashow, Weinberg, Salam

 \rightarrow applied SSB to electroweak theory

1970/1: Veltman and t' Hooft

 \rightarrow proof that Yang-Mills theories with masses from SSB in scalar fields are renormalizable

Electroweak theory

- introduced by Glashow, Weinberg and Salam (GWS)
- gauge group is the $SU(2)_{\rm L} \times U(1)_{\rm Y}$
- SU(2): non-abelian SU(2), U(1) abelian U(1)
- four generators: lead to four massless fields:

 $\hookrightarrow \mathsf{W}^{\mu}_1,\mathsf{W}^{\mu}_2,\mathsf{W}^{\mu}_3$ generated by the weak isospin

 $\hookrightarrow \mathsf{B}^0_\mu$ generated by the hypercharge Y

Physical particles are mixtures of these massless bosons:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} Z^{0} \\ \gamma \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \cos\theta_{W} & \sin\theta_{W} \\ -\sin\theta_{W} & \cos\theta_{W} \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} B^{0} \\ W_{3}^{\mu} \end{array}\right)$$

Search for W and Z bosons \bigcirc Dieter Haidt

First sign of neutral currents: discovery at Gargamelle (bubble chamber) 1973:



From neutrino experiments: measurement of electroweak-mixing angle $\sin \theta_W$:

 \hookrightarrow allows a first constraint of the W boson mass:

$$m_W = \sqrt{\frac{\pi \alpha_{\rm EM}}{\sqrt{2}G_F}} \frac{1}{\sin \theta_W} = \frac{37 {\rm GeV}}{\sin \theta_W} \approx 70 ~{\rm GeV}$$

Search for W and Z bosons at the $Sp\bar{p}S$

First estimate of W-boson mass gave motivation to build $Sp\bar{p}S!$



• production via $u\bar{d}$, $\bar{u}d$, $u\bar{u}$ and $d\bar{d}$

- the three valence quarks account for ≈ 50% of the proton momentum
 ⇒ each valence quark carries therefore about 1/6
 ⇒ the collider needs an energy at least 6 times the boson mass
- 1981: start with $\sqrt{s} = 540$ GeV, running until 1991: $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV

The two main experiments at the $Sp\bar{p}S$

- UA1 experiment -



- UA2 experiment -



- UA1: general purpose detector, 5.8 m long, 4.6 m high Details
- UA2: focused on electron detection, no muon detection
 Details
 - \hookrightarrow high-granularity calorimeters for very precise measurements

Discovery of W and Z bosons in 1983



- January 1983: first 10 W boson events available
- June 1983: Z boson discovery in $Z \rightarrow ee$ and $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- nobel prize in 1984 for Carlo Rubbia and Simon van der Meer

First limits on the m_{top} mass \bigcirc Paper



• UA2 measured the ratio m_W/m_Z with very high precision

• take now also into account high precision m_Z measurement from LEP:

$$m_Z(\text{LEP}) \frac{m_W}{m_Z}(\text{UA1}) = 80.35 \pm 0.33 \pm 0.17 \text{ GeV}$$

Allows to set limit on m_{top} : $m_{top} = 160^{+50}_{-60}$ GeV

Relations in the EW sector Phys.Rept.427, 2006

Fermi constant:

$$G_F = rac{lpha_{
m EM}\pi}{\sqrt{2}m_W^2\sin^2 heta_W^{
m tree}}$$

ρ_0 parameter (1 in the SM):

$$\rho_0 = \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W^{\rm tree}}$$

and

$$\sin^2 heta_W^{ ext{tree}} = 1 - rac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2}$$

 \hookrightarrow can determine everything if we know $\alpha_{\rm EM}$, $\textit{m}_{\it Z}$ and $\textit{G}_{\it F}$

Relations in the EW sector Phys.Rept.427, 2006



Coupling of fermions to Z-boson:

$$egin{aligned} & g_L^{ ext{tree}} = \sqrt{
ho_0} ig(T_3^f - Q_f \sin^2 heta_W^{ ext{tree}} ig) \ & g_R^{ ext{tree}} = -\sqrt{
ho_0} Q_f \sin^2 heta_W^{ ext{tree}} \end{aligned}$$

 \hookrightarrow T_3 : third component of weak isospin, Q: electric charge.

Expressed as vector and axial-vector couplings:

$$egin{aligned} & g_V^{ ext{tree}} = \sqrt{
ho_0} ig(T_3^f - 2 Q_f \sin^2 heta_W^{ ext{tree}} ig) \ & g_A^{ ext{tree}} = \sqrt{
ho_0} T_3^f \end{aligned}$$



Now need to include radiative corrections Phys.Rept.427, 2006



Propagator self-energies and flavour-dependent vertex corrections:

$$\begin{split} \Delta \rho_{se} &= \frac{3G_F m_W^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left[\frac{m_{\rm top}^2}{m_W^2} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta_W}{\cos^2 \theta_W} \left(\ln \frac{m_H^2}{m_W^2} - \frac{5}{6} \right) + \ldots \right] \\ \Delta \kappa_{se} &= \frac{3G_F m_W^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left[\frac{m_{\rm top}^2}{m_W^2} \frac{\sin^2 \theta_W}{\cos^2 \theta_W} - \frac{10}{9} \left(\ln \frac{m_H^2}{m_W^2} - \frac{5}{6} \right) + \ldots \right] \end{split}$$

Radiative corrections

Real effective couplings:

$$g_{Vf} = \sqrt{
ho_f} (T_3^f - 2Q_f \sin^2 heta_{ ext{eff}}^f)$$

 $g_{Af} = T_3^f$

Effective mixing angle:

$$\sin^2\theta^f_{\rm eff} = \kappa_f \sin^2\theta_W$$

with:

- form-factor for overall scale: $\rho_f = 1 + \Delta \rho_{se} + \Delta \rho_f$
- form-factor for EW mixing angle: $\kappa_f = 1 + \Delta \kappa_{se} + \Delta \kappa_f$

Observables to measure at the Z-pole

- *m_Z*, Γ_Z
- $\Gamma(had)$, $\Gamma(inv)$, $\Gamma(\ell^+\ell^-)$
- $\sigma_{\rm had}$
- R_e , R_μ , R_τ , R_b , R_c
- $\bullet \ \sin^2 \theta^\ell$
- several forward-backward asymmetries $A_{\rm FB}$
- A_e, A_µ, A_τ, A_b, A_c, A_s

Measurements at the Z-pole

LEP: Large electron-positron collider, Run 1 from 1989 – 1995

- $\hookrightarrow \mathsf{circular}\ \mathsf{collider}$
- \hookrightarrow 4 experiments
- \hookrightarrow different CME around Z-pole
- \hookrightarrow no longitudinal polarisation
- SLC: Stanford linear collider, 1989 1998
 - $\hookrightarrow \mathsf{linear}\ \mathsf{collider}$
 - \hookrightarrow Mark-II detector 1989–1991, SLD from 1992-1998
 - \hookrightarrow running on *Z*-pole
 - \hookrightarrow electron beam longitudinally polarised (up to \approx 80 %)

Experimental setup at LEP I



Year	Centre-of-mass	Integrated
	energy range	luminosity
	[GeV]	$[\mathrm{pb}^{-1}]$
1989	88.2 - 94.2	1.7
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1993	89.4, 91.2, 93.0	40.0
1994	91.2	64.5
1995	89.4, 91.3, 93.0	39.8

First data taking period: LEP I

- make scan of Z line shape: different CME
- \bullet for each new fill of collider: change CME \rightarrow more stable!
- in 1995: lumi so high that one gets 1000 events per hour per experiment
- for all experiments together: about 17 million Z events
- precision in CME: only 2 MeV

What can affect the beam?

Many different phenomena can play a role:

- affected by tide (sun, moon) ▶ NIM A paper
- geological changes in region after long raining periods
- water level in lake Geneva newscientist
- $\bullet~\text{TGV:}$ causes leakage currents \rightarrow impact on dipole magnets





What can affect the beam?





Experimental setup at SLC • Paper



Stanford Linear Collider

- first linear e^+e^- collider, 120 Hz
- positrons created by colliding electrons with target
- \bullet bunch energy is \approx 46.5 GeV \rightarrow loose about 1 GeV in arcs
Experimental setup at SLC Paper



- very good vertex detector
- from 1992 98: 600.000 Z events recorded by SLD
- important difference to LEP: electron beam longitudinally polarised!

Advantage at SLC: beam polarisation



arXiv:hep-ex/9611006

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- large improvement in electron polarisation:
 - \hookrightarrow above 70% for most data
- polarisation allows to enhance/suppress specific processes
- polarisation needs to be well known

Question 3



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What quantities to measure?

$$\sigma = rac{\textit{N}_{
m sel} - \textit{N}_{
m bkg}}{\epsilon_{
m sel} \; {
m A} \; \mathcal{L}}$$

- $N_{\rm sel}$: number of selected events
- $N_{\rm bkg}$: number of expected background events
- ϵ_{sel} : selection efficiency
- A: acceptance
- \mathcal{L} : luminosity \rightarrow precise knowledge important!

 \rightarrow measure total cross-section for different CME: line shape

Measurement of the Z-line shape • LEP EWWG



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Event displays LEP • LEP EWWG





 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow e⁺e⁻

Event displays LEP • LEP EWWG





$$\rightarrow Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$$

The components of the $e^+e^- ightarrow far{f}$ production igodot LEP EWWG

$$\frac{2s}{\pi} \frac{1}{N_c^f} \frac{d\sigma_{ew}}{d\cos\theta} (e^+ e^- \to f\bar{f}) = \sigma_{\gamma} + \underbrace{\sigma_{\gamma/Z}}_{\text{interference}} + \sigma_Z$$



• $\sigma_\gamma \propto (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$

• $\sigma_{\gamma/Z} \propto \chi(s) [\operatorname{factor}_1 \cdot (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \operatorname{factor}_2 \cdot \cos \theta]$

• $\sigma_Z \propto |\chi(s)|^2 [\operatorname{factor}_3 \cdot (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \operatorname{factor}_4 \cdot \cos \theta]$

with:
$$\chi(s) = \frac{G_F m_Z^2}{8\pi\sqrt{2}} \frac{s}{s - m_Z^2 + i s \Gamma_Z / m_Z}$$

 $\hookrightarrow (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$: contributes to total cross-section

 $\hookrightarrow \cos \theta$: contributes to forward-backward asymmetries

Cross-section of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ production **CLEP EVING**

$$\sigma_{f\bar{f}}^{Z} = \frac{1}{R_{\rm QED}} \underbrace{\frac{12\pi}{m_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma_{ee}\Gamma_{f\bar{f}}}{\Gamma_Z^2}}_{\sigma_{f\bar{f}}^0} \underbrace{\frac{s\Gamma_Z^2}{(s-m_Z^2)^2 + s^2\Gamma_Z^2/m_Z^2}}_{(s-m_Z^2)^2 + s^2\Gamma_Z^2/m_Z^2}$$

From fit to line shape can obtain:

•
$$m_Z$$

• Γ_Z
• $\sigma_{\text{had}}^0 = \frac{12\pi}{m_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma_{\text{ee}}\Gamma_{\text{had}}}{\Gamma_Z^2}$
• $R_\ell^0 = \Gamma_{\text{had}}/\Gamma_{\ell\ell}$



Number of neutrino generations • LEP EWWG

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{Z} &= \Gamma_{ee} + \Gamma_{\mu\mu} + \Gamma_{\tau\tau} + \Gamma_{had} + \Gamma_{inv} \\ &= \Gamma_{ee} + \Gamma_{\mu\mu} + \Gamma_{\tau\tau} + \sum_{q \neq t} \Gamma_{q\bar{q}} + N_{\nu} \Gamma_{\nu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{ ext{inv}}^0 = \sqrt{\left(rac{12\pi R_\ell^0}{\sigma_{ ext{had}}^0 m_Z^2}
ight) - R_\ell^0 - (3+\delta_ au)}$$

Compare measurement with SM expectation:

$$R_{\mathrm{inv}}^{0} = N_{\nu} \left(\frac{\Gamma_{\mathrm{inv}}}{\Gamma_{\ell\ell}} \right)_{\mathrm{SM}}$$

 \Rightarrow $N_{
u} pprox 2.984 \pm 0.008$

 \hookrightarrow no additional light neutrino generation!



Z-coupling: V - A

vertex factor =
$$\frac{-ig_Z}{2}\gamma^{\mu}(g_V^f - g_A^f\gamma^5)$$

Can now measure the effective mixing-angle from the ratio:

$$\frac{g_V^f}{g_A^f} = 1 - 2\frac{Q_f}{T_3^f} \sin^2 \theta_{W,\text{eff}}^f = 1 - 4|Q_f| \sin^2 \theta_{W,\text{eff}}^f$$

and also define the asymmetry parameter A_f (final-state):

$$\mathcal{A}_f = 2rac{g_V^f/g_A^f}{1+(g_V^f/g_A^f)^2}$$

Vector/axial-vector couplings from electron-neutrino scattering • LEP EWWG



Vector/axial-vector couplings from LEP/SLD • LEP EWWG



 \rightarrow Z-coupling compatible for three lepton generations!

Measurement of asymmetries



can be also expressed as product of asymmetry parameters:

$$A_{FB}^{f}=rac{3}{4}\mathcal{A}_{e}\mathcal{A}_{f}$$

Measurement of angular distributions • LEP EWWG





How to measure the polarisation

Chirality: handedness

$$\Psi_R=rac{1}{2}(1+\gamma^5)\Psi, \ \ \Psi_L=rac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5)\Psi$$

Helicity: projection of spin in direction of momentum

$$h = rac{ec{s}ec{p}}{ec{p}ec{ec{r}}}$$

For E >> m:

- right-handed chirality $\hat{=}$ positive helicity
- left-handed chiralicty
 [^] negative helicity



$$\mathcal{P}_f(\cos heta) = -rac{\mathcal{A}_f(1+\cos^2 heta)+2\mathcal{A}_e\cos heta}{(1+\cos^2 heta)+2\mathcal{A}_f\mathcal{A}_e\cos heta}$$

At LEP: can only measure au polarisation \rightarrow decays very quickly (\approx 0.3 ps).



Perform template fit to distribution:

- ullet easier in decays with hadrons, especially two-body decays like $\tau \to \pi \nu_\tau$
- leptonic tau decays have 3 final-state particles, two of them invisible

Measurement of left-right asymmetry at SLD



 \hookrightarrow with P_e being the magnitude of the electron polarisation.

 A_{LR} only depends on the initial state!

Also accessible:

$$A_{FB,LR}^{f} = \frac{N_{LF}^{f} + N_{RB}^{f} - N_{LB}^{f} - N_{RF}^{f}}{N_{LF}^{f} + N_{RB}^{f} + N_{LB}^{f} + N_{RF}^{f}} = \frac{3}{4}\mathcal{A}_{f}$$

 \rightarrow in both cases: simple counting experiments

Measurement of A_{FB}^{b} using *b*-jet identification • LEP EWWG



→ A_{FB}^{b} result from LEP differs by about 3σ from SLD result

Results asymmetry measurements



- can translate asymmetry measurements into electroweak mixing angle
- A_{FB}^{b} result from LEP differs by about 3σ

Compare measured values with result from EW fit



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What do we gain from the LEP I and <u>SLC results?</u>

- so: need high precision measurements
 - \hookrightarrow 15 observables from LEP-EWWG (m_Z , Γ_Z , ...)
 - $\hookrightarrow +$ $m_Z\text{,}$ $\Gamma_Z\text{,}$ $m_{\rm top}$ and low-energy observables
- from indirect searches: Higgs mass most likely around 100 GeV
 - \hookrightarrow would be still in reach for LEP experiments!



LEP-II: Upgrade to 209 GeV

The LEP-II upgrade: a rich physics programme

- LEP-II: running from 1995 2000, total lumi all experiments: 3 fb-1
- required update of cavities: replace copper RF cavities by superconducting cavities
 - \hookrightarrow replacement done over several years

Year	Mean energy	Luminosity
	\sqrt{s} [GeV]	$[pb^{-1}]$
1995,1997	130.3	6
	136.3	6
	140.2	1
1996	161.3	12
	172.1	12
1997	182.7	60
1998	188.6	180
1999	191.6	30
	195.5	90
	199.5	90
	201.8	40
2000	204.8	80
	206.5	130
	208.0	8
Total	130 - 209	745



WW pair production



Measurement of m_W and Γ_W : two approaches

• at WW threshold: only 3% of data statistics $\hookrightarrow \sigma \propto \beta = \sqrt{1 - 4m_W^2/s}$

 $\hookrightarrow m_W({
m threshold}) = 80.42 \pm 0.20({
m stat.}) \pm 0.03(E_{
m LEP}) {
m ~GeV}$

② direct reconstruction:

 \hookrightarrow mainly $q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ and $q \bar{q} \ell ar{
u_\ell}$ final state

 $\hookrightarrow \ell \bar{
u_\ell} \ell \bar{
u_\ell}$ stats limited, but no uncertainties from jets

- \hookrightarrow unbinned LH fit to data, combination of results with BLUE method
- $\hookrightarrow m_W(\text{direct}) = 80.376 \pm 0.025(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.022(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}$

LEP-II: Upgrade to 209 GeV

High precision also for the W boson





rel. uncertainty: 3.8 %

Triple gauge boson couplings



- \rightarrow can measure di-boson or single boson production
- \rightarrow can express via 5 independent couplings: $g_1^Z, \kappa_g amma, \kappa_Z, \lambda_\gamma, \lambda_Z$
- → in SM: $g_1^Z = \kappa_\gamma = \kappa_Z = 1$, $\lambda_\gamma = \lambda_Z = 0$

Cross-section measurements



Single parameter fits for charged TGC



 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ charged triple-gauge couplings in agreement with SM prediction

Search for neutral triple-gauge couplings



- no neutral triple gauge-coupling present at tree-level in SM
 - \hookrightarrow no evidence found in two-parameter fits, everything is consistent with zero

Quartic gauge boson couplings



1975/76: The hunt begins...

Paper on Higgs profile: Link Paper

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A PHENOMENOLOGICAL PROFILE OF THE HIGGS BOSON

John Ellis, Mary K. Gaillard *) and D.V. Nanopoulos +) CERN -- Geneva

Summary:

We should perhaps finish with an apology and a caution. We apologize to experimentalists for having no idea what is the mass of the Higgs boson, unlike the case with charm 3 , 4) and for not being sure of its couplings to other particles, except that they are probably all very small. For these reasons we do not want to encourage big experimental searches for the Higgs boson, but we do feel that people performing experimental to the Higgs boson should know how it may turn up.



The hunt begins...

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The Higgs Hunter's Guide

$$\underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{h}_{i}}{\cos \theta_{w}}}_{\mathbf{h}_{i}} \underbrace{\frac{igm_{y}}{\cos \theta_{w}}}_{\mathbf{h}_{i}} (\frac{1}{2} - \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{u}} \sin^{2} \theta_{w}) \sin (\alpha + \beta) - \frac{igm_{y}^{2}}{m_{w} \sin \beta} \cos \alpha$$

John F. Gunion Howard E. Haber Gordon Kane Sally Dawson

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What if the Higgs boson did not exist?

- Higgs field has 4 degrees of freedom
 - \hookrightarrow after W and Z bosons get mass: 1 degree of freedom left
- look at scattering of longitudinal W bosons: $W_L^+W_L^- \rightarrow W_L^+W_L^-$



→ if the Higgs boson does not exist, cross-section diverges!





Indirect Higgs searches at LEP

• assume: search for new particle at accelerators

 \hookrightarrow too heavy to be directly produced and observed

• but: if particle appears in higher-order loop corrections

 \hookrightarrow will alter the actual measured quantities

• effect quite small here (< 1 %)

 \hookrightarrow but constraints possible in high-precision measurements!



Direct searches at LEP

- since Higgs seemed to be still in reach for LEP:
 - \hookrightarrow upgraded accelerator to reach up to 206 GeV
- since Higgs coupling increases with particle mass:
 - \hookrightarrow search for associated production with Z-boson
- with $\sqrt{s} \leq 206$ GeV and $m_Z \approx 91$ GeV

 \hookrightarrow can only find Higgs if $m_H pprox$ 115 GeV

- $\Gamma(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \approx 70$ %
- $\Gamma(H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) \approx 8 \%$
- combine data taken at ALL LEP experiments
 - → reached a lower limit of \approx 115 GeV


Summary for today

Electroweak sector

- observation of W and Z bosons at SPPS
- high-precision measurements of particle masses at LEP and SLD
- see discrepancy for weak mixing angle between LEP and SLD
- measurements show that the SM is consistent so far

What did these measurements tell us?

- could establish number of light neutrino generations
- first bounds on top mass already
- lower limit for Higgs mass from LEP II
 - \hookrightarrow indirect measurements give promising outlook for future colliders

Just one more minute...

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- 0: too easy/ too slow
- 10: too difficult/ too fast