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## Recue Step 1: a Mass for the Vector Mesons

G:

$$m_\gamma < 10^{-18} \text{ eV}/c^2$$

II...

oreticians cannot live without an invertible kinetic term (necessity of a gauge fixing), gauge invariance (unitarity), locality, etc.

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \frac{m_\gamma^2}{2}(A_\mu - \partial_\mu\phi)^2 + \frac{b^2}{2\alpha} + b\partial^\mu A_\mu + \text{Matter}$$

Stückelberg mass. Nice invariance (except gauge fixing)

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu\omega, \quad \phi \rightarrow \phi + \omega, \quad \psi \rightarrow e^{i\omega}\psi$$

Content:

A mass for Yang-Mills (Stückelberg)

A mass for Fermions

A flash over Nonlinear Sigma Model

Fundamental requirements (locality, symmetry properties)

Action → effective action

How to perform Feynman calculus

Developer tools

$U(2) \otimes U(1)$  old and new parameters

Majorana

## Mass for Yang-Mills: from Higgs....

Start with the usual Higgs field (textbook)

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} i\phi_1 + \phi_2 \\ \phi_0 - i\phi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and double the term so that we can introduce

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0 + i\phi_3 & i\phi_1 + \phi_2 \\ i\phi_1 - \phi_2 & \phi_0 - i\phi_3 \end{pmatrix} = \phi_0 + i\tau_j \phi_j$$

$$\int d^4x |(\partial_\mu - i\frac{\tau_a}{2} A_{a\mu})\Psi|^2 = \int d^4x \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}\{|\partial_\mu \Omega - iA_\mu \Omega|^2\}.$$

nonlinear realization:

$$\Omega^\dagger = \Omega^{-1} \implies \phi_0 = \sqrt{1 - \vec{\phi}^2}$$

**Stückelberg Mass** . It is a spontaneous breakdown of symmetry, but not with the usual pattern.

$$\int d^4x \frac{M^2}{4} \text{Tr} \{ (A_\mu - i\Omega \partial_\mu \Omega^\dagger)^2 \}.$$

is gauge invariant, since the new field ( $F_{a\mu} = 2(\phi_0 \partial_\mu \phi_a - \partial_\mu \phi_a + \epsilon_{abc} \partial_\mu \phi_b \phi_c)$ )

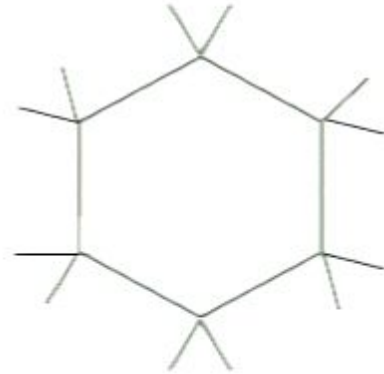
$$F_\mu \equiv i\Omega \partial_\mu \Omega^\dagger \rightarrow U F_\mu U^\dagger + iU \partial_\mu U^\dagger$$

the same transformation property as the  $A_\mu$ !

the **magic** is in the constraint  $\phi_0 = \sqrt{1 - \vec{\phi}^2}$ .



## Recue Step 2: a Mass for the Fermions



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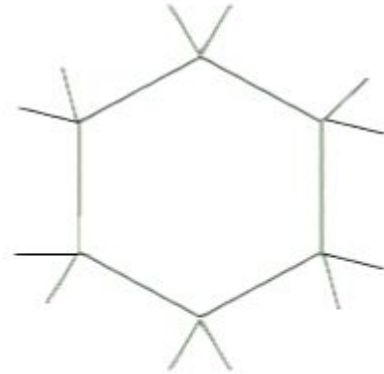
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the same **token** ( $\phi_0 = \sqrt{1 - \vec{\phi}^2}$ ) we can give a mass to  
 nions. A typical mass term is (here with CKM)

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we pay a high **price** due to the new interaction terms  
 the Goldstone boson fields.



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ware, you are leaving the textbook area.

## nonlinear sigma model.

Most of the problems come from the nonlinear sigma model, from the action

$$\Lambda^{(D-4)} \frac{v^2}{8} \int d^D x F_{a\mu} F_a^{\mu} \sim \Lambda^{(D-4)} \int d^D x \frac{v^2}{2} (\partial^\mu \phi_b \partial_\mu \phi_b + \partial^\mu \phi_0 \partial_\mu \phi_0)$$
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regularize this theory has been considered impossible. never say never. Consider the path integral and in particular the measure over  $\phi$

$$\int \prod_x d\phi_0(x) d\phi_1(x) d\phi_2(x) d\phi_3(x) \delta(\phi_0^2 + \vec{\phi}^2 - 1) e^{iS + iS_{\text{SOURCES}}}$$

The measure is invariant under *chiral* (better: *left multiplicative*)  $SU(2)$  transformations ( $\Omega \rightarrow U(\omega)\Omega$ ). For small  $\omega$

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## External Sources

is standard: in order to get the Green functions one needs external sources

$$S_{\text{SOURCES}} = \int d^D x (J_{a\mu} F_a^{\mu} + K_0 \phi_0 + K_j \phi_j).$$

The physical operators are  $F_a^{\mu}$ ,  $\phi_0$ , while  $\phi_j$  are just parameters.

Summary: (i) find the algebra of operators **closed** under local multiplication transformations by starting from the classical action, (ii) associate to every composite operator an external classical source (for subtraction strategy), (iii) write the Local Functional Equation (LFE) which follows from the invariance of the path integral measure.

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the result of the procedure is the following equation

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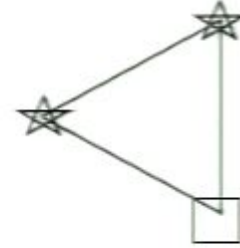
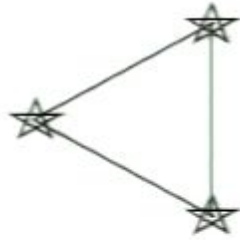
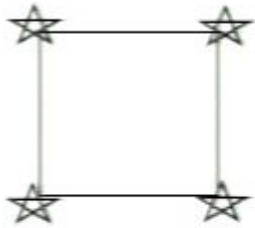
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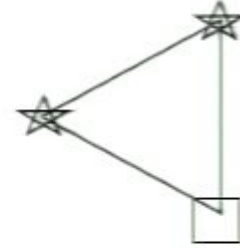
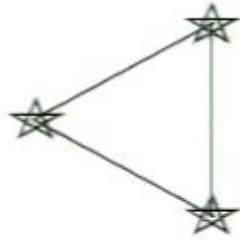
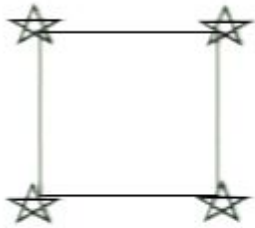
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## The Electroweak Model

The required invariance of the path integral measure is  $U(2)_L$  local left,  $U(1)_R$  local right. For instance

$$\Omega \rightarrow U(\vec{\omega}(x))\Omega V(\alpha(x))^\dagger$$

Moreover BRST invariance is required for physical unitarity (cancellation of Faddeev-Popov ghosts, Goldstone bosons and spin zero components of the vector fields. ). Thus we have two equations

**WATSON-TAYLOR** identity (for unitarity)

**WATSON-TAYLOR FUNCTIONAL EQUATION** (for hierarchy, WPC, cancellation of divergences and finally model construction)



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one obtains the same interaction pattern for gauge and matter fields as in the Standard Model, with some changes.

Replace the Higgs field according to

$$\phi_0 \rightarrow \sqrt{1 - \vec{\phi}^2}$$

An extra mass-like term appears for the intermediate vector mesons. Consequently  $\frac{M_W}{M_Z}$  (Weinberg's angle) becomes a free parameter (work in progress: in GUT models this parameter is not anymore free).

man rules in [0903.0281 \[hep-th\]](#) by D. Bettinelli, R.F. [A. Quadri](#) (analytic calculation of the W and Z mass  $\beta$ -loop corrections).

## Bonus

While in the Standard Model a Majorana mass for the neutrino is forbidden by renormalization, in our model (non-linear realization of the gauge group) it is not. Use the attached field  $\nu = (1 + \tau_3)\Omega^\dagger\psi_L$ , then the mass-like term is

$$m\bar{\nu}_c\nu + h.c.$$

$$\Omega = \sqrt{1 - \vec{\phi}^2} + i\tau_j\phi_j.$$

Passes the check of WPC. The term is allowed!

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people's revolution

our job's referees

## criticisms

The whole theory cannot be true. Hopefully this is not the case. We do honestly our best to avoid mistakes.

We do not follow algebraic renormalization. Of course our scheme is based on dimensional regularization. We do not consider this a flaw: if one finds a way to construct a consistent theory, this should be acceptable from a physical point of view

We do not have a renormalization group invariance. Yes and no: a derivative respect to  $\Lambda$  yields a very complicated equation. Work still in progress

$\Lambda$  is not a physical parameter. The masses replace the order parameter.



The model must have problems with unitarity. This is a  
ough issue.

## More about Unitarity (the High Energy Problem)

## Glance to the Nonlinear Sigma Model

The forward  $\pi\pi$  elastic scattering amplitude behaves like

$$T^{(n)} \sim \left(\frac{s}{v^2}\right)^{(n+1)} \quad (2)$$

$n$  = number of loops,  $s = (\text{center of mass energy})^2$ . Thus we expect that the theory is phenomenologically relevant only for

$$s < v^2. \quad (3)$$

Beyond this constraint one needs some new tool (lattice calculations?). **Conclusion:** the theory is unitary in the set of parameters where it makes sense.

## $W_L$ elastic scattering

The attention has been focused on this process for different reasons. At high energy ( $s, t \gg M_W^2$ ) some anomalous behavior is expected for the longitudinal polarization. The idea is to entangle the presence of the Higgs boson to the requirement of unitarity. The calculations often make use of the so called Equivalence Theorem.

**Unitarity:** It is better to stress the conceptual difference between the Optical Theorem for the  $S$ -matrix

$$S = \mathbb{H} - iT, \quad S^\dagger S = \mathbb{H}, \quad \implies \text{Im}T_{ii} \sim \sigma_i T. \quad (4)$$

Perturbative Unitarity gives ( $k > 0$ )

$$0 = \sum_{j=0}^k S^{(j)\dagger} S^{(k-j)}. \quad (5)$$

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$$S = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} S^{(k)}, \quad S^{(0)} = \mathbb{H}. \quad (6)$$

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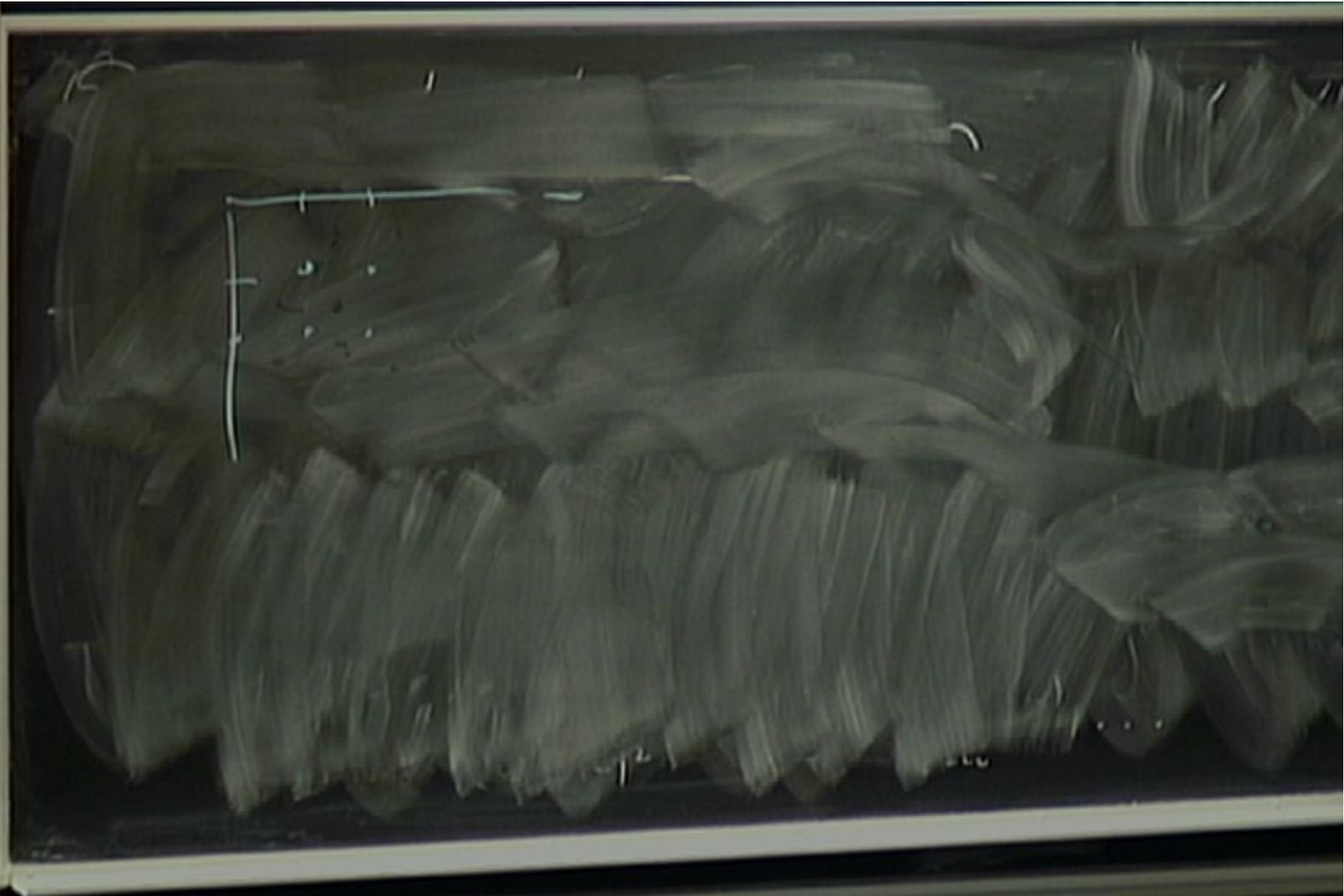
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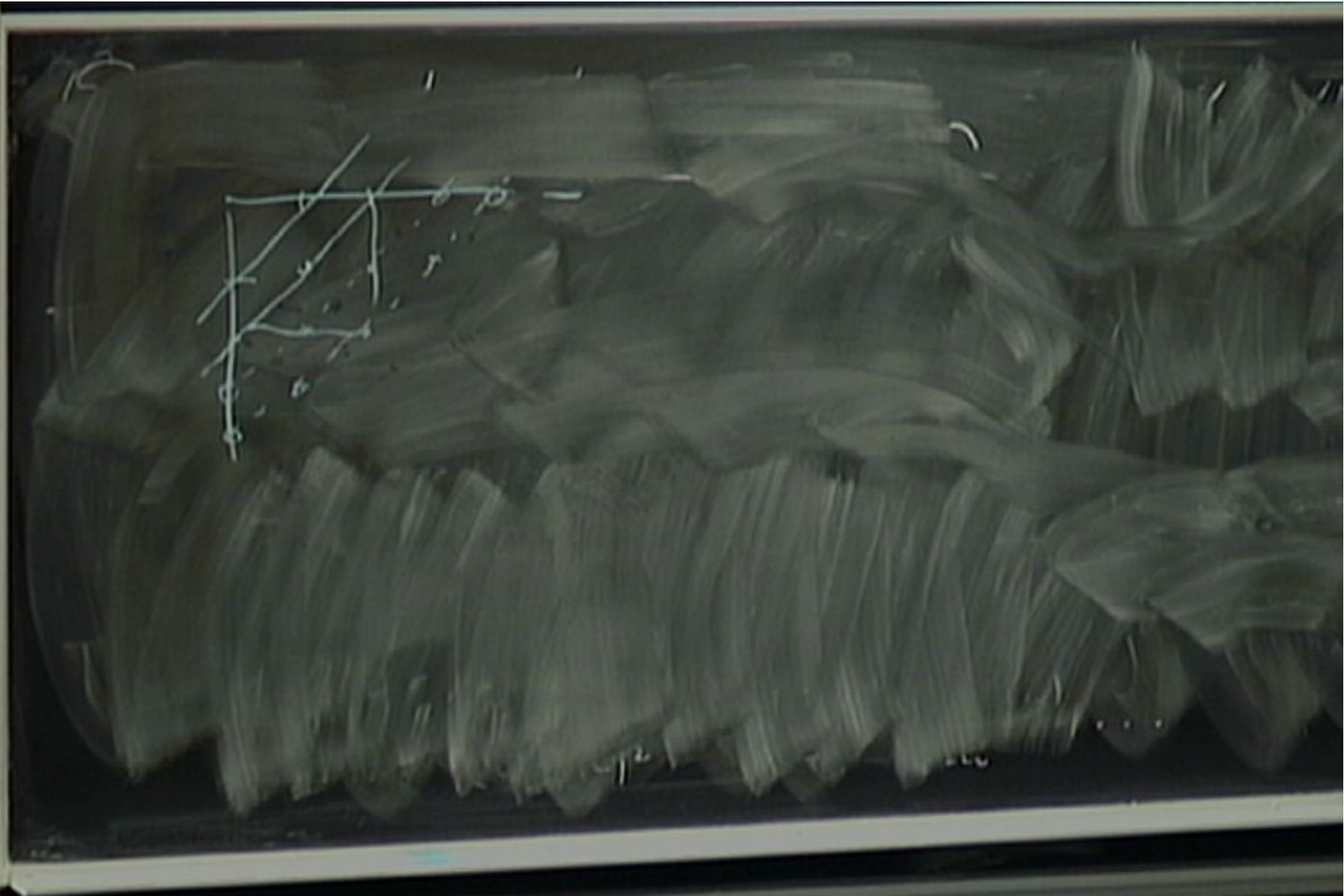
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## Experimental side

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Fit of the precision data at low and medium energy ( $s \sim M_W^2$ ).

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Direct evidence of the Higgs boson existence.

The third case is of course a clear cut answer, although, being one of the author, I would feel curious to understand why renormalized Higgs mechanism is realized and not a Landau theory where the gauge group is represented nonlinearly. Recent results at Tevatron

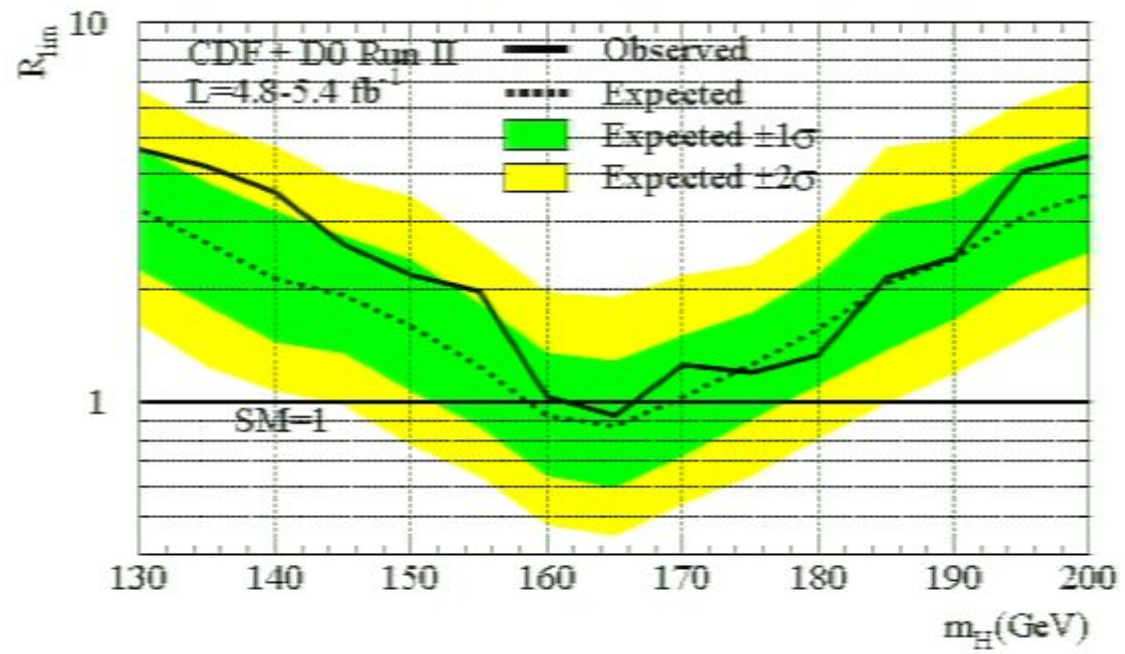
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## Direct and Indirect tests

The **low energy** test is lengthy and uncertain. We have evaluated the self-masses of the vector mesons. We have almost finished the one-loop corrections to  $G_{\mu\mu}$ . More work is waiting. Moreover the uncertainty on  $\theta_W$  makes the fit difficult. In the Standard Model  $M_W \sim gv$ ,  $G_F \sim v^{-2}$ ,  $e = g \sin \theta_W$  thus the fit encounters some rigidity.

The **high energy** is based on the  $gg$ -  $q\bar{q}$ -,  $WW$ - and  $ZZ$ -fusion. The Standard model and our model at the tree level differ only by the absence of the Higgs boson contribution in our model. Thus in this particular case it corresponds to the limit  $m_H \rightarrow \infty$ . Probably a very difficult task to distinguish the two models.

o PDG is ready to issue some *imprimatur*:

Higgs bosons are not discovered at the Tevatron or the LHC, other studies might be able to test alternative theories of dynamical electroweak symmetry breaking which do not involve a fundamental Higgs scalar (from the 2008 Review of Particle Physics: "Higgs Bosons: Theory and Searches (v.)" pag. 48).



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