



# Electroweak Superconductivity

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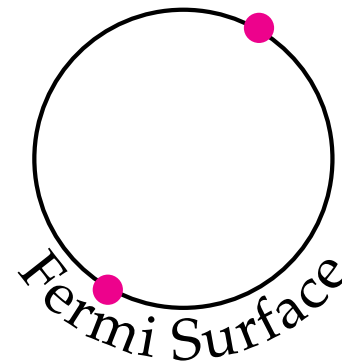
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The Weak Interactions are realized in nature in the **Higgs (or superconducting)** phase. The origin of this superconductivity remains mysterious.

We need the analogue of BCS!





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- Supersymmetry.
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Model Builder's Goal:  
Construct a theory that adequately describes the degrees of freedom up to some scale  $\Lambda$ .

All operators should have a size consistent with that determined by **NDA**.

$$S = \sum \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \right)^{L-1} \int \Lambda^4 F_L(\Phi/\Lambda, \partial/\Lambda)$$

**Strong coupling** corresponds to  $g \rightarrow 4\pi$



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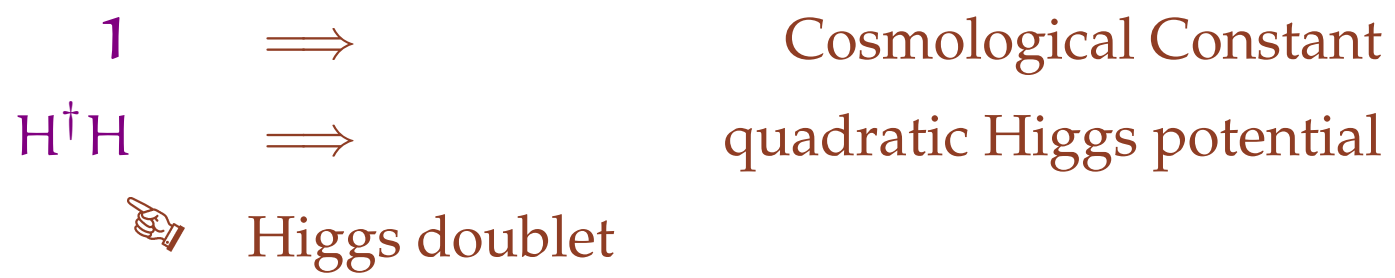


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Two such operators in the Standard Model:





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From experiment:

$$\text{C.C.} \sim (3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^4$$

$$\mu^2 \sim (200 \text{ GeV})^2$$

From one-loop in the Standard Model (momentum space cutoff):

$$\delta\mu^2 \sim \Lambda^2 \frac{3}{4} \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}\pi^2} (2M_W^2 + M_Z^2 + M_H^2 - 4m_t^2) \sim - \left(\frac{\Lambda}{3}\right)^2$$



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This requires  $\Lambda < 1 \text{ TeV}$ .



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We have already explored physics in this region—effects of quantum modes with momenta greater than 1 TeV have been probed. Somehow the effects of these modes are not reflected in the weak scale of  $v \sim 250$  GeV. Fine tuning to achieve this is inconsistent with NDA.

How can fine-tuning show up?



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The **Veltman Condition**:

$$2M_W^2 + M_Z^2 + M_H^2 - 4m_t^2 = 0$$

No symmetry! This is fine tuning:

A relation not enforcable by symmetry.

☞ High energy physics won't respect such conditions.

It's cutoff-scheme dependent.



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Highest momentum scale that we have probed?  
We have seen physics well in excess of a TeV!  
LEP1, LEP2, SLD, TEVATRON, Low energy Expt's

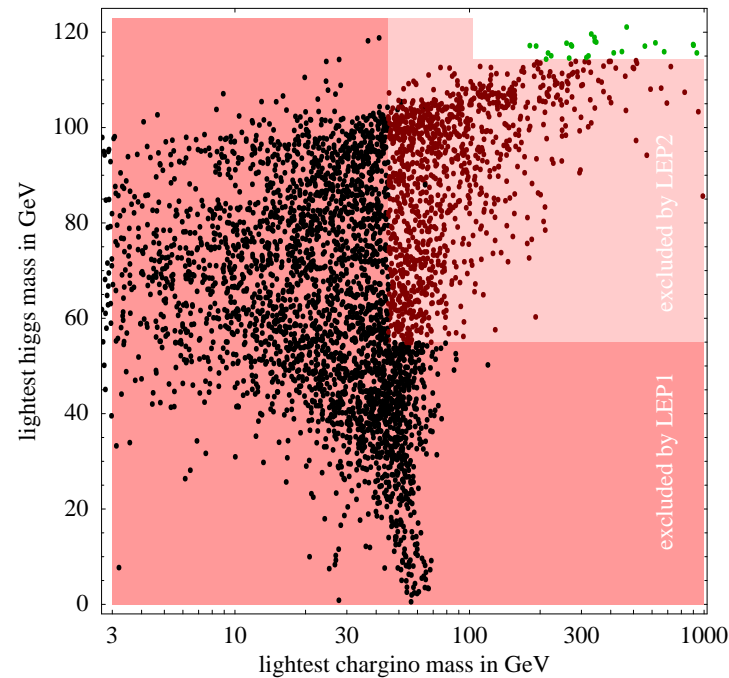


Figure 1: Barbieri and Strumia



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Prior to LEP2 there were two most relevant parameters:

T and S



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(Old-fashioned): Ratio of charged-current to neutral current weak interactions (the  $\rho$  parameter).

Equivalently, the  $Z$  mass relative to  $W$  mass and  $\sin^2 \theta$ .  
(These definitions differ.)

(Modern): The  $T$  parameter.

The  $\rho$  parameter is nearly one. The Standard Model has an (approximate) symmetry which ensures this.



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Standard Model:

$$U \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H} & H \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } \tilde{H}_j \equiv \epsilon_{ji} H_i^*$$

Consider  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_C$  transformations:

$$U \rightarrow LUR^\dagger$$

Gauge Interactions:

$$DU = \partial U + i\vec{W} \cdot \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2} U + iBU \frac{\sigma^3}{2}$$

Custodial symmetry broken by  $U(1)$  gauge interactions (and up-down Yukawa differences).

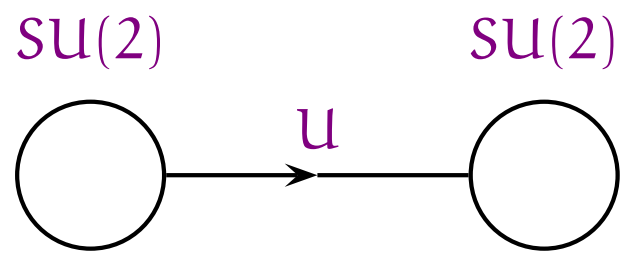


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A nice notation:

Global:



Gauge:





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This corresponds to the dimension six operator

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left( H^\dagger D H \right)^2 \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left( \text{Tr} \sigma^3 U^\dagger D U \right)^2$$

(where the second form makes it is easy to see the symmetry violation). A vev for an electroweak triplet would have a dimension 4 operator contribution.

The current EWPT bound is

$$\Lambda \sim 8 \text{ TeV}$$





# The $S$ parameter

The other well-constrained parameter: the strength of weak interactions relative to the masses of the  $W$  and  $Z$ . This is the so-called  $S$  parameter. The operator corresponding to  $S$  is

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger W_{\mu\nu} H B^{\mu\nu} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} B^{\mu\nu} \text{Tr} U \sigma^3 U^\dagger W_{\mu\nu}$$

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$$\Lambda \sim 10 \text{ TeV}$$

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Scales of some typical dimension 6 operators:

$$\begin{aligned} (H^\dagger D H)^2 & \quad \Lambda \sim 8 \text{ TeV} \\ H^\dagger W_{\mu\nu} H B^{\mu\nu} & \quad \Lambda \sim 10 \text{ TeV} \\ \bar{e} \gamma_\mu e \bar{l} \gamma^\mu l & \quad \Lambda \sim 6 \text{ TeV} \\ \bar{d}^c \sigma_{\mu\nu} H^\dagger q F^{\mu\nu} & \quad \Lambda \sim 9 \text{ TeV} \end{aligned}$$

Since LEP2, there are about 10 operators that provide important constraints. (For example,  $(DW)^2$ ,  $(\partial B)^2$ ).

Generally EWPTs require (dimensionless) measures of new physics  $\sim v^2/\Lambda^2$  to be less than the parts per mille level!

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We have strong evidence for a condensate with a scale of 250 GeV.

- Symmetry breaking is predominantly isodoublet (Custodial SU(2) symmetry)
- Symmetry breaking is weakly coupled.
- Must describe new physics to a (relatively) high scale near  $10 \text{ TeV}$ . This new physics must not couple significantly to avoid producing large dimension six (4-fermion) operators.



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- Weakly coupled (or otherwise satisfy EWPTs).





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None of these is unique to supersymmetry!

For a model builder, just need to incorporate these features.  
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A look at the techniques of model building (deconstruction).  
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Tomorrow I might be something different.