

# Spontaneous symmetry breaking and Coleman-Weinberg mechanism

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# Description of Spontaneous Symmetry breaking

In quantum theory:

- Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism
- Coleman-Weinberg mechanism

# Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism

- Suggested in 1964 by Brout, Englert, Higgs and Guralnik, Kibble and Hagen
- Goldstone bosons
- Degrees of freedom rearrangement
- Potential with tachion mass term

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{m^2}{2}\varphi^2 + \lambda\varphi^4, m^2 < 0 \quad (1)$$

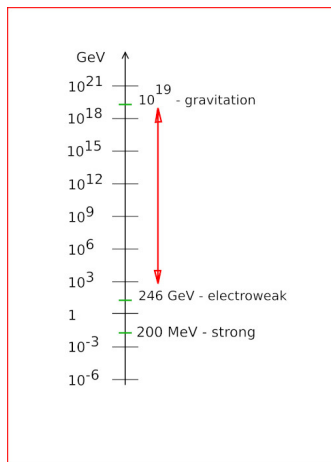
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# Hierarchy and Naturalness problem



Hierarchy problem:  
big difference between energy  
scales of different interactions

What  
is the source of this hierarchy?

Is there any new  
physics between the scales?

# Hierarchy and Naturalness problem

Naturalness (fine-tuning) problem: corrections to Higgs mass must cancel each other

## 't Hooft naturalness principle

The quantity is small, if the theory becomes more symmetric, when the quantity tends to zero

Custodial symmetries:

- Dirac fermion mass  $m_\psi \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$  chiral symmetry
- Mass terms of gauge bosons  $m^2 A_\mu A_\mu \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$  gauge symmetry.

What is such a symmetry in Higgs sector?

## Conformal (scale) symmetry

We study breaking of conformal (scale) symmetry

# Effective theories approach

- There is a fundamental theory describing physics on all energy scales.
- Effective theories describe physics to certain energy scales.
- Two scales are introduced: regularization scale (upper bound) and renormalization scale (the scale of the physics of interest).

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# Coleman-Weinberg mechanism

- Microscopic approach
- Radiative corrections
- Effective potential formalism
- Summarize graphs with loops
- Dynamical symmetry breaking

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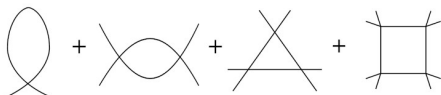


# Coleman-Weinberg mechanism

For  $\lambda\varphi^4$  theory

$$V_{eff}^{tree} = \lambda\varphi^4 \quad (2)$$

$$V_{eff} = \lambda\varphi^4 + \Delta V_{sc} \quad (3)$$



Regularization - cut off UV divergence, introduce  $\Lambda$   
Renormalization - get rid of IR (logarithmic) divergence, introduce  $M$

# Coleman-Weinberg mechanism

$$\Delta V_{sc} = i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2} \lambda \varphi_c^2}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \right)^n = \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\lambda \Lambda^2}{64\pi^2} \varphi_c^2 + \frac{\lambda^2 \varphi_c^4}{256\pi^2} \left( \ln \frac{\lambda \varphi_c^2}{2\Lambda^2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \quad (5) \\ &= \frac{\lambda \varphi_c^4}{4!} + \frac{\lambda^2 \varphi_c^4}{256\pi^2} \left( \ln \frac{\varphi_c^2}{M^2} - \frac{25}{6} \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Model with a scalar and a spinor fields

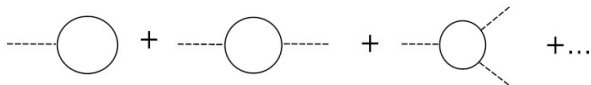
$$L_c = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \varphi_c)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \varphi_c^4 + i \bar{\Psi}_c \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu \Psi_c - y \varphi_c \bar{\Psi}_c \Psi_c \quad (6)$$

Effective potential:

$$V_{eff} = V_{tree} + \Delta V_{sc} + \Delta V_f \quad (7)$$

# Model with a scalar and a spinor fields

Fermion loops contribution:



$$\begin{aligned}\Delta V_f &= -N_c \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{(y\varphi_c)^n \text{Tr}(\hat{k} + m)^n}{(k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon)^n} \rightarrow \quad (8) \\ &\rightarrow -N_c \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(y\varphi_c)^n}{n} \frac{\text{Tr}(\hat{k} + m)^n}{(k^2 - m^2)^n} \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow -\frac{N_c}{8\pi^2} \left[ (y\varphi_c)^2 \Lambda^2 + \frac{(y\varphi_c)^4}{2} \left( \ln \frac{(y\varphi_c)^2}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Model with a scalar and a spinor fields

Renormalization conditions:

$$m^2 = \left. \frac{d^2 V}{d\varphi_c^2} \right|_{\varphi_c=0} \quad (9)$$

$$\lambda = \left. \frac{d^4 V}{d\varphi_c^4} \right|_{\varphi_c=M} \quad (10)$$

Renormalized 1-loop effective potential:

$$V_{eff}^{ren} = \frac{\lambda \varphi_c^4}{4!} + \frac{\varphi_c^4}{256\pi^2} \left( \ln \frac{\varphi_c^2}{M^2} - \frac{25}{6} \right) (\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4) \quad (11)$$

# Model with a scalar and a spinor fields

Minimum of the potential:

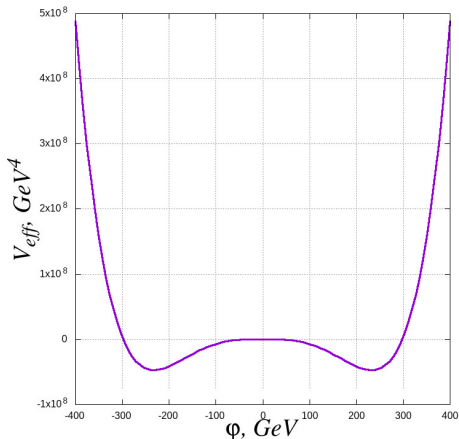
$$\left. \frac{dV_{eff}^{ren}(\varphi_c)}{d\varphi_c} \right|_{\varphi_c = \langle \varphi_c \rangle} = 0 \quad (12)$$

Non-trivial minimum is moved from 0 to the point  $\varphi_c = \langle \varphi_c \rangle \equiv v$ , derived from the equation

$$\ln \frac{\langle \varphi_c \rangle^2}{M^2} = \frac{11}{3} - \frac{32\pi^2 \lambda}{3[\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4]} \quad (13)$$

# Model with a scalar and a spinor fields

## Effective potential



# Model with a scalar and a spinor fields

Shift of the field:

$$\varphi_c = v + \varphi \quad (14)$$

Scalar field mass:

$$m_\varphi^2 = \left. \frac{\partial^2 V(\varphi + v)}{\partial \varphi^2} \right|_{\varphi=0} = \frac{\lambda}{2} v^2 + \frac{3v^2}{64\pi^2} (\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4) \left( \ln \frac{v^2}{M^2} \right) \quad (15)$$

From the minimum condition:

$$[\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4] \ln \frac{v^2}{M^2} = \frac{32}{3} \pi^2 + \frac{11}{3} [\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4], \quad (16)$$

we have:

$$m_\varphi^2 = \frac{v^2}{32\pi} (\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4) \quad (17)$$

$$\lambda^2 > 16N_c y^4 \quad (18)$$



# Model with a scalar and a spinor fields

Scalar mass:

$$m_\varphi = \frac{v}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4} \quad (19)$$

Fermion mass:

$$m_f = yv \quad (20)$$

# Effective low-energy model

We build an effective low-energy model applicable near the minimum. Shift of the field:

$$\varphi_c = v + \varphi \quad (21)$$

$$V_{eff}^{1-loop}(v + \varphi) = \frac{\lambda(v + \varphi)^4}{4!} + \quad (22)$$
$$+ \frac{(v + \varphi)^4}{256\pi^2} \left( \ln \frac{(v + \varphi)^2}{M^2} - \frac{25}{6} \right) (\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4)$$

# Effective low-energy model

Expanding in series near the minimum:

$$V_0(\varphi) = \frac{m_0^2 \varphi^2}{2} + \frac{h_0 \varphi^3}{3!} + \frac{\lambda_0 \varphi^4}{4!} + \mathcal{O}\left(\varphi^4 \frac{\varphi}{M}\right) \quad (23)$$

Coupling constants and the scalar field mass in the effective model:

$$\lambda_0 = \left. \frac{\partial^4 V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{ren}}}{\partial \varphi^4} \right|_{\varphi=0} = \frac{11}{32\pi^2} [\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4], \quad (24)$$

$$h_0 = \left. \frac{\partial^3 V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{ren}}}{\partial \varphi^3} \right|_{\varphi=0} = [\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4] \frac{5v}{32\pi^2} = \lambda_0 \frac{5v}{11}, \quad (25)$$

$$m_0^2 = \left. \frac{\partial^2 V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{ren}}}{\partial \varphi^2} \right|_{\varphi=0} = \frac{[\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4] v^2}{32\pi^2} = \frac{\lambda_0 v^2}{11}. \quad (26)$$

# Effective low-energy model

$\lambda$  in initial and effective models:

$$\lambda_0 \sim \lambda^2 \quad (27)$$

- No continuous renormalization group transition between initial and effective model.
- Now  $M$  is the upper bound of the range of applicability of the effective theory.

Relation between  $v$  and  $M$ :

$$v = M \exp \left\{ \frac{11}{6} - \frac{\lambda 16\pi^2}{3[\lambda^2 - 16N_c y^4]} \right\} \quad (28)$$

# Scales hierarchy

From the experiments:

$$m_0 = 125 \text{ GeV}, \quad v = 246 \text{ GeV}, \quad y = 1, \quad N_c = 3. \quad (29)$$

Then the fermion mass:

$$m_f = yv = 246 \text{ GeV} \quad (30)$$

Substituting it into (28), we get

$$M \approx 60 \text{ TeV}. \quad (31)$$

**In Coleman-Weinberg method big difference between the scales is generated dynamically**

# M parameter

- Scale symmetry breaking scale
- Renormalization scale

If  $M$  is arbitrary - scale symmetry is unbroken!

If  $M = \langle \varphi \rangle$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{dV}{d\varphi} \right|_{\varphi=\langle\varphi\rangle} &= \frac{\lambda\langle\varphi^3\rangle}{3!} + \frac{\lambda^2\langle\varphi^3\rangle}{64\pi^2} \left( \log \frac{\langle\varphi\rangle^2}{\langle\varphi\rangle^2} - \frac{11}{3} \right) = \quad (32) \\ &= \frac{\lambda\langle\varphi\rangle^3}{3!} - \frac{\lambda^2\langle\varphi\rangle^3}{64\pi^2} \frac{11}{3} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\langle \varphi \rangle = 0$  - the case of unbroken symmetry.

## Results

- Spontaneous symmetry breaking by Coleman-Weinberg mechanism in the model with a scalar and a spinor field was considered
- Effective low-energy model was constructed
- Regularization parameter  $M$  can't be arbitrary in theories with broken conformal (scale) symmetry

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Realization of the Coleman-Weinberg mechanism in Standard Model

- Add gauge bosons
- Consider Higgs doublet
- More loops



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