

Higgs/BSM Lectures - Valencia - May 2015

1. 11/05: EW theory and Higgs mechanism (2h30)

1. $n \rightarrow p e \bar{\nu}_e$: Pauli '30, Fermi '32-34, ν_e and ν_μ
 2. current-current interaction
 3. $SU(2) \times U(1)$ vs Georgi-Glashow
 4. Gargamelle exp.
 5. $\pi \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$ vs $\pi \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_e$ and V-A structure of the weak interaction
 6. SM Higgs mechanism - W and Z masses
 7. $SU(2) \times U(1) \rightarrow U(1)_{em}$, number of degrees of freedom before and after EWSB
 8. ρ parameter
 9. custodial symmetry
 $SO(4)/SO(3)$
 $SO(4) \sim SU(2) \times SU(2)$
 $\rho = 1$
 W_L and Z_L as pions of $SU(2) \times SU(2)/SU(2)$, Sigma matrix, unitary gauge
- ex 1: 2-body decay and 3-body decay
 ex 2: higgs self-couplings, general expression of the ρ parameter

2. 12/05: Goldstone equivalence theorem (2h30)

1. $h \rightarrow WW$ - computation in the unitary gauge and using the Goldstone's (using the Higgs potential)
 2. $h \rightarrow Wb$ - computation in the unitary gauge and using the Goldstone's (using the Yukawa interaction)
 3. validity of the Goldstone eq. theorem: $m \ll E \ll 8\pi m/g$
 4. expression of longitudinal polarization vector and $\epsilon_L(k) \sim k/mW (1 + O(m_W^2/E^2))$
 5. WW scattering in the unitary gauge: cancelation of the E^4 terms
 6. $\pi\pi$ scattering
 7. Higgs contribution to WW scattering: $a^2=1$
 8. unitarity bound on the Higgs mass
 9. Higgs unitarization for $WW \rightarrow hh$
 10. Higgs unitarization for $WW \rightarrow f\bar{f}$
- ex 3: scalar vs. pseudo-scalar Higgs: threshold behavior in $h \rightarrow f\bar{f}$
 ex 4: partial wave decomposition, additional factor $\sqrt{\pi}$ in NDA

3. 13/05: RG effects in Higgs potential, hierarchy problem (2h30)

1. triviality bound
 2. stability bound
 3. Finite temperature corrections
 4. $v_c/T_c = 4 B v^2 / m_h^2$ with $B = (2 m_W^3 + m_Z^3) / (6 \pi v^3) \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-3}$
 5. General discussion on the problem of quadratic divergences, relevant operators.
 6. computation of the quadratically divergent diagrams
 7. Coleman-Weinberg potential
- ex 5: EW phase transition with H^6 potential
 ex 6: beta function

4. 14/03: Higgs low-energy theorems, Higgs and new physics (2h30)

1. remark on the importance of $h \rightarrow gg$ and $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ as test of naturalness
 $h \rightarrow gg$ top quark loop: diagrammatic computation and $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ limit, remark on (non-)decoupling, short discussion on the Higgs production channels at the LHC
 2. HGG effective vertex: matching with diagrammatic computation
 3. HLET from α_s running
 4. HLET for $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 5. Higgs couplings modifications due to cH
 6. SILH basis and power counting (\hbar dimensions)
 7. connection with a,b,c
 8. Higgs primaries
 9. RG running and $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 10. $SO(5)/SO(4)$ composite Higgs models. Computation of cH
- ex 7: computation of S and T from dim. 6 operators
 ex 8: non-linear field redefinition from cH

Extra material (if time permits or if there is strong interest): Future prospects

1. SM deformations: BSM primaries
2. double Higgs production: threshold behavior, access to Higgs self-coupling, access to top Yukawa coupling
3. boosted Higgs channel
4. off-shell Higgs production
5. flavor violating Higgs couplings