

# Electroweak Symmetry Breaking without a Higgs Boson

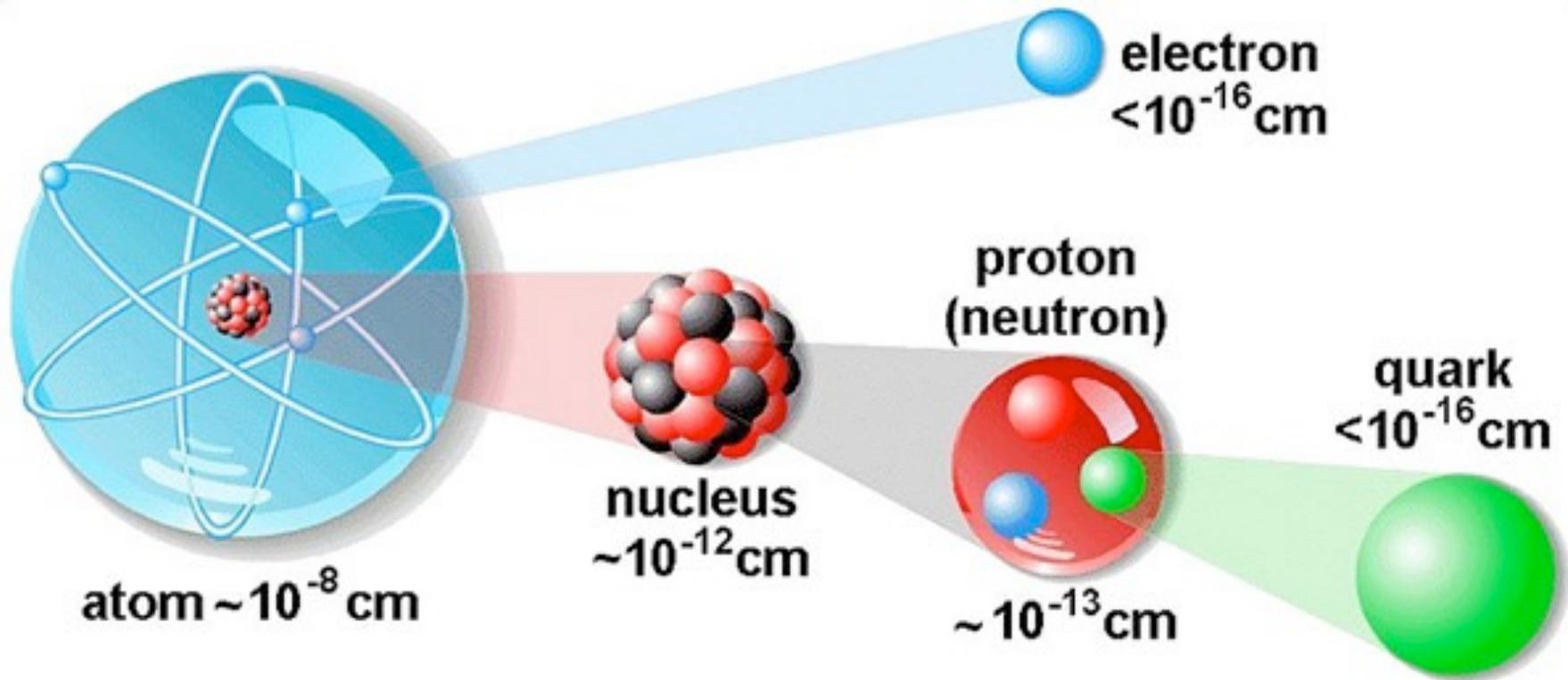
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**Introduction:**

**Fundamental Particles and  
Fundamental questions**

# Subatomic Structure



# Force Carriers (bosons)

**Strong**

**SU(3)** **QCD**

Gluons (8)



Quarks



Mesons Baryons



Nuclei



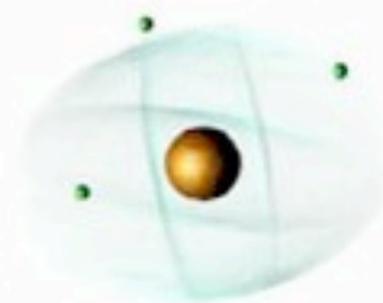
**Electromagnetic**

Photon

**U(1)**



Atoms  
Light  
Chemistry  
Electronics

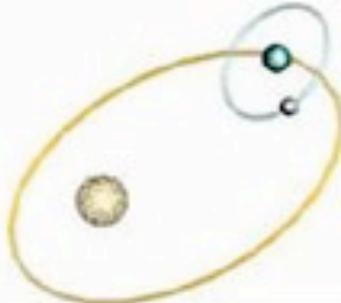


**Gravitational**

Graviton ?



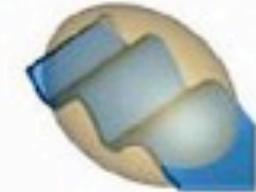
Solar system  
Galaxies  
Black holes



**Weak**

Bosons (W,Z)

**SU(2)**



Neutron decay  
Beta radioactivity  
Neutrino Interactions  
Burning of the sun



*The particle drawings are simple artistic representations*

# Matter Particles (fermions)

Each can exist  
in LH and RH  
chirality

LH (RH) version is  
charged (neutral)  
under weak  
interactions

### Leptons

	Electric Charge		Electric Charge
Tau	-1	Tau Neutrino	0
Muon	-1	Muon Neutrino	0
Electron	-1	Electron Neutrino	0

### Quarks

	Electric Charge		Electric Charge
Bottom	-1/3	Top	2/3
Strange	-1/3	Charm	2/3
Down	-1/3	Up	2/3

each quark: ●R, ●B, ●G 3 colors

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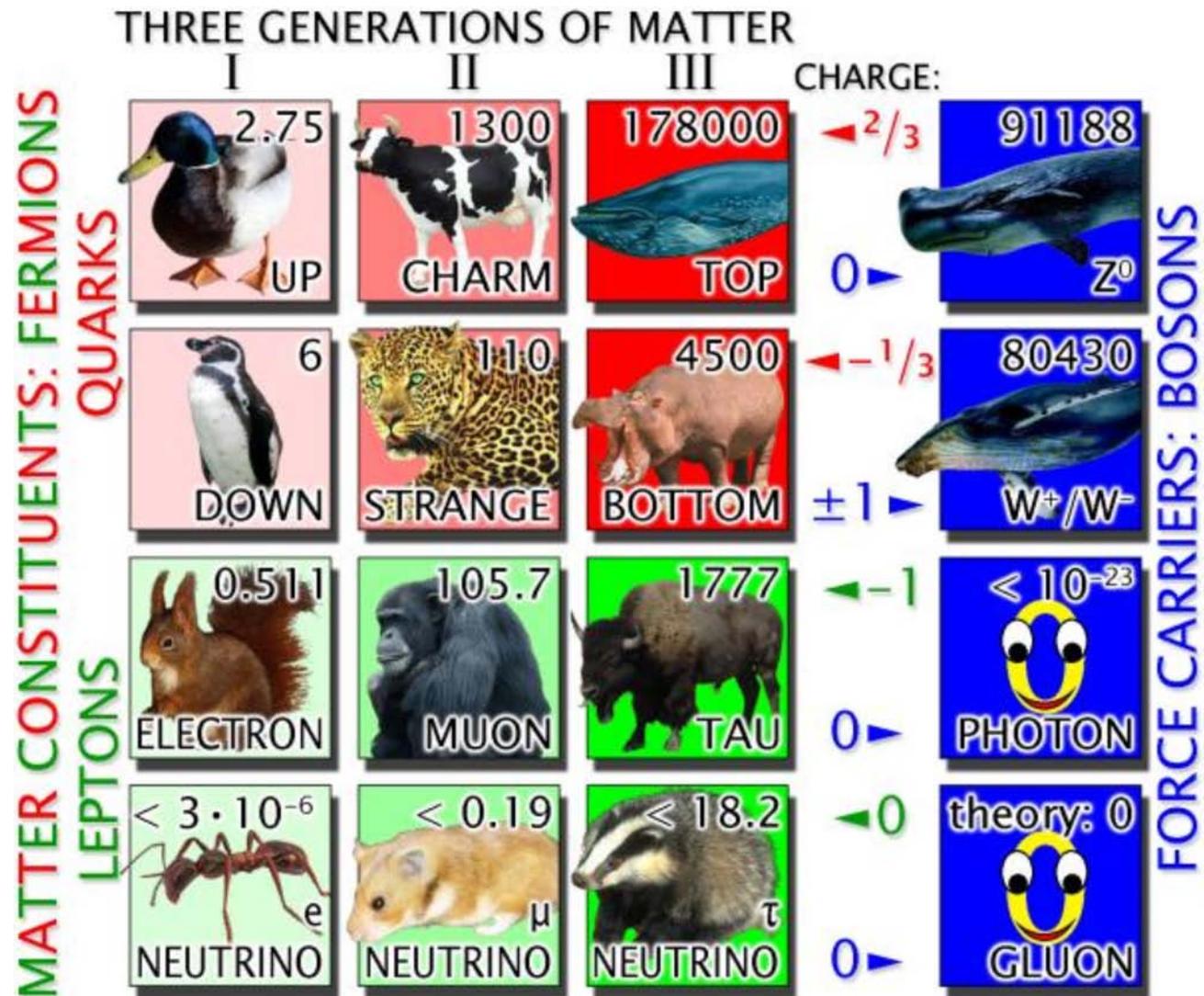
# Questions About Broken Symmetries

## Flavor:

Why do fermions with the same charge have different masses?

## Electroweak:

Why are the W & Z bosons heavy while the photon is massless?



The Standard Model  
fundamental particle zoo

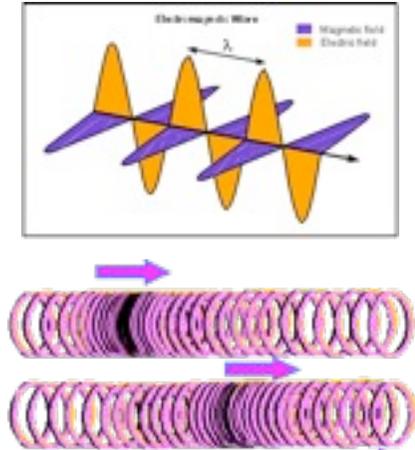
**The Origin of Mass:**  
**Electroweak Symmetry**  
**Breaking and the Higgs**

# Gauge Boson Masses

Consider the masses of the electroweak gauge bosons:

$$M_\gamma = 0 \quad (2 \text{ transverse modes only})$$

$$M_W, M_Z \neq 0 \quad (2 \text{ transverse modes,} \\ \text{and 1 longitudinal})$$



An apparent **contradiction** exists:

- $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0$  are **massive gauge bosons**
- mass implies a Lagrangian term  $M_W^2 W^\mu W_\mu$   
... but such a term is not gauge-invariant

## Resolving the contradiction:

The  $SU(2)_W$  gauge symmetry is **broken** at the energies our experiments have probed so far.

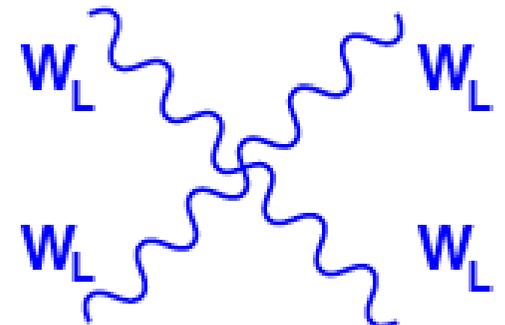
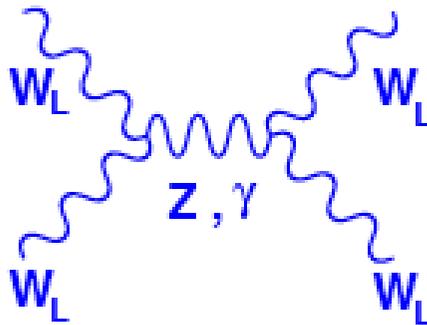
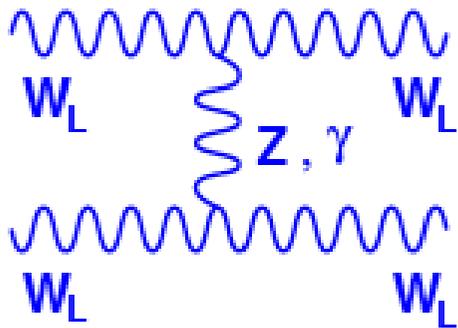
## Relationship of $SU(2)$ and $U(1)$ :

- $W$  bosons are electrically charged ( $\pm 1$ ), implying that the weak & electromagnetic forces are related
- $U(1)_{EM}$  is the low-energy remnant of a high-energy electroweak gauge symmetry  $SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$
- how to achieve this symmetry breaking?

Is the symmetry explicitly broken?

i.e., do we just add a  $W$  mass term to the Lagrangian?

**No:** consider high-energy  $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$  scattering



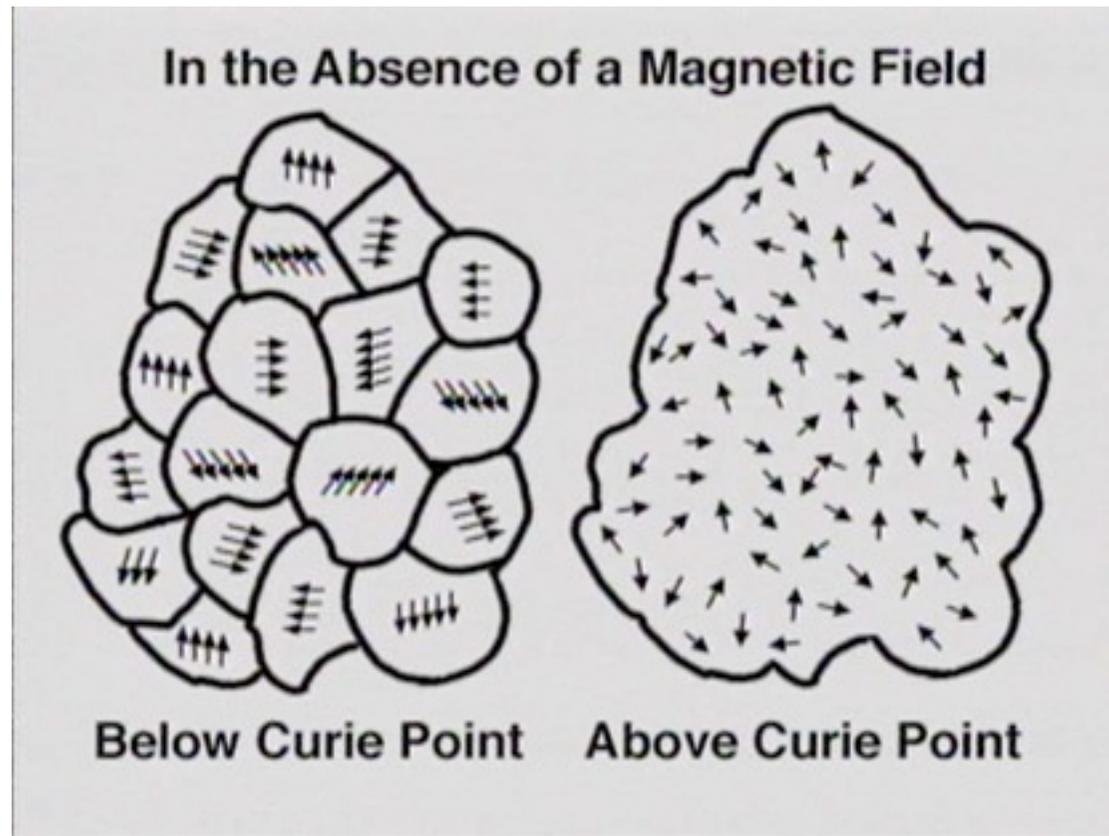
$$A_{\text{tree level}} \sim E_{\text{c.m.}}^2 / M_W^2$$

Unitarity would be violated (scattering probability  $> 100\%$ )  
for scattering energies  $E_{\text{c.m.}} \sim 1000 \text{ GeV} \dots$   
so something is still missing.

## Must have spontaneous symmetry breaking!

- Lagrangian **is** symmetric, but ground state is **not**
- a familiar example: ferromagnetism

$$\mathcal{H} \sim \sum (-\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j)$$



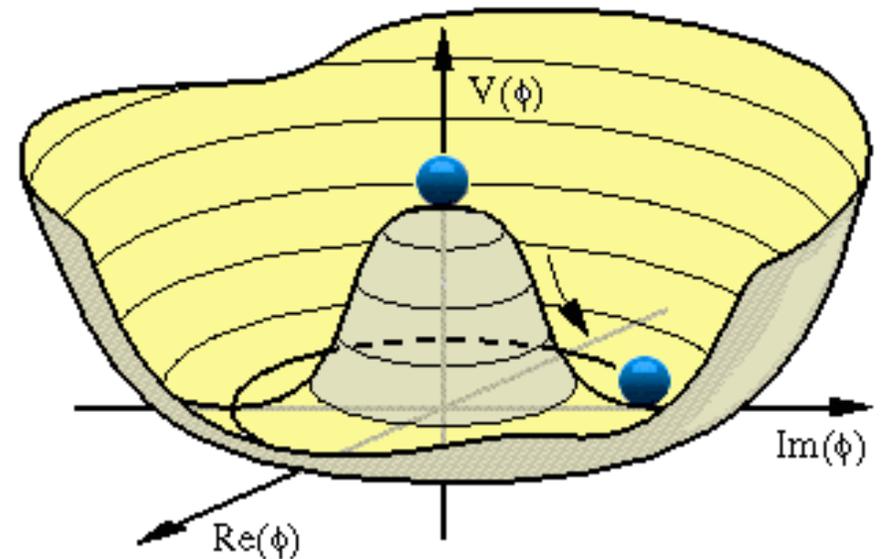
# The SM Higgs

A fundamental (not composite) complex weak doublet (4 degrees of freedom) of scalar (spin-0) fields

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with potential energy function

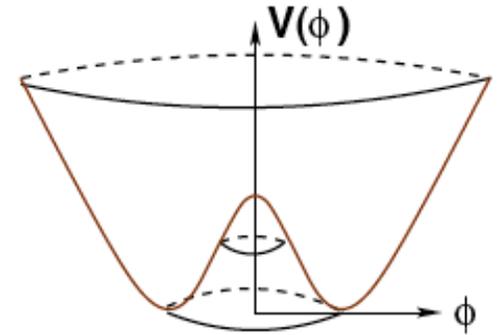
$$V(\phi) = \lambda \left( \phi^\dagger \phi - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^2$$



is employed both to break the electroweak symmetry and to generate masses for the fermions in the Standard Model

# Nambu-Goldstone bosons provide $M_W$ and $M_Z$

The potential is **minimized away from the origin**, so the scalar acquires a non-zero vacuum expectation value:

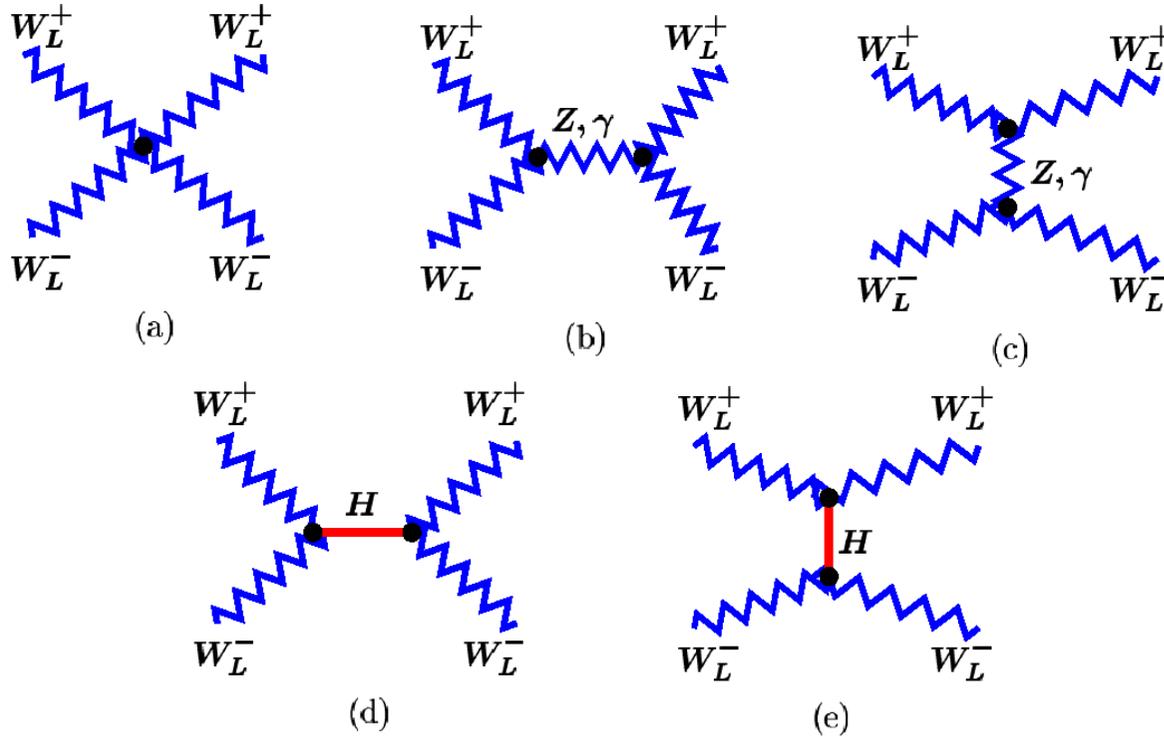


- $\langle \phi \rangle = (0, v/\sqrt{2})$  breaks  $SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_{EM}$
- breaking this continuous symmetry yields 3 **Nambu-Goldstone bosons** which become the  $W_L^+$ ,  $W_L^-$ ,  $Z_L^0$
- the scalars' kinetic energy term includes  $D^\mu \phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi$  which now becomes

$$\frac{1}{4}g^2 W^\mu \phi^\dagger W_\mu \phi \rightarrow \frac{1}{8}g^2 v^2 W^\mu W_\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2}M_W^2 W^\mu W_\mu$$

a mass term for the W and Z bosons!

# The remaining scalar (H = Higgs Boson) resolves the unitarity problem:



Graphs	$g^2 \frac{E^2}{m_w^2}$
(a)	$+2 - 6 \cos\theta$
(b)	$-\cos\theta$
(c)	$-\frac{3}{2} + \frac{15}{2} \cos\theta$
(d + e)	$-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos\theta$
<b>Sum</b> including (d+e)	<hr/> <b>0</b>

►  $\mathcal{O}(E^0) \Rightarrow$  4d  $m_H$  bound:  $m_H < \sqrt{16\pi/3} v \simeq 1.0 \text{ TeV}$

► If no Higgs  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(E^2) \Rightarrow E < \sqrt{4\pi} v \simeq 0.9 \text{ TeV}$

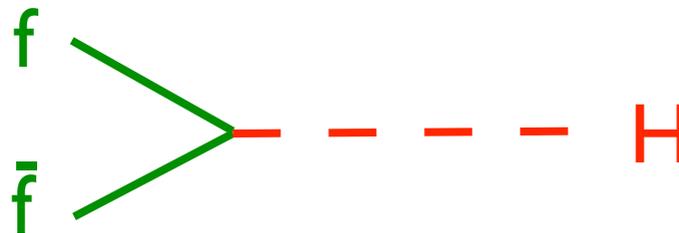
# Fermion Masses

The scalar doublet  $\phi$  couples to fermions as  $\lambda \bar{f} \phi f$ , yielding two effects when the electroweak symmetry breaks

- The fermion coupling to Nambu-Goldstone modes produces masses for the fermions

$$m_f = \lambda \langle \phi \rangle = \lambda v / \sqrt{2}$$

- The coupling of the remaining Higgs Boson (**H**) to fermions allows the Higgs to be produced by or decay to fermion pairs



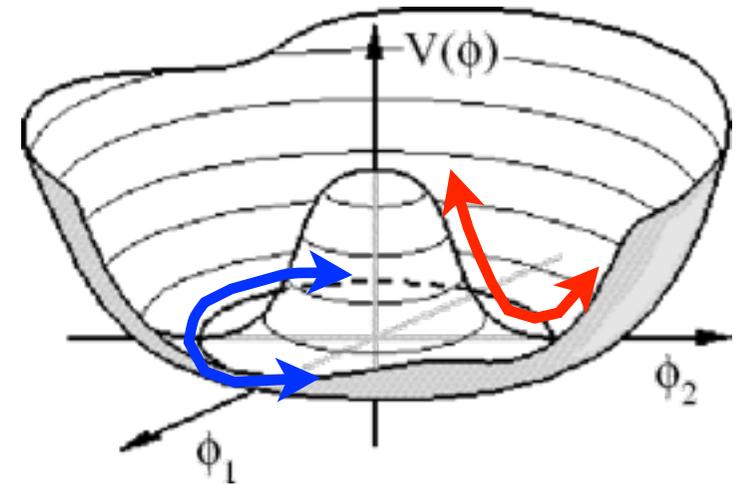
# Polar Decomposition

Put  $\phi$  in matrix form by defining  $\tilde{\phi} \equiv i\sigma_2\phi^*$   
and  $\Phi \equiv (\tilde{\phi}, \phi)$  so that  $\Phi^\dagger\Phi = \Phi\Phi^\dagger = (\phi^\dagger\phi)\mathcal{I}$

A polar decomposition of  $\Phi$

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (H(x) + v) \Sigma(x)$$

$$\Sigma(x) = \exp(i\pi^a(x)\sigma^a/v)$$



neatly separates the radial “**Higgs boson**” from the “**pion**” modes (**Nambu-Goldstone Bosons**).

In unitary gauge,  $\langle \Sigma \rangle = \mathcal{I}$

# Search for the Higgs Particle

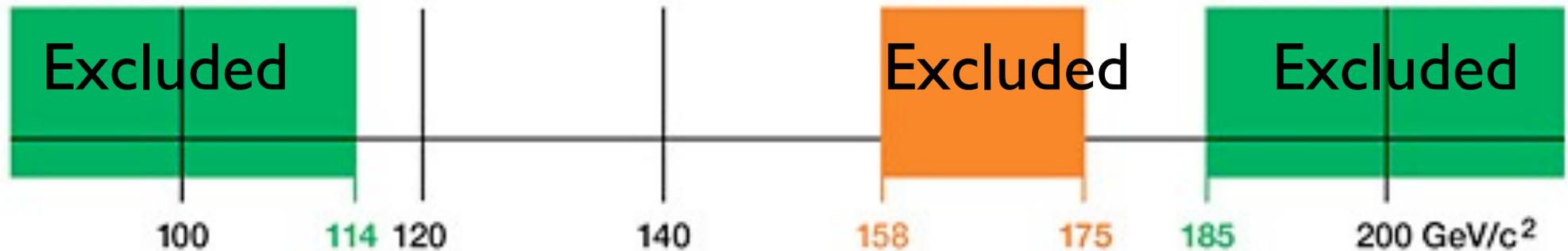
Status as of July 2010

**95% confidence level**

*Excluded by  
LEP Experiments  
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Higgs mass

# Problems with the Higgs Model

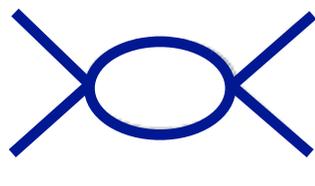
- No fundamental scalars observed in nature
- No explanation of dynamics responsible for Electroweak Symmetry Breaking
- Hierarchy or Naturalness Problem



A Feynman diagram representing a tadpole loop. It consists of a horizontal line with a circle attached to its top center. An arrow points from this diagram to the right, followed by the equation  $m_H^2 \propto \Lambda^2$ .

$$\Rightarrow m_H^2 \propto \Lambda^2$$

- Triviality Problem...



A Feynman diagram representing a self-energy loop. It consists of a circle with four external lines extending from its corners. An arrow points from this diagram to the right, followed by the equation  $\beta = \frac{3\lambda^2}{2\pi^2} > 0$ . To the right of this equation is another equation:  $\lambda(\mu) < \frac{3}{2\pi^2 \log \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}}$ .

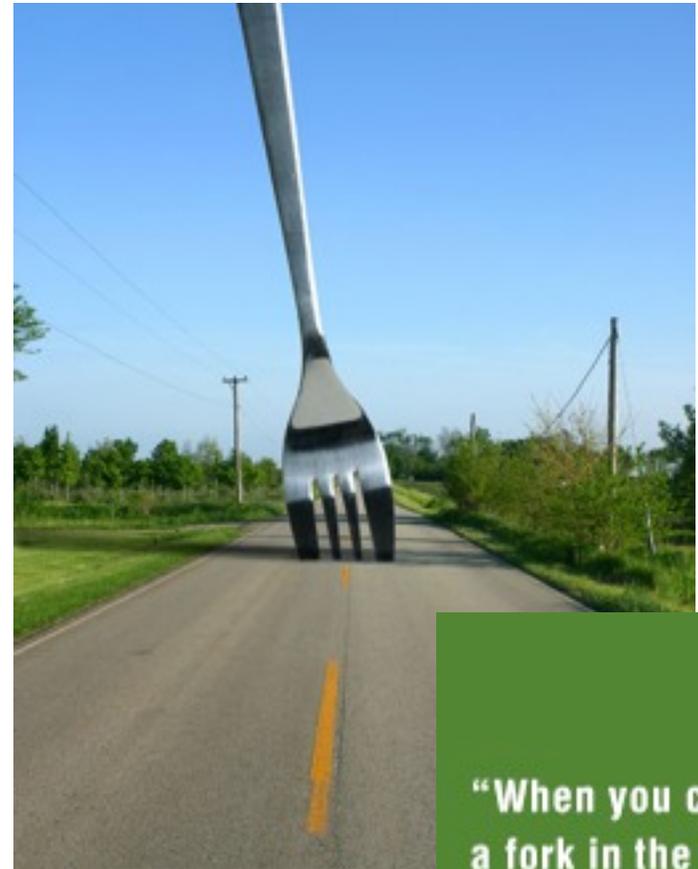
$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{3\lambda^2}{2\pi^2} > 0 \quad \lambda(\mu) < \frac{3}{2\pi^2 \log \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}}$$

# Interim Conclusions

- The electroweak symmetry is spontaneously broken. The three **Nambu-Goldstone bosons** of this broken continuous symmetry become the  $W_L$  and  $Z_L$  states. This process is known as the Higgs Mechanism.
- Additional states must exist in order to **unitarize** the scattering of the  $W_L$  and  $Z_L$  bosons. One minimal candidate is the Higgs boson.
- The Standard Model with a Higgs Boson is, at best, a low-energy **effective** theory valid below a scale  $\Lambda$  characteristic of the underlying physics.
- What lies beyond the Standard Model?

# A Fork in the Road...

- Make the Higgs Natural: Supersymmetry
- Make the Higgs Composite
  - Little Higgs
  - Twin Higgs
- Eliminate the Higgs
  - Technicolor
  - “Higgsless” Models

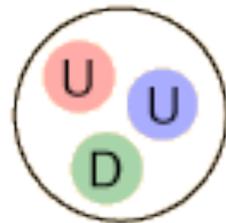


“When you come to  
a fork in the road,  
take it!”  
— Yogi Berra

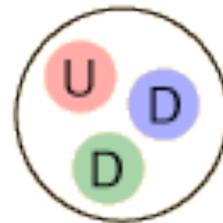
# Chiral Symmetry Breaking: Technicolor

For a new approach to generating mass, we turn to the strong interactions (QCD) for inspiration

Consider the hadrons composed of up and down quarks:



Proton  
938 MeV



Neutron  
940 MeV



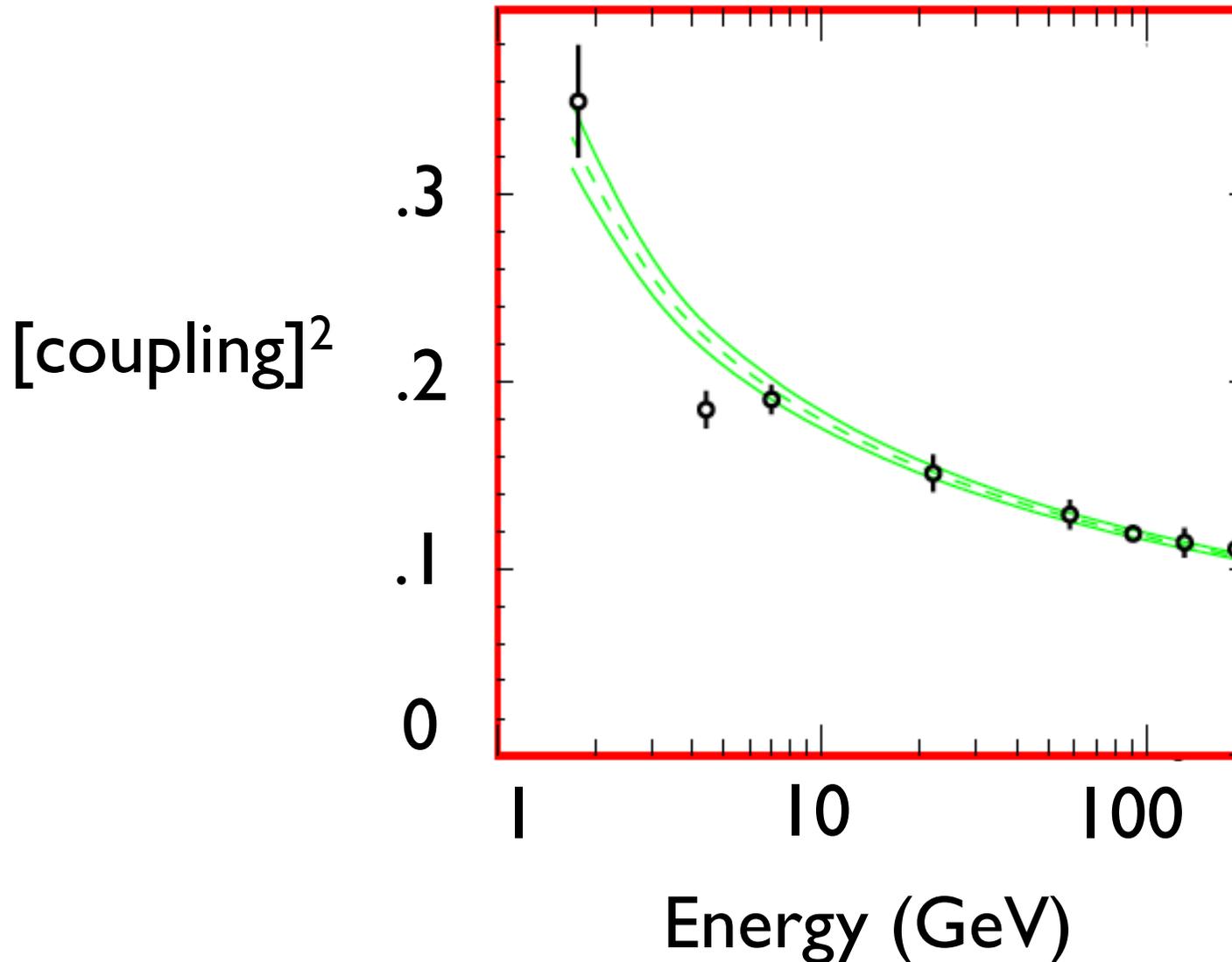
$\pi^+$   
140 MeV



$\rho^+$   
770 MeV

Why is the pion so light?

Recall that the QCD coupling varies with energy scale,  
becoming strong at energies  $\sim 1$  GeV



The strong-interaction (QCD) Lagrangian for the u and d quarks (neglecting their small masses)

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{u}_L \not{D} u_L + i\bar{d}_L \not{D} d_L + i\bar{u}_R \not{D} u_R + i\bar{d}_R \not{D} d_R$$

displays an  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  global (“chiral”) symmetry

When the QCD coupling becomes strong

- $\langle \bar{q}_L q_R \rangle \neq 0$  breaks  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)_{L+R}$
- pions  $(\bar{q}_L q_R)$  are the associated Nambu-Goldstone bosons!

**Bonus:** from chiral to electroweak symmetry breaking

- $u_L, d_L$  form weak doublet;  $u_R, d_R$  are weak singlets
- so  $\langle \bar{q}_L q_R \rangle \neq 0$  also breaks electroweak symmetry
- could QCD pions be our composite Higgs bosons?

**Not Quite:**

- $M_W = .5g \langle \rangle = 80 \text{ GeV}$  requires  $\langle \rangle \sim 250 \text{ GeV}$
- $\langle \bar{q}_L q_R \rangle$  only supplies  $\sim 0.1 \text{ GeV}$
- need extra source of EW symmetry breaking

This line of reasoning inspired **Technicolor**

introduce new gauge force with symmetry  $SU(N)_{TC}$

- force carriers are **technigluons**, inspired by QCD gluons
- add **techniquarks** carrying  $SU(N)_{TC}$  charge: i.e., matter particles inspired by QCD quarks
  - e.g.  $T_L = (U_L, D_L)$  forms a weak doublet  
 $U_R, D_R$  are weak singlets
  - Lagrangian has familiar global (chiral) symmetry  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

If  $SU(N)_{TC}$  force is **stronger** than QCD ... then spontaneous symmetry breaking and pion formation will happen at a **higher** energy scale... e.g.

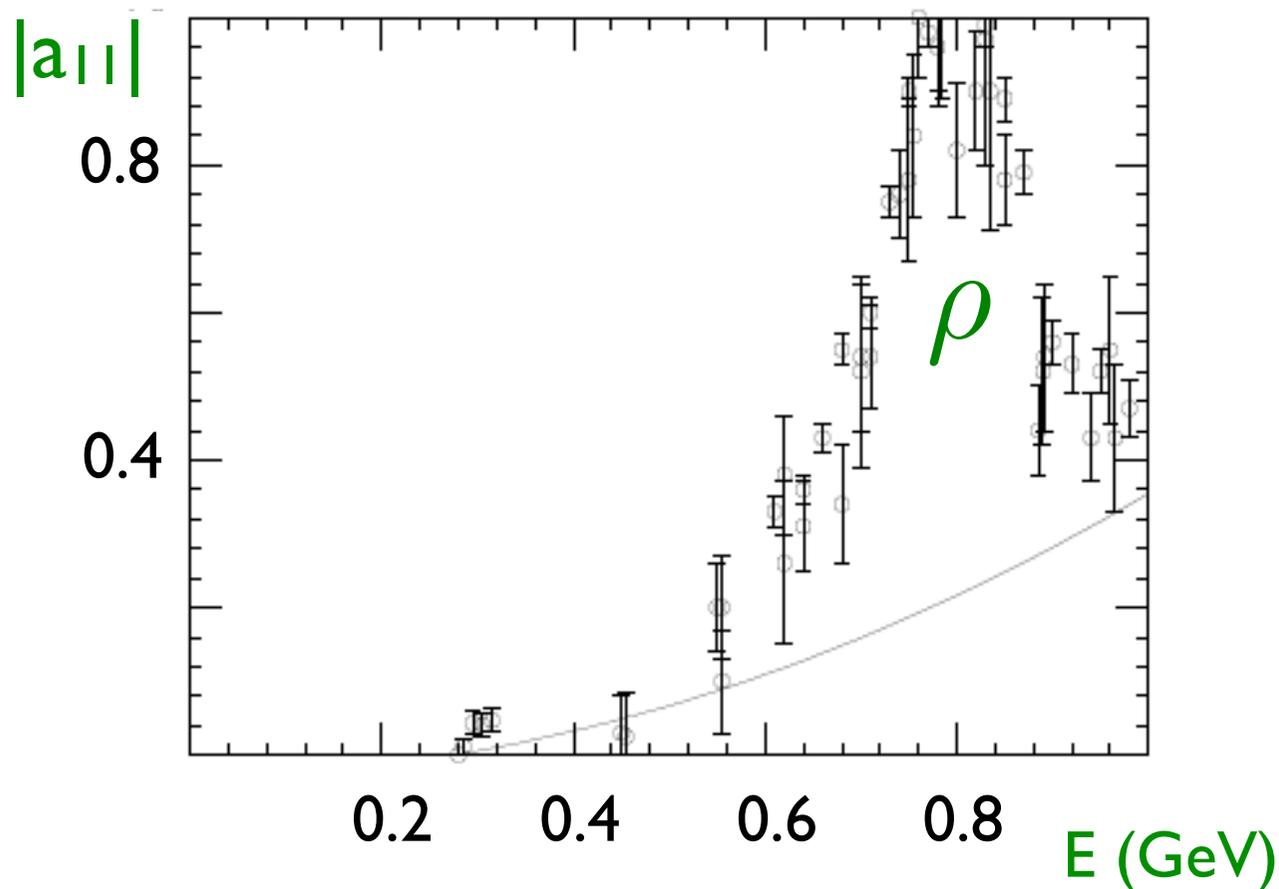
- gauge coupling becomes large at  $\Lambda_{TC} \approx 1000 \text{ GeV}$
- $\langle T_L T_R \rangle \approx 250 \text{ GeV}$  breaks electroweak symmetry
- **technipions**  $\Pi_{TC}$  become the  $W_L, Z_L$
- $W$  and  $Z$  boson masses produced by technicolor match the values seen in experiment!

So far, so good... but what about **unitarization**?

# $\rho$ unitarizes $\pi\pi$ scattering in QCD

Data for  
amplitude of  
spin-1 isospin-1  
 $\pi\pi$  scattering

Donoghue, *et. al.*,  
PRD 38 (1988) 2195

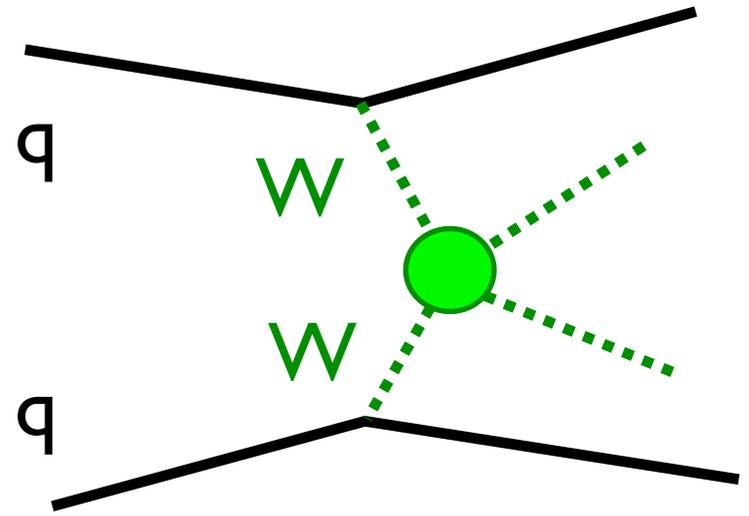


We expect similar behavior in  $W_L W_L$  scattering  
due to the techni- $\rho$  ... which  
should be  $\sim 2500$  times heavier

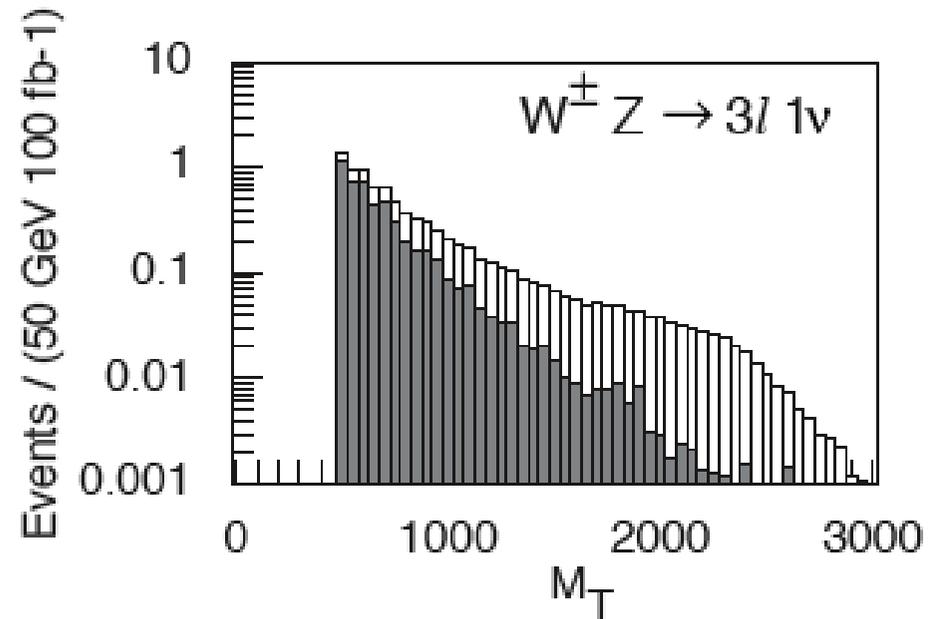
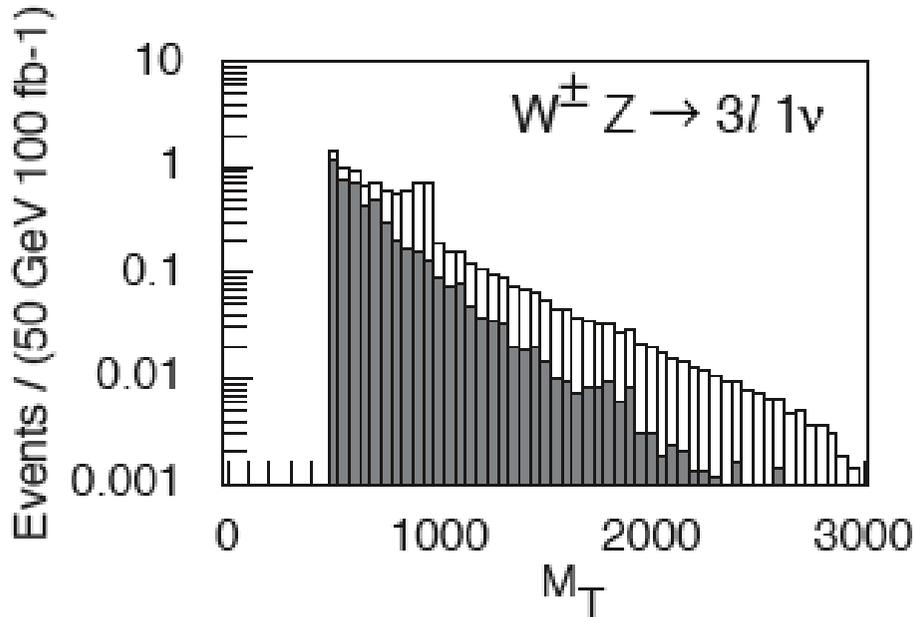
$$M_{\rho_{TC}} \approx 2 \text{ TeV} \sqrt{\frac{3}{N_{TC}}}$$

# Prediction:

Techni- $\rho$  will unitarize  
 $W_L W_L$  scattering at LHC

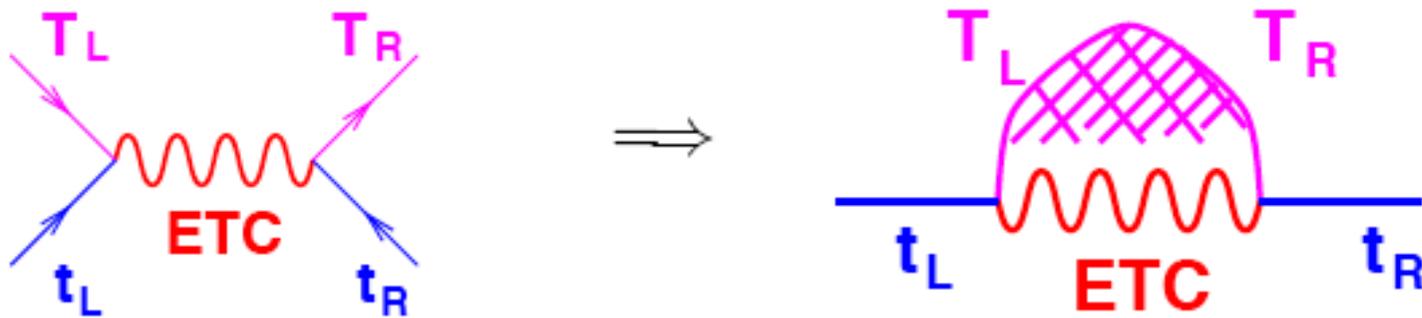


For  $M_{\rho_{TC}} = 1.0 \text{ TeV}, 2.5 \text{ TeV}$ : (simulations only)



# Fermion Masses

In **extended technicolor\*** or ETC models, new heavy gauge bosons connect ordinary and techni-fermions. The quarks and leptons acquire mass when technifermions condense. The top quark mass, e.g.



acquires a value  $m_t \sim \left( \frac{g_{ETC}}{M_{ETC}} \right)^2 \langle \bar{T}T \rangle * (\text{flavor-dependent factor})$

**Challenge:** ETC would cause rare processes that mix quarks of different flavors to happen at enhanced rates excluded by data (e.g. Kaon/anti-Kaon mixing)

\*Dimpoulos & Susskind; Eichten & Lane

# Precision Electroweak Corrections

General amplitudes for “on-shell” 2-to-2 fermion scattering include deviations from the Standard Model:

$$-A_{NC} = e^2 \frac{QQ'}{Q^2} + \frac{(I_3 - s^2 Q)(I'_3 - s^2 Q')}{\left(\frac{s^2 c^2}{e^2} - \frac{S}{16\pi}\right) Q^2 + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}G_F} (1 - \alpha T)}$$

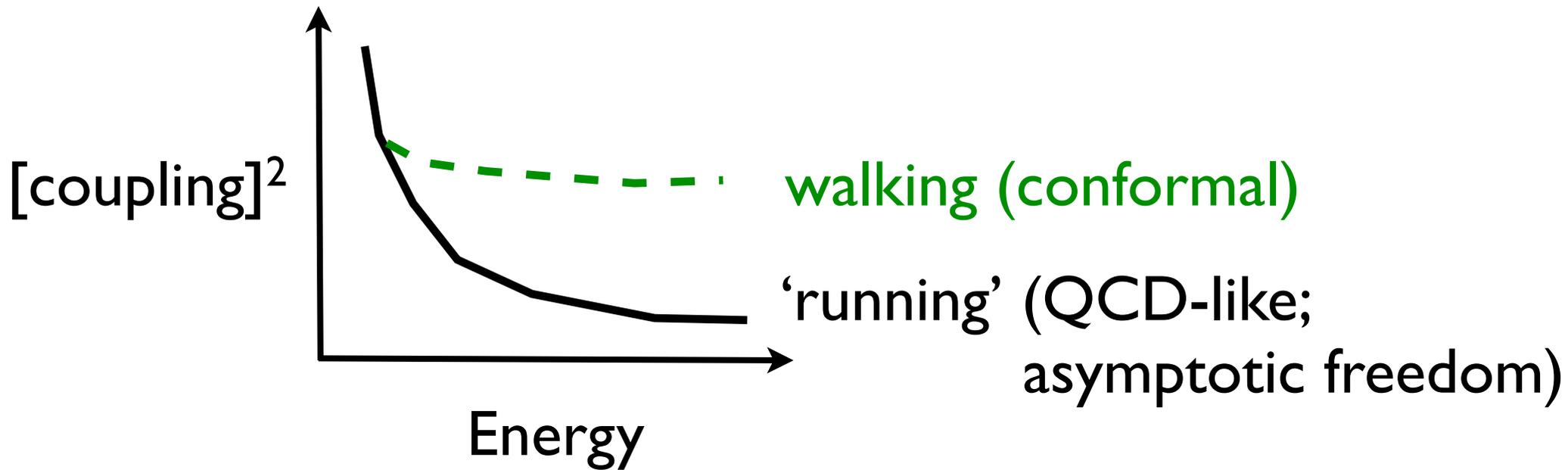
**S** : size of electroweak symmetry breaking sector

**T** : tendency of corrections to alter ratio  $M_W/M_Z$

data (e.g. from LEP II, SLC, FNAL) are sensitive to quantum corrections, constraining **S**, **T** to be  $\sim .001$

QCD-like technicolor models predict larger **S**, **T** values

# Walking Technicolor



- Large TC coupling enhances  $m_f \sim \left(\frac{g_{ETC}}{M_{ETC}}\right)^2 \langle \bar{T}T \rangle$
- Pushes flavor symmetry breaking to higher scale (M), so rare process rates agree with data
- Precision electroweak corrections no longer calculable by analogy with QCD ... smaller?

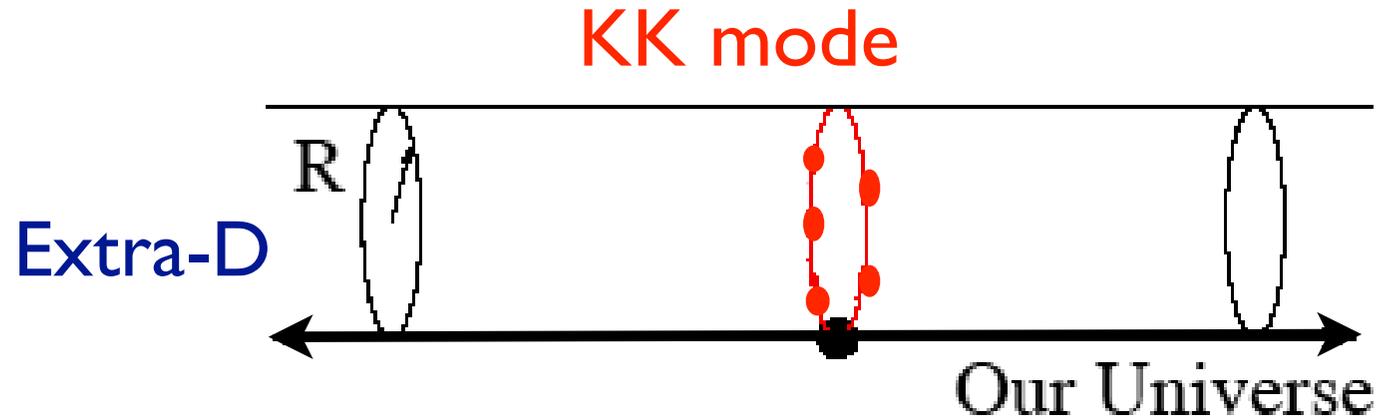
# **Extra Dimensions:** **Higgsless Models**

# Overview :

Suppose the universe is a 5-D spacetime including a gauge theory subject to appropriate boundary conditions. What we 4-D folk observe is:

- a light set of bosons identified with the photon,  $W$ , and  $Z$
- towers of heavy replica gauge bosons (called Kaluza-Klein modes)
- $W_L W_L$  scattering being unitarized through exchange of the KK modes (instead of via Higgs or techni-rho exchange)

# Massive Gauge Bosons from Extra-D Theories



Expand 5-D gauge bosons in eigenmodes; e.g. for  $S^1/Z_2$ :

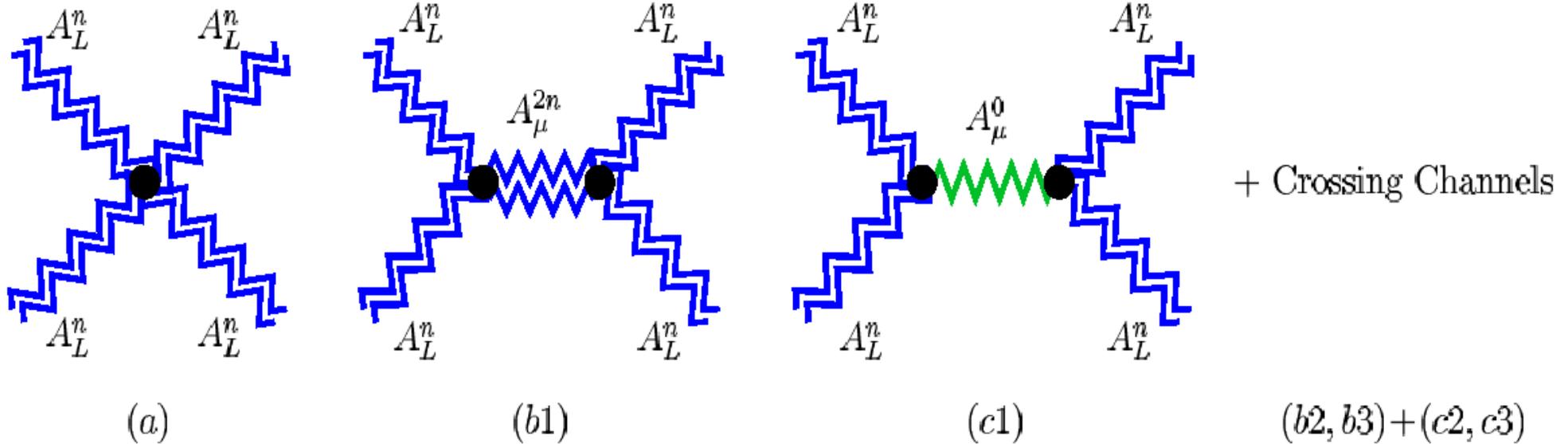
$$\hat{A}_\mu^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi R}} \left[ A_\mu^{a0}(x_\nu) + \sqrt{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_\mu^{an}(x_\nu) \cos\left(\frac{nx_5}{R}\right) \right]$$

$$\hat{A}_5^a = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi R}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_5^{an}(x_\nu) \sin\left(\frac{nx_5}{R}\right)$$

4-D gauge kinetic term contains

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ M_n^2 (A_\mu^{an})^2 - 2M_n A_\mu^{an} \partial^\mu A_5^{an} + (\partial_\mu A_5^{an})^2 \right] \quad \text{i.e., } A_L^{an} \leftrightarrow A_5^{an}$$

# 4-D KK Mode Scattering



Cancellation of bad high-energy behavior through exchange of massive vector particles

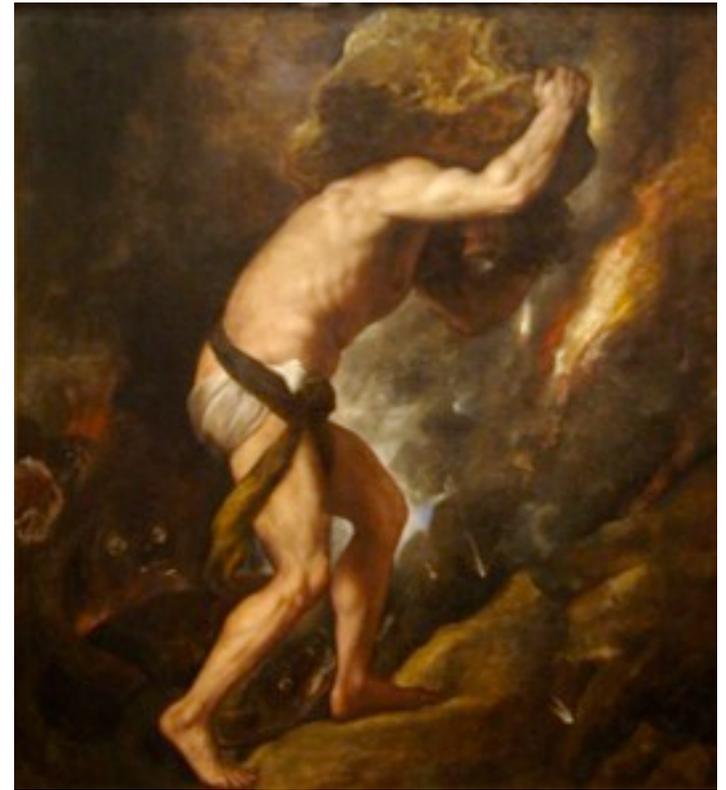
graph	$g^2 C^{eab} C^{ecd}$	$g^2 C^{eac} C^{edb}$	$g^2 C^{ead} C^{ebc}$
(a)	$6c(x^4 - x^2)$	$\frac{3}{2}(3 - 2c - c^2)x^4$ $-3(1 - c)x^2$	$\frac{-3}{2}(3 + 2c - c^2)x^4$ $+3(1 + c)x^2$
(b1)	$-2c(x^4 + x^2)$		
(c1)	$-4cx^4$		
(b2, 3)		$\frac{-1}{2}(3 - 2c + c^2)x^4$ $+3(1 - c)x^2$	$\frac{1}{2}(3 + 2c - c^2)x^4$ $-3(1 + c)x^2$
(c2, 3)		$(-3 + 2c + c^2)x^4$ $-8cx^2$	$(3 + 2c - c^2)x^4$ $-8cx^2$
<b>Sum</b>	$-8cx^2$	$-8cx^2$	$-8cx^2 \Rightarrow 0$

# Recipe for a Higgsless Model:

- Choose “bulk” gauge group, fermion profiles, boundary conditions
- Choose  $g(x_5)$
- Choose metric/manifold:  $g_{MN}(x_5)$
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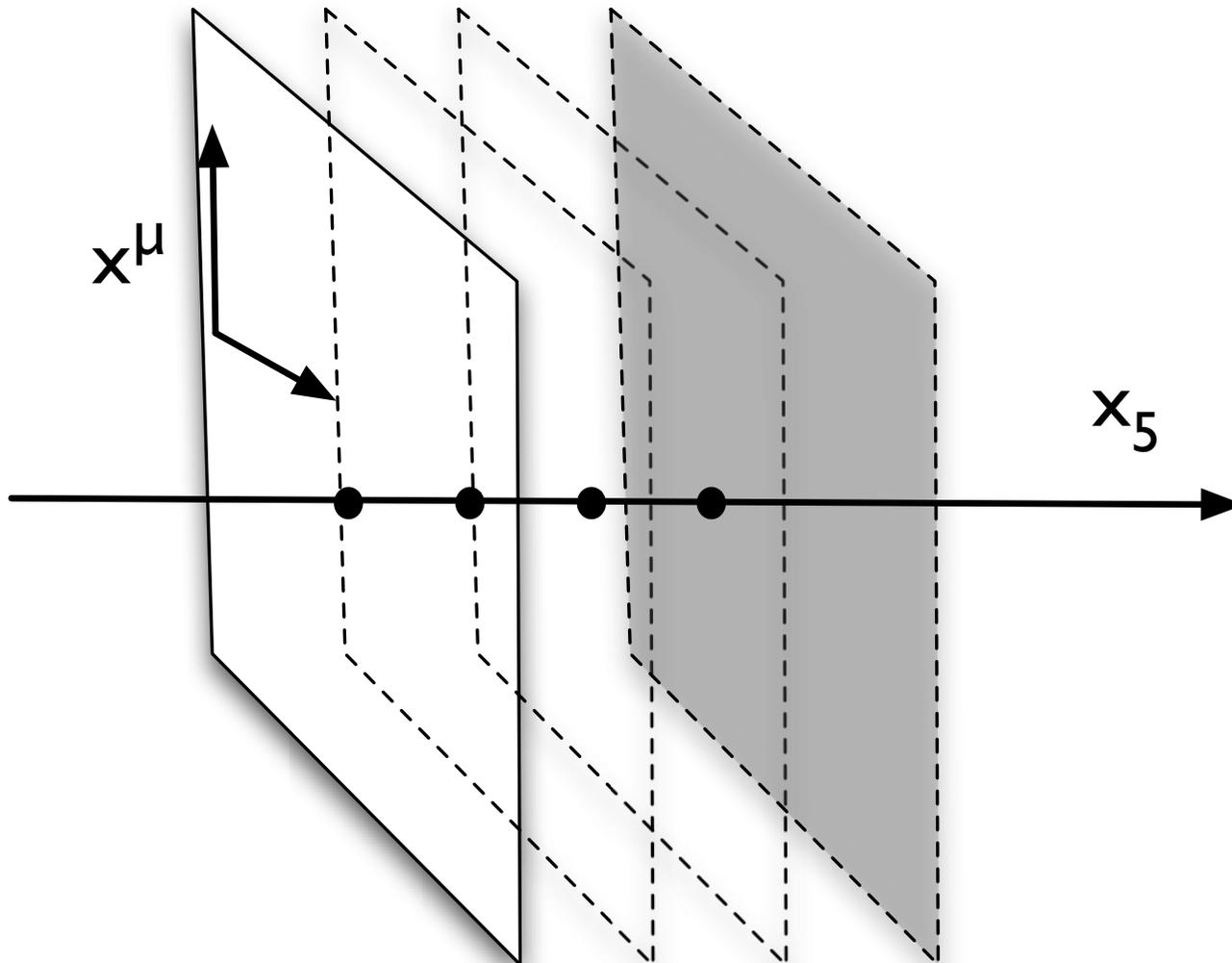
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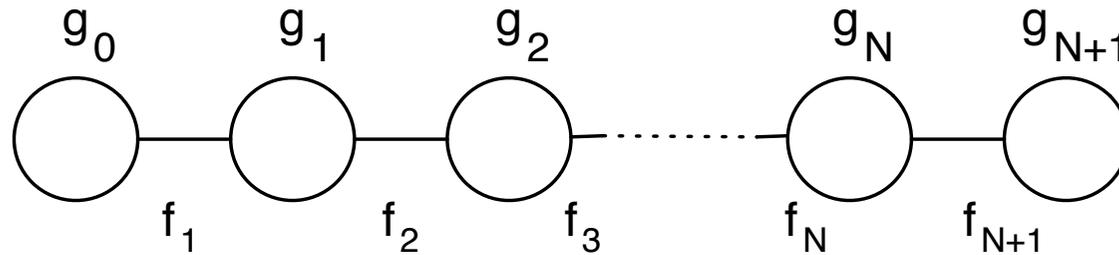
**Sisyphus**  
(Titian, 1548/9)

# To break the cycle...

## Latticize the Fifth Dimension

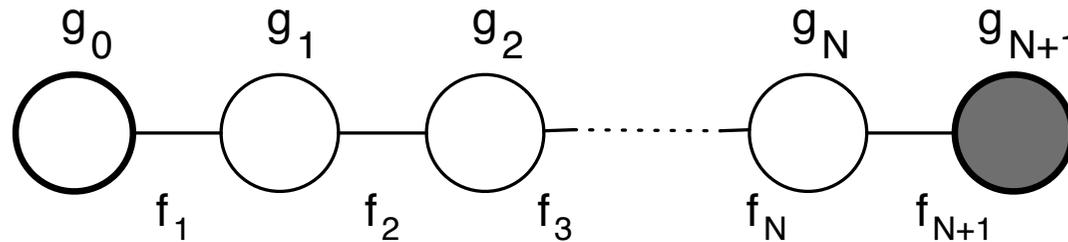


# Deconstruction



- Discretize fifth dimension with a 4D gauge group at each site 
- Nonlinear sigma model link fields  $\Sigma(x) = \exp(i\pi^a(x)\sigma^a/v)$  break adjacent groups to diagonal subgroup 
- To include warping: vary  $f_j$
- For spatially dependent coupling: vary  $g_k$
- Continuum Limit: take  $N \rightarrow$  infinity

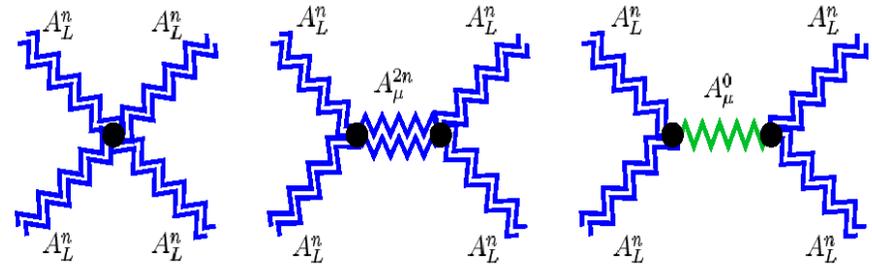
# Brane-Localized Fermions



- consider a generic  $SU(2)^{N+1} \times U(1)$  Higgsless model with generic  $f_j$  and  $g_k$  values
- simplest case: fermions do not propagate in the 5th dimension, but stay on the 4-D “branes” [sites 0 and  $N+1$ ] at either end
- Many 4-D/5-D theories are limiting cases [e.g.  $N=0$  related to technicolor]; with this technique we can **study them all at once!**

# Conflict of $S$ & Unitarity for Brane-Localized Fermions

Heavy resonances must unitarize WW scattering  
(since there is no Higgs!)



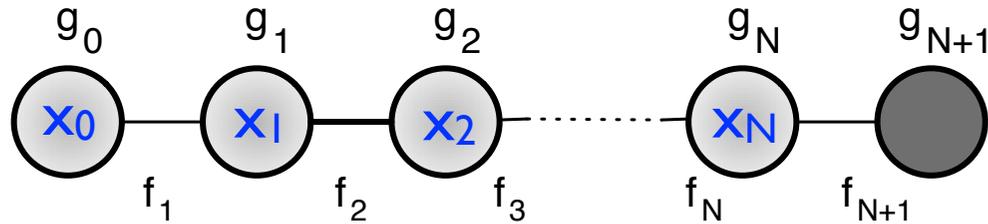
This bounds **lightest KK mode** mass:  $m_{Z_1} < \sqrt{8\pi}v$

... and yields 
$$\alpha S \geq \frac{4s_Z^2 c_Z^2 M_Z^2}{8\pi v^2} = \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

Too large by a factor of a few!

Independent of warping or gauge couplings chosen...

# A New Hope?



Since Higgsless models with localized fermions are not viable, look at:

**Delocalized Fermions**, .i.e., mixing of “brane” and “bulk” modes

$$\mathcal{L}_f = \vec{J}_L^\mu \cdot \left( \sum_{i=0}^N x_i \vec{A}_\mu^i \right) + J_Y^\mu A_\mu^{N+1}$$

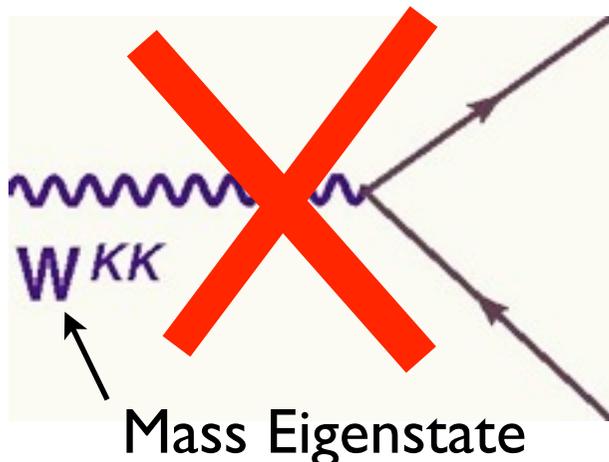
How will this affect precision EW observables?

# Ideal Fermion Delocalization

- The light  $W$ 's wavefunction is orthogonal to wavefunctions of KK modes (charged gauge boson mass-squared matrix is real, symmetric)
- Choose fermion delocalization profile to match  $W$  wavefunction profile along the 5th dimension:

$$g_i x_i \propto v_i^W$$

- No (tree-level) fermion couplings to KK modes!

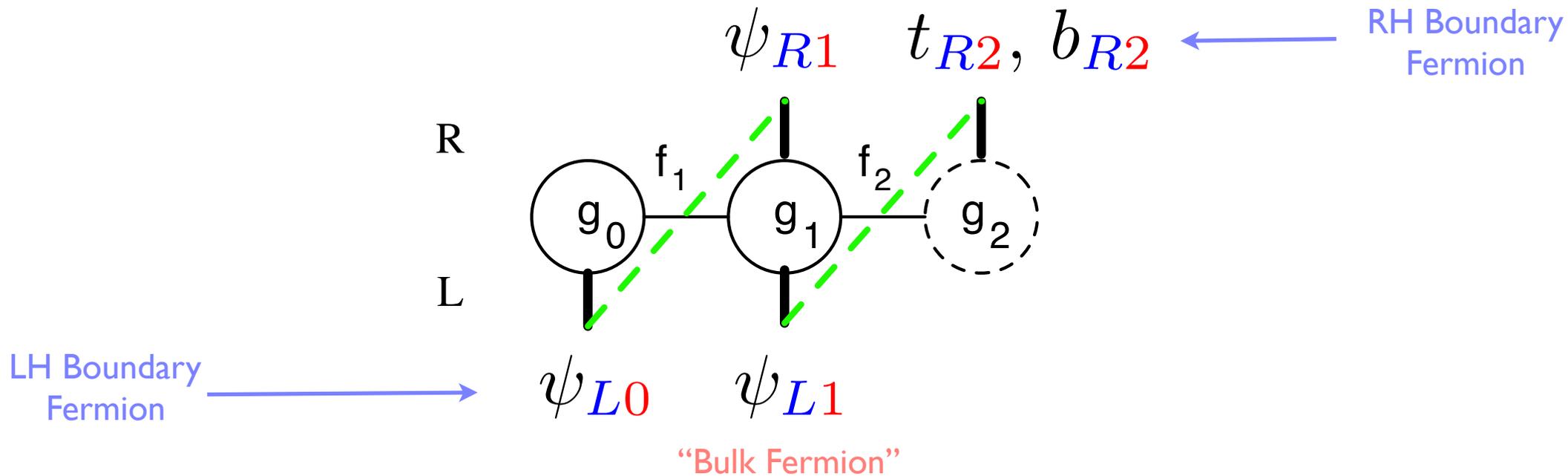


$$\hat{S} = \hat{T} = W = 0$$
$$Y = M_W^2 (\Sigma_W - \Sigma_Z)$$

# The 3-Site Higgsless Model:

$$SU(2) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$$

$$g_0, g_2 \ll g_1$$



Gauge boson spectrum: photon, Z, Z', W, W'

Fermion spectrum: t, T, b, B ( $\psi$  is an SU(2) doublet)

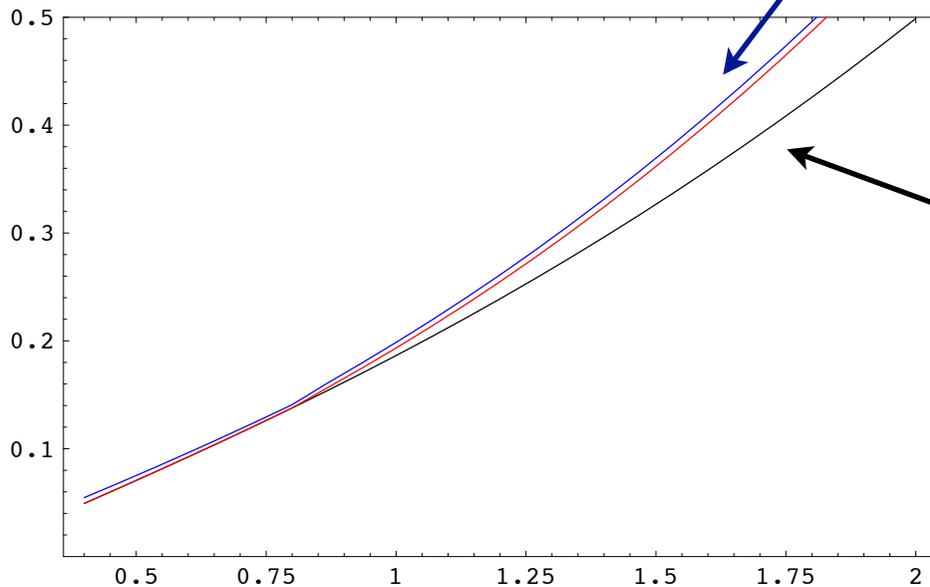
and also c, C, s, S, u, U, d, D plus the leptons

# Unitarity in the 3-Site Model

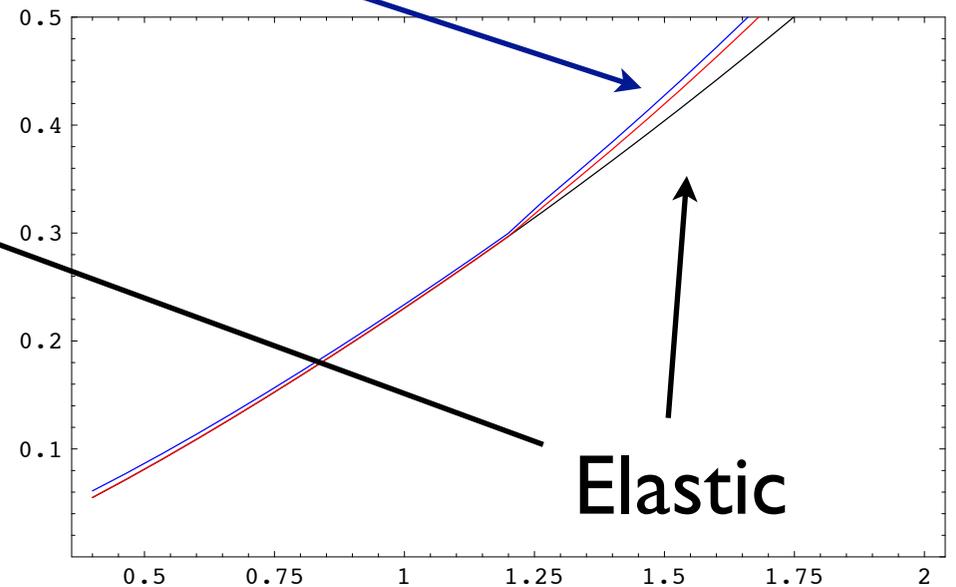
$$\mathcal{A}_{I=0}(s, \cos \theta) = 3A(s, t, u) + A(t, s, u) + A(u, t, s)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{I=J=0}(s) = \frac{1}{64\pi} \int_{-1}^{+1} d \cos \theta \mathcal{A}_{I=0}(s, \cos \theta) P_0(\cos \theta)$$

Coupled-Channels



$M_{W'} = 400 \text{ GeV}$



$M_{W'} = 600 \text{ GeV}$

Modest Enhancement of Scale of Unitarity Violation

# 3-Site Parameter Space

Heavy fermion mass  $M_{T,B}$

25000

20000

15000

10000

5000

0

Allowed Region  
 $M_{T,B} \gg M_{W'}$

Unitarity violated

400

600

800

1000

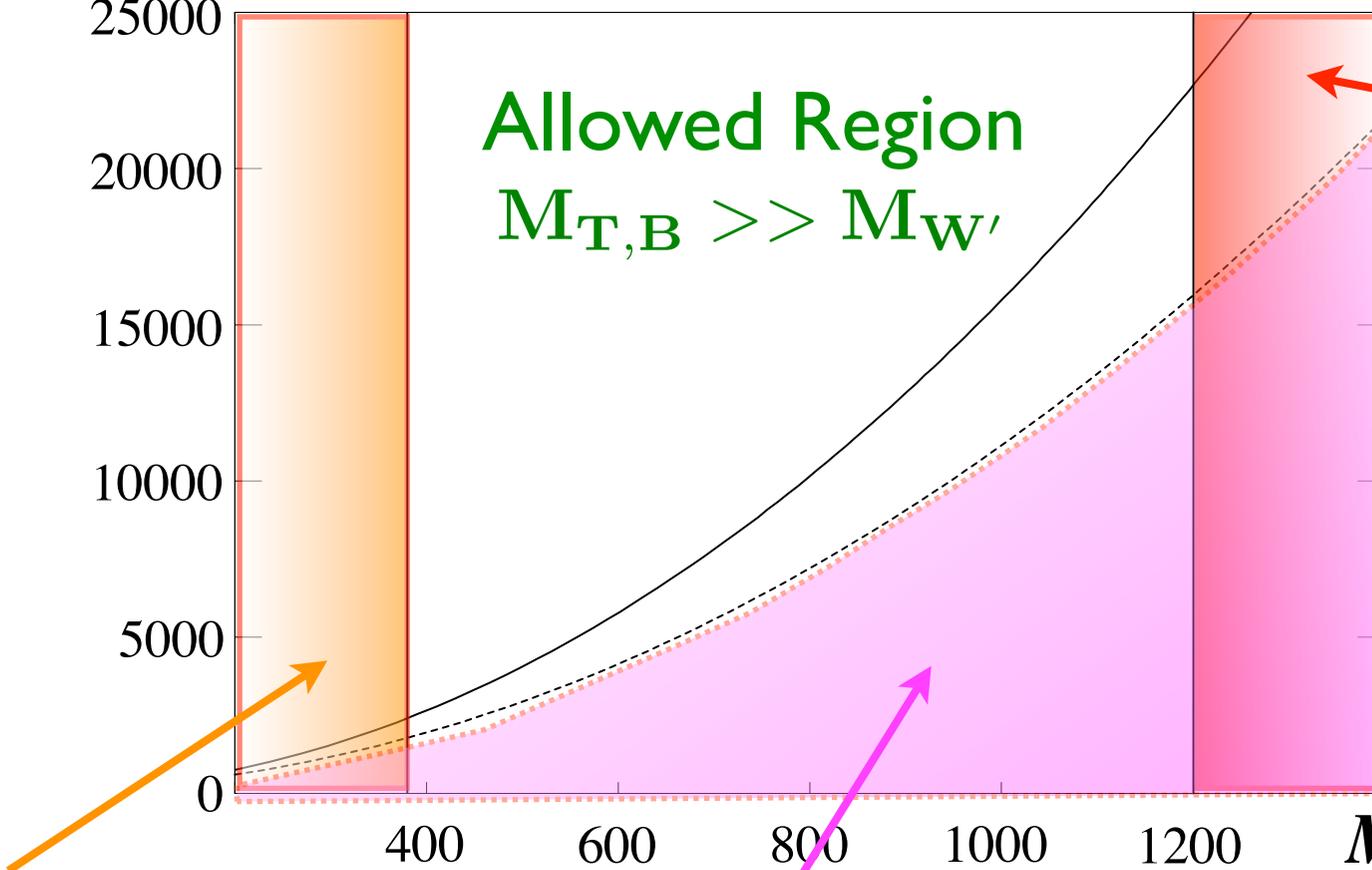
1200

$M_{W'}$

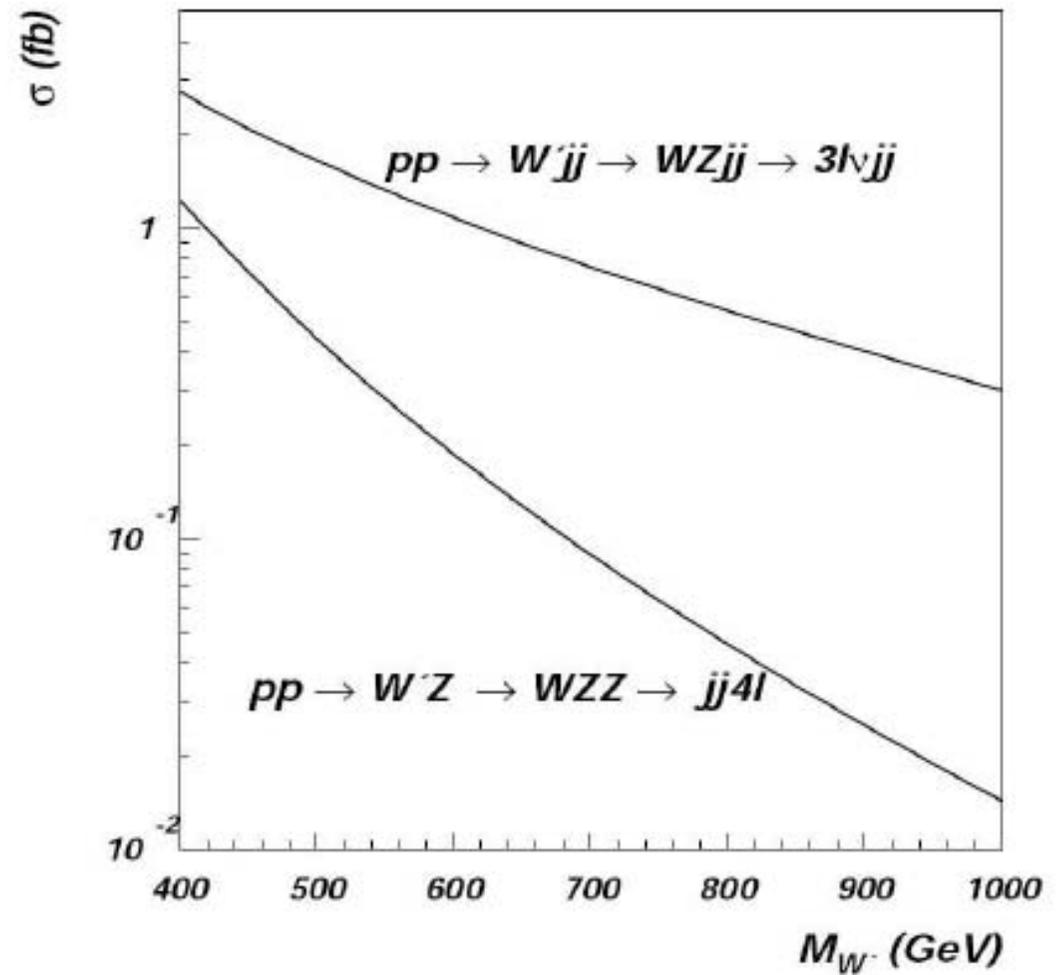
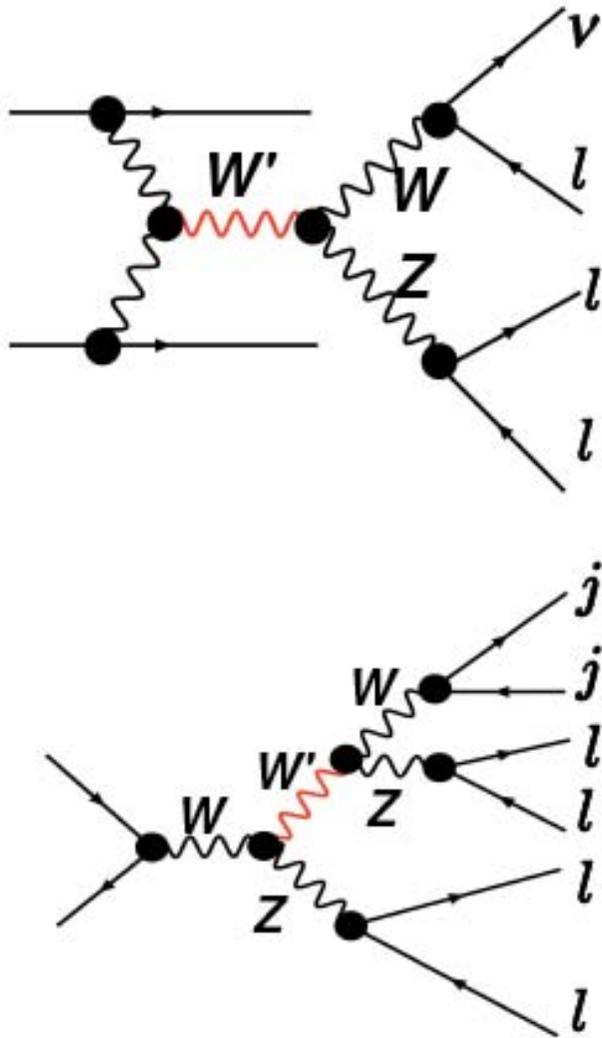
Heavy  $W'$  mass

$WWZ$  vertex visibly altered

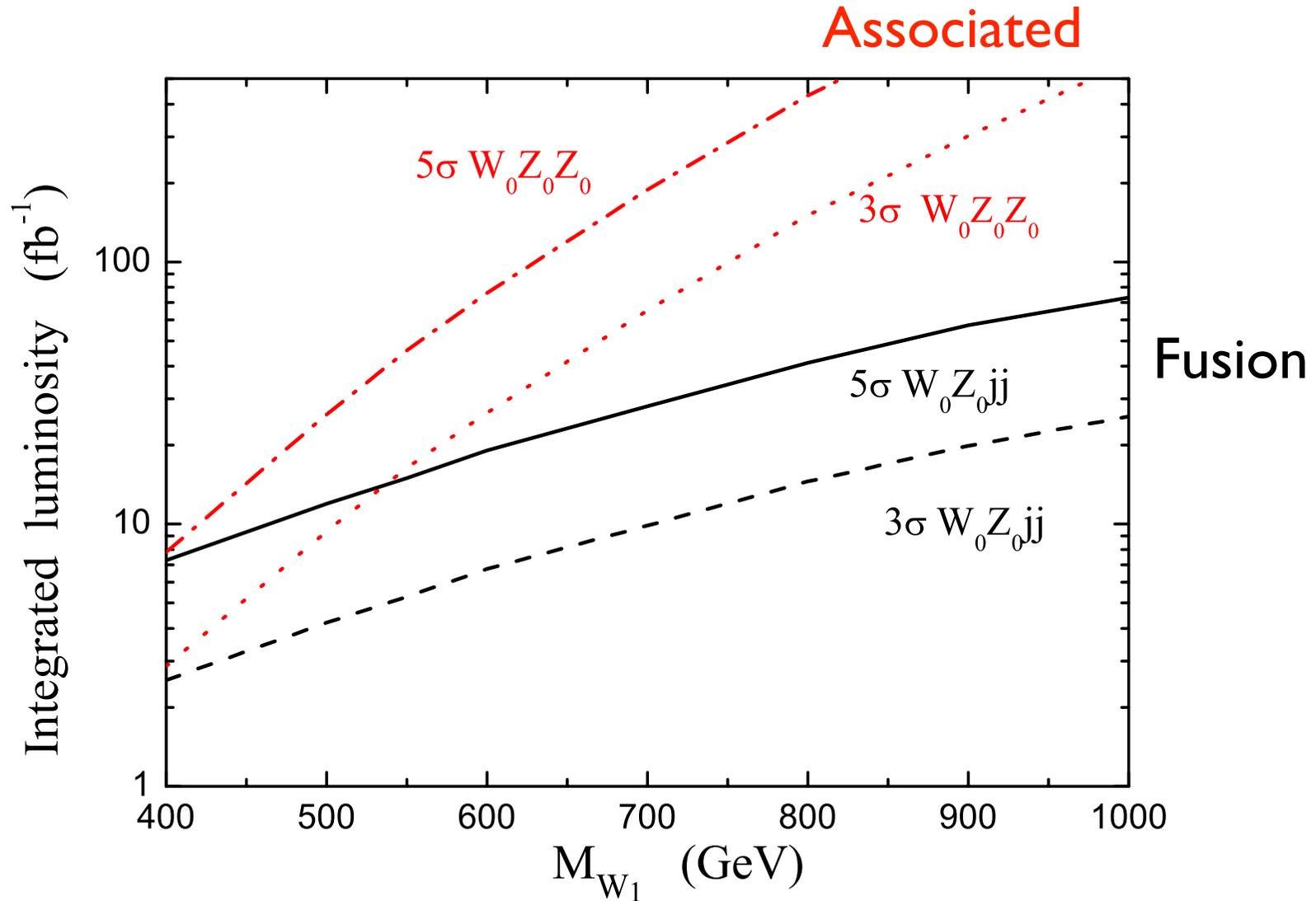
Electroweak precision corrections too large



# Vector Boson Fusion ( $WZ \rightarrow W'$ ) and $W'Z$ Associated Production promise large rates and clear signatures



# Integrated LHC Luminosity required to discover $W'$ in each channel



# Conclusions

- The Standard Higgs Model is a low-energy **effective** theory of electroweak symmetry breaking that is valid below a scale characteristic of the **underlying physics**.

- Intriguing candidates for the **underlying physics** include:

### Technicolor

composite Nambu-Goldstone bosons

techni-rho exchange unitarizes  $W_L W_L$  scattering

### Higgsless models

Nambu-Goldstone bosons from extra dimensions

KK-mode exchange unitarizes  $W_L W_L$  scattering

- Experiments now underway at the Large Hadron Collider (CERN) should be able to tell the difference!



# History of the Universe

