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Higgs boson mass and the scale of new physics



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Suppose that this is indeed the Higgs boson of the SM. What does it mean for high energy physics?

Possible answer

- There is no new energy scale between the Fermi and Planck scales
- Electroweak scale is determined by Planck physics
- New physics responsible for dark matter, baryon asymmetry of the universe and neutrino masses is hidden below the Fermi scale

Outline

- What did we know about the Higgs boson mass before its discovery?
- Higgs mass from asymptotically safe SM+gravity
- New physics between the Fermi and Planck scales?
- Higgs mass from inflation
- New physics below the Fermi scale
- Conclusions

Self-consistency of the SM

Within the SM the mass of the Higgs boson is an arbitrary parameter which can have any value (if all other parameters are fixed) from

$m_{ m meta} \simeq 111 \; { m GeV} \; ({ m metastability bound})$ to $m_{ m Landau} \simeq 1 \; { m TeV} \; ({ m triviality bound})$

Triviality bound

L. Maiani, G. Parisi and R. Petronzio '77; Lindner '85; T. Hambye and K. Riesselmann '96;...

The Higgs boson self-coupling has a Landau pole at some energy determined by the Higgs mass. For $M_H \simeq m_{\rm Landau} \simeq 1$ TeV the position of this pole is close to the electroweak scale.



Triviality bound

If $m_H < m_{\rm max} \simeq 175$ GeV the Landau pole appears at energies higher than the Planck scale $E > M_P$.

LHC: The Standard Model is weakly coupled all the way up to the Planck scale

Metastability bound

Krasnikov '78, Hung '79; Politzer and Wolfram '79; Altarelli and Isidori '94; Casas, Espinosa and Quiros '94,'96;...; Ellis, Espinosa, Giudice, Hoecker, Riotto '09;...



The life-time of our vacuum is smaller than the age of the Universe if $m_H < m_{meta}$, with $m_{meta} \simeq 111$ GeV Espinosa, Giudice, Riotto '07

Metastability bound

If the Higgs mass happened to be smaller than $m_{\rm meta} \simeq 111$ GeV, we would be forced to conclude that there must be some new physics beyond the SM, which stabilizes the SM vacuum.

However, already since LEP we know that $m_H > m_{meta}$ so that new physics is not needed from this point of view.

LHC: SM is a consistent effective theory all the way up to the Planck scale!

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 $600 - 739, 781 - 1800, 2000 - 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$

Bayesian approach



Bayesian "prediction" : $m_H \simeq 140~{
m GeV}$

Extract from M.S., Wetterich '09:

"Asymptotic safety of gravity and the Higgs boson mass" "... This results in $M_H = m_{crit} = 126$ GeV, with only a few GeV uncertainty..."

Also, the same value is a critical point for Higgs inflation Bezrukov, M.S., '09

Higgs mass from asymptotically safe gravity

What if gravity is asymptotically safe?

Asymptotic safety = existence of non-Gaussian UV fixed point for gravity Weinberg '79. Though the theory is non-renormalizable, it is predictive and self-consistent.

Possible consequence: SM + Gravity is a final theory

To be true: all the couplings of the SM must be asymptotically safe or asymptotically free

Problem for:

- U(1) gauge coupling g_1 , $\mu \frac{dg_1}{d\mu} = \beta_1^{SM} = \frac{41}{96\pi^2} g_1^3$
- Scalar self-coupling λ , $\mu \frac{d\lambda}{d\mu} = \beta_{\lambda}^{SM} =$

$$=\frac{1}{16\pi^2}\left[(24\lambda+12h^2-9(g_2^2+\frac{1}{3}g_1^2))\lambda-6h^4+\frac{9}{8}g_2^4+\frac{3}{8}g_1^4+\frac{3}{4}g_2^2g_1^2\right]$$

Fermion Yukawa couplings, t-quark in particular h, $\mu \frac{dh}{d\mu} = \beta_h^{SM} =$

$$=rac{h}{16\pi^2}\left[rac{9}{2}h^2-8g_3^2-rac{9}{4}g_2^2-rac{17}{12}g_1^2
ight]$$

Landau pole behaviour

Gravity contribution to RG running

Let x_j is a SM coupling. Gravity contribution to RG:

$$\mu rac{dx_j}{d\mu} = eta_j^{ ext{SM}} + eta_j^{grav} \; .$$

On dimensional grounds

$$eta_j^{grav} = rac{a_j}{8\pi} rac{\mu^2}{M_P^2(\mu)} x_j \; .$$

where

$$M_P^2(\mu) = M_P^2 + 2\xi_0 \mu^2 \; ,$$

with $M_P = (8\pi G_N)^{-1/2} = 2.4 imes 10^{18}$ GeV, $\xi_0 pprox 0.024$

from a numerical solution of FRGE

Computations of a_j are ambiguous and controversial

Robinson and Wilczek '05, Pietrykowski '06, Toms '07&'08, Ebert, Plefka and Rodigast '07, Narain and Percacci '09, Daum, Harst and Reuter '09, Zanusso et al '09, Folkerts, Litim and Pawlowski '11, Ellis, Mavromatos '12 ...

- Many works get for gauge couplings a universal value
 a₁ = a₂ = a₃ < 0: U(1) gauge coupling get asymptotically free in asymptotically safe gravity</p>
- $a_{\lambda} \simeq 2.6 > 0$ according to Percacci and Narain '03 for scalar theory coupled to gravity
- $a_h > < 0$? The case $a_h > 0$ is not phenomenologically acceptable only massless fermions are admitted

Suppose that indeed $a_1 < 0$, $a_h < 0$, $a_\lambda > 0$, what is found in a number of computations. Then the Higgs mass is predicted to be coming from solution of equation

 $\lambda(M_P)=0$

with uncertainty of few hundreds of MeV. Simultaneously, it is required that $\beta_{\lambda}(M_P) \ll 1$.



Definition: " \overline{MS} benchmark Higgs mass M_{crit} " is defined from equations

$$\lambda(\mu_0)=0, \quad eta_\lambda^{
m SM}(\mu_0)=0,$$

together with parameter μ_0 , assuming that all parameters of the SM, except the Higgs mass, are fixed.

Most recent computation of M_{crit} (Bezrukov et al, May 13, 2012), incorporating $\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s)$ two-loop matching and 3-loop running of coupling constants (Chetyrkin, Zoller, May 13, 2012)

$$m_{crit} = \left[129.0 + rac{m_t - 172.9}{1.1} imes 2.2 - rac{lpha_s - 0.1184}{0.0007} imes 0.56
ight] \, {
m GeV} \ ,$$

Theoretical uncertainties: ± 1.2 GeV (different sources are summed quadratically) or ± 2.3 GeV (different sources are summed linearly).

Effect of contributions $\propto y_t^4, y_t^2 \lambda^2, \lambda^4$ (Degrassi et al., May 29, 2012): shift of the Higgs mass by 100 - 200 MeV. Quadratic theoretical uncertainty is reduced to ~ 0.8 GeV.



To decrease uncertainty: (the LHC accuracy can be as small as 200 MeV!)

- Compute remaining two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ corrections to pole $\overline{\text{MS}}$ matching for the Higgs mass and top masses. Theoretical uncertainty can reduced to ~ 0.5 GeV, due to irremovable non-perturbative contribution $\sim \Lambda_{QCD}$ to top quark mass.
- Measure better t-quark mass (present error in m_H due to this uncertainty is $\simeq 4$ GeV at 2σ level): construct t-quark factory e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$ linear collider with energy $\simeq 200 \times 200$ GeV. The same conclusion Alekhin et al, '12
- Measure better α_s (present error in m_H due to this uncertainty is $\simeq 1 \text{ GeV}$ at 2σ level)

Behaviour of the Higgs self-coupling



New Physics between the Fermi and Planck scales?

From two equations

$$\lambda(\mu_0)=0, \quad eta_\lambda^{
m SM}(\mu_0)=0$$

one can determine not only the Higgs mass, but also the scale μ_0 .



 μ_0 determined by the EW physics gives the Planck scale, $\mu_0 \simeq M_P!$

Numerical coincidence?

- Fermi scale is determined by the Planck scale (or vice versa)?
- This relation is generically spoiled if new

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physics exists between the Fermi and Planck scales.

Argument in favour of absence of new physics scales between Fermi and Planck.

Higgs mass and inflation

non-minimal coupling of Higgs field to gravity

$$\Delta S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} iggl\{ -rac{\xi h^2}{2} R iggr\}$$

Feynman, Brans, Dicke,...

Consider large Higgs fields *h*.

- Gravity strength: $M_P^{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{M_P^2 + \xi h^2} \propto h$
- All particle masses are $\propto h$

For $h > \frac{M_P}{\xi}$ (classical) physics is the same $(M_W/M_P^{\text{eff}}$ does not depend on h)!

Existence of effective flat direction, necessary for successful inflation.

Formalism: go from Jordan frame to Einstein frame with the use of conformal transformation:

$$\hat{g}_{\mu
u} = \Omega^2 g_{\mu
u} \;, \;\;\; \Omega^2 = 1 + rac{\xi h^2}{M_P^2}$$

Potential in Einstein frame



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Inflaton potential and observations

If inflaton potential is known one can make predictions and compare them with observations.

 $\delta T/T$ at the WMAP normalization scale ~ 500 Mpc

The value of spectral index n_s of scalar density perturbations

$$\left\langle rac{\delta T(x)}{T} rac{\delta T(y)}{T}
ight
angle \propto \int rac{d^3 k}{k^3} e^{ik(x-y)} k^{oldsymbol{n_s}-1}$$

The amplitude of tensor perturbations $r = \frac{\delta \rho_s}{\delta \rho_t}$

These numbers can be extracted from WMAP observations of cosmic microwave background. Higgs inflation: one new parameter, $\xi \implies two$ predictions.

CMB parameters—spectrum and tensor modes



Inflation and the Higgs mass

Radiative corrections to inflationary potential: Higgs inflation works only for $\lambda(M_P/\sqrt{\xi}) > 0$ (Bezrukov, MS). Numerically, $M_H > M_{crit} - 200$ MeV. The equality leads to the minimal value of non-minimal coupling, $\xi \simeq 700$, what extends the region of weak coupling of the theory.



New Physics below the Fermi scale

SM + Gravity and no new physics?

The most conservative hypothesis: we have Standard Model + Gravity and nothing else.

Ruled out by:

- Observations of neutrino oscillations (in the SM neutrinos are massless and do not oscillate)
- Evidence for Dark Matter (SM does not have particle physics candidate for DM)
- No antimatter in the Universe in amounts comparable with matter (baryon asymmetry of the Universe is too small in the SM)





Right-handed neutrinos. What else?





the ν MSM



The less conservative hypothesis: there are no intermediate energy scales between the Fermi scale 100 GeV and the Planck scale 10^{18} GeV.

Role of N_1 with mass in keV region: dark matter

Role of N_2 , N_3 with mass in 100 MeV – GeV region: "give" masses to neutrinos and produce baryon asymmetry of the Universe, all due to the Higgs boson

Constraints on DM sterile neutrino N_1

- **Stability**. N_1 must have a lifetime larger than that of the Universe
- Production. N₁ are created in the early Universe in reactions $l\bar{l} \rightarrow \nu N_1, \ q\bar{q} \rightarrow \nu N_1$ etc. We should get correct DM abundance
- Structure formation. If N₁ is too light it may have considerable free streaming length and erase fluctuations on small scales. This can be checked by the study of Lyman-α forest spectra of distant quasars and structure of dwarf galaxies
- X-rays. N₁ decays radiatively, N₁ $\rightarrow \gamma \nu$, producing a narrow line which can be detected by X-ray telescopes (such as Chandra or XMM-Newton). This line has not been seen yet



Important: DM sterile neutrino production requires the presence of large, $\Delta L/L > 2 \times 10^{-3}$ lepton asymmetry at temperature $T \sim 100$ MeV. It can only be produced in the ν MSM.

Constraints on BAU sterile neutrinos $N_{2,3}$

Baryon asymmetry generation: CP-violation in neutrino sector+singlet fermion oscillations+sphalerons

- BAU generation requires out of equilibrium: mixing angle of N_{2,3} to active neutrinos cannot be too large
- Neutrino masses. Mixing angle of $N_{2,3}$ to active neutrinos cannot be too small
- **BBN**. Decays of $N_{2,3}$ must not spoil Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
- **Experiment.** $N_{2,3}$ have not been seen yet



Constraints on U^2 coming from the baryon asymmetry of the Universe, from the see-saw formula, from the big bang nucleosynthesis and experimental searches. Left panel - normal hierarchy, right panel inverted hierarchy. Canetti et al. Crucial tests and experiments

Experiments, which will be done anyway

- Crucial experimental test the LHC. The ν MSM prediction no deviations from the SM (Perhaps, LHCb upgrade to search for N?)
- WIMP searches: no WIMPS in the ν MSM
- Unitarity of PMNS neutrino mixing matrix: $\frac{\theta_{13}}{\theta_{23}} \frac{\pi}{4}, \text{ type of neutrino mass hierarchy, Dirac}$ CP-violating phase
- Absolute neutrino mass. The *ν*MSM prediction: $m_1 \leq 10^{-5}$ eV (from DM). Then $m_2 \simeq 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ eV, $m_3 \simeq 9 \cdot 10^{-3}$ eV or $m_{2,3} \simeq 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ eV.
 (Double β decay, Bezrukov)
 Normal hierarchy: 1.3 meV < $m_{\beta\beta}$ < 3.4 meV</p>
 Inverted hierarchy: 13 meV < $m_{\beta\beta}$ < 50 meV</p>
- Crucial cosmological test precise measurements of cosmological parameters $n_s, r, \Delta n_s \simeq 0.004$

New dedicated experiments

High energy frontier

Construction of t-quark factory – e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$ linear collider with energy $\simeq 200 \times 200$ GeV.

Precise measurement of top and Higgs masses, to elucidate the relation between the electroweak and Planck scales.



Search for N_1

X-ray telescopes similar to *Chandra* or *XMM-Newton* but with better energy resolution: narrow X-ray line from decay $N_e \rightarrow \nu \gamma$



One needs:

Improvement of spectral resolution up to the natural line width

 $(\Delta E/E \sim 10^{-3}).$

- FoV $\sim 1^{\circ}$ (size of a dwarf galaxies).
- Wide energy scan, from $\mathcal{O}(100) \text{ eV to } \mathcal{O}(50) \text{ keV.}$

Search for N_2 , N_3

Challenge - from baryon asymmetry: $\theta^2 \lesssim 5 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{\text{GeV}}{M}\right)$ CERN SPS is the best existing machine to uncover new physics below the electroweak scale. For $l \sim 100$ m detector.



Gorbunov, MS



Sketch of the proposed section detector of several kilometer total length; each standard section of length $l_{||} \sim 100$ m, height 5 m and width $l_{\perp} \sim 5$ m may operate independently.

Conclusions

- LHC experiments provide a strong evidence that the SM is a self-consistent effective theory all the way up to the Planck scale.
- The case of $M_H = M_{crit}$ is very peculiar: if this is indeed the case, this is a strong indication for the absence of new energy scales between the Fermi and Planck scales
- The new physics responsible for neutrino masses, dark matter and baryon asymmetry of the Universe can be below the Fermi scale and associated with extension of the SM by 3 Majorana fermions with masses in keV - GeV region.
- There are plenty of experiments which can confirm or reject the minimal model