

Aspects of the Dynamical Breaking Of Scale Symmetries

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The Standard Model

- Classically Conformal - except for the Higgs mass term, the cosmological constant (and possibly neutrino masses)
- Higgs Potential

$$V = \lambda (H^\dagger H)^2$$

- $\lambda > 0$, only symmetric vacuum state, $H = 0$
 - , conformal phase, all particles massless
- $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_c = 0$, critical point, flat potential
 - dynamical symmetry breaking with $\langle H \rangle = v$
 - all Standard Model particles are massive: top, W, Z, etc
 - Higgs particle remains massless, the Goldstone mode of the dynamically broken scale symmetry

The Standard Model

- Explicit symmetry breaking and the Higgs particle mass
- Classical Higgs Potential

$$V = \lambda \left(H^+ H - v^2 \right)^2, \quad v \approx 173 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_h^2 = 4\lambda v^2, \quad m_h = 126 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow \lambda \sim \frac{1}{8}, \text{ small}$$

- Quantum Corrections – infrared divergences

$$\Delta V = \frac{1}{4} \frac{A}{(4\pi)^2} \left(H^+ H \right)^2 \ln \left(\frac{H^+ H}{\sqrt{e} v^2} \right), \quad \text{C.-W. Potential}$$

$$A = \sum_{dof} \left[\left(\frac{m}{v} \right)_b^4 - \left(\frac{m}{v} \right)_f^4 \right] = 6 \left(\frac{m}{v} \right)_W^4 + 3 \left(\frac{m}{v} \right)_Z^4 - 12 \left(\frac{m}{v} \right)_{top}^4 + \dots$$

The Standard Model

$$m_h^2 / 4v^2 = \lambda_0 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{A}{(4\pi)^2} \sim \frac{1}{8}$$

- Known quantum corrections (W, Z, top): $A \sim -11.5$
- Small correction to classical term, -13%
- No classical term would require, $A \sim +80$
- Higgs particle can be viewed as a pseudo-Goldstone boson of the dynamical breaking of an approximate scale symmetry.

$(\vec{\varphi}^2)^3$ Field Theory in $d = 3$ at large N

- W.B., M.M. and Myron Bander, PRL 52, 1188 (1984), “Spontaneous Breaking of Scale Invariance and the Ultraviolet Fixed Point in $O(N)$ – Symmetric $(\phi^6)_3$ Theory”
- Scale invariant in $d=3$ at large N
- Dynamical breaking of scale symmetry at critical coupling
- Dynamical mass generation for ϕ particle
- Composite dilaton as boundstate of ϕ particles
- Pseudo-Goldstone behavior away from critical point

$(\vec{\varphi}^2)^3$ Field Theory in $d = 3$ at large N

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 (\vec{\varphi}^2) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{4\pi}{N} \right) \lambda (\vec{\varphi}^2)^2 + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{4\pi}{N} \right)^2 \eta (\vec{\varphi}^2)^3$$

- Conformal limit at large N : $\mu^2 = \lambda = 0$, $\eta \leq 1$
- Critical Coupling $\eta \rightarrow \eta_c = 1$
- At large N , variational calculation is exact, ϕ mass, ϕ vev
- Possible phases:

$$\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle = 0, m_\varphi = 0 \text{ - conformal}$$

$$\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle = \vec{\varphi}_0, m_\varphi = 0 \text{ - } O(N) \text{ symmetry breaking}$$

$$\langle \vec{\varphi} \rangle = 0, m_\varphi = m \neq 0 \text{ - scale symmetry breaking}$$

$(\vec{\varphi}^2)^3$ Field Theory in $d = 3$ at large N

- $O(N)$ symmetric, massive phase:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \vec{\varphi}^2 \rangle &= N \frac{i}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 p \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2)} \\ &= \frac{N}{2\pi^2} \left(\Lambda - m \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \rightarrow -\frac{N}{4\pi} m\end{aligned}$$

Defined relative to
conformal limit

- Variational vacuum energy:

$$\begin{aligned}E(m) &= K(m) + V(\langle \vec{\varphi}^2 \rangle) = \frac{N}{24\pi} m^3 + V(\langle \vec{\varphi}^2 \rangle) \\ &= -\frac{N}{8\pi} \mu^2 m + \frac{N}{16\pi} \lambda m^2 + \frac{N}{24\pi} (1 - \eta) m^3\end{aligned}$$

$(\vec{\varphi}^2)^3$ Field Theory in $d = 3$ at large N

- Flat potential (like $\lambda = 0$ for Higgs): $\mu^2 = \lambda = 0$, $\eta = 1$
- Induced four-point coupling:

$$\Gamma_4^0 = \frac{4\pi}{N} 2\lambda + 4 \left(\frac{4\pi}{N} \right)^2 \eta \langle \vec{\varphi}^2 \rangle = \frac{4\pi}{N} [2\lambda - 4\eta m]$$

- Bound state pole in $O(N)$ singlet, s-wave channel in ϕ - ϕ scattering amplitude – bubble sum at large N

$$\Gamma_4(q^2) = \left(\frac{8\pi}{N} \right) 24m^3 / \left[q^2 + 12m^2 \left(1 + \frac{2m}{\lambda - 2\eta m} \right) \right]$$

$$m_D^2 = 12m^2 (\lambda + (1 - \eta)2m) / (2\eta m - \lambda)$$

$(\vec{\varphi}^2)^3$ Field Theory in $d = 3$ at large N

- Phase structure in the near conformal theory
 - $\mu^2=0, \lambda=0, \eta \leq 1$, conformal symmetric phase, $m=0$
 - $\mu^2=0, \lambda=0, \eta=1$, conformal broken phase, $m>0$
 - $\mu^2>0, \lambda>0, \eta<1$, near conformal broken phase, $m>0$
 - $\mu^2<0, \lambda>0, \eta<1$, near conformal, $O(N)$ broken phase, $m=0$
 - $\mu^2>0, \lambda<0, \eta<1$, near conformal broken phase, $m>0$
 - $\mu^2<0, \lambda<0, \eta<1$, three phases possible

$(\vec{\varphi}^2)^3$ Field Theory in $d = 3$ at large N

- Near conformal limit, $\eta \rightarrow 1$, $\lambda \ll 2m$:

$$m_D^2 = 6m(\lambda + (1 - \eta)2m) \quad - \text{pseudo-dilaton}$$

- Induced Dilaton – ϕ coupling constant:

$$V_{eff} = \frac{1}{2} g_D D \vec{\varphi}^2, \quad g_D^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi}{N} \right) 48m^3$$

- Dilaton pole in matrix elements of the energy-momentum tensor restores traceless condition in massive phase

$$f_D^2 = \frac{N}{12\pi} \frac{m}{36} \quad - \text{Dilaton decay constant}$$

Conclusions

- A light Higgs boson may result from the approximate scale invariance of the Standard Model – the Higgs particle can be viewed as pseudo-Goldstone boson / dilaton.
- The explicit breaking of the scale symmetry by the classical Higgs potential is stable against loop corrections
- The large N version $(\phi^2)^3$ in three dimension provides a laboratory for studying the dynamical breaking of scale invariance in a solvable model with the dilaton formed as a boundstate of the elementary ϕ particles
- In both models, the exact symmetry limit requires a critical value of the coupling constant but the pseudo-Goldstone behavior is a more general phenomena