

What is the “Lee-Wick Standard Model”?

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Lee-Wick Electrodynamics

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The photon field is replaced by the combination:

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + iB_\mu$$

The Lagrange density:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\partial_\mu\gamma^\mu - m_0)\psi - \frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)(\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) \\ - \frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu)(\partial^\mu B^\nu - \partial^\nu B^\mu) + \frac{1}{2}\mu_0^2 B_\mu B^\mu + e_0\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi(A_\mu + iB_\mu)$$

The propagator for the coherent mixture $A_\mu + iB_\mu$:

$$\frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{1}{k^2 - \mu_0^2} = \frac{-\mu_0^2}{k^2(k^2 - \mu_0^2)} \xrightarrow{k^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^4}$$

Finite electromagnetic mass differences
between hadrons in a same isospin multiplet

Non-Hermitian Lagrangian \Rightarrow Non-Unitary S-matrix?

Lee-Wick Electrodynamics (Unitarity)

A different metric in Hilbert space:

$$\langle |\eta(-1)^{N_B}| \rangle > 0$$

In a particular basis: $\eta = (-1)^{N_B}$, $A_\mu(B_\mu)$ is of positive (**negative**) metric

$$\eta H^\dagger \eta = H$$

Self-adjoint Hamiltonian \rightarrow **real energy expectation values**

However, H may have complex eigenvalues

$$S^\dagger \eta S = \eta$$

Pseudo-unitary condition for the S -matrix \rightarrow **not satisfactory**

Lee and Wick show that S is unitary if *all* stable particles are of positive metric:

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \eta | \mathbf{r} \rangle > 0$$

\rightarrow for all eigenvectors of H with real eigenvalues

Is this condition satisfied?

Lee-Wick Electrodynamics (Unitarity)

The S-matrix is well defined in terms of the eigenvectors of H with real eigenvalues:

$$S_{r'r} = \langle r'^{in} | \eta | r^{out} \rangle$$

The U -operator in the interaction picture can be decomposed:

$$U(t, -t) = U^{reg}(t, -t) + \boxed{U^{exp}(t, -t)} \longrightarrow \text{diverges exponentially as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

The usual relation between U and S does not hold, however:

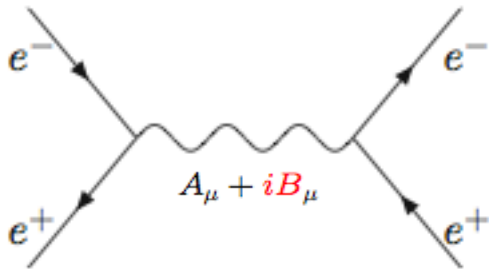
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} U^{reg}(t, -t) = S$$



New Feynman rules in momentum space

Lee-Wick Electrodynamics (Unitarity)

Electron-positron scattering at lowest order:

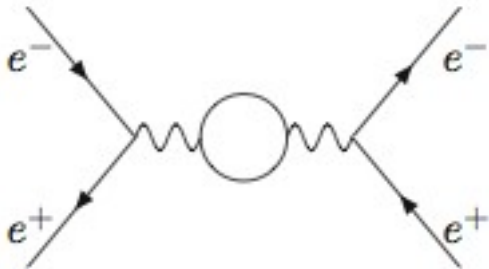


Unusual sign in the free propagator

$$D(k) = \frac{-\mu_0^2}{k^2(k^2 - \mu_0^2)}$$

$Im(\mathcal{M}) < 0 \checkmark$

Adding corrections to the propagator:



The corrected propagator fixes the problem

$$D(k) = \frac{1}{k^2} + \int_{4m^2} \frac{\rho(a^2) da^2}{k^2 - a^2} + \frac{\beta}{k^2 - \mu_+^2} + \frac{\beta^*}{k^2 - \mu_-^2}$$

$$\mu_{\pm} = \mu \pm \frac{i\gamma}{2}$$

$Im(\mathcal{M}) > 0 \checkmark$

Complex poles in unusual places → modified distribution of contours of integration

Lee-Wick Electrodynamics (Unitarity)

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“Naive” prescription for integration paths in Feynman integrals (not relativistically invariant)
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Covariant prescription, “CLOP” (not derived from a Lagrangian formulation)
- ◆ N. Nakanishi, *Phys. Rev. D* **3**, 811 (1971):
Lorentz invariance and a Lagrangian (non-perturbative) formulation seem to be not compatible
- ◆ T.D. Lee and G.C Wick, *Phys. Rev. D* **3**, 1046 (1971):
Insist in a relativistic and unitary S -matrix in spite of the lack of a Lagrangian formulation
- ◆ D.G. Boulware and D.J. Gross, *Nucl. Phys. B* **233**, 1 (1984):
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Lee-Wick electrodynamics is found to be unitary

Lee-Wick Electrodynamics (Causality)

S. Coleman, "Acausality", in *Erice 1969*, Academic Press, NY, 282 (1970)

Field operators obey the usual causality condition:

$$[\phi(x), \phi(y)] = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{at space-like separations}$$

These operators not only create the usual states **but also states with complex energy**

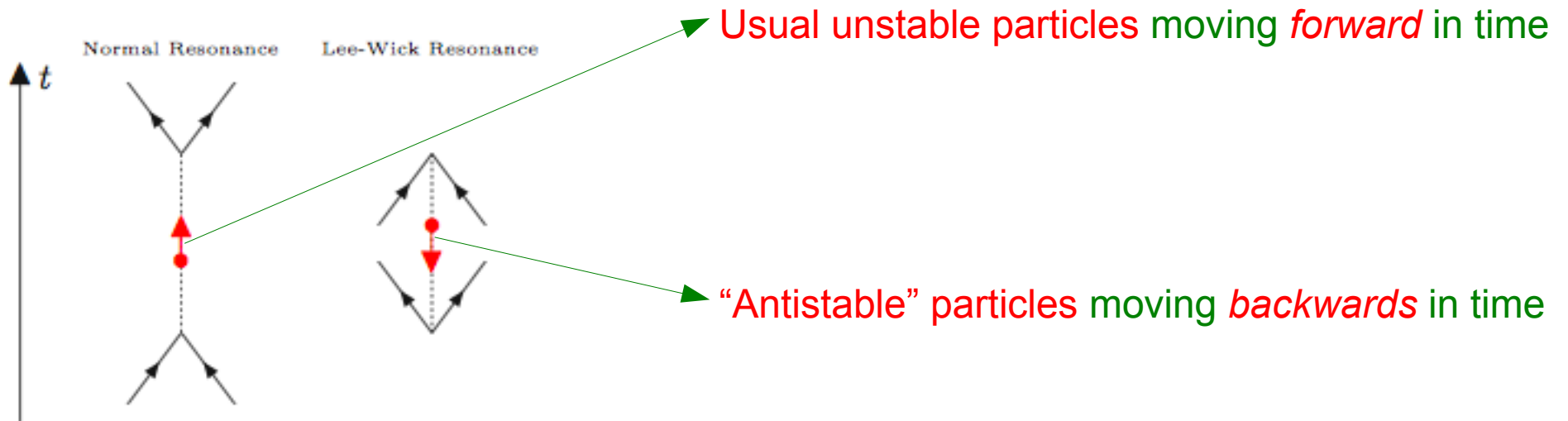
The right asymptotic states are obtained by **subtracting the complex-energy components**
(*Prescriptions for contours of integration exclude outgoing exponentially growing modes*)



Violation of causality: reverse time order of physical processes

Lee-Wick Electrodynamics (Causality)

Complex-energy states show up as unusual resonances:



A word on paradoxical behaviours:

What happens if the incoming particles are stopped before they collide?

Resolution(?): Well-defined S -matrix \rightarrow natural limitations on the properties of stopping devices

The Lee-Wick Standard Model (LWSM)

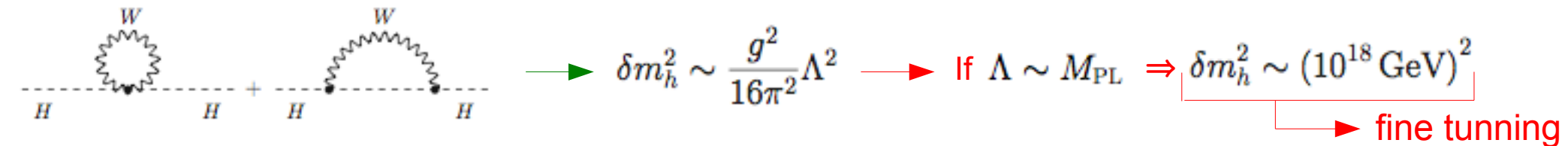
B. Grinstein, D. O'Connell and M. B. Wise, Phys. Rev. D **77**, 025012 (2008)

Hierarchy problem in the SM: Higgs mass corrections are quadratically sensitive to the cutoff

Tree-level Higgs mass:

$$(m_h^2)_{bare} = 2\lambda v^2, \quad \langle H \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad v \sim 247 \text{ GeV}$$

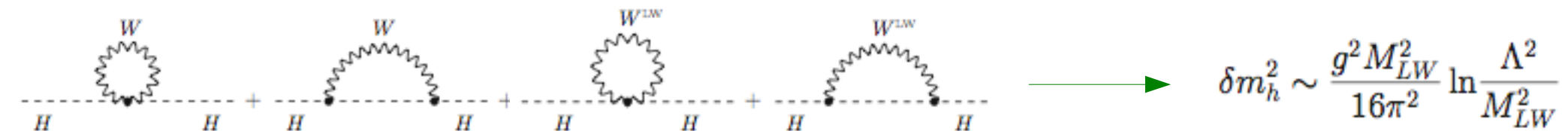
1-loop corrections from W bosons:



$$\delta m_h^2 \sim \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \Lambda^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{If } \Lambda \sim M_{\text{PL}} \Rightarrow \delta m_h^2 \sim (10^{18} \text{ GeV})^2$$

fine tuning

Resolution in the LWSM: one LW partner with SM couplings for each SM particle



$$\delta m_h^2 \sim \frac{g^2 M_{LW}^2}{16\pi^2} \ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_{LW}^2}$$

LWSM from a Higher Order Theory

In the LWSM every field in the SM has a higher derivative term \rightarrow massive LW-particle

How does it work in a toy model?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{hd}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \hat{\phi} \partial^\mu \hat{\phi} - \frac{1}{2M^2} (\partial^2 \hat{\phi})^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \hat{\phi}^2 - \frac{1}{4!} g \hat{\phi}^4, \quad m \gg M$$

$$\hat{D}(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 - p^4/M^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \text{two poles : } p^2 = m, M$$

Defining an auxiliary field, $\tilde{\phi}$:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \hat{\phi} \partial^\mu \hat{\phi} - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \hat{\phi}^2 - \tilde{\phi} \partial^2 \hat{\phi} + \frac{1}{2} M^2 \tilde{\phi}^2 - \frac{1}{4!} g \hat{\phi}^4$$

Eliminating $\tilde{\phi}$ in \mathcal{L} using the equations of motion reproduces \mathcal{L}_{hd}

Explicit particle content through the definition $\phi = \hat{\phi} + \tilde{\phi}$:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \tilde{\phi} \partial^\mu \tilde{\phi} + \frac{1}{2} M^2 \tilde{\phi}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 (\phi - \tilde{\phi})^2 - \frac{1}{4!} g (\phi - \tilde{\phi})^4,$$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{D}(p) = \frac{-i}{p^2 - M^2}$$

LWSM: Particle Content & Interactions (Basics)

LW-gauge bosons are massive and mix:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{2g} = & - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} - \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} + W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} - \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu} \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (M_1^2 \tilde{B}_\mu \tilde{B}^\mu + M_2^2 \tilde{W}_\mu^a \tilde{W}_a^\mu) + \frac{g_2^2 v^2}{8} (W_\mu^{1,2} + \tilde{W}_\mu^{1,2})^2 \\ & + \frac{v^2}{8} (g_1 B_\mu + g_1 \tilde{B}_\mu + g_2 W_\mu^3 + g_2 \tilde{W}_\mu^3)^2 \end{aligned}$$

LW-fermions are **vector-like** and mix:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{2\psi} = & \sum_{\psi=q_L, u_R, d_R} \bar{\psi} i \not{\partial} \psi - \sum_{\tilde{\psi}=q, u, d} \tilde{\bar{\psi}} (i \not{\partial} - M_\psi) \tilde{\psi} \\ & - m_u (\bar{u}_R - \tilde{\bar{u}}_R) (q_L^u - \tilde{q}_L^u) - m_d (\bar{d}_R - \tilde{\bar{d}}_R) (q_L^d - \tilde{q}_L^d) + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

Interactions between gauge bosons and fermions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{int} = & - \sum_{\psi=q_L, u_R, d_R} [g_1 \bar{\psi} (\not{B} + \tilde{\not{B}}) \psi + g_2 \bar{\psi} (\not{W} + \tilde{\not{W}}) \psi] \\ & + \sum_{\tilde{\psi}=q, u, d} [g_1 \tilde{\bar{\psi}} (\not{B} + \tilde{\not{B}}) \tilde{\psi} + g_2 \tilde{\bar{\psi}} (\not{W} + \tilde{\not{W}}) \tilde{\psi}]. \end{aligned}$$

Experimental Signatures of LW Particles

T. G. Rizzo, JHEP **0706**, 070 (2007)

T. G. Rizzo, JHEP **0801**, 042 (2008)

◆ Rizzo consider the resonant production of LW-gauge bosons, $W_{\text{LW}}^{\pm,0}$, B_{LW} and g_{LW} at the LHC and future e^-e^+ colliders, **looking for a unique identification of the LW SM**

◆ These processes have been analyzed: $pp \rightarrow (W_{\text{LW}}^0, B_{\text{LW}}) \rightarrow l^+l^- + X$, $pp \rightarrow W_{\text{LW}}^{\pm} \rightarrow l^{\pm} E_T^{\text{miss}} + X$, $pp \rightarrow g_{\text{LW}} \rightarrow jj + X$, $e^-e^+ \rightarrow (W_{\text{LW}}^0, B_{\text{LW}}) \rightarrow e^-e^+$

◆ Tree-level amplitudes contain the exchange of both SM and LW-gauge bosons:

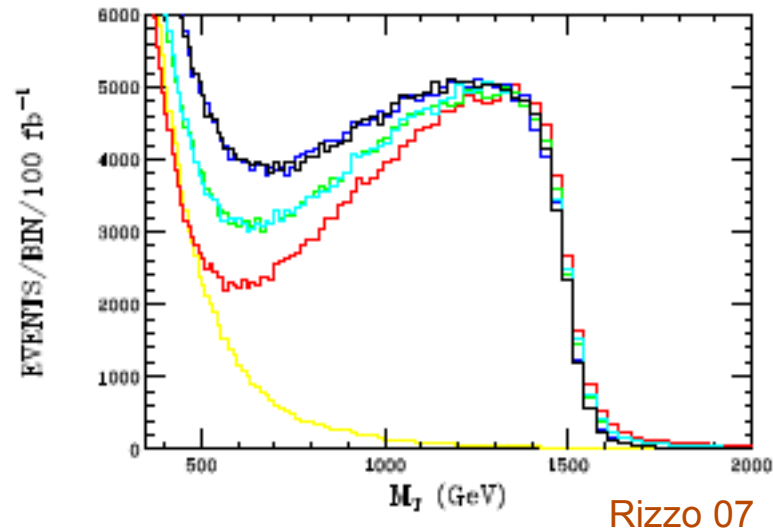
$$A \sim \frac{i}{p^2 - M_{\text{SM}}^2 + iM_{\text{SM}}\Gamma_{\text{SM}}} - \frac{i}{p^2 - M_{\text{LW}}^2 + iM_{\text{LW}}\Gamma_{\text{LW}}}$$

◆ Tree-level trilinear couplings between one LW- and two SM- gauges fields are absent.
LW-gluons can not be produced in gluon-gluon collisions

◆ The analysis of single production of LW fermions is disfavored by SM backgrounds.
Pair production seem to be the dominant mechanism for LW fermions

Experimental Signatures of LW Particles (cont'd)

$$pp \rightarrow W' \rightarrow l^\pm E_T^{miss} + X$$



Transverse mass distribution for a W' of 1.5 TeV at the LHC

Black: Lee-Wick Standard Model. **Blue:** Extra dimension models

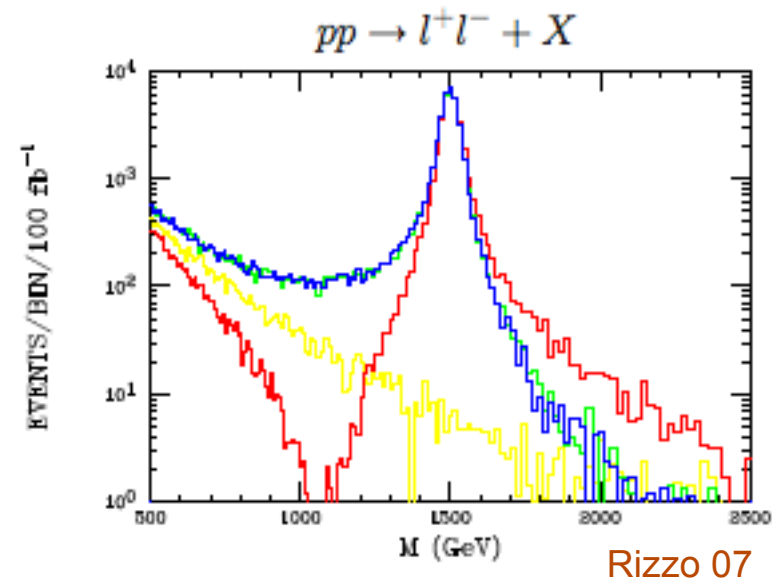
Red: Conventional W' models (SSM). **Green:** Left Right Sym. Model

Cyan: General extra dimensional models. **Yellow:** SM background

Dilepton pair mass distribution at the LHC for resonances of 1.5 TeV

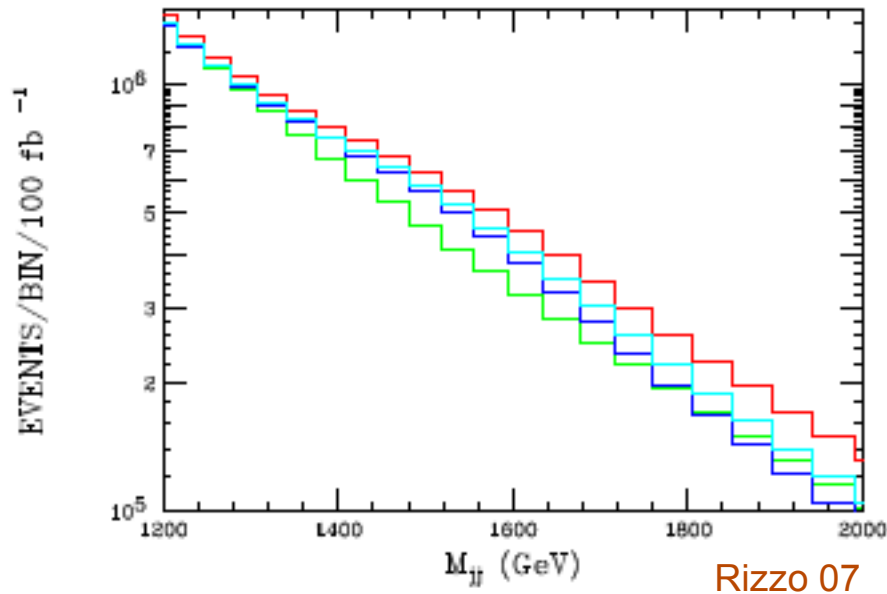
Green: LW Standard Model. **Blue:** SSM (opposite quark couplings)

Red: Sequential Standard Model (SSM). **Yellow:** SM background



Experimental Signatures of LW Particles (cont'd)

$$pp \rightarrow jj + X$$



Dijet pair mass distribution at the LHC for resonances of 1.5 TeV

Blue: LW Standard Model. **Red:** KK-like copy of the SM

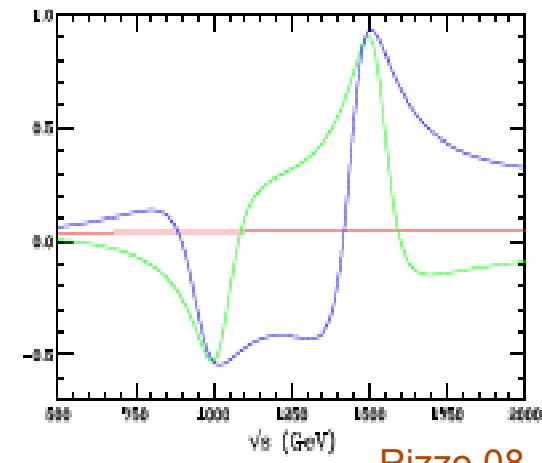
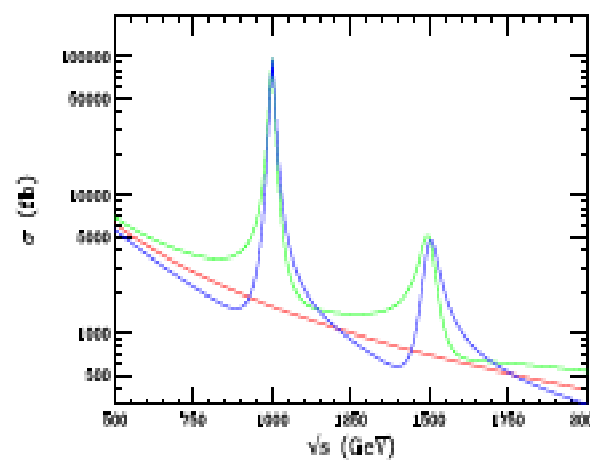
Cyan: Axigluon Model. **Green:** SM background

Cross section for $e^-e^+ \rightarrow e^-e^+$ & LR Asymmetry

Green: Lee-Wick Standard Model

Blue: Heavier SM copies. **Red:** SM prediction

$$M_B = 1 \text{ TeV}, M_{W^0} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$$



Constrains from Electroweak Precision Tests

E. Álvarez, L. Da Rold, C. Schat and A.S. , JHEP **0804**, 026 (2008)

◆ We compute the oblique parameters **S** and **T** at 1-loop level

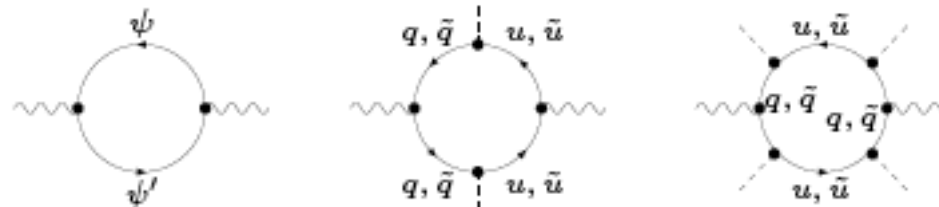
◆ We integrate out the LW fields and obtain an effective Lagrangian after a **field redefinition**:

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -\frac{1}{2}\Pi'_{3B}(0)\mathbf{W}_{SM}^{\mu\nu}\mathbf{B}_{\mu\nu}^{SM} + \frac{1}{2}g_2^2\Pi_{33}(0)(\mathbf{W}_{SM}^3)^2 + \frac{1}{2}g_2^2\Pi_{11}(0)(\mathbf{W}_{SM}^1)^2 + \dots$$

◆ Using the definitions of **S** and **T**: $S = \frac{16\pi}{g_1 g_2}\Pi'_{3B}(0)$, $T = \frac{4\pi}{s^2 c^2 m_Z^2}[\Pi_{11}(0) - \Pi_{33}(0)]$

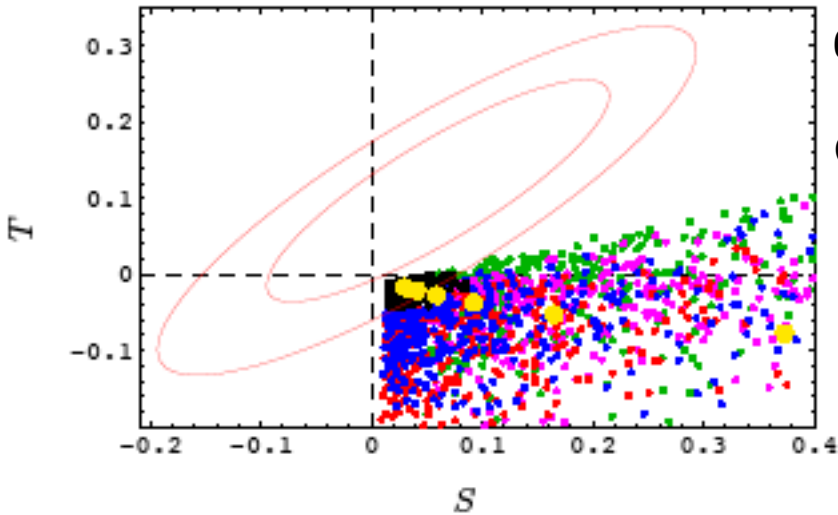
We obtain the tree-level contributions: $S = 4\pi v^2 \left(\frac{1}{M_1^2} + \frac{1}{M_2^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{v^4}{M_i^4}\right)$, $T = \pi \frac{g_1^2 + g_2^2}{g_2^2} \frac{v^2}{M_1^2}$

◆ At 1-loop level the dominant contribution comes from quarks:



Constraints from Electroweak Precision Tests (cont'd)

- ◆ We scan the parameter space of the model and obtain bounds on the masses of LW particles



68% and 95% Confidence Level Contours in the (S, T) plane

Colored dots indicate which mass M_1 , M_2 , M_q , M_u is less than 4 TeV

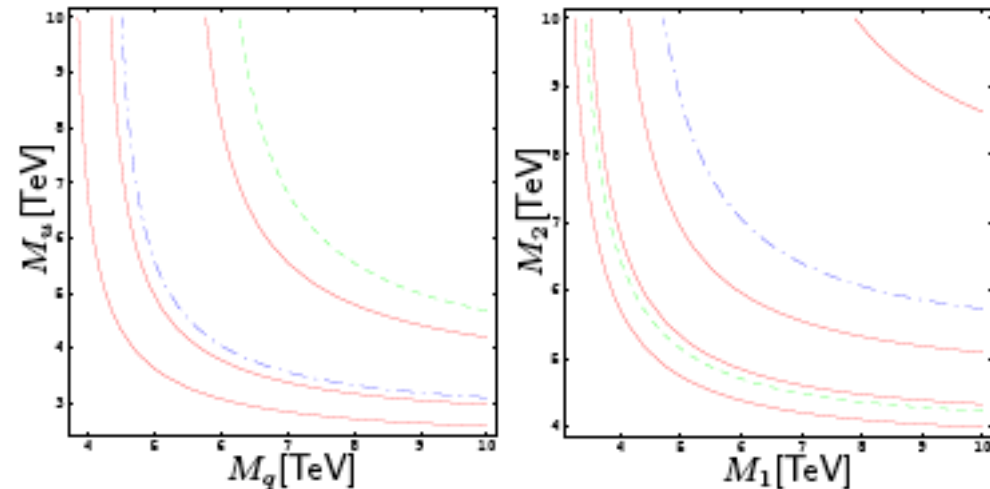
Yellow dots from the left to right, all masses equal to 7, 6, 5, 4... TeV

Black dots indicate that all M_1 , M_2 , M_q , M_u are larger than 4 TeV

Region above the curves is allowed @ 95% CL

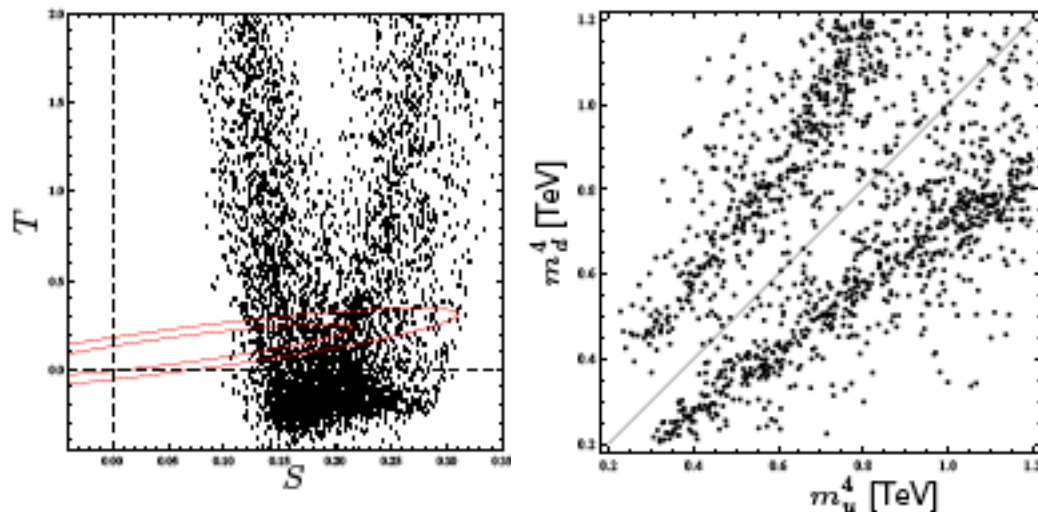
Left: red curves (from left to right), $M_1 = M_2 = 7, 6, 5$ TeV

Right: red curves (from left to right), $M_q = M_u = 7, 6, 5, 4$



Constraints from Electroweak Precision Tests (cont'd)

- ◆ We consider an extension of the LWSM including a fourth generation of fermions and find new bounds on the LW masses



Left: 68% and 95% CL Contours in the (S, T) plane

Fermionic LW masses, values in the range 0.2 - 1.5 TeV

Isospin violation in the fourth generation is about a **30%**

Bounds on masses in the **LWSM**

LW fermions > **2.4 – 3.5 TeV**

LW-gauge bosons > **5 – 8 TeV**

Bounds on masses in the **4th-generation scenario**

LW fermions > **0.4 – 1.5 TeV**

LW-gauge bosons > **3 TeV**

Other articles on electroweak constrains: T.E J. Underwood and R. Zwicky, Phys. Rev. D **79**, 035016 (2009)
C.D. Carone and R.F. Lebed, Phys. Lett. B **668**, 221 (2008)

Comments on the LWSM Flavor Structure

T.R. Dulaney and M.B. Wise, Phys. Lett. B **658**, 230 (2008)

- ◆ The higher derivative kinetic terms contain the new flavor structure:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{hd}}^{(\text{kin})} = & \overline{Q}_L^i \hat{D} Q_L^i + r_Q^{ij} \overline{Q}_L^i \hat{D} \hat{D} \hat{D} Q_L^j + \overline{L}_L^i \hat{D} L_L^i + r_L^{ij} \overline{L}_L^i \hat{D} \hat{D} \hat{D} L_L^j + \overline{u}_R^i \hat{D} u_R^i \\ & + r_U^{ij} \overline{u}_R^i \hat{D} \hat{D} \hat{D} u_R^j + \overline{d}_R^i \hat{D} d_R^i + r_D^{ij} \overline{d}_R^i \hat{D} \hat{D} \hat{D} d_R^j + \overline{e}_R^i \hat{D} e_R^i + r_E^{ij} \overline{e}_R^i \hat{D} \hat{D} \hat{D} e_R^j \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ The authors integrate out the LW fermions finding **flavor changing Z couplings**:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathcal{L}_Z = & \sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2} Z_\mu \left[\overline{u}_R m_u^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(u, L) \boxed{r_Q} \mathcal{U}(u, L)) m_u^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu u_R \right. \\ & + \overline{d}_R m_d^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(d, L) \boxed{r_Q} \mathcal{U}(d, L)) m_d^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu d_R + \overline{e}_R m_e^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(e, L) \boxed{r_L} \mathcal{U}(e, L)) m_e^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu e_R \\ & + \overline{u}_L m_u^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(u, R) \boxed{r_U} \mathcal{U}(u, R)) m_u^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu u_L + \overline{d}_L m_d^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(d, R) \boxed{r_D} \mathcal{U}(d, R)) m_d^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu d_L \\ & \left. + \overline{e}_L m_e^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(e, R) \boxed{r_E} \mathcal{U}(e, R)) m_e^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu e_L \right] \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ They also show that **new flavor changing charged currents** are induced:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathcal{L}_W = & \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \left[\overline{d}_R m_d^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(d, L) \boxed{r_Q} \mathcal{U}(u, L)) m_u^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu u_R + \frac{1}{2} \overline{d}_L V^\dagger m_u^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(u, R) \boxed{r_U} \mathcal{U}(u, R)) m_u^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu u_L \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \overline{d}_L m_d^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(d, R) \boxed{r_D} \mathcal{U}(d, R)) m_d^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu V^\dagger u_L + \frac{1}{2} \overline{e}_L m_e^{\text{diag}} (\mathcal{U}(e, R) \boxed{r_E} \mathcal{U}(e, R)) m_e^{\text{diag}} \gamma^\mu \nu_L \right] + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

Comments on the LWSM Flavor Structure (cont'd)

- ◆ All the FCNC and the new FCCC couplings are suppressed by $\tau_Q, \tau_L, \tau_U, \tau_D$ and τ_E :

$$\tau_I = Y(\tilde{I}_L) \left(\frac{1}{M_I^{(\text{diag})}} \right)^2 Y^\dagger(\tilde{I}_L), \quad I = Q, L \quad \tau_J = Y(\tilde{J}_R) \left(\frac{1}{M_J^{(\text{diag})}} \right)^2 Y^\dagger(\tilde{J}_R), \quad J = U, D, E$$

- ◆ Neutral lepton-family violating processes are even suppressed by the SM lepton masses:

$$\frac{\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow 3e)}{\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}_e\nu_\mu)} \sim \left(\frac{m_e m_\mu}{1\text{TeV}^2} \right)^2 \sim 10^{-21}$$

- ◆ The effects can be larger if the LW and SM contributions interfere:

$$\frac{\Delta\Gamma(b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu})} \sim \left(\frac{m_b m_s}{1\text{TeV}^2} \right) \sim 10^{-6}$$

- ◆ Corrections to the CKM matrix are small too:

$$\Delta V_{cb} \sim \frac{m_c m_t}{(1\text{TeV})^2} \sim 10^{-4}$$

Mixings from FCCC and FCNC are suppressed in non-MFV scenarios if the LW scale is $\gtrsim 1$ TeV

Neutrino masses in the LWSM

J.R. Espinosa, B. Grinstein, D. O'Connell and M.B. Wise,
Phys. Rev. D **77**, 085002 (2008)

Does the coupling of LW states to very heavy particles preserve the stability of the weak scale?

Seesaw mechanism explains the smallness of the observed neutrino masses:

$$m_\nu \sim \frac{v^2}{m_R} \quad m_R \uparrow \quad m_\nu \downarrow \quad m_R \gtrsim 10^{11} \text{ TeV}$$

1-loop right handed neutrino correction to the Higgs mass:



SM

$$\delta m_H^2 \simeq -\frac{g_Y^2}{8\pi^2} m_R^2 \log(m_R^2/\mu^2)$$

LWSM

$$\delta m_H^2 = -\frac{g_Y^2}{8\pi^2} M_L^2 \log\left(\frac{m_R^2 + \Lambda^2}{m_R^2}\right)$$

If $m_R \gtrsim 10^4 \text{ TeV}$ corrections are too large

If $g_Y M_L \lesssim 10 \text{ TeV}$ corrections are small enough

Other works on the LWSM

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- ◆ F. Krauss, T.E.J. Underwood and R. Zwicky, Phys. Rev. D **77**, 015012 (2008):
Distinctive LW experimental signatures through the process $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- ◆ B. Grinstein, D. O'Connell and M. B. Wise, Phys. Rev. D **77**, 065010 (2008):
Scattering of massive LW-vector bosons does not violate perturbative unitarity
- ◆ B. Grinstein and D. O'Connell, Phys. Rev. D **78**, 105005 (2008):
1-loop renormalization of LW gauge theory
- ◆ C.D. Carone and R.F. Lebed, JHEP **0901**, 043 (2009):
Next-to-minimal higher-derivative LWSM
- ◆ S. Lee, arXiv:0810.1145:
LW fields as a candidate of dark energy
- ◆ Y.F. Cai, T.t. Qiu, R. Brandenberger and X.m. Zhang, arXiv:0810.4677:
LWSM as possible solution of the cosmological singularity problem

and more...

Conclusions

- The Lee-Wick Standard Model cures the hierarchy problem by adding one degree of freedom for each SM field
- The LW partners have the same spin-statistics as the SM fields but quadratic terms with opposite signs
- The presence of negative-norm states anticipated conflicts with unitarity. Contours of integration have to be redefined. It appears that this can be done perturbatively in a way that preserves unitarity
- The theory is not causal at short time scales
- Unique experimental signals seem to be clearer at electron-positron colliders than at the LHC
- Electroweak precision tests constrain LW particles to be $\gtrsim 2.5$ TeV
- FCNC and FCCC are induced in the theory but their effects are small
- Right-handed neutrinos with Majorana masses coupled to the LW fields do not destabilize the electroweak scale