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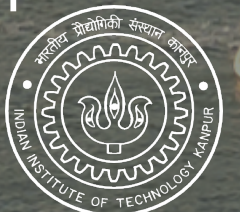
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CUSTODIAL SYMMETRY AND RHO PARAMETER
IN THE GEORGI-MACHACEK MODEL

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CUSTODIAL SYMMETRY

- **Spontaneous breaking of $SU(2)$ gauge symmetry** $\longrightarrow$ non-Abelian nature

.... consider an interaction with the **scalar** field ϕ

$$D^\mu \phi = (\partial_\mu - igA_a^\mu T_a) \phi$$

- Doublet representation —

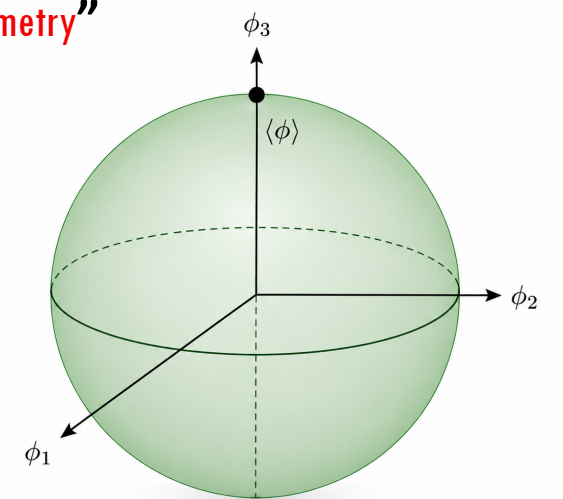
$$\langle \phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} ; \quad m_{A_1}^2 = m_{A_2}^2 = m_{A_3}^2 = \frac{1}{4} g^2 v^2$$

.... invariant under global $SU(2)$ $\longrightarrow$ “Custodial $SU(2)$ Symmetry”

- Triplet representation —

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} ; \quad m_{A_1}^2 = m_{A_2}^2 = g^2 v^2 , \quad m_{A_3}^2 = 0$$

$\longrightarrow$ there is a **symmetry** $A_1 \leftrightarrow A_2$, but not $SU(2)$



CUSTODIAL SYMMETRY

- **Spontaneous breaking of $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge symmetry**

.... consider an interaction with the **scalar** field ϕ

$$D^\mu \phi = (\partial_\mu - igA_a^\mu T_a - ig'B^\mu Y) \phi$$

- Real triplet with $Y = 0$:

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad m_{A_1}^2 = m_{A_2}^2 = g^2 v^2 \quad , \quad m_{A_3}^2 = 0 \quad , \quad m_B^2 = 0$$

- Complex triplet with $Y = 1$:

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad \boxed{m_{A_1}^2 = m_{A_2}^2 = g^2 v^2 \quad , \quad m_{A_3}^2 = 2g^2 v^2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{SU(2) mass degeneracy is lifted}$$

$$m_B^2 = 2(g')^2 v^2 \quad , \quad m_{A_3 B}^2 = -2g' g v^2$$

CUSTODIAL SYMMETRY

- **Spontaneous breaking of $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge symmetry**

.... consider an interaction with the **triplet scalar** field Δ

$$D^\mu \Delta = (\partial_\mu - igA_a^\mu T_a + ig'B^\mu T_3) \Delta$$

- Real triplet ($Y = 0$) + Complex triplet ($Y = 1$):

$$\langle \Delta \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & v \end{pmatrix} ;$$



follows from the
global $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ symmetry

$$m_{A_1}^2 = m_{A_2}^2 = 2g^2v^2, m_{A_3}^2 = 2g^2v^2$$

$\rightarrow$ **$SU(2)$ mass degeneracy
is restored**

$$m_B^2 = 2(g')^2v^2, m_{A_3B}^2 = -2g'gv^2$$

Gauging $T_3 \Rightarrow SU(2)_R$ breaking $\Rightarrow$ mass splitting

RHO PARAMETER

- **Consequence of custodial $SU(2)$ symmetry**

rho parameter, $\rho \equiv \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 c_w^2} = 1$

$$W_{\pm}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(A_1^{\mu} \mp A_2^{\mu})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_w & -s_w \\ s_w & c_w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_3 \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

- If $\rho \neq 1$ at tree level, ρ or c_w^2 becomes an additional free parameter.

...the case of a real / complex scalar triplet under $SU(2)_L$

[Ross and Veltman '75]

- **Georgi-Machacek (GM) model**

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v_{\phi} & 0 \\ 0 & v_{\phi} \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \Delta \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v_{\chi} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v_{\chi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & v_{\chi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v^2 = v_{\phi}^2 + 8v_{\chi}^2 \approx (246 \text{ GeV})^2$$

...under the global
 $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

↓ **SSB**

custodial
 $SU(2)_V$

$\rho = 1$
at tree level **(prediction)**

[Georgi and Machacek '85]
[Chanowitz and Golden '85]

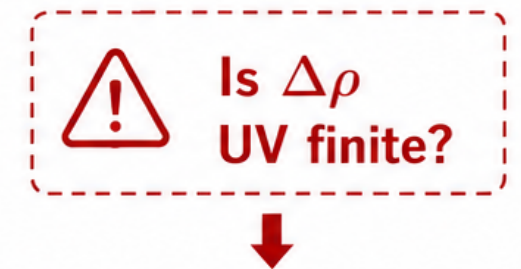
? What happens at one loop?

RHO PARAMETER

• At One Loop :

$$\rho = 1 + \Delta\rho$$

- What is the one-loop correction $\Delta\rho$?
- Is $\Delta\rho$ **UV finite**?
- If divergent, what is its structure (e.g., $\propto \frac{1}{\epsilon}$) ?
- How large is it numerically?



If UV divergent

→ What additional renormalization condition is required?

$$\Delta\rho = \frac{1}{m_W^2} \text{Re} \left[\Sigma_{WW}(0) - c_w^2 \Sigma_{ZZ}(0) - 2s_w c_w \Sigma_{\gamma Z}(0) - s_w^2 \Sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(0) \right]$$

[Peskin and Takeuchi '90]

[Degrassi and Sirlin '92]

[Chanowitz and Golden '85]

[Gunion, Vega and Wudka '91]

→ In the SM, $\Delta\rho$ is UV finite in the Feynman-'t Hooft gauge ($\xi = 1$)

But, in the **GM model**, $\Delta\rho$ is **UV divergent** in the Feynman-'t Hooft gauge ($\xi = 1$)

...despite the fact that both the GM model and the SM satisfy $\rho = 1$ at tree level

ULTRAVIOLET DIVERGENCES

[Chowdhury, Kundu, Mondal, SS, Srivastava, arXiv: [2601.06252](https://arxiv.org/abs/2601.06252)]

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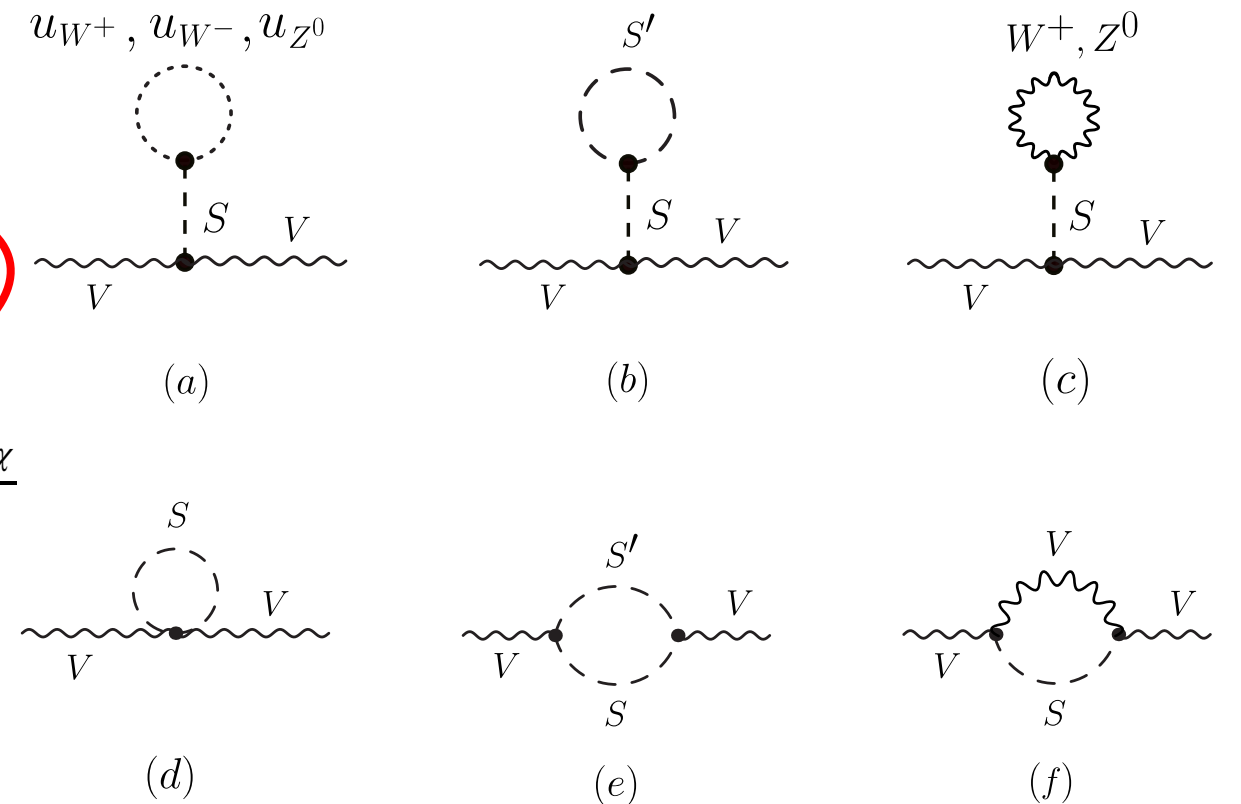
→ Unlike the SM, the **GM model** has a **non-vanishing** tadpole contribution to $\Delta\rho$

$$\Delta\rho \Big|_{a+b+c} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{(g')^2 s_\beta^2}{32\pi^2 s_w^2 m_{H_5}^2} \left[6m_W^2 s_w^2 (2 + \tan^2 \theta_W) + m_{H_5}^2 (\xi_Z - c_w^2 \xi_W) \right]$$

...where $s_\beta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}v_\chi}{v}$

Tadpole contribution is **gauge dependent** and must be combined with the **self-energy contribution** to obtain a gauge-invariant result:

$$\Delta\rho \Big|_{d+e+f} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{(g')^2 s_\beta^2}{32\pi^2 s_w^2} \left[3s_w^2 + \xi_Z - c_w^2 \xi_W \right]$$



One loop correction to $\Delta\rho$ is gauge-independent, but remains **UV divergent**

ONE LOOP RENORMALIZATION

- **Input parameters:**

- EM fine structure constant α_{em}
- Fermi constant G_μ
- Z-boson mass m_Z

 **Important: UV divergence**

We find

$$\Delta\rho \propto \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

i.e., $\Delta\rho$ is UV divergent ($\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ arises in dimensional regularization).

- **Counterterms:**

$$\frac{\delta\alpha_{em}}{\alpha_{em}} = \frac{d}{dp^2} \Sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(p^2) \Big|_{p^2=0} + \frac{2s_w}{c_w} \frac{\Sigma_{\gamma Z}(0)}{m_Z^2},$$

$$\frac{\delta G_\mu}{G_\mu} = \frac{\delta\alpha_{em}}{\alpha_{em}} - \frac{\delta m_W^2}{m_W^2} - \frac{\delta s_w^2}{s_w^2},$$

$$\delta m_Z^2 = \text{Re } \Sigma_{ZZ}(m_Z^2), \quad \delta m_W^2 = \text{Re } \Sigma_{WW}(m_W^2),$$

$$\frac{\delta s_w^2}{s_w^2} = \frac{c_w^2}{s_w^2} \left(\frac{\delta m_Z^2}{m_Z^2} - \frac{\delta m_W^2}{m_W^2} \right).$$

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→ EW renormalization scheme must be extended in the GM model

Additional input

$$\Delta\rho = \Delta\rho \Big|_{\text{SE}} + \Delta\rho \Big|_{\text{tad}} + \Delta\rho \Big|_{\text{CT}}$$

Self-energy Tadpole Counterterm

$$\Delta\rho \Big|_{\text{CT}} = \frac{\delta m_W^2}{m_W^2} - \frac{\delta m_Z^2}{m_Z^2} + \frac{\delta s_w^2}{c_w^2}.$$

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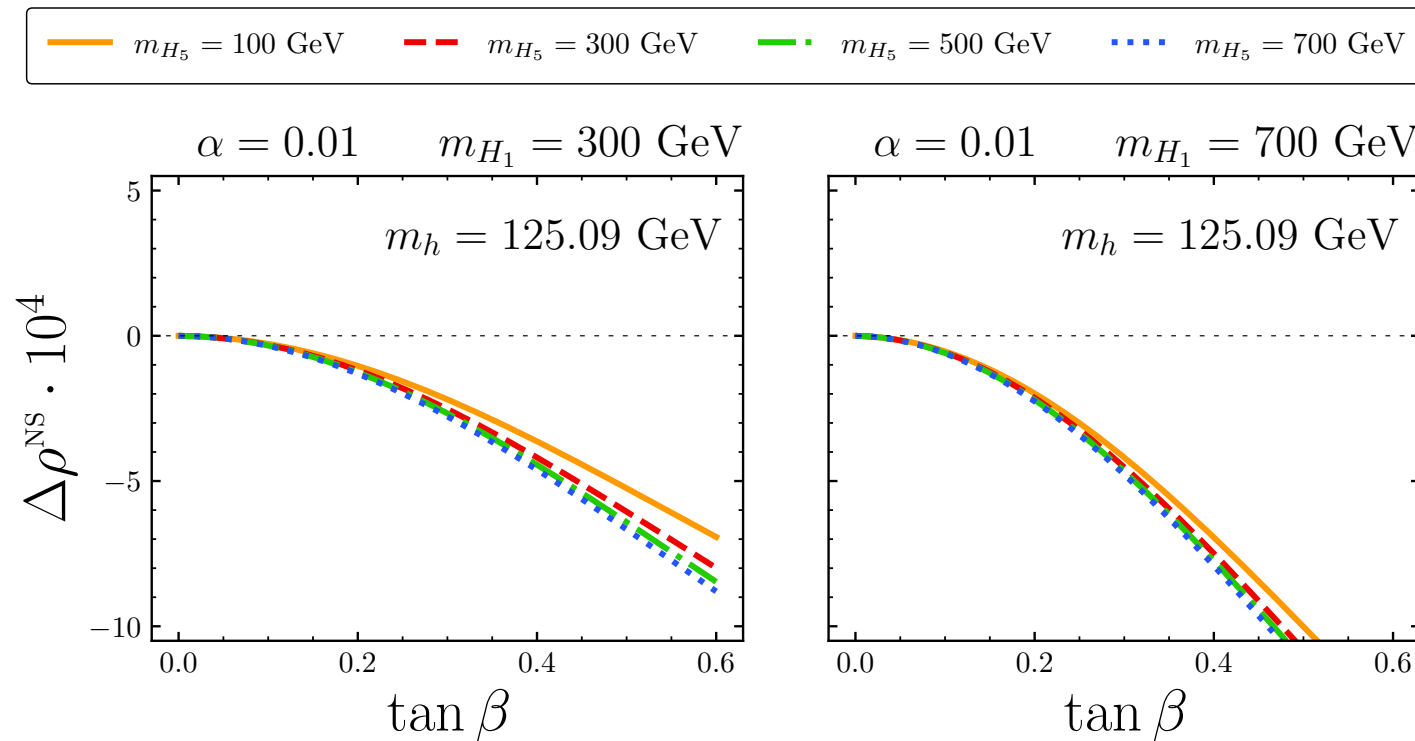
ONE LOOP CORRECTIONS

• New Physics (NP) parameters —

$$\tan \beta, \quad \alpha, \quad m_{H_1}, \quad m_{H_3}, \quad m_{H_5}$$

...where $\tan \beta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}v_\chi}{v_\phi}$

- Triplet VEV v_χ
- CP-even mixing angle α
- Custodial singlet mass m_{H_1}
- Custodial triplet mass m_{H_3}
- Custodial fiveplet mass m_{H_5}



Dependence of $\tan \beta$ on $\Delta \rho^{\text{NS}}$

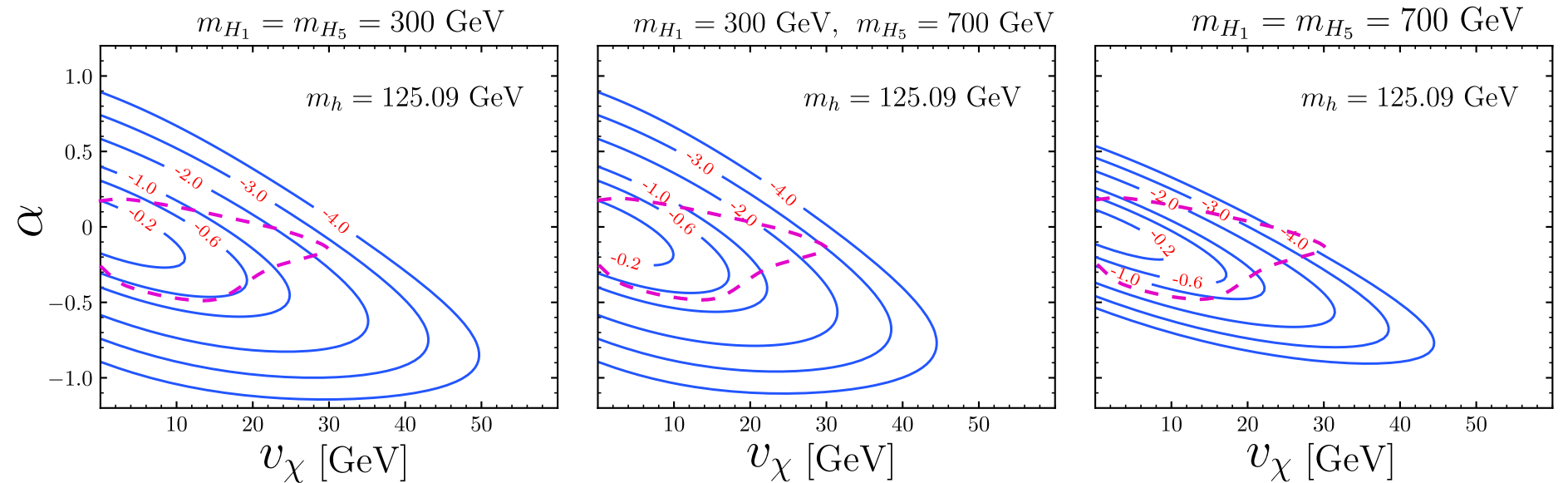
- One loop non-standard (NS) correction to $\Delta \rho$ is **remains negative**.
- There is a no dependence on m_{H_3}
- $\Delta \rho^{\text{NS}}$ approaches zero in the limit of $\tan \beta \rightarrow 0$ or in the limit of $g' \rightarrow 0$.

[Chowdhury, Kundu, Mondal, SS, Srivastava, arXiv: [2601.06252](https://arxiv.org/abs/2601.06252)]

SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

In the GM model, the value of $\Delta\rho^{\text{NS}}$

- remains of order 10^{-4} across the parameter space, but **negative**.
- dependence on BSM masses is mild (**logarithmic**), while the dependence on v_χ is **quadratic**.



The contours of $\Delta\rho^{\text{NS}}$ (shown in blue color) in the v_χ vs. α plane. We denote the value of $\Delta\rho^{\text{NS}} \times 10^4$ for each contour in the red color. Magenta contours allowed from Higgs data.

→ Current global EW fit (with 3 EW inputs) yields

$$\rho = 1 + \Delta\rho^{\text{NS}} = 1.00031 \pm 0.00019 \rightarrow \text{Positive central value of } \Delta\rho^{\text{NS}}$$

→ In the GM model, ρ parameter considered as an additional input.

A full four-parameter EW fit is needed to reassess the constraints in the v_χ vs. α plane

Thank You!

- **Higgs Potential:**

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{tree}}(\Phi, \Delta) = & \frac{1}{2}m_1^2\text{Tr}[\Phi^\dagger\Phi] + \frac{1}{2}m_2^2\text{Tr}[\Delta^\dagger\Delta] + \lambda_1(\text{Tr}[\Phi^\dagger\Phi])^2 + \lambda_2(\text{Tr}[\Delta^\dagger\Delta])^2 \\ & + \lambda_3\text{Tr}[(\Delta^\dagger\Delta)^2] + \lambda_4\text{Tr}[\Phi^\dagger\Phi]\text{Tr}[\Delta^\dagger\Delta] + \lambda_5\text{Tr}[\Phi^\dagger\tau^a\Phi\tau^b]\text{Tr}[\Delta^\dagger t^a\Delta t^b] \\ & + \mu_1\text{Tr}[\Phi^\dagger\tau^a\Phi\tau^b](P^\dagger\Delta P)_{ab} + \mu_2\text{Tr}[\Delta^\dagger t^a\Delta t^b](P^\dagger\Delta P)_{ab} \end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{0*} & \phi^+ \\ -\phi^- & \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}$, and $\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \chi^{0*} & \xi^+ & \chi^{++} \\ -\chi^- & \xi^0 & \chi^+ \\ \chi^{--} & -\xi^- & \chi^0 \end{pmatrix}$



$$\mathcal{L}_H = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}[(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger(D^\mu\Phi)] + \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}[(D_\mu\Delta)^\dagger(D^\mu\Delta)] - V_{\text{tree}}(\Phi, \Delta)$$

- **Electroweak Symmetry Breaking:**

$$\phi^0 \rightarrow \frac{v_\phi}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi^0 + i\phi') , \quad \chi^0 \rightarrow v_\chi + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi^0 + i\chi') , \quad \xi^0 \rightarrow v_\xi + \xi^0$$

$$\rho = \frac{v_\phi^2 + 4(v_\chi^2 + v_\xi^2)}{v_\phi^2 + 8v_\chi^2} \xrightarrow{v_\chi = v_\xi} \boxed{\rho = 1}$$

$$F[m_1^2, m_2^2] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m_1^2 = m_2^2, \\ \frac{m_1^2 + m_2^2}{2} - \frac{m_1^2 m_2^2}{m_1^2 - m_2^2} \ln \frac{m_1^2}{m_2^2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Collider Phenomenology

Yukawa sector :

Only the doublet couples to fermions

$$\text{triplet VEV } (V_\chi) : \quad v_\phi^2 + 8v_\chi^2 = v^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \beta = \frac{v_\phi}{2\sqrt{2}v_\chi}$$

$$v_\chi \downarrow \quad \tan \beta \uparrow$$

.....Similar phenomenology as in type-I 2HDM

Additional features :

The presence of a **doubly charged scalar**,
makes these models highly interesting for collider studies.

