

# Deconstructed Higgsless Models

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# Outline of the talk

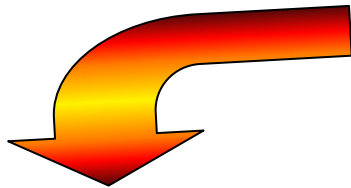
(Based on papers by R.C., De Curtis, Dominici, 2004 and R.C., De Curtis, Dolce, Dominici, 2005)

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# Higher Dimensional Gauge Theories

- New interest in higher dimensional theories out of the possibility of sub-millimeter extra dimensions due to softening of gravitational interactions in a subspace (Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali, 1998).
- This leads to a relation between the Planck scale in D-dim,  $M_D$ , and the one in 4-dim,  $M_P$

$$\frac{1}{M_P^2} \frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{1}{M_D^{2+d}} \frac{1}{r^2 R^d}, \quad r \gg R$$



$$M_P^2 = R^d M_D^{2+d}$$



$$\frac{M_D^2}{M_P^2} \ll 1, \quad \text{if } R \gg M_D^{-1}$$

One can choose  $M_D$  as low as 1 TeV

- Other bonus of higher-dim theories is the possibility of a **geometrical Higgs mechanism** in a pure gauge theory.
- Example: consider an abelian gauge theory in 4+1 dim

$$\mathbf{L} = -\frac{1}{2\mathbf{g}_5^2} \mathbf{F}_{AB} \mathbf{F}^{AB} = -\frac{1}{2\mathbf{g}_5^2} \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{F}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{\mathbf{g}_5^2} \mathbf{F}_{\mu 5} \mathbf{F}^{\mu 5}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mu 5} = \partial_\mu \mathbf{A}_5 - \partial_5 \mathbf{A}_\mu$$

through the gauge transformation:  $\mathbf{A}_B \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}_B - (\partial_5)^{-1} (\partial_B \mathbf{A}_5)$

we get  $\mathbf{A}_5 = 0, \mathbf{F}_{\mu 5} = -\partial_5 \mathbf{A}_\mu, (\mathbf{A}_\mu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_5) \approx \sum_n \mathbf{e}^{i\mathbf{n}\mathbf{x}_5/\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{A}_\mu^n(\mathbf{x}))$

With a compactified 5 dim on a circle  $\mathbf{S}^1$  of length  $2\pi\mathbf{R}$ , the non zero eigenmodes  $\mathbf{A}_\mu^n$  acquire a mass:

$$\mathbf{M}_n = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{R}} \quad \text{absorbing the mode } \mathbf{A}_5^n$$

The zero mode remains massless and a GB is present

- Massless modes can be eliminated compactifying on an orbifold, that is

$$S^2 / Z, \quad Z: \mathbf{x}_5 \rightarrow -\mathbf{x}_5$$

- This allows to define fields as eigenstates of parity:

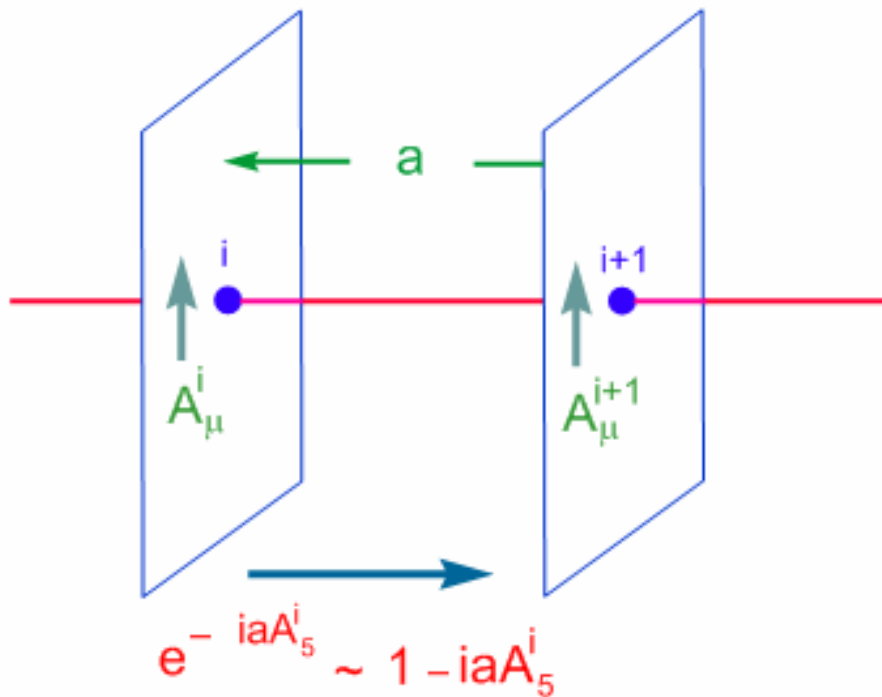
$$A_B(\mathbf{x}_\mu, x_5) = \pm A_B(\mathbf{x}_\mu, -x_5)$$

- Various possibilities, for instance by choosing:

$A_B$  odd  $\Rightarrow$  no zero mode  $\Rightarrow$  only massive gauge bosons  
in the spectrum

**Very nice geometrical structure through discretization of the extra-dim (Hill, Pokorski, Wang, 2001). One gets a deconstructed gauge theory**

- A gauge field is nothing but a connection: a way of relating the phases of the fields at nearby points. Once we discretize the space the connection is naturally substituted by a **link variable** realizing the parallel transport between two lattice sites



A generalized  $\sigma$  - model where the Higgs mechanism is realized in a standard way in terms of a  $\Sigma$  - field (chiral field)

$$\Sigma \approx 1 - iaA_5 \approx e^{-iaA_5}$$

$$\Sigma \Sigma^\dagger = 1$$

- More exactly:

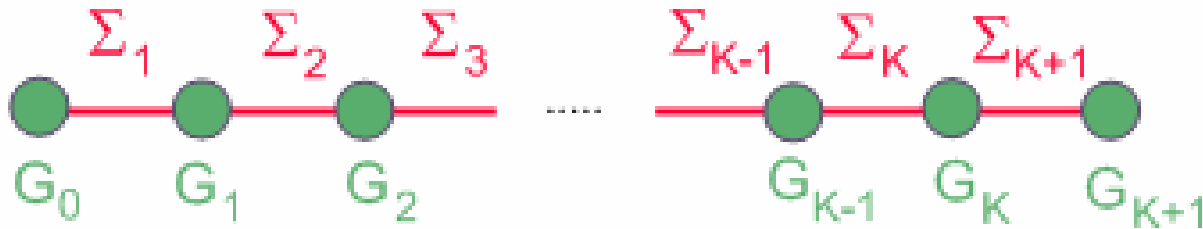
$$\Sigma_i = 1 - iaA_5^{i-1}, \quad \Sigma_i \xrightarrow{U_i \in G_i} U_{i-1} \Sigma_i U_i^\dagger$$

$$D_\mu \Sigma_i = \partial_\mu \Sigma_i - iA_\mu^{i-1} \Sigma_i + i\Sigma_i A_\mu^i = -iaF_{\mu 5}^{i-1}$$

$$F_{\mu 5}^i = \partial_\mu A_5^i - \partial_5 A_\mu^i - i[A_\mu^i, A_5^i]$$

$$S = \int d^4x \frac{a}{g_5^2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \text{Tr} [F_{\mu\nu}^i F^{\mu\nu i}] + \frac{1}{a^2} \text{Tr} [(D_\mu \Sigma_i)(D_\mu \Sigma_i)^\dagger] \right)$$

- Sintetically described by a moose diagram (Georgi, 1986 –Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, Georgi, 2001)

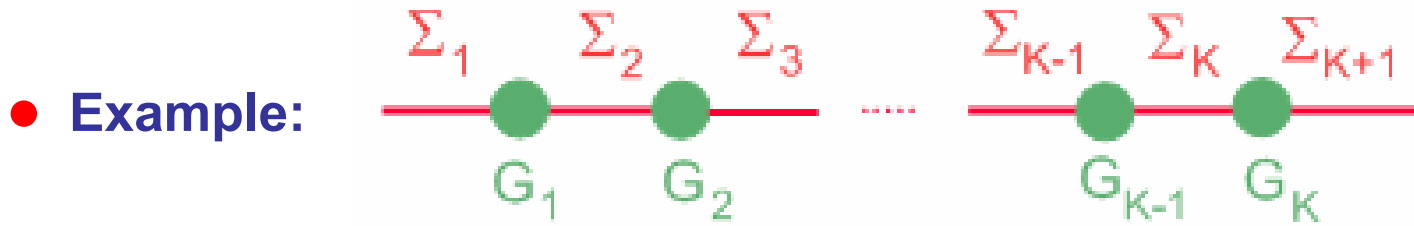


# Breaking the EW Symmetry without Higgs Fields

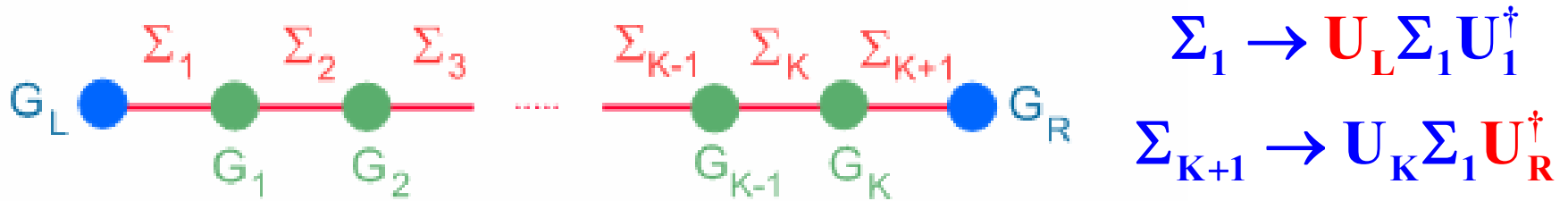
- Abstracting from the previous construction one can study more general moose geometries.
- General structure given by many copies of the gauge group  $G$  intertwined by link variables  $\Sigma$ .
- Condition to be satisfied in order to get a Higgsless SM before gauging the EW group is the presence of **3 GB** and **all the moose gauge fields massive**.
- Simplest example:  $G_i = \text{SU}(2)$ . Each  $\Sigma_i$  describes three scalar fields. Therefore, in a connected moose diagram, any site (3 gauge fields) may absorb one link (3 GB's) giving rise to a massive vector field. We need:

$$\# \text{ of links} = \# \text{ of sites} + 1$$



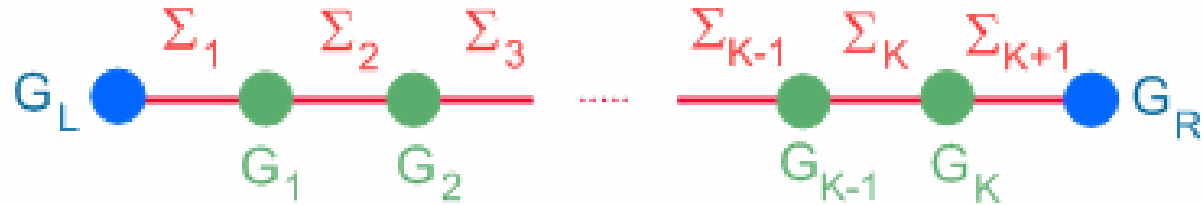


- The model has two global symmetries related to the beginning and to the end of the moose, that we will denote explicitly by  $G_L$  and  $G_R$ .



- This  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  global symmetry can be gauged to the standard  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  leaving us with the usual 3 massive gauge bosons,  $W$  and  $Z$ , the massless photon and  $3K$  massive vectors. Prototypes of this theory are the BESS model,  $K = 1$ , (R.C, De Curtis, Dominici, Gatto, 1985) and its generalizations (R.C, De Curtis, Dominici, Gatto, Feruglio, 1989). Notice that  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  is a custodial symmetry.

# Electro-weak corrections for the linear moose



$$S_{\text{moose}} = \int d^4x \left( -\sum_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{2g_i^2} \text{Tr} \left[ F_{\mu\nu}^i F^{\mu\nu i} \right] + \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} f_i^2 \text{Tr} \left[ (D_\mu \Sigma_i)(D_\mu \Sigma_i)^\dagger \right] \right)$$

- If the vector fields are heavy enough one can derive a low-energy effective theory for the SM fields, once we gauge

$$\mathbf{SU(2)}_L \otimes \mathbf{SU(2)}_R \Rightarrow \mathbf{SU(2)} \otimes \mathbf{U(1)}$$

- At the leading order in  $(M_W/M_V)^2$  we get

$$M_W^2 = \frac{v^2}{4} g^2, M_Z^2 = \frac{M_W^2}{c_\theta^2}, e = g s_\theta = g' c_\theta$$

$$\frac{4}{v^2} \equiv \frac{1}{f^2} = \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} \frac{1}{f_i^2}$$

- Only oblique corrections, captured by the epsilon parameters

(Peskin, Takeuchi, 1990/92, Altarelli, Barbieri 1991, Altarelli, Barbieri, Caravaglios, 1998):

**Custodial symmetry  $\Rightarrow \epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0$**

$$\epsilon_3 = \left( \frac{g^2 S}{16\pi} \right) = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s^2} \text{Im}(\Pi_{VV}(s) - \Pi_{AA}(s))$$

Vector contributions to the vector currents associated to the global  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

$$\Pi_{VV(AA)} = \langle \mathbf{J}_{V(A)} \mathbf{J}_{V(A)} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{V(A)} \Big|_{\text{vectors}} = f_1^2 g_1 \mathbf{A}_\mu^1 + (-) f_{K+1}^2 g_K \mathbf{A}_\mu^K$$

- From vector mesons saturation one gets immediately

$$\varepsilon_3 = \frac{g^2}{4} \sum_n \left( \frac{g_{nV}^2}{m_n^4} - \frac{g_{nA}^2}{m_n^4} \right) = g^2 g_1 g_K (M_2^{-2})_{1K} = g^2 \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{(1-y_i)y_i}{g_i^2}$$

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^i x_j, \quad x_i = \frac{f^2}{f_i^2}, \quad \frac{1}{f^2} = \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} \frac{1}{f_i^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} x_i = 1$$

- Since

$$0 \leq y_i \leq 1 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_3 \geq 0$$

(follows also from positivity of  $M_2^{-1}$ )

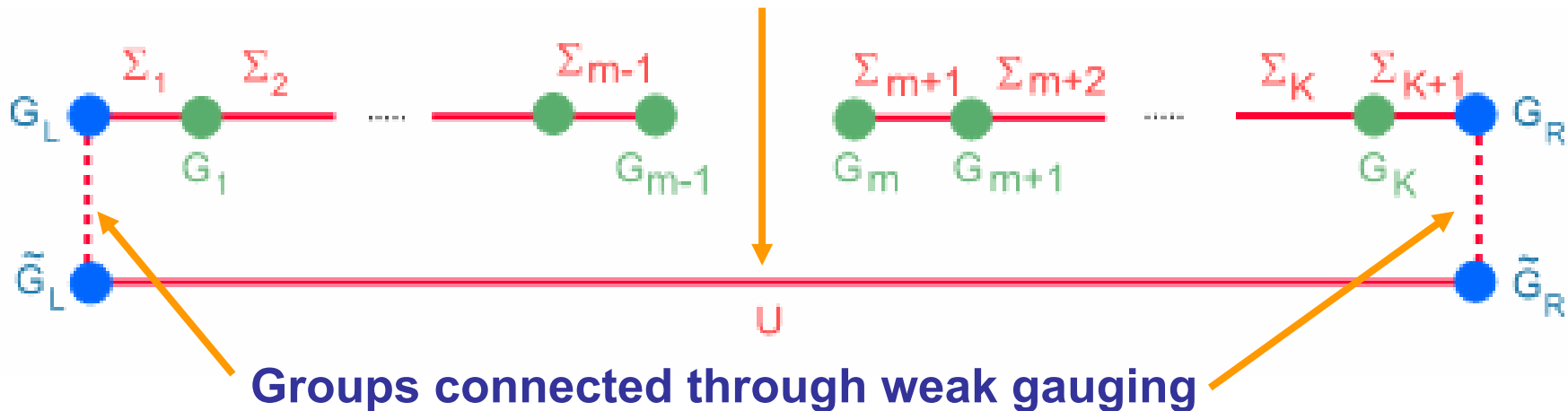
- Example:  $f_i = f_c, \quad g_i = g_c \Rightarrow \varepsilon_3 = \frac{1}{6} \frac{g^2}{g_c^2} \frac{K(K+2)}{K}$

$$(\varepsilon_3)_{\text{exp}} \approx 10^{-3} \Rightarrow (K=1), \quad g_c \geq 22.3g$$

- For  $g_c$  from  $2g$  to  $5g$ ,  $\varepsilon_3$  natural value is of order  $10^{-1}$ - $10^{-2}$  **not compatible with the data**



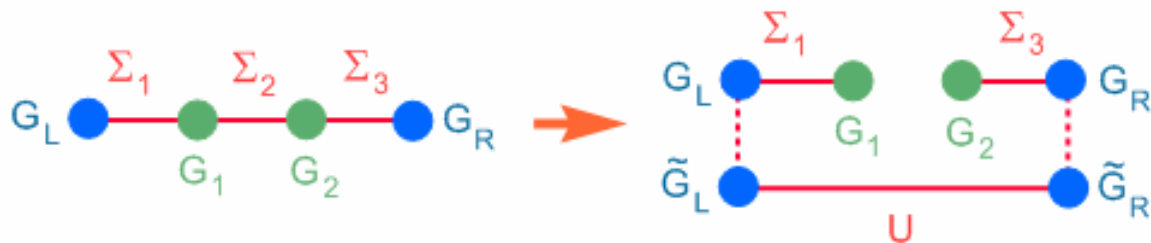
Add a Wilson line:  $U = \Sigma_1 \Sigma_2 \cdots \Sigma_K \Sigma_{K+1}$



The theory has an enhanced symmetry  $[SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R]^2$

ensuring  $\epsilon_3 = 0$  (Inami, Lim, Yamada, 1992)

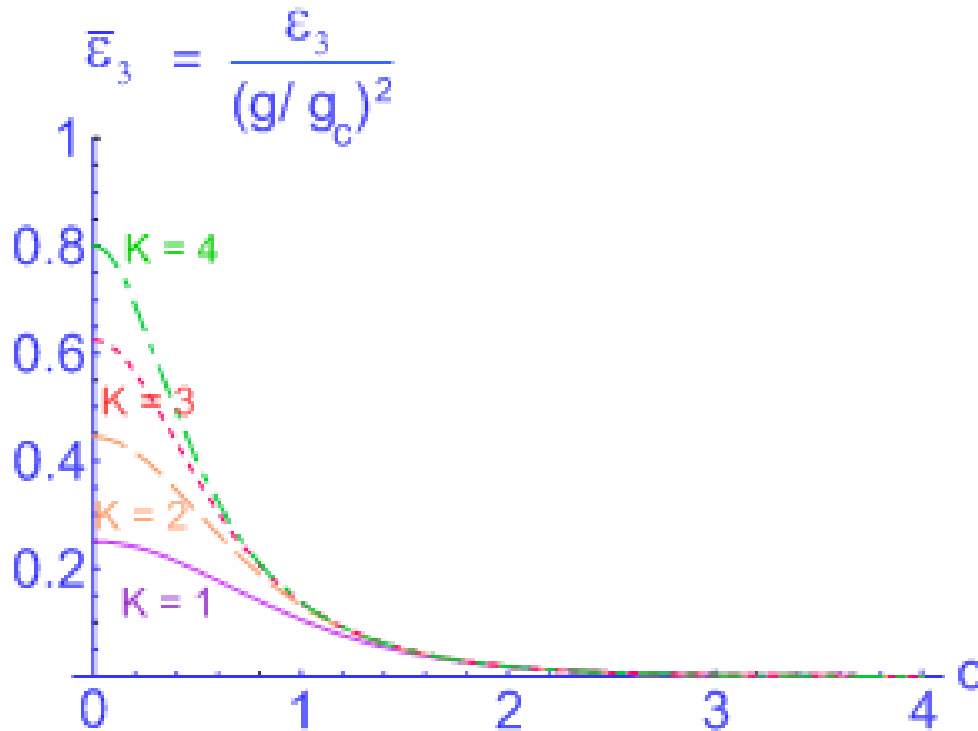
Particular example:  
D-BESS model  
(R.C. et al. 1995,1996)



## 2) Suppressing a link

For instance assume an exponential behavior (no need of extra links)

$$f_i = \bar{f} e^{c(i-1)}, \quad g_i = g_c$$



$$\epsilon_3 \xrightarrow{c \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g^2}{g_c^2} e^{-2c}$$

gain of about  $10^{-2}$   
already for  $c \approx 2$

**But lowering the link couplings may give unitarity problems**

# Unitarity bounds for the linear moose

- The worst high-energy behavior comes from the scattering of longitudinal vector bosons. At energies higher than the vector mass the amplitude can be evaluated using the **equivalence theorem**, that is using the amplitude for the corresponding GB's.
- To do that one has to choose the unitary gauge with respect to the vector bosons

$$\Sigma_i = e^{if \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau} / 2f_i^2}$$

- The effective lagrangian for the pion and the heavy vector can be easily evaluated. The resulting 4-pion amplitude is given by



$$A_{\pi^+\pi^-\rightarrow\pi^+\pi^-} = -\frac{f^2}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} \frac{u}{f_i^6} + \frac{f^2}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^K L_{ij} \left( (u-t)(s-M_2)_{ij}^{-1} + (u-s)(t-M_2)_{ij}^{-1} \right)$$

$$L_{ij} = g_i g_j \left( \frac{1}{f_i^2} + \frac{1}{f_{i+1}^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{f_j^2} + \frac{1}{f_{j+1}^2} \right)$$

- In the low-energy limit,  $m_W \ll E \ll m_\nu$ , we get the LET:

$$A_{\pi^+\pi^-\rightarrow\pi^+\pi^-} = -\frac{f^2}{4} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} \frac{1}{f_i^2} \right)^3 u = -\frac{u}{4f^2} = -\frac{u}{v^2}$$

- In the high-energy limit

$$A_{\pi^+\pi^-\rightarrow\pi^+\pi^-} = -\frac{f^2}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} \frac{1}{f_i^6} u$$

**Best unitarity limit**

$$f_i = f_c \rightarrow A = -\frac{u}{(K+1)^2 v^2}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{moose}} = (K+1)\Lambda_{\text{HSM}} \approx 1.2(K+1)\text{TeV}$$

- By taking into account all the vector bosons the eigenchannel amplitudes, using the equivalence theorem, are given by

$$\left( \sum_i = e^{i\vec{\pi}_i \cdot \vec{\tau} / 2f_i} \right) \quad A_{\pi_i^+ \pi_i^- \rightarrow \pi_i^+ \pi_i^-} \rightarrow -\frac{u}{4f_i^2}$$

- The unitarity limit is determined by the smallest link coupling. By taking all equal (see also Chivukula, He, 2002)

**Unitarity limit**

$$f_i = f_c \rightarrow A \rightarrow -\frac{u}{(K+1)v^2}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{moose}} = (K+1)^{1/2} \Lambda_{\text{HSM}} \approx 1.2(K+1)^{1/2} \text{TeV}$$

$$M_V^{\text{max}} \ll \Lambda_{\text{moose}}, \text{ but roughly } M_V^{\text{max}} \approx KM_W$$



$$KM_W \ll 1.2(K+1)^{1/2} \text{TeV} \Rightarrow K \ll 14$$



$$K \approx 3-5 \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{moose}} \approx 2.4-3 \text{TeV}$$



**Hardly compatible with  
electro-weak  
experimental constraints**

# Delocalizing fermions

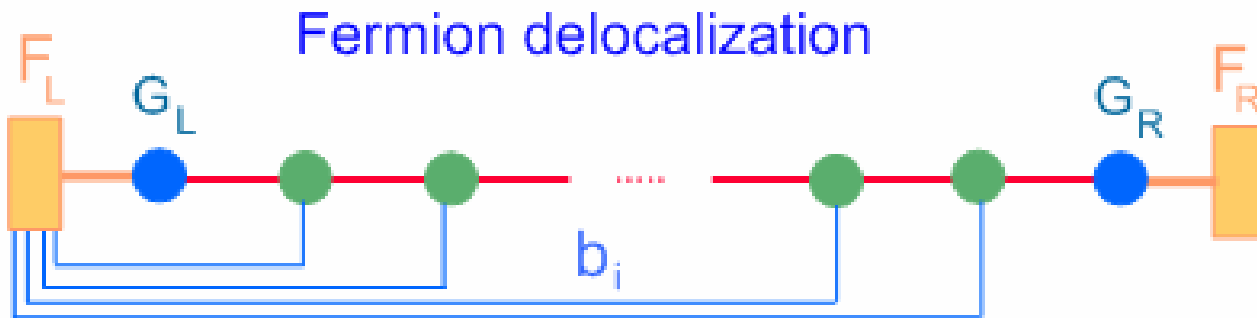
- Left- and right-handed fermions,  $\psi_L$  ( $\psi_R$ ), are coupled to the ends of the moose, but they can be coupled to any site by using a Wilson line (see also Chivukula, Simmons, He, Kurachi, 2005)

$$\chi_L^i = \Sigma_i^\dagger \Sigma_{i-1}^\dagger \cdots \Sigma_1^\dagger \psi_L, \quad \chi_L^i \rightarrow U_i \chi_L^i$$



$$b_i \bar{\chi}_L^i \gamma^\mu \left( \partial_\mu + i g_i A_\mu^i + \frac{i}{2} g' (B-L) Y_\mu \right) \chi_L^i$$

(We avoid delocalization of the right-handed fermions. Small terms since they could contribute to right-handed currents constrained by the  $K_L$ - $K_S$  mass difference)



$$\varepsilon_1 \approx 0, \quad \varepsilon_2 \approx 0, \quad \varepsilon_3 \approx \sum_{i=1}^K y_i \left( \frac{\sigma_i^2}{g_i^2} (1 - y_i) - b_i \right)$$

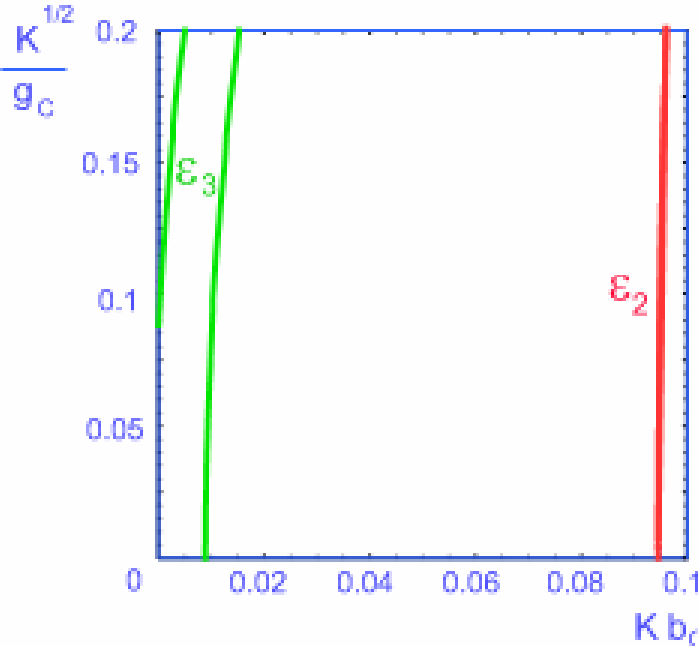
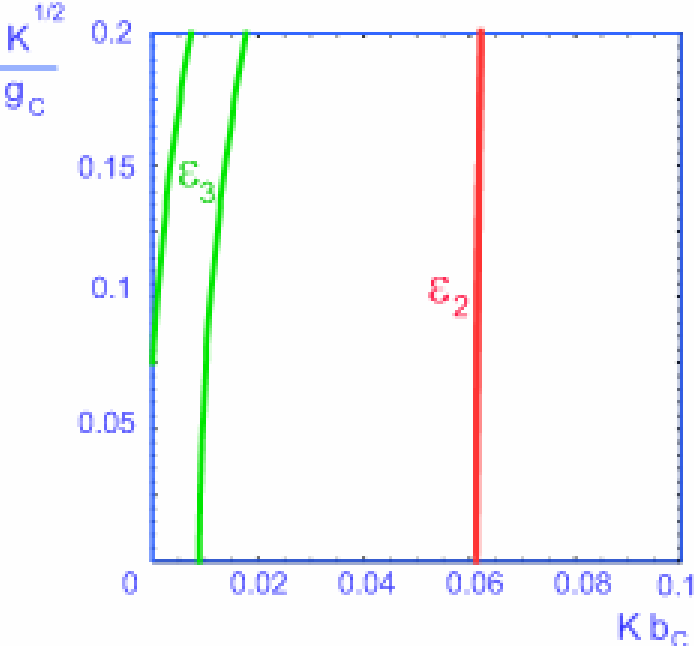
- Possibility of agreement with EW data with some fine tuning

- Two cases:

$$f_i = f_c, \quad g_i = g_c, \quad b_i = b_c$$

K=1

K=10



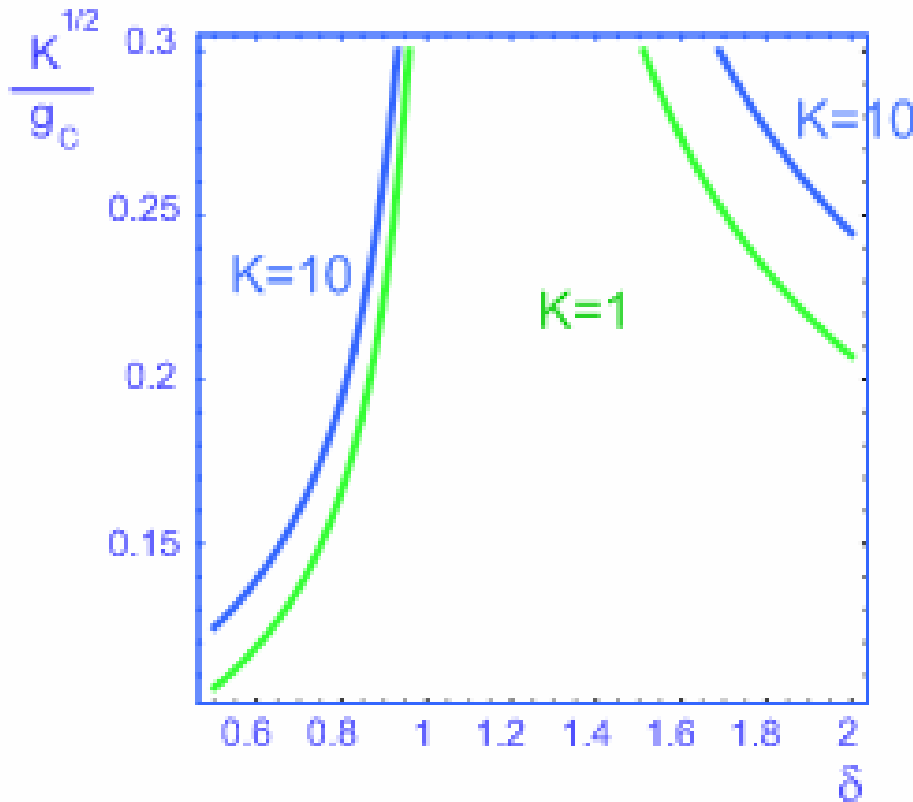
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## Local cancellation

$$b_i = \delta \frac{g_i^2}{g_c^2} (1 - y_i), \quad \text{with} \quad g_i = g_c, f_i = f_c$$



$$b_i = \delta \frac{g_i^2}{g_c^2} \left( 1 - \frac{i}{K+1} \right)$$



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# Topological relations

- A moose diagram looks as a planar Feynman diagram via the identification **links = legs, sites = vertices**

**E** = # external links

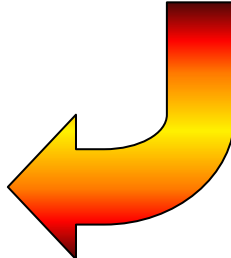
**I** = # of internal links

**V<sub>ℓ</sub>** = # of sites with ℓ links

**L** = # of loops

**S** = # of not eaten up GB multiplets

$$L = I - \left( \sum_{\ell} V_{\ell} - 1 \right), \quad S = I + E - \sum_{\ell} V_{\ell}$$

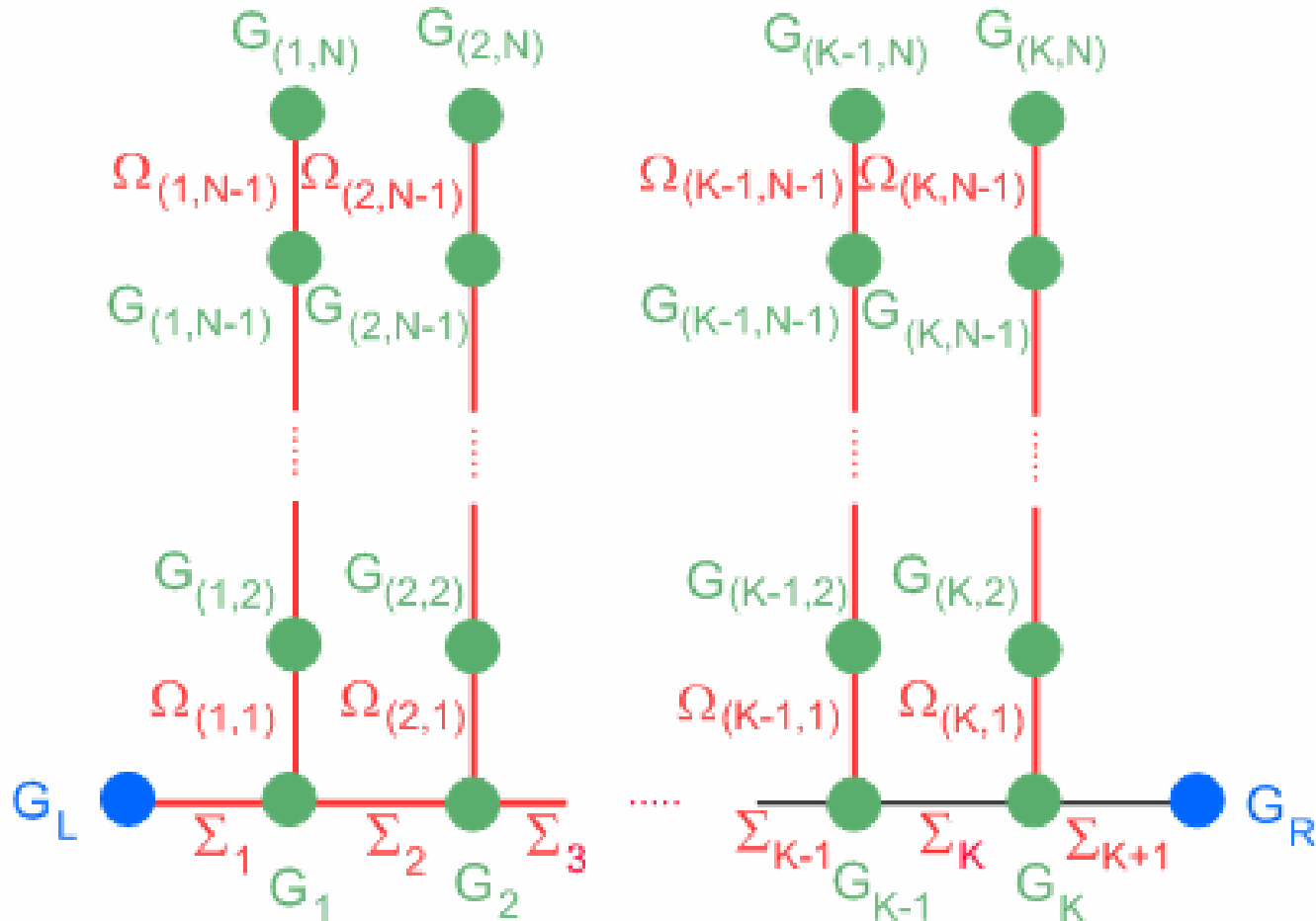
$$L = S - (E - 1)$$


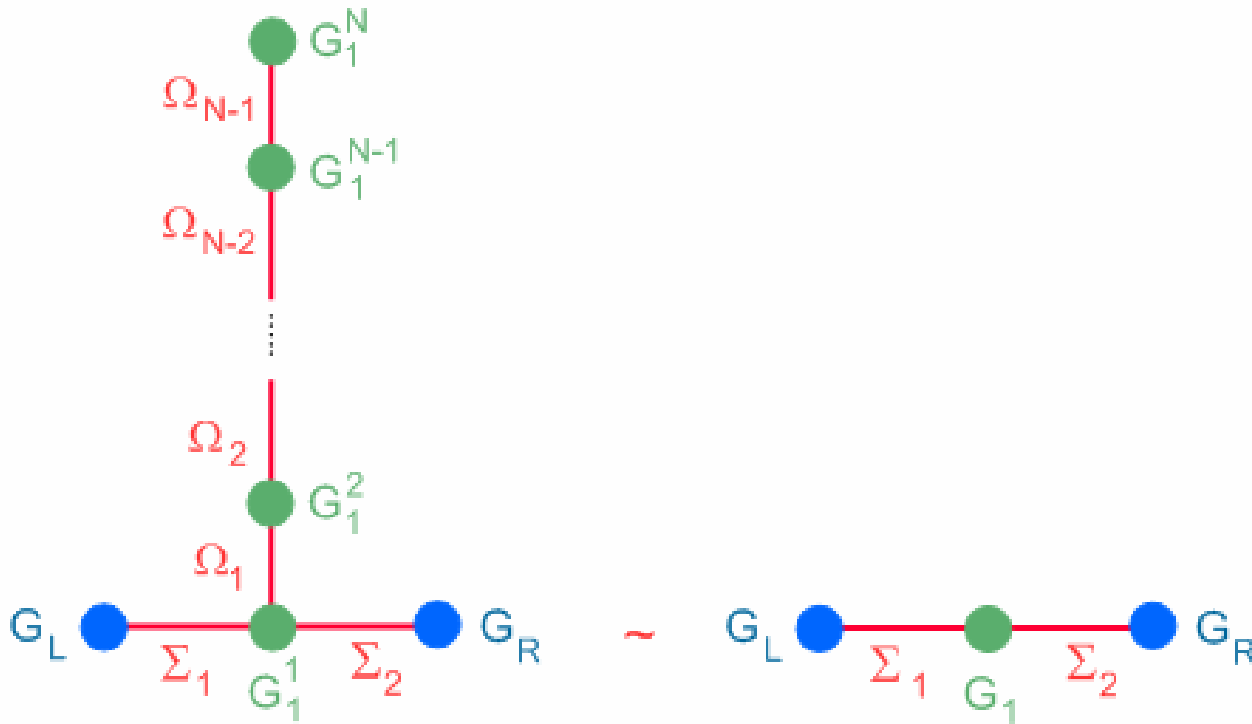
- Requiring **E = 2** to insure the **SU(2)<sub>L</sub> x SU(2)<sub>R</sub>** global symmetry and **S = 1** in order to get 3 GB's implies **no loops**


$$L = 0$$

# A planar moose

- The most general SU(2) planar moose compatible with our requirements





- These two moose are equivalent through the substitution:

$$\frac{1}{g_1^2} \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{g_{(1j)}^2}$$

- In general the planar moose is equivalent to a linear one with an analogous substitution

$$\frac{1}{g_i^2} \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{g_{(ij)}^2}$$



# The continuum limit

- The continuum limit is defined by

$$K \rightarrow \infty, \quad a \rightarrow 0, \quad Ka \rightarrow \pi R$$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} a g_i^2 = g_5^2, \quad \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} a f_i^2 = f^2(y), \quad \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{b_i}{a} = b(y)$$

- The link couplings and a variable gauge coupling can be simulated in the continuum by a non-flat 5-dim metrics. For a flat metrics, corresponding to equal f's and g's, one gets

$$\epsilon_3 = \frac{1}{6} \frac{g^2}{g_c^2} \frac{K(K+2)}{K} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \frac{g^2}{g_5^2} \pi R$$

- For a Randall-Sundrum metrics, corresponding to exponential f's

$$f_i = \bar{f} e^{c(i-1)} \xrightarrow{c=ka} f(y) = \bar{f} e^{ky}$$

$$\epsilon_3 = \frac{1}{4k} \frac{g^2}{g_5^2} \frac{e^{4k\pi R} - 4k\pi R e^{2k\pi R} - 1}{(1 - e^{2k\pi R})^2} \xrightarrow{k\pi R \gg 1} \frac{1}{4k} \frac{g^2}{g_5^2}$$

- By choosing  $kR \sim 10$  and  $g_5^2 = \pi R g_4^2$ , we get

$$\epsilon_3 \approx \frac{1}{40\pi} \frac{g^2}{g_4^2} \approx 8 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{g^2}{g_4^2} \quad \text{could be consistent with EW data}$$

- For the planar moose:

$$\epsilon_3 = \frac{1}{6} \frac{g^2}{g_6^2} \pi^2 R R' \quad (\text{flat case}); \quad \epsilon_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \frac{g^2}{g_6^2} \frac{\pi R'}{k} \quad (\text{RS case})$$

No suppression from the vertical links

# Summary and Conclusions

- Higher dimensional gauge theories naturally suggest the possibility of Higgsless theories.
- Study in 4-dim through discrete extra-dim leads to moose theories.
- Simplest case: the linear moose.
- Difficulties in EW corrections similar to TC models.
- EW corrections and unitarity bounds push in different directions.
- Possibility of easing the theory delocalizing the fermions and using some fine tuning.