

system, with special emphasis on the history of the Higgs boson, the formal structure of the Higgs Lagrangian, and the theoretical constraints on their properties. Veltman also discusses the "screening theorem," which explains why the precision measurements at CERN and SLAC are insensitive to the Higgs mass.

The book then goes beyond the standard model to treat various alternatives to the minimal Higgs boson. At present the particle physics community is engaged in a vigorous debate about whether the alternatives will be weakly or strongly coupled, and Kane has been wise to include contributions from both sides of the debate.

Ibáñez and Ross present the case for weak coupling in a beautiful report on the minimal supersymmetric standard model. They discuss in detail the radiative breaking scheme, which ties electroweak symmetry breaking to the mass of the top quark. Gunion then outlines the prospects for detecting supersymmetric Higgs bosons with existing and future colliders.

The strongly coupled scenario is presented nicely by Einhorn; his task is made difficult by the fact that, at present, there is no compelling model that agrees with experimental results. The challenge of constructing such a model is emphasized by Georgi in "Why I would be very sad if a Higgs boson were discovered," a personal view of the state of the art. The problems are also addressed by Chanowitz, who provides a thorough model-independent discussion of the strongly coupled phenomenology.

Perspectives on Higgs Physics is written by and for particle physicists. However, it should be accessible to those interested in the physics of the SSC. The contributions are of uniformly high quality and deserve to be studied by every serious student of particle phenomenology. The volume could have been strengthened by the inclusion of the current bounds on the Higgs and its couplings, even though they will soon change. Also, I think the choice of contributors is too heavily skewed toward the friends and colleagues of the editor. Even so, this is an excellent book. It should be in the collection of every particle physicist, as well as in every major research library.

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