

Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

gauge symmetry

- Consider a U(1) gauge invariant Lagrangian for a complex scalar field $\phi(x)$:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu\phi)^\dagger(D^\mu\phi) - \mu^2\phi^\dagger\phi - \lambda(\phi^\dagger\phi)^2, \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ieqA_\mu$$

inv. under $\phi(x) \mapsto \phi'(x) = e^{-iq\theta(x)}\phi(x)$, $A_\mu(x) \mapsto A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{e}\partial_\mu\theta(x)$

If $\lambda > 0$, $\mu^2 < 0$, the \mathcal{L} in terms of quantum fields η and χ with null VEVs:

$$\phi(x) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[v + \eta(x) + i\chi(x)], \quad \mu^2 = -\lambda v^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\eta)(\partial^\mu\eta) + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\chi)(\partial^\mu\chi) - \lambda v^2\eta^2 - \lambda v\eta(\eta^2 + \chi^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4}(\eta^2 + \chi^2)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda v^4$$

$$\boxed{+ eqvA_\mu\partial^\mu\chi} + eqA_\mu(\eta\partial^\mu\chi - \chi\partial^\mu\eta)$$

$$\boxed{+ \frac{1}{2}(eqv)^2 A_\mu A^\mu} + \frac{1}{2}(eq)^2 A_\mu A^\mu (\eta^2 + 2v\eta + \chi^2)$$

Comments:

(i) $m_\eta = \sqrt{2\lambda}v$
 $m_\chi = 0$

(ii) $M_A = |eqv|$ (!)

(iii) Term $A_\mu\partial^\mu\chi$ (?)

(iv) Add \mathcal{L}_{GF}

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- Removing the cross term and the (new) gauge fixing Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GF}} = -\frac{1}{2\zeta} (\partial_\mu A^\mu - \zeta M_A \chi)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GF}} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} M_A^2 A_\mu A^\mu - \frac{1}{2\zeta} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2 + \overbrace{M_A [A_\mu \partial^\mu \chi + \partial_\mu A^\mu \chi]}^{\text{total deriv.}} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \chi) (\partial^\mu \chi) - \frac{1}{2} \zeta M_A^2 \chi^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and the propagators of A_μ and χ are:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D}_{\mu\nu}(k) &= \frac{i}{k^2 - M_A^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + (1 - \zeta) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2 - \zeta M_A^2} \right] \\ \tilde{D}(k) &= \frac{i}{k^2 - \zeta M_A^2} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \chi$ has a gauge-dependent mass: actually it is not a physical field!

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- A more transparent parameterization of the quantum field ϕ is

$$\phi(x) \equiv e^{iq\zeta(x)/v} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + \eta(x)] , \quad \langle 0 | \eta | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | \zeta | 0 \rangle = 0$$

$$\phi(x) \mapsto e^{-iq\zeta(x)/v} \phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + \eta(x)] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \zeta \text{ gauged away!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \eta) (\partial^\mu \eta) \\ & - \lambda v^2 \eta^2 - \lambda v \eta^3 - \frac{\lambda}{4} \eta^4 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda v^4 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (eqv)^2 A_\mu A^\mu + \frac{1}{2} (eq)^2 A_\mu A^\mu (2v\eta + \eta^2) \end{aligned}$$

Comments:

- (i) $m_\eta = \sqrt{2\lambda} v$
- (ii) $M_A = |eqv|$
- (iii) No need for \mathcal{L}_{GF}

\Rightarrow This is the unitary gauge ($\zeta \rightarrow \infty$): just physical fields

$$\tilde{D}_{\mu\nu}(k) \rightarrow \frac{i}{k^2 - M_A^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{M_A^2} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{D}(k) \rightarrow 0$$

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⇒ Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism:

[Anderson '62]

[Higgs '64; Englert, Brout '64; Guralnik, Hagen, Kibble '64]

The *gauge bosons* associated with the spontaneously broken generators become *massive*, the corresponding *would-be Goldstone bosons* are *unphysical* and can be absorbed, the remaining massive scalars (*Higgs bosons*) are *physical* (the smoking gun!)

- The would-be Goldstone bosons are 'eaten up' by the gauge bosons ('get fat') and disappear (gauge away) in the unitary gauge ($\xi \rightarrow \infty$)

⇒ Degrees of freedom are preserved

Before SSB: 2 (massless gauge boson) + 1 (Goldstone boson)

After SSB: 3 (massive gauge boson) + 0 (absorbed would-be Goldstone)

- For loops calculations, 't Hooft-Feynman gauge ($\xi = 1$) is more convenient:
 - ⇒ Gauge boson propagators are simpler, but
 - ⇒ Goldstone bosons must be included in internal lines

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- Comments:

- After SSB the **FP ghost fields** (unphysical) **acquire** a gauge-dependent **mass**, due to interactions with the scalar field(s):

$$\tilde{D}_{ab}(k) = \frac{i\delta_{ab}}{k^2 - \zeta_a M_{W^a}^2 + i\epsilon}$$

- **Gauge theories with SSB** are **renormalizable**

[’t Hooft, Veltman ’72]

UV divergences appearing at loop level can be removed by renormalization of parameters and fields of the classical Lagrangian \Rightarrow predictive!

2. The Standard Model

Gauge group and particle representations

[Glashow '61; Weinberg '67; Salam '68]
[D. Gross, F. Wilczek; D. Politzer '73]

- The Standard Model is a gauge theory based on the local symmetry group:

$$\underbrace{SU(3)_c}_{\text{strong}} \otimes \underbrace{SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y}_{\text{electroweak}} \rightarrow SU(3)_c \otimes \underbrace{U(1)_Q}_{\text{em}}$$

with the electroweak symmetry spontaneously broken to the electromagnetic $U(1)_Q$ symmetry by the Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism

- The particle (field) content: (ingredients: 12 *flavors* + 12 gauge bosons + H)

Fermions		I	II	III	Q	Bosons			
spin $\frac{1}{2}$	Quarks	f	uuu	ccc	ttt	$\frac{2}{3}$	spin 1	8 gluons	strong interaction
		f'	ddd	sss	bbb	$-\frac{1}{3}$		W^\pm, Z	weak interaction
	Leptons	f	ν_e	ν_μ	ν_τ	0		γ	em interaction
		f'	e	μ	τ	-1	spin 0	Higgs	origin of mass

$$Q_f = Q_{f'} + 1$$

Gauge group and particle representations

- The fields lay in the following representations (color, weak isospin, hypercharge):

Multiplets	$SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$	I	II	III
Quarks	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \frac{1}{6})$	$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$
	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, \frac{2}{3})$	u_R	c_R	t_R
	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -\frac{1}{3})$	d_R	s_R	b_R
Leptons	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu L} \\ \mu_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\tau L} \\ \tau_L \end{pmatrix}$
	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, -1)$	e_R	μ_R	τ_R
	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	ν_{eR}	$\nu_{\mu R}$	$\nu_{\tau R}$
Higgs	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \frac{1}{2})$	(3 families of quarks & leptons)		

$$Q = T_3 + Y$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = 0 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} = 0 - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-1 = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-1 = 0 - 1$$

$$0 = 0 + 0$$

\Rightarrow From now on just the electroweak part (EWSM): $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$

The EWSM with one family (of quarks or leptons)

- Consider two massless fermion fields $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ with electric charges $Q_f = Q_{f'} + 1$ in three irreps of $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_F^0 &= i\bar{f}\not{\partial}f + i\bar{f}'\not{\partial}f' & f_{R,L} &= \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \gamma_5)f, & f'_{R,L} &= \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \gamma_5)f' \\ &= i\bar{\Psi}_1\not{\partial}\Psi_1 + i\bar{\psi}_2\not{\partial}\psi_2 + i\bar{\psi}_3\not{\partial}\psi_3 & \Psi_1 &= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} f_L \\ f'_L \end{pmatrix}}_{(2, y_1)}, & \psi_2 &= \underbrace{f_R}_{(1, y_2)}, & \psi_3 &= \underbrace{f'_R}_{(1, y_3)} \end{aligned}$$

- To get a Lagrangian invariant under gauge transformations:

$$\Psi_1(x) \mapsto U_L(x)e^{-iy_1\beta(x)}\Psi_1(x), \quad U_L(x) = e^{-iT_i\alpha^i(x)}, \quad T_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{2} \quad (\text{weak isospin gen.})$$

$$\psi_2(x) \mapsto e^{-iy_2\beta(x)}\psi_2(x)$$

$$\psi_3(x) \mapsto e^{-iy_3\beta(x)}\psi_3(x)$$

The EWSM with one family

gauge invariance

⇒ Introduce gauge fields $W_\mu^i(x)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) and $B_\mu(x)$ through **covariant derivatives**:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} D_\mu \Psi_1 &= (\partial_\mu - ig\tilde{W}_\mu + ig'y_1 B_\mu)\Psi_1, & \tilde{W}_\mu &\equiv \frac{\sigma_i}{2} W_\mu^i \\ D_\mu \psi_2 &= (\partial_\mu + ig'y_2 B_\mu)\psi_2 \\ D_\mu \psi_3 &= (\partial_\mu + ig'y_3 B_\mu)\psi_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{L}_F}$$

where two couplings g and g' have been introduced and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{W}_\mu(x) &\mapsto U_L(x)\tilde{W}_\mu(x)U_L^\dagger(x) - \frac{i}{g}(\partial_\mu U_L(x))U_L^\dagger(x) \\ B_\mu(x) &\mapsto B_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{g'}\partial_\mu\beta(x) \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Add **Yang-Mills**: gauge invariant kinetic terms for the gauge fields

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}} = -\frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu}, \quad W_{\mu\nu}^i = \partial_\mu W_\nu^i - \partial_\nu W_\mu^i + g\epsilon_{ijk}W_\mu^j W_\nu^k$$

(include self-interactions of the SU(2) gauge fields) and $B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$

The EWSM with one family

mass terms forbidden

⇒ Note that mass terms are not invariant under $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$, since LH and RH components do not transform the same:

$$m\bar{f}f = m(\bar{f}_L f_R + \bar{f}_R f_L)$$

⇒ Mass terms for the gauge bosons are not allowed either

⇒ Next the different types of interactions are analyzed

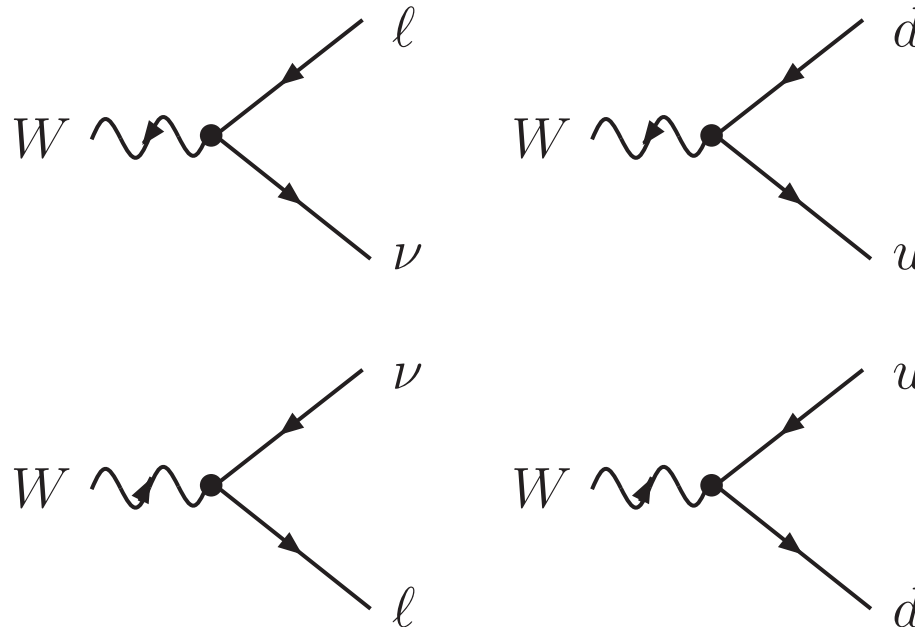
The EWSM with one family

charged current interactions

- $$\mathcal{L}_F \supset g \bar{\Psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \tilde{W}_\mu \Psi_1, \quad \tilde{W}_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 & \sqrt{2} W_\mu^+ \\ \sqrt{2} W_\mu^- & -W_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

⇒ charged current interactions of LH fermions with complex vector boson field W_μ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} \bar{f} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) f' W_\mu^+ + \text{h.c.}, \quad W_\mu \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^1 + iW_\mu^2)$$



- The diagonal part of

$$\mathcal{L}_F \supset g \bar{\Psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \tilde{W}_\mu \Psi_1 - g' B_\mu (y_1 \bar{\Psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \Psi_1 + y_2 \bar{\psi}_2 \gamma^\mu \psi_2 + y_3 \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma^\mu \psi_3)$$

\Rightarrow neutral current interactions with neutral vector boson fields W_μ^3 and B_μ

We would like to identify B_μ with the photon field A_μ but that requires:

$$y_1 = y_2 = y_3 \quad \text{and} \quad g' y_j = e Q_j \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{impossible!}$$

\Rightarrow Since they are both neutral, try a combination:

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} c_W & -s_W \\ s_W & c_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z_\mu \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix} \quad s_W \equiv \sin \theta_W, \quad c_W \equiv \cos \theta_W$$

$\theta_W = \text{weak mixing angle}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NC}} = \sum_{j=1}^3 \bar{\psi}_j \gamma^\mu \{ - [g T_3 s_W + g' y_j c_W] A_\mu + [g T_3 c_W - g' y_j s_W] Z_\mu \} \psi_j$$

with $T_3 = \frac{\sigma_3}{2}$ (0) the third weak isospin component of the doublet (singlet)

- To make A_μ the photon field:

$$(1) \quad e = g_{SW} = g' c_W \quad (2) \quad Q = T_3 + Y$$

where the electric charge operator is: $Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} Q_f & 0 \\ 0 & Q_{f'} \end{pmatrix}$, $Q_2 = Q_f$, $Q_3 = Q_{f'}$

\Rightarrow (1) **Electroweak unification**: g of SU(2) and g' of U(1) are related

\Rightarrow (2) The hypercharges are fixed in terms of electric charges and weak isospin:

$$y_1 = Q_f - \frac{1}{2} = Q_{f'} + \frac{1}{2}, \quad y_2 = Q_f, \quad y_3 = Q_{f'}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = -e Q_f \bar{f} \gamma^\mu f A_\mu + (f \rightarrow f')$$

\Rightarrow RH neutrinos are sterile: $y_2 = Q_f = 0$

- The Z_μ is the neutral weak boson field:

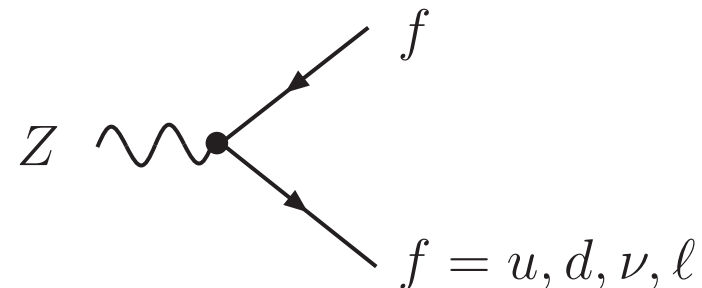
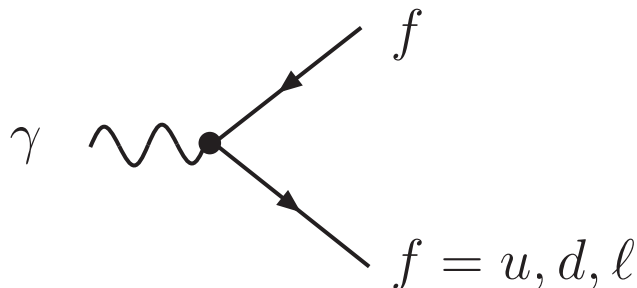
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NC}}^Z = e \bar{f} \gamma^\mu (v_f - a_f \gamma_5) f Z_\mu + (f \rightarrow f')$$

with

$$v_f = \frac{T_3^{fL} - 2Q_f s_W^2}{2s_W c_W}, \quad a_f = \frac{T_3^{fL}}{2s_W c_W}$$

- The complete neutral current Lagrangian reads:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NC}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{NC}}^Z$$

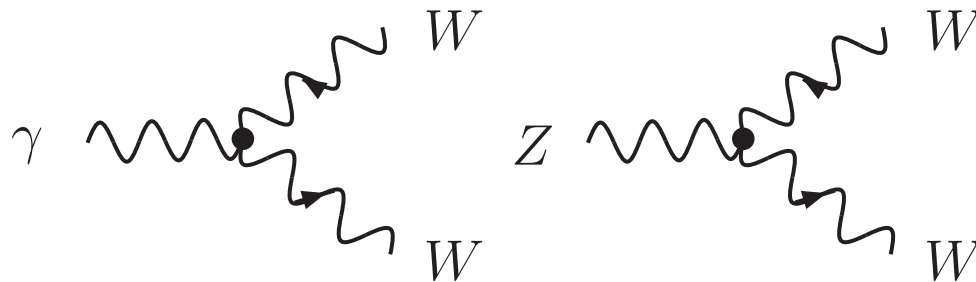


- Cubic:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} \supset \mathcal{L}_3 = -\frac{iec_W}{s_W} \left\{ W^{\mu\nu} W_\mu^\dagger Z_\nu - W_{\mu\nu}^\dagger W^\mu Z^\nu - W_\mu^\dagger W_\nu Z^{\mu\nu} \right\} \\ + ie \left\{ W^{\mu\nu} W_\mu^\dagger A_\nu - W_{\mu\nu}^\dagger W^\mu A^\nu - W_\mu^\dagger W_\nu F^{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

with

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \quad Z_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu Z_\nu - \partial_\nu Z_\mu \quad W_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu W_\nu - \partial_\nu W_\mu$$

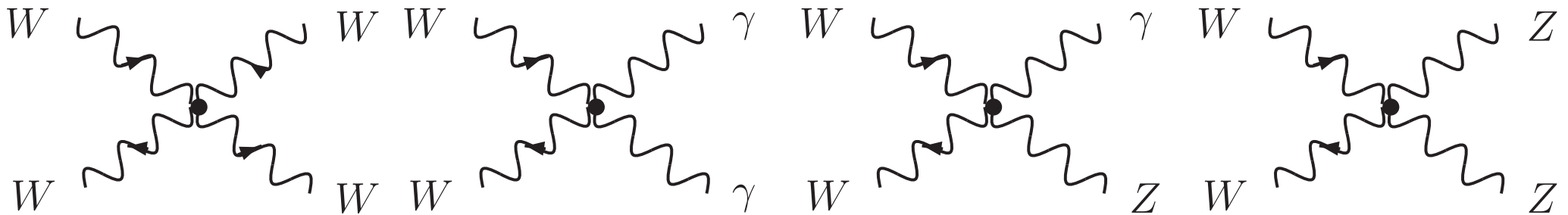


The EWSM with one family

gauge boson self-interactions

- Quartic:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} \supset \mathcal{L}_4 = & -\frac{e^2}{2s_W^2} \left\{ \left(W_\mu^\dagger W^\mu \right)^2 - W_\mu^\dagger W^{\mu\dagger} W_\nu W^\nu \right\} \\
 & -\frac{e^2 c_W^2}{s_W^2} \left\{ W_\mu^\dagger W^\mu Z_\nu Z^\nu - W_\mu^\dagger Z^\mu W_\nu Z^\nu \right\} \\
 & +\frac{e^2 c_W}{s_W} \left\{ 2W_\mu^\dagger W^\mu Z_\nu A^\nu - W_\mu^\dagger Z^\mu W_\nu A^\nu - W_\mu^\dagger A^\mu W_\nu Z^\nu \right\} \\
 & -e^2 \left\{ W_\mu^\dagger W^\mu A_\nu A^\nu - W_\mu^\dagger A^\mu W_\nu A^\nu \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$



Note: even number of W and no vertex with just γ or Z

Electroweak symmetry breaking

setup

- Out of the 4 gauge bosons of $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ with generators T_1, T_2, T_3, Y we need all to be broken except the combination $Q = T_3 + Y$ so that A_μ remains massless and the other three gauge bosons get massive after SSB
 \Rightarrow Introduce a complex $SU(2)$ Higgs doublet

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle 0 | \Phi | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

with gauge invariant Lagrangian ($\mu^2 = -\lambda v^2$):

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}_\Phi} = (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi - \mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2, \quad D_\mu \Phi = (\partial_\mu - ig\tilde{W}_\mu + ig'y_\Phi B_\mu)\Phi$$

$$\text{take } y_\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (T_3 + Y) |0\rangle = Q \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\{T_1, T_2, T_3 - Y\} |0\rangle \neq 0$$

Electroweak symmetry breaking

gauge boson masses

- Quantum fields in the unitary gauge:

$$\Phi(x) \equiv \exp \left\{ i \frac{\sigma_i}{2v} \theta^i(x) \right\} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(x) \mapsto \exp \left\{ -i \frac{\sigma_i}{2v} \theta^i(x) \right\} \Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H(x) \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

1 physical Higgs field
 $H(x)$

3 would-be Goldstones
 $\theta^i(x)$ gauged away

- The 3 dof apparently lost become the longitudinal polarizations of W^\pm and Z that get massive after SSB:

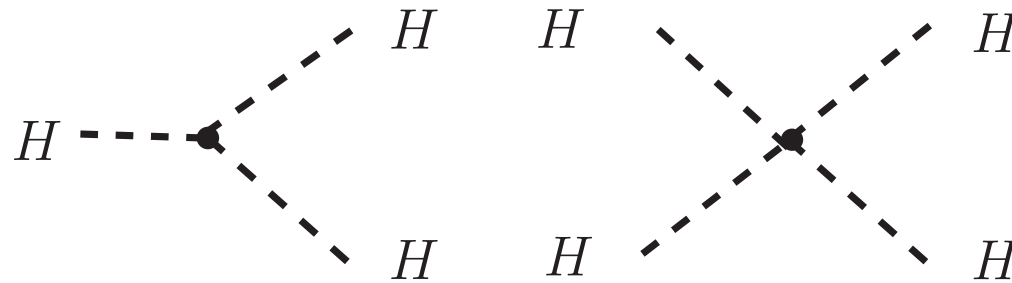
$$\mathcal{L}_\Phi \supset \mathcal{L}_M = \underbrace{\frac{g^2 v^2}{4}}_{M_W^2} W_\mu^\dagger W^\mu + \underbrace{\frac{g^2 v^2}{8c_W^2}}_{\frac{1}{2}M_Z^2} Z_\mu Z^\mu \Rightarrow M_W = M_Z c_W = \frac{1}{2} g v$$

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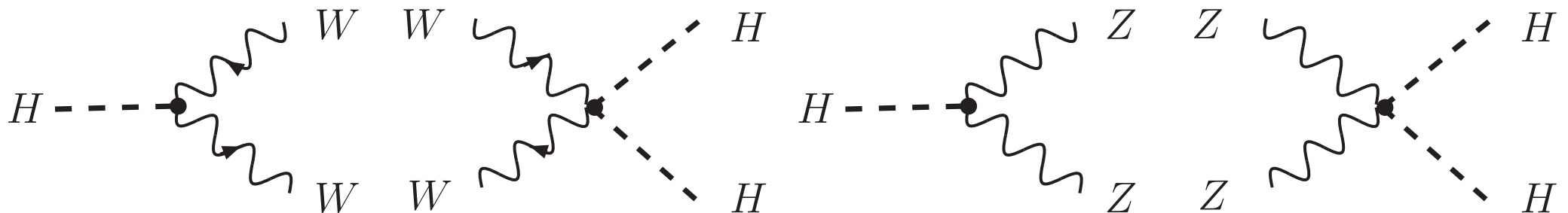
Higgs sector

⇒ In the unitary gauge (just physical fields): $\mathcal{L}_\Phi = \mathcal{L}_H + \mathcal{L}_M + \mathcal{L}_{HV^2} + \frac{1}{4}\lambda v^4$

$$\mathcal{L}_H = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu H \partial^\mu H - \frac{1}{2}M_H^2 H^2 - \frac{M_H^2}{2v} H^3 - \frac{M_H^2}{8v^2} H^4, \quad M_H = \sqrt{-2\mu^2} = \sqrt{2\lambda} v$$



$$\mathcal{L}_M + \mathcal{L}_{HV^2} = M_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^\mu \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{v} H + \frac{H^2}{v^2} \right\} + \frac{1}{2} M_Z^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{v} H + \frac{H^2}{v^2} \right\}$$



- Quantum fields in the R_{ξ} gauges:

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+(x) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[v + H(x) + i\chi(x)] \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi^-(x) = [\phi^+(x)]^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\Phi} = & \mathcal{L}_H + \mathcal{L}_M + \mathcal{L}_{HV^2} + \frac{1}{4}\lambda v^4 \\ & + (\partial_{\mu}\phi^+)(\partial^{\mu}\phi^-) + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\chi)(\partial^{\mu}\chi) \\ & + iM_W (W_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\phi^+ - W_{\mu}^{\dagger}\partial^{\mu}\phi^-) + M_Z Z_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\chi \\ & + \text{trilinear interactions [SSS, SSV, SVV]} \\ & + \text{quadrilinear interactions [SSSS, SSVV]} \end{aligned}$$

Electroweak symmetry breaking

gauge fixing

- To remove the cross terms $W_\mu \partial^\mu \phi^+$, $W_\mu^+ \partial^\mu \phi^-$, $Z_\mu \partial^\mu \chi$ and define propagators add:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GF}} = -\frac{1}{2\tilde{\zeta}_\gamma} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2 - \frac{1}{2\tilde{\zeta}_Z} (\partial_\mu Z^\mu - \tilde{\zeta}_Z M_Z \chi)^2 - \frac{1}{\tilde{\zeta}_W} |\partial_\mu W^\mu + i\tilde{\zeta}_W M_W \phi^-|^2$$

⇒ Massive propagators for gauge and (unphysical) would-be Goldstone fields:

$$\tilde{D}_{\mu\nu}^\gamma(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + (1 - \tilde{\zeta}_\gamma) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \right]$$

$$\tilde{D}_{\mu\nu}^Z(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 - M_Z^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + (1 - \tilde{\zeta}_Z) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2 - \tilde{\zeta}_Z M_Z^2} \right] \quad ; \quad \tilde{D}^\chi(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 - \tilde{\zeta}_Z M_Z^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\tilde{D}_{\mu\nu}^W(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 - M_W^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + (1 - \tilde{\zeta}_W) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2 - \tilde{\zeta}_W M_W^2} \right] \quad ; \quad \tilde{D}^\phi(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 - \tilde{\zeta}_W M_W^2 + i\epsilon}$$

(’t Hooft-Feynman gauge: $\tilde{\zeta}_\gamma = \tilde{\zeta}_Z = \tilde{\zeta}_W = 1$)

Electroweak symmetry breaking

Faddeev-Popov ghosts

- The SM is a non-Abelian theory \Rightarrow add Faddeev-Popov ghosts $c_i(x)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$)

$$c_1 \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u_+ + u_-), \quad c_2 \equiv \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(u_+ - u_-), \quad c_3 \equiv c_W u_Z - s_W u_\gamma$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}} = \underbrace{(\partial^\mu \bar{c}_i)(\partial_\mu c_i - g\epsilon_{ijk}c_j W_\mu^k)}_{\text{U kinetic + [UUUV]}} + \underbrace{\text{interactions with } \Phi}_{\text{U masses + [SUU]}}$$

\Rightarrow Massive propagators for (unphysical) FP ghost fields:

$$\tilde{D}^{u_\gamma}(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 + i\epsilon}, \quad \tilde{D}^{u_Z}(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 - \tilde{\zeta}_Z M_Z^2 + i\epsilon}, \quad \tilde{D}^{u_\pm}(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 - \tilde{\zeta}_W M_W^2 + i\epsilon}$$

('t Hooft-Feynman gauge: $\tilde{\zeta}_Z = \tilde{\zeta}_W = 1$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}} = & (\partial_\mu \bar{u}_\gamma)(\partial^\mu u_\gamma) + (\partial_\mu \bar{u}_Z)(\partial^\mu u_Z) + (\partial_\mu \bar{u}_+)(\partial^\mu u_+) + (\partial_\mu \bar{u}_-)(\partial^\mu u_-) \\
 [\text{UUUV}] \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 & + ie[(\partial^\mu \bar{u}_+)u_+ - (\partial^\mu \bar{u}_-)u_-]A_\mu - \frac{iec_W}{s_W} [(\partial^\mu \bar{u}_+)u_+ - (\partial^\mu \bar{u}_-)u_-]Z_\mu \\
 & - ie[(\partial^\mu \bar{u}_+)u_\gamma - (\partial^\mu \bar{u}_\gamma)u_-]W_\mu^+ + \frac{iec_W}{s_W} [(\partial^\mu \bar{u}_+)u_Z - (\partial^\mu \bar{u}_Z)u_-]W_\mu^+ \\
 & + ie[(\partial^\mu \bar{u}_-)u_\gamma - (\partial^\mu \bar{u}_\gamma)u_+]W_\mu - \frac{iec_W}{s_W} [(\partial^\mu \bar{u}_-)u_Z - (\partial^\mu \bar{u}_Z)u_+]W_\mu
 \end{aligned} \right. \\
 & - \xi_Z M_Z^2 \bar{u}_Z u_Z - \xi_W M_W^2 \bar{u}_+ u_+ - \xi_W M_W^2 \bar{u}_- u_- \\
 [\text{SUU}] \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 & - e\tilde{\xi}_Z M_Z \bar{u}_Z \left[\frac{1}{2s_W c_W} H u_Z - \frac{1}{2s_W} (\phi^+ u_- + \phi^- u_+) \right] \\
 & - e\tilde{\xi}_W M_W \bar{u}_+ \left[\frac{1}{2s_W} (H + i\chi)u_+ - \phi^+ \left(u_\gamma - \frac{c_W^2 - s_W^2}{2s_W c_W} u_Z \right) \right] \\
 & - e\tilde{\xi}_W M_W \bar{u}_- \left[\frac{1}{2s_W} (H - i\chi)u_- - \phi^- \left(u_\gamma - \frac{c_W^2 - s_W^2}{2s_W c_W} u_Z \right) \right]
 \end{aligned} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$