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## Chapter 10

### "Electroweak theory"

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## ② Weak interactions in isospin notation

So far we have written some effective lag for weak CC and NC interactions in terms of coupling of massive vectors  $W^\pm$  and  $Z$  to fermions.

For the 1s generation ( $\Psi_f = f$ ) this is a  $d^1$   
but I am supposed  
the

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{weak}} = & -\frac{g_W}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \overbrace{\left[ \bar{e} \gamma^\mu \frac{(1-\gamma_5)}{2} e + \bar{d} \gamma^\mu \frac{(1+\gamma_5)}{2} u \right]}^{J_{CC}^\mu} W_\mu \right. \\ & + \left. \overbrace{\left[ \bar{e} \gamma^\mu \frac{(1-\gamma_5)}{2} e + \bar{u} \gamma^\mu \frac{(1+\gamma_5)}{2} d \right]}^{J_{CC}^\mu} W_\mu \right\} + \text{higher order terms} \\ & + g_Z \sum_{f=e, u, d} \bar{f} \gamma^\mu \left( C_L^f \frac{(1-\gamma_5)}{2} + C_R^f \frac{(1+\gamma_5)}{2} \right) f Z_\mu \end{aligned}$$

From Data  $\frac{C_R^f}{Q_f} = -x \approx -(0.22-0.23)$  for  $f=e, u, d$

$$C_R^u = 0$$

$$C_L^u = C_R^u + \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for } u, u$$

$$C_L^f = C_R^f - \gamma_2 \quad \text{for } e, d$$

and  $\frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2} \approx \frac{g_W^2}{g_Z^2} \approx 1-x$  and  $\frac{g_W^2}{e^2} \approx x$

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We can write  $J_{cc}^{\mu+}$  and  $J_N^\mu c$  in matrix notation

$$J_{cc}^{\mu+} = \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L = (\bar{e}_L, \bar{d}_L) \gamma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ (\bar{u}_L, \bar{d}_L) \gamma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J_{cc}^{\mu-} = (J_{cc}^{\mu+})^+ = (\bar{e}_L, \bar{d}_L) \gamma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} +$$

$$+ (\bar{u}_L, \bar{d}_L) \gamma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } T_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1 + i\sigma_2) \equiv T_1 + iT_2$$

$$T_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1 - i\sigma_2) = (T_1 - iT_2)$$

$T_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{2}$  are the generator of  $SU(2)$  in the doublet representation

$$\text{So if we define } L_L \equiv \begin{pmatrix} e_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } Q_L \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$$

We can write

$$J_{cc} = -g_W [ \bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu (T_- W_\mu + T_+ W_\mu^+) L_L$$

$$\sqrt{2} + \bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu (T_- W_\mu + T_+ W_\mu^+) Q_L ]$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = -g_W \left[ L_L \gamma^\mu (T_1 W_\mu^{(1)} + T_2 W_\mu^{(2)}) \bar{L}_L \right. \\ \left. + \bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu (T_1 \overset{(1)}{W}_\mu + T_2 \overset{(2)}{W}_\mu) Q_L \right]$$

with  $W_\mu^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu + W_\mu^+)$ ,  $W_\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^{(1)} + i W_\mu^{(2)})$

$W_\mu^{(2)} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu - W_\mu^+)$ ,  $W_\mu^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^{(1)} - i W_\mu^{(2)})$

For the NC

$$J_{\mu C}^\mu = \sum_f C_L^f \bar{f}_L \gamma^\mu f_L + C_R^f \bar{f}_R \gamma^\mu f_R$$

For  $f \neq v$  (ie for  $Q_f \neq 0$ )  $C_R^f \neq 0$ 

$$J_{NC}^\mu = +\frac{1}{2} \bar{v}_L \gamma^\mu v_L - \frac{1}{2} \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + \frac{1}{2} \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu u_L - \frac{1}{2} \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu d_L$$

$$+ \sum_f (-x Q_f) [\bar{f}_R \gamma^\mu f_R + \bar{f}_L \gamma^\mu f_L] \quad \text{if } Q_f = T_3$$

$$= (\bar{v}_L \bar{e}_L) \gamma_\frac{1}{2}^{\mu} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} + (\bar{u}_L \bar{d}_L) \gamma_\frac{1}{2}^{\mu} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \sum_f (-x Q_f) (\bar{f}_R \gamma^\mu f_R + \bar{f}_L \gamma^\mu f_L)$$

$$= \bar{L}_L T_3 \bar{T}_L + \bar{Q}_L T_3 \gamma^\mu Q_L + \sum_f (1-x Q_f) (\bar{f}_R \gamma^\mu f_R + \bar{f}_L \gamma^\mu f_L)$$

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Now in this notation

$$J_{em} = -e \sum_f Q_f \bar{f} \gamma^{\mu} f A_{\mu}$$

$$J_{em}^{\mu} = \sum_f Q_f \bar{f} \gamma^{\mu} f = \sum_f Q_f (\bar{f}_R \gamma^{\mu} f_R + \bar{f}_L \gamma^{\mu} f_L)$$

So in summary we have written  $\mathcal{L}_{em}$  and  
in terms of 7 chiral fermions

$$u_L, e_L, e_R, u_R, d_L, d_R$$

and we have written the effective lag in terms  
of two doublets of left-handed fermions

and 3 right handed fermions which do  
with quantum  $\frac{Y}{2} = Q - t_3$   $\leftarrow$  hypercharge

	$\frac{Y}{2}$	$Q_f$	$\Rightarrow \frac{Y}{2} = Q - t_3$
$L_i (e_L)$	$t_3 = \langle t_3 \rangle$	0	$\} -\frac{1}{2}$
$e_L$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1	
$e_R$	$-\frac{1}{2}$		
$Q_L (u_L)$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\} \frac{1}{6}$	
$u_L$	$-\frac{1}{2}$		
$d_L$			
$u_R$	0	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$
$d_R$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	
		$-\frac{1}{3}$	
			$-Y_3$

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In summary the combinations  $L_L, Q_L, \bar{e}_R, \bar{u}_R, \bar{d}_R$   
have well defined "charges" ( $\equiv$  transformation  
properties) for  $SU(2)^{\text{Left}}$

$\uparrow$  action only on left-handed fermions

and  $U(1)^Y_{\frac{1}{2}}$

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## ② Electroweak gauge theory

We have written the Lag for weak CC and NC together with em of the fermions of each generation in terms of the interleaved 5 chiral combinations

$$L_L = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ e_L^- \end{pmatrix} \quad Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \quad e_R, u_R, d_R$$

which have well defined charges under  $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y \frac{x(U_1)}{2}$

We can try to see how these interact with what we would get from a gauge theory with those 5 combinations as matter content

and  $SU(2)_{\text{left}} \times U(1)_Y \frac{x}{2}$  gauge group

$\underbrace{\qquad}_{\text{III}} G_{EW}$

To build this lag we start with the free lag for these 5 combinations

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = i \sum_{i=1}^5 \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi_i$$

no man for these  
fermions (more  
latter)

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_1 &= L_L \\ \Psi_2 &= Q_L \\ \Psi_3 &= e_R \\ \Psi_4 &= u_R \\ \Psi_5 &= d_R\end{aligned}$$

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- Under  $SU(2)_{\text{Left}}$   $\Psi_i$  transforms as generator of  $SU(2)$

For  $i=1, 2$ 

$$\Psi'_i(x) = \underbrace{\left[ e^{-i \sum_{a=1}^3 \alpha_a(x) T_a} \right]}_{\substack{\text{parameters of } SU(2) \\ \text{transformation}}} \underbrace{\Psi_i}_{2 \times 2 \text{ Matrix}}(x)$$

$$\bar{\Psi}'_i(x) = \bar{\Psi}_i(x) e^{+i \sum_a \alpha_a T_a}$$

$$T_a = \frac{\sigma_a}{2} \Rightarrow [T_a, T_b] = \sum_c i \epsilon_{abc} T_c$$

For  $i=3, 4, 5$   $\Psi_i(x)$  is a right-handed fermion  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow$  singlet of  $SU(2)_{\text{Left}} \Rightarrow$  neutrino model

$$\Psi'_i(x) = \Psi_i(x)$$

- Under  $U(1)_{Y/2}$   $\Psi_i$  transforms as parameter of  $U(1)$  transform

$$\Psi'_i(x) = e^{-i \beta(x) \frac{Y_i}{2}} \Psi_i(x) \Rightarrow \bar{\Psi}'_i(x) = \bar{\Psi}_i(x) e^{i \beta(x) \frac{Y_i}{2}}$$

In order to build a gauge invariant lag  
 we need to substitute  $D_\mu \Psi_i \rightarrow D_\mu \Psi'_i$  and

for that we need 3 gauge bosons for  $SU(2)_{\text{Left}}$   
 $(W^{\mu a})$  and one for  $U(1)_{Y/2}$  ( $B^\mu$ )

And the gauge invariant lag for the fermions

$$d_{EW}^{\text{femous}} = \sum_{l=1}^5 \bar{\Psi}_l \gamma_l^\mu D_\mu \Psi$$

where for  $i=1, 2$

and for  $i = 3, 4, 5$

$$D^\mu \Psi_i = (\partial^\mu + ig^i B^\mu \frac{Y^i}{2}) \Psi_i$$

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and gauge invariance implies that under gauge transformation

$$W_\mu^{1a} = W_\mu^a - \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \alpha^a - \sum_{b,c} \epsilon^{abc} \alpha^b W_\mu^c$$

$$B'_\mu = B_\mu - \frac{1}{g'} \partial_\mu \beta$$

Let us define

$$W_\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^{(1)} + i W_\mu^{(2)}) \equiv W_\mu^-$$

$$W_\mu^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^{(1)} + i W_\mu^{(2)}) \equiv W_\mu^+$$

$$W_u^{(3)} = \cos \theta_w Z + \sin \theta_w A^u \quad \text{and} \quad D_u = \cos \theta_w B u + \sin \theta_w W_u^{(3)}$$

$$B^u = \cos \theta_w A^u - \sin \theta_w Z^u \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} A_u = \cos \theta_w \\ Z_u = \sin \theta_w B_u + \cos \theta_w A^u \end{cases}$$

as of now this is just a rotation of basis ~~of~~ new hat gauge bosons

We can write down in this basis and see what we get

1) Pieces with  $W_\mu^{(1)}$  and  $W_\mu^{(2)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -g [\bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu (T_1 W_\mu^{(1)} + T_2 W_\mu^{(2)}) L_L \\
 & \quad + \bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu (T_1 W_\mu^{(1)} + T_2 W_\mu^{(2)}) Q_L \\
 & = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ [\bar{L}_L \gamma^\mu T^+ L_L + \bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu T^+ Q_L] W_\mu^+ \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + (D_L \gamma^\mu T^- L_L + \bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu T^- Q_L) W_\mu^- \right\} \\
 & \equiv \cancel{J}_{\text{weak}}^{\text{CC}} \quad \text{with } g_W = g
 \end{aligned}$$

2) Pieces with  $W_\mu^{(3)}$  and  $B_\mu$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -(\bar{e}_L \bar{e}_L) \gamma^\mu (g T_3 W_\mu^{(3)} + g' \frac{Y^L}{2} B_\mu) (e_L^U) \\
 & -(\bar{u}_L \bar{d}_L) \gamma^\mu (g T_3 W_\mu^{(3)} + g' \frac{Y^Q}{2} B_\mu) (u_L^U) \\
 & -\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu \frac{Y^L}{2} B_{\mu R} - \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu \frac{Y^Q}{2} B_{\mu R} - \bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu \frac{Y^{DR}}{2} B_{\mu R} \\
 & = \sum_{J=\text{even}} -\bar{f}_L \gamma^\mu (g T_3^{\delta_L = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } -\frac{1}{2}} W_\mu^{(3)} + g' \frac{Y^L}{2} B_\mu) f_L \\
 & \quad - \sum_{J=\text{even}} -\bar{f}_R \gamma^\mu \frac{g'}{2} Y^{\delta_R} B_\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \bar{\gamma} - A_u \left[ \bar{f}_L \left[ \bar{\gamma}^u g t_3^{\delta_L} \sin \theta_w + \frac{g'}{2} Y^{\delta_L} \cos \theta_w \right] \delta_L \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \bar{f}_R \frac{\gamma^u g'}{2} Y^{\delta_R} \cos \theta_w \delta_R \right] \\
 &- Z_u \left[ \bar{f}_L \bar{\gamma}^u (g t_3^{\delta_L} \cos \theta_w - \frac{g'}{2} Y^{\delta_L} \sin \theta_w) \delta_L \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \bar{f}_R \bar{\gamma}^u \frac{g'}{2} Y^{\delta_R} \sin \theta_w \delta_R \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us make  $\tan \theta_w = \frac{g'}{g}$   $\Rightarrow g' \cos \theta_w = g \sin \theta_w$

$\Rightarrow$  piece in  $A^u$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= A_u g \sin \theta_w \left[ \bar{f}_L \bar{\gamma}^u \left( t_3^{\delta_L} + \frac{Y^{\delta_L}}{2} \right) + \bar{f}_R \bar{\gamma}^u \frac{Y^{\delta_R}}{2} \delta_R \right] \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\qquad}_{\text{III}} Q_g \\
 &= -A_u g \sin \theta_w Q_g (\bar{f}_L \bar{\gamma}^u \delta_L + \bar{f}_R \bar{\gamma}^u \delta_R) - (14) \\
 &= -A_u g \sin \theta_w Q_g \bar{\gamma}^u \delta \equiv \text{Lem with } e = g \sin \theta_w
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  piece in  $Z_u$  using  $g' \sin \theta_w = \frac{g}{\cos \theta_w} \sin^2 \theta_w$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &- Z_u \frac{g}{\cos \theta_w} \left[ \bar{f}_L \bar{\gamma}^u \left( t_3^{\delta_L} \cos^2 \theta_w - \frac{Y^{\delta_L}}{2} \sin^2 \theta_w \right) \delta_L \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \bar{f}_R \bar{\gamma}^u \frac{Y^{\delta_R}}{2} \sin^2 \theta_w \delta_R \right] \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\qquad}_{\text{III}} Q_g
 \end{aligned}$$

notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & t_3^{\delta_L} \cos^2 \theta_W - \frac{f_L^{\delta_L}}{2} \sin^2 \theta_W \\
 & = t_3^{\delta_L} \cos^2 \theta_W + (t_3^{\delta_L} - \delta_L) \sin^2 \theta_W \\
 & = t_3^{\delta_L} - \delta_L \sin^2 \theta_W
 \end{aligned}$$

$C_L^{\delta}$  with  $\chi = \sin^2 \theta_W$

So the piece in  $\bar{Z}^u$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\bar{Z}^u \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} \left[ \bar{f}_L^u \delta^u (t_3^{\delta_L} - \sin^2 \theta_W \delta_L^{\delta}) \delta_L^{\delta} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \bar{f}_R^u \delta^u \underbrace{\sin^2 \theta_W \delta_R^{\delta}}_{C_R^{\delta}} \delta_R^{\delta} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}_{NC} \text{ with } g \stackrel{=} {g_W}$$

$$g_Z = \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} = \frac{e}{\sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W}$$

$$\text{and } \chi = \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.23$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^2}{g^2} = \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.23$$

In summary : starting with a gauge theory  
with gauge group  $SU(2)_{\text{left}} \otimes U(1)_Y \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2^{1+1}$

we have been able to construct

$$\mathcal{L}_{EW} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}}^{\text{fermions}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{weakcc}}^{\text{int}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{weakNC}}^{\text{int}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{em}}^{\text{int}}$$

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To do so we need to combine the  $T^3$  part of  $SU(2)_{\text{left}}$  with  $U(1)_Y \gamma_2$  in two linear combinations with a rotation angle  $\theta_W$  (with  $\sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.23$ ) and this rotation must be related to the ratio of the coupling constants as

$$\tan \theta = \frac{g'}{g} \quad \text{and} \quad e = g \sin \theta_W = g' \cos \theta_W$$

The full lag should also contain the lag for the gauge bosons

$$\mathcal{L}_{EW}^{\text{TOT}} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi_i + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{a=1}^3 W_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} W^{\mu(a)}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{with } B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$$

$$\text{and } W_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a = g \epsilon_{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c$$

But: ...

- the four gauge bosons are massless because  
 $G I \Rightarrow$  massless gauge bosons ( $M_V^2 V^\mu V_\mu = M_V^2 V^\mu V^\mu$ )
- the fermions are massless because a fermion  
mass

$$m \bar{f} f = m (\bar{f}_R f_L + \bar{f}_L f_R) \Rightarrow \text{not } SO(2)_\text{left}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{SU(2)}_\text{singlet}}$        $\xrightarrow[\text{SU(2)}_\text{doublet}]{} \text{part of a}$

gauge inv.

- we do not know what is the reason for  
the notation

$$(W_3^\mu, B^\mu) \rightarrow (Z^\mu, A^\mu)$$

The solution to all these will arise from  
the spontaneous breaking of EW symmetry

### ③ Spontaneous symmetry breaking

To give mass to the  $W^\pm$  and  $Z$  and the fermions we need to break the gauge symmetry.  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

We would break it "explicitly" just adding those mass terms to the lag. But then we would lose all bonuses of gauge theory, in particular the theory would not be renormalizable and we would have divergences when going to higher order in perturbation theory.

In order to break the symmetry in the mass spectrum of the particles but not in the lag we need to notice that particles are quantum excitations above the ground state (=the vacuum). So if the ground state above which we define the particles breaks the  $E^W$  symmetry then  $\mathcal{L}_{EW}$  in terms of their wave functions will apparently not be gauge invariant. We call this form of breaking the symmetry = spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB).

To introduce in our theory the possibility of SSB we need to add "something" to the theory which allows to describe such non-final ground state. The most straightforward is to add a field with a potential which is minimize by a symmetry breaking ground state.

Lorentz invariance  $\Rightarrow$  ground state cannot have spin  $\Rightarrow$  field added must be scalar.

Let us take a complex scalar field

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_1(x) + i \phi_2(x))$$

$\uparrow \quad \downarrow$   
real

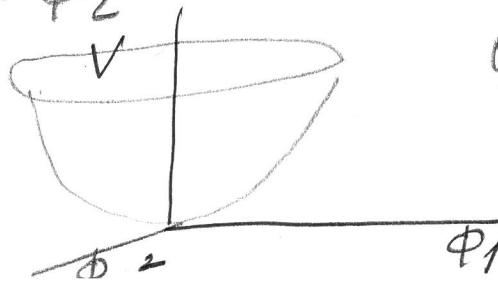
The most general lag for this field

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = (\partial^\mu \phi^*) (\partial_\mu \phi) - \underbrace{\mu^2 \phi^* \phi}_{\text{III } V(\phi)} + \lambda (\phi^* \phi)^2 \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{invariant} \\ \text{under global} \\ \text{U(1) } \phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \phi \\ L \rightarrow L \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$  it must be  $\lambda > 0$  for  $V(\phi)$  to be bounded. (so  $V$  does not become rapidly negative when  $|\phi| \rightarrow \text{large}$ )

If we plot  $V(\phi) = \mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4$  as function of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$

• For  $\mu^2 > 0$



$$0 = \frac{dV}{d|\phi|} \Big|_{\min} = 2\mu^2 |\phi|_{\min} + 4\lambda |\phi|_{\min}^3 = 0 \Rightarrow |\phi|_{\min} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\min} = 0$$

• If  $\mu^2 < 0$   $\stackrel{\lambda\mu^2 = -V''(\phi)}{V(\phi) = -|\mu^2| |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4}$

$$0 = \frac{dV}{d|\phi|} \Big|_{\min} = -2|\mu^2| |\phi|_{\min} + 4\lambda |\phi|_{\min}^3$$

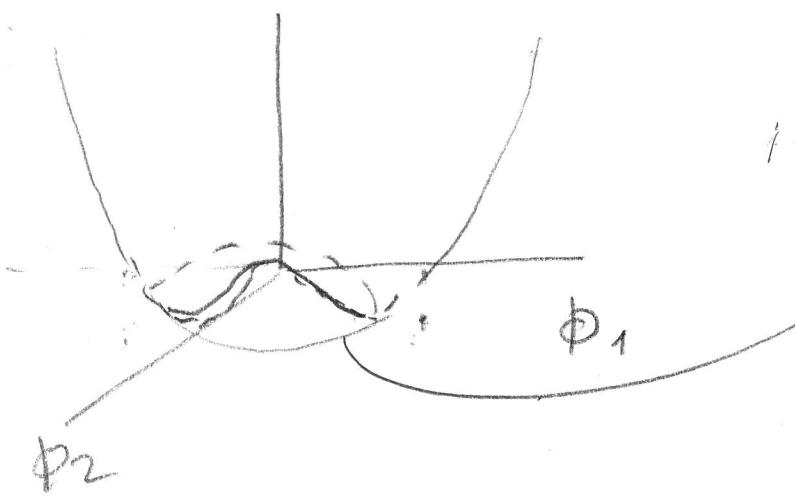
$$\Rightarrow 2|\phi|_{\min}^2 = \frac{|\mu^2|}{\lambda} \equiv U^2 > 0$$

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Value expected  
of  $\langle \phi \rangle$   
values (red)

or  $|\phi| = 0$  (which is a local maximum)

$$V_{\min} \left( \frac{|\mu^2|}{2\lambda} \right) = -\frac{|\mu^2|^2}{4\lambda} < 0 \quad \text{with } V(0) = 0$$

Graphically



$$V(\phi) = V_{\min} + \lambda \left( |\phi|^2 - \frac{U^2}{2} \right)^2$$

notice that there is a continuous of states  $\phi$  all with  $|\phi|_{\min}$  all with  $V_{\min}$ . They are all

$$\phi = |\phi|_{\min} e^{i\alpha} \quad \text{with } 0 \leq \alpha \leq 2\pi$$

They are related by a global  $U(1)$  symmetry as it should be because  $\mathcal{L}_\phi$  has that symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi \xrightarrow{\phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \phi} \mathcal{L}_\phi$$

When we quantize this theory we need to fix the ground state above which we define our quantum excitations (i.e our particles)  $\Rightarrow$  choose some  $\phi_0$ .

For example we can choose  $\phi_0 = 0$

$$\phi_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0 + i0) \Rightarrow (\phi_{1mn} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}, \phi_{2mn} = 0)$$

so our quantized field will be <sup>scale</sup>  
"particle" wave func.

$$\Phi(x) = \phi_0 + \tilde{\Phi}(x)$$

In terms of  $\tilde{\Phi}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{\Phi}} = (\partial_\mu \tilde{\Phi})^2 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda \left( \frac{v^2}{2} + |\tilde{\Phi}|^2 + 2 \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Re } \tilde{\Phi} \right)$$

$$+ \lambda \left( \frac{v^2}{2} + |\tilde{\Phi}|^2 + 2 \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \text{Re } \tilde{\Phi} \right)^2$$

this is not inv  
when  $\tilde{\Phi} \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \tilde{\Phi}$

$\Rightarrow$  global U(1) symmetry has been "spontaneously" broken by choosing to quantize above an specific  $\phi_0$  which fixes the "dilection" in the  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)$  plane for the ground state

We can always write instead of  $\phi = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \phi$  (19)

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + h(x)) e^{i \frac{\beta(x)}{v}}$$

↑                          ↓ real

complex  
= 2 complex

$\mathcal{L}\phi$  in terms of  $h$  and  $\beta$  [using  $\partial_\mu \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\partial_\mu h + i \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \partial_\mu \beta)$ ]

$$\mathcal{L}\phi = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h) (\partial^\mu h) + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \beta) (\partial^\mu \beta) \left(1 + \frac{h}{v}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{\mu^2}{2} (v+h)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} (v+h)^4$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h) (\partial^\mu h) - h^2 \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} + 6 \frac{v^2}{4} \lambda \right)$$

$$+ (\partial_\mu \beta) (\partial^\mu \beta)$$

$$-\mu^2 = 1/\mu^2$$

$$+ (\partial_\mu \beta) \frac{h}{v} + (\partial_\mu \beta) (\partial^\mu \beta) \frac{h^2}{v^2}$$

Free lag for a neutral scalar

$$\text{particle of mass } M_h = \sqrt{2|\mu|} = \sqrt{2} v$$

interactions  
term S.

Lag for massless  
neutral scalar = goldstone  
boson

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Notice that the terms linear in  $h$

$$-\frac{\mu^2}{2} (12vh) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (4v^3h) = (\mu^2 v + \mu^2 v) h = 0$$

$v \parallel \lambda / \mu^2$

Let us repeat now but let us take  $\mathcal{L}_\phi$  to be gauge invariant under  $U(1)$  and  $\phi(x)$  charged under  $U(1)$  with charge  $Q_\phi$  :

$$\Rightarrow \text{under } U(1) \text{ transf } \phi \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha(x)Q_\phi} \overset{\text{, , } V(\phi)}{\overbrace{\phi}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = (D_\mu \phi)^* (D^\mu \phi) - [\mu^2 \phi^* \phi + \lambda (\phi^* \phi)^2]$$

with  $D_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \phi + i e \underbrace{A_\mu}_{\substack{\text{U(1) gauge vector boson} \\ \text{under } U(1)}} Q_\phi \phi$

The introduction of  $A^\mu$  does not affect  $V(\phi)$  so we still have the continuous of ground states for  $\mu^2 < 0$ . And again we can choose to quantize above ~~one~~ specific ground state

$$\phi_0 = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + i\sigma)$$

and the quantize field can be written as

$$\phi(x) = \frac{\phi_0 + h(x)}{\sqrt{2}} \quad e^{i \frac{S(x)}{v}}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_\mu \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\partial_\mu h + i \frac{(v+h)}{v} \partial_\mu g + ieQ_\phi A_\mu(v+h)) e^{\frac{iS}{v}}$$

$\rightarrow$  physics described by  $A_\mu$  and by  $A'_\mu = A_\mu - \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu g$   
 G I  $\Rightarrow$  physics described by  $A_\mu$  and by  $A'_\mu$  ( $\equiv$  unitary gauge)  
 is the same. And in terms of  $A'_\mu$   $i \frac{g}{v}$

$$D_\mu \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\partial_\mu h + ieQ_\phi A'_\mu(v+h)) e^{i \frac{g}{v}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (D_\mu \phi)^* (D_\mu \phi) = \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_\mu h)(\partial^\mu h) + e^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu (v+h)^2 Q_\phi^2]$$

$\Rightarrow g$  disappears from lag  
 instead we have a term  $\frac{Q_\phi^2}{2} e^2 v^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu = \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 A'^\mu A'^\mu$

$\Rightarrow$  a mass term for the gauge boson has been generated  
 we say that the would-be goldstone boson  $g$  has been  
 "eaten" by the gauge boson  $\circlearrowleft$

In this gauge

$$\rightarrow \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi A} = \mathcal{L}_\phi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \mu^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)(\partial^\mu h) - \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} + \frac{6}{2} \lambda v^2 \right) h^2 \rightarrow \text{Lag for a real massive scalar of mass } m_h^2 = 2|\mu^2| = 2\lambda v^2$$

$$\Leftarrow \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{Q_\phi^2}{2} e^2 v^2 A'^\mu A'^\mu + \text{Lag for real massive vectorial mass } M_A^2 = e^2 v^2 Q_\phi^2$$

+ ...

$$+\frac{Q_\phi e v}{\pi} A^\mu \partial_\mu h \rightarrow \text{vertex} - h \begin{array}{c} \nearrow A \\ \swarrow A \\ \frac{e M_A}{2\lambda} \end{array}$$

$$+\frac{Q_\phi^2 e^2}{2} A^\mu \partial_\mu h^2 \rightarrow \text{vertex} \quad \begin{array}{c} h \\ \nearrow M_A \\ \swarrow A \\ \frac{e M_A}{c^2} \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \partial h^3 \rightarrow \text{vertex} \quad \begin{array}{c} \partial \\ \nearrow - \\ \swarrow - \\ \lambda v \propto \sqrt{\lambda} m_h \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-}{6} h^4 \rightarrow " \quad \begin{array}{c} h \\ \nearrow - \\ \swarrow - \\ \lambda \end{array}$$

So after expressing the Lagrangians of the particle fields  $h(x)$  and  $A^\mu(x)$  (in the unitary gauge) defined as quantum excitations above the specific  $\phi_0$  we have generated mass for the gauge boson to which  $\phi$  couples to - the generated mass is proportional to the vev of the scalar and the gauge coupling constant counting degrees of freedom

- Before SSB : complex scalar (2) + massive vector (2)
- After SSB : real scalar (1) + massive vector (3)

## ⑨ Spontaneous breaking of the EW symmetry

Summarizing

- SSB  $\equiv$  breakings of symmetry by choiced ground state above which the theory is quantized
- simplest realisation  $\equiv$  add a complex scalar with a potential which has a minimum at non-zero value of the scalar
- symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  degenerate ground state
- after chosing one of the ground states as the state above which we define the particles the lag written in terms of the particle fields is apparently not symmetric
- the spectrum of particles contains a massive real scalar and massless scalars ( $\equiv$  goldstone bosons)
- if the symmetry is local ( $\equiv$  gauge) and the complex scalar is charged under that gauge symmetry, the spectrum of physical particles after SSB contains the massive real scalar and the gauge boson has adquired a mass which is proportional to its charge (squared) and the vev of the scalar

To go for  $\mathcal{L}_{EW} \rightarrow$  real world we need it -  
 $M_{W_2} \neq 0$  but  $M_A = 0$

So we need to break

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \longrightarrow U(1)_{\text{em}}$$

To break  $SU(2)_L \Rightarrow \phi$  must not be a  $SU(2)$  singlet  
 The lowest representation possible is that  $\phi$  is

a  $SU(2)_L$  doublet

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \\ \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \phi_i \text{ real}$$

We want to break  $U(1)_Y \Rightarrow Y_\phi \neq 0$

We want  $U(1)_{\text{em}}$  to be unbroken  $\Rightarrow$  some component

of  $\phi$  must have  $Q_{\phi_i} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\phi_i}{2} = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{Since } Q_{\phi_i} = \frac{Y^\phi}{2} + t_3^{\phi_i} \Rightarrow \frac{Y^\phi}{2} = \mp \frac{1}{2}$$

The usual choice is  $\frac{Y^\phi}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \phi_1 + i\phi_2$  has  $Q=0$

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the lag for  $\bar{\Phi}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\bar{\Phi}} = (D^\mu \bar{\Phi})^+ (D_\mu \bar{\Phi}) - [\mu^2 \bar{\Phi}^\dagger \bar{\Phi} + \lambda (\bar{\Phi} \bar{\Phi})^2]$$

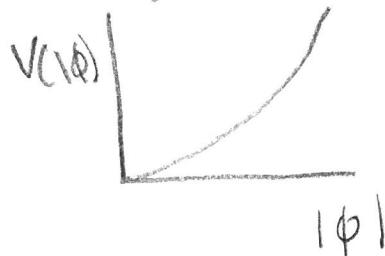
$$\text{with } D_\mu \bar{\Phi} = (\partial_\mu + ig \sum_{a=1}^3 T^a W_\mu^{(a)} + i \frac{g'}{2} B_\mu) \bar{\Phi}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_\mu 0 \\ 0 \partial_\mu \end{bmatrix} + i \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} g W_\mu^3 + g' B_\mu & g(W_\mu^1 - i W_\mu^2) \\ g(W_\mu^1 + i W_\mu^2) & -g W_\mu^3 + g' B_\mu \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_3 + i \phi_1 \\ \phi_1 + i \phi_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } V(\phi) = +\mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4 \text{ with } |\phi|^2 = \phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 + \phi_4^2$$

So for  $\mu^2 > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{d|\phi|} &= |\phi| (2\mu^2 + 4\lambda|\phi|^2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow |\phi| = 0 \Rightarrow \phi_i = 0 \text{ for all } i \\ &\Rightarrow V_{\min} = 0 \end{aligned}$$



For  $\mu^2 < 0$

$$\frac{dV}{d|\phi|} = 0 \quad \begin{cases} |\phi| = 0 \rightarrow V_{\min} = 0 \\ |\phi|_{\text{min}}^2 = -\frac{\mu^2}{2\lambda} \equiv \frac{v^2}{2} \rightarrow V_{\text{max}} \end{cases}$$

→ minimum



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So again there is a continuous of ground states

all with

$$|\phi_i|^2 = \phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 + \phi_4^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

We spontaneously break the symmetry when we chose to quantize above one of these states.

Since we want the ground state to have  $Q=0$

we chose it with  $\phi_{3\min} = \phi_{4\text{mm}} = 0$ . We chose

$$\phi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0+i0 \\ \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}}+i0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the quantum field is

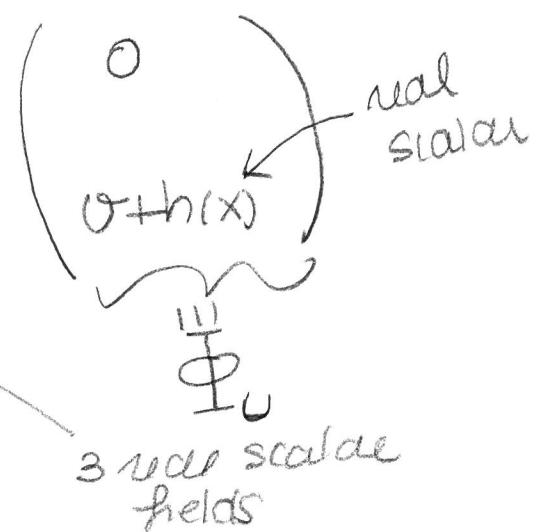
$$\phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} h_3(x) + i h_4(x) \\ \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}} + h_1(x) + i h_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$h_i$  = real fields

We can always write it as  $g^a(x)$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i \sum_{a=1}^3 T_a} g^a(x)$$

$3 \times 3$  unitary mat.  $x$



$$\text{So } (D_u \bar{\Phi}) = \left\{ \partial_u [\bar{\Phi}_v] + ig \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a + ig' B_\mu \right\} \bar{\Phi}_v$$

$$= \left\{ U \partial_u \bar{\Phi}_v + (\partial_u U) \bar{\Phi}_v + ig' B_\mu \bar{\Phi}_v + ig \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a \bar{\Phi}_v \right\}$$

If we define a vector  $W_\mu^a$  which satisfies

$$U \left( ig \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a \right) = ig \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a U \quad (*)$$

$$U \left( ig \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a \right) = ig \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a U$$

Then

$$D_u \bar{\Phi} = U \left\{ \partial_u \bar{\Phi}_v + \left( ig \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a + ig' B_\mu \right) \bar{\Phi}_v \right\}$$

$$= U(D'_u \bar{\Phi}_v)$$

$$\Rightarrow (D_u \bar{\Phi})^+ (D'^u \bar{\Phi}) = (D'_u \bar{\Phi}_v)^+ (U^\dagger U) (D'^u \bar{\Phi}_v)$$

But the condition (\*) is just a SU(2) gauge transf.  
To see this explicitly we expand at 1s ordering

expanding exponents

$$U^{-1} \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a = U^{-1} \sum_a T^a U W_\mu^a \stackrel{U^{-1} D_u U}{=} g \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a$$

$$\approx \left( 1 - i \sum_b \frac{g^b}{\sigma} T^b \right) \sum_a T^a \left( 1 + i \sum_c \frac{g^{bc} T^c}{\sigma} \right) W_\mu^a + \frac{1}{g^c} \sum_c \frac{1}{\sigma} \partial_u g^c T^c$$

lowest order 1/s

$$\approx \sum_a T^a W_\mu^a - \frac{i}{\sigma} \sum_{ab} [T^a, T^b] g^b W^b + \frac{1}{g \sigma} \sum_c \partial_u g^c T^c$$

$$\frac{i}{\sigma} \sum_c \epsilon_{abc} T^c$$

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multiplying by  $T^d$  and using  $T^a T^d = \delta^{ad}$

$$W_u'^d = W_u^d + \frac{1}{g_U} \partial_u g^d + \sum_{ab} E_{abd} g^a W_u^{(a)}$$

this is exactly the gauge transformation for the gauge bosons of  $SU(2)$

Gauge invariance  $\Rightarrow$  the physics described by

$W_u^{(a)}$  and  $W_u^{(a)'}$  is the same

In the "unitary gauge"  $\equiv$  unitary gauge +

$$(D_u \phi)^+ D_u \phi = (D_u \phi)^+ (D_u \phi) \frac{\sqrt{2} W_u}{\parallel} +$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\partial_{uh})^+ + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} g W_u^3 + g' B_u & g(W_u^1 - i W_u^2) \\ g(W_u^1 + i W_u^2) & g W_u^3 + g' B_u \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \psi + h \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right]$$

"

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{uh})(\partial^{uh}) + \left( \frac{g}{2} (\psi + h) \right)^2 W_u W_u^+$$

$$+ \frac{1}{8} [g' B_u - g W_u^{(3)}] [g' B_u - g W_u^{(3)}] (\psi + h)^2$$

(and all  $g^a$  disappear)

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## Counting degrees of freedom

- Before SSB    1 complex scalar doublet = 4    } = 12  
                     4 massless gauge boson = 3

- After SSB    1 real scalar = 1    } = 12  
                     3 massive gauge bosons = 9  
                     1 massless    "    2

### ⑤ The Higgs boson

the Lag for the scalar in the unitary gauge

$$\mathcal{L} = (D^\mu \phi_0)^+ (D_\mu \phi_0) - V(\phi_0) =$$

$$\text{with } (D^\mu \phi_0)^+ (D_\mu \phi_0) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu h) (\partial_\mu^h) + M_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^\mu (1 + \frac{h}{f})^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_Z^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu (1 + \frac{h}{f})^2$$

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 (v+h)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} (v+h)^4$$

$$= h \left( \cancel{\mu^2 v^2 + \lambda v^3} \right) + h^2 \underbrace{\left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} + 6\lambda v^2 \right)}_{-\mu^2 = 1/\mu^2} + \lambda h^3 v + \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 v^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} v^4 = - \frac{\lambda v^4}{4} \equiv V_{\min}$$

So altogether the lag for the higgs boson  $h(x)$  (30)

$$\mathcal{L}_h = \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_\mu h)^2 + 2\mu^2 h^2] \rightarrow \text{massive real scalar with mass } m_h = \sqrt{-2\mu^2} = \sqrt{2\lambda} v.$$

$$+ h W_\mu^+ W^\mu \frac{2M_W^2}{v} \equiv g M_W \rightarrow \text{vertex} \quad \begin{array}{c} h \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ W^+ \quad W^- \end{array} \quad -i \frac{2M_W^2}{v} g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= -ig M_W g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$+ h^2 W_\mu^+ W^\mu \frac{M_W^2}{v^2} \frac{g^2}{4} \rightarrow \text{vertex} \quad \begin{array}{c} h \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ W^+ \quad W^- \end{array} \quad -i \frac{g^2}{2} g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$+ h Z_\mu Z^\mu \frac{M_Z^2}{v} \equiv 2g M_Z \frac{1}{c_W} \rightarrow \text{vertex} \quad \begin{array}{c} h \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ Z^+ \quad Z^- \end{array} \quad -i \frac{2M_Z^2}{v} g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= -i \frac{g}{c_W} M_Z g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$+ h^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu \frac{M_Z^2}{2v^2} \rightarrow \text{vertex} \quad \begin{array}{c} h \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ Z^+ \quad Z^- \end{array} \quad -i \frac{g_Z^2}{2} g^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$- h^3 \lambda v \rightarrow \text{vertex} \quad \begin{array}{c} h \quad h \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ h \quad h \end{array} \quad -i 6 \lambda v$$

$$= -i 3 \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2}} m_h$$

$$- h^4 \frac{\lambda}{4} \rightarrow \text{''} \quad \begin{array}{c} h \quad h \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ h \quad h \end{array} \quad -i 6 \lambda$$

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How about fermion masses?

We saw that we could not construct a fermion mass term because

$$m_f \bar{f} f = m_f (\bar{f}_L f_R + \bar{f}_R f_L) \text{ not } \text{SU}(2)_L \text{ gauge int}$$

But now we have another  $\text{SU}(2)_L$  doublet  $\bar{\Phi}$   
so we can build

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = & -\lambda_e \bar{e}_L \bar{\Phi} e_R - \lambda_d \bar{Q}_L \bar{\Phi} d_R \\ & - \lambda_u \bar{Q}_L (i\nabla_2 \bar{\Phi}) u_R + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

which is  $\text{SU}(2)_L$  gauge inv.

In the unitary gauge

$$\lambda_e \bar{e}_L \phi_0 e_R + \text{h.c.} = \frac{\lambda_e}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{e}_L \bar{e}_L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+h \end{pmatrix} e_R + \text{h.c.}$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_e v}{\sqrt{2}}}_{m_e} \underbrace{(\bar{e}_L e_R + \text{h.c.})}_{\bar{e} \cdot e} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_e}{\sqrt{2}} h}_{\frac{m_e}{v}} \underbrace{(\bar{e}_L e_R + \text{h.c.})}_{\bar{e} \bar{e}}$$

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As we have seen

$$M_W = \frac{1}{2} g v$$

$$M_Z = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g v}{\cos \theta_W}$$

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g}{8 M_W^2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = g^2 \frac{\sin^2 \theta_W}{4\pi}$$

$$Q^2_{L,R} = \pm \frac{1}{2} - Q^2 \sin^2 \theta_W$$

f.e.



Redundant ways to measure 3 independent quantities

$g, v, \cos \theta_W$  f.e.

so we can check loop contributions which depend on  $M_H$ .



connects the relation between  $M_W$  and  $M_Z$   
 $\Rightarrow$  measuring both very precisely we can get  
 induct inf of  $M_H$ .