

# Field Theory and Standard Model

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- fields and Lagrangian formalism accommodate
  - symmetries:
    - space–time symmetry: Lorentz invariance
    - internal symmetries (e.g. gauge symmetries)
  - causality
  - local interactions

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*merging space-time and quantum aspects:*

### Quantum Field Theory

fields are operators that create/annihilate particles

# Outline

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# Notations and Conventions

$$\mu, \nu, \dots = 0, 1, 2, 3; \quad k, l, \dots = 1, 2, 3$$

$$x = (x^\mu) = (x^0, \vec{x}), \quad x^0 = t \quad (\hbar = c = 1)$$

$$p = (p^\mu) = (p^0, \vec{p}), \quad p^0 = E = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}$$

$$a_\mu = g_{\mu\nu} a^\nu, \quad (g_{\mu\nu}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a^2 = a_\mu a^\mu, \quad a \cdot b = a_\mu b^\mu = a^0 b^0 - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} = g_{\mu\nu} \partial^\nu, \quad \partial^\nu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\nu} \quad [ \partial^0 = \partial_0, \quad \partial^k = -\partial_k ]$$

$$\square = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \Delta$$

# **1. Elements of Quantum Field Theory**

# Fields in the Standard Model

- spin 0 particles: scalar fields  $\phi(x)$
- spin 1 particles: vector fields  $A_\mu(x), \mu = 0, \dots, 3$

- spin 1/2 fermions: spinor fields  $\psi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \\ \psi_4 \end{pmatrix}$

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)$  Lorentz invariant

Action:  $S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\phi(x), \dots)$  Lorentz invariant

Hamilton's principle:  $\delta S = 0 \Rightarrow e.o.m.$  Lorentz covariant

free fields:  $\mathcal{L}$  is quadratic in the fields  $\Rightarrow$  e.o.m. are linear diff. eqs.

equations of motions from  $\delta S = S[\phi + \delta\phi] - S[\phi] = 0$   
⇒ Euler-Lagrange equations

- mechanics of particles:  $L(q_1, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_n)$

e.o.m.  $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0$

- field theory:  $q_i \rightarrow \phi(x), \quad \dot{q}_i \rightarrow \partial_\mu \phi(x)$

e.o.m.  $\partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \phi)} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad \text{field eq.}$

example: scalar field  $\phi(x), \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2$

field equation  $\square \phi + m^2 \phi = 0$

solution  $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int \frac{d^3 k}{2k^0} [a(k) e^{-ikx} + a(k)^\dagger e^{ikx}]$

# Scalar field [ spin 0 , mass m ]

neutral:  $\phi = \phi^+$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi) (\partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2$

charged:  $\phi \neq \phi^+$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \phi)^+ (\partial^\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^+ \phi$

$$SS = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{e.o.m.}} \boxed{(\square + m^2) \phi = 0} \quad \text{Klein-Gordon-Eq.}$$

Propagator (= Green's function):  $D(x-y)$

consider point-like source at  $y$ :

$$(\square + m^2) D(x-y) = \delta^4(x-y)$$

Fourier-Transf.

$$\begin{aligned} (-k^2 + m^2) D(k) &= 1 \\ D(k) &= \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

$x^0 > y^0$ : particle  $y \rightarrow x$

$y^0 > x^0$ : anti-particle  $x \rightarrow y$

causality



arrow = flow  
of particle charge

# Vector field [Spin 1, mass $m \neq 0$ ]

"massive photon"

$$A_\mu(x) \quad (\mu=0, \dots, 3), \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \quad \text{field strength tensor}$$

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

$$SS=0 \xrightarrow{\text{e.o.m}} \left[ \underbrace{(\square + m^2) g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu}_{=: K^{\mu\nu}} \right] A_\nu = 0$$

solutions:  $\sim \varepsilon_\mu e^{ikx}$ , with  $\varepsilon \cdot k = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon^2 = -1$

3 independent polarization vectors  $\varepsilon_\mu^{(\lambda)}(k)$  ( $\lambda=1,2,3$ )

polarization sum:

$$\boxed{\sum_{\lambda=1}^3 \varepsilon_\mu^{(\lambda)} \varepsilon_\nu^{(\lambda)} = -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{m^2}}$$

- propagator = Green's function  $\mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}(x-y)$   
propagation of field from point-like source at  $y$

$$K^{\mu\rho} \mathcal{D}_{\rho\nu}(x-y) = g^{\mu\nu} \delta^4(x-y)$$

Fourier transformation:  $\mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}(k) e^{ik(x-y)}$

$$K^{\mu\nu} = (\square + m^2) g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu \rightarrow (-k^2 + m^2) g^{\mu\nu} + k^\mu k^\nu$$

→ algebraic equation:  $[-k^2 + m^2] \mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}(k) = g^{\mu\nu}$

solution [with  $+i\epsilon$  convention → causality]

$i \mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}(k) = \frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \left( -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{m^2} \right)$

on mass  
 $k$

Vector field for mass  $m=0$  (photon)

$A_\mu(x)$  4-potential.  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

e.o.m.  $\underbrace{(\square g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu)}_{=K^{\mu\nu}} A_\nu = 0$  (Maxwell's eqs.)

- 2 physical solutions  $\sim \epsilon_\mu^{(\lambda)} e^{\pm i k x}$  with  $\epsilon \cdot k = 0$ ,  $\vec{\epsilon} \cdot \vec{k} = 0$   
transverse polarization
- unphysical solution:  $\epsilon_\mu \sim k_\mu$  longitudinal polarization

$$A_\mu(x) = k_\mu e^{\pm i k x} = \partial_\mu (\mp i \bar{e}^{\pm i k x}) = \partial_\mu \chi$$

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \chi \quad \text{gauge transformation}$$

$K^{\mu\nu} k_\nu = 0$  :  $k_\nu$  eigenvector with eigenvalue = 0,  $\det(K^{\mu\nu}) = 0$

$$(K^{\mu\nu})^{-1} \text{ does not exist} \rightarrow \text{propagator } K^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{D}_{\nu\rho} = g^\mu_\rho \quad ?$$

- reason: gauge invariance of  $\mathcal{L}$
- way out: break gauge invariance by  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}} = -\frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2 \quad \text{"gauge fixing term"}, \quad \xi \text{ real parameter (free)}$$

$$k^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow k^\mu$$

$\Rightarrow$  propagator:

$$iD_{\mu\nu}(k) = \frac{i}{q^2 + i\varepsilon} \left[ -g_{\mu\nu} + (1-\xi) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \right]$$

$$\xi = 1: \text{"Feynman gauge"} \sim \frac{-ig_{\mu\nu}}{q^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

Remark:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}}$  has no physical impact:  $\partial_\mu \leftrightarrow k_\mu$

photon couples to conserved current

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$$

## Dirac field

[ spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , mass  $m$  ]

- spinor:  $\psi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{adjoint spinor: } \bar{\psi} = \psi^+ \gamma^0 = (\psi_1^*, \psi_2^*, -\psi_3^*, -\psi_4^*)$

- Dirac matrices:  $\gamma^\mu (\mu=0,1,2,3)$ ,  $\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\gamma^k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_k \\ -\sigma_k & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

notation:  $\alpha = \alpha_\mu \gamma^\mu = \gamma^\mu \alpha_\mu$   $\sigma_k$ : Pauli matrices

- Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi$

- Dirac eq.  $\delta S = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{e.o.m.}} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi = 0$

- two types of solutions:

- $\nu(p) e^{-ipx}$ :  $(p-m)\nu(p)=0$

$$\xrightarrow[p \rightarrow]{}$$

particle

- $v(p) e^{ipx}$ :  $(p+m)v(p)=0$

$$\xrightarrow[p \leftarrow]{}$$

anti-particle

Propagator : point-like source at  $y \rightarrow S(x-y)$

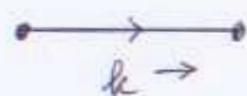
$$(i g^\mu \partial_\mu - m) S(x-y) = 1 \quad \delta^4(x-y) \xrightarrow{\text{Fourier Transf.}} (\not{k} - m) S(k) = 1$$

solution (with +ie convention):

$$iS(k) = \frac{i}{\not{k} - m + ie} = \frac{i(\not{k} + m)}{\not{k}^2 - m^2 + ie}$$

$$S(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} S(k) e^{ik(x-y)}$$

causality behaviour



arrow = direction of charge flow  
of the particle (momentum space)

$S(x-y)$  describes

- particle propagation from  $y \rightarrow x$  if  $y^0 < x^0$
- anti-particle propagation from  $x \rightarrow y$  if  $x^0 < y^0$

## Interaction

higher powers of fields in  $\mathcal{L}$  ( $> 2$ )

Example 1: Yukawa interaction

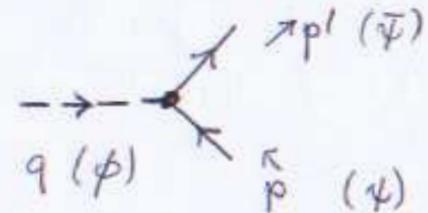
spinor  $\psi(x)$ , mass  $m$  + scalar  $\phi(x)$ , mass  $M$

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi}_{\text{free part, } \mathcal{L}_0} + \frac{i}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{1}{2}\phi^2 + g \underbrace{\bar{\psi}\psi\phi}_{\text{Lint}}$$

free part,  $\mathcal{L}_0$

$L_{int}$ ,  $g$ : coupling constant

graphical symbol for interaction: vertex



momentum conservation:

$$q = p^1 - p$$

Example 2:

QED

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spinor  $\psi(x)$ , mass m + vector  $A_\mu(x)$ , mass=0

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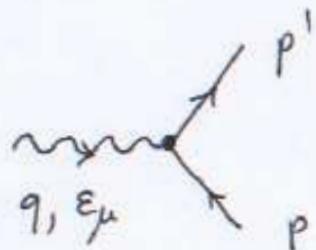
$$+ e \underbrace{\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi A_\mu}$$

$$L_{\text{int}} = j^\mu A_\mu$$

$$j^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi \quad \text{current}$$

e : coupling constant  
(charge)

vertex :



$$q = p' - p \quad \begin{matrix} \text{momentum} \\ \text{conservation} \end{matrix}$$

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## Feynman graphs

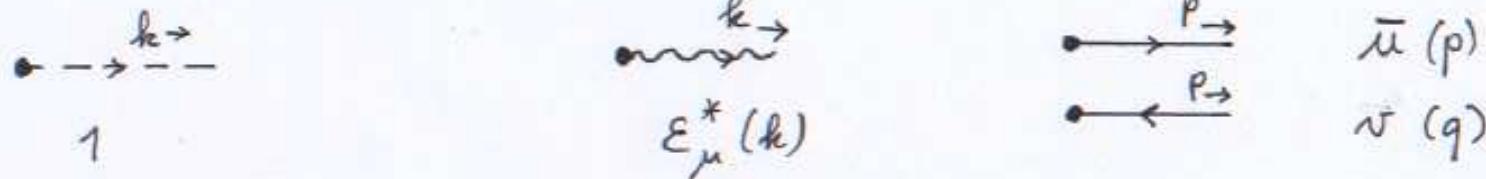
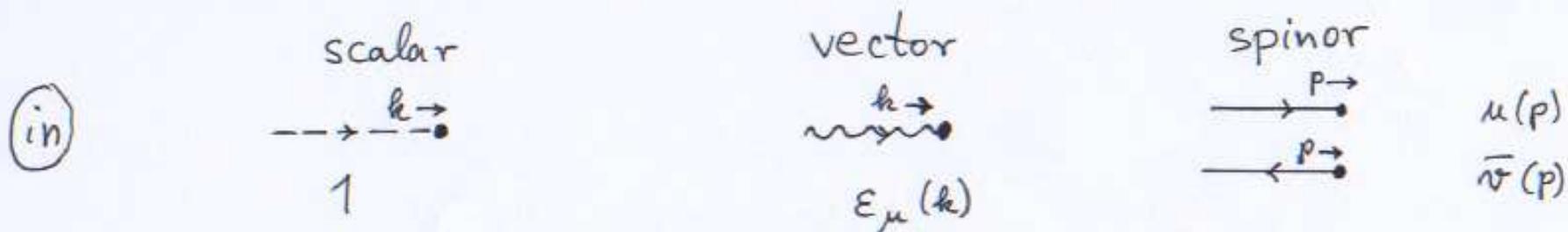
perturbation theory for scattering processes

= expansion in coupling constant(s)

$$\text{QED: } \alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{137} \quad \text{small} \quad (\alpha > \alpha^2 > \alpha^3 \dots)$$

- Feynman rules: (i) wave functions (ii) propagators (iii) vertices

(i) solution of field equations (e.o.m.) in momentum space



(ii) propagators from inhomogeneous wave eqs, point-like source

scalar



$k$

$$\frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

vector

momentum  
 $k$

$$\frac{i}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \left( -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{m^2} \right)$$

spinor



$k$

$$\frac{i(\not{k} + m)}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\frac{i}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \cdot (-g_{\mu\nu})$$

for  $m = 0$

(iii) vertices from Lint  $\rightarrow$  momentum space

Yukawa



$i g_1$

QED

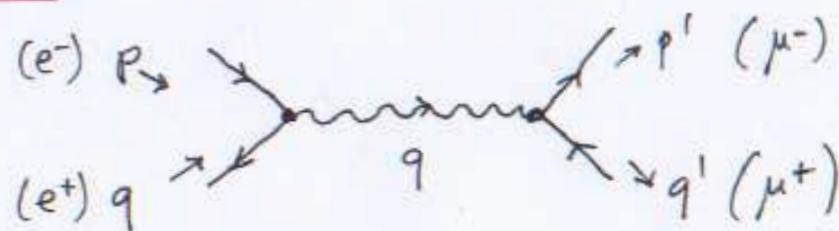


$i e g^\mu$

... (others)

- scattering amplitudes = S-matrix elements  
 $a_1 + a_2 \rightarrow b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n, \quad a \rightarrow b_1 + \dots + b_n$   
matrix element  $\langle b_1 \dots b_m | S | a_1 a_2 \rangle, \quad S = \lim_{\substack{t_0 \rightarrow -\infty \\ t \rightarrow \infty}} U(t, t_0)$   
 $= \langle f | S | i \rangle = S_{fi}$
- Feynman graphs  $\Rightarrow S_{fi}$  in given order of perturbation theory  
lowest order: connect in- and outgoing particles by minimum number of vertices and propagators

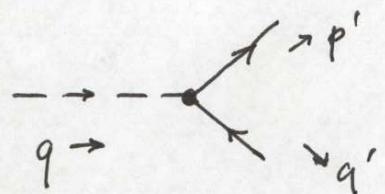
example (i) :  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  in QED



$$[q = p + q = p' + q']$$

$$\bar{v}(q) i \gamma^\mu u(p) \left( \frac{-i g_{\mu\nu}}{q^2 + i\varepsilon} \right) \bar{u}(p') i \gamma^\nu v(q') \sim e^2 = O(\alpha)$$

example (ii) :  $\phi^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}$  (scalar  $\phi^0$  decays to  $f\bar{f}$ )



$$q = p' + q', \quad q^2 = M^2$$

$M$  = mass of  $\phi^0$

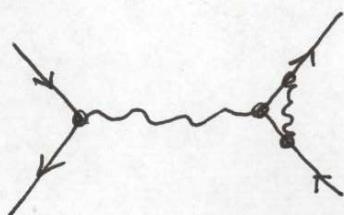
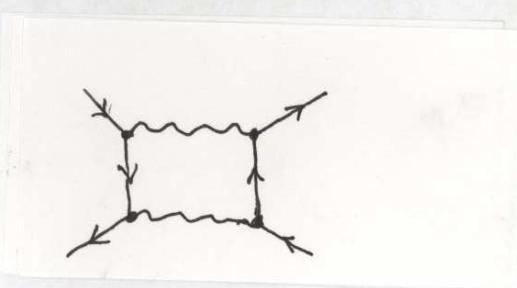
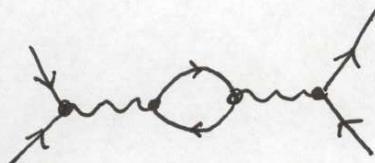
$$\bar{\mu}(p') \text{ i.e. } v(q') \sim q$$

Higher order:

Feynman graphs with *closed loops*

example :

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$



$$\sim e^4$$

## **2. Cross sections and decay widths**

## amplitudes

**scattering process:**  $a + b \rightarrow b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_n$

$$|a(p_a), b(p_b)\rangle = |i\rangle, \quad |b_1(p_1), \dots, b_n(p_n)\rangle = |f\rangle$$

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for  $i \neq f$ :  $|S_{fi}|^2 = (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(P_i - P_f) |\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2 (2\pi)^{-3(n+2)}$

$$P_i = p_a + p_b = P_f = p_1 + \cdots + p_n \quad \text{momentum conservation}$$

factors  $(2\pi)^{-3}$  from wave function normalization  
(plane waves)

$\mathcal{M}_{fi}$  from Feynman graphs and rules

probability for scattering into phase space element  $d\Phi$ :

$$dw_{fi} = |S_{fi}|^2 d\Phi, \quad d\Phi = \frac{d^3 p_1}{2p_1^0} \dots \frac{d^3 p_n}{2p_n^0}$$

$$\frac{d^3 p_i}{2p_i^0} = d^4 p_i \delta(p_i^2 - m_i^2) \quad \text{Lorentz invariant phase space}$$

differential cross section:

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## special case: 2-particle phase space

$$a + b \rightarrow b_1 + b_2, \quad a \rightarrow b_1 + b_2$$

- cross section

*in the CMS,*  $\vec{p}_a + \vec{p}_b = 0 = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 s} \frac{|\vec{p}_1|}{|\vec{p}_a|} |\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2$$

$$d\Omega = d\cos\theta d\phi, \quad \theta = <(\vec{p}_a, \vec{p}_1)$$

$$s = (p_a + p_b)^2 = E_{\text{CMS}}^2$$

- decay rate

*for final state masses*  $m_1 = m_2 = m$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 m_a} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{m_a^2}} |\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2$$

### **3. Gauge theories**

## 3.1 Abelian gauge theories – QED

free fermion field  $\psi$  (for  $e^\pm$ ), described by Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi$$

- $\mathcal{L}_0$  is invariant under global transformations

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow \psi'(x) = e^{i\alpha} \psi(x) \quad \text{with } \alpha \text{ real, arbitrary}$$

group:  $U(1)$ , global  $U(1)$

**global gauge symmetry**

- $\mathcal{L}_0$  is not invariant under local transformations

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow \psi'(x) = \underbrace{e^{i\alpha(x)}}_{U(x)} \psi(x)$$

invariance is obtained by “minimal substitution”

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ieA_\mu \quad \text{covariant derivative}$$

under the combined transformations

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow \psi'(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)} \psi(x) \equiv U(x) \psi(x)$$

$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \alpha(x)$$

### local gauge transformations

group: local  $U(1)$ , Abelian:  $e^{i\alpha_1}e^{i\alpha_2} = e^{i\alpha_2}e^{i\alpha_1}$

basic property:

$$D'_\mu \psi' = U(x) D_\mu \psi$$

$$\underbrace{(\partial_\mu - ieA'_\mu)}_{D'_\mu} \underbrace{U(x)\psi(x)}_{\psi'} = U(x) \underbrace{(\partial_\mu - ieA_\mu)}_{D_\mu} \psi$$

$$D'_\mu$$

$$\psi'$$

$$D_\mu \psi$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  is invariant under local gauge transformations:

$$\mathcal{L}' = \overline{\psi'} (i\gamma^\mu D'_\mu - m) \psi' = \overline{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m) \psi = \mathcal{L}$$

proof with  $\overline{\psi'} = \overline{U\psi} = \overline{\psi} U^* = \overline{\psi} U^{-1}$  and  $D'_\mu \psi' = U D_\mu \psi$

The invariant Lagrangian contains a new vector field  $A_\mu$  which couples to the electromagnetic current:

$$\mathcal{L} = \overline{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m) \psi = \mathcal{L}_0 + e \overline{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi A_\mu = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{int}$$

local gauge invariance determines the interaction

$A_\mu$  not yet a dynamical field  $\Rightarrow$  add  $\mathcal{L}_A$  (invariant!)

$$\mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} (+\mathcal{L}_{fix}) \quad \text{free photon field}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QED} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_A + \mathcal{L}_{int}$$

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## 3.2 Non-Abelian gauge theories

Generalization: “phase” transformations that do not commute

$$\psi \rightarrow \psi' = U\psi \quad \text{with} \quad U_1 U_2 \neq U_2 U_1$$

requires **matrices**, i.e.  $\psi$  is a multiplet

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = n \times n \text{-matrix}$$

each  $\psi_k = \psi_k(x)$  is a Dirac spinor

### (i) global symmetry

starting point:  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \bar{\psi} i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi$

where  $\bar{\psi} = (\bar{\psi}_1, \dots, \bar{\psi}_n)$

consider unitary matrices:  $U^\dagger = U^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi' &= U\psi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\psi}' = \bar{\psi} U^\dagger = \bar{\psi} U^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\psi}' \psi' &= \bar{\psi} \psi, \quad \bar{\psi}' \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi' = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi\end{aligned}$$

*if  $U$  does not depend on  $x$*

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0$  is invariant under  $\psi \rightarrow U\psi$

*$U$ : global gauge transformation*

similar for

scalar fields:

$$\phi \rightarrow \psi' = U\phi, \quad \phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_n \end{pmatrix}$$

each  $\phi_k = \phi_k(x)$  is a scalar field,  $\phi^\dagger = (\phi_1^\dagger, \dots, \phi_n^\dagger)$

terms  $\phi^\dagger \phi, (\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi)$  are invariant

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 = (\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi)$  is invariant

relevant in physics:

*the special unitary  $n \times n$ -matrices with  $\det=1$*

group  $SU(n)$

examples:

$$SU(2) : \quad \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad e.g. \quad \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\nu \\ \psi_e \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{isospin}$$

$$SU(3) : \quad \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad e.g. \quad \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_r \\ \psi_g \\ \psi_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{colour}$$

$SU(n)$

matrices  $U$  can be written as exponentials

$$U(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) = e^{i\theta_a T_a} \quad \text{sum over } a = 1, \dots, n$$

$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N$  : real parameters

$T_1, \dots, T_N$  :  $n \times n$ -matrices, generators,  $T_a^\dagger = T_a$

infinitesimal  $\theta$  :  $U = \mathbf{1} + i\theta_a T_a \quad (+O(\theta^2))$

N-dimensional Lie Group

det=1 and unitarity  $\Rightarrow$   $N = n^2 - 1$

$n = 2$  :  $N = 3$ ,  $n = 3$  :  $N = 8$

commutators     $[T_a, T_b] \neq 0$     non-Abelian

$$[T_a, T_b] = i f_{abc} T_c$$

*Lie Algebra*

$f_{abc}$  : real numbers, **structure constants**

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$$\lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \dots$$

## (ii) local symmetry

now:  $\Theta_a = \Theta_a(x)$ ,  $a = 1, \dots, N$  real functions

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\Theta_1(x), \dots, \Theta_N(x)) \psi(x) &= \mathcal{U}(x) \psi(x) \\ &= \psi'(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\psi'(x) = \mathcal{U}(x) \psi(x) \Rightarrow \overline{\psi'(x)} = \bar{\psi}(x) \mathcal{U}^{-1}(x)$$

$$\text{but: } \partial_\mu \psi'(x) = \partial_\mu (\mathcal{U}(x) \psi(x)) \neq \mathcal{U}(x) \partial_\mu \psi(x)$$

$$\text{no symmetry of } \mathcal{L}_0 = \bar{\psi} i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi$$

strategy: invent covariant derivative  $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu$

require

$$\boxed{D'_\mu \psi'(x) = \mathcal{U}(x) D_\mu \psi(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\psi}' i \gamma^\mu D'_\mu \psi' = \bar{\psi} \mathcal{U}^{-1} i \gamma^\mu \mathcal{U} D_\mu \psi = \bar{\psi} i \gamma^\mu D_\mu \psi \underset{\text{inv.}}{=}$$

same for scalar fields :

$$\partial_\mu \phi \rightarrow D_\mu \phi$$

$$D'_\mu \phi' = u(x) D_\mu \phi \Rightarrow (D'_\mu \phi')^+ = (D_\mu \phi)^+ u^{-1}(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (D'_\mu \phi')^+ (D'^\mu \phi') = (D_\mu \phi)^+ (D^\mu \phi) = \mathcal{L}_0 \text{ invariant}$$

• how does  $D_\mu$  look like?

must involve **vector field**, must be a **matrix**

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig W_\mu(x)$$

$g$ : constant

$W_\mu$ :  $n \times n$ -matrix

expand in terms of generators  $T_a$ :

$$W_\mu(x) = T_a W_\mu^a(x) \quad [\text{sum over } a=1, \dots, N]$$

contains  $N$  vector fields  $W_\mu^a(x)$ : gauge fields

SU(2):  $W_\mu^1, W_\mu^2, W_\mu^3$

SU(3):  $W_\mu^1, \dots, W_\mu^8$

• how does  $W_\mu(x)$  resp.  $D_\mu$  transform?

condition:  $D_\mu' \psi' = u(x) D_\mu \psi$  with  $D_\mu' = \partial_\mu - ig W_\mu'$

$$(\partial_\mu - ig W_\mu') u \psi = u (\partial_\mu - ig W_\mu) \psi \quad \text{for all } \psi$$

fulfilled if

$$W_\mu' = u W_\mu u^{-1} - \frac{i}{g} (\partial_\mu u) u^{-1}$$

\*  $\psi \rightarrow \psi' = u(x)$  and  $W_\mu \rightarrow W_\mu'$ : local gauge transformation

for infinitesimal  $\Theta$  (neglect  $\Theta^2, \dots$  terms):  $u = 1 + i\theta_a T_a$

$$* W_\mu'^a = \underbrace{W_\mu^a + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \theta_a}_{\text{as Abelian}} + \underbrace{f_{abc} W_\mu^b \theta_c}_{\text{new, non-Abelian}}$$

• substitution  $\partial_\mu \rightarrow \not{D}_\mu$  in  $\mathcal{L}_0$  induces interactions

Spin  $\frac{1}{2}$

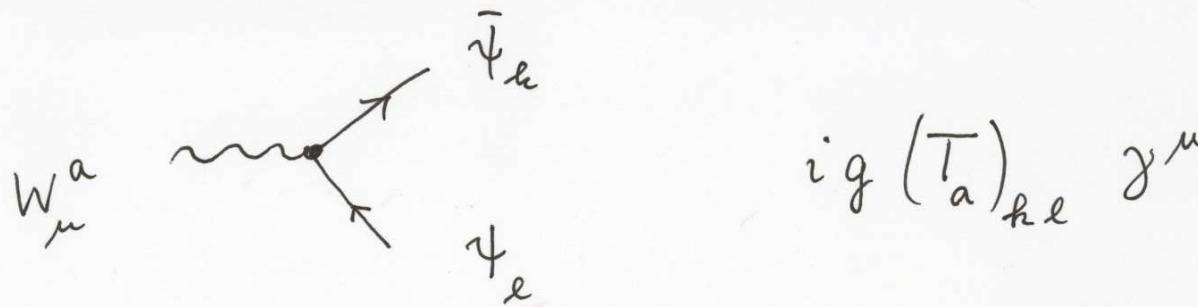
$$\mathcal{L}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 + \underbrace{g \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu w_\mu \psi}_{\text{Lint}} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \text{Lint}$$

$$= g (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu T_a \psi) \cdot W_\mu^a = g j_a^\mu W_\mu^a$$

$N$  currents  $j_a^\mu$

$$j_a^\mu = \bar{\psi}_k \gamma^\mu (T_a)_{kl} \psi_l = (\bar{\psi}_1, \dots, \bar{\psi}_N) \gamma^\mu T_a \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_N \end{pmatrix}$$

vertices:



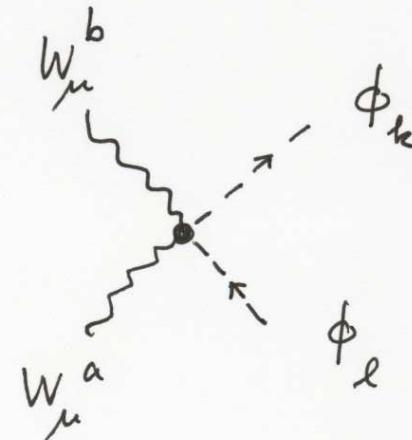
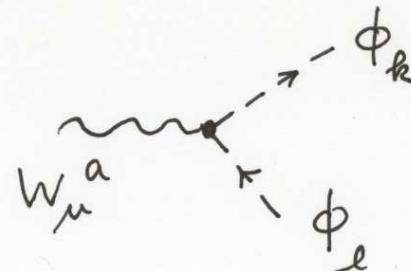
$$ig (T_a)_{kl} \gamma^\mu$$

Spin 0

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_0 &\rightarrow (\partial_\mu \phi)^+ (\partial^\mu \phi) \\ &= (\partial_\mu \phi - ig W_\mu \phi)^+ (\partial^\mu \phi - ig W^\mu \phi) \\ &= (\partial_\mu \phi)^+ (\partial^\mu \phi) + g \left( \phi^+ W_\mu \cdot i \partial^\mu \phi - i \partial_\mu \phi^+ \cdot W_\mu \phi \right) \\ &\quad + g^2 \phi^+ W_\mu W^\mu \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}_0 + \text{Lint}$$

vertices:



[note:  $i \partial_\mu \rightarrow p_\mu$  in momentum space  $\rightarrow$  Feynman rules]

• What is dynamics of  $W_\mu^a$  fields?

need: additional term  $\mathcal{L}_W \rightarrow$  e.o.m., propagators

naive:  $\sum_a (\partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a)^2$  ↴ not gauge invariant

$$\text{try: } F_{\mu\nu} = D_\mu w_\nu - D_\nu w_\mu = F_{\mu\nu}^a T_a$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \partial_\mu w_\nu - \partial_\nu w_\mu - ig [w_\mu, w_\nu] \\ &= \frac{i}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu] \end{aligned}$$

gauge transformation:  $w_\mu \rightarrow w'_\mu, D_\mu \rightarrow D'_\mu$

$$\Rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow F'_{\mu\nu} = U F_{\mu\nu} U^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr} (F'_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu}) = \text{Tr} (U F_{\mu\nu} U^{-1} U F^{\mu\nu} U^{-1}) = \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

gauge invariant

Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_W = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \sum_a F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a,\mu\nu}$$

Components of  $F_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a + g f_{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c$$

[ makes use of normalization  $\text{Tr}(T_a T_b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab}$  ]

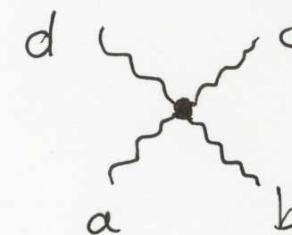
$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \text{"Abelian"} + \text{non-Abelian}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_W = \underbrace{(\text{quadratic})}_{\text{free part}} + \underbrace{(\text{cubic}) + (\text{quartic})}_{\text{tri- and quadri-linear interactions}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_W = -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu W_\nu{}^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu{}^a)^2$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} g f_{abc} (\partial_\mu W_\nu{}^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu{}^a) W^{b,\mu} W^{c,\nu}$$

$$-\frac{1}{4} g^2 f_{abc} f_{ade} W_\mu{}^b W_\nu{}^c W^{d,\mu} W^{e,\nu}$$



new type of couplings:

self-couplings of vector fields

- gauge couplings

$g$ : universal coupling constant

### 3.3. Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

each quark field  $q = u, d, \dots$  appears in 3 colours

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{red}{q} \\ \textcolor{green}{q} \\ \textcolor{blue}{q} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{\psi} = (\bar{q}, \bar{q}, \bar{q})$$

$$T_a = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_a \quad (a = 1, \dots, 8) \quad \textit{generators}$$

$$W_\mu^a \equiv G_\mu^a \quad \textit{8 gluon fields}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu G_\nu^a - \partial_\nu G_\mu^a + g_s f_{abc} G_\mu^b G_\nu^c \quad \textit{field strength}$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i g_s T_a G_\mu^a \quad \textit{covariant derivative}$$

$$g_s \quad \textit{coupling constant of strong interaction}, \quad \alpha_s = \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi}$$

# QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m) \psi + \mathcal{L}_G =$$

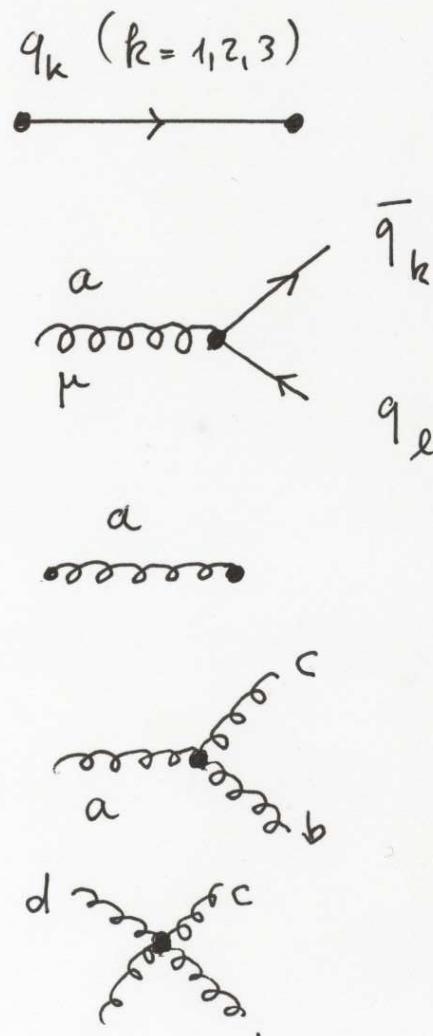
$$\bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu - m) \psi$$

$$+ g_s \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \psi G_\mu^a$$

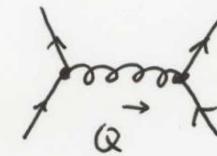
$$- \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\xi} \left( \partial_\mu G^{a,\mu} \right)^2}_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}}}$$

for  $\xi = 1$ :

$$- \frac{i g_{\mu\nu}}{k^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

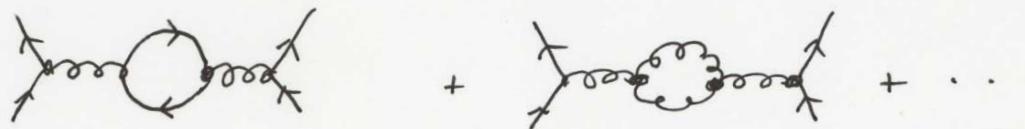


quark-quark interaction:



$$\sim \frac{g_s^2}{Q^2} = \frac{4\pi \alpha_s}{Q^2}$$

higher order:



self-energy

$$\Pi(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left( \frac{2}{3} n_f - 11 \right) \log Q^2 + \underbrace{\dots}_{\text{independ. of } Q^2}$$

$n_f = 5(6)$  number of flavours

summation:



$$\frac{\alpha_s}{Q^2} \left[ 1 + \Pi + \Pi^2 + \dots \right] = \frac{1}{Q^2} \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_s}{1 - \Pi(Q^2)}}_{\alpha_s(Q^2)}$$

running coupling

$\alpha_s$ : formal parameter of  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\alpha_s(Q_0^2)$  measurable at  $Q_0^2$

$\Rightarrow$  eliminate  $\alpha_s$  by  $\alpha_s(Q_0^2)$ , exp. input [ $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.12$ ]

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q_0^2)}{1 + \frac{\alpha_s(Q_0^2)}{4\pi} \underbrace{(11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f) \log \frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2}}_{=: \beta_0 > 0 \text{ for } n_f < \frac{33}{2}}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ for high } Q^2$$

fulfills diff. eq.

$$Q^2 \frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial Q^2} = -\frac{\beta_0}{4\pi} \alpha_s^2 \quad \text{RGE}$$

$$= \beta(\alpha_s) \quad \beta\text{-function}$$

in perturbation theory:

$$\beta(\alpha_s) = \underbrace{-\frac{\beta_0}{4\pi} \alpha_s^2}_{1\text{-loop}} - \underbrace{\frac{\beta_1}{(4\pi)^2} \alpha_s^3}_{2\text{-loop}} \dots$$

$$[\text{QED: } \beta_0 = -\frac{4}{3} \sum_f Q_f^2 < 0]$$

## **4. Higgs mechanism**

problem: weak interaction, gauge bosons are massive

mass terms  $\sim M^2 W_\mu^a W^{a,\mu}$  spoil local gauge invariance

- bad high energy behaviour of amplitudes and cross sections, conflict with unitarity

reason: longitudinal polarization  $\epsilon^\mu \simeq \frac{k^\mu}{M} \sim k^\mu$

- bad divergence of higher orders with loop diagrams

reason: propagators contain  $-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{M^2}$

$\Rightarrow$  additional powers of momenta in loop integration  
 $\Rightarrow$  spoil renormalizability

renormalizable theory:

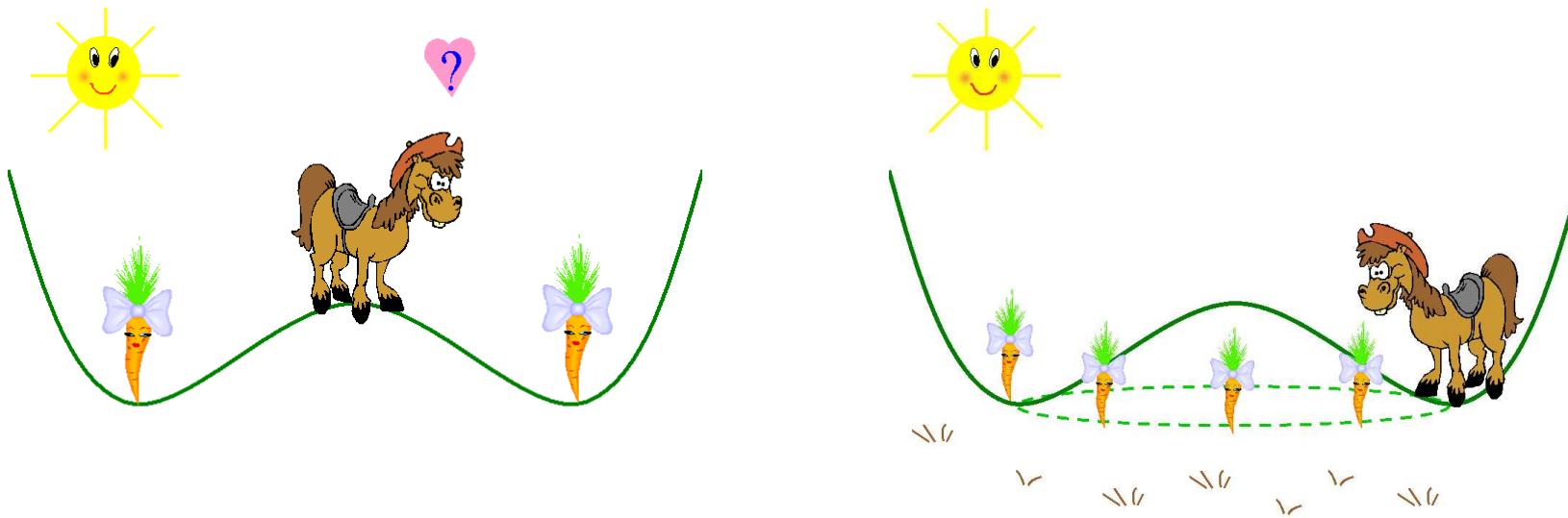
divergences can be absorbed into the parameters

gauge invariant theories are renormalizable

## 4.1 Spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB)

physical system: has a symmetry

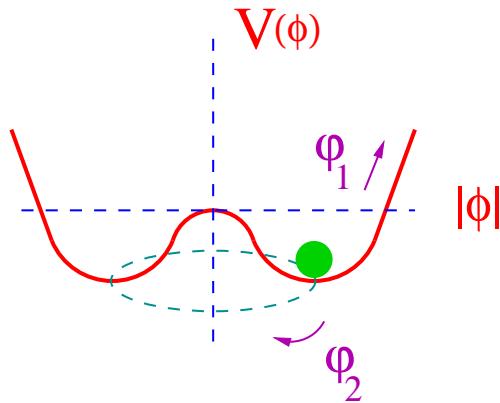
ground state: not symmetric



consider complex scalar field  $\phi \neq \phi^\dagger$

Lagrangian with interaction  $V$  (potential), minimum at  $\phi_0 = v$

$$\mathcal{L} = |\partial_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$$



$V = V(|\phi|)$  :  $\mathcal{L}$  symmetric under  $\phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \phi$ ,  $U(1)$

$v \neq 0$  :  $\phi'_0 = e^{i\alpha} v \neq \phi_0$  not symmetric

$V = V(|\phi'_0|) = V(|\phi_0|)$  : vacuum is degenerate

write  $\phi(x) = \eta(x) e^{i\theta(x)}$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\theta$  real

$V(|\phi|) = V(\eta)$ , minimum at  $\eta = v$ :  $V'(v) = 0$ ,  $V''(v) > 0$

expand around minimum:  $\eta(x) = v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} H(x)$

$$V(\eta) = \underbrace{V(v)}_{\text{const, drop}} + \frac{1}{2} V''(v) \cdot \frac{1}{2} H^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu H)(\partial^\mu H) - \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{2} V''(v) \right]}_{= m_H^2 > 0} \cdot \frac{1}{2} H^2 + v^2 (\partial_\mu \theta)(\partial^\mu \theta) + \dots$$

||  $H$ -field is massive

||  $\theta$ -field is massless, (no  $\theta^2$  term) "Goldstone field"

1 special case of Goldstone Theorem

## Goldstone Theorem (for non-Abelian case)

$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$  symmetric under  $\phi \rightarrow \phi' = e^{i\theta_a T_a} \phi$   
minimum at  $\phi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_n^0 \end{pmatrix}$

$T_a \phi_0 \neq 0$  for  $a = 1, \dots, K$  (spont. broken generators)

$T_a \phi_0 = 0$  for  $a = K+1, \dots, N$  (unbroken gen.)

$\Rightarrow$  there are  $K$  massless Goldstone fields

in QFT: fields describe Goldstone bosons  
(spin 0) with mass = 0

## 4.2. SSB in gauge theories

again scalar field  $\phi + \phi^\dagger$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_0$  symmetric under  $U(1)$

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = (\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi) - V(\phi) \quad \rightarrow \text{symmetric under } \underline{\text{local}} \ U(1)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{D}_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\mathcal{D}^\mu \phi) - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}, \quad \mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu - ie A_\mu$$

$$\left[ \text{as before: } \phi(x) = \eta(x) e^{i\Theta(x)}, \quad \eta(x) = v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Theta(x) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L} \text{ symmetric under } \begin{cases} \phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)} e^{i\Theta(x)} \eta(x) \\ A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \alpha(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{choose } \alpha(x) = -\Theta(x): \quad \phi'(x) = \eta(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi', A'_\mu) = [(\partial_\mu - ie A'_\mu) \eta]^2 - V(\eta) - \frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu} F'^{\mu\nu}$$

the massless  $\Theta$ -field has disappeared! (unphysical field)

$$\mathcal{L} = \left| \left( \partial_\mu - ieA'_\mu \right) \left( v + \frac{H}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right|^2 - \frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu}' F'^{\mu\nu} - V(\eta)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} F'_{\mu\nu}' F'^{\mu\nu} + v^2 e^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu + \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_\mu H)^2 - m_H^2 H^2] + \dots$$

massive A-field,  $M_A \sim v \cdot e$ 
neutral scalar,  
mass  $m_H \neq 0$ 
int.  
terms

in this special gauge: no Goldstone boson

unitary gauge

$$A_\mu \text{ propagator: } \frac{i}{k^2 - M_A^2 + i\varepsilon} \underbrace{\left( -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{M_A^2} \right)}_{\text{polarization sum of}}$$

3 polarization states

massive vector field without spoiling gauge symmetry of  $\mathcal{L}$

## two different gauges

properties	$\phi$ field	$A_\mu$ field
symmetry manifest	$H, \theta$	2 polarizations (transverse)
physics manifest	$H$	3 polarizations (2 transverse + 1 longitudinal)

$\theta$        $\rightarrow$       *longitudinal polarization of  $A_\mu$*

## **5. Electroweak interaction and Standard Model**

# preliminaries

Dirac matrices:  $\gamma^\mu$  ( $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$ ),  $\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu = 2 g^{\mu\nu}$

$\bar{\Gamma} = \gamma^0 (\Gamma)^\dagger \gamma^0$ ,  $\Gamma$  *any Dirac matrix oder product of matrices*

further Dirac matrix:  $\gamma_5 = \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\gamma_5 \gamma^\mu + \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 = 0, \quad \overline{\gamma_5} = -\gamma_5, \quad \gamma_5^2 = 1$$

chiral fermions:

$\psi^L = \frac{1-\gamma_5}{2} \psi$  *left-handed spinor, L-chiral spinor*

$\psi^R = \frac{1+\gamma_5}{2} \psi$  *right-handed spinor, R-chiral spinor*

*projectors on left/right chirality:*  $\omega_\pm = \frac{1 \pm \gamma_5}{2}$ ,  $(\omega_\pm)^2 = \omega_\pm$

## chiral currents:

$$\overline{\psi^L} \gamma^\mu \psi^L = \overline{\psi} \gamma^\mu \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \psi \equiv J_L^\mu \quad \text{left-handed current}$$

$$\overline{\psi^R} \gamma^\mu \psi^R = \overline{\psi} \gamma^\mu \frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} \psi \equiv J_R^\mu \quad \text{right-handed current}$$

$$J_V^\mu = \overline{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi = J_L^\mu + J_R^\mu \quad \text{vector current}$$

$$J_A^\mu = \overline{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi = -J_L^\mu + J_R^\mu \quad \text{axialvector current}$$

## mass term:

$$m \overline{\psi} \psi = m (\overline{\psi^L} \psi^R + \overline{\psi^R} \psi^L)$$

connects  $L$  and  $R$  !

symmetry group:  $SU(2)_I \times U(1)_Y$

$SU(2)_I$  : weak isospin, generators  $T_I^a = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^a$  for  $L$ ,  $= 0$  for  $R$

$U(1)_Y$  : weak hypercharge, generator  $Y$

$$T_I^3 + Y/2 = Q$$

Fermion content of the SM:

(ignoring possible right-handed neutrinos)

		$T_I^3$	$Q$
leptons:	$\Psi_L^L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^L \\ e^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu^L \\ \mu^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau^L \\ \tau^L \end{pmatrix},$	$+\frac{1}{2}$ $-\frac{1}{2}$	0 -1
	$\psi_l^R = e^R, \quad \mu^R, \quad \tau^R,$	0	-1
quarks:	$\Psi_Q^L = \begin{pmatrix} u^L \\ d^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} c^L \\ s^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} t^L \\ b^L \end{pmatrix},$	$+\frac{1}{2}$ $-\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{2}{3}$ $-\frac{1}{3}$
(Each quark exists in 3 colours!)	$\psi_u^R = u^R, \quad c^R, \quad t^R,$ $\psi_d^R = d^R, \quad s^R, \quad b^R,$	0 0	$+\frac{2}{3}$ $-\frac{1}{3}$

## gauge boson content

$SU(2)_I$  :    generators     $T_I^1, T_I^2, T_I^3$

gauge fields     $W_\mu^1, W_\mu^2, W_\mu^3$

also:     $W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^1 \pm i W_\mu^2), W_\mu^3$

$U(1)_Y$  :    generator     $Y$

gauge field     $B_\mu$

## Free Lagrangian of (still massless) fermions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{0,\text{ferm}} = i\overline{\psi_f} \not{\partial} \psi_f = i\overline{\Psi_L^L} \not{\partial} \Psi_L^L + i\overline{\Psi_Q^L} \not{\partial} \Psi_Q^L + i\overline{\psi_l^R} \not{\partial} \psi_l^R + i\overline{\psi_u^R} \not{\partial} \psi_u^R + i\overline{\psi_d^R} \not{\partial} \psi_d^R$$

## Minimal substitution:

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_2 T_I^a W_\mu^a + ig_1 \frac{1}{2} Y B_\mu = D_\mu^L \omega_- + D_\mu^R \omega_+,$$

$$D_\mu^L = \partial_\mu - \frac{ig_2}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W_\mu^+ \\ W_\mu^- & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} g_2 W_\mu^3 - g_1 Y^L B_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & -g_2 W_\mu^3 - g_1 Y^L B_\mu \end{pmatrix},$$

$$D_\mu^R = \partial_\mu + ig_1 \frac{1}{2} Y^R B_\mu$$

## Photon identification:

“rotation”:

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

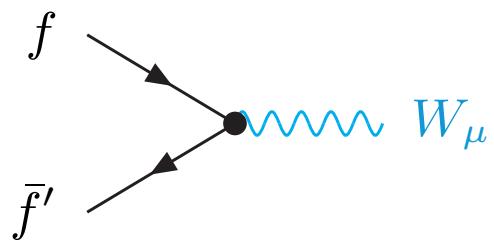
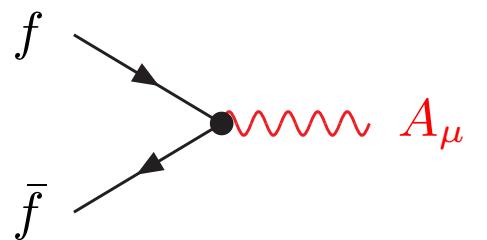
$$D_\mu^L \Big|_{A_\mu} = -\frac{i}{2} A_\mu \begin{pmatrix} -g_2 s_W - g_1 c_W Y^L & 0 \\ 0 & g_2 s_W - g_1 c_W Y^L \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} ie A_\mu \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

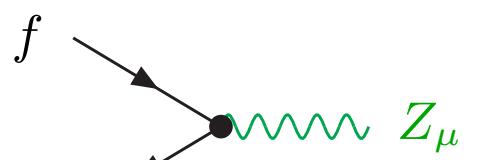
- charged difference in doublet  $Q_1 - Q_2 = 1 \rightarrow g_2 = \frac{e}{s_W}$
- normalize  $Y^{\text{L/R}}$  such that  $g_1 = \frac{e}{c_W}$   
 $\hookrightarrow Y$  fixed by “Gell-Mann–Nishijima relation”:  $Q = T_I^3 + \frac{Y}{2}$

## Fermion–gauge-boson interaction:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{ferm, YM}} = & \frac{e}{\sqrt{2}s_W} \overline{\Psi}_F^L \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W^+ \\ W^- & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Psi_F^L + \frac{e}{2c_W s_W} \overline{\Psi}_F^L \sigma^3 Z \Psi_F^L \\ & - e \frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f \overline{\psi}_f Z \psi_f - e Q_f \overline{\psi}_f A \psi_f \quad (f=\text{all fermions}, F=\text{all doublets}) \end{aligned}$$

Feynman rules:

	$\frac{ie}{\sqrt{2}s_W} \gamma_\mu \omega_-$		$-iQ_f e \gamma_\mu$
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	$i e \gamma_\mu (g_f^+ \omega_+ + g_f^- \omega_-) = i e \gamma_\mu (v_f - a_f \gamma_5)$
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with  $g_f^+ = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f, \quad g_f^- = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f + \frac{T_{I,f}^3}{c_W s_W},$

$$v_f = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f + \frac{T_{I,f}^3}{2c_W s_W}, \quad a_f = \frac{T_{I,f}^3}{2c_W s_W}$$

## gauge field Lagrangian (Yang-Mills Lagrangian)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

Field-strength tensors:

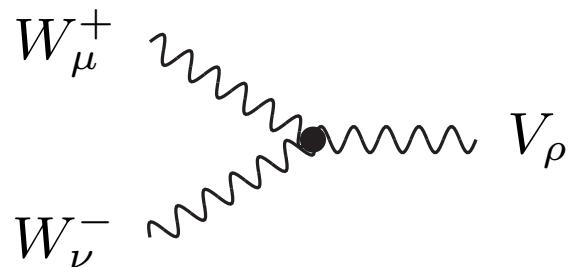
$$W_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a + g_2 \epsilon^{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$$

Lagrangian in terms of “physical” fields:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = & -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu W_\nu^+ - \partial_\nu W_\mu^+)(\partial^\mu W^{-,\nu} - \partial^\nu W^{-,\mu}) \\ & - \frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu Z_\nu - \partial_\nu Z_\mu)(\partial^\mu Z^\nu - \partial^\nu Z^\mu) - \frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)(\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) \\ & + (\text{trilinear interaction terms involving } AW^+W^-, ZW^+W^-) \\ & + (\text{quadrilinear interaction terms involving } \\ & \quad AAW^+W^-, AZW^+W^-, ZZW^+W^-, W^+W^-W^+W^-) \end{aligned}$$

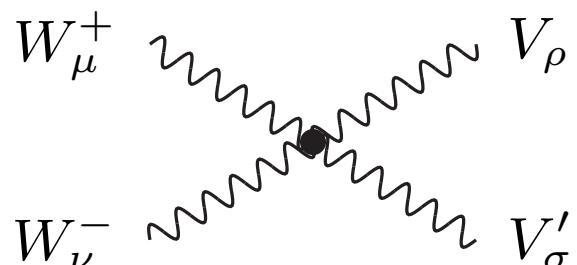
## Feynman rules for gauge-boson self-interactions:

(fields and momenta incoming)



$$ieC_{WWV} \left[ g_{\mu\nu}(k_+ - k_-)_\rho + g_{\nu\rho}(k_- - k_V)_\mu + g_{\rho\mu}(k_V - k_+)_\nu \right]$$

$$\text{with } C_{WW\gamma} = 1, \quad C_{WWZ} = -\frac{c_W}{s_W}$$



$$ie^2 C_{WWVV'} \left[ 2g_{\mu\nu}g_{\rho\sigma} - g_{\mu\rho}g_{\sigma\nu} - g_{\mu\sigma}g_{\nu\rho} \right]$$

$$\text{with } C_{WW\gamma\gamma} = -1, \quad C_{WW\gamma Z} = \frac{c_W}{s_W},$$

$$C_{WWZZ} = -\frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2}, \quad C_{WWWW} = \frac{1}{s_W^2}$$

# Higgs mechanism $\Rightarrow$ masses of W and Z bosons

spontaneous breaking  $SU(2)_I \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_Q$   
 unbroken em. gauge symmetry, massless photon

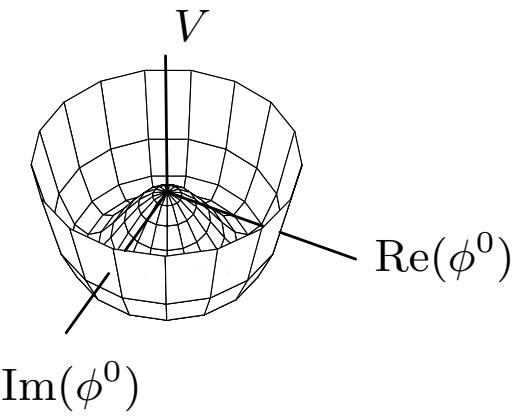
Minimal scalar sector with complex scalar doublet  $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}, Y_\Phi = 1$

Scalar self-interaction via Higgs potential:

$$V(\Phi) = -\mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2, \quad \mu^2, \lambda > 0,$$

$= SU(2)_I \times U(1)_Y$  symmetric

$$V(\Phi) = \text{minimal for } |\Phi| = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu^2}{\lambda}} \equiv \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} > 0$$



ground state  $\Phi_0$  (=vacuum expectation value of  $\Phi$ ) not unique

specific choice  $\Phi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$  not gauge invariant  $\Rightarrow$  spontaneous symmetry breaking

elmg. gauge invariance unbroken, since  $Q\Phi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Phi_0 = 0$

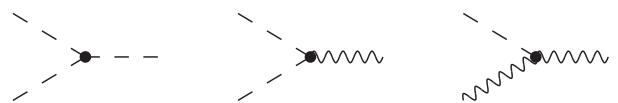
Field excitations in  $\Phi$ :

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+(x) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + H(x) + i\chi(x)) \end{pmatrix}$$

Gauge-invariant Lagrangian of Higgs sector:  $(\phi^- = (\phi^+)^{\dagger})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_H &= (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) - V(\Phi) \quad \text{with } D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_2 \frac{\sigma^a}{2} W_\mu^a + i \frac{g_1}{2} B_\mu \\ &= (\partial_\mu \phi^+) (\partial^\mu \phi^-) - \frac{iev}{2s_W} (W_\mu^+ \partial^\mu \phi^- - W_\mu^- \partial^\mu \phi^+) + \frac{e^2 v^2}{4s_W^2} W_\mu^+ W^{-,\mu} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \chi)^2 + \frac{ev}{2c_W s_W} Z_\mu \partial^\mu \chi + \frac{e^2 v^2}{4c_W^2 s_W^2} Z^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial H)^2 - \mu^2 H^2 \end{aligned}$$

+ (trilinear  $SSS$ ,  $SSV$ ,  $SVV$  interactions)



+ (quadrilinear  $SSSS$ ,  $SSVV$  interactions)



Implications:

- gauge-boson masses:  $M_W = \frac{ev}{2s_W}$ ,  $M_Z = \frac{ev}{2c_W s_W} = \frac{M_W}{c_W}$ ,  $M_\gamma = 0$
- physical Higgs boson  $H$ :  $M_H = \sqrt{2\mu^2}$  = free parameter
- would-be Goldstone bosons  $\phi^\pm, \chi$ : unphysical degrees of freedom

## Fermion masses

fermions in chiral representations of gauge symmetry

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad e_R \quad \Rightarrow \text{mass term } m_e (\bar{e}_L e_R + \bar{e}_R e_L) = m_e \bar{e} e$$

not gauge invariant

solution of the SM: introduce Yukawa interaction

= new interaction of fermions with the Higgs field

gauge invariant interaction,  $g$  = Yukawa coupling constant

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = g [\bar{\psi}^L \Phi e_R + \bar{e}_R \Phi^\dagger \psi^L]$$

most transparent in unitary gauge

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H \end{pmatrix}$$

apply to the first lepton generation

$$\psi^L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_R :$$

$$\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ (\overline{\nu}_L, \overline{e}_L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + H \end{pmatrix} e_R + \overline{e}_R (0, v + H) \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} v}_{m_e} [\overline{e}_L e_R + \overline{e}_R e_L] + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} H [\overline{e}_L e_R + \overline{e}_R e_L]$$

$$m_e$$

$$= m_e \overline{e} e + \frac{m_e}{v} H \overline{e} e$$

## 3 generations of leptons and quarks

Lagrangian for Yukawa couplings:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -\overline{\Psi_L^L} G_l \psi_l^R \Phi - \overline{\Psi_Q^L} G_u \psi_u^R \tilde{\Phi} - \overline{\Psi_Q^L} G_d \psi_d^R \Phi + \text{h.c.}$$

- $G_l, G_u, G_d = 3 \times 3$  matrices in 3-dim. space of generations ( $\nu$  masses ignored)
- $\tilde{\Phi} = i\sigma^2 \Phi^* = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^0 \\ -\phi^- \end{pmatrix}$  = charge conjugate Higgs doublet,  $Y_{\tilde{\Phi}} = -1$

Fermion mass terms:

mass terms = bilinear terms in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}}$ , obtained by setting  $\Phi \rightarrow \Phi_0$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{m_f} = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi_l^L} G_l \psi_l^R - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi_u^L} G_u \psi_u^R - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi_d^L} G_d \psi_d^R + \text{h.c.}$$

→ diagonalization by unitary field transformations  $(f = l, u, d)$

$$\hat{\psi}_f^{\text{L/R}} \equiv U_f^{\text{L/R}} \psi_f^{\text{L/R}} \quad \text{such that} \quad \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} U_f^{\text{L}} G_f (U_f^{\text{R}})^{\dagger} = \text{diag}(m_f)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{standard form: } \mathcal{L}_{m_f} = -m_f \overline{\hat{\psi}_f^{\text{L}}} \hat{\psi}_f^{\text{R}} + \text{h.c.} = -m_f \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} \hat{\psi}_f$$

## Quark mixing:

- $\psi_f$  correspond to eigenstates of the gauge interaction
- $\hat{\psi}_f$  correspond to mass eigenstates,  
for **massless neutrinos** define  $\hat{\psi}_\nu^L \equiv U_l^L \psi_\nu^L \rightarrow$  no lepton-flavour changing

Yukawa and gauge interactions in terms of mass eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = & -\frac{\sqrt{2}m_l}{v} \left( \phi^+ \overline{\hat{\psi}_l^L} \hat{\psi}_l^R + \phi^- \overline{\hat{\psi}_l^R} \hat{\psi}_l^L \right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}m_u}{v} \left( \phi^+ \overline{\hat{\psi}_u^R} V \hat{\psi}_d^L + \phi^- \overline{\hat{\psi}_d^L} V^\dagger \hat{\psi}_u^R \right) \\ & - \frac{\sqrt{2}m_d}{v} \left( \phi^+ \overline{\hat{\psi}_u^L} V \hat{\psi}_d^R + \phi^- \overline{\hat{\psi}_d^R} V^\dagger \hat{\psi}_u^L \right) - \frac{m_f}{v} i \operatorname{sgn}(T_{I,f}^3) \chi \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} \gamma_5 \hat{\psi}_f \\ & - \frac{m_f}{v} (v + H) \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} \hat{\psi}_f, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{ferm, YM}} = & \frac{e}{\sqrt{2}s_W} \overline{\hat{\Psi}_L^L} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W^+ \\ W^- & 0 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\psi}_L^L + \frac{e}{\sqrt{2}s_W} \overline{\hat{\Psi}_Q^L} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & VW^+ \\ V^\dagger W^- & 0 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\psi}_Q^L \\ & + \frac{e}{2c_W s_W} \overline{\hat{\Psi}_F^L} \sigma^3 \not{Z} \hat{\Psi}_F^L - e \frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} \not{Z} \hat{\psi}_f - e Q_f \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} \not{A} \hat{\psi}_f \end{aligned}$$

- only charged-current coupling of quarks modified by  $V = U_u^L (U_d^L)^\dagger = \text{unitary}$   
(Cabibbo–Kobayashi–Maskawa (CKM) matrix)
- Higgs–fermion coupling strength =  $\frac{m_f}{v}$

## Features of the CKM mixing:

- $V$  = 3-dim. generalization of Cabibbo matrix  $U_C$
- $V$  is parametrized by 4 free parameters: 3 real angles, 1 complex phase  
→ **complex phase is the only source of CP violation in SM**

counting:

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{\text{\#real d.o.f.}}{\text{in } V} - \binom{\text{\#unitarity relations}}{} - \binom{\text{\#phase diffs. of }}{u\text{-type quarks}} - \binom{\text{\#phase diffs. of }}{d\text{-type quarks}} - \binom{\text{\#phase diff. between }}{u\text{- and } d\text{-type quarks}} \\ &= 18 - 9 - 2 - 2 - 1 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

- **no flavour-changing neutral currents in lowest order,**  
flavour-changing suppressed by factors  $G_\mu(m_{q_1}^2 - m_{q_2}^2)$  in higher orders  
("Glashow–Iliopoulos–Maiani mechanism")