THE HIGGS MECHANISM

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GAUGE THEORY

All familiar with Gauge Theory

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\beta_h\left(\tfrac{2M^2}{g^2} + \tfrac{2M}{g}H + \tfrac{1}{2}(H^2 + \phi^0\phi^0 + 2\phi^+\phi^-)\right) + \tfrac{2M^4}{g^2}\alpha_h - \\
g\alpha_h M\left(H^3 + H\phi^0\phi^0 + 2H\phi^+\phi^-\right) - \\
\tfrac{1}{8}g^2\alpha_h\left(H^4 + (\phi^0)^4 + 4(\phi^+\phi^-)^2 + 4(\phi^0)^2\phi^+\phi^- + 4H^2\phi^+\phi^- + 2(\phi^0)^2H^2\right) - \\
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M\left(\tfrac{1}{c_w}Z^0_\mu\partial_\mu\phi^0 + W^+_\mu\partial_\mu\phi^- + W^-_\mu\partial_\mu\phi^+\right) - ig\tfrac{s_w^2}{c_w}MZ^0_\mu(W^+_\mu\phi^- - W^-_\mu\phi^+) + igs_w MA_\mu(W^+_\mu\phi^- - \\
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g^2 s_w^2 A_\mu A_\mu\phi^+\phi^- + \tfrac{1}{2}ig_s\lambda^a_{ij}(\bar{q}^\sigma_i\gamma^\mu q^\sigma_j)g^a_\mu - \bar{e}^\lambda(\gamma\partial + m^\lambda_e)e^\lambda - \bar{\nu}^\lambda(\gamma\partial + m^\lambda_\nu)\nu^\lambda - \bar{u}^\lambda_j(\gamma\partial + \\
m^\lambda_u)u^\lambda_j - \bar{d}^\lambda_j(\gamma\partial + m^\lambda_d)d^\lambda_j + igs_w A_\mu\left(-(\bar{e}^\lambda\gamma^\mu e^\lambda) + \tfrac{2}{3}(\bar{u}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu u^\lambda_j) - \tfrac{1}{3}(\bar{d}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu d^\lambda_j)\right) + \\
\tfrac{ig}{4c_w}Z^0_\mu\{(\bar{\nu}^\lambda\gamma^\mu(1+\gamma^5)\nu^\lambda) + (\bar{e}^\lambda\gamma^\mu(4s_w^2 - 1 - \gamma^5)e^\lambda) + (\bar{d}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu(\tfrac{4}{3}s_w^2 - 1 - \gamma^5)d^\lambda_j) + \\
(\bar{u}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu(1 - \tfrac{8}{3}s_w^2 + \gamma^5)u^\lambda_j)\} + \tfrac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}}W^+_\mu\left((\bar{\nu}^\lambda\gamma^\mu(1+\gamma^5)U^{lep}{}_{\lambda\kappa}e^\kappa) + (\bar{u}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu(1+\gamma^5)C_{\lambda\kappa}d^\kappa_j)\right) + \\
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\bar{X}^+(\partial^2 - M^2)X^+ + \bar{X}^-(\partial^2 - M^2)X^- + \bar{X}^0(\partial^2 - \tfrac{M^2}{c_w^2})X^0 + \bar{Y}\partial^2 Y + igc_w W^+_\mu(\partial_\mu\bar{X}^0 X^- - \\
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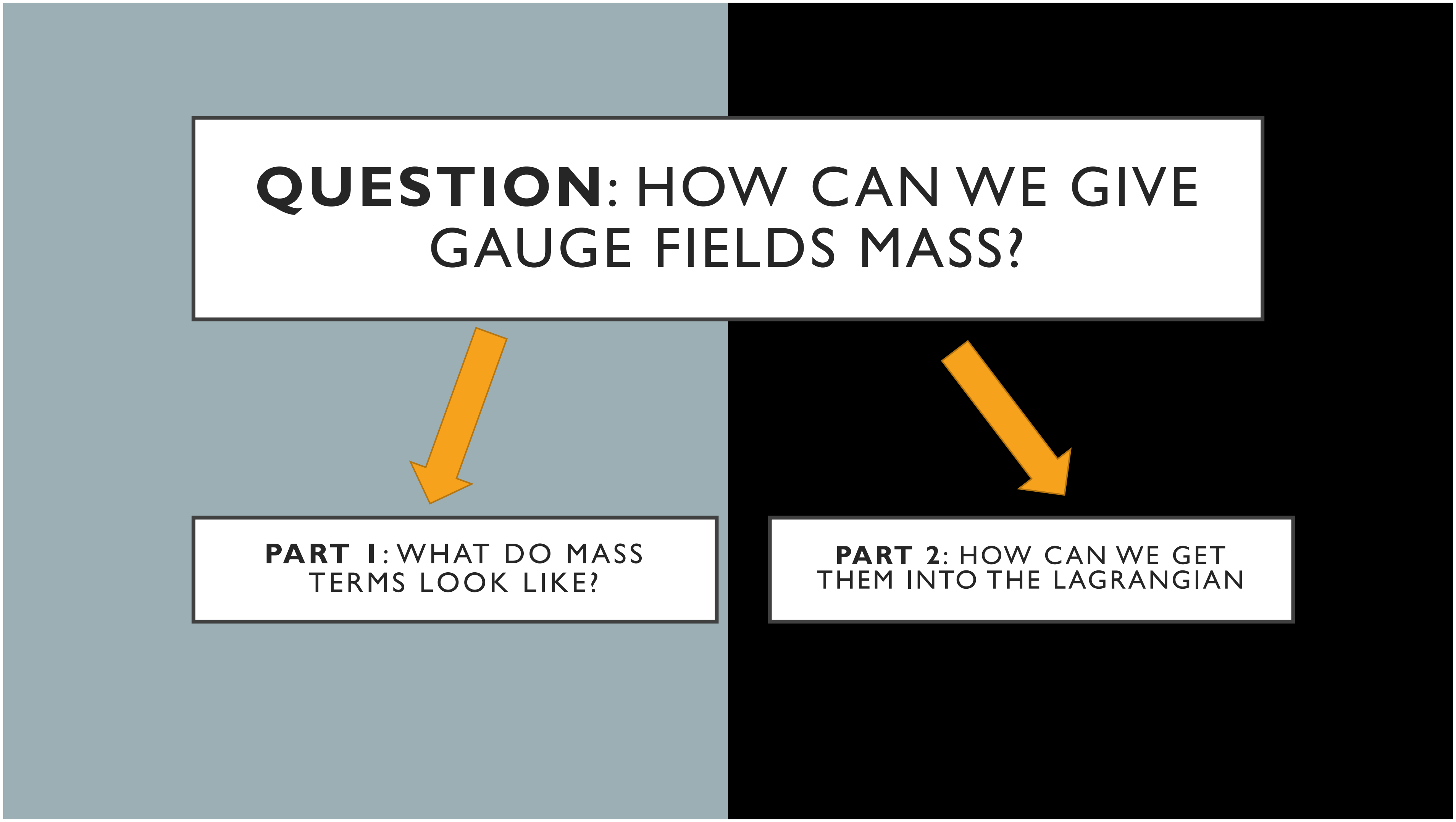
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