

**Particle Physics II**  
**Lecture 11: The Higgs mechanism**

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# The Higgs mechanism

- in this lecture we will cover more formal aspects of the Higgs mechanism so that you see where the main properties of the Higgs bosons are coming from
- the material can be split in three parts each giving an answer to a separate question:
  - appearance of mass terms for a scalar field (= Higgs field and Higgs boson mass)
  - appearance of mass term for a gauge boson from a broken  $U(1)$  local gauge symmetry
  - full Higgs mechanism by breaking the  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  local gauge symmetry

## Interacting scalar fields

- start with an example – lagrangian ( $\mathcal{L} = T - V$ ) of QED:

$$\mathcal{L}_{QED} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu - m_e)\psi + e\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi A_\mu - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

- here, the kinetic term for electron:

$$i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi$$

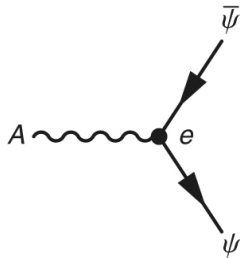
- the kinetic term for photon:

$$-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

- potential term for electron-photon interaction:

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

- in general, type of interactions and their strength are defined by the terms in lagrangian mixing the fields, like here  $e\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi A_\mu$  defines the QED interaction vertex



## Interacting scalar fields

- a free real (1D) scalar field has a lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_S = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)(\partial^\mu\phi) - \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2$$

- for a scalar field  $\phi$  with a potential:

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda\phi^4$$

- the lagrangian will look like:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)(\partial^\mu\phi) - V(\phi) \tag{1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)(\partial^\mu\phi) - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda\phi^4 \tag{2}$$

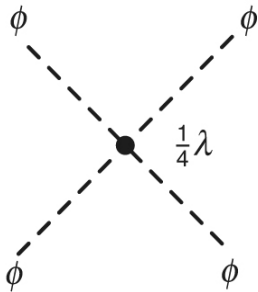
## Interacting scalar fields

- in this lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi) - V(\phi) \quad (3)$$

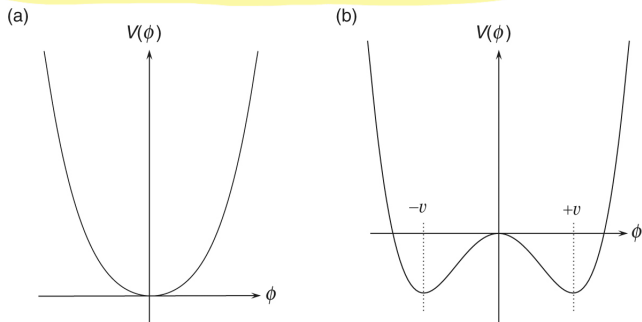
$$= \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 \phi^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda \phi^4 \quad (4)$$

- $\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi)$  is the kinetic energy of the scalar particle
- $\frac{1}{2}\mu^2 \phi^2$  represents the mass of the particle
- $\frac{1}{4}\lambda \phi^4$  is a self-interaction of the scalar field



## Interacting scalar fields

- the vacuum state of the scalar field  $\phi$  is its lowest energy state
- corresponds to the minimum of potential  $V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda\phi^4$
- for  $V(\phi)$  to have a minimum, it is obligatory that  $\lambda > 0$ :



- a)  $\mu^2 > 0$ : one minimum at  $\phi = 0$ ,
- b)  $\mu^2 < 0$ : two minima at  $\phi = \pm v = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^2}{\lambda}}$

## Interacting scalar fields

- a)  $\mu^2 > 0$ :
  - vacuum state is when  $\phi = 0$
  - we have a scalar particle with mass  $\mu$
  - self-interaction term proportional to  $\phi^4$
- b)  $\mu^2 < 0$ :
  - lowest energy state when  $\phi = +v$  or  $\phi = -v$
  - choice of vacuum state breaks the symmetry of lagrangian – **spontaneous symmetry breaking**
  - to understand the particle interactions need to find excitations of the field around its minimum, e.g. for  $\phi = +v$ :

$$\phi(x) = v + \eta(x),$$

where  $\eta(x)$  is the scalar field excitation

## Interacting scalar fields

- we can expand the lagrangian with  $\phi(x) = v + \eta(x)$  and  $\partial_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \eta$ :  
$$\mathcal{L}(\eta) = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \eta)(\partial^\mu \eta) - V(\eta) = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \eta)(\partial^\mu \eta) - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2(v + \eta)^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda(v + \eta)^4$$
- now use the fact that  $\mu^2 = -\lambda v^2$ :

$$\mathcal{L}(\eta) = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \eta)(\partial^\mu \eta) - \lambda v^2 \eta^2 - \lambda v \eta^3 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda \eta^4 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda v^4$$

*some constant (ignore)* →

- term “ $-\lambda v^2 \eta^2$ ” is equivalent to the mass term “ $-\frac{1}{2}m^2 \phi^2$ ” of  $\mathcal{L}_S$

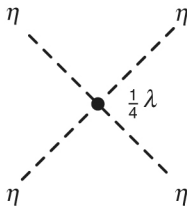
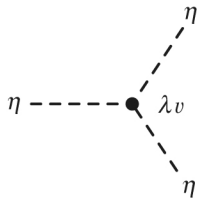
$$\implies m_\eta = \sqrt{2\lambda v^2} = \sqrt{-2\mu^2}$$

- it means that this lagrangian describes a massive scalar field  $\eta$



## Interacting scalar fields

- terms  $\eta^3$  and  $\eta^4$  represent triple ( $\lambda v$ ) and quartic ( $\frac{1}{4}\lambda$ ) interaction vertices



- term  $\frac{1}{4}\lambda v^4$  is a *const* and does not have physical implications

## Symmetry breaking for a complex scalar field

- can apply the same logic to a complex scalar field:

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

- the corresponding lagrangian is:

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \phi)^* (\partial^\mu \phi) - V(\phi) \text{ with } V(\phi) = \mu^2(\phi^* \phi) + \lambda(\phi^* \phi)^2$$

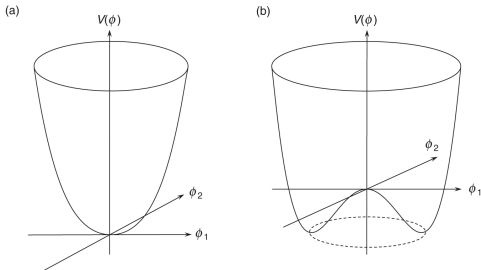
- can express the same in terms of two real scalar fields  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_1)(\partial^\mu \phi_1)}_{\text{kin}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_2)(\partial^\mu \phi_2)}_{\text{kin}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\mu^2(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2)}_{\text{mass term}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}\lambda(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2)^2}_{\text{interaction}}$$

- again, for a potential to have a minimum, we need  $\lambda > 0$

## Symmetry breaking for a complex scalar field

- the lagrangian is invariant under  $\phi \rightarrow \phi' = e^{i\alpha}\phi$ , since  $\phi'^*\phi' = \phi^*\phi$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  it has a **global U(1) symmetry**
- the shape of potential again depends on the sign of  $\mu^2$ :
  - a)  $\mu^2 > 0$ : one minimum with  $\phi_1 = \phi_2 = 0$
  - b)  $\mu^2 < 0$ : infinite set of minima with  $\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 = \frac{-\mu^2}{\lambda} = v^2$



The physical vacuum state would be one point on this dashed circle **breaking the global U(1) symmetry**, e.g.  $(\phi_1, \phi_2) = (v, 0)$

## Symmetry breaking for a complex scalar field

- again, can expand the field around the vacuum state:

$$\phi_1(x) = \eta(x) + v \text{ and } \phi_2(x) = \xi(x)$$

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\eta + v + i\xi)$$

- need to rewrite lagrangian in terms of  $\eta$  and  $\xi$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \eta)^*(\partial^\mu \eta) + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \xi)^*(\partial^\mu \xi) - V(\eta, \xi),$$

$$V(\eta, \xi) = \mu^2 \phi^2 + \lambda \phi^4 \text{ with } \phi^2 = \phi \phi^* = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (v + \eta)^2 + \xi^2 \right]$$

- rewriting potential using  $\mu^2 = -\lambda v^2$ :

$$V(\eta, \xi) = \mu^2 \phi^2 + \lambda \phi^4 \tag{5}$$

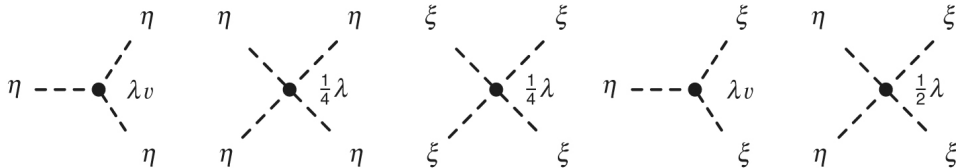
$$= -\frac{1}{2}\lambda v^2 \left[ (v + \eta)^2 + \xi^2 \right] + \frac{1}{4} \left[ (v + \eta)^2 + \xi^2 \right]^2 \tag{6}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}\lambda v^4 + \lambda v^2 \eta^2 + \lambda v \eta^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda \eta^4 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda \xi^4 + \lambda v \eta \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda \eta^2 \xi^2 \tag{7}$$

## Symmetry breaking for a complex scalar field

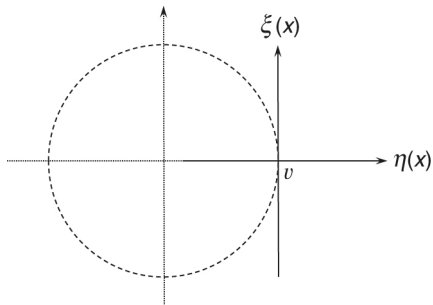
- $V(\eta, \xi) = -\frac{1}{4}\lambda v^4 + \lambda v^2 \eta^2 + \underbrace{\lambda v \eta^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda \eta^4 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda \xi^4 + \lambda v \eta \xi^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda \eta^2 \xi^2}_{\text{interaction terms}}$ 
  - term “ $\lambda v^2 \eta^2$ ” is a mass term for field  $\eta$ :  $m_\eta = \sqrt{2\lambda v^2}$
  - terms “ $\lambda v \eta^3$ ”, “ $\frac{1}{4}\lambda \eta^4$ ”, “ $\frac{1}{4}\lambda \xi^4$ ”, “ $\lambda v \eta \xi^2$ ”, and “ $\frac{1}{2}\lambda \eta^2 \xi^2$ ” are three- and four-particle interaction terms
- lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \eta)^*(\partial^\mu \eta) - \frac{1}{2}m_\eta^2 \eta^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \xi)^*(\partial^\mu \xi) - V_{int}(\eta, \xi)$$



## Symmetry breaking for a complex scalar field

- this lagrangian contains two fields:
  - a massive scalar field  $\eta$  with mass  $m_\eta = \sqrt{2\lambda v^2}$
  - a massless scalar field  $\xi$
- excitations of the massive field  $\eta$  in the direction where the potential is quadratic
- excitations of  $\xi$  are in the direction of a constant potential – a Goldstone boson



## The Higgs mechanism

- in the Higgs mechanism one more difference is that this spontaneous symmetry breaking happens in a theory with a local gauge symmetry
- local gauge transformation definition:  $\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x) = e^{ig\chi(x)}\phi(x)$
- $\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu\phi)^*(\partial^\mu\phi) - V(\phi)$  is not invariant because of the derivatives
- this is fixed by replacing  $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu + igB_\mu$
- $\mathcal{L} = (D_\mu\phi)^*(D^\mu\phi) - V(\phi)$  is gauge invariant if

$$B_\mu \rightarrow B'_\mu = B_\mu - \partial_\mu\chi(x)$$

- leading to the existence of a new gauge field  $B$  with gauge transformation properties:

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

where  $F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$  is the kinetic term for the new field with

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu B^\nu - \partial^\nu B^\mu$$

- the field  $B$  is massless: the term  $\frac{1}{2}m_B^2 B_\mu B^\mu$  breaks gauge invariance

## The Higgs mechanism

- lagrangian will get additional terms when expanding “long” derivatives:

$$(D_\mu \phi)^*(D^\mu \phi) = (\partial_\mu - igB_\mu)\phi^*(\partial^\mu + igB^\mu)\phi \quad (8)$$

$$= (\partial_\mu \phi)^*(\partial^\mu \phi) - igB_\mu \phi^*(\partial^\mu \phi) + ig(\partial_\mu \phi^*)B^\mu \phi + g^2 B_\mu B^\mu \phi^* \phi \quad (9)$$

- the full lagrangian would be:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + (\partial_\mu \phi)^*(\partial^\mu \phi) - \mu^2 \phi^2 - \lambda \phi^4 \quad (10)$$

$$-igB_\mu \phi^*(\partial^\mu \phi) + ig(\partial_\mu \phi^*)B^\mu \phi + g^2 B_\mu B^\mu \phi^* \phi \quad (11)$$

- now need to repeat the same exercise of potential expansion around vacuum state taking into account **additional terms** in the lagrangian



## The Higgs mechanism

- go directly to the case of  $\mu^2 < 0$  and choose  $\phi_1 + i\phi_2 = v$ :

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + \eta(x) + i\xi(x))$$

- after all the transformations and algebra get:

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \eta)(\partial^\mu \eta) - \lambda v^2 \eta^2}_{\text{massive } \eta} \quad (12)$$

$$+ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \xi)(\partial^\mu \xi)}_{\text{massless } \xi} \quad (13)$$

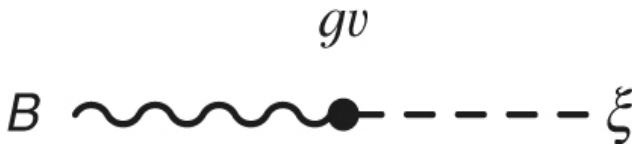
$$- \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}g^2v^2 B_\mu B^\mu}_{\text{massive gauge field}} \quad (14)$$

$$- V_{int} + gvB_\mu(\partial^\mu \xi) \quad (15)$$

where  $V_{int}(\eta, \xi, B)$  contains 3- and 4-point interaction terms of the fields  $\eta$ ,  $\xi$  and  $B$

## The Higgs mechanism

- we managed to provide a mass  $m_B = gv$  to the field  $B$ , and retained local gauge invariance of the theory
- with doing this we acquired new particles: massive scalar field  $\eta$  and massless Goldstone boson  $\xi$
- at the same time have two new issues:
  - **number of degrees of freedom**: had 4 (one of  $\phi_1$ , one of  $\phi_2$ , two polarizations of  $B$ ), now have 5 (massive state  $B$  has one more polarization – longitudinal)?
  - **spin-1 to spin-0 particle transition**: term  $gvB_\mu(\partial^\mu\xi)$  leads to such direct coupling



## The Higgs mechanism

- these “problems” can be resolved by eliminating Goldstone field  $\xi$  with an appropriate gauge transformation:

$$\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \xi)(\partial^\mu \xi) + gv B_\mu (\partial^\mu \xi) + \frac{1}{2}g^2 v^2 B_\mu B^\mu \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}g^2 v^2 \left[ B_\mu + \frac{1}{gv}(\partial_\mu \xi) \right]^2 \quad (17)$$

- can make gauge transformation:

$$B_\mu(x) \rightarrow B'_\mu(x) = B_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{gv}\partial_\mu \xi(x)$$

## The Higgs mechanism

- then the lagrangian simplifies as:

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\eta)(\partial^\mu\eta) - \lambda v^2\eta^2}_{\text{massive } \eta} \quad (18)$$

$$- \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}g^2v^2B'_\mu B^{\mu'}}_{\text{massive gauge field}} \quad (19)$$

$$- V_{int} \quad (20)$$

## The Higgs mechanism

- the original lagrangian was invariant under local U(1) gauge transformations  $\implies$  physical predictions should be unchanged
- with the appropriate choice of gauge  $\chi(x) = -\xi(x)/gv$  we do not have the Goldstone field  $\xi$
- effect of this gauge on the scalar field  $\phi$ :

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x) = e^{-ig\frac{\xi(x)}{gv}} \phi(x) = e^{-i\xi(x)/v} \phi(x)$$

- after the symmetry breaking we had:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + \eta(x) + i\xi(x)) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + \eta(x)] e^{\frac{i\xi(x)}{v}}$$

- effect of the gauge transformation on this field:

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-ig\frac{\xi(x)}{gv}} [v + \eta(x)] e^{\frac{i\xi(x)}{v}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v + \eta(x))$$

## The Higgs mechanism

- so the effect of this gauge – **Unitary gauge** – is to choose the complex scalar field  $\phi(x)$  to be real:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + \eta(x)) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + h(x))$$

- the field  $\eta(x)$  is now denoted as the Higgs field  $h(x)$  to show that it's the physical field in the unitary gauge
- unphysical term with  $\xi(x)$  has disappeared
- extra degree of freedom disappeared with the Goldstone field  $\xi(x)$ : this boson was “eaten” by the massive gauge field  $B$

## The Higgs mechanism

- with all this the final lagrangian can be rewritten as (also ignoring a constant  $\lambda v^4/4$ ):

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu h)(\partial^\mu h)}_{\text{massive } h \text{ scalar}} - \lambda v^2 h^2 \quad (21)$$

$$- \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}g^2v^2 B_\mu B^\mu}_{\text{massive gauge boson}} \quad (22)$$

$$+ \underbrace{g^2v B_\mu B^\mu h + \frac{1}{2}g^2 B_\mu B^\mu h^2}_{h, B \text{ interactions}} \quad (23)$$

$$- \underbrace{\lambda v h^3 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda h^4}_{h \text{ self-interactions}} \rightarrow \text{not measured yet} \quad (24)$$

- mass of the gauge boson  $m_B = gv$
- mass of the Higgs boson  $m_H = \sqrt{2\lambda}v$

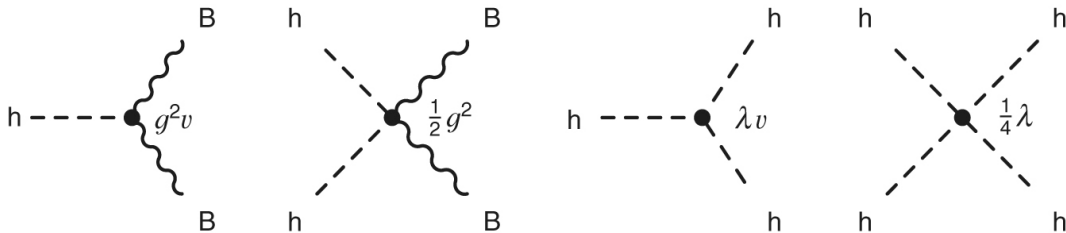
# The Higgs mechanism

- interaction terms in the lagrangian:

$$\underbrace{+ g^2 v B_\mu B^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} g^2 B_\mu B^\mu h^2}_{h, B \text{ interactions}} \quad (25)$$

$$\underbrace{- \lambda v h^3 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda h^4}_{h \text{ self-interactions}} \quad (26)$$

correspond to the following four diagrams:





## The standard model Higgs boson

- the last step is to extend previous considerations from local gauge  $U(1)$  symmetry to local gauge  $U(1)_Y \times SU(2)_L$  symmetry
- **three** Goldstone bosons will be needed to provide longitudinal polarizations to  $W^+$ ,  $W^-$  and  $Z$  bosons
- as before, after symmetry breaking there will be (at least) **one** massive scalar particle
- the simplest Higgs model with the necessary **four** degrees of freedom consists of two complex scalar fields
- to give masses to  $Z$  and  $W^\pm$  one of the scalar fields must be neutral:  $\phi^0$ ; another one charged:  $\phi^+$  for  $W^+$  and  $(\phi^+)^* = \phi^-$  for  $W^-$
- minimal Higgs model has two complex scalar fields in a weak isospin doublet:

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(upper and lower components of doublet differ by one unit of charge)

## The standard model Higgs boson

- the lagrangian for this doublet is:

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \phi) - V(\phi)$$

with the Higgs potential  $V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$

- for  $\mu^2 < 0$  the potential has an infinite set of minima with:

$$\phi^\dagger \phi = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 + \phi_4^2) = \frac{v^2}{2} = -\frac{\mu^2}{2\lambda}$$

- after symmetry breaking, the neutral photon remains massless  $\implies$  minimum of the potential corresponds to a non-zero vacuum expectation value only for the neutral scalar field  $\phi^0$ :

$$\langle 0 | \phi | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

## The standard model Higgs boson

- the fields are expanded around this minimum:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x) + i\phi_2(x) \\ v + \eta(x) + i\phi_4(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

- we will get three Goldstone bosons, which would be absorbed by  $W^\pm$  and  $Z$  in the unitary gauge
- in this gauge Higgs doublet looks like:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

- we need to identify masses of gauge bosons and interaction terms

## The standard model Higgs boson

- for the  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  local gauge symmetry, the covariant derivatives would be:

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_W \vec{T} \cdot \vec{W}_\mu + ig' \frac{Y}{2} B_\mu,$$

where  $\vec{T} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\sigma}$  – the three generators of the  $SU(2)$  symmetry

- Higgs doublet hypercharge:

$$Y = 2(Q - I_W^3) = 2(0 + \frac{1}{2}) = 1$$

- hence for acting on the Higgs doublet  $\phi$  the covariant derivative looks like:

$$D_\mu \phi = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 2\partial_\mu + \left( ig_W \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{W}_\mu + ig' B_\mu \right) \right] \phi$$

- the term in the lagrangian generating masses of the gauge bosons is  $(D_\mu \phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \phi)$

## The standard model Higgs boson

- for determining the masses, need to expand the  $(D_\mu\phi)^\dagger(D^\mu\phi)$  expression in the unitary gauge
- as a result, for terms quadratic in the gauge bosons fields will get:

$$\frac{1}{8}v^2 g_W^2 \left( W_\mu^{(1)} W^{(1)\mu} + W_\mu^{(2)} W^{(2)\mu} \right) \quad (27)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{8}v^2 \left( g_W W_\mu^{(3)} - g' B_\mu \right) \left( g_W W^{(3)\mu} - g' B^\mu \right) \quad (28)$$

- the mass terms for  $W^{(1)}$  and  $W^{(2)}$  fields would be  $\frac{1}{2}m_W^2 W_\mu^{(i)} W^{(i)\mu}$
- $\implies$  mass of the  $W$  boson is  $m_W = \frac{1}{2}g_W v$

## The standard model Higgs boson

- the terms containing neutral  $W^{(3)}$  and  $B$  fields can be written as:

$$\frac{1}{8}v^2 \left( g_W W_\mu^{(3)} - g' B_\mu \right) \left( g_W W^{(3)\mu} - g' B^\mu \right) = \frac{v^2}{8} \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^{(3)} \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix} M \begin{pmatrix} W^{(3)\mu} \\ B^\mu \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $M$  is the non-diagonal mass matrix:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} g_W^2 & -g_W g' \\ -g_W g' & g'^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- off-diagonal matrix elements lead to mixing between  $W^{(3)}$  and  $B$
- to determine physical fields and their masses need to find  $M$  eigenvalues and eigenvectors leading to:

$$\frac{1}{8}v^2 \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu & Z_\mu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_W^2 + g'^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^\mu \\ Z^\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $m_A = 0$  and  $m_Z = \frac{1}{2}v\sqrt{g_W^2 + g'^2}$

## The standard model Higgs boson

- we got the physical fields for a massless photon  $A_\mu$  and for massive boson  $Z_\mu$ :

$$A_\mu = \frac{g' W_\mu^{(3)} + g_W B_\mu}{\sqrt{g_W^2 + g'^2}} \text{ with } m_A = 0 \quad (29)$$

$$Z_\mu = \frac{g_W W_\mu^{(3)} - g' B_\mu}{\sqrt{g_W^2 + g'^2}} \text{ with } m_Z = \frac{1}{2}v\sqrt{g_W^2 + g'^2} \quad (30)$$

- by introducing

$$\frac{g'}{g_W} = \tan \theta_W$$

we get:

$$A_\mu = \cos \theta_W B_\mu + \sin \theta_W W_\mu^{(3)}$$

$$Z_\mu = -\sin \theta_W B_\mu + \cos \theta_W W_\mu^{(3)}$$

## The standard model Higgs boson

- for a mass of a  $Z$  boson can also write:

$$m_Z = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g_W}{\cos \theta_W} v$$

- the relation between  $W$  and  $Z$  masses:

$$\frac{m_W}{m_Z} = \cos \theta_W$$

- resulting model of Glashow-Salam-Weinberg (GSW) is described by 4 parameters:

$$g_W, g', \mu, \lambda$$

- boson masses can be expressed through these parameters:

$$v^2 = \frac{-\mu^2}{\lambda} \text{ and } m_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2$$

- from  $W$  mass and  $H$  mass measurements:

$$v = 246 \text{ GeV and } m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$$

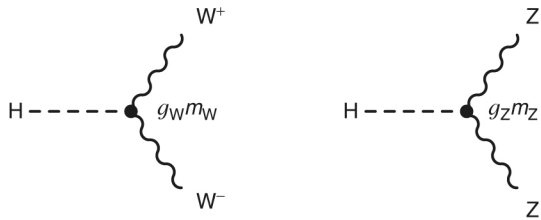


## The standard model Higgs boson

- the gauge bosons in the expansion of the  $(D_\mu\phi)^\dagger(D^\mu\phi)$  appear as  $VV(v+h)^2$
- $VVv^2$  terms lead to masses of gauge bosons
- the terms  $VVh$  and  $VVhh$  lead to triple and quartic couplings between one or two H and gauge bosons
- by expanding all can find the following expression:

$$\frac{1}{4}g_W^2v^2W_\mu^-W^{+\mu} + \frac{1}{2}g_W^2vW_\mu^-W^{+\mu}h + \frac{1}{4}g_W^2W_\mu^-W^{+\mu}hh$$

- leading to  $g_{HWW} = \frac{1}{2}g_W^2v \equiv g_Wm_W$
- similarly,  $g_{HZZ} = g_Zm_Z$



## Summary

- we have seen how a scalar field leads to the Higgs boson appearance
- derived Higgs boson mass and its interactions
- derived mass terms for the gauge bosons
- derived interactions of the Higgs boson with gauge bosons
- what is left: how fermions acquire their mass when interaction with the Higgs field