Field Theory and the Electroweak Standard Model

— lecture 2 —

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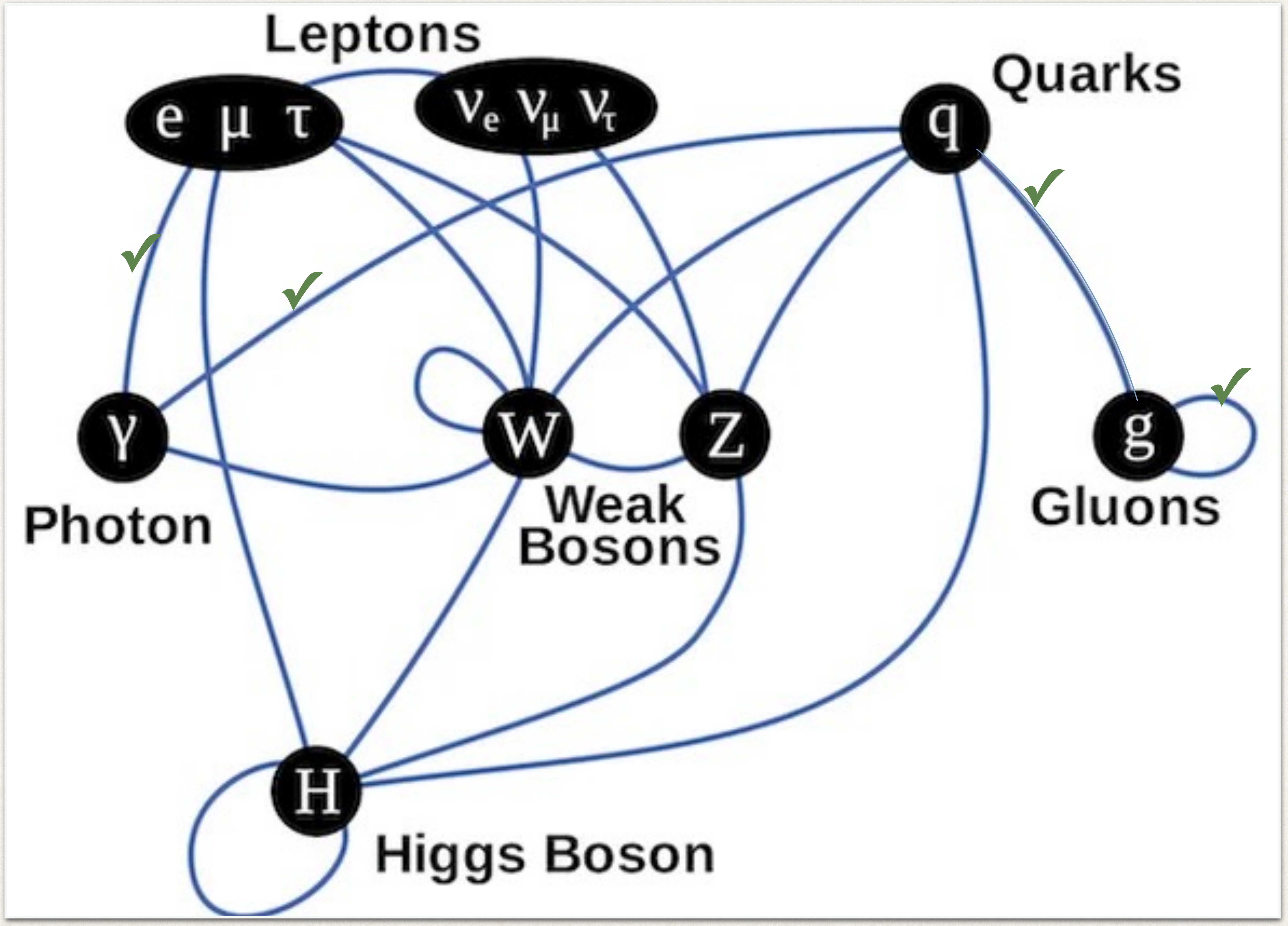
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Electroweak (EW) theory

- Quantum field theory of electromagnetic and weak interactions
  - based on principle of gauge symmetry
  - with massive weak gauge bosons (weak interactions ~ short range) but massless photons, as well as massive fermions
  - able to describe flavour-changing processes
    - β-decay (where weak interactions discovered)
      $n \to p^+ + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ -> at the quark level $d \to u + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$
  - with weak interactions chiral and maximally parity violating *(Lee and Young'56, Wu'57):* charged currents only involving left-handed particles (right-handed antiparticles)  (Nobel Prize 1957)
  - neutral current weak processes (discovered after the EW Standard Model was proposed -> prediction of the theory)

Chiral fermions

- Chirality operator γ_5

$$\gamma_5 = -\frac{i}{4}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}\gamma^\mu\gamma^\nu\gamma^\lambda\gamma^\rho = i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 \qquad \gamma_5^2 = 1 \quad \gamma_5^\dagger = \gamma_5 \quad \{\gamma_5, \gamma_\mu\} = 0$$

- Chirality projectors

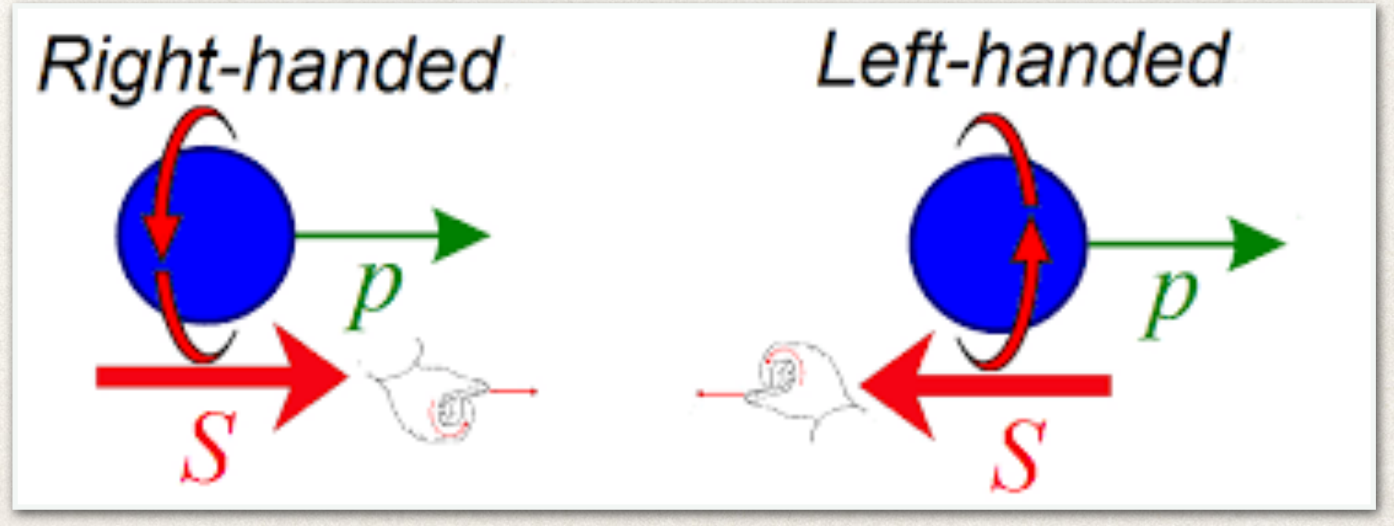
$$P_L = \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma_5) \qquad P_R = \frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma_5)$$

$$P_{L/R}^2 = P_{L/R} \qquad P_R P_L = P_L P_R = 0 \qquad P_L + P_R = 1$$

- Left- (right-) handed fermions

$$\psi_L = P_L\,\psi \qquad \psi_R = P_R\,\psi \qquad \psi = \psi_L + \psi_R \qquad \bar{\psi}_{L/R} = \bar{\psi}\,P_{R/L}$$

- For massless particles chirality is equivalent to helicity (projection of direction of spin on the direction of motion)



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- Currents' transformations under parity:

$$Vector\ (V): \quad \bar\psi\gamma^\mu\psi \to \begin{cases} \bar\psi\gamma^\mu\psi & \mu = 0 \\ -\bar\psi\gamma^\mu\psi & \mu = 1,2,3 \end{cases} \qquad Axial(A)\ : \quad \bar\psi\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi \to \begin{cases} -\bar\psi\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi & \mu = 0 \\ \bar\psi\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi & \mu = 1,2,3 \end{cases}$$

$$\bar\psi\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma_5)\psi = V - A$$

- Amplitude square under parity, schematically:

$$(V-A)(V-A) = VV + AA - \underline{2VA} \quad \to \quad VV + AA + \underline{2VA}$$

Gauge group structure

- At the time (beginning ’60s), only weak charged currents and EM current known → 3 particles as force carriers → 3 generators of SU(2)?
  - Problem: the generators corresponding to these currents do not form a closed algebra
  - Solution: close the SU(2) algebra with an additional generator, corresponding to a new gauge field, mediating neutral currents, and add an extra U(1) group (*Glashow’61*)

SU(2) x U(1)

SU(2)xU(1): fermion field transformations

- Matter content (only 1st generation leptons for now):

Left-handed fermions: $\psi_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$ $\bar{\psi}_L = (\bar{\nu}_L, \bar{e}_L)$ weak isospin doublet

Right-handed fermions: $e_R,\ \bar{e}_R$ singlet under SU(2)

  - In the original Standard Model only ν_L (in accordance with observations) and neutrinos massless (though it is known now they are massive ➜ see lectures by S. Lavignac)

  - SU(2)xU(1) transformations

$$\psi_L \to \exp\left(i\theta^k T^k + i\beta Y\right)\psi_L \qquad e_R \to \exp(i\beta Y)\, e_R$$

SU(2) generator (T^k) U(1) generator (Y)

under SU(2) $e_R \to e_R$

SU(2)xU(1): covariant derivatives

- Covariant derivatives

$$D_\mu \psi_L = \left(\partial_\mu + igT^k W_\mu^k + i\frac{g'}{2} Y B_\mu\right)\psi_L \qquad D_\mu e_R = \left(\partial_\mu + i\frac{g'}{2} Y B_\mu\right) e_R$$

W_μ^k: three gauge vector bosons of SU(2)
g: coupling constant of SU(2)

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- Fermionic part of the SU(2)xU(1) Lagrangian for the 1st generation leptons

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- Currents

SU(2): $J_\mu^k = \bar{\psi}_L \gamma_\mu T^k \psi_L$

U(1): $J_\mu = \bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu Y e_R + \bar{\psi}_L \gamma_\mu Y \psi_L$

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$T^k = \dfrac{\sigma^k}{2}$, hence $J^1_\mu = \dfrac{1}{2}\left(\bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + \bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L\right)$ $J^2_\mu = \dfrac{i}{2}\left(-\bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + \bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L\right)$

$$J^3_\mu = \frac{1}{2}\left(\bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_L - \bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu e_L\right)$$

- Observe $J^+_\mu \equiv J^1_\mu + iJ^2_\mu = \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu e_L$ $J^-_\mu \equiv J^1_\mu - iJ^2_\mu = \bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L$ physical charged currents
- Additionally $J^{\text{EM}}_\mu = -\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e = -\bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu e_L - \bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu e_R$
- Note $2(J^{\text{EM}}_\mu - J^3_\mu) = -\bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu e_L - \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L - 2\bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu e_R$ and identify it as a current corresponding to U(1) symmetry → weak hypercharge current

$$J^Y_\mu \equiv 2(J^{\text{EM}}_\mu - J^3_\mu) \quad \rightarrow \quad J^{\text{EM}}_\mu = J^3_\mu + \frac{J^Y_\mu}{2}$$

SU(2)xU(1): quantum numbers

- EW SM symmetry group

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

weak isospin   weak hypercharge

- Weak isospin and hypercharge quantum numbers are related by $Q = T^3 + \frac{1}{2}Y$

$$\left(J_\mu^{\rm EM} = J_\mu^3 + \frac{J_\mu^Y}{2} \right)$$

	T	T^3	Q	Y
ν_L	1/2	1/2	0	-1
e_L	1/2	-1/2	-1	-1
e_R	0	0	-1	-2

- The definition of J_μ^Y in terms of $J_\mu^{\rm EM}$ - J_μ^3 and the resulting relation $Q = T^3 + \frac{1}{2}Y$ are not unique; the factor of 1/2 can be rescaled with the assigned Y values rescaled accordingly

Charged current interactions

- Covariant derivative with $T^k = \dfrac{\sigma^k}{2}$

$$D_\mu \psi_L = \left(\partial_\mu + igT^k W_\mu^k + i\frac{g'}{2} YB_\mu\right)\psi_L = \left[\partial_\mu + i\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 0 & W_\mu^- \\ W_\mu^+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{i}{2}\begin{pmatrix} gW_\mu^3 + g'YB_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & -gW_\mu^3 + g'YB_\mu \end{pmatrix}\right]\psi_L$$

where $W_\mu^\pm = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(W_\mu^1 \pm iW_\mu^2\right)$

- $\mathscr{L}_{\text{lep},1} = \bar{\psi}_L i\gamma^\mu \left(D_\mu \psi_L\right) + \bar{e}_R i\gamma^\mu \left(D_\mu e_R\right)$ $\quad D_\mu e_R = \left(\partial_\mu + i\dfrac{g'}{2}YB_\mu\right)e_R$

will then contain the charged current part $\mathscr{L}_{\text{lep,CC}} = -\dfrac{g}{\sqrt{2}}W_\mu^- \bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L - \dfrac{g}{\sqrt{2}}W_\mu^+ \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_L = -\dfrac{g}{\sqrt{2}}W_\mu^- J^{+,\mu} - \dfrac{g}{\sqrt{2}}W_\mu^+ J^{-,\mu}$

and the neutral current part

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{lep,NC}} = -\frac{g}{2}W_\mu^3\left(\bar{\nu}_L\gamma^\mu\nu_L - \bar{e}_L\gamma^\mu e_L\right) - \frac{g'}{2}B_\mu\left[Y_L\left(\bar{\nu}_L\gamma^\mu\nu_L + \bar{e}_L\gamma^\mu e_L\right) + Y_R\bar{e}_R\gamma^\mu e_R\right]$$
$$= -gW_\mu^3 J^{3,\mu} - \frac{g'}{2}B_\mu J^{Y,\mu}$$

- Unlike the photon, W_μ^3 and B_μ both couple to neutrinos

Neutral current interactions

- One can rotate the fields W_μ^3 and B_μ using the weak mixing angle

$$W_\mu^3 = \sin\theta_W A_\mu + \cos\theta_W Z_\mu \qquad\qquad B_\mu = \cos\theta_W A_\mu - \sin\theta_W Z_\mu$$

- After rotation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lep,NC}} = \left(-g\sin\theta_W J^{3,\mu} - \frac{g'}{2}\cos\theta_W J^{Y,\mu}\right)A_\mu + \left(-g\cos\theta_W J^{3,\mu} + \frac{g'}{2}\sin\theta_W J^{Y,\mu}\right)Z_\mu$$

$$= \left(-\frac{g}{2}\sin\theta_W + \frac{g'}{2}\cos\theta_W\right)\bar{\nu}_L\gamma^\mu\nu_L A_\mu + \left(\frac{g}{2}\sin\theta_W + \frac{g'}{2}\cos\theta_W\right)\bar{e}_L\gamma^\mu e_L A_\mu + \dots$$

hence $\frac{g}{2}\sin\theta_W - \frac{g'}{2}\cos\theta_W = 0$ and $\frac{g}{2}\sin\theta_W + \frac{g'}{2}\cos\theta_W = e$

$$\tan\theta_W = \frac{g'}{g} \qquad\qquad g\sin\theta_W = e$$

- With these relations and $J_\mu^3 + \frac{1}{2}J_\mu^Y = J_\mu^{EM}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lep,NC}} = -eJ^{\text{EM},\mu}A_\mu - \frac{g}{\cos\theta_W}\left(J^{3,\mu} - \sin^2\theta_W J^{\text{EM},\mu}\right)Z_\mu = \text{QED inter.} - \frac{g}{2\cos\theta_W}\left[\bar{\nu}\gamma^\mu\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_5\right)\nu - \bar{e}\gamma^\mu\left(-\frac{1}{2} + 2\sin^2\theta_W + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_5\right)e\right]Z_\mu$$

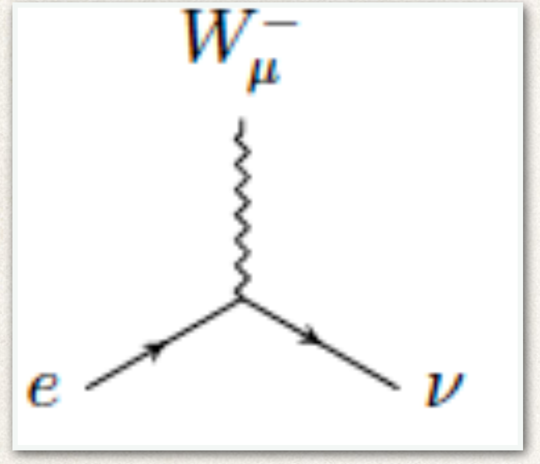
Lepton interactions, Feynman rules

- Charged current

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{lep,CC}} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_L$$

$$P_R \gamma^\mu P_L = \gamma^\mu P_L$$

$$\frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \bar{\nu} \gamma^\mu (1-\gamma^5) e$$



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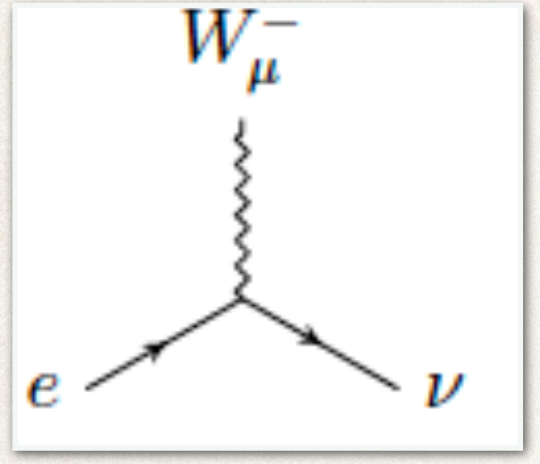

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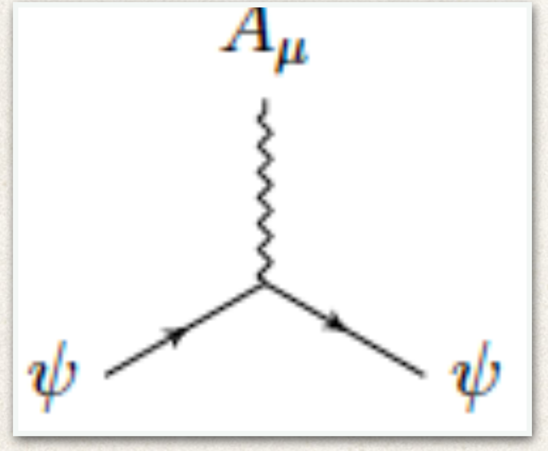

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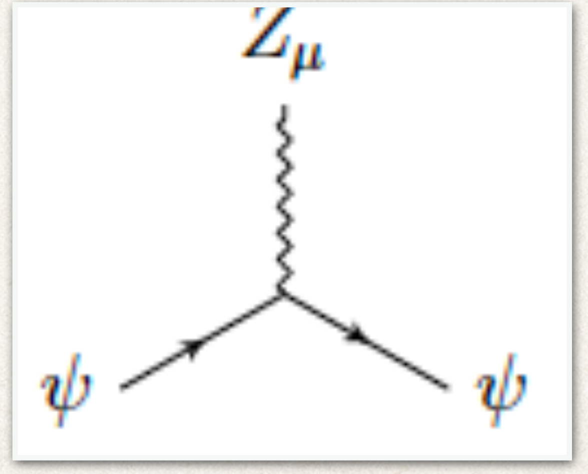

$$-\frac{ig}{2\cos\theta_W}\gamma^\mu(c_V^l - c_A^l\gamma_5)$$

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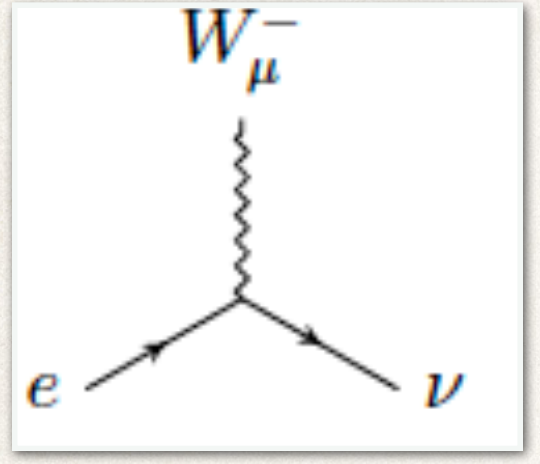

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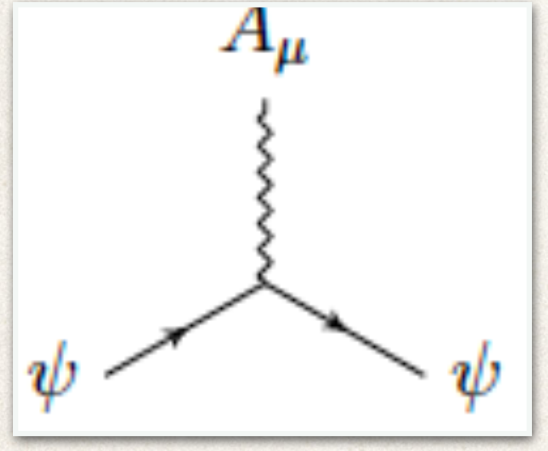

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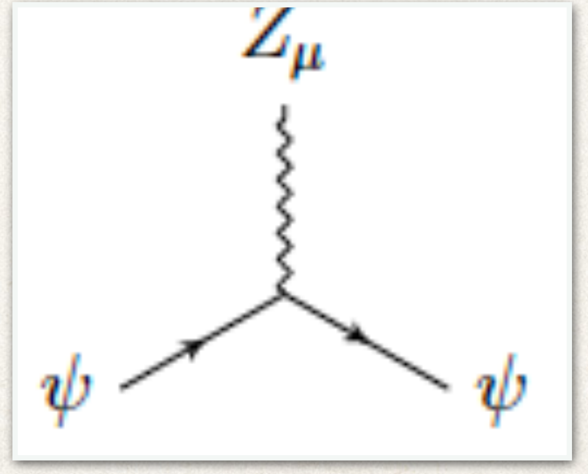


$$-\frac{ig}{2\cos\theta_W}\gamma^\mu(c_V^l - c_A^l\gamma_5)$$

	ν	e
c_V^l	1/2	$-1/2+2\sin^2\theta_W$
c_A^l	1/2	-1/2

Gauge fields interactions

- Lagrangian of the gauge bosons

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{gauge}} = -\frac{1}{4}W^k_{\mu\nu}W^{\mu\nu,k} - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

with the field strength tensors $F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu B^\nu - \partial^\nu B^\mu$ and $W^i_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu W^i_\nu - \partial_\nu W^i_\mu - g\epsilon^{ijk}W^j_\mu W^k_\nu$

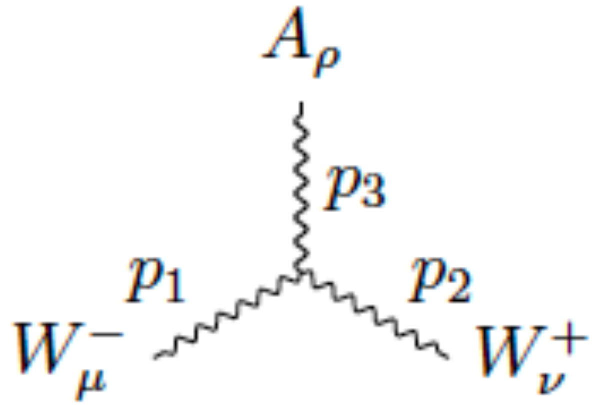
Non-abelian structure of SU(2) → W^i interactions

- Express the Lagrangian in terms of physical fields

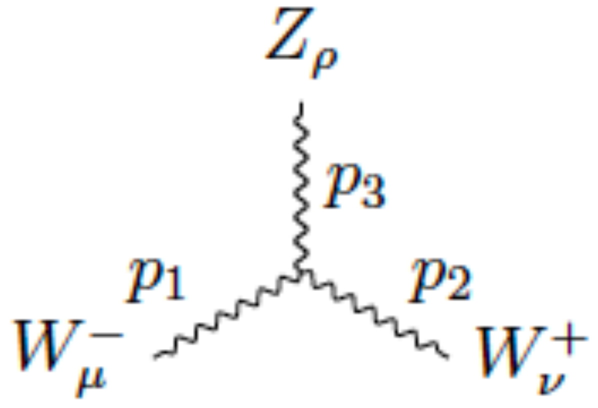
$$W^3_\mu = \sin\theta_W A_\mu + \cos\theta_W Z_\mu \qquad B_\mu = \cos\theta_W A_\mu - \sin\theta_W Z_\mu$$

  - cubic gauge boson self couplings: $A\,W^+W^-$, ZW^+W^-
  - quartic couplings: $AA\,W^+W^-$, $AZ\,W^+W^-$, ZZW^+W^-, $W^+W^-W^+W^-$

Gauge boson self-interactions, Feynman rules



$$ig\sin\theta_W((p_1-p_2)_\rho g_{\mu\nu} + (p_2-p_3)_\mu g_{\nu\rho} + (p_3-p_1)_\nu g_{\rho\mu})$$



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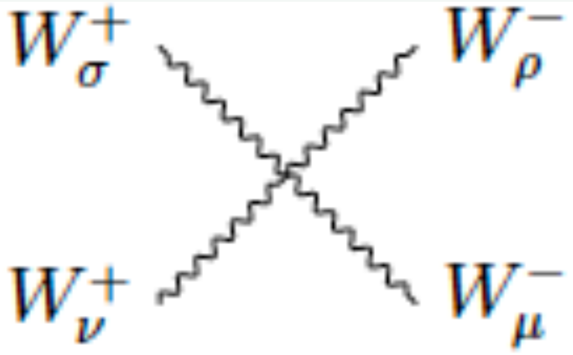
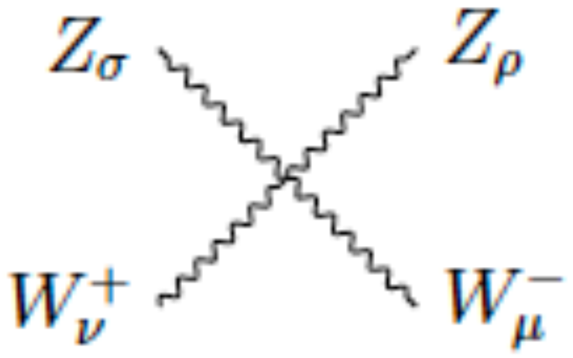


$$ig^2(2g_{\mu\rho}g_{\nu\sigma} - g_{\mu\nu}g_{\rho\sigma} - g_{\mu\sigma}g_{\nu\rho})$$



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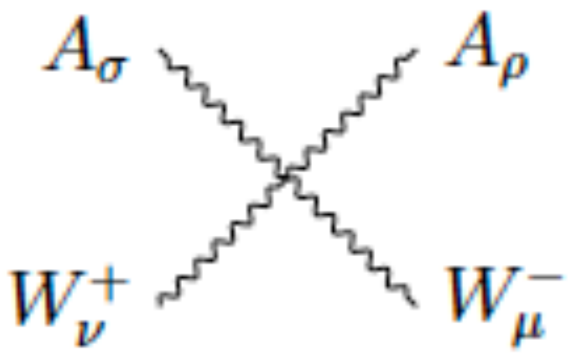

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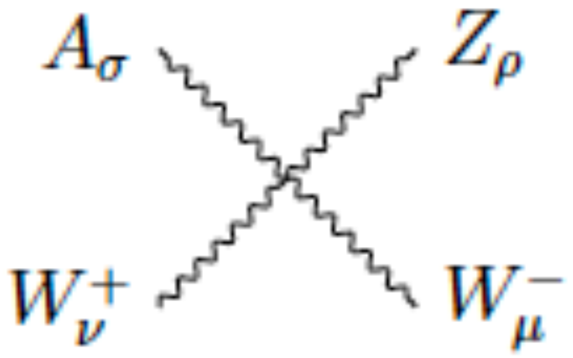

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Towards EW SM

- So far, we have built an SU(2) x U(1) theory, BUT with massless gauge bosons and massless fermions — both $W^i_\mu W^{i,\mu}$ and $\bar{\psi}\psi = \bar{\psi}_L\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R\psi_L$ terms are not gauge invariant, so cannot be present in the Lagrangian
- Solution (*Brout, Englert'64, Higgs'64, Guralnik, Hagen, Kibble'64*): **spontaneous symmetry breaking** -> Higgs, or Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH), mechanism (Nobel Prize 2013) 
  - application (*Weinberg'67, Salam'68*) to the SU(2)xU(1) model (*Glashow'61*) renders EW SM (Nobel Prize 1979) 
- Generally speaking, the equations (Lagrangian) obey a symmetry while the solutions (ground state of the system) don't -> "symmetry broken by vacuum"

Abelian Higgs model

- A simpler model with U(1) local gauge symmetry with one complex scalar field

$$\mathscr{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu\phi)^*(D^\mu\phi) - V(\phi) \qquad D_\mu\phi = \partial_\mu + igA_\mu$$

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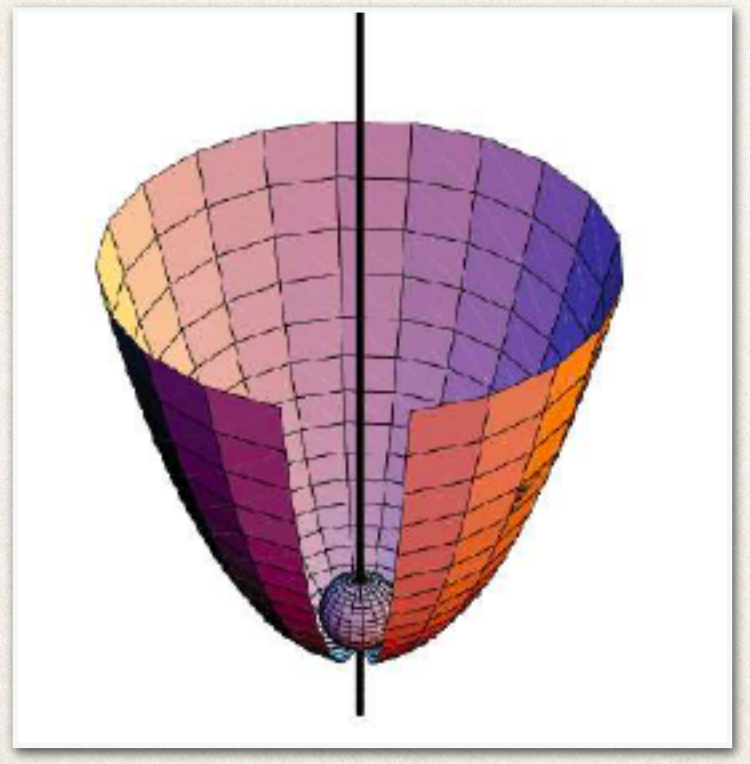

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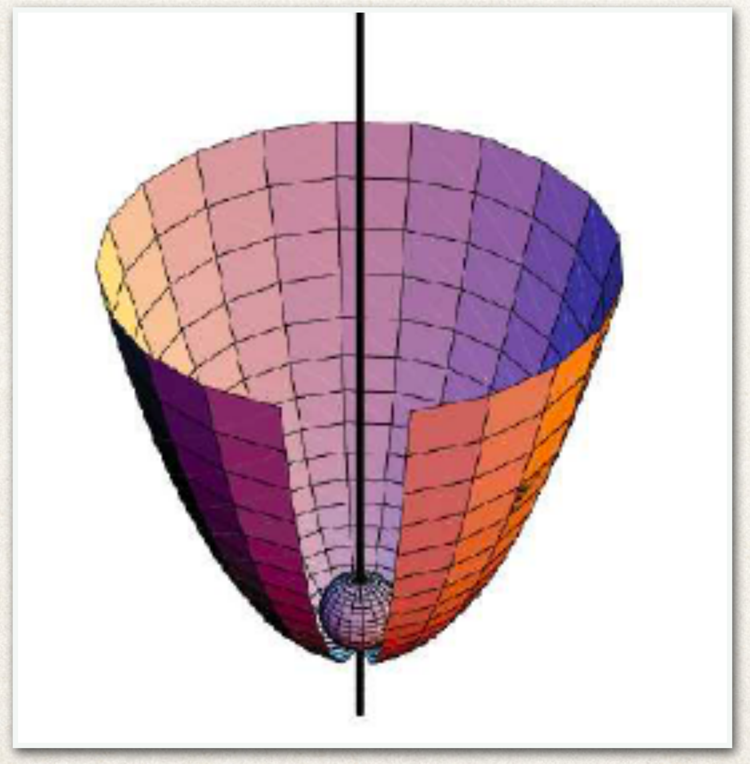

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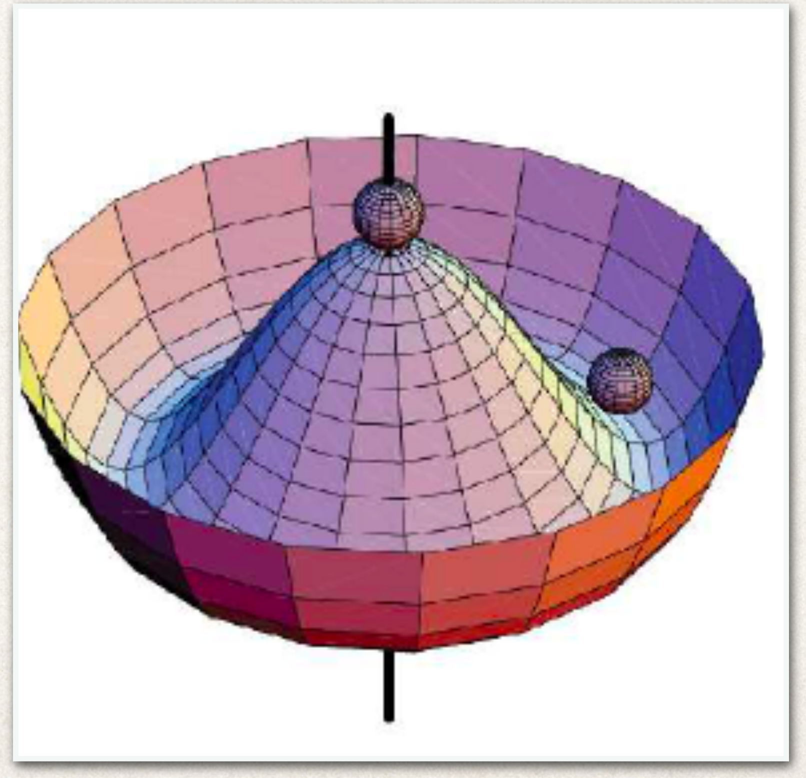


$\mu^2 > 0$

broken, or "hidden" symmetry
circle of degenerate minima

$$\phi^*\phi = \frac{\mu^2}{2\lambda} \Rightarrow |\phi| = \sqrt{\frac{\mu^2}{2\lambda}}$$

symmetry is broken by the system choosing one of the ground states

Abelian Higgs model

➜ see also lectures by J. Ellis

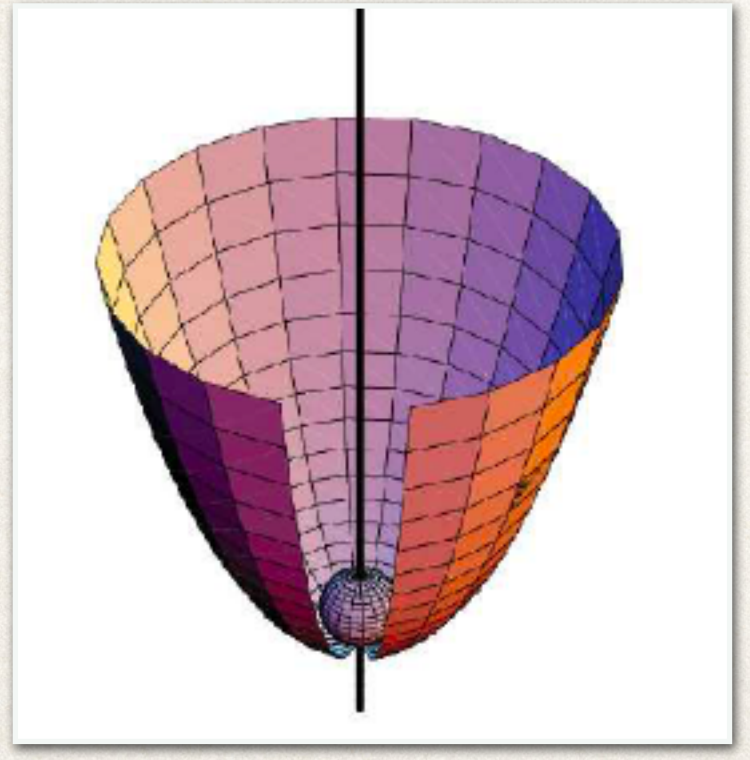
- A simpler model with U(1) local gauge symmetry with one complex scalar field

$$\mathscr{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu\phi)^*(D^\mu\phi) - V(\phi) \qquad D_\mu\phi = \partial_\mu + igA_\mu$$

$$V(\phi) = -\mu^2\phi^*\phi + \lambda(\phi^*\phi)^2 \qquad \lambda > 0 \quad \text{(potential bounded from below)}$$

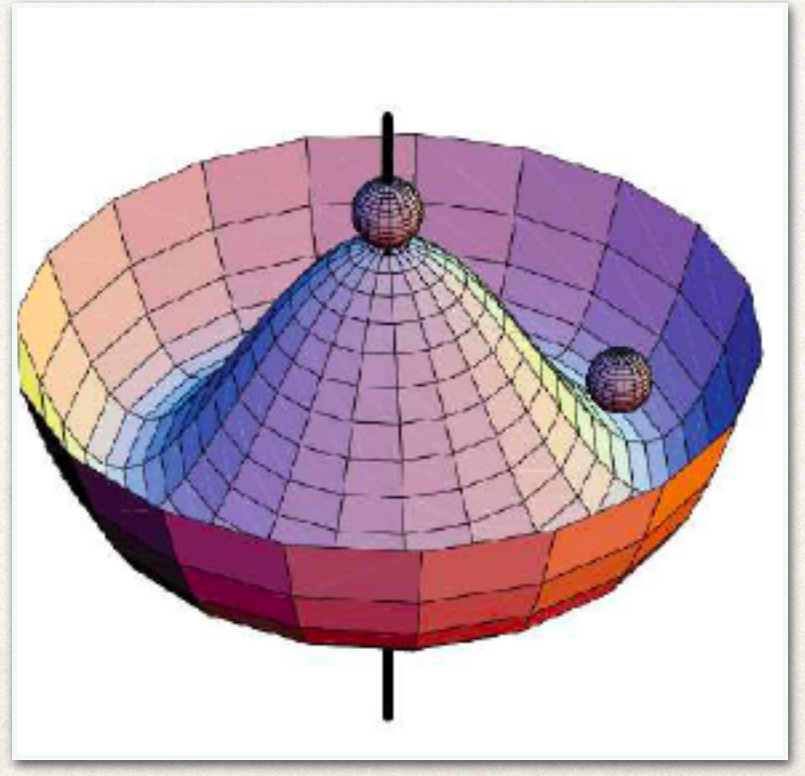
invariant under $\phi(x) \to e^{i\alpha(x)}\phi(x)$ $\qquad A_\mu(x) \to A_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{g}\partial_\mu\alpha(x)$

Potential $V(\phi)$ as a function of the field $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\phi_1(x) + i\phi_2(x)\right)$



$\mu^2 < 0$

exact symmetry
unique minimum
vacuum expectation value $\langle\phi\rangle = 0$



$\mu^2 > 0$

broken, or "hidden" symmetry
circle of degenerate minima

$$|\langle\phi\rangle| = \sqrt{\frac{\mu^2}{2\lambda}} \equiv \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Abelian Higgs model (2)

- Field redefinition: expansion around (chosen, without loss of generality) minimum $\phi_0 = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(v + \rho(x)\right) e^{i\xi(x)/v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(v + \rho(x) + i\xi(x) + \dots\right)$$

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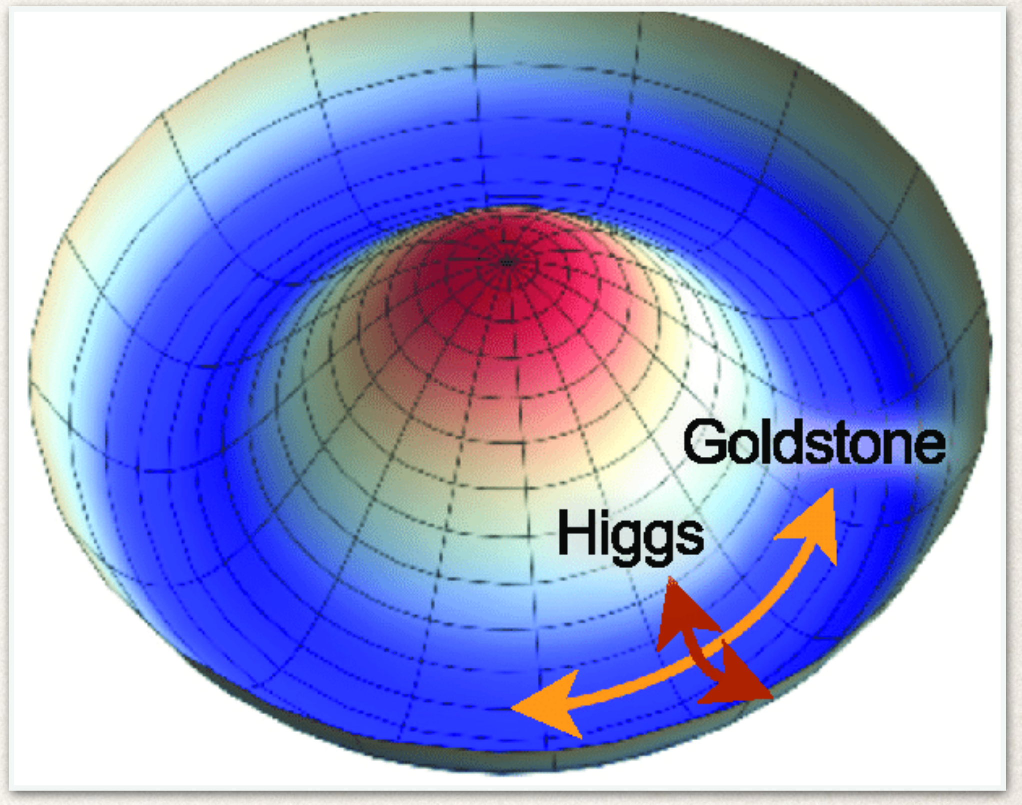

- Potential becomes $V(\phi) = \frac{-\mu^4}{4\lambda} + \mu^2\rho^2 + \mathcal{O}(\rho^3)$
  - mass term for the scalar ρ with $m_\rho^2 = 2\mu^2 = 2\lambda v^2$, no mass term for the scalar ξ

- Interpretation: ρ corresponds to radial excitations → curvature of potential → massive particle
  ξ corresponds to tangential excitations → flat direction → no mass term for the would-be Goldstone boson mode
  (massless Goldstone bosons appear as a result of spontaneous breaking of continuous global symmetries)

….or alternatively…

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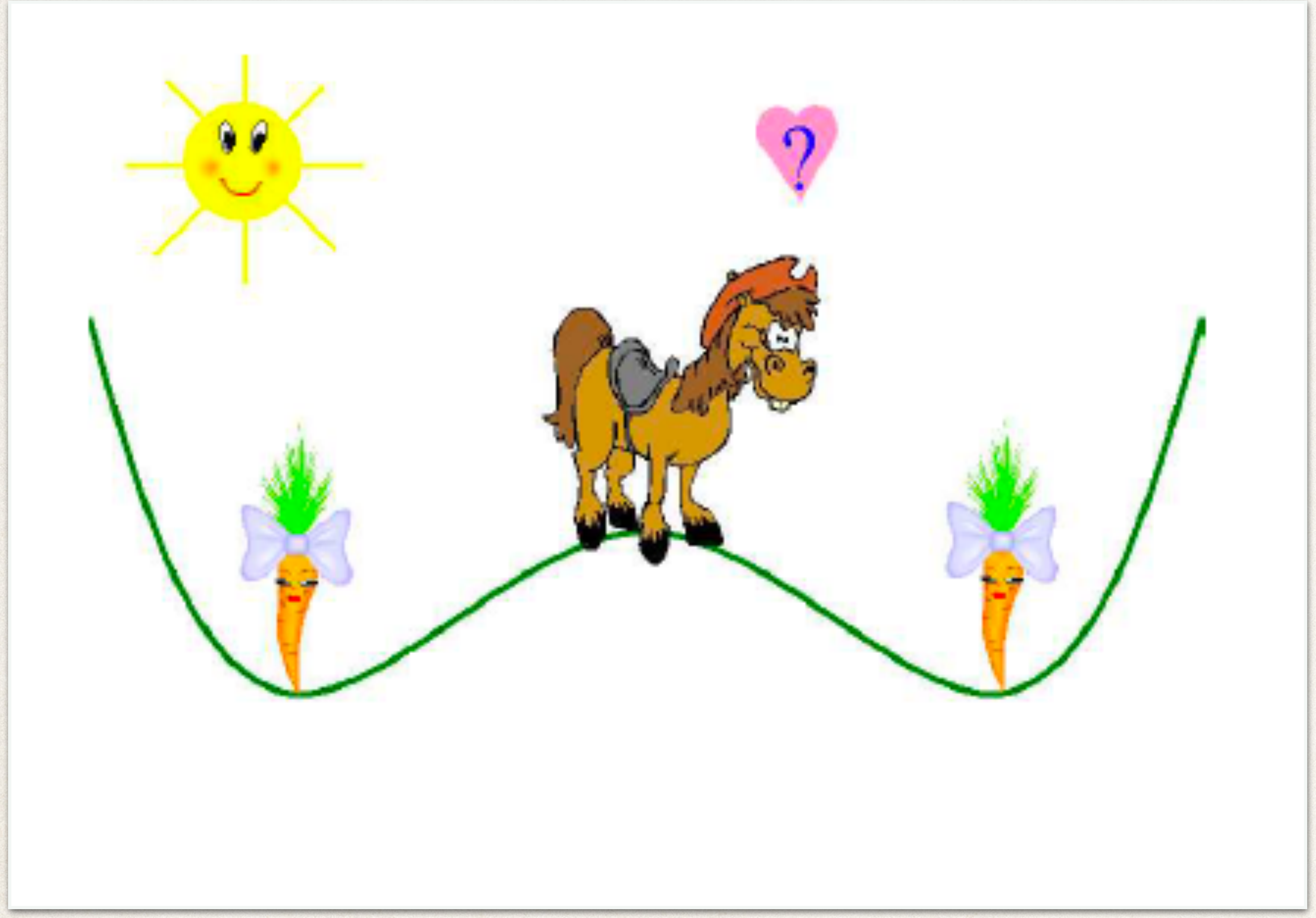

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both carrots are identical
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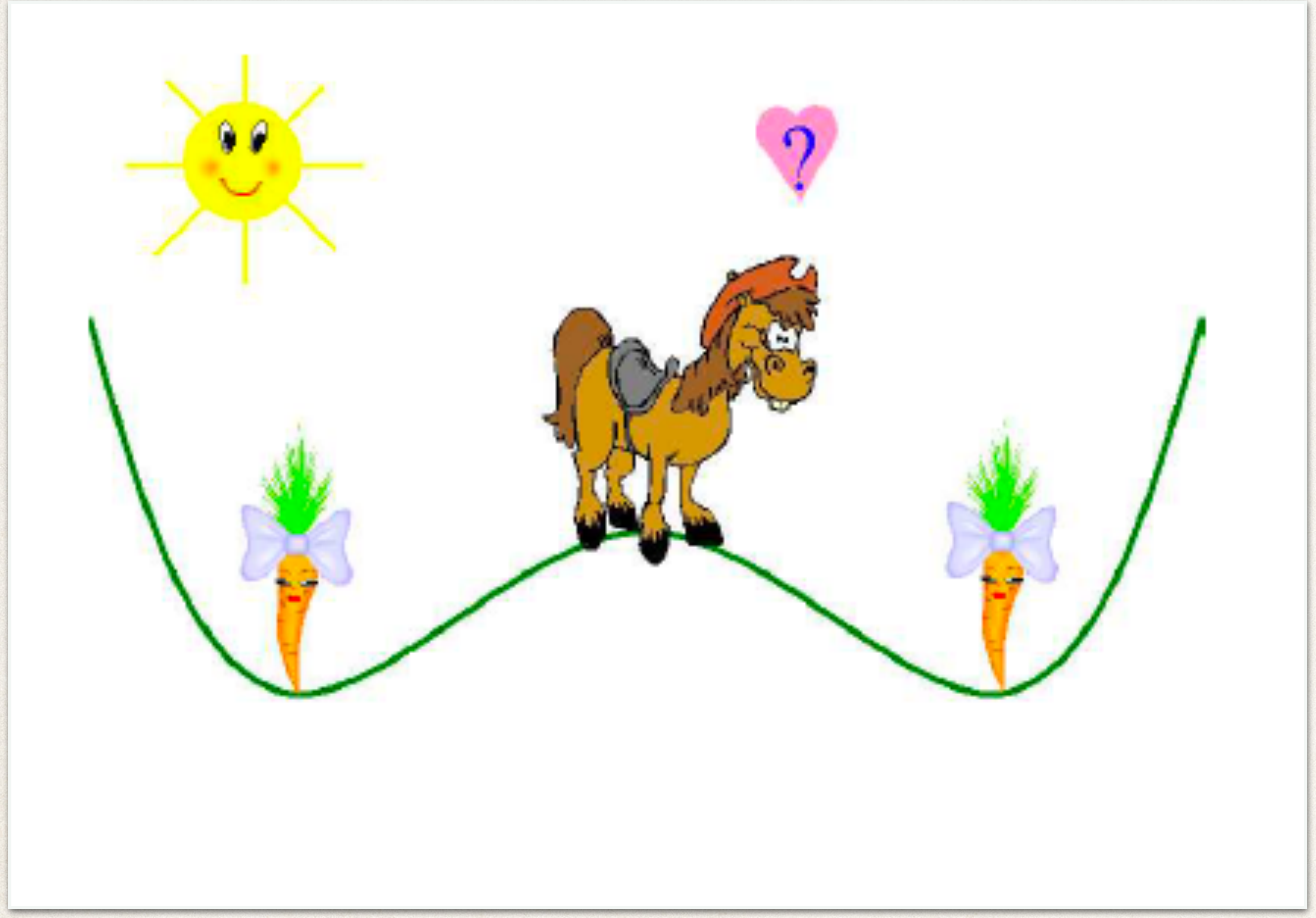

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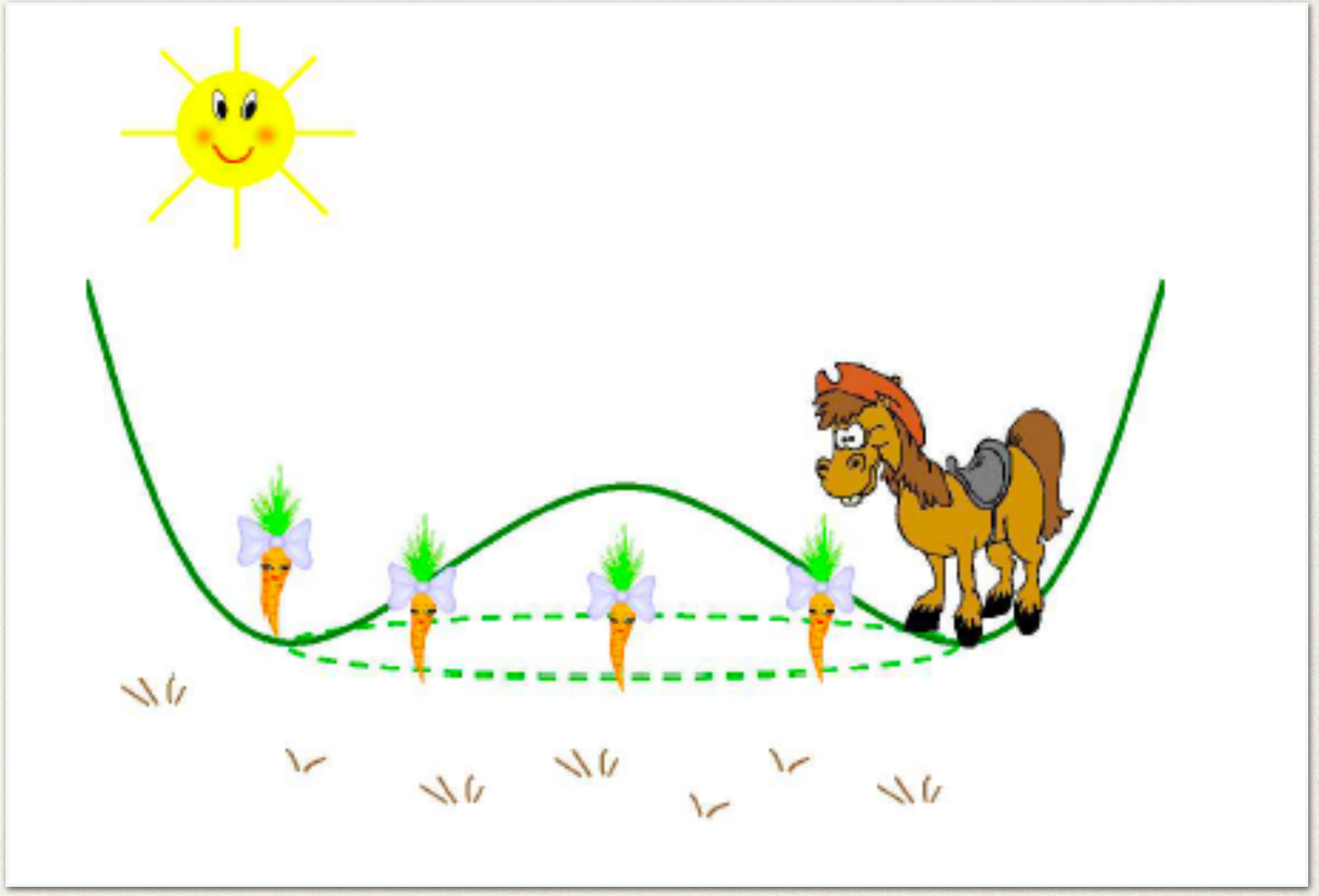


… and other carrots can be
reached with no effort!

Abelian Higgs model (3)

- Field redefinition: expansion $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(v + \rho(x)\right) e^{i\xi(x)/v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(v + \rho(x) + i\xi(x) + \ldots\right)$
- Kinetic term $(D_\mu\phi)^*(D^\mu\phi) = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\rho)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\xi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}g^2v^2A_\mu A^\mu + gvA_\mu\partial^\mu\xi + \text{interaction terms}$
  - suggests massive gauge boson A with $m_A^2 = g^2v^2$!
  - quadratic mixing term $gvA_\mu\partial^\mu\xi$: quadratic terms not diagonalized, cannot read off particle spectrum
- Degrees of freedom:
  - 4 for unbroken symmetry (2 scalars + 2 polarisation of a massless photon) so apparent mismatch after symmetry breaking (3 polarisations of a massive photon + 2 scalars)
  - one field must be unphysical such that it is not counted as an independent d.o.f. -> would-be Goldstone boson mixes with photon, giving rise to photon's longitudinal polarisation

Abelian Higgs model (4)

- In fact, the field ξ can be transformed away using the following gauge transformation, called unitary gauge

$$\phi(x) \to \phi'(x) = e^{(-i\xi(x)/v)}\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(v + \rho(x)\right)$$

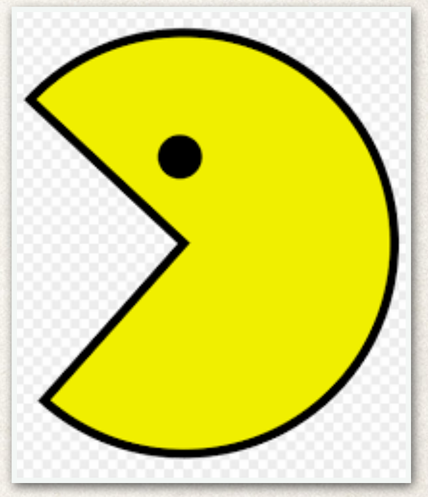
$$A_\mu(x) \to A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) - \frac{1}{gv}\partial_\mu \xi(x)$$

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(v + \rho(x)\right) e^{i\xi(x)/v}$$

- In this gauge (dropping primes)

$$\mathscr{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F\mu\nu F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\rho)^2 + \frac{1}{2}g^2v^2A_\mu A^\mu - \mu^2\rho^2 + \frac{1}{2}g^2A\mu A^\mu\rho^2 + g^2vA_\mu A^\mu\rho - \lambda v\mu\rho^3 - \frac{\lambda}{4}\rho^4 + \frac{1}{4}\mu^2v^2$$

  - ρ is a massive scalar field with $m_\rho^2 = 2\mu^2 = 2\lambda v^2$ → BEH field
  - Photon acquired mass $m_A^2 = g^2v^2$. No mixing term, no other terms containing ξ .
  - In a spontaneously broken gauge theory gauge bosons acquire mass and the would-be Goldstone bosons' degrees of freedom are used for transition from massless to massive gauge bosons -> they are "eaten" by gauge bosons



BEH mechanism for SU(2)xU(1)

→ see also lectures by J. Ellis

- Introduce an SU(2) doublet of complex scalar fields

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_3 + \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$ transforming as $$\Phi \to \exp\left(i\theta^k T^k + i\beta Y\right)\Phi$$

construct $$\mathscr{L}_\Phi = (D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger D^\mu\Phi - V(\Phi)$$

$$D_\mu\Phi = \left(\partial_\mu + igT^kW_\mu^k + \frac{i}{2}g'B_\mu\right)\Phi$$

$$V(\Phi) = -\mu^2\Phi^\dagger\Phi + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2 \quad (\lambda > 0)$$

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- Spontaneous symmetry breaking when $\mu^2 > 0$, then minima of the potential at $\Phi^\dagger \Phi = \dfrac{\mu^2}{2\lambda} = \dfrac{v^2}{2}$
- Selecting a particular vacuum state breaks the symmetry. Choose $\langle \Phi \rangle = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$.

BEH mechanism for SU(2)xU(1)

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \Rightarrow \text{ with } Q = T^3 + \frac{1}{2}Y, \quad Y(\phi^+) = Y(\phi^0) = 1$$

and

$$Q = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^3 + \frac{1}{2}I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Under $U(1)_{\text{EM}}$

$$\langle \Phi \rangle \to e^{(i\alpha Q)} \langle \Phi \rangle \simeq \langle \Phi \rangle + i\alpha Q \langle \Phi \rangle$$

- For $\langle \Phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ $\qquad Q \langle \Phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\qquad$ and $\qquad \langle \Phi \rangle \to \langle \Phi \rangle$

- Invariance of the vacuum under U(1) of electromagnetism $\Rightarrow U(1)_{\text{EM}}$ symmetry preserved

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \to U(1)_{\text{EM}}$$

BEH mechanism for SU(2)xU(1)

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- Parametrize Φ around chosen minimum $\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp\left(\frac{i}{2}\theta^k T^k\right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+H \end{pmatrix}$

- In the unitary gauge $\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+H \end{pmatrix}$

$$D_\mu \Phi = \left(\partial_\mu + igT^k W^k_\mu + \frac{i}{2} g' B_\mu\right) \Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\partial_\mu + i\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} W^3_\mu/\sqrt{2} & W^-_\mu \\ W^+_\mu & -W^3_\mu/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{i}{2} g' B_\mu\right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+H \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger (D_\mu \Phi) = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu H \partial^\mu H + \frac{g^2 v^2}{4} W^{+,\mu} W^-_\mu + \frac{v^2}{8}(gW^3_\mu - g' B_\mu)(gW^3_\mu - g' B^\mu) + \text{interaction terms}$$

- Remember mixing $W^3_\mu = \sin\theta_W A_\mu + \cos\theta_W Z_\mu$ $\quad B_\mu = \cos\theta_W A_\mu - \sin\theta_W Z_\mu$ $\quad \tan\theta_W = \frac{g'}{g}$

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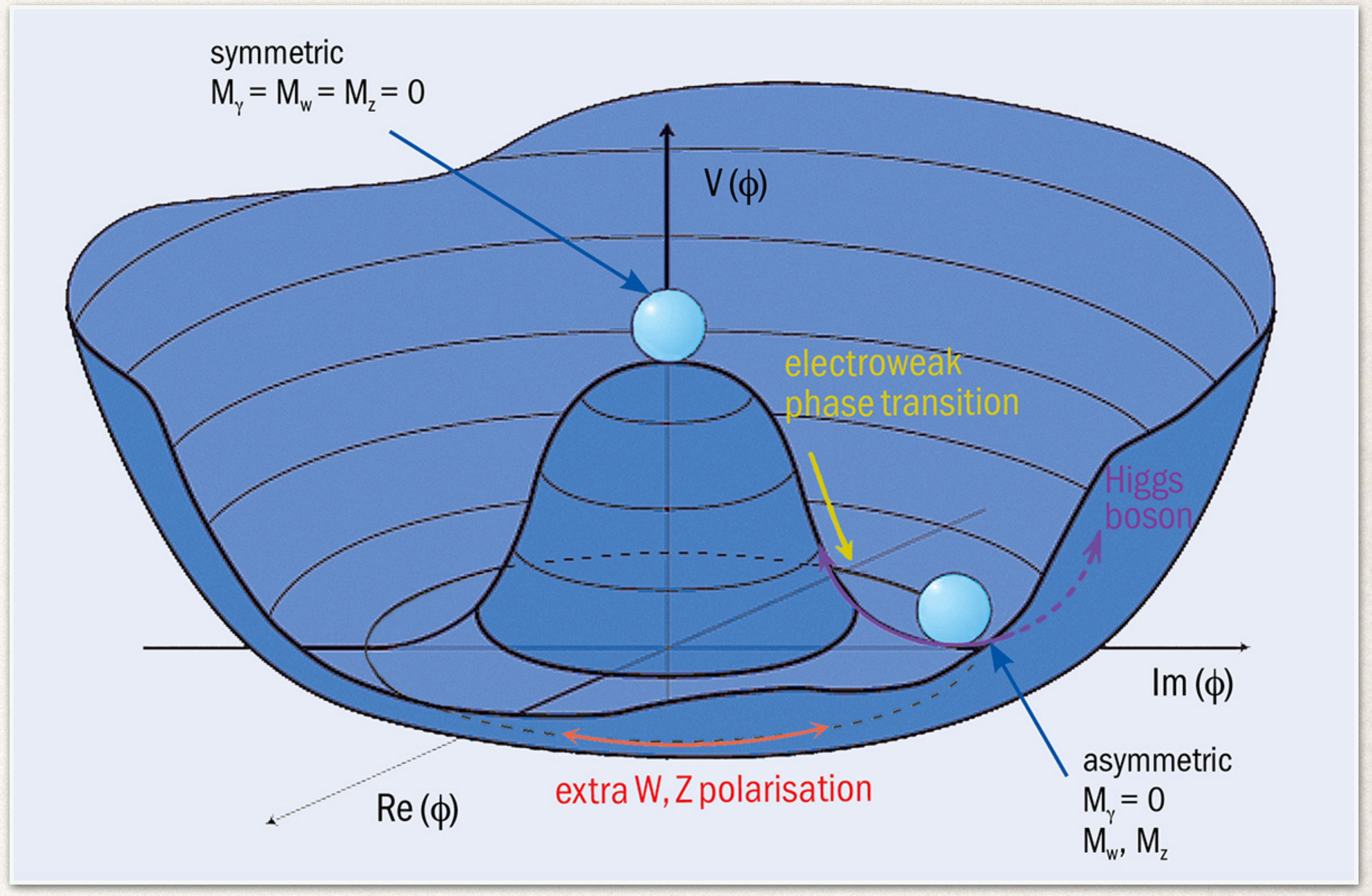

- W and Z bosons acquire mass! ($g' = g\tan\theta_W$)

$$M_W = \frac{gv}{2} \qquad M_Z = \frac{v}{2}\sqrt{g^2+g'^2} = \frac{gv}{2\cos\theta_W} = \frac{M_W}{\cos\theta_W} \qquad M_A = 0$$

- Ratio of M_W to M_Z is the prediction of the EWSM !

- Degrees of freedom

Before SSB	$4 \times 2 + 2 \times 2 = 12 = 3 \times 3 + 2 + 1$	After SSB
	$W^{1,2,3}, B$ ϕ^+, ϕ^0 W^+, W^-, Z A H	

Gauge boson - Higgs interactions

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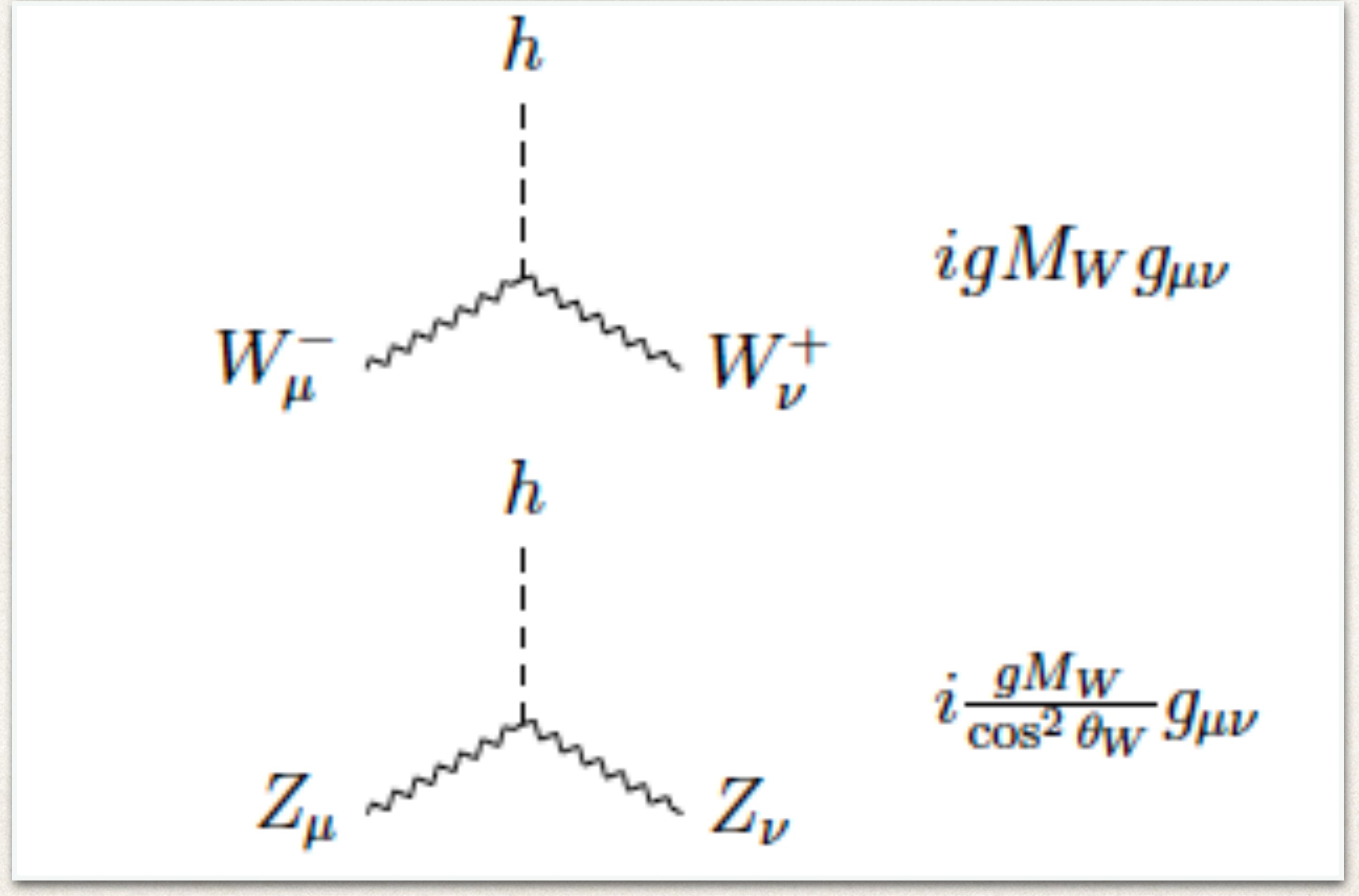
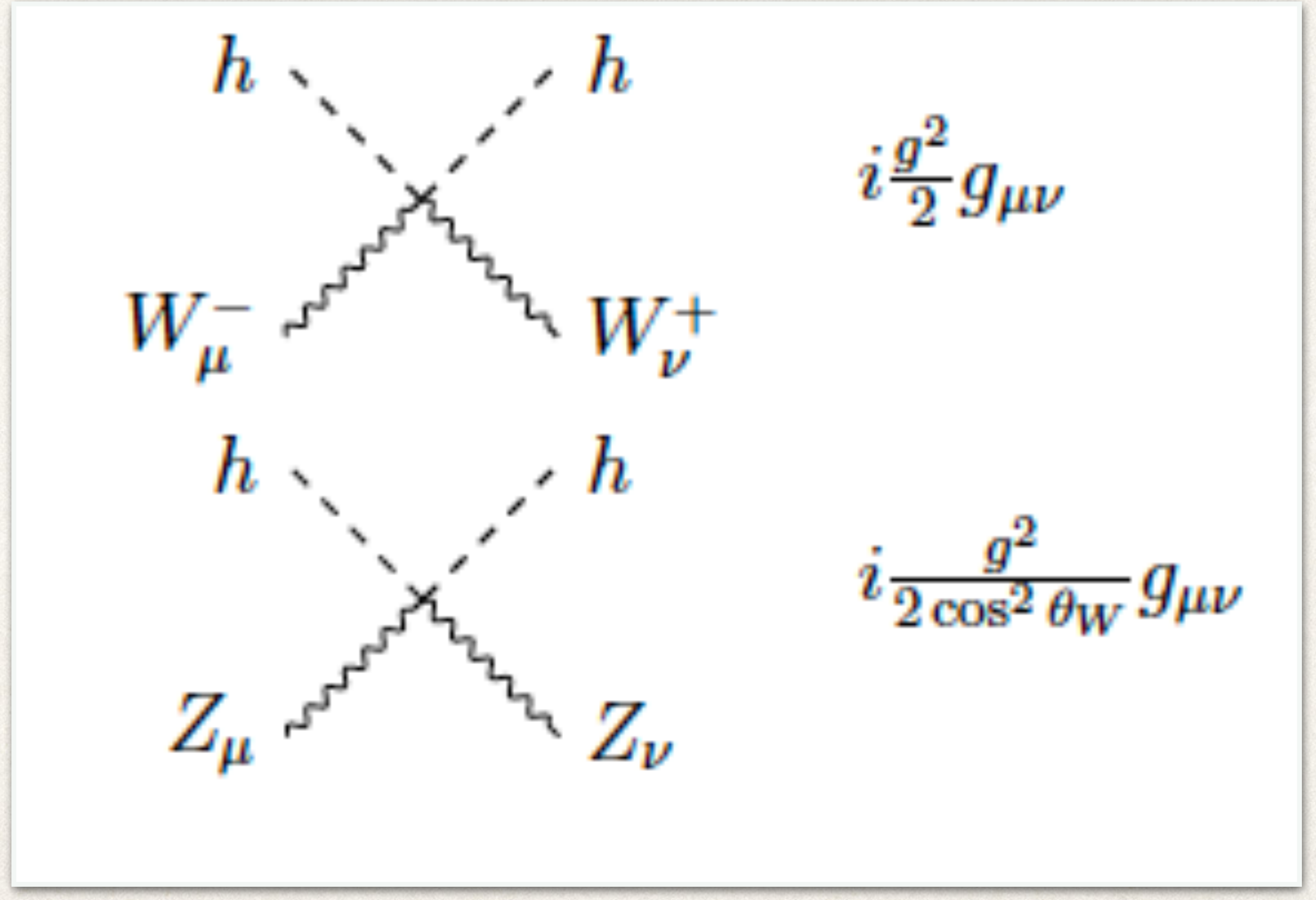
- $(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger D^\mu\Phi$ also provides trilinear and quadric couplings of the Higgs boson to gauge bosons

$$(D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger(D_\mu\Phi) = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu H\partial^\mu H + \left[\frac{g^2v^2}{4}W^{+,\mu}W^-_\mu + \frac{v^2}{8}(g^2+g'^2)Z_\mu Z^\mu\right]\left(1+\frac{H}{v}\right)^2$$

- Feynman rules





Higgs self-interactions

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$$V(\Phi) = -\mu^2\Phi^\dagger\Phi + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2 \qquad \Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+H \end{pmatrix}$$

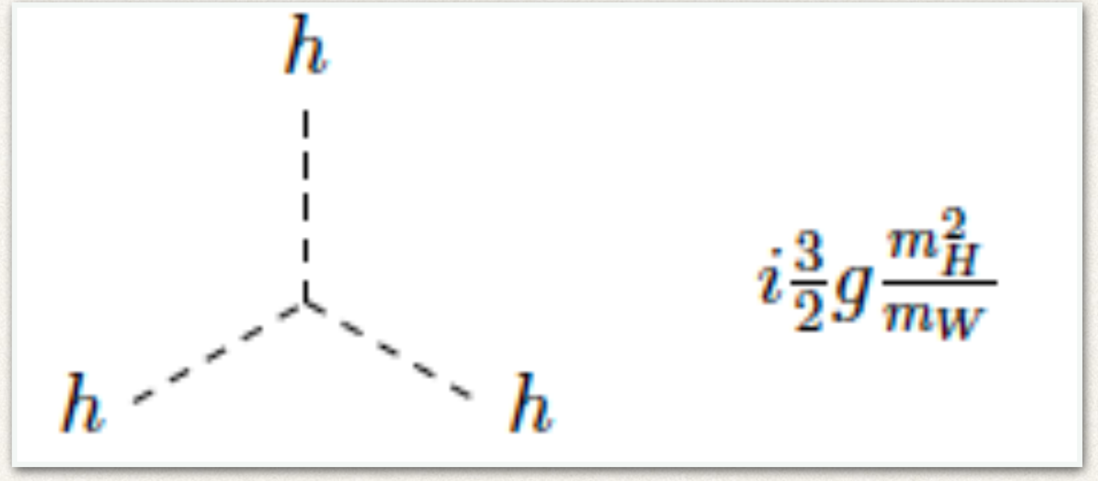
$$\Rightarrow V(\Phi) = \mu^2 H^2 + \lambda v H^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}H^4 + \text{constant}$$

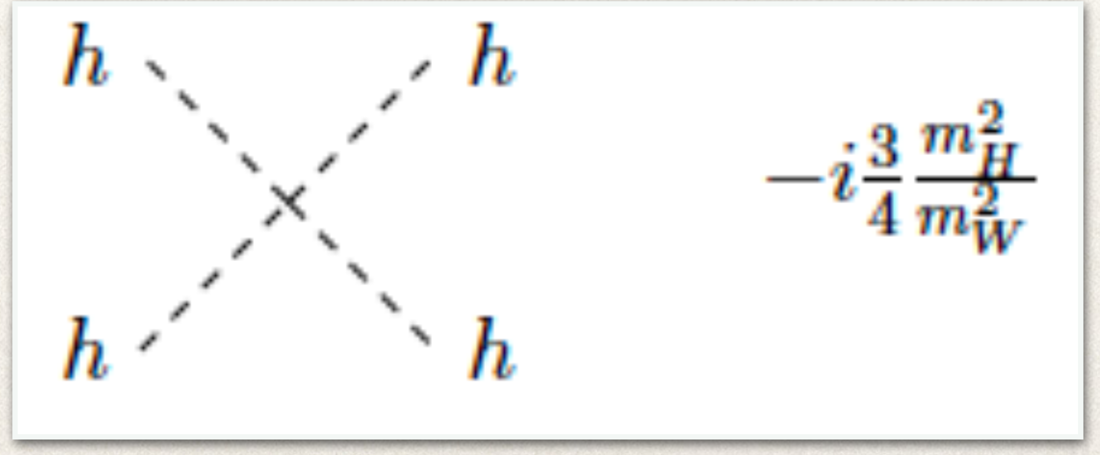
- Mass term for the Higgs boson

$$M_H = \sqrt{2}\mu = \sqrt{2\lambda}v$$

  - v and M_H measured by experiment (v = 246 GeV, M_H = 125 GeV) ⇒ Higgs self-coupling λ fixed (λ=0.129)

- Feynman rules





Fermion masses

- One more nut to crack: explicit mass terms for fermions break gauge invariance $\bar{\psi}\psi = \bar{\psi}_L\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R\psi_L$ under SU(2)
- Introduce gauge-invariant Yukawa terms (now only for the electron)

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{Yukawa,e}} = y_e \left[\bar{\psi}_L \Phi e_R + \bar{e}_R \Phi^\dagger \psi_L\right]$$

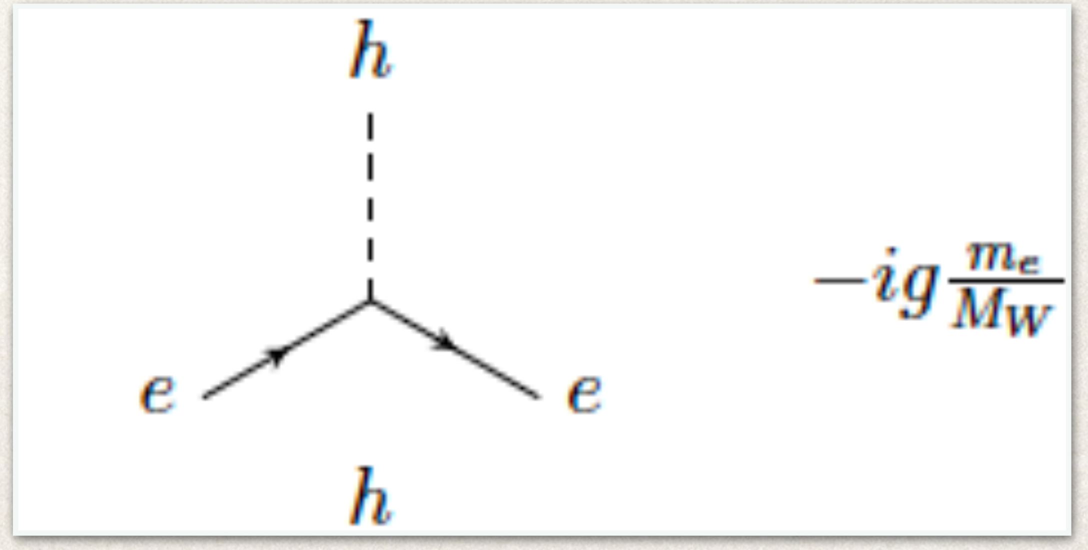
"5th force"

- After SSB, in the unitary gauge $\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+H \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{Yukawa,e}} = -y_e \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\bar{e}_L e_R + \bar{e}_R e_L\right) = -\frac{y_e}{\sqrt{2}}(v+H)\,\bar{e}e = -\frac{y_e v}{\sqrt{2}}\,\bar{e}e - \frac{y_e}{\sqrt{2}}\,\bar{e}e\,H$$

mass term — interaction term

- Mass term for the electron with $m_e = \frac{y_e}{\sqrt{2}} v$
- Yukawa coupling proportional to the electron mass $y_e = \sqrt{2}\,\frac{m_e}{v} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\frac{m_e}{M_W}$



Weak interactions of quarks (1)

- So far, only 1 generation of leptons considered. Extension to three lepton generations in the original EWSM (with massless neutrinos) is a trivial threefold copy of the Lagrangian for the 1st generation leptons

- Extending to 1st generation quarks

  - Matter content

$$\psi_q = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \qquad u_R,\ d_R$$

	T	T^3	Q	Y
u_L	1/2	1/2	2/3	1/3
d_L	1/2	-1/2	-1/3	1/3
u_R	0	0	2/3	4/3
d_R	0	0	-1/3	-2/3

  - Quark masses : need an additional Yukawa term to generate up quark mass

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{Yukawa,d}} = -y_d \bar{\psi}_q \Phi d_R + h.c. \quad \text{(analogous to electron)}$$

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{Yukawa,d}} = -y_d \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{d}_L d_R + \bar{d}_R d_L)$$

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{Yukawa,u}} = -y_u \bar{\psi}_q^{\dagger} \Phi^c u_R + h.c. \quad \text{with} \quad \Phi^c \equiv i\sigma^2 \Phi^*$$

After SSB $\Phi^c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v+H \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{Yukawa,u}} = -y_u \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}_L u_R + \bar{u}_R u_L)$$

Weak interactions of quarks (2)

- In general, the structure of the Yukawa terms (after SSB) for all generations of quarks $(i, j = 1,2,3)$ is

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -\, y_u^{ij} \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_L^i u_R^j - y_d^{ij} \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}_L^i d_R^j + \text{h.c.} = -\sum_f \bar{f}_L\, M_f f_R \left(1 + \frac{H}{v}\right) + \text{h.c.}$$

where $M_f^{ij} = y_f^{ij} \dfrac{v}{2}$ is a non-diagonal mass matrix for quarks

- Introduce unitary transformations U_L^f and U_R^f rotating the vectors

$$f_L = \begin{pmatrix} f_L^1 \\ f_L^2 \\ f_L^3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } f_R = \begin{pmatrix} f_R^1 \\ f_R^2 \\ f_R^3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ in the gauge basis to vectors in the mass basis } f'_L = \begin{pmatrix} f_L^{\prime\,1} \\ f_L^{\prime\,2} \\ f_L^{\prime\,3} \end{pmatrix} = U_L^f f_L \quad f'_R = \begin{pmatrix} f_R^{\prime\,1} \\ f_R^{\prime\,2} \\ f_R^{\prime\,3} \end{pmatrix} = U_R^f f_R$$

such that the matrix $M_{f,D} = U_L^f\, M_f\, (U_R^f)^\dagger$ is diagonal

$$\Rightarrow \mathscr{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -\sum_f \bar{f}_L\, (U_L^f)^\dagger\, M_{f,D}\, U_R^f\, f_R \left(1 + \frac{H}{v}\right) + \text{h.c.} = -\sum_f m_f^k \left(\bar{f}_L^{\prime\,k} f_R^{\prime\,k} + \bar{f}_R^{\prime\,k} f_L^{\prime\,k}\right) \left(1 + \frac{H}{v}\right) + \text{h.c.}$$

Quark sector

- Write the charged quark current in terms of mass eigenstates $u_L^{\prime k}$ and $d_L^{\prime k}$

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{q,CC}} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \bar{u}_L^j \gamma^\mu d_L^j - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ \bar{d}_L^j \gamma^\mu u_L^j = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \bar{u}_L^{\prime k} (U_L^u)^{kj} \gamma^\mu (U_L^{d\,\dagger})^{jl} d_L^{\prime l} + \text{h.c.} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_{kl} W_\mu^- \bar{u}_L^{\prime k} \gamma^\mu d_L^{\prime l} + \text{h.c.}$$

  where $V_{kl} = \left(U_L^u U_L^{d\,\dagger}\right)_{kl}$ is the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix

  ⇒ physical charged currents mix flavours, known as flavour-changing charged currents (FCCC)

- Neutral currents are diagonal in the mass basis ($U^\dagger U = 1$) ⇒ no flavour-changing neutral currents (FCNC) in the SM at tree level

- CKM matrix provides a source of CP violation in the SM ➜ see lectures by G. Isidori

Electroweak (EW) theory

- What do we want?
  - Quantum field theory of electromagnetic and weak interactions
    - based on principle of gauge symmetry

      SU(2)xU(1)

    - with massive weak gauge bosons (weak interactions ~ short range) but massless photons, as well as massive fermions

      BEH mechanism

      Yukawa terms

    - able to describe flavour-changing processes, e.g. β-decay (where weak interactions discovered)
      $n \to p^+ + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ -> at the quark level $d \to u + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$

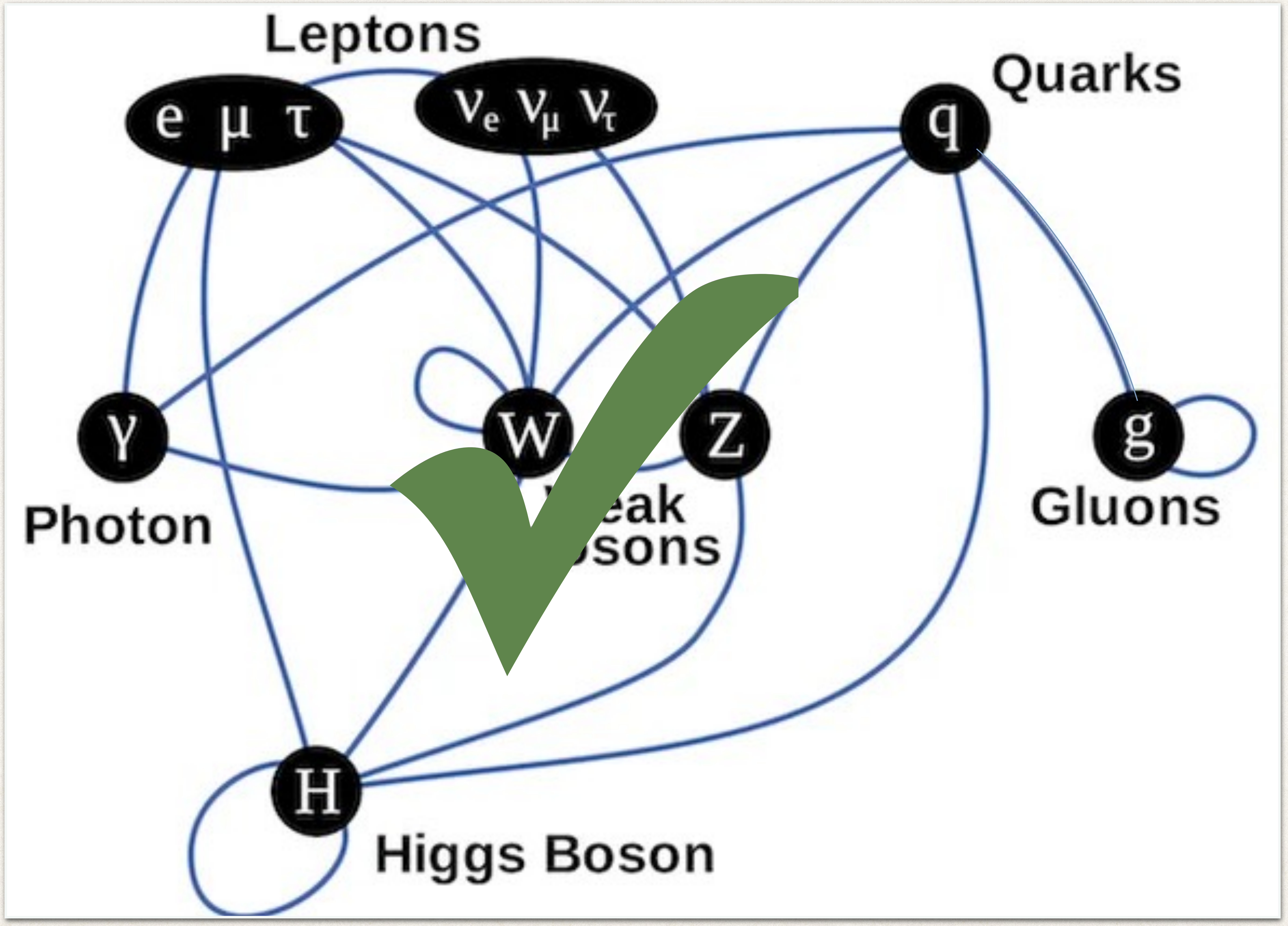
      FCCC

    - with weak interactions chiral and maximally parity violating *(Lee and Young'56, Wu'57)*: charged currents only involving left-handed particles (right-handed antiparticles)

      $\mathscr{L}_{CC}$

    - neutral current weak processes (discovered after the EW Standard Model was proposed -> prediction of the theory)

      $\mathscr{L}_{NC}$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