
The SM (4)

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Building Lagrangians



- Choosing the generalized coordinates (fields)
- Imposing symmetries and how fields transform (input)
- The Lagrangian is the most general one that obeys the symmetries
- We truncate it at some order, usually fourth

QED

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(i) The symmetry is a local

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

(ii) There are two fermion fields

$$e_L(-1), \quad e_R(-1)$$

(iii) There are no scalars

What can you say about

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\mathcal{L} and more

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_{\psi} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} + \mathcal{L}_{\phi}$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = \mathcal{L}_{\phi} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\psi} = m_e \bar{e}_L e_R + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - i \bar{e}_L \not{D} e_L - i \bar{e}_R \not{D} e_R$$

$$D^{\mu} = \partial^{\mu} + ieqA^{\mu}$$

- How many parameters?
- What are the Feynman rules?
- What about P and CP ?

2 Generations

- What is \mathcal{L} ?
- How many parameters?
- What are the accidental symmetries?

Experimental test of QED

- Massless photon implies Coulomb potential
- $g - 2$ of the electron and muon
- Many more
- In many cases, we find deviations that indicate we need to go to the UV theory

QCD

Defining QCD

(i) The symmetry is a local

$$SU(3)_C$$

(ii) There are six left-handed and six right-handed fermion fields, “quarks”

$$Q_{Li}(3), \quad Q_{Ri}(3), \quad i = 1, \dots, 6$$

(iii) There are no scalars

\mathcal{L} for QCD

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_{\psi} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} + \mathcal{L}_{\phi}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = \mathcal{L}_{\phi} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = -\frac{1}{4}G_a^{\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}^a - i\overline{Q_{Li}}\not{D}Q_{Li} - i\overline{Q_{Ri}}\not{D}Q_{Ri}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\psi} = m_{ij}\overline{Q_{Li}}Q_{Rj} + \text{h.c.}$$

- How many parameters?
- What are the Feynman rules?
- What about P and CP ?
- Accidental symmetries?

Running and confinements

- Couplings run. What is it?
- For QCD we get confinement
- We can only use perturbative QCD at the UV
- At the IR we have hadrons: baryons and mesons

Experimental tests of QCD

- Need to be done at the UV
- We “see” that the proton is made of quarks
- We “see” the running of α_s
- A lot of other tests

At the IR we need to use some models. The quark model is a model, that tell us what hadrons are made of

Leptonic SM

Defining the LSM

(i) The symmetry is a local

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

(ii) There are three fermion generations

$$L_L^i(2)_{-1/2}, \quad E_R^i(1)_{-1}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

(iii) There is a single scalar multiplet:

$$\phi(2)_{+1/2}$$

We could have SSB

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

\mathcal{L} for the LSM

What can you say about

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_{\psi} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} + \mathcal{L}_{\phi}$$

- Kinetic term (next)
- The Yukawa

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = Y_{ij}^e \overline{L}_L^i E_R^j \phi + \text{h.c.}$$

- The Scalar potential

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\phi} = -\mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

\mathcal{L}_{kin} and $SU(2) \times U(1)$

- Four gauge bosons DOFs

$$W_a^\mu \quad B^\mu$$

- The covariant derivative is

$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu + igT_A W_a^\mu + ig'Y B^\mu$$

- Two parameters g and g'
- Y is the $U(1)$ charge of the field D_μ work on
- T_a is the $SU(2)$ representation of that field
- $T_a = 0$ for singlets. $T_a = \sigma_a/2$ for doublets
- Write D_μ for $L(1, 2)_{-1/2}$ and $E(1, 1)_{-1}$

Explicit examples

$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu + igW_a^\mu T_a + ig'Y B^\mu$$

- Write D_μ for $L(1, 2)_{-1/2}$ and $E(1, 1)_{-1}$

$$D^\mu L = \left(\partial^\mu + \frac{i}{2}gW_a^\mu \sigma_a - \frac{i}{2}g'B^\mu \right) L$$

$$D^\mu E = (\partial^\mu - ig'B^\mu) E$$

- HW: Using $\phi(1, 2)_{1/2}$ write $D^\mu \phi$

SSB in the SM

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$$-\mathcal{L}_{Higgs} = \lambda\phi^4 - \mu^2\phi^2 = \lambda(\phi^2 - v^2)^2$$

- We measure the fact that $\mu^2 > 0$ by having SSB
- The minimum is at $|\phi| = v$
- ϕ has 4 DOF. We can choose the vev in the real part of the down component
- It leads to: $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)$
- We call the remaining symmetry EM
- We left with one real scalar field: the Higgs boson

QED

- Where is QED in all of this?

$$Q = T_3 + Y$$

- We can write explicitly for $L(1, 2)_{-1/2}$ and $\phi(1, 2)_{1/2}$

$$L_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can “tell” the different component because we have SSB

\mathcal{L}_{Yuk} and fermion masses

- There is no way to write a (bare) mass term for the leptons
- The Yukawa part of the leptons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = y_{ij} \overline{L}_{Li} E_{Rj} \phi \Rightarrow m_{ij} \overline{E}_{Li} E_{Rj} \quad m_{ij} = v y_{ij}$$

- $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ are flavor indices
- y is a general complex 3×3 matrix and we can choose a basis where m is diagonal and real

$$m_{ij} = y v = \text{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau)$$

- Neutrinos are massless

Accidental symmetry

The model has accidental symmetries called lepton numbers

- It is a $U(1)_e \times U(1)_\mu \times U(1)_\tau$
- Total lepton number is the sum of all these three
- Dim 5 operators break it to nothing
- This symmetry is related to the fact that the neutrino is massless. Breaking of it gives masses to the neutrinos

Gauge boson masses

- W_1, W_2, W_3, B
- Gauge bosons masses from $|D_\mu\phi|^2$ (HW: do it)
- Diagonalizing the mass matrix the masses are

$$M_{W^+}^2 = M_{W^-}^2 = \frac{1}{4}g^2v^2 \quad M_Z^2 = \frac{1}{4}(g^2 + g'^2)v^2 \quad M_A^2 = 0$$

- The mass eigenstates

$$W^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(W_1 \pm iW_2) \quad \tan \theta_W \equiv \frac{g'}{g}$$

$$Z = \cos \theta_W W_3 - \sin \theta_W B \quad A = \sin \theta_W W_3 + \cos \theta_W B$$

- We have a θ_W rotation from (W_3, B) to (Z, A)

The $\rho = 1$ relation

- We can measure θ from interaction
- We can also get it from the masses of the W and Z
- We get the following testable relation

$$\rho \equiv \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} = 1 \quad \tan \theta_W \equiv \frac{g'}{g}$$

The above is a signal of SSB

Experimental tests

$$\rho \equiv \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} = 1 \quad \tan \theta_W \equiv \frac{g'}{g}$$

- High energy: Open your pdg and check W and Z decays to leptons. What do you expect to see?
- Z decays to lepton actually measures $\sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.23$
- HW: Calculate $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}) / \Gamma(Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-)$, get $\sin^2 \theta_W$ from the data and check the $\rho = 1$ prediction
- Also many low energy data tests

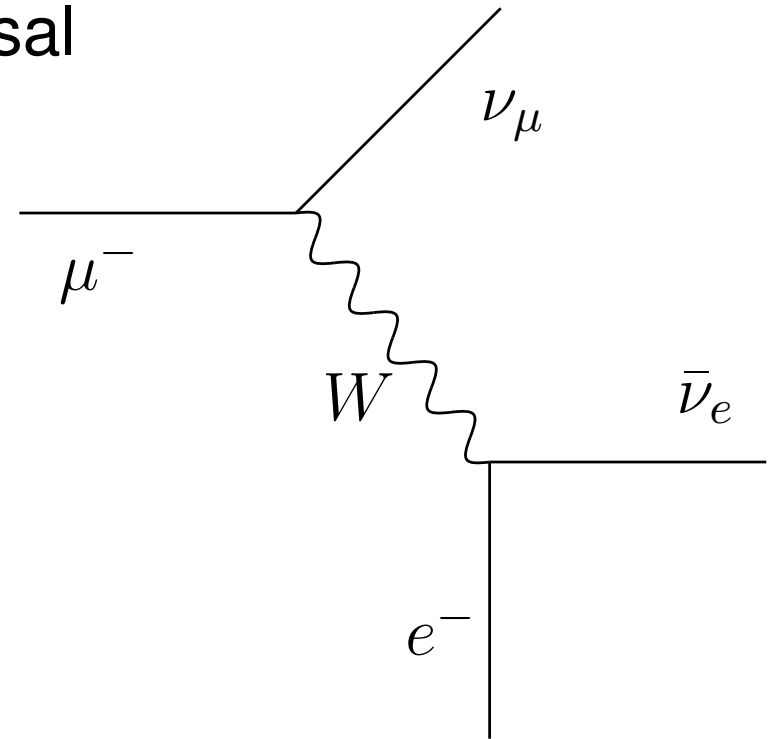
Interactions

Charged current interactions

$$-\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\nu}_{eL} W^\mu \gamma_\mu e_L^- + h.c.$$

- Only left-handed fields take part in charged-current interactions. Therefore the W interaction violate parity
- The $W\ell\nu$ interaction is universal
- Can be used to measure g

$$A \sim g^2/m_W^2 \sim G_F$$



Neutral currents

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{e}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} (T_3 - \sin^2 \theta_W Q) \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi Z_\mu + e Q \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi A_\mu,$$

- We define

$$Q = T_3 + Y \quad e = g \sin \theta$$

- Photon coupling is parity invariant
- Z couples to both LH and RH fermions but in a parity violating way
- The coupling to the Z is larger. So why we call it weak interaction?
- Once we know e and g we know θ

The Higgs interaction

- The model predicts one scalar where the couplings are proportional to the mass of the fermion
- We start to see it, but we did not test it yet

One more question

The photon gives rise to the Coulomb force

- Can the Z give rise to a similar force?
- Can this force be seen in atomic physics?
- Can it give rise to $\nu - \bar{\nu}$ bound state in a way similar to that the photon does for $e^+ - e^-$?

Some summary

- The electro-weak model is rather involved
- Many interesting predictions
- The $\rho = 1$ relation is confirmed
- Lepton universality
- Many many more