

QFT, Standard Model and EW Symmetry Breaking

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The Standard Model

= Quantum Field Theory

gauge invariant

with spontaneous symmetry breaking

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symmetry breaking

- massive leptons and quarks
- massive vector bosons of the weak interaction

Outline

1. Gauge Theories
2. Higgs mechanism
3. Electroweak interaction and Standard Model
4. Phenomenology of W and Z bosons, precision tests
5. Higgs bosons

1. Gauge theories

Notations and Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

free fields: \mathcal{L} is quadratic in the fields \Rightarrow propagators

interacting fields: higher powers in the fields \Rightarrow vertices

Constructing QED – main steps

- start with $\mathcal{L}_0 = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi$ for free fermion field ψ
symmetric under global gauge transformations
 $\psi' = e^{i\alpha} \psi$, α real

- perform minimal substitution $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ieA_\mu$

⇒ invariance under local gauge transformations

$$\psi' = e^{i\alpha(x)} \psi, \quad A'_\mu = A_\mu + \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \alpha(x)$$

- involves additional vector field A_μ
- induces interaction between A_μ and ψ

$$e (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) A_\mu \equiv e j^\mu A_\mu$$

- make A_μ a dynamical field by adding

$$\mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}, \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

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

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

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

$$\psi' = U\psi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\psi}' = \bar{\psi} U^\dagger = \bar{\psi} U^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \bar{\psi}'\psi' = \bar{\psi}\psi, \quad \bar{\psi}'\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi' = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi$$

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:

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

each $\psi_k = \phi_k(x)$ 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

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 = (\partial_\mu\phi)^\dagger(\partial^\mu\phi) - m^2\phi^\dagger\phi$ is invariant

relevant in physics:

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

group $SU(n)$

examples:

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

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

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

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

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

Lie Algebra

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$T_a = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_a$, σ_a : *Pauli matrices (a=1,2,3)*

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$$\boxed{SU(3)} \quad T_a = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_a, \quad \lambda_a : \text{Gell-Mann matrices } (a=1, \dots, 8)$$

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

$$\lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii) local symmetry

now: $\theta_a = \theta_a(x)$ for $a = 1, \dots, N$

covariant derivative $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig \mathbf{W}_\mu$

vector field \mathbf{W}_μ is $n \times n$ matrix: $\mathbf{W}_\mu(x) = T_a W_\mu^a(x)$

induces interaction term $\mathcal{L}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$

with $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = g \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \mathbf{W}_\mu \Psi = g (\bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu T_a \Psi) W_\mu^a \equiv j_a^\mu W_\mu^a$

For a multiplet of scalar fields Φ :

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = (\partial_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \Phi) \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L} = (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi)$$

\mathcal{L} is invariant under local gauge transformations

$$\Psi \rightarrow \Psi' = U \Psi ,$$

$$\mathbf{W}_\mu \rightarrow \mathbf{W}'_\mu = U \mathbf{W}_\mu U^{-1} - \frac{i}{g} (\partial_\mu U) U^{-1}$$

for infinitesimal transformations:

$$W_\mu^a \rightarrow W'^a_\mu = W_\mu^a + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \theta^a + f_{abc} W_\mu^b \theta^c$$

crucial property of covariant derivative

$$\boxed{D'_\mu U = U D_\mu}$$

(iii) dynamics of W_μ^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*

instead: $\mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} = D_\mu \mathbf{W}_\nu - D_\nu \mathbf{W}_\mu \equiv F_{\mu\nu}^a T_a$
 $= \partial_\mu \mathbf{W}_\nu - \partial_\nu \mathbf{W}_\mu - ig [\mathbf{W}_\mu, \mathbf{W}_\nu]$
 $= \frac{i}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu]$

gauge transformation: $\mathbf{W}_\mu \rightarrow \mathbf{W}'_\mu, \quad D_\mu \rightarrow D'_\mu$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}'_{\mu\nu} = U \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} U^{-1}$

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

gauge invariant

Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_W = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (\mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{F}^{\mu\nu}) = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_a F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a,\mu\nu}$$

components of $\mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu}$ *[using normalization $\text{Tr}(T_a T_b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab}$]*

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_W &= -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \text{propagator} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} g f_{abc} (\partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a) W^{b,\mu} W^{c,\nu} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} g^2 f_{abc} f_{ade} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c W^{d,\mu} W^{e,\nu}
\end{aligned}$$

new type of couplings:

- self-couplings of vector fields (gauge couplings)
- universal coupling constant g for fermions and vector fields

propagator $D_{\rho\nu}$ for massless spin-1 particles

$$[\square g^{\mu\rho} - \partial^\mu \partial^\rho] D_{\rho\nu}(x - y) = g^\mu{}_\nu \delta^4(x - y)$$

in momentum space

$$(-k^2 g^{\mu\rho} + k^\mu k^\rho) D_{\rho\nu}(k) = g^\mu{}_\nu$$

has no solution (det = 0)

way out: add gauge fixing term $\mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}} = -\frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu W^\mu)^2$

$$\left[-k^2 g^{\mu\rho} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi}\right) k^\mu k^\rho \right] D_{\rho\nu}(k) = g^\mu{}_\nu$$

which now has a solution:

$$D_{\rho\nu}(k) = \frac{1}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \left[-g_{\nu\rho} + (1 - \xi) \frac{k_\nu k_\rho}{k^2} \right]$$

Faddeev-Popov ghosts, BRS symmetry

[important for quantization and renormalization]

gauge group G , generators T_a , structure constants f_{abc}

for quantization: $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{sym}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{ghost}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum F_a^2, \quad F_a = \partial_\mu W^{a,\mu}$$

requires ghost fields c_a and anti-ghosts \bar{c}_a

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ghost}} = (\partial^\mu \bar{c}_a) (D_\mu^{\text{adj}})_{ab} c_b, \quad D_\mu^{\text{adj}} = \partial_\mu - ig W_\mu^r T_r^{\text{adj}}$$

● \mathcal{L} is symmetric under BRS transformations

$$\delta W_\mu^a = (D_\mu^{\text{adj}})_{ab} c_b \quad [W_\mu^a \rightarrow W_\mu^a + \delta W_\mu^a \quad \text{etc.}]$$

$$\delta \bar{c}_a = -\partial^\nu W_\nu^a, \quad \delta c_a = -\frac{1}{2} g f_{abc} c_b c_c$$

BRS [*Becchi, Rouet, Stora*] symmetry guarantees

– renormalizability

– gauge invariant and unitary S matrix

important: ST identities = symmetry relations between
Green functions, valid to all orders

basic quantity: effective action $\Gamma(\mathcal{L})$
generating functional of vertex functions

$$\left. \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \varphi_i \delta \varphi_j \dots} \right|_{\varphi=0} = \Gamma_{\varphi_i \varphi_j \dots}$$

classical action: $\Gamma_{\text{cl}}(\mathcal{L}) = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$
 \Rightarrow tree level vertices

general: vertex functions with loop contributions,
building blocks for renormalization

BRS symmetry: invariance of Γ under BRS transformations,

$$S(\Gamma) = \int d^4x \left[\frac{\delta\Gamma}{\delta\varphi_i} \delta\varphi_i + \dots \right] = 0 \quad S: \text{ST-operator}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{\delta S(\Gamma)}{\delta\varphi_j \dots} \right|_{\varphi=0} = 0 \quad \text{relations between vertex functions}$$

Slavnov-Taylor (ST) identities

\Rightarrow determines the structure of the counter terms
for renormalization

all UV divergences in vertex functions can be removed
by (multiplicative) renormalization of parameters and
fields in the classical Lagrangian/action

2. Higgs mechanism

Vector field for massive spin-1 particles

generic vector field $A_\mu(x)$, $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

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

e.o.m. $[(\square + m^2) g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu] A_\nu = 0$

solutions $\epsilon_\nu^{(\lambda)} e^{\pm i k x}$ with $k^2 = m^2$

3 orthogonal polarization vectors $\epsilon_\nu^{(\lambda)}$ with polarization sum

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

longitudinal polarization $\epsilon_\nu \simeq k_\nu / m$ for high momentum

propagator $D_{\rho\nu}(x - y)$

solution of $\left[(\square + m^2) g^{\mu\rho} - \partial^\mu \partial^\rho \right] D_{\rho\nu}(x - y) = g^\mu{}_\nu \delta^4(x - y)$

in momentum space

$$\left[(-k^2 + m^2) g^{\mu\rho} + k^\mu k^\rho \right] D_{\rho\nu}(k) = g^\mu{}_\nu$$

solution

$$D_{\rho\nu}(k) = \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \left(-g_{\nu\rho} + \frac{k_\nu k_\rho}{m^2} \right)$$

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 $-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{M^2}$

⇒ additional powers of momenta in loop integration

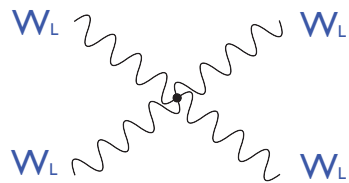
⇒ spoil renormalizability

renormalizable theories: divergences can be removed by a finite number of counter terms

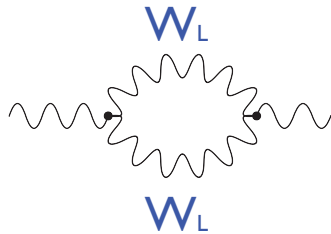
gauge invariant theories: counter terms for parameters (and fields)

W and Z are massive

- W, Z have longitudinal polarization states
polarization vectors of W (Z) $\epsilon_L \sim k/M_W$
for large momentum k



bad high energy behaviour of WW scattering

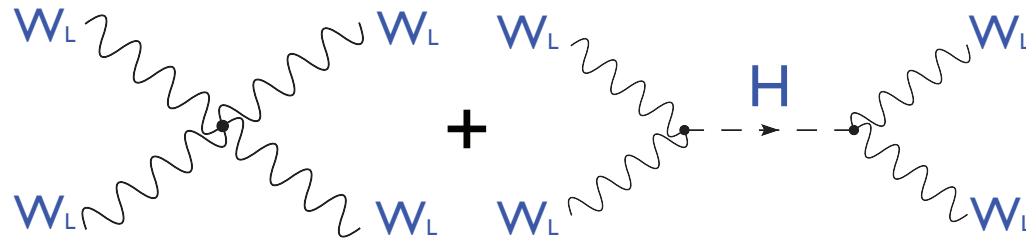


bad divergence of loop integrals

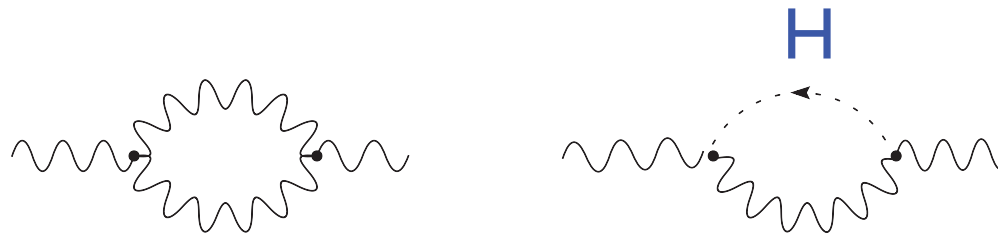
way out:

new scalar with appropriate couplings to W,Z

● restoration of unitarity



● restoration UV finiteness \Rightarrow renormalizability

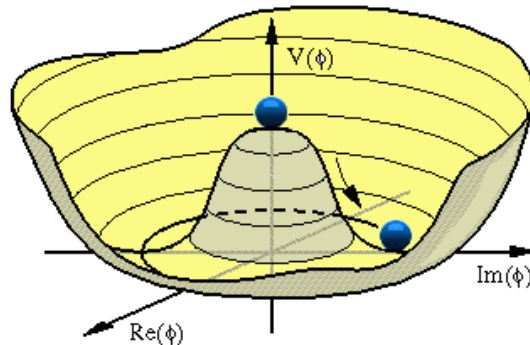


consistent way: Higgs mechanism
= scalar with gauge invariant interactions
and non-invariant ground state

example: 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

spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB)

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

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

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

$$V(\eta) = V(v) + \frac{1}{2}V''(v) \cdot \frac{1}{2}H^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}|\partial_\mu H|^2 - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}V''(v) \cdot \frac{1}{2}H^2}_{m_H^2 > 0 \text{ mass of } H} + v^2|\partial_\mu\theta|^2 + \dots$$

- H field is massive
- θ field is massless, no θ^2 term: **Goldstone field**
- special case of **Goldstone theorem**:

for each broken generator T_a with $T_a \phi_0 \neq 0$
there is a massless Goldstone field $\theta(x)$

SSB in gauge theories

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

invariant under local U(1) transformations:

$$\phi'(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)} \phi(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)} e^{i\theta(x)} \eta(x)$$

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

choose $\alpha(x) = -\theta(x)$: $\phi'(x) = \eta(x)$

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

massless θ field removed (unphysical)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} &= |(\partial_\mu - ieA'_\mu)(v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}H)|^2 - \frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} - V \\
&= \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4}F'_{\mu\nu}F'^{\mu\nu} + v^2 e^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu}_{\text{massive } A\text{-field, } m_A \sim ev} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}[(\partial_\mu H)^2 - m_H^2 H^2]}_{\text{neutral scalar, } m_H \neq 0} + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

in this special gauge: no Goldstone field unitary gauge

A_μ -field propagator: $\frac{i}{k^2 - m_A^2 + i\epsilon} \underbrace{\left(-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{m_A^2}\right)}_{\text{polarization sum of 3 pol. states}}$

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

two different gauges

properties	ϕ field	A_μ field
symmetry manifest	H, θ	2 polarizations (transverse)
physics manifest	H	3 polarizations (2 transverse + 1 longitudinal)

$\theta \rightarrow$ *longitudinal polarization of A_μ*