

PH4442 Adv. Ptcl. Phys. Week 8

The Electroweak SM

So far we know: $\swarrow$ 4-fermion int.

mid 1960s $\nearrow$ V-A theory works (agrees w/ data) but:

- not renormalisable
- violates unitarity limit at high E_{cm}

Intermediate Vector Boson (IVB) $\sim$ saves unitarity limit but not (easily) renormalisable

Yang-Mills theories $\swarrow$ w/ compact Lie groups are renormalisable ('t Hooft 1971)

$\rightarrow$ gauge bosons $\rightarrow$ IVB $\checkmark$

Naively, gauge symmetry only holds with massless gauge bosons

For now, consider them as massless (fermions too); restore masses later w/ Higgs mechanism.

Need to choose gauge trans to build in:

parity violation

transitions between fermion types ($\nu_e \leftrightarrow e$)

flavour mixing (CKM)

Ineak neutral currents (Z) emerge as a prediction!

Goal: construct Yang-Mills gauge theory
 using all 3 lepton families + 6 quarks } not all known in 1960s
 (do not include right-handed neutrinos).

Want transitions like $u \rightarrow d'$, $e^- \rightarrow \nu_e$
 w/ amplitudes like

$$\mathcal{M} \sim j_{\mu}^{\text{had}} j_{\mu}^{\text{lep}}, \quad j^{\mu} \sim V^{\mu} - A^{\mu}$$

Choose gauge group + its representations to give
 desired transitions, P .

$\Rightarrow$ put left-chiral components in doublets

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5)}_{P_L} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\nu} \\ \psi_e \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u \\ \psi_{d'} \end{pmatrix}$$

or use names of ptcls as label for wavefunc.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu} \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\tau} \\ \tau^- \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \leftarrow \text{left-handed}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b' \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \leftarrow \text{flavour eigenstates}$$

Gauge group: $SU(2) \times U(1)$ $\leadsto$ direct prod.
i.e. apply both transformations.

$SU(2)$ = set of unitary 2×2 matrices
w/ determinant = +1.

= Lie group w/ 3 generators (see App. A)

$\vec{T} = (T_1, T_2, T_3)$ = "weak isospin operators"

$$[T_i, T_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} T_k \quad (\text{Lie algebra})$$

$$\psi \rightarrow \psi' = U_T \psi$$

group
elements

$$U_T = \exp \left[i g \vec{\alpha}(x) \cdot \vec{T} \right]$$

some representation
of the generators.

gauge coupling

$$\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$$

= arb. func. of x .

For the left-handed doublets, U_T from
fundamental (2-D) representation

$\Rightarrow$ generators are $T_i = \frac{1}{2} \tau_i$, $i=1, 2, 3$

$$\tau_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pauli matrices (here usually τ , not σ)

Why $SU(2)$?

Preserve normalisation of states $\rightarrow$ unitary

$$\text{i.e. } U U^\dagger = U^\dagger U = I$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(U U^\dagger) = |\det U|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \det U = e^{i\theta}$$

w/o loss of generality choose $\theta = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \det U = 1 \quad \text{--- "special"}$$

For right-chiral components use singlet (trivial)

representation: $T_i = 0, i=1,2,3$ $\sim$ satisfies $[T_i, T_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk} T_k$

$\Rightarrow U_T =$ multiplication by 1. $\sim$ no χ_L , explicitly left out

For $U(1)$ $\leftarrow$ not same $U(1)$ as in QED. group of unitary 1×1 matrices
 $=$ mult. by complex phase factor

1 generator = scalar (1×1 matrix)

called "(weak) hypercharge Y "

$$\psi \rightarrow \psi' = U_Y \psi$$

$$U_Y = \exp \left[i \frac{g'}{2} Y \beta(x) \right],$$

$\uparrow$
arb. func. of x

$Y =$ hypercharge
depends on p.tel.

$g' =$ gauge coupling.

Y related to ptcl. charge Q & eigenvalue t_3 of 3rd component of isospin T_3 :

$$\text{Left-handed doublets: } t_3 = \begin{cases} +1/2 & u, c, t, \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau \\ -1/2 & d', s', b', e, \mu, \tau \end{cases}$$

For (all) right-handed singlets assign $t_3 = 0$

To get right charge assignments,

$$Q = t_3 + \frac{Y}{2} \quad \text{Gell-Mann - Nishijima formula}$$

↗ sometimes $\frac{Y}{2} \rightarrow Y$.

$$\Rightarrow Y = 2(Q - t_3)$$

$$= \begin{cases} -1 & \nu_{eL}, l_L \quad L = e, \mu, \tau \\ -2 & e_R, \mu_R, \tau_R \\ +1/3 & u_L, c_L, t_L, d'_L, s'_L, b'_L \\ +4/3 & u_R, c_R, t_R \\ -2/3 & d_R, s_R, b_R \end{cases}$$

no ν_R ! If included, they are "sterile"

For $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ symmetry to hold,

replace $\partial^\mu \rightarrow D^\mu$ on covariant derivative.

ie. Dirac eq becomes $(i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - M)\psi = 0$

But, in our gauge group, left- & right-

components transform differently, $-M\psi$ breaks

$\Rightarrow$ set all $M \rightarrow 0$ for now, gauge sym. restore later w/ Higgs mechanism.

The covariant derivative is (cf. Yang-Mills)

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$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu + ig \vec{T} \cdot \vec{W}^\mu + i \frac{g'}{2} Y B^\mu$$

gauge fields

(W₁^μ, W₂^μ, W₃^μ)

$$\vec{T} = \begin{cases} \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} & \text{for doublets (left)} \\ 0 & \text{" isospin (SU(2)) singlets (right)} \end{cases}$$

Will find: mixture of W₁^μ, W₂^μ → W[±]

" " W₃^μ, B^μ → γ, Z

Consider left-handed leptons

$$D^\mu \text{ contains } \vec{T} \cdot \vec{W}^\mu = \sqrt{2} \left[\tau_+ W^{(+)\mu} + \tau_- W^{(-)\mu} \right] + \tau_3 W_3^\mu$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tau_+ &= \frac{1}{2}(\tau_1 + i\tau_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \tau_- &= \frac{1}{2}(\tau_1 - i\tau_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{raising,} \\ \text{lowering} \\ \text{ops.} \end{array}$$

$$W^{(\pm)\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_1^\mu \mp i W_2^\mu)$$

τ_± have expected effect on doublet, e.g.

$$\tau_+ \psi_{e,L} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \psi_{\nu,L}$$

For left-chiral leptons, $Y = 2(Q - t_3) = \underline{\underline{-1}}$
 $0 - \frac{1}{2} \quad (\nu_l)$
 or $-1 - (-\frac{1}{2}) \quad (l)$

$$D^\mu = \partial^\mu + \frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} (\tau_+ W^{(+)\mu} + \tau_- W^{(-)\mu}) + \frac{ig}{2} \tau_3 W_3^\mu - i \frac{g'}{2} B^\mu$$

How to get Feynman rules?

Recall earlier w/ $\gamma_\mu D^\mu \psi = 0 \quad (m=0)$

Dirac eq.

$$\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu \psi + ig \gamma_\mu A^\mu \psi = 0$$

write as $\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu \psi = -ig \gamma_\mu A^\mu \psi$

↑ perturbation

→ power series in $e = -g$

$$\rightarrow S_{fi}^{(1)} = g \int d^4x' \bar{\phi}_f(x') \not{A}(x') \phi_i(x')$$

→ Feynman rules for QED

Here, $-ig \vec{T} \cdot \vec{W}^\mu - i \frac{g'}{2} Y B^\mu$ goes to rhs,

gets bracketed by isospin singlets/doublets

+ fields that carry hypercharge for init/final states

→ amplitude gets terms like

$$\mathcal{M} \sim -\frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \tau_+ e_L W^{(+)\mu} \quad \text{also -}$$

→ changes e to ν

→ absorbs W^+

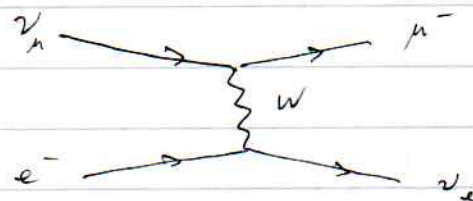
$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

↑ τ_+ ↑ τ_+ ↑ e_L

$$\Rightarrow W^\pm = \frac{W_1 \mp iW_2}{\sqrt{2}} = \text{charged } W$$

⇒ non zero contribution for e.g.

$$\nu_\mu e^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu_e$$



$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} \left[\bar{\mu} \gamma_\mu \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) \nu_\mu \right] \left[\bar{\nu}_e \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) e \right]$$

$\uparrow$ (1 0) $\uparrow$ (0 1) (0 1)

↑ for W propagator

use $\frac{ig^{\mu\nu}}{M_W^2}$ for $|q^2| \ll M_W^2$

$$\sim \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [] []$$

~ same story for all fermions & W

Vertex factors:

$$-\frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) \quad (\text{leptons})$$

$$-\frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ij} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) \quad (\text{quarks})$$

↑
CKM

↑
mass eigenstates

always connects $t_3 = +\frac{1}{2}$ & $t_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$

τ boson & weak mixing angle

Also get amplitudes containing $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{e.g. init +} \\ \text{final neutrinos.} \end{array} \right\}$

$$-\frac{ig}{2} \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \tau_3 \nu_L W_3^\mu$$

$$+ \frac{ig'}{2} \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L B^\mu$$

Use $\tau_3 \nu_L = \nu_L$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \uparrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$B^\mu = \text{photon?}$ No, should not couple to ν

$\Rightarrow$ form combination $A^\mu = a W_3^\mu + b B^\mu$

Find a, b such that this does not couple to ν

i.e. want $a \left(\frac{-g}{2} \right) + b \left(\frac{g'}{2} \right) = 0$

Preserve normalisation: $a^2 + b^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow a = \frac{g'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \equiv \sin \theta_w$ "weak / Weinberg mixing angle"

$b = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \equiv \cos \theta_w$

i.e. $A^\mu = \cos \theta_w B^\mu + \sin \theta_w W_3^\mu$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{identify this} \\ \text{as the photon} \end{array} \right\}$

The orthogonal combo is the Z :

$$Z^\mu = -\sin\theta_w B^\mu + \cos\theta_w W_3^\mu$$

so the original fields are

$$B^\mu = \cos\theta_w A^\mu - \sin\theta_w Z^\mu$$

$$W_3^\mu = \sin\theta_w A^\mu + \cos\theta_w Z^\mu$$

A neutral current amplitude for ν has both

$$\mathcal{M} \sim -\frac{ig}{2} \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L W_3^\mu + i\frac{g'}{2} \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L B^\mu$$

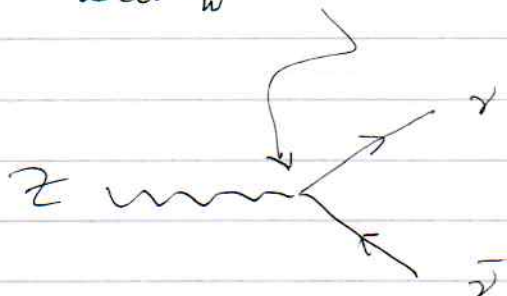
$$= \underbrace{\frac{i}{2} (-g\sin\theta_w + g'\cos\theta_w)}_{=0 \text{ by construction}} \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L A^\mu$$

$$- \frac{i}{2} (g\cos\theta_w + g'\sin\theta_w) \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L Z^\mu$$

$$= \frac{g}{\cos\theta_w} \bar{\nu}_L \gamma_\mu \nu_L Z^\mu$$

$\Rightarrow$ neutral-current ν coupling is

$$\frac{-ig}{2\cos\theta_w} \gamma_\mu \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) \quad \rightsquigarrow \text{vertex factor}$$



In same manner, find coupling of $e^- + A^\mu$ is

$$g' \cos \theta_w = g \sin \theta_w \equiv e$$

Usually use g, e instead of g, g' , or

$$1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \rightarrow G_F = \frac{\sqrt{2} g^2}{8 M_W^2}, \quad \alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{137} \Rightarrow$$

$\nwarrow M_W = 80.4 \text{ GeV}$

$$\Rightarrow g \approx 0.65, \quad e \approx 0.303$$

For coupling of Z to e^- find vertex factor

$$= \frac{i g}{2 \cos \theta_w} \gamma_\mu (C_{V,e} - C_{A,e} \gamma_5)$$

$$\text{where } C_{V,e} = -\frac{1}{2} + 2 \sin^2 \theta_w \quad (\text{vector coupling})$$

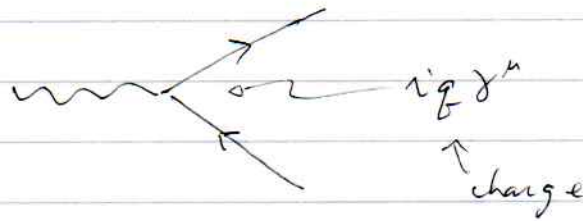
$$C_{A,e} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{axial vector coupling})$$

same for all 3 families

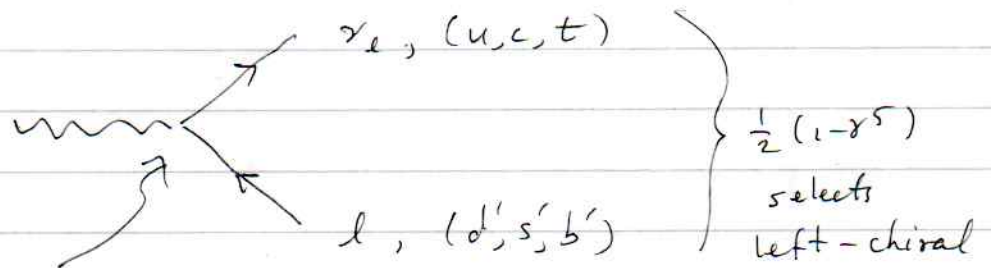
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Summary of Couplings

fermion - photon : same as QED



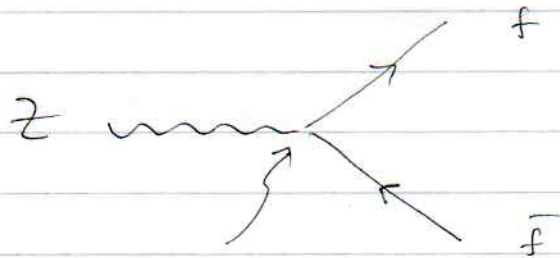
fermion - W



$$-\frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) \left[\times V_{ij} \right]$$

if d, s, b mass eigenstates

fermion - Z



$$-\frac{ig}{2 \cos \theta_w} \gamma^\mu (C_{V,f} - C_{A,f} \gamma^5)$$

or write $C_{V,f} - C_{A,f} \gamma^5 = C_{L,f} (1-\gamma^5) + C_{R,f} (1+\gamma^5)$

where $C_{L,f} = \frac{1}{2}(C_{V,f} - C_{A,f})$

$$C_{R,f} = \frac{1}{2}(C_{V,f} + C_{A,f})$$

$$C_{V,f} = t_{3,f} - 2 Q_f \sin^2 \theta_w$$

$$C_{A,f} = t_{3,f}$$

$$C_{L,f} = t_{3,f} - Q_f \sin^2 \theta_w$$

$$C_{R,f} = -Q_f \sin^2 \theta_w$$

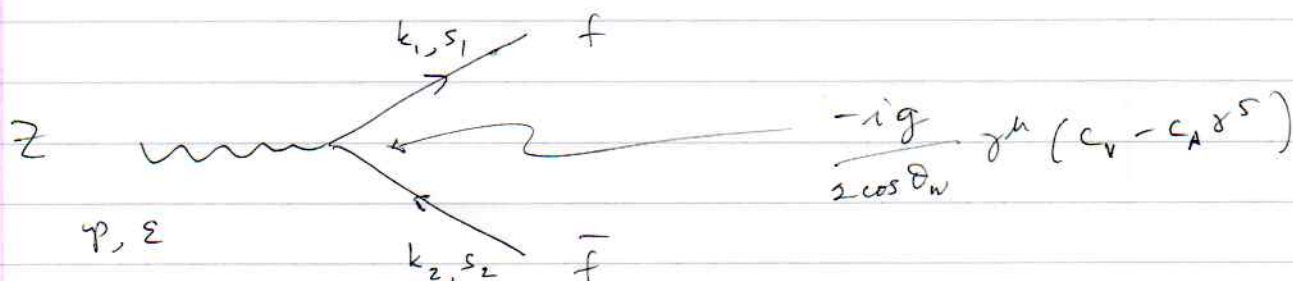
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Decay rate of Z boson

Cheat: use couplings just derived

" $M_Z = 91.2 \text{ GeV}$ $\leftarrow$ exp.

" $M_W = M_Z \cos \theta_w$ $\leftarrow$ from Higgs mech.



$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M} = \bar{u}(k_1, s_1) \left(\frac{-ig}{2 \cos \theta_w} \gamma^\mu (C_V - C_A \gamma^5) \right) v(k_2, s_2) \varepsilon_\mu$$

$$= \frac{-ig}{2 \cos \theta_w} \bar{u} \not{\epsilon} (C_V - C_A \gamma^5) v$$

$\uparrow$
suppress k, s
to simplify
notation

Sum over final-state spins

$$\sum_{s_1, s_2} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \sum_{s_1, s_2} \frac{g^2}{4 \cos^2 \theta_W} \left[\bar{u} \gamma^\mu (c_V - c_A \gamma^5) u \right] \left[\bar{u} \gamma^\nu (c_V - c_A \gamma^5) u \right]^* \varepsilon_\mu \varepsilon_\nu^*$$

$$= \frac{g^2}{4 \cos^2 \theta_W} \text{Tr} \left[\gamma^\mu (c_V - c_A \gamma^5) \not{\epsilon}_2 \gamma^\nu \overline{(c_V - c_A \gamma^5)} \not{\epsilon}_1 \right] \varepsilon_\mu \varepsilon_\nu^*$$

We found $\overline{\gamma^\nu (c_V - c_A \gamma^5)} = \gamma^\nu (c_V - c_A \gamma^5)$

Move γ^ν to left past $\not{\epsilon}_2 \gamma^\nu \rightarrow$ 2 sign changes cancel

Then $(c_V - c_A \gamma^5)^2 = c_V^2 - 2c_V c_A \gamma^5 + c_A^2 \underbrace{(\gamma^5)^2}_{=1}$

$$= c_V^2 + c_A^2 - 2c_V c_A \gamma^5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{s_1, s_2} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{g^2}{4 \cos^2 \theta_W} \text{Tr} \left[(c_V^2 + c_A^2 + 2c_V c_A \gamma^5) \not{\epsilon}_2 \not{\epsilon}_1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{g^2}{\cos^2 \theta_W} \left[(c_V^2 + c_A^2) \left((\varepsilon \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon^* \cdot k_1) + (\varepsilon \cdot k_1)(\varepsilon^* \cdot k_2) - (\varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon^*)(k_1 \cdot k_2) \right) \right. \\ \left. - 2c_V c_A i \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \varepsilon^\mu k_2^\nu \varepsilon^{\rho*} k_1^\sigma \right]$$

Suppose Z polarised w/ $\varepsilon^\mu = (0, 0, 0, 1)$

$\Rightarrow \varepsilon^* = \varepsilon$, then $\uparrow$ spin along $\hat{z}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} & \text{antisymmetric } \mu \leftrightarrow \nu \\ \varepsilon^\mu k_2^\nu \varepsilon^{\rho*} k_1^\sigma & \text{symmetric } \mu \leftrightarrow \nu \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{contract to 0}$$

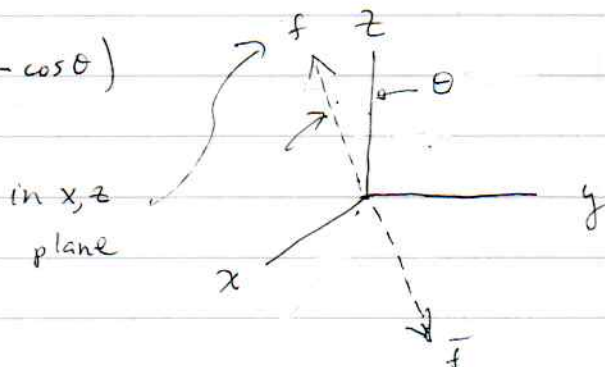
$\uparrow$
 $= \varepsilon^\rho$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{s_1, s_2} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{g^2(c_v^2 + c_A^2)}{\cos^2 \theta_W} \left[2(\varepsilon \cdot k_1)(\varepsilon \cdot k_2) + k_1 \cdot k_2 \right]$$

Consider rest frame of Z , $|\vec{k}_1| = |\vec{k}_2| \approx \frac{M_Z}{2}$

$$k_1 = \frac{M_Z}{2} (1, \sin \theta, 0, \cos \theta)$$

$$k_2 = \frac{M_Z}{2} (1, -\sin \theta, 0, -\cos \theta)$$



$m_f \ll M_Z$
(OK except top)

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{s_1, s_2} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{g^2(c_v^2 + c_A^2) M_Z^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2 \cos^2 \theta_W}$$

Recall formula for 2-body decay rate in c.m.

$$d\Gamma = \frac{1}{32\pi^2 M^2} \sum_{s_1, s_2} |\mathcal{M}|^2 p^* d\Omega$$

$\nearrow = |\vec{k}_1| = |\vec{k}_2| \approx \frac{M_Z}{2}$

$$\sum |\mathcal{M}|^2 \text{ indep. of } \phi \Rightarrow d\Omega = d\cos\theta \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi}_{2\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{g^2(c_v^2 + c_A^2) M_Z}{64\pi \cos^2 \theta_W} \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}) = \int \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta} d\cos\theta = \frac{g^2(c_v^2 + c_A^2) M_Z}{48\pi \cos^2 \theta_W}$$

$$\nearrow \text{let } x = \cos\theta, \int \sin^2\theta d\cos\theta = \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2) dx = \frac{4}{3}$$

$= \Gamma(Z \rightarrow f\bar{f})$ for any Z polarisation since z -axis arbitrary

Now use $M_W = M_Z \cos \theta_W$ $\hookrightarrow$ Ch. 11, Higgs mech

$$G_F = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \frac{g^2}{M_W^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \frac{g^2}{M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}) = \frac{G_F M_Z^3 (c_V^2 + c_A^2)}{6\pi \sqrt{2}}$$

Now use $M_Z = 91.2 \text{ GeV}$

$$G_F = 1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.233$$

to find

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e) = 166 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-) = 83.9 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow u\bar{u}) = 96.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow d\bar{d}) = 124 \text{ MeV}$$

Sum over $q = u, d, s, c, b$ not t $\nwarrow m_t = 174 \text{ GeV}$

Quarks come in $N_c = 3$ colours

Suppose N_ν ($= 3?$) neutrino families

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_Z &= N_\nu \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}) + 3 \Gamma(Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-) + 2N_c \Gamma(Z \rightarrow u\bar{u}) \\ &\quad + 3N_c \Gamma(Z \rightarrow d\bar{d}) \\ &= 2.44 \text{ GeV for } N_\nu = 3 \end{aligned}$$

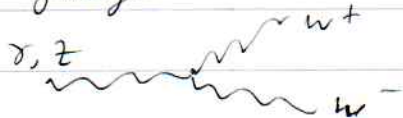
$$\rightarrow 2.4940 \pm 0.0009 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{higher order electroweak} \\ + \text{QCD corr.})$$

Measured: $2.4955 \pm 0.0023 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow$ confirms $N_c = 3$ colours
 $N_\nu = 3$ ν families

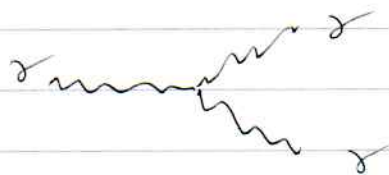
self interaction of gauge bosons (brief)

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$SU(2)$ non-Abelian $\rightarrow$ gauge bosons have self interaction, e.g.



Contrast to QED, no



Recall QED (Maxwell eqs.)

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu$$

current from charged fermions

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

Corresponding eqs. for W_1, W_2, W_3

$$\partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu, a} - g \epsilon_{abc} W_\nu^b F^{\mu\nu, c} = J^{\mu, a}$$

current from fermion, Higgs

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

extra term!

Extra term represents self-interaction current, present even in absence of fermion, Higgs fields

Amplitudes involve interaction Hamiltonian

$$H_{int} \sim g \epsilon_{abc} W_\mu^a W_\nu^b F^{\mu\nu, c}$$

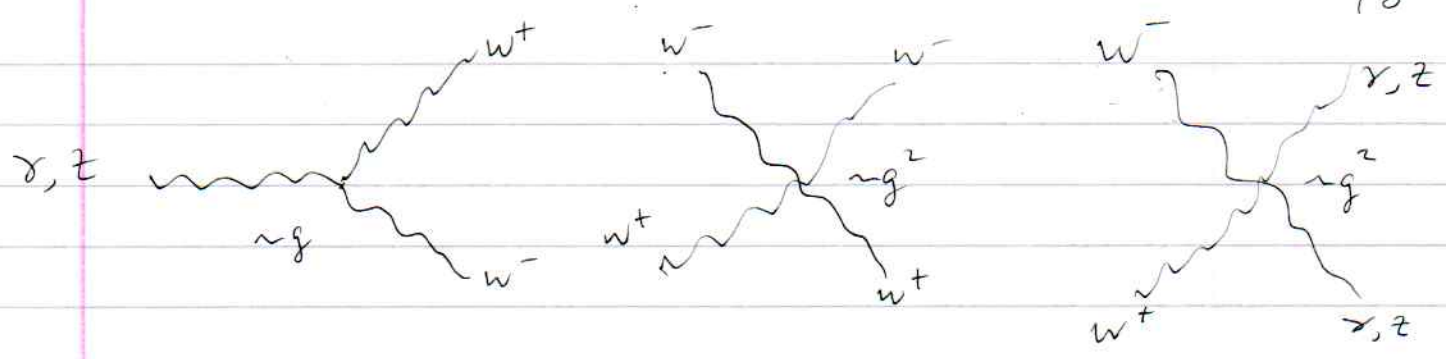
contains terms w/ 1 + 2 powers of W

$\Rightarrow$ triple + quartic gauge

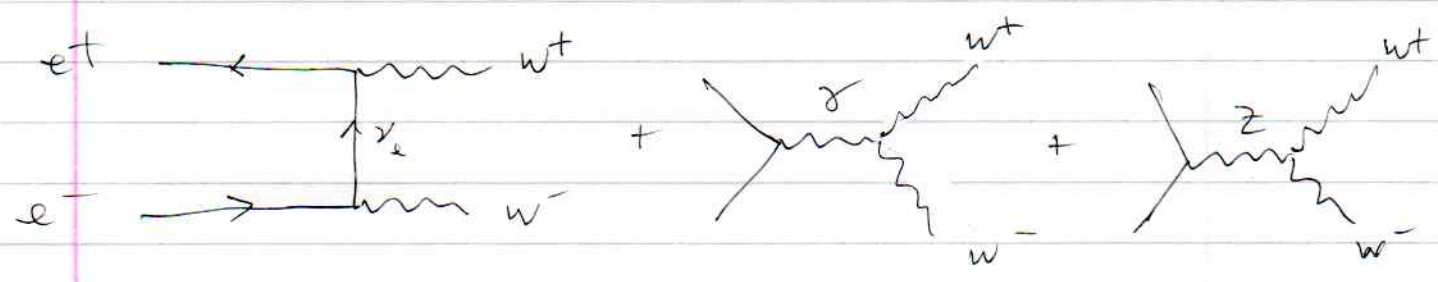
boson interactions

$\sim g$

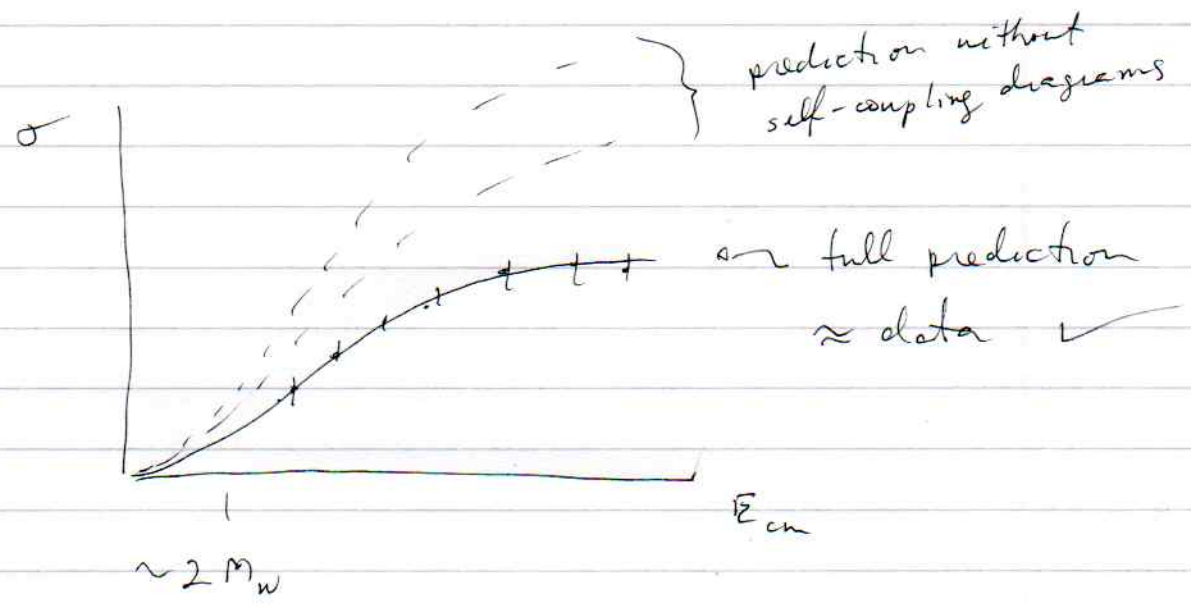
$\sim g^2$



Tested eg. w/ $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ (LEP)



measure $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-)$ vs E_{cm} at LEP



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