

Last time: started from EW Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}^{EW} = \bar{R}_e i \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + i g' B_\mu) R_e + \bar{L}_e i \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + i \frac{g'}{2} B_\mu - i g \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \cdot \vec{W}_\mu) L_e + (r, \tau) \\ - \frac{1}{4} f_{\mu\nu} f^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} \vec{F}_{\mu\nu} \cdot \vec{F}^{\mu\nu} + [(\partial_\mu - i \frac{g'}{2} B_\mu - i g \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \cdot \vec{W}_\mu) \phi]^\dagger [(\partial_\mu - i g' B_\mu - i g \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \cdot \vec{W}_\mu) \phi] \\ + \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi - \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 - G_E [\bar{L}_e \phi R_e + R_e^\dagger \phi^\dagger L_e] + (r, \tau)$$

SSB of $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ is accomplished by Higgs VEV

$$\langle 0 | \phi | 0 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{writing } \phi_{(v)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v+\eta(x)}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ we expanded } \mathcal{L}^{EW} \text{ around the VEV.}$$

We defined

$$\begin{cases} W_\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^1 - i W_\mu^2) = W_\mu^{(+)} \\ W_\mu^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^1 + i W_\mu^2) = W_\mu^{(-)} \\ Z_\mu = -B_\mu \sin \theta_w + W_\mu^3 \cos \theta_w \\ A_\mu = B_\mu \cos \theta_w + W_\mu^3 \sin \theta_w \end{cases}$$

with $\tan \theta_w = \frac{g'}{g} \sim$ Weinberg angle. We got:

$$\mathcal{L}^{EW} = \bar{e} i \gamma \cdot \partial e + \bar{\nu}_e i \gamma \cdot \partial \nu_e - \frac{G_E}{\sqrt{2}} (v+\eta) \bar{e} e - \frac{1}{4} f_{\mu\nu} f^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} \vec{F}_{\mu\nu} \cdot \vec{F}^{\mu\nu} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \eta \partial^\mu \eta - \mu^2 \eta^2 - \lambda v \eta^3 - \frac{\lambda}{4} \eta^4 + \frac{g^2}{4} (v+\eta)^2 W_\mu^+ W^\mu + \frac{g^2}{8 \cos^2 \theta_w} (v+\eta)^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu \\ + \frac{g}{2 \cos \theta_w} [2 \sin^2 \theta_w \bar{e}_R \gamma \cdot Z e_R + (2 \sin^2 \theta_w - 1) \bar{e}_L \gamma \cdot Z e_L] - e \bar{e} \gamma \cdot A e \\ + \frac{g}{2 \cos \theta_w} \bar{\nu}_e \gamma \cdot Z \nu_e - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{\nu}_e \gamma \cdot W e_L + \bar{e}_L \gamma \cdot W^\dagger \nu_e] + (r, \tau)$$

⇒ we get massive gauge bosons W^\pm, Z :

$$M_W = \frac{g v}{2} \quad M_Z = \frac{g v}{2 \cos \theta_W} \quad ; \quad m_\gamma = 0 \quad \text{as needed!}$$

⇒ leptons: $m_e = \frac{G_e v}{\sqrt{2}}$ $m_\mu = \frac{G_\mu v}{\sqrt{2}}$ $m_\tau = \frac{G_\tau v}{\sqrt{2}}$

neutrinos have no mass: $m_{\nu_e} = m_{\nu_\mu} = m_{\nu_\tau} = 0$

(not true, there is a neutrino with $m \approx 0.04 \text{ eV}$).

$$M_{W^\pm} = 80.398 \pm 0.025 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_Z = 91.1876 \pm 0.0021 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_W = \frac{g^2 v}{2} ; M_Z = \frac{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2} v}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{M_W}{M_Z} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} = \cos \theta_W \Rightarrow \cos \theta_W = \frac{M_W}{M_Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.23120 \pm 0.00015 \quad (\text{involves quantum corrections})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_W \approx \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \sin \theta_W \approx \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta_W \approx 30^\circ$$

What about g ? $g = \frac{e}{\sin \theta_W} \Rightarrow \frac{g^2}{4\pi} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi \sin^2 \theta_W}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \approx \frac{1/137}{0.23} \approx 0.03 \approx \frac{1}{30} \Rightarrow \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \approx \frac{1}{30}$$

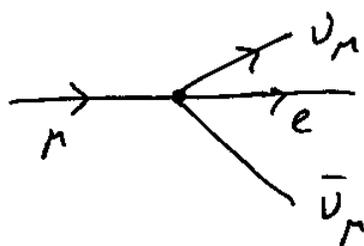
\sim very small still, even though it is not as small as $e^2/4\pi$.

\Rightarrow What about the old Fermi constant G_F ?

Consider this purely leptonic decay:

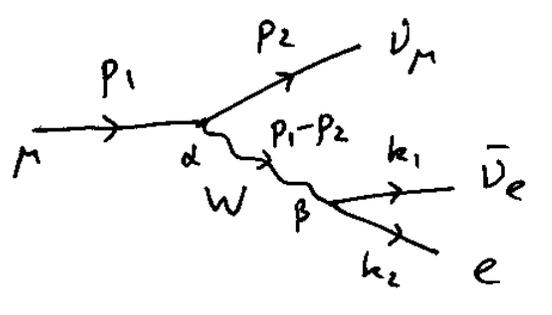
$$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_\mu$$

In Fermi theory this decay would be given by the following "effective" vertex:



$$\text{with } \mathcal{L} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\psi}_e \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \psi_{\nu_e} \bar{\psi}_{\nu_\mu} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \psi_\mu + \text{hermitean conjugate}$$

Let's derive this from the Electroweak Lagrangian we wrote. At the lowest order the process is given by the diagram:



\Rightarrow need W -lepton coupling
 $-\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{\nu}_e \gamma \cdot W e_L + \bar{e}_L \gamma \cdot W^+ \nu_e]$
 + same for μ, ν_μ .

$$-\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{\nu}_e \gamma \cdot W e_L + \bar{e}_L \gamma \cdot W^+ \nu_e] = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{\nu}_e \gamma \cdot W \frac{1-\gamma_5}{2} e + \bar{e} \frac{1+\gamma_5}{2} \gamma \cdot W^+ \nu_e] = -\frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} [\bar{\nu}_e \gamma \cdot W (1-\gamma_5) e + \bar{e} \gamma \cdot W^+ (1-\gamma_5) \nu_e]$$

\Rightarrow the diagram is

$$\left(\frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 [\bar{u}_{\nu_\mu}(p_2) \gamma_\alpha (1-\gamma_5) u_\mu(p_1)] \underbrace{\frac{(-i) \left[g^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{(p_1-p_2)^\alpha (p_1-p_2)^\beta}{M_W^2} \right]}{(p_1-p_2)^2 - M_W^2 + i\epsilon}}_{\approx \frac{i}{M_W^2} g^{\alpha\beta}}$$

if $|p_1-p_2| \ll M_W$ (low energy)

$$= -i \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} [\bar{u}_{\nu_\mu}(p_2) \gamma_\alpha (1-\gamma_5) u_\mu(p_1)] [\bar{u}_e(k_2) \gamma^\alpha (1-\gamma_5) u_{\nu_e}(k_1)]$$

\Rightarrow looks just like the term in Fermi theory

\Rightarrow equate the prefactors:

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

$$\Rightarrow G_F = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{M_W^2} \approx 8.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$\approx 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

as advertised.

=> What about Higgs and related parameters?

$$M_W = \frac{g v}{2} \Rightarrow v = \frac{2}{g} M_W \Rightarrow \text{as } g \approx 0.63$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{get } v \approx 289 \text{ GeV}$$

The Higgs mass $m_H = \mu\sqrt{2} = v\sqrt{2\lambda}$

v is rather large, λ ~ dimensionless

λ can't be very big ~ certainly less than

Planck mass $m_{\text{Planck}} \approx 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$ (gravity is important) or can't hit Landau pole...
(for fixed v)

~ conversely if λ is too small => quantum effects become important, eliminating SSB

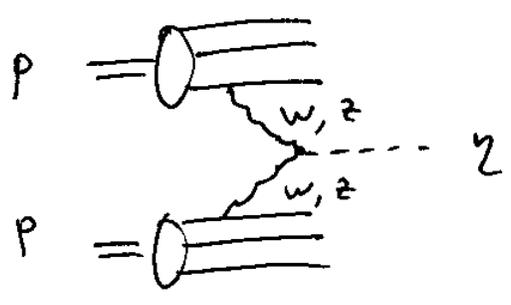
~ Most likely Higgs mass range:

$$M_{\text{Higgs}} = 129^{+74}_{-49} \text{ GeV}$$

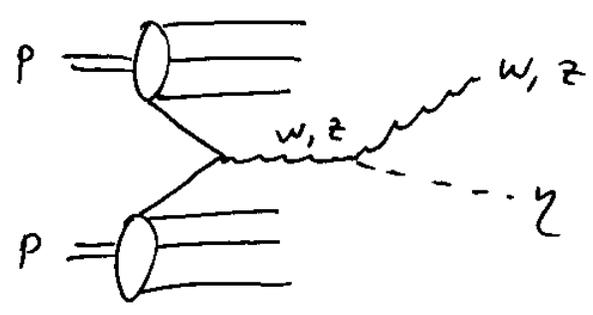
LEP,
Tevatron data.

Higgs boson will be searched for at LHC.

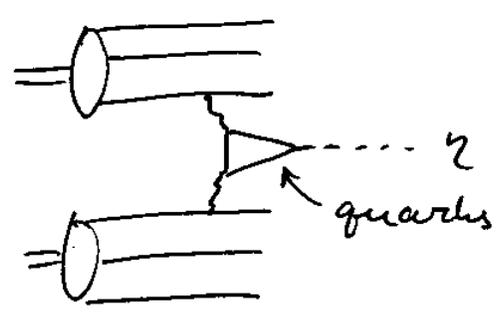
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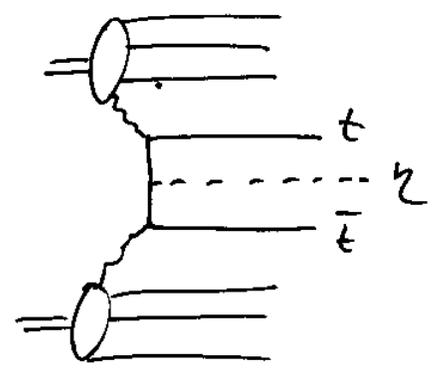
Weak boson fusion



associated Drell-Yan process



gluon fusion



associated top pair ...

Quarks in the Electroweak Theory.

Quarks also form left-handed doublets under weak isospin:

$$L_u = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$$L_c = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$$L_t = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b' \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$$R_u = u_R$$

$$R_c = c_R$$

$$R_t = t_R$$

$$R_d = d_R$$

$$R_s = s_R$$

$$R_b = b_R$$