

8. Problemset “Theoretical Particle Physics”

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Gauge Boson Interactions

8.1 Feynman Rules

Study the $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ gauge bosons

$$\vec{W}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \vec{W}_\nu - \partial_\nu \vec{W}_\mu - g \vec{W}_\mu \times \vec{W}_\nu \quad (1a)$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu. \quad (1b)$$

coupled to a Higgs doublet

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge/Higgs}} = -\frac{1}{4} \vec{W}_{\mu\nu} \vec{W}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D^\mu \phi - \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(\phi^\dagger \phi - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^2. \quad (2)$$

Choose unitarity gauge for the Higgs field

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

and introduce the mass eigenstates for the neutral gauge boson

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z_\mu \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_w & -\sin \theta_w \\ \sin \theta_w & \cos \theta_w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

1. Express $\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge/Higgs}}$ in terms of the fields W^+ , W^- , Z , A and h .
2. Derive all Feynman rules and express all gauge boson couplings in terms of e and θ_w .
3. Are there couplings of
 - (a) 3 or 4 neutral gauge bosons or
 - (b) massless gauge bosons to Higgs bosons?