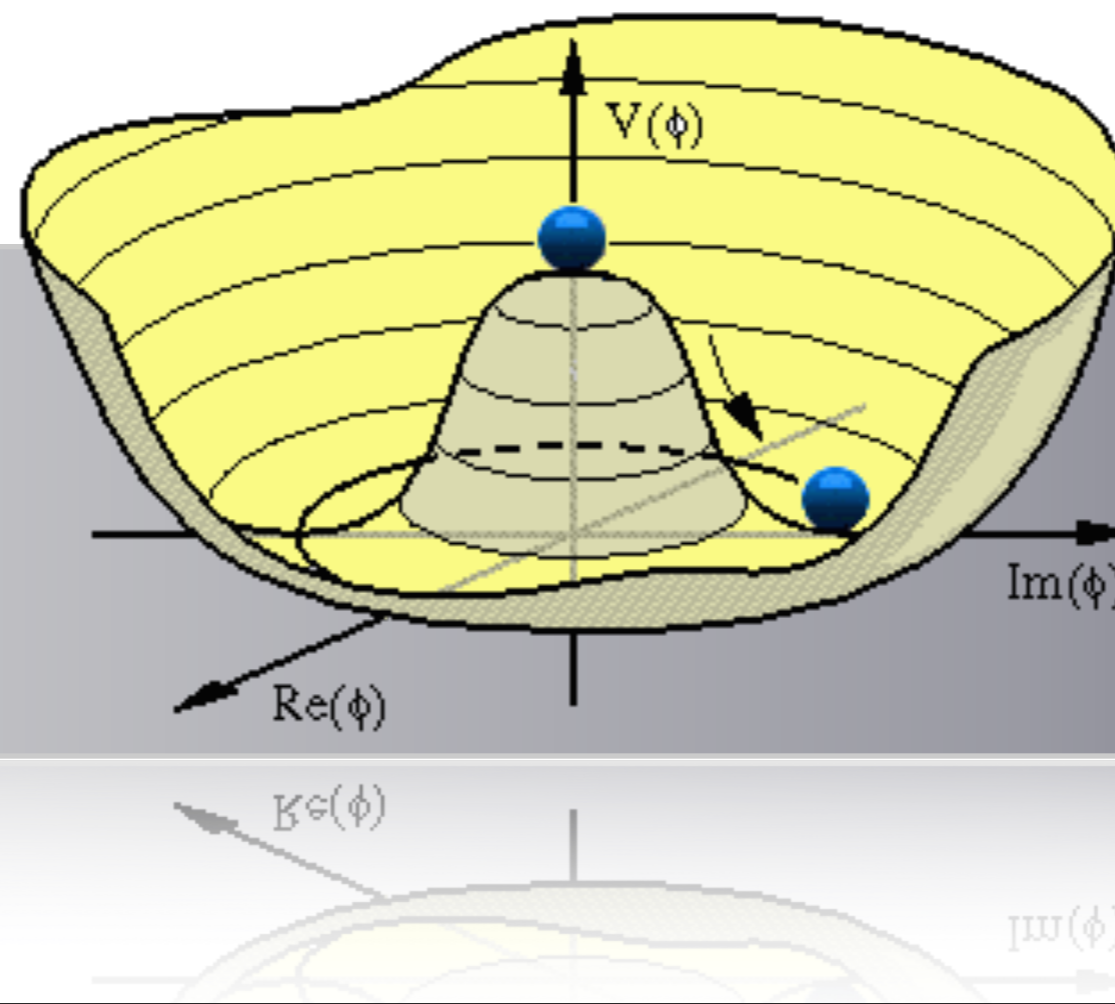


# Higgs Physics

An Experimentalists Introduction ...



# Reading Suggestion ...

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Scientific Background on the Nobel Prize in Physics 2013

THE BEH-MECHANISM,  
INTERACTIONS WITH SHORT RANGE FORCES  
AND  
SCALAR PARTICLES

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# The Standard Model

A particle physicist's view of the world ...

## Quarks



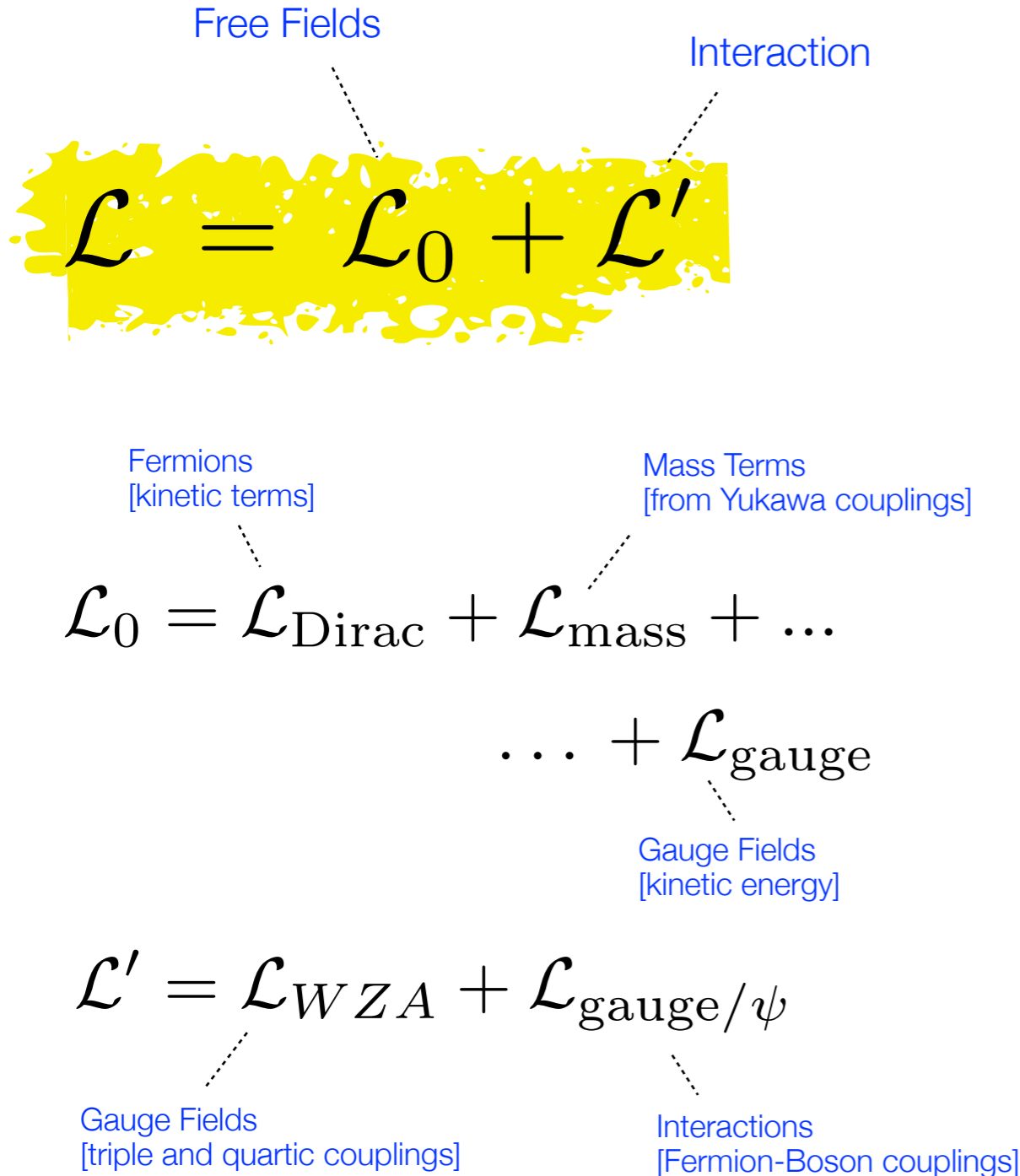
## Forces



## Leptons

# The Standard Model

## A theorist's view of the world ...



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}/\psi} .$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} = i\bar{e}_L^i \not{\partial} e_L^i + i\bar{\nu}_L^i \not{\partial} \nu_L^i + i\bar{e}_R^i \not{\partial} e_R^i + i\bar{u}_L^i \not{\partial} u_L^i + i\bar{d}_L^i \not{\partial} d_L^i + i\bar{u}_R^i \not{\partial} u_R^i + i\bar{d}_R^i \not{\partial} d_R^i ;$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -v \left( \lambda_e^i \bar{e}_L^i e_R^i + \lambda_u^i \bar{u}_L^i u_R^i + \lambda_d^i \bar{d}_L^i d_R^i + \text{h.c.} \right) - M_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} - \frac{M_W^2}{2 \cos^2 \theta_W} Z_\mu Z^\mu ;$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} = -\frac{1}{4} (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 - \frac{1}{2} W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{WZA} ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mu\nu}^a &= \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g_3 f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \\ W_{\mu\nu}^\pm &= \partial_\mu W_\nu^\pm - \partial_\nu W_\mu^\pm \\ Z_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu Z_\nu - \partial_\nu Z_\mu \\ F_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu , \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{WZA} = & ig_2 \cos \theta_W \left[ (W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ - W_\nu^- W_\mu^+) \partial^\mu Z^\nu + W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu} Z^\nu - W_{\mu\nu}^- W^{+\mu} Z^\nu \right] \\ & + ie \left[ (W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ - W_\nu^- W_\mu^+) \partial^\mu A^\nu + W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu} A^\nu - W_{\mu\nu}^- W^{+\mu} A^\nu \right] \\ & + g_2^2 \cos^2 \theta_W (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- Z^\mu Z^\nu - W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} Z_\nu Z^\nu) \\ & + g_2^2 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- A^\mu A^\nu - W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} A_\nu A^\nu) \\ & + g_2 e \cos \theta_W [W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- (Z^\mu A^\nu + Z^\nu A^\mu) - 2W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} Z_\nu A^\nu] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} g_2^2 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-) (W^{+\mu} W^{-\nu} - W^{+\nu} W^{-\mu}) ; \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}/\psi} = -g_3 A_\mu^a J_{(3)}^{\mu a} - g_2 (W_\mu^+ J_{W^+}^\mu + W_\mu^- J_{W^-}^\mu + Z_\mu J_Z^\mu) - e A_\mu J_A^\mu ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_{(3)}^{\mu a} &= \bar{u}^i \gamma^\mu T_{(3)}^a u^i + \bar{d}^i \gamma^\mu T_{(3)}^a d^i \\ J_{W^+}^\mu &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\nu}_L^i \gamma^\mu e_L^i + V^{ij} \bar{u}_L^i \gamma^\mu d_L^j) \\ J_{W^-}^\mu &= (J_{W^+}^\mu)^* \\ J_Z^\mu &= \frac{1}{\cos \theta_W} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}_L^i \gamma^\mu \nu_L^i + \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \sin^2 \theta_W \right) \bar{e}_L^i \gamma^\mu e_L^i + (\sin^2 \theta_W) \bar{e}_R^i \gamma^\mu e_R^i \right. \\ & \quad + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \right) \bar{u}_L^i \gamma^\mu u_L^i + \left( -\frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \right) \bar{u}_R^i \gamma^\mu u_R^i \\ & \quad \left. + \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \right) \bar{d}_L^i \gamma^\mu d_L^i + \left( \frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \right) \bar{d}_R^i \gamma^\mu d_R^i \right] \\ J_A^\mu &= (-1) \bar{e}^i \gamma^\mu e^i + \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \bar{u}^i \gamma^\mu u^i + \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) \bar{d}^i \gamma^\mu d^i . \end{aligned}$$

+ Higgs terms

# From the Lagrangian to Cross Sections ...

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$$\sigma \sim \langle f | \mathbf{S} | i \rangle^2$$

Inelastic  
Cross Section  
[for  $|i\rangle \neq |f\rangle$ ]

[Def. :  $|t = +\infty\rangle \equiv \mathbf{S}|t = -\infty\rangle$ ]

Time Evolution  
from Schrödinger-Equation  
[Dirac picture]

$$|t\rangle = |t_0\rangle - i \int_{t_0}^t dt' \mathbf{H}'(t') |t'\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{H}'(t) = - \int \mathcal{L}'(x, t) d^3x$$

Lagrangian  
of interaction

$$\langle f | \mathbf{S} | i \rangle \cong \delta_{fi} - i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \langle f | \mathbf{H}'(t') | i \rangle$$

→ Feynman rules

# The SM Lagrangian [massless particles]

kinetic & self-coupling  
of gauge bosons

kinetic energy  
of fermions

interaction between  
fermions & fields

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi + e\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu A_\mu\psi$$

SM Lagrangian without Higgs

where:

$$eA_\mu = \frac{g_s}{2}\lambda_\nu G_\mu^\nu + \frac{g}{2}\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{W}_\mu + \frac{g'}{2}Y B_\mu$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} = G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu} + W_{\mu\nu}W^{\mu\nu} + B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu}$$

But:  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  symmetry  
forbids „ad hoc“ introduction  
of extra masses terms:

Fermions:  $m\bar{\psi}\psi$

Bosons:  $m^2 A_\mu A^\mu$

destroy gauge  
invariance!

But: particles do  
have mass



# The Higgs Mechanism

Introduce:

New doublet of complex scalar fields  
[4 degrees of freedom; 'mexican hat' potential]

$$V(\phi) = -\mu^2 |\phi^\dagger \phi| + \lambda |\phi^\dagger \phi|^2$$

with  $\mu, \lambda > 0$

Lagrangian of scalar field:

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = (\partial_\mu \phi^\dagger)(\partial^\mu \phi) - V(\phi)$$

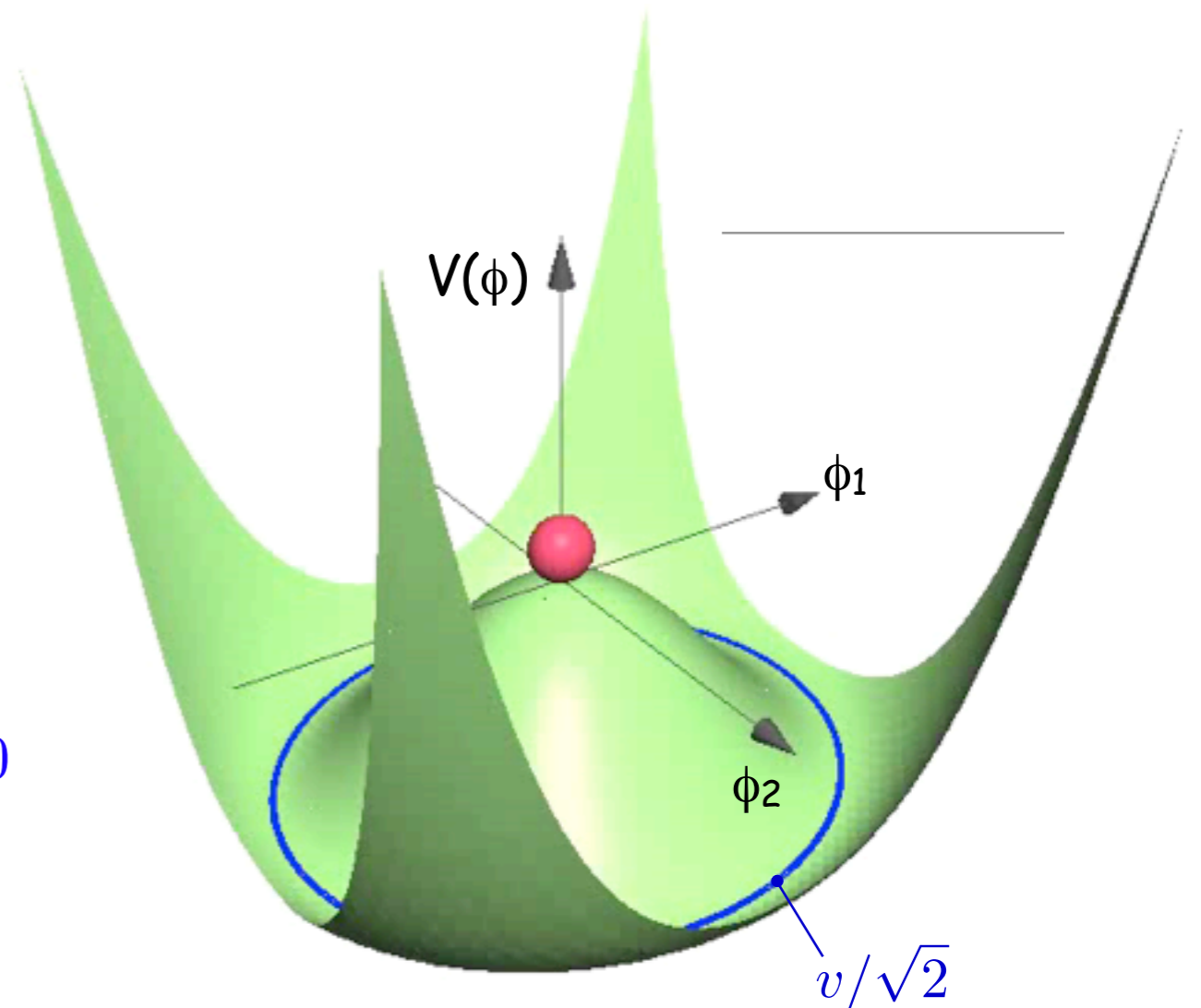
Coupling to bosons via transition to covariant derivative.

Coupling to fermions via "ad-hoc" introduction of "Yukawa" coupling.

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = (D_\mu \phi^\dagger)(D^\mu \phi) - V(\phi) \quad \text{with} \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ieA_\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = c_f (\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R \phi + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L \phi)$$

Introduction into SM Lagrangian maintains invariance under  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  gauge transformation



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Spontaneous symmetry breaking:

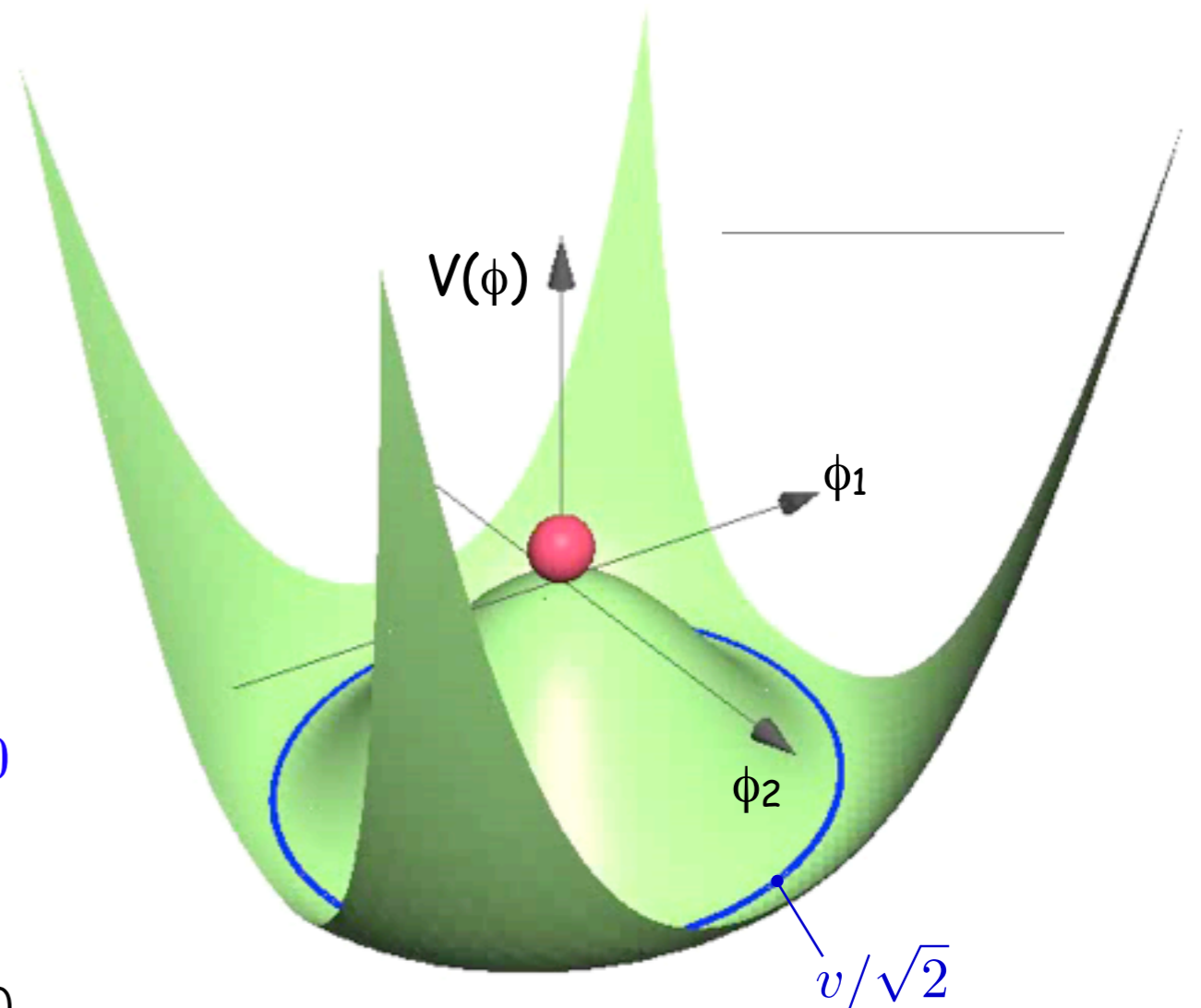
System falls in to minimum of  $V$  at  $\phi \neq 0$ .

This results in:

- Three massless excitations along valley  $\rightarrow$  3 longitudinal d.o.f. for  $W^\pm$  and  $Z$
- One massive excitation out of valley  $\rightarrow$  1 d.o.f. for „physical“ Higgs boson

Higgs field has two components:  $\phi = "v + H"$ .

1. omnipresent, constant **background condensate**  $v = 246 \text{ GeV}$  (from  $G_F = (2v^2)^{-1/2}$ )
2. **Higgs boson**  $H$  with unknown mass  $M_H = \mu \cdot \sqrt{2} = (2\lambda)^{1/2} \cdot v$





# Mass generation and Higgs couplings

Yields Higgs-Boson couplings

Contains Higgs self-couplings

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Higgs-fermion coupling

$$M_W = gv/2$$

$$M_Z = \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2} v/2$$

$$M_H = \mu\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2\lambda} v$$

Substitute:

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + H) \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = (\sqrt{2})^{-1} \cdot [ c_f(\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R H + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L H) + c_f v(\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L) ]$$

$$= (\sqrt{2})^{-1} \cdot [ c_f(\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R H + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L H) + m_f \bar{\psi} \psi ]$$

# Mass generation and Higgs couplings

Interaction with „ether“  $v=247$  GeV:

$$M_v \sim gv \quad (\text{Gauge coupling})$$

$$m_f \sim g_f v \quad (\text{Yukawa coupling})$$

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$$\left(\frac{1}{q^2}\right) \quad \left(\frac{gv}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{q^2}\right)^2 \quad \left(\frac{gv}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{q^2}\right)^3 \quad \dots$$

$$\dots = \text{---} = \frac{1}{q^2 - M^2} \quad \text{where} \quad M = \frac{gv}{2}$$

Interaction with Higgs boson H:

$$\text{Fermions:} \quad g_f \sim m_f/v$$

$$\text{W/Z bosons:} \quad g_v \sim M_v^2/v = g^2 \cdot v$$

