

Detailed Electroweak (EW) theory/ unification: part II (Fermionic sector)

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- Next, we add SM fermions to above (purely) bosonic sector (i.e., gauge & Higgs fields), including couplings between the 2 sectors
- We will consider only one generation (out of ③) of SM fermions, postponing study of full generations/story (including mixing between them) to the phenomenology part of this course
- Begin with (EW) gauge interactions of SM fermions: recall that these are chiral in Dirac/spinor space, cf. (QED) coupling being (purely) vector-like
- Since above is a (relatively) new feature, let's elaborate on this point (at the risk of repetition!): recall that [4]-component Dirac spinors ψ is a reducible representation of Lorentz group, i.e., its left/right (L/R) chiralities [obtained by projection operator $\frac{1}{2}(1 \mp \gamma_5)$ on ψ] denoted by $\Psi_{L,R}$, transform independently under Lorentz group [Note, in so-called Weyl/chiral

basis for Dirac γ -matrices, $\psi_{L,R}$ are simply upper/lower 2 components of ψ .] (2)

- So, $\psi_{L,R}$ can have different gauge interactions : this does not happen in QED, but that's the case with EW gauge interactions
- Before getting into full EW theory, let's just "warm-up" with $U(1)$ case ; QED first, then its chiral version
- $\mathcal{L}_{\psi \text{ only}} = i \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu \psi - m \bar{\psi} \psi$

$$= i \bar{\psi}_L \not{\partial} \psi_L + i \bar{\psi}_R \not{\partial} \psi_R - m(\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L)$$

i.e., kinetic term "couples" L to L (and R to R), while mass term connects L to R

- We add coupling to photon (A_μ), which is same for both L, R , i.e., $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ie A_\mu Q$, so that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\psi \text{ only}} + \mathcal{L}_{\psi-A} = i(\bar{\psi}_L \not{D} \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R \not{D} \psi_R) - m(\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L),$$

i.e., photons couples (vector-like) L to L and R to R , that too identically. Also, m ass term is gauge-invariant while discussing $U(1)$ Higgs mechanism,

- Onto chiral version of $U(1)$ [we considered such a theory as "toy" model for EW theory, whose gauge group is more involved]

$$\mathcal{L} \supset i(\bar{\psi}_L \not{D} \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R \not{D} \psi_R) - h \phi \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \text{h.c.} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \frac{-1}{\phi} \circ [U(1) \text{ charges}]$$

i.e., ψ_L couples with charge +1 to gauge boson (A_μ), so ③
 ψ_R only has "ordinary" kinetic term. Also, a bare mass term for ψ will not be gauge-invariant [since only ψ_L is charged under $U(1)$, again, after spontaneous (gauge) symmetry breaking, i.e., from coupling to ϕ VEV (as shown above)]

- The EW theory generalizes above to $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$. Here are the gauge quantum numbers / representations of SM fermions [of each quark carries also "color", i.e., charge under QCD/ $SU(3)_C$, but we will suppress that here for simplicity] :

(1). Leptons: $L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L : (2, -\frac{1}{2})$ & $e_R : (1, -1)$

$\downarrow \quad \uparrow$
doublet singlet of
of $SU(2)_L$ $SU(2)_L$

(2) Quarks: $Q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L : (2, +\frac{1}{6})$; $u_R : (1, +\frac{2}{3})$ & $d_R : (1, -\frac{1}{3})$

- Explanation: $SU(2)_L$ representations are clear based on weak charged current interaction, i.e., neutron and muon decays etc. involving only L chiralities of both quarks & leptons
- Y assignments are derived by requiring

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electric charge, $Q = T_3 + Y$, since, as shown in previous note (based on abelian/neutral part of general D_μ), massless combination of W_3^μ & B^μ (aka photon) couples to $(Y + T_3)$: as sanity [check], we do get observed electric charges:

$$Q \text{ of } [e_L^-] = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = -1 ; Q \text{ of } [e_R^-] = 0 - 1 = -1$$

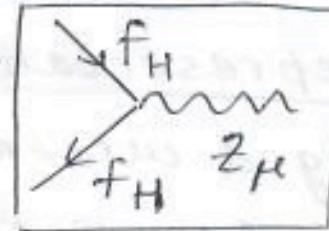
[i.e., T_3 is different for L, R, but so is Y, thus electric charge is same] & $Q \text{ of } [\nu_e] = +\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$

[i.e., Y is same for ν_e , e_L , but T_3 's are different, thus electric charges also differ]

Similarly, Q of both $u_{L,R} = +\frac{2}{3}$ & Q of both $d_{L,R} = -\frac{1}{3}$

- Onto Feynman rules for SM fermion-gauge couplings: photon is well-known already, while as shown earlier, (massive) Z_μ has gauge coupling $[g_Z = \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}]$ and "charge", $[Q_Z = T_3 - Q \sin^2 \theta_W]$. So, we get

Feynman rule for



$$\text{is } [-i g_Z (T_{3H} - Q \sin^2 \theta_W) \times \gamma_\mu \times P_{L,R} \frac{Q^H}{Z}]$$

where f denotes fermion (quark/lepton); $(H) = L, R$ chirality, $P_H = \frac{1}{2}(1 \mp \gamma_5)$ being corresponding projection operator

- Note that Z_μ coupling is different for L vs. R chiralities (due to T_3 part, while Q is same for both chiralities), i.e., it is not vector-like
- Also, V_e does couple to Z_μ (even though not to the other neutral gauge boson, i.e., photon)
- It is convenient to combine Z_μ coupling to L, R chiralities :

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} f \\ \gamma_f \\ \gamma_\mu \\ Z_\mu \end{array} \right] : \left[-ig_Z \left(\frac{Q_Z^V}{2} \gamma_\mu - \frac{Q_Z^A}{2} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \right) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{ie}{\sin 2\theta_W} \left(Q_Z^V \gamma_\mu - Q_Z^A \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \right)$$

where in 1st line $Q_Z^V = Q_Z^L + Q_Z^R$

$$= T_3(L) - 2 Q \sin^2 \theta_W$$

and $Q_Z^A = Q_Z^L - Q_Z^R = T_3(L)$ are the vector-like (i.e., involving only γ_μ) and axial [coupling to $\gamma_\mu \gamma_5$] parts of coupling to Z_μ .

In 2nd line, we have used $g_Z = g/\cos \theta_W$ and

$$e = g \sin \theta_W$$

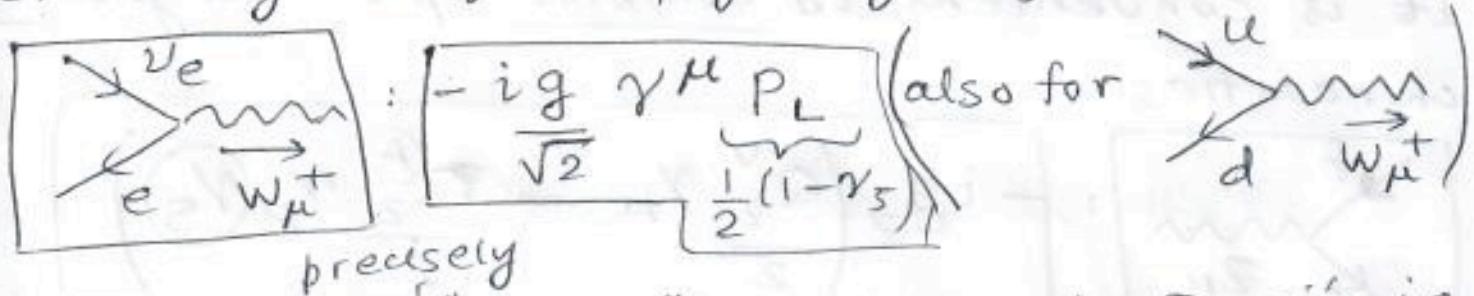
- For example, Q_Z^V for $e^- = -\frac{1}{2} + 2 \sin^2 \theta_W$ & $Q_Z^A = -\frac{1}{2}$

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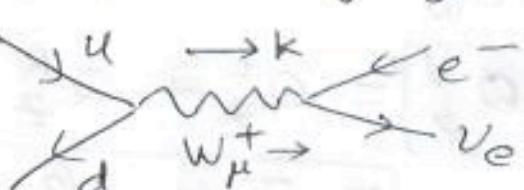
— onto charged/weak interaction, i.e., really⁽⁶⁾
non-abelian part of D_μ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{charged, weak}} &= -(\bar{\nu}_{e_L} \bar{e}_L) \gamma^\mu g \frac{\sigma_{1,2}}{2} w_\mu^{\mu^2} \left(\frac{\nu_{e_L}}{e_L} \right) \\ &= -g/\sqrt{2} \left[\bar{\nu}_{e_L} \gamma^\mu e_L, w_\mu^+ + \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu w_\mu^- \nu_{e_L} \right] \\ \text{where } w_\mu^\pm &= \frac{w_1 \pm i w_2}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma_5)e \end{aligned}$$

(similarly for quarks) giving Feynman rules



— We can then "match" EW theory to Fermi's, i.e., (similarly, muon) amplitude for underlying process in neutrino decay:



$$iM_B \text{decay} = (-ig/\sqrt{2})^2 \left(\frac{-ig^2 p}{\kappa^2 - M_W^2} \right) (\bar{\nu}_{e_L} \gamma^\lambda p_L \nu_e) (\bar{u}_d \gamma^\lambda p_L u_u)$$

low energies ($\kappa^2 \ll M_W^2$)

$\underbrace{\text{spinor}}_{W_\mu^+ \text{ propagator}} \underbrace{\text{not up-quark!}}$

$$\approx \left(\frac{g^2}{8 M_W^2} \right) [\bar{\nu}_{e_L} \gamma^\lambda (1-\gamma_5) \nu_e] [\bar{u}_d \gamma_\lambda (1-\gamma_5) u_u]$$

terms of

identify with $G_F/\sqrt{2}$ [again, above form - in G_F - was deduced experimentally]

using $M_W = \frac{1}{2} g v$

$$\text{So, we get } G_F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} v^2} = 1.17 \times 10^{-5} / (\text{GeV})^2 \Rightarrow v \approx 250 \text{ GeV}$$

- As an aside (for now), we also have (7)
 $e(\approx 0.3) = gg'/\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}$. so, we need

[1] more measurement to determine separately
[g and g'], i.e., ^{this part of} EW theory has (3) parameters

(v, g, g'): we have used 2 data (e & GF)
thus far in order to fix v and one combination of g, g' .

- This (3rd) measurement must involve neutral
current weak interaction (Z_μ exchange):
it was performed in [1970's] (the EW theory
itself was proposed in [1960's]).

- Then, M_W, Z values could be predicted; these
gauge bosons were discovered in [1980's]
(We will return to these issues in the phenomenology
part of the course.)

- Onto, [SM fermion masses]: as already
indicated, bare mass terms will break $SU(2)_L$
gauge symmetry [and $U(1)_Y$] since L, R chiralities
have different gauge charges/interactions

- So, mass terms for SM fermions must come from
(Yukawa) coupling to Higgs field (VEV), again,
like in toy chiral $U(1)$ model discussed before
- However, since gauge group/charges are more involved than
in $U(1)$ case, it is useful to take a "group theory detour"

Detour on group theory [how to form $SU(n)$ -invariant objects] (see, for example, sections 4.1 - 4.3 of cheng, Li) (8)

- Suppose a field Ψ (which could be bosonic!) transforms in a representation of $SU(n)$ group of dimension d_Ψ [i.e., Ψ can be thought of as a column vector with d_Ψ rows], with generators T_a ($a=1, 2 \dots n^2-1$) [$d_\Psi \times d_\Psi$ traceless, Hermitian matrices, but not necessarily a complete set, i.e., that's the case only for fundamental representation]
- So, under an $SU(n)$ transformation (with parameters β_a), we have matrix column $\Psi' = U \Psi$, where $U = \exp(i\beta_a T_a)$
- Then $(\Psi')^*$ (still thought of as column vector) transforms in conjugate representation: $(\Psi')^* = (\Psi')^* = [\exp(i\beta_a T_a) \Psi]^* = \exp(-i\beta_a T_a^*) \Psi^*$, i.e., $[-(T^a)^*]$ are also generators [of conjugate representation] of $SU(n)$, since they satisfy the $SU(n)$ Lie algebra: $[-T^{a*}, -T^{b*}] = i f^{abc} (-T^{c*})$

which, in turn, follows from taking complex conjugate of

$$[T^a, T^b] = i f_{abc} T^c \quad (9)$$

[The conjugate representation is often denoted by a "bar" on top of original one, e.g., if Ψ is 3 of $SU(3)$ — as for quarks under QCD, then Ψ^* is $\bar{3}$ (i.e., anti-quarks)]

- [If] there exists a matrix S such that
 - need of course, we'll need different S 's for different representations $ST_a S^{-1} = (-)Ta^*$ (for all a 's)

then T_a and Ta^* are said to be equivalent and such a representation is called "real"
- Onto, 2 ways of forming $SU(n)$ -invariant objects

(1) Suppose two [in general, different: each being fermionic or bosonic] fields transforming in the same representation: in component form,

$$\phi_i = 1 \dots d\phi \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_i = 1 \dots d\psi, \text{ with } d\psi = d\phi$$

Then, the following product is $SU(n)$ -invariant
 $\underbrace{1_1}_{\substack{\text{1st way} \\ \text{singlet}}} \equiv \overline{\phi_i^* \psi_i} \quad [\text{similarly } \overline{\psi_i^* \phi_i}, \text{ repeated indices being summed as usual}]$

This is easy to show if we "think of ϕ^* as row-vector, i.e., Φ^+ ["dagger" in matrix sense, although we'll do it for corresponding quantum operator as well later]

$$= (\phi_1^* \phi_2^* \dots \phi_{d\phi}^*)$$

so that $\mathbf{1}_1 = \bar{\Phi}^+ \Psi$, where $\Psi' = U\Psi$ and $\bar{\Phi}' = U\bar{\Phi}$ implies $(\bar{\Phi}^+)' = (\bar{\Phi}')^+ = \bar{\Phi}^+ U^+$, giving $(\bar{\Phi}^+)' \Psi' = \bar{\Phi}^+ U^+ U \Psi = \bar{\Phi}^+ \Psi$

i.e., $\phi_i^* \psi_i$ is singlet of $SU(n)$

(2) If $\psi, \phi \dots x_{i=1,2,\dots,n}$ are n fields each k^+ column vectors in component form

transforming as fundamental (i.e., n -dimensional representation of $SU(n)$, then (proof is left as informal-HW!)

$$\mathbf{1}_2 \stackrel{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ way}}{=} \overline{(\psi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} \dots x_{i_n})} (\mathbf{\Theta}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}) \text{ completely anti-symmetric}$$

is another $SU(n)$ -invariant.

- Onto $SU(2)$ specifically ($n=2$), where all representations are real. For example for fundamental representation (i.e., doublet),

$S = \sigma_2$ relates $T^\alpha = \frac{\sigma^\alpha}{2}$ to $-T^{\alpha*}$, i.e.,

$\tilde{\Psi} = [i\sigma_2 \Psi^*]$ transforms like Ψ itself (i.e., doublet or "2") and not like Ψ^* (i.e., "anti"-doublet or " $\frac{-1}{2}$ ")

now, ... back to SM fermion masses!

(Yukawa) Coupling of SM fermions to Higgs field, $\Phi : (2, \oplus \frac{1}{2})$
 \hookrightarrow doublet of $SU(2)$

- Begin with **leptons** [recall that $L = \begin{pmatrix} e_L \\ e_R \end{pmatrix}$ is $(2, -\frac{1}{2})$, while e_R is $(1, -1)$]: coupling constant (Alalahiri, Pal)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton Yukawa}} = -h_e \underbrace{(\bar{L}_i \phi_i)}_{[SU(2)_L] \text{ singlet ala 1st way}} e_R + \text{h.c.}$$

[just to be clear,
 "bar" on " \bar{L} " is as
 in Dirac space,
 i.e., $\bar{L}^+ \gamma_0$, but
 here it also stands
 for " \bar{L} " being
anti-doublet.]

$$[i=1, 2, \text{i.e., doublet index}]$$

$$[U(1)_Y] \text{ charges add: } (+\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - 1)$$

$$\text{upto } 0$$

$$\gamma = (-)\frac{1}{2} \quad \Phi \quad e_R$$

$$\text{for } L$$

— After SSB, i.e., setting $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_+ \\ v + H + i\eta \end{pmatrix}$ (and

arguing that h_e can be chosen to be real without loss of generality (see later however when we go to 3 generations), we get (after some algebra)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton Yukawa/mass}} = -h_e \left[v/\sqrt{2} (\bar{e}_L e_R + \bar{e}_R e_L) + \bar{e}_L e_R \phi_+ + \bar{e}_R v e_L \phi_- + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{e} e H + i \bar{e} \gamma_5 e \eta) \right]$$

i.e., $m_e = h_e v/\sqrt{2}$ from 1st term and following

Feynman rules for (Yukawa) interactions from other terms:

charged

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e^- \phi_+ : -i\sqrt{2} \frac{m_e}{v} P_R = -ig \frac{m_e}{\sqrt{2} M_w} P_R \\ \nu_e \text{ (would-be NGB)} \\ e^- \phi_- : -i\sqrt{2} \frac{m_e}{v} P_L = -ig m_e \frac{P_L}{\sqrt{2} M_w} + \nu_e \end{array} \right.$$

ν_e (R) is annihilated

neutral

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e^--H : -i\frac{m_e}{v} = -ig \frac{m_e}{2\cos\theta_w} \frac{M_Z}{M_Z} \\ e^--\zeta : \frac{m_e}{v} \gamma_5 = \frac{g}{2\cos\theta_w} \frac{m_e}{M_Z} \\ \nu_e \text{ (physical)} \\ \nu_e \text{ (would-be NGB)} \end{array} \right.$$

ν_e (L) is annihilated

- What about [2nd] way of forming SU(2)-invariant out of L and ϕ (does it give different/additional Lagrangian terms)?!

"No": the 2 ways of forming SU(2)-invariant objects are actually equivalent / give same result due to doublet representation being real. Explicitly

(1) $\bar{L}_i \phi_i$ (that we already used above)

~ [not keeping track of Dirac structure, i.e., focussing only on SU(2)/internal space]

$(\nu_{e_L}^+ e_L^+) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_+ \\ \phi_0 \end{pmatrix} = \overline{\nu_{e_L}^+ \phi_+ + (e_L^-)_L^\dagger \phi_0}$, which acting on operator

when coupled to e_R^- and ϕ set to VEV & fluctuations gave the above bottomline

$L_{\text{lepton Yukawa/mass}}$

note e^-, ν_e "flipped" due to σ_2

$$(2) . \underbrace{\left[(i\sigma_2 L^+) \right]_i}_{\substack{\text{doublet} \\ (\text{i.e., 2, column-vector (i.e., } \tilde{L}) \\ \text{not } \bar{L})}} \phi_j \underbrace{(\mathcal{E}^{ij})}_{\substack{\text{since "dagger" here} \\ \text{acts on operators} \\ [\text{not in } \text{su}(2) \text{ matrix} \\ \text{space}]}} = \left[(e_L^-)^+ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & (\nu_e)_L^+ \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]_{0+1} \left[\phi_+ \right]$$

note $+1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \boxed{(e_L^-)^+ \phi_0 + (\nu_e)_L^+ \phi_+}$$

(\mathcal{E}) "matrix"

i.e., the 2 invariants are identical

Finally (in lepton sector still), let's consider fate of neutrino, ^{in terms of} mass term. There is no $(\nu_e)_R$ particle field in SM, since none has been observed (at least directly) thus far (cf. all other fields/particles). So, there is no (Yukawa) coupling of neutrino to Higgs VEV (cf. for electron), giving $m_\nu = 0$ (again, with SM renormalizable Lagrangian).

- However, there is evidence for $m_\nu \neq 0$ (albeit $m_\nu \ll m_e$) from observations of neutrino oscillations (i.e., conversion of neutrino of 1 type/generation into another): we need to go beyond SM in order to accommodate $m_\nu \neq 0$ (see term paper?!)

Onto quark sector, where masses come from ⑯

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark Yukawa}} = -h_d \underbrace{\left[\bar{Q}_i \phi_i \right] d_R}_{\substack{\text{SU(2) singlets} \\ + \text{h.c.}}} - h_u \underbrace{\left[\bar{Q}_i \tilde{\phi}_i \right] u_R}_{\substack{\text{SU(2) singlets} \\ + \text{h.c.}}}$$

[Again, $U(1)_Y$ charges add up to 0 & doublets form $SU(2)_L$ singlets.]

In more detail,

(a) down-type quark coupling involves Φ /just like leptons, giving m_d (mass term) and (Yukawa) interactions like for leptons $\rightarrow (h_d/\sqrt{2}) v$

(b) Subtlety for up-type quark: we can't couple $\bar{Q}_i u_R$ to Φ since $U(1)_Y$ charges won't sum to 0 , $\gamma = -1/6 + 2/3$ $\gamma = +1/2$ $= +1/2$

i.e., we have to use Φ^* ($\gamma = -1/2$), which can be done in 2 ways (giving same result, like shown for leptons above)

$$(i) \bar{Q}_i \underbrace{(i\sigma_2 \Phi^*)_i}_{\Phi} \sim (u_L^+ d_L^+) \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^* \\ -i\phi \end{bmatrix} = u_L^+ \Phi^* \Theta d_L^+ \phi_-$$

(used above)

[Again, we can't use simply Φ^* (i.e., without $i\sigma_2$), since that doesn't transform as doublet, but $i\sigma_2 \Phi^*$ does: see HW 8.3]

(ii) (just for sanity check/practice!)

$$\bar{Q}_i \phi_j^* \underset{\text{x}}{\underbrace{\epsilon^{ij}}} \sim \underset{\text{matrix/notation}}{(u_L^+ d_L^+)} \underset{\substack{\text{note} \\ \uparrow}}{\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & +1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}} \underset{\substack{\text{matrix/notation} \\ \downarrow}}{\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \phi_+^* \\ \phi_0^* \end{pmatrix}}} = u_L^+ \phi_0^* - d_L^+ \underset{\substack{\phi_+^* \\ \downarrow}}{\underbrace{\phi_-}}$$

i.e., same as (i)

-The above story with up-type quark is not a big deal in the SM, but it is when we go to its

supersymmetric version (see term paper), where (in short) we add (super)partners of SM particles with spin differing by $\frac{1}{2}$ from SM. It turns out that coupling $\tilde{\Phi}$ (or ϕ^*) as above to $\bar{Q} u_R$ breaks supersymmetry. So, we must introduce [2] Higgs doublet fields: $\tilde{\Phi}_{(d)}$ coupled to leptons $(\bar{L} & e_R^-)$ and \tilde{d}_R (like $\tilde{\Phi}$ in SM), while $\tilde{\Phi}_{(u)}$ (with opposite hypercharge to $\tilde{\Phi}_{(d)}$) couples to $(\bar{Q} u_R)$: $\tilde{\Phi}_u$ plays $i\sigma_2 \tilde{\Phi}^*$ in SM, but again, we can't use $i\sigma_2 \tilde{\Phi}_{(d)}^*$ here.

-Anyway, it is easy to see that $\tilde{\Phi}_u$ coupling gives mass term and (Yukawa) interactions (like for leptons & down-type quark)