

# Multiscale perturbative approach to $SU(2)$ - Higgs classical dynamics

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- The SU(2)-Higgs field dynamics is described by the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a,\mu\nu} + (D_\mu\phi)^\dagger(D^\mu\phi) - V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi),$$

where:

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + igA_\mu^a \frac{\sigma^a}{2}, \quad V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) = \mu^2\Phi^\dagger\Phi + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2$$

$$\lambda > 0, \quad \mu^2 < 0 \quad .$$

- In the standard gauge selection we expand  $\Phi$

$$\Phi = \left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + H)\right)^T, \quad v^2 = -\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}$$



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with  $s = \frac{-2g^2(3+\alpha)}{2m_A}$ ,  $\alpha(q) = -\frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{2}{q^2} + \frac{1}{q^2-4} \right)$  and  $q = m_H/m_A$ .

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- 1<sup>st</sup> case: Strong Higgs field,  $H \sim A$ 
  - The nonlinear plane waves are unstable for all parameter values.
  - The dynamics of the coupled NLS equations occurring in the case of a strong Higgs field require a more extensive analysis in order to explore other solutions which could be relevant for the dynamical description of the SU(2)-Higgs model.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> case: Weak Higgs field,  $H \sim \epsilon A$ 
  - In this case, when  $s < 0$ , plane wave solutions of the NLS equation are stable.
  - Furthermore, stable localized nonlinear excitations on top of these plane waves are possible too:
    - Dark solitons in (1 + 1)-dim
    - Vortices in (2 + 1)-dim
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