

The Standard Model of particle physics and beyond.

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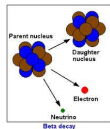
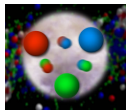
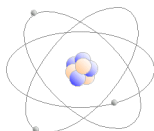
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Building blocks describing matter.



● Atom compositness.

- * Neutrons.
- * Protons.
- * **Electrons.**

● Proton and neutron compositness.

- * Naively: **up and down quarks.**
- * In reality: dynamical objects made of
 - Valence and sea quarks.
 - Gluons [see below...].

● Beta decays.

- * $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$.
- * Needs for a **neutrino.**

Three families of fermionic particles [Why three?].

- **Quarks:**

Family	Up-type quark	Down-type quark
1 st generation	up quark u	down quark d
2 nd generation	charm quark c	strange quark s
3 rd generation	top quark t	bottom quark b

- **Leptons:**

Family	Charged lepton	Neutrino
1 st generation	electron e⁻	electron neutrino ν_e
2 nd generation	muon μ^-	muon neutrino ν_μ
3 rd generation	tau τ^-	tau neutrino ν_τ

- In addition, the associated **antiparticles**.
- The only difference between generations lies in the **(increasing) mass**.
- **Experimental status** [Particle Data Group Review].
 - * **All** these particles have been observed.
 - * Last ones: top quark (1995) and tau neutrino (2001).

Fundamental interactions and gauge bosons.

● Electromagnetism.

- * Interactions between charged particles (quarks and charged leptons).
- * Mediated by **massless photons** γ (spin one).

● Weak interaction.

- * Interactions between the left-handed components of the fermions.
- * Mediated by **massive weak bosons** W^\pm and Z^0 (spin one).
- * **Self interactions** between W^\pm and Z^0 bosons (and photons) [see below...].

● Strong interactions.

- * Interactions between **colored particles** (quarks).
- * Mediated by **massless gluons** g (spin one).
- * **Self interactions** between gluons [see below...].
- * Hadrons and mesons are made of quarks and gluons.
- * At the nucleus level: binding of protons and neutrons.

● Gravity.

- * Interactions between all particles.
- * Mediated by the **(non-observed) massless graviton** (spin two).
- * **Not described by the Standard Model.**
- * Attempts: superstrings, M -theory, quantum loop gravity, ...

The Standard Model of particle physics - framework (1).

● Symmetry principles \Leftrightarrow elementary particles and their interactions.

- * Compatible with **special relativity**.
 - ◇ **Minkowski spacetime** with the metric $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$.
 - ◇ **Scalar product** $x \cdot y = x^\mu y_\mu = x^\mu y^\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} = x^0 y^0 - \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$.
 - ◇ Invariance of the **speed of light** c .
 - ◇ **Physics independent of the inertial reference frame**.
- * Compatible with **quantum mechanics**.
 - ◇ **Classical fields**: relativistic analogues of wave functions.
- * **Quantum field theory**.
 - ◇ **Quantization** of the fields: harmonic and fermionic oscillators.
- * Based on **gauge theories** [see below...].

Conventions.

- * $\hbar = c = 1$ and $\eta_{\mu\nu}, \eta^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$.
- * **Raising and lowering indices**: $V^\mu = \eta^{\mu\nu} V_\nu$ and $V_\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu} V^\nu$.
- * **Indices**.
 - ◇ Greek letters: $\mu, \nu \dots = 0, 1, 2, 3$.
 - ◇ Roman letters: $i, j, \dots = 1, 2, 3$.

The Standard Model of particle physics - framework (2).

● What is a symmetry?

- * **A symmetry operation leaves the laws of physics invariant.**
e.g., Newton's law is the same in any inertial frame: $\vec{F} = m \frac{d^2 \vec{x}}{dt^2}$.

● Examples of symmetry.

- * **Spacetime symmetries:** rotations, Lorentz boosts, translations.
- * **Internal symmetries:** quantum mechanics: $|\Psi\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} |\Psi\rangle$.

● Noether theorem.

- * **To each symmetry is associated a conserved charge.**
- * **Examples:** electric charge, energy, angular momentum, ...

The Standard Model of particle physics - framework (3).

Dynamics is based on symmetry principles.

* **Spacetime symmetries (Poincaré).**

Particle types: scalars, spinors, vectors, ...

Beyond: supersymmetry, extra-dimensions.

* **Internal symmetries (gauge interactions).**

Electromagnetism, weak and strong interactions.

Beyond: Grand Unified Theories.

● **Importance of symmetry breaking and anomalies** [see below...].

- * Masses of the **gauge bosons**.
- * Generation of the **fermion masses**.
- * **Quantum numbers** of the particles.

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Euler-Lagrange equations - theoretical concepts.

- We consider a set of fields $\phi(x^\mu)$.
 - * They depend on **spacetime** coordinates (relativistic).
- A system is described by a **Lagrangian** $\mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu\phi)$ where $\partial_\mu\phi = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^\mu}$.
 - * **Variables**: the fields ϕ and their first-order derivatives $\partial_\mu\phi$.
- **Action**.
 - * Related to the Lagrangian $S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$.
- **Equations of motion**.
 - * Dynamics described by the **principle of least action**.
 - * Leads to **Euler-Lagrange** equations:

$$\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\phi} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\phi)} = 0 \quad \text{where } \phi \text{ and } \partial_\mu\phi \text{ are taken independent.}$$

Euler-Lagrange equations - example.

- The electromagnetic potential $A^\mu(x) = (V(t, \vec{x}), \vec{A}(t, \vec{x}))$.
- External electromagnetic current: $j^\mu(x) = (\rho(t, \vec{x}), \vec{j}(t, \vec{x}))$.
- The system is described by the Lagrangian \mathcal{L} (the action $S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}$).

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - A_\mu j^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E^1 & -E^2 & -E^3 \\ E^1 & 0 & -B^3 & B^2 \\ E^2 & B^3 & 0 & -B^1 \\ E^3 & -B^2 & B^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[Einstein conventions: repeated indices are summed.]

- Equations of motion.

- * The **Euler-Lagrange** equations are

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\mu} - \partial_\nu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\nu A_\mu)} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} & = \rho \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} & = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \end{cases}.$$

- * The **constraint equations** come from

$$\partial_\mu F_{\nu\rho} + \partial_\nu F_{\rho\mu} + \partial_\rho F_{\mu\nu} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} & = 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} & = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \end{cases}.$$

Symmetries.

● What is an invariant Lagrangian under a symmetry?.

- * We associate an **operator (or matrix) G** to the symmetry:

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow G\phi(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} + \partial_\mu(\dots) .$$

- * The **action** is thus **invariant**.

● Symmetries in quantum mechanics.

- * Wigner: **G is a (anti)-unitary operator.**
- * For unitary operators, $\exists g$, hermitian, so that

$$G = \exp[ig] = \exp[i\alpha^i g_i] .$$

- ◇ α^i are the **transformation parameters**.
- ◇ g_i are the symmetry **generators**.

- * **Example:** rotations $R(\vec{\alpha}) = \exp[-i\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{J}]$ ($\vec{J} \equiv$ angular momentum).

● Symmetry group and algebra.

- * The product of two symmetries is a symmetry $\Rightarrow \{G_i\}$ **form a group**.
- * This implies that $\{g_i\}$ **form an algebra**.

$$[g_i, g_j] \equiv g_i g_j - g_j g_i = if_{ij}^k g_k .$$

- * **Rotations:** $[J_i, J_j] = iJ_k$ with (i, j, k) cyclic.

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The Poincaré group and quantum field theory.

- **Quantum mechanics** is invariant under the Galileo group.
- **Maxwell equations** are invariant under the Poincaré group.

Consistency principles.

- * **Relativistic quantum mechanics.**
Relativistic equations (Klein-Gordon, Dirac, Maxwell, ...)
- * **Quantum field theory**
The field are quantized: second quantization.
(harmonic and fermionic oscillators).

The Poincaré algebra and the particle masses.

- The Poincaré algebra reads ($\mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3$)

$$\left[L^{\mu\nu}, L^{\rho\sigma} \right] = -i \left(\eta^{\nu\sigma} L^{\rho\mu} - \eta^{\mu\sigma} L^{\rho\nu} + \eta^{\nu\rho} L^{\mu\sigma} - \eta^{\mu\rho} L^{\nu\sigma} \right),$$

$$\left[L^{\mu\nu}, P^\rho \right] = -i \left(\eta^{\nu\rho} P^\mu - \eta^{\mu\rho} P^\nu \right),$$

$$\left[P^\mu, P^\nu \right] = 0,$$

where

- * $L_{\mu\nu} = -L_{\nu\mu}$ is **antisymmetric**..
- * $L_{ij} = J^k \equiv$ **rotations**; (i, j, k) is a cyclic permutation of (1, 2, 3).
- * $L_{0i} = K^i \equiv$ **boosts** ($i = 1, 2, 3$).
- * $P_\mu \equiv$ **spacetime translations**.



**Beware of the adopted conventions
(especially in the literature).**

- The particle masses.

- * A Casimir operator is an operator commuting with all generators.
 \rightsquigarrow **quantum numbers**.
- * The quadratic Casimir Q_2 reads $Q_2 = P^\mu P_\mu = E^2 - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p} = m^2$.
- * The masses are the **eigenvalues** of the Q_2 operator.

Reminder: the rotation algebra and its representations.

- The rotation algebra reads

$$[J^i, J^j] = i\varepsilon^{ij}{}_k J^k = \begin{cases} iJ_k & \text{with } (i, j, k) \text{ a cyclic permutation of } (1, 2, 3). \\ -iJ_k & \text{with } (i, j, k) \text{ an anticyclic permutation of } (1, 2, 3). \end{cases}$$

- The operator $\vec{J} \cdot \vec{J}$.

- * Defining $\vec{J} = (J^1, J^2, J^3)$, we have $[\vec{J} \cdot \vec{J}, J^i] = 0$.
- * $\vec{J} \cdot \vec{J}$ is thus a **Casimir operator** (commuting with all generators).

- Representations.

- * A **representation** is characterized by
 - ◇ Two numbers: $j \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{N}$ and $m \in \{-j, -j+1, \dots, j-1, j\}$.
- * The J^i matrices are $(2j+1) \times (2j+1)$ **matrices**.
 - ◇ $j = 1/2$: Pauli matrices (over two).
 - ◇ $j = 1$: usual rotation matrices (in three dimensions).
- * A state is represented by a ket $|j, m\rangle$ such that

$$J_{\pm}|j, m\rangle = \sqrt{j(j+1) - m(m \pm 1)}|j, m \pm 1\rangle,$$

$$J^3|j, m\rangle = m|j, m\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{J} \cdot \vec{J}|j, m\rangle = j(j+1)|j, m\rangle.$$

The Lorentz algebra and the particle spins.

- The Lorentz algebra reads

$$\left[L^{\mu\nu}, L^{\rho\sigma} \right] = -i \left(\eta^{\nu\sigma} L^{\rho\mu} - \eta^{\mu\sigma} L^{\rho\nu} + \eta^{\nu\rho} L^{\mu\sigma} - \eta^{\mu\rho} L^{\nu\sigma} \right),$$

- * We define $N^i = \frac{1}{2}(J^i + iK^i)$ and $\bar{N}^i = \frac{1}{2}(J^i - iK^i)$.

One gets $[N^i, N^j] = -iN^k$, $[\bar{N}^i, \bar{N}^j] = -i\bar{N}^k$ and $[N^i, \bar{N}^j] = 0$.

Definition of the spin.

$$\{N_i\} \oplus \{\bar{N}_i\} = \mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \overline{\mathfrak{sl}(2)} \sim \mathfrak{so}(3) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(3).$$

The representations of $\mathfrak{so}(3)$ are known:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{N^i\} \rightarrow S \\ \{\bar{N}^i\} \rightarrow \bar{S} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow J^i = N^i + \bar{N}^i \rightarrow \text{spin} = S + \bar{S}.$$

- The particle spins are the representations of the Lorentz algebra.

- * $(0, 0) \equiv$ **scalar** fields.
- * $(1/2, 0)$ and $(0, 1/2) \equiv$ left and right **spinors**.
- * $(1/2, 1/2) \equiv$ **vector** fields.

Representations of the Lorentz algebra (1).

- **The (four-dimensional) vector representation** $(1/2, 1/2)$.

- * Action on **four-vectors** X^μ .

- * **Generators**: a set of 10 4×4 matrices

$$(J^{\mu\nu})^\rho{}_\sigma = -i(\eta^{\rho\mu}\delta^\nu{}_\sigma - \eta^{\rho\nu}\delta^\mu{}_\sigma).$$

- * A **finite Lorentz transformation** is given by

$$\Lambda_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} = \exp\left[\frac{i}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu}J^{\mu\nu}\right],$$

where $\omega_{\mu\nu} \in \mathbb{R}$ are the transformation parameters.

- * **Example 1: a rotation with** $\alpha = \omega_{12} = -\omega_{21}$,

$$R(\alpha) = \exp[i\alpha J^{12}] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- * **Example 2: a boost of speed** $v = -\tanh \varphi$ **with** $\varphi = \omega_{01} = -\omega_{10}$,

$$B(\varphi) = \exp[i\varphi J^{01}] = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \varphi & \sinh \varphi & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \varphi & \cosh \varphi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Representations of the Lorentz algebra (2).

- **Pauli matrices in four dimensions.**

* Conventions:

$$\sigma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

* Definitions:

$$\sigma^\mu{}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = (\sigma^0, \sigma^i)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \quad \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\dot{\alpha}\alpha} = (\sigma^0, -\sigma^i)^{\dot{\alpha}\alpha}$$

with $\alpha = 1, 2$ and $\dot{\alpha} = \dot{1}, \dot{2}$.

The (un)dotted nature of the indices is related to Dirac spinors [\[see below...\]](#).



**Beware of the position (lower or upper, first or second) of the indices.
Beware of the types (undotted or dotted) of the indices.**

Representations of the Lorentz algebra (3).

- **The left-handed Weyl spinor representation** $(1/2, 0)$.

- * Action on **complex left-handed spinors** ψ_α ($\alpha = 1, 2$).
- * **Generators**: a set of 10 2×2 matrices

$$(\sigma^{\mu\nu})_\alpha{}^\beta = -\frac{i}{4} (\sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu - \sigma^\nu \bar{\sigma}^\mu)_\alpha{}^\beta.$$

- * A **finite Lorentz transformation** is given by

$$\Lambda_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0)} = \exp \left[\frac{i}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \right].$$

- **The right-handed Weyl spinor representation** $(0, 1/2)$.

- * Action on **complex right-handed spinors** $\bar{\chi}^{\dot{\alpha}}$ ($\dot{\alpha} = \dot{1}, \dot{2}$).
- * **Generators**: a set of 10 2×2 matrices

$$(\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu})^{\dot{\alpha}}{}_{\dot{\beta}} = -\frac{i}{4} (\bar{\sigma}^\mu \sigma^\nu - \bar{\sigma}^\nu \sigma^\mu)^{\dot{\alpha}}{}_{\dot{\beta}}.$$

- * A **finite Lorentz transformation** is given by

$$\Lambda_{(0, \frac{1}{2})} = \exp \left[\frac{i}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \right].$$

- **Complex conjugation maps left-handed and right-handed spinors.**

Representations of the Lorentz algebra (4).

- Lowering and raising spin indices.

* We can define a **metric acting on spin space** [Beware of the conventions],

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

$$\varepsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

* One has:

$$\psi_{\alpha} = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \psi^{\beta} , \quad \psi^{\alpha} = \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} \psi_{\beta} , \quad \bar{\chi}_{\dot{\alpha}} = \varepsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{\chi}^{\dot{\beta}} , \quad \bar{\chi}^{\dot{\alpha}} = \varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{\chi}_{\dot{\beta}} .$$



**Beware of the adopted conventions for the position of the indices
(we are summing on the second index).**

$$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} \psi_{\beta} = -\varepsilon^{\beta\alpha} \psi_{\beta} .$$

Four-component fermions: Dirac and Majorana spinors (1).

- **Dirac matrices in four dimensions (in the chiral representation).**

- * Definition:

$$\gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

- * The **(Clifford) algebra** satisfied by the γ -matrices reads

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu = 2 \eta^{\mu\nu} .$$

- * The **chirality matrix**, *i.e.*, the fifth Dirac matrix is defined by

$$\gamma^5 = i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \{\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu\} = 0 .$$

Four-component fermions: Dirac and Majorana spinors (2).

- A Dirac spinor is defined as

$$\psi_D = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\alpha \\ \bar{\chi}^{\dot{\alpha}} \end{pmatrix},$$

which is a **reducible** representation of the Lorentz algebra.

- * **Generators of the Lorentz algebra:** a set of 10 4×4 matrices

$$\gamma^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{i}{4} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^{\mu\nu} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

- * A **finite Lorentz transformation** is given by

$$\Lambda_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \oplus (0, \frac{1}{2})} = \exp \left[\frac{i}{2} \omega_{\mu\nu} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0)} & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda_{(0, \frac{1}{2})} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- A Majorana spinor is defined as

$$\psi_M = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\alpha \\ \bar{\psi}^{\dot{\alpha}} \end{pmatrix},$$

⇔ a Dirac spinor with **conjugate left- and right-handed components**.

$$\bar{\psi}^{\dot{\alpha}} = \varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} \bar{\psi}_\beta \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{\psi}_\beta = (\psi_\beta)^\dagger.$$

Summary - Representations and particles.

Irreducible representations of the Poincaré algebra vs. particles.

- **Scalar particles (Higgs boson).**
 - * $(0, 0)$ representation.
- **Massive Dirac fermions (quarks and leptons after symmetry breaking).**
 - * $(1/2, 0) \oplus (0, 1/2)$ representation.
 - * The mass term mixes both spinor representations.
- **Massive Majorana fermions (not in the Standard Model \Rightarrow dark matter).**
 - * $(1/2, 0) \oplus (0, 1/2)$ representation.
 - * A Majorana field is self conjugate (the particle = the antiparticle).
 - * The mass term mixes both spinor representations.
- **Massless Weyl fermions (fermions before symmetry breaking).**
 - * $(1/2, 0)$ or $(0, 1/2)$ representation.
 - * The conjugate of a left-handed fermion is right-handed.
- **Massless and massive vector particles (gauge bosons).**
 - * $(1/2, 1/2)$ representation.

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Relativistic wave equations: scalar fields.

● Definition:

- * **(0, 0) representation** of the Lorentz algebra.
- * **Lorentz transformation** of a scalar field ϕ

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi'(x') = \phi(x) .$$

● Correspondence principle.

- * $P_\mu \leftrightarrow i\partial_\mu$.
- * Application to the mass-energy relation: the **Klein-Gordon equation**.
 $P^2 = m^2 \leftrightarrow (\square + m^2)\phi = 0$.
- * The associated Lagrangian is given by $\mathcal{L}_{\text{KG}} = (\partial^\mu \phi)^\dagger (\partial_\mu \phi) - m^2 \phi^\dagger \phi$,
cf. Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} = 0 \quad \text{where } \phi \text{ and } \partial_\mu \phi \text{ are taken independent .}$$

Scalar fields in the Standard Model.

- The only undiscovered particle is a scalar field: **the Higgs boson**.
- Remark: in supersymmetry, we have a lot of scalar fields [\[see below...\]](#).

Relativistic wave equations: vector fields (1).

- **Definition:**

- * **(1/2, 1/2) representation** of the Lorentz algebra.
- * **Lorentz transformation** of a vector field A^μ

$$A^\mu(x) \rightarrow A^{\mu'}(x') = (\Lambda_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})})^\mu{}_{\nu} A^\nu(x) .$$

- **Maxwell equations and Lagrangian.**

- * The relativistic Maxwell equations are

$$\partial_\mu \mathbf{F}^{\mu\nu} = \mathbf{j}^\nu .$$

- * $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ is the **field strength tensor**.
- * j^ν is the **electromagnetic current**.
- * The associated Lagrangian is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EM}} = -\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{F}^{\mu\nu} - \mathbf{A}^\mu \mathbf{j}_\mu .$$

- * This corresponds to an **Abelian $U(1)$ (commutative) gauge group**.

Relativistic wave equations: vector fields (2).

- **The non-abelian (non-commutative) group $SU(N)$.**

- * The group is of **dimension $N^2 - 1$** .
- * The algebra is **generated by $N^2 - 1$ matrices T_a** ($a = 1, \dots, N^2 - 1$),

$$[\mathbf{T}_a, \mathbf{T}_b] = if_{ab}^c \mathbf{T}_c ,$$

where f_{ab}^c are the structure constants of the algebra.

Example: $SU(2)$: $f_{ab}^c = \varepsilon_{ab}^c$.

- * **Usually employed representations** for model building.
 - ◇ Fundamental and anti-fundamental: $N \times N$ matrices so that

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}_a) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{T}_a^\dagger = \mathbf{T}_a .$$

- ◇ Adjoint: $(N^2 - 1) \times (N^2 - 1)$ matrices given by

$$(\mathbf{T}_a)_b^c = -if_{ab}^c .$$

- * For a given representation \mathcal{R} :

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}_a \mathbf{T}_b) = \tau_{\mathcal{R}} \delta_{ab} ,$$

where $\tau_{\mathcal{R}}$ is the **Dynkin index** of the representation.

Relativistic wave equations: vector fields (3).

● Application to physics.

- * We select a **gauge group** (here: $SU(N)$).
- * We define a **coupling constant** (here g).
- * We assign **representations** of the group to matter fields.
- * **The $N^2 - 1$ gauge bosons** are given by $\mathbf{A}^\mu = \mathbf{A}^{\mu a} \mathbf{T}_a$.
- * The **field strength tensor** is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu \mathbf{A}_\nu - \partial_\nu \mathbf{A}_\mu - ig[\mathbf{A}_\mu, \mathbf{A}_\nu] \\ &= \left[\partial_\mu \mathbf{A}_\nu^c - \partial_\nu \mathbf{A}_\mu^c + g f_{ab}{}^c \mathbf{A}_\mu^a \mathbf{A}_\nu^b \right] \mathbf{T}_c . \end{aligned}$$

- * The associated Lagrangian is given by [Yang, Mills (1954)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4\mathcal{T}\mathcal{R}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{F}^{\mu\nu}) .$$

- * Contains **self interactions** of the vector fields.

Vector fields in the Standard Model.

- The gauge group is $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ [see below...].
- The bosons are **the photon, the weak W^\pm and Z^0 bosons, and the gluons.**

Relativistic wave equations: Dirac spinors.

● Definition:

- * $(1/2, 0) \oplus (0, 1/2)$ **representation** of the Poincaré algebra.
- * **Lorentz transformations** of a Dirac field ψ_D

$$\psi_D(x) \rightarrow \psi'_D(x') = \Lambda_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \oplus (0, \frac{1}{2})} \psi_D(x) .$$

● Dirac's idea.

- * The Klein-Gordon equation is quadratic \Rightarrow particles and antiparticles.
- * **A conceptual problem in the 1920's.**
- * Linearization of the d'Alembertian:

$$(\mathbf{i}\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - \mathbf{m})\psi_D = \mathbf{0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_D = \bar{\psi}_D (\mathbf{i}\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - \mathbf{m})\psi_D ,$$

where

- $\bar{\psi}_D = \psi_D^\dagger \gamma^0$.
- $(\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu)^2 = \square \Leftrightarrow \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}$.

Fermionic fields in the Standard Model.

- Matter \equiv **Dirac spinors after symmetry breaking.**
- Matter \equiv **Weyl spinors before symmetry breaking [see below...].**

Summary - Relativistic wave equations.

Relativistic wave equations.

- **General properties.**
 - * The equations derive from **Poincaré invariance**.
- **Scalar particles (Higgs boson).**
 - * **Klein-Gordon equation**.
- **Massive Dirac and Majorana fermions (quarks and leptons).**
 - * **Dirac equation**.
- **Massless and massive vector particles (gauge bosons).**
 - * **Maxwell equations** (Abelian case).
 - * **Yang-Mills equations** (non-Abelian case).

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Global symmetries for the Dirac Lagrangian.

● Toy model.

- * We select the **gauge group** $SU(N)$ with a coupling constant g .
- * We assign the **fundamental representations** to the fermion fields Ψ ,

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{\Psi} = (\bar{\psi}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \bar{\psi}_N) .$$

- * The **Lagrangian** reads

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} \left(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m \right) \Psi .$$

● The global $SU(N)$ invariance.

- * We define a **global $SU(N)$ transformation** of parameters ω^a ,

$$\Psi(x) \rightarrow \Psi'(x) = \exp \left[+ ig\omega^a T_a^{\text{fund}} \right] \Psi \equiv U \Psi ,$$

$$\bar{\Psi}(x) \rightarrow \bar{\Psi}'(x) = \bar{\Psi} \exp \left[- ig\omega^a T_a^{\text{fund}} \right] \equiv \bar{\Psi} U^\dagger .$$

- * **The Lagrangian is invariant,**

$$\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} .$$

Gauge symmetries for the Dirac Lagrangian (1).

- **Local (internal) $SU(N)$ invariance.**

- * **Promotion** of the global invariance to a local invariance.

- * We define a **local $SU(N)$ transformation** of parameters $\omega^a(x)$,

$$\Psi(x) \rightarrow \Psi'(x) = U(x) \Psi, \quad \bar{\Psi}(x) \rightarrow \bar{\Psi}'(x) = \bar{\Psi} U^\dagger(x).$$

- * **The Lagrangian is not invariant anymore.**

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu \Psi(x) & \not\rightarrow U(x) \partial_\mu \Psi(x) \\ \mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \Psi & \not\rightarrow \mathcal{L}. \end{aligned}$$

- * **Due to:**

- ◇ The spacetime dependence of $U(x)$.
- ◇ The presence of derivatives in the Lagrangian.

- * **Idea:** modification of the derivative.

- ◇ Introduction of a new field with *ad hoc* transformation rules.
- ◇ Recovery of the Lagrangian invariance.

Gauge symmetries for the Dirac Lagrangian (2).

- **Local (internal) $SU(N)$ invariance.**

- * Local invariance is recovered after:

- ◇ The introduction of a **new vector field** $A^\mu = A^{\mu a} T_a^{\text{fund}}$ with

$$A^\mu(x) \rightarrow A^{\mu'}(x) = U(x) \left[A^\mu(x) + \frac{i}{g} \partial^\mu \right] U^\dagger(x),$$

$$F^{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow U(x) F^{\mu\nu}(x) U^\dagger(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Tr}(F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}) \rightarrow \text{Tr}(F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}).$$

- ◇ The modification of the derivative into a **covariant derivative**,

$$\partial_\mu \Psi(x) \rightarrow D_\mu \Psi(x) = \left[\partial_\mu - ig A_\mu(x) \right] \Psi(x).$$

- ◇ **Transformation laws:**

$$D_\mu \Psi(x) \rightarrow U(x) D_\mu \Psi(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}.$$

- **This holds (and simplifies) for $U(1)$ gauge invariance.** In particular:

$$A^\mu(x) \rightarrow A^{\mu'}(x) = A^\mu(x) + \partial^\mu \omega(x).$$

- **Example: Abelian $U(1)_{e.m.}$ gauge group for electromagnetism.**

Symmetry breaking - theoretical setup.

- **Let us consider a $U(1)_X$ gauge symmetry.**

- * Gauge boson \mathbf{X}_μ – gauge coupling constant \mathbf{g}_X .

- **Matter content.**

- * A set of fermionic particles Ψ^j of charge \mathbf{q}_X^j .

- * A complex scalar field ϕ with charge \mathbf{q}_ϕ .

- **Lagrangian.**

- * **Kinetic and gauge interaction terms for all fields.**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} &= -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\Psi}_j i\gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi^j + (D_\mu\phi)^\dagger(D^\mu\phi) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu X_\nu - \partial_\nu X_\mu)(\partial^\mu X^\nu - \partial^\nu X^\mu) \\ &\quad + \bar{\Psi}_j \gamma^\mu (i\partial_\mu + g_X q_X^j X_\mu) \Psi^j + [(\partial_\mu + ig_X q_\phi X_\mu)\phi]^\dagger [(\partial^\mu - ig_X q_\phi X^\mu)\phi] .\end{aligned}$$

- * **A scalar potential ($\mathcal{L}_V = -V_{\text{scal}}$) and Yukawa interactions.**

$$V_{\text{scal}} = -\mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 \quad \text{with } \lambda > 0, \quad \mu^2 > 0,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -y_j \phi \bar{\Psi}_j \Psi^j + \text{h.c.} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{y}_j \text{ being the Yukawa coupling.}$$

Symmetry breaking - minimization of the scalar potential.

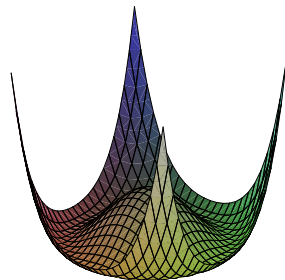
- The system lies at the **minimum** of the potential.

$$\frac{dV_{\text{scal}}}{d\phi} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}} e^{i\alpha_0} .$$

- $\mathbf{v} = \sqrt{2}\langle \phi \rangle$ is the vacuum expectation value (**vev**) of the field ϕ .
- We define ϕ such that $\alpha_0 = 0$.
- We **shift** the scalar field by its vev

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [v + A + i B] ,$$

where A and B are **real** scalar fields.



$$V_{\text{scal}} = -\mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 .$$

Symmetry breaking - mass eigenstates (1).

We shift the scalar field by its vev.

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{A} + i \mathbf{B}] .$$

● Scalar mass eigenstates.

- * The scalar potential reads now

$$V_{\text{scal}} = \lambda v^2 A^2 + \lambda \left[\frac{1}{4} A^4 + \frac{1}{4} B^4 + \frac{1}{2} A^2 B^2 + v A^3 + v A B^2 \right] .$$

- * One gets **self interactions** between A and B .
- * A is a **massive** real scalar field, $m_A^2 = 2\mu^2$, the so-called **Higgs boson**.
- * B is a **massless** pseudoscalar field, the so-called **Goldstone boson**.

Symmetry breaking - mass eigenstates (2).

We shift the scalar field by its vev.

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{A} + i \mathbf{B} \right].$$

- **Gauge boson mass m_X .**

- * The kinetic and gauge interaction terms for the scalar field ϕ read now

$$\begin{aligned} (D^\mu \phi^\dagger)(D_\mu \phi) &= \left[(\partial_\mu + i g_X q_\phi X_\mu) \phi^\dagger \right] \left[(\partial^\mu - i g_X q_\phi X^\mu) \phi \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \mathbf{A} \partial^\mu \mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \mathbf{B} \partial^\mu \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{2} g_X^2 v^2 \mathbf{X}_\mu \mathbf{X}^\mu + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- * One gets **kinetic terms** for the A and B fields.
- * The dots stand for **bilinear and trilinear interactions** of A , B and X_μ .
- * The gauge boson becomes massive, **$m_X = g_X v$** .
- * The Goldstone boson is eaten \equiv the third polarization state of X_μ .
- * **The gauge symmetry is spontaneously broken.**

Symmetry breaking - mass eigenstates (3).

We shift the scalar field by its vev.

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{A} + i \mathbf{B}] .$$

- **Fermion masses** m_j .

- * The Yukawa interactions read now

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -y_j \phi \bar{\Psi}_j \Psi^j \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_j \mathbf{v} \bar{\Psi}_j \Psi^j + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_j (\mathbf{A} + i \mathbf{B}) \bar{\Psi}_j \Psi^j .$$

- * One gets **Yukawa interactions** between A , B and Ψ^j .

- * The fermion fields become massive, $m_j = y_j \mathbf{v}$.

Summary - Noether procedure.

Noether procedure to get gauge invariant Lagrangians.

- ① Choose a **gauge group**.
 - ② Setup the **matter field content** in a given representation.
 - ③ Start from the **free Lagrangian for matter fields**.
 - ④ Promote derivatives to **covariant derivatives**.
 - ⑤ Add **kinetic terms** for the gauge bosons (\mathcal{L}_{YM} or \mathcal{L}_M).
- **Some remarks:**
- * The Noether procedure holds for both **fermion and scalar** fields.
 - * This implies that the **interactions are dictated by the geometry**.
 - * The gauge group and matter content are **not predicted**.
 - * The symmetry can be eventually **broken**.
 - * The theory **must be anomaly-free**.
 - * This holds in **any number of spacetime dimensions**.
 - * This can be generalized to **superfields** (supersymmetry, supergravity).

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Theoretical setup.

- **The electromagnetism is the simplest gauge theory.**
- **We consider an Abelian gauge group, $U(1)_{e.m.}$.**
 - * Gauge boson: the photon \mathbf{A}_μ .
 - * Gauge coupling constant: the electromagnetic coupling constant e .
 - We relate e to $\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi}$.
 - **Both quantities depend on the energy** (cf. renormalization):

$$\alpha(0) \approx \frac{1}{137} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(100\text{GeV}) \approx \frac{1}{128} .$$

- **Matter content.**

Name	Field			Electric charge q
	1 st gen.	2 nd gen.	3 rd gen.	
Charged lepton	Ψ_e	Ψ_μ	Ψ_τ	-1
Neutrino	Ψ_{ν_e}	Ψ_{ν_μ}	Ψ_{ν_τ}	0
Up-type quarks	Ψ_u	Ψ_c	Ψ_t	2/3
Down-type quarks	Ψ_d	Ψ_s	Ψ_b	-1/3

Lagrangian.

- We start from the free Lagrangian,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = \sum_{j=e,\nu_e,u,d,\dots} \bar{\Psi}_j i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi^j .$$

- The Noether procedure leads to

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \sum_{j=e,\nu_e,u,d,\dots} \bar{\Psi}_j i\gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi^j - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ieqA_\mu , \\ F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu . \end{cases}$$

- The electromagnetic interactions are given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \sum_{j=e,u,d,\dots} \bar{\Psi}_j eq\gamma^\mu A_\mu \Psi^j .$$

≡ **photon-fermion-antifermion vertices:**

- * $\gamma^\mu \rightsquigarrow$ the fermions couple through their **spin**.
- * $\mathbf{q} \rightsquigarrow$ the fermions couple through their **electric charge**.

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From Lagrangians to practical computations (1).

● Scattering theory.

- * Initial state $i(t)$ at a date t .
- * Evolution to a date t'
- * Transition to a final state $f(t')$ (at the date t').
- * **The transition is related to the so-called S-matrix:**

$$S_{fi} = \langle f(t') | i(t') \rangle = \langle f(t') | S | i(t) \rangle .$$

● Perturbative calculation of S_{fi} .

- * S_{fi} is related to the **path integral**

$$\int d(\text{fields}) e^{i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(x)} ,$$

- * S_{fi} can be **perturbatively expanded as:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{fi} &= \delta_{fi} + i \left[\int d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) \right]_{fi} - \frac{1}{2} \left[\int d^4x d^4x' T \{ \mathcal{L}(x) \mathcal{L}(x') \} \right]_{fi} + \dots \\
 &= \text{no interaction} + \text{one interaction} + \text{two interactions} + \dots \\
 &= \delta_{fi} + iT_{fi} .
 \end{aligned}$$

● We need to calculate T_{fi} .

From Lagrangians to practical computations (2).

- **Example in QED with one interaction: the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma$ process.**

- * **The Lagrangian** is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \sum_{j=e,\nu_e,u,d,\dots} \bar{\Psi}_j i\gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi_j - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ieqA_\mu, \\ F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu. \end{cases}$$

- * **Initial state** $i = e^+e^-$ and **final state**: $f = \gamma$.

- * One single **interaction term** containing the Ψ_e , $\bar{\Psi}_e$ and A_μ fields.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} \Rightarrow -e \bar{\Psi}_e \gamma^\mu A_\mu \Psi_e.$$

- * The corresponding contribution to S_{fi} reads

$$i \left[\int d^4x \mathcal{L}(x) \right]_{fi} = i \int d^4x \left[-e \bar{\Psi}_e \gamma^\mu A_\mu \Psi_e \right].$$

- **More than one interaction.**

- * **Intermediate, virtual particles are allowed.**

e.g.: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \rightsquigarrow e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$.

- * **Same principles**, but accounting in addition for chronology.

From Lagrangians to practical computations (3).

- We consider the specific process $i_1(p_a) + i_2(p_b) \rightarrow f_1(p_1) + \dots + f_n(p_n)$.
 - * **The initial state** is $i(t) = i_1(p_a), i_2(p_b)$ (as in colliders).
 - * **The n -particle final state** is $f(t') = f_1(p_1), \dots, f_n(p_n)$.
 - * p_a, p_b, p_1, \dots , and p_n are the four-momenta.
- We solve the equations of motion and the fields are expanded as **plane waves**.

$$\psi = \int d^4p \left[(\dots)e^{-ip \cdot x} + (\dots)e^{+ip \cdot x} \right] \dots$$

- * The unspecified terms correspond to **annihilation/creation operators of (anti)particles** (harmonic and fermionic oscillators).
- We inject these solutions in the Lagrangian.
 - * Integrating the exponentials leads to **momentum conservation**.

$$\int d^4x \left[e^{-ip_a \cdot x} e^{-ip_b \cdot x} \prod_j e^{-ip_j \cdot x} \right] = (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)} \left(p_a + p_b - \sum_j p_j \right).$$

From Lagrangians to practical computations (4).

- We define the matrix element.

$$iT_{fi} = (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}\left(p_a + p_b - \sum_j p_j\right) iM_{fi} .$$

- By definition, the total cross section:

- * Is the **total production rate** of the final state from the initial state.
- * Requires an **integration over all final state configurations**.
- * Requires an **average over all initial state configurations**.

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{F} \int d\text{PS}^{(n)} \overline{|M_{fi}|^2} .$$

- The differential cross section with respect to a kinematical variable ω is

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{1}{F} \int d\text{PS}^{(n)} \overline{|M_{fi}|^2} \delta\left(\omega - \omega(p_a, p_b, p_1, \dots, p_n)\right) .$$

From Lagrangians to practical computations (5).

Total cross section.

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{F} \int d\text{PS}^{(n)} |\overline{M_{fi}}|^2 .$$

- The integration over phase space (*cf.* final state) reads

$$\int d\text{PS}^{(n)} = \int (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(\mathbf{p}_a + \mathbf{p}_b - \sum_j \mathbf{p}_j) \prod_j \left[\frac{d^4 p_j}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi) \delta(p_j^2 - m_j^2) \theta(p_j^0) \right] .$$

- * It includes **momentum conservation**.
- * It includes **mass-shell conditions**.
- * The energy is **positive**.
- * We integrate over all final state momentum configurations.
- The flux factor F (*cf.* initial state) reads

$$\frac{1}{F} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{(p_a \cdot p_b)^2 - m_a^2 m_b^2}} .$$

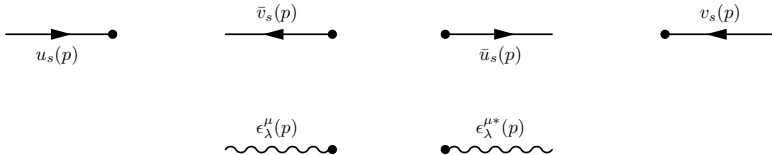
- * It normalizes σ with respect to the initial state density by surface unit.

From Lagrangians to practical computations (6).

- **The squared matrix element** $\overline{|M_{fi}|^2}$
 - * Is **averaged** over the initial state quantum numbers and spins.
 - * Is **summed** over the final state quantum numbers and spins.
 - * Can be calculated with the **Feynman rules** derived from the Lagrangian.
 - ◇ **External particles**: spinors, polarization vectors, . . .
 - ◇ **Intermediate particles**: propagators.
 - ◇ **Interaction vertices**.
- **External particles.**
 - * Rules derived from the **solutions of the equations of motion**.
- **Propagators.**
 - * Rules derived from the **free Lagrangians**.
- **Vertices.**
 - * Rules directly extracted from the **interaction terms** of the Lagrangian.

From Lagrangians to practical computations (7).

● Feynman rules for external particles (spinors, polarization vectors).



* Obtained after **solving Dirac and Maxwell equations**.

$$\psi = \int d^4 p \left[(\dots) e^{-ip \cdot x} + (\dots) e^{+ip \cdot x} \right] \dots$$

* They are **the physical degrees of freedom** (included in the dots).

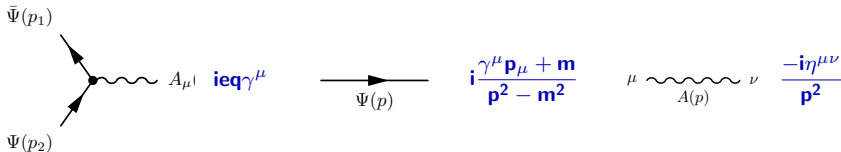
* We **do not need** their explicit forms for practical calculations [see below...].

From Lagrangians to practical computations (8).

● Interactions and propagators.

QED Lagrangian.

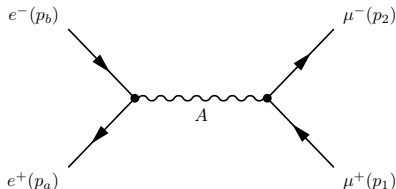
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \sum_{j=e,\nu_e,u,d,\dots} \bar{\Psi}_j i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - ieqA_\mu) \Psi_j - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} .$$



- We need to fix the gauge to derive the photon propagator.
 ~ Feynman gauge: $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$.
- Any other theory would lead to similar rules.

Example of a calculation: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (1).

- Drawing of the Feynman diagram, using the available Feynman rules.



- Amplitude iM from the Feynman rules (following reversely the fermion lines).

$$iM = \left[\bar{v}_{s_a}(p_a) (-ie\gamma^\mu) u_{s_b}(p_b) \right] \left[\bar{u}_{s_2}(p_2) (-ie\gamma^\nu) v_{s_1}(p_1) \right] \frac{-i\eta_{\mu\nu}}{(p_a + p_b)^2} .$$

Example of a calculation: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (2).

- Derivation of the conjugate amplitude $-iM^\dagger$.

$$iM = \left[\bar{v}_{s_a}(p_a) (-ie\gamma^\mu) u_{s_b}(p_b) \right] \left[\bar{u}_{s_2}(p_2) (-ie\gamma^\nu) v_{s_1}(p_1) \right] \frac{-i\eta_{\mu\nu}}{(p_a + p_b)^2},$$

$$-iM^\dagger = \left[\bar{u}_{s_b}(p_b) (ie\gamma^\mu) v_{s_a}(p_a) \right] \left[\bar{v}_{s_1}(p_1) (ie\gamma^\nu) u_{s_2}(p_2) \right] \frac{i\eta_{\mu\nu}}{(p_a + p_b)^2}.$$

- * Definitions: $\bar{u} = u^\dagger \gamma^0$ and $\bar{v} = v^\dagger \gamma^0$.
- * We remind that $(\gamma^\mu)^\dagger = \gamma^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma^0$.
- * We remind that $\gamma^0 \gamma^0 = 1$ and $(\gamma^0)^\dagger = \gamma^0$.

- Computation of the squared matrix element $\overline{|M|^2}$.

$$\overline{|M|^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} (iM) (-iM^\dagger).$$

- * We average over the **initial electron spin** $\rightsquigarrow 1/2$.
- * We average over the **initial positron spin** $\rightsquigarrow 1/2$.

Example of a calculation: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (3).

- Computation of the squared matrix element $\overline{|M|^2}$.

$$\overline{|M|^2} = \frac{e^4}{4(p_a + p_b)^4} \text{Tr} \left[\gamma^\mu (\not{p}_b + m_e) \gamma^\rho (\not{p}_a - m_e) \right] \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_\mu (\not{p}_1 - m_\mu) \gamma_\rho (\not{p}_2 + m_\mu) \right].$$

- * We have performed a **sum over all the particle spins**.
- * We have introduced $\not{p} = \gamma^\nu p_\nu$, the electron and muon masses m_e and m_μ .
- * We have used the properties derived from the Dirac equation

$$\sum_s \mathbf{u}_s(\mathbf{p}) \bar{\mathbf{u}}_s(\mathbf{p}) = \not{p} + \mathbf{m} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_s \mathbf{v}_s(\mathbf{p}) \bar{\mathbf{v}}_s(\mathbf{p}) = \not{p} - \mathbf{m}.$$

- * For completeness, Maxwell equations tell us that

$$\sum_\lambda \epsilon_\lambda^\mu(\mathbf{p}) \epsilon_\lambda^{\nu*}(\mathbf{p}) = -\eta^{\mu\nu}. \quad [\text{This relation is gauge-dependent.}]$$

Example of a calculation: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (4).

- Simplification of the traces, in the massless case.

$$|\overline{M}|^2 = \frac{8e^4}{(p_a + p_b)^4} \left[(p_b \cdot p_1)(p_a \cdot p_2) + (p_b \cdot p_2)(p_a \cdot p_1) \right].$$

- * We have used the properties of the Dirac matrices

$$\text{Tr} \left[\gamma^{\mu_1} \dots \gamma^{\mu_{2k+1}} \right] = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\text{Tr} \left[\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \right] = 4\eta^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\text{Tr} \left[\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \right] = 4 \left(\eta^{\mu\nu} \eta^{\rho\sigma} - \eta^{\mu\rho} \eta^{\nu\sigma} + \eta^{\mu\sigma} \eta^{\nu\rho} \right),$$

$$\text{Tr} \left[\gamma^5 \right] = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\text{Tr} \left[\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \right] = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\text{Tr} \left[\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma \right] = 4i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_{0123} = 1.$$

Example of a calculation: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (5).

- **Mandelstam variables and differential cross section.**

$$|\overline{M}|^2 = \frac{2e^4}{s^2} [t^2 + u^2] \Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{e^4}{8\pi s^4} [t^2 + u^2].$$

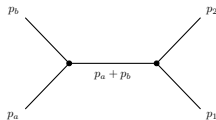
* We have introduced the Mandelstam variables

$$\mathbf{s} = (\mathbf{p}_a + \mathbf{p}_b)^2 = (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2)^2,$$

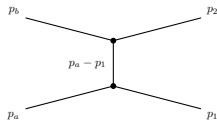
$$\mathbf{t} = (\mathbf{p}_a - \mathbf{p}_1)^2 = (\mathbf{p}_b - \mathbf{p}_2)^2,$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{p}_a - \mathbf{p}_2)^2 = (\mathbf{p}_b - \mathbf{p}_1)^2.$$

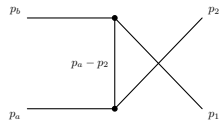
- **Remark: sub-processes names according to the propagator.**



s-channel



t-channel



u-channel

Summary - Matrix elements from Feynman rules.

Calculation of a matrix element.

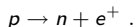
- 1 Extraction of the **Feynman rules** from the Lagrangian.
- 2 Drawing of all possible **Feynman diagrams** for the considered process.
- 3 Derivation of the **transition amplitudes** using the Feynman rules.
- 4 Calculation of the squared **matrix element**.
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 - * Calculation of **traces of Dirac matrices**.
 - * Possible use of the **Mandelstam variables**.

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The Fermi model of weak interactions (1).

- **Proton decay (Hahn and Meitner, 1911).**



- * Momentum conservation **fixes final state energies to a single value** (depending on the proton energy).
- * Observation: **the energy spectrum of the electron is continuous.**

- **Solution (Pauli, 1930): introduction of the neutrino.**



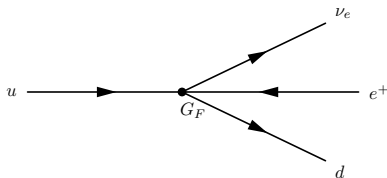
- * Reminder: $p = uud$ (naively).
- * Reminder: $n = udd$ (naively).
- * $1 \rightarrow 3$ particle process: **continuous electron energy spectrum.**

- **How to construct a Lagrangian describing beta decays?.**

The Fermi model of weak interactions (2).

- Phenomenological model based on four-point interactions (Fermi, 1932).

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermi}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \left[\bar{\Psi}_d \gamma_\mu \frac{1-\gamma^5}{2} \Psi_u \right] \left[\bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\mu \frac{1-\gamma^5}{2} \Psi_e \right] + \text{h.c.} .$$



- * **Phenomenological model** \Leftrightarrow reproducing experimental data.
- * Based on **four-fermion interactions**.
- * The coupling constant G_F is **measured**.
- * $G_F = 1.163710^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ is **dimensionful**.

The Fermi model of weak interactions (3).

- **The Fermi Lagrangian can be rewritten as**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermi}} &= -2\sqrt{2}G_F \left[\bar{\Psi}_d \gamma_\mu \frac{1-\gamma^5}{2} \Psi_u \right] \left[\bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\mu \frac{1-\gamma^5}{2} \Psi_e \right] + \text{h.c.} \\ &= -2\sqrt{2}G_F \mathbf{H}_\mu \mathbf{L}^\mu + \text{h.c.} .\end{aligned}$$

- * It contains a **leptonic piece** L^μ and a **quark piece** H_μ .
- * Both pieces have the **same structure**.

- **The structure of the weak interactions**

- * The leptonic piece L^μ has a **V - A** structure:

$$L^\mu = \bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\mu \frac{1-\gamma^5}{2} \Psi_e = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\mu \Psi_e - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \Psi_e .$$

- * Similarly, the quark piece H_μ has a **V - A** structure.
- * **The Fermi Lagrangian contains thus VV, AA and VA terms.**

- **Behavior under parity transformations.**

- * Under a parity transformation: $V \rightarrow -V$ and $A \rightarrow A$.
- * The **VA terms (and thus weak interactions) violate parity**.
- * Parity violation has been observed experimentally (Wu *et al.*, 1956).

The Fermi model of weak interactions (4).

- **Analysis of the currents L^μ and H^μ .**

$$L^\mu = \bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\mu \frac{1 - \gamma^5}{2} \Psi_e \quad \text{and} \quad H^\mu = \bar{\Psi}_d \gamma^\mu \frac{1 - \gamma^5}{2} \Psi_u .$$

- * Presence of **the left-handed chirality projector** $P_L = (1 - \gamma^5)/2$.

- **Projectors and their properties.**

- * The **chirality projectors** are given by

$$P_L = \frac{1 - \gamma^5}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad P_R = \frac{1 + \gamma^5}{2} .$$

- * They fulfill the **properties**

$$P_L + P_R = 1 , \quad P_L^2 = P_L \quad \text{and} \quad P_R^2 = P_R .$$

- * If Ψ is a Dirac spinor, **left and right** associated spinors are recovered by

$$\Psi_D = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L \\ \psi_R \end{pmatrix} , \quad \Psi_L = P_L \Psi_D = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad \Psi_R = P_R \Psi_D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \psi_R \end{pmatrix} .$$

- **Only left-handed fermions are sensitive to the weak interactions.**

The Fermi model of weak interactions (5).

- **Introducing the left-handed chirality projector** $P_L = 1/2(1 - \gamma^5)$:

$$L^\mu = \bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\mu P_L \Psi_e = \bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e, L} \gamma^\mu \Psi_{e, L} \quad \text{and} \quad (L^\mu)^\dagger = \bar{\Psi}_e \gamma^\mu P_L \Psi_{\nu_e} = \bar{\Psi}_{e, L} \gamma^\mu \Psi_{\nu_e, L} ,$$

$$H^\mu = \bar{\Psi}_d \gamma^\mu P_L \Psi_u = \bar{\Psi}_{d, L} \gamma^\mu \Psi_{u, L} \quad \text{and} \quad (H^\mu)^\dagger = \bar{\Psi}_u \gamma^\mu P_L \Psi_d = \bar{\Psi}_{u, L} \gamma^\mu \Psi_{d, L} .$$

- **Behavior of the fields under the weak interactions.**

- * **Left-handed electron and neutrino** behave similarly.
- * **Up and down quarks** behave similarly.

- **Idea: group into doublets the left-handed components of the fields:**

$$L_e = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{\nu_e, L} \\ \Psi_{e, L} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{u, L} \\ \Psi_{d, L} \end{pmatrix} .$$

- **The currents are then rewritten as:**

$$L^\mu = \bar{\Psi}_{\nu_e, L} \gamma^\mu \Psi_{e, L} = \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} L_e ,$$

$$(L^\mu)^\dagger = \bar{\Psi}_{e, L} \gamma^\mu \Psi_{\nu_e, L} = \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} L_e .$$

[Similar expressions hold for the quark piece].

From Fermi model to $SU(2)_L$ gauge theory (1).

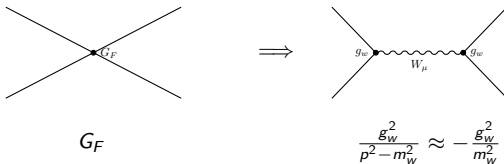
● Problems of the Fermi model.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermi}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F H_\mu L^\mu + \text{h.c.} .$$

- * Issues with quantum corrections, *i.e.*, **non-renormalizability**.
- * **Effective theory** valid up to an energy scale $E \ll m_W \approx 100$ GeV.
- * Fermi model is **not** based on **gauge symmetry principles**.

● Solution: a gauge theory (Glashow, Salam, Weinberg, 60-70, [Nobel prize, 1979]).

- * Four fermion interactions can be seen as a **s-channel diagram**.
- * Introduction of a **new gauge boson** W_μ .
- * This boson couples to fermions with a **strength** g_W .



- * Prediction: $g_W \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \Rightarrow m_W \sim 100$ GeV.

From Fermi model to $SU(2)_L$ gauge theory (2).

- Choice of the gauge group: suggested by the currents:

$$L^\mu = \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} L_e = \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \frac{\sigma^1 + i\sigma^2}{2} L_e ,$$

$$(L^\mu)^\dagger = \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} L_e = \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \frac{\sigma^1 - i\sigma^2}{2} L_e .$$

[Similar expressions hold for the quark piece].

- * Two **Pauli matrices** appear naturally.
- * $\sigma^i/2$ are the generators of the $SU(2)$ algebra (in the **fundamental (dimension 2) representation**).

We choose the $SU(2)$ gauge group to describe weak interactions.

From Fermi model to $SU(2)_L$ gauge theory (3).

We choose the $SU(2)_L$ gauge group to describe weak interactions.

- $1/2\sigma^i$ are the generators of the **fundamental representation**.

$$\left[\frac{1}{2}\sigma^i, \frac{1}{2}\sigma^j\right] = i\epsilon^{ij}_k \frac{1}{2}\sigma_k,$$

- The left-handed doublets lie in the **fundamental representation 2**.
 - * The left-handed fields are the only ones **sensible** to weak interactions.
 - * A doublet is a **two-dimensional object**.
 - * The Pauli matrices are 2×2 matrices.
 - * This explains the L -subscript in $SU(2)_L$.
- The right-handed leptons lie in the **trivial representation 1**.
 - * **Non-sensible** to weak interactions.
- $SU(2)_L \rightsquigarrow$ **three gauge bosons** W_μ^i with $i = 1, 2, 3$.

The $SU(2)_L$ gauge theory for weak interactions (1).

- How to construct the $SU(2)_L$ Lagrangian?

- We start from the free Lagrangian for fermions.

- * Simplification-1: **no quarks here.**

- * Simplification-2: **no right-handed neutrinos.**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = \bar{L}_e \left(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \right) L_e + \bar{e}_R \left(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \right) e_R .$$

- * A mass term **mixes left and right-handed fermions.**

- * **The mass term are forbidden** since $L_e \sim \underline{2}$ and $e_R \sim \underline{1}$.

- We make the Lagrangian invariant under $SU(2)_L$ gauge transformations.

- * $SU(2)_L$ gauge transformations are given by

$$L_e \rightarrow \exp \left[ig_w \omega_i(x) \frac{\sigma^i}{2} \right] L_e = U(x) L_e \quad \text{and} \quad e_R \rightarrow e_R .$$

- * Gauge invariance requires **covariant derivatives,**

$$\partial_\mu L_e \rightarrow D_\mu L_e = \left[\partial_\mu - ig_w W_{\mu i} \frac{\sigma^i}{2} \right] L_e \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_\mu e_R \rightarrow D_\mu e_R = \partial_\mu e_R .$$

- * We have introduced one gauge boson for each generator \Rightarrow **three $W_{\mu i}$.**

The $SU(2)_L$ gauge theory for weak interactions (2).

- The matter sector Lagrangian reads then.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{weak,matter}} = \bar{L}_e (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) L_e + \bar{e}_R (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) e_R .$$

with

$$D_\mu L_e = \left[\partial_\mu - ig_w W_{\mu i} \frac{\sigma^i}{2} \right] L_e \quad \text{and} \quad D_\mu e_R = \partial_\mu e_R .$$

- We must then add kinetic terms for the gauge bosons:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{weak,gauge}} = -\frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^i W_i^{\mu\nu} .$$

- * The field strength tensor reads:

$$W_{\mu\nu}^i = \partial_\mu W_\nu^i - \partial_\nu W_\mu^i + g_w \epsilon^i_{jk} W_\mu^j W_\nu^k .$$

- * Gauge invariance implies the transformation laws:

$$\frac{\sigma^i}{2} W_i^\mu \rightarrow U \left[\frac{\sigma^i}{2} W_i^\mu + \frac{i}{g_w} \partial^\mu \right] U^\dagger .$$

The $SU(2)_L$ gauge theory for weak interactions (3).

The weak interaction Lagrangian for leptons.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{weak,e}} = \bar{L}_e (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) L_e + \bar{e}_R (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) e_R - \frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^i W_i^{\mu\nu} .$$

with

$$D_\mu L_e = \left[\partial_\mu - ig_w W_{\mu i} \frac{\sigma^i}{2} \right] L_e ,$$

$$D_\mu e_R = \partial_\mu e_R ,$$

$$W_{\mu\nu}^i = \partial_\mu W_\nu^i - \partial_\nu W_\mu^i + g_w \epsilon^i_{jk} W_\mu^j W_\nu^k .$$

- **Observation of the weak W_μ^i -bosons:**

- * The **experimentally observed W^\pm -bosons** are defined by

$$W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{2} (W_\mu^1 \mp iW_\mu^2) .$$

- * **The W^3 -boson cannot be identified to the Z^0 or γ :**
Both couple to left-handed and right-handed leptons.

$SU(2)_L$ gauge theory cannot explain all data...

Summary - A gauge theory for weak interactions.

A gauge theory for weak interactions.

- Based on the **non-Abelian** $SU(2)_L$ gauge group.
- Matter (1): **doublets with the left-handed component of the fields.**
 - * **Fundamental representation.**
 - * **Generators:** Pauli matrices (over two).
- Matter (2): the right-handed component of the fields are **singlet.**
- **Three massless gauge bosons.**
 - * $(W_\mu^1, W_\mu^2) \implies (W_\mu^+, W_\mu^-)$.
 - * $W_\mu^3 \neq Z_\mu^0, A_\mu \implies$ **need for another theory: the electroweak theory.**

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The electroweak theory (1).

- **Electromagnetism and weak interactions:**

- * $SU(2)_L$: **what is the neutral boson W^3 ?**
- * How to get a **single formalism** for electromagnetic and weak interactions?

- **Idea: introduction of the hypercharge Abelian group:**

- * $U(1)_Y$: we have a **neutral gauge boson B** $\Rightarrow B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$.
- * $U(1)_Y$: we have a **coupling constant g_Y** .
- * $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$: W^3 and B **mix** to the Z^0 -boson and the photon.

- **Quantum numbers under the electroweak gauge group:**

- * $SU(2)_L$: left-handed quarks and leptons \Rightarrow 2.
- * $SU(2)_L$: right-handed quarks and leptons \Rightarrow 1.
- * $U(1)_Y$: fixed in order to reproduce the correct electric charges.

The electroweak theory (2).

Noether procedure leads to the following Lagrangian.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{EW} = & -\frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^i W_i^{\mu\nu} \\ & + \sum_{f=1}^3 \left[\bar{L}_f (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) L^f + \bar{e}_{Rf} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) e_R^f \right] \\ & + \sum_{f=1}^3 \left[\bar{Q}_f (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) Q^f + \bar{u}_{Rf} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) u_R^f + \bar{d}_{Rf} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu) d_R^f \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- * We have introduced the **left-handed lepton and quark doublets**

$$\begin{aligned} L^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{\nu_e, L} \\ \Psi_{e, L} \end{pmatrix}, & L^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{\nu_\mu, L} \\ \Psi_{\mu, L} \end{pmatrix}, & L^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{\nu_\tau, L} \\ \Psi_{\tau, L} \end{pmatrix}, \\ Q^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{u, L} \\ \Psi_{d, L} \end{pmatrix}, & Q^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{c, L} \\ \Psi_{s, L} \end{pmatrix}, & Q^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{t, L} \\ \Psi_{b, L} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

- * We have introduced the **right-handed lepton and quark singlets**

$$\begin{aligned} e_R^1 &= \Psi_{e, R}, & e_R^2 &= \Psi_{\mu, R}, & e_R^3 &= \Psi_{\tau, R}, \\ u_R^1 &= \Psi_{u, R}, & u_R^2 &= \Psi_{c, R}, & u_R^3 &= \Psi_{t, R}, & d_R^1 &= \Psi_{d, R}, & d_R^2 &= \Psi_{s, R}, & d_R^3 &= \Psi_{b, R}. \end{aligned}$$

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* The covariant derivatives are given by

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_Y \mathbf{Y} B_\mu - ig_w \mathbf{T}^i W_{\mu i}$$

- ◇ \mathbf{Y} is the hypercharge operator (to be defined).
- ◇ The representation matrices \mathbf{T}^i are $\frac{\sigma^i}{2}$ and 0 for doublets and singlets.

Gauge boson mixing.

- The neutral gauge bosons mix as

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

where the weak mixing angle θ_w will be defined later [see below...].

- The neutral interactions (for the electron) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} &= \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \left(g_Y Y_{L_e} B_\mu + g_w \frac{\sigma^3}{2} W_{\mu 3} \right) L_e + \bar{e}_{Rf} \gamma^\mu g_Y Y_{e_R} B_\mu e_{Rf} \\ &= \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \left(\cos \theta_w g_Y Y_{L_e} + \sin \theta_w g_w \frac{\sigma^3}{2} \right) A_\mu L_e + \bar{e}_{Rf} \gamma^\mu \cos \theta_w g_Y Y_{e_R} A_\mu e_{Rf} \\ &\quad + \bar{L}_e \gamma^\mu \left(-\sin \theta_w g_Y Y_{L_e} + \cos \theta_w g_w \frac{\sigma^3}{2} \right) Z_\mu L_e - \bar{e}_{Rf} \gamma^\mu \sin \theta_w g_Y Y_{e_R} Z_\mu e_{Rf} . \end{aligned}$$

- To reproduce electromagnetic interactions, we need

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{g}_Y \cos \theta_w = \mathbf{g}_w \sin \theta_w \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{T}^3 .$$

This defines the hypercharge quantum numbers.

Field content of the electroweak theory.

Field	$SU(2)_L$ rep.	Quantum numbers		
		Y	T^3	Q
$L^f = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{\nu_{e_f}, L} \\ \Psi_{e_f, L} \end{pmatrix}$	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$ $-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $-\frac{1}{2}$	0 -1
e_R^f	1	-1	0	-1
$Q^f = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{u_f, L} \\ \Psi_{d_f, L} \end{pmatrix}$	2	$\frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$ $-\frac{1}{3}$
u_R^f	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$
d_R^f	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$

Electroweak symmetry breaking (1).

- The weak W^\pm -bosons and Z^0 -bosons are observed as massive.
 - * The electroweak symmetry must be broken.
 - * The photon must stay massless.
- Breaking mechanism: we introduce a Higgs multiplet φ .
 - * We need to break $SU(2)_L \Rightarrow \varphi$ cannot be an $SU(2)_L$ -singlet.
 - * The Z^0 -boson is massive $\Rightarrow U(1)_Y$ must be broken $\Rightarrow Y_\varphi \neq 0$.
 - * $U(1)_{e.m.}$ is not broken \Rightarrow one component of φ is electrically neutral.
- We introduce a Higgs doublet of $SU(2)_L$ with $Y_\varphi = 1/2$.

$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} h_1^+ \\ h_2^0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

- The Higgs Lagrangian is given by .

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = D_\mu \varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi + \mu^2 \varphi^\dagger \varphi - \lambda (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^2 = D_\mu \varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi - V(\varphi, \varphi^\dagger) .$$

- * The covariant derivative reads $D_\mu \varphi = \left(\partial_\mu - \frac{i}{2} g_Y B_\mu - i g_W \frac{\sigma^i}{2} W_{\mu i} \right) \varphi$.
- * The scalar potential is required for symmetry breaking.

Electroweak symmetry breaking (2).

- At the minimum of the potential, the neutral component of φ gets a vev.

$$\langle \varphi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} .$$

- We select the so-called unitary gauge.

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h \end{pmatrix} .$$

- * The three Goldstone bosons have been eliminated from the equations. They have been **eaten by the W^\pm and Z^0 bosons** to get massive.
- * The remaining degree of freedom is the **(Brout-Englert-)Higgs boson**.

Mass eigenstates - gauge boson masses (1).

We shift the scalar field by its vev.

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h \end{pmatrix}.$$

- The Higgs covariant derivative reads then:

$$D_\mu \varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial_\mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g_Y}{2} B_\mu + \frac{g_W}{2} W_\mu^3 & \frac{g_W}{2} (W_\mu^1 - iW_\mu^2) \\ \frac{g_W}{2} (W_\mu^1 + iW_\mu^2) & \frac{g_Y}{2} B_\mu - \frac{g_W}{2} W_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h \end{pmatrix}.$$

- From the kinetic terms, one obtains the mass matrix, in the $W^3 - B$ basis.

$$D_\mu \varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 & B_\mu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} g_W^2 v^2 & -\frac{1}{4} g_Y g_W v^2 \\ -\frac{1}{4} g_Y g_W v^2 & \frac{1}{4} g_Y^2 v^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix}.$$

- * The physical states correspond to **eigenvectors** of the mass matrix.
- * The mass matrix is **diagonalized** after the rotation

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_\mu \\ Z_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_w & \sin \theta_w \\ -\sin \theta_w & \cos \theta_w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_\mu \\ W_\mu^3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{with } \cos^2 \theta_w = \frac{g_W^2}{g_W^2 + g_Y^2}.$$

Mass eigenstates - gauge boson masses (2).

- The mass matrix is diagonalized after the rotation

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

- As for the weak theory, we rotate W_μ^1 and W_μ^2 .

$$W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{2} (W_\mu^1 \mp iW_\mu^2) .$$

- After the two rotations, the Lagrangian reads

$$D_\mu \varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi = \frac{e^2 v^2}{4 \sin^2 \theta_w} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \frac{e^2 v^2}{8 \sin^2 \theta_w \cos^2 \theta_w} Z_\mu Z^\mu + \dots .$$

- * We obtain a W^\pm -boson mass term, $m_w = \frac{ev}{2 \sin \theta_w}$.
- * We obtain a Z^0 -boson mass term, $m_z = \frac{ev}{2 \sin \theta_w \cos \theta_w}$.
- * The photon remains massless, $m_\gamma = 0$.

Mass eigenstates - Higgs kinetic and interaction terms.

- The Higgs kinetic and gauge interaction terms lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_\mu \varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi = & \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{e^2 v^2}{4 \sin^2 \theta_w} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \frac{e^2 v^2}{8 \sin^2 \theta_w \cos^2 \theta_w} Z_\mu Z^\mu \\
 & + \frac{e^2 v}{2 \sin^2 \theta_w} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} h + \frac{e^2 v}{4 \sin^2 \theta_w \cos^2 \theta_w} Z_\mu Z^\mu h \\
 & + \frac{e^2}{4 \sin^2 \theta_w} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} h h + \frac{e^2}{8 \sin^2 \theta_w \cos^2 \theta_w} Z_\mu Z^\mu h h .
 \end{aligned}$$

- * We obtain **gauge boson mass terms**.
- * We obtain a Higgs **kinetic term**.
- * We obtain **trilinear interaction terms**.
- * We obtain **quartic interaction terms**.
- * Remark: no interaction between the Higgs boson and the photon.

Mass eigenstates - fermion masses (1).

- The fermion masses are obtained from the Yukawa interactions.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -\bar{u}_R y_u (Q \cdot \varphi) - \bar{d}_R y_d (\varphi^\dagger Q) - \bar{e}_R y_e (\varphi^\dagger L) + \text{h.c.}$$

- * We have introduced the $SU(2)$ invariant product $A \cdot B = A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1$.
- * Flavor (or generation) indices are understood:

$$\bar{d}_R y_d (\varphi^\dagger Q) \equiv \sum_{f, f'=1}^3 \bar{d}_{Rf'} (y_d)^{f' f} (\varphi^\dagger Q^f) .$$

- * The Lagrangian terms are **matrix products in flavor space**.
- The mass matrices read

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_R y_u u_L - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}_R y_d d_L - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{e}_R y_e e_L + \text{h.c.} ,$$

where we have performed the shift $\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h \end{pmatrix}$,
and introduced $u_L^f = \Psi_{u_f, L}, \dots$

Mass eigenstates - fermion masses (2).

- **The fermion mass Lagrangian read:**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_R y_u u_L - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}_R y_d d_L - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{e}_R y_e e_L + \text{h.c.} .$$

- * The physical states correspond to **eigenvectors** of the mass matrices.
- * Diagonalization: **any complex matrix** fulfill

$$y = V_R \tilde{y} U_L^\dagger ,$$

with \tilde{y} **real and diagonal** and U_L, V_R **unitary**.

- **Diagonalization of the fermion sector:** we got replacement rules,

$$u_L = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ c_L \\ t_L \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow U_L^u u'_L , \quad \bar{u}_R = (\bar{u}_R \quad \bar{c}_R \quad \bar{t}_R) \rightarrow \bar{u}'_R (V_R^u)^\dagger , \quad \dots$$

- * **The up-type quark mass terms become**

$$-\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_R y_u u_L \rightarrow -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\bar{u}'_R (V_R^u)^\dagger \right] \left[V_R^u \tilde{y}_u (U_L^u)^\dagger \right] \left[U_L^u u'_L \right] = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}'_R \tilde{y}_u u'_L$$

where u_L, u_R are gauge-eigenstates and u'_L, u'_R mass-eigenstates.

Mass eigenstates - flavor and CP violation.

- The neutral interactions are still diagonal in flavor space, e.g.,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{2}{3} e \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu A_\mu u_L \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} e \left[\bar{u}'_L (U_L^u)^\dagger \right] \gamma^\mu A_\mu \left[U_L^u u'_L \right] = \frac{2}{3} e \bar{u}'_L \gamma^\mu A_\mu u'_L .$$

due to unitarity of U_L^u .

- The charged interactions are now non-diagonal in flavor space, e.g.,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} &= \frac{e}{\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_w} \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu W_\mu^+ d_L \rightarrow \frac{e}{\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_w} \left[\bar{u}'_L (U_L^u)^\dagger \right] \gamma^\mu W_\mu^+ \left[U_L^d d'_L \right] \\ &= \frac{e}{\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_w} \bar{u}'_L \left[(U_L^u)^\dagger U_L^d \right] \gamma^\mu W_\mu^+ d'_L . \end{aligned}$$

- * Charged current interactions become proportionnal to the CKM matrix,

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = (U_L^u)^\dagger U_L^d \quad [\text{Nobel prize, 2008}] .$$

- * One phase and three angles to parameterize a unitary 3×3 matrix.
⇒ Flavor and CP violation in the Standard Model.

Summary - The electroweak theory.

The electroweak theory.

- Based on the $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge group.
 - * $SU(2)_L$: weak interactions, three W^i -bosons acting on left-handed fermions and on the Higgs field.
 - * $U(1)_Y$: hypercharge interactions, one B -boson acting on both left- and right-handed fermions and on the Higgs field.
- The gauge group is **broken to** $U(1)_{e.m.}$.
 - * The neutral component of the Higgs doublet **gets a vev.**
 - * **Hypercharge quantum numbers** are chosen consistently.
⇒ The fields get the correct electric charge ($Q = T^3 + Y$).
 - * W^1 and W^2 **bosons mix to** W^\pm .
 - * B and W^3 **bosons mix to** Z^0 and γ .
- Yukawa interactions with the Higgs field lead to **fermion masses.**
- Experimental challenge: the **discovery of the Higgs boson.**

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The $SU(3)_c$ gauge group.

- **Discovery of the color quantum numbers.** [Barnes *et al.* (1964)]
 - * The predicted $|\Omega\rangle = |sss\rangle$ baryon is a spin 3/2 particle.
 - * The $|\Omega\rangle$ wave function is **fully symmetric** (spin + flavor).
 - * **This contradicts the spin-statistics theorem.**

Introduction of the color quantum number.

- **The $SU(3)_c$ gauge group.**
 - * Observed particles are **color neutral**.
 - * The **minimal** way to write an **antisymmetric wave function** for $|\Omega\rangle$ is

$$|\Omega\rangle = \epsilon_{mnl} |s^m s^n s^\ell\rangle .$$

- * The quarks lie thus in a 3 of the new gauge group \Rightarrow **$SU(3)_c$** .

Field content of the Standard Model and representation.

Field	$SU(3)_c$ rep.	$SU(2)_L$ rep.	$U(1)_Y$ charge
L_f	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	$-\frac{1}{2}$
e_{Rf}	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-1
Q_f	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	$\frac{1}{6}$
u_{Rf}	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	$\frac{2}{3}$
d_{Rf}	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	$-\frac{1}{3}$
φ	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$
B	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0
W	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	0
g	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	0

- * The matter Lagrangian involves the covariant derivative

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_Y Y B_\mu - ig_w T^i W_{\mu i} - ig_s T^a g_{\mu a} .$$

- * We introduce a kinetic term for each gauge boson.
- * The Higgs potential and Yukawa interactions are as in the electroweak theory.

Asymptotic freedom & confinement.

- **Based on the color $SU(3)_c$ interactions.**

- * **The partons** (quarks, antiquarks, gluons) are **colored**.
- * Observable particles (mesons $q\bar{q}'$, baryons $qq'q''$) are **color neutral**.

- **Running coupling constants.**

- * **Weak and electromagnetic**: stronger at **high** energies (small distances).
- * **Strong**: stronger at **low** energies (large distances).

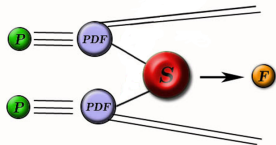
- **High energies: asymptotic freedom** [Gross, Politzer, Wilczek, Nobel prize 2004].

- * **Small** value for $g_s \Rightarrow$ **perturbative calculations** as series of g_s .
- * The partons behave as **free particles**.
- * In hadron collisions at high energies (e.g., LHC):
Partons are interacting, not hadrons.

- **Low energies: confinement.**

- * **Large** value of $g_s \Rightarrow$ partons are **confined** into hadrons.
- * Non-perturbative physics \Rightarrow **models, experimental fits, ...**
- * **Hadronization** at low energies \Rightarrow jets.
- * In hadron collisions at high energies (e.g., LHC):
One **observes hadrons**, not partons.

Hadron collisions - QCD factorization theorem (1)



- Quarks and gluons are not seen in Nature due to confinement.
- In a hadron collision at high energy, they do interact (asymptotic freedom).
- Predictions can be made thanks to the QCD factorization theorem.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{hadr}}}{d\omega} = \sum_{ab} \int dx_a dx_b f_{a/A}(x_a; \mu_F) f_{b/B}(x_b; \mu_F) \frac{d\sigma_{\text{part}}}{d\omega}(x_a, x_b, p_a, p_b, \dots, \mu_F),$$

where σ_{hadr} is the hadronic cross section (hadrons \rightarrow any final state).

- * $\sum_{ab} \Rightarrow$ **all** partonic initial states (partons $a, b = q, \bar{q}, g$).
- * x_a is the **momentum fraction** of the hadron A carried by the parton a .
- * x_b is the **momentum fraction** of the hadron B carried by the parton b .
- * If the final state contains any parton:
Fragmentation functions (**from partons to observable hadrons**).

Hadron collision - QCD factorization theorem (2)

- Predictions can be made thanks to the QCD factorization theorem.

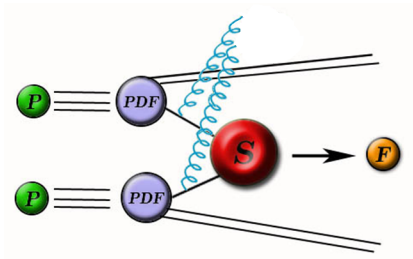
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{hadr}}}{d\omega} = \sum_{ab} \int dx_a dx_b f_{a/A}(x_a; \mu_F) f_{b/B}(x_b; \mu_F) \frac{d\sigma_{\text{part}}}{d\omega}(x_a, x_b, p_a, p_b, \dots, \mu_F) .$$

- * $f_{a/p_1}(x_a; \mu_F), f_{b/p_2}(x_b; \mu_F)$: **parton densities**.
 - ◇ **Long distance physics**.
 - ◇ 'Probability' to have a parton with a momentum fraction x in a hadron.
- * $d\sigma_{\text{part}}$: **differential partonic cross section** (which you can now calculate).
 - ◇ **Short distance physics**.

μ_F - **Factorization scale**.
(how to distinguish long and short distance physics).

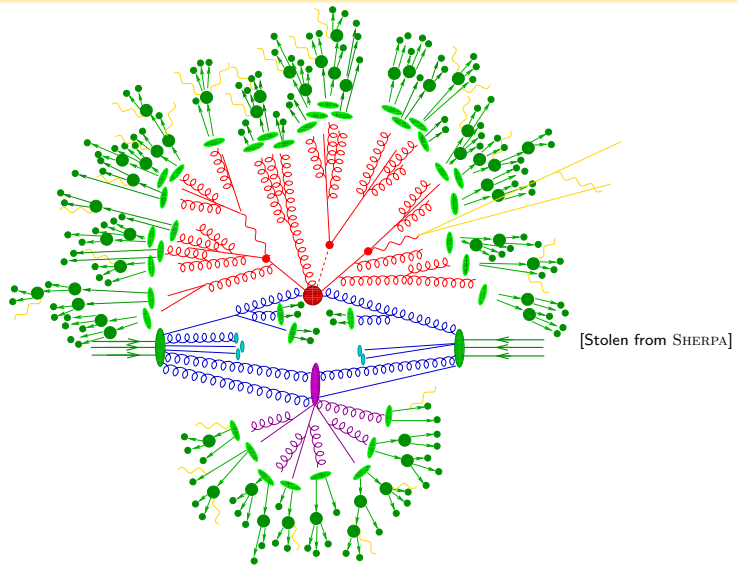
Parton showering and hadronization

- * At high energy, initial and final state partons **radiate other partons**.



- * Finally, very low energy partons **hadronize**.

Summary - The real life of a collision at the LHC



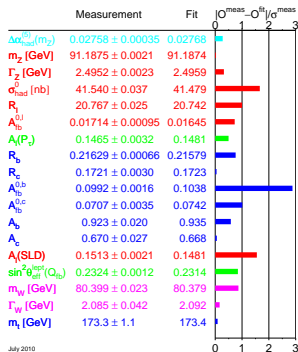
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The Standard Model: advantages and open questions (1).

● The Standard Model of particle physics.

- * Is a **mathematically consistent** theory.
- * Is **compatible** with (almost) all experimental results [e.g., LEP EWWG].



The Standard Model: advantages and open questions (2).

● Open questions.

- * Why are there **three families** of quarks and leptons?
- * Why does one family consist of $\{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{u}_R, \mathbf{d}_R; \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{e}_r\}$?
- * Why is the **electric charge quantized**?
- * Why is the local gauge group $\mathbf{SU}(3)_c \times \mathbf{SU}(2)_L \times \mathbf{U}(1)_Y$?
- * Why is the spacetime **four-dimensional**?
- * Why is there **26 free parameters**?
- * What is the **origin of quark and lepton masses and mixings**?
- * What is the **origin of CP violation**?
- * What is the **origin of matter-antimatter asymmetry**?
- * What is the **nature of dark matter**?
- * What is the **role of gravity**?
- * Why is the **electroweak scale (100 GeV) much lower than the Planck scale (10^{19} GeV)**?

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Grand Unified Theories: a unified gauge group (1).

● Can we reduce the arbitrariness in the Standard Model?

- * A **single direct factor** for the gauge group.
- * A **common representation** for quarks and leptons.
- * **Unification of g_Y , g_w and g_s** to a single coupling constant.

● Unification of the Standard Model coupling constants.

- * The coupling constants (at zero energy) **are highly different.**

Electromagnetism	Weak	Strong
$\sim 1/137$	$\sim 1/30$	~ 1

- * The coupling strengths depend on the energy due to **quantum corrections.**

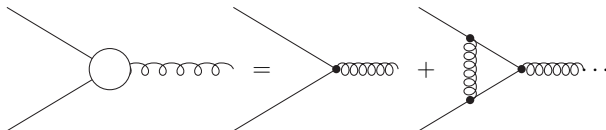
Unification.

- ◇ There exists a **unification scale.**
- ◇ The coupling strengths are **identical.**

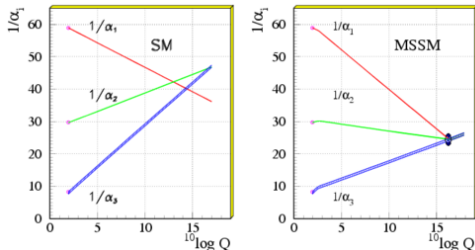
Grand Unified Theories: a unified gauge group (2).

● Running of the coupling constants.

- * The coupling constant at first order of perturbation theory reads



- * These calculations lead to the **energy dependence** of the couplings.



- * Unification requires **additional matter** (e.g., supersymmetry [see below...]).

Grand Unified Theories: a unified gauge group (3).

- **Construction of a Grand Unified Toy Theory.**
- **How to choose of a grand unified gauge group.**
 - * We want to pick up G so that $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \subset G$.
 - * **Electromagnetism must not be broken.**
 - * **The Standard Model must be reproduced at low energy.**
 - * Matter must be **chiral**.
 - * Interesting cases are:

$$G = \begin{cases} SU(N) & \text{with } N > 4 \\ SO(4N + 2) & \text{with } N \geq 2 \\ E_6 \end{cases}$$

- **How to specify representations for the matter fields.**
 - * **The Standard Model must be reproduced at low energy.**
 - * The choice for the Higgs fields \Leftrightarrow **breaking mechanism.**
- **Specify the Lagrangian.**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GUT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{breaking}} .$$

Grand Unified Theories: a unified gauge group (4).

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GUT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{breaking}} .$$

- * \mathcal{L}_{kin} : **Poincaré invariance**.
- * $\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}$: **gauge invariance**.
- * \mathcal{L}_{Yuk} : **Yukawa interactions** between Higgs bosons and fermions.
 - ◇ Must be **gauge-invariant**.
 - ◇ Fermion **masses** after symmetry breaking.
 - ◇ Flavor and CP violation.
 - ◇ **Not obtained (in general) from symmetry principles**.
- * $\mathcal{L}_{\text{breaking}}$: less known...

Grand Unified Theories: example of $SU(5)$ (1).

● Gauge bosons

- * A 5×5 matrix contains naturally $SU(3)$ and $SU(2)$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} SU(3) & LQ \\ LQ^\dagger & SU(2) \end{pmatrix} \in SU(5)$$

- * We have **12 additional gauge bosons**, the so-called leptoquarks (LQ).
- * The matrix is traceless.
 - ↪ The hypercharge is quantized.
 - ↪ **The electric charge is quantized** ($Q = T^3 + Y$).

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- * This matches the quantum numbers of the **right-handed down antiquark** d_R^c and the **left-handed lepton doublet** L .

Grand Unified Theories: example of $SU(5)$ (2).

● Fermions

- * **Fundamental representation** of $SU(5)$: d_R^c and L .
- * **$\underline{10}$** representation (antisymmetric matrix) \equiv 10 degrees of freedom.
 \leadsto the rest of the matter fields (10 degrees of freedom).

$$\underline{5} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} d_R^c \\ L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (d_R^c)_r \\ (d_R^c)_g \\ (d_R^c)_b \\ \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{10} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (u_R^c)_b & -(u_R^c)_g & -(u_L)_r & -(d_L)_r \\ -(u_R^c)_b & 0 & (u_R^c)_r & -(u_L)_g & -(d_L)_g \\ (u_R^c)_g & -(u_R^c)_r & 0 & -(u_L)_b & -(d_L)_b \\ (u_L)_r & (u_L)_g & (u_L)_b & 0 & -e_R^c \\ (d_L)_r & (d_L)_g & (d_L)_b & e_R^c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- * The embedding of the gauge boson into $SU(5)$ is **easy**.
- * The embedding of the fermion sector is **miraculous**.

Grand Unified Theories: example of $SU(5)$ (3).

● Higgs sector

- * **Two Higgs fields are needed.**
 - ◇ One to break $SU(5) \rightarrow SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$.
 - ◇ One to break $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{e.m.}$.
- * The **simplest choice.**
 - ◇ One field in the $\underline{24}$ representation (special unitary 5×5 matrix).
 - ◇ One field in the fundamental representation.

● Advantages of $SU(5)$

- * **Unification of all the interactions** within a simple gauge group.
- * **Partial unification of the matter** within two multiplets.
- * **Electric charge quantization.**

● Problems specific to $SU(5)$

- * Prediction of the **proton decay** (lifetime: $10^{31} - 10^{33}$ years).
- * Prediction of a **magnetic monopole**.
- * Other problems shared with the Standard Model (three families, etc.)

Grand Unified Theories: $SO(10)$, E_6 .

● Matter content.

- * The matter is unified within a **single multiplet**.
- * $SO(10)$ has an additional degree of freedom \Rightarrow the right-handed neutrino.
- * Explanation for the **neutrino masses**.
- * E_6 contains several additional degrees of freedom
 \Rightarrow **the right-handed neutrino plus new particles** (to be discovered...).

● The breaking mechanism leads to additional $U(1)$ symmetrie(s).

- * The gauge boson(s) associated to these new $U(1)$ are called **Z'** bosons.
- * Massive **Z' resonances** are searched at colliders [see exercises classes].

$$pp \rightarrow \gamma, Z, Z' + X \rightarrow e^+e^- + X \text{ or } \mu^+\mu^- + X .$$

● Other specific advantages and problems.

- * E_6 appears naturally in string theories.
- * There is still no explanation for, e.g., the number of families.
- * **Gauge coupling unification is impossible without additional matter**
 \Rightarrow e.g., supersymmetry.

Summary - Grand Unified Theories.

Grand Unified Theories.

- The Standard model gauge group, $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$, is embedded in a **unified gauge group**.
- **Common representations** are used for quarks and leptons.
- **The Standard Model is reproduced at low energy.**
- More or less complicated **breaking mechanism**.
- Examples: $SU(5)$, $SO(10)$, E_6 , ...

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Supersymmetry: Poincaré superalgebra (1).

Invariant Lagrangians
Symmetries

\implies
Noëther theorem

Conserved charges

\Downarrow Fock spaces

\Downarrow Quantization

Hilbert space

\longleftarrow
Representations

Symmetry generators

- **Ingredients leading to superalgebra/supersymmetry.**

- * We have two types of particles, **fermions and bosons**.
 \Rightarrow We have **two types of conserved charges, B and F** .
- * The composition of two symmetries is a symmetry.
 \Rightarrow This imposes **relations between the conserved charges**.

$$[B_a, B_b] = i f_{ab}{}^c B_c ,$$

$$[B_a, F_i] = R_{ai}{}^j F_j ,$$

$$\{F_i, F_j\} = Q_{ij}{}^a B_a .$$

Supersymmetry: Poincaré superalgebra (2).

- **The Coleman-Mandula theorem (1967).**

- * The symmetry generators are assumed **bosonic**.
- * The only possible symmetry group in Nature is

$$G = \text{Poincaré} \times \text{gauge symmetries} .$$

- ◇ **Spacetime symmetries:** Poincaré

$$\left[L^{\mu\nu}, L^{\rho\sigma} \right] = -i \left(\eta^{\nu\sigma} L^{\rho\mu} - \eta^{\mu\sigma} L^{\rho\nu} + \eta^{\nu\rho} L^{\mu\sigma} - \eta^{\mu\rho} L^{\nu\sigma} \right) ,$$

$$\left[L^{\mu\nu}, P^\rho \right] = -i \left(\eta^{\nu\rho} P^\mu - \eta^{\mu\rho} P^\nu \right) ,$$

$$\left[P^\mu, P^\nu \right] = 0 ,$$

- ◇ Internal gauge symmetries: compact **Lie algebra**.

$$\left[T_a, T_b \right] = if_{ab}^c T_c , \quad \left[P_\mu, T_a \right] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left[L_{\mu\nu}, T_a \right] = 0 .$$

- **The Haag-Łopuszański-Sohnius theorem (1975).**

- * Extension of the Coleman-Mandula theorem.
- * **Fermionic generators** are included.
- * The minimal choice consists in a set of **Majorana spinors** (Q, \bar{Q}) .
- * **$N = 1$ supersymmetry: one single supercharge Q .**

Supersymmetry: Poincaré superalgebra (3).

The Poincaré superalgebra.

- **Spacetime symmetries.**

$$\begin{aligned} [L^{\mu\nu}, L^{\rho\sigma}] &= -i \left(\eta^{\nu\sigma} L^{\rho\mu} - \eta^{\mu\sigma} L^{\rho\nu} + \eta^{\nu\rho} L^{\mu\sigma} - \eta^{\mu\rho} L^{\nu\sigma} \right), \\ [L^{\mu\nu}, P^\rho] &= -i \left(\eta^{\nu\rho} P^\mu - \eta^{\mu\rho} P^\nu \right), \quad [P^\mu, P^\nu] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

- **Gauge symmetries.**

$$[T_a, T_b] = i f_{ab}{}^c T_c, \quad [P_\mu, T_a] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad [L_{\mu\nu}, T_a] = 0.$$

- **Supersymmetry.**

$$\begin{aligned} [L^{\mu\nu}, Q_\alpha] &= (\sigma^{\mu\nu})_\alpha{}^\beta Q_\beta & Q \text{ is a left-handed spinor,} \\ [L^{\mu\nu}, \bar{Q}^{\dot{\alpha}}] &= (\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu})^{\dot{\alpha}}{}_{\dot{\beta}} \bar{Q}^{\dot{\beta}} & \bar{Q} \text{ is a right-handed spinor,} \\ [Q_\alpha, P^\mu] &= [\bar{Q}^{\dot{\alpha}}, P^\mu] = 0, \\ \{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}^{\dot{\alpha}}\} &= 2\sigma^\mu_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} P_\mu, \quad \{Q_\alpha, Q_\beta\} = \{\bar{Q}^{\dot{\alpha}}, \bar{Q}^{\dot{\beta}}\} = 0, \\ [Q_\alpha, T_a] &= [Q_{\dot{\alpha}}, T_a] = 0 & (Q, \bar{Q}) \text{ is a gauge singlet.} \end{aligned}$$

Supersymmetry: Poincaré superalgebra (4).

- **Consequences and advantages.**

- * The supercharge operators **change the spin** of the fields.

$$Q|\text{boson}\rangle = |\text{fermion}\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad Q|\text{fermion}\rangle = |\text{boson}\rangle .$$

- * (Q, \bar{Q}) and P commute.
 \Rightarrow fermions and bosons in a same multiplet have the **same mass**.

$$P^2|\text{boson}\rangle = m^2|\text{boson}\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad P^2|\text{fermion}\rangle = m^2|\text{fermion}\rangle .$$

- * The composition of two supersymmetry operations is a **translation**.

$$Q\bar{Q} + \bar{Q}Q \sim P .$$

- * **Scalar masses** are protected from quantum corrections.
- * It includes naturally **gravity**
 \Rightarrow **New vision of spacetime** \Rightarrow supergravity, superstrings.
- * **Unification** of the gauge coupling constants.

The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model.

● Supersymmetry in particle physics.

- * The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model: one **single supercharge**.
- * We associate **one (new) superpartner** to each Standard Model field.

- * Quarks \Leftrightarrow squarks.
- * Leptons \Leftrightarrow sleptons.
- * Gauge/Higgs bosons \Leftrightarrow gauginos/higgsinos.

● Supersymmetry breaking.

- * No scalar electron has been discovered.
- * No massless photino has been observed.
- * *etc..*

Supersymmetry has to be broken.

Supersymmetry breaking

- **No supersymmetry discovery until now.**
- **Supersymmetry breaking.**
 - * **Superparticle masses shifted** to a higher scale.
 - * **Breaking mechanism not fully satisfactory.**
 - * Assumed to occur in a **hidden sector**.
 - * **Mediated** through the visible sector via a given interaction.
 - * **Examples:** minimal supergravity, gauge-mediated supersymmetry-breaking, etc..

- **Form of a supersymmetric Lagrangian.**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SUSY}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{break}} .$$

- * $\mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}}$: supersymmetric gauge interactions for the matter sector.
- * $\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}$: supersymmetric gauge interactions for the gauge sector.
- * \mathcal{L}_{int} : supersymmetric (non-gauge) interactions for the matter sector.
- * $\mathcal{L}_{\text{break}}$: non-supersymmetric pieces of the Lagrangian (breaking).
 $\leadsto \mathcal{O}(100)$ **new free parameters** \Rightarrow **universality assumptions** $\leadsto \mathcal{O}(10)$.

Some supersymmetric phenomenology.

● *R*-parity.

- * \mathcal{L}_{int} : Under its general form:
 - ↪ **lepton number violating** interactions.
 - ↪ **baryon number violating** interactions.
 - ↪ **proton decay**.
- * Introduction of an *ad hoc* **discrete symmetry, *R*-parity**.
 - ◇ Standard Model fields: $R = +1$.
 - ◇ Superpartners: $R = -1$.
 - ◇ The problematic interactions **are forbidden**.

● Consequences.

- * **The lightest superpartner (LSP) is stable.**
 - ⇒ **Cosmology: must be neutral and color singlet.**
 - ⇒ **Possible dark matter candidate.**
- * Superparticles are produced **in pairs**.
 - ⇒ **Cascade-decays to the LSP.**
 - ⇒ **Missing energy collider signature.**

Summary - Supersymmetry.

Supersymmetry.

- Extension of the Poincaré algebra to the **Poincaré superalgebra**.
- Introduction of **supercharges**.
- The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model: **one single supercharge**.
 - * **One superpartner** for each Standard Model field.
 - * LSP: possible **dark matter candidate**.
 - * LSP: Collider signatures with **large missing energy**.
- More or less complicated **breaking mechanism**.

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Extra-dimensions in a nutshell (1).

- **Main idea: the spacetime is not four-dimensional.**
- **Example: five dimensional scenario: $\mathbb{R}^4 \times \text{circle of radius } R$.**
 - * The fifth dimension is **periodic**.
 - * Massless 5D-fields \Rightarrow **tower of 4D-fields**.

$$\phi(x^\mu, y) = \sum_n \phi_n(x^\mu) \exp\left[\frac{iny}{R}\right],$$

where y is the fifth-dimension coordinate.

- * The 4D-fields ϕ_n are **massive**. Case of the scalar fields:
 - ◇ We start from the Klein-Gordon equation in 5D

$$\square \phi(x^\mu, y) = [\square - \partial_y^2] \phi(x^\mu, y) \implies [\square + \frac{n^2}{R^2}] \phi_n(x^\mu) = 0$$

- * No observation of a Kaluza-Klein excitation (ϕ_n) \Rightarrow **$1/R$ must be large**.

Extra-dimensions in a nutshell (2).

- **Kaluza-Klein and unification.**

- * Basic idea: **unification of electromagnetism and gravity** (20's).
- * The 5D metric reads, with $M, N = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$

$$g_{MN} \sim \begin{pmatrix} g_{\mu\nu} & A_\mu = g_{\mu 4} \\ A_\mu = g_{4\mu} & \phi = g_{44} \end{pmatrix} .$$

- * **5D gravity** \rightsquigarrow **4D electromagnetism and gravity.**

- **Extension to all interactions.**

- * The Standard Model needs **11** dimensions [Witten (1981)].
- * **Problems with mirror fermions.**

- **One possible viable model: Randall-Sundrum (1999).**

- * The Standard Model fields lie on a **three-brane** (a 4D spacetime).
- * Gravity lies in the bulk (all the 5D space).
- * The size of the extra-dimensions can be **large** (TeV scale).
- * **KK-parity**: dark matter candidate, missing energy signature, *etc.*

- **Other viable models are possible** (universal extra-dimensions, *etc.*).

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String theory in a nutshell.

- Point-like particles \Rightarrow closed and/or open 1D-strings.
- String propagation in spacetime \Rightarrow a surface called a worldsheet.
- The vibrations of the string \Rightarrow elementary particles.
- Worldsheet physics \Rightarrow spacetime physics (quantum consistency).
 - * 10-dimensional spacetime (**extra-dimensions**).
 - * Extended gauge group (**Grand Unified Theories**).
 - * Supergravity (**supersymmetry**).
- Compactification from 10D to 4D.
 - * Must **reproduce the Standard Model**.
 - * **Many possible solutions**.
 - * **No solution found** so that all experimental constraints are satisfied.

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Summary.

- **The Standard Model has been constructed from experimental input.**
 - * Based on symmetry principle (relativity, gauge invariance).
 - * Is consistent with quantum mechanics.
 - * Is the most tested theory of all time.
 - * Suffers from some limitations and open questions.

- **Beyond the Standard Model theories are built from theoretical ideas.**
 - * Ideas in constant evolution.
 - * Grand Unified Theories.
 - * Supersymmetry.
 - * Extra-dimensions.
 - * String theory.
 - * etc..