

SO(10) Non-SUSY Grand Unification

Yukawa Sector

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Unity of All Elementary-Particle Forces

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Strong, electromagnetic, and weak forces are conjectured to arise from a single fundamental interaction based on the gauge group $SU(5)$.

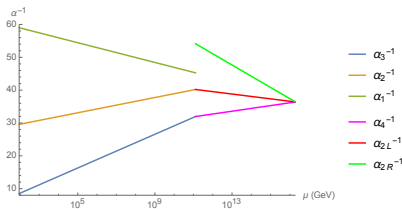
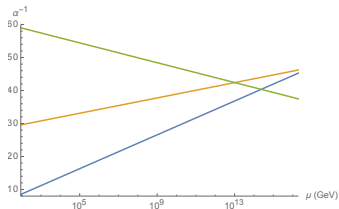
We present a series of hypotheses and speculations leading inescapably to the conclusion that $SU(5)$ is the gauge group of the world—that all elementary particle forces (strong, weak, and electromagnetic) are different manifestations of the same fundamental interaction involving a single coupling strength, the fine-structure constant. Our hypotheses may be wrong and our speculations idle, but the uniqueness and simplicity of our scheme are reasons enough that it be taken seriously.

of the GIM mechanism with the notion of colored quarks⁴ keeps the successes of the quark model and gives an important bonus: Lepton and hadron anomalies cancel so that the theory of weak and electromagnetic interactions is renormalizable.⁵

The next step is to include strong interactions. We assume that *strong interactions are mediated by an octet of neutral vector gauge gluons* associated with local color $SU(3)$ symmetry, and that there are no fundamental strongly interacting scalar-meson fields.⁶ This insures that

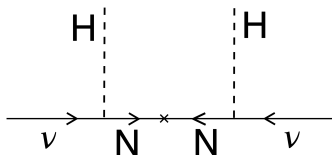
Gauge Coupling Unification (almost...)

- Gauge couplings almost unify at $M_{\text{GUT}} \sim 10^{15-16}$ GeV in SM
- SO(10) allows for intermediate gauge groups that provide unification
- Suggests new physics at GUT-scale



$$\text{SU}(3)_C \otimes \text{SU}(2)_L \otimes \text{U}(1)_Y \subset \mathcal{G}_{\text{GUT}}$$

- Weinberg operator ($d = 5$): $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset \frac{c}{\Lambda} LLHH$



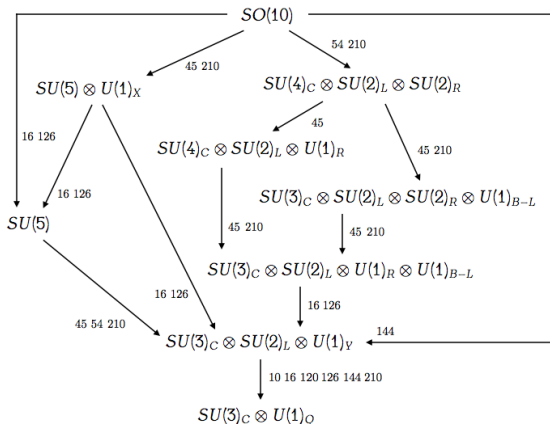
- Λ is scale of new physics: $\Lambda \sim 10^{12-14}$ GeV if $c \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$
- Suggests new physics near the GUT-scale or an intermediate scale

$$16_F = \begin{bmatrix} u_L^R \\ u_L^G \\ u_L^B \\ u_R^{cR} \\ u_R^{cG} \\ u_R^{cB} \\ d_L^R \\ d_L^G \\ d_L^B \\ d_R^{cR} \\ d_R^{cG} \\ d_R^{cB} \\ e_L \\ e_R^c \\ \nu_L \\ N_R^c \end{bmatrix}$$

- All SM fermions and RH neutrinos fit into one 16-dimensional representation per generation
 $16_F \rightarrow (3, 2, \frac{1}{6}) \oplus (\bar{3}, 1, \frac{1}{3}) \oplus (\bar{3}, 1, -\frac{2}{3}) \oplus (1, 2, -\frac{1}{2}) \oplus (1, 1, 1) \oplus (1, 1, 0)$
- RH neutrino naturally provides neutrino masses, leptogenesis
- Anomaly free, independent of charge assignment:
 $\text{Tr}(\{t^a, t^b\}t^c) = 0$ due to properties of the generators

Breaking Patterns

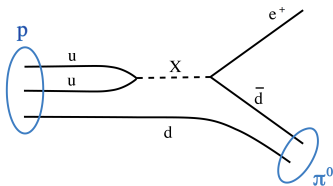
$SO(10)$ is rank 5 \implies admits intermediate breaking steps



Proton Decay

- Leptoquark vector or scalar bosons can mediate proton decay via $d = 5$ or $d = 6$ operators
- Most dangerous decay channels: $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$ and $p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}$
- Proton lifetime bound $\tau_p \sim 10^{34}$ yrs [PDG]

$$\tau_p \sim \frac{M_X^4}{\alpha_{\text{GUT}}^2 M_p^5} \implies M_{\text{GUT}} \gtrsim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$



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- Three possibilities for SM Higgs: 10_H , $\overline{126}_H$, 120_H
- 10_H and $\overline{126}_H$ most interesting
 - $10_H \rightarrow (1, 2, -\frac{1}{2}) \oplus (1, 2, \frac{1}{2}) \oplus \dots$
 - $\overline{126}_H \rightarrow (1, 2, -\frac{1}{2}) \oplus (1, 2, \frac{1}{2}) \oplus (1, 1, 0) \oplus \dots$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = 16_F (Y_{10} 10_H + Y_{126} \overline{126}_H) 16_F$$

SM fermion masses:

$$\begin{aligned} M_u &= v_{10}^u Y_{10} + v_{126}^u Y_{126} & M_\nu &= v_{10}^u Y_{10} - 3v_{126}^u Y_{126} \\ M_d &= v_{10}^d Y_{10} + v_{126}^d Y_{126} & M_\ell &= v_{10}^d Y_{10} - 3v_{126}^d Y_{126} \end{aligned}$$

- Embedding of SM in $SO(10)$
- Two-step symmetry breaking
- Playground for a lot of physics: neutrino masses, leptogenesis, leptoquarks, ...
- Constraints from non-observation of proton decay
- Can reproduce SM masses and mixing parameters

Questions?