

# Introduction to the Standard Model of particle physics

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# Theory and Phenomenology

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- M. Mangin-Brinet (CNRS)
- I. Schienbein (UGA)
- Ch. Smith (CNRS)

- **4 Post-Docs**

- G. Chalons (-9/2016)
- D. Sengupta (-9/2016)
- A. Kusina (-9/2017)
- K. Mawatari (-9/2017)

- **3 Doctoral students**

- voir:  
<http://lpsc.in2p3.fr/index.php/activites-scientifiques/physique-theorique/presentation-generale>

- **Collider phenomenology**

- Heavy quark production (D and B)
- Gamma+Q in pp, pA and AA

- **Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)**

- **Physics beyond the SM (BSM)**

- SUSY, BSM-Higgs
- DM
- GUTs, W', Z'
- Flavour physics, Family symmetries

- **Other**

- Hadronic physics, neutrino interactions
- Lattice QCD

# Organisation

- 3h of lectures in English for students after the 3rd/4th year of studies
- Prerequisites
  - Lagrangian formalism, Electrodynamics, Quantum Mechanics
  - Group theory (basic knowledge)
- Use slides
- Please ask many questions during the lectures!
  - More interesting
  - Slows down the speed (necessary in particular when slides are used)
  - There are **NO** stupid questions!

# Disclaimer

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# Plan

1. The Standard Model of particle physics (1st round)
2. Some Basics
3. The Standard Model of particle physics (2nd round)
  - Symmetries & Fields
  - Lagrangian terms
  - Higgs mechanism
4. From the SM to predictions at the LHC
  - Cross sections, Decay widths
  - Feynman rules
  - Parton Model
5. Beyond the Standard Model

# I. The Standard Model of particle physics (1st round)

# The ultimate goal (for some at least...)

**A consistent view of the world**

*Daß ich erkenne, was die Welt  
im Innersten zusammenhält...*  
(Goethe, Faust I)

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Who will win the next World Cup?

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Physics Beyond the Standard Model?  
The Higgs field?

# Unification

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Plato:

Since the four elements can transform into each other, it is reasonable to assume that there is only **one fundamental substance** and the four elements are just different manifestations of it!

# Periodic Table circa 1900

TABLE DE MENDELÉEF

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	K 39,03	Ca 39,91	Sc 43,97	Ti 48	V 51,1	Cr 52,45	Mn 54,8	Fe   Ni   Co 55,88   58,56   58,71
	Cu 63,18	Zn 64,88	Ga 69,9	Ge 72,32	As 75	Se 78,87	Br 79,76	
	Rb 85,2	Sr 87,3	Y 89,6	Zr 90,4	Nb 93,7	Mo 95,9		
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	Cs 132,7	Ba 136,86	La 138,5	Ce 141,2	Di 145	I 126,54		
			Yb 172,6		Ta 182			
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**66 elements!**

# Atoms

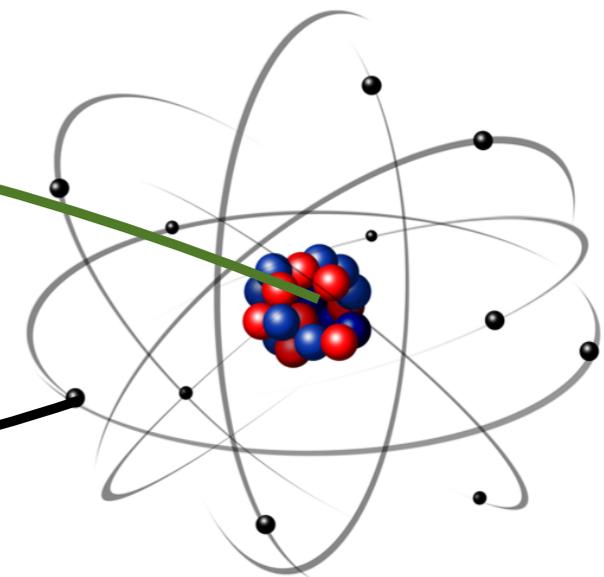
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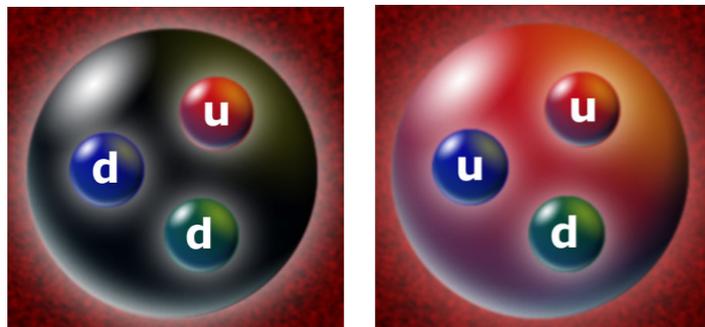
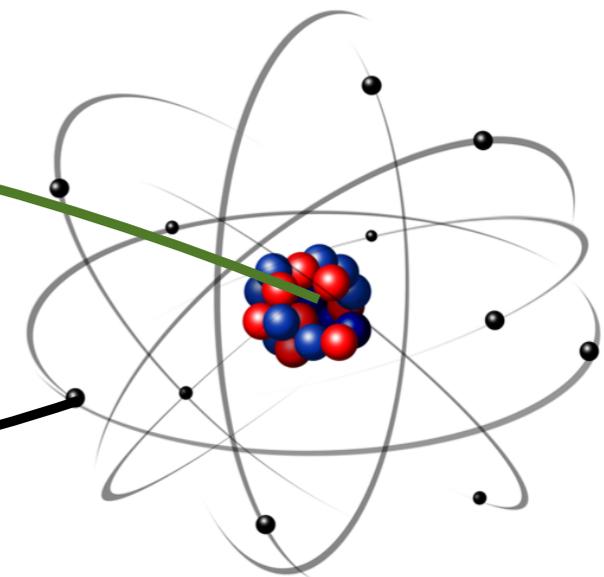
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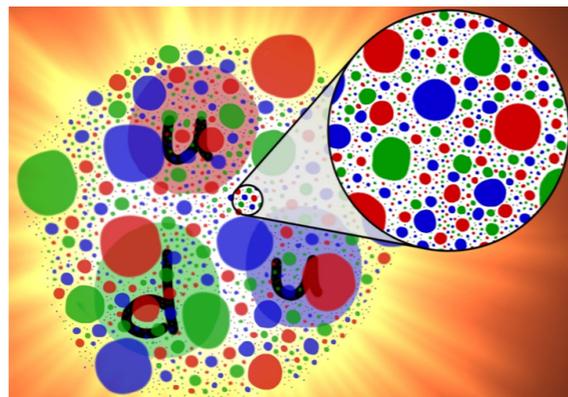
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◆ Naively, protons and neutrons are composed objects:

♣ Proton: two **up quarks** and one **down quark**

♣ Neutron: one **up quarks** and two **down quarks**

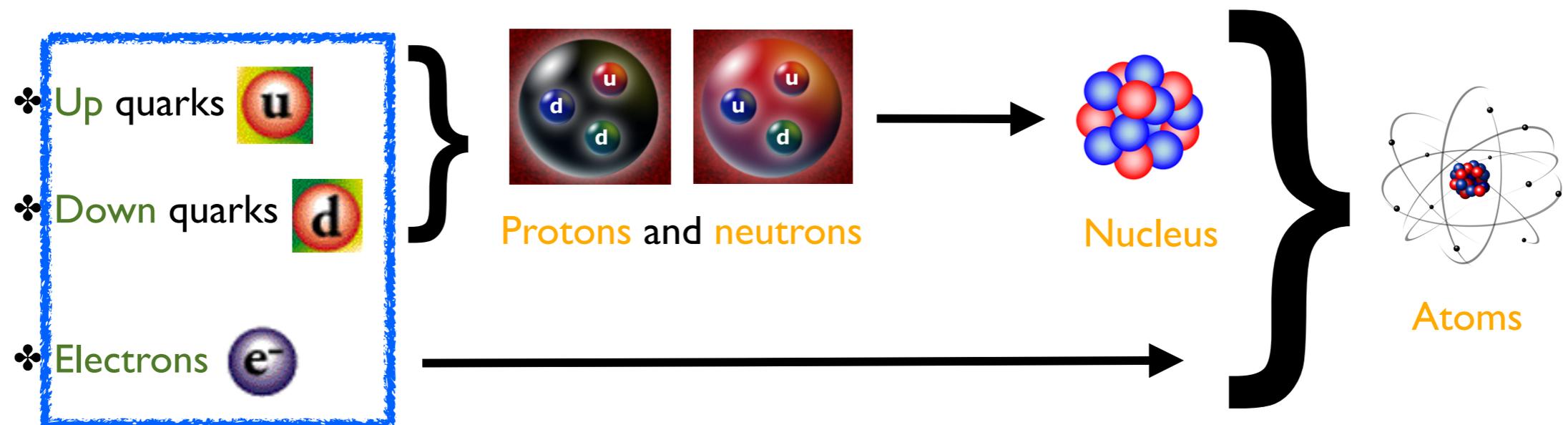


◆ In reality, they are dynamical objects:

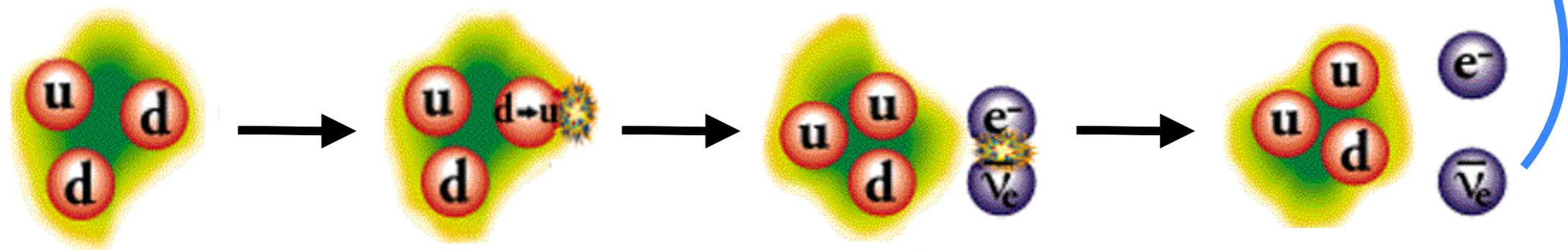
♣ Made of many interacting quarks and gluons  
(see later)

# Elementary Matter Constituents I

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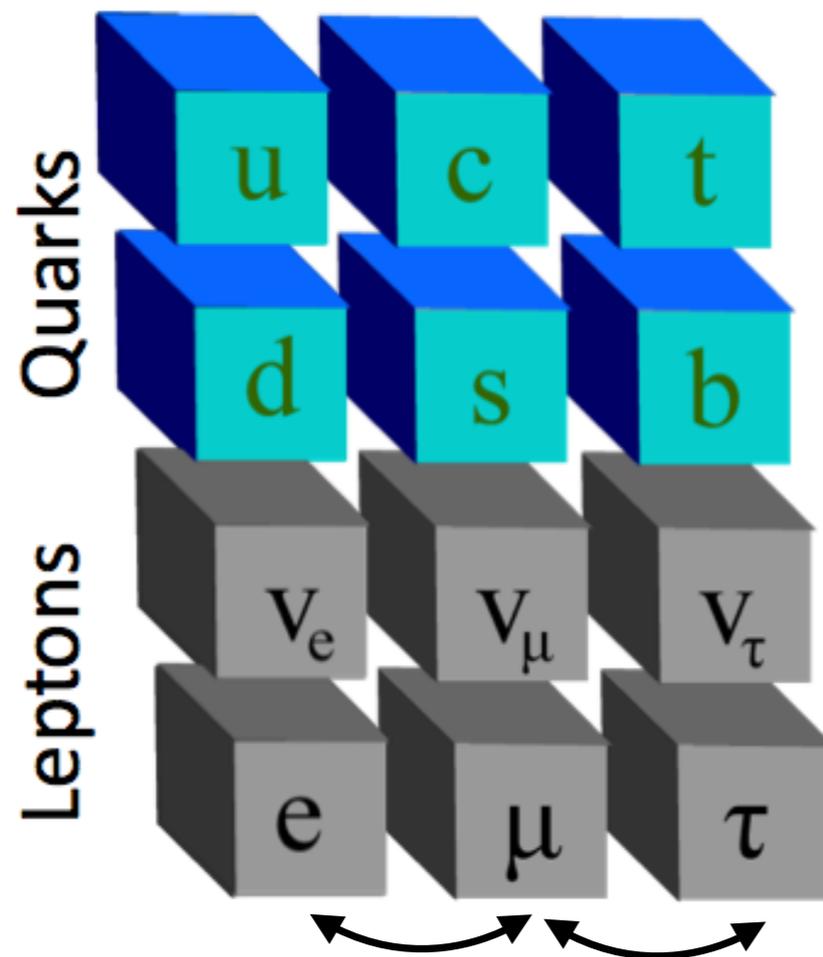


## ◆ Neutrons can be converted to protons: the beta decay



# Elementary Matter Constituents II

◆ Elementary matter constituents: we have three families



The only differences are the **masses**  
All other properties are **identical**

- ❖ Three up-type quarks
  - ★ Up ( u )
  - ★ Charm ( c )
  - ★ Top ( t )
- ❖ Three down-type quarks
  - ★ Down ( d )
  - ★ Strange ( s )
  - ★ Bottom ( b )
- ❖ Three neutrinos
  - ★ Electron (  $\nu_e$  )
  - ★ Muon (  $\nu_\mu$  )
  - ★ Tau (  $\nu_\tau$  )
- ❖ Three charged leptons
  - ★ Electron ( e )
  - ★ Muon (  $\mu$  )
  - ★ Tau (  $\tau$  )

# Four fundamental Interactions

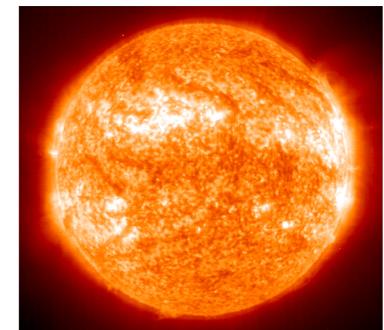


## ◆ Electromagnetism

- ❖ Interactions between **charged particles** (quarks, charged leptons)
- ❖ Mediated by **massless photons  $\gamma$**

## ◆ Weak interactions

- ❖ Interactions between **all matter fields**
- ❖ Mediated by **massive weak W-bosons and Z-bosons**

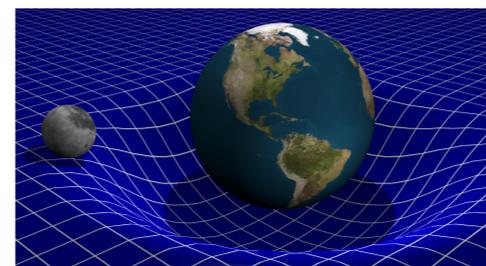


## ◆ Strong interactions

- ❖ Interactions between colored particles (**quarks**)
- ❖ Mediated by **massless gluons  $g$**
- ❖ Responsible for binding protons and neutrons within the nucleus

## ◆ Gravity

- ❖ Not included in the Standard Model



# The Higgs boson

## ◆ The masses of the particles

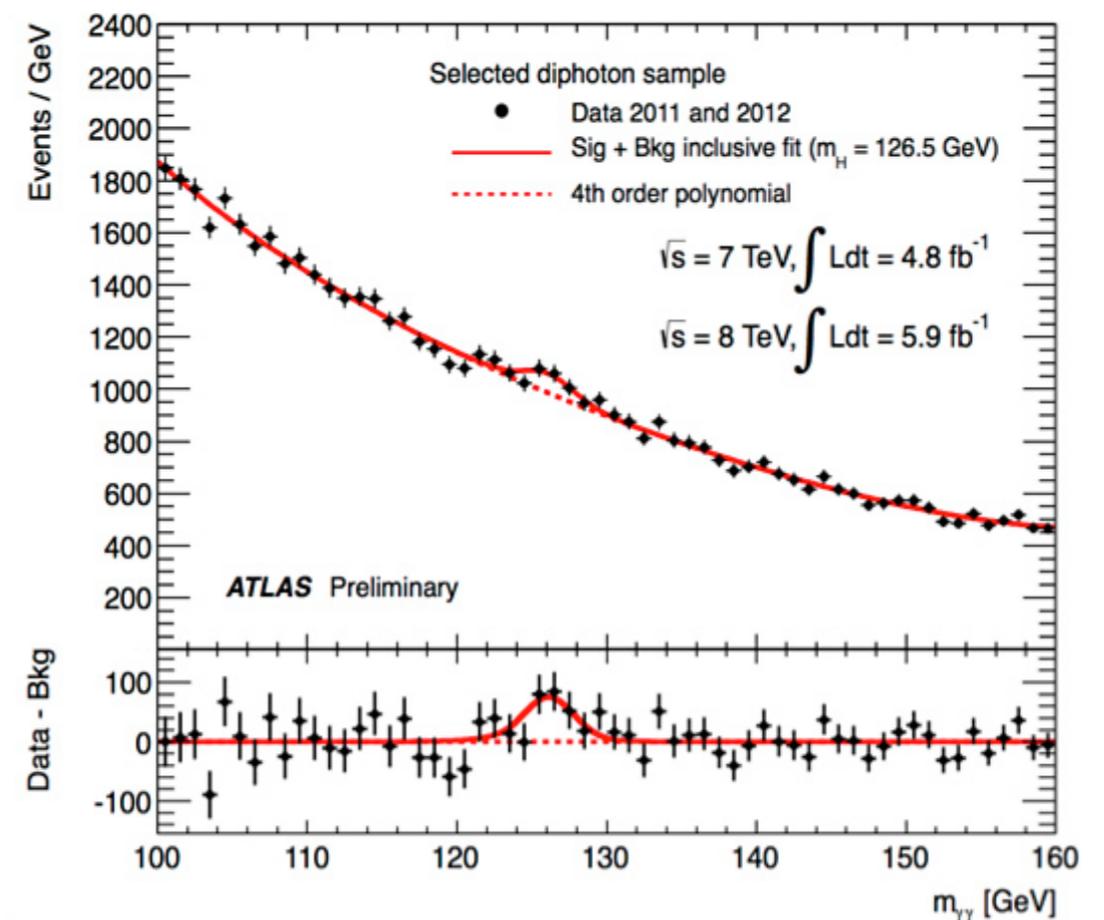
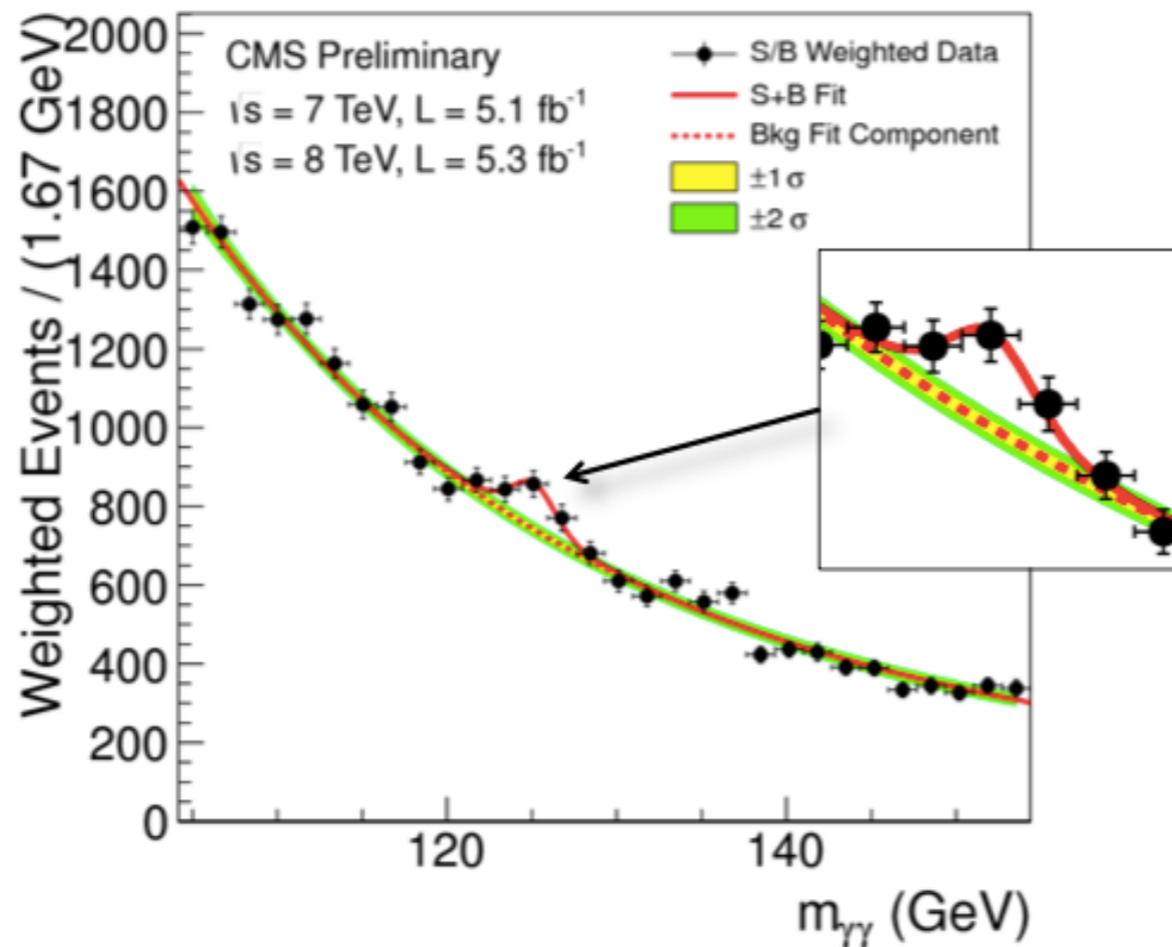
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# The Higgs boson

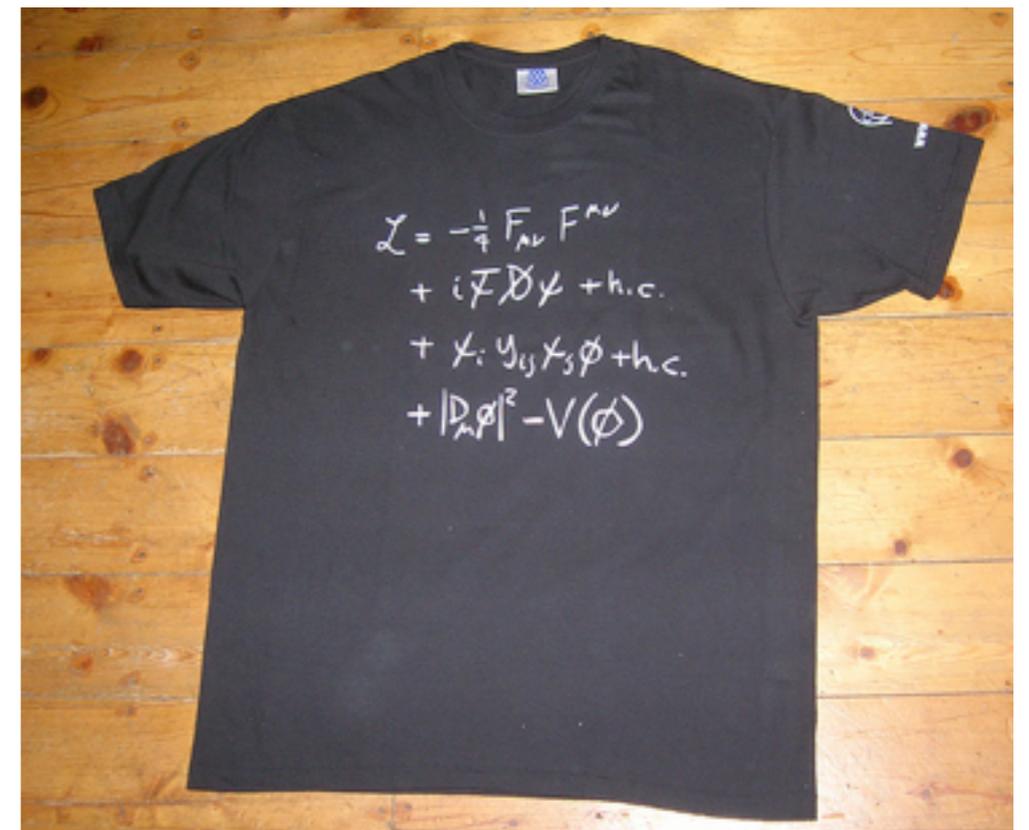
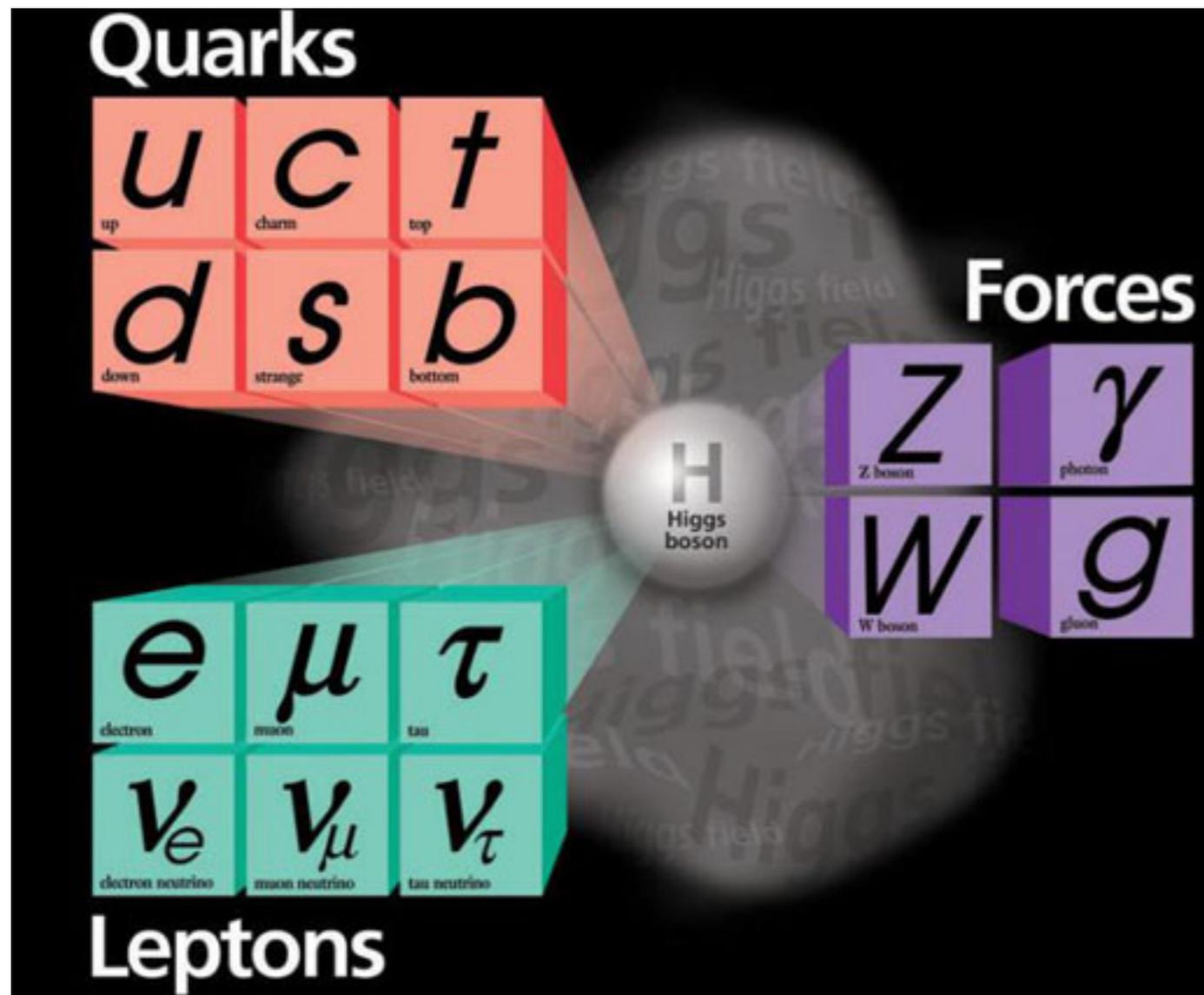
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discovered in 2012



# Periodic Table circa 2016 AD



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The **Standard Model** (SM) for the strong, weak, and electromagnetic interactions

## II. Some Basics

# Overview

- Our goal (next chapter):  
Understand the SM at a slightly more detailed level
- Before, we review some basics helpful later for the understanding:
  - Units and scales in particle physics
  - The general theoretical framework
  - Symmetries

# One page summary of the world

Gauge group

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

Particle content

MATTER				HIGGS		GAUGE	
$Q = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/3}$	$L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-1}$	$H = \begin{pmatrix} h^+ \\ h^0 \end{pmatrix}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_1$	$B$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0$
$u_R^c$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{-4/3}$	$e_R^c$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_2$			$W$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})_0$
$d_R^c$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{2/3}$	$\nu_R^c$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0$			$G$	$(\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1})_0$

Lagrangian

(Lorentz + gauge + renormalizable)

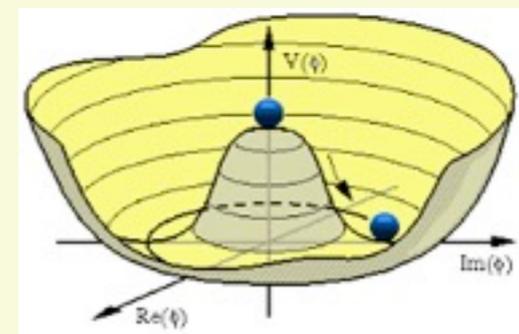
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^\alpha G^{\alpha\mu\nu} + \dots \bar{Q}_k \not{D} Q_k + \dots (D_\mu H)^\dagger (D^\mu H) - \mu^2 H^\dagger H - \frac{\lambda}{4!} (H^\dagger H)^2 + \dots Y_{kl} \bar{Q}_k H (u_R)_l$$

- $H \rightarrow H' + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$

- $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_Q$

- $B, W^3 \rightarrow \gamma, Z^0$  and  $W_\mu^1, W_\mu^2 \rightarrow W^+, W^-$

- Fermions acquire mass through Yukawa couplings to Higgs



SSB

# Units and Scales

(Essential for the big picture/orders of magnitude estimates)

# Units

- Use **natural units**:

$$c = 1 \text{ (SR)}, \hbar = 1 \text{ (QM)}, \epsilon_0 = 1 \text{ (vacuum permittivity)}$$

- $c = 1 = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s} \Rightarrow 1 \text{ s} = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m}$   
[time] = [length] ; [velocity] = pure number
- $E = m \gamma c^2 = m \gamma$  (Note:  $m$  is always the rest mass;  $\gamma^{-2} = 1 - v^2/c^2$ )  
[energy] = [mass] = [momentum]
- $\hbar = 1 = 1 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s} \Rightarrow 1 \text{ s} = 10^{34} \text{ J}^{-1} = 0.15 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ MeV}$   
[time] = [length] = [energy]<sup>-1</sup>

# Scales

see PDG booklet

- Planck mass:  $\sqrt{(\hbar c/G_N)} = \sqrt{(1/G_N)} \sim 1.2 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$
- mass of a proton/neutron:  $m_p \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$
- proton/neutron radius:  $r_p \sim 1 \text{ fm} = 10^{-15} \text{ m} = 1 \text{ fermi}$   
 $\hbar c \sim 200 \text{ MeV fm} = 1 \Rightarrow 1 \text{ fermi} \sim (200 \text{ MeV})^{-1}$
- mass of an electron:  $m_e \sim 0.5 \text{ MeV}$

# Scales

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- Fine structure constant:

$$\alpha = e^2/(4\pi \epsilon_0 \hbar c) = e^2/(4\pi) = 1/137 \Rightarrow e = 0.3$$

- Rydberg energy:  $E_R = 1/2 m_e c^2 \alpha^2 = 1/2 m_e \alpha^2 = 13.6 \text{ eV}$

- Bohr radius:  $a_B = \hbar/(m_e c \alpha) = 1/(m_e \alpha) \sim 0.5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

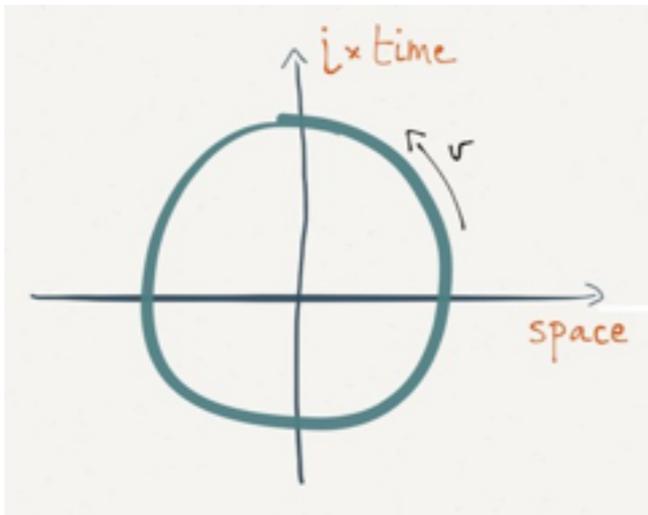
# Theorist's prejudice

- Everything that is not forbidden is realized!
  - Not forbidden (by symmetries) but not observed = problem!
- The only 'allowed' numbers are 0, 1, infinity (this is nonsense, of course!)
  - 0: forbidden because of symmetry
  - 1: natural number
  - infinity: to be redefined
  - small but non-zero couplings = problem ('unnatural')
  - large finite couplings ( $\gg 1$ ) = non-perturbative

# The general theoretical framework

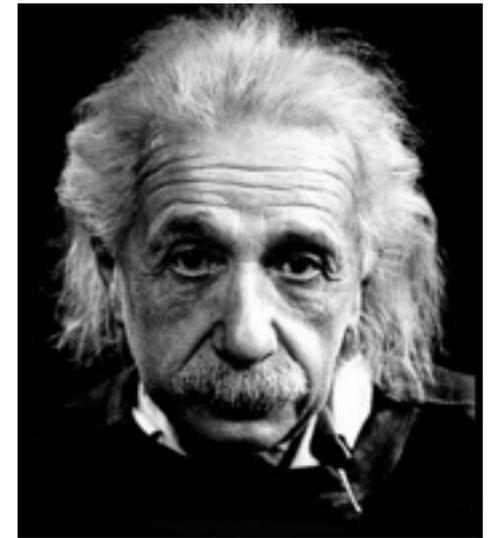
# Special relativity (SR)

- All inertial observers see the same physics:
- same light speed  $c$
- Lorentz symmetries = Space-time “rotations”



$$x^\mu = (t, \vec{x})$$
$$x^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu = x^\mu x_\mu = \text{invariant}$$
$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$$

- Energy-momentum relation:  $\mathbf{p} = (E, \mathbf{p})$ ,  $p^2 = m^2 = E^2 - \mathbf{p}^2$



# Special relativity (SR)

- Lorentz group  $O(1,3) = \{\Lambda \mid \Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta\}$
- Proper Lorentz group  $SO(1,3) = \{\Lambda \mid \Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta, \det \Lambda = 1\}$
- Proper orthochronous Lorentz group  $SO_+(1,3): \Lambda_{00} \geq 1$   
Called the Lorentz group in the following
- Poincaré group = Inhomogeneous Lorentz group =  $ISO_+(1,3)$   
 $SO_+(1,3)$  and space-time Translations

# Quantum Mechanics (QM)

- Determinism is not fundamental:  $\Delta x^\mu \times \Delta p_\nu \geq (\hbar/2)\delta_\nu^\mu$
- Nature is random  $\rightarrow$  probability rules
- The vacuum is not void, it fluctuates!
- Classical physics emerges from constructive interference of probability amplitudes:

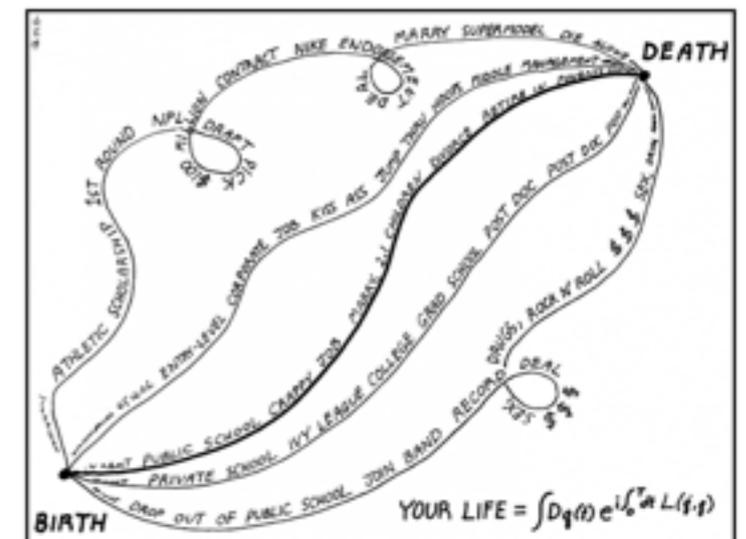


## Feynman's path integral:



$$A = \int [dq] \exp(iS[q(t), \dot{q}(t)])$$

**a rational for the least action principle**



The Path Integral Formulation of Your Life

# Quantum Field Theory (QFT)

- The general theoretical framework in particle physics is **Quantum Field Theory**

- **Weinberg I:**

*QFT is the only way to reconcile quantum mechanics with special relativity*

**“QFT = QM + SR”**

# Quantum Field Theory (QFT)

- **QM**: It's the same quantum mechanics as we know it!
- **SR**:
  - Relativistic wave equations are not sufficient!  
We need to change **number** and **types** of particles in particle reactions
  - Need **fields** and **quantize** them (“quantum fields”)

**Particles = Excitations (quanta) of fields**

# Symmetries I

(Lie groups, Lie algebras)

# Symmetries are described by Groups

A group  $(G, \odot)$  is a set of elements  $G$  together with an operation  $\odot : G \times G \rightarrow G$  which satisfies the following axioms:

- Associativity:  $\forall a, b, c \in G : (a \odot b) \odot c = a \odot (b \odot c)$
- Neutral element:  $\exists e \in G : \forall a \in G : e \odot a = a \odot e = a$
- Inverse element:  $\forall a \in G : \exists a^{-1} \in G : a^{-1} \odot a = a \odot a^{-1} = e$

The group is called commutative or Abelian if also the following axiom is satisfied:

- Commutativity:  $\forall a, b \in G : a \odot b = b \odot a$

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Example:

Rotation  $R(\phi) \in \text{SO}(3)$  by an angle  $\phi$  around the  $z$ -axis:

$$R(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Generators of a Lie group

Be  $D(\vec{\alpha})$  an element of a  $n$ -dimensional Lie-group  $G$ ,  $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ .

We can do a Taylor expansion around  $\vec{\alpha} = \vec{0}$  with  $D(\vec{0}) = e$ :

$$\begin{aligned} D(\vec{\alpha}) &= D(\vec{0}) + \sum_a \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_a} D(\vec{\alpha})|_{\vec{\alpha}=\vec{0}} \alpha_a + \dots \\ &= e + i \sum_a \alpha_a T^a + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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The  $T^a$  ( $a = 1, \dots, n$ ) are the generators of the Lie group:

$$T^a := -i \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_a} D(\vec{\alpha}) \right]_{|\vec{\alpha}=0}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} D(\vec{\alpha}) &= D(\vec{0}) + \sum_a \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_a} D(\vec{\alpha})|_{\vec{\alpha}=0} \alpha_a + \dots \\ &= e + i \sum_a \alpha_a T^a + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The  $T^a$  ( $a = 1, \dots, n$ ) are the generators of the Lie group:

$$T^a := -i \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_a} D(\vec{\alpha}) \right]_{|\vec{\alpha}=0}$$

The group element for general  $\vec{\alpha}$  can be recovered by exponentiation:

$$D(\vec{\alpha}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( e + \sum_a \frac{i \alpha_a T^a}{k} \right)^k = e^{i \sum_a \alpha_a T^a}$$

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# Rank

- Rank = Number of simultaneously diagonalizable generators
- Rank = Number of good quantum numbers
- Rank = Dimension of the Cartan subalgebra

# Symmetries II

## (Representations)

# Representations of a group

- Def.: A linear representation of a group  $G$  on a vector space  $V$  is a group homomorphism  $D:G \rightarrow GL(V)$ .
- Remarks:
  - $g \mapsto D(g)$ , where  $D(g)$  is a linear operator acting on  $V$
  - The operators  $D(g)$  preserve the group structure:  
 $D(g_1 g_2) = D(g_1) D(g_2)$ ,  $D(e) = \text{identity operator}$
  - $V$  is called the base space,  $\dim V = \text{dimension of the representation}$

# Representations of a group

- A representation  $(D, V)$  is reducible if a non-trivial subspace  $U \subset V$  exists which is **invariant** with respect to  $D$ :

$$\forall g \in G: \forall u \in U: D(g)u \in U$$

- A representation  $(D, V)$  is irreducible if it is not reducible
- A representation  $(D, V)$  is completely reducible if all  $D(g)$  can be written in block diagonal form (with suitable base choice)

# Representations of a Lie algebra

- Def.: A linear representation of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  on a vector space  $V$  is a group homomorphism  $D:\mathfrak{A}\rightarrow\text{End}(V)$ .
- Remarks:
  - $\mathfrak{t} \mapsto T=D(\mathfrak{t})$ , where  $T$  is a linear operator acting on  $V$
  - The operators  $D(\mathfrak{t})$  preserve the algebra structure:  
 $[\mathfrak{t}^a, \mathfrak{t}^b] = i f^{ab}_c \mathfrak{t}^c \rightarrow [T^a, T^b] = i f^{ab}_c T^c$
  - A representation for the Lie algebra induces a representation for the Lie group

# Tensor product

Composite systems are described mathematically by the **tensor product of representations**

- Tensor products of irreps are in general reducible!
- They are a direct sum of irreps: **Clebsch-Gordan** decomposition
- Examples:
  - System of two spin-1/2 electrons
  - Mesons: quark-anti-quark systems, Baryons: systems of three quarks

# Symmetries III

## (Space-time symmetries)

# Space-time symmetry

- The minimal symmetry of a (relativistic) QFT is the **Poincaré symmetry**
- **Observables** should not change under Poincaré transformations of
  - Space-time coordinates  $x = (t, \mathbf{x})$
  - Fields  $\phi(x)$
  - States of the Hilbert space  $|\mathbf{p}, \dots\rangle$
- Need to know how the group elements are **represented** as operators acting on these objects (space-time, fields, states)
- At the classical level **Poincaré invariant Lagrangians** is all we need

# Poincaré algebra I

- Poincaré group = Lorentz group  $SO_+(1,3)$  + Translations
- Lorentz group has 6 generators:  $J_{\mu\nu} = -J_{\nu\mu}$

Lorentz algebra:  $[J_{\mu\nu}, J_{\rho\sigma}] = -i (\eta_{\mu\rho} J_{\nu\sigma} - \eta_{\mu\sigma} J_{\nu\rho} - [\mu \leftrightarrow \nu])$

- Poincaré group has  $10=6+4$  generators:  $J_{\mu\nu}, P_\mu$

Poincaré algebra:

$[P_\mu, P_\nu] = 0, [J_{\mu\nu}, P_\lambda] = i(\eta_{\nu\lambda} P_\mu - \eta_{\mu\lambda} P_\nu)$ , Lorentz algebra

# Poincaré algebra II

- Poincaré group has 10=6+4 generators:  $J_{\mu\nu}, P_{\mu}$
- 3 Rotations  $\rightarrow$  angular momentum  $J_i = 1/2 \epsilon_{ijk} J_{jk}$   
 $[J_i, J_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} J_k$
- 3 Boosts  $\rightarrow K_i = J_{0i}$   
 $[K_i, K_j] = -i \epsilon_{ijk} J_k$ ;  $[J_i, K_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} K_k$
- 4 Translations  $\rightarrow$  energy/momentum  $P_{\mu}$   
 $[J_i, P_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} P_k$ ,  $[K_i, P_j] = -i \delta_{ij} P_0$ ,  $[P_0, J_i] = 0$ ,  $[P_0, K_i] = i P_i$

# Tensor representations of $so(1,3)$ (integer spin)

- All physical quantities can be classified according to their transformation properties under the Lorentz group
- Representations characterized by two invariants:  
**mass, spin** (Casimir operators  $P^2, W^2$ )
- Physical particles are irreps of the Poincaré group:

$$\underset{s=0}{\phi} = \text{scalar}, \quad \underset{s=1}{V_\mu} = \text{vector}, \quad \underset{s=2}{T_{\mu\nu}} = \text{tensor}, \dots$$

# Spinor representations of $so(1,3)$ (half integer spin)

- $so(1,3) \sim sl(2, \mathbf{C}) \sim su(2)_L \times su(2)_R$

$$J_m^+ := J_m + i K_m, J_m^- := J_m - i K_m: [J_m^+, J_n^-] = 0, [J_i^+, J_j^+] = i \epsilon_{ijk} J_k^+, [J_i^-, J_j^-] = i \epsilon_{ijk} J_k^-$$

- $su(2)_{L,R}$  labelled by  $j_{L,R} = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, \dots$ 
  - $(j_L, j_R) = (0,0)$  scalar
  - $(1/2,0)$  left-handed Weyl spinor;  $(0,1/2)$  right-handed Weyl spinor
  - $(1/2,1/2)$  vector
- Dirac spinor =  $(1/2,0) + (0,1/2)$  is reducible (not fundamental)  
Note:  $(1/2,0)$  and  $(0,1/2)$  can have different interactions
- Majorana spinor =  $(1/2,0) + (0,1/2)^c$  for neutral fermions only

# Representation of $so(1,3)$ on fields

- A field  $\phi(x)$  is a function of the coordinates
- Lorentz transformation:  $x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow \phi'$
- Scalar field:  $\phi'(x') = \phi(x)$

At the same time  $\phi'(x') = \exp(i/2 \omega_{\mu\nu} J^{\mu\nu}) \phi(x)$

Comparison allows to find a concrete expression for  $J^{\mu\nu}$ :

$J^{\mu\nu} = L^{\mu\nu} + S^{\mu\nu}$  with  $S^{\mu\nu}=0$ ,  $L^{\mu\nu} = x^\mu P^\nu - x^\nu P^\mu$  where  $P^\mu = i \partial^\mu$

- Similar procedure for Weyl, Dirac, Vector fields, ...  
and for the full Poincaré group

# Symmetries IV

## (Unitary symmetries)

# Internal symmetries

- Coleman-Mandula theorem:

The most general symmetry of a relativistic QFT:

Space-time symmetry  $\times$  Internal symmetry (**direct product**)

- Algebra: **direct sum** space-time generators and internal symmetry generators
  - 3 rotations
  - 3 boosts
  - 4 translations
  - generators  $T^a$  of internal symmetry

# SU(n)

- Group:  $SU(n) = \{U \in M_n(\mathbf{C}) \mid U^\dagger U = \mathbf{I}_n, \det U = 1\}$
- Algebra:  $su(n) = \{t \in M_n(\mathbf{C}) \mid \text{tr}(t) = 0, t^\dagger = -t\}$
- $\dim SU(n) = \dim su(n) = n^2 - 1$
- $\text{rank } su(n) = n - 1$
- Important representations  $(D, V)$ :
  - The fundamental representation:  $\mathbf{n}$  ( $V$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space)
  - The anti-fundamental representation:  $\mathbf{n}^*$
  - The adjoint representation:  $V = su(n)$ , dimension of adjoint representation =  $n^2 - 1$

# SU(2)

- $\dim SU(2) = \dim su(2) = 2^2 - 1 = 3$
- $\text{rank } su(2) = 2 - 1 = 1$
- Algebra:  $[t_k, t_l] = i \epsilon_{klm} t_m$
- The fundamental representation: **2**  
 $T_i = 1/2 \sigma_i$  ( $i=1,2,3$ ),  $\sigma_i$  Pauli matrices
- irreps: Basis states  $|j, j_z\rangle$ ,  $j=0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, \dots$ ;  $j_z = -j, -j+1, \dots, j-1, j$

# SU(3)

- $\dim SU(3) = \dim su(3) = 3^2 - 1 = 8$
- $\text{rank } su(3) = 3 - 1 = 2$
- Algebra:  $[t_a, t_b] = i f_{abc} t_c$
- The fundamental representation: **3**  
 $T_i = 1/2 \lambda_i$  ( $i=1,2,3$ ),  $\lambda_i$  Gell-Mann matrices
- The structure constants can be calculated using the generators in the fundamental irrep:  $f_{abc} = -2i \text{Tr}([T_a, T_b] T_c)$
- irreps: labeled by 2 integer numbers (rank = 2)

# Glossary of Group Theory: I. Basics

- Group
  - discrete, continuous, Abelian, non-Abelian
  - subgroup = subset which is a group
  - invariant subgroup = normal subgroup
  - simple group = has no *proper* invariant subgroups
- Lie group: continuous group which depends differentiably on its parameters
  - dimension = number of essential parameters
- Lie algebra
  - generators = basis of the Lie algebra; elements of the tangent space  $T_e G$
  - dimension = number of linearly independent generators
  - structure constants = specify the algebra (basis dependent)
  - subalgebra = subset which is an algebra
  - ideal = invariant subalgebra
  - simple algebra = has no *proper* ideals (smallest building block; irreducible)
  - semi-simple algebra = direct sum of simple algebras

# Glossary of Group Theory: II. Representations

- Representations
  - of groups
  - of algebras
  - equivalent, unitary, reducible, entirely reducible
  - irreducible representations (irreps)
  - fundamental representation
  - adjoint representation
- Direct sum of two representations
- Tensor product of two representations
  - Clebsch-Gordan decomposition
  - Clebsch-Gordan coefficients
- Quadratic Casimir operator
- Dynkin index

# Glossary of Group Theory: III. Cartan-Weyl

- Cartan-Weyl analysis of simple Lie algebras:  $G = H \oplus E$ 
  - $H$  = Cartan subalgebra = maximal Abelian subalgebra of  $G$
  - $\text{rank } G$  = dimension of Cartan subalgebra = number of simultaneously diagonalisable operators
  - $E$  = space of ladder operators
  - Root vector (labels the ladder operators)
    - positive roots = if first non-zero component positive (basis dependent)
    - simple roots = positive root which is *not* a linear combination of other positive roots with positive coefficients
  - Weight vector (quantum numbers of the physical states)
    - highest weight

# Glossary of Group Theory: IV. Dynkin

- Dynkin diagrams
  - complete classification of all simple Lie algebras by Dynkin
  - Dynkin diagrams  $\leftrightarrow$  simple roots  $\rightarrow$  roots  $\rightarrow$  ladder operators
  - Dynkin diagrams  $\leftrightarrow$  simple roots  $\rightarrow$  roots  $\rightarrow$  geometrical interpretation of commutation relations
- Cartan matrix
  - Simple Lie algebra  $\leftrightarrow$  root system  $\leftrightarrow$  simple roots  $\leftrightarrow$  Dynkin diagrams  $\leftrightarrow$  Cartan matrix
- Dynkin labels (of a weight vector)
- Dynkin diagrams + Dynkin labels  $\Rightarrow$  recover whole algebra structure
  - analysis of any irrep of any simple Lie algebra (non-trivial in other notations)
  - tensor products
  - subgroup structure, branching rules