

**The Standard Model
of the Electroweak
and Strong Interactions**

The Basics of its Construction

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Reference Material

- **Many Textbooks**

From the basics to the advanced

- **Available from** [arXiv.org](https://arxiv.org): many Schools and Conferences
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Outline

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The Gauge Symmetry Principle

Symmetry + Locality \longrightarrow Interactions

U(1) Abelian gauge invariance (and QED)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} = \bar{\psi} i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - m \bar{\psi} \psi$$

Global symmetry:

$$\psi'(x) = e^{i\alpha} \psi(x), \quad \bar{\psi}'(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) e^{-i\alpha}$$

Conserved current:

$$J_\mu(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_\mu \psi(x), \quad \partial^\mu J_\mu(x) = 0$$

Local gauge transformation: $\alpha = \alpha(x)$

Infinitesimal transformation:

$$\delta\psi(x) = i\alpha(x)\psi(x), \quad \delta\bar{\psi}(x) = -i\alpha(x)\bar{\psi}(x)$$

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac}} = -\partial_\mu\alpha J^\mu, \quad \delta J_\mu = 0$$

$$\implies \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -eA_\mu J^\mu, \quad \delta A_\mu = -\frac{1}{e}\partial_\mu\alpha$$

A_μ : vector (gauge) field; field strength: $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$,

$$\delta F_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Gauge invariant Lagrangian density (QED)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \bar{\psi} i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi - eA_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

Massless gauge boson: mass protected by gauge invariance

$\frac{1}{2}M^2 A_\mu A^\mu$: forbidden by gauge invariance

The secret of gauge invariance: The covariant derivative

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \bar{\psi} i \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + ie A_\mu) \psi - m \bar{\psi} \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

Covariant derivative: $\partial_\mu \longrightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ie A_\mu$

Finite gauge transformations:

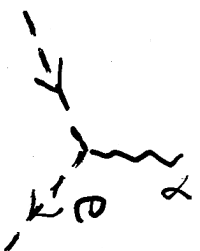
$$\begin{aligned} \psi'(x) &= e^{i\alpha(x)} \psi(x), \quad \bar{\psi}'(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) e^{-i\alpha(x)}, \\ A'_\mu(x) &= A_\mu(x) - \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \alpha(x), \quad F'_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$D'_\mu \psi' = \left(\partial_\mu + ie \left(A_\mu - \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \alpha \right) \right) e^{i\alpha} \psi = e^{i\alpha} D_\mu \psi$$

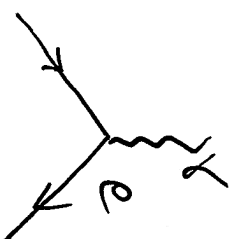
Scalar quantum electrodynamics

$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial_\mu + ieA_\mu)\phi|^2 - m^2 |\phi|^2 - V(|\phi|) - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

Gauge vertices



$$-ie A_\mu \phi^* \partial_\mu \phi + h.c. = -e A_\mu J^\mu \quad e^2 A_\mu A^\mu \phi^* \phi$$



$$-e A_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$$

QED:

Non Abelian gauge invariance

Global internal symmetry: compact simple Lie group G

Representation: **generators** T^a ($a = 1, 2, \dots, \dim G$)

$$(T^a)^\dagger = T^a, \quad [T^a, T^b] = if^{abc}T^c$$

Matter field content: $\phi(x)$

$$\phi'(x) = U(\theta)\phi(x), \quad U(\theta) = e^{i\theta^a T^a}$$

Symmetric dynamics: $\mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu\phi)$

a) Covariant derivative

$$U(\theta^a(x)) = e^{i\theta^a(x)T^a}$$

$$\phi' = U\phi, \quad D'_\mu \phi' = U(D_\mu \phi)$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig A_\mu^a T^a$$

$$A'^a_\mu T^a = U \left(A_\mu^a T^a \right) U^{-1} + \frac{i}{g} \partial_\mu U U^{-1}$$

Infinitesimal transformations:

$$A'^a_\mu = A_\mu^a - \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \theta^a - f^{abc} \theta^b A_\mu^c$$

Adjoint representation: $(T^a)^{bc} = -i f^{abc}$

b) Gauge field strength

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] = ig F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + ig [A_\mu, A_\nu] = F_{\mu\nu}^a T^a$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

Gauge transformations:

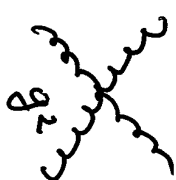
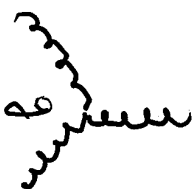
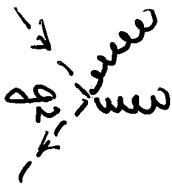
$$F'_{\mu\nu} = U F_{\mu\nu} U^{-1}$$

(Adjoint representation)

c) Gauge invariant dynamics: **Yang-Mills theory**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = \mathcal{L}(\phi, D_\mu \phi) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}$$

$$D_\mu \phi = (\partial_\mu + ig A_\mu^a T^a) \phi \quad ; \quad -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c)^2$$



Non Abelian character

Unification of interactions: A single coupling constant g

Massless gauge bosons:

$\frac{1}{2} A_\mu^a M_{ab}^2 A^{b\mu}$: forbidden by gauge invariance

Symmetry Breaking

Spontaneous symmetry breaking: Goldstone's theorem

$$\text{Global symmetry: } [T^a, H] = 0$$

a) Wigner mode: manifest realisation of the symmetry

$$\text{Invariant vacuum: } T^a|0\rangle = 0, U(\theta)|0\rangle = |0\rangle$$

Spectrum: **Multiplets of the symmetry:** $H|E\rangle = E|E\rangle$

$$H T^a |E\rangle = E T^a |E\rangle, \quad H U(\theta) |E\rangle = E U(\theta) |E\rangle$$

b) Goldstone mode: spontaneous symmetry breaking

(perturbative, non perturbative mechanisms)

Non invariant vacuum: infinite degenerate

Massless Goldstone modes:

quantum numbers of the broken symmetry

Vacuum: $H|0\rangle = E_0|0\rangle$

$$T^a|0\rangle = |0, a\rangle \neq |0\rangle, \quad |\theta^a\rangle = U(\theta)|0\rangle, \quad H|\theta^a\rangle = E_0|\theta^a\rangle$$

Goldstone modes:

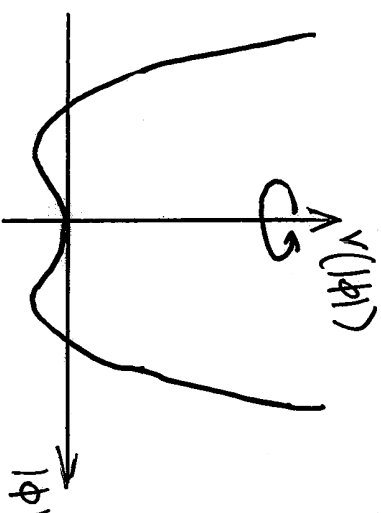
$$g^{ab} = \langle 0, a|0, b\rangle = \langle 0|T^a|0, b\rangle$$

$$P^\mu|0, a\rangle = k^\mu|0, a\rangle, \quad k^\mu = (E_0, \vec{0}) \quad (E_0 = 0, \text{ massless})$$

c) U(1) spontaneous symmetry breaking

$$\mathcal{L} = |\partial_\mu \phi|^2 - \underbrace{\mu^2 |\phi|^2 - \lambda |\phi|^4}_{-V(|\phi|)}$$

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



Classical vacuum configuration: $|\phi| = v/\sqrt{2}, v = \sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda}$

Fluctuations around the vacuum configuration:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\xi(x)/v} (\rho(x) + v)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \rho \partial^\mu \rho + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\rho}{v} \right)^2 \partial_\mu \xi \partial^\mu \xi - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 (\rho + v)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda (\rho + v)^4$$

Goldstone mode:

$$\xi(x), m_\xi^2 = 0 \quad [\text{U}(1) \text{ symmetry}]$$

Massive mode:

$$\rho(x), m^2 = -2\mu^2 > 0$$

Global symmetry:

$$\xi'(x) = \xi(x) + \alpha v, \quad \rho'(x) = \rho(x) \quad [\text{derivative couplings of } \xi]$$

Spontaneous gauge symmetry breaking

The Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism and the Higgs boson

Example: U(1) gauge symmetry

(Landau-Ginzburg model, superconductivity)

$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial_\mu + ieA_\mu)\phi|^2 - \mu^2|\phi|^2 - \lambda|\phi|^4 - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}, \quad \mu^2 < 0, \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{i\xi(x)/v}(\rho(x) + v)$$

Gauge transformations:

$$\phi'(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)}\phi(x), \quad A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) - \frac{1}{e}\partial_\mu\alpha(x)$$

Choose: $\alpha(x) = -\frac{1}{v}\xi(x)$ [Unitary gauge]

$$\bar{\phi}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\rho(x) + v), \quad \bar{A}_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{ev}\partial_\mu\xi(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_\mu \rho - ie \bar{A}_\mu (\rho + v) \right) \left(\partial^\mu \rho + ie \bar{A}^\mu (\rho + v) \right) - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 (\rho + v)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda (\rho + v)^4 - \frac{1}{4} \bar{F}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

Physical spectrum: [Unitary gauge]

Massive scalar mode:

$\rho(x)$, $m^2 = -2\mu^2$: **Higgs boson**: $h(x) = \rho(x)$

Massive gauge boson mode:

$\bar{A}_\mu(x)$, $M_A^2 = e^2 v^2$: **Without explicit gauge symmetry breaking**

No Goldstone mode:

Longitudinal component of \bar{A}_μ

Nonlinear realisation of the gauge symmetry: $\rho' = \rho$, $\bar{A}'_\mu = \bar{A}_\mu$

$$\xi'(x) = \xi(x) + v\alpha(x), \quad A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) - \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \alpha(x)$$

The Periodic Table of elementary particles

	Generations			Q
Leptons	ν_e	ν_μ	ν_τ	0
	e^-	μ^-	τ^-	-1
Quarks	u	c	t	$+2/3$
	d	s	b	$-1/3$

Fundamental interactions: carriers

Bosons: γ , W^\pm , Z_0 , 8 gluons, **Higgs** (?), (graviton ?)

The Basics of the Standard Model

Choice of gauge group, of matter field content, of Higgs sector, of the most general renormalisable Lagrangian

The gauge group: $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

$$Q = T_3 + \frac{1}{2}Y$$

$U(1)_Y$: g' , B_μ ; $B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$

$SU(2)_L$: g , W_μ^i , $i = 1, 2, 3$; $W_{\mu\nu}^i = \partial_\mu W_\nu^i - \partial_\nu W_\mu^i - g \epsilon^{ijk} W_\mu^j W_\nu^k$

Fundamental representation: $T^i = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^i$, $[T^i, T^j] = i\epsilon^{ijk}T^k$

$SU(3)_c$: g_s , G_μ^a , $a = 1, 2, \dots, 8$; $G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu G_\nu^a - \partial_\nu G_\mu^a - g_s f^{abc} G_\mu^b G_\nu^c$

Fundamental representation: $T^a = \frac{1}{2}\lambda^a$, $[T^a, T^b] = i f^{abc}T^c$

The matter fields: leptons and quarks [non Minimal SM]

			$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$
$\begin{pmatrix} \nu'_{eL} \\ e'_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu'_{\mu L} \\ \mu'_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu'_{\tau L} \\ \tau'_L \end{pmatrix}$	L'_L $(1, 2, -1)$
e'_R	μ'_R	τ'_R	E'_R $(1, 1, -2)$
$\begin{pmatrix} \nu'_{dL} \\ d'_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} c'_L \\ s'_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} t'_L \\ b'_L \end{pmatrix}$	Q'_L $(3, 2, \frac{1}{3})$
u'_R	c'_R	t'_R	U'_R $(3, 1, \frac{4}{3})$
d'_R	s'_R	b'_R	D'_R $(3, 1, -\frac{2}{3})$
ν'_{eR}	$\nu'_{\mu R}$	$\nu'_{\tau R}$	N'_R $(1, 1, 0)$

All matter fields: **massless** because of **gauge invariance**

All gauge fields: **massless** because of **gauge invariance**

The Higgs sector: Minimal content: a single $SU(2)_L$ doublet

Yukawa coupling: $\lambda \overline{\psi}_L \phi \psi_R \rightarrow \lambda \overline{\psi}_L \langle \phi \rangle \psi_R$

$$Q = T_3 + \frac{1}{2}Y$$

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_+ \\ \phi_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1, 2, 1)$$

$$\tilde{\phi} = i\sigma_2 \phi^* = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0^* \\ \phi_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_0^* \\ -\phi_+^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1, 2, -1)$$

The Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{fermions}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} = -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu a} - \frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = |(\partial_\mu + igW_\mu^i \frac{\sigma^i}{2} + ig'B_\mu \frac{1}{2})\phi|^2 - \mu^2 |\phi|^2 - \lambda |\phi|^4, \quad \mu^2 < 0, \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{fermions}} = & \overline{L'_L} i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + igW_\mu^i \frac{\sigma^i}{2} + ig'B_\mu \frac{-1}{2}) L'_L + \\ & + \overline{E'_R} i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + ig'B_\mu \frac{-2}{2}) E'_R + \\ & + \overline{Q'_L} i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + ig_s G_\mu^a \frac{\lambda^a}{2} + igW_\mu^i \frac{\sigma^i}{2} + ig'B_\mu \frac{1}{6}) Q'_L + \\ & + \overline{U'_R} i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + ig_s G_\mu^a \frac{\lambda^a}{2} + ig'B_\mu \frac{2}{3}) U'_R + \\ & + \overline{D'_R} i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + ig_s G_\mu^a \frac{\lambda^a}{2} + ig'B_\mu \frac{-1}{3}) D'_R + \\ & + \overline{N'_R} i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu) N'_R \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = & -\overline{L'_L} \lambda_\ell \phi E'_R - \overline{Q'_L} \lambda_d \phi D'_R - \overline{Q'_L} \lambda_u \tilde{\phi} U'_R - \overline{L'_L} \lambda_\nu \tilde{\phi} N'_R - \\ & -\overline{E'_R} \lambda'_\ell \phi^\dagger L'_L - \overline{D'_R} \lambda'_d \phi^\dagger Q'_L - \overline{U'_R} \lambda'_u \tilde{\phi}^\dagger Q'_L - \overline{N'_R} \lambda'_\nu \tilde{\phi}^\dagger L'_L \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda_\ell, \lambda_d, \lambda_u, \lambda_\nu$: inter-generational (Yukawa) coupling matrices

The Higgs and gauge sectors

Spontaneous gauge symmetry breaking

$$V(|\phi|) = -\mu^2|\phi|^2 - \lambda|\phi|^4, \quad \mu^2 < 0, \quad \lambda > 0$$

Vacuum configuration:

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}, \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^2}{\lambda}}$$

Physical content:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{+1}(x) + i\phi_{+2}(x) \\ h(x) + v + i\varphi_0(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

i) $\phi_{+1}(x)$, $\phi_{+2}(x)$, $\varphi_0(x)$: longitudinal components of the massive gauge bosons (would-be Goldstone bosons)

ii) $h(x)$: **Higgs boson, massive neutral scalar particle**

$$m_h^2 = -2\mu^2 = 2\lambda v^2$$

$$v \simeq 247 \text{ GeV},$$

$$m_h \simeq 125 \text{ GeV}$$

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The gauge boson sector: Mass terms follow from $|D_\mu\langle\phi\rangle|^2$

EW gauge symmetry breaking: $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_Q$

$$D_\mu\langle\phi\rangle = \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}g\nu W_\mu^+ \\ -(gW_\mu^3 - g'B_\mu)\nu \end{pmatrix}, \quad W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^1 \mp iW_\mu^2)$$

a) Charged gauge bosons: W^\pm

$$M_W = \frac{1}{2}g\nu$$

b) Neutral gauge bosons: γ, Z_0

$$A_\mu = \cos\theta_W B_\mu + \sin\theta_W W_\mu^3, \quad Z_\mu = -\sin\theta_W B_\mu + \cos\theta_W W_\mu^3$$

$$\sin\theta_W = \frac{g'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}}, \quad \cos\theta_W = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}}, \quad \tan\theta_W = \frac{g'}{g}$$

$$M_A = 0, \quad M_Z = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g\nu}{\cos\theta_W} = \frac{M_W}{\cos\theta_W}$$

The fermionic sector

Fermion mass eigenstates: Mass terms follow from $\bar{\psi} \lambda \langle \phi \rangle \psi$

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \tilde{\phi} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{E'_L} \lambda_\ell E'_R - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{D'_L} \lambda_d D'_R - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{U'_L} \lambda_u U'_R + h.c.$$

a) Bi-unitary transformations: Diagonalisation

$$D = U M V^\dagger, \quad U^\dagger = U^{-1}, \quad V^\dagger = V^{-1}$$

$$D_1 = U (M M^\dagger) U^\dagger, \quad D_2 = V (M^\dagger M) V^\dagger$$

$$D_1 = D D^\dagger, \quad D_2 = D^\dagger D$$

b) Diagonalisation of the Yukawa coupling matrices

$$\lambda_\ell^{(d)} = U_L^{(\ell)\dagger} \lambda_\ell V_R^{(\ell)}, \quad \lambda_d^{(d)} = U_L^{(d)\dagger} \lambda_d V_R^{(d)}, \quad \lambda_u^{(d)} = U_L^{(u)\dagger} \lambda_u V_R^{(u)}$$

c) Fermion mass eigenstates

$$L_L = \begin{pmatrix} U_X^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & U_\ell^\dagger \end{pmatrix} L'_L, \quad E_R = V_R^{(\ell)} E'_R$$

$$Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} U_L^{(u)\dagger} & 0 \\ 0 & U_L^{(d)\dagger} \end{pmatrix} Q'_L, \quad U_R = V_R^{(u)} U'_R, \quad D_R = V_R^{(d)} D'_R$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{E} \lambda_\ell^{(d)} E - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{U} \lambda_u^{(d)} U - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{D} \lambda_d^{(d)} D$$

$m_{\text{fermion}} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (\text{Yukawa coupling})$

[Mass hierarchy problem]

Remark: $\psi' = \gamma_5 \psi$, $\bar{\psi}' \psi' = -\bar{\psi} \psi$

Charged current interactions: [Fermionic matter fields]

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}g\bar{E}\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma_5)W_\mu^- \left(U_L^{(\ell)\dagger} U_X \right) N - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}g\bar{D}\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma_5)W_\mu^- \left(U_L^{(d)\dagger} U_L^{(u)} \right) U + h.c.$$

Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa:

$$U_{CKM} = U_L^{(d)\dagger} U_L^{(u)}, \quad U_{CKM}^\dagger = U_{CKM}^{-1}$$

$$U_X = U_L^{(\ell)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC}^{\text{quarks}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}gW_\mu^- \bar{D}\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma_5)U_{CKM}U + h.c.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC}^{\text{leptons}} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}gW_\mu^- \bar{E}\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma_5)N + h.c.$$

[Accidental global leptonic symmetries: L_e, L_μ, L_τ conserved]

Neutral and electromagnetic current interactions: [Fermionic fields]

Electromagnetic interactions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{em} = -e A_\mu \bar{F} \gamma^\mu Q F$$

$$e = g \sin \theta_W = g' \cos \theta_W = \frac{gg'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}}$$

Neutral current interactions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{nc} = -\frac{g}{2 \cos \theta_W} Z_\mu \bar{F} \gamma^\mu (g_V - g_A \gamma_5) F$$

$$g_V = T_3 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_W Q, \quad g_A = T_3$$

The Strong interaction sector: Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

The QCD Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_f i \bar{q}_f \gamma^\mu \left(\partial_\mu + i g_s G_\mu^a T^a \right) q_f - \sum_f m_f \bar{q}_f q_f - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

(Approximate global) **Flavour symmetries:**

[Explicit breaking controlled by mass terms, possessing themselves flavour symmetries:
effective chiral Lagrangians]

a) N_f equal mass quarks

$SU(N_f)_V \times U(1)_B$ vector flavour symmetry:

$$J_{V,\mu}^\alpha = \bar{q} \gamma_\mu T^\alpha q, \quad J_{B,\mu} = \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$$

$N_f = 2$: $SU(2)_I$ of isospin

$N_f = 3$: $SU(3)_f$ of flavour (eightfold way, quark model)

b) N_f massless quarks

Chiral symmetries: $SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \times U(1)_B$

$$q_{L/R} = \frac{1 \mp \gamma_5}{2} q, \quad J_{L/R, \mu}^\alpha = \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \frac{1 \mp \gamma_5}{2} T^\alpha q$$

$$J_{V/A, \mu}^\alpha = J_{L, \mu}^\alpha \pm J_{R, \mu}^\alpha, \quad J_{A, \mu} = \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q$$

Axial symmetry $U(1)_A$:

explicit breaking by nonperturbative QCD dynamics

($SU(3)_c$ instantons)

Chiral symmetries $SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R$:

spontaneous breaking by nonperturbative QCD dynamics

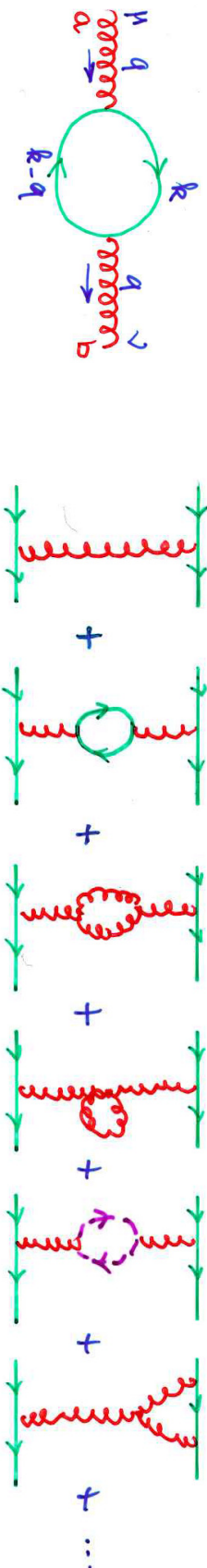
$$\langle \bar{u}u \rangle \neq 0, \quad \langle \bar{d}d \rangle \neq 0, \quad \langle \bar{s}s \rangle \neq 0$$

(pseudo)Goldstone bosons: pseudoscalars (π 's, K 's, η):

$$J_{A, \mu}^\alpha = \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \frac{\lambda^a}{2} q$$

Quantum corrections, renormalisation, asymptotic freedom

Application of perturbation theory at the level of quarks and gluons



Renormalisation point, running coupling constant:

$$\alpha_s(\mu^2) = \frac{g_s^2(\mu^2)}{4\pi}, \quad \alpha_s(Q^2)$$

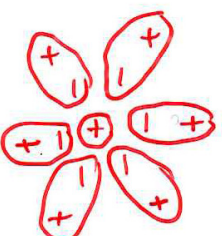
The β -function: scale dependence of $\alpha_s(Q^2)$:

$$\beta(\alpha_s) = \frac{\mu}{\alpha_s(\mu^2)} \frac{d\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{d\mu}, \quad \beta(\alpha_s) = \beta_1 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) + \beta_2 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 + \dots$$

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q_0^2)}{1 - \frac{1}{2\pi}\beta_1 \alpha_s(Q_0^2) \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2}\right)}$$

Infrared freedom: $\beta_1 > 0$ [QED; Landau pole]

$$\beta_1^{\text{QED}} = \frac{2}{3}$$



Asymptotic freedom: $\beta_1 < 0$ [QCD; quarks]

[dimensional transmutation]

$$\beta_1 = \frac{2N_f - 11N_c}{6} = \frac{2N_f - 33}{6}, \quad N_f \leq 16$$

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{2\pi}{-\beta_1 \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)}, \quad -\frac{\beta_1}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{Q_0^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha_s(Q_0^2)}$$

The parton model of deep inelastic scattering

Parton distribution or structure functions
of quarks and gluons

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The $SU(3)$ Lie algebra: The fundamental representation

$$[T^a, T^b] = if^{abc}T^c, \quad T^a = \frac{1}{2}\lambda^a, \quad a = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8$$

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

$$\lambda^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda^6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda^7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda^8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}f^{123} = f^{147} = -f^{156} = f^{246} = f^{257} = f^{345} =$$

$$= -f^{367} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}f^{458} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}f^{678} = \frac{1}{2}$$