

Grand Unified Theory

SU(5) Model

(Georgi & Glashow
1974)

1. local gauge interaction

$$SU(5) \supset SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

contains only one gauge coupling.

Note the SM gauge interactions of quarks and

① leptons are completely fixed by their gauge charges.

② there are $\underline{15} = \underline{10} + \underline{5}^*$ left-handed two-component fermion fields in each family. \Rightarrow SU(5) is to unify these 15 fermion fields.

$$\underline{5}^* : (d_r^c, d_b^c, d_g^c, e^-, -\nu_e)_L$$

$$\underline{10} : \left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & U_g^c & -U_b^c & U_r & d_r \\ -U_g^c & 0 & U_r^c & U_b & d_b \\ U_b^c & -U_r^c & 0 & U_g & d_g \\ \hline -U_r & -U_b & -U_g & 0 & e^+ \\ -d_r & -d_b & -d_g & -e^+ & 0 \end{array} \right)_L$$

when the charged conjugate field

$$\psi^c = c \gamma^0 \psi^* = i \gamma^2 \psi^*$$

$$(\psi_R)^c = (\psi^c)_L = \psi_L^c$$

2. In $SU(5)$, the electric charge Q for $\underline{5}$ -representation

$$Q(\psi_i) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{3} & & & & \\ & \frac{-1}{3} & & & \\ & & \frac{-1}{3} & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} Q \text{ is} \\ \text{traceless,} \\ \text{as one of} \\ \text{the 24} \\ \text{generators} \end{array} \right)$$

where

$$\underline{5} : (\psi_i)_R = (d_r, d_b, d_g, e^+, -\nu_e^c)_R$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{3 Q_d + Q_{e^+} = 0}$$

(Traceless condition)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Q_d = \frac{-1}{3}}$$

explains why
quarks carry
fractional charge.

3. $SU(5)$ has $5^2 - 1 = 24$ generators,
hence there are 24 gauge bosons.

\Rightarrow

$$24 = (\underline{8}, \underline{1}) + (\underline{1}, \underline{3}) + (\underline{1}, \underline{1}) + (\underline{3}, \underline{2}) + (\underline{3}^*, \underline{2})$$

\uparrow
8 gluons

\uparrow
 W^\pm, W^0
 \uparrow
 Z, γ

\uparrow
12 new gauge bosons,

\times \otimes Υ

The gauge boson masses are generated by Spontaneous Symmetry breaking mechanism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 SU(5) & \xrightarrow{\langle \Phi \rangle} & SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) & \xrightarrow{\langle \phi \rangle} & SU(3) \times U(1)_{em} \\
 & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\
 & (X, Y \text{ gain mass.}) & & (W, Z \text{ gain mass}) & \\
 & \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV} & & \sim 10^2 \text{ GeV} &
 \end{array}$$

4. Gauge Coupling unification & $\sin^2 \theta_w$

At the unification scale M_X :

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_5 \sum_{a=0}^{23} A_\mu^a \frac{\lambda^a}{2}$$

Compared to

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_3 \sum_{a=1}^8 G_\mu^a \left(\frac{\lambda^a}{2} \right) + ig_2 \sum_{j=1}^3 W_\mu^j \left(\frac{\tau^j}{2} \right) + ig_1 B_\mu \left(\frac{Y}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow g_5 = g_3 = g_2 = g_1 \quad \text{with} \quad g_3 = g_3, \quad g_2 = g.$$

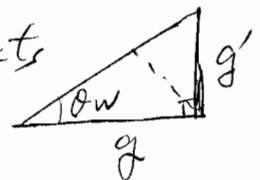
$$\text{Since } Y = -\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} \lambda^0, \quad \text{so } g_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} g.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_w = \frac{g_1^2}{g_2^2 + g_1^2} = \frac{3}{8} \quad (\text{at } M_X \text{ scale})$$

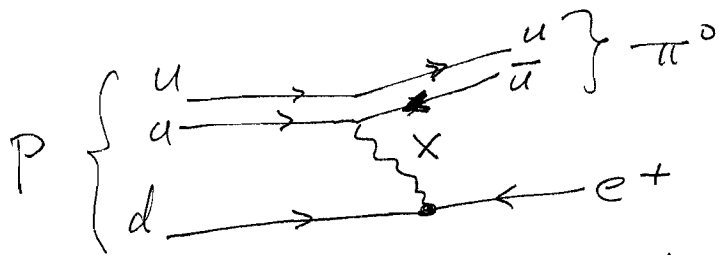
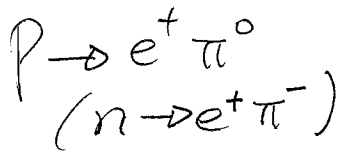
By renormalization equation, $SU(5)$ predicts

$$\sin^2 \theta_w = \frac{3}{8} - \frac{55 \alpha(\mu)}{24\pi} \ln \left(\frac{M_X}{\mu} \right)$$

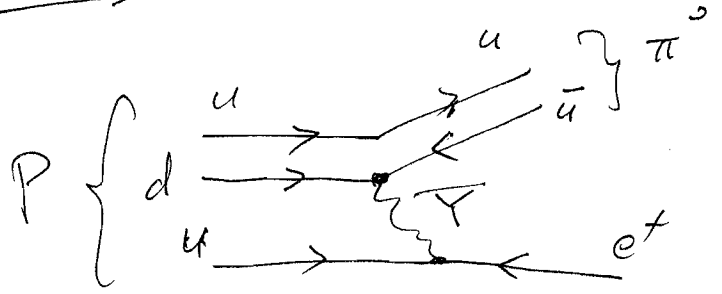
$$\approx 0.21 \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{array}{l} M_X \approx 4 \times 10^{14} \text{ GeV} \\ \mu \approx M_W = 80 \text{ GeV} \end{array}$$



5. Proton decay



1) X and Y violate Baryon number (they are "leptoquarks" or "diquarks").



2) lifetime $\tau_p \sim \frac{1}{\Gamma_p}$ with $\Gamma_p \sim \frac{\alpha_s^2 m_p^5}{M^4}$

$\Rightarrow (\tau_p \sim 10^{30} \text{ years})$ for non-susy $SU(5)$

3) $SU(5)$ model has been excluded by Super-Kamiokande

- $\tau(p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0) > 5 \times 10^{33} \text{ years}$ (79.3 ktyr exposure)
- $\tau(n \rightarrow e^+ \pi^-) > 5 \times 10^{33} \text{ yrs}$ (61 ktyr)
- $\tau(p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}) > 1.6 \times 10^{33} \text{ yrs}$ (79.3 ktyr)
- $\tau(n \rightarrow K^0 \bar{\nu}) > 1.7 \times 10^{32} \text{ yrs}$ (61 ktyr)

\Rightarrow It also rules out "minimal" susy $SU(5)$, but not susy $SO(10)$, etc.

6. Fermion masses and Yukawa Unification

1) $SU(5)$ model predicts

$$\frac{m_b(\mu)}{m_\tau(\mu)} \sim 3 \quad (\text{at } \mu \approx 10^{16} \text{ GeV}), \quad \begin{pmatrix} m_b \approx 4.5 \text{ GeV} \\ m_\tau \approx 1.7 \text{ GeV} \end{pmatrix}$$

from the $SU(5)$ GUT scale relation, $\lambda_b = \lambda_\tau$.2) In SUSY $SO(10)$, the t - b - τ Yukawa coupling unification is possible for $\tan\beta \sim (40-50)$, with

$$m_t = \lambda_t v_u$$

$$m_b = \lambda_b v_d$$

$$m_\tau = \lambda_\tau v_d,$$

$$v_u = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\beta \equiv \langle H_u^0 \rangle$$

$$v_d = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\beta \equiv \langle H_d^0 \rangle$$

$$v \approx 246 \text{ GeV}$$