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Grand unified theories in era of neutrino precision measurements and gravitational wave observations

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Framework of GUTs

Weak force

Electromagnetic force

Strong force

Gravity... not included





Road to unifications



Strong nuclear interaction (QCD)

 $SU(3)_c$

Electroweak interaction

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

Grand Unification?





What we know so far…



The Standard Model of Particle Physics

- Gauge theories in
 - $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ Strong force Weak & EM force
- Particle content
- Yukawa couplings
- Higgs mechanism

And neutrinos have masses...



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How to get a GUT?

• Unification of symmetries $G_{GUT} \supset G_{SN}$

Unification of couplings

The scale where three gauge couplings are unified, denoted as $M_{
m GUT}$ in this talk





(up to loop correction factors, and if $G_{\rm GUT}$ is a simple Lie group)



The beginning of GUTs

Pati-Salam (1973, 1974) $SU(4)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R := G_{422}$

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Unified Lepton-Hadron Symmetry and a Gauge Theory of the Basic Interactions*

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An attempt is made to unify the fundamental hadrons and leptons into a common irreducible representation F of the same symmetry group G and to generate a gauge theory of strong, electromagnetic, and weak interactions. Based on certain constraints from the hadronic side, it is proposed that the group G is $SU(4') \times SU(4'')$, which contains a Han-Nambu-type $SU(3') \times SU(3'')$ group for the hadronic symmetry, and that the representation F is $(4,4^*)$. There exist four possible choices for the lepton number L and accordingly four possible assignments of the hadrons and leptons within the $(4, 4^*)$. Two of these require

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Lepton number as the fourth "color"

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Universal strong, weak, and electromagnetic interactions of leptons and hadrons are generated by gauging a non-Abelian renormalizable anomaly-free subgroup of the fundamental symmetry structure $SU(4)_L \times SU(4)_R \times SU(4')$, which unites three quartets of "colored" baryonic quarks and the quartet of known leptons into 16-folds of chiral fermionic multiplets, with lepton number treated as the fourth "color" quantum number. Experimental consequences of this scheme are discussed. These include (1) the emergence and effects of exotic gauge mesons carrying both baryonic as well as leptonic quantum numbers, particularly in semileptonic processes, (2) the manifestation of anomalous strong interactions among leptonic and semileptonic processes at high energies, (3) the independent possibility of baryon-lepton number violation in quark and proton decays, and (4) the occurrence of (V+A) weak-current effects.





The beginning of GUTs

Georgi-Glashow (1974), SU(5) GUT

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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.

Our starting point is the assumption that weak and electromagnetic forces are mediated by the vector bosons of a gauge-invariant theory with spontaneous symmetry breaking. A model describing the interactions of leptons using the gauge group $SU(2) \otimes U(1)$ was first proposed by Glashow, and was improved by Weinberg and Salam who incorporated spontaneous symmetry breaking.¹ This scheme can also describe hadrons, and is just one example of an infinite class of models compatible with observed weak-interof 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 parity and hypercharge are conserved to order α ,⁷ and does not lead to any new anomalies, so that the theory remains renormalizable. The strongest binding forces are in color singlet states which may explain why observed hadrons lie in qqq and $q\bar{q}$ configurations.⁸ And, it gives another important bonus: Since the strong interactions are associated with a non-Abelian theory, they may be asymptotically free.⁹

Thus, we see how attractive it is for strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions to spring

And Higgses 5, 45, 24.





The beginning of GUTs

- SO(10) GUTs Fritzsch, Minkowski (1975)

Contains SU(5) and Pati-Salam, and more ...

• Not minimal but realistic SU(5)

• $SU(5) \times U(1)_{B-L} := G_{51}$ • Flipped $SU(5) \times U(1)_{\gamma} := G_{51}^{\text{flip}}$

> Rujula, Georgi, Glashow (1980); Barr, (1982); Derendinger, Kim, Nanopoulos (1984); Antoniadis, Ellis, Hagelin, Nanopoulos (1989)

16 = 5 + 10 + 1 = (4, 2, 1) + (4, 1, 2)SO(10) SU(5) $SU(4)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

e.g., with extra 15_H , 24_F

$\bar{5} + 10 + 1$, $\nu_{\rm R} \sim 1$

 $u \leftrightarrow d, \nu \leftrightarrow e$ \Rightarrow See Tianjun's talk



Upcoming large-scale neutrino experiments



JUNO, about to run very soon

Neutrino precision measurements is coming!

DUNE

supposed to run in 2030?





Hyper-K

expected to run in 2027







Undergoing and upcoming GW measurements





GUT phenos



Fermion masses and mixing

Unwanted topological defects: monopoles and domain walls In any breaking chains, inflation has to been introduced to inflate unwanted defects $G_{422} = SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ $G_{51} = SU(5) \times U(1)_X$ $G_{51}^{\text{flip}} = SU(5)_{\text{flip}} \times U(1)_{\text{flip}}$ Z_2^C : $\psi_L \leftrightarrow \psi_R^c$ $G_x = G_{421}$ or G_{3221} $G_{3221} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ $G_{421} = SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_V$ $G_{3211} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R \times U(1)_{R-L}$ $G'_{3211} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_X$

$G_{\rm SM} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

King, Pascoli, Turner, YLZ, 2005.13549

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$$G_{51} = SU(5) \times U(1)_X$$

$$G_{51}^{\text{flip}} = SU(5)_{\text{flip}} \times U(1)_{\text{flip}}$$

$$Z_2^C: \quad \psi_L \leftrightarrow \psi_R^C$$

$$G_x = G_{421} \text{ or } G_{3221}$$

$$G_{3221} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

$$G_{421} = SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

$$G_{3211} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

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Proton decay

- 0 which appear as higher dimensional operators at low energy.
- Dim-6 operators 0

Dominated by gauge mediators



Dim-5 operators

Induced by SUSY



GUTs unify baryons and leptons and naturally induce baryon-violating interactions,

$$p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$$

$$\tau_{\pi^0 e^+} \sim 10^{35} \text{ years} \times \left(\frac{M_{\text{GUT}}}{10^{16} \,\text{GeV}}\right)^4$$

$$p \to K^+ \bar{\nu}$$

 $\tau_{K^+\bar{\nu}} \propto (M_{\rm GUT} \cdot M_{\rm SUSY} \cdot Y_{\rm Yukawa})^2$



Measuring proton decay in neutrino experiments





$\simeq 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ g} \times (2+8)/18 \text{ mol/g} \times N_A \text{ /mol}$

 $\simeq 7 \times 10^{33}$ proton



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Capability of JUNO





Potential in upcoming neutrino experiments





Proton decay in SO(10) GUTs



SO(10)	$\stackrel{\rm defect}{\longrightarrow}_{\rm Higgs}$	G_2	$\stackrel{\text{defect}}{\longrightarrow}_{\text{Higgs}}$	G_1	$\stackrel{\rm defect}{\longrightarrow}_{\rm Higgs}$	$G_{ m SM}$
II1:	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}$ 210	G_{422}	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}$ 45	G_{3221}	$\xrightarrow{s}{126}$	
II2:	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m,s}}$ 54	G^C_{422}	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}$ 210	G^C_{3221}	$\xrightarrow{s,w}$	
II3:	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m,s}}54$	G^C_{422}	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m,w}}{45}$	G_{3221}	$\xrightarrow{s}{\overline{126}}$	
II4:	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m,s}}210$	G^{C}_{3221}	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{w}}{45}$	G_{3221}	$\xrightarrow[]{s}{126}$	
II5:	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}$ 210	G_{422}	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}$ 45	G_{421}	$\xrightarrow{s}{\overline{126}}$	
II6:	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m,s}}{54}$	G^C_{422}	$\xrightarrow{\text{m}}$ 45	G_{421}	$\xrightarrow{S}{126}$	
II7:	$\xrightarrow[\mathbf{m,s}]{54}$	G^C_{422}	$\xrightarrow[]{w}{210}$	G_{422}	$\xrightarrow{\text{m}}{126,45}$	
II8:	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}$ 45	G_{3221}	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}$ 45	G_{3211}	$\xrightarrow{s}{126}$	
II9:	$\xrightarrow{\text{m,s}}$	G^C_{3221}	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m,w}}$ 45	G_{3211}	$\xrightarrow{s}{126}$	
II10:	$\xrightarrow{\text{m}}$ 210	G_{422}	$\xrightarrow{\text{m}}$ 210	G_{3211}	$\xrightarrow{s}{120}$	
II11:	$\xrightarrow{\text{m,s}}$	G^C_{422}	$\xrightarrow{\text{m,w}}$	G_{3211}	$\xrightarrow{120}{\overset{\text{S}}{\xrightarrow{120}}}$	
II12:	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}{45}$	G_{421}	$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{m}}{45}$	G_{3211}	$\xrightarrow{s}{126}$	

King, Pascoli, Turner, **YLZ**, 2106.15634



Fermion masses and mixing

2		Normal Ore	lering (best fit)	Inverted Ordering $(\Delta \chi^2)$		
		bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ 1	
without SK atmospheric data	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.307\substack{+0.012\\-0.011}$	$0.275 \rightarrow 0.344$	$0.307\substack{+0.012\\-0.011}$	0.275 -	
	$\theta_{12}/^{\circ}$	$33.66\substack{+0.73\\-0.70}$	$31.60 \rightarrow 35.94$	$33.67^{+0.73}_{-0.71}$	31.61 -	
	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.572^{+0.018}_{-0.023}$	$0.407 \rightarrow 0.620$	$0.578^{+0.016}_{-0.021}$	0.412 -	
	$\theta_{23}/^{\circ}$	$49.1^{+1.0}_{-1.3}$	$39.6 \rightarrow 51.9$	$49.5^{+0.9}_{-1.2}$	39.9 -	
	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02203\substack{+0.00056\\-0.00058}$	$0.02029 \rightarrow 0.02391$	$0.02219\substack{+0.00059\\-0.00057}$	0.02047 -	
	$\theta_{13}/^{\circ}$	$8.54_{-0.11}^{+0.11}$	$8.19 \rightarrow 8.89$	$8.57\substack{+0.11 \\ -0.11}$	8.23 -	
	$\delta_{ m CP}/^{\circ}$	197^{+41}_{-25}	$108 \to 404$	286^{+27}_{-32}	192 -	
	$\frac{\Delta m^2_{21}}{10^{-5} \ {\rm eV^2}}$	$7.41^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	$6.81 \rightarrow 8.03$	$7.41^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.81 -	
	$\frac{\Delta m^2_{3\ell}}{10^{-3}~{\rm eV^2}}$	$+2.511^{+0.027}_{-0.027}$	$+2.428 \rightarrow +2.597$	$-2.498^{+0.032}_{-0.024}$	-2.581 -	







Fermion masses and mixing in SO(10)

- Matter fields { $Q = (u_L, u_R), u_R, d_R, L = (\nu_L, e_L), e_R, \nu_R$ } are arranged in a single 16 of SO(10) $16 \times 16 = 10 + 126 + 120$
- Three Higgs fields 10_H , 126_H , 120_H can be introduced And the SM Higgs should be the lightest one after mixing
- Gauge-invariant Yukawa interactions

$$\mathscr{L}_Y = Y_{10}^* \, \mathbf{16} \cdot \mathbf{16} \cdot \mathbf{10}_H + Y_{\underline{126}}^* \, \mathbf{16}$$

 $\cdot 16 \cdot \overline{126}_H + Y^*_{120} 16 \cdot 16 \cdot 120_H + h.c.$ Correlations of Yukawa matrices of quarks and leptons Dutta, Mimura, Mohapatra, 0412105

$$\begin{split} Y_{d} &= r_{1}(h+f+i\,h') & Y_{u} &= h+r_{2}f+i\,r_{3}h' \\ Y_{e} &= r_{1}(h-3f+i\,c_{e}h') & Y_{\nu} &= h-3r_{2}f+i\,c_{\nu}h' \end{split} \qquad M_{\nu_{R}} &= m_{\nu_{R}}f \\ \end{split}$$
 Yukawa/mass matrices in SO(10)

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 Yukawa/mass matrices in SO(10)

$$3 \times 3$$
 matrices $h \propto Y_{10}$

$$f \propto Y_{\overline{126}}$$
 $h' \propto Y_{120}$



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Fermion masses and mixing in SO(10)



Take-away message: $M_1 \sim (2, 5) \times 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$ $M_3 \sim (1, 3) \times 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\beta\beta} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$

And normal ordering preferred

Fu, King, Marsili, Pascoli, Turner, **YLZ**, 2209.00021





Thermal leptogenesis in SO(10)



Data of quark masses, CKM mixing, lepton masses, PMNS mixing Heavy neutrino masses and Dirac v Yukawa couplings CP violation in heavy neutrino decay **Thermal leptogenesis**

Fu, King, Marsili, Pascoli, Turner, YLZ, 2209.00021



Gravitational waves as a probe to GUTs





Mechanisms of gravitational wave (GW) genesis in GUTs

GW via cosmic strings

- Most GUTs include a U(1)_{B-L} symmetry.
- Spontaneous breaking of this U(1) generates cosmic strings.
- Strings intersect and intercommute to form loops and cusps
- Loops oscillates via gravitational radiation



Another mechanism: GW via GUT phase transition?

-- require technique developments to measure high-frequency GW, see e.g., 2011.12414, 2310.06607

 $\pi_1(U(1)) = Z$



Vanchurin, Olum, Vilenkin, 0511159





Typical GW spectrum from string loops



In the Nambu-Goto case, the spectrum depends on one single parameter μ (string tension)

$$\Omega_{\rm GW} h^2 \sim 5 \times 10^{-5} \sqrt{G\mu}$$

 $\propto \frac{M_{B-L}}{M_{\rm Planck}}$ in GUT

$$G = M_{\text{Planck}}^{-2}$$

Blanco-Pillado, Olum 1709.02693



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Gauge unification correlates GUT scale with intermediate scales



 M_i refers to the gauge boson mass of the *i*-th gauge symmetry G_i

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Constraints on B-L scale in SO(10)





Predictions for GW spectrum in SO(10) GUTs



Influence of recent PTA measurements



On 28 Jun 2023

NANOGrav 15yr, 2306.16213

European Pulsar Timing Array III, 2306.16214

Parkes Pulsar Timing Array III, 2306.16215

Chinese Pulsar Timing Array, 2306.16216

Tensions between NANOGrav and GWs via Nambu-Goto strings

GWs via metastable strings

Vilenkin, NPB(1982); Preskill, Vilenkin, 9209210; Leblond, Shlaer, Siemens, 0903.4686; Monin, Voloshin, 0808.1693; Buchmuller, Domcke, Schmitz, 2107.04578

 $n(l,t) e^{-\Gamma_d l t}$ of metastable loops

LIGO

 10^{-9}

100

ET

$$\Gamma_d = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} e^{-\pi\kappa}$$

$$\sqrt{\kappa} \simeq (8,9) \Rightarrow M_{\rm GUT} \sim M_{B-L}$$

Buchmuller, Domcke, Schmitz, 2307.04691

A GUT inflation separates the GUT breaking and B-L breaking in the time scale is required.

Antusch, Hinze, Saad, Steiner, 2307.04595

See also Lazarides, Maji, Moursy, Shafi, 2308.07094

PTA-favoured GUTs: SUSY SO(10)

Fu, King, Marsili, Pascoli, Turner, YLZ, 2308.05799

PTA-favoured GUTs: flipped SU(5)

 $u \leftrightarrow d, \nu \leftrightarrow e$

Leptogensis in flipped SU(5)

Flipped SU(5) usually predicts very hierarchical RHN masses,

$$M_u = M_D, \quad M_R = M_D^T M_\nu^{-1} M_D \qquad \Rightarrow$$

The lightest RHN neutrino is too light and cannot be used to achieve leptogenesis

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$$M_1: M_2: M_3 \simeq m_u^2: m_c^2: m_t^2$$

But it is not always true, with special flavour texture assumed, $M_1 \sim M_2 \ll M_3$ achieved

Summary

