

# (Fundamental) Physics of Elementary Particles

**Grand Unification: Pati-Salam, Georgi-Glashow,  
and other, more complex models**

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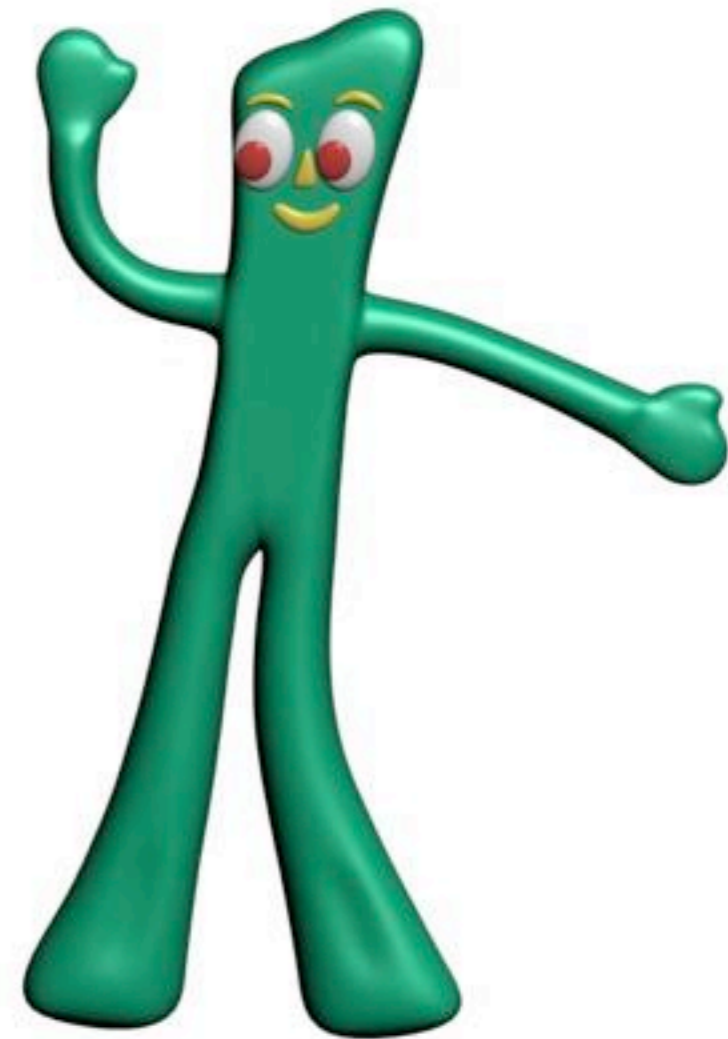
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# Fundamental Physics of Elementary Particles

## PROGRAM

- The **G**rand **U**nification **M**odel **B**uilding **Y**arn
- The Pati-Salam Model
  - Unification of quarks and leptons
  - Unification of left- and right-chirality
  - Addressing the mass hierarchy & structure
  - Consequences: proton decay, phases
- The Georgi-Glashow Model
  - Unification of gauge interactions
  - Consequences: proton decay, phases
- More Complex Models
  - Unification of fundamental fermion families
  - Other gauge symmetry groups
- Concerns



# Grand Unification Model Building Yarn

## GENERAL COMMENTS

- The fundamental fermion content of the Standard Model:

		fermion family			charges		
		1	2	3	$Q$	$I_w$	$Y_w$
$\underbrace{\Psi_- = \gamma_- \Psi}_{\text{left-handed}}$		$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ d \end{bmatrix}_L$	$\begin{bmatrix} c \\ s \end{bmatrix}_L$	$\begin{bmatrix} t \\ b \end{bmatrix}_L$	$+2/3$	$+1/2$	$+1/3$
					$-1/3$	$-1/2$	$+1/3$
		$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{bmatrix}_L$	$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{bmatrix}_L$	$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau^- \end{bmatrix}_L$	0	$+1/2$	-1
					-1	$-1/2$	-1
$\underbrace{\Psi_+ = \gamma_+ \Psi}_{\text{right-handed}}$		$u_R$	$c_R$	$t_R$	$+2/3$	0	$+4/3$
		$d_R$	$s_R$	$b_R$	$-1/3$	0	$-2/3$
		$e_R^-$	$\mu_R^-$	$\tau_R^-$	-1	0	-2
		$\nu_{eR}$	$\nu_{\mu R}$	$\nu_{\tau R}$	0	0	0

- Notice the weak hypercharge values!

# The Grand Unification Model Building Yarn

## GENERAL COMMENTS

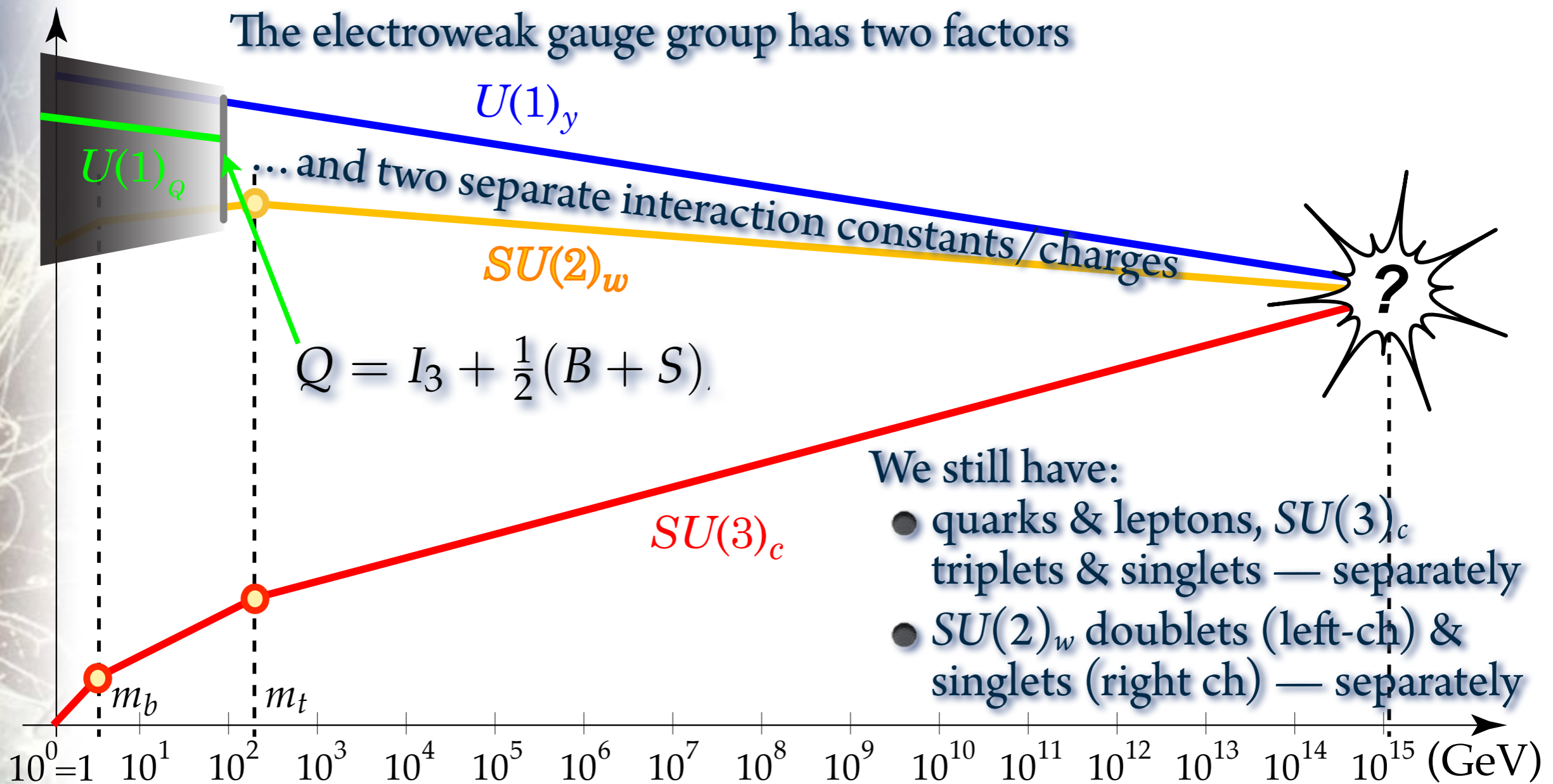
- With respect to the  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_w \times U(1)_y$  gauge group
  - left-chirality quarks  $(u, d)_L$  form a  $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/3}$
  - left-chirality leptons  $(e^-, \nu)_L$  form a  $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-1}$
  - right-chirality quarks form:  $u_R = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{4/3} \oplus d_R = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-2/3}$
  - right-chirality leptons form:  $e^-_R = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{-2} \oplus \nu_R = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0$  “sterile”
- The gauge group representations determine the interactions
  - $SU(3)_c$   $\mathbf{3}$ 's interact w/gluons,  $\mathbf{1}$ 's don't
  - $SU(2)_w$   $\mathbf{2}$ 's interact w/ $W^\pm$  &  $W^3$ ,  $\mathbf{1}$ 's don't
  - $U(1)_y$   $q_y \neq 0$  interact w/gluons,  $q_y = 0$  don't
  - Each gauge group factor has a separate gauge-coupling constant/parameter/charge and “fine structure parameter”:  $\alpha_c, \alpha_w$  and  $\alpha_y$
- Besides the fundamental fermions, the Standard Model only has gauge interaction bosons and the Higgs boson,  $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{+1}$ .

I'll be back

# The Grand Unification Model Building Yarn

## GENERAL COMMENTS

- Recall the suggestive graph:



# The Pati-Salam Model

## UNIFICATION OF QUARKS AND LEPTONS

- The fundamental fermion structure in each family and ignoring chirality is

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{SU}(3)_c & \\
 \hline
 q^r & q^y & q^b \\
 \hline
 u^r & u^y & u^b \\
 d^r & d^y & d^b \\
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 \rightarrow
 \begin{array}{c|c}
 \text{SU}(4)_c & \\
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 \hline
 q^r & q^y & q^b \\
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 u^r & u^y & u^b \\
 d^r & d^y & d^b \\
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 \end{array} & \ell^l \\
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 \end{array}$$

- The lepton-ness (non-quark-ness) of leptons is identified as the 4th color, “*lilac*,” of a larger  $SU(4)_c$  gauge group
- ... which then needs to be broken  
 $SU(4)_c \rightarrow SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{y'}$  gauge group
- ... by means of some Higgs scalar.

# The Pati-Salam Model

## UNIFICATION OF LEFT- AND RIGHT-CHIRALITY

- Remembering chirality, we have

electroweak interaction	chirality	$SU(4)_c$				
		$SU(3)_c$				
		$r$	$y$	$b$	$l$	
$SU(2)_L$	$+1/2$	$L$	$u^r$	$u^y$	$u^b$	$\nu_e^l$
	$-1/2$		$d^r$	$d^y$	$d^b$	$e^{-l}$
$SU(2)_R$	$+1/2$	$R$	$u^r$	$u^y$	$u^b$	$\nu_e^l$
	$-1/2$		$d^r$	$d^y$	$d^b$	$e^{-l}$

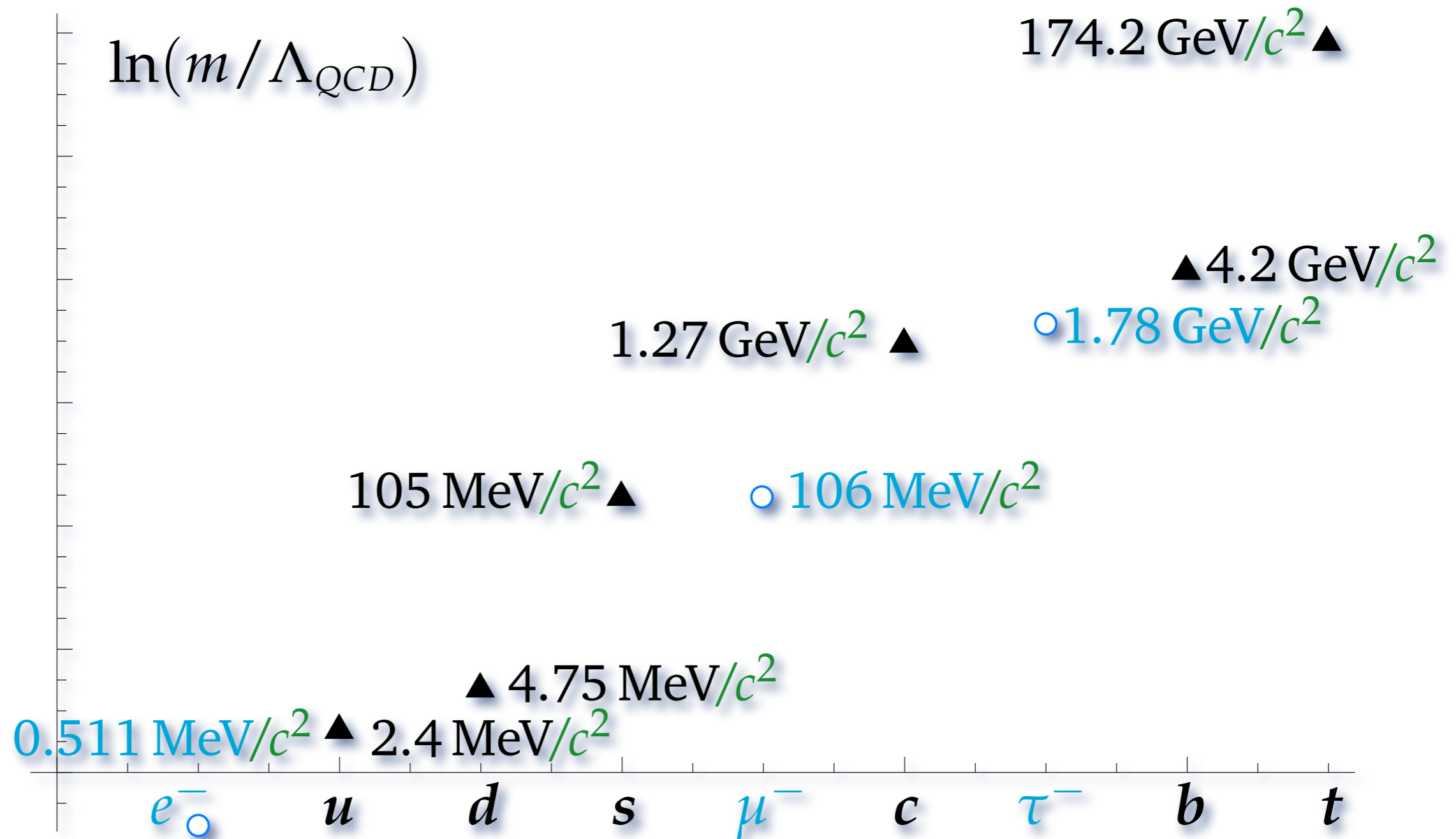
$\mathbb{Z}_2$  {

- The “mirror” weak isospin  $SU(2)_R$  gauge group
- and also the discrete parity symmetry,  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .
- Pati-Salam group:  $SU(4)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

# The Pati-Salam Model

## FERMION MASS HIERARCHY & STRUCTURE

- Recall:





# The Pati-Salam Model

## FERMION MASS HIERARCHY & STRUCTURE

- Fundamental fermions:  $(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})_L \oplus (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_R$  irreducible under  $\mathbb{Z}_2$
- Under  $SU(4)_c \rightarrow SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{y'}$ :  $\mathbf{4} \rightarrow \mathbf{3}_{1/3} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-1}$  (“ $q$ ”  $\oplus$  “ $\ell$ ”)
- Under  $SU(2)_R \rightarrow U(1)_R$ :  $\mathbf{2} \rightarrow (+1/2) \oplus (-1/2)$  (“spin- $\uparrow$ ”, “spin- $\downarrow$ ”)
- So,  $(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})_L \rightarrow [(\mathbf{3}_{1/3}, \mathbf{2})_0 \oplus (\mathbf{1}_{-1}, \mathbf{2})_0]_L$  and  
 $(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_R \rightarrow [(\mathbf{3}_{1/3}, \mathbf{1})_{+1/2} \oplus (\mathbf{3}_{1/3}, \mathbf{1})_{-1/2} \oplus (\mathbf{1}_{-1}, \mathbf{1})_{+1/2} \oplus (\mathbf{1}_{-1}, \mathbf{1})_{-1/2}]_R$
- Now,  $U(1)_{y'} \times U(1)_R \rightarrow U(1)_y$ , according to  $q_y = q_{y'} + 2I_{3R}$ , so
- $(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})_L \oplus (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_R \rightarrow [(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/3} \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-1}]_L \oplus [(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{4/3} \oplus (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-2/3} \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0 \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{-2}]_R$
- ...the  $U(1)_y$  charges reproduce those in the Standard Model
- The Higgs field then itself needs to be a  $(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})$ , so that
- ...  $\langle (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}) \rangle = \dots + \langle (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0 \rangle \neq 0$ . This simultaneously breaks  $SU(4)_c \times SU(2)_R \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow SU(3)_c \times U(1)_y$  & leaves  $SU(2)_w$  intact.

# The Pati-Salam Model

## FERMION MASS HIERARCHY & STRUCTURE

- What? You did *not* memorize that?!

- OK: “P-S 4-2-2”                      “ $3_{y'}-2-1^{(R)}$ ”                      “S.M. 3-2-1”

“P-S 4-2-2”	“ $3_{y'}-2-1^{(R)}$ ”	“S.M. 3-2-1”
$(4, 2, 1)$	$(3_{\frac{1}{3}}, 2)_0 \oplus (1_{-1}, 2)_0$	$(3, 2)_{\frac{1}{3}} \oplus (1, 2)_{-1}$
$(4, 1, 2)$	$(3_{\frac{1}{3}}, 1)_{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus (1_{-1}, 1)_{\frac{1}{2}} \oplus$ $(3_{\frac{1}{3}}, 1)_{-\frac{1}{2}} \oplus (1_{-1}, 1)_{-\frac{1}{2}}$	$(3, 1)_{\frac{4}{3}} \oplus (1, 1)_0 \oplus$ $(3, 1)_{-\frac{2}{3}} \oplus (1, 1)_{-2}$

$$U(1)_{y'} \times U(1)_R \rightarrow U(1)_y : q_y = q_{y'} + 2I_{3,R}$$

- Recall:  $\bar{\Psi} [i\hbar c \boldsymbol{\gamma}^\mu D_\mu - \frac{mc}{\hbar} \mathbf{1}] \Psi = \dots - \frac{mc}{\hbar} [\bar{\Psi}_- \Psi_+ + \bar{\Psi}_+ \Psi_-]$
- So an  $SU(4)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -invariant mass-term is

$$\overline{(4, 1, 2)} \langle \mathbb{H} \rangle (4, 2, 1) \Rightarrow \mathbb{H} \sim (1, 2, 2) \rightarrow (1_0, 2)_{\pm \frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow (1, 2)_{\pm 1}$$

one of the four gets a vev

# The Pati-Salam Model

## FERMION MASS HIERARCHY & STRUCTURE

- So:
- Then, e.g.,  $-h_u \bar{u}_R (\mathbb{H}^c)^\dagger \begin{bmatrix} u \\ d \end{bmatrix}_L$
- stems from the Pati-Salam mass term of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathbf{3}^*, \mathbf{1})_{-\frac{4}{3}} & \cdot & (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{\pm 1} & \cdot & (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{+\frac{1}{3}} \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 (\mathbf{3}^*_{-\frac{1}{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{-\frac{1}{2}} & \cdot & (\mathbf{1}_0, \mathbf{2})_{\pm \frac{1}{2}} & \cdot & (\mathbf{3}_{\frac{1}{3}}, \mathbf{2})_0 \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 (\bar{\mathbf{4}}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}) & \cdot & (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) & \cdot & (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})
 \end{array}$$

	fermion family			charges		
	1	2	3	Q	$I_w$	$Y_w$
$\underbrace{\Psi_- = \gamma_- \Psi}_{\text{left-handed}}$	$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ d \end{bmatrix}_L$	$\begin{bmatrix} c \\ s \end{bmatrix}_L$	$\begin{bmatrix} t \\ b \end{bmatrix}_L$	$+\frac{2}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$
	$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{bmatrix}_L$	$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{bmatrix}_L$	$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau^- \end{bmatrix}_L$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$
				0	$+\frac{1}{2}$	-1
				-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-1
$\underbrace{\Psi_+ = \gamma_+ \Psi}_{\text{right-handed}}$	$u_R$	$c_R$	$t_R$	$+\frac{2}{3}$	0	$+\frac{4}{3}$
	$d_R$	$s_R$	$b_R$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$-\frac{2}{3}$
	$e_R^-$	$\mu_R^-$	$\tau_R^-$	-1	0	-2
	$\nu_{eR}$	$\nu_{\mu R}$	$\nu_{\tau R}$	0	0	0

so that we must choose

$$\langle \mathbb{H} \rangle \subset (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{+1}$$

- And then, in fact, the vev is in the lower component, so that
- $\langle \mathbb{H} \rangle = (\mathbf{1}, -\frac{1}{2})_{+1} = \mathbf{1}_0$ , neutral with respect to  $Q = I_3 + \frac{1}{2}Y$ .
- The mass-term with  $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$  includes all fermions of a family!  
makes  $h_u = h_d = h_e = h_\nu$

# The Pati-Salam Model

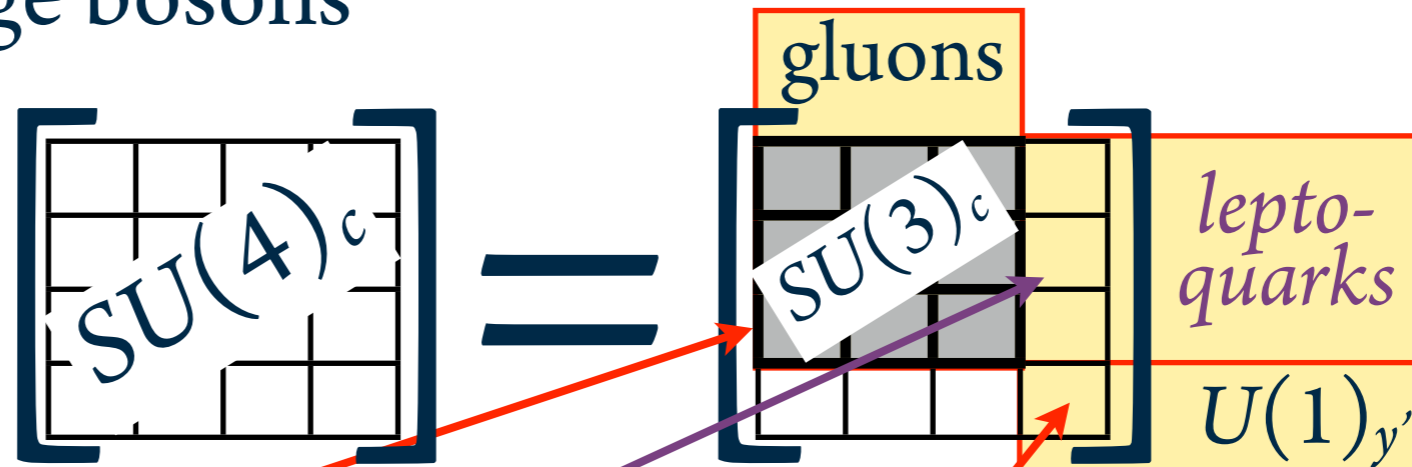
## FERMION MASS HIERARCHY & STRUCTURE

- Since the “electroweak” Higgs  $(1, 2, 2)$  gives all fundamental fermions  $(4, 2, 1)_L \oplus (4, 1, 2)_R$  of the same family the same mass
- ... the mass-hierarchy within a family must be obtained via
  - coupling with another Higgs field, that couples differently to the various components of  $(4, 2, 1)_L$  and  $(4, 1, 2)_R$
  - such as, e.g.,  $(15, 1, 2)$  and/or  $(15, 2, 2)$  and/or  $(1, 1, 2)$ .
  - When decomposed in the  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_y$  basis, these introduce (e.g., three) new coupling parameters,
  - ... which then afford a degree of structure in the mass hierarchy.
- This showcases a GUT rephrasing of the mass hierarchy issue.
  - The mass hierarchy structure is restricted by the GUT symmetry
  - ... even if the number of parameters turns out to be the same.
  - It does require a proliferation of Higgs fields.

# The Pati-Salam Model

## CONSEQUENCES: PROTON DECAY, PHASES

- The  $SU(4)_c$  gauge bosons



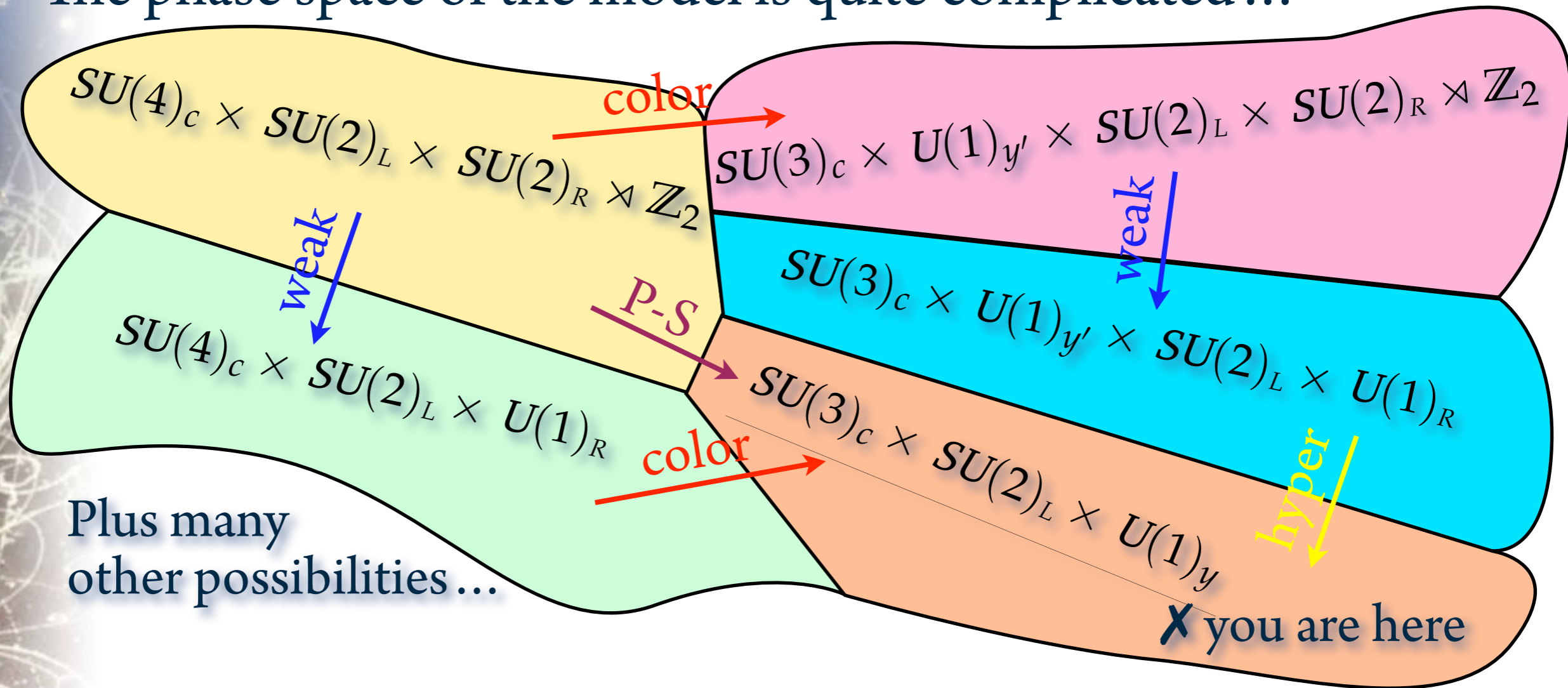
- ...besides the gluons and the  $L$ - $R$  "hyper-photon,"  $SU(4)_c$  also contains "lepto-quarks."
- Just as  $q^r \rightarrow q^b + g^r_b$ , so  $q^r \rightarrow \ell^l + X^r_\ell$  allows for quarks to turn into leptons, but conserving the "B+3L" number.
- Thus, the simplest proton decays are
  - $p^+ \rightarrow 3\nu_e + (\text{mesons}^+, \text{photons})$
  - $p^+ \rightarrow 4\nu_e + e^+ + (\text{mesons}^0, \text{photons}).$   
(must involve a Higgs field)

No confirmed  $p^+$ -decay yet...

# The Pati-Salam Model

## CONSEQUENCES: PROTON DECAY, PHASES

- The phase space of the model is quite complicated...

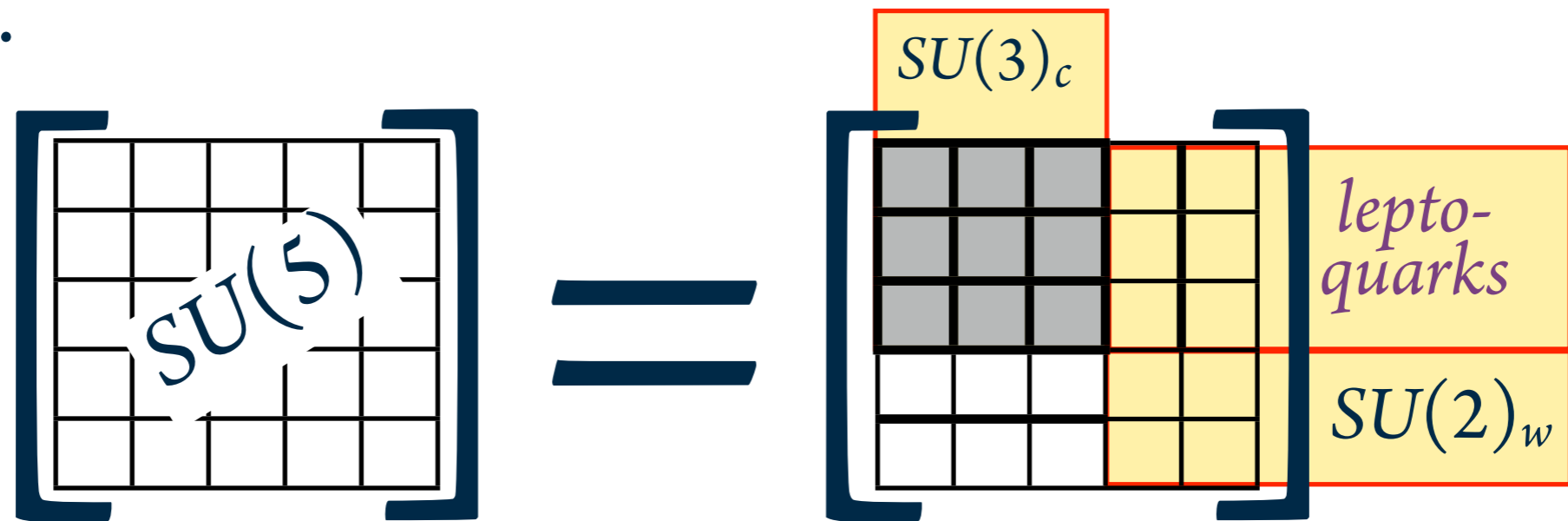


- The  $SU(4)_c$  and the  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  gauge coupling charges remain unrelated:  $\alpha_c$  and  $\alpha_w$ .

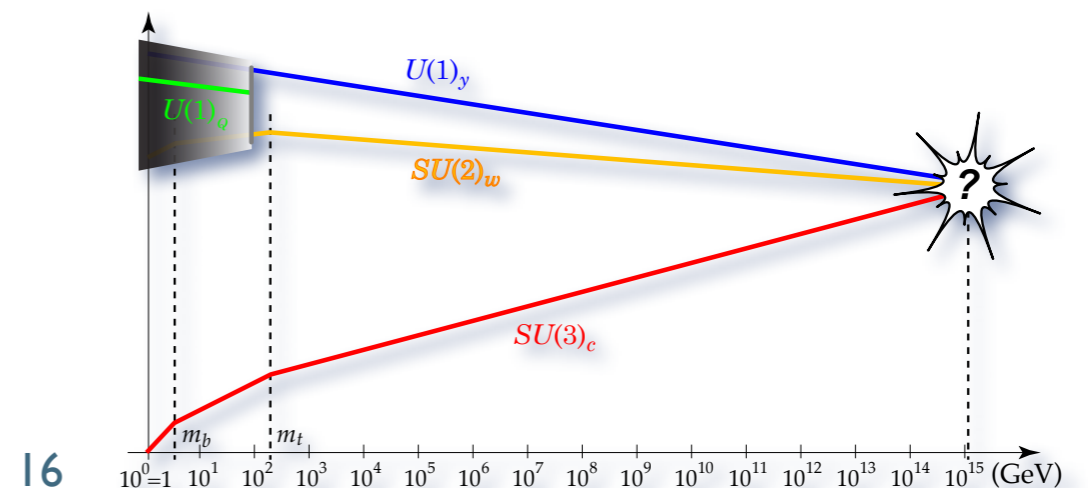
# The Georgi-Glashow Model

## UNIFICATION OF GAUGE INTERACTIONS

- The smallest Lie group containing  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_w \times U(1)_y$  is  $SU(5)$ .



- Since the generators of  $SU(5)$ ,  $SU(3)_c$  and  $SU(2)_w$  are all traceless,  $SU(5)$  contains also one diagonal element:  $U(1)_y$ .
- Since all generators are united into a single algebra, there is a single gauge coupling,  $\alpha_5$ .



# The Georgi-Glashow Model

## UNIFICATION OF GAUGE INTERACTIONS

- The fermions however fit into:

$$(f_{10})^{[AB]} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^+ & u^r & u^y & u^b \\ & 0 & d^r & d^y & d^b \\ & & 0 & \bar{u}_b & \bar{u}_y \\ & & & 0 & \bar{u}_r \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}_L, \quad (\bar{f}_{5^*})_A = \begin{bmatrix} e^- \\ \nu_e \\ \bar{d}_r \\ \bar{d}_y \\ \bar{d}_b \end{bmatrix}_L, \quad \begin{matrix} f_1 = (\bar{\nu}_e)_L, \\ \mathbf{1} \rightarrow (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0 \end{matrix}$$

anti-symmetric rank-2 tensor

- which decompose:

$$\mathbf{10} \rightarrow (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{\frac{1}{3}} \oplus (\mathbf{3}^*, \mathbf{1})_{-\frac{4}{3}} \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_2, \quad \mathbf{5}^* \rightarrow (\mathbf{3}^*, \mathbf{1})_{\frac{2}{3}} \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-1},$$

- The lepto-quarks now come as an  $SU(2)_w$ -doublet:

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} X^r \\ Y^r \end{matrix} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} X^y \\ Y^y \end{matrix} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} X^b \\ Y^b \end{matrix} \right\} : \quad \begin{matrix} I_3(X) = +1/2, & Q(X) = 4/3, \\ I_2(Y) = -1/2, & Q(Y) = 1/3. \end{matrix}$$



# The Georgi-Glashow Model

## CONSEQUENCES: PROTON DECAY, PHASES

- The  $SU(5)$  lepto-quarks now directly mediate proton decay:

$$p^+ = (u + u + d) \rightarrow (u + u + (\bar{X} + e^+)) \rightarrow (u + (u + \bar{X}) + e^+) \\ \rightarrow (u + \bar{u} + e^+) \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+ \rightarrow 2\gamma + e^+.$$

- ...conserving the “B–L” number.
- With  $M_X, M_Y \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ,  $\tau_p \sim 10^{28} - 10^{29}$  years
- Waiting experiments:  $\tau_p > 6.6 \times 10^{33}$  years
- Higgs: **24** of  $SU(5)$  does have an  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_w \times U(1)_y$ -invariant component: the diagonal generator of  $U(1)_y$ .
  - But, **24** also has an  $SU(4) \times U(1)$ -invariant component...
  - ...so there are at least those three phases.
  - Alternatively, a **75** of  $SU(5)$  does an  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_w \times U(1)_y$ -invariant component, no  $SU(4) \times U(1)$ -invariant one, but also an  $SO(5)$ -invariant one...

# Grand Unification Model Building Yarn

## CONSEQUENCES

... zoom-out

- Unification of quarks and leptons leads to proton-decay
- ... preserving some “ $aB+\beta L$ ” number.
  - “ $B+3L$ ” number for the Pati-Salam model
  - “ $B-L$ ” number for the Georgi-Glashow model
- Phases/regimes of the model depend on
  - the grand-unification (Lie) group
    - Subalgebra chains of Lie groups — classic results, used recursively
  - the Higgs fields employed
    - Representation decomposition w.r.t. subgroup — tables trick-or-treat
- Mass hierarchy:
  - Typically a hierarchy of Higgs fields
    - One w/  $\langle H_1 \rangle \sim 10^{15}$  GeV, the GUT scale — beyond Standard Model masses
    - one w/  $\langle H_2 \rangle \sim 10^2$  GeV, the electroweak scale — Standard Model masses

*Particulars of unifying  
quarks and leptons*

*junk*

# More Complex Models

## UNIFICATION OF FUNDAMENTAL FERMION FAMILIES

- As the P-S model fully unifies fermions but not gauge fields
- And the G-G model fully unifies gauge fields but not fermions
- ... seek a bigger model that unifies them all.

- “Next” in size:

$$SO(10) \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{SO(6)} SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R, \\ \xrightarrow{SO(4)} SU(5) \times U(1)', \end{cases}$$

$$16_L \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{SO(6)} (4, 2, 1)_L \oplus (4^*, 1, 2)_L, \\ \xrightarrow{SO(4)} (10_{-1})_L \oplus (5^*_3)_L \oplus (1_{-5})_L. \end{cases}$$

- No “extra” (junk) fermions (except  $\nu_{eR}$ ), but extra gauge bosons:  $45 = ((8+3+1)+6+3)+24 = ((8+3+1)+12)+20+1$
- Still does not unify the three families of fermions.

# More Complex Models

## UNIFICATION OF FUNDAMENTAL FERMION FAMILIES

- The simplest idea: add an  $SU(3)$  gauge group that transforms any one family into a linear combination of all three
- Breaking the symmetry in stages
  - All 48 fermions  $\rightarrow$  three families of 16
  - Left-right breaking
  - electroweak  $\rightarrow$  weak + electromagnetism
- $SU(3)$  is *ad hoc* [“for this”], and there are no exp. signs of any such family *gauge* interactions — no family gauge group.
- “Familial symmetry” may well be
  - a broken global symmetry
  - a symmetry that is broken at a higher yet scale
  - an “artifact” of the structure of a higher GUT symmetry

*Needs a Higgs hierarchy,  
which could reproduce  
the fermion hierarchy*

# More Complex Models

## OTHER GAUGE SYMMETRY GROUPS

- Trinification (Georgi, Glashow and de Rujula)
  - Gauge group:  $SU(3)_c \times SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$ ,
  - with fermions  $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3}^*, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (\mathbf{3}^*, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3}^*) = 27$
  - with a Higgs  $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3}^*)$  and perhaps its conjugate
  - a maximal subgroup of  $E_6$ , with fermions in **27** — (*string theory*)
- Really big:  $SO(18) \supset SO(10) \times SO(8)$ , the latter – “familial”
  - Fundamental fermions: **256** =  $(\mathbf{16}, \mathbf{8}_s) \oplus (\mathbf{16}^*, \mathbf{8}_c)$
  - Georgi-Bagger “no-go theorem”: no way to remain with 3 families
    - w.r.t. orthogonal subgroups, fermions always split in powers of 2
  - D.Chang, T.H., R.Mohapatra:  $SO(8)$  has a triality:  $\langle \mathbf{8}_v, \mathbf{8}_s, \mathbf{8}_c \rangle$ 
    - $SO(8) \supset SO(5) \times SO(3)$ :  $\mathbf{8}_s \rightarrow \mathbf{8}_v = (\mathbf{5}, \mathbf{1}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})$ ,  $\mathbf{8}_c \rightarrow \mathbf{8}_s = (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2})$
    - Found a Higgs:  $(\mathbf{16}, \mathbf{8}_s) \cdot \langle \mathbb{H} \rangle \cdot (\mathbf{16}^*, \mathbf{8}_c) \neq 0$  for  $(\mathbf{16}, (\mathbf{5}, \mathbf{1}))$ , — *massive!*
    - ...leaving  $(\mathbf{16}, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}))$  massless, along with 3 of  $(\mathbf{16}^*, (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}))$  — *mirrors!*
    - ...thus breaking the familial  $SO(5) \times SO(3)$  gauge symmetry *to an*  $SU(2)$

loophole

# The Grand Unification Model Building Yarn

## CONCERNS

- To unify both all fundamental fermions (a single family) and also all (Yang-Mills) gauge interactions:  $SO(10)$ 
  - 33  $X_S$  gauge bosons! — typically, extra unbroken  $U(1)$
  - Higgs fields typically in the hundreds!
- To unify the three families with a single group, need  $SO(18)$ 
  - 141  $X_S$  gauge bosons!!
  - mirror fermions!! — both massive and massless
  - Higgs fields typically in the (tens of) thousands!!
- The structures that are being introduced (Higgs,  $X_S$  gauge)
  - are *ad hoc* [“for this”]
  - turn out to be more complicated and plentiful
  - ... than the structure they supposedly “explain”: Standard Model

# Thanks!

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