

# (BEYOND) THE STANDARD MODEL

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# What is the Standard Model?

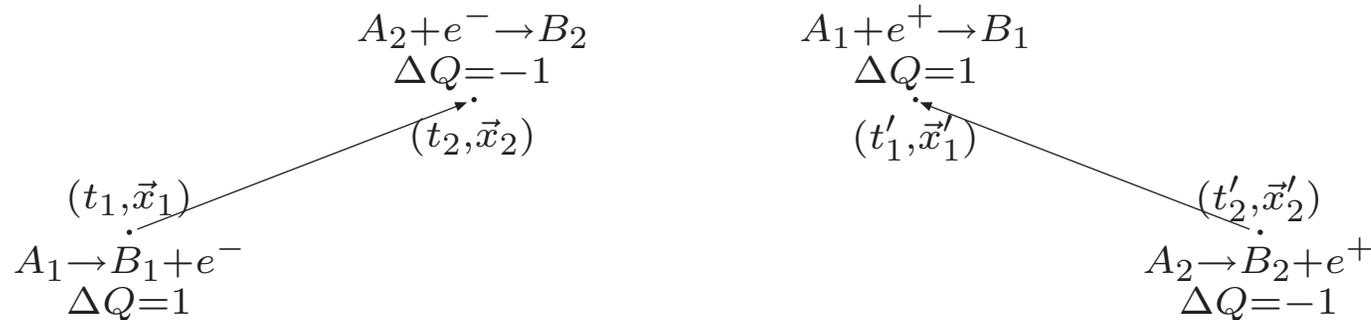
The standard model of particle physics has the following key features:

- As a theory of elementary particles, it incorporates relativity and quantum mechanics, and therefore it is based on **quantum field theory**.
- Its predictive power rests on the regularisation of **divergent quantum corrections** and the renormalisation procedure which introduces scale-dependent “running couplings”.
- Electromagnetic, weak, strong and also gravitational interactions are all related to local symmetries and described by Abelian and non-Abelian **gauge theories**.
- The masses of all particles are generated by two mechanisms: **confinement** and **spontaneous symmetry breaking**.

# (1) The fields of the Standard Model

Special relativity and quantum mechanics lead to quantum field theory.

Causality requires antiparticles (see Weinberg, in GR):



Consider two systems  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  at  $\vec{x}_1$  and  $\vec{x}_2$ ; at  $t_1$ ,  $A_1$  emits electron and turns into  $B_1$ ; at  $t_2 > t_1$ , electron is absorbed by  $A_2$  which turns into  $B_2$ .

Watch system from moving frame with relative velocity  $\vec{v}$ ; emission still before absorption (causality)? In boosted frame,

$$t'_2 - t'_1 = \gamma(t_2 - t_1) + \gamma\vec{v}(\vec{x}_2 - \vec{x}_1), \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \vec{v}^2}};$$

$t'_2 - t'_1$  only negative for spacelike distances, i.e.  $(t_2 - t_1)^2 - (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2)^2 < 0$ , not possible in special relativity; within classical physics, causality is OK.

In quantum mechanics, uncertainty relation leads to “fuzzy” light cone, non-zero propagation probability of electron for slightly spacelike distances,

$$(t_2 - t_1)^2 - (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2)^2 \gtrsim -\frac{\hbar^2}{m^2}.$$

Causality is saved by introducing **antiparticles**. In moving frame, emission of positron at  $t'_2$ , followed by absorption at  $t'_1 > t'_2$ .

In relativistic theory, particles cannot be localized below their Compton wavelength,

$$\Delta x \geq \frac{\hbar}{mc}.$$

For shorter distances, momentum uncertainty  $\Delta p > mc$  implies contributions from **multiparticle states**. Corresponding Fock space,

vacuum:  $|0\rangle$  ,  $a(k)|0\rangle = b(k)|0\rangle = 0$

one-particle states:  $a^\dagger(k)|0\rangle$  ,  $b^\dagger(k)|0\rangle$

two-particle states:  $a^\dagger(k_1)a^\dagger(k_2)|0\rangle$  ,  $a^\dagger(k_1)b^\dagger(k_2)|0\rangle$  ,  $b^\dagger(k_1)b^\dagger(k_2)|0\rangle$

⋮

Dynamics conveniently described by means of field operators,

$$\phi(x) = \int \overline{dk} (e^{-ikx} a(k) + e^{ikx} b^\dagger(k)) .$$

→ Lagrange formalism, canonical quantisation, path integral methods,...

# The Standard Model: a chiral gauge theory

The SM is theory of fields with spins 0,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1. The **fermions** (matter fields) can be viewed as big vector containing left-handed spinors only,

$$\Psi_L^T = \left( \underbrace{q_{L1}, u_{R1}^c, e_{R1}^c, d_{R1}^c, l_{L1}, (n_{R1}^c)}_{\text{1st family}}, \underbrace{q_{L2}, \dots}_{\text{2nd}}, \dots, \underbrace{\dots, (n_{R3}^c)}_{\text{3rd}} \right),$$

with quarks and leptons, in threefold family replication; quarks are triplets of colour ( index  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$ ); left-handed quarks and leptons are doublets of weak isospin,

$$q_{Li}^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} u_{Li}^\alpha \\ d_{Li}^\alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad l_{Li} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{Li} \\ e_{Li} \end{pmatrix},$$

with family index  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ; evidence for right-handed neutrino  $n_R$  because of neutrino masses deduced from neutrino oscillation experiments (?)

$L$  and  $R$  denote left- and right-handed fields, eigenstates of the chiral projection operators  $P_L$  or  $P_R$ ;  $c$  indicates charge conjugate field (antiparticle); note: charge conjugate of right-handed field is left-handed,

$$P_L \psi_L \equiv \frac{1 - \gamma^5}{2} \psi_L = \psi_L, \quad P_L \psi_R^c = \psi_R^c, \quad P_L \psi_R = P_L \psi_L^c = 0,$$

$$P_R \psi_R \equiv \frac{1 + \gamma^5}{2} \psi_R = \psi_R, \quad P_R \psi_L^c = \psi_L^c, \quad P_R \psi_L = P_R \psi_R^c = 0.$$

All fields in big column vector of fermions are chosen left-handed, altogether 48 chiral fermions! Since left- and right-handed fermions carry different weak isospin, the SM is a **chiral gauge theory**. Threefold replication of quark-lepton families: puzzle to be explained by physics beyond the SM.

The spin-1 particles are the **gauge bosons** whose exchange yields the

fundamental interactions in the SM,

$G_\mu^A$ ,  $A = 1, \dots, 8$  : gluons of strong interactions

$W_\mu^I$ ,  $I = 1, 2, 3$ ;  $B_\mu$  :  $W$  and  $B$  bosons of electroweak interactions,

associated with the local symmetry group

$$G_{\text{SM}} = \text{SU}(3)_C \times \text{SU}(2)_W \times \text{U}(1)_Y ,$$

where  $C$ ,  $W$ , and  $Y$  denote colour, weak isospin and hypercharge.

Coupling of vector fields (big matrix  $A_\mu$ , includes generators of gauge group) to fermions via covariant derivative  $D_\mu$  (cf. GR),

$$D_\mu \Psi_L = (\partial_\mu \mathbb{1} + g A_\mu) \Psi_L ;$$

self-coupling of gauge bosons from field strength,

$$F_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{i}{g} [D_\mu, D_\nu] .$$

Final, crucial ingredient of SM is the **Higgs field**  $\Phi$ , only spin-0 field in the theory, doublet of weak isospin. It couples left- and right-handed fermions together and generates all mass terms! Full SM Lagrangean has rather simple structure

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}] + \bar{\Psi}_L i \gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi_L + \text{tr} \left[ (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right] \\ & + \mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \frac{1}{2} \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \Psi_L^T C h \Phi \Psi_L + \text{h.c.} \right) , \end{aligned}$$

with matrix  $h$  of Yukawa couplings. All couplings are dimensionless, **all masses** are generated via the **Higgs mechanism**, which gives vacuum

expectation value to Higgs field,

$$\langle \Phi \rangle \equiv v = 174 \text{ GeV} ;$$

Higgs boson likely to be discovered at the LHC.

## Phenomenology

SM Lagrangean describes successfully all areas of particle physics:

- **SU(3) subgroup** corresponds to QCD, theory of strong interactions; most important phenomena: asymptotic freedom and confinement; quarks and gluons appear as free particles at short distances, probed in deep-inelastic scattering, but are confined into mesons and baryons at large distances.

- $SU(2) \times U(1)$  subgroup describes electroweak sector of SM; broken to the  $U(1)_{em}$  of QED by the Higgs mechanism, leading to massive  $W$  and  $Z$  bosons responsible for charged and neutral current weak interactions.
- **Yukawa interaction** term includes different pieces for quarks and leptons:

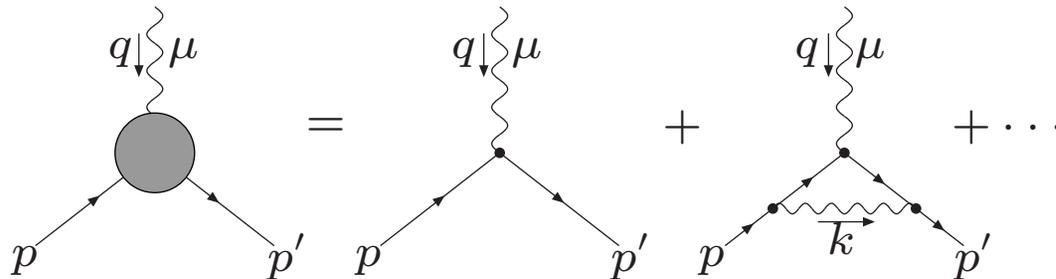
$$\frac{1}{2}\Psi_L^T C h \Phi \Psi_L = h_{u\,ij} \bar{u}_{Ri} q_{Lj} \Phi + h_{d\,ij} \bar{d}_{Ri} q_{Lj} \tilde{\Phi} \\ + h_{e\,ij} \bar{e}_{Ri} l_{Lj} \tilde{\Phi} + h_{n\,ij} \bar{n}_{Ri} l_{Lj} \Phi ,$$

with family indices  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ , and  $\tilde{\Phi}_a = \epsilon_{ab} \Phi_b^*$ . Higgs vacuum expectation value  $\langle \Phi \rangle = v$  generates mass terms; ‘misalignment’ of up-type- and down-type-quarks leads to CKM matrix and **flavour physics**; last two terms yield **lepton masses** and **neutrino mixings**.

## (2) Why we believe in quantum field theory

Perturbative expansion is most impressive !! Also non-perturbative methods [lattice gauge theory] very successful. Do interacting quantum field theories in four dimensions exist ??

Classical example: anomalous magnetic moment of the electron (Schwinger 1948)



The electromagnetic current is decomposed via the Gordon identity into

convection and spin currents,

$$\bar{u}(p')\gamma^\mu u(p) = \bar{u}(p') \left( \frac{(p+p')^\mu}{2m} + \frac{i}{2m}\sigma^{\mu\nu}(p'-p)_\nu \right) u(p).$$

First term: flow of charged particles, same as for scalar particles; second term: spin current, relevant for magnetic moment; Landé factor of electron is  $g_e = 2$ . One-loop vertex correction,

$$ie\Gamma^\mu(p, q) = (-ie)^3 \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{-ig_{\rho\sigma}}{k^2 + i\varepsilon} \gamma^\rho \frac{i(\not{p}' - \not{k} + m)}{(p' - k)^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon} \gamma^\mu \times \frac{i(\not{p} - \not{k} + m)}{(p - k)^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon} \gamma^\sigma.$$

After some manipulations, finite result, expressed in terms of fine structure

constant  $\alpha = e^2 / (4\pi)$ ,

$$ie\bar{u}(p')\Gamma^\mu u(p) = +ie\bar{u}(p') \left( \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{i}{2m} \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu + \dots \right) u(p);$$

dots represent contributions not  $\propto \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu$ . Beyond one loop, divergencies and renormalisation required.

Comparison with Gordon decomposition gives one-loop correction to Landé factor,

$$g_e = 2 \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right),$$

i.e. anomalous magnetic moment  $a_e = (g_e - 2)/2$ .

Today: three loops known analytically, four loops numerically (success story over 50 years); agreement between theory and experiment most impressive:

$$a_e^{\text{exp}} = (1159652185.9 \pm 3.8) \cdot 10^{-12},$$
$$a_e^{\text{th}} = (1159652175.9 \pm 8.5) \cdot 10^{-12},$$

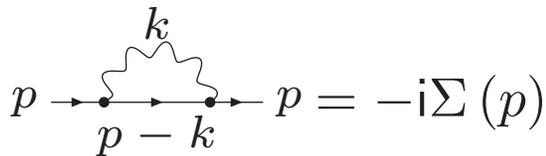
**cornerstone** of quantum field theory [Note: QED is **inconsistent theory** !]

Further tests of QFT: more high-order calculations in QED; **electroweak theory**: non-Abelian gauge theory, precision analysis of LEP data, expectations for LHC, in particular Higgs boson mass; **QCD**: higher-order calculations of DIS, heavy quark physics, jets, parton evolution etc (but less clean).

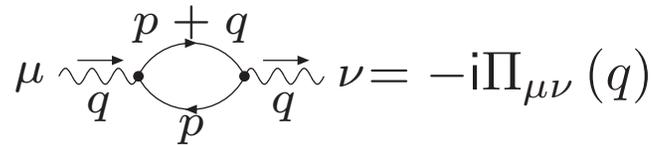
### (3) Divergencies and renormalisation

In the perturbative expansion ultraviolet divergencies occur, which require regularisation and renormalisation; typical one-loop integral, evaluated in  $d = 4 - \epsilon$  dimensions (regularisation):

$$\mu^\epsilon \int \frac{d^4 k_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(k_E^2 + C)^2} = \frac{\mu^\epsilon \Gamma(2 - \frac{d}{2})}{(4\pi)^{d/2} \Gamma(2)} \frac{1}{C^{2-d/2}} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \dots$$



(a) Electron self-energy



(b) Vacuum polarisation

Example: vacuum polarisation, second rank tensor; requirement of gauge

invariance,

$$q^\mu \Pi_{\mu\nu}(q) = 0 ,$$

together with Lorentz invariance,

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q) = (g_{\mu\nu}q^2 - q_\mu q_\nu) \Pi(q^2) ,$$

yields scalar quantity  $\Pi(q^2)$  which has divergent part,

$$\Pi(q^2) = \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(1) .$$

**Renormalisation:** divergencies can be absorbed into “bare” fields and “bare”

parameters; they are not observable. Explicitly, for QED:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_{0\nu} - \partial_\nu A_{0\mu}) (\partial^\mu A^{0\nu} - \partial^\nu A^{0\mu}) + \bar{\psi}_0 (\gamma^\mu (i\partial_\mu - e_0 A_{0\mu}) - m_0) \psi_0.$$

“Renormalised fields”  $A_\mu$  and  $\psi$  and “renormalised parameters”  $e$  and  $m$  are obtained from bare ones by multiplicative rescaling,

$$A_{0\mu} = \sqrt{Z_3} A_\mu, \quad e_0 = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2 \sqrt{Z_3}} \mu^{2-d/2} e \dots$$

Note: coupling, electron mass and fields now depend on **mass parameter**  $\mu$ ,  $e = e(\mu), \dots$

QED Lagrangean in terms of renormalized fields and parameters,

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) + \bar{\psi} (\gamma^\mu (i\partial_\mu - eA_\mu) - m) \psi + \Delta\mathcal{L} ,$$

where  $\Delta\mathcal{L}$  contains the divergent counterterms,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{L} = & - (Z_3 - 1) \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (Z_2 - 1) \bar{\psi} i \not{\partial} \psi \\ & - (Z_m - 1) m \bar{\psi} \psi - (Z_1 - 1) e \bar{\psi} A \psi . \end{aligned}$$

Vacuum polarisation now has two contributions to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ ,

$$\text{loop diagram} + \text{crossed loop diagram} = -i (g_{\mu\nu} q^2 - q_\mu q_\nu) \left( \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{\epsilon} + (Z_3 - 1) + \mathcal{O}(1) \right) ,$$

Result finite for the choice

$$Z_3 = 1 - \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(1) .$$

After absorption of divergences into renormalised parameters and fields, one can take limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . The theory yields well-defined relations between physical observables. Divergencies can be removed to **all orders in loop expansion** for renormalisable theories! QED and the standard model belong to this class. Proof is highly non-trivial, major achievement in quantum field theory!

## Running couplings in QED and QCD

Contrary to bare coupling  $e_0$ , renormalised coupling  $e(\mu)$  depends on renormalisation scale  $\mu$  (use Ward identity  $Z_1 = Z_2$ ),

$$e_0 = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2 \sqrt{Z_3}} \mu^{-2+d/2} e(\mu) = e(\mu) \mu^{-\epsilon/2} Z_3^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

Remarkably, scale dependence is determined by divergencies! Expand in  $\epsilon$  and  $e(\mu)$  (use  $\alpha = e^2/(4\pi)$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} e_0 &= e(\mu) \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \ln \mu + \dots \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} + \dots \right) \\ &= e(\mu) \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{e^2(\mu)}{12\pi^2} + 1 - \frac{e^2(\mu)}{24\pi^2} \ln \mu + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon, e^4(\mu)) \right); \end{aligned}$$

differentiation with respect to  $\mu$ ,

$$0 = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} e_0 = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} e - \frac{e^3}{24\pi^2} + \mathcal{O}(e^5) ,$$

gives **renormalisation group equation**,

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} e = \frac{e^3}{24\pi^2} + \mathcal{O}(e^5) \equiv \beta(e) ,$$

with  $\beta$ -function

$$\beta(e) = \frac{b_0}{(4\pi)^2} e^3 + \mathcal{O}(e^5) , \quad b_0 = \frac{2}{3} .$$

Integration yields **running coupling** in terms of coupling at reference scale  $\mu_1$ ,

$$\alpha(\mu) = \frac{\alpha(\mu_1)}{1 - \alpha(\mu_1) \frac{b_0}{(2\pi)} \ln \frac{\mu}{\mu_1}} ;$$

since  $b_0 > 0$ , coupling increases with  $\mu$  until it approaches the **Landau pole** where perturbation theory breaks down!

**What is the meaning of a scale dependent coupling?** For physical quantities, e.g. scattering amplitude at momentum transfer  $q^2$ , perturbative expansion generates terms  $\propto e^2(\mu) \log(q^2/\mu^2)$ . Hence, expansion unreliable unless one chooses  $\mu^2 \sim q^2$ . Running coupling  $e^2(q^2)$  therefore represents effective interaction strength at momentum (or energy) scale  $q^2$  or, correspondingly, at distance  $r \sim 1/q$ .

In QED, because of positive  $\beta$  function, effective coupling strength decreases

at large distances; effect of “vacuum polarisation”: electron-positron pairs from the vacuum screen bare charge at distances larger than electron Compton wavelength. In Thompson limit,  $\alpha(0) = \frac{1}{137}$ , increases to  $\alpha(M_Z^2) = \frac{1}{127}$  [important input in electroweak precision tests, hints for “new physics”].

## Running Coupling in QCD

Contributions to running coupling in non-Abelian gauge theories, in particular QCD:

$$\text{gluon loop} + \text{ghost loop} + \text{fermion loop} + \text{crossed-gluon loop} \rightsquigarrow Z_3 .$$

Renormalised coupling can be defined as in QED,

$$g_0 = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2 \sqrt{Z_3}} \mu^{-2+d/2} g .$$

Scale dependence from coefficients of  $1/\epsilon$ -divergences, depend on number of colours ( $N_c^2 - 1$ ) and flavours ( $N_f$ ),

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} g = \frac{b_0}{(4\pi)^2} g^3 + \mathcal{O}(g^5) , \quad b_0 = - \left( \frac{11}{3} N_c - \frac{4}{3} N_f \right) .$$

Coefficient negative for  $N_f < 11N_c/4$ , i.e. QCD !! Coupling then decreases at high momentum transfers or short distances: **asymptotic freedom**. As a consequence, in deep-inelastic scattering quarks inside proton quasi-free particles  $\rightarrow$  parton model, basis for treatment of collisions at the LHC!

Coupling scale  $\mu$  can be expressed in terms of coupling at reference scale

$\mu_1$ , e.g.  $\mu_1 = m_Z$ ,

$$\alpha(\mu) = \frac{\alpha(\mu_1)}{1 + \alpha(\mu_1) \frac{|b_0|}{(2\pi)} \ln \frac{\mu}{\mu_1}} .$$

Analogue of Landau pole now at small  $\mu$ , i.e. large distances. QCD with  $N_c = 3$  and  $N_f = 6$ : pole at “QCD scale”  $\mu \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \simeq 300 \text{ MeV}$ . Gluons and quarks then strongly coupled and colour **confined**. Size and masses of hadrons,

$$r_{\text{had}} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{-1} \sim 0.7 \text{ fm} , \quad m_{\text{proton}} \sim 3 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 1 \text{ GeV} .$$

Origin of mass of ordinary matter mostly **non-perturbative !!**

## (4) Higgs sector and supersymmetry

All masses in the SM are generated by Higgs mechanism, based on effective potential which allows “spontaneous symmetry breaking”,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= (D_\mu\Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu\Phi) - V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi), \\ D_\mu\Phi &= \left( \partial_\mu + igW_\mu - \frac{i}{2}g'B_\mu \right) \Phi, \\ V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) &= -\mu^2 \Phi^\dagger\Phi + \frac{1}{2}\lambda (\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2, \quad \mu^2 > 0;\end{aligned}$$

potential has minimum away from origin, at  $\Phi^\dagger\Phi = v^2 \equiv \mu^2/\lambda$ , which defines the vacuum. In unitary gauge,

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}H(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = H^*.$$

The Higgs Lagrangean generates all mass terms,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{\lambda}{2}v^4 \\ & + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu H \partial^\mu H - \lambda v^2 H^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2}vH^3 + \frac{\lambda}{8}H^4 \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \left( v + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}H \right)^2 (W_\mu^1, W_\mu^2, W_\mu^3, B_\mu) \begin{pmatrix} g^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g^2 & \\ 0 & g^2 & gg' \\ & gg' & g'^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W^{1\mu} \\ W^{2\mu} \\ W^{3\mu} \\ B^\mu \end{pmatrix} ; \end{aligned}$$

first term: vacuum energy density (?), then Higgs and vector boson masses:

- $W^\pm$ :  $M_W^2 = \frac{1}{2}g^2v^2$ ;  $Z$ :  $M_Z^2 = \frac{1}{2}(g^2 + g'^2)v^2$ ;  $\gamma$ :  $M_\gamma = 0$ ,
- **Higgs**:  $m_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2$ .

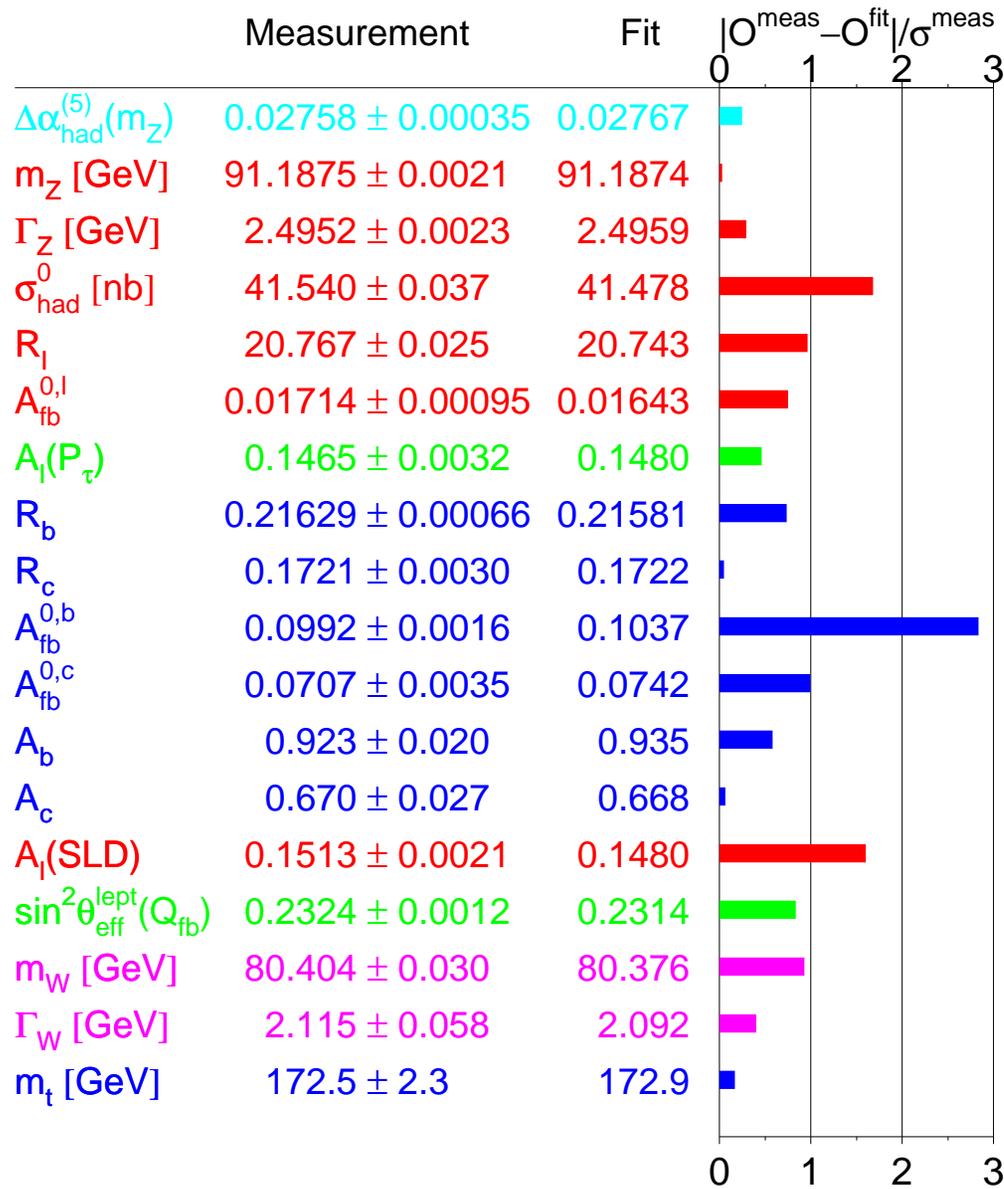
# Higgs mass bounds

Most important quantity, for LHC and extrapolations beyond: Higgs mass!  
Current experimental bounds:

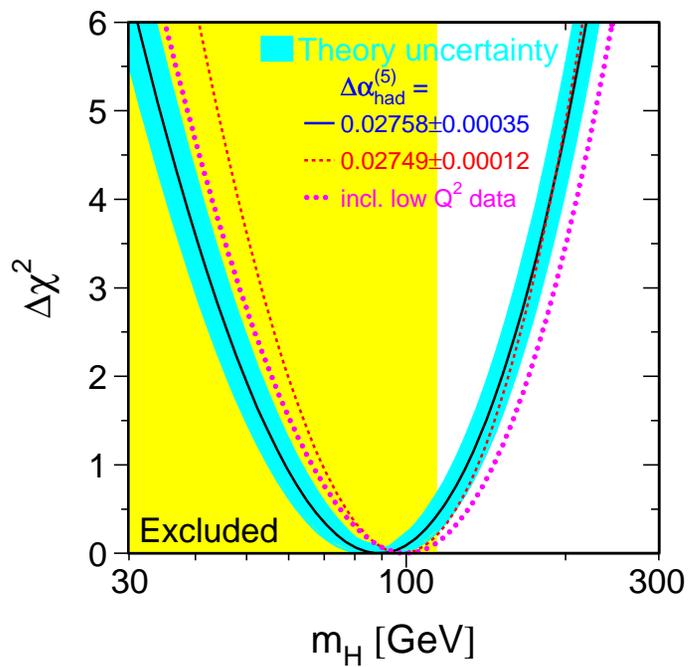
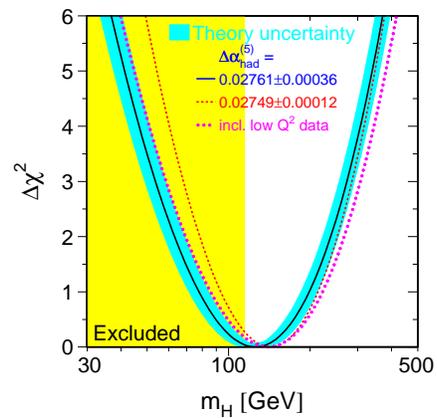
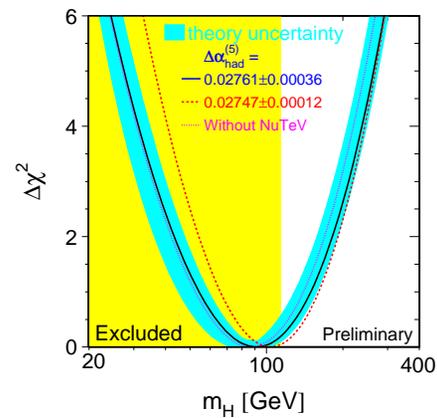
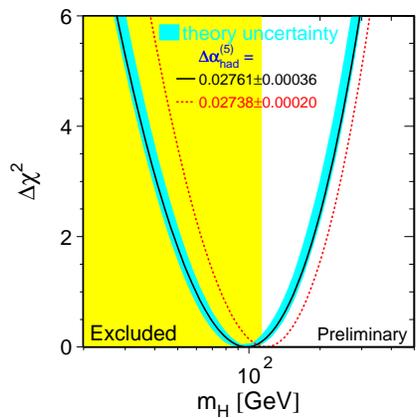
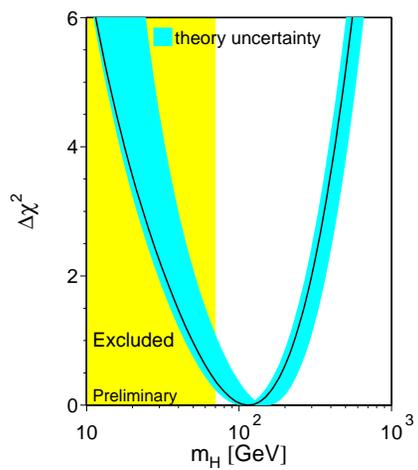
- Higgs not seen at LEP:  $m_H > 114 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Higgs contributes to radiative corrections,  $\rho$ -parameter etc Global fit to precision measurements (see Figure) summarised in blue-band plot (small plots:1997, 2001, 2003, 2005; big plot 2006); present 95% confidence level upper bound:

$$m_H < 185 \text{ GeV}.$$

Note: loop corrections strongly dependent on top mass (main reason for variations in early years).



Global fit to electroweak precision data.



**Theoretical bounds** on the Higgs mass arise in SM from two consistency requirements: (non-)triviality and vacuum stability; in minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) the Higgs self-coupling is given by gauge couplings, which yields the upper bound  $m_H \lesssim 135 \text{ GeV}$ .

Theoretical mass bounds follow from scale dependence of couplings; most relevant: quartic Higgs self-coupling  $\lambda$  and top quark Yukawa coupling  $h_t = m_t/v$ ; coupled system of renormalisation group equations:

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \lambda(\mu) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} (12\lambda^2 - 12h_t^4 + \dots) = \beta_\lambda(\lambda, h_t) ,$$

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} h_t(\mu) = \frac{h_t}{(4\pi)^2} \left( \frac{9}{2}h_t^2 - 8g_s^2 + \dots \right) = \beta_{h_t}(\lambda, h_t) ;$$

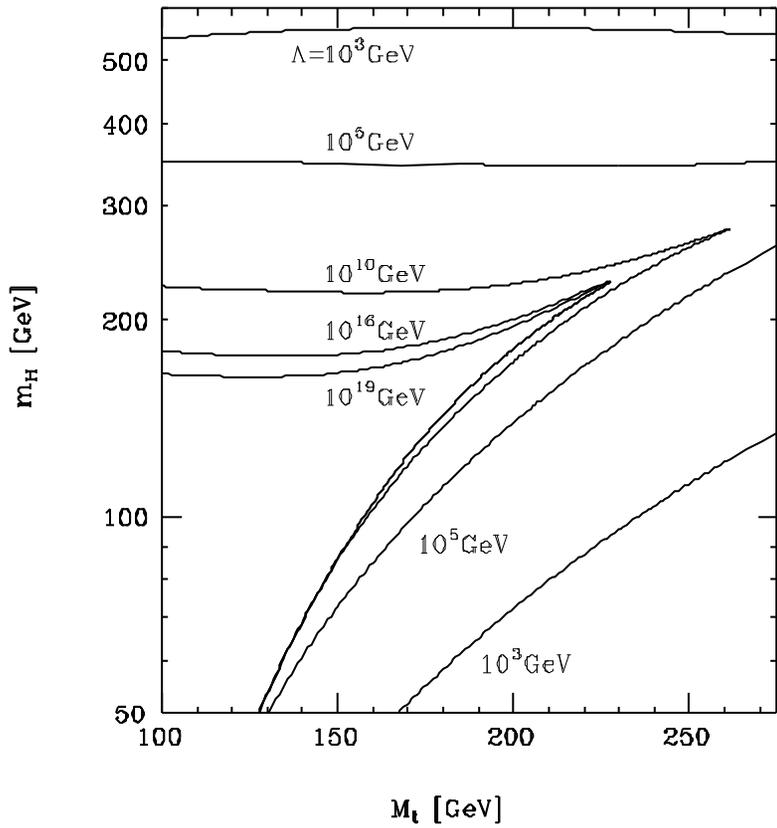
$h_t$  decreases with increasing  $\mu$ , behaviour of  $\lambda(\mu)$  depends on initial value  $\lambda(v)$ , i.e., on the Higgs mass.

Consistency of SM from electroweak scale  $v$  up to some high-energy cutoff  $\Lambda$ , yields conditions for running couplings in range  $v < \mu < \Lambda$ :

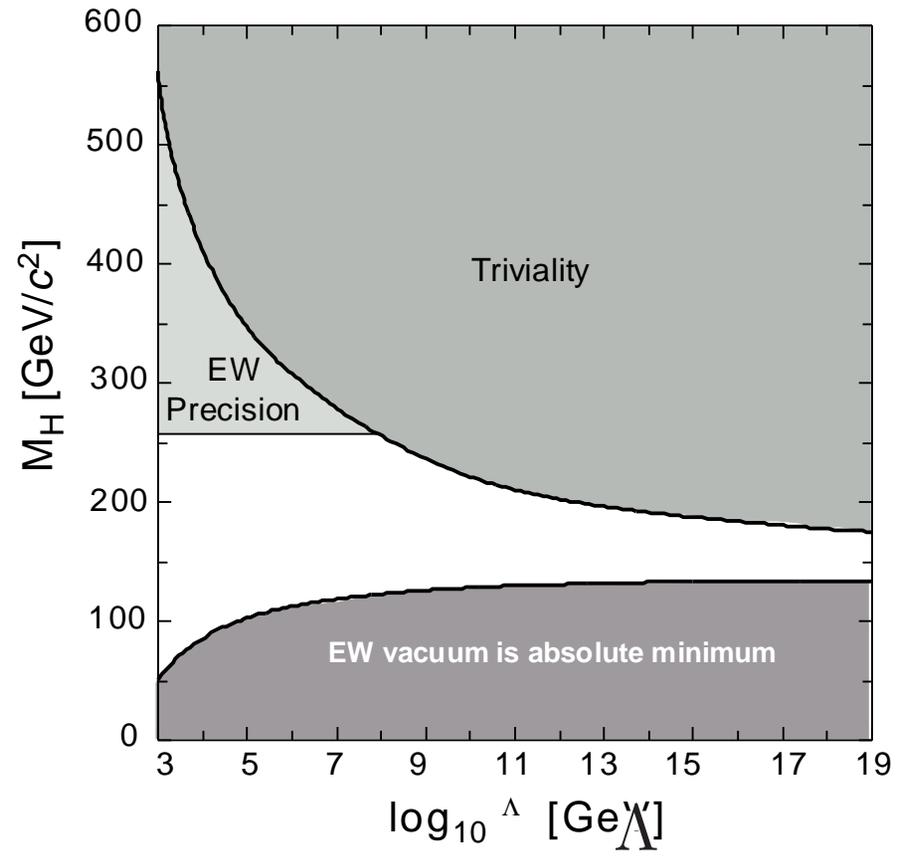
- **Triviality bound:**  $\lambda(\mu) < \infty$ ; if  $\lambda$  would hit Landau pole at some scale  $\mu_L < \Lambda$ , finite value  $\lambda(\mu_L)$  would require  $\lambda(v) = 0$ , i.e., theory would be “trivial”.
- **Vacuum stability bound:**  $\lambda(\mu) > 0$ ; if  $\lambda$  would become negative, Higgs potential would be unbounded from below anymore  $\rightarrow$  electroweak vacuum no longer ground state!

These requirements define allowed regions in the  $m_H$ - $m_t$ -plane as function of cutoff  $\Lambda$ ; Higgs mass range for known top mass and  $\Lambda \sim \Lambda_{\text{GUT}} \sim 10^{16}$  GeV,

$$130 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 180 \text{ GeV} .$$



(c)



(d)

How far should we extrapolate beyond the electroweak scale?

Attractive extension of SM: **SUPERSYMMETRY**, in particular the 'minimal' supersymmetric SM (MSSM); number of fields are doubled:

$$\text{SM}, \{\Phi_i\} \rightarrow \text{MSSM}, \{\Phi_{ia}\},$$

where  $i = q, l, W, g, \gamma, \dots$  and

$a = 1$  : old particles ,  $p_i$  ,

$a = 2$  : new (s)particles ,  $\tilde{p}_i$  ;

improves ultraviolet behaviour, attractive theoretical structure; MSSM has two Higgs doublets; rich phenomenology at LHC (already in RPP since many years, conferences SUSY0x,...); phenomenological problems at low energies: proton decay, flavour changing neutral currents, dipole moments, gravitino problem in cosmology...(?)

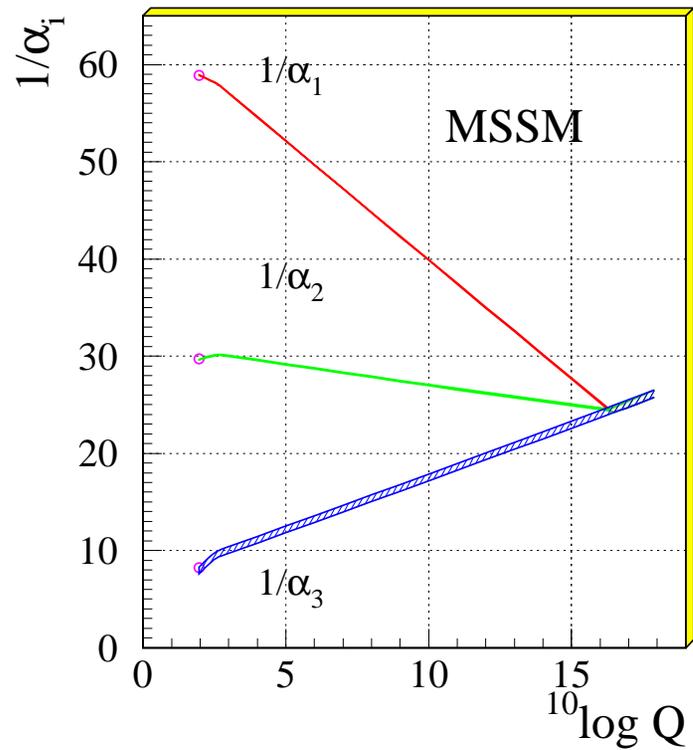
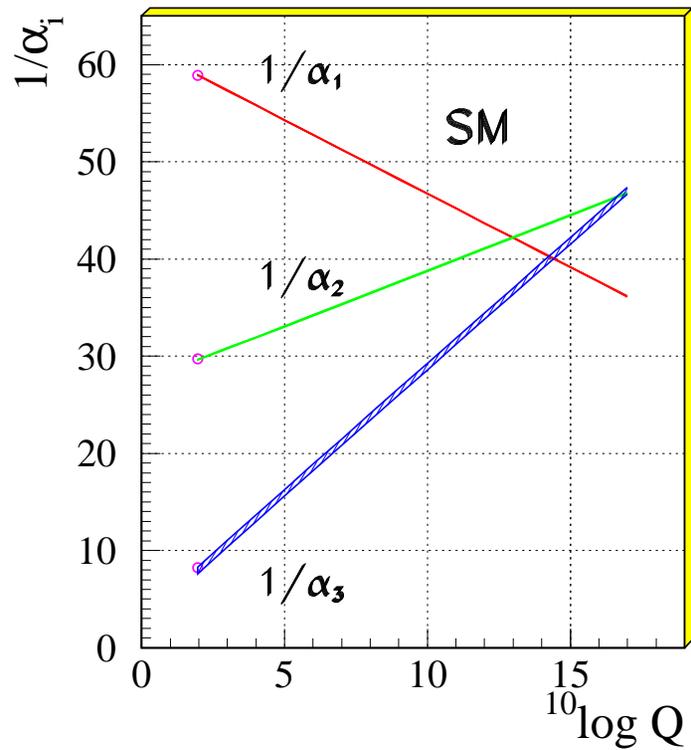
Supersymmetry stabilizes Higgs vacuum expectation value  $v$  w.r.t. radiative corrections, hence in MSSM supersymmetry breaking related to electroweak mass scale,

$$\Delta m_{susy}^2 = m_{\tilde{p}}^2 - m_p^2 \sim v^2 .$$

**Predictions:** spectrum of (s)particles with masses in the range 100 GeV - 2 TeV; could be discovered and studied at **LHC**; mass spectrum depends on mechanism of supersymmetry breaking.

also important: precision measurements of low energy processes, in particular  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ :  $BR > 10^{-14}$  for large class of models, could be discovered in near future at PSI; attractive **dark matter** candidates; unification of gauge couplings,...(already SM impressive)...

## Unification of the Coupling Constants in the SM and the minimal MSSM



## (5) Unification and Higher Dimensions

Grand unified theories (GUTs) are natural extension of the standard model; quarks and leptons form SU(5) multiplets (Georgi, Glashow),

$$\mathbf{10} = (q_L, u_R^c, e_R^c), \quad \mathbf{5}^* = (d_R^c, l_L), \quad (\mathbf{1} = \nu_R),$$

or SU(4) × SU(2) × SU(2) multiplets (Pati, Salam),

$$(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}) = (q_L, l_L), \quad (\mathbf{4}^*, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}) = (u_R^c, d_R^c, \nu_R^c, e_R^c);$$

all quarks and leptons of one generation are unified in a single multiplet in the GUT group SO(10),

$$\mathbf{16} = \mathbf{10} + \mathbf{5}^* + \mathbf{1} = (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{4}^*, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}).$$

Important **hint for unification**, in addition to gauge coupling unification: small neutrino masses; simple explanation by seesaw mechanism via mixing ( $m_D = h_\nu v$ ) with heavy right-handed neutrinos ( $M$ ),

$$m_\nu = -m_D \frac{1}{M} m_D^T .$$

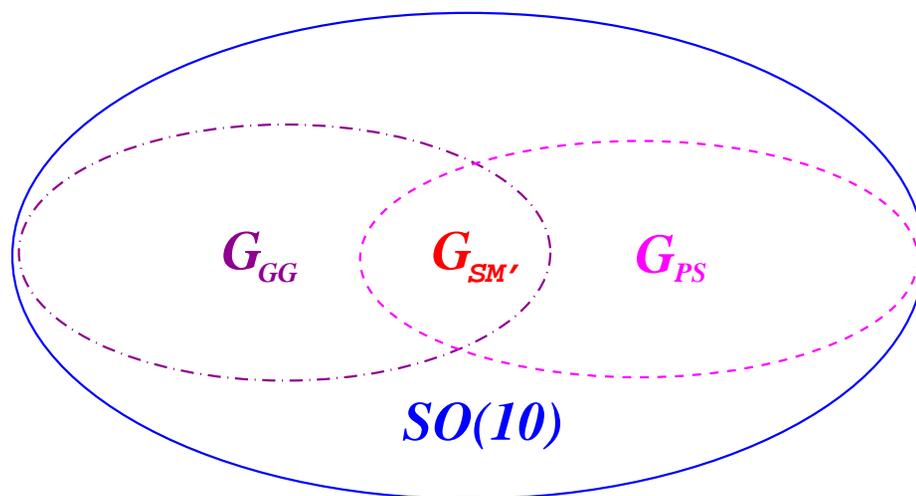
Estimate of largest light-neutrino mass, with  $M \sim \Lambda_{GUT} \sim 10^{15}$  GeV,

$$m_3 \sim \frac{v^2}{M} \sim 0.01 \text{ eV} ,$$

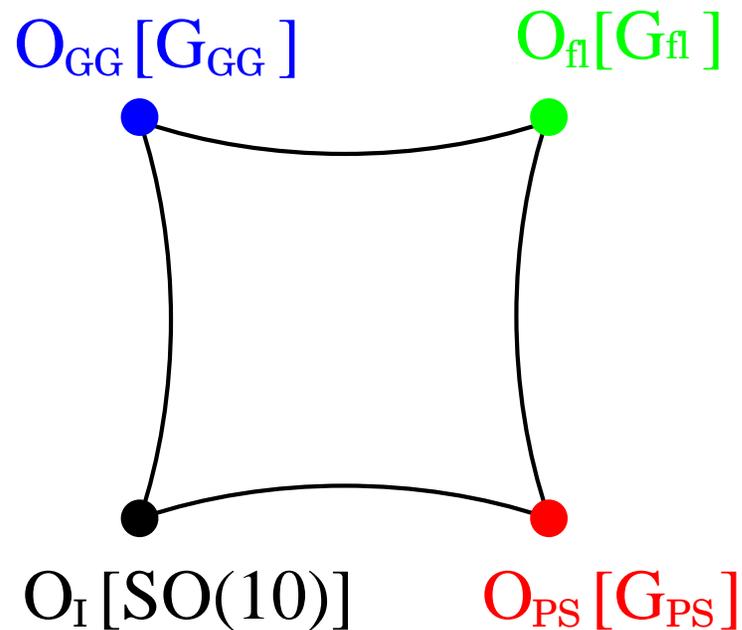
remarkably consistent with results from neutrino oscillations,  $\sqrt{\Delta m_{atm}^2} \sim 0.05$  eV and  $\sqrt{\Delta m_{sol}^2} \sim 0.008$  eV. Are we probing physics at the GUT scale  $\Lambda_{GUT} \sim 10^{15}$  GeV ?!

GUT models in four dimensions (4D) problematic; attractive alternative: supergravity theories in five or six dimensions (simplest possibility: **orbifold compactifications**); GUT symmetry breaking at fixed points (4D 'branes'), yields automatically required doublet-triplet splitting of Higgs fields.

**Example:**  $SO(10)$  gauge theory in six dimensions; standard model gauge group from intersection of Georgi-Glashow and Pati-Salam



The **breaking is localized** at different points in the extra dimensions,  $O$ ,  $O_{PS}$ ,  $O_{GG}$ ,  $O_{fl}$ , with standard model group in four dimensions,



consequences: geometrical picture of flavour physics, specific predictions for proton decay modes (different from 4D),...; but only non-renormalisable effective theory...; group theory and supersymmetry lead to string theory!

## Exceptional coset-spaces for quarks and leptons

the "exceptional sequence". The coset spaces  $E_{n+1}/E_n \times U(1)$  of the exceptional groups contain the  $E_n$  representations which are used for quark-lepton multiplets in  $E_n$  gauge theories.

Exceptional groups	Dynkin diagrams	Coset spaces $E_{n+1}/E_n \times U(1)$
$E_3 = SU(3) \times SU(2)$		$(3, 2) + \text{c.c.}$
$E_4 = SU(5)$		$10 + \text{c.c.}$
$E_5 = SO(10)$		$16 (= \bar{5} + 10 + 1) + \text{c.c.}$
$E_6$		$27 (= 16 + 10 + 1) + \text{c.c.}$
$E_7$		$56 (= 27 + \bar{27} + 1 + 1) + 1 + \text{c.c.}$
$E_8$		

interesting theoretical structure, leads to supersymmetric  $\sigma$ -models, relevant for some extensions of SM

Exceptional unification group  $E_8 \times E_8$  beautifully realized in **heterotic string**; semi-realistic compactifications on Calabi-Yau manifolds, orbifolds...; further compactifications with Wilson lines: many models 'similar to' SM,....., **but not the standard model!**

Fundamental problem: huge number of vacua in string theory,

$$N_{\text{vac}} = 10^X,$$

with  $X = 1500$  (Lerche, Lüst, Schellekens '87) or  $X = 500$  (Bousso, Polchinski '00) or ... ?

Recent, interesting approaches to find realistic string vacua involve compactifications on Calabi-Yau spaces with vector bundles, intersecting D-brane models, F-theory,....., active field of research; intermediate step of unification helpful to find realistic vacua?!

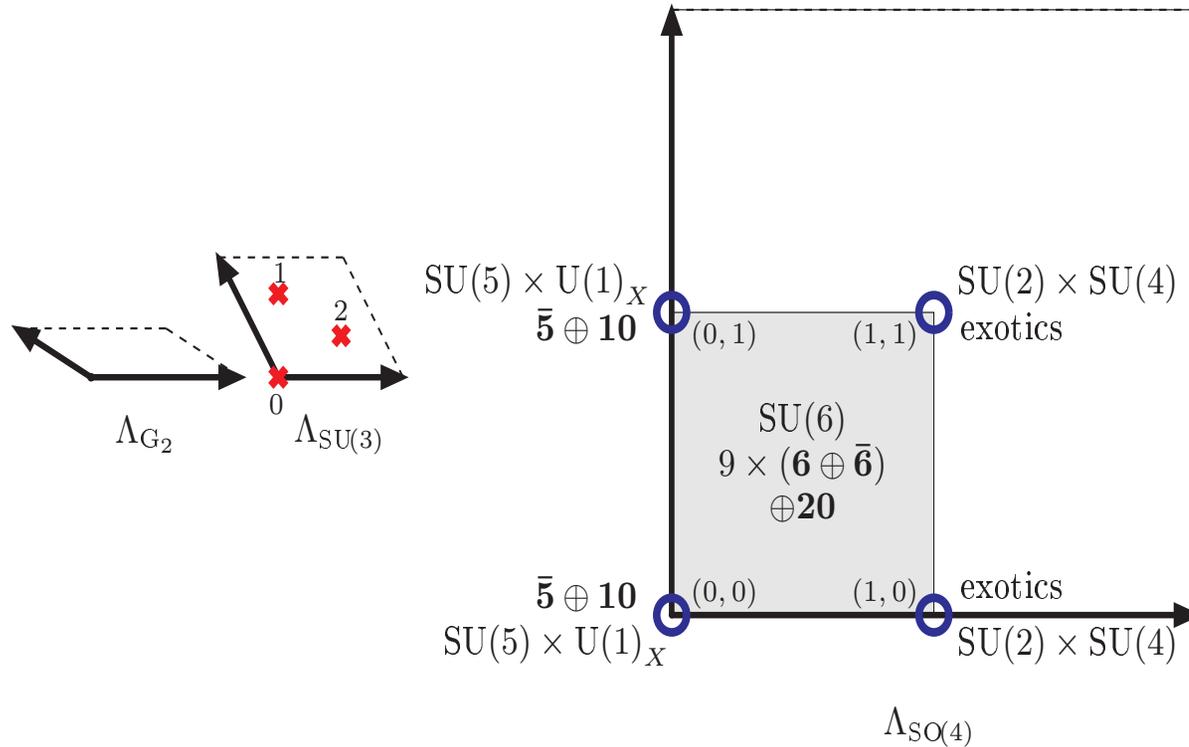
## Heterotic string with local grand unification

Orbifold GUTs only effective field theories with limited predictivity, embedding in heterotic string? Compactifications on anisotropic orbifolds yields  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  models with standard model gauge group and massless spectrum, without exotics: 'mini-landscape', considerable work of several groups during past four years.

Qualitative features:

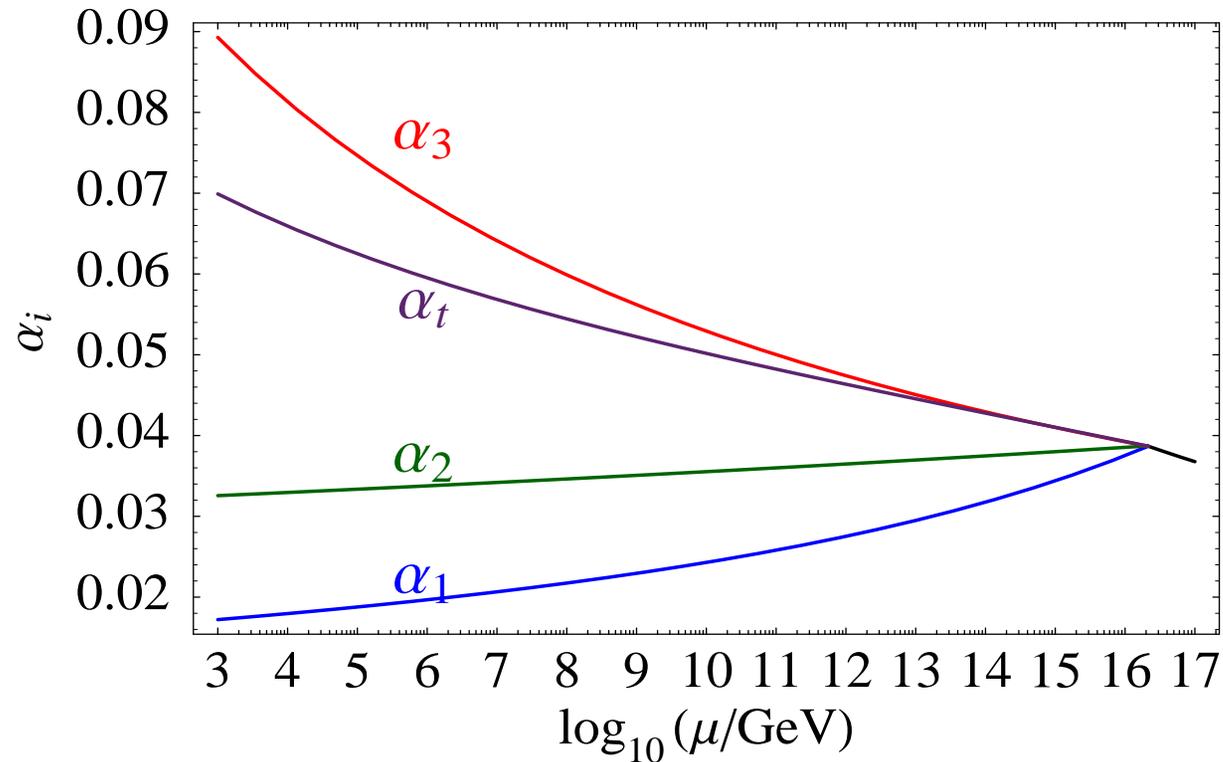
- Gauge symmetry breaking, matter and Higgs sector, and scale of supersymmetry breaking are related (big puzzle!)
- Hierarchical Yukawa couplings à la Froggatt-Nielsen
- top-quark singled out, Yukawa coupling from 6D gauge coupling, 3rd 'family' from 'split multiplets'.

# Heterotic $SU(6)$ model in six (+ four) dimensions



Local  $SU(5) \times U(1)_X$  symmetry at GUT fixed points; **matter**: 2 localized families, 1 'family' from 2 split bulk families; **Higgs**: split bulk fields

## Gauge-top Yukawa unification



Qualitative picture of 4D gauge couplings and top-Yukawa coupling, all given by 6D gauge coupling;  $\alpha_i = g_i^2/(4\pi)$ ,  $\alpha_t = Y_t^2/(4\pi)$  with  $g_i = Y_t$  at the GUT scale (normalization of kinetic terms!)

# Expectations on the eve of the LHC

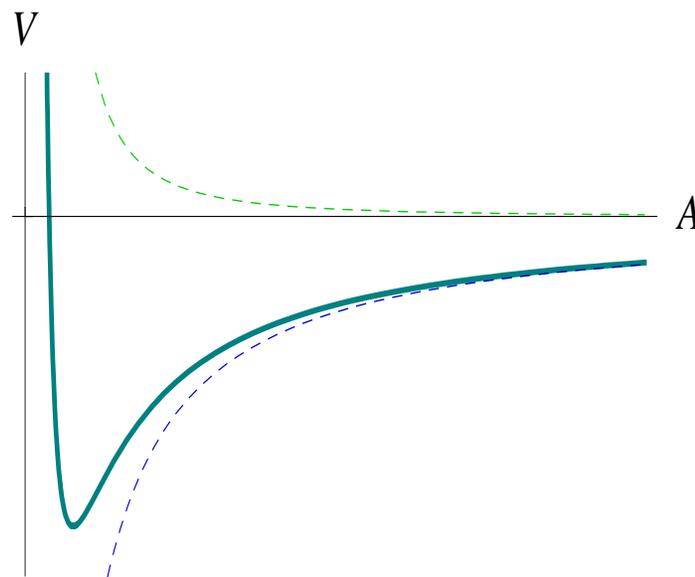
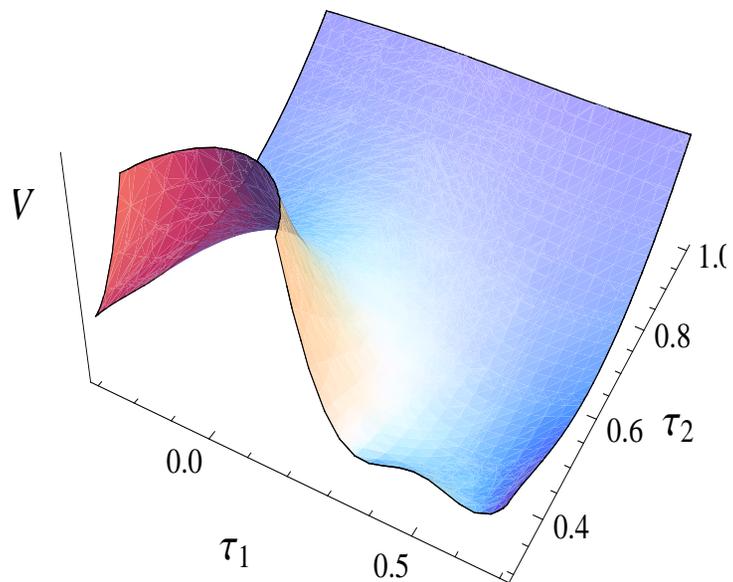
New strong interactions at the LHC (?)

- Technicolour, composite quarks and leptons, little Higgs, lightest Higgs...
- Strong gravity at TeV scale, Randall-Sundrum scenario, large extra dimensions, 'mini-black holes', ...

Weakly coupled theory at high energies,

- Unification, hints: symmetries and particle content of standard model, smallness of neutrino masses and seesaw mechanism, approximate unification of gauge couplings
- Supersymmetry, hints: 'precise' unification of gauge couplings, cosmologically viable candidates of dark matter (WIMP, gravitino,...)

- **Small Extra Dimensions:**  $R \sim 1/M_{\text{GUT}}$ ? Stabilization mechanism? Connection with supersymmetry breaking and inflation? Vacuum energy density  $\rho_{\text{vac}} \sim \mu_{\text{SUSY}}^2 M_{\text{GUT}}^2 \ll M_{\text{GUT}}^4$ ? Additional singlets?



## Physics at the LHC:

- Discovery of Higgs and supersymmetry
- Determination of Higgs and top masses and couplings; departures from (MS)SM?
- Discovery of LSP, consistency with Dark Matter?
- Determination of supersymmetry breaking mechanism, consistent with unification?
- Dynamics of compactification, additional singlets with masses  $\mathcal{O}(m_{3/2})$ , remnant of vacuum degeneracy; discovery in late decays of superparticles?