

Electroweak Sector of the SM

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Schedule for Today

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Review of Lie-Groups:

- $U(1)$ & $SU(2)$
- (Non-) Abelian Gauge theories

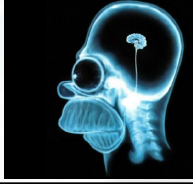
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Phenomenology of Weak Interaction

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Sketch of the Electroweak Sector of the SM:

- Left (Right)-handed States
- Local $SU(2) \times U(1)$ Symmetry
- Weinberg Rotation



Quiz of the Day

- Are normal normal rotation in \mathbb{R}^3 **Abelian or non-Abelian**?
- The W boson only couples to left-handed particles! Does the Z boson also couple only to **left-handed particles**?
- Are the following **gauge boson self-couplings** allowed: ZWW , WWW ?

Recap from Last Time

Gauge Field Theories:

$$\psi(\vec{x}, t) \rightarrow \psi'(\vec{x}, t) = e^{i\vartheta} \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$
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→ (Local Gauge Invariance)

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ieA_\mu$$

→ (Covariant Derivative)

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→ (Field Strength Tensor)

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→ (Lagrange Density)



Marius Sophus Lie
(*17. December 1842, † 18. February 1899)

$$\psi(\vec{x}, t) \rightarrow \psi'(\vec{x}, t) = e^{i\vartheta} \psi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$U(1)$ phase transformation

- $U(1)$ is a group of unitary transformations in \mathbb{R}^n with the following properties:

$$\mathbf{G} \in U(n)$$

$$\mathbf{G}^\dagger \mathbf{G} = \mathbb{I}_n$$

$$\det \mathbf{G} = \pm 1$$

- Splitting an additional phase from \mathbf{G} one can reach that $\det \mathbf{G} = 1$:

$$U(n) = U(1) \times SU(n)$$

$$\det \mathbf{G} = \pm 1$$

(Unitary Transformations)

$$\det \mathbf{G} = +1$$

(Special Unitary Transformations)

Infinitesimal \rightarrow Finite Transformations

- The $SU(n)$ can be composed from infinitesimal transformations with a **continuous parameter** $\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\mathbf{G}|_{\text{finite}} = \mathbb{I}_n + i\vartheta_{\text{finite}} \mathbf{t} \quad (\vartheta_{\text{finite}} \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathcal{M}(n \times n))$$

$$\mathbf{G}|_{\text{finite}} = \left(\mathbb{I}_n + i \frac{\vartheta_{\text{finite}}}{m} \mathbf{t} \right)^m \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} e^{i\vartheta_{\text{finite}} \cdot \mathbf{t}}$$

\hookrightarrow \mathbf{t} generators of G .
 \hookrightarrow \mathbf{t} define structure of G .

- The set of G forms a **Lie-Group**.
- The set of \mathbf{t} forms the tangential-space or **Lie-Algebra**.

Properties of \mathbf{t}

- Hermitian:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}^\dagger \mathbf{G} &= \mathbb{I}_n \\ &= (\mathbb{I}_n - i\vartheta \mathbf{t}^\dagger) (\mathbb{I}_n + i\vartheta \mathbf{t}) = \mathbb{I}_n + i\vartheta \underbrace{(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}^\dagger)} + O(\vartheta^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t}^\dagger$$

- Traceless** (example $SU(n)$):

$$\begin{aligned} \det \mathbf{G} &= \det (\mathbb{I}_n + i\vartheta \mathbf{t}) \\ &= 1 + i\vartheta \text{Tr}(\mathbf{t}) + O(\vartheta^2) \stackrel{!}{=} 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{t}) = 0$$

- Dimension** of tangential space:

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & \\ * & * & * & * & \\ * & * & * & * & \\ * & * & * & * & \end{pmatrix}$$

- n real entries in diagonal.
- $1/2 \cdot n(n-1)$ complex entries in off-diagonal.
- -1 for $SU(n)$ for det req.

- $U(n)$ has n^2 generators.
- $SU(n)$ has $(n^2 - 1)$ generators.

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$$\mathbf{t}_j = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_j \quad (j = 1 \dots 3)$$

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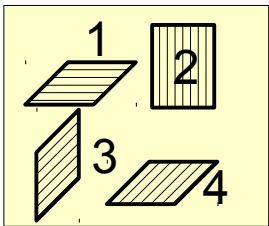
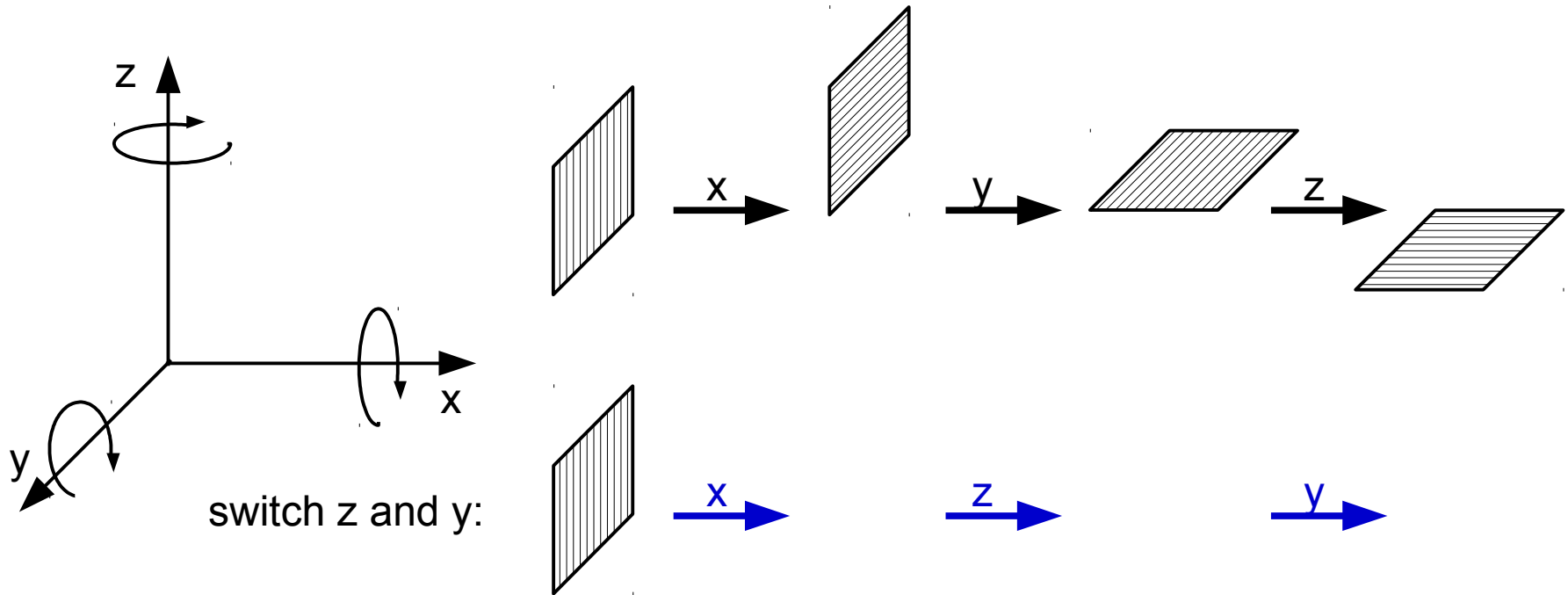
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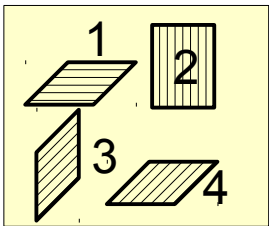
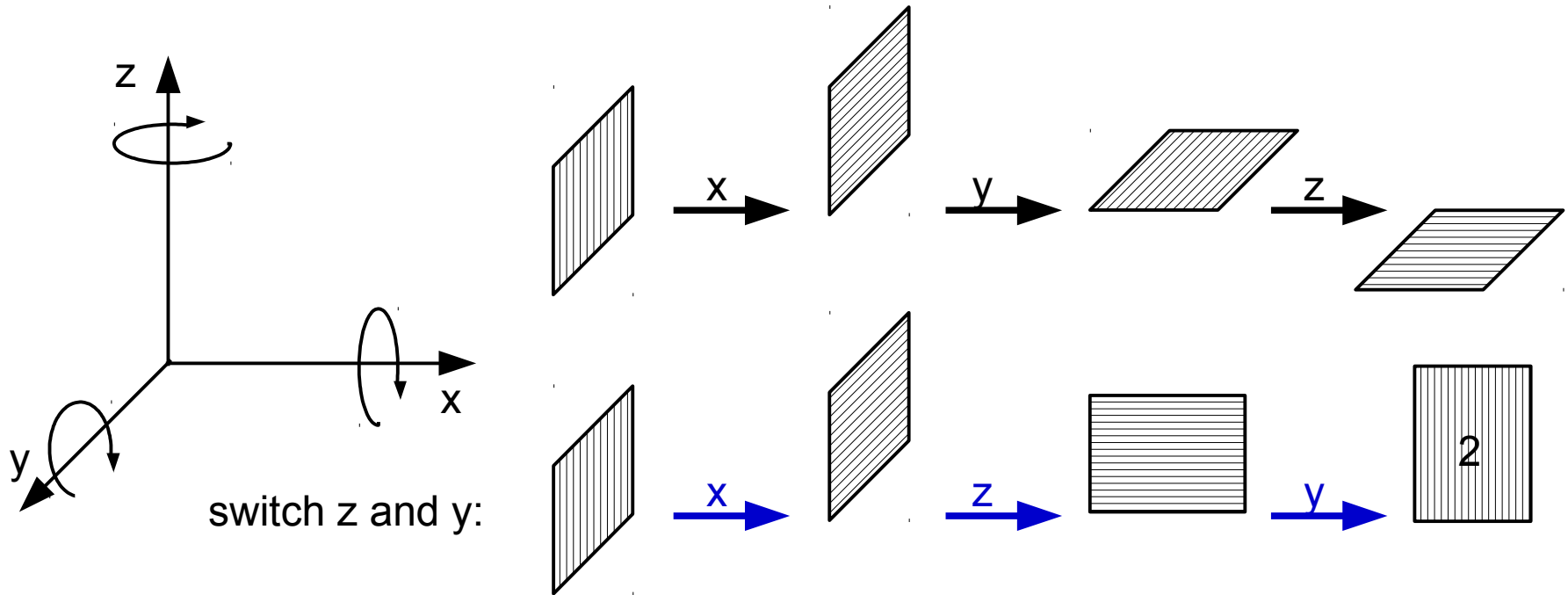
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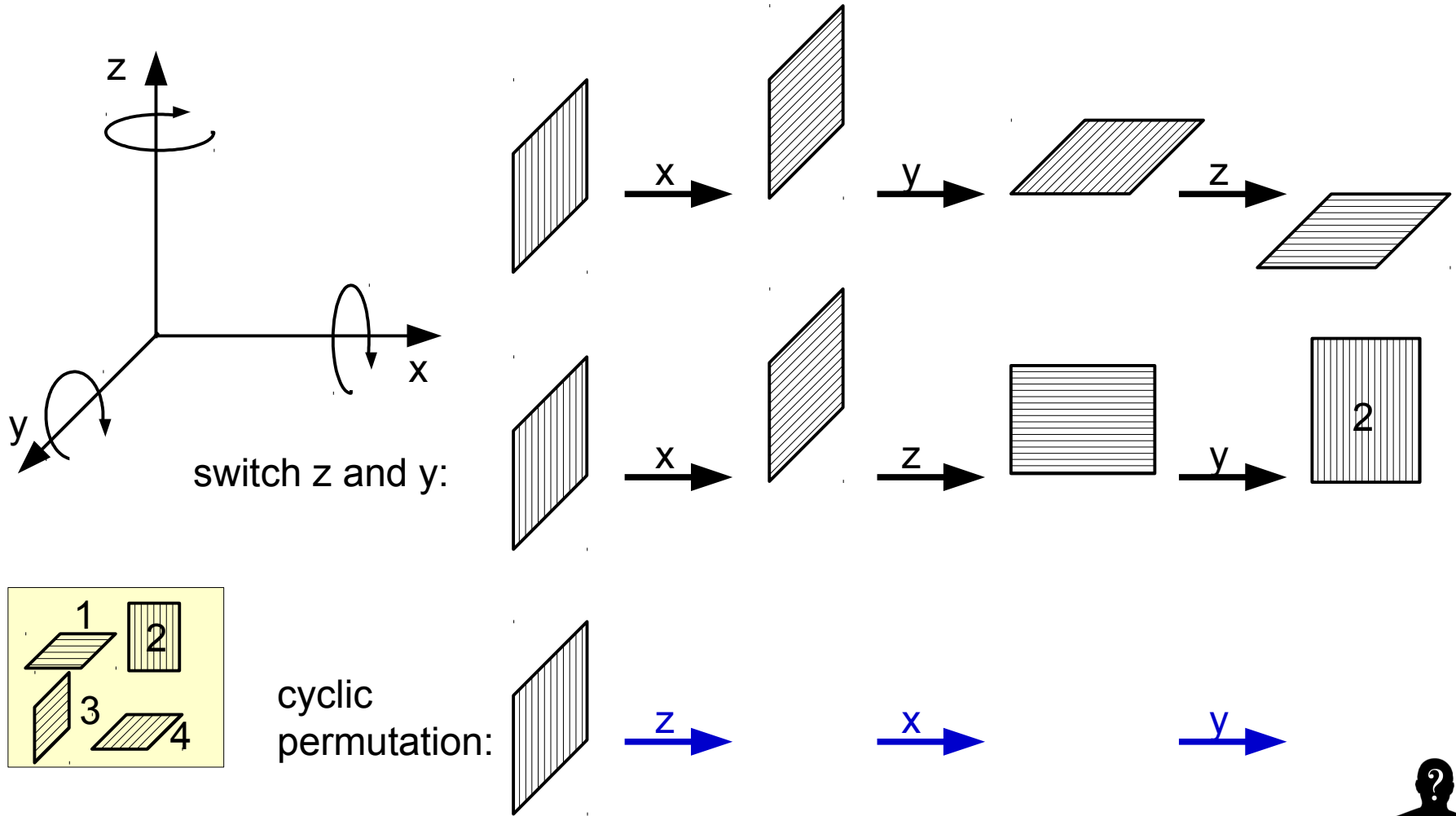
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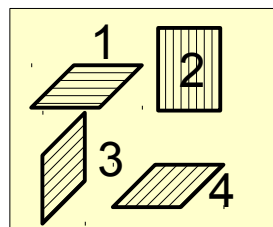
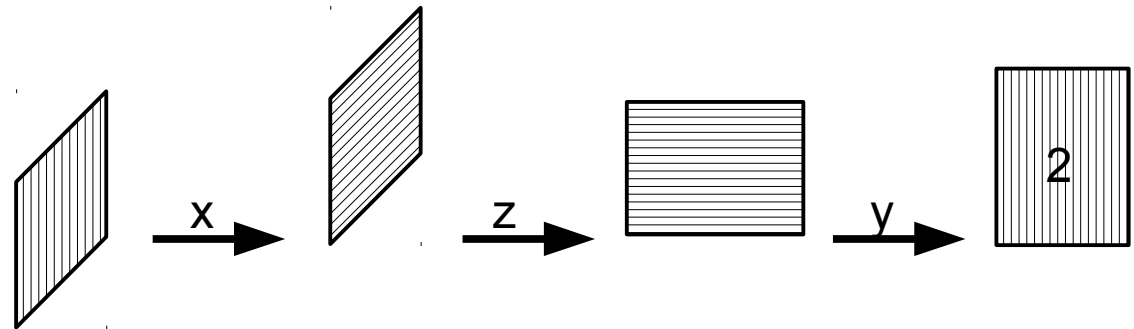
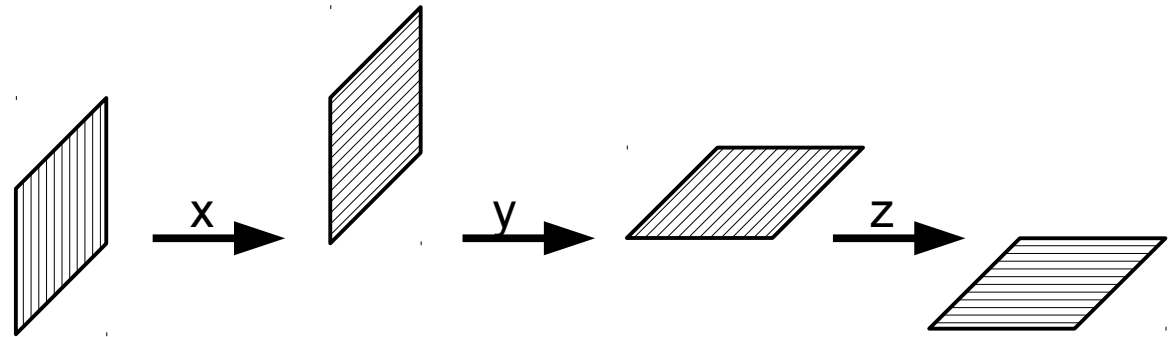
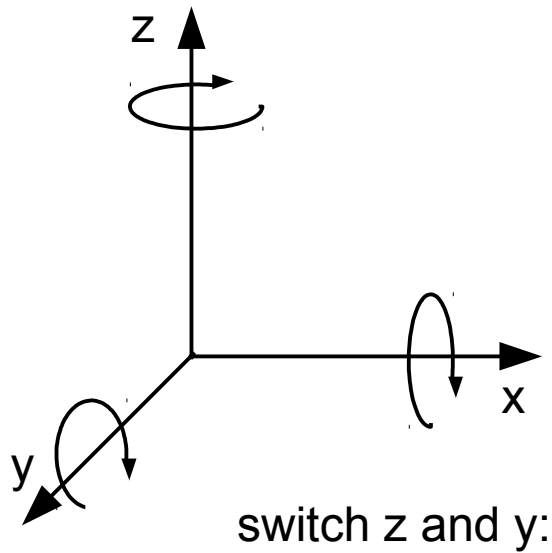
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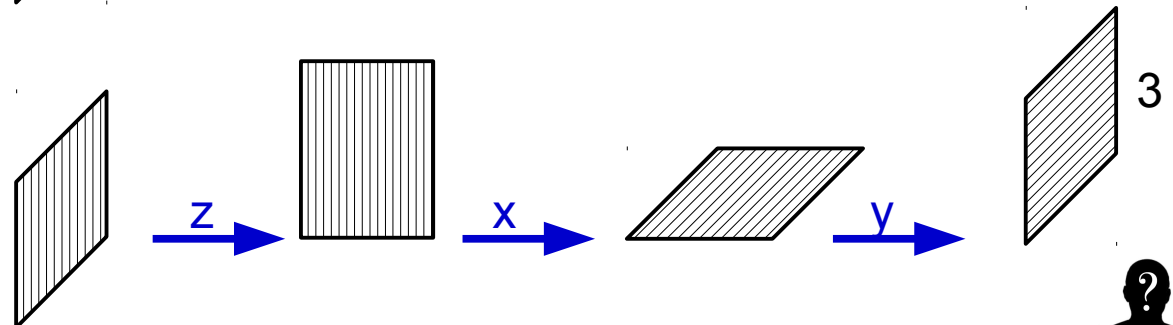


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cyclic permutation:



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$$D_\mu \rightarrow D'_\mu = D_\mu - i[\vartheta_a \mathbf{t}_a, D_\mu]$$

$$W_\mu \rightarrow W'_\mu = W_\mu + i[\vartheta_a \mathbf{t}_a, W_{\mu,a} \mathbf{t}_a]$$

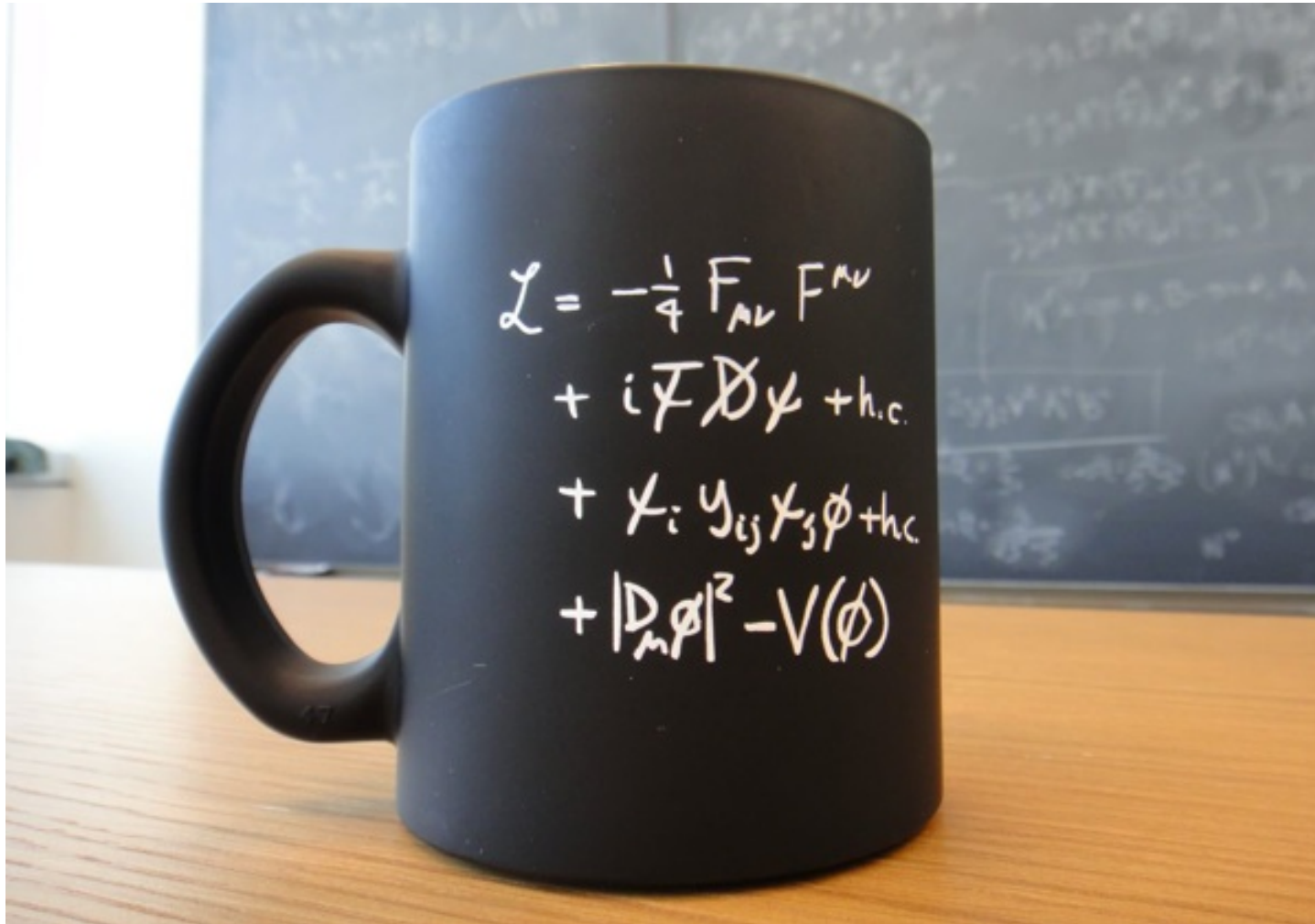
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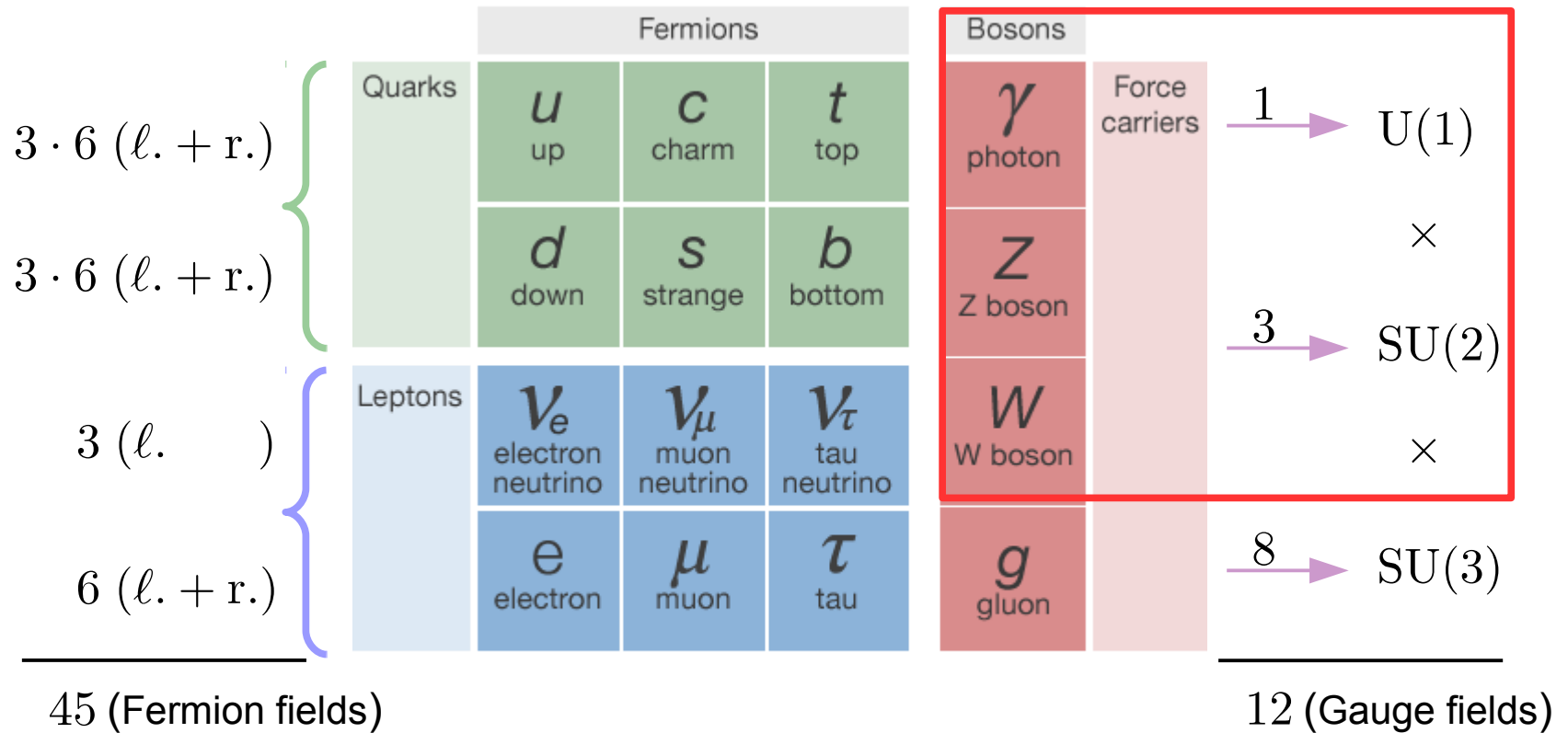
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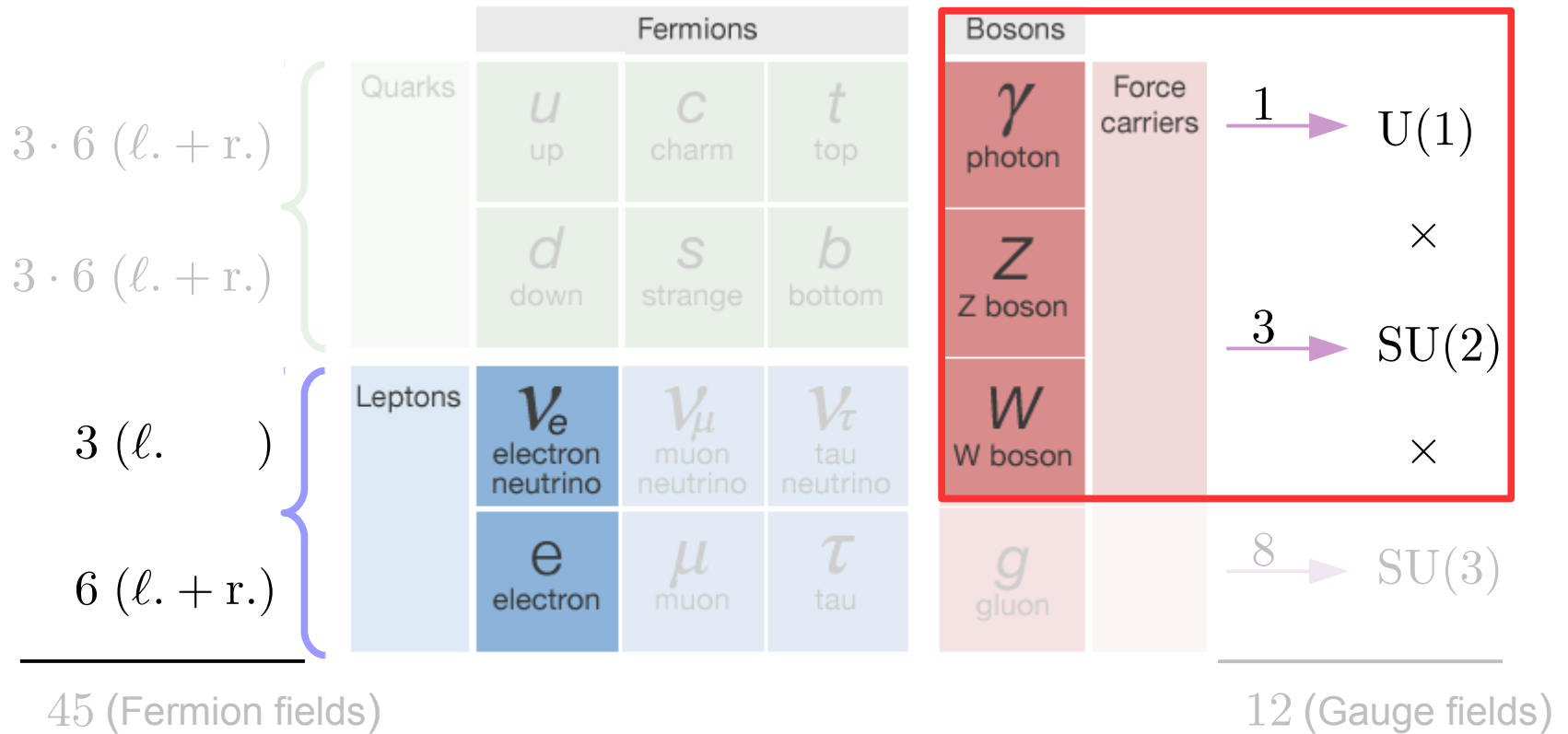


Constituents and Interactions of the SM

18 free parameters

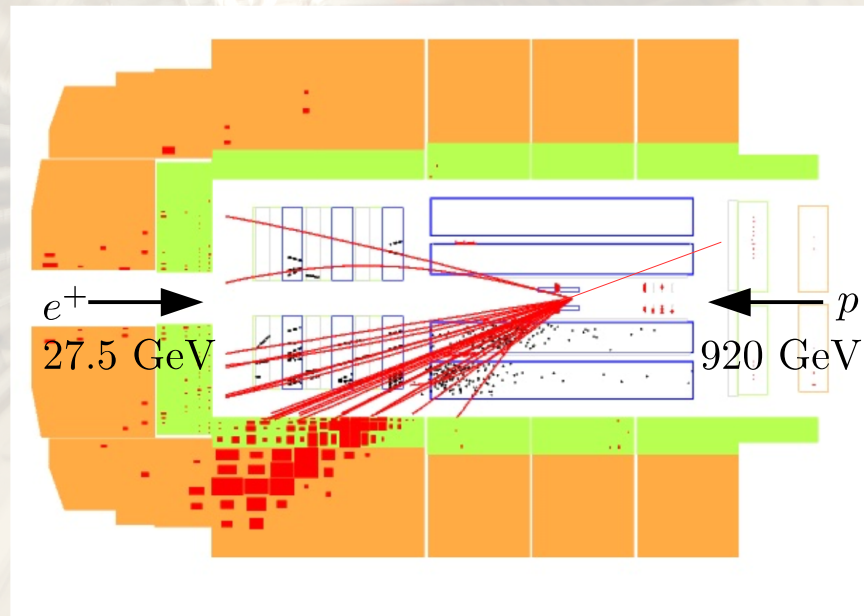
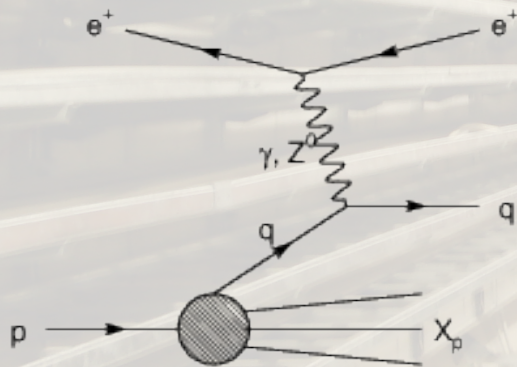


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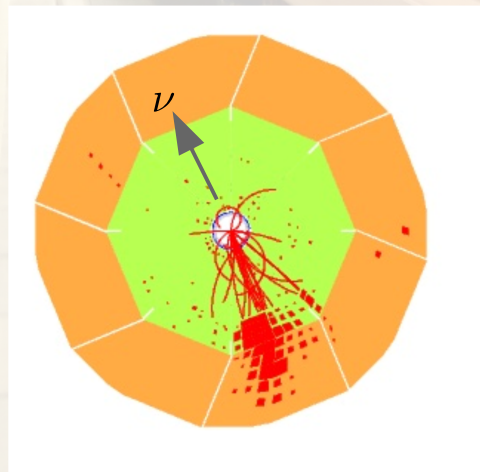
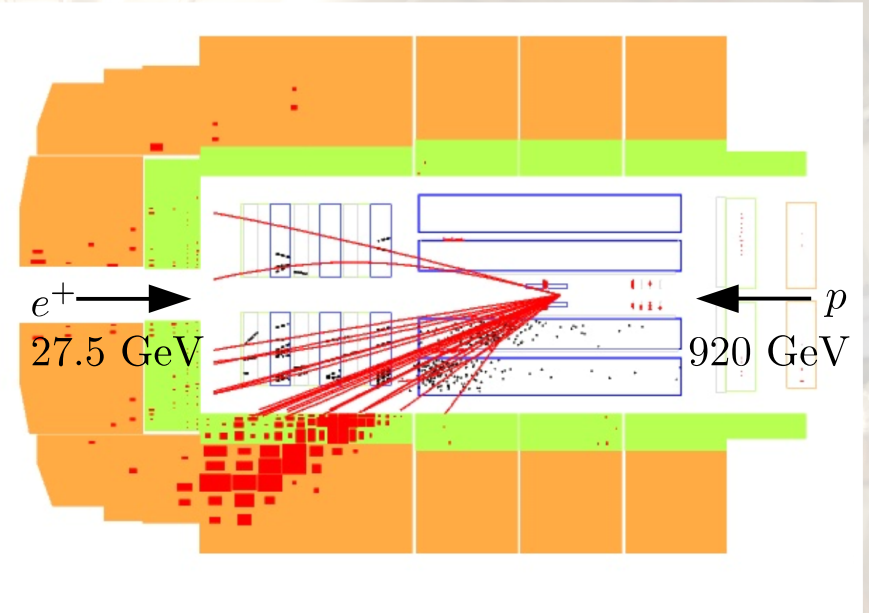
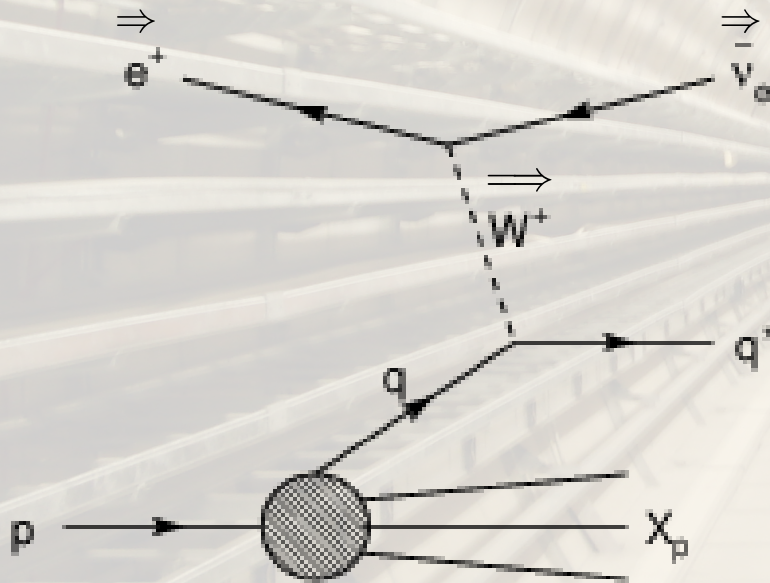


Phenomenology of Weak Interaction

- From the view of a high energy physics scattering experiment:

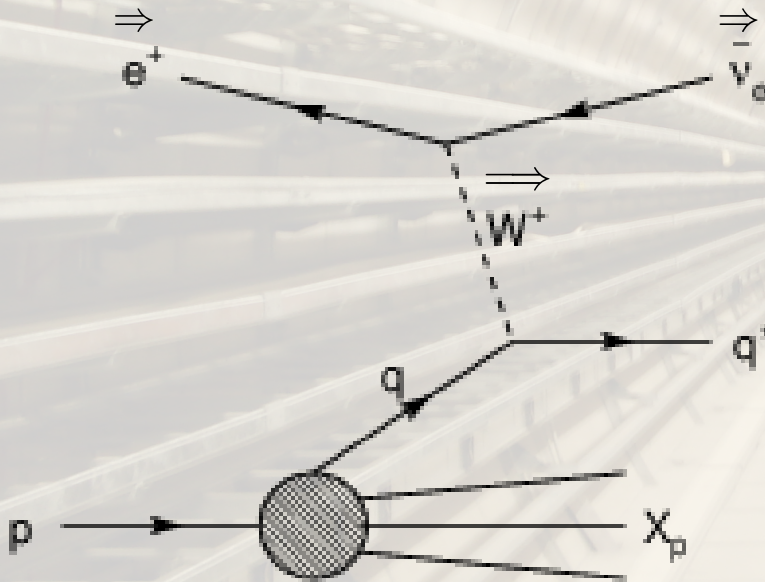


Change of Flavor & Charge

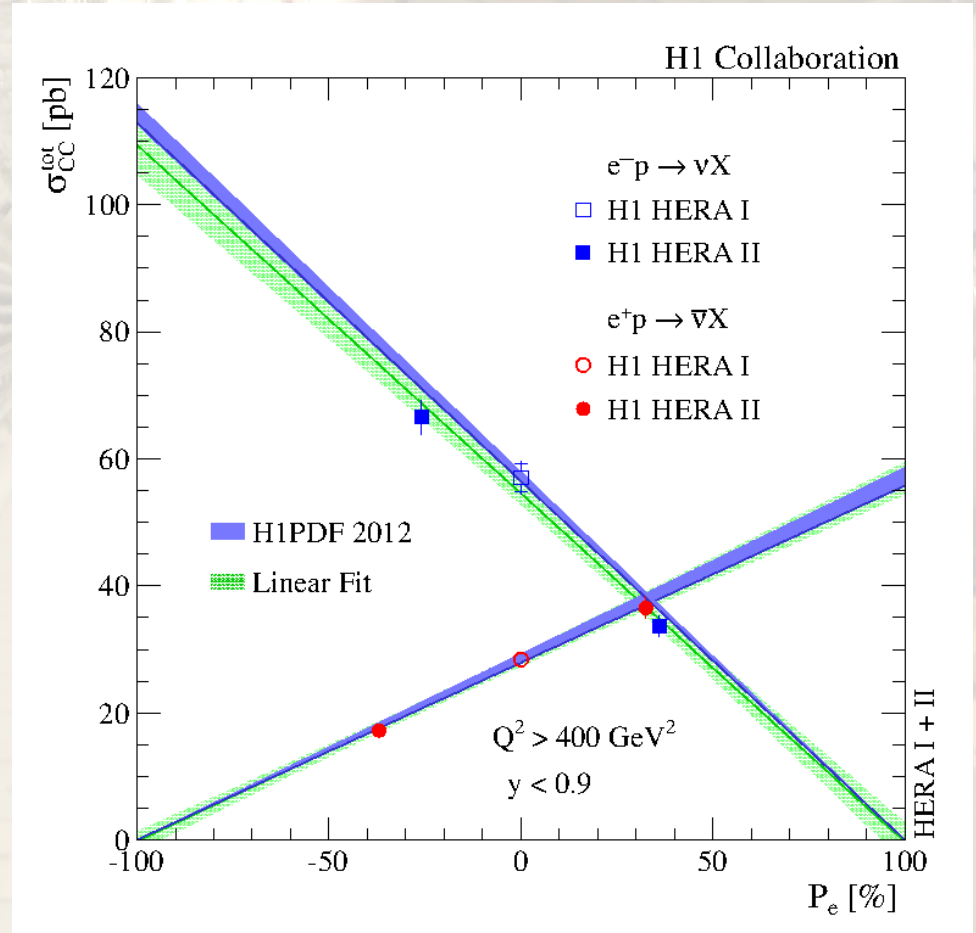


Parity Violation

- W bosons couple only to **left-handed particles** (**right-handed anti-particles**):

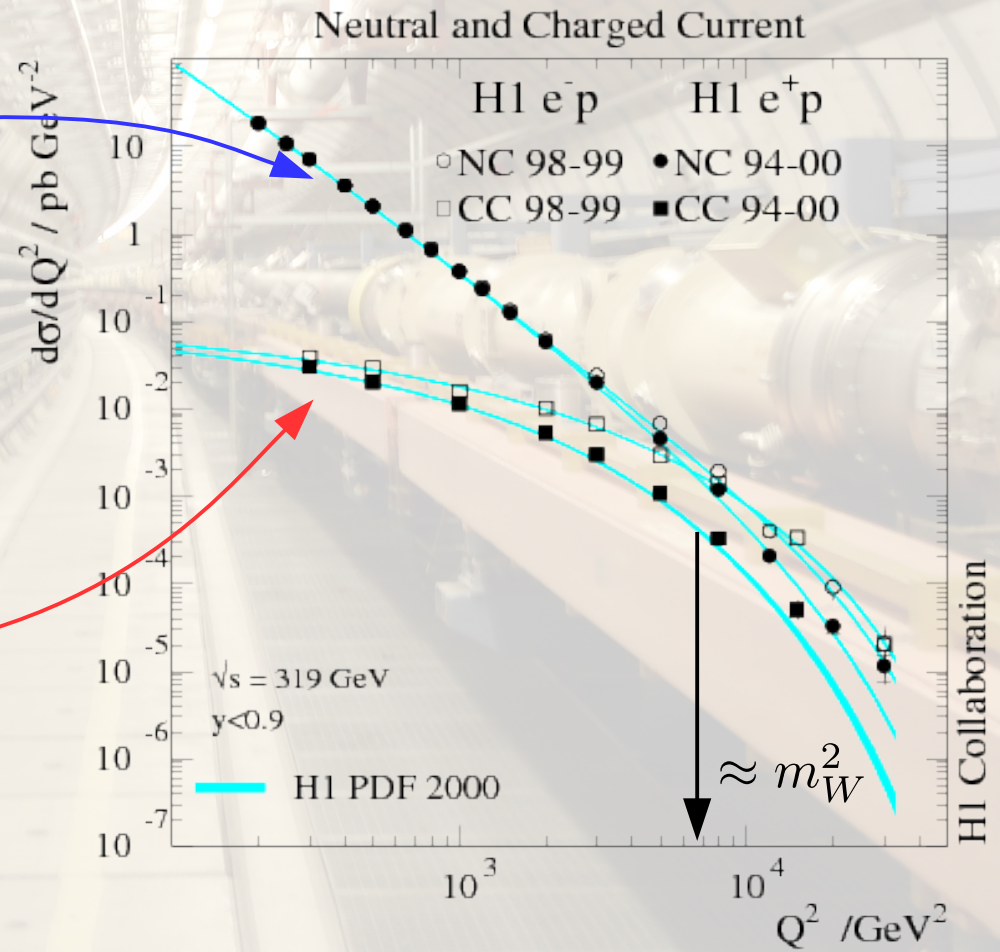
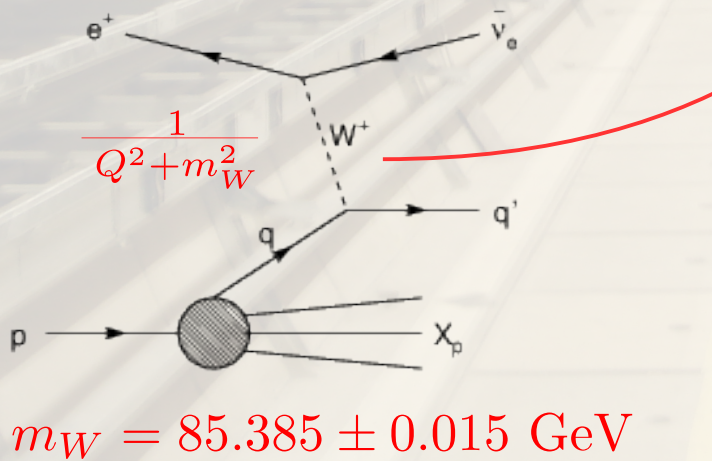
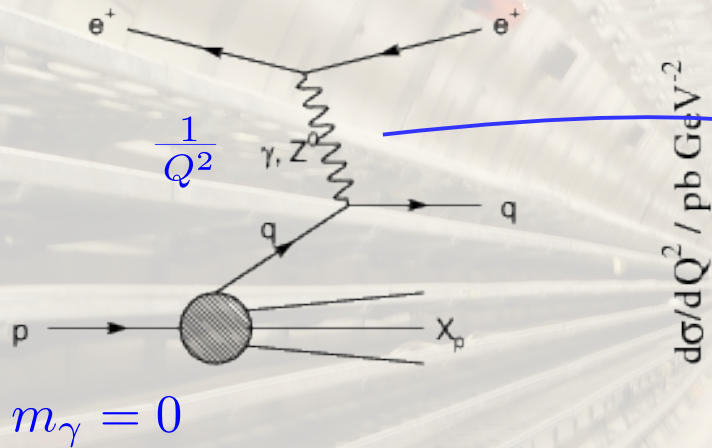


- Maximally parity violating!**
- Intrinsically violating CP as well!



Heavy Mediators

- Mediation by **heavy gauge bosons**:



The Model of Weak Interactions



Sheldon Glashow
(*5. December 1932)



Steven Weinberg
(*3. Mai 1933)

$SU(2)$ Space of Weak Isospin

- Example:

$$\psi_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L \longrightarrow \bullet \text{ left-handed } e_L \text{ \& } \nu \text{ form } \textit{isospin doublet}.$$
$$e_R \longrightarrow \bullet \text{ right-handed } e_R \text{ forms } \textit{isospin singlet}.$$

Transforms like a spin $\frac{1}{2}$ object in space of weak isospin.

- Left- & right-handed components of fermions can be projected conveniently:

$$e = e_L + e_R \quad \begin{cases} e_L = \left(\frac{1-\gamma^5}{2}\right) e \\ e_R = \left(\frac{1+\gamma^5}{2}\right) e \end{cases} \quad \bar{e}\gamma^\mu \left(\frac{1-\gamma^5}{2}\right) \nu = \bar{e}_L\gamma^\mu \nu_L$$

- Lagrangian w/o mass terms can be written in form:

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_L + \bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu e_R = \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu e_L + \bar{\nu} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \nu + \bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu e_R$$



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$$\mathbf{t}^3 = 1/2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W_\mu^a \mathbf{t}^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^+ \mathbf{t}^+ + W_\mu^- \mathbf{t}^-) + W_\mu^3 \mathbf{t}^3$$

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$SU(2) \times U(1)$ Interactions

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$$\begin{pmatrix} Z_{\mu} \\ A_{\mu} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_W & -\sin \theta_W \\ \sin \theta_W & \cos \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_{\mu}^3 \\ B_{\mu} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sin \theta_W = \frac{g'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \quad \cos \theta_W = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \quad \text{(Weinberg Rotation)}$$

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What is the expression for e ?



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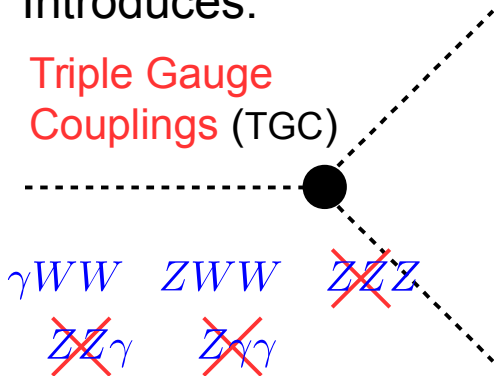
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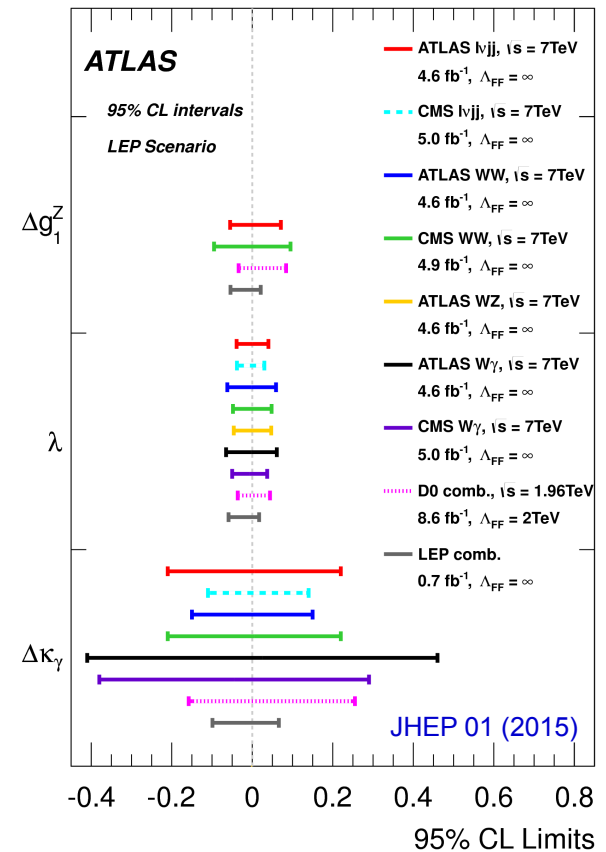
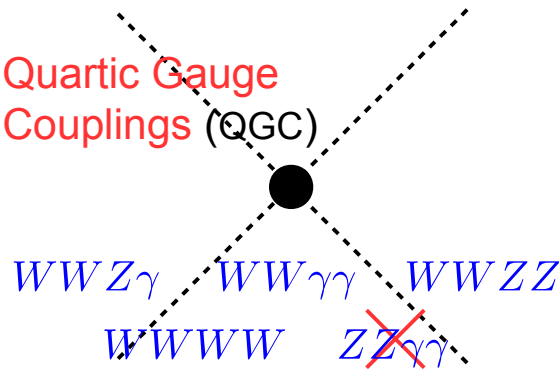
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