

**Final Exam:** Thur. Dec. 21, 2:45-4:45 pm,  
113 Psychology Building  
Exam is cumulative, covering all material

## Review Chap. 18: Particle Physics

- Particles and fields: a new picture
- Quarks and leptons
- The strong and weak interaction
- Unification and mass
- String theory

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## Particles as fields

- Electromagnetic field spread out over space.
  - Stronger near the the source of the electric/magnetic charge - weaker farther away.
- Electromagnetic radiation, the photon, is the quanta of the field.
- Describe electron particles as fields:
  - Makes sense - the electron was spread out around the hydrogen atom.
  - Wasn't in one place - had locations it was more or less probable to be. Stronger and weaker like the electromagnetic field.
- Electron is the quanta of the electron field.

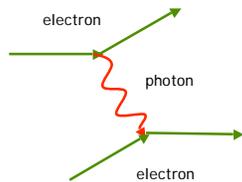
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## Quantum Electrodynamics: QED

- Normal electromagnetic force comes about from exchange of photons.

Electromagnetic repulsion via emission of a photon



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## Energy uncertainty

- To make a very short pulse in time, need to combine a range of frequencies.
- Frequency related to quantum energy by  $E=hf$ .
- Heisenberg uncertainty relation can also be stated  
(Energy uncertainty) $\times$ (time uncertainty)  
~ (Planck's constant)

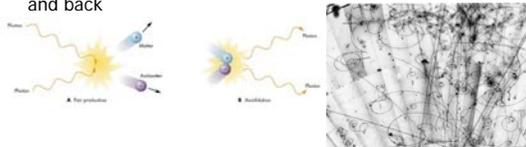
In other words, if a particle of energy  $E$  only exists for a time less than  $h/E$ ,

it doesn't require any energy to create it!

These are the virtual particles that propagate fields

## Pair production, annihilation

- Electron and positron can 'annihilate' to form two photons. **An unexpected prediction!**
- Photon can 'disappear' to form electron-positron pair.
- Relativity: Mass and energy are the same
  - Go from electron mass to electromagnetic/photon energy and back

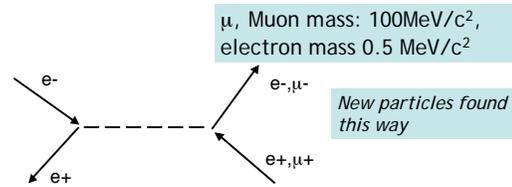


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## Creating more particles

- All that is needed to create particles is energy.
- Energy can be provided by high-energy collision of particles. An example:
  - Electron and positron annihilate to form a photon.
  - This can then create particles with  $mc^2 <$  photon energy.

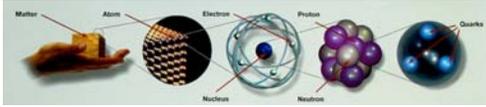


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## What have we learned?

Matter is made of atoms



Atoms are made of leptons and quarks

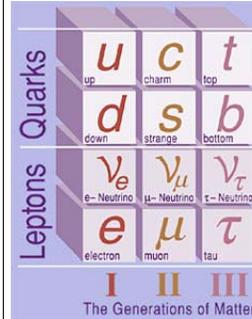


Interact via different forces carried by particles, photons..., simple except for the muon

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## Three 'generations' of particles



- Three generations differentiated primarily by mass (energy).
- First generation
  - One pair of leptons, one pair of quarks
- Leptons:
  - Electron, electron-neutrino.
- Quarks:
  - Up, down.
- All 3 generations seen

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## The 'generations'

		FERMIONS						
		Leptons			Quarks			
		spin = 1/2			spin = 1/2			
		Flavor	Mass, GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge	Flavor	Approx. Mass, GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge	
Light	$\nu_e$	electron neutrino	$<1 \times 10^{-8}$	0	u	up	0.003	2/3
	e	electron	0.000511	-1	d	down	0.006	-1/3
Heavier	$\nu_\mu$	muon neutrino	$<0.0002$	0	c	charm	1.3	2/3
	$\mu$	muon	0.106	-1	s	strange	0.1	-1/3
Heaviest	$\nu_\tau$	tau neutrino	$<0.02$	0	t	top	175	2/3
	$\tau$	tau	1.7771	-1	b	bottom	4.3	-1/3

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## Charge

- These are the exchange bosons.
- What are they exchanged between?
- Or on what are the corresponding forces exerted?
- Example:
  - When a photon is exchanged between two particles, there is an electromagnetic or Coulomb force.
  - We know that only particles with electrical charge interact via the Coulomb force
  - Zero charge -> zero Coulomb interaction

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## Many Charges

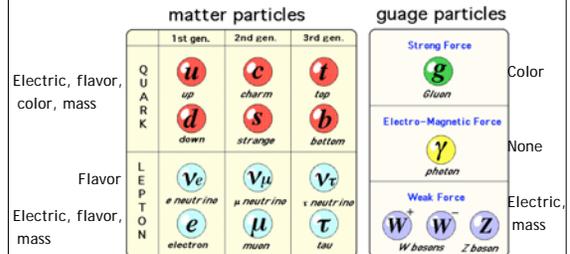
- In this language, we say that the electrical charge is a 'source' of an EM field.
- A mass 'charge' is the source of a gravitational field
- A weak 'charge' (sometimes called 'flavor') is the source of a weak interaction field
- A strong 'charge' (sometimes called 'color') is the source of a strong interaction field

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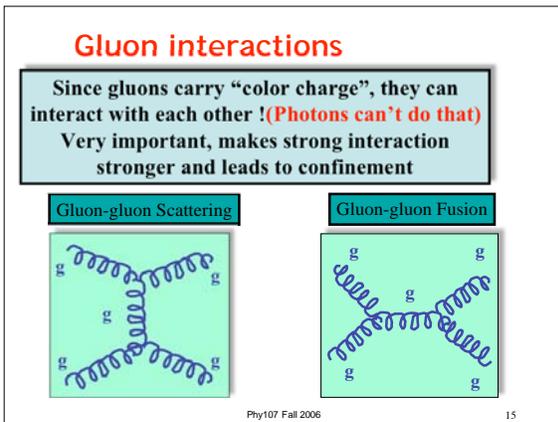
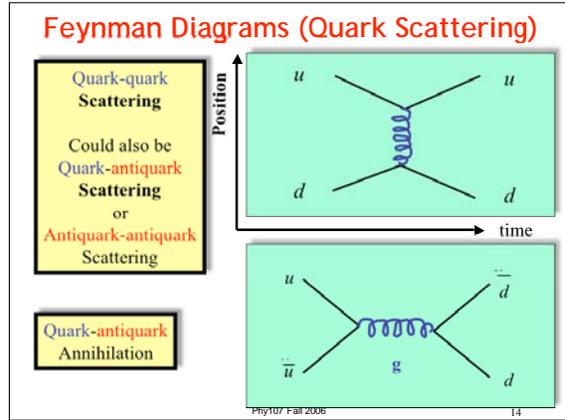
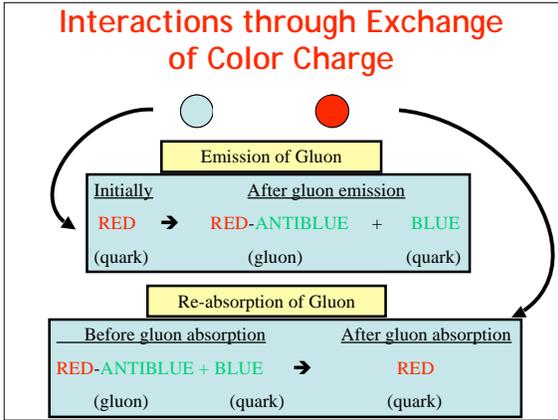
## All those charges!

- Quarks and leptons have multiple charges.
- Some of the bosons have charges.



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### More Baryons

Quark	up	down	strange
Q	+2/3	-1/3	-1/3
Mass	~5 [MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]	~10 [MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]	~200 [MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]

Excited state - Higher energy/mass

**Lambda ( $\Lambda$ )**

Q = 0  
M = 1116 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

**Sigma ( $\Sigma^+$ )**

Q = +1  
M = 1189 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

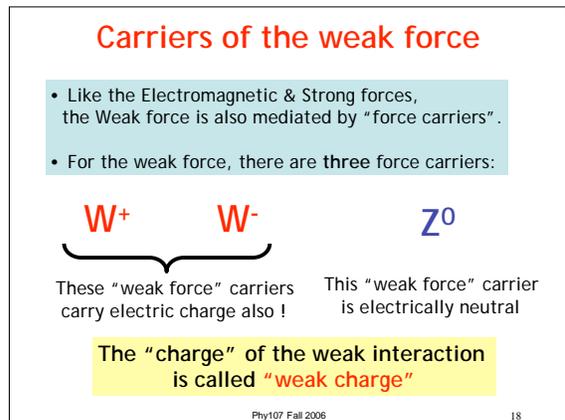
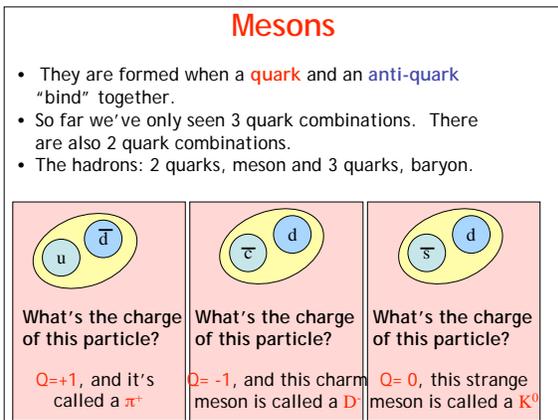
**Sigma ( $\Sigma^0$ )**

Q = 0  
M = 1192 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

**Sigma ( $\Sigma^-$ )**

Q = -1  
M = 1197 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

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## Range of the interaction

- Electron doesn't have enough energy to create  $Z^0$ .
- $Z^0$  only present due to uncertainty relation

$$(\text{Energy uncertainty}) \times (\text{Time uncertainty}) \sim \text{Planck const}$$

It can only exist for a time determined by

$$\text{Time uncertainty} \sim \frac{\text{Planck const}}{\text{Particle mass}}$$

Farthest it can travel in that time is

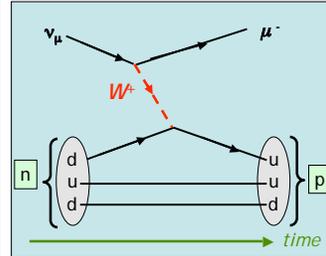
$$\text{Range} \sim (\text{Light Speed}) \times \frac{\text{Planck const}}{\text{Particle Mass}} \sim 10^{-18} \text{ m}$$

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## Scattering from quarks in a nucleus

- What Ice Cube looks for is neutrinos emerging from collisions as muons.



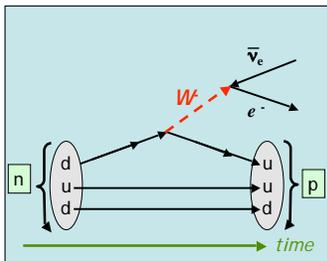
- The neutrino interacts with quarks bound inside nucleons in the nucleus.
- Neutrino emits  $W^+$ , changing flavor into muon.
- Down quark bound in a neutron absorbs  $W^+$ , changing into an up quark.
- The nucleon then has two ups and one down quark, which is a proton.
- Always look to conserve charge in these interactions

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## Similar to nuclear beta decay

- Interaction via the W explains nuclear beta decay.



- d quark emits a  $W^-$ , changing flavor into a u quark.
- $W^-$  decays to an electron and anti-electron neutrino.
- The nucleon then has two ups and one down quark, which is a proton.
- Similar to the rotated Feynman diagram we studied with the electromagnetic force

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## Lepton decay

- Flavor change can occur spontaneously if the particle is heavy enough.

Generation I	Generation II	Generation III	Charge
$\begin{pmatrix} e^- \\ \nu_e \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \mu^- \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \tau^- \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}$	-1
Electron is stable	Emit $W^-$ $2 \times 10^{-6}$ seconds	Emit $W^-$ $3 \times 10^{-13}$ seconds	0

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## Quarks and the weak force

- Quarks have color charge, electric charge, and weak charge — other interactions swamp the weak interaction
- But similar to leptons, quarks can change their flavor (decay) via the weak force, by emitting a  $W$  particle.

Generation I	Generation II	Generation III	Charge
$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	+2/3
	Emit $W^+$ $2 \times 10^{-12}$ seconds	Emit $W^+$ $10^{-23}$ seconds	-1/3

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## Flavor change between generations

- But for quarks, not limited to within a generation!

Generation I	Generation II	Generation III	Charge
$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}$	+2/3
	Emit $W^+$ $10^{-12}$ seconds	Emit $W^+$ $10^{-12}$ seconds	-1/3

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## Particles & their Interactions (Summary)

	quarks	Charged leptons (e, μ, τ)	Neutral leptons (ν)
Color Charge ?	Y	N	N
EM Charge ?	Y	Y	N
'Weak' Charge ?	Y	Y	Y

Quarks can participate in Strong, EM & Weak Interactions.  
 All quarks & all leptons carry weak charge.  
 Neutrinos only carry weak charge.

## Comparison of the Force Carriers

	EM	Strong	Weak	
Force Carrier	Photon (γ)	Gluon (g)	W <sup>+</sup> , W <sup>-</sup>	Z <sup>0</sup>
Charge of force carrier	None	Color	Electric & Weak	None
Couples to:	Particles w/elect. charge	Particles w/color charge (Quarks, gluons)	Particles w/weak charge (Quarks, leptons) W, Z	Particles w/weak charge (Quarks, leptons) W, Z
Range	Infinite (1/d <sup>2</sup> )	<10 <sup>-14</sup> m (inside hadrons)	<2x10 <sup>-18</sup> m	<2x10 <sup>-18</sup> m

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## Key Points

- Differences between particles connected to how they interact, what charges they have.
- Quarks have all the charges.
  - Color charge: Quarks form composite states hadrons via the strong force.
  - Flavor charge: Heavy quarks decay to lighter quarks via the weak force.
- Leptons have no color change.
  - Don't form any composite states.
  - Neutrinos only interact via the weak force which means they rarely interact at all.

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## Key Points Cont.

- Properties of the force carriers determine the aspects of that force.
- Gluons and the strong force.
  - Gluon can interact with other gluons. Limits the range of that force and makes it stronger.
- W, Z and the weak force.
  - Force carriers are massive. Limits the range they can travel and makes the force weaker.
- Photon and the electromagnetic force.
  - Happy middle ground between strong and weak.

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## Electroweak Unification



Neutral weak	Electromagnetic	Pos. weak	Neg. weak
• Zero charge	• Zero charge	• Pos. charge	• Neg. charge
• Mass=91 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	• Mass=0 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	• Mass=80 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	• Mass=80 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
• Range ~ 10 <sup>-18</sup> m	• Range ~ inf.	• Range ~ 10 <sup>-18</sup> m	• Range ~ 10 <sup>-18</sup> m

These two both exchange neutral bosons  
Neither boson changes the lepton flavor (remains electron)

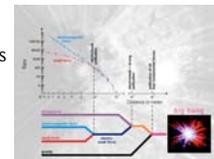
Have the same strength at high energy!

These two both exchange charged bosons.  
Both bosons change the lepton flavor

*From one source. Electroweak force. Need Higgs particle to give W, Z mass - and everything else.*

## Unification

- Details of weak interaction suggest
  - Diff. quarks are diff. 'orientations' of the same particle.
  - Diff. leptons are diff. 'orientations' of the same particle.
  - Weak and EM interactions are different parts of a single 'electroweak' force.
  - Electroweak interaction led to the introduction of the Higgs Boson
- Grand Unified Theories (GUTs)
  - Will 'combine' leptons and quarks
  - Unify strong and electroweak and gravitational interactions.



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## Checklist for a theory of everything

- Unify all the forces: strong force - gravity
- Quantize the forces - QFT very successful
- Unify the particles: quarks, leptons - 3 generations
- Explain all the different masses and strengths
- Explain dark matter
- Explain why universe is mostly matter
- Explain physics at very high energy - big bang

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## Kaluza-Klein: EM & gravity

- Connect electromagnetism and gravity in a classical relativistic theory.
- Kaluza and Klein found a theory in five dimensions (four space & one time) with one interaction (5-dimensional gravity).
- When one of the dimensions was 'compactified', two interactions resulted: gravity and electromagnetism.
- What appears to us as two distinct interactions originate from only one.



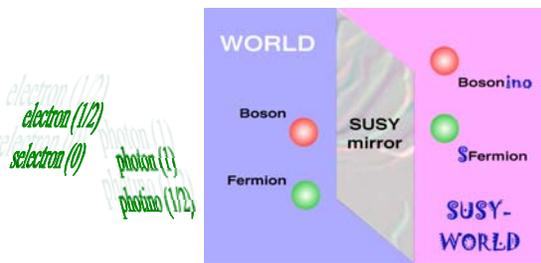
Kaluza & Klein, 1920

*Only unifies gravity. Can't be quantized. Doesn't answer all the other questions!*

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## Supersymmetry (SuSy)



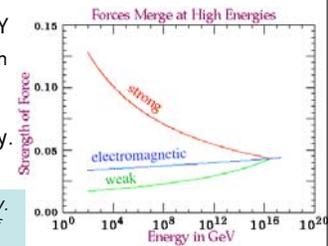
*Superpartners (compare to anti-particles)  
Every fermion has a boson partner and vice versa*

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## Supersymmetry Successes

- Designed to explain behavior at very high energy
- Forces merge in SUSY
  - Same strength at high energy.
- Lightest SUSY particles don't decay.
- Dark Matter



*Doesn't unify gravity. Can't explain many of the other questions!*

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## String theory

- A string is a fundamental quantum mechanical object that has a small but nonzero spatial extent.
- Just like a particle has a mass, a string has a 'tension' that characterizes its behavior.
- Quantum mechanical vibrations of the string correspond to the particles we observe
- Can include Kaluza Klein theory and Supersymmetry.



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## Checklist String Theory

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- Quantize the forces - QFT very successful
- Unify the particles: quarks lepton - 3 generations
- Explain all the different masses and strengths
- Explain dark matter
- Explain why universe is mostly matter
- Explain physics at very high energy - big bang
- Building experiments to explore all these theories including the Standard Model - Higgs not found yet!

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