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Theory motivation for Future Colliders:

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Beyond the Standard Model

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Literature

- Textbooks:
	- Weinberg QFT
	- Schwartz QFT
	- Quigg Gauge theories
- Lecture notes and reviews:
	- McCullough BSM lectures:<https://inspirehep.net/literature/1684708>
	- Wulzer BSM lectures:<https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.01017>
	- Murayama Supersymmetry lectures:<https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0002232>
	- Craig Naturalness:<https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.05708>
	- Giudice Naturalness:<https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.7879>
	- Arkani-Hamed, Huang, Huang little group constraints<https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.04891>

Lecture 1

My World Line

The ultimate goal of fundamental physics is to go **Beyond the Standard Model** (BSM).

BSM combines our **experimental**, **observational**, and **theoretical** knowledge of the Universe.

We *are* getting closer to the ultimate truth, empirically, though **many unanswered problems** remain.

Astrophysics and **Cosmology** probe *indirectly* some of the highest energies or weakest interactions.

Theoretical consistency can be a fruitful guide for making progress.

Colliders play a unique role in enabling *experimental* access to small scales.

Outline

Part I

- 1. Lessons in how we got here
- 2. Naturalness what's the big deal?
- 3. Problems of the SM: arbitrary / unnatural / incomplete / inconsistent

Part 2

- 1. The SM EFT gateway to BSM (and the "totalitarian principle")
- 2. Supersymmetry, WIMPs, GUTs
- 3. Cosmological solutions to naturalness problems

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(Bohr postulates fundamental *violation of energy conservation)*

Lesson 2.5: Sometimes nature chooses *the least radical option*

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c.f. **Lesson 1**: antiparticles *double the particle spectrum*. Nevertheless, the theory is **much tighter**, **less arbitrary**, and **more elegant**

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Lesson 3: Keep an open mind.

Ideas initially dismissed as **unrealistic** (*e.g.* non-abelian gauge theories and spontaneous symmetry breaking, because they predicted **unobserved massless** bosons) can turn out to be correct eventually

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See BBC Horizon 1964 documentary *"Strangeness minus three":* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01z4p1j>

First transmitted in 1964, the prediction and recent discovery of a fleeting particle may transform our ideas about the ultimate

1964-1965

Available nov ^① 45 minutes

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No-lose theorem: Higgs (or something) *guaranteed* to appear.

High anticipation of accompanying BSM particles *expected* to appear.

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• Are we missing a **fundamentally new** *"post-naturalness"* principle? *(c.f. null results in search for aether)*

- What is the **origin of the Higgs**?
- What is the **origin of matter**?
- What is the **origin of flavour**?
- What is the **origin of dark matter** and **dark energy**?
- What is the **origin of neutrino mass**?
- What is the **origin of the Standard Model**?

• …

• Nature of the **electroweak phase transition**: *first or second order?*

• Potential gravitational wave signal in range accessible by LISA

• Coverage of *entire upper mass range* of **doublet** and **triplet** thermal **WIMP dark matter**

Discovery significance

• *e.g.* **Z'** and **leptoquarks** may relate to *origin of flavour*, *Higgs compositeness*, or other BSM

- B meson anomalies may be going away, but flavour still a highly sensitive indirect probe
- FCC-hh can probe directly the multi-TeV scale in a complementary way

• **Arbitrary:**

Higgs potential, yukawa couplings, flavour structure, quantized hypercharges, matterantimatter asymmetry – *arbitrary parameters put in by hand.*

• **Unnatural:**

Higgs mass, cosmological constant, strong-CP problem – *fine-tuned cancellations between independent contributions.*

• **Incomplete:**

Experimental & observational evidence: dark matter, neutrino mass.

• **Inconsistent:**

Theoretical evidence: quantum gravity, black hole information paradox.

Take problems of arbitrariness seriously.

Example 0

$$
F = m_{inertia} a \qquad F \propto \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}
$$

Inertial mass and charge have nothing to do with each other, and yet for gravity we arbitrarily set by hand

$$
q = m_{inertia}
$$

Solution to this equivalence problem took centuries: Newtonian gravity \rightarrow GR

Take structural theoretical problems seriously.

Example 1

Maxwell's equations of electromagnetism did not satisfy the principle of Galilean relativity.

$$
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0
$$

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$$
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0
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\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}
$$

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$$
\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left(\mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)
$$

No inconsistencies – one could calculate perfectly well EM phenomena.

Aether medium expected to reconcile Maxwell with Galileo.

Resolution to this structural problem: Galilean relativity \rightarrow Special relativity

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Example 2

e.g. 2205.05708 N. Craig - Snowmass review, 1307.7879 G. Giudice - Naturalness after LHC

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(m_e c^2)_{obs} = (m_e c^2)_{bare} + \Delta E_{\text{Coulomb}} \qquad \Delta E_{\text{Coulomb}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r_e}.
$$

Avoiding cancellation between "bare" mass and divergent self-energy in
classical electrodynamics requires new physics around

$$
e^2/(4\pi\varepsilon_0 m_e c^2) = 2.8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}
$$

Indeed, the positron and quantum-mechanics appears just before!

$$
\Delta E = \Delta E_{\text{Coulomb}} + \Delta E_{\text{pair}} = \frac{3\alpha}{4\pi} m_e c^2 \log \frac{\hbar}{m_e c r_e}
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Divergence in pion mass:
$$
m_{\pi^{\pm}}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2 = \frac{3\alpha}{4\pi} \Lambda^2
$$

Experimental value is $m_{\pi^{\pm}}^2 - m_{\pi_0}^2 \sim (35.5 \,\text{MeV})^2$.

Expect new physics at $\Lambda \sim 850$ MeV to avoid fine-tuned cancellation.

 ρ meson appears at 775 MeV!

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Divergence in Kaons mass difference in a theory with only up, down, strange:

$$
m_{K^0_L}-m_{K^0_S}=\simeq \frac{1}{16\pi^2}m_Kf^2_KG^2_F\sin^2\theta_C\cos^2\theta_C\times \Lambda^2,
$$

Avoiding fine-tuned cancellation requires $\Lambda < 3$ GeV.

Gaillard & Lee in 1974 predicted the charm quark mass!

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Higgs?

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Higgs also has a quadratically divergent contribution to its mass

$$
\Delta m_H^2 = \frac{\Lambda^2}{16\pi^2} \left(-6y_t^2 + \frac{9}{4}g^2 + \frac{3}{4}g'^2 + 6\lambda \right)
$$

Avoiding fine-tuned cancellation requires $\Lambda < O(100)$ GeV??

As Λ is pushed to the TeV scale by null results, tuning is around 10% - 1%.

Note for the experts: in the SM the Higgs mass is a parameter to be measured, not calculated. What the quadratic divergence represents (independently of the choice of renormalisation scheme) is the fine-tuning in an underlying theory in which we expect the Higgs mass to be calculable.

Conclusion

What are we looking for in a satisfying explanation?

Gauge theory of spin-1 vector bosons have the quality we seek in a satisfying theory.

Not just a phenomenological parametrization of independent vector boson interactions a la Fermi.

Conclusion

In contrast, everything to do with the Higgs in the SM is arbitrary; more like a parametrisation than an explanation of electroweak symmetry breaking.

We seek to better understand the origin of the Higgs in an underlying theory from which it emerges, where we can calculate its potential in terms of more fundamental principles. (*c.f.* condensed matter Higgs)

Avoiding fine-tuning in underlying theory = expect new physics around weak scale!

Conclusion

The SM still has many arbitrary features put in by hand which hint at underlying structure.

Maybe it just is what it is $\sqrt{\frac{y}{a}}$

But we would like a deeper understanding, an explanation for why things are the way they are.

Science is about *removing arbitrariness* from explanations.

Lecture 2

Outline

Today

- 1. The Totalitarian Principle
- 2. The Standard Model as an Effective Field Theory
- 3. The Higgs no-lose theorem

The Totalitarian Principle

"Everything not forbidden is compulsory"

Gell-Mann stated this maxim in relation to quantum mechanics summing over all allowed possibilities.

I will use this principle more generally as a **theoretical rule of thumb**.

When there is a *finite* set of possibilities, this can be a compelling argument for motivating BSM.

Example: the Eightfold way

In 1961, Gell-Mann and Ne'eman noticed that hadrons could be organized in a pattern according to their "strangeness" number, s, and electromagnetic charge, q.

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Constrained by global fit to experimental data.

Experimental constraints on SMEFT from LEP electroweak observables and LHC measurements:

Indirect evidence preceded direct discovery for nearly all SM particles. May be true of BSM!

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Adding spin 1 and spin 0 particles with couplings fixed to cancel divergent energy contributions *recovers the Standard Model theory* of non-Abelian gauge bosons and Higgs mechanism!

See e.g. Chris Quigg gauge theories textbook

Without the Higgs, the theory breaks down around 1 TeV: **LHC guaranteed to discover something new**.

Historically:

$$
\overrightarrow{C} \cdot \overrightarrow{E} = 0
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\overrightarrow{F}_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & -\overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} & -\overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} \\ \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} \\ \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} \\ \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} \\ \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\nu} \\ \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} \\ \frac{\overrightarrow{E}_{\mu} & \overrightarrow{E}_{\mu}
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Inevitably:

Theoretical self-consistency can be a powerful guide to extending our fundamental frameworks.

Conclusion

The totalitarian principle is not to be taken too seriously, but gives a sense of pleasing theoretical reasoning.

The Standard Model, like Fermi theory before it, is an Effective Field Theory.

Theoretical reasoning is powerful, but only experiment can tell us what the underlying theory will be.

Lecture 3

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- 1. Neutrino masses
- 2. Grand Unified Theories
- 3. WIMP dark matter
- 4. Supersymmetry

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The **Standard Model Effective Field Theory**, on the other hand, enables more operator combinations at higher mass dimensions.

When the Higgs gets a vacuum expectation value, these could generate a dimension 3 neutrino mass term.

The Standard Model EFT has a *unique* dimension 5 operator – **the Weinberg operator**.

$$
L_{\text{lim-5}} = \frac{c_{5}}{\lambda} (\overline{L}H^{c})(L^{c}H^{c})
$$

After electroweak symmetry breaking, when the Higgs gains a non-zero vacuum expectation value, the Weinberg operator **gives neutrinos a small mass** suppressed by v/Λ .

$$
\frac{c_5}{\Lambda}(\Sigma H^c)(L^cH^c) \xrightarrow{\text{(H)}\sim v} m_v = \frac{c_5}{\Lambda}v^2
$$

For m_v ~0.1 eV, if c_5 ~O(1) then expect new physics that generates this operator to be at $\Lambda \sim 10^{14}$ GeV.

What kind of **new physics** could generate the Weinberg operator?

$$
\frac{E}{10^{14}GeV}
$$

\n10¹⁴GeV
\n10²GeV
\n
$$
\frac{E}{2}
$$
\n
$$
\frac{25}{\Lambda}(\bar{L}H^{\circ})(L^{\circ}H^{\circ})
$$

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With $y_v \sim 10^{-12}$ this gives a neutrino mass $m \sim 0.1$ eV as required.

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But the other mass term is **necessarily there**! *"Everything not forbidden is compulsory"*

Lepton number

The Weinberg operator violates a **Lepton number** symmetry that is *accidentally* conserved by operators of mass dimension ≤ 4*.*

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The Standard Model Effective Field Theory provides *an explanation* for small Lepton number violation.

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Just like Lepton number violation at dimension 5, Baryon number violation at dimension 6 is expected.

e.g.
$$
L_{\beta}^{dim-6} = \frac{c}{\Lambda} i \overline{Q}_{L}^{c} Q_{L} \overline{u}_{R}^{c} e_{R}
$$

Lack of proton decay in experiments such as Super-Kamiokande implies $\Lambda > 10^{15}$ GeV.

Grand Unified Theories

Grand Unified Theories (GUTs) unify all SU(3) x SU(2) x U(1) into a single GUT group, e.g. SO(10), at higher energies.

Proton decay via a GUT gauge boson is a generic consequence:

GUT scale must therefore be at least 10^{15} GeV.

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GUTs are desirable rather than necessary. However, there are hints suggesting this may be the case:

- Electroweak unification makes it reasonable to consider unifying the strong force too.
- U(1) hypercharges of SM particles are quantised with fractional charges.
- Standard Model particle content fits neatly into multiplets of GUT group representations.
- Running of gauge couplings suggest they meet at high energy scales $\sim 10^{15}$ GeV (*but not quite*).

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This gives the observed relic abundance for a typical weak coupling with weak-scale mass!

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$$

$$
\Omega_{\chi}L^{2} \sim \frac{10^{-26}cn^{3}/s}{\langle \delta v \rangle} \approx 0.1 \left(\frac{0.01}{\alpha}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{M}{\log Q}\right)^{2}
$$

Historically, the success of classifying particles into representations of symmetry groups led to a search for a symmetry that included not just matter particles but also the force particles.

Coleman-Mandula theorem: **impossible**.

- Fermions and bosons behave differently under Lorentz transformations.

- A symmetry that interchanges them therefore doesn't commute with Lorentz generators.
- But internal (non-spacetime) symmetry generators must be Lorentz scalars.

Haag-Lopuzanski-Sohnius: **possible***, only if the supersymmetry generators are fermionic.*

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- A degree of arbitrariness is reintroduced by supersymmetry breaking.
- Many more free parameters due to ignorance of supersymmetry breaking mechanism.
- Extra structure must be imposed to control violation of symmetries that were automatically small in the Standard Model Effective Field Theory.
- *No WIMPs discovered yet?*
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The historical line of reasoning by generalising may make it seem that way:

Generalising **Abelian** gauge theories to **non-Abelian** gauge theories,

$$
[B_r, B_s] = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad [B_r, B_s] = iC_{rs}^t B_t
$$

Generalising the **Poincare** algebra to a **supersymmetry** algebra,

$$
[P_{\mu}, P_{\nu}] = 0
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$$
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Spin > 2 is not allowed. *"Everything not forbidden is compulsory"*

Conclusion

Neutrino masses and dark matter are concrete evidence for beyond the Standard Model particles.

Heavy right-handed neutrinos in a see-saw mechanism and WIMP DM are natural, simple candidates.

GUTs are desirable and appealing extensions of the Standard Model, but not necessary.

Supersymmetry arises uniquely out of strong theoretical consistency constraints and solves several phenomenological problems automatically. However, there is no experimental evidence for it yet.

Outline

Today

- 1. Cosmological solutions: the QCD axion and the relaxion
- 2. Potential BSM outcomes for Higgs naturalness
- 3. Concluding remarks

Recall the **strong CP problem**:

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"Everything not forbidden is compulsory"

Experiments probing the neutron electric dipole moment do not see any CP violation from this term: $\theta < 10^{-10}$

Not only is there **no reason for it to be small**, but it is also a contribution of **two independent terms** – the intrinsic theta parameter and a quark mass phase – *that must cancel out to 1 part in 10 billion*!

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Stops when bumps are too large, at **small Higgs mass**.

Self-Organised Criticality

Cosmological dynamics may **self-tune** our universe to live near criticality.

The Standard Model itself, with no BSM, has a Higgs potential coincidentally on the critical boundary of two phases.

A small Higgs mass may also be the result of dynamical **self-organized criticality** on a cosmological scale.

e.g. 1907.07693 Khoury et al, 2105.08617 Giudice, McCullough, TY

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Other times its implications are *far more radical*:

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It is a non-trivial empirical fact that the universe is **comprehensible** and a **unified whole**. *It didn't have to be that way.*

To keep making progress in probing the fundamental foundations will require more data.

- Telescopes are observatories for exploring *outer space*
- Colliders are *experimental* observatories for exploring *inner space*
- We need *all eyes open on all scales* in our universe

Sharpen our picture of the Universe, *e.g. before and after FCC-ee*.

There are **no guarantees** of BSM discovery at future colliders. There are no guarantees of BSM discovery *anywhere else* either.

What we can guarantee is a **rich and wide-ranging programme** of fundamental physics at the **smallest scales** *experimentally* accessible.

There is **value in pushing frontiers** – *definite questions are answered*, and we learn something regardless of the outcome.

A **new generation** of improved measurements, analysis techniques, theoretical calculational tools, data management, hardware development, cutting-edge engineering, large international collaboration, popular culture inspiration, and spirit of fundamental exploration, *can only benefit humanity* regardless of our own short-sighted disappointment at lack of BSM. **Doing good science is its own reward.**

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Questions?

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 $F_{\text{m}} = \frac{4.4}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$ $F_{\text{G}} = g\text{m}$

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\frac{Spin \geq 3}{fbin(4)} = \frac{1}{1\cdot 10} \int_{1\cdot 10^{1}} \frac{f_{1} \cdot 9}{f_{1} \cdot 1} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{q} \frac{g_{1} \cdot g_{1}^{2} \cdot g_{1}^{2} \cdot \ldots}{f_{1} \cdot g_{1}^{2}} = 0
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\nThus f is a constant.