

SU(5) GUT with Multi Vector Multiplets

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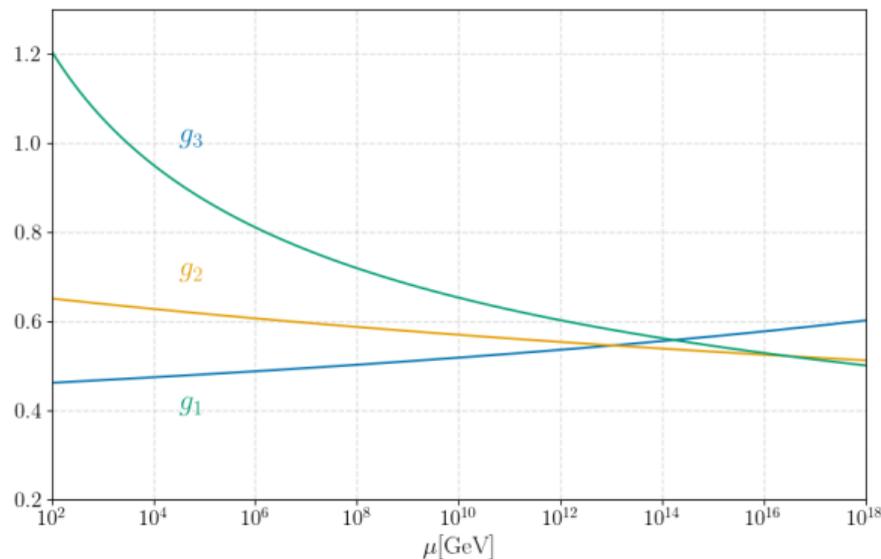
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What is Grand Unified Theory?



- **Grand Unified Theory (GUT):** unifies the strong, weak, and electromagnetic interactions at a high energy scale, 10^{13-14} GeV.
- Quarks and leptons are unified, typically implying proton decay.
- Typical gauge groups are SU(5), SO(10), and E₆.

In this work, we focus on **SU(5) GUT**.

Minimal SU(5) GUT

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{SU(5)} \\ \text{GUT} \end{array} \supset \text{SU(3)}_c \times \text{SU(2)}_L \times \text{U(1)}_Y$$

$$\text{Standard Model(SM)}$$

- **Matter unification:** SM particles embedded into $(\bar{\mathbf{5}} \oplus \mathbf{10}) \times 3$ **chiral representation**.

$$\bar{\mathbf{5}} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{d}_R^1 \\ \bar{d}_R^2 \\ \bar{d}_R^3 \\ e_L \\ -\bar{\nu}_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{u}_R^3 & -\bar{u}_R^2 & u_L^1 & d_L^1 \\ -\bar{u}_R^3 & 0 & \bar{u}_R^1 & u_L^2 & d_L^2 \\ \bar{u}_R^2 & -\bar{u}_R^1 & 0 & u_L^3 & d_L^3 \\ -u_L^1 & -u_L^2 & -u_L^3 & 0 & \bar{e}_R \\ -d_L^1 & -d_L^2 & -d_L^3 & -\bar{e}_R & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

chiral = no mass term

- Only gauge boson X , colored Higgs boson H_c , and 24-dim Higgs boson Σ appear.
- SM emerges from spontaneous breaking of SU(5) by $\langle \Sigma \rangle = v \times \text{diag}(2, 2, 2, -3, -3)$.

Known Issues in Minimal SU(5) GUT

Two classic problems

- Gauge coupling non-unification
- Too short proton lifetime

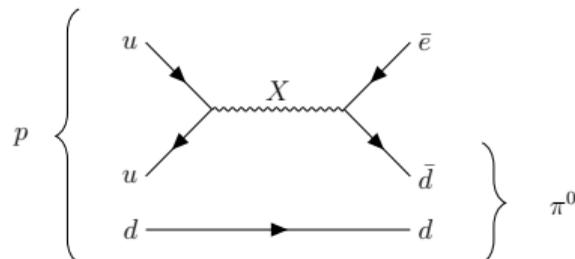
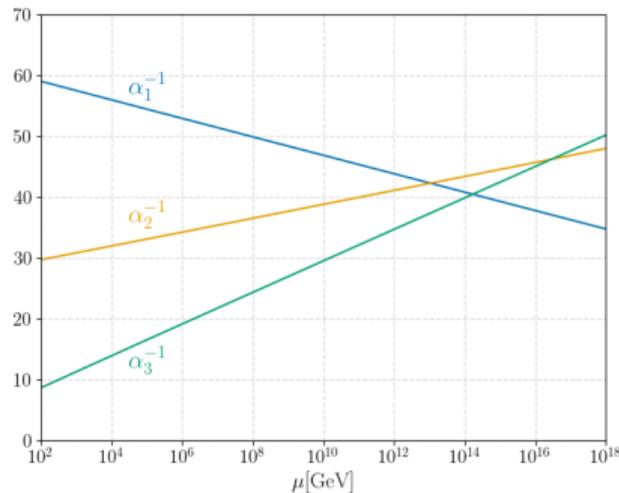
Lifetime estimate:

$$\tau(p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+) \simeq 5 \times 10^{26} \left(\frac{M_X/g_5}{10^{14} \text{ GeV}} \right)^4 \text{ yr}$$

Current experimental limit(Super Kamiokande):

$$\tau(p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+) \gtrsim 2.4 \times 10^{34} \text{ yr}$$

Ref.: A. Takenaka *et al.* (Super-Kamiokande), Phys. Rev. D **102** (2020) 112011



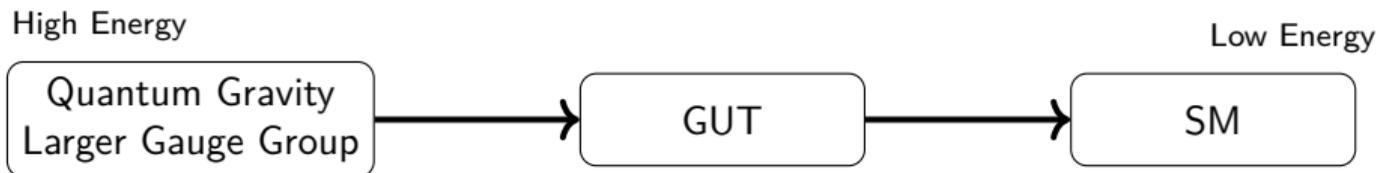
Possible Solutions

- Supersymmetry
- Extra dimension
- **Multiple vector-like fermions** \Leftarrow **New!!**

What is vector-like fermion?

- Dirac fermion with identical left/right gauge transformations
 \longleftrightarrow fermion with different left/right gauge transformations
= Chiral fermion (e.g. SM)
- Have a mass

Why Vector-Like Fermions?



The GUT scale is close to fundamental scales such as the string or Planck scale...

Many additional particles nearby the GUT scale.



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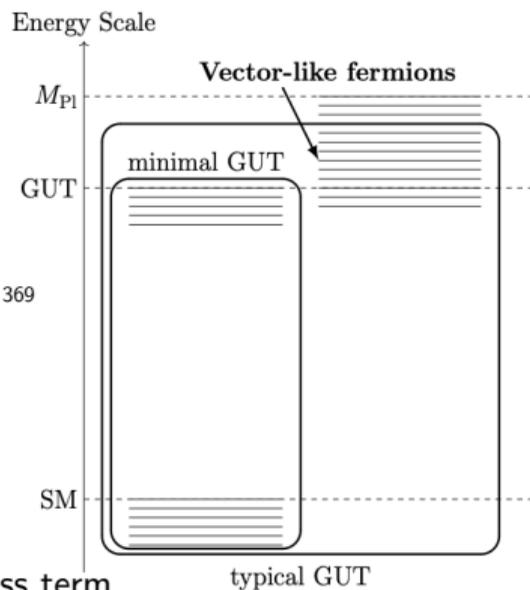
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Typical GUT models contain multiple heavy fields.

We focus on heavy fermions, known as

vector-like fermions.

← vector-like = have mass term



Model Setup

Matter Content (contain three chiral generations)

$$(\bar{\mathbf{5}}, \mathbf{10}) \times 3 + (\mathbf{5}, \bar{\mathbf{5}}) \times n_5 + (\mathbf{10}, \bar{\mathbf{10}}) \times n_{10}$$

Vector-like fermions have mass term (complex matrix),

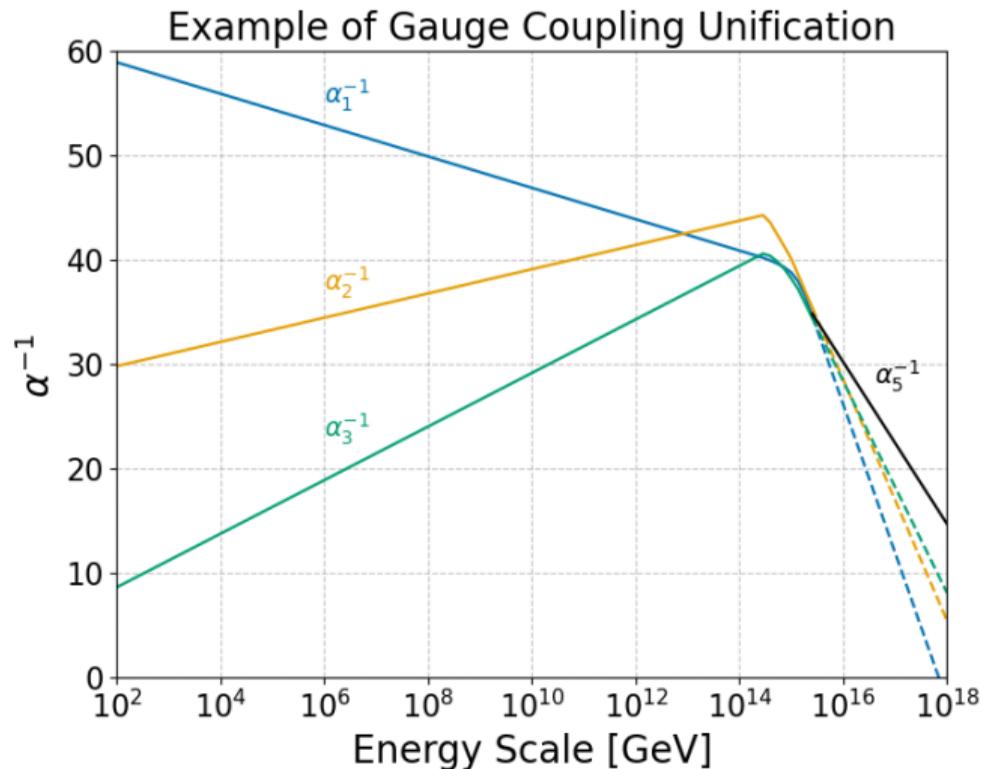
$$\mathcal{L}_M = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[\mathbf{10} (M_{10} + Y_{10} \Sigma^T) \bar{\mathbf{10}}] - \bar{\mathbf{5}} (M_5 + Y_5 \Sigma) \mathbf{5} + \text{h.c.} .$$

Assign masses from [Gaussian distributions](#)

$$(M_{10,5})_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathcal{N}(0, 1) + i\mathcal{N}(0, 1)) \times M_0$$
$$(Y_{10,5})_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathcal{N}(0, 1) + i\mathcal{N}(0, 1)) .$$

We suppose $M_0 \sim M_{\text{GUT}}$.

Result: Gauge Coupling Unification



- An example of gauge coupling unification at $n_{10} = n_5 = 15$.
- Gauge coupling unification cannot be achieved if $n_{10,5}$ is too small.
- $M_X \sim 10^{15.5}$ GeV
 $\leftrightarrow M_X|_{\text{minimal}} \sim 10^{13.6}$ GeV

Result: Suppression of Proton Decay

Main Suppression Factors

- Increase in the X boson mass M_X
- Suppression by $\kappa^{(1,2)}$

Proton decay operator:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g_5^2}{M_X^2} \kappa_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{(1,2)} \mathcal{O}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{(1,2)} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{(1)} = \varepsilon^{abc} \varepsilon^{pq} \left(\hat{u}_{a\beta}^\dagger \hat{d}_{b\delta}^\dagger \right) \left(\hat{q}_{c p \alpha} \hat{\ell}_{q \gamma} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{(2)} = \varepsilon^{abc} \varepsilon^{pq} \left(\hat{q}_{a p \alpha} \hat{q}_{b q \beta} \right) \left(\hat{u}_{c \gamma}^\dagger \hat{e}_{\delta}^\dagger \right).$$

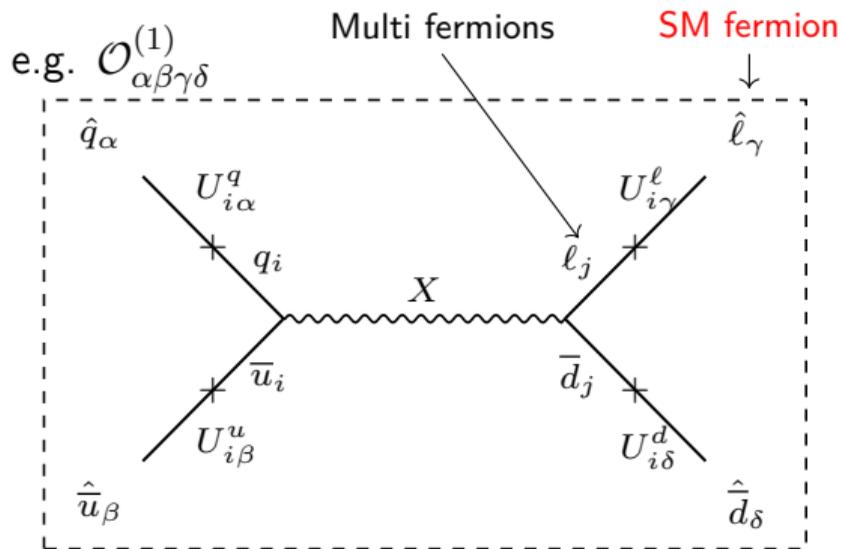
$\kappa^{(1,2)}$ are coefficient of proton decay operator.

- $M_X \sim 10^{15.5} \text{ GeV}$
 $\leftrightarrow M_X|_{\text{minimal}} \sim 10^{13.6} \text{ GeV}$
- Proton Lifetime $\propto M_X^4$

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For an $n \times n$ random unitary matrix,

$$U_{ij} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right), \quad (U^\dagger U')_{ij} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

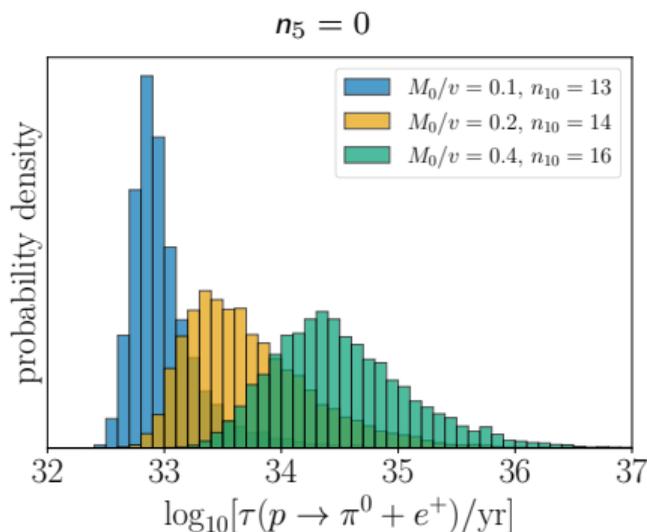
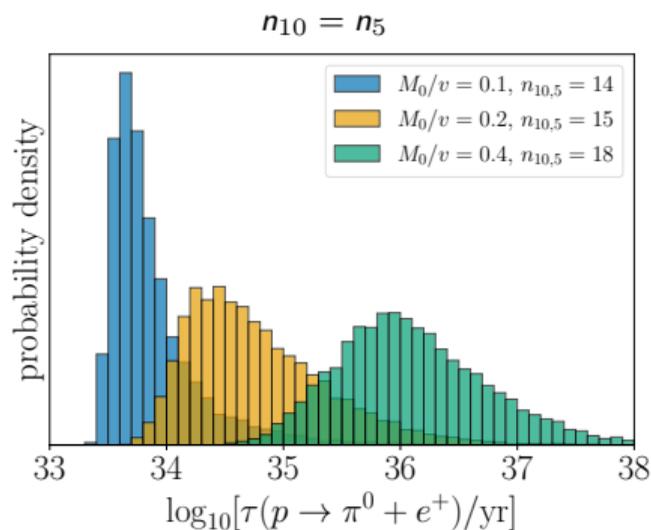
Coefficient $\kappa^{(1,2)}$ for large $n_{10,5}$:

$$\kappa_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{(1)} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{10}}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_5}},$$

$$\kappa_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{(2)} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{10}}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{10}}},$$

Result: Proton Lifetime Predictions

- With $n_{10,5} \sim 15$, proton lifetime potentially observable.
- Other channels are also longer than the experimental limits.



$$\text{SK} : \tau(p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+) \gtrsim 2.4 \times 10^{34} \text{ yr}, \quad \text{HK} : \tau(p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+) \gtrsim 7.8 \times 10^{34} \text{ yr}$$

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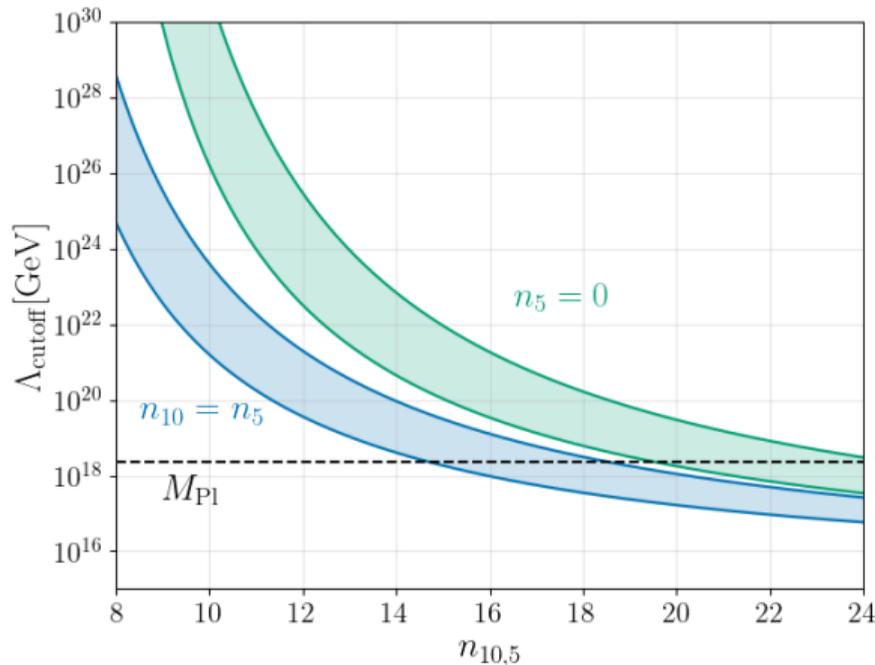
Summary and Future Work

- Multi vector-like fermions can solve minimal $SU(5)$ GUT problems, gauge coupling unification, and proton decay.
- For $n_{10,5} \simeq 15$, the result becomes phenomenologically acceptable.
- As future work, we plan to extend this framework to $SO(10)$ or SUSY GUT models.

End

Upper Limit on the Number of Heavy Fermions

Good unification \neq unlimited fermions: Landau poles set an upper bound.

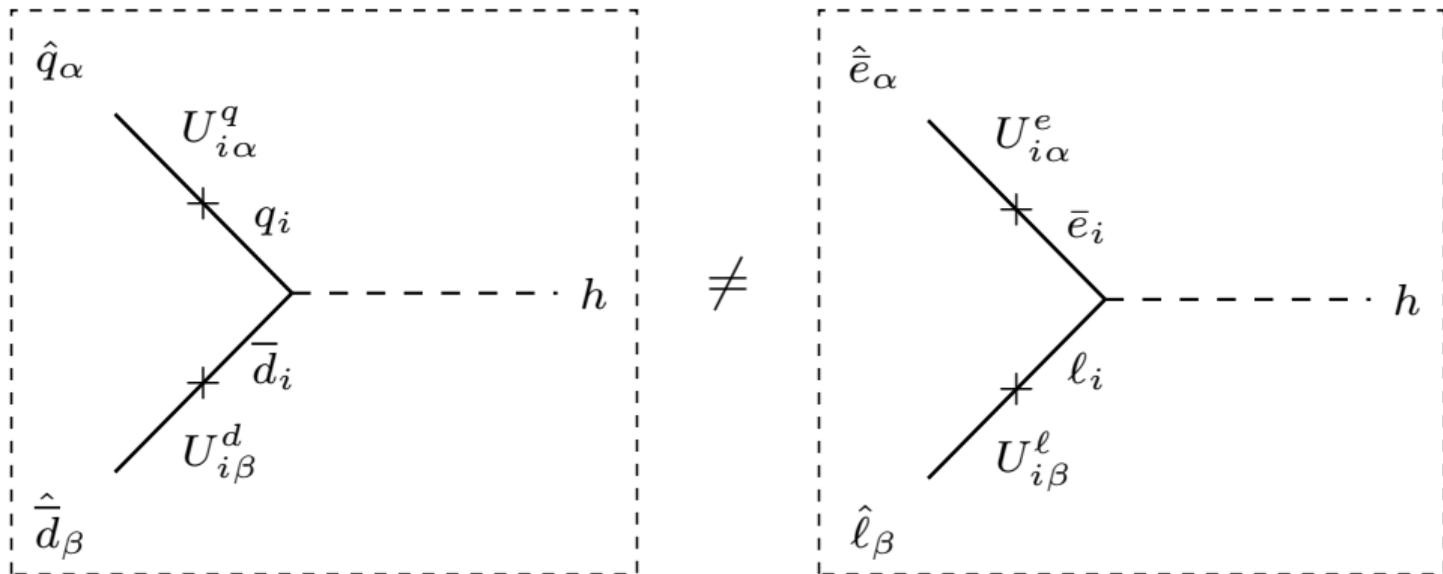


- Many fermions accelerate the divergence of the coupling g_5 .
- For $n_5 = n_{10} \lesssim 18$ or $n_5 = 0, n_{10} \lesssim 24$, no Landau pole appears.

$$g_5(\Lambda_{\text{cutoff}}) = 4\pi$$
$$g_5(10^{15} \text{ GeV}) = 0.48\text{--}0.55$$

Vector-Like Effects on Yukawa Couplings

With the extra fermions, the Yukawa couplings are given by $(n_{10,5} + 3) \times (n_{10,5} + 3)$ matrices.



The bottom-tau unification problem can be avoided (note that $UYU' = \mathcal{O}(Y)$).