

# New Description of $e_8$

(Wilson et al.)

	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{H}$	$\mathbb{O}$
$\mathbb{R}'$	$\mathfrak{so}(3)$	$\mathfrak{su}(3)$	$\mathfrak{su}(3, \mathbb{H})$	$\mathfrak{f}_4$
$\mathbb{C}'$	$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R})$	$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{H})$	$\mathfrak{e}_{6(-26)}$
$\mathbb{H}'$	$\mathfrak{sp}(6, \mathbb{R})$	$\mathfrak{su}(3, 3)$	$\mathfrak{d}_{6(-6)}$	$\mathfrak{e}_{7(-25)}$
$\mathbb{O}'$	$\mathfrak{f}_{4(4)}$	$\mathfrak{e}_{6(2)}$	$\mathfrak{e}_{7(-5)}$	$\mathfrak{e}_{8(-24)}$

- Everything is 3x3 “matrices” with two “labels”
- Ordinary matrices/commutators in quaternionic cases.
- Generalize commutators for double-labeled diagonal elements.

	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{H}$	$\mathbb{O}$
$\mathbb{R}'$	$\mathfrak{so}(2)$	$\mathfrak{so}(3)$	$\mathfrak{so}(5)$	$\mathfrak{so}(9)$
$\mathbb{C}'$	$\mathfrak{so}(2, 1)$	$\mathfrak{so}(3, 1)$	$\mathfrak{so}(5, 1)$	$\mathfrak{so}(9, 1)$
$\mathbb{H}'$	$\mathfrak{so}(3, 2)$	$\mathfrak{so}(4, 2)$	$\mathfrak{so}(6, 2)$	$\mathfrak{so}(10, 2)$
$\mathbb{O}'$	$\mathfrak{so}(5, 4)$	$\mathfrak{so}(6, 4)$	$\mathfrak{so}(8, 4)$	$\mathfrak{so}(12, 4)$

Orthogonal  
Lie Algebras

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+Spinors

- 2x2 Lie algebras are degree 2 in Clifford algebra.
- 2x2->3x3 adds spinor representations with appropriate Bott periodicity.

# Labels

	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{H}$	$\mathbb{O}$
$\mathbb{R}'$	$\{1, U\}$	$\{\dots, k\}$	$\{\dots, i, j\}$	$\{\dots, il, jl, kl, l\}$
$\mathbb{C}'$	$\{\dots, L\}$			
$\mathbb{H}'$	$\{\dots, K, KL\}$			
$\mathbb{O}'$	$\{\dots, I, IL, J, JL\}$			

# Type Structure

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} D & X & -Z^\dagger \\ -X^\dagger & \pm D & Y \\ \hline Z & -Y^\dagger & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- $D$ s must have both labels in the same division algebra. (We don't always write  $\{1, U\}$ ).
- $X$ s,  $Y$ s,  $Z$ s have one label in each division algebra.

# Choices for Octions Models

- Everything in real  $\mathfrak{e}_8$ 
  - The minimal representation is the adjoint, so actors and actees are in the same space.
  - Don't complexify, pay attention to signature.
  - Always stay in the Magic Square.
- Prioritize Lorentz, weak, color over generation.
- No gravity.
- Allow Clifford and Jordan algebra structures to emerge from  $\mathfrak{e}_8$ .

# Rules of Today's Game

- Pick an entry in the magic square.
- Assign division algebra labels.
- Decompose into smaller entry and centralizer.
- Interpret  $D$ s and  $X$ s as adjoints/bosonic reps.
- Interpret the  $Y$ s and  $Z$ s as fermionic reps.

# Example: $a_{5(-7)}$

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# Content of: $\mathfrak{a}_{5(-7)}$

■ Adjoint  $\mathfrak{so}(5,1)$  (labels  $\{U, L, 1, i, j, k\}$  )

■ Adjoint  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$

$$GS_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k \end{pmatrix}$$

■ Adjoint  $\mathfrak{so}(1,1)$

$$S_L = \begin{pmatrix} L & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2L \end{pmatrix}$$

■ 2 spinor 8s of  $\mathfrak{so}(5,1)$  (labels  $\{U \pm L, 1, i, j, k\}$  )

# Extension: $e_{6(-26)}$

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$\mathbb{C}'$	$\{\dots, L\}$		$a_{5(-7)}$	$e_{6(-26)}$
$\mathbb{H}'$	$\{\dots, K, KL\}$			
$\mathbb{O}'$	$\{\dots, I, IL, J, JL\}$			

# Content of: $e_{6(-26)}$

- Add labels in  $\mathbb{H}_\perp$  i.e.  $\{il, jl, kl, l\}$
- $e_6 = a_5 \oplus su(2) \oplus 40$
- Lorentz structures inside representations of  $a_5$ 
  - 4 more  $so(5,1)$  Lorentz vectors with labels in  $so(4) = su(2) \oplus su(2)$
  - Double the number of spinors (16) by including those with labels in  $\mathbb{H}_\perp$

# Rewrite Quaternionic Matrices

$$GS_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_{\ell,kl} - D_{il,jl}$$

$$D_{\ell,il} - D_{jl,kl}$$

$$D_{\ell,jl} - D_{kl,il}$$

$$\mathfrak{so}(4) = \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$$

Old

$$D_{\ell,kl} - D_{il,jl}$$

$$D_{\ell,il} - D_{jl,kl}$$

$$D_{\ell,jl} - D_{kl,il}$$

New

$$D_{\ell,kl} + D_{il,jl}$$

$$D_{\ell,il} + D_{jl,kl}$$

$$D_{\ell,jl} + D_{kl,il}$$

# Handedness

- $\mathfrak{e}_6$  is our first example with octonionic content.
- $\mathfrak{so}(4) = \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$  all with  $\mathbb{H}_\perp$  labels.
- New  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  annihilates the old spinors.
- Old  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  annihilates the new spinors.
- Second Weyl handedness of  $\mathfrak{so}(5,1)$  spinors emerges from non-associativity of octonions

# Decompositions

- $\mathfrak{so}(p + q) = \mathfrak{so}(p) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(q) \oplus p \times q$
- The spinors decompose appropriately.

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# Content of: $\mathfrak{e}_{8(-24)}$

- $\mathfrak{e}_8 = \mathfrak{e}_6 \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R}) \oplus 27 \times 3 \oplus \overline{27} \times \overline{3}$
- Add Labels  $\{I \pm IL, J \pm JL, K \pm KL\}$
- 27 is literally a Jordan algebra times a null label  
=> all the old work about  $\mathfrak{e}_6$  acting on Jordan algebras applies straightforwardly.

# Take Home Messages

If you break  $e_8$  in these ways:

- $a_5$  gives chirality, right-handed leptons, and  $su(2)$
- $e_6$  adds left-handed leptons, another  $su(2)$  and potential weak mediators.
- $e_8$  adds colored  $(3+\bar{3})$  Jordan 27s to build quarks/baryons with potentially testable properties.
- $e_7$  shows how to build determinants of the 27 representations of  $e_6$  using color.