

## $E_8$ and the Standard Model

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### Our group:

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## Research Agenda

- Standard Model in  $\mathfrak{e}_{8(-24)}$  or  ~~$\mathfrak{e}_{8(8)}$~~  or  ~~$\mathfrak{e}_8$~~ .  
(symmetries, fermions, mediators, ~~gravity~~, ~~super-strings/symmetry~~)
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# Magic Squares

$2 \times 2$  “half-split”: (spin groups ...)

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

$3 \times 3$  “half-split”: (... plus spinor reps)

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

## 3 × 3 Structure

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathfrak{so}(12, 4) & \text{spinor} \\ \hline -\text{spinor}^\dagger & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{H}$	$\mathbb{O}$
$\mathbb{R}'$	$\mathfrak{so}(3)$	$\mathfrak{su}(3)$	$\mathfrak{su}(3, \mathbb{H})$	$\mathfrak{f}_4$
$\mathbb{C}'$	$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R})$	$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{H})$	$\mathfrak{e}_{6(-26)}$
$\mathbb{H}'$	$\mathfrak{sp}(6, \mathbb{R})$	$\mathfrak{su}(3, 3)$	$\mathfrak{d}_{6(-6)}$	$\mathfrak{e}_{7(-25)}$
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Algebra	Maximal Subalgebra	Centralizer
$\mathfrak{so}(3)$	$\mathfrak{so}(2)$	$\mathfrak{g}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{2(2)}$
$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R})$	$\mathfrak{so}(2, 1) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(1, 1)$	$\mathfrak{g}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R})$
$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{H})$	$\mathfrak{so}(5, 1) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(1, 1) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$	$\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R})$
$\mathfrak{e}_{6(-26)}$	$\mathfrak{so}(9, 1) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(1, 1)$	$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R})$
$\mathfrak{e}_{7(-5)}$	$\mathfrak{so}(8, 4) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$	$\mathfrak{su}(2)$
$\mathfrak{e}_{8(-24)}$	$\mathfrak{so}(12, 4)$	—

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## Decomposition of $\mathfrak{so}(12, 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{e}_{8(-24)} &\supset \mathfrak{so}(12, 4) + \overbrace{\text{spinors}}^{\text{complex}} \\ \mathfrak{so}(12, 4) &\supset \underbrace{\mathfrak{so}(2)}_{\text{complex structure}} + \mathfrak{so}(3, 1) + \underbrace{\mathfrak{so}(7, 3)}_{\text{"so(10)"}} \end{aligned}$$

**Lorentz +  $\mathfrak{so}(10)$  GUT**

**Spinors are complex**



## Decompositions of $\mathfrak{so}(n)$ vs. $\mathfrak{su}(n)$

$$\mathfrak{so}(p+q) = \mathfrak{so}(p) + \mathfrak{so}(q) + p \times q$$

$$\mathfrak{su}(p+q) = \mathfrak{su}(p) + \mathfrak{su}(q) + 2 \times p \times q + u(1)$$

$$\mathfrak{so}(p+1) = \mathfrak{so}(p) + p$$

$$\mathfrak{su}(p+1) = \mathfrak{su}(p) + 2 \times p + u(1)$$

$$\mathfrak{so}(6) \cong \mathfrak{su}(4) = \mathfrak{su}(3) + 2 \times 3 + u(1)$$

## Color Decomposition of $\mathfrak{e}_8$

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

compact

$$\mathfrak{e}_{8(-24)} = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{e}_{6(2)} + \cancel{54} \times 3 + \overbrace{\mathfrak{su}(3)} \\ \mathfrak{e}_{6(-26)} + \underbrace{27}_{\text{Jordan algebra}} \times 6 + \mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R}) \end{cases}$$

Jordan  
algebra

Everyone (including us) who studied Jordan algebra representations of  $\mathfrak{e}_6$  was almost correct...

## Decomposition of $\mathfrak{e}_8 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{e}_6$

$$\mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R}) + 3 \times 2 + \langle S_L \rangle$$

$$\mathfrak{so}(12, 4) = \mathfrak{so}(9, 1) + 10 \times 6 + \overbrace{\mathfrak{so}(3, 3)}$$

Majorana–Weyl spinors of both  $\mathfrak{so}(9, 1)$  &  $\mathfrak{so}(3, 3)$

$$128 = 16 \times (1 + 1 + 3 + \bar{3})$$

$$\mathfrak{e}_{8(-24)} = \underbrace{\mathfrak{e}_{6(-26)}} + \underbrace{27 \times 6} + \mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R})$$

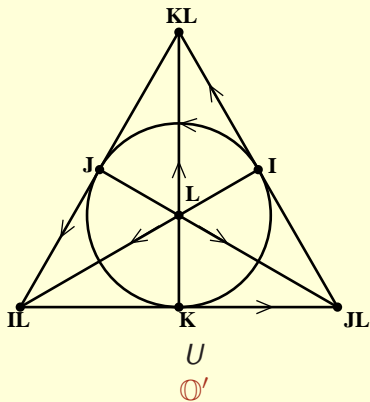
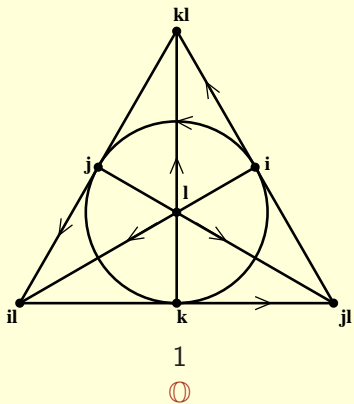
$\mathfrak{so}(9, 1)$
$16 \times 2 \times 1$
$S_L$

$10 \times 2 \times 3$
$16 \times 2 \times 3$
$1 \times 2 \times 3$

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- Label everything with division algebras.

# Octonions



(reverse arrows if 2  $L$ s)

## Basis

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathfrak{so}(12, 4) & \text{spinor} \\ \hline -\text{spinor}^\dagger & 0 \end{array} \right) \longleftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} D & X & -Z^\dagger \\ -X^\dagger & D & Y \\ \hline Z & -Y^\dagger & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$\mathfrak{so}(12, 4)$ : Basis consists of rotations/boosts in single plane:  
 (boosts contain  $L, IL, JL, KL$ )

$$D_{i,j}, D_L = D_{UL} \quad (\text{both indices in } \mathbb{O}, \text{ or both in } \mathbb{O}')$$

$$X_{iL}, X_j = X_{jU} \quad (\text{one index in each})$$

Spinors: (like  $X$ )

$$Y_{iL}, Z_{iL} \quad (\text{one index in each})$$

# Commutator Rules

**Adjoint  $\mathfrak{so}(12, 4)$ :**

$$[D_{i,j}, D_{j,k}] = -2D_{i,k} \quad \dots$$

**Spinors:**

$$[D_{i,j}, Y_{aA}] = Y_{i(ja)A} \quad \dots$$

## Killing Duals

Normalized Killing form  $B$ ; our basis is orthonormal.  
(rotations/boosts have squared norm  $+1/-1$ )

$$S_L = D_{I,IL} + D_{J,JL} + D_{K,KL} = \begin{pmatrix} L & & \\ & L & \\ & & -2L \end{pmatrix}$$

(3, 3)-component! Triality!  
Spinors split into Killing pairs, e.g.  $Y_{1\pm L}$ .



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- Label everything with division algebras.
- Put leptons and electroweak theory into  $\mathfrak{e}_{6(-26)}$  ( $\mathbb{C}' \otimes \mathbb{O}$ )

Labels:  $U, L; 1, i, j, k, kl, jl, il, l$

## Spinors of $\mathfrak{e}_6$ : Volume Elements

$$\mathfrak{e}_{6(-26)} = \mathfrak{so}(9, 1) + \overbrace{16 \times 2}^{\text{Killing duals}} + \langle S_L \rangle$$

$$\mathfrak{so}(9, 1) \mapsto \mathfrak{so}(2) + \mathfrak{so}(7, 1) \mapsto \mathfrak{so}(2) + \overbrace{\mathfrak{so}(3, 1)}^{\text{Lorentz}} + \underbrace{\mathfrak{so}(4)}_{\mathfrak{su}(2)_L + \mathfrak{su}(2)_R} \text{ weak}$$

## Labels on Adjoint Elements

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{so}(3,1) \\ (i,j,k,L) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{lll} D_{i,j} & D_{j,k} & D_{k,i} \\ X_{kL} & X_{iL} & X_{jL} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{so}(4) \\ (il,jl,kl,l) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{lll} D_{il,jl} & D_{jl,kl} & D_{kl,il} \\ D_{kl,l} & D_{jl,l} & D_{il,l} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{su}(2)_L \\ D_{il,jl} - D_{kl,l} \\ D_{jl,kl} - D_{il,l} \\ D_{kl,il} - D_{jl,l} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{su}(2)_R \\ D_{il,jl} + D_{kl,l} \\ D_{jl,kl} + D_{il,l} \\ D_{kl,il} + D_{jl,l} \end{array}$$

# Labels on Spinors

**spin:**  $[D_{i,j}, [X_1, \psi]]$

**weak:**  $[D_{i\ell, j\ell} + D_{k\ell, \ell}, [X_1, \psi]]$

## Lorentz (Weyl) Spinor

weak/spin	
+/+	$Y_{1(1+L)} + Z_{k(1-L)}$ $-Y_{k(1+L)} - Z_{1(1-L)}$
+/-	$Y_{j(1+L)} + Z_{i(1-L)}$ $-Y_{i(1+L)} + Z_{j(1-L)}$
-/+	$-Y_{j(1+L)} + Z_{i(1-L)}$ $-Y_{i(1+L)} - Z_{j(1-L)}$
-/-	$Y_{1(1+L)} - Z_{k(1-L)}$ $Y_{k(1+L)} - Z_{1(1-L)}$

$\ell$  in label  $\longleftrightarrow$  left-handed

$\mathfrak{su}(2)_L$  annihilates right-handed spinors

$\mathfrak{su}(2)_R$  annihilates left-handed spinors

## Labels on Spinors

### Quark

weak/spin	
+/+	$Y_{1(J-JL)} - Z_{k(J-JL)}$ $-Y_{k(J-JL)} + Z_{1(J-JL)}$
+/-	$Y_{j(J-JL)} - Z_{i(J-JL)}$ $-Y_{i(J-JL)} - Z_{j(J-JL)}$

### Lepton

weak/spin	
+/+	$Y_{1(1+L)} + Z_{k(1-L)}$ $-Y_{k(1+L)} - Z_{1(1-L)}$
+/-	$Y_{j(1+L)} + Z_{i(1-L)}$ $-Y_{i(1+L)} + Z_{j(1-L)}$

$L \longleftrightarrow -L$  interchanges Killing duals

$$[S_L, Z_{a(1\pm L)}] = \pm 3Z_{a(1\pm L)}$$

$$[S_L, Z_{a(J\pm JL)}] = \mp Z_{a(J\pm JL)}$$

(charge as usual from  $\mathfrak{so}(10)$  as sum of Cartan elements)

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$\mathfrak{su}(2)_R$  annihilates left-handed spinors

# Generations

$$\mathfrak{su}(2)_R$$

$$D_{il,jl} + D_{kl,l}$$

$$D_{jl,kl} + D_{il,l}$$

$$D_{kl,il} + D_{jl,l}$$

Choose different Cartan element!

Mixes up eigenstates:

$$k \mapsto i \mapsto j \mapsto k$$

**Exactly 3 generations!**

## Lorentz (Weyl) Spinor

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+/+	$Y_{1(1+L)} + Z_{k(1-L)}$ $-Y_{k(1+L)} - Z_{1(1-L)}$
+/-	$Y_{j(1+L)} + Z_{i(1-L)}$ $-Y_{i(1+L)} + Z_{j(1-L)}$
-/+	$-Y_{j(1+L)} + Z_{i(1-L)}$ $-Y_{i(1+L)} - Z_{j(1-L)}$
-/-	$Y_{1(1+L)} - Z_{k(1-L)}$ $Y_{k(1+L)} - Z_{1(1-L)}$

# Mediators

Lie algebra = Cartan subalgebra + raising/lowering operators

$$\mathfrak{so}(7, 1) = \mathfrak{so}(3, 1) + \mathfrak{so}(4) + 4 \times 4$$

$4 \times 4$  has both Lorentz and weak vector labels.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} X_{\ell L} & D_{\ell, i} & D_{\ell, j} & D_{\ell, k} \\ X_{k\ell L} & D_{k\ell, i} & D_{k\ell, j} & D_{k\ell, k} \\ X_{j\ell L} & D_{j\ell, i} & D_{j\ell, j} & D_{j\ell, k} \\ X_{i\ell L} & D_{i\ell, i} & D_{i\ell, j} & D_{i\ell, k} \end{array}$$

$$\mathfrak{so}(6, 4) = \mathfrak{so}(3, 1) + \mathfrak{so}(3, 3) + 4 \times 6$$

$4 \times 6$  has both Lorentz and color vector labels.

$\implies$  6 gluons in a vector representation



# SUMMARY

Everything in  $e_{8(-24)}$ !

$$\begin{aligned} e_{8(-24)} &= \mathfrak{so}(12, 4) + \text{spinors} \\ &= \underbrace{e_{6(-26)}}_{\mathfrak{so}(9, 1) + 2 \times 16} + 27 \times 6 + \mathfrak{sl}(3, \mathbb{R}) \quad \text{gluons \& quarks} \\ &\quad \underbrace{\langle S_L \rangle}_{\text{leptons}} \\ &= \mathfrak{so}(2) + \mathfrak{so}(3, 1) + \underbrace{\mathfrak{su}(2)_L + \mathfrak{su}(2)_R}_{\text{3 generations}} + \underbrace{4 \times 4}_{\text{electroweak mediators}} \end{aligned}$$

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