

THE MINIMALLY SUPERSYMMETRIC STANDARD MODEL

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Beware! We only use lefthanded fields $\psi_L = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, righthanded fields are included via charge conjugation $(\psi_R)^c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{\psi}^{\dot{\alpha}} \end{pmatrix}^c = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

The $SU(2)$ -doublets are written as:

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_+ \\ \phi_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad q_L = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \ell_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Standard Model — The Lagrangian

The SM Lagrangian contains a variety of terms which roughly fall into three categories:

gauge terms

kinetic terms

Higgs sector

The gauge part is straightforward albeit there being additional gauge configurations:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} \supset \frac{1}{2g_i^2} \text{tr} \left[F_{\mu\nu}^{(i)} F^{(i)\mu\nu} \right] \quad (5)$$

$$\supset \frac{\theta_{\text{QCD}}}{16\pi^2 g_s^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{tr} \left[F_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} F_{\rho\sigma}^{(3)} \right]. \quad (6)$$

Kinetic terms for the fermions are constructed with the covariant derivative

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} \supset \bar{\psi}_i i \not{D} \psi_i \quad (7)$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - iq A_\mu^k \mathcal{R}(T_k) \quad (8)$$

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Furthermore, the SM consists of three generations of fermions thus promoting the λ^ψ to complex 3x3 matrices λ_{mn}^e , λ_{mn}^d and λ_{mn}^u . The λ_{mn}^f can be diagonalised via bi-unitary transformations:

$$V_f^\dagger \lambda^f U_f \propto \text{diag} \left(m_f^{(1)}, m_f^{(2)}, m_f^{(3)} \right) / v. \quad (11)$$

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The Standard Model of Particle Physics has 19 free parameters with v being the only one carrying a physical dimension.²

²14 real parameters, 3 mixing angles, 2 CP-violating phase.

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MSSM — The fields

First of all we promote all our previous fields to real (chiral) superfields resulting in our renewed table:

super field	bosonic field	fermionic field	representation
\hat{V}_8	g	\tilde{g}	$(\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1})_0$
\hat{V}	W^0, W^\pm	$\tilde{W}^0, \tilde{W}^\pm$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})_0$
\hat{V}'	B	\tilde{B}	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0$
\hat{L}	$(\tilde{\nu}_e, \tilde{e})$	(ν_L, e_L)	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-\frac{1}{2}}$
\hat{E}^c	\tilde{e}_R^c	e_R^c	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_1$
\hat{Q}	$(\tilde{u}_L, \tilde{d}_L)$	(u_L, d_L)	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{\frac{1}{6}}$
\hat{U}^c	\tilde{u}_R^c	u_R^c	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-\frac{2}{3}}$
\hat{D}^c	\tilde{d}_R^c	d_R^c	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{\frac{1}{3}}$
\hat{H}_u	(H_u^+, H_u^0)	$(\tilde{H}_u^+, \tilde{H}_u^0)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{\frac{1}{2}}$
\hat{H}_d	(H_d^0, H_d^-)	$(\tilde{H}_d^0, \tilde{H}_d^-)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-\frac{1}{2}}$

MSSM — SUSY terms

For the gauge part the usual field strength super fields $\mathcal{W}_{i,\alpha}$ are constructed and included in the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}^{\text{MSSM}} \supset \frac{1}{2g_i^2} \text{tr} \left[\int d^2\theta (\mathcal{W}_i)^\alpha (\mathcal{W}_i)_\alpha + \text{h.c.} \right]. \quad (12)$$

The kinetic terms for the fields read:

$$\mathcal{L}_K^{\text{MSSM}} \supset \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} \left[\hat{\Phi}_i^\dagger e^{2V_i} \hat{\Phi}_i \right]_1 \quad (13)$$

$$V_i = \hat{V}_8^a \mathcal{R}_i(T_a) + \hat{V}^k \mathcal{R}_i(T_k) + Y_i \hat{V}'. \quad (14)$$

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The terms in the last line introduce B -number violation via proton decay as well as lepton number violation, but by imposing R -parity

$$R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2s}, \quad (17)$$

we can get rid of them. Beware! This is not obligatory!

R -conservation implies the existence of a lightest supersymmetric particle (LSP) thus providing us with a dark matter candidate.

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We could use **matter parity**

$$P_m = (-1)^{3(B-L)}, \quad (17)$$

instead and see directly how the lower line gets thrown out.

MSSM — Soft SUSY breaking terms

Introduce explicitly SUSY breaking terms to generate masses and additional interactions

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}}^{\text{MSSM}} \supset & \frac{1}{2} M_i \tilde{\lambda}_i \tilde{\lambda}_i + M_{\tilde{F}}^2 \tilde{f}^\dagger \tilde{f} \\ & + m_1^2 H_d^\dagger H_d + m_2^2 H_u^\dagger H_u + m_{12}^2 (H_u \cdot H_d + \text{h.c.}) \\ & + T_U H_u \tilde{Q} \tilde{U} + T_D H_d \tilde{Q} \tilde{D} + T_E H_d \tilde{L} \tilde{E} + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Often, a parametrisation $m_{12}^2 = \mu B$ (and $T_F = \lambda_f A_F$) is chosen. Therefore, the corresponding terms are called A and B-terms.

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The two doublets acquire separate VEVs:

$$\langle H_f^0 \rangle = v_f, \quad (20)$$

related to the previous v via:

$$\sqrt{v_u^2 + v_d^2} = v, \quad (21)$$

by convention the angle β is defined as

$$\tan \beta = \frac{v_u}{v_d}. \quad (22)$$

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At tree level this implies an upper bound on the mass of the lightest Higgs:

$$m_h \leq m_Z |\cos 2\beta|. \quad (20)$$

MSSM — Mixing caveats

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc} u & c & t & B & W^0 \\ d & s & b & g & W^\pm \\ & & & & \\ e & \mu & \tau & h^0 & \\ \nu_e & \nu_\mu & \nu_\tau & & \end{array}$$

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\tilde{d}_1	\tilde{d}_2	\tilde{d}_3	\tilde{d}_4	\tilde{d}_5	\tilde{d}_6	\tilde{g}	
$\tilde{\ell}_1$	$\tilde{\ell}_2$	$\tilde{\ell}_3$	$\tilde{\ell}_4$	$\tilde{\ell}_5$	$\tilde{\ell}_6$	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	$\tilde{\chi}_2^0$
$\tilde{\nu}_1$		$\tilde{\nu}_2$		$\tilde{\nu}_3$		$\tilde{\chi}_3^0$	$\tilde{\chi}_4^0$

³Worst case scenario.

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Summary of mixed states:

- The Higgs bosons (H_d^- , H_d^0 , H_u^0 , H_u^+) form: a charged pair H^\pm , two CP-even neutral scalars h^0 , H^0 and a CP-odd A^0 .
- The sneutrinos $\tilde{\nu}_i$ form eigenstates $\tilde{\nu}_i$.
- The charged bosinos (\tilde{W}^\pm , \tilde{H}_u^+ , \tilde{H}_d^-) form the charginos $\tilde{\chi}_i^\pm$.
- The neutral bosinos (\tilde{B} , \tilde{W}^0 , \tilde{H}_u^0 , \tilde{H}_d^0) form the neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}_i^0$.
- The squarks ($\tilde{q}_{i,L}$, $\tilde{q}_{i,R}$) form mass eigenstates labeled \tilde{q}_i .
- The sleptons ($\tilde{e}_{i,L}$, $\tilde{e}_{i,R}$) form eigenstates $\tilde{\ell}_i$.

Only for certain ranges of the parameters the particle spectrum will resemble a 'double-SM'.

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The full Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model has 124 free parameters³ (MSSM-124).

³Consisting of 3 couplings, 37 real masses, 39 mixing angles and 45 CP-violating phases.

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