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1 The Standard Model of particle physics

The formulation of a relativistic quantum field theory and of spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB) by the Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism, allowed to built a theory which is capable to explain almost all observations of particle physics until today [1]. This theory is known as the Standard Model of particle physics (SM). The existence of its last missing piece, the Higgs boson, could be proven at the LHC in the year 2012 [2,3]. 23 The Standard Model is a $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(1)_Y$ non-abelian gauge theory. "After" 24 spontaneous symmetry breaking, its symmetries are reduced to $SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{EM}$. All 25 particles that were found until today are contained in it¹. Furthermore, it is able to 26 describe three of the four fundamental forces: the strong, weak and electromagnetic force. 27 In the following, a small introduction to the theory and phenomenology of the Standard Model is given. It is not meant as a complete description. The reader is referred to [4–6], for a thorough and extensive introduction.

1.1 The particle content

It should be first noted, since the Standard Model is a quantum field theory, every field
can be considered also as a particle and vice versa.

The Standard Model of particle physics contains three different particle types, or three
different types of fields. First, there are the so-called "matter particles", which are all
spin 1/2 particles in the SM. Second, the forces are described by spin 1 vector bosons.
And finally, in order to give masses to all particles the Standard Model embeds the Higgs

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boson, a scalar spin 0 particle.

The fermionic content can be further subdivided into leptons and quarks. In contrast to quarks, leptons are not strongly interacting, thus they only couple electromagnetically and weakly to other particles. Both, the quarks and the leptons are ordered into three different families. Across these families, all quantum numbers are conserved. They only differ by their mass.

One can argue, that the right-handed neutrino, which is proven to exist, is not contained. But as at least the left-handed neutrino is embedded, we want to ignore that for a moment.

Each family forms a $SU(2)_L$ doublet, which causes the coupling via the weak force. The right-handed partners form SU(2) singlets, thus, don't couple via the weak interaction. As quarks carry one further quantum number, the colour, they are, additionally, grouped into $SU(3)_C$ triplets. All fermions form singlets under $U(1)_Y$ with different hypercharges.

49 Vector bosons in the Standard Model

As mentioned before, the vector bosons describe three of the four fundamental forces. There is one gauge boson corresponding to every generator of the above mentioned gauge groups. For $U(1)_Y$, it is the B_μ , for $SU(2)_L$, there are three gauge bosons $W_\mu^{1,2,3}$ and finally eight gauge bosons $G_\mu^{1...8}$ for $SU(3)_C$, which are called gluons. As the *B*-field and the neutral W_μ^3 -field can mix, "after" SSB the basis can be changed and lead to the well known photon and *Z*-boson.

56 The Higgs boson

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A somehow extraordinary role plays the Higgs boson, that was predicted already 50 years ago by Peter Higgs [7,8] and could be proven existent by the LHC experiments CMS and Atlas in 2012 [2,3]. This particle is a consequence of the spontaneous symmetry breaking after rotating three of the four degrees of freedom to masses of the W-and Z-bosons. It is the only known fundamental scalar particle.

An overview of all Standard Model particles and their transformation properties are shown in Table 1.1. If particles transform as singlet under $SU(2)_L$ or $SU(3)_C$, they don't couple via the corresponding force. The hypercharges Y are determined by $Q = Y + I_3$, where Q is the electric charge and I_3 is the third component of the weak isospin with $I^a = \sigma^a/2$ (σ^a are the Pauli matrices).

88 1.2 The Lagrangian density

In particle physics, the probability of a decay or an interaction between particles can be calculated with the help of the Lagrangian density. The Lagrangian density of the Standard Model is the smallest set of possible Lagrangian terms, that are renormalisable and contain all up to date known particles as well as the above mentioned gauge symmetries.

Table 1.1: All particles contained in the Standard Model and their transformation properties under $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(1)_Y$.

	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$
Fermions:			
$(u_L, e_L)^T$	1	2	-1
e_R	1	1	-2
$(u_L, d_L)^T$	3	2	$+\frac{1}{3}$
u_R	3	1	$+\frac{4}{3}$
d_R	3	1	$-\frac{2}{3}$
Vector bosons:			
B_{μ}	1	1	0
W_{μ}^{a}	1	3	0
G_{μ}^{a}	8	1	0
Higgs boson: H	1	2	-1

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$$\mathcal{L} = (D_{\mu}\Phi)^{\dagger} (D^{\mu}\Phi) - \mu^{2}\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi)^{2}
+ \bar{L}_{i}^{L}i\not\!D L_{i}^{L} + \bar{e}_{i}^{R}i\not\!D e_{i}^{R} + \bar{Q}_{ib}^{L}i\not\!D Q_{ib}^{L} + \bar{u}_{ib}^{R}i\not\!D u_{ib}^{R} + \bar{d}_{ib}^{R}i\not\!D d_{ib}^{R}
- (Y_{ij}^{e}\bar{L}_{i}^{L}\Phi e_{j}^{R} + Y_{ij}^{u}\bar{Q}_{ib}^{L}\Phi^{c}u_{jb}^{R} + Y_{ij}^{d}\bar{Q}_{ib}^{L}\Phi d_{jb}^{R} + h.c.)
- \frac{1}{4} (B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} + W_{\mu\nu}^{a}W^{a\,\mu\nu} + G_{\mu\nu}^{a}G^{a\,\mu\nu}),$$
(1.1)

with $D = \gamma_{\mu}D^{\mu}$ and the covariant derivative $D^{\mu} = \partial^{\mu} + ig'Y_WB^{\mu} - igC_1I^aW_a^{\mu} - ig_SC_2T^aG_a^{\mu}$. If and T^a denote hereby the generators of the $SU(2)_L$ and $SU(3)_C$, respectively. They are connected to the three Pauli matrices and the eight Gell-Mann matrices by $I^a = \frac{\sigma^a}{2}$ and $T^a = \frac{\lambda^a}{2}$. Adding the hypercharge Y_W and the third component of the weak isospin result in the electrical charge $Q = Y_W + I_3$. Furthermore, it is $C_1 = 1$ for doublets and $C_1 = 0$ for singlets under $SU(2)_L$, $C_2 = 1$ for triplets and $C_2 = 0$ for singlets under $SU(3)_C$.

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as the fermions. This will be explained in detail int the following Section 1.3. The second line describes the kinetic terms of the leptons and quarks. The index i represents the three different families (i = 1, 2, 3). Since they are spin 1/2 particles, they can be described with the help of Dirac spinors. The left-handed leptons and quarks are described as $SU(2)_L$ doublets, $L_I^L = (\nu_{eL}, e_L)_i$, $Q_I^L = (u_L, d_L)_i$, the right-handed as singlets under $SU(2)_L e_i^R$, u_i^R , d_i^R . Quarks carry a further quantum number, the colour, which is indicated by the index b with b = 1, 2, 3. Quarks transform as triplets under the $SU(3)_C$ gauge group. The third line contains the interaction terms between the fermions and the Higgs boson, called Yukawa interactions. These terms lead after SSB to the fermion mass terms, as can be seen later. The last line correspond to the kinetic terms of the gauge fields. These are connected to the field strength tensors by

$$B^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^{\mu}B^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}B^{\mu}$$

$$W^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^{\mu}W^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}W^{\mu} - ig\left[W^{\mu}, W^{\nu}\right]$$

$$= \left(\partial^{\mu}W_{i}^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}W_{i}^{\mu} + g\epsilon_{ijk}W_{j}^{\mu}W_{k}^{\nu}\right)\frac{\sigma_{i}}{2} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{i}}{2}W_{a}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$G^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^{\mu}G^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}G^{\mu} - ig_{S}\left[G^{\mu}, G^{\nu}\right]$$

$$= \left(\partial^{\mu}G_{a}^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu}G_{a}^{\mu} + g_{S}f_{abc}G_{b}^{\mu}G_{b}^{\nu}\right)\frac{\lambda_{a}}{2} \equiv \frac{\lambda_{a}}{2}G_{a}^{\mu\nu}.$$

$$(1.2)$$

- The factors ϵ_{ijk} and f_{abc} are hereby the structure constants of the corresponding lie groups.
- The summation over all indices that appear twice is included.

95 1.3 The Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism

- An essential ingredient of the Standard Model is the Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism (BEH mechanism), earlier also called Higgs mechanism. It was developed by Peter Higgs, Robert
- 98 Brout and François Englert in 1960s [7–12]. Based on a work from Sheldon Glashow [13],
- 99 Steven Weinberg and Abdus Salam later applied it on a $SU(2) \times U(1)$ gauge theory [14,15].
- $_{100}$ By this, a renormalisable theory of the weak and the electromagnetic theory was born.
- Together with the theory of strong interaction, the Standard Model was thus by this time
- 102 completely formulated by the theory.

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Mass terms of the gauge bosons

- Due to the BEH mechanism, it is possible to give masses to the W^{\pm} -and Z-bosons. A scalar field Φ (Higgs field) is required, which has a non-zero vacuum expectation value.
- This is possible, when the mass parameter μ in front of the bilinear term in line one of Eq. (1.1) is smaller than zero and $\lambda > 0$ at the same time.
 - The resulting potential of the Higgs field is then the famous "Mexican hat" potential.

Expanding the Lagrangian density around the minimum of $\Phi = (0, v)$, the gauge symmetries of $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ are spontaneously broken and only a remaining electrical charge conserving symmetry $U(1)_{EM}$ remains. After an unitary transformation, three of the four degrees of freedom of the Higgs field are absorbed by the gauge fields. Thus, "after" SSB, the part of the Lagrangian containing the scalar field is as follows

$$\mathcal{L}_{Higgs} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_{\mu} \phi^{0} \right)^{\dagger} \left(\partial^{\mu} \phi^{0} \right) - \mu^{2} \left(\phi^{0} \right)^{2} + \frac{1}{2} v^{2} g^{2} W_{\mu}^{-} W^{+ \mu} + \frac{1}{4} v^{2} \left(g^{2} + g'^{2} \right) Z_{\mu} Z^{\mu} + \text{interaction terms}$$
(1.3)

One kinetic and one mass term for one of the degrees of freedom of the Higgs fields remains, which is the Higgs boson (ϕ^0). Furthermore, three of the four gauge bosons require a mass. The remaining gauge boson, being the photon remains massless because of the conserved $U(1)_{EM}$ gauge symmetry. The mass eigenstates of the gauge bosons in Eq. (1.3) are obviously different to the interaction eigenstates in Eq. (1.1).

The diagonalisation of the neutral mass matrices is described by the Weinberg angle θ_W

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$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{\mu} \\ Z_{\mu} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_W & -\sin \theta_W \\ \sin \theta_W & \cos \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{\mu} \\ W_{\mu}^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(1.4)

For the charged gauge bosons, the relation between $W_{1,2}$ and W^{\pm} is the following

$$W_{\mu}^{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[W_{\mu}^{1} \mp W_{\mu}^{2} \right]. \tag{1.5}$$

122 Consequently, the masses of the gauge boson are the following

$$M_H = \sqrt{2}\mu$$

$$M_W = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} v$$

$$M_Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v \sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}$$

$$M_{\gamma} = 0.$$
(1.6)

The first direct observation of the Z-and W^{\pm} -bosons was made in $p\bar{p}$ -collisions in the year 1983 at the Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) at CERN [16, 17]. The experimental values of the masses are $m_Z = 91.1876 \pm 0.0021 \,\text{GeV}$ and $m_{W^{\pm}} = 80.385 \pm 0.015 \,\text{GeV}$ [18]. Finally, as mentioned several times before, the Higgs boson was found at the LHC in the year 2012 [2,3]. The mass is measured to $m_{h^0} = 125.09 \pm 0.21 \,\text{(stat.)} \pm 0.11 \,\text{(sys.)} \,\text{GeV}$ [19].

128 Mass terms of the fermions

Fermion mass terms cannot be easily inserted into the Lagrangian density in Eq. (1.1), since they would violate the imposed gauge symmetries. With the help of the BEH mechanism it is possible to generate fermion mass terms via the Yukawa interactions terms (line three of Eq. (1.1)). After spontaneous symmetry breaking, the Yukawa interactions lead to the following mass terms (colour indices are suppressed)

$$\mathcal{L}_{Yukawa} = -\left(Y_{ij}^e v \,\bar{e}_i^L e_j^R + Y_{ij}^u v \,\bar{u}_i^L u_j^R + Y_{ij}^d v \,\bar{d}_i^L d_j^R + h.c.\right)$$
+ interaction terms (1.7)

The fermion masses are thus described by the following mass matrices

$$M_{ij}^e = Y_{ij}^e v$$
 $M_{ij}^u = Y_{ij}^u v$ $M_{ij}^d = Y_{ij}^d v$ (1.8)

Since the Standard Model does not contain right-handed neutrinos, there are no gauge invariant Yukawa interactions, that could produce mass terms for neutrinos.

1.4 Limitations of the Standard Model

Despite the great success of the Standard Model, there remain observations and theoretical considerations that cannot be answered within the SM. In the following, the most important of such "limitations" shall be reviewed.

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First of all, the Standard Model suffers of the so-called hierarchy problem. By this, the problem is addressed that quadratic divergencies occur in the calculation of the Higgs self-coupling. The appearance of infinities is not uncommon in higher order calculations and happens for all particles. Still, for scalar particles the infinite term is quadratically divergent, which makes a huge difference compared to the logarithmic divergencies for fermion self-energies. When considering the Standard Model valid up to the Planck scale, an extraordinary fine-tuning would be needed to cancel a large bare mass with large counter terms

$$m_H^{\text{ren 2}} = m_H^{\text{bare 2}} + \Delta m_H^2.$$
 (1.9)

to end up with a mass of 125 GeV. Thus, this renormalisation procedure, even if mathematically possible, is regarded as highly unnatural in physics. The question which is usually imposed is, why is the Higgs mass so small, when there are such massive corrections to the bare bass? A formulation of naturalness was given by t'Hooft in 1977 [20]. He stated, that a small parameter can be regarded only natural, if the symmetries of the theory are enhanced by setting this parameter to zero. In the Standard Model, though,

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there is no enhancement of the symmetries of the Lagrangian by setting $\mu = 0$, thus the 156 small mass of the Higgs boson compared to the Planck scale is considered as highly un-157 natural. 158

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A further and probably the most striking shortcoming of the Standard Model is the missing fourth fundamental force, the gravitational force. Within the SM, it is not possible to add renormalisable terms, that can describe the gravitational force. Although, gravity is not important for particle physics at energies that are accessible at current particle colliders (it only becomes important at the Planck scale $\sim 10^{19}\,\mathrm{GeV}$), the fact that it cannot be embedded into the Standard Model leads to an understanding of the SM as effective theory, only valid for lower energies. Thus, it is obviously not an ultimate theory and something must be beyond.

Furthermore, there is experimental evidence, which cannot be explained within the 168 Standard Model. 169

Astrophysical observations suggest that there is a large amount of dark matter (DM) in 170 the universe, that cannot be explained with the particle content of the Standard Model. Measurements of the velocity curves of galaxies, e.g. M33 [21] show discrepancies between the observed velocities and the predicted velocities by the visible matter. The share of nonvisible matter to the total amount of matter in the universe is estimated to be 84% [22]. Unfortunately, there is no suitable (only weakly interacting) candidate within the SM, that can make up the full DM contribution.

Finally, the different abundance of baryonic and antibaryonic matter [18], the so-called baryon-antibaryon asymmetry is not explainable within the SM. In the Standard Model, the only source for CP-violation, which is needed to give rise to a matter-antimatter asymmetry is contained in the CKM matrix, which appears in the SM due to the weak interaction in the quark sector. The complex phase in this matrix is however to small to explain the full asymmetry.

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There are far more questions, not all addressed here. The reader is referred to [] to get 184 a more detailed overview about the limitations of the SM. 185

In the following Section 2, a theory is introduced, that can address most of the above 186 mentioned problems. This theory is called Supersymmetry.

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As noted in the last chapter, the Higgs boson mass suffers from quadratic divergencies through radiative corrections. The reason for the quadratic divergencies is due to the fact, that the Lagrangian density does not contain further symmetries for $\mu \to 0$. This behaviour is typical for scalar particles. For fermions, on the other hand, there is a further symmetry for $m_f = 0$. The Lagrangian density becomes invariant under chiral transformations of the form $\Psi \to e^{i\vec{\alpha}\frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2}\gamma_5}\Psi$. Although the mass terms of the fermions break this symmetry, it protects the fermions against large radiative corrections.

Due to these considerations, it seems natural to protect also the scalar mass by an additional symmetry. A work from Golfand and Likhtman in the year 1971 stated that an extension of the Poincaré algebra is possible via fermionic generators [23]. R. Haag, J. Lopuszanski and M. Sohnius finalised these considerations by showing that with the help of fermionic generators a connetiction between spacetime symmetries and internal symmetries is possible [24]. The extensions of a symmetry group by fermionic generators is called Supersymmetry (SUSY). These were the foundation of supersymmetric theories.

In the following, few aspects of supersymmetric theories are discussed. For a detailed introduction the reader is referred to [25–27].

In the subsequent sections, the describtions is restricted to the case of N=1 supersymmetry, i. e. there is only one supersymmetric generator and thus only one supersymmetric partner for every particle. A supersymmetric transformation transfers every bosonic state into a fermionic state and vice versa

$$Q | \mathrm{boson} \rangle = | \mathrm{fermion} \rangle$$

 $Q | \mathrm{fermion} \rangle = | \mathrm{boson} \rangle.$ (2.1)

The most important (anti-) commutation relations for SUSY algebra with spinors Q are

$$\begin{aligned} \{Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta}\} &= \{Q_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dagger}, Q_{\dot{\beta}}^{\dagger}\} = 0, \\ [Q_{\alpha}, P_{\mu}] &= [Q_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dagger}, P_{\mu}] = 0, \\ \{Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dagger}\} &= 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\mu} P_{\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.2)$$

 $_{211}$ P_{μ} denotes hereby the four component generator of translations. Additionally, it is $\sigma^{\mu}=$

 $(1, \sigma_i)$ with the pauli matrices σ_i . From the second relation in (2.2) it follows

$$[Q_{\alpha}, P^2] = [Q_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dagger}, P^2] = 0.$$
 (2.3)

- This means, that particles that are transformed into each other with the generator Q need to have same eigen values of P^2 .
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