

Upper bound on the proton lifetime and a minimal grand unified theory

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Aim

The decay of the proton is the most dramatic prediction coming from matter unification!

Is there an upper bound on the proton lifetime?

The Georgi Glashow model based on $SU(5)$ is the simplest GUT!

What is the minimal realistic extension of the Georgi Glashow model?

How can we test a minimal realistic non-SUSY GUT?

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Weinberg, 1979-1982; Wilczek, Zee, '79; Sakai, Yanagida, '82

Baryon number violating effective operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = c_d \frac{\mathcal{O}^d}{M^{d-4}}$$

Supersymmetric Models

$$\implies d = 4$$

$$\implies d = 5$$

Non-Supersymmetric Contributions

$$\implies \text{Gauge } d = 6$$

$$\implies \text{Higgs } d = 6$$

For details see

P. Nath, [P. F. P](#), "Proton stability in grand unified theories, in strings, and in branes", Physics Reports (2006), hep-ph/0601023

Gauge $d = 6$ nucleon decay in $SU(5)$ and $SO(10)$

$$O(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) = c(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{u_i^C} \gamma^\mu u_j \overline{e_\alpha^C} \gamma_\mu d_{k\beta},$$

$$O(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) = c(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{u_i^C} \gamma^\mu u_j \overline{d_{k\beta}^C} \gamma_\mu e_\alpha,$$

$$O(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) = c(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{u_i^C} \gamma^\mu d_{j\alpha} \overline{d_{k\beta}^C} \gamma_\mu \nu_l$$

$$c(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) = k_1^2 \left[V_1^{11} V_2^{\alpha\beta} + (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\beta} (V_2 V_{UD}^\dagger)^{\alpha 1} \right]$$

$$c(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) = k_1^2 V_1^{11} V_3^{\beta\alpha} + k_2^2 (V_4 V_{UD}^\dagger)^{\beta 1} (V_1 V_{UD} V_4^\dagger V_3)^{1\alpha}$$

$$c(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) = k_1^2 (V_1 V_{UD})^{1\alpha} (V_3 V_{EN})^{\beta l} \\ + k_2^2 V_4^{\beta\alpha} (V_1 V_{UD} V_4^\dagger V_3 V_{EN})^{1l}$$

$$\alpha = \beta = 1, 2. \quad l = 1, 2, 3. \quad k_{1,2} = g_{GUT} / \sqrt{2} M_{V, V'}.$$

$$V_1 = U_C^\dagger U, \quad V_2 = E_C^\dagger D, \quad V_3 = D_C^\dagger E, \quad V_4 = D_C^\dagger D,$$

$$V_{EN} = E^\dagger N = K_3 V_{PMNS}, \quad V_{UD} = U^\dagger D = K_1 V_{CKM} K_2.$$

$$U_C^T Y_U U = Y_U^{diag}, \quad D_C^T Y_D D = Y_D^{diag}, \quad E_C^T Y_E E = Y_E^{diag};$$

$$(X, Y) = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 5/3), \quad (X', Y') = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, -1/3).$$

Upper bound on the proton lifetime in GUTs

$$k_2 = 0 \implies \text{GUTs based on } SU(5)$$

Gauge Bosons:

$$A(24) = G_{ij} \bigoplus (X_i, Y_i) \bigoplus (\bar{X}_i, \bar{Y}_i) \bigoplus (W^+, W^3, W^-) \bigoplus B^0$$

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Case 1. There are no decays into a meson-antineutrino

Case 2. There are no decays into a meson-charged antilepton

$$(V_1 V_{UD})^{1\alpha} = (U_C^\dagger D)^{1\alpha} = 0 \implies U_C = D A^\dagger \quad (\text{C.I})$$

$$V_2^{\beta\alpha} = (E_C^\dagger D)^{\beta\alpha} = 0 \implies E_C = D B_1 \quad (\text{C.II})$$

$$V_3^{\beta\alpha} = (D_C^\dagger E)^{\beta\alpha} = 0 \implies D_C = E B_2 \quad (\text{C.III})$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha} \\ \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & e^{i\beta_i} \\ 0 & e^{i\gamma_i} & 0 \\ e^{i\delta_i} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Gamma_p = \Gamma(p \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+) = 8\pi^2 C(p, K^0) |V_{CKM}^{13}|^2 \alpha_{GUT}^2 M_V^{-4}$$

where:

$$C(p, K^0) = \frac{(m_p^2 - m_K^2)^2}{8\pi m_p^3 f_\pi^2} A_L^2 |\beta|^2 \times \left[1 + \frac{m_p}{m_B} (D - F) \right]^2$$

The upper bound on the proton lifetime corresponds to the total lifetime of **Case 1**. We find it to be:

In the case of Majorana neutrinos

$$\tau_p \leq 6.0 \times 10^{39} \frac{(M_V/10^{16} \text{ GeV})^4}{\alpha_{GUT}^2} (0.003 \text{ GeV}^3/\beta)^2 \text{ years}$$

Using ($\tau_p \geq 50 \times 10^{32}$ years) and $\beta = 0.003 \text{ GeV}^3$:

$$M_V > 3.04 \times 10^{14} \sqrt{\alpha_{GUT}} \text{ GeV}$$

if $\alpha_{GUT} = 1/39 - 1/25$:

$$M_V > (4.9 - 6.1) \times 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

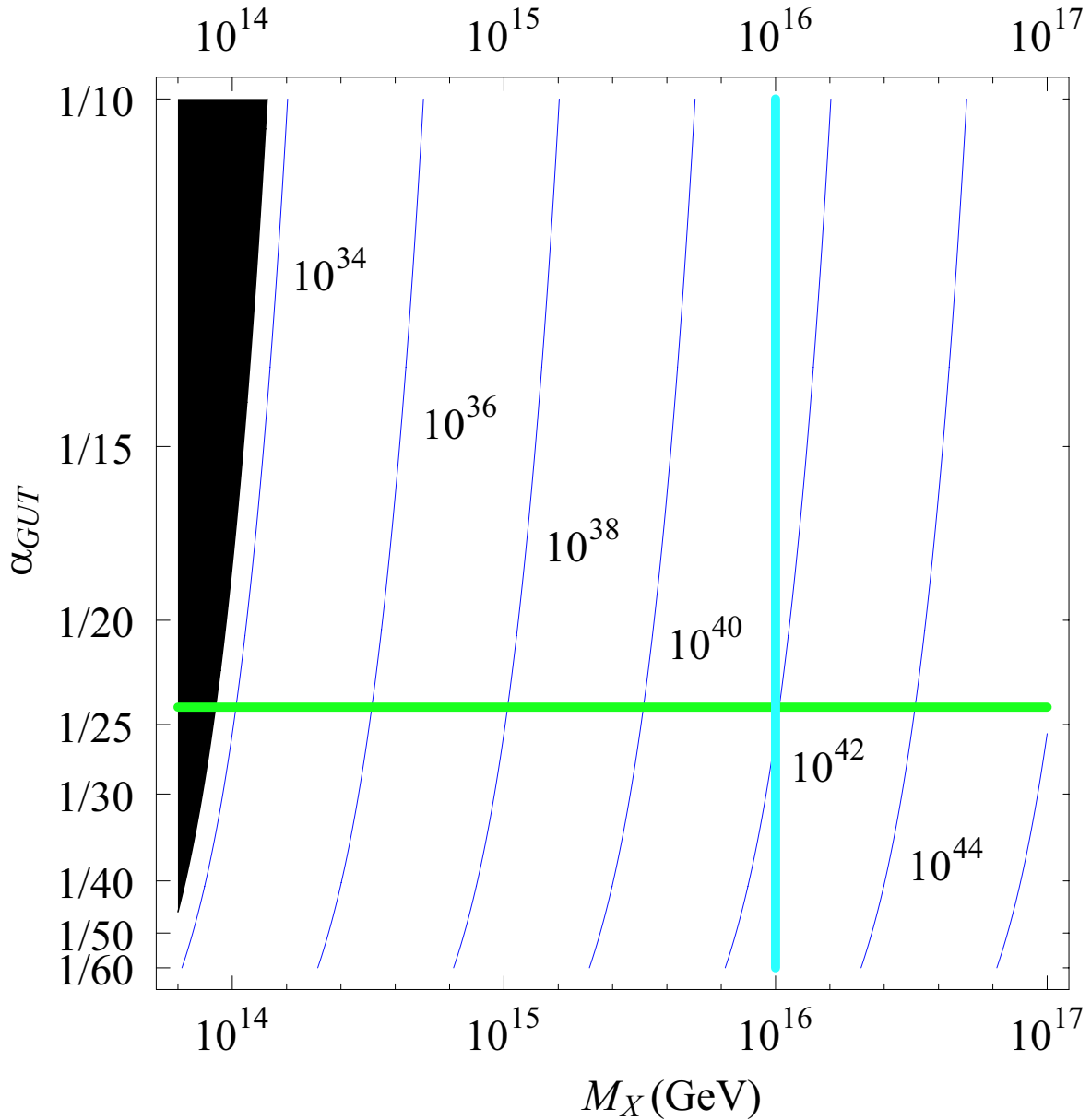


Figure 1: Isoplot for the upper bounds on the total proton in years in the Majorana neutrino case in the M_X - α_{GUT} plane. The value of the unifying coupling constant is varied from 0.02 to 1.

Could we rotate proton decay away?

In flipped $SU(5)$

$$c(e_\alpha^C, d_\beta) = 0$$

$$c(e_\alpha, d_\beta^C) = k_2^2 (V_4 V_{UD}^\dagger)^{\beta 1} (V_1 V_{UD} V_4^\dagger V_3)^{1\alpha}$$

$$c(\nu_l, d_\alpha, d_\beta^C) = k_2^2 V_4^{\beta\alpha} (V_1 V_{UD} V_4^\dagger V_3 V_{EN})^{1l}$$

$$(X', Y') = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, -1/3), \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \quad l = 1, 2, 3$$

Solution:

$$V_4^{\beta\alpha} = (D_C^\dagger D)^{\beta\alpha} = 0, \quad \alpha = 1 \text{ or } \beta = 1 \quad \& \quad (U_C^\dagger E)^{1\alpha} = 0.$$

What these two conditions that remove $d = 6$ operators imply for the structure of the fermion sector?

$$Y_U = Y_U^{diag}$$

$$Y_D = K_1^* V_{CKM}^* K_2^* B Y_D^{diag} K_2^* V_{CKM}^\dagger K_1^*,$$

$$Y_E = E_C^* Y_E^{diag} E^\dagger,$$

$$Y_N = E^* K_3^* V_{PMNS}^* Y_N^{diag} V_{PMNS}^\dagger K_3^* E^\dagger.$$

where: $|E^{13}| = 1$, & $|B^{13}| = |B^{22}| = |B^{31}| = 1$.

Is there an upper bound on the proton lifetime?

There is a conservative model independent upper bound on the total proton decay lifetime:

$$\tau_p^M \leq 6.0 \times 10^{39} \frac{(M_V/10^{16} \text{ GeV})^4}{\alpha_{GUT}^2} (0.003 \text{ GeV}^3/\beta)^2 \text{ years}$$

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Georgi-Glashow model

Gauge Group: $SU(5)$

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Matter Unification:

$$\mathbf{10} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_3^C & -u_2^C & u_1 & d_1 \\ -u_3^C & 0 & u_1^C & u_2 & d_2 \\ u_2^C & -u_1^C & 0 & u_3 & d_3 \\ -u_1 & -u_2 & -u_3 & 0 & e^C \\ -d_1 & -d_2 & -d_3 & -e^C & 0 \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \bar{\mathbf{5}} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^C \\ d_2^C \\ d_3^C \\ e \\ -\nu \end{pmatrix}_L$$

Higgs Sector:

$$\mathbf{5}_H = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ H^+ \\ H^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{24}_H = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_8 & \Sigma_{(3,2)} \\ \Sigma_{(\bar{3},2)} & \Sigma_3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{15}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \Sigma_{24}$$

PROBLEMS:

- It does not incorporate massive neutrinos.

Possible solutions:

- Higher-dimensional operators (M_{GUT}/M_{Pl}).
(Barbieri, Ellis, Gaillard'80)
 - ν_R (Type I see-saw)
(Minkowski; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky; Yanagida; Mohapatra, Senjanović'79-80)
 - 15_H (Type II see-saw)
(Lazarides, Shafi, Wetterich; Mohapatra, Senjanović '81)
- Relation $Y_D = Y_E^T$ in disagreement with the experimental observed values.

Possible solutions:

- Higher-dimensional operators (Ellis, Gaillard '79)
 - 45_H (Georgi, Jarlskog '79)
- It is not possible to achieve gauge coupling unification.
 - Doublet-Triplet splitting. (in SUSY $SU(5)$)
(Grinstein'82, Masiero, Nanopoulos, Tamvakis, Yanagida'82)

A minimal realistic non-supersymmetric GUT

Matter: $\bar{5}, 10$

Higgs Sector: $5_H, 24_H, 15_H$.

$$15_H = \Phi = (\Phi_a, \Phi_b, \Phi_c) = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, 1) + (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6) + (\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3)$$

$$V_{\text{Yukawa}} = 10 Y_u 10 5_H + 10 Y_d \bar{5} 5_H^* + \bar{5} Y_\nu \bar{5} 15_H$$

+ higher-dimensional terms

$$V_{\text{Higgs}} = V_{\text{Higgs}}^{SU(5)} + c_3 5_H^\dagger 15_H 5_H^* + b_8 5_H^\dagger 24_H 15_H 5_H^* + h.c.$$

$$- \frac{\mu_\Phi^2}{2} \text{Tr} 15_H^\dagger 15_H + \frac{a_\Phi}{4} (\text{Tr} 15_H^\dagger 15_H)^2 + \dots$$

For previous studies in non-minimal $SU(5)$ models see Ruegg'80; Buccella, Gelmini, Masiero, Roncadelli '84.

Unification constraints

At the one-loop level:

$$\alpha_i^{-1}|_{M_Z} = \alpha_{GUT}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2\pi} B_i \ln \frac{M_{GUT}}{M_Z}$$

where $i = 1, 2, 3$ for $U(1)$, $SU(2)$, and $SU(3)$, respectively.

$$\alpha_{GUT} = g_{GUT}^2/(4\pi)$$

$$B_i = b_i + \sum_I b_{iI} r_I, \quad r_I = \frac{\ln M_{GUT}/M_I}{\ln M_{GUT}/M_Z}$$

$$(M_Z \leq M_I \leq M_{GUT})$$

$$b_1^{SM} = \frac{40}{10} + \frac{n}{10}$$

$$b_2^{SM} = -\frac{20}{6} + \frac{n}{6}$$

$$b_3^{SM} = -7$$

$$\frac{B_{23}}{B_{12}} = \frac{5 \sin^2 \theta_w(M_Z) - \alpha_{em}(M_Z)/\alpha_s(M_Z)}{8 \quad 3/8 - \sin^2 \theta_w(M_Z)},$$

$$\ln \frac{M_{GUT}}{M_Z} = \frac{16\pi}{5\alpha_{em}(M_Z)} \frac{3/8 - \sin^2 \theta_w(M_Z)}{B_{12}}.$$

with $B_{ij} = B_i - B_j$ (See for example: Giveon, Hall, Sarid'91).

using $\sin^2 \theta_w(M_Z) = 0.23120 \pm 0.00015$,

$\alpha_{em}^{-1}(M_Z) = 127.906 \pm 0.019$ and $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1187 \pm 0.002$.

$$\frac{B_{23}}{B_{12}} = 0.719 \pm 0.005; \quad \ln \frac{M_{GUT}}{M_Z} = \frac{184.9 \pm 0.2}{B_{12}}$$

$$\tau_p = C M_V^4 \alpha_{GUT}^{-2} m_p^{-5}; \quad M_V > (4.9 - 6.1) 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

In the Standard Model: $(B_{23}^{SM} / B_{12}^{SM} = 0.53)$

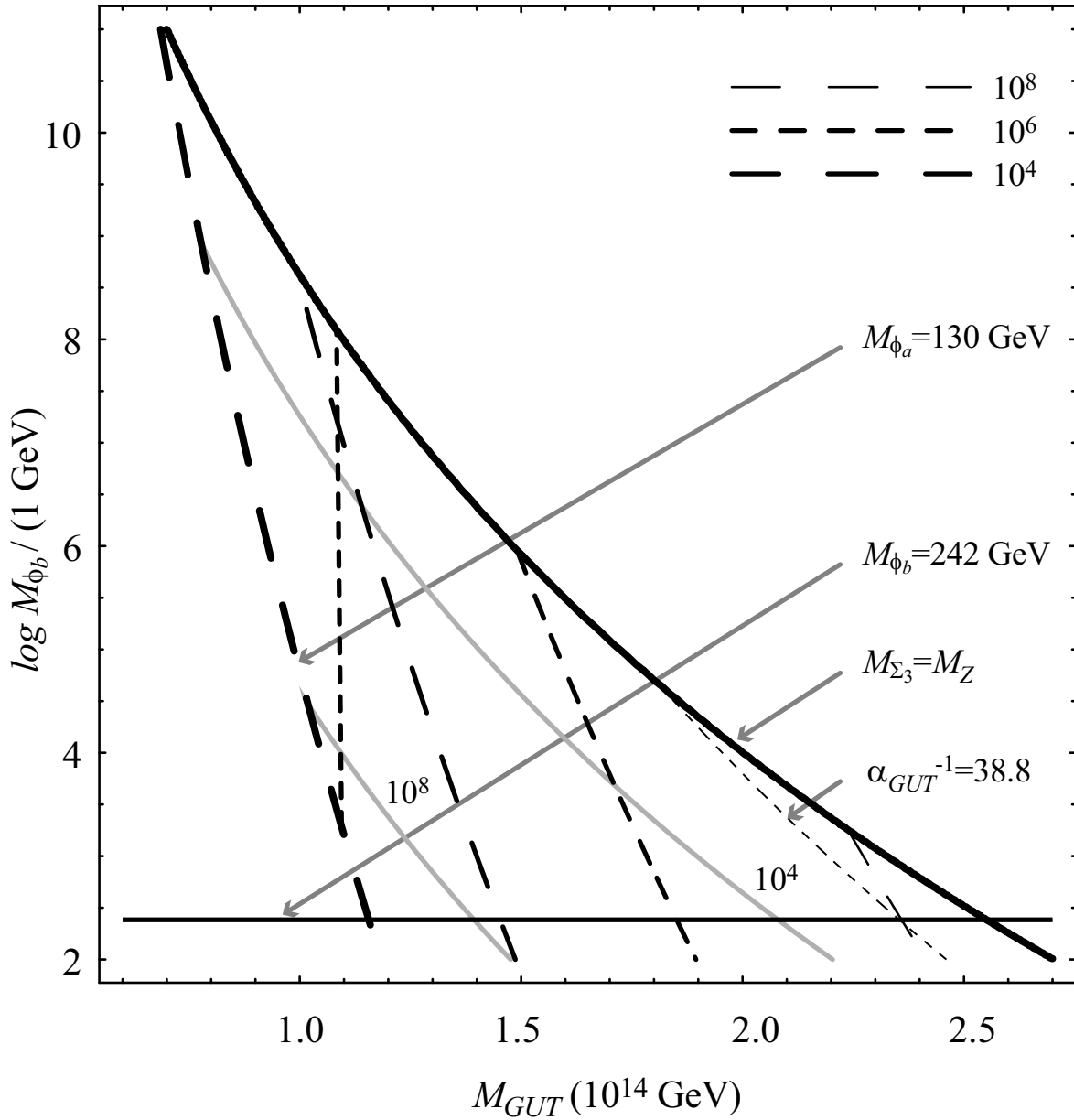
Contributions to the B_{ij} coefficients

(The mass of the SM Higgs doublet is taken to be at M_Z)

SM	Ψ_T	V	Σ_8	Σ_3	Φ_a	Φ_b	Φ_c
$\frac{23}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{6}r_{\Psi_T}$	$-\frac{7}{2}r_V$	$-\frac{1}{2}r_{\Sigma_8}$	$\frac{1}{3}r_{\Sigma_3}$	$\frac{2}{3}r_{\Phi_a}$	$\frac{1}{6}r_{\Phi_b}$	$-\frac{5}{6}r_{\Phi_c}$
$\frac{109}{15}$	$\frac{1}{15}r_{\Psi_T}$	$-7r_V$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}r_{\Sigma_3}$	$-\frac{1}{15}r_{\Phi_a}$	$-\frac{7}{15}r_{\Phi_b}$	$\frac{8}{15}r_{\Phi_c}$

$$(M_I = M_{GUT}) \quad 0 \leq r_I \leq 1 \quad (M_I = M_Z)$$

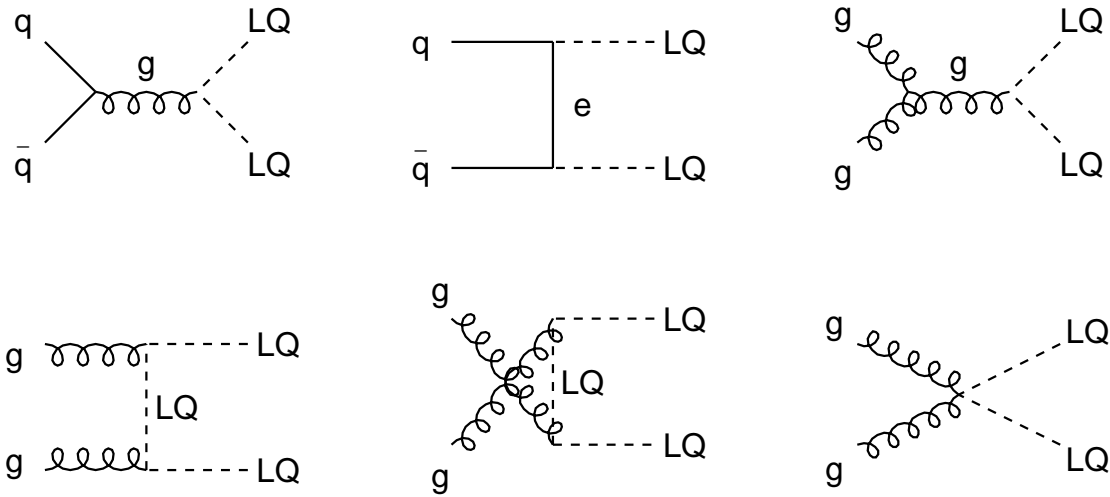
Fields capable of improving unification are: $\Sigma_3(\subset \mathbf{24}_H)$, $\Phi_a(\subset \mathbf{15}_H)$, $\Phi_b(\subset \mathbf{15}_H)$, and $V = (X, Y)$.



$$\tau_p \leq 1.4 \times 10^{36} \text{ years}$$

$$\tau_p > 10^{33} \text{ years}$$

Light Leptoquarks



Production channels at the LHC

$$\Phi_b = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6) \quad \text{Light Leptoquarks}$$

$$(d^C)_L^T C^{-1} Y_\nu \Phi_b l_L = (d^C)_L^T C^{-1} Y_\nu (\phi_b^1 e_L - \phi_b^2 \nu_L),$$

Tevatron experiments have set limits on scalars leptoquarks with couplings to eq of $M_{LQ} > 242 \text{ GeV}$. **Preliminary studies by the LHC experiments ATLAS and CMS indicate that clear signals can be established for masses up to about $M_{LQ} \approx 1.3 \text{ TeV}$.** (Abdullin, Charles, hep-ph/9905396; Mitsou, Benekos, Panagoulas, Papadopoulou, hep-ph/0411189)

Summary

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if $\alpha_{GUT} = 1/39 - 1/25$: $M_V > (4.9 - 6.1) \times 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$

What is the minimal realistic extension of the Georgi Glashow model?

- It is possible to achieve unification in the context of a minimal non-SUSY $SU(5)$, where the Higgs sector is composed of $\mathbf{5}_H$, $\mathbf{15}_H$ and $\mathbf{24}_H$.

How can we test a minimal realistic non-SUSY GUT?

- This GUT model can be tested at the next generation of proton decay experiments $\tau_p < 1.4 \times 10^{36}$ years.
- In order to achieve unification the theory predicts light leptoquarks. Therefore, it could be a possibility to test the GUT idea at future colliders, particularly at the LHC.