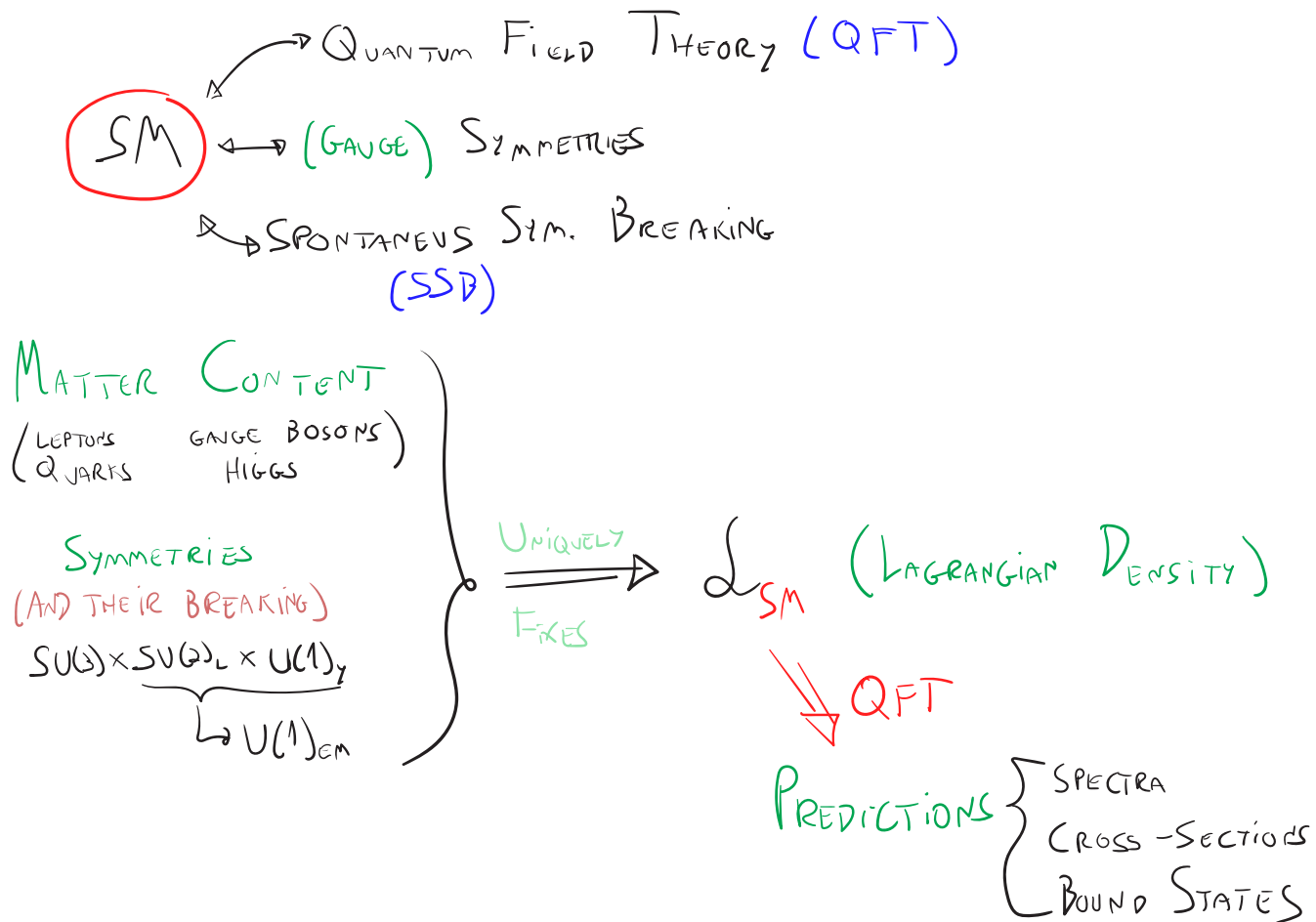


The Standard Model (a crash course)



Quantum Field Theory

WHY? \rightarrow RELATIVISTIC QUANTUM MECHANICS DOES NOT WORK!

- \rightarrow NOT CAUSAL! (SEE QFT I-VIDEO I)
- \rightarrow WAVE FUNCTION DESCRIBES THE PROPAGATION OF ONE PARTICLE STATES (MORE PRECISELY: STATES WITH A DEFINITE NUMBER OF PARTICLES)

NUMBER OF PARTICLES IS NOT FIXED ANYMORE!

INSPIRED BY: $\vec{E}, \vec{B} \rightleftharpoons$ NUMBER OF PHOTONS

WE WILL QUANTIZE A FIELD THEORY:

MECHANICS

$q_i(t), p_i(t)$

QUANT. \rightarrow

QUANTUM MECHANICS

$\hat{q}_i(t), \hat{p}_i(t)$

MECHANICS

QUANTUM MECHANICS

$$q_i(t), p_i(t)$$

QUANT. \Rightarrow

$$\hat{q}_i(t), \hat{p}_i(t)$$

$$\{p_i, q_j\}_{P.B.} = -\delta_{ij}$$

$$\{, \}_{P.B.} \Rightarrow -\frac{i}{\hbar} [,]$$

$$[\hat{p}_i, \hat{q}_j] = -i\hbar \delta_{ij}$$

$$\dot{q}_i(t) = \{q_i, H\}_{P.B.} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{q}_i}{dt} = -i\hbar [\hat{q}_i, \hat{H}]$$

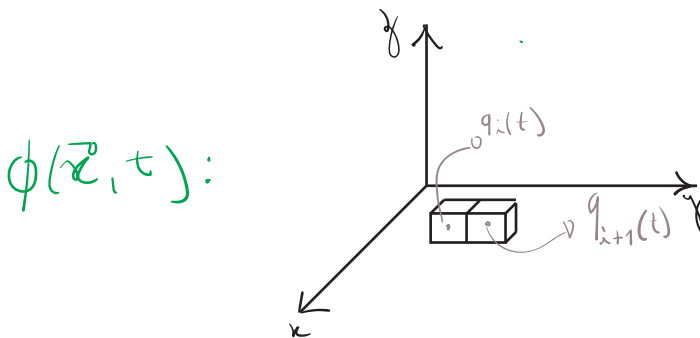
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$$\{p, q\}_{P.B.} = \sum_i \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial q}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial q}{\partial q_i} \right)$$

One could suspect from this unequal treatment of time and position (q), that this is not a good candidate for a relativistic theory

IT IS EASY TO GENERALIZE THAT TO A FIELD



$$\phi(\vec{x}, t)$$

CLASSICAL FIELD THEORY (CLFT)

$$\{q_i(t)\} \sim \{\phi_i(t)\} \xrightarrow{\text{CONTINUUM}} \phi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\{p_i(t)\} \sim \{\pi_i(t)\} \xrightarrow{\text{DISCRETE}} \pi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\{\phi_i, \pi_j\}_{P.B.} \Rightarrow -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{\phi}_i, \hat{\pi}_j] \xrightarrow{\text{QUANT.}}$$

$$QFT \Rightarrow [\hat{\phi}_i, \hat{\pi}_j] = i\delta_{ij} \iff [\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\pi}(\vec{y}, t)] = i\delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

IN THE CLFT, IF WE ASSUME LOCALITY:

$$S = \int dt \mathcal{L} = \int dt \int d^3x \underbrace{\mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)}_{\text{LAGRANGIAN DENSITY}} = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)$$

$$\pi(\vec{x}, t) \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}}$$

$$H = \int d^3x \left[\pi(\vec{x}, t) \dot{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) - \mathcal{L} \right] \equiv \int d^3x \mathcal{H}(\phi, \pi)$$

\swarrow HAMILTONIAN DENSITY

EULER-LAGRANGE EQUATIONS GIVE US THE CLASSICAL EOM:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} - \partial_\mu \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \right] = 0$$

Building Lagrangians (Degrees of Freedom and Symmetries)

FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE WANT LORENTZ INVARIANTS, SO WE CHOOSE FIELDS THAT TRANSFORM UNDER SOME REPRESENTATION OF THE LORENTZ GROUP ($SO(1,3)$):

$$x_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{LORENTZ}} x'_\mu = \Lambda_\mu^\nu x_\nu$$

SCALARS: $\phi(x) \xrightarrow{\text{LORENTZ}} \phi'(x') = \phi(x)$ (Spin 0 particles)

SPINORS: $\psi(x) \xrightarrow{\text{LORENTZ}} \psi'(x') = M_D(\Lambda) \psi(x)$ (Spin 1/2 particles)

$$M_D(\Lambda) \equiv e^{-\frac{i}{2} \Theta_{\mu\nu}(\Lambda) S^{\mu\nu}} \quad S^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{i}{4} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$$

IMPORTANT $\rightarrow M_D^{-1}(\Lambda) \gamma^\mu M_D(\Lambda) = \Lambda^\mu_\nu \gamma^\nu$

SO: $\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi(x) \xrightarrow{\text{LORENTZ}} \gamma^\mu \partial'_\mu \psi'(x') = M_D(\Lambda) \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi(x)$

Exercise 1: show this \nearrow

VECTORS: $A_\mu(x) \xrightarrow{\text{LORENTZ}} A'_\mu(x') = \Lambda_\mu^\nu A_\nu(x)$ (Spin 1 particles)

WHICH THEN ALLOW FOR EASY BUILDING OF LORENTZ INVARIANTS:

$$(\phi)^n, A_\mu A^\mu, \bar{\psi} \psi, A^\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi, F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}, \dots$$

$\hookrightarrow \psi^\dagger \gamma^0$: $\bar{\psi}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{LORENTZ}} \bar{\psi}(x) M_D^{-1}(\Lambda)$