

Now you could have 2 points of view:

View #1

The principle of local gauge invariance generates the EM interaction

-OR-

View #2

The EM interaction exists and it manifests local gauge invariance as one of its properties.

Which view is more fundamental?

The principle of gauge invariance can ALSO

- predict charge conservation
- predict the masslessness of the photon

whereas View #2 (the description of the EM field)

CANNOT.

So perhaps View #1 is primary? ...

5. Requiring local gauge invariance generates the strong force too!

We showed:

Allowing $\psi \rightarrow e^{i\theta(x)}\psi$ calls into being \vec{A} , the EM force.

We treated $\theta(x)$ as a scalar.

Generalize: let the $\theta(x)$ be matrices.

Suppose $\Theta(x)$ is 3×3 and unitary.

Expand it in a basis "T": $\Theta(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i T^i$

Again require $\psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\Theta(x)} \psi(x)$ maintains the form of the Dirac Equation.

You are forced to create a new covariant derivative

$$d_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu \equiv d_\mu + ig T_i G_\mu^i$$

G_μ is a field like A_μ

g is a charge like e

The G_μ^i are the gluons! (there are 8 of them).
and this is the strong force!

It turns out that the T_i don't commute:

$$[T_i, T_j] = if_{ijk} T_k.$$

We say the group that the T generate is "non-abelian"

The group of unitary, $\det = 1$ 3×3 matrices is $SU(3)$

An extra complication —

Recall that a gauge transformation requires that the derivative (d_μ) and the field (A_μ or G_μ) transform together. The transformation of G_μ is different from the transformation of A_μ — that's good — it makes the strong force different from the electroweak.

Transformations:

E+M

$$d_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu \equiv d_\mu + ieA_\mu$$

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \frac{1}{e} d_\mu \theta(x)$$

Strong

$$d_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu \equiv d_\mu + igT_a G_\mu^a$$

$$G_\mu^a \rightarrow G_\mu^a - \frac{1}{g} d_\mu^a \alpha - \underbrace{f_{abc} \alpha_b G_\mu^c}$$

Because the T 's are
(non-commuting) matrices,
you get this extra term.

What physics does the extra term ($-f_{abc} \alpha_s G_{\mu}^c$) give to the strong force that is not present in the EW force?



Gluons can interact with each other; photons can't.



This produces asymptotic freedom, the property that the strong force becomes very weak at short distances so the quarks + gluons are unbound inside the nucleus.



The strong coupling "constant" changes with distance.



How this works...

Suppose you want to study the strengths of the forces.

STRENGTH = magnitude of the coupling constant,
 \propto magnitude of the charge.

\Rightarrow Indicates the probability that the particle under test will emit the kind of boson (photon, gluon, ...) that carries the force.

EM force

Strong force

beginning
start:

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}$$

α_s

proportional to: electric charge "e"

color charge "g"

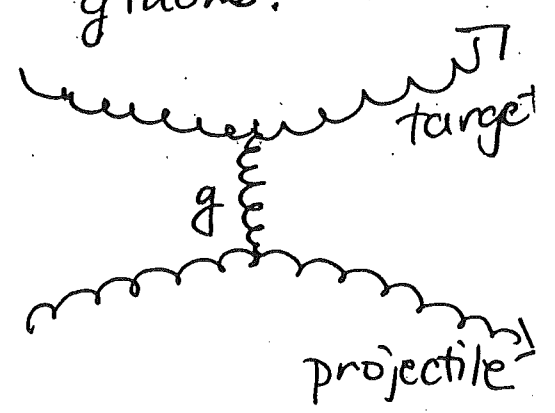
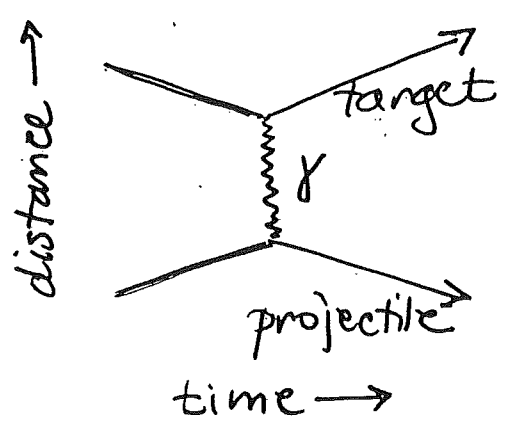
fire a projectile electron
at a target electron

gluon
gluon

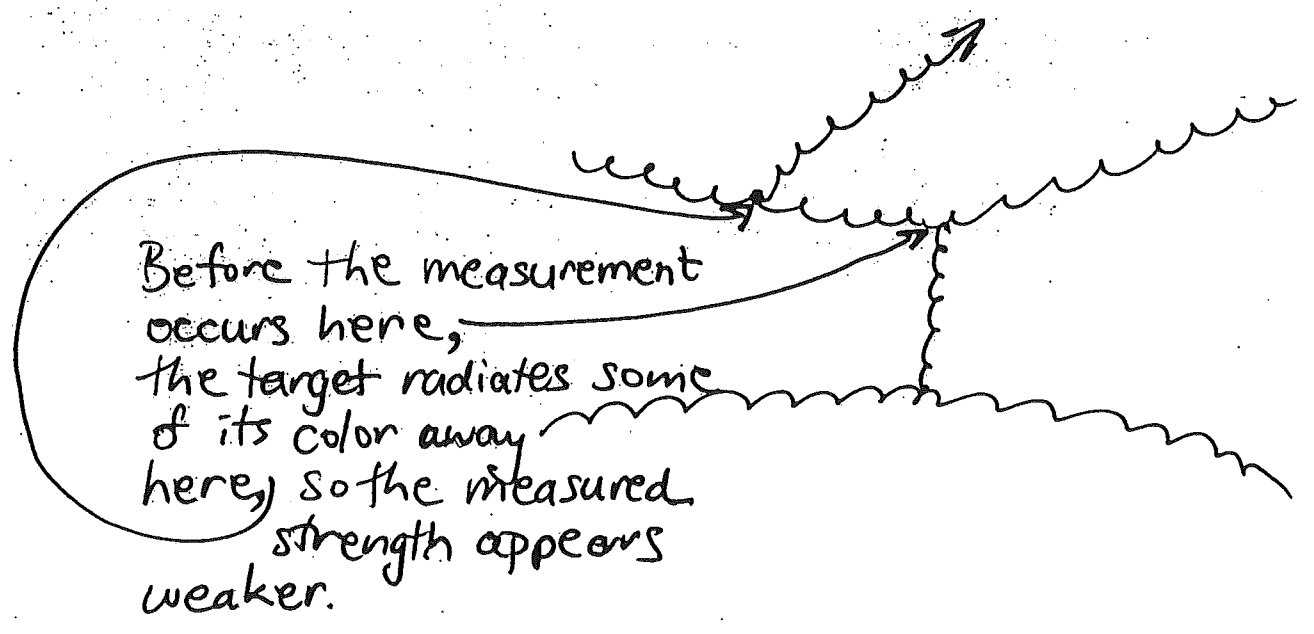
this can happen:

The target emits photons:

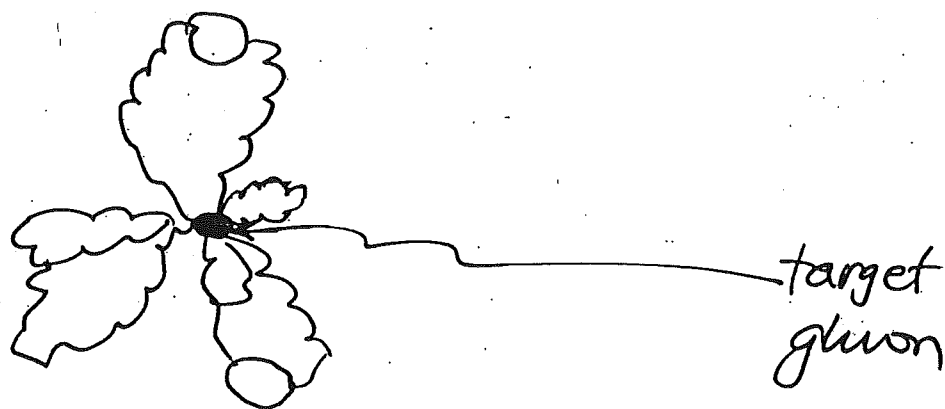
The target emits gluons:



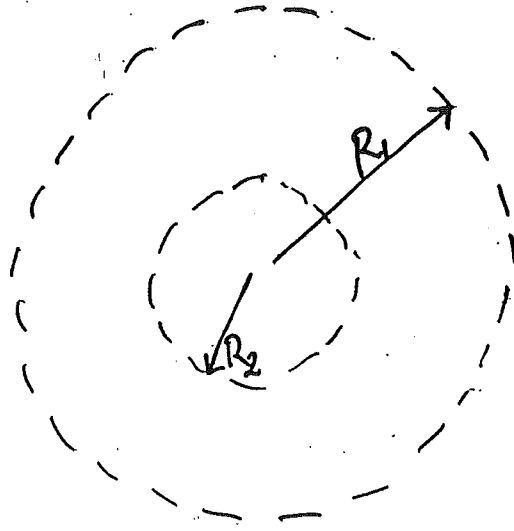
But also this can happen:



* The radiated gluons always eventually connect back to the target (*there are no free quarks/gluons), but the loops they make can be large:

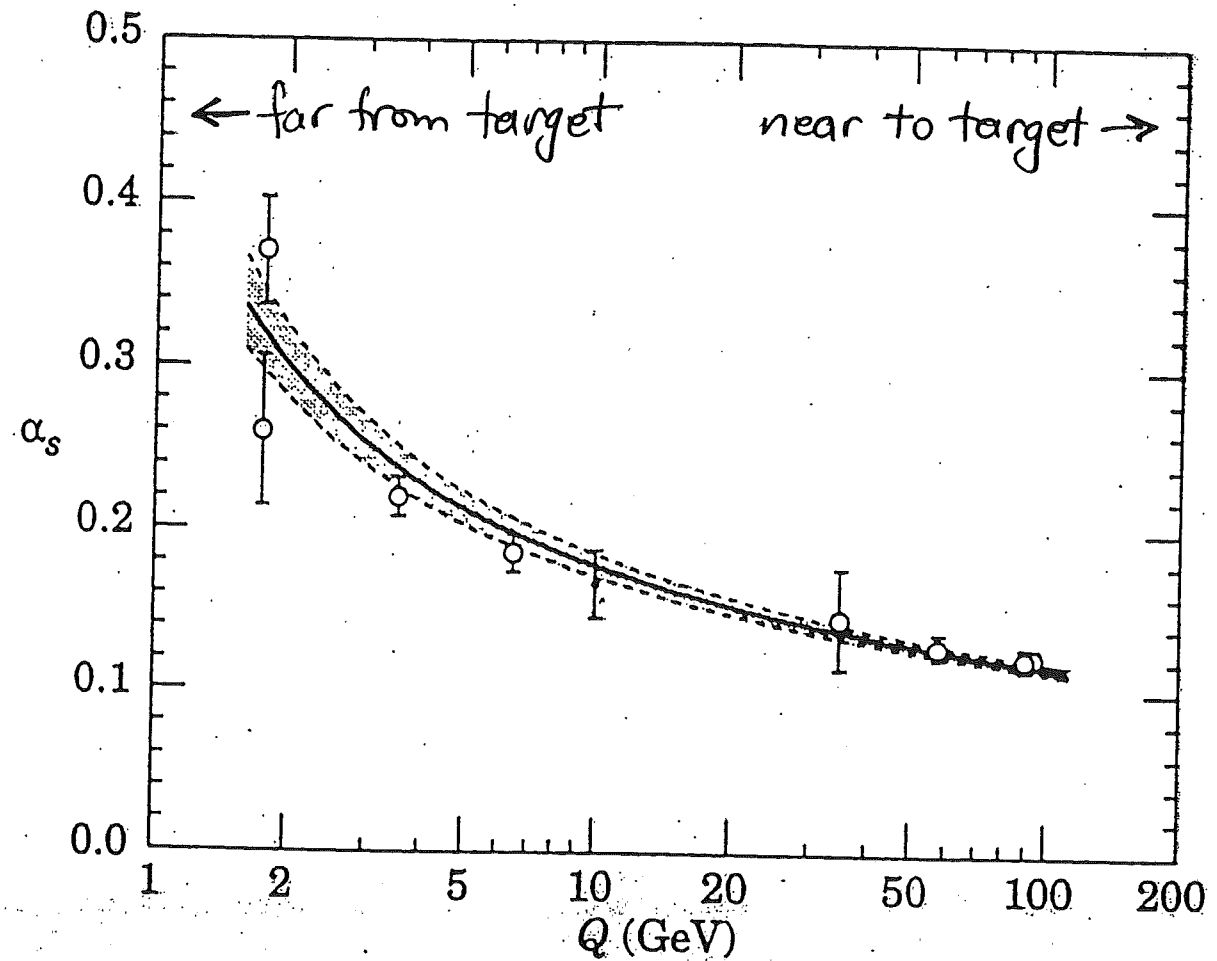


so the closer the projectile comes to the target, the more likely it is to "miss some of the color."



A projectile that recoils @ radius R_1 will sense all of the color; a projectile that gets closer (to within R_2) will miss some color.

The higher the projectile's energy, the closer it gets to the target, so we expect α_s to decrease as momentum transfer Q increases. That's what we see:



Summary of the values of $\alpha_s(Q)$ at the values of Q where they are measured. The lines show the central values and the $\pm 1\sigma$ limits of our average.

We say, " α_s runs with energy."

I Massive propagators

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The main reason why local gauge invariance is taken as a starting point for particle theory is that it guarantees that the theory is renormalizable.

Recall that local gauge invariance requires that we add to a theory of free fields Ψ a new field

for example A_μ ("the gauge field" which is the propagator) and we allow A_μ to have the freedom (choice of gauge)

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu \lambda$$

Recall recipe for generating propagator formulas without considering Local Gauge Invariance (19 Sept lecture):

(1) Write Lagrangian (cooked up)

(2) convert $\partial_\mu \rightarrow -ip_\mu$ (Get something \times field
(e.g., $(\not{p} - m)\Psi = 0$)

(3) Mult [] by $-i$ and take inverse.

For W/Z this leads to
$$i \frac{(-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{m^2})}{p^2 - m^2}$$

The Lagrangian that leads to this is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{16\pi} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{mc}{\hbar}\right)^2 A^\nu A_\nu$$

$$\text{where } F^{\mu\nu} = d^\mu A^\nu - d^\nu A^\mu$$

So we expect that the indication of a massive propagator is a term in the \mathcal{L} of the form

$$-(\text{positive (parameter)}^2 (\text{field})^2) \\ + \left(\frac{mc}{\hbar}\right)^2 (A^\nu A_\nu)$$

Generically this would look like $\mu^2 \phi^2$

Problem with how this propagator was constructed:

although $F^{\mu\nu}$ is invariant under gauge transform,

$A^\nu A_\nu$ is not

So this \mathcal{L} only satisfies gauge requirements if $m=0$.

So propagators must be massless if they appear explicitly in the Lagrangian in this way.

If we know that the propagator really is massive, we must modify \mathcal{L} to include a " $\mu^2 \phi^2$ " term but also include other terms which taken as a whole make \mathcal{L} locally gauge invariant.

Doing this is called:

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Consider some \mathcal{L} for 2 fields ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 :

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_1)(\partial^\mu \phi_1)}_T + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_2)(\partial^\mu \phi_2)}_U + \frac{1}{2}\mu^2(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2) - \frac{1}{4}\lambda^2(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2)^2$$

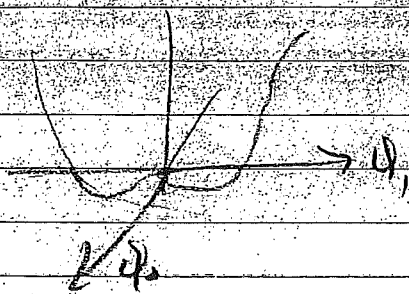
$$= T - U$$

This \mathcal{L} is invariant to rotations in (ϕ_1, ϕ_2) space.

ie, we could transform $\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_1 \cos \theta + \phi_2 \sin \theta$
 $\phi_2 \rightarrow -\phi_1 \sin \theta + \phi_2 \cos \theta$

So the "U" part represents a circularly symmetric

well



How to identify the mass term:

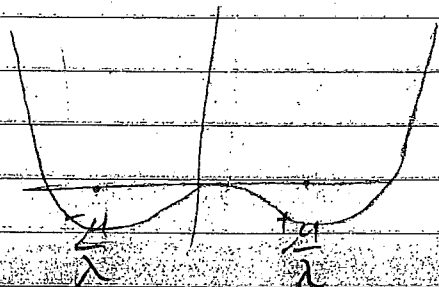
Feynman rules are derived by identifying specific terms in a perturbative expansion of \mathcal{M} .

Perturbation must be done about a minimum of the function, not just an inflection point.

So find the minimum:

$$U = -\frac{1}{2}\mu^2(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2) + \frac{1}{4}\lambda^2(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2)^2$$

Minima lie on the circle $\phi_{1\text{min}}^2 + \phi_{2\text{min}}^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda^2}$



Pick 1 example point on this circle:

$$(\phi_{1\text{min}} = \frac{\mu}{\lambda}, \phi_{2\text{min}} = 0)$$

Perturb fields by small amounts η and ξ about this point:

$$\phi_1 = \phi_{1\text{min}} + \eta = \frac{\mu}{\lambda} + \eta$$

$$\phi_2 = \phi_{2\text{min}} + \xi = 0 + \xi$$

Now combine ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 into a complex field

$$\phi \equiv \phi_1 + i\phi_2$$

$$\text{Then } \phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 = \phi^* \phi$$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^* (\partial^\mu \phi) + \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 (\phi^* \phi) - \frac{1}{4} \lambda^2 (\phi^* \phi)^2$$

Now require local gauge invariance $\phi \rightarrow e^{i\theta(x)} \phi$

$$\text{which demands } \partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu + \frac{ig}{\hbar c} A_\mu$$

Then

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_\mu - \frac{ig}{\hbar c} A_\mu \right) \phi^* \left(\partial^\mu + \frac{ig}{\hbar c} A^\mu \right) \phi + \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^* \phi - \frac{1}{4} \lambda^2 (\phi^* \phi)^2$$

$$- \frac{1}{4\pi} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{(remember } F^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu)$$

So this \mathcal{L} is guaranteed to be locally gauge invariant.

$$\text{Return to the notation } \phi = \phi_1 \frac{\mu}{\lambda} \rightarrow \phi_1 = \eta + \frac{\mu}{\lambda}$$

$$\xi = \phi_2 \quad \phi_2 = \zeta$$

$$\text{So } \phi = \eta + \frac{\mu}{\lambda} + i\zeta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } \mathcal{L} = & \left[\overset{\text{Term 1}}{\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \eta) (\partial^\mu \eta) - \mu^2 \eta^2} \right] + \overset{\text{Term 2}}{\left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \xi) (\partial^\mu \xi) \right]} \\
 & + \left[\overset{\text{Term 3}}{-\frac{1}{16\pi} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g}{\hbar c} \frac{\mu}{\lambda} \right)^2 A_\mu A^\mu} \right] - \overset{\text{Term 4}}{2i \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda} \frac{g}{\hbar c} \right) (\partial_\mu \xi) A^\mu} \\
 & + \left\{ \overset{\text{Terms}}{\frac{g}{\hbar c} \left[\eta (\partial_\mu \xi) - \xi (\partial_\mu \eta) \right] A^\mu + \frac{\mu}{\lambda} \left(\frac{g}{\hbar c} \right)^2 \eta (A_\mu A^\mu)} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g}{\hbar c} \right)^2 (\xi^2 + \eta^2) (A_\mu A^\mu) - \lambda \mu (\eta^3 + \eta \xi^2) \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{1}{4} \lambda^2 (\eta^4 + 2\eta^2 \xi^2 + \xi^4) \right\} + \left(\frac{\mu^2}{2\lambda} \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Term 1: still η field with mass $\sqrt{2} \frac{\mu \hbar}{c}$

Term 2: " ξ " " " mass 0

Term 3: field A_μ has mass $2\sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{g\mu}{\hbar c^2} \right)$

Terms 4: allowed couplings between ξ, η, A

Term 4: looks odd - indicates ξ, A
 ξ
 ξ

Indicates that the wrong expressions are being identified with the physical fields. How to make it go away (this also removes ξ altogether):

Recall we can let $\phi \rightarrow \phi' = e^{i\theta} \phi = \phi_1' + i\phi_2'$

$$= (\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)(\phi_1 + i\phi_2)$$

$$= [\phi_1 \cos\theta - \phi_2 \sin\theta] + i[\phi_1 \sin\theta + \phi_2 \cos\theta]$$

$$\text{Choose } \theta = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\phi_2}{\phi_1}\right)$$

$$\text{Then } \tan(-\theta) = \frac{\phi_2}{\phi_1}$$

$$\tan\theta = -\frac{\phi_2}{\phi_1}$$

$$\sin\theta = -\frac{\phi_2}{\sqrt{\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\phi_1}{\sqrt{\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2}}$$

$$\text{Then } \text{Im } \phi' = \phi_1 \left(\frac{-\phi_2}{\sqrt{\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2}} \right) + \phi_2 \left(\frac{\phi_1}{\sqrt{\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2}} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{But } \phi_2' = \frac{\phi_2}{\sqrt{\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2}}$$

So $\frac{\phi_2}{\sqrt{\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2}}$ is gone

I The Higgs mechanism

The η particle above is the Higgs. It exists to give mass to other particles / e.g. μ and neutrinos
 This process of combining spontaneous symmetry

breaking + local gauge inv. in order to produce

a massive propagator is called the Higgs Mechanism

The mechanism transfers degrees of freedom:

massless (vector) A^μ : 2 d.o.f }
massless (scalar) ϕ : 1 d.o.f } \rightarrow massive A^μ : 3 d.o.f
only

I. The Matter/Antimatter Asymmetry of The Universe

"Why is there something rather than nothing?"

Theoretically: 1) Dirac Eq. naturally predicts particle-antiparticle pairs.

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2) CPT invariance (needed for Lorentz Invar + unitarity in any field theory) predicts identical decay rates, masses, etc., for the members of the pair.

Experimentally: no violation observed in pair production.

So one would expect that equal amounts of matter + antimatter were created in the Big Bang, and all should have annihilated by now, leaving nothing.

How did the matter asymmetry emerge?