

Rest Mass (or just, Mass)

electron, for example:

$$\underline{m_e = 9.11 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} \leftarrow \text{not useful unit}$$

Relativity: $E = m_e c^2$ (when electron is at rest)

$$= (9.11 \cdot 10^{-31}) (3.00 \cdot 10^8)^2 \text{ Joules}$$

$$= 81.9 \cdot 10^{-31+16} \text{ Joules}$$

$$\underline{m_e c^2 = 8.19 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ Joules}} \leftarrow \text{still not useful}$$

"Atomic" unit: eV = energy gained by fundamental charge e falling through an electrostatic potential diff. of 1 volt

$$\text{in MKS} = \underbrace{(1.602 \cdot 10^{-19})}_{\text{fundamental charge}} \times 1$$

in coulombs

$$\underline{1 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ Joules}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_e c^2 &= \frac{8.19}{1.60} \cdot \frac{10^{-14}}{10^{-19}} \text{ eV} \\ &\simeq 5 \cdot 10^5 \\ &= 5.11 \cdot 10^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{m_e c^2 = 0.511 \cdot 10^6 \text{ eV}} \quad 10^6 \text{ eV} = 1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\boxed{m_e c^2 = 0.511 \text{ MeV} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \text{ MeV}}$$

Physics in the number:

$\approx 10^5 \rightarrow 10^6$ bigger than energy/molecule released in a typical chemical reaction

→ A clean, safe way to convert all rest mass into useable energy could solve energy crises

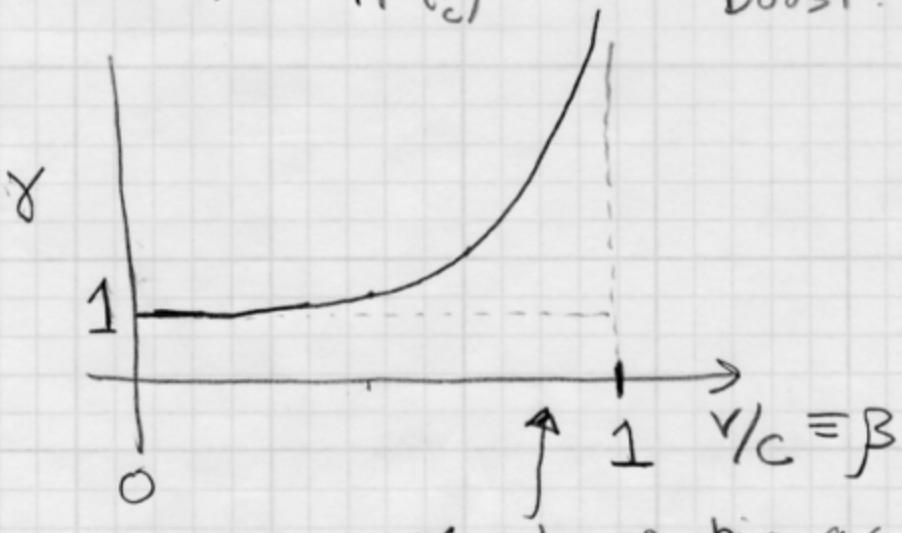
In particle physics, quoting the mc^2 that corresponds to the mass is so useful that we usually say: "The electron mass is 0.511 MeV." That is sloppy shorthand, but nonetheless, you need to get used to it!

Momentum

non-relativistically $\vec{P} = m\vec{v}$ or $p = mv$
(1 component)

relativistically, $p = \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}}$

The ratio: $\frac{p}{mv} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}} \equiv \gamma$, the lorentz boost.



γ gets ∞ big as
 $\beta = v/c \rightarrow 1$

For a particle not at rest, with momentum p , the total energy E is:

$$E = \sqrt{(mc^2)^2 + (cp)^2}$$

↑ ↑
 "Einstein" "kinetic term"
 in quadrature

In particle physics, we then usually use the units of MeV for cp , and then we get sloppy and say: "the momentum, p , is X MeV," when we really mean $c \cdot p$.

I. The Periodic Tables

A. Fermions - all spin- $\frac{1}{2}$

1. Three Generations, roughly increasing in mass

strong
holds
nuclei
together

{ 2. Leptons - don't feel "strong" interactions
= have 0 "color" charge

a. neutrinos - 3 types (known no more than 3)

3 "flavors" e, μ, τ

have 0 "electric" charge

nearly massless, feel only weak interaction

b. charged leptons - 3 types too

e^- - electron

μ^- - muon, $m_\mu \approx 200 \text{ me}$

τ^- - tau, $m_\tau = 17 \cdot m_\mu$

in addition to feeling the weak interaction,
charged leptons feel the electromagnetic
interaction: $Q = -1$

3. Quarks - do feel "strong" interactions... and
that radically alters the situation.
they have fractional electric charge

a. "down"-type: 3 types: d, s, b
electric $Q = -\frac{1}{3}$ for all

b. "up"-type 3 types: u, c, t
electric $Q = +\frac{2}{3}$ for all

c. all 6 have the same amount of strong
charge, analogous to electric charge,
but many, many times larger, but felt
only by quarks. The strong charge
is so huge that quarks never are
free but always must be confined
in particles called hadrons.

4. Antifermions

a. for each of the 12 fermions

b. spin $\frac{1}{2}$, same mass

c. opposite: electric, weak, strong charge

d. notation: $\nu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}; e^-, \bar{\mu}, \bar{\tau} \rightarrow e^+, \bar{\mu}^+, \bar{\tau}^+$

$u d c s t b \rightarrow \bar{u} \bar{d} \bar{c} \bar{s} \bar{t} \bar{b}$

5. Hadrons

a. Mesons: a quark + an anti-quark.



"color" field lines

no net color charge

$q_1 \bar{q}_2 \leftarrow$ pick any two; $6 + \frac{6 \cdot 5}{2}$
 + color charge - color charge. ↑
 same different
 (like $u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}$, etc.)

so 21 independent states.

Ground states: no radial, orbital excitations;
 $\downarrow \uparrow \leftarrow$ spin alignment

6 $u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, s\bar{s}, c\bar{c}, b\bar{b}, t\bar{t} \rightarrow \pi^0, \kappa, \kappa', \eta, \eta_b, \eta_c$

15 $u\bar{d}, u\bar{s}, u\bar{c}, u\bar{b}, u\bar{t}, \pi^+, K^+, D^0, B^+$ X means: not experimentally observed yet

$d\bar{s}, d\bar{c}, d\bar{b}, d\bar{t}$

$K^0, D^- B^0$

$s\bar{c}, s\bar{b}$

D_s^-, B_s^0

$c\bar{b}$

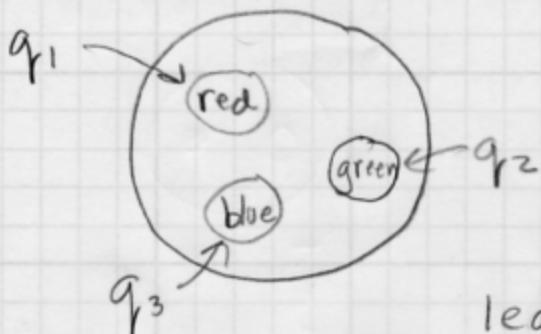
B_c^+

ΔF

10 well known | 5 not yet discovered (but expected)

A 'tower' of excited states built upon these 10 ground states, with combinations of spin, orbital angular momentum, + radial excitations.

b. Baryons: 3 quarks



the existence of this type of stable state - the most famous is the proton - uud
also the neutron - ddu

led to the realization that color charge has a new degree of freedom - called "color". The strong charge on a quark comes in 3 types - called 'colors' - usually and arbitrarily called Red, Green, + Blue.

By analogy with light, where the combination of R,G,B light gives white light, the net color of a baryon is zero... and so this configuration of quarks has no net color, and is low in energy, and "stable!"

The ground states also all have spin- $\frac{1}{2}$:
 $u\uparrow d\downarrow d\uparrow$ = proton etc.

This complicates the counting of the # of states.

B. Bosons

1. Gravity - field excitation is "graviton"
spin 2, massless
 $F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$ "long range"

no experimental evidence

2. Electromagnetism - field excitation is "photon" & spin 1, & massless

3. Strong force, or "Chromodynamics"
field excitation is "gluon" g

In many ways the gluon is the most interesting boson. It holds the quarks together in protons + neutrons. It is spin-1, and each gluon has a color + anti-color.

eg: (Red)(Anti-Green) ← wouldn't that be nine?

1 is different
and "doesn't count"

8 remain.

4. Weak force → 3 different field excitations

Z^0, W^-, W^+

↑↑
particle + antiparticle.

massive: $F \propto \frac{e^{-mr}}{r^2}$

"short range"

5. The particle that "gives" all particles mass... the "Higgs Boson"!

⇒ not seen yet! spin-0

C. SUSY stands for "supersymmetry"; a principle that suggests that:

for every spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ state: eg. e^-

there exists a spin-0 state: called \tilde{e}^-

(actually 2, because of 2 spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\tilde{e}_R^-, \tilde{e}_L^-$).

and vice versa: $g \rightarrow \tilde{g}$

SUSY spin-1 spin- $\frac{1}{2}$

not seen yet! "partners" so massive, not yet produced.