

Unparticle Physics

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1. Introduction and mini-review

1.1 Original idea due to Georgi

[hep-ph/0703260](#), [0704.2457\[hep-ph\]](#)

- Some very high energy theory contains **SM** fields and the fields from a **scale invariant (SI) sector**
- The **two** interact via heavy particles of mass $M_{\mathcal{U}}$
- Effective interactions below $M_{\mathcal{U}}$: \sim (SM operators) \times (SI operators)
- Dimensional transmutation occurs at $\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}$ in **SI** sector:
(SI operators) $\rightarrow \mathcal{U}$: **unparticle fields** as new degrees of freedom
- Effective int. below $\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}$: \sim (SM operators) $\times \mathcal{U}$

1.2 Basics on unparticles

- **No dispersion relation** for unparticle, \mathcal{U}
- Kinematical behavior largely fixed by **scaling dim.**, d , of \mathcal{U} field

(1) **scale invar.** \rightarrow **state density** of bosonic unparticle of momen. p :
 $\propto \theta(p_0)\theta(p^2)(p^2)^{d-2}$

Reminiscent of state density of a system of d massless particles, **suggesting**

$$\text{normalization factor } A_d = \frac{16\pi^{5/2}}{(2\pi)^{2d}} \frac{\Gamma(d + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(d - 1)\Gamma(2d)}$$

No known restrictions on d but from analysis of unitary rep in conformal theory; e.g., $d \geq 1$ for scalar \mathcal{U}

(2) Via **unitarity**, state density implies the **propagator**:

$$\frac{A_d}{2 \sin(\pi d)} \frac{i}{(-p^2 - i\epsilon)^{2-d}}$$

- **Comments:**
 - **Extendable to fields with spin, both tensors and spinors**
 - **Theoretical considerations prefer $1 < d < 2$ for scalar \mathcal{U}**
 - **Enough info for pheno. analysis in effective field theory**

1.3 Status

195 papers as of Sep 24, 08 quoted Georgi's 1st paper in Mar 07

- **Collider phys**
- **Low energy effects (FCNC, CP, neutrinos, precision tests, etc)**
- **Astrophys and cosmology**
- **Theoretically oriented approaches including various topics, e.g.:**

understanding \mathcal{U} via continuum mass, deconstruction, relation to hidden sectors, CFT, breaking of scale invar at low energies, etc

- Interplay with electroweak SSB and Higgs
- 5th force
- Supersymmetric \mathcal{U}
- Thermodynamics
- Fermionic \mathcal{U}
- Gauged \mathcal{U}

This talk is based on:

Liao: 0705.0837; Liao, Liu: 0706.1284; Liao: 0708.3327; Chen, He, Hu, Liao: 0710.5129;
Liao: 0804.0752; Liao: 0804.4033

2. Bounds on unparticle couplings to electron

2.1 Why unparticle-electron interactions?

Want to say **something certain** about relevance of unparticle phys

Theoretically, leptons as the cleanest fundamental particles connect directly to theory

Experimentally, electron systems are most precisely tested

⇒ **Aims**: (1) precision QED; (2) long-ranged forces

Language: effective field theory with interactions:

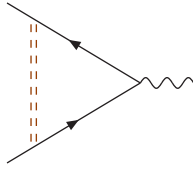
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = C_S \bar{\psi} \psi \mathcal{U}_S + C_P \bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \psi \mathcal{U}_P + C_V \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi \mathcal{U}_V^\mu + C_A \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi \mathcal{U}_A^\mu$$

ψ : electron field

$\mathcal{U}_{S,P,V,A}$: unparticle fields of scaling dim d

$C_{S,P,V,A} = \pm \Lambda_{S,P,V,A}^{1-d}$ couplings and effective energy scales

2.2 Electron $g - 2$



$\mathcal{U}_{S,P,V,A}$ contribute to $(g - 2) = 2a$ as follows ($m =$ electron mass):

$$a_S = -\frac{A_d}{2 \sin(\pi d)} \frac{(C_S m^{d-1})^2}{8\pi^2} \frac{3\Gamma(2d-1)\Gamma(2-d)}{\Gamma(2+d)} \quad \text{also in 0704.3532}$$

$$a_P = +\frac{A_d}{2 \sin(\pi d)} \frac{(C_P m^{d-1})^2}{8\pi^2} \frac{\Gamma(2-d)\Gamma(2d)}{\Gamma(2+d)}$$

$$a_V = -\frac{A_d}{2 \sin(\pi d)} \frac{(C_V m^{d-1})^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{\Gamma(3-d)\Gamma(2d-1)}{\Gamma(d+2)} \quad \text{also in 0704.2588}$$

$$a_A = +\frac{A_d}{2 \sin(\pi d)} \frac{(C_A m^{d-1})^2}{\pi^2} \frac{\Gamma(2d-2)\Gamma(3-d)}{\Gamma(2+d)}$$

deviation between SM and expt $|\delta a| < 15 \times 10^{-12}$ [PRL97](#)

$\Rightarrow \Lambda_S > 110 \text{ TeV}, \quad \Lambda_P > 73 \text{ TeV}, \quad \Lambda_V > 37 \text{ TeV}, \quad \Lambda_A > 146 \text{ TeV}$ for $d = 1.5$

Comments

- Bounds are weakened as d increases.
- Partial cancellation occurs but not more can be gained by treating $\mathcal{U}_{S,P,V,A}$ together since d 's are generally different.

2.3 Exotic positronium decays

Positronium: EM bound state of e^-e^+ , with orbital ℓ and spin s , have

$$C = (-1)^{\ell+s}, \quad P = (-1)^{\ell+1}$$

Spin-1: ortho-positronium (**o- P_s**); $C = P = -1$ for ground-state

Spin-0: para-positronium (**p- P_s**); $-C = P = -1$ for ground-state

Dominant decays by C and P conservation:

o- P s $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ –good place to discover new phys

p- P s $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

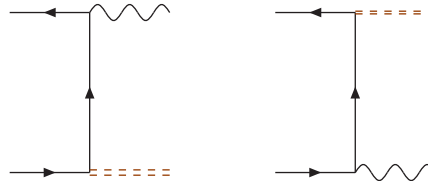
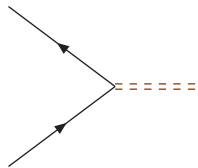
\mathcal{L}_{int} also conserves C and P , thus dominant new modes are

invisible decays : **o- P s** $\rightarrow \mathcal{U}_V$;

p- P s $\rightarrow \mathcal{U}_P$

exotic decays : **o- P s** $\rightarrow \gamma\mathcal{U}_S, \gamma\mathcal{U}_P, \gamma\mathcal{U}_A$;

p- P s $\rightarrow \gamma\mathcal{U}_V$ –too small



Results:

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{o}\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_V) = \frac{3 \cdot 2^{2d-6}}{(\pi^2 - 9)\alpha^3} A_d \left(\frac{C_V}{m^{1-d}} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{p}\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_P) = \frac{2^{2d-5}}{\pi\alpha^2} A_d \left(\frac{C_P}{m^{1-d}} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{o}\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \gamma \mathcal{U}_{S,P,A}) = \frac{\Gamma\left(d + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(2d)\Gamma(d+1)} \frac{3}{4(\pi^2 - 9)\alpha^2} \pi^{\frac{3}{2}-2d} \left(\frac{C_{S,P,A}}{m^{1-d}} \right)^2$$

Data:

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{o}\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \leq 4.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (90\%C.L.) } \text{ PRD75}$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{p}\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \leq 4.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (90\%C.L.) } \text{ PRD75}$$

$$\text{Br}(\mathbf{o}\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \gamma X^0) \leq 1.1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (90\%C.L.) } \text{ PRL66}$$

Bounds at $d = 1.5$:

$$\text{invisible} : \Lambda_V \geq 4.3 \times 10^5 \text{ TeV}, \quad \Lambda_P \geq 5.6 \times 10^2 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\text{exotic} : \Lambda_{S,P,A} \geq 5.1 \times 10^2 \text{ TeV}$$

Comments

- $1 \rightarrow 1$ transition **impossible between particles** of different masses due to kinematics

But **1 particle** \rightarrow **1 unparticle possible**, and no resonance expected

\Rightarrow very strong bound from invisible o -Ps decays

- Continuous spectrum of (instead of a monochromatic) photon in exotic 2-body decays.
- Bounds more stringent than from $g - 2$

2.4 Long-range forces between electrons

2.4.1 Motivations

- **Known** long-range (macroscopic) forces: EM and gravity

Interpretation in quantum theory:

- force quanta are massless, i.e., $p^2 = 0$ (**particles**)
↔ propagator $\propto 1/p^2$ (**fields**)
 - physical space is 3-dim
- $$\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{matrix}} \right\} \Rightarrow V \propto \frac{1}{r}$$

Due to its fundamental importance, search for **extra (5th)** long-range forces has been a great tradition in phys

- No further surprise for forces mediated by **particles**:
spin-indept or spin-dept, multiple exchange of quanta, etc
⇒ Always $V \propto r^{-n}$ for **integral** n at macroscopic r
- **Unparticles** can be different because of **strange-looking propagator**
or **lack of dispersion relation**.
⇒ Different V expected at macroscopic r .
- **Microscopic particle-unparticle** interactions must be feeble enough

to evade **particle phys** detection.

Interactions due to **unparticles** can be amplified between **macroscopic** bodies if they are **long-ranged** like gravity.

⇒ Stronger constraints on particle-unparticle interaction may result!

- Why spin-spin interactions of electron?

If (e, \mathcal{U}) interact, very likely also (N, \mathcal{U}) do. The latter is perhaps more important for macroscopic bodies because they contain more N than e .

But (e, \mathcal{U}) is cleaner and connected more directly to theory.

⇒ Remove contamination from N !

The only data **not involving** N are for spin-spin interactions of e .

2.4.2 e^-e^- interaction potential due to \mathcal{U}

t -channel exchange of \mathcal{U} yields

$$U_t^{--}(\mathbf{r}) = U_{\text{spin}}^{--}(\mathbf{r}) + U_{\text{non}}^{--}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$U_{\text{spin}}^{--}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{A_d}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{r^{2d-1}} \left\{ -C_A^2 \Sigma_s \Gamma(2(d-1)) - C_A^2 \Sigma_s \frac{\Gamma(2d)}{4m^2 r^2} (2-d) \right. \\ \left. - C_P^2 \frac{1}{4m^2 r^2} \frac{\Gamma(2d)}{2(d-1)} [\Sigma_s - (2d+1)\Sigma_a] \right. \\ \left. + (C_A^2 - C_V^2) \frac{1}{4m^2 r^2} \frac{\Gamma(2d)}{2(d-1)} [(1-2d)\Sigma_s + (2d+1)\Sigma_a] \right\}$$

$$U_{\text{non}}^{--}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{A_d}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{r^{2d-1}} \left\{ (C_V^2 - C_S^2) \Gamma(2(d-1)) + [(2-d)C_V^2 - (3-d)C_S^2] \frac{\Gamma(2d)}{4m^2 r^2} \right\}$$

$$\Sigma_s = \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2, \quad \Sigma_a = \sigma_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \sigma_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{r}/r, \quad m = \text{electron mass}$$

Comments

- Even higher terms not important for $mr \gg 1$.

- Standard results for exchange of a massless **particle** are recovered as $d \rightarrow 1$ up to contact terms.

- Dominant spin-spin interaction: $\propto C_A^2 \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 r^{1-2d}$
generally **non-integral power law!**

2.4.3 Bounds from macroscopic spin-spin interaction of e^-

- 4 precise yet reliable experiments:

- * 2 with torsion pendulum

- * 2 by **induced para-magnetization**

Best data: **PRL 71 (1993), Physica B194-196 (1994)**

- Results:

Largest term $\sim r^{1-2d} C_A^2 \Sigma_s$

$$\left(\frac{\Lambda_A}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{2(d-1)} \geq 3.17 \times 10^4 \frac{\Gamma(d - \frac{1}{2})}{(2\pi)^{2d} \Gamma(d)} \left(\frac{10^{16}}{0.1973 \text{ cm}} r_0 \right)^{2(2-d)} \quad r_0 : \text{ typical distance of two samples}$$

- For $1.5 < d < 2$, Λ_A is very stringently bounded.
- For $1 < d < 1.5$, practically $C_A \sim 0$: should consider next terms.

d	$\log_{10}(\Lambda_A/\text{TeV})$	$\log_{10}(\Lambda_P/\text{TeV})$	$\log_{10}(\Lambda_V/\text{TeV})$
1.2	×	×	×
1.3	×	6.44	5.77
1.4	×	0.126	-0.307
1.5	20.3	—	—
1.6	13.7	—	—
1.7	9.04	—	—
1.8	5.53	—	—

Table 1: Bounds on $\Lambda_{A,P,V}$ as a function of d for $r_0 = 25$ cm.

×: scales far in excess of the Planck scale;

—: scales too low to be useful.

Next terms $\sim r^{-1-2d} C_{P,V}^2 m^2 \Sigma_s$ **for** $1 < d < 1.5$

$$\left(\frac{\Lambda_P}{\text{TeV}}\right)^{2(d-1)} \geq 6.07 \times 10^{16} \frac{\Gamma(d + \frac{1}{2})}{(2\pi)^{2d} \Gamma(d)} \left(\frac{0.1973 \text{ cm}}{10^{16} r_0}\right)^{2(d-1)}$$

$$\left(\frac{\Lambda_V}{\text{TeV}}\right)^{2(d-1)} \geq 1.52 \times 10^{16} \frac{\Gamma(d + \frac{1}{2})}{(2\pi)^{2d} \Gamma(d)} (2d - 1) \left(\frac{0.1973 \text{ cm}}{10^{16} r_0}\right)^{2(d-1)}$$

2.4.4 Bounds from hyperfine splitting of positronium

- **hfs: level splitting between o-Ps and p-Ps. For ground-states:**

QED : $E(1^3S_1) - E(1^1S_0) = +203.391\,69\,(41 \text{ or } 16) \text{ GHz}$ **PRL 85(2000), PRL 86 (2001)**

expt : $E(1^3S_1) - E(1^1S_0) = +203.387\,5(16) \text{ GHz}$ **PRL 34 (1975), PR A27 (1983)**

- **Potential for e^-e^+ , $U^{-+}(\mathbf{r})$. 2 contributions**

- **t -channel exchange of \mathcal{U} : obtained from $U_t^{--}(\mathbf{r})$ by $C_V^2 \rightarrow -C_V^2$**

- s -channel annihilation to \mathcal{U} :

$$U_s^{-+}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{A_d}{4 \sin(\pi d)} \frac{1}{(-4m^2c^2 - i\epsilon)^{2-d}} \delta^3(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\times \left[(3C_V^2 + C_P^2 + C_A^2) + (C_V^2 - C_P^2 - C_A^2) \sigma_- \cdot \sigma_+ \right]$$

Higher order in α than $U_t^{-+}(\mathbf{r})$ for $1 < d < 2$, ignored below.

- **Results:**

$$E(1^3S_1) - E(1^1S_0) = -m\alpha^{2d-1} \left(\frac{C_A}{m^{1-d}} \right)^2 \frac{A_d}{2\pi^2} \Gamma(2(d-1)) \Gamma(2(2-d))$$

$$\implies \Lambda_A \geq 21 \text{ TeV at } d = 1.5$$

Summary of this section

- **1 particle to 1 unparticle transition possible \implies invisible decays**
Continuous spectrum of 2-body decays containing an **unparticle**
Strange-looking propagator \implies new macroscopic forces

- **Global pattern of constraints on $e e \mathcal{U}$ interactions**

- **Long-ranged spin-spin forces:**

For $1 < d < 1.5$, \mathcal{U}_A cannot couple to ee .

For $1.5 < d < 2$, $\Lambda_A > 10^5$ TeV.

- **Invisible positronium decays:**

$\Lambda_V > 4.3 \times 10^5$ TeV, $\Lambda_P > 5.6 \times 10^2$ TeV

Exotic positronium decays: $\Lambda_S > 5.1 \times 10^2$ TeV

- **$g - 2$ and positronium hfs provide milder bounds**

3. Fermionic unparticle

3.1 Motivations

Why bosonic \mathcal{U} first?

- It is easy to couple them as a SM singlet to particles
- Their propagators were known at the very start

No fundamental reason against fermionic \mathcal{U} :

- QCD analogue: mesons and baryons from quarks and gluons
- If we imagine that fermionic \mathcal{U} are charged under SM, they can couple to particles as easily as bosonic ones.
- Not more difficult to construct a propagator for them from scale and Lorentz symmetry

3.2 Basic considerations

- \mathcal{U} is free when its interactions with particles and itself are ignored

⇒ field and propagator is determined up to

- unknown d (← given by fundamental theory at a high scale)
- arbitrary normalization (← not affecting phys)

compared to canonical QFT:

- mass as a given physical parameter
- normalization arbitrary though canonical one popular

Actually the only thing available for constructing \mathcal{U} and its propagator that is also *sufficient and necessary* is scale and Lorentz symmetry.

- It is highly desired that \mathcal{U} and its propagator have a massless fermionic particle limit as $d \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}$.

3.3 Fermionic \mathcal{U} field

Can be built as in the canonical case:

$$\mathcal{U}(x) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \Xi_d(p) \sum_s \left(a_p^s u^s(p) e^{-ip \cdot x} + b_p^{s\dagger} v^s(p) e^{ip \cdot x} \right)$$

$$\Xi_d(p) = F(d) \theta(p^0) \theta(p^2) (p^2)^{d-\frac{5}{2}}$$

• **Scale symmetry incorporated:** $\mathcal{U}(\lambda x) = \lambda^{-d} \mathcal{U}(x)$

dimensions: $[a] = [b] = \frac{1}{2} - d$, $[u] = [v] = \frac{1}{2}$

• a_p^s, b_p^s assumed to satisfy the anti-commutation relations, e.g.,

$$\Xi_d(p) \Xi_d(q) \{a_p^r, a_q^{s\dagger}\} = \Xi_d(p) (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p - q) \delta^{rs}$$

with normalized single-unparticle states, e.g.,

$$|p, s\rangle = \Xi_d(p) a_p^{s\dagger} |0\rangle$$

$$\langle p, r | q, s \rangle = \Xi_d(p) (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p - q) \delta^{rs}$$

• The **above** \mathcal{U} is completely similar to a complex **scalar** \mathcal{U} in the absence of u, v , with the correspondence:

$$(d - \frac{1}{2}) \text{ (fermionic)} \leftrightarrow d \text{ (bosonic)}$$

suggesting the normalization: $F(d) = A_{d-\frac{1}{2}} \equiv B(d - \frac{1}{2})$

\Rightarrow **Correct canonical limit of all formulas guaranteed with $F(d)$**

Comment: absolute normalization immaterial

3.3.1 Construction of $u(p), v(p)$

Point: Although dispersion relation is missing for \mathcal{U} , the standard procedure still works by the definition of its Lorentz properties.

• **Physical unparticle has $p^2 > 0, p_0 > 0$: go to its rest frame $\sqrt{p^2}$ plays the same role of mass as for a canonical fermion**

- Make a boost to a general p . The wavefunction then satisfies

$$(\not{p} - \sqrt{p^2})u(p) = 0, \quad \sum_{\text{spin}} u(p)\bar{u}(p) = \not{p} + \sqrt{p^2}, \quad \text{etc}$$

K-G eqn is a trivial identity due to the lack of dispersion relation.

3.4 Propagator

Start from definition:

$$\tilde{S}_{F\alpha\beta}^{\mathcal{U}}(x - y) = \langle 0 | T \mathcal{U}_\alpha(x) \bar{\mathcal{U}}_\beta(y) | 0 \rangle$$

where, e.g.,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | \mathcal{U}_\alpha(x) \bar{\mathcal{U}}_\beta(y) | 0 \rangle &= +i(\not{\partial}^x)_{\alpha\beta} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \Xi_d(p) e^{-ip \cdot (x-y)} \\ &\quad + \delta_{\alpha\beta} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \Xi_d(p) (p^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-ip \cdot (x-y)} \end{aligned}$$

Final Answer after some manipulation

$$\tilde{S}_F^{\mathcal{U}}(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip \cdot (x-y)} S_F^{\mathcal{U}}(p),$$

$$S_F^{\mathcal{U}}(p) = \frac{iF(d)}{2 \sin(d\pi)} \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{(-p^2 - i\epsilon)^{2-d}}}_{\text{non-}\gamma \text{ term}} - \tan(d\pi) \underbrace{\frac{\not{p}}{(-p^2 - i\epsilon)^{\frac{5}{2}-d}}}_{\gamma \text{ term}} \right]$$

$S_F^{\mathcal{U}}(p)$ has correct discontinuity across the cut $p^2 > 0$:

$$F(d)(p^2)^{d-\frac{5}{2}}(\not{p} + \sqrt{p^2})$$

Features

- Relative phase $\frac{\pi}{2}$ between **non- γ** and γ terms for $p^2 > 0$
 \Rightarrow New interference possible beyond the one for bosonic \mathcal{U}
- Ordinary mass term replaced by p -dependent non- γ term

⇒ Can enhance chirality-flipped transitions when \mathcal{U} appears in loop together with a heavy bosonic particle:

$$\longrightarrow \xrightarrow{\frac{m}{\mathbf{X}}} \longrightarrow \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \xrightarrow{\frac{p \sim m_{\text{boson}}}{\mathbf{X}}} \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}}$$

We demonstrate this feature by an example.

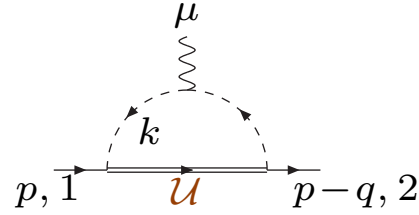
3.5 Chirality-flipped EM transitions due to fermionic \mathcal{U}

Consider the effective interaction:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\mathcal{U}} = \Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{\frac{3}{2}-d} \mathcal{U} (a_j + b_j \gamma_5) \psi_j \varphi + \Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{\frac{3}{2}-d} \bar{\psi}_j (a_j^* - b_j^* \gamma_5) \mathcal{U} \varphi^\dagger \quad (1)$$

- φ, ψ_j : ordinary particle fields of mass m_φ and m_j ; $j = 1, 2$
- $\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}$ unparticle scale; a_j, b_j unknown pure numbers
- \mathcal{U} chosen to be neutral: $Q(\varphi) = -Q(\psi_j) \equiv -Q_j$ in units of $e > 0$

3.5.1 Amplitudes for $\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2 \gamma$



On-shell amplitude for $m_\varphi \gg m_{1,2}$:

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu = -\frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{Q_1 e \Lambda_U^{3-2d} F(d)}{2 \sin(d\pi)} m_\varphi^{2(d-2)} \mathcal{F}_\mu$$

$$\mathcal{F}_\mu = \frac{\tan(d\pi)}{6m_\varphi} \Gamma(d + 1/2) \Gamma(7/2 - d)$$

$$\times \left[-\bar{m} (a_1 a_2^* + b_1 b_2^*) i \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu + \Delta m (a_2^* b_1 + a_1 b_2^*) i \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu \gamma_5 \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(d) \Gamma(3 - d) \left[(a_1 a_2^* - b_1 b_2^*) i \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu + (a_2^* b_1 - a_1 b_2^*) i \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu \gamma_5 \right]$$

with $\bar{m} = (m_1 + m_2)/2$, $\Delta m = (m_1 - m_2)/2$

Non- γ term enhanced by $\frac{m_\varphi}{m_j}$ compared to the ordinary case!

3.5.2 Transition rates

Keeping only the enhanced term and assuming $m_1 \gg m_2$

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2 \gamma) &= 2^{-7} m_1 \alpha \left[f(d) Q_1 \left(\frac{m_\varphi}{\Lambda u} \right)^{2d-3} \frac{m_1}{m_\varphi} \right]^2 X_{12} \\ X_{ij} &= |a_i a_j^* - b_i b_j^*|^2 + |a_j^* b_i - a_i b_j^*|^2 \\ f(d) &= \frac{1}{2^{2d} \pi^{2d-\frac{3}{2}} \sin(d\pi)} \frac{[\Gamma(d)]^2 \Gamma(3-d)}{\Gamma(d-\frac{3}{2}) \Gamma(2d-1)}\end{aligned}$$

3.5.3 EM dipole moments

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{\psi_1} &= Q_1 \frac{2m_1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{\Lambda_u^{3-2d} F(d)}{2 \sin(d\pi)} m_\varphi^{2(d-2)} \left[\frac{1}{2} \Gamma(d) \Gamma(3-d) (|a_1|^2 - |b_1|^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \tan(d\pi) \frac{m_1}{6m_\varphi} \Gamma\left(d + \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2} - d\right) (|a_1|^2 + |b_1|^2) \right] \\
 d_{\psi_1} &= -Q_1 \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{e \Lambda_u^{3-2d} F(d)}{2 \sin(d\pi)} m_\varphi^{2(d-2)} \Gamma(d) \Gamma(3-d) \Im(a_1^* b_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Compare to **pure particle case** assuming $m_\varphi \gg m_\chi, m_\psi$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^\chi &= \bar{\chi}(a + b\gamma_5)\psi\varphi + \bar{\psi}(a^* - b^*\gamma_5)\chi\varphi^\dagger \\
 \Rightarrow a_\psi &= -\frac{Q_\psi}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{m_\psi}{m_\varphi^2} \left[m_\chi (|a|^2 - |b|^2) + \frac{1}{3} m_\psi (|a|^2 + |b|^2) \right] \\
 d_\psi &= \frac{Q_\psi e}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{m_\chi}{m_\varphi^2} \Im(a^* b)
 \end{aligned}$$

3.5.4 Constraints from EM dipole moments

$$|\delta a_e| < 15 \times 10^{-12} \text{ [PRL97(2006)]}, \quad \delta a_i \equiv a_i^{\text{expt}} - a_i^{\text{SM}}$$

$$\delta a_\mu = 22(10) \times 10^{-10} \text{ [PDG]}$$

$$d_e = (0.07 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm [PDG]}$$

$$d_\mu = (3.7 \pm 3.4) \times 10^{-19} \text{ e cm [PDG]}$$

$$d_n < 0.63 \times 10^{-25} \text{ e cm [PDG]}$$

d	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9
$10^3(a ^2 - b ^2)_e$	7.3	6.5	6.5	5.4
$10^3(a ^2 - b ^2)_\mu$	5.2	4.6	4.6	3.8
$-10^9 \Im(a^*b)_e$	8.9	7.8	7.9	6.5
$-\Im(a^*b)_\mu$	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.4
$-10^7 \Im(a^*b)_n$	8.0	7.0	7.1	5.9

Table 2: Bounds for $\Lambda_U = 1 \text{ TeV}$, $m_\varphi = 200 \text{ GeV}$.

3.5.4 Constraints from lepton flavor changing radiative decays

$$\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 1.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ [MEGA]}$$

$$\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < 4.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ [Belle]}, \quad \text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) < 1.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ [Belle]}$$

d	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9
$10^{12} X_{\mu e}$	3.3	2.6	2.7	1.8
$10^5 X_{\tau e}$	5.3	4.1	4.2	2.9
$10^5 X_{\tau\mu}$	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.1

Table 3: Bounds on X_{ij} . Same input parameters as above.

Comments

- High quality in $X_{\mu e}$ not only from better precision but also from less power in m_μ .
- Bound on X_{bs} from $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ less stringent.

Summary of this section

- The propagator of fermionic \mathcal{U} is determined by scale and Lorentz symmetry. It has the correct canonical limit.
- Two (γ and non- γ) terms appear in propagator.
- Relative phase of $\frac{\pi}{2}$ between the two in time-like regime.
⇒ Expect new interference phenomenon beyond the known one.
- Non- γ term can effect chirality flip *without* the usual suppression of light fermion mass. Instead, it can enhance the flip by the mass of a virtual boson in loop.

4. Thermodynamics of unparticles

4.1 Motivations and main results

- Density of states for \mathcal{U} , **very different** from **particles**, could result in very different thermodynamics even if no other differences occur.
- \mathcal{U} effects have hitherto been studied either at $T = 0$ (few-body systems) or in astrophysical environments with $T \neq 0$.

Thermodynamics of photons is taken for granted in the latter case.
Is this justified?

We find:

- Equation of state (**EoS**) parameter $\omega_{\mathcal{U}} = \frac{1}{2d+1}$ — Some **new form of energy** between matter ($\omega_{\text{M}} = 0$) and radiation ($\omega_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{3}$)

- $\omega_U < \omega_\gamma \Rightarrow U$, once produced and decoupled, **evolve more slowly** than photons in the expansion of universe!

Possible to obtain **significant relic U in the present** even if the universe started with a low ρ_U !

4.2 Thermodynamics

Basic idea

Start from bosonic **particles of mass μ** whose partition function is

$$\ln Z(\mu^2) = -g_s V \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} 2\pi 2p^0 \theta(p^0) \delta(p^2 - \mu^2) \ln(1 - e^{-p^0 \beta}), \quad \beta = T^{-1}$$

No such dispersion-relation constraint on U whose density of states is

$$\propto \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} 2p^0 \theta(p^0) \theta(p^2) (p^2)^{d-2}$$

It may be interpreted as a **continuous collection** of **particles** with the **spectral function** $\varrho(\mu^2) \propto \theta(\mu^2)(\mu^2)^{d-2}$:

$$\frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} 2\pi 2p^0 \theta(p^0) \delta(p^2 - \mu^2) \varrho(\mu^2) d\mu^2$$

μ^2 serves as a **new quantum number** to be summed over with weight $\varrho(\mu^2)$!

Normalization of $\varrho(\mu^2)$

\mathcal{U} exists only below $\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}$:

- $\varrho(\mu^2)$ must terminate at $\mu^2 = \Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^2$
- Our results apply only to $\beta\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}} > 1$. Beyond certain T , may be resolved – no more suitable degrees of freedom to cope with

Result: $\varrho(\mu^2) = (d - 1)\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{2(1-d)}\theta(\mu^2)(\mu^2)^{d-2}$

Thermodynamics of \mathcal{U}

Its partition function is

$$\begin{aligned}\ln Z &= \int_0^{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^2} d\mu^2 \varrho(\mu^2) \ln Z(\mu^2) \\ &= -\frac{g_s V (d_{\mathcal{U}} - 1)}{4\pi^2 \beta^3 (\beta \Lambda_{\mathcal{U}})^{2(d_{\mathcal{U}} - 1)}} \int_0^{(\beta \Lambda_{\mathcal{U}})^2} dy y^{d_{\mathcal{U}} - 2} \int_y^\infty dx \sqrt{x - y} \ln(1 - e^{-\sqrt{x}})\end{aligned}$$

For $\beta \Lambda_{\mathcal{U}} > 1$,

$$\ln Z = \frac{g_s V}{\beta^3 (\beta \Lambda_{\mathcal{U}})^{2(d-1)}} \frac{\mathcal{C}(d)}{4\pi^2}, \quad \mathcal{C}(d) = B(3/2, d) \Gamma(2d + 2) \zeta(2d + 2)$$

Then

$$p_{\mathcal{U}} = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \ln Z = g_s T^4 \left(\frac{T}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}} \right)^{2(d-1)} \frac{\mathcal{C}(d)}{4\pi^2},$$

$$\rho_{\mathcal{U}} = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z = (2d + 1) g_s T^4 \left(\frac{T}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}} \right)^{2(d-1)} \frac{\mathcal{C}(d)}{4\pi^2}$$

$$\omega_{\mathcal{U}} = \frac{p_{\mathcal{U}}}{\rho_{\mathcal{U}}} = \frac{1}{2d + 1}$$

Comments

- The case of massless particles is recovered as $d \rightarrow 1$.
- EoS parameter w_u lies between $w_M = 0$ and $w_\gamma = \frac{1}{3}$.
- Important impacts on cosmology.

4.3 Cosmological implications

Why w_u important

It determines the evolution of $\rho(T)$ or $\rho(R)$ after **decoupling** from equilibrium in the expanding universe of Friedmann-Robertson-Walker (FRW),

$$\rho(R) = \rho(R_D) \left(\frac{R_D}{R} \right)^{3(1+w)} \quad R : \text{scale factor, } R_D : \text{decoupling}$$

For photon, $R_D/R = T_\gamma/T_D$, thus

$$\rho_u(T_\gamma) = \rho_u(T_D) \left(\frac{T_\gamma}{T_D} \right)^{3(1+w_u)}, \quad \rho_\gamma(T_\gamma) = \rho_\gamma(T_D) \left(\frac{T_\gamma}{T_D} \right)^4$$

Comments:

- If \mathcal{U} always in equilibrium with photon, they share the same T so that

- * always $\rho_{\mathcal{U}} < \rho_{\gamma}$ due to extra power in $T/\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}} < 1$ and
- * $\rho_{\mathcal{U}}$ drops faster than ρ_{γ} as the universe cools down

- If \mathcal{U} decouples at T_D , it evolves afterwards more slowly than photon — **this case more interesting:**

We could have a significant $\rho_{\mathcal{U}}(T_{\gamma})$ today, albeit $\rho_{\mathcal{U}}(T_D)$ is very small!

Feasibility reserved for a global fit of cosmological and astrophysical data. We studied a simple scenario with the photon- \mathcal{U} interaction:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\lambda}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^d} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{U}$$

Summary of results

- First study on thermodynamics of unparticles and surprising results obtained.

ρ_U, p_U : higher powers in T for U than for photons

$\omega_U = \frac{1}{2d+1}$ lies between those of matter and photon: new form of energy in the universe.

- Different evolution of U from photons could result in a significant U relic today after taking into account strong constraints from star-cooling and BBN, etc.
- Actual relevance of U to cosmology relies more on numerical fitting of data and a survey of interactions.

5. First attempt at gauging unparticles

Unparticles must interact with particles to be physically relevant.

⇒ It seems natural they are **charged under SM gauge group**.

Gauging \mathcal{U} was already challenged in Georgi's original paper —
'but I have no idea whether this is possible'

Why non-trivial? Non-integral d or $d > 2 \implies$ **non-local** theory!

Minimal coupling for local fields doesn't work.

First attempt by **Cacciapaglia, Marandella, Terning, 0708.0005**
with the help of Wilson line and lessons from non-local chiral quark
model

Free theory

$$S_0 = \int d^4x d^4y \mathcal{U}^\dagger(x) \tilde{D}^{-1}(x-y) \mathcal{U}(y),$$

\tilde{D}^{-1} : Fourier transf of $D^{-1}(p) \propto (m^2 - p^2)^{2-d}$

Gauge theory

$$S = \int d^4x d^4y \mathcal{U}^\dagger(x) \tilde{D}^{-1}(x-y) P \exp \left[-igT^a \int_x^y A_\mu^a dw^\mu \right] \mathcal{U}(y),$$

P : path ordering in both A_μ^a and T^a

Feynman rules

Complicated but systematically manageable [Terning 1991](#), [Holdom 1992](#)

Examples:

$$A\mathcal{U}\mathcal{U}^\dagger \quad ig\Gamma^{a\mu}(-(p+q), p; q) = igT^a(2p+q)^\mu E_1(p; q)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& AA\mathcal{U}^\dagger \quad i g^2 \Gamma^{ab\mu\nu} (-(p + q_1 + q_2), p; q_1, q_2) \\
& = i g^2 \left\{ \{T^a, T^b\} g^{\mu\nu} E_1(p; q_1 + q_2) \right. \\
& + T^a T^b (2p + q_2)^\nu (2p + 2q_2 + q_1)^\mu E_2(p; q_2, q_1) \\
& \left. + T^b T^a (2p + q_1)^\mu (2p + 2q_1 + q_2)^\nu E_2(p; q_1, q_2) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
E_0(p) &= D^{-1}(p), \\
E_1(p; q_1) &= \frac{E_0(p + q_1) - E_0(p)}{(p + q_1)^2 - p^2}, \\
E_2(p; q_1, q_2) &= \frac{E_1(p; q_1 + q_2) - E_1(p; q_1)}{(p + q_1 + q_2)^2 - (p + q_1)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Particle case arises as a limit:

$$d \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow D(p) \rightarrow i(p^2 - i\epsilon)^{-1}, \quad E_1 \rightarrow 1, \quad E_2 \rightarrow 0$$

But there are **serious problems** with this gauge model.

$(2 - d)$ rule

I found for 2- and 3-point Green's functions of gauge bosons at one-loop that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} \right]_{\text{unparticle}} &= (2 - d) \left[\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} \right]_{\text{particle}} \\ \left[\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{abc} \right]_{\text{unparticle}} &= (2 - d) \left[\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{abc} \right]_{\text{particle}} \end{aligned}$$

I suspect it holds true generally. The model looks trivial!

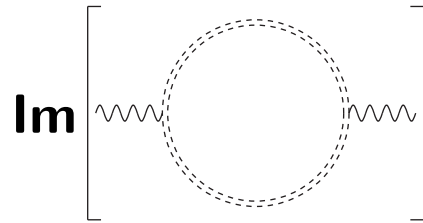
Unitarity violation

Unitarity is **preserved by non-gauge interactions of \mathcal{U}** because

- propagator has the correct cut structure by construction and
- interactions are Hermitian

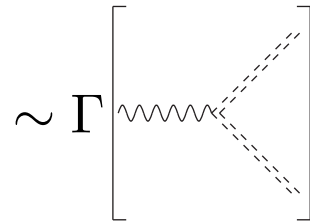
But above **gauge interactions** are **non-Hermitian** in time-like region!
 \Rightarrow may signal **failure of unitarity**

Example:



finite and odd in $(2 - d)$

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non-integrable and even in $(2 - d)$

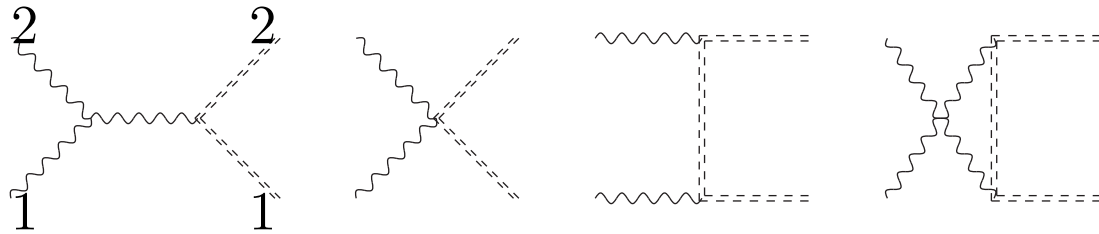
Violation of Ward identities for physical amplitudes

Ward-Takahashi identities for **unphysical** amplitudes hold true by construction. For example:

$$q^\mu \Gamma_\mu^a(-p - q, p; q) = T^a [D^{-1}(p + q) - D^{-1}(p)]$$

At first glance it may look strange that identities are broken by **physical** amplitudes.

Example: $A_\alpha^a(k_1)A_\beta^b(k_2) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(p_1)\bar{\mathcal{U}}(p_2)$ scattering



I found

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1^\alpha k_2^\beta \mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} &= \frac{T^a T^b}{D(p_1)D(p_2)} \left(D(k_1 - p_2) - \frac{1}{2} [D(p_1) + D(p_2)] \right) \\
 &+ \frac{T^b T^a}{D(p_1)D(p_2)} \left(D(k_2 - p_2) - \frac{1}{2} [D(p_1) + D(p_2)] \right) \\
 &\neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: cannot be avoided even for Abelian case.

Why?

Dispersion relation for particles is missing for \mathcal{U} !

Require $D^{-1}(p_1) = 0$ for a physical \mathcal{U} ? Dispersion relation for \mathcal{U} ?

Not consistent — what's the difference between physical particle and unparticle?

Conclusion

- **First gauge model for \mathcal{U} unsuccessful: breaks unitarity and Ward identities**
- **Georgi's challenge persists: Is it possible to gauge unparticle? Or, is there a consistent concept for gauging unparticle?**

谢谢!