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# How generic is cosmic string formation in SUSY GUTs ?

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# Genericity of cosmic strings in SUSY GUTs

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$$SO(10) \rightarrow SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SM (\times Z_2)$$

- Conclusions

# 1. Theoretical Framework

- Grand Unified Theories + Supersymmetry
- QFT in 4D + renormalisable

**PARTICLE PHYSICS**

**+**

**COSMOLOGY**



Are cosmic strings generic **?**

## 2. Ingredients of our model

- Particle physics needs :
  - Proton life-time measurements (Super-Kamiokande)

$$\tau_p(p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0) > 5.0 \times 10^{33} \text{ ans}$$

This implies :

- **Supersymmetry** ( $M_{\text{GUT}}$ )
- **$Z_2$  of R-parity** unbroken at low energy
- The quantum numbers of known particles under  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ .

This implies :

- To know how to **embed the SM in  $G_{\text{GUT}}$** .

- Cosmology imposes :
  - Measurements of oscillations of solar and atmospheric neutrinos [Super-Kamiokande, 1998], ...

We need to give a **mass to neutrinos** (via **SEE-SAW**)

- Measurements of matter/antimatter asymmetry [BBN, WMAP]

$$Y_B = \left( \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_S} \right) \approx (8.7 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-11}$$

We need a mechanism of **Baryogenesis** (via **LEPTOGENESIS**)

It requires

$$U(1)_{B-L} \subset G_{GUT} \quad \text{and} \quad \cancel{B-L} \quad \text{at} \quad M_{GUT}$$

- Solution to problems of Standard Model of Cosmology :
  - The monopole problem
  - The flatness problem
  - The horizon problem

**Inflation (HYBRID)**

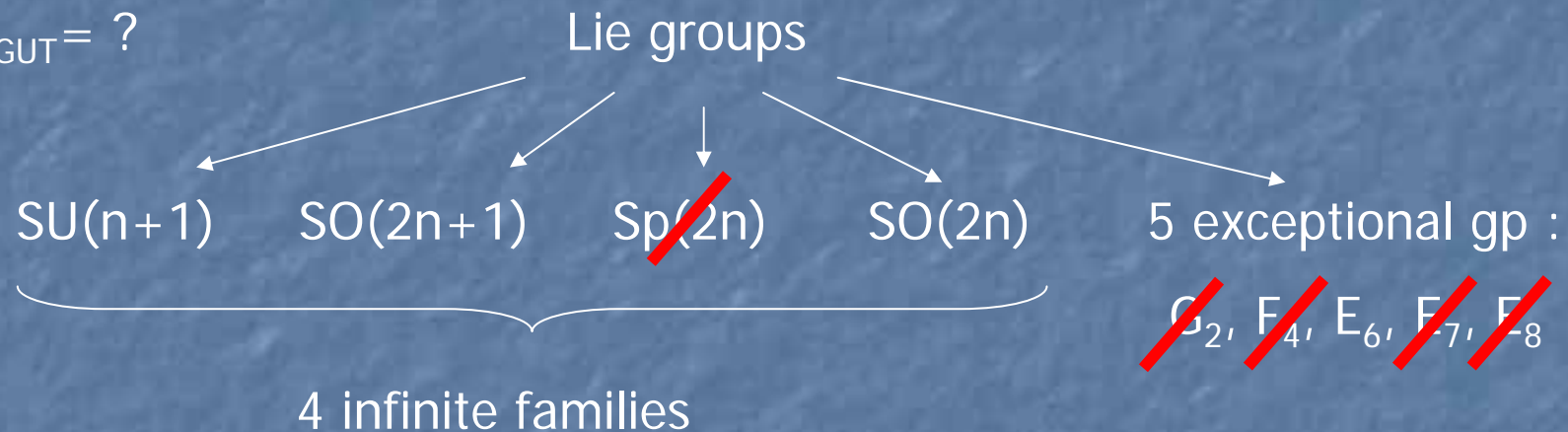


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# 3. Elements of group theory

- $G_{GUT} = ?$



- Constraints on these groups :

- Unification means only **1 coupling constant**

→ **simple group** (or semi-simple with an additional discrete symmetry)

- **Minimal Rank** = 4 so that  $G_{SM} \subset G_{GUT}$  .

- **Complex fermionic representations** (to keep the nature of the electro-weak interactions). We are left with  $SO(4l+2)$ ,  $SU(l)$  and  $E_6$ .

- **Anomaly free** fermionic representation :  
~~SO(6)~~,  $E_6$ ,  $SO(4l+2)$ , but  $SU(l)$  ?
- Maximal rank = 8. Reasons :
  - Higher order groups would lead to already studied SSBs.
  - Predictability of the model
  - M-theory gives no constraint ( $10^5$ )

Conclusion :

- $SU(5)$ ,  $SU(6)$ ,  $SU(7)$ ,  $SU(8)$ ,  $SU(9)$
- $SO(10)$ ,  $SO(14)$
- $E_6$

This includes « Flipped  $SU(5)$  »,  $[SU(3)]^3$ , ...

# An example : $SO(10)$

2 maximal regular sub-groups :



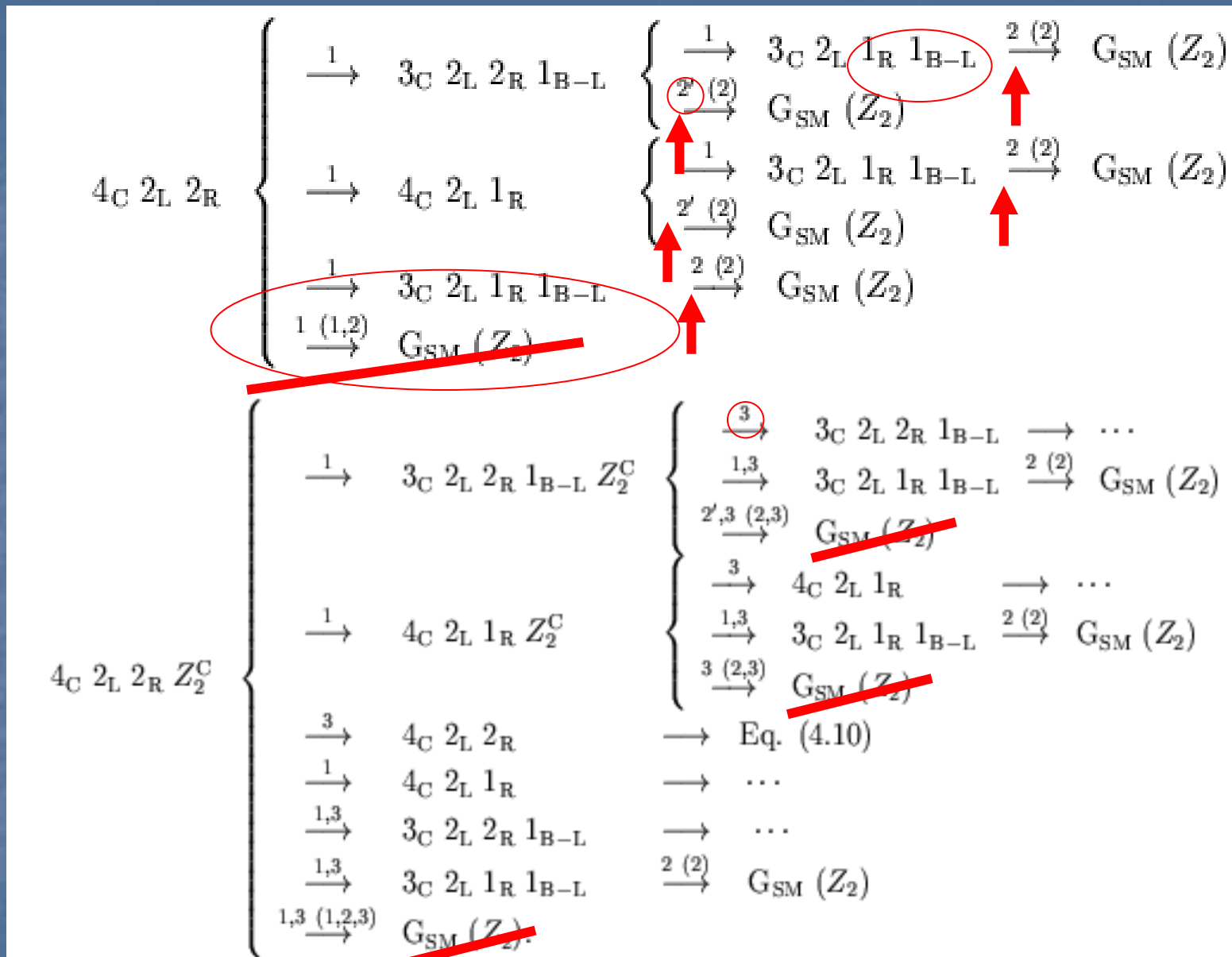
$SU(5) \times U(1)$   
 $SU(4) \times SU(2) \times SU(2)$

Focus on the Pati-Salam group :  $SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

- $U(1)_{B-L}$  included in  $SU(4)_C$
- Mass spectrum for neutrinos
- Baryogenesis
- All the fermions belong to only 1 representation, the **16**. No need for additional fermions.
- Note : there is a discrete symmetry in  $SO(10)$  : D-parity (charge conjugation)  $Z_2^C$ .
- Embedding of the SM :  $Y/2 = -I_R^3 + (B-L)/2$

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1: monopoles    2: topological strings  
 2': embedded strings    3: domain walls

↑ INFLATION

$$\text{SO}(10) \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
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\end{array} \right.$$

Conclusion for SO(10) via PS and via SU(5) x U(1):

- 68 schemes compatible with cosmology
  - 34 schemes with string formation and  $G_{SM} \times Z_2$
  - 21 schemes with string formation and  $G_{SM}$
  - 13 schemes with embedded string formation and  $G_{SM}$

# Results for other groups

- SU(5) does not work :
  - Incompatible with proton life-time (even in SUSY case)
  - Unavoidable monopole problem
- SU(6) and SU(7) do not contain B-L
- For  $E_6$ , 1268 compatible schemes
  - 664 with string formation and  $G_{SM} \times Z_2$
  - 422 with string formation and  $G_{SM}$
  - 170 with embedded string formation and  $G_{SM}$
  - 12 with embedded string formation and  $G_{SM} \times Z_2$
  - Conclusion : 534 schemes OK with successful leptogenesis.  
All of them end up with cosmic strings.
- For higher rank groups ... idem

# Discussion

Restrictions of our work :

- SUSY GUTs
- Hybrid inflation model
- Baryogenesis via leptogenesis
- B-L broken at the end of inflation

# Conclusions

- What did we learn ?
  - **Cosmic strings** seem to be **GENERIC**. Their formation appears at the end of inflation.
    - Study their properties
  - Cosmology can give information about **particle physics at GUT scale**.
  - What is their energy, their implication in the CMB?
    - See next talk**

More details in

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