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Abstract

A table of elementary particles, including the weak force Intermediate Vector Bosons and Higgs particles is presented and discussed. The field vectors (force carriers) are discussed and examples of several types of particle decay are given. A list of technical terms is appended.

Table I
(See also: "[Table of the Higgs Cascade](#)".)

The Particle Spectrum, Including the Weak Force "Intermediate Vector Bosons" ("IVBs")

Quarks	Designations:	Higgs, IVBs, Leptons	Designations:
.	.	H1, H2, H3 ("Higgs")	"Higgs" Bosons (3?)
.	.	W, X, Y, (IVBs)	IVBs (3 families?)
Lq (?)	Leptoquark	Lq, ν lq (?)	Leptoquark, lq Neutrino
t, b	Top, Bottom	t -, νt	Tau, Tau Neutrino
c, s	Charm, Strange	u -, νu	Muon, Muon Neutrino
u, d	Up, Down	e-, νe	Electron, Electron Neutrino
Composite Particles	Baryons, Mesons	Elementary Particles	Electrons, Neutrinos
Primary Mass Carrier	Nucleons, Nuclei	Alternative Charge Carriers	Leptons, Mesons

Intermediate Vector Bosons (IVBs) and "Higgs" Bosons

The W^+ , W^- , and W (neutral) (or Z neutral) are the "Intermediate Vector Bosons" (IVBs - "field vectors" or force carriers) of the weak force (at the "electroweak" (EW) force unification energy level). The "W" IVBs mediate the creation and destruction of *unpaired* or "singlet" (lacking antimatter partners) leptons, neutrinos, and quarks, and transformations of identity between and among these elementary particles. The "W" neutral (Z) typically mediates neutral weak force scattering ("bouncing" via a weak interaction) of neutrinos, or interactions in which neutrinos simply swap identities with other leptons. The "W" IVBs are heavy particles; the "W" equal to approximately 80.4 GeV, the Z equal to approximately 91.2 GeV (Fermilab data). The hypothetical "X" IVB (at the strong and electroweak force unification energy level ("Grand Unified Theory" or GUT), is an even heavier particle which compresses the quarks of baryons until their color charge self-annihilates ("asymptotic freedom"), producing leptoquark neutrinos and baryons during the Big Bang, and causing "proton decay". A third family of even heavier "Y" IVBs may exist, producing electrically neutral leptoquarks at the highest energy level, at which gravity joins the other forces during the first instant of the "Big Bang" (the "Theory of Everything" or TOE). The "Higgs" boson, the presumed scalar of particle mass, probably belongs here with the other massive bosons, although the Higgs is not an IVB (the Higgs is a scalar boson with spin = 0 whereas the IVBs are vector bosons with spin = 1). If three families of weak force IVBs exist, then we also expect to find three energy levels of Higgs bosons, one each for the "W", "X", and "Y" IVB families. (Not shown in this table are the bosons of the electromagnetic force (photon, spin 1), the strong force (gluon, spin 1), and the gravitational force (the hypothetical graviton, spin 2; all are massless and travel at velocity c). (See: "[The "Higgs" Boson and the Weak Force IVBs](#)"; see also: "[The 'W' IVB and the Weak force Mechanism](#)".)

Leptons and Quarks

The elementary leptonic series consists of the electron (e), muon (μ), tau (t), and the hypothetical leptoquark (Lq), with their corresponding neutrinos (ν). The electron, muon and tau are identical except for their masses (tau is the heaviest) and their identity charges (carried in "hidden" or implicit

form by the massive leptons, and carried in explicit or "bare" form by their neutrinos). The (hypothetical) leptoquark is the even heavier ancestor of the quarks and leptons; in the table it is indicated at the head of both the lepton and quark series, for although a (fractured) lepton when compressed, when expanded it reveals three sub-units, the quarks. (See: ["Identity Charge and the Weak Force"](#).)

The quarks are named up, down (u, d), charm, strange (c, s), and top, bottom (t, b). The u, c, t series carries a fractional electric charge of $+2/3$; the d, s, b series carries a fractional electric charge of $-1/3$. Quarks also carry the strong force "color" charge, a three-part charge designated (for convenience of reference only) red, green, yellow, and vectored by a field of 8 "gluons". Gluons consist of a color-anticolor charge in any combination (except the doubly neutral "green-antigreen"). Baryons consist of three quarks, mesons consist of a quark-antiquark pair. Hadrons are the class of particles containing quarks - that is, the baryons and mesons. Baryons as a class all carry one and the same "identity" ("baryon number") charge, whose (hypothetical) explicit form is the leptoquark neutrino.

The leptons and the leptoquark are the only known (or surmised) massive elementary particles. The neutrinos are the (nearly?) massless, "bare", or explicit form of the identity charges of their corresponding massive leptons. Quarks, although massive, are sub-elementary, carrying fractional electric, color, and identity charges. The quarks occur (permanently) only in "white" color combinations as triplets (composed of all colors) confined to baryons, or (temporarily) as quark-antiquark pairs (composed of a color and its specific anticolor) in mesons. Primordially, quarks are produced in isolated particles of matter (isolated from antimatter) by the expansion of internally fractured leptoquarks (yielding baryons); or then and now, as particle-antiparticle pairs (either mesons or baryons) in high-energy astrophysical (or accelerator) interactions and collisions.

The production of leptons and quarks as bound forms of electromagnetic energy is apparently a "given" or inherent "anthropic" capability of the energized spacetime metric or Heisenberg-Dirac "vacuum". The metric's capacity to produce specific bound electromagnetic energy forms (leptons and quarks) is simply "packaged" into leptoquark form when all forces combine during the "Big Bang" or "Creation Event" to produce massive particles from high-energy massless light and the structural (conservation) properties of the spacetime metric or "vacuum". Hence particles and the spacetime metric are intimately related: the baryon looks like a miniature universe with internal, massless particles (gluons) exchanging the color charges of the strong force at velocity c ; the three-part baryon may be a fractal "resonance" of the three spatial dimensions within a "particle metric", etc.

Ordinary matter (including stars) consists of the electron and u, d quark energy level only. The quark complement of a proton is (uud) $^{+}$; that of a neutron is (udd). An exactly corresponding set of antiparticles also exists, in which all charges are reversed, but is not shown. (In the case of neutrinos, it is the "handedness" of their quantum mechanical intrinsic spin which is reversed: all neutrinos have left-handed spin; all antineutrinos have right-handed spin. Our universe is fundamentally asymmetric in that it contains only left-handed neutrinos, a one-way time dimension, a one-way gravitational field, and no antimatter.) Neutrinos are associated only with elementary particles, and they uniquely identify the particle of their origin, both as to species (electron, muon, tau, leptoquark) and matter vs antimatter. Hence we recognize neutrinos as "bare" identity charges, which exist as a consequence of Noether's symmetry-conservation theorem and the breaking of the photon's "anonymity" symmetry by "singlet" leptons and leptoquarks (photons are indistinguishable one from another and hence

"anonymous"). (See: ["Symmetry Principles of the Unified Field Theory"](#).) There are no neutrinos associated with the sub-elementary quarks. We therefore assume that all baryons carry one and the same "hidden" leptoquark number or "identity" charge, which is balanced by an explicit antileptoquark neutrino. These leptoquark neutrinos are only produced during proton creation or destruction and are obvious "dark matter" candidates, remnants of the primordial "Creation Event".

Field Vectors, Force Carriers, or Bosons

1) Strong Force

There are [two expressions of the strong force](#), one at a structural level of force/charge exchange between quarks *within* single baryons, and a second at a structural level of force/charge exchange *between* multiple baryons within a compound atomic nucleus. The primary or quark-level expression of the strong force produces quark confinement, the strong force that permanently confines quarks in baryon triplets. The charge of this strong force is called "color", and the field vectors are called "gluons". All quarks carry one color charge (red, green, or yellow), which they exchange with each other via a gluon force-field. Gluons are composed of color-anticolor charge quanta, are massless, and travel at velocity c . The "round-robin" exchange of virtual gluons between quarks constitutes the primary expression of the strong force, the permanent binding of quarks within baryons. Baryons are the primary mass carriers or energy storage units of the cosmos. The composite structure of the baryon is necessary to produce an electrically neutral mass-carrying particle which can break the initial symmetric energy state of the cosmos, probably via the asymmetric weak force decay of electrically neutral leptoquarks. (See: ["The Origin of Matter and Information"](#); see also: ["Table of the Higgs Cascade"](#).)

The secondary or "nucleon" expression of the strong force produces the binding of protons and neutrons into the compound atomic nuclei of the heavy elements. The charge associated with this force is called "flavor", and the field vector or force carriers are mesons, composed of a colorless quark-antiquark pair. The "ground state" family of quarks (which exclusively comprises protons and neutrons) carry either "up" or "down" flavors, and the exchange of flavors between protons and neutrons via meson force carriers (as per Yukawa) constitutes the binding principle of the secondary aspect of the strong force, as expressed through the cohesion of compound atomic nuclei. Unlike the absolute confinement of quarks via gluons, however, the confinement of nucleons via mesons, while powerful, is not absolute: under the proper circumstances, protons and neutrons can escape from a compound nucleus, and heavy nuclei can fission into lighter elements. (Meson binding is due to a "least bound energy" principle, whereas gluon binding is due to the stricter charge conservation principle; both are ultimately forms of symmetry conservation.) (See: ["The Strong Force: Two Expressions"](#).)

2) Weak Force

The weak force IVBs are unusual in that they are very massive bosons, whereas all other field vectors are massless. The mass of the IVBs is why they are called "intermediate" vector bosons. The great mass of the IVB is used to recreate the primordial conditions of the "Big Bang" in which the reactions they now mediate first took place. Such extreme measures are necessary because *single* elementary particles created today must be the same in all respects as those created eons ago in the "Big Bang".

Only the weak force is capable of creating *single* elementary particles rather than particle-antiparticle pairs. See below and the "[Higgs Boson](#)" papers. See also: "[The 'W' IVB and the Weak Force Mechanism](#)".)

3) Electromagnetic Force

The photon, a quantum unit of light, is the field vector of electric charge and the electromagnetic force. The exchange of virtual photons between the electric charges of an electron and proton (for example), binds these particles together and maintains the atomic structure of atoms and molecules. Our Universe is an electromagnetic universe, composed of free and bound forms of electromagnetic energy (light and matter). The electromagnetic constant "c" is the primary gauge constant of energy in the Cosmos, determining, regulating, or "gauging" the inertial metric of spacetime, the entropic expansion of space, the "non-local" symmetric energy state of light, the causal relations of matter, the invariance of charge, and the proportional equivalence between free and bound electromagnetic energy ($E = mc^2$) - among other things. (See: "[Symmetry Principles of the Unified Field Theory](#)".)

4) Gravitational Force

"Gravitons" are the presumed field vectors of the gravitational force. The graviton, as conceived in these pages, consists of a quantum unit of temporal entropy, or negative spatial entropy, or equivalently, a quantum unit of time. Time is the active principle of the gravitational "location" charge. Time is connected to space, and the intrinsic, entropic motion of time into history pulls space after it, producing the spatial flow of a gravitational field. *A gravitational field is the spatial consequence of the intrinsic motion of time.* It is the actual flow of space toward the center of a massive particle's "location" charge that causes the "binding" effect of gravitation. Whereas the electromagnetic constant "c" gauges the metric relation between space, time, and free energy, the gravitational constant "G" gauges the entropic relation between space, time, and bound energy. Gravity creates a combined metric of historical spacetime in which the conservation requirements of both matter and light in terms of raw energy, entropy, symmetry, and causality can all be satisfied. (See: "[The Conversion of Space to Time](#)"; see also: "[A Description of Gravitation](#)"; see also: "[A Rationale for Gravity](#)".)

Examples of Weak Force Decays

While the reaction *pathways* below are speculative, the rationale for them is straightforward (the reactions themselves are "Standard Model" reactions unless otherwise noted). The dense metric (or large mass) of an IVBs functions to bring the participants of a weak force interaction into such close proximity that they can exchange charges without risking any violation of the conservation laws, which they cannot do when separated by ordinary distances. Typically this will involve a particle-antiparticle pair drawn from the virtual particle "sea", as well as the reacting "real" or "parent" particle itself. For example, in the case of the decay of a muon to an electron, the "W-" brings together within its dense metric an electron-positron virtual particle pair, plus the parent ("real") muon. When these particles are sufficiently close together, the positron and muon cancel each other's electric charges, and release their "identity" ("number") charges as neutrinos. The reaction is possible only because the muon is so close to the particle pair that it can transfer its mass-energy to the electron, materializing the virtual particle, thereby conserving the overall electrical and number charge of the reaction while

simultaneously conserving total energy. The role of the "Higgs boson" in these transformations is to set, determine, or "gauge" the invariant energy scale of the reaction, and thus select the IVB family (in this case the "W" or electroweak IVB family) appropriate to the critical task of transforming the identity of an elementary particle. (See: ["The Higgs Boson and the Weak Force IVBs"](#).)

This type of reaction, involving particle-antiparticle pairs drawn from the virtual "sea", explains how the "W" IVB can participate in so many different reactions and produce so many different products without changing its own identity. The "W" IVB acts as a sort of "metric catalyst" and bridge between the "virtual particle sea" and "real" particles, simply bringing all reactants into very close contact with each other. It takes a lot of energy to bring particles so close together that they can undergo weak force transformations of elementary identity, hence the need for the large mass-energy of the IVBs. An equivalent way to understand this issue is to realize that the IVB mass is recreating the original, "Big Bang" energy-dense metric of spacetime (the electroweak force-unification symmetric energy state) in which these elementary particle transformations first occurred. Another advantage of this hypothesis is that if the "W" and IVBs generally are "metric" particles, then they may also contain a component of time, which could be the source of the weak force's asymmetric character. (See: ["The 'W' Particle and the Weak Force Mechanism"](#).)

This mechanism also raises another possibility: if the "W" has a "big brother" (the "X" IVB), it might be powerful enough to squeeze the quarks of a baryon sufficiently to cause the color charge to vanish ("asymptotic freedom"), and initiate proton decay. The energy barrier to proton decay is very high (at least the equivalent of leptoquark mass), so the "X" IVB would have to be very massive indeed. Presumably there is another "Higgs" boson regulating the mass of the "X" IVB family. (See: ["The Higgs Boson and the Weak Force IVBs"](#).)

The typical role of the weak force today is to produce (elementary) matter "singlets" from virtual particle-antiparticle pairs. The electron produced today must be exactly the same in all respects as the electron produced long ago during the "Big Bang", otherwise charge and symmetry conservation will fail. The only way to ensure the invariance of elementary particle "singlets" whenever and wherever they are produced, is to recreate the original conditions in which they were first formed. Hence the great mass of the IVBs, which seem out of all proportion to the production of a tiny electron, is explained as required to reconstitute the primordial electroweak force unification symmetric energy state of the "Big Bang", in which quark-quark and lepton-lepton transformations occur as the normal course of events. The IVBs provide the transformation mechanism while the Higgs boson scales the quantized and invariant symmetric energy state, selecting (hypothetically) between three possible force unification energy levels with their associated IVB families. (See: ["Table of the Higgs Cascade"](#); see also: ["The Higgs Boson VS the Spacetime Metric"](#).)

Lepton Decays:

(antiparticles underlined)

(Particle-antiparticle pairs are shown enclosed in parenthesis and with an "x" between the pair members - not to be confused with the bold uppercase "X" IVB.)

1)

$$t-(\underline{u}+ x \underline{u}-)W- \text{ ----> } \nu t + \underline{\nu u} + u-$$

1) A tau decays (via an antimuon-muon particle pair complex formed by the W^-) to a tau neutrino, a muon antineutrino, and a muon. Within the complex, the tau and antimuon cancel each other's electric charges, releasing their neutrinos and providing the energy to materialize the muon product.

$$2) \\ u-(\underline{e^+} \times e^-)W^- \text{ -----} > \nu u + \underline{\nu e} + e^-$$

2) A muon decays (via a positron-electron particle pair complex formed by the W^-) to a muon neutrino, a positron neutrino, and an electron. Within the complex, the muon and positron cancel each other's electric charges, releasing their neutrinos and providing the energy to materialize the product electron.

$$3) \\ \nu e + e-(\underline{e^+} \times e^-)Z \text{ -----} > e^- + \nu e$$

3) An electron and electron neutrino interact via an electron-positron complex formed with the neutral "Z" IVB, and swap identities. The original electron and virtual positron annihilate, releasing the original neutrino and a replacement electron (this reaction could also be written using a neutrino-antineutrino virtual pair, giving the same result). Here the "Z" (like all IVBs) provides a secure environment in which particles (including virtual particles) are in such close proximity that charges and energy can be exchanged with no danger of violating any conservation laws. The rationale for the heavy IVBs and the weak force mechanism is precisely to safeguard the conservation laws during exchanges and transformations of energy and identity among elementary and virtual particles. Although the neutral interaction above only results in a simple "bounce" (scattering), the electrically neutral neutrino has no possibility for interaction with matter other than through a heavy weak force IVB - which is why neutrinos interact so rarely.

Examples of Weak Force Decays: Mesons and Baryons

Meson Decay

$$(\underline{u}d)-(\underline{u^+} \times u^-)W^- \text{ -----} > \underline{\nu u} + u^-$$

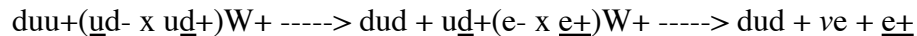
A negative pion $(\underline{u}d)^-$ decays (via an antimuon-muon particle pair complex formed by the W^-), producing a muon antineutrino, and a muon. Because quark partial flavor charges are not strictly conserved, once the pion's electric charge is canceled by the antimuon, the meson, being composed of a matter-antimatter quark pair, will simply self-annihilate, supplying the energy necessary to materialize the decay products.

Baryon Decays

$$1) \\ udd(\underline{u}d^+ \times \underline{u}d^-)W^- \text{ -----} > udu^+ + \underline{u}d-(\underline{e^+} \times e^-)W^- \text{ -----} > udu^+ + \underline{\nu e} + e^-$$

1) "Beta decay": a neutron (udd) decays in a two-step process, via an antipion-pion pair, followed by a positron-electron particle pair complex (both formed by the W^-), producing a proton (udu), a positron neutrino, and an electron. Baryon decay and transformation is a major function of the mesons, complementing their baryon-binding role in compound atomic nuclei, in which they accomplish virtual (rather than actual) transformations between protons and neutrons, creating "nucleons". Virtual mesons are the donors (alternative charge carriers) of quark flavors in weak force transformations of baryons. Within the first complex, the \bar{d} quark of the positive meson annihilates a d quark in the baryon, and replaces it with an up quark, transforming the neutron to a proton. This annihilation also helps supply the energy to materialize the negative pion which immediately forms another W^- complex with a positron-electron virtual particle pair. In the second complex, the pion and positron cancel each other's electric charges, releasing the positron's neutrino and supplying the energy to materialize the final electron. The neutralized remains of the pion, which is a quark-antiquark combination, simply self-annihilates, as the partial flavors of quarks are not strictly conserved. Although the reaction is shown in two steps for clarity, in nature it may occur in only one. The complexity of the decay pathway, combined with the tiny energy differential between the neutron and proton, is the reason for the extreme slowness of this reaction (half-life of ~ 15 minutes).

2)



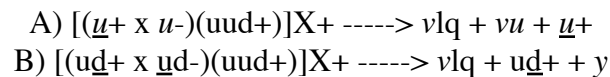
2) A proton (duu) restructures in a two-step process, via a pion-antipion pair, followed by an electron-positron particle pair complex (both formed by the W^+), producing a neutron (dud), an electron neutrino, and a positron. This reaction requires an energy input. The reaction mechanism is similar to that detailed for beta decay (above); and as in beta decay, while shown in two steps for clarity, in nature may proceed in one step.

For more weak force decays and transformations, see: [The "W" IVB and the Weak Force Mechanism](#) (Adobe Acrobat pdf file). ([Also available in an html file.](#))

Hypothetical Weak Force Proton and Leptoquark Decays

Proton Decay

1) proton decay (hypothetical) mediated by the X^+ IVB:



A) A proton (uud) decays via the super-heavy X^+ IVB, producing a leptoquark neutrino ($\nu_l q$), a muon neutrino (ν_u), and an antimuon (\bar{u}^+).

B) The same, except that mesons rather than muons serve as the alternative charge carriers. A photon (γ) and positive pion ($\bar{u}d$) are produced in the product, along with the leptoquark neutrino ($\nu_l q$). Note that different conservation laws (allowing the conversion of quarks to leptons and vice versa) apply at the GUT force unification or " X " IVB energy level. Here the proton is compressed by the heavy " X " IVB to the leptoquark configuration, vanishing the proton's color charge (in the limit of "asymptotic freedom"); the color charge of baryons is otherwise conserved (in reactions mediated by the " W " IVB,

for example). (See also: "[Proton Decay and the 'Heat Death' of the Cosmos](#)".)

Leptoquark Decay

2) leptoquark decay (hypothetical - during the Big Bang only - asymmetries in this decay are the source of matter and the material Universe):

$$[(\nu_{lq} \times \bar{\nu}_{lq})(L_q \times \bar{L}_q)]X \rightarrow b\bar{b} + \nu_{lq} + \bar{\nu}_{lq}$$

The anti-member of an electrically neutral leptoquark-antileptoquark pair decays (mediated via the "X" IVB and the leptoquark neutrino), producing a neutral meson composed of bottom-antibottom quarks; the matter leptoquark does not decay, but expands to produce a heavy neutral baryon (hyperon) (bbt), whose "hidden" leptoquark identity charge is balanced by the explicit identity charge of the remaining anti-leptoquark neutrino. (One of several possible decay pathways.)

In a leptoquark, the quarks are compressed by the "X" IVB to "leptonic size", vanishing the color charge ("in the limit of asymptotic freedom"). An electrically neutral leptoquark should decay like a very heavy neutral lepton, producing a leptoquark antineutrino plus energy in the form of neutral particles (photons, mesons, etc.). Once released from the grip of the "X", the quarks in the unreacted leptoquark simply expand under the force of their mutual repulsion to form an electrically neutral heavy baryon (hyperon). The electrical neutrality of the leptoquark pair is necessary to allow time for the asymmetric weak force decay to occur: the requirement of electrical neutrality is the reason why baryons must be composed of sub-elementary particles (quarks) bearing partial charges which can sum to zero. (See: "[The Origin of Matter and Information](#)".)

Leptoquarks are presumed to be very heavy; leptoquark neutrinos may also be very massive (for neutrinos). Leptoquark neutrinos are prime "dark matter" candidates; if they indeed account for the bulk of the dark matter currently supposed to be present in the Cosmos, they would have to weigh approximately 5-6 proton masses (5-6 GeV) - since there should be one antileptoquark neutrino for each proton produced in the "Big Bang". If this seems too heavy for a neutrino, recall that the weak force comprises massive bosons (the W and Z) which weigh much more than this, even though bosons in the other forces are massless. 5 GeV is also less than the lower bound predicted for the least massive supersymmetric particle, the "neutralino" (10-20 GeV).

Alternative Pathways for the Weak Interactions (section below added April 2014)

The leptonic spectrum of elementary particles is clearly some sort of resonant series. In this case it appears to be a resonant series of the combined electromagnetic and weak forces. The leptonic series identifies the mass-energy at which the electromagnetic/photon and weak force/neutrino frequencies are in "sympathetic" vibration - the leptonic particle series delineates the nodes of sympathetic vibration or resonance between these two forces at the electroweak energy level. The electromagnetic force can probably produce particles of any rest-mass energy, but it is only at the nodes of the resonance series where these two forces are in sympathetic vibration that massive particles can be paired with neutrino "identity" charges. This joining of forces is necessary to produce particles that can be conserved in the sense that they can be exactly reproduced at any time and place, matching up

precisely with others of their kind, including annihilation reactions with their antiparticles.

While the electromagnetic and weak forces are "in resonance" at the electroweak "force-unity" energy level, the massive leptons of the electromagnetic force (such as the electron) and its neutrino, or "identity charge" of the weak force, are joined together at a "generic identity" level, in which they freely exchange identities without restriction. It is during this period of exchange, and because of it, that the massive lepton acquires its "hidden" identity charge, or is in some way prepared to acquire and carry one. Such is also the case for the entire "leptonic spectrum" - the electron, muon, tau, and presumably the leptoquark also. Of (infinitely?) many possible rest-mass energies that can be produced by the electromagnetic force, just these four are compatible with the weak force to the degree that instead of a massive electromagnetic particle-antiparticle pair being produced (such as an electron-positron pair), in the electroweak "resonance" a mixed pair is produced instead - the electron-neutrino pair (actually a positron neutrino, balancing the electron identity charge). In the decay of a neutron to a proton, it is just this electron-positron neutrino pair which we find accompanying the proton as products of the decay - the electron and proton balancing each others' electric charges. The "resonance nodes" are just the rest mass energies of the leptonic spectrum, and they delineate the frequencies at which the massive electromagnetic leptons and the weak force neutrinos can form these mixed lepton-neutrino pairs in place of the usual particle-antiparticle pairs of the pure electromagnetic force - conferring "hidden" charges upon those few suitable members of the "leptonic spectrum". The neutrino match assures conservation is possible because the particles and their antiparticles can be perfectly reproduced and annihilated at any future time. It is this conservation possibility which allows these particles to eventually materialize.

The electroweak union is remarkable for its "leptonic spectrum", which at the highest energy level involves the leptoquark and the strong force in a "grand unified" energy level. In this, the too-massive leptoquark divides under its own self-repulsion to more stable, lower energy configurations of three quarks, held together by the gluon field of the strong force, the latter arising naturally among the quark subunits, holding them together in whole quantum units of charge (including the zero charge of a neutron-like configuration). Electrically neutral leptoquarks are subject to asymmetric weak force decays (because of their long lives), producing the matter-only atomic constituents of our cosmos. "Lepton number" or "hidden" identity charges of the massive leptons and baryons are balanced by the explicit identity charges of neutrinos, one for each type of lepton and anti-lepton (including the presumed leptoquark neutrinos). Electrical charges of the baryons are the same as those of the leptons because baryons are derived from the leptonic spectrum via the leptoquark, and the leptons are therefore able to act as alternative charge carriers for the baryon's electric charges (or for other leptons or mesons).

If all this seems too complex, it is nevertheless the bare minimum needed to break the electromagnetic symmetry of the primordial universe, ending with a completely conserved system of energy, particles, charges, and symmetry debts, fully capable of replicating itself and returning to its original state of symmetry - with or without gravity (because of the possibility of proton decay).

The positively charged meson involved in the "beta decay" of a neutron is fully absorbed by the product proton, including its charge. No neutrinos are associated with mesons, which as quark-antiquark combinations, are not elementary particles. Presumably the only direct interaction between

quarks and weak force neutrinos is at the much higher energy level of the "leptoquark" neutrinos and the "X" IVBs.

I think this new proposal for the mechanism of beta decay is much better than my old one. The new mechanism features a true electroweak mechanism, an actual marriage of the electric and weak forces, while the old is purely an electromagnetic model, involving only the usual particle-antiparticle pairs. The old "beta decay" model also has two problems: 1) Where does the product neutrino come from? and 2) What happens to the negatively charged meson that cancels electric charges with the positron? Neither problem arises in the new mechanism, and no new problems are introduced. (Problem 2) persists in charged meson decay, but at least the (more intractable) origin of the neutrino is solved. We assume, as before, that the quark-antiquark composition of the meson results in self-annihilation between the (non-conserved) quark flavors, once the electric charge is transferred to/conserved by other carriers.

1) "Beta Decay" of neutron to proton: (antiparticles underlined, neutrinos in italics)

Old: $udd[(\underline{d}u + x \underline{d}\bar{u})(\underline{e} + x e^-)]W^- \rightarrow udu + \underline{\nu_e} + e^-$

New: $udd[(\underline{d}u +)(\underline{\nu_e} x e^-)]W^- \rightarrow udu + \underline{\nu_e} + e^-$

2) Decay of muon to electron:

Old: $u-[\underline{e} + x e^-]W^- \rightarrow \nu_u + \underline{\nu_e} + e^-$

New: $u-[(u- x \underline{\nu_u})(e- x \underline{\nu_e})]W^- \rightarrow \underline{\nu_u} + e^- + \underline{\nu_e}$

3) Decay of charged meson to muon:

Old: $\underline{u}d-[\underline{u} + x u^-]W^- \rightarrow \underline{\nu_u} + u^-$

New: $\underline{u}d-[\underline{\nu_u} + u^-]W^- \rightarrow \underline{\nu_u} + u^-$

In all the decays above, what had been essentially electromagnetic decays mediated by typical particle-antiparticle pairs drawn from the Heisenberg-Dirac spacetime "vacuum", are replaced by electroweak lepton pairs (neutrino - massive lepton pairs) drawn directly from the high-energy, "generic" electroweak unified-force energetic symmetry state represented by the "W" IVBs. These are typically simpler, direct, less problematic pathways. The electroweak pathways furthermore illustrate the massive leptons' acquisition of "hidden" identity charges via exchanges with neutrinos.

The question now is whether or not I should throw out all the earlier reaction equations of the weak force IVB mechanism - the ones utilizing strictly electromagnetic particle-antiparticle pairs?

Unfortunately, to do so would simply be replacing one speculation by another, for the actual mechanism "inside" the weak force IVBs will probably forever remain something of a "black box", due to constraints upon our detailed knowledge imposed by the rules of quantum mechanics. But both pathway representations have utility, and I propose to retain both.

The "electromagnetic" pathway illustrates the parameters of charge conservation that any reaction pathway must observe, and demonstrates that these parameters can be filled by virtual particle-

antiparticle pairs readily available from the "vacuum". The "electroweak" pathway may give a (relatively) more accurate picture of reality and the marriage between the electromagnetic and weak forces (as represented by the huge mass-energy of the IVBs). This marriage also gives us some understanding of how the massive leptons acquire the "hidden" identity charges from their associated neutrinos (via continuous identity exchange in the "generic" union created by the mass-energy of the IVBs). It also helps us understand why the leptonic mass spectrum is so limited - it represents the "harmonic" convergence of the electromagnetic and weak forces at just those few energetic frequencies where electromagnetic massive particles and weak force neutrinos can be paired, and "hidden" charges can be acquired by the massive leptons, charges which are the exact equivalent of the "explicit" identity charges carried by neutrinos.

List of Technical Terms:

Particles = fermions, bosons, and IVBs, virtual particles, and virtual particle-antiparticle pairs.

Virtual particles (often in particle-antiparticle pairs) = ephemeral particles which exist within the Heisenberg time limit for virtual reality ($dEdT \geq h/2\pi$). Field vectors of the forces are typically in the form of virtual particles.

Fermions = hadrons and leptons (spin 1/2 particles) (carriers of mass and charge - the constituents of atomic matter).

Hadrons = particles containing quarks (mesons and baryons).

Quarks = sub-elementary particles, carrying fractional charges, apparently derived primordially from splitting heavy elementary leptons into 3 parts (producing leptoquarks). Quarks occur in today's universe only in meson and baryon combinations. Quarks occur in six "flavors" and three "colors". A structurally distinct version of the strong force is associated with color vs flavor charge. Color charges (carried by a gluon field) bind quarks in baryons; flavor charges (carried by a meson field) bind baryons in compound atomic nuclei. Both leptons and quarks are produced today as virtual particles by the Heisenberg-Dirac spacetime "vacuum" or structural metric, and it is this inherent or "given" capacity for the production of bound forms of electromagnetic energy which is incorporated into the leptoquark when the primordial spacetime metric is compressed into particles by the combined action of the four forces of physics during the "Big Bang" or "Creation Event".

Mesons contain a quark-antiquark pair (examples: pions ($\underline{u}\bar{d}$)- and kaons ($\underline{u}\bar{s}$)-). Mesons have integer spin (0,1), depending upon whether the quarks spin oppositely or parallel to one another.

Baryons contain 3 quarks (examples: the neutron ($\underline{d}\underline{d}\underline{u}$) and proton ($\underline{u}\underline{u}\underline{d}$ +)).

Baryons are mass carriers; mesons function as alternative charge carriers for electric charge and especially for quark partial charges, assisting baryon decays and transformations, balancing the charges of hadrons (and sometimes other leptons) in place of antiparticles. In the nuclear expression of the strong force, mesons act as virtual field vectors of quark flavor charges,

binding protons and neutrons in compound atomic nuclei. In general, alternative charge carriers (leptons and mesons) function to allow charges to be balanced, canceled, or otherwise neutralized while avoiding the matter-antimatter annihilation reactions which would be inevitable if these functions were performed by the corresponding charges of antiparticles. Hence the alternative charge carriers (leptons, mesons, neutrinos) are necessary for the materialization of the baryons.

Leptons = massive leptons (electron, muon, tau) and (nearly) massless neutrinos (ν_e , ν_μ , ν_τ). Unlike hadrons, leptons are true elementary particles with no internal constituents.

Leptons are alternative charge carriers. Massive leptons function as alternative carriers of electric charge; neutrinos function as alternative carriers of "identity" ("number") charge. The hypothetical leptoquark is the heaviest member of the leptonic elementary particle series, containing within its fractured interior the primordial quarks, waiting to appear with the expansion of the universe and the symmetry-breaking asymmetric decays of the weak force.

Bosons = photon, graviton, gluon (field vectors, force carriers). Particles with integer spin (photon/gluon spin = 1, graviton spin = 2). The hypothetical Higgs boson is a spin = 0 particle. Gluons consist of a color-anticolor charge pair, in any combination other than green-antigreen, which is doubly neutral. Thus there are eight effective gluon pairs. Virtual mesons can also act as massive bosons or field vectors of the short-range strong force in compound atomic nuclei (the Yukawa strong force).

Intermediate Vector Bosons (IVBs) = W^+ , W^- , Z , (X , Y ?) (all spin = 1). Heavy, transient metric particles of interaction which catalyze and mediate transformations of identity, number, and flavor among the fermions, including *single* particle creation and destruction. The supermassive " X " and the even heavier " Y " IVBs are hypothetical, responsible respectively for proton decay the production of electrically neutral leptoquarks during the "Big Bang". (See: "[Table of the Higgs Cascade](#)".)

Leptoquarks = hypothetical primordial particles consisting of a primitive, high mass, lepton fractured into 3 parts (the nascent quarks) by the extreme pressures of the "Big Bang", including the compressive force of gravity and the very massive " Y " IVB. The " Y " IVB mediates the creation of electrically neutral leptoquarks from primordial, electrically charged leptons; the " X " IVB mediates the creation of baryons from electrically neutral leptoquarks; the " W " IVB mediates the creation of leptons and mesons from baryons. Leptoquarks may be so massive that they are unstable, and fracture under their own size/weight due to the repulsive effects of their own electric charge. The sub-elementary quarks therefore may represent a more stable configuration for this massive particle as they carry smaller charges and masses. It is the role of the " Y " IVBs to create electrically neutral leptoquarks from their electrically charged leptonic precursors. Neutral leptoquarks are necessary to break the primordial matter-antimatter asymmetry of the "Big Bang" (via an asymmetric weak force decay mediated by the " X " IVB). Hence the original mass carrier must exist as a composite particle capable of an electrically neutral configuration of its internal parts. (See: "[The Origin of Matter and Information](#)".)

Charges: electric, color, "identity", and "location" (all symmetry debts of light). The weak

force "identity" charge is also known as "flavor" or "number" charge. The gravitational charge is known as "location" charge. The active principle of "location" charge is time. *The charges of matter are the symmetry debts of light* - as per Noether's Theorem. Gravity is unified with the other forces through Noether's Theorem, because like the other forces and their charges, gravity originates as a symmetry debt of light (recording, conserving, and eventually restoring light's "non-local" symmetric energy distribution - a symmetry broken during the conversion of non-local free energy with intrinsic motion "c" (light), to local, immobile bound energy (mass, matter)). (See: "[Entropy, Gravitation, and Thermodynamics](#)"; see also: "[A Rationale for Gravity](#)".)

Forces: electromagnetic, gravitational, strong, weak (the forces represent demands for payment of light's symmetry debts, held as characteristic charges). These demands are variously satisfied by particle-antiparticle annihilations, fission, fusion, particle and proton decay, the nucleosynthetic pathway in stars, the conversion of gravitational energy to light by supernovas and quasars, and by Hawking's "quantum radiance" of black holes - all processes returning bound to free energy or massive particles to massless light. (See: "[The Double Conservation Role of Gravity](#)".)

During the Big Bang, high energy light, metric spacetime, and the combined action of all the forces, produce massive particles of bound electromagnetic energy which carry charges: *the charges of matter are the symmetry debts of light* (Noether's Theorem). These charges produce forces which act to pay the symmetry debts they represent, returning the asymmetric system of matter to its original symmetric state of light. (See: "[Symmetry Principles of the Unified Field Theory](#)"; see also: "[The Symmetry Groups of Light](#)".)

[Fig. 1: The Symmetry Groups of Light: Particles](#)
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