

The Potential of Minimal Flavour Violation

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The Flavour Puzzle

Three Generations
of Matter (Fermions)

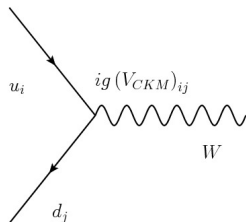
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name →	u up	c charm	t top	γ photon
Quarks	4.8 MeV	104 MeV	4.2 GeV	0
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
	d down	s strange	b bottom	g gluon
Leptons	<2.2 eV	<0.17 MeV	<15.5 MeV	91.2 GeV
	0	0	0	0
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	Z weak force
	0.511 MeV	105.7 MeV	1.777 GeV	80.4 GeV
	-1	-1	-1	±1
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	W[±] weak force

Bosons (Forces)

- Why 3 generations?
CP violation?
- Visible part of the universe → 1st generation

Mixing

Generations connect with each other through mixing matrices



Quarks

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} \sim 1 & \lambda & \lambda^3 \\ \lambda & \sim 1 & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^3 & \lambda^2 & \sim 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Leptons

$$U_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & \sim 0.2 \\ -0.4 & 0.5 & -0.7 \\ -0.4 & 0.5 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Why is the mixing pattern so different for leptons and quarks?

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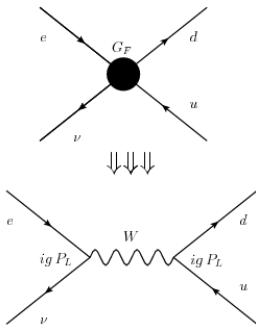
whereas in practice :
can **Beyond** the **Standard Model** accommodate flavour data and
still be within reach?

A model independent way to treat new physics:
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Fermi's Theory of beta decay

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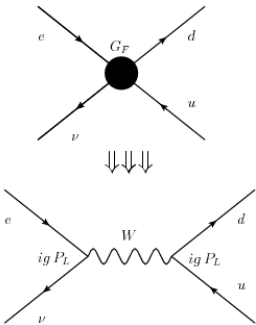


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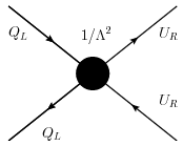
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BSM physics can be parametrized in the same (**Gauge Invariant**) way

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}^{d=5} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}^{d=6} + \dots$$



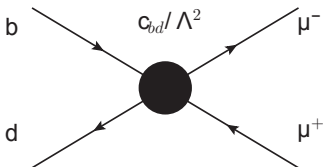
which is a valid description until we reach the scale Λ

As an example the operator:

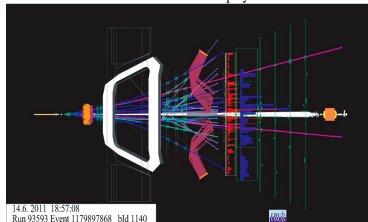
$$\mathcal{L} = \dots + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{Q}_L \mathbf{c} \gamma_\nu Q_L \bar{\ell}_L \gamma^\nu \ell_L + \dots$$

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contributes to the FCNC decay $B_s^0, B^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+$;



LHCb Event Display



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$$\text{LHCb} : BR(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+) < 10^{-9} \Rightarrow$$

$$c_{\alpha\beta} \sim 1 \Rightarrow \Lambda \gtrsim 10^3 \text{ TeV}$$

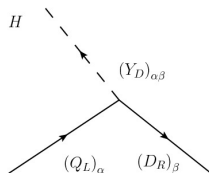
Minimal Flavour Violation (MFV)

...new physics may have a definite flavour pattern, an option is:

Minimal Flavour Violation

The MFV hypothesis: *The Yukawa couplings are the **only** sources of flavour violation in and **beyond** the Standard Model*¹.

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\mathcal{L}_{Yukawa} = & \bar{Q}_L Y_U U_R \tilde{H} + \bar{Q}_L Y_D D_R H \\
 & + \bar{\ell}_L Y_E E_R H + h.c. + (\nu \text{ mass})
 \end{aligned}$$



$$Y_U = \text{Diag}(y_u, y_c, y_t), \quad Y_D = V_{CKM} \text{Diag}(y_d, y_s, y_b), \quad Y_E = \text{Diag}(y_e, y_\mu, y_\tau)$$

¹Georgi & Chivukula 1987; D'Ambrosio, Giudice, Isidori, & Strumia, 2002; Cirigliano, Grinstein, Isidori & Wise 2005.

Minimal Flavour Violation; Realization

- Generations are distinguished by masses; in the limit of zero mass (\cancel{L}_{Yuk}) the SM presents an extended **symmetry group** :

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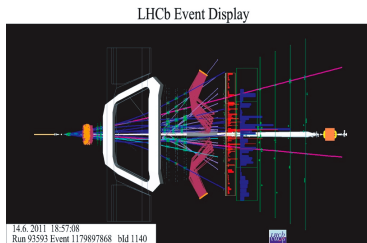
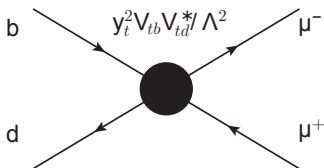
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- The Yukawa couplings break the symmetry, unless

$$\overline{Q}_L Y_D D_R H \quad Y_D \sim (3, \bar{3}, 1) \quad \text{'SPURIONS'}$$

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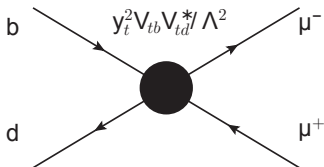


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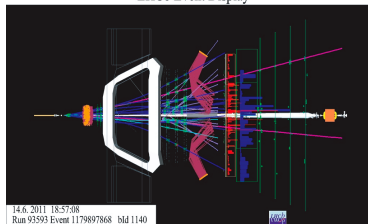
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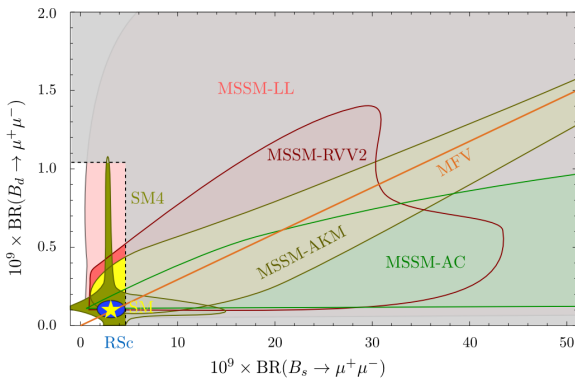
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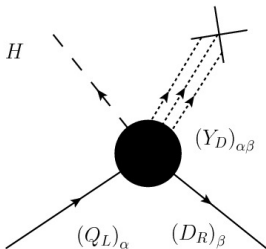
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$$\frac{\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+)}{\Gamma(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+)} \simeq \frac{V_{td} V_{td}^*}{V_{ts} V_{ts}^*}$$

can we go one step further in the direction of Minimal Flavour Violation?

The Dynamics Behind MFV

Transformation properties suggest that the Yukawa couplings have a *dynamical origin*.



The Yukawa couplings arise with the v.e.v.s² of fields that transform for real under the flavour symmetry:

$$Y = \langle \Sigma \rangle / \Lambda_f, \Sigma \sim (..3, \bar{3}, ..) \quad , \quad \text{or } Y \sim \langle \Sigma^2 \rangle / \Lambda_f^2, \quad \text{or } Y \sim \langle \Sigma^{-1} \rangle / \Lambda_f^{-1}$$

Quarks

The Dynamics Behind MFV: Quarks

the flavour symmetry: $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_{DR} \times SU(3)_{UR}$

Straightforward case : The Yukawas are the vev of 1 field $Y \sim \langle \Sigma \rangle$

$$\Sigma_d \sim (3, \bar{3}, 1)$$

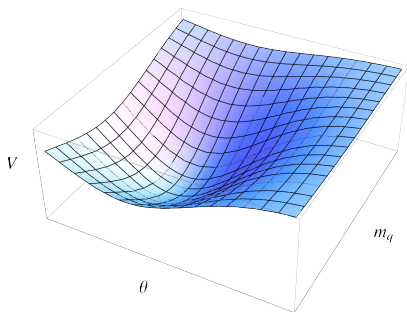
$$\Sigma_u \sim (3, 1, \bar{3})$$

$$\frac{\langle \Sigma_d \rangle}{\Lambda_f} = Y_D = V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} y_d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y_b \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\langle \Sigma_u \rangle}{\Lambda_f} = Y_U = \begin{pmatrix} y_u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y_t \end{pmatrix}.$$

... but these vevs are acquired somehow...

The Potential

the **Potential** $V(\Sigma_u, \Sigma_d)$
is the culprit of **fixing** $\langle \Sigma_{u,d} \rangle \Leftrightarrow V_{CKM} \& m_q$



unfortunately no
mixing can come
out of this potential
more on this later...

Gavela, Merlo, Rigolin, R.A. 2011

Leptons

The Dynamics Behind MFV: Leptons

For concreteness let's pick a constrained Inverse Seesaw Model with all the possible distinctive features of ν 's:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}_\nu} = (\bar{\ell}_L, \bar{N}^c, \bar{N}'^c) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tilde{\phi} Y & \tilde{\phi} Y' \\ (\tilde{\phi} Y)^T & 0 & \Lambda \\ (\tilde{\phi} Y')^T & \Lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_L^c \\ N \\ N' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|Y'| \ll |Y| \Rightarrow \text{approx LN} \quad \Lambda_{LN} = \Lambda/|Y'|, \quad \Lambda_{fl} = \Lambda.$$

the Yukawas are determined up to their overall magnitude

$$\text{N.H.} \quad Y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{m_{\nu_2} + m_{\nu_3}}} U_{PMNS} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -i\sqrt{m_{\nu_2}} e^{-i\alpha} \\ \sqrt{m_{\nu_3}} e^{i\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

LMFV

$$\text{when } Y, Y' \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}_\nu} = (\bar{\ell}_L, \bar{N}^c, \bar{N}'^c) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda \\ 0 & \Lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_L^c \\ N \\ N' \end{pmatrix}$$

the flavour symmetry is:

$$SU(3)_{\ell_L} \times SU(3)_{E_R} \times O(2)_N .$$

Fully restored at high energies with the introduction of the scalar fields:

$$Y_E = \frac{\langle \Sigma_E \rangle}{\Lambda_f} \sim (3, \bar{3}, 1); \quad (Y, Y') = \frac{\langle \chi \rangle}{\Lambda} \sim (3, 1, 2). \quad (1)$$

whose vev's are

$$\langle \Sigma_E \rangle \propto \begin{pmatrix} y_e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y_\tau \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \chi \rangle \propto U_{PMNS} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{m_{\nu_2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{m_{\nu_3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -iy & iy' \\ y & y' \end{pmatrix}$$

what is the potential for the mixing parameters now?

Invariant terms of the Potential: Mixing

Let's focus on the mixing parameters, the only invariant that depends on them is, at renormalizable level ($|Y'| \ll |Y|$):

$$\text{Tr} \left(\Sigma_E \Sigma_E^\dagger \chi \chi^\dagger \right) \propto \left\{ \sum_{l,j} |U_{PMNS}^{lj}|^2 m_l^2 m_{\nu_i} + \left[i e^{2i\alpha} \sum_{l,i < j} U_{PMNS}^{li} (U_{PMNS}^{lj})^* m_l^2 \sqrt{m_{\nu_i} m_{\nu_j}} + \text{c.c.} \right] \right\}.$$

whereas for quarks:

$$\text{Tr} \left(\Sigma_u \Sigma_u^\dagger \Sigma_d \Sigma_d^\dagger \right) \propto \sum_{i,j} |U_{CKM}^{ij}|^2 m_{u_i}^2 m_{d_j}^2,$$

Minimum of the Potential: 2 Generations

Leptons

The invariant containing the angle (2 family case & ($|Y'| \ll |Y|$)):

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Let's bring back the quark invariant (Bifundamental):

$$\text{Tr} \left(\Sigma_u \Sigma_u^\dagger \Sigma_d \Sigma_d^\dagger \right) \propto (m_c^2 - m_u^2)(m_s^2 - m_d^2) \cos 2\theta$$

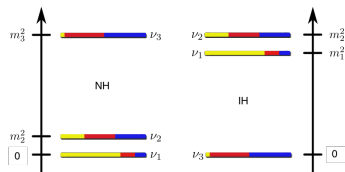
which yields

$$\boxed{(m_c^2 - m_u^2)(m_s^2 - m_d^2) \sin 2\theta = 0}.$$

3 Family Case

For the three family case:

- Only one angle can be set different from 0 as $m_{\nu_1} = 0$ imposes strong hierarchies with m_{ν_2}, m_{ν_3} . This is a peculiarity of the model.



- Such angle lies in the experimentally allowed region for an inverse Yukawa relation: $Y^{-1} \sim \Sigma$.
 - ! Suggesting: this happens in gauged flavour symmetry models³ which also solve the problem of goldstones...

³Bereziani, Khlopov 1990, Grinstein, Redi, Villadoro 2011, Feldmann 2011

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