

Minimal Flavour Violation; about its predictivity and origin

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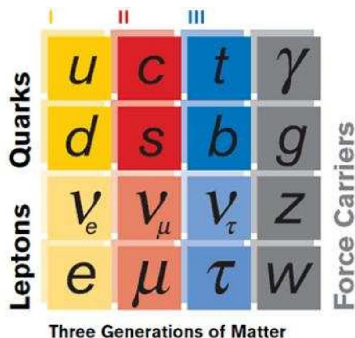
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The Flavour Puzzle



- ▶ The matter around us is made out of the first generation.
- ▶ 3 generations allow for CP violation... which does not account for the matter-antimatter asymmetry of the universe

The Flavour Puzzle

The Flavour structure comes from the Yukawa couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} = \mathcal{L}_{gauge} + \mathcal{L}_{Higgs} + \mathcal{L}_{Yukawa}$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_{Yukawa} = \overline{Q}_L Y_U U_R \tilde{H} + \overline{Q}_L Y_D D_R H + \overline{Q}_L Y_E E_R H + h.c.$$

That can be parametrized as

$$Y_U = V_{CKM}^\dagger \mathbf{y}_U \quad Y_D = \mathbf{y}_D \quad Y_E = \mathbf{y}_E$$

$$\mathbf{y}_U \sim \text{Diag}(m_u, m_c, m_t)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_D \sim \text{Diag}(m_d, m_s, m_b)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_E \sim \text{Diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau)$$

The Flavour Puzzle

The **mass** spectrum is strongly **hierarchical**



The **mixing angles** are small for **quarks**

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

$$\lambda \sim 0.22$$

...and large for **leptons**

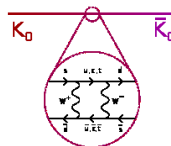
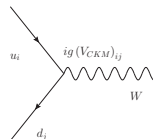
$$U_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & \textcolor{red}{?0.2} \\ -0.4 & 0.5 & -0.7 \\ -0.4 & 0.5 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

+extra phases??

Flavour Physics

The Flavour Phenomenology of the SM is very specific

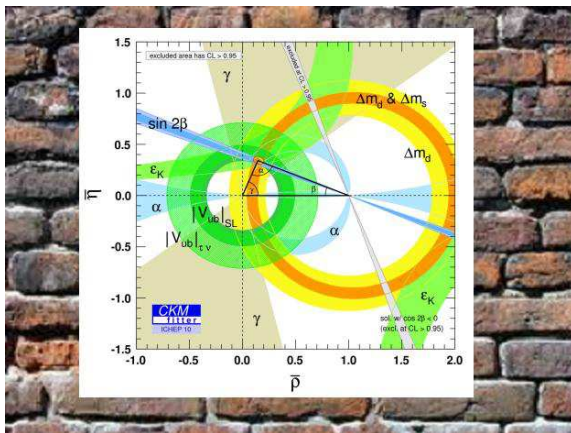
- ▶ There are **no** Flavour Changing Neutral Currents at tree level in the SM
- ▶ FCNC processes occur at the loop level and GIM suppressed
- ▶ CP violation 'small'; Jarlskog $\text{Inv.} \propto \text{GIM in SM}$



→ **Sensitivity** to new physics

The Flavour Problem

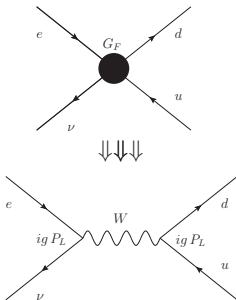
All the flavour data is \sim consistent with the SM



Beyond the Standard Model; Effective Field Theory

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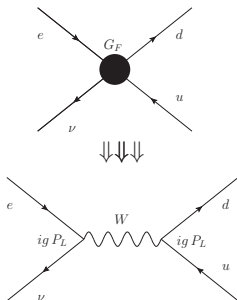


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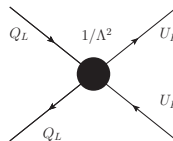
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BSM physics

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



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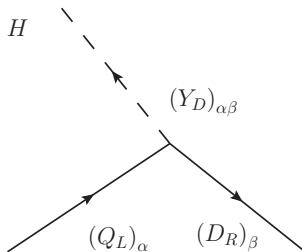
which is a valid description up to Λ

Typically, $\Lambda > 10^{2-3} \text{ TeV}$

Minimal Flavour Violation (MFV)

MFV is a **symmetry approach** to the flavour problem that takes the **experimental data at face value**.

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



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

Minimal Flavour Violation; Realization

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The predictions have the Standard Model flavour structure:

$$\mathcal{A}(d^i \rightarrow d^j)_{MFV} = (V_{ti}^* V_{tj}) \mathcal{A}_{SM}^{(\Delta F=1)} \left(1 + \frac{(4\pi)^2 y_t^2 M_W^2}{\Lambda_{NP}^2} \right)$$

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Minimal Flavour Violation; it's predictivity

The strongest experimental bound sets $\Lambda_{NP} > \text{TeV} \sim \Lambda_{EW}$.
This has implications for other observables

Observable	Experiment	MFV prediction	SM prediction
β_s from $\mathcal{A}_{CP}(B_s \rightarrow \psi\phi)$	$[0.10, 1.44]$ @ 95% CL	$0.04(5)^*$	$0.04(2)$
$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	$< 6\%$ @ 95% CL	$< 0.02^*$	< 0.01
$\mathcal{B}(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.3(3) \times 10^{-10}$
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_s \tau^+ \tau^-)$	–	$< 5 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.6(5) \times 10^{-7}$
$\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})$	$< 2.6 \times 10^{-8}$ @ 90% CL	$< 2.9 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.9(5) \times 10^{-11}$

Isidori, Nir, Perez

MFV **is not a model**, does not 'predict' Λ_{NP} , it does **predict relative** strengths,

$$\frac{\Gamma(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\Gamma(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)} = \frac{|V_{td}|^2}{|V_{ts}|^2}$$

Minimal Flavour Violation

Still one may question some aspects

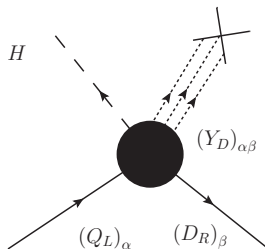
- ▶ It assumes top dominance $\left(Y_U Y_U^\dagger\right)_{ij} \simeq V_{ti}^* V_{tj} y_t^2$
- ▶ Implies no seizable up type quark transitions
- ▶ This would not be so in a 2 Higgs setup [Branco, Grimus, Lavoura,...]
- ▶ CP violation arising from V_{CKM} only
- ▶ Extend MFV with, i. e., flavour blind phases [Colangelo, Nikolidakis, Smith, Ellis, Lee, Pilaftsis,...]

This practical use of MFV in an effective field theory scheme has proven successful...

... but the **formal** invariance under the flavour group broken by some **constant** matrices Y_U and Y_D with '**transformation properties**' (!)...

The Dynamics Behind MFV

Suggests that Y_U & Y_D have a *dynamical origin*.



The Yukawa Interaction involves extra **fields** increasing the dimension of the 'Yukawa Operator'.

$$Y_D \sim \langle \Psi \rangle ?$$

$$Y_D = \langle \Psi^2 \rangle ?$$

$$Y_D = \langle \Psi^n \rangle ?$$

These fields acquire a v.e.v. and fix the Yukawa couplings.

The Dynamics Behind MFV

THE AIM

What we did is to **construct** and **analyze** the **Potential** for the fields behind **MFV**

$$V(Y_D, Y_U, H)$$

With just two prescriptions

- ▶ **Invariance** under the SM **gauge group**
→ $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$
- ▶ **Invariance** under the **flavour group**
→ $SU(3)_{Q_L} \times SU(3)_{D_R} \times SU(3)_{U_R}$

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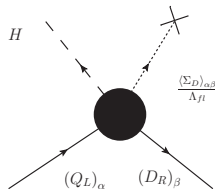
Different cases shorted by EFT & Group Theory

1. The Yukawas are the vev of 1 field

$$Y \sim \langle \Sigma \rangle$$

- Dim. 5 \leftrightarrow Bifundamental Fields

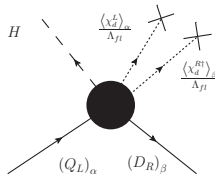
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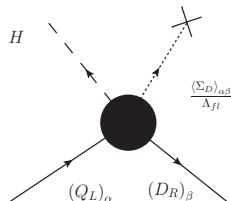
2. The Yukawas are 'composite' $Y \sim \langle \chi\chi \rangle$

- Dim. 6 \leftrightarrow Fundamental Fields

$$\overline{Q}_L \frac{\chi_d^L \chi_d^{R\dagger}}{\Lambda_f^2} D_R H \quad \chi_d^L \sim (3, 1, 1) \\ \chi_d^R \sim (1, 3, 1)$$



Dimension 5 Yukawa Operator or Bifundamental Fields



The Scalar Potential

Construction of the Potential; Bifundamental Fields

First collect the G_f and G_{gauge} invariants at hand:

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Feldman, Jung, Mannel

Five **independent** invariants for two generations.

The invariants can be expressed in terms of masses and mixing angles (2 gen.):

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Construction of the Potential; Bifundamental Fields

The most general Potential is:

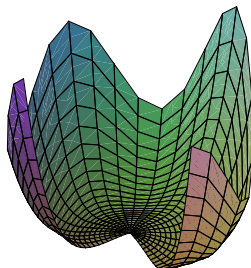
$$V = \sum_{i=u,d} \left(-\mu_i^2 \text{Tr} \left(\Sigma_i \Sigma_i^\dagger \right) - \tilde{\mu}_i^2 \det \left(\Sigma_i \right) \right) + \\ \sum_{i,j=u,d} \left(\lambda_{ij} \text{Tr} \left(\Sigma_i \Sigma_i^\dagger \right) \text{Tr} \left(\Sigma_j \Sigma_j^\dagger \right) + \tilde{\lambda}_{ij} \det \left(\Sigma_i \right) \det \left(\Sigma_j \right) + \dots \right) \dots$$

The minimum of the Potential is given by:

$$\frac{\partial V \left(\Sigma \left(Y_{U,D} \right) \right)}{\partial y_i} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial V \left(\Sigma \left(Y_{U,D} \right) \right)}{\partial \theta_i} = 0$$

⇓

$$y_i = y_i \left(\mu, \tilde{\mu}, \lambda \right) \quad \theta_i = \theta_i \left(\mu, \tilde{\mu}, \lambda \right)$$



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Bifundamental Fields

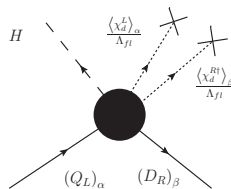
Can the actual masses and mixing fit naturally ($\mu < \Lambda_f, \lambda \sim 1$) in the minimum of the Potential?

The answer is worse than **NO**.

- ▶ Not only we have to input the hierarchy of masses in the potential parameters, which was to expect but ...
- ▶ To **accommodate the mixing** we must introduce wild fine tunings of $O(10^{-10})$ and nonrenormalizable terms of dimension 8

$$\frac{\partial V^{(4)}}{\partial \theta} \propto (y_c^2 - y_u^2) (y_s^2 - y_d^2) \sin 2\theta = 0$$

Dimension 6 Yukawa Operator or fundamental Fields



The Scalar Potential

Fundamental Fields

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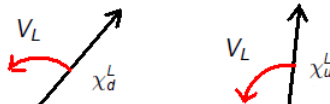
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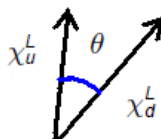


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But the *relative angle* is **invariant**



Diagonalizing the Yukawa coupling =
finding the **moduli** \sim **masses** +
the **relative angle** \sim **mixing**

Fundamental Fields

We can use a G_f transformation $V = V_L \times V_{U_R} \times V_{D_R}$ to rotate the vectors to:

$$Y_D \xrightarrow{V} \frac{|\chi_d^L| |\chi_d^R|}{\Lambda_f^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

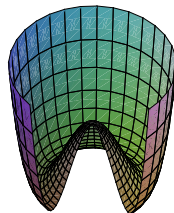
$$Y_U \xrightarrow{V} \frac{|\chi_u^L| |\chi_u^R|}{\Lambda_f^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This means a **hierarchy** among the **masses** and **an angle only by construction!**

Minimum of the Potential

The explicit invariants are:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_u^{L\dagger} \chi_u^L, \quad \chi_u^{R\dagger} \chi_u^R, \quad \chi_d^{L\dagger} \chi_d^L, \\ \chi_d^{R\dagger} \chi_d^R, \quad \chi_u^{L\dagger} \chi_d^L = |\chi_u^L| |\chi_d^L| \cos \theta_c. \end{aligned}$$



We can fit the angle and the masses in the Potential;
as an example:

$$\begin{aligned} V' = \lambda_u \left(\chi_u^{L\dagger} \chi_u^L - \frac{\mu_u^2}{2\lambda_u} \right)^2 + \lambda_d \left(\chi_d^{L\dagger} \chi_d^L - \frac{\mu_d^2}{2\lambda_d} \right)^2 \\ + \lambda_{ud} \left(\chi_u^{L\dagger} \chi_d^L - \frac{\mu_{ud}^2}{2\lambda_{ud}} \right)^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The minimum is: $y_c^2 = \frac{\mu_u^2}{2\lambda_u \Lambda^2}, \quad y_s^2 = \frac{\mu_d^2}{2\lambda_d \Lambda^2}, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\mu_{ud}^2 \sqrt{\lambda_u \lambda_d}}{\mu_u \mu_d \lambda_{ud}}.$

Combination of Fundamental and Bifundamental fields

Sensible from the effective field theory point of view

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = \overline{Q}_L \left[\frac{\Sigma_d}{\Lambda_f} + \frac{\chi_d^L \chi_d^{R\dagger}}{\Lambda_f^2} \right] D_R H + \overline{Q}_L \left[\frac{\Sigma_u}{\Lambda_f} + \frac{\chi_u^L \chi_u^{R\dagger}}{\Lambda_f^2} \right] U_R \tilde{H} + h.c.$$

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Summary

- ▶ We constructed and analyzed the Potential of MFV.
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- ▶ To the extent that the **bifundamental** field realization ($Y \sim \Sigma$) **does not fit** the quark masses and **mixing** angles.
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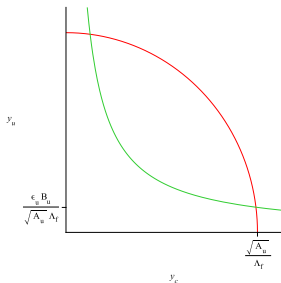
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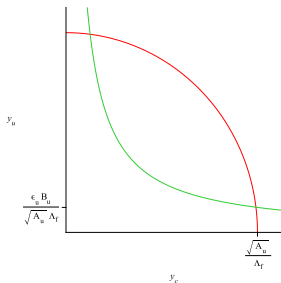
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For the mixing, at the renormalizable level there is **only 1** term

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The minimum sits at no mixing **$V_{CKM} = 1$ unavoidably.**

The fixing of the angles would require **higher order terms**

Minimal Flavour Violation; about its predictivity and origin **+ huge fine tuning** .

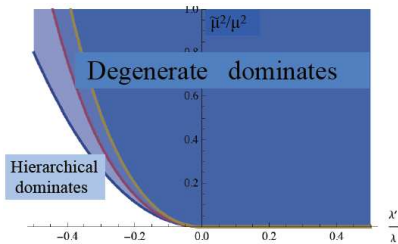
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In this case a small parameter region opens for a hierarchical solution

$$\mathbf{y}_U = \text{Diag}(0, 0, y)$$

$$V^{(4)} = -\mu^2 \text{Tr}(\Sigma_u \Sigma_u^\dagger) + \tilde{\mu} \det(\Sigma_u) + \lambda \text{Tr}^2(\Sigma_u \Sigma_u^\dagger) + \lambda' \text{Tr}(\Sigma_u \Sigma_u^\dagger)^2$$



but also the cross term $g \text{Tr}(\Sigma_u \Sigma_u^\dagger) \text{Tr}(\Sigma_u \Sigma_d^\dagger)$ shall be suppressed as $g < y_b^2/y_t^2$ to prevent top-bottom degeneracy.

A more complete picture

Dimension 6 Yukawa Operator

The structure of the measured masses and mixing suggests a sequential breaking².

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$$SU(3)^3 \xrightarrow{\chi} SU(2)^3 \xrightarrow{\chi'} \emptyset$$

² $SU(2)^3 \rightarrow$ Barbieri, Isidori, Jones-Pérez, Lodone, Straub