

Quark Flavours Physics

The known fundamental matter comes in ~~two~~ three generations, carrying the same charges under the SM gauge group $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

Flavour is the feature that distinguish the generations.

Open question in flavour physics:

- ↳ mass hierarchie $m(\nu) \ll eV$, $m(u) \sim MeV$, $m(t) \sim 171 GeV$
- ↳ structure of the interaction

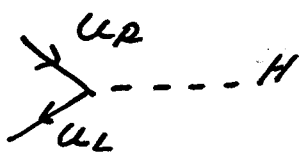
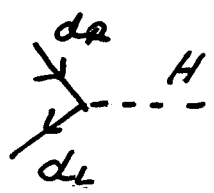
Both effects parametrised in the SM, but origin not understood.

Additional interesting effect: CP violation only observed in flavour changing hadronic processes

1) Flavours within the SM

After spontaneous breaking of EW symmetry the quark's Yukawa terms give rise to masses and mixing.

$$\mathcal{L}_Y^{quark} = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{d}_L \gamma d_R + \bar{u}_L \gamma u_R) + h.c.$$



$$d_L = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$$u_L = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ c \\ t \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$\gamma_d, \gamma_u : 3 \times 3$ matrices

The CKM matrix:

Strong and EM interaction does not distinguish between (u, c, t) and (d, s, b) quarks.

Coupling strengths are the same for all up-type and all down-type quarks.

⇒ Strong and EM eigenstates are degenerated

⇒ can define mass eigenstates which are eigenstates of strong EM interaction as well

However flavour eigenstates ≠ mass eigenstates

Rewrite $\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}}$ in form of mass eigenstates:

$$M_u = \begin{pmatrix} m_u & & \\ & m_c & \\ & & m_t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}} V_{L,u} Y_u V_{R,u}^+$$

$$M_d = \begin{pmatrix} m_d & & \\ & m_s & \\ & & m_b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}} V_{L,d} Y_d V_{R,d}^+$$

$V_{A,q} V_{A,q}^+ = 1$
unitary matrices

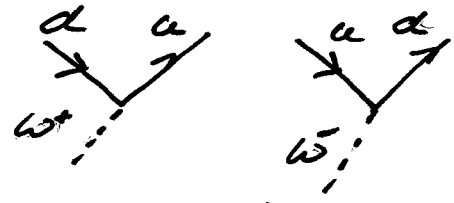
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quarks}} = - \bar{\tilde{d}}_L M_d \tilde{d}_R - \bar{\tilde{u}}_L M_u \tilde{u}_R + \text{h.c.}$$

↑
mass eigenstates

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\tilde{d}}_L = \bar{d}_L V_{L,d}^+ \quad \tilde{d}_R = V_{R,d} d_R$$

$$\bar{\tilde{u}}_L = \bar{u}_L V_{L,u}^+ \quad \tilde{u}_R = V_{R,u} u_R$$

charged current interaction



$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = \frac{-g}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu \tilde{W}_\mu^+ d_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu \tilde{W}_\mu^- u_L) + \text{h.c.}$$

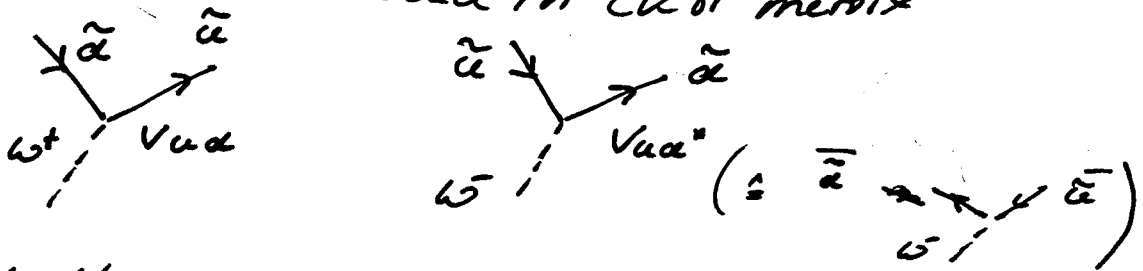
$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = \frac{-g}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\bar{u}_L V_{L,u} \gamma^\mu \omega^+ V_{L,d} \tilde{d}_L + \bar{d}_L V_{L,d} \gamma^\mu \omega^- V_{L,u} \tilde{u}_L \right)$$

$$= \frac{-g}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu \omega^+ \underbrace{V_{L,u} V_{L,d}^\dagger}_{V_{CKM}} \tilde{d}_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu \omega^- \underbrace{V_{L,d} V_{L,u}^\dagger}_{V_{CKM}^\dagger} \tilde{u}_L \right)$$

$V_{L,q}$ are unitary matrices $\Rightarrow V_{CKM}$ is a unitary matrix
 If up-type and down-type quark matrices cannot be diagonalised simultaneously, there is a net effect of the basis change of the charge current interaction:

If $V_{L,u} \neq V_{L,d}^\dagger \Rightarrow$ non trivial mixing matrix.

Flavor structure is encoded in CKM matrix



[Why don't we see quark mixing for neutral currents?]

Apply CP transformation. $W^- \rightarrow W^+$
 incoming particle \Rightarrow outgoing particle

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC}^{CP} = \frac{-g}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu \omega^- V_{CKM}^\dagger \tilde{u}_L + \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu \omega^+ V_{CKM} \tilde{d}_L \right)$$

If $V_{CKM} = V_{CKM}^* \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{CC}^{CP} = \mathcal{L}_{CC}$

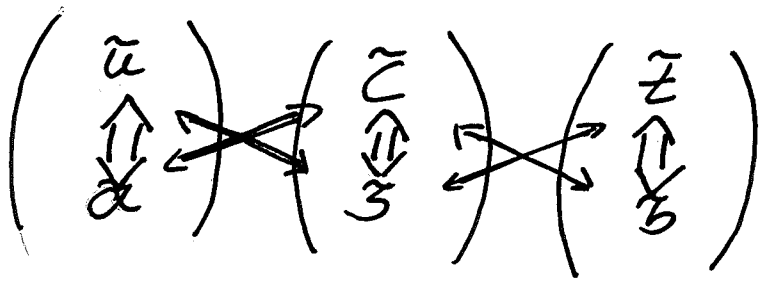
\Rightarrow CP conservation

Complex phase of CKM matrix is prerequisite for CP-violation!

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

CKM $\hat{=}$ Cabibbo - Kobayashi - Maskawa

Nobel prize in 2008
(model for CP + prediction of third quark family)



$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{pmatrix}$$

size of "□" represents strength of coupling

Transition within the same family is CKM favoured!

Parameters of the CKM matrix

9 complex numbers \Rightarrow 18 parameters

- 9 unitarity conditions
- 5 relative quark phases

4 independent parameters

3 rotation angles + 1 phase

$\hat{=}$ CP-Violation!

Phases of left-handed quark fields are unobservable
=> possible to redefine

$$\begin{aligned}
u_L &\rightarrow e^{i\alpha_u} u_L & c_L &\rightarrow e^{i\alpha_c} c_L & t_L &\rightarrow e^{i\alpha_t} t_L \\
d_L &\rightarrow e^{i\alpha_d} d_L & s_L &\rightarrow e^{i\alpha_s} s_L & b_L &\rightarrow e^{i\alpha_b} b_L
\end{aligned}$$

RH quark fields are rotated simultaneously to keep mass term real.

$$V_{CKM} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\alpha_u} & & \\ & e^{-i\alpha_c} & \\ & & e^{-i\alpha_t} \end{pmatrix} V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_d} & & \\ & e^{i\alpha_s} & \\ & & e^{i\alpha_b} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{ij} \rightarrow \exp[i(\phi_j - \phi_u)] V_{ij}$$

6 phases => 5 relative phase differences

One possible parametrisation of the CKM matrix is

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{CKM} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\beta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{i\beta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \dots \text{ see slides}
\end{aligned}$$

$$c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij} \quad s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$$

This parametrisation is exact and completely general
Phenomenologically, the CKM matrix is hierarchical

$\theta_{13} \ll \theta_{23} \ll \theta_{12} \ll 1$ and has an ~~order~~ $O(\lambda)$ phase.

A useful parametrisation making the hierarchy transparent is due to Wolfenstein:

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda^2/2 & +\lambda & A\lambda^3(\bar{s} - i\bar{c}) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \lambda^2/2 & +A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \bar{s} - i\bar{c}) - A\lambda^2 & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + O(\lambda^4)$$

$$\lambda \approx 0.225 \quad A \approx 0.81 \quad \bar{s} = 0.14 \quad \bar{c} = 0.34$$

In total 10 parameters in the quark flavour sector of the SM: 4 parameters of the CKM matrix + 6 quark masses.

Unitarity triangles

The unitarity of the CKM matrix $V_{CKM} V_{CKM}^\dagger = 1$ leads to experimental testable constraints.

Three of the nine relations are of the type:

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$$

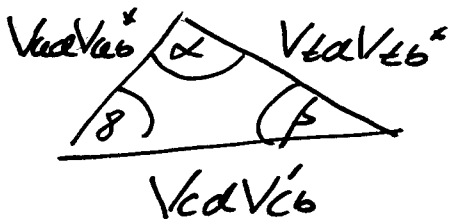
this expresses the fact that the sum of the probabilities that up-type and down-type quark d, s, t is 1.

Taking the first and the third column of CKM one finds:

$$V_{ud}V_{ub}^* + V_{cd}V_{cb}^* + V_{td}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

„db“ triangle

This can be depicted as triangle in the complex plane.



$$\alpha = \arg \left[-\frac{V_{td}V_{tb}^*}{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*} \right]$$

$$\beta = \arg \left[-\frac{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}{V_{td}V_{tb}^*} \right]$$

$$\gamma = \arg \left[-\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*} \right]$$

There exist 6 different triangles, all with same area. The „db“ triangle is called THE unitarity ^{area} triangle. It was extensively tested at the B-Factories BELLE and BaBar.

It is customary to rescale the unitarity triangle by normalisation of the triangle basis to one.

For the rescaled triangle the position of the apex is given by the complex number $\bar{s} + im$

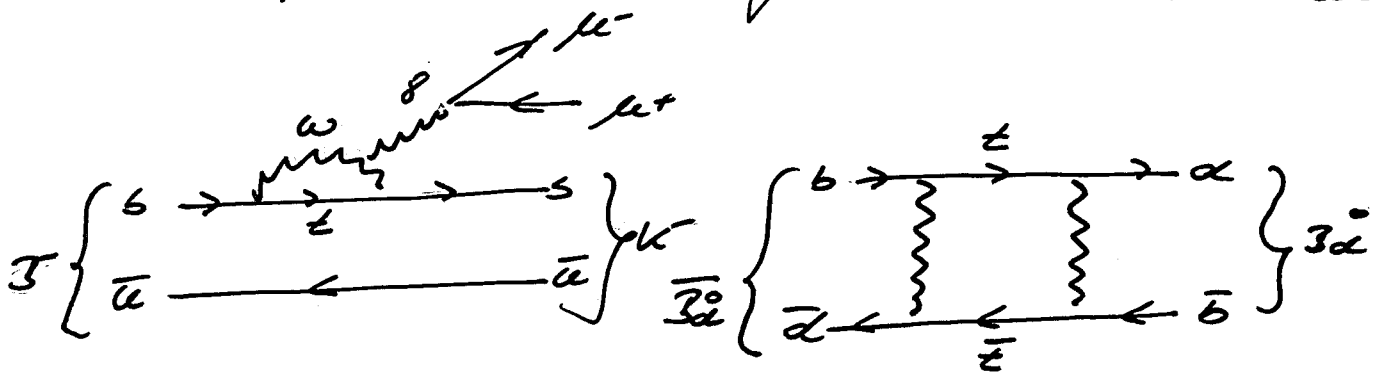
For current status of the CKM matrix see slides

2 Mixing of neutral mesons

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The quark mixing results into several interesting "loop" effects.

Flavor changing neutral currents are allowed at loop level, however forbidden at tree-level



Neutral meson mixing

$$|P^0\rangle : K^0 = |d\bar{s}\rangle \quad D^0 = |\bar{u}c\rangle \quad B_d^0 = |\bar{b}d\rangle \quad B_s^0 = |\bar{b}s\rangle$$

$$|\bar{P}^0\rangle : \bar{K}^0 = |\bar{d}s\rangle \quad \bar{D}^0 = |u\bar{c}\rangle \quad \bar{B}_d^0 = |b\bar{d}\rangle \quad \bar{B}_s^0 = |b\bar{s}\rangle$$

discovery

1960

2007

1987

2006

[Very slow]

[Very fast]

Mixing Phenomenology (applies to all neutral mesons)

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} B^0(t) \\ \bar{B}^0(t) \end{pmatrix} = \left(M - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma \right) \begin{pmatrix} B^0(t) \\ \bar{B}^0(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Flavor states are no mass eigenstates

Class eigenstates $|B_L\rangle = p|B^0\rangle + q|\bar{B}^0\rangle$
 with m_L, Γ_L "right"

$|B_H\rangle = p|B^0\rangle - q|\bar{B}^0\rangle$
 with m_H, Γ_H

$$|B_{H,L}(t)\rangle = |B_{H,L}\rangle e^{-im_{H,L}t} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{H,L}t}$$

Flavour eigenstates:

$$|B^0\rangle = \frac{1}{2p} (|B_L\rangle + |B_H\rangle) \quad |\bar{B}^0\rangle = \frac{1}{2q} (|B_L\rangle - |B_H\rangle)$$

Complex coefficients $p, q \cdot |p|^2 + |q|^2 = 1$

$$|B^0(t)\rangle = \frac{1}{2p} (p|B^0\rangle + q|\bar{B}^0\rangle) e^{-im_L t} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_L t} + \frac{1}{2p} (p|B^0\rangle - q|\bar{B}^0\rangle) e^{-im_H t} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_H t}$$

$$\mathcal{U}(B^0(t=0) \rightarrow B^0(t)) = \langle B^0 | B^0(t) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-im_L t} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_L t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-im_H t} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_H t}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(B^0 \rightarrow B^0) = |\mathcal{U}|^2 = \frac{1}{4} [e^{-\Gamma_L t} + e^{-\Gamma_H t} + 2e^{-(\Gamma_L + \Gamma_H)t/2} \cos(\Delta m t)]$$

$\Delta m = m_H - m_L$

$$\mathcal{P}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0) = |\mathcal{U}(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \frac{|q|^2}{|p|^2} [e^{-\Gamma_L t} + e^{-\Gamma_H t} - 2e^{-(\Gamma_L + \Gamma_H)t/2} \cos(\Delta m t)]$$

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CP - Violation in mixing:

$$\Gamma(B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0) \neq \Gamma(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow B^0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{q}{p} \right| \neq 1$$