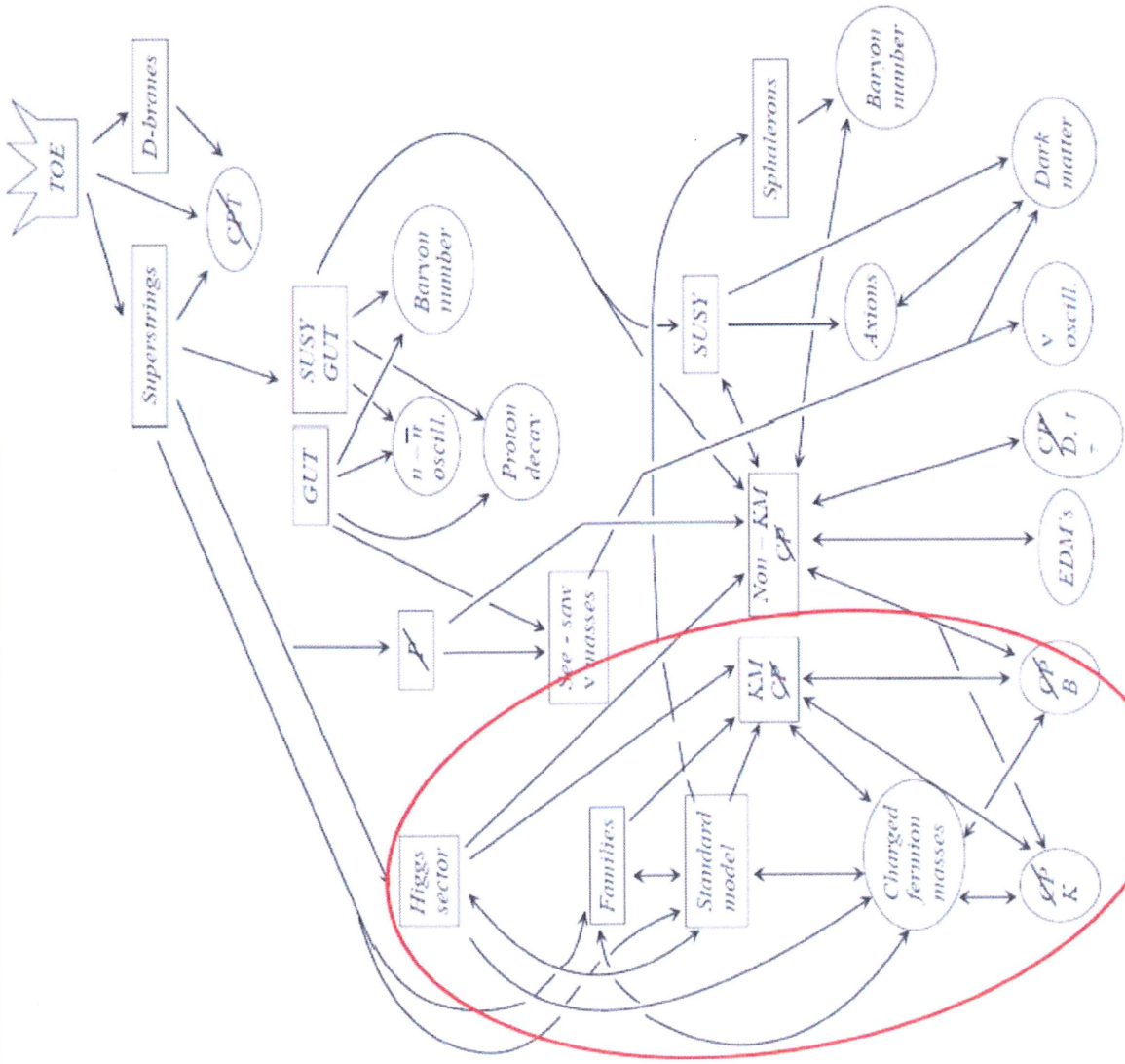


# Flavor Physics



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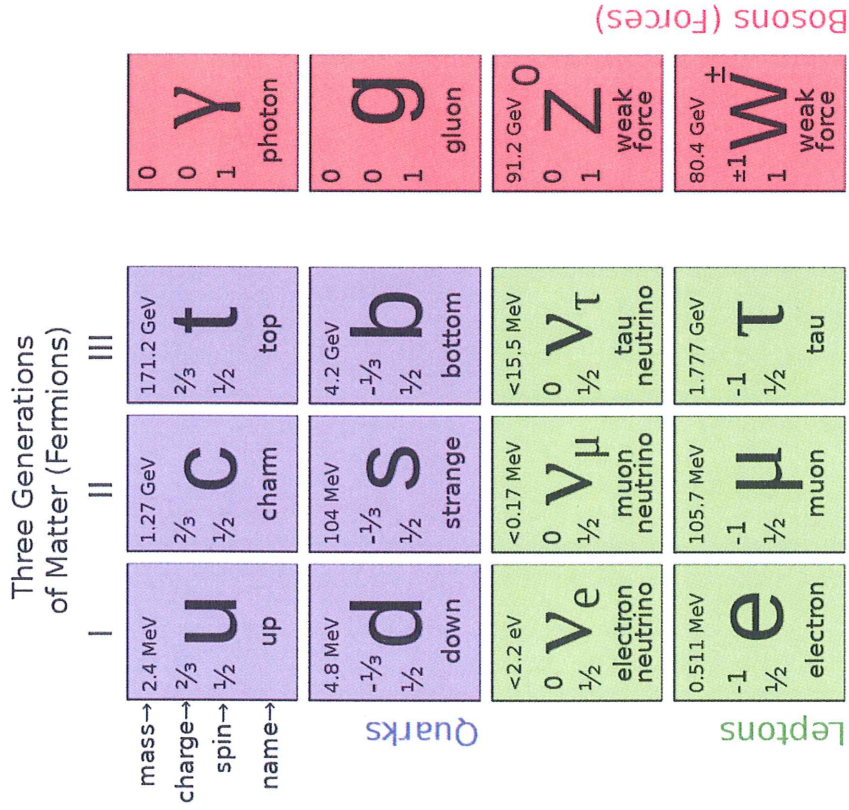
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Lecture not fully planned through – let's see how far we get!

# I. Standard Model

Fig. I.1



Ordinary matter is made of particles of the 1<sup>st</sup> generation

<http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standardmodell>

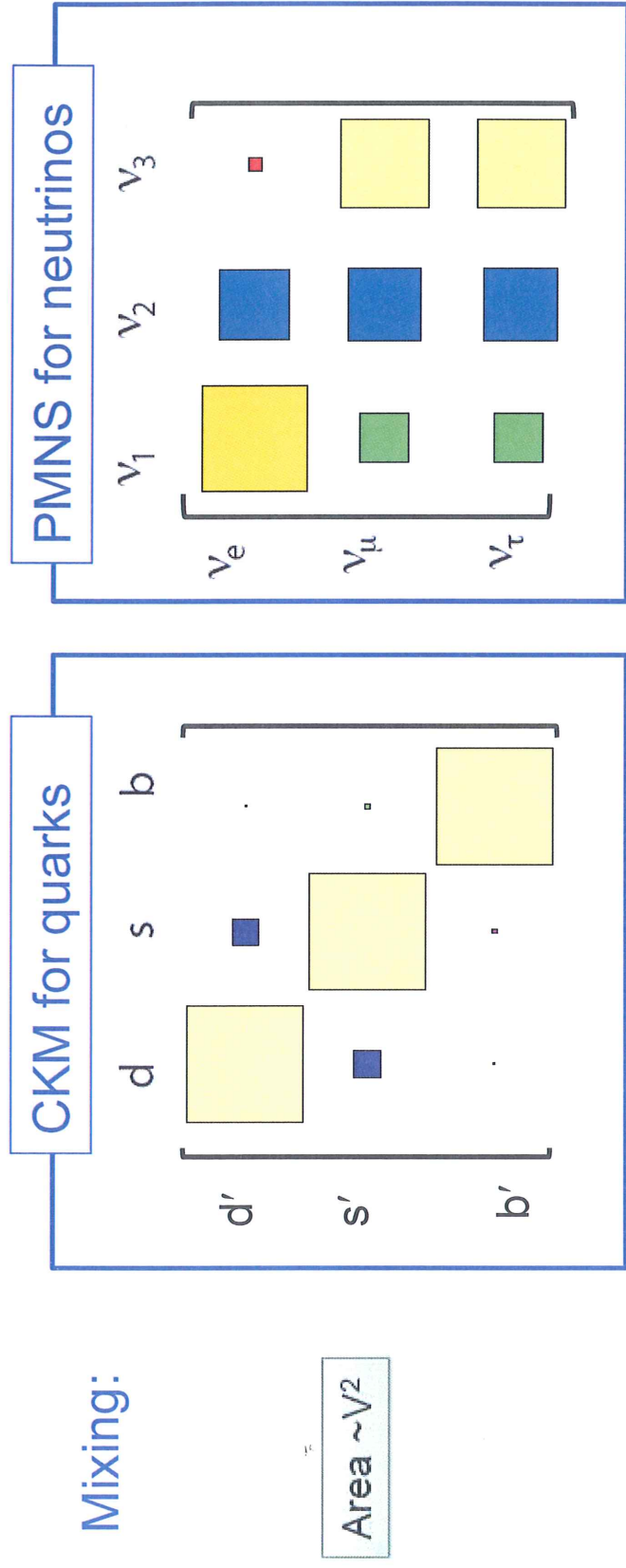
Particles of the 3 generations carry the same charges under the Standard Model gauge group:  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$

# Flavor sector: Masses and Mixing

## Flavor parameters:

- 6 quark masses
  - 3 quark mixing angles + 1 phase: CKM matrix
  - 3 + 3 lepton masses
  - 3 lepton mixing angles + 1 phase : PMNS matrix
- } 20 parameters

Fig. 1.2

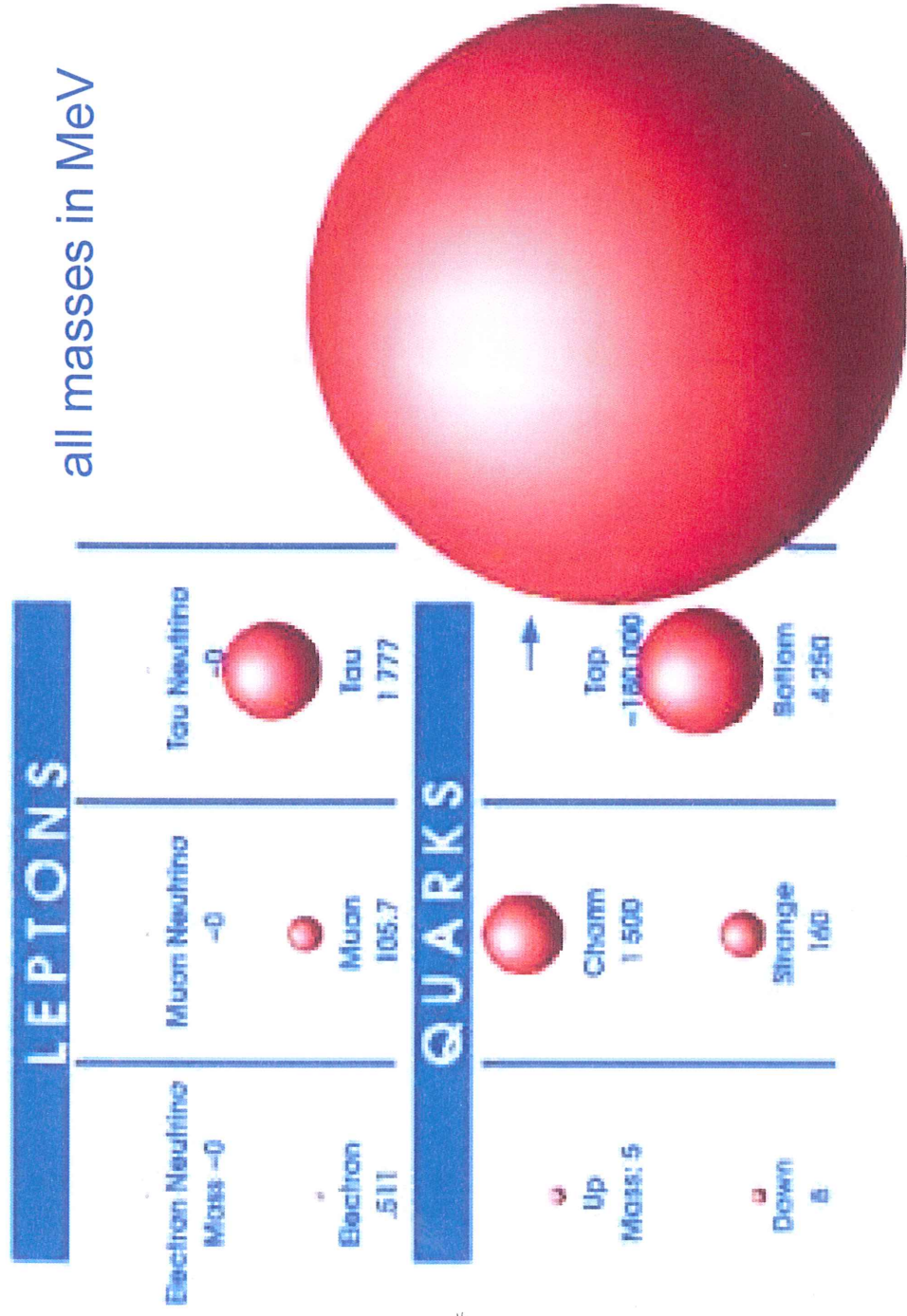


Why these values? Are the two related? Are they related to masses?

# Fermion Masses

Fig. I.3

<http://www.physics.mcmaster.ca/ElementaryParticle/>



# I. Flavor in the Standard Model

## 1. Fundamental particles

### 3 Generations of fundamental particles

	I	II	III	Q [e]
Quarks	u	c	t	$+\frac{2}{3}$
	d	s	b	$-\frac{1}{3}$
Leptons	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$	0
	e	$\mu$	$\tau$	-1

The 3 generations carry the same charges under the SM gauge group  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ .

Flavor physics: Difference between the 3 Generations and the phenomenology related to it.

Remark: Chirality

Exp. observation: Only left-handed fermion components  $\psi_L$  participate in the weak charged current interaction.

→ W bosons only couple to LH fermion components (RH antifermions)

Parity is violated, maximally!

Fermion components:  $\psi_L = P_L \psi = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma^5) \psi$   
 $\psi_R = P_R \psi = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \gamma^5) \psi$

with projectors  $P_L$  and  $P_R$ :  $P_L^2 = P_L$      $P_L P_R = P_R P_L = 0$   
 $P_R^2 = P_R$      $P_L + P_R = 1$

One finds the following decomposition:

$$(*) \quad \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi = \bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\mu \psi_R \quad \text{fermion currents}$$

$$\bar{\psi} \psi = \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L \quad \text{mass terms}$$

$$\text{with } \bar{\psi} = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0$$

Exercise: Show (\*)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{For QCD with } n \text{ massless quarks:} \\ \text{Global chiral symmetry: } U(n)_L \times U(n)_R \end{array} \right\} \text{broken by quark masses}$$

In order to accommodate observed parity violation, left and right-handed quarks are assigned to different representations of  $SU(2)_L$ : LH fermions are doublets with weak isospin  $\frac{1}{2} = T$   
RH fermions are singlets; no weak charge

### Exercise - Solution

$$1) \quad \bar{\psi}_L = \psi_L^\dagger \gamma^0 = (\psi_L^\dagger \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma^5)) \gamma^0 = \psi_L^\dagger \gamma^0 \frac{1}{2} (1 + \gamma^5) = \bar{\psi} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \gamma^5)$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $\gamma^5 = \gamma^{5+} \quad \gamma^5 \gamma^0 = -\gamma^0 \gamma^5$

$$\text{damit hat man: } \bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \psi_R = \frac{1}{4} \bar{\psi} (1 + \gamma^5) \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) \psi$$

$$\gamma^5 \gamma^\mu = -\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \quad \rightarrow \quad = \frac{1}{4} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \underbrace{(1 - \gamma^5)}_{=0} \underbrace{(1 + \gamma^5)}_{=0} \psi$$

= 0

$$\text{damit wird } \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi = (\bar{\psi}_L + \bar{\psi}_R) \gamma^\mu (\psi_L + \psi_R) = \bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\mu \psi_R$$

## 2. Particle representations and charges under $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

$$Y = Q - T_3$$

Each generation consists of the following five fermion multiplets

$$Q_{Li} (3, 2, +\frac{1}{6}) = \begin{pmatrix} u_{Li} \\ d_{Li} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{LH Quark multiplet} \\ \text{Triplet under } SU(3)_C \\ \text{Doublet under } SU(2)_L \quad T = \frac{1}{2} \\ U(1) \text{ Hypercharge } Y = +\frac{1}{6} \end{array}$$

$\uparrow$   
generation index

$$U_{Ri} (3, 1, +\frac{2}{3}) \quad \begin{array}{l} SU(2)_L \text{ singlet} \quad T = 0 \end{array}$$

$$d_{Ri} (3, 1, -\frac{1}{3})$$

$$L_{Li} (1, 2, -\frac{1}{2}) = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{Li} \\ e_{Li} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Leptons are } SU(3)_C \text{ singlets} \\ \text{Isospin doublet and Hypercharge } -\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

$$e_{Ri} (1, 1, -1)$$

## 3) Yukawa coupling to Higgs and origin of mass

$$\text{SM Lagrangian: } \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kinetic}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}$$

a) Kinetic term describes dynamics of fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kinetic}} = i\bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi$$

with the covariant derivative

$$\not{D} = \not{\partial} + ig_s G_a^N \lambda_a + ig W_b^N \sigma_b + ig' B^N \gamma$$

$G_a^N$ ,  $W_b^N$  and  $B^N$  are the  $8+3+1$  gauge fields



Kinetic term for quarks and leptons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kinetic}}^{\text{quark}} = i \bar{Q}_{Li} \gamma_{\mu} \left( \partial^{\mu} - \frac{i}{2} g_s \underbrace{G_a^{\mu} \lambda_a}_{T} + \frac{i}{2} g \underbrace{W_b^{\mu} \tau_b}_{Y} + \frac{i}{6} g' B^{\mu} \right) Q_{Li}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kinetic}}^{\text{lepton}} = i \bar{L}_{Li} \gamma_{\mu} \left( \partial^{\mu} + \frac{i}{2} g W_b^{\mu} \tau_b + \frac{i}{2} g' B^{\mu} \right) L_{Li}$$

(expression for RH Quarks + Leptons less interesting; only NC!)

b) Higgs - Potential describing the scalar self-interactions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = \mu \phi^{\dagger} \phi - \lambda (\phi^{\dagger} \phi)^2$$

(vacuum stability:  $\lambda > 0$ ; Pattern of spontaneous symmetry breaking:  $\mu^2 < 0$ )

c) Yukawa interaction with Higgs-Field:

→ Split into leptonic and baryonic (quark) part:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{lept}} = Y_{ij}^{\ell} \cdot \bar{L}_{Li} \phi \cdot l_{Rj} + \text{h.c.}$$

After symmetry breaking Higgs acquires VEV  $\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h(x) \end{pmatrix}$   
 → lead to masses for the charged leptons

Lepton Yukawa matrix diagonal (no mixing) and involve 3 parameters = charged lepton masses,  $m_{\ell_i} = Y_{ii}^{\ell} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$

Note that neutrinos stay massless in SM.

→ For the quarks one obtains:

$$- \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{quarks}} = Y_{ij}^d \bar{Q}_{Li} \phi d_{Rj} + Y_{ij}^u \bar{Q}_{Li} \tilde{\phi} u_{Rj} + \text{h.c.}$$

This is where the quark masses and the flavor mixing arises:

The Yukawa matrices describing the Yukawa interactions are in general complex and non-diagonal (→ flavor structure)

After symmetry breaking and with the doublet  $Q_{Li} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{Li} \\ d_{Li} \end{pmatrix}$  one can rewrite the Yukawa interaction as:

$$- \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{quarks}} = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \bar{d}_{Li} Y_{ij}^d d_{Rj} + \bar{u}_{Li} Y_{ij}^u u_{Rj} \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

Mass eigenstates  $\tilde{u}$  and  $\tilde{d}$  of quarks can be obtained by a unitary transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_L &= V_{L,u} u_L & \tilde{d}_L &= V_{L,d} d_L \\ \tilde{u}_R &= V_{R,u} u_R & \tilde{d}_R &= V_{R,d} d_R \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with all matrices: } V_{A,q} \cdot V_{Aq}^+ = 1$$

The matrices  $V_{Aq}$  are chosen such that the matrices

$$M_d = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot V_{Ld} \cdot Y^d \cdot V_{Rd}^+ = \text{diag}(m_d, m_s, m_b)$$

$$M_u = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot V_{Lu} \cdot Y^u \cdot V_{Ru} = \text{diag}(m_u, m_c, m_t)$$

are diagonal.

After this transformation quark mass terms appear as usual Dirac terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{quark}} = \bar{d}_{Li} (M_d)_{ij} \tilde{d}_{Ri} + \bar{u}_{Li} (M_u)_{ij} u_{Ri}$$

→ leads to 6 quark masses:  $m_u, \dots, m_t$

However there is a non-vanishing effect on the charged currents.

→  $u, d$  quarks appear together and are transformed by diff.  $V_{ij}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cc}} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \bar{u}_{Li} \gamma^\mu W_\mu^+ d_{Li} + \bar{d}_{Li} \gamma^\mu W_\mu^- u_{Li} \right)$$

$$\downarrow \quad u_L \rightsquigarrow \tilde{u}_{Li} = (V_{L,u})_{ij} u_j \quad \text{und} \quad d_L \rightsquigarrow \tilde{d}_L = V_{L,d}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cc}} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \bar{\tilde{u}}_{Li} \gamma^\mu W_\mu^+ \underbrace{(V_{L,u} \cdot V_{L,d}^+)}_{V_{CKM}} \tilde{d}_{Lj} + \dots \right)$$

$$\tilde{d}_{Li} \gamma^\mu W_\mu^- \underbrace{(V_{L,d} V_{L,u}^+)}_{V_{CKM}} \tilde{u}_{Lj}$$

There is no net effect on the neutral currents.

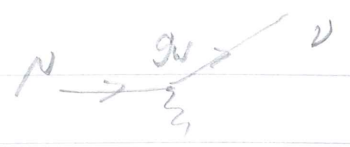
With  $(u_1, u_2, u_3) = (u, c, t)$  und  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (d, s, b)$

This choice:  $d_j = (V_{CKM})_{ij} \tilde{d}_j \rightarrow$  weak state are mixtures of mass;  $u_i = \tilde{u}_i$

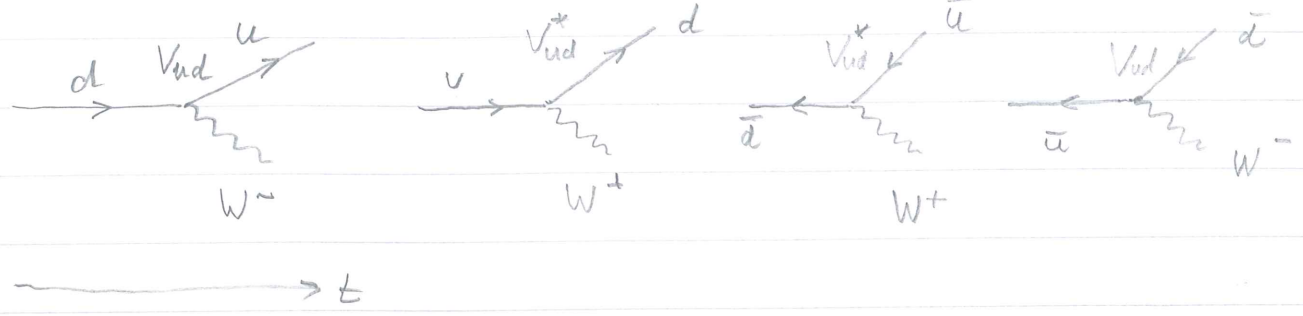
$$\text{interaction eigenstates} \begin{pmatrix} d_L \\ s_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Mass eigenstates} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{d}_L \\ \tilde{s}_L \\ \tilde{b}_L \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $V_{CKM}$  is product of unitary matrices  $V_{CKM}$  is unitary:  $V_{CKM} V_{CKM}^\dagger = 1$

Bem.: For the rest of the lecture I will use  $d$  and  $u$  for the mass (flavor) eigenstates and  $d'$  for the weak eigenstate.



Pictorial explanation of CKM elements:



4) Properties of  $V_{CKM}$

$V_{CKM}$  is a complex and unitary matrix:  $V_{CKM} V_{CKM}^{\dagger} = 1$

# parameters of compl.  $3 \times 3$  :  $18 = 9 \text{ real} + 9 \text{ phases}$   
 after unitarity condition :  $9 = 3 \text{ real} + 6 \text{ phases}$   
 ( $\rightarrow 9$  parameters removed)

5 phases are absolute quark phases and are not observable  $4 = 3 \text{ real} + 1 \text{ phase}$

Unobservable Quark phases:

Rephasing of quark fields possible:  $q_L = e^{i\phi_q} \cdot q_L$   
 for  $q = u, d, c, s, t, b$

Under this phase transformation:

$$V_{CKM} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi_u} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\phi_c} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\phi_t} \end{pmatrix} V_{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi_d} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\phi_s} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\phi_b} \end{pmatrix}$$

or  $V_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow \exp(i[\phi_{\beta} - \phi_{\alpha}]) V_{\alpha\beta}$

this allows to rotate away 5 phases related to phase diff.

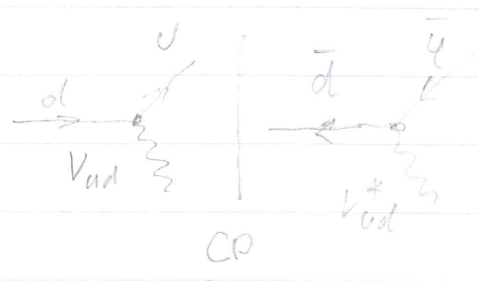
In general for N quark generations: NxN mixing matrix

$\frac{1}{2} N(N-1)$  real parameters

$\frac{1}{2} (N-1)(N-2)$  phases

N	# real param	# phases
2	1	0
3	3	1
4	6	3

- Phase in CKM matrix is the source of CPV:
- True also for neutrinos!



5) Summary of Flavor sector in SM

Quark sector

- 6 masses
- 4 CKM parameters

Lepton sector

3 charged lepton masses

- + extension: massive neutrinos
- + 3 neutrino masses
- + 4 mixing parameters
- = "PMNS matrix"

= Pontecorvo - Maki - Nakagawa - Sakata

So far masses and mixing parameters are exp. inputs to theory. There is no deep understanding of the mass hierarchy and the mixing parameters → Is there a relation between masses & mixing and leptons & quarks?

# Light neutrino generations

Fig. I.4

$$\Gamma_Z = \Gamma_{had} + 3 \cdot \Gamma_\ell + \underbrace{N_\nu \cdot \Gamma_\nu}_{\text{invisible: } \Gamma_{inv}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e \\ e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu \\ e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau \end{aligned} \right\}$$

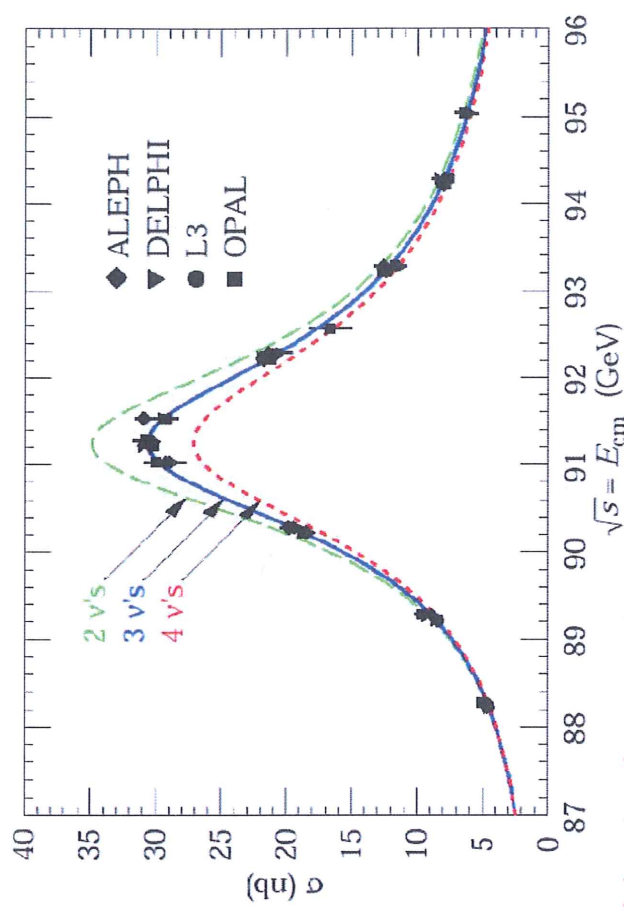
$$\Gamma_{inv} = 0.4990 \pm 0.0015 \text{ GeV}$$

$$N_\nu = \frac{\Gamma_{inv}}{\Gamma_{\nu, SM}} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\Gamma_{inv}}{\Gamma_\ell} \right)_{exp}}_{5.9431 \pm 0.0163} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \frac{\Gamma_\ell}{\Gamma_\nu} \right)_{SM}}_{=1/1.991 \pm 0.001}$$

$= 1/1.991 \pm 0.001$

(small theo. uncertainties  
from  $m_{top} M_H$ )

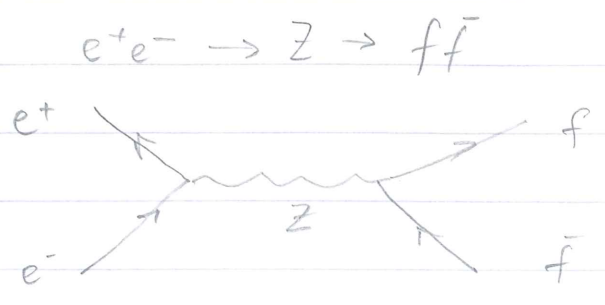
$$N_\nu = 2.9840 \pm 0.0082$$



6) Limits on possible "sequential" fourth generation

6.1 LEP bounds: additional heavy neutrinos

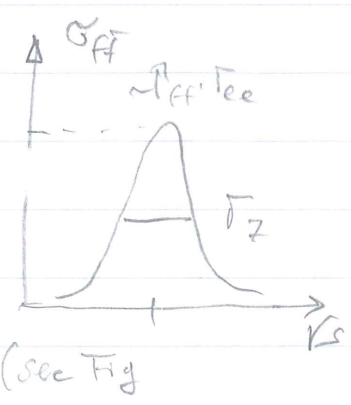
LEP studied the properties of the Z-Boson via resonant Z Boson production in e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> annihilation:



ff<sup>-</sup> = q $\bar{q}$  → Hadrons  
 = ee, μμ, ττ : Leptons  
 = ν $\bar{\nu}$ , x = e, μ, τ : invisible

total Z decay width:  $\Gamma_Z = \Gamma_{had} + 3\Gamma_{lep} + \Gamma_{inv}$

↳ number of light neutrinos ( $m_\nu < \frac{m_Z}{2}$ ):



$$N_\nu = \frac{\Gamma_{inv}^{max}}{\Gamma_\nu^{SM}} = \left( \frac{\Gamma_{inv}}{\Gamma_{lep}} \right)_{meas} \cdot \left( \frac{\Gamma_{lep}}{\Gamma_\nu} \right)_{SM}$$

$N_\nu = 2.984 \pm 0.008$

i.e. perfect agreement with SM expectation 3  
 → puts limit on  $m_{\nu_4} > \frac{m_Z}{2}$ !

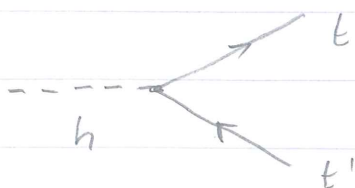
Direct searches at LEP200 put constraints on heavy quarks & leptons:  
 $m_{b'}, m_{t'}, m_{e_4} > 100 \text{ GeV}$

6.2 Direct searches at Tevatron and LHC

Tevatron & LHC  $m_{t'}, m_{b'} > 400 \text{ GeV}$

experimental signatures  
 $b' b' \rightarrow t W t W$   
 ↳  $W b W$  ↳  $W b W$   
 ↳ leptons + jets  
 $t' t' \rightarrow b W b W$  }  $b$ -jets + jets + lept

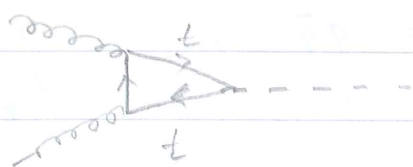
### 6.3 Constraints from Higgs production



coupling to Higgs  $\sim m_{t'}, m_{b'}, m_{e'}$



Main Higgs production <sup>at LHC</sup> channel is Gluon-Fusion:



in SM main contribution from top

the presence of additional heavy quarks will increase the effective  $ggH$  coupling by roughly a factor 3 i.e. we would expect an enhanced Higgs production rate w.r. to the SM expectation and thus more detectable Higgs decays:

	$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \cdot BR(H \rightarrow f_1 f_2) / \text{SM-expect.}$	
$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ$	$\sim \times 5 \dots 8$	} in contradiction with observations: no enhancement in $H \rightarrow ZZ$ and $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ seen!
$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ff$	$\sim \times 5$	
$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$\sim 1$ (*)	

\* Remark:  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



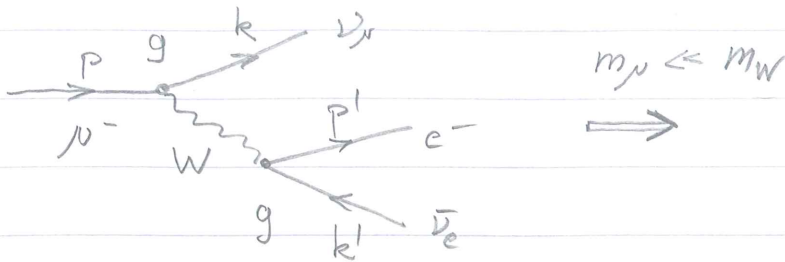
→ gives a reduction of  $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  for models with 4th gen and therefore compensates enhanced cross section

→ Observed Higgs  $\rightarrow ZZ, \tau\tau$  Rates ruled out the existence of a 4th <sup>5.65</sup> generation

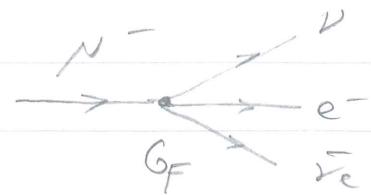


## 7. Weak decays:

### 7.1 Muon decay



effective local IA



$$i\mathcal{M} \sim g \int_{\text{Muon}, \alpha} \left( \frac{g_{\alpha\beta}}{M_W^2 - q^2} \right) \cdot g \cdot \int_{\text{electron}, \beta} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \sim \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{\text{Muon}, \alpha} \int_{\text{Electron}} \alpha$$

with  $\boxed{\frac{G}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2}}$

if one writes out the fermion currents one obtains:

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \bar{\nu}_{\mu,L} \gamma^\alpha \mu_L \right) \left( \bar{e}_L \gamma_\alpha \nu_{e,L} \right)$$

After summing over all spin configs in the final state and averaging over the spins of the initial state one obtains

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 = 64 G_F^2 \cdot (k \cdot p') (k' \cdot p)$$

Taking phase space into account one finally obtains for the decay width  $\Gamma$  ( $1/\tau$ ) of the muon:

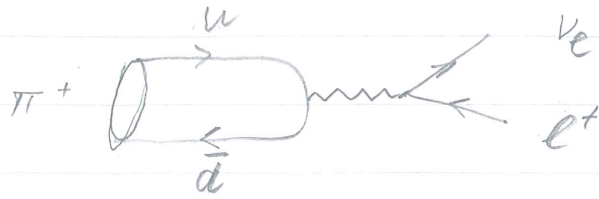
$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{G_F^2 \cdot m_\mu^5}{192 \pi^3}$$

From the muon lifetime and it's mass one obtains  $G_F = 1,16 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$   
(2,2  $\mu\text{s}$ )

## 7.2 Pion decay

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e$$



Text-book example of helicity suppression:

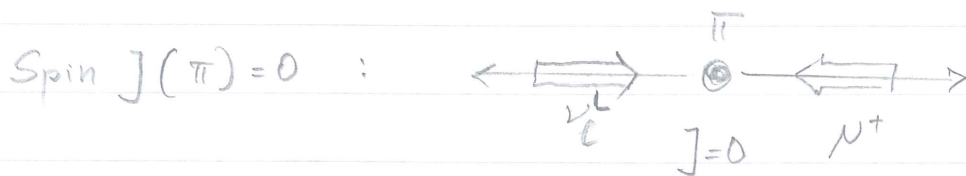
From phase space one would expect  $BR(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu) \gg BR(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu)$

however one measures:

$$\frac{BR(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu)}{BR(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu)} \approx (1.230 \pm 0.004) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

(The Pion decays essentially only into  $\mu, e$  decay suppressed!!)

Can be understood using angular momentum conservation



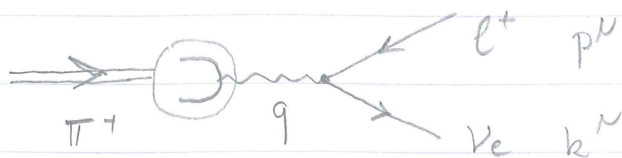
Due to angular momentum conservation and the LH  $\nu$  the  $\mu^+$  must have negative helicity (observable).

In the massless limit this is not possible.

However for massive leptons chirality flip is possible and inserting a mass term would allow coupling to wrong chirality state

Reminder:  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Helicity } H = \frac{\vec{S} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} \rightarrow H = \pm \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{Helicity of particle produced in weak IA: } -\frac{1}{2} \frac{v}{c} \end{array} \right]$

Problem: Although quarks are the fundamental particles participating in the weak interaction it is the pion which is the asymptotic object.



$$\text{Matrix element } \mathcal{M} \sim \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot (\pi)_\mu (\text{Lepton})^\mu$$

Pion current: With  $J(\pi) = 0$  the only relevant 4-vector is the momentum transfer  $q^\mu = p^\mu + k^\mu$  to the lepton system.

$$(\pi)_\mu = q_\mu \cdot f_\pi$$

Normalisation is called pion decay constant (see below).

Matrix element considering the chirality flip:

$$\mathcal{M}(\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu) = -\sqrt{2} G_F \cdot f_\pi \cdot V_{ud} m_\mu \cdot (\bar{\mu}_R \nu_L)$$

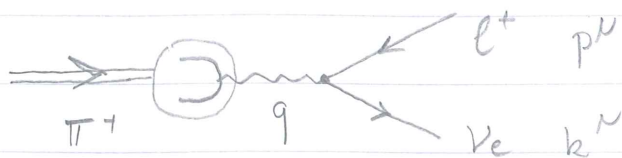
Including the phase space one obtains for  $\Gamma = \frac{1}{\tau}$ :

$$\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e) = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} \cdot |V_{ud}|^2 f_\pi^2 \cdot m_e^2 \cdot m_\pi \left(1 - \frac{m_e^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu)}{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu)} = \left(\frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{m_\pi^2 - m_e^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2}\right)^2 = 1.275 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

A theoretical calculation including radiative corrections leads to  $(1.2354 \pm 0.0002) 10^{-4}$  in perfect agreement with measurement.

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Normalisation is called pion decay constant (see below).

Matrix element considering the chirality flip:

$$\mathcal{M}(\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu) = -\sqrt{2} G_F \cdot f_\pi \cdot V_{ud} m_\mu \cdot (\bar{\mu}_R \nu_L)$$

Including the phase space one obtains for  $\Gamma = \frac{1}{\tau}$ :

$$\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l) = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} \cdot |V_{ud}|^2 f_\pi^2 \cdot m_l^2 \cdot m_\pi \left(1 - \frac{m_l^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu)}{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu)} = \left(\frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{m_\pi^2 - m_e^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2}\right)^2 = 1.275 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

A theoretical calculation including radiative corrections leads to  $(1.2354 \pm 0.0002) \cdot 10^{-4}$  in perfect agreement with measurement.