

Historically mesons of light quarks are called "unflavored" in contrast to "flavored" mesons of heavy quarks:

K-mesons: net-strangeness ($s\text{-quark} \Rightarrow S=-1$)

D-mesons: net-charm ($c\text{-quark} \Rightarrow C=+1$)

B-mesons: net-beauty ($b\text{-quark} \Rightarrow B=-1$)

- Pseudo scalar mesons: $J^{PC} = 0^{-+}$: $\pi, \eta, \eta', K, D, B$

- Vector mesons: $J^P = 1^{--}$: $\rho, \omega, \phi, K^*, D^*, B^*$

- other mesons: $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ mesons: a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots

(\rightsquigarrow relative angular momentum $\ell=1$, spin $S=1 \rightarrow J=0$)

$J^{PC} = 1^{+-}$ mesons: b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots

($\ell=1, S=0 \rightarrow J=1$)

- Baryons (half-integer spin):

• Baryons with 3 light u, d quarks

$I=\frac{1}{2}$: nucleons N

$I=\frac{3}{2}$: A's

• Baryons with 2 light (u, d) quarks + s, c, b:

$I=0$: Λ (Λ_c, Λ_b)

$I=1$: Σ (Σ_c, Σ_b)

• Baryons with 1 light quark

$I=\frac{1}{2}$: Ξ (Ξ_c, Ξ_b)

• Baryons with no light quark

$\Omega (s\bar{s}) \quad \Omega_c (s\bar{c}) \quad \Omega_b (s\bar{b})$

Theoretically quarks are the fundamental particles participating in IA.
Experimentally however one observes/probes hadrons $\xrightarrow{\text{as}} \text{asymptotic states}$.

↳ Introduce a clever parametrization to treat the problem.

- Factorize the different physical effects in the transition amplitude.
Factorization exploits the idea that one can separate diff. kinds of physics in a factorizable way: e.g. physics at diff. scales decouples.
- Form factors: describes shape corrections to the approximation that the scattering object is not point-like
(\rightarrow familiar concept in non-relativistic Rutherford scattering)
- Decay constant: Absorbs the non-perturbative properties of meson decays.

Example: $\pi \rightarrow \ell \nu$: $\mathcal{A} = \langle (\ell | \bar{\nu}) | \pi \rangle$

As the decay is a low energy process $m_c, m_\pi < M_W$
one can integrate-out the W-boson \rightarrow effective 4 fermion IA

$\text{J}(\text{had}) \rightarrow \text{J}(e)$

↳ Effective operator \mathcal{O} : $\mathcal{O} \sim \mathcal{O}_e \frac{1}{M_W^2} \mathcal{O}_{\pi\pi}$
 "symbolically" $= (\bar{\ell} \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \nu) \frac{1}{M_W^2} (\bar{\ell} \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu d)$

The matrix element should factorize the same way:

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$$\langle \ell\nu | 0 | \pi \rangle = \langle \ell\nu | \theta_e | 0 \rangle \Big|_{M_W^2} \langle 0 | \theta_H | \pi \rangle$$

~~\rightarrow~~ ~~θ_e~~ ~~θ_H~~ π
Vacuum

As we don't know how to calculate $\langle 0 | \theta_H | \pi \rangle$ one treats it as a parameter of the theory:

$$\pi\text{-decay const } f_\pi \sim \langle 0 | \theta_H | \pi \rangle$$

The decay const. absorbs all the non-perturbative "brown mud" that keeps the π together:

The operator θ_H should annihilate the 2 quarks in the pion and must therefore be of the form:

$$\bar{u}\Gamma d \quad \text{with coupling structure } \Gamma = S, P, A, V$$

Since the parity of the vacuum is "even" and the parity of π is "odd" the main contribution comes from the axial-vector operator:

$$\langle 0 | \theta_H | \pi \rangle = \underbrace{\langle 0 | \bar{u} \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu d | \pi \rangle}_{= \langle 0 | A^\mu | \pi \rangle} = -if_\pi q^\mu$$

We don't know to calculate

→ we absorb our ignorance in the decay constant (must have mass dimension)

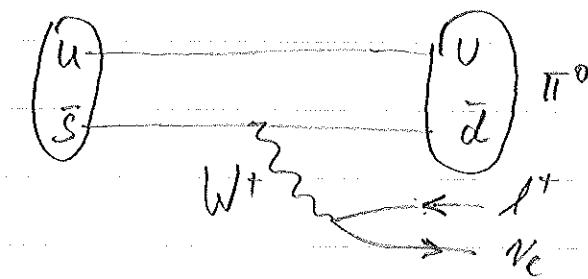
→ As the Lorentz structure should be an axial vector and the only vector involved in the decay of the scalar π is the momentum transfer: $\langle 0 | \theta_H | \pi \rangle \sim q^\mu$

The decay constant f_π can be measured (π decay): $f_\pi \approx 131 \text{ MeV}$
One obtains the matrix element for the decay:

$$M(\pi \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \nu) = \frac{-g^2}{4M_W^2} \cdot f_\pi \cdot (V_{ud}) \cdot m_\nu (\bar{\nu} \nu \nu)$$

Example : $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \nu$

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$$\mathcal{A} = \langle \pi^0 \ell \nu | \mathcal{O} | K^+ \rangle$$

$$= \underbrace{\langle \ell \nu | \mathcal{O}_c | 0 \rangle}_{\text{easy - see above}} \cdot \frac{1}{M_W^2} \cdot \underbrace{\langle \pi | \mathcal{O}_h | K^+ \rangle}_{\substack{\text{QCD binding of quarks} \\ \hookrightarrow \text{difficult}}}$$

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→ Absorb the non-perturbative effects into a form-factor

$$F \sim \langle \pi_2 | \mathcal{O} | \pi_1 \rangle$$

Form factors can be determined (measured) in semi-leptonic decays.

The origins of the CKM-matrix are the non-diagonal Yukawa coupling matrices for u and d quarks. By diagonalizing these matrices the off-diagonal elements appear as CKM matrix in the charged currents. The 3×3 unitary CKM matrix has 3 real parameters and 1 phase which is the origin of CP violation in the quark sector.

→ Nobel prize for Kobayashi and Maskawa in 2008.

2.1 Parametrizations of the CKM matrix

A convenient parametrization also adopted by the PDG uses 3 Euler angles and 1 phase parameter:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{i\delta_{13}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$ → Fig., with multiplied matrix.

The phase in this convention is chosen to appear in the matrix to describe the mixing between 1st and 3rd generation. Size:

$$|V_{\text{CKM}}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97423 & -0.2253 & 0.00347 \\ 0.2252 & 0.97345 & 0.0410 \\ 0.00862 & 0.0403 & 0.99945 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{see Fig.})$$

The strengths of the couplings V_{ij} exhibit a hierarchy:

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

This pattern motivated Wolfenstein to parametrize the CKM in powers of $\lambda \approx \sin\theta_{12} \approx 0.22$ in the PP6 convention.

Wolfenstein parametrization \rightarrow usefull for quantitative discussion of many quark mixing effects.

$$\text{approximate parametrization: } \sin\theta_{12} \approx \lambda$$

$$\sin\theta_{23} \approx A\lambda^2$$

$$\sin\theta_{12} e^{-i\delta_B} = A\lambda^3(g - i\eta)$$

CKM matrix in $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(g-i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1-\frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1-g-i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \text{SV}(\mathcal{O}(\lambda^0))$$

where A, g, η are of $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

Up to $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$ only V_{cb} and V_{ub} are complex!

Mains element V_{ts} becomes complex only at $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$

2.2 Unitarity relations and resulting constraints

From the unitarity conditions $V^\dagger V = I$ or $V V^\dagger = I$ one obtains to following 12 equations to be fulfilled:

$$(1) \quad \underbrace{V_{ud}^* V_{ud}}_s + \underbrace{V_{us}^* V_{us}}_s + \underbrace{V_{ub}^* V_{ub}}_s = 1$$

$$\underbrace{V_{ub}^* V_{ub}}_s + \underbrace{V_{cb}^* V_{cb}}_s + \underbrace{V_{tb}^* V_{tb}}_s = 1$$

- Weak universality: v couples to the sum of $\sum_i d_i$; the same way as c and t as well as leptons!
- the sum of $v \rightarrow d + v \rightarrow s + v \rightarrow b$ add up to 1 \Rightarrow no space for another decay!

(2) orthogonality relations:

$$B \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} V_{ud}^* V_{cd} + V_{us}^* V_{cs} - V_{ub}^* V_{cb} = 0 \\ \text{ud td} \quad \text{us ts} \quad \text{ub tb} \\ \text{cd td} \quad \text{cs ts} \quad \text{cb tb} \end{array}$$

$$A \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} V_{ud} V_{us} + V_{cd} V_{cs} + V_{td} V_{ts}^* = 0 \\ \text{ud us} \quad \text{cd cb} \quad \text{td tb} \\ \text{us ub} \quad \text{cs cb} \quad \text{ts tb} \end{array}$$

These relations describe triangular relations in the complex plane.
It is very instructive to study 2 of those relations in more detail:

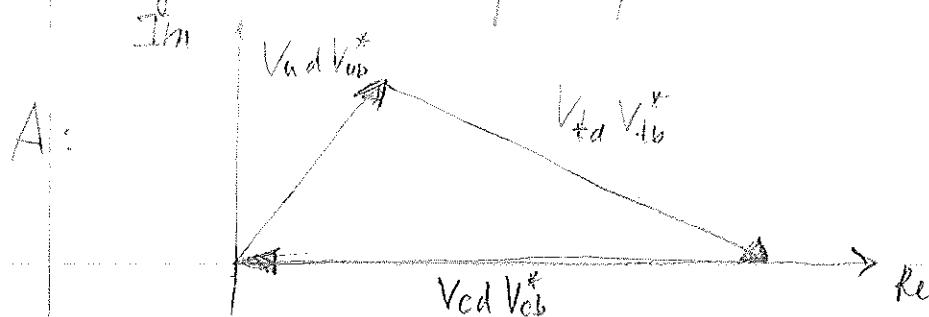
$$A_1: \quad V_{ud} V_{us}^* + V_{cd} V_{cs}^* + V_{td} V_{ts}^* = 0$$

$$\mathcal{O}(x^3) \quad \mathcal{O}(x^3) \quad \mathcal{O}(x^3)$$

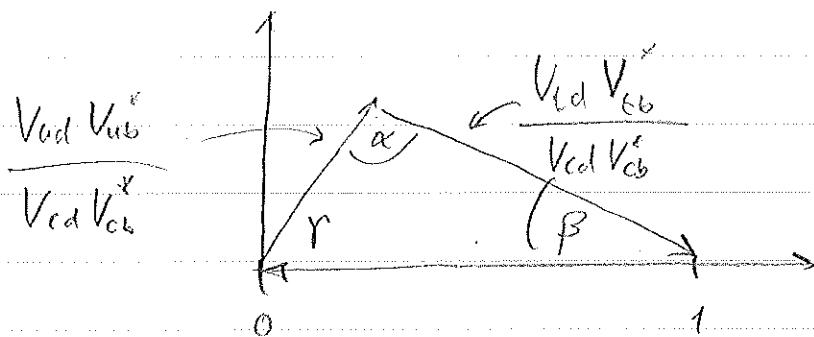
$$B: \quad V_{ud}^* V_{td} + V_{us}^* V_{ts} + V_{ub}^* V_{tb} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{O}(x^3) \quad \mathcal{O}(x^3) \quad \mathcal{O}(x^3)$$

These are the only two "tri-angle" relations where all sides have approx. the same size $\mathcal{O}(x^3)$. One can draw the relations as triangles in the complex plane:



The other relations also describe triangles which are, however, squashed. By dividing in A all sides by $V_{cd} V_{cb}$ (\sim real) one obtains the Unitarity Triangle (renormalizing & rephasing)



The apex of the triangle (\bar{s}, \bar{t}) is given by:

$$\bar{s} + i\bar{t} = \frac{V_{cd} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*}$$

In terms of the Wolfenstein Parameters s and η the apex is given by:

$$\bar{s} = s(1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4) \quad \bar{t} = \eta(1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$$

The angles α, β, γ of the unitarity triangle are defined as:

$$(*) \quad \alpha = \arg \left[-\frac{V_{cd} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*} \right] \quad \beta = \arg \left[-\frac{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*}{V_{cd} V_{ub}^*} \right] \quad \gamma = \arg \left[-\frac{V_{cd} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*} \right]$$

In the Wolfenstein Parameterization a phase convention is used such that V_{cd}, V_{ub} and (V_{ts}) have an imaginary component ($\sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$) and $V_{cd} V_{cb}^*$ is real!

Therefore one finds: $\beta \approx -\arg(V_{cd})$

$$\gamma \approx -\arg(V_{ub})$$

(For the unitarity triangle $B \quad \beta_s \approx \arg(V_{ts}) + \pi$)

With these phases one can rewrite the CKM matrix using the Wolfenstein phase convention:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} |V_{ud}| & |V_{us}| & |V_{ub}| e^{-i\gamma} \\ -|V_{cd}| & |V_{cs}| & |V_{cb}| \\ |V_{td}| e^{-i\beta} & -|V_{ts}| e^{i\beta} & |V_{tb}| \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^5)$$

While the specific appearance of the phases is a convention (the parameters β , γ and β_S are in principle rephasing invariant parameters, independent of the CKM parametrization).

Another "rephasing" invariant variable is the Jarlskog Invariant

$$J = \pm \text{Im}(V_{ij} V_{ik}^* V_{il} V_{kj}^*) \quad i \neq k, j \neq l$$

$$[[J] = \text{Im}(V_{ud} V_{cs} V_{us}^* V_{cd}^*) = -\text{Im}(V_{ud} V_{cb} V_{ub}^* V_{cd}^*) = \dots]$$

Using the Wolfenstein parametrization:

$$J \approx A^2 \lambda^6 \gamma \approx 3.03 \cdot 10^{-5} \quad (\text{CKM-Fitter 2013})$$

$\sim 10^{-6}$ with the PDG parametrization

$$J = C_D C_{13}^2 c_{23} s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} \sin S_{13}$$

Jarlskog Invariant describes the CP Violation in the SM.
It appears in all CP violating effects. It is zero if one of the mixing angle vanishes ($\theta_{ij}=0$) or the phase vanishes ($S_{23}=0$).

All the Jarlskog terms are products of the type

$$\text{Im } A B^* = |A| |B| \text{Im} e^{i(\arg(A) - \arg(B))}$$

$$= |A| |B| \sin(\delta)$$

$\rightarrow =$ twice the area of a triangle in the C-plane.

Since the A and B are the sides of the unitary triangle

$$\Rightarrow [J = 2 \cdot A_{\text{ur}}]$$

Status of the Unitary Triangle : Fig: CKM Triangle

$$\lambda = 0.22457^{+0.00186}_{-0.00014}$$

$$A = 0.823^{+0.012}_{-0.033}$$

$$\bar{S} = 0.1289^{+0.0476}_{-0.0094}$$

$$\bar{\eta} = 0.348 \pm 0.012$$

CKM-Fitter 2013