# FLAVOR PHYSICS BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL

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#### STANDARD MODEL LAGRANGIAN

Particle physics interactions are described with high accuracy by a simple & economic theory:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm gauge}(A^a, \psi^i) + \mathcal{L}_{\rm Higgs}(\phi, A^a, \psi^i)$$

$$\checkmark \quad \mathsf{Ad hoc}$$

- Natural
- Experimentally tested with great precision
- Stable with respect to quantum corrections
- Highly symmetric (gauge & flavor symmetries)

- Necessary to describe data (clear indication of broken symmetry) but poorly tested in its dynamical form
- Not stable under radiative corrections
- Determines the flavor structure of the Standard Model (SM)

#### BEYOND THE SM LAGRANGIAN

Accumulating evidence, however suggests that SM is not a complete, but merely low-energy limit of a more fundamental theory:

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{full}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}(A^a, \psi^i) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}}(\phi, A^a, \psi^i) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{heavy}}$ 

New heavy degrees of freedom (dofs) that stabilize the symmetry breaking sector & approximately respect SM symmetries

A plethora of explicit models of beyond the SM (BSM) physics exists (supersymmetric models, scenarios with a new strongly interacting sector, ...). Yet, as long as we are not able to directly produce dofs, a useful general description is obtained by integrating them out

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} + \sum_{d \ge 5} \frac{c_n}{\Lambda^{d-4}} Q_n^{(d)}(\phi, A^a, \psi^i)$$

Renormalizable part of effective Lagrangian = all operators with dimension d ≤ 4 that transform trivial under SM gauge group • Operators  $Q_n^{(d)}$  with  $d \ge 5$  build out of SM fields, that respect SM gauge symmetry & are suppressed by heavy mass scale  $\Lambda$ 



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New sources of flavor-symmetry breaking that we can only explore with low-energy experiments

- Two key questions arise:
  - Which is the energy scale of new physics or how big is A?
  - Which is the symmetry structure of new heavy dofs?



High-energy experiments [the high-energy frontier]

Low-energy precision experiments [the high-intensity frontier]

#### COMPLEMENTARITY & SYNERGY



[plot inspired by Grossman, Ligeti & Nir, arXiv:0904.4262; Gedalia & Perez, arXiv:1005.3106]



















#### FLAVOR PHYSICS IN THE LHC ERA

There are good reasons, based on the bad ultraviolet (UV) behavior of gauge-boson scattering amplitudes in combination with the UV sensitivity of the Higgs potential, to believe that new dofs appear below or around I TeV, the energy regime to be directly explored at the LHC

Given the stringent constraints from low-energy experiments, can the mechanism that resolves this issues have a non-trivial flavor structure?



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Flavor-degeneracy broken by the Yukawa interactions:

in the

 $M_d = \operatorname{diag}\left(m_d, m_s, m_b\right) \qquad \qquad M_u = V_{\text{CKM}}^{\dagger} \operatorname{diag}\left(m_u, m_c, m_t\right)$ 

## U(3) FLAVOR PLANES



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Exercise 1: Derive the number of physical parameters in the quark sector of the SM using symmetry arguments

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As of today, we have not clearly identified the flavor structure of the new dofs (which we hope to discover at the LHC), but we know that additional sources of flavor breaking suppressed only by the TeV scale have to be non-generic, because ...

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i) Good overall consistency of the various experimental constraints appearing in the so-called unitarity triangle (UT) fits:



#### COMMENTS ON UT ANALYSES

The most remarkable feature of the global CKM fits is the consistency between tree-  $(sin 2\beta, V_{xb})$  & loop-level  $(\Delta m_{d,s}, \epsilon_K)$  constraints:





new physics has to be large to compete with SM





loop- & CKM-suppressed & therefore potentially more sensitive to new physics

#### COMMENTS ON UT ANALYSES

In fact, what we are testing in neutral meson-mixing amplitudes, as well as in other flavor-changing neutral currents (FCNCs), is the structure of the Yukawa interaction, beyond the tree level:



#### BSM FLAVOR STRUCTURE CONT'D

ii) Good agreement of rare and radiative FCNC decays with their SM expectations. Most remarkable example is inclusive  $B \rightarrow X_{s\gamma}$  decay:

$$\mathcal{B}(B \to X_s \gamma)_{\rm SM}^{E_{\gamma} > 1.6 \, {\rm GeV}} = (3.15 \pm 0.23) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

[Misiak et al., hep-ph/0609232]

Next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) calculation for the rate with cut on photon energy  $E_{\gamma}$ , including local and non-local power corrections, the later of which represent an irreducible (?) source of theory error at the level of 5%



one of the roughly 1000 3-loop diagrams needed to be computed to find  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  matching condition for the electromagnetic dipole operator

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Mode	$\mathcal{B}$	$E_{\min}$	$\mathcal{B}(E_{\gamma} > E_{\min})$	$\mathcal{B}^{\rm cnv}(E_{\gamma} > 1.6)$
CLEO incl.	$321 \pm 43 \pm 27^{+18}_{-10}$	2.0	$306 \pm 41 \pm 26$	$327 \pm 44 \pm 28 \pm 6$
Belle semi.	$336 \pm 53 \pm 42^{+50}_{-54}$	2.24	_	$369 \pm 58 \pm 46^{+56}_{-60}$
BaBar semi.	$335 \pm 19^{+56+4}_{-41-9}$	1.9	$327 \pm 18^{+55+4}_{-40-9}$	$349 \pm 20^{+59+4}_{-46-3}$
BaBar incl.	—	1.9	$367 \pm 29 \pm 34 \pm 29$	$390 \pm 31 \pm 47 \pm 4$
BaBar full	$391 \pm 91 \pm 64$	1.9	$366\pm85\pm60$	$389 \pm 91 \pm 64 \pm 4$
Belle incl.	_	1.7	$345 \pm 15 \pm 40$	$347 \pm 15 \pm 40 \pm 1$
Average				$355 \pm 24 \pm 9$

[http://www.slac.stanford.edu/xorg/hfag/rare/winter10/radll/btosg.pdf]

## NEW PHYSICS IN U(3) FLAVOR PLANES



## BOUNDS ON GENERIC FLAVOR VIOLATION



[numbers taken from UTfit Collaboration, arXiv:0707.0636; Gedalia et al., arXiv:0906.1879]

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$(\bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu u_L)^2$		12	7.1	$\times 10^{-3}$	$pp \to tt$

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Exercise 2: Compute the bounds on  $\wedge$  for the cases that the c<sub>ij</sub>'s are of CKM type or arise from a strong loop

## HOWTO EVADETHESES FCNC BOUNDS

A >> I TeV: Higgs-boson mass fined-tuned & new dofs too heavy to be produced at the LHC  $\Lambda \approx 1$  TeV: flavor mixing somehow protected & new dofs copiously produced at the LHC

Flavor structure of new dofs is a doppelgänger of the one present in the SM: Minimal flavor violation (MFV) The mechanism that explains SM mass & mixing hierarchies also aligns new sources of flavor breaking

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Realize that, as of today, the assumption of MFV is still a theoretical speculation (mainly driven by the absence of new physics signals in neutral kaon & B<sub>d</sub>-meson mixing) & far from being clearly established

One main goal of flavor physics in the era of the LHC, will be to try to understand whether or not there are additional flavor-breaking terms besides the SM Yukawa couplings

## MFV AS AN EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

- The popularity & power of the notion of MFV is mainly due to the fact that MFV can be formulated as an effective field theory (EFT)
- An EFT satisfies the MFV criterion, if all higher-dimensional operators constructed from the quark fields and Yukawas (acting as spurions)

$$Q_L \sim (3, 1, 1)$$
  $u_R \sim (1, 3, 1)$   $d_R \sim (1, 1, 3)$   
 $Y_d \sim (3, 1, \bar{3})$   $Y_u \sim (3, \bar{3}, 1)$ 

are formally invariant under the SM flavor group

 $U(3)^5 = U(3)_Q \times U(3)_u \times U(3)_d \times \dots$ 

[D'Ambrosio et al., hep-ph/0207036]

## MFV IN U(3) FLAVOR PLANES



condition: moderate  $\tan\beta$  or small U(1)<sub>PQ</sub> breaking



#### MFV DIMENSION-6 OPERATORS

For processes with external down-type quarks three basic invariant bi-linear structures can be identified:

$$\begin{split} \bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} Q_L &\approx \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (V_{\text{CKM}}^*)_{ti} (V_{\text{CKM}})_{tj} y_t^2 \ \bar{d}_L^i d_L^j \\ \bar{d}_R Y_d^{\dagger} Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} Q_L &\approx \sum_{j=1}^3 (V_{\text{CKM}}^*)_{tb} (V_{\text{CKM}})_{tj} y_b y_t^2 \ \bar{b}_R d_L^j \end{split}$$

 $\bar{d}_R Y_d^{\dagger} Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} Y_d d_R \approx |(V_{\text{CKM}})_{tb}|^2 y_b^2 y_t^2 \bar{b}_R b_R \approx 0$ 

Notice that 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> operator involving up-type quarks is negligible in MFV context due to smallness of down-type Yukawa couplings

[D'Ambrosio et al., hep-ph/0207036]

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From these bi-linears, we can construct complete set of operators:  $Q_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} Q_L \right)^2$  $Q_{\phi 1} = i \left( \bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} Q_L \right) \phi^{\dagger} D_{\mu} \phi$  $Q_{\phi 2} = i \left( \bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \tau^i \gamma^{\mu} Q_L \right) \phi^{\dagger} \tau^i D_{\mu} \phi$  $Q_{F1} = \phi^{\dagger} \left( \bar{d}_R \lambda_d Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \sigma^{\mu\nu} Q_L \right) F_{\mu\nu}$  $Q_{F2} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} Q_L\right) D^{\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$  $Q_{G1} = \phi^{\dagger} \left( \bar{d}_R \lambda_d Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a Q_L \right) G^a_{\mu\nu}$  $Q_{G2} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} T^a Q_L\right) D^{\nu} G^a_{\mu\nu}$  $Q_{\ell 1} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} Q_L\right) \left(\bar{L}_L \gamma^{\mu} L_L\right)$  $Q_{\ell 2} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} \tau^i Q_L\right) \left(\bar{L}_L \gamma_{\mu} \tau^i L_L\right)$  $Q_{\ell 3} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma_\mu Q_L\right) \left(\bar{\ell}_R \gamma_\mu \ell_R\right)$  $Q_{q1} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} Q_L\right) \left(\bar{Q}_L \gamma^{\mu} Q_L\right)$  $Q_{q2} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} \tau^i Q_L\right) \left(\bar{Q}_L \gamma_{\mu} \tau^i Q_L\right)$  $Q_{q3} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} T^a Q_L\right) \left(\bar{Q}_L \gamma^{\mu} T^a Q_L\right)$  $Q_{q4} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} T^a \tau^i Q_L\right) \left(\bar{Q}_L \gamma_{\mu} T^a \tau^i Q_L\right)$  $Q_{q5} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} Q_L\right) \left(\bar{d}_R \gamma^{\mu} d_R\right)$  $Q_{q6} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} T^a Q_L\right) \left(\bar{d}_R \gamma_{\mu} T^a d_R\right)$  $Q_{q7} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} Q_L\right) \left(\bar{u}_R \gamma^{\mu} u_R\right)$  $Q_{q8} = \left(\bar{Q}_L Y_u Y_u^{\dagger} \gamma^{\mu} T^a Q_L\right) \left(\bar{u}_R \gamma_{\mu} T^a u_R\right)$ 

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## A CLOSER LOOK AT Qol & QFI

After electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB), the operators

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induce the effective down-type quark vertices:

universal contribution to  $B \rightarrow X_{s} l^{+} l^{-}, K \rightarrow \pi \nu \overline{\nu}, \dots$ 

 $\propto (V_{\rm CKM}^*)_{ti} (V_{\rm CKM})_{tj} \Delta C (\bar{d}_L^i \gamma^\mu d_L^j) Z_\mu$ 

 $\gamma \qquad \propto \ (V_{\rm CKM}^*)_{ti} \ (V_{\rm CKM})_{tj} \ \Delta C_7^{\rm eff} \ m_{d^i} \ (\bar{d}_R^i \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_L^j) F_{\mu\nu}$ 

universal contribution to  $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ ,  $B \rightarrow X_s l^+ l^-$ , ...





The non-SM like sign solution of  $C_7^{eff}$ is disfavored by the measurement of the branching ratio of  $B \rightarrow X_s l^+ l^-$ 

[Gambino, UH & Misiak, hep-ph/0410155]





■ 5 years ago, a large destructive universal left-handed Z-penguin was allowed by flavor data (b  $\rightarrow$  s & s  $\rightarrow$  d)

[Bobeth et al., hep-ph/0505110]







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Exercise 3: To get more familiar with the basic ideas of model-independent analyses, go penguin hunting yourself

#### PRECISION OBSERVABLES & MFV INTERPLAY





In fact, FCNCs are compared to  $Z \rightarrow b_L \overline{b}_L$ (as precisely measured at LEP & SLC) far less powerful in excluding sizable effects in  $\Delta C$ 

[UH & Weiler, arXiv:0706.2054]

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Exercise 4: Can one do the same with  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma \& (g - 2)_{\mu}$ ?



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In class of so-called constrained MFV (CMFV) models (MFV scenarios that involve no new operators beside those already present in the SM), stringent limit on ΔC translates into tight two-sided bounds for the branching ratios of all Z-penguin dominated flavor-changing kaon & B-meson decays

[UH & Weiler, arXiv:0706.2054; Blanke et al., hep-ph/0604057]

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In fact, the quoted bounds have be shown to hold in the two-Higgsdoublet model type I & II (2HDM-I & -II), the minimal-supersymmetric SM (MSSM) with MFV, all for small tanβ, minimal universal extra dimensions (mUED) & the littlest Higgs model with T-parity (LHT) & degenerate mirror quarks (to avoid new sources of flavor breaking)

[UH & Weiler, arXiv:0706.2054]

## BOUNDS ON RARE DECAY

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Observable	$\rm CMFV~(95\%CL)$	SM $(95\% \text{ CL})$	Experiment	Factor
$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) \times 10^{11}$	[4.29, 10.72]	[5.40, 9.11]	$(17.3^{+11.5}_{-10.5})$	—
$\mathcal{B}(K_L \to \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) \times 10^{11}$	[1.55, 4.38]	$\left[2.21, 3.45\right]$	$< 2.6 \cdot 10^3 (90\% \text{ CL})$	920
$\mathcal{B}(K_L \to \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\rm SD} \times 10^9$	[0.30, 1.22]	[0.54, 0.88]	-	
$\mathcal{B}(B \to X_d \nu \bar{\nu}) \times 10^6$	$\left[0.77, 2.00\right]$	[1.24, 1.45]	-	-
$\mathcal{B}(B \to X_s \nu \bar{\nu}) \times 10^5$	[1.88, 4.86]	[3.06, 3.48]	$< 64 \ (90\% { m CL})$	20
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A strong violation of any of the found limits would signal presence of additional operators not present in SM and/or new sources of flavor breaking not encoded in the Yukawa couplings. Such an observation would exclude the whole class of CMFV scenarios

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$Q_{\phi 1}$	2.3	$B \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^-, B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-$
$Q_{\ell 1}$	1.7	$B \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^-, B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-$
$Q_{F2}$	1.5	$B \to X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$

Relative to the tree-level limits of  $(10^3 - 10^5)$  TeV that apply in the case of general flavor violation, the MFV bounds are rather mild. The most severely constrained MFV operators are the electromagnetic dipole operator Q<sub>F1</sub> & the left-handed  $\Delta F = 2$  four-quark operator Q<sub>0</sub>

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Assuming a strong (weak) loop suppression the given lower limits for Q<sub>FI</sub> & Q<sub>0</sub> translate into bounds of around 500 GeV (200 GeV). Even weaker limits apply in the case of the remaining operators

[UTfit Collaboration, arXiv:0707.0636; Hurth et al., arXiv:0807.5039]

## DISTINGUISHING MFV FROM SM IS HARD

![](_page_48_Figure_1.jpeg)

[Bryman et al.,hep-ph/0505171; D'Ambrosio et al.,hep-ph/0207036]