

# Flavor: Theory

What is flavor?

We have doublets and singlets ~~for~~  
 $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}_L$   $m_u, m_d, m_c, m_s$

But: comes in 3 copies, only different  
in mass

$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}_L + RH \text{ singlets}$

$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_u \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} \nu_c \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}_L + RH \text{ singlets}$

leads to interesting phenomenology

leads to many measurable parameters

But: we don't really know why there are  
copies, what determines the parameter  
values, ...

# 1) How to describe flavor

recall:  $\mathcal{L}_Y = -g_b \bar{L} \Phi b_R - g_t \bar{L} \tilde{\Phi} t_R$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+h \end{pmatrix} / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\tilde{\Phi} = i\tau_2 \Phi^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_Y \subset -\frac{g_b}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b}_L b_R - \frac{g_t}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{t}_L t_R$$

$$m_{b,t} = \frac{g_{b,t} V}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Now: 3 generations  $L_1^i = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L$  ;  $L_2^i = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}_L$  ;  $L_3^i = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}_L$

$$u_{R1}, c_{R1}, t_{R1} \equiv u_{i,R}$$

$$d_{R1}, s_{R1}, b_{R1} \equiv d_{i,R}$$

"Flavor states"

$\Rightarrow$  most general Yukawa term:

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = - \sum_{i,j} \bar{L}_i^i \left[ g_{ij}^{(d)} \Phi d_{j,R}^i + g_{ij}^{(u)} \tilde{\Phi} u_{j,R}^i \right]$$

$$= - \sum \bar{d}_{iL}^i \underbrace{\frac{g_{ij}^{(d)}}{\sqrt{2}} V}_{\equiv M_{ij}^{(d)}} d_{jR}^i + \bar{u}_{iL}^i \underbrace{\frac{g_{ij}^{(u)}}{\sqrt{2}} V}_{\equiv M_{ij}^{(u)}} u_{jR}^i$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_Y \equiv - \left[ \overline{d'_L} M^{(d)} d'_R + \overline{u'_L} M^{(u)} u'_R \right]$$

Mass matrices  $M^{(u)}$ ,  $M^{(d)}$

$$\text{and } d'_R = \begin{pmatrix} d'_{L,R} \\ s'_{L,R} \\ b'_{L,R} \end{pmatrix}, \quad u'_L = \begin{pmatrix} u'_{L,R} \\ c'_{L,R} \\ t'_{L,R} \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonalization:

$$U_d^\dagger M^{(d)} V_d = D^d = \text{diag}(m_d, m_s, m_b)$$

$$U_u^\dagger M^{(u)} V_u = D^u = \text{diag}(m_u, m_c, m_t)$$

$$U_u U_u^\dagger = V_u V_u^\dagger = \dots = \mathbb{1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Basis transformation:

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = \underbrace{\overline{d'_L}}_{\equiv \overline{d_L}} U_d^\dagger \underbrace{U_d^\dagger M^{(d)} V_d}_{D^d} \underbrace{V_d^\dagger d'_R}_{\equiv d_R} + \underbrace{\overline{u'_L}}_{\equiv \overline{u_L}} U_u^\dagger \underbrace{U_u^\dagger M^{(u)} V_u}_{D^u} \underbrace{V_u^\dagger u'_R}_{\equiv u_R}$$

In the new basis the mass states are diagonal

"mass states" e.g.  $U_d^\dagger d'_L = d_L$

"physical", "propagation"

I have to transform in complete Lagrangian:

$$-\mathcal{L}_{cc} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_{\mu}^+ \bar{u}'_L \gamma^{\mu} d'_L$$

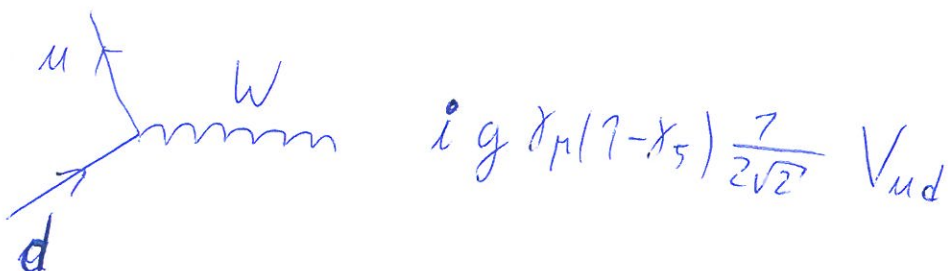
$$= \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_{\mu}^+ \underbrace{\bar{u}'_L U_u}_{\bar{u}_L} \gamma^{\mu} U_d \underbrace{d'_L}_{d_L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V = U_u^{\dagger} U_d} \text{ survives in charged current}$$

CKM - Matrix Cabibbo  
Kobayashi  
Maskawa

(Note: in neutral current  $\propto \bar{u}'_L u'_L \Rightarrow$  no effect  
at tree level)

Feynman-rules:



$$i g \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} V_{ud}$$

$V$  can be parametrized, but I need to know the number of parameters in  $V$ .

$N$  families (3 probably...)

	#	# <sub>tot</sub>
complex $N \times N$	$2N^2$	$2N^2$
$VV^\dagger = 11$	$-N^2$	$N^2$
rephase $u_i, d_i$ (one unphysical total phase)	$-(2N-1)$	$(N-1)^2$

a real matrix would have  $\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)$  Euler angles  
 $\Rightarrow$  the rest must be phases

families	angles	phases
2	1	0
3	3	1
4	6	3
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$N$	$\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)$	$\frac{1}{2}(N-2)(N-1)$

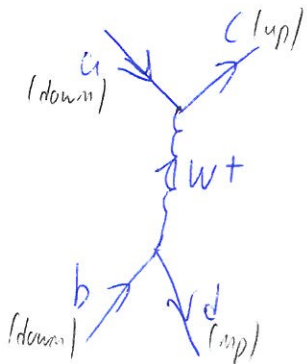
$\Rightarrow V$  complex for  $N \geq 3$

for ant-quarks:  $V \rightarrow V^*$  and processes can have different rates  $\Rightarrow$  CP violation

(Nobel prize for KM in 2008)

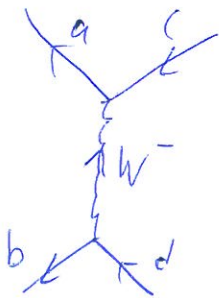
Look at it in more detail: (is actually more subtle than)

$ab \rightarrow cd$  (or  $\bar{c}\bar{d} \rightarrow \bar{a}\bar{b}$ )



$$\mathcal{M} \propto V_{cs} V_{db}^* \bar{u}_c \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_s \bar{u}_d \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_b$$

for anti-particles:  $\bar{a}\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{c}\bar{d}$  ( $a cd \rightarrow ab$ )



$$\mathcal{M}' \propto V_{cs}^* V_{db} \bar{u}_a \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_c \bar{u}_b \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_d$$

$$= \mathcal{M}^\dagger$$

e.g.:  $(\bar{u}_c \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_s)^\dagger = u_s^\dagger \gamma_0 \gamma_0 [\gamma_\mu^\dagger - (\gamma_\mu \gamma_5)^\dagger] \gamma_0 u_c = \bar{u}_a (\gamma_\mu - \gamma_\mu \gamma_5) u_c$

recall: weak interaction seems to be

CP invariant:

$$\mathcal{O}_L \leftrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{O}_R}$$

to check if CP-transformed amplitude  
is identical to original amplitude:

CP-transformed spinors

$$C: \quad \psi^c = C \bar{\psi}^T \quad ; \quad C = i \gamma_2 \gamma_0$$

$$P: \quad \psi^P = P \psi \quad ; \quad P = \gamma_0$$

$$CP: \quad P \psi^c$$

e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{\psi}_c^c \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \psi_a^c \\ &= - \psi_c^T C^{-1} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) C \bar{\psi}_a^T \\ &= \psi_c^T [\gamma_\mu (1 + \gamma_5)]^T \bar{\psi}_a^T \\ &= - \bar{\psi}_a \gamma_\mu (1 + \gamma_5) \psi_c \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{now } P: \quad P^{-1} \gamma_\mu (1 + \gamma_5) P = \gamma_\mu^\dagger (1 - \gamma_5)$$

$\Rightarrow$  CP-transformed ~~amplitude~~ amplitude

$$V_{CP} = V_{ca} V_{db}^* \quad \bar{\psi}_a \gamma_\mu^\dagger (1 - \gamma_5) \psi_c \quad \bar{\psi}_b \gamma_\mu^\dagger (1 - \gamma_5) \psi_d$$

with  $\delta_0^+ = \delta_0$  and  $\delta^{i+} = -\delta^i$

$$\mathcal{R}_{CP} = V_{ca} V_{db}^* \overline{u}_a \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_c \overline{u}_b \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u_d$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $V_{ij}$  are real:  $\mathcal{R}_{CP} = \mathcal{R}^+$  and theory is CP invariant

For  $N > 3$ :  $V$  contains phase and CP violation

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Parametrization of  $V$

$$V = R_{23}(\theta_{23}) R_{13}(\theta_{13}, \delta) R_{12}(\theta_{12})$$

$$\text{with } R_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} ; R_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ s_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} c_{ij} &= \cos \theta_{ij} \\ s_{ij} &= \sin \theta_{ij} \end{aligned}$$



or (phenomenological) Wolfenstein -  
 parametrization:

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

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 & \lambda & A \lambda^3 (\bar{s} - i \bar{\eta}) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 & A \lambda^2 \\ A \lambda^3 (\bar{s} - i \bar{\eta}) & -A \lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

+  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$

comes from:  $s_{12} \equiv \lambda$

$$s_{23} \equiv A \lambda^2$$

$$s_{13} e^{-i\delta} \equiv A \lambda^3 (\bar{s} - i \bar{\eta})$$

$$\lambda = 0.2253$$

$$A = 0.808$$

$$\bar{s} = 0.732$$

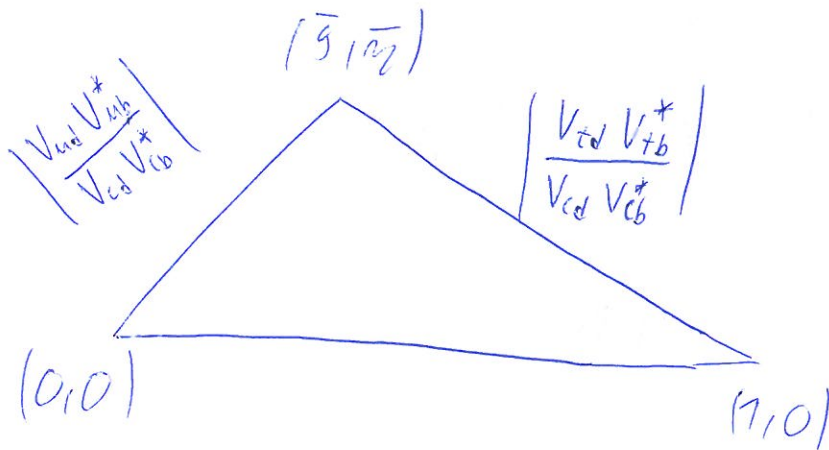
[ $\bar{s} / (1 - \lambda^2/2)$ ]

$$\bar{\eta} = 0.347$$

Unitarity of  $V$  gives rise to unitarity triangles

e.g.  $V_{ud} V_{ub}^* + V_{cd} V_{cb}^* + V_{td} V_{tb}^* = 0 \quad (*)$

$$V_{ud} V_{td}^* + V_{us} V_{ts}^* + V_{ub} V_{tb}^* = 0$$



(\*) normalized

### Final remarks

1) GIM-mechanism (Glashow-Sliopoulos-Maiani)

absence (= strong suppression) of  
flavor-changing neutral currents (FCNC)



e.g.  $b \rightarrow s \gamma$

$$\mathcal{A} \propto V_{qb} V_{qs}^* f(m_q)$$

$$\approx V_{qb} V_{qs}^* (1 + \epsilon_q) \approx \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_q) \ll 1$$