An Overview of Flavor Physics (I)

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Outline of the talks

1st talk: September 7th

- Introduction to flavor and "Why to investigate on Flavor Physics in the XXI c.?"
- Quick status CKM metrology and Cabibbo-angle Anomaly
- The R_K lepton-flavor universality anomalies

2nd talk: September 8th

- The R_D lepton universality anomalies
- The LHC flavor-physics program
- A view on dark-flavor sectors

What is Flavor Physics?



"Just as ice-cream has both colour and flavour so do quarks."

H. Fritzsch & M. Gell-Mann, 1971

Standard Model of Particle Physics



3 <u>almost</u> identical families of "Matter"

- * "Up quarks": "up", "charm", "top"
- * "Down quarks": "down", "strange", "bottom"
- ★ "Neutral leptons": Neutrinos
- ***** "Charged leptons": *e*, μ and τ
- "Identical": Same gauge forces (e.g. electric)
- "Almost": Different masses!

Flavor Physics in the Standard Model

Yukawa sector of the Standard Model $-\mathcal{L}_{Y} = \bar{q}_{L}Y_{D}d_{R}H + \bar{q}_{L}Y_{U}u_{R}\tilde{H} + \bar{\ell}_{L}Y_{e}e_{R}H + h.c.$

- Fermion mass generation: *H* → vev + *h*⁰
 - Yukawa matrices diagonalizable

$$M_{U(D)} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} m_{u(d)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{c(s)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{t(b)} \end{pmatrix} = \operatorname{vev} \times L_{u(d)}^{\dagger} Y_{U(D)} R_{u(d)}$$

Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa mixing matrix

Flavor violation in W^{\pm} (charged current) weak couplings

$$V_{\rm CKM} = L_u^{\dagger} L_d \equiv \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Heavy-flavored matter is unstable!



The CKM unitary triangle

• Complex and Unitary matrix \implies Parametrized by **3 angles** and **1** *CP* **phase**



Unitary Triangle

- Unitary relations: Triangles in complex plane
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CKM matrix is almost diagonal







Flavor Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC)

- Theorem: FCNC are "Loop-Suppressed" and "Flavor-Suppressed" in the SM!
 - Penguin diagram





- Neutral-meson mixing
- Box diagram





LHCb Collaboration, arXiv: 2104.04421

Why studying Flavor Physics in the 2020's?

(1) Fundamental Questions: The Flavor Puzzle

• CKM and mass matrices: Parametrizations of flavor phenomena in the SM





SM Flavor Puzzle: Where do hierarchies of masses and mixings come from?

- Horizontal-flavor symmetries Froggatt & Nielsen (1979)
- Warped extra dimensions Randall & Sundrum (1999)
- Clockwork mechanism Giudice & McCullough (2017), Alonso-Carmona-Dillon-Kamenik-JMC-Zupan (2019)
- Tree vs. loop s. Weinberg (2020) arXiv: 2001.06582

• However, the solution might not be accessible at the energies at reach...

(1) Fundamental Questions: Baryogenesis

• Baryogenesis (aka "Where do we come from?")





• The Flavored Universe

- ► Is the CKM *CP*-violating phase large enough to generate η ?
- Does nature have 3 generations to trigger baryogenesis?
- $\Omega_{\rm DM}h^2 \approx \Omega_b h^2$: Relic baryon and dark-matter production mechanisms related?

New physics needed for successful baryogenesis!

(2) Probe of New (Beyond the SM) Physics

- Several reasons for New Physics
 - Quantum Gravity, the Dark Universe, neutrino masses, the flavor puzzle, baryogenesis, the strong CP problem, the electroweak hierarchy problem ...
- Flavor processes are a powerful probe of New Physics
 - ► ~1000's of flavor transitions described by 3 angles and 1 CP-violating phase



FCNCs indirectly sensitive to up to 10⁷ TeV energy scales!

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(2) Probe of New (Beyond the SM) Physics

Multi-energy scale experimental effort



(3) Flavor anomalies!

► Anomalies in decays of *B*-mesons



Muon's anomalous magnetic moment

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The New York Times 🔮 @nytimes - Apr 7 ----Breaking News: Evidence is mounting that a tiny subatomic particle is being influenced by forms of matter and energy that are not yet known to science but which may nevertheless affect the nature and evolution of the universe.

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New fundamental forces sensitive to lepton flavor!

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(3) Flavor anomalies!

Flavor physics was instrumental in discovering and shaping the SM

- Nuclear β-decays: Discovery weak interactions and neutrino
- Rare Kaon-decays: Discovery of the charm quark

Expect the unexpected

PROPOSAL FOR κ^{o}_{2} Decay and interaction experiment

J. W. Cronin, V. L. Fitch, R. Turlay

(April 10, 1963)

I. INTRODUCTION

The present proposal was largely stimulated by the recent anomalous results of Adair et al., on the coherent regeneration of K_{1}^{0} mesons. It is the purpose of this experiment to check these results with a precision far transcending that attained in the previous experiment. Other results to be obtained will be a new and much better limit for the partial rate of $K_{2}^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{+} + \pi^{-}$, a new limit for the presence (or absence) of neutral currents as observed through $K_{2} \rightarrow \mu^{+} + \mu^{-}$.

Thanks to Zoltan Ligeti for sharing this

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Testing (B)SM with Flavor Physics: Effective Field Theories

- Add all operators consistent with symmetries and matter content
- Infinite terms? <u>NO</u> if there is a mass gap $\Lambda_{NewPhysics} \gg vev$



Grigiano and Mussolf Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 71 (2013) 2-20

• The classic example: Fermi theory for β decay!



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermi}} &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} (\bar{u}d)_{V-A} (\bar{e}\nu)_{V-A} \\ G_F &= 1.1663787(6) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \simeq \frac{1}{m_W^2} \end{aligned}$$

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Testing (B)SM with Flavor Physics: Hadronic Matrix Elements

• Hadrons are the asymptotic states in QCD



E.g. neutron β decay

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} \langle p | (\bar{u}d)_{V-A} | n \rangle (\bar{e}\nu)_{V-A} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\rm em})$$
$$\langle p | \bar{u} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 d | n \rangle = \bar{\mathfrak{u}}_{\rho} \left[g_A \gamma^{\mu} + \frac{\bar{g}_{T(A)}}{2m_n} \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} + \frac{\bar{g}_P}{2m_n} q^{\mu} \right] \gamma_5 \mathfrak{u}_n$$

S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev., 112:1375 (1958)

- Nonperturbative "form factors" to learn about short distances!
- Many theoretical methods Only few from first principles (QCD)!
- Lattice QCD
- Flavor symmetries and EFTs -ChPT, HQET, SCET, ...
- QCD sum rules
- Quark and hadronic models

Much progress in lattice QCD in the last decade



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Personal selection of flavor topics



CKM metrology and Cabibbo-angle anomaly

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• Excellent consistency of the constraints ...



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 - Good agreement between direct and indirect determinations of CKM angles



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Except for a long-standing discrepancy



$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SM}} \supset \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb}(\bar{c}b)_{V-A}(\bar{e}\nu)_{V-A}$$

- * Exclusive decays: Definite final state E.g. $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu$, $|V_{cb}^{exc}| = 39.09(68) \times 10^{-3}$ FLAG 2019
- ★ Inclusive decays: Sum rate over all charmed final states $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$, $|V_{cb}^{inc}| = 42.16(50) \times 10^{-3}$

Bordone et al., arXiv: 2107.00604

- **Discrepancy at** 2.8σ
- ▶ The V_{ub} and V_{cb} puzzle: No (effective) BSM scenario can solve the discrepancy

Crivellin & Pokorski, PRL114(2015)1,011802, Straub & Jung JHEP 01 (2019) 009

* E.g. effective BSM right-handed interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{BSM}} \supset rac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} \mathcal{C}_{V_R}(\bar{c}b)_{\mathbf{V}+\mathbf{A}}(\bar{e}
u)_{V-A}$$

* Experimental systematic effects? Bordone et al., arXiv: 2107.00604



Status of Flavor Metrology: The Cabibbo-angle anomaly

In the SM: First-row unitarity relation $|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$ $|V_{us}| \approx \sin \theta_C = \lambda \simeq 0.225$ $|V_{ud}| \approx \cos \theta_C \approx 1 - \lambda^2/2$

- Most precise experimental and theoretical inputs in quark-flavor sector!
- Super-allowed nuclear β decays

 $|V_{ud}| = 0.97370(14)$ SGPR, PRL121(2018)24,241804

- ★ Recent re-evaluation of α_{em} corrections
- ▶ (Semi)leptonic kaon decays $|V_{us}| = 0.2238(5)$ with $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$ $|V_{us}| = 0.2253(5)$ $K \rightarrow \ell \nu / \pi \rightarrow \ell \nu$ and unitarity
- Clean and precise lattice inputs for form factors

FLAG Collaboration



$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 = 0.9984(5)$$

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• Cabibbo angle anomaly ($\sim 4\sigma$)

Cabibbo anomaly and new physics

- It can be easily fixed with NP! Gonzalez-Alonso & JMC, JHEP12(2016)052, Grossman et al. JHEP 07(2020)068
- E.g. BSM couplings of W^{\pm} and Z to neutrinos!
- Fit to flavor and EWPO





▶ NP hypothesis $> 4\sigma$ than SM

• Hint of lepton-universality violation? (cf. $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu} \neq \varepsilon_{ee}$)

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Cabibbo anomaly and new physics

• Beautiful BSM path to solve the Cabibbo-angle anomaly



Could there be a less exotic explanation?

- SM predictions with hadronic inputs at subpercent (subpermille!) precision
- Hard problem: Need <u>accurate</u> radiative (and isospin-breaking) corrections

See UMass Workshop on "Beta Decay as a Probe of New Physics"

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$b ightarrow s\ell\ell$ and lepton universality violation

Effective field theory approach to $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ decays

● FCNCs sensitive to very high-energy scales ⇒ Less precision "required"

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{3j} V_{3i}^* \Big[\sum_{\substack{k = 7, 9, \\ 10, S, P}} \left(C_k(\mu) \mathcal{O}_k(\mu) + C'_k(\mu) \mathcal{O}'_k(\mu) \right) + C_T(\mu) \mathcal{O}_T(\mu) + C_{T_5}(\mu) \mathcal{O}_{T_5}(\mu) \Big]$$

* B decays from $b \to s\ell\ell$





• New-Physics: in C_i or e.g. \mathcal{O}'_i obtained $P_L \rightarrow P_R$ in $\overline{s}_L b$

The lepton flavor universality violation anomalies: $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$



• Deficits on $R_{K^{(*)}}$ measured by LHCb



Signal of μ -to-e LFUV at 2-4 σ

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• Other anomalies in branching ratios and angular observables





Claims of $> 5\sigma$ signal of NP in global fit to ca. 100+ observables

The beautiful example: $B_q^0 o \ell \ell$



Also measured by ATLAS and CMS

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- Semileptonic decay constants f_{Ba} can be calculated in LQCD FLAG averages
- Include radiative corrections: $\overline{\mathcal{B}}^{\rm SM}_{s\mu}=3.66(14) imes10^{-9}$ Beneke et al. JHEP10(2019)232

$\sim 2 - 3\sigma$ deficit with respect to SM predictions!

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$$\mathcal{B}_{s\ell} \propto G_F^2 lpha^2 |V_{tb}V_{ts}^*|^2 m_\ell^2 f_{B_s}^2 |C_{10} - C_{10}'|^2$$

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The complex (and rich) case: $B^0 \to K^{(*)}\ell\ell$

Rich kinematic distro

Complex interplay of short- and long-distance physics





12 angular observables!

 $q^2 \, [{\rm GeV^2}]$

• Controversial interpretation of anomalies in angular distributions



Is it the effect of NP ...

$$\delta {\cal C}_9^\mu \simeq -1$$
Descotes-Genon *et al.* PRD88,074002

... Or of understimated hadronic contributions?

Beneke et al. NPB592(2001)3, Jäeger and JMC JHEP1305(2013)043, PRD93(2016)1,014028, Bharucha et al.JHEP 1009 (2010) 090, Descotes-Genon et al. JHEP 1412 (2014) 125, Lyon et al. arXiv:1406.0566, Ciuchini et al. arXiv:1512.07157 + ...

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- 12 angular observables!
- Hadronic contributions
- 7 form factors

$$H_{V}(\lambda) = -iN\left\{ \underbrace{\left[C_{9} \tilde{V}_{L\lambda} + \frac{m_{B}^{2}}{q^{2}} h_{\lambda} \right]}_{H_{A}(\lambda) = -iNC_{10} \tilde{V}_{L\lambda}} - \frac{\hat{m}_{b}m_{B}}{q^{2}} C_{7} \tilde{T}_{L\lambda} \right\}$$

Very difficult in LQCD

"Charm" contribution

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Ψ's

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 q^2 [GeV²]

Only C₉^{eff} is observable!

Br [10⁻⁷

0

The lepton-universality ratios are clean observables

Leptons do not feel the strong force! $R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{\mathcal{B}} \to K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{\mathcal{B}} \to K^{(*)} e^+ e^-)} \stackrel{\text{SM}}{\simeq} 1$

Very clean null tests of the SM



- Large (\sim 20%) effects!
- Th. uncertainties negligible!

• Sensitive to muonic LH currents!



Geng, Grinstein, Jäger, JMC, Ren, Shi, PRD96(2017)093006

A theoretically-clean fit

- Define a χ^2 with "clean observables"

 - * R_{K^*} and R_K from LHCb
- ► Fit muon-philic BSM contributions only

Main results

- p-value (SM) = 7.6 × 10⁻⁵ (4 σ tension of SM with data)
- ▶ *p*-value (BSM) = 0.27 BSM better than SM by $\sim 4.9\sigma!$



Geng et al. PRD104(2021)3,035029

Theoretically robust



Impossible to understand within the SM

- Really New Physics?! ...
- Or statistical fluke?! (4 σ)
- Or an experimental problem?! (seems very unlikely though!) See Arantxa's talk

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The global fit

► Add ≥ 100 observables: BRs, angular observables, low- and high-q² data ...

	all rare B decays	
Wilson coefficient	best fit	pull
$C_9^{bs\mu\mu}$	$-0.80^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$	5.7σ
$C_{10}^{bs\mu\mu}$	$+0.55\substack{+0.12\\-0.12}$	4.8σ
$C_9^{\prime b s \mu \mu}$	$-0.14^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$	1.0σ
$C_{10}^{\prime bs\mu\mu}$	$+0.04\substack{+0.10\\-0.10}$	0.4σ
$C_9^{bs\mu\mu} = C_{10}^{bs\mu\mu}$	$-0.01\substack{+0.12\\-0.12}$	0.1σ
$C_9^{bs\mu\mu}=-C_{10}^{bs\mu\mu}$	$-0.41^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	5.9σ



Altmannshofer & Stangl, arXiv: 2103.13370

Depends on size of hadronic corrections



- Independent observables:
 Similar trend and size of NP!
 Interpretation blurred by hadronic effects
 - Global fit favors effects on C_9 (affected by charm)

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 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Current-current} \text{ interpretation!} \\ \mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset \frac{C_{9(10)}}{\Lambda_{New-Physics}^2} (\bar{s}\gamma^{\mu} P_L b) (\bar{\mu}\gamma_{\mu}(\gamma_5)\mu) \\ \Lambda_{New-Physics} \sim 30 \text{ TeV!!!} \end{array}$

• UV completions: Z''s and leptoquarks



- Extra bounds from low energy e.g. Z'
- $B_s \overline{B}_s$ mixing



Requires small Z'bs coupling! (e.g MFV)

Neutrino trident production



Controls Z'µµ coupling!

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• "Colored" gauged $L_{\mu} - L\tau$

Altmannshofer et al. PRD89(2014)095033



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• "Agnostic" EFT: $pp \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ X$ LHC and beyond...

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Could be far from production @ LHC (or even FCC!!)

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The $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ anomalies: What's next?

- Many ongoing analyses at LHCb See Arantxa's talk on Friday
 - $\blacktriangleright R_{K^*}, R_{\phi}, R_{\Lambda_b}, \ldots$
 - Not only low q² but also high q²
 - LFUV ratios or differences of angular observables!

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(At least) 2027 for same precision as current LHCb result

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