

# OVERTURE

THE STANDARD MODEL OF PARTICLE PHYSICS  
TELLS US WHAT ARE THE SMALLEST BUILDING  
BLOCKS OF MATTER AND WHICH FORCES  
ACT BETWEEN THEM UP TO THE MASS (LENGTH)  
SCALES  $\mathcal{O}(100)GeV$  ( $10^{-18}m$ )

THE END OF A CERTAIN STORY...

THE STORY HAS BEGAN WITH THE DISCOVERY  
OF RADIOACTIVITY (1896)

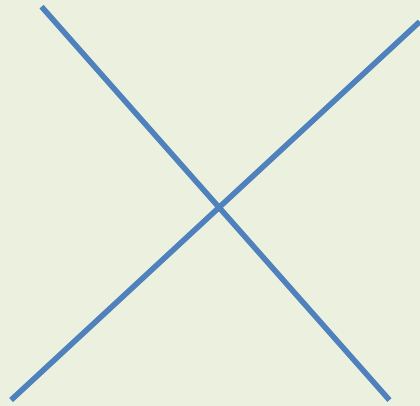
AFTER 120 YEARS OF RESEARCH THIS  
CHAPTER IS NOW CLOSED

EVER SINCE 1896 THE PROGRESS WAS  
DRIVEN BY EXPERIMENTAL DISCOVERIES

THE FERMI FOUR-FERMION THEORY FOR  
THE NEUTRON  $\beta$ -DECAY HAS  
INTRODUCED A NEW MASS SCALE INTO  
PARTICLE PHYSICS AND A GUARANTEE  
OF NEW DISCOVERIES

$$\mathcal{L}_F \approx G_F \bar{\Psi}_L^p \gamma_\mu \Psi_L^n \bar{\Psi}_L^e \gamma^\mu \Psi_L^\nu$$

$$G_F \approx 1/10^5 \text{ GeV}^2$$



$$G_F E^2 \approx \frac{E^2}{(100 \text{ GeV})^2}$$


2+2→2+2 SCATTERING AMPLITUDE

(e.g. N+positron→P+antyneutrino)

EVENTUALLY VIOLATES UNITARITY AND  
„SOMETHING NEW“ MUST HAPPEN TO RESTORE  
IT!

MODERN PERSPECTIVE: FERMI 4-FERMION LAGRANGIAN IS AN ADDITION TO QED (RENORMALIZABLE THEORY) OF A NON-RENORMALIZABLE TERM WHICH IS INVARIANT UNDER U(1) BUT VIOLATES ONE OF THE QED CONSERVATION LAWS (BARYON CHARGE CONSERVATION):

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{QED} + \mathcal{L}_F + \dots$$



$$G_F m_l \bar{\Psi}_L^l \sigma_{\mu\nu} \Psi_R^l F^{\mu\nu}$$

# RENORMALIZABLE + HIGHER DIM OPERATORS = EFFECTIVE THEORY STEMING FROM A DEEPER ONE:

We can organise particle physics in terms of hierarchical energy scales, thanks to the **Appelquist-Carazzone decoupling theorem**:

If a gauge theory valid at energy scale  $M_1$  is embedded into a larger theory with new particles of mass  $M_2 \gg M_1$ , the effects on observables probed at the scale  $M_1$  are suppressed by powers of  $M_1/M_2$ .

## BLESSING:

ONE COULD FORMULATE QED ( $E \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ )  
WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE SM ( $E \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ )

## CURSE:

TO FIND LAWS OF PHYSICS BEYOND THE  
EFFECTIVE THEORY VALID AT  $E$  ONE NEEDS  
ENERGY OF ORDER OF THE NEW MASS  
SCALE  $M$  OR PRECISION OF ORDER  $E^2/M^2$



THANKS TO THE HIGGS DISCOVERY

(BY THE WAY, THERE WAS AGAIN THE GUARANTEE THAT „SOMETHING“ MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO UNITARIZE THE WW SCATTERING AMPLITUDE)

WE HAVE NOW AT HAND A THEORY THAT LOOKS LIKE A RENORMALIZABLE ONE AND WE FIND OURSELVES AT A TURNING POINT:

- THE SM CANNOT BE THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING.
- IT IS RENORMALIZABLE, SO TO GO BEYOND IT ONE HAS THE TWO OPTIONS MENTIONED EARLIER

**BUT WHERE IS THE NEW SCALE?  
CONTRARY TO THE PAST, WE ARE  
NOT DATA DRIVEN**

# FLAVOR WINDOW TO PHYSICS BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL

(FLAVOR PUZZLE)

WHO ORDERED THAT? (THE MUON)  
I. RABI 1936

## SM AND FLAVOR (= FERMION FAMILIES)

IN CERTAIN SENSE, FLAVOR IS A BEYOND  
THE SM CONCEPT!

3 FAMILIES OF QUARKS AND LEPTONS WITH  
IDENTICAL QUANTUM NUMBERS, AND IN  
CONSEQUENCE IDENTICAL GAUGE INTERACTION,  
WHICH DIFFER ONLY BY THEIR INTERACTIONS  
WITH THE HIGGS FIELD (**FIFTH FORCE!**)

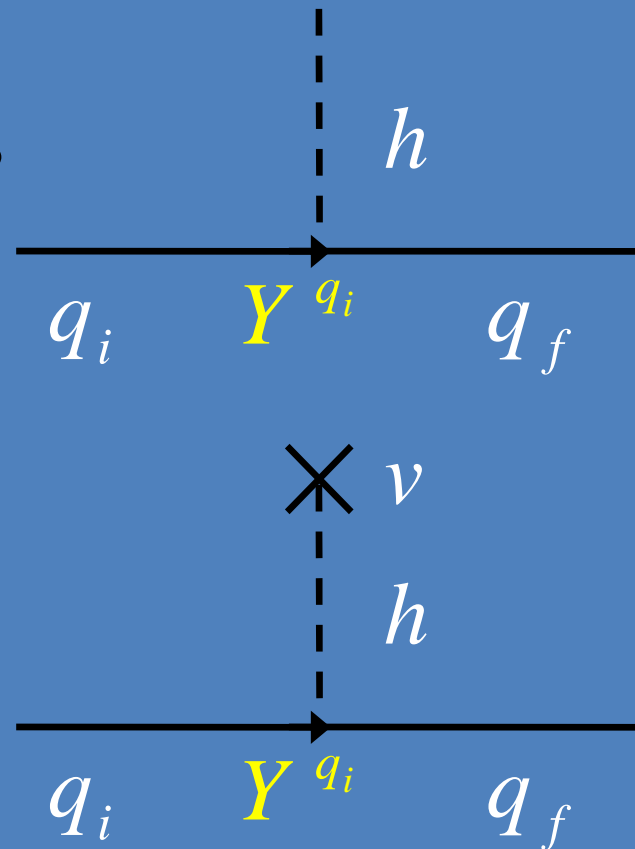
FLAVOR PHYSICS STUDIES TRANSITIONS  
BETWEEN FERMIONS OF DIFFERENT FAMILIES

# Yukawa Interactions and fermion masses

- Interactions of the Higgs particle with fermions
- The quarks acquire masses after electroweak symmetry breaking

$$m_{q_i} = v Y^{q_i}$$

- Diagonalized by biunitary transformations
- Only the charged W vertex is flavor changing



# The CKM matrix

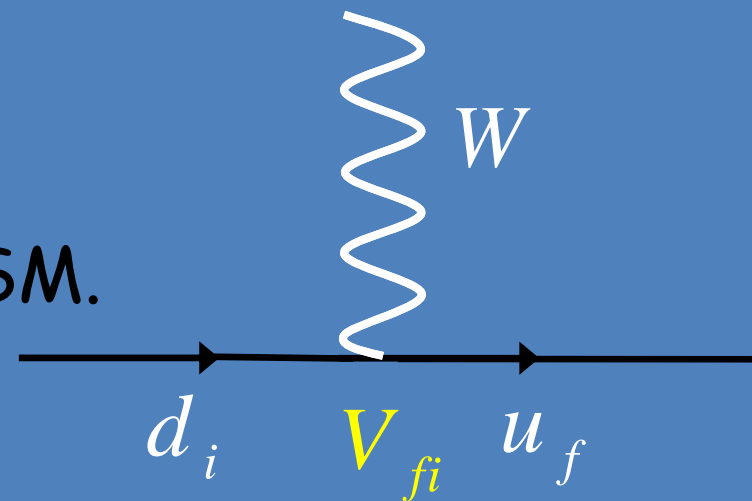
- The mass matrices are diagonalized by (bi) unitary transformations

$$U^{L\dagger} \mathbf{m}_u U^R = \mathbf{m}_u^D, \quad D^{L\dagger} \mathbf{m}_d D^R = \mathbf{m}_d^D$$

- Neutral gauge interactions are proportional to the unit matrix

➔  $U^{L\dagger} U^L = \mathbf{1}$  etc.

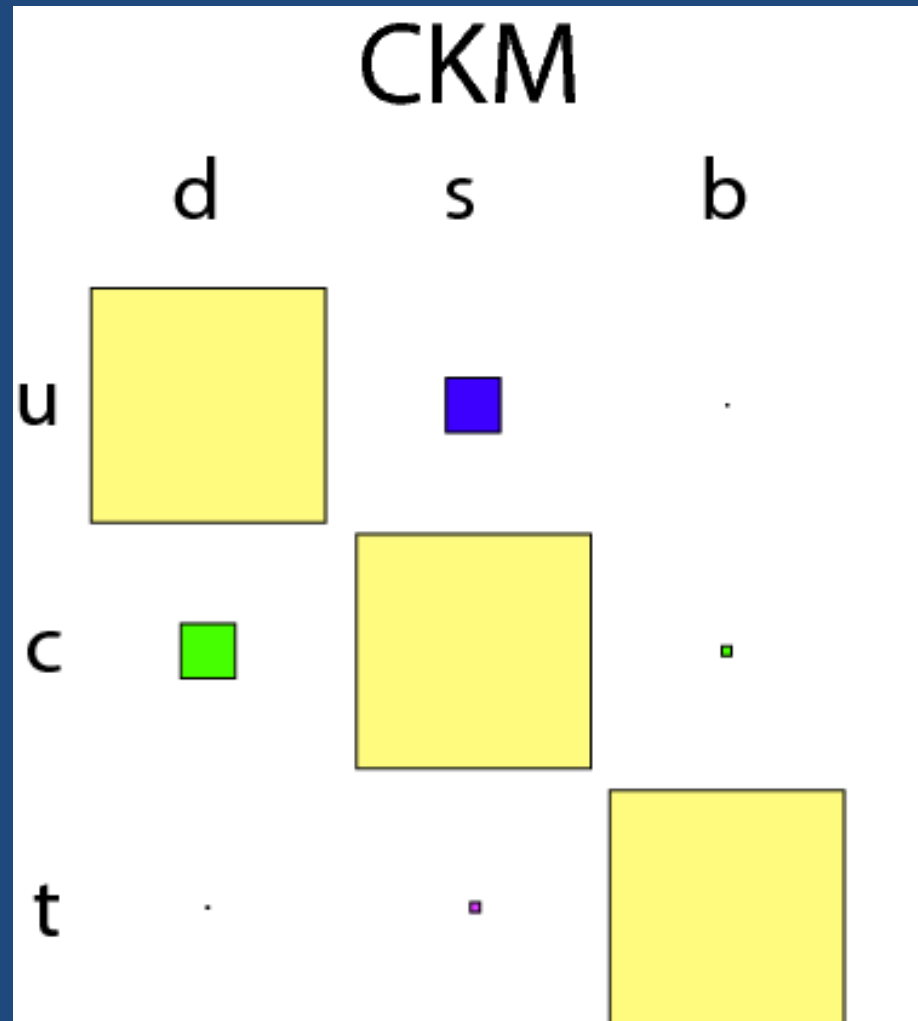
- Only the  $W$  vertex is flavour changing in the SM.



CKM matrix  $V = U^{L\dagger} D^L$

# Magnitude of the CKM elements (tree-level)

- $V_{ud}$  from beta decay
- $V_{cd}$  and  $V_{cs}$  from D decays
- $V_{tb}$ ,  $V_{td}$  and  $V_{ts}$  determined by CKM unitarity
- $V_{tb}$  also from  $t \rightarrow Wb$  but not competitive



# Tree-level determination of the CKM elements

## ■ $V_{ub}$

■  $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$

■  $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \nu$

■  $B \rightarrow \rho \ell \nu$

■  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$

## ■ $V_{cb}$

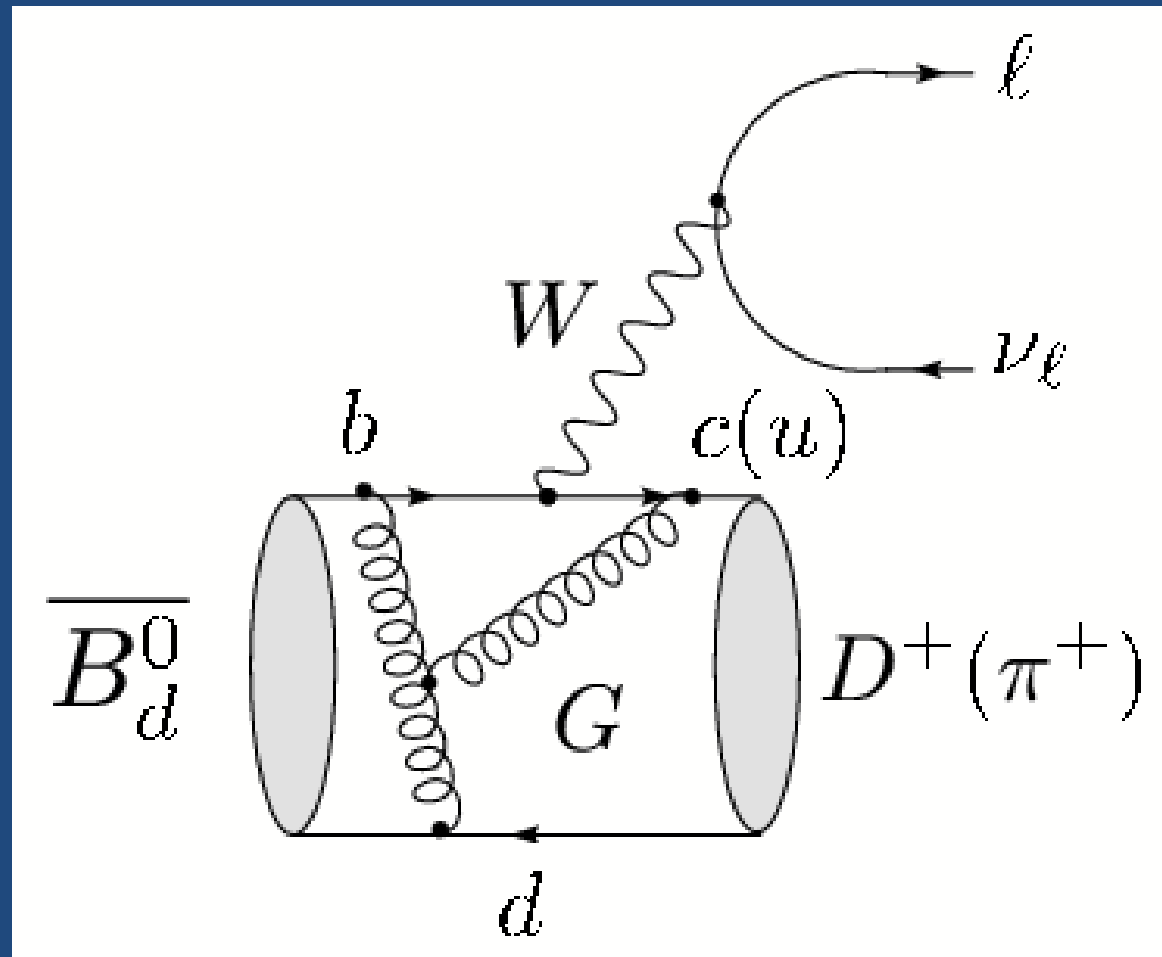
■  $B \rightarrow D \ell \nu$

■  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$

■  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$

## ■ $V_{us}$

■ Kaon decays





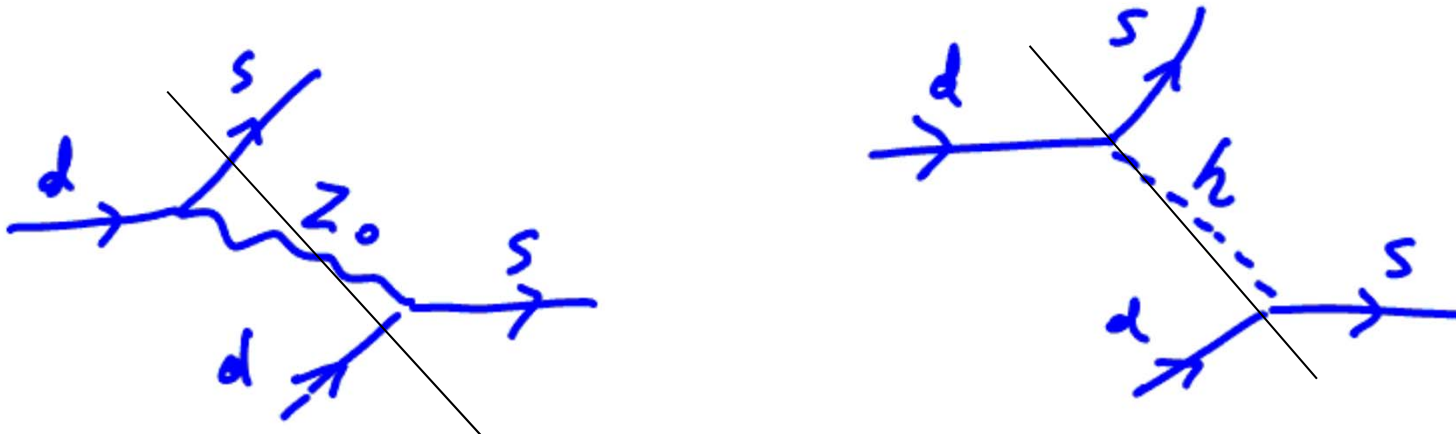
EFFECTIVE FERMION THEORY WITH  
FLAVOR INCLUDED IS  
A CONVENIENT BOOKKEEPING FOR  
THE FULL SM CALCULATIONS

# Flavour Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) processes

neutron decay

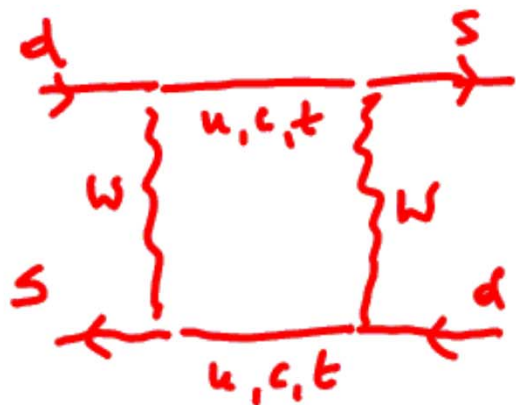


$\bar{K}^0 - K^0$  mixing ?



Tree level diagrams are absent because of the structure of the theory (SU(2) quark and lepton doublets, only one Higgs doublet.)

But what about loops?



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = C (\bar{\psi}_L \gamma_\mu \psi_L) (\bar{\psi}_L \gamma_\mu \psi_L)$$

Generically

$$C \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{M_W^2} \sim \alpha G_F$$

$\Gamma$ -factor  
10<sup>4</sup> too much

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff}^{\Delta S=2} \approx$$

# GIM

$$\frac{1}{M_W^2} \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} [(V_{ts}^* V_{td})^2 + (V_{cs}^* V_{cd})^2 \frac{m_c^2}{M_W^2} + \dots] (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu d_l) (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu d_L)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{M_W^2} \frac{g^4}{(4\pi)^2} 10^{-5} (\bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu d_l) (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu d_L)$$

SUPPRESSION SCALE

LOOP FACTOR

ADDITIONAL SUPPRESSION

The success of the SM in the FCNC and CP violating sectors relies on:

- absence of tree-level effects
- GIM mechanism (unitarity of the quark mixing matrix)
- pattern of quark masses and mixing, taken from experiment

RESULT: STRONG SUPPRESSION OF FCNC PROCESSES

VERY IMPORTANT CONCLUSION FOR CHARGED LEPTONS (IN THE APPROXIMATION OF ZERO NEUTRINO MASSES):

LEPTON FLAVOUR CONSERVATION

UNIVERSALITY OF LEPTON GAUGE INTERACTIONS, BOTH IN CHARGED AND NEUTRAL CURRENTS

$$b \rightarrow s\gamma \quad (B \rightarrow K\gamma)$$

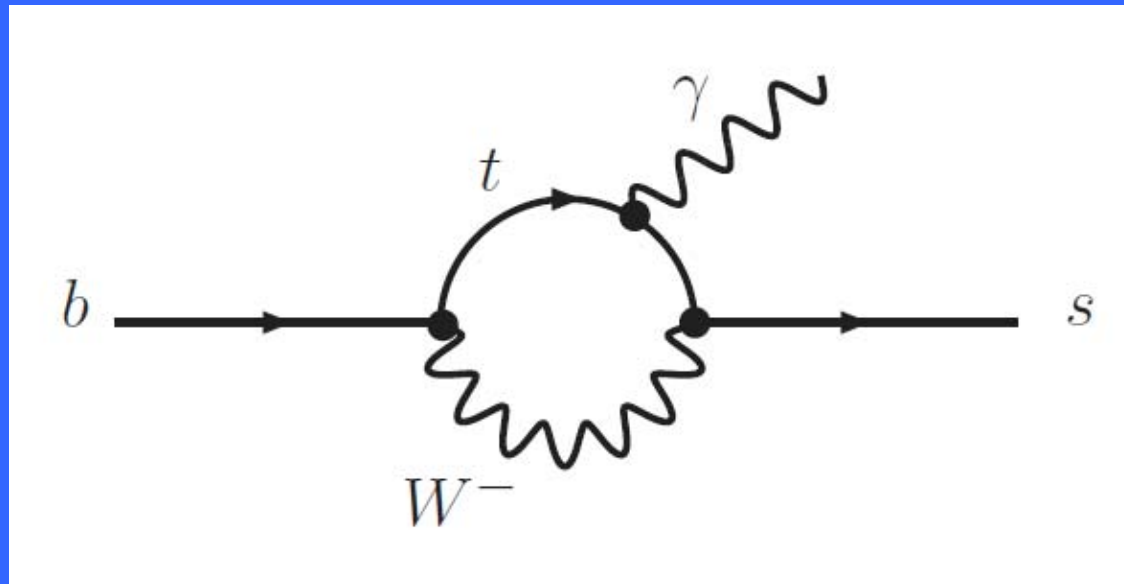
allowed

$$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$$

forbidden

$$Br_{SM} [B \rightarrow X_s \gamma] = (3.36 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$Br_{EXP} [B \rightarrow X_s \gamma] = (3.43 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-4}$$





STRONG SUPPRESSION OF THE FCNC PROCESSES MAKES THEM PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO NEW PHYSICS EFFECTS (GIVEN THE HIGH PRECISION OF EXPERIMENTAL DATA)

## SM AS AN EFFECTIVE THEORY

$\mathcal{L}_{SM}$  +  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  invariant higher dim operators

e.g. dim 6 four fermion operators contributing to

$M - \bar{M}$  mixing

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{C_{ijkl}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{Q}_i Q_j \bar{Q}_k Q_l) + \dots$$

$l_j \rightarrow l_i \gamma$  decays

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{C_{ij}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{L}_j \sigma^{\mu\nu} E_i) H B^{\mu\nu}$$

## PRESENT BOUNDS ON THE WILSON COEFFICIENTS (EXP ERROR)

$$K - \bar{K} \text{ (0.1\%)} \quad \Lambda > 10^5 \sqrt{C} \text{ TeV}$$

$$B_d - \bar{B}_d \text{ (1\%)} \quad \Lambda > 10^2 \sqrt{C} \text{ TeV}$$

$$B_s - \bar{B}_s \text{ (10\%)} \quad \Lambda > 10 \sqrt{C} \text{ TeV}$$

$$BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-13} \quad \Lambda > 10^4 \sqrt{C} \text{ TeV}$$

MUCH WEAKER BOUNDS FOR  $\tau \rightarrow \mu(e)\gamma$

AND FOR MANY OTHER PROCESSES INVOLVING  
ONLY THE 2nd AND 3rd Family

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

TWO „UNINTERESTING“ CASES:

- WILSON COEFFICIENTS ARE FLAVOR UNIVERSAL
  - WILSON COEFFICIENTS ARE FLAVOR DIAGONAL
- LITTLE HOPE TO SEE NEW EFFECTS  
IN FLAVOR PHYSICS

BUT IF THEY HAVE SOME FLAVOR  
STRUCTURE (ANY LINK TO THE  
HIERARCHIES OF FERMION MASSES?) →  
REACH EXPERIMENTAL AND THEORETICAL  
POSSIBILITIES OPEN UP

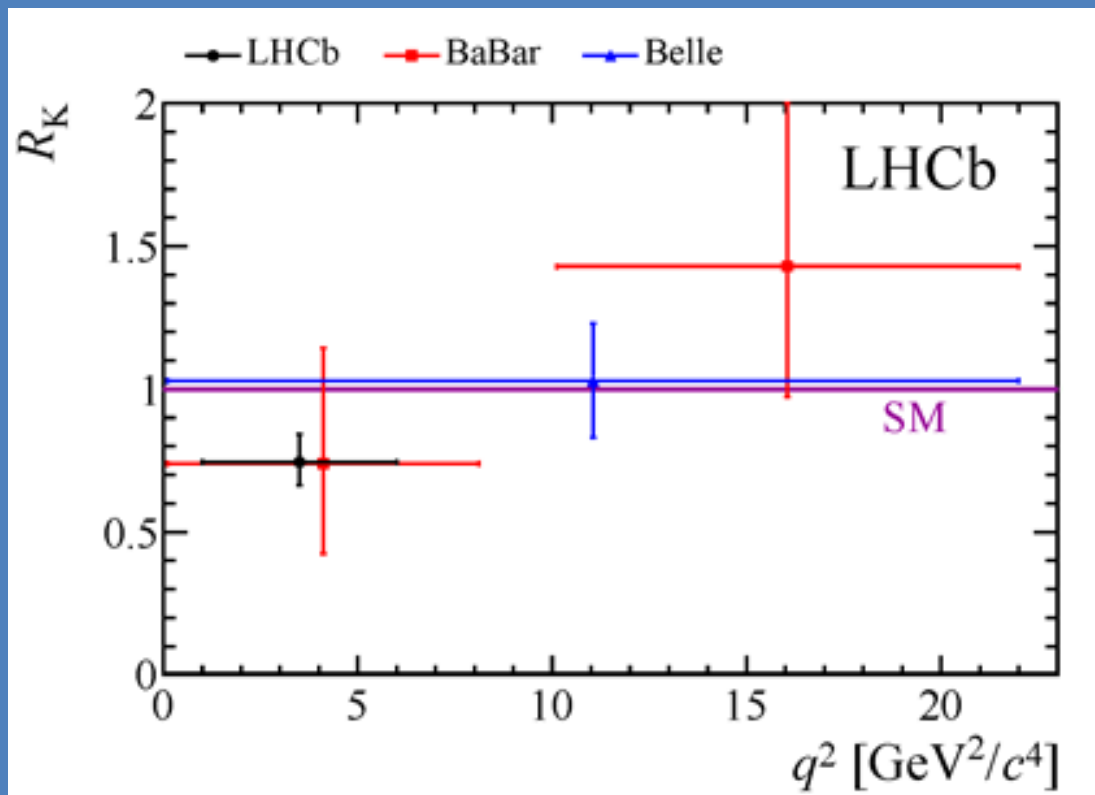
FLAVOR SENSITIVE NEW PHYSICS EVEN  
WITH LOW MASS SCALE IS STILL  
POSSIBLE AND CAN BE SEEN .

A VAST RANGE OF SCALES IS ACCESSIBLE

# Hints for New Physics in the Flavor Sector

$$R(K) = \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \mu \mu) / \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K e e)$$

- Lepton flavour universality violation
- 2.6  $\sigma$  deviation from the theoretically clean SM expectation





2-3  $\sigma$  deviation from the SM in some angular distributions

LEPTON UNIVERSALITY VIOLATION IN

$$R(D^{(*)}) \equiv \frac{Br(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu)}{Br(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu)}$$

3 – 4  $\sigma$  EFFECT



# Explanations of the Flavour Anomalies

$$b \rightarrow s \mu^+ \mu^-$$

$$b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$$



Additional  
neutral gauge  
bosons ( $Z'$ )

Leptoquarks

Extended  
Higgs sector

## SUMMARY

FLAVOR IS AN ADDITION TO THE SM BUT CKM MECHANISM OF FLAVOR VIOLATION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED WITH HIGH PRECISION (FLAVOR SENSITIVE FIFTH FORCE)

STRONG SUPPRESSION OF FCNC PROCESSES FOLLOWS FROM EXPERIMENTALLY MEASURED FREE PARAMETERS (YUKAWAS) OF SM

STRONG SUPPRESSION OF FCNCs AND EXP PRECISION → SENSITIVITY TO HIGH MASS SCALES AND TO FLAVOR PATTERN OF NEW FORCES

HINTS FOR LEPTON FLAVOR UNIVERSALITY VIOLATION?

IS FLAVOR A MORE INHERENT PART OF BSM PHYSICS?