Flavor Deconstruction

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Introduction

The Standard Model (SM) is provides a remarkably successful descriptions of *fundamental forces* (strong, weak, and e.m.) and *matter constituents*, over a wide range of energies.

However, as for any QFT, it is natural to consider the SM as an <u>Effective Field Theory</u>, i.e. the low energy limit of a more complete theory with more degrees of freedom

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{SM-EFT}} = \mathscr{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathscr{L}_{\text{Higgs}} + \dots$$

We identified the *long-range* properties of this EFT







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Dark-matter Dark-energy Inflation

Quantum gravity

problem due to...

→ <u>Instability</u> of the Higgs mass term

 \rightarrow Ad hoc <u>tuning</u> in the model parameters

 \rightarrow Cosmological implementation of the SM

 \rightarrow General problem of any QFT

...indicating

non-trivial properties of the SM Lagrangian if interpreted as EFT

<u>Useful hints for its</u> <u>UV completion</u>

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What we observe in the Yukawa couplings is an <u>approximate U(2)ⁿ</u> <u>symmetry</u> acting on the <u>light families</u>

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A useful (*but somewhat vague*) indication follows from the Electroweak hierarchy problem (\leftrightarrow instability of the Higgs mass under quantum corrections):







(some) New Physics (coupled at least to H & t) in the TeV domain

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• <u>A brief look to the SM as an effective theory:</u>



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• New dynamics weakly or strongly coupled ?



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UV Theory





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No flavor symmetry _____ 2499 free couplings in the SMEFT @ d=6
 Exact U(3)⁵ _____ 47 Jenkins, Manohar, Trott '14
 Exact U(2)⁵ _____ 120 Faroughi, GI, Wilsh, Yamamoto, '20

Eg:

• <u>A brief look to the SM as an effective theory:</u>



- $U(1)_{L_e} \times U(1)_{L_{\mu}} \times U(1)_{L_{\mu}} = (individual) \text{ Lepton Flavor } [exact symmetry]$
 - $m_u \approx m_d \approx 0 \rightarrow \text{Isospin symmetry } [approximate symmetry]$

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In principle, in the SM-EFT we could expect many violations of the accidental symmetries from the heavy dynamics (\rightarrow *new flavor violating effects*). However, no clear deviations observed so far

<u>Stringent bounds</u> on the scale of possible new <u>flavor non-universal interactions:</u>



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These high scales can be a "mirage"

The only unambiguous message from data is that there are no large breaking of the approximate U(2)ⁿ flavor symmetry at near-by energy scales.

However $U(2)^n$ is <u>not</u> an accidental symmetry of the SM \rightarrow *indication of specific UV dynamics?*





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- Concentrate on the Higgs hierarchy problem
- Postpone the flavor problem to higher scales

The "MFV paradigm"

The Yukawa couplings are the only sources of flavor symmetry breaking accessible at low energies

> 3 families = "identical copies" up to high energies

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General considerations about flavor (non) universality

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To better appreciate the change of perspective, consider the following analogy:

In the low-energy limit of the SM (= $QED \times QCD$) we observe perfect universality of LH and RH gauge couplings. However, we know this is a low-energy artifact:



In a similar fashion, the <u>flavor</u> universality of <u>all SM gauge interactions</u> could be a low-energy artifact...

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Effective organizing principle for the flavor structure of the SMEFT

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General model-building features:

✓ The symmetry breaking pattern is very general: any scalar rep. (provided $R_{[1]}, R_{[2]} \neq 1$) breaks to the diagonal subgroup → flavor universality emerges "naturally" at low energies
Michel & Radio

Michel & Radicati '68 Craig, Garcia-Garcia, Sutherland '17

 Flavor hierarchies obtained without the need of peculiar choices for the "flavor charges" [e.g. U(1) charges as in Froggatt & Nielsen]

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Toy example [Covone, GI, Pesut '24]:

Minimal Composite Higgs:

Sp(4)

$$\downarrow H \sim (2,2)$$
SU(2)_L×SU(2)_R^[3]

Flavor Deconstruction of Hypercharge:

 3^{rd} family Yukawa couplings via partial compositeness: Light Yukawas suppressed \rightarrow higher-dim ops. generated by heavy (elementary) dynamics (e.g. VL fermions) above the compositeness scale:

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Unavoidable tuning [given current bounds on F]

- Model-independent O(1) fermion ٩ contribution (y_t)
- Possible cancellation from gauge ٩ sector if $g_R^{[3]} \gtrsim 1$ & $g_R \langle \Sigma_R \rangle < M_0$

requires light top partners (as in ordinary CH)

 v^2

The cancellation occurs in the "natural" parameter space dictated by the flavor-deconstruction hypothesis

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Benchmark scenario

- > Large 3rd gen. RH gauge coupling: $g_{R,3} = O(1)$
- \succ Light Top partner $M_T \approx 2~{\rm TeV}~$ and $~M_\rho \approx 10~{\rm TeV}~$

 \blacktriangleright Compositeness scale $F \approx 750 \, {
m GeV}$ and $v_{\Sigma} pprox 3 \, {
m TeV}$

All constraints are satisfied and $\delta_{\rm EW} \lesssim 10^{-3}$ $\longrightarrow 3\%$ tuning in the potential $\rightarrow O(1\%)$ corrections to Higgs couplings

A brief look to current data & future prospects

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 $SU(4)^{[3]} \times SU(3)^{[12]} \times G_{EW}$ \downarrow $SU(3) \times SU(2)_{L} \times U(1)_{Y}$

 Q^{α} Fermions Q^{β} in SU(4): Q^{γ}

Main Pati-Salam idea: Lepton number as "the 4th color"

Explain charge quantization

$$SU(4) \sim \begin{bmatrix} SU(3)_{C} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & LQ \\ LQ & \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{B-L} generator$$

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Unambiguous prediction of O(50%) enhancement of B($B \rightarrow Kvv$) in the model with vector LQ – given excess in R(D).

Fuentes-Martin, GI, Konig, Selimovic, '20

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E.g.: III) Potential large enhancement of $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$ rates

 $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$ are affected by the LQ already at the tree-level (contrary $b \rightarrow svv$)

- <u>huge effect</u> compared to SM in b \rightarrow stt (consitent with data)
- <u>O(10%) effect</u> in b→sll via RGE effects (*could explain current tenisons...*)

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E.g.: IV) $pp \rightarrow \tau \overline{\tau} (+b\text{-jets})$

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Aurelio Juste [Moriond EW'23]

Need to clarify interference issue for future interpretations

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Leptoquark search in $pp \rightarrow \tau \overline{\tau}$ (+b-jets)

Conclusions

- Flavor physics represents one the most intriguing aspects of the SM and, at the same time, a great opportunity to investigate the nature of physics beyond the SM.
- The idea of a *multi-scale construction at the origin of the flavor hierarchies* has several appealing aspects. Key observation: non-universal gauge interactions at the TeV scale, involving mainly the 3rd family, offer a renewed perspective toward the EW hierarchy problem (and the absence of direct signals of NP so far).
- The model-building efforts along this direction, initially triggered by the B anomalies, are still very motivated.
- If these ideas corrects, <u>new non-standard effects should emerge soon</u> both at low and at high energies → very interesting opportunities for <u>near-future</u> exp. in flavor physics (key role for Belle-II & LHCb-II)