

# Minimal Flavor Violation, Seesaw, and R-parity

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# Motivation and generalities

• A few generalities about the MSSM

**Supersymmetry:** Unify matter (fermions) and interactions (bosons).

**MSSM:** the simplest (phenomenologically viable) realization of supersymmetry

- Characteristics:**
- Doubling of matter & gauge degrees of freedom,
  - Specific Higgs sector (2HDM - type II),
  - Few free parameters in its supersymmetric sector.

**Flavor-symmetry:** three generations of (s)quarks and (s)leptons (exact replicas) with identical gauge interactions → Invariance under:

Chivukula, Georgi '87

$$G_f = U(3)^5 = \underbrace{SU(3)_Q \times SU(3)_U \times SU(3)_D \times SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E \times G_1}_{G_\ell}$$

$$G_f \rightarrow g_Q Q, \quad U \xrightarrow{G_f} U g_U^\dagger, \quad D \xrightarrow{G_f} D g_D^\dagger, \quad L \xrightarrow{G_f} g_L L, \quad E \xrightarrow{G_f} E g_E^\dagger$$

**Superpotential breaks  $G_f$ :** it sets (but does not explain) the masses and mixings

$$\mathcal{W}_{RPC} = U^I Y_u^{IJ} (Q^J H_u) - D^I Y_d^{IJ} (Q^J H_d) - E^I Y_\ell^{IJ} (L^J H_d) + \mu (H_u H_d)$$

All (s)quark/(s)lepton masses/interactions in terms of the **Yukawas** (alignment).

• The flavor-related puzzles

1. Squark misalignment and FCNC due to soft SUSY-breaking terms:

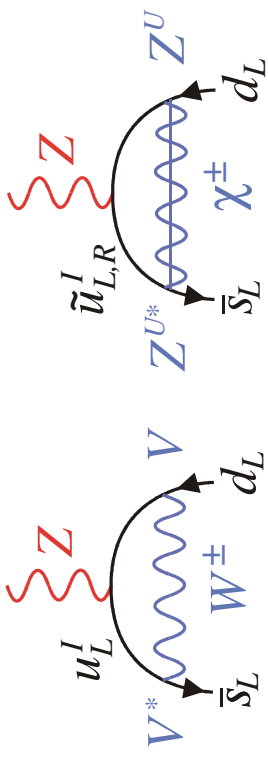
$$\mathcal{L}_{soft}^{RPC} \ni -\tilde{Q}^\dagger \mathbf{m}_Q^2 \tilde{Q} - \tilde{U} \mathbf{m}_U^2 \tilde{U}^\dagger - \tilde{D} \mathbf{m}_D^2 \tilde{D}^\dagger - \tilde{U} \mathbf{A}_u (\tilde{Q} H_u) + \tilde{D} \mathbf{A}_d (\tilde{Q} H_d) + \dots$$

Now:  $\varepsilon_K, \Delta M_{Bs, Bd}, b \rightarrow s\gamma, B \rightarrow \psi K, \dots$

Soon:  $B_{s,d} \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-, B \rightarrow X \ell^+ \ell^-, K \rightarrow \pi V \bar{V}, \dots$

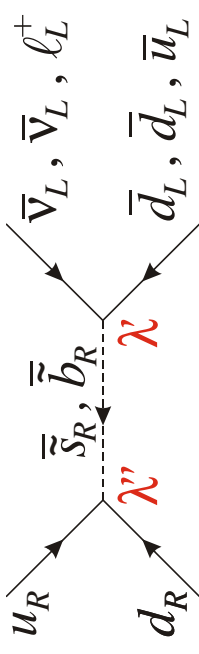
MFV to enforce sufficient alignment.

Hall, Randall '90, D'Ambrosio, Giudice, Isidori, Strumia '02



2. R-parity and proton decay:  $\tau_{p^+} > 10^{30}$  years  $\Rightarrow |\lambda' \lambda''| \leq 10^{-27}$  ?

$$\mathcal{W}_{RPV} = \lambda^{IJK} (L^I L^J) E^K + \lambda'^{IJK} (L^I Q^J) D^K + \lambda''^{IJK} U^I D^J D^K + \mu^I (L^I H_d)$$



Forbidden by R-parity  $\rightarrow$  sparticle pair production, LSP and dark matter,...

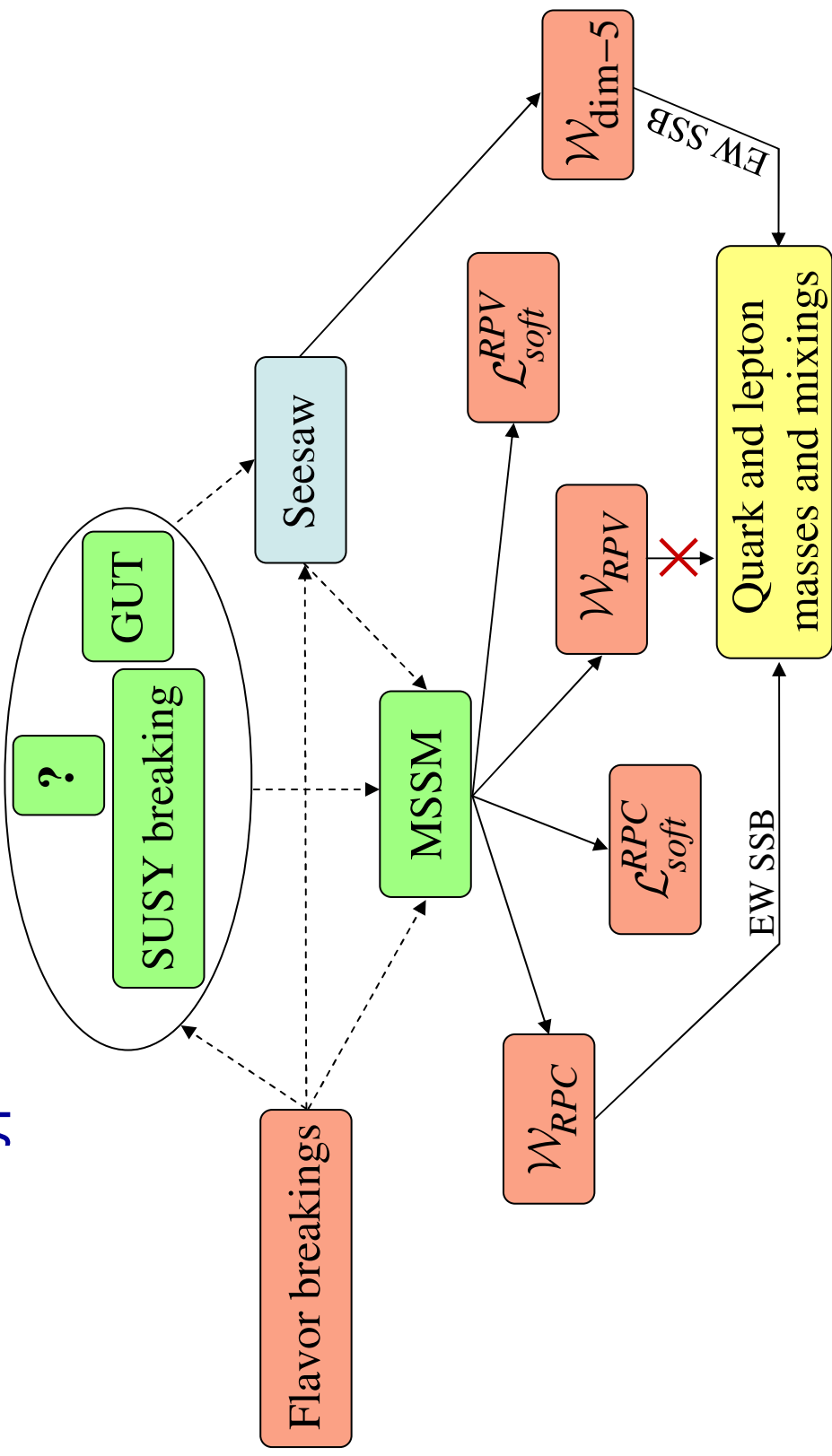
Farrar, Fayet '78

3. Seesaw and neutrino masses: In the MSSM, no  $\nu_R$  and  $\nu_L$  massless.

Seesaw from heavy right-handed neutrinos:  $\mathcal{W}_N = N^I \mathbf{M}^{IJ} N^J + N^I \mathbf{Y}_\nu^{IJ} (L^J H_u)$

$$\nu_L \quad \overline{\mathbf{Y}}_\nu \quad \nu_R \quad \overline{\mathbf{Y}}_\nu \quad \nu_L \quad \rightarrow (\mathbf{Y}_\nu^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_\nu)^{IJ} (L^J H_u) \rightarrow \nu_u^2 \nu_L^I (L^J H_u) \rightarrow \nu_u^2 \nu_L^I (\mathbf{Y}_\nu^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_\nu)^{IJ} \nu_L^J$$

• The MFV hypothesis



Assume: - Simple (though unknown) origin for the flavor symmetry breaking.

- Percolates down to the lowest level → Relations between flavor-breaking.

*Bottom-up approach:* start from the experimentally known flavor-structures.

*Symmetry principle:* elementary sources of flavor-breaking treated as spurions.

*Goal: To show that when MFV is enforced, R-parity is no longer needed.*

**MFV spurions and expansions**

• Construction of the MFV expansions

**Spurions and invariance:** Out of a *minimal set of spurions*, i.e. breakings in definite directions in flavor-space, parametrize all the *MSSM flavor-breaking couplings as formally invariant under  $G_f$* , up to some *flavor  $U(1)$ 's* which are a priori broken.

Hall, Randall '90, D'Ambrosio, Giudice, Isidori, Strumia '02

1. *Which spurions to choose:* Minimal set able to induce the known flavor-structures.

Yukawas:  $\mathbf{Y}_u \xrightarrow{G_f} g_U \mathbf{Y}_u g_Q^\dagger, \mathbf{Y}_d \xrightarrow{G_f} g_D \mathbf{Y}_d g_Q^\dagger, \mathbf{Y}_\ell \xrightarrow{G_f} g_E \mathbf{Y}_\ell g_L^\dagger \Rightarrow \mathcal{W}_{RPC}$  invariant.

Neutrino:  $\mathbf{Y}_\nu \xrightarrow{G_f \times U(3)_N} g_N \mathbf{Y}_\nu g_L^\dagger$

$U(3)_N$  singlets:  $\begin{cases} \mathbf{Y}_\nu \equiv \nu_u \mathbf{Y}_\nu^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_\nu \xrightarrow{G_f} g_L^* \mathbf{Y}_\nu g_L^\dagger, \\ \mathbf{Y}_\nu^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_\nu \xrightarrow{G_f} g_L \mathbf{Y}_\nu^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_\nu g_L^\dagger \end{cases}$

For simplicity,  $\mathbf{M} \equiv M_R \mathbf{1}$ , with  $M_R \sim 10^{12-14}$  GeV, the seesaw scale.

Cirigliano, Grinstein, Isidori, Wise '05

	$G_q$	$G_\ell$
	$U(3)_{Q,U,D}$	$U(3)_{L,E}$
$\mathbf{Y}_u$	$(\bar{3}, 3, 1)$	$(1, 1)$
$\mathbf{Y}_d$	$(\bar{3}, 1, 3)$	$(1, 1)$
$\mathbf{Y}_\ell$	$(1, 1, 1)$	$(\bar{3}, 3)$
$\mathbf{Y}_\nu$	$(1, 1, 1)$	$(\bar{6}, 1)$
$\mathbf{Y}_\nu^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_\nu$	$(1, 1, 1)$	$(8, 1)$

Background:  $\mathbf{Y}_u = \frac{m_u}{v_u} V, \mathbf{Y}_d = \frac{m_d}{v_d}, \mathbf{Y}_\ell = \frac{m_\ell}{v_d}, \mathbf{Y}_\nu = U^* \frac{m_\nu}{v_u} U^\dagger, \mathbf{Y}_\nu^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_\nu = \frac{CP M_R}{v_u} \mathbf{Y}_\nu$



2. *Invariants*: contract spurions and fields using the invariant tensors  $\delta^{IJ}$ ,  $\varepsilon^{IJK}$

$$Q^{\dagger I} (m_Q^2)^{IJ} Q^J \xRightarrow{G_f} m_Q^2 \rightarrow g_Q m_Q^2 g_Q^\dagger \Rightarrow m_Q^2 = m_0^2 (a_0 \mathbf{1} + a_1 Y_u^\dagger Y_u + a_2 Y_d^\dagger Y_d + \dots)$$

- Where  $a_i \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  MFV coefficients,
- The CKM matrix remains the only source of flavor-breaking.

Sometimes large (but always *finite!*) number of possible terms.

(Cayley-Hamilton Theorem + Third generation dominance for  $u, d, \ell$ )

$$m_Q^2 = m_0^2 [R_q]_{h.c.}, \quad R_q = \mathbf{1}, X_u, X_d, X_u X_d, X_d X_u \sim \mathbf{8}_Q, \quad X_i \equiv Y_i^\dagger Y_i$$

Similar for leptons, with nine terms for  $R_\ell \sim \mathbf{8}_L$

↳ Useful for LFV effects. Borzumati, Masiero '86

3. At least one  $\varepsilon$ -tensor for RPV terms → invariance only under  $G_q \times G_\ell = SU(3)^5$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda''^{IJK} &= \varepsilon^{LJK} (Y_u Y_d^\dagger)^{IL} &\Rightarrow \lambda''^{IJK} U^I D^J D^K &\rightarrow \det(g_D^\dagger) \lambda''^{IJK} U^I D^J D^K \\ \lambda''^{IJK} &= \varepsilon^{IMN} (Y_d Y_u^\dagger)^{JM} (Y_d Y_u^\dagger)^{KN} &\Rightarrow \lambda''^{IJK} U^I D^J D^K &\rightarrow \det(g_U^\dagger) \lambda''^{IJK} U^I D^J D^K \\ \lambda''^{IJK} &= \varepsilon^{LMN} Y_u^{IL} Y_d^{JM} Y_d^{KN} &\Rightarrow \lambda''^{IJK} U^I D^J D^K &\rightarrow \det(g_Q^\dagger) \lambda''^{IJK} U^I D^J D^K \end{aligned}$$

Flavor-directions in which baryon and lepton-numbers are violated are free. In other words: some  $U(1)$ 's can still be enforced (but not the five of them).

Structures and MFV terms		Scaling	Breaking
$\mu_1^I$	$\bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I, \bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I \equiv \varepsilon^{QMJ} (\mathbf{R}_\ell \Upsilon_\nu^\dagger \mathbf{R}_\ell^T)^{QM} \mathbf{R}_\ell^{JI}$	$\tan^2 \beta$	$U(1)_L$
$\lambda_1^{IJK}$	$\bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I (\mathbf{Y}_\ell \mathbf{R}_\ell)^{KJ}$	$\tan^3 \beta$	$U(1)_L$
$\lambda_2^{IJK}$	$\varepsilon^{LMN} \mathbf{R}_\ell^{LI} (\mathbf{Y}_\ell \mathbf{R}_\ell \Upsilon_\nu^\dagger \mathbf{R}_\ell^T)^{KM} \mathbf{R}_\ell^{NJ}$	$\tan \beta$	$U(1)_L$
$\lambda_3^{IJK}$	$\bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I \varepsilon^{LMN} \varepsilon^{ABC} \mathbf{R}_e^{KA} (\mathbf{R}_\ell \mathbf{Y}_\ell^\dagger)^{LB} (\mathbf{R}_\ell \mathbf{Y}_\ell^\dagger)^{MC} \mathbf{R}_\ell^{NJ}, \dots$	$\tan^4 \beta$	$U(1)_{L,E}$
$\lambda_1'^{IJK}$	$\bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I (\mathbf{Y}_d \mathbf{R}_q)^{KJ}$	$\tan^3 \beta$	$U(1)_L$
$\lambda_2'^{IJK}$	$\bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I \varepsilon^{LMN} \varepsilon^{ABC} \mathbf{R}_d^{KA} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_d^\dagger)^{LB} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_d^\dagger)^{MC} \mathbf{R}_q^{NJ}$	$\tan^4 \beta$	$U(1)_{L,D,Q}$
$\lambda_1''^{IJK}$	$\varepsilon^{LMN} (\mathbf{Y}_u \mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_d^\dagger)^{IL} \mathbf{R}_d^{JM} \mathbf{R}_d^{KN}$	$\tan \beta$	$U(1)_D$
$\lambda_2''^{IJK}$	$\varepsilon^{LMN} \mathbf{R}_u^{IL} (\mathbf{Y}_d \mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_u^\dagger)^{JM} (\mathbf{Y}_d \mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_u^\dagger)^{KN}$	$\tan^2 \beta$	$U(1)_U$
$\lambda_3''^{IJK}$	$\varepsilon^{LMN} (\mathbf{Y}_u \mathbf{R}_q)^{IL} (\mathbf{Y}_d \mathbf{R}_q)^{JM} (\mathbf{Y}_d \mathbf{R}_q)^{KN}$	$\tan^2 \beta$	$U(1)_Q$
$\lambda_4''^{IJK}$	$\varepsilon^{LMN} \varepsilon^{ABC} \varepsilon^{DEF} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_d^\dagger)^{LD} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_u^\dagger)^{MA} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_u^\dagger)^{NB} \mathbf{R}_u^{IC} \mathbf{R}_d^{JE} \mathbf{R}_d^{KF}$	$\tan \beta$	$U(1)_{Q,U,D}$

*Only the minimal set of spurions is needed!*

Spurion  $\Upsilon_\nu \sim (\bar{6}, 1)_{G_\ell}$  needed for  $\Delta L = 1$  couplings  $\rightarrow$  suppressed by neutrino masses.

$\rightarrow \Delta L = 1$  forbidden when  $m_\nu = 0$ .

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$\lambda_1^{IJK}$	$\bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I (Y_\ell R_\ell)^{KJ}$	$\tan^3 \beta$	$U(1)_L$
$\lambda_2^{IJK}$	$\varepsilon^{LMN} R_\ell^{LI} (Y_\ell R_\ell \Upsilon_\nu^\dagger R_\ell^T)^{KM} R_\ell^{NJ}$	$\tan \beta$	$U(1)_L$
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$\lambda_4^{IJK}$	$\bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I (Y_d R_q)^{KJ}$	$\tan^3 \beta$	$U(1)_L$
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- All  $\Delta L = 1$  couplings further suppressed by lepton-mass factors ( $\Upsilon_\nu$  symmetric).

$$\varepsilon^{QMI} (\Upsilon_\nu^\dagger)^{QM} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \bar{\Upsilon}_\nu^I = \varepsilon^{QMI} (Y_\ell^\dagger Y_\ell \Upsilon_\nu^\dagger)^{QM} + \dots$$

- All couplings scale at least linearly with  $\tan \beta$ .

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- The invariance under some  $U(1)$ 's can be enforced.

Does not forbid any structure, but suppresses them by  $\det(Y_{u,d,\ell})$  factors.

- Similar expansions for RPV soft-breaking terms (up to their normalization).

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- “Asymmetry” in the treatment of RPV and RPC is spurious:

Spurions and Yukawas can be identified:  $a_1 Y_u + a_2 Y_u Y_u^\dagger Y_u + a_3 Y_u Y_d^\dagger Y_d + \dots \rightarrow Y_u$

• **Properties and extensions**

1. *Bilinears and Higgs-lepton mixings*: Separation RPV – RPC is basis-dependent

Hall, Suzuki '84

$$\begin{pmatrix} H'_d \\ L'^l \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} H^d \\ L^l \end{pmatrix}, \quad U \in SU(4) \Rightarrow \lambda'^{IJK} (L^I Q^J) D^K \leftrightarrow D^I Y_d^{IJ} (Q^J H^d), \dots$$

Near-alignment:  $\mu'^l = \mu \bar{Y}_\nu^l, b'^l = b \bar{Y}_\nu^l, m_{Ld}^l = m_{H_d}^2 \bar{Y}_\nu^l \Rightarrow \langle \tilde{\nu}^l \rangle = v_d \bar{Y}_\nu^l$  Banks, Grossman, Nardi, Nir '95

MFV is stable if the sneutrino vev's are rotated away:  $\lambda'^{IJK} \rightarrow \lambda'^{IJK} + Y_d^{KJ} \langle \tilde{\nu}^l \rangle / v_d$

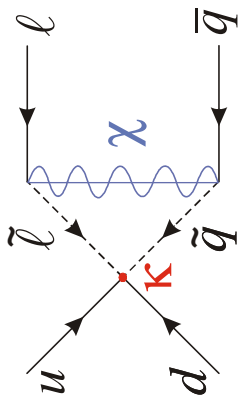
Physical  $\Delta L = 1$  Higgs-slepton mixing  $O(\bar{Y}_\nu)$ , and RPV corrections to  $m_\nu \sim O(m_\nu^2)$ .

Banks, Grossman, Nardi, Nir '95, Davidson, Ellis '97, Grossman, Haber '99

2. *Factorization*  $G_q \times G_\ell$ : MFV separately suppresses  $\Delta L = 1$  and  $\Delta B = 1$  effects, even if arising from a single, higher-dimensional operator.

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{dim}=5} \ni \frac{\kappa_1^{IJKL}}{\Lambda_{\Delta L=1}} (Q^I Q^J) (Q^K L^L) + \frac{\kappa_2^{IJKL}}{\Lambda_{\Delta L=1}} (D^I U^J U^K) E^L + \frac{\kappa_5^{IJ}}{\Lambda_{\Delta L=2}} (L^I H_u)(L^J H_u)$$

Ibanez, Ross '92



If  $\Lambda_{\Delta L=1} \approx \Lambda_{\Delta L=2}$ , and since  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$  are RPC, these operators should be subleading compared to the tree-level  $\lambda \times \lambda'', \lambda' \times \lambda''$  contributions.

# Phenomenological consequences

## • Numerical estimates: Preliminaries

**Antisymmetry and suppression:** Besides the proportionality to *neutrino masses*, the antisymmetric  $\varepsilon$ -tensors imply that all RPV couplings are proportional to *light-fermion masses*, hence significantly suppressed.

The precise dependences are exactly predicted by MFV.

$$\lambda'^{IJK} \neq O(m_e^I m_u^J m_d^K), \quad \lambda''^{IJK} \neq O(m_u^I m_d^J m_d^K)$$

**Reduced basis:** Not all operators of equal size, some can always be neglected.

- However: the reduced basis, with the minimal number of operators, strongly depends on  $\tan\beta$ , lightest neutrino mass  $m_\nu$ , and the seesaw scale  $M_R$ .
- For  $\tan\beta < 20$ ,  $M_R < 2 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_\nu > 0.05 \text{ eV}$ : only 10 to 20 dominant terms.

**Numerical estimates** for the maximal order of magnitudes in four extreme scenarios:

$$\text{Case I: } \tan\beta = 5 \quad M_R = 10^{12} \text{ GeV} \quad m_\nu = 0.5 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Case II: } \tan\beta = 50 \quad M_R = 10^{12} \text{ GeV} \quad m_\nu = 0.5 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Case III: } \tan\beta = 5 \quad M_R = 2 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ GeV} \quad m_\nu = 0 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Case IV: } \tan\beta = 50 \quad M_R = 2 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ GeV} \quad m_\nu = 0 \text{ eV}$$

Case II & IV: maximize  $H_d$  Yukawa couplings  $Y_d$ ,  $Y_\ell$ ,

Case III & IV: maximize neutrino spurions  $Y_\nu$  and  $Y_\nu^\dagger Y_\nu$ .



## • Freezing the spurions

**Our goal:** Leading, order-of-magnitude estimates in terms of  $\tan \beta, M_R, m_\nu$ , assuming MFV coefficients are not larger than about one.

1. *Quark and charged lepton Yukawas* fixed from the PDG masses and CKM:

$$Y_u = \frac{m_u}{v_u} V, \quad Y_d = \frac{m_d}{v_u} \tan \beta, \quad Y_\ell = \frac{m_\ell}{v_u} \tan \beta$$

2. *Neutrino masses:* set  $\theta_{13} \approx 0, \theta_{atm} \approx 45^\circ$  and  $\tan \theta_\odot \approx 2/3$  such that

$$Y_\nu = U^* \frac{m_\nu}{v_u} U^\dagger \approx \frac{1}{v_u} \begin{pmatrix} m_\nu & 1 + \frac{\Delta m_{21}}{3} & \frac{\Delta m_{21}}{3} \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\Delta m_{31}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- As  $m_\nu \equiv m_{\nu 1}$  decreases,  $Y_\nu$  gets less diagonal (normal spectrum for larger effects) for fixed  $\Delta m_\odot^2 \approx 8 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ ,  $\Delta m_{atm}^2 \approx 2.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ .
- For most operators, the piece  $\sim 1$  drops out since  $\bar{Y}_\nu^l = \varepsilon^{OMI} (Y_\ell^\dagger Y_\ell Y_\nu^\dagger)^{QM} + \dots$

3. *Neutrino octet spurion* fixed in the CP-limit:  $Y_\nu^\dagger Y_\nu = \frac{M_R}{v_u} Y_\nu$

$$\text{Perturbative bound: } Y_\nu^\dagger Y_\nu \leq 1 \rightarrow \frac{\max[m_\nu, \Delta m_{31}]}{1 \text{ eV}} \frac{M_R}{10^{13} \text{ GeV}} \leq 3$$

• Order-of-magnitude estimates

Example 1: Auxiliary neutrino spurion

$$\bar{\mathbf{Y}}^I_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 19 \\ 21 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 17 \\ 19 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 17 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ 15 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix},$$

large  $\tan \beta$

$$\begin{matrix} \nearrow & \searrow \\ \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 17 \\ 19 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 17 \\ 18 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

large  $M_R$ , small  $m_\nu$

- Inverted hierarchy,
- Significantly suppressed ( $M_R = 10^{12-14}$  GeV),
- Quadratic in  $\tan \beta$ ,
- $M_R \nearrow$  and/or  $m_\nu \searrow$ : hierarchies softened,
- Tunes  $\mu'$  and  $\lambda'$ , and similar for  $\lambda$ .

Example 2: Baryonic couplings

Notation:  
 $x \equiv O(10^{-x})$

Structure	$\lambda''_1$	$\lambda''_2$	$\lambda''_3$	$\lambda''_{4,5}$
Broken $U(1)$	$U(1)_D$	$U(1)_U$	$U(1)_Q$	$U(1)_{U,D,Q}$
Scaling	$\tan \beta$	$\tan^2 \beta$	$\tan^2 \beta$	$\tan \beta$
$\tan \beta = 5$	$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & 8 & 8 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 11 & 6 & 7 \\ 12 & 9 & 9 \\ 13 & 12 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 13 & 8 & 10 \\ 10 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 7 & 9 & 7 \\ 7 & 12 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$
$\tan \beta = 50$	$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 7 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 4 & 5 \\ 10 & 7 & 7 \\ 11 & 10 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 11 & 6 & 8 \\ 8 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 & 6 \\ 6 & 11 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

$X^{IJ} \equiv \lambda''^I(JK)$ ,  
 $(JK) = 12, 23, 31$

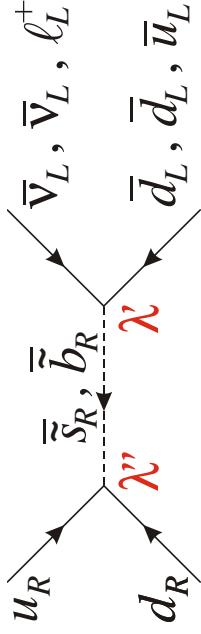
- Bounds on RPV couplings

1. Bounds from  $\Delta L = 1$ ,  $\Delta B = 0$  processes:

All easily satisfied, because  $\Delta L = 1$  couplings  $\mu', \lambda, \lambda' < O(10^{-13})$

2. Bounds from  $\Delta B = 1$  nucleon decays:  $p, n \rightarrow \pi\nu, \pi\ell, K\nu, K\ell, \dots$

Tree-level:



Loop-level:

$$|\lambda'_{IJK} \lambda''_{IJK'}| < O(10^{-9} - 10^{-11})$$

Very constraining (see next slide)

Automatic since  $\lambda' < O(10^{-13})$

3. Bounds from neutron oscillations:

Tree-level (very approximative):

$$|\lambda''_{111}| < (10^{-8} - 10^{-7}) \frac{10^8 \text{ s}}{\tau_{osc}} \left( \frac{\tilde{m}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{5/2}$$

Loop-level:

$$|\lambda''_{312}| < [10^{-3}, 10^{-2}] \left( \frac{200 \text{ MeV}}{m_s} \right),$$

$$\tilde{m}_q \sim [100 \text{ GeV}, 200 \text{ GeV}]$$

Not very constraining for squark masses above a few hundred GeV.

#### 4. MFV predictions and bounds on $\Delta B = 1$ nucleon decays

Approximate bounds ( $I, J = 1, 2, 3, M = 1, 2$ )	I			II			III			IV					
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
$ \lambda'_{JMI} \lambda''_{11I}, \lambda'_{M1I} \lambda''_{12I} $	24	25	28	20	20	23	23	24	27	18	19	22	18	19	22
$ \lambda'_{IJM} \lambda''_{11J} $	24	28	31	20	23	25	23	27	29	19	21	24	19	21	24
$ \lambda'_{MJ1} \lambda''_{J12} $	23	29	29	18	23	23	21	27	27	16	22	22	16	22	22
$\lambda_{212,322} \lambda''_{112}$	21	27	30	19	23	26	20	26	28	18	22	25	18	22	25
$\lambda_{133,323} \lambda''_{112}$	20	26	28	18	22	25	19	25	27	17	21	24	17	21	24
$\lambda''_{112} \mu'_I / \mu$	22	27	30	19	23	26	20	26	29	17	21	24	17	21	24
$\lambda''_{312} \mu'_I / \mu$	18	23	23	14	18	18	16	22	22	13	17	17	13	17	17

$$\tilde{q} \equiv m_{\tilde{q}}^2 / (100 \text{ GeV})^2$$

$$\delta_J^X \equiv (m_X^2)_{LR}^{JJ} / (m_X^2)_R^J$$

Case II, IV : large  $\tan \beta$

$$A : SU(3)^5$$

$$B : SU(3)^5 \times U(1)_D \times U(1)_E$$

$$C : SU(3)^5 \times U(1)_D \times U(1)_E \times U(1)_U$$

Case III, IV :  $\begin{cases} \text{large } M_R \\ \text{small } m_{\nu} \end{cases}$

**Conservative:** - Light-quark masses at 2 GeV, on-shell lepton masses,

- MFV coefficients of  $O(1)$ , while  $O(\lambda)$  or  $O(g^2 / 4\pi)$  equally natural,
- No GIM-like interferences for a given mechanism, and no cancellations among possible mechanisms for a given final state.

- Consequences

1. *FCNC and LFV*:
  - Moderate  $\tan\beta$  preferred  $\rightarrow$  suppresses Higgs FCNC.
  - Large  $m_{\nu}$  preferred  $\rightarrow$  suppresses LFV effects.
  - Alternative: if  $U(1)_L$  imposed, additional factor  $\det(\mathbf{Y}_\ell) < 10^{-6}$ .

2.  $\Delta B = 1$  effects at *low-energy*: squarks as di-quark currents

$$\left| \frac{\lambda''_{IJK} \lambda''^{**}_{LMN}}{\tilde{m}_q^2} \right| \leq 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \frac{(100 \text{ GeV})^2}{\tilde{m}_q^2} \leftrightarrow G_F \sim 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Largest for the stop exchange, when  $\tan\beta$  not large so that  $U(1)_D$  can be broken.

$$\left| \lambda''_{312} \lambda''^{**}_{331} \right| \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-5}, \quad \left| \lambda''_{312} \lambda''^{**}_{323} \right| \sim 10^{-5} - 10^{-6}$$

But, typically small w.r.t. SM contributions, and challenging hadronic uncertainties.

3.  $\Delta B = 1$  effects at *colliders*: RPV implies drastic changes for the phenomenology

Accessibility of the signals strongly depends on  $|\lambda''_{312}| \sim 10^{-1} - 10^{-5}$

- *LSP decays*, maybe in the detector, and needs not be colorless and neutral.
- *Single stop* resonant production  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{t}$ , single gluino production  $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{g}$ .
- *Top production* from down squark decay  $(\tilde{d}, \tilde{s}, \tilde{b}) \rightarrow t + (d, s, b)$ .

- ...

• A few thoughts about possible extensions

1. *Other seesaw types*: Stability of MFV predictions, at least to a large extent.



But MFV stability implies that no other spurion can contribute as  $(\bar{6}, 1)$ .

Then, this suppressed  $(\bar{6}, 1)$  remains the essential building block.

2. *GUT flavor groups*: leptons and quarks flavor-groups not necessarily factorized.

Example:  $G_f = U(3)_{\bar{5}} \times U(3)_{10} : Y_{\bar{5}} \sim (\bar{3}, \bar{3}), Y_{10} \sim (1, \bar{6})$

*Cirigliano, Grinstein, Isidori, Wise '05*

$$\mathcal{W}_{RPV} = \Lambda^{IJK} \bar{5}^I \bar{5}^J 10^K + \dots$$

Seesaw spurions not required to construct invariants.

- But:**
- Antisymmetric  $\epsilon$ -tensors still needed  $\rightarrow$  some suppression remains,
  - Flavor-group much smaller, with  $U(1)_D \sim U(1)_{\bar{5}}, U(1)_{U,E} \sim U(1)_{10}$   
 $\rightarrow \mathcal{W}_{RPV}$  may then only arise after  $SU(5)$  is broken.

MFV still useful in the GUT context, especially if the  $U(3)^5$  group re-emerges.

# Conclusion

*The MFV hypothesis under the  $U(3)^5$  MSSM flavor-group simultaneously:*

- accounts for FCNC suppression (squark-quark alignment)
- suppresses the proton decay width down to acceptable levels.

The *very long proton lifetime* is then seen a direct consequence of:

- Hierarchy in the fermion masses and CKM matrix,
- Smallness of the neutrino masses.

*MSSM R-parity loses its main appeal* (already undermined by dim-5 ops.)

But, may have to be replaced by some flavor  $U(1)$ 's.

*Some consequences:*

- Indirect constraints on  $m_{\nu}$ ,  $\tan \beta$ , and the seesaw scale (for *FCNC* and *LFV*),
- *Proton decay* presumably close to its current experimental bounds,
- *Colliders*: - MFV can tell us where to expect significant SUSY signals,
  - In particular: single stop production or top production.

*Extensions*: Consequences still to be investigated. In particular:

- In *GUT's/SUSY-breaking*: ensuring the emergence of MFV is a powerful method towards satisfying low-energy constraints.
- For *cosmology*, MSSM-LSP not stable, and baryon number violated?



**Backup**

## Backup 1. Expansions for RPC soft-breaking terms

Cayley-Hamilton:  $\mathbf{A}^3 - \langle \mathbf{A} \rangle \mathbf{A}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A} (\langle \mathbf{A} \rangle^2 - \langle \mathbf{A}^2 \rangle) - \frac{1}{3} \langle \mathbf{A}^3 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{A} \rangle \langle \mathbf{A}^2 \rangle - \frac{1}{6} \langle \mathbf{A} \rangle^3 = 0$

Third generation dominance:  $(\mathbf{Y}_{u,d,\ell}^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_{u,d,\ell})^2 = y_{t,b,\tau}^2 \mathbf{Y}_{u,d,\ell}^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_{u,d,\ell}$

Octets:  $\mathbf{X}_i \equiv \mathbf{Y}_i^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_\ell = \mathbf{1}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_\ell$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_V$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_\ell \mathbf{X}_V$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_V \mathbf{X}_\ell$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_V^2$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_\ell \mathbf{X}_V^2$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_V^2 \mathbf{X}_\ell$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_V^2 \mathbf{X}_\ell \mathbf{X}_V$ ,

$\mathbf{R}_q = \mathbf{1}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_u$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_u \mathbf{X}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_d \mathbf{X}_u$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_{u,d} = \mathbf{1}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y}_{u,d} \mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_{u,d}^\dagger$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_e = \mathbf{1}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y}_\ell \mathbf{R}_\ell \mathbf{Y}_\ell^\dagger$

RPC-terms:  $\mathbf{m}_Q^2 = m_0^2 [\mathbf{R}_q]_{h.c.}$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_U^2 = m_0^2 [\mathbf{R}_u]_{h.c.}$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_D^2 = m_0^2 [\mathbf{R}_d]_{h.c.}$ ,

$\mathbf{m}_L^2 = m_0^2 [\mathbf{R}_\ell]_{h.c.}$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_E^2 = m_0^2 [\mathbf{R}_e]_{h.c.}$

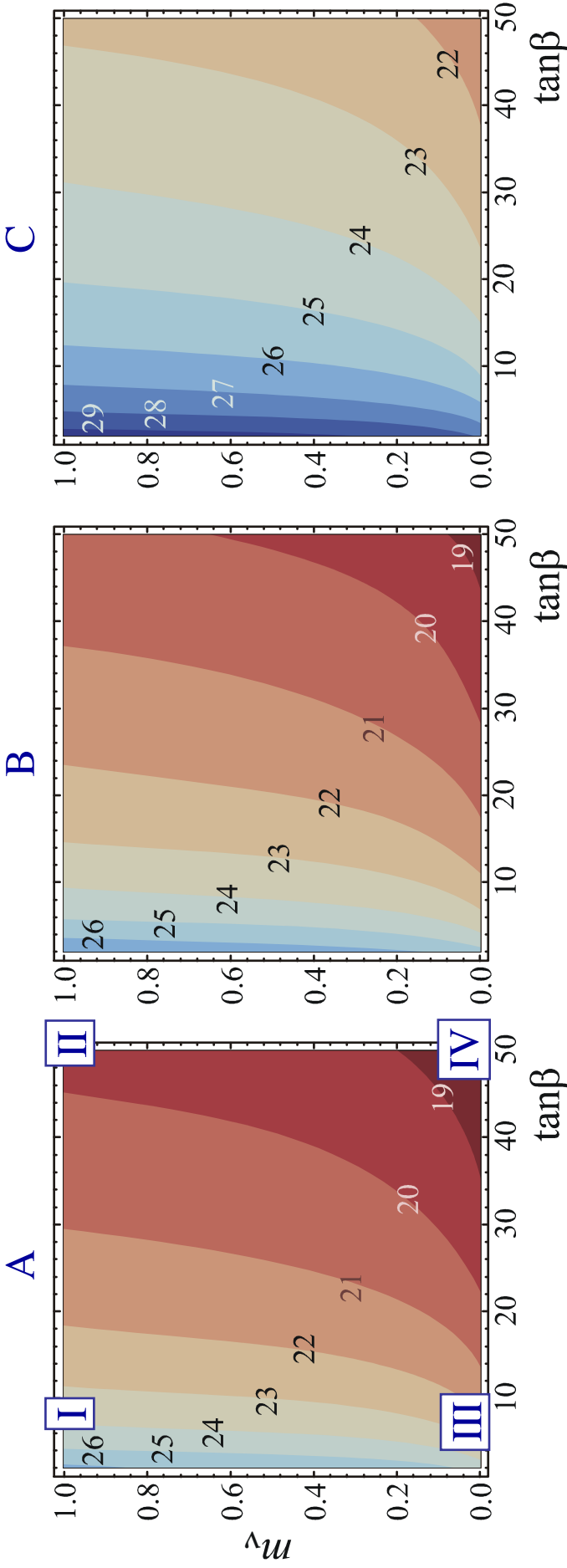
$\mathbf{A}_u^{IJ} = A_0 ((\mathbf{Y}_u \mathbf{R}_q)^{IJ} + \varepsilon^{LMN} \varepsilon^{ABC} \mathbf{R}_u^{KA} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_u^\dagger)^{LB} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_u^\dagger)^{MC} \mathbf{R}_q^{NJ})$

$\mathbf{A}_d^{IJ} = A_0 ((\mathbf{Y}_d \mathbf{R}_q)^{IJ} + \varepsilon^{LMN} \varepsilon^{ABC} \mathbf{R}_d^{KA} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_d^\dagger)^{LB} (\mathbf{R}_q \mathbf{Y}_d^\dagger)^{MC} \mathbf{R}_q^{NJ})$

$\mathbf{A}_\ell^{IJ} = A_0 ((\mathbf{Y}_\ell \mathbf{R}_\ell)^{IJ} + \varepsilon^{LMN} \varepsilon^{ABC} \mathbf{R}_\ell^{KA} (\mathbf{R}_\ell \mathbf{Y}_\ell^\dagger)^{LB} (\mathbf{R}_\ell \mathbf{Y}_\ell^\dagger)^{MC} \mathbf{R}_\ell^{NJ})$

- Sum with  $O(1)$  MFV coefficients,
- For trilinear terms, the  $\varepsilon$ -structures are new, though small but for 11 mixing,
- LFV effects tuned by  $\mathbf{Y}_V^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_V$ , and only a finite number of terms. *Borzumati, Masiero '86*
- Suppression of the FCNC's analyzed in *Isidori et al. '06 / Altmannshofer, Buras, Guadagnoli '07*

Backup 2. Behavior of the bound  $|\lambda'_{M1I} \lambda''_{12I}|$  (others are similar)



I:  $\tan\beta = 5$ ,  $M_R = 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_W = 0.5 \text{ eV}$ , **A:  $SU(3)^5$**

II:  $\tan\beta = 50$ ,  $M_R = 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_W = 0.5 \text{ eV}$ , **B:  $SU(3)^5 \times U(1)_D \times U(1)_E$**

III:  $\tan\beta = 5$ ,  $M_R = 2 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_W = 0 \text{ eV}$ , **C:  $SU(3)^5 \times U(1)_D \times U(1)_E \times U(1)_U$**

IV:  $\tan\beta = 50$ ,  $M_R = 2 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_W = 0 \text{ eV}$ ,  $(x \equiv O(10^{-x}))$