

Flavour physics

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Lecture 1: Origin of flavour in the Standard Model

- Origin of flavour in the Standard Model
- Isospin
- The quark model
- The GIM mechanism
- C, P and CP violation
- The Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa quark mixing matrix
- Baryon asymmetry of the Universe and the Sakharov conditions
- Low energy flavour observables

Lecture 2: Neutral meson mixing

- The Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa quark mixing matrix
- Types of CP violation
- Flavour mixing
- Neutral meson mixing and coupled systems
- The neutral kaon system
- CP violation in neutral B mesons
- The neutral D system

Lecture 3: CP violation in the Standard Model

- Angles and sides of the Unitarity triangle
- CP violation in the kaon system
- Direct CP violation
- CPT and T violation

Lecture 4: Flavour changing neutral current processes

- Effective theories
- Flavour-changing neutral-current processes
- Constraints on BSM effects from neutral meson mixing
- Constraints on BSM effects from rare decay processes
- Lepton flavour violation

Background reading

There are a number of good books/review articles on CP violation and rare decays. A small selection of these are indicated below.

Books:

- “CP violation”, I. I. Bigi and A. I. Sanda
- “CP violation”, G.C.Branco, L.Lavoura and J.P.Silva

Review articles:

- “Flavor physics and CP violation”, G. Isidori
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.0661>
- “Rare b hadron decays at the LHC ”, T. Blake, T. Gershon and G. Hiller
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.03309>

More advanced review articles on mixing/rare decay processes:

- “Weak Hamiltonian, CP Violation and Rare Decays”, A. Buras
<https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9806471>
- “Effective Field Theory and Heavy Quark Physics”, M. Neubert
<https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0512222>

Resources:

- Particle Data Group (<http://pdg.lbl.gov/>)
- Heavy Flavour Averaging group (<http://www.slac.stanford.edu/xorg/hflav/index.html>)
- CKMfitter (<http://ckmfitter.in2p3.fr/>)
- UTFit (<http://www.utfit.org/UTFit/>)
- Heavy Flavour Lattice Averaging Group (<http://flag.unibe.ch/>)