

C and P symmetries

Charge conjugation (C):

Turns particle into anti-particle

electron e^- \rightarrow e^+ positron

B^0 ($\bar{b}d$) \rightarrow \bar{B}^0 ($b\bar{d}$)

And **preserves helicity!**

Parity reversal (P):

Inverts spatial coordinates

r \rightarrow $-r$

p \rightarrow $-p$

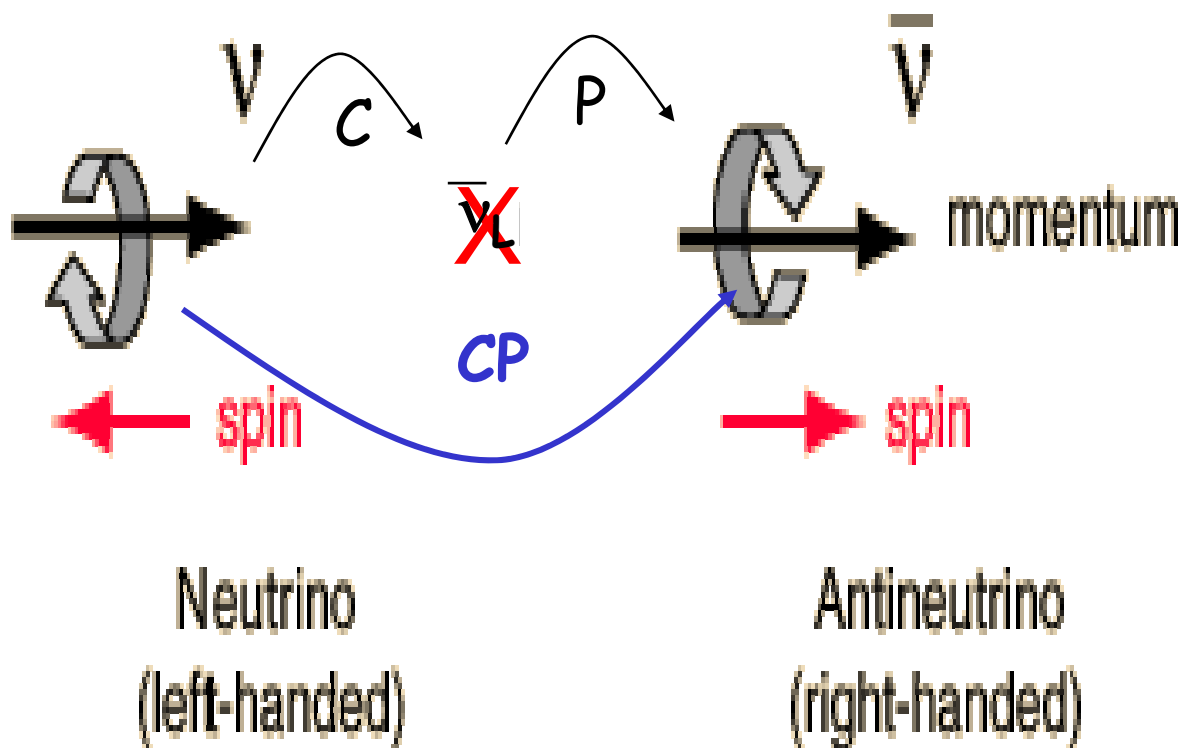
And **reverses helicity**

e^-_L \rightarrow e^-_R

Like looking in a mirror

C, P, CP violation

Maximal violation of C and P in weak interactions



CP symmetry is also violated.
Small CPV effects discovered in the neutral Kaon system (1964)

Matter-AntiMatter Asymmetry

- At the **Big Bang**, matter and antimatter **must have been created in equal quantities**.
- The **universe** in which we live today consists **primarily of matter**.
- **How come all the matter/antimatter did not annihilate?**
- In order to achieve this asymmetry, **3 conditions must have occurred simultaneously at some early stage in the development of the universe**.
 - Proposed by **A. Sakharov** in 1967.

Sakharov's conditions

- 1) There must have existed a baryon number violating process, which enabled the total B of the universe to change.
- 2) This process must violate both C and CP , so that the baryon violation affected matter and anti-matter differently.
- 3) The universe should have been out of thermal equilibrium at the time. This prevents the baryon and CP violating process proceeding backwards at the same rate.

CPV in the SM - I

- CPV was discovered in 1964 by Christenson et al. with the observation of the decay $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
 - K^0 and \bar{K}^0 are produced in strong interactions and are connected by C
 - However, they are not eigenstates of CP

$$CP |K^0\rangle = \eta |\bar{K}^0\rangle$$

$$CP |\bar{K}^0\rangle = \eta' |K^0\rangle$$

- Two linear combinations of K^0 and \bar{K}^0 are CP eigenstates:

$$|K_S\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|K^0\rangle + |\bar{K}^0\rangle) \quad CP = 1$$

$$|K_L\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|K^0\rangle - |\bar{K}^0\rangle) \quad CP = -1$$

- Christenson et al. measured the ratio:

$$\eta_{+-} = \frac{A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)} = (2.27 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-3}$$

CP violating decay \swarrow
CP conserving decay \nwarrow

- Most recent value (from NA48)

CPV in the SM - II

- Why looking for CP violation ?
 - Can look for CPV in the Standard Model, and baryon violation in GUTs.
 - CPV in the SM is too small (by orders of magnitude) to explain the matter/antimatter asymmetry in the universe.
 - One of the least experimentally tested areas of the Standard Model.
- Good place to look for new Physics!

P, C and CP: Conservation and Violation

- Symmetries lead to conservation laws.
 - A violated symmetry is a violated conservation law.
- Consider a process in which the initial state $|i\rangle$ interacts according to a Hamiltonian H resulting in a final state $\langle f|$.
 - These states may contain several particles
 - The interaction might be a decay.
- Consider a symmetry transformation U (which may be C , P or CP) which relates the states $|i\rangle$ $\langle f|$ to other well defined states $|i'\rangle$ $\langle f'|$
 - Eg $U|i\rangle = |i'\rangle$
 - If $U=C$, then $|i'\rangle$ would be the antiparticle(s) of $|i\rangle$

P, C and CP: Conservation and Violation

- If U is a symmetry of H we know:

$$[H, U] = 0, H = U^\dagger H U$$

- Hence

$$\langle f' | H | i' \rangle = \langle f | U^\dagger H U | i \rangle = \langle f | H | i \rangle$$

- If U is the parity operator (P) then $\langle f | H | i \rangle$ represents the Matrix Element for the process for given momenta and spin states and $\langle f' | H | i' \rangle$ corresponds to states with opposite momenta and the same spins.
- If U is charge conjugation (C), the above means that the amplitude for a process and its anti-process is the same: e.g.

$$A(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = A(\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)$$

P, C and CP: Conservation and Violation

- If $|i(\vec{p}, s)\rangle$ represents several particles with three momenta p and spins s :

$$P: \langle f(\vec{q}, t) | H | i(\vec{p}, s) \rangle = \langle f(-\vec{q}, t) | H | i(-\vec{p}, s) \rangle$$

$$C: \langle f(\vec{q}, t) | H | i(\vec{p}, s) \rangle = \langle \bar{f}(\vec{q}, t) | H | \bar{i}(\vec{p}, s) \rangle$$

$$CP: \langle f(\vec{q}, t) | H | i(\vec{p}, s) \rangle = \langle \bar{f}(-\vec{q}, t) | H | \bar{i}(-\vec{p}, s) \rangle$$

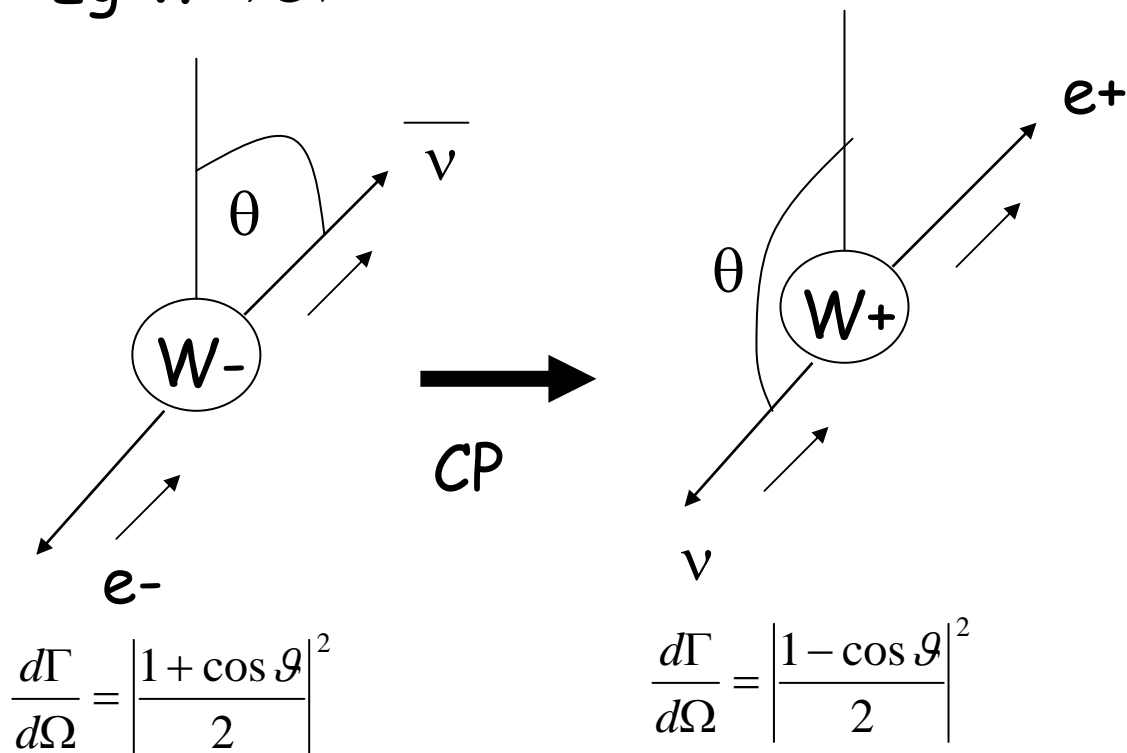
- In the case of CP conservation, when integrating over all final state configurations to find the total decay rate for a process, the total rates are equal for particle and antiparticle.
 - Even if the differential decay rates e.g. as a function of momentum are different.

P, C and CP: Conservation and Violation

- Hence:

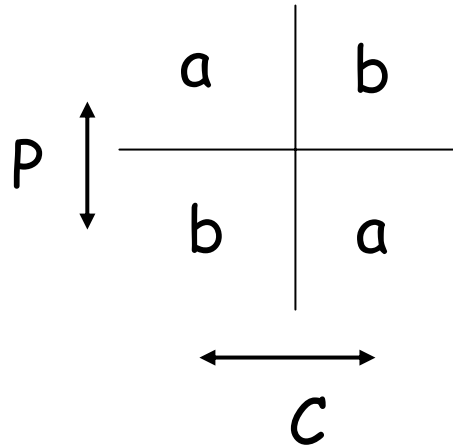
An asymmetry in the total decay rate for process and anti-process is a signal for CP as well as C violation.

- Eg $W^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}$



- Different angular distributions, but same TOTAL rate.
- CP conserving process.

CP Asymmetry



- Each quadrant represents the rate for a given sub-process, divided into parity and charge conjugate hemispheres.

- The **P asymmetry** is given by:

$$A_P = \frac{a - b}{a + b}$$

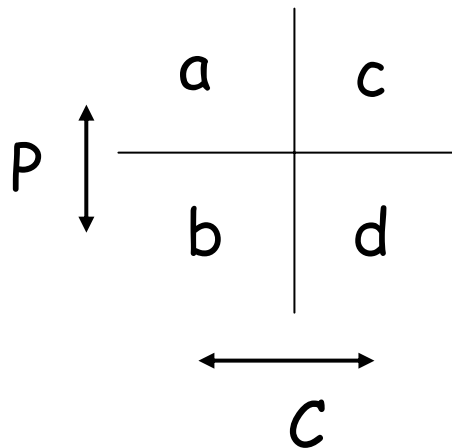
- The **C asymmetry** is given by:

$$A_C = \frac{a - b}{a + b}$$

- In this case **C** and **P** violation occur by the same amount and **CP** is conserved: $A_{CP} = 0$

CP Asymmetry

- One way to achieve CP violation is if the C and P violations are different.

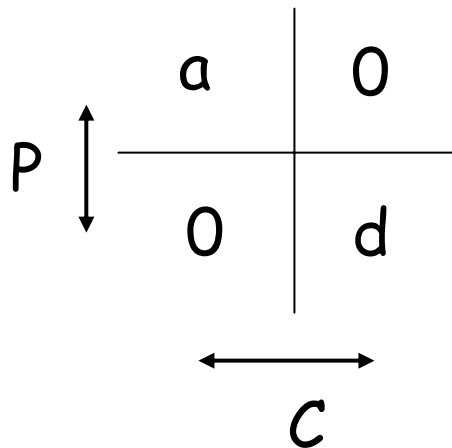


$$A_P = \frac{a-b}{a+b} \quad A_c = \frac{b-d}{b+d} \quad A_{CP} \neq 0$$

- This is **NOT** how CP violation arises in the Standard Model though.

CP Asymmetry

- In the SM, C and P are maximally violated.



$$A_P = \frac{a-0}{a+0} = 1 \quad A_C = \frac{d-0}{d+0} = 1 \quad A_{CP} \neq 0$$

- C and P violations occur by the same amount, but CP is still violated.

C and CP conservation

To summarize the consequences of C and CP violation on decay rates:

- C conservation: $\frac{d\Gamma(i \rightarrow f)}{d(\cos \vartheta)} = \frac{d\Gamma(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{d(\cos \vartheta)}$
(independent of CP)
- CP conservation: $\Gamma(i \rightarrow f) = \Gamma(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f})$
(independent of C and P)
- If $\Gamma(i \rightarrow f) \neq \Gamma(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f})$
CP (and C) is violated

Time Reversal

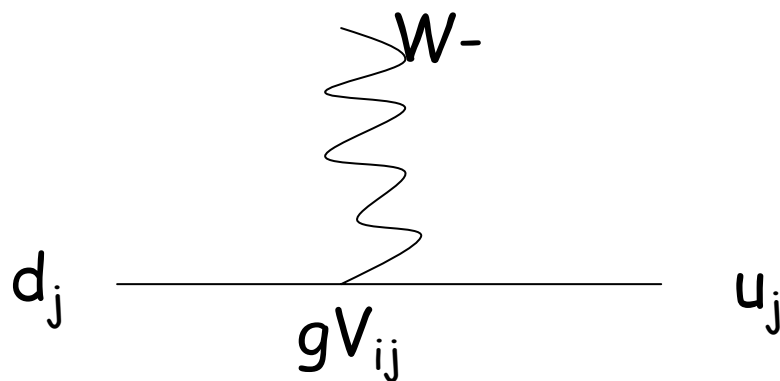
- The time-reversal operator T corresponds to reversing the direction (sign) of time in a theory.
- It is **not a unitary operator**.
 - It does **not result in a conservation law**.
 - There is **no observable "T" quantum number**.
- However, **invariance under T can be tested** as it results in constraints on the model.
- **Under T :**
 - **Momenta and spin change sign**.
 - **Complex scalars (e.g. coupling constants) transform to their complex conjugate**.
- It is believed that **the strong and EM interactions conserve T** , but the weak interaction does not.

CPT Theorem

- **CPT** is the combined transformation of **C,P,T**
 - Can be applied in any order as they commute.
- It can be proved (outside the scope of this course) that **CPT** is respected in any **QFT** which respects local and Lorentz invariance.
 - There are no known violations of **CPT**.
 - Some **superstring** theories lead to the possibility of **CPT** violation.
- The **two main consequences of CPT** symmetry are that the **mass and lifetime of a particle are equal to those of the corresponding antiparticle**.
- If a theory is invariant under **CPT** and violates **CP**(e.g. the **SM**) it also violates **T**.

The CKM Matrix

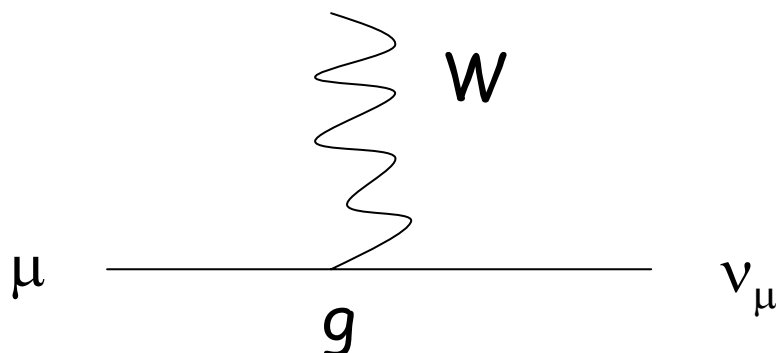
- The Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa Matrix parameterizes the couplings of the quarks to the $W^{+/-}$ boson in the charged current (with respect to the coupling of a μ and ν_μ to a W).



d_j is any quark of charge $-1/3$

u_j is any quark of charge $2/3$

g is the gauge coupling constant.



The CKM Matrix

$i,j=1: (u,d)$ $i,j=2: (c,s)$ $i,j=3: (b,t)$

- There are 9 ways the above interaction can occur (ignoring antiparticles and time reversal interactions).
- Each of the 9 interactions has a different coupling.
- The coupling strengths are represented by the CKM matrix:

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Convention: write charge 2/3 quark first

The CKM Matrix

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|--|------------------------|
| $d_j \rightarrow u_i + W^-$ | V_{ij} |
| $\bar{d}_j \rightarrow \bar{u}_i + W^+$ (antiparticles) | V_{ij}^* |
| $u_i \rightarrow d_j + W^+$ (time reversal) | V_{ij}^* |
| $\bar{u}_i \rightarrow \bar{d}_j + W^-$ | V_{ij} (from CPT) |

- V_{ij} are in general complex.
 - True for all amplitudes in QM.

Origin of the CKM Matrix

- The CKM matrix arises from the gauge theory.
- The weak interaction ("Cabibbo rotated") states d', s', b' are linear combinations of the mass eigenstates d, s, b :

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

- The states d', s', b' each couple to the corresponding state u, c, t with strength g .

Origin of the CKM Matrix

- Hence there exist 6 doublets which couple to the W^- with the same coupling strength g :

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ u \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} s' \\ c \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} b' \\ t \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} e \\ \nu_e \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

- The CKM matrix represents a simple change of basis.
 - There are no cross-generational couplings e.g. s' and t do not couple via W exchange etc.
- The universality of the W.I. requires that
 - The states d', s', b' are orthogonal
 - The change of basis preserves their normalization (so that the overall coupling strengths remain equal in both bases).
- Hence the rows and columns of the CKM matrix are orthonormal.
 - The CKM matrix is unitary: $VV^\dagger = V^\dagger V = I$
- This is the only condition on the matrix which is required by the SM.
 - Showing that the matrix is not unitary would be a clear indication of new physics.

Physical Phases in V

- An $n \times n$ *unitary* matrix has n^2 independent real parameters.
- An $n \times n$ *orthogonal* matrix has $n(n-1)/2$ independent real parameters (rotation angles).
- Hence an $n \times n$ *unitary* matrix can be parameterized by:
 - $n(n-1)/2$ rotation angles
 - $n^2 - [n(n-1)/2] = n(n+1)/2$ phases
- However, *observables* are all of the form:

$$\langle u_i | V_{ij} | d_j \rangle$$

- Each quark wave function can be changed by an arbitrary phase without changing any observable quantity.
- For n generations, there are $2n$ such phases (n for the up-type quarks, and n for the down-type quarks).

Physical Phases in V

- A common phase change of all the quark spinors will not change V at all, so it is only the relative phases which matter.
 - There are $2n-1$ relative phases.
 - Hence the number of independent physical phases in V is:

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - (2n-1) = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$$

- For $n=2$, V can be parameterized with 1 rotation angle and no phases:

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \mathcal{G} & \sin \mathcal{G} \\ -\sin \mathcal{G} & \cos \mathcal{G} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \end{pmatrix}$$

- For $n=3$, V can be parameterized with 3 rotation angles and 1 phase.
- For $n=4$, V can be parameterized with 6 rotation angles and 3 phases.
- It is the phase which is responsible for $_{23}CP$ violation in the SM.