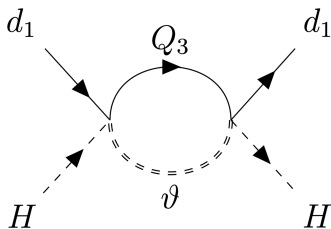


# Froggatt-Nielsen models meet the SMEFT

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# Motivation

**The flavour puzzle:** What explains the dramatic hierarchies in fermion masses and mixings?

Patterns especially clear in the quark sector.

Quark masses:

$$\frac{m_u}{m_t} \sim 10^{-5}$$

CKM elements:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & 0.004 \\ 0.2 & 1 & 0.04 \\ 0.009 & 0.04 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{11} \gg V_{21} \gg V_{31}$$

# Yukawa sector of the SM

$$\mathcal{L} \supset y_{ij} \bar{\psi}_i H \psi_j \longrightarrow \frac{y_{ij} v_H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\psi}_i \psi_j$$

Two ingredients:

1. The Higgs vev  $v_H$
2. Dimensionless Yukawa couplings  $y_{ij}$

The mass hierarchies arise from the Yukawa couplings

Hierarchies in Yukawas could be generated anywhere between  $\mathcal{O}(\text{TeV})$  and  $M_{\text{Planck}}$

**Potential solutions:** introduce new symmetries, fields, extra dimensions, string theory etc.

No clear winner has emerged after decades of work.

# Problems

Too many models available

They predict fermion masses by design. How to falsify or distinguish between them?

Too much work to go put bounds on all the different models.

→ Ideal situation to use the SMEFT.

# Our goals

1. Take a simple model of fermion masses and mixings  $\rightarrow$  Froggatt-Nielsen models
2. Match to the SMEFT
3. Study resulting operator and flavour structure

# Froggatt-Nielsen Models<sup>1</sup>

One of the oldest and simplest models of flavour.

## Setup:

SM fields &  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{SM}} = SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

+ new  $U(1)$  symmetry (global or gauged)

+ heavy flavon field  $\theta$  to break the symmetry

+ unknown UV dynamics: vector-like fermions? We remain agnostic about the details.

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<sup>1</sup>Froggatt and Nielsen, 1979

# Toy model charge assignments

An example model producing down-quark masses:

Field	$\bar{Q}_1$	$\bar{Q}_2$	$\bar{Q}_3$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$H$	$\theta$
FN charge	6	4	0	5	3	3	-3	-2

Which Yukawa-like terms are allowed?

**dim-4:**  $y_{33}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_3 + y_{32}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_2$

**dim-5:**  $c_{31}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_1 \left( \frac{\theta}{\Lambda_{UV}} \right)$

**dim-6:**  $c_{23}^d \bar{Q}_2 H d_3 \left( \frac{\theta}{\Lambda_{UV}} \right)^2 + c_{22}^d \bar{Q}_2 H d_2 \left( \frac{\theta}{\Lambda_{UV}} \right)^2$



## Yukawa sector

$$\mathcal{L} \supset y_{ij}^d \bar{Q}_i H d_j \longrightarrow \mathcal{L} \supset c_{ij}^d \bar{Q}_i H d_j \left( \frac{\theta}{\Lambda_{UV}} \right)^{x_{ij}}$$

Lower generations come with more powers of  $\theta/\Lambda_{UV}$

Flavon takes a vev:

$$\theta = \frac{v_\theta + \vartheta}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Define  $\lambda \equiv \frac{v_\theta}{\sqrt{2}\Lambda_{UV}} \sim 0.1$

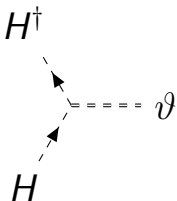
→ Yukawa matrices populated hierarchically.

# Scalar potential

$$V(H, \theta) = -\mu_H^2 H^\dagger H - \mu_\theta^2 \theta^* \theta + \lambda_{20} (H^\dagger H)^2 + \lambda_{02} (\theta^* \theta)^2 + \lambda_{11} \theta^* \theta H^\dagger H$$

After symmetry breaking:

$$\theta = \frac{v_\theta + \vartheta}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$V(H, \theta) \supset -\lambda_{11} v_\theta \vartheta H^\dagger H \longrightarrow$$


The diagram shows a vertex where a dashed line labeled  $\vartheta$  connects two solid lines labeled  $H^\dagger$  and  $H$ . The  $H^\dagger$  line is at the top, the  $H$  line is at the bottom, and the  $\vartheta$  line is on the right. Dashed arrows point from the  $H^\dagger$  and  $H$  lines towards the  $\vartheta$  line.

# Matching strategy

1) Write down a Froggatt-Nielsen EFT up to a given operator dimension. At dimension-4:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FN}} \supset y_{33}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_3 + y_{32}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_2 - \lambda_{11} (\theta^* \theta) (H^\dagger H).$$

At dimension-5:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{FN}} \supset & y_{33}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_3 + y_{32}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_2 - \lambda_{11} (\theta^* \theta) (H^\dagger H) \\ & + c_{31}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_1 \left( \frac{\theta}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and so on.

2) Break the  $U(1)_{\text{FN}}$  symmetry:

$$\theta = \frac{v_\theta + v^\vartheta}{\sqrt{2}}$$

3) Integrate out  $v^\vartheta$  and match to the SMEFT up to a given operator dimension.

# Technical details

We have obtained our tree-level results manually and loop-level results using Matchete<sup>2</sup> which uses the functional method.

Have manually cross-checked loop-level results using diagrammatic matching.

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<sup>2</sup>Fuentes-Martin et al., 2212.04510

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 $d_{\text{SMEFT}} = 6$
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Tree- and one-loop-level

$$d_{\text{FN}} = 4; d_{\text{SMEFT}} = 6; \text{ tree-level}$$

The only non-trivial Lagrangian term comes from the scalar potential:

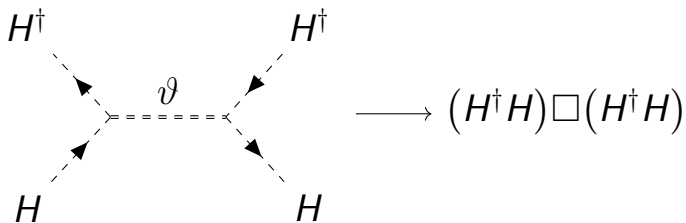
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FN}}^{d=4} \supset y_{33}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_3 + y_{32}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_2 - \lambda_{11} \theta^* \theta H^\dagger H$$

After SSB:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{FN}}^{d=4} \supset y_{33}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_3 + y_{32}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_2 \\ - \lambda_{11} v_\theta \vartheta (H^\dagger H) - \frac{\lambda_{11}}{2} \vartheta^2 (H^\dagger H) \end{aligned}$$



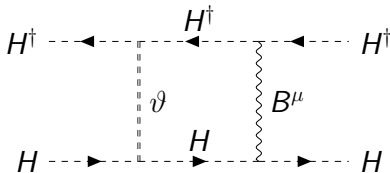
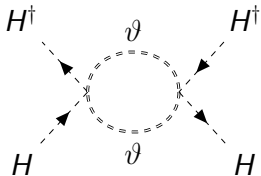
Integrate out  $\vartheta$ :



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset -\frac{\lambda_{11}^2 v_\theta^2}{2m_\theta^4} (H^\dagger H) \square (H^\dagger H)$$

$$d_{\text{FN}} = 4; d_{\text{SMEFT}} = 6; \text{ loop-level}$$

Many more diagrams. E.g.



Matching done by [Jiang et al., 1811.08878](#)  
and [Haisch et al., 2003.05936](#)

$d_{\text{FN}} = 5$ ;  $d_{\text{SMEFT}} = 6$ ; tree-level

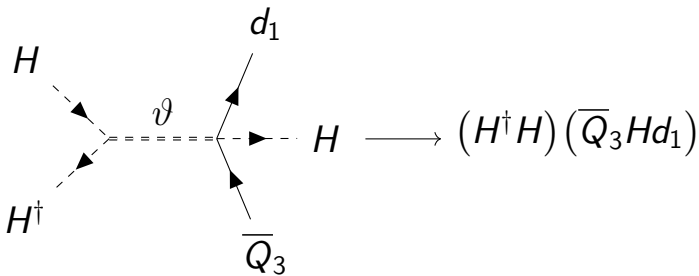
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FN}}^{d=5} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{FN}}^{d=4} + c_{31}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_1 \left( \frac{\theta}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right)$$

After SSB:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FN}}^{d=5} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{FN}}^{d=4} + c_{31}^d \lambda \bar{Q}_3 H d_1 + c_{31}^d \bar{Q}_3 H d_1 \left( \frac{v}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right)$$

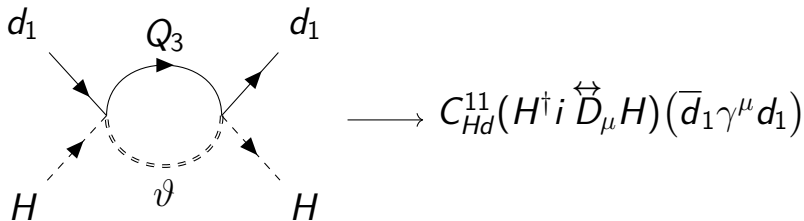
(Recall  $\lambda \sim v_\theta/\Lambda_{\text{UV}} \sim 0.1$ )

# Matching



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset \frac{\lambda \lambda_{11} c_{31}^d}{m_\theta^2} (H^\dagger H) (\bar{Q}_3 H d_1) + \text{H.c.}$$

$$d_{\text{FN}} = 5; d_{\text{SMEFT}} = 6; \text{loop-level}$$



where

$$C_{Hd}^{11} = \frac{|c_{31}^d|^2}{128\pi^2\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2}(1 + 2\mathbb{L}).$$

(Have defined  $\mathbb{L} = \log \mu^2/m_\theta^2$ )

# Key findings at 1-loop

Main operator types:

Higgs-enhanced Yukawas:  $(H^\dagger H) \bar{\psi}_i H \psi_j$

Higgs kinetic operators:  $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi_j)$

4-fermion operators:  $(\bar{\psi}_i \psi_j) (\bar{\psi}_k \psi_l)$

# Higgs kinetic operators

$$\frac{1}{128\pi^2 m_\theta^2} \left[ 4\lambda\lambda_{11} (c^{d\dagger} y^d + y^{d\dagger} c^d)_{ij} + \frac{m_\theta^2 |c_{31}^d|^2}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \delta_{i1} \delta_{j1} (1 + 2\mathbb{L}) \right] \left( H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H \right) (\bar{d}_i \gamma^\mu d_j)$$

where

$$(c^{d\dagger} y^d + y^{d\dagger} c^d)_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c_{31}^{d*} y_{32}^d & c_{31}^{d*} y_{33}^d \\ c_{31}^d y_{32}^{d*} & 0 & 0 \\ c_{31}^d y_{33}^{d*} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Flavour hierarchies appear in SMEFT Wilson coefficients too!

# Conclusions

**Goal:** Understand the infrared imprint of Froggatt-Nielsen models.

**Method:** Systematically match a Froggatt-Nielsen EFT to the SMEFT.

**Findings:** Rich flavour structure especially in  $(H^\dagger H)\bar{\psi}_i H\psi_j$ ,  $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi_j)$  and  $(\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi_j)(\bar{\psi}_k \gamma^\mu \psi_l)$  operators.

Wilson coefficients show hierarchies too.



# The End

Thank you for listening!