

# EFFECTIVE THEORIES FOR QUARK FLAVOUR PHYSICS

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- Introduction
- From effective theories to the SM
- The WET as a precision tool for NP searches
- NP, the SMEFT and flavour
- Conclusions

Mainly based on 1905.00798, where more details & refs can be found

# INTRODUCTION

- Quark flavour physics has played a key role in the development of the SM (bottom-up, i.e. from the effective theory to the fundamental theory)
- It now plays a key role in testing the SM (top-down, using the effective theory as a tool for precision studies in the fundamental theory)
- ... and in searching for NP (bottom-up again)

# FERMI THEORY & UNIVERSALITY

- Fermi Lagrangian: a local four-fermion interaction with vector currents

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} J_\mu^h J^{\mu\ell} \quad \text{with} \quad J_\mu^h = \bar{P}\gamma_\mu N, \quad J_\mu^\ell = \bar{e}\gamma_\mu\nu_e$$

- Feynman & Gell-Mann's CVC:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} J_\mu^\dagger J^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad J_\mu = \bar{N}\gamma_\mu P + \bar{e}\gamma_\mu\nu_e + \bar{\mu}\gamma_\mu\nu_\mu$$

- normalization of the hadronic current fixed by isospin
- local effective interaction valid to a cutoff  $\Lambda$  such that  $G_F\Lambda^2 \sim 1$ , i.e.  $\Lambda \sim 300 \text{ GeV}$

# THE CABIBBO ANGLE

- Two big puzzles:
  - small but non-negligible difference between  $G_F$  measured in muon and beta decays
  - $G_F$  measured in decays of strange baryons is much smaller,  $\sim 0.2 G_F$  in muon decay
- However, hadronic  $SU(3)$  symmetry suggests universality should extend to strange hadrons...

# THE CABIBBO ANGLE

- Cabibbo's solution: strong isospin  $\rightarrow SU(3)$ , but weak current keeps doublet structure with a linear combination of  $\Lambda$  and neutron:

$$J_\mu = \bar{P}\gamma_\mu(\cos\theta_C N + \sin\theta_C \Lambda) + \bar{\nu}_e\gamma_\mu e + \bar{\nu}_\mu\gamma_\mu\mu$$

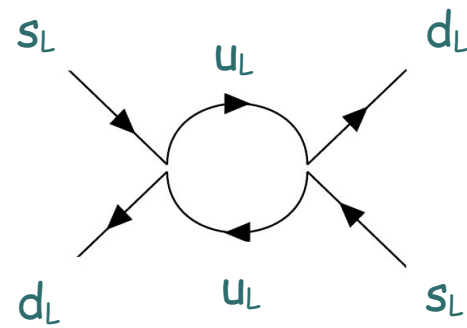
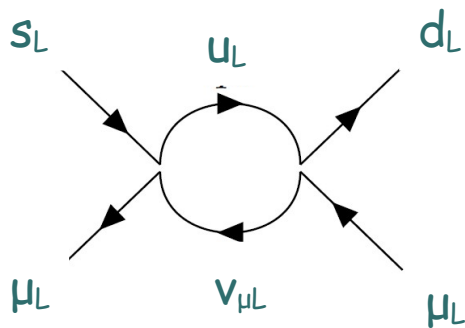
Cabibbo '63

- In quark language, and introducing the V-A structure,

$$J_\mu = \bar{u}\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)(\cos\theta_C d + \sin\theta_C s) + \bar{\nu}_e\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)e + \bar{\nu}_\mu\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)\mu$$

# A FCNC PROBLEM

- Two insertions of the effective Lagrangian generate  $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  or  $K-\bar{K}$  mixing:

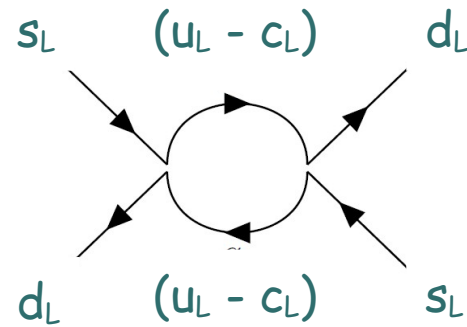
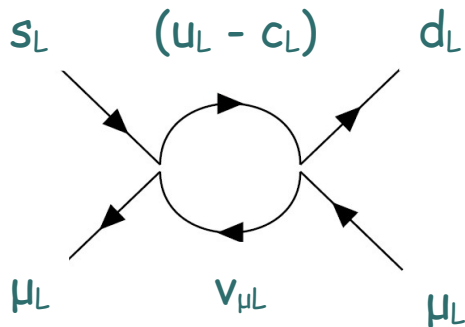


- The loop is saturated at the cutoff, so it is of order  $G_F^2 \Lambda^2 \sim G_F (G_F \Lambda^2) \sim G_F$ ; however, experimentally it is much smaller, requiring  $G_F \Lambda^2 \ll 1$ ,  $\Lambda \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$

# THE GIM MECHANISM

- Complete the weak  $SU(2)$  doublet structure: introduce a partner also for the up quark and turn Cabibbo mixing into a matrix:

$$J_\mu = (\cos \theta_C \bar{u}_L - \sin \theta_C \bar{c}_L) \gamma_\mu (\cos \theta_C d_L + \sin \theta_C s_L)$$

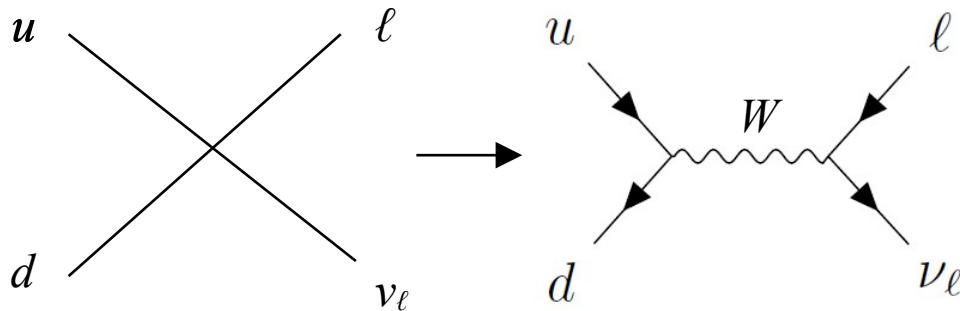


- The effective cutoff is now  $m_c^2$ , since for  $q^2 \gg m_c^2$  GIM cancellation is effective. Predict  $m_c \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$ !

Glashow, Iliopoulos & Maiani '70

# THE ROAD TO THE SM

- GIM paved the road to the two-generation SM:  
Fermi theory valid up to a cutoff  $\sim 300$  GeV,  
where new particles come into play:



- The  $SU(2)$  structure involves a neutral current, but GIM ensures it is flavour conserving; loop corrections are suppressed by quark masses.

# HOW MANY GENERATIONS?

- CPV in  $K-\bar{K}$  mixing discovered in 1963
- For two generations, Cabibbo mixing matrix can be made real by quark field redefinitions: no CPV in weak interactions with two generations only
- One observable phase remains in the case of three generations: CKM matrix described by three angles and one phase

Kobayashi & Maskawa '73

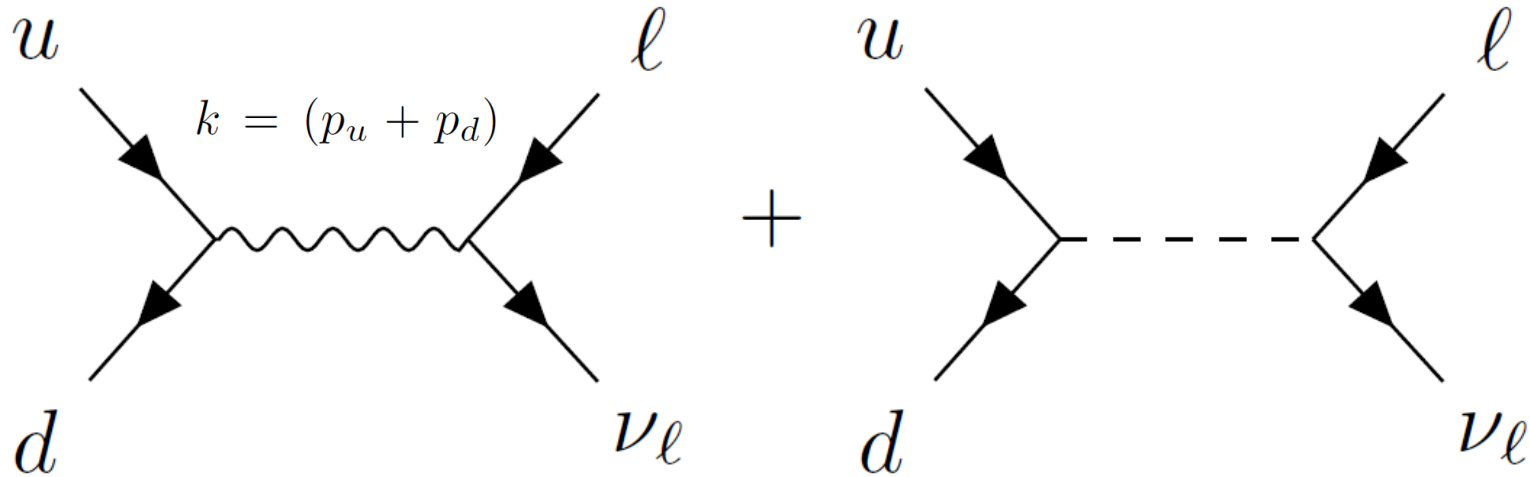
# THE STANDARD MODEL

- The SM is the most general renormalizable theory built with three generations of quarks and leptons,  $SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)$  gauge symmetry and one Higgs doublet
- No tree-level FCNC, so all FCNC processes are finite and computable in terms of SM parameters (quark masses, CKM parameters and gauge couplings).

# BACK TO EFFECTIVE THEORIES

- The SM contains all ingredients to compute FCNCs, but  $W$ ,  $Z$  and top are much heavier than mesons and leptons
- $W$ ,  $Z$  and top can only contribute to meson FCNCs as virtual intermediate states
- Their effects can be described with an effective theory of local interactions of  $d > 4$  among light fermions, such as the Fermi Lagrangian

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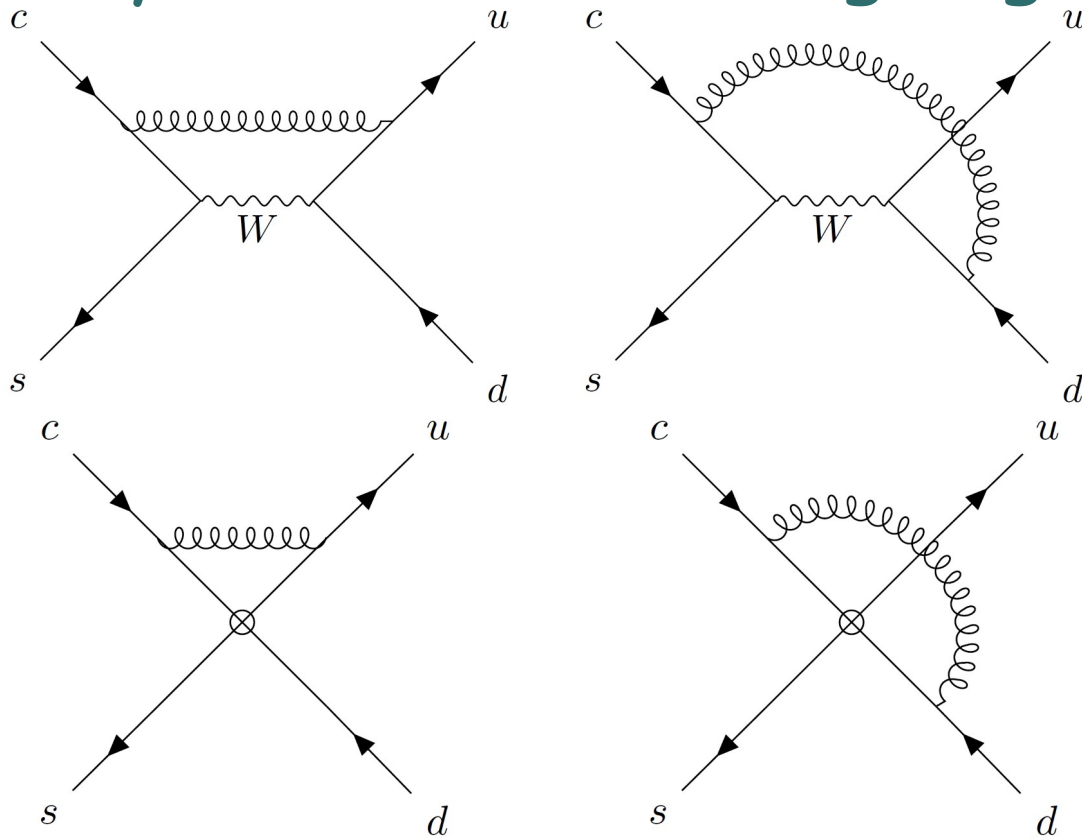


$$\begin{aligned}
 i\mathcal{A}_W &= \left(\frac{ig_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 V_{ud}^* (\bar{u}_{\nu_\ell}(p_{\nu_\ell})\gamma_\nu P_L v_\ell(p_\ell)) (\bar{v}_d(p_d)\gamma_\mu P_L u_u(p_u)) \frac{-ig^{\mu\nu}}{k^2 - M_W^2 + i\epsilon}, \\
 &= -i \frac{V_{ud}^* g_2^2}{2M_W^2} (\bar{u}_{\nu_\ell}(p_{\nu_\ell})\gamma^\mu P_L v_\ell(p_\ell)) (\bar{v}_d(p_d)\gamma_\mu P_L u_u(p_u)) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k^2}{M_W^2}\right)^n \\
 &\simeq -i \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud}^* (\bar{u}_{\nu_\ell}(p_{\nu_\ell})\gamma^\mu P_L v_\ell(p_\ell)) (\bar{v}_d(p_d)\gamma_\mu P_L u_u(p_u)) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{k^2}{M_W^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_W = \langle -\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} \rangle + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{k^2}{M_W^2}\right), \quad \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud}^* Q^{\bar{d}u\bar{\nu}_\ell\ell} \quad Q^{\bar{d}u\bar{\nu}_\ell\ell} \equiv \bar{d}_L \gamma^\mu u_L \bar{\nu}_{\ell L} \gamma_\mu \ell_L$$

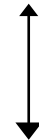
# EFTs AS PRECISION TOOLS

- Why should I bother going through the EFT?



$$\alpha_s \log \left( \frac{M_W^2}{-p^2} \right)$$

spoils the convergence of the perturbative expansion



$$\alpha_s \log \left( \frac{\Lambda^2}{-p^2} \right)$$

(with cutoff  $\Lambda$ )

$$\alpha_s \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-p^2} \right)$$

(in dim. reg.)

Identical in the infrared, but very different in the UV

# EFTs AS PRECISION TOOLS

- Cutoff or  $\mu$  dependence is governed by the Renormalization Group Equations, which link Green functions computed at different values of the renormalization scale  $\mu$
- Use EFTs to resum large logs and improve the behaviour of perturbation theory

# FLAVOUR OBSERVABLES IN THREE STEPS

1) Match the SM onto the WET renormalized at  $\mu \sim M_W$  on off-shell quark states:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{full}}^{c \rightarrow s \bar{d} u}(p_i) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{eff}}^{c \rightarrow s \bar{d} u}(p_i) = C(\mu, M_W) \langle s \bar{d} u | Q(\mu) | c \rangle$$

$$i\mathcal{A}_{\text{full}} = -i \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cs}^* V_{ud} (\bar{u}_u(p_u) \gamma_\nu P_L v_d(p_d)) (\bar{u}_s(p_s) \gamma_\mu P_L u_c(p_c))$$

$$i\mathcal{A}_{\text{eff}} = -iC (\bar{u}_u(p_u) \gamma_\nu P_L v_d(p_d)) (\bar{u}_s(p_s) \gamma_\mu P_L u_c(p_c)) \left( 1 + \gamma_Q \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \log \frac{M_W^2}{-p^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow C(M_W) = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cs}^* V_{ud} (1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right))$$

Infrared physics cancels out in matching

# FLAVOUR OBSERVABLES IN THREE STEPS

2) Evolve the EFT from  $\mu_W \sim M_W$  to  $\mu_{\text{had}} \sim M_D$  using the RGE's :

$$\vec{C}(\mu_h) = \hat{U}(\mu_h, \mu_W) \vec{C}(\mu_W)$$
$$\hat{U}(\mu_h, \mu_W) = \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_W)}{\alpha_s(\mu_h)} \right)^{\frac{\gamma_0}{2\beta_0}} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$

in general,  $C$  is a vector and the ADM a matrix, resulting in operator mixing.

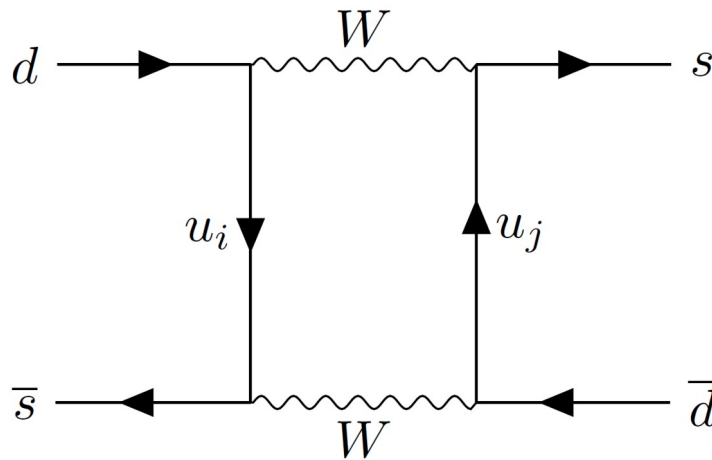
# FLAVOUR OBSERVABLES IN THREE STEPS

- 3) Compute the matrix element of the EFT operators for the process of interest
- nonperturbative methods needed for hadronic matrix elements
  - nonleptonic decays particularly difficult due to final state interactions
  - nonleptonic B decays tractable in the infinite  $m_b$  limit, but corrections numerically important

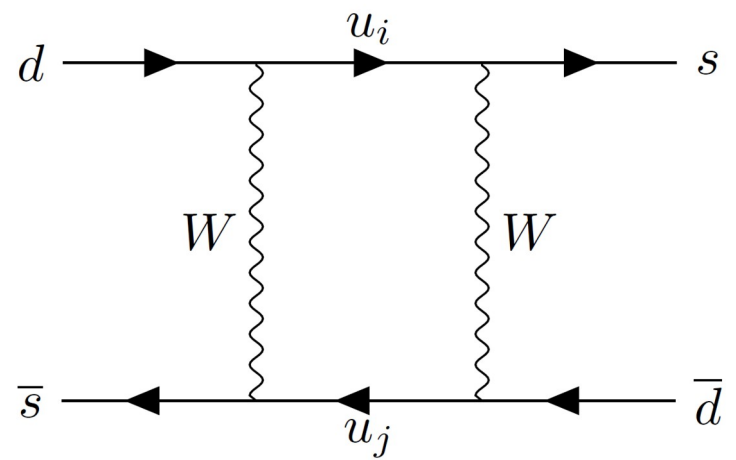
BBNS '99

# AN EXAMPLE: $\Delta S=2$

- Relevant diagrams for matching: (+  $\psi$ 's)

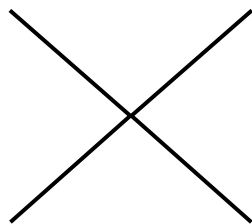


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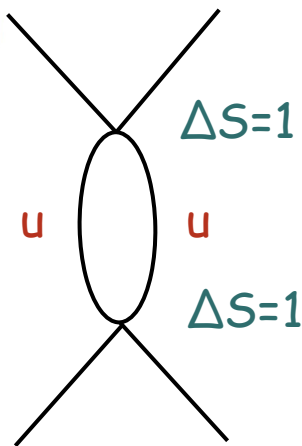
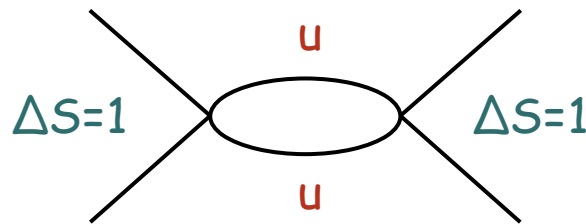


(b)

one  $c$  or  $t$   
quark enough  
to ensure  
locality



$\Delta S=2$



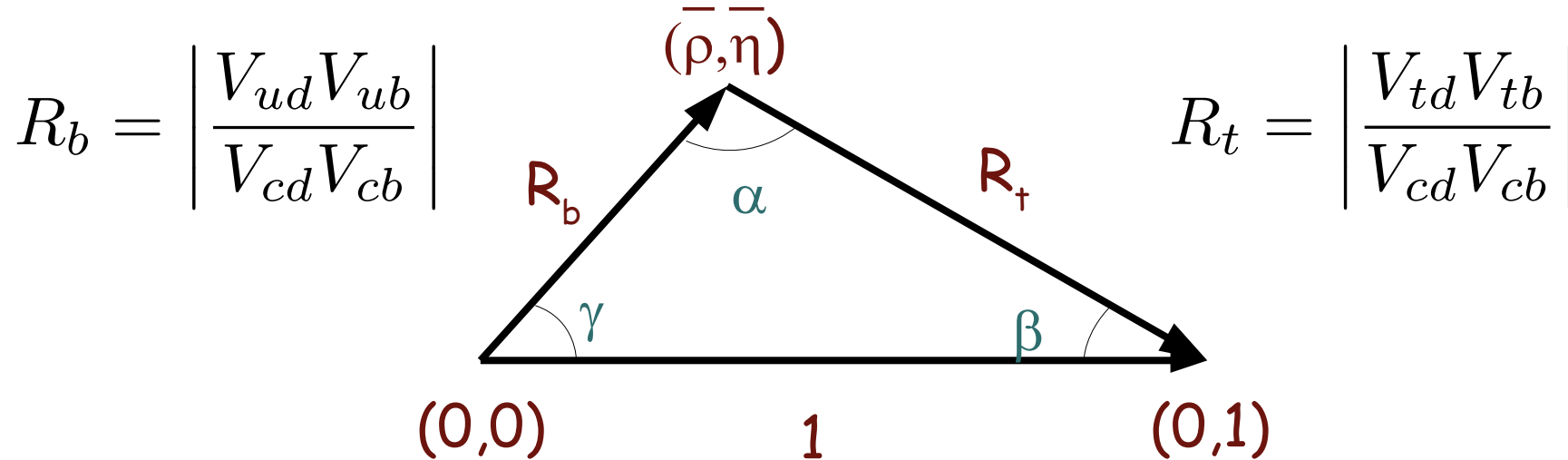
# AN EXAMPLE: $\Delta S=2$

- $K$ - $\bar{K}$  mixing dominated by long-distance matrix elements of two  $\Delta S=1$  effective Hamiltonians with up quarks
- However, u-quark contributions are CP-even (up to  $O(\alpha_s)$ ), so the CPV parameter  $\varepsilon_K$  is dominated by charm and top
- $\langle K^0 | \bar{s}_L \gamma_\mu d_L \bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu d_L | \bar{K}^0 \rangle$  computable w. lattice QCD
- $\varepsilon_K = (1.99 \pm 0.14) 10^{-3}$  **vs**  $\varepsilon_K^{\text{exp}} = (2.228 \pm 0.011) 10^{-3}$

# THE UNITARITY TRIANGLE

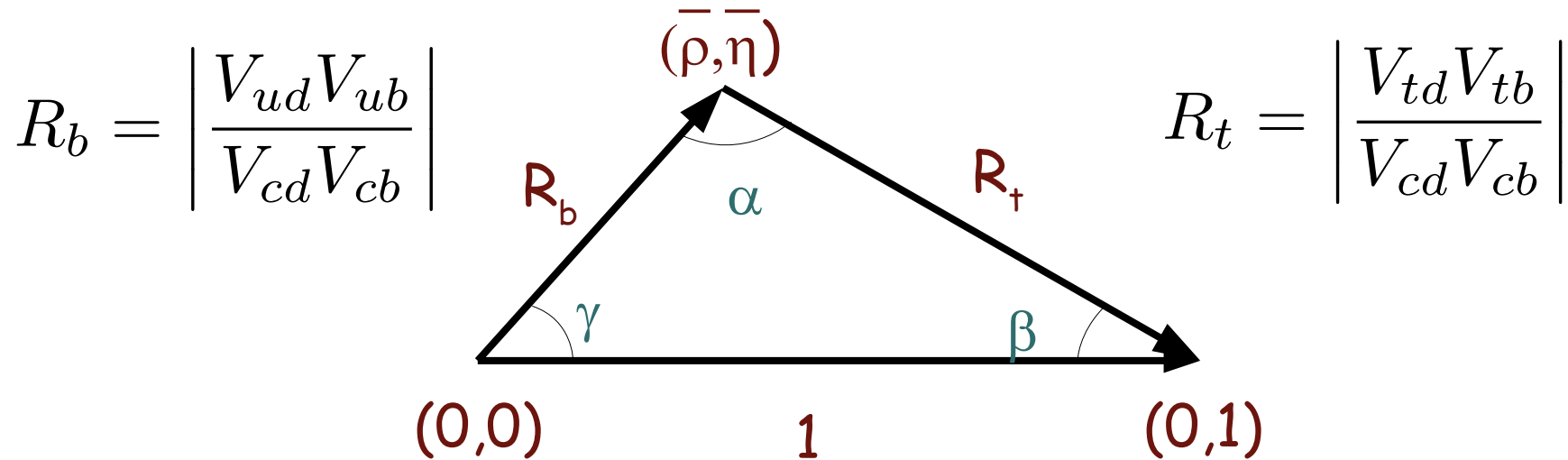
- CKM unitarity implies triangular relations:

$$(V^\dagger V)_{bd} = 0 = V_{ud} V_{ub}^* + V_{cd} V_{cb}^* + V_{td} V_{tb}^*$$



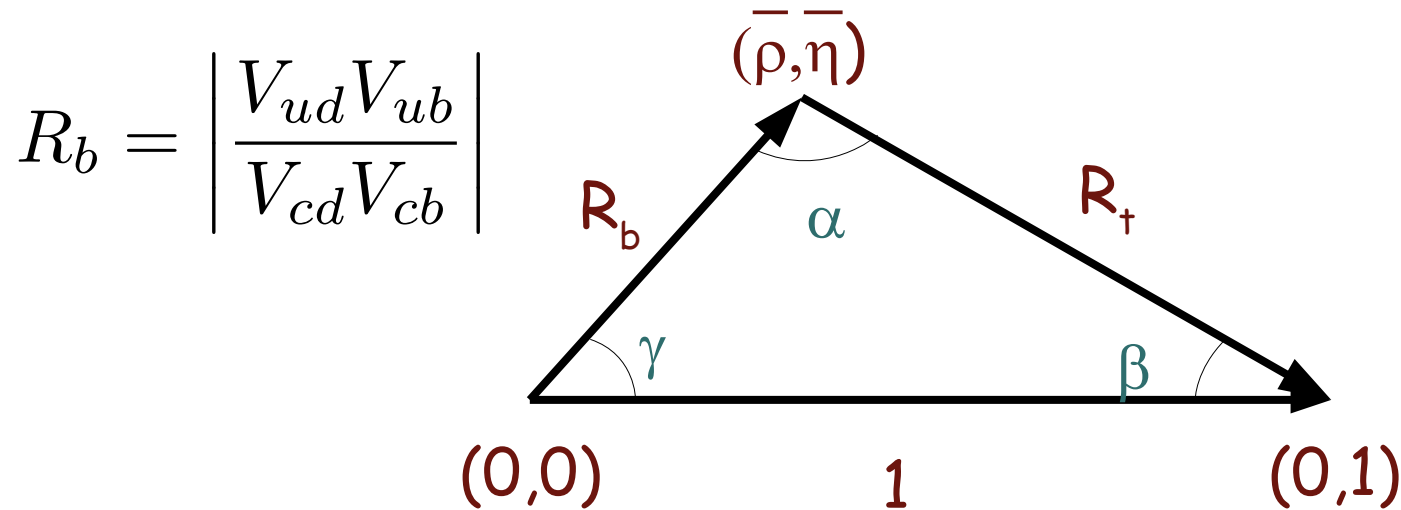
$$\alpha = \arg \left( -\frac{V_{td} V_{tb}^*}{V_{ud} V_{ub}^*} \right) \quad \beta = \arg \left( -\frac{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*}{V_{td} V_{tb}^*} \right) \quad \gamma = \arg \left( -\frac{V_{ud} V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd} V_{cb}^*} \right)$$

# THE UNITARITY TRIANGLE



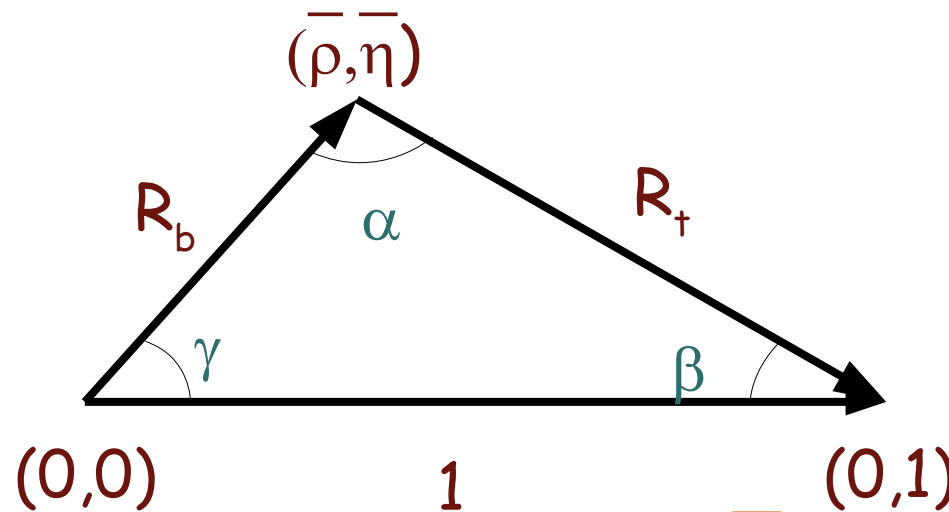
- $|V_{cd}|$  and  $|V_{cb}|$  can be extracted from  $\beta$  decays and from semileptonic  $K$  and  $b \rightarrow c$  decays, using form factors and decay constants from lattice QCD

# THE UNITARITY TRIANGLE



- $R_b$  can be extracted from semileptonic  $b \rightarrow u$  decays, using form factors and decay constants from lattice QCD

# THE UNITARITY TRIANGLE



$$R_t = \left| \frac{V_{td}V_{tb}}{V_{cd}V_{cb}} \right|$$

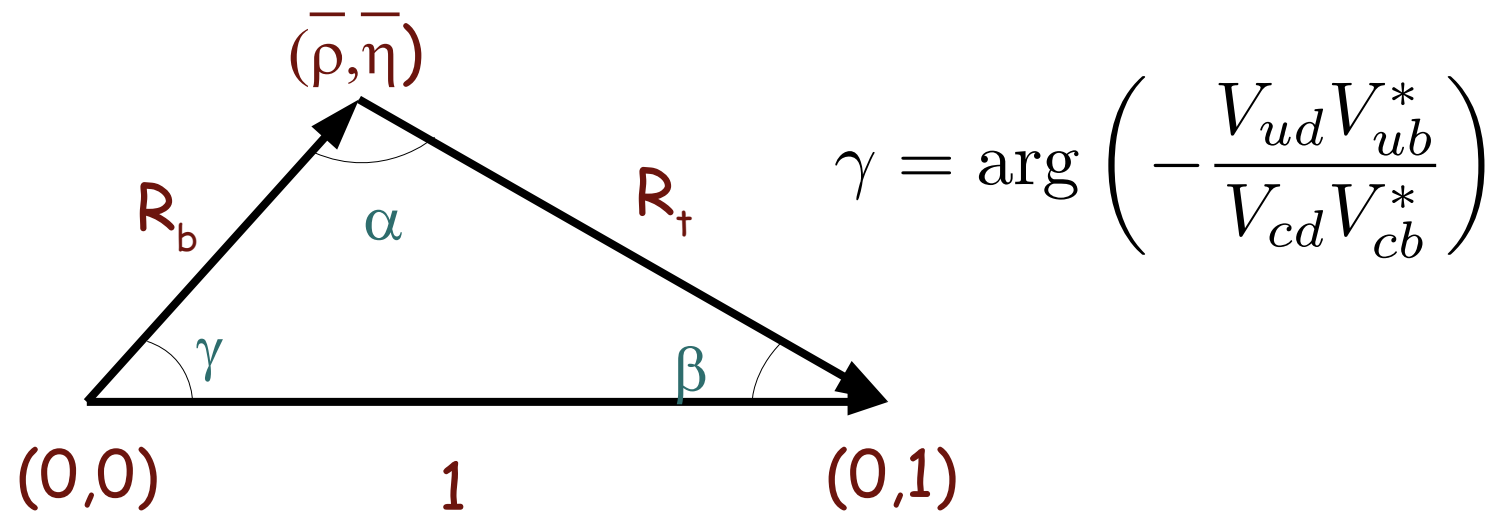
$$\beta = \arg \left( -\frac{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*}{V_{td}V_{tb}^*} \right)$$

- $R_t$  can be extracted from  $B_d-\bar{B}_d$  mixing using matrix elements from lattice QCD

- $\beta$  can be extracted from time-dependent CP asymmetry in  $B \rightarrow J/\Psi K_S$ :  $B_d-\bar{B}_d$  mixing involves

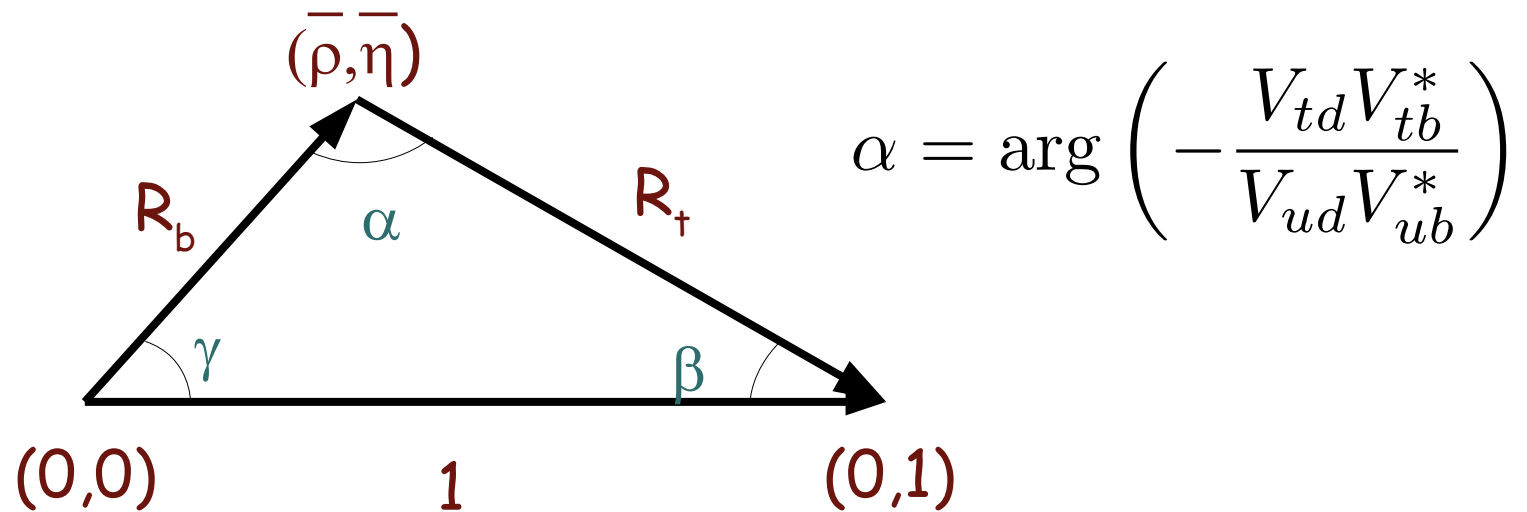
$V_{td}V_{tb}^*$ ,  $B_d \rightarrow J/\Psi K^0$   $V_{cs}V_{cb}^*$  and  $K^0-K^0$  mixing  $V_{cd}V_{cs}^*$

# THE UNITARITY TRIANGLE



- $\gamma$  can be extracted from  $b \rightarrow cdu$  transitions, using interference between  $V_{cd}V_{ub}^*$  and  $V_{ud}V_{cb}^*$  contributions (possibly including  $D-\bar{D}$  mixing)

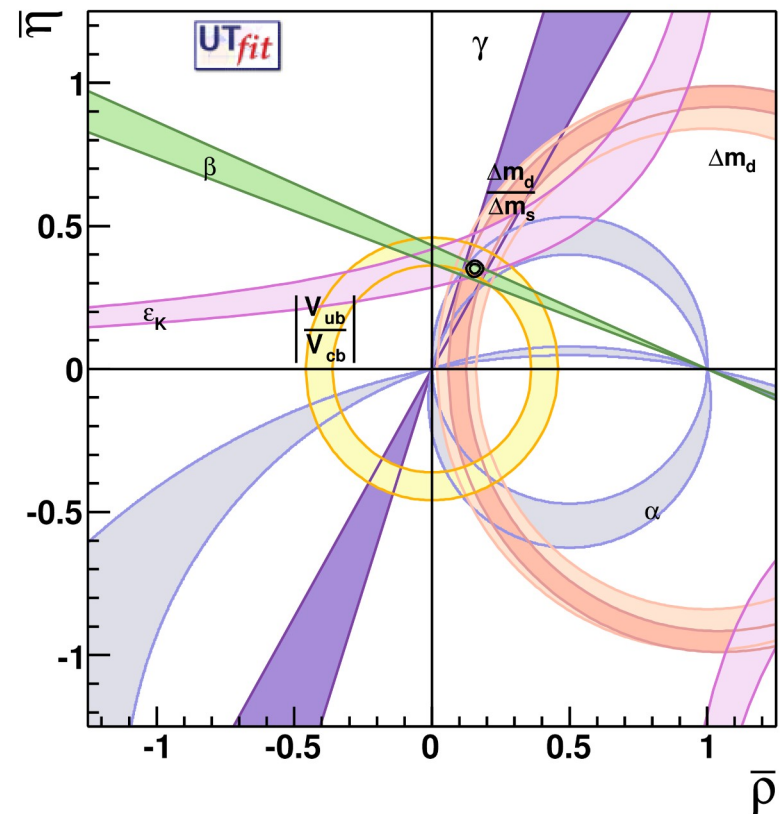
# THE UNITARITY TRIANGLE



- $\alpha$  can be extracted from  $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$ ,  $\rho\pi$  and  $\rho\rho$  decays in the form of  $\pi-\beta-\gamma$ , using isospin symmetry to isolate the  $I=3/2$  decay amplitude, which goes as  $e^{i\alpha}$

# THE UNITARITY TRIANGLE

- Additional constraints come from  $\varepsilon_K$ ,  $\Delta M_{B_s}$ , CP violation in  $B_s \rightarrow J/\Psi \phi$ ,  $BR(K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu})$  and  $BR(B \rightarrow \tau \nu)$



# NEW PHYSICS IN $\Delta F=2$

- Generalize the UTA allowing for NP in loop-mediated processes:
  - $V_{us}, V_{cb}, V_{ub}, \gamma$  and  $\alpha$  obtained from tree-level decays and thus unaffected (provided no huge NP effect in EWP)
  - NP allowed in  $\Delta F=2$  processes
- Extract both CKM parameters and NP contributions

# NP ANALYSIS: RESULTS

$$\bar{\rho} = 0.174 \pm 0.026$$

$$\bar{\eta} = 0.380 \pm 0.025$$

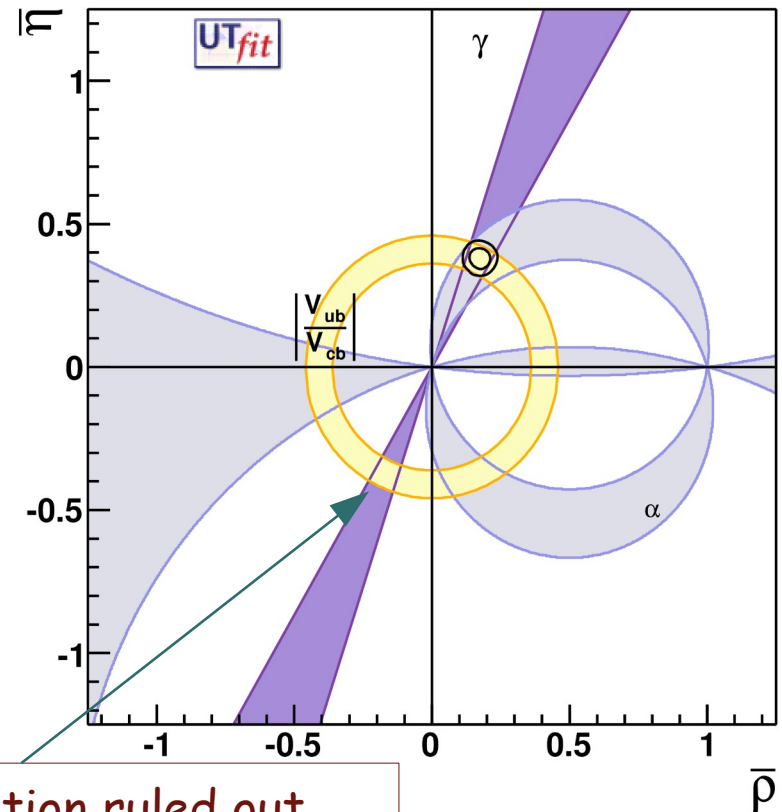
to be compared w.

$$\bar{\rho} = 0.155 \pm 0.011$$

$$\bar{\eta} = 0.350 \pm 0.010$$

in the SM

All UTfit NP results here



Second solution ruled out by semileptonic asymmetries

# NP CONTRIBUTIONS TO $\Delta F=2$

- Phenomenological parameterization:

$$C_{B_q} e^{2i\phi_{B_q}} = \frac{\langle B_q | H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{full}} | \bar{B}_q \rangle}{\langle B_q | H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} | \bar{B}_q \rangle} = 1 + \frac{A_q^{\text{NP}}}{A_q^{\text{SM}}} e^{2i\phi_q^{\text{NP}}}$$

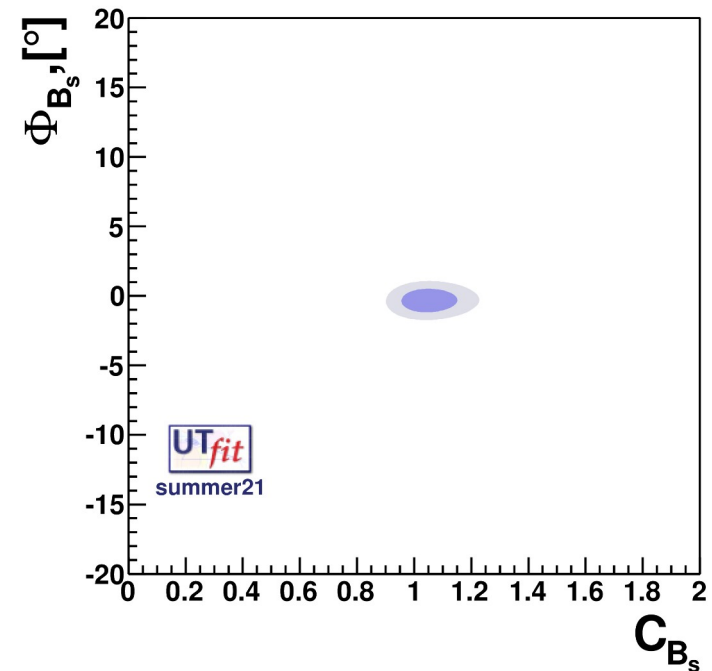
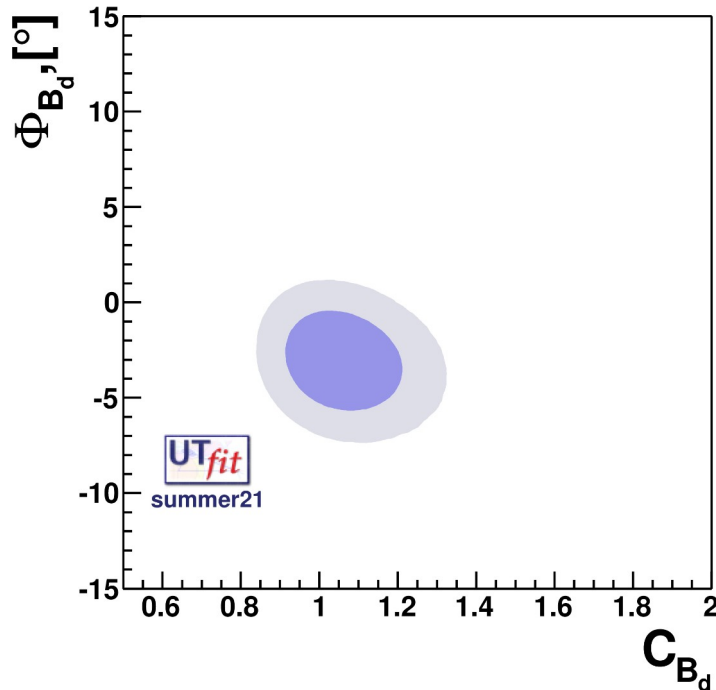
$$\Delta m_{d,s}^{\text{exp}} = C_{B_{d,s}} \Delta m_{d,s}^{\text{SM}}$$

$$\sin 2\beta^{\text{exp}} = \sin(2\beta + 2\phi_{B_d}) \quad \phi_s^{\text{exp}} = \beta_s - \phi_{B_s}$$

$$A_{\text{SL}}^{d,s;\text{exp}} = \text{Im} \left( \frac{\Gamma_{12}^{\text{SM}}}{M_{12}^{\text{SM}}} \right) \frac{\cos 2\phi_{B_{d,s}}}{C_{B_{d,s}}} - \text{Re} \left( \frac{\Gamma_{12}^{\text{SM}}}{M_{12}^{\text{SM}}} \right) \frac{\sin 2\phi_{B_{d,s}}}{C_{B_{d,s}}}$$

$$C_{\varepsilon_K} = \frac{\varepsilon_K^{\text{exp}}}{\varepsilon_K^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\text{Im} \langle K^0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{full}} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle}{\text{Im} \langle K^0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle} \quad C_{\Delta m_K} = \frac{\Delta m_K^{\text{exp}}}{\Delta m_K^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\text{Re} \langle K^0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{full}} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle}{\text{Re} \langle K^0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle}$$

# RESULTS ON NP PARAMETERS



$$C_{\varepsilon K} = 1.08 \pm 0.10, C_{B_d} = 1.07 \pm 0.10, \phi_{B_d} = (-3.0 \pm 1.7)^\circ,$$

$$C_{B_s} = 1.05 \pm 0.07, \phi_{B_s} = (-0.3 \pm 0.6)^\circ$$

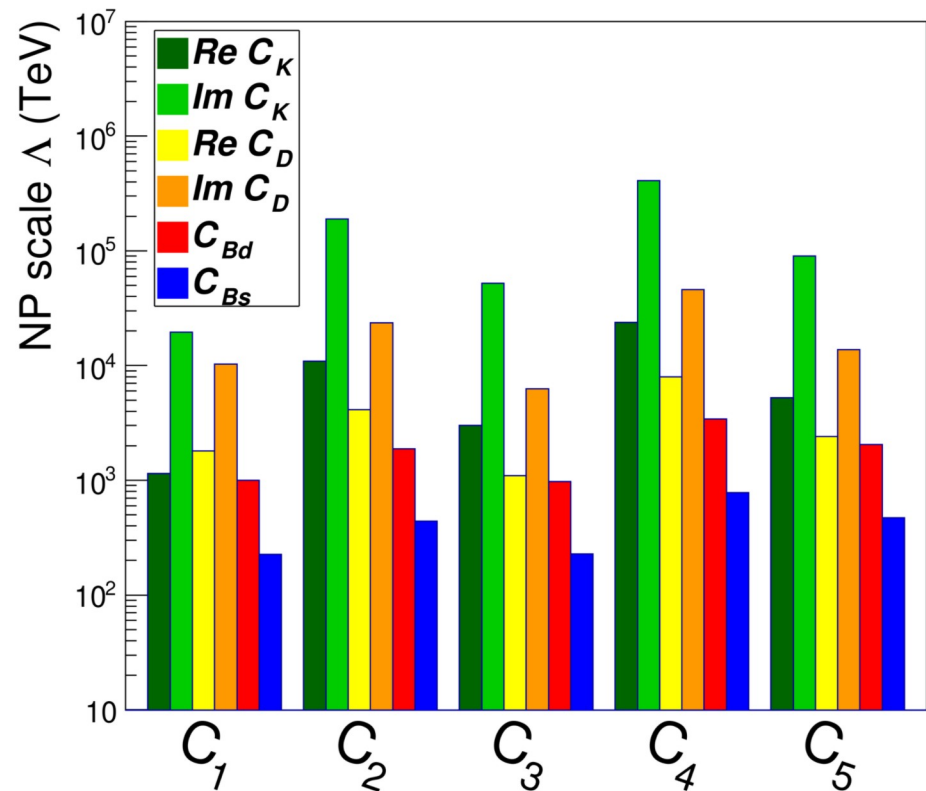
# FROM $\Delta F=2$ TO THE NP SCALE

- $H_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta F=2} = \sum_{i=1}^5 C_i O_i + \sum_{i=1}^3 C_i' O_i'$
- In the SM only  $O_1$  (left-handed)
- Operators with  $i>1$  are RG- and chirally-enhanced
- In general,  $C_i \sim F_i L_i / \Lambda^2$
- Take  $L_i=1$  and  $F_i = 1$  (generic) or  $F_i \sim F_1^{\text{SM}}$  (next-to-minimal flavour violation)

UTfit '07, ...

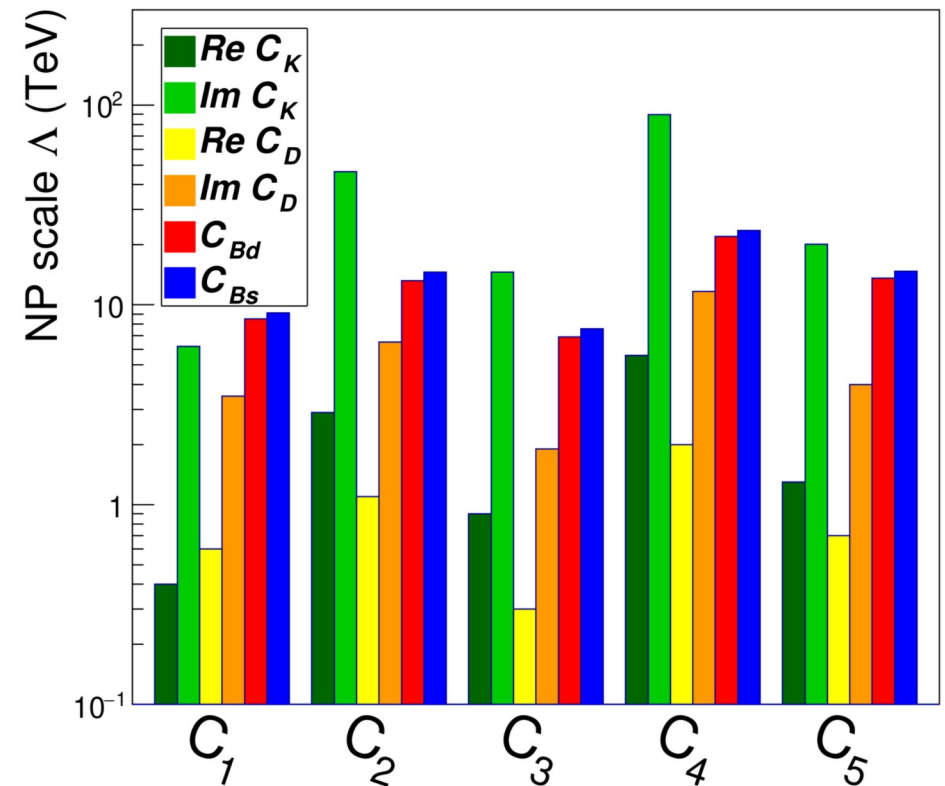
# GENERIC STRONGLY-INTERACTING NP

- Best bound from  $\varepsilon_K$ , dominated by CKM error
- CPV in charm mixing follows, exp error dominant
- $B_d$  and  $B_s$  behind, error from both CKM and B-params
- Non-perturbative NP:
  - $\Lambda > 4 \cdot 10^5 \text{ TeV}$
- Weakly interacting:
  - $\Lambda > 10^4 \text{ TeV}$



# NMFV STRONGLY-INTERACTING NP

- If new chiral structures present,  $\varepsilon_K$  still gives best constraint
- $B_d$  and  $B_s$  most powerful if no new operators arise
- Non-perturbative NMFV NP (e.g. composite Higgs)
  - $\Lambda > 94 \text{ TeV}$
- Weakly interacting:
  - $\Lambda > 3 \text{ TeV}$



# THE SMEFT

- Any NP much heavier than the EW scale must be invariant under the SM gauge group
- Define the SMEFT as the most general  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ -invariant Lagrangian built with SM fields including operators up to dimension  $D > 4$
- Accidental symmetries of the SM are broken at  $D=6$ : Baryon & Lepton number conservation, absence of tree-level FCNCs

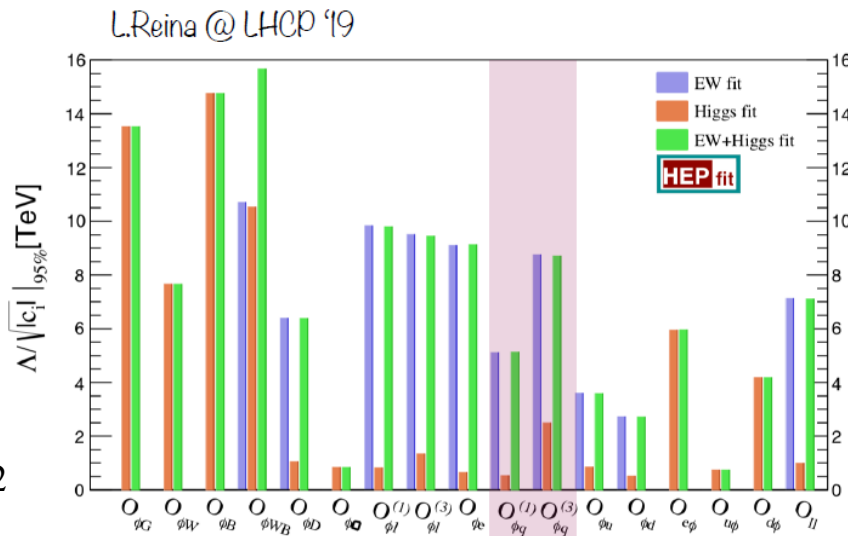
# $\Delta F=2$ IN SMEFT

- Four out of the eight  $\Delta F=2$  operators ( $Q_1, Q_1', Q_4, Q_5$ ) can be written in an  $SU(2)\times U(1)$  invariant way as D=6 SMEFT operators, so the stringent bounds from  $\Delta F=2$  also apply to the SMEFT
- Between the NP and EW scales, the SM acts as a generator of flavour violation, due to Yukawa couplings
- $\Delta F=1$  or even  $\Delta F=0$  operators at the NP scale mix into  $\Delta F=2$  operators at the EW scale via SMEFT RGEs

# BOUNDS FROM $\Delta F=2$ IN SMEFT

- New flavour structures must be defined with respect to SM Yukawa couplings. Two extreme possibilities:  $Y_u$  or  $Y_d$  diagonal basis

$$O_{jk}^{HQ^{(1[3])}} \leftrightarrow^{[A]} (H^\dagger i D_\mu H) (\bar{Q}_j \gamma^\mu [\tau^A] Q_k)$$



L.S. & M.V. '19

| $ij$ | $C_{ij}^{HQ^{(1,3)}} [\text{TeV}^{-2}]$  |  |
|------|--|--|
|      | $Y_D$ diag                               | $Y_U$ diag                               |
| 11   | $\emptyset$                              | $4.1 \square 10^{-3}$                    |
| 12   | $(8.9 \square, 3.8 \square) 10^{-4}$     | $(9.9 \square, 3.8 \square) 10^{-4}$     |
| 13   | $(7.4 \triangle, 6.3 \triangle) 10^{-3}$ | $(7.6 \triangle, 6.4 \triangle) 10^{-3}$ |
| 22   | $\emptyset$                              | $4.1 \square 10^{-3}$                    |
| 23   | $(3.0 \nabla, 1.0 \nabla) 10^{-2}$       | $(3.1 \nabla, 1.0 \nabla) 10^{-2}$       |
| 33   | $\emptyset$                              | $7.3 \triangle 10^{-1}$                  |

$\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \gtrsim 15 \text{ TeV}$

# CONCLUSIONS

- EFTs and flavour have played a key role in the development of the SM, from Fermi theory to GIM to the SM
- The WET is a very powerful tool to test the SM in the quark flavour sector
- Bounds from  $\Delta F=2$  transitions among the most powerful, reaching beyond  $10^5$  TeV

# CONCLUSIONS

- The coming decades will not witness a remarkable increase in the scales directly probed at colliders, but a very remarkable increase in luminosity and precision, also in the flavour sector
- Flavour continues playing a crucial role in indirect searches for NP, hopefully revealing new phenomena and/or shaping our expectations for NP models (see Gino's talk)