Hadronic structure in BSM searches with CKM unitarity

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Precision tests of the Standard Model with beta decays and unitarity of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa quark mixing matrix offer a way to search for BSM signals, which is competitive and complementary to the collider searches. Currently, the CKM top-row unitarity constraint shows a deficit $\Delta_u = |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 - 1 = -0.0015(7)$ which may point to possible New Physics contributions. To arrive to the impressive 10^{-4} precision, hadronic structure-dependent radiative corrections have to be under control. I review the current status of these SM corrections, and discuss the impact of future developments in theory and experiment.

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