

Model testing with flavour results in *CKM*fitter

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Flavour in the quark sector

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(Gauge couplings to fermions)

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM(NP)} \sim -\frac{1}{4}(F_{\mu\nu})^2 + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi$$

(Higgs self-interaction)

$$+ |D_\mu H|^2 - V(H)$$

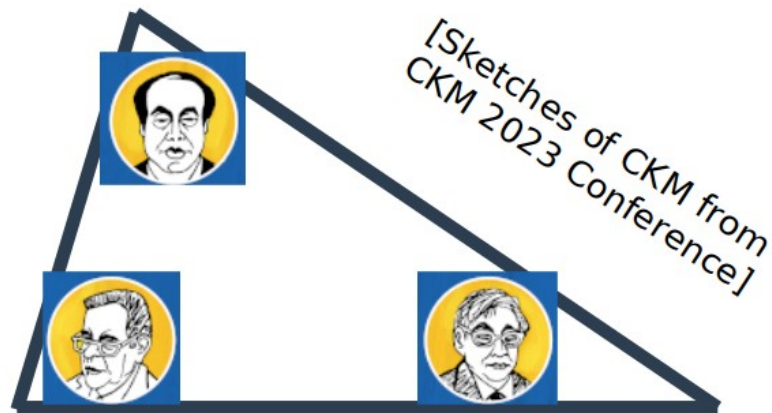
(short-range weak interactions)

$$+ Y H \bar{\psi} \psi + \text{h.c.}$$

(spectrum of quark masses, CKM matrix)

$$\left(+ \sum_{d>4} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{heavy}}^{d-4}} C_k O_k^d \right)$$

Particle physics
framework



Experimental
data

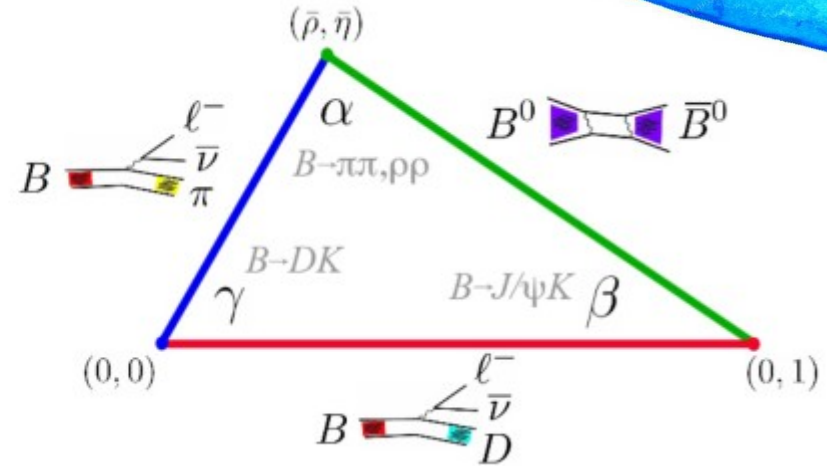
Theoretical
inputs

- Goal is **testing the SM/CKM mechanism**, and point out possible tensions
- Many flavour observables enjoy the status of **precision physics**
- Flavour transitions pattern is likely to change in the **presence of NP**

Measuring the CKM matrix

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$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c|c|c} d & s & b \\ \hline u & \begin{array}{c} n \text{ } e^- \text{ } \bar{\nu} \text{ } p \\ \text{ } \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} K \text{ } \ell^- \text{ } \bar{\nu} \text{ } \pi \\ \text{ } \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} B \text{ } \ell^- \text{ } \bar{\nu} \text{ } \pi \\ \text{ } \end{array} \\ \hline c & \begin{array}{c} D \text{ } \ell^- \text{ } \bar{\nu} \text{ } \pi \\ \text{ } \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} D \text{ } \ell^- \text{ } \bar{\nu} \text{ } K \\ \text{ } \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} B \text{ } \ell^- \text{ } \bar{\nu} \text{ } D \\ \text{ } \end{array} \\ \hline t & \begin{array}{c} B^0 \text{ } \bar{B}^0 \\ \text{ } \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} B_s \text{ } \bar{B}_s \\ \text{ } \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} t \text{ } W \text{ } b \\ \text{ } \end{array} \end{array} \end{pmatrix}$$



- Tree: e.g., $|V_{ub}|$
- Loop: e.g., Δm_d , Δm_s , ϵ_K , $\sin(2\beta)$
- $\mathcal{CP}$ -conserving: e.g., $|V_{ub}|$, Δm_d , Δm_s
- $\mathcal{CP}$ -violating: e.g., γ , ϵ_K , $\sin(2\beta)$
- Exp. uncs.: e.g., α , $\sin(2\beta)$, γ
- Syst. uncs.: e.g., $|V_{ub}|$, $|V_{cb}|$, ϵ_K , Δm_d , Δm_s

$$\begin{pmatrix} & d & s & b \\ \hline u & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \cdot \\ c & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ t & \cdot & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \end{pmatrix}$$

Theo. inputs: hadronic effects

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Meson-mixing	$B_{(s)} \bar{B}_{(s)}, K \bar{K}$: bag-parameters $\hat{B}_{B_s}, \hat{B}_{B_s}/\hat{B}_{B_d}, \hat{B}_K$ $\frac{2}{3} m_K^2 f_K^2 B_K = \langle \bar{K} (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L d) (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_L d) K \rangle$
(semi-)leptonic decays	$\pi \rightarrow \ell \nu, K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$, etc.: decay constants, form factors Ex.: $f_\pi, f_+^{K \rightarrow \pi}(0)$ $-p_\mu f_\pi = \langle 0 (\bar{d} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 u) \pi(p) \rangle,$ $f_+^{K \rightarrow \pi}(q^2)(p + p')_\mu + f_-^{K \rightarrow \pi}(q^2)(p - p')_\mu = \langle \pi(p') (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_L u) K(p) \rangle$

→ Determine $\mathcal{L}_{SM(NP)}^{eff} \sim \sum_i C_i(\mu) \times O_i(\mu)$, where $\mu \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{few})$ GeV:
 C_i collects *short*-distance physics; O_i collects *long*-distance physics

→ Lattice QCD: extractions of non-perturbative parameters;
averages dominated by **systematic uncertainties**

Stat: essentially size of gauge configurations

Syst: fermion action, $a \rightarrow 0, L \rightarrow \infty$, mass extrapolations...

FLAG reports:
guide to sort results

Theo. uncertainties



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- **Statistical uncertainties** result from the intrinsic variability of data, typically distributed normally
- **Theoretical uncertainties** are different in nature: they are modeling parameters (ξ), **fixed and unknown**, that incorporate our incomplete knowledge about the properties of a distribution (Ex.: truncation of a perturbative series) [Punzi '01]
- Though *a priori* theoretical uncertainties are a universal issue, in the context of **quark flavor physics** they are particularly important, due to the **strong dynamics**

Statistical framework

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- **CKMfitter**: frequentist statistics based on a χ^2 analysis
- $\chi^2_{\min}$: **goodness-of-fit** under SM (or NP), **estimators** for $q=V_{\text{CKM}}$
- $\Delta\chi^2$ (χ^2 -distributed): **Confidence Level** (CL) intervals

$$\mathcal{L}(q) = \prod_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{O}}(q), \quad \chi^2(q) = -2\ln\mathcal{L}(q) = \sum_{\mathcal{O}} \left(\frac{\mathcal{O}_{\text{th}}(q) - \mathcal{O}_{\text{meas}}}{\sigma_{\mathcal{O}_{\text{meas}}}} \right)^2$$

max likelihood

ratio of likelihoods

$$\chi^2(\hat{q}) = \min_q \chi^2(q), \quad \Delta\chi^2(q) = \chi^2(q) - \chi^2(\hat{q})$$

Rfit

Range fit scheme incorporates **theoretical uncertainties**

- **stat**: agreement of data & prediction; **theo**: accuracy of QCD parameters
- Theoretical uncertainties strictly contained in a range. Ex.: $\xi \in [-\Delta, \Delta]$
- Different sources of syst. uncertainty are combined linearly

product of likelihoods

$$\mathcal{L} \stackrel{Rfit}{=} \mathcal{L}_{stat} \times \mathcal{L}_{theo},$$

$$\chi^2 = -2 \ln \mathcal{L}$$

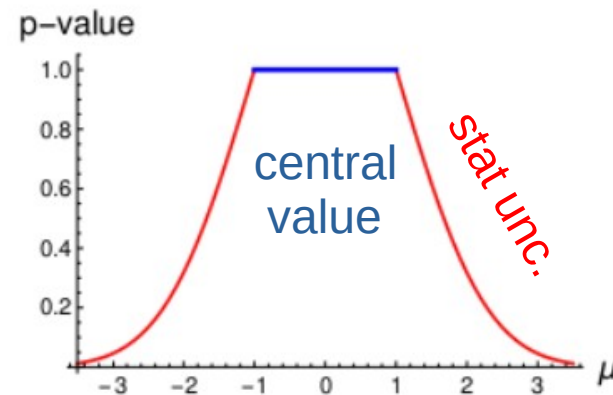
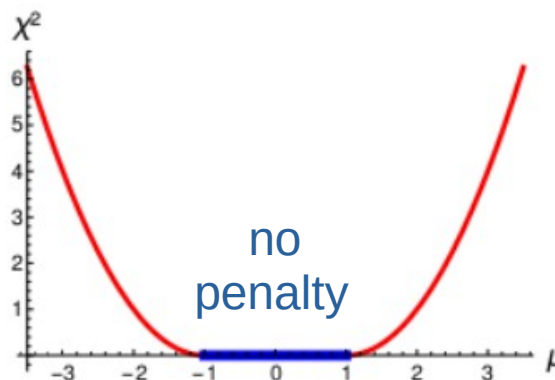
$\mathcal{L}_{stat}$: exp. data

$\mathcal{L}_{theo}$: had. inputs

[cf. Charles, Descotes-G., Niess, LVS '17]

[Hoecker et al. '01, Charles et al. '04]

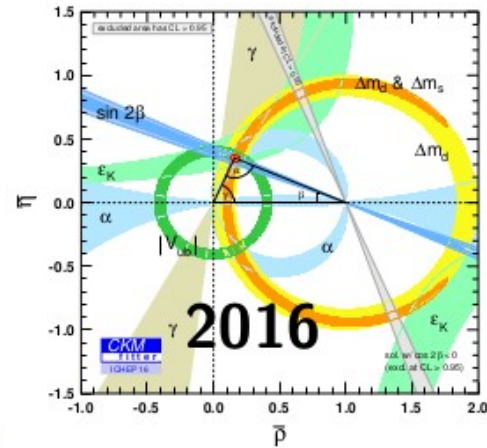
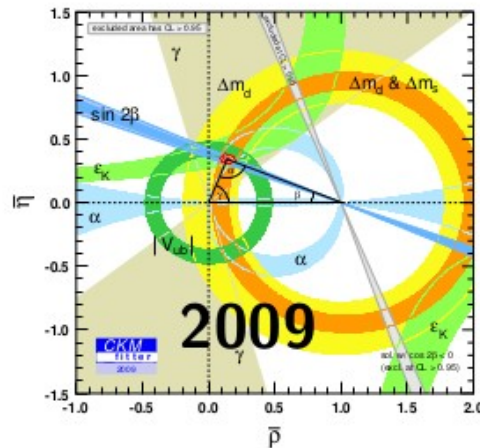
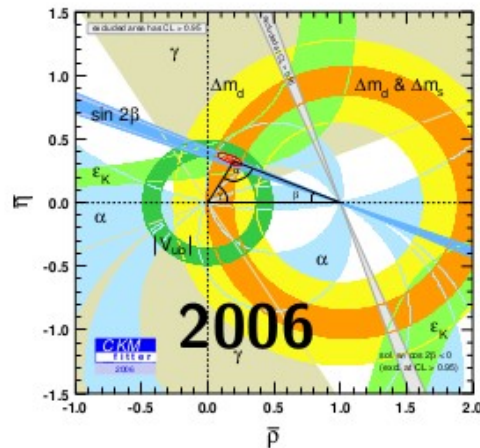
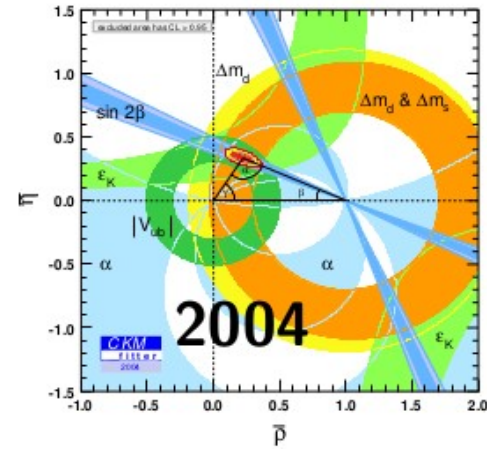
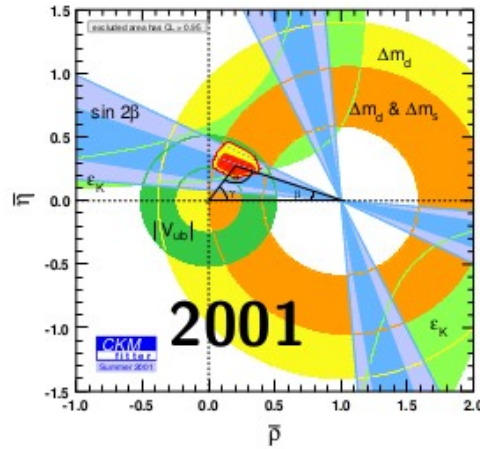
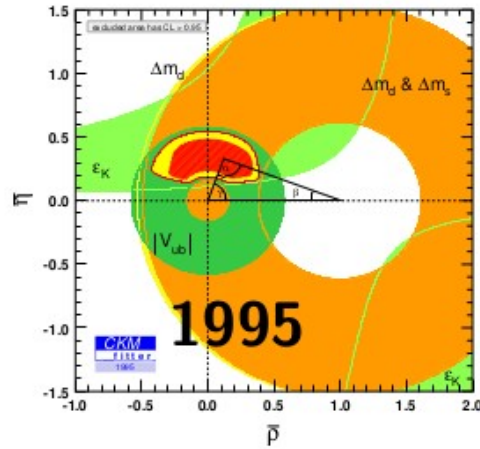
Example in 1D, $0 \pm 1_{stat} \pm 1_{theo}$ ($N_{dof} = 1$)



χ^2 : **flat bottom**, **quadratic walls**

Progress over the years

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Current status of flavour

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- A **single** phase must be responsible for CP violation across distinct flavour sectors
- Observables of very different natures

$$A = 0.8215^{+0.0047}_{-0.0082} \text{ (0.8\% unc.)}$$

$$\lambda = 0.22498^{+0.00023}_{-0.00021} \text{ (0.1\% unc.)}$$

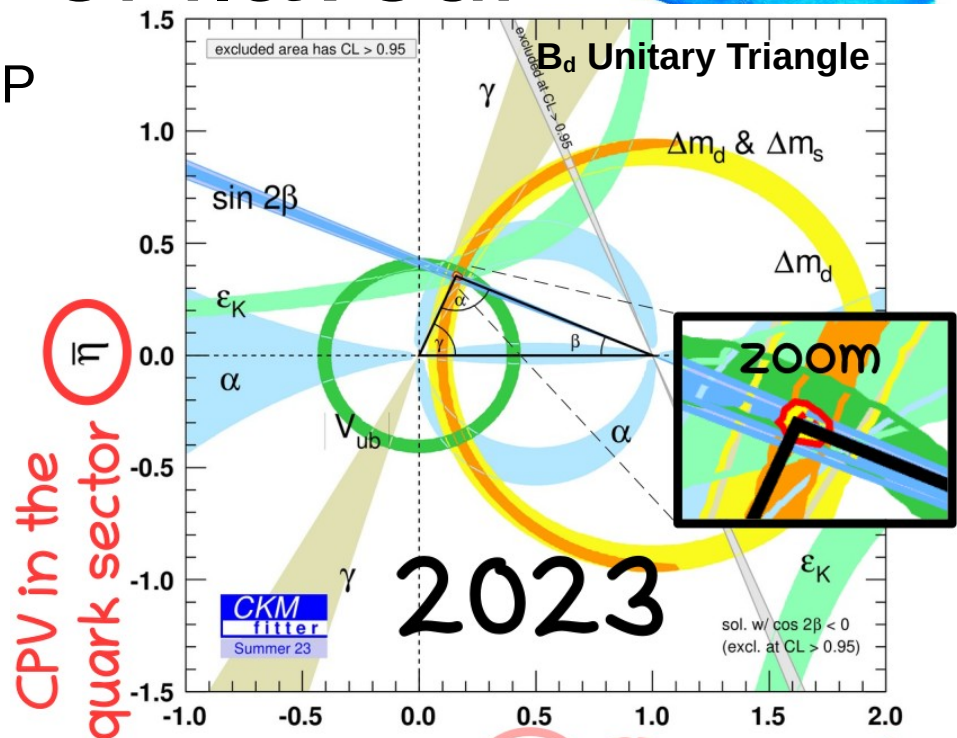
$$\bar{\rho} = 0.1562^{+0.0112}_{-0.0040} \text{ (4.9\% unc.)}$$

$$\bar{\eta} = 0.3551^{+0.0051}_{-0.0057} \text{ (1.5\% unc.)}$$

68\% C.L. intervals

Rephasing invariant:

$$\frac{|V_{us}|}{(|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2)^{1/2}} = \lambda, \quad \frac{|V_{cb}|}{(|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2)^{1/2}} = A\lambda^2, \quad -\frac{V_{ud}V_{ub}^*}{V_{cd}V_{cb}^*} = \bar{\rho} + i\bar{\eta}$$



CPV in the quark sector

$\bar{\rho}$ CP-conserving parameter

b

$|V_{xb}|, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \Delta m_d, \Delta m_s$

s

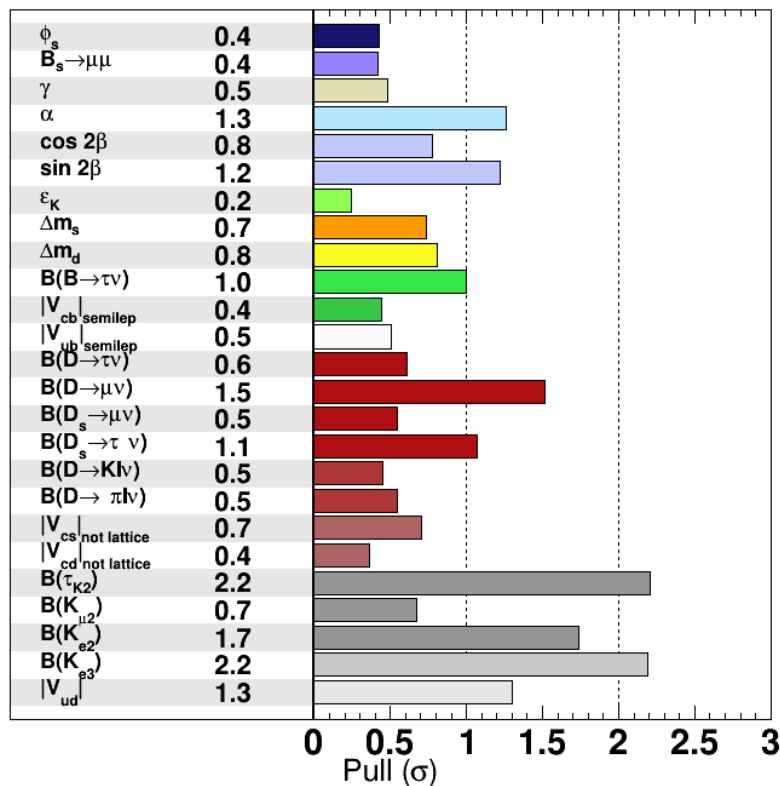
ϵ_K

Consistency among observables

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$$\text{pull}_{\mathcal{O}_{exp}} = \sqrt{\chi_{min}^2 - \chi_{min,! \mathcal{O}_{exp}}^2}$$

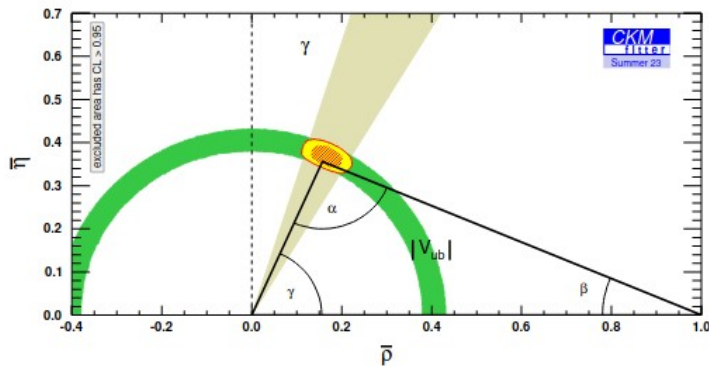
! $\mathcal{O}_{exp}$: χ_{min}^2 w/o $\mathcal{O}_{exp}$



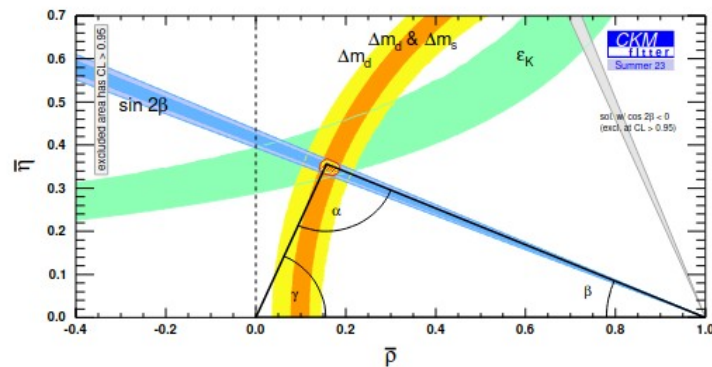
- If Gaussian uncs., uncorrelated random vars.: mean 0 and variance 1
- Here, **correlations** are expected; pulls can be 0 due to the *Rfit* model for **systematics**
- **Overall agreement w/ the SM**, no clear indication of significant deviations from CKM picture

Consistency among observables

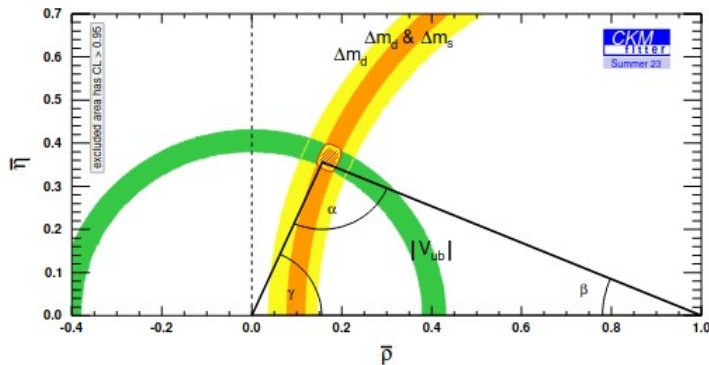
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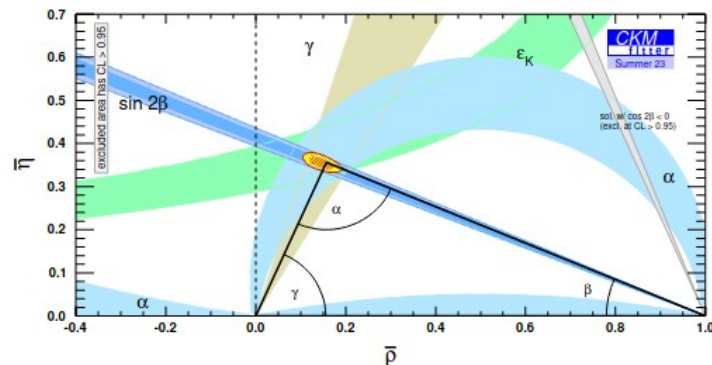
loop-induced



$\mathcal{CP}$ -conserving



$\mathcal{CP}$ -violating



Alternative frequentist schemes 11

Properties of other statistical approaches to incorporate theoretical uncertainties; impact on the extraction of the true values of parameters

Given the one-dimensional (1D) case: $X \sim X_0 \pm \underbrace{\sigma}_{\text{statistical}} \pm \underbrace{\Delta}_{\text{theoretical}}$

- The true value of the theo. uncertainty ξ is fixed and unknown
- Being unknown, one quotes a range $\xi \in \Omega$ and **vary** ξ
- Usually, one has in mind that $\Omega = [-\Delta, \Delta]$, but this may miss an unexpectedly large value of ξ
- Were ξ known, we would quote instead $(X_0 + \xi) \pm \sigma$

Modeling theo uncs: random

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Random approach

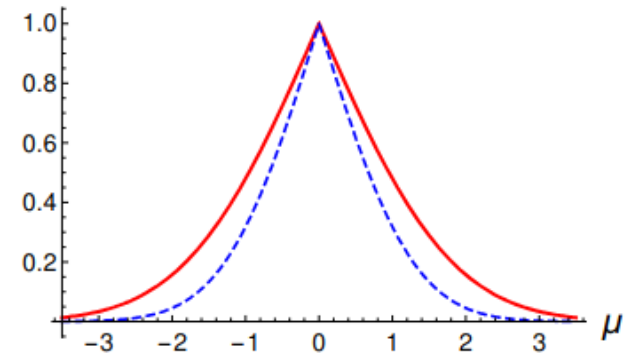
→ Different techniques of calculation lead to different predictions around the exact one (pseudo-randomly distributed)

→ Naive Gaussian (nG): $\xi \sim \mathcal{N}_{(0,\Delta)}$

→ MLR ($\mathcal{H}_\mu : x_t = \mu$): $T(X; \mu) = \frac{(X - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2 + \Delta^2}$

(MLR: maximum likelihood ratio)

Naive Gaussian: $X_0=0$, $\sigma=1$, $\Delta=1$ (red) [$\Delta=0$ (blue)]
p-value



Modeling theo uncs: external

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n -external approach

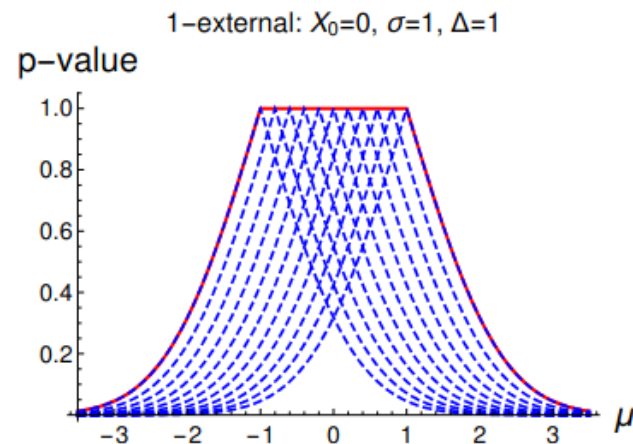
[Scan: Dubois-Felsmann et al.]

→ In a first step, assume that ξ is known

→ Family of hypotheses, $\mathcal{H}_{\mu}^{(\xi)} : x_t = \mu + \xi$

→ MLR ($\mathcal{H}_{\mu}^{(\xi)}$): $T(X; \mu) = \frac{(X - \mu - \xi)^2}{\sigma^2}$

→ Combine the p_{ξ} , for $\xi \in n \times [-\Delta, \Delta]$



Close to what some experiments interpret as theo. uncertainties

Simple 1D case: **Rfit** and **1-external** are equivalent

Modeling theo uncs: nuisance

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Fixed- n nuisance

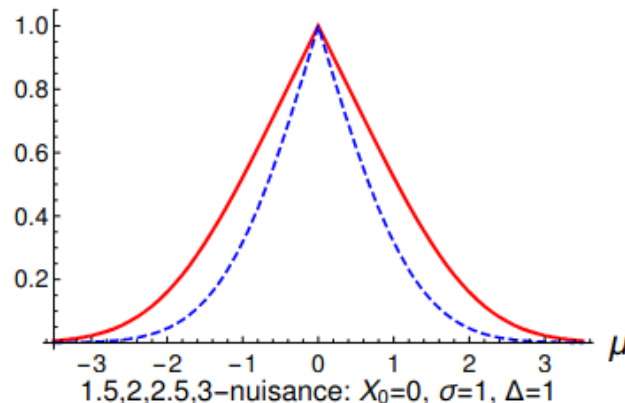
→ $\sim$ MLR ($\mathcal{H}_\mu : x_t = \mu$): $T(X; \mu) = \frac{(X - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2 + \Delta^2}$

→ ξ strictly found in $n \times [-\Delta, \Delta]$

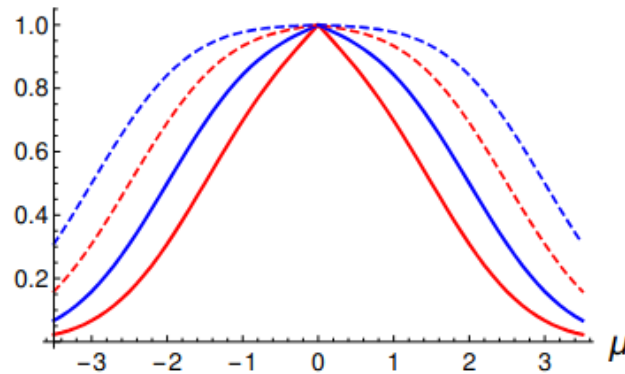
→ Small n may lead to reasonable CLs, but possibly uncovering

→ Large n avoid uncovering, but lead to large CLs

1-nuisance: $X_0=0, \sigma=1, \Delta=1$ (red) [$\Delta=0$ (blue)]
p-value



1.5, 2, 2.5, 3-nuisance: $X_0=0, \sigma=1, \Delta=1$
p-value



Modeling theo uncs: nuisance

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Adaptive nuisance

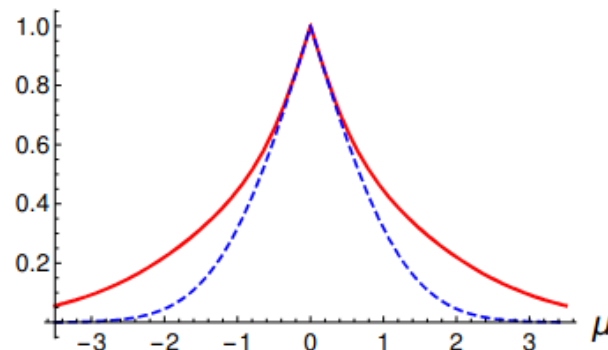
[Charles, Descotes-G., Niess, LVS]

→ $\sim$ MLR ($\mathcal{H}_\mu : x_t = \mu$): $T(X; \mu) = \frac{(X - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2 + \Delta^2}$

→ The interval where we look for ξ grows w/ the CL interval we want to quote

→ n CL intervals: $\xi \in n \times [-\Delta, \Delta]$

Adapt. nuisance: $X_0=0, \sigma=1, \Delta=1$ (red) [$\Delta=0$ (blue)]
p-value



Designed to deal with:

- Metrology/extraction of parameters ($1 - 2 \sigma$ intervals)
- Minimizing Type-II (false positive) errors (above $\sim 5 \sigma$)

Coverage in special cases

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Limit case: the simulated ξ is at the edge of $[-\Delta, \Delta]$

$\Delta/\sigma = 3, \xi/\Delta = 1$	68.27% CL	95.45% CL	99.73% CL
nG	56.3%	100.0%	100.0%
1-nuisance	68.1%	95.5%	99.7%
adaptive nuisance	68.2%	100.0%	100.0%
1-external/ R_{fit}	84.1%	97.7%	99.9%

Unfortunate case: the simulated ξ is outside $[-\Delta, \Delta]$

$\Delta/\sigma = 3, \xi/\Delta = 3$	68.27% CL	95.45% CL	99.73% CL
nG	0.00%	0.35%	68.7%
1-nuisance	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%
adaptive nuisance	0.00%	9.60%	99.8%
1-external/ R_{fit}	0.00%	0.00%	0.13%

blue: exact or overcoverage
red: undercoverage

Multi-dimensional case

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$$X_0^{(i)} \pm \sigma_i \pm \Delta_i, \xi_i \in [-\Delta_i, \Delta_i] \quad (\text{or } X_0 \pm \sigma \pm \Delta_1 \pm \dots \pm \Delta_N)$$

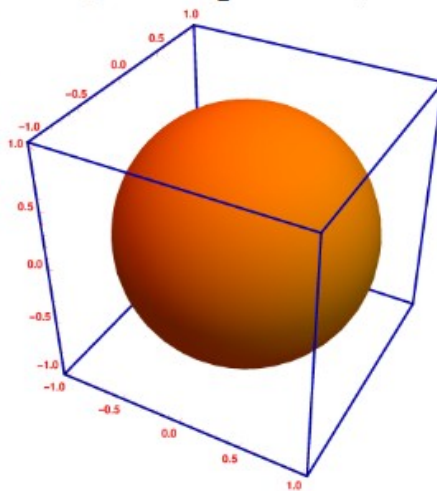
$$\text{Average: } \xi = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \xi_i, \text{ w/ weights } \sum_{i=1}^N w_i = 1, w_i \geq 0$$

Interval where the bias ξ_i is varied

Hyper-cube: assuming extreme values simultaneously $\hat{\Delta} = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \Delta_i$

Hyper-ball: $\hat{\Delta} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (w_i \Delta_i)^2}$

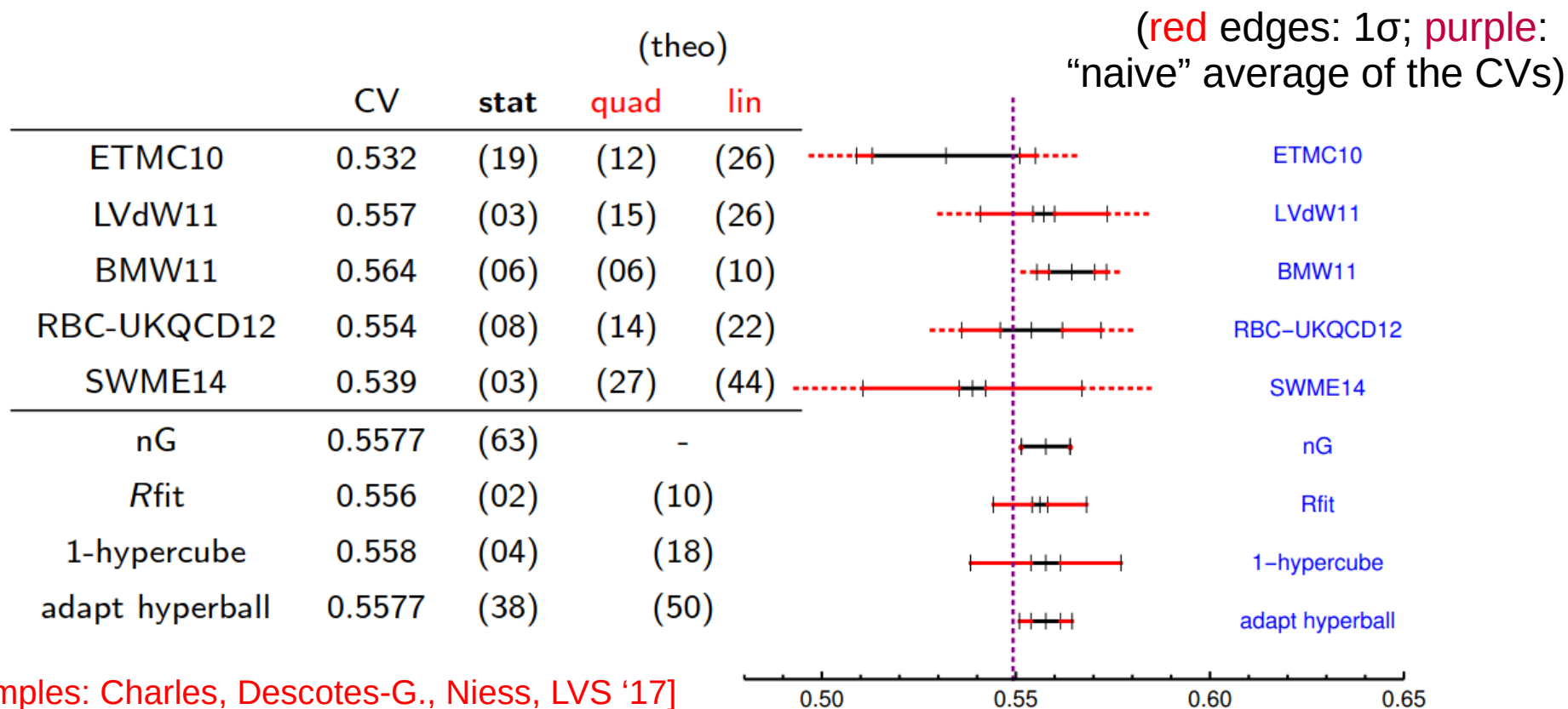
Edges: $[-\Delta_i, \Delta_i]$



$$\Rightarrow \hat{X}_0 \pm \hat{\sigma} \pm \hat{\Delta}$$

Combining data

Example: combination of different extractions of $B_K^{\overline{\text{MS}}}$ (2 GeV)



[further examples: Charles, Descotes-G., Niess, LVS '17]

Conclusions



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- Global fit of a **rich variety of processes sensitive to CP Violation and SM predictions in agreement**
- We are then able to extract **accurate values for the fundamental parameters** describing the CKM matrix
- **Theoretical uncertainties** are omnipresent in flavor analyses and deserve a careful look; they carry an **ill-defined nature**
- The choice of the **scheme** has an impact on: confidence level intervals, metrology, significance of a tension, etc.
- **Future**: study properties of different treatments of theoretical uncertainties in the **full CKM fit** (coverage, separation of uncs, computing time, etc.)

CKMfitter Collaboration

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MORE DETAILS @ [CKMfitter](#)

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The CKMfitter group provides:

- A global analysis of measurements determining the CKM matrix parameters in the framework of the Standard Model and some of its extensions.
- Graphical and numerical constraints on CKM matrix elements, predictions on rare K and B meson decays, theoretical parameters, etc.
- The statistical treatment is based on Frequentist statistics and **Rfit** (Range fit) for the theoretical uncertainties.

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(updated Jan 2022)

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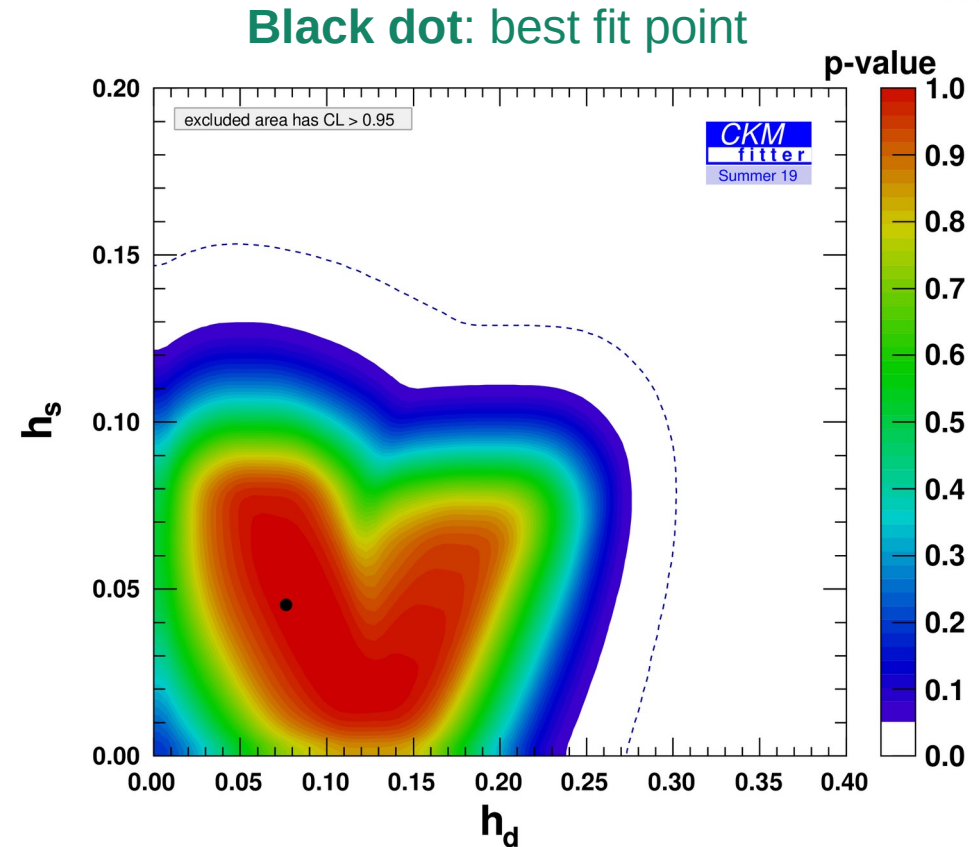
Status of NP in B meson mixing



$$M_{12} = M_{12}^{\text{SM}} \times (1 + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{NP parameters}}}{h} e^{2i\sigma})$$

- Agreement with the SM ($h_d=h_s=0$) at $\sim 1\sigma$
- Allowed size for NP at the level of O(20%)
- Extractions of ρ and η (Wolfenstein parameters) **degrade by factor ~ 3**

[Charles, Descotes-G., Ligeti, Monteil, Papucci, Trabelsi, LVS '20]



[See also: UTfit; De Bruyn, Fleischer, Malami, van Vliet '23]

Illustration of CL intervals, 1D



- Consider $0 \pm \sigma \pm \Delta$, w/ fixed $\sigma^2 + \Delta^2 = 1$
- Gaussian units: $\sqrt{2} \text{Erf}^{-1}(1 - p(X_0; \mu))$

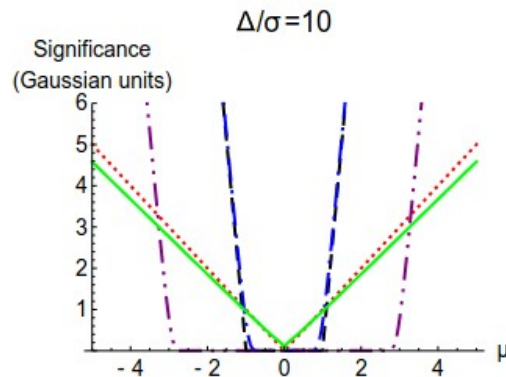
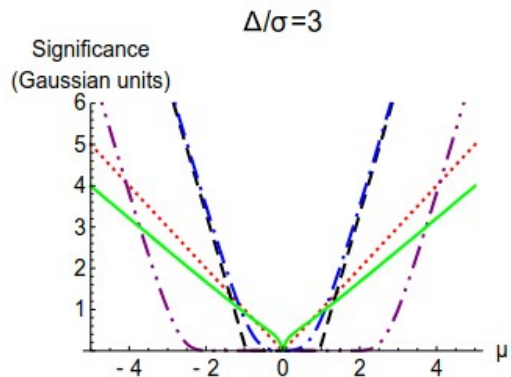
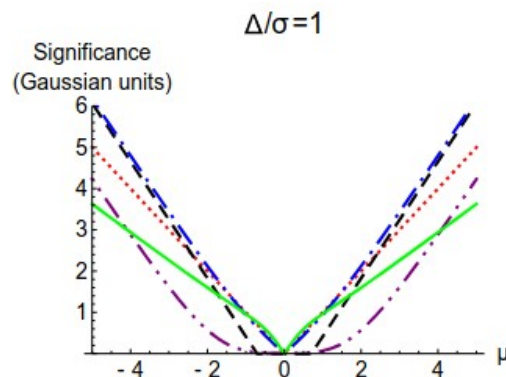
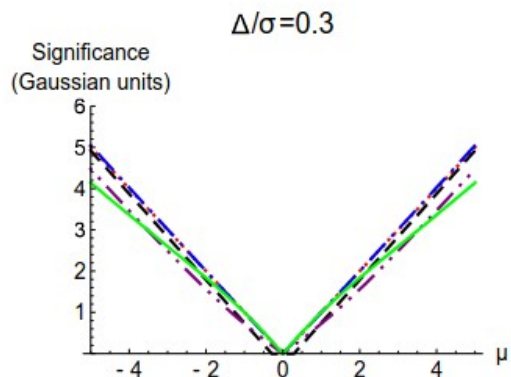
(red) naive
Gaussian (nG);

(black) fixed-1
external/Rfit;

(blue) fixed-1
nuisance;

(purple) fixed-3
nuisance;

(green) adaptive
nuisance

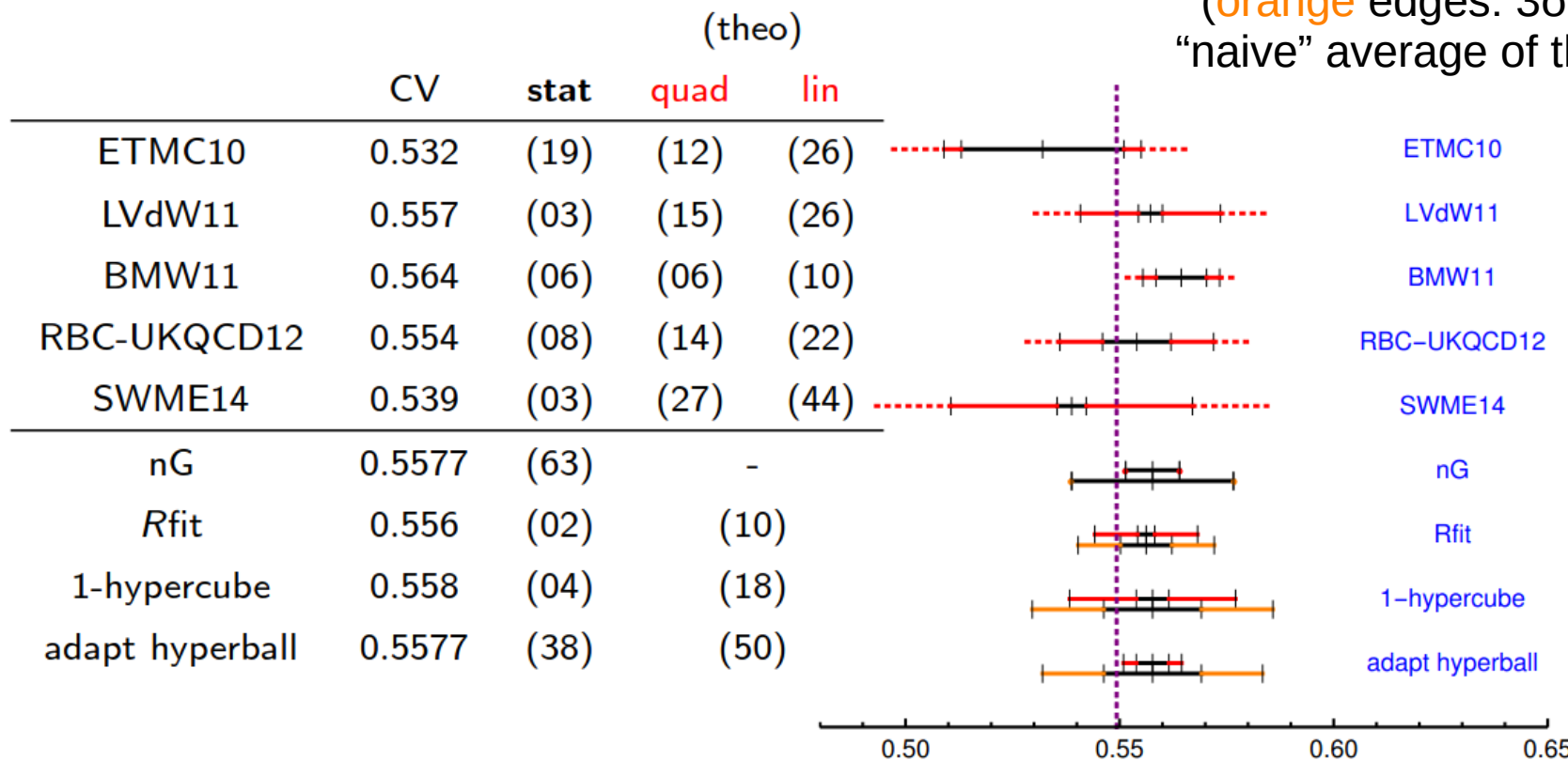


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Example: combination of different extractions of $B_K^{\overline{\text{MS}}}$ (2 GeV)

(orange edges: 3σ ; purple: “naive” average of the CVs)



Different significances



$$(a_{\mu\text{on}}^{\text{exp}} - a_{\mu\text{on}}^{\text{SM}}) \times 10^{11} = 288 \pm 63_{\text{exp}} \pm 49_{\text{SM}}$$

significance of the tension

nG	3.6σ
1-external/Rfit	3.8σ
1-nuisance	3.9σ
adapt. nuisance	2.7σ