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We present the update of the Unitarity Triangle (UT) analysis performed by the *U_fit* Collaboration within the Standard Model (SM) and beyond. Within the SM, combining the direct measurements on sides and angles, the UT turns out to be over-constrained in a consistent way, with some tension due to recently included contributions to the theoretical prediction of ϵ_K and the updated lattice average for B_K . Generalising the UT analysis to investigate NP effects, constraints on $b \rightarrow s$ transitions are also included and both CKM and NP parameters are fitted simultaneously. The most interesting results on the $b \rightarrow s$ transitions come from the $B_s - \bar{B}_s$ mixing and the di-muon charge asymmetry with updated results recently available from the Tevatron experiments. We observe a departure from the SM in the B_s sector.

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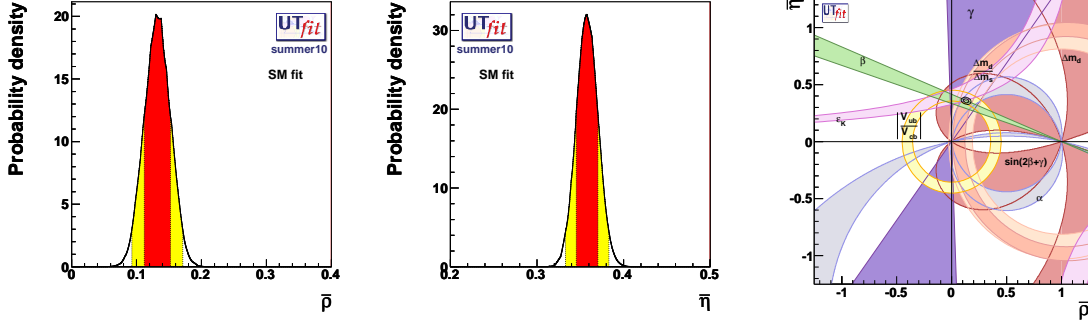


Figure 1: Result of the UT fit within the SM. Left and middle: 1D distributions for $\bar{\rho}$ and $\bar{\eta}$ resulting from the full SM fit. Right: the $\bar{\rho}$ - $\bar{\eta}$ plane. The black contours display the 68% and 95% probability regions selected by the fit. The 95% probability regions selected by the single constraints are also shown with various colours for the different constraints.

1. Standard Model Unitarity Triangle Analysis

We present an update of the Unitarity Triangle (UT) analysis performed by the **UTfit** Collaboration following the method described in refs. [1, 2].

We use the latest determinations of the theoretical and experimental parameters. The basic constraints are $|V_{ub}/V_{cb}|$ from semileptonic B decays, Δm_d and Δm_s from $B_{d,s}^0$ oscillations, ϵ_K from K mixing, α from charmless hadronic B decays, γ and $2\beta+\gamma$ from charm hadronic B decays, and $\sin 2\beta$ from $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^0$ decays [3]. On the theoretical side, the non-perturbative QCD parameters are taken from the recent lattice QCD determinations: for K parameters we refer to [4], for B parameters to [5] and finally for exclusive V_{ub} and beyond the SM B parameters to [6]. The complete set of numerical values used as inputs can be found at the URL <http://www.utfit.org>, together with continuously updated results of the UT analysis.

In the analysis within the Standard Model (SM), we have recently included in ϵ_K the contributions of ξ and $\phi_\epsilon \neq \pi/4$ which, as pointed out in [7, 8], decrease the SM prediction for ϵ_K by $\sim 6\%$.

The CKM matrix parameters are currently overconstrained and $\bar{\rho}$ and $\bar{\eta}$ are accurately determined: $\bar{\rho} = 0.132 \pm 0.020$, $\bar{\eta} = 0.358 \pm 0.012$ [9].

The consistency of the picture and the overconstraining is tested using compatibility plots that are comparing two different p.d.f.'s, the one obtained from the UT fit without using the constraint being tested and the other from the direct measurement. Their compatibility is evaluated by constructing the p.d.f. of their difference and by estimating the distance of its most probable value from zero in units of standard deviations. The latter is done by integrating this p.d.f. between zero and the most probable value and converting it into the equivalent number of standard deviations for a Gaussian distribution. The number of standard deviations between the measured value and the predicted value is plotted as a function of the measured value and its error. The compatibility can be then directly estimated on the plot, for any central value and error of the direct measurement. Fig. 2 shows few compatibility plots related to some key constraints. We can see how α and γ show very good agreement with the rest of the fit, while $\sin 2\beta$, V_{cb} and ϵ_K present some effects of

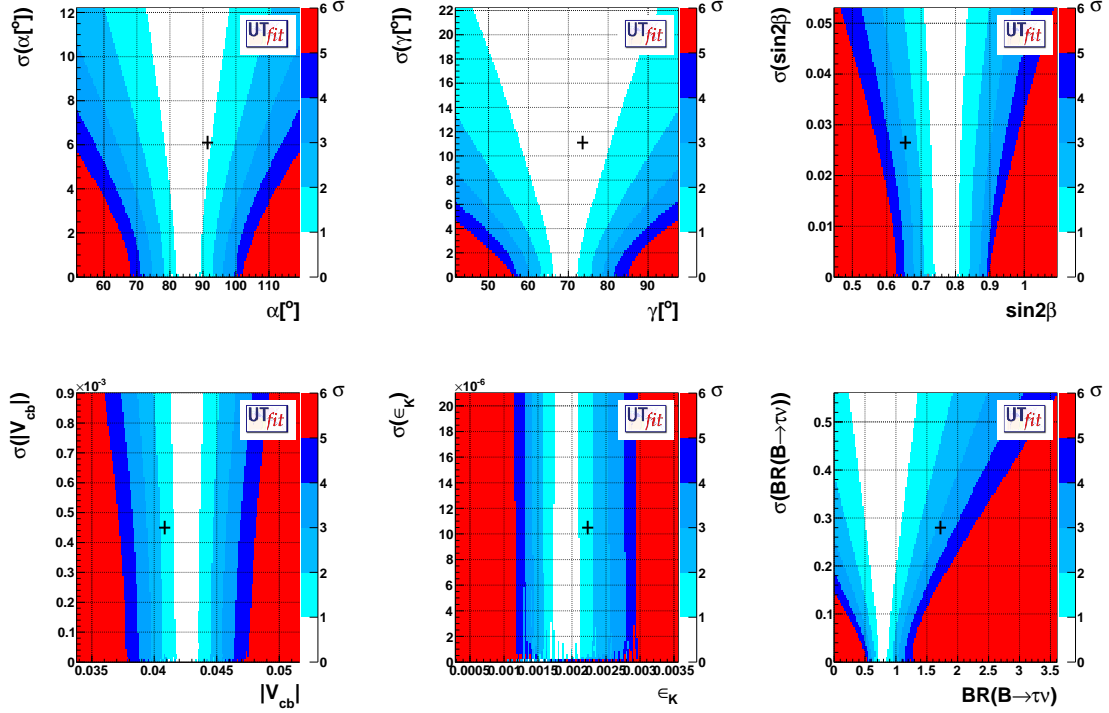


Figure 2: The compatibility between the direct and indirect determinations as a function of the measured values and errors. The compatibility regions from 1σ to 6σ are displayed. The crosses display the position (value/error) of the measurements. From left to right: top row shows α , γ and $\sin 2\beta$. Bottom row shows V_{cb} , ϵ_K and $B \rightarrow \tau\nu$.

disagreement.

We can say however that the UT analysis has established that the CKM matrix is the dominant source of flavour mixing and CP-violation and that New Physics (NP) effects can at most represent a small correction to this picture. The present tensions arise primarily from the new contributions in ϵ_K affecting the constraints provided by the experimental measurements of ϵ_K and $\sin 2\beta$ (see fig. 1). A second, currently minor, source of tension comes from the $|V_{ub}|$ and $|V_{cb}|$ measurements and their internal tension between the exclusive and inclusive methods [10, 11].

As a consequence of these disagreements, the indirect determination of $\sin 2\beta$ turns out to be larger than the experimental value by $\sim 2.6\sigma$.¹ In this regard, we observe that the new unquenched results [4] for the bag-parameter B_K tend to lie below older quenched results, thus enhancing the ϵ_K - $\sin 2\beta$ tension.

From the full fit and keeping in mind these tensions, we can obtain useful SM predictions for other observables: for example, we have shown [13] how to use the UT fit to obtain the most accurate prediction of $\text{BR}(B \rightarrow \tau\nu)$ in the SM, thanks to a better determination of $|V_{ub}|$ and f_B . Within the SM, the UT fit prediction for $\text{BR}(B \rightarrow \tau\nu)$ is found to deviate from the experimental measurement [3] by $\sim 3.2\sigma$. Even allowing for NP effects in $\Delta F = 2$ processes, while assuming negligible

¹For an alternative indirect determination of $\sin 2\beta$ which does not rely and is thus free from the hadronic uncertainty in $|V_{ub}|$, see ref. [12].

NP contributions to the $B \rightarrow \tau\nu$ decay amplitude, a $\sim 2.2\sigma$ deviation from the experimental value is found.

2. Beyond the Standard Model: Unitarity Triangle Analysis in presence of New Physics

We perform a full analysis of the UT with all the constraints studied for the classic SM UT analysis, but reinterpreting the experimental observables including possible model-independent NP contributions. Some other constraints are also added in order to extract more information on the NP parameters: these are detailed below.

This analysis consists first in generalising the relations among the experimental observables and the elements of the CKM matrix, introducing effective model-independent parameters that quantify the deviation of the experimental results from the SM expectations.

The possible NP effects considered in the analysis are those entering neutral meson mixing. Thanks to recent experimental developments, in fact, these $\Delta F = 2$ processes turn out to provide stringent constraints on possible NP contributions.

The contribution of NP to $\Delta F = 2$ transitions can be parameterised in a model-independent way as the ratio of the full (SM+NP) amplitude to the SM one. In this way, a complex effective parameter is introduced and it is defined as

$$C_{B_q} e^{2i\phi_{B_q}} = \frac{\langle B_q | H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{full}} | \bar{B}_q \rangle}{\langle B_q | H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} | \bar{B}_q \rangle} = \frac{A_q^{\text{SM}} e^{2i\phi_q^{\text{SM}}} + A_q^{\text{NP}} e^{2i(\phi_q^{\text{SM}} + \phi_q^{\text{NP}})}}{A_q^{\text{SM}} e^{2i\phi_q^{\text{SM}}}}, \quad (2.1)$$

being $H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}}$ the SM $\Delta F = 2$ effective Hamiltonian and $H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{full}}$ its extension in a general NP model. The subscript q represents d or s , and by definition $C_{B_{d,s}} = 1$ and $\phi_{B_{d,s}} = 0$ within the SM. We also define an alternative NP parameterisation with an explicit NP phase ϕ_q^{NP} .

All the mixing observables are then expressed as a function of these parameters and the SM ones (see refs. [14, 15, 16] for details). For example, the mass differences and the CP asymmetries are related to the SM counterparts by:

$$\Delta m_q = C_{B_q} \times \Delta m_q^{\text{SM}}, \quad \beta_q = \beta_q^{\text{SM}} + \phi_{B_q} \quad (2.2)$$

where in case of the B_s system, the angle β_s is defined as $\beta_s = \arg(-(V_{ts}V_{tb}^*)/(V_{cs}V_{cb}^*))$ and it equals 0.018 ± 0.001 in the SM.²

In a similar way, for the $K-\bar{K}$ system, one can write

$$C_{\varepsilon_K} = \frac{\text{Im}[\langle K | H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{full}} | \bar{K} \rangle]}{\text{Im}[\langle K | H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} | \bar{K} \rangle]}, \quad C_{\Delta m_K} = \frac{\text{Re}[\langle K | H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{full}} | \bar{K} \rangle]}{\text{Re}[\langle K | H_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} | \bar{K} \rangle]}, \quad (2.3)$$

with $C_{\varepsilon_K} = C_{\Delta m_K} = 1$ within the SM.

In ε_K we have taken into account the effect of $\phi_\varepsilon \neq \pi/4$, while the ξ contribution, which beyond minimal flavour violation (MFV) [17, 18] is affected by a large uncertainty [19], is not included.

²We are using the usual CKM phase convention in which $V_{cs}V_{cb}^*$ is real to a very good approximation.

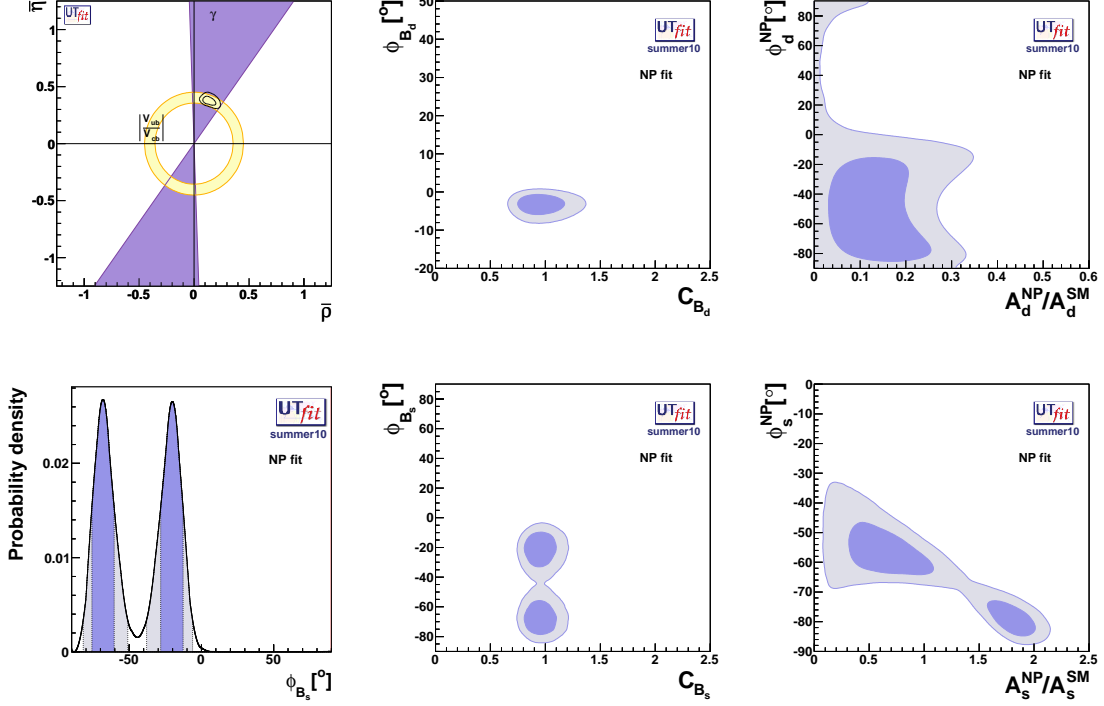


Figure 3: Top-left plot: determination of $\bar{\rho}$ and $\bar{\eta}$ from all the constraints. 68% and 95% total probability black contours are shown, together with 95% probability regions from the tree-only constraints. Remaining plots from left to right and from top to bottom: 68% (dark) and 95% (light) probability regions in the $\phi_{B_d} - C_{B_d}$ plane, $A_d^{NP}/A_d^{SM} - \phi_d^{NP}$ plane, 1-dimensional p.d.f's for ϕ_{B_s} , $\phi_{B_s} - C_{B_s}$ plane and $A_s^{NP}/A_s^{SM} - \phi_s^{NP}$ plane.

As pointed out before, we add the following experimental inputs that are specifically thought to extract information on the NP parameters in the B_s system: the semileptonic asymmetry in B_s decays A_{SL}^s [3], the di-muon charge asymmetry $A_{SL}^{\mu\mu}$ [20], the measurement of the B_s lifetime from flavour-specific final states [3], the two-dimensional likelihood ratio for $\Delta\Gamma_s$ and $\phi_s = 2(\beta_s - \phi_{B_s})$ from the time-dependent tagged angular analysis of $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ decays. Regarding the latter constraint, here we are updating the **UTfit** analysis of ref. [21] by using the CDF and D0 results given as a combined two-dimensional likelihood without assumptions on the strong phases [22].

From the full NP analysis, the combined fit of all the experimental observables selects a region of the $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\eta})$ plane ($\bar{\rho} = 0.135 \pm 0.040$, $\bar{\eta} = 0.374 \pm 0.026$) which is consistent with the results of the SM analysis (see top-left plot in fig. 3). Together with the CKM parameters, we can also constrain the effective NP contributions in the three sectors.

For $K-\bar{K}$ mixing, the NP parameters are found in agreement with the SM expectations. In the B_d system, the mixing phase ϕ_{B_d} is found $\simeq 1.8\sigma$ away from the SM expectation, reflecting the slight tension between the direct measurement of $\sin 2\beta$ and its indirect determination from the other UT constraints.

The B_s -meson sector, where the tiny SM mixing phase could be highly sensitive to a NP contribution, represents a privileged environment to search for NP. We find $\phi_{B_s} = (-68 \pm 8)^\circ \cup (-20 \pm 8)^\circ$, which is 3.1σ away from the SM expectation $\phi_{B_s} = 0$ (see bottom plots in fig. 3).

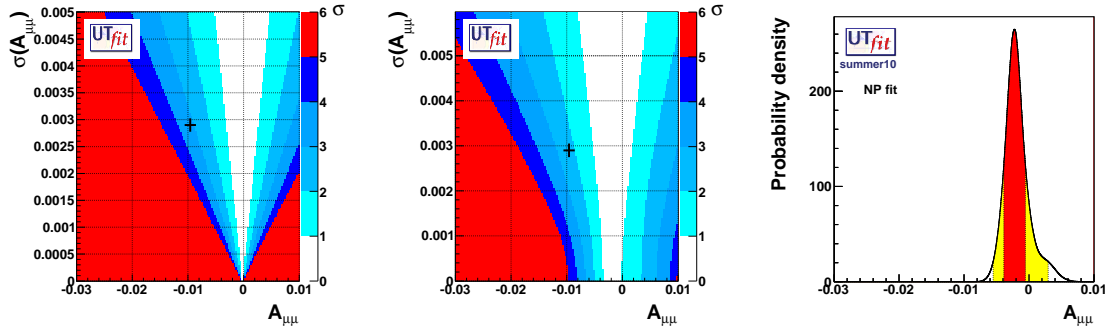


Figure 4: The compatibility between the direct and indirect determinations of the di-muon asymmetry in the SM fit (left) and in the NP fit (centre). The compatibility regions from 1σ to 6σ are displayed. The crosses display the position (value/error) of the measurement. Right plot: 1D distribution for $A_{\mu\mu}$ from the NP analysis without using the di-muon asymmetry as constraint. This represents the prediction on $A_{\mu\mu}$ taking into account generic NP contributions: we get the value -0.0022 ± 0.0017 .

A deviation of more than 2σ is found also by the Heavy Flavour Averaging Group (HFAG) [3] (2.2σ) and by CKMfitter [23] (2.5σ), by combining the Tevatron results with some differences in the statistical approach.

At this conference CDF collaboration has presented the update of the time-dependent tagged angular analysis of $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$ decays with $5.2 fb^{-1}$ of data [24]: this updated result gives a $\sin 2\beta_s$ value compatible with the SM at better than 1σ level. As a consequence of this, once the CDF collaboration makes the new likelihood publicly available, the NP ϕ_{B_s} phase in our NP analysis should show a smaller departure from the SM expectation.

However, we note that this kind of NP signal would be not only a signal of physics beyond the SM but more in general beyond MFV, since a value of ϕ_{B_s} different from zero can only be an effect of a new source of flavour violation different from the Yukawa couplings.

On the other side, the new D0 measurement of the di-muon asymmetry points to large β_s , but also to large $\Delta\Gamma_s$ requiring a non-standard Γ_{12} for which our NP analysis does not account for. Fig.4 show the compatibility plot for the di-muon asymmetry in both the SM and NP analyses: we see that allowing for NP does not accommodate the current value going from the 3.2σ to a 2.2σ disagreement. If this result is confirmed, this can lead towards two possible scenarios both quite difficult to accommodate with the rest of the flavour data: huge (tree-level-like) NP contributions in Γ_{12} or a bad failure of the OPE in Γ_{12} [25].

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