

# Precision Studies in the Quark Sector and the Search for “New Physics”

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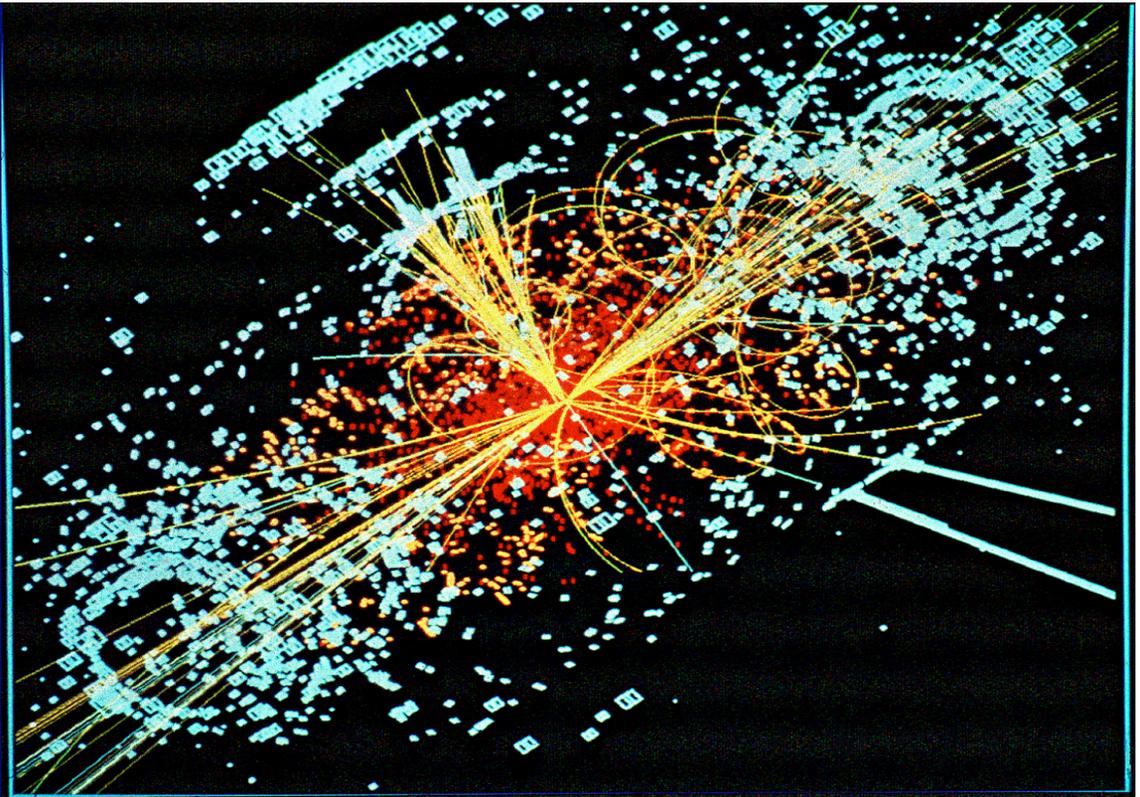
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# Overview

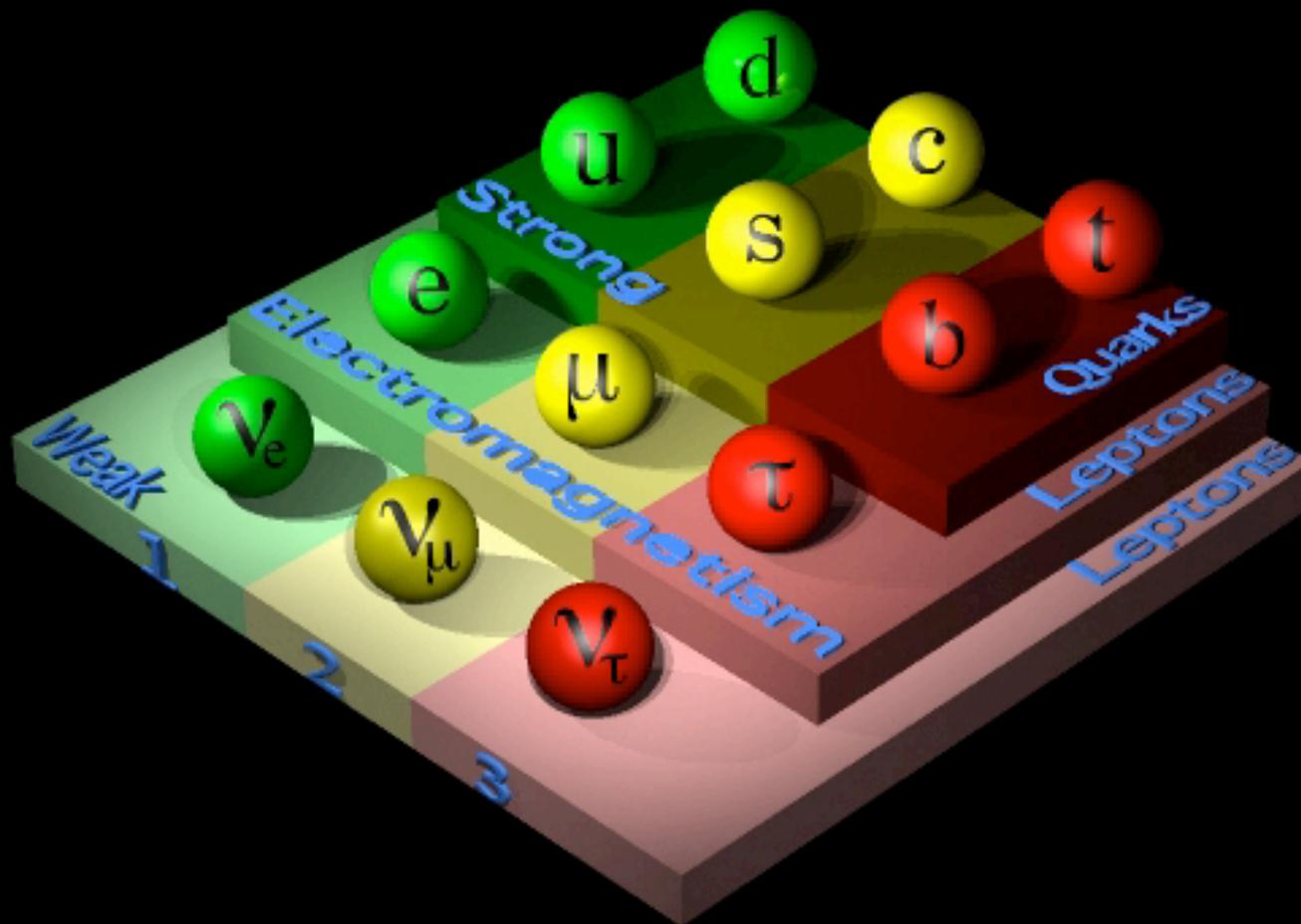
- Introduction
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- Mixing of neutral mesons & CP violation
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- Conclusions

# Introduction



Concepts and open questions in  
high-energy physics

# The Standard Model

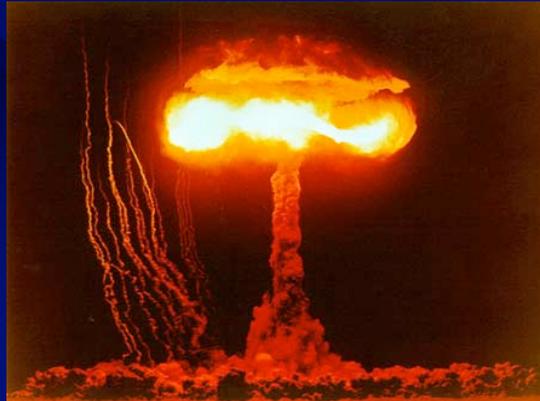


# Forces of Nature ...

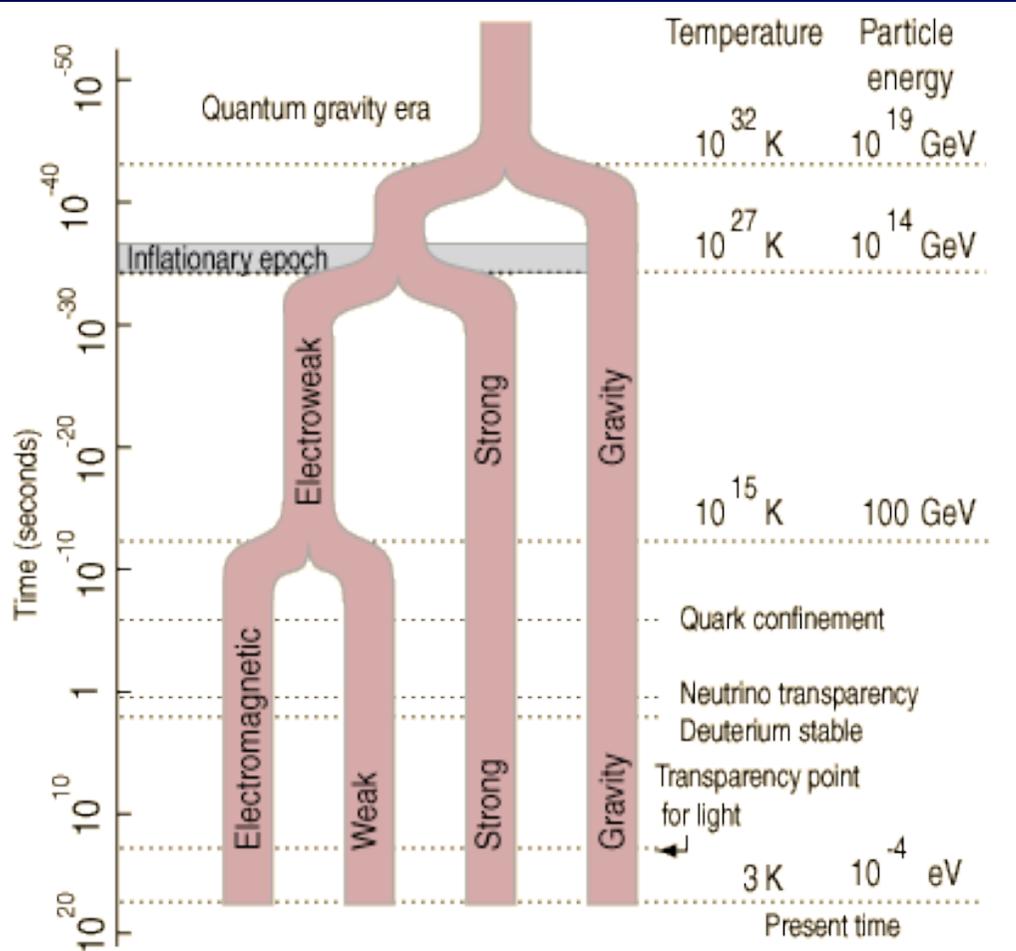


# Fundamental forces

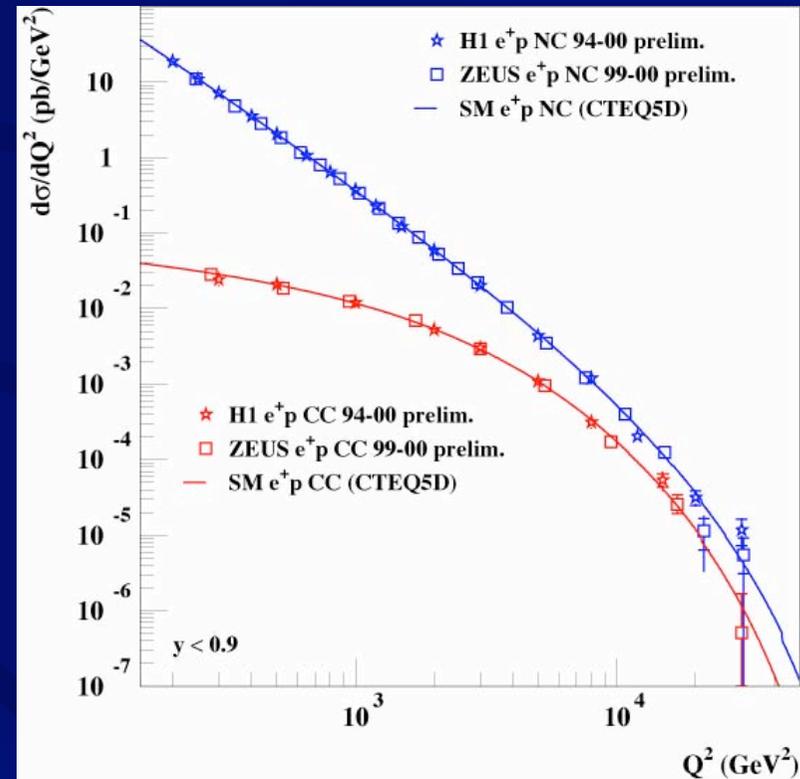
- Gravity:
  - classical description: general relativity
  - quantum gravity: string theory, alternatives?
- Electromagnetism:
  - quantum electrodynamics (QED), abelian gauge theory
- Strong interaction:
  - quantum chromodynamics (QCD), nonabelian gauge theory
- Weak interaction:
  - quantum flavordynamics, spontaneously broken nonabelian gauge theory
  - unification with electromagnetism for energies above 100 GeV



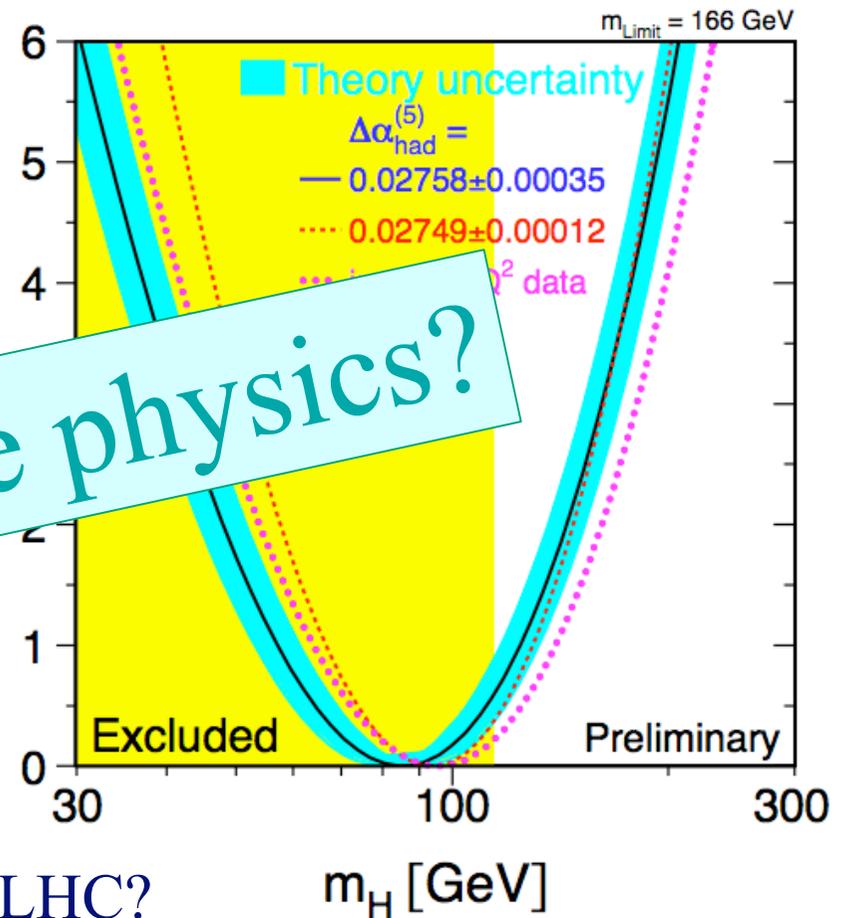
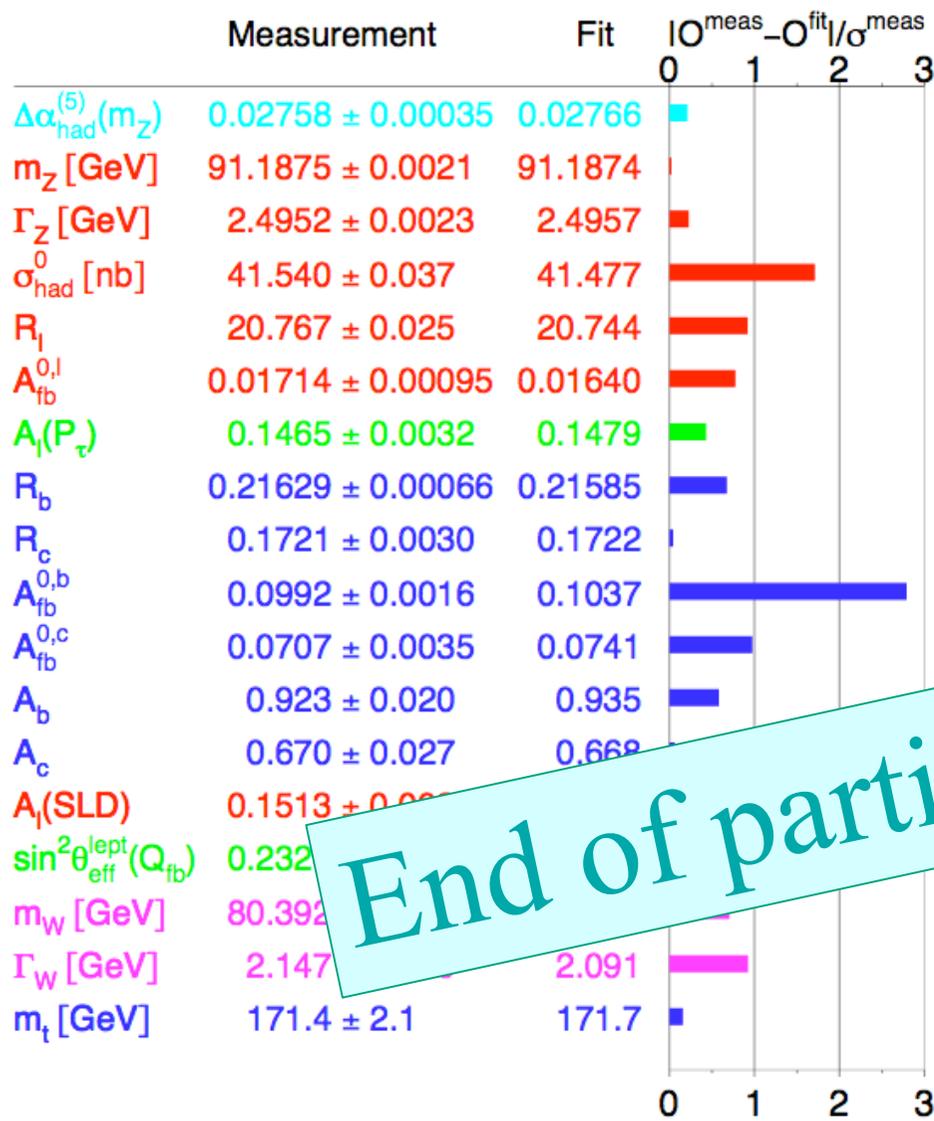
# Grand unification?



- First step:  
electroweak unification  
(HERA data, DESY)



- Indirect determination of the Higgs mass:



End of particle physics?

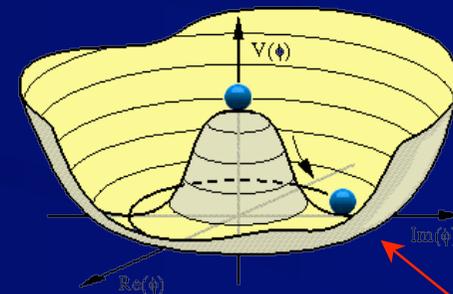
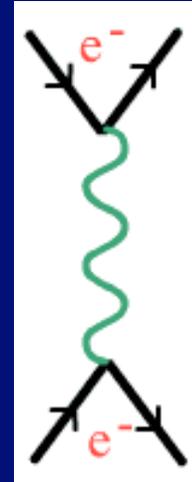
Imminent Higgs discovery at Tevatron/LHC?

# Special role of weak interaction

- Complete understanding of weak force still a challenge:
  - breaking of electroweak symmetry?
  - mass generation for weak gauge bosons ( $W^\pm, Z^0$ )?
  - explanation of Yukawa couplings?  
(mass generation for fermions)

# Hierarchy problem

- Quantum fluctuations produce enormous masses for all particles not protected by a symmetry
- Importance of gauge invariance:
  - massless gauge bosons ( $\gamma, g, W, Z$ )
  - massless chiral fermions ( $q, l$ )
- Spontaneous breaking of electroweak symmetry generates “small” masses  $\sim \langle H \rangle$  for  $W, Z$  and for quarks and leptons



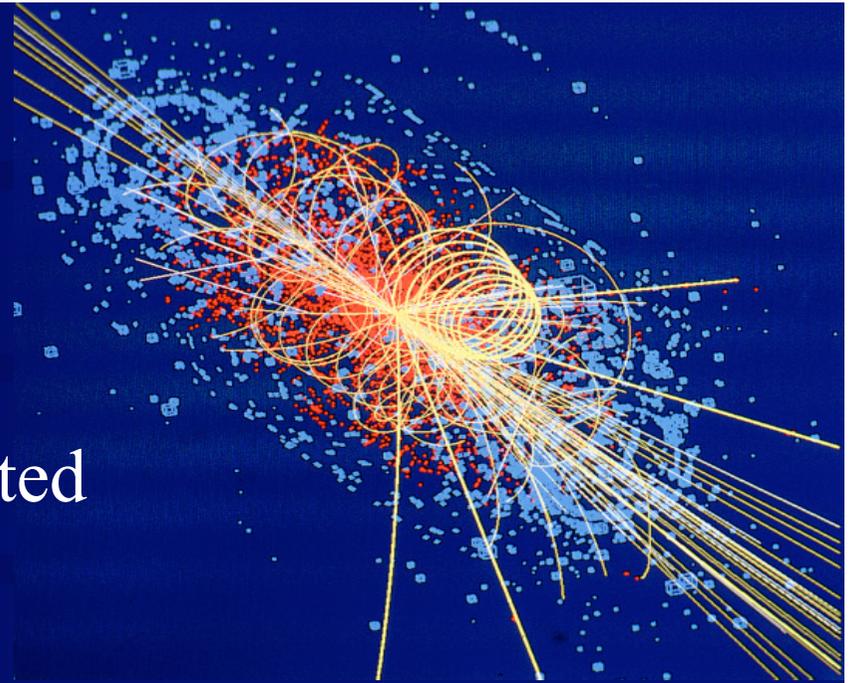
VEV

# Hierarchy problem

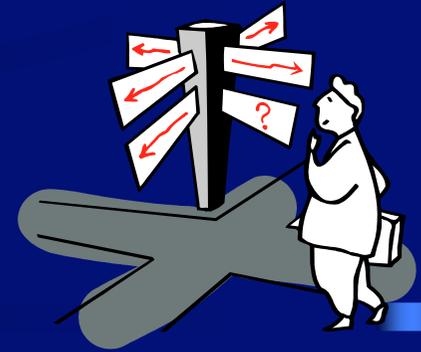
- Higgs mass itself not protected by a symmetry:

$$m_H \ll M_{\text{GUT}} \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV unnatural!}$$

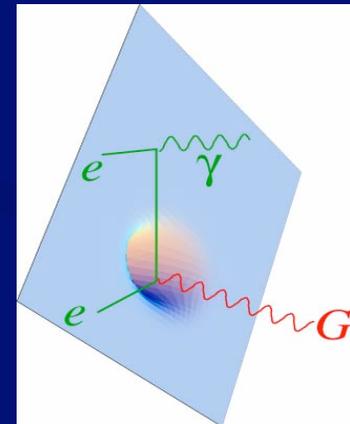
Higgs discovery = birth of the  
hierarchy problem  
(not completion of Standard Model)



# Proposed solutions ("New Physics")



- **Supersymmetry:**
  - new symmetry at TeV scale protecting the Higgs mass
- **Extra dimensions:**
  - Elimination of the Planck scale
- **Technicolor:**
  - Higgs as a bound state of a new strong force operating at the TeV scale
- **"Little Higgs" models:**
  - Higgs as a pseudo-Goldstone boson



# Search for “New Physics” ...



# Complementarity

Colliders  
(Tevatron, LHC, ILC?)

+

Factories  
(BaBar, Belle, LHC-b,  
Super-B factories,  
Ne  
rare

**Project X**

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ts)

New particles

New flavor- and CP-  
violating interactions

Universe  
(astrophysics + cosmology)

# Flavor physics in the LHC era

- Flavor physics can be sensitive to “New Physics” at scales of 1-1000 TeV, far exceeding those accessible at LHC and ILC
- Many flavor- and CP-violating couplings can only be probed at highest luminosity
- Indirect searches for “New Physics” will profit from LHC discoveries!

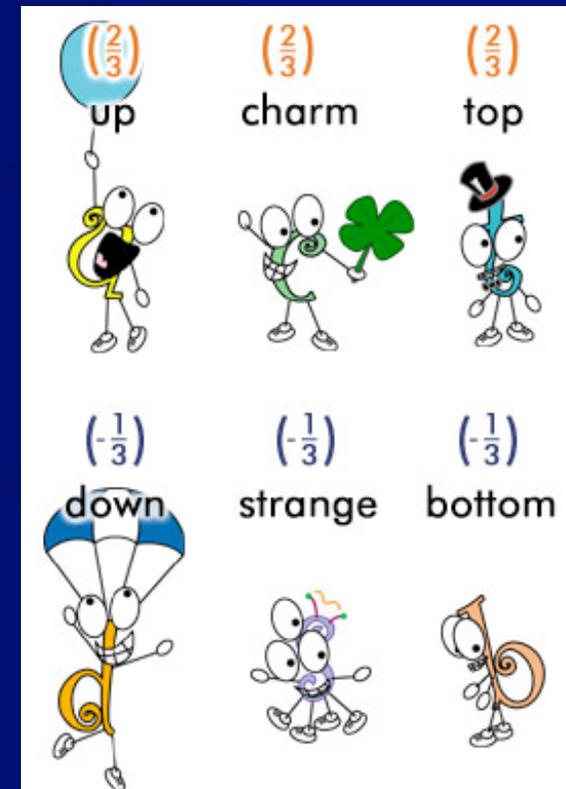
# Open Questions in Flavor Physics



Generation problem,  
hierarchies, CP violation

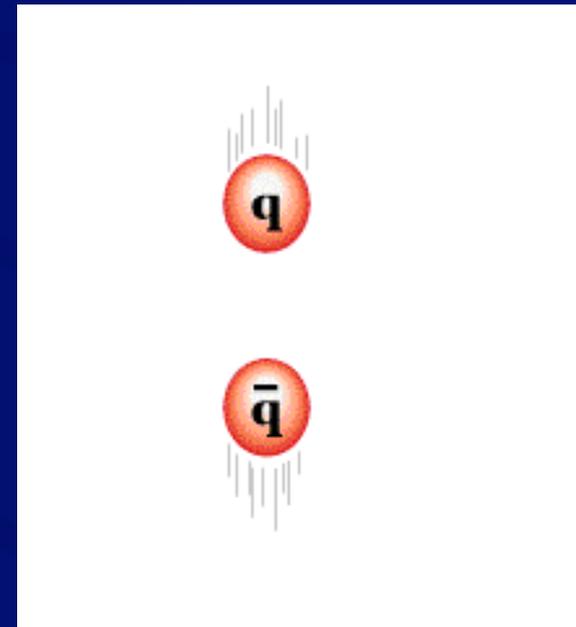
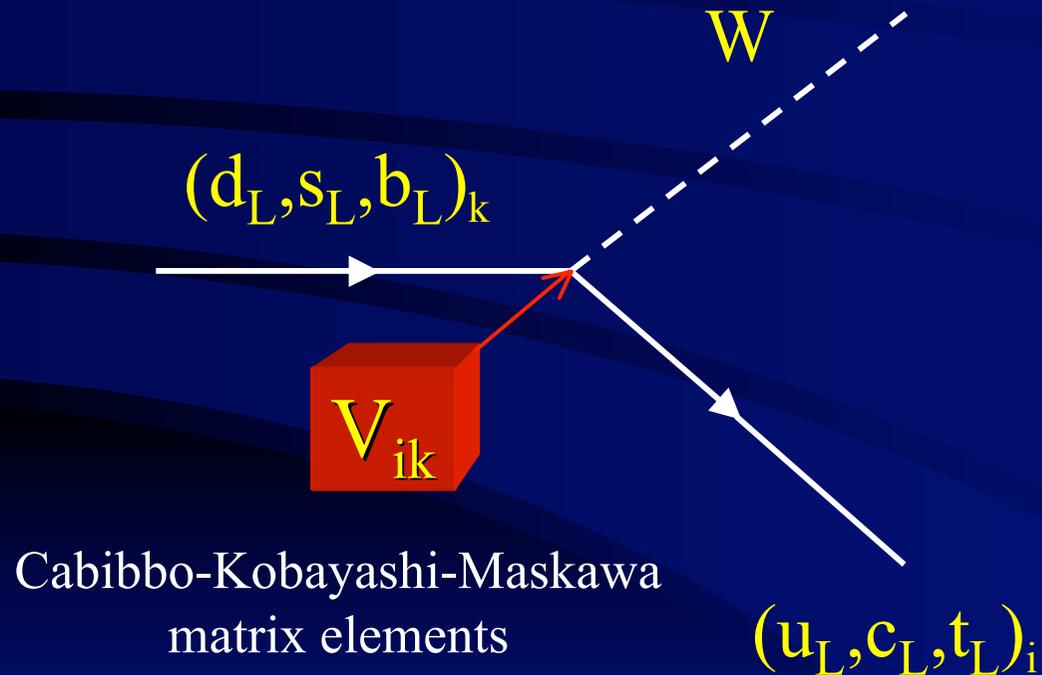
# Generation problem

- Gauge forces do not distinguish between fermions of different generations
  - e,  $\mu$  have same charges
  - quarks have same color
- Why 3 generations?
- New quantum number?
- Many parameters, hierarchies (masses and mixing angles)



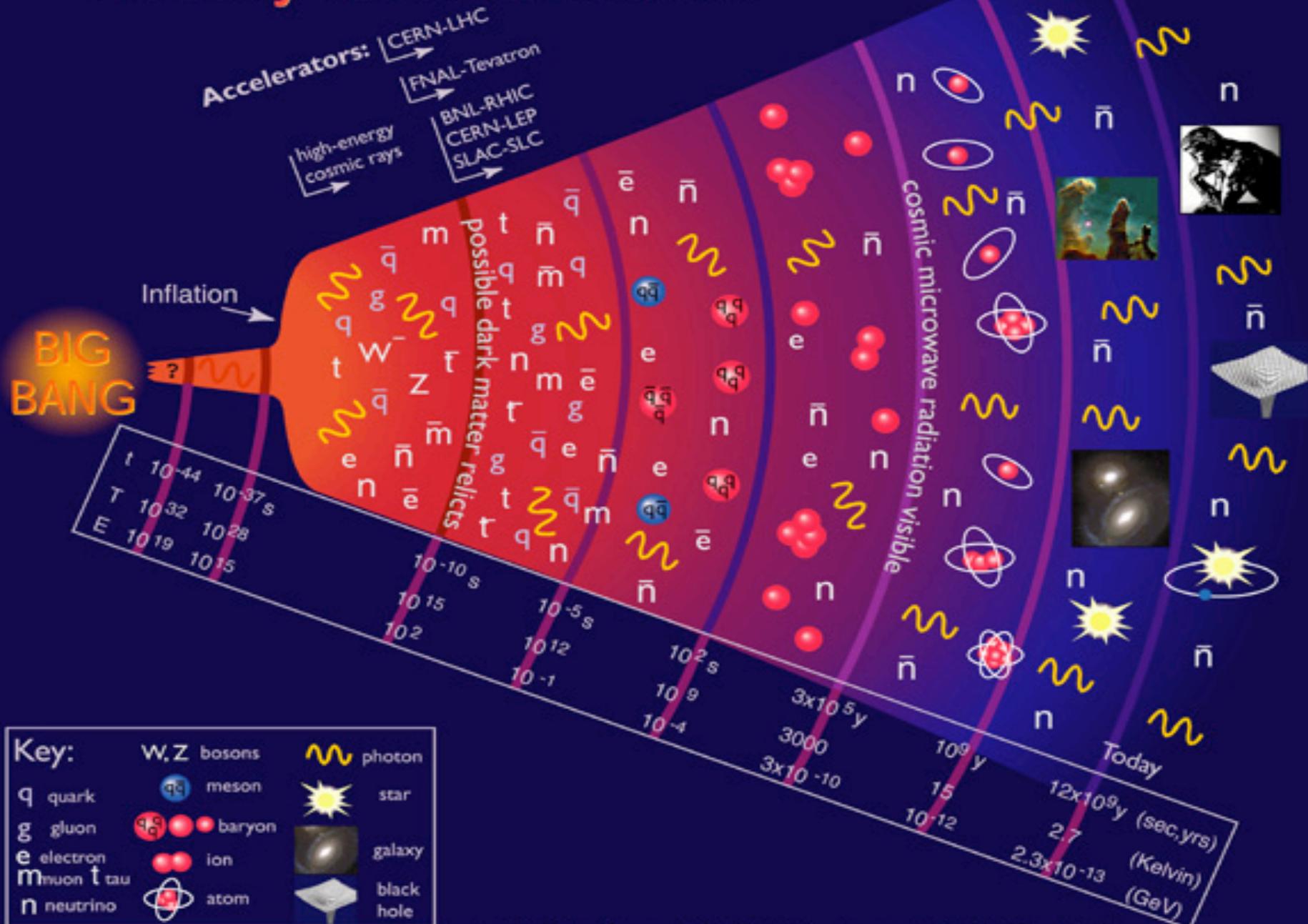
# Communication between generations

- Flavor-changing weak interactions:



- Complex entries: CP violation!

# History of the Universe



# Strategies in flavor physics

- Two paths to discovery:
  - precision measurements of CKM parameters
  - studies of rare decays with small Standard Model “background” (e.g.,  $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ ,  $B \rightarrow X_s l^+ l^-$ ,  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ ,  $B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu$ )
  - various **2-3 $\sigma$  effects** exist, which could be interpreted as hints of “New Physics” in  $B$ - $\bar{B}$  mixing or in rare decay processes (FCNC)
  - among more compelling hints, with  $(g-2)_\mu$ , for physics beyond the Standard Model

# CKM mixing matrix

- Wolfenstein parameterization exhibits hierarchy of matrix elements:

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + O(\lambda^4)$$

b-sector CPV

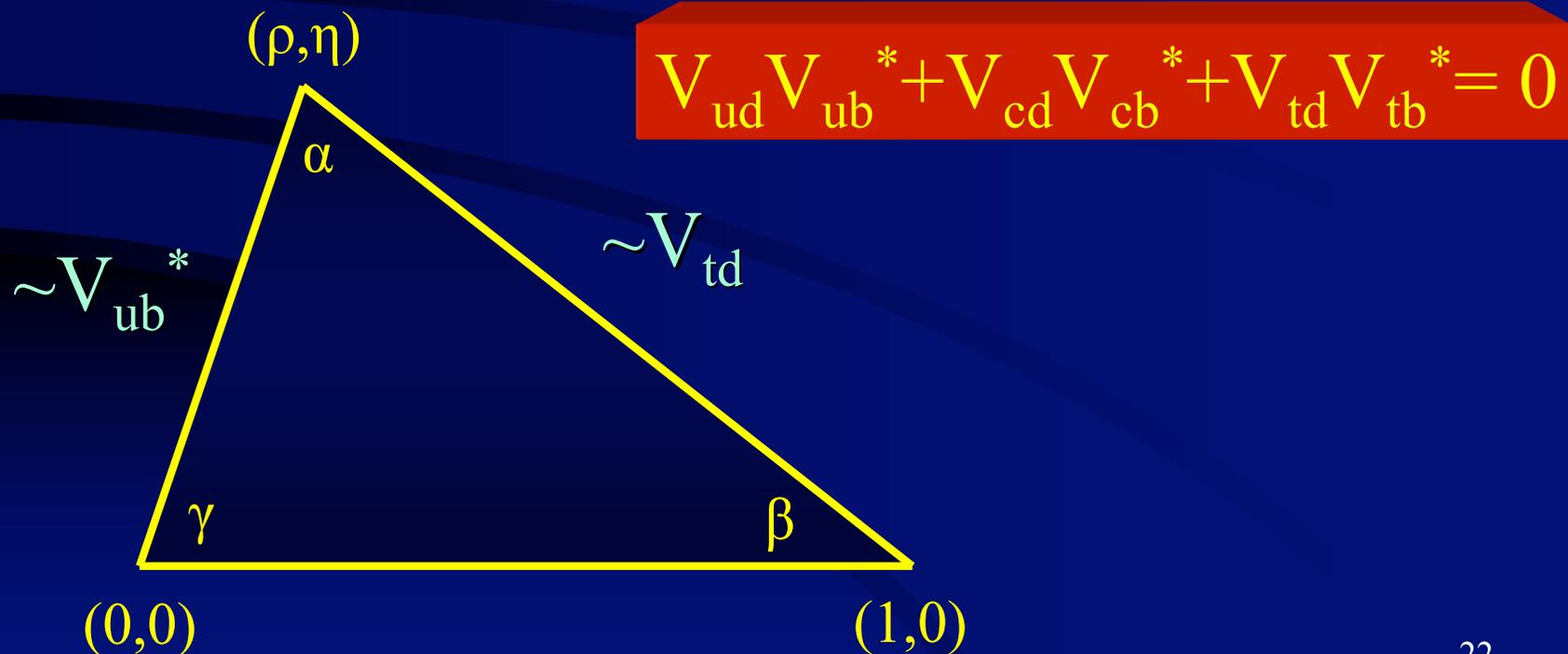
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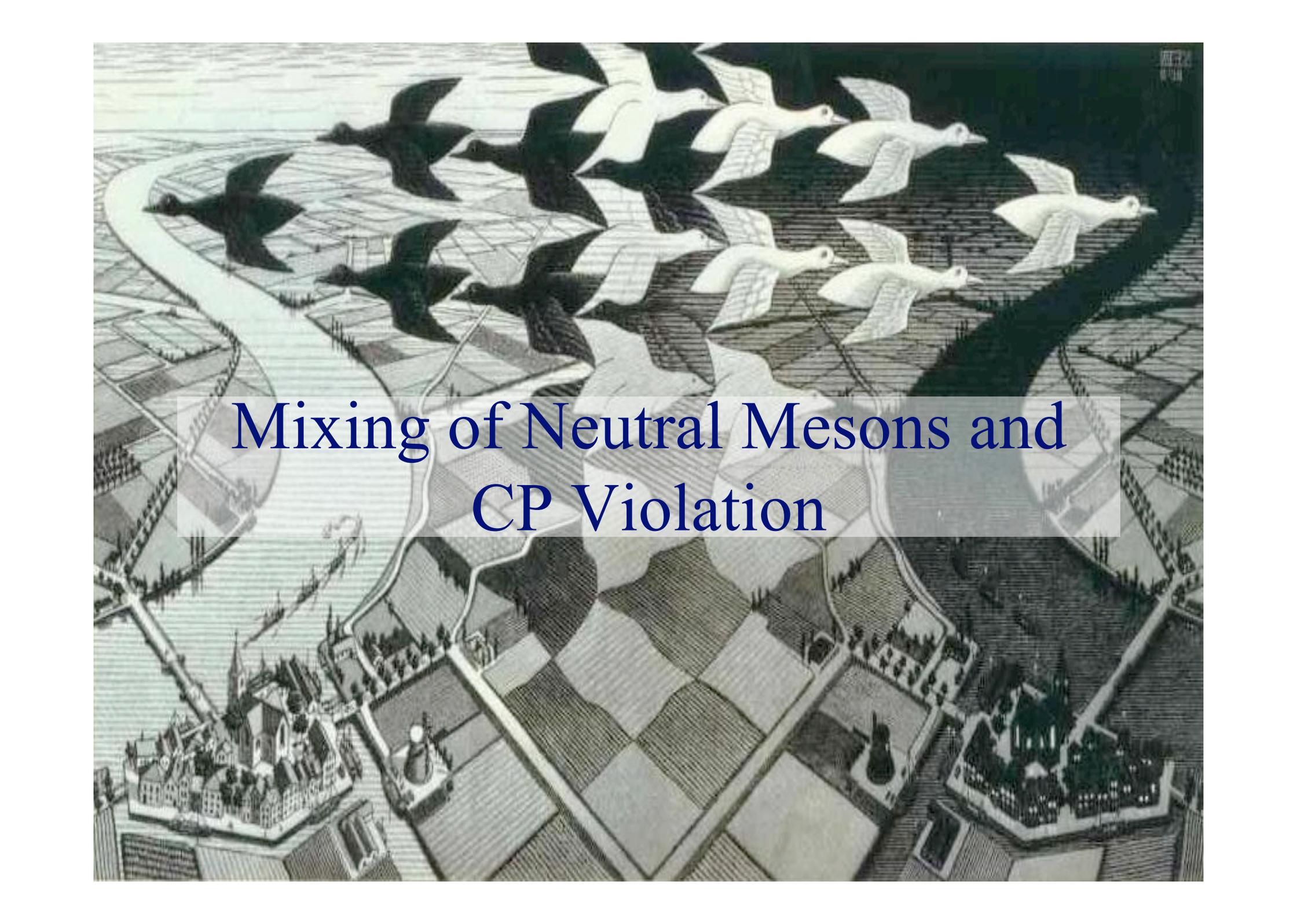
$\lambda=0.227$ ,  $A=0.82$   
well measured

$(\rho, \eta)$  determined at  
B factories

# Focus on smallest matrix elements: Unitarity triangle

- $V_{ub}$  and  $V_{td}$  contain CP-violating imaginary parts (standard parameterization)

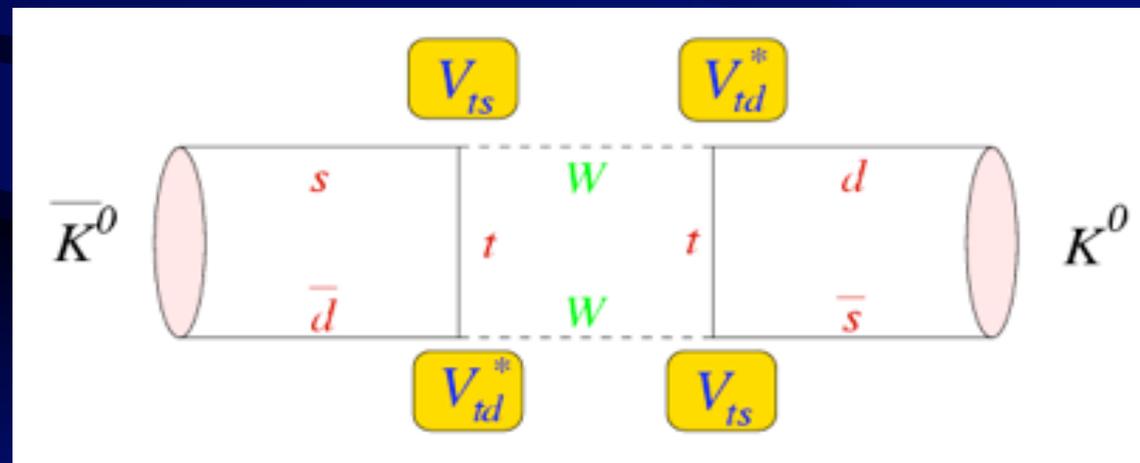


A black and white illustration of a flock of swans flying over a landscape. The swans are in the foreground, flying from left to right. Below them is a winding river that flows through a landscape of fields and a town. The town features a prominent church with a tall spire. The overall style is that of a classic woodcut or engraving.

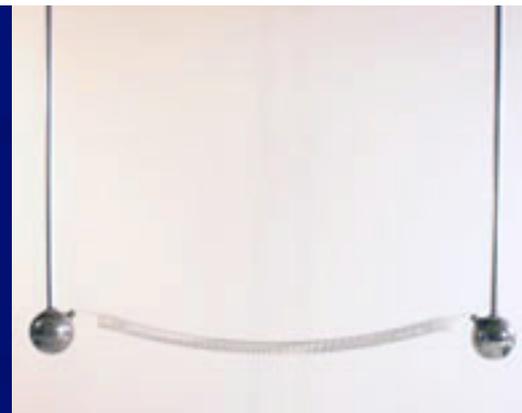
# Mixing of Neutral Mesons and CP Violation

# Flavor oscillations

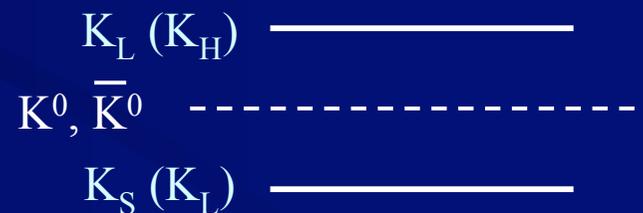
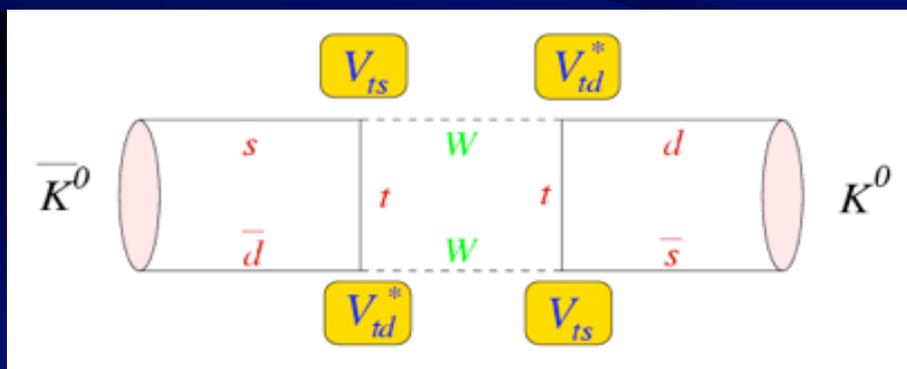
- Second-order weak-interaction processes can transform long-lived neutral mesons into their antiparticles ( $K^0$ ,  $B_d^0$ ,  $B_s^0$ ,  $D^0$ ):



# Flavor oscillations

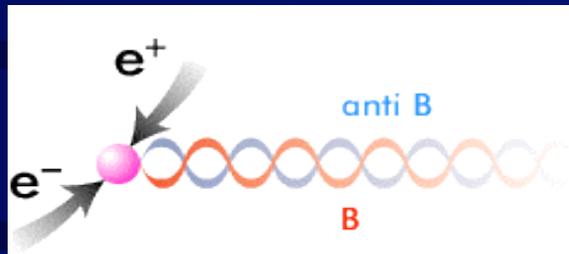


- Analogy with quantum-mechanical system of coupled pendula: state  $K^0$  at  $t=0$  develops into a superpositions of states  $K^0$  and  $\bar{K}^0$  with time-dependent amplitudes



# Flavor oscillations

- B factories produce pairs of  $B^0$  and  $\bar{B}^0$  mesons in coherent quantum states



- Decay of one meson (reconstruction of its flavor) initiates time measurement for the other meson

# CP violation

- Complex entries in CKM matrix can lead to CP asymmetries
- Three types of CP violation:
  - in meson-antimeson **mixing**  
 (“indirect CP violation”)
  - in weak **decay**  
 (“direct CP violation”)
  - in **interference of mixing and decay**  
 (“time-dependent CP violation”)

# CP violation

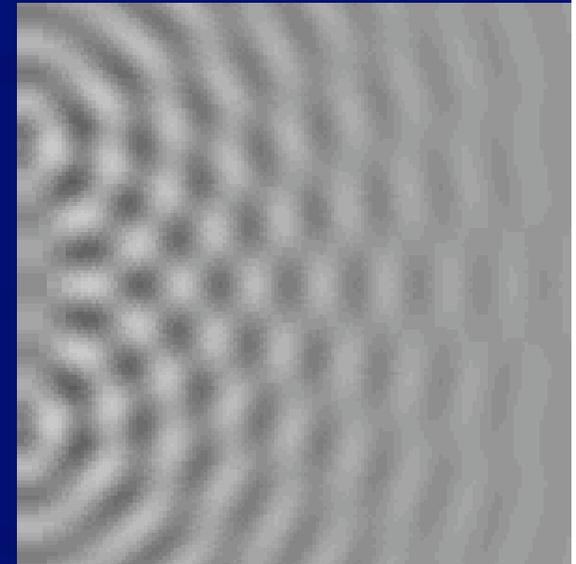
- Measuring effects of a complex coupling requires:

- interference of at least two amplitudes with different CP-violating phases:

$$\varphi_{\text{weak}} \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} -\varphi_{\text{weak}}$$

- presence of another, CP-conserving (“strong”) phase difference:

$$\delta_{\text{strong}} \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} \delta_{\text{strong}}$$



# CP violation in decay

- Arises whenever  $\Gamma(i \rightarrow f) \neq \Gamma(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f})$  due to interference of at least two partial amplitudes with different weak and strong phases
- First observed in  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decay (tiny effect, parameter  $\varepsilon' \sim 10^{-6}$ )
- Recently observed in many B-meson decays, e.g.:  $B \rightarrow \pi K$ ,  $B \rightarrow \pi \rho$ ,  $B \rightarrow \eta' K$
- sometimes large effects,  $O(0.1-0.3)$

# Amplitude interference

- Rates for rare, charmless B decays are characterized by significant interference of tree and penguin amplitudes:

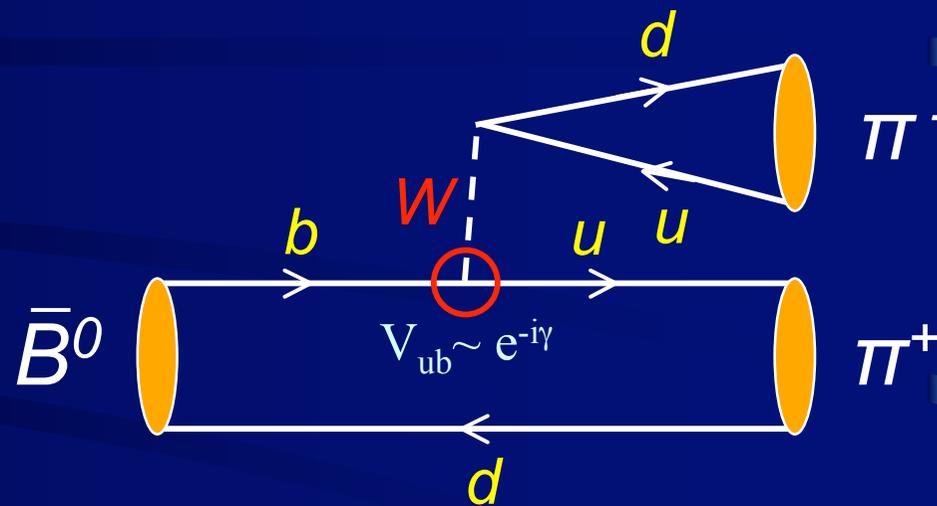
**Amplitudes:**  $A = T e^{i\delta_1} e^{-i\gamma} + P e^{i\delta_2}$

**Rates:**  $\Gamma(B \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{f}) \sim \cos \gamma \cos(\delta_i - \delta_j)$

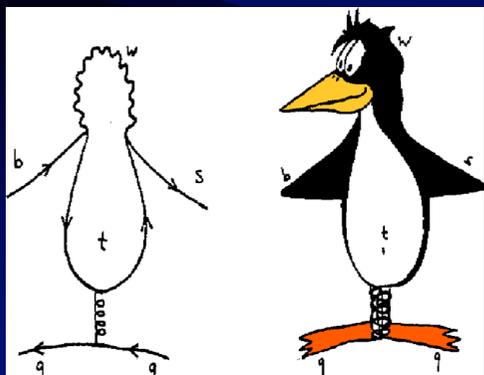
**Asymmetries:**  $\Gamma(B \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \bar{f}) \sim \sin \gamma \sin(\delta_i - \delta_j)$

# Amplitude interference

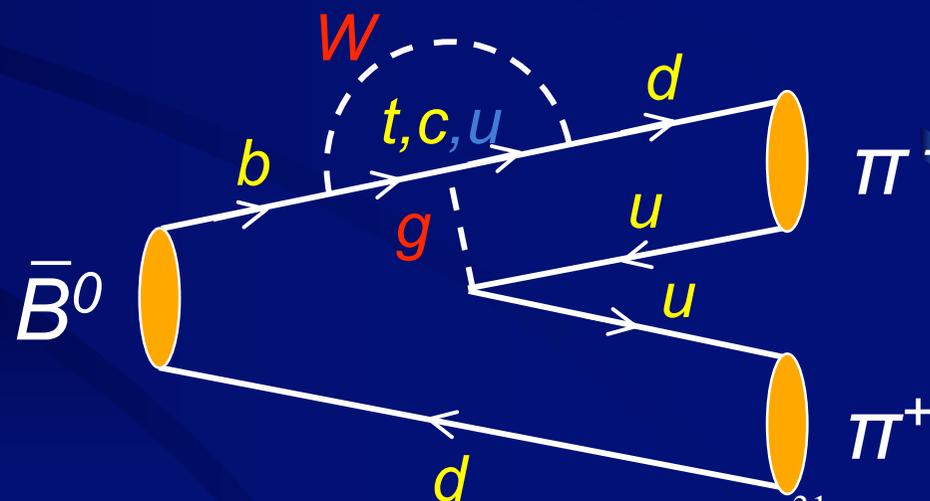
Trees:



Penguins:



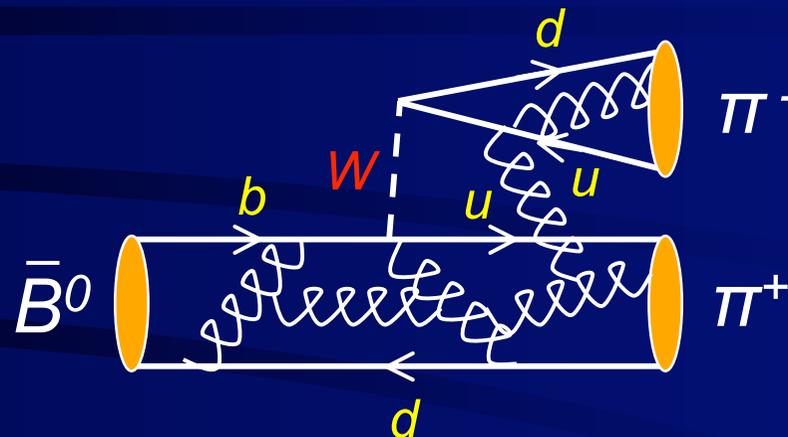
(Hurth)



# Interfering penguins ...



# Reality is far more complicated



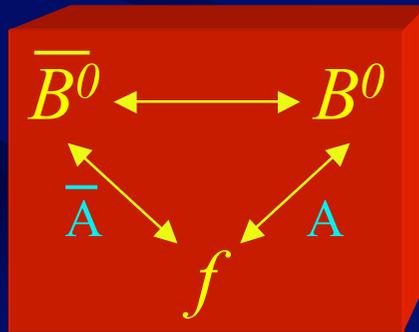
- Nonleptonic weak decays were long thought to be intractable to theory
- First rigorous theoretical description:
  - QCD factorization
  - “Soft-collinear effective theory”

Beneke, Buchalla, MN, Sachrajda (1999-2003)

Bauer, Pirjol, Stewart (2000-2005)

# CP violation in the interference of mixing and decay

- Arises in decays of neutral mesons into CP eigenstates
- CP-conserving (“strong”) phase develops due to quantum-mechanical time evolution of states



# CP violation in the interference of mixing and decay

- If decay amplitude contains a **single weak phase**  $\varphi_A$ , the resulting **time-dependent CP asymmetry** can be calculated without hadronic uncertainties:

$$A_{CP}(t) = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow f)}{\Gamma(\bar{B}^0(t) \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(B^0(t) \rightarrow f)} = S(f) \sin(\Delta m_B t)$$

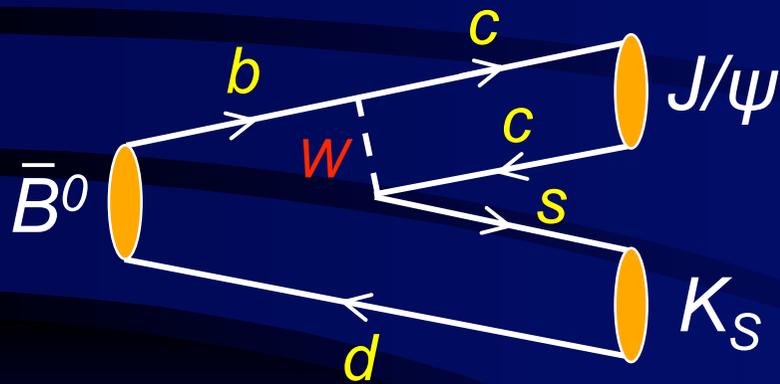
with:

$$S(f) = \pm \sin 2(\beta - \varphi_A)$$

- Most useful class of CP asymmetries for B factories

# CP violation in the interference of mixing and decay

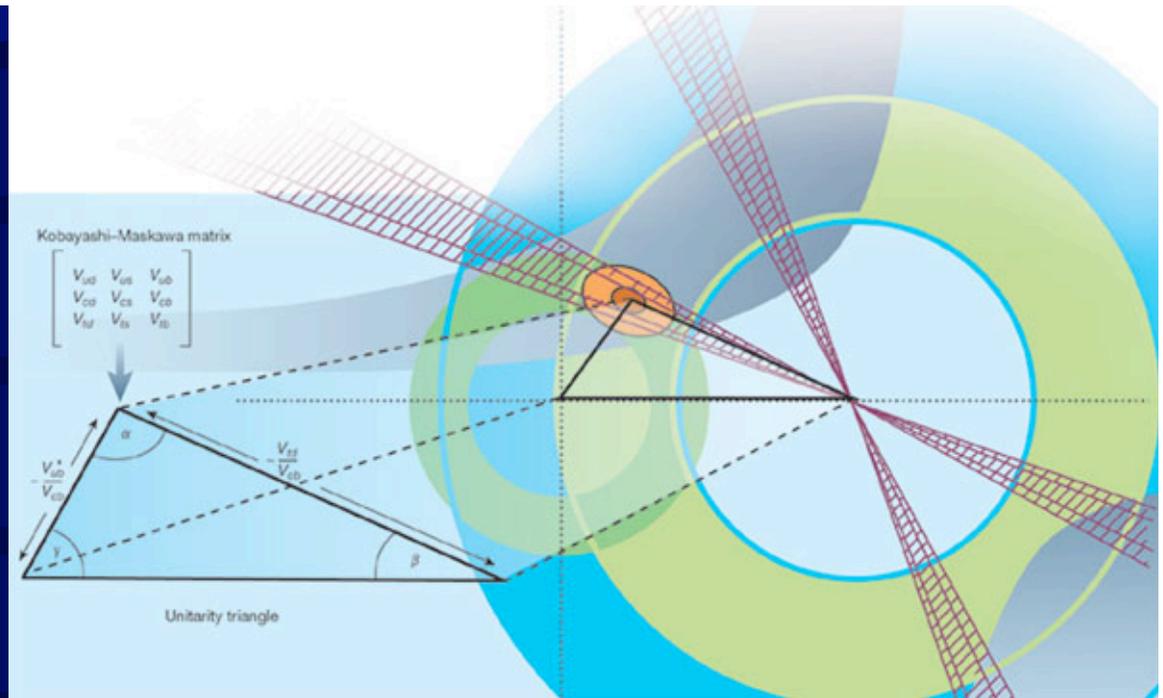
- “Golden” mode:  
 $B \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$



- Amplitude real to good approximation,  $\varphi_A = 0$

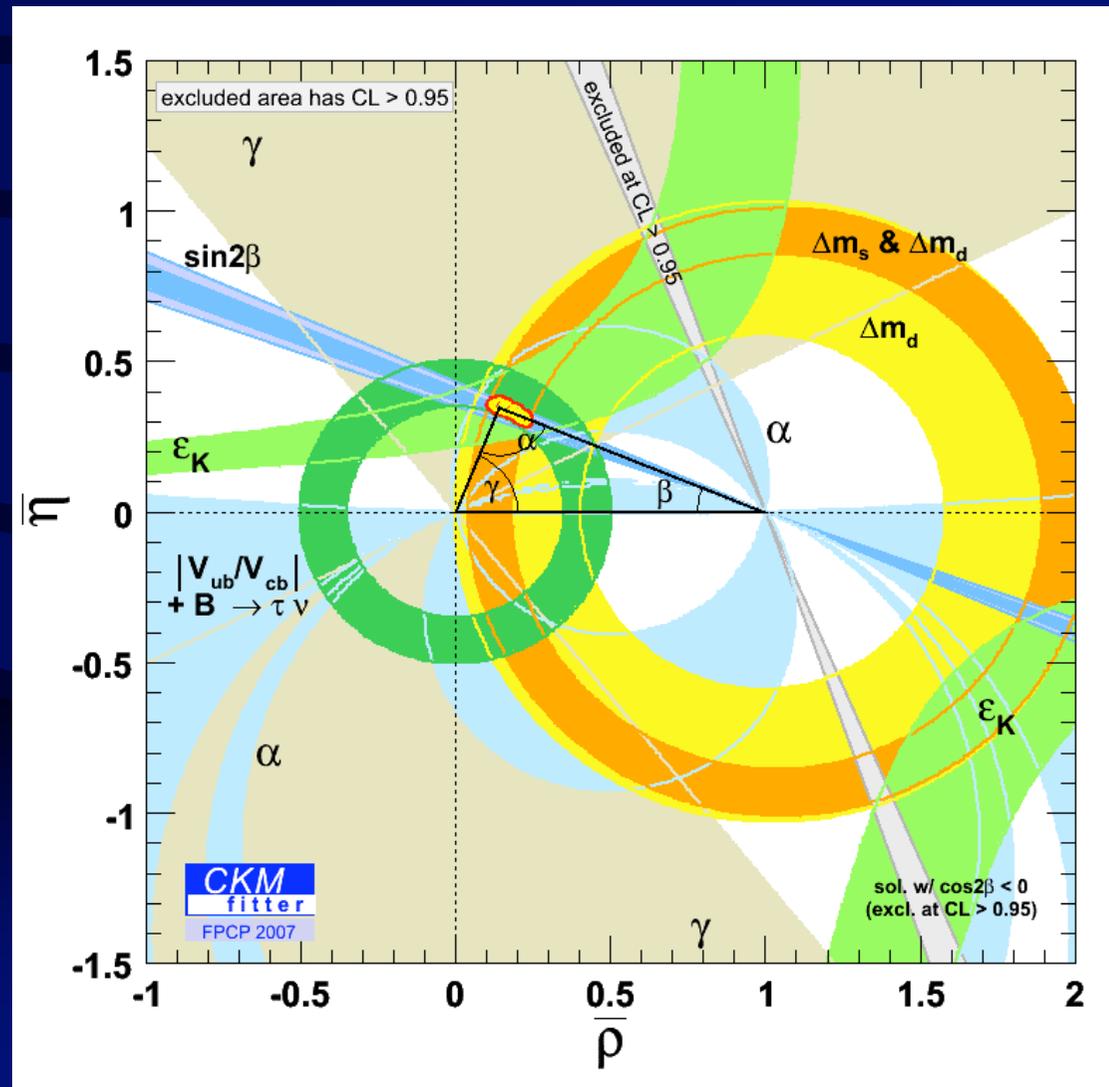
- CP asymmetry  $S(f) = \sin 2\beta$  yields CP-violating phase even without any knowledge about decay amplitudes
- Theoretical uncertainty very small ( $\sim 1\%$ )

# Precision Studies of the CKM Matrix

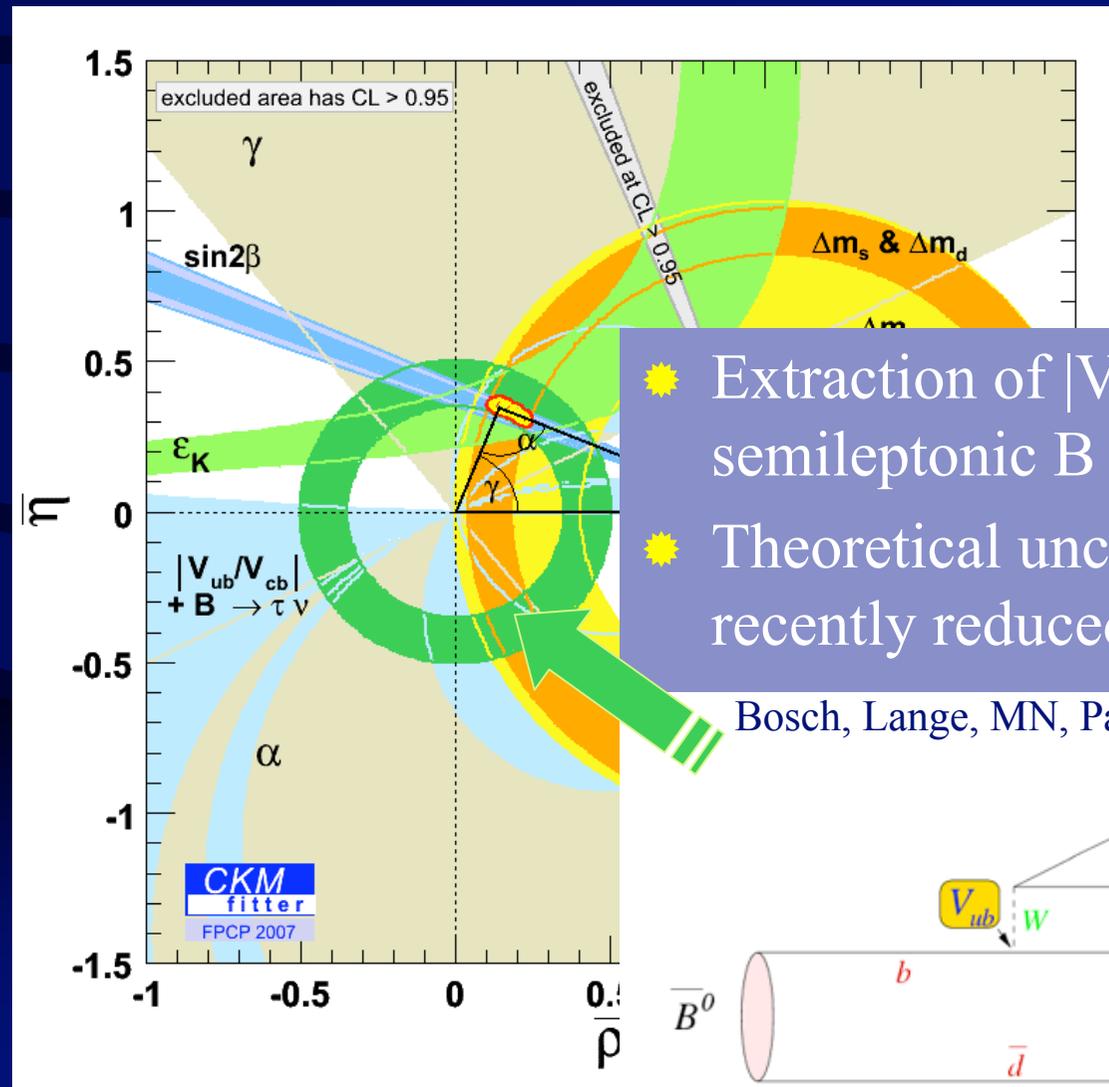


Overdetermination of the  
unitarity triangle

# Unitary triangle determinations



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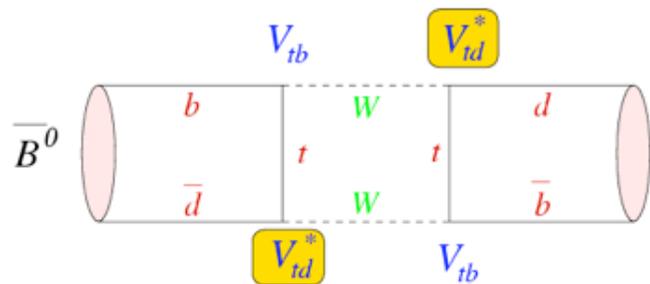


- ★ Extraction of  $|V_{ub}|$  in semileptonic B decays
- ★ Theoretical uncertainty recently reduced to 7%

Bosch, Lange, MN, Paz (2004, 2005)

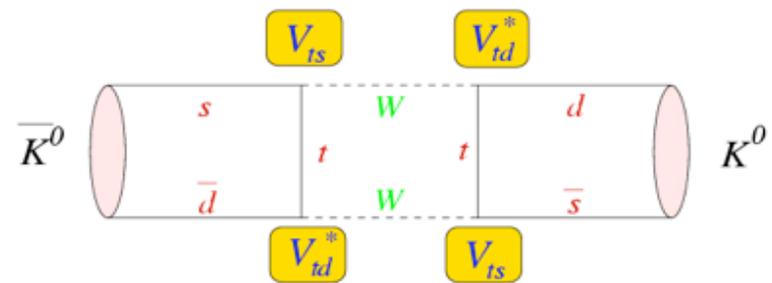
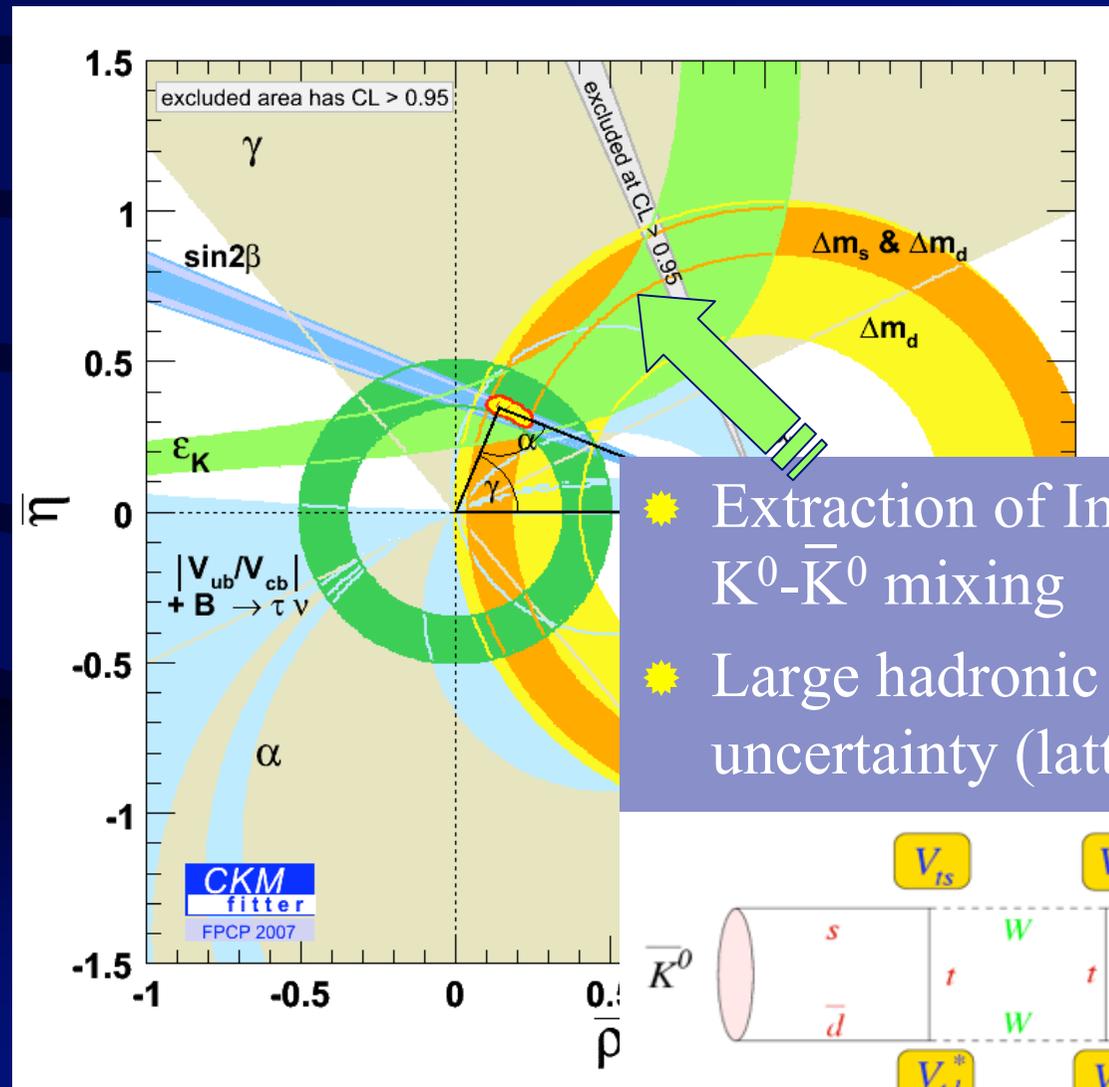
# Unitary triangle determinations

- ☀ Extraction of  $|V_{td}|$  in  $B^0$ - $\bar{B}^0$  mixing ( $B_d$  and  $B_s$ )
- ☀ Hadronic uncertainty (lattice QCD)

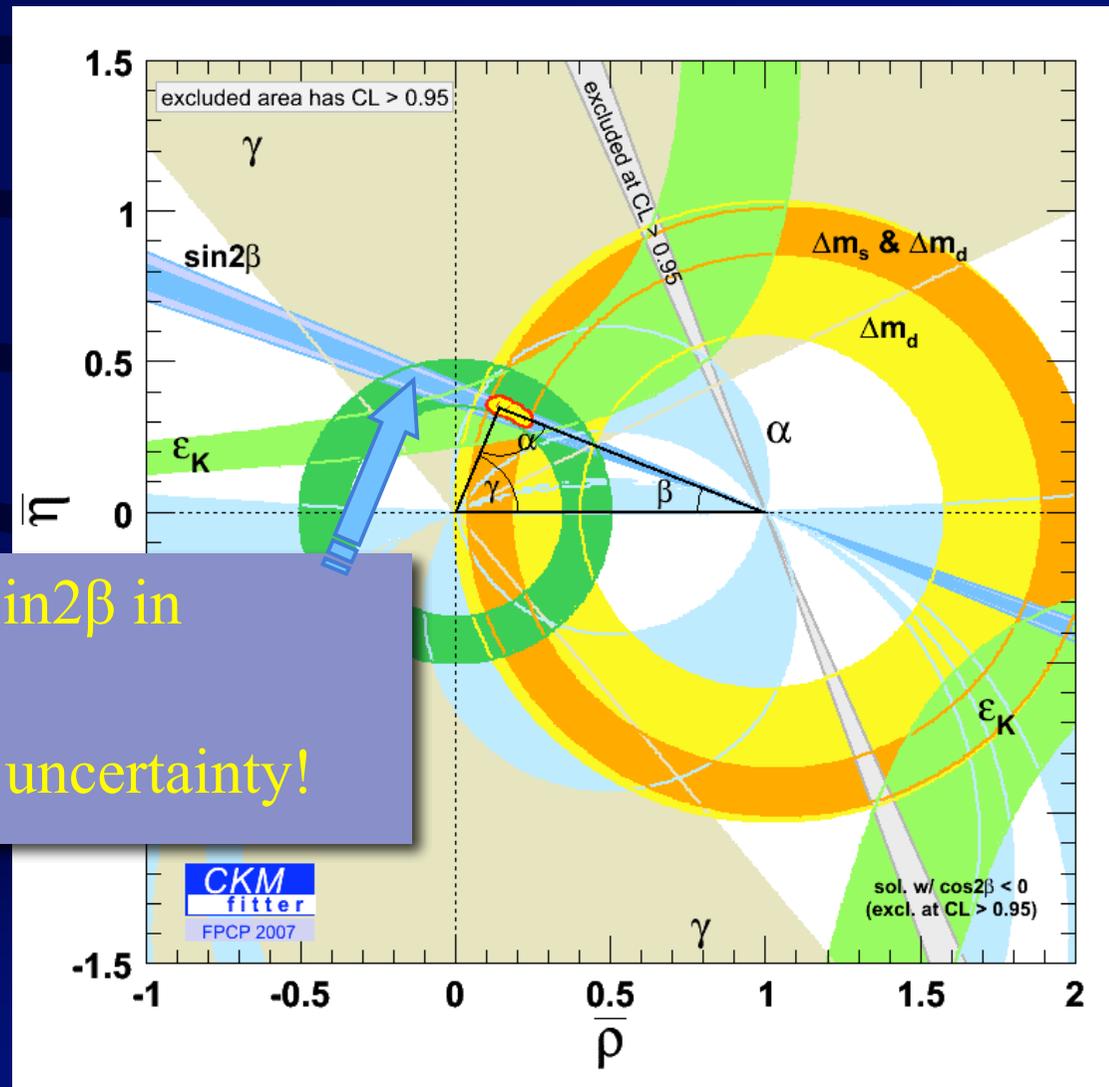


Tevatron very important!

# Unitary triangle determinations



# Unitary triangle determinations



- ✦ Extraction of  $\sin 2\beta$  in  $B^0$ - $\bar{B}^0$  mixing
- ✦ No theoretical uncertainty!

# Determination of $\gamma$ in $B \rightarrow \pi\rho, \pi\pi$

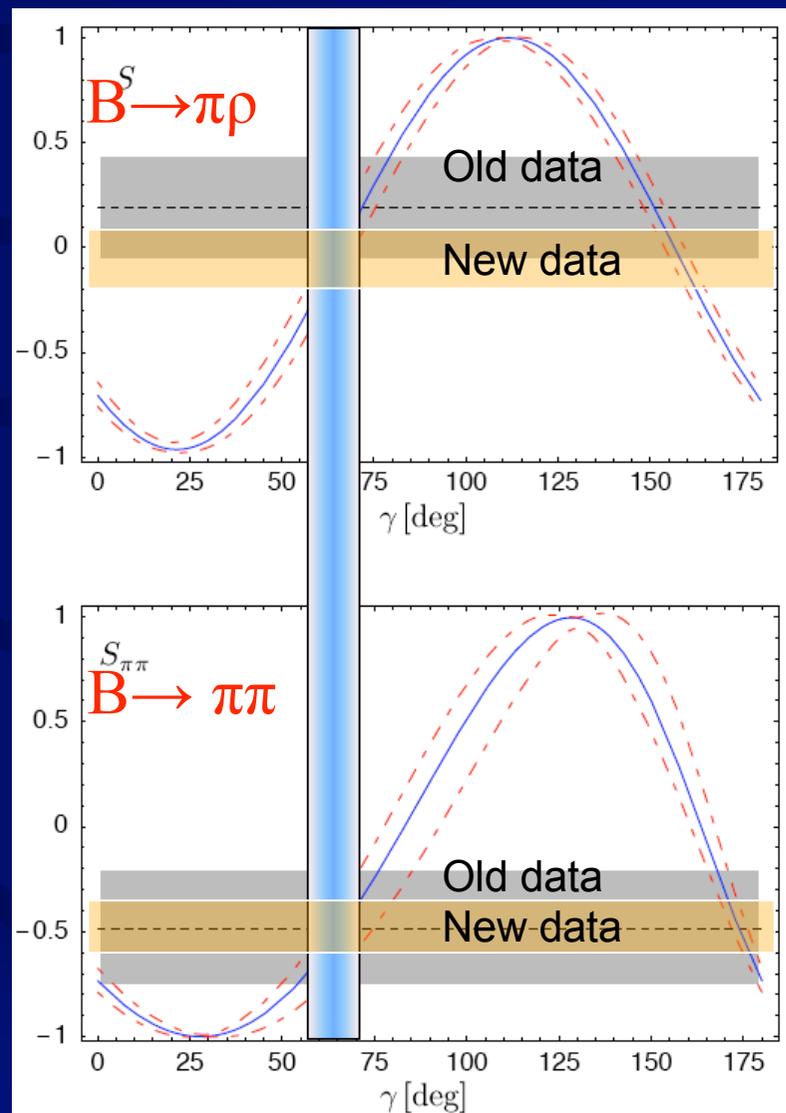
- Rare decays  $B \rightarrow \pi\pi, B \rightarrow \rho\pi$  are dominated by tree topologies, but also receive penguin contributions
- In limit of negligible penguins, decay amplitudes carry the weak phase  $\varphi_A = -\gamma$ , in which case the time-dependent CP asymmetries would measure  $\sin 2(\beta + \gamma) = \sin 2\alpha$
- Can use QCD factorization to estimate and correct for “penguin pollution”

# Determination of $\gamma$ in $B \rightarrow \pi\rho, \pi\pi$

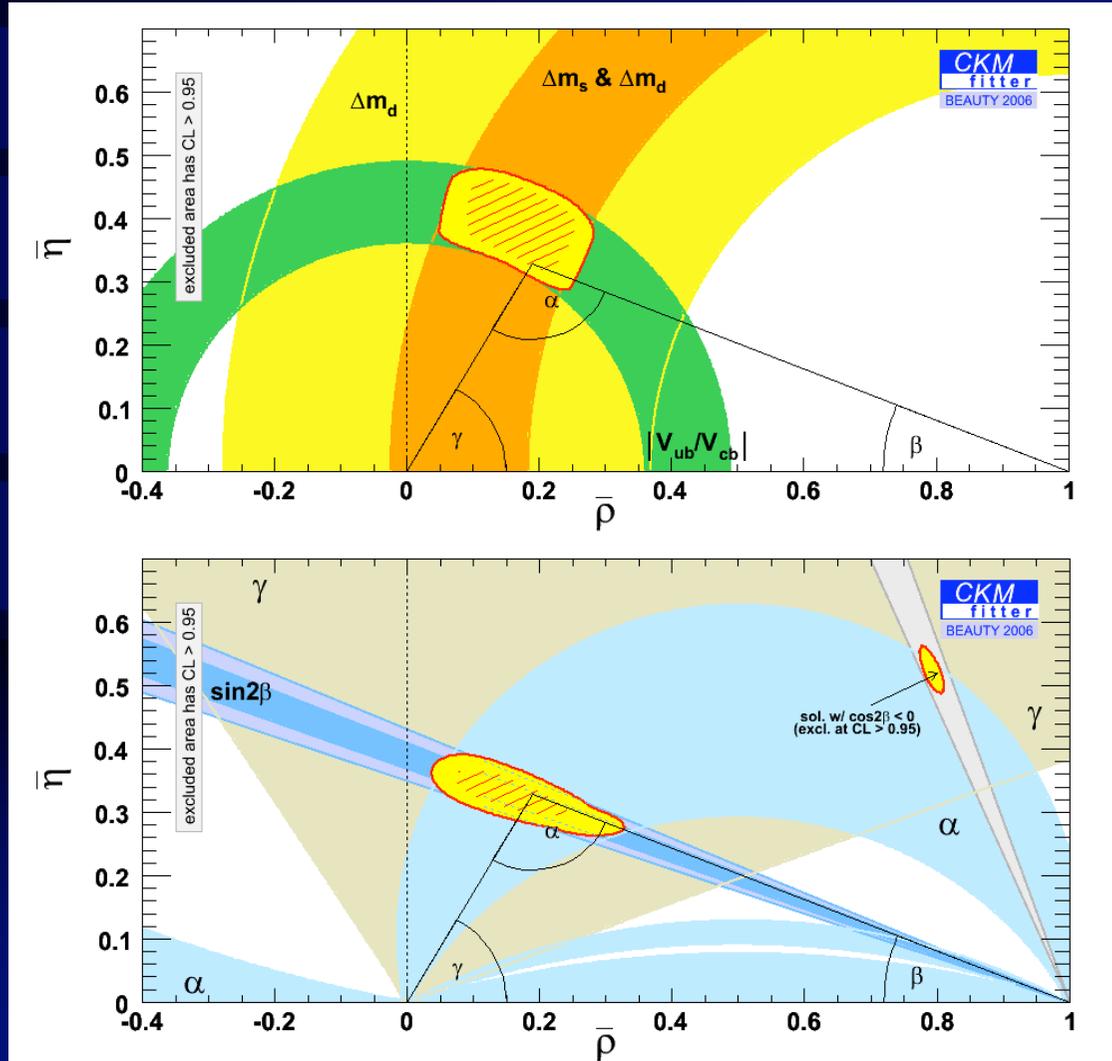
- $B \rightarrow PV$  modes receive smaller penguins than  $B \rightarrow PP$  modes
- Possibility to extract  $\gamma$  with small theoretical uncertainties from time-dependent rates in  $B \rightarrow \pi\rho$ , with  $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$  as cross check
- Result:

$$\gamma = (62 \pm 8)^\circ$$

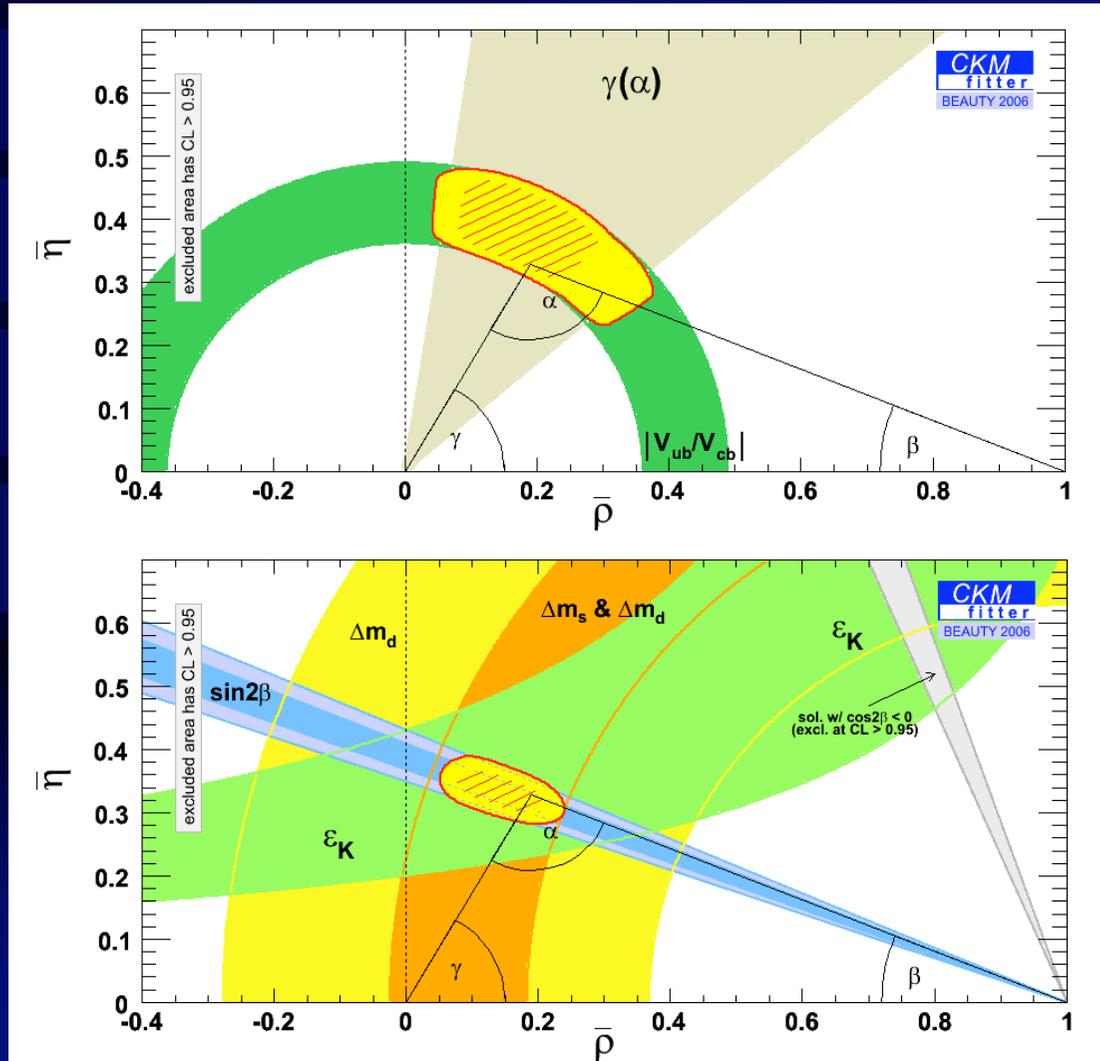
Beneke, MN (2003)



# Sides vs. angles



# Tree vs. penguin processes



# Facit

- CKM model of flavor- and CP violation works beautifully
- Definitely the main source of these effects
- “New Physics” can only give corrections to the CKM picture
- Yet, there is hope and possibility for finding and studying significant “New Physics” contributions in some weak decays!



# Hints of “New Flavor Physics”?

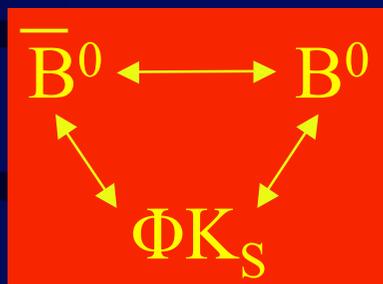
“New Physics” in loop processes?

“New Physics” in  $B$ - $\bar{B}$  mixing?

Facts or fiction?

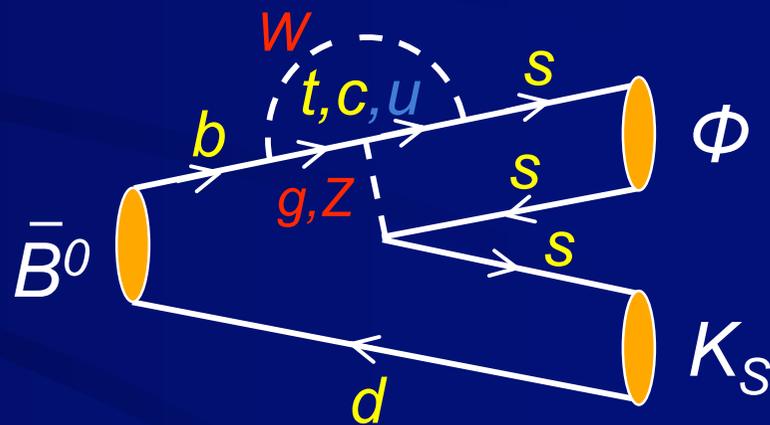
# CP asymmetries for $B \rightarrow \Phi K_S, \eta' K_S$

- Interference of mixing and decay:
- Penguin graph real in excellent approximation



- Phase structure identical to  $B \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$
- Theoretical prediction:

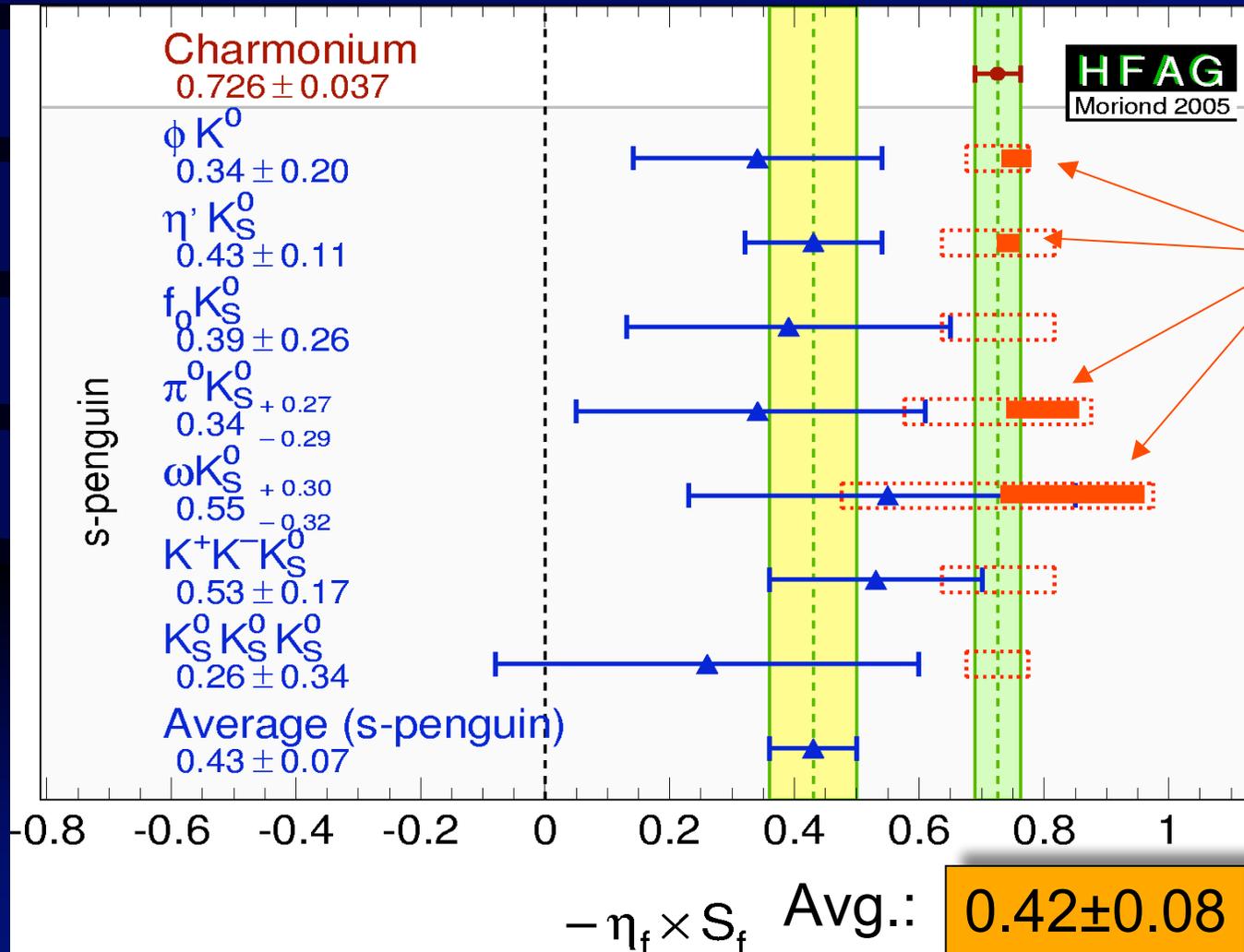
$$S(\Phi K_S) - S(J/\psi K_S) = 0.02 \pm 0.01$$



Grossman, Worah (1996)

Beneke, MN (2003)

# 2005: seven reasons for excitement!



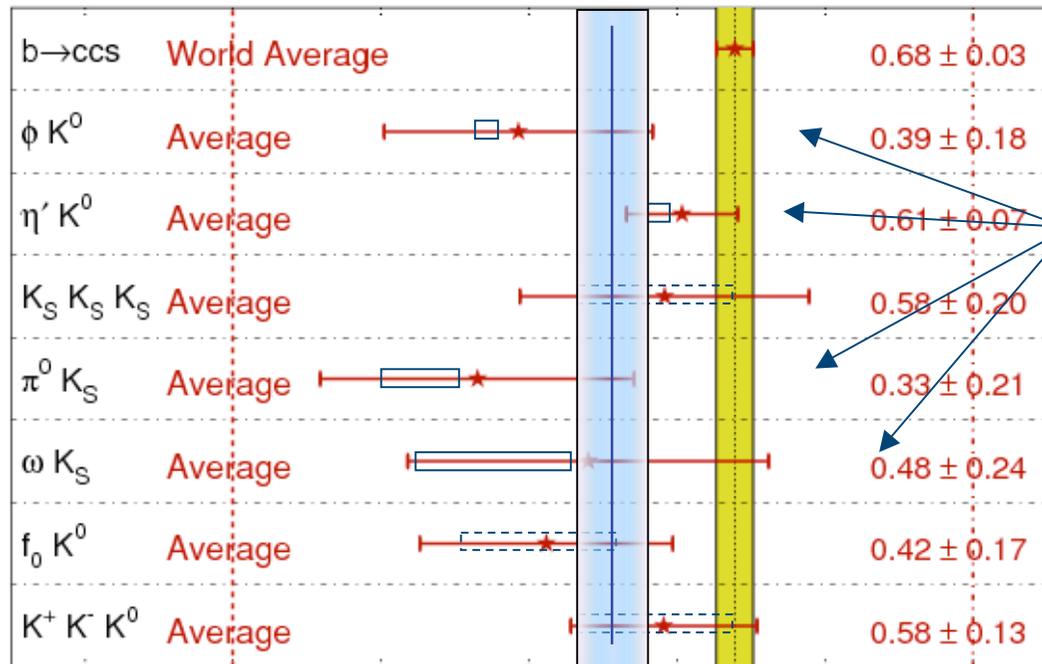
Theory  
 Beneke, MN  
 (2003)

Deviation of  $3.8\sigma$  !

# Present situation

$$\sin(2\beta^{\text{eff}}) \equiv \sin(2\phi_1^{\text{eff}})$$

HFAG  
Moriond 2007



Mittelwert:  $0.53 \pm 0.05$

Deviation  $2.4\sigma$

- Standard ruler (golden mode) reduced to  $0.68 \pm 0.03$
- Average value from penguin modes raised

Theory corrections

# $(\sin 2\beta)_{\text{tree}}$ vs. $(\sin 2\beta)_{\text{penguin}}$

- Explanation of the effect in terms of new penguin contributions (e.g. SUSY), preferably in electroweak sector

Curious what's in my belly?

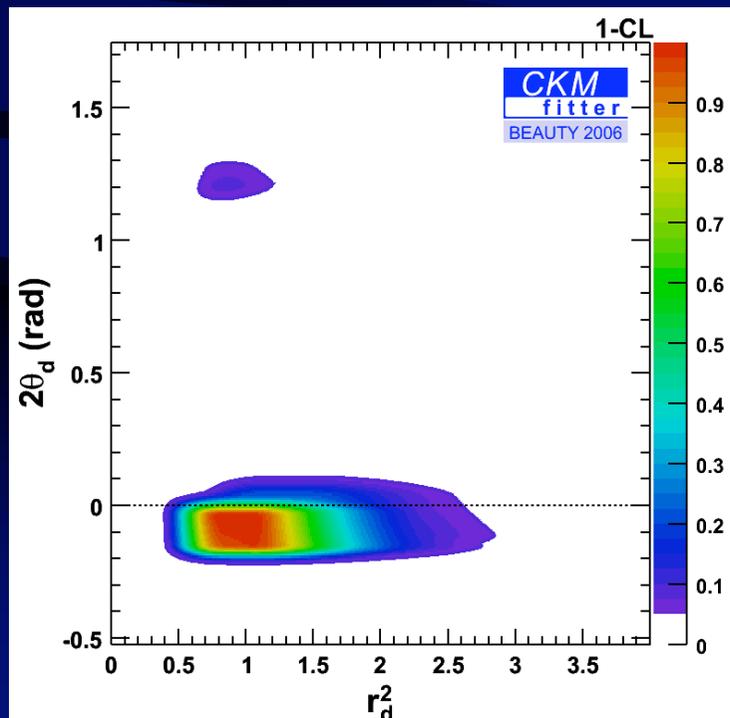


Go check at LHC!

# Another example: “New Physics” in $B_{d,s}$ mixing?

- General parameterization:

$$\Delta m_d = \Delta m_d^{\text{SM}} * r_d^2 e^{i2\theta_d}$$



- “New Physics” contributions up to  $\sim 50\%$  of SM still allowed
- Even more room in  $B_s$  mixing
- After discovery of new particles at LHC  $\rightarrow$  allowed parameter space for new flavor parameters (e.g., quark-squark-gluino couplings in SUSY)

# Conclusions

- Flavor physics has enjoyed more than two decades of active experiments and spectacular progress
- It remains an important component of the particle-physics program in the LHC era (complementarity)
- Indirect searches for “New Physics” will greatly profit from LHC discoveries
- Deviations from Standard Model predictions will then be interpreted as measurements of new flavor parameters!