

Unitarity Triangle Angles Explained: a Predictive New Quark Mass Matrix Texture

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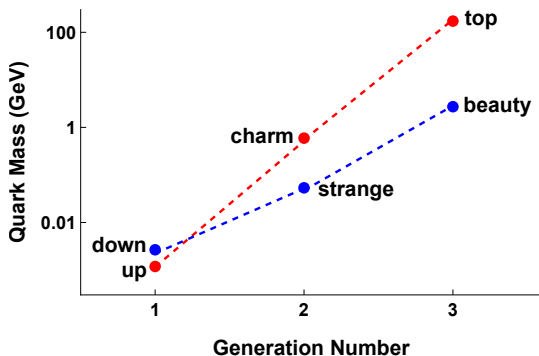
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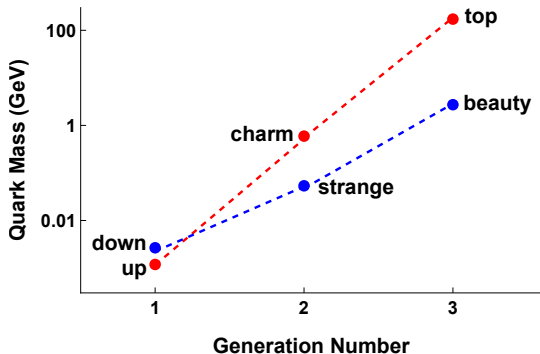
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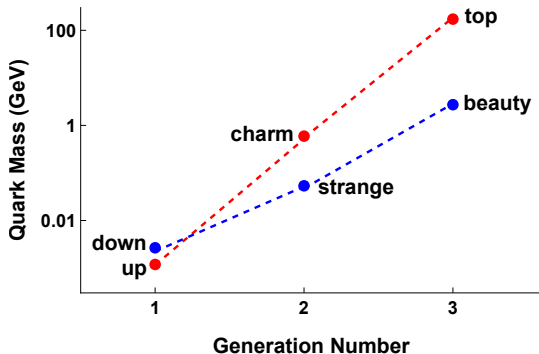
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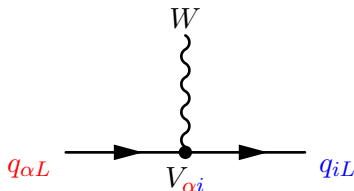
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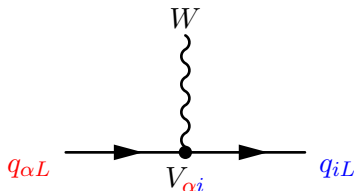
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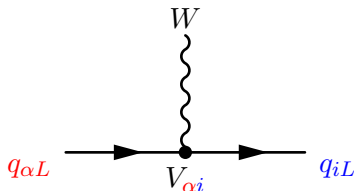
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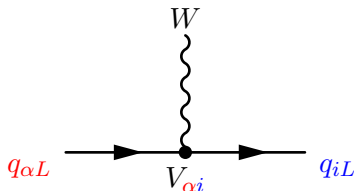
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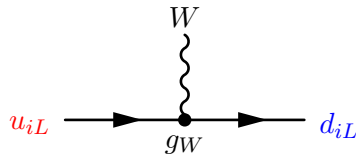
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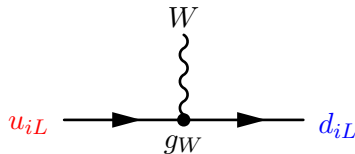
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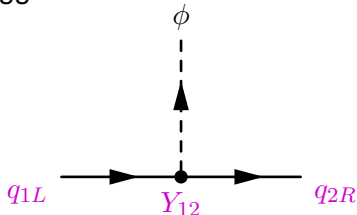
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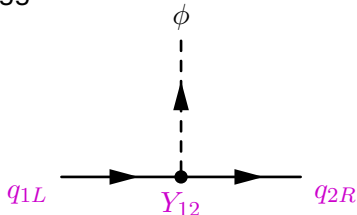
- Write $\underline{u}_w = (u_1, u_2, u_3)^T$ and $\underline{d}_w = (d_1, d_2, d_3)^T$
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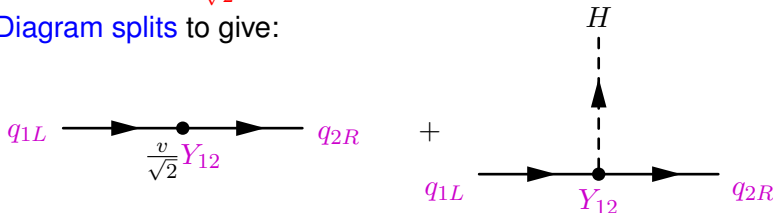
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- Diagram splits** to give:



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- $\underline{M}_u$ and $\underline{M}_d$ are clearly not diagonal
- Can choose basis where they are Hermitian without observable consequences.

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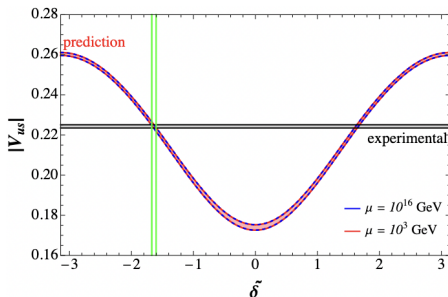
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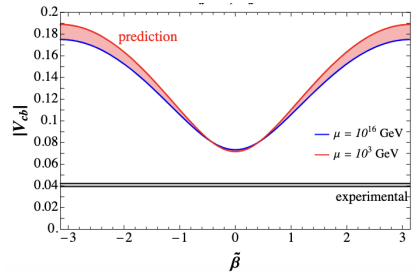
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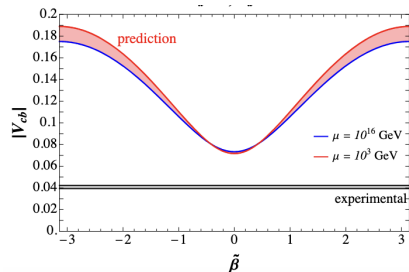
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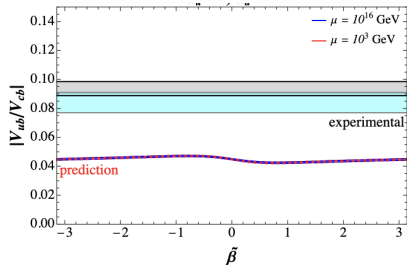
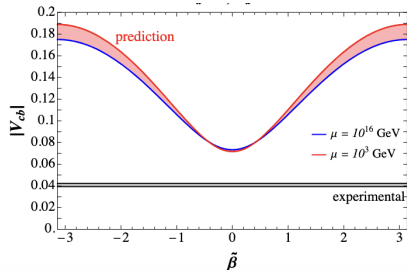
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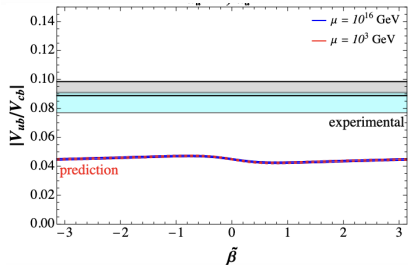
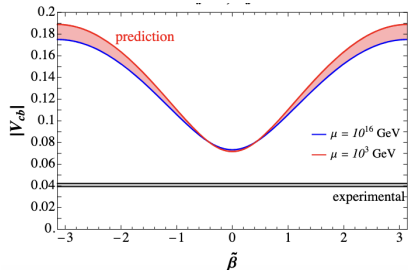
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- Figs from **B. Belfatto** and **Z. Berezghiani**, arXiv: 2305.00069. Recent approach to revive Fritzsch using **non-Hermitian MMs** (but 10 pars $\times$)



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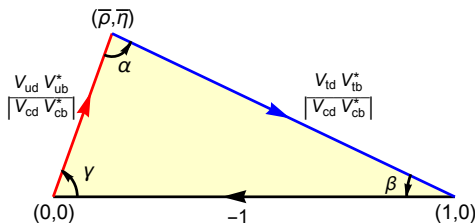
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- Base length unity
- 2 parameters, choose:
2 angles or
top vertex = $\bar{\rho} + i\bar{\eta}$
- Area = $\frac{1}{2}\bar{\eta}$
- All CP -violating observables
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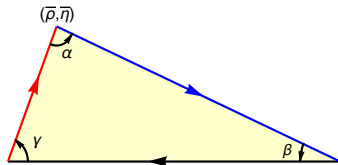
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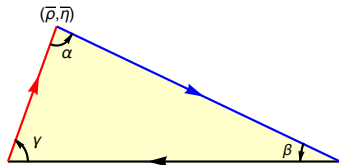
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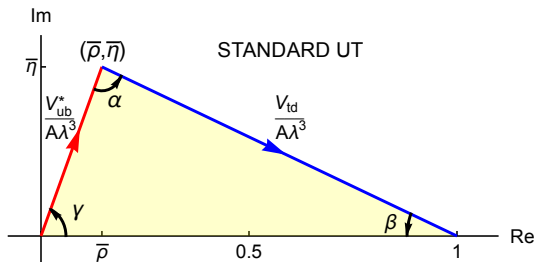
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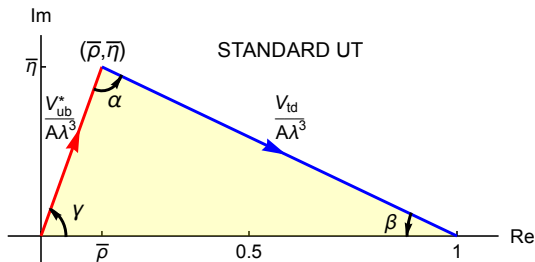
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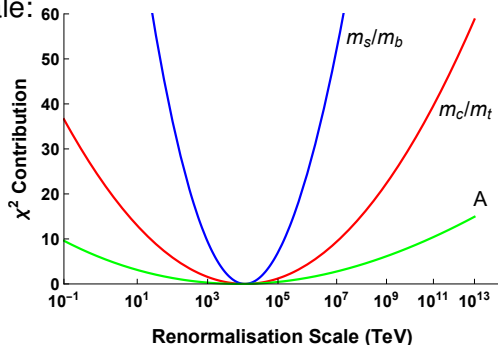
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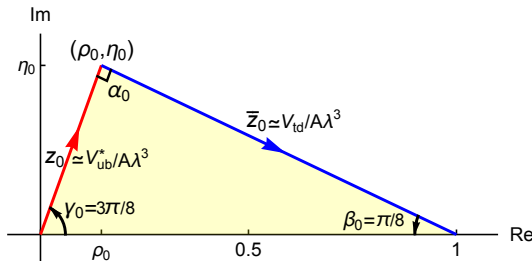
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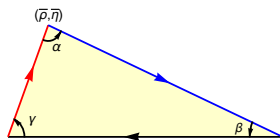
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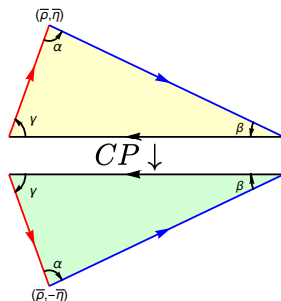
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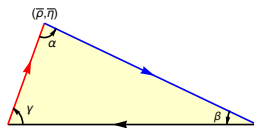
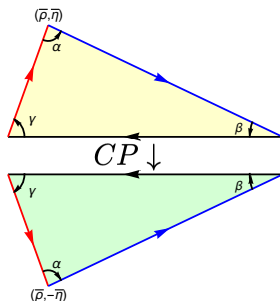
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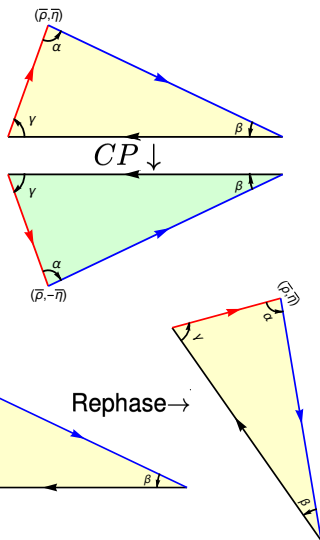
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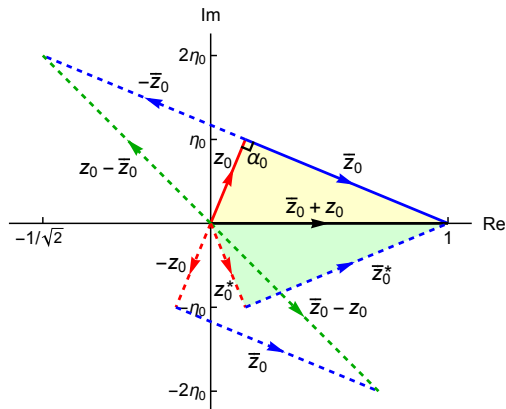


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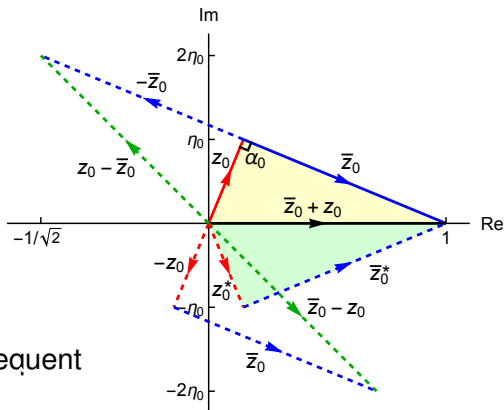
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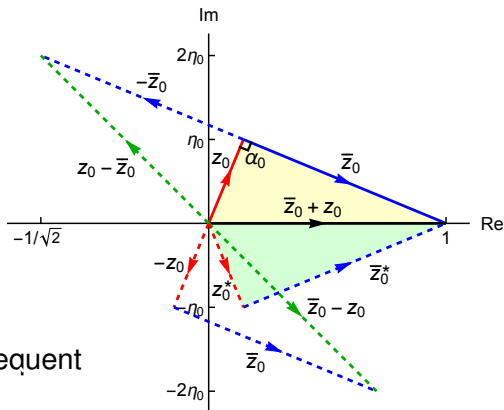
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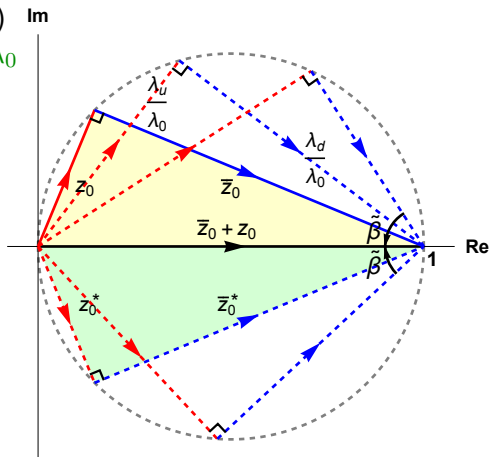


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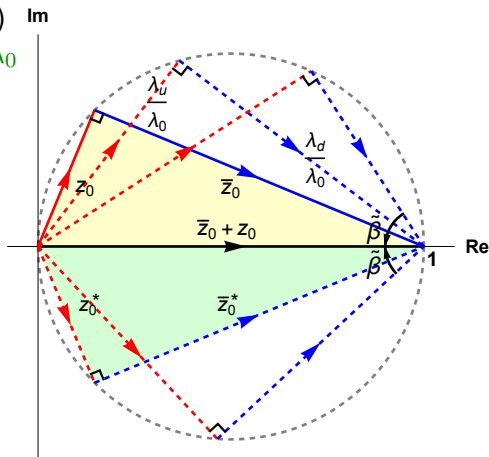
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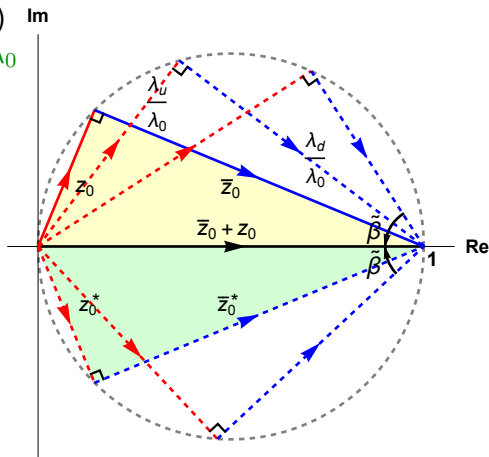
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Backup Slides

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($b' \simeq b$). Still get good fit to data.

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