



A photograph of the Colosseum in Rome at night, with its arches illuminated from within. Red lines and angles are drawn on the top left corner of the image to form a triangle, with labels  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  indicating its vertices.

# Measurement of $V_{us}$ from Kaon decays

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# The FlaviaNet Kaon working group

- **The FlaviaNet Kaon WG** ([www.lnf.infn.it/wg/vus/](http://www.lnf.infn.it/wg/vus/)). Recent kaon physics results come from many experimental (BNL-E865, ISTRA+, KLOE, KTeV, NA48) and theoretical (Lattice,  $\chi_{\text{PT}}$ ,). The main purpose of this working group is to perform precision tests of the Standard Model and to determine with high accuracy fundamental couplings (such as  $V_{us}$ ) using all existing (published and/or preliminary) data on kaon decays, taking correlations into account.
- WG note: *Precision tests of the Standard Model with leptonic and semileptonic kaon decays*, arXiv:0801.1817 [hep-ph] 11 Jan 2008.

Global fits and averages:

- $K_L$ ,  $K_S$ , and  $K^\pm$ , dominant BRs and lifetime.
- Parameterization of the  $K \rightarrow \pi$  interaction (form factor)

Physics results:

- $|V_{us}| \times f_+(0)$
- Test of lepton universality with  $K_{\ell 3}$ .
- $|V_{us}| / |V_{ud}| \times f_K/f_\pi$ .
- Theoretical estimations of  $f_+(0)$  and  $f_K/f_\pi$ .
- $V_{us}$  and  $V_{ud}$  determinations.
- Experimental evaluation of  $f_+(0)$  and  $f_K/f_\pi$ .
- Bounds on helicity suppressed amplitudes.
- The special role of  $\text{BR}(K^\pm e 2) / \text{BR}(K^\pm \mu 2)$

} see T.Spadaro talk  
on “ $K\ell 2$  review”

Update results of the WG note.

# $K_L$ leading branching ratios and $\tau_L$

18 input measurements:

5 KTeV ratios

NA48  $K_{e3}/2t$  and  $\Gamma(3\pi^0)$

4 KLOE BRs

KLOE, NA48  $\pi^+\pi^-/K_{l3}$

KLOE, NA48  $\gamma\gamma/3\pi^0$

PDG ETAFIT for  $\pi^+\pi^-/\pi^0\pi^0$

KLOE  $\tau_L$  from  $3\pi^0$

Vosburgh '72  $\tau_L$

| Parameter                    | Value                     | $S$ |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| $\text{BR}(K_{e3})$          | 0.4056(7)                 | 1.1 |
| $\text{BR}(K_{\mu 3})$       | 0.2705(7)                 | 1.1 |
| $\text{BR}(3\pi^0)$          | 0.1951(9)                 | 1.2 |
| $\text{BR}(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$ | 0.1254(6)                 | 1.1 |
| $\text{BR}(\pi^+\pi^-)$      | $1.997(7) \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.1 |
| $\text{BR}(2\pi^0)$          | $8.64(4) \times 10^{-4}$  | 1.3 |
| $\text{BR}(\gamma\gamma)$    | $5.47(4) \times 10^{-4}$  | 1.1 |
| $\tau_L$                     | 51.17(20) ns              | 1.1 |

8 free parameters, 1 constraint:  $\Sigma \text{BR}=1$

Main differences wrt PDG08:

- For KLOE and KTeV, use values obtained before applying constraints.
- Make use of preliminary  $\text{BR}(3\pi^0)$  from NA48
- Fit parameter  $\text{BR}(\pi^+\pi^-)$  is understood to be inclusive of the DE component.

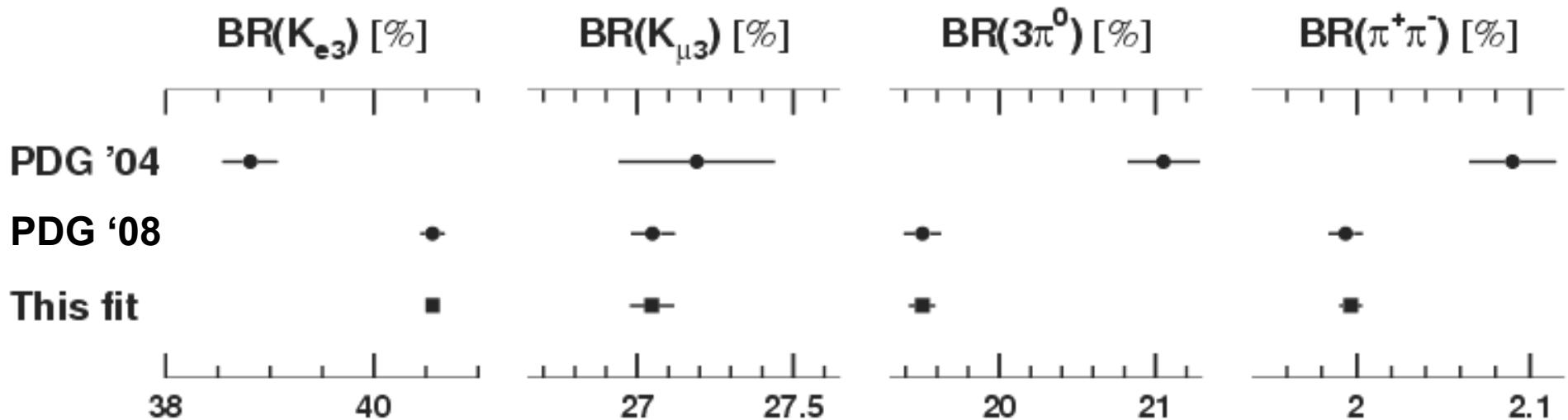
# Evolution of the average BR values

This fit  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 20.2/11$  (4.3%)

PDG08 fit: main BR's coincide even if  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 35.7/17$  (0.5%)

Differences wrt PDG08:

- contrast between KLOE BR( $3\pi^0$ ) and other inputs involving BR( $2\pi^0$ ) and BR( $3\pi^0$ )
- **treatment of the correlated KLOE and KTeV inputs:** more uniform scale factor in this fit and significantly smaller uncertainty for BR(Ke3)
- **treatment of  $K_L 2\pi(\gamma)$  decays (IB vs DE): dramatic worsen of fit quality.**



**4 input measurements:**

KLOE BR(Ke3)/BR(ππ)

KLOE BR(ππ)/BR(π<sup>0</sup>π<sup>0</sup>)

Universal lepton coupling

NA48 BR(Ke3)

τ<sub>S</sub>: non CPT-constrained fit value, dominated by 2002 NA48 and 2003 KTeV measurements**4 free parameters: K<sub>S</sub>ππ, K<sub>S</sub>π<sup>0</sup>π<sup>0</sup>, K<sub>S</sub>e3, K<sub>S</sub>μ3 , 1 constraint: ΣBR=1**

- **KLOE meas. completely determine the leading BR values.**
- NA48 Ke3 input improve the BR(Ke3) accuracy of about 10%.
- BR(K<sub>S</sub>e3)/BR(K<sub>L</sub>e3) from NA48 not included (need of a K<sub>L</sub> and K<sub>S</sub> combined fit)
- Combined K<sub>S</sub>–K<sub>L</sub> fit would be useful in properly account for preliminary NA48 Γ(K<sub>L</sub>→3π<sup>0</sup>) and PDG ETAFIT, used in the K<sub>L</sub> fit.

# $K^\pm$ leading branching ratios and $\tau_+$

**25 input measurements:**

**5 older  $\tau$  values in PDG**

**KLOE  $\tau$**

**KLOE  $BR(K\mu 2)$**

**KLOE  $Ke3, K\mu 3$ , and  $K\pi 2$  BRs**

**ISTRA+  $K_{e3}/\pi\pi^0$**

**NA48/2  $K_{e3}/\pi\pi^0, K_{\mu 3}/\pi\pi^0$**

**BNL-E865  $K_{e3}/K_{dal}$**

**3 old  $\pi\pi^0/\mu\nu$**

**2 old  $Ke3/2$  body**

**3  $K\mu 3/Ke3$  (2 old)**

**2 old + 1 KLOE results on  $3\pi$**

**7 free parameters,**

**1 constraint:  $\Sigma BR=1$**

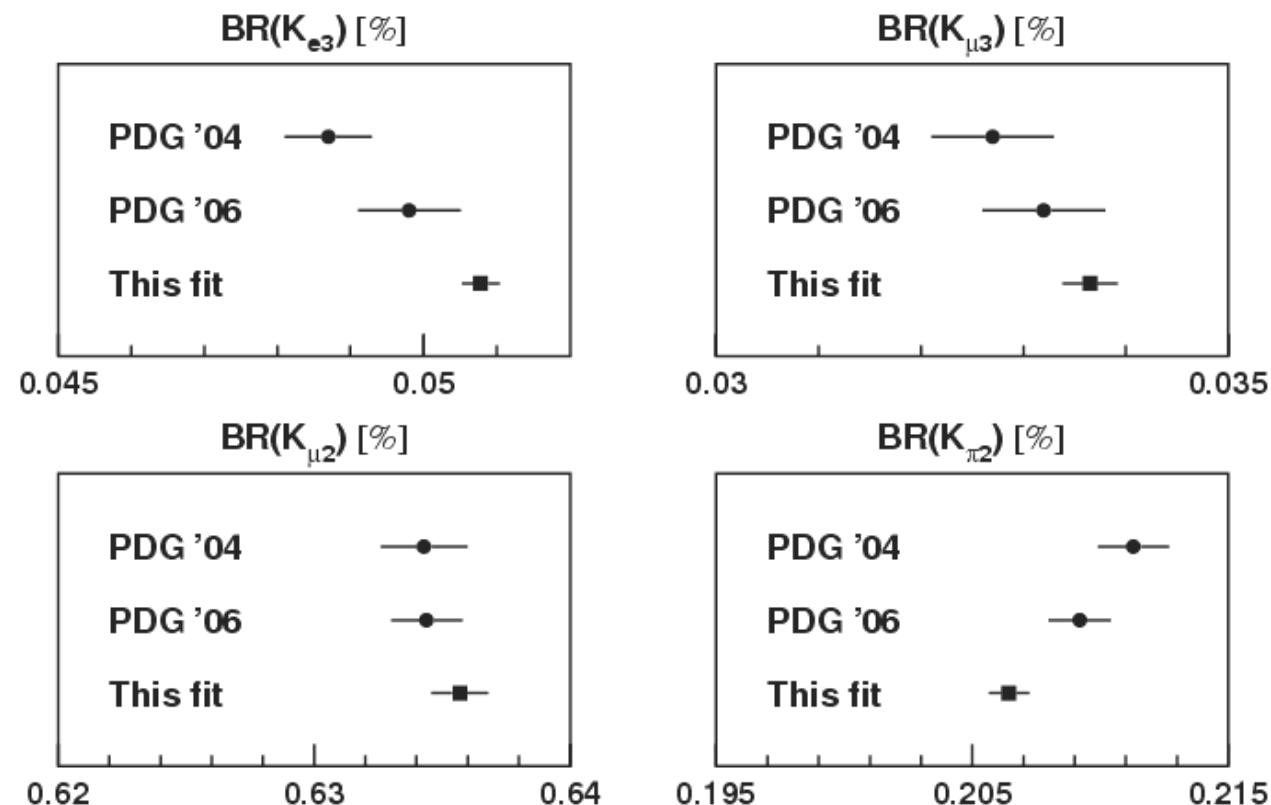
| Parameter            | Value                | S   |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
| $BR(K\mu 2)$         | <b>63.57(10)%</b>    | 1.1 |
| $BR(K\pi 2)$         | <b>20.64(7)%</b>     | 1.1 |
| $BR(K\pi\pi)$        | <b>5.593(32)%</b>    | 1.1 |
| $BR(Ke3)$            | <b>5.078(25)%</b>    | 1.2 |
| $BR(K\mu 3)$         | <b>3.365(26)%</b>    | 1.7 |
| $BR(K\pi\pi^0\pi^0)$ | <b>1.750(26)%</b>    | 1.1 |
| $\tau$               | <b>12.379(21) ns</b> | 1.9 |

Don't use the 6 BR meas. from Chiang;

- no implementation of radiative corrections
  - 6 BR constrained to sum to unit.
  - the correlation matrix not available.
- Try to discard many other old meas.:
- no recent meas. involving  $BR(\pi\pi\pi)$
  - fit unstable if only recent are used.

# Evolution of the average BR values

- This fit  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 42.6/19 (0.15\%)$ ; PDG08 fit:  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 51.7/24 (0.08\%)$
- include new results
- **some conflict among newer meas. involving  $\text{BR}(\text{K}_{e3})$ :** the pulls are +1.04, -0.26, -0.73, and -2.13, for NA48, BNL-E865, ISTRA+, and KLOE respectively.

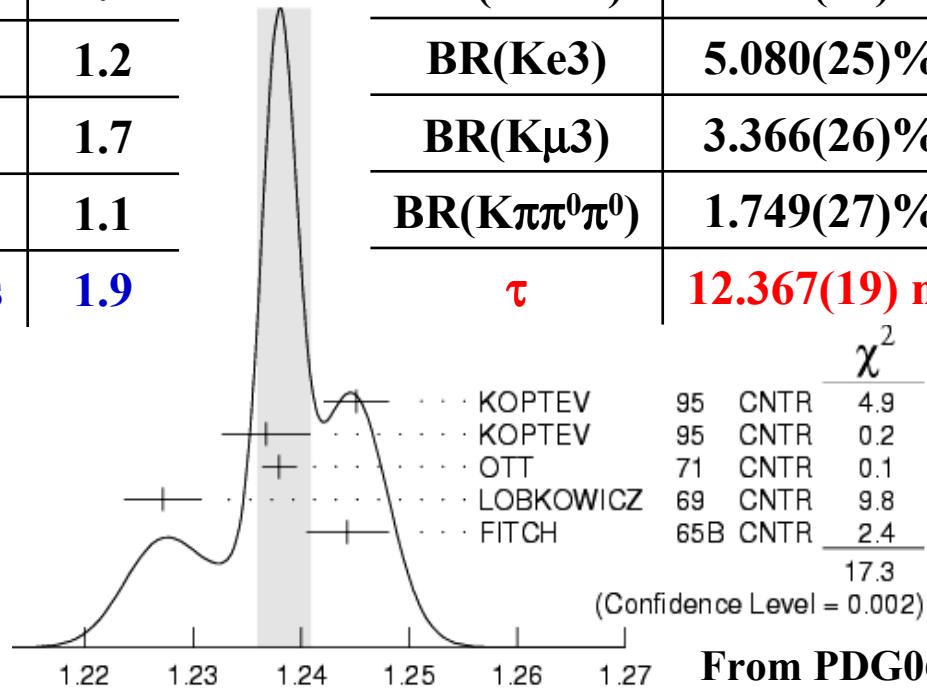


- Evolution of the  $\text{BR}(\text{K}_{\ell 3})$  and for the important normalization channels.

# A note on $K^\pm$ lifetime measurements

- If 5 older  $\tau_\pm$  measurements replaced by PDG06 avg (with  $S=2.1$ ),  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 24.8/15$  (**5.3%**) with **no significant changes to central values or errors**, but  $\tau_\pm$  itself ( $0.6\sigma$ ).

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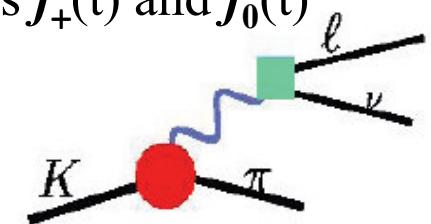


- Need of a new list of accepted  $\tau_\pm$  measurements (deeper analysis of single papers).

# Parameterization of $K_{\ell 3}$ form factors

- Hadronic  $K \rightarrow \pi$  matrix element is described by two form factors  $f_+(t)$  and  $f_0(t)$  defined by:  $\langle \pi^-(k) | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu u | K^0(p) \rangle = (p+k)^\mu f_+(t) + (p-k)^\mu f_-(t)$

$$f_-(t) = \frac{m_K^2 - m_\pi^2}{t} (f_0(t) - f_+(t))$$



- Experimental or theoretical inputs to define  $t$ -dependence of  $f_{+,0}(t)$ .

- $f_-(t)$  term negligible for  $K_{e3}$ .

- Taylor expansion:

$$\tilde{f}_{+,0}(t) \equiv \frac{f_{+,0}(t)}{f_+(0)} = 1 + \lambda'_{+,0} \frac{t}{m_\pi^2} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda''_{+,0} \left( \frac{t}{m_\pi^2} \right)^2 + \dots$$

- Obtain  $\lambda'$ ,  $\lambda''$ , from fit to data distributions (more accurate than theor. predictions).
- $\lambda'$  and  $\lambda''$  are **strongly correlated**: **-95% for  $f_+(t)$ , and -99.96% for  $f_0(t)$** .

## One parameter parameterizations:

- Pole parameterization

(what vector/scalar state should be used?)

$$\tilde{f}_{+,0}(t) = \frac{M_{V,S}^2}{M_{V,S}^2 - t}$$

- Dispersive approach plus  $K\pi$  scattering data for both  $f_+(t)$  and  $f_0(t)$

## Quadratic expansion:

- Measurements from ISTRA+, KLOE, KTeV, NA48 with  $K_L e3$  and  $K^- e3$  decays.
- **Good fit quality:**  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}=5.3/6(51\%)$  for all data;  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}=4.7/4(32\%)$  for  $K_L$  only
- The significance of the quadratic term is  $4.2\sigma$  from all data and  $3.5\sigma$  from  $K_L$  only.
- Using all data or  $K_L$  only changes the space phase integrals  $I^0_{e3}$  and  $I^\pm_{e3}$  by 0.07% .
- Errors on  $I_{e3}$  are significantly smaller when  $K^-$  data are included.

A pole parameterization is in good agreement with present data:

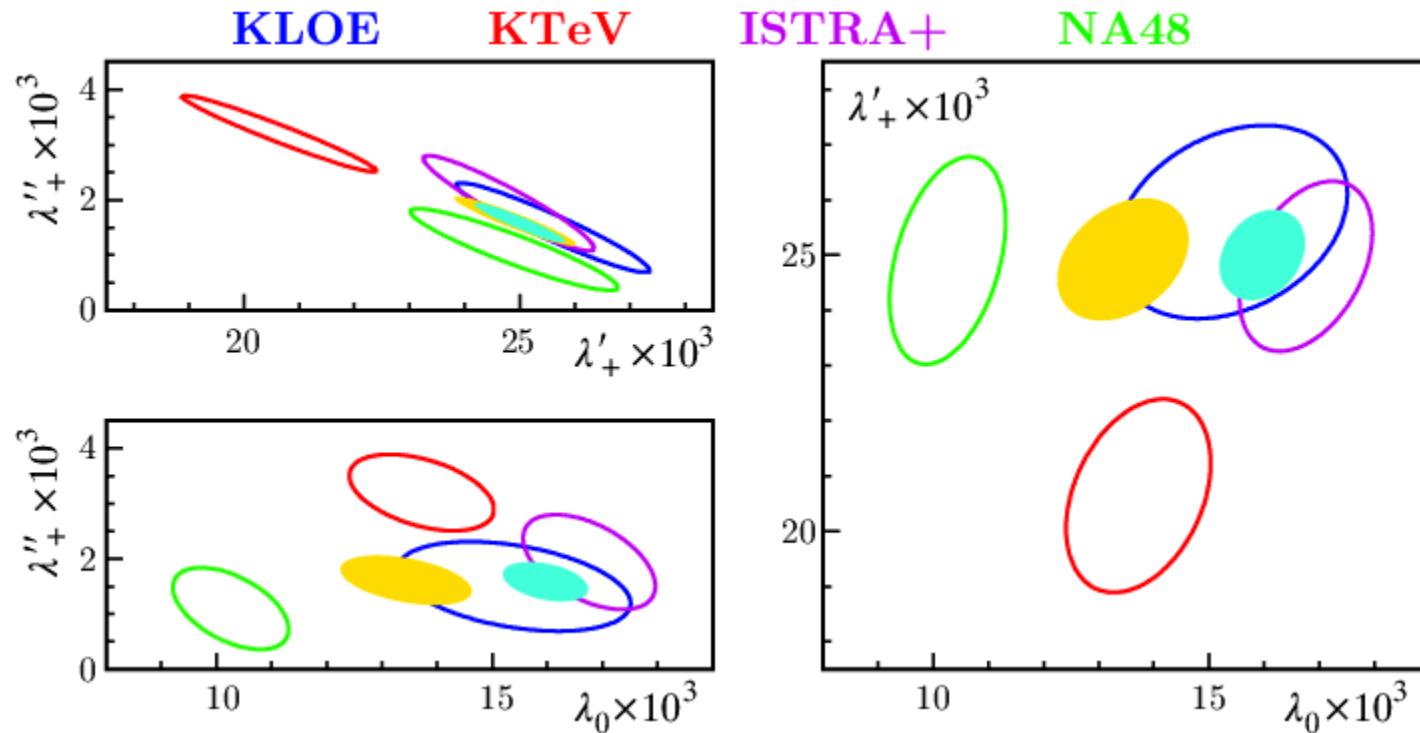
$$\tilde{f}_+(t) = M_V^2 / (M_V^2 - t), \text{ with } M_V \sim 892 \text{ MeV} \quad \lambda' = (m_{\pi^+}/M)^2; \lambda'' = 2\lambda'^2$$

- KLOE, KTeV, NA48 quote value for  $M_V$  for pole fit to  $K_L e3$  data ( $\chi^2/\text{ndf}=1.8/2$ )
- The values for  $\lambda_+'$  and  $\lambda_+''$  from pole expansion are in agreement with quadratic fit results.
- Using quadratic averages or pole fit results changes  $I^0_{e3}$  by 0.03% .

Improvements: **dispersive parameterization** for  $f_+(t)$ , with analytical and unitarity properties and a correct threshold behavior, (e.g. Passemar arXiv:0708.1235[hep-ph])  
 Dispersive results for  $\lambda_+$  and  $\lambda_0$  are in agreement with pole parameterization.

# Vector and scalar form factor from $K_{\mu 3}$

- $\lambda'_+$ ,  $\lambda''_+$  and  $\lambda_0$  measured for  $K\mu 3$  from ISTRA+, KLOE, KTeV, and NA48.
- **NA48 result lies out of correlation directions in the  $[\lambda'_+, \lambda''_+, \lambda_0]$  space.**
- Fit probability varies from  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  (with NA48) to 22.3% (without NA48).



1 $\sigma$  contour  
 for all the  
 experimental  
 results.

- Neglecting a quadratic term in the param. of scalar FF implies:  $\lambda'_0 \rightarrow \lambda'_0 + 3.5\lambda''_0$
- Because of correlation, is not possible measure  $\lambda''_0$  at any plausible level of stat.

# Vector and scalar form factor from $K_{\ell 3}$

- Slope parameters  $\lambda'_+$ ,  $\lambda''_+$  and  $\lambda_0$  from ISTRA+, KLOE, KTeV, and NA48.

|                                 | $K_L$ and $K^-$            | $K_L$ only                |   |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Measurements                    | 16                         | 11                        |   |
| $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$             | $54/13 (7 \times 10^{-7})$ | $33/8 (8 \times 10^{-5})$ |   |
| $\lambda'_+ \times 10^3$        | $24.9 \pm 1.1 (S = 1.4)$   | $24.0 \pm 1.5 (S = 1.5)$  | Averages of quadratic fit results for Ke3 and Kμ3 slopes. |
| $\lambda''_+ \times 10^3$       | $1.6 \pm 0.5 (S = 1.3)$    | $2.0 \pm 0.6 (S = 1.6)$   |   |
| $\lambda_0 \times 10^3$         | $13.4 \pm 1.2 (S = 1.9)$   | $11.7 \pm 1.2 (S = 1.7)$  |   |
| $\rho(\lambda'_+, \lambda''_+)$ | -0.94                      | -0.97                     |   |
| $\rho(\lambda'_+, \lambda_0)$   | +0.33                      | +0.72                     |   |
| $\rho(\lambda''_+, \lambda_0)$  | -0.44                      | -0.70                     |   |
| $I(K_{e3}^0)$                   | 0.15457(29)                | 0.1544(4)                 |   |
| $I(K_{e3}^\pm)$                 | 0.15892(30)                | 0.1587(4)                 |   |
| $I(K_{\mu 3}^0)$                | 0.10212(31)                | 0.1016(4)                 |   |
| $I(K_{\mu 3}^\pm)$              | 0.10507(32)                | 0.1046(4)                 |   |
| $\rho(I_{e3}, I_{\mu 3})$       | +0.63                      | +0.89                     |   |

Space integral  
used for the  
 $|V_{us}|f_+(0)$   
determination

- Adding Kμ3 data to the fit doesn't cause significant changes to  $I^0_{e3}$  and  $I^\pm_{e3}$ .
- The significance of the quadratic term  $\lambda''_+$  is strong ( $3.6\sigma$  from fit to all data).
- NA48:  $\Delta[I(K\mu 3)] = 0.6\%$ , but Ke3+Kμ3 average gives  $\Delta[V_{us}f_+(0)] = -0.08\%$ .**

$$\Gamma(K_{l3(\gamma)}) = \frac{C_K^2 G_F^2 M_K^5}{192\pi^3} S_{EW} |V_{us}|^2 |f_+^{K^0\pi}(0)|^2 I_{K\ell}(\lambda_{+,0}) (1 + \delta^K_{SU(2)} + \delta^{K\ell}_{em})^2$$

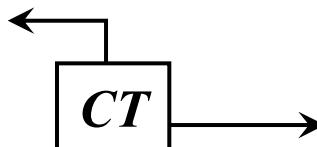
with  $K = K^+, K^0; \ell = e, \mu$  and  $C_K^2 = 1/2$  for  $K^+$ , 1 for  $K^0$

## Inputs from theory:

- $S_{EW}$  Universal short distance EW correction (1.0232)
- $\delta^K_{SU(2)}$  Form factor correction for strong SU(2) breaking
- $\delta^{K\ell}_{em}$  Long distance EM effects
- $f_+^{K^0\pi}(0)$  Hadronic matrix element at zero momentum transfer ( $t=0$ )

## Inputs from experiment:

- $\Gamma(K_{l3(\gamma)})$  Branching ratios with well determined treatment of radiative decays; lifetimes
- $I_{K\ell}(\lambda)$  Phase space integral:  $\lambda$ 's parameterize form factor dependence on  $t$  :
- $K_{e3}$ : only  $\lambda_+$
- $K_{\mu 3}$  : need  $\lambda_+$  and  $\lambda_0$

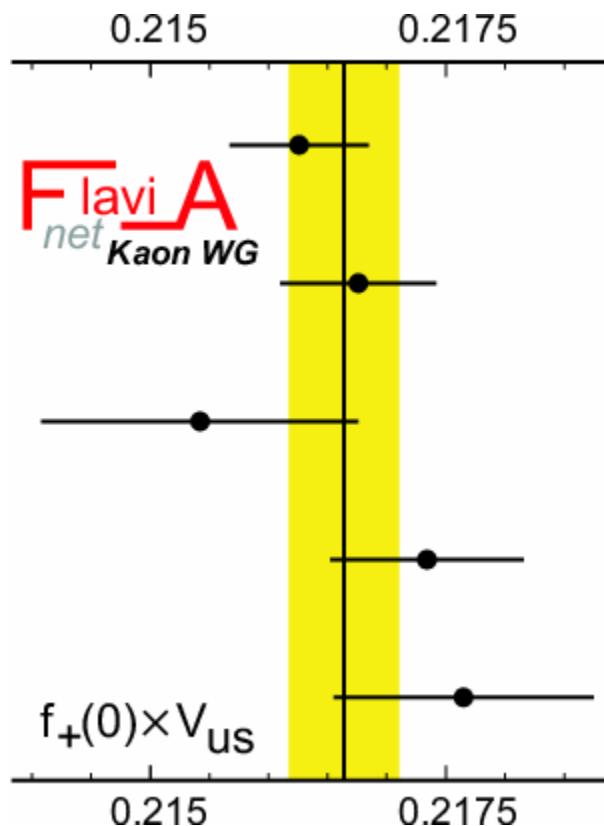


|            | $\delta^K_{SU(2)}(\%)$ | $\delta^{K\ell}_{em}(\%)$ | $K^0e3$    | $K^0\mu 3$ | $K^+e3$ | $K^+\mu 3$ | values used to extract<br>$ V_{us} f_+(0)$ |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|--|
| $K^0e3$    | 0                      | +0.50(11)                 | $K^0e3$    | 1          | 0.69    | 0.08       | -0.15                                      |
| $K^0\mu 3$ | 0                      | +0.70(11)                 | $K^0\mu 3$ |            | 1       | -0.15      | 0.08                                       |
| $K^+e3$    | +2.36(22)              | +0.05(13)                 | $K^+e3$    |            |         | 1          | 0.76                                       |
| $K^+\mu 3$ | +2.36(22)              | +0.01(12)                 | $K^+\mu 3$ |            |         |            | 1  |

- New values for  $\delta^{K\ell}_{em}$  from ChPT O( $e^2 p^2$ ) (Cirigliano, Giannotti, and Neufeld, 0807.4507[hep-ph]: preliminary results of this work should be considered obsolete).
- Detailed error matrix assuming 100% fractional error on LECs and 20% on  $\delta_{i=1,2,4}$ .  $\delta_{em}$  for full phase space: all measurements assumed fully inclusive.
- **Different estimates of  $\delta_{em}$  agree within the quoted errors.**
- **Available correlation matrix between different  $\delta_{em}$  corrections.**
- New value for  $\delta^K_{SU(2)} = 2.9(4)\%$  (Kastner and Neufeld: 0805.2222[hep-ph]) not used (larger error).

# Determination of $|V_{us}| \times f_+(0)$

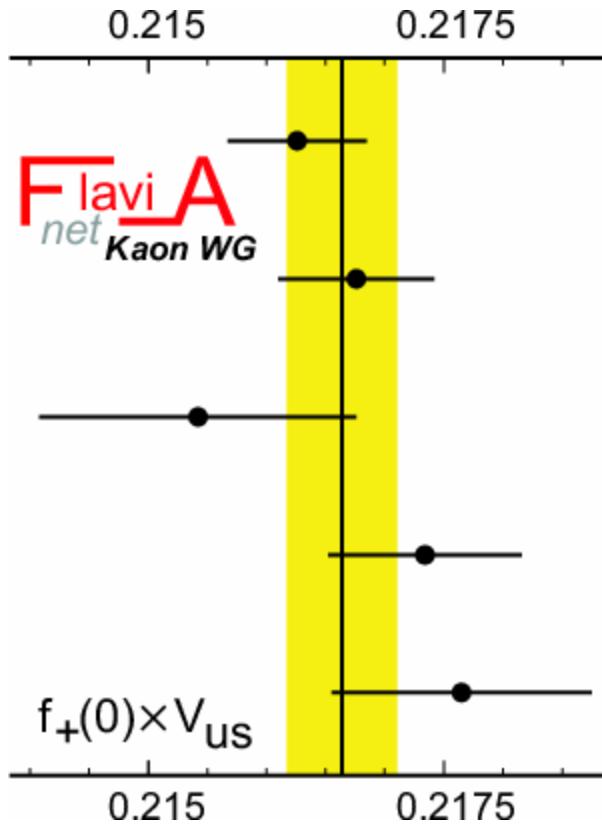
$$\Gamma(K_{l3(\gamma)}) = \frac{C_K^2 G_F^2 M_K^5}{192\pi^3} S_{EW} |V_{us}|^2 |f_+^{K^0\pi}(0)|^2 I_{K\ell}(\lambda_{+,0}) (1 + \delta^K_{SU(2)} + \delta^{K\ell}_{em})^2$$



|               |                   | % err       | Approx. contr. to % err from: |             |             |             |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|               |                   |             | BR                            | $\tau$      | $\delta$    | $I_{K\ell}$ |
| $K_L e3$      | <b>0.2164(6)</b>  | <b>0.26</b> | 0.09                          | <b>0.19</b> | 0.11        | 0.09        |
| $K_L \mu 3$   | <b>0.2170(6)</b>  | <b>0.29</b> | 0.10                          | <b>0.18</b> | 0.11        | 0.15        |
| $K_S e3$      | <b>0.2156(13)</b> | <b>0.62</b> | <b>0.60</b>                   | 0.03        | 0.11        | 0.09        |
| $K^\pm e3$    | <b>0.2174(8)</b>  | <b>0.38</b> | <b>0.26</b>                   | 0.13        | <b>0.25</b> | 0.09        |
| $K^\pm \mu 3$ | <b>0.2177(11)</b> | <b>0.51</b> | <b>0.40</b>                   | 0.13        | <b>0.25</b> | 0.15        |

Average:  $|V_{us}| f_+(0) = 0.2167(5)$        $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 2.83/4$  (59%)

# Determination of $|V_{us}| \times f_+(0)$



|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| $K_L e3$      | <b>0.2164(6)</b>  |
| $K_L \mu 3$   | <b>0.2170(6)</b>  |
| $K_S e3$      | <b>0.2156(13)</b> |
| $K^\pm e3$    | <b>0.2174(8)</b>  |
| $K^\pm \mu 3$ | <b>0.2177(11)</b> |

- Evaluate  $V_{us}f_+(0)$  by charge:

$$K_{L,S} = 0.2165(5),$$

$$K^\pm = 0.2174(8)$$

- Average:  $0.2167(5)$ ,  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 1.04/1$  (31% probability).

- Comparing values obtained for  $K_L$  and  $K^\pm$  (**without  $\delta^K_{\text{SU}(2)}$  correction**) allows the **empirical evaluation of SU(2)** breaking correction : **2.81(38)%**.  
To be compared with  $\chi_{\text{PT}}$  prediction **2.36(22)%** (Kastner and Neufeld: **2.9(4)%**).

**Test of Lepton Flavor Universality:** comparing  $K e 3$  and  $K \mu 3$  modes constraints possible anomalous LF dependence in the leading weak vector current. Evaluate  $R_{K\mu 3/K e 3}$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma(K_{\mu 3})}{\Gamma(K_{e 3})} = \left( \frac{G_F^\mu}{G_F^e} \right)^2 \frac{I_K^\mu}{I_K^e} \frac{(1 + \delta_K^\mu)^2}{(1 + \delta_K^e)^2}$$

Compare experimental results with SM predition:

$$r_{\mu e} = \frac{(R_{K\mu 3/K e 3})_{\text{obs}}}{(R_{K\mu 3/K e 3})_{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\Gamma(K_{\mu 3})}{\Gamma(K_{e 3})} \frac{I_K^e}{I_K^\mu} \frac{(1 + \delta_K^e)^2}{(1 + \delta_K^\mu)^2} = \frac{G_F^\mu}{G_F^e}$$

Using FlaviaNet results get accuracy  $\sim 0.5\%$ ,

$$K_L \quad r_{\mu e} = 1.0055(47)$$

$$K^\pm \quad r_{\mu e} = 1.0031(78)$$

$$\text{Average } r_{\mu e} = 1.0050(44)$$

Comparable with other determinations:

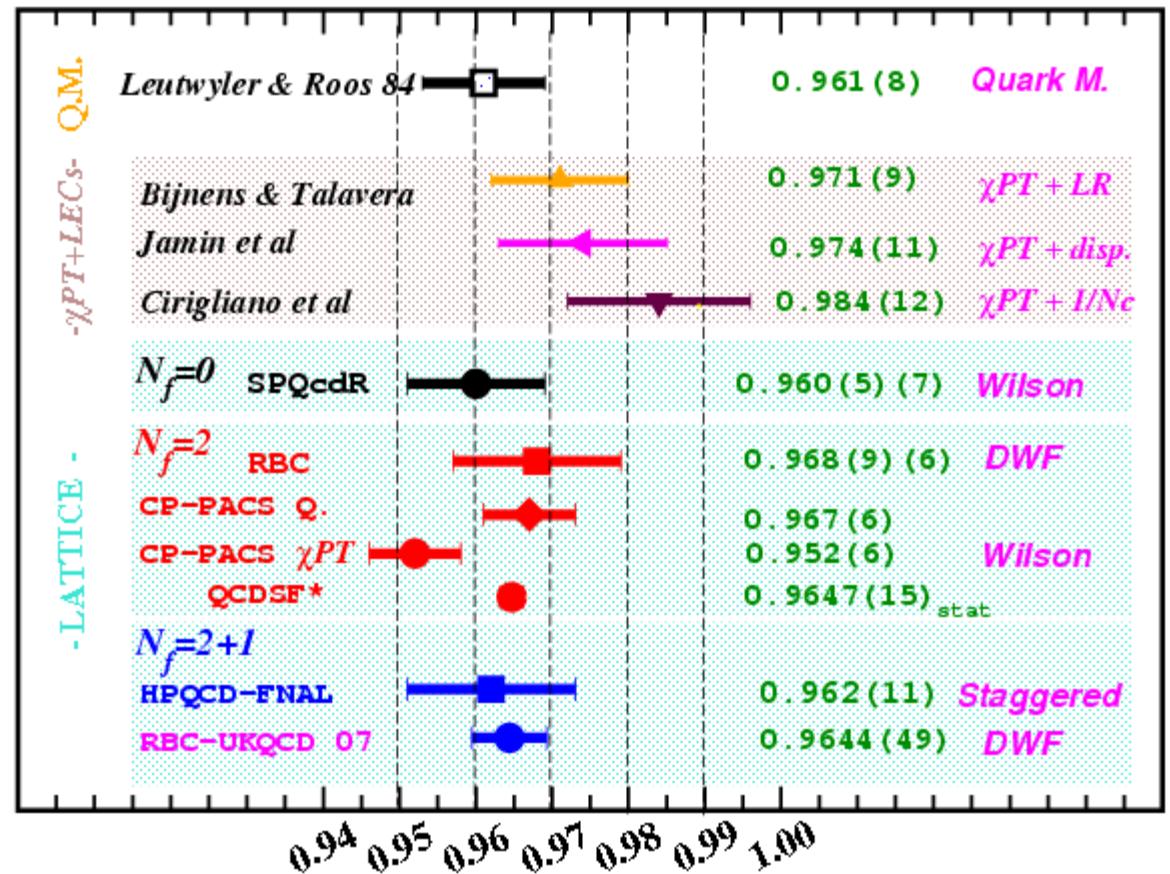
- $\tau$  decays:  $(r_{\mu e})_\tau = 1.0005(41)$  (PDG08)
- $\pi$  decays:  $(r_{\mu e})_\pi = 1.0042(33)$

# Theoretical estimate of $f_+(0)$

$$\Gamma(K_{l3(\gamma)}) = \frac{C_K^2 G_F^2 M_K^5}{192\pi^3} S_{EW} |V_{us}|^2 |f_+^{K^0\pi}(0)|^2 I_{K\ell}(\lambda_{+,0}) (1 + \delta^K_{SU(2)} + \delta^{K\ell}_{em})^2$$

Leutwyler & Roos estimate  
 still widely used:  
 $f_+(0) = 0.961(8)$ .

Lattice evaluations generally  
 agree well with this value;  
 use RBC-UKQCD07 value:  
 $f_+(0) = 0.9644(49)$  (0.5%  
 accuracy, also syst. err.).



# $V_{us}/V_{ud}$ determination from $\text{BR}(K_{\mu 2})$

$$\frac{\Gamma(K_{\mu 2(\gamma)})}{\Gamma(\pi_{\mu 2(\gamma)})} = \frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} \times \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} \times \frac{M_K(1-m_\mu^2/M_K^2)^2}{m_\pi(1-m_\mu^2/m_\pi^2)^2} \times (1+\alpha(C_K - C_\pi))$$

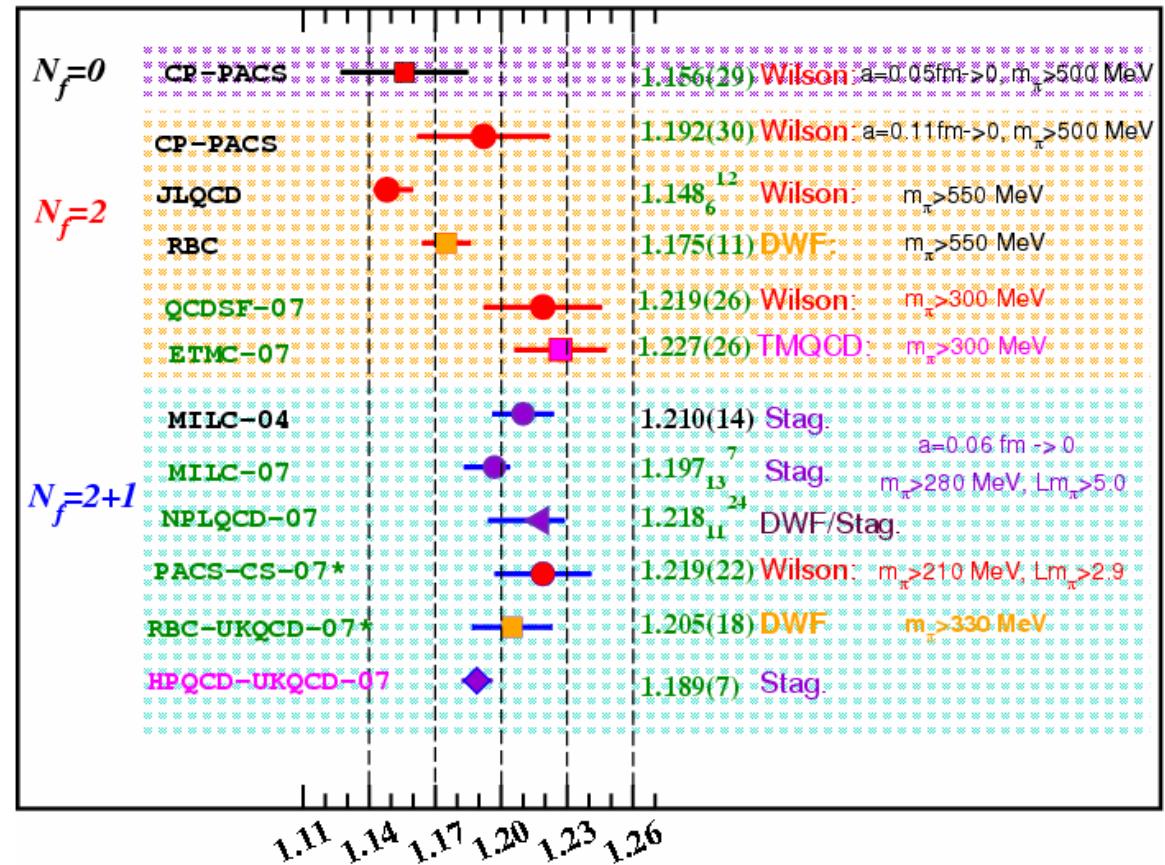
## Inputs from experiment:

$\Gamma(\pi, K_{l2(\gamma)})$  BR with well determined treatment of radiative decays; **lifetimes**

## Inputs from theory:

$C_{K,\pi}$  rad. inclusive EW corr.  
 $f_K/f_\pi$  Not protected by the Ademollo-Gatto theorem: only lattice.

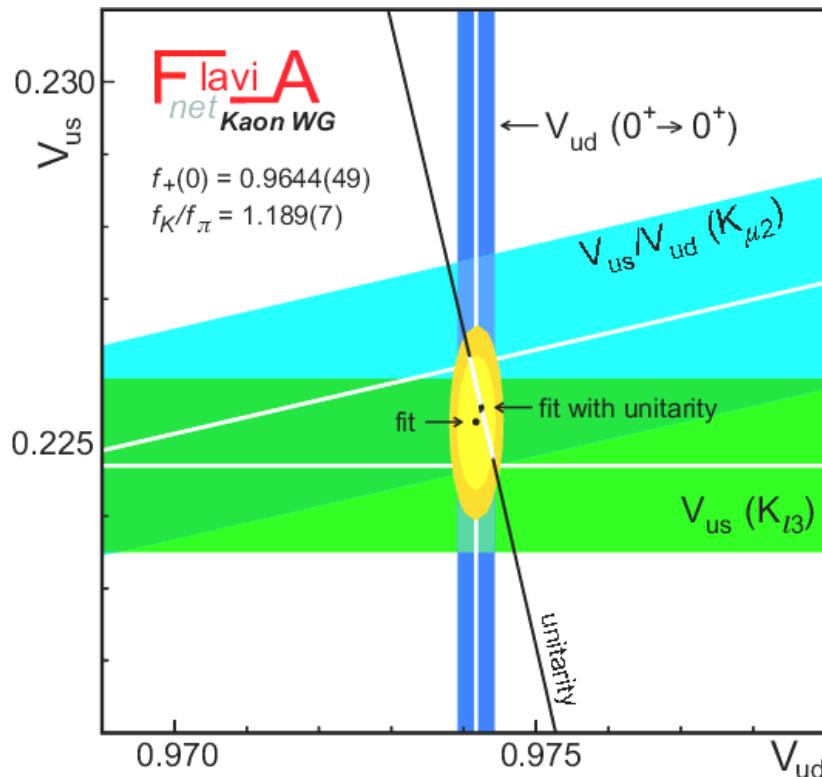
- Lattice calculation of  $f_K/f_\pi$  and radiative corrections benefit of cancellations.
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$$G_{\text{CKM}} \equiv G_\mu [ |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 ]^{1/2}$$

$$= (1.1662 \pm 0.0004) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$G_\mu = (1.166371 \pm 0.000007) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Fit (with CKM unitarity constraint):

$$V_{us} = \mathbf{0.2254(7)} \quad \chi^2/\text{ndf} = 0.60/2 \text{ (74\%)}$$

# A test of lattice calculations

Scalar form factor  $f_0(t) = \tilde{f}_0(t)f_+(0)$  extrapolation at **Callan-Treiman** point:

$$\tilde{f}_0(\Delta_{K\pi}) = \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} \frac{1}{f(0)} + \Delta_{CT}, \quad \Delta_{CT} \simeq -3.4 \times 10^{-3}$$

- links  $f_+(0)$  and  $f_K/f_\pi$  with  $\lambda_0$  measured in  $K\mu 3$  decays.

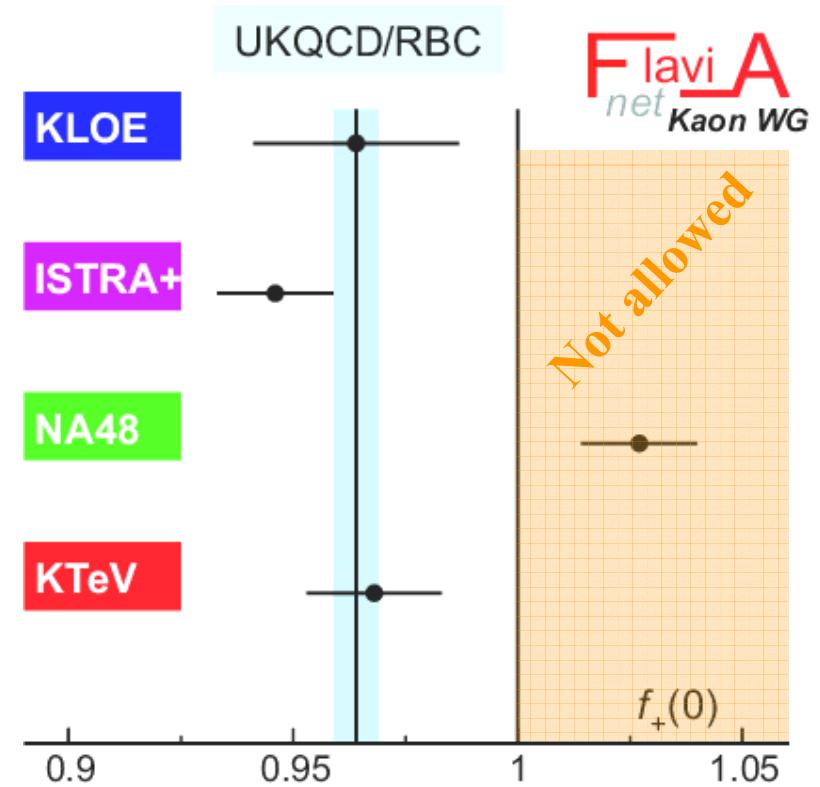
$\tilde{f}_0(\Delta_{K\pi})$  is evaluated fitting  $K_L\mu 3$  with a dispersive parameterization

$$\tilde{f}_0(t) = \exp \left( \frac{t}{\Delta_{K\pi}} \log(C - G(t)) \right)$$

$G(t)$  from  $K\pi$  scattering data.

To fit we use a 3<sup>rd</sup> order expansion

From CT, using  $f_K/f_\pi = 1.189(7)$  [HPQCD-UKQCD07] obtain:  $f_+(0) = 0.964(23)$  in agreement with RBC/UKQCD07 value:  $f_+(0) = 0.9644(49)$ .



# Experimental evaluation of $f_+(0)$ and $f_K/f_\pi$

$$\frac{\Gamma(K_{\mu 2(\gamma)})}{\Gamma(\pi_{\mu 2(\gamma)})} = \frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} \times \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} \times \frac{M_K(1-m_\mu^2/M_K^2)^2}{m_\pi(1-m_\mu^2/m_\pi^2)^2} \times (1+\alpha(C_K - C_\pi))$$

C: constant, including corrections.

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From decay rates      From Kl3      From nucl.  $\beta$ -decay

**Straight calculation from  $K\mu 2/\pi\mu 2$  relation:**

- $f_K/f_\pi/f_+(0) = 1.2409(46)$
  - using  $f_+(0) = 0.9644(49)$  obtains  $f_K/f_\pi = 1.1967(75)$
  - using  $f_K/f_\pi = 1.189(7)$  obtains  $f_+(0) = 0.9582(67)$
- $\left. \right\}$  ~1 $\sigma$  agreement between experimental and theoretical evaluations

# FlaviA Experimental evaluation of $f_+(0)$ and $f_K/f_\pi$

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From decay rates      From K13      From nucl.  $\beta$ -decay

- Obtain  $f_K/f_\pi$  and  $1/f_+(0)$  values from a fit (M.Moulson for the FlaviaNet Kaon WG):

- 3 inputs:  $V_{ud}=0.97425(23)$ ,  $|V_{us} f_+(0)|=0.21673(46)$ , and  $C=0.076197(322)$ ,

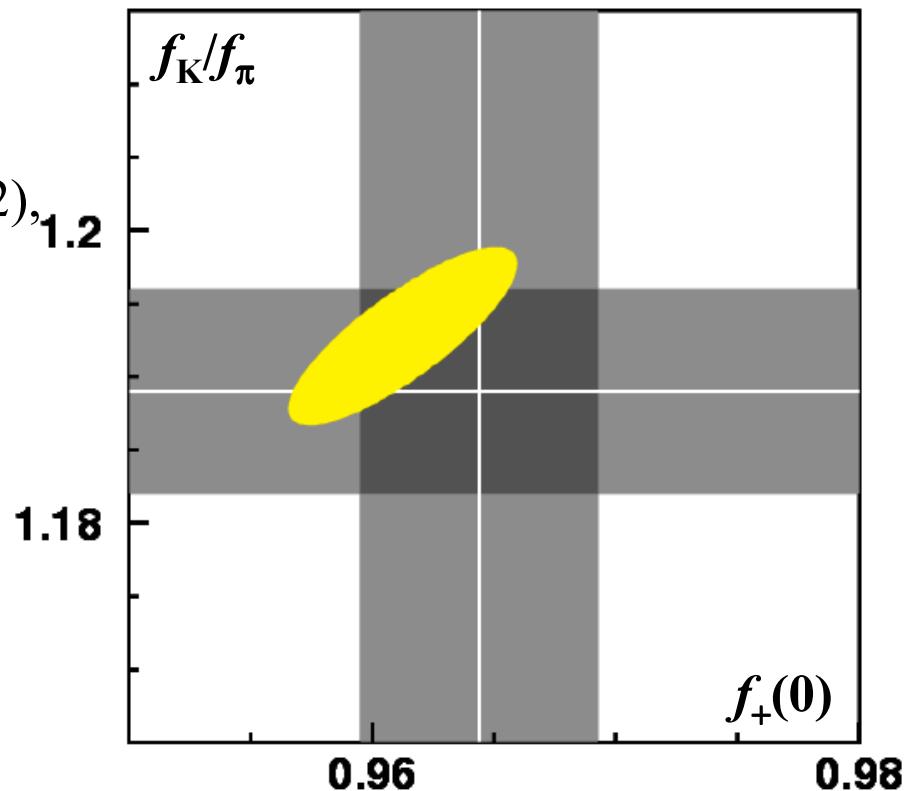
- 1 constraint:  $\Gamma(K\mu 2)/\Gamma(\pi\mu 2)$  relation

- obtain:

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.1928(61) \text{ and } f_+(0) = 0.9612(47)$$

with a correlation of 0.82 (complete correlation matrix available)

- Very good agreement with th. estimations:  $f_K/f_\pi = 1.189(7)$  and  $f_+(0) = 0.9644(49)$ .



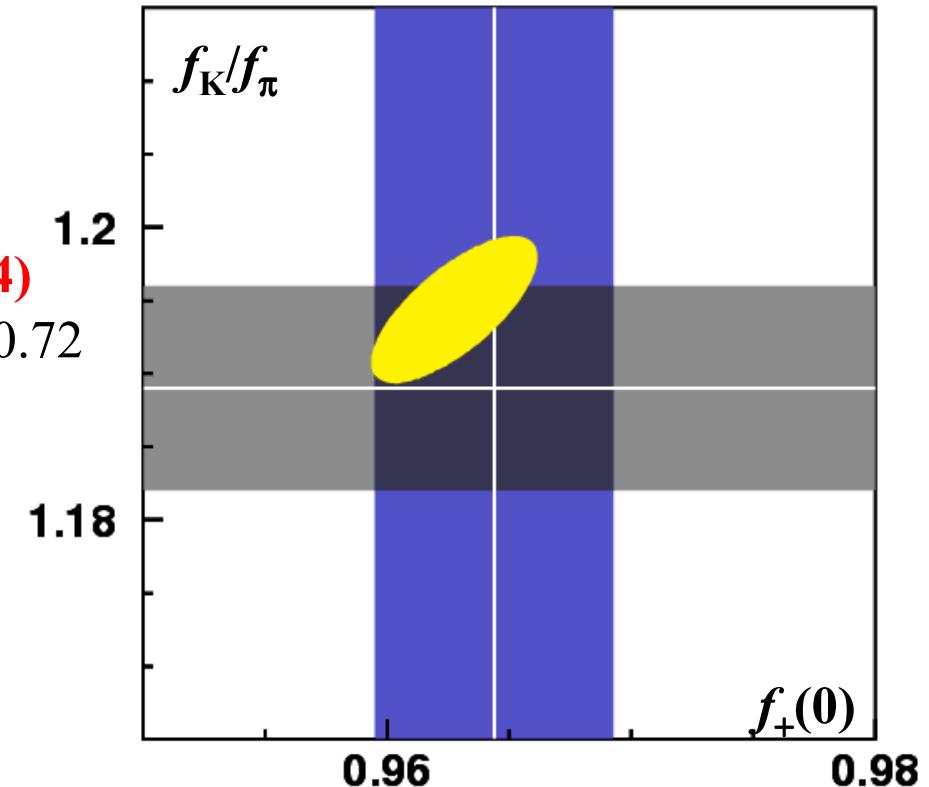
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- Obtain  $f_K/f_\pi$  and  $1/f_+(0)$  values from a fit:
    - one more input:  $f_+(0) = 0.9644(49)$
    - 1 constraint:  $\Gamma(K\mu 2)/\Gamma(\pi\mu 2)$  relation,
    - obtain:
- $f_K/f_\pi = 1.1944(50)$  and  $f_+(0) = 0.9628(34)$   
 with  $\chi^2=0.22/1$  (64%) and a correlation of 0.72  
 (complete correlation matrix available)
- Again very good agreement with th. estimations:  $f_K/f_\pi = 1.189(7)$  and  $f_+(0) = 0.9644(49)$  (used as fit input).



- Dominant  $K_S$ ,  $K_L$ , and  $K^\pm$  BRs, and lifetime known with very good accuracy.
- Dispersive approach for form factors.
- New *em* corrections for  $K\ell 3$ , with error matrix.
- Constant improvements from lattice calculations of  $f_+(0)$  and  $f_K/f_\pi$ :
  - lack of sys. errors; needed to average different evaluations.
  - Callan-Treiman relation allows checks from measurements;
  - experimental determination of  $f_+(0)$  and  $f_K/f_\pi$  from  $\Gamma(K\mu 2)/\Gamma(\pi\mu 2)$  relation.
- $|V_{us}|f_+(0)$  at 0.2% level.
- Test of LU with  $K\ell 3$  decays with 0.5% accuracy.
- $|V_{us}|$  measured with 0.4 accuracy (with  $f_+(0) = 0.9644(49)$ )
  - Dominant contribution to uncertainty on  $|V_{us}|$  still from  $f_+(0)$ .
  - CKM unitarity test satisfied at  $0.3\sigma$  level
  - test of lepton-quark universality
- Near future:  $K_S - K_L$  combined fit, deeper understanding of  $\tau^\pm$  and  $K_L \pi\pi$  determinations,....

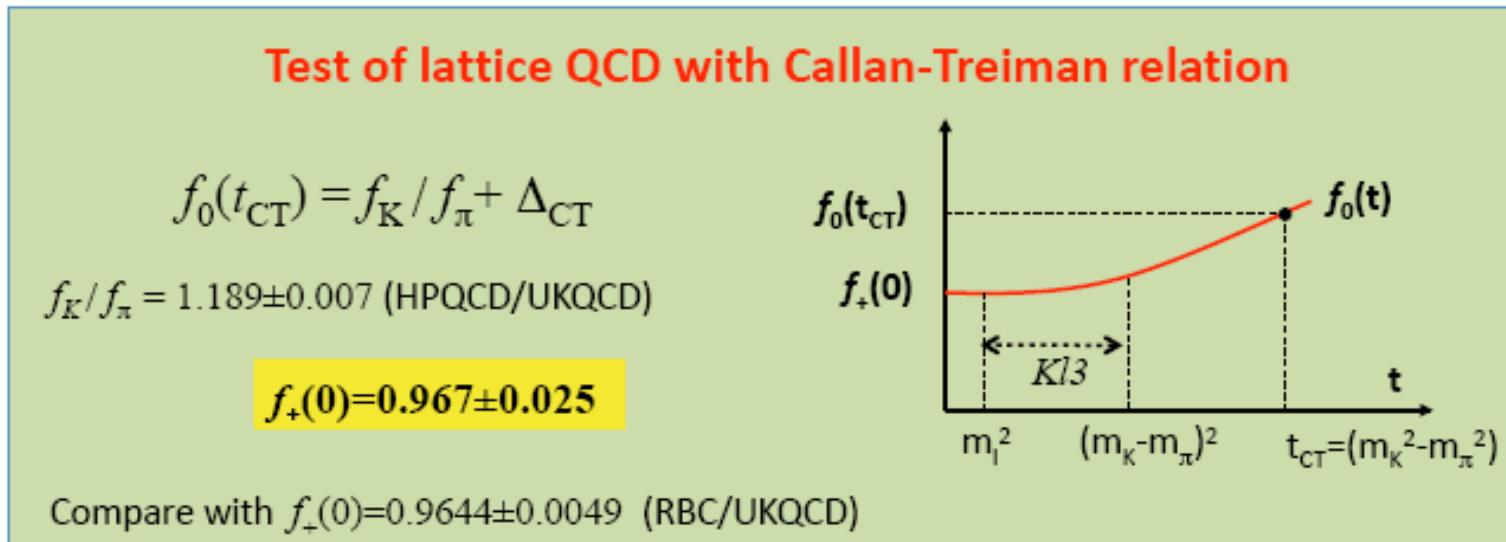
# *Additional information*

## Dispersive approach

New parametrizations based on dispersive relations (doubly-subtracted) and  $K\pi$  scattering data:  $f_+$  and  $f_0$  depend only on parameters  $\lambda_+$  and  $\lambda_0$

[ Passemar-Stern, Jamin-Pich]

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_+ &= (25.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3} && \text{Phase-space integrals change by} \\ \lambda_0 &= (14.0 \pm 2.1) \times 10^{-3} && 0.04\% \text{ and } 0.09\% \text{ for } K_{e3} \text{ and } K_{\mu 3} \\ \chi^2/\text{ndf} &= 2.6/3 \quad p = -0.26\end{aligned}$$



# $K_{\mu 2}$ : sensitivity to NP

Comparison of  $V_{us}$  from  $K_{\ell 2}$  (helicity suppressed) and from  $K_{\ell 3}$  (helicity allowed)

To reduce theoretical uncertainties study the quantity:

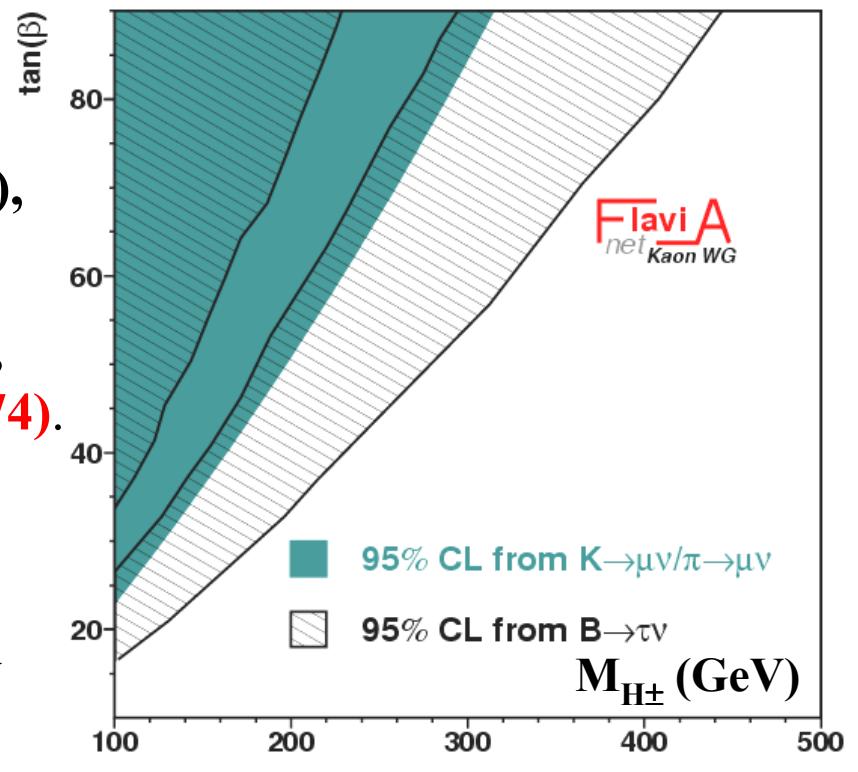
$$R_{l23} = \left| \frac{V_{us}(K_{\ell 2})}{V_{us}(K_{\ell 3})} \times \frac{V_{ud}(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+)}{V_{ud}(\pi_{\ell 2})} \right|$$

Within SM  $R_{l23} = 1$ ; NP effects can show as scalar currents due to a charged Higgs:

$$R_{l23} = \left| 1 - \frac{m_{K^+}^2}{M_{H^+}^2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_d}{m_s} \right) \frac{\tan^2 \beta}{1 + \epsilon_0 \tan \beta} \right|$$

**$R_{l23}$  is accessible via  $\text{BR}(K_{\mu 2})/\text{BR}(\pi_{\mu 2})$ ,  $V_{us} f_+(0)$ , and  $V_{ud}$ , and  $f_K/f_\pi/f_+(0)$  determinations.**

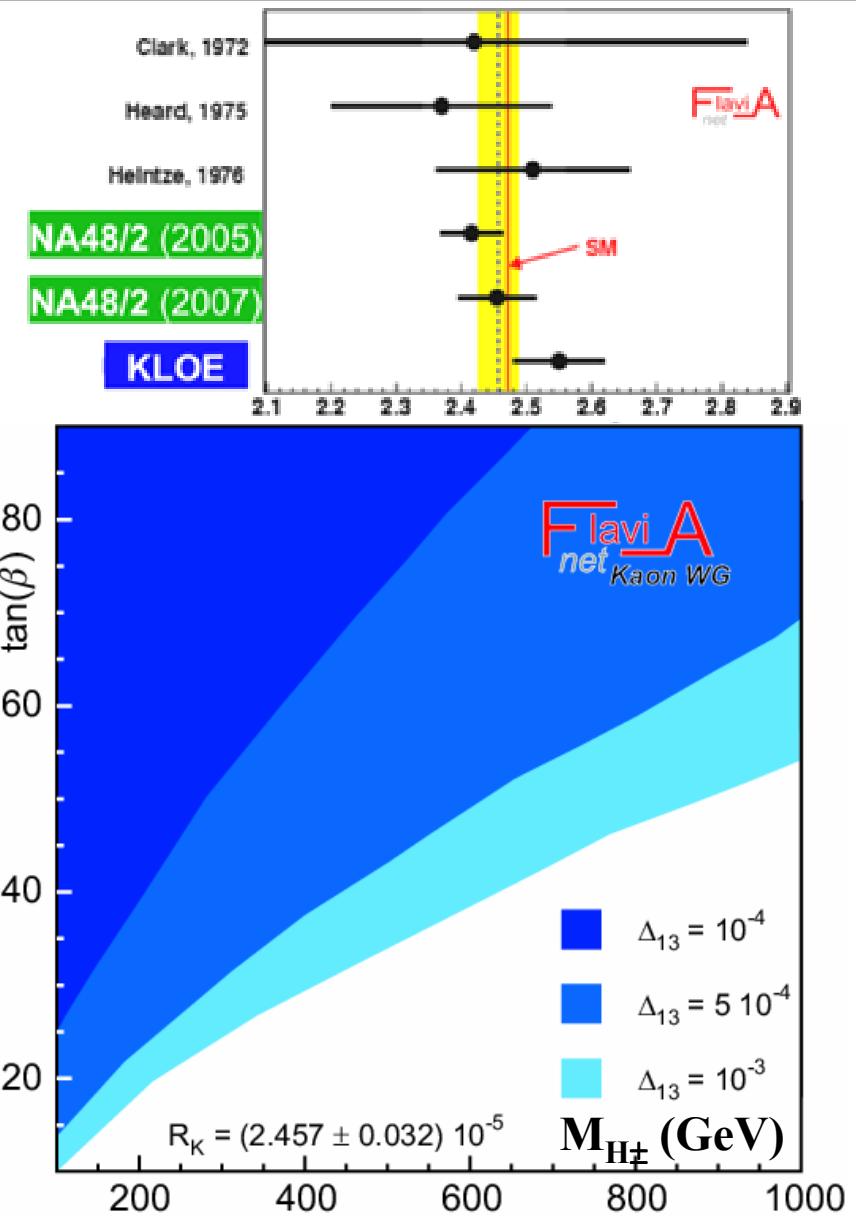
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- Uncertainty dominated by  $f_K/f_\pi/f_+(0)$ .
- 95% CL excluded region (with  $\epsilon_0 \sim 0.01$ ).
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# Measurement of $R_K = \Gamma(K_{e2})/\Gamma(K_{\mu 2})$

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- 2 preliminary meas. from NA48 (see M.Raggi talk); waiting for new data result.
- 1 preliminary from KLOE see (A.Passeri talk); waiting for final.

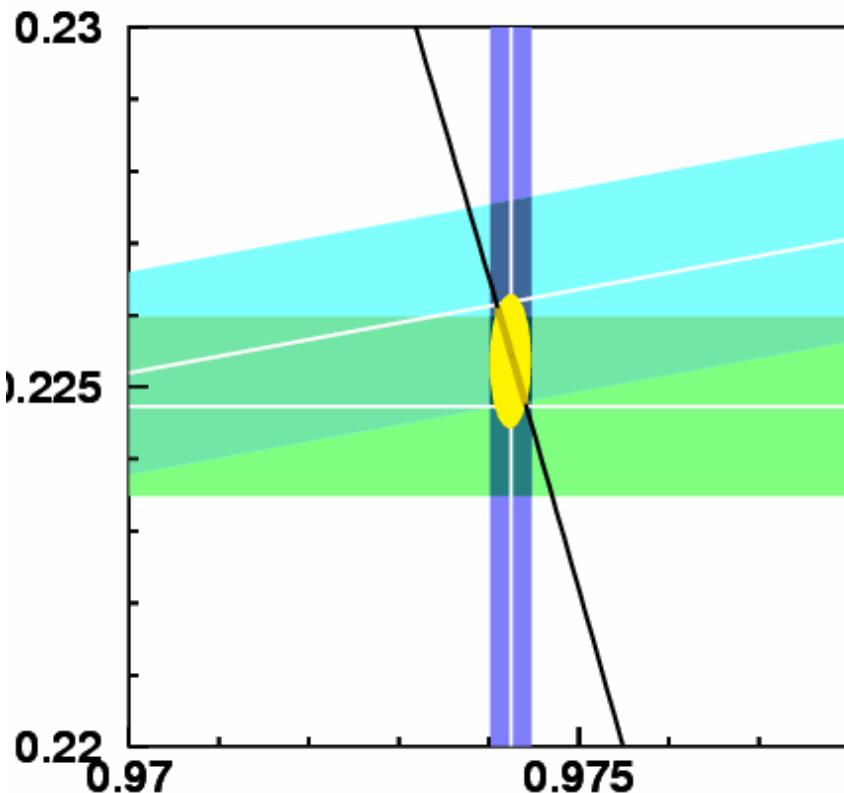
- New average:  $R_K = 2.457(32) \times 10^{-5}$ .
- Perfect agreement with SM expectations:  $R_K^{\text{SM}} = 2.477(1) \times 10^{-5}$ .
- In SUSY(MSSM) LFV appear at 1-loop level (effective  $H^+ \ell v_\tau$  Yukawa interaction). For moderately large  $\tan\beta$  values, enhance  $R_K$  up to few %.
- The world average gives strong constrains for  $\tan\beta$  and  $M_{H^\pm}$ .
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| $p_n$             | $\tilde{f}_+(t)$ | $\tilde{f}_0(t)$ |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| $p_2 \times 10^4$ | $5.84 \pm 0.93$  | $4.16 \pm 0.50$  |
| $p_3 \times 10^4$ | $0.30 \pm 0.02$  | $0.27 \pm 0.01$  |

**Table 1:** Constants appearing in the dispersive form of vector and scalar form factors.

$$\tilde{f}_0(t) = \exp \left[ \frac{t}{\Delta_{K\pi}} (\ln C - G(t)) \right]$$

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# With or without NA48 Kμ3 data

| Measurements                    | $K_L$ and $K^-$              |                              | $K_L$ only     |                |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 | 16                           | 11                           | 13             | 8              |
| $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$             | 54/13 ( $7 \times 10^{-7}$ ) | 33/8 ( $8 \times 10^{-5}$ )  | 13/9 (24.9%)   | 9/5 (12.3%)    |
| $\lambda'_+ \times 10^3$        | $24.9 \pm 1.1$ ( $S = 1.4$ ) | $24.0 \pm 1.5$ ( $S = 1.5$ ) | $25.0 \pm 0.8$ | $24.5 \pm 1.1$ |
| $\lambda''_+ \times 10^3$       | $1.6 \pm 0.5$ ( $S = 1.3$ )  | $2.0 \pm 0.6$ ( $S = 1.6$ )  | $1.6 \pm 0.4$  | $1.8 \pm 0.4$  |
| $\lambda_0 \times 10^3$         | $13.4 \pm 1.2$ ( $S = 1.9$ ) | $11.7 \pm 1.2$ ( $S = 1.7$ ) | $16.0 \pm 0.8$ | $14.8 \pm 1.1$ |
| $\rho(\lambda'_+, \lambda''_+)$ | -0.94                        | -0.97                        | -0.94          | -0.95          |
| $\rho(\lambda'_+, \lambda_0)$   | +0.33                        | +0.72                        | +0.26          | +0.28          |
| $\rho(\lambda''_+, \lambda_0)$  | -0.44                        | -0.70                        | -0.37          | -0.38          |
| $I(K_{e3}^0)$                   | 0.15457(29)                  | 0.1544(4)                    | 0.15459(20)    | 0.15446(27)    |
| $I(K_{e3}^\pm)$                 | 0.15892(30)                  | 0.1587(4)                    | 0.15894(21)    | 0.15881(28)    |
| $I(K_{\mu 3}^0)$                | 0.10212(31)                  | 0.1016(4)                    | 0.10268(20)    | 0.10236(28)    |
| $I(K_{\mu 3}^\pm)$              | 0.10507(32)                  | 0.1046(4)                    | 0.10559(20)    | 0.10532(29)    |
| $\rho(I_{e3}, I_{\mu 3})$       | +0.63                        | +0.89                        | +0.59          | +0.62          |

wNA48-w/oNA48: -0.00002 (0.01%)   -0.00006 (0.04%)    $\Delta I(K^0 e3)$   
 -0.00002 (0.01%)   -0.00011 (0.07%)    $\Delta I(K^\pm e3)$   
 -0.00056 (0.55%)   -0.00076 (0.75%)    $\Delta I(K^0 \mu 3)$   
 -0.00052 (0.49%)   -0.00072 (0.69%)    $\Delta I(K^\pm \mu 3)$

# Lepton universality from $K_{e2}/K_{\mu 2}$

SM: no hadronic uncertainties (no  $f_K$ )  $\rightarrow 0.4 \times 10^{-3}$

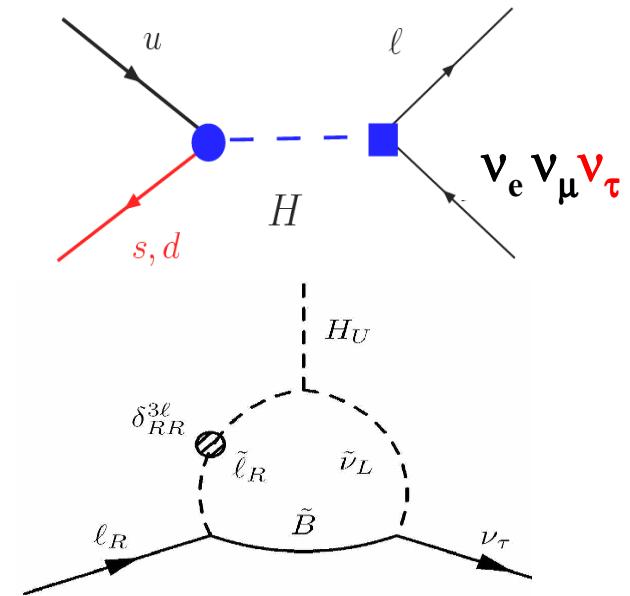
In MSSM, LFV can give up to % deviations [Masiero, Paradisi, Petronzio]

NP dominated by contribution of  $e v_\tau$

$$R_K \approx \frac{\Gamma(K \rightarrow e v_e) + \Gamma(K \rightarrow e v_\tau)}{\Gamma(K \rightarrow \mu v_\mu)}$$

with effective coupling:

$$e H^\pm \nu_\tau \rightarrow \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{m_\tau}{M_W} \Delta_R^{31} \tan^2 \beta$$



→  $R_K \approx R_K^{\text{SM}} \left[ 1 + \frac{m_K^4}{m_H^4} - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_e^2} |\Delta_R^{31}|^2 \tan^6 \beta \right]$

1% effect ( $\Delta_R^{31} \sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $\tan \beta \sim 40$ ,  $m_H \sim 500 \text{ GeV}$ ) not unnatural

**Present accuracy on  $R_K$  @ 6% ; need for precise (<1%) measurements**

# Vector form factor from $K_{e3}$

- Quadratic from ISTRAP, KLOE, KTeV, NA48 with  $K_L$  and  $K^-$  decays.

| $K_L$ and $K^-$ data            |                                   | $K_L$ data only                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 | 4 measurements                    | 3 measurements                    |
|                                 | $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 5.3/6$ (51%) | $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 4.7/4$ (32%) |
| $\lambda'_+ \times 10^3$        | $25.2 \pm 0.9$                    | $24.9 \pm 1.1$                    |
| $\lambda''_+ \times 10^3$       | $1.6 \pm 0.4$                     | $1.6 \pm 0.5$                     |
| $\rho(\lambda'_+, \lambda''_+)$ | -0.94                             | -0.95                             |
| $I(K_{e3}^0)$                   | 0.15465(24)                       | 0.15456(31)                       |
| $I(K_{e3}^\pm)$                 | 0.15901(24)                       | 0.15891(32)                       |

- The significance of the quadratic term is  $4.2\sigma$  from all data and  $3.5\sigma$  from  $K_L$  only.
- Using all data or  $K_L$  only changes the space phase integrals  $I^0_{e3}$  and  $I^\pm_{e3}$  by 0.07% .
- Errors on  $I_{e3}$  are significantly smaller when  $K^-$  data are included.

# Vector form factor from $K_{e3}$

- KLOE, KTeV, NA48 quote value for  $M_V$  for pole fit to  $K_L e3$  data.

| Experiment | $M_V$ (MeV)       | $\langle M_V \rangle = 875 \pm 5$ MeV                                |
|------------|-------------------|--|
| KLOE       | $870 \pm 6 \pm 7$ | $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 1.8/2$  |
| KTeV       | $881.03 \pm 7.11$ | $\lambda'_+ \times 10^3 = 25.42(31)$                                 |
| NA48       | $859 \pm 18$      | $\lambda''_+ = 2 \times \lambda'^2_+$<br>$I(K_{e3}^0) = 0.15470(19)$ |

- The values for  $\lambda'_+$  and  $\lambda''_+$  from pole expansion are in agreement with quadratic fit results.
- Using quadratic averages or pole fit results changes  $I^0_{e3}$  by 0.03% .

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## Experimental evaluation of $f_+(0)$ and $f_K/f_\pi$

Correlation matrix:

|         |         |         |         |          |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| +1.0000 | +0.0003 | -0.0008 | -0.0001 | Free fit |
| +0.0003 | +1.0000 | -0.0002 | +0.9007 |          |
| -0.0008 | -0.0002 | +1.0000 | +0.4338 |          |
| -0.0001 | +0.9007 | +0.4338 | +1.0000 |          |
| +0.4147 | +0.9098 | -0.0006 | +0.8196 |          |

Correlation matrix:

|         |         |         |         |                                     |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| +1.0000 | +0.0014 | -0.0021 | +0.0001 | Use also $f_+(0)$ value<br>as input |
| +0.0014 | +1.0000 | -0.2576 | +0.8313 |                                     |
| -0.0021 | -0.2576 | +1.0000 | +0.3223 |                                     |
| +0.0001 | +0.8313 | +0.3223 | +1.0000 |                                     |
| +0.5037 | +0.8641 | -0.2237 | +0.7184 |                                     |

## $K_{l3}$ decays, $V_{us}$ , and CKM unitarity

At present, most precise test of CKM unitarity is from  $K_{l3}$  decays.

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 \equiv 1 - \Delta$$

$0^+ \rightarrow 0^+ \beta$  decays:  $2|V_{ud}|\delta V_{ud} = 0.001$   
 $K_{l3}$  decays:  $2|V_{us}|\delta V_{us} < 0.001$

→ 2002      Old  $K_{l3}$  data give  $\Delta = 0.0035(15)$   
 (2004 PDG)      A  $2.3\sigma$  hint of unitarity violation?

2003      BNL 865 measures  $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu) = 5.13(10)\%$   
 Value for  $V_{us}$  consistent with unitarity

2004-2006      Many new measurements from KTeV, KLOE, ISTRA+, NA48  
 • BRs, lifetimes, form-factor slopes  
 • Much higher statistics than older measurements  
 • Importance of radiative corrections  
 • Proper reporting of correlations between measurements

2005 CKM  
WG1 report       $|V_{us}|f_+(0) = 0.2173(8)$ : unitarity to better than  $1\sigma$   
 Includes many (but not all) of these important developments

This talk      Update with all recent measurements (even if preliminary)

$V_{us}$  from kaon decays - M. Moulson for the FlaviaNet Kaon Working Group - CKM 2006 - Nagoya, Japan - 15 Dec 2006

M.Moulson - CKM 2006

## Summary and outlook

- Several new  $K^\pm$  measurements! None yet published
- BR/lifetime fits for both  $K_L$  and  $K^\pm$  have  $\chi^2$  probability  $\sim 5\%$   
For  $K^\pm$ , new measurements in normalization channels could help
- New NA48  $K\mu 3$  form-factor slopes disagree with other data
- Accuracy of  $\Delta^{SU(2)}$ ,  $\Delta^{\text{EM}}$  a significant issue for charged modes  
Some evidence that  $\Delta^{SU(2)}$  may be underestimated
- Experimental uncertainty on  $|V_{us}|f_+(0)$  at 0.2% level
- Dominant contribution to uncertainty on  $|V_{us}|$  still from  $f_+(0)$
- With  $f_+(0) = 0.961(8)$ , first-row unitarity test satisfied at  $\sim 1\sigma$  level

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$$K_{l3} \text{ average: } |V_{us}|f_+(0) = 0.21686(49)$$

Analysis of leptonic and semileptonic kaon decays data

- provide precise determination of **fundamental SM couplings**;
- set stringent SM tests, almost **free from hadronic uncertainties**;
- discriminate between **different NP scenarios**.

$$\Gamma(K_{\ell 3(\gamma)}) = \frac{G_F^2 m_K^5}{192\pi^3} C_K S_{\text{ew}} |V_{us}|^2 f_+(0)^2 I_K^\ell(\lambda_{+,0}) \left(1 + \delta_{SU(2)}^K + \delta_{\text{em}}^{K\ell}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(K_{\ell 2(\gamma)}^\pm)}{\Gamma(\pi_{\ell 2(\gamma)}^\pm)} = \left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right|^2 \frac{f_K^2 m_K}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi} \left( \frac{1 - m_\ell^2/m_K^2}{1 - m_\ell^2/m_\pi^2} \right)^2 \times (1 + \delta_{\text{em}})$$

- Test **unitarity of the quark mixing matrix** ( $V_{\text{CKM}}$ ):

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1 + \epsilon_{\text{NP}} \quad \epsilon_{\text{NP}} \sim M_W^2/\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2$$

→ present precision on  $V_{us}$  (dominant source of error) and  $V_{ub}$  negligible ( $|V_{ub}|^2 \sim 10^{-5}$ ) set bounds on NP well above 1 TeV.

- Comparison of  $K e 3$  and  $K \mu 3$  modes, tests the **lepton universality**.