

V_{us} from kaon decays

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V_{us} from $K_{\ell 3}$: Déjà vu all over again?

→ 2002 (2004 PDG)	Old $K_{\ell 3}$ data give $\Delta_{\text{CKM}} = 1 - V_{ud} ^2 - V_{us} ^2 = 0.0035(15)$ A 2.3σ 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
2004-2008 (mostly)	Many new measurements from KTeV, ISTRA+, KLOE, NA48 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BRs, lifetimes, form-factor slopes• Much higher statistics than older measurements• Importance of radiative corrections• Proper reporting of correlations between measurements
2008-present	Much progress on hadronic constants from lattice QCD Value of V_{us} used in precision tests of the Standard Model
2018-present	New evaluation of radiative corrections for V_{ud} ~ 3σ evidence of unitarity violation in first row ~ 2σ tension between results for V_{us} from $K_{\ell 3}$ and $K_{\mu 2}$

Determination of V_{us} from $K_{\ell 3}$ data

$$\Gamma(K_{\ell 3(\gamma)}) = \frac{C_K^2 G_F^2 m_K^5}{192\pi^3} S_{\text{EW}} |V_{us}|^2 |f_+^{K^0\pi^-}(0)|^2 \times I_{K\ell}(\lambda_{K\ell}) \left(1 + 2\Delta_K^{SU(2)} + 2\Delta_{K\ell}^{\text{EM}}\right)$$

with $K \in \{K^+, K^0\}$; $\ell \in \{e, \mu\}$, and:

C_K^2 1/2 for K^+ , 1 for K^0

S_{EW} Universal SD EW correction (1.0232)

Inputs from experiment:

- $\Gamma(K_{\ell 3(\gamma)})$ Rates with well-determined treatment of radiative decays:
 - Branching ratios
 - Kaon lifetimes

- $I_{K\ell}(\{\lambda\}_{K\ell})$ Integral of form factor over phase space: λ s parameterize evolution in t
 - K_{e3} : Only λ_+ (or λ'_+ , λ''_+)
 - $K_{\mu 3}$: Need λ_+ and λ_0

Inputs from theory:

$f_+^{K^0\pi^-}(0)$ Hadronic matrix element (form factor) at zero momentum transfer ($t = 0$)

$\Delta_K^{SU(2)}$ Form-factor correction for $SU(2)$ breaking

$\Delta_{K\ell}^{\text{EM}}$ Form-factor correction for long-distance EM effects

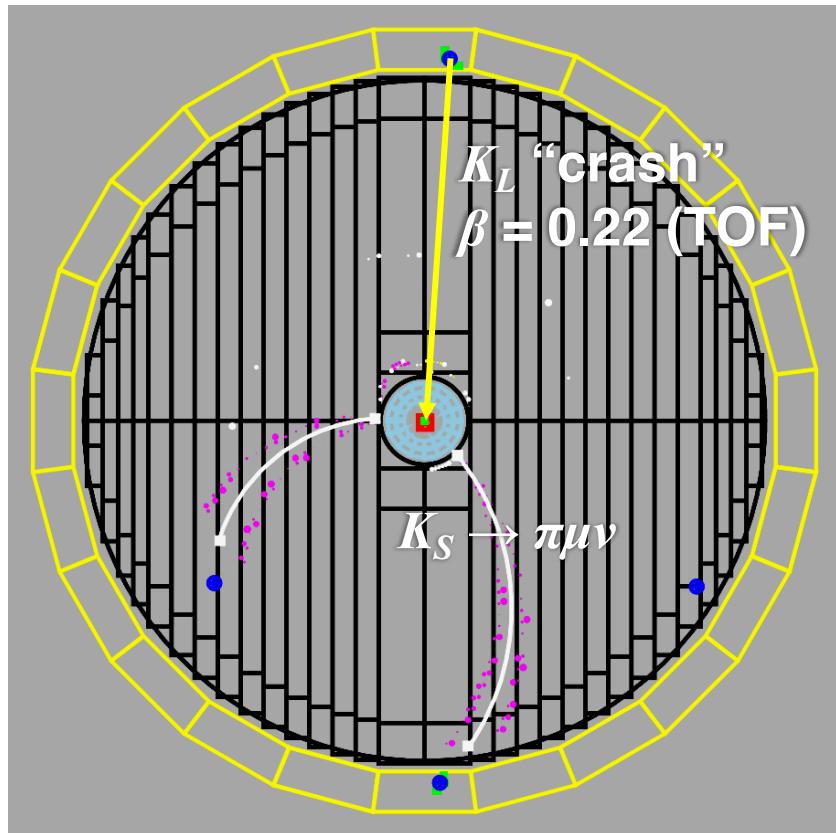
Modern experimental data for V_{us} from $K_{\ell 3}$

Experiment	Measurement	Year
BNL865	$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0_D e^+ \nu)/\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0_D X^+)$	2003
KTeV	$\tau(K_S)$	2003
	$\text{BR}(K_{Le3}), \text{BR}(K_{L\mu 3}), \lambda_+(K_{Le3}), \lambda_{+,0}(K_{L\mu 3})$	2004
ISTRAP+	$\lambda_+(K^-_{e3}), \lambda_{+,0}(K^-_{e3})$	2004
KLOE	$\tau(K_L)$	2005
	$\text{BR}(K_{Le3}), \text{BR}(K_{L\mu 3}), \text{BR}(K_{Se3}), \lambda_+(K_{Le3})$	2006
	$\lambda_{+,0}(K_{L\mu 3})$	2007
	$\tau(K^\pm), \text{BR}(K_{Le3}), \text{BR}(K_{L\mu 3})$	2008
NA48	$\tau(K_S)$	2002
	$\text{BR}(K_{Le3}/2 \text{ tracks}), \lambda_+(K_{Le3})$	2004
	$\Gamma(K_{Se3}/K_{Le3}), \lambda_{+,0}(K_{L\mu 3})$	2007
NA48/2	$\text{BR}(K^+_{e3}/\pi^+\pi^0), \text{BR}(K^+_{\mu 3}/\pi^+\pi^0)$	2007

Above data set used for 2010 FlaviaNet review (fits, averages, etc.)

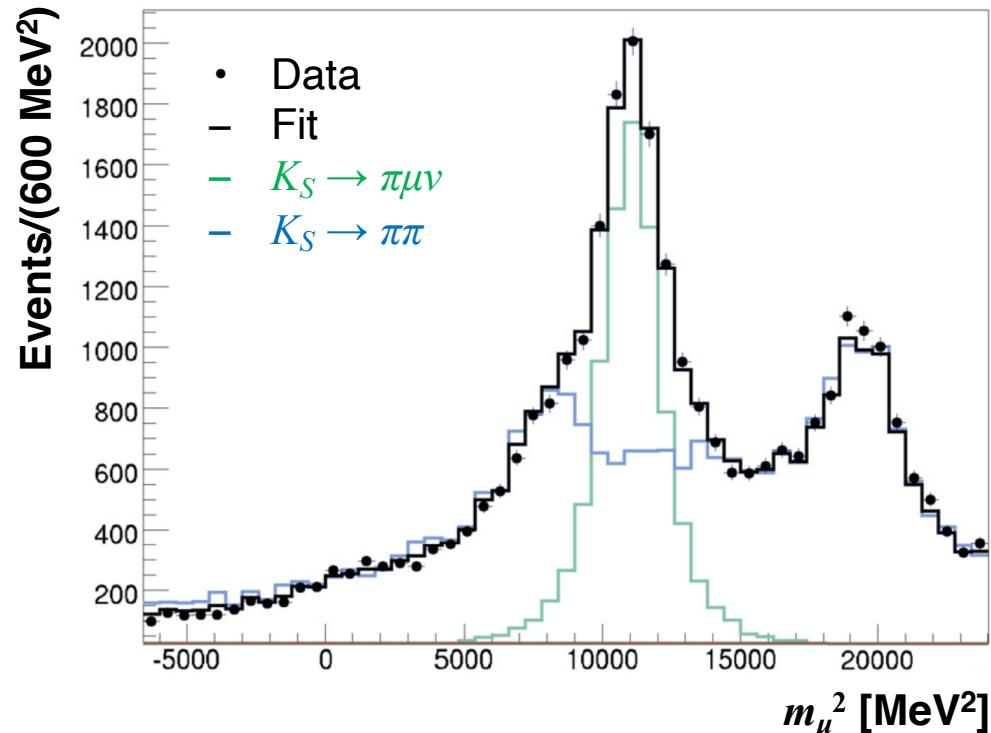
$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi\mu\nu)$ from KLOE-2

K_S from $\phi \rightarrow K_L K_S$ tagged by
 K_L interaction in calorimeter barrel



Preselection with kinematic BDT and time-of-flight $\pi\mu$ assignment

$$\text{Fit to } m_\mu^2 = (E_{KS} - E_\pi - p_{\text{miss}})^2 - \mathbf{p}_\mu^2$$



KLOE-2
PLB 804 (2020)

$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi\mu\nu) = (4.56 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-4}$
First measurement of this BR

Dominant systematic
from $\pi\mu$ PID by TOF

$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi e \nu)$ from KLOE-2

K_S lifetime known very precisely: Precision on V_{us} limited only by $\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi e \nu)$

KLOE-2

PLB 636 (2006)

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi e \nu) = (7.05 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-4}$$

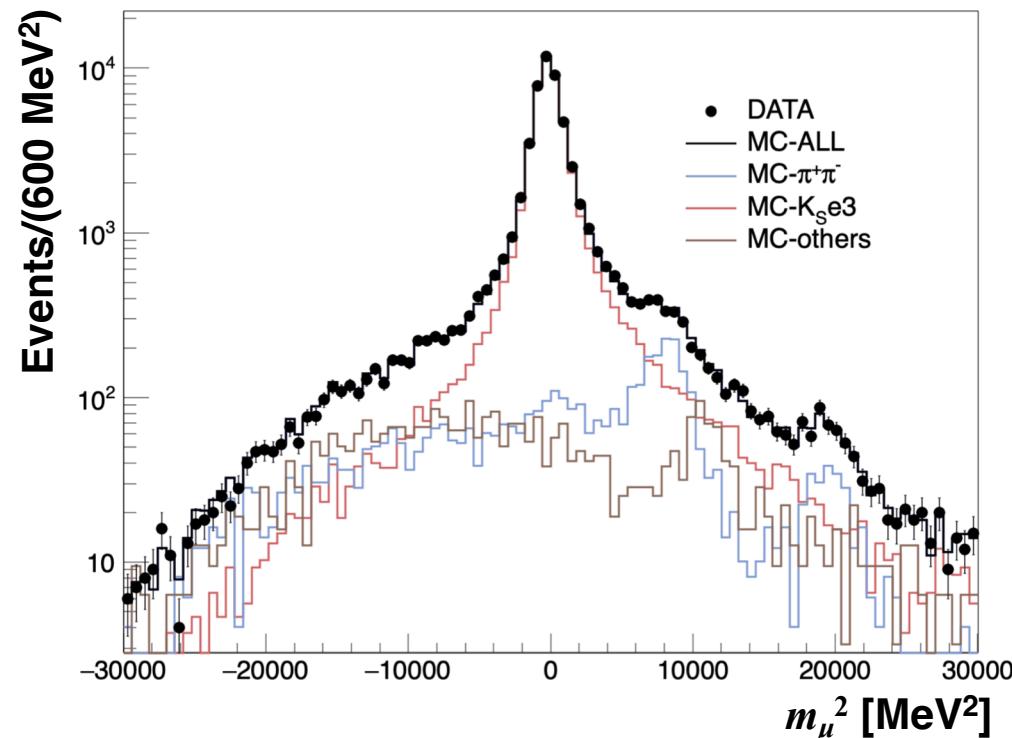
Previous best measurement, 0.4 fb^{-1} : 1.3% uncertainty

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and time-of-flight πe assignment

Fit to $m_e^2 = (E_{KS} - E_\pi - p_{\text{miss}})^2 - \mathbf{p}_e^2$

Reconstruction systematics:
MC validation with $K_L \rightarrow \pi e \nu$
control sample



KLOE-2

2208.04872

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi e \nu) = (7.153 \pm 0.037 \pm 0.043) \times 10^{-4}$$

$0.4 + 1.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$: 0.8% uncertainty

Fit to K_S rate data (2022)

7 input measurements:

KLOE '06 BR $\pi^0\pi^0/\pi^+\pi^-$

NA48 $\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi e v)/\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi e v)$, τ_S

KLOE '11 τ_S

KTeV '11 τ_S

KLOE-2 '22 BR $\pi e v/\pi^+\pi^-$ **New!**

KLOE-2 '20 BR $\pi\mu\nu/\pi^+\pi^-$

2 possible constraints:

- $\Sigma \text{BR} = 1$
- $\text{BR}(K_{e3})/\text{BR}(K_{\mu 3}) = 0.6640(17)$

From ratio of phase-space integrals from current fit to dispersive $K_{\ell 3}$ form factor parameters

Parameter	Value
$\text{BR}(\pi^+\pi^-(\gamma))$	69.20(5)%
$\text{BR}(\pi^0\pi^0)$	30.69(5)%
$\text{BR}(K_{e3})$	$7.15(6) \times 10^{-4}$
$\text{BR}(K_{\mu 3})$	$4.56(20) \times 10^{-4}$
τ_S	89.58(4) ns

$$\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 0.36/3 \text{ (Prob = 95%)}$$

Little correlation for K_{e3} $K_{\mu 3}$ from fit

10-20% correlations with $\pi^0\pi^0/\pi^+\pi^-$

Input measurements
essentially unchanged

Only sum constraint used for fit

Fit to K_L rate data (2010)

21 input measurements:

5 KTeV ratios

NA48 BR($K_{e3}/2$ track)

4 KLOE BRs

with dependence on τ_L

KLOE, NA48 BR($\pi^+\pi^-/K_{\ell 3}$)

KLOE, NA48 BR($\gamma\gamma/3\pi^0$)

BR($2\pi^0/\pi^+\pi^-$) from K_S fit, Re ε'/ε

KLOE τ_L from $3\pi^0$

Vosburgh '72 τ_L

KTeV BR($\pi^+\pi^-\gamma/\pi^+\pi^-(\gamma)$)

E731, 2 KTeV BR($\pi^+\pi^-\gamma_{\text{DE}}/\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$)

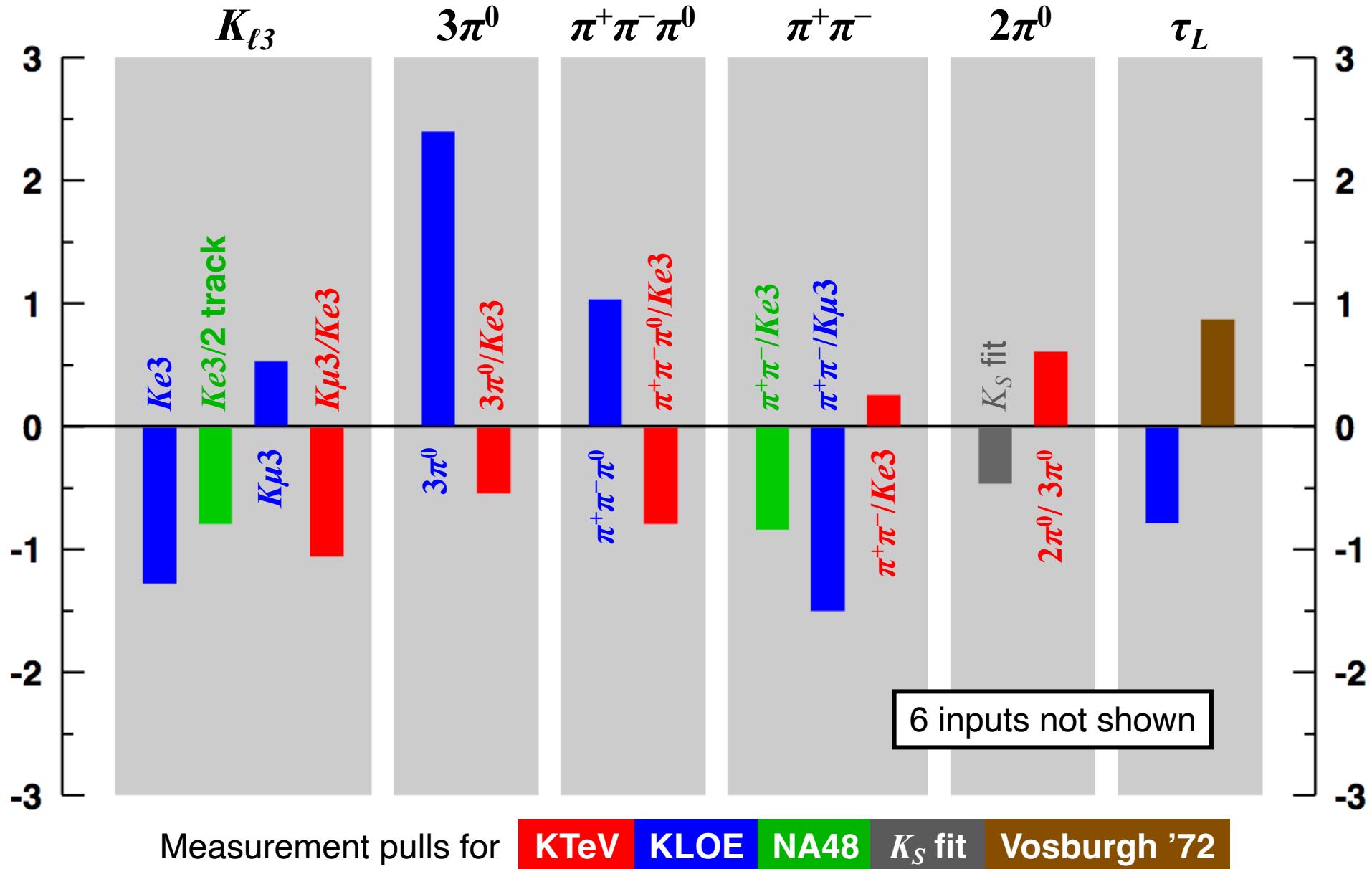
Parameter	Value	S
$\text{BR}(K_{e3})$	0.4056(9)	1.3
$\text{BR}(K_{\mu 3})$	0.2704(10)	1.5
$\text{BR}(3\pi^0)$	0.1952(9)	1.2
$\text{BR}(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$	0.1254(6)	1.3
$\text{BR}(\pi^+\pi^-(\gamma_{\text{IB}}))$	$1.967(7) \times 10^{-3}$	1.1
$\text{BR}(\pi^+\pi^-\gamma)$	$4.15(9) \times 10^{-5}$	1.6
$\text{BR}(\pi^+\pi^-\gamma_{\text{DE}})$	$2.84(8) \times 10^{-5}$	1.3
$\text{BR}(2\pi^0)$	$8.65(4) \times 10^{-4}$	1.4
$\text{BR}(\gamma\gamma)$	$5.47(4) \times 10^{-4}$	1.1
τ_L	51.16(21) ns	1.1

$\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 19.8/12$ (Prob = 7.0%)

Essentially same result as 2010 fit

Current PDG (since '09): 37.4/17 (0.30%)

Comparison: K_L fit result vs. input data



Fit to K^\pm rate data (2014)

17 input measurements:

3 old τ values in PDG

KLOE τ

KLOE BR $\mu\nu, \pi\pi^0$

KLOE BR $K_{e3}, K_{\mu 3}$

with dependence on τ

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

E865 BR $K_{e3}/KD\alpha l$

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

KEK-246 $K_{\mu 3}/K_{e3}$

KLOE BR $\pi\pi\pi, \pi\pi^0\pi^0$

(Bisi '65 BR $\pi\pi^0\pi^0/\pi\pi\pi$ removed)

1 constraint: Σ BR = 1

Much more selective than PDG fit

PDG '16: 35 inputs, 8 parameters

Parameter	Value	S
BR($\mu\nu$)	63.58(11)%	1.1
BR($\pi\pi^0$)	20.64(7)%	1.1
BR($\pi\pi\pi$)	5.56(4)%	1.0
BR(K_{e3})	5.088(27)%	1.2
BR($K_{\mu 3}$)	3.366(30)%	1.9
BR($\pi\pi^0\pi^0$)	1.764(25)%	1.0
τ_\pm	12.384(15) ns	1.2

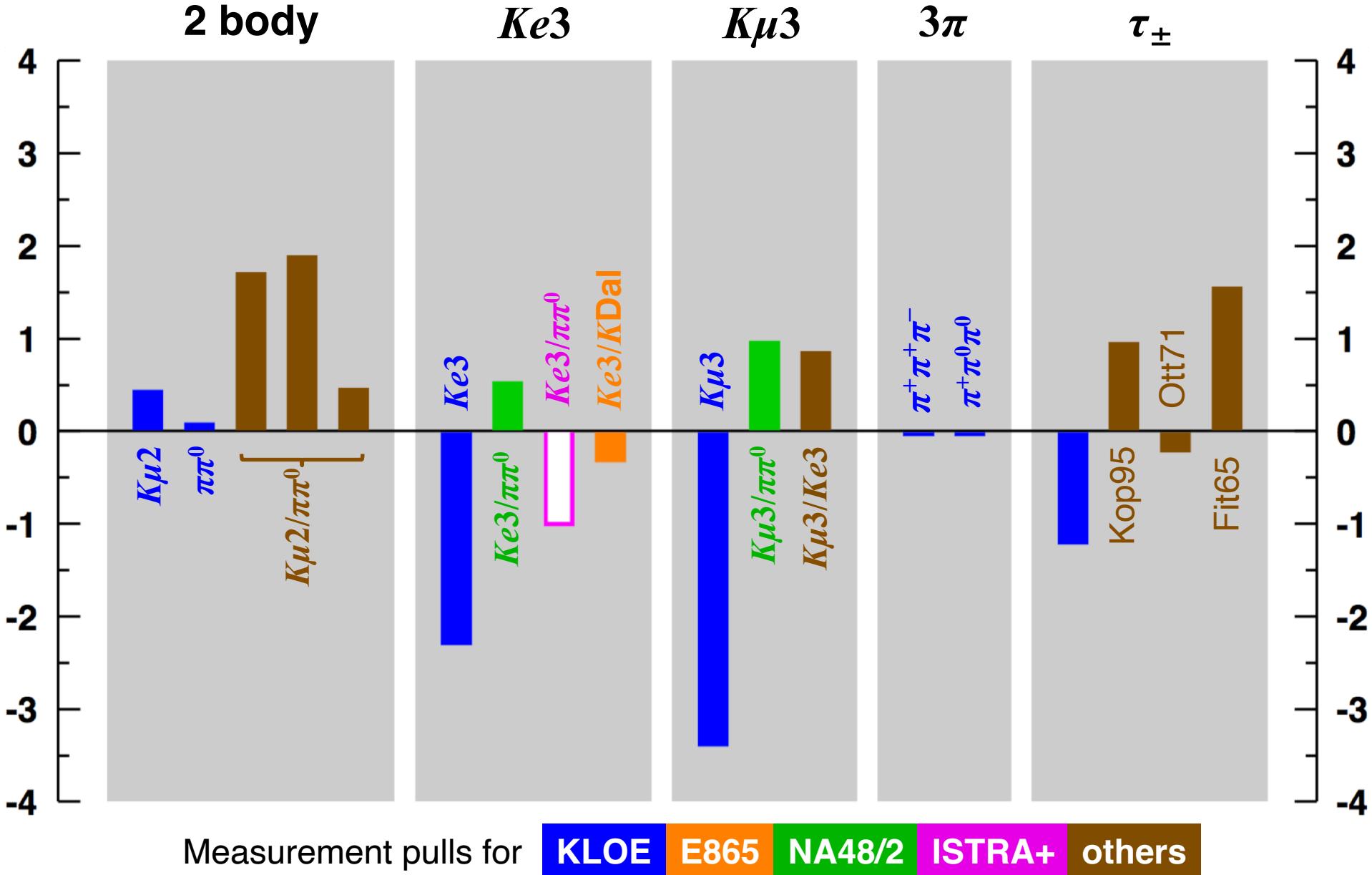
$\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 25.5/11$ (Prob = 0.78%)

compare PDG '16: 53/28 (0.26%)

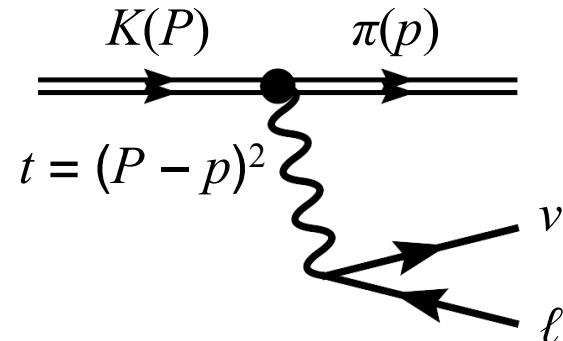
With **ISTRAP+ '14** BR($K_{e3}^-/\pi^- \pi^0$)

- BR(K_{e3}) = 5.083(27)%
- Negligible changes in other parameters, fit quality

Comparison: K^\pm fit result vs. input data



$K_{\ell 3}$ form factors



Hadronic matrix element:

$$\langle \pi | J_\alpha | K \rangle = f(0) \times [\tilde{f}_+(t)(P + p)_\alpha + \tilde{f}_-(t)(P - p)_\alpha]$$

K_{e3} decays: Only **vector form factor**: $\tilde{f}_+(t)$

$K_{\mu 3}$ decays: Also need **scalar form factor**: $\tilde{f}_0(t) = \tilde{f}_+ + \tilde{f}_- \frac{t}{m_K^2 - m_\pi^2}$

For V_{us} , need integral over phase space of squared matrix element:

Parameterize form factors and fit distributions in t (or related variables)

Parameterizations based on systematic expansions

Taylor expansion:

$$\tilde{f}_{+,0}(t) = 1 + \lambda_{+,0} \left(\frac{t}{m_{\pi^+}^2} \right)$$

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

Notes:

Many parameters: $\lambda_+', \lambda_+', \lambda_0', \lambda_0''$

Large correlations, unstable fits

Higher-order terms ignored

$K_{\ell 3}$ form-factor parameterizations

Parameterizations incorporating physical constraints

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

Notes:

What does M_S correspond to?

Dispersion relations:

$$\tilde{f}_+(t) = \exp \left[\frac{t}{m_\pi^2} (\Lambda_+ - H(t)) \right]$$

$$\tilde{f}_0(t) = \exp \left[\frac{t}{m_K^2 - m_\pi^2} (\ln C - G(t)) \right]$$

Notes:

Allows tests of ChPT & low-energy dynamics

$H(t)$, $G(t)$ evaluated from $K\pi$ scattering data and given as polynomials

Bernard et al., PRD 80 (2009)

Uncertainties from representations $H(t)$, $G(t)$ of $K\pi$ phase-shift data contribute to fit results for Λ_+ , $\ln C$

- Small compared to other uncertainties for single measurements (so far)

2010 FlaviaNet analysis used average of FF parameters from dispersive fits

- Parameterization uncertainties beginning to dominate averages for Λ_+ , $\ln C$

$K_{\ell 3}$ form factor data

Form-factor parameter measurements in FlaviaNet 2010 fit:

K_L : **KTeV, KLOE, NA48** (K_{e3} only)

K^- : **ISTRAP+**

Even if not in the original publications, all experiments have:

- Obtained results for Taylor, pole, and dispersive parameterizations
- Supplied parameter correlation coefficients

Recent measurements

NA48/2

JHEP 1810 (2018)

$2.3 \times 10^6 K_{\mu 3}^\pm$

$4.4 \times 10^6 K_{e3}^\pm$

OKA

JETPL 107 (2018)

$5.25 \times 10^6 K_{e3}^+$

Updates 2012 preliminary

K^+ and K^- simultaneously acquired in dedicated minimum-bias run

Taylor, pole, and dispersive fits with complete investigation of systematics

Extraordinarily high precision claimed, esp. for λ_+', λ_+''

Rudimentary discussion of systematics

Not yet included in updated K_{e3} fit

Fit to K_{e3} form-factor slopes

Slopes from

KTeV

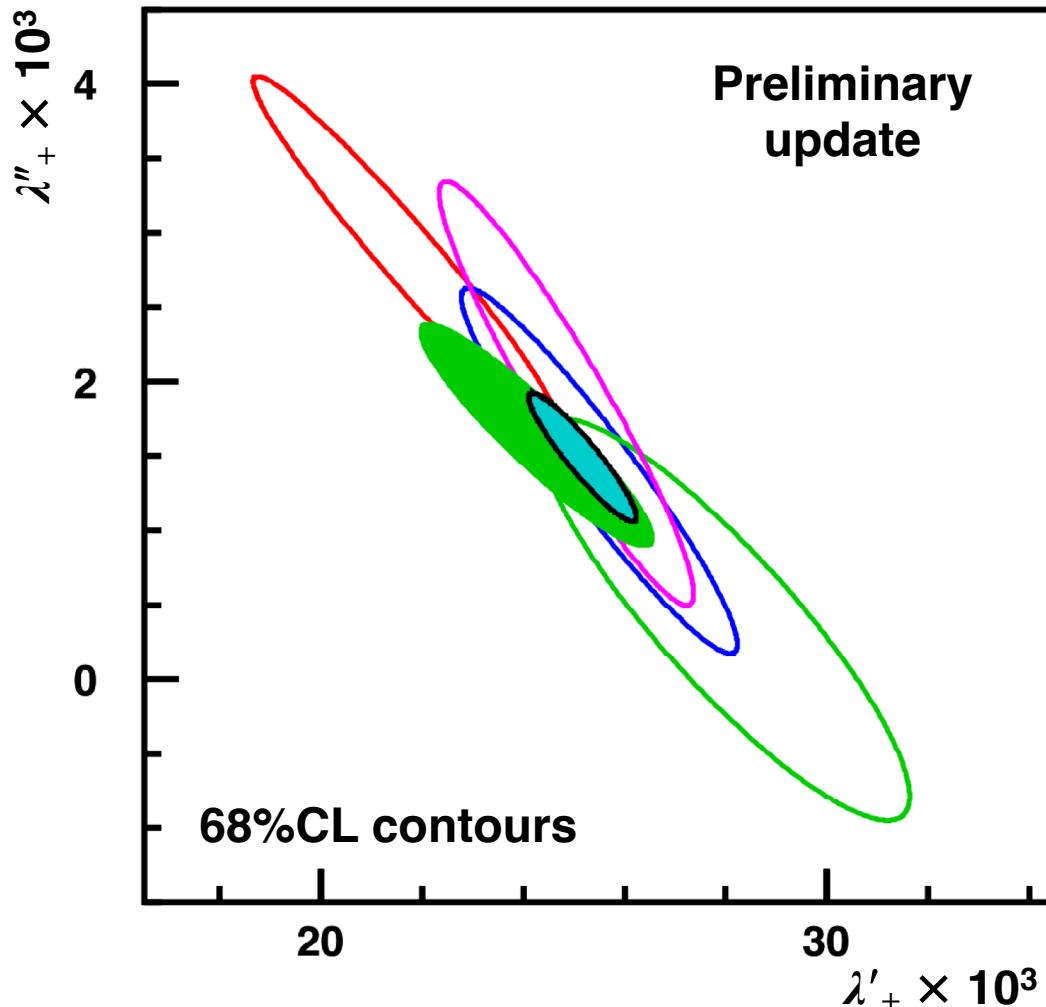
KLOE

ISTRAP+

NA48

NA48/2

Current



Slope parameters $\times 10^3$

λ'_+	$= 25.17 \pm 0.70$
λ''_+	$= 1.49 \pm 0.29$
$\rho(\lambda'_+, \lambda''_+)$	$= -0.929$
χ^2/ndf	$= 6.4/10 (61\%)$

Excellent compatibility

$$I(K^0_{e3}) = 0.15458(19)$$

$$I(K^+_{e3}) = 0.15895(20)$$

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Slopes from

KTeV

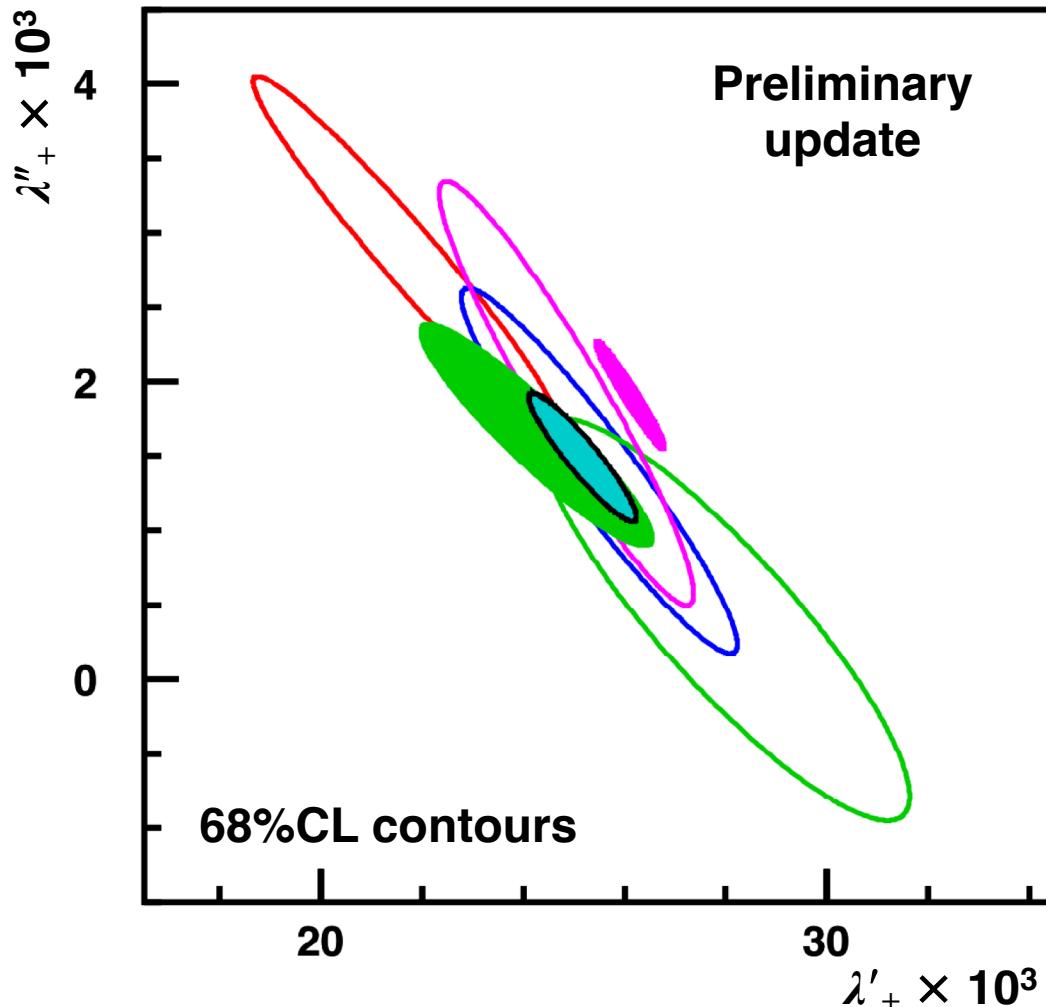
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ISTRAP+

NA48

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OKA
JETPL 107 (2018)

Not included in fit

- Stated as preliminary
- If included: $\chi^2/\text{ndf} \rightarrow 45/10$
($P \sim 10^{-6}$)

Fits to $K_{e3} + K_{\mu 3}$ form-factor slopes

KTeV

KLOE

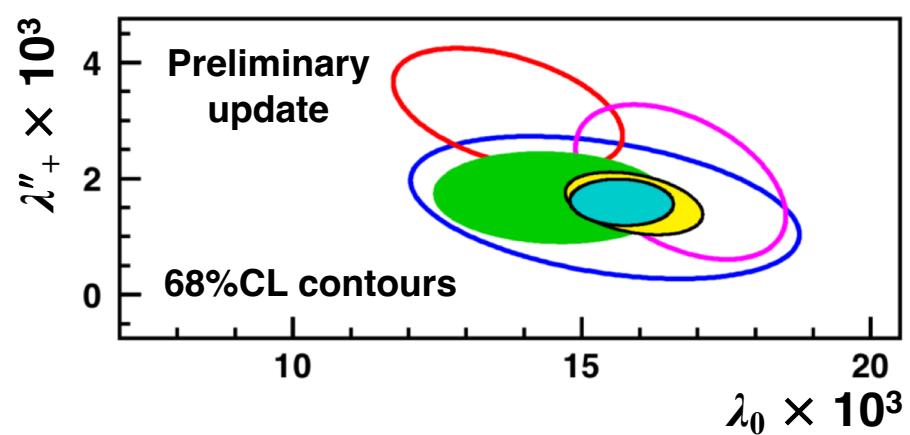
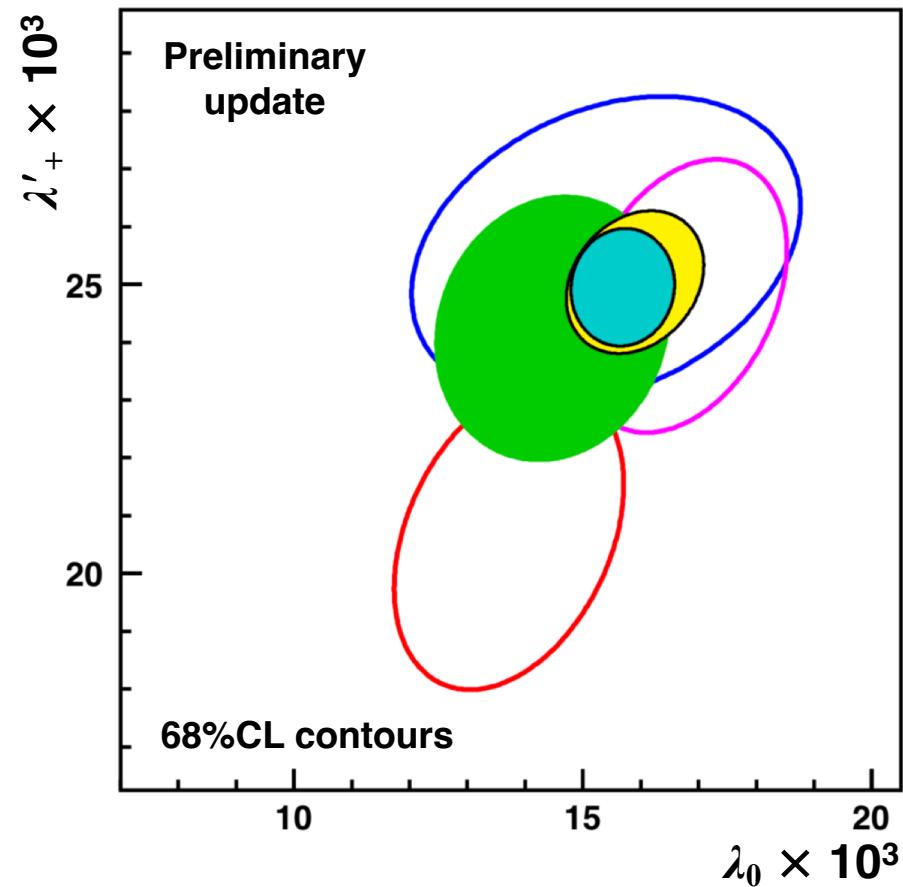
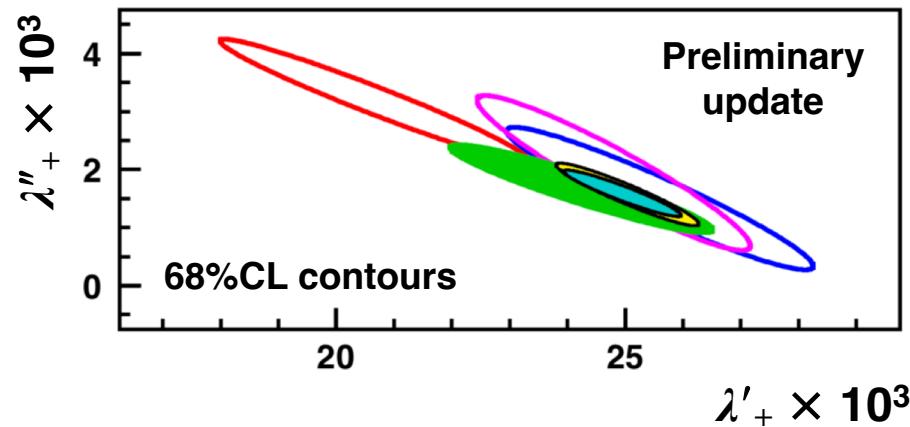
ISTRAP+

NA48/2

2010 fit

Current

NA48 K_{e3} data included in fits but not shown



2010: $\chi^2 = 12.1/8$ ($P = 14.5\%$)

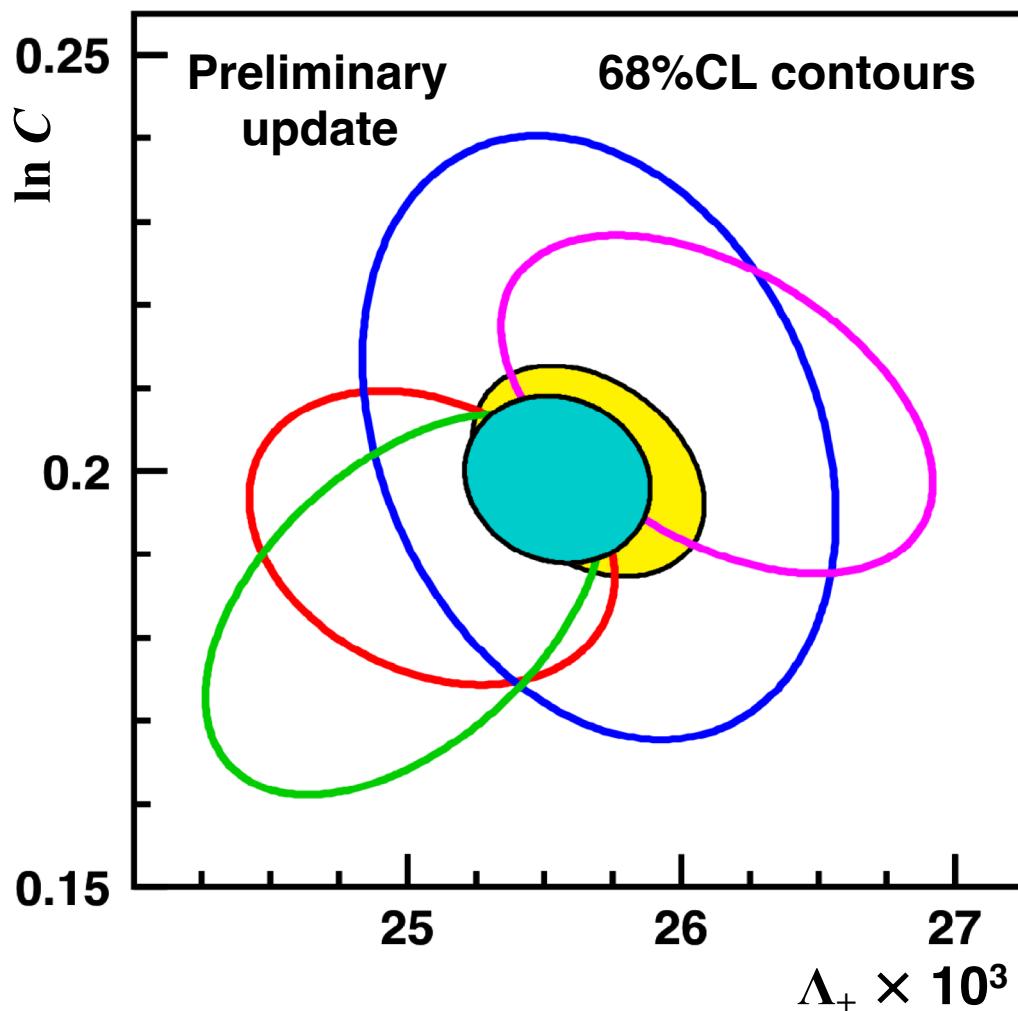
Update: $\chi^2 = 13.4/11$ ($P = 26.8\%$)

Dispersive parameters for $K_{\ell 3}$ form factors

$K_{\ell 3}$ avgs from **KTeV** **KLOE** **ISTRAP+** **NA48/2**

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2010 fit **Current**



$\Lambda_+ \times 10^3$	=	25.55 ± 0.38
$\ln C$	=	$0.1992(78)$
$\rho(\Lambda_+, \ln C)$	=	-0.110
χ^2/ndf	=	$7.5/7$ (38%)

Integrals

Mode	Update	2010
K^0_{e3}	0.15470(15)	0.15476(18)
K^+_{e3}	0.15915(15)	0.15922(18)
$K^0_{\mu 3}$	0.10247(15)	0.10253(16)
$K^+_{\mu 3}$	0.10553(16)	0.10559(17)

Only tiny changes in central values

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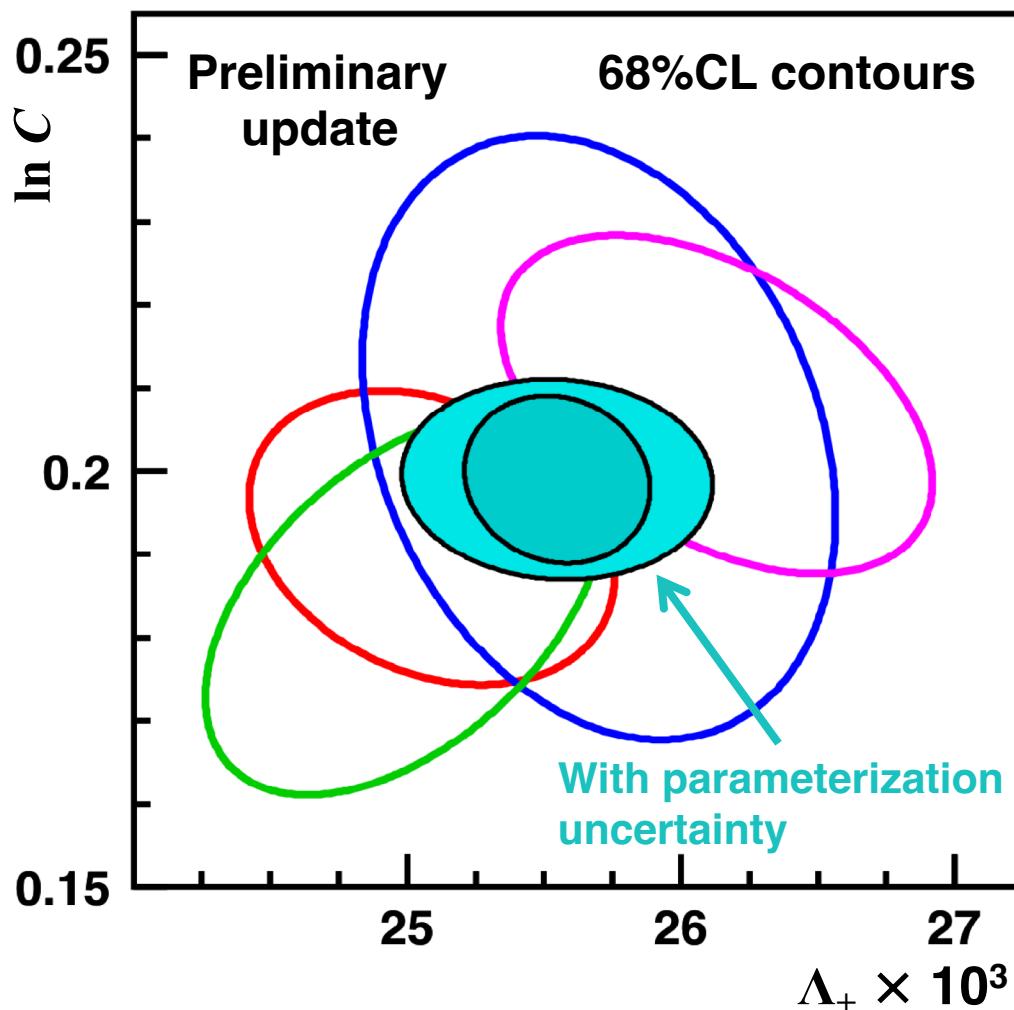
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Fit results include common uncertainty from $H(t)$, $G(t)$:

$$\sigma_{\text{param}}(\Lambda_+) = 0.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{param}}(\ln C) = 0.0040$$

KTeV, Bernard et al. '09

Confidence ellipses shown without common uncertainty
(except as indicated)

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$K_{\ell 3}$ avgs from

KTeV

KLOE

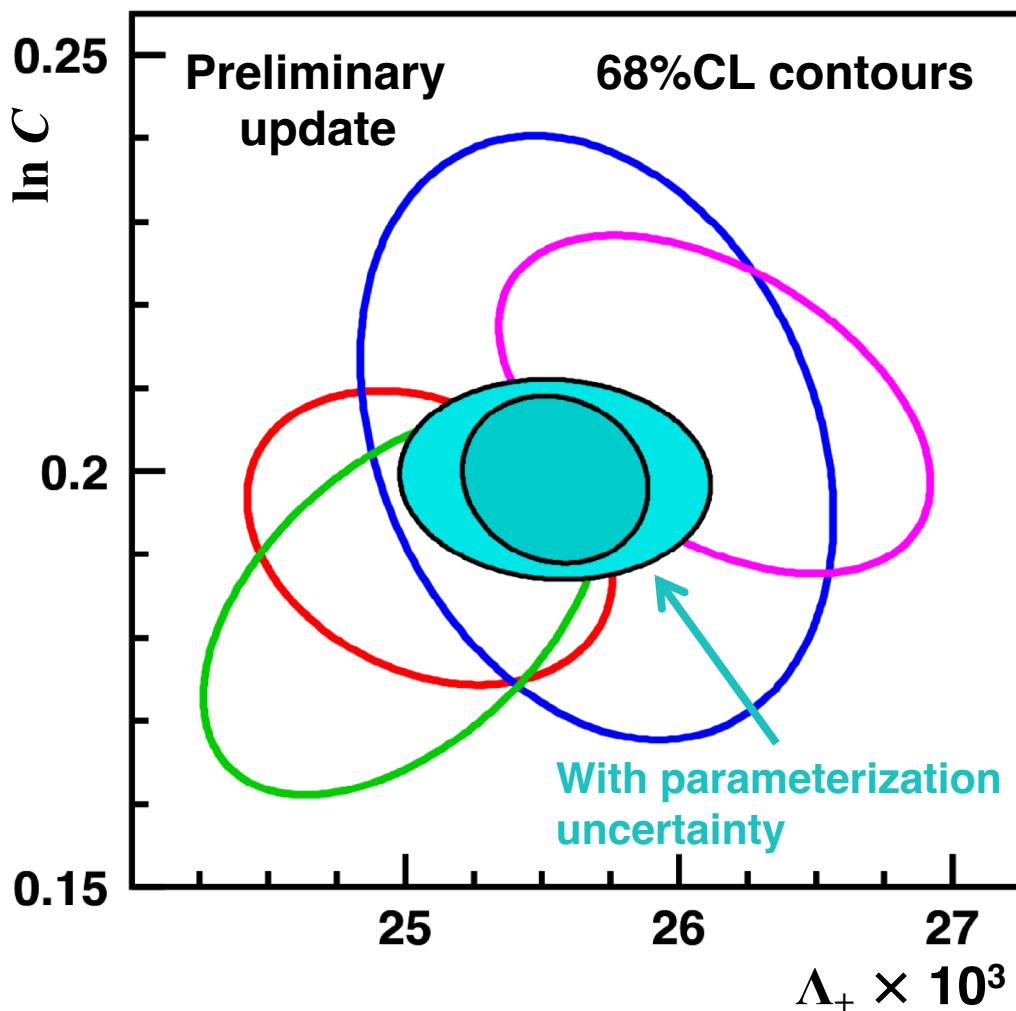
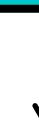
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Without common uncertainty:

$$\sigma(\Lambda_+) \quad (0.38 \rightarrow 0.22) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\sigma(\ln C) \quad 0.0078 \rightarrow 0.0067$$

$$\sigma(K_{e3} \text{ int}) \quad 0.10\% \rightarrow 0.09\%$$

$$\sigma(K_{\mu 3} \text{ int}) \quad 0.15\% \rightarrow 0.11\%$$

Long-distance EM corrections

Mode-dependent corrections $\Delta^{\text{EM}}_{K\ell}$ to phase-space integrals $I_{K\ell}$ from EM-induced Dalitz plot modifications

- Values depend on acceptance for events with additional real photon(s)
- All recent measurements assumed fully inclusive

FlaviaNet analysis and updates used Cirigliano et al. '08

- Comprehensive analysis at fixed order $e^2 p^2$

Seng et al.

JHEP 07 (2022)

Calculation of complete EW RC using hybrid current algebra and ChPT with resummation of largest terms to all chiral orders

- Reduced uncertainties at $\mathcal{O}(e^2 p^4)$
- Lattice evaluation of QCD contributions to γW box diagrams
- Conventional value of S_{EW} subtracted from results for use with standard formula for V_{us}

	Cirigliano et al. '08	Seng et al. '21
$\Delta^{\text{EM}}(K^0_{e3}) [\%]$	0.50 ± 0.11	0.580 ± 0.016
$\Delta^{\text{EM}}(K^+_{e3}) [\%]$	0.05 ± 0.12	0.105 ± 0.023
$\Delta^{\text{EM}}(K^+_{\mu 3}) [\%]$	0.70 ± 0.11	0.770 ± 0.019
$\Delta^{\text{EM}}(K^0_{\mu 3}) [\%]$	0.01 ± 0.12	0.025 ± 0.027

$K_{\ell 3}$ data and lepton universality

For each state of kaon charge, evaluate:

$$r_{\mu e} = \frac{(R_{\mu e})_{\text{obs}}}{(R_{\mu e})_{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\Gamma_{\mu 3}}{\Gamma_{e 3}} \cdot \frac{I_{e 3} (1 + \delta_{e 3})}{I_{\mu 3} (1 + \delta_{\mu 3})} = \frac{[|V_{us}| f_+(0)]_{\mu 3, \text{obs}}^2}{[|V_{us}| f_+(0)]_{e 3, \text{obs}}^2} = \frac{g_\mu^2}{g_e^2}$$

Modes	2004 BRs ^{*,†}	Current
K_L	1.054(14)	1.002(5)
K^\pm	1.014(12)	0.999(9)
Avg	1.030(9)	1.001(4)

*Assuming current values for form-factor parameters and Δ^{EM} † K_S not included

As statement on lepton universality

Compare to other precise tests:

$$\pi \rightarrow \ell \nu \quad (r_{\mu e}) = \mathbf{1.0020(19)}$$

PDG with PIENU '15 result

$$\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu \quad (r_{\mu e}) = \mathbf{1.0036(28)}$$

HFLAV May '19 unofficial prelim.

As statement on calculation of Δ^{EM}

Confirmed at per-mil level

$SU(2)$ -breaking correction

$$\Delta^{SU(2)} \equiv \frac{f_+(0)^{K^+\pi^0}}{f_+(0)^{K^0\pi^-}} - 1 \quad \begin{aligned} &\textbf{Strong isospin breaking} \\ &\text{Quark mass differences, } \eta\text{-}\pi^0 \text{ mixing in } K^+\pi^0 \text{ channel} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{Q^2} \left[\frac{\overline{M}_K^2}{\overline{M}_\pi^2} + \frac{\chi_p^4}{2} \left(1 + \frac{m_s}{\hat{m}} \right) \right] \quad Q^2 = \frac{m_s^2 - \hat{m}^2}{m_d^2 - m_u^2} \quad \begin{aligned} \chi_p^4 &= 0.252 \\ \text{NLO in strong interaction} \\ \text{O}(e^2 p^2) \text{ term } \varepsilon_{\text{EM}}^{(4)} &\sim 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

Cirigliano et al., '02; Gasser & Leutwyler, '85

= **+2.52(11)%** Calculated using:

$$Q = 22.5(5)$$

$$m_s/m = 27.23(10)$$

$$M_K = 494.2(3)$$

$$M_\pi = 134.8(3)$$

FLAG '21, $N_f = 2+1+1$ avg.

Good agreement with ChPT

Cf. Colangelo et al., $Q = 22.1(7)$ from $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$

Isospin-limit meson masses from FLAG '17

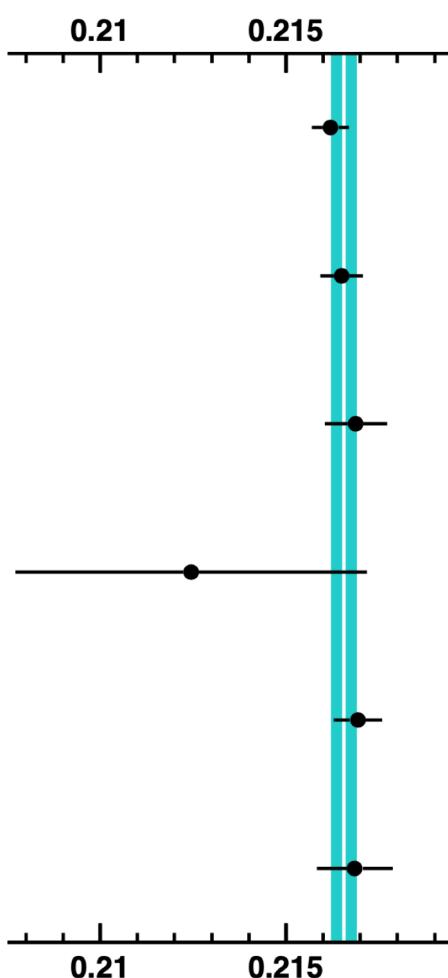
No difference if $M_K = 494.58$, $M_\pi = m_\pi$

Test by evaluating V_{us} from K^\pm and K^0 data with **no** corrections:

Equality of V_{us} values would require $\Delta^{SU(2)} = 2.76(33)\%$

$|V_{us}|f_+(0)$ from world data: 2022 update

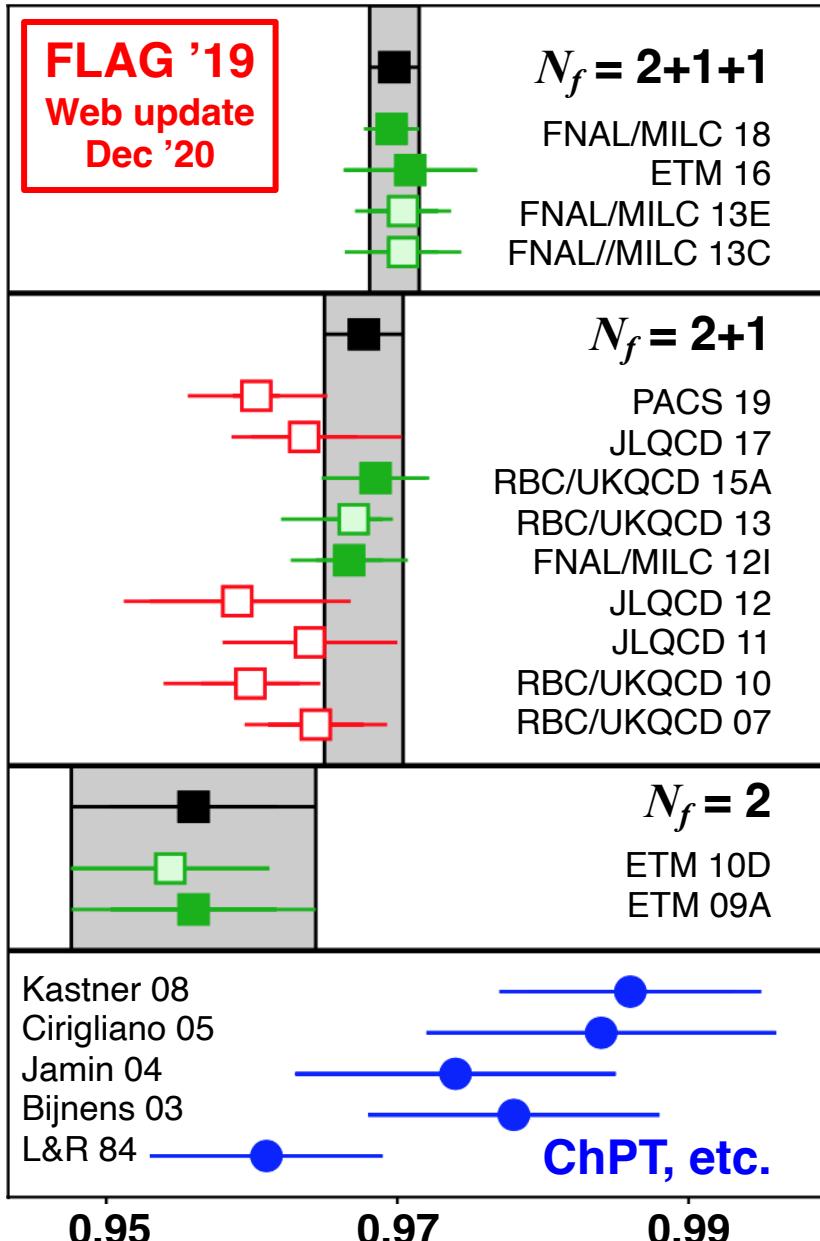
$|V_{us}|f_+(0)$



	$ V_{us} f_+(0)$	% err	Approx. contrib. to % err from:			
			BR	τ	Δ	Int
$K_L e3$	0.2162(5)	0.23	0.09	0.20	0.02	0.05
$K_L \mu 3$	0.2165(6)	0.26	0.15	0.18	0.02	0.07
$K_S e3$	0.2169(8)	0.39	0.38	0.02	0.02	0.05
$K_S \mu 3$	0.2125(47)	2.2	2.2	0.02	0.02	0.08
$K^\pm e3$	0.2169(6)	0.30	0.27	0.06	0.11	0.05
$K^\pm \mu 3$	0.2168(10)	0.47	0.45	0.06	0.11	0.08

Average: $|V_{us}|f_+(0) = 0.21656(35)$ $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 1.89/5$ (86%)

Evaluations of $f_+(0)$



FLAG '21 averages:

$$N_f = 2+1+1 \quad f_+(0) = 0.9698(17)$$

Uncorrelated average of:

FNAL/MILC 18: HISQ, 5sp, $m_\pi \rightarrow 135$ MeV, new ensembles added to FNAL/MILC 13E

ETM 16: TwMW, 3sp, $m_\pi \rightarrow 210$ MeV, full q^2 dependence of f_+, f_0

$$N_f = 2+1 \quad f_+(0) = 0.9677(27)$$

Uncorrelated average of:

FNAL/MILC 12I: HISQ, $m_\pi \sim 300$ MeV

RBC/UKQCD 15A: DWF, $m_\pi \rightarrow 139$ MeV

JLQCD 17 not included because only single lattice spacing used

$$\text{ChPT} \quad f_+(0) = 0.970(8)$$

Ecker 15, Chiral Dynamics 15:

Calculation from Bijnens 03, with new LECs from Bijnens, Ecker 14

Evaluations of $f_+(0)$

ETM

PRD 93 (2016)

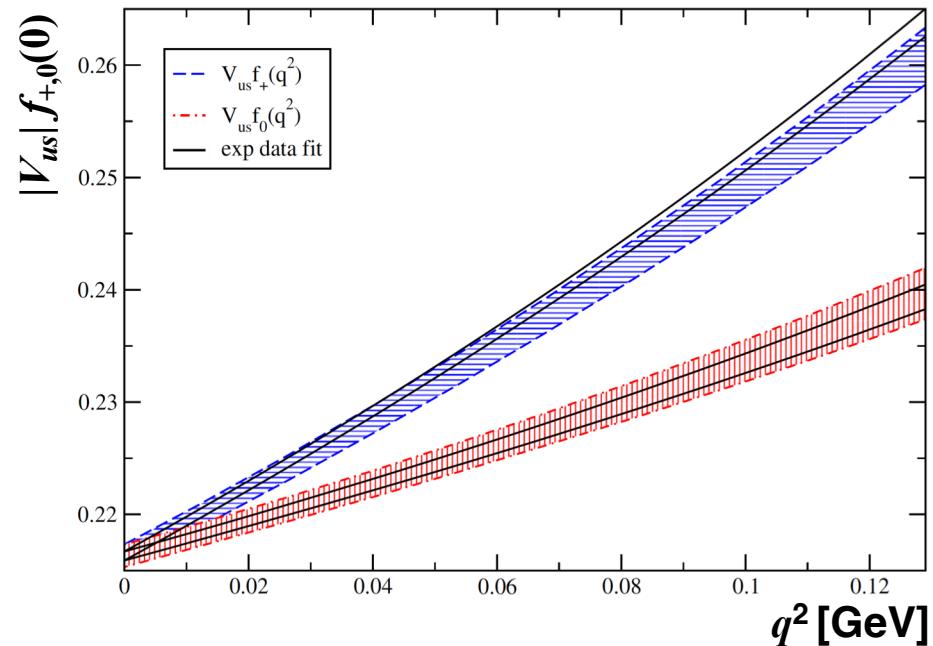
$$N_f = 2+1+1$$

$$f_+(0) = 0.9709(44)_{\text{st}}(9)_{\text{sy}}(11)_{\text{ext}}$$

Full q^2 dependence of f_+, f_0

See also:

PACS PRD 101 (2020)
ETM PRD 105 (2022)

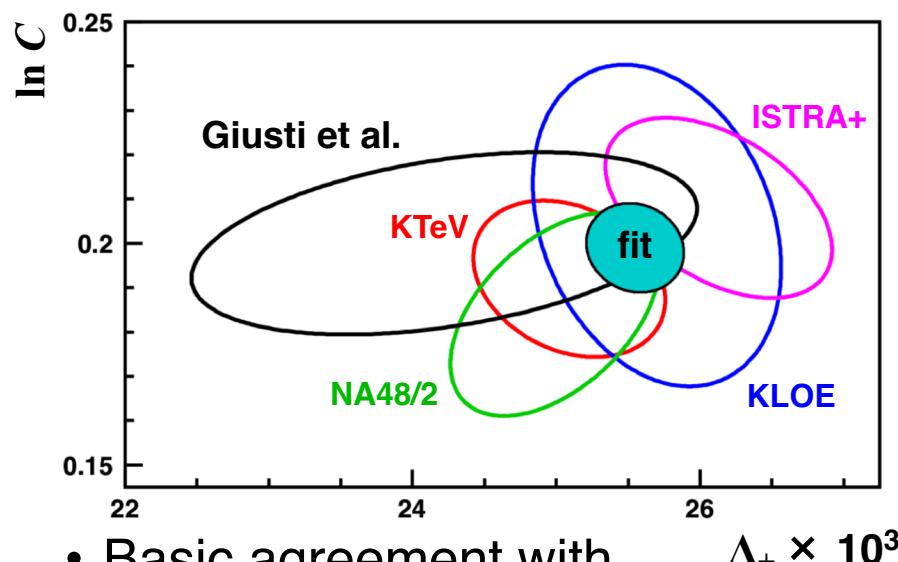


Fit synthetic data points with dispersive parameterization

$$\Lambda_+ = 24.22(1.16) \times 10^{-3} \quad \rho(\Lambda_+, f_+(0)) = -0.228$$

$$\ln C = 0.1998(138) \quad \rho(\ln C, f_+(0)) = -0.719$$

$$\rho(\Lambda_+, \ln C) = +0.376$$



- Basic agreement with experimental results
- Confirms basic correctness of lattice calculations for $f_+(0)$
- In the near future FF parameters will be obtained on lattice?

V_{us}/V_{ud} and $K_{\ell 2}$ decays

$$\frac{|V_{us}|}{|V_{ud}|} \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} = \left(\frac{\Gamma_{K_{\mu 2(\gamma)}} m_{\pi^\pm}}{\Gamma_{\pi_{\mu 2(\gamma)}} m_{K^\pm}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1 - m_\mu^2/m_{\pi^\pm}^2}{1 - m_\mu^2/m_{K^\pm}^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\text{EM}} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{SU(2)} \right)$$

Inputs from experiment:

From K^\pm BR fit:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{BR}(K^\pm_{\mu 2(\gamma)}) &= 0.6358(11) \\ \tau_{K^\pm} &= 12.384(15) \text{ ns}\end{aligned}$$

From PDG:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{BR}(\pi^\pm_{\mu 2(\gamma)}) &= 0.9999 \\ \tau_{\pi^\pm} &= 26.033(5) \text{ ns}\end{aligned}$$

Inputs from theory:

δ_{EM} Long-distance EM corrections

$\delta_{SU(2)}$ Strong isospin breaking
 $f_K/f_\pi \rightarrow f_{K^\pm}/f_{\pi^\pm}$

f_K/f_π Ratio of decay constants

Cancellation of lattice-scale uncertainties from ratio

NB: Most lattice results already corrected for $SU(2)$ -breaking: f_{K^\pm}/f_{π^\pm}

V_{us}/V_{ud} and $K_{\ell 2}$ decays

Giusti et al.

PRL 120 (2018)

First lattice calculation of EM corrections to P_{l2} decays

- Ensembles from ETM
- $N_f = 2+1+1$ Twisted-mass Wilson fermions

$$\delta_{SU(2)} + \delta_{EM} = -0.0122(16)$$

- Uncertainty from quenched QED included (0.0006)

Compare to ChPT result from Cirigliano, Neufeld '11:

$$\delta_{SU(2)} + \delta_{EM} = -0.0112(21)$$

Di Carlo et al.

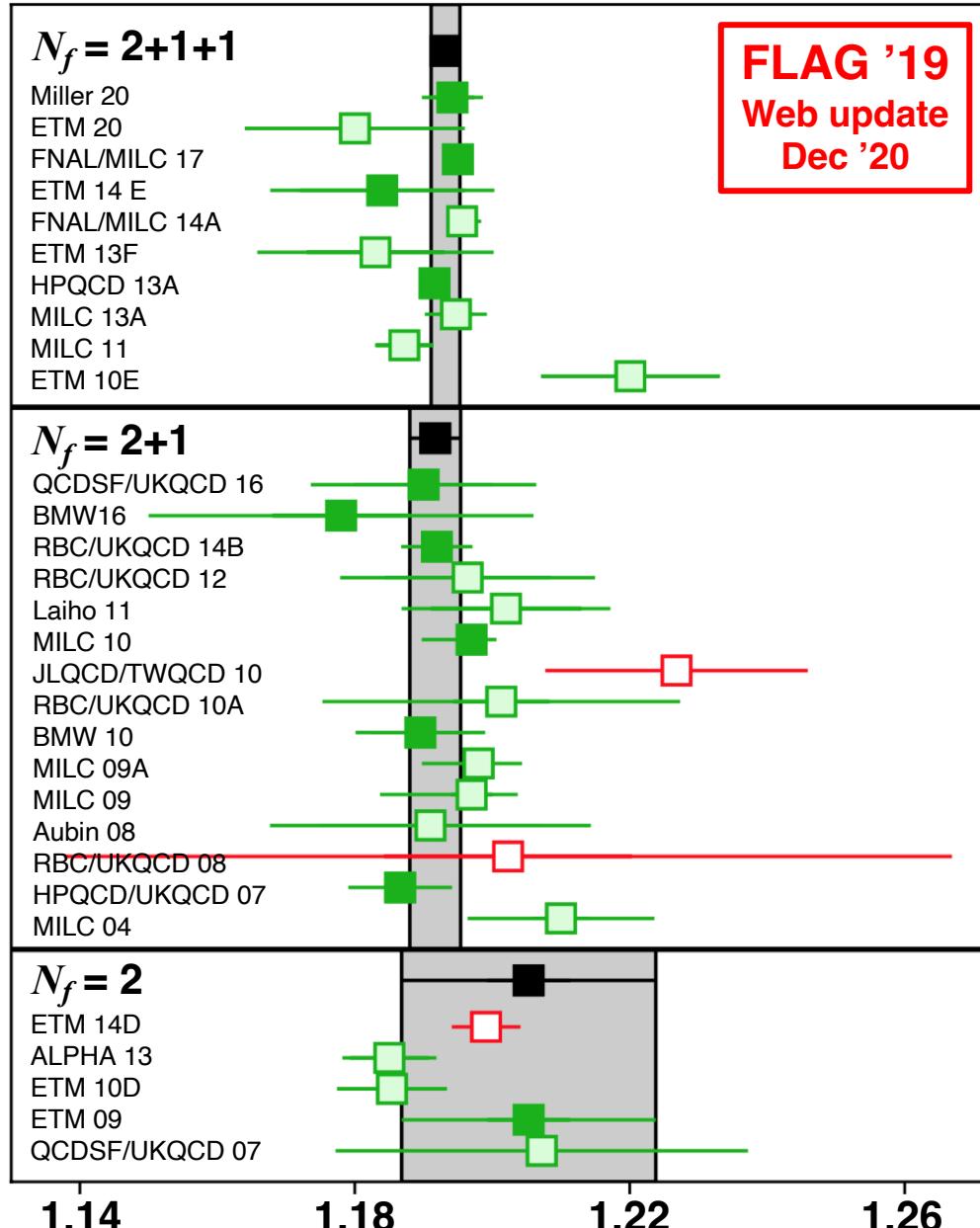
PRD 100 (2019)

Update, extended description, and systematics of Giusti et al.

$$\delta_{SU(2)} + \delta_{EM} = -0.0126(14)$$

$$|V_{us}/V_{ud}| \times f_K/f_\pi = 0.27679(28)_{BR}(20)_{corr}$$

Lattice evaluations of f_K/f_π



$N_f = 2+1+1$ $f_{K\pm}/f_{\pi\pm} = 1.1932(19)$

Miller 20

HISQ + DWF, 4sp, $m_\pi \rightarrow 130$ MeV
Uses FNAL/MILC ensembles

FNAL/MILC 17

HISQ, 4sp, m_π phys
Updates MILC 13A, FNAL/MILC 14A

ETM 14E

TwM, 3sp, $m_\pi = 210\text{-}450$ MeV

HPQCD 13A

HISQ, 3sp, m_π phys
Uses FNAL/MILC ensembles

$N_f = 2+1$ $f_{K\pm}/f_{\pi\pm} = 1.1917(37)$

QCDSF/UKQCD 16

Clover, 4sp, $m_\pi \rightarrow 220$ MeV

BMW 16

Clover, 5sp, $m_\pi \rightarrow 139$ MeV

RBC/UKQCD 14B

DWF, $m_\pi = 139$ MeV
 f_K and f_π separately (isospin limit)

Lattice results for f_K/f_π

Recalculate FLAG averages for results without $SU(2)$ -breaking
Isospin-limit results as reported in original papers

$N_f = 2+1+1$

ETM 21 New! **$1.1995(44)(7)$**

TM quarks, 3sp, $m_\pi \rightarrow$ physical

Not yet in FLAG '21 average!

Replaces ETM 14E in our average

Miller 20	$1.1964(44)$
FNAL/MILC17	$1.1980^{(+13)}_{(-19)}$
HPQCD13A	$1.1948(15)(18)$

$f_K/f_\pi = 1.1978(22)$ **$S = 1.1$**

Average is problematic with correlations assumed by FLAG, dominated by FNAL/MILC17 (symmetrized)

$N_f = 2+1$

QCDSF/UKQCD17	$1.192(10)(13)$
BMW16	$1.182(10)(26)$
RBC/UKQCD14B	$1.1945(45)$
BMW10	$1.192(7)(6)$
HPQCD/UKQCD07	$1.198(2)(7)$

} Share ensembles
Partially correlated uncertainties using FLAG prescription

$f_K/f_\pi = 1.1946(34)^*$

* MILC10 omitted from average because unpublished

$|V_{ud}|$ from $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ nuclear β decays

For a given decay mode:

$$ft(1 + RC) = \frac{K}{2(V_{ud}G_F)^2(1 + \Delta_R^V)}$$

f statistical rate function
 t measured half life
 K constant
RC mode-dependent radiative corr.
 Δ_R^V inner (universal) radiative corr.

Hardy & Towner
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$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97420(21) \quad \Delta_R^V = 2.361(38)\%$$

World $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ data set very robust: 14 transitions with compatible measurements at 0.1% precision or better
 Δ_R^V from Marciano & Sirlin '06

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97370(14) \quad \Delta_R^V = 2.467(22)\%$$

New calculation of γW -box contribution to Δ_R^V using dispersion relations and DIS structure functions

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97389(18) \quad \Delta_R^V = 2.426(32)\%$$

Improved use of Bjorken sum rule to constrain strong-interaction corrections to axial-vector component of the γW -box

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97373(31) \quad \Delta_R^V = 2.454(19)\%$$

Use weighted average of above values for Δ_R^V

23 new publications, some older measurements eliminated

Hardy & Towner
PRC 102 (2020)

Status of first-row unitarity

Cirigliano et al.

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$|V_{ud}| = 0.97384(26)$

Avg. of results from

$0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ with $\Delta_R^V = 2.467(27)\%$

n decays with $\Delta_R = 3.983(27)\%$

Evaluation of Δ_R^V and Δ_R :

- Hadronic scheme for resummation of infrared logs
- Non correlated average of contributions to γW box

V_{ud} from neutron decays uses current best measurements (not averages) for τ_n and $\lambda = g_A/g_V$

$K_{\mu 3}$

$$f_+(0) = 0.9698(17) \quad N_f = 2+1+1$$

$$V_{us} = 0.22330(35)_{\text{exp}}(39)_{\text{lat}}(8)_{\text{IB}}$$

$$\Delta^{(1)}_{\text{CKM}} = -0.00176(16)_{\text{exp+IB}}(17)_{\text{lat}}(51)_{ud} = -3.1\sigma$$

$K_{\mu 2}$

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.1978(22) \quad N_f = 2+1+1$$

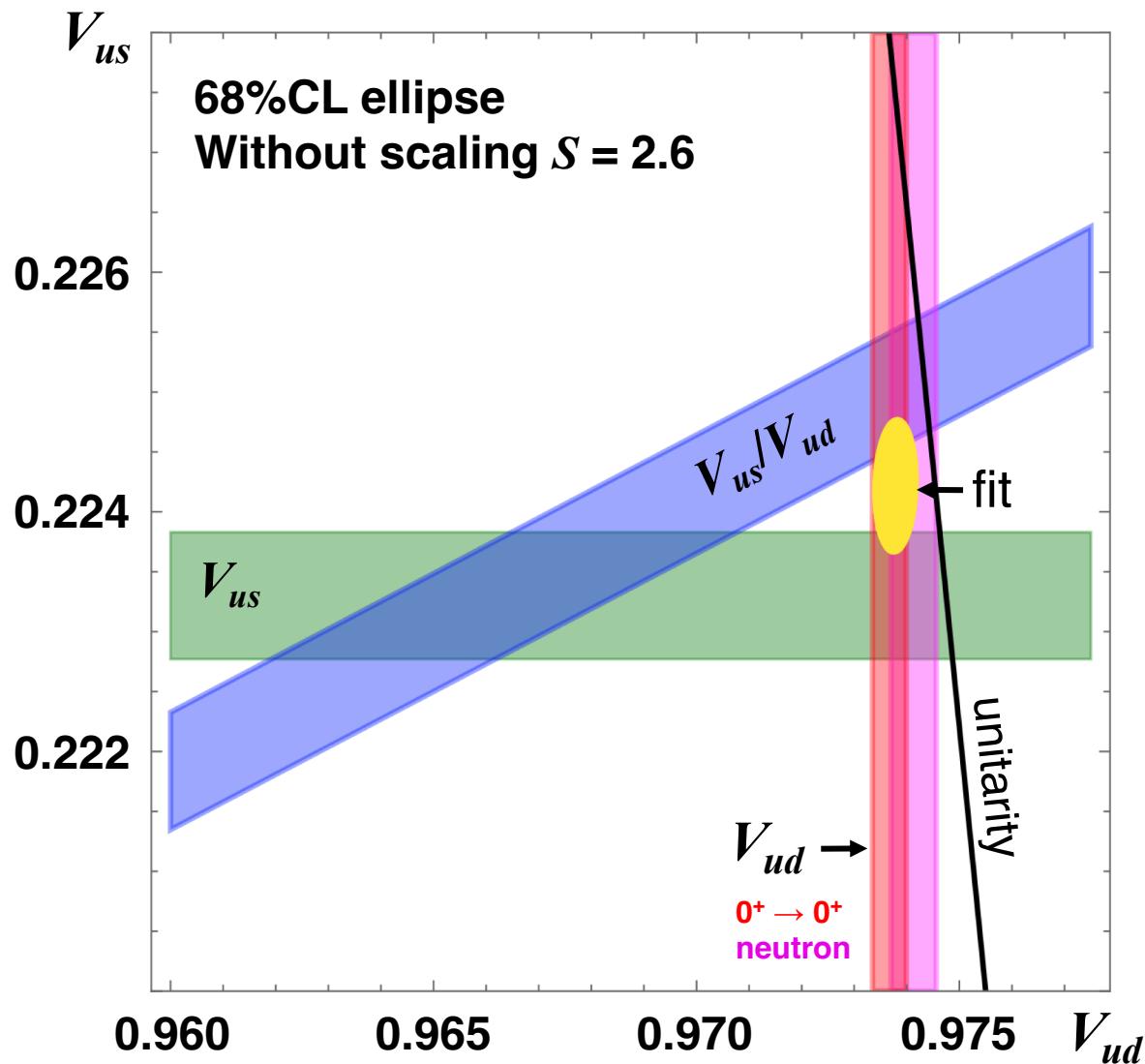
$$V_{us}/V_{ud} = 0.23108(23)_{\text{exp}}(42)_{\text{lat}}(16)_{\text{IB}}$$

$$V_{us} = 0.22504(28)_{\text{exp}}(41)_{\text{lat}}(06)_{ud}$$

$$\Delta^{(2)}_{\text{CKM}} = -0.00098(13)_{\text{exp}}(19)_{\text{lat}}(53)_{ud} = -1.8\sigma$$

$$\Delta V_{us} (K_{\mu 3} - K_{\mu 2}) = -0.0174(73) - 2.4\sigma$$

Status of first-row unitarity



Fit results, no constraint

$V_{ud} = 0.97378(26)$
 $V_{us} = 0.22422(36)$
 $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 6.4/2$ (4.1%)
 $\Delta_{\text{CKM}} = -0.0018(6)$
 -2.8σ

With scale factor $S = 2.6$

$V_{ud} = 0.9737(8)$
 $V_{us} = 0.2242(10)$

Impact of hypothetical $K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ result

	current fit	$K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ BR at 0.5%			$K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ BR at 0.2%		
		central	+2 σ	-2 σ	central	+2 σ	-2 σ
χ^2/dof	25.5/11	25.5/12	31.8/12	32.1/12	25.5/12	35.6/12	35.9/12
p-value [%]	0.78	1.28	0.15	0.13	1.28	0.04	0.03
$\text{BR}(\mu\nu)$ [%]	63.58(11)	63.58(09)	63.44(10)	63.72(11)	63.58(08)	63.36(10)	63.80(11)
$S(\mu\nu)$	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.7
$\text{BR}(\pi\pi^0)$ [%]	20.64(7)	20.64(6)	20.73(7)	20.55(8)	20.64(6)	20.78(7)	20.50(10)
$S(\pi\pi^0)$	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.5	2.0
$\text{BR}(\pi\pi\pi)$ [%]			5.56(4)				
$S(\pi\pi\pi)$			1.0				
$\text{BR}(K_{e3})$ [%]	5.088(27)	5.088(24)	5.113(25)	5.061(31)	5.088(23)	5.128(24)	5.046(32)
$S(K_{e3})$	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.8
$\text{BR}(K_{\mu 3})$ [%]	3.366(30)	3.366(13)	3.394(16)	3.336(27)	3.366(7)	3.411(13)	3.320(18)
$S(K_{\mu 3})$	1.9	1.2	1.5	2.6	1.1	2.2	3.1
$\text{BR}(\pi\pi^0\pi^0)$ [%]			1.764(25)				
$S(\pi\pi^0\pi^0)$			1.0				
τ_{\pm} [ns]	12.384(15)	12.384(15)	12.382(15)	12.385(15)	12.384(15)	12.381(15)	12.386(15)
$S(\tau_{\pm})$			1.2				

Hypothetical $K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ measurement to 0.2% giving result $\pm 2\sigma$ from current fit:

- Changes $\text{BR}(K_{e3})$ and $\text{BR}(K_{\mu 3})$ by $\pm 1.5\sigma$
- Changes $\text{BR}(K_{\mu 2})$ by $\mp 2\sigma$ (i.e. in opposite direction)

Impact of $K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ on unitarity tests

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(1)} = |V_{ud}^\beta|^2 + |V_{us}^{K_{\ell 3}}|^2 - 1$$

V_{us} from $K_{\ell 3}$ + V_{ud} from β decays

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(2)} = |V_{ud}^\beta|^2 + |V_{us}^{K_{\ell 2}/\pi_{\ell 2}, \beta}|^2 - 1$$

V_{us}/V_{ud} from $K_{\mu 2}$ + V_{ud} from β decays

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(3)} = |V_{ud}^{K_{\ell 2}/\pi_{\ell 2}, K_{\ell 3}}|^2 + |V_{us}^{K_{\ell 3}}|^2 - 1$$

V_{us} from $K_{\ell 3}$ + V_{us}/V_{ud} from $K_{\mu 2}$

	current fit	$K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ BR at 0.5%			$K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ BR at 0.2%		
		central	+2 σ	-2 σ	central	+2 σ	-2 σ
$\frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \Big _{K_{\ell 2}/\pi_{\ell 2}}$	0.23108(51)	0.23108(50)	0.23085(51)	0.23133(51)	0.23108(49)	0.23071(51)	0.23147(52)
$V_{us}^{K_{\ell 3}}$	0.22330(53)	0.22337(51)	0.22360(52)	0.22309(54)	0.22342(49)	0.22386(52)	0.22287(52)
$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(1)}$	-0.00176(56)	-0.00173(55)	-0.00162(56)	-0.00185(56)	-0.00171(55)	-0.00151(56)	-0.00195(56)
	-3.1σ	-3.1σ	-2.9σ	-3.3σ	-3.1σ	-2.7σ	-3.5σ
$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(2)}$	-0.00098(58)	-0.00098(58)	-0.00108(58)	-0.00087(58)	-0.00098(58)	-0.00114(58)	-0.00081(58)
	-1.7σ	-1.7σ	-1.9σ	-1.5σ	-1.7σ	-2.0σ	-1.4σ
$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(3)}$	-0.0164(63)	-0.0157(60)	-0.0118(62)	-0.0202(63)	-0.0153(59)	-0.0083(62)	-0.0233(62)
	-2.6σ	-2.6σ	-1.9σ	-3.2σ	-2.6σ	-1.4σ	-3.8σ

- $\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(3)}$ has no inputs from β decays
- Less sensitive as an absolute unitarity test but clearly shows impact of new measurements of V_{us}

Constraints on right-handed currents

- In SM, W couples only to LH chiral fermion states
- New physics with couplings to RH currents could explain both unitarity deficit and $K_{\ell 3}$ - $K_{\mu 2}$ difference
- Define ϵ_R = admixture of RH currents in non-strange sector
 $\epsilon_R + \Delta\epsilon_R$ = admixture of RH currents in strange sector

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(1)} = 2\epsilon_R + 2\Delta\epsilon_R V_{us}^2$$

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(2)} = 2\epsilon_R - 2\Delta\epsilon_R V_{us}^2$$

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(3)} = 2\epsilon_R + 2\Delta\epsilon_R(2 - V_{us}^2)$$

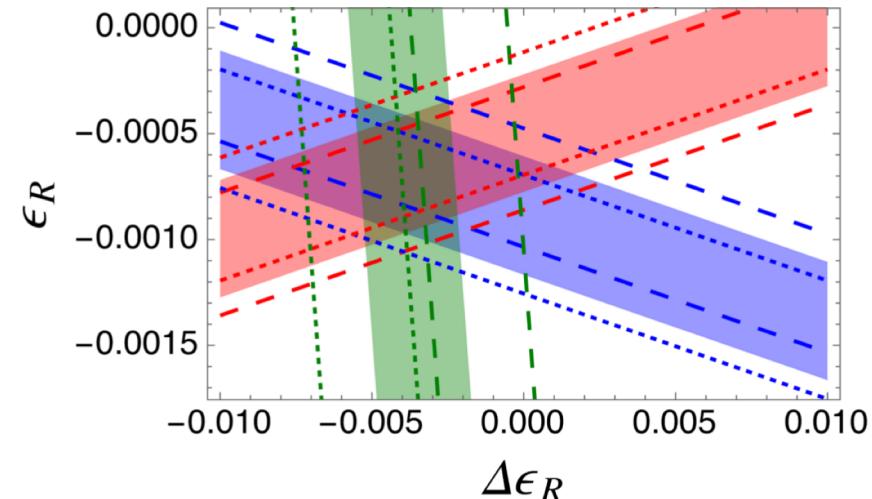
$$r \equiv \left(\frac{1 + \Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(2)}}{1 + \Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(3)}} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}}}{\frac{V_{us}^{K_{\ell 3}}}{V_{ud}^{\beta}}} \Big|_{K_{\ell 2}/\pi_{\ell 2}} = 1 - 2\Delta\epsilon_R$$

From current fit:

$$\epsilon_R = -0.69(27) \times 10^{-3} \quad (2.5\sigma)$$

$$\Delta\epsilon_R = -3.9(1.6) \times 10^{-3} \quad (2.4\sigma)$$

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With hypothetical $K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ to 0.2%:

$$K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2} + 2\sigma \rightarrow \Delta\epsilon_R = -1.8(1.6) \times 10^{-3} \quad (1.1\sigma)$$

$$K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2} - 2\sigma \rightarrow \Delta\epsilon_R = -5.7(1.6) \times 10^{-3} \quad (3.5\sigma)$$

What can NA62 say by itself?

NA62 can make a precision measurement of $K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$, with many systematics cancelling. What can this measurement alone tell us?

r is proportional to $(K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2})^{-1/2}$:

$$r \equiv \left(\frac{1 + \Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(2)}}{1 + \Delta_{\text{CKM}}^{(3)}} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \Big|_{K_{\ell 2}/\pi_{\ell 2}}}{\frac{V_{u3}^{K_{\ell 3}}}{V_{ud}^{\beta}}} = 1 - 2\Delta\epsilon_R$$

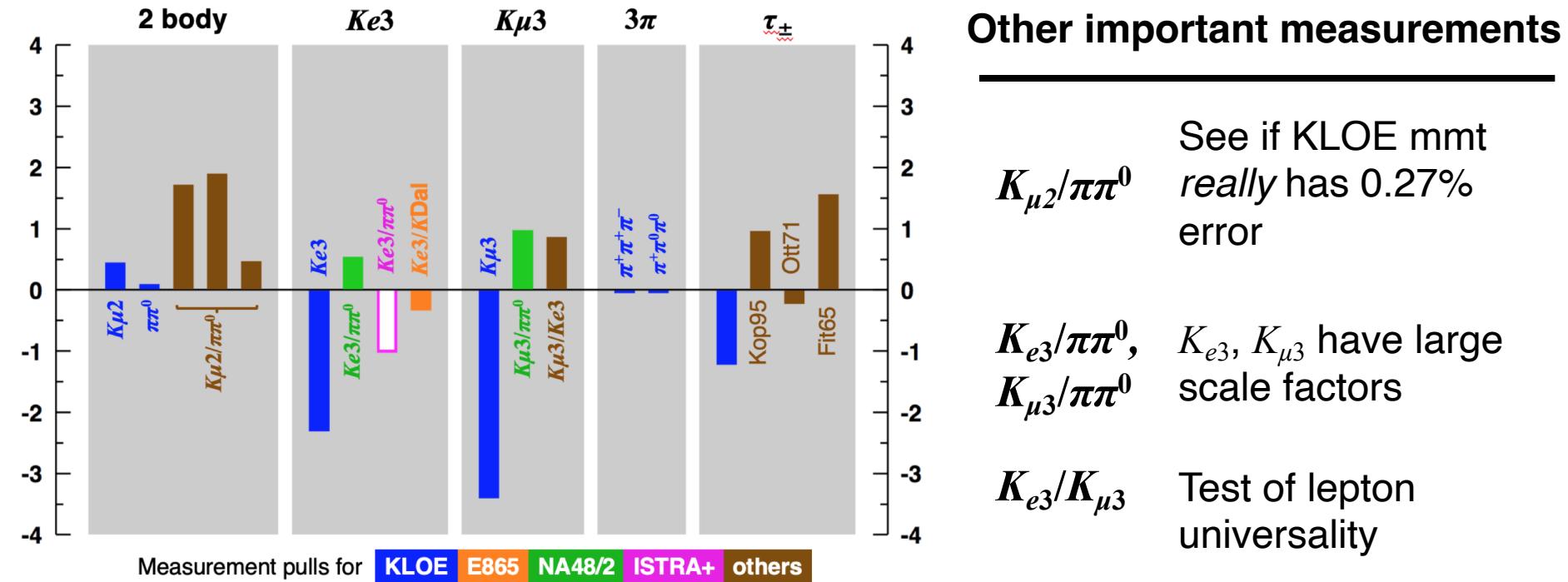
- Uses input from β decays, but provides a qualified statement about consistency of data set
- Search for right-handed currents

NA62 hypothetical $K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ to 0.5%:

Result	$\Delta\epsilon_R$	Remarks
Same as fit	$-4.0(1.9) \times 10^{-3}$	2.1σ Almost same precision as result from world average
$+ 1.5\sigma$	$-0.4(1.9) \times 10^{-3}$	0.2σ $K_{\mu 2}, K_{\mu 3}, V_{ud}$ consistent: current tensions have experimental origin?
$- 1.5\sigma$	$-7.6(1.9) \times 10^{-3}$	4.0σ Evidence for right-handed currents contributing to CKM non-unitarity

(Almost) Final thoughts

While a high priority, $K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ is not the only measurement that NA62 can make to help clarify the inconsistencies in the first row



- Suite of redundant measurements for good control of systematics
- Best to measure with a single analysis framework to maximize cancellation of systematics
- Very important to report full covariance matrix for results

What can we learn from $\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e\nu$?

Czarnecki, Marciano, Sirlin, PRD 101 (2020)

$$\frac{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi e\nu(\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e\nu(\gamma))} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{m_{K^0}}{m_{\pi^+}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{V_{us} f_+^K(0)}{V_{ud} f_+^\pi(0)} \right)^2 \left(\frac{I_K}{I_\pi} \right) \left(\frac{1 + RC_K}{1 + RC_\pi} \right)$$

Ratio not sensitive to short-distance EW radiative corrections

- $(1 + RC_K - RC_\pi) = 1.000(2)_K(1)_\pi$
- Cancellation of S_{EW} and short-distance radiative corrections
- Δ_{EM}^K (long-distance correction) fortuitously cancels when using K_{Le3}

Consider K_{Le3} mode as an example:

Most precise value of V_{us} ; LD corrections known better than for other modes

$$\frac{V_{us} f_+^K(0)}{V_{ud} f_+^\pi(0)} = 0.22221(53)_{\Gamma(K)}(64)_{\Gamma(\pi)}(22)_{RC}(12)_{int} = \mathbf{0.22221(87)}$$

	K_{Le3}/π_{e3}^*	$K_{\mu 2}/K_{\pi 2}^\dagger$	$K_{\ell 3}^* & 0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$
V_{us}/V_{ud}	0.2291(9)_{exp(4)_{lat}}	0.2311(5)	0.22930(54) _{us(6)_{ud}}
diff with K_{Le3}/π_{e3}	-	+1.7σ	+0.2σ

*with $f_+^K(0) = 0.9698(17)$ and $f_+^\pi(0) = 1$ in $SU(2)$ limit

[†] with $f_K/f_\pi = 1.1978(22)$

V_{us} from kaons: Not over till it's over

Experimental results from kaons

$$|V_{us}|f_+(0) = 0.21656(35)$$

With $|V_{ud}|(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+)$ and $N_f = 2+1+1$ lattice

$$\Delta^{(1)}_{\text{CKM}} = -0.00176(56) = -3.1\sigma$$

$$|V_{us}/V_{ud}| \times f_K/f_\pi = 0.27679(34)$$

$$\Delta^{(2)}_{\text{CKM}} = -0.00098(58) = -1.7\sigma$$

$K_{\ell 2}$ result shows better agreement with unitarity than $K_{\ell 3}$ result when $|V_{ud}|$ obtained from $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ decays

New measurement of $K_{\mu 3}/K_{\mu 2}$ (e.g. from NA62) could be very helpful in distinguishing if origin of discrepancy is experimental

- Other measurements of main K BRs also very important!

Normalization of $\Gamma(K_{Le3})$ to $\Gamma(\pi_{e3})$ result agrees with $K_{\ell 3}$ results obtained with V_{ud} from $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ decays

- Discrepancy not in RC for $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$?
- K_{Le3}/π_{e3} not sensitive to universal radiative corrections: is this a clue?

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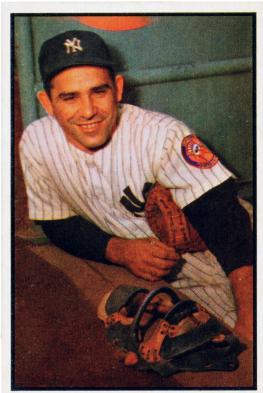
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“It’s hard to make predictions, especially about the future”

Attributed to Yogi Berra
Catcher, NY Yankees, 1946-1963

V_{us} from kaon decays

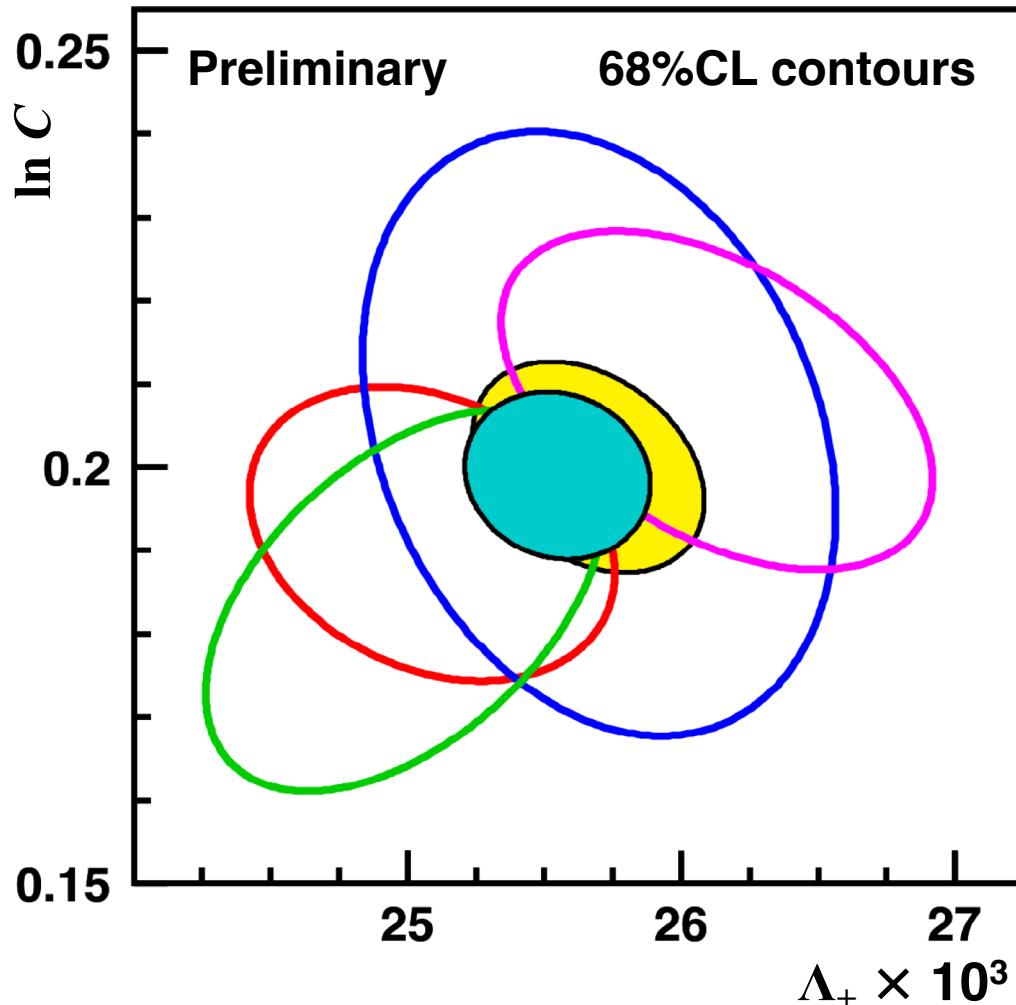
Additional information

**Electroweak Precision Physics from Beta Decays to the Z Pole
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Johannes Gutenberg University, 28 October 2022**

Phase-space integrals 2021

Averages of form-factor parameters for dispersive parameterization Λ_+ and $\ln C$

Integrals calculated from average values



$\Lambda_+ \times 10^3$	=	25.55 ± 0.38
$\ln C$	=	0.1992(78)
$\rho(\Lambda_+, \ln C)$	=	-0.110
χ^2/ndf	=	7.5/7 (38%)

Integrals

K^0_{e3}	0.15470(15)
K^+_{e3}	0.15915(15)
$K^0_{\mu 3}$	0.10247(15)
$K^+_{\mu 3}$	0.10553(16)

Correlation matrix for integrals

K^0_{e3}	1	1	0.530	0.521
K^+_{e3}		1	0.530	0.521
$K^0_{\mu 3}$			1	1
$K^+_{\mu 3}$				1