



CKM Unitary tests with Tau decays

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1. Introduction and Motivation

1.1 Test of New Physics : V_{us}

- Extraction of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix element V_{us}

- Fundamental parameter of the Standard Model

Check unitarity of the first row of the CKM matrix:

➔ *Cabibbo Universality*

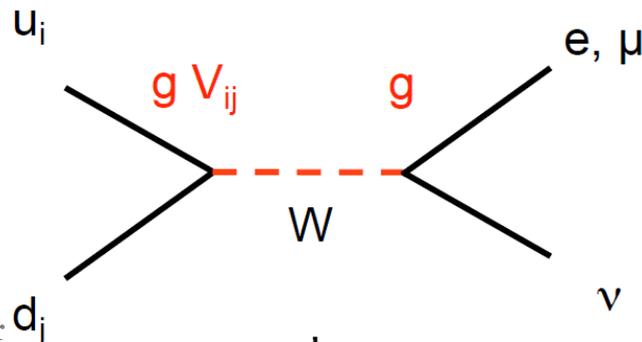
$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

Negligible
(B decays)

- Input in UT analysis

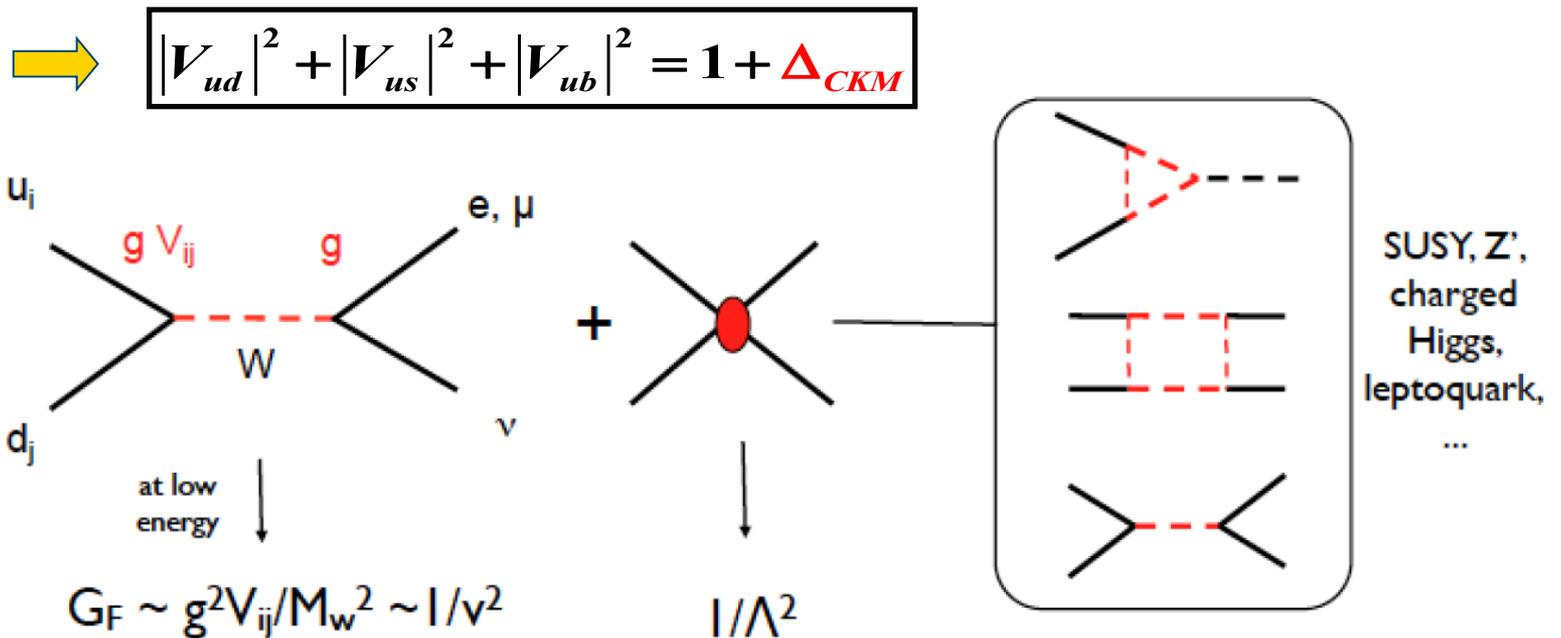
- Look for *new physics*

- In the Standard Model : W exchange ➔ only V-A structure



1.1 Test of New Physics : V_{us}

- BSM: sensitive to tree-level and loop effects of a large class of models



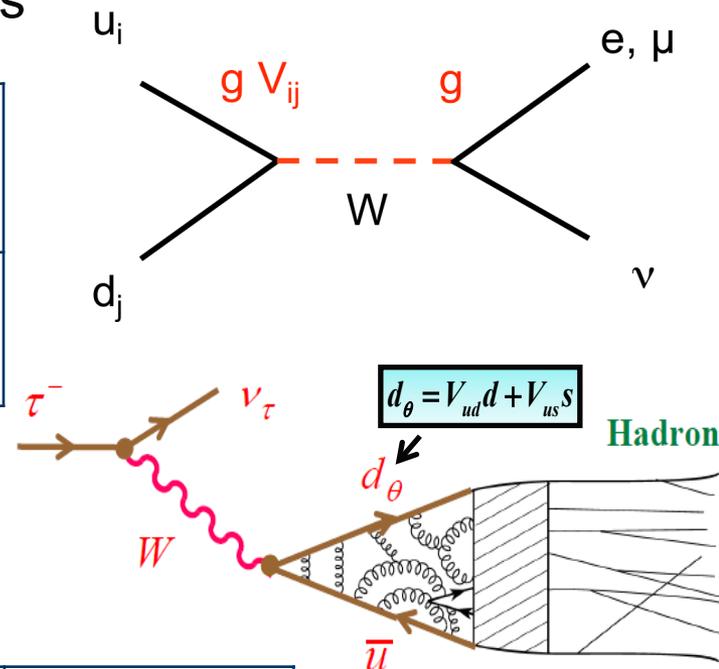
➤ BSM effects :
$$\Delta_{CKM} \sim (v/\Lambda)^2$$

- Look for new physics by comparing the extraction of V_{us} from different processes: helicity suppressed $K_{\mu 2}$, helicity allowed $K_{l 3}$, hadronic τ decays

1.2 Paths to V_{ud} and V_{us}

- From kaon, pion, baryon and nuclear decays

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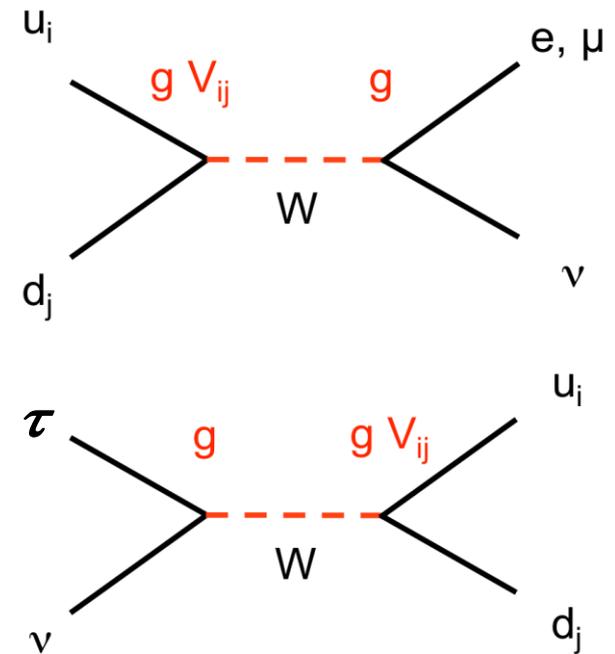
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- These are the *golden modes* to extract V_{ud} and V_{us}
 - Only the *vector current* contributes $\langle A(p_A) | \bar{q}^i \gamma_\mu q^j | B(p_B) \rangle$
 - Normalization known in SU(2) [SU(3)] symmetry limit
 - Corrections start at 2nd order in SU(2) [SU(3)] breaking

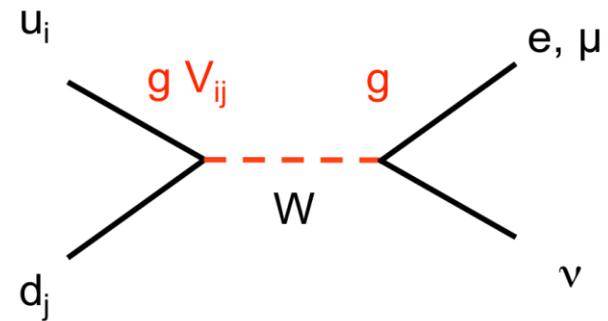
Ademollo & Gato, Berhands & Sirlin

- Currently the most precise determination of V_{ud} and V_{us}
 - ➔ V_{ud} (**0.02 %**) and V_{us} (**0.5 %**)

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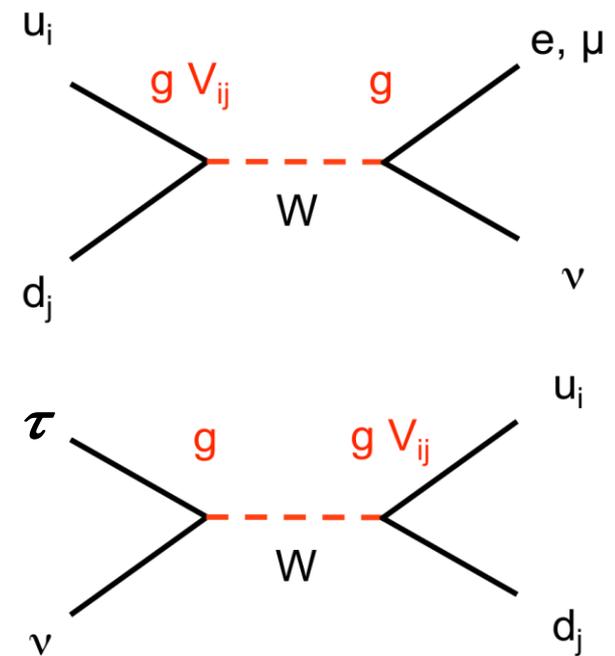


- $n \rightarrow p e \nu_e$:**
 - Both *V* and *A currents* contribute \Rightarrow need experimental information on A (e.g. β asymmetry ($r_A = g_A/g_V$))
 - Free of nuclear uncertainties
 - Probe different combinations of BSM operators (e.g. right-handed currents, etc...)

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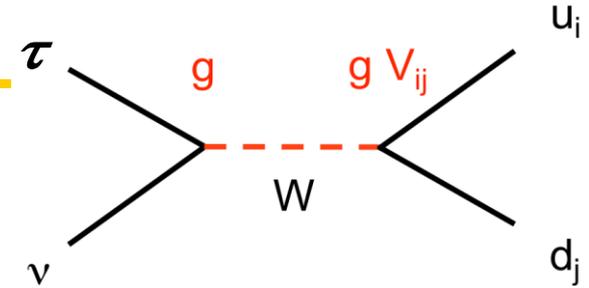
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- K_{l2}/π_{l2} and $\tau \rightarrow K/\pi \nu_\tau$
 - Only the *axial current* contributes
 - Need to know the decay constants F_K, F_π
➡ *Lattice QCD*
 - Probe different BSM operators than from the vector case
- Input on F_K/F_π ➡ V_{us}/V_{ud} very precisely

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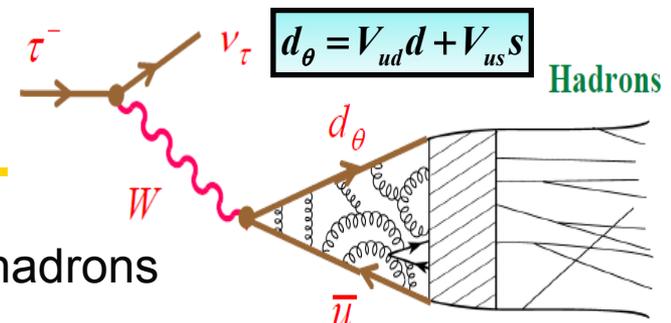
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- Possibility to determine V_{ud} , V_{us} from *inclusive τ decays*
 - Use *OPE* to calculate the inclusive BRs
 - Different test of BSM operators *inclusive* vs. *exclusive*

2. V_{us} from inclusive hadronic τ decays

2.1 Introduction



- Tau, the only lepton heavy enough to decay into hadrons

- $m_\tau \sim 1.77\text{GeV} > \Lambda_{QCD}$ \Rightarrow use *perturbative tools: OPE...*

- Inclusive τ decays : $\tau \rightarrow (\bar{u}d, \bar{u}s)\nu_\tau$ \Rightarrow fund. SM parameters $(\alpha_s(m_\tau), |V_{us}|, m_s)$

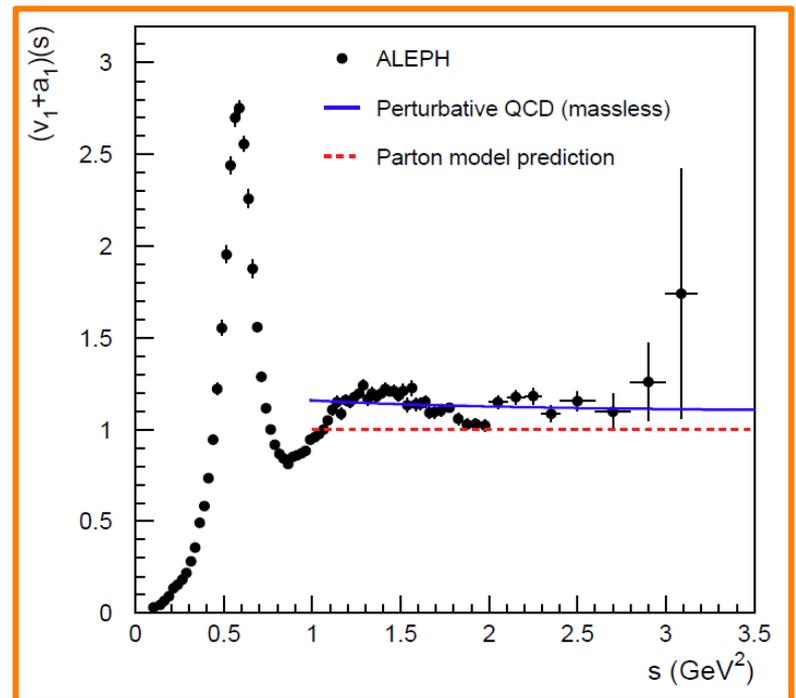
Davier et al'13

- We consider $\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons}_{S=0})$

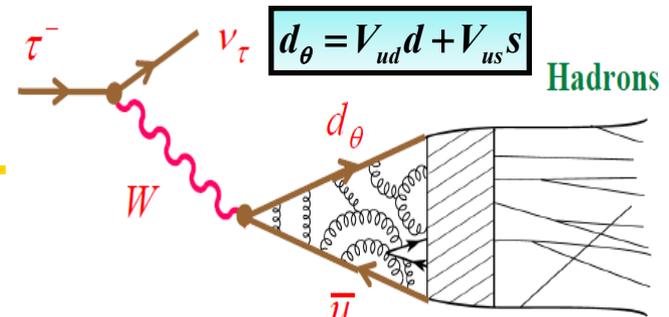
$$\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons}_{S \neq 0})$$

- ALEPH and OPAL at LEP measured with precision not only the total BRs but also the energy distribution of the hadronic system \Rightarrow huge *QCD activity!*

- Observable studied: $R_\tau \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}$



2.2 Theory



- $$R_\tau \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e)} \approx N_C$$
 parton model prediction

- $$R_\tau = R_\tau^{NS} + R_\tau^S \approx |V_{ud}|^2 N_C + |V_{us}|^2 N_C$$

- $$\frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} = \frac{R_\tau^S}{R_\tau^{NS}} \Rightarrow |V_{us}|$$

QCD switch

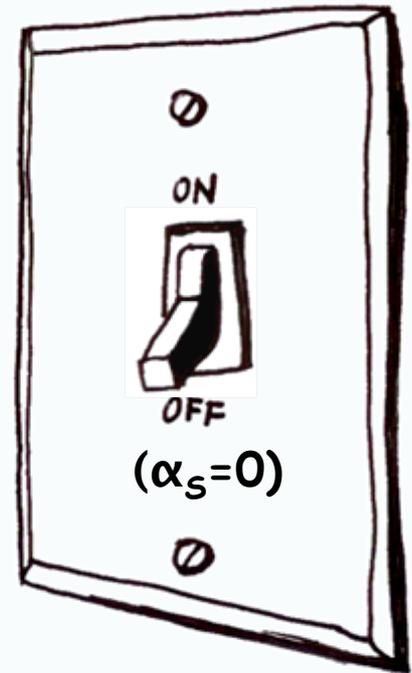
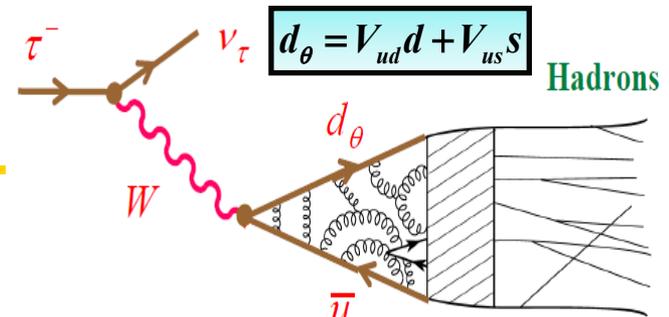


Figure from
M. González Alonso'13

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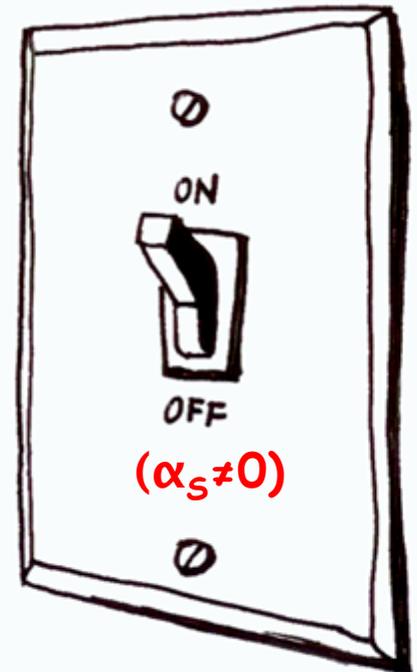
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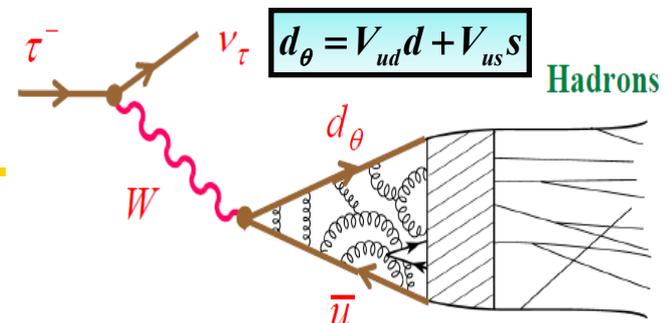
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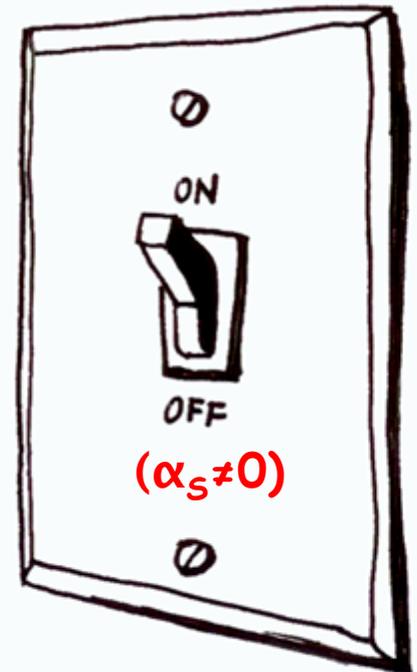
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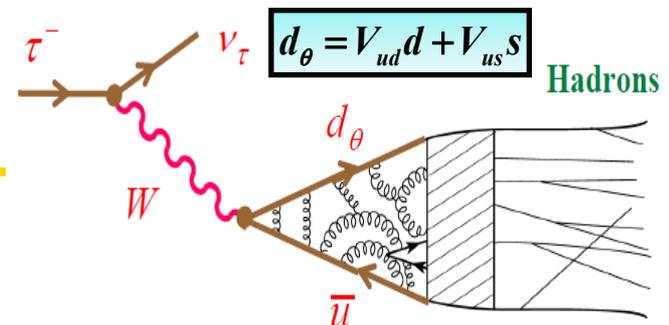
- Due to *QCD corrections*:

$$R_\tau = |V_{ud}|^2 N_C + |V_{us}|^2 N_C + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$

QCD switch



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- From the measurement of the spectral functions, extraction of α_S , $|V_{us}|$

- $$R_\tau \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e)} \approx N_C$$
 naïve QCD prediction

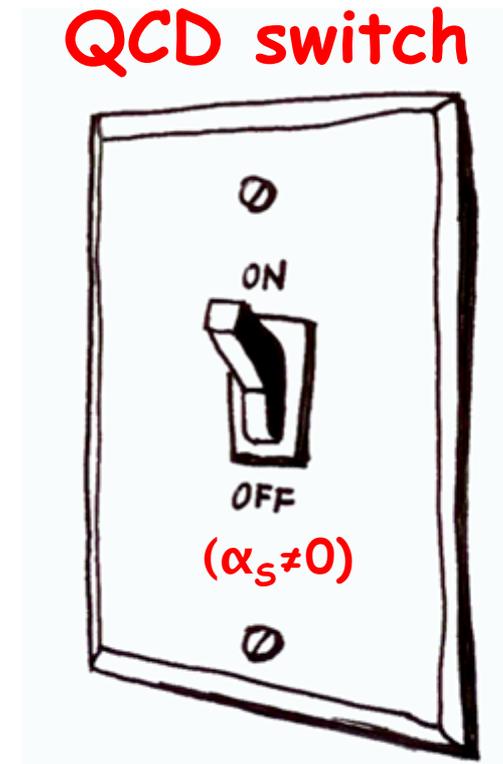
- Extraction of the strong coupling constant :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \uparrow \\
 \text{measured}
 \end{array}
 R_\tau^{NS} = |V_{ud}|^2 N_C + \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{calculated} \end{array} \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \alpha_S$$

- Determination of V_{us} :

$$\frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} = \frac{R_\tau^S}{R_\tau^{NS}} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S)$$

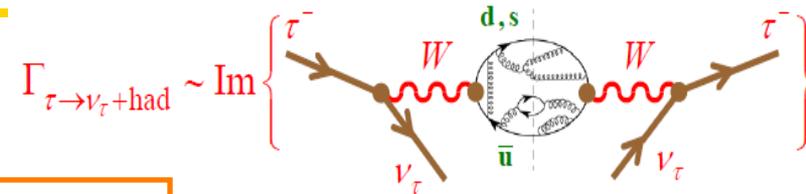
- Main difficulty: compute the QCD corrections with the best accuracy



2.3 Calculation of the QCD corrections

- Calculation of R_τ :

$$R_\tau(m_\tau^2) = 12\pi S_{EW} \int_0^{m_\tau^2} \frac{ds}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right)^2 \left[\left(1 + 2\frac{s}{m_\tau^2}\right) \text{Im}\Pi^{(1)}(s+i\epsilon) + \text{Im}\Pi^{(0)}(s+i\epsilon) \right]$$



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- Analyticity: Π is analytic in the entire complex plane except for s real positive

→ Cauchy Theorem

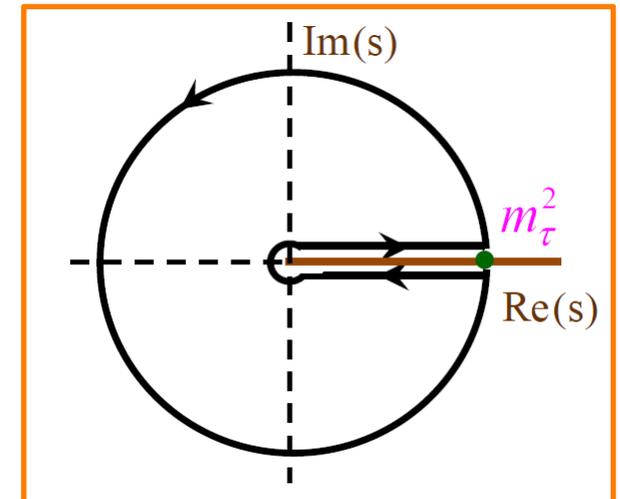
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- We are now at sufficient energy to use OPE:

$$\Pi^{(J)}(s) = \sum_{D=0,2,4,\dots} \frac{1}{(-s)^{D/2}} \sum_{\dim O=D} C^{(J)}(s, \mu) \langle O_D(\mu) \rangle$$

Wilson coefficients

Operators



μ : separation scale between short and long distances

2.3 Calculation of the QCD corrections

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- Calculation of R_τ :

$$R_\tau(m_\tau^2) = N_C S_{EW} (1 + \delta_P + \delta_{NP})$$

- Electroweak corrections: $S_{EW} = 1.0201(3)$ *Marciano & Sirlin'88, Braaten & Li'90, Erler'04*

- Perturbative part (D=0): $\delta_P = a_\tau + 5.20 a_\tau^2 + 26 a_\tau^3 + 127 a_\tau^4 + \dots \approx 20\%$ $a_\tau = \frac{\alpha_s(m_\tau)}{\pi}$

Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn'08

- D=2: quark mass corrections, *neglected* for R_τ^{NS} ($\propto m_u, m_d$) but not for R_τ^S ($\propto m_s$)

- D ≥ 4: Non perturbative part, not known, *fitted from the data*

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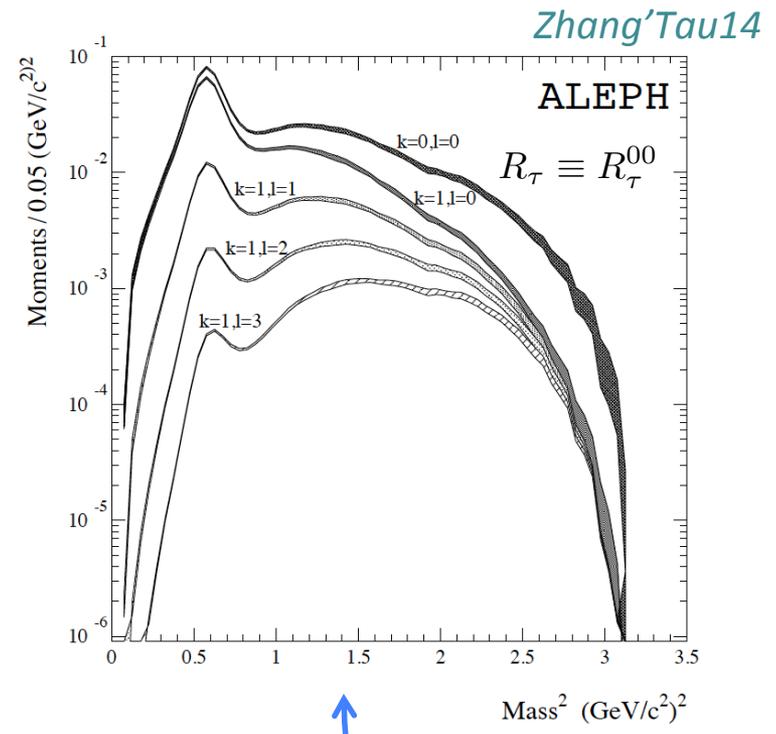
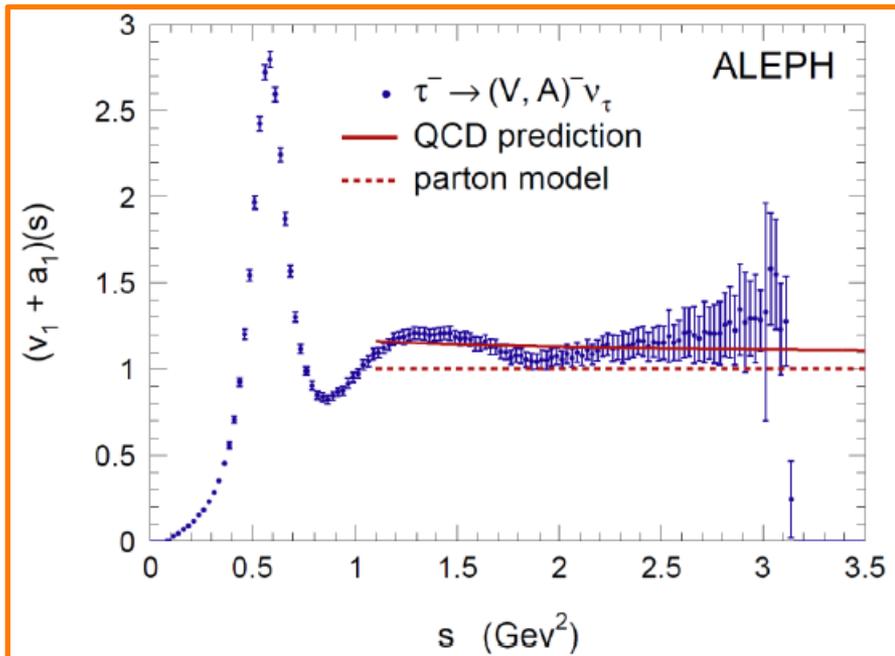
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Le Diberder&Pich'92

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Exploit shape of the spectral functions to obtain additional experimental information

$$R_{\tau,U}^{k\ell}(s_0) = \int_0^{s_0} ds \left(1 - \frac{s}{s_0}\right)^k \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^\ell \frac{dR_{\tau,U}(s_0)}{ds}$$



2.4 Inclusive determination of V_{us}

- With QCD on:
$$\frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} = \frac{R_\tau^S}{R_\tau^{NS}} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$

- Use OPE:
$$R_\tau^{NS}(m_\tau^2) = N_C S_{EW} |V_{ud}|^2 (1 + \delta_P + \delta_{NP}^{ud})$$

$$R_\tau^S(m_\tau^2) = N_C S_{EW} |V_{us}|^2 (1 + \delta_P + \delta_{NP}^{us})$$

- $$\delta R_\tau \equiv \frac{R_{\tau,NS}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \frac{R_{\tau,S}}{|V_{us}|^2}$$

SU(3) breaking quantity, strong dependence in m_s computed from OPE (L+T) + phenomenology

$$\delta R_{\tau,th} = 0.0242(32) \quad \text{Gamiz et al'07, Maltman'11}$$

$$|V_{us}|^2 = \frac{R_{\tau,S}}{\frac{R_{\tau,NS}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \delta R_{\tau,th}}$$

HFAG'17

$$R_{\tau,S} = 0.1633(28)$$

$$R_{\tau,NS} = 3.4718(84)$$

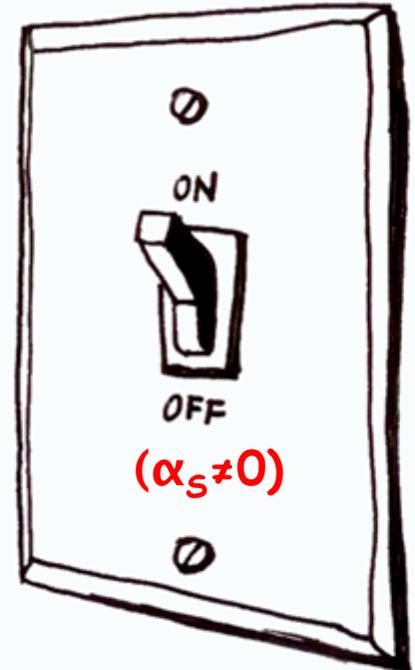
$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97417(21)$$

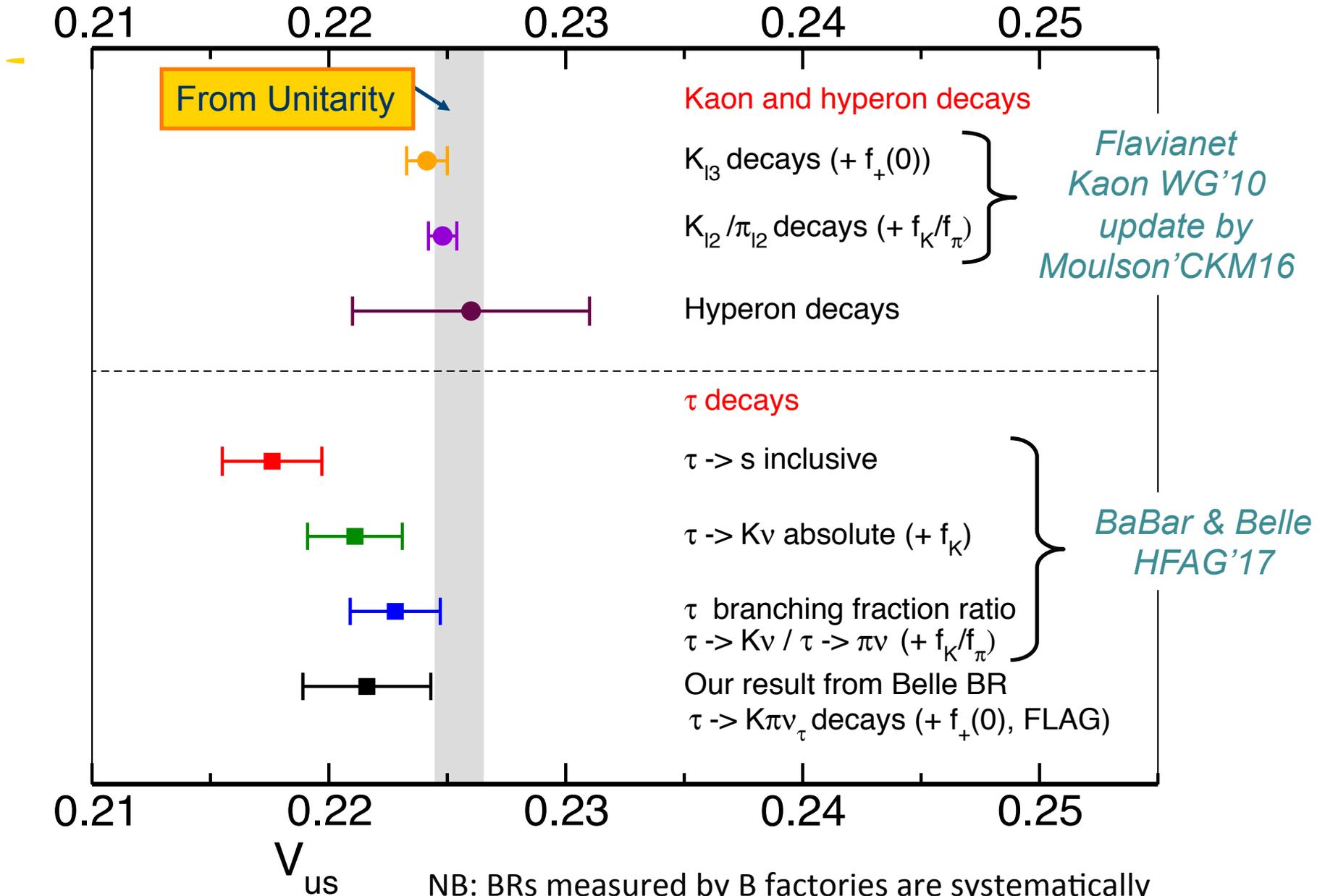


$$|V_{us}| = 0.2186 \pm 0.0019_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$$

3.1 σ away from unitarity!

QCD switch





3.5 V_{us} using info on Kaon decays and $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu_\tau$

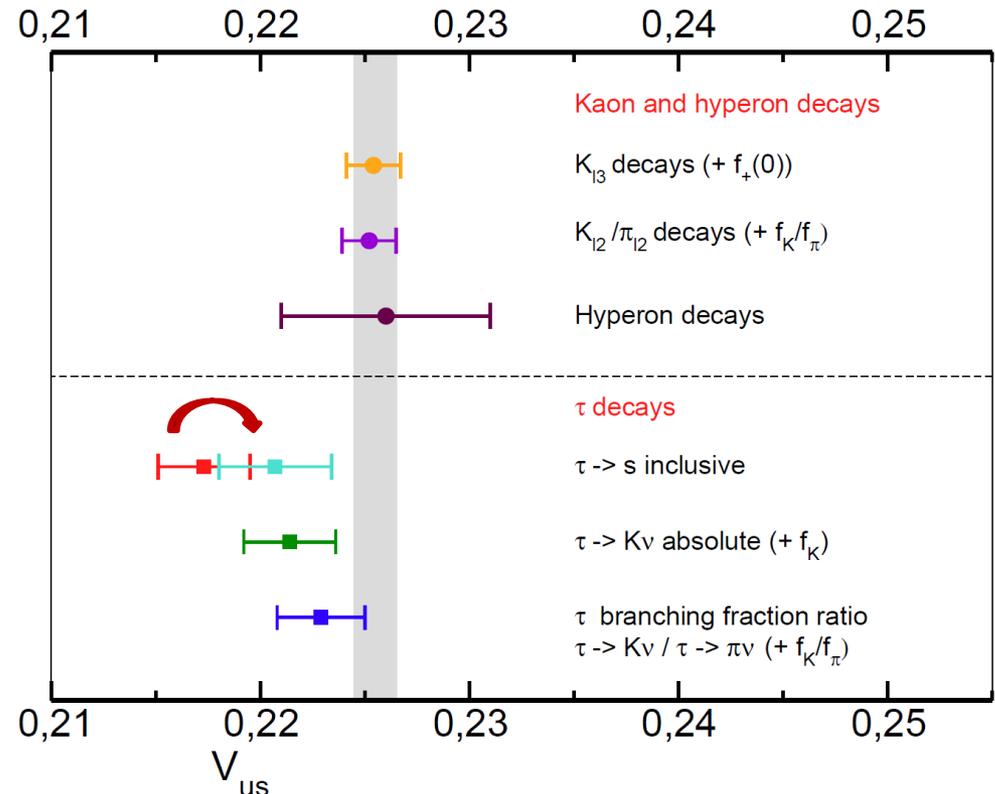
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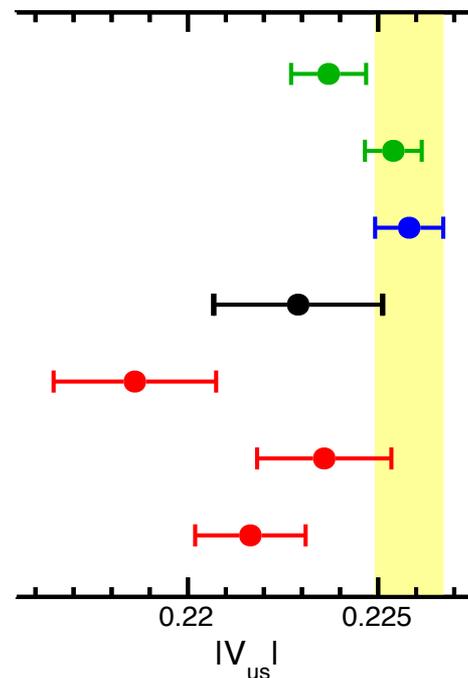
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K_{13} , PDG 2016
 0.2237 ± 0.0010

K_{12} , PDG 2016
 0.2254 ± 0.0007

CKM unitarity, PDG 2016
 0.2258 ± 0.0009

$\tau \rightarrow s$ incl., Maltman 2017
 $0.2229 \pm 0.0022 \pm 0.0004$

$\tau \rightarrow s$ incl., HFLAV 2016
 0.2186 ± 0.0021

$\tau \rightarrow K\nu / \tau \rightarrow \pi\nu$, HFLAV 2016
 0.2236 ± 0.0018

τ average, HFLAV 2016
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3. V_{us} from exclusive hadronic τ decays :

➤ $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu_\tau$ decays

3.1.1 Introduction: key ingredients

- Master formula for $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu_\tau$:

$$\Gamma\left(\tau \rightarrow \bar{K}\pi\nu_\tau [\gamma]\right) = \frac{G_F^2 m_\tau^5}{96\pi^3} C_K^2 S_{EW}^\tau |V_{us}|^2 \left|f_+^{K^0\pi^-}(0)\right|^2 I_K^\tau \left(1 + \delta_{EM}^{K\tau} + \tilde{\delta}_{SU(2)}^{K\pi}\right)^2$$

- Experimental inputs from HFAG *Banerjee et al.*'12

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Marciano & Sirlin'88, Braaten & Li'90, Erler'04

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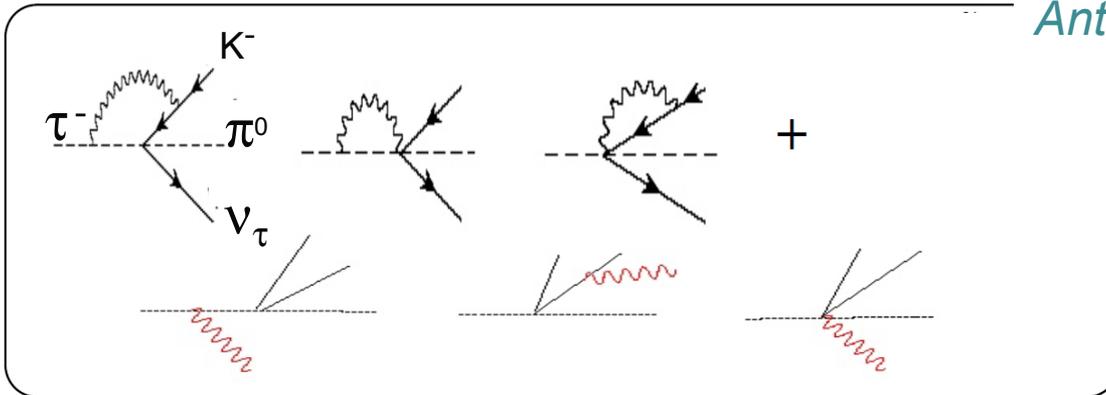
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- δ_{EM}^{KI} : Long-distance electromagnetic corrections

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\rightarrow ChPT to $O(p^2e^2)$

\rightarrow Counter-terms neglected

based on $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$

Cirigliano, Neufeld, Ecker'02

F. Flores-Baez, A. Flores-Tlalpa,

G. Lopez Castro,

G. Toledo Sanchez'06



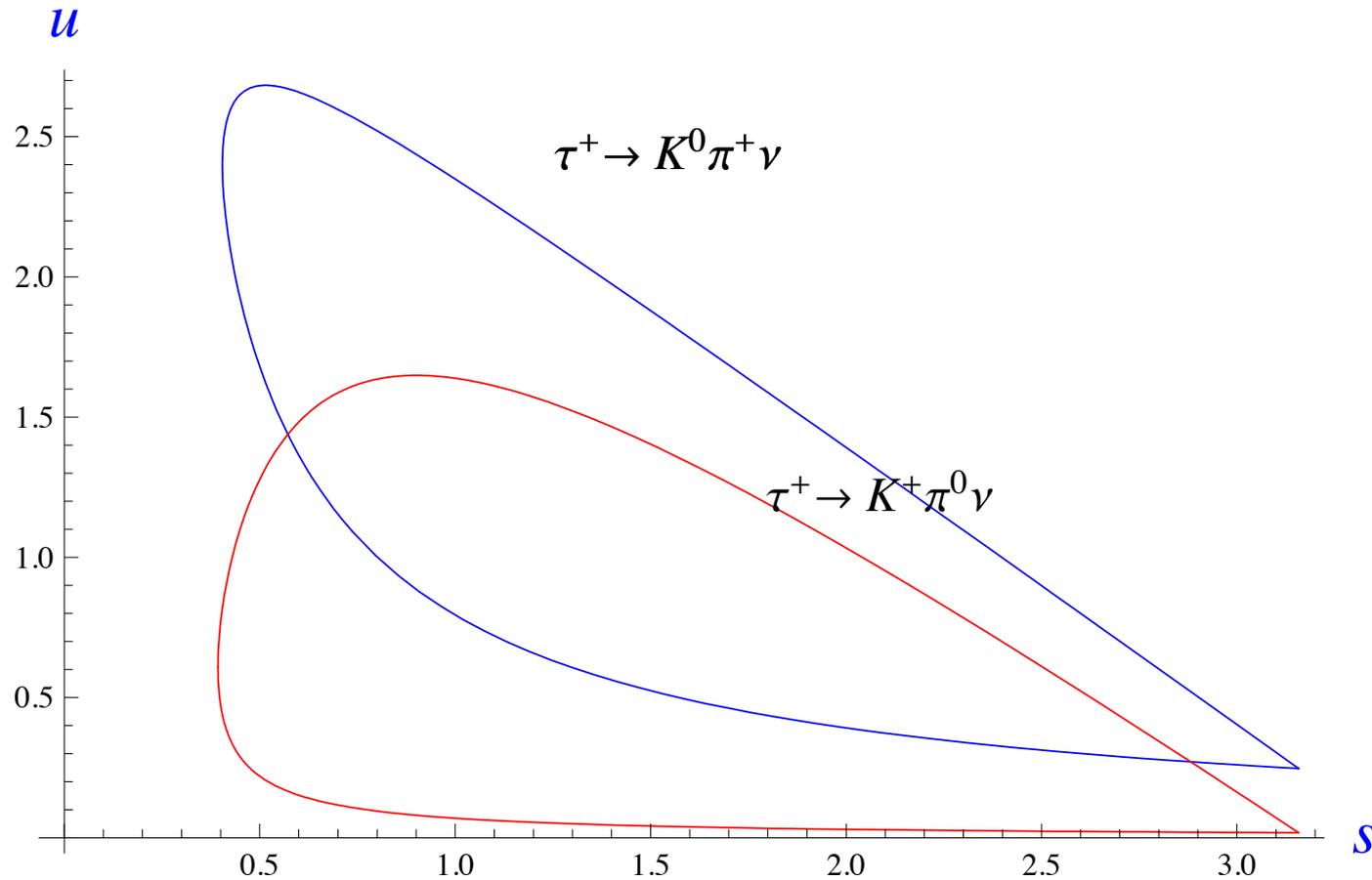
$$\delta_{EM}^{\bar{K}^0\tau} = (-0.15 \pm 0.2)\%$$

$$\delta_{EM}^{K^-\tau} = (-0.2 \pm 0.2)\%$$

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Dalitz Plot



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$$\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \bar{K}\pi\nu_\tau [\gamma]) = \frac{G_F^2 m_\tau^5}{96\pi^3} C_K^2 S_{EW}^\tau |V_{us}|^2 |f_+^{K^0\pi^-}(0)|^2 I_K^\tau \left(1 + \delta_{EM}^{K\tau} + \tilde{\delta}_{SU(2)}^{K\pi} \right)^2$$

- Theoretical inputs:

➤ S_{ew} : Short distance electroweak correction $\Rightarrow S_{ew} = 1.0201$

➤ δ_{EM}^{Kl} : Long-distance electromagnetic corrections

$\Rightarrow \delta_{EM}^{\bar{K}^0\tau} = (-0.15 \pm 0.2)\%$ and $\delta_{EM}^{K^-\tau} = (-0.2 \pm 0.2)\%$

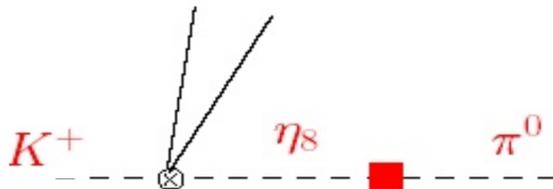
➤ $\tilde{\delta}_{SU(2)}^{K\pi}$: Isospin breaking corrections

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$$\tilde{\delta}_{SU(2)}^{K\pi} = \frac{f_+^{K^+\pi^0}(0)}{f_+^{K^0\pi^-}(0)} - 1$$



$$\tilde{\delta}_{SU(2)}^{K\pi} = (2.9 \pm 0.4_{\text{mixing}} \pm 0.5)\%$$



+ IB in the K^* to $K\pi$ coupling

3.1.3 Phase space integrals

- Master formula for $\tau \rightarrow K\pi V_\tau$:

$$\Gamma\left(\tau \rightarrow \bar{K}\pi V_\tau [\gamma]\right) = \frac{G_F^2 m_\tau^5}{96\pi^3} C_K^2 S_{EW}^\tau |V_{us}|^2 \left|f_+^{K^0\pi^-}(0)\right|^2 I_K^\tau \left(1 + \delta_{EM}^{K\tau} + \tilde{\delta}_{SU(2)}^{K\pi}\right)^2$$

- Theoretical inputs :

- I_K^τ : Phase space integral  need a *parametrization* for the normalized form factors to fit the experimental distributions

$$I_K^\tau = \int ds F\left(s, \bar{f}_+(s), \bar{f}_0(s)\right)$$

Hadronic matrix element: Crossed channel from $K \rightarrow \pi V_1$

$$\langle K\pi | \bar{s}\gamma_\mu \mathbf{u} | 0 \rangle = \left[(p_K - p_\pi)_\mu + \frac{\Delta_{K\pi}}{s} (p_K + p_\pi)_\mu \right] \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{vector}}}{f_+(s)} - \frac{\Delta_{K\pi}}{s} (p_K + p_\pi)_\mu \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{scalar}}}{f_0(s)}$$

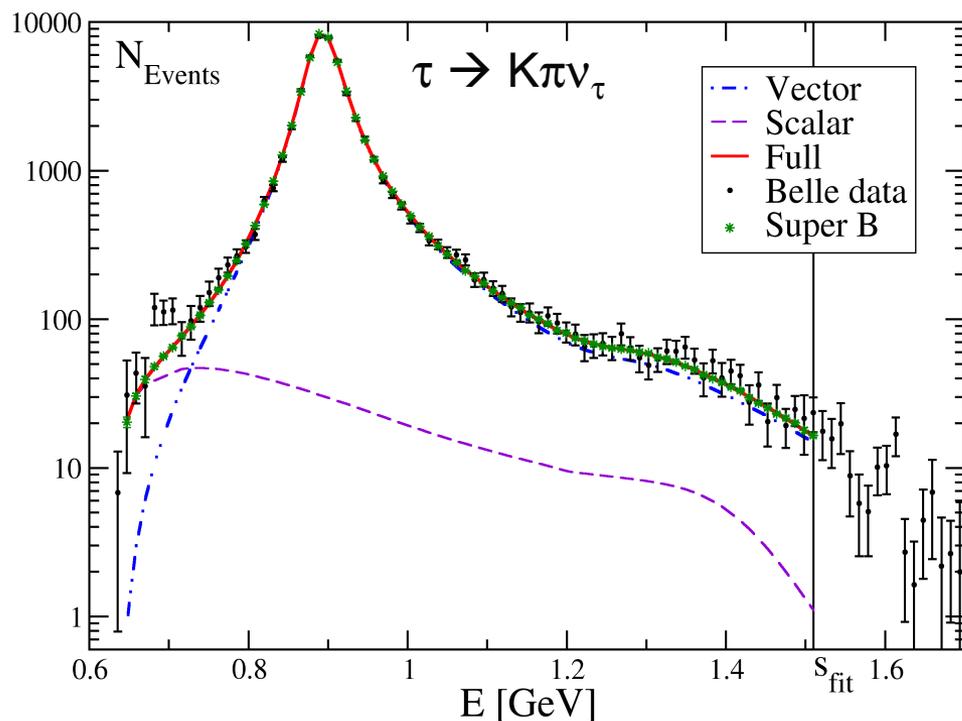
with $s = q^2 = (p_K + p_\pi)^2$, $\bar{f}_{0,+}(t) = \frac{f_{0,+}(t)}{f_+(0)}$

 Use a *dispersive parametrization* to combine with K_{13} analysis

Form factors

- Invariant mass spectra: constraints on FF very important for testing QCD dynamics and the SM and new physics:

$K\pi$ form factors : $\rightarrow V_{us}$



Jamin, Pich, Portolés'08

Boito, Escribano, Jamin'09,'10

Bernard, Boito, E.P'11

Bernard'13,

Escribano, González-Solis, Jamin, Roig'14

3.1.5 Results for phase space integrals

- From the results of the fit to the Belle + K_{l3} data :

Integral	result	error	exp	theo
$I_{K^0}^\tau$	0.50418	0.01762	0.01689	0.00501
$I_{K^0}^e$	0.15472	0.00022	0.00022	0.00000
$I_{K^0}^\tau / I_{K^0}^e$	3.25864	0.11115	0.10634	0.03235
$I_{K^+}^\tau$	0.52387	0.01958	0.01889	0.00515
$I_{K^+}^e$	0.15909	0.00025	0.00025	0.00000
$I_{K^+}^\tau / I_{K^+}^e$	3.29282	0.12032	0.11589	0.03235

Precision : $I_{K^0}^\tau$ 3.4%, $I_{K^+}^\tau$ 3.7%

To be compared to the precision on I_K^l : 0.14 %

➡ Should be improved with more *precise measurements!*

3.1.6 Extraction of V_{us}

- Result for $\tau \rightarrow K\pi\nu_\tau$:

$$BR\left(\tau \rightarrow \overline{K}^0 \pi^- \nu_\tau\right) = (0.416 \pm 0.008)\% \quad \text{Belle'14}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_+(0) |V_{us}| = 0.2141 \pm 0.0014_{I_K} \pm 0.0021_{\text{exp}}$$

FLAG'16

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FLAG'16

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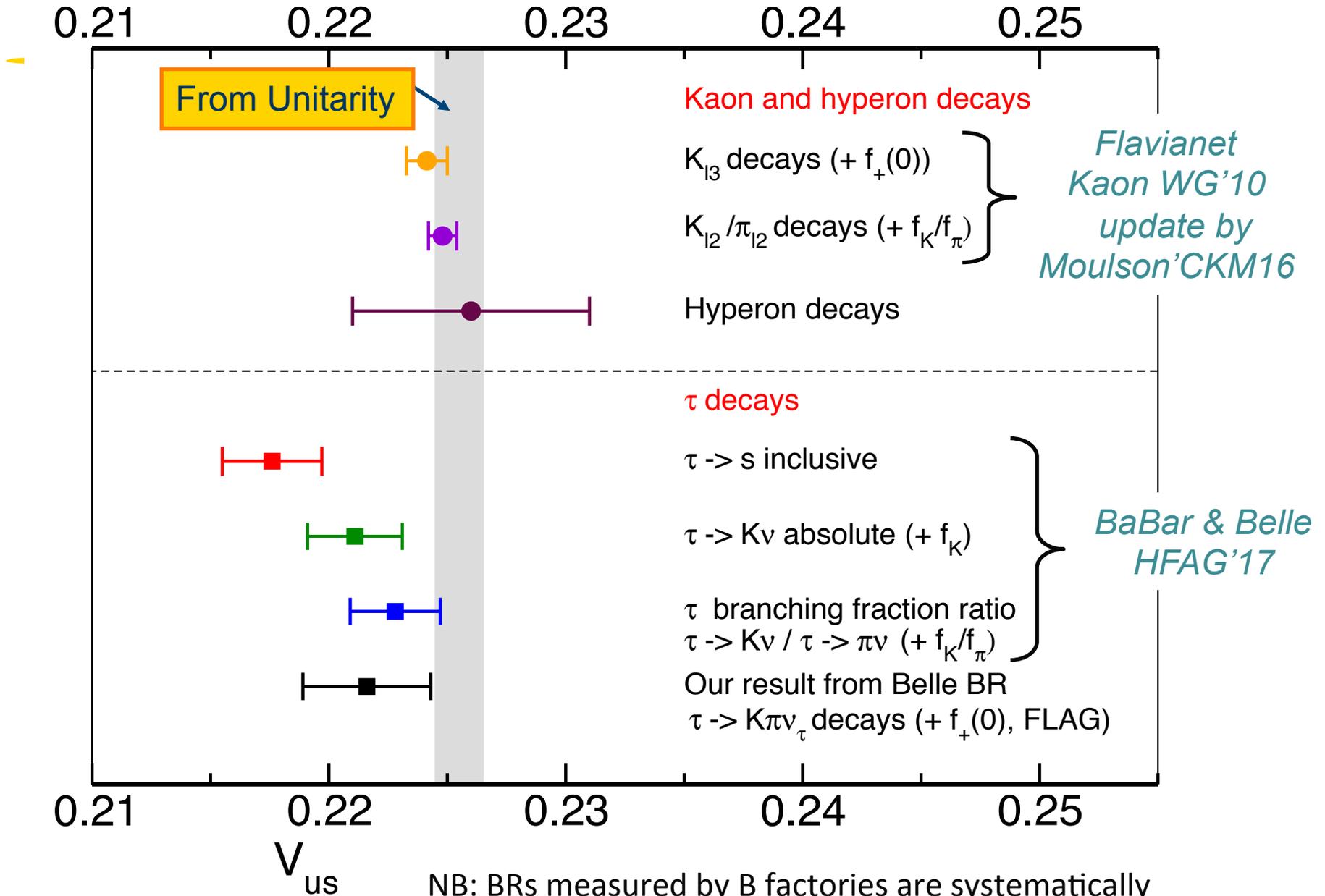
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- Result of fit to $K_{l3} + \tau \rightarrow K\pi V_\tau$ and $K\pi$ scattering data including inelasticities in the dispersive FFs

$f_+(0)|V_{us}| = 0.2163 \pm 0.0014$



NB: BRs measured by B factories are systematically smaller than previous measurements

3. V_{us} from exclusive hadronic τ decays :

➤ $\tau \rightarrow \bar{K} \nu_\tau / \tau \rightarrow \pi \nu_\tau$ decays

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3.2 V_{us} from $\tau \rightarrow K\nu_\tau / \tau \rightarrow \pi\nu_\tau$

$$\bullet \frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow K\nu[\gamma])}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \pi\nu[\gamma])} = \frac{(1 - m_{K^\pm}^2/m_\tau^2) f_K^2 |V_{us}|^2}{(1 - m_{\pi^\pm}^2/m_\tau^2) f_\pi^2 |V_{ud}|^2} (1 + \delta_{LD})$$

➤ δ_{LD} : Long-distance radiative corrections

➔ $\delta_{LD} = 1.0003 \pm 0.0044$

➤ Brs from *HFAG'17 with update by A.Lusiani*

➤ F_K/F_π from lattice average: $\frac{f_K}{f_\pi} = 1.1930 \pm 0.0030$ *FLAG'16*

➤ V_{ud} : $|V_{ud}| = 0.97417(21)$ *Towner & Hardy'14*

➔ $|V_{us}| = 0.2236 \pm 0.0018$ 1.1 σ away from unitarity

3.3 V_{us} from $\tau \rightarrow K\nu_\tau$

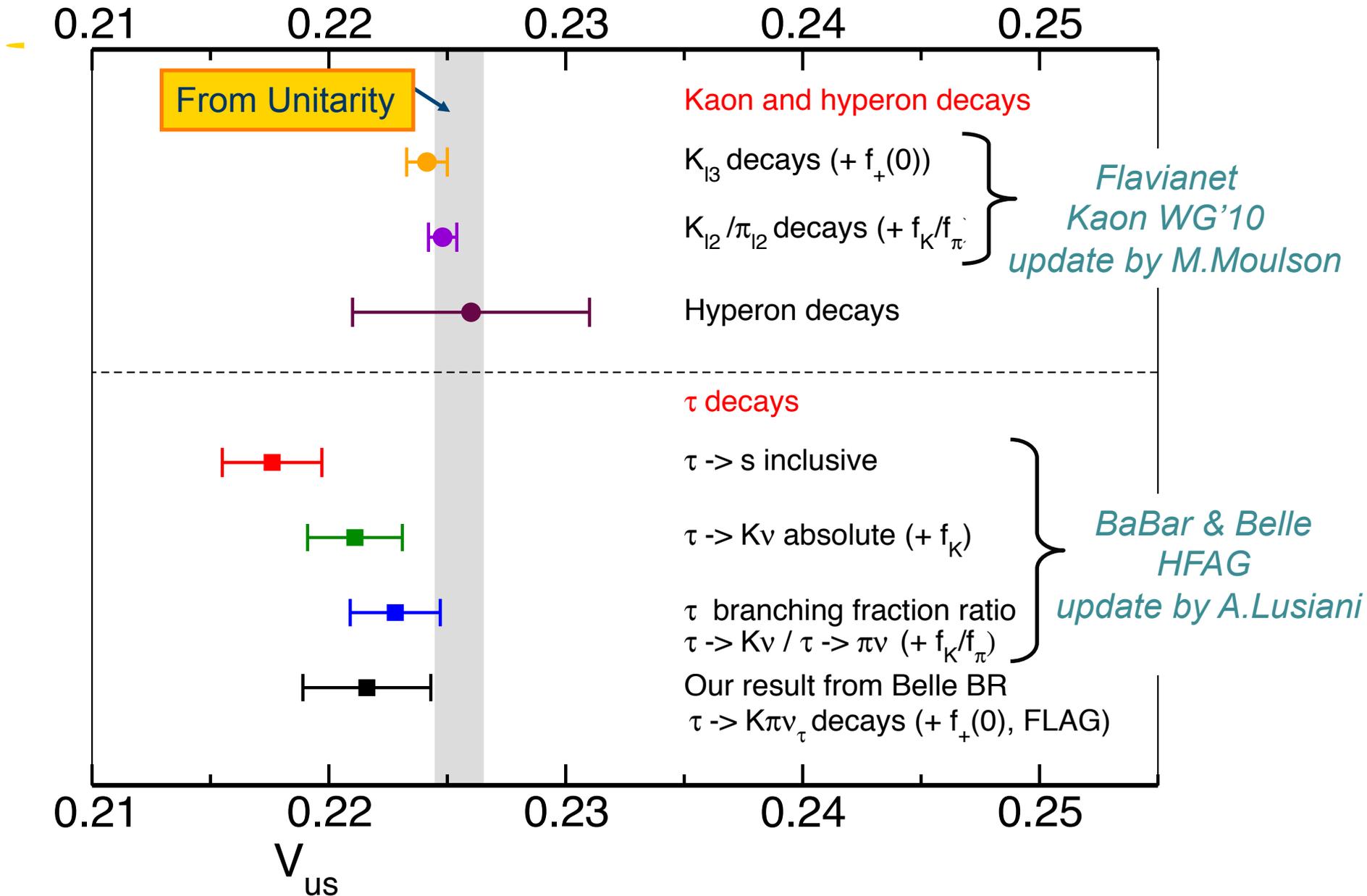
$$\bullet \quad BR(\tau \rightarrow K\nu[\gamma]) = \frac{G_F^2 m_\tau^3 S_{EW} \tau_\tau}{16\pi h} \left(1 - \frac{m_{K^\pm}^2}{m_\tau^2}\right) f_K^2 |V_{us}|^2$$

In principle less precise than ratios

➤ Inputs from *HFAG'17 with update by A.Lusiani*

➤ F_K from lattice average $f_K = (156.3 \pm 0.9) \text{ MeV}$ *FLAG'16*

➔ $|V_{us}| = 0.2211 \pm 0.0020$ 1.9 σ away from unitarity



4. Conclusion and Outlook

4.1 Conclusion

- Studying τ physics \Rightarrow very interesting tests of the Standard Model e.g. V_{us}

- Inclusive τ decays : \Rightarrow $|V_{us}| = 0.2176 \pm 0.0019_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$

Error dominated by experiment \Rightarrow Potentially the more precise extraction of V_{us}

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- Simulated *New flavour factory* data from *Belle* data :
Same central values but uncertainties rescaled assuming 40 ab^{-1} luminosity

Mode	BR	% err	BR(K_{e3})	τ_K	τ_τ	I_K^T/I_K^e	Δ_{EM}	$\Delta_{\text{SU}(2)}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 \pi^- \nu_\tau$	0.8427 ± 0.0122	1.45	0.22	0.41	0.34	1.24	0.46	0
$\tau^- \rightarrow K^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	0.4631 ± 0.0079	1.71	0.06	0.12	0.34	1.25	0.47	1.00

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2176 \pm 0.0019_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}} \Rightarrow |V_{us}| = 0.2211 \pm 0.0006_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$$

- Promising!** Competitive with kaon physics!

$$\Rightarrow |V_{us}| = 0.2255 \pm 0.0005_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0008_{\text{th}}$$

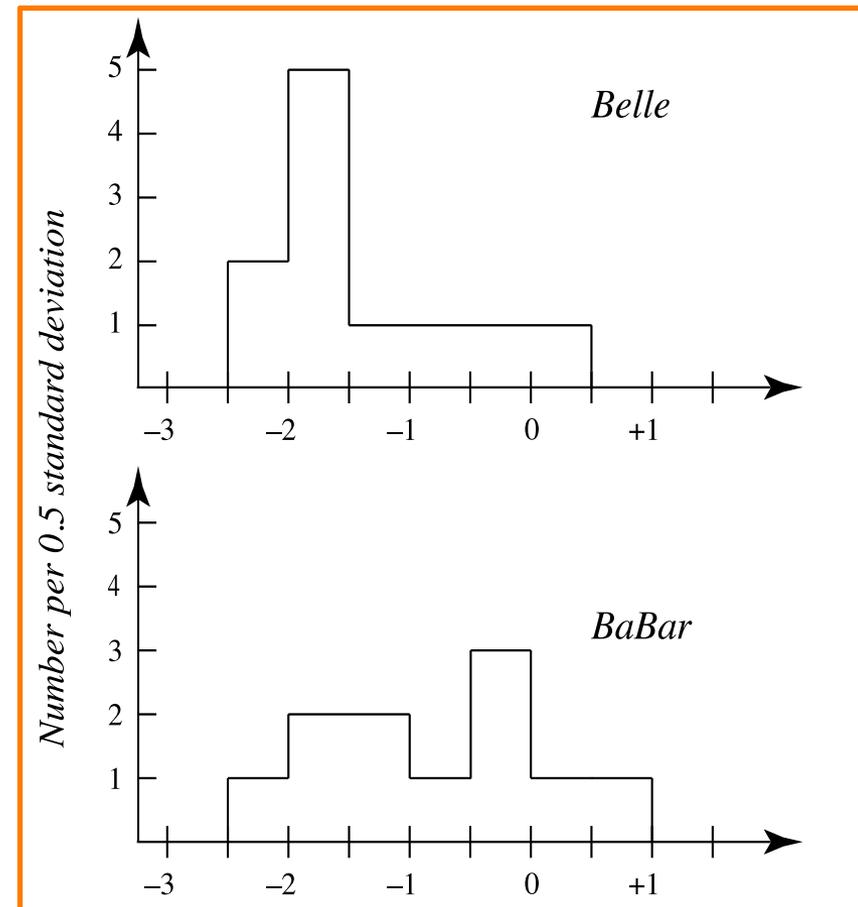
4.2 Outlook : Experimental challenges : strange τ Brs

- *PDG 2014*: « Nineteen of the 20 B -factory branching fraction measurements are smaller than the non- B -factory values. The average normalized difference between the two sets of measurements is -1.08 » (-1.41 for the 11 Belle measurements and -0.75 for the 11 BaBar measurements)

➔ Supported by predictions from kaon X channel

- Measured modes by the 2 B factories:

Mode	BaBar – Belle Normalized Difference ($\#\sigma$)
$\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	+1.4
$K^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	-2.9
$K^- K^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$	-2.9
$K^- K^+ K^- \nu_\tau$	-5.4
$\eta K^- \nu_\tau$	-1.0
$\phi K^- \nu_\tau$	-1.3



4.2 Outlook : Experimental challenges : strange τ Brs

- *PDG 2016*: « We find that that BaBar and Belle tend to measure lower τ branching fractions and ratios than the other experiments. The average normalized difference between the two sets of measurements is -0.8σ (-0.8σ for the 16 Belle measurements and -0.9σ for the 11 BaBar measurements)»

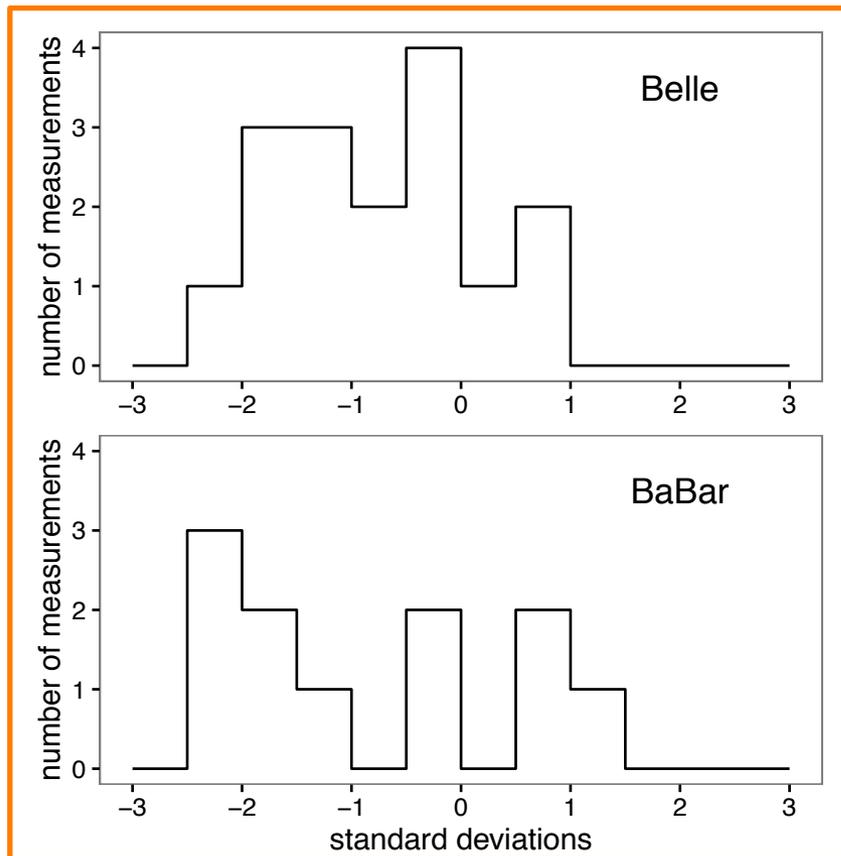


Figure 3: Distribution of the normalized difference between the 27 B -factory measurements and non- B -factory measurements. The list includes 16 measurements of branching fractions and ratios published by the Belle collaboration and 11 by the BaBar collaboration that are used in the fit and for which non- B -factory measurements exist.

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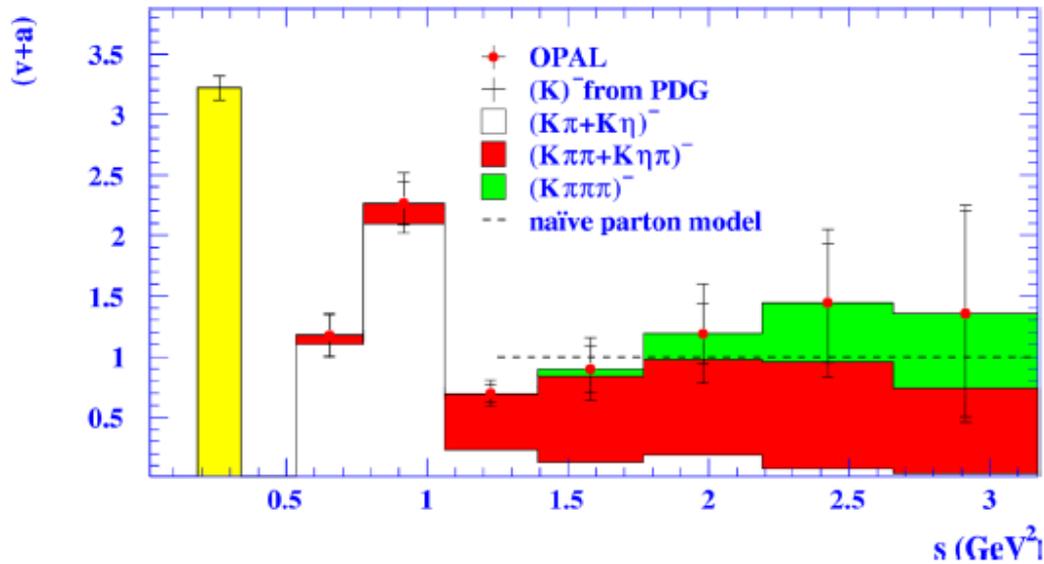
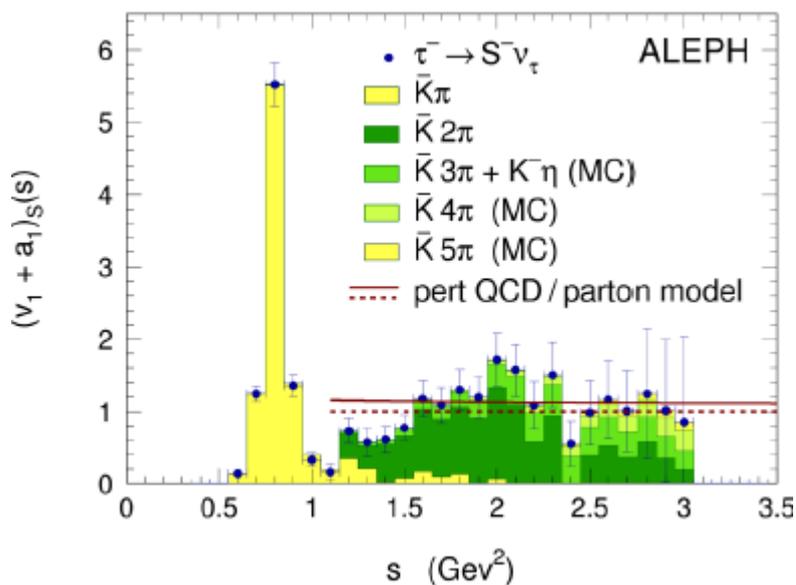
➡ More *precise measurements*

- Theoretical challenges :

- Having the hadronic uncertainties under control: OPE vs. Lattice QCD or ChPT
- Isospin breaking
- Electromagnetic corrections

Prospects : τ strange Brs

- Experimental measurements of the strange spectral functions not very precise



➔ New measurements are needed !

- Before B-factories

Smaller τ \rightarrow K branching ratios

$$R_{\tau}^S|_{\text{old}} = 0.1686(47)$$

- With B-factories new measurements :

smaller $R_{\tau,S}$ \rightarrow smaller V_{us}

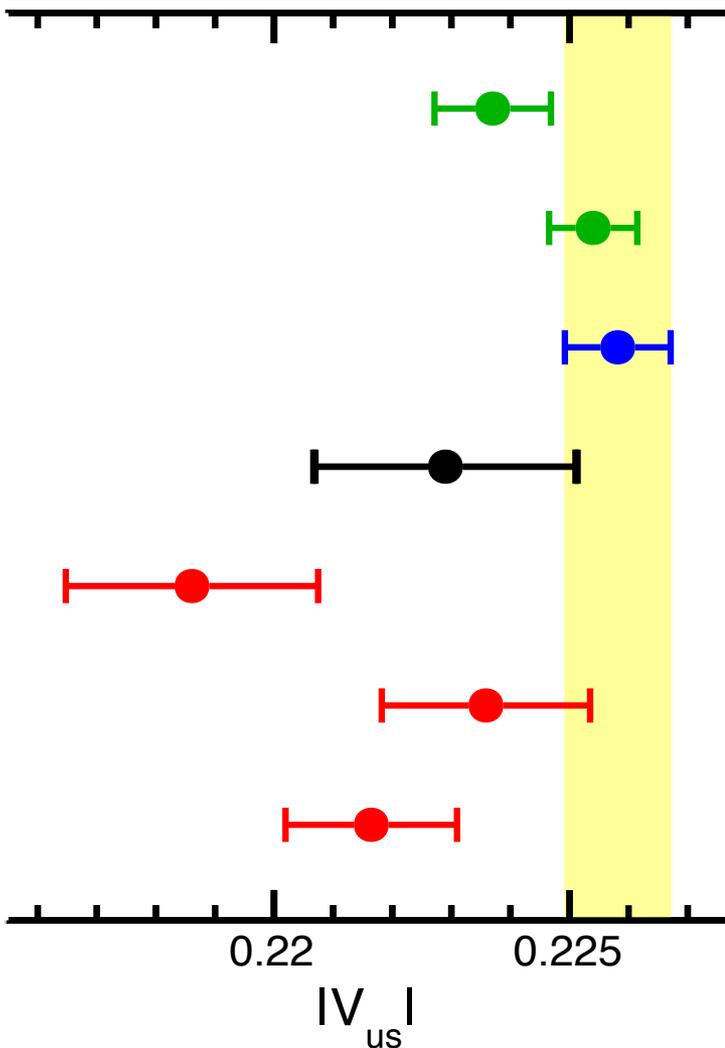
$$R_{\tau}^S|_{\text{new}} = 0.1615(28)$$

$$|V_{us}|_{\text{old}} = 0.2214 \pm 0.0031_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$$

$$|V_{us}|_{\text{new}} = 0.2186 \pm 0.0019_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$$

7. Back-up

V_{us} summary



K_{l3} , PDG 2016
 0.2237 ± 0.0010

K_{l2} , PDG 2016
 0.2254 ± 0.0007

CKM unitarity, PDG 2016
 0.2258 ± 0.0009

$\tau \rightarrow s$ incl., Maltman 2017
 $0.2229 \pm 0.0022 \pm 0.0004$

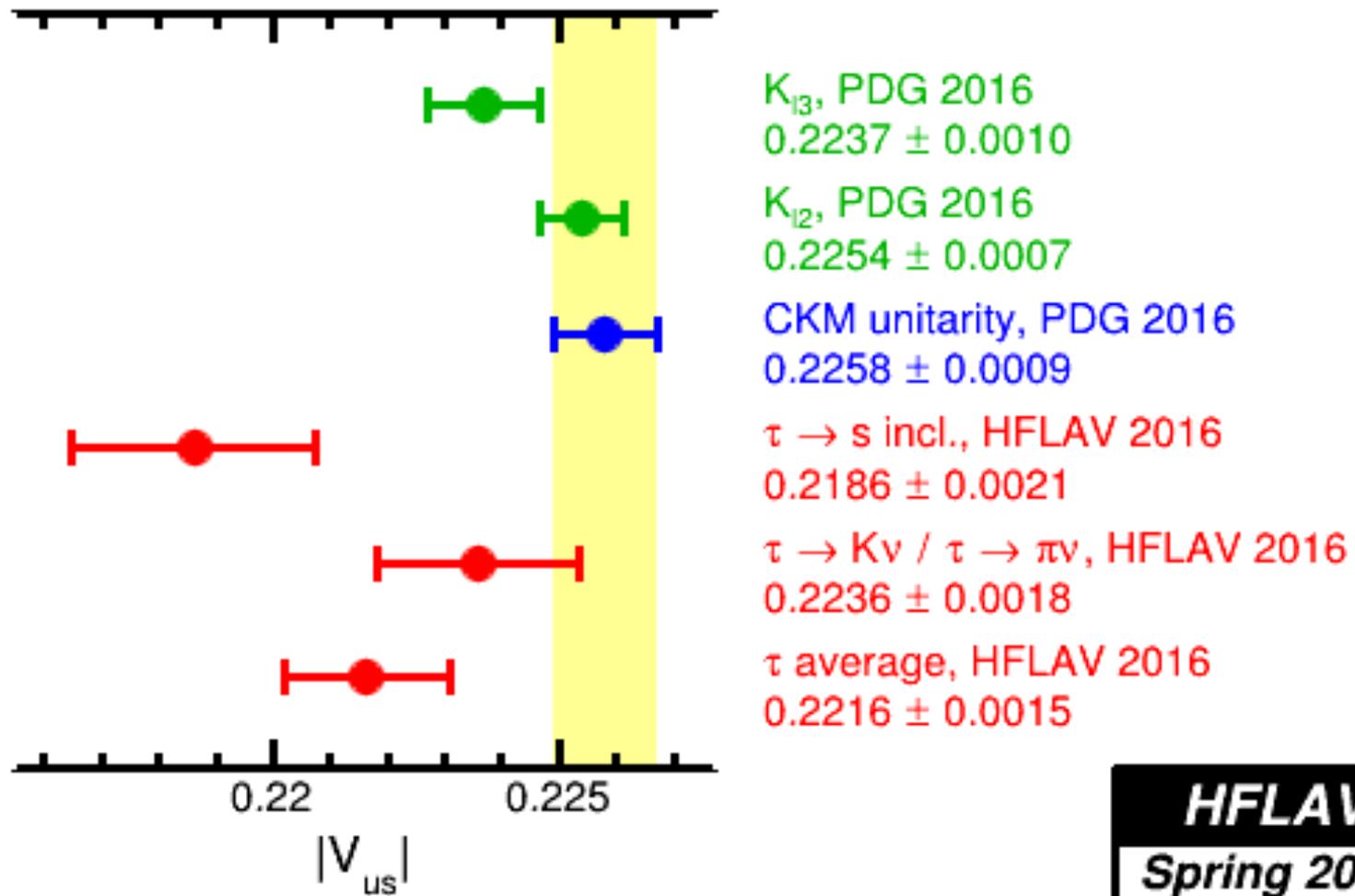
$\tau \rightarrow s$ incl., HFLAV 2016
 0.2186 ± 0.0021

$\tau \rightarrow K\nu / \tau \rightarrow \pi\nu$, HFLAV 2016
 0.2236 ± 0.0018

τ average, HFLAV 2016
 0.2216 ± 0.0015

HFLAV
Spring 2017

V_{us} summary



2.3 Calculation of δR_τ

$$\delta R_\tau^{th} \equiv \frac{R_{\tau,NS}}{|V_{ud}|^2} - \frac{R_{\tau,S}}{|V_{us}|^2} \approx N_C \mathcal{S}_{EW} \sum_{D \geq 2} [\delta_{ud}^{(D)} - \delta_{us}^{(D)}]$$

$\Rightarrow \delta R_\tau^{theo} \approx 24 \frac{m_s^2 (m_\tau^2)}{m_\tau^2} \Delta(\alpha_S)$
 but perturbatives series for L behave very badly!

- $\Delta_{kl}(\alpha_S)$ known to order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^3)$: *Gámiz, Jamin, Pich, Prades, Schwab'03,'05*
 - *transverse* contribution computed from *theory*
 - *longitudinal* contribution divergent \Rightarrow determined from *data*

E. Gámiz, CKM'12

	$R_{us,A}^{00,L}$	$R_{us,V}^{00,L}$	$R_{ud,A}^{00,L}$
Theory:	-0.144 ± 0.024	-0.028 ± 0.021	$-(7.79 \pm 0.14) \cdot 10^{-3}$
Phenom:	-0.135 ± 0.003	-0.028 ± 0.004	$-(7.77 \pm 0.08) \cdot 10^{-3}$

2.4 Results

$$\left| V_{us} \right|^2 = \frac{R_{\tau,S}}{\frac{R_{\tau,NS}}{\left| V_{ud} \right|^2} - \delta R_{\tau,th}}$$

- $\delta R_{\tau,th}$ determined from OPE (L+T) + phenomenology *E. Gámiz, CKM'12*

$$\Rightarrow \delta R_{\tau,th} = \underbrace{(0.1544 \pm 0.0037)}_{J=L} + \underbrace{(9.3 \pm 3.4) m_s^2}_{J=L+T, D=2} + (0.0034 \pm 0.0028) \quad \left[\delta R_{\tau,th} = 0.0239(30) \right]$$

Gamiz, Jamin, Pich, Prades, Schwab'07, Maltman'11

Input : $m_s \Rightarrow m_s(2 \text{ GeV}, \overline{\text{MS}}) = 93.8 \pm 2.4 \text{ MeV}$ lattice average *FLAG'13*

- Tau data : $R_{\tau,S} = 0.1615(28)$ and $R_{\tau,NS} = 3.4650(84)$ *HFAG'12, update by A. Lusiani*
- V_{ud} : $\left| V_{ud} \right| = 0.97425(22)$ *Towner & Hardy'08*

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$$\left| V_{us} \right|^2 = \frac{R_{\tau,S}}{\frac{R_{\tau,NS}}{\left| V_{ud} \right|^2} - \delta R_{\tau,th}}$$

- $\delta R_{\tau,th} = 0.239(30)$

⇒ $\left| V_{us} \right| = 0.2176 \pm 0.0019_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0010_{\text{th}}$

- Determination dominated by experimental uncertainties! Contrary to V_{us} from K_{l3} , dominated by uncertainties on $f_+(0)$
- 3.4σ away from unitarity!