



# BSM Sensitivity of Rare Kaon Decays

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Rare Kaon decays take place via  $s \rightarrow d$  Flavour Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) processes which are strongly suppressed in the SM

- Historical tools to study FCNC
- Interesting probe of New Physics (NP)
  - Requires reliable prediction in the SM

Weak effective Hamiltonian: 
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{td} \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi} \sum_k C_k^\ell O_k^\ell$$

$$O_L^\ell = (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L d)(\bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5)\nu_\ell), \quad O_9^\ell = (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L d)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \ell), \quad O_{10}^\ell = (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L d)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell)$$

+ other operators

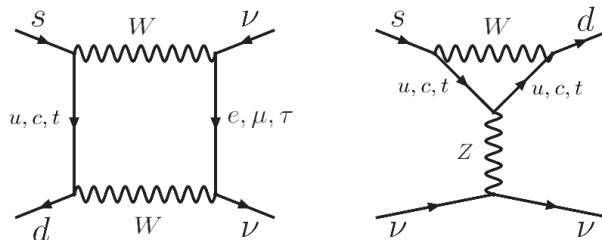
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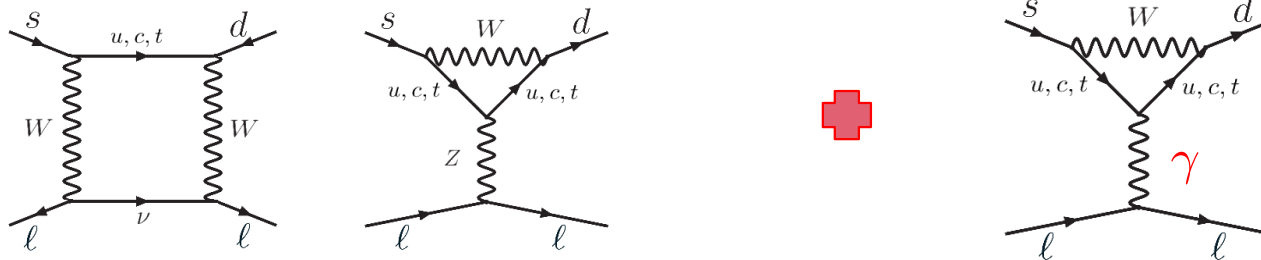
- Short-Distance dominated

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$  and  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$  (*golden channels*)



- Long-Distance dominated

$K_L \rightarrow \mu \mu$ ,  $K_S \rightarrow \mu \mu$ ,  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell \ell$  and  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell \ell$ , ...



SD-dominated

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$$

$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = \frac{\kappa_+ (1 + \Delta_{\text{EM}})}{\lambda^{10}} \frac{1}{3} s_W^4 \sum_{\ell} \left[ \text{Im}^2 (\lambda_t C_L^{\ell}) + \text{Re}^2 \left( -\frac{\lambda_c X_c}{s_w^2} + \lambda_t C_L^{\ell} \right) \right] \quad (\lambda_i = V_{is}^* V_{id})$$

- top loop:  $C_{L,\text{SM}}^{\ell} = -X_{\text{SM}}(x_t)/s_W^2$  NNLO QCD and 2-loop EW [Buchalla, Buras, '99; Misiak, Urban '99, Broad et al. '10]
- charm contribution:  $X_c = \lambda^4 [P_c^{\text{SD}} + \delta P_{c,u}^{\text{LD}}]$  SD: NNLO QCD and NLO EW; LD: ChPT SD:[Buras et al. '05; Brod et al. '08]  
LD:[Isidori et al. '05]
- $O_L$  matrix elements known from  $K_{3\ell}$  branching ratios  $\rightarrow$  included in  $\kappa_+$  [Mescia, Smith '07]
- $\Gamma_{\text{SD}}/\Gamma > 90\%$
- Sources of uncertainty: SD  $\sim 2\%$ , LD  $\sim 3\%$ , Parametric  $\sim 7\%$
- Sum over the three neutrino flavours

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[D'Ambrosio, Iyer, Mahmoudi, SN '22]

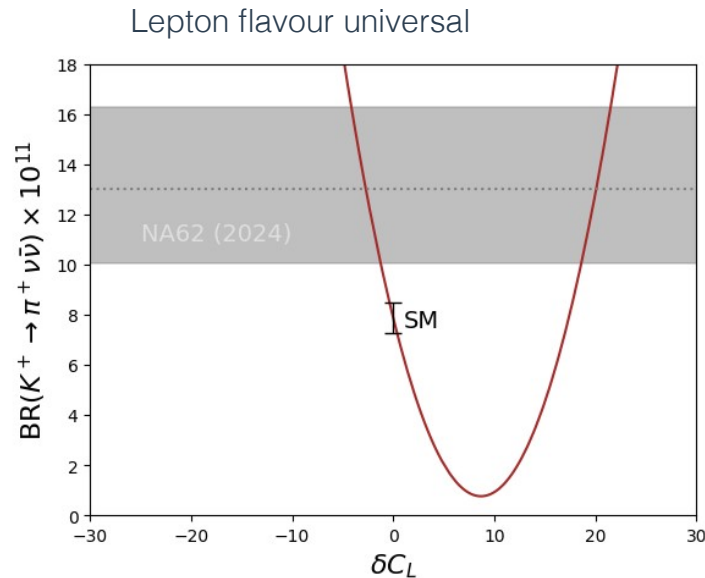
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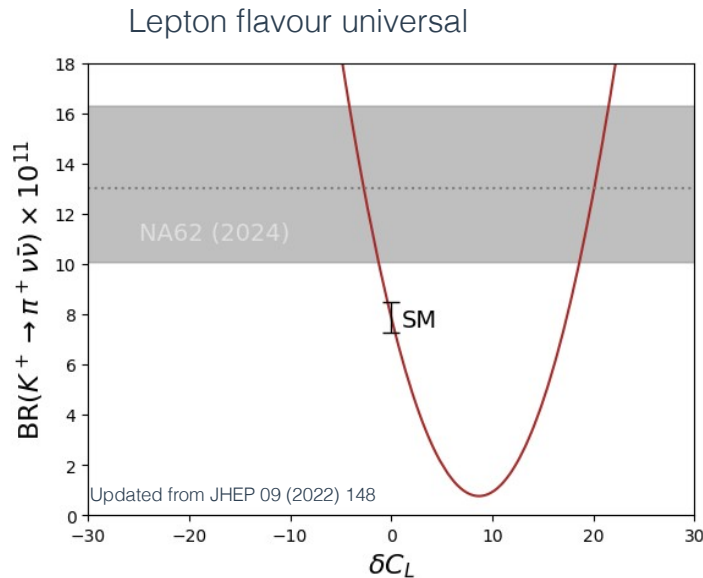
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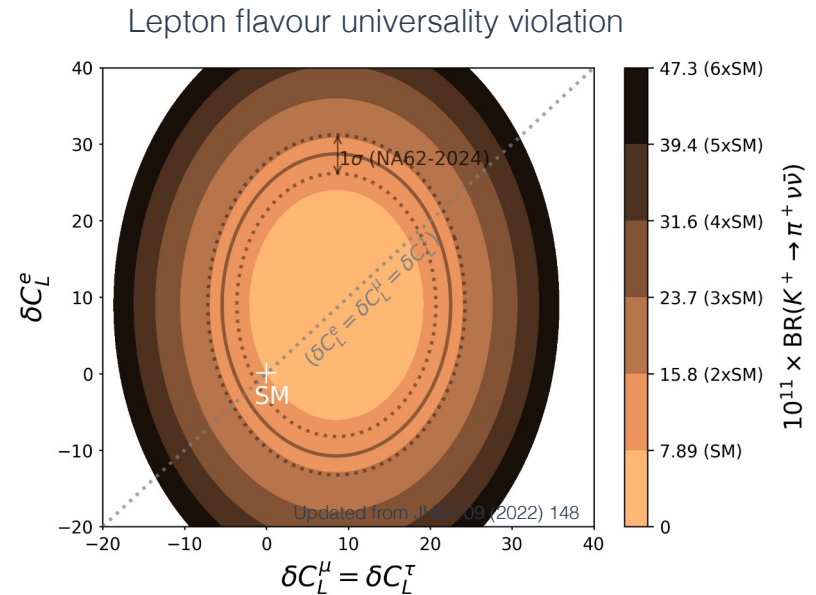
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- Charm contributions below 1%
- 99% SD distance
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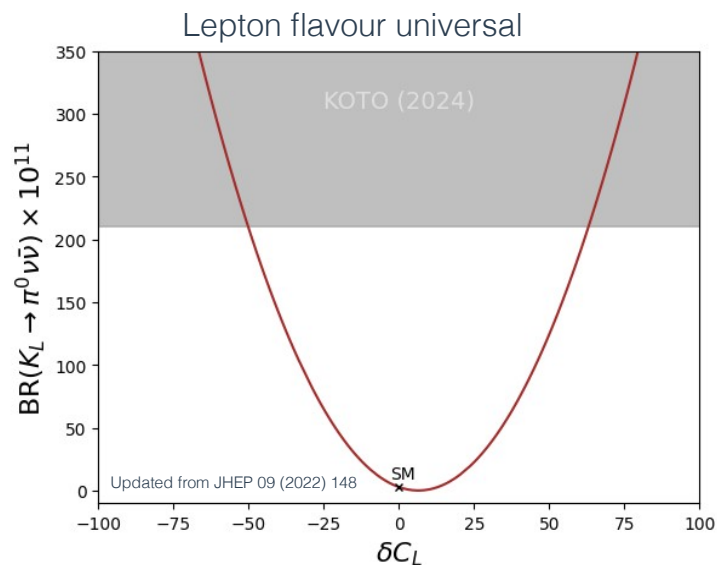
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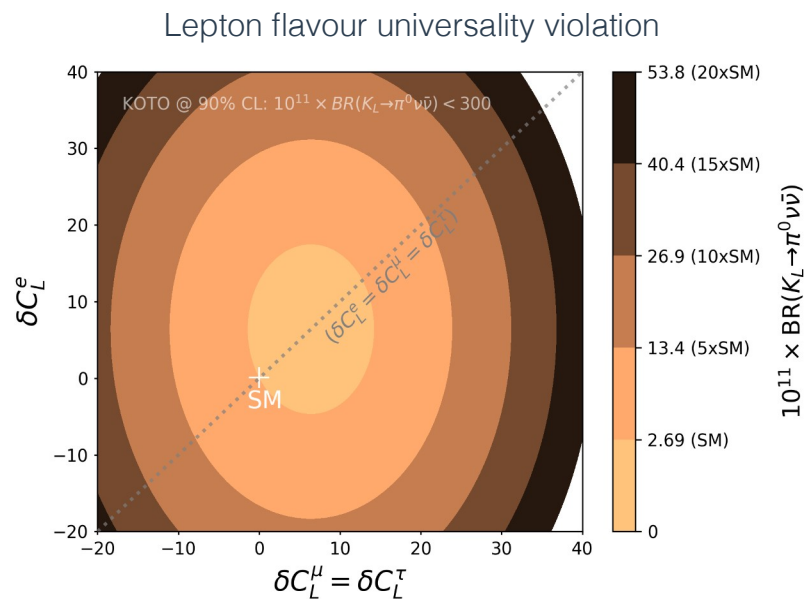
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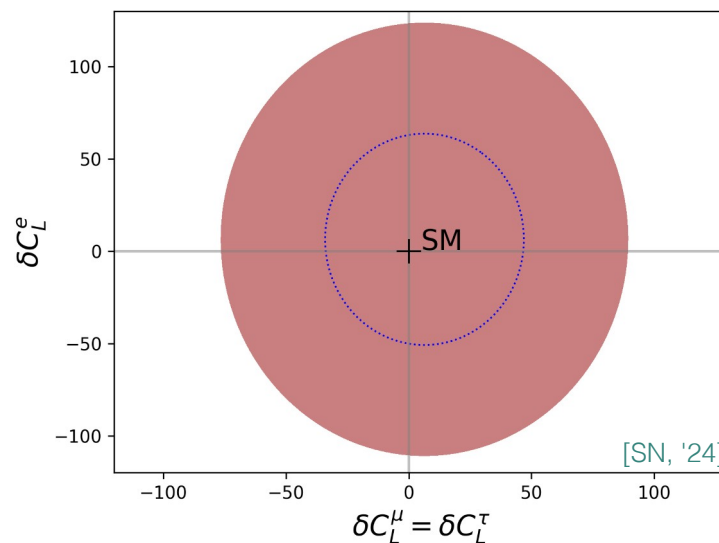
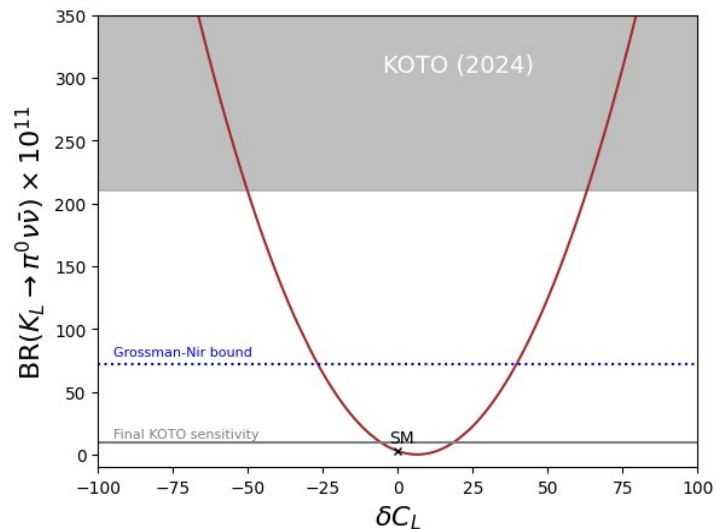
Matrix elements of  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$  and  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$  are related via isospin resulting in the Grossman-Nir bound

[Grossman, Nir '97]

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu) \leq 4.3 \times \text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu)$$

valid in the presence of most NP models

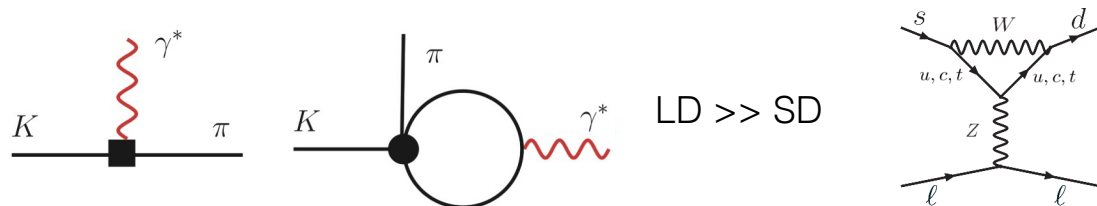
Considering the 2024 results of NA62 for  $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu)$



LD-dominated

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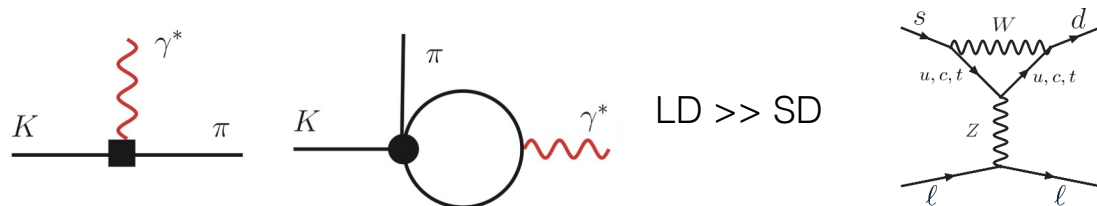
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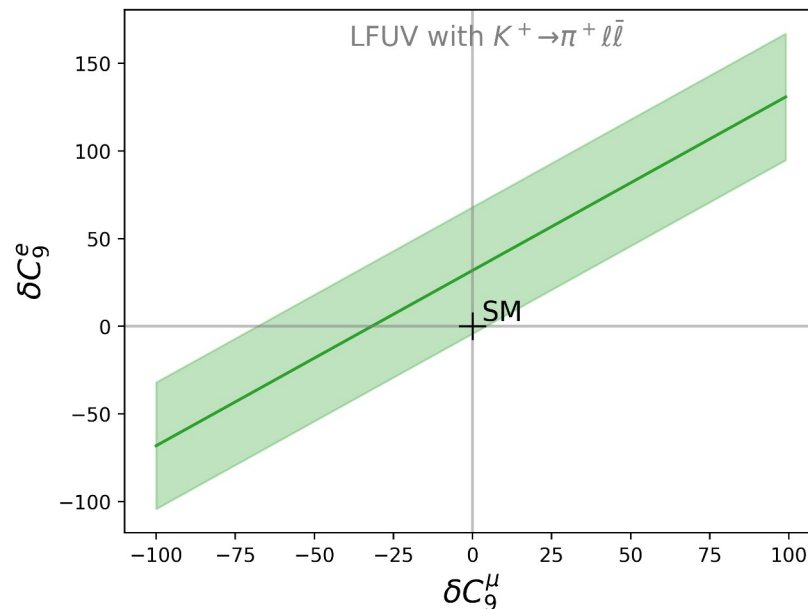
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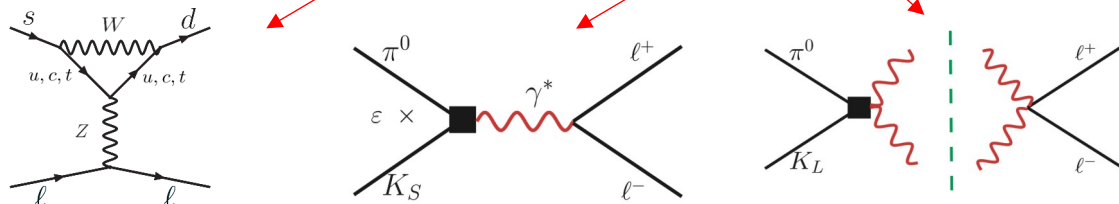
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| Channel  | $a_+$              | $b_+$              | Reference  |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| $ee$     | $-0.561 \pm 0.009$ | $-0.694 \pm 0.040$ | E865 '99 and NA48/2 '09 comb.<br>[D'Ambrosio, Greynat, Knecht '18] |
| $\mu\mu$ | $-0.575 \pm 0.013$ | $-0.722 \pm 0.043$ | NA62 Coll. '22   |



# $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell \bar{\ell}$

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell \bar{\ell}) = \left( C_{\text{dir}}^\ell \pm C_{\text{int}}^\ell |a_S| + C_{\text{mix}}^\ell |a_S|^2 + C_{\gamma\gamma}^\ell \right) \cdot 10^{-12}$$



[Dambrosio et al. '98; Isidor et al. '04; Mescia, Smith, Trine '06]

|              | $C_{\text{dir}}^\ell$                        | $C_{\text{int}}^\ell$    | $C_{\text{mix}}^\ell$ | $C_{\gamma\gamma}^\ell$ |
|--------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| $\ell = e$   | $(4.62 \pm 0.24) (w_{7V}^2 + w_{7A}^2)$      | $(11.3 \pm 0.3) w_{7V}$  | $14.5 \pm 0.5$        | $\approx 0$             |
| $\ell = \mu$ | $(1.09 \pm 0.05) (w_{7V}^2 + 2.32 w_{7A}^2)$ | $(2.63 \pm 0.06) w_{7V}$ | $3.36 \pm 0.20$       | $5.2 \pm 1.6$           |

[Mescia, Smith, Trine '06]

$$w_{7V} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Im} \left[ \frac{\lambda_t^{sd}}{1.407 \times 10^{-4}} C_9 \right], \quad w_{7A} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Im} \left[ \frac{\lambda_t^{sd}}{1.407 \times 10^{-4}} C_{10} \right]$$

$$\text{BR}^{\text{SM}}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e \bar{e}) = 3.46_{-0.80}^{+0.92} (1.55_{-0.48}^{+0.60}) \times 10^{-11}$$

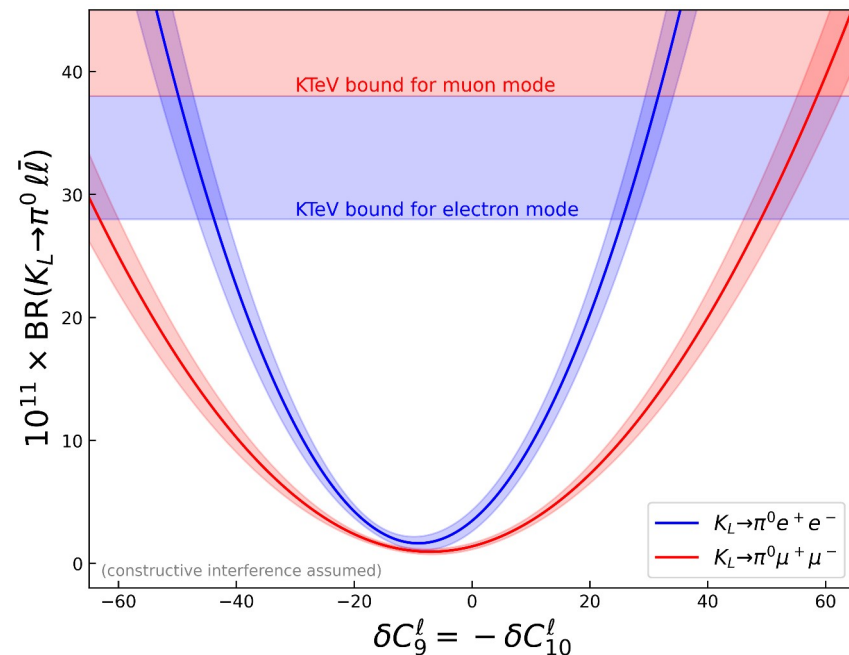
$$\text{BR}^{\text{SM}}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \bar{\mu}) = 1.38_{-0.25}^{+0.27} (0.94_{-0.20}^{+0.21}) \times 10^{-11}$$

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$$\text{BR}^{\text{exp}}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e \bar{e}) < 28 \times 10^{-11} \quad \text{at 90\% CL}$$

$$\text{BR}^{\text{exp}}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \bar{\mu}) < 38 \times 10^{-11} \quad \text{at 90\% CL}$$

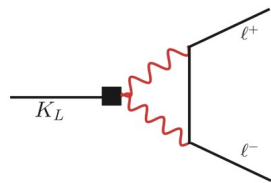
[KTeV '00 and '03]



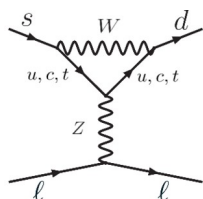
# $K_L \rightarrow \mu \mu$

$K_L \rightarrow \mu \mu$  is long distance dominated, mediated by two photons via  $K_L \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}) = \tau_L \frac{f_K^2 m_K^3 \beta_\mu}{16\pi} \left| N_L^{\text{LD}} - \left( \frac{2m_\mu G_F \alpha_e}{m_K \sqrt{2}\pi} \right) \text{Re} \left[ -\lambda_c \frac{Y_c}{s_W^2} + \lambda_t C_{10}^\ell \right] \right|^2$$



LD >> SD



$$N_L^{\text{LD}} \propto (\chi_{\text{disp}} + i\chi_{\text{abs}}) \longrightarrow N_L^{\text{LD}} = \pm [0.54(77) - 3.95i] \times 10^{-11} (\text{GeV})^{-2}$$

[D'Ambrosio et al. '86 '97;  
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Isidori, Unterdorfer '03;  
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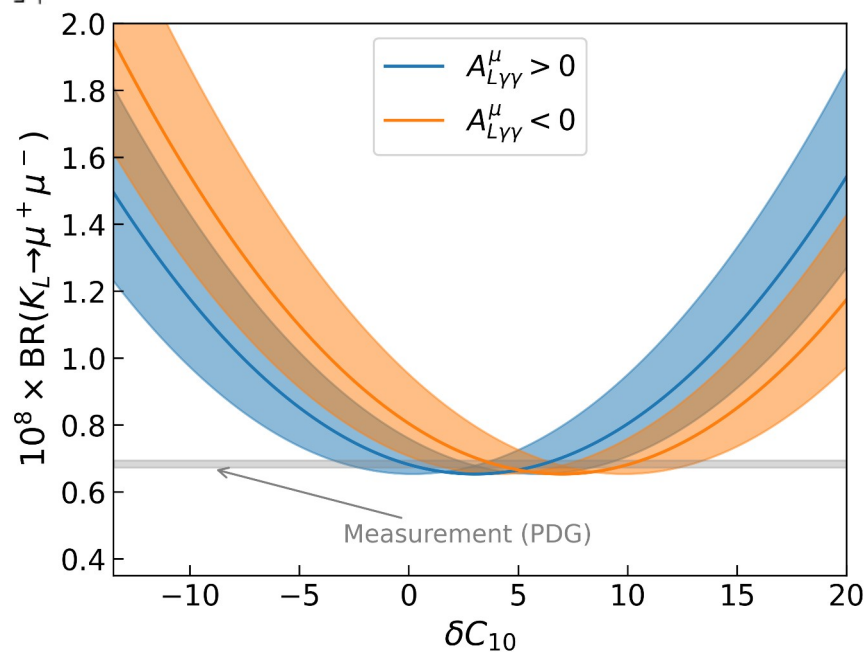
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- Prediction depends on the sign of  $A(K_L \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  contribution
- Uncertainty highly asymmetric

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu})_{\text{SM}} = \begin{cases} \text{LD}(+): (6.82^{+0.77}_{-0.24} \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-9} \\ \text{LD}(-): (8.04^{+1.46}_{-0.97} \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-9} \end{cases}$$

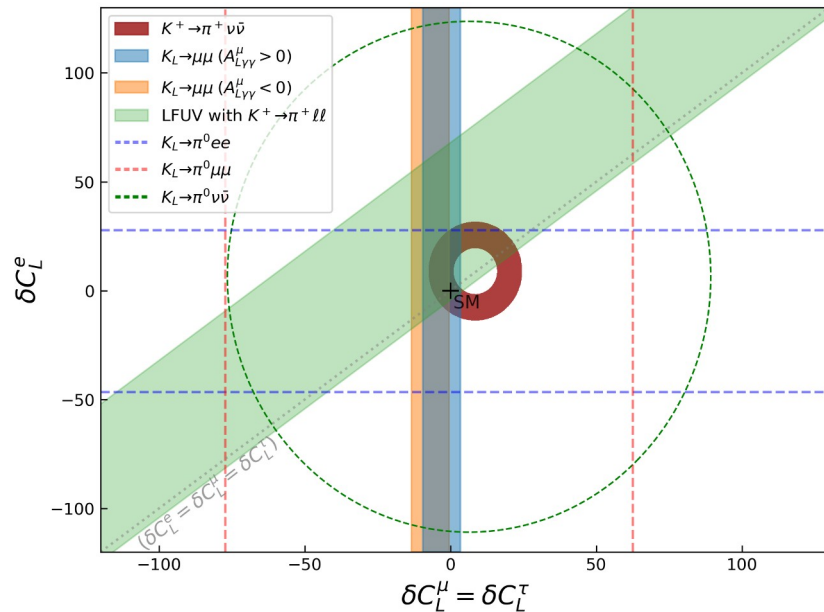
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$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu})_{\text{exp}} = (6.84 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-9} \quad [\text{PDG}]$$



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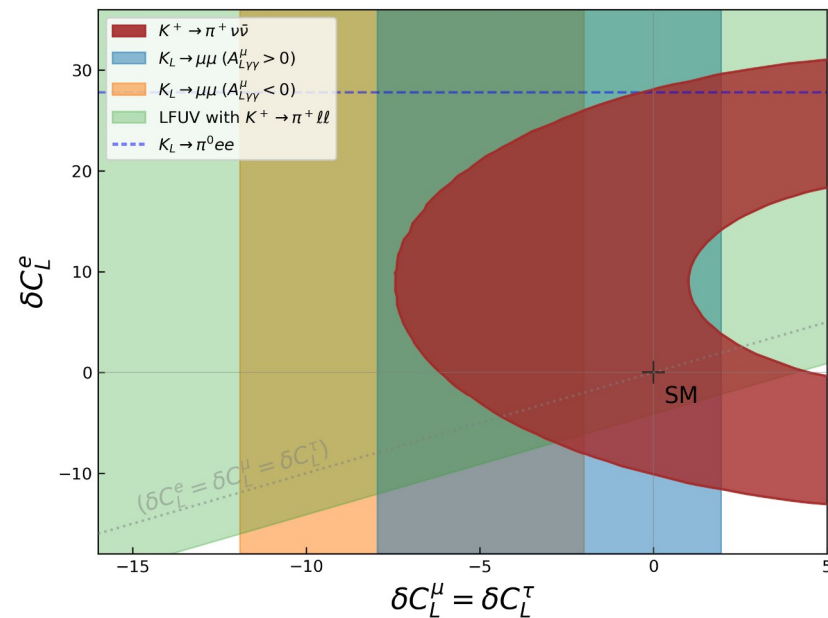
## Rare kaon observables



We assume NP contributions of the charged and neutral leptons related to each other by the  $SU(2)_L$  gauge symmetry and we work in the chiral basis

$$\delta C_L^\ell \equiv \delta C_9^\ell = -\delta C_{10}^\ell$$

$$\delta C_L^e \neq \delta C_L^\mu = \delta C_L^\tau$$



Bounds from individual observables:

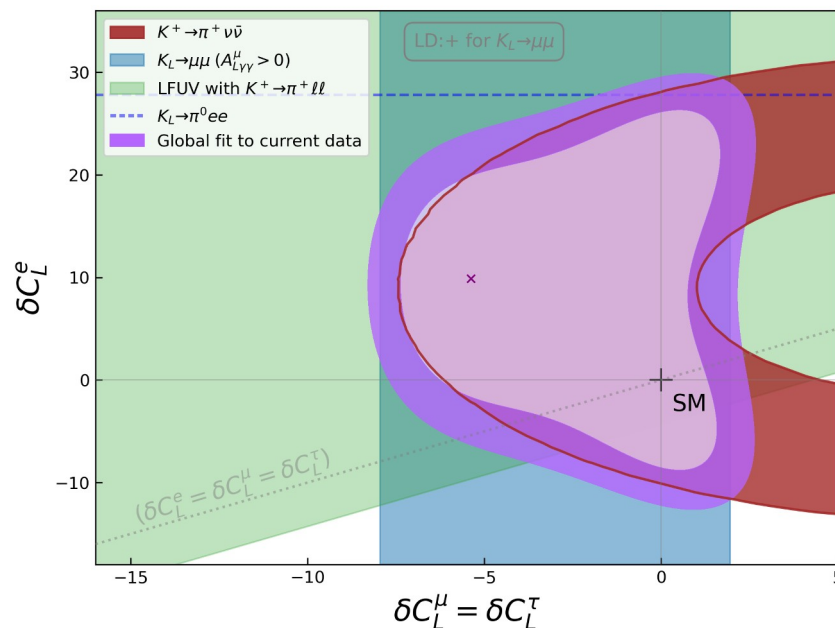
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Dashed lines: 90% upper limits



# All observables / Global fit

Global fit (with SuperIso public program) for positive LD contributions to  $K_L \rightarrow \mu\mu$

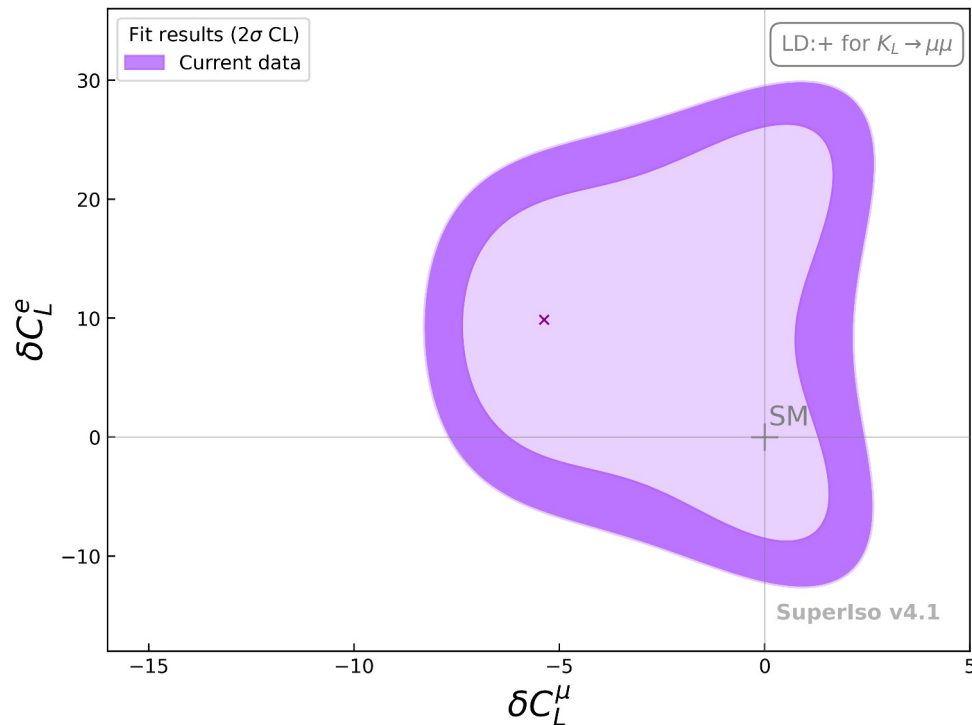


**Lighter** / **darker** purple region: **68%** / **95%** CL of global fit

Main constraining observables  $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\nu)$  followed by  $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu\mu)$

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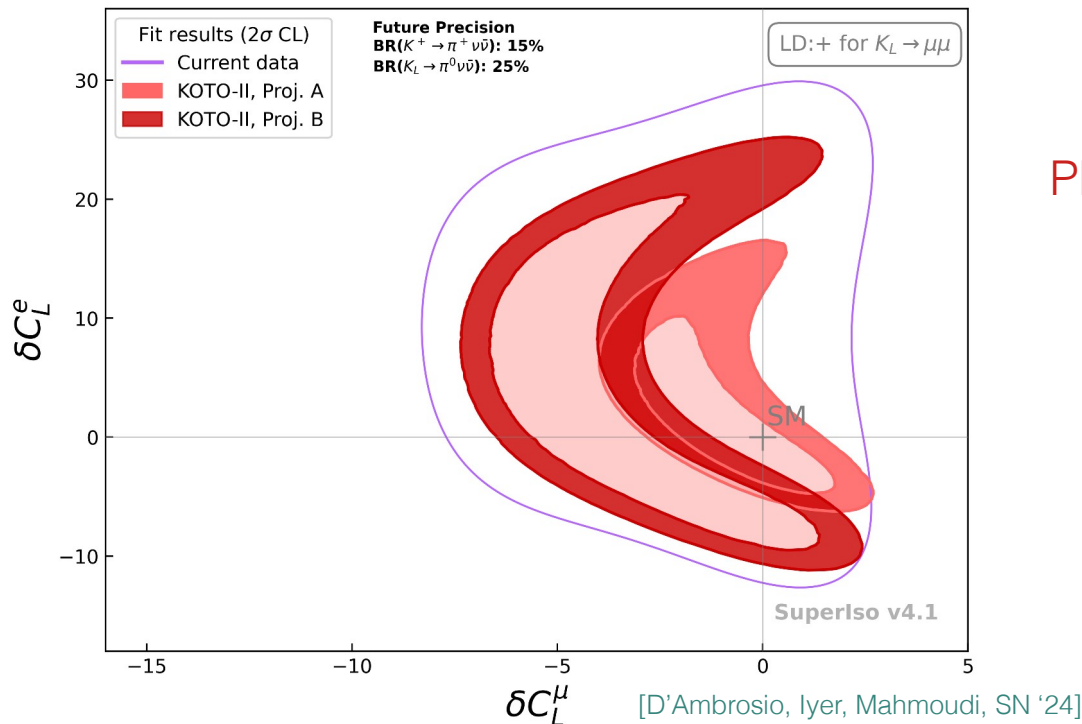
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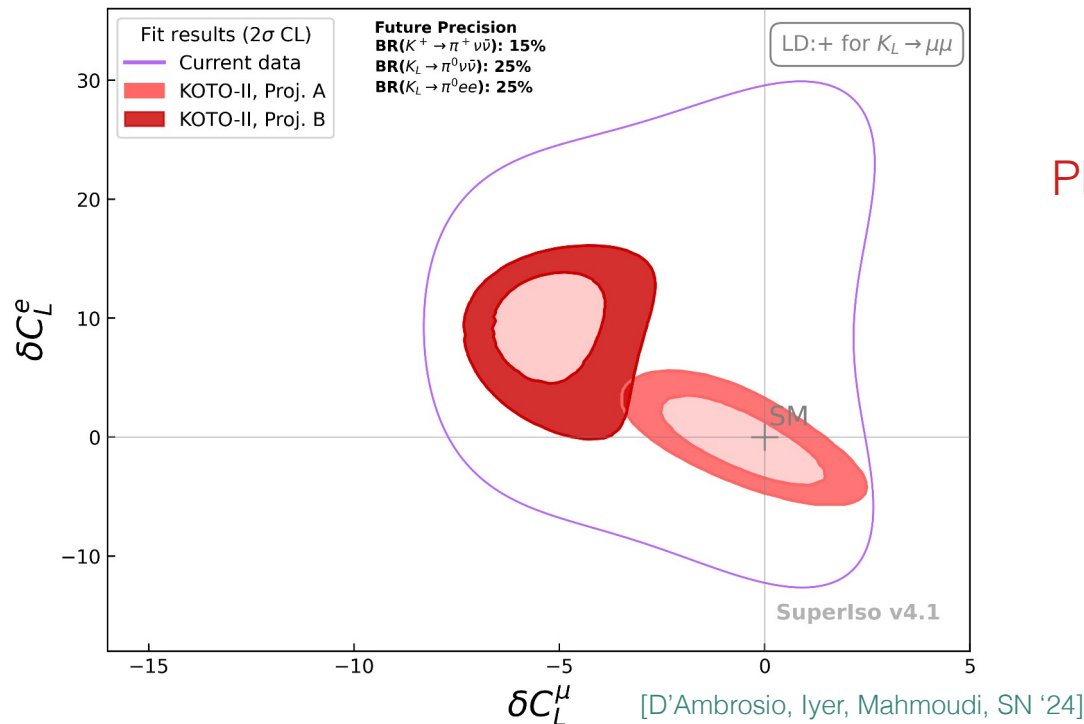
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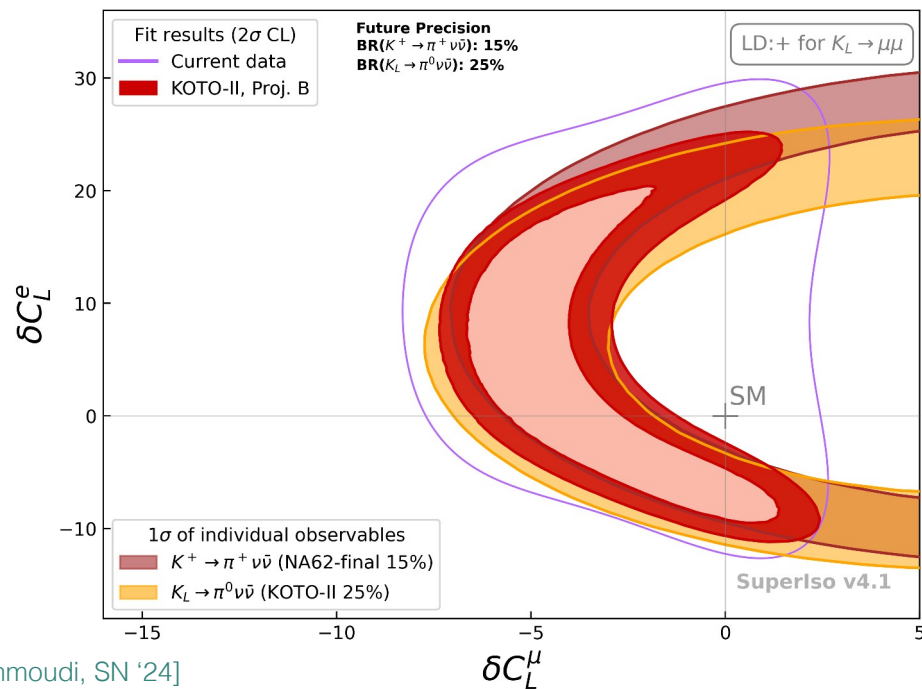
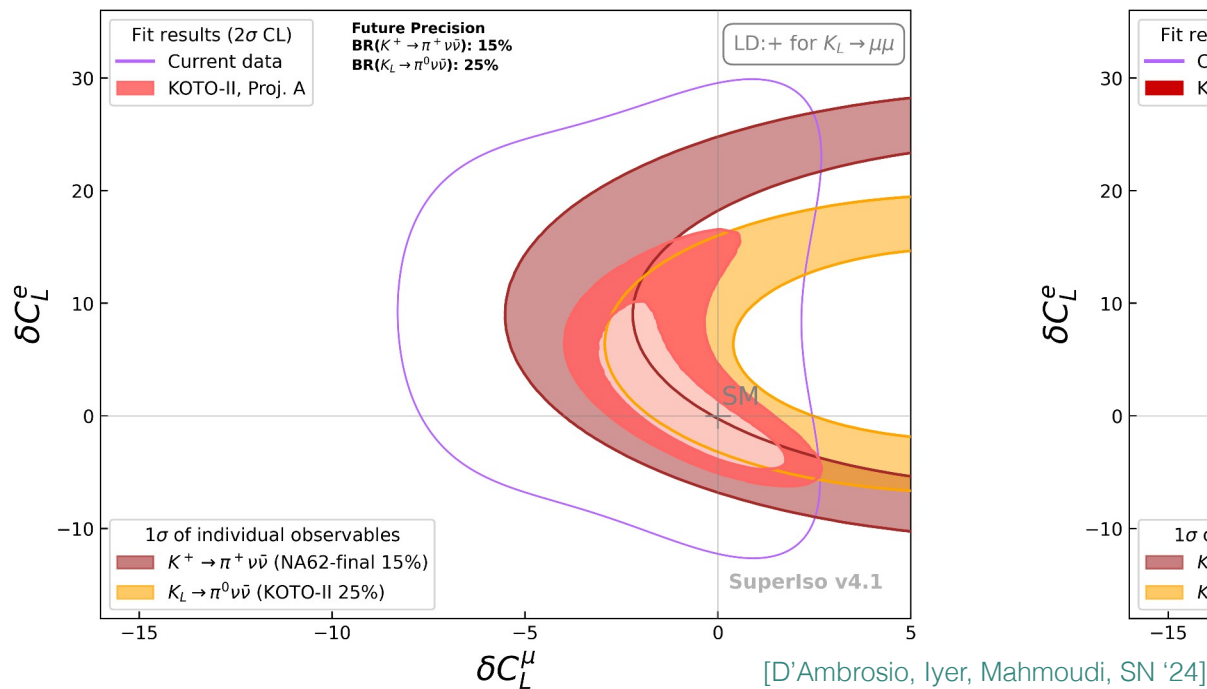
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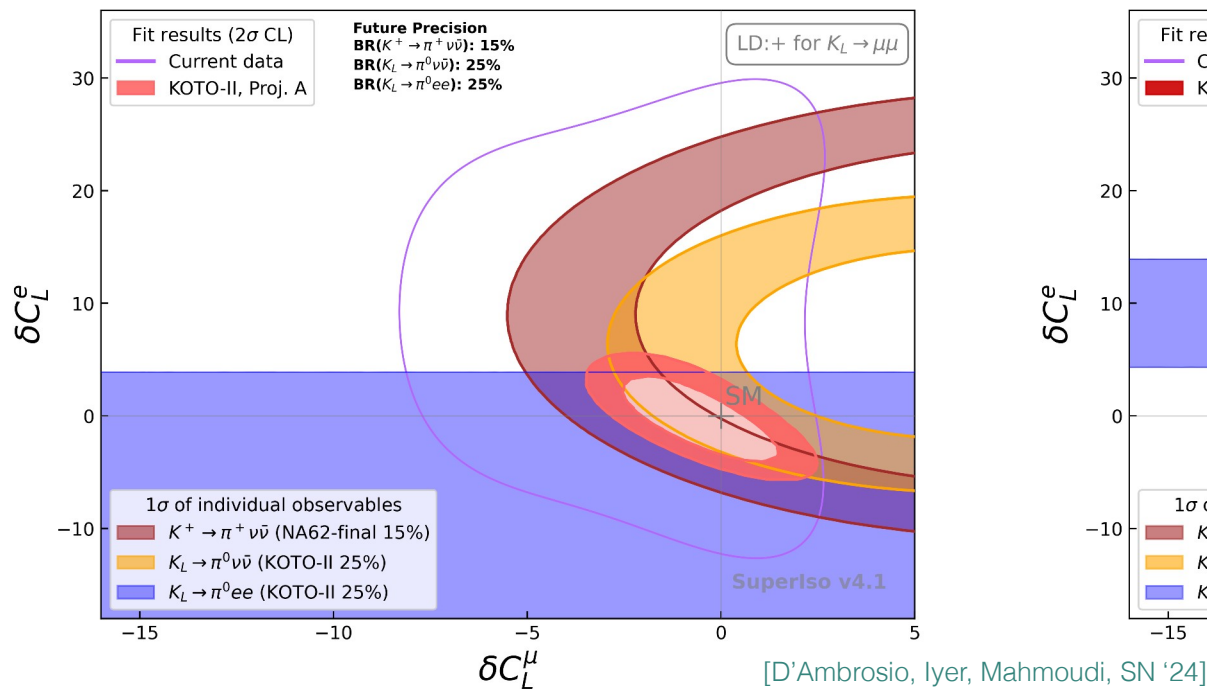
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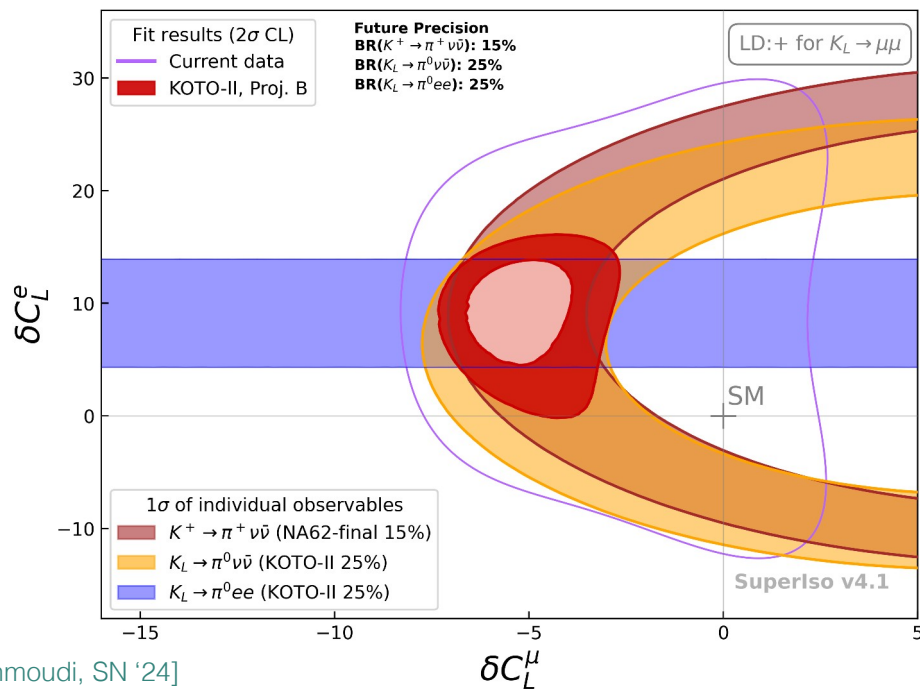
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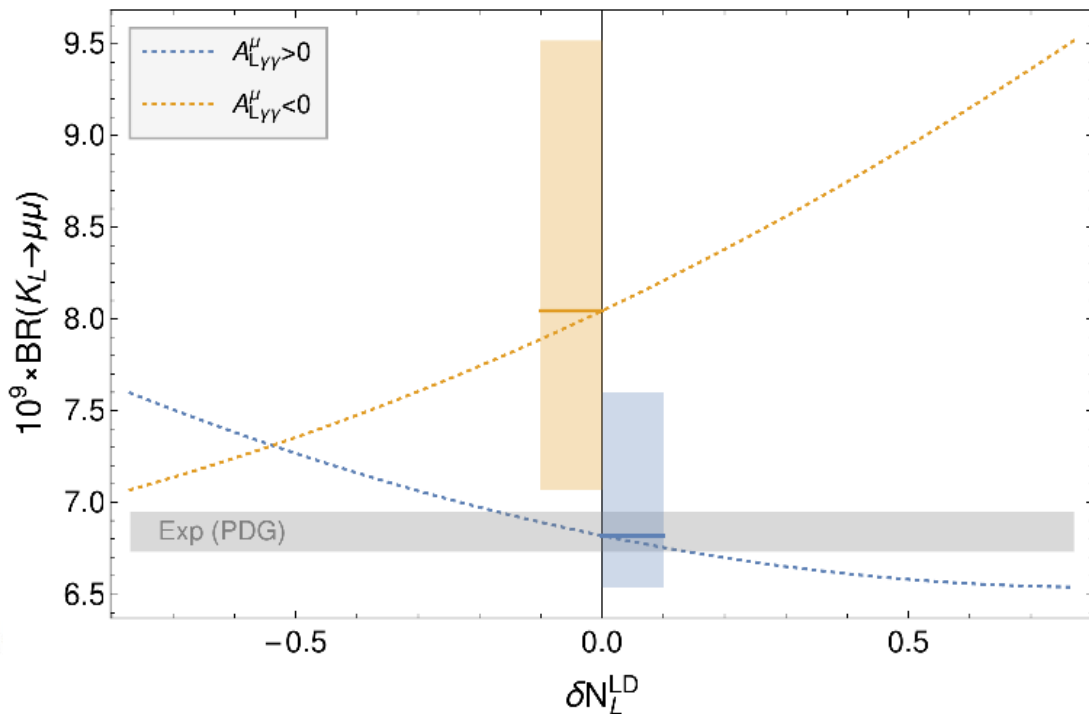
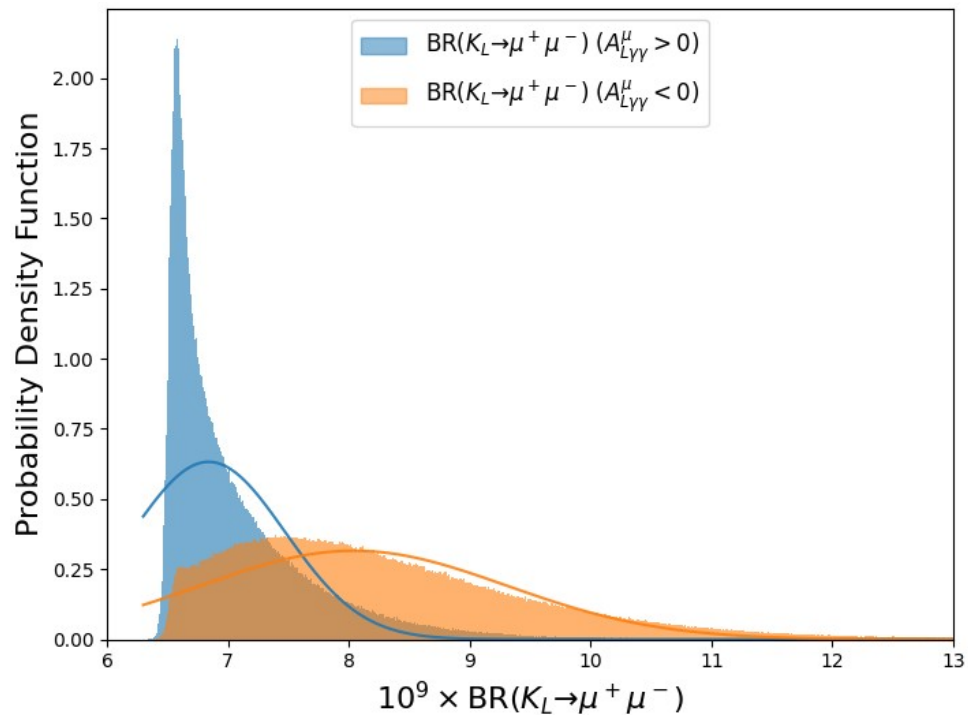
# Backup

# Theory and experimental results used in the fit

| Observable  | SM prediction                            | Experimental results   | Reference | Precision for projections  |
|---|--|--|-----------|--|
| $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$    | $(7.86 \pm 0.61) \times 10^{-11}$        | $(10.6^{+4.0}_{-3.5} \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-11}$   | [1]       | 15% [17]   |
| $\text{BR}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})$  | $(2.68 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-11}$        | $< 1.99 \times 10^{-9} \text{ @90\% CL}$   | [46]      | 25% [17]   |
| $\text{LFUV}(a_+^{\mu\mu} - a_+^{ee})$              | 0  | $-0.014 \pm 0.016$   | [4, 19]   | Current  |
| $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}) (+)$      | $(6.82^{+0.77}_{-0.29}) \times 10^{-9}$  | $(6.84 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-9}$   | [47]      | Current  |
| $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}) (-)$      | $(8.04^{+1.47}_{-0.98}) \times 10^{-9}$  |  |           |  |
| $\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu})$          | $(5.15 \pm 1.50) \times 10^{-12}$        | $< 2.1(2.4) \times 10^{-10} \text{ @90(95)\% CL}$<br>$(0.9^{+0.7}_{-0.6} \times 10^{-10})$ | [5]       | $< 6.4 \times 10^{-12} \text{ @95\% CL (LHCb@300 fb}^{-1} \text{ [32, 33])}$ |
| $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e \bar{e})(+)$     | $(3.46^{+0.92}_{-0.80}) \times 10^{-11}$ | $< 28 \times 10^{-11} \text{ @90\% CL}$  | [11]      | 25% [17]   |
| $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e \bar{e})(-)$     | $(1.55^{+0.60}_{-0.48}) \times 10^{-11}$ |  |           |  |
| $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \bar{\mu})(+)$ | $(1.38^{+0.27}_{-0.25}) \times 10^{-11}$ | $< 38 \times 10^{-11} \text{ @90\% CL}$  | [12]      | 25% [17]   |
| $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \bar{\mu})(-)$ | $(0.94^{+0.21}_{-0.20}) \times 10^{-11}$ |  |           |  |

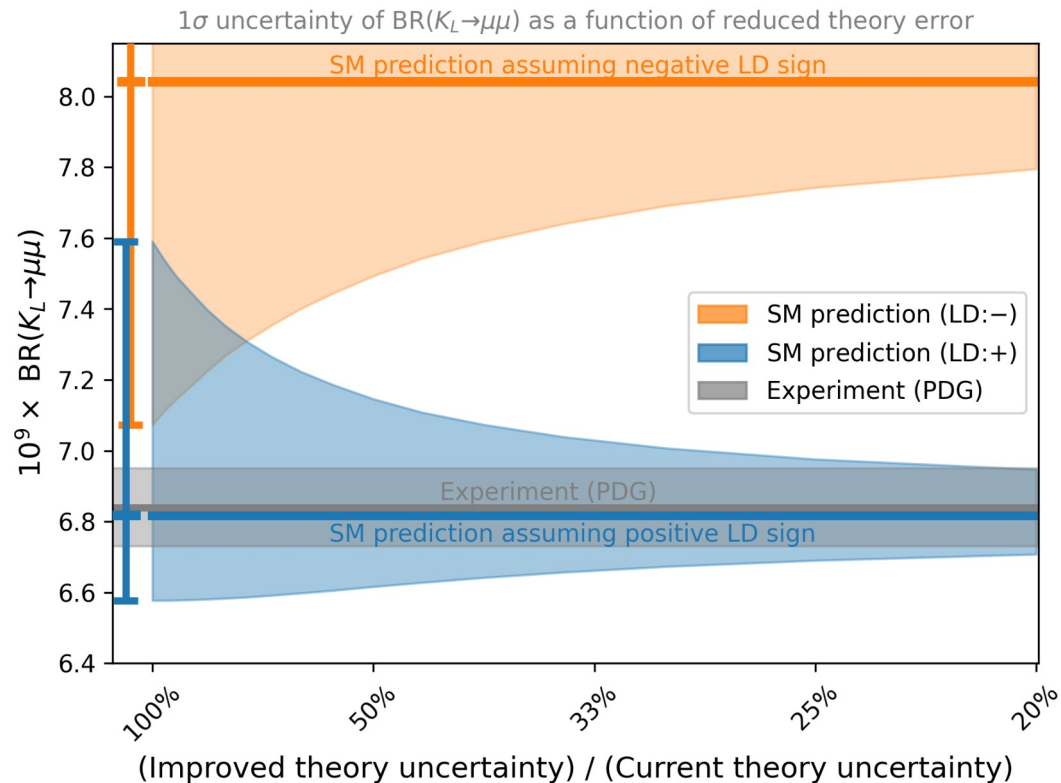
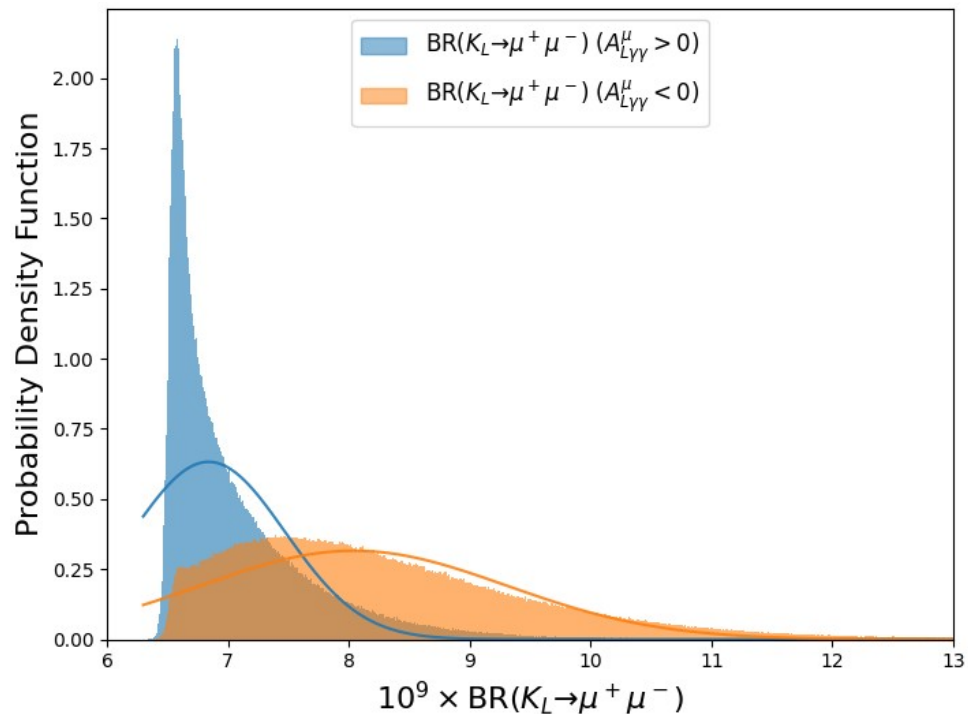
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Asymmetric theoretical uncertainty of  $K_L \rightarrow \mu\mu$



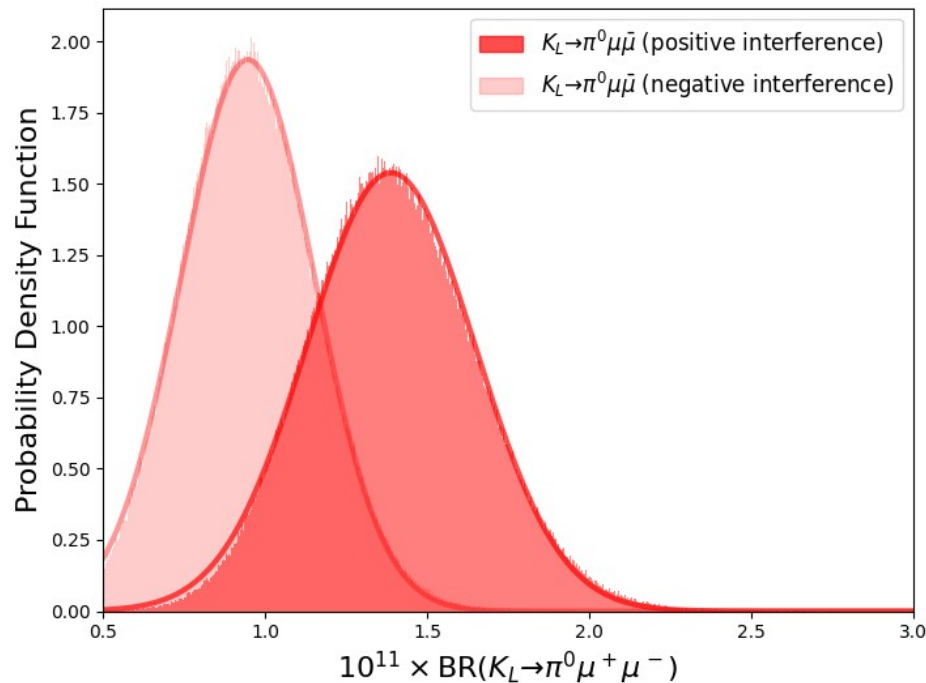
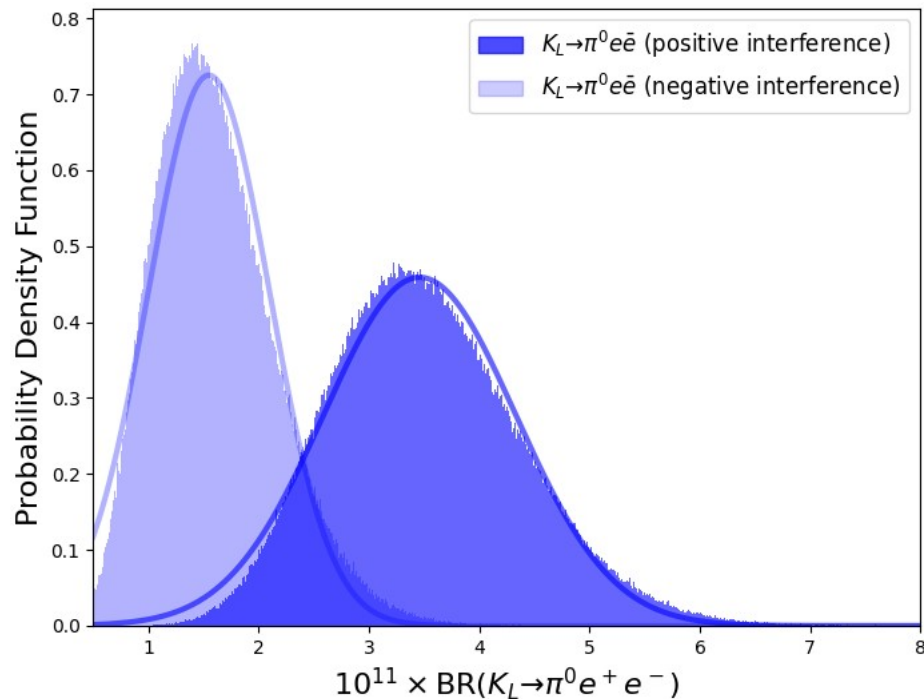
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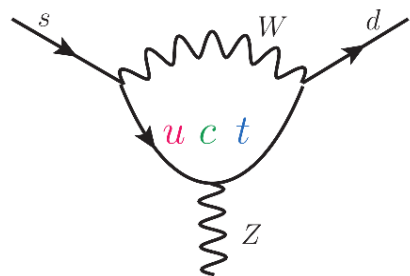
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# Uncertainties in $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell \ell$

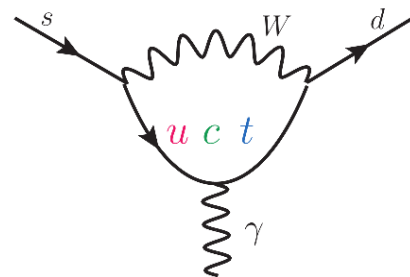
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$$\lambda_q \equiv V_{qd} V_{qs}^*$$

$$x_q \equiv m_q^2 / M_W^2$$



CKM unitarity

$$\sum_k V_{ik} V_{jk}^* = 0 \quad \lambda_u + \lambda_c + \lambda_t = 0$$

Amplitude = sum over all internal up-quarks:

$$\sum_{q=u,c,t} \lambda_q F(x_q) = \lambda_u F(x_u) + \lambda_c F(x_c) + \lambda_t F(x_t)$$

CKM factor for B-mesons

$$\text{Re}(\lambda_u) \sim \lambda^4,$$

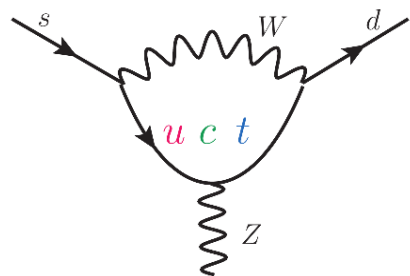
$$\text{Re}(\lambda_c) \sim \lambda^3,$$

$$\text{Re}(\lambda_t) \sim \lambda^2$$

$$\text{Im}(\lambda_u) = \lambda^4,$$

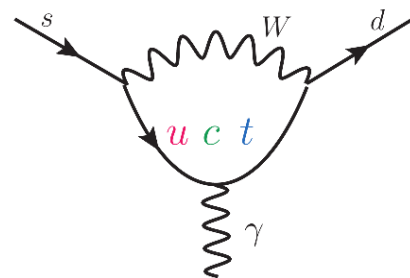
$$\text{Im}(\lambda_c) \sim \lambda^8,$$

$$\text{Im}(\lambda_t) \sim \lambda^4$$



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CKM factor for Kaons

$$\text{Re}(\lambda_u) \sim \lambda,$$

$$\text{Re}(\lambda_c) \sim \lambda,$$

$$\text{Re}(\lambda_t) \sim \lambda^5$$

$$\text{Im}(\lambda_u) = 0,$$

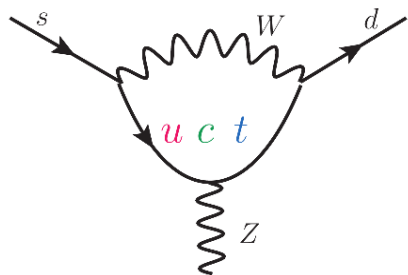
$$\text{Im}(\lambda_c) \sim \lambda^5,$$

$$\text{Im}(\lambda_t) \sim \lambda^5$$



## Inami-Lim functions:

[Inami, Lim '81, Buchalla, Buras, Harlander '91]

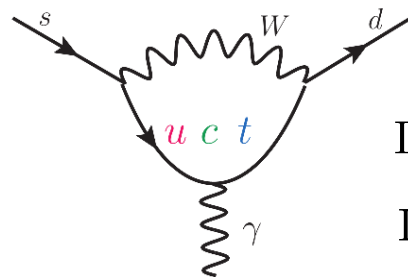


$$X_0(x_q) \xrightarrow{x_q \rightarrow \infty} x_q$$

$$X_0(x_q) \xrightarrow{x_q \rightarrow 0} x_q \log x_q$$

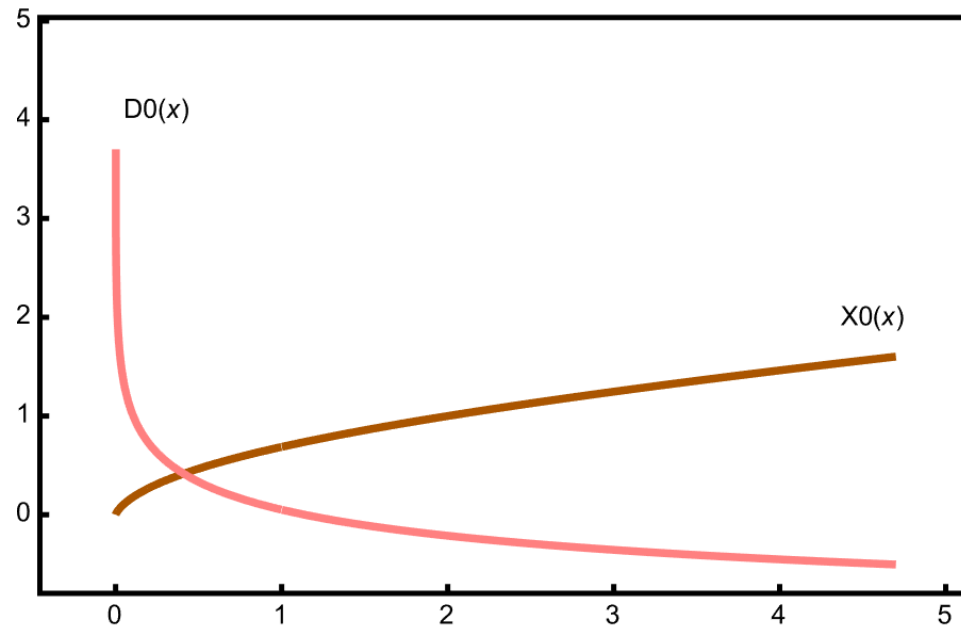
$$\lambda_q \equiv V_{qd} V_{qs}^*$$

$$x_q \equiv m_q^2 / M_W^2$$



$$D_0(x_q) \xrightarrow{x_q \rightarrow \infty} -\log x_q$$

$$D_0(x_q) \xrightarrow{x_q \rightarrow 0} -\log x_q$$



No large suppression for u- and c-quark (unlike B-physics)  
 ↪ large contribution of low-energy physics

# $K_S \rightarrow \mu \mu$

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}) = \tau_S \frac{f_K^2 m_K^3 \beta_\mu}{16\pi} \left\{ \beta_\mu^2 |N_S^{\text{LD}}|^2 + \left( \frac{2m_\mu}{m_K} \frac{G_F \alpha_e}{\sqrt{2}\pi} \right)^2 \text{Im}^2 \left[ -\lambda_c \frac{Y_c}{s_W^2} + \lambda_t C_{10}^\ell \right] \right\}$$

The long-distance contribution is cleaner, as the leading  $O(p^4)$  chiral contribution of  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  is theoretically under better control [Ecker, Pich '91]

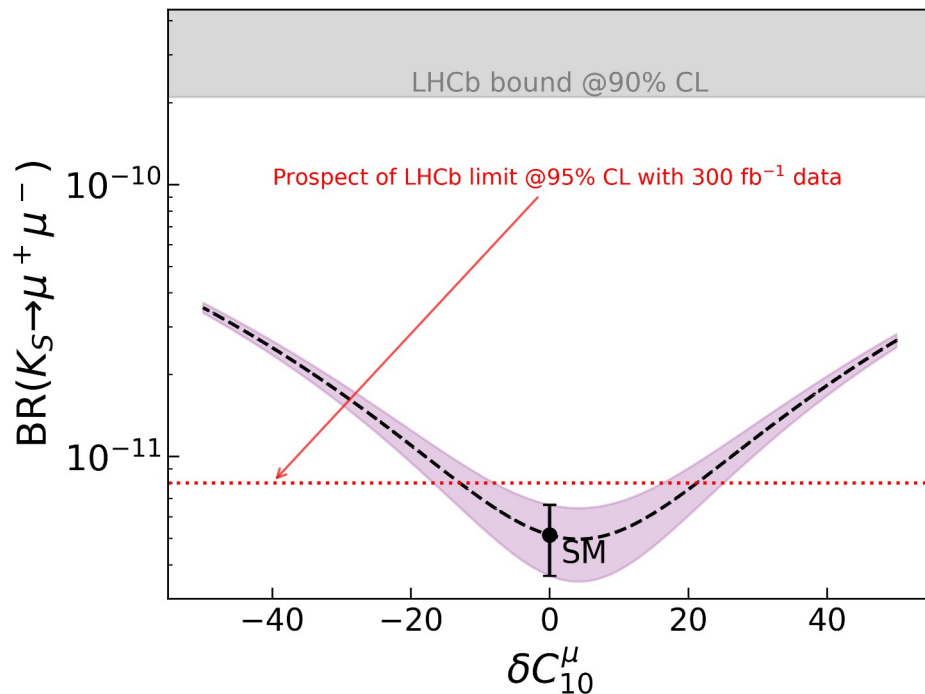
$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu})^{\text{SM}} = (5.15 \pm 1.50) \times 10^{-12}$$

[D'Ambrosio, Iyer, Mahmoudi, SN '22]

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu})^{\text{LHCb}} < 2.1(2.4) \times 10^{-10} \text{ @90(95)}$$

[LHCb '20]

- $K_S \rightarrow \mu \mu$  not very sensitive to axial currents
- Sensitive to new physics scenarios involving scalar and pseudoscalar contributions



# Scalar and pseudoscalar contributions in $K_S \rightarrow \mu \mu$

Adding scalar contributions

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{scalar}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{td} \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi} [C_S^\ell O_S^\ell + C_P^\ell O_P^\ell]$$

$$O_S^\ell = (\bar{s} P_R d)(\bar{\ell} \ell), \quad O_P^\ell = (\bar{s} P_R d)(\bar{\ell} \gamma_5 \ell)$$

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}) = \tau_S \frac{f_K^2 m_K^3 \beta_\mu}{16\pi} \left\{ \beta_\mu^2 \left| N_S^{\text{LD}} - m_K \frac{G_F \alpha_e}{\sqrt{2}\pi} \text{Re} \left[ \frac{\lambda_t C_S}{m_s + m_d} \right] \right|^2 + \left( \frac{G_F \alpha_e}{\sqrt{2}\pi} \right)^2 \left| \frac{2m_\mu}{m_K} \text{Im} \left[ -\lambda_c \frac{Y_c}{s_W^2} + \lambda_t C_{10} \right] + \frac{M_K}{m_s + m_d} \text{Im} [\lambda_t C_P] \right|^2 \right\}$$

[Chobanova et al. '17]

- $K_S \rightarrow \mu \mu$  measurement currently two orders of magnitude above SM
- What can we say with current data about scalar and pseudoscalar contributions?

# Scalar contributions in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell \ell$

Looking again into  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$  in the presence of scalar contributions

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{\alpha G_F}{4\pi} f_V(z) (p_K + p_\pi)^\mu \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell + G_F m_K f_S \bar{\ell} \ell$$

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dz d\cos\theta} = \frac{G_F^2 m_K^5}{2^8 \pi^3} \beta_\ell \lambda^{1/2}(z) \times \left\{ |f_V|^2 \frac{\alpha_e^2}{16\pi^2} \lambda(z) (1 - \beta_\ell^2 \cos^2 \theta) + |f_S|^2 z \beta_\ell^2 + \text{Re}[f_V^* f_S] \frac{\alpha_e r_\ell}{\pi} \beta_\ell \lambda^{1/2}(z) \cos \theta \right\}$$

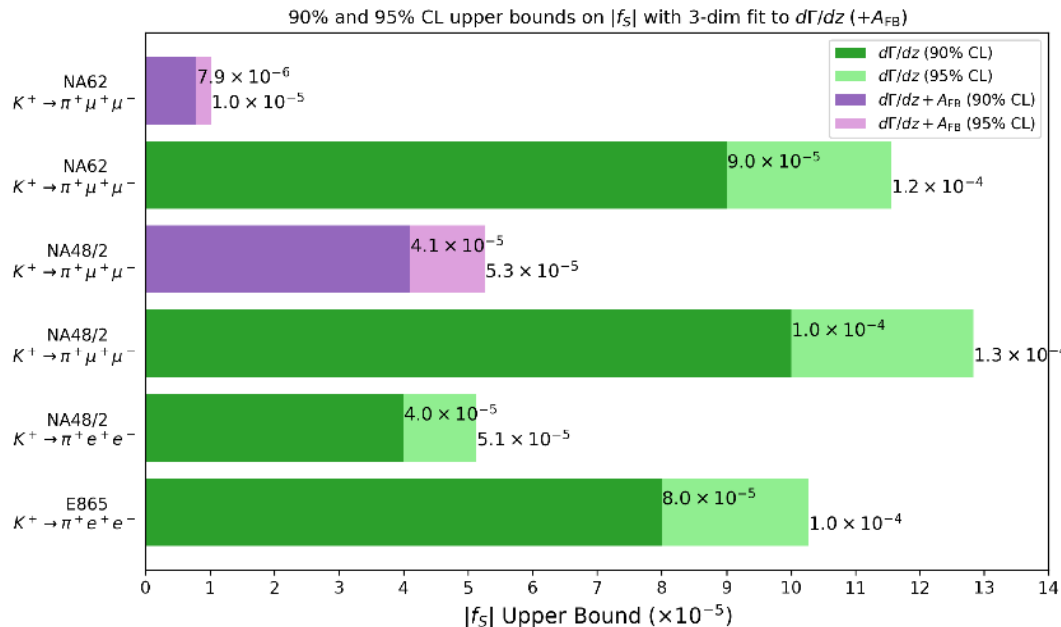
$r_\ell = m_\ell / m_K,$   
 $r_\pi = m_\pi / m_K,$   
 $\beta_\ell = \sqrt{1 - 4r_\ell^2 / z},$   
 $\lambda(z) = 1 + z^2 + r_\pi^4 - 2(z + r_\pi^2 + z r_\pi^2)$

[Chen et al. '03, Gao '03]

$$A_{\text{FB}}(z) = \frac{\int_0^1 \left( \frac{d\Gamma}{dz d\cos\theta} \right) d\cos\theta - \int_{-1}^0 \left( \frac{d\Gamma}{dz d\cos\theta} \right) d\cos\theta}{\int_0^1 \left( \frac{d\Gamma}{dz d\cos\theta} \right) d\cos\theta + \int_{-1}^0 \left( \frac{d\Gamma}{dz d\cos\theta} \right) d\cos\theta} \longrightarrow A_{\text{FB}}(z) = \frac{\alpha_e G_F^2 m_K^5}{2^8 \pi^4} r_\ell \beta_\ell^2 \lambda(z) \text{Re}[f_V^* f_S] / \left( \frac{d\Gamma(z)}{dz} \right)$$

- If assumed SM-like only  $f_V$  contributes
- $A_{\text{FB}}$  only non-zero in case  $f_S \neq 0$
- In the case of electron mode suppressed by electron mass

# Scalar contributions in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell \ell$



[D'Ambrosio, Iyer, Mahmoudi, SN '24]

- Only bound on  $f_S$  so far via study of  $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-)$  from E865 data  $f_S < 6.6 \times 10^{-5}$  at 90% CL
- In the muon mode also  $A_{FB}$  can be considered
- ~one order of magnitude stronger bound by analyzing simultaneously BR and  $d\Gamma/dz$  with  $f_S < 7.9 \times 10^{-6}$  at 90% CL

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell \ell$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dz} = \frac{\alpha^2 M_K}{12\pi(4\pi)^4} \lambda^{3/2}(1, z, r_\pi^2) \beta_\ell \left(1 + 2 \frac{r_\ell^2}{z}\right) |W(z)|^2$$

$$W(z) = a \frac{r_V^2}{r_V^2 - z} \quad r_V = \frac{M_V}{M_K}$$

| $W = G_F m_K^2 f_0 (1 + \delta z)$ |  |                             |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|                                    |  | This paper ( $d\Gamma/dz$ ) |
| $f_0$                              |  | $0.486 \pm 0.012$           |
| $\delta$                           |  | $2.826 \pm 0.150$           |
| $\rho(f_0, \delta)$                |  | $-0.992$                    |
| $\chi^2/\text{dof}$                |  | $49.9/48$                   |
| $\text{BR} \times 10^8$            |  | $9.165 \pm 0.059$           |

| $W = G_F m_K^2 (a + bz) + W^{\pi\pi}(z)$ |  |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
|  |  | This paper ( $d\Gamma/dz$ ) |
| $a$                                      |  | $-0.589 \pm 0.012$          |
| $b$                                      |  | $-0.716 \pm 0.040$          |
| $\rho(a, b)$                             |  | $-0.973$                    |
| $\chi^2/\text{dof}$                      |  | $47.3/48$                   |
| $\text{BR} \times 10^8$                  |  | $9.161 \pm 0.056$           |

| $W = G_F m_K^2 f_0 (1 + \delta z + \delta' z^2)$ |  |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
|  |  | This paper ( $d\Gamma/dz$ ) |
| $f_0$  |  | $0.589 \pm 0.048$           |
| $\delta$   |  | $1.113 \pm 0.643$           |
| $\delta'$  |  | $1.998 \pm 0.743$           |
| $\chi^2/\text{dof}$                              |  | $45.0/47$                   |
| $\text{BR} \times 10^7$                          |  | $9.165 \pm 0.178$           |

| $W = G_F m_K^2 (a + bz + cz^2) + W^{\pi\pi}(z)$ |  |                             |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
|   |  | This paper ( $d\Gamma/dz$ ) |
| $a$   |  | $-0.595 \pm 0.047$          |
| $b$   |  | $-0.677 \pm 0.322$          |
| $c$   |  | $-0.065 \pm 0.526$          |
| $\chi^2/\text{dof}$                             |  | $47.3/47$                   |
| $\text{BR} \times 10^8$                         |  | $9.161 \pm 0.057$           |

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