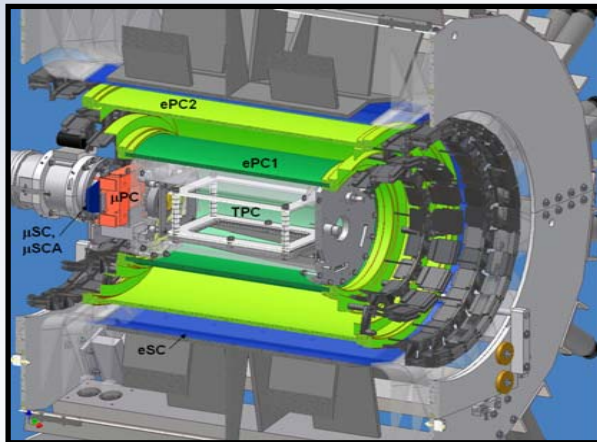


# Nuclear Muon Capture in Hydrogen and its Interplay with Muon Atomic Physics

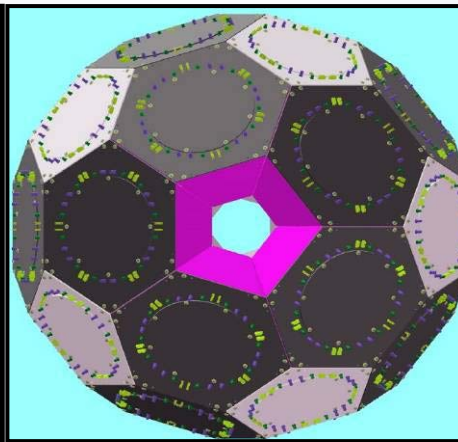


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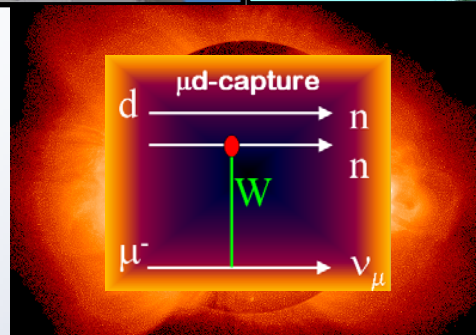
$g_P$

MuCap



$G_F$

MuLan



$L_{1A}$

“MuSun” project

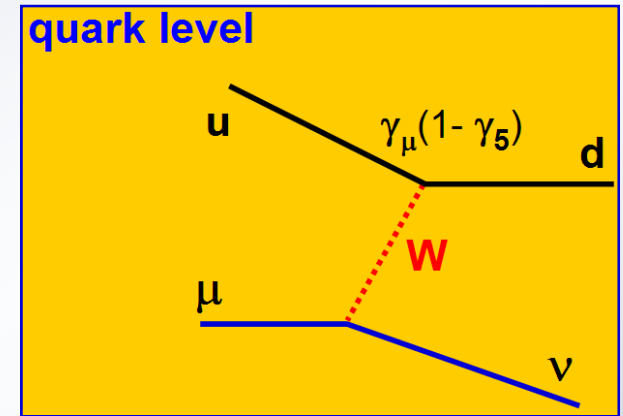




➤ Historical: V-A and  $\mu$ -e Universality

$$\mu^- + p \rightarrow \nu_\mu + n$$

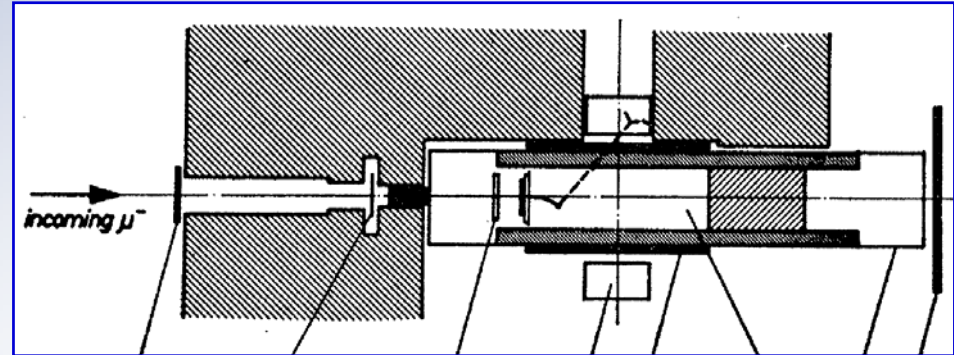
charged current



# My Talk is Dedicated to the Pioneers



Emilio Zavattini 1927-2007



1969 Bologna-Pisa-CERN

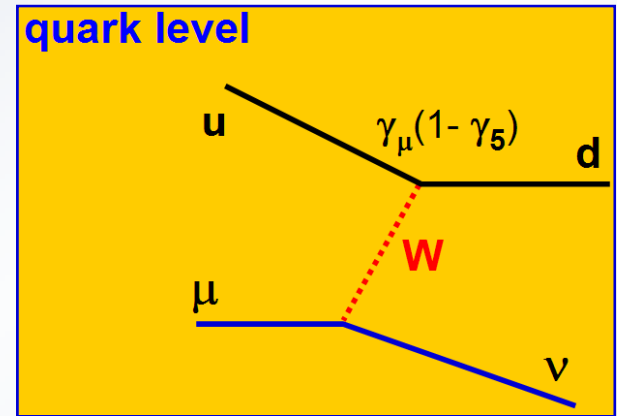


1973 Dubna group



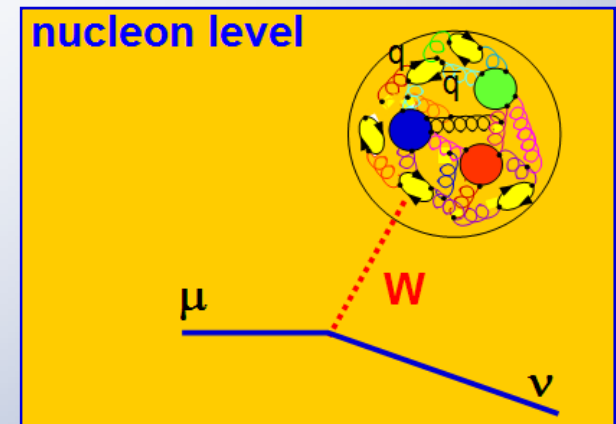


➤ **Historical: V-A and  $\mu$ -e Universality**



➤ **Today: EW current key probe for**

- Understanding hadrons from fundamental QCD
- Symmetries of Standard Model
- Basic astrophysics reactions



# QCD

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma_{\mu} D^{\mu} - m) \psi - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$



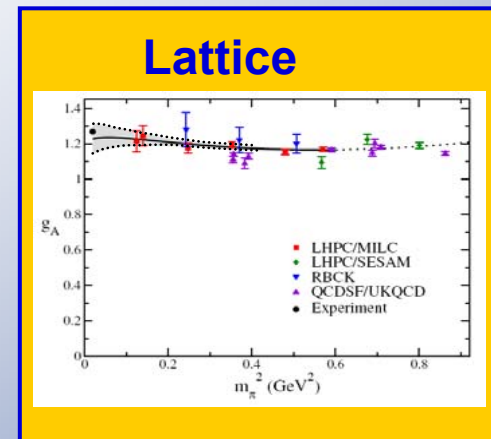
- high  $q^2$  ( $q > \text{some GeV}$ )      short distance  $< 0.1 \text{ fm}$

Weakly interacting quarks and gluons  
asymptotic freedom

- low  $q^2$  ( $q \ll 1 \text{ GeV}$ )      long distance  $> 1 \text{ fm}$

QCD has chiral symmetry  
spontaneously broken  
 $\pi$  is Nambu-Goldstone boson, weakly interacting  
chiral effective theory  $\leftrightarrow$  Nuclear Physics

- Lattice QCD: ab initio calculations  
issues: continuum transition, etc.  
physical quark masses not reached



Edwards et al. LHPC  
Coll (2006)





➤ Muon Capture

$$\mu^- + p \rightarrow \nu_\mu + n \quad \text{rate } \Lambda_S \quad \text{at } q^2 = -0.88 m_\mu^2$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{-iG_F V_{ud}}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}(p_\nu) \gamma_\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) u(p_\mu) \bar{u}(p_f) \tau_- [V^\alpha - A^\alpha] u(p_i)$$

➤ Formfactors

Lorentz, T invariance

$$V_\alpha = g_V(q^2) \gamma_\alpha + \frac{i g_M(q^2)}{2 M_N} \sigma_{\alpha\beta} q^\beta$$

$$A_\alpha = g_A(q^2) \gamma_\alpha \gamma_5 + \frac{g_P(q^2)}{m_\mu} q_\alpha \gamma_5$$

+ second class currents suppressed by isospin symm.

All form factors precisely known from SM symmetries and data.

CVC, n beta decay

$$\frac{\delta \Lambda_S}{\Lambda_S} = 0.46\%$$

apart from  $g_P = 8.3 \pm 50\%$

$$\frac{\delta \Lambda_S}{\Lambda_S} = 0.184 \frac{\delta g_P}{g_P} \approx 9\%$$



$g_p$  determined by chiral symmetry of QCD:

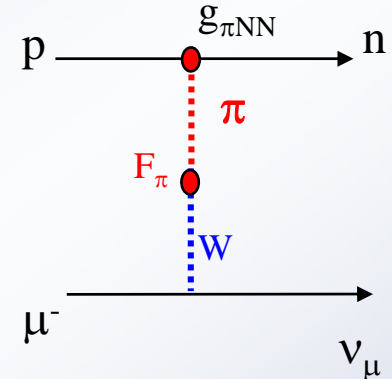
$$g_p(q^2) = \frac{2m_\mu g_{\pi NN}(q^2) F_\pi}{m_\pi^2 - q^2} - \frac{1}{3} g_a(0) m_\mu m_N r_A^2$$

$$g_p = (8.74 \pm 0.23) - (0.48 \pm 0.02) = \mathbf{8.26 \pm 0.23}$$

PCAC pole term                      Adler, Dothan, Wolfenstein

ChPT leading order                  one loop                  two-loop <1%

*N. Kaiser Phys. Rev. C67 (2003) 027002*



- $g_p$  basic and experimentally least known EW nucleon form factor
- solid QCD prediction via HBChPT (2-3% level)
- basic test of QCD symmetries

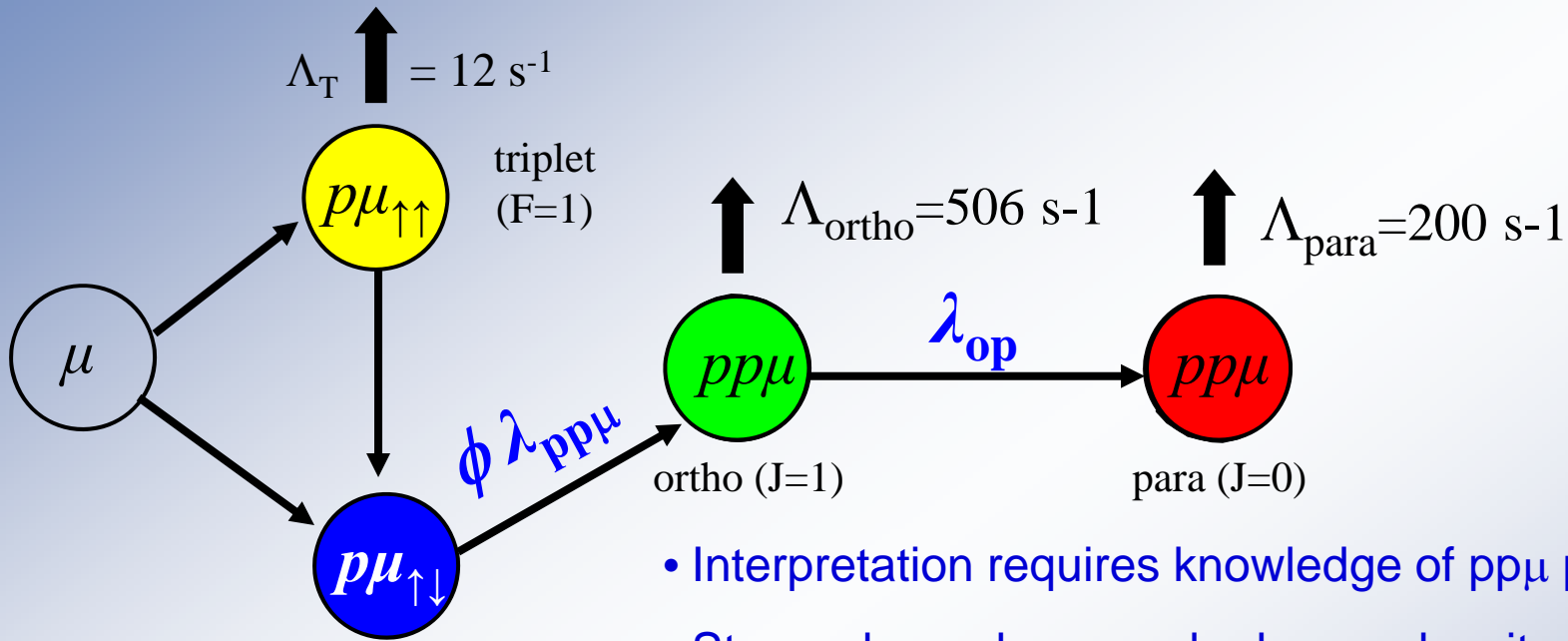
Recent reviews:

*T. Gorringer, H. Fearing, Rev. Mod. Physics 76 (2004) 31*

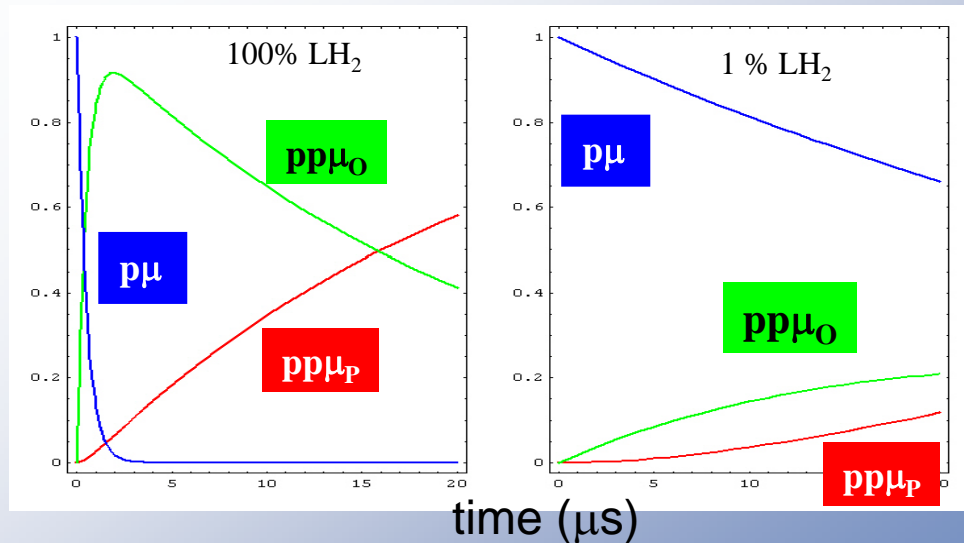
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# Muonic Processes Complicate Interpretation

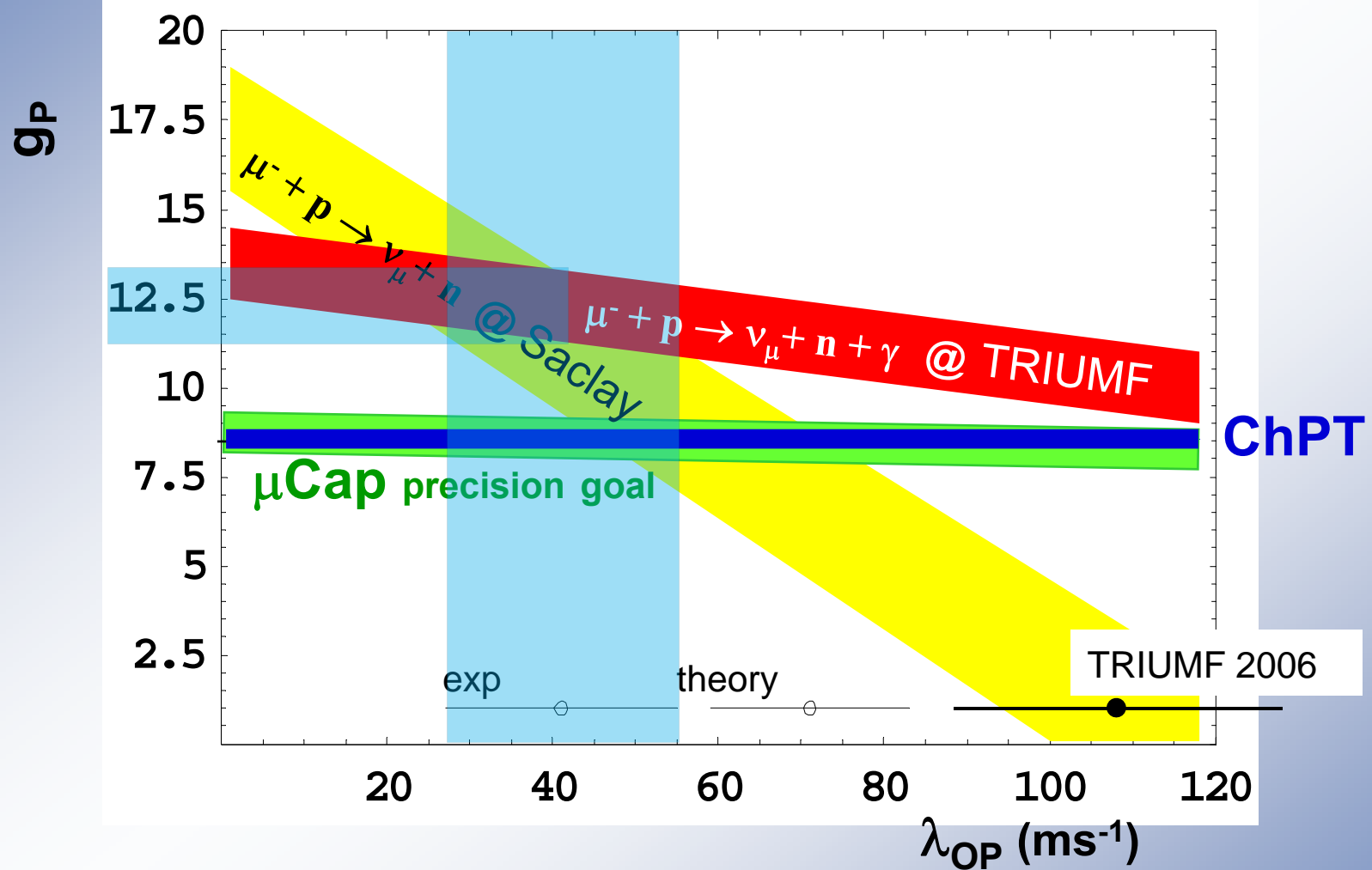


- Interpretation requires knowledge of  $pp\mu$  population
- Strong dependence on hydrogen density  $\phi$



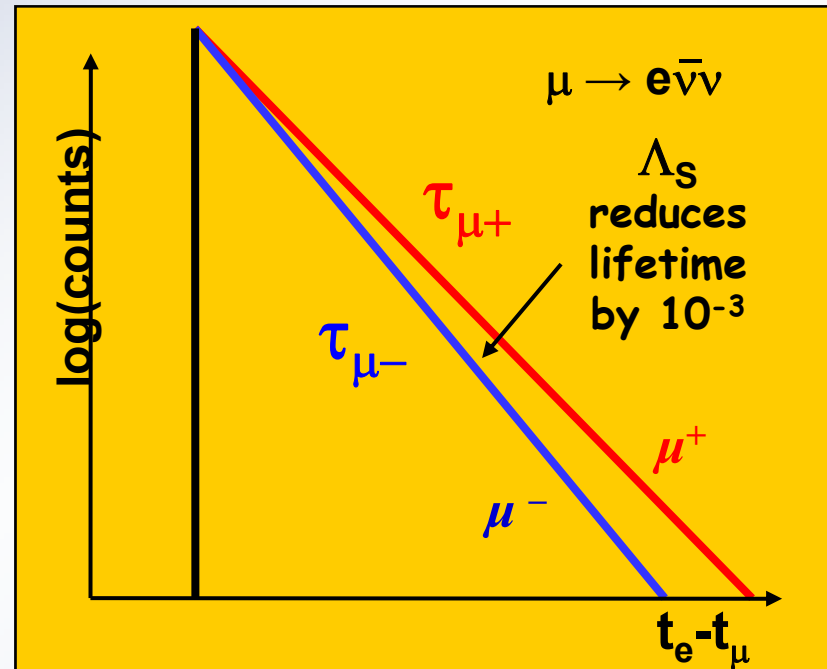


# Precise Theory vs. 45 Years of Exp. Efforts I.

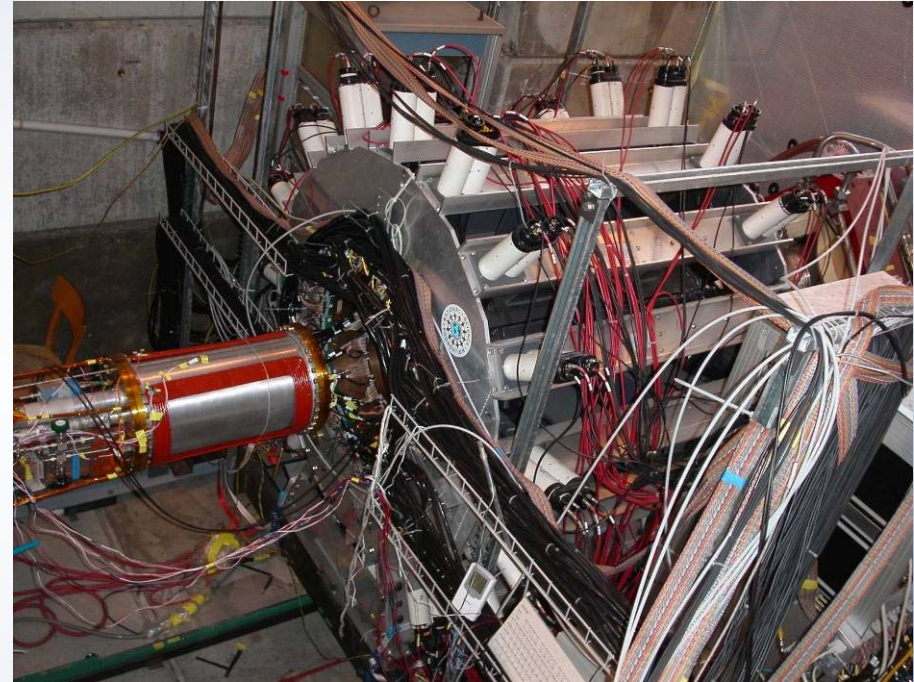
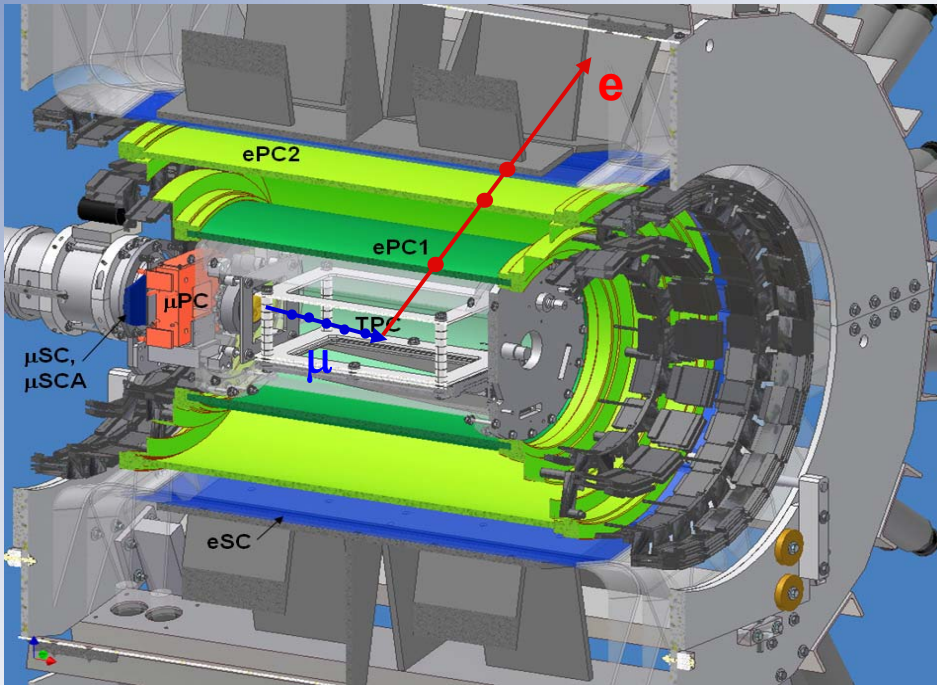


- no overlap theory & OMC & RMC
- large uncertainty in  $\lambda_{OP} \rightarrow g_p \pm 50\%$  ?

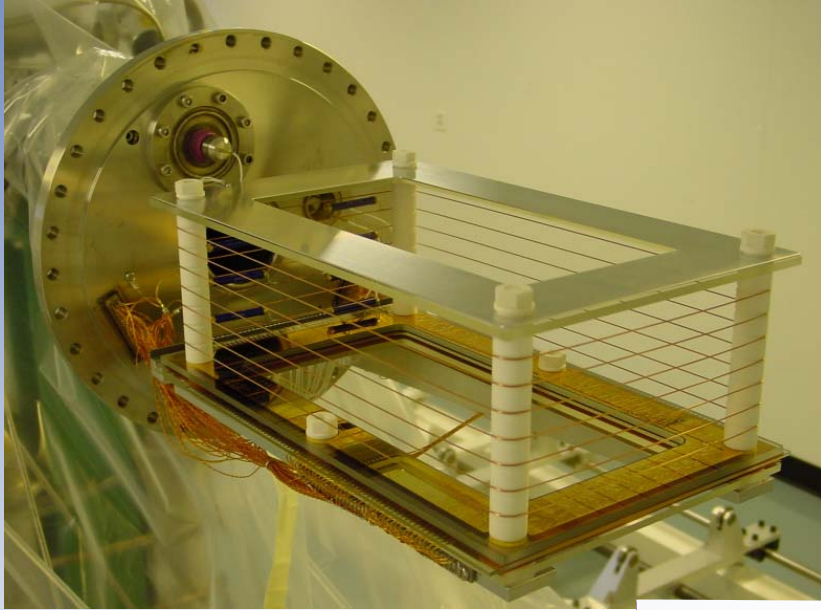
- Lifetime method  
 $10^{10}$   $\mu \rightarrow e \nu \bar{\nu}$  decays  
 measure  $\tau_{\mu^-}$  to 10ppm,  
 $\rightarrow \Lambda_S = 1/\tau_{\mu^-} - 1/\tau_{\mu^+}$  to 1%
- Unambiguous interpretation at 1% LH<sub>2</sub> density
- Clean  $\mu$  stop definition in active target (TPC) to avoid wall stops
- Ultra-pure gas system and purity monitoring at 10 ppb level
- Isotopically pure “protium”



*fulfill all requirements simultaneously  
unique MuCap capabilities*



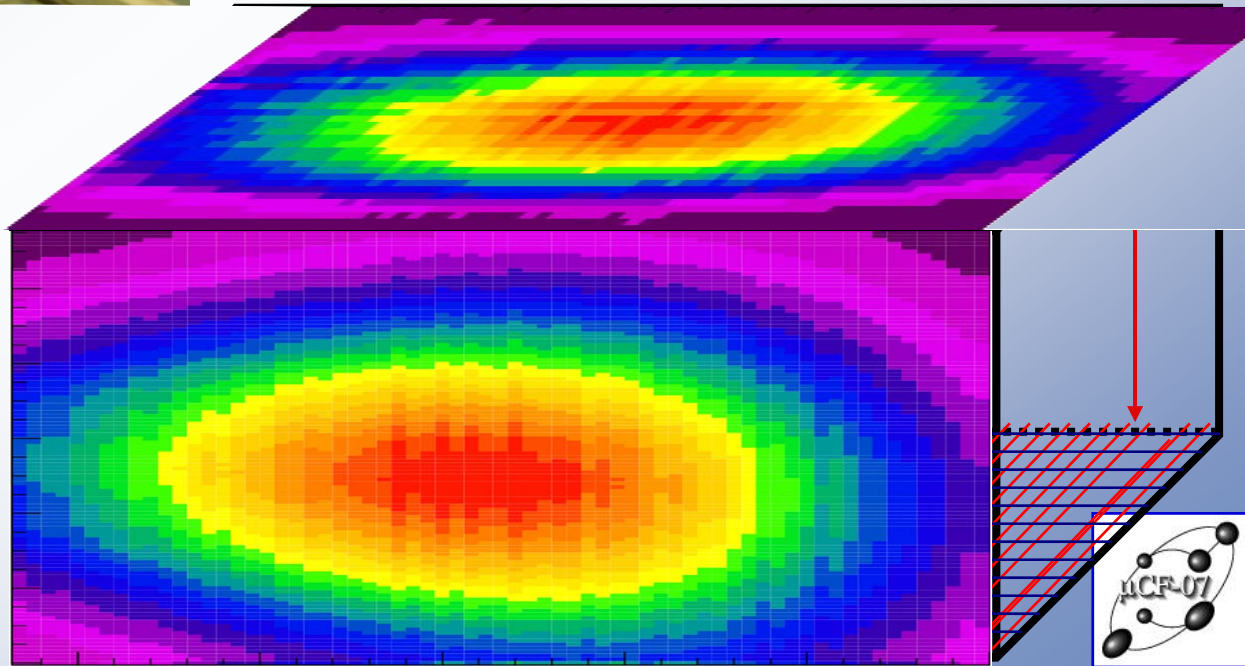
# MuCap Muons stop in active TPC target I.



10 bar ultra-pure hydrogen, 1.16% LH<sub>2</sub>  
2.0 kV/cm drift field  
~5.4 kV on 3.5 mm anode half gap  
bakeable glass/ceramic materials

## Observed muon stopping distribution

$\mu^-$   
3D tracking w/o material  
in fiducial volume



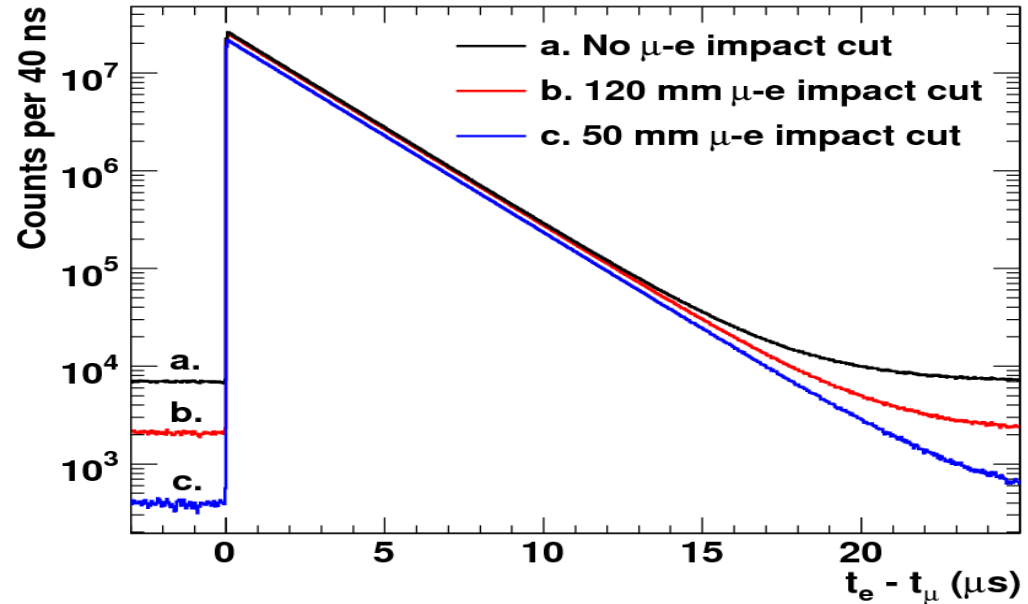


## $\mu$ -e impact parameter cut

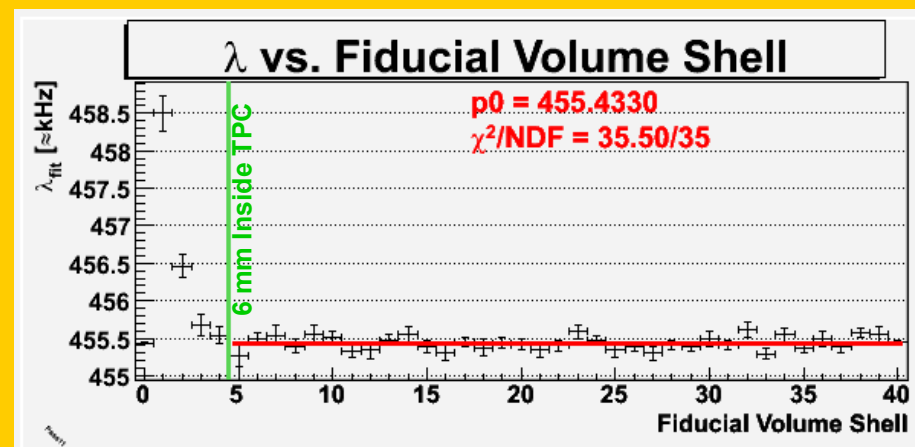
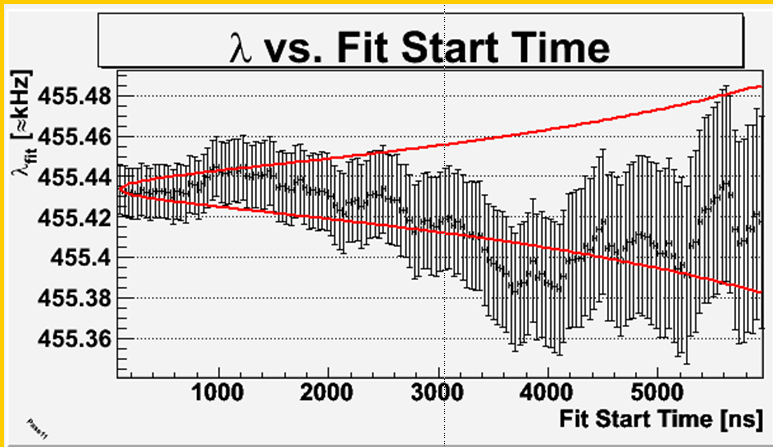
huge background suppression

diffusion (deuterium) monitoring

*blinded master  
clock frequency*



## variety of consistency checks



# MuCap Unique Capabilities: Impurities

rare impurity capture  $\mu Z \rightarrow (Z-1) + n + \nu$

$$\Lambda_Z (\text{C, N, O}) \sim (40-100) \times \Lambda_S$$

~10 ppb purity required

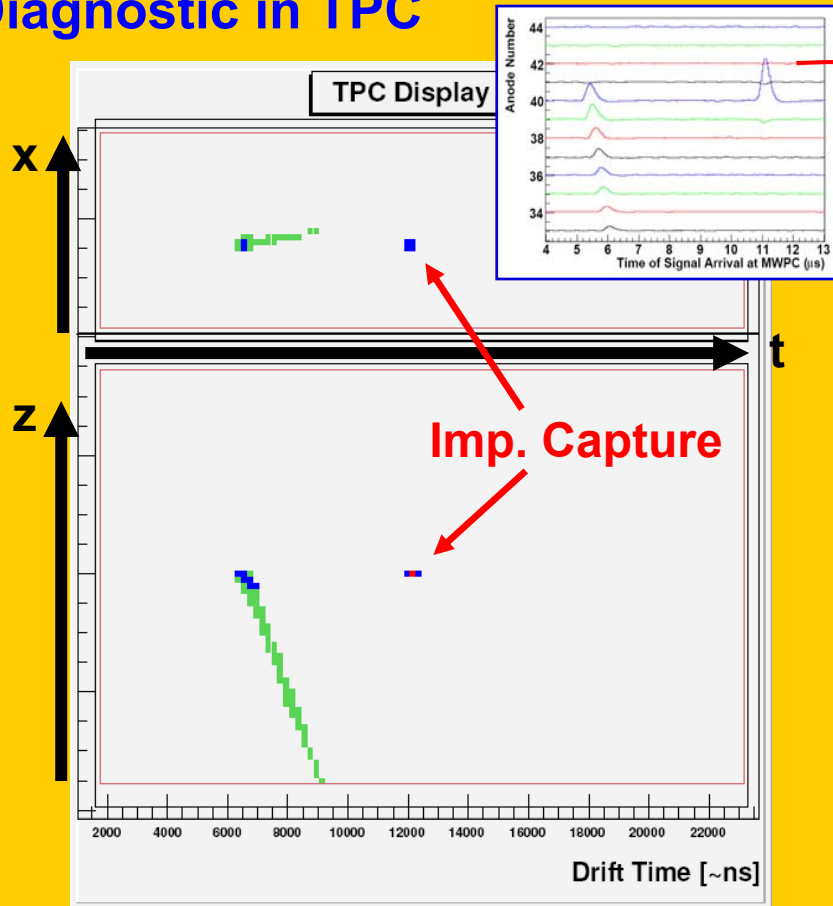
## Hardware

Circulating Hydrogen Ultrahigh Purification System

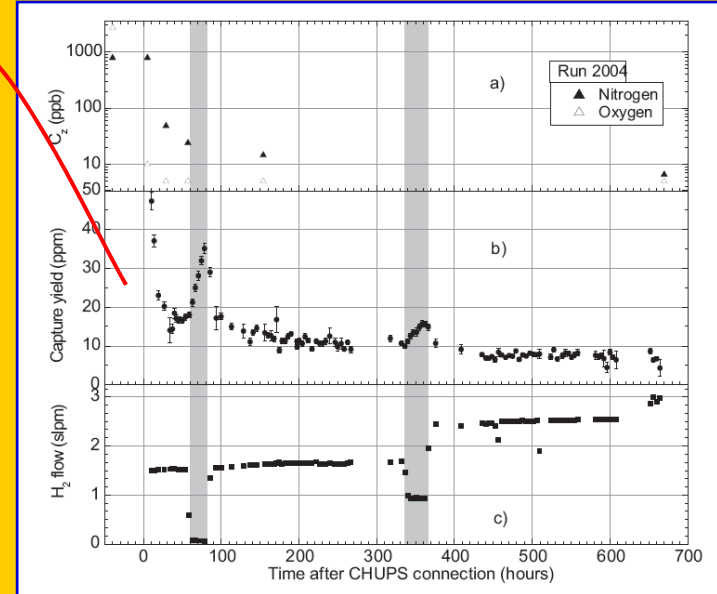
Gas chromatography

CRDF 2002, 2005

## Diagnostic in TPC



## Results



- $C_N, C_O < 7$  ppb,  $C_{H_2O} \sim 18-30$  ppb
- correction based on observed capture yield

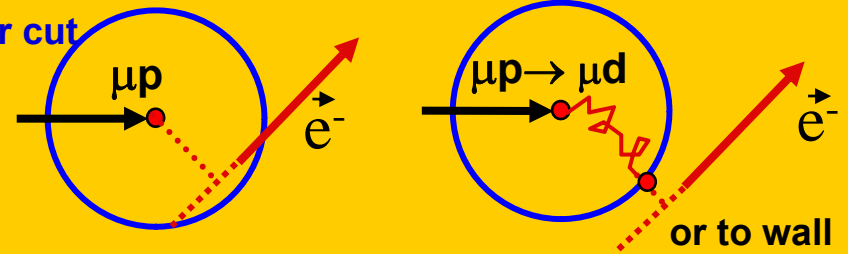
# MuCap Unique Capabilities: $\mu p$ , $\mu d$ diffusion



large diffusion range of  $\mu d$

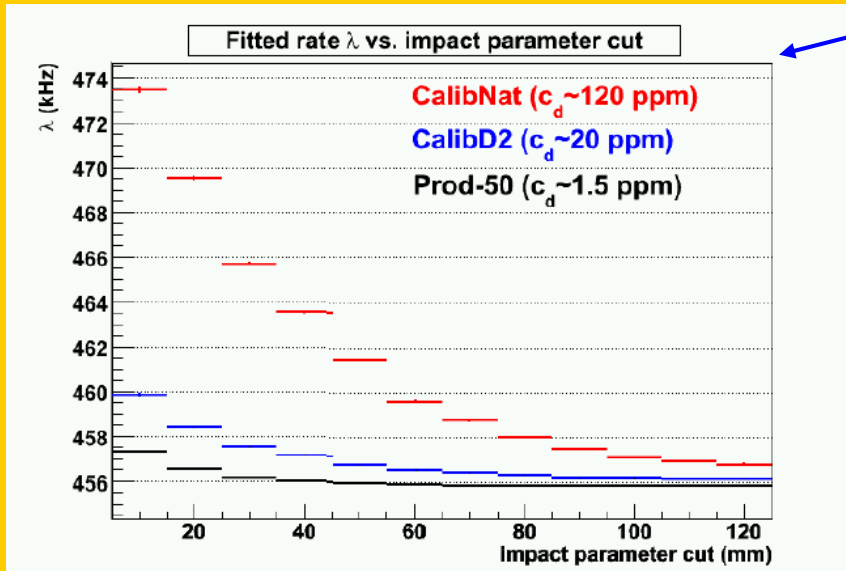
< 1 ppm isotopic purity required

$\mu$ -e impact par cut



## Diagnostic:

- $\lambda$  vs.  $\mu$ -e vertex cut



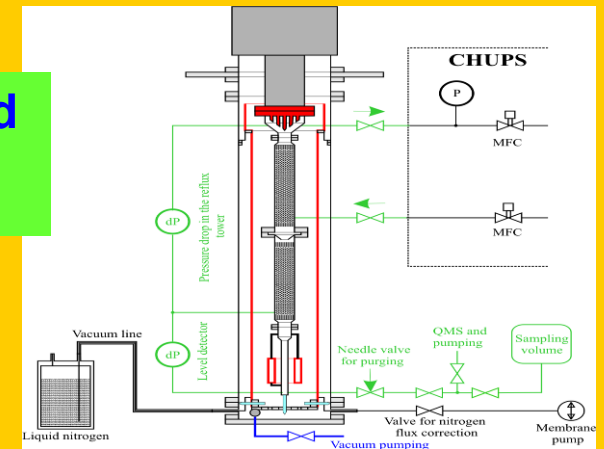
- AMS, ETH Zurich

## Results

- Directly from data  
 $c_d = 1.49 \pm 0.12$  ppm
- AMS (2006)  
 $c_d = 1.44 \pm 0.15$  ppm

## On-site isotopic purifier 2006 (PNPI, CRDF)

World Record  
 $c_d < 0.1$  ppm





## Measurement of the Rate of Muon Capture in Hydrogen Gas and Determination of the Proton's Pseudoscalar Coupling $g_P$

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accepted PRL

$$\Lambda_S^{\text{MuCap}} = 725.0 \pm 13.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 10.7_{\text{sys}} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Average of HBChPT calculations of  $\Lambda_S$ :

$$(687.4 \text{ s}^{-1} + 695 \text{ s}^{-1})/2 = 691.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Apply new rad. correction (2.8%):

$$(1 + 0.028)691.2 \text{ s}^{-1} = 710.6 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

further sub percent theory required

$$\Lambda_S^{\text{theory}} = 710.6 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

[arXiv:0704.3968v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/0704.3968v1) [hep-ph]

Czarnecki, Marciano, Sirlin

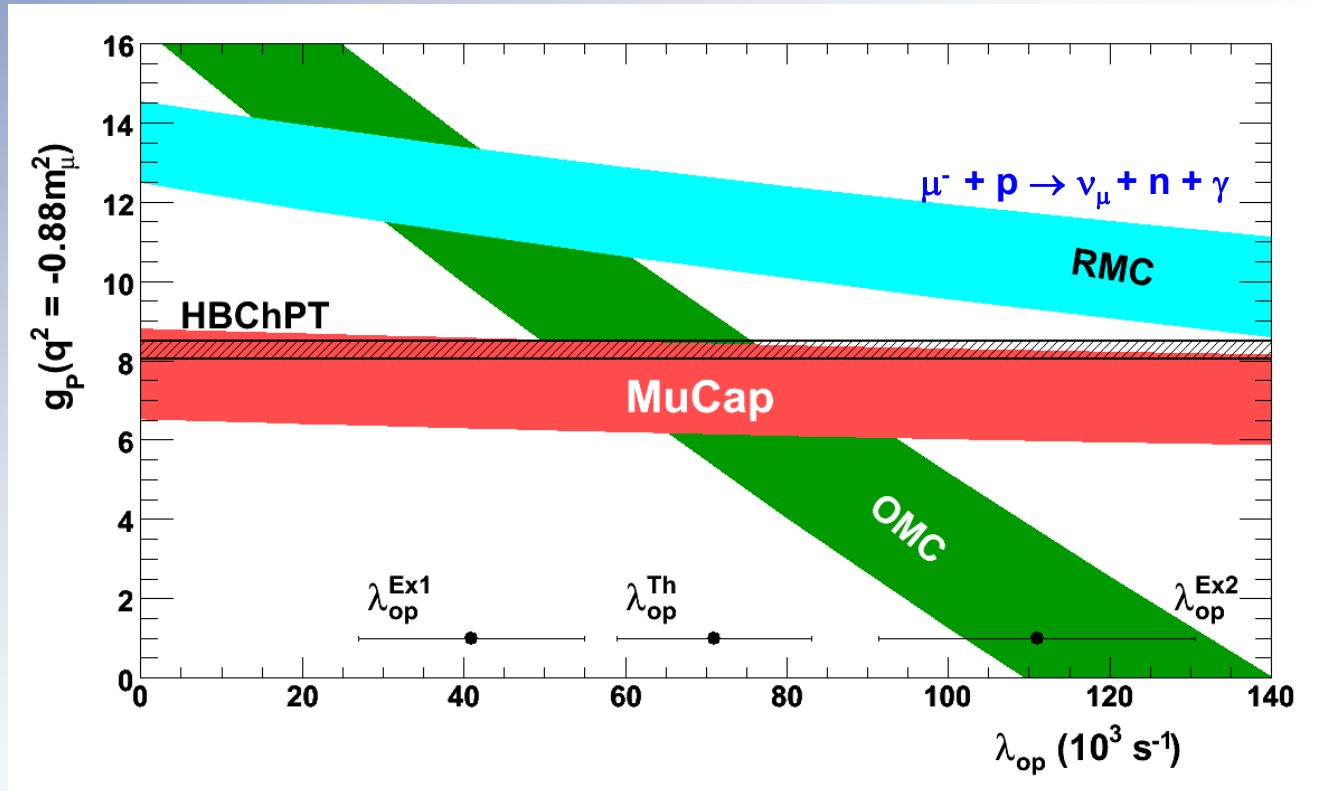
$$g_P = 7.3 \pm 1.1$$

(MuCap 2007)





# $g_p$ Landscape after MuCap 06



Before MuCap experiments inconclusive and mutually inconsistent

## MuCap

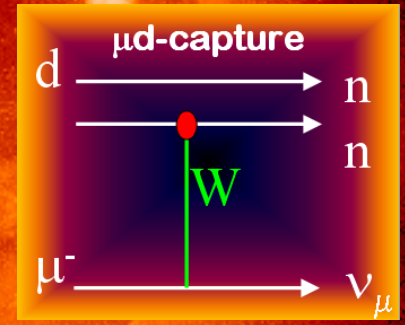
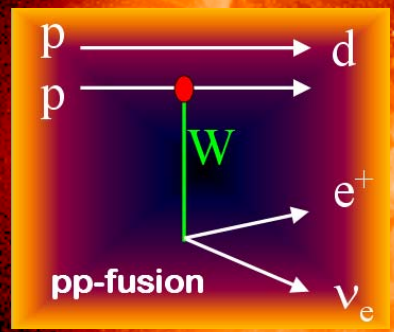
- **MuCap result nearly model independent**  
First precise and unambiguous result
- **Consistent with chiral prediction**  
Does not confirm radiative muon capture (RMC) discrepancy
- **Final result ('06 and '07 data) will reduce error twofold**



# “Calibrating the Sun” via Muon Capture on the Deuteron



“MuSun”



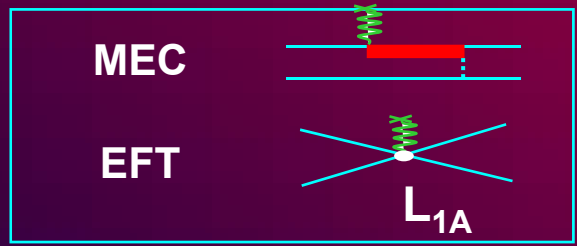
model-independent connection via EFT &  $L_{1A}$

## Goal

total  $\mu d$  capture rate to 1% precision

## Motivation

- first precise measurement of basic EW reaction in 2N system, **benchmark measurement with 10x higher precision**
- impact on fundamental astrophysics reactions (SNO, pp)
- comparison of modern high precision calculations
- high precision feasible by  $\mu$ Cap technique and careful optimization





measurement of absolute rate to <1%

**μSun I: μCap technique, 1% LD<sub>2</sub>, 300 K,**

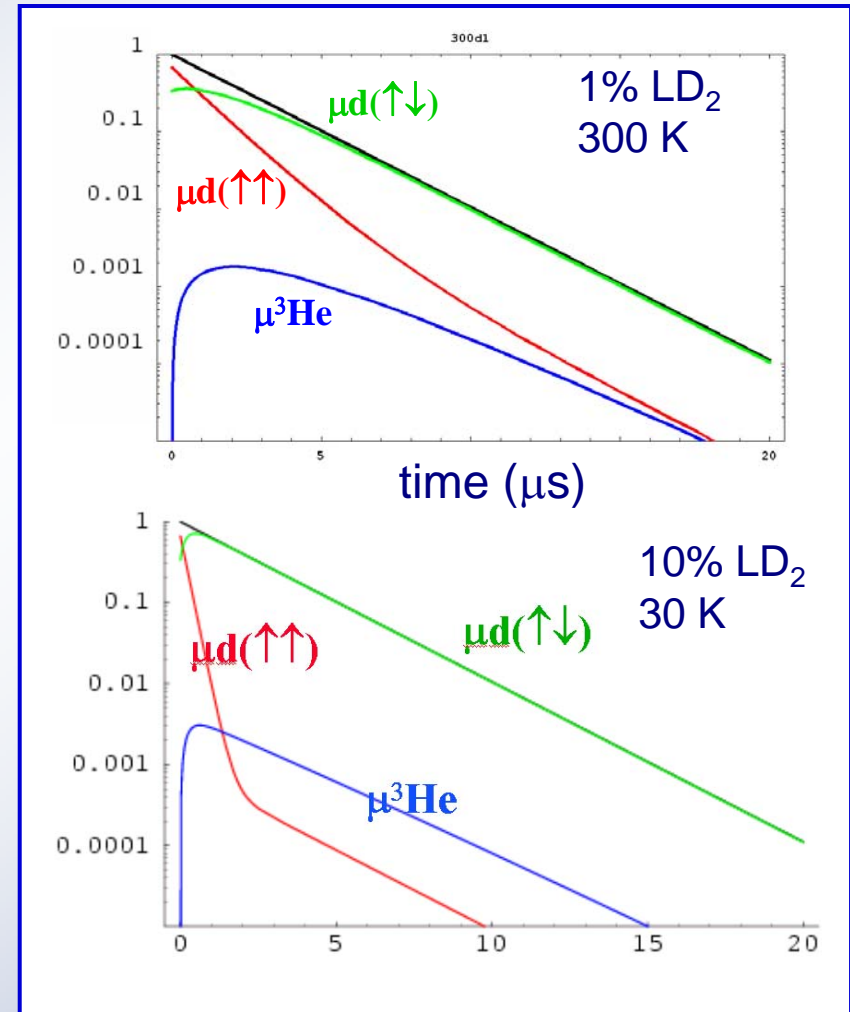
measure time spectra of capture neutrons

monitor populations with fusion and capture reactions

**First measurement of polarization observables in μ+d capture?**

**μSun II: new cryo TPC**

Kinetics requires optimized target conditions: T<50 K, >5% LD<sub>2</sub> density





## Fundamental electroweak parameters

## $G_F$

Implicit to all EW precision physics

Uniquely related to muon decay

Precision  $G_F \leftrightarrow \tau$  relation no longer theory limited

$G_F$

9 ppm

$\alpha$

0.0007 ppm

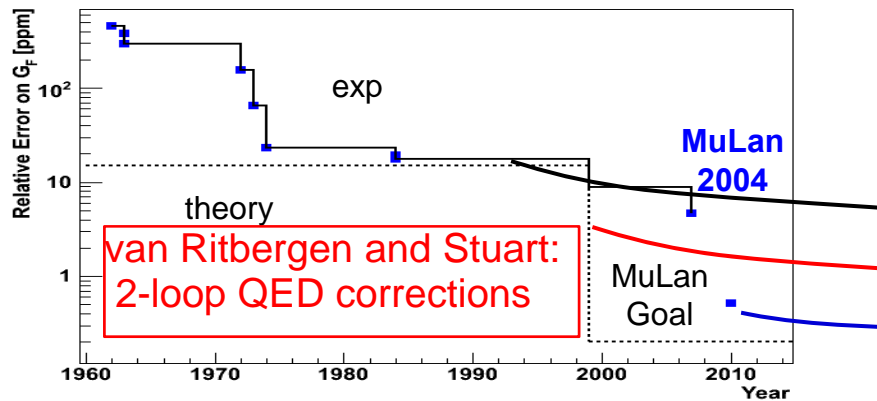
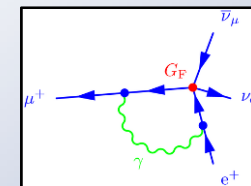
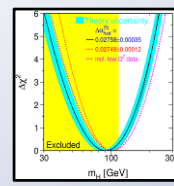
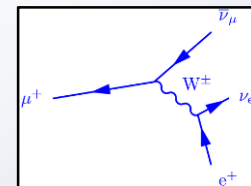
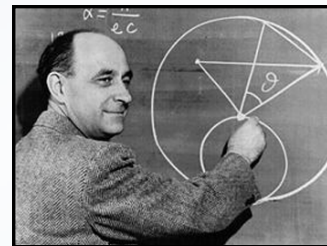
$M_Z$

23 ppm

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} (1 + \Delta r(m_t, m_H, \dots))$$

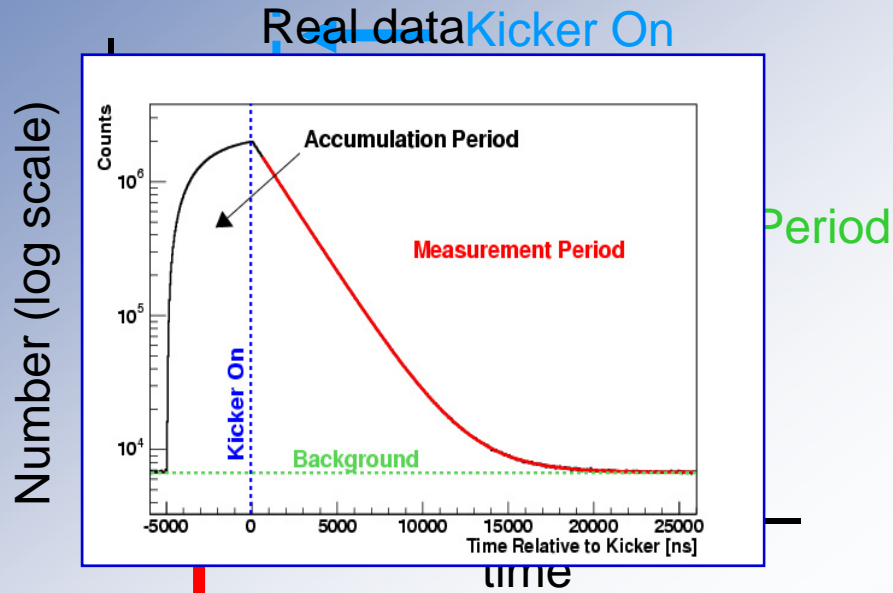
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\mu^+}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} (1 + q)$$

**QED**



$$\frac{\delta G_F}{G_F} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta \tau_\mu}{\tau_\mu}\right)^2 + \left(5 \frac{\delta m_\mu}{m_\mu}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta \text{theory}}{\text{theory}}\right)^2}$$

17 ppm	18 ppm	90 ppb	30 ppm
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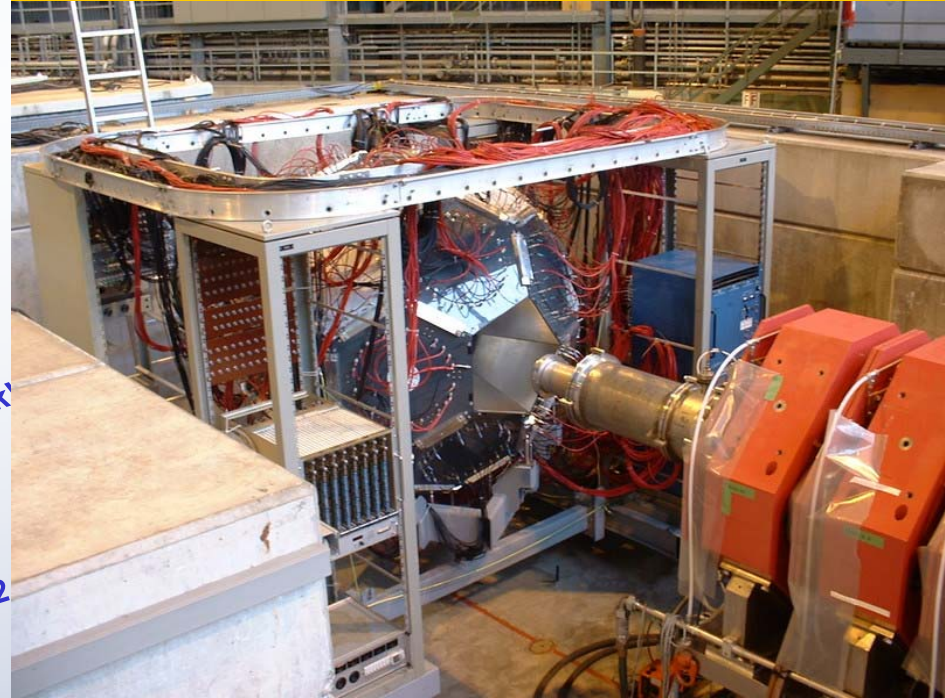
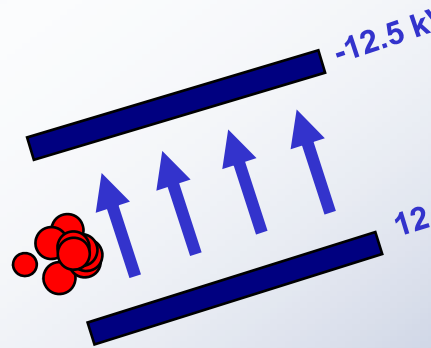
**“Early-to-late” changes**

- Instrumental shifts
  - Gain or threshold
  - Time response
- Effective acceptance
  - Residual polarization or precession

**Systematics**

**Pileup**

- Missing events





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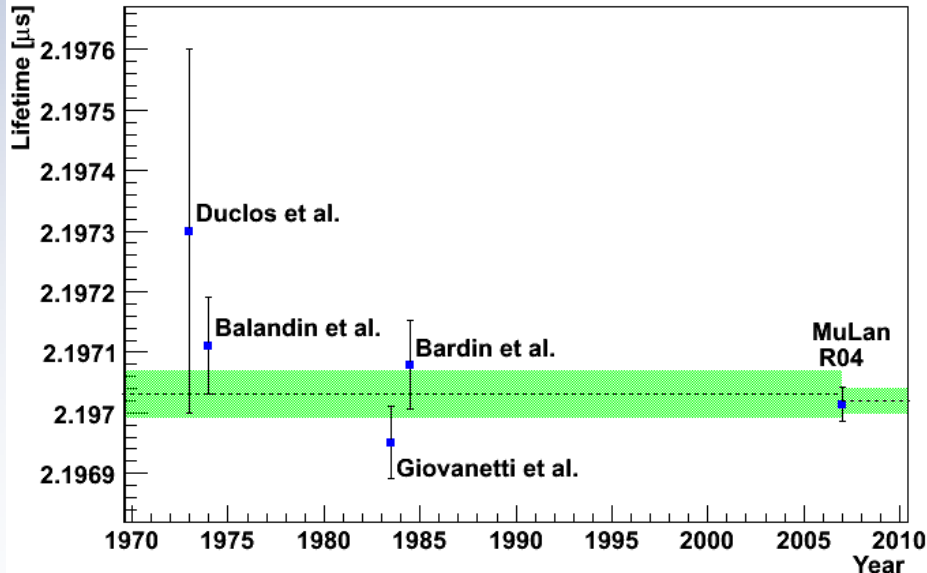
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The mean life of the positive muon has been measured to a precision of 11 ppm using a low-energy, pulsed muon beam stopped in a ferromagnetic target, which was surrounded by a scintillator detector array. The result,  $\tau_\mu = 2.197\,013(24)\,\mu\text{s}$ , is in excellent agreement with the previous world average. The new world average  $\tau_\mu = 2.197\,019(21)\,\mu\text{s}$  determines the Fermi constant  $G_F = 1.166\,371(6) \times 10^{-5}\,\text{GeV}^{-2}$  (5 ppm). Additionally, the precision measurement of the positive muon lifetime is needed to determine the nucleon pseudoscalar coupling  $g_P$ .

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$$\tau_\mu(\text{MuLan}) = 2.197\,013(21)(11)\,\mu\text{s} \text{ (11 ppm)}$$

$$\tau_\mu(\text{World}) = 2.197\,019(21)\,\mu\text{s} \text{ (9.6 ppm)}$$

$$G_F = 1.166\,371(6) \times 10^{-5}\,\text{GeV}^{-2} \text{ (5 ppm)}$$



# Summary I: Relevant MCF issues



## MuCap:

- Th/Exp: ortho-para rate  $\lambda_{OP}(\phi)$
- Exp: Precision measurement of formation rate  $pp\mu$ -ortho planned
- Th:  $pp\mu$ -para formation suppressed,  $S_{tot}=1/2$  assumed
- Th/Exp: new experimental info on  $\mu p$  and  $\mu d$  scattering, theory cross sections and simulations
- Exp: measurements of  $\mu Z$  transfer and Auger effect
- Th: cross section for  $\mu+$  diffusion

## MuSun:

- Exp:  $d\mu$  hyperfine transition at 300K
- Th/Exp: time evolution of  $d\mu$  polarization
- Exp:  $d\mu$  polarization observables in muon decay and capture
- Th/Exp: precision measurement  $dd \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + \gamma$  ?



# Summary II: Weak Interactions



## MuLan:

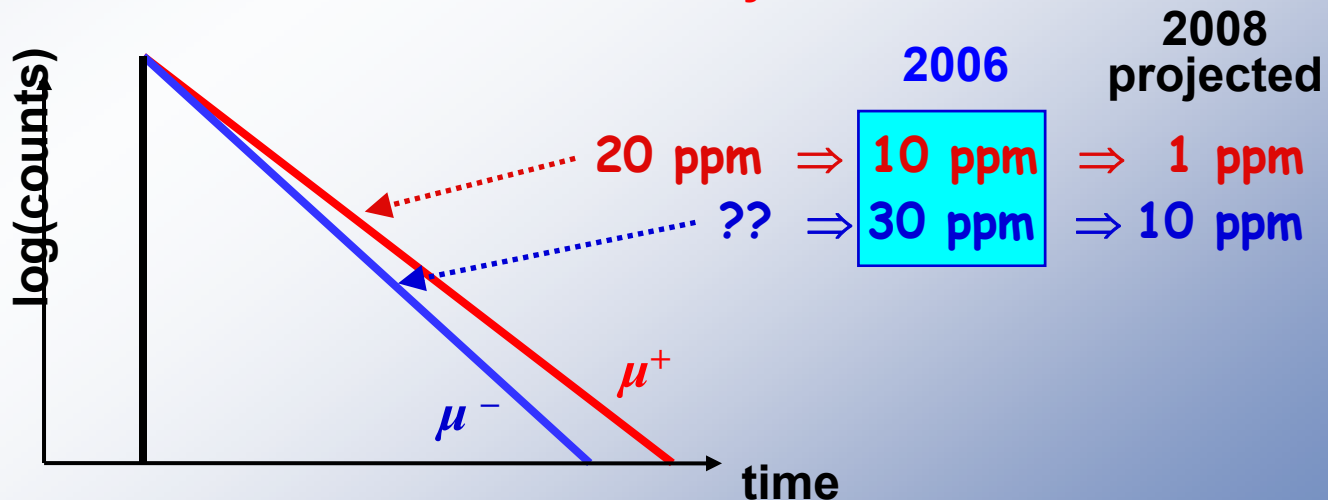
- First  $G_F$  update in 23 years – 2.5x improvement, no surprise in result
- **Factor 10 additional improvement on the way**

## MuCap:

- First precise  $g_p$  measurement with clear interpretation
- Consistent with ChPT expectation, does not support RMC puzzle
- **Factor 2-3 additional improvement on the way**

## MuSun

- muon-deuteron capture, needs  $g_p$  as input
- **New benchmark in EW reactions in 2N system**





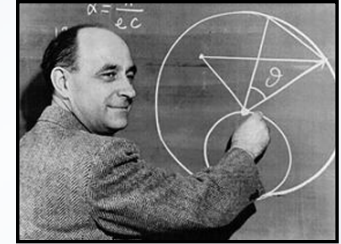
# MuLan





■ Fundamental electroweak parameters

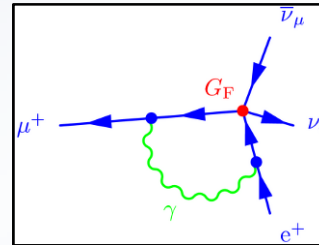
<b><math>G_F</math></b>	<b><math>\alpha</math></b>	<b><math>M_Z</math></b>
9 ppm	0.0007 ppm	23 ppm



■  $G_F$

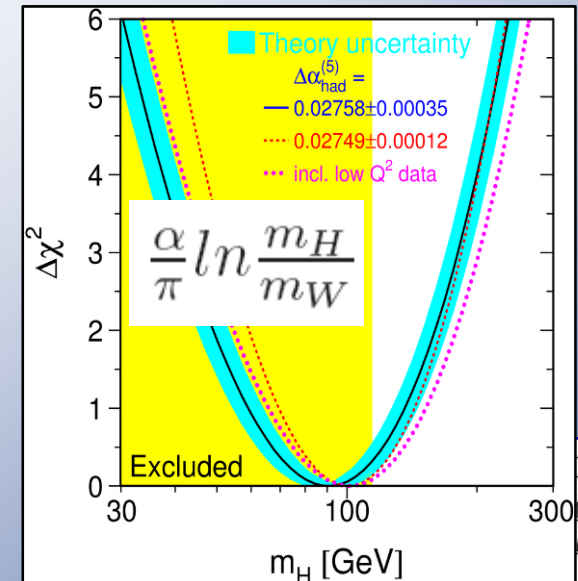
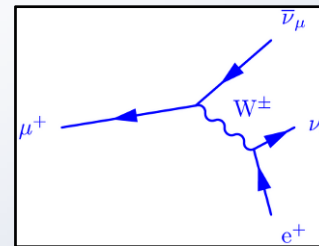
Uniquely defined by muon decay

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\mu^+}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} (1 + q) \quad \text{QED}$$

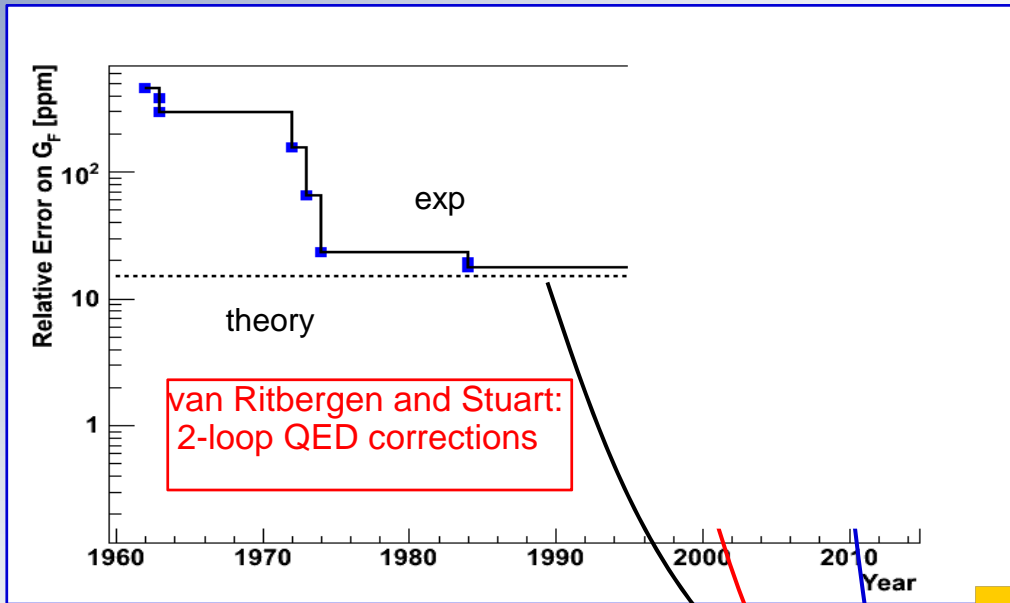


Implicit to all EW precision physics

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} (1 + \Delta r(m_t, m_H, \dots))$$



## Extraction of $G_F$ from $\tau_\mu$ not theory limited



$\delta v_\mu$  from  $\delta m^2$

$$\frac{\delta G_F}{G_F} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta \tau_\mu}{\tau_\mu}\right)^2 + \left(5 \frac{\delta m_\mu}{m_\mu}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta \text{theory}}{\text{theory}}\right)^2}$$

17 ppm	18 ppm	90 ppb	30 ppm
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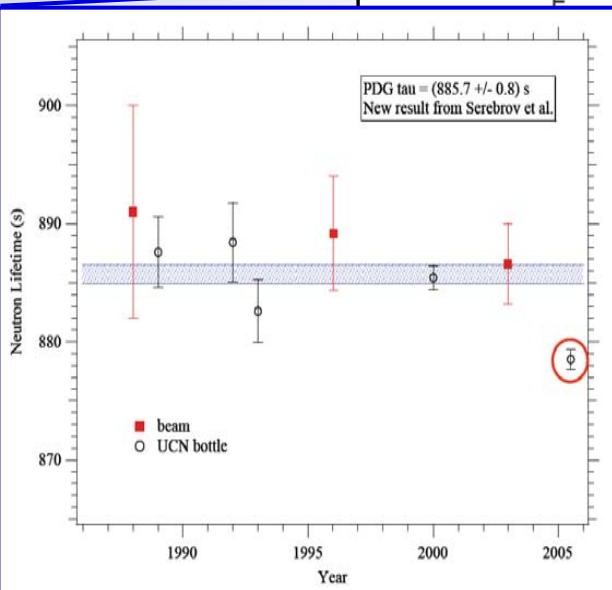
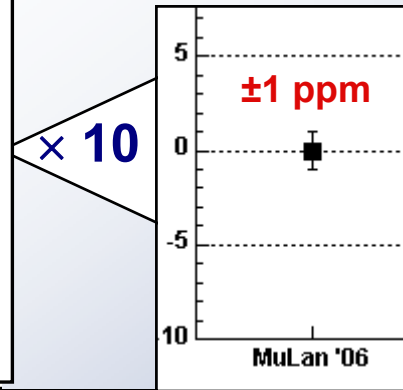
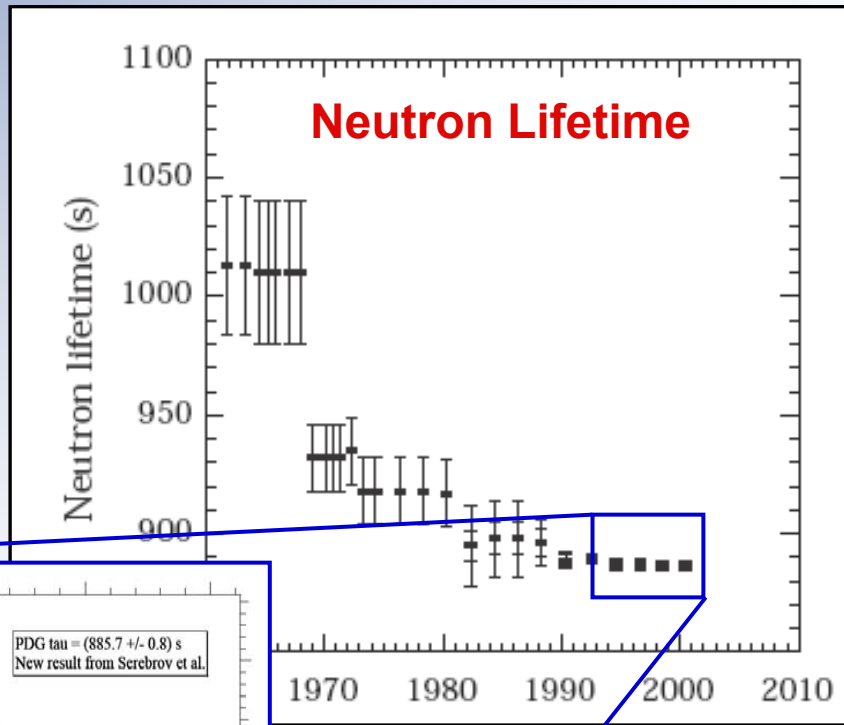


# Present $\delta\tau_\mu/\tau_\mu$ is 18 ppm and best single measurement is 27 ppm

Lessons from History



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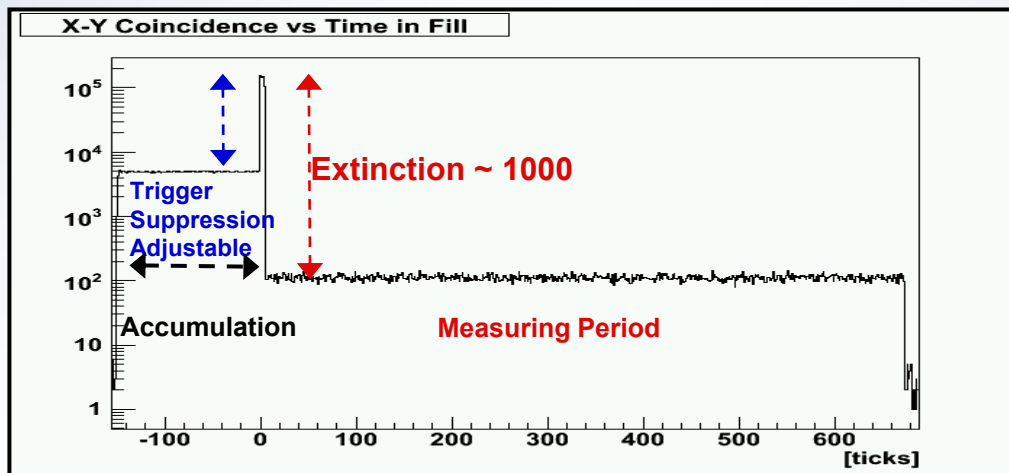
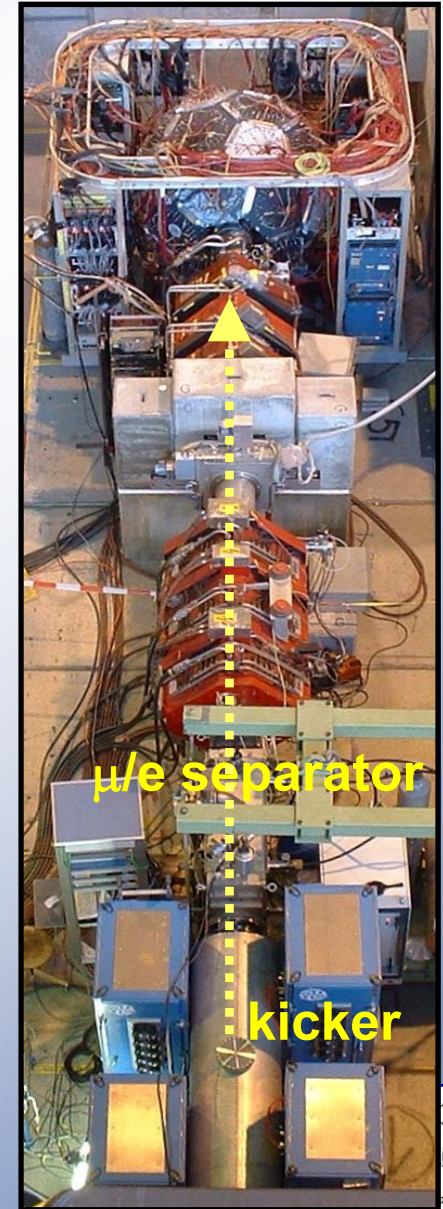
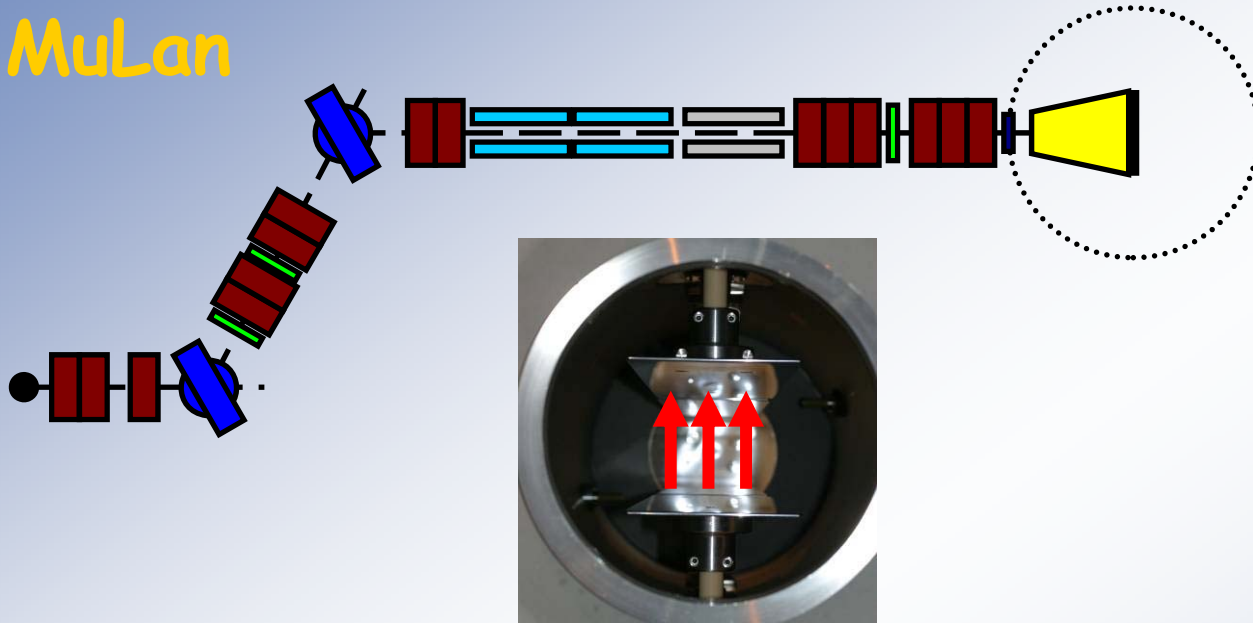
Psychology of making these measurements has blind analyses, many parameters stored, analyses, etc.

from D. Hertzog



# Create a time-structured "surface" muon beam with flux of roughly $10^7 \mu^+ \text{ Hz}$ @ 28 MeV/c, ( $\sim 4 \text{ MeV}$ )

MuLan



# Systematics

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Dead time correction	2.0
Gain stability	1.8
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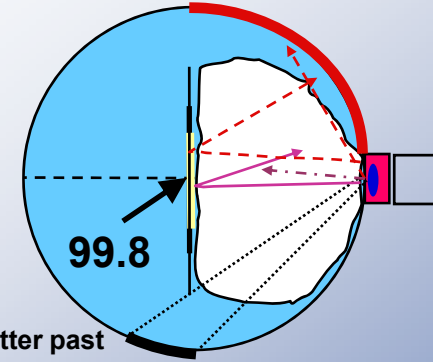
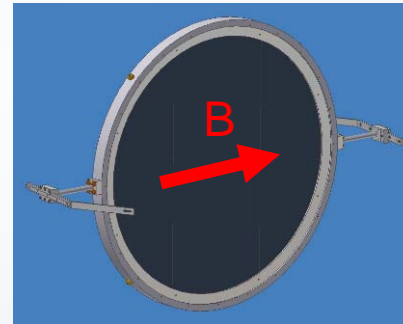
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  - Gain or threshold
  - Time response
  - Kicker and accidentals



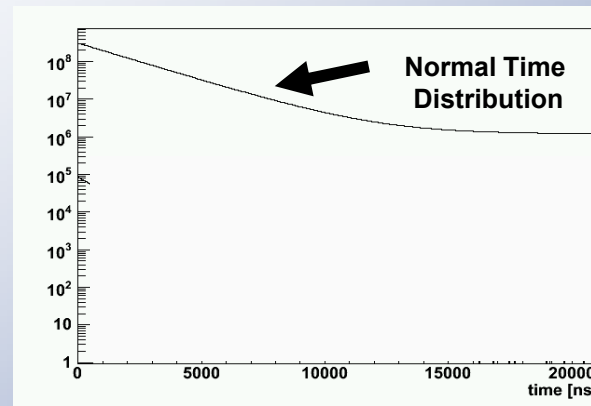
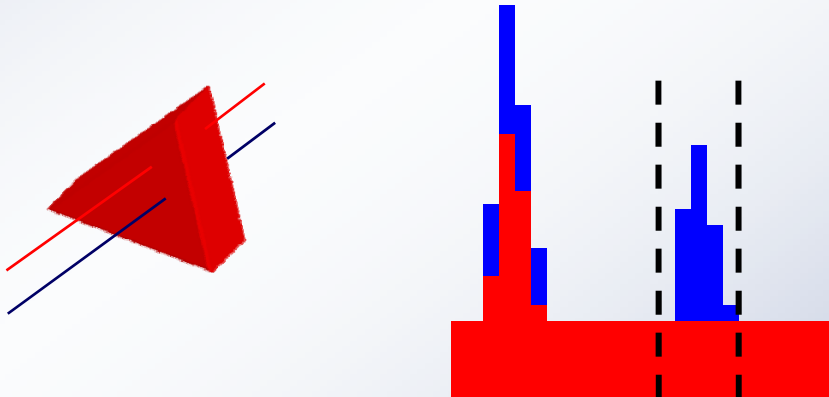
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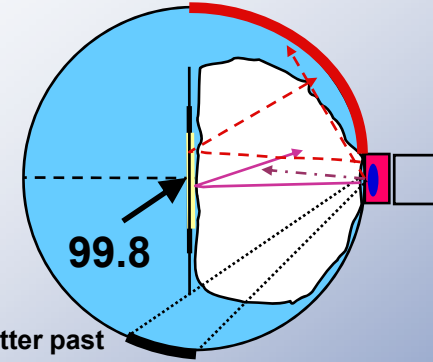
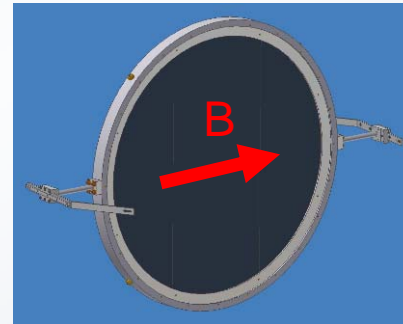
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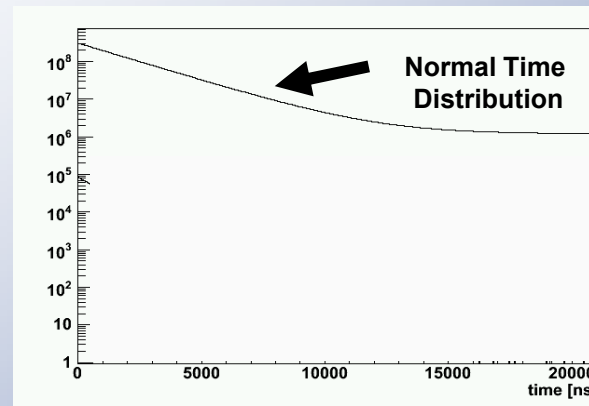
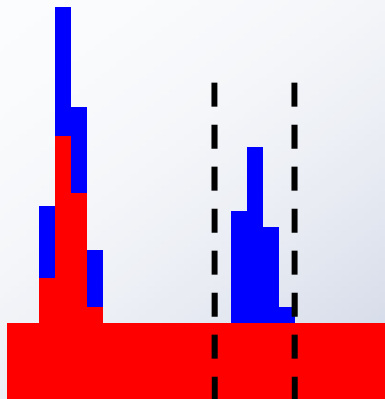
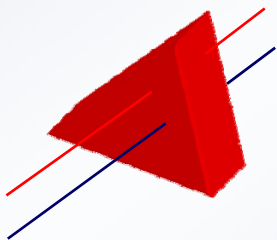
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# $G_F$ and new physics



W. Marciano 1999

- RC  $O(\alpha^2)$

$$\text{R.C.} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( \frac{25}{4} - \pi^2 \right) \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( \frac{2}{3} \ln \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} - 3.7 \right) + \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 \left( \frac{4}{9} \ln^2 \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} - 2.0 \ln \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} + C \right) + \dots \right]$$

- Interesting physics reach

But

- other GF determinations 100x poorer

$$g_{2_0}^e = g_{2_0}^\mu = g_{2_0}^\tau$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_W^0 = \frac{e_0^2}{g_{2_0}^2} = 1 - (m_W^0/m_Z^0)^2$$

- Input

$\alpha(0)$	= 1/137.035999710(96)	0.7 ppb
$\alpha(M_Z)$	= 1/127.918(18)	140 ppm
$G_F$	= 1.166 37(1) x 10 <sup>-5</sup> GeV <sup>-2</sup>	9 ppm
$M_Z$	= 91.1876(21) GeV	23 ppm
$m_t$	= 172.7(2.9) (0.6) GeV	
$M_W$	= 80.392(39) GeV	
$\sin^2 \theta_W$	= 0.23100(22) GeV	





# Note: Experimental limits on $\eta$ (non SM) are largest uncertainty of Fermi constant



$G_F$  depends on  $\eta$

$$G_F \approx G_F^{V-A} \left( 1 - 2\eta \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \right), \quad (7)$$

where  $m_e/m_\mu$  is the mass ratio of electron and muon.

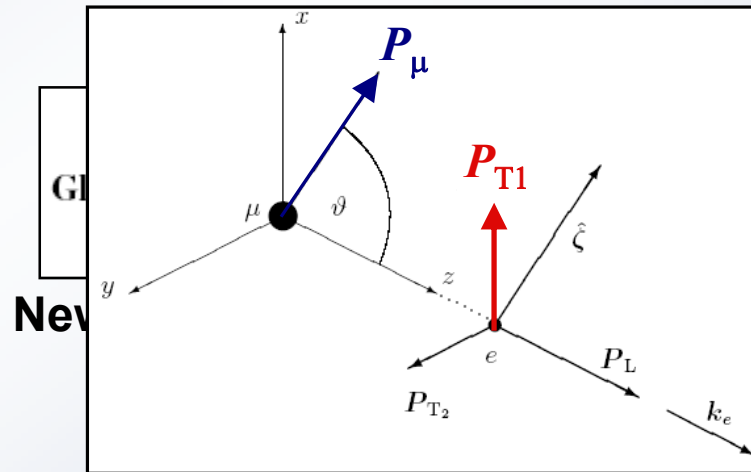
Danneberg et al,  
PRL 94 021802 (2005)

$$\eta = (-2.1 \pm 7.0 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3},$$

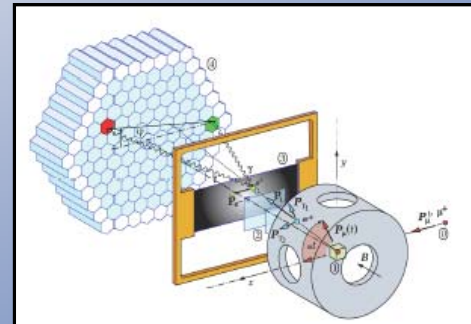


70 ppm  
uncertainty  
on  $G_F$

## Access to $\eta$ through transverse polarization measurement of outgoing positron



Fetscher expt. PSI



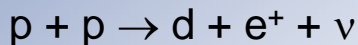
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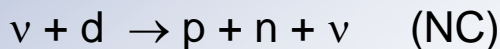
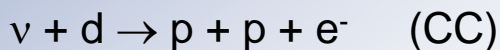
## Reactions



basic solar fusion reaction

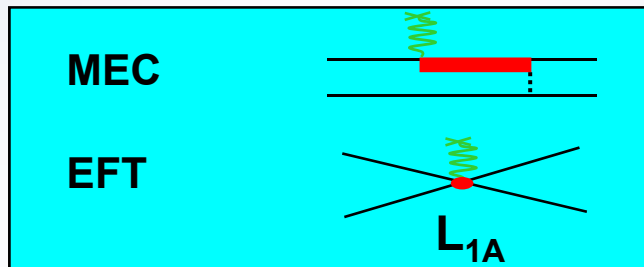


key reactions for SNO



## Theory SNPA – EFT (HBChPT, $\chi$ EFT, hybrid)

- 1B NN description accurate
- 2B not well constrained by theory

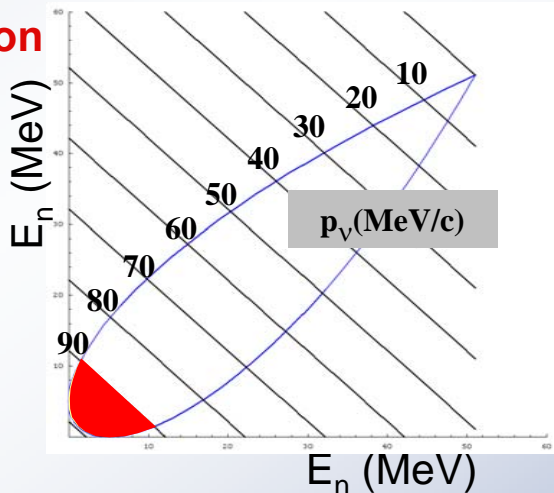


**EFT: Class of axial current reactions related by single parameter  $L_{1A}$**

**→ Quest for  $L_{1A}$**

## Precision $\mu+d$ experiment (PK, Chen)

**best determination of  $L_{1A}$  from 2N system**



**theory:**

precise enough? ✓

reaction soft enough for  $L_{1A}$ ?

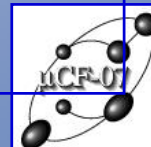
*Ando, Park, Kubodera, Myhrer (2002)*

*Chen, Inoue, Ji, Li (2005)*

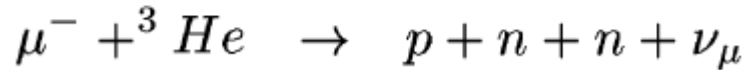
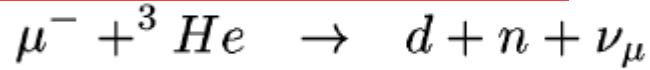
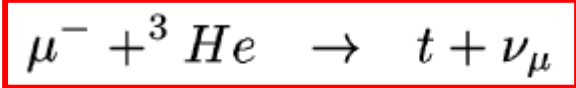
**experiment:**

1% precision possible? ✓

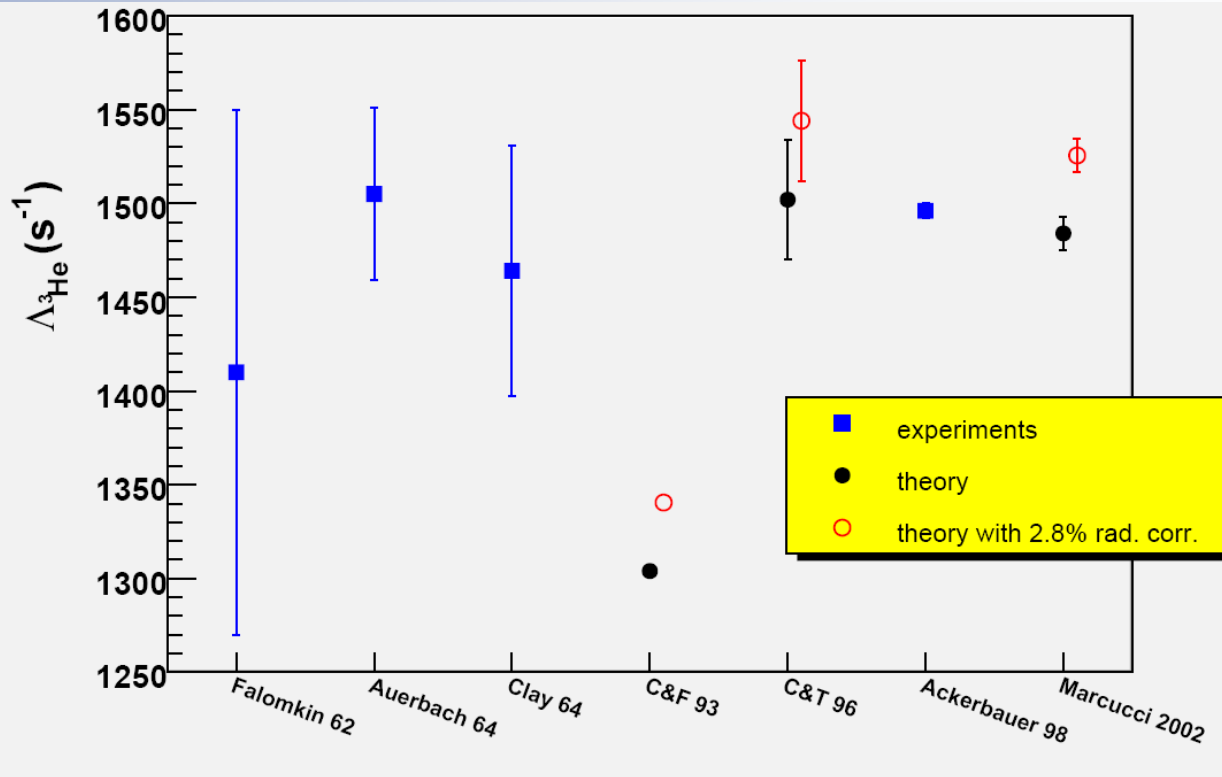
**MuCap technique**



# $\mu + {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow {}^3\text{H} + \nu$



authors	$\Lambda_{\text{stat}} (\text{s}^{-1})$	comment
Congleton & Fearing	1304	IA
Congleton & Truhlik	$1502 \pm 32$	IA + MEC
Ackerbauer et al	$1496.0 \pm 4.0$	${}^3\text{He}$ TPC
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**PCAC**  $g_p = 8.12$   
**Exp & CT**  $8.53 \pm 1.54$   
**Exp & M**  $7.55 \pm 0.42$   
**Exp & M, rad**  $9.48 \pm 0.42$

needs check



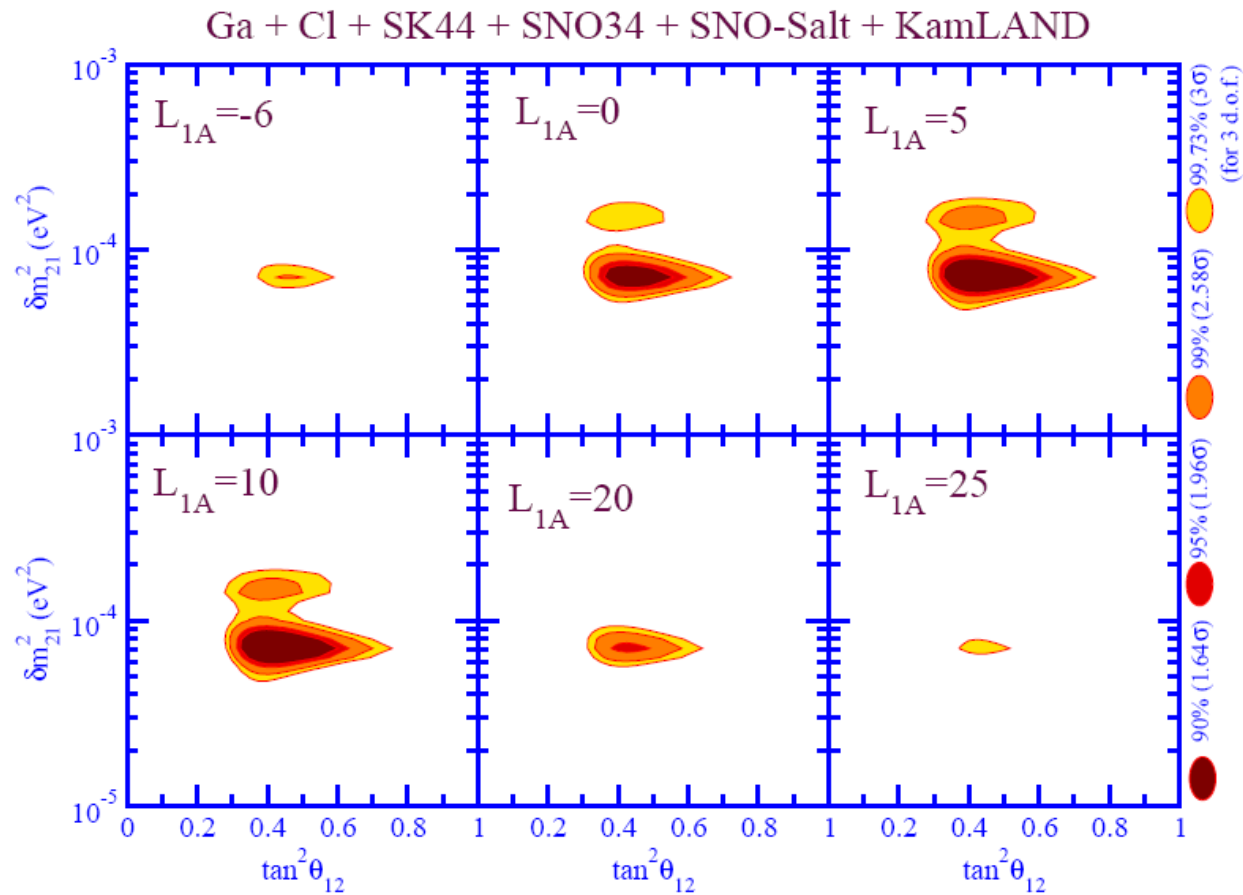
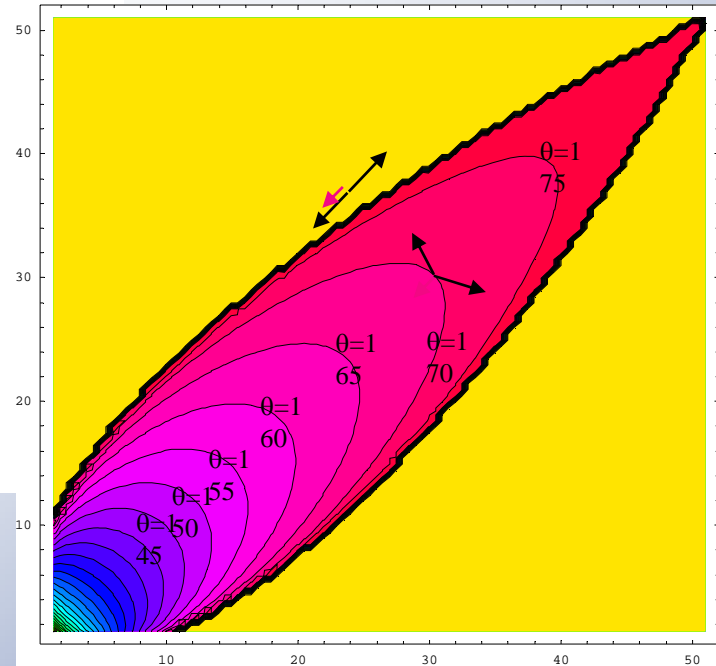
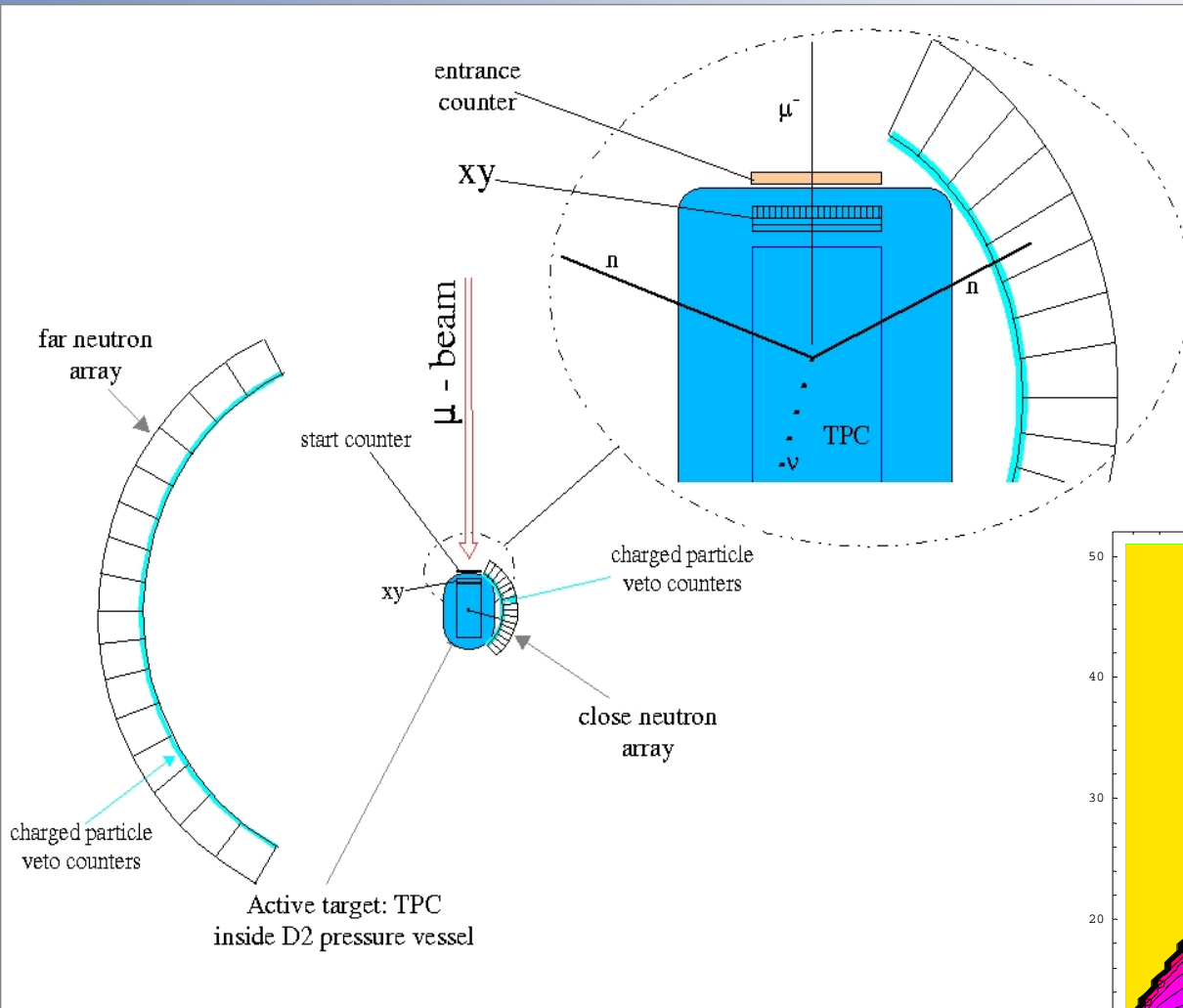


Fig. 3. The change in the allowed region of the mixing parameter space using combined solar neutrino data and KamLAND as a function of  $L_{1A}$ . In the calculations leading to this figure the neutrino mixing angle  $\theta_{13}$  is taken to be zero. The shaded areas corresponds to 90 % , 95 % , 99 % , and 99.73 % confidence levels.

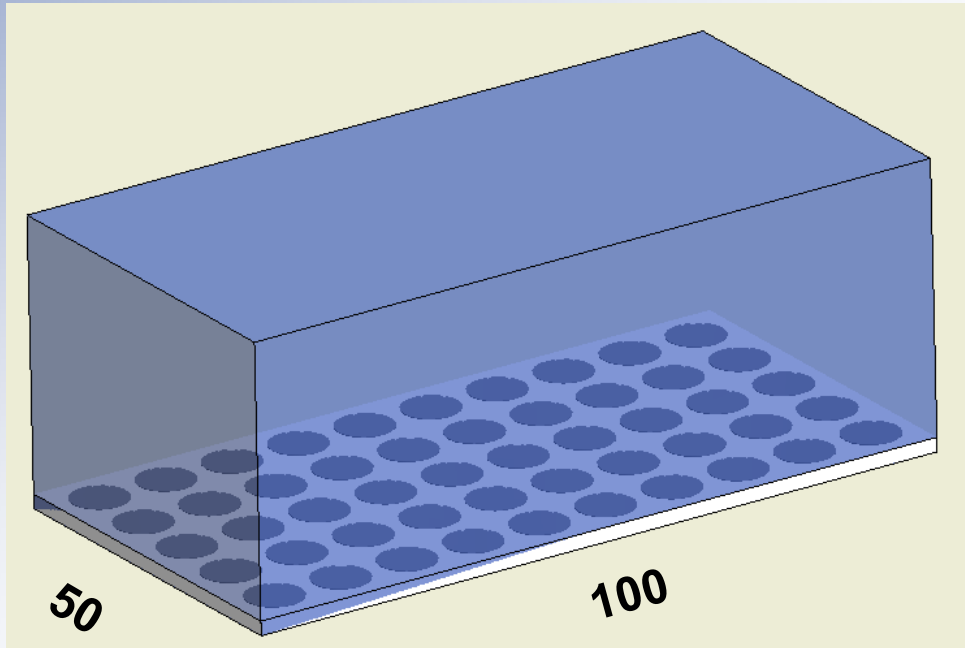
# Concept stage II



# TPC details



40 mm



**GEM  
Microstructure ?**

	grid cath			grid an			gas	cath
	mm	kV	kV/mm	mm	kV	kV/mm		
He TPC	14.3	40	2.80	0.8	3.5	4.38	120bar He	8
D TPC	40	100	2.50	0.8	4	5.00	50-100bar D	10

**Recombination ?**

**Signal (Gain?)**



# Summary physics motivation



**precision measurement of total  $\mu\text{d}$  capture rate to 1% provides**

- first precise measurement of charged-current reaction in 2N system
- first precise 2N experimental information relevant for *absolute* solar neutrino cross sections and flux.
- comparison of EFT/SNPA approach for space-like axial two-body current and 2N vs 3N constraints.
- $a_{nn}$  information ? (*needs study*)

**systematic measurement of  $\mu\text{d}$  capture Dalitz Plot provides**

- information on time-like axial two-body currents
- reduced rate  $\Lambda'$ , accessible to  $\chi\text{EFT}$
- complementary  $g_p$  sensitivity, if MECs sufficiently under control (*needs study*)

**first measurement of  $\mu\text{d}$  capture asymmetry and hfs effects provides**

- complementary  $g_p$  info (*needs study*)





# MuCap



$$L_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} F^{(a)\mu\nu} + i \sum_q \bar{\psi}_q^i \gamma^\mu (D_\mu)_{ij} \psi_q^j - \sum_q m_q \bar{\psi}_q^i \psi_{qi} ,$$
$$F_{\mu\nu}^{(a)} = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g_s f_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c ,$$
$$(D_\mu)_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \partial_\mu + ig_s \sum_a \frac{\lambda_{i,j}^a}{2} A_\mu^a ,$$



# Additional slides start here



$\Lambda_S$  sensitivity to  $g$

$$\frac{\Delta\Lambda_S}{\Lambda_S} = 0.466 \frac{\Delta g_V}{g_V} + 0.151 \frac{\Delta g_M}{g_M} + 1.567 \frac{\Delta g_A}{g_A} - 0.184 \frac{\Delta g_P}{g_P}$$

$\delta\Lambda_S$  with present  $\delta g$

$$\frac{\Delta\Lambda_S}{\Lambda_S} (\%) = \sqrt{0.0239^2 + 0.0104^2 + 0.504^2 + 9.2^2}$$

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error from  $V_{ud} = 0.16\%$

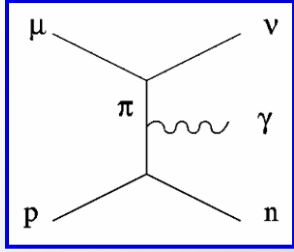
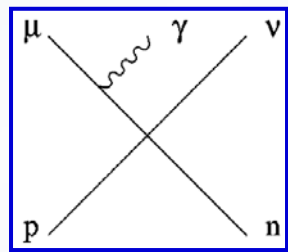


# 45 Years of Experiments to Determine $g_P$ I.

- $\mu^- + p \rightarrow \nu_\mu + n$       **OMC**      BR $\sim 10^{-3}$   
 8 experiments, typical precision 10-15%, Saclay 4%

- $\mu^- + p \rightarrow \nu_\mu + n + \gamma$       **RMC**      BR $\sim 10^{-8}$ , E>60 MeV

**279 $\pm$ 25 events**  
**BR $_{\gamma}(k>60\text{MeV})=(2.10\pm 0.21)\times 10^{-8}$**   
*Wright et al. (1998)*



...

- $\mu^- + {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \nu_\mu + {}^3\text{H}$

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$$g_P(-0.954m_\mu^2) = 8.53 \pm 1.54$$

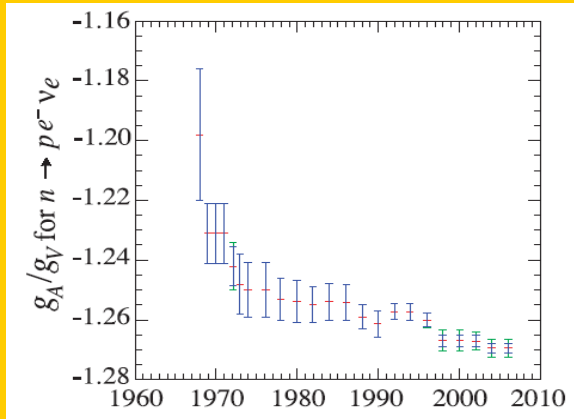
rad. corrections?

- Beta Decay Correlations**



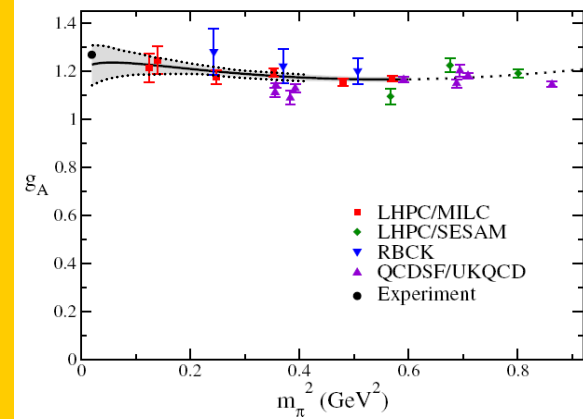


## Exp. History



PDG 2006

## Lattice QCD



Edwards et al. LHPC Coll (2006)

$$g_A(q^2) = g_A(0) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{6} \langle r_A^2 \rangle q^2 \right)$$

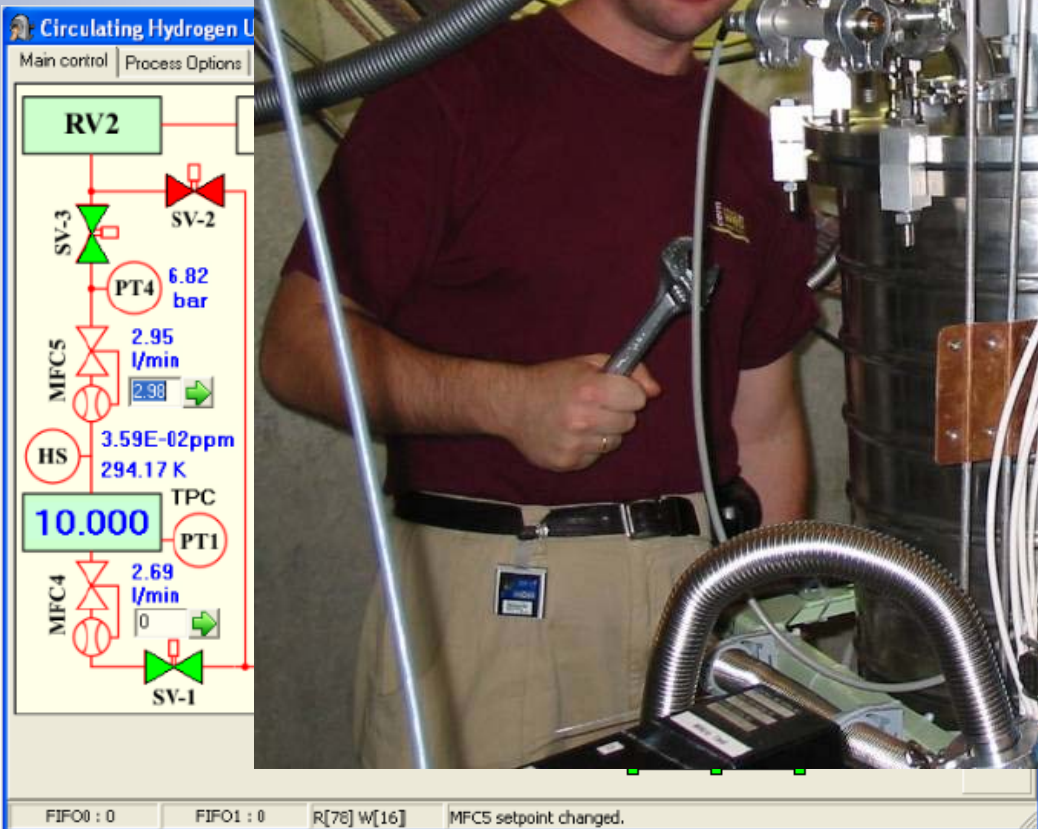
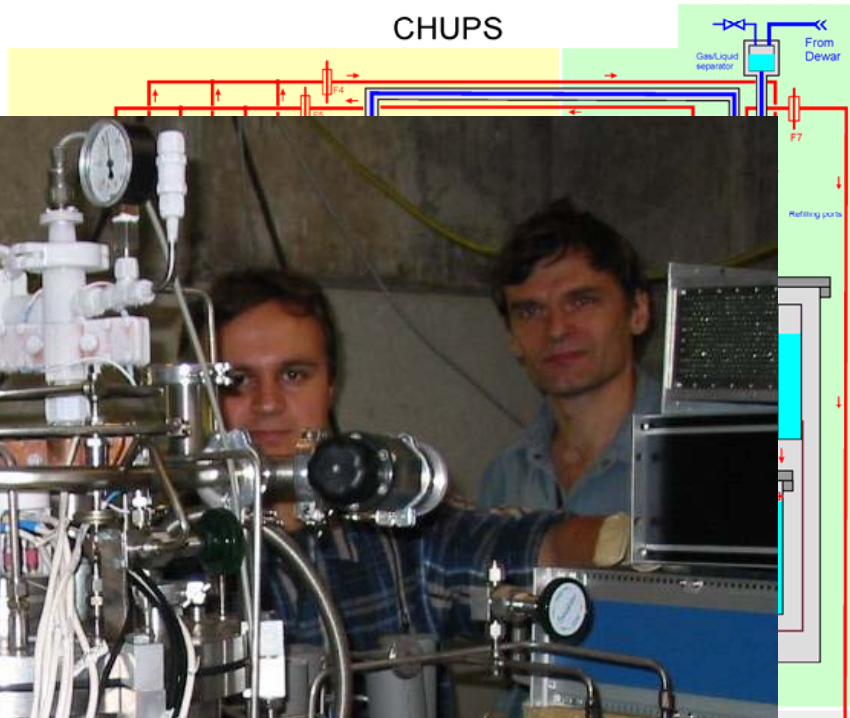
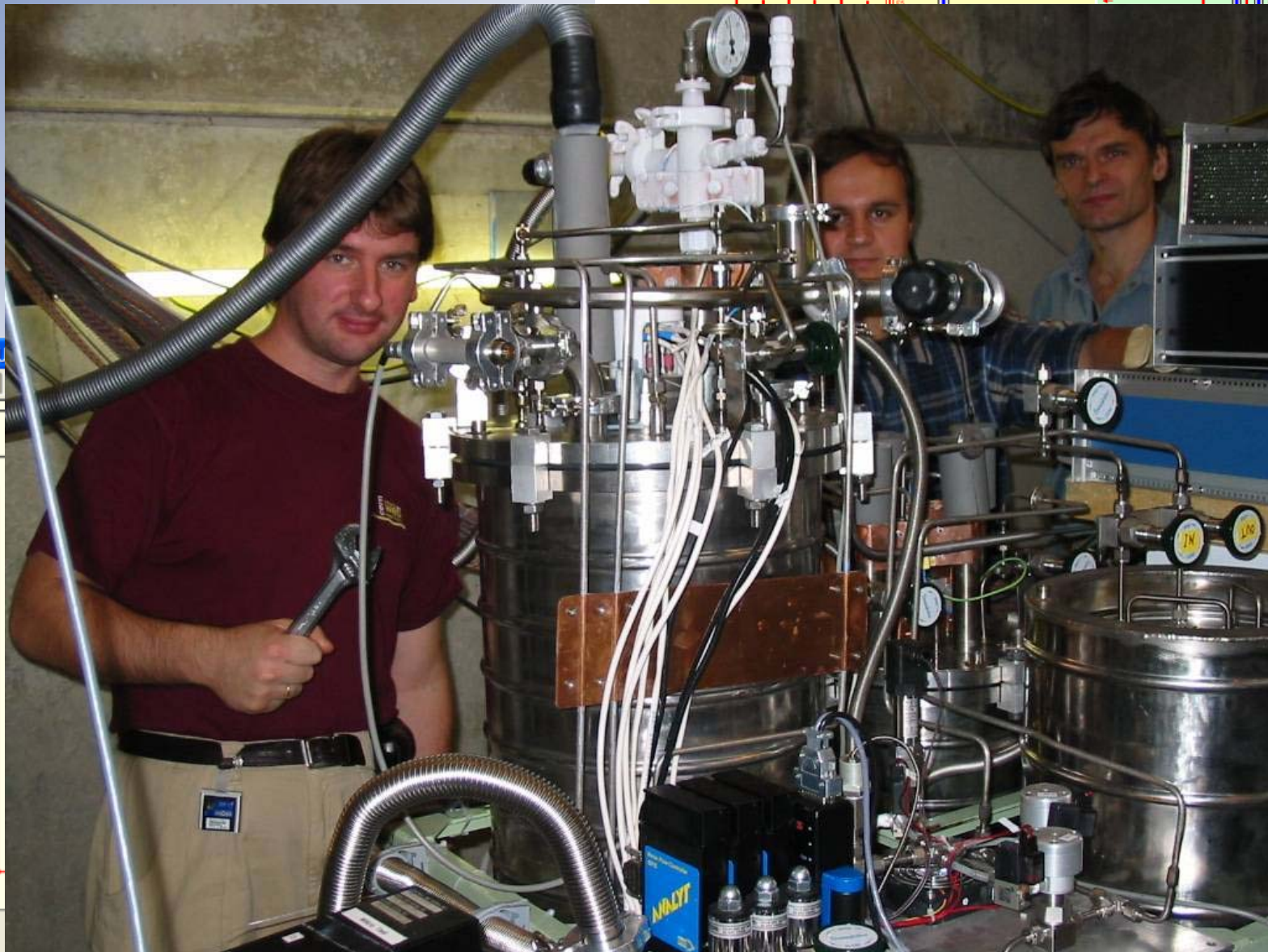
$$g_A(0) = 1.2695 \pm 0.0029$$

$$g_A(-0.88 m_\mu^2) = 1.245 \pm 0.004$$

introduces 0.46% uncertainty to  $\Lambda_S$  (theory)



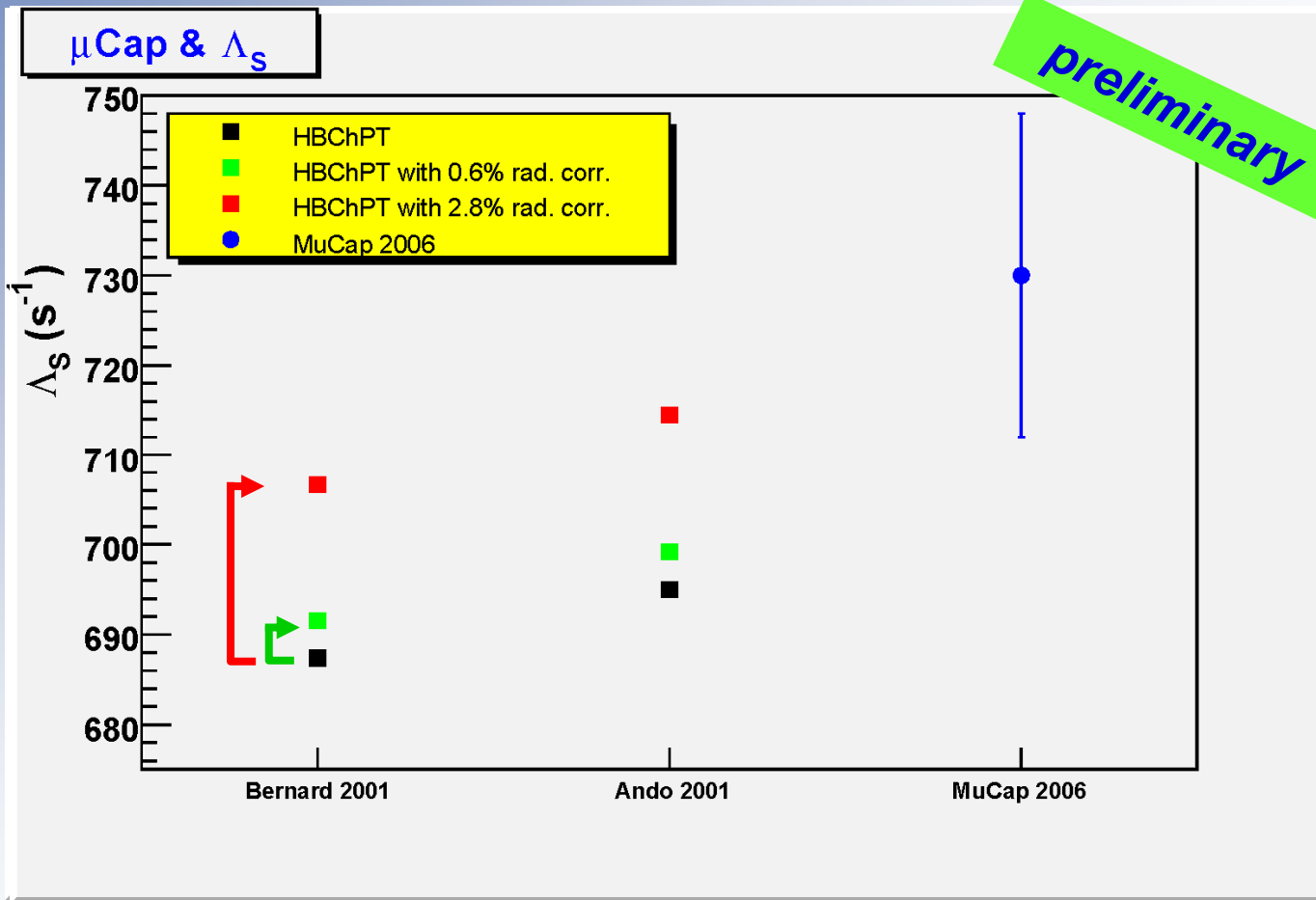
# CHUPS



Reserve volume

Hydrogen line  
Purge line  
Hydrogen line  
Pressurized air line  
Electronic signal

# $\mu\text{Cap}$ and $\Lambda_S$ calculations



rad. corrections

- Goldman (1972)
- Czarnecki  
Marciano  
Sirlin (2006)  
private comm.  
preliminary

MuCap agrees within  $\sim 1\sigma$  with  $\Lambda_S$  theory

Thorough theory studies needed for next MuCap 1% stage!



# Theory and Sensitivities



author	year	$g_P$	$\Lambda_S$	$\Lambda_T$	comment
Primakoff	1959		664(20)	11.9(7)	smaller $g_A$
Opat	1964		634	13.3	smaller $g_A$
Bernard et al	1994	8.44(23)			
Fearing et al	1997	8.21(9)			
Govaerts et al	2000	8.475(76)	688.4(38)	12.01(12)	
Bernard et al	2000/1		687.4 (711*)	12.9	NNLO, small scale
Ando et al	2001		695 (722*)	11.9	NNLO

PCAC:

$$q^2=0$$

GT relation:

$$g_{\pi NN}(0) F_{\pi} = M g_A(0)$$

$$q^2 < 0$$

$$g_p(q^2) = 2 m M / (m_{\pi}^2 - q^2) g_A(0)$$

$$g_p = 8.7$$

Sensitivity of capture rate:

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# Parameters



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Symbol	Description	Value	Reference
$F_\pi$	pion decay constant	$92.4 \pm 0.3$ MeV	Particle Data Group (2000)
$g_{\pi NN}(m_\pi^2)$	pion nucleon coupling	$13.05 \pm 0.08$	de Swart <i>et al.</i> (1997)
$G_F V_{ud}$	Fermi constant for $\beta$ decay	$1.13548 \times 10^{-5}$ GeV $^{-2}$	Particle Data Group (2000)
$g_a(0)$	axial coupling from $\beta$ decay	$1.2670 \pm 0.0035$	Particle Data Group (2000)
$r_A^2$	rms radius squared for $g_a$	$0.44 \pm 0.02$ fm $^2$	Liesenfeld <i>et al.</i> (1999)
$g_p^{PCAC}$	PCAC value, $g_p(-0.88m_\mu^2)$	$6.87 g_a(0) = 8.70$	Eq. (5), leading term only
	PCAC value, NLO constant term included	$6.50 g_a(0) = 8.23$	Eq. (5), including NLO correction
$\Lambda_{p\mu p}$	$p\mu p$ molecular formation rate	$2.5 \times 10^6$ s $^{-1}$	average, Wright <i>et al.</i> (1998)
$\Lambda_{p\mu p}^{ortho} / \Lambda_{p\mu p}^{para}$	ratio of ortho to para molecular formation	240:1	Faifman and Men'shikov (1999)
$\Lambda_{op}$	ortho to para transition rate	$4.1 \pm 1.4 \times 10^4$ s $^{-1}$	Bardin <i>et al.</i> (1981a)
$2\gamma^{ortho}$	ortho-molecular overlap factor	$1.009 \pm 0.001$	Bakalov <i>et al.</i> (1982)
$2\gamma^{para}$	para-molecular overlap factor	$1.143 \pm 0.001$	Bakalov <i>et al.</i> (1982)
$g_m(0)$	weak magnetism coupling, $\kappa_p - \kappa_n$	3.705 89	Particle Data Group (2000)
$r_m^2$	rms radius squared for $g_m$	0.80 fm $^2$	Mergell <i>et al.</i> (1996)
$r_v^2$	rms radius squared for $g_v$	0.59 fm $^2$	Mergell <i>et al.</i> (1996)





# Nucleon charged current at $q^2 = -0.88$ $m_\mu^2$



$$\mathbf{J}_\alpha = \mathbf{V}_\alpha - \mathbf{A}_\alpha$$

$$\mathbf{V}_\alpha = g_V(q^2) \gamma_\alpha + i g_M(q^2)/2M \sigma_{\alpha\beta} q^\beta + g_S(q^2)/m q_\alpha$$

$$\mathbf{A}_\alpha = g_A(q^2) \gamma_\alpha \gamma_5 + g_P(q^2) q_\alpha/m \gamma_5 + i g_T(q^2)/2M \sigma_{\alpha\beta} q^\beta \gamma_5$$

## nucleon weak formfactors $g_V, g_M, g_A$

- determined by SM symmetries and data
- contribute <0.4% uncertainty to  $\Lambda_S$

$$g_V = 0.9755(5)$$

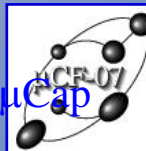
$$g_M = 3.5821(25)$$

$$g_A = 1.245(3)$$

remains

$$g_P = ?$$

- Vector current in SM determined via CVC  
 $g_V(0)=1$ ,  $g(q^2)=1+q^2 r^2/6$ ,  $r_V^2=0.59 \text{ fm}^2$   
 $g_M(0)=\mu_p-\mu_n-1=3.70589$ ,  $r_M^2=0.80 \text{ fm}^2$   
 $q^2$  dependence from e scatt.
- Axial vector FF from experiment  
 $g_A(0)=1.2670(35)$ ,  $r_A^2=0.42\pm 0.04 \text{ fm}^2$   
 $q^2$  dependence from quasi-elastic  $\nu$  scattering,  
 $\pi$  e-production
- 2<sup>nd</sup> class FF  $g_S, g_T$  forbidden by G symmetry, e.g.  
 $g_T/g_A=-0.15 \pm 0.15$  (exp),  
 $-0.0152 \pm 0.0053$  (QCD sum rule, up-down mass difference)
- error from  $V_{ud} = 0.16 \%$

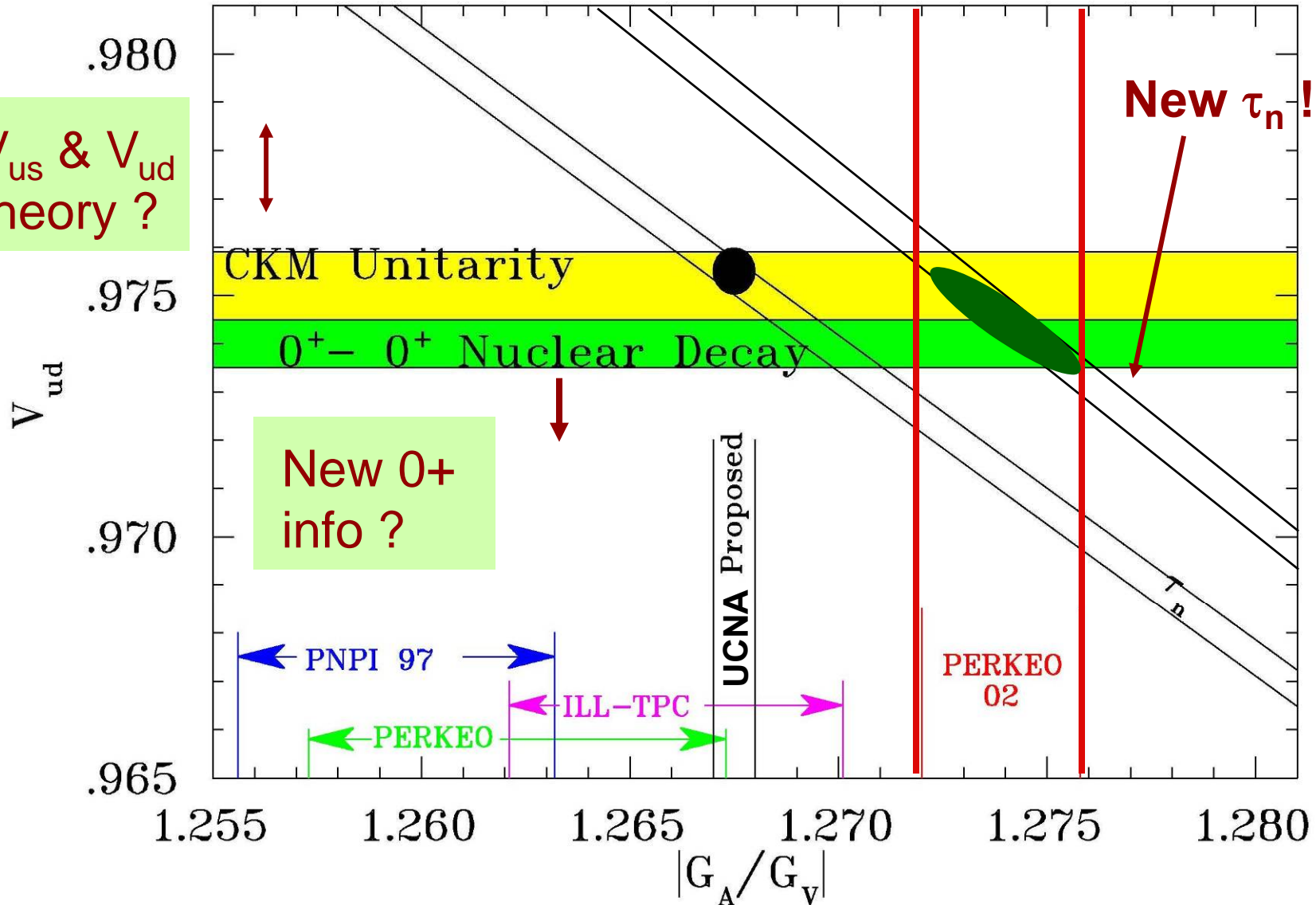


# Neutron



# CKM Summary: New $V_{us}$ & $\tau_n$ ?

$V_{us}$  &  $V_{ud}$   
theory ?



New  $0^+$   
info ?

# neutron (J. Nico, CIPANP 06)



$$dW \propto (g_V^2 + 3g_A^2)F(E_e)\left[1 + a\frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + \vec{\sigma}_n \cdot \left(A\frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} + B\frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D\frac{\vec{p}_e \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu}\right)\right]$$

Jackson, Treiman, Wyld, *Nucl. Phys.* **4**, 206 (1957)

## Lifetime

$$\tau = \frac{1}{f(1 + \delta_R)} \frac{K/\ln 2}{(1 + \Delta_R^V)(g_V^2 + 3g_A^2)} = (885.7 \pm 0.8) \text{ s}$$

## Coupling ratio

$$\lambda = \frac{|g_A|}{|g_V|} e^{i\phi} = (-1.2695 \pm 0.0029)$$

## Electron-antineutrino asymmetry

$$a = \frac{1 - |\lambda|^2}{1 + 3|\lambda|^2} = (-0.103 \pm 0.004)$$

## Spin-antineutrino asymmetry

$$B = 2\frac{|\lambda|^2 - |\lambda|\cos\phi}{1 + 3|\lambda|^2} = (0.983 \pm 0.004)$$

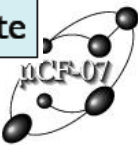
## Spin-electron asymmetry

$$A = -2\frac{|\lambda|^2 + |\lambda|\cos\phi}{1 + 3|\lambda|^2} = (-0.1173 \pm 0.0013)$$

## Triple correlation

$$D = 2\frac{|\lambda|\sin\phi}{1 + 3|\lambda|^2} = (-4 \pm 6) \times 10^{-4}$$

PDG, 2005 update



# neutron

