

# Non-Standard Physics in (Semi)Leptonic Decays

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based on (and complementing) Dobrescu & ASK,  
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# Outline

- Conventional wisdom
- The  $f_{D_s}$  puzzle
- New physics:  $W'$ , charged Higgs, leptoquarks
- Semileptonic decays
- Conclusions

# Leptonic Decay

- The branching fraction for  $D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu$  is

$$B(D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu) = \frac{m_{D_s} \tau_{D_s}}{8\pi} f_{D_s}^2 |G_F V_{cs}^* m_\ell|^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_{D_s}^2}\right)^2$$

where the decay constant  $f_{D_s}$  is defined by

$$\langle 0 | \bar{s} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 c | D_s(p) \rangle = i f_{D_s} p_\mu$$

- Usually experiments quote  $f_{D_s}$ .

# Semileptonic Decay

- The differential rate for  $D \rightarrow K\mu\nu$  is

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} = \frac{m_K^3 G_F^2 |V_{cs}|^2}{192\pi^2} \left[ \text{PS}_+ |f_+(q^2)|^2 + \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_K^2} \text{PS}_0 |f_0(q^2)|^2 \right]$$

where the form factors are defined by

$$\langle K(k) | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu c | D(p) \rangle = (p+k)_\perp^\mu f_+(q^2) + q^\mu f_0(q^2),$$

where  $q \cdot (p+k)_\perp = 0$ .

- Standard decay amplitudes are tree-level,  $W$ -mediated.
- Non-Standard amplitudes would have to be large to be noticeable.
- Non-Standard models are *popular* only if they are *predictive*, hence *constrained*.
- New physics is implausible, so  $hl\nu$  are used to determine CKM, and  $l\nu$  to test latQCD.

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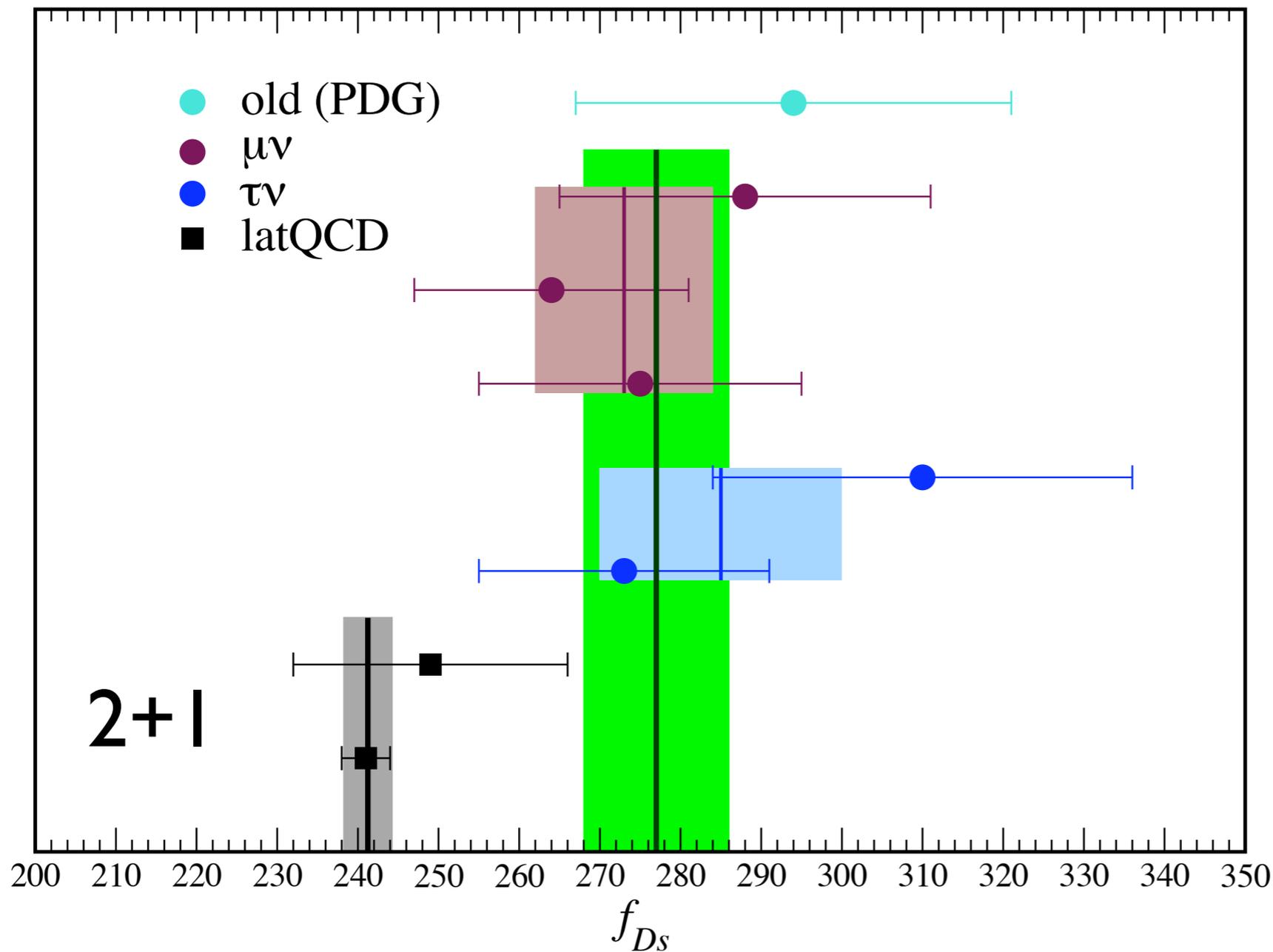
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# But something funny happened ...



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BaBar

CLEO

Belle

CLEO  $\pi\nu$

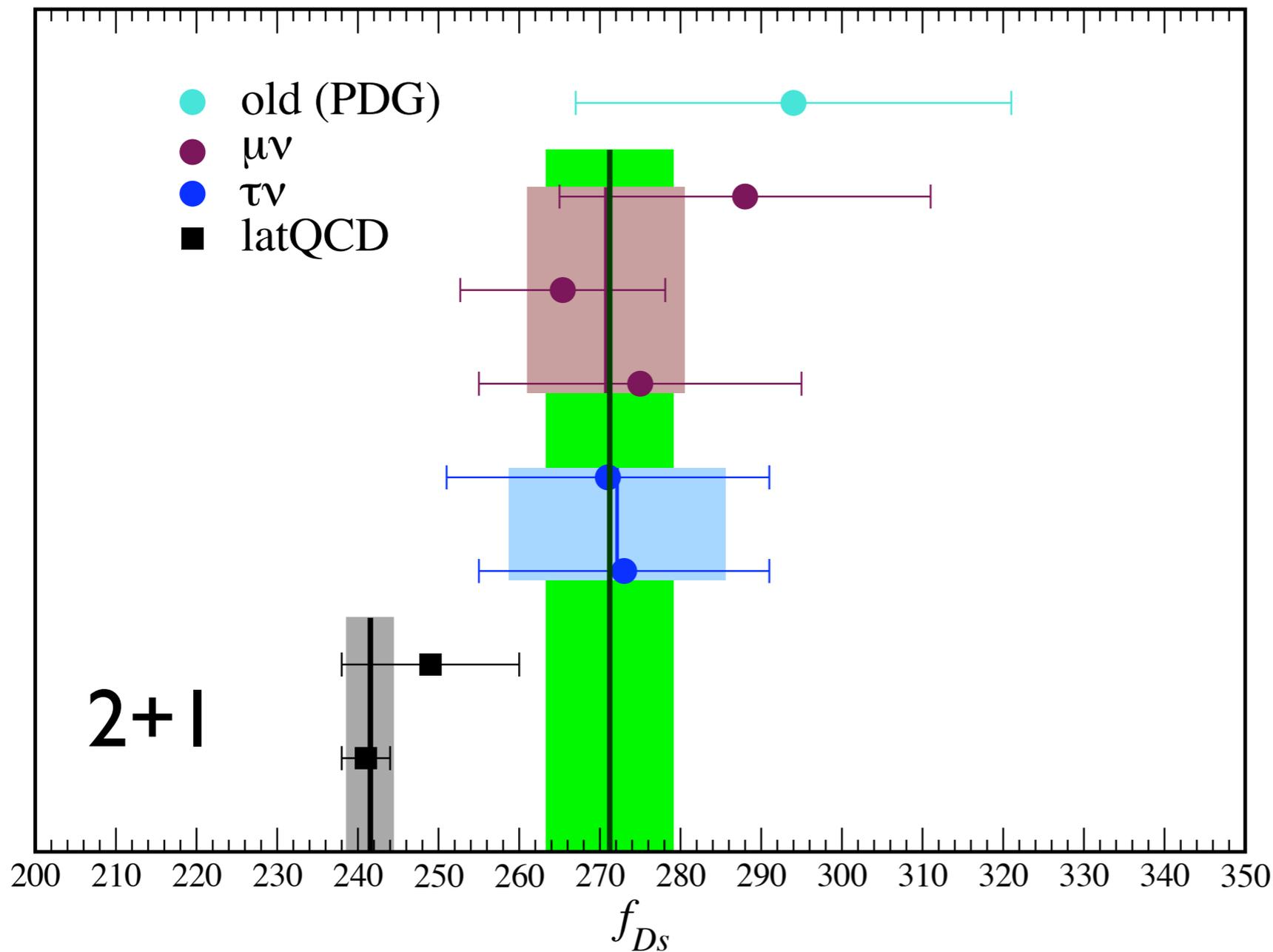
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Fermilab/MILC

HPQCD

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With **CLEO's** (our) update from **FPCP** (Lat08)...



$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.13$

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# Experiments

- Measurements by BaBar, CLEO, Belle do not depend on models\* for interpretation of the central value or the error bar.
- CLEO and Belle have absolute  $B(D_s \rightarrow l\nu)$ .
- Hard to see a misunderstood systematic.
- Could all fluctuate high?
- \* except the Standard Model!

# CKM

- Experiments take  $|V_{cs}|$  from 3-generation unitarity, either with PDG's global CKM fit or setting  $|V_{cs}| = |V_{ud}|$ . No difference.
- Even  $n$ -generation CKM requires  $|V_{cs}| < 1$ ; would need  $|V_{cs}| > 1.1$  to explain effect.
- (Note that from  $D \rightarrow Kl\nu$ ,  $|V_{cs}| > 1$ .)

# Radiative Corrections

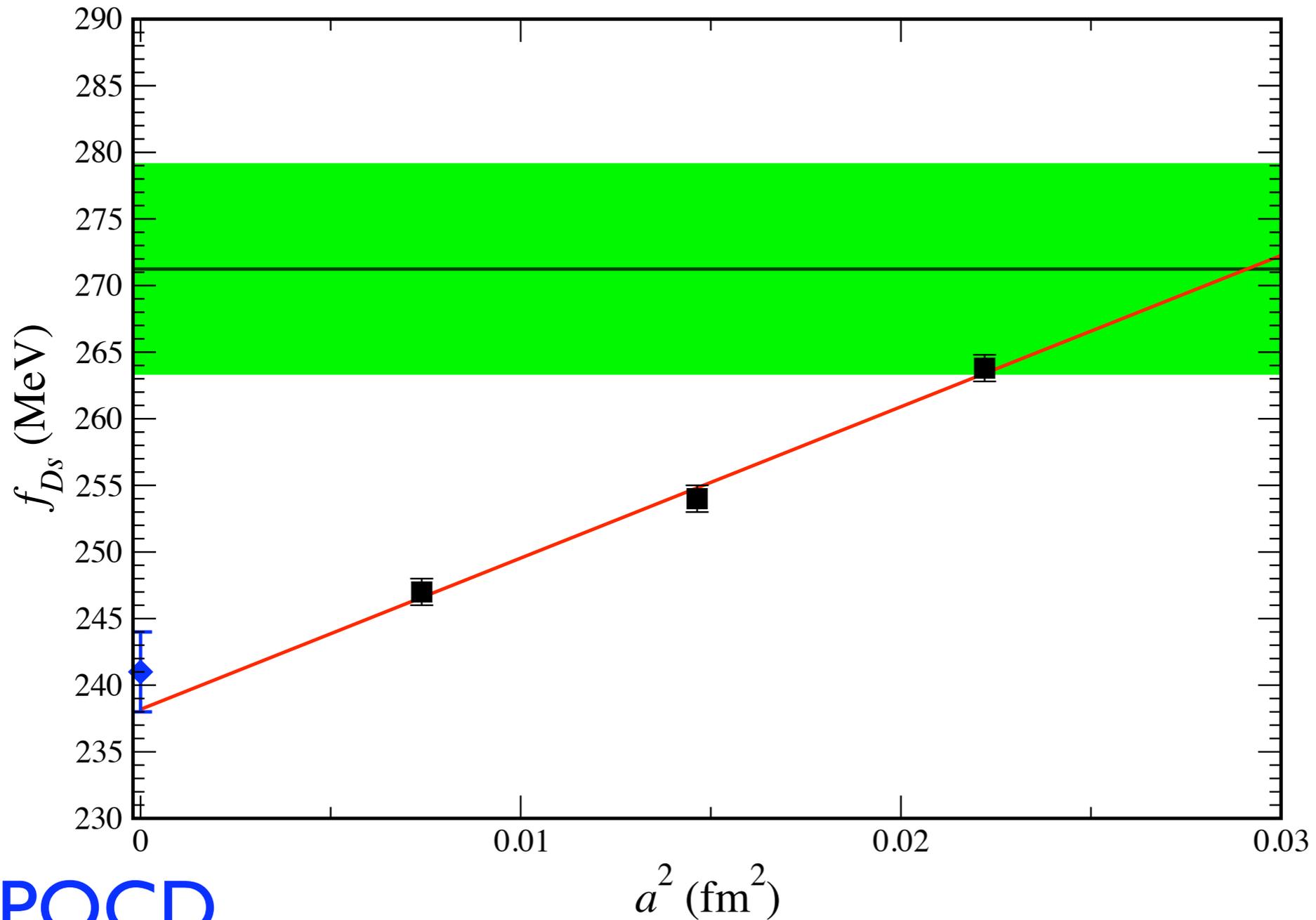
- Fermi constant from muon decay, so its radiative corrections implicit in  $\mu\nu$  and  $\tau\nu$ .
- Standard treatment [Marciano & Sirlin] has a cutoff, set (for  $f_\pi$ ) to  $m_\rho$ . Only 1–2%.
- More interesting is  $D_s \rightarrow D_s^* \gamma \rightarrow \mu\nu\gamma$ , which is *not* helicity suppressed. Applying CLEO's cut 1% for  $\mu\nu$  [Burdman, Goldman, Wyler].
- Only 9.3 MeV kinetic energy in  $D_s \rightarrow \tau\nu$ .

# Elements of HPQCD

- Staggered valence quarks
  - HISQ (highly improved staggered quark) action;
  - discretization errors  $O(\alpha_s a^2)$ ,  $O(a^4)$ ;
  - absolutely normalization from PCAC;
  - less taste breaking;
  - tiny statistical errors: 0.5% on  $f_{D_s}$ .

- 2+1 rooted staggered sea quarks:
  - Lüscher-Weisz gluon + asqtad action;
  - discretization errors  $O(\alpha_s a^2)$ ,  $O(a^4)$ ;
  - discretization errors cause small violations of unitarity, controllable by chiral perturbation theory.
- Combined fit to  $a^2$ ,  $m_{\text{sea}}$ ,  $m_{\text{val}}$  dependence: not fully documented, but irrelevant for  $f_{D_s}$ .

As the lattice gets finer, the discrepancy grows:



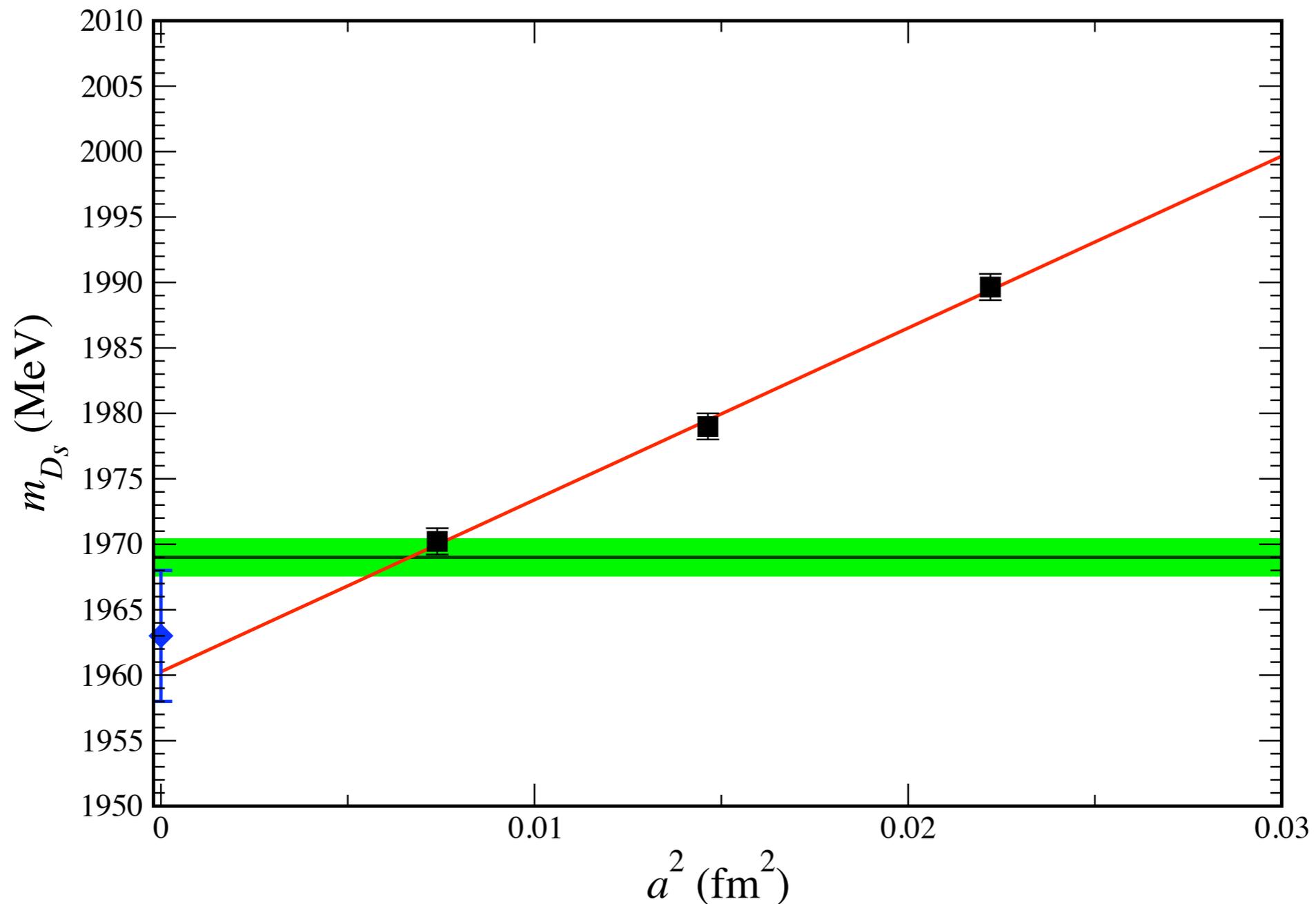
271.2 ± 7.9  
MeV

slope is  
 $O(\alpha_s m_c \Lambda a^2)$   
as expected

HPQCD

241 ± 3

linear in  $a^2$ : 239; quad in  $a^2$ : 242;  
linear in  $a^4$ : 245.



If  $m_c$  (set from  $\eta_c$ ) were retuned to flatten this,  $f_{D_s}$  (at  $a \neq 0$ ) would not change much.

# Error Budget

$$\Delta_q = 2m_{Dq} - m_{\eta c}$$

	$f_K/f_\pi$	$f_K$	$f_\pi$	$f_{D_s}/f_D$	$f_{D_s}$	$f_D$	$\Delta_s/\Delta_d$
$r_1$ uncertainty.	0.3	1.1	1.4	0.4	1.0	1.4	0.7
$a^2$ extrap.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5
Finite vol.	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
$m_{u/d}$ extrap.	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Stat. errors	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6
$m_s$ evolv.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5
$m_d$ , QED, etc.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
Total %	0.6	1.3	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.8	1.2

charmed sea  $\ll 1\%$ ?

# Other Results

what	expt	HPQCD	
$m_{J/\psi} - m_{\eta_c}$	118.1	$111 \pm 5^\ddagger$	MeV
$m_{Dd}$	1869	$1868 \pm 7$	MeV
$m_{Ds}$	1968	$1962 \pm 6$	MeV
$\Delta_s/\Delta_d$	$1.260 \pm 0.002$	$1.252 \pm 0.015$	
$f_\pi$	$130.7 \pm 0.4$	$132 \pm 2$	MeV
$f_K$	$159.8 \pm 0.5$	$157 \pm 2$	MeV
$f_D$	$206.7 \pm 8.9^*$	$207 \pm 4$	MeV

\*CLEO @ FPCP

‡annihilation corrected

# What if

- ... the discrepancy is real?
- Then it must be non-Standard physics.
- How wacky would a non-Standard model be?
- It turns out particles that are already being considered can do the trick.

# Effective Lagrangian

- The new particles will be heavy. Write

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = & M^{-2}C_A^l(\bar{s}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5c)(\bar{\nu}_L\gamma_\mu l_L) + M^{-2}C_P^l(\bar{s}\gamma_5c)(\bar{\nu}_L l_R) \\ & - M^{-2}C_V^l(\bar{s}\gamma^\mu c)(\bar{\nu}_L\gamma_\mu l_L) + M^{-2}C_S^l(\bar{s}c)(\bar{\nu}_L l_R) \\ & + M^{-2}C_T^l(\bar{s}\sigma^{\mu\nu}c)(\bar{\nu}_L\sigma_{\mu\nu}l_R)\end{aligned}$$

with left-handed neutrinos only.

- First two: leptonic; last three: semileptonic.

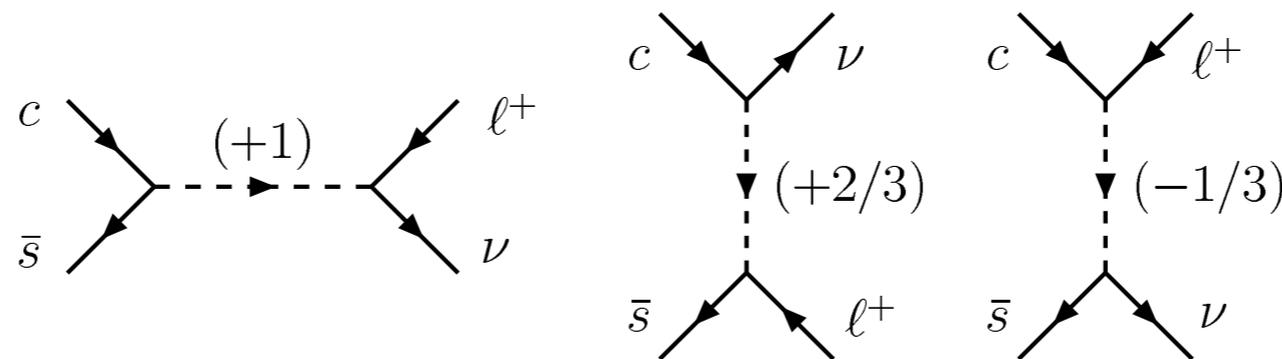
- Because  $V_{cs}$  has a small imaginary part (in PDG parametrization), one of  $C_A, C_P$  must be real and positive, to explain the effect.
- To reduce each effect to  $1\sigma$ ,

$$\frac{M}{(\text{Re}C_A^\ell)^{1/2}} \lesssim \begin{cases} 710 \text{ GeV} & \text{for } \ell = \tau \\ 850 \text{ GeV} & \text{for } \ell = \mu \end{cases} ,$$

$$\frac{M}{(\text{Re}C_P^\ell)^{1/2}} \lesssim \begin{cases} 920 \text{ GeV} & \text{for } \ell = \tau \\ 4500 \text{ GeV} & \text{for } \ell = \mu \end{cases} .$$

# New Particles

- The effective interactions can be induced by heavy particles of charge  $+1$ ,  $+2/3$ ,  $-1/3$ .



- Charged Higgs, new  $W'$ ; leptoquarks.

# Leptonic Decay

- In the amplitude, replace

$$G_F V_{cs}^* m_l \rightarrow G_F V_{cs}^* m_l + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}M^2} \left( C_A^l m_l + \frac{C_P^l m_{D_s}^2}{m_c + m_s} \right)$$

so  $C_A$  can be  $l$  independent and still cause the same shift in both modes.

# $W'$

- Contributes only to  $C_A$  and  $C_V$ .
- New gauge symmetry, but couplings to left-handed leptons constrained by other data.
- If  $W$  and  $W'$  mix, electroweak data imply it's too weak to affect  $D_s \rightarrow l\nu$ .
- Seems unlikely, barring contrived, finely tuned scenarios.

# Charged Higgs

- Multi-Higgs models include Yukawa terms

$$y_c \bar{c}_{RSL} H^+ + y_s \bar{c}_{LSR} H^+ + y_\ell \bar{\nu}_L^\ell \ell_R H^+ + \text{H.c.},$$

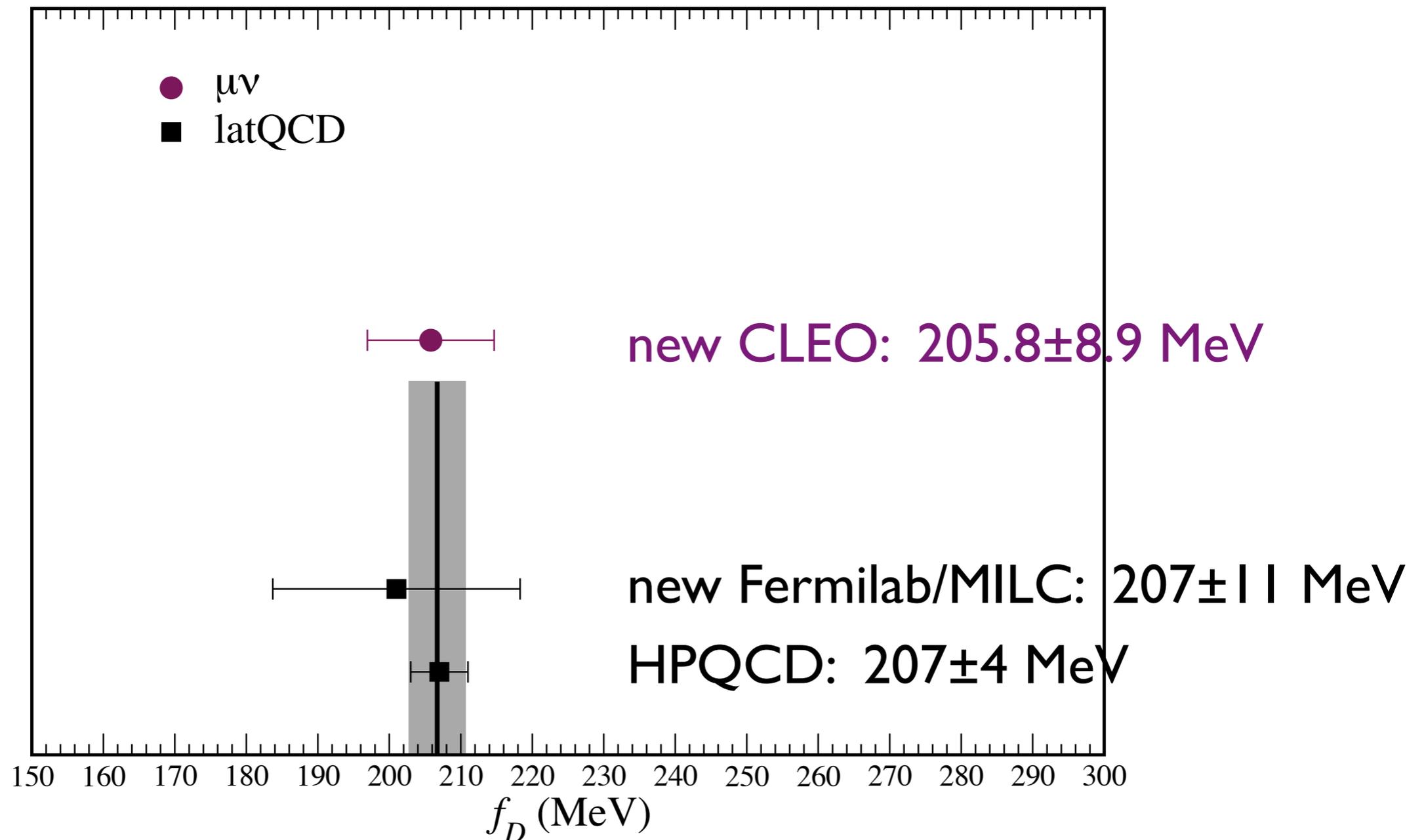
(mass-eigenstate basis) leading to

$$C_{P,S}^\ell = \frac{1}{2} (y_c^* \mp y_s^*) y_\ell, \quad M = M_{H^\pm}$$
$$\propto V_{cs}^* (m_c \mp m_s \tan^2 \beta) m_\ell \quad \text{in Model II}$$

- Note that  $C_{P,S}$  can have either sign.

- But consider a two-Higgs-doublet model
  - one for  $c, u, l$ , with VEV 2 GeV or so;
  - other for  $d, s, b, t$ , with VEV 245 GeV.
- No FCNC; CKM suppression.
- Need to look at one-loop FCNCs.
- Naturally has same-sized increase for  $\mu$  &  $\tau$ .

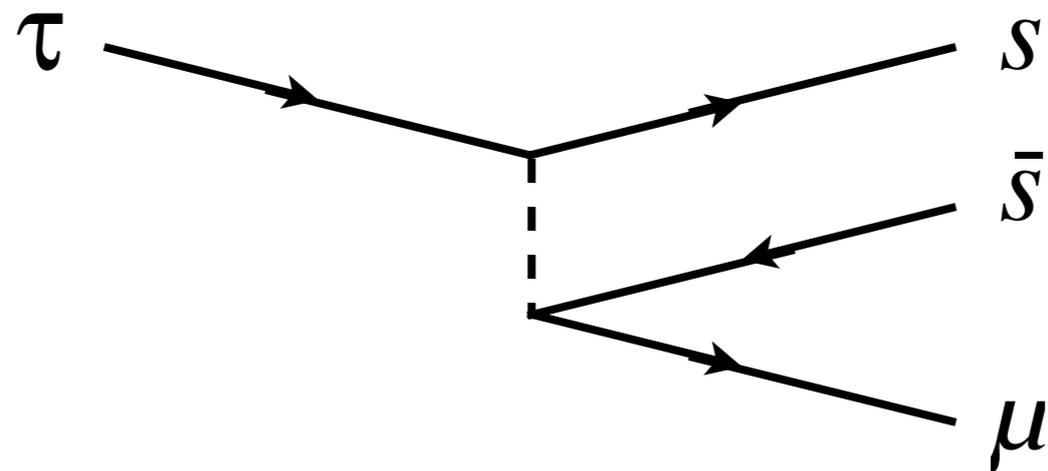
- This model predicts a similarly-sized deviation in  $D \rightarrow l\nu$ , so it is now disfavored:



# Leptoquarks

- Color triplet, scalar doublet with  $Y = +7/6$  has a component with charge  $Q = +2/3$ .
- Dobrescu and Fox use this in a new theory of fermion masses [arXiv:0805.0822].
- Leads to  $C_A = C_V = 0$ ,  $C_P = C_S = 4C_T$  of any phase, and no connection between  $\mu$  &  $\tau$ .
- LFV  $\tau \rightarrow \mu s \bar{s}$  disfavors this.

- LFV  $\tau \rightarrow \mu s \bar{s}$  disfavors any leptoquark with a charge  $+2/3$  component:
- $J = 1, (3, 3, +2/3)$  and  $(3, 1, +2/3)$
- $J = 0, (3, 3, -1/3)$



- Way out: two leptoquarks, little mixing.

- But  $J = 0, (3, 1, -1/3)$  seems promising:

$$\kappa_\ell (\bar{c}_L \ell_L^c - \bar{s}_L \nu_L^{lc}) \tilde{d} + \kappa'_\ell \bar{c}_R \ell_R^c \tilde{d} + \text{H.c.}$$

(an interaction in R-violating SUSY), with

$$C_A^\ell = C_V^\ell = \frac{1}{4} |\kappa_\ell|^2$$

$$C_P^\ell = C_S^\ell = \frac{1}{4} \kappa_\ell \kappa'_\ell{}^* = -2C_T^\ell$$

- If  $|\kappa'_\ell / \kappa_\ell| \ll m_\ell m_c / m_{D_s}^2$ , then *automatically* the interference is constructive and creates the same per-cent deviation for  $\mu\nu$  and  $\tau\nu$ .

# Semileptonic Decay

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} = & \frac{m_D^3}{192\pi^2} \left\{ \text{PS}_{++} |f_+(q^2)|^2 \left| G_F V_{cs} + \frac{C_V}{\sqrt{2}M^2} \right|^2 \right. \\
 & + \text{PS}_{00} |f_0(q^2)|^2 \left| \frac{m_\mu}{m_D} \left( G_F V_{cs} + \frac{C_V}{\sqrt{2}M^2} \right) + \frac{q^2}{m_D(m_c - m_s)} \frac{C_S}{\sqrt{2}M^2} \right|^2 \\
 & - \text{PS}_{T+} B_T(q^2) f_+(q^2) \frac{m_\mu}{4m_D} \text{Re} \left[ \left( G_F V_{cs} + \frac{C_V}{\sqrt{2}M^2} \right) \frac{C_T^*}{\sqrt{2}M^2} \right] \\
 & \left. - \text{PS}_{T0} B_T(q^2) f_0(q^2) \frac{m_\mu}{4m_D} \text{Re} \left[ \left( G_F V_{cs} + \frac{C_V}{\sqrt{2}M^2} \right) \frac{C_T^*}{\sqrt{2}M^2} \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- $C_V$  causes an effect comparable to  $lv$ , but  $C_S$  and  $C_T$  could hide:  $m_\mu/m_D = 0.057$

- Effective couplings in semileptonic and leptonic decays are related.
- Enhancement in  $D \rightarrow K\mu\nu$  favors model w/ naturally same-sized effects in  $D_s \rightarrow \mu\nu, \tau\nu$ .
- SM rate for  $D \rightarrow K\mu\nu$  favors shift via  $C_P$ , with  $C_S, C_T$  shift hiding.
- For leptoquarks implies the Yukawa matrix is “just so”.

- Leptoquarks come with Yukawa matrices:
  - no relation between  $c$  and  $b$  couplings;
  - aesthetically unappealing.
- If a signal is real, aesthetics are a secondary problem.
- If 1st generation coupling are small, these leptoquarks evade Tevatron bounds.

# LHC

- The generic bounds on mass/coupling suggest that any non-Standard explanation of the effect is observable at the LHC.
- Charged Higgs: similar to usual search.
- Leptoquarks:  $gg \rightarrow \tilde{d}\tilde{d} \rightarrow \ell_1^+ \ell_2^- j_c j_c$ .

# Perspective

- The  $f_{D_s}$  puzzle is intriguing.
- More calculations of  $f_{D_s}$  needed—
  - with  $n_f = 2+1$  or  $2+1+1$ .
- Better (and more) calculations of  $D \rightarrow K\mu\nu$  form factors needed, including tensor.