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Flavour physics: the Kaon sector

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Coffee not included

Kaons: CV

- K discovered: first “non-earthly” matter (1944)
- Two neutral K mesons: birth of flavour physics (1955)
- Tau-theta puzzle: parity violation (1956)
- CP violation (1964)
- $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ rate: prediction of charm quark (1970)
- Hypothesis of 3 quark generations (1974)
- Proof of time-reversal violation (1980s)
- Smallest BR ever measured (1997)
- Direct CP violation (1999): confirmation of CKM picture



Introducing Kaons

Kaons enter the scene (1)

Discovered in cosmic rays

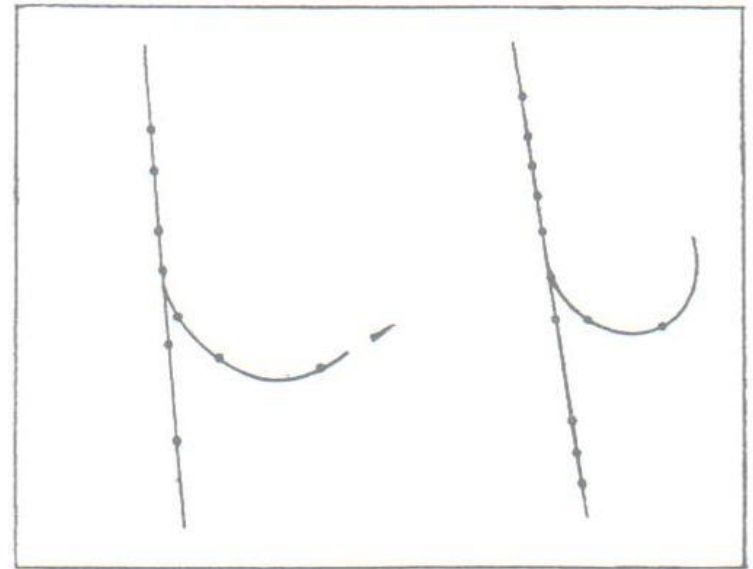
L. Leprince-Ringuet, M. L'Heritier (1944):

Existence probable d'une particule de masse $990 m_0$ dans le rayonnement cosmique.

Cloud chamber with $B = 2500$ G on French Alps.
Single image with positive particle ≈ 500 MeV/c
producing a secondary ≈ 1 MeV/c.

Assuming elastic scattering on e^- , from
scattering angle its mass is 506 ± 61 MeV/c²
(K^+ mass = 493.68 MeV/c²).

Incompatible with a pion, hardly with a proton.



Dessin stéréoscopique de la collision.

A particle exists with $m_e < m < m_p$

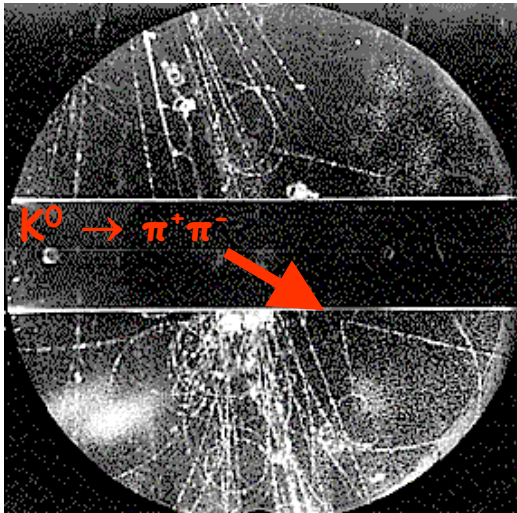
Kaons enter the scene (2)

G.D. Rochester, C.C. Butler (1947):

Evidence for the existence of new unstable elementary particles.

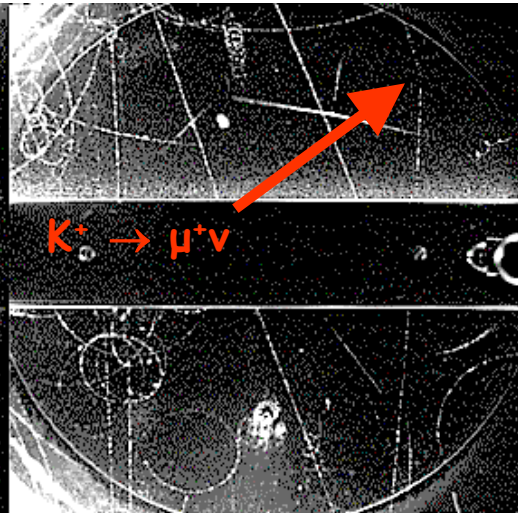
Cloud chamber on cosmic rays, with a *single* absorber plate.
No electrons or positrons, only penetrating particles.

Neutral particle
mass 393 to 818 MeV/c^2



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Charged particle
mass 500 MeV/c^2 to m_p



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“V particles”

First evidence of
“strange” matter,
not present on
Earth, unstable.

And many confirmations...

Weirdness...

M. Gell-Mann, A. Pais,
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Behavior of Neutral Particles under Charge Conjugation

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(Received November 1, 1954)

Some properties are discussed of the θ^0 , a heavy boson that is known to decay by the process $\theta^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^-$. According to certain schemes proposed for the interpretation of hyperons and K particles, the θ^0 possesses an antiparticle $\bar{\theta}^0$ distinct from itself. Some theoretical implications of this situation are discussed with special reference to charge conjugation invariance. The application of such invariance in familiar instances is surveyed in Sec. I. It is then shown in Sec. II that, within the framework of the tentative schemes under consideration, the θ^0 must be considered as a "particle mixture" exhibiting two distinct lifetimes, that each lifetime is associated with a different set of decay modes, and that no more than half of all θ^0 's undergo the familiar decay into two pions. Some experimental consequences of this picture are mentioned.



M. Gell-Mann



A. Pais

- Physical laws symmetric under C [later CP] (1929-) (1918-2000)
- Two kinds of neutral particles; behaviour under C:
 1. $\theta^0 \rightarrow \theta^0$ (self C-conjugate, e.g. γ, π^0)
 2. $\theta^0 \rightarrow \bar{\theta}^0$ (distinguished by **conserved q. numbers**; e.g. n)
- K^0 mesons belong to (2) with **strong interactions only** (strangeness conservation) but **weak interactions** do not conserve strangeness:
 $K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$ transitions are possible, with common decay modes

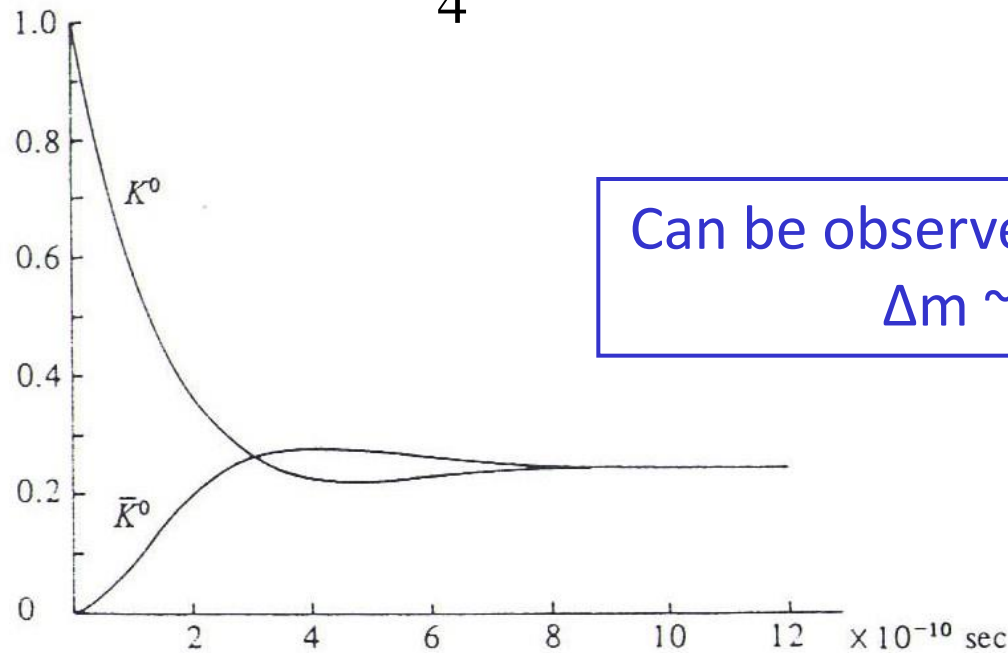
Strangeness (flavour) oscillations

A state (K^0 , \bar{K}^0) produced with defined strangeness has such strangeness changing in time :

$$P[K^0(t=0) \rightarrow K^0(t)] = \frac{1}{4} \left[e^{-\Gamma_1 t} + e^{-\Gamma_2 t} + 2e^{-(\Gamma_1+\Gamma_2)t/2} \cos(\Delta m t) \right]$$

$$P[K^0(t=0) \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(t)] = \frac{1}{4} \left[e^{-\Gamma_1 t} + e^{-\Gamma_2 t} - 2e^{-(\Gamma_1+\Gamma_2)t/2} \cos(\Delta m t) \right]$$

$$\Delta m = m_1 - m_2$$



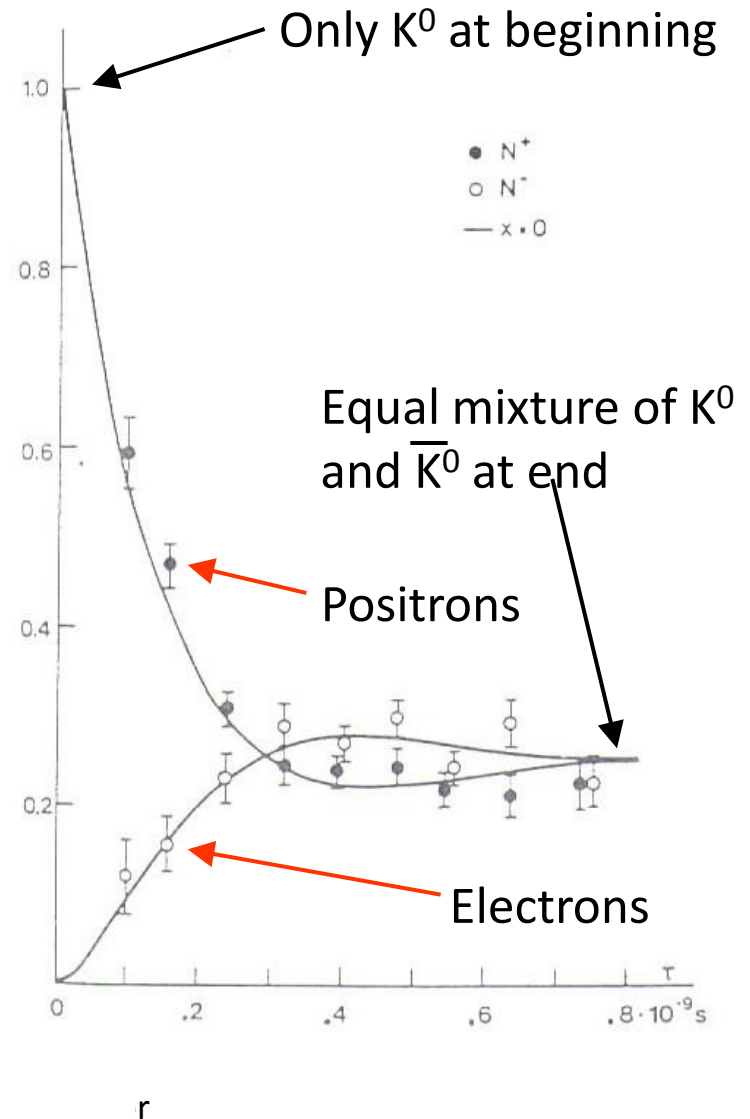
Strangeness oscillations detected exploiting *flavour-specific* decays only allowed for K^0 or \bar{K}^0 (*flavour tagging*).

Semi-leptonic decays:

$K^0 \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$ but not $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$ because of the “ $\Delta S = \Delta Q$ rule” (quarks).

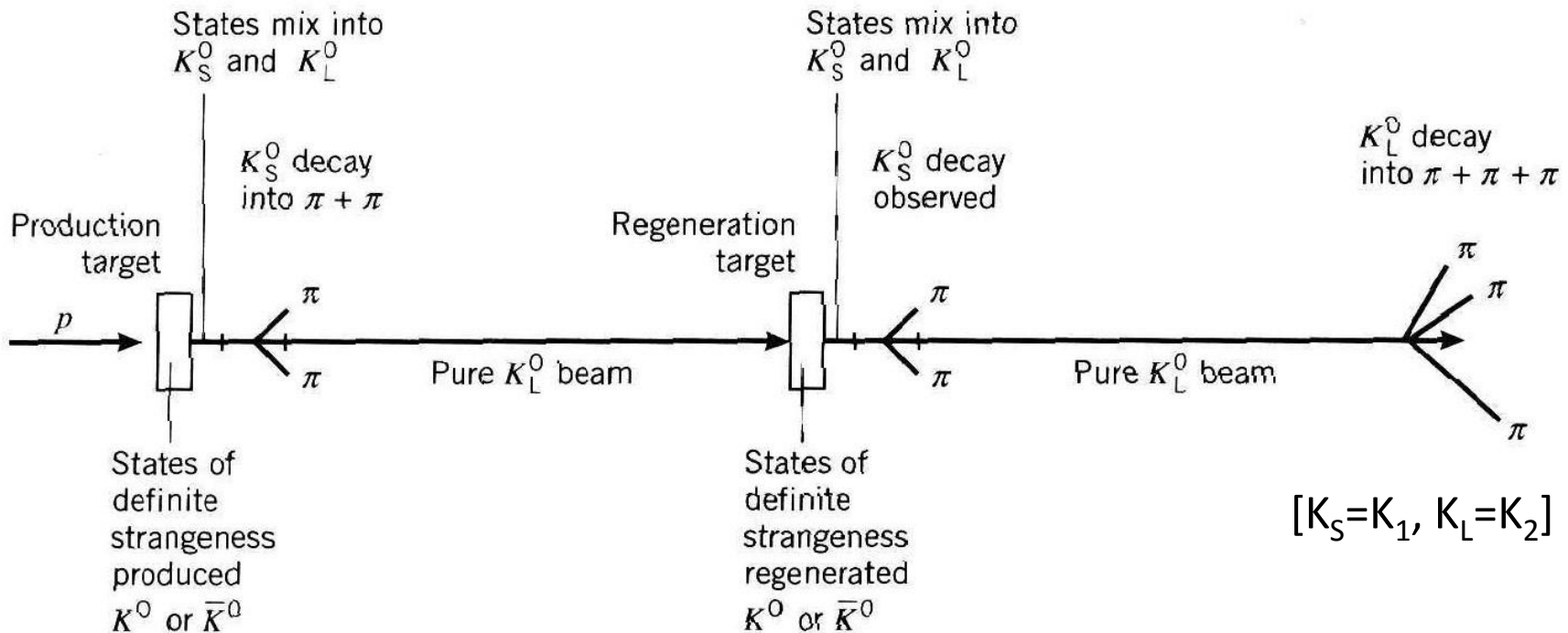
Non-exponential decay of *strangeness eigenstates* (not H eigenstates): strangeness is not conserved

Ignoring strangeness (lepton charge): exponential decay



Regeneration

K^0 (or \bar{K}^0) $\propto K_1 \pm K_2 \rightarrow K_2 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$ reduced in matter $\rightarrow K_1 + K_2$



“... the only instance where a forward coherently scattered beam can be distinguished from the original beam”.

Two neutral K mesons

Example: $n \rightarrow \Lambda K^0$ and $\bar{K}^0 n \rightarrow \Lambda$ do occur (strong interactions)
 but if $K^0 n \rightarrow \Lambda$ would occur
 then $nn \rightarrow n\Lambda K^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$ would occur (not observed)

$M(K^0) = 497.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 $I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(0^-)$

Quark picture

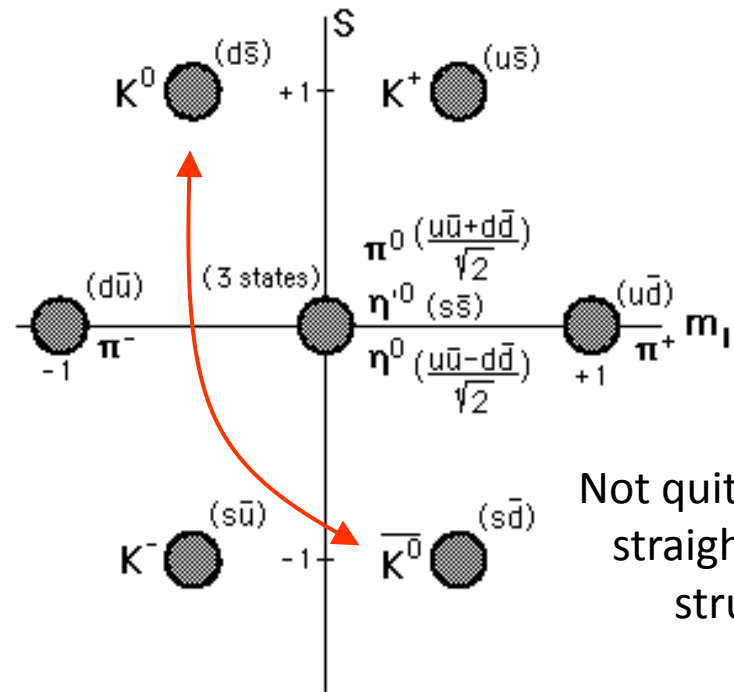
$K^0 = (d\bar{s}) \quad S = +1$

$\bar{K}^0 = (\bar{d}s) \quad S = -1$

or:

$$K^0 \neq \bar{K}^0$$

Compare to $\pi^0 = (u\bar{u}+d\bar{d})/\sqrt{2} = \bar{\pi}^0$



K mesons are the minimal flavour laboratory

A bold, profound and fruitful conceptual step

“The search for ordering principles at this moment may indeed ultimately have to be likened to a chemist’s attempt to build up the periodic system if he were given only a dozen odd elements”.

(A. Pais, 1952)

“It is by no means certain that, if the complex ensemble of phenomena concerning the neutral K mesons were known without the benefit of the Gell-Mann – Pais theory, we could, even today, correctly interpret the behavior of these particles. That their theory, published in 1955, actually preceded most of the experimental evidence known at present, is one of the most astonishing and gratifying successes in the history of the elementary particles”.

(R.H. Good et al., 1961)

“Especially interesting is the fact that we have taken the principle of superposition to its ultimately logical conclusion”.

“... one of the greatest achievements of theoretical physics”.

(R. Feynman)

Physical states

In the meantime: C violated, physical states need not be C eigenstates. Use CP instead:

Arbitrary choice of phase $CP|K^0\rangle = (+1)|\overline{K^0}\rangle$

$$\begin{cases} CP|K_1\rangle = +|K_1\rangle \\ CP|K_2\rangle = -|K_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$\langle K_1 | K_2 \rangle = 0$$

Quite different Q-values: 215 MeV vs. 78 MeV. $\tau(\pi\pi) \ll \tau(\pi\pi\pi)$

Since: $CP|\pi\pi\rangle_{J=0} = +|\pi\pi\rangle$ $CP|\pi\pi\pi\rangle_{J,L=0} = -|\pi\pi\pi\rangle$

we write: $|K_S\rangle \equiv |K_1\rangle$ $|K_L\rangle \equiv |K_2\rangle$

CP conserved ($[CP,H]=0$): physical states = CP eigenstates

Time evolution

Dual descriptions:

K^0 and \bar{K}^0 : strangeness eigenstates (associate production):

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda K^0 \quad K^+ n \rightarrow p K^0 \quad [\text{Strong interactions}]$$

K_1 and K_2 : mass and lifetime eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned} |K_1(t)\rangle &= e^{-iE_1 t} |K_1(0)\rangle = e^{-i(m_1 - i\Gamma_1)t} |K_1(0)\rangle \\ |K_2(t)\rangle &= e^{-iE_2 t} |K_2(0)\rangle = e^{-i(m_2 - i\Gamma_2)t} |K_2(0)\rangle \end{aligned} \quad [\text{Weak interactions}]$$

$$\begin{cases} |K_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[|K^0\rangle + |\bar{K}^0\rangle \right] \\ |K_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[|K^0\rangle - |\bar{K}^0\rangle \right] \end{cases}$$



Kaons: the minimal flavour laboratory



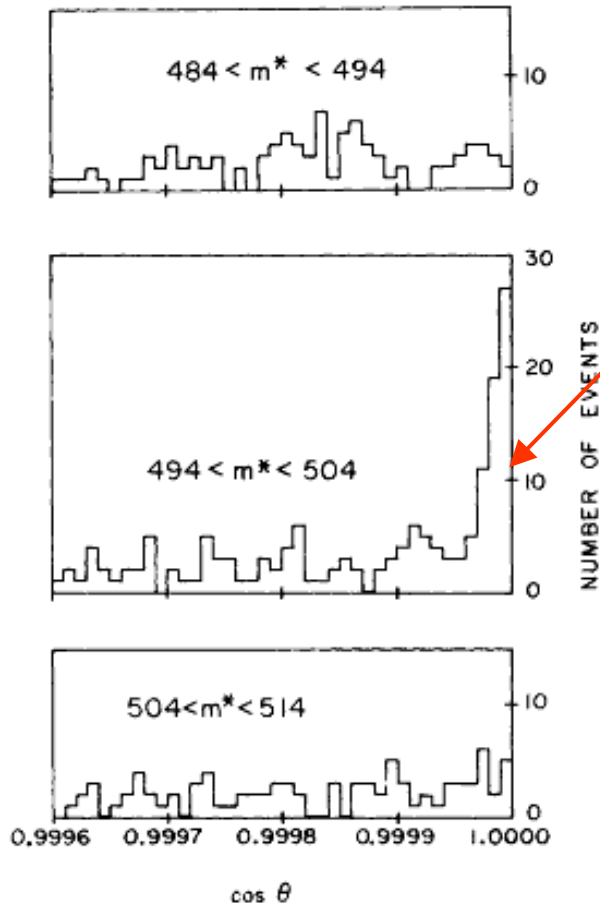
CP (and T) violation

EVIDENCE FOR THE 2π DECAY OF THE K_2^0 MESON*†

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(Received 10 July 1964)



$$(45 \pm 9)/22700$$

“The events from the He gas appear identical with those from the coherent regeneration in tungsten in both mass and angular spread”.

6 months of data analysis:
 reject all alternative explanations
 - coherent regeneration in He
 - 3-body decays $\pi\mu\nu$ or $\pi e\nu$
 - $\pi\pi\gamma$ decays with missing photon

FIG. 3. Angular distribution in three mass ranges for events with $\cos\theta > 0.9995$.

There exists a pair (K_S, K_L) of non-degenerate states ($\Delta m \neq 0$), one of which can decay into final states with opposite CP parities

“But then in 1964 these same particles, in effect, dropped the other shoe”.

(V. Fitch, 1980)

Evidence of CP SYMMETRY VIOLATION

New York Times, August 6th 1964:

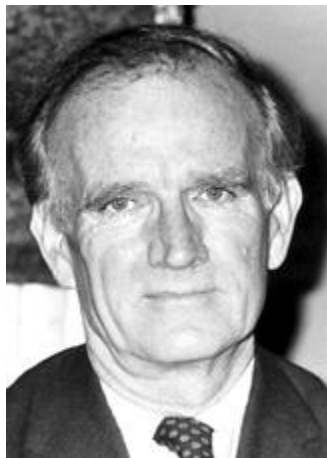
“High energy physics experiment finds time reversal may affect physics laws”.

Nobel 1980





J. Cronin
(1931-)



V. Fitch
(1923-)

$$\frac{BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{BR(K_L \rightarrow \text{charged})} = (2.0 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

“It was a very good year, 1964.”
(A. Pais)

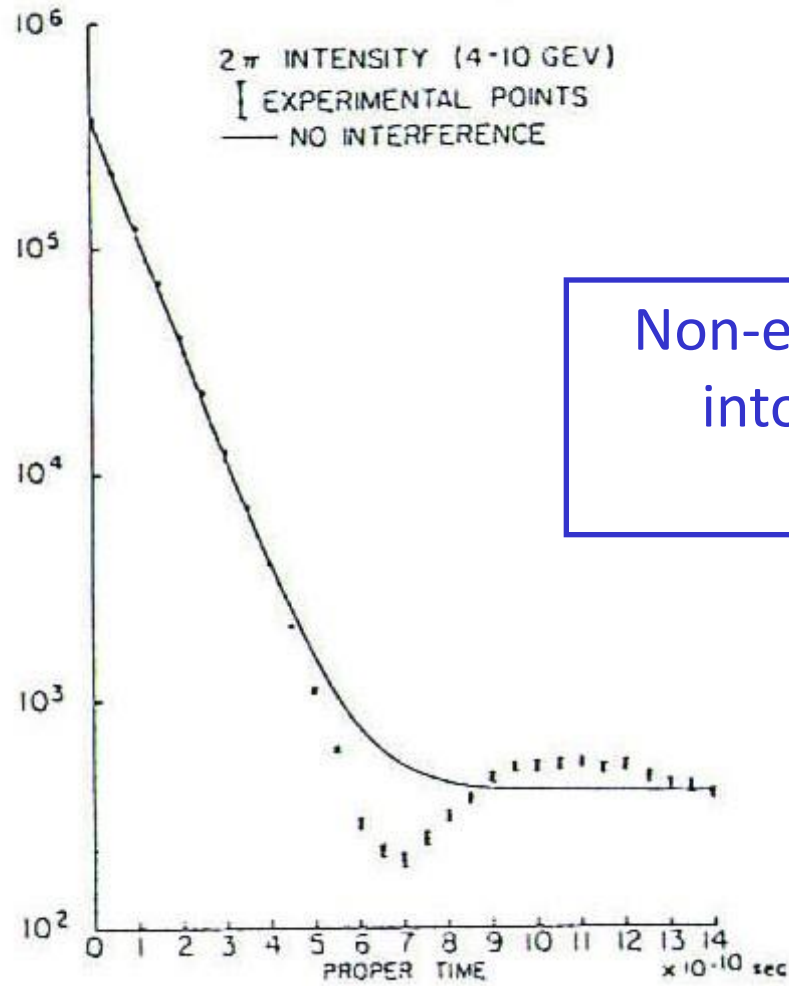
“... a purely experimental discovery, a discovery for which there were no precursive indications, either theoretical or experimental.”
(V. Fitch)

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Once more



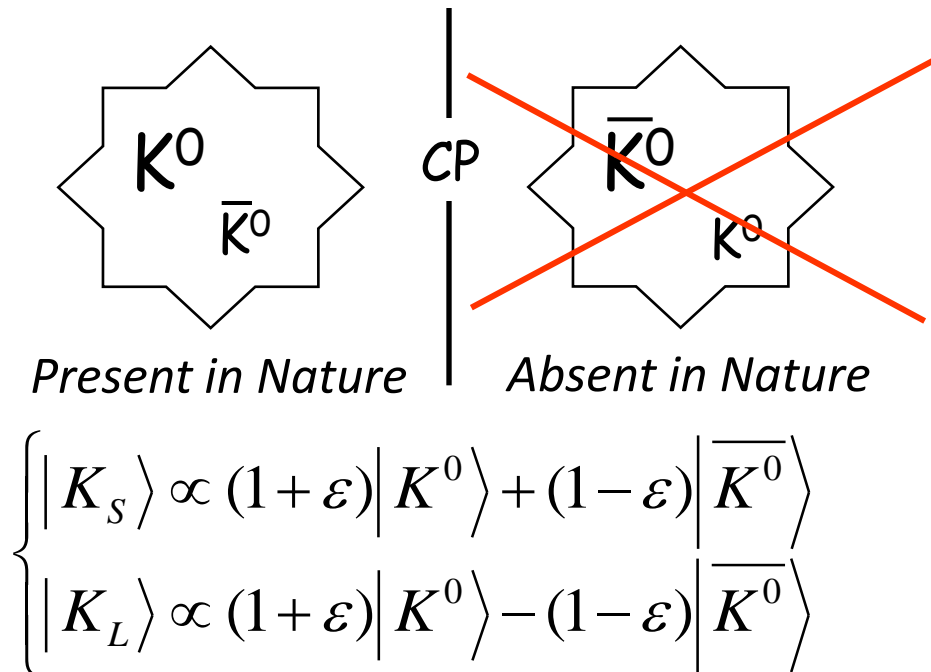
Non-exponential decay of
into a CP eigenstate:
CP violation

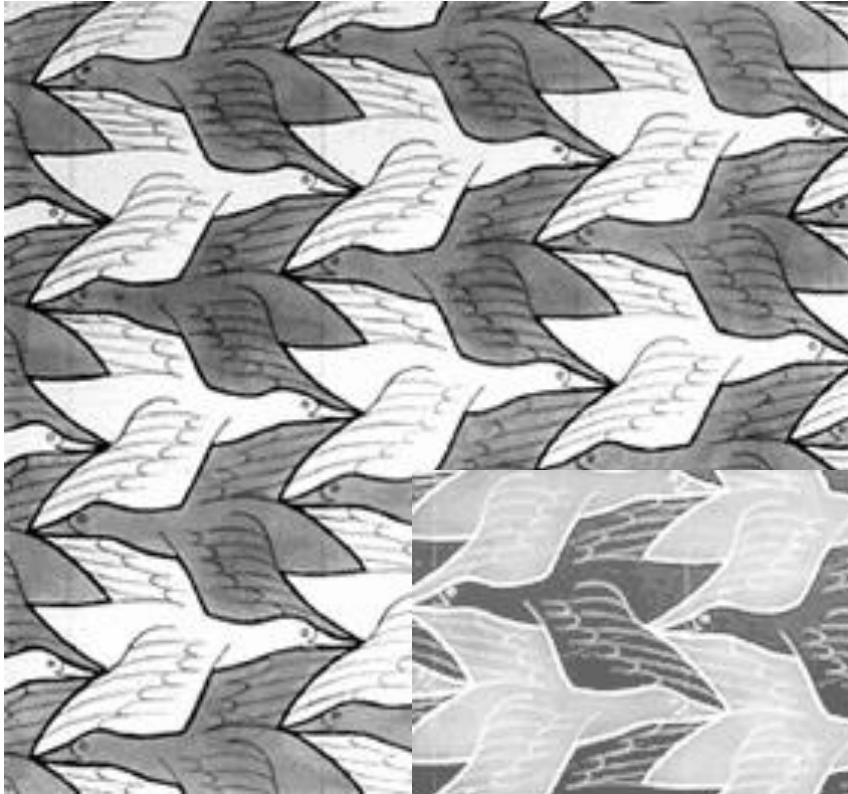
The new paradigm

Physical states (definite mass and lifetime, exponential decay)

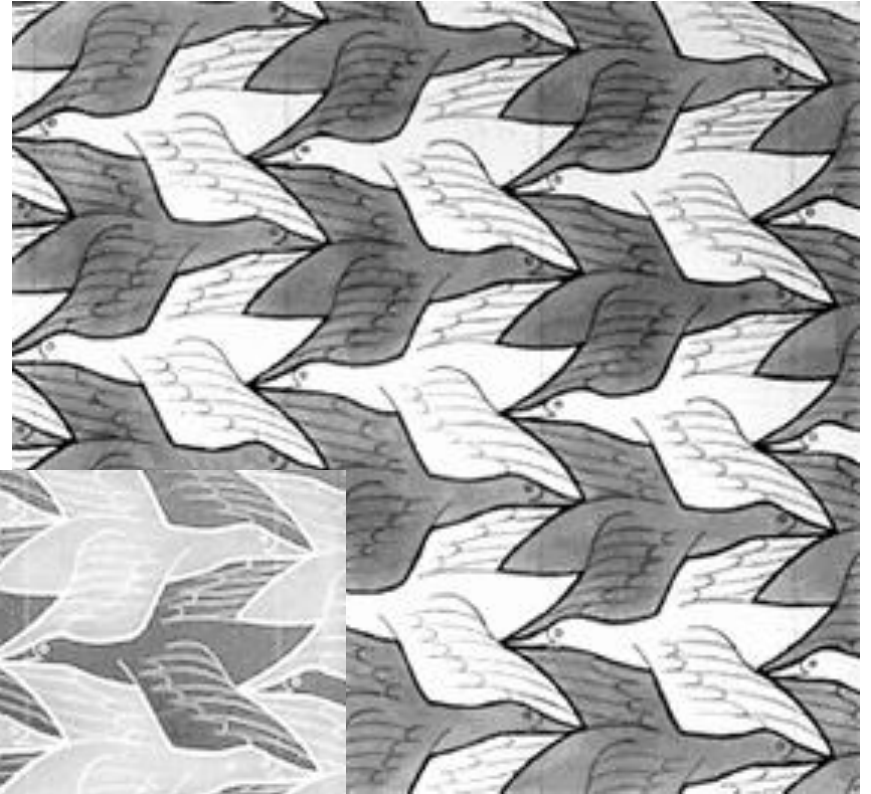
are not CP eigenstates: $K_S, K_L \neq K_1, K_2$

K_L is a superposition of strangeness eigenstates with a tiny (0.002) preponderance of K^0 .

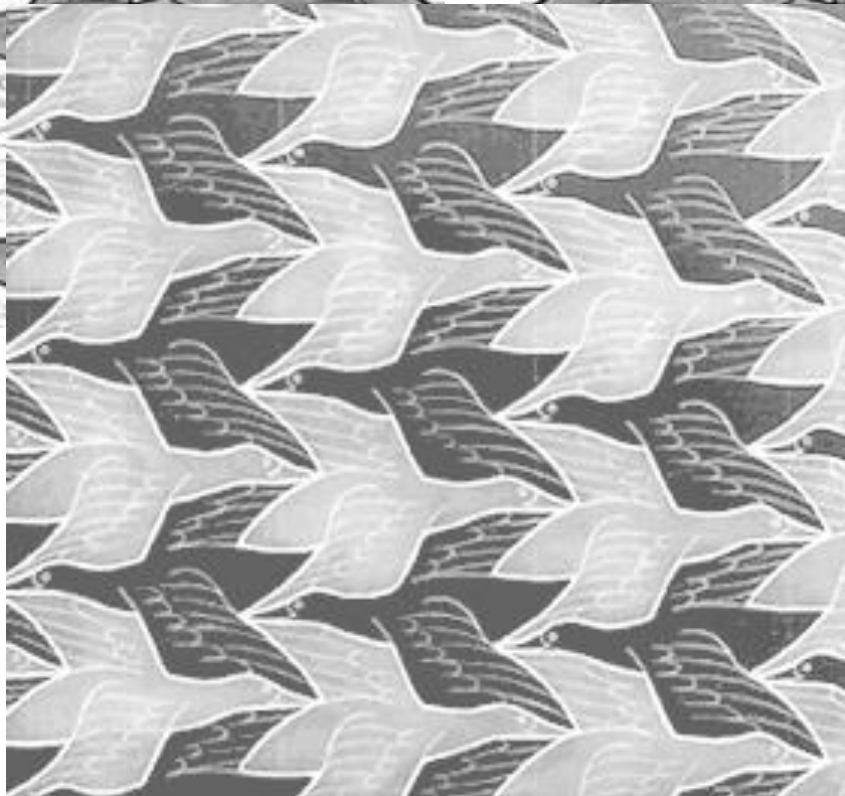




Our world



A specular world



A specular anti-world

**Nature
violates CP
symmetry**

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Physical states

Physical states are “almost” CP eigenstates

$$\begin{cases} |K_S\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\varepsilon_S|^2}} \left[|K_1\rangle + \varepsilon_S |K_2\rangle \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+|\varepsilon_S|^2)}} \left[(1+\varepsilon_S) |K^0\rangle + (1-\varepsilon_S) |\bar{K}^0\rangle \right] \\ |K_L\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\varepsilon_L|^2}} \left[|K_2\rangle + \varepsilon_L |K_1\rangle \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+|\varepsilon_L|^2)}} \left[(1+\varepsilon_L) |K^0\rangle - (1-\varepsilon_L) |\bar{K}^0\rangle \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} |K_S\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+|\bar{\varepsilon}^2 - \delta^2|)}} \left[(1+\bar{\varepsilon} - \delta) |K^0\rangle + (1-\bar{\varepsilon} + \delta) |\bar{K}^0\rangle \right] \\ |K_L\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+|\bar{\varepsilon}^2 + \delta^2|)}} \left[(1+\bar{\varepsilon} + \delta) |K^0\rangle - (1-\bar{\varepsilon} - \delta) |\bar{K}^0\rangle \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon} &\equiv (\varepsilon_S + \varepsilon_L) / 2 \\ \delta &\equiv (\varepsilon_L - \varepsilon_S) / 2 \end{aligned}$$

If $\varepsilon_S, \varepsilon_L \neq 0$ CP symmetry is violated (physical states are not CP eigenstates)

$$\langle K_L | K_S \rangle = 2 \operatorname{Re} \bar{\varepsilon} - 2i \operatorname{Im} \delta$$

Three descriptions

K^0, \bar{K}^0 : Strangeness eigenstates, produced by strong interactions, relevant for propagation in matter. Particle/anti-particle pair (same mass by CPT), decaying in common final states (not orthogonal), undefined lifetime (non-exponential decay).

K_1, K_2 : CP eigenstates, almost same as physical states, not particle/anti-particle pair, different masses and final states (almost) different, orthogonal.

K_S, K_L : Physical states, not particle/anti-particle pair, different masses and final states (almost) different, almost orthogonal.

“... there is scarcely a physical system which contains so many of the elements of modern physics”.
(V. Fitch, 1980)

Diagonalization of the effective Hamiltonian:

$$\bar{\varepsilon} = \frac{\text{Im} M_{12} - (i/2) \text{Im} \Gamma_{12}}{i\Delta m - \Delta\Gamma/2} \quad \delta = \frac{(M_{22} - M_{11}) - i(\Gamma_{22} - \Gamma_{11})}{2[\Delta m - (i/2)\Delta\Gamma]}$$

N.B. define: $\Delta m \equiv m_L - m_S > 0$ and $\Delta\Gamma \equiv \Gamma_S - \Gamma_L > 0$

If $\bar{\varepsilon} \neq 0$ or $\delta \neq 0$ CP symmetry is violated
(physical states not CP eigenstates)

If $\bar{\varepsilon} \neq 0$ T symmetry
is violated:

$$M_{12} \neq M_{21} \quad \Gamma_{12} \neq \Gamma_{21}$$

If $\delta \neq 0$ CPT symmetry
is violated:

$$M_{11} \neq M_{22} \quad \Gamma_{11} \neq \Gamma_{22}$$

K: measurements

K^\pm ($\tau \approx 12$ ns, $c\tau \approx 3.7$ m) can be tracked, and can be identified by dE/dx or Čerenkov detectors

K^+ can be stopped in a degrader (dE/dx) before decaying

K^- usually interacts strongly before decaying

K_S ($\tau \approx 90$ ps, $c\tau \approx 2.7$ cm) is reconstructed by its decay products (100% $\pi\pi$, tracking or calorimetry + $\gamma\gamma$ invariant mass constraints)

K_L ($\tau \approx 52$ ns, $c\tau \approx 16$ m) can be reconstructed by its decay products ($\pi\pi\pi$, tracking or calorimetry + constraints, or $\pi\ell\nu$, lepton ID and transverse momentum), or by its strong interaction with the detector.

K: decays

K_L^0 DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)
$\pi^\pm e^\mp \nu_e$ Called K_{e3}^0 .	(38.81 \pm 0.27) %
$\pi^\pm \mu^\mp \nu_\mu$ Called $K_{\mu 3}^0$.	(27.19 \pm 0.25) %
$3\pi^0$	(21.05 \pm 0.23) %
$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	(12.59 \pm 0.19) %
$\pi^+ \pi^-$	CPV (2.090 \pm 0.025) $\times 10^{-3}$
$\pi^0 \pi^0$	CPV (9.32 \pm 0.12) $\times 10^{-4}$

K^+ DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)
$\mu^+ \nu_\mu$	(63.43 \pm 0.17) %
$\pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$ Called K_{e3}^+ .	(4.87 \pm 0.06) %
$\pi^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ Called $K_{\mu 3}^+$.	(3.27 \pm 0.06) %
$\pi^+ \pi^0$	(21.13 \pm 0.14) %
$\pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$	(1.73 \pm 0.04) %
$\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	(5.576 \pm 0.031) %

K_S^0 DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)
$\pi^0 \pi^0$	(31.05 \pm 0.14) %
$\pi^+ \pi^-$	(68.95 \pm 0.14) %
$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	(3.2 $^{+1.2}_{-1.0}$) $\times 10^{-7}$
$\pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	(1.79 \pm 0.05) $\times 10^{-3}$
$\pi^\pm e^\mp \nu_e$	(6.9 \pm 0.4) $\times 10^{-4}$
$\pi^\pm \mu^\mp \nu_\mu$	
$3\pi^0$	CP < 1.4 $\times 10^{-5}$

Relatively few major branching ratios, several in the 10% range (compare to B): a “simple” system

Searching for CP violation

For kaons

Transitions among CP eigenstates with opposite eigenvalues	$K_2 \rightarrow \pi\pi$
Search for physical states not being CP eigenstates (non-exponential decay of CP eigenstates)	$K_L \rightarrow \pi\pi$ and $K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$
Differences in the partial decay widths or decay properties of particles and antiparticles	$\Delta\Gamma(K \rightarrow 3\pi)$ $\Delta g(K \rightarrow 3\pi)$
Test of time-reversibility (plus CPT)	$P(K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0) \neq$ $P(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^0)$
Measure of non-zero CP-odd quantities	$P_T(K_{\mu 3})$



Hadronic production: strangeness eigenstates

By exploiting specific reactions **strangeness tagging** at production is possible:

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow K^+\bar{K}^0\pi^- \quad \text{and} \quad p\bar{p} \rightarrow K^-\bar{K}^0\pi^+ \quad (0.4\% \text{ of } \sigma_{\text{tot}}(p\bar{p}) \text{ at rest})$$

Known **strangeness** at production time

Measure **strangeness** ($\pi\pi$) or **CP** ($\pi\pi$) at decay time

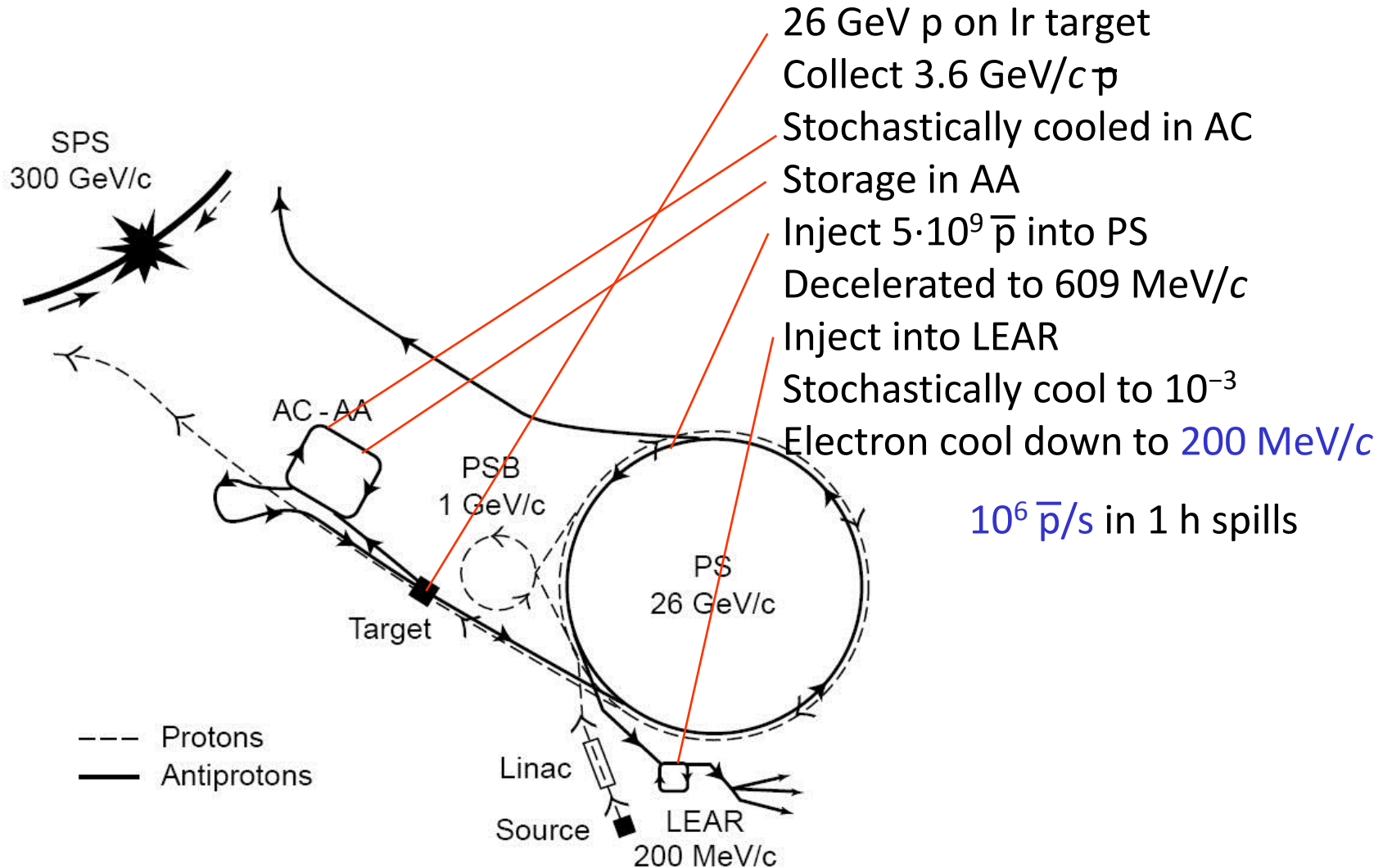
$$A_T = \frac{|\langle K^0 | e^{-iHt} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle|^2 - |\langle \bar{K}^0 | e^{-iHt} | K^0 \rangle|^2}{|\langle K^0 | e^{-iHt} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle|^2 + |\langle \bar{K}^0 | e^{-iHt} | K^0 \rangle|^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{T violation} \\ \text{(Kabir test)} \end{array}$$

$$A_{CPT} = \frac{|\langle \bar{K}^0 | e^{-iHt} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle|^2 - |\langle K^0 | e^{-iHt} | K^0 \rangle|^2}{|\langle \bar{K}^0 | e^{-iHt} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle|^2 + |\langle K^0 | e^{-iHt} | K^0 \rangle|^2} \quad \text{CPT violation}$$

$$A_{CP} = \frac{|\langle f_{CP} | e^{-iHt} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle|^2 - |\langle f_{CP} | e^{-iHt} | K^0 \rangle|^2}{|\langle f_{CP} | e^{-iHt} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle|^2 + |\langle f_{CP} | e^{-iHt} | K^0 \rangle|^2}$$

CP violation parameters

LEAR @ CERN



CPLEAR @CERN

Interaction at rest: 4π detector

Kaon ID: Čerenkov, dE/dx,
time-of-flight

Tracking: $r \sim 20 \lambda_s \sim 60$ cm

Minimize material (regeneration)

“High” rate (1 MHz): fast trigger

High pressure gas H_2 target

Proportional and drift
chambers:

$\sigma_x \approx 300 \mu\text{m}$ $\sigma_p/p \approx 5\text{-}10\%$

EM calorimeter: 18-layers of
limited-streamer tubes

$\sigma_x \approx 5$ mm $\sigma_E/E \approx 15\%/ \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$

0.44 T warm solenoid

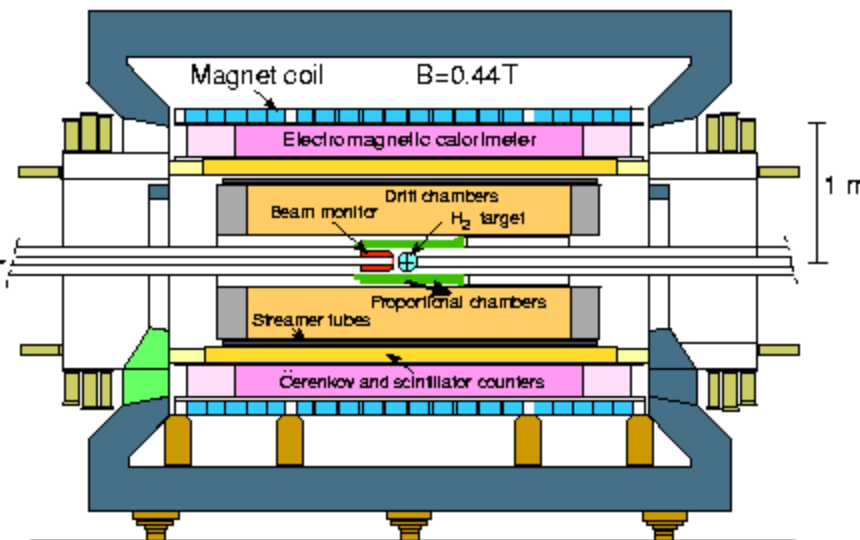
Lifetime resolution:

5-10 fs (with tracks)

70 fs ($\pi^0\pi^0$)

Run 1990-1996

5×10^9 events collected



CLEAR: strangeness tagging

Associate K^0 production (strangeness conservation):

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow K^-\pi^+K^0 \quad \bar{p}p \rightarrow K^+\pi^-\bar{K}^0 \quad (\text{BR} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-3})$$

Charged K meson charge = strangeness of neutral K meson

Strangeness at decay time ($\Delta S = \Delta Q$):

$$K^0 \rightarrow e^+\pi^-\nu \quad \bar{K}^0 \rightarrow e^-\pi^+\nu$$

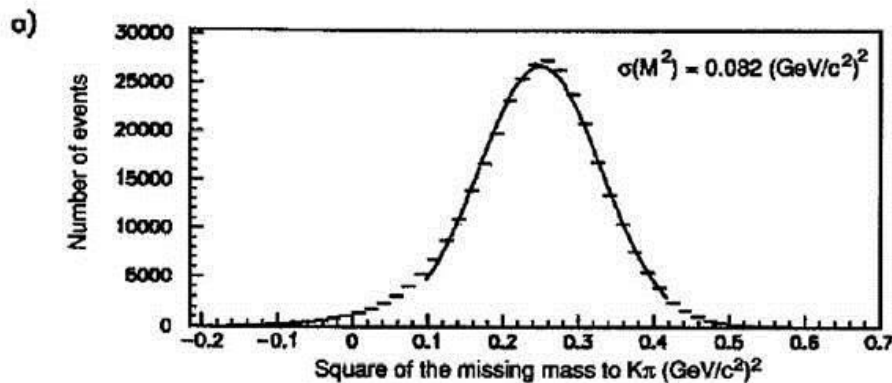
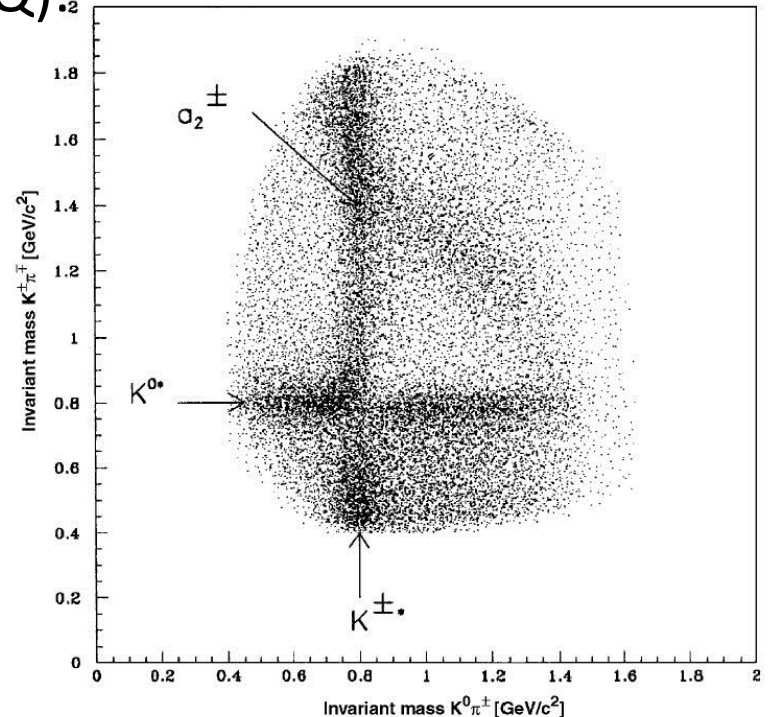
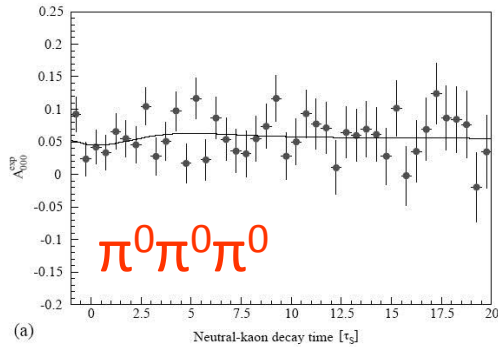
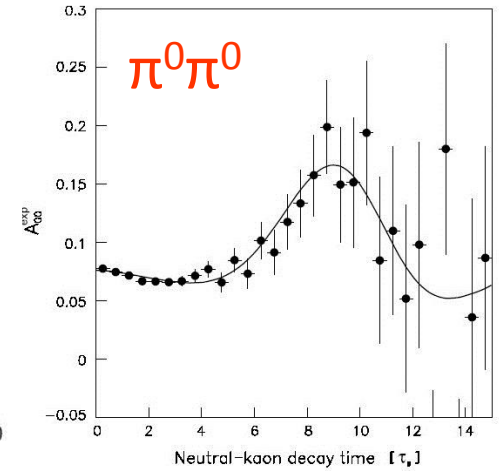
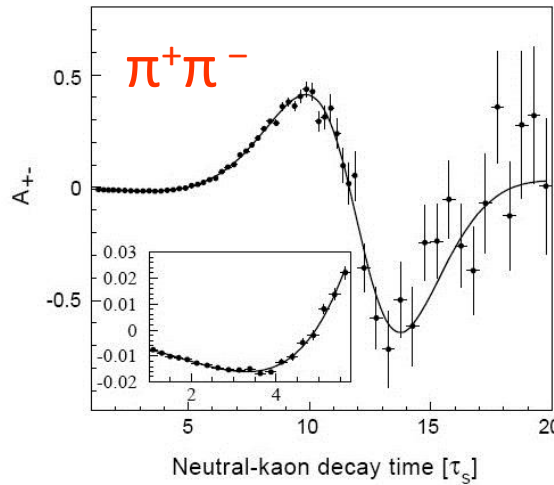


Fig. 20. (a) Square of the missing mass to the primary $K\pi$ pair for selected $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi K K^0$ events



CPLEAR Asymmetries

Non flavour-specific final states

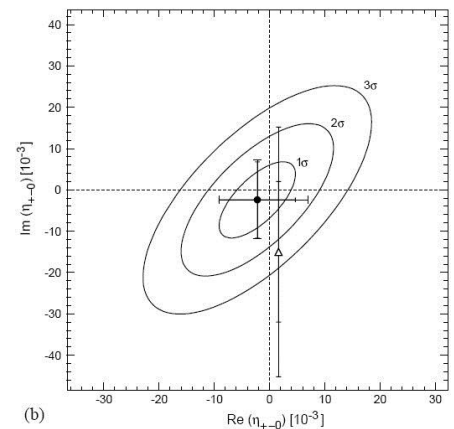
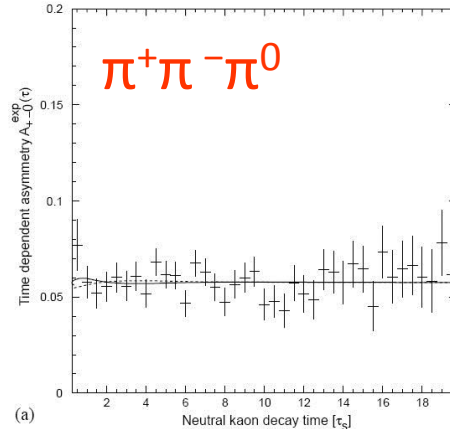
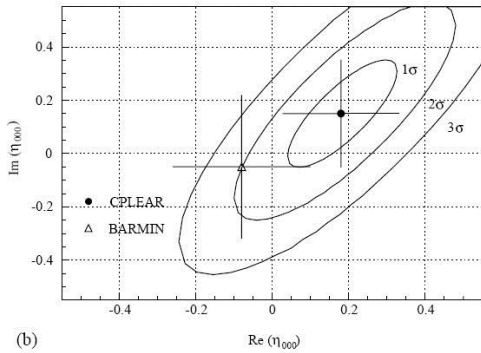


$$A_{CP} = \frac{|\langle f_{CP} | e^{-iHt} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle|^2 - |\langle f_{CP} | e^{-iHt} | K^0 \rangle|^2}{|\langle f_{CP} | e^{-iHt} | \bar{K}^0 \rangle|^2 + |\langle f_{CP} | e^{-iHt} | K^0 \rangle|^2} = 2 \text{Re}(\varepsilon) - \frac{2|\eta_f| e^{(\Gamma_S - \Gamma_L)t/2} \cos(\Delta mt - \phi_f)}{1 + |\eta_f|^2 e^{(\Gamma_S - \Gamma_L)t}}$$

Acceptance
cancellation

Rate difference

Measure η





Direct CP violation

Kinds of CP violation

CP violation in $\Delta S=2$ interactions is called


INDIRECT CP VIOLATION

CP violation in $\Delta S=1$ interactions is called

DIRECT CP VIOLATION

CP violation due to the CP impurity ($\bar{\epsilon}$) of physical states is

CP VIOLATION IN MIXING


$$K_L \propto K_2 + \epsilon K_1$$


$\pi\pi$

It is of the *indirect* type

CP violation in the physical decay process is called

CP VIOLATION IN THE DECAY

$$K_L \propto K_2 + \varepsilon K_1$$


$\pi\pi$

It is of the *direct* type

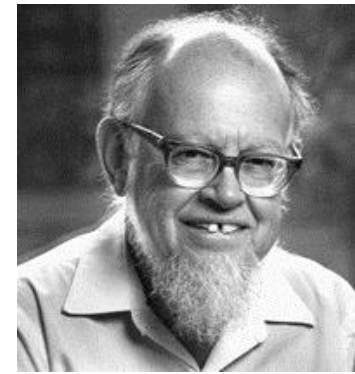
Transition from a CP eigenstate
to another one with opposite eigenvalue:

$$K_2 \text{ (CP}=-1) \rightarrow \pi\pi \text{ (CP}=+1)$$

It represents an *intrinsic*
property of weak interactions

Not present in the superweak model

The superweak hypothesis



L. Wolfenstein
(1923-)

VIOLATION OF CP INVARIANCE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF VERY WEAK INTERACTIONS*

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(Received 31 August 1964)

L. Wolfenstein (1964):
Hypothetical new interaction
inducing $K^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{K}^0$ transitions ($\Delta S=2$)
at first-order, with a coupling
 $\sim 10^{-7} G_F$ would explain the effect
while being *practically*
undetectable elsewhere.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\text{Im} M_{12} - (i/2) \text{Im} \Gamma_{12}}{i\Delta m - \Delta\Gamma/2}$$

$$|\varepsilon| \propto \frac{G_{SW}}{\Delta m} = \frac{\alpha G_F}{\Delta m}$$

$$|\varepsilon| \approx \frac{\alpha G_F}{G_F^2} \frac{m_p^2}{m_p^4} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

Constraints on transition amplitudes

CPT

$$a(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f}) = a^*(i \rightarrow f)$$

T

$$a(i \rightarrow f) = a^*(i \rightarrow f)$$
$$a(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f}) = a^*(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f})$$

CP

$$a(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f}) = a(i \rightarrow f)$$

CP violation in decays

A complex amplitude *is not enough*

Two interfering amplitudes are required

$$A(i \rightarrow f) = e^{i\delta_1} |a_1| e^{i\phi_1} + e^{i\delta_2} |a_2| e^{i\phi_2}$$

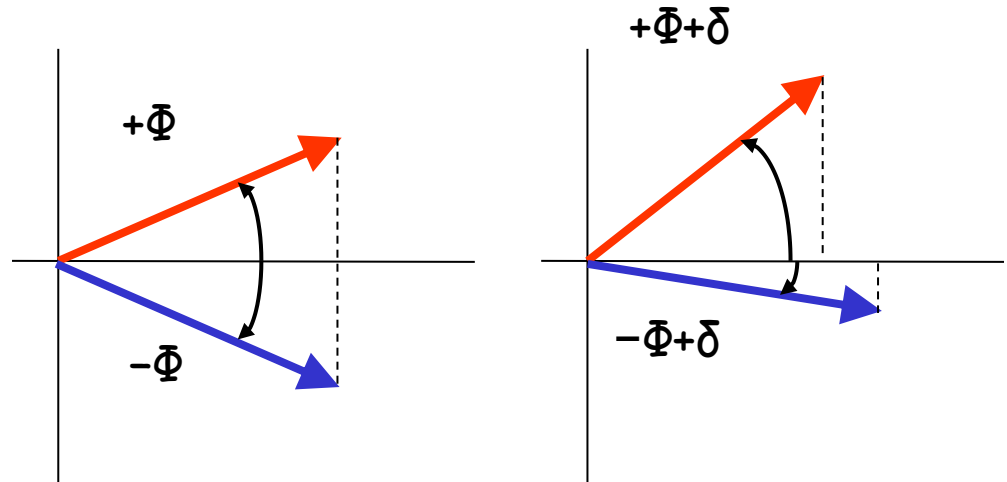
$$A(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f}) = e^{i\delta_1} |a_1| e^{-i\phi_1} + e^{i\delta_2} |a_2| e^{-i\phi_2}$$

(Fermi-Watson)

$$\Gamma(\bar{i} \rightarrow \bar{f}) - \Gamma(i \rightarrow f) = 4 |a_1| |a_2| \sin(\delta_1 - \delta_2) \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$$

Need interfering
amplitudes with different
weak (φ) and strong (δ)
phases

Large asymmetry if
comparable amplitudes



Semi-leptonic decays ($K_{\ell 3}$)

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu) \approx 0.39$$

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi \mu \nu) \approx 0.28$$

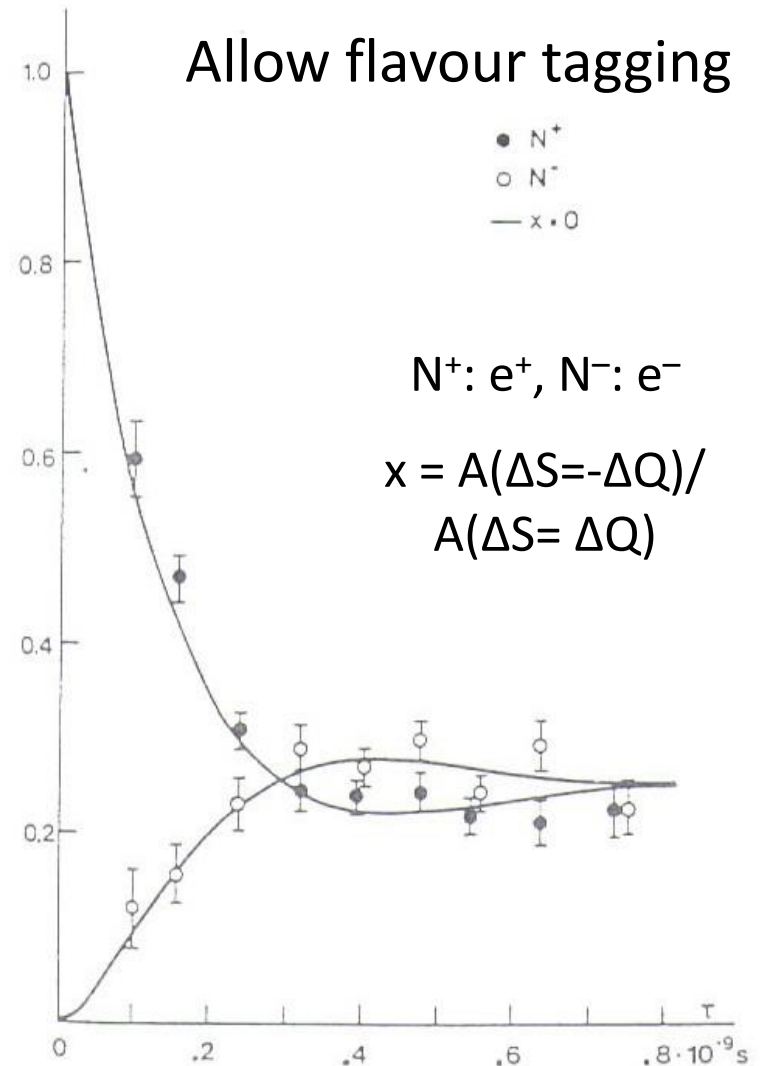
“ $\Delta S = \Delta Q$ rule” only allows
 $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu$ and $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu}$

E.g. $\Sigma^- \rightarrow n e^- \bar{\nu}$ but not $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow n e^+ \nu$

Not CP eigenstates.

Only one decay amplitude

K^0 and \bar{K}^0 cannot both contribute.

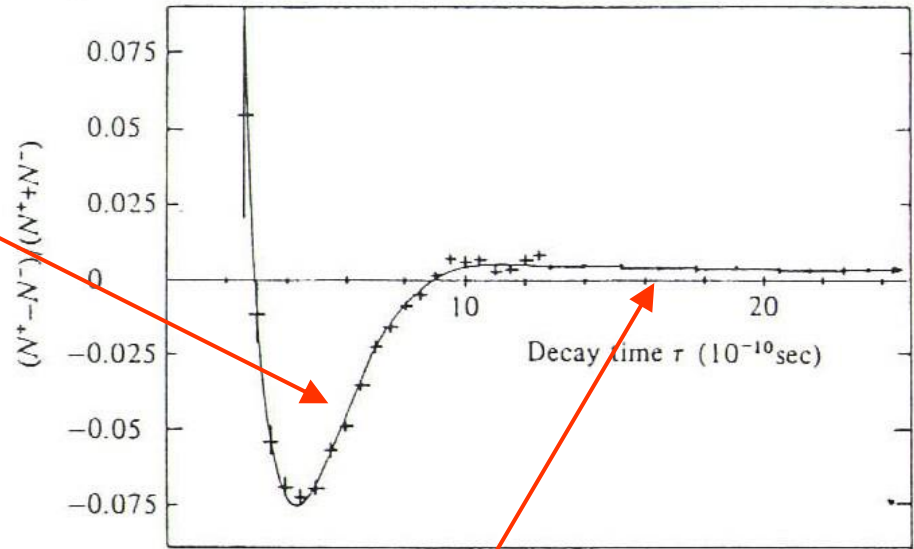


Charge asymmetry

Contribution from strangeness oscillations

If CP holds, with initial K^0 :

$$A(t) = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} = \frac{2 \cos(\Delta mt)}{e^{+\Delta\Gamma t/2} + e^{-\Delta\Gamma t/2}}$$



CP violation

$$\delta_\ell = \frac{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu) - \Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu) + \Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu})}$$

$$\delta_e = (3.33 \pm 0.14) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\delta_\mu = (3.04 \pm 0.25) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

Absolute matter/anti-matter difference

More generally, starting from K^0 or \bar{K}^0 :

$$A(t) \cong \frac{2(1-|x|^2) \left[\text{Re}(\bar{\varepsilon}) (e^{-\Gamma_S t} + e^{-\Gamma_L t}) \pm e^{-\bar{\Gamma} t} \cos(\Delta m t) \right]}{|1+x|^2 e^{-\Gamma_S t} + |1-x|^2 e^{-\Gamma_L t} \mp 4 \text{Im}(x) e^{-\bar{\Gamma} t} \sin(\Delta m t)}$$

If $x=0$ ($\Delta S = \Delta Q$ holds):

$$A(t) \cong 2 \text{Re}(\bar{\varepsilon}) \pm \frac{2e^{-\bar{\Gamma} t} \cos(\Delta m t)}{e^{-\Gamma_S t} + e^{-\Gamma_L t}}$$

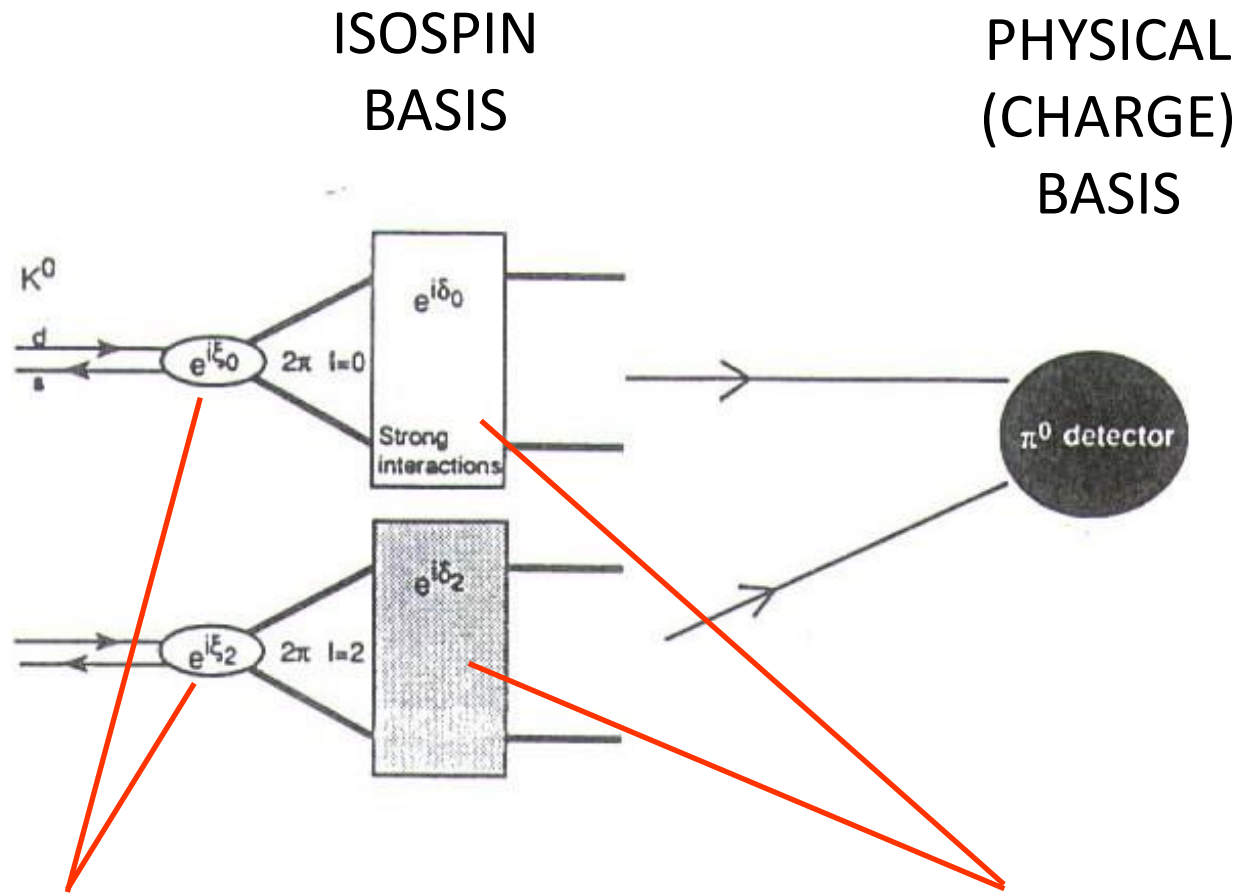
Incoherent mixture of K^0 and \bar{K}^0 :
oscillating term multiplied by

$$D(p) = \frac{N(K^0, p) - N(\bar{K}^0, p)}{N(K^0, p) + N(\bar{K}^0, p)}$$

CP violation only from
mixing (indirect):

$$\delta_\ell = \frac{2 \text{Re}(\bar{\varepsilon})}{1 + |\bar{\varepsilon}|^2} = \langle K_L | K_S \rangle$$

Example: CP violation in $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ decay



Different **weak phases**:
CP violation

Different **strong phases**:
interference

The double ratio method

Comparing the CP-violating K_L decay widths.

Avoid isospin factors, normalize to the CP-conserving K_S decay widths:
measure and $|\eta_{00}|^2$ and $|\eta_{+-}|^2$:

$$\frac{|\eta_{00}|^2}{|\eta_{+-}|^2} = 1 - 6 \operatorname{Re}(\varepsilon' / \varepsilon) \approx 1 - 6 \varepsilon' / \varepsilon$$

Need to measure accurately four decay widths:

$\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$, $\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)$, $\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$, $\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)$.

(1) **Statistics**: $\operatorname{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi\pi) \sim 1 \div 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
requires *intense K_L beam*

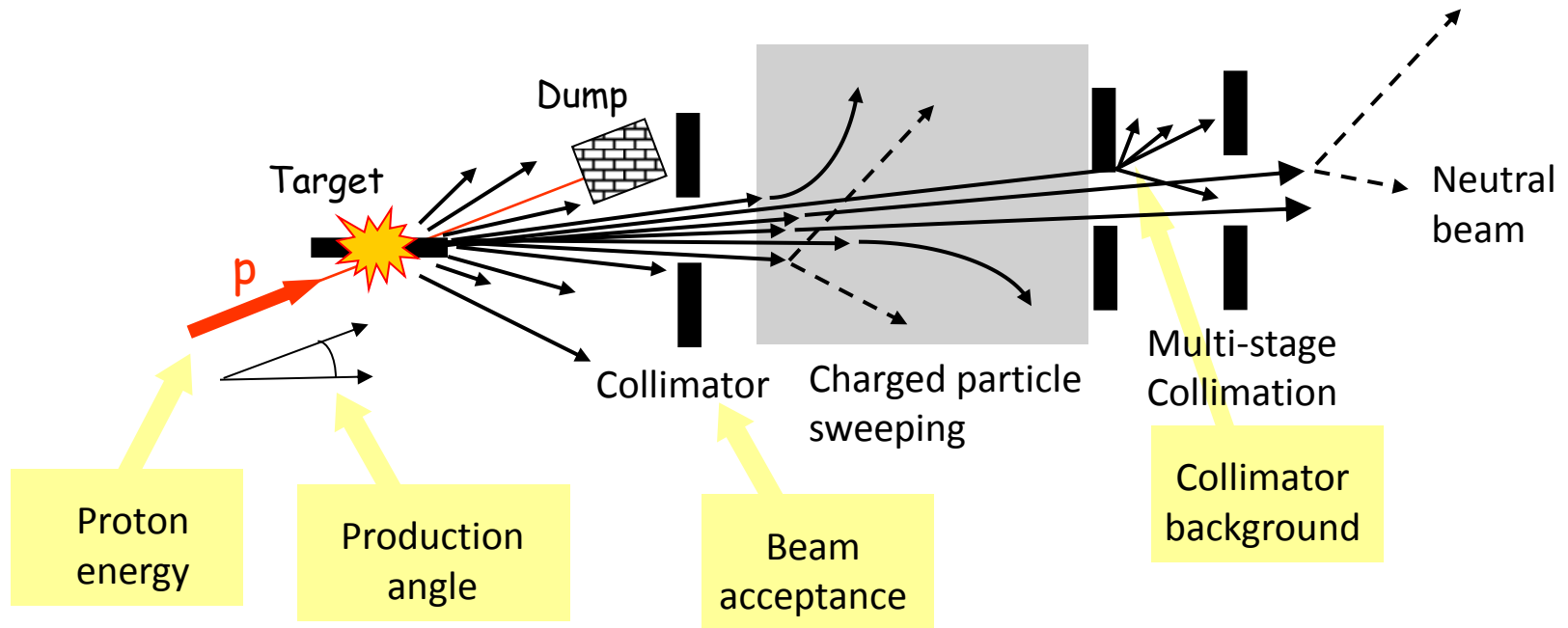
(2) **Systematics**: exploit *cancellations*

$$\frac{|\eta_{00}|^2}{|\eta_{+-}|^2} = \frac{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0) \Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0) \Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}$$

If concurrent $\pi^+\pi^-$ and $\pi^0\pi^0$: the **K fluxes** ($K_S \neq K_L$) do cancel

If concurrent K_S and K_L : **detector inefficiencies** ($\pi^+\pi^- \neq \pi^0\pi^0$) do cancel

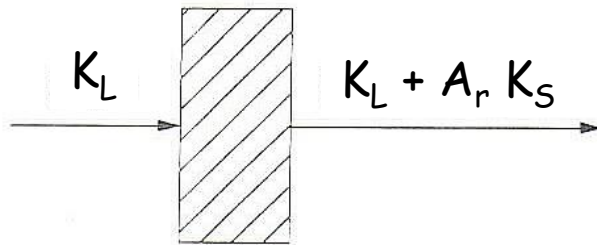
K_L beam



High energy p (~ 10 - 500 GeV), largest yield for $p_K \sim 0.3 p_p$, long decay beam line (up to ~ 100 m), long decay volumes (up to ~ 100 m): long skinny experimental setups

K_S by regeneration

Coherent regeneration (transmission): same momentum and angle as incident beam



Diffractive regeneration: interaction on nuclei, small angle

Inelastic regeneration: interaction on nucleons, any angle (scattered particles can be detected)

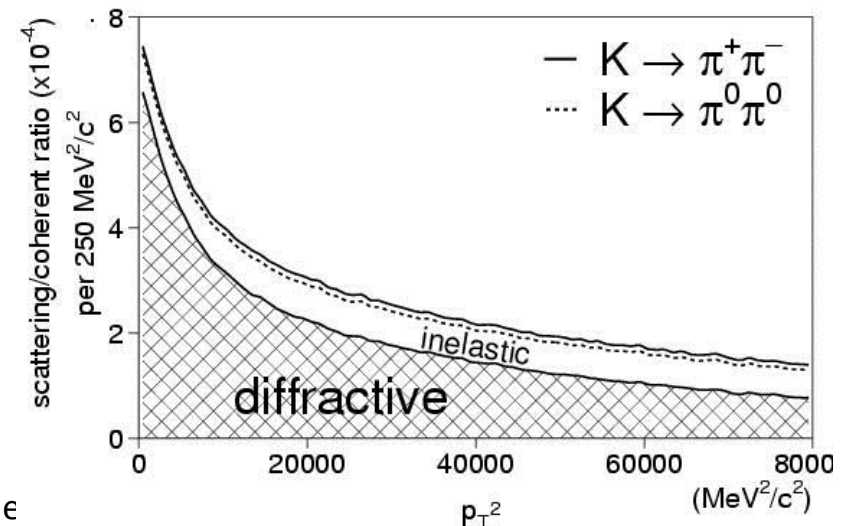
KTeV regenerator:

84 $10 \times 10 \times 2$ cm² scintillator modules (fully active), 170 cm long

$|A_r| \sim 0.03$

Diffractive/coherent: 0.09

Inelastic/coherent: 100 before veto



Measurement of direct CP violation

Simultaneous measurement of $|\eta_{00}|^2$ and $|\eta_{+-}|^2$ in a double ratio
(same interval of p and z):

$$\frac{N(\overset{\textcircled{A}}{K_L} \rightarrow \overset{\text{cyan}}{\pi^0 \pi^0})}{N(\overset{\text{green}}{K_S} \rightarrow \overset{\text{cyan}}{\pi^0 \pi^0})} \frac{N(\overset{\text{green}}{K_S} \rightarrow \overset{\text{purple}}{\pi^+ \pi^-})}{N(\overset{\text{red}}{K_L} \rightarrow \overset{\text{purple}}{\pi^+ \pi^-})} = \frac{|\eta_{00}|^2}{|\eta_{+-}|^2} \approx 1 - 6 \varepsilon' / \varepsilon$$

independent (at first order) from absolute detection efficiencies.

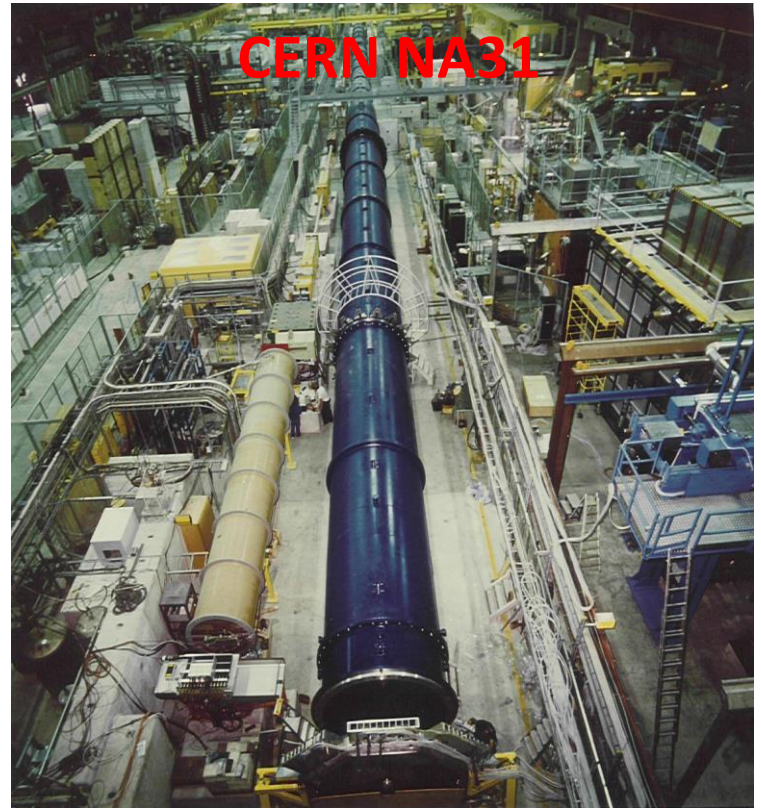
- A+D in vacuum and then B+C with regenerator (BNL)
- A+B with two beams and converter, and then C+D (FNAL E731)
- A+D in vacuum and then B+C with close target (CERN NA31)
- A+B+C+D with two beams and regenerator (FNAL KTeV)
- A+B+C+D with two beams and close target (CERN NA48)

Direct CPV: 1996 A.D.

$\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon) = (7.4 \pm 6.0) \cdot 10^{-4}$
Not disproving superweak



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$\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon) = (23.0 \pm 6.5) \cdot 10^{-4}$
Inconsistent with superweak

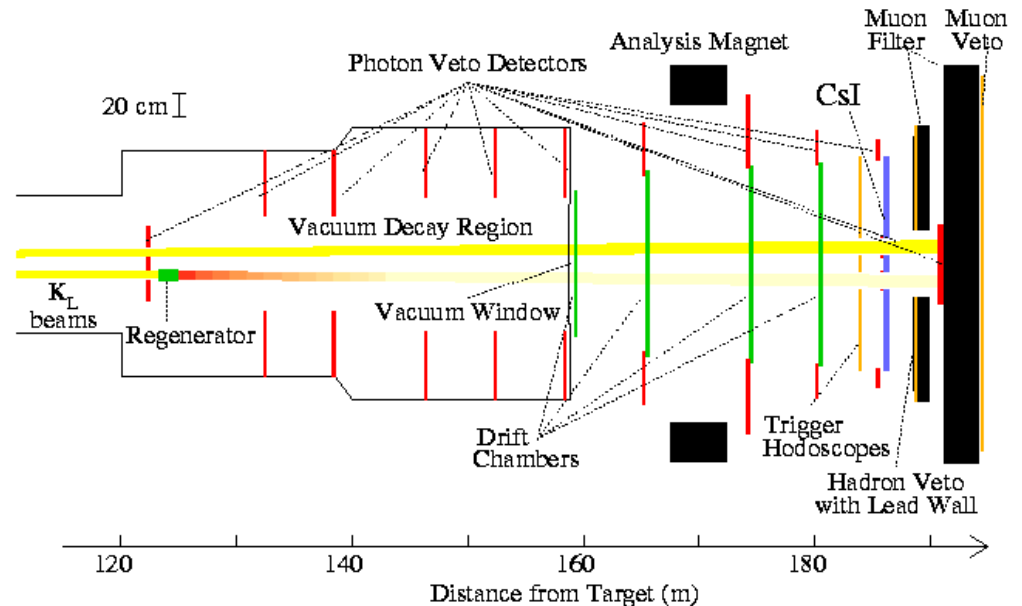
Flavour Physics: The Kaon sector

KTeV @ Fermilab

- Two parallel K_L beams (70 GeV/c), regenerator for K_S (alternating)
- EM calorimeter with pure CsI crystals
- K tagging by event position
- MonteCarlo correction for acceptance difference
- Maximize statistics
- Data-taking 1997-1999



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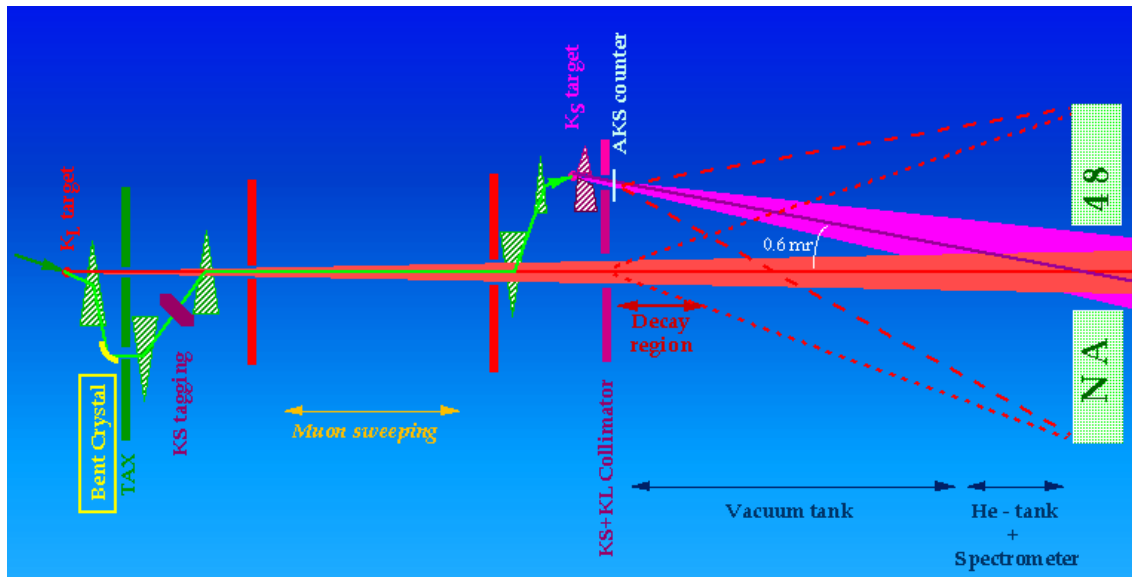
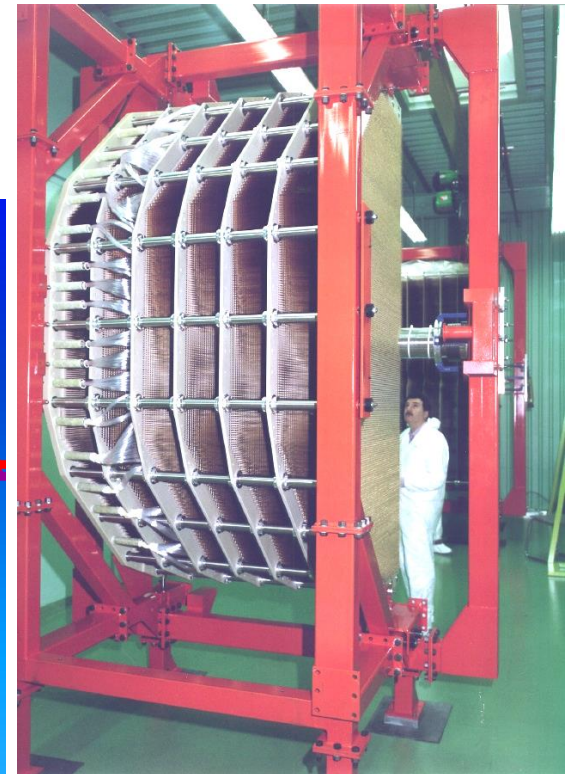


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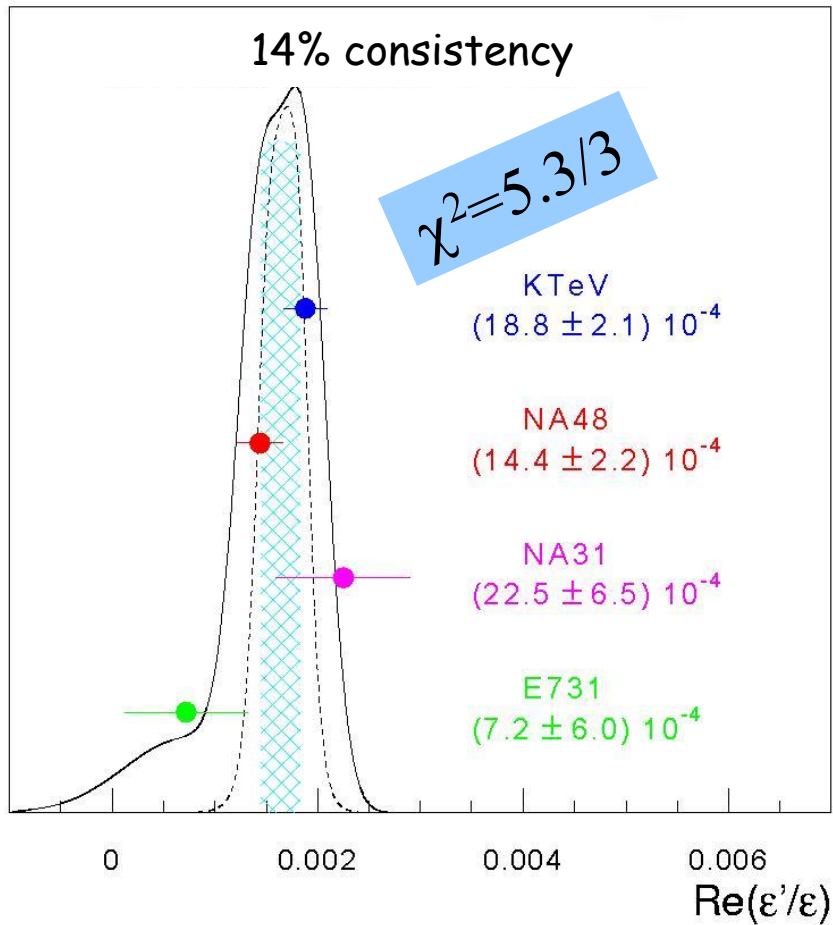


NA48 @ CERN

- Two targets at different distances (K_L/K_S)
- Converging beams (100 GeV/c)
- Quasi-homogeneous liquid Krypton EM calorimeter
- Kaon tagging by time of flight method
- Event weighting minimizes acceptance correction
- Data-taking 1997-2001



ϵ'/ϵ results



(Including $\Delta I=3/2$ correction)

$$\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon) = (16.4 \pm 1.9) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

[PDG-rescaled error]

[Final 2008]

[Final 2003]

Direct CP violation
evidence $> 9\sigma$...
after 36 years!

ε'/ε – meaning

First test of CKM paradigm for CP violation

CPV as a property of weak interactions

$$\frac{\Gamma(K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) - \Gamma(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\Gamma(K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) + \Gamma(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)} = (5.18 \pm 0.61) \times 10^{-6}$$

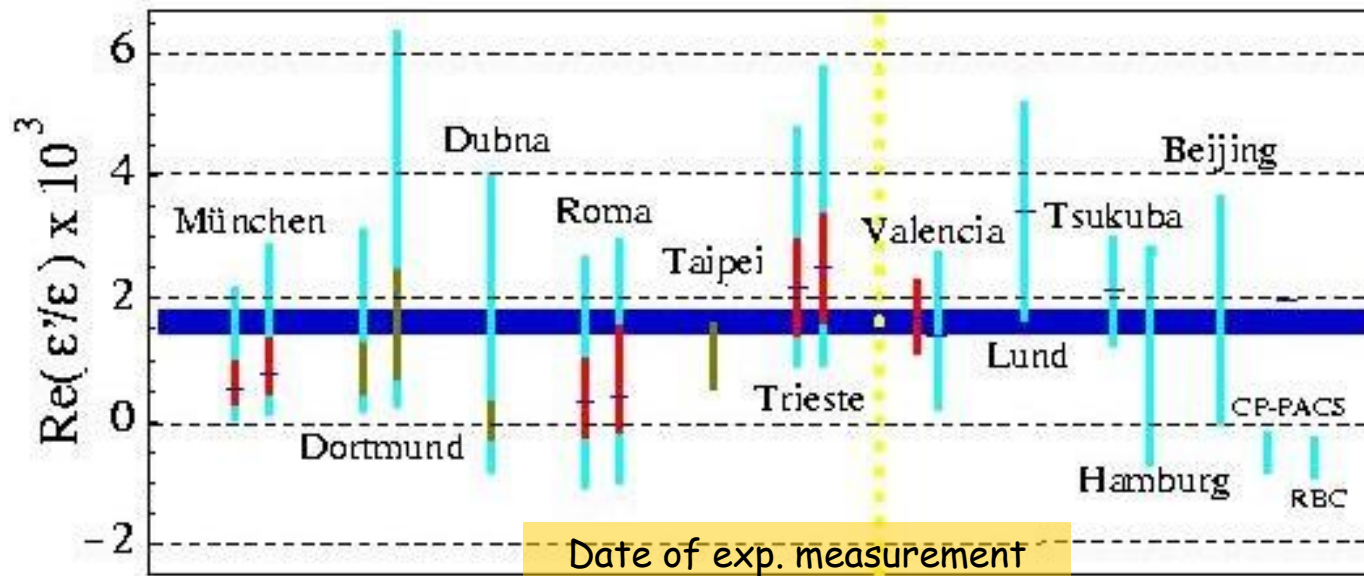
(BR=2.0·10⁻³)
O(10⁷) events

Compare with e.g.

$$A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow \eta K^*(892)) = 0.19 \pm 0.05$$

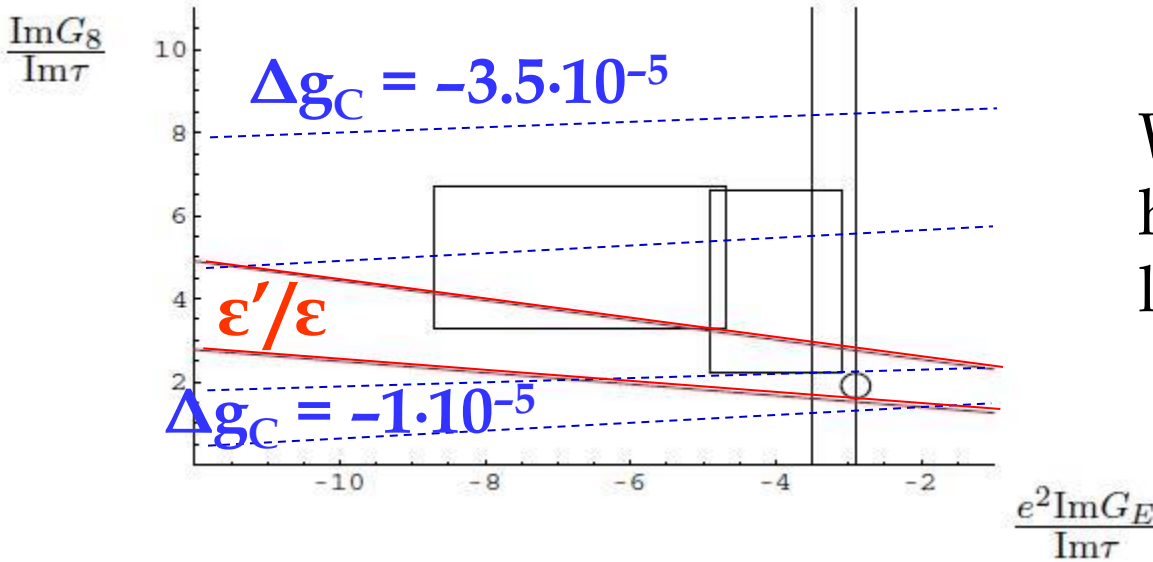
(BR=1.5·10⁻⁵) O(10³) events

ϵ'/ϵ - theory



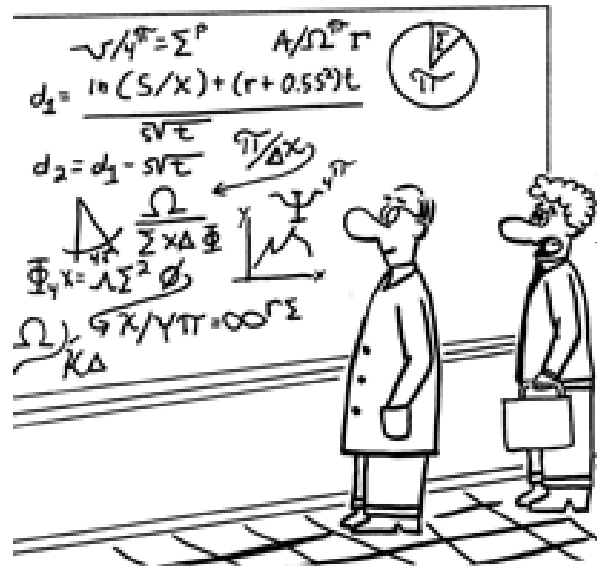
Extremely hard to keep the non-perturbative part of the computation under control: accidental cancellation of two terms. Lattice QCD challenge.

ε'/ε : quantitative ?



Worst theoretical hadronic nightmare, large cancellations

Not there yet but not giving up...



Expect 20% result on ε'/ε in ~3 years.

(June 10, 2009)

ε'/ε : quantitative ?

$\Delta I = 1/2$ $K \rightarrow \pi \pi$: **Future**

- Goal is a 20% calculation of ε'/ε with all errors controlled
- Repeat $\Delta I = 3/2$ kinematics
 - Use $32^3 \times 64$ volume with $1/a = 1.37$ GeV
 - Achieve $p = 205$ MeV from **G-parity** boundary conditions
- BG/Q gives 20 X speedup
- Begin configuration generation, 7/2013
- Result expected in 2 years

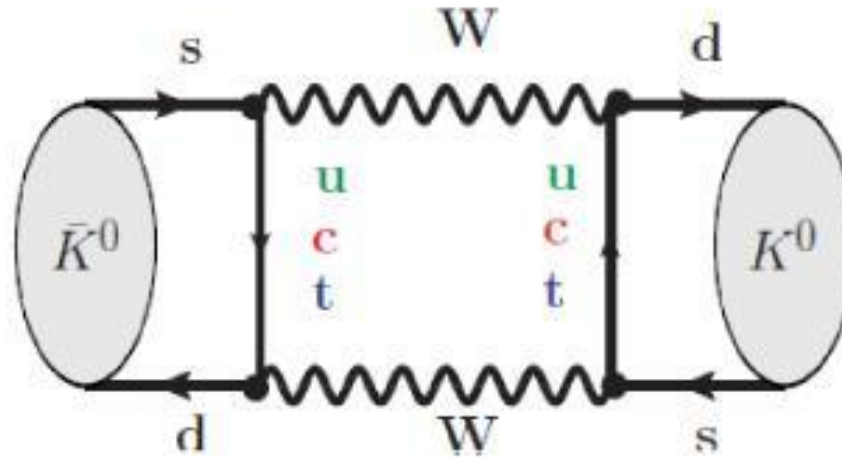


Kaons come in different kinds...



The “well-known” CPV road

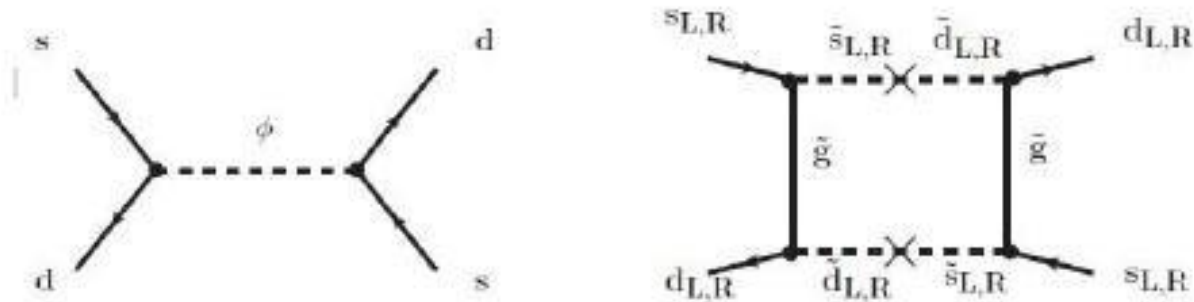
ε : indirect CPV in K mixing



- governed by one **single operator** $(\bar{s}d)_{V-A}(\bar{s}d)_{V-A}$
- CP-conserving quantities (e. g. ΔM_K) affected by long distance contributions
- **CP-violation** (ε_K) governed by short-distance physics
 - ▶ **theoretically much cleaner**

ε : a powerful constraint

- small NP contribution welcome – but many models yield huge effects (e. g. SUSY, RS, TC, LHT, LR, ...)



- chiral enhancement of non-SM operators and absence of NP flavor protection leads to strong generic constraint UTFIT (2007)

$$\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \gtrsim 10^5 \text{ TeV} \sim 10^5 \times \text{scales probed by LHC!}$$

➤ TeV-scale NP must have a very non-generic flavor structure

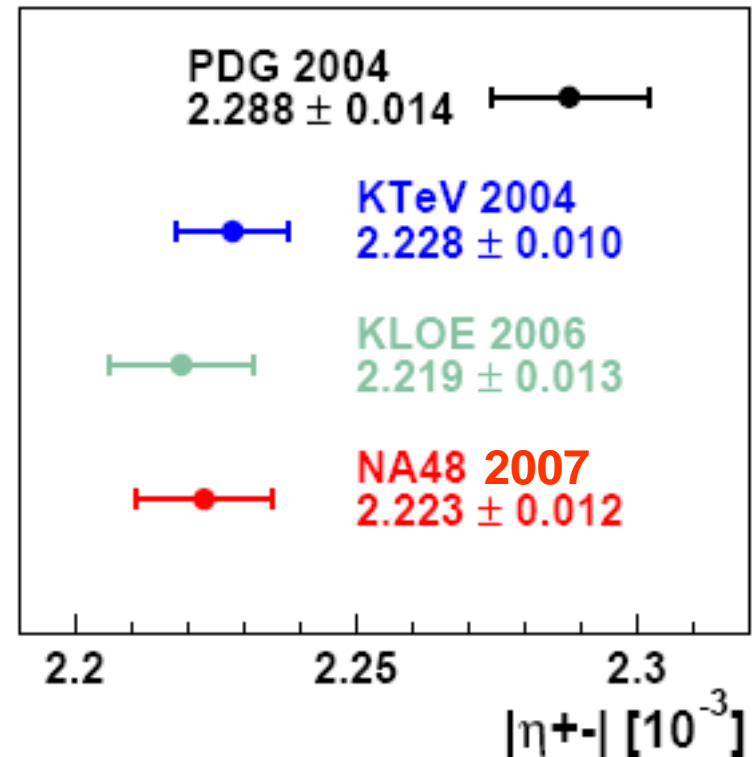
KTeV, KLOE, NA48: ε

$$\eta_{+-} = \frac{A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)} \cong \varepsilon + \varepsilon' \approx \varepsilon$$

KTeV: direct measurement of
 $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) / \text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi e \nu)$
84K events in 1997

KLOE: direct measurement of
 $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) / \text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi \mu \nu)$
45K events from subsample of
2001-2002 data

NA48: direct measurement of
 $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) / \text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi e \nu)$
47K events from 2-day run in 1999



“The BR revolution”

- Proper treatment of radiative corrections
- Several correlations

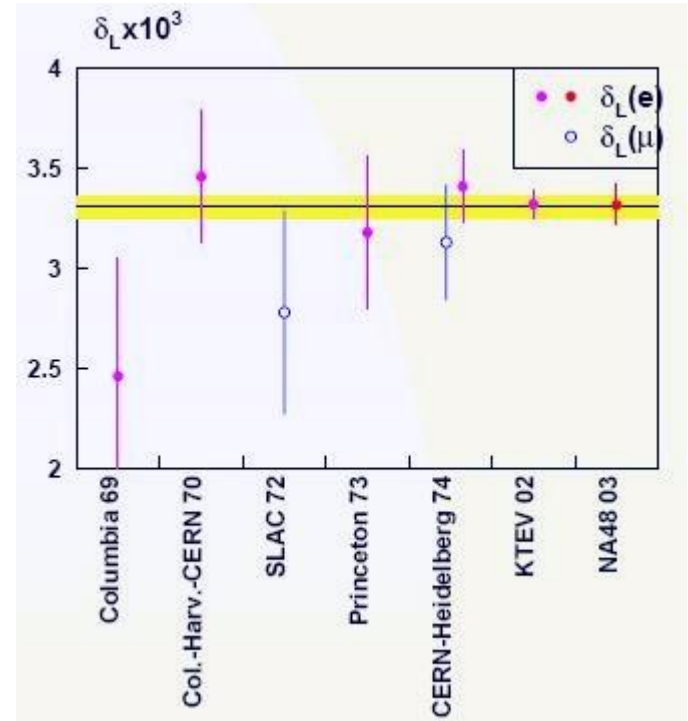
KTeV, NA48: ε

Precision measurements from semi-leptonic K_L charge asymmetries at KTeV and NA48 using some 100M of decays per experiment:

$$\delta_L(\ell) = \frac{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu) - \Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu) + \Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu})} = \frac{2 \operatorname{Re}(\varepsilon)}{1 + |\varepsilon|^2}$$

(assuming CPT)

$$\delta_L(e) = (3.322 \pm 0.055) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

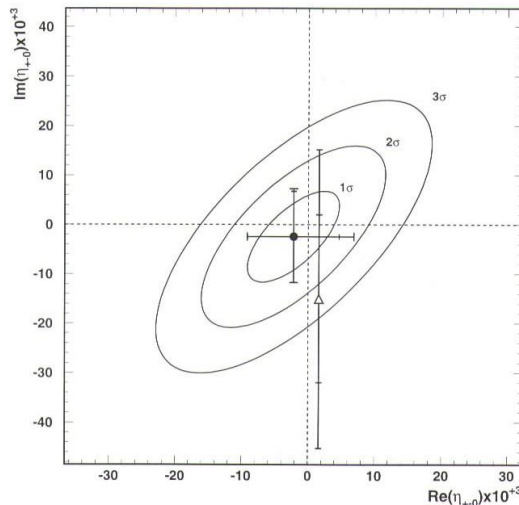
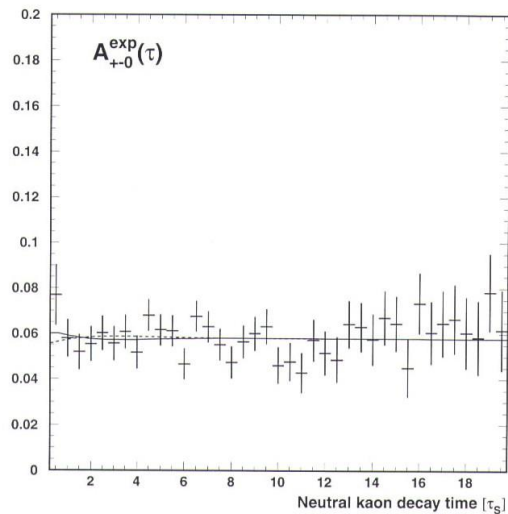


$K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

Not a CP eigenstate (but CP -1 dominant)

$$\eta_{\pi\pi\pi} = \frac{\int A^*(K_L \rightarrow 3\pi; CP = -1) A(K_S \rightarrow 3\pi; CP = -1) d\Omega}{\int |A(K_L \rightarrow 3\pi; CP = -1)|^2 d\Omega}$$

$$A_{CP}(3\pi) = \frac{P(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow 3\pi) - P(K^0 \rightarrow 3\pi)}{P(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow 3\pi) + P(K^0 \rightarrow 3\pi)} = 2\text{Re}(\varepsilon + \delta) - 2|\eta_{3\pi}|e^{-\Delta\Gamma t/2} \cos(\Delta m + \phi_{3\pi})$$



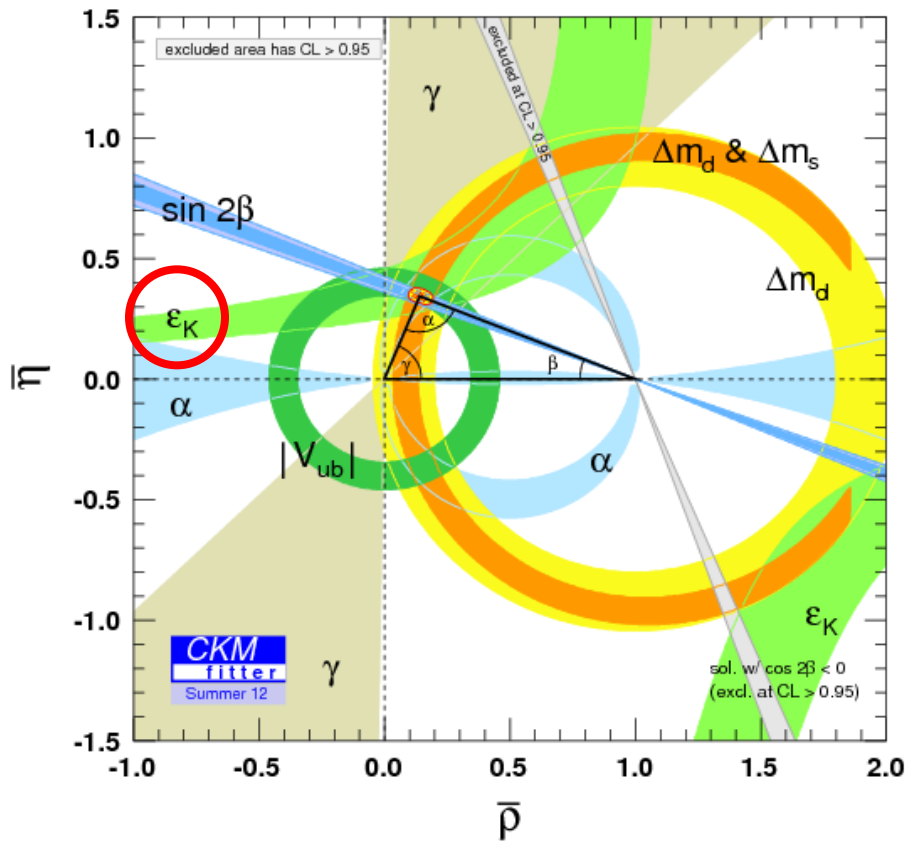
CPLEAR (1998):

$$\text{Re}(\eta_{+0}) = (-2 \pm 8) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{Im}(\eta_{+0}) = (-2 \pm 9) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

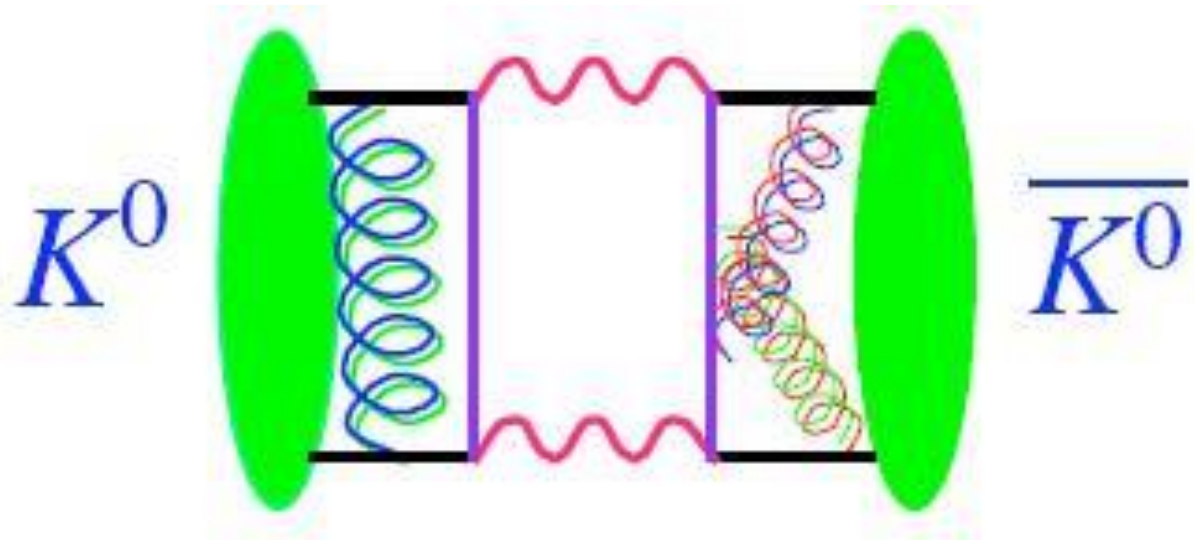
ε confronts the SM

$\varepsilon \neq 0$ constrains (poorly) the apex of the Unitarity Triangle due to the theoretical difficulty in handling the hadronic uncertainties



ε measured to 0.5%
With lattice QCD
K Now also contributing
to *quantitative* test of SM

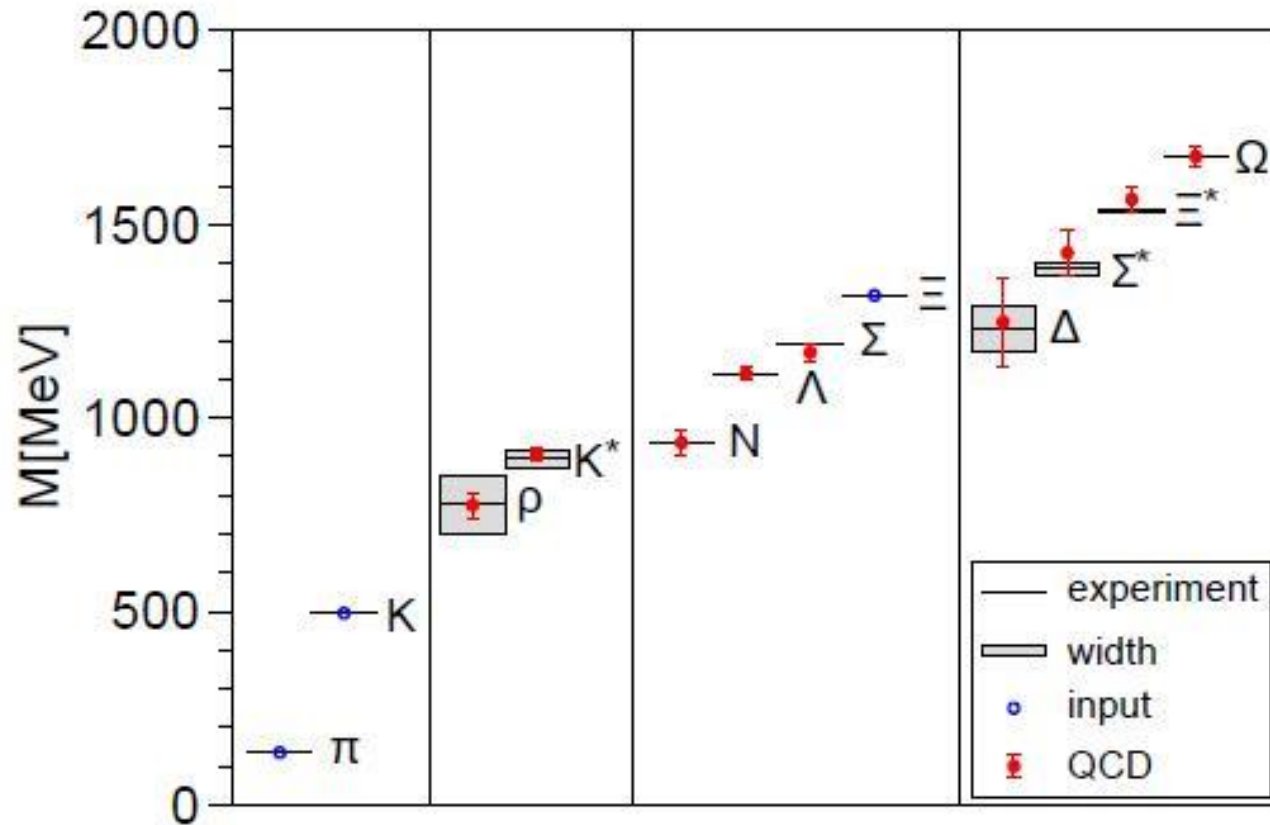
ϵ confronts theoreticians



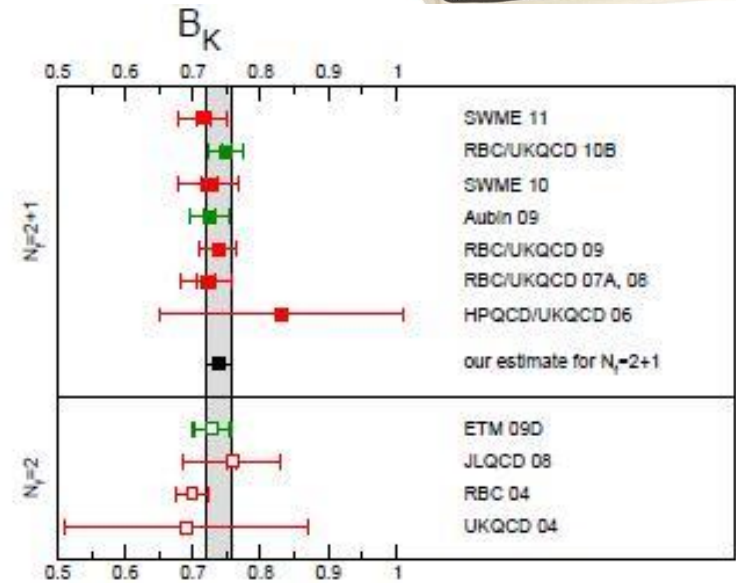
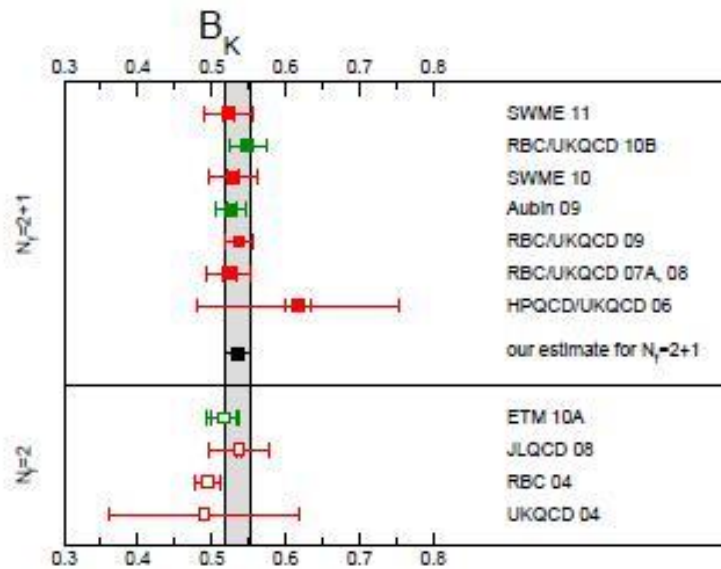
$$|\epsilon_K| = C_\epsilon \kappa_\epsilon B_K A^2 \bar{\eta} \{ -\eta_1 S_0(x_c)(1 - \lambda^2/2) + \eta_3 S_0(x_c, x_t) + \eta_2 S_0(x_t) A^2 \lambda^2 (1 - \bar{\rho}) \}$$

where C_ϵ is a collection of experimentally determined parameters, κ_ϵ represents long-distance corrections and a correction due to the fact that $\phi_\epsilon \neq 45$ degrees, the $\eta_i S_0$ are perturbative coefficients, the terms in blue are CKM matrix elements in Wolfenstein parameterization.

Lattice QCD



The bag factor



$$N_f = 2 + 1 : \quad B_K^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(2\text{GeV}) = 0.536(17)$$

$$\hat{B}_K = 0.738(20)$$

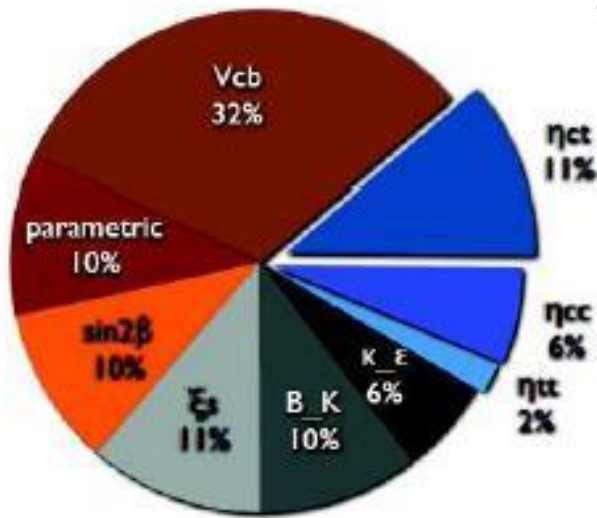
$$N_f = 2 : \quad B_K^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(2\text{GeV}) = 0.516(18)(12)$$

$$\hat{B}_K = 0.729(25)(17)$$

So, what about ϵ_K ?



- theory error now dominated by parametric uncertainties, in particular $|V_{cb}|$



SM prediction: BROD, GORBAHN (2011)

$$|\epsilon_K| = 1.81(28) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

data:

PDG (2010)

$$|\epsilon_K| = 2.228(11) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

➤ a hint for new physics?

CPV in hadronic K_S decays

3π states are (predominantly) CP-odd

$$CP(\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0) = -1$$

$$CP(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0) = \pm 1 \quad (l=0,2: CP=+1, L>0; \quad l=1,3: CP=-1, L=0)$$

$$\eta_{+-0} = \frac{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0; CP = -1)}{A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)}$$

$$\eta_{000} = \frac{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0)}{A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0)}$$

Assuming CPT and $\Delta l < 5/2$ for transitions:

$$\eta_{+-0} = \eta_{000} = \varepsilon + i \text{Im}(A_1) / \text{Re}(A_1)$$

“Mixing”

“Decay”

Estimate (indirect CPV): $\Gamma_S(3\pi) \approx \Gamma_L(3\pi) |\eta|^2$, or

$$BR(K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0) \approx BR(K_L \rightarrow 3\pi^0) |\varepsilon|^2 (\tau_S/\tau_L) \approx 1.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$K_S \rightarrow 3\pi$ at hadron machines

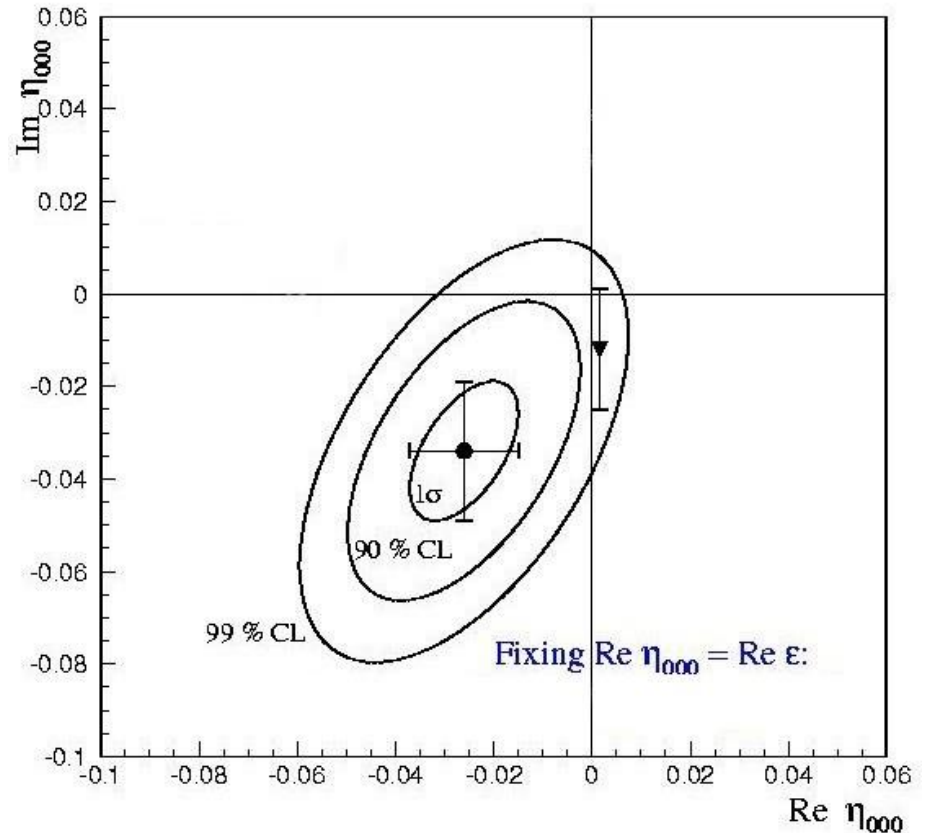
Look for K_S - K_L interference
NA48/1 @ CERN (2005)
with 5+100 million K decays

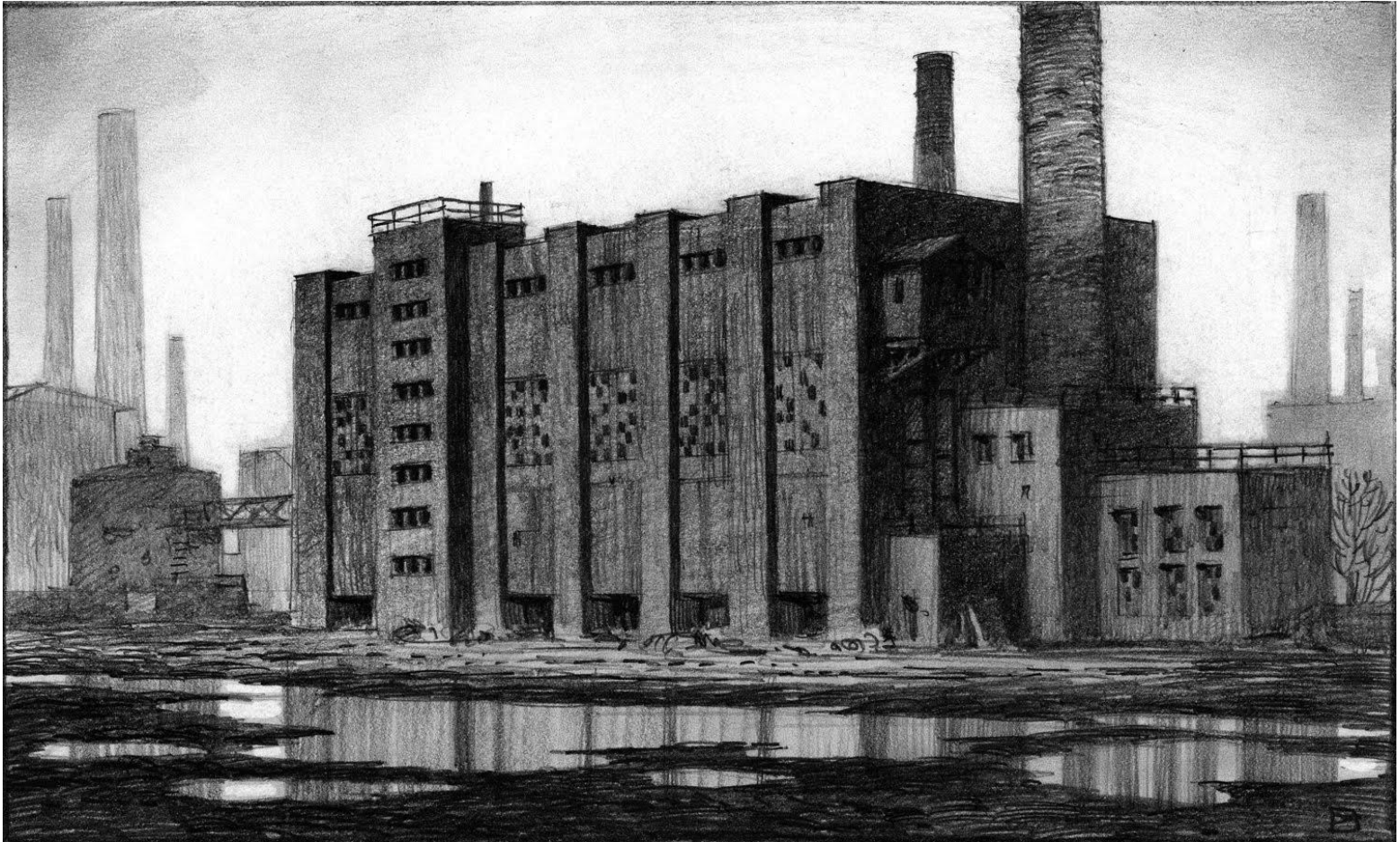
$$\text{Re}(\eta_{000}) = -0.002 \pm 0.019$$

$$\text{Im}(\eta_{000}) = -0.003 \pm 0.021$$

Assuming CPT:

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0) < 2.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$





K factories

M.S. Sozzi

Flavour Physics: The Kaon sector

K: production (colliders)

- K^+K^- or $K^0\bar{K}^0$ pairs can be produced at $p\bar{p}$ or e^+e^- colliders, enhanced at resonances.
At high (\gg threshold) energies relative production cross sections are small.
- For e^+e^- the production is EM.
In particular a “strangeonium” ($s\bar{s}$) state, above open strangeness threshold, such as $\Phi(1020 \text{ MeV})$ has $\text{BR}(\Phi \rightarrow K\bar{K}) \approx 83\%$:
A “kaon factory” or “ Φ factory” (analogous to B-factories).

Kaon factories

[Lipkin (1968)]

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow K\bar{K}$ at resonance $\sigma = 3.1 \mu\text{b}$

$J^{PC}(\Phi) = 1^{--} \Rightarrow C(K\bar{K}) = -1$ coherent state

($\Phi \rightarrow \bar{K}K\gamma$, opposite C, negligible)

Bose statistics \Rightarrow Even with strangeness oscillations, the two K have to be always distinct (until one decays), i.e. $K_S K_L$ or $K^0 \bar{K}^0$ (and $K^+ K^-$), but never $K_S K_S$, $K^0 K^0$, ...

EPR correlation: $|i\rangle \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|K_L, \mathbf{p}\rangle |K_S, -\mathbf{p}\rangle - |K_L, -\mathbf{p}\rangle |K_S, \mathbf{p}\rangle \right)$

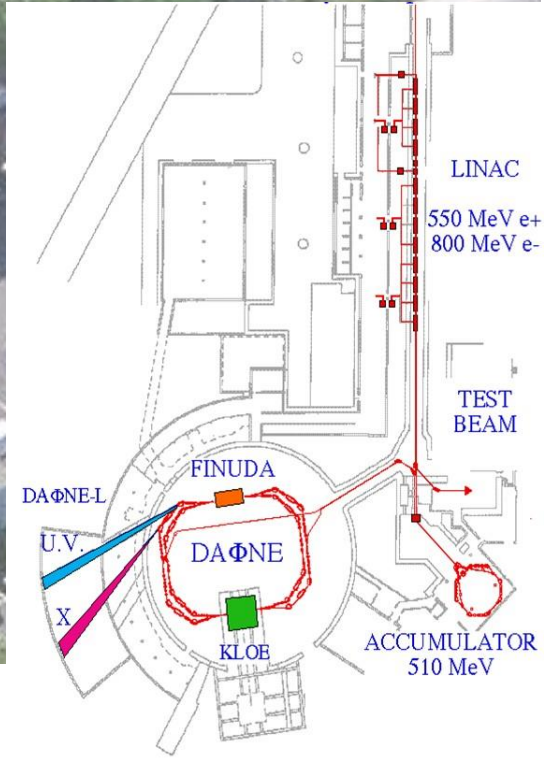
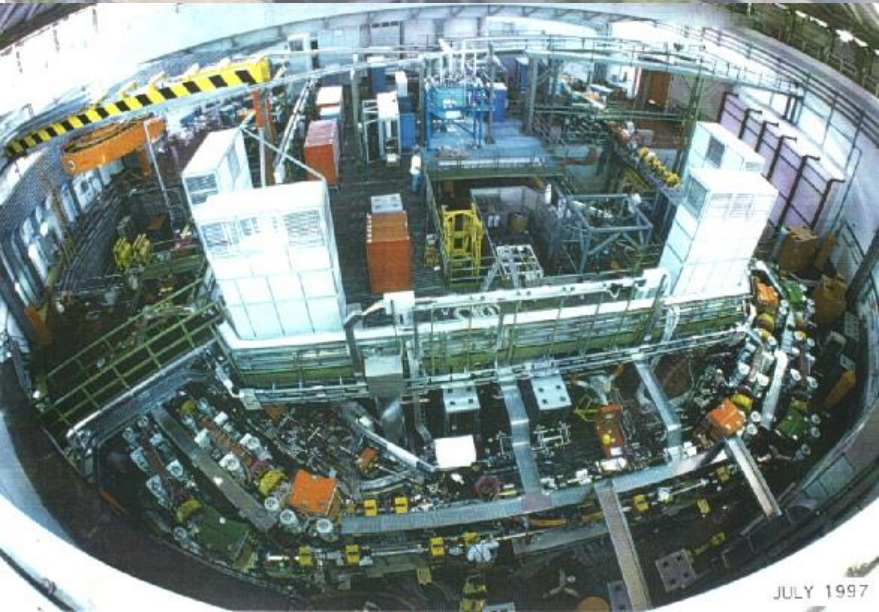
- **Tagging**: observation of $K_S(K_L)$ signals presence of $K_L(K_S)$:
unique “ K_S beam” (almost monochromatic, kinematical constraints):
absolute BR measurements, rare K_S decay searches
- **QM correlation**: allows interference measurements

Resonant production (K-factory)

$$\sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \Phi) = 3.1 \mu\text{b} \quad \sigma(e^+ e^-) = 0.17 \mu\text{b}$$

	BR	β_K	$\gamma\beta c\tau$ (cm)	P_{max} (MeV/c)
K^+K^-	0.49	0.249	95.4	127
$K_S K_L$	0.34	0.216	343.8	110
$\rho\pi$	0.13			182
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	0.02			462
$\eta\gamma$	0.013			362
Other	≈ 0.1			

DAΦNE (Frascati)

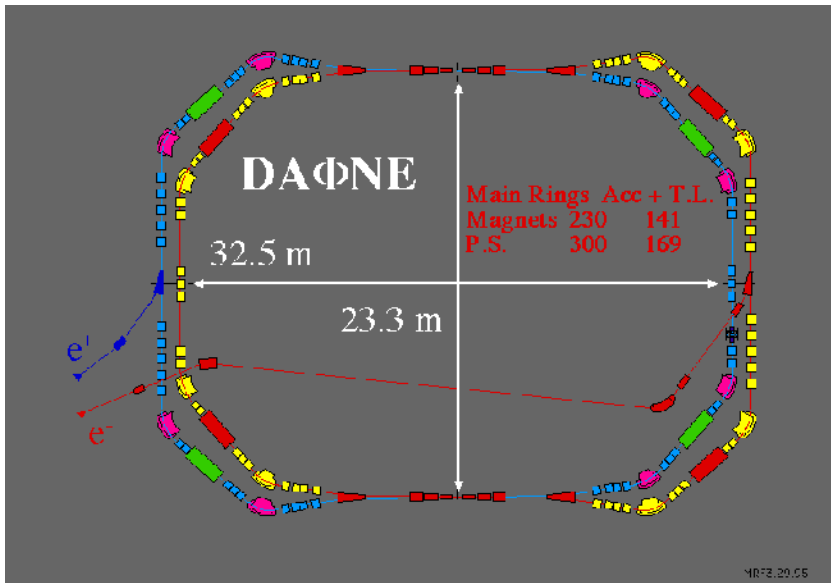


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Flavour Physics: The Kaon sector

DAΦNE (Frascati)

- e^+e^- collider @ $\sqrt{s} = m(\Phi) = 1019.4 \text{ MeV}$
- 2 interaction regions (KLOE – DEAR/FINUDA), 96m circumference
- **Separate $e^+ e^-$ rings** to minimize beam-beam interactions
- Crossing angle: **12.5 mrad** ($p(\Phi) \sim 12.5 \text{ MeV}/c$)
- Up to 120 bunches, spacing: **2.7 ns**, $E = 0.3\text{-}1.5 \text{ GeV}$ (RMS $\sim 10^{-3}$)



Design luminosity: **$5 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$**
($1.5 \cdot 10^{32}$ reached)

Integrated luminosity:
 $\sim 2.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (2002-05)
($\sim 8 \cdot 10^9 \Phi$ decays)

KLOE experiment

$$K^+K^-: 1.5 \times 10^6 / \text{pb}^{-1}$$

$$p^* = 127 \text{ MeV}/c$$

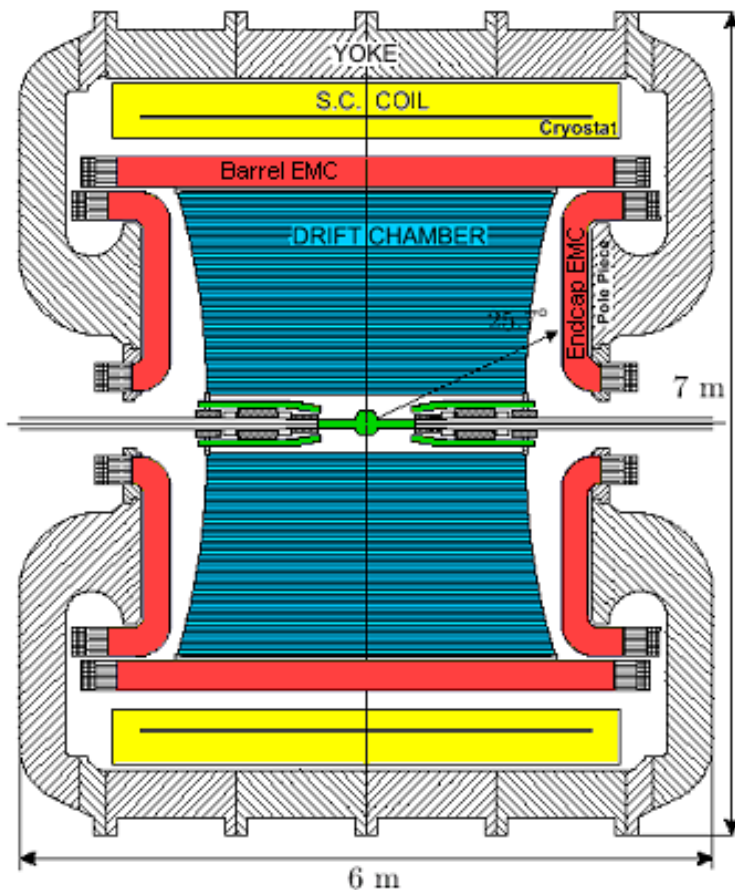
$$\lambda = 95 \text{ cm}$$

$$K_L K_S: 10^6 / \text{pb}^{-1}$$

$$p^* = 110 \text{ MeV}/c$$

$$\lambda_S = 6 \text{ mm} \quad K_S \text{ decays near interaction point}$$

$$\lambda_L = 3.4 \text{ m} \quad \text{Need large detector } (r \sim 0.3 \lambda_L)$$



Be beam pipe

Spherical, small (10 cm \varnothing), thin (0.5 mm)
Instrumented permanent magnet quadrupoles

Drift chamber

Light (MS), large (tracking)

Electromagnetic calorimeter

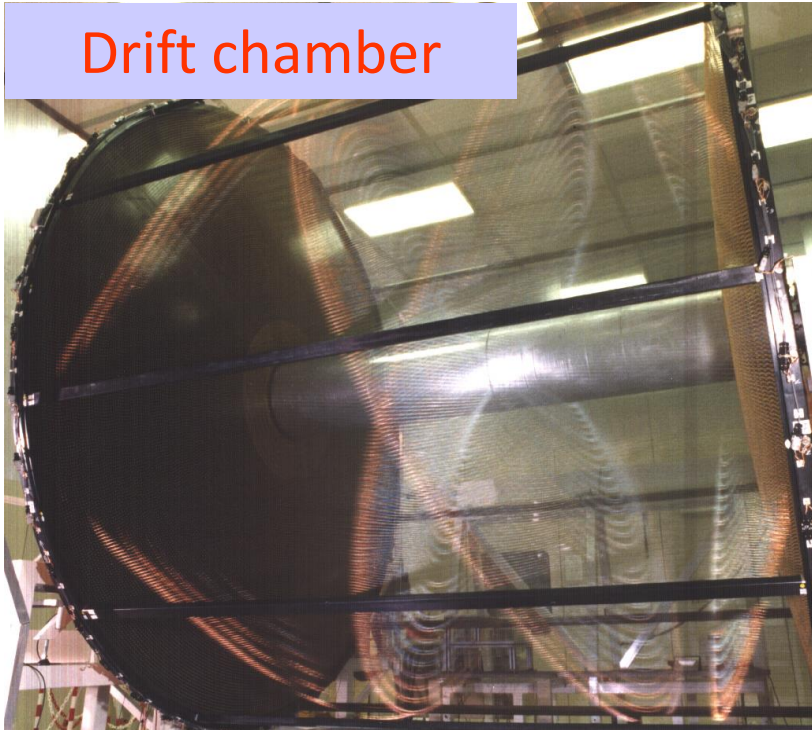
Inside coil. hermeticity, high resolution in E
and time

Superconducting coil

($B = 0.52 \text{ T}$)

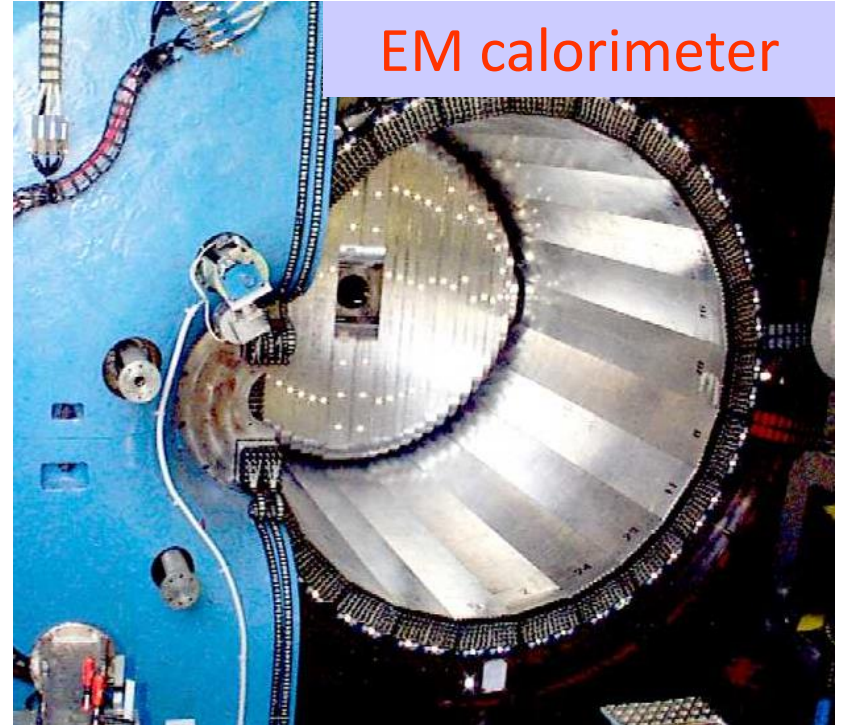
KLOE detector

Drift chamber



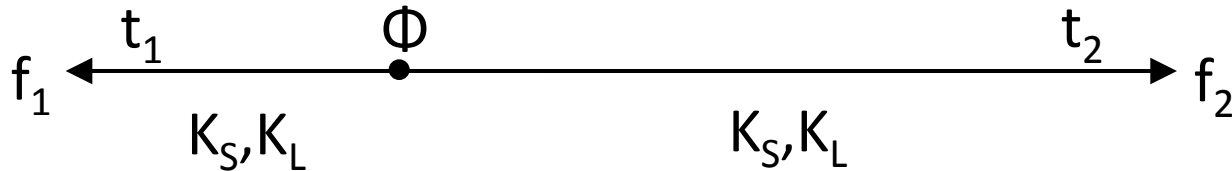
Large (4 m \varnothing \times 3.75 m, C frame)
Very light (gas: 90% He + 10% C₄H₁₀)
12582 stereo–stereo sense wires
 $\sigma_p/p = 0.4 \%$
 $\sigma_x(\text{hit}) = 150 \text{ mm } (xy), 2 \text{ mm } (z)$
 $\sigma_x(\text{vertex}) \sim 1 \text{ mm}$
 $\sigma(m_{\pi\pi}) \sim 1 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

EM calorimeter



Lead/scintillating fibres (1 mm \varnothing), 15 X_0
4880 PMTs
98% solid angle coverage
 $\sigma_E/E = 5.7\% / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$
Excellent time resolution (vertexing):
 $\sigma_t = 54 \text{ ps } / \sqrt{E(\text{GeV})} \oplus 50 \text{ ps}$
 $\sigma_x(\text{vertex})_{yy} \sim 1.5 \text{ cm}$

Interferometry



$$I(f_1, f_2; \Delta t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Delta t}^{\infty} |A(f_1, f_2; \Delta t, t)|^2 dt =$$

$$\frac{1}{2\Gamma} |\langle f_1 | K_S \rangle \langle f_2 | K_S \rangle|^2 \left(|\eta_1|^2 e^{-\Gamma_L \Delta t} + |\eta_2|^2 e^{-\Gamma_S \Delta t} - 2|\eta_1||\eta_2| e^{-\Gamma \Delta t / 2} \cos(\Delta m \Delta t + \phi_1 - \phi_2) \right)$$

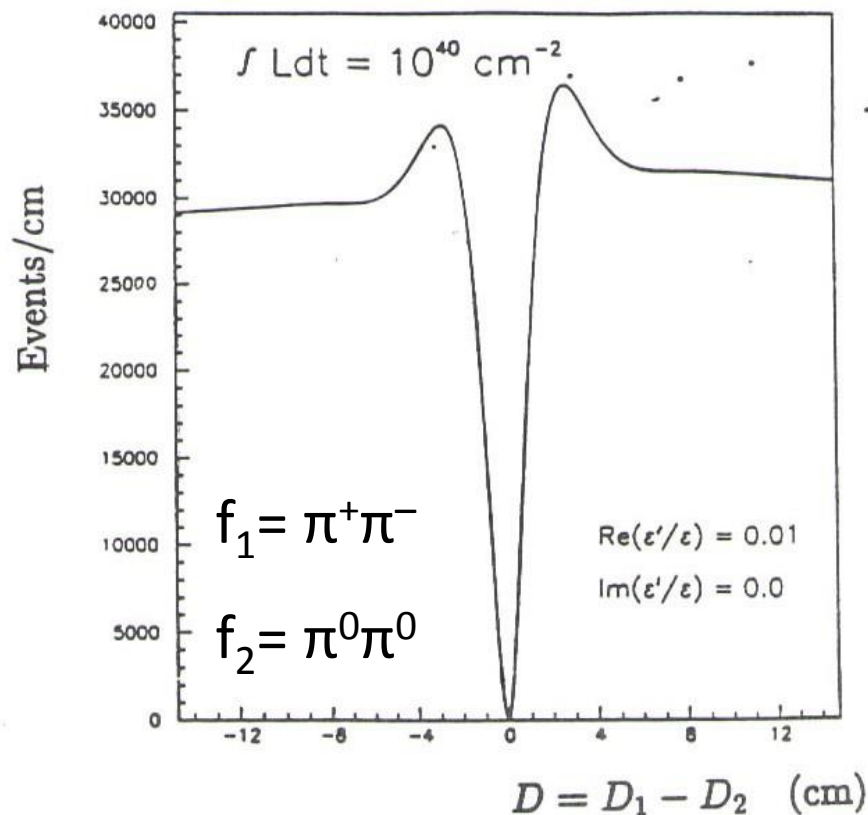
Correlated decays to same or different final states:

- $f_1 = f_2 \Rightarrow \Gamma_L, \Gamma_S, \Delta m$
- $\pi\pi, \pi\pi \Rightarrow \text{Re}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon), \text{Im}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon) \approx 3(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$
- $\pi\ell\nu, \pi\ell\nu \Rightarrow T, \text{CPT}$
- $\pi\pi, \pi\ell\nu \Rightarrow \text{CPT}$

Interferometry

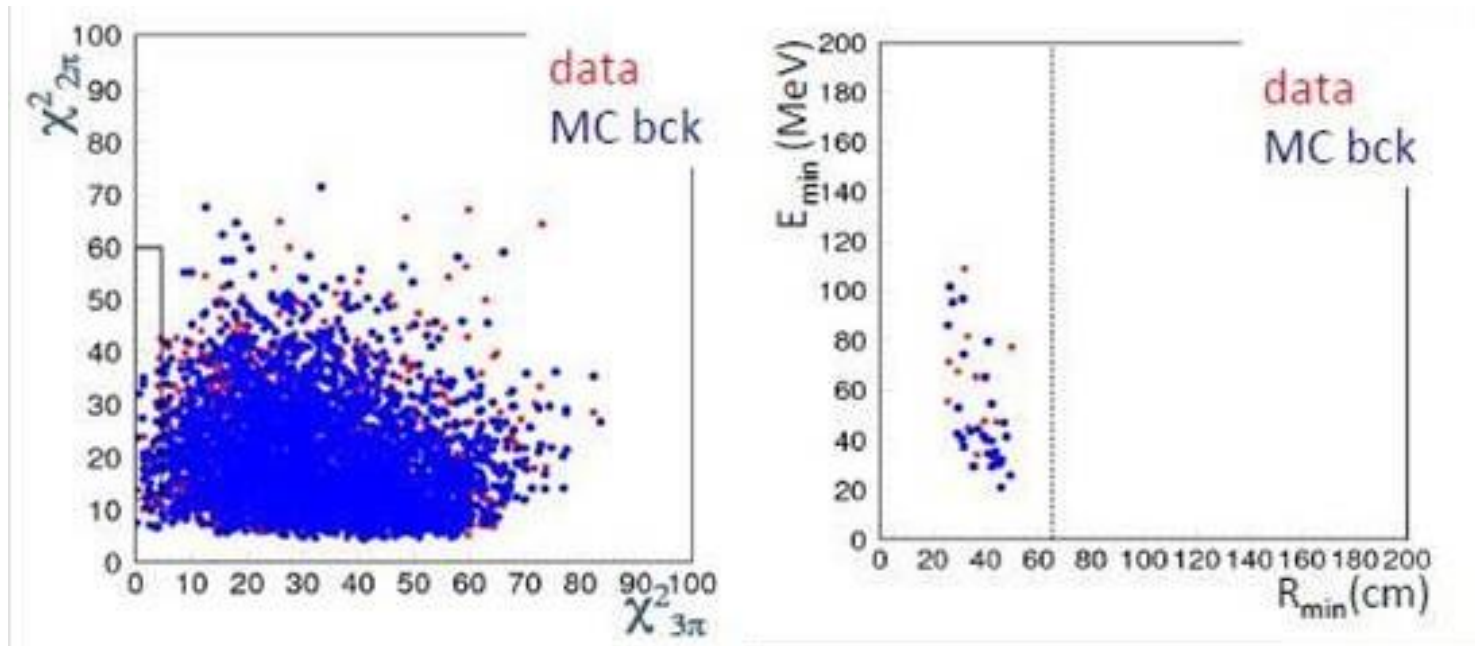
Measure of
 $\text{Im}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon) = (\phi_{+-} - \phi_{00})/3$ by
interferometry
(region $\tau < 10 \tau_S$)

Several tests of CP and CPT



$K_S \rightarrow 3\pi$ at ϕ factories

Search for tagged $K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0$ decays



$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0) < 2.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

No CPV in sight yet

1.7 fb⁻¹ of the statistics

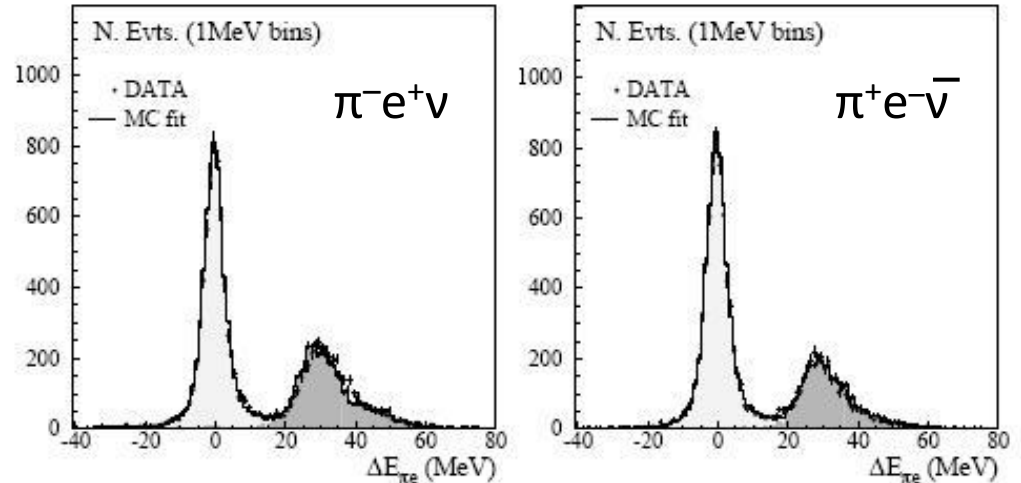
KLOE: $\delta_S(e)$

First measurement of K_S semi-leptonic decays ($K_S \rightarrow \pi \mu \nu$ also seen):

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi e \nu) = (7.028 \pm 0.092) \times 10^{-4}$$

2001-2002 data (410 pb^{-1}):
13K events

(Indirect) CP-violating
charge asymmetry:



$$\delta_S(e) = \frac{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu) - \Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu) + \Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \bar{\nu})} = (1.5 \pm 9.6_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.9_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$\delta_S(\ell)$

$$\delta_S(\ell) = \frac{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu) - \Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \nu) + \Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^- \bar{\nu})}$$

$$\delta_S = 2(\text{Re } \varepsilon + \text{Re } \delta - \text{Re } y + \text{Re } x_-)$$

$$\delta_L = 2(\text{Re } \varepsilon - \text{Re } \delta - \text{Re } y - \text{Re } x_-)$$

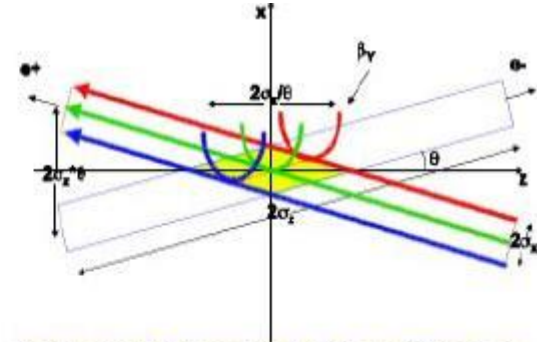
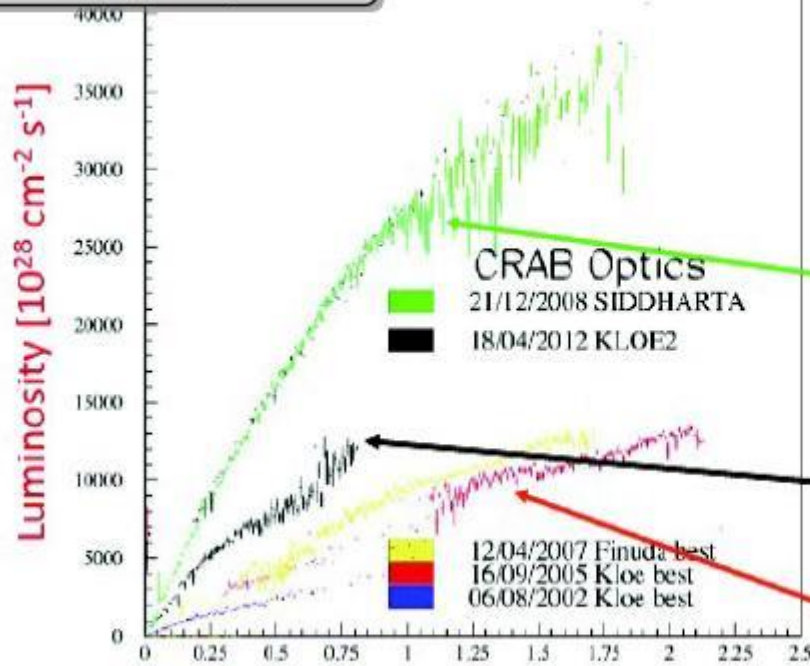
CPV in mixing	CPTV in mixing	CPTV in decay	CPTV and $\Delta S \neq \Delta Q$
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CPT test by comparison to $\delta_L(e)$ (still far from being significant)

Towards KLOE-2

Crabbed waist scheme at DAΦNE

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Crabbed waist is realized with a sextupole in phase with the IP in X and at $\pi/2$ in Y

NEW COLLISION SCHEME:
Large Piwinski angle
Crab-Waist compensation SXTs

Present commissioning phase
New coll. scheme + KLOE det.

Old collision scheme

$$I^+ \cdot I^- \cdot \frac{N_{\text{harmonic}}}{N_{\text{bunches}}} [A^2]$$

max. expected at KLOE-2 : $L_{\text{int}} \sim 20 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{day} \times 200 \text{ dd}/\text{year} = 4 \text{ fb}^{-1} / \text{year}$

Towards KLOE-2

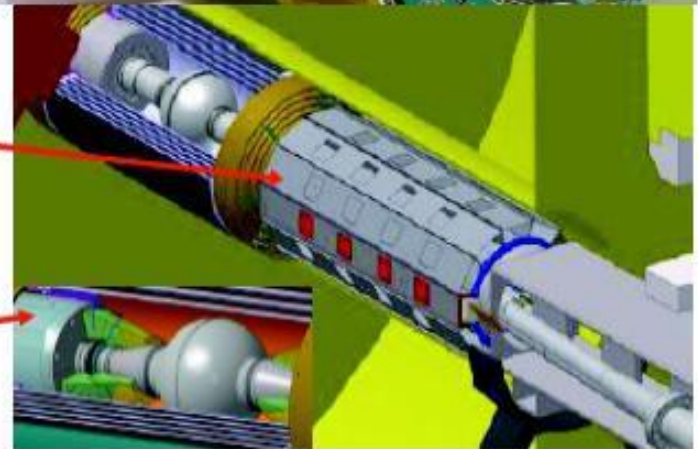
INNER TRACKER

- 4 layers of cylindrical triple GEM
- Better vertex reconstruction near IP
- Larger acceptance for low p_t tracks



QCALT

- W + scintillator tiles + SiPM/WLS
- Low-beta quadrupoles: coverage for K_L decays



CCALT

- LYSO + APD
- Increase acceptance for γ 's from IP ($21^\circ \rightarrow 10^\circ$)

IT: NIMA 628 (2011), 194
QCALT-T: NIMA 617 (2010), 105
CCALT: NPB 197 (2009), 215



Exploring the CKM matrix

Cabibbo angle from K_{l3}

$$\Gamma(K_{l3}(\gamma)) = \frac{C_K^2 G_F^2 M_K^5}{192\pi^3} S_{EW} |V_{us}|^2 |f_+^{K^0\pi^-}(0)|^2 I_{KI}(\lambda) (1 + 2\Delta_K^{SU(2)} + 2\Delta_{KI}^{EM})$$

Measure: radiation-inclusive **BRs** and **lifetimes, form-factors shapes** to compute phase-space integrals I_{KI}

Compute: **vector form-factor scale** at zero momentum transfer $f_+(0)$, universal **short-distance EW correction** S_{EW} , channel-dependent **isospin-breaking** $\Delta^{SU(2)}$ and **long-distance EM** Δ^{EM} corrections

Extract: modulus $|V_{us}|$

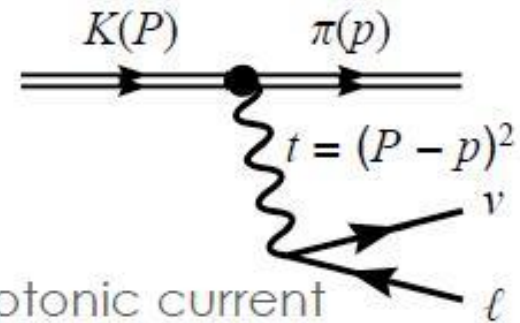
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu$ (5.1%)	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu$ (3.4%)	10^5 - 10^7 events samples $\sim 0.1\%$ background (for K^+ , K_L)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^\mp \nu$ (41%)	$K_L \rightarrow \pi^\pm \mu^\mp \nu$ (27%)	
$K_S \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^\mp \nu$ ($7 \cdot 10^{-4}$)		

The small print...

Hadronic matrix element:

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

f_- term multiplied by m_ℓ when contracted with leptonic current



Ke3 decays: Only **vector form factor**: $\tilde{f}_+(t)$

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

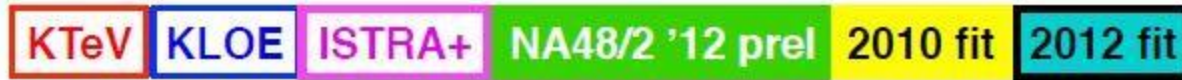
$f_+(0)$ cannot be directly measured, therefore the form factors are normalised to $f_+(0)$:

$$\tilde{f}_+(t) = \frac{f_+(t)}{f_+(0)}$$

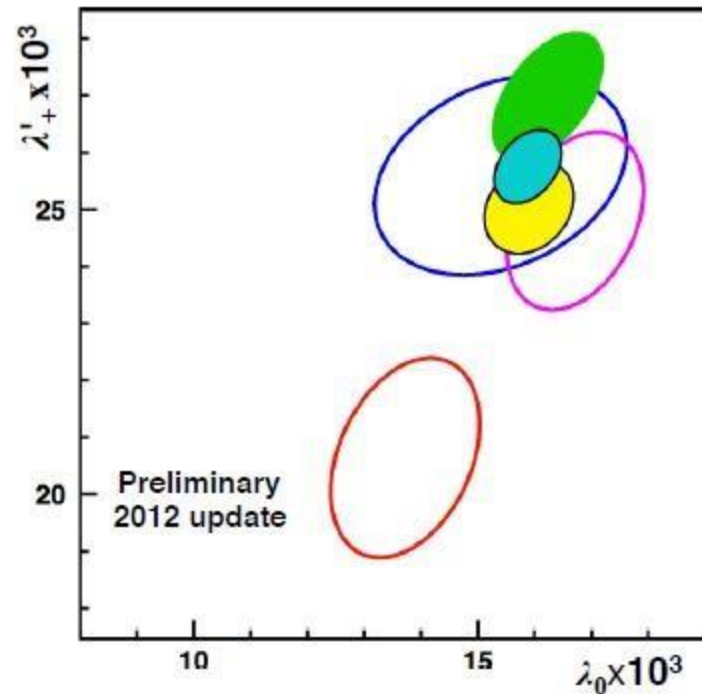
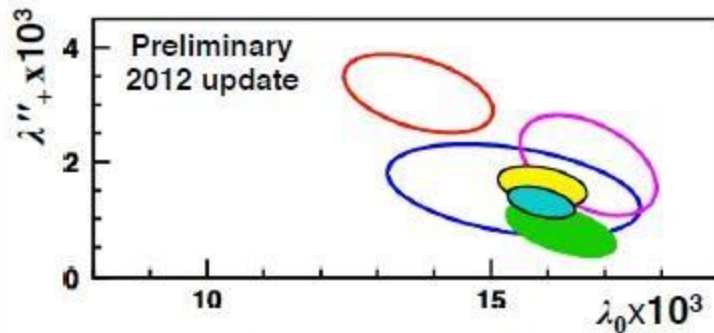
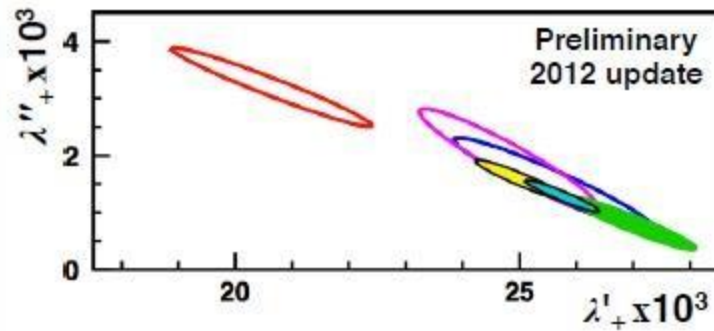
$$\tilde{f}_0(t) = \frac{f_0(t)}{f_+(0)}$$

For V_{us} , need integral over phase space of squared matrix element
 Parameterize form factors and fit distributions in t (or related variables)

K_{l3} form factors

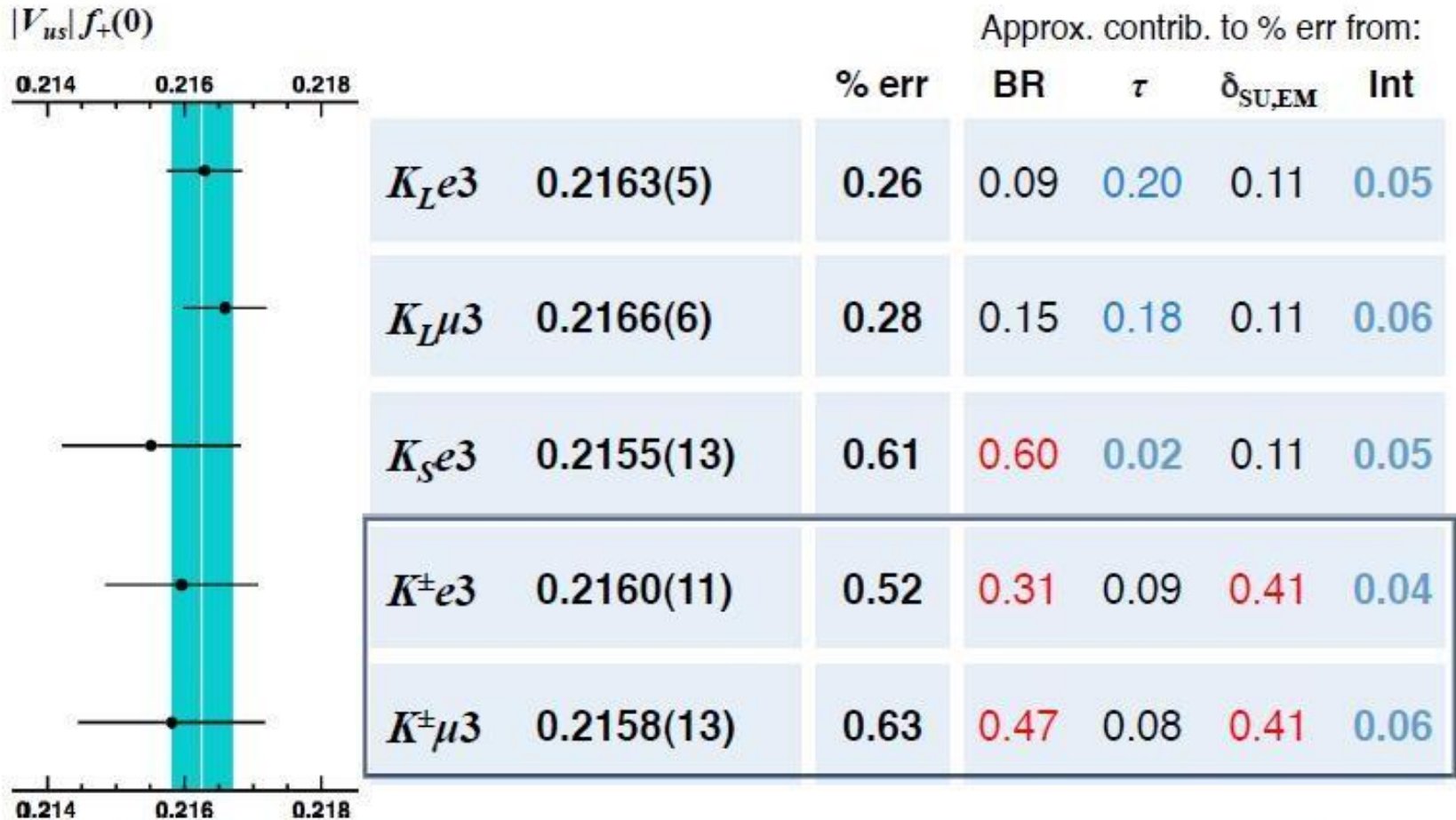


1σ confidence contours



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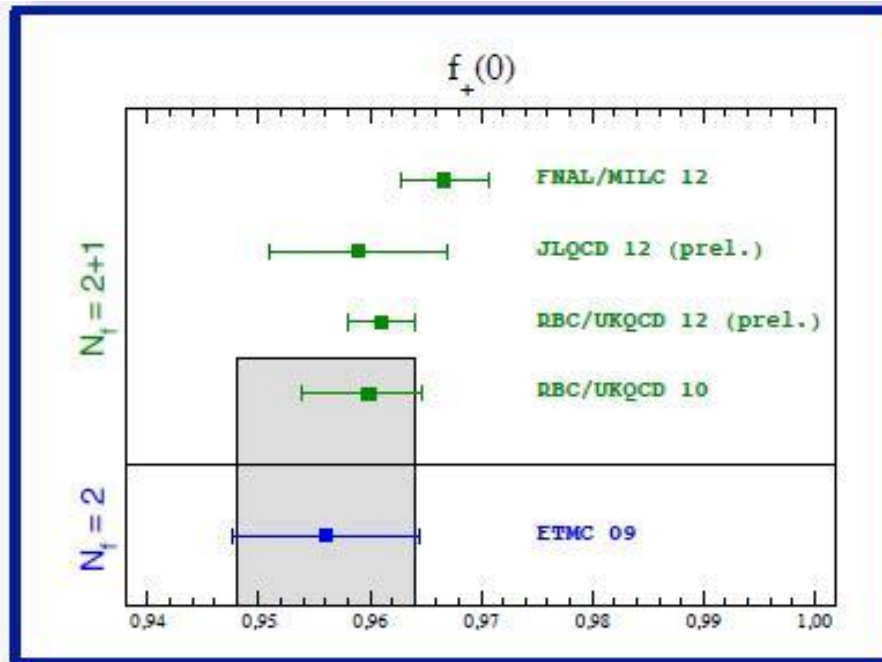
Cabibbo angle (almost...)



Average: $|V_{us}|f_+(0) = 0.2163(5)$ $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 0.84/4$ (93%)

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The lattice contribution: $f_+(0)$



FNAL/MILC 12	0.967(3)
JLQCD 12	0.959(8)
RBC/UKQCD 12	$\approx 0.961(3)$
RBC/UKQCD 10	0.959(5)
ETMC 09	0.956(8)

Preliminary results
RBC/UKQCD 12 and JLQCD 12
not included in the averages

$$f_+(0) = 0.956(8) \quad (\text{FLAG-1})$$



$$f_+(0) = 0.964(3)$$

The lattice errors: $f_+(0)$

	ETMC 09	RBC-UKQCD 10	FNAL/MILC 12
Chiral/ q^2 extrap.	0.38	0.40	0.30
Discretization	0.39	0.15	0.10
Finite Volume	0.19	----	0.10
Other	0.29 (Nf=2)	----	0.06 (scale)
TOTAL SYST.	0.64	0.43	0.34
STATISTICAL	0.60	0.35	0.24
TOTAL	0.88	0.55	0.41

Cabibbo angle from K_{l2} & π_{l2}

$$\frac{\Gamma_{K_{\ell 2}}}{\Gamma_{\pi_{\ell 2}}} = \frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} \frac{f_K^2}{f_\pi^2} \frac{m_K (1 - m_\ell^2/m_K^2)^2}{m_\pi (1 - m_\ell^2/m_\pi^2)^2} (1 + \delta_{EM})$$

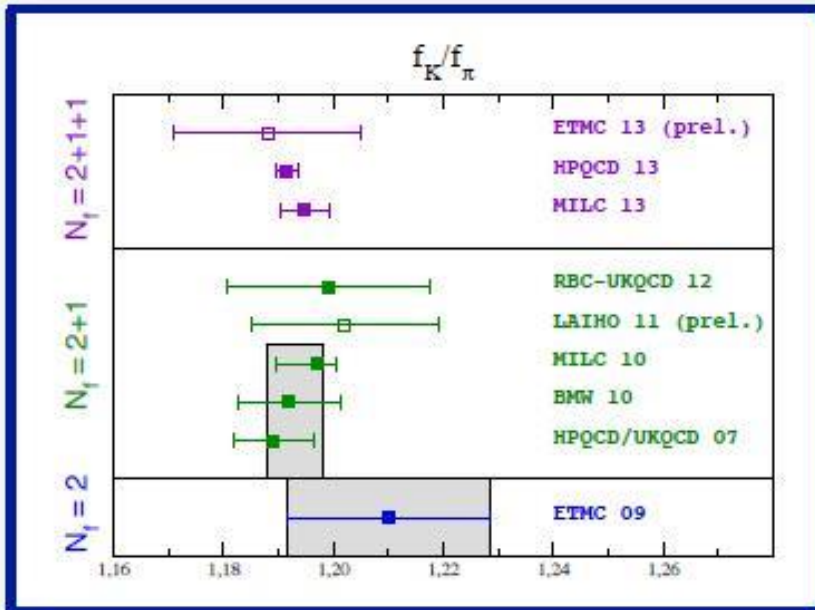
Measure: radiation-inclusive **ratio of BRs**

Compute: ratio of K, π decay constants, channel-dependent **long-distance EM** δ_{EM} corrections

Extract: ratio $|V_{us}|/|V_{ud}|$

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The lattice contribution: f_K/f_π



ETMC 13 (prel.)	1.188(17)
HPQCD 13	1.192(2)
MILC 13	1.195(5)
RBC-UKQCD 12	1.199(18) [*]
LAIHO 11 (prel.)	1.202(17)
MILC 10	1.197(+4-7)
BMW 10	1.192(9) [*]
HPQCD/UKQCD 07	1.189(7) [*]
ETMC 09	1.210(18) [*]

$$f_K / f_\pi = 1.210(18) \quad (N_f=2)$$

$$f_K / f_\pi = 1.193(5) \quad (N_f=2+1)$$

$$f_K / f_\pi = 1.192(2) \quad (N_f=2+1+1)$$



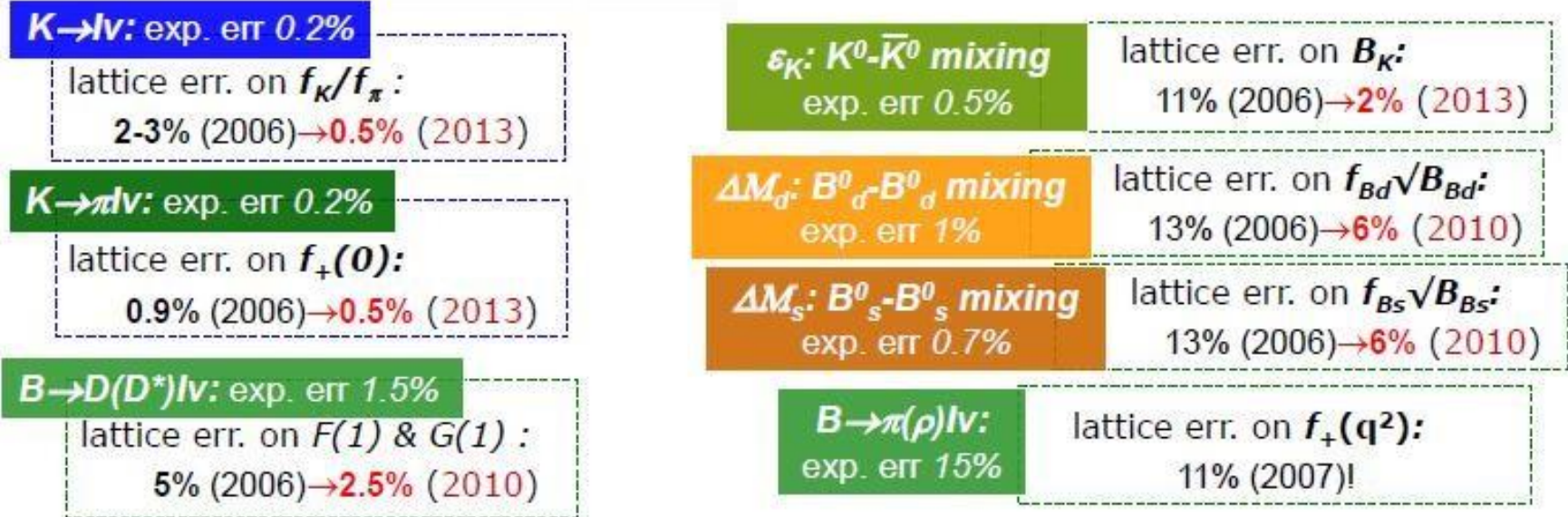
$$f_K / f_\pi = 1.192(2)$$

$$\text{w/out HPQCD13: } f_K / f_\pi = 1.194(4)$$

The lattice errors: f_K/f_π

	RBC-UKQCD 12	ETMC 13 (preliminary)	MILC 13	HPQCD 13
Chiral extrap.	0.58	≥ 0.90	----	0.03
Discretization	----	0.79	0.28	0.10
Finite Volume	0.97	0.09	0.14	0.02
Other	----	0.29	0.02	0.08
TOTAL SYST.	1.13	1.24	0.31	0.13
STATISTICAL	0.97	0.74	0.22	0.13
TOTAL	1.49	1.44	0.38	0.18

Theory vs. experiment





What about charged Kaons?

Hadronic production: charged K

K^\pm beams readily obtained as secondary beams

Magnetic selection based on charge and momentum:

unseparated positive beam contains: $p, \pi^+, K^+, \mu^+, e^+, \dots$ ($\pi/K \sim 0.1$)

K can be *tagged* by velocity measurement, e.g. TOF or Čerenkov

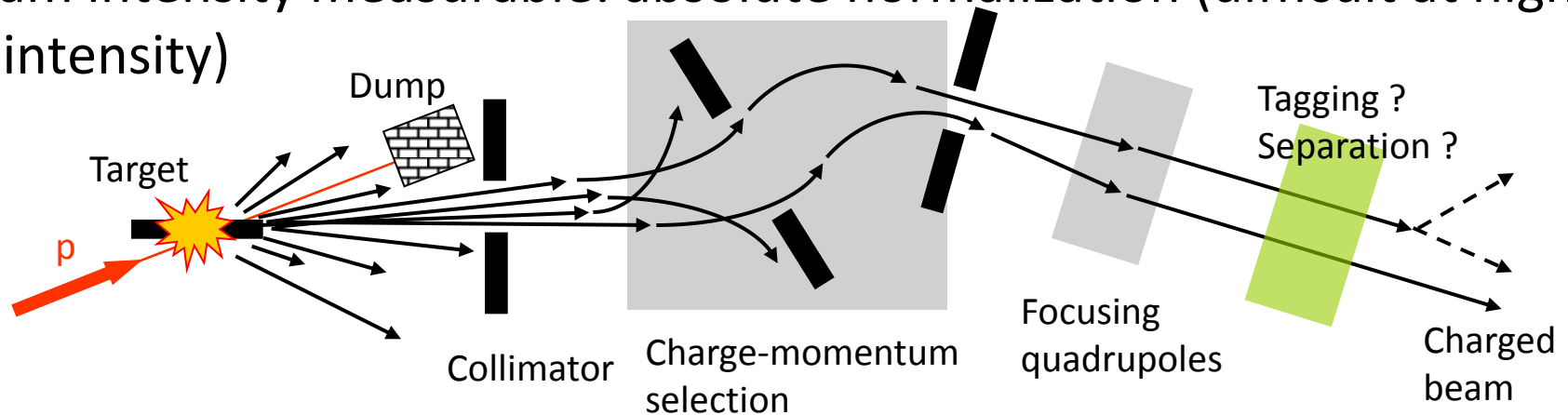
Beams can be *separated* to enrich K component with:

Electrostatic separators ≈ 1 GeV/c

RF separators (Panofsky) ≈ 10 -60 GeV/c

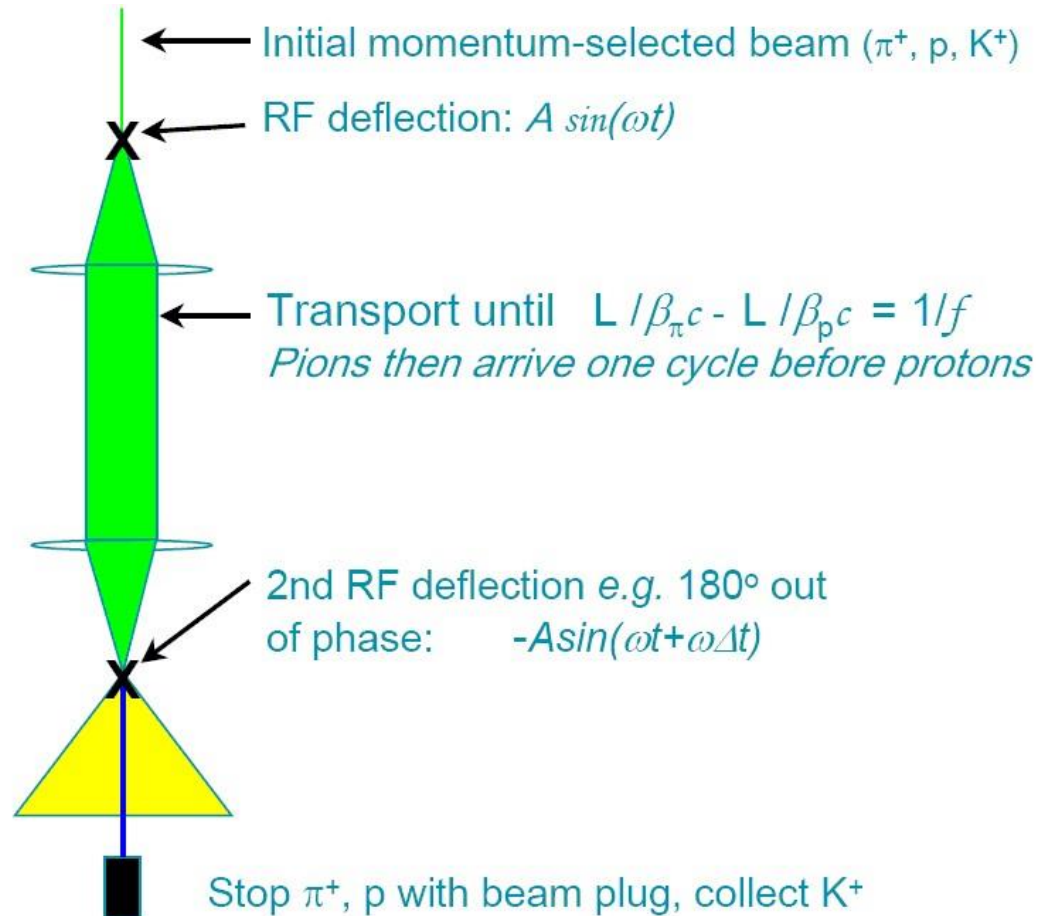
to obtain e.g. $K/\pi \sim 3$ to 10

Beam intensity measurable: absolute normalization (difficult at high intensity)



RF-separation (Panofsky)

Requires RF cavities with intense fields (SC)
Allows to greatly enhance K with respect to π and p, at the expense of beam intensity.
Practically limited to momenta below few tens of GeV.



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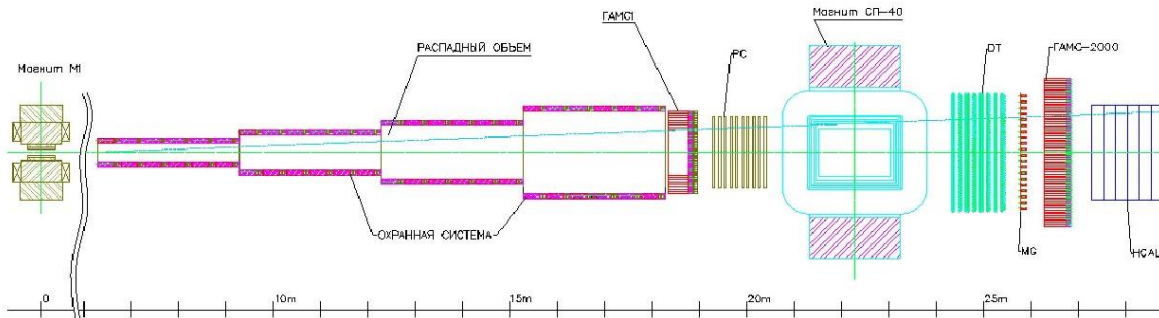
K[±] beams

Unseparated charged K beam at CERN SPS
Up to $3 \cdot 10^{12}$ ppp (400 GeV)
 $5.5 \cdot 10^7$ particles/pulse in beam (6% K)
60 GeV/c narrow band ($\pm 5\%$)
K⁺ and K⁻ simultaneous, superimposed.

Used in 2003-2004 by NA48/2 experiment.
 10^{11} K decays per year collected.



Using CERN-Karlsruhe SC cavities



RF-separated charged K beam
at U-70 PS in Protvino.

10^{13} ppp (70 GeV)
 $8 \cdot 10^6$ particles/pulse (>50% K)
15 GeV/c K⁺ or K⁻ alternated.
Used for OKA experiment at
Protvino.

CP violation in $K_{\pi 3}$ decays (why?)

- CPV for charged particles is **direct**
- Most common decay modes which can exhibit CPV:

$$K^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \nu \quad \times$$

$$K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^0 \quad \times$$

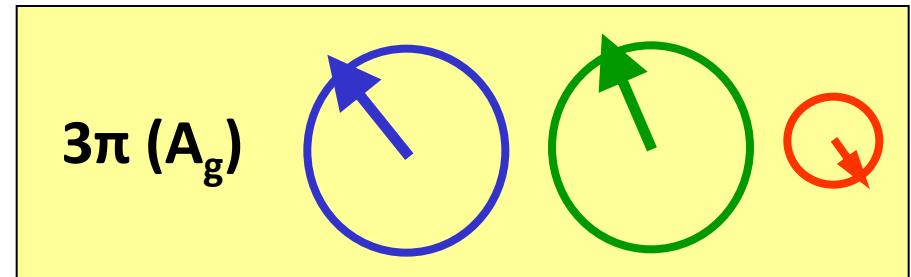
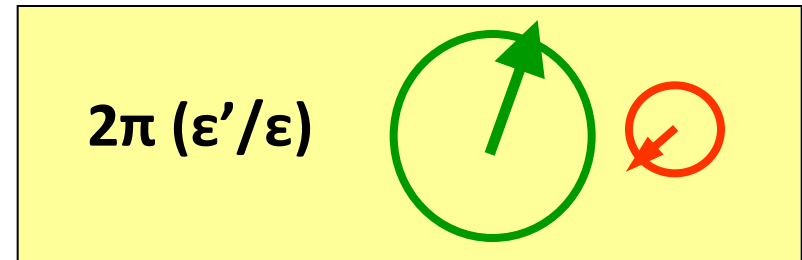
$$K^{\pm} \rightarrow 3\pi \quad \checkmark$$

Large statistics, easy selection,
small backgrounds

Hadronic uncertainties, small FSI phases

→ Small asymmetries in SM

No intrinsic $\Delta I=1/2$
suppression
(as it happens in ϵ'/ϵ)



$K_{\pi 3}$ decays

$$\text{BR}(K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^+ \pi^-) = 5.57\%$$

“charged”

$$\text{BR}(K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^0 \pi^0) = 1.73\%.$$

“neutral”

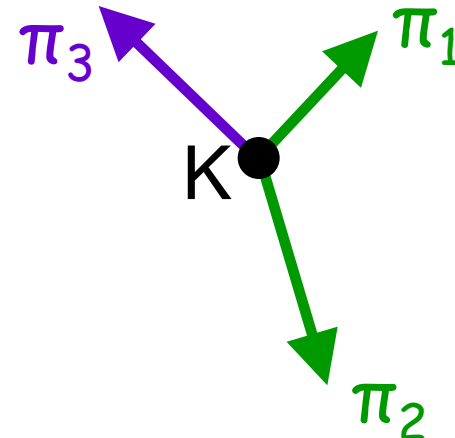
Kinematics:

$$s_i = (P_K - P_{\pi_i})^2 \quad i=1,2,3 \quad (3=\text{odd } \pi)$$

$$s_0 = (s_1 + s_2 + s_3)/3$$

$$u = (s_3 - s_0)/m_{\pi}^2 = 2m_K (m_K/3 - E_{\text{odd}}^*)/m_{\pi}^2$$

$$v = (s_2 - s_1)/m_{\pi}^2 = 2m_K (E_1^* - E_2^*)/m_{\pi}^2$$



Matrix element:

$$|M(u,v)|^2 \sim 1 + g u + h u^2 + k v^2$$

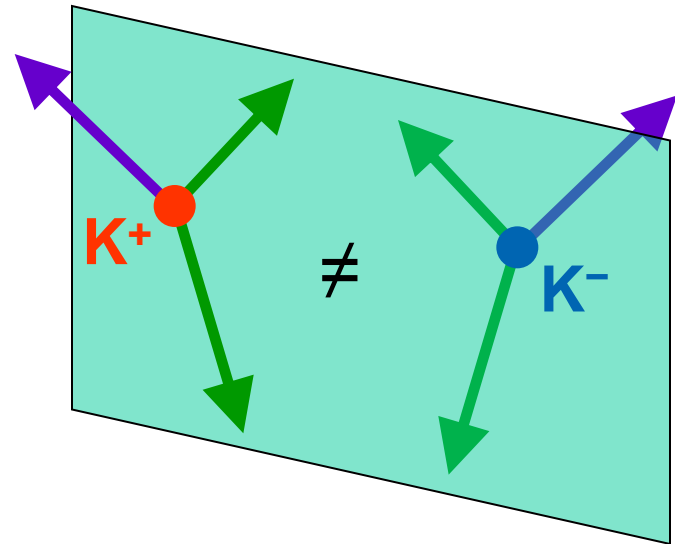
$$K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^+ \pi^- \quad g = -0.2154 \pm 0.0035$$

$$K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^0 \pi^0 \quad g = 0.652 \pm 0.031$$

$$|h|, |k| \ll |g|$$

CP violation in K_{π^3} (how)

No absolute K flux measurement: compare only Dalitz plot shapes



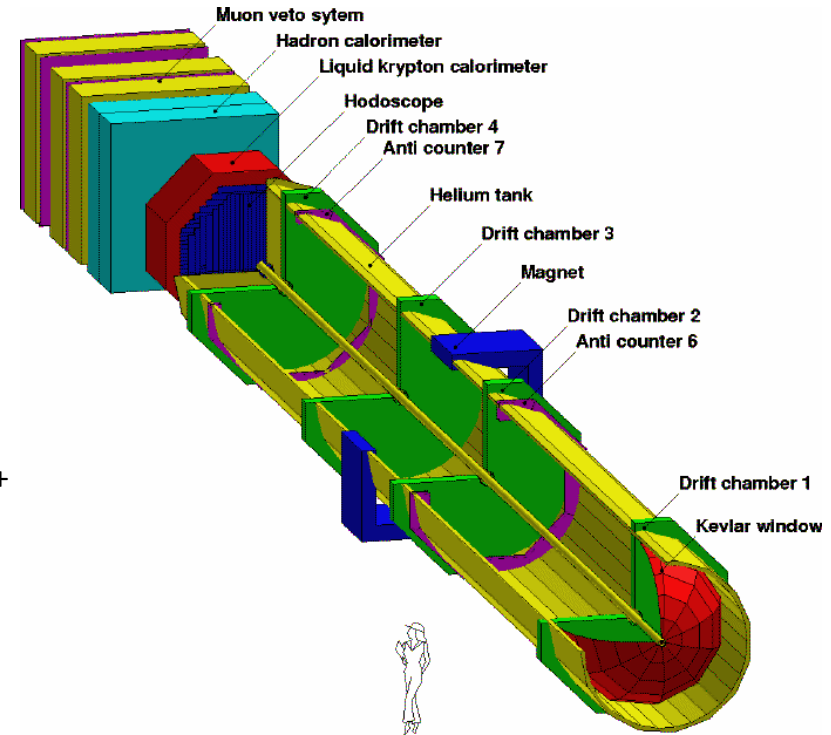
Measured CP-violating quantity:

$$A_g = (g_+ - g_-) / (g_+ + g_-) \neq 0 ?$$

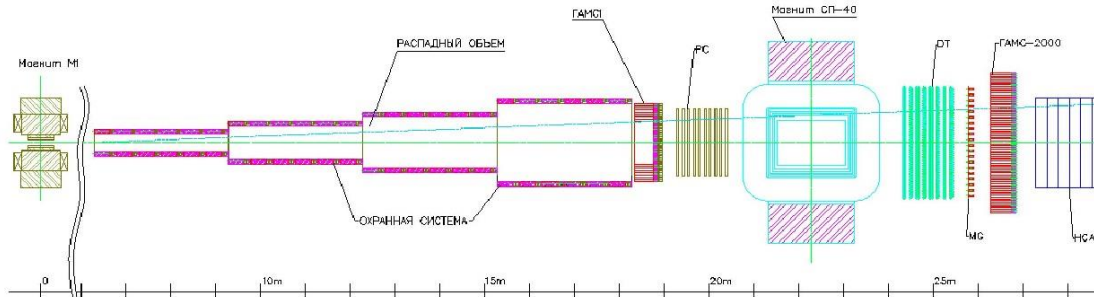


NA48/2 @ CERN exploit maximally all cancellations (robustness)

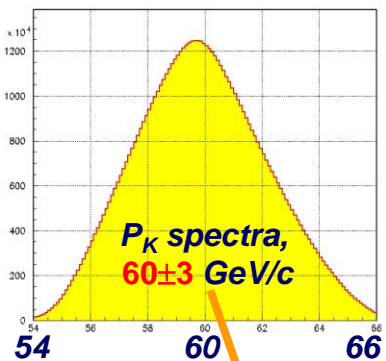
- K^+ and K^- beams: **simultaneous**, **overlapping** in space, with narrow momentum spectra
- Slope asymmetries on **ratios** of normalized u distributions
- **Equalization** of averaged acceptances for K^+ and K^- with frequent inversions of magnetic field polarities



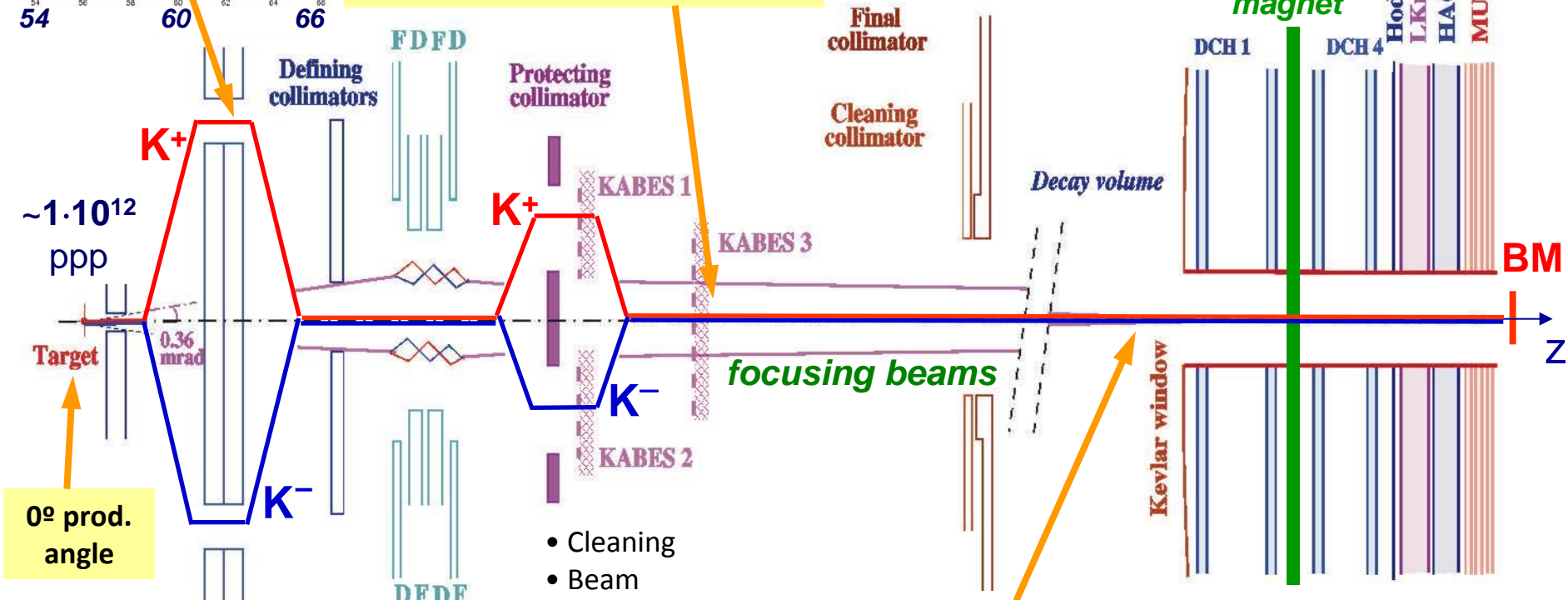
Alternate proposal (Protvino) OKA (not done):
alternate separated beams: K^{\pm} 15 GeV/c



NA48/2 beams



$2 \div 3$ M K/spill ($\pi/K \sim 12$)
 π decay products stay in pipe



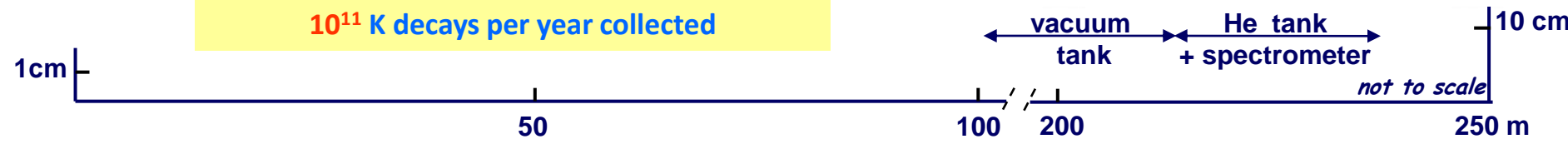
0° prod. angle

- Momentum selection
- Focusing
- μ sweeping

- Cleaning
- Beam spectrometer (0.7%)

Beams coincide within ~ 1 mm
all along 114m decay volume,
always in vacuum

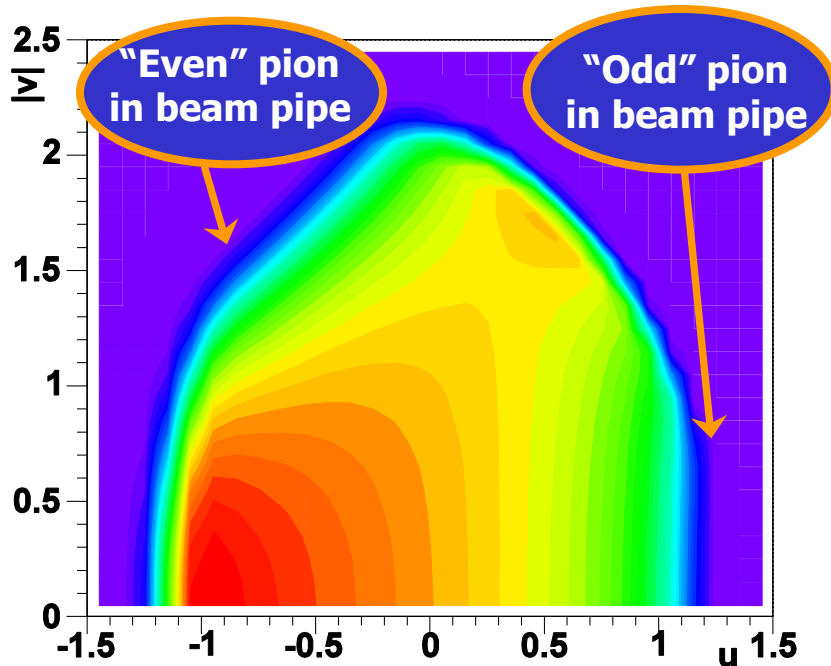
10^{11} K decays per year collected



NA48/2: $K^\pm \rightarrow 3\pi$

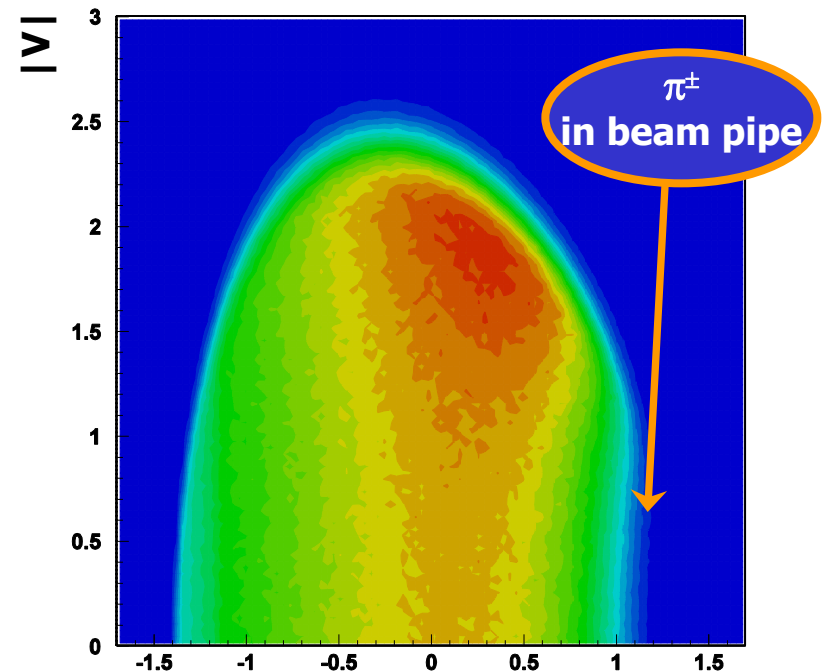
Data-taking 2003-04: $3.1 \times 10^9 + 9.1 \times 10^7$ selected events ($K^+/K^- \approx 1.8$)
Negligible backgrounds, complementary analyses (detectors) of two modes.
Exploit multiple cancellations of instrumental effects with magnetic field inversions and simultaneous beams.

$3.1 \cdot 10^9 K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$



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$9.1 \cdot 10^7 K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \pi^0$



Flavour Physics: The Kaon sector

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NA48/2: CPV in $K_{\pi 3}$

Final results (2003+2004)

Ag(C)

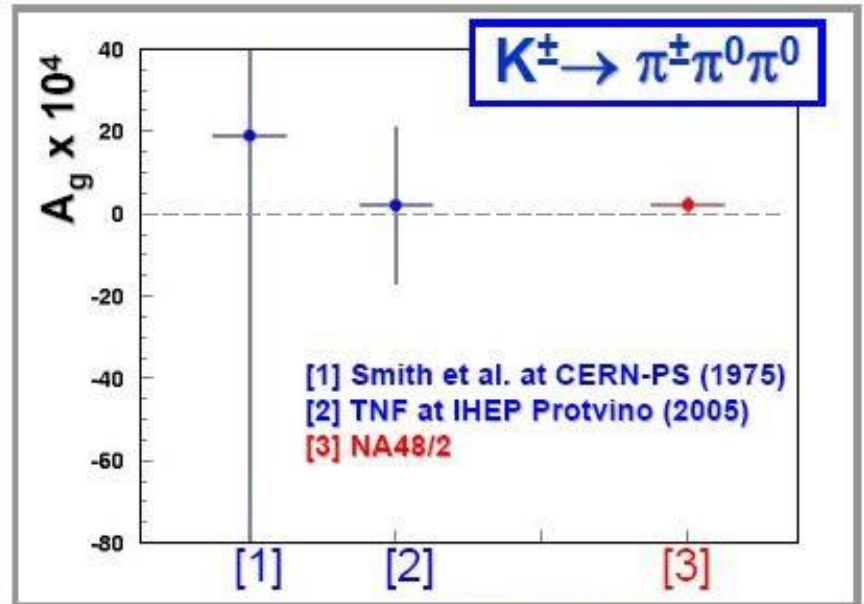
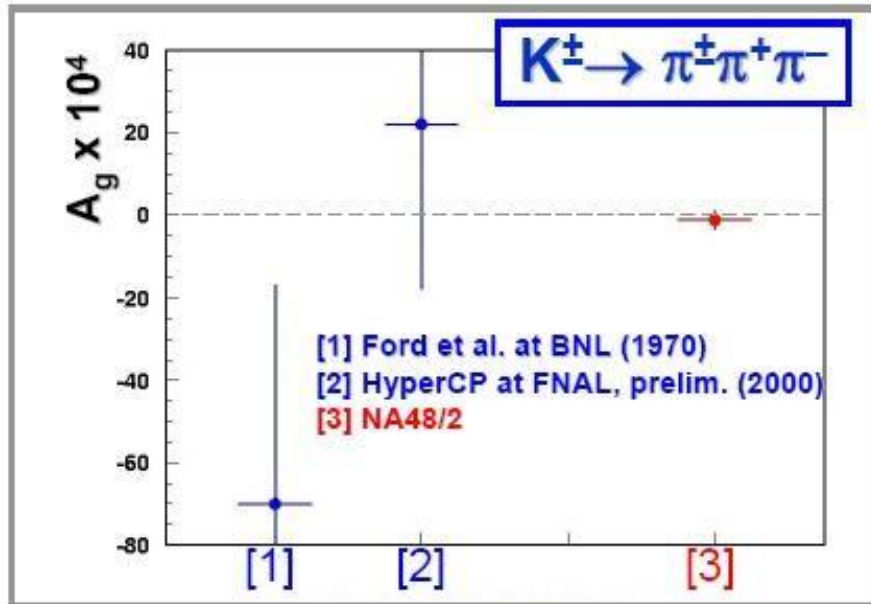
$$= (-1.5 \pm 1.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.9_{\text{trig}} \pm 1.1_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-4}$$
$$= (-1.5 \pm 2.1) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

($3.1 \cdot 10^9$ decays)

Ag(N)

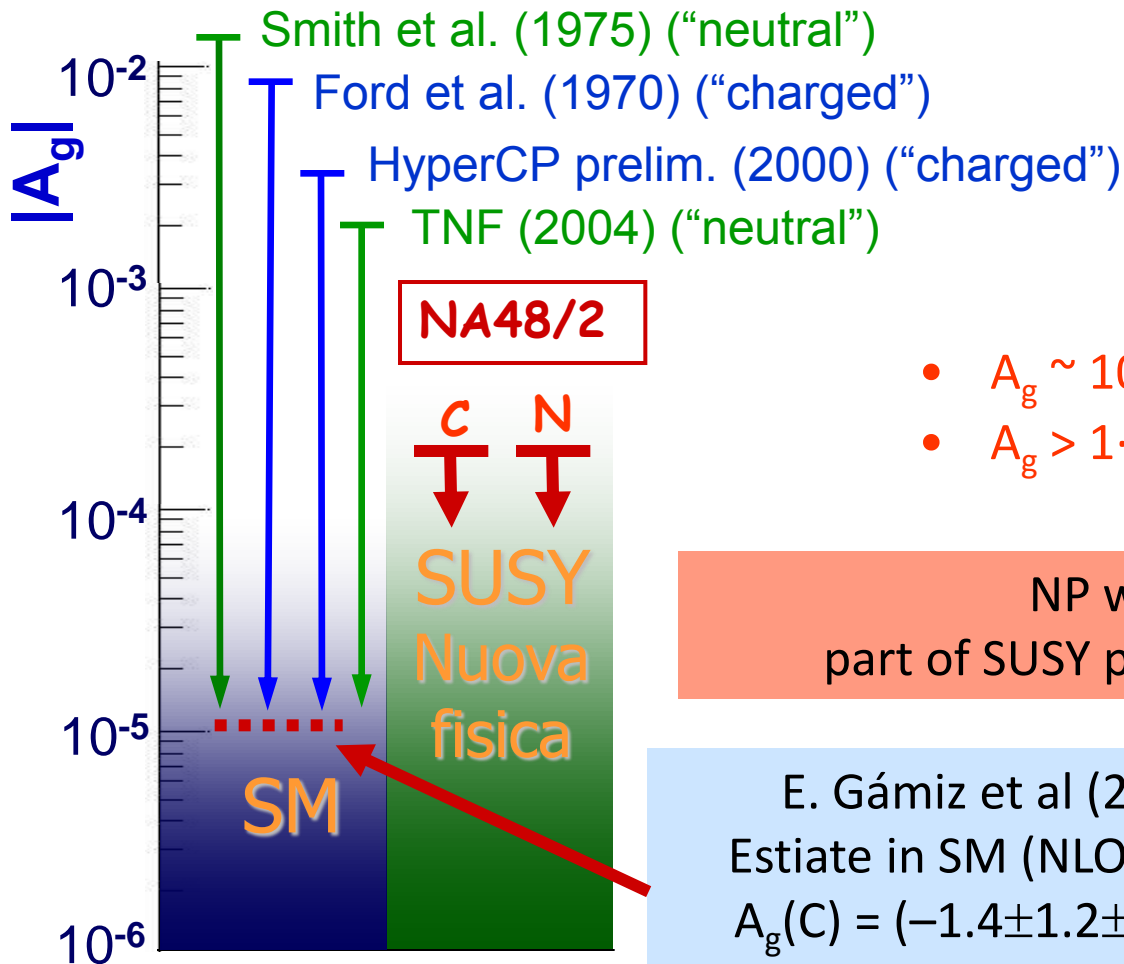
$$= (1.8 \pm 1.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.5_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-4}$$
$$= (1.8 \pm 1.8) \cdot 10^{-4}$$

($9.1 \cdot 10^7$ decays)



Statistical errors dominate. Improvement x10. No CPV.

K^\pm asymmetries and SM



THEORY:

SM contribution: several computations
 Large hadronic uncertainties
 (~ 1 order of magnitude)
 Possible enhancements
 beyond SM

- $A_g \sim 10^{-5}$ compatible with SM
- $A_g > 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$ SUSY / New Physics

NP window “closed”
 part of SUSY parameter space excluded

E. Gámiz et al (2003)
 Estimate in SM (NLO ChPT):
 $A_g(C) = (-1.4 \pm 1.2 \pm ?) \cdot 10^{-5}$
 $A_g(N) = (1.1 \pm 0.7 \pm ?) \cdot 10^{-5}$

K^\pm asymmetries and SM

- 👉 Δg_C dominated by $\text{Im } G_8$ (NLO effects $\simeq (20 - 30\%)$)
 - ➡ Final uncertainty mainly from $\text{Im } G_8$ ●

$$\Delta g_C = -(2.4 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-5}$$

Measurement ➡ Check of consistency with ε'_K !

- 👉 SM prefers values of $(-0.1 > \Delta g_C > -0.4) \times 10^{-4}$ ●
 - If experimental limit $\leq -1 \times 10^{-4}$ or $\geq 0.5 \times 10^{-4}$
 - ➡ New Physics ●

CP/CPT violation in $\Delta\Gamma$

Need twin beams
 Need absolute flux
 normalization:
 very hard experimentally
 Anyway generally
 suppressed asymmetries

$(\Gamma(K^+) - \Gamma(K^-)) / \Gamma(K)$						
$K^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu_\mu$ RATE DIFFERENCE/AVERAGE						
Test of <i>CPT</i> conservation.						
<u>VALUE (%)</u>		<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>			
-0.54 ± 0.41		FORD	67	CNTR		
$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$ RATE DIFFERENCE/AVERAGE						
Test of <i>CP</i> conservation.						
<u>VALUE (%)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>CHG</u>		
0.08 ± 0.12		⁸ FORD	70	ASPK		
$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \pi^0$ RATE DIFFERENCE/AVERAGE						
Test of <i>CP</i> conservation.						
<u>VALUE (%)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>CHG</u>		
0.0 ± 0.6 OUR AVERAGE						
0.08 ± 0.58		SMITH	73	ASPK	±	
-1.1 ± 1.8	1802	HERZO	69	OSPK		
$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0$ RATE DIFFERENCE/AVERAGE						
Test of <i>CPT</i> conservation.						
<u>VALUE (%)</u>		<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>			
0.8 ± 1.2		HERZO	69	OSPK		
$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ RATE DIFFERENCE/AVERAGE						
Test of <i>CP</i> conservation.						
<u>VALUE (%)</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	
0.9 ± 3.3 OUR AVERAGE						
0.8 ± 5.8	2461	SMITH	76	WIRE	±	E_π 55-90 MeV
1.0 ± 4.0	4000	ABRAMS	73B	ASPK	±	E_π 51-100 MeV

CP violation in Dalitz plot

Need twin beams
 Δg not necessarily the best quantity (what is “g”?)
 Measured interference in $\pi\pi\gamma$ opens up new possibility: $\Delta(\partial\sigma/\partial E\gamma)$

$$(g_+ - g_-) / (g_+ + g_-) \text{ FOR } K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$$

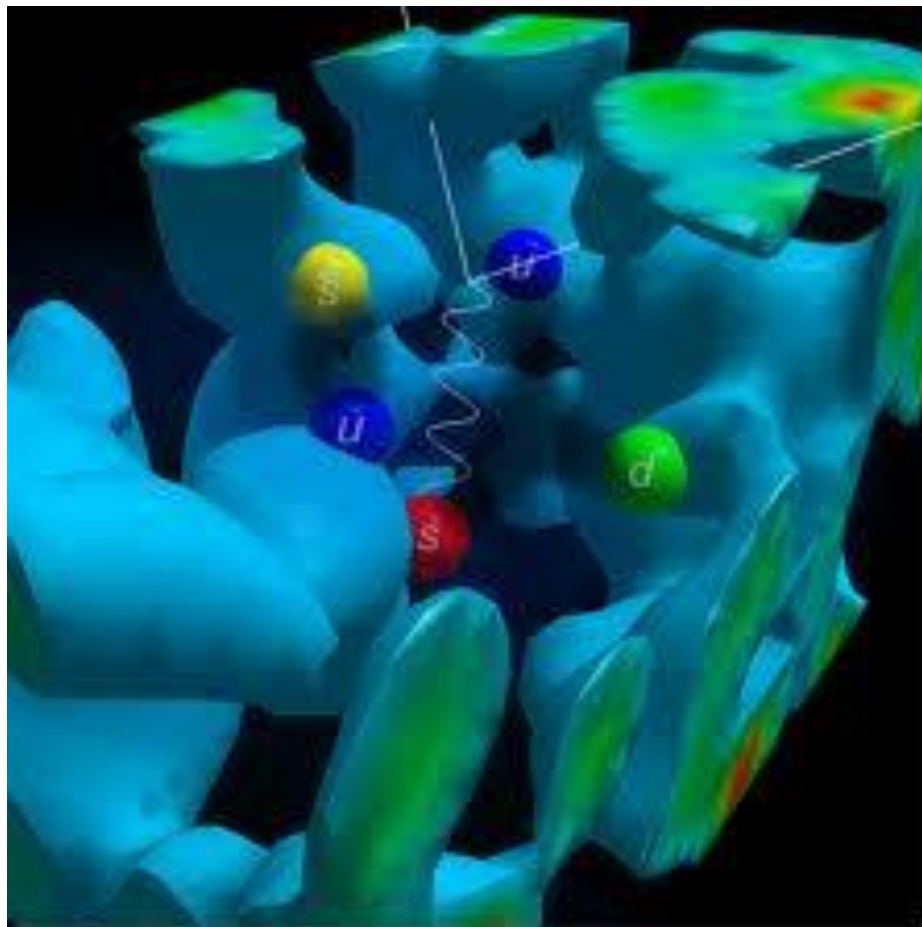
This is a CP violating asymmetry between linear coefficients g_+ for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay and g_- for $K^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay.

VALUE (units 10^{-4})	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN
- 1.5 ± 1.5 ± 1.6	3.1G	93 BATLEY	07E NA48

$$(g_+ - g_-) / (g_+ + g_-) \text{ FOR } K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \pi^0$$

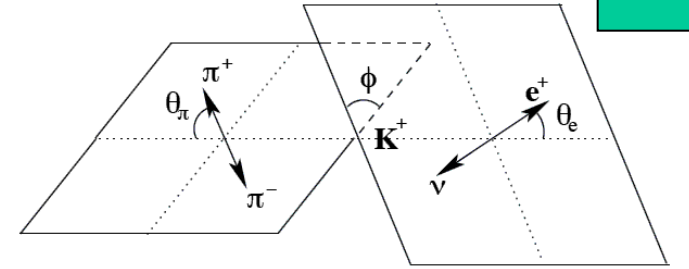
A nonzero value for this quantity indicates CP violation.

VALUE (units 10^{-4})	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN
1.8 ± 1.8 OUR AVERAGE			
1.8 ± 1.7 ± 0.6	91.3M	99 BATLEY	07E NA48
2 ± 18 ± 5	619k	100 AKOPDZHAN..05	TNF



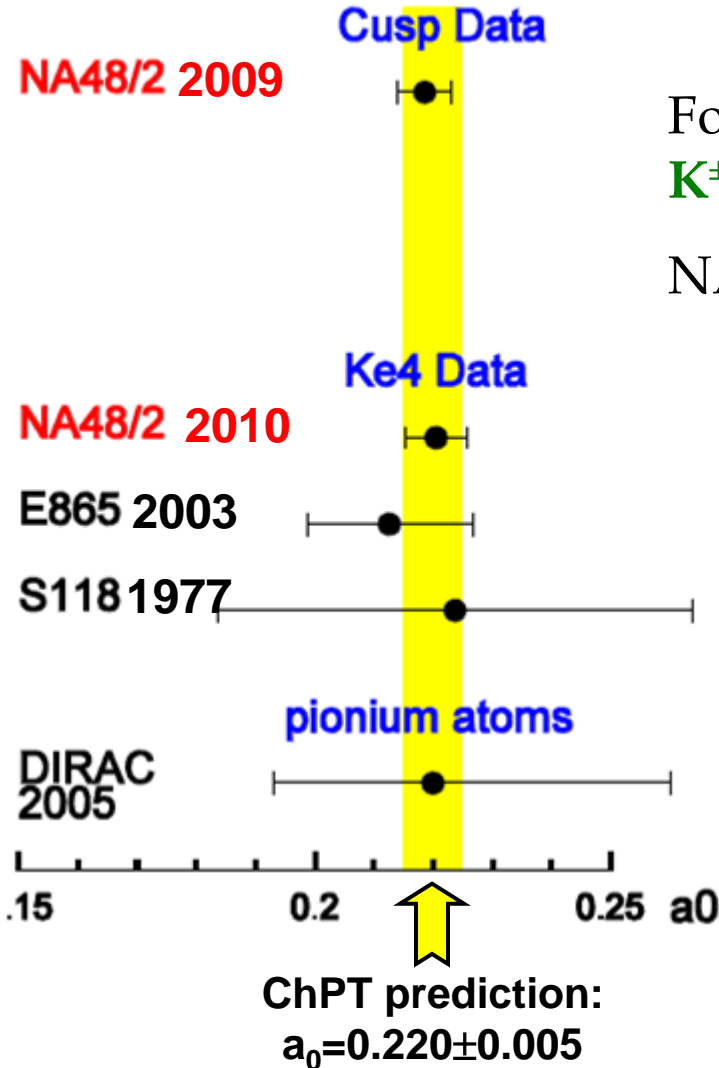
Learning about QCD

QCD from K: old way



Form factor analysis of $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^\pm \nu$ (Ke4) decays

NA48/2 largest world statistics: $1.13 \cdot 10^6$ events

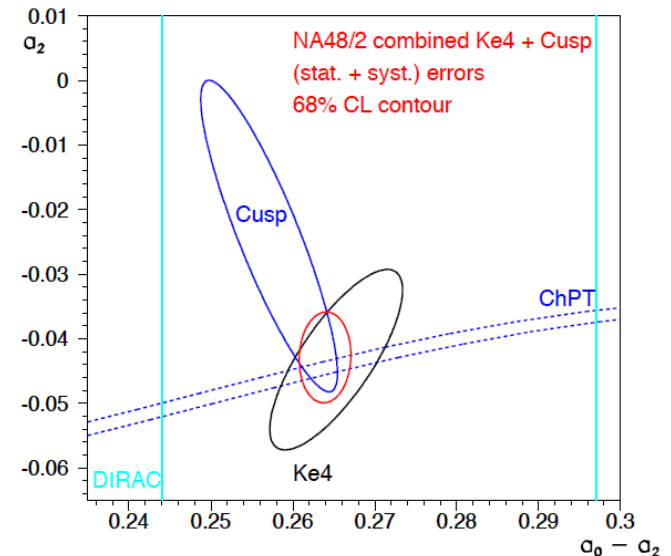


$$a_0 = 0.2210 \pm 0.0047_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0040_{\text{syst}}$$

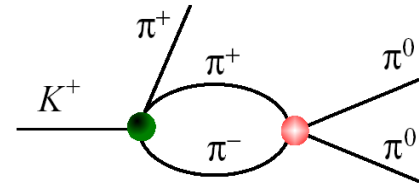
$$a_2 = -0.0429 \pm 0.0044_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0028_{\text{syst}}$$

$$a_0 - a_2 = 0.2639 \pm 0.0020_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0015_{\text{syst}}$$

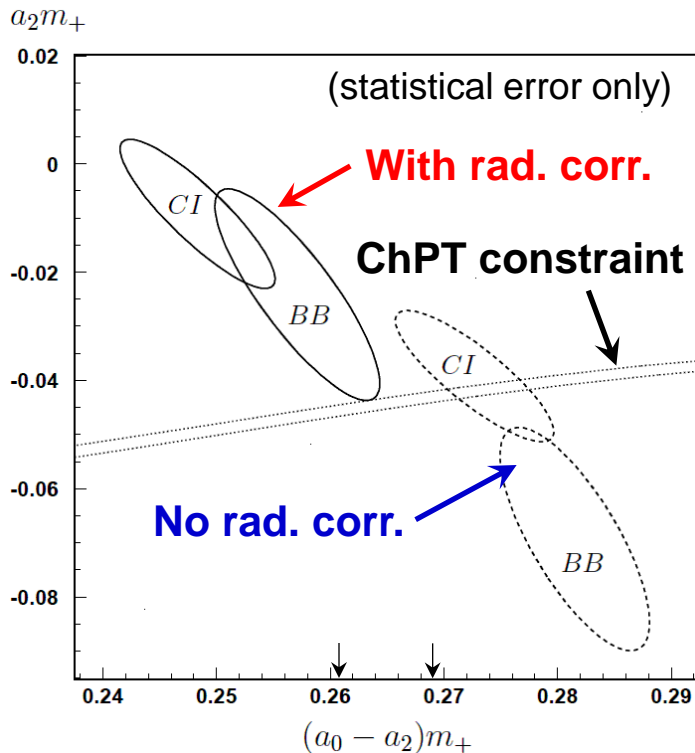
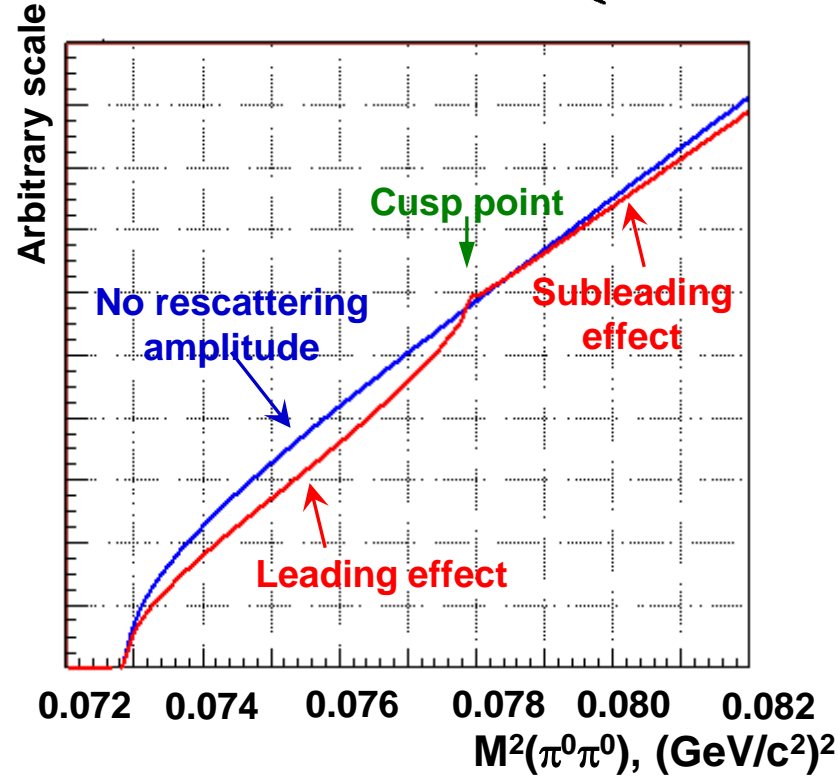
Combined NA48/2 results: Striking test of QCD



QCD from K: new way



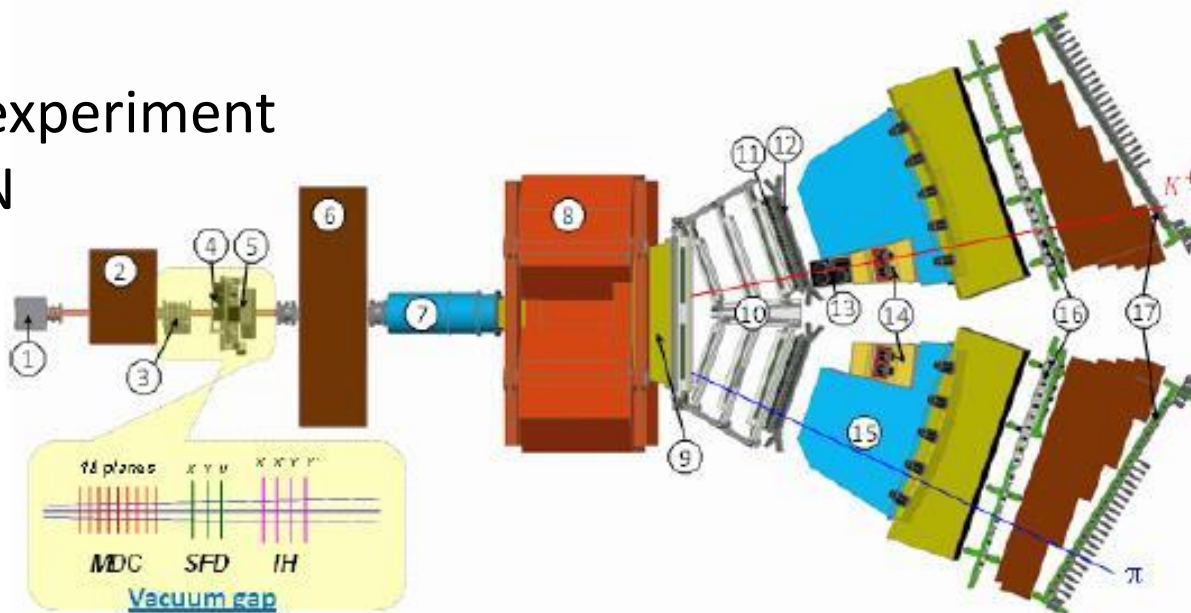
$\pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ rescattering sensitive to S-wave pion scattering lengths
 (Budini, Fonda 1961 - Cabibbo 2004,
 Improvements: Isidori *et al.*, Colangelo *et al.*,
 Bissinger *et al.*)



NA48/2 huge statistics

QCD from K: the other way

DIRAC experiment
@ CERN



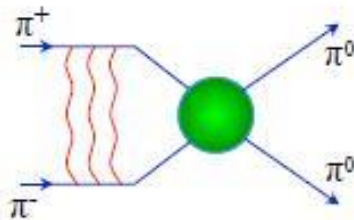
1 Target station with Ni foil; 2 First shielding; 3 Micro Drift Chambers; 4 Scintillating Fiber Detector; 5 Ionization Hodoscope; 6 Second Shielding; 7 Vacuum Tube; 8 Spectrometer Magnet; 9 Vacuum Chamber; 10 Drift Chambers; 11 Vertical Hodoscope; 12 Horizontal Hodoscope; 13 Aerogel Čerenkov; 14 Heavy Gas Čerenkov; 15 Nitrogen Čerenkov; 16 Preshower; 17 Muon Detector

Pionium lifetime

Pionium ($A_{2\pi}$) is a hydrogen-like atom consisting of π^+ and π^- mesons:

$$E_B = -1.86 \text{ keV}, \quad r_B = 387 \text{ fm}, \quad p_B \approx 0.5 \text{ MeV}$$

The lifetime of $\pi^+\pi^-$ atoms is dominated by the annihilation process into $\pi^0\pi^0$:



$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\tau} = \Gamma_{2\pi^0} + \Gamma_{2\gamma} \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\Gamma_{2\gamma}}{\Gamma_{2\pi^0}} \approx 4 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Gamma_{1S,2\pi^0} = R |a_0 - a_2|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\Delta R}{R} \approx 1.2\%$$

$$\tau = (2.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-15} \text{ s} \quad \text{Gasser et al. - 2001}$$

a_0 and a_2 are the $\pi\pi$ S-wave scattering lengths for isospin $I=0$ and $I=2$.

$$\text{If} \quad \frac{\Delta\tau}{\tau} = 4\% \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\Delta|a_0 - a_2|}{|a_0 - a_2|} = 2\%$$



Coulomb pairs



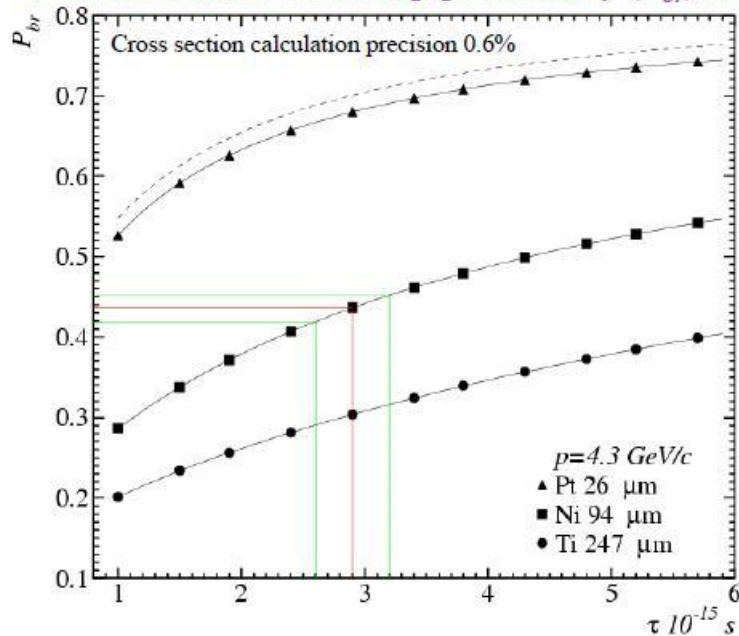
Atoms

There is precise ratio between the number of produced Coulomb pairs (N_C) with small Q and the number of atoms (N_A) produced simultaneously with these Coulomb pairs:

$$N_A = K(Q_0)N_C(Q \leq Q_0), \frac{\delta K(Q_0)}{K(Q_0)} \leq 10^{-2}$$

$$n_A - \text{atomic pairs number}, P_{br} = \frac{n_A}{N_A}$$

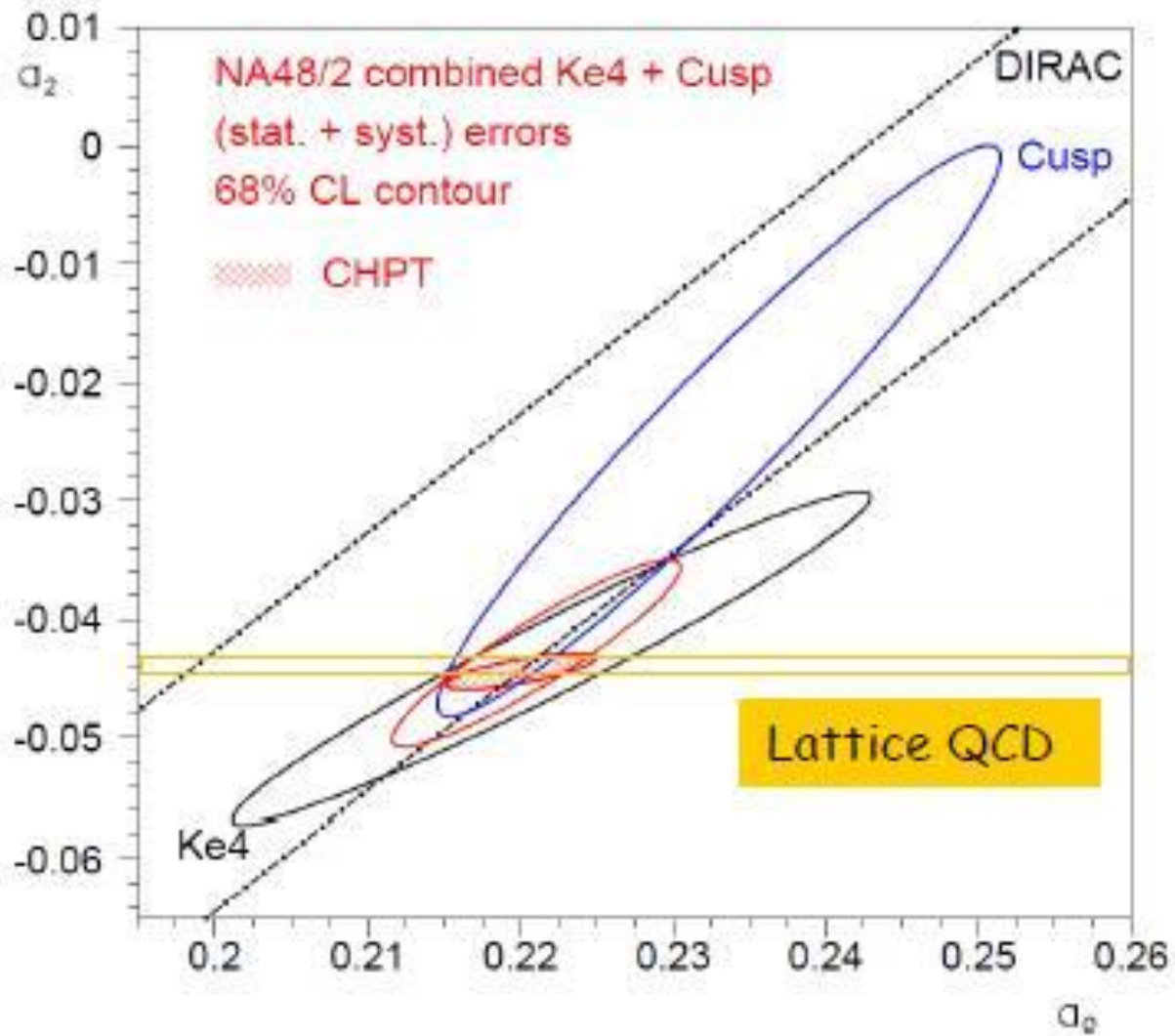
Solution of the transport equations provides one-to-one dependence of the measured break-up probability (P_{br}) on pionium lifetime τ



All targets have the same thickness in radiation lengths $6.7 \cdot 10^{-3} X_0$

There is an optimal target material for a given lifetime

$\pi\pi$ scattering lengths





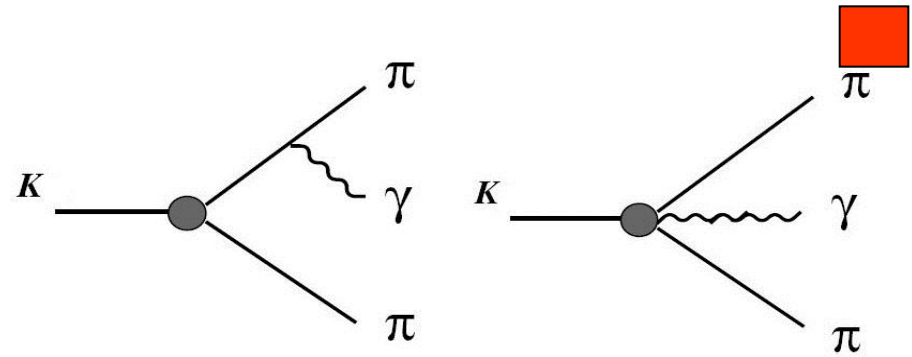
Radiative decays

The trouble is... QED

	IB	DE_{exp}	
$K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	10^{-3}	$< 9 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$E1$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma$	10^{-4} $(\Delta I = \frac{3}{2})$	$(0.6 \pm 0.04) 10^{-5}$ PDG	$M1, E1$
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	10^{-5} (CPV)	$(2.84 \pm 0.11) 10^{-5}$ KTeV	$M1,$ VMD

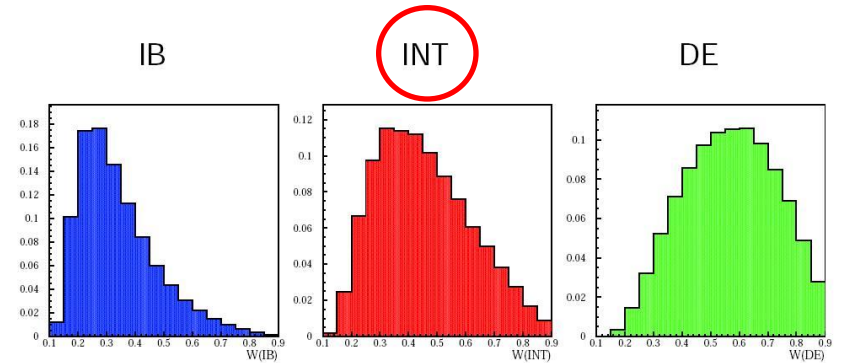
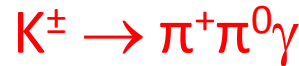
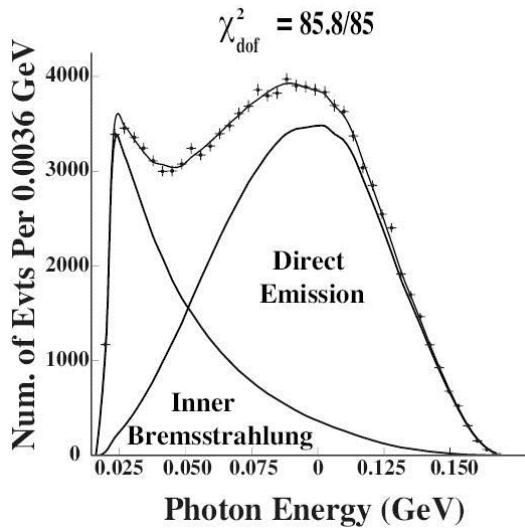
CPV is only from IB K_L (also measured in $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$)

BUT IB suppressed in K^+ and K_L .



Inner *bremsstrahlung* (IB)

Direct emission (DE)



Separation by photon spectrum

KTeV (2006): 112K events
(40% of total)

$DE/(IB+DE) = 0.689 \pm 0.021$

for $E_\gamma > 20$ MeV

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NA48/2: 220K events (20% of total)

$DE = (3.35 \pm 0.43)\%$ $INT = (2.67 \pm 1.09)\%$

for $0 < T^*_\pi < 80$ MeV

INT could give (direct) CPV $O(10^{-4})$

Flavour Physics: The Kaon sector

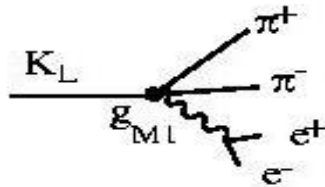
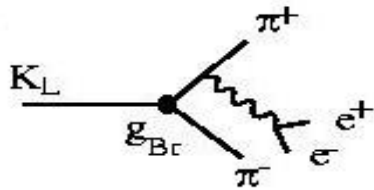
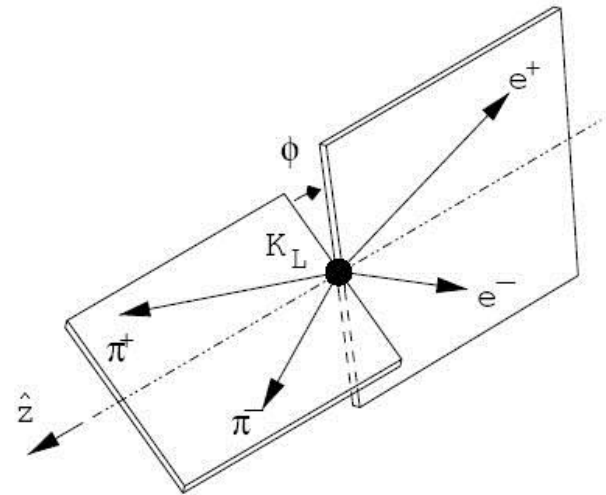
CPV in $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$

$$\frac{\partial \Gamma^\pm}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial \Gamma_{IB}^\pm}{\partial W} \left[1 + \underbrace{2 \cos(\pm\phi + \delta_1^1 - \delta_0^2) m_\pi^2 m_K^2 |X_E| W^2 + m_\pi^4 m_K^4 (|X_E|^2 + |X_M|^2) W^4}_{\text{INT}} \right]$$

- o Asymmetry can manifest itself in rates A_N and Dalitz plot A_W
- o If $\phi \neq 0$ then $\Gamma^+ \neq \Gamma^-$ the number of events $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma \neq K^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma$
- o Theoretical range $2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ to $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ with $50 < E_\gamma^* < 170$ MeV.
- o SUSY contributions can push the asymmetry to 10^{-4} in specific region of the Dalitz plot
- o Present experimental knowledge: $(0.9 \pm 3.3)\%$ PDG08
- o NA48/2 limit $< 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ 90% CL based on 1.08 Million events

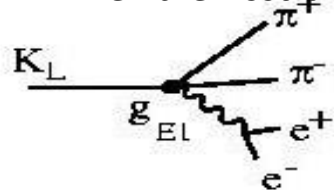
$K_{L,S} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$ and CPV

Rare decay ($BR \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-7}$) first seen by KTeV
 Internal γ conversion allows helicity analysis:
 asymmetry in angle ϕ between $\pi\pi$ and ee planes,
 in agreement with theory (indirect CPV)

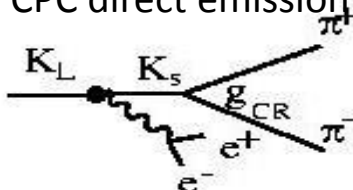


CPV inner bremsstrahlung

CPC direct emission



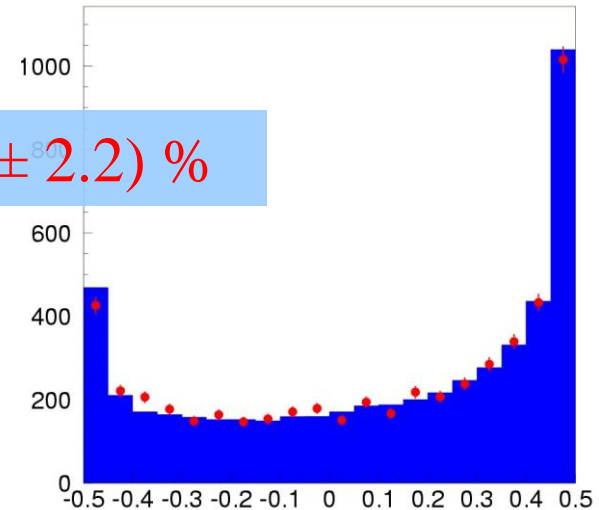
CPV direct emission



Charge radius

$$A_\phi = (13.8 \pm 2.2) \%$$

(KTeV + NA48)



Also $K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$ (KTeV, NA48)
 and related CPV parameters

All consistent with indirect (ϵ) CPV



$K \rightarrow 3\pi\gamma$

$$\Gamma(\pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0 \gamma) / \Gamma(\pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0)$$

VALUE (units 10^{-4})

$$4.3^{+3.2}_{-1.7}$$

Γ_{24}/Γ_{10}

DOCUMENT ID

TECN

CHG

COMMENT

BOLOTOV

85

SPEC

-

$E(\gamma) > 10$ MeV

$$\Gamma(\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma) / \Gamma_{\text{total}}$$

VALUE (units 10^{-4})

EVTS

1.04 ± 0.31 OUR AVERAGE

$$1.10 \pm 0.48$$

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$$1.0 \pm 0.4$$

Γ_{25}/Γ

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BARMIN

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XEBC

$E(\gamma) > 5$ MeV

STAMER

65

EMUL

+

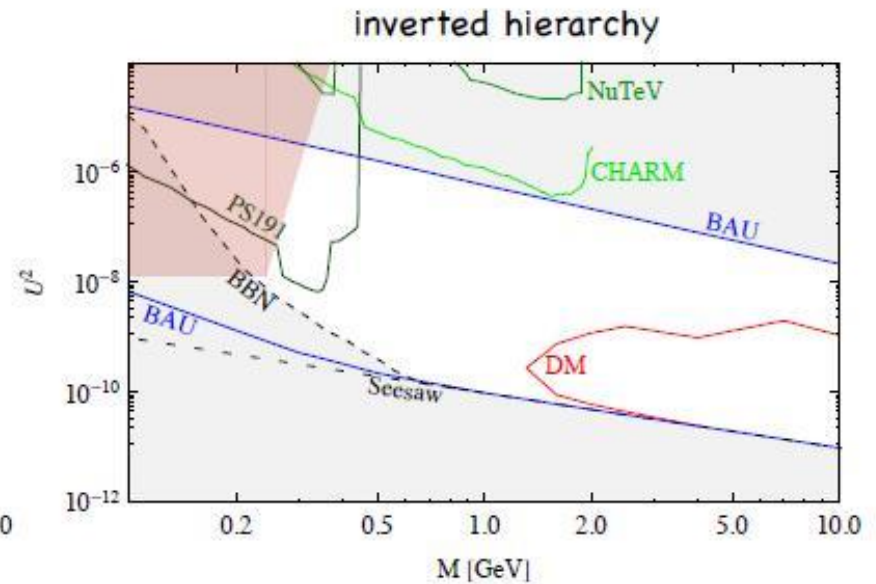
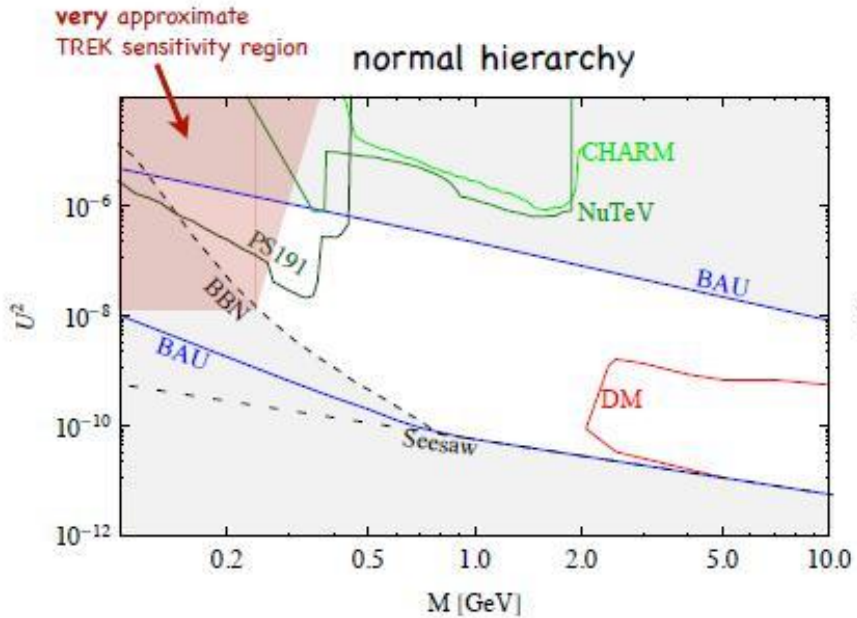
$E(\gamma) > 11$ MeV

Dominated by IB at $O(p^4)$ for unsuppressed decays (prediction only limited by knowledge of 3π), unlikely to extract direct weak part (low-energy constants)



Exotics

Sterile neutrinos



BAU Baryon asymmetry of the Universe

DM Dark matter

BBN Big bang nucleosynthesis

≡ Bounds from sterile neutrino searches

S.N. Gninenko, D.S. Gorbunov, M.E. Shaposhnikov,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 061801 (2013)

Projected TREK E36

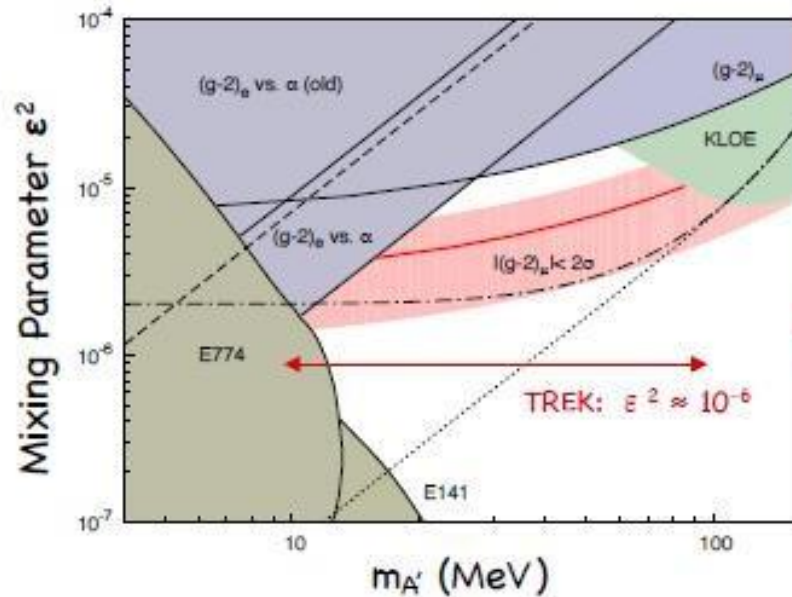
$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ N) \leq 2 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$U^2 \leq 3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ for } M_N < 200 \text{ MeV}$$

sensitivity for $M_N > 200 \text{ MeV}$ needs more study.

“Dark light”

Very well suited to K low-energy searches in radiative decays



T. Beranek and M. Vanderhaeghen, Phys. Rev. D **87**, 015024 (2013)

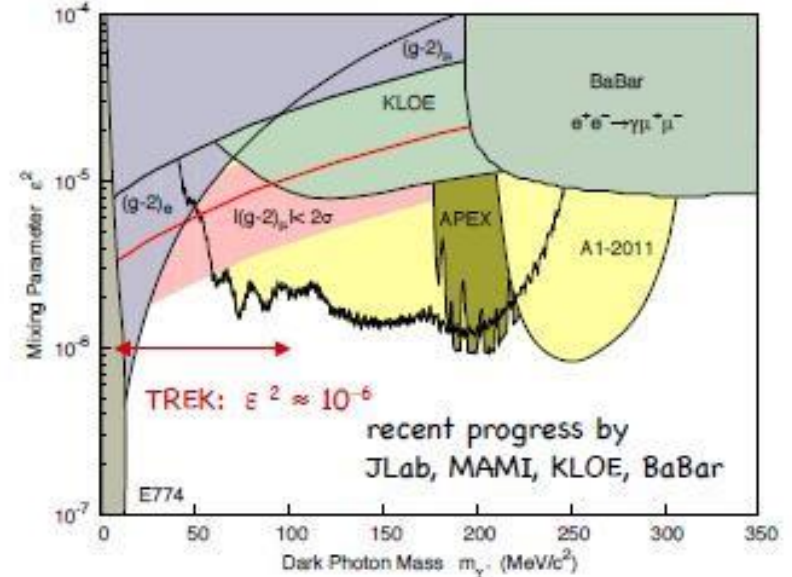


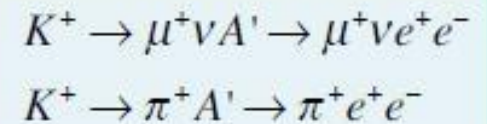
Fig. from M. Pospelov, PEB2013 workshop (2013)

Projected TREK E36

Full reconstruction of the $\mu^+ve^+e^-$ and $\pi^+e^+e^-$ final states
Possible improvement with projected E36 results: $\epsilon^2 \approx 10^{-6}$

Signal:

- Peak in $M(e^+e^-)$ spectrum measured in the CsI(Tl) calorimeter
- Peak in the π^+ momentum spectrum for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+A'$





What about time?

Kabir Test: T violation in mixing



P.K. Kabir
(1933-2004)

Direct comparison of T-related transitions:

$$A_T = \frac{P(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^0) - P(K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0)}{P(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^0) + P(K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0)}$$

S_{prod} from flavour tag, S_{dec} from semileptonic decay.

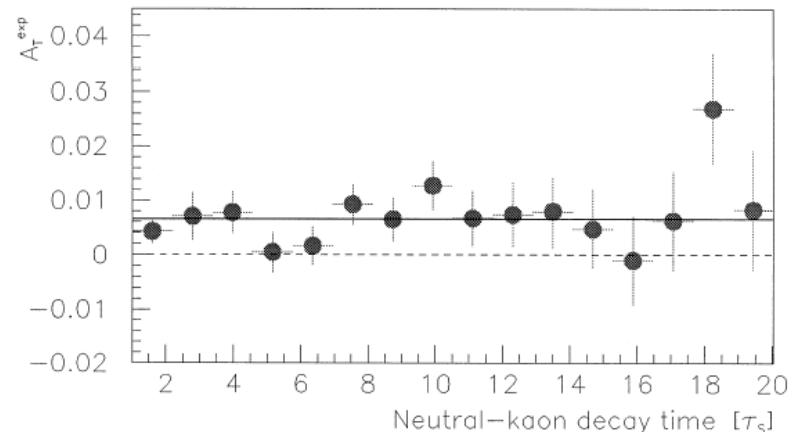
Assuming CPT symmetry in decay:

$$A_T(t) = 4 \text{Re}(\varepsilon) + 2 \frac{\text{Re}(x_-) [e^{-\Delta\Gamma t/2} - \cos(\Delta m t)] + \text{Im}(x_+) \sin(\Delta m t)}{\cosh(\Delta\Gamma t/2) - \cos(\Delta m t)}$$

CPLEAR (1998):

$$\langle A_T \rangle = (6.6 \pm 1.3) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

States are also CP-conjugate
Compatible with CPV in mixing



T violation in interference

Compare $\bar{B} \rightarrow B_-$ to $B_- \rightarrow \bar{B}$
and other 3 combinations

B_+ : decay to $J/\psi K_L$ (CP = +1)

B_- : decay to $J/\psi K_S$ (CP = -1)

$\langle B_+ | B_- \rangle = 0$ if single phase

$$\Gamma(B^\alpha \rightarrow B^\beta) = e^{-\Gamma\Delta t} \left[1 \pm S(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \sin(\Delta m\Delta t) + C(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \cos(\Delta m\Delta t) \right]$$

$B^{\alpha,\beta} = B, \bar{B}, B_+, B_-$

Flavour-tagging and CP-tagging

$$\Delta S_T = S(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow B_-) - S(B_- \rightarrow \bar{B}^0)$$

$$\Delta S_{CP} = S(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow B_-) - S(B^0 \rightarrow B_-)$$

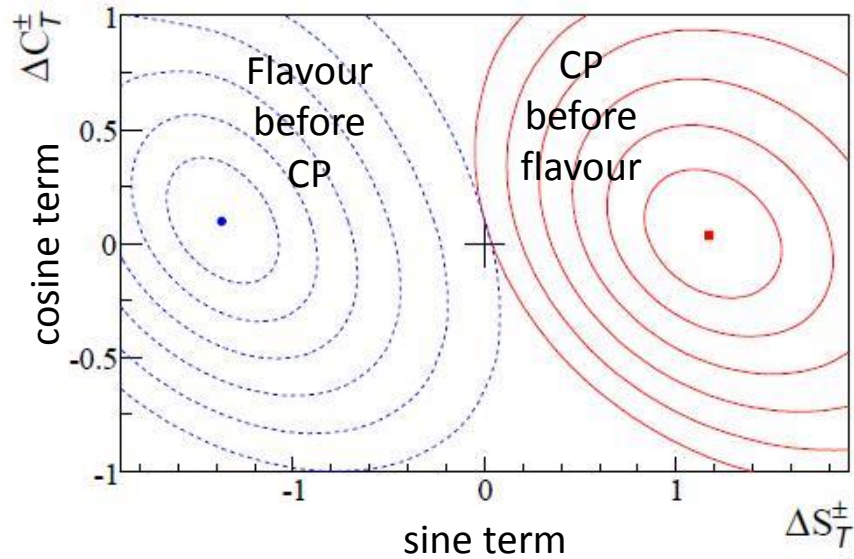
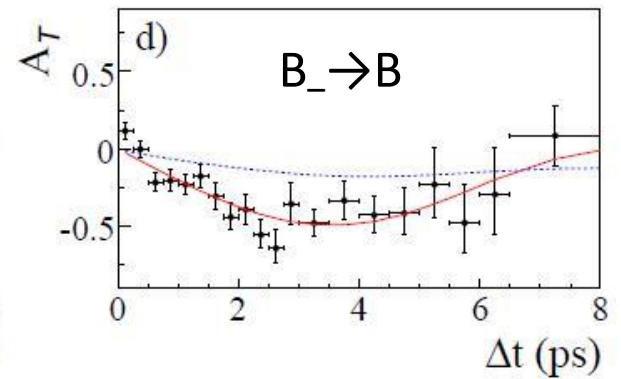
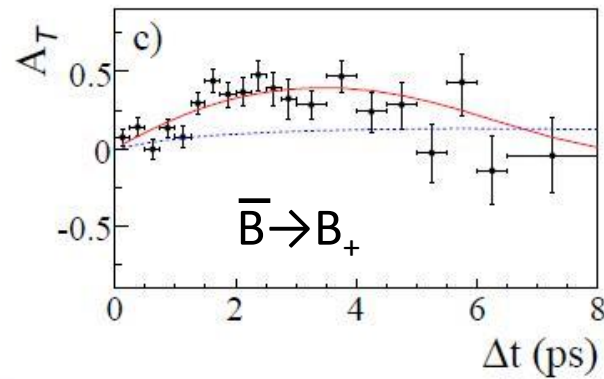
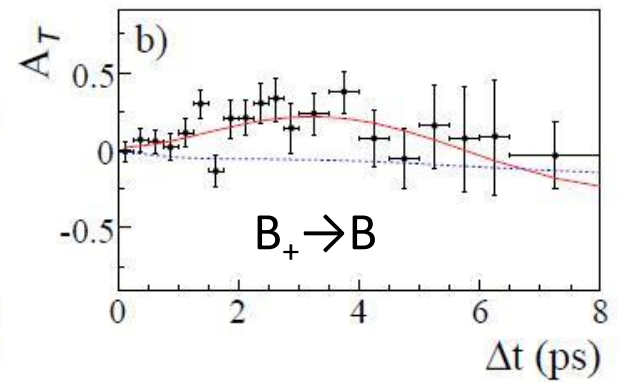
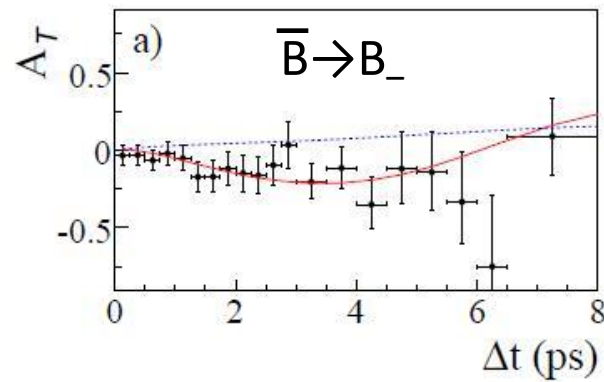
$$\Delta S_{CPT} = S(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow B_-) - S(B_- \rightarrow B^0)$$

And similar for cosine

Other effects are small:

- B lifetime difference
- Direct CPV
- CPV in K

BABAR (2012)
500M BB pairs



T violation
significance: 14σ

Direct time reversal test with K ?

T symmetry test

Reference		T -conjugate	
Transition	Final state	Transition	Final state
$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_-$	$(\ell^+, \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0)$	$K_- \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$	$(\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0, \ell^-)$
$K_+ \rightarrow K^0$	$(\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0, \ell^+)$	$K^0 \rightarrow K_+$	$(\ell^-, \pi \pi)$
$\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K_+$	$(\ell^+, \pi \pi)$	$K_+ \rightarrow \bar{K}^0$	$(\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0, \ell^-)$
$K_- \rightarrow K^0$	$(\pi \pi, \ell^+)$	$K^0 \rightarrow K_-$	$(\ell^-, \pi \pi)$

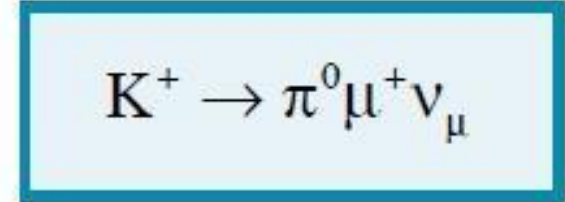
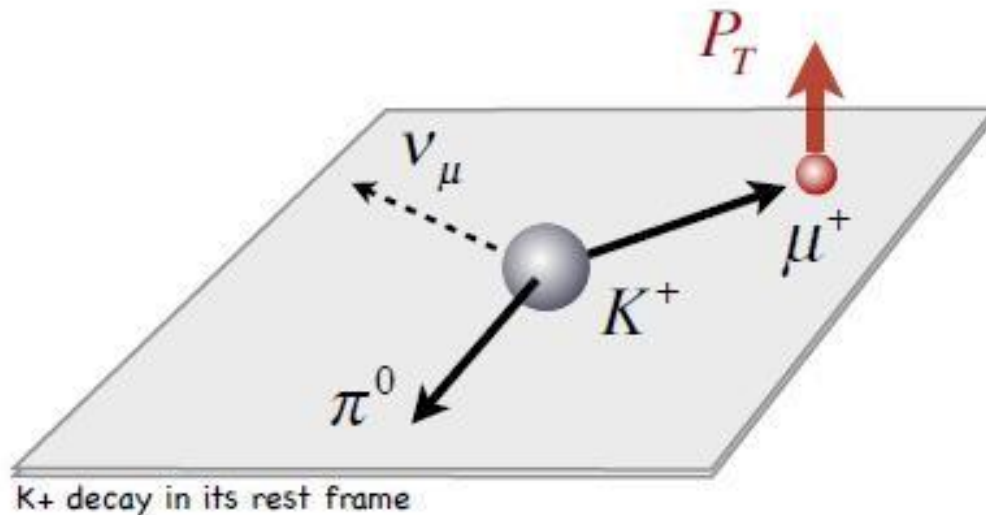
One can define the following ratios of probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_1(\Delta t) &= P [K^0(0) \rightarrow K_+(\Delta t)] / P [K_+(0) \rightarrow K^0(\Delta t)] \\
 R_2(\Delta t) &= P [K^0(0) \rightarrow K_-(\Delta t)] / P [K_-(0) \rightarrow K^0(\Delta t)] \\
 R_3(\Delta t) &= P [\bar{K}^0(0) \rightarrow K_+(\Delta t)] / P [K_+(0) \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(\Delta t)] \\
 R_4(\Delta t) &= P [\bar{K}^0(0) \rightarrow K_-(\Delta t)] / P [K_-(0) \rightarrow \bar{K}^0(\Delta t)] .
 \end{aligned}$$

Any deviation from $R_i=1$ constitutes a violation of T-symmetry

J. Bernabeu, A.D.D., P. Villanueva: NPB 868 (2013) 102

T-odd signatures



study of direct CP violation,
possibly due to non-standard
mechanisms, with the help of
T-odd correlation variables

$$P_T = \frac{\vec{\sigma}_\mu \cdot (\vec{p}_\pi \times \vec{p}_\mu)}{|\vec{p}_\pi \times \vec{p}_\mu|}$$

KEK E246

Transverse μ^+ polarization in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu$ decay
CPV not suppressed by $\Delta I=1/2$ (can be $20 \times \epsilon' / \epsilon \approx 10^{-4}$)
Tiny SM contribution ($\approx 10^{-7}$), small FSI ($\approx 10^{-5}$):
good window for New Physics search
Relative phase of scalar coupling FF

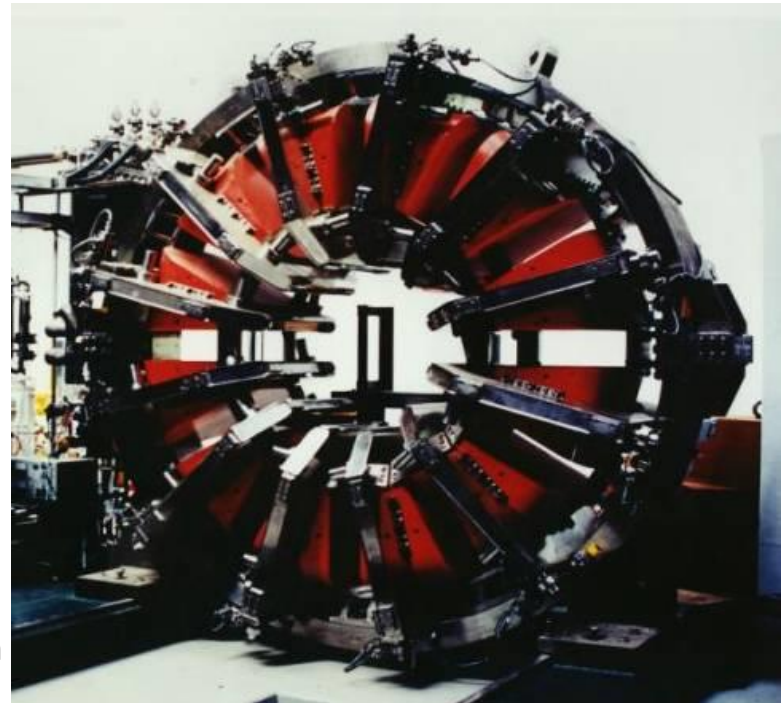
40 years of experimental history

KEK E246 experiment (final 2006):

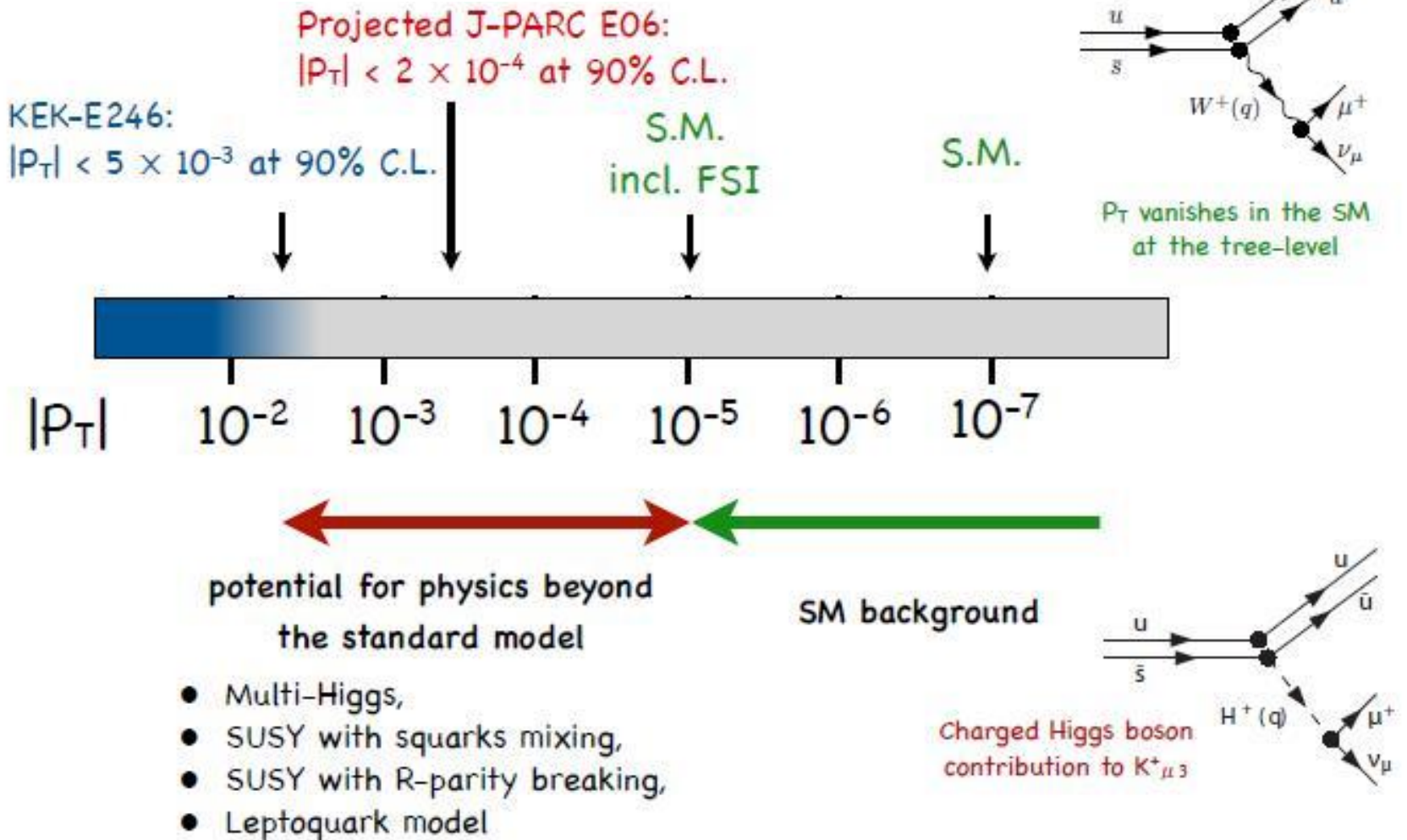
$$P_T = -0.0017 \pm 0.0023 \pm 0.0011$$

$$P_T < 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$

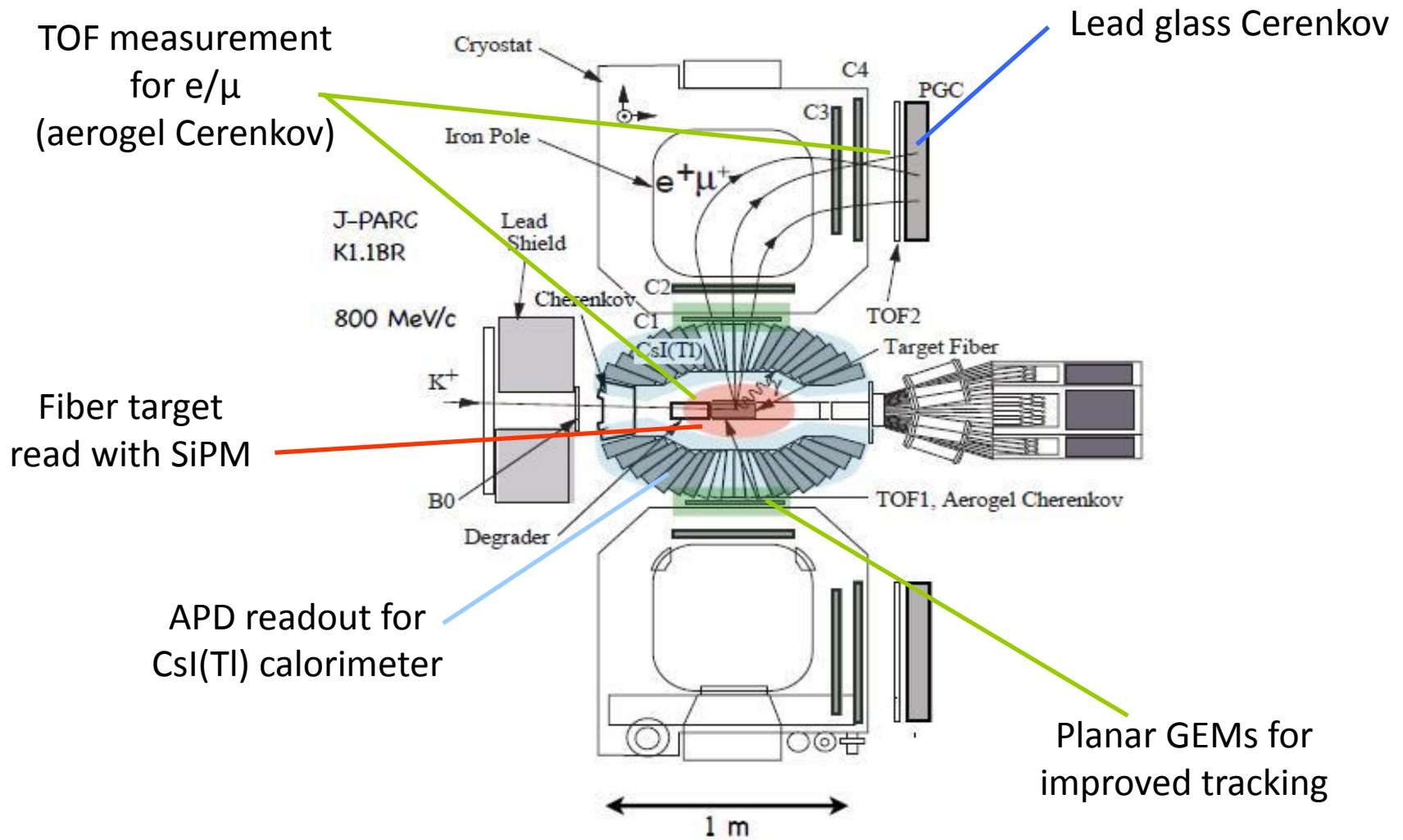
No sign of TRV
Statistically limited



PT sensitive to new physics



TREK improvements



TREK experiment @ J-PARC



Goal: $\sigma(P_T) \approx 10^{-4}$ in 1 year

Factor **20** over E246:

0.8 GeV/c separated K⁺ branch line (K/π ≈ 2)

Higher beam **intensity** (2 MHz K⁺), 1 year (300 kW beam)

Active polarimeter (lower systematics, higher acceptance)

New tracking (w. thinner target and He bags: higher background rejection)

45 people, 20 institutions

(Japan, Russia, USA, Canada, Vietnam, Thailand)



Where few dare: CPT

CPT test with K

$$\Delta m = (5269.9 \pm 12.3) \cdot 10^6 \hbar s^{-1}$$

No CPT: $\Delta m = (5279.7 \pm 19.5) \cdot 10^6 \hbar s^{-1}$

$$\tau_S = (89.623 \pm 0.047) \cdot 10^{-12} \text{s}$$

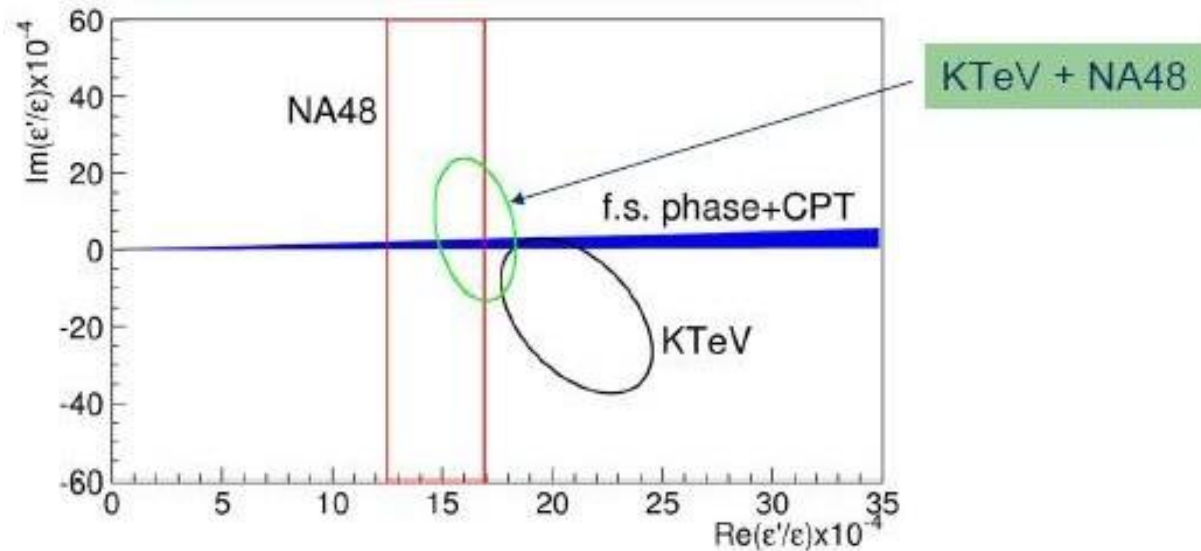
No CPT: $\tau_S = (89.589 \pm 0.070) \cdot 10^{-12} \text{s}$

$$\phi(\varepsilon) = (43.86 \pm 0.63)^\circ$$

$$\phi(\varepsilon) - \phi_{SW} = (0.40 \pm 0.56)^\circ$$

$$\phi_{00} - \phi_{+-} = (0.30 \pm 0.35)^\circ$$

Fully consistent with CPT
symmetry



Phases in $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decays

If CPT holds: $\phi(\varepsilon) \cong \phi_{SW} = \arctan(2\Delta m / \Delta\Gamma) \cong 43.6^\circ$ within 1%

$\phi(\varepsilon') \cong 42^\circ$: a component of ε' orthogonal to ε violates CPT

$\text{Im}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon)$ could be measured at a Φ factory.

$$m_K - m_{\bar{K}} = \text{Re}(H_{11} - H_{22}) \cong -2\delta \Delta m$$

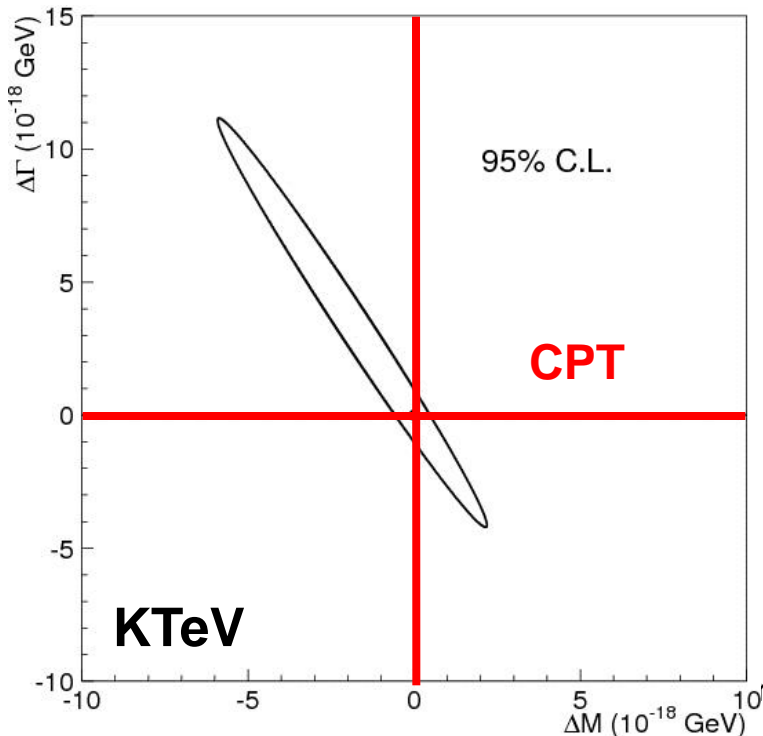
$$\frac{|\eta_{+-}| (2\phi_{+-}/3 + \phi_{00}/3 - \phi_{SW})}{\sin \phi_{SW}} = \frac{m_{\bar{K}} - m_K}{2\Delta m} + A_{dir}$$

CPT violation in decays

And the winner is...

$$\text{Im}(\delta) = (-1.5 \pm 1.6) \cdot 10^{-5} \quad (\text{KTeV data (only) + PDG})$$

$$\delta = \frac{i(m_K - m_{\bar{K}}) + (\Gamma_K - \Gamma_{\bar{K}})/2}{\Gamma_S - \Gamma_L} \cos \phi_{SW} e^{i\phi_{SW}} [1 + O(\varepsilon)]$$

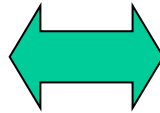


$$\left| m(K^0) - m(\bar{K}^0) \right| < 4.0 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ GeV}/c^2 \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

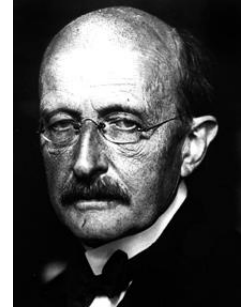
(world data,
assuming CPT in decays)

Ultimate CPT ?

$$\frac{|m_K - m_{\bar{K}}|}{m_K} < 8.0 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ (95\% CL)}$$



$$\frac{m_K}{m_{Pl}} = 4.1 \cdot 10^{-20}$$



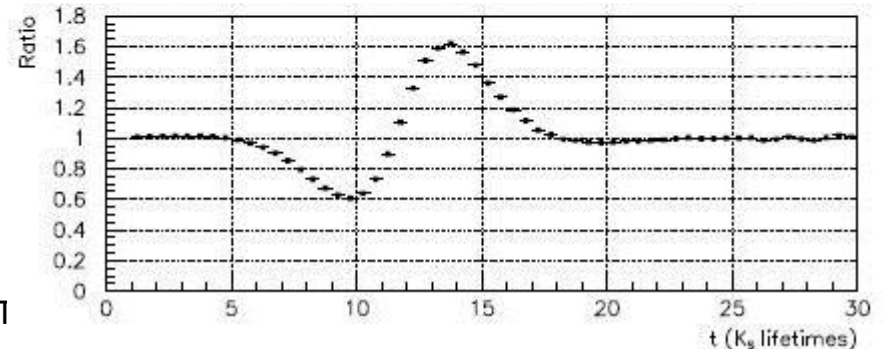
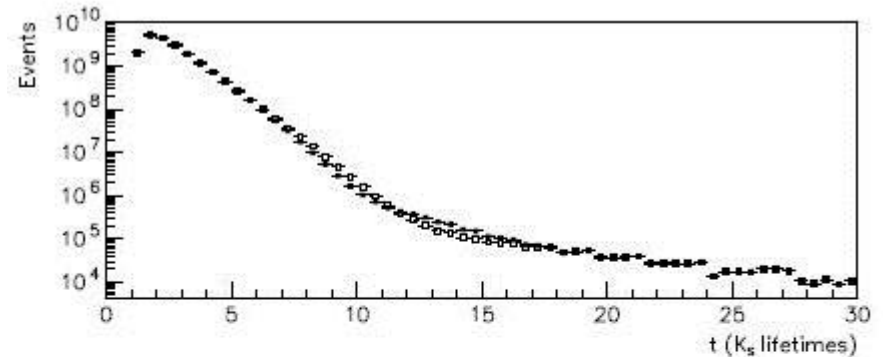
CP/T proposal (1997)

K_S/K_L interference experiment
No regenerator: pure tertiary K^0
beam from (separated) K^+

Project-X intensity

(1) $\phi_{+-} - \phi_{SW} \approx 0.06^\circ$

(2) Bell-Steinberger (+ancillary)



Lorentz, why not ?

Using the same final state for both kaons ($\pi^+\pi^-$) the two decay are distinguished only by the kaon momentum direction. The decay amplitude is written as follows:

$$I_{f_1 f_2}(\Delta\tau) \propto e^{-\Gamma|\Delta\tau|} \left[|\eta_1|^2 e^{\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}\Delta\tau} + |\eta_2|^2 e^{-\frac{\Delta\Gamma}{2}\Delta\tau} - 2\Re\left(\eta_1\eta_2^* e^{-i\Delta m\Delta\tau}\right) \right]$$

$$\eta_1 = \eta_{\pm} = \varepsilon_K - \delta(\vec{p}_{K1})$$

$$\eta_2 = \varepsilon_K - \delta(\vec{p}_{K2})$$

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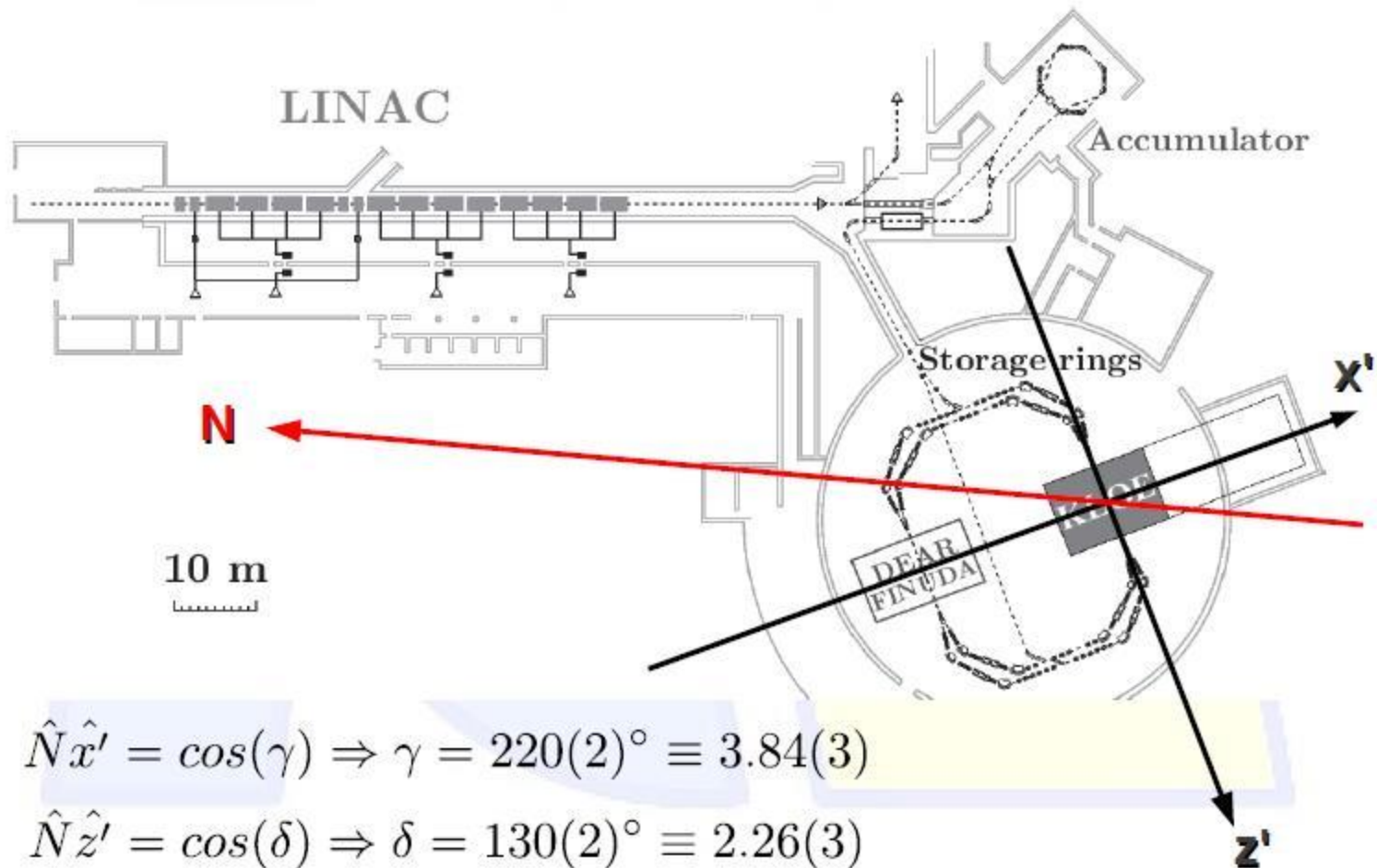
δ_K is the CPT violation parameter in the Kaon system.

According to the SME (Kostelecky) and anti-CPT theorem, CPT violation should appears together with Lorentz Invariance breaking (Greenberg), and thus implying a direction dependent modulation.

$$\delta \simeq i \sin \phi_{SW} e^{i\phi_{SW}} \gamma_K (\Delta a_0 - \vec{\beta}_K \Delta \vec{a}) / \Delta m$$

Ordering Kaon according to their momenta it is possible to have the two η -coefficients containing two different δ_K CPT violating parameter.

Lorentz @ DAΦNE



Lorentz test @ KLOE

$$\Delta a_0 = (-6.0 \pm 7.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 3.1_{\text{sys}}) 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta a_x = (0.9 \pm 1.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{sys}}) 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta a_y = (-2.0 \pm 1.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.5_{\text{sys}}) 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta a_z = (3.1 \pm 1.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{sys}}) 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$$



Precision (B)SM physics

Leptonic decays

K decays also offer a sensitive probe of lepton flavor physics!

$$R_K = \frac{\Gamma(K \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma(K \rightarrow \mu\nu)}$$

- very clean SM prediction (hadronic uncertainties cancel to a large extent)

$$R_K^{\text{SM}} = 2.472(1) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

- recent NA48/2 data in good agreement with SM value, but still with an order of magnitude larger uncertainty

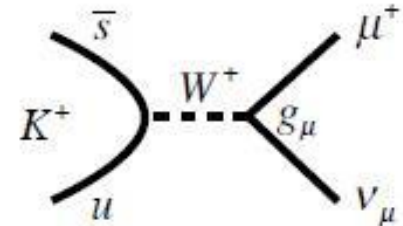
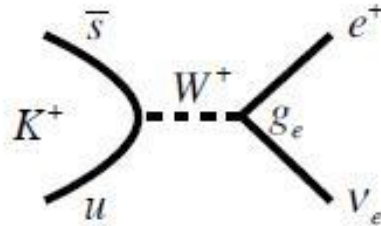
$$R_K^{\text{exp}} = 2.488(10) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

- deviation from SM value would signal lepton non-universality
- improved measurement will yield significant constraint on NP

Leptonic decays SM

$$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu(\gamma)$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu(\gamma)$$



Decay-width

$$\Gamma(K_{\ell 2}) = g_{\ell}^2 (G^2 / 8\pi) f_K^2 m_K m_{\ell}^2 \left\{ 1 - (m_{\ell}^2 / m_K^2) \right\}^2$$

Decay-width ratio

$$R_K^{SM} = \frac{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e [\gamma])}{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_{\mu} [\gamma])} = \frac{m_e^2}{m_{\mu}^2} \left(\frac{m_K^2 - m_e^2}{m_K^2 - m_{\mu}^2} \right)^2 (1 + \delta R_{QED}) = 2.477(1) \times 10^{-5}$$

hadronic form factor f_K cancels

V. Cirigliano and I. Rosell, Phys. Rev. Lett. **99**, 231801 (2007)

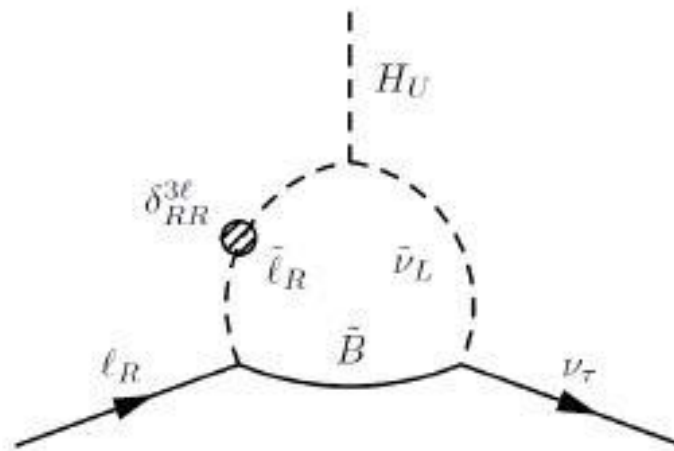
$g_e / g_{\mu} = 1$
in the standard model

helicity suppression

radiative correction
(incl. internal brems., IB)

Leptonic decays BSM

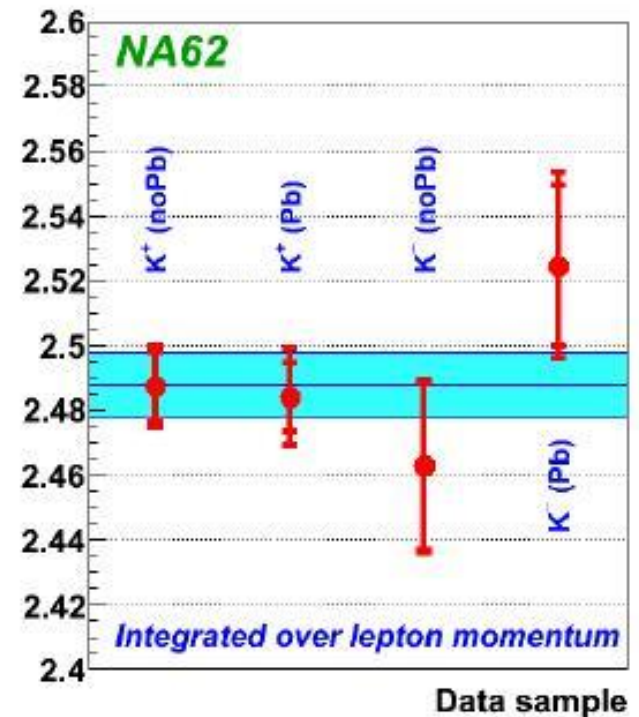
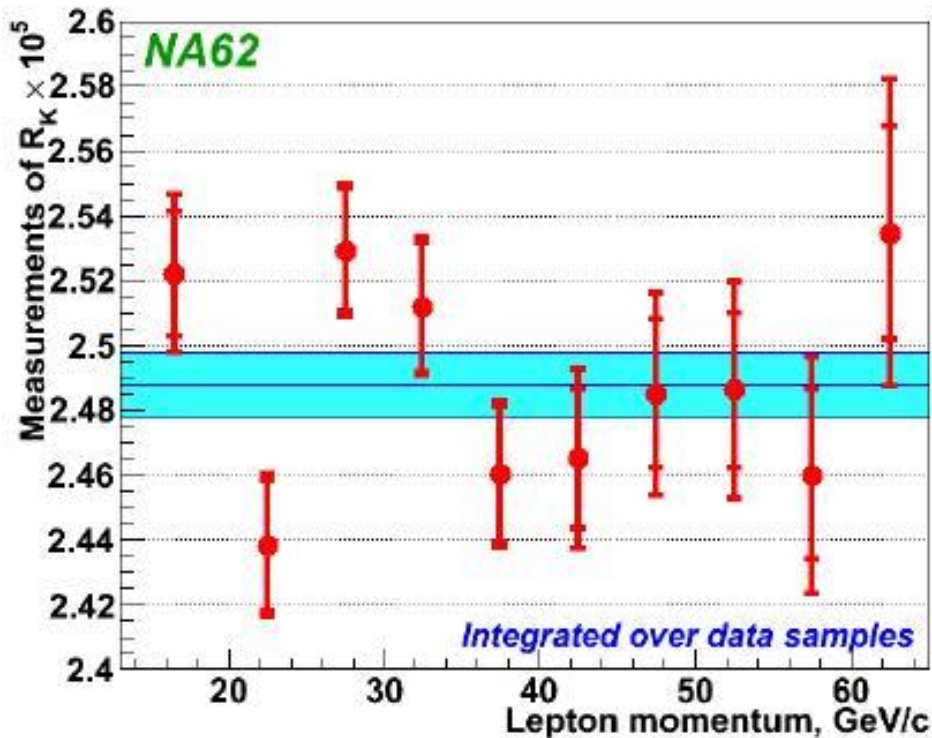
MSSM: dominant contribution through LFV interactions



MASIERO, PARADISI, PETRONZIO (2005) AND OTHERS

- no interference with SM \triangleright enhancement of R_K
- complementary to LFV μ and τ decays

$R_K = \text{BR}(K_{e2})/\text{BR}(K_{\mu2})$: NA62 @ CERN

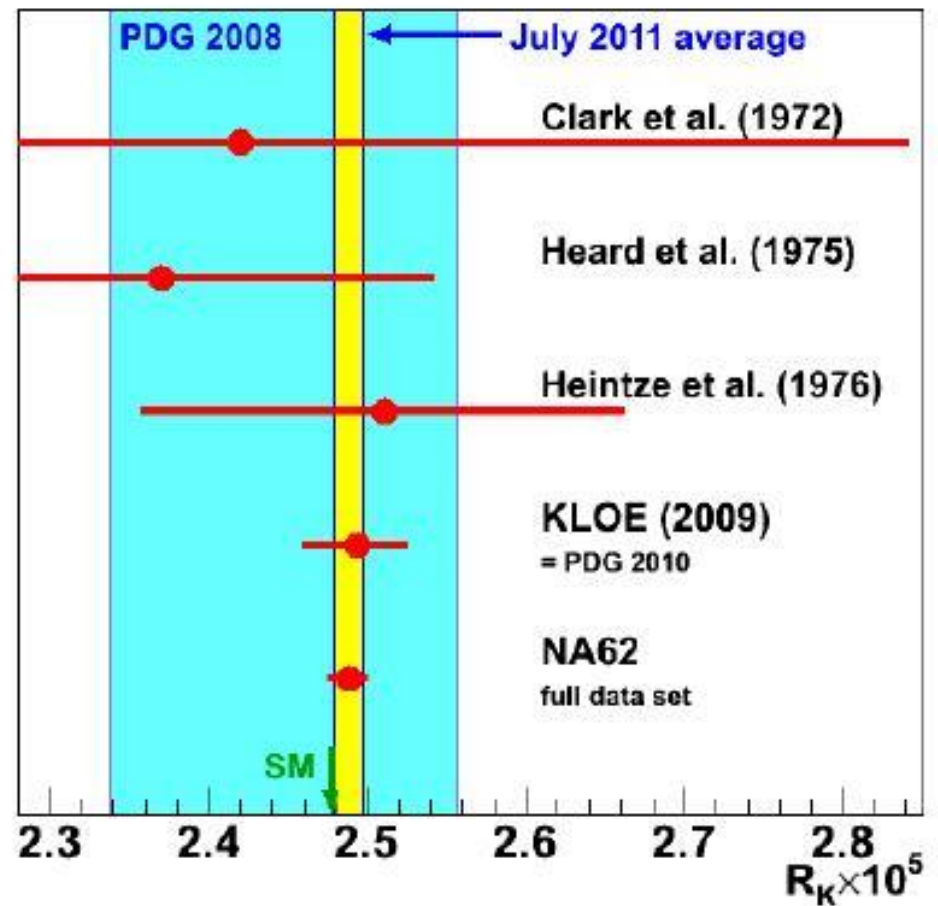


$R_K = (2.488 \pm 0.007_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.007_{\text{syst.}}) \times 10^{-5} = (2.488 \pm 0.010) \times 10^{-5} \quad (\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 47/39)$

[Phys. Lett. B 719 (2013) 326]

$R_K = \text{BR}(K_{e2})/\text{BR}(K_{\mu2})$ now

- $R_K = (2.488 \pm 0.009) \times 10^{-5}$



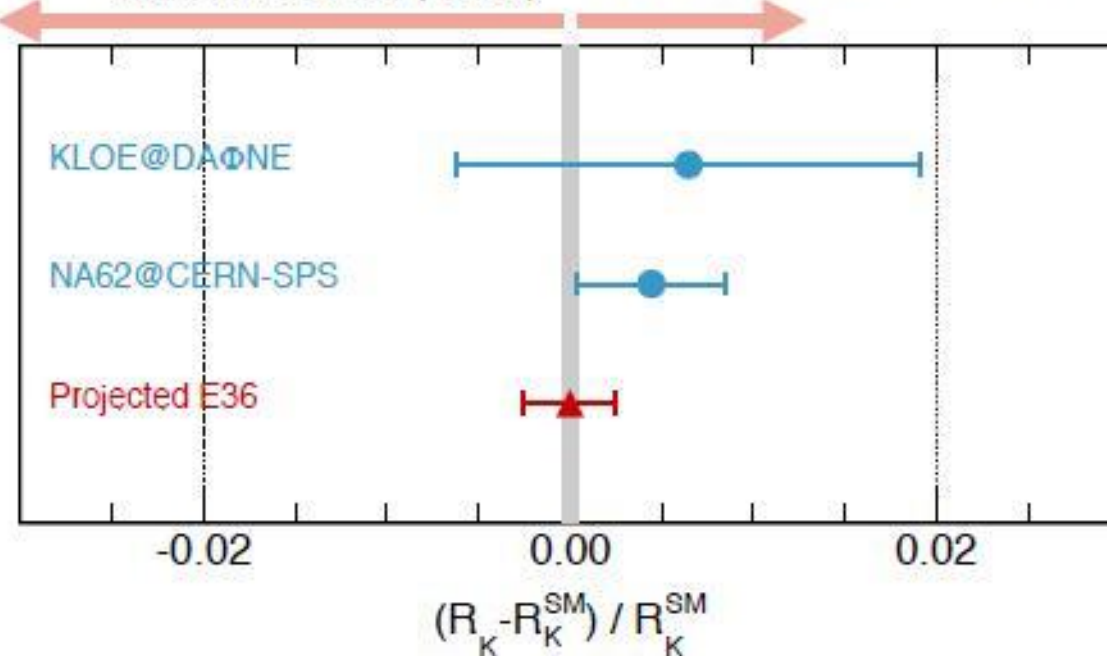
$R_K = \text{BR}(K_{e2})/\text{BR}(K_{\mu2})$ some more?

Sensitive probe of LFV

dominant SUSY contribution +
interference between SM and
SUSY LFC terms (-3.2%)

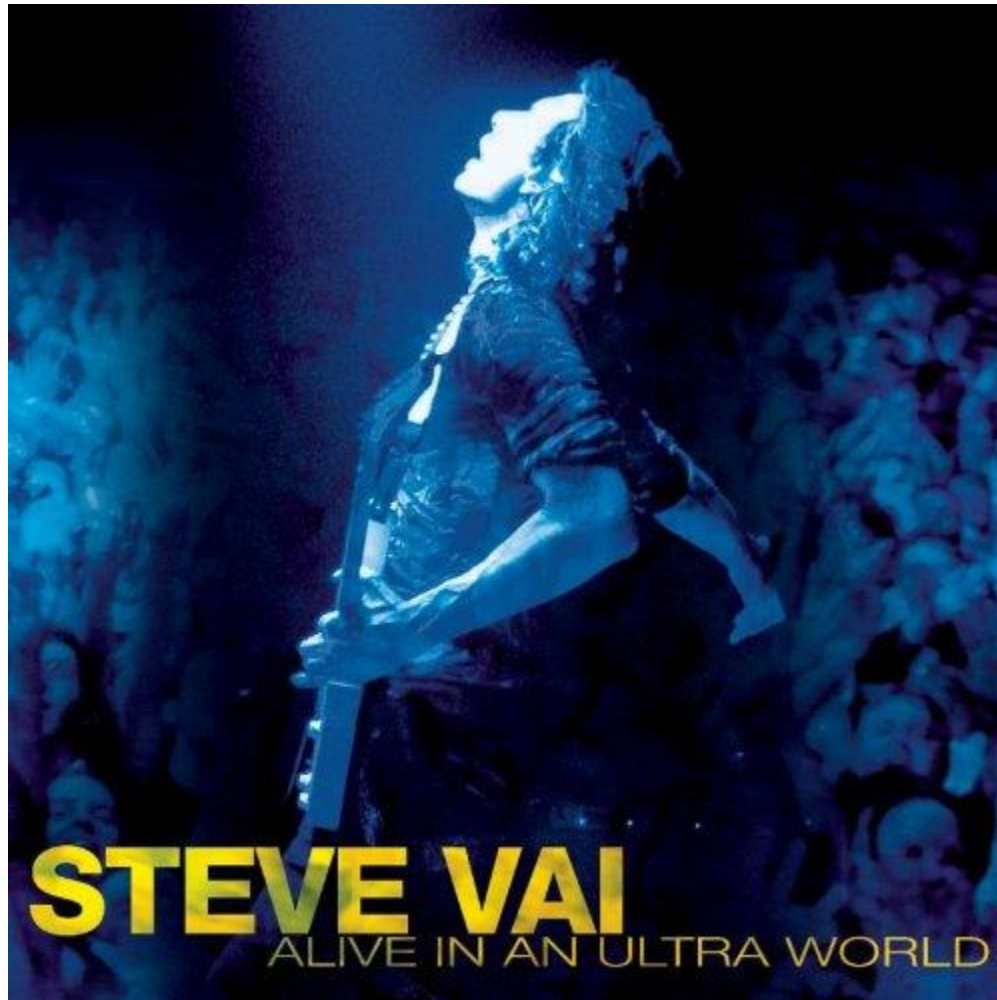
dominant SUSY
contribution (1.3%)

A. Masiero, P. Paradisi,
and R. Petronzio,
Phys. Rev D **74**,
011701(R) (2006)



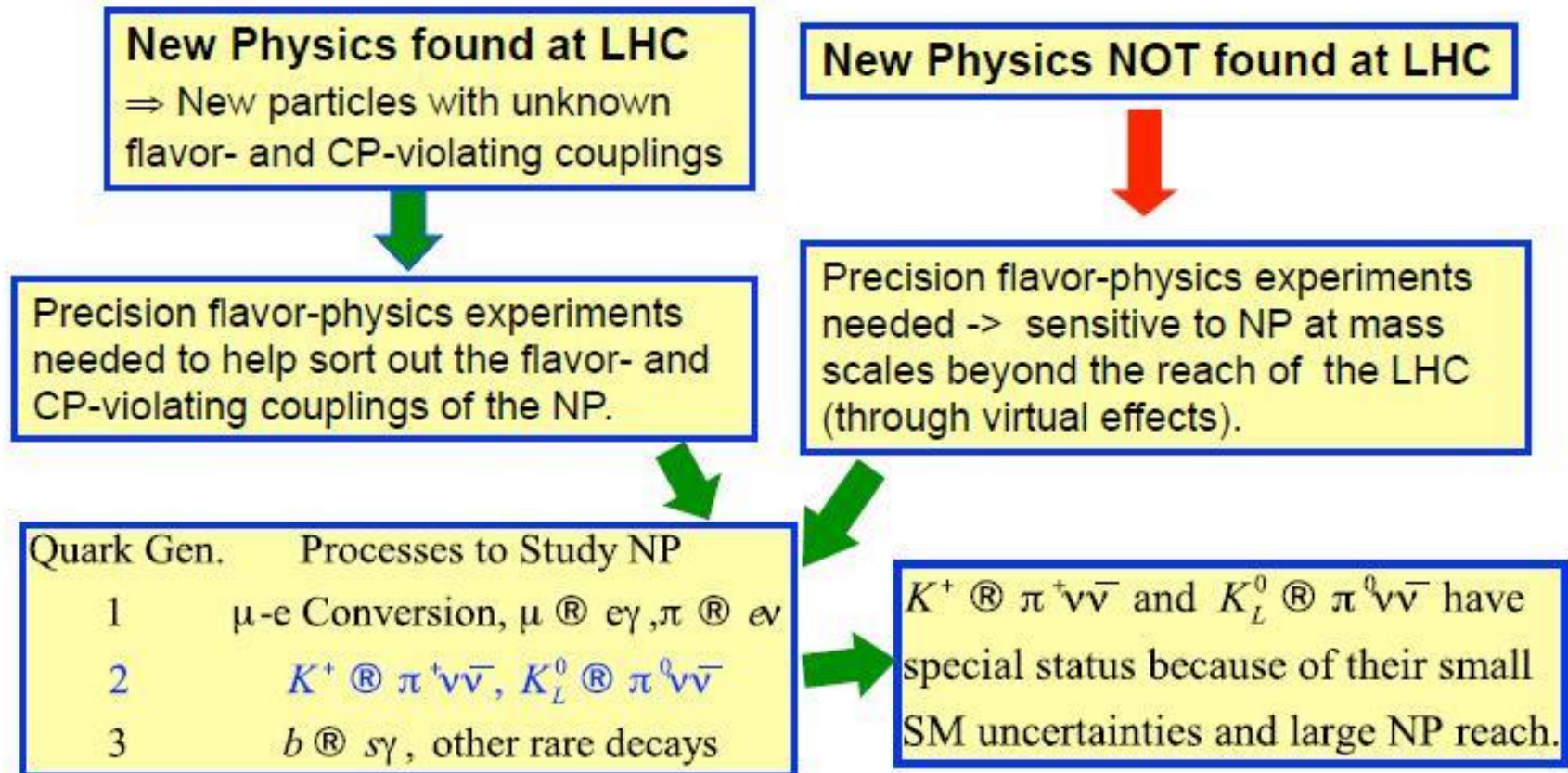
TREK (E36 @ J-PARC)
Stopped K beam

Expectations:
±0.20% (stat)
±0.15% (syst) =
±0.25%



The ultra-rare world

The win-win scenario



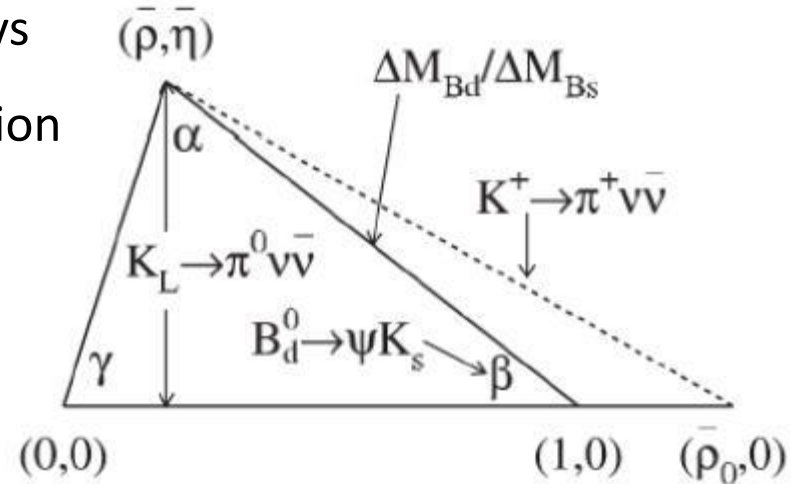
Why ultra-rare K decays?

We now know that
the flavour structure of “TeV scale” BSM physics is not too weird

The easy (SM) stuff has been done
“When the going gets tough,
the tough get going”

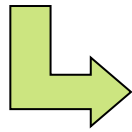


FCNC (Flavour-Changing Neutral Current) decays
Loop-induced: extreme hard-GIM SM suppression
Room for NP up to 10x SM
Highly sensitive to NP and discriminating
K is simple system, few decay channels



The goal: $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\ell}$

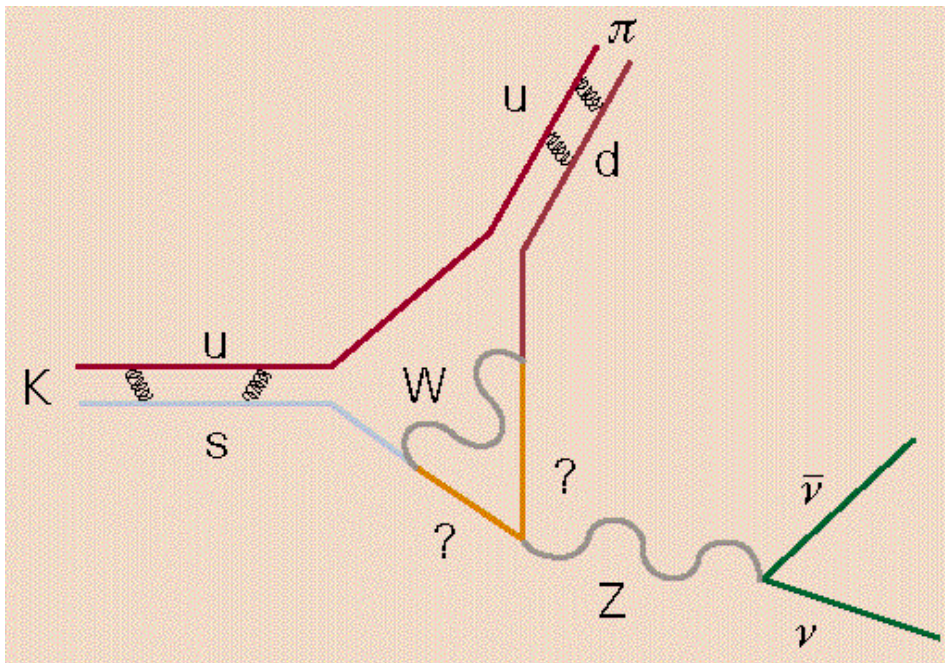
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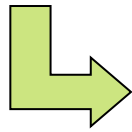
“Clean” physics dominates

“Dirty” physics gets eliminated



The goal: $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\ell}$

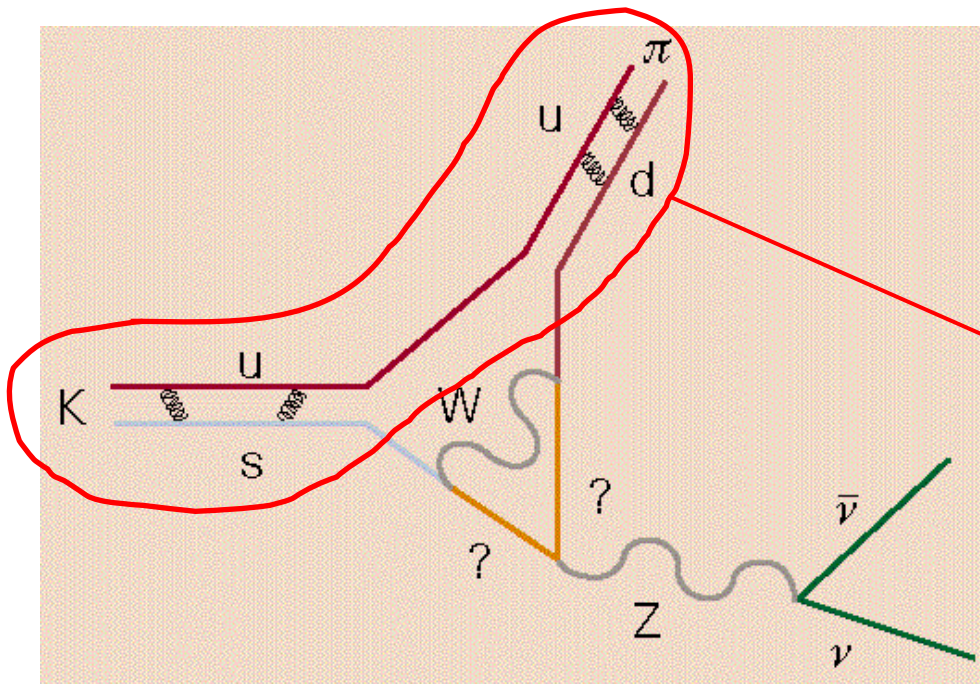
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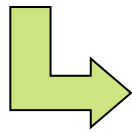
“Dirty” physics gets eliminated



Semileptonic: single hadronic operator
NP matrix element from $K_{\ell 3}$ (by isospin)

The goal: $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\ell}$

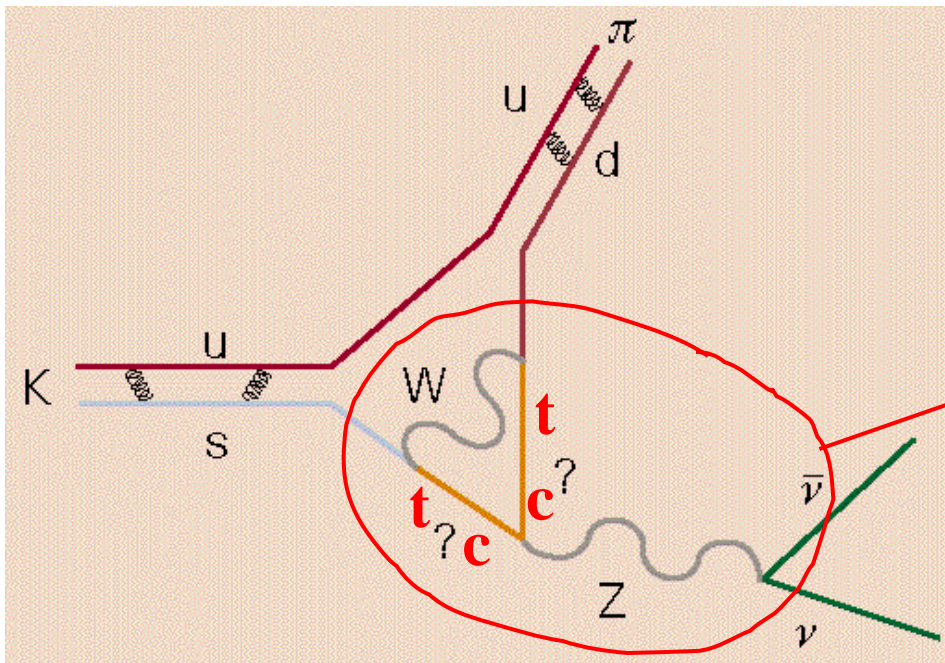
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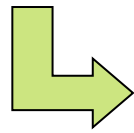
“Dirty” physics gets eliminated



Very short distance physics dominates (GIM): perturbative, under control at NNLO

The goal: $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\ell}$

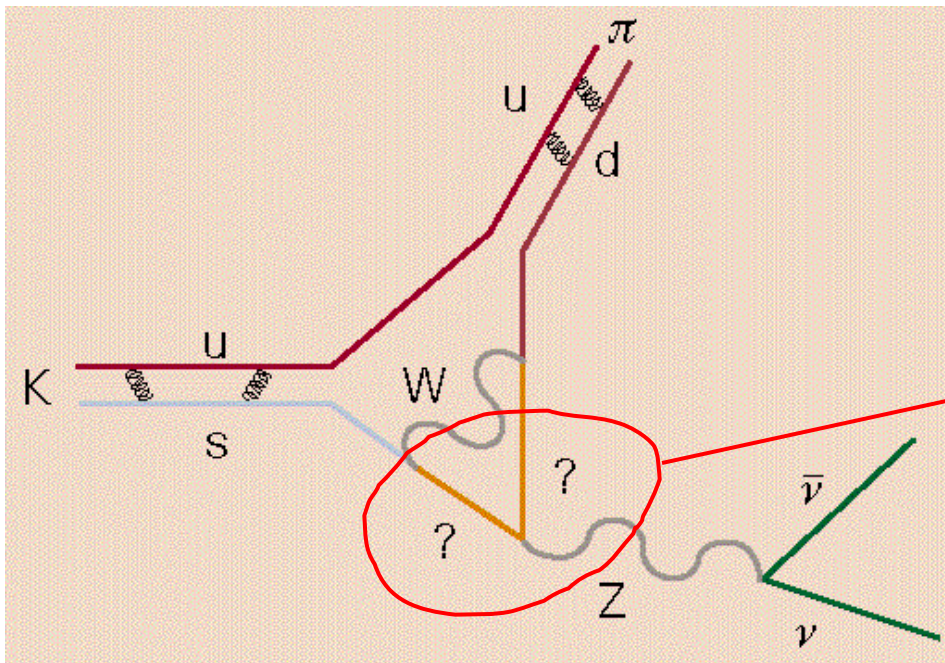
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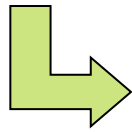
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Sensitive to heavy NP particles in the loop

The goal: $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\ell}$

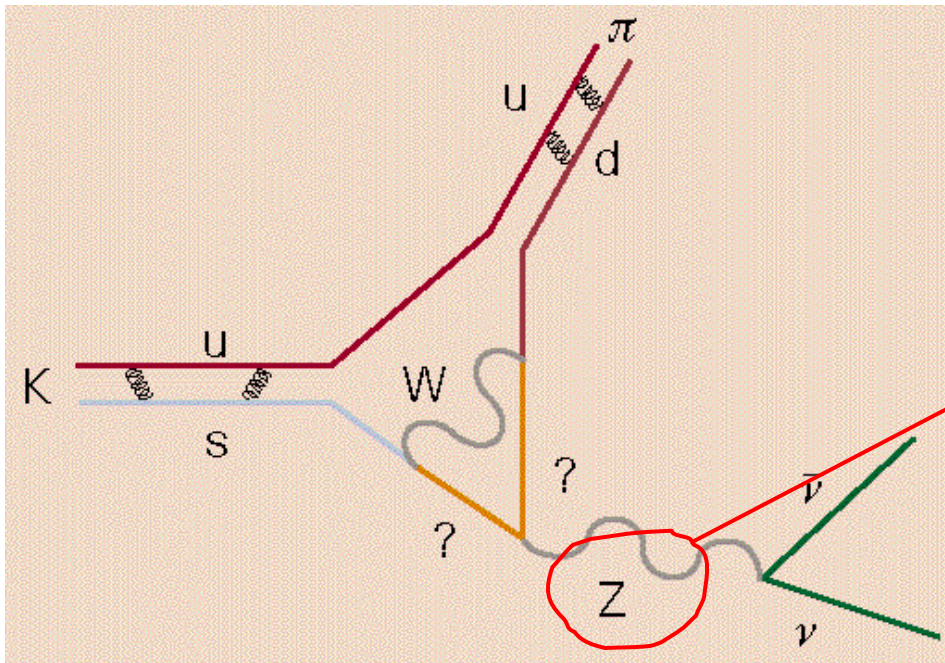
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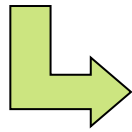
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For $\ell = \nu$ no photon long-distance contribution

The goal: $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\ell}$

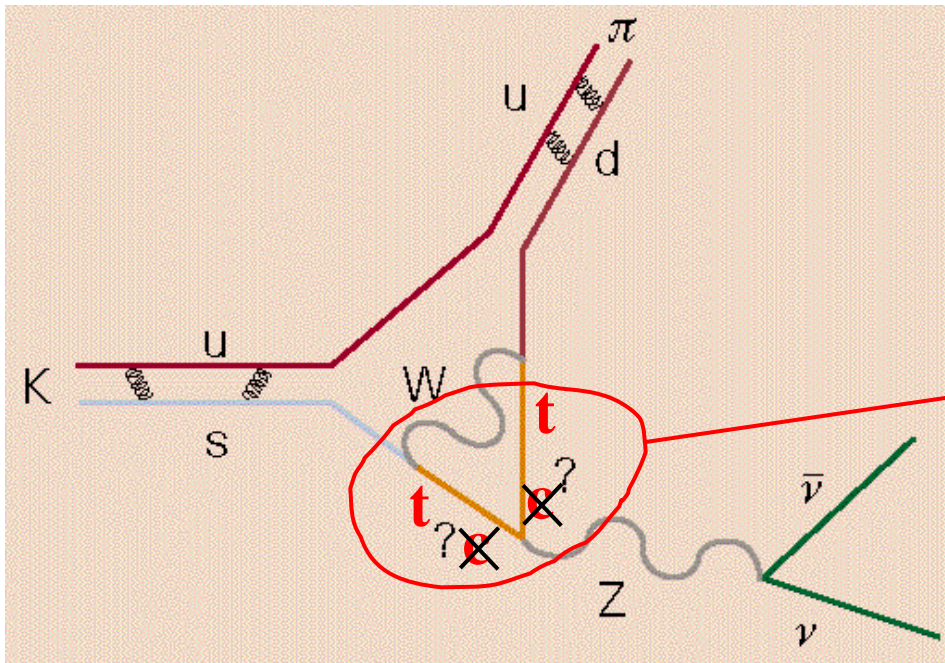
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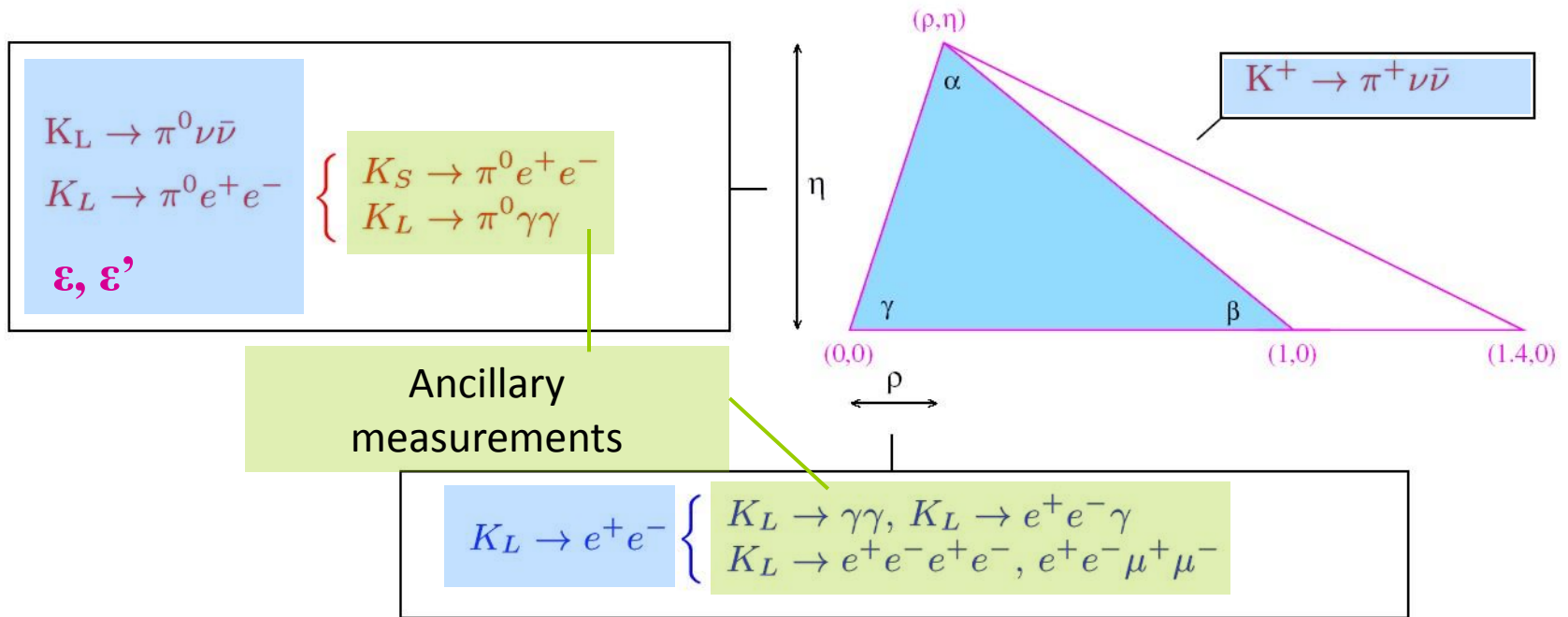
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For the neutral K it is CP-violating and only top contributes

Unitarity triangle from K



$$V_{us}^* V_{ud} + V_{cs}^* V_{cd} + V_{ts}^* V_{td} = \lambda_u + \lambda_c + \lambda_t = 0$$

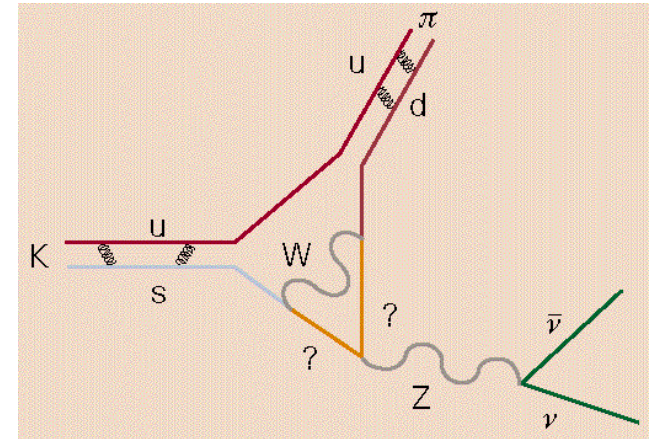
Ke3
 $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

Height: $\text{Im}(\lambda_t)$

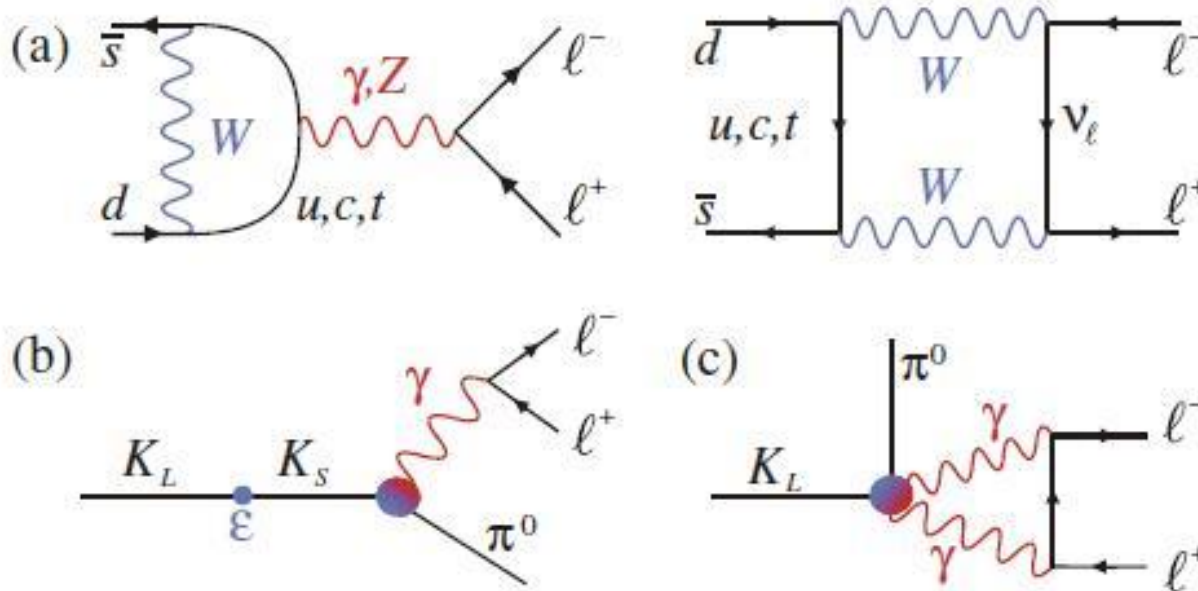
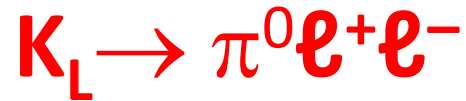
$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$$

$K \rightarrow \pi e \bar{e}$ decays

Switch to *quantitative* test of the SM
 Flavour sector, probing extremely high
 energy scales: precision frontier
complementary to LHC energy frontier
 Some (tiny!) BRs can be computed to
very high (few percent) precision



$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	10^{-11} (CPV _{dir} $3 \cdot 10^{-12}$)	$< 2.8 \cdot 10^{-10}$ (FNAL KTeV)	CPC+CPV 3 ev. (2.05 bkg)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	10^{-11} (CPV _{dir} $1 \cdot 10^{-12}$)	$< 3.8 \cdot 10^{-10}$ (FNAL KTeV)	CPC+CPV 2 ev. (0.87 bkg)
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$	$8 \cdot 10^{-11}$ (at 7%)	$1.47^{+1.30}_{-0.89} \cdot 10^{-10}$ (BNL E787+E949)	Dedicated expt. 3 evt. (bkg. 0.45)
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-11}$ (at 2%)	$< 6.7 \cdot 10^{-8}$ (KEK E391a)	CPV dir "Nothing to nothing"



(a) Short-distance part

(b) Indirect CP-violating from $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ (meas. NA48/1)

(c) CP conserving long-distance: from $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$ (meas. KTeV, NA48)

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$

V.Cirigliano et al., arXiv1107.6001

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-)_{\text{CPV}} = 10^{-12} \times \left\{ 15.7 |a_S|^2 \pm 6.2 |a_S| \left(\frac{\text{Im} \lambda_t}{10^{-4}} \right) + 2.4 \left(\frac{\text{Im} \lambda_t}{10^{-4}} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{CPV}} = 10^{-12} \times \left\{ 3.7 |a_S|^2 \pm 1.6 |a_S| \left(\frac{\text{Im} \lambda_t}{10^{-4}} \right) + 1.0 \left(\frac{\text{Im} \lambda_t}{10^{-4}} \right)^2 \right\}$$

- $\lambda_t = V_{td} V_{ts}^*$ and $\text{Im} \lambda_t \simeq 1.35 \times 10^{-4}$.
- $|a_S|$, the amplitude for $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ at $q^2 = 0$ as defined below, is expected to be $O(1)$ but the sign of a_S is unknown. $|a_S| = 1.06^{+0.26}_{-0.21}$.
- For $\ell = e$ the two-photon contribution is negligible.
- Taking the positive sign (?) the prediction is

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-)_{\text{CPV}} = (3.1 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-11}$$

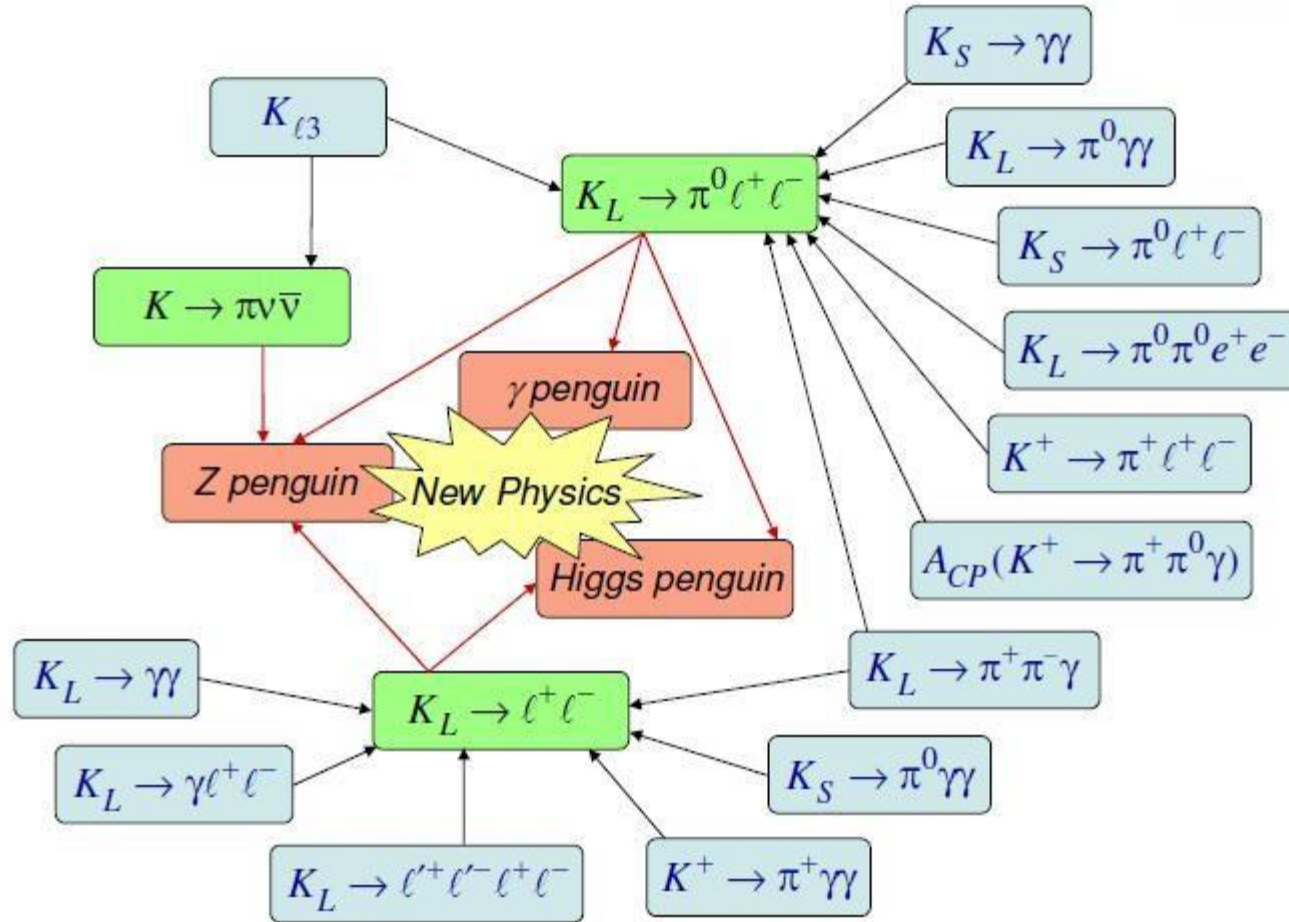
$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{CPV}} = (1.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{CPC}} = (5.2 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-12}.$$

- The current experimental limits (KTeV) are:

$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-) < 2.8 \times 10^{-10} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.8 \times 10^{-10}.$$

Rare K decays: the full picture

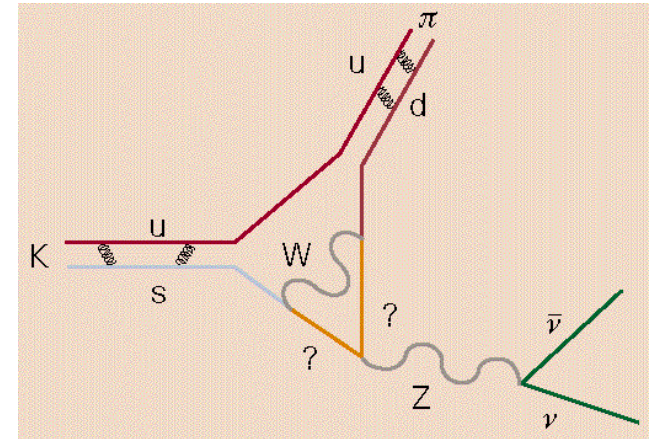


$K \rightarrow \pi n \bar{n}$ decays

Governed by single effective operator both in SM and beyond it:

$$(sd)_V(nn)_{V-A}$$

The hadronic matrix element is precisely measured by $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ n$ (with small and well known corrections)



$$Br(K^+)_{\text{SM}} = (8.5 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

$$Br(K^+)_{\text{exp}} = 17.3^{+11.5}_{-10.5} \cdot 10^{-11}$$

$$Br(K_L)_{\text{SM}} = (2.6 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-11}$$

$$Br(K_L)_{\text{exp}} < 2.6 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

The (new) "holy grail"



$$BR_{SM}(K \rightarrow \pi \bar{\nu} \nu) \propto r_{IB} BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu) \frac{\alpha^2}{\sin^4 \theta_W}$$

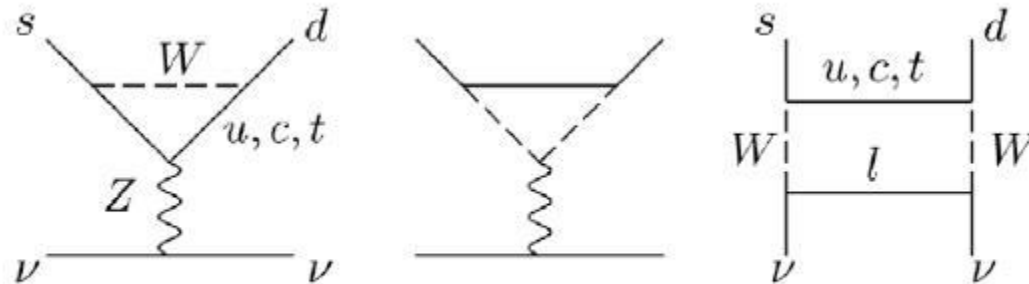
$$\sum_l \left[\frac{\text{Im} V_{ts}^* V_{td}}{|V_{us}|} X(m_t, \alpha_S) + \frac{\text{Im} V_{cs}^* V_{cd}}{|V_{us}|} X_{NL}(m_c, m_l, \alpha_S) \right]$$

Charged mode only

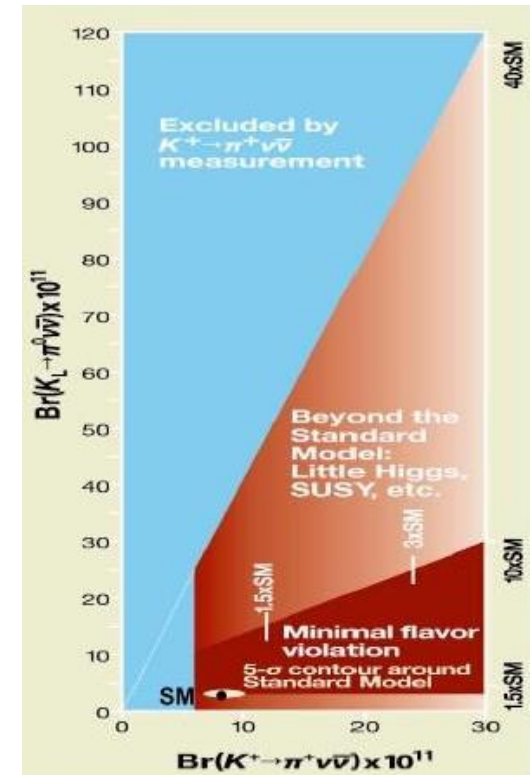
The best measurement of $|V_{td}|$?

Rather a highly-sensitive search for NP

Comparison of the two can discriminate by itself the flavour structure of NP



SM Leading diagrams to $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ decays



$K \rightarrow \pi n \bar{n}$ decays

effective Hamiltonian for $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} \propto \left[\underbrace{V_{cs}^* V_{cd} X_{\text{NNL}}(x_c)}_{\text{charm contribution}} + \underbrace{V_{ts}^* V_{td} |X| e^{i\theta_X}}_{\substack{\text{SD contribution} \\ \text{new physics!}}} \right] (\bar{s}d)_V (\bar{\nu}\nu)_{V-A}$$

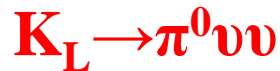
► short-distance physics described model-independently by complex function

$$X = |X| e^{i\theta_X} \quad \text{where } |X|^{\text{SM}} = X(x_t), \theta_X^{\text{SM}} = 0$$

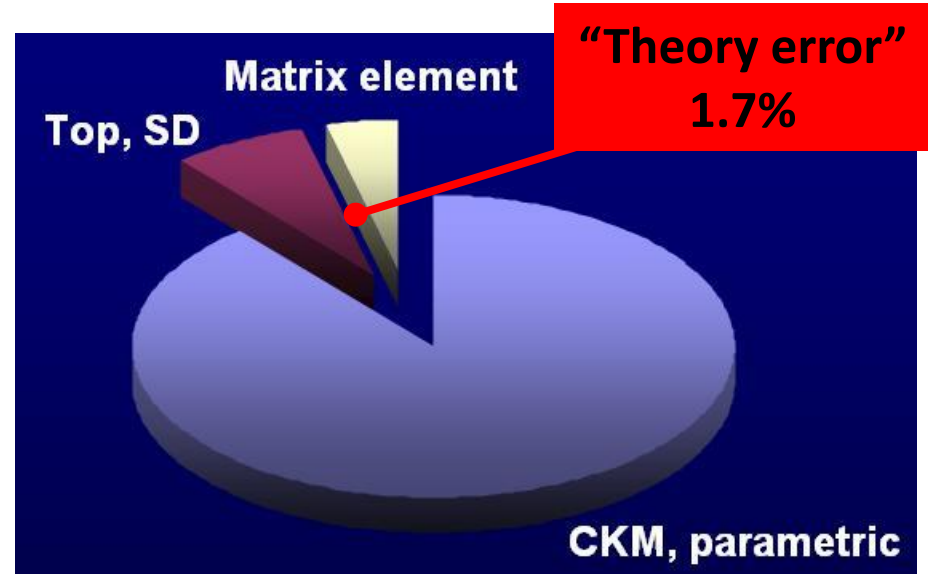
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ mode sensitive to $|X|$ (CP-conserving),
while $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ mode measures $\text{Im}X$ (CP-violating)

$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$ BR predictions

The experimental challenges stimulated a flurry of theoretical improvements

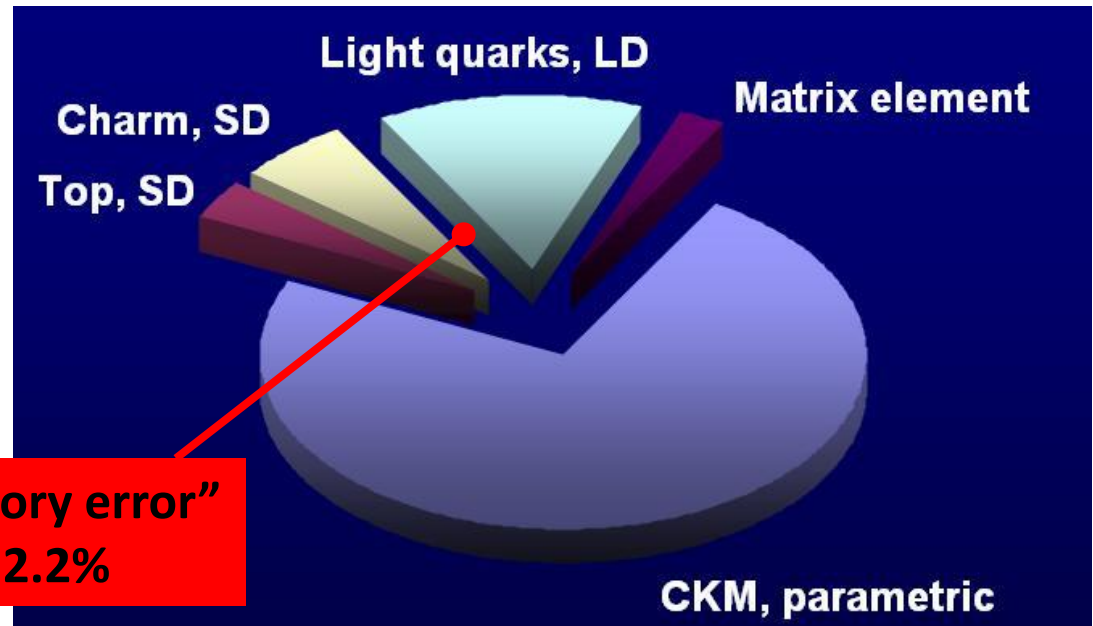


$$BR_{SM} = (0.26 \pm 0.04) \cdot 10^{-10}$$



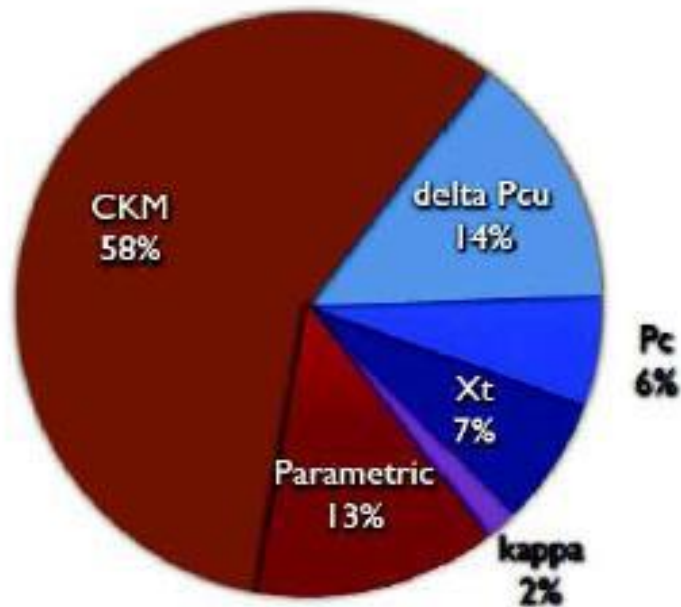
$$BR_{SM} = (0.85 \pm 0.07) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

Comparable, unprecedented, *tiny* theoretical errors

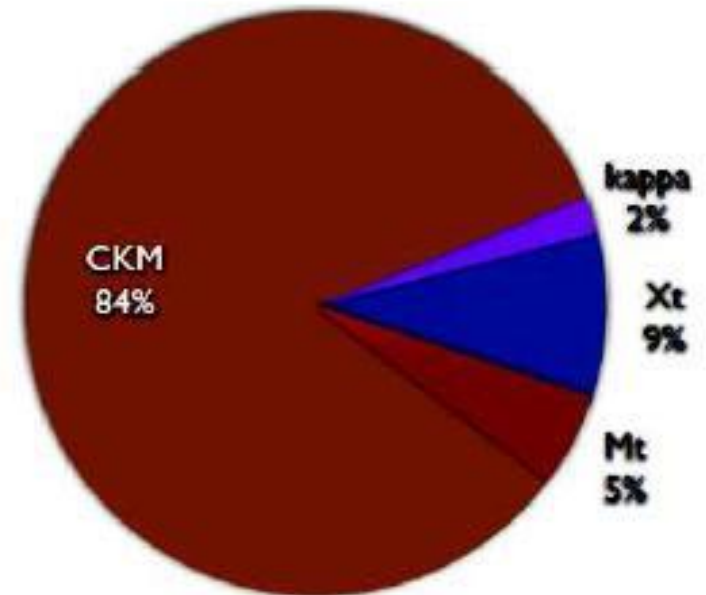


$K \rightarrow \pi n \bar{n}$ decays: SM prediction

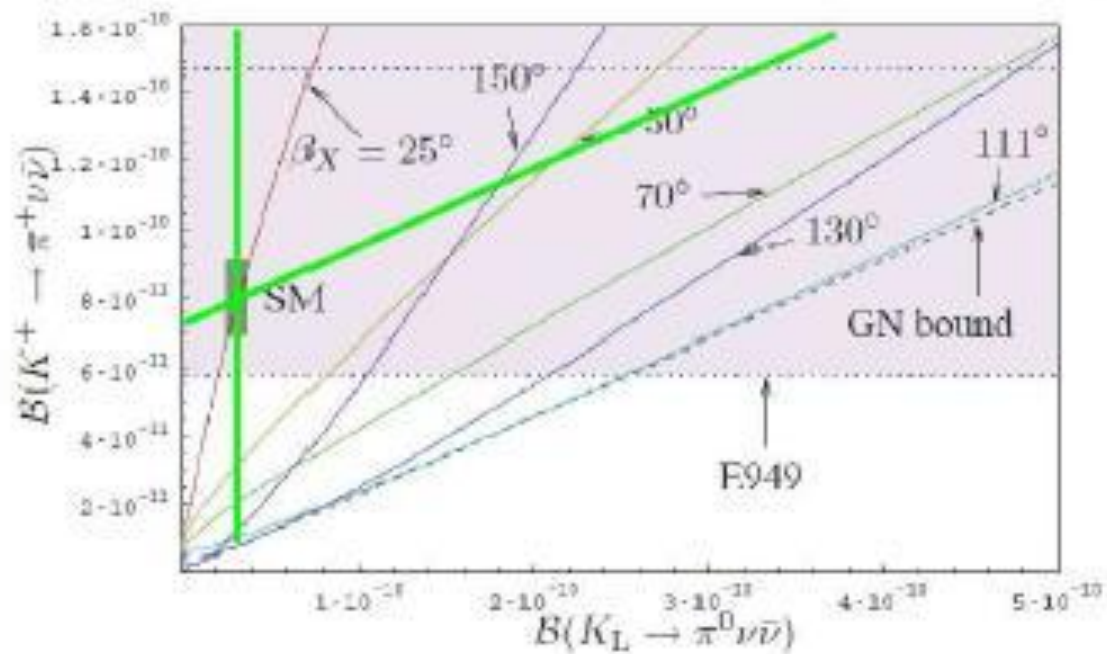
$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$$



$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$$



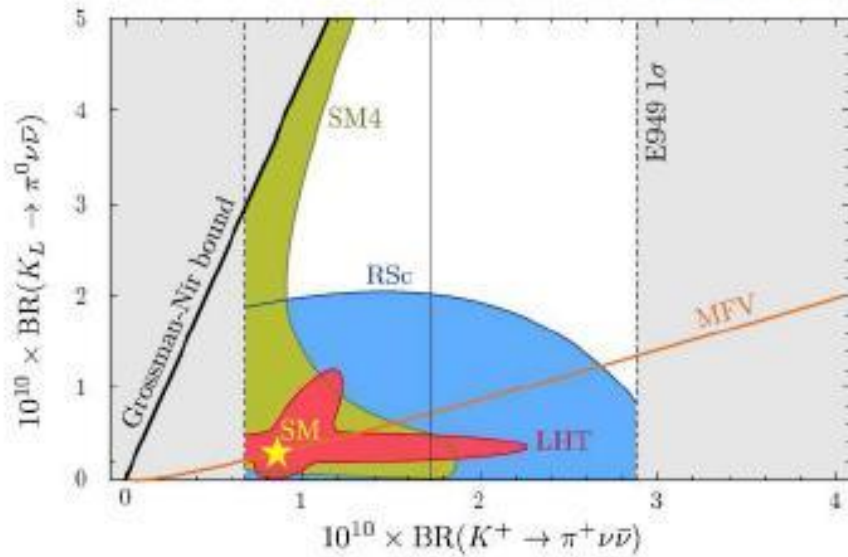
$K \rightarrow \pi n \bar{n}$ decays: SM prediction



Example:

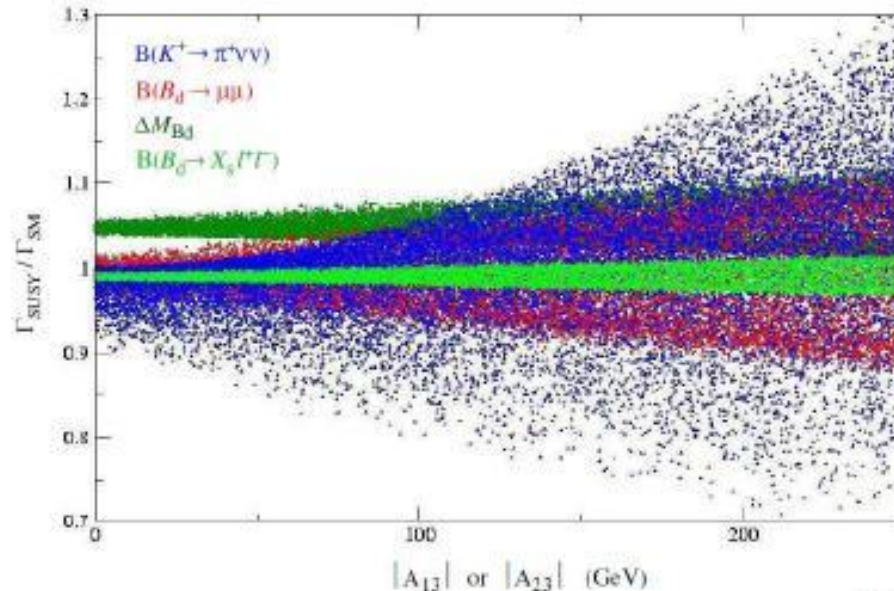
pure V-A structure in ϵ_K : only two branches allowed

$K \rightarrow \pi n \bar{n}$ decays: BSM

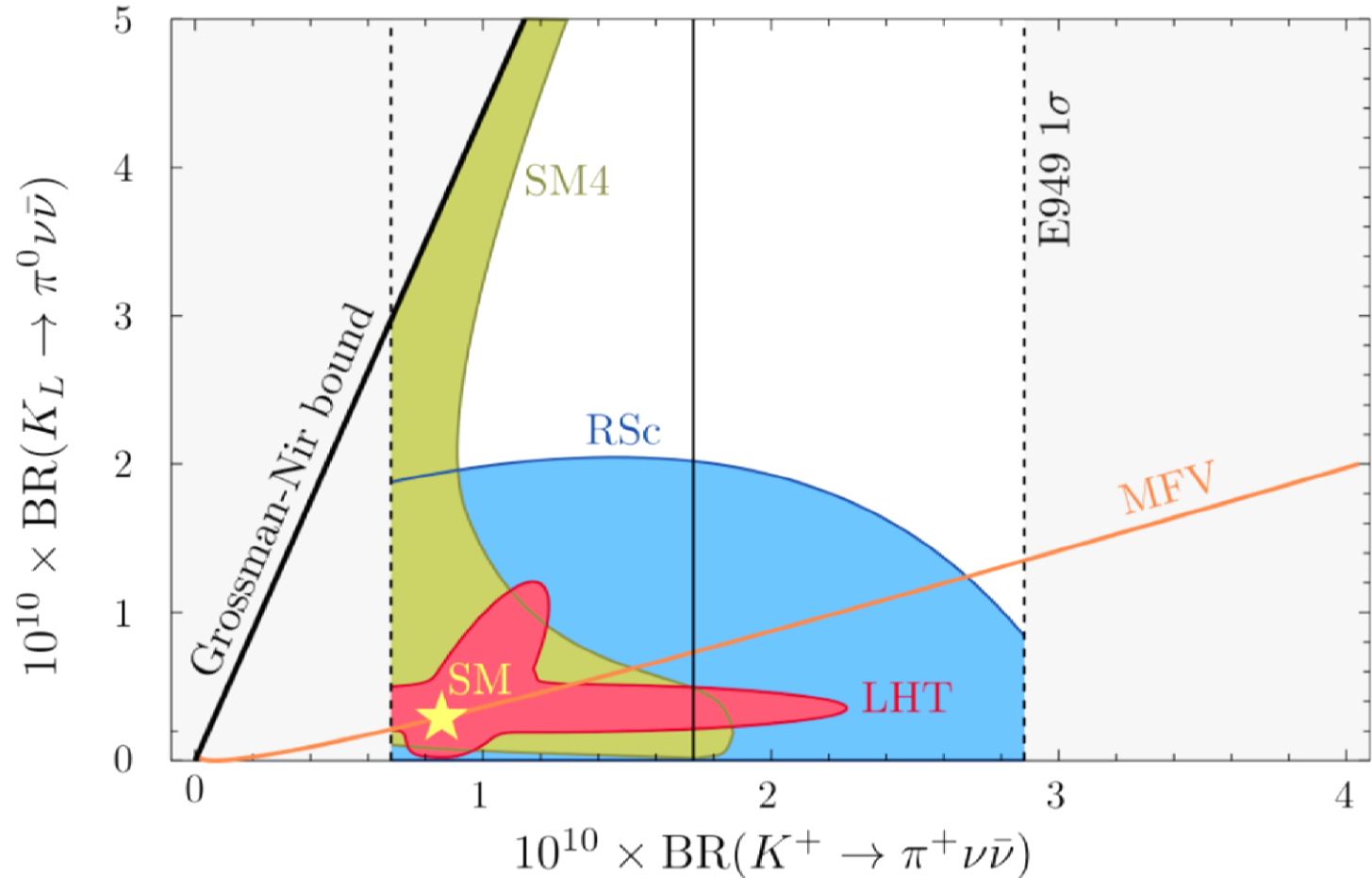


Randall-Sundrum w. custodial symmetry (RSc), Littlest Higgs w. T-parity (LHT), 4th generation (SM4)

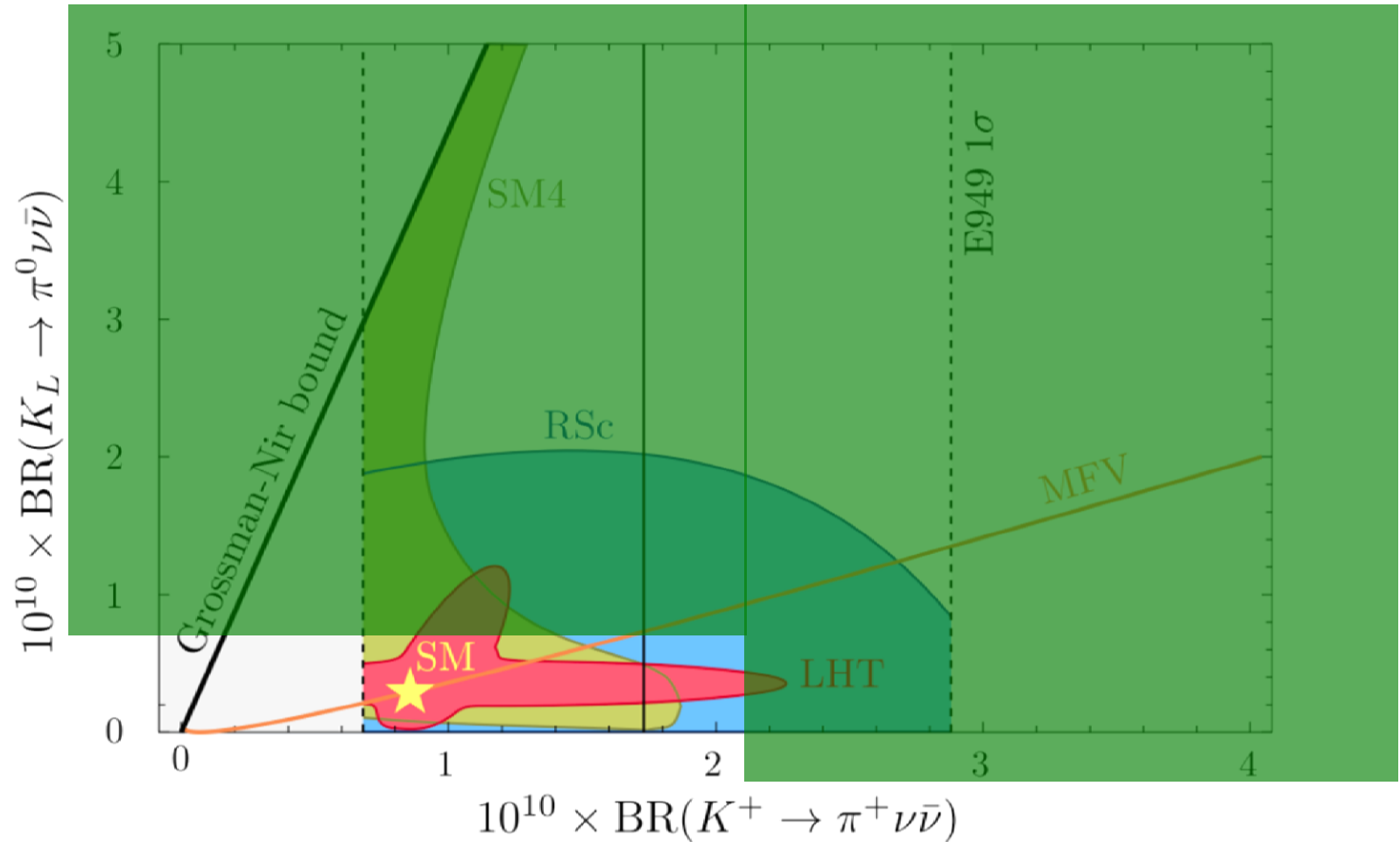
MSSM
Chargino loops
Wide area open



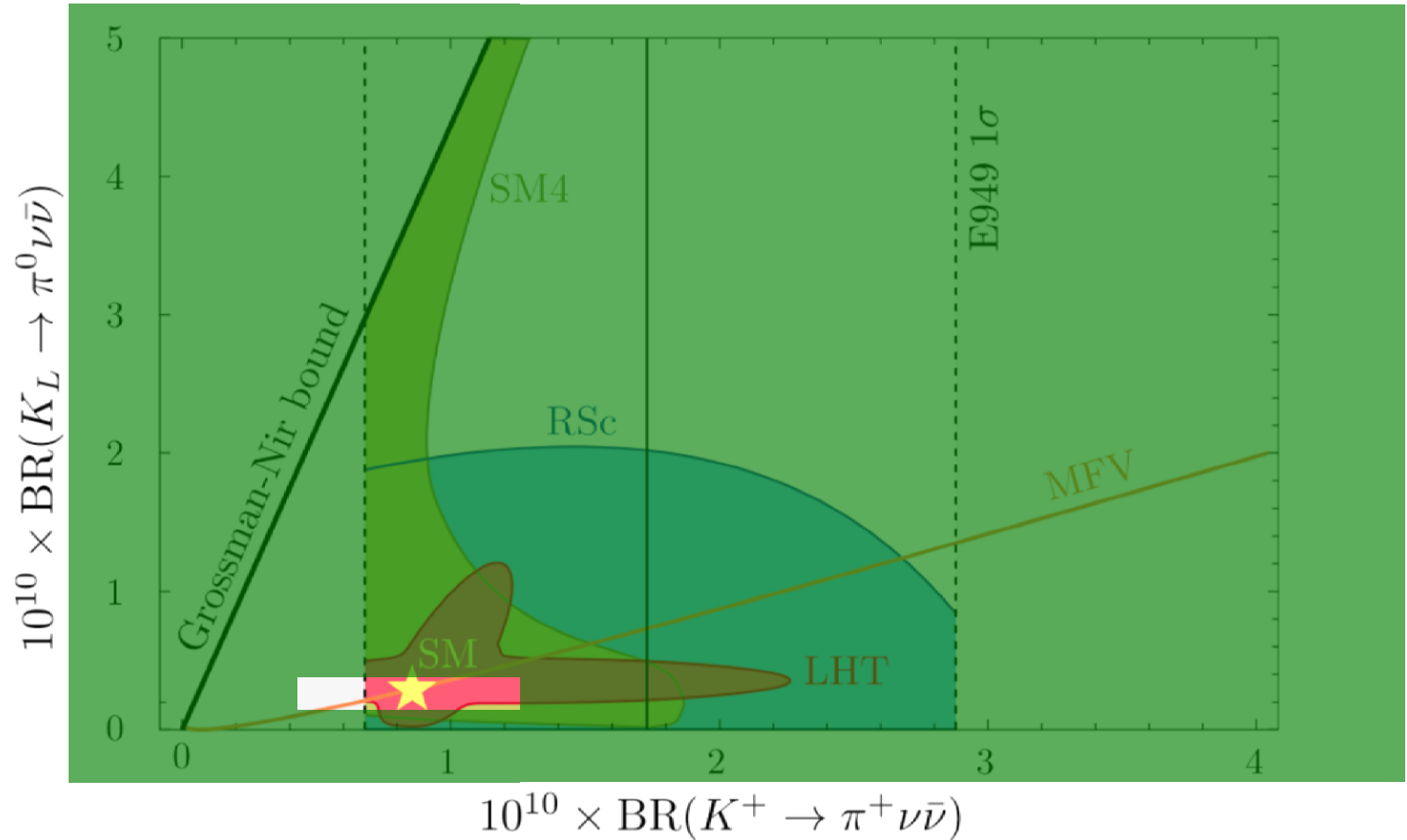
$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$ **remains clean** also beyond SM:
 single effective $u\bar{u}$ operator, calculable Wilson coefficient,
 no long-distance effects



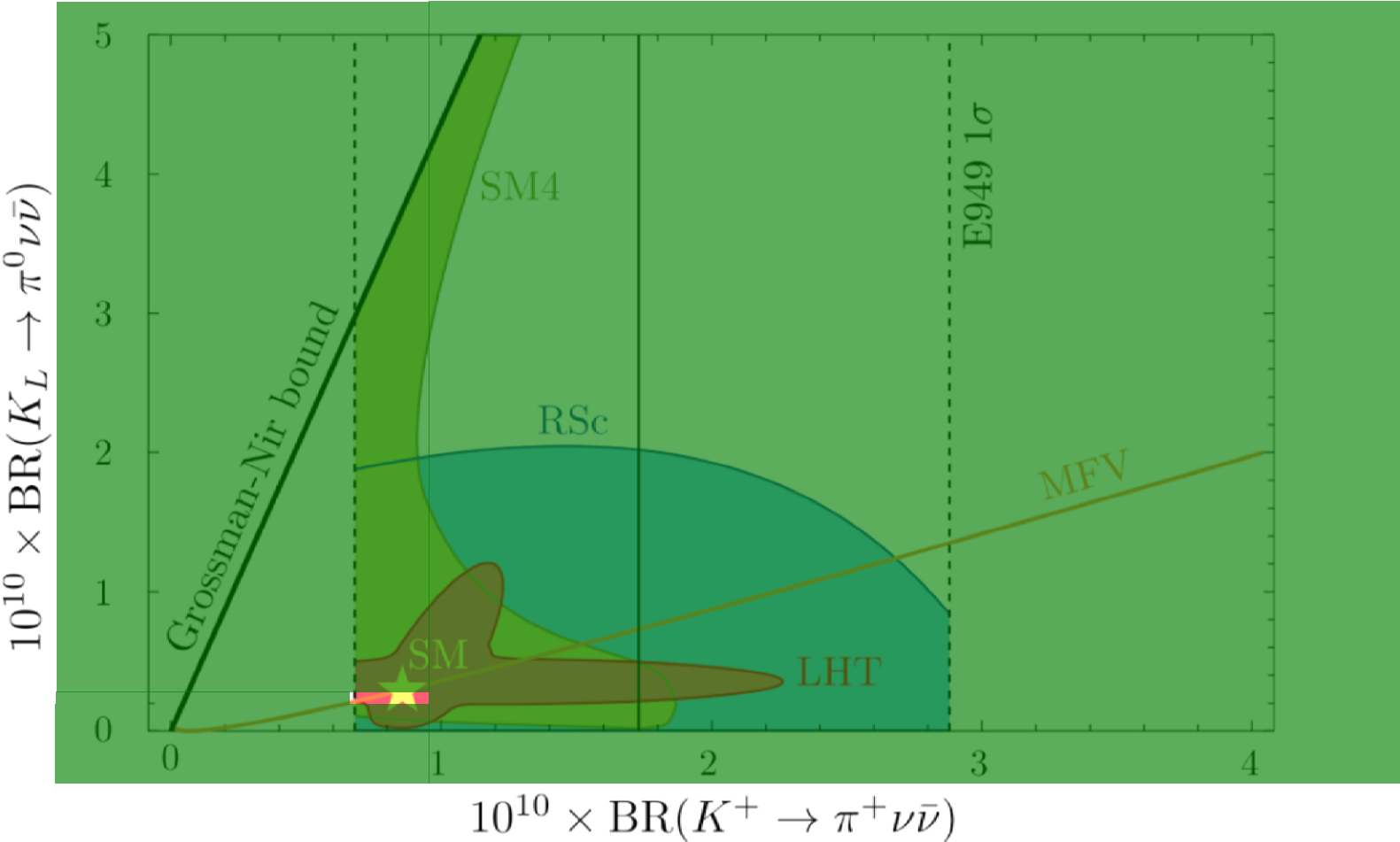
Zeroing in – 10 event experiments



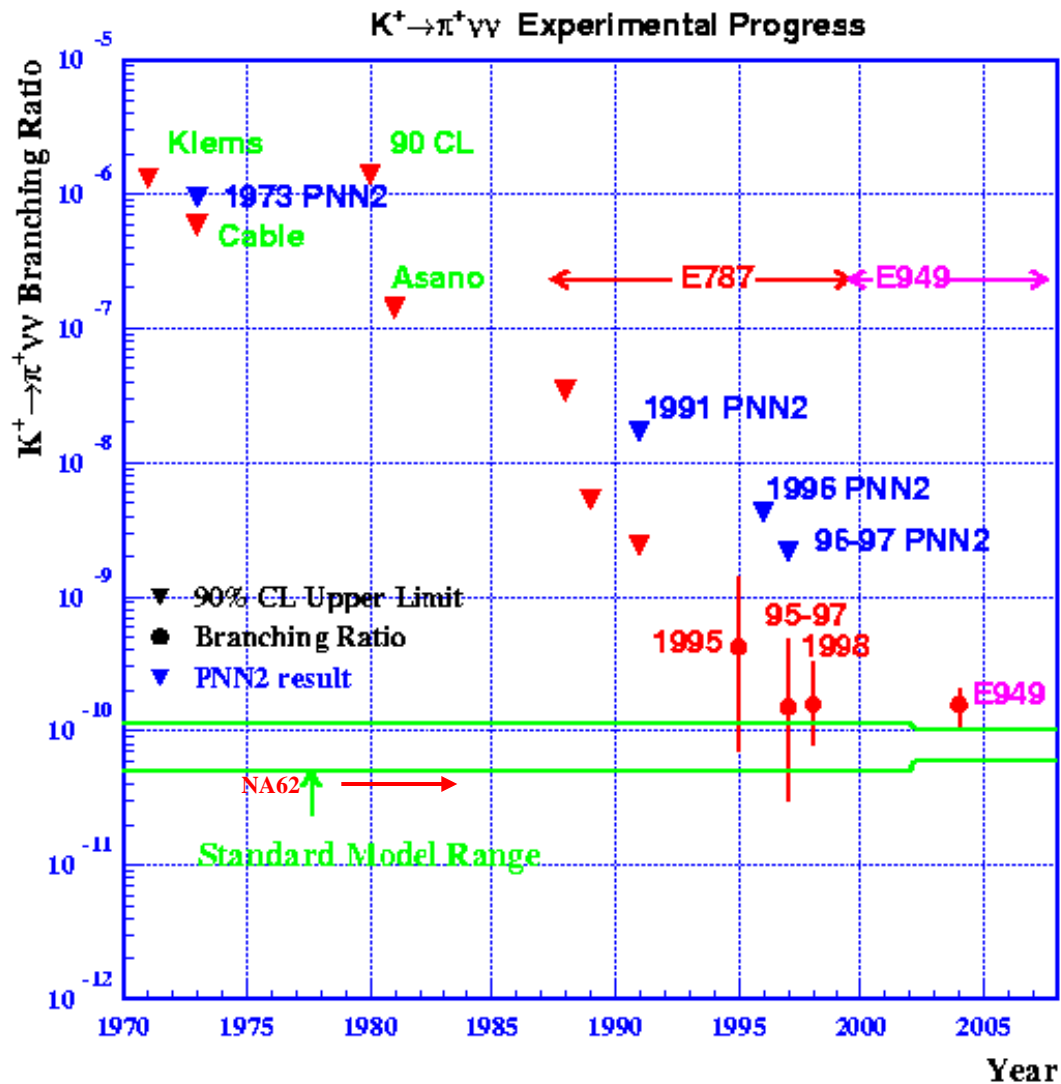
Zeroing in – 100 event experiments



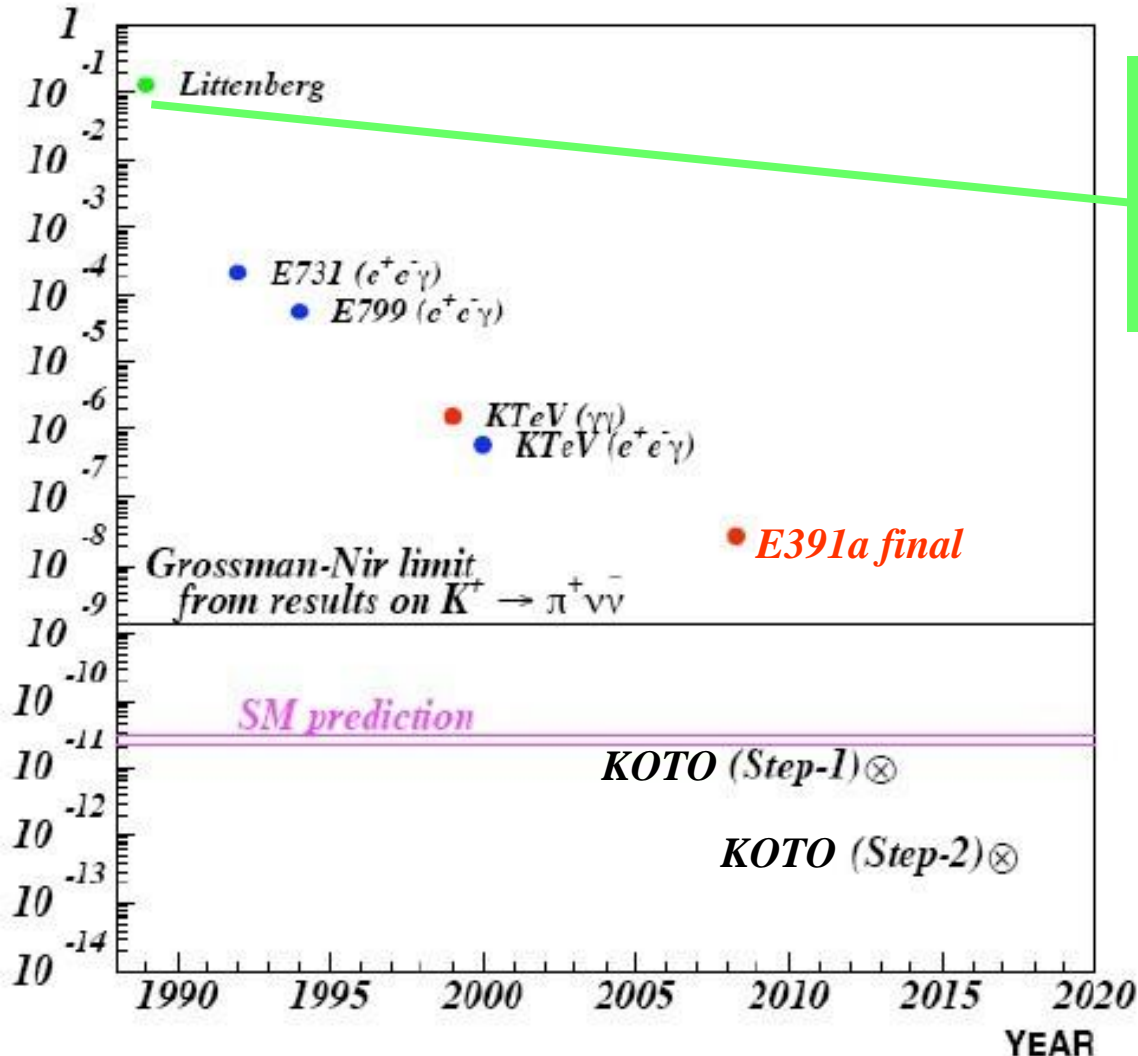
Zeroing in – 1000 event experiments



The long march

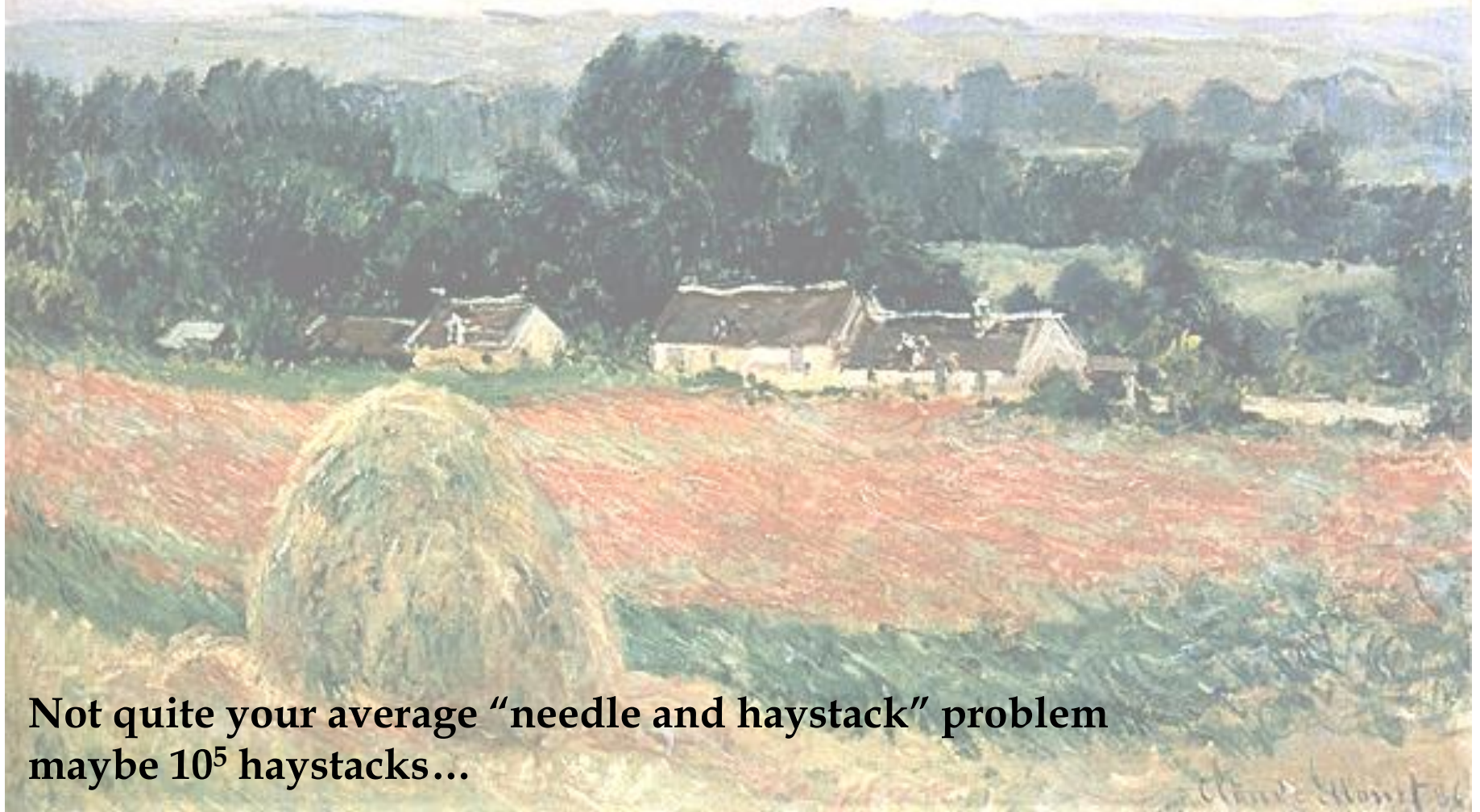


The new $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ enterprise

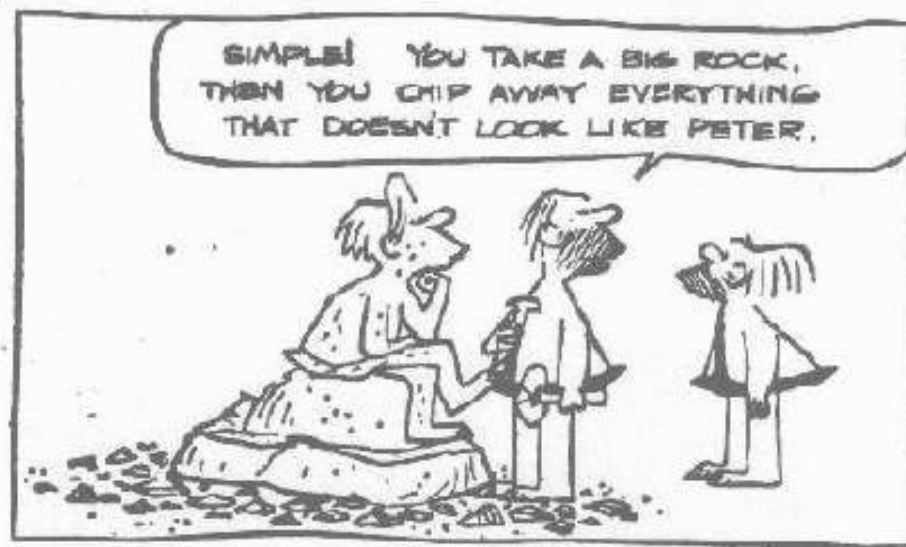


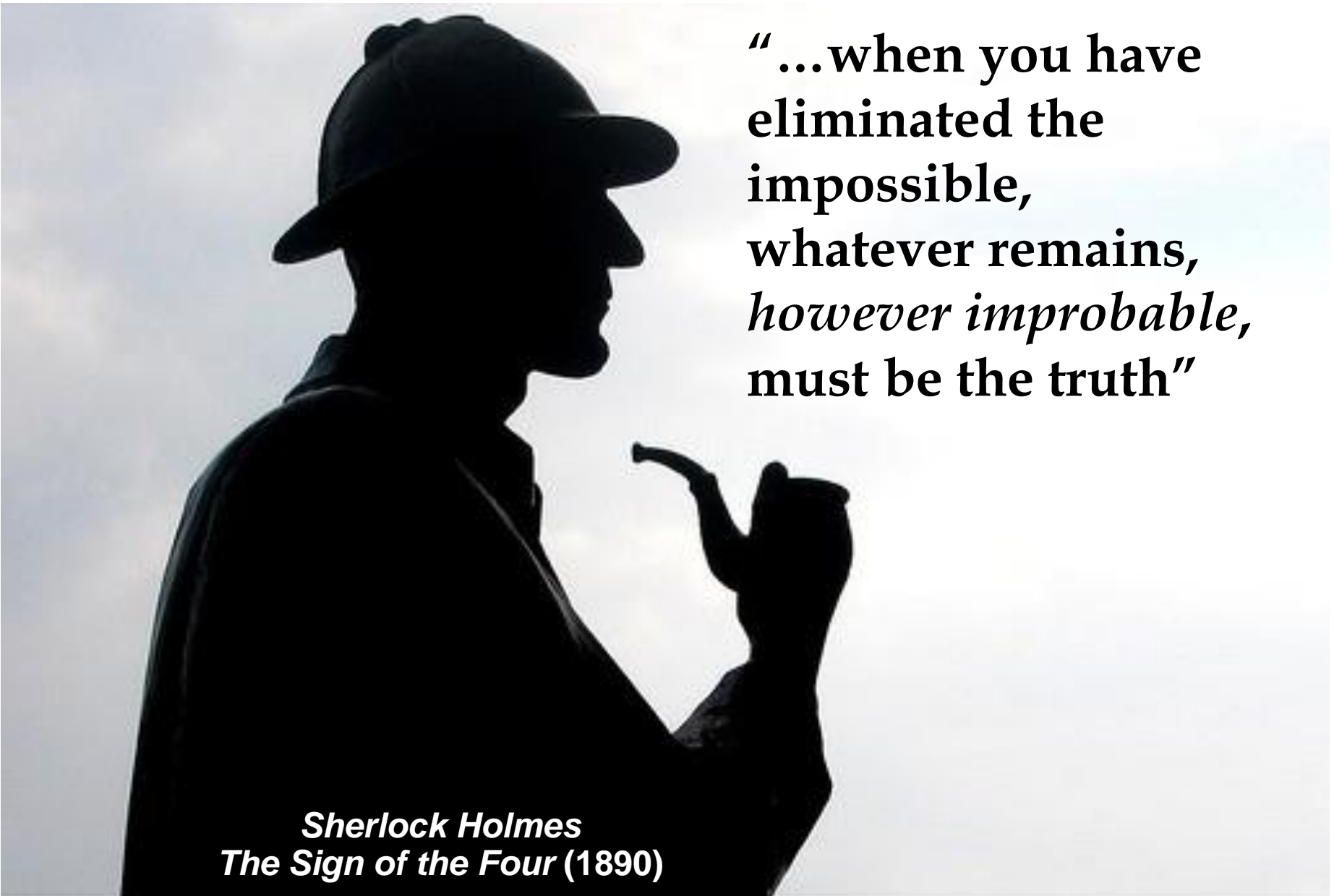
“The best it can be said is that so far nobody demonstrated conclusively that the measurement is impossible”.

**How to detect a not kinematically closed decay,
with poor signature, in a 10^{10} background?**



**Not quite your average “needle and haystack” problem
maybe 10^5 haystacks...**

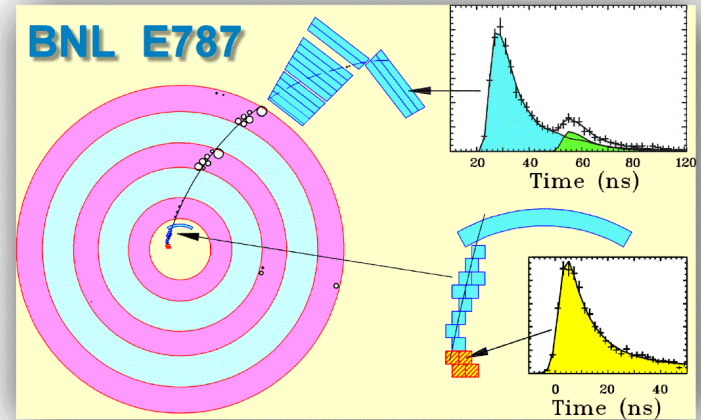




**“...when you have
eliminated the
impossible,
whatever remains,
however improbable,
must be the truth”**

***Sherlock Holmes
The Sign of the Four (1890)***

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ @ BNL



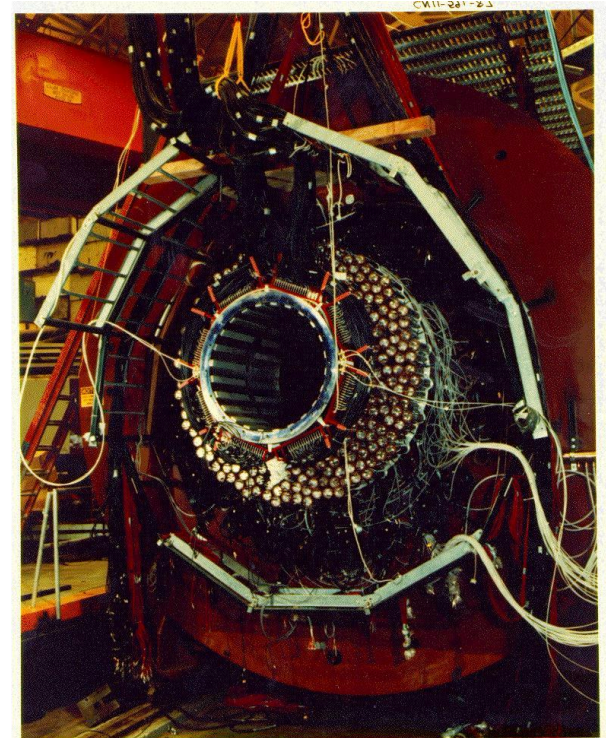
BNL E787: stopped low-energy K, many redundant measurements

Detect the sequence $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$

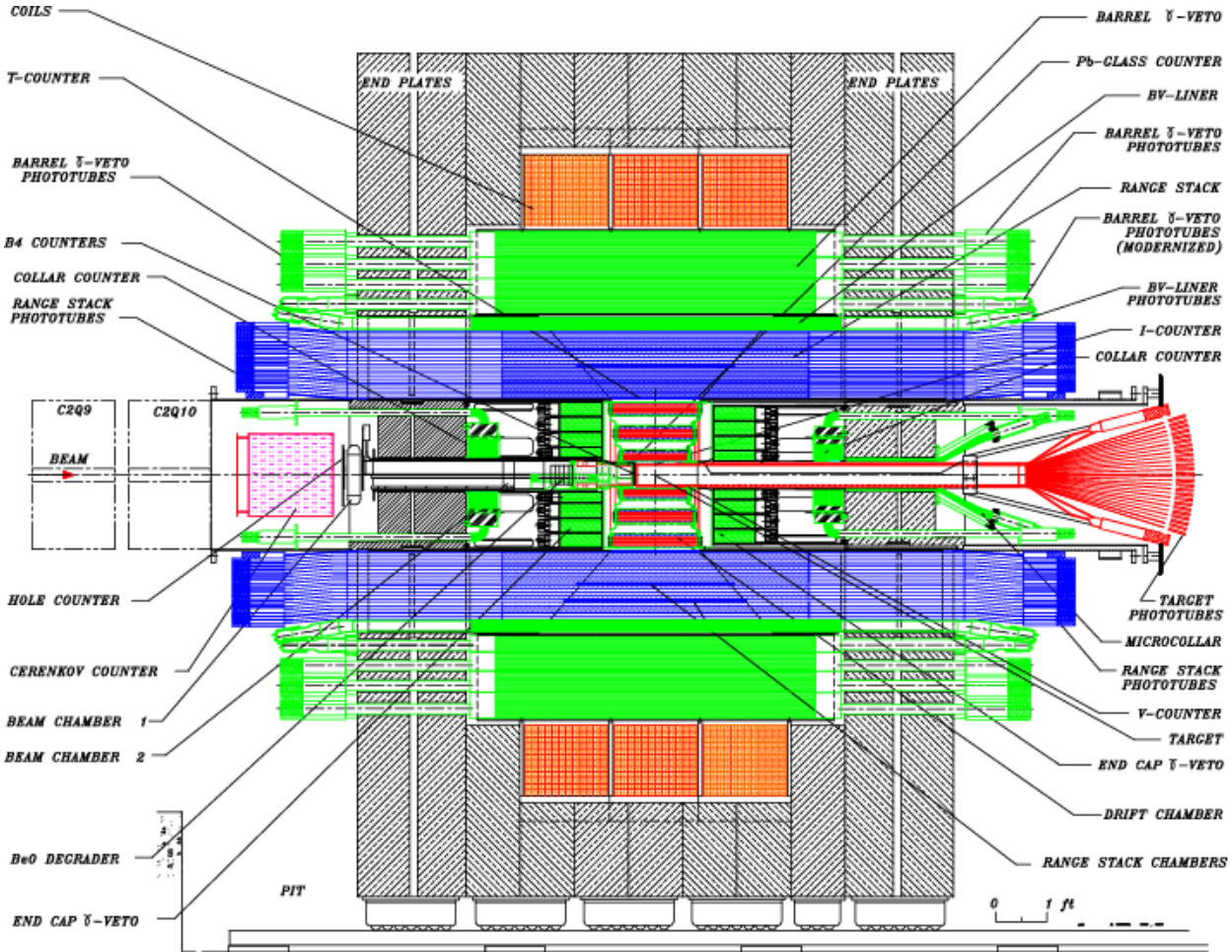
Momentum region between $\pi\pi$ and $\mu\nu$ peaks

Final result: 3 events (bkg 0.15)

$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = 1.56^{+1.75}_{-0.82} \times 10^{-10}$$



E949 @ BNL

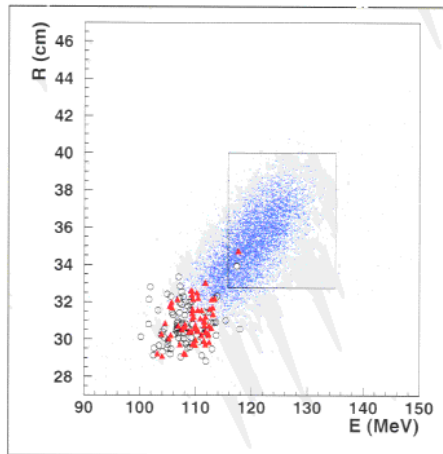


Proved $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ could be done in the “traditional” way

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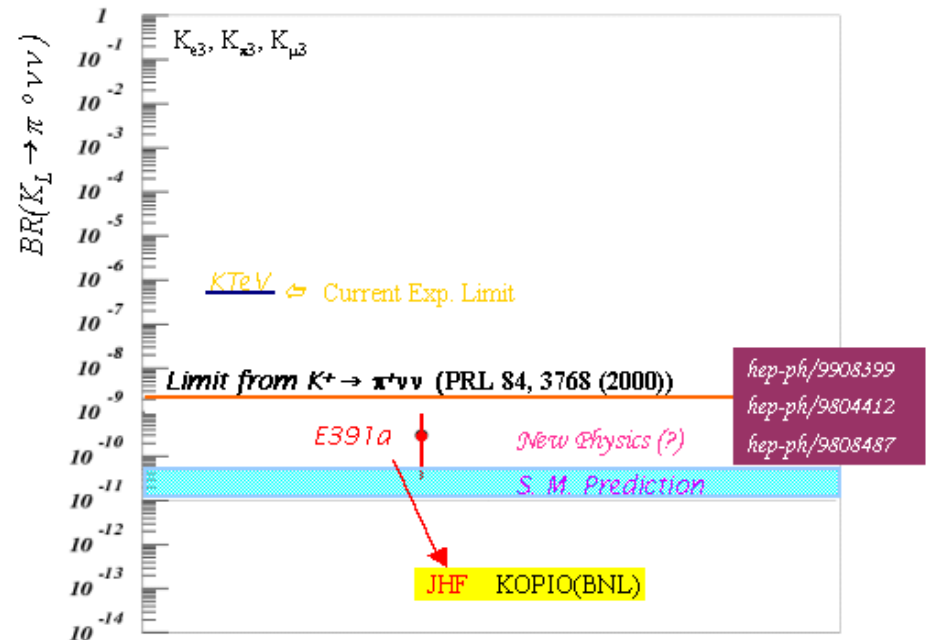
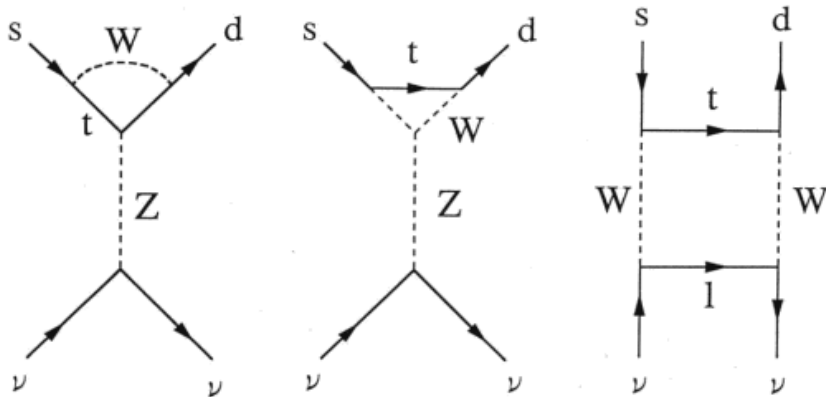
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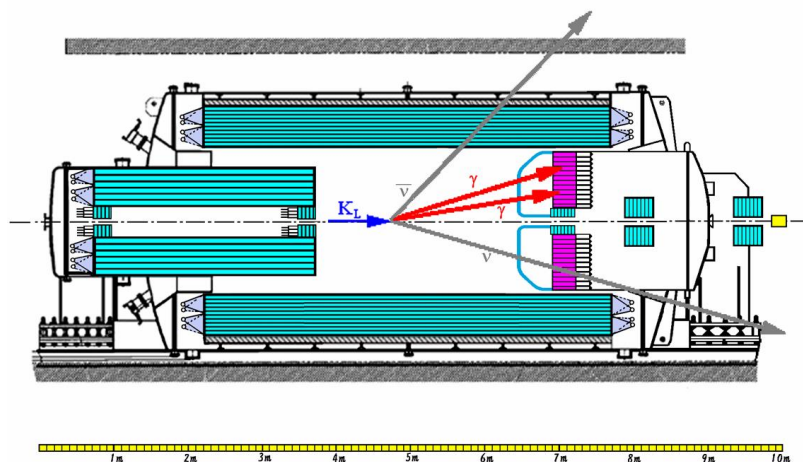
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$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$$

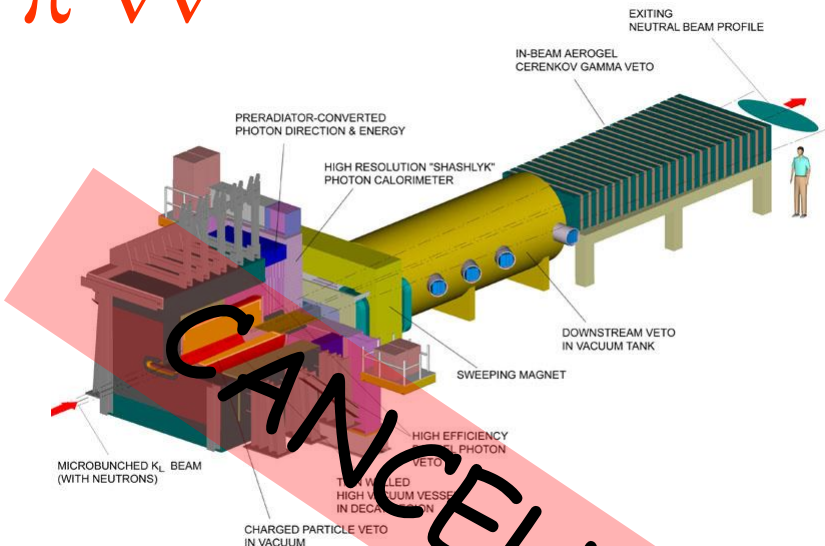
Only CP-violating term



$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$$

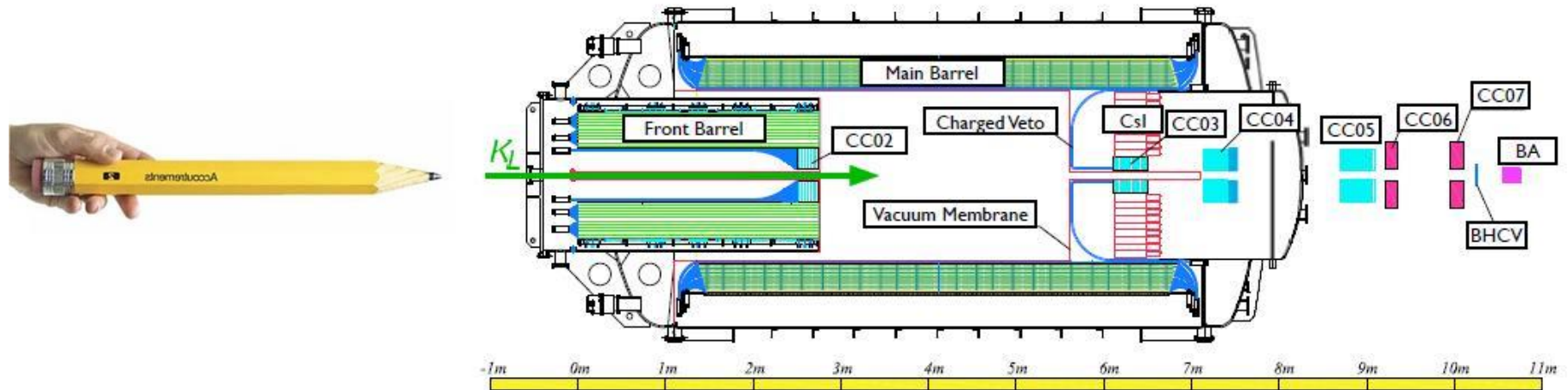


KEK E391-a (2004+): pilot project
 (does not reach SM)
 2 GeV/c pencil beam, PT cut against $\pi^0\pi^0$.



BNL KOPIO (2006+): TOF with microbunched 800 MeV/c beam
 Pre-radiator for photon tracking
 High-efficiency veto system
 Goal: 50 eventi.

KEK E391a experiment



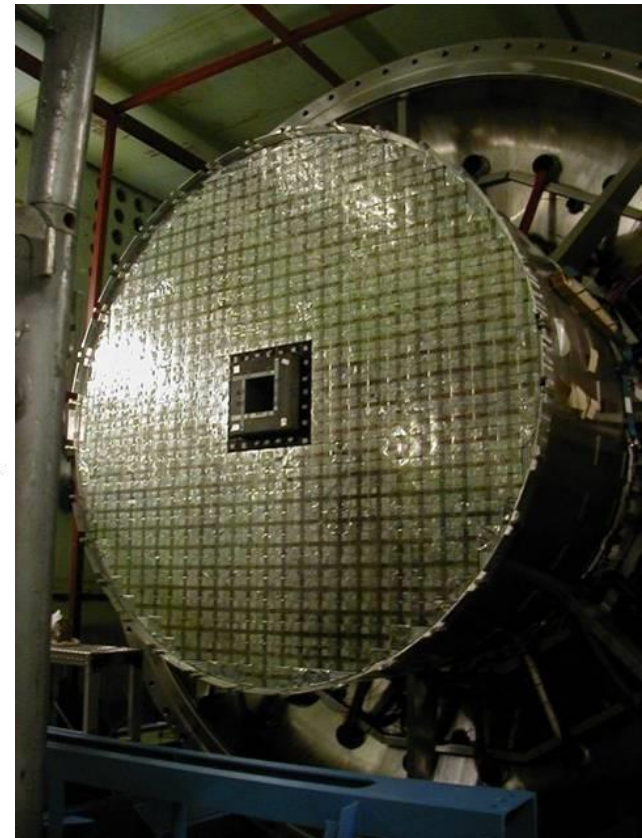
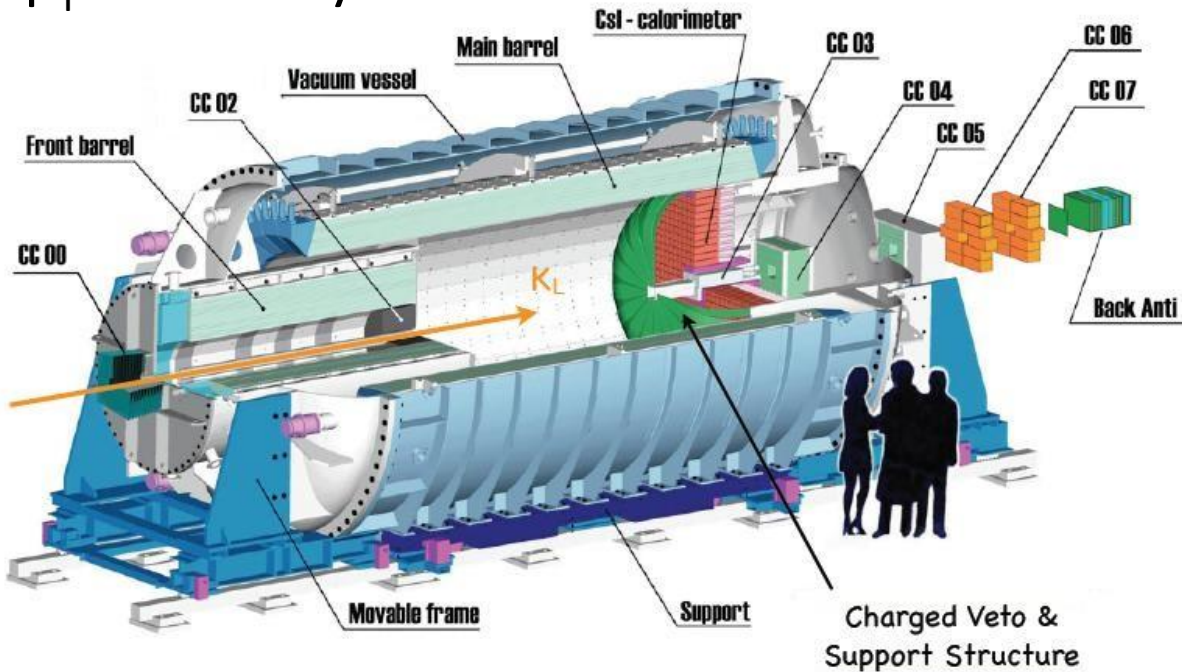
First dedicated pilot experiment to search for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ at the KEK-PS
Improve over KTeV (Dalitz) limit: $BR < 5.9 \cdot 10^{-7}$

- High intensity: $2 \cdot 10^{12}$ ppp 12 GeV/c (50% DC)
- “Pencil” beam as transverse constraint: ~ 2 GeV/c K_L at 4° and 11m
- Photon veto hermeticity down to 1-2 MeV: Pb/scint in high vacuum
- Good EM calorimetry: ~ 500 pure CsI 7×7 cm², with central hole

Three runs (2004-2005): 12 month total

E391a (KEK)

Pilot project for J-PARC experiment
“Pencil” beam: $\langle p \rangle \approx 3 \text{ GeV}/c$, $n/K \approx 60$
Photon vetoes at 1 MeV level
Hadronic background MC
 p_T and decay vertex cuts



E391a limits

Run I partial analysis (10% of data):

$$BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 2.1 \cdot 10^{-7} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$

Run II: Solved problems with material on beam and DAQ inefficiency, reduced n flux

Control bkg: 1.9 ± 0.2 , obs. 3,
 0.39 ± 0.08 , obs. 2

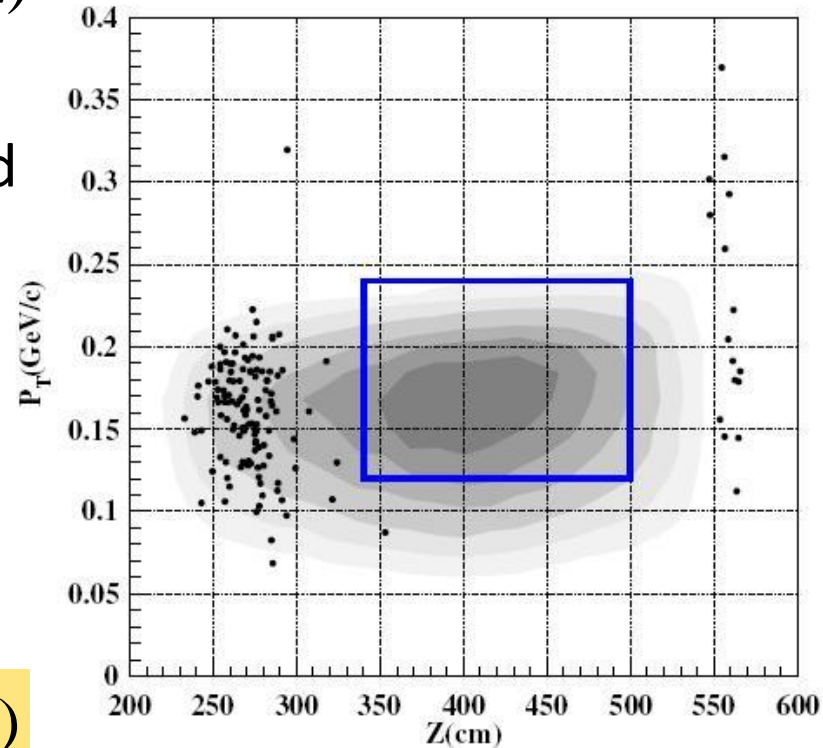
Background: exp. 0.44 ± 0.11 , obs. 0

Acceptance 0.67%

$$BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 6.7 \cdot 10^{-8} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$

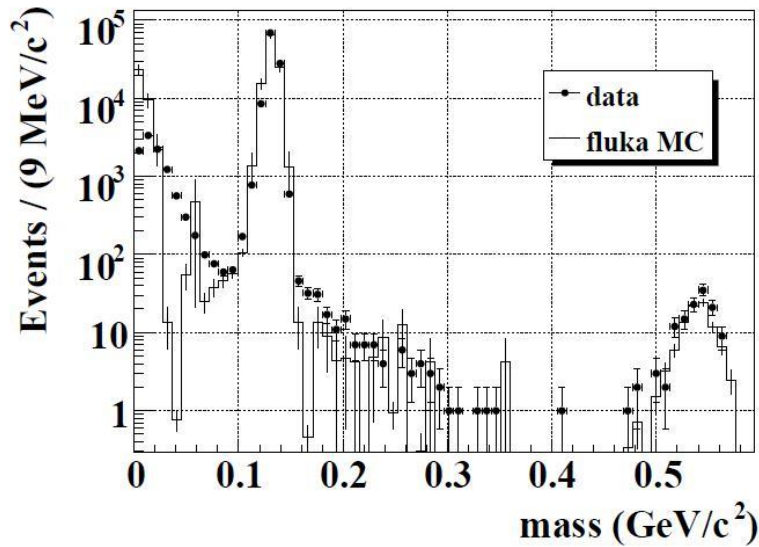
Single-event sensitivity: $2.89 \cdot 10^{-8}$

Still below Grossman-Nir bound

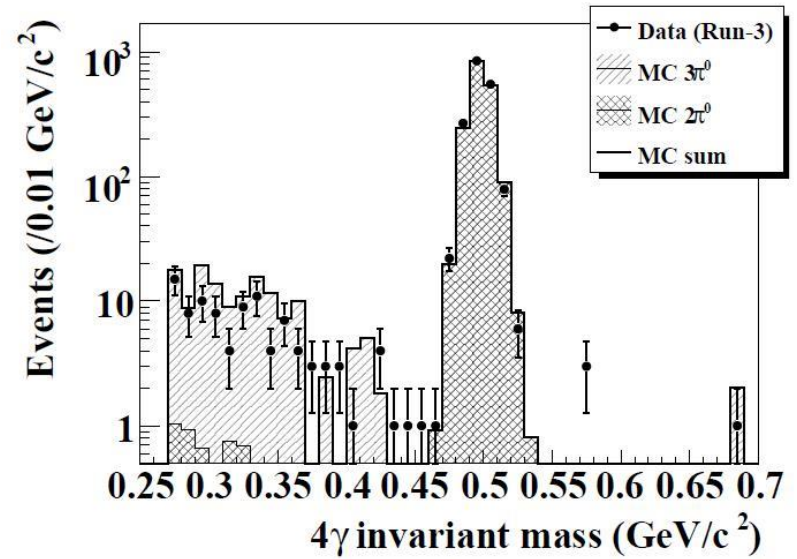


Also: $BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 4.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$
(90% CL)

KEK E391a final results



2 γ mass with 5mm Al plate run



4 γ mass in vacuum run

Detailed understanding of backgrounds

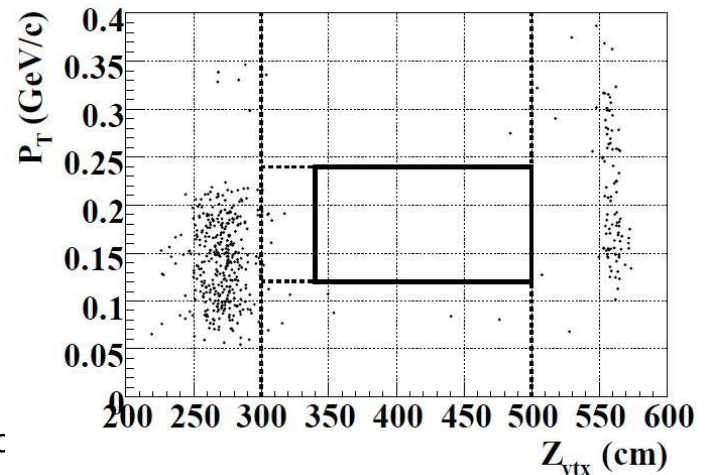
Bkg estimate: 0.87 ± 0.41

3 flux normalizations

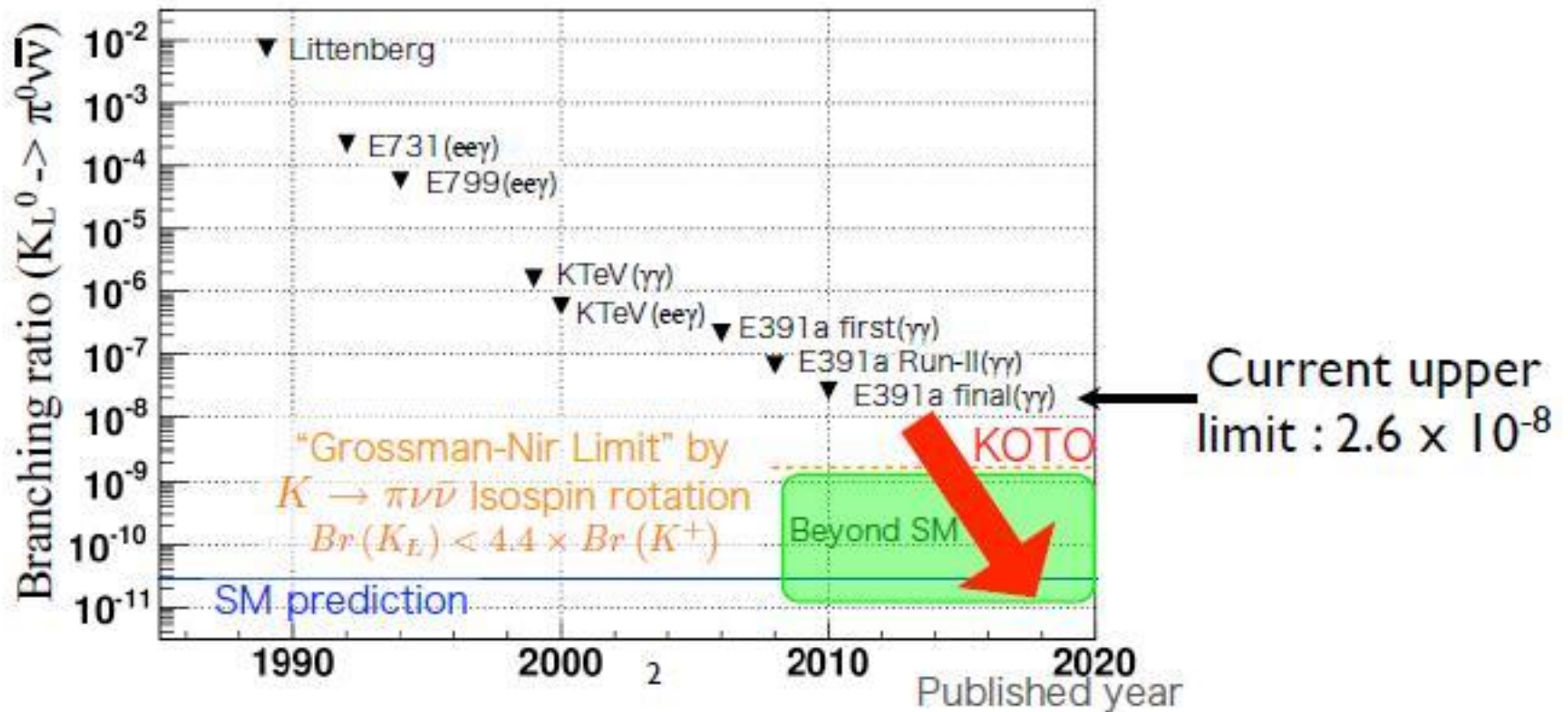
$\sim 1\%$ total acceptance

SES $(1.11 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.10) \cdot 10^{-8}$

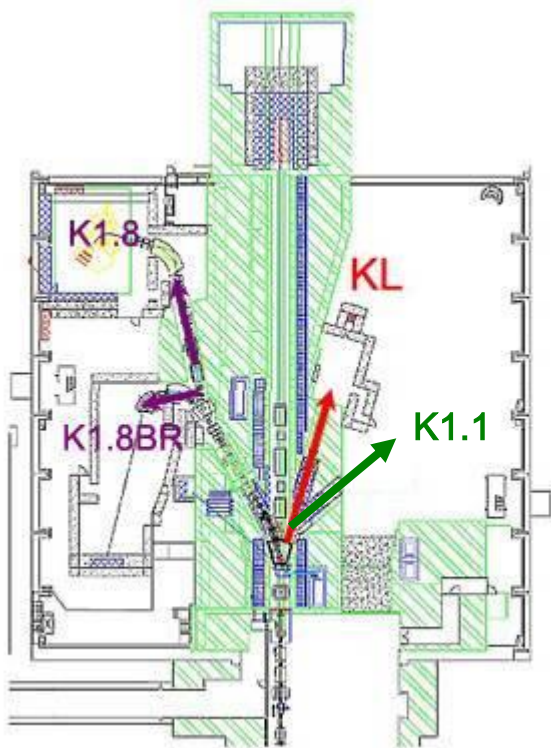
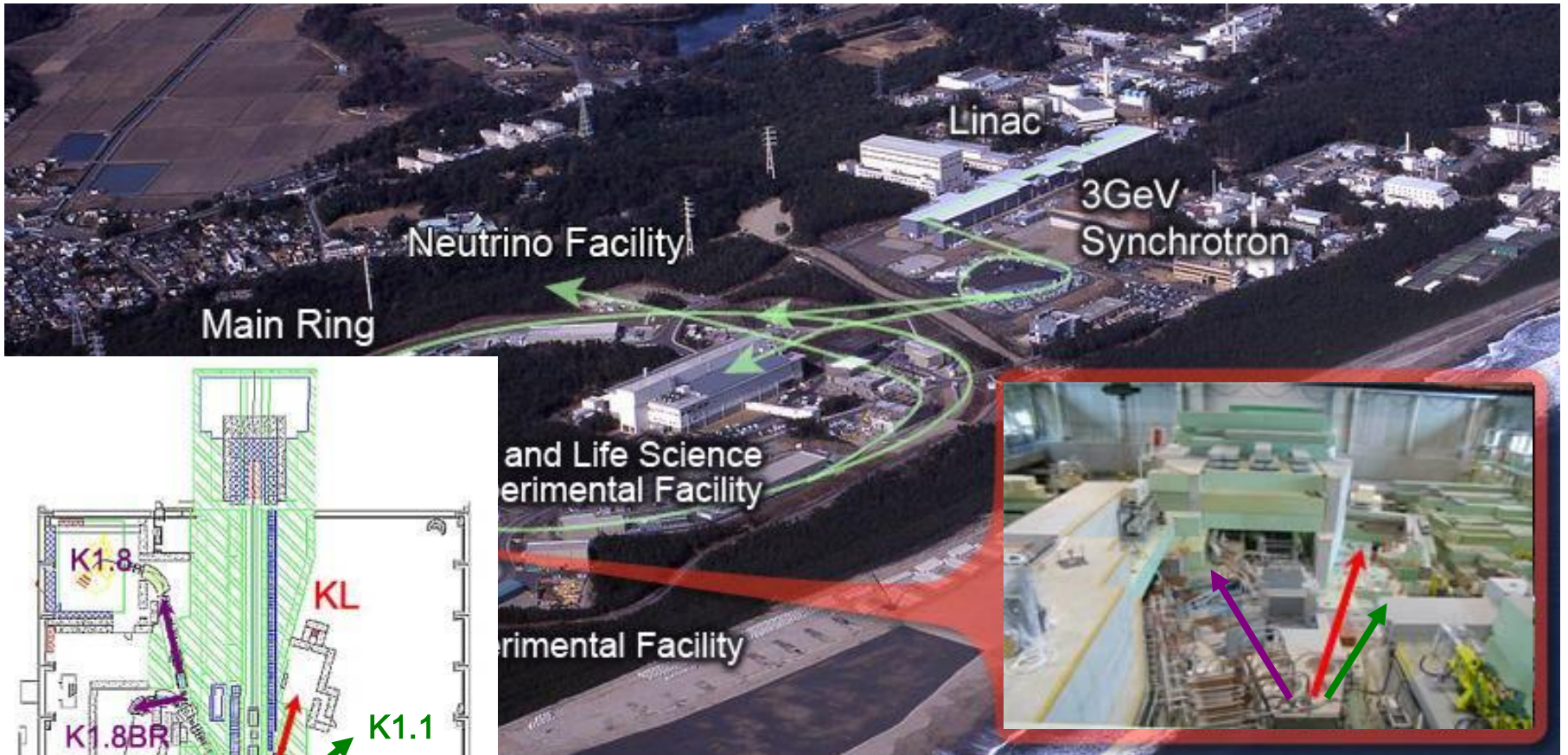
$BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu) < 2.6 \cdot 10^{-8}$ (90% CL)



The story so far



J-PARC

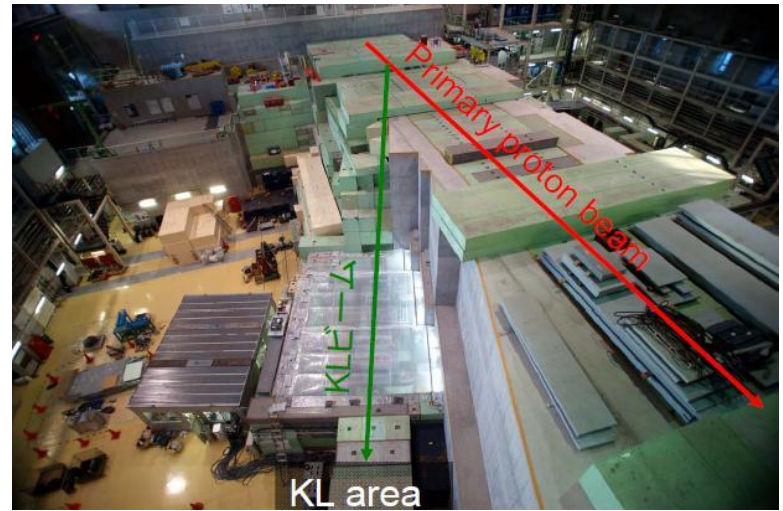


30 GeV/c, 100 kW reached, upgrade to 1 MW

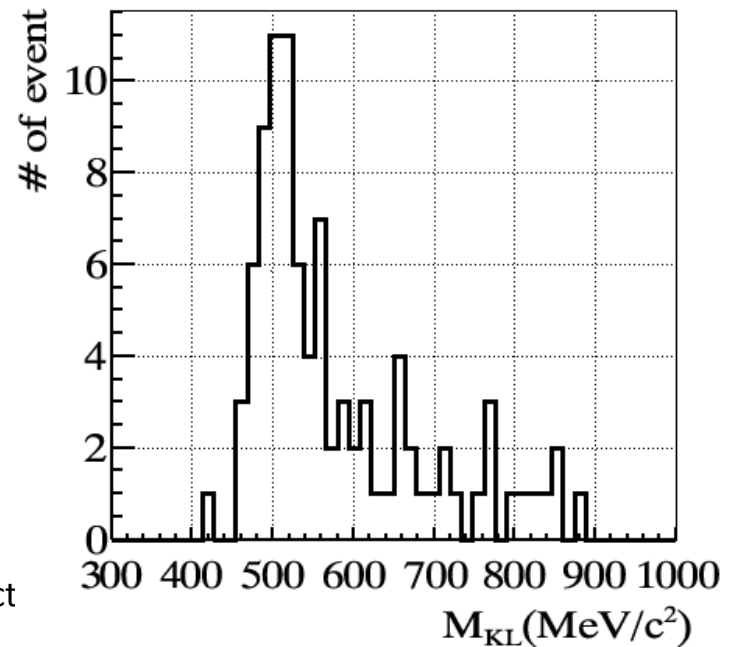
3 Kaon lines (two separated K^+ , one K^0)

Flavour Physics: The Kaon sector

J-PARC K_L beam

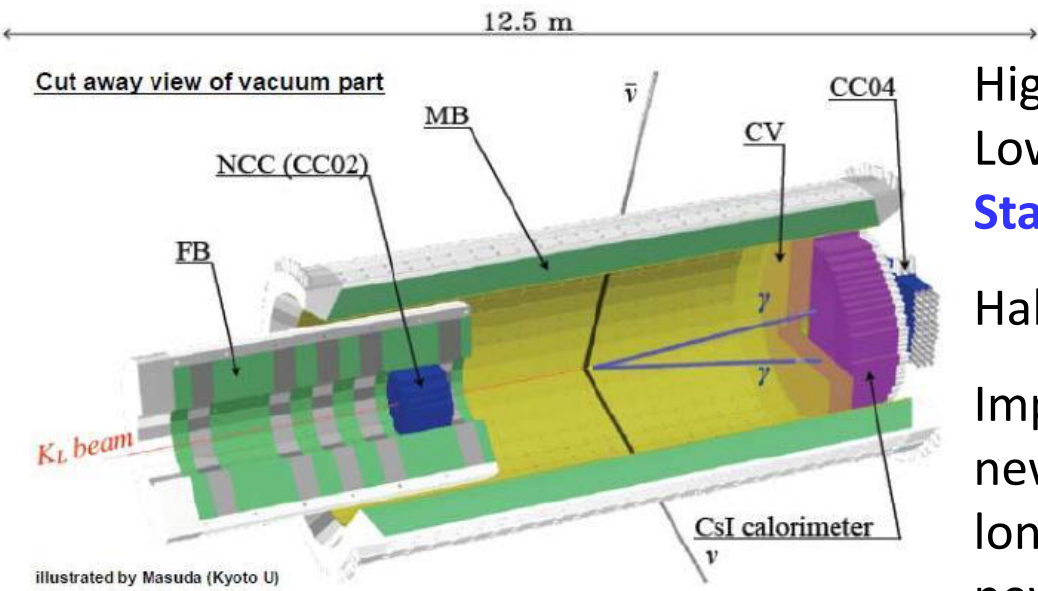


$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ detected
 1-2 GeV/c
 Yield: 2.3 x proposal



0.2 ÷ 4 GeV/c K_L

KOTO experiment



Higher beam intensity, acceptance
 Lower DC, yield (angle):

Statistics: **3000 x E391a**

Halo **n/K: 240x E391a**: new beam line

Improved **background** control:
 new EM calorimeter (> granularity, longer), new backside charged veto, new beam-hole γ veto (25x Pb/aerogel)

Step 1: SES = **2.7 SM events** (3 Snowmass years) with **2.2 background**

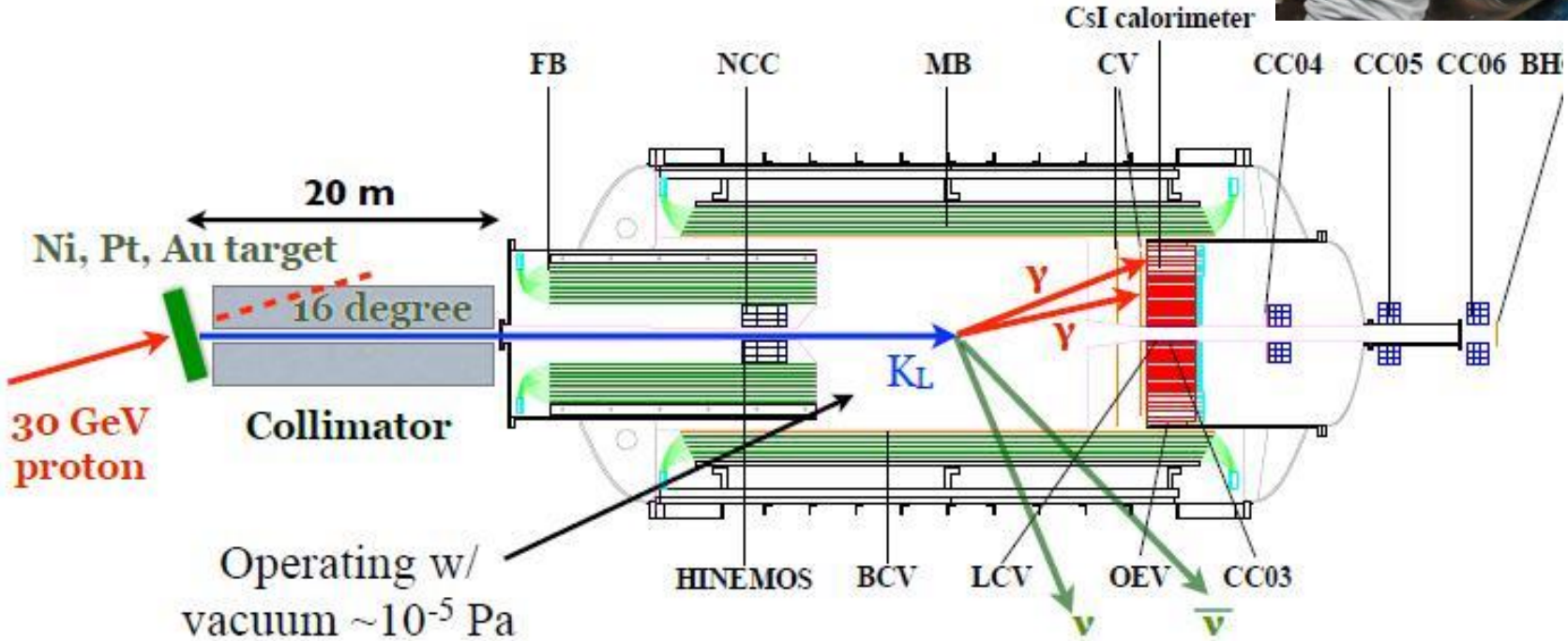
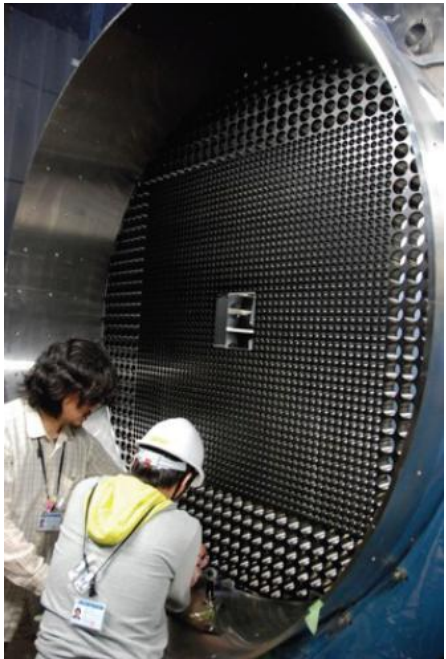
Step 2 upgrade: **100 SM events**

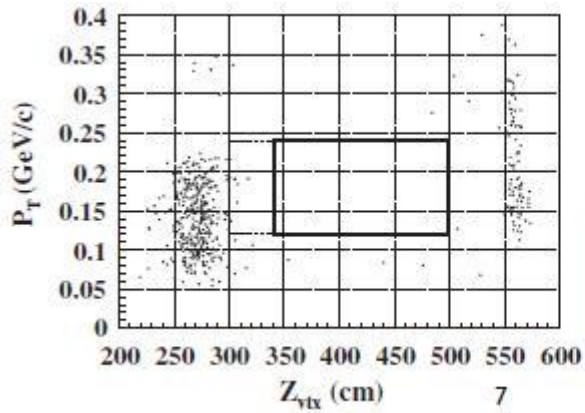
(dedicated, smaller targeting angle beam line, larger detector)

66 people, 16 institutions (Japan, Korea, USA, Russia, Taiwan)

KOTO experiment

K0 at TOkai

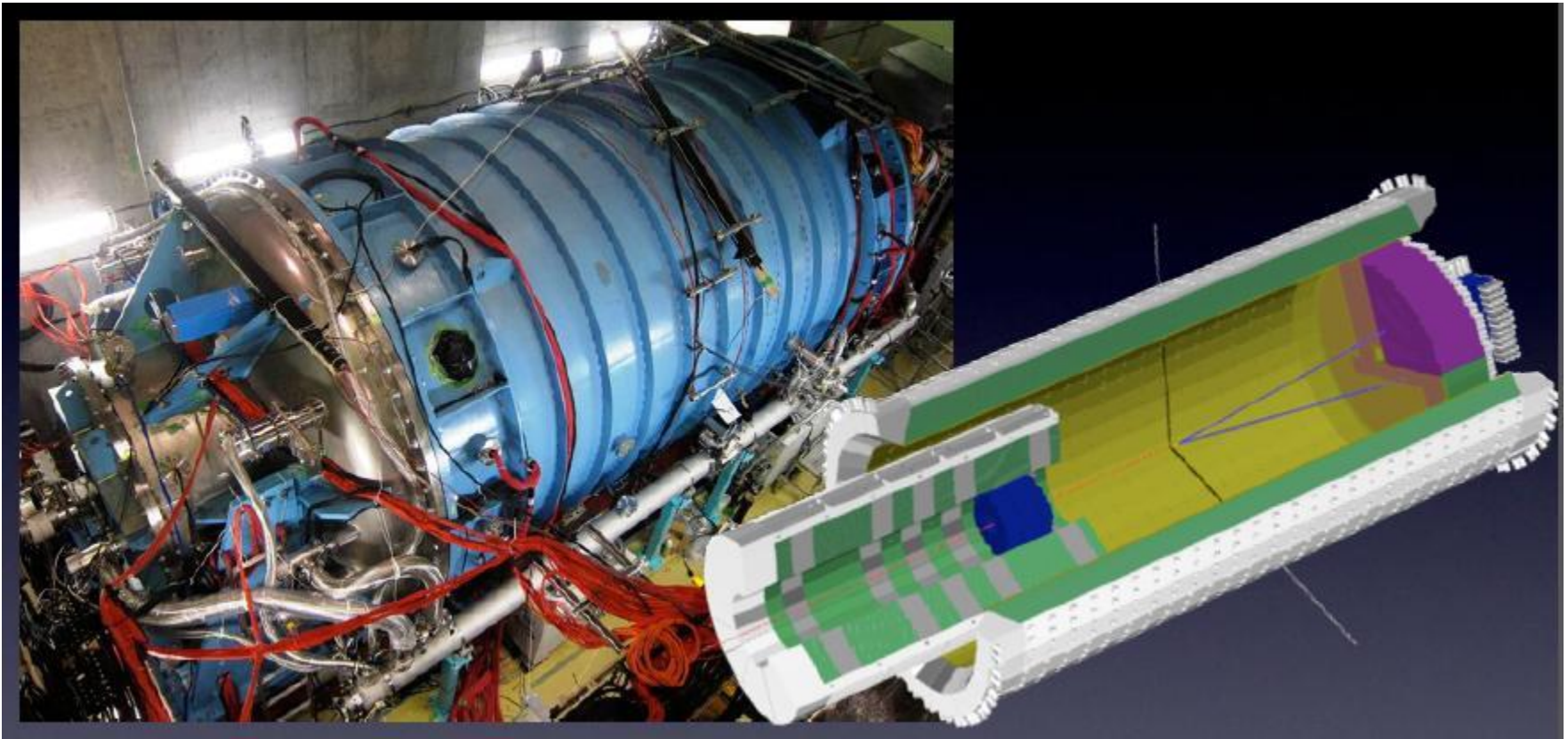




Estimation of #BG

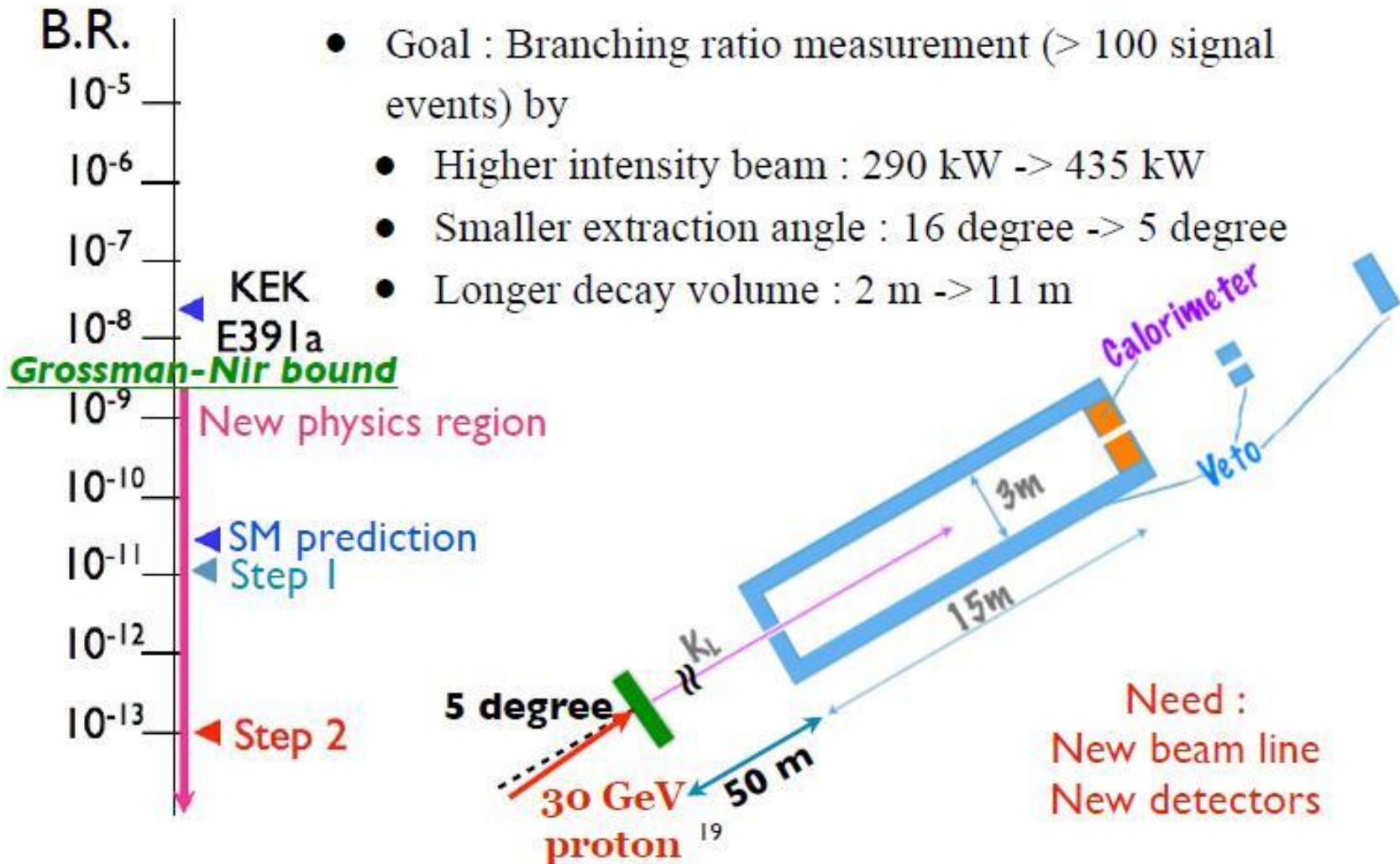
source		estimated BG
K _L	K _L → 2π ⁰	0.024 ± 0.018
	others	small (~O(10 ⁻⁴))
halo-n	CC02-π ⁰	0.66 ± 0.39
	CV-π ⁰	0.0 (<0.36)
	CV-η	0.19 ± 0.13
total		0.87 ± 0.41

KOTO now



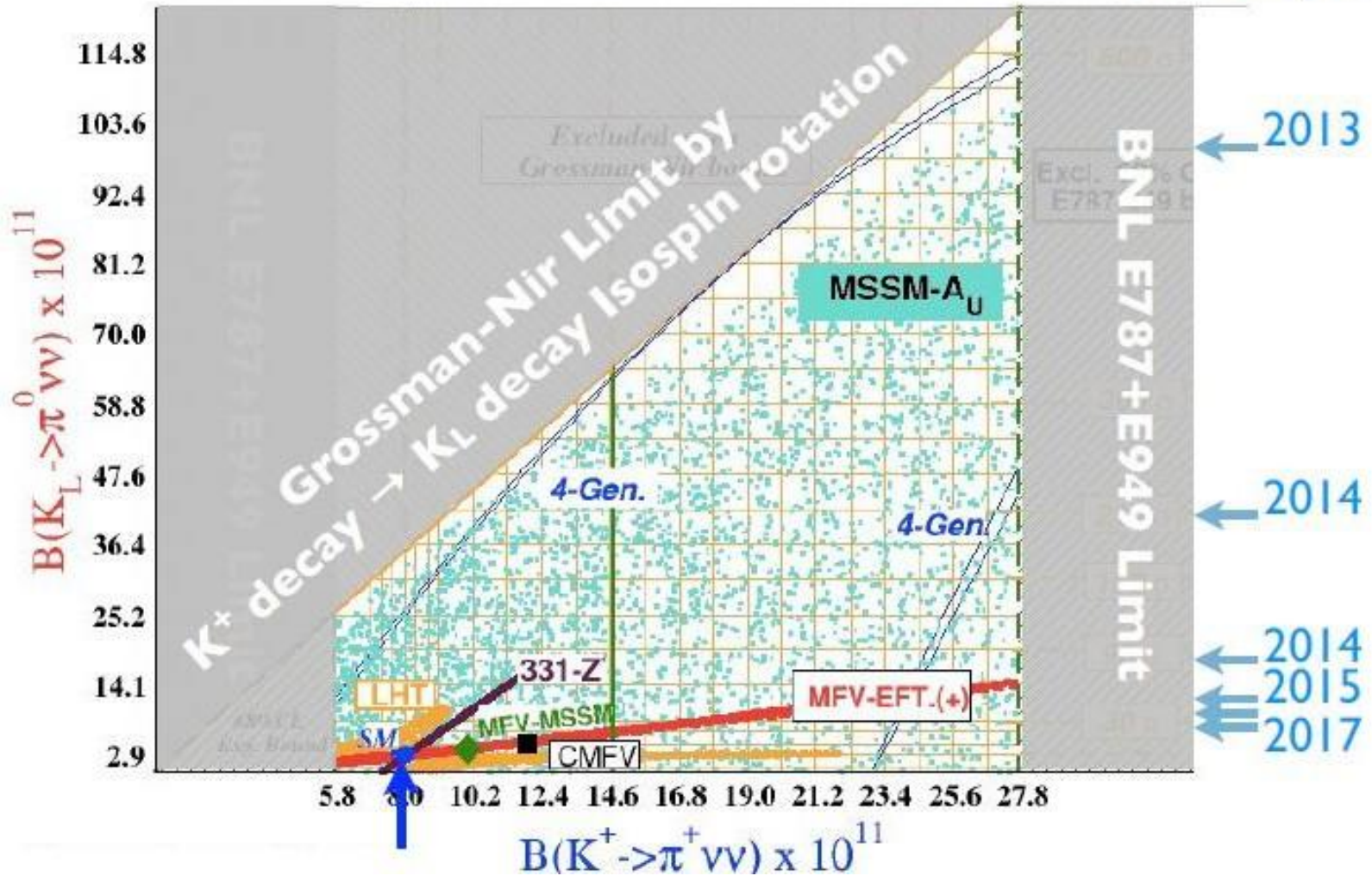
Engineering run Jan 2013, Short physics run 7-14 May 2013
Long physics run starting NOW: 30 days @ 15 kW ($=10^{13}$ ppp)

KOTO Phase 2



KOTO roadmap

3 sigma
discovery level



Kaons @ CERN SPS



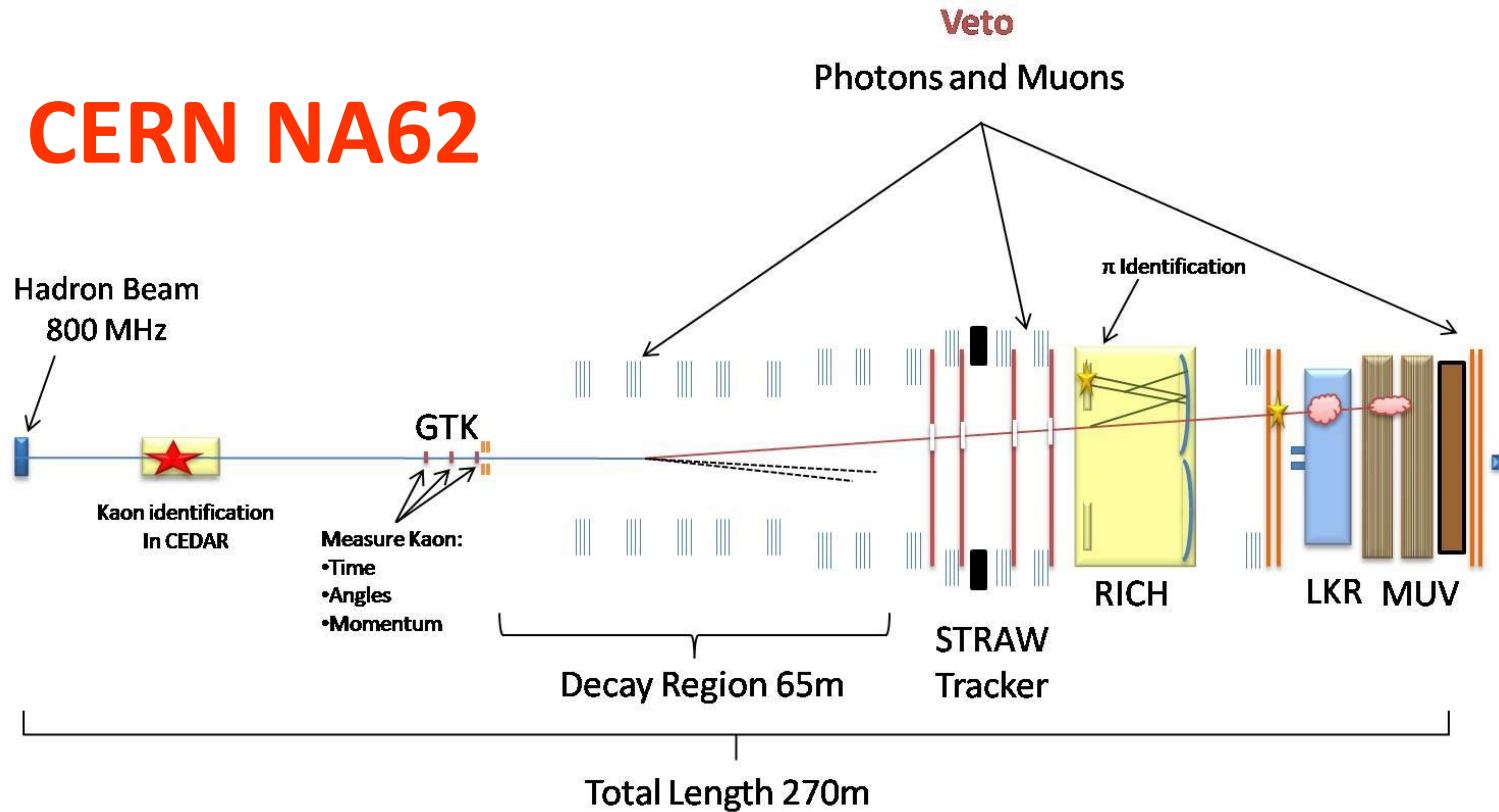
The NA48/2 collaboration:

~100 physicists from 15 Institutes in 8 countries

Cambridge, CERN, Chicago, Dubna, Edinburgh, Ferrara, Firenze
Mainz, Northwestern, Perugia, Pisa, Saclay, Siegen, Torino, Wien

	1997: $K_L + K_S$
	1998: $K_L + K_S$
NA48 direct CPV ε'/ε	1999: $K_L + K_S$
	2000: K_L only
	2001: $K_L + K_S$
NA48/1	2002: K_S /hyperons
NA48/2	2003 $K^+ + K^-$ 2004 $A_0(\text{CPV})$
NA62 (R_K)	2007 $K^+ + K^-$ 2008 $R_K + \text{tests}$
↓	2007 design & 2013 construction
NA62	2012 technical run 2013 long shutdown 2014 2 years 2016 data taking

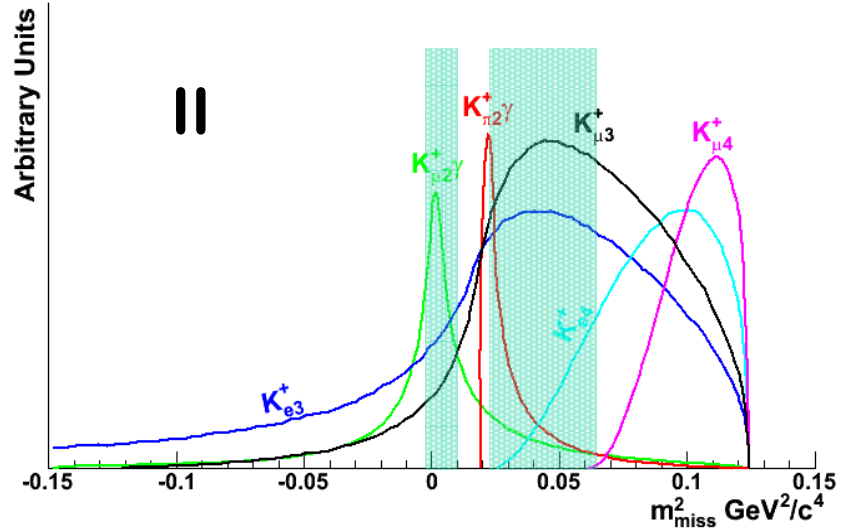
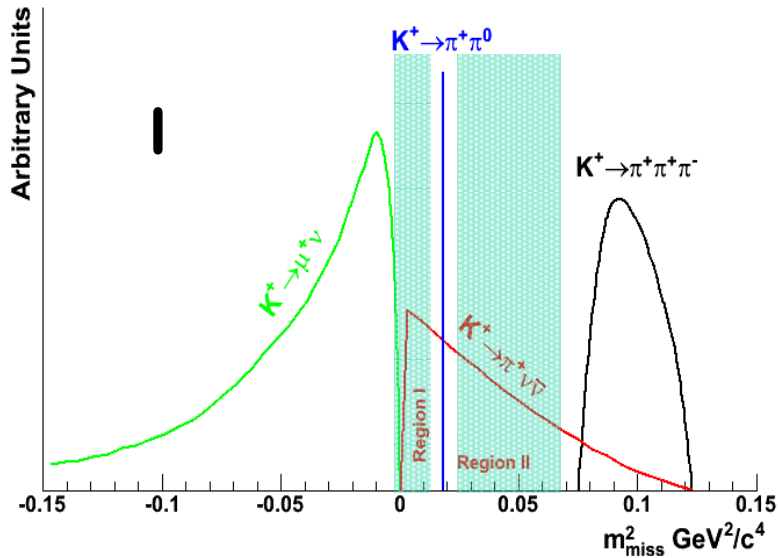
CERN NA62



Measurement of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu \mu$ with new decay in-flight technique
 Intense unseparated (6% K^+) 75 GeV/c hadron beam: $5 \cdot 10^{12}$ ppp
 High-energy: high yield, large decay volume, more powerful vetoing
 Track incoming K^+ in 800MHz beam, particle ID, photon vetoing

$5 \cdot 10^{12}$ K^+ decays/year

NA62 @ CERN



2 signal regions:

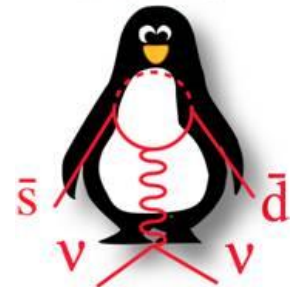
I (92% kinematically constrained bkg.)

II (8% not-constrained bkg.)

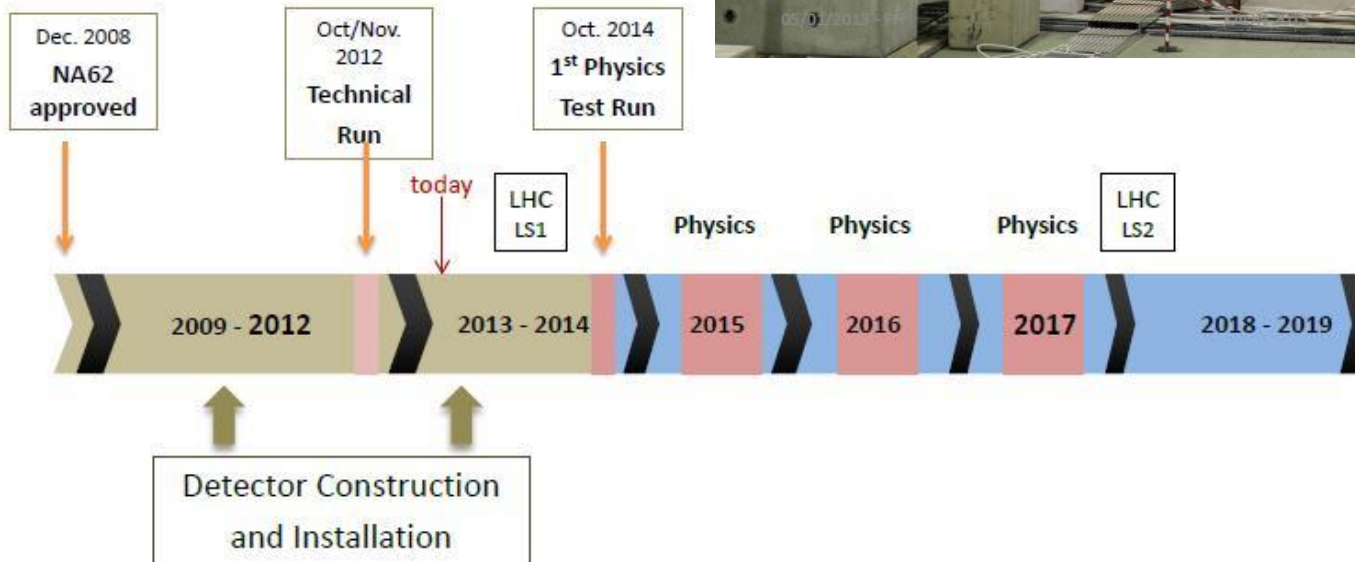
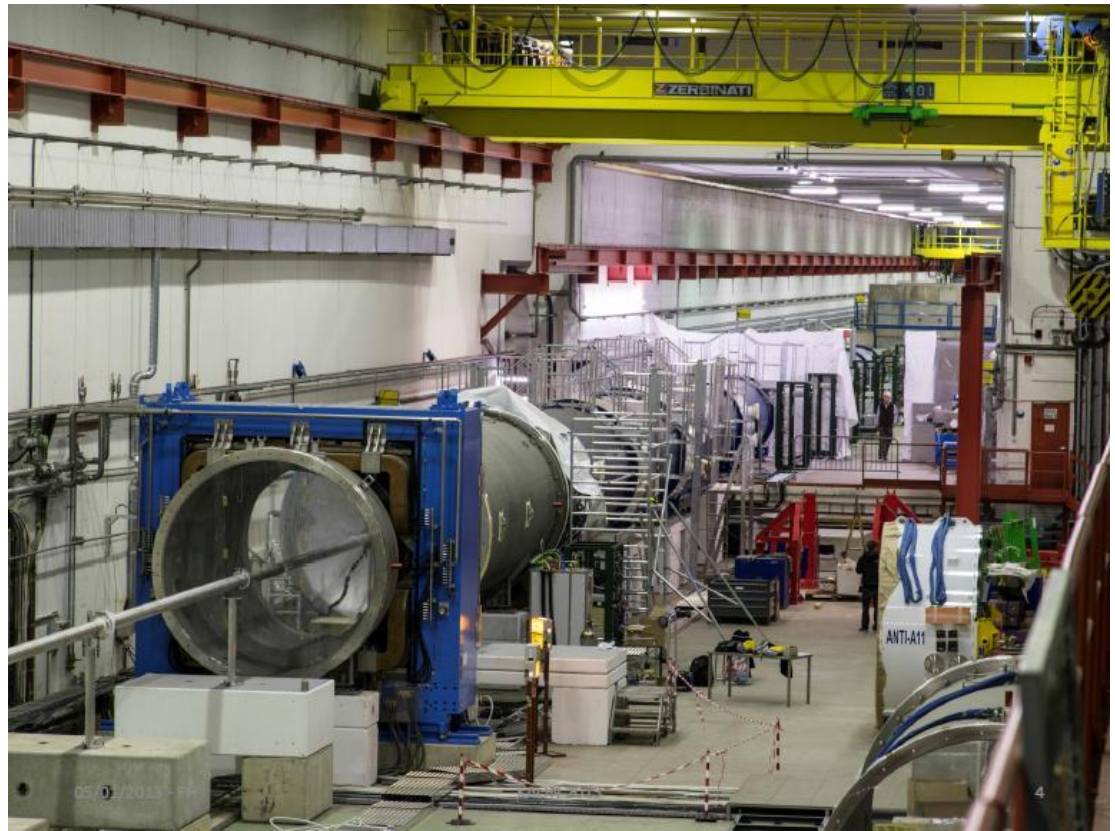
Expect ≈ 80 SM events

with $S/N \approx 10$ in 2 years (2014+)

NA62



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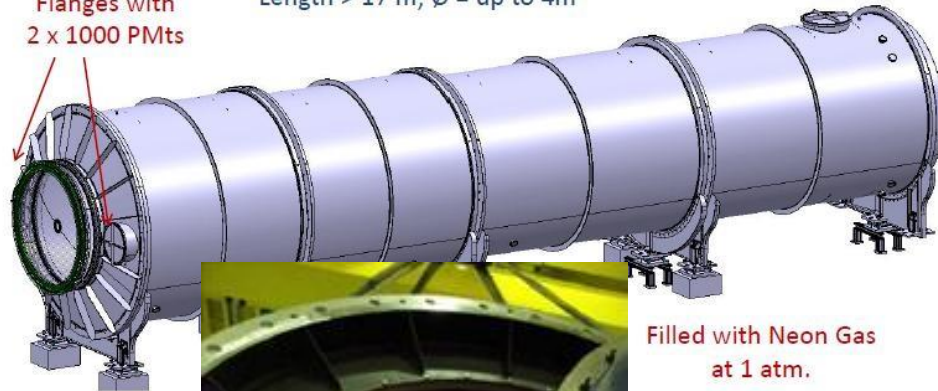


Flanges with
2 x 1000 PMTs

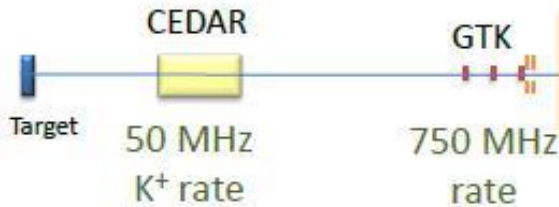
Length > 17 m; \varnothing = up to 4m

Mirror mosaic

750 MHz primary
Hadron beam at 75G
6% are Kaons

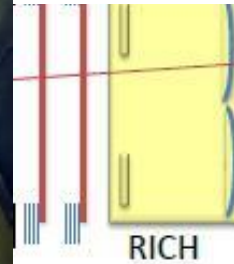
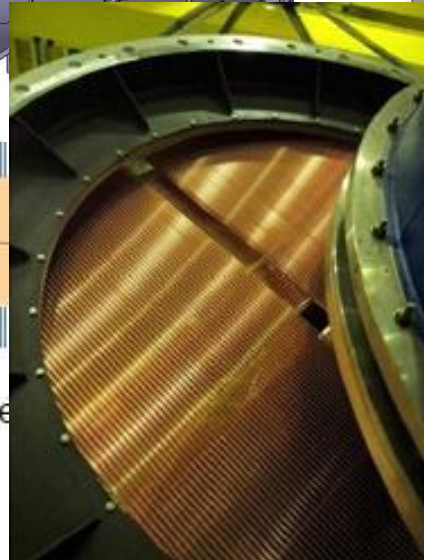


Filled with Neon Gas
at 1 atm.



$\sigma_T < 100$ ps

$\sigma_T < 150$ ps



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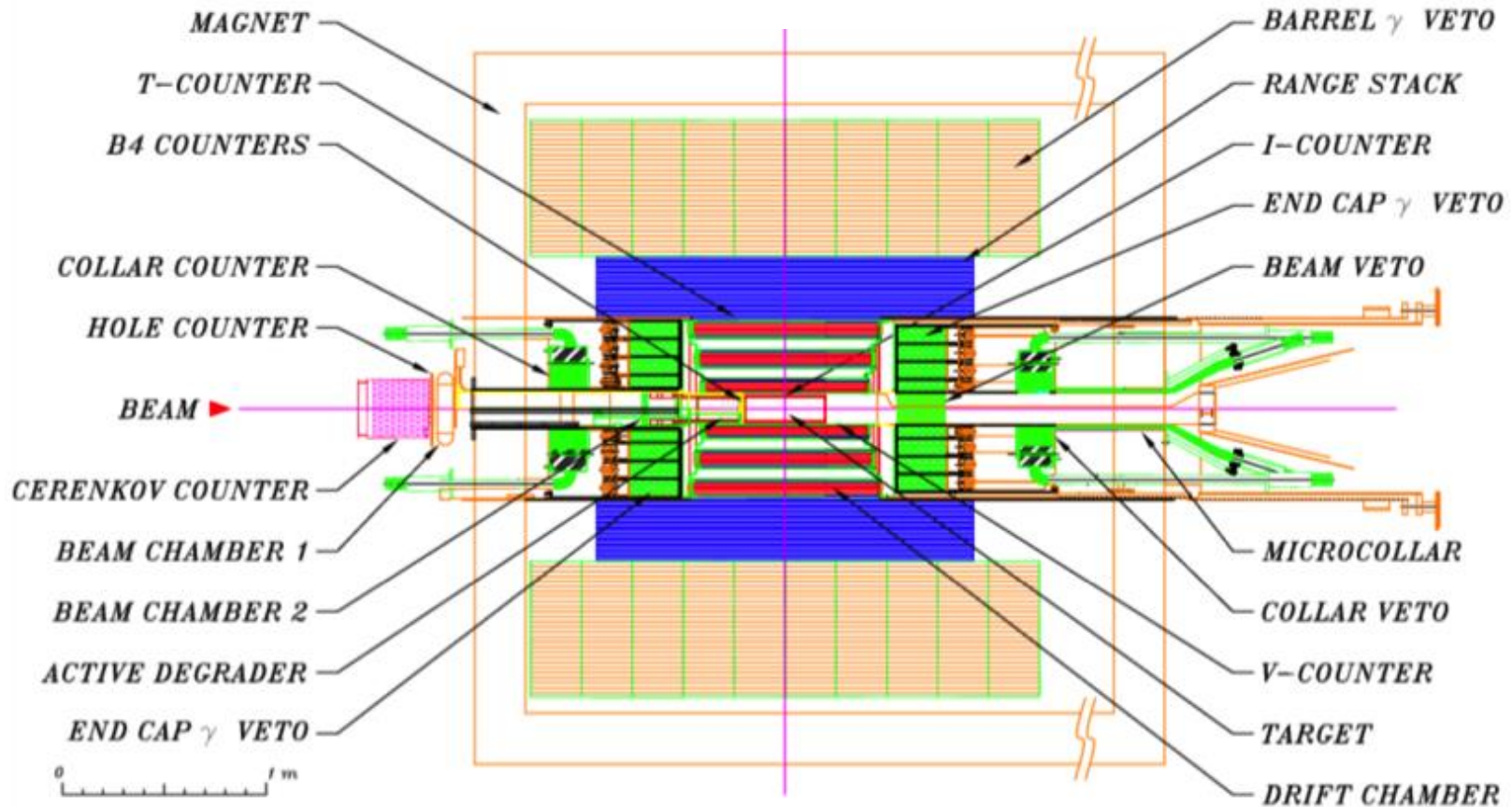
$\sigma_T < 100$ ps



US: strong interest and many casualties



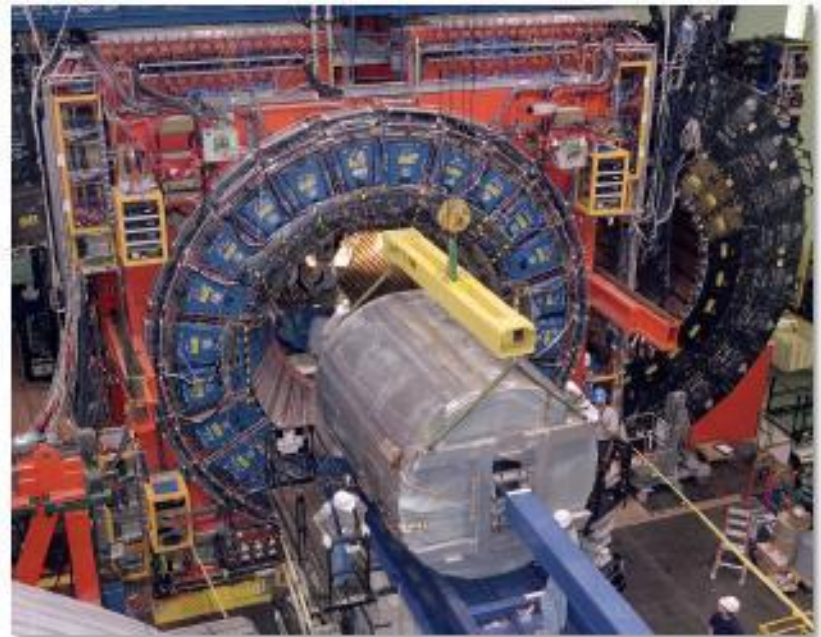
ORKA@FNAL



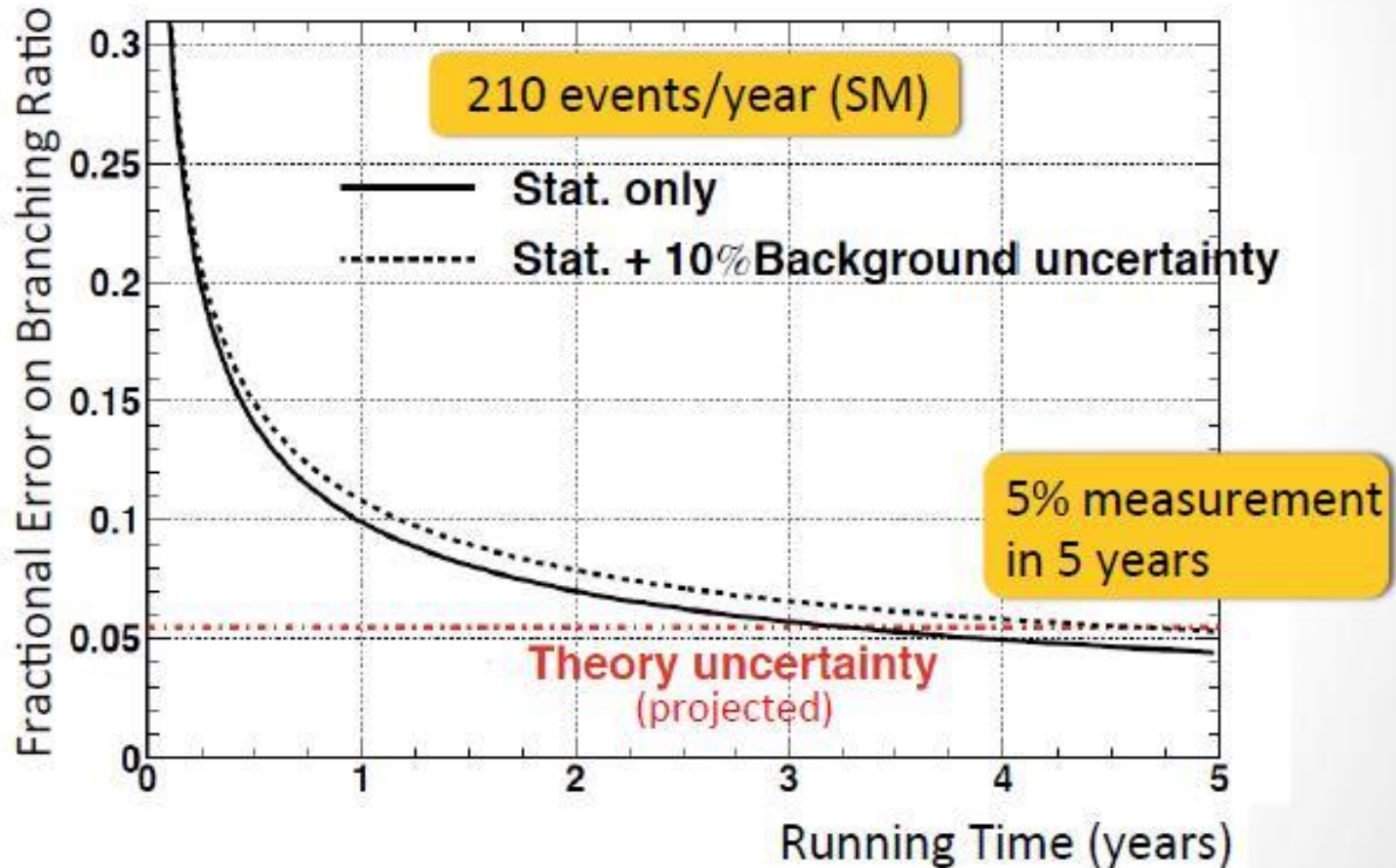
- 10x exposure of E949
- 10x better acceptance
- Scientific approval December 2011
- 400-event experiment

ORKA@FNAL

- ORKA detector fits inside CDF solenoid
- Re-use CDF solenoid, cryogenics, infrastructure
- Requires new beam line from A0-B0
- CDF decommissioning in preparation for ORKA ongoing

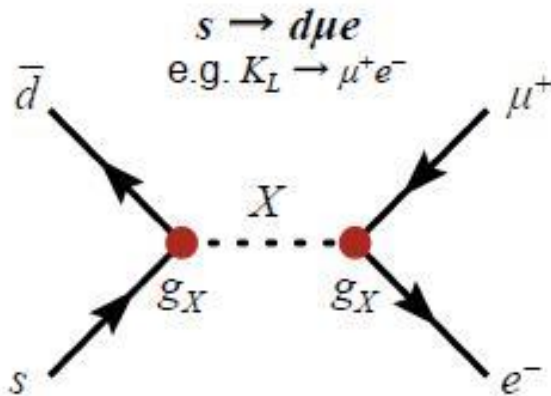


ORKA sensitivity



LFV with Kaons

Can access very high mass scales to look for tree-level NP contributions



Dimensional argument:

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{LFV}}}{\Gamma_{\text{LFC}}} \sim \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{g_X^2}{g_W^2} \cdot \frac{M_W^2}{M_X^2} \right)^2$$

For $g_X \sim g_W$ and $\text{BR} \sim 10^{-12}$

$M_X \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$

BR limit	Experiment	M_X limit ($g_X \sim g_W$)
$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ e^-) < 1.3 \times 10^{-11}$	BNL 777/865	$M_X > 31 \text{ TeV}$
$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu e) < 7.6 \times 10^{-11}$	KTeV	$M_X > 54 \text{ TeV}$
$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e) < 4.7 \times 10^{-12}$	BNL 871	$M_X > 150 \text{ TeV}$

LFV potential @ CERN NA62

Decays in FV in
2 years of data

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.2 \times 10^{13} K^+ \text{ decays} \\ 2.5 \times 10^{12} \pi^0 \text{ decays} \end{array} \right.$

Single-event sensitivity
 $1/(\text{decays} \times \text{acceptance})$

Mode	UL at 90% CL	Experiment	NA62 acceptance*
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ e^-$	1.3×10^{-11}	BNL 777/865	~10%
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- e^+$	5.2×10^{-10}	BNL 865	
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ e^+$	5.0×10^{-10}	BNL 865	~10%
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ e^+$	6.4×10^{-10}	BNL 865	~5%
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+$	1.1×10^{-9}	NA48/2	~20%
$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^- \nu e^+ e^+$	2.0×10^{-8}	Geneva Saclay	~2%
$K^+ \rightarrow e^- \nu \mu^+ \mu^+$	no data		~10%
$\pi^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ e^-$	3.8×10^{-10}	KTeV	~2%
$\pi^0 \rightarrow \mu^- e^+$	3.4×10^{-9}		

* From fast Monte Carlo simulation with flat phase-space distribution. Includes trigger efficiency.

NA62 single-event sensitivities:

$\sim 10^{-12}$ for K^+ decays

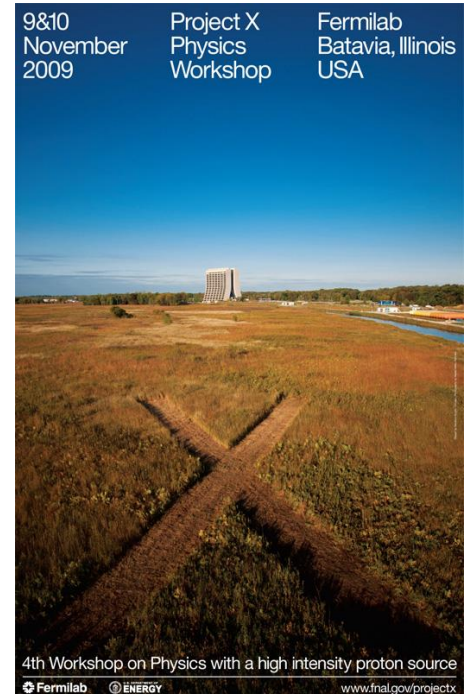
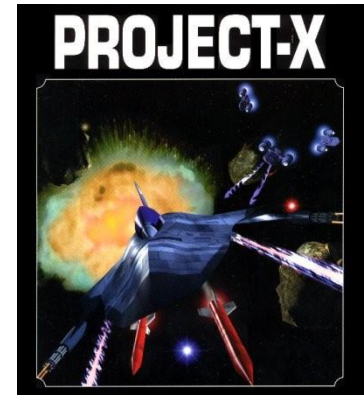
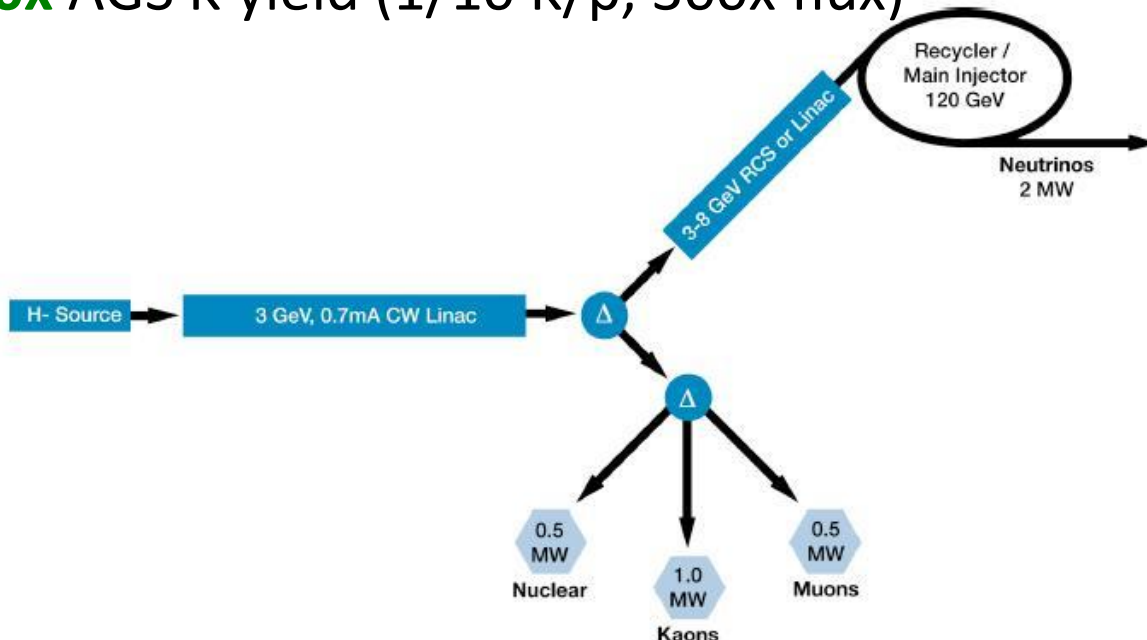
$\sim 10^{-11}$ for π^0 decays

FNAL Project-X

(megatron, intensitron,...)

Ultimate proton driver for the next decade
50-120 GeV for ν , K, μ , n(EDM)

Slow extraction limited from circular machines (10s of kW):
Continuous-Wave LINAC (p or H^-), **3 MW** at 3 GeV, $3 \cdot 10^{15}$ p/s
30x AGS K yield (1/10 K/p, 300x flux)



Kaons at Project-X

Flux potential for **ultimate** ultra-rare K decay measurements

~500 $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu \mu$ events/year (S/B ~ 4)

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ experiment: the best of both worlds

- Intrinsic high-precision timing:

TOF approach (KOPIO)

beam microbunching 50ps/40ns)

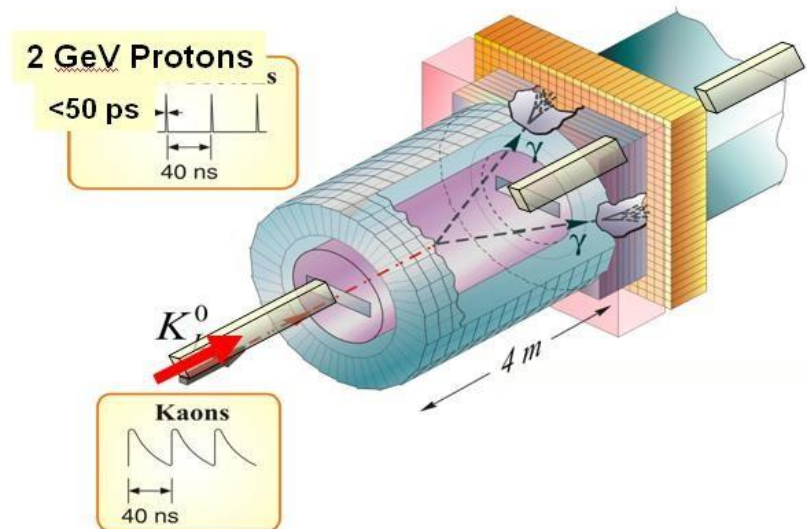
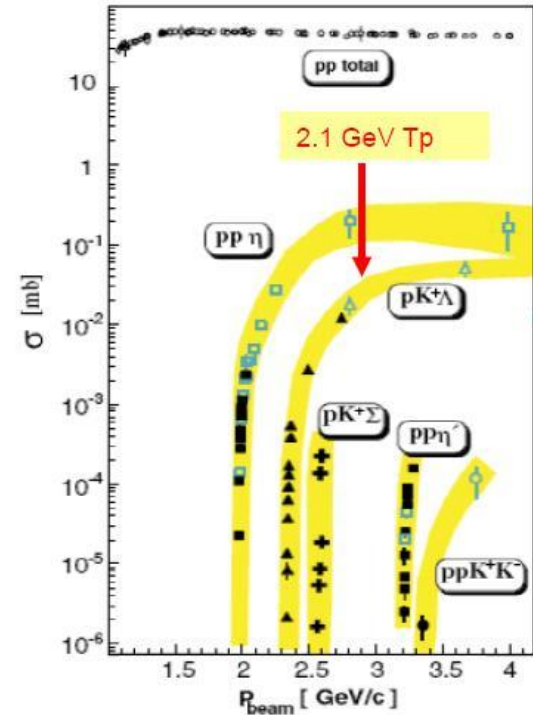
- Round and small beam

(acceptance and bkg rejection)

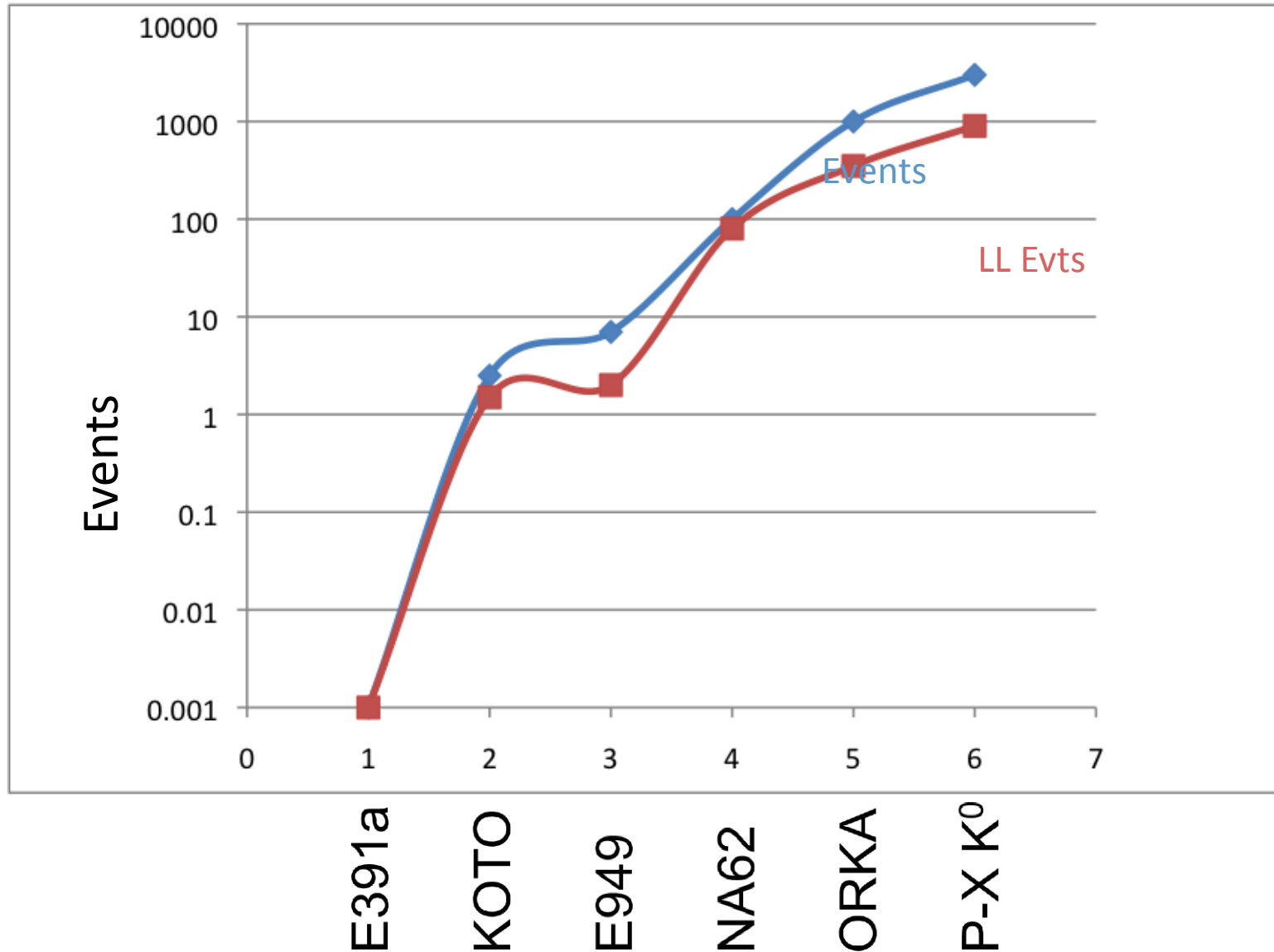
~200 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ evts/year (S/B $\sim 5-10$)

Ultimate CPT test at **Planck scale**:

interference from pure K^0 beam

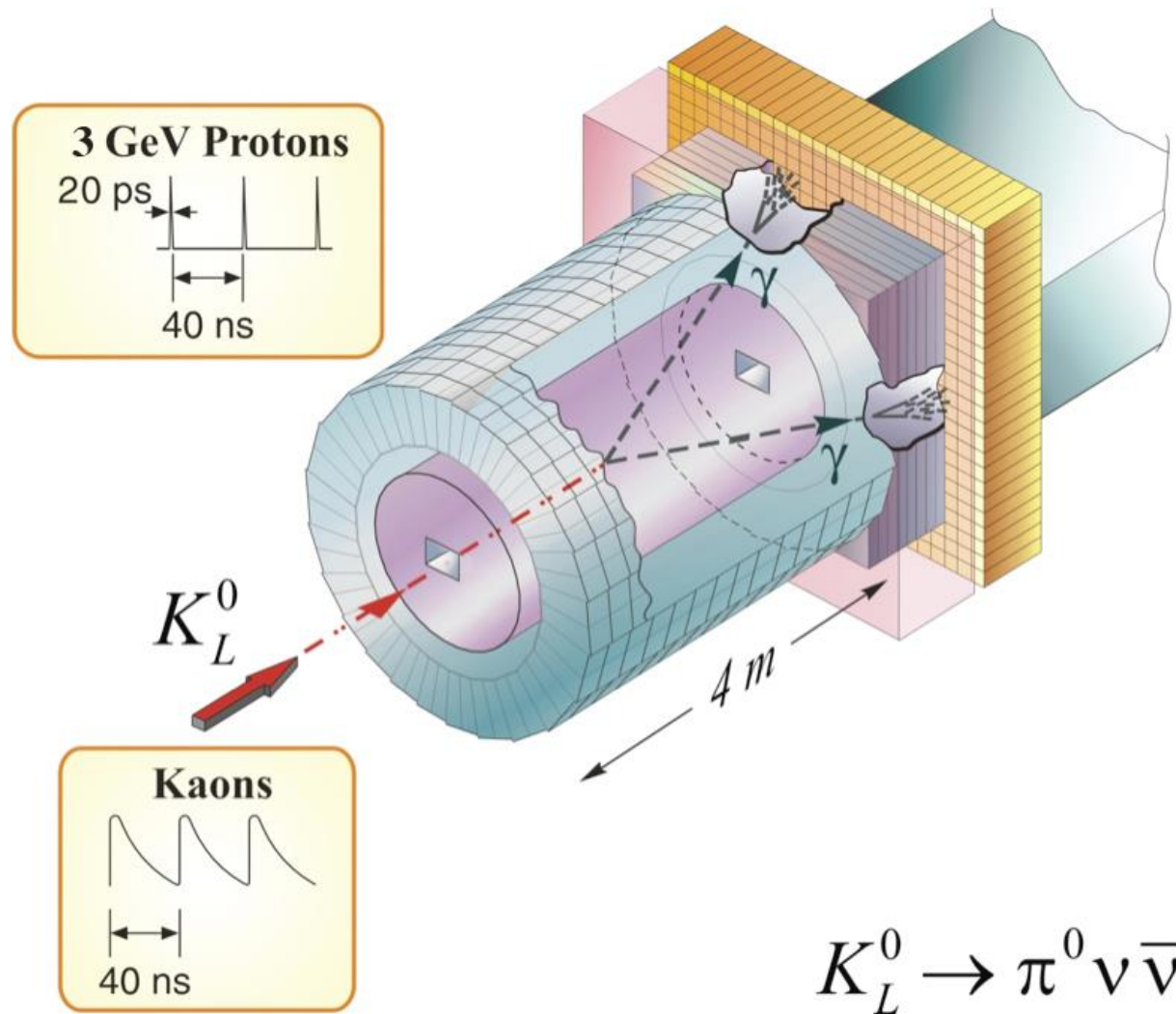


K experiments



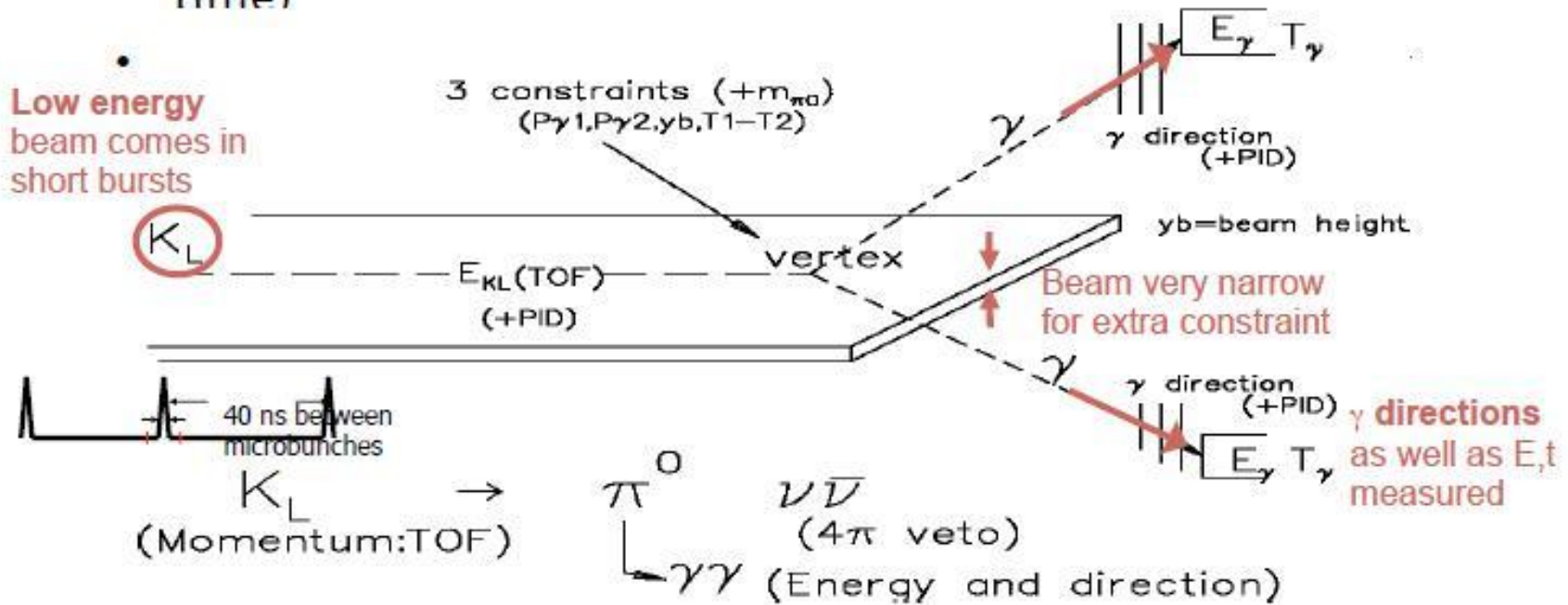
KOPIO-like experiment for Project-X₂

1000-event class
Really requires 3 GeV
Stage 2 of Project-X



KOPIO technique

- High intensity micro-bunched beam to measure K velocity
- Measure everything! (energy, position, **direction**, time)

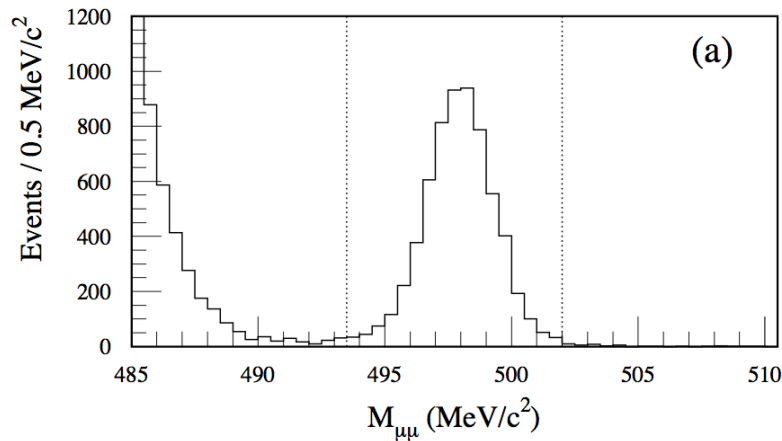


Rare K decays: now and future

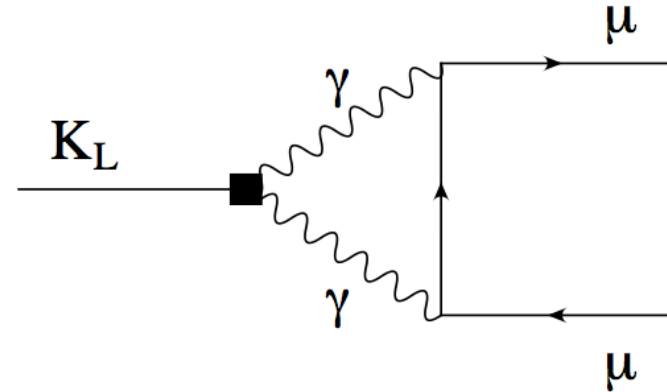
Observable	SM Theory	Current Expt.	Future Experiments
$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$	7.8×10^{-11}	$1.73_{-1.05}^{+1.15} \times 10^{-10}$	$\sim 10\%$ measurement from NA62 $\sim 5\%$ measurement from ORKA $\sim 2\%$ with Project X
$\mathcal{B}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})$	2.43×10^{-11}	$< 2.6 \times 10^{-8}$	1 st observation from KOTO $\sim 5\%$ measurement with Project X
$\mathcal{B}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-)_{SD}$	1.4×10^{-11}	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-10}$	$\sim 10\%$ measurement with Project X
$\mathcal{B}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)_{SD}$	3.5×10^{-11}	$< 3.8 \times 10^{-10}$	$\sim 10\%$ measurement with Project X
$ P_T $ in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu$	$\sim 10^{-7}$	< 0.0050	< 0.0003 from TREK < 0.0001 with Project X
$R_K = \Gamma(K_{e2})/\Gamma(K_{\mu2})$	2.477×10^{-5}	$(2.488 \pm 0.080) \times 10^{-5}$	$\pm 0.054 \times 10^{-5}$ from TREK $\pm 0.025 \times 10^{-5}$ with Project X
$\mathcal{B}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp)$	$< 10^{-25}$	$< 4.7 \times 10^{-12}$	$< 2 \times 10^{-13}$ with Project X

And $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$?

- BR $\sim 7 \times 10^{-9}$
- Beautiful signature



- 1% background

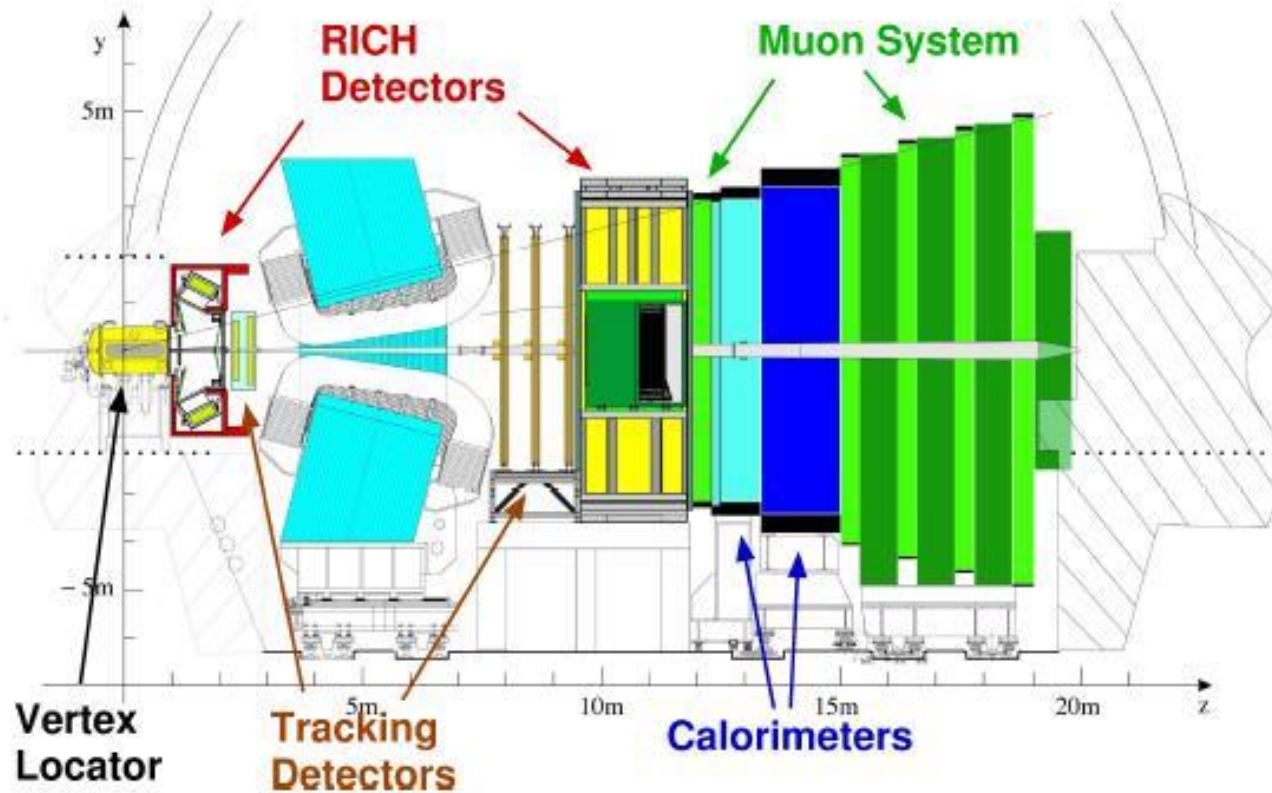


BUT:

the above process introduces an absorptive part that is many times larger than the short-distance contribution plus a dispersive part that can interfere with it.

LHCb

optimized for b (and c) decays: emphasis on vertexing, p resolution, PID, trigger



but also a kaon factory: $\sim 10^{13} K_s^0$ per fb^{-1} within the acceptance,
 $\sim 40\%$ decaying inside the vertex detector !

$K_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

$K_S \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}$ Ecker, Pich; Isidori, Unterdorfer

- $A(K^0 \rightarrow l^+ l^-) = \bar{u}_l (iB + A \gamma_5) v_l$
- $\Gamma(K_{L,S} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{m_K \beta_l}{8\pi} (|A|^2 + |B|^2)$ $\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_K^2}}$
- Short distance: **ONLY CP Violating from A**
- SM $B(K_S \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu})_{SD} = 1 \times 10^{-5} |\Im(V_{ts}^* V_{td})|^2 \sim 10^{-13}$; NP $\sim 10^{-11}$ allowed;
- LD VERY ACCURATE 5×10^{-12} , error from expt $B(K_S \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$
- LHCb $B(K_S \rightarrow \mu \bar{\mu}) < 11 \times 10^{-9}$ at 95% CL after 40 years

Kaons?

K experiments **complementary** to proton experiments (LHC)
after all Higgs (or his lookalike) is the source of flavour effects...

Measured BRs and sensitivities in the **10^{-12}** BR range

New Physics might already be there: ϵ_K ? ϵ'/ϵ ?

Only Lattice knows... (at least LQCD *can* be done...)

From discovery tool to **quantitative probe** (CKM) field...

... working even beyond the SM: ultra-rare K decays are the holy grail

Effects seen with **10s of kW**, need **100s of kW** now



(and improved $|V_{cb}|$, $|V_{ub}|$ would help)

A flourishing of **challenging computations**
and **ultra-challenging experimental enterprises**

Kaons!

A photograph of a sunset over a landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a range of dark hills. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, with the sun's light creating a bright glow. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

Conclusions ?

**After 64 years of honorable service to physics,
kaons, as the *minimal flavour laboratory*,
are active as ever in offering *new ways*
to explore the mysteries of the flavour sector,
and to answer “Who ordered that?”**

KAON FEVER

THERE IS NO CURE



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Flavour Physics: The Kaon sector