

The Fermilab Kaon Physics Research Program in the Littenberg Era



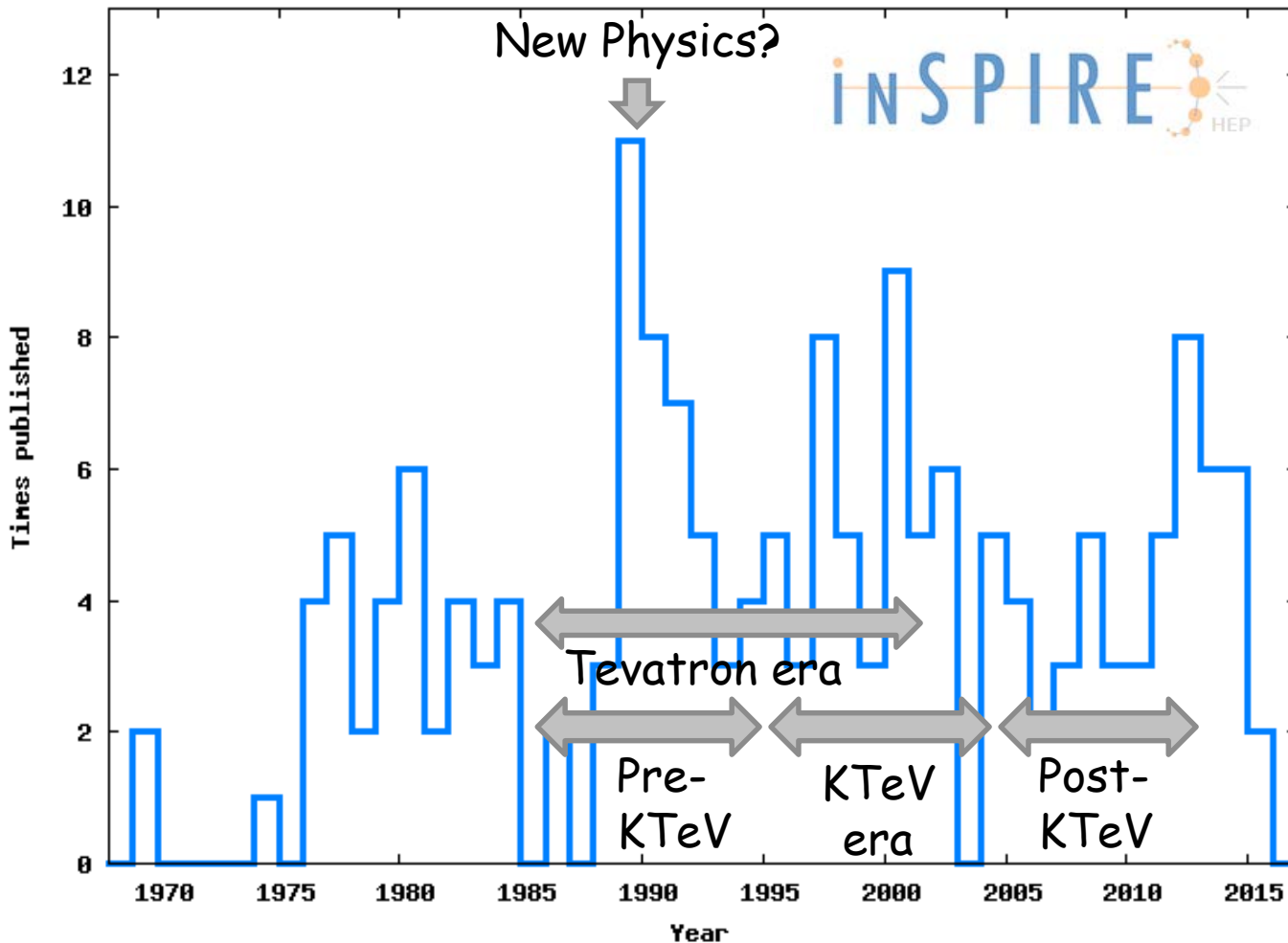
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The Fermilab Kaon Physics Research Program

- **1985-1995:** The Tevatron enabled high energy (30-70 GeV), high flux neutral kaon beams with a K_L/n ratio near unity. Experiments: E617*, E731, E773, E799.
- **1995-2005:** The KTeV era; exploiting these beams with the revolution in computing and high precision calorimetry and instrumentation. Emergence of blind analyses.
- **2005-2015:** The KAMI, CKM, and ORKA $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ initiatives advance but ultimately do not succeed. Important contributions to the KOTO and NA62 experiments in Japan and Europe which continue.

*Based on 400-GeV Main Ring beam, data taken 1982; Published 1985

Littenberg Publications



-1989-

March 1989: Tim Berners-Lee issued a proposal to the management at CERN for a system called "Mesh" that later became the World Wide Web.

November 1989:
Fall of the
Berlin Wall



December 1989:
Taylor Swift born...eventual revenge of the World Wide Web.

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Context and Prejudice: Flavor Physics circa 1989...

- Neutrino mixing out of reach??
- What *is* CP violation? Why is it so small? A new super-weak force??
- The top quark is elusive.....very high mass; does it even exist?
- *If* the top quark exists and is heavy...new high mass particles can compete in virtual loops in flavor changing neutral currents.
- But...B meson's are reconstructed only by the handful. Factories??
- K mesons can be produced in large numbers, but how can we possibly measure the rare $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ neutral mode decay with sufficient precision to search for direct matter anti-matter asymmetries??

...and in 1989, “sage” advice to Postdocs...

- Neutrinos are boring
- The future is the Superconducting Super Collider
- Cosmology will never move errors from the exponent to the mantissa
- CP-violation will be a rich Garden of Eden in the Quark Sector; with bountiful new physics
- Oh, and don't worry, senior faculty will be retiring soon...

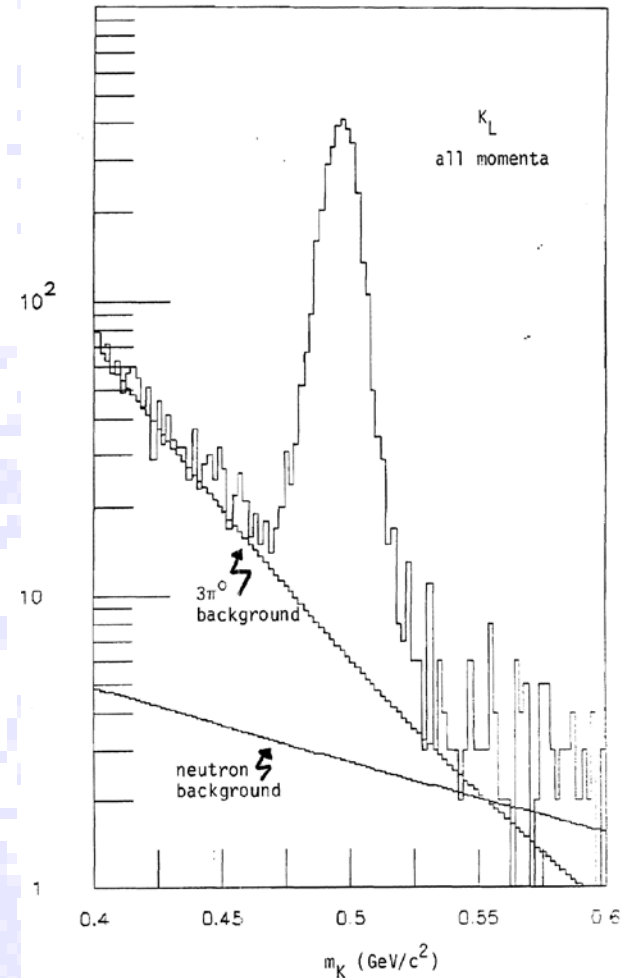
Early Days of the Fermilab Program: The E617 Cauldron of Cronin, Telegdi and Winstein.



U Chicago war room, circa 1980

First Fermilab Crack at Direct* CP Violation with E617

- Introduction of double-beam technique with an alternating regenerator in the beam to serve as a K_S source.
- 400 GeV Main Ring run, 1982
- Aiming for $>50,000 K_L^0 \rightarrow 2\pi^0$ events, got 3100 events.
- 6% mass resolution
- 1984 PhD Bernstein.

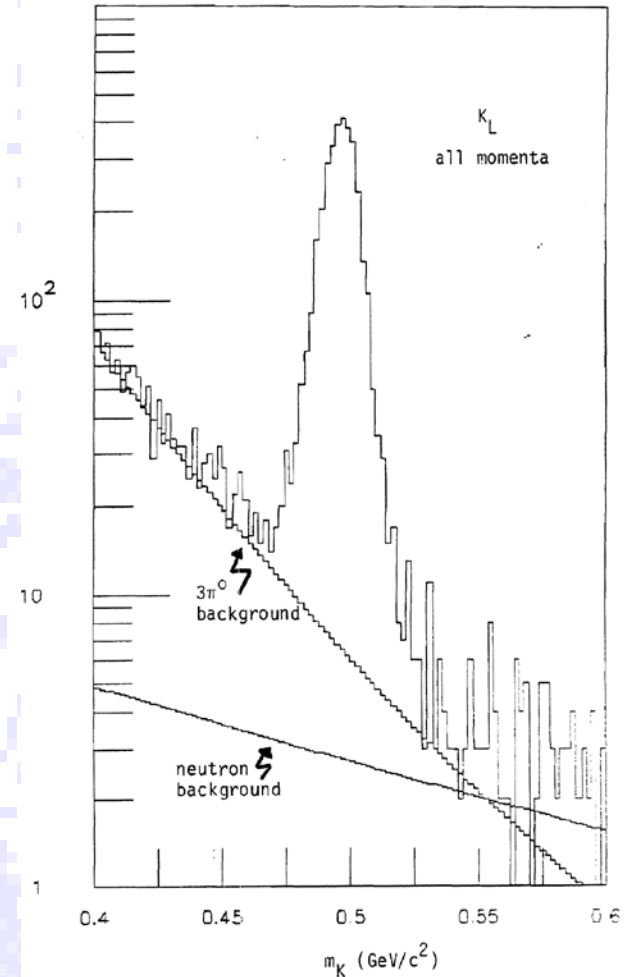


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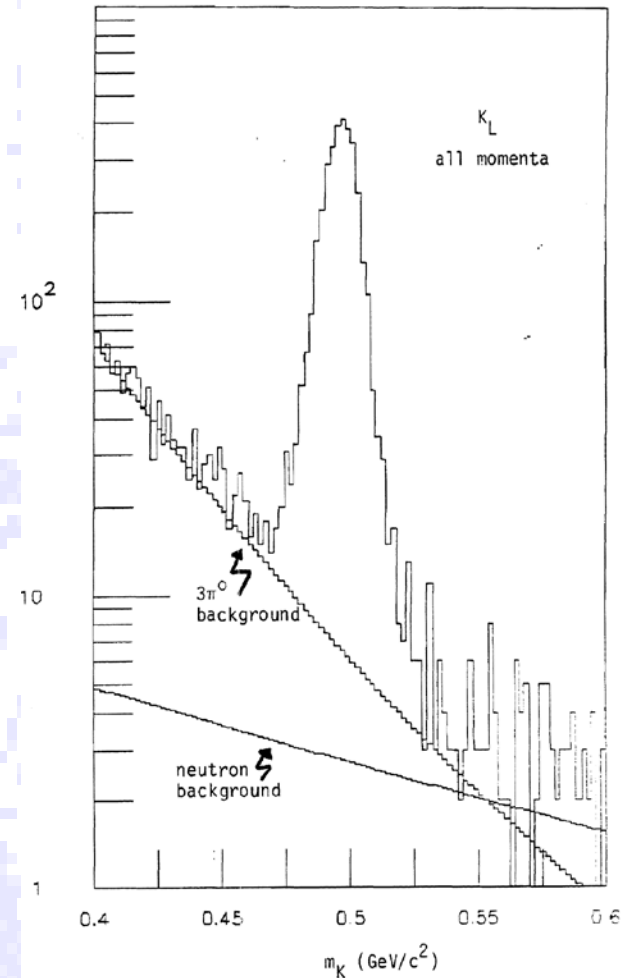
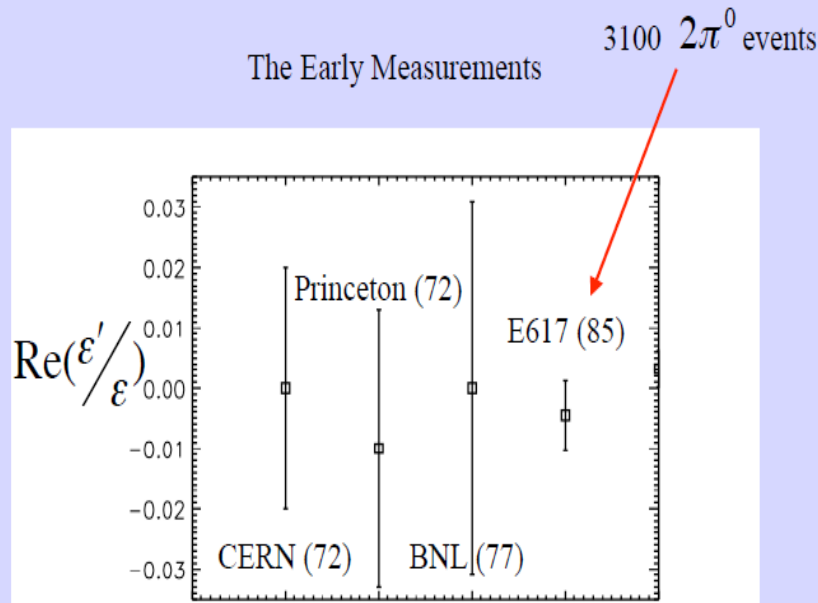


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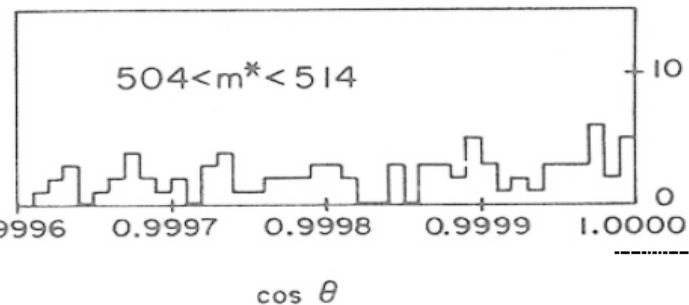
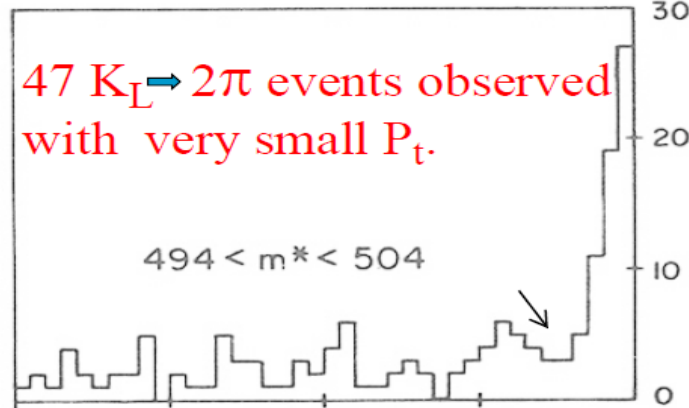
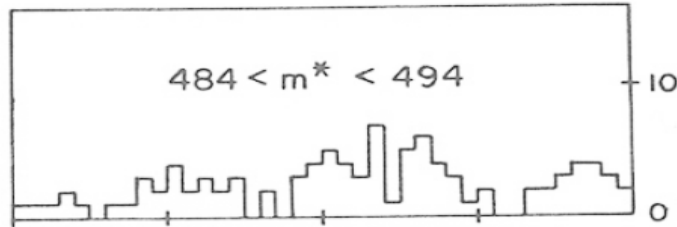


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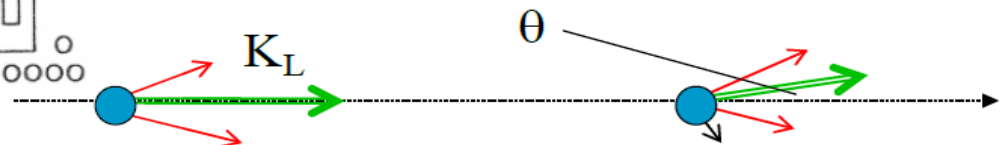
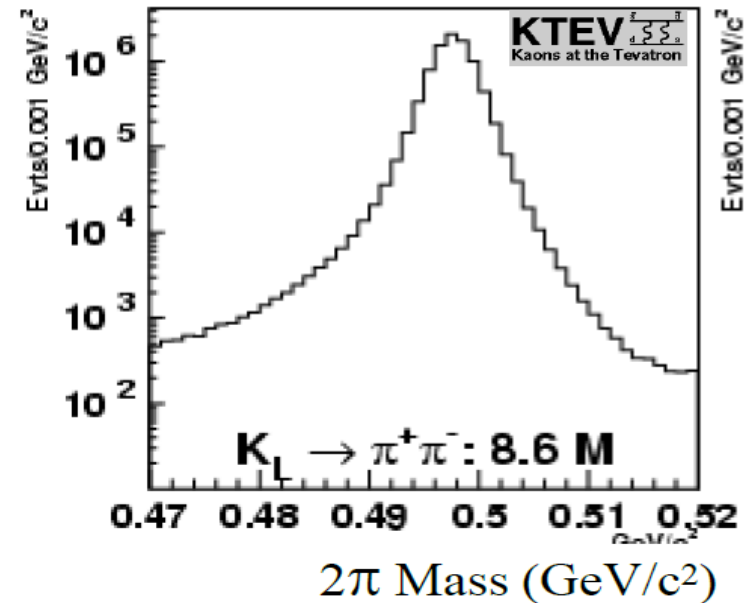
Context of E617...half-way between 1964 and 2004

1964



~2004

~20 Million CP $K_L \rightarrow 2\pi$
Observed by the KTeV
Experiment.



Kaons at the TeVatron

- The KTeV experiment was primarily a comprehensive study of neutral kaon decays, data collected 1995-2005.
- The research program yielded 32 PhD theses and 50 physics publications, most notably the establishment of matter/antimatter asymmetry in particle decay amplitudes.
- This rich research program was largely driven by intense beams of in-flight neutral kaon decays reconstructed with a high-speed, high-resolution spectrometer.



Helen T. Edwards
May 27, 1936 - June 21, 2016

KTeV was the culmination of the high-energy in-flight program at Fermilab



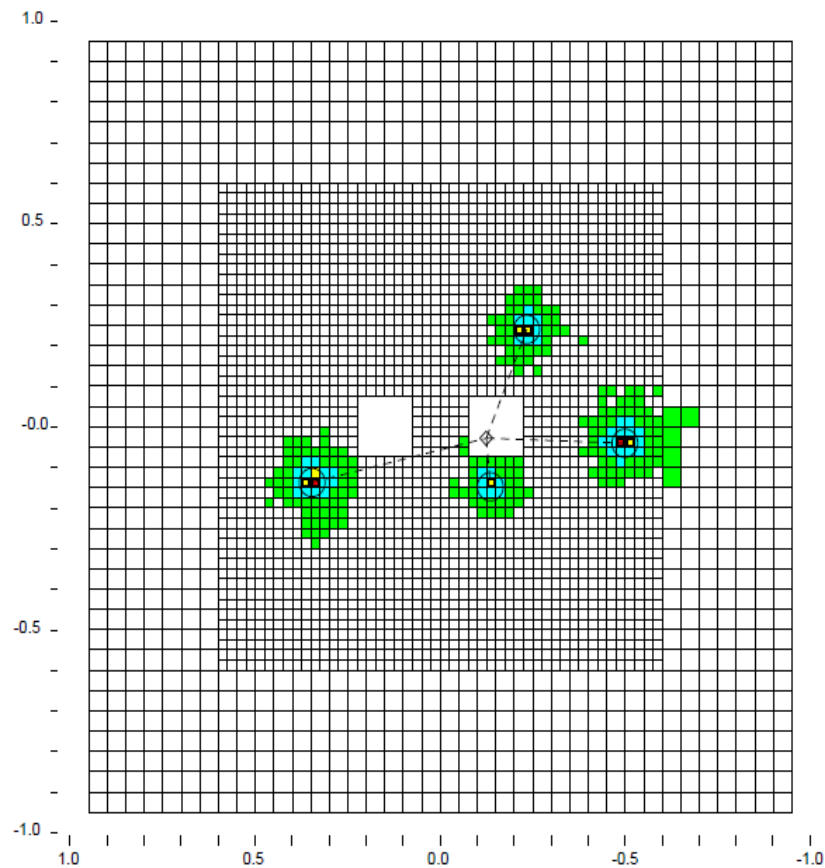
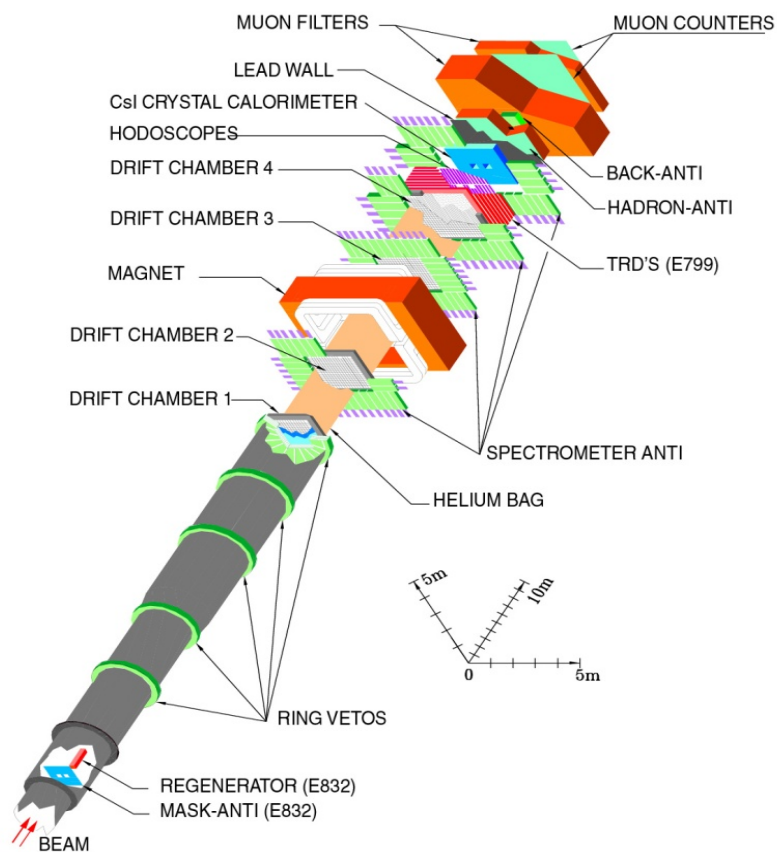
University of Chicago Group, circa 1997

Enabling Collaboration!



1996 KTeV Collaboration meeting at the University of Arizona.
75 collaborators, 32 PhD students, 50 science publications.

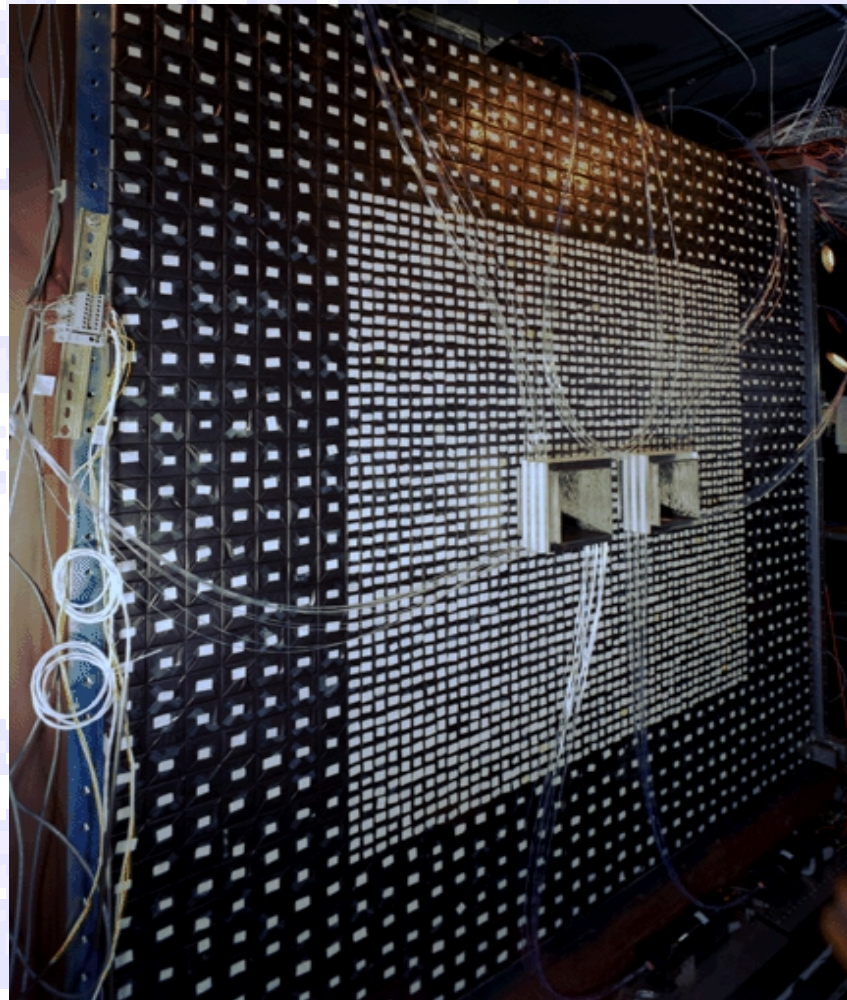
Unprecedented photon calorimetry and Trigger & DAQ



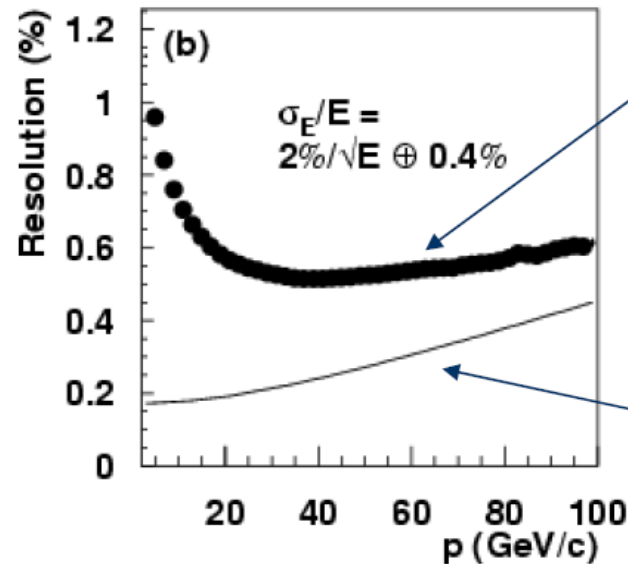
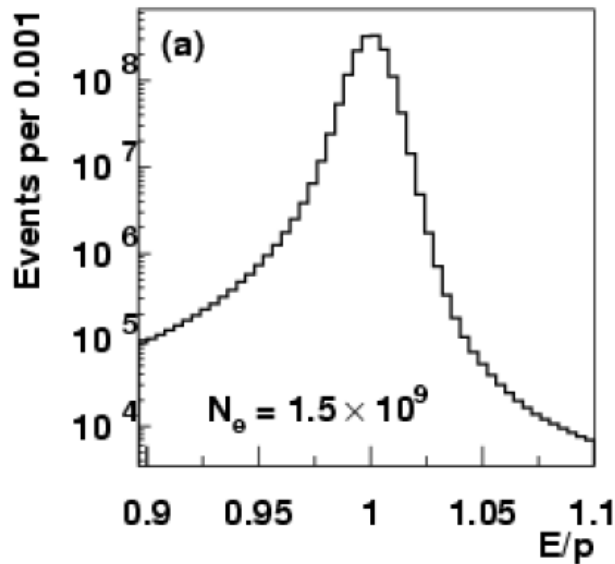
Beam view of $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ in CsI calorimeter

KTeV Pure CsI Calorimeter

- 3100 crystals, 1.9m x 1.9m
- 27 X_0 deep (50cm)
- 90% of light has 20-nsec component
- Pioneering application of the "QIE" pipelined charge integrating encoder broadly used in the field.



Delivered EM-calorimetry performance better than 1% resolution over full physics energy range: *Best in the field*

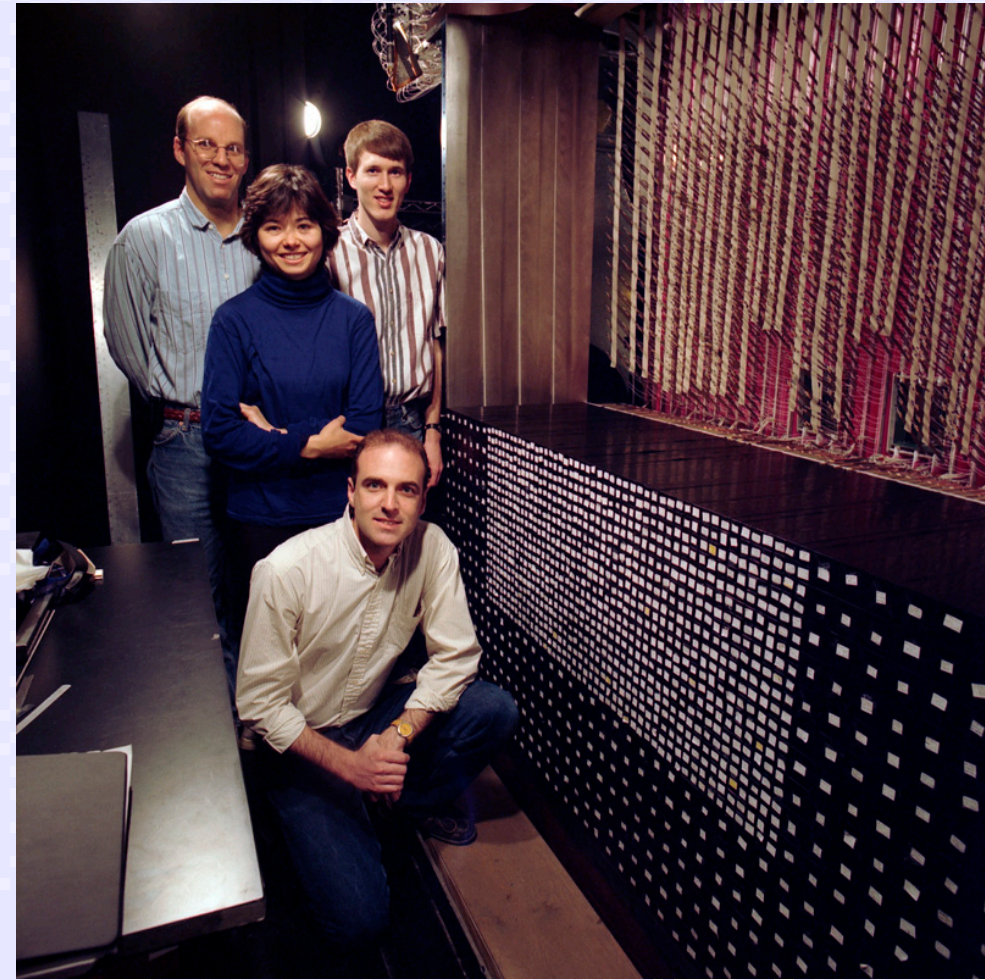


Energy resolution

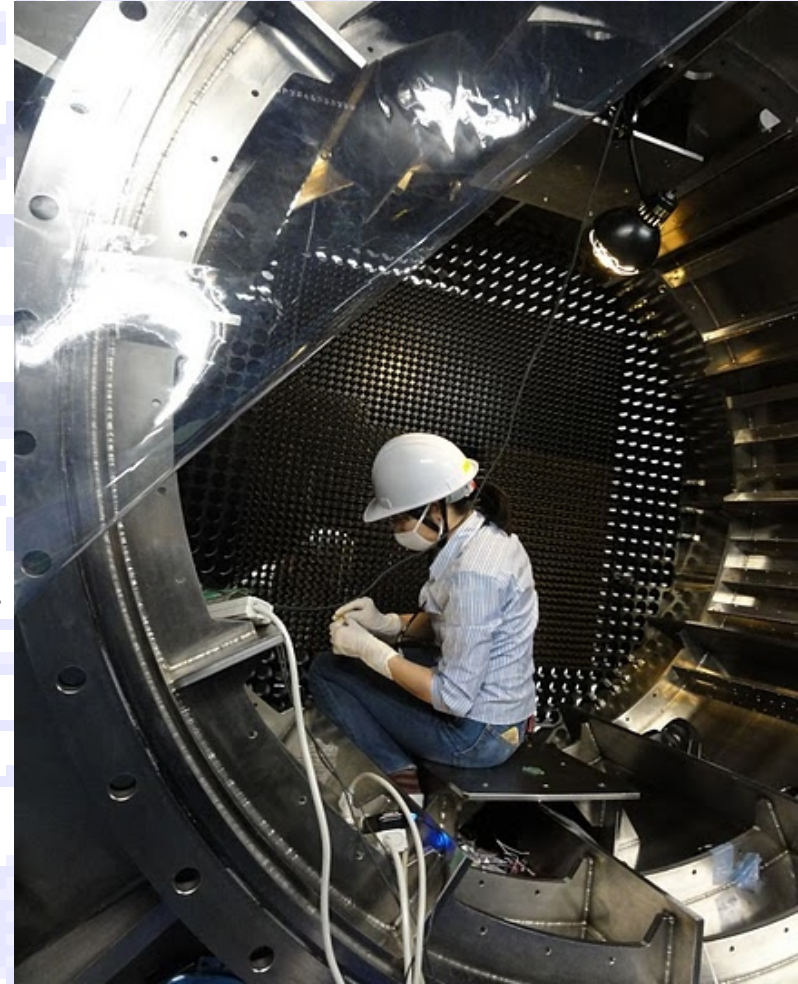
Estimated momentum resolution

- Calibration based on 1.5 billion Ke3 electrons
- Final E/p resolution after all corrections: $\sim 0.6\%$

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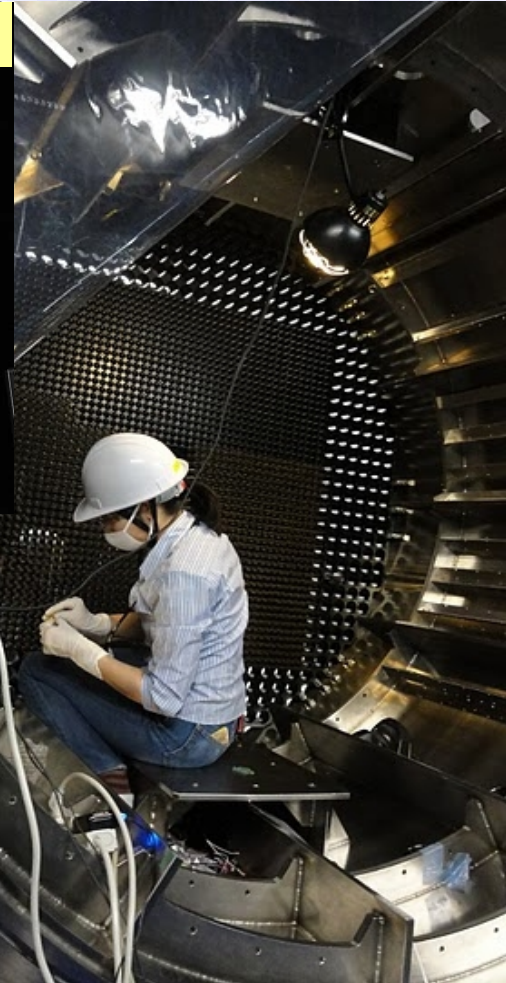
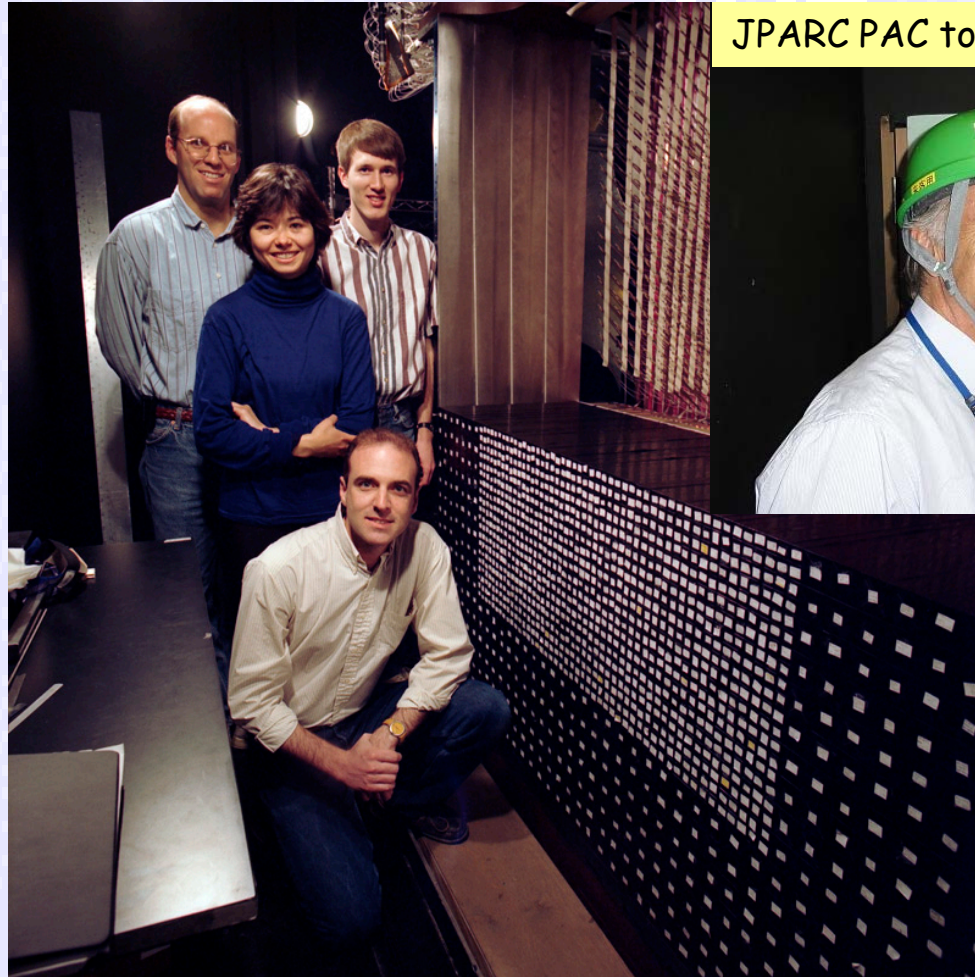
KTeV Calorimeter assembly



KOTO Calorimeter assembly

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JPARC PAC tour of KOTO



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KOTO experiment

- KOTO (J-PARC E14)
to search for new physics beyond the SM
with the decay $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$
- KOTO collaboration Japan-Korea-Russia-Taiwan-US



Nanjo-san, JPARC PAC, July 2015, Tokai

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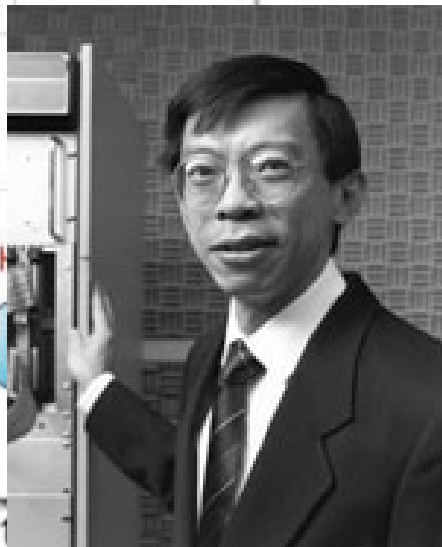
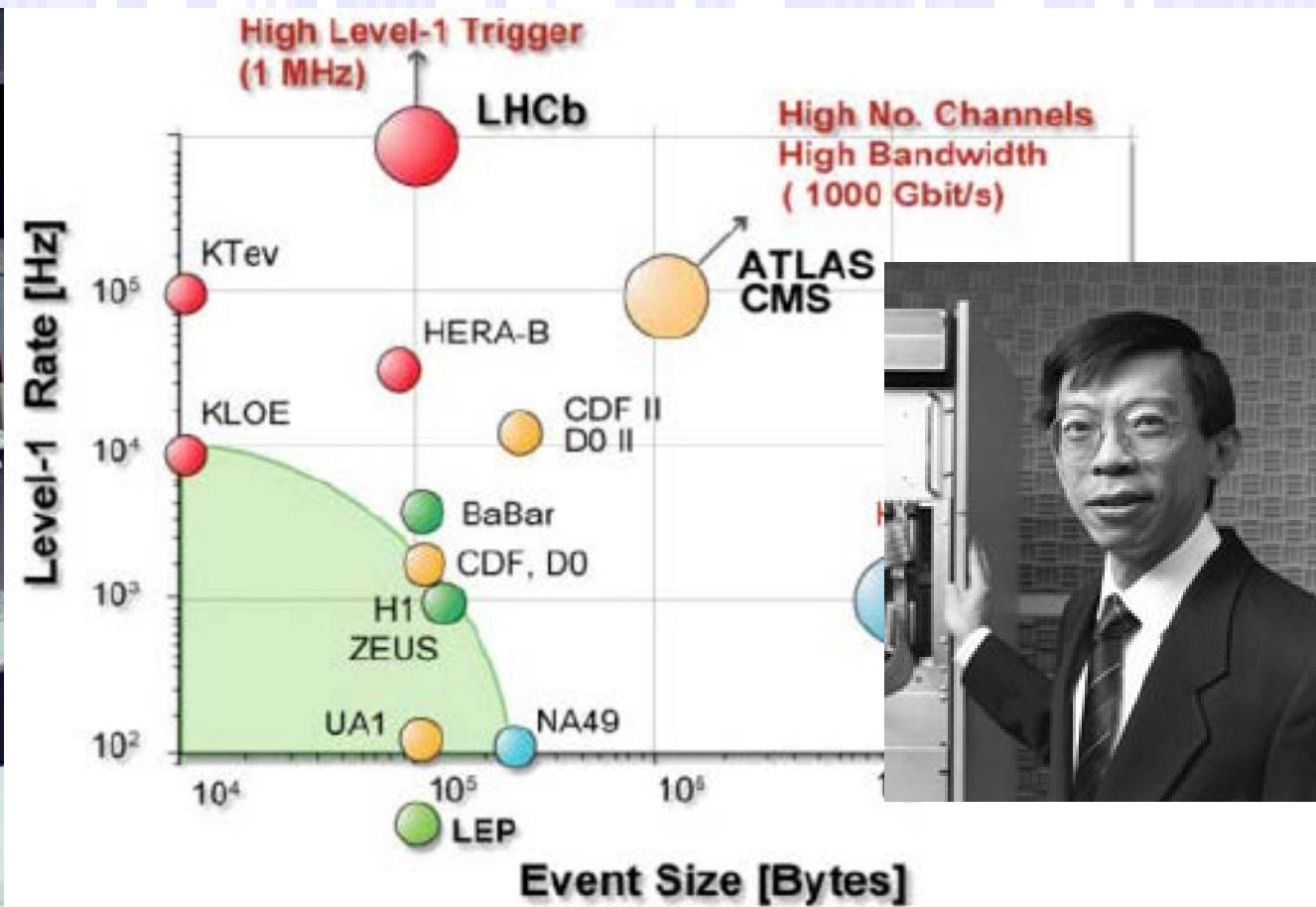
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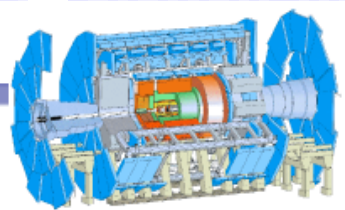
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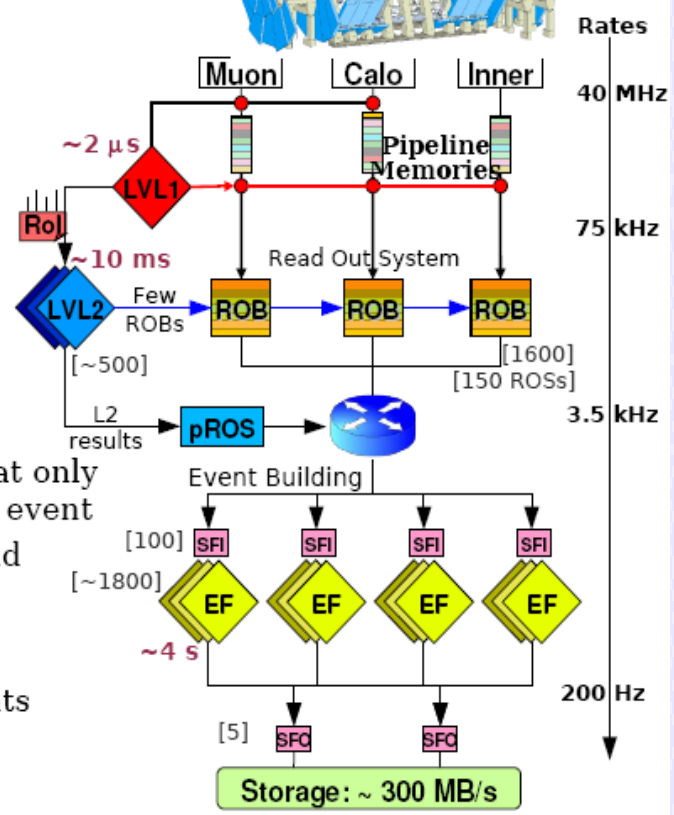


ANDREA NEGRI, TIPP 09 - Tsukuba, 13 March 2009

ATLAS TDAQ: overview

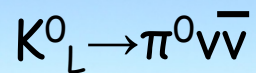


- Three-level trigger architecture
- Level 1
 - Implemented in custom h/w
 - Driven by local features in calorimeters and muon system
 - Regions of Interest in $\eta\phi$ plane (RoIs) forwarded to Level 2
- Level 2
 - Refines LVL1 results with a local analysis inside RoIs
 - Effective rejection mechanism that only requires collection of 1-2% of the event
 - Less requirements on the ROS and network system
- Event Filter
 - Operates on fully assembled events
 - Event building at ~ 5 GB/s



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Yamanaka and Wah opening the door to new rare decay physics....



Yamanaka-san near the summit of Mauna Kea; Oct 2010.

Highlights of KTeV Science...

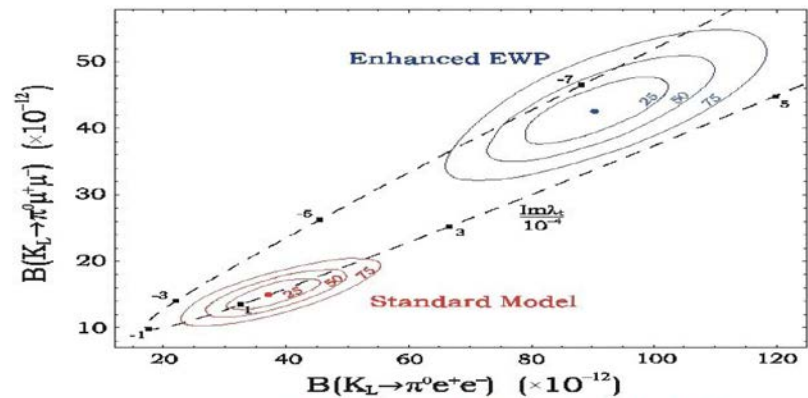
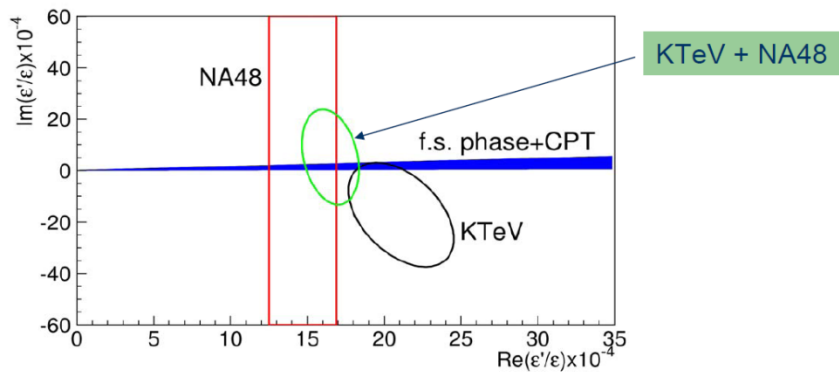
• $\text{Re}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon) = (1.66 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-3}$ \rightarrow $\frac{\Gamma(K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) - \Gamma(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\Gamma(K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) + \Gamma(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)} = (5.04 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-6}$ **

Matter/Antimatter asymmetry in a decay amplitude established, Superweak model excluded.

Large component of this asymmetry might arise from New Physics.

• $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e e, \pi^0 \mu \mu$

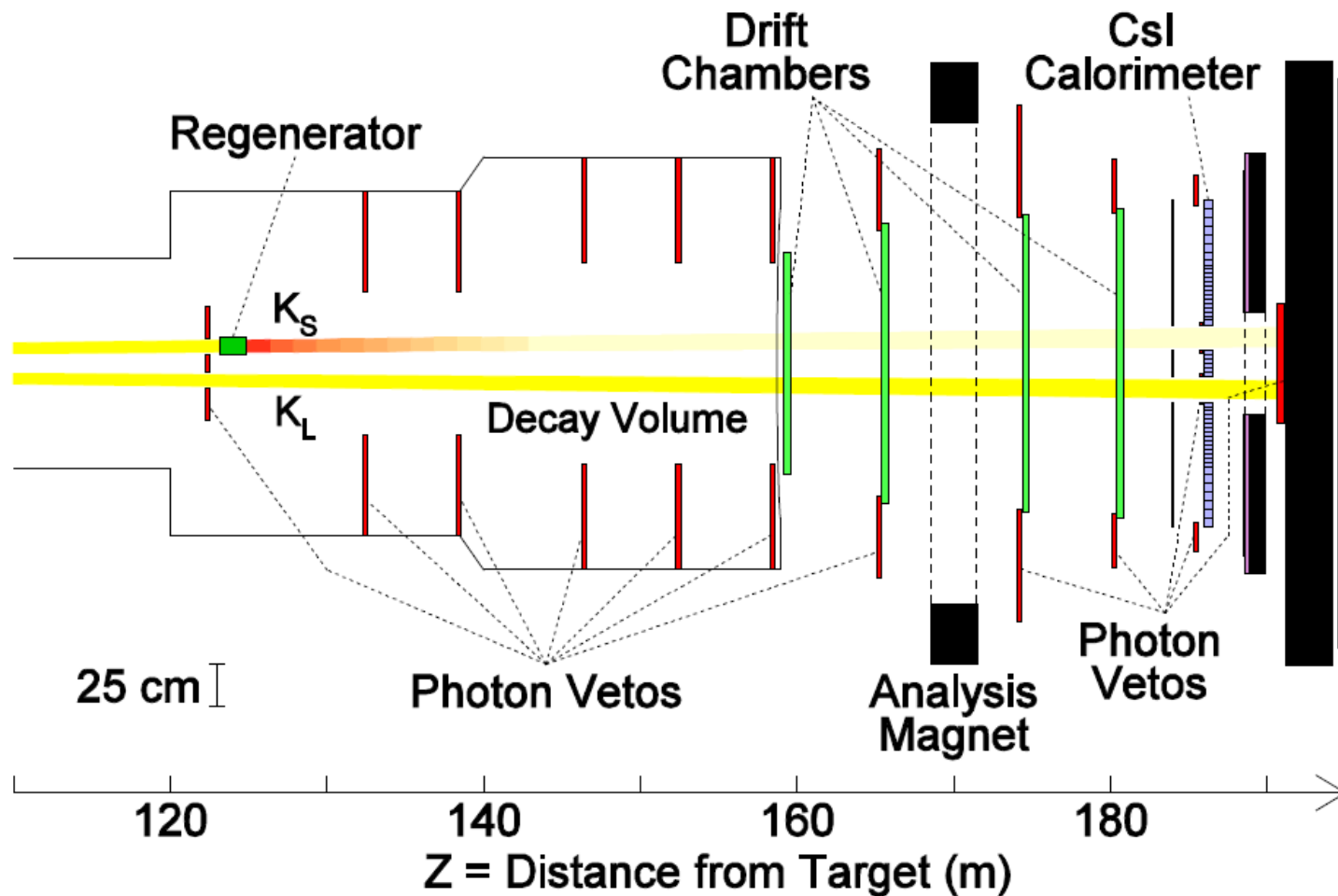
*KTeV limited these rates to **x8** and **x25** the Standard model rates (10^{-11} level) for the ee and $\mu\mu$ modes.... fertile hunting ground for new physics models.*



G.I., Smith, Unterdorfer '04

* PDG, **J Imazoto

KTeV Experiment: K_S beam made from an incident K_L beam.



K_L Beam passes through 2m of plastic scintillator, which induces a $\sim 3\%$ coherent K_S component in the downstream amplitude.

$$K_{\text{Down}} = K_L + \rho K_S$$

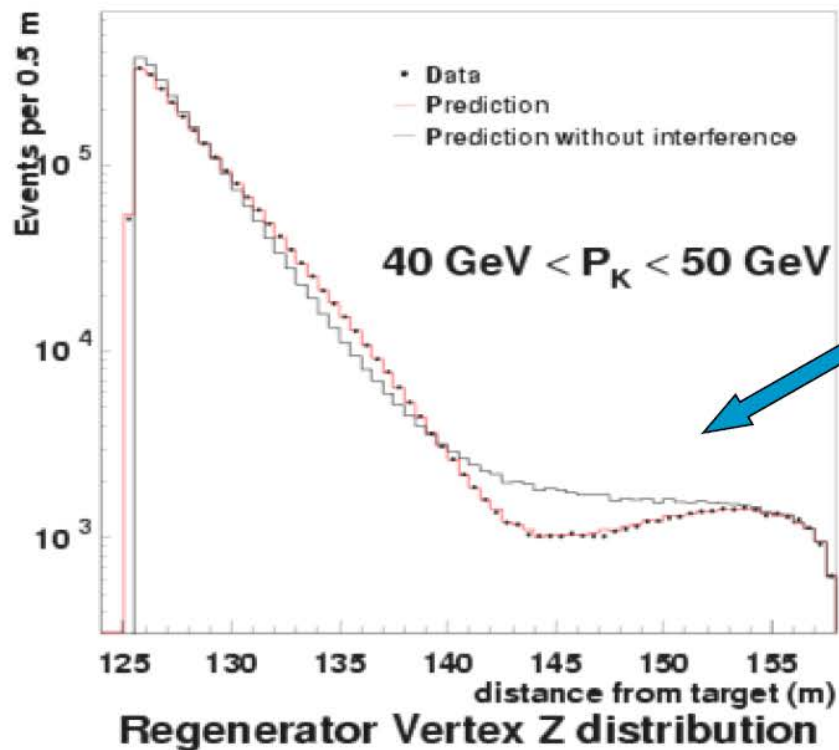


K_L and K_S in the Regenerator Beam.

The regenerator beam is a coherent super-position of K_S and K_L . Must account for K_L component to extract correct value of $\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)$.

K_{Reg} shape depends on:

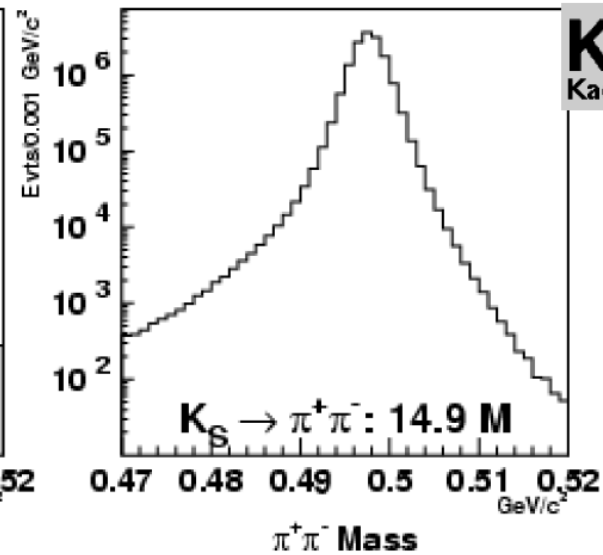
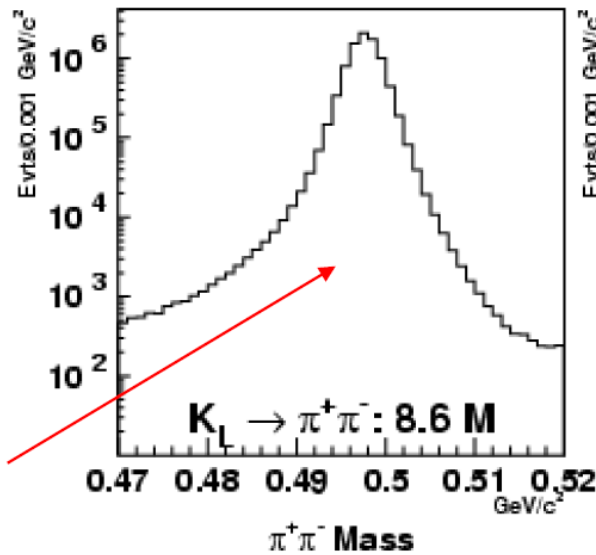
- $\tau_S, \Delta m, \phi_\eta$.
- Attenuation in the regenerator.



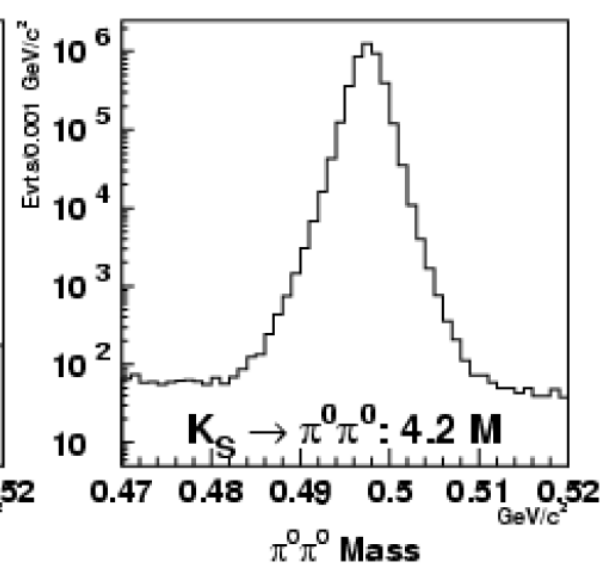
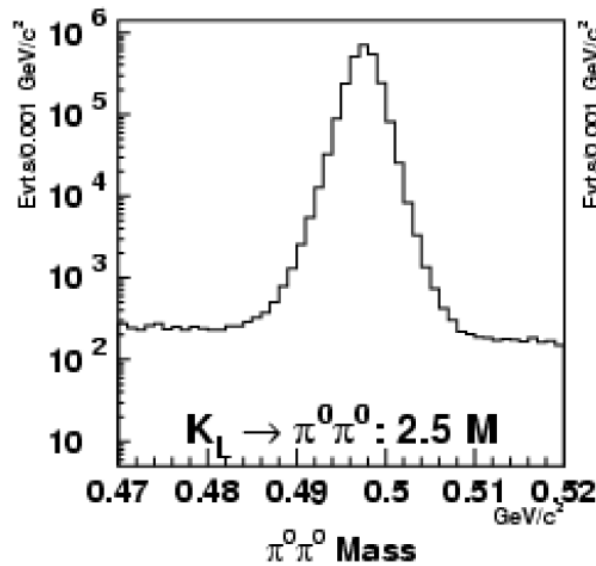
Quantum
coherence
over 30m!

Raw $K^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$ Statistics: $\sigma(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon) = 1.7 \times 10^{-4}$

CPV first found
with 47 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
events!



KTEV
Kaons at the Tevatron



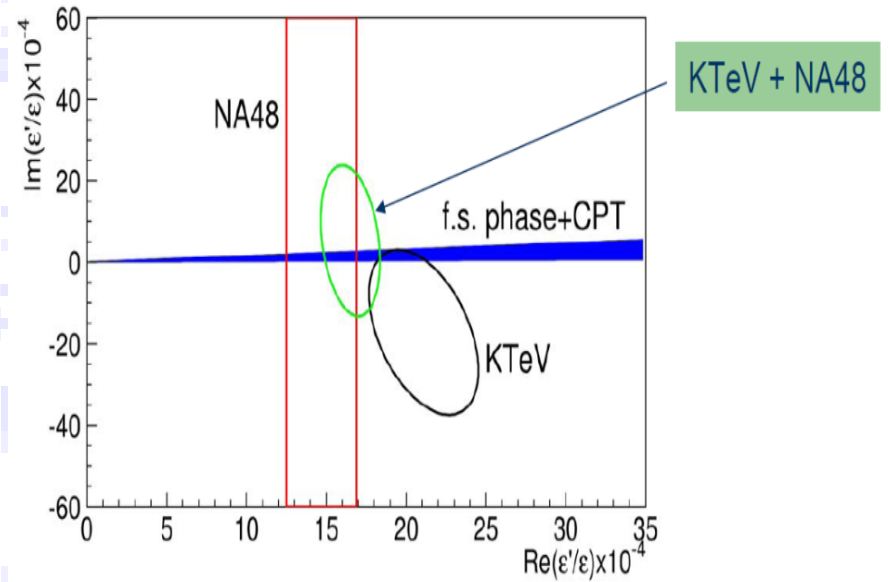
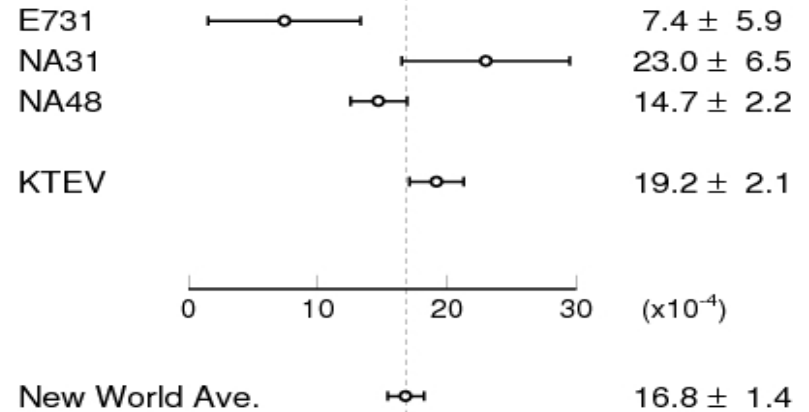
Final KTeV Measurements of CP Violation and CPT Symmetry

BNL Particle Physics Seminar

Elizabeth Worcester
University of Chicago
August 25, 2011

For the KTeV Collaboration: Arizona, Campinas, Chicago, Colorado, Elmhurst, FNAL, Osaka, Rice, Sao Paulo, UCLA, Virginia, Wisconsin

Re(ϵ'/ϵ)



Phys. Rev. D 83, 092001 (2011).

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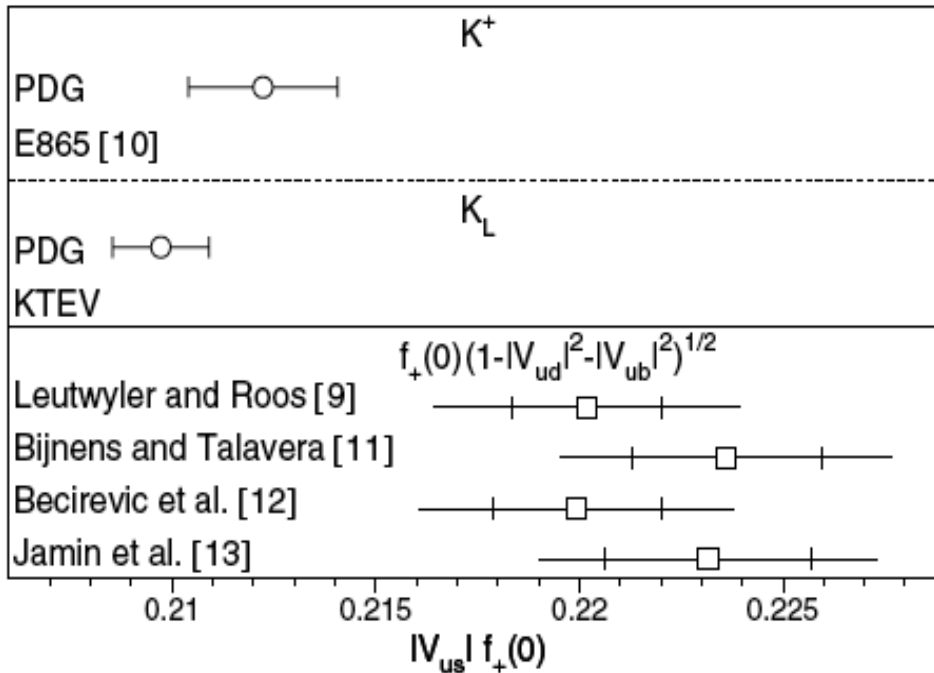


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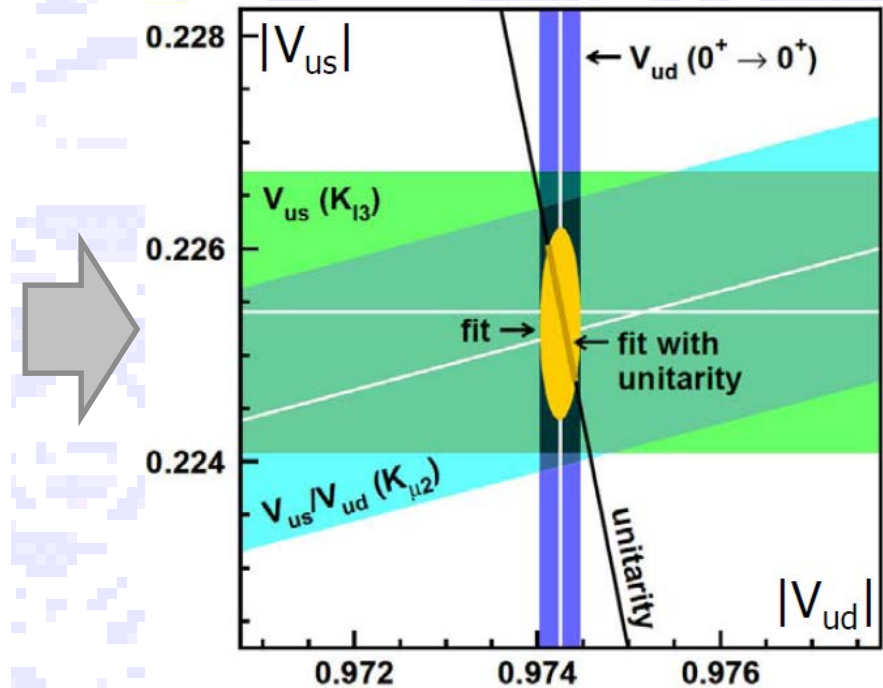
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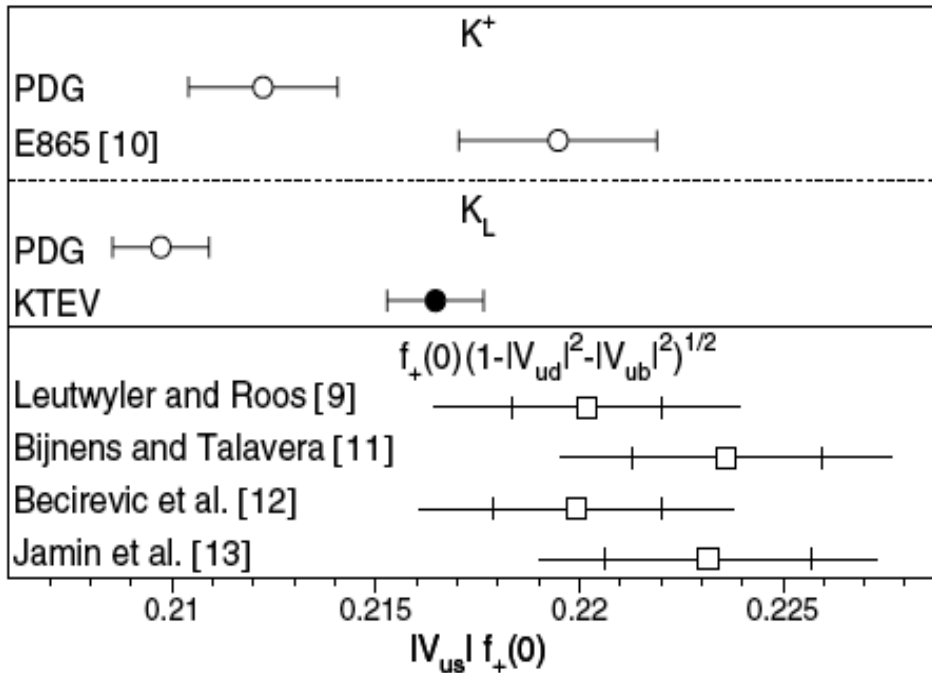


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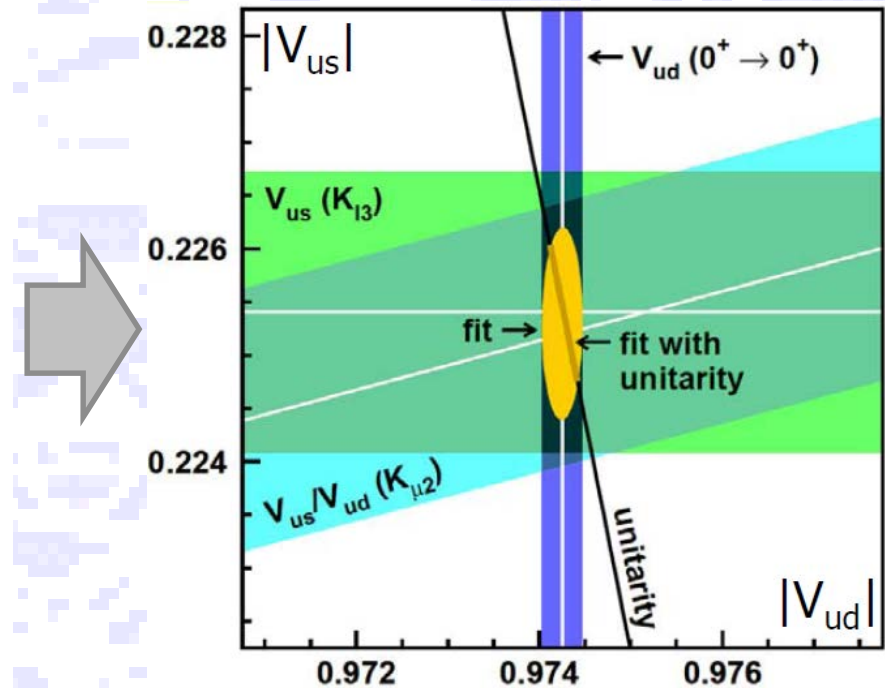
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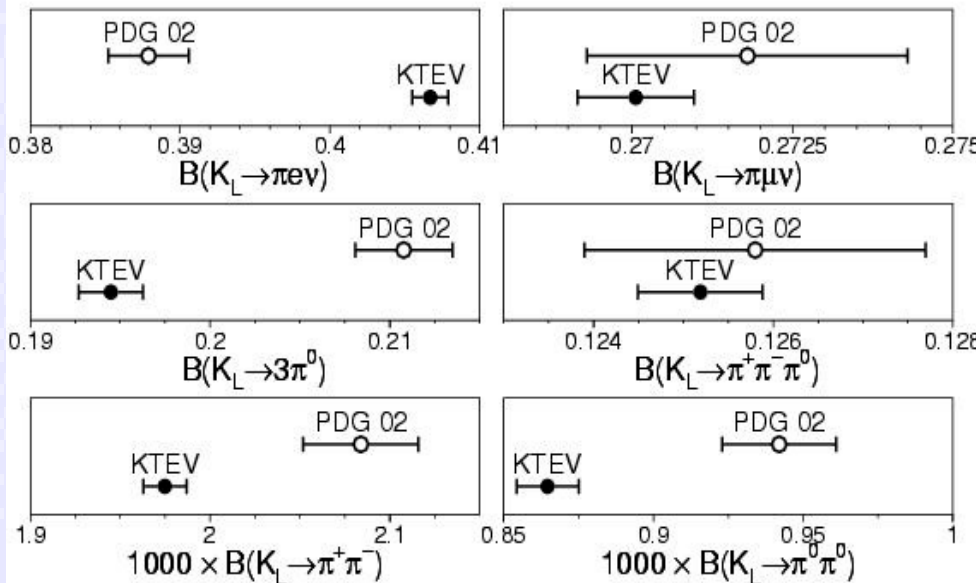


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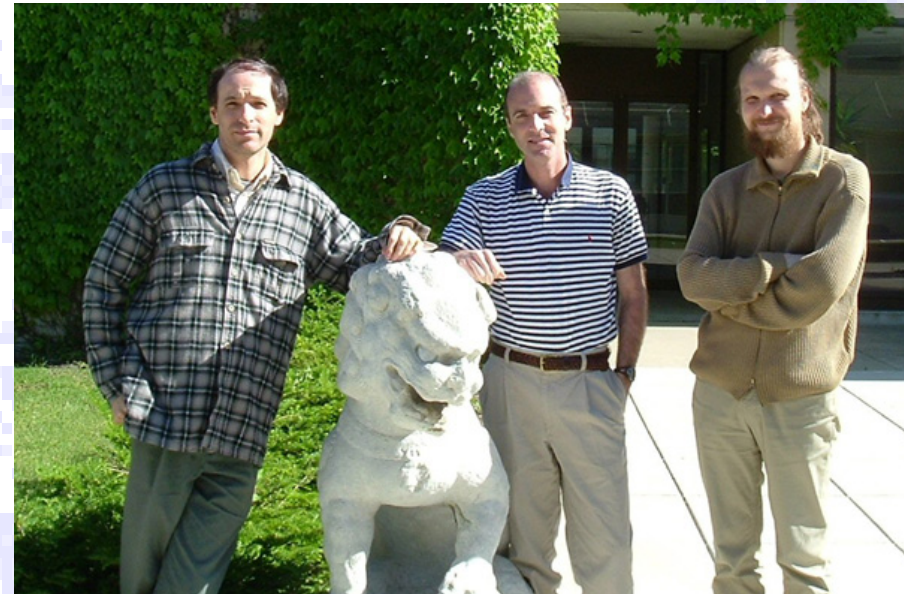
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KTeV and BNL-865 Resolve the Unitarity Tension of the CKM matrix,

followed by important contributions from NA48@CERN and KLOE@Frascati



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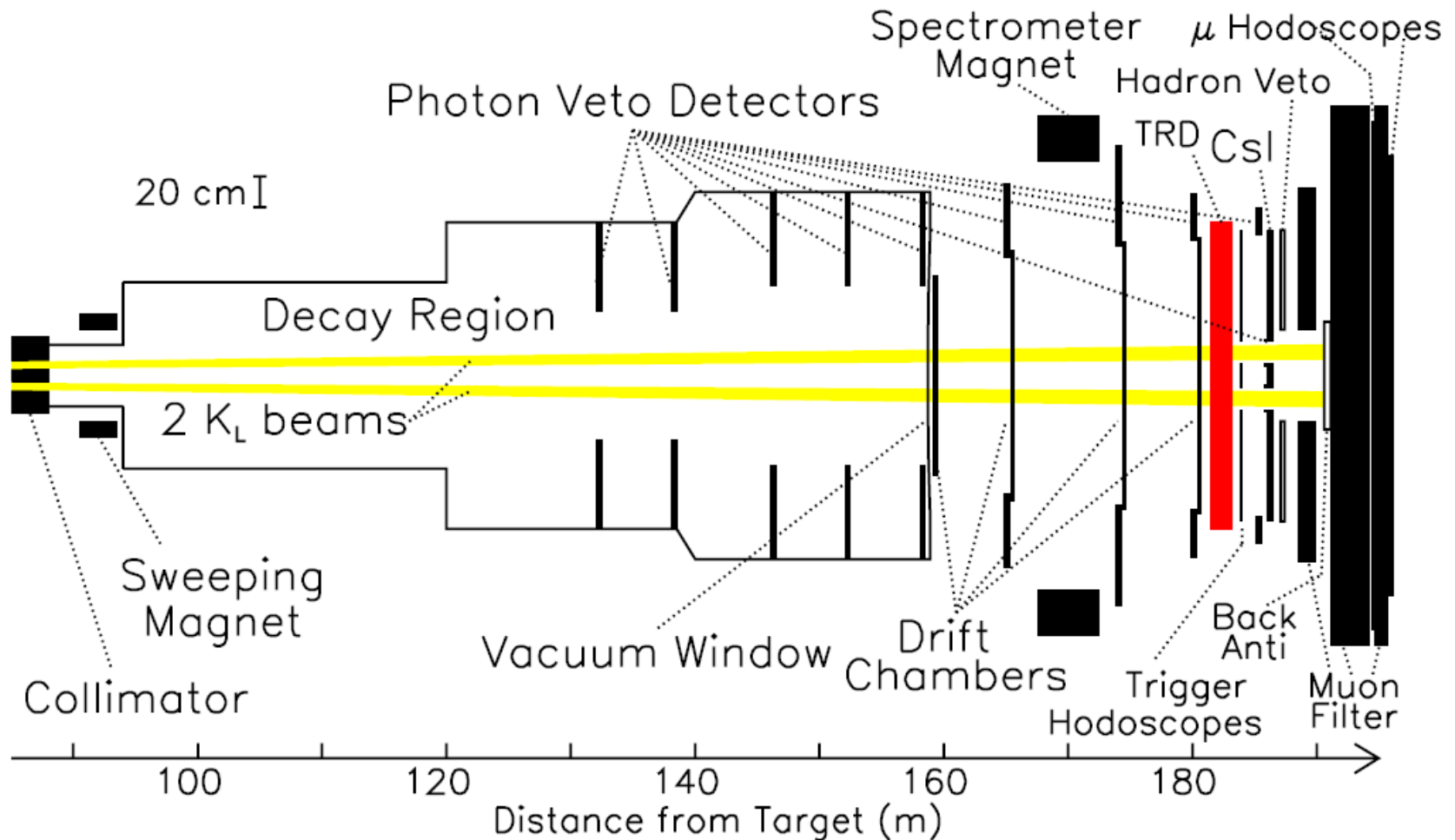
R. Kessler, E. Blucher, S. Glazov,
University of Chicago

KTeV Rare Decay Program (★); Manifest in the PSI Littenberg Summer School Lectures August 18th-24th 2002

TABLE 1. *Rare K decay modes under recent or on-going study.*

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	★ $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	★ $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	★ $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-$	$K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^- \gamma$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	★ $K_L \rightarrow e^\pm e^\mp \mu^\pm \mu^\mp$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma$
★ $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	★ $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu \gamma$
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$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ e^+$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X^0$	★ $K_L \rightarrow e^\pm e^\pm \mu^\mp \mu^\mp$
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$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \nu \bar{\nu}$	$\pi^0 \rightarrow 3 \gamma$	★ $\pi^0 \rightarrow \mu e$	

KTeV Detector in the Rare-Decay Configuration



Designed for State-of-the-Art Sensitivity to $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 ee$ and $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu\mu$

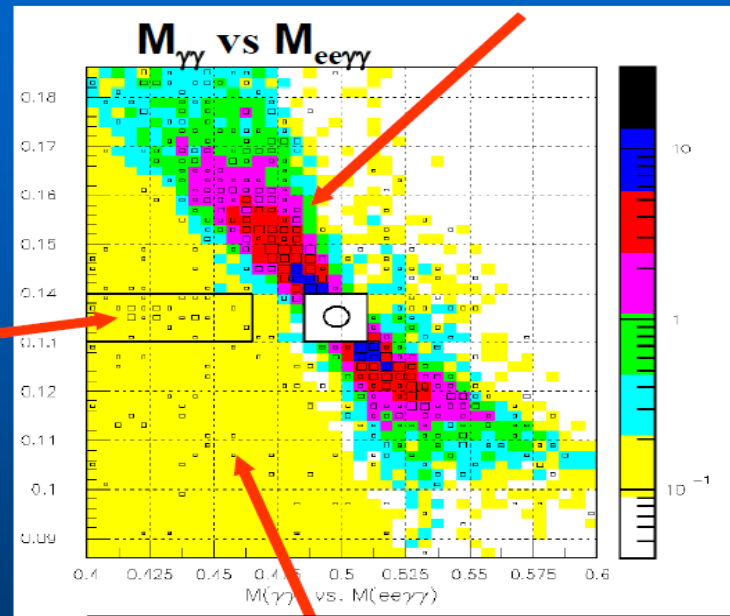
Backgrounds for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$

- Other backgrounds come from a kaon decay modes such as $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D$.
- The most significant and dangerous background comes from $K_L \rightarrow ee\gamma\gamma$ decays.

$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D, \\ \pi^\pm e^\mp \nu + \pi^0_{ACC}$$

- The normalization mode is $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0_D$

$K_L \rightarrow ee\gamma\gamma$



$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0, \pi^\pm e^\mp \gamma \nu + \gamma_{ACC}$$

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    graph TD
      A["K_L → π⁰π⁰π⁰, π±e∓γν + γACC"] --> B["e⁺γX"]
      A --> C["e⁻X"]
      A --> D["γX"]
  
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June 26th 2003

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From Kaon-2013 Littenberg Presentation

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 84, 5279-5282 \(2000\).](#)

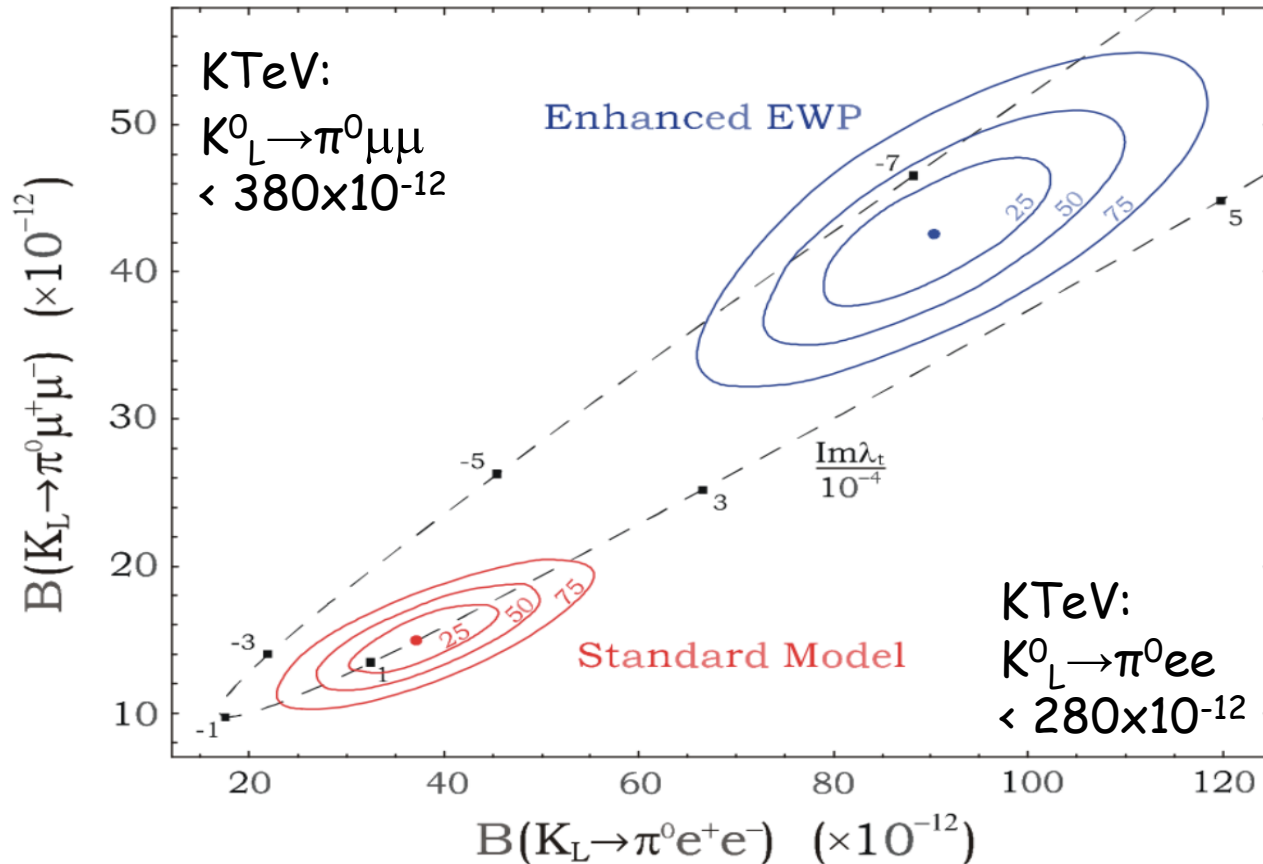
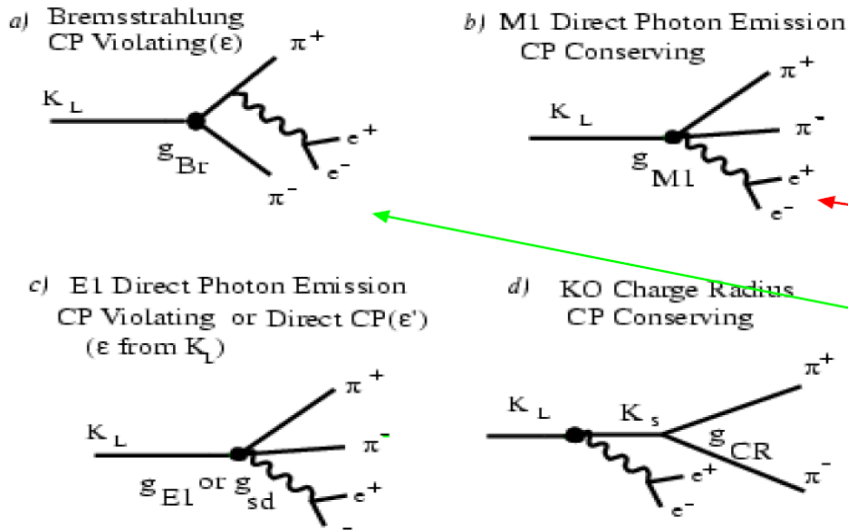


Figure 4: From Ref. [17], 25%, 50% and 75% confidence-level regions for the Standard Model (assuming positive interference) and the enhanced-electroweak-penguin model of Ref. [12], taking into account all the present uncertainties..

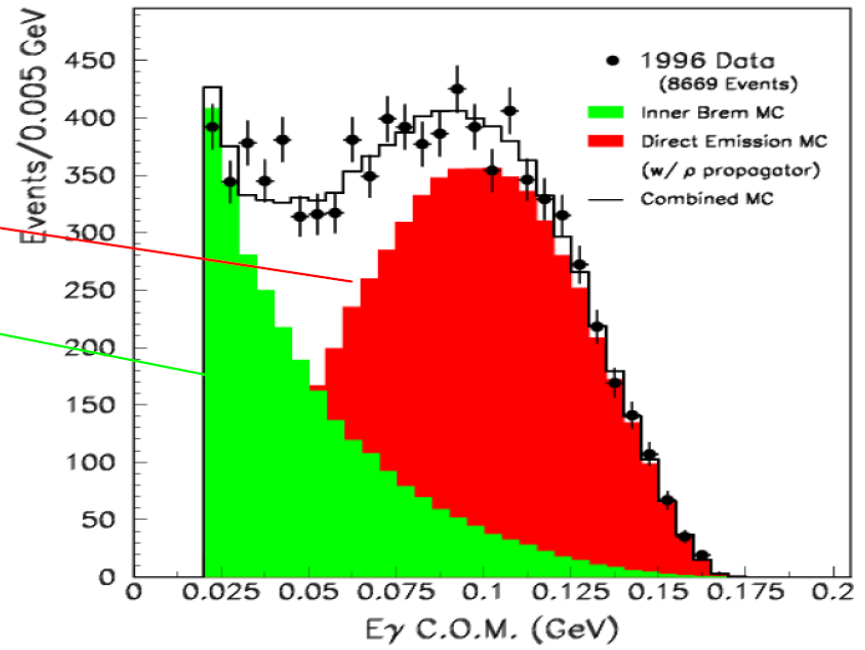
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$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$, Another T-odd laboratory...

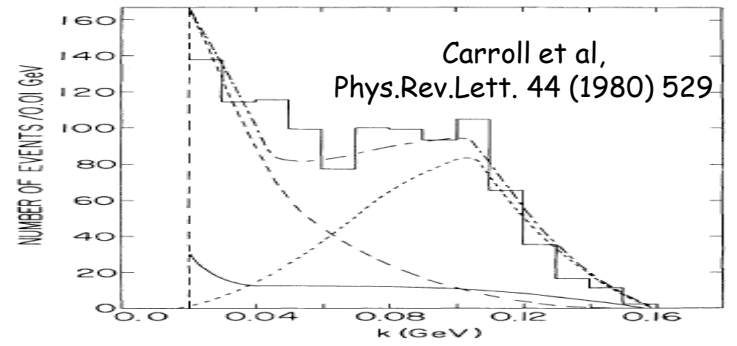
$K \rightarrow \pi \pi e e$ Processes



$K_L \rightarrow \pi \pi \gamma$

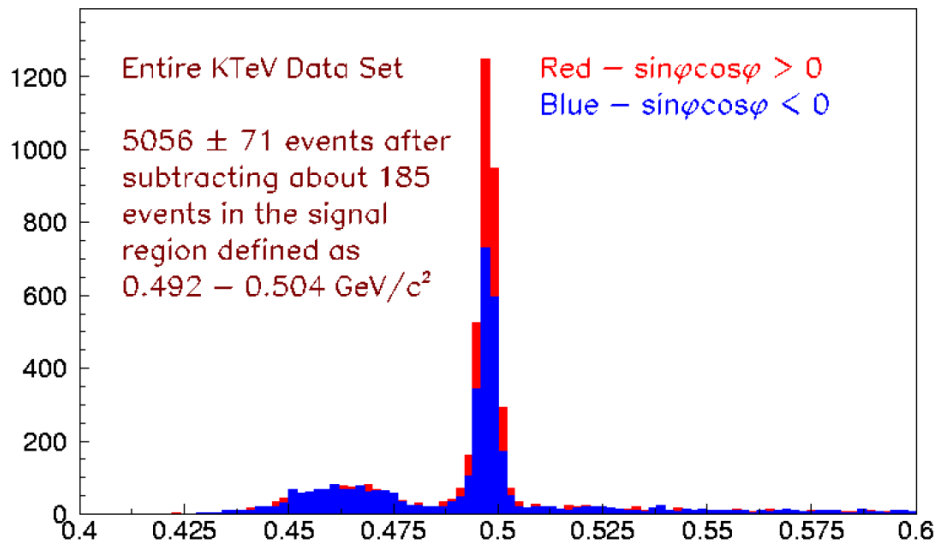


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 $|g_{M1}| = 1.11 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.08$
 $a_1/a_2 = (-0.744 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.032) \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$



Published in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 101801 \(2006\)](#).

Rare Decay Serendipity High Detector Acceptance



$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-) = 3.6 \times 10^{-7}$$

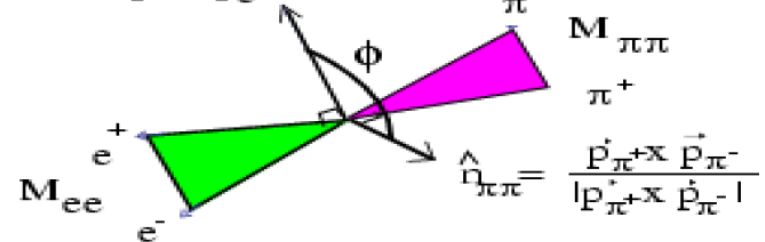
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T-odd Observable

$K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$ ϕ Angle
 (K_L^0 Center of Mass)

$$\hat{n}_{ee} = \frac{\vec{p}_{e^+} \times \vec{p}_{e^-}}{|\vec{p}_{e^+} \times \vec{p}_{e^-}|}$$



$$\hat{z} = \frac{\vec{p}_{\pi^+} \cdot \vec{p}_{\pi^-}}{|\vec{p}_{\pi^+} \cdot \vec{p}_{\pi^-}|}$$

$$\sin\phi \cos\phi = (\hat{n}_{ee} \times \hat{n}_{\pi\pi}) \cdot \hat{z} (\hat{n}_{ee} \cdot \hat{n}_{\pi\pi})$$

What High Performance Calorimetry brings to Rare Decays

$$K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 (\pi^0 \rightarrow ee)$$

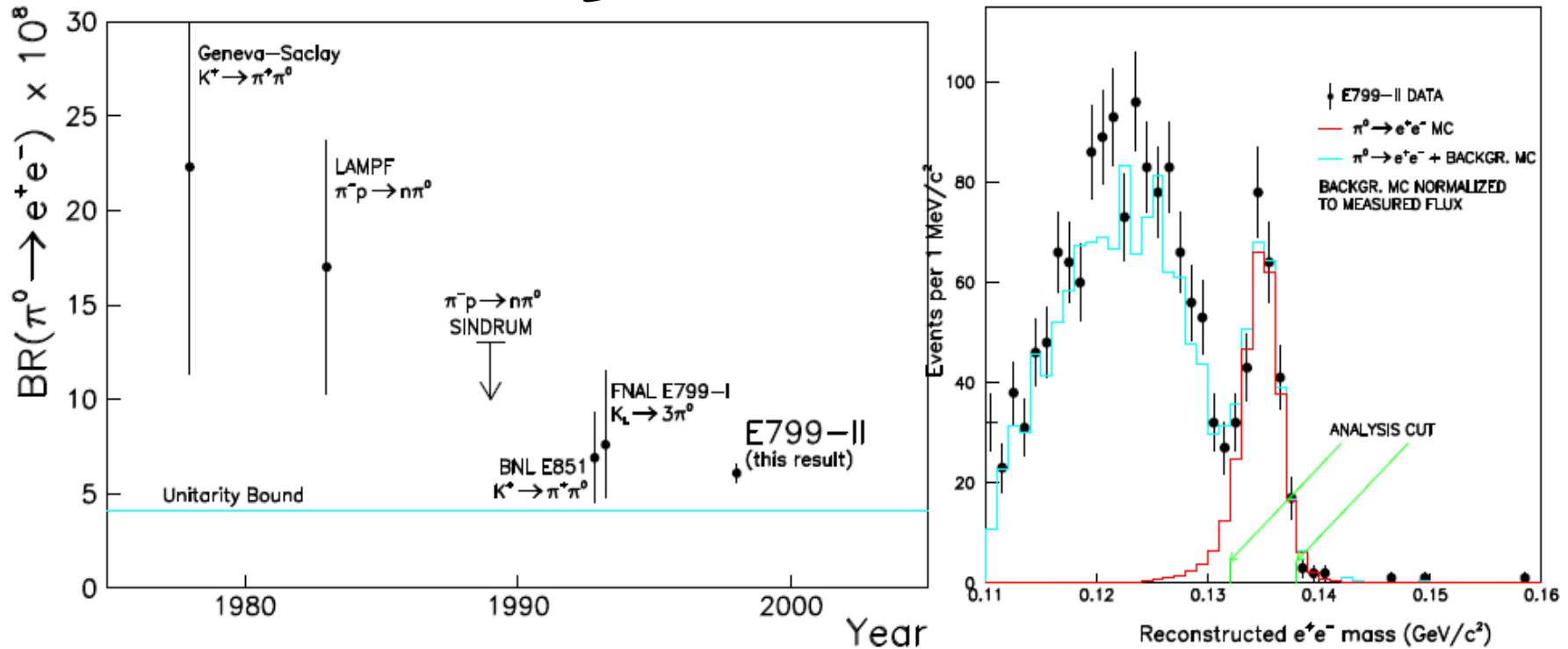


FIGURE 7. Left: history of $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ measurements from Ref. [35]. Horizontal line is the absorptive contribution from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$. Right: Reconstructed m_{ee} distribution for $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ candidates from Ref. [35].

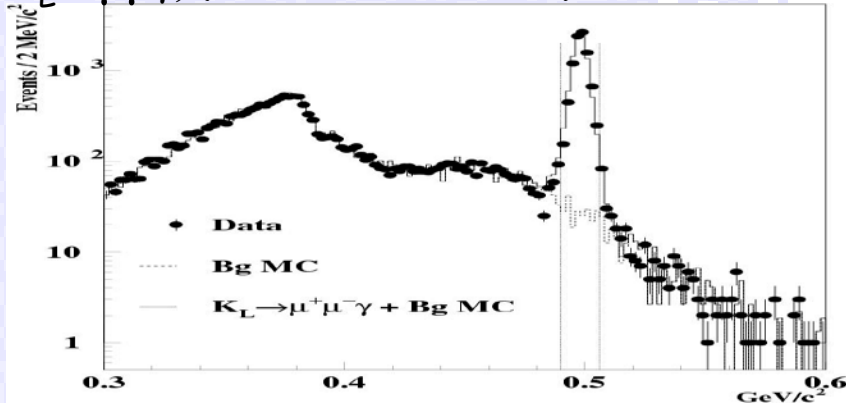
$$BR(\pi^0 \rightarrow ee) = (6.44 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-8}$$

Published in [Phys. Rev. D 75, 012004 \(2007\)](#).

Littenberg, 2003 Review

Tour-de-Force of $K_L \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$ and $K_L \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma^*$ daughters...

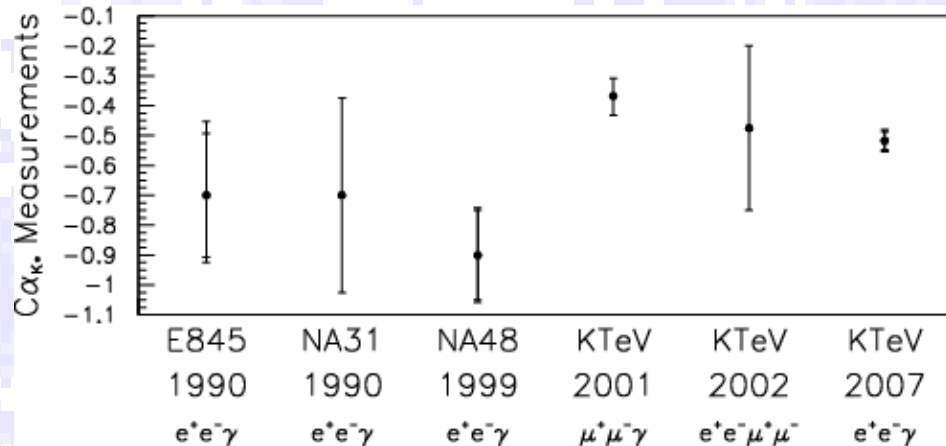
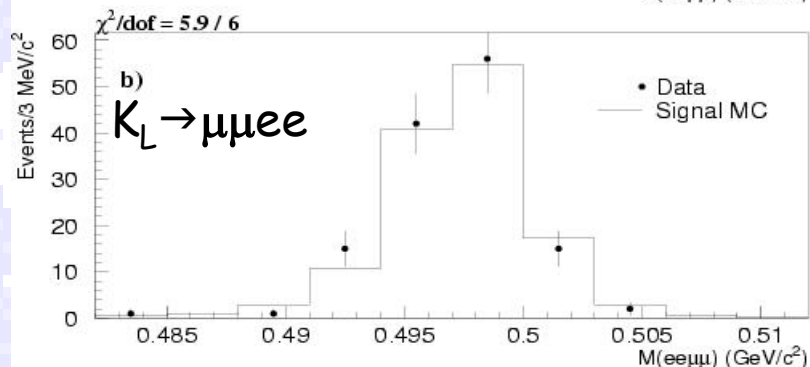
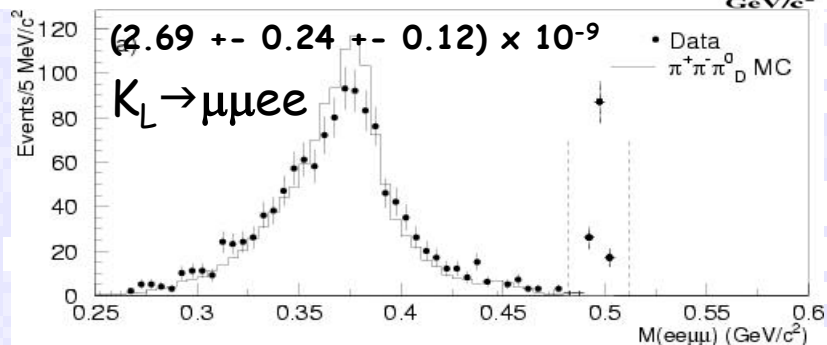
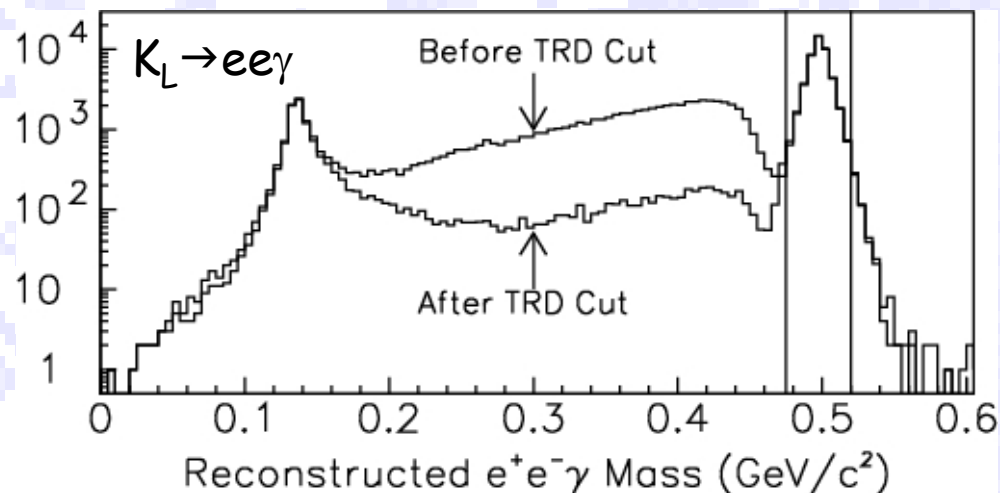
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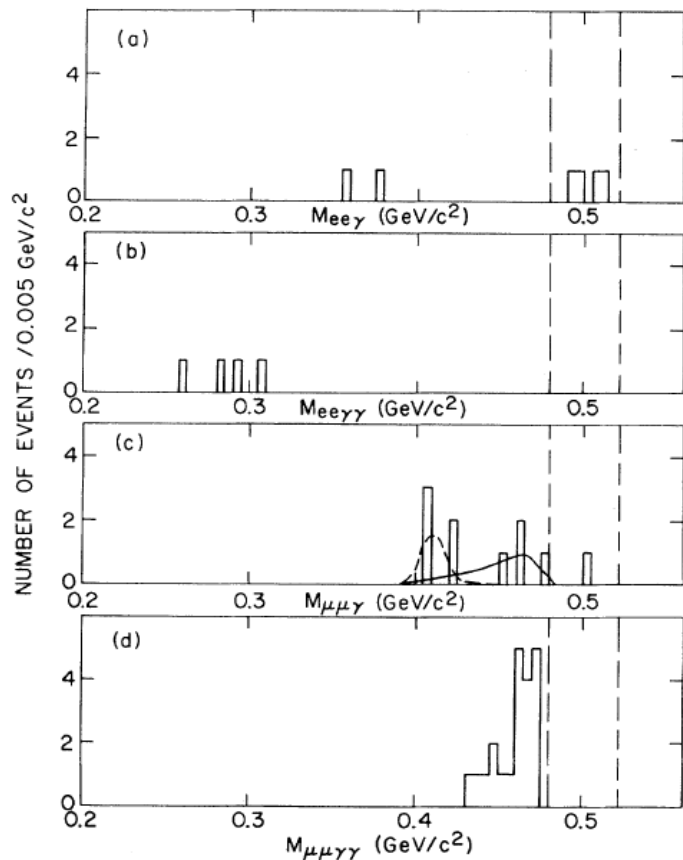


FIG. 2. Effective-mass spectra for events subject to all cuts except in mass. Vertical lines show mass cuts. (a) $e^+e^-\gamma$, (b) $e^+e^-\gamma$, (c) $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ (dashed line is expected $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ background, solid line is sum of expected $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\mu^-\nu$ and $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^-\mu^+\nu$ backgrounds), and (d) $\mu^+-\mu^-\gamma$.

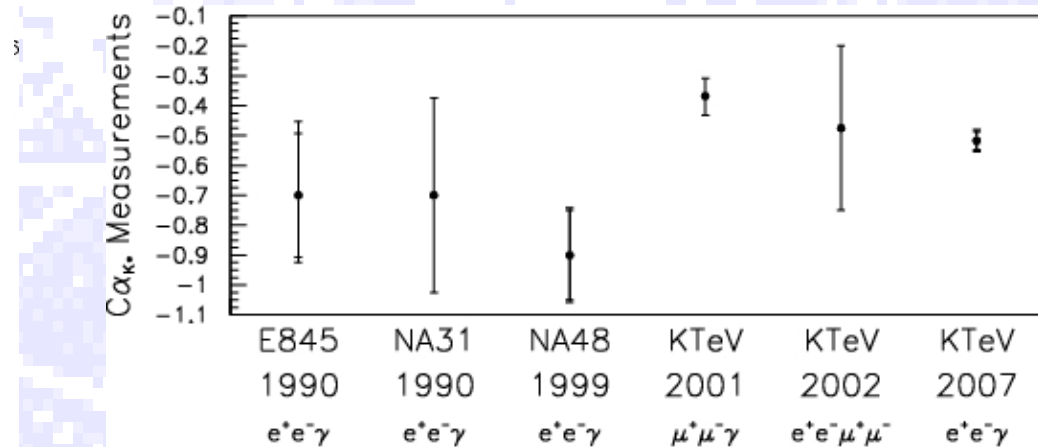
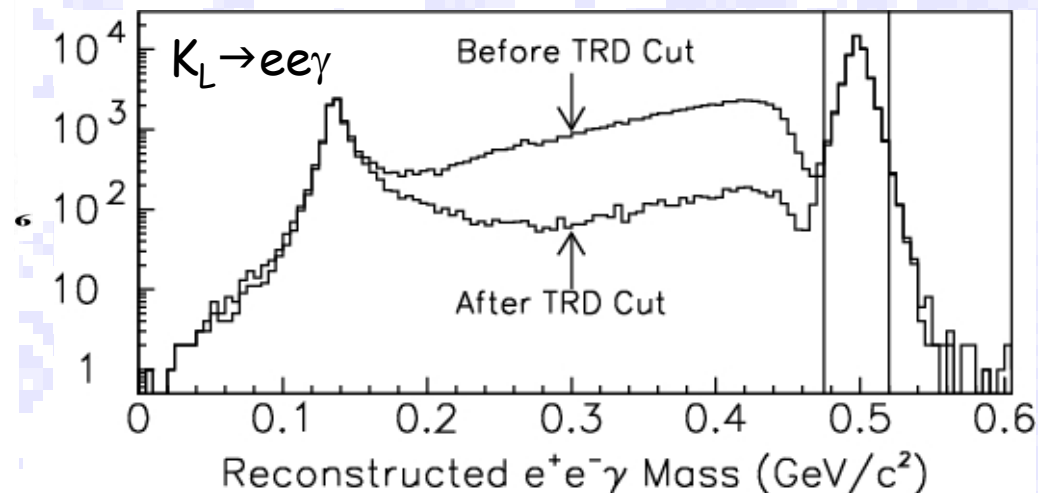
Carroll et al,

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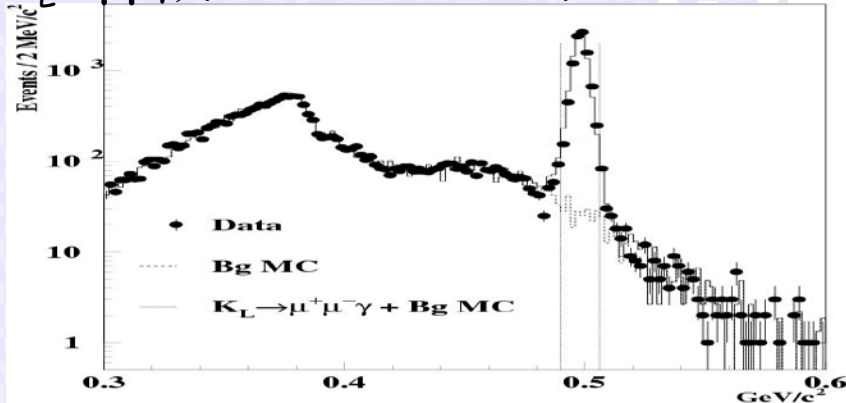
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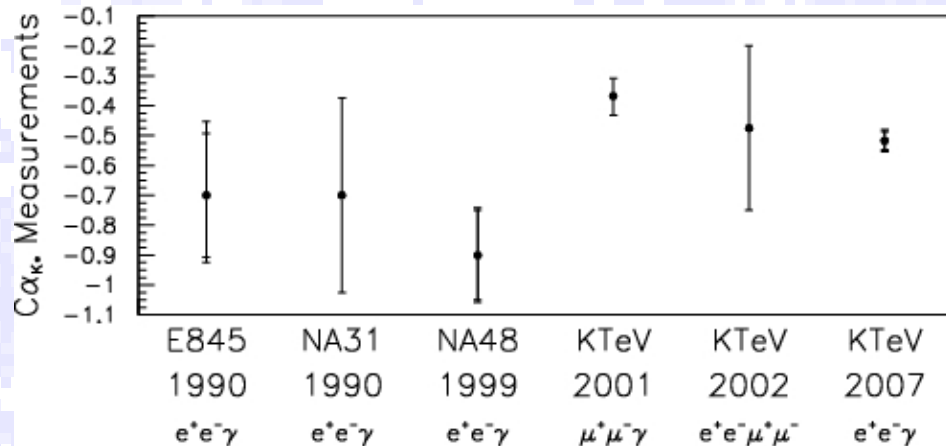
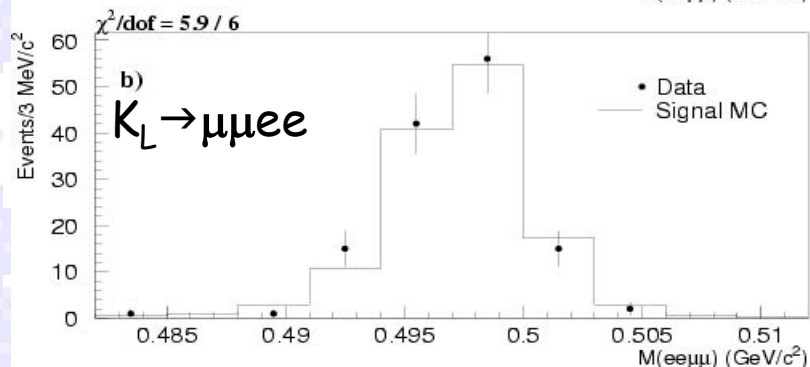
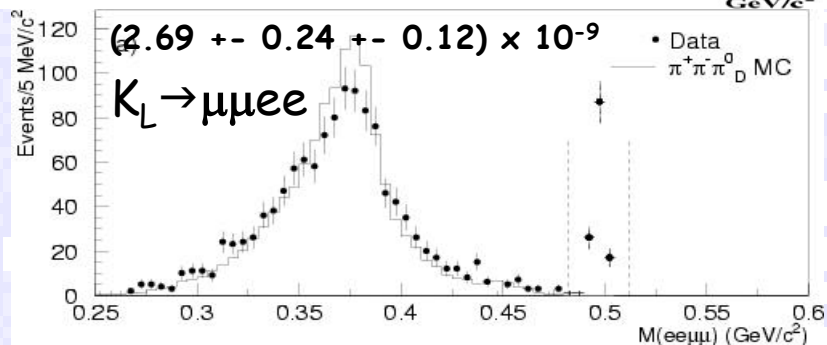
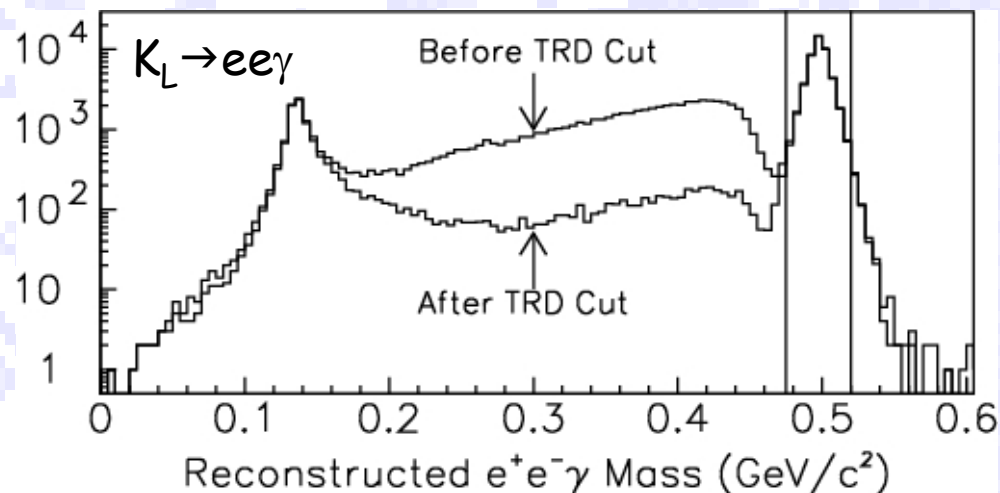
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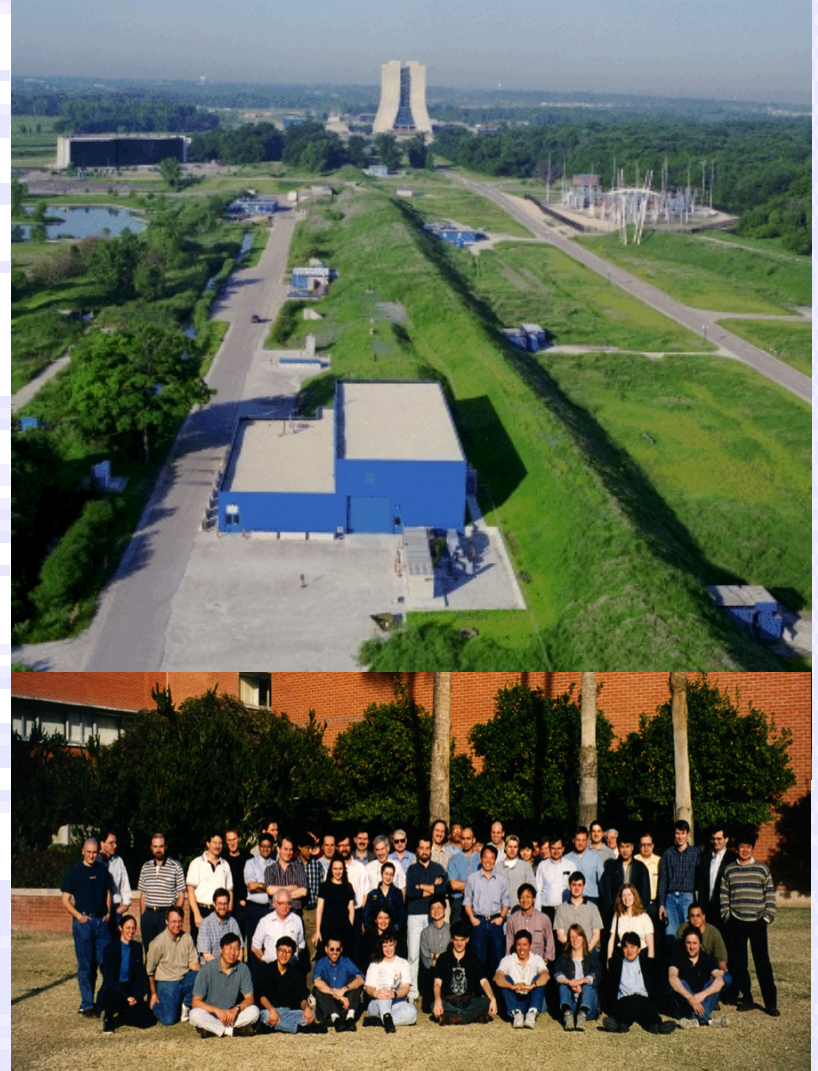
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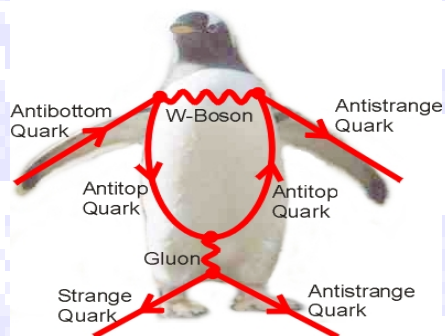
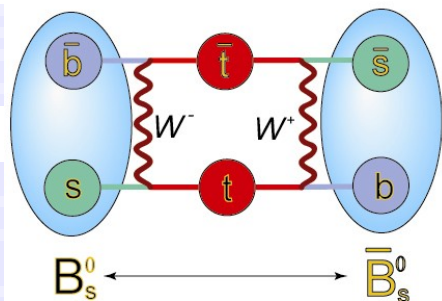
The KTeV Legacy

- Established decay-amplitude matter-antimatter asymmetries together with our CERN colleagues.
- Probed many, many rare-decays that have cranked up the tension on the “flavor problem”.
- Substantially advanced the state of the art in precision calorimetry and data acquisition in High Energy Physics.
- Developed next generation leaders for the field.



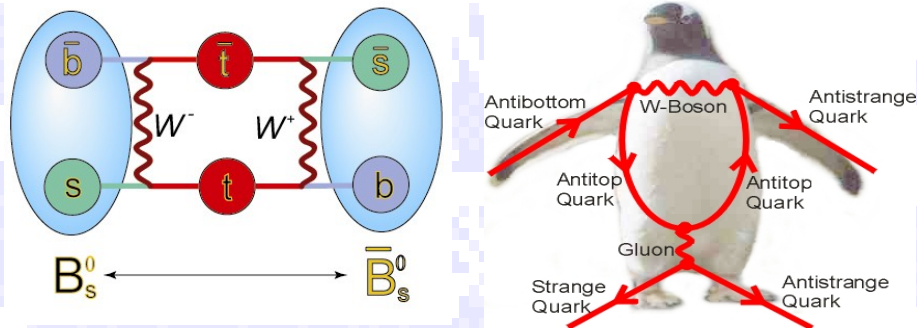
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The Post-KTeV Era: Next Generation Rare Decays to Crack the Flavor Problem

2001

Kaons at the Main Injector (KAMI) proposed

Charged Kaons at the Main Injector (CKM) proposed and granted scientific approval

BTeV, CKM and RSVP cancelled in the inaugural P5 process

The Mu2e experiment advances in the second P5 process

ORKA proposed and granted scientific approval

ORKA and Project-X kaons cancelled by the P5 process

2016

Mu2e continues; Project likely to succeed



Amalfi Coast, June 2013

Laur's advice towards developing the Fermilab Rare Decay Program for the post KTeV era..

Conclusions

Eschew elegance, embrace overkill

Redundancy, redundancy, redundancy

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- Now worry about biasing your backgrounds....

-Laur Littenberg, rare-decay workshop at Fermilab in the 90's

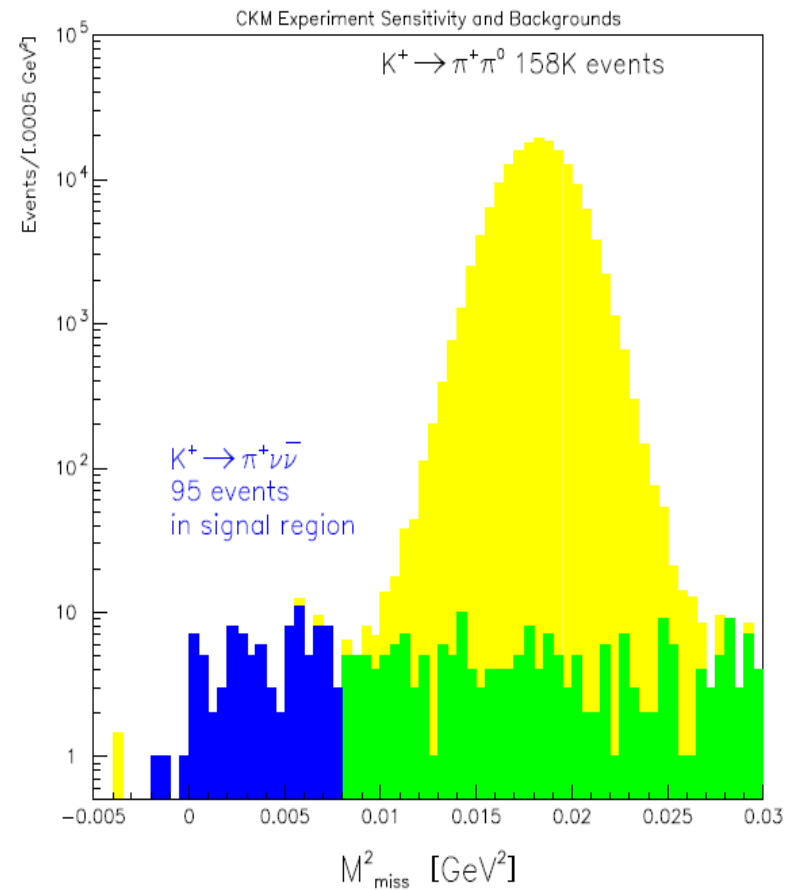
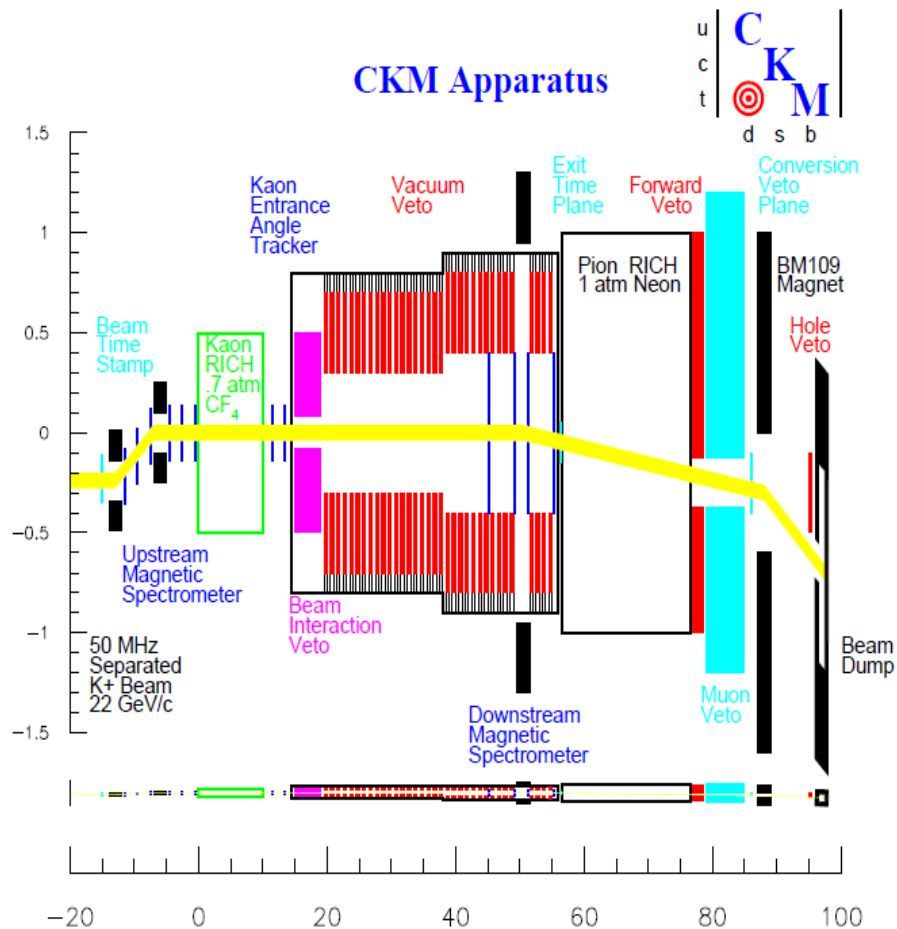
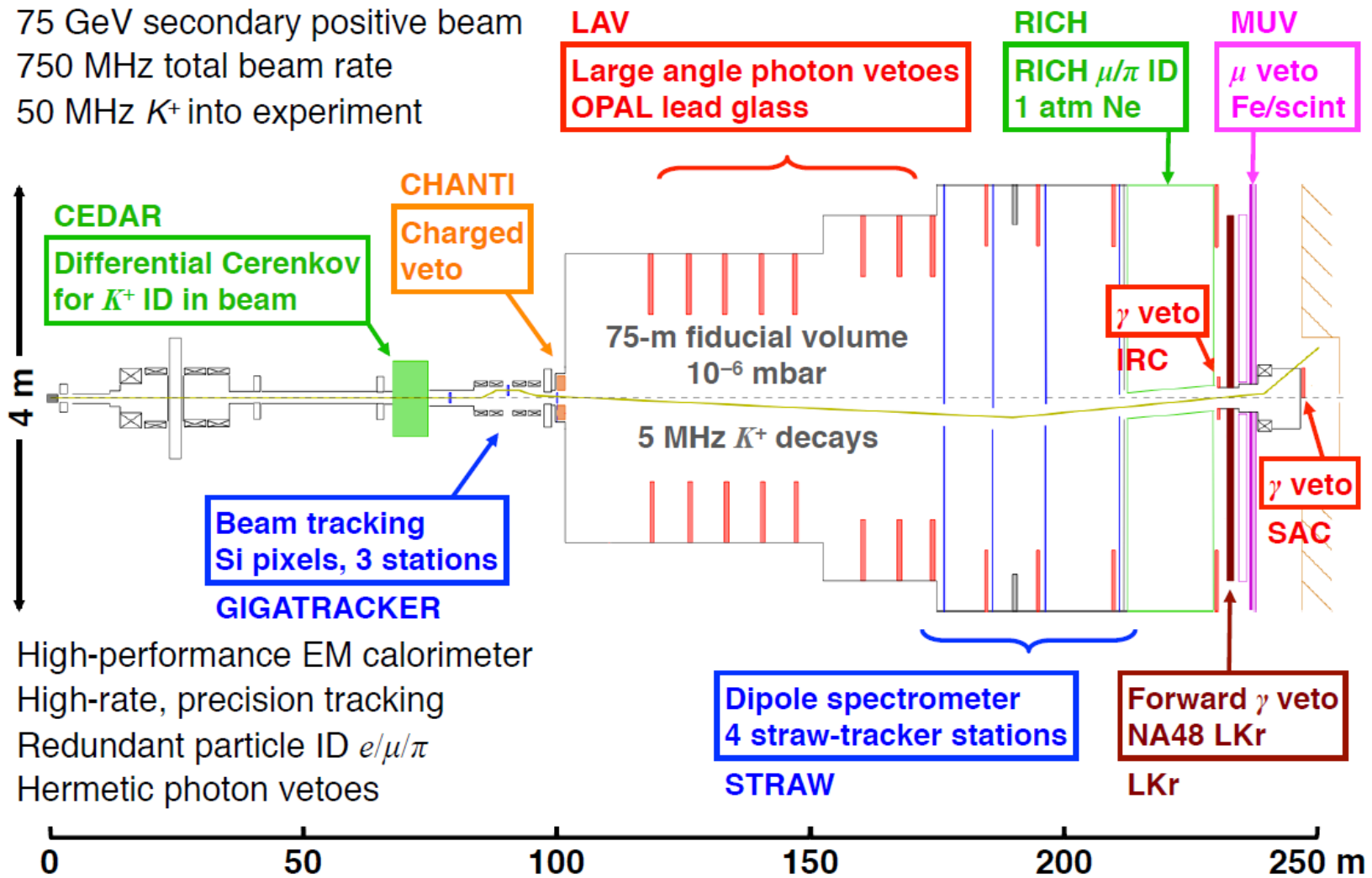


FIGURE 13. Left: apparatus of the CKM experiment at FNAL. Right: expected signal and background.

The NA62 experiment at the SPS



75 GeV secondary positive beam
 750 MHz total beam rate
 50 MHz K^+ into experiment



High-performance EM calorimeter
 High-rate, precision tracking
 Redundant particle ID $e/\mu/\pi$
 Hermetic photon vetoes

Back in the lab frame!

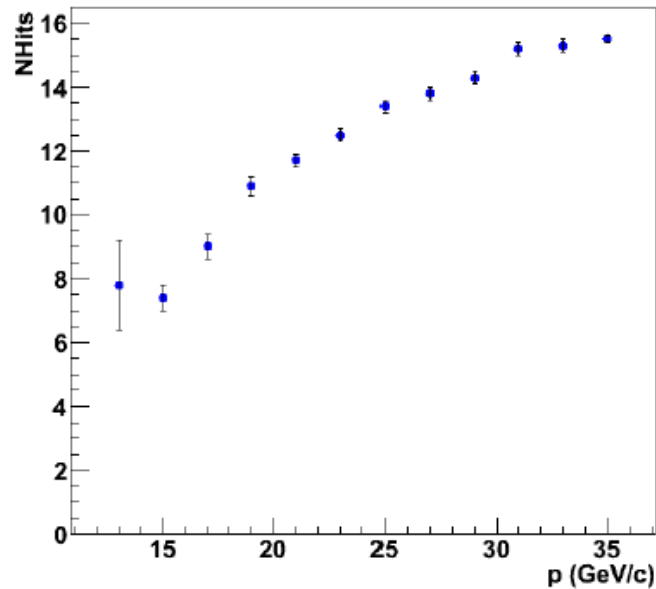


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RICH PERFORMANCE

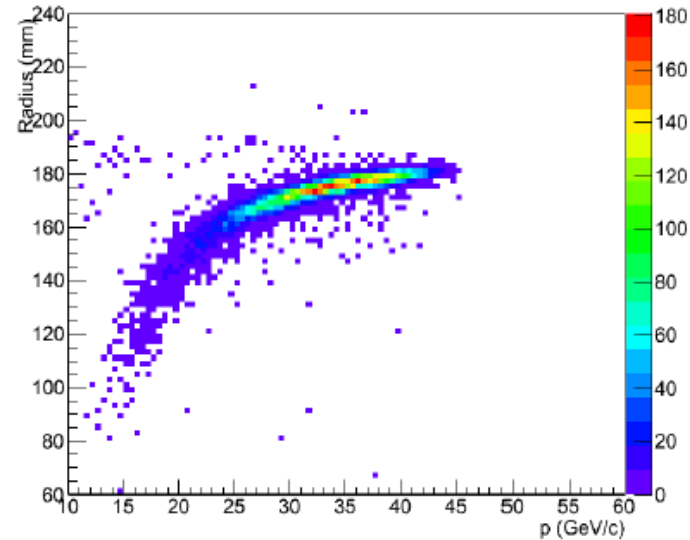


NHits vs Momentum



Number of hits per ring as a
Function of particle momentum

High-Speed Precision
"Velocity Spectrometer"

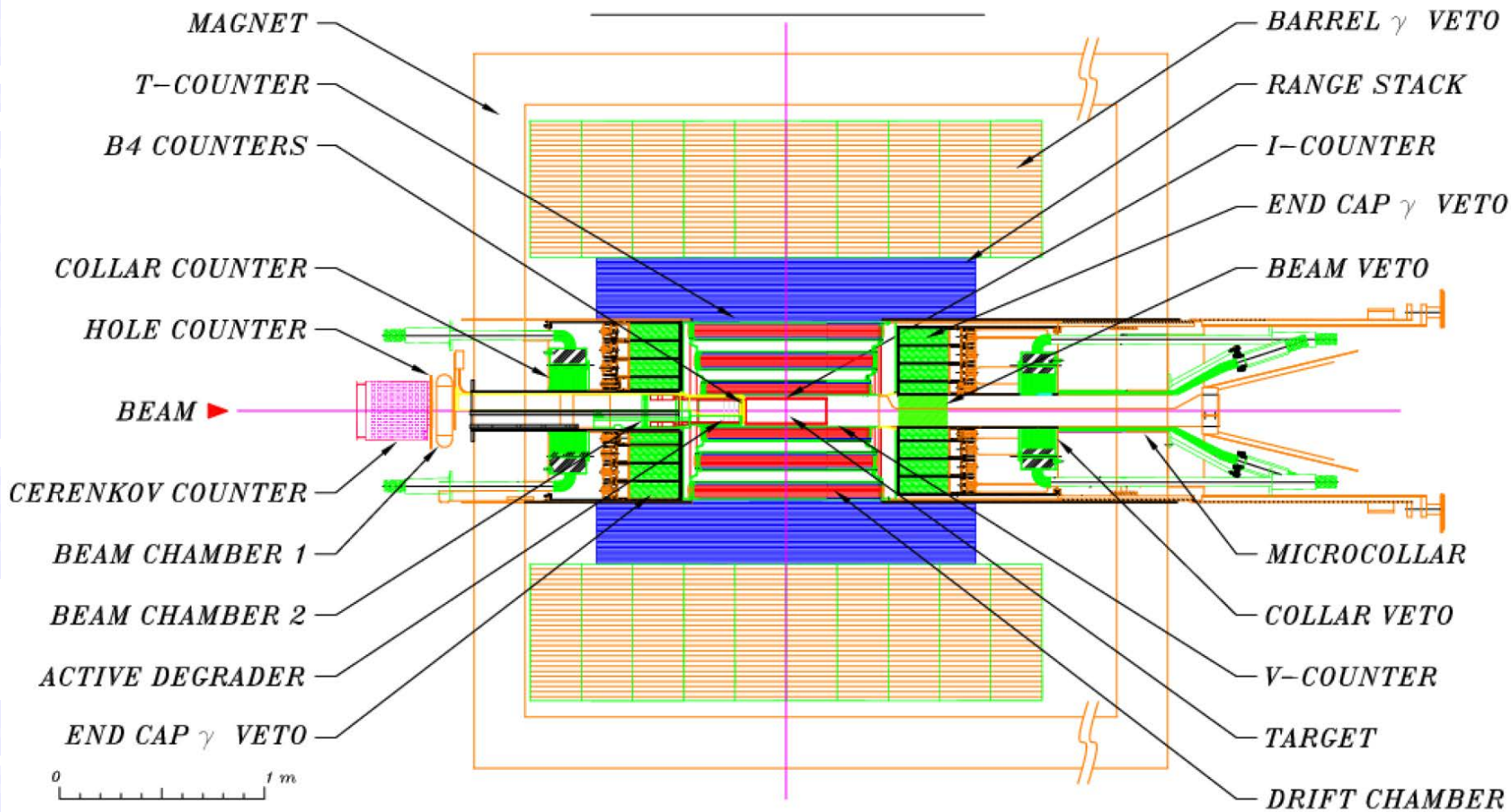


Cherenkov ring radius vs.
particle momentum for $\pi^+\pi^0$
events (w/o spectrometer
information)

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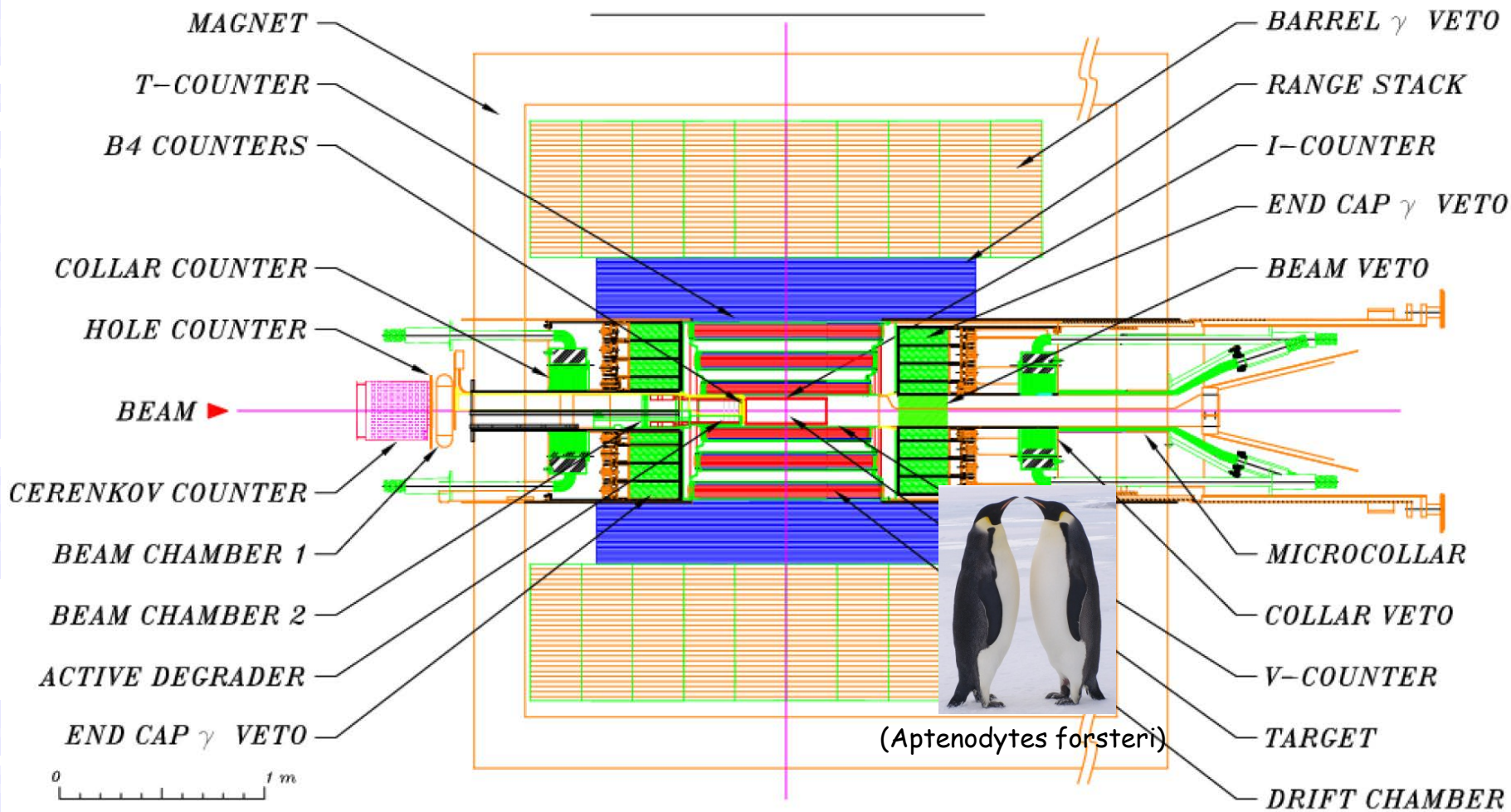


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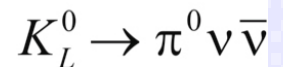
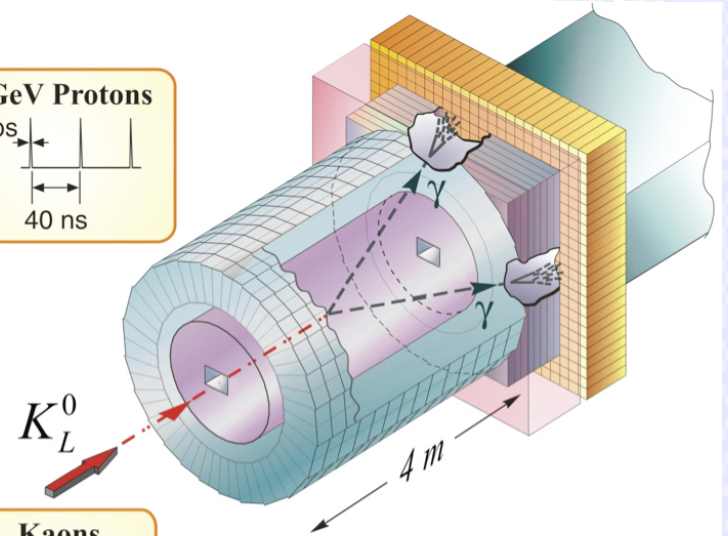
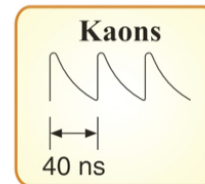
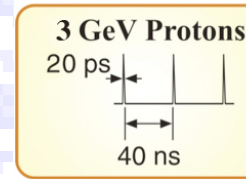
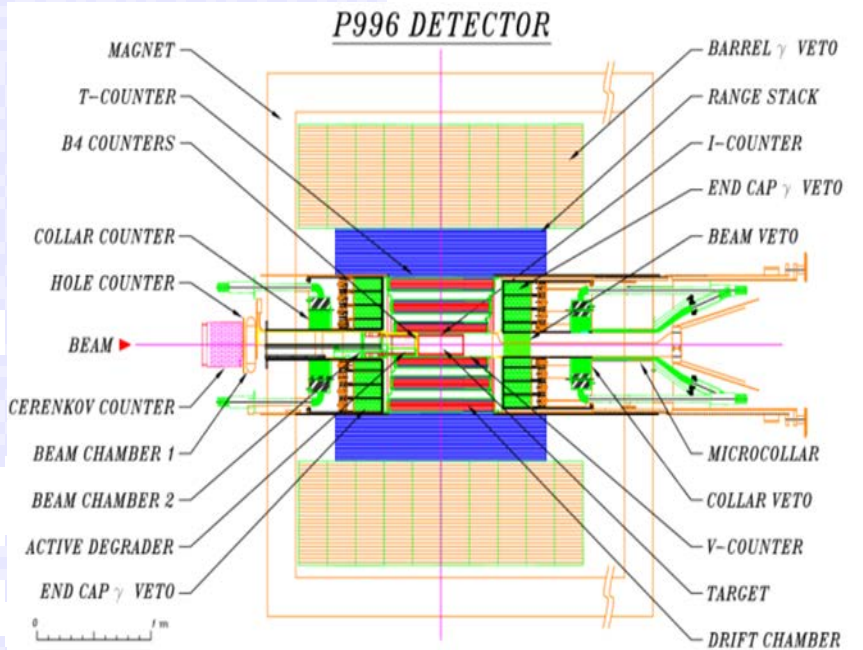
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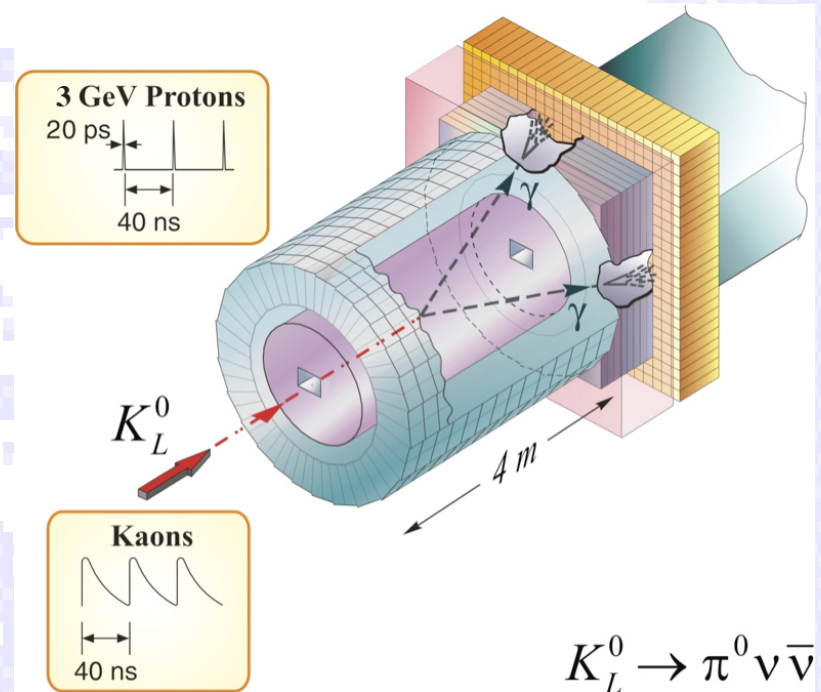
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EXCESSIVE ORDNANCE?

Buffy doesn't think so.



Legacy of Littenberg/Bryman guidance for the next generation rare decay program at Fermilab...



Remarks: How to lose a factor 10 (100...) in a LFV experiment?

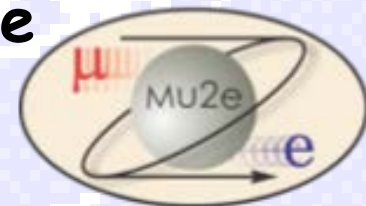
Tension between needing high rates and high sensitivities.

- Optimistic resolutions – excessive rates or beam contamination?
- Optimistic acceptances – extra losses due to cuts?
- Missing background sources e.g. due to high energy production or multiple low probability events ...
- Cosmic rays and other effects?
- Fill in your own....

D. Bryman CLFV, Lecce, Italy

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Posted above the
Mu2e Project
Manager's desk



"Sage" advice to Postdocs Today...

- Flavor Physics is boring
- The future is neutrinos
- Collider physics is over after the LHC
- Cosmology will be a rich Garden of Eden with bountiful new physics
- Oh, and don't worry, senior faculty will be retiring soon...

Advice from a real Sage* Regarding the Future of Rare Decay Physics...

- "Don't worry too much about what others will or won't do.
- If you are going to do it, don't scrimp!
- Allow enough running time (years) for development, mid-course corrections, upgrades, and learning as you go."

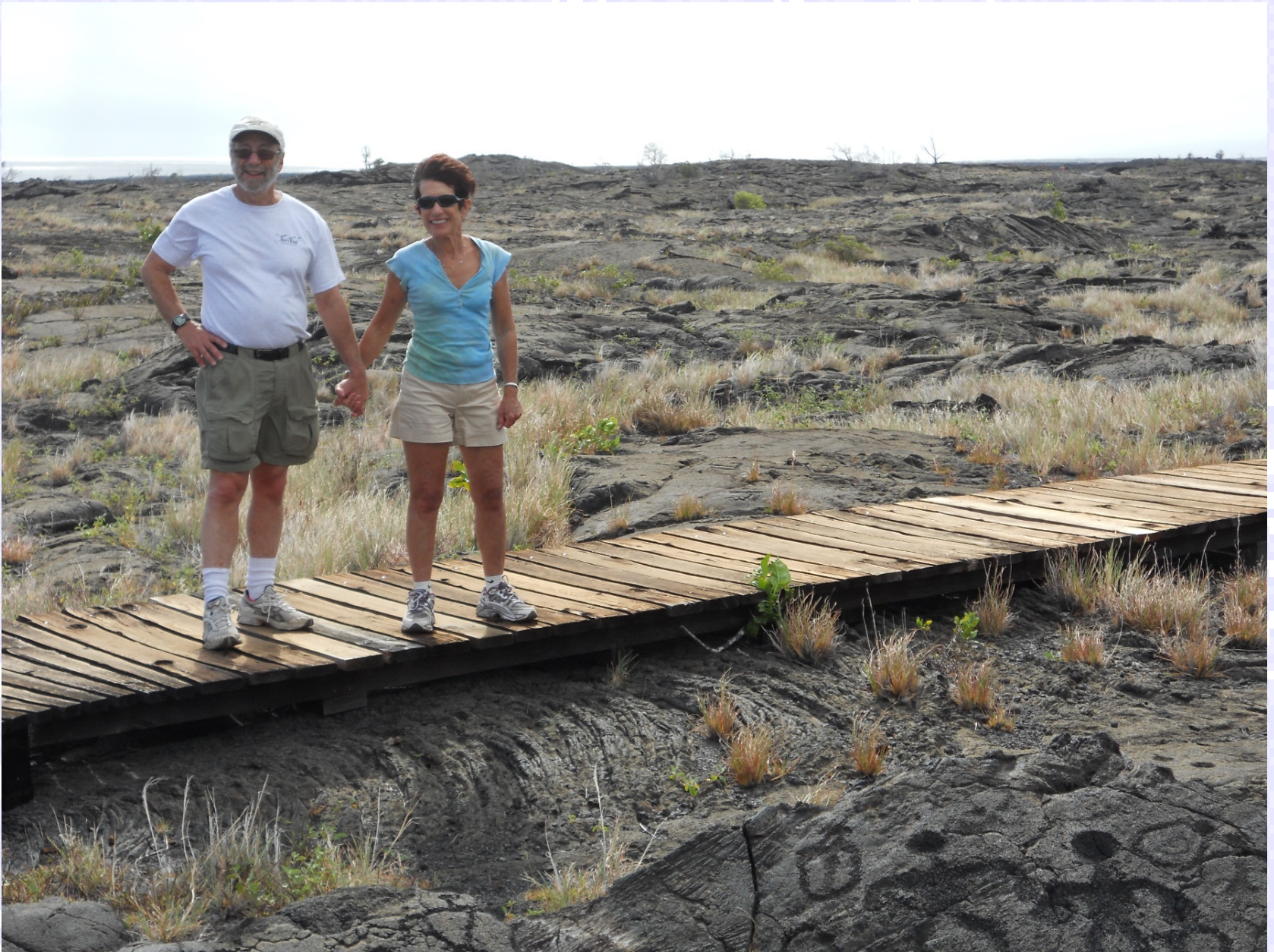
*Littenberg, Villars 2004; as CERN considers it future.



Amalfi coast, June 2013



Amalfi coast, June 2013



Hawaii; Oct 2010

Spares

$K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 e e$, $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \mu$ and related backgrounds

- $K_L \rightarrow p^0 e^+ e^-$ BR $< 2.8 \times 10^{-10}$ (90%CL).
Published in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 021805 \(2004\)](#).
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- $K_L \rightarrow p^0 n n\text{-bar}$ BR $< 5.9 \times 10^{-7}$ (90% CL)
Published in [Phys. Rev. D 61, 072006 \(2000\)](#).
- $K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^- g g$
BR($E_{\text{gamma}}^* > 5\text{MeV}$) = $(5.84 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.32) \times 10^{-7}$,
based on 1543 events including 56 ± 8 background events.
Published in [Phys. Rev. D 64, 012003 \(2001\)](#).
- $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- g g$
BR($M_{\text{gamma gamma}} > 1\text{MeV}/c^2$) = $(10.4 \pm 7.5 \pm 5.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-9}$,
Published in [Phys. Rev. D 62, 112001 \(2000\)](#).

Other Rare Kaon Decays Probed by KTeV...

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

BR $< 6.6 \times 10^{-9}$ (90% CL)

Published in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 89, 211801 \(2002\)](#).

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

BR($K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$) $< 9.2 \times 10^{-11}$ (90% CL)

BR($K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$) $< 1.0 \times 10^{-10}$ (90% CL)

Published in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 201803 \(2011\)](#).

- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \gamma$

BR $< 2.32 \times 10^{-7}$ (90% CL)

Published in [Phys. Rev. D 78, 032014 \(2008\)](#).

- $K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$

BR = $(4.16 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.17 \text{ (ext syst)}) \times 10^{-8}$

Published in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 5425-5429 \(2001\)](#).

The Dalitz Decays...

- $K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$

$BR/BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0_D) = (1.3302 \pm 0.0046 \pm 0.0102) \times 10^{-3}$,

$\text{Calpha}_{K^*} = -0.517 \pm 0.030(\text{fit}) \pm 0.022(\text{syst.})$

$\text{alpha}_{DIP} = -1.729 \pm 0.043(\text{fit}) \pm 0.028(\text{syst.})$

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- $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$

$BR = (3.62 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$,

$\text{alpha}_{K^*} = -0.160 \pm 0.026 - 0.028$,

Published in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 87, 071801 \(2001\)](#).

- $K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$

$BR = (2.69 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-9} ((M_{eemm}/M_K)^2 > 0.95)$,

Form factor $\text{alpha}_{DIP} = -1.59 \pm 0.37$.

$BR(\text{lepton flavor violation}) < 4.12 \times 10^{-11}$.

Published in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 90, 141801 \(2003\)](#).

Following BNL measurements and searches of Carrol et al:

Published in [Phys.Rev.Lett. 44 \(1980\) 525](#)

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- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \nu_e e^+ e^-$

BR($K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \nu_e e^+ e^-$; $M_{ee} > 5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $E_{ee}^* > 30 \text{ MeV}$)

= $(1.285 \pm 0.041) \times 10^{-5}$,

Published in [Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 081803 \(2007\)](#)

- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^- \gamma$

BR = $(1.62 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-8}$

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- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu e$

BR < 7.6×10^{-11} (90% CL)

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- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu e$

BR < 1.7×10^{-10} (90% CL)

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Rare pion decays probed by KTeV

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

$$\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-, (M_{ee}/M_{\pi^0})^2 > 0.95) = (6.44 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-8}$$

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

$$\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow 4e) \text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow gg) / \text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow eeg)^2 = 0.2329 \pm 0.0015 \pm 0.0010,$$

$$\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow 4e; x > 0.9) = (3.26 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-5},$$

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- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \mu e$

$$\text{BR} < 3.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

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