

Rare Opportunities:
*Seeking New Physics with Rare
Decays of Light Particles*

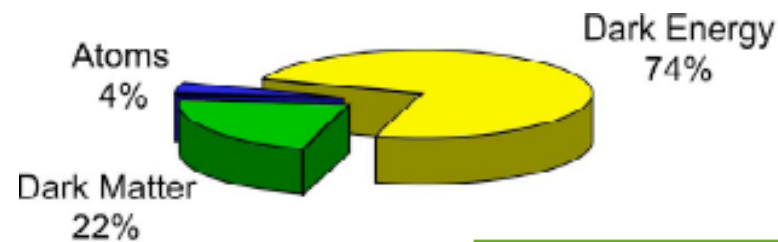
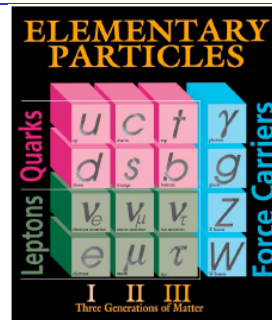


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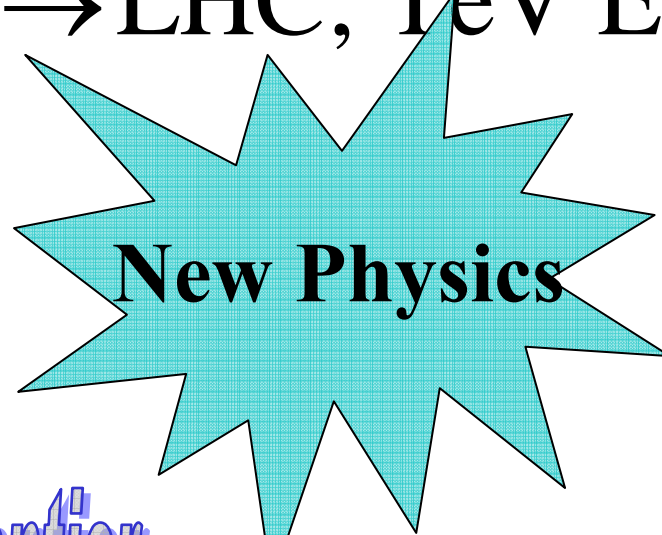
Standard Model : *A great story ... but not likely the whole story...*

- *Cosmological issues*: inflation, dark matter, dark energy, **matter anti-matter asymmetry**...
- *Theoretical issues*: gravity, neutrino mass, **flavor problem**, hierarchy problem, divergences



Energy Frontier

Tevatron → LHC; TeV Energy Scale



New Physics

Precision Frontier

DARK Matter Frontier

Higher Mass Scales?

Flavor Physics

COSMOLOGICAL
EVOLUTION, BBN

Rare Decays and CP violation

Symmetry Violation

LEPTOGENESIS?

NEUTRINO PHYSICS

N**BEL**
Laureates in Physics

Particle Physics

- **2008** **Yoichiro Nambu, Makoto Kobayashi, Toshihide Maskawa**
Related to “Flavor physics and CP violation”

2004 David J. Gross, H. David Politzer, Frank Wilczek

2002 Raymond Davis, Jr., Masatoshi Koshihara, Riccardo Giacconi

...

The Flavor Puzzle

Quarks

u	c	t
d	s	b

Leptons

e	μ	τ
ν_e	ν_μ	ν_τ

- Fermion weak states $\not\leftrightarrow$ mass states
- Quark, lepton flavors not conserved
- Three flavors \Rightarrow **CP violation**, ...BAU,...

Unexplained observations (no theory of flavor):

- Huge mass differences between and within the generations
- Universality of interactions
- Symmetry, relationship between lepton and quark sectors
- Tiny neutrino mass

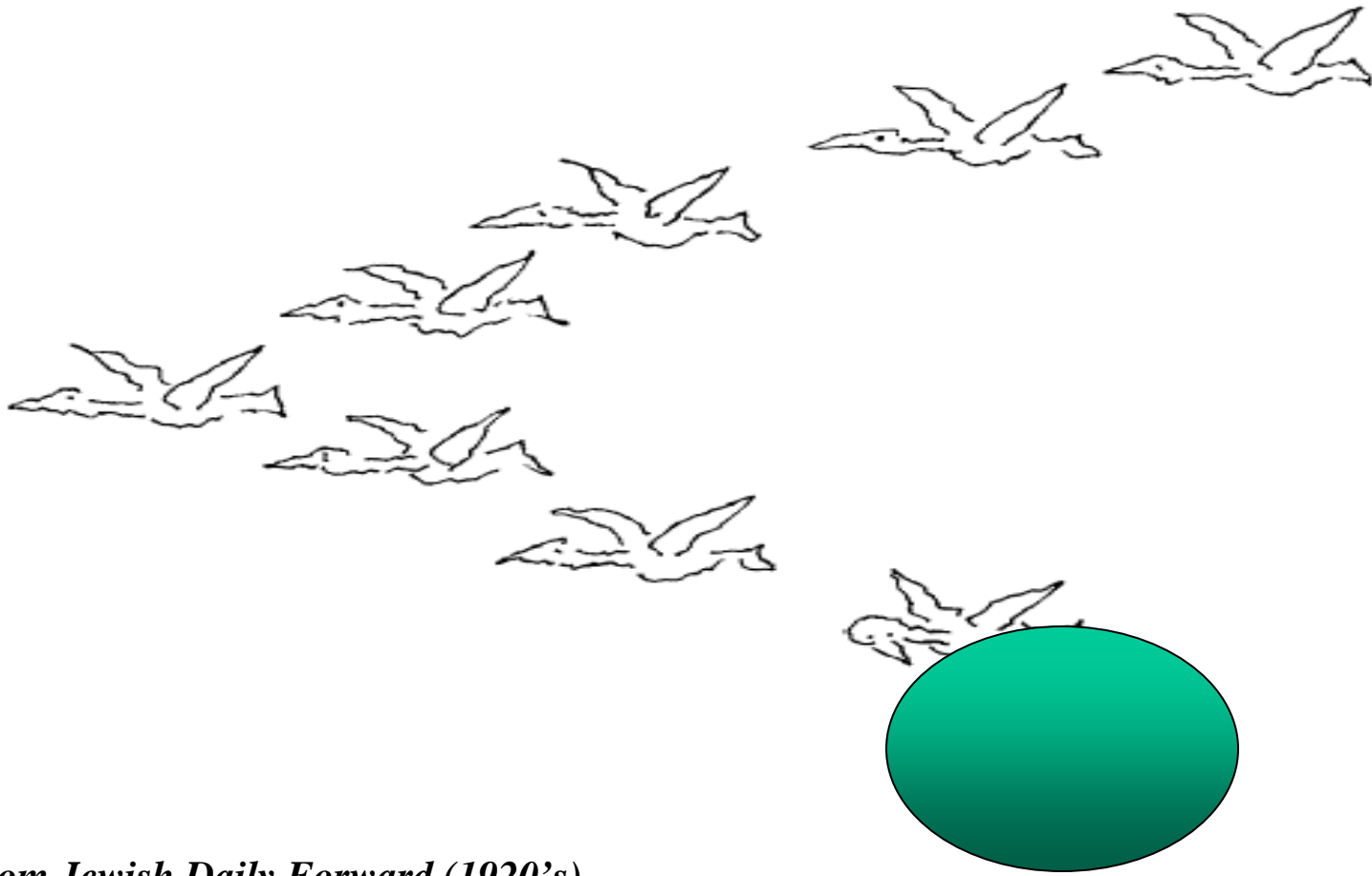
Five Special Rare Decay Experiments

Probe new physics at the 1-1000 TeV Scales!

State of the art:

<p><i>Exotic Searches-</i> <i>New physics if seen since SM effects are negligible.</i></p>	<p>Lepton Flavor Violation: $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$</p>	<p>: 10^{-12} $<1.2 \cdot 10^{-11}$ $<7.8 \cdot 10^{-13}$</p>
<p><i>SM Parameters and BSM Physics</i> <i>New physics if deviations from well-calculated SM predictions occur.</i></p>	<p>$\frac{\pi^+(K^+) \rightarrow e^+\nu}{\pi^+(K^+) \rightarrow \mu^+\nu}$ Universality $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \quad V_{td}$ $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu} \quad CP \text{ violation}$</p>	<p>***$\pm 0.4\%$ ***10^{-10}: 7events</p>

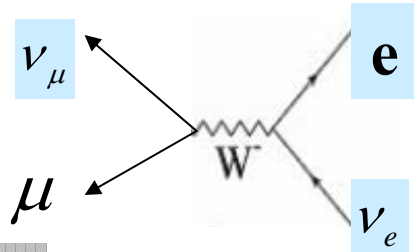
Seeking Answers with Rare Decays



Cartoon from Jewish Daily Forward (1920's)

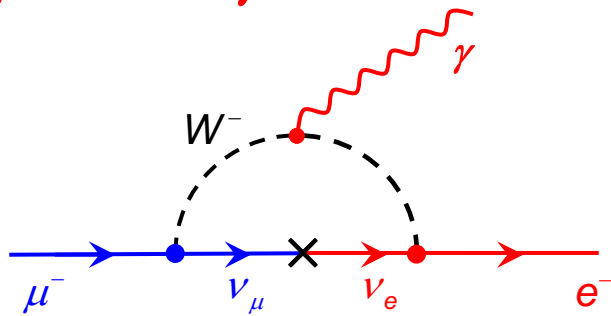
Muon Decay

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$$



SM

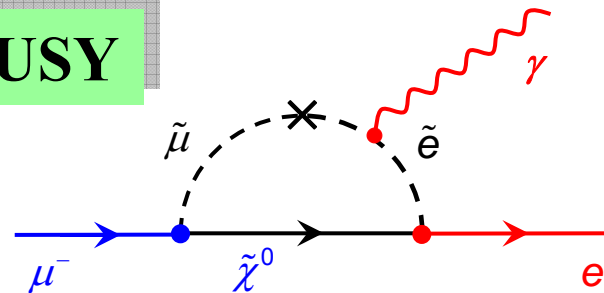
$$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$$



$$\text{BR}(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma) \Big|_{\text{SM}} \propto \frac{m_\nu^4}{m_W^4} \approx 10^{-60}$$

Lepton Flavor Violation

SUSY

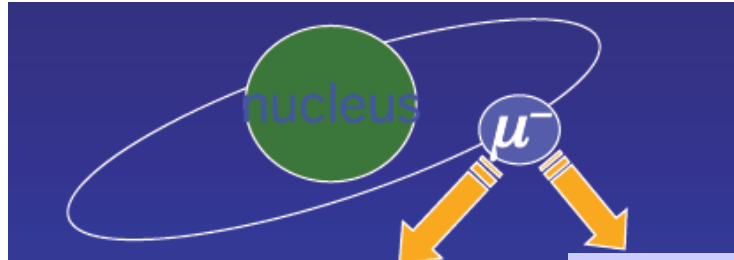


$$\text{BR}(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma) \Big|_{\text{SUSY}} \approx 10^{-5} \frac{\Delta m_{\tilde{e}\tilde{\mu}}^2}{\bar{m}_\ell^2} \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\text{SUSY}}} \right)^4 \tan^2 \beta \approx 10^{-12}$$

- Observation means new physics.
- Some SUSY models predict $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma)$ near the experimental limit $\sim 10^{-11}$.

$$\text{Sensitivity to new physics} \sim \frac{1}{M_{\text{H}}^4}$$

$\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion



Nuclear Muon Capture
 $\mu^- + (N, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + (N, Z - 1)$

Decay in orbit
 $\mu \rightarrow e \nu \bar{\nu}$

Or?

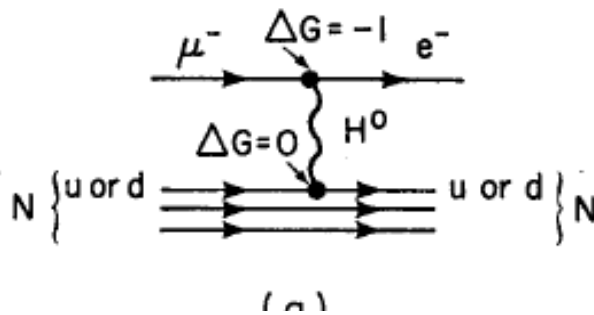
Neutrinoless
 $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ Conversion

$$\mu^- + (N, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (N, Z)$$

$$P_e = m_\mu - b.e. \sim 100 \text{ MeV} / c$$

Coherent process

**Sensitive to a wide variety of models at high mass scales:
 $Z \mu e$, $H \mu e$ couplings, horizontal gauge bosons,
 heavy neutrino mixing, ...**



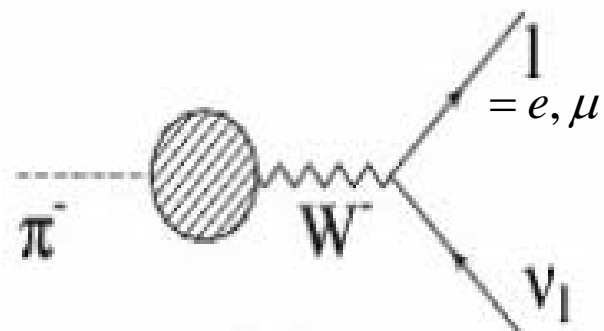
$$\frac{\Gamma(\mu^-(N, Z) \rightarrow e^-(N, Z))}{\Gamma(\mu^-(N, Z) \rightarrow \nu(N, Z - 1))} \sim \frac{1}{(M_H)^4}$$

Current limits ($< 7 \times 10^{-13}$) $\rightarrow M_H > 340 \text{ TeV}$

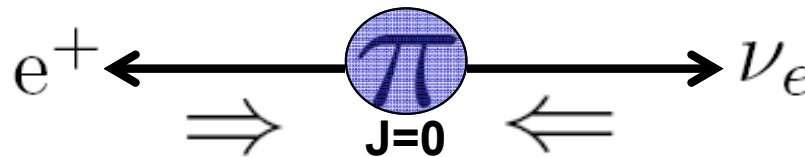
Lepton Universality

Standard Model: e, μ, τ have identical electroweak gauge interactions: differ only in mass and coupling to Higgs boson.

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$$



$S=0$



$$\frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu)} = \frac{g_e^2 m_e^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_e^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)^2}{g_\mu^2 m_\mu^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)^2}$$

SM: $g_e = g_\mu$. But new physics may not respect universality.

Including Radiative Corrections:

$$\frac{\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu(\gamma)}{\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu(\gamma)}$$

$$R_{e/\mu}^{th} = (1.2353 \pm 0.0001) \times 10^{-4}$$

W. Marciano \rightarrow V. Cirigliano (2007)

Possibly the most accurately calculated decay process involving hadrons .

$$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$$

$$R_{K \rightarrow e/\mu}^{th} = (2.477 \pm 0.001^*) \times 10^{-5}$$

Helicity suppression 5x $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$

Structure dependent radiation included ?

Finkemeier(1995)

Cirigliano, Rosell(2007)

High Precision in Branching Ratio:

$$R_{e/\mu} = \frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu + \pi \rightarrow e\nu\gamma)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu + \pi \rightarrow \mu\nu\gamma)}$$

THEORY $R_{e/\mu}^{SM} = 1.2353(1) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\pm 0.01\%)$

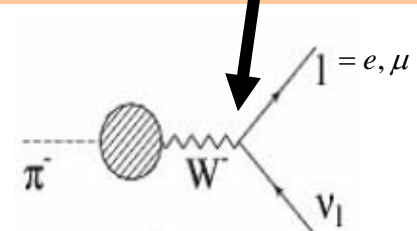
EXPERIMENT $R_{e/\mu}^{\text{exp}\pi} = 1.2306(37) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\pm 0.4\%)$

$1.2265(34)(44) \times 10^{-4}$ TRIUMF (1992)

Best test of
Lepton
Universality

$1.2346(35)(36) \times 10^{-4}$ PSI (1993)

g_e/g_μ		
0.9985	\pm	0.0016

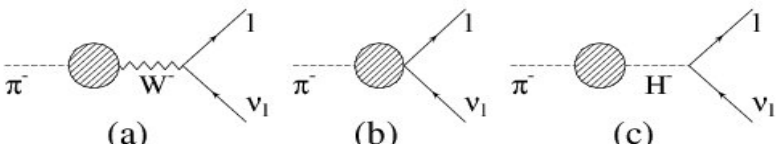


$$R_{e/\mu}^{SM} - R_{e/\mu}^{\text{exp}} = 43(37) \times 10^{-8}$$

Order of magnitude difference in precision between theory and experiment -> **window for new effects!**

New Physics in $\pi \rightarrow e\nu \sim \frac{1}{M_H^2}$

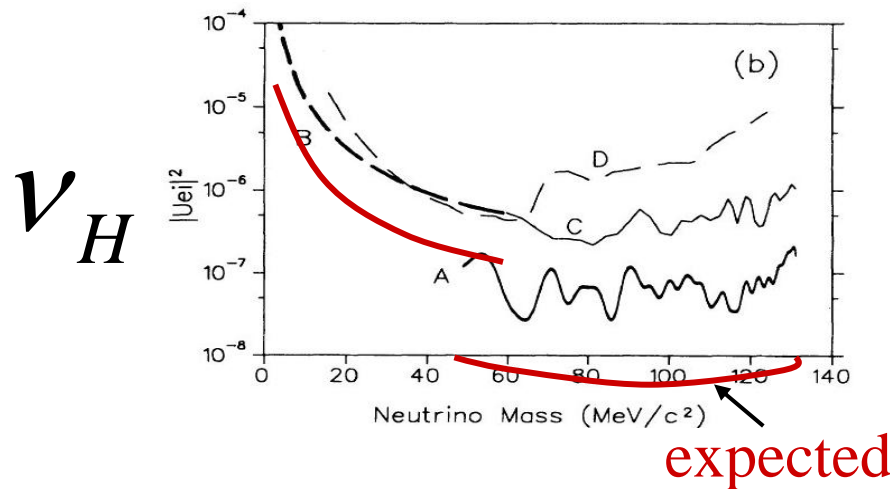
New Pseudoscalar interaction



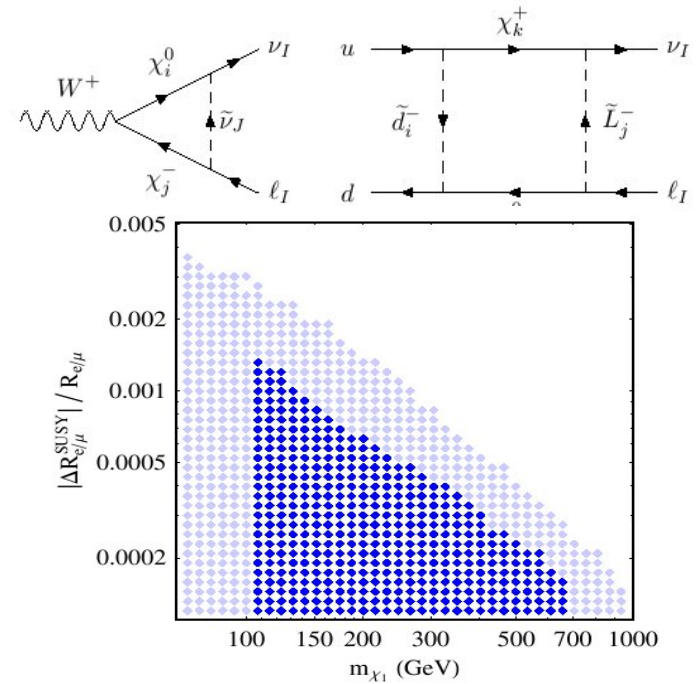
$$1 - \frac{R_{e/\mu}^{New}}{R_{e/\mu}^{SM}} \sim \mp \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{G_\mu} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{eP}^2} \frac{1}{m_e(m_d + m_u)} m_\pi^2$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{1\text{TeV}}{\Lambda_{eP}}\right)^2 \times 10^3 \quad \text{Marciano...}$$

0.1 % measurement $\rightarrow \Lambda \sim 1000\text{TeV}$



R-parity violating SUSY



Lowest chargino mass

Others

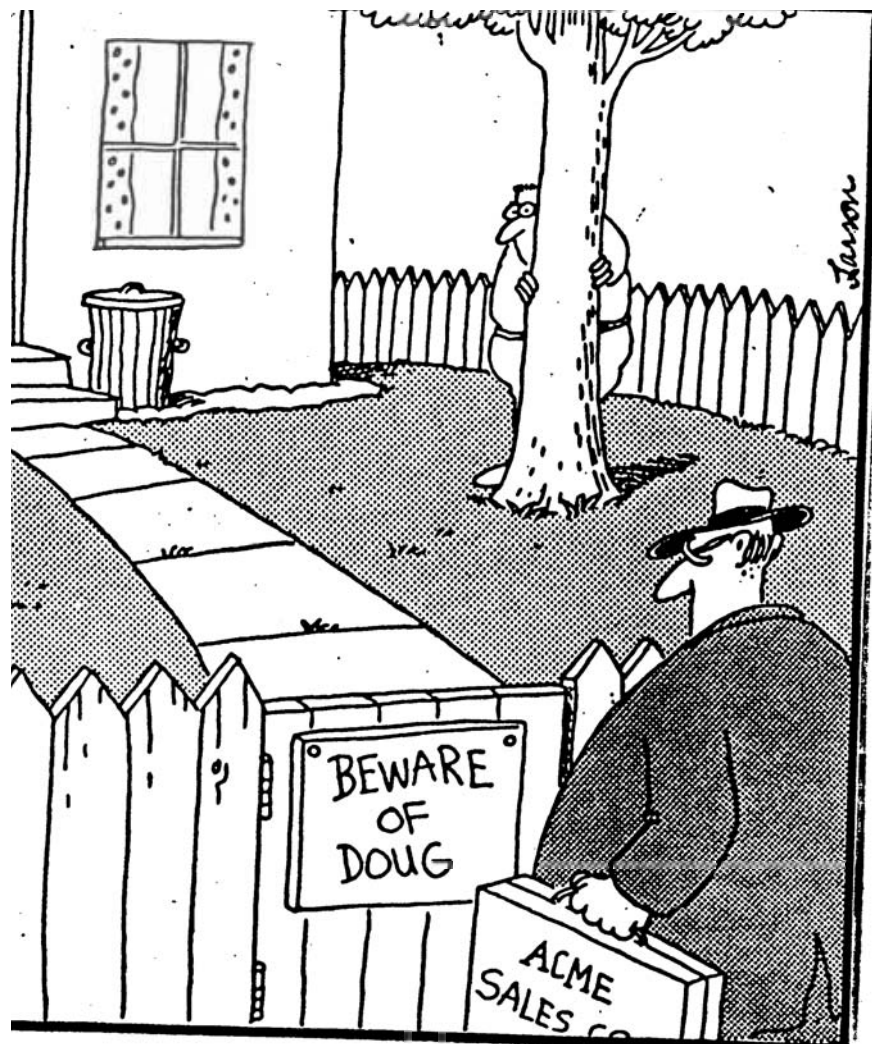
Ramsey-Musolf...

- Leptoquarks
- Excited gauge bosons
- Compositeness
- SU(2)xSU(2)xSU(2)xU(1)
- Lepton Flavor Violation
- Extra dimensions...

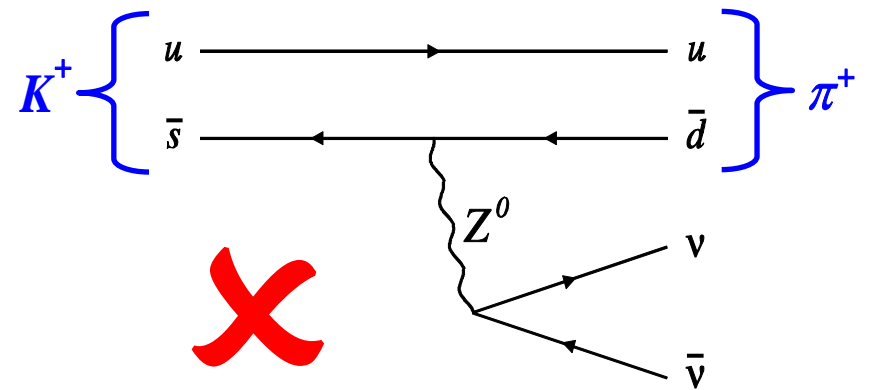
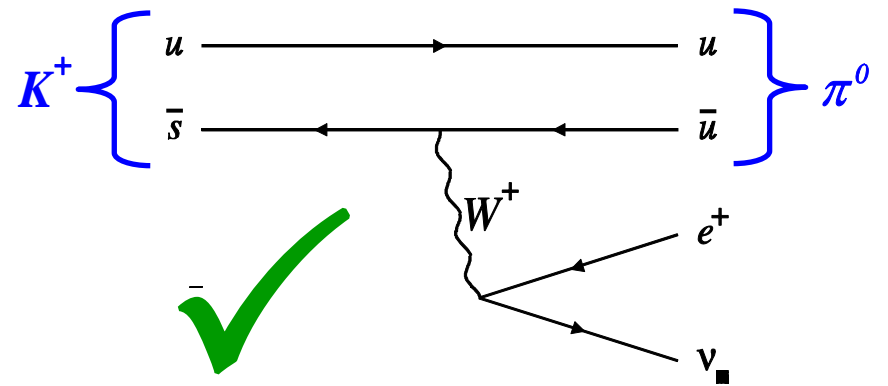
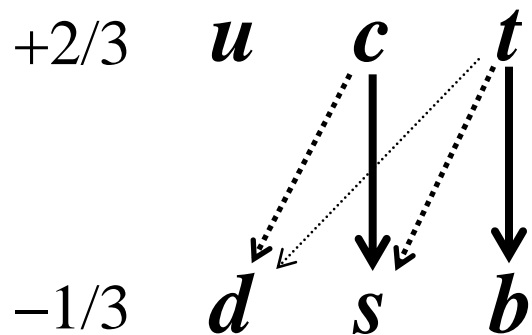
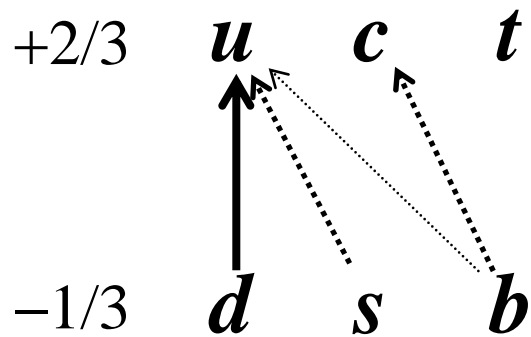
$$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$$

~~FCNC!~~

The case of the dog
that didn't bark.

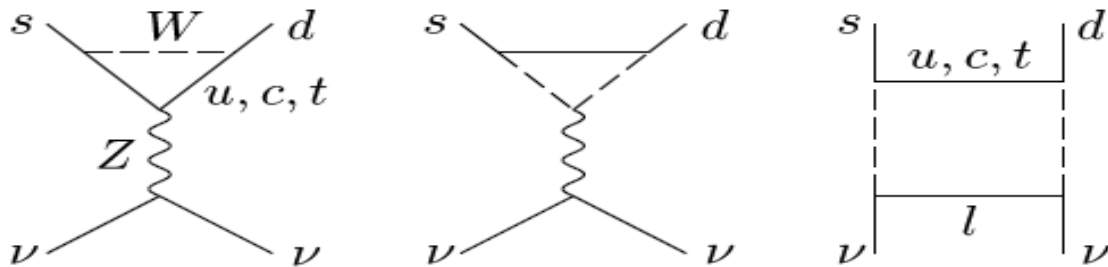


Flavor-changing neutral currents (e.g. $s \rightarrow d$) are absent in the Standard Model:



$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ in the SM

2nd order weak: proceeds very slowly!



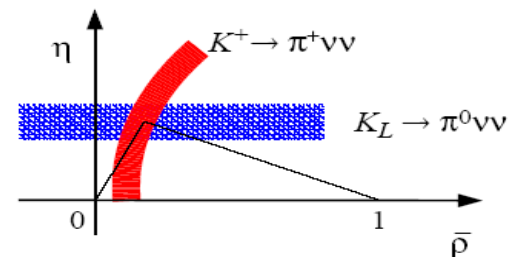
Standard Model (*Buras*):

$$\text{Im } \lambda_t = \text{Im } V_{ts}^* V_{td} = \eta A^2 \lambda^5$$

$$\mathbf{B}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-10} \left(\frac{\text{Im } \lambda_t}{\lambda^5} X(x_t) \right)^2 = 2.76 \pm 0.40 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) \sim 1.0 \times 10^{-10} A^4 \left[\eta^2 + (\rho_0 - \rho)^2 \right] = 8.5 \pm 0.7 \times 10^{-11}$$

Golden Relation: $\sin(2\beta)_{\psi_{K_S}} = \sin(2\beta)_{K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}}$

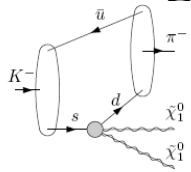


$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$: Great Discovery Potential

10% measurement $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu} \rightarrow$ mass scale $\sim 1280 \text{ TeV}$!

Two Examples:

SUSY: Rare meson decays into light neutralinos

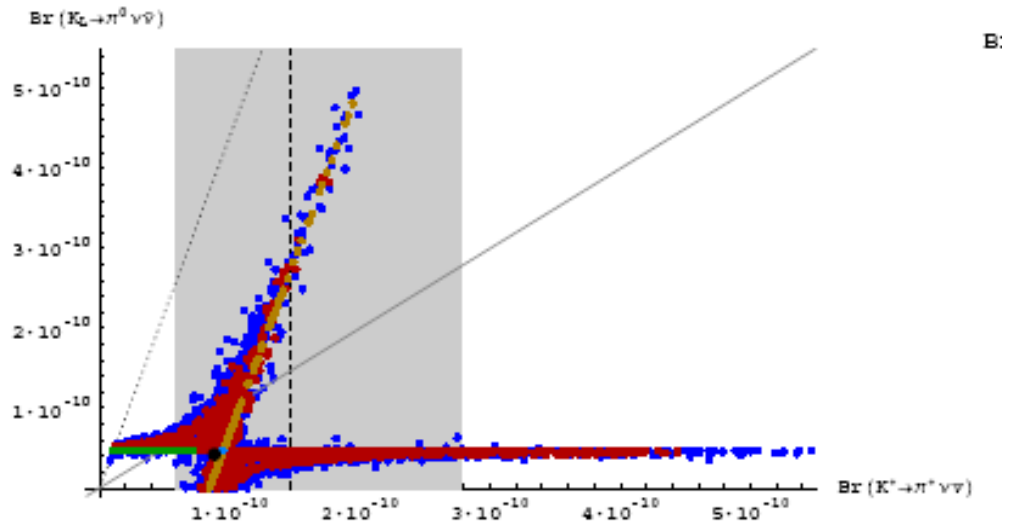
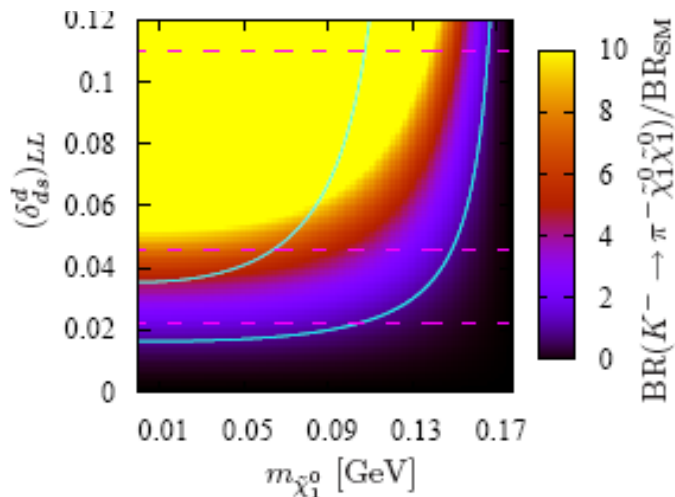


$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \rightarrow N \times \text{SM}$$

Minimal Flavor Violation e.g.

Littlest Higgs Model with T-parity

$B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})$ vs. $B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$



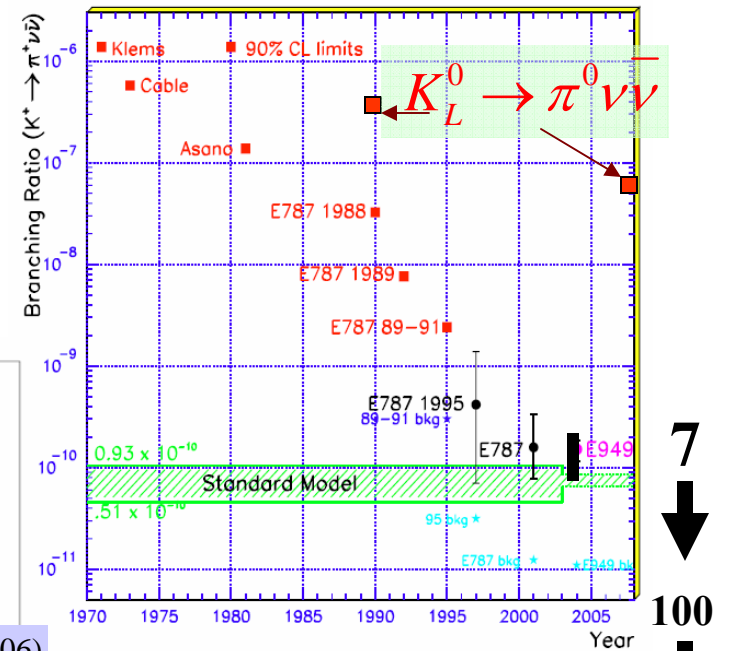
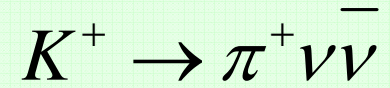
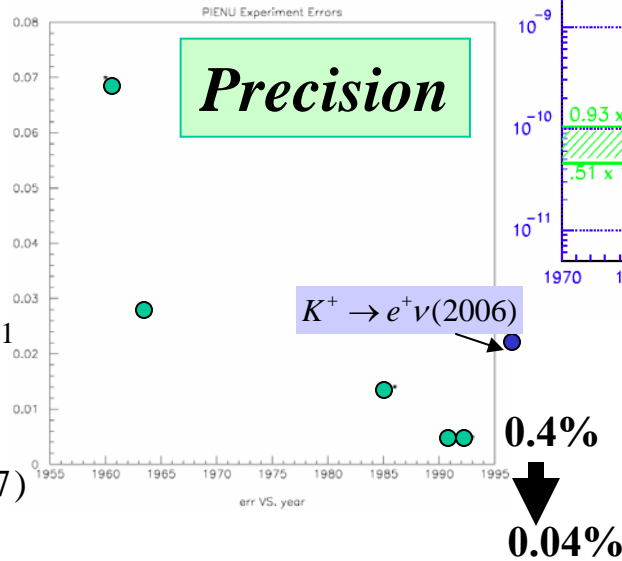
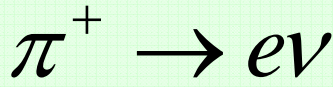
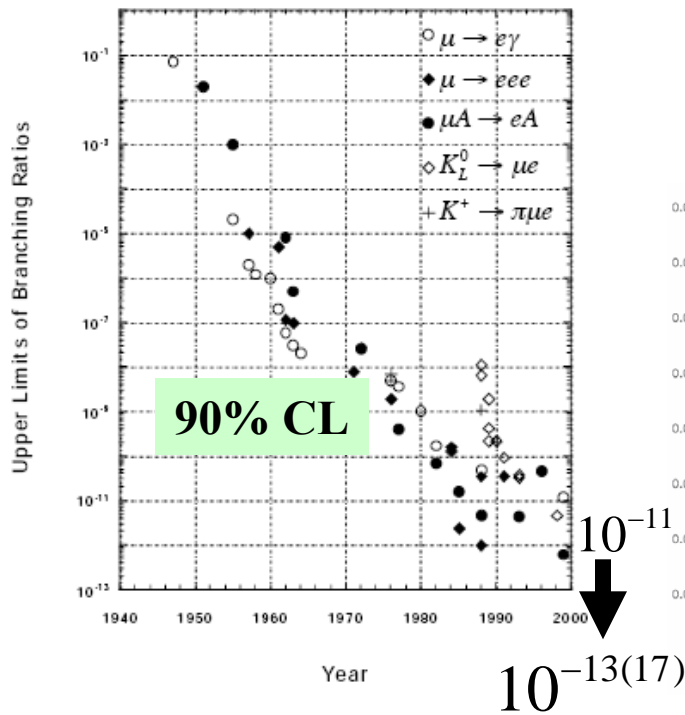
H. K. Dreiner *et al.* Bonn-TH-2009-04

M. Blanke, *et al.*, arXiv:hep-ph/0610298.

Experiments

Prospects for 10-1000 x improvements.

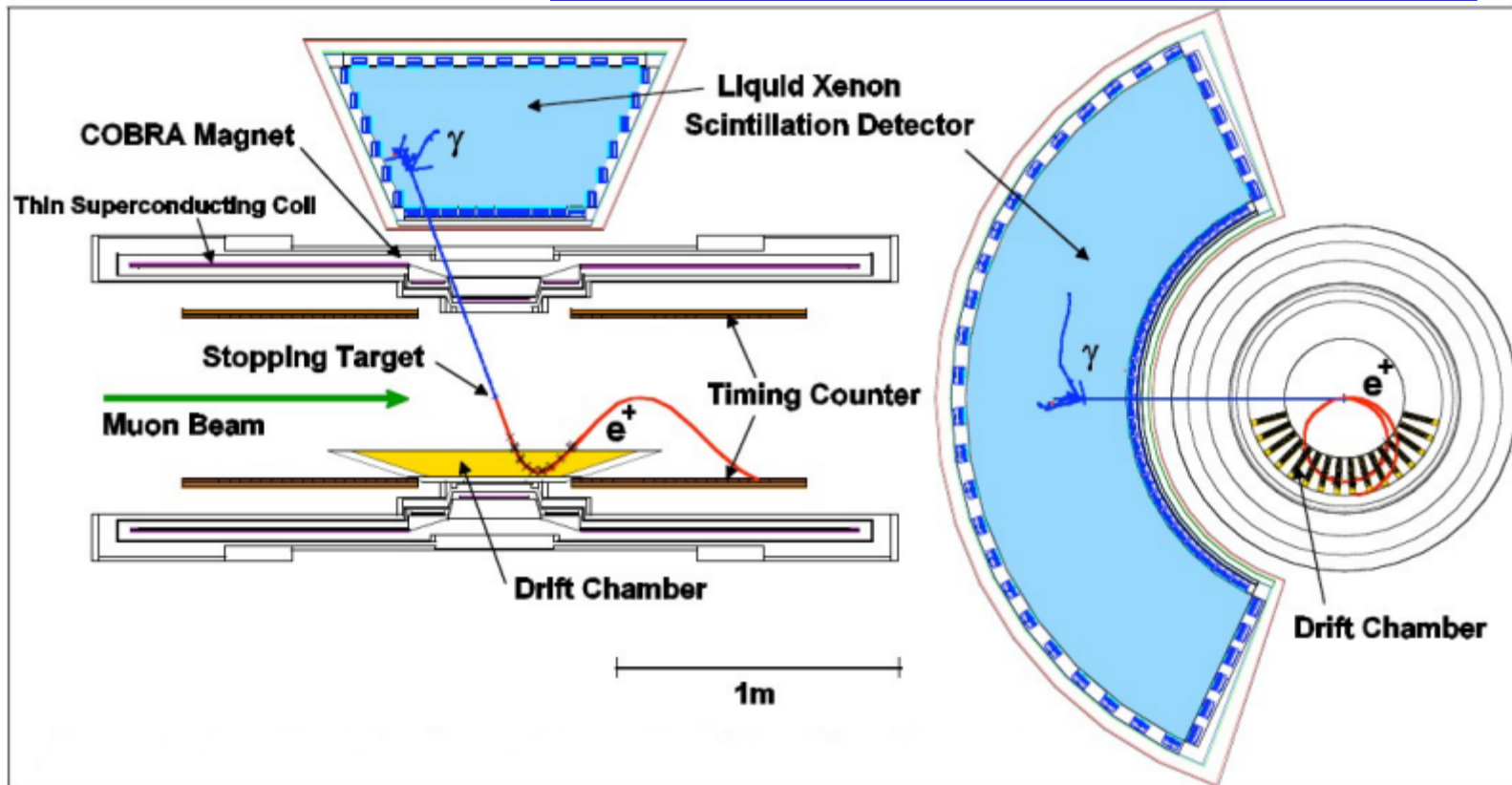
Lepton Flavor Violation



$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

MEG Experiment at PSI

Goal (limit) $< 1.3 \cdot 10^{-13}$ (0.01 x prev. exp)

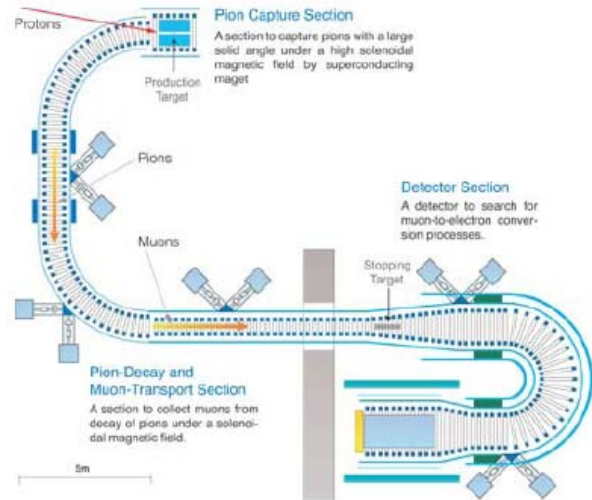
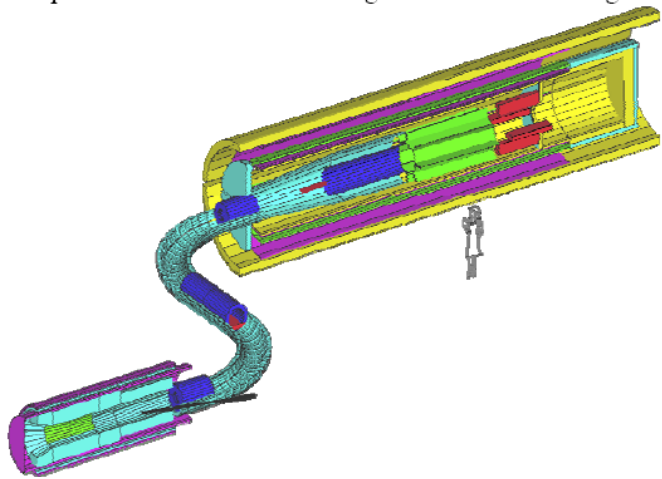


- $10^7 - 10^8 \mu/\text{sec}$, 100% duty factor
- LXe for efficient γ detection
- Solenoidal magnetic spectrometer

Proposals:

$$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N \text{ at } 10^{-16}$$

Lobashov (1980): Solenoid Pion Collector; flux x 1000.



BNL MECO \rightarrow *Mu2E*
 $\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion at Fermilab

$\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion
COMET at JPARC

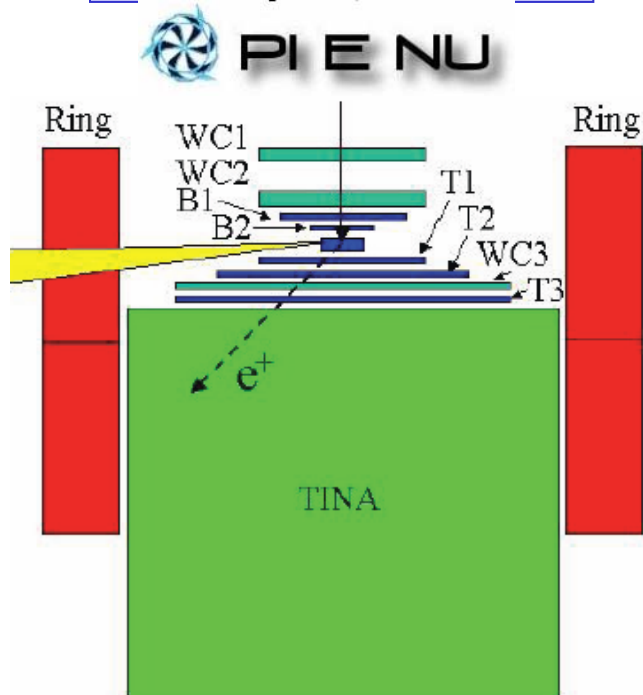
- Singles experiment mitigates high rates.
- Background (decay-in-orbit) known and calculable.
- High resolution detector feasible.
- Possible improvement x 10^4

+ new idea: Aoki

New $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$ Experiments

Aim for <0.1% Precision

TRIUMF PIENU

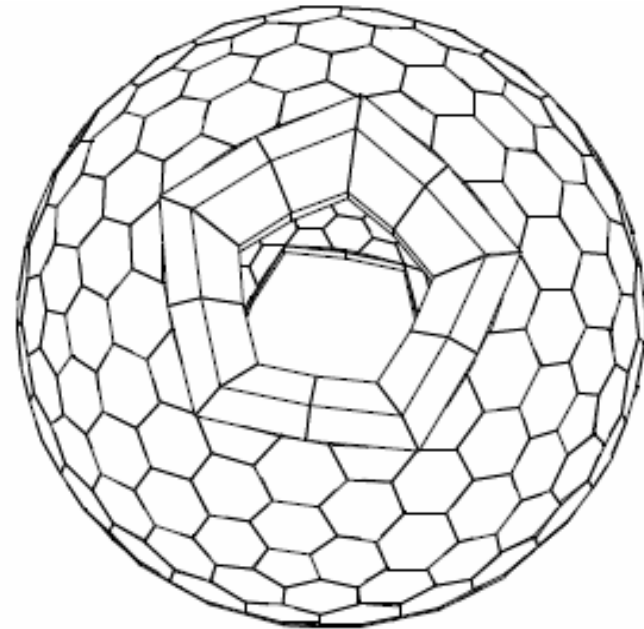


Canada-China, Japan-US

ASU, BNL, Osaka University,

TRIUMF, Tsinghua, UBC, VPI

PSI PIBETA Spectrometer



PSI, Zurich



PI E NU

Experiment Concepts

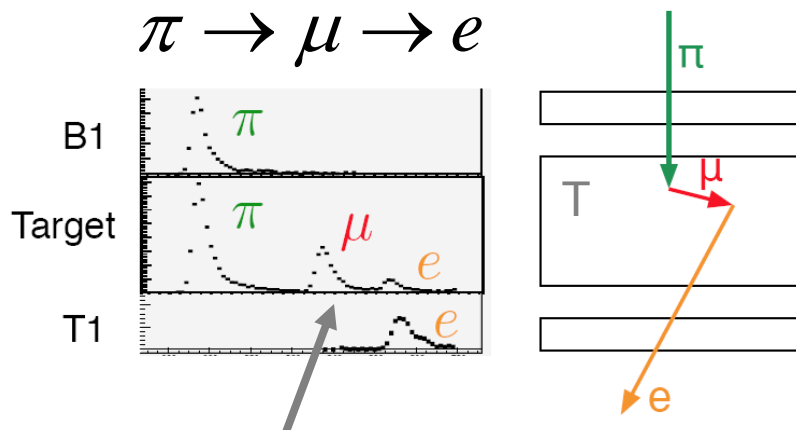
Stop π^+ ; Measure positrons in a crystal spectrometer:

$$\left[\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \right] \quad P_e = 70 \text{ MeV} / c$$

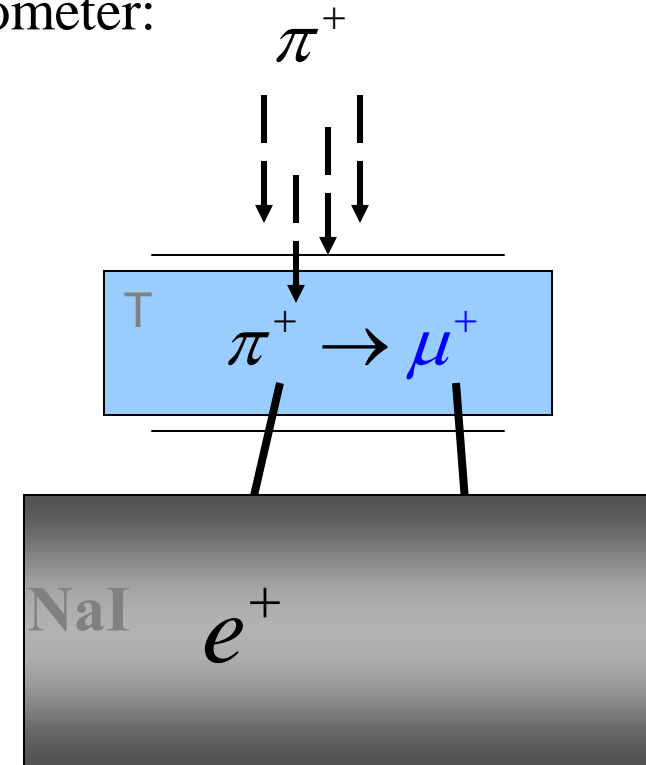
$$\left[\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \right] \quad P_\mu = 30 \text{ MeV} / c$$

$$T_\mu = 4.2 \text{ MeV}, R_\mu = 1.4 \text{ mm}$$

$$\left[\mu \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \right] \quad P_e = 0 - 53 \text{ MeV}$$



Extra pulse $T_\mu = 4.2 \text{ MeV}$
for $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$ only.



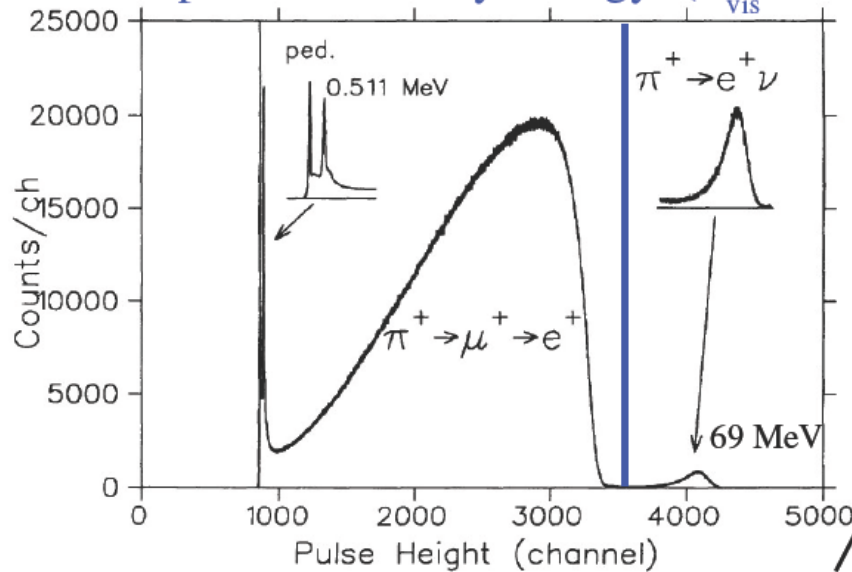
$$\tau_\pi = 26 \text{ ns}, \tau_\mu = 2200 \text{ ns}$$

Systematic effects cancel for $\frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e)}$

Britton et al. (1993)

Energy and Time spectra

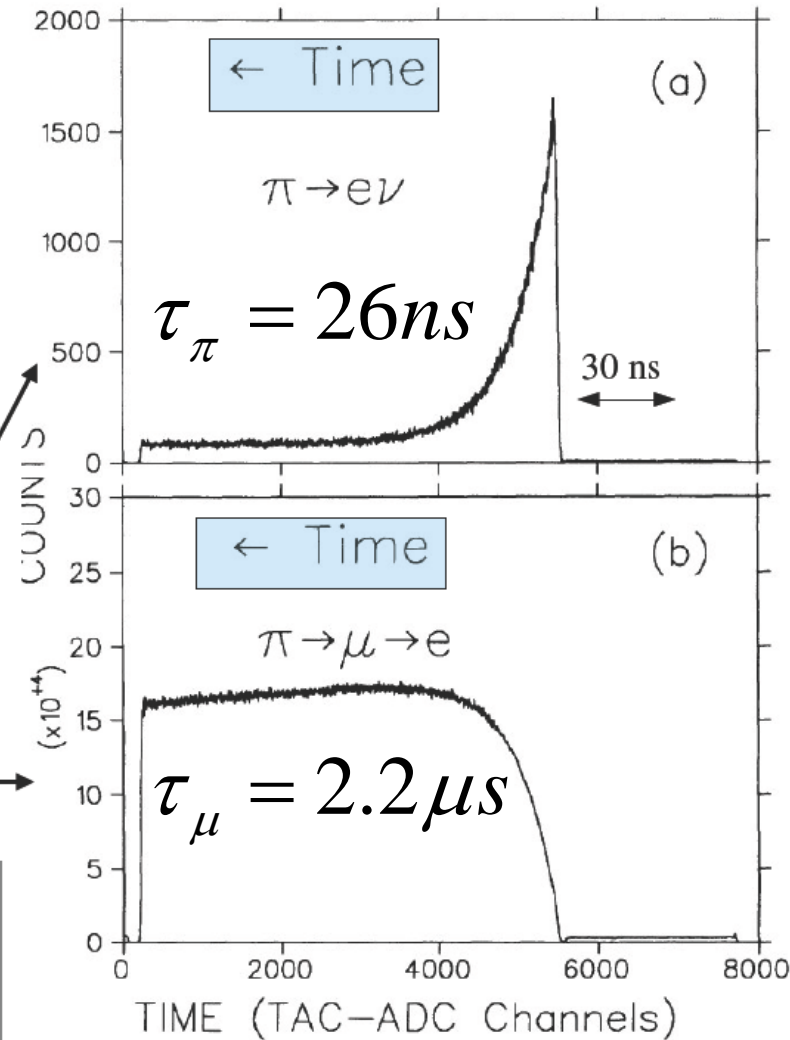
Separate events by Energy: ($E_{vis} \sim 52 \text{ MeV}$)



$\pi-\mu-e$ region

$\pi \rightarrow e \nu$

Fit both spectra simultaneously and obtain the ratio.



Tail correction

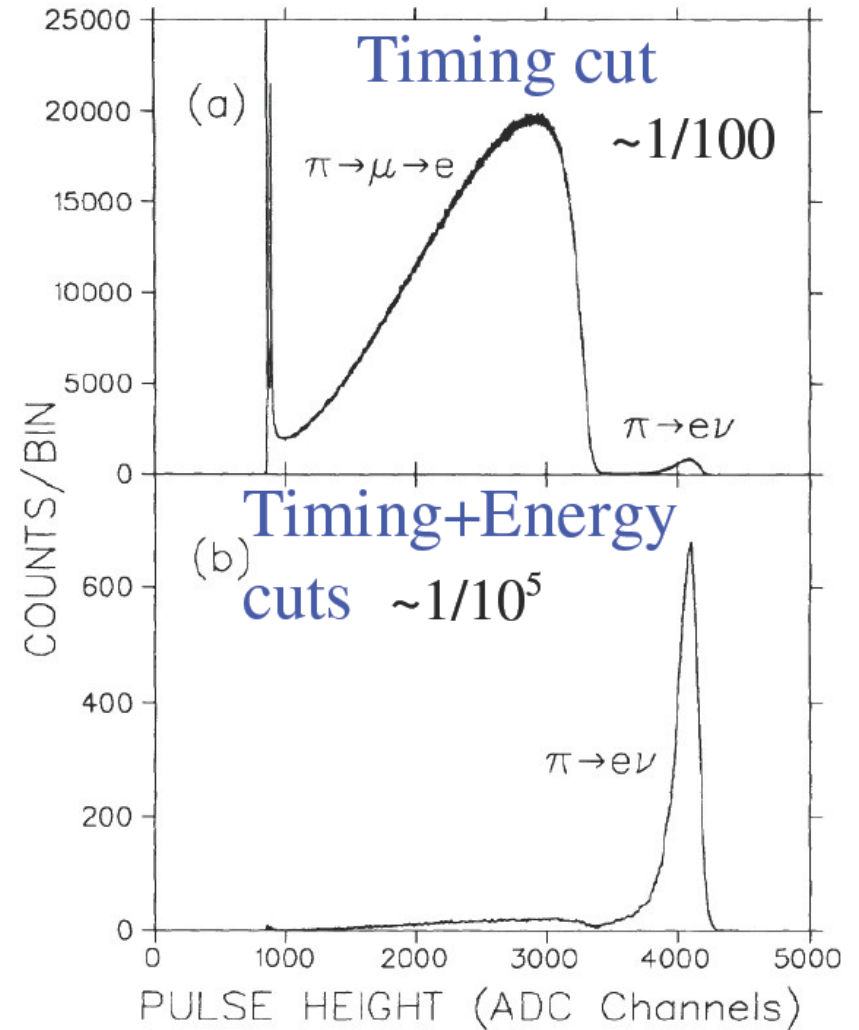
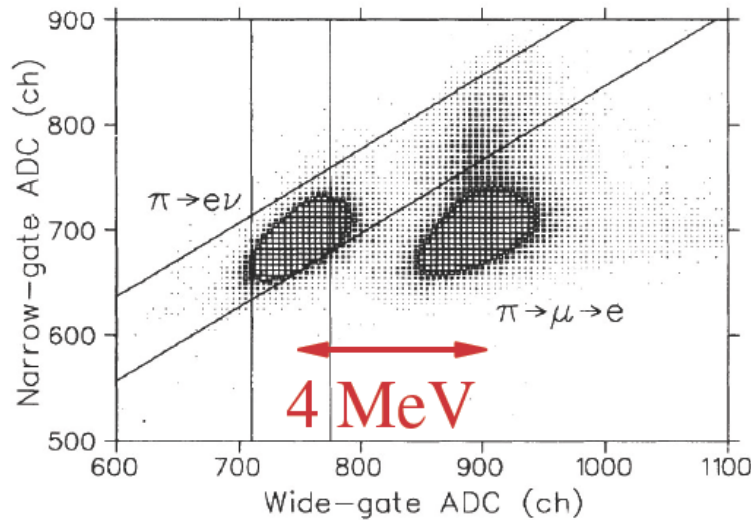
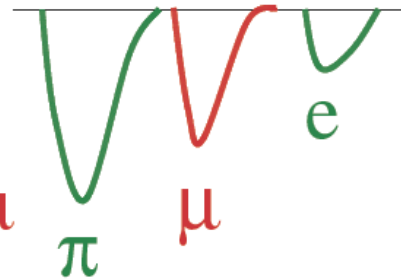
(the main source of systematics)

$\pi \rightarrow e \nu$

$T\pi + \Delta E_e$

$\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$

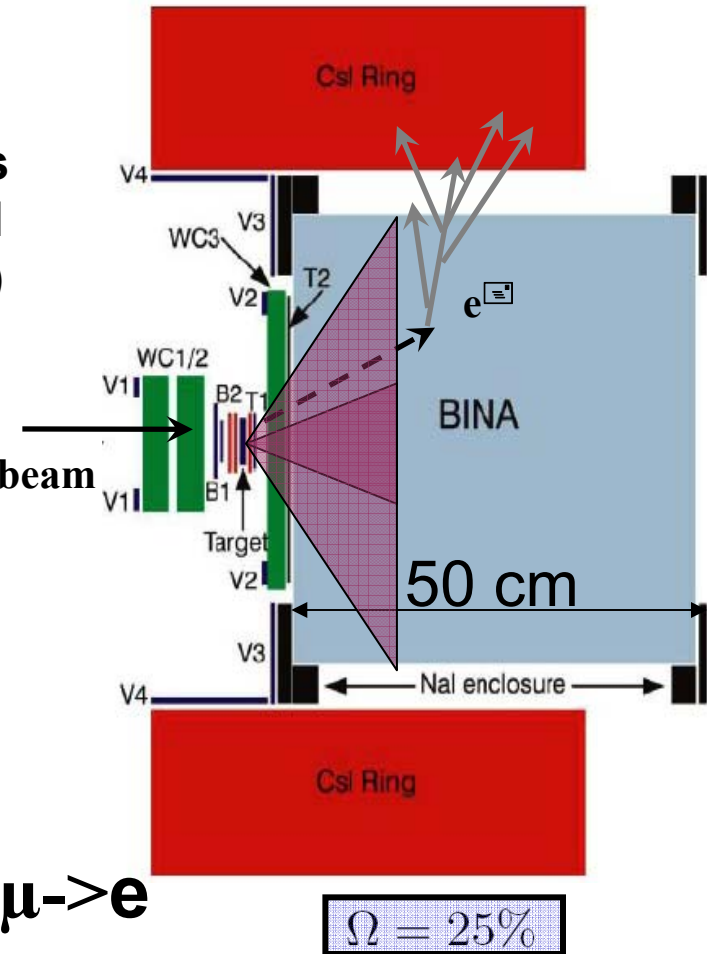
$T\pi + \Delta E_e + E_\mu$





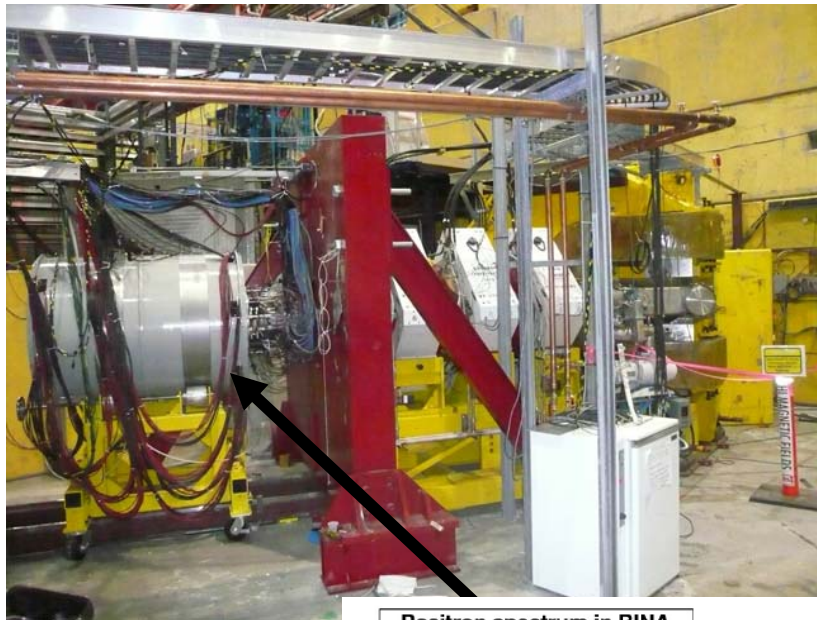
Key Aspects

- **Large solid angle ($\phi \times 10$)**
 - High statistics
 - Low energy dependent acceptance differences
 - Detect shower leakage (Csl) for low energy tail
 - measurement (biggest systematic uncertainty)
- **Silicon Strips & WC Tracking**
 - Detect Decay-In-Flight * for tail correction π beam
- **High resolution calorimeter**
 - BINA resolution 2 times better than TINA
- **Use of 500 MHz fast digitizers**
 - Good separation between $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ and $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$

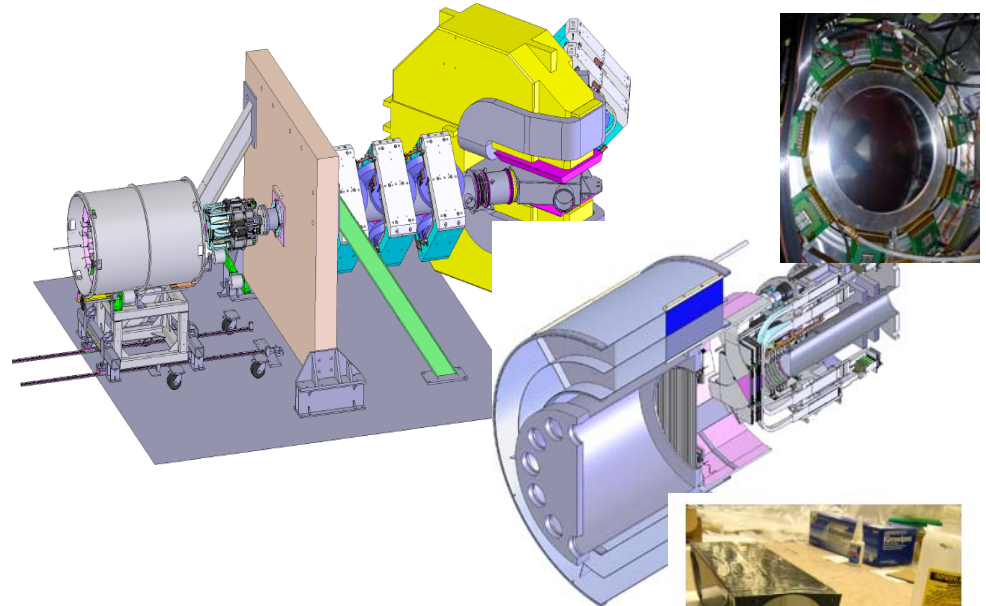


Detectors

View of the PIENU detector in the TRIUMF M13 area



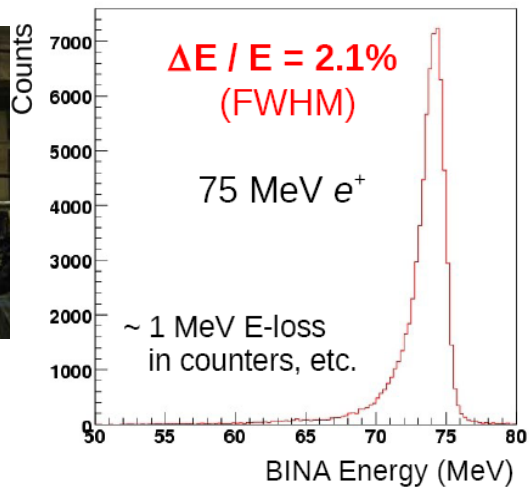
Solidworks design of the experiment



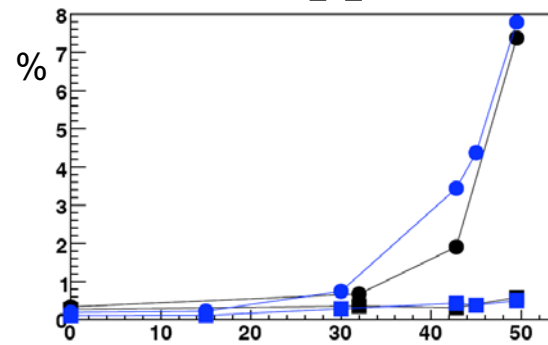
Positron spectrum in BINA



50 cm



Tail Suppression



CsI crystal and PMT

The challenge: control all systematic uncertainties at the 0.0001 level.

source	E248	PiENu
Statistical	0.0028	0.0005
Low E tail ($\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$)	0.0025	0.0003
Acceptance difference	0.0011	0.0003
π^+ lifetime	0.0009	0.0002
Others	0.0011	0.0003
Total	0.0047	0.0006

PiENu schedule :

2008	09	End of beamline extension work
	10-12	Test run
2009	01-03	Construction and Final Installation
	04-07	Engineering run
	08-12	Physics run

The Secrets of Rare Decay Experiments



Johnny Hart "BC"

$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ Experiments

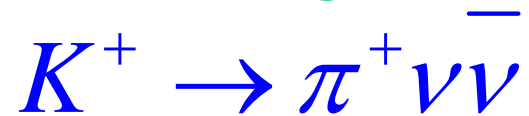
$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$$

- BNL E949 $B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = 1.73_{-1.05}^{+1.15} \times 10^{-10}$
- New Techniques: CERN NA62

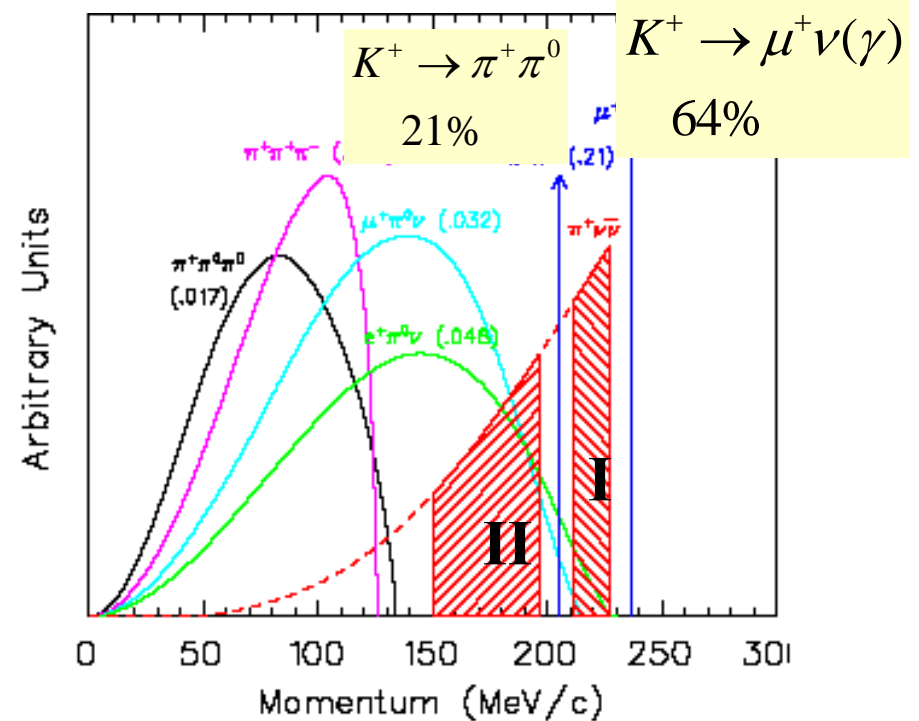
$$K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$$

- E391a \rightarrow KOTO -- KEK \rightarrow JPARC

Special Features of Measuring



Background processes exceed signal by $>10^{10}$

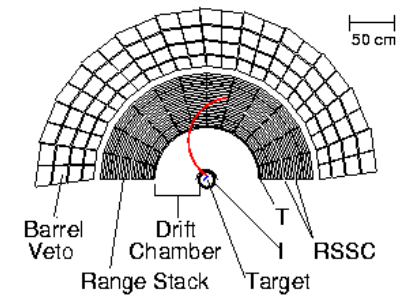
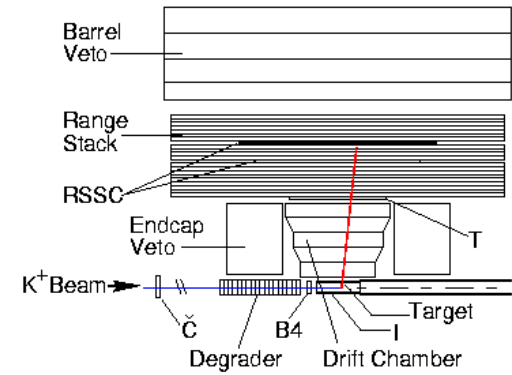
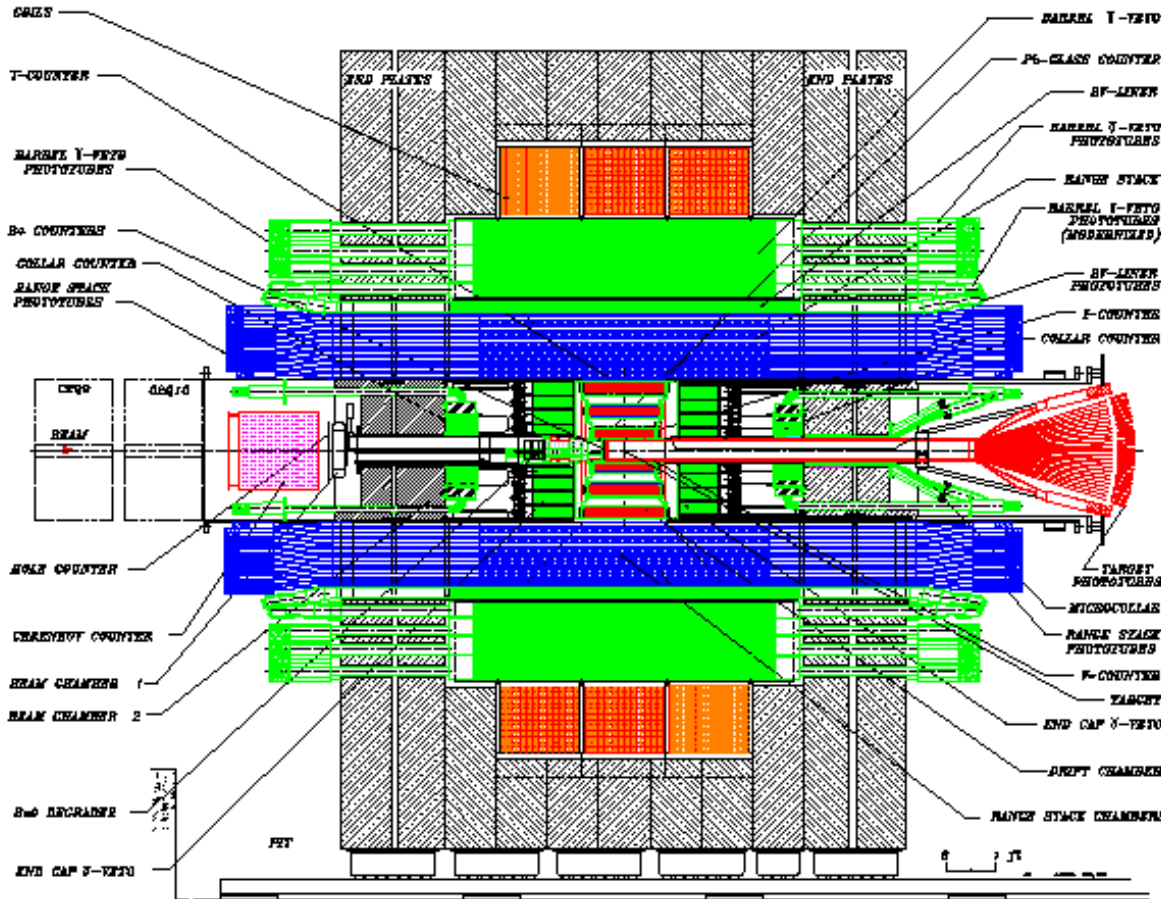
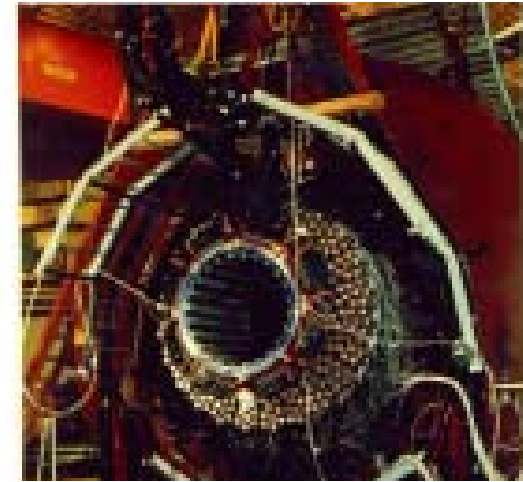


- Determine everything possible about the K^+ and π^+
 - * π^+/μ^+ particle ID better than 10^6 ($\pi^+ - \mu^+ - e^+$)
- Eliminate events with extra charged particles or *photons*
 - * π^0 inefficiency $< 10^{-6}$
- Suppress backgrounds well below the expected signal ($S/N \sim 10$)
 - * Predict backgrounds *from data*: dual independent cuts
 - * Use “Blind analysis” techniques
 - * Test predictions with “outside-the-box” measurements
- Evaluate candidate events with S/N function



BNL E949

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



BNL E787/949

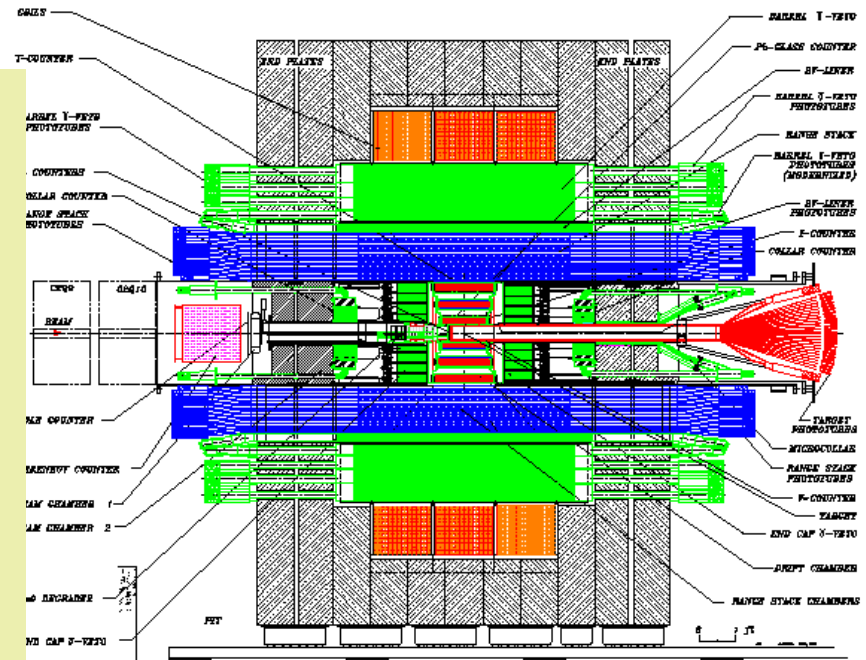
Measurement of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

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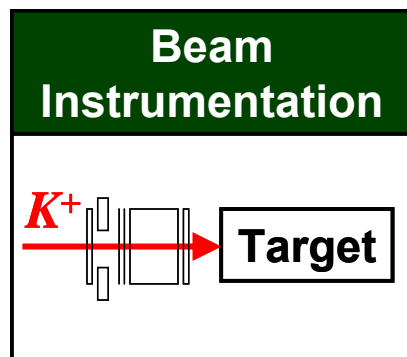
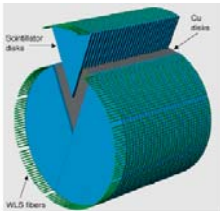
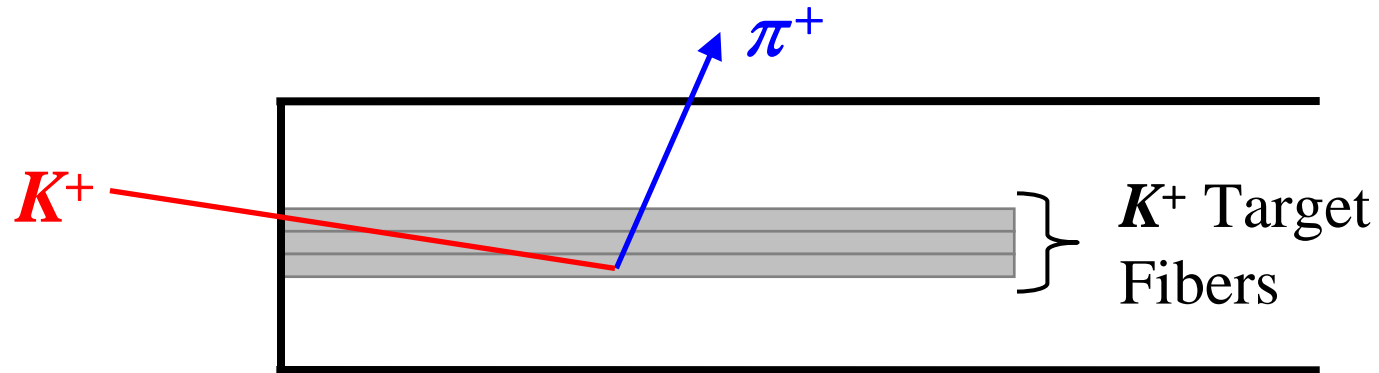
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Advanced Technologies:

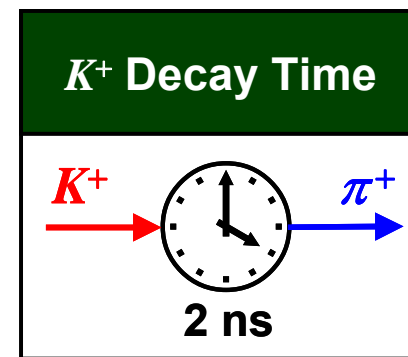
- Highest Efficiency Detection
- Low mass central tracking chamber - inflated cathodes
- 500 MHz digitizers
- Scintillating fiber target
- Pure CsI calorimeter
- “Blind Analysis”



700 MeV/c kaon enters and decays-at-rest in the scintillator-fiber target

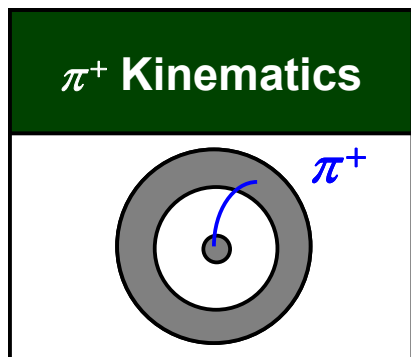


Beam instrumentation is used to identify a single K^+ from the beam



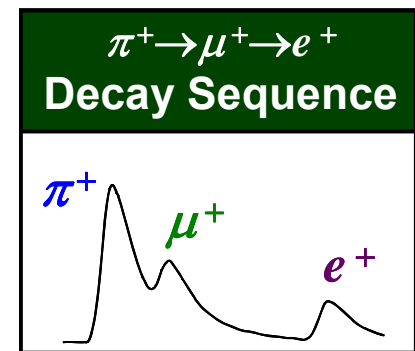
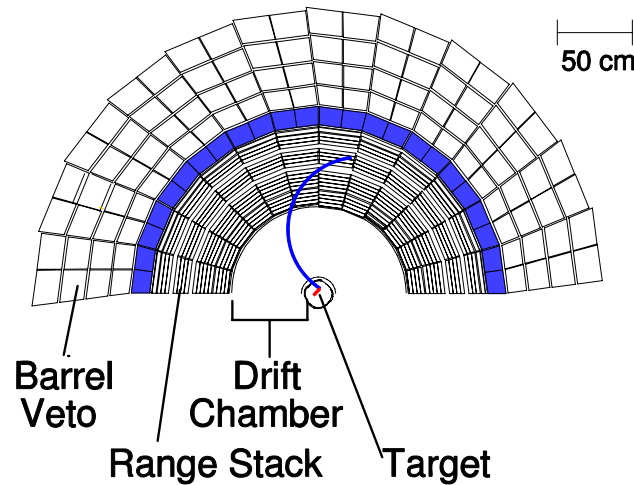
Kaon comes to rest in the target and we wait at least 2 ns for K^+ to decay

Pion comes to rest in the range-stack and undergoes the $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+$ decay sequence



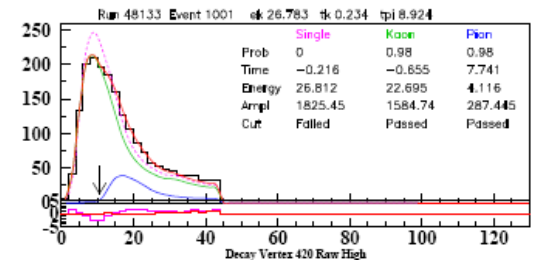
π^+ momentum is measured in the drift chamber

π^+ range and energy are measured target and range-stack

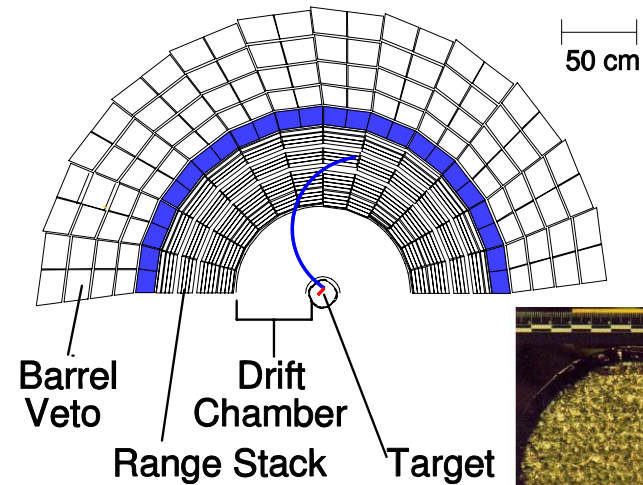
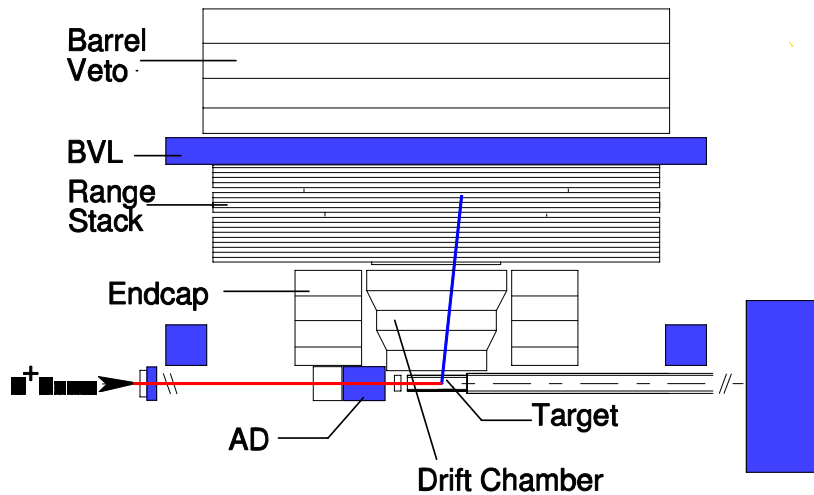


$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+$ decay sequence is observed in the range-stack scintillator

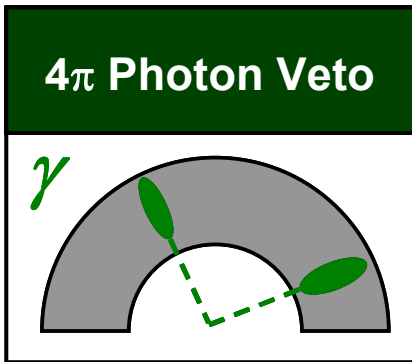
500 MHz digitizers



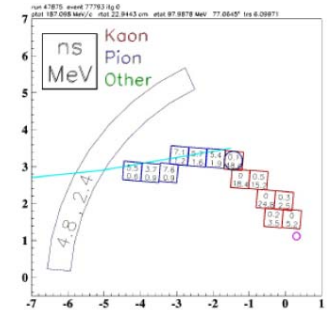
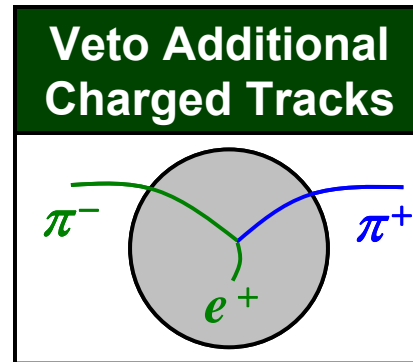
Photons and any additional charged particle activity are vetoed



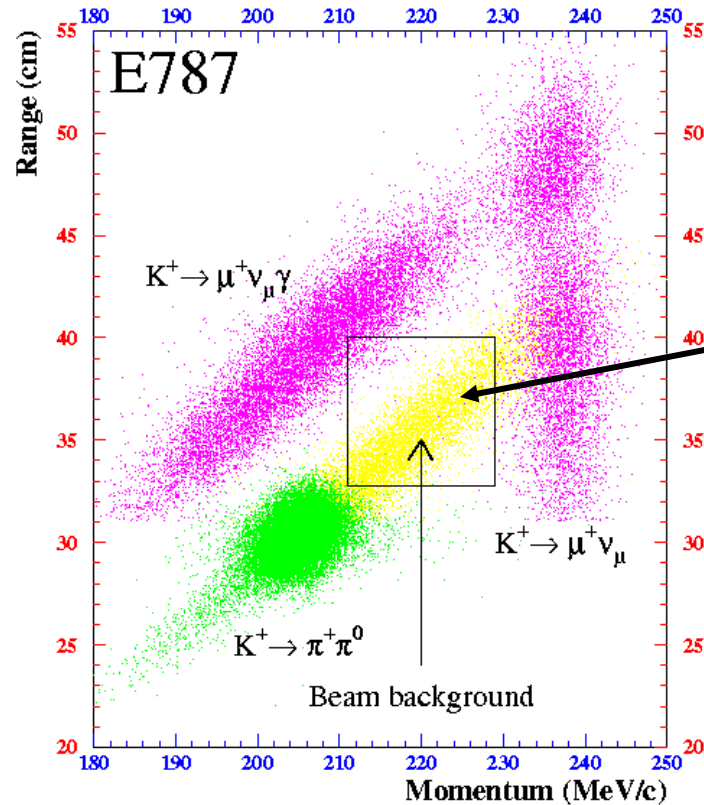
Each fiber is $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 300.0$ cm



Pattern recognition is used in the target, drift chamber and range-stack



Background Processes: Range vs. Momentum



Signal Box

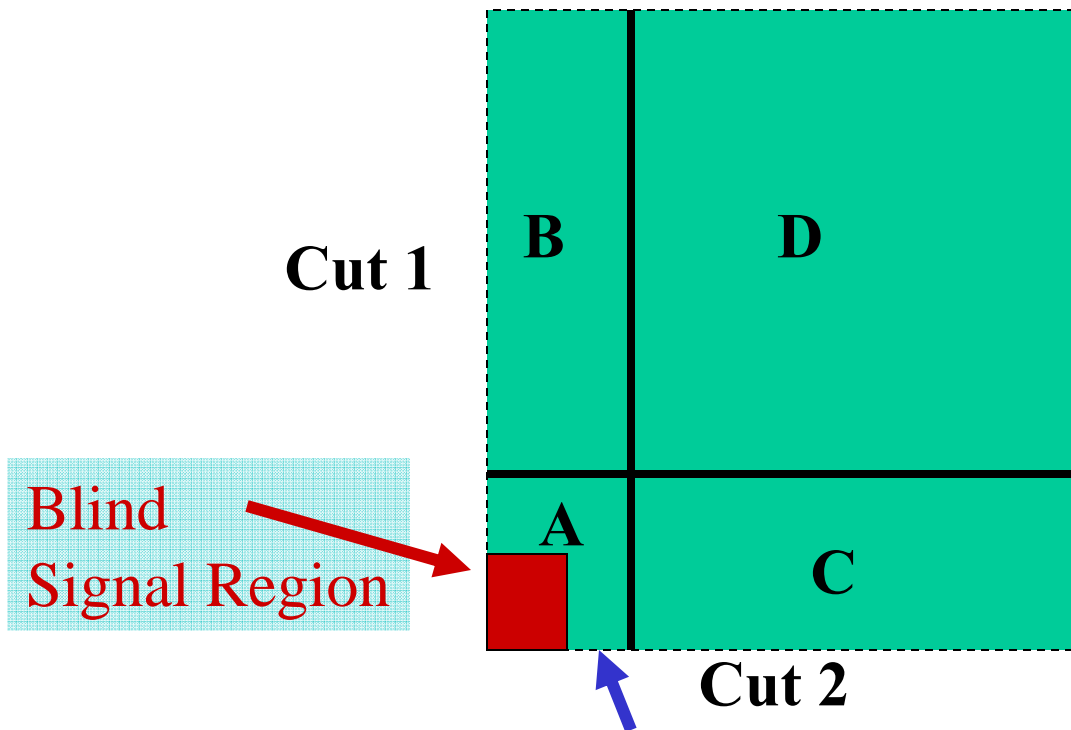
Two Questions:

- **How to find a tiny signal buried here!**
- **How to make sure you don't miss it if it's actually there?**

Estimating Backgrounds

Dual-Cut BLIND Analysis Method

Cut 1 vs Cut 2



If Cuts 1 and 2
are uncorrelated:

$$A/B=C/D$$

Background in A:

$$A=B C/D$$

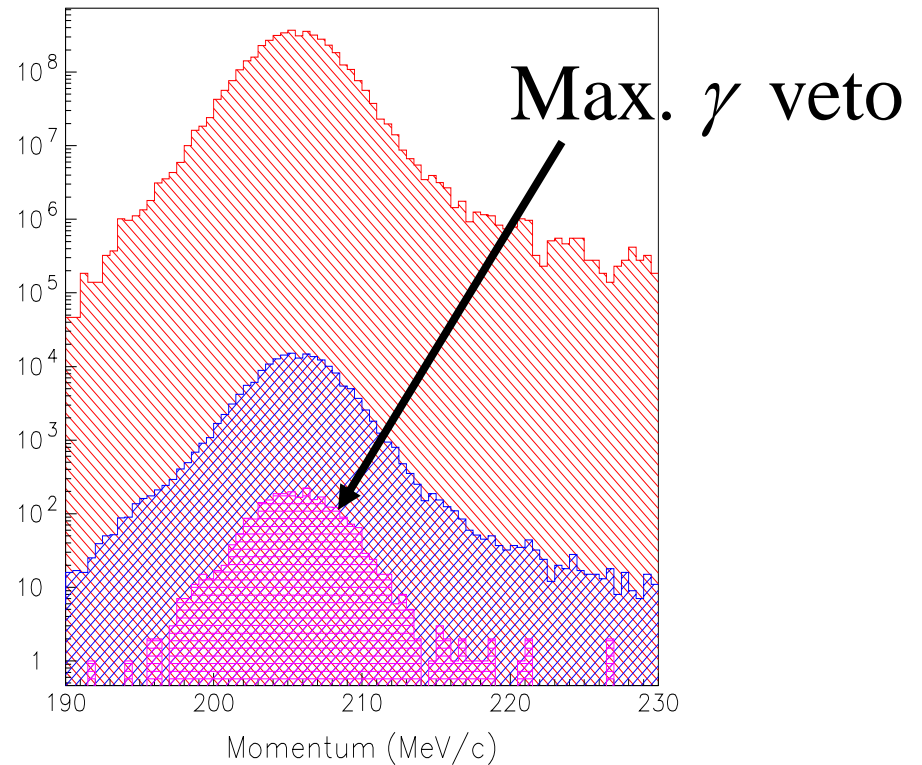
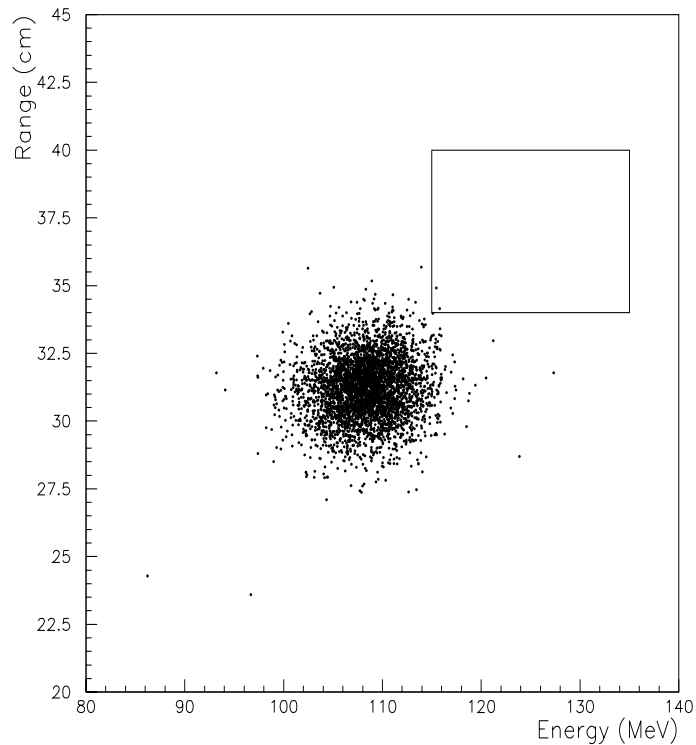
**Blind Near-Signal Region:
Test Predictions**

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ Background Suppression

Dual cuts: γ Veto and Kinematics (P,R,E...)

γ Veto Reversed
Range vs. Energy

γ Veto Applied
Momentum



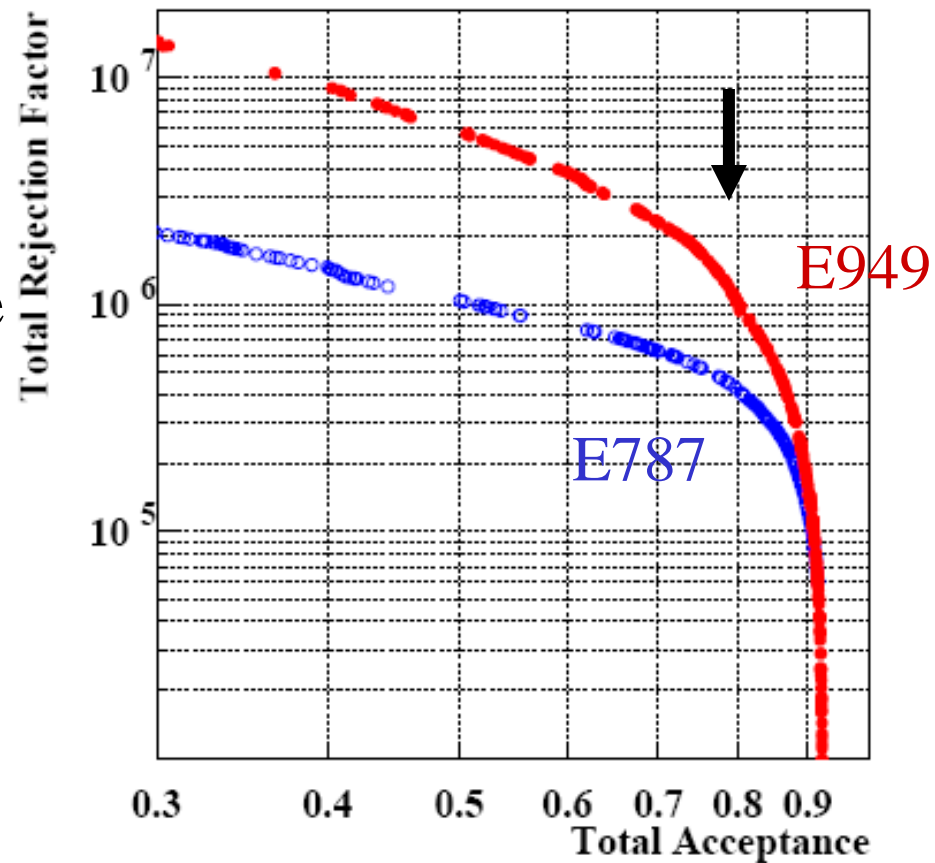
Check for correlations

Background Suppression: E949 Extreme Photon Detection Efficiency

π^0 Rejection: $>10^6 - 10^7$

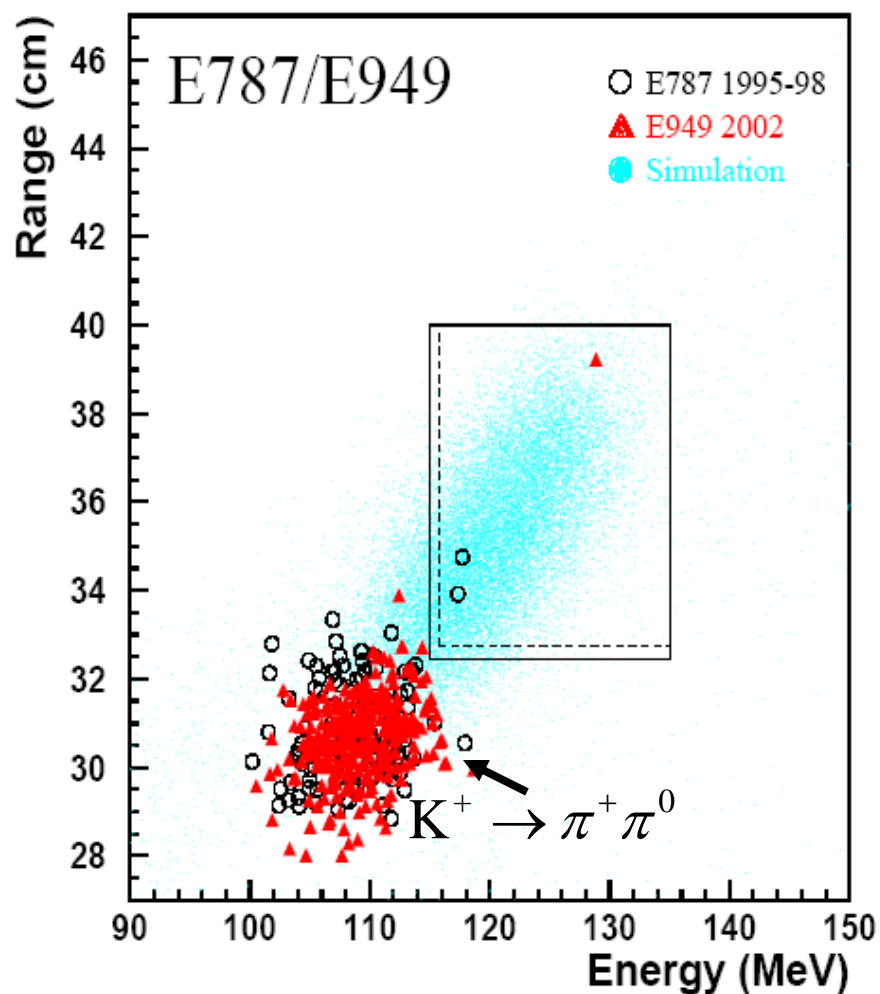
(Twice the rejection of π^0 backgrounds at comparable acceptance compared to previous efforts.)

Rejection vs. Acceptance



Combined E787/E949 Branching Ratio

1st Results: $B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = 1.47 \pm_{0.89}^{1.30} \times 10^{-10}$

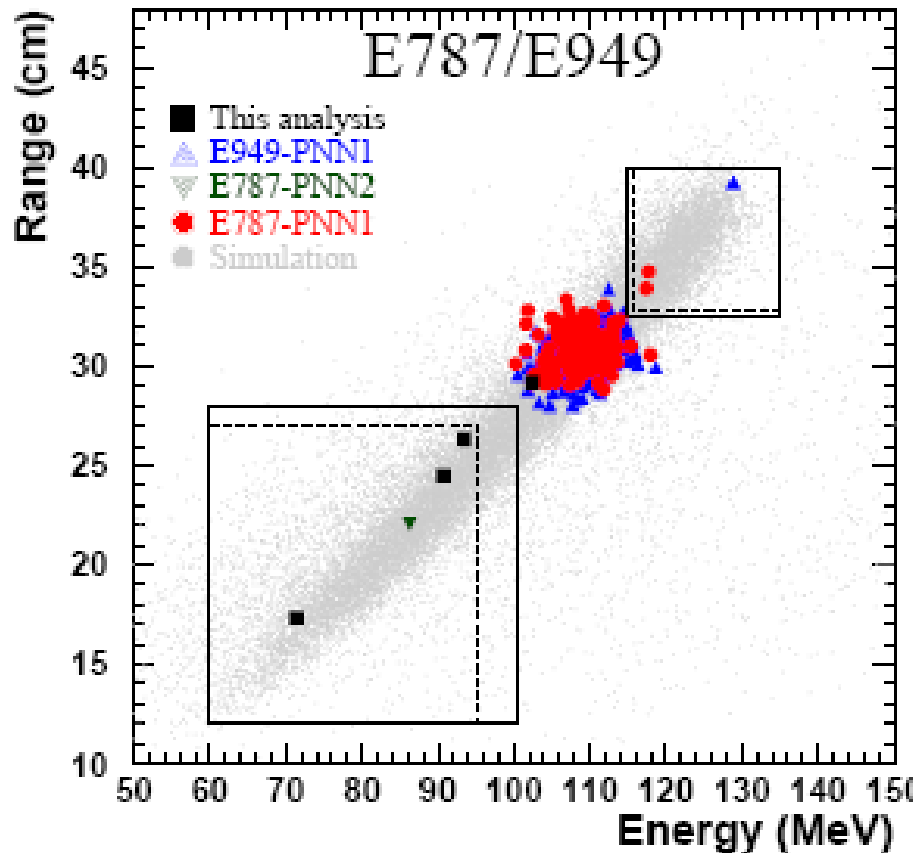


3 events – consistent with SM

	E787		E949
N_K	5.9×10^{12}		1.8×10^{12}
Total Acceptance	0.0020 ± 0.0002		0.0022 ± 0.0002
Total Background	0.14 ± 0.05		0.30 ± 0.03
Candidate	1995A	1998C	2002A
S/b	50	7	0.9
W	0.98	0.88	0.48
Background Prob.	0.006	0.02	0.07

Including the Region below the $K_{\pi 2}$ Peak: 7 events

Final Result: $B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = 1.73_{-1.05}^{+1.15} \times 10^{-10}$



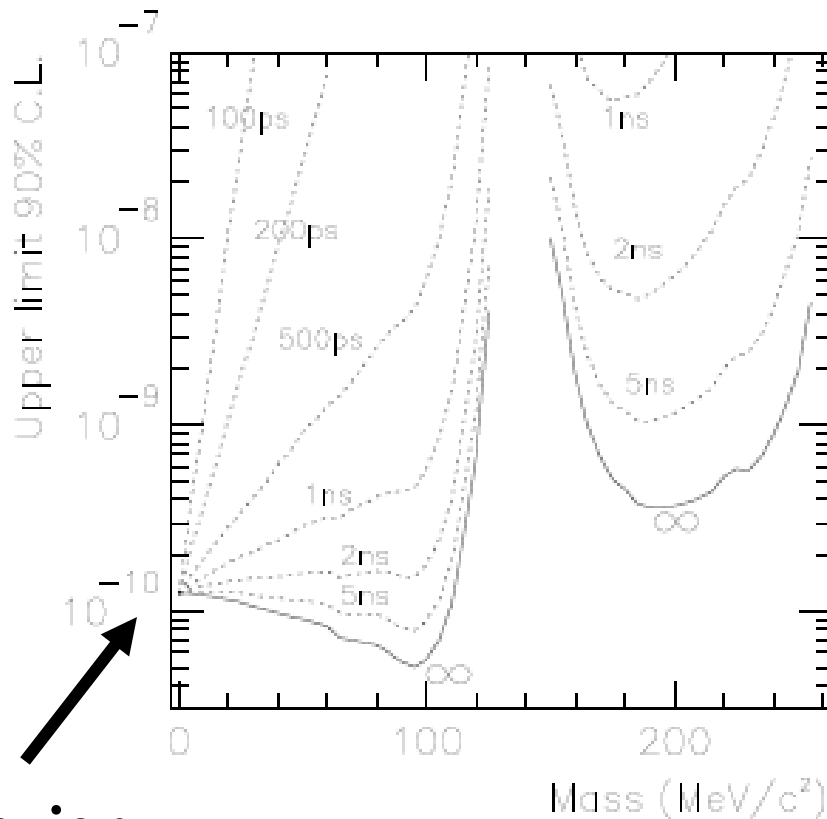
Standard Model:

$$B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (0.85 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-10}$$

**Probability for all 7
events to be due to
background: 0.001**

E787(dashed) and E949(solid) signal
regions shown. All cuts applied.

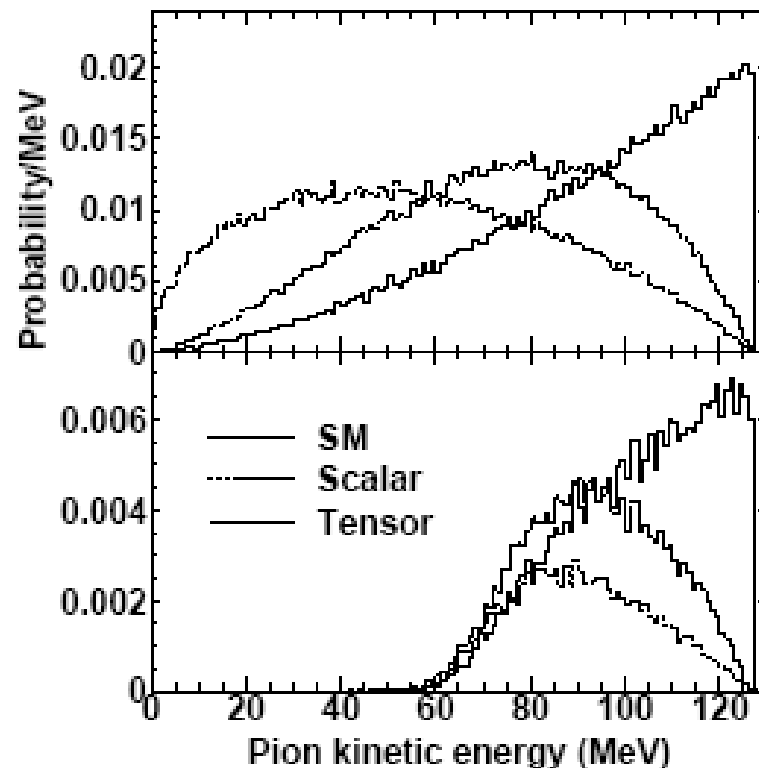
Search for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$



90% CL limits on $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$ where X is a massive non-interacting particle for $\tau(X) \geq 100$ ps, assuming 100% detection efficiency if X decays within the outer radius of the barrel photon veto.

Also: $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X) < 5.6 \times 10^{-8}$ (90%CL) for $M(X) = M(\pi^0)$ from limit on $\mathcal{B}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) < 2.7 \times 10^{-7}$ (E949, PRD72 091102 (2005)).

Search for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ XX$



Interpretation assuming a scalar or tensor interaction:

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{scalar}} = (9.9^{+8.5}_{-4.2}) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{tensor}} = (4.9^{+3.9}_{-2.4}) \times 10^{-10}$$

Figure:

Top is simulated π^+ energy spectra

Bottom are events passing the trigger

BNL E787/E949 Results

Discoveries

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

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu \mu$$

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

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma (DE)$$

Searches

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ a$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ H$$

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

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma X$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow e \nu \mu \mu$$

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

Still to come: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu \gamma$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma$, $K^+ \rightarrow \mu \nu_H$

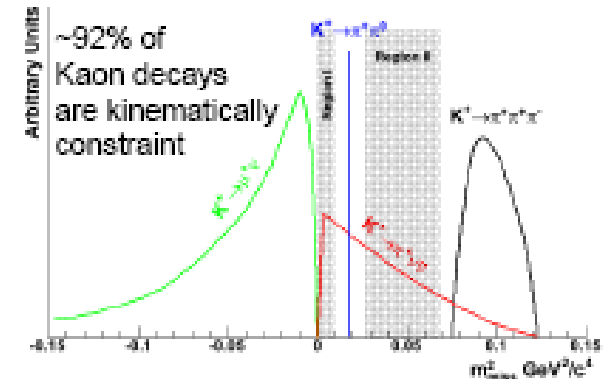
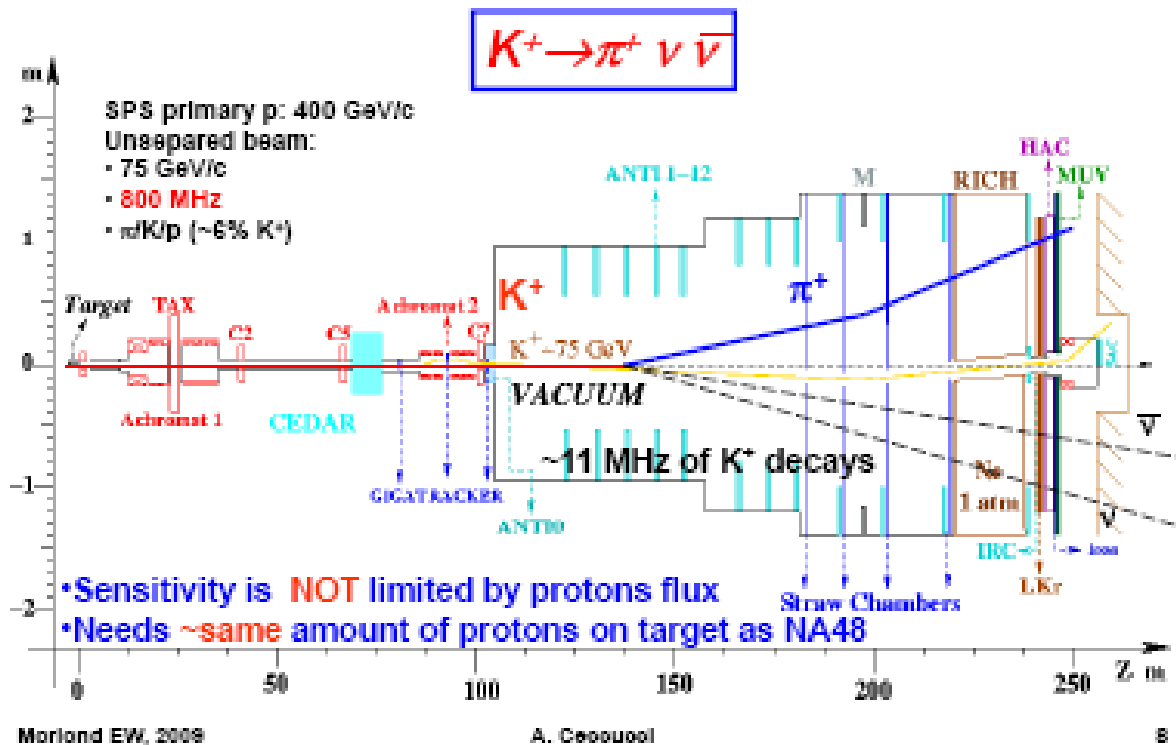
New Approaches to $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$:

CERN Proposal



Goal: 10 x E949
New technique.

Proposed Detector Layout



Goal: 55 events/yr.
Bkg. ~ 14%

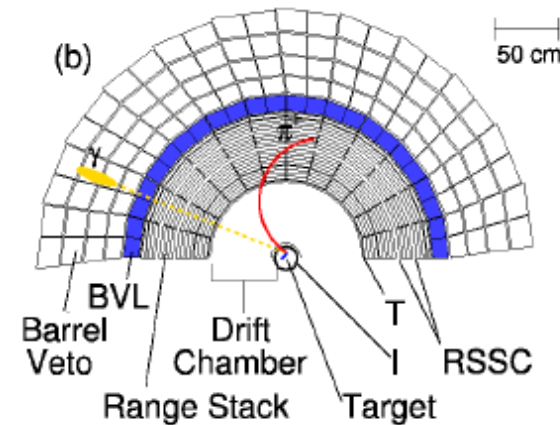
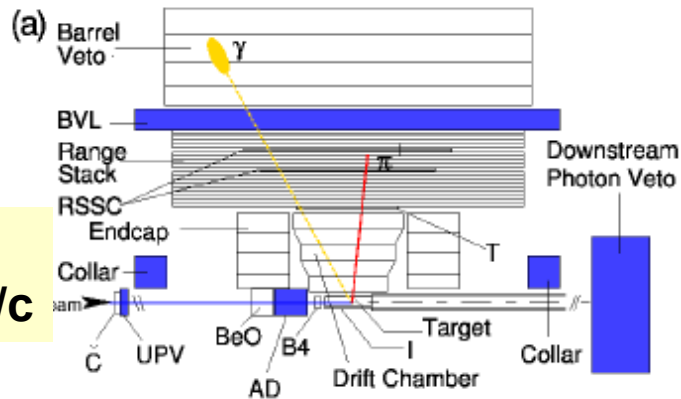
New opportunity:

100 x E949
Same technique.

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ at JPARC or Fermilab:

Stopped K technique: 1000 events!

Lower P_k
400 MeV/c



Improved Acceptance (x5):

- 5 x higher stop efficiency at low momentum
- Reduced randoms and accidental spoiling of events (photon veto) due to low momentum.

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

Theory: $2.76 \pm 0.40 \times 10^{-11}$

Limit from $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ via isospin: $< 1.4 \times 10^{-9}$ • [Grossman, Nir]

- KTeV (FNAL) result: $B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 5.9 \times 10^{-7}$ (90%CL)
- KEK E391a: $B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 6.7 \times 10^{-8}$ (90%CL)
- JPARC Proposal E14 KOTO:

Sensitivity Goal: 10^{-11} ($S/N=2$)

The Challenge

- $B(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) \sim 3 \times 10^{-11}$;
 need huge flux of K's \rightarrow high rates
- Weak Kinematic signature (2 particles missing)
- Backgrounds with π^0 up to 10^9 times larger
- Veto inefficiency on extra particles must be $\leq 10^{-4}$
- Neutrons dominate the beam
 - make π^0 off residual gas – require high vacuum
 - halo must be very small
 - hermeticity requires photon veto in the beam
- Need convincing measurement of background

KEK PS E391a >>> JPARC KOTO with KTEV CsI

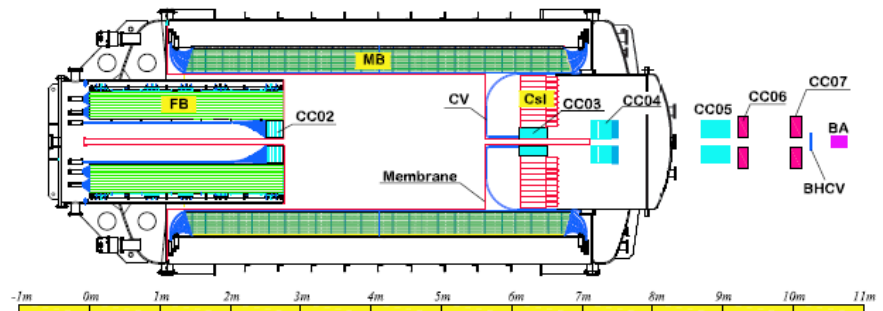
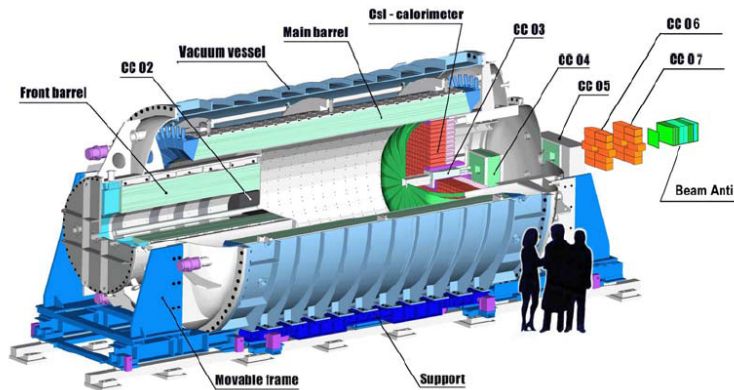


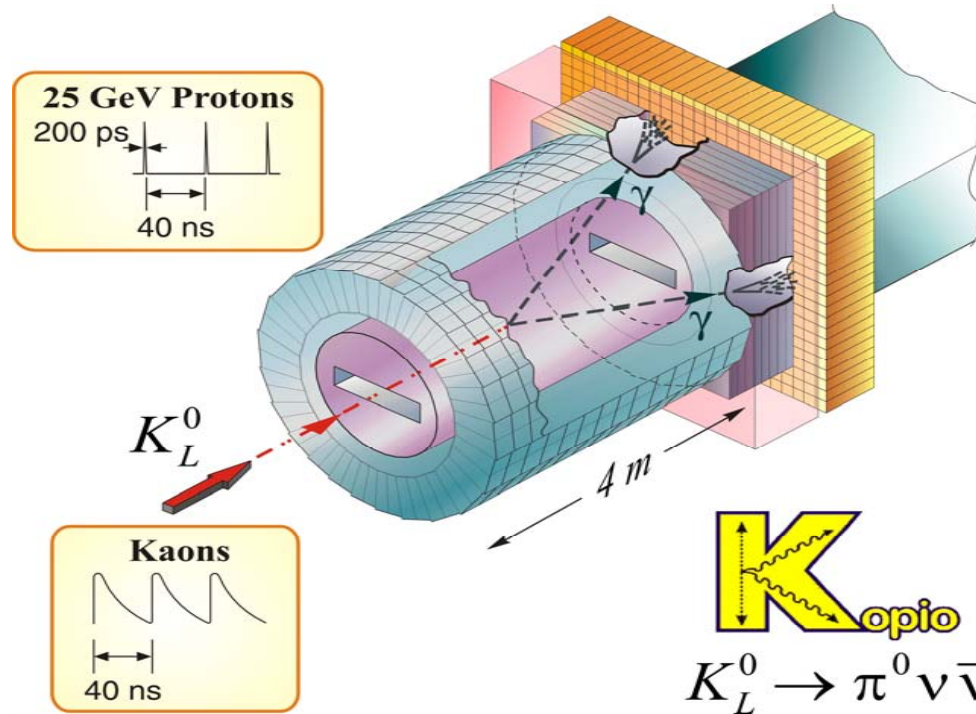
FIG. 1: Cross section of the E391a detector. K_L^0 's enter from the left side.

Features:

- Pencil Beam , High P_T selection
- High acceptance
- Reliance on high photon veto efficiency

E391a Result: $B(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 6.7 \times 10^{-8}$ (90% CL)

KOPIO Concepts: Goal >100 events



Possibilities at
JPARC or
Fermilab:
300-1000
Events?

- Use **time-of-flight** to work in the K_L^0 c.m. system
- Identify main 2-body background $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$
- Reconstruct $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays with **pointing calorimeter**
- 4π solid angle photon and charged particle vetos

Summary

Rare Decays of μ, π , and K offer unique, clean access to the flavor breaking and CP-violating structure of new physics -- access to short distance effects and high mass scales are complementary to LHC.

Star Attractions:

New Physics Sensitivity

- $\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion and $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

PSI-MEG, Mu2E, Comet

- $\pi \rightarrow e\nu / \pi \rightarrow \mu\nu$



PIENU / PSI-PEN

- $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu\bar{\nu}$ and $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\bar{\nu}$

KOTO, CERN NA62

New Fermilab, JPARC?

$$\frac{1}{M_H^4}$$

$$\frac{1}{M_H^2}$$

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