

# **Kaon Physics: Experimental Status and Perspectives**

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# Outline

- $\text{Re}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon)$ : the quest for direct  $CP$  violation
- Rare  $K_L$  decays and  $CP$  violation
- Rare  $K_S$  decays and  $CP$  violation
- T-odd correlations: beyond the  $SM$
- Loop-induced decays and unitarity triangle
- Future projects
- Conclusions ?

# Still kaons?

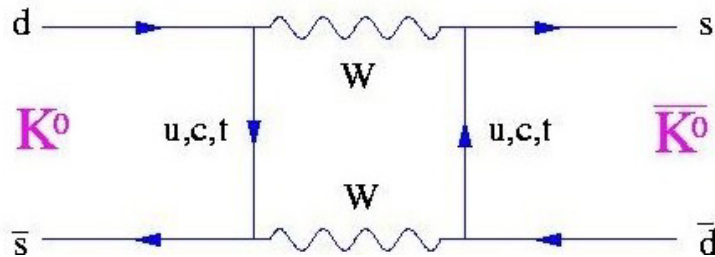
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- The “minimal” flavour-laboratory
- An amazing interferometric system
- Long lifetime, few decay modes, large mixing
- Both mass and flavour eigenstates accessible
- All kinds of CP violation present
- Difficulties in linking measurements to theory (not always!)

## CP VIOLATION OBSERVED

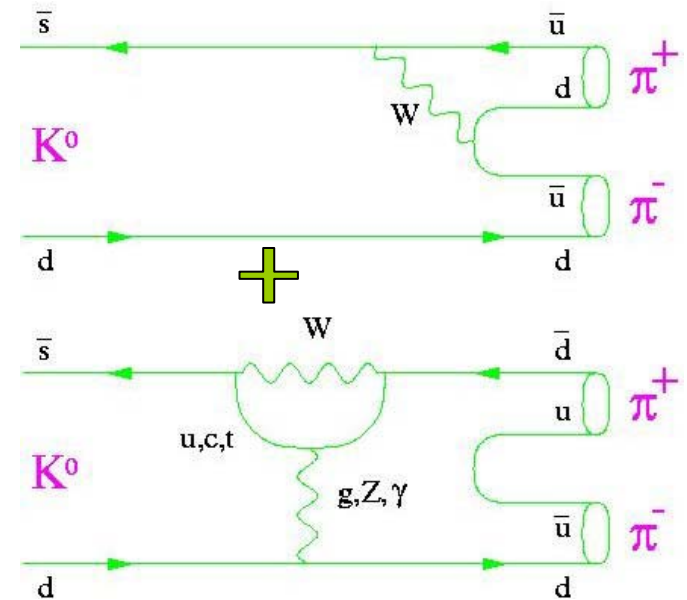
charge asymmetry in $K_{L3}^0$ decays	
$\delta_L =$ weighted average of $\delta_L(\mu)$ and $\delta_L(e)$	$(0.327 \pm 0.012)\%$
$\delta_L(\mu) = [\Gamma(\pi^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu) - \Gamma(\pi^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)]/\text{sum}$	$(0.304 \pm 0.025)\%$
$\delta_L(e) = [\Gamma(\pi^- e^+ \nu_e) - \Gamma(\pi^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e)]/\text{sum}$	$(0.333 \pm 0.014)\%$
parameters for $K_L^0 \rightarrow 2\pi$ decay	
$ \eta_{00}  =  A(K_L^0 \rightarrow 2\pi^0) / A(K_S^0 \rightarrow 2\pi^0) $	$(2.274 \pm 0.017) \times 10^{-3}$
$ \eta_{+-}  =  A(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) / A(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) $	$(2.286 \pm 0.017) \times 10^{-3}$
$\text{Re}(e^f/c) = (1 -  \eta_{00}/\eta_{+-} )/3$	[e] $(1.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$ ( $S = 2.3$ )
First $\phi_{+-}$ or $\phi_{00}$ assumes CPT, second does not.	
$\phi_{+-}$ , phase of $\eta_{+-}$	$(43.51 \pm 0.06)^\circ$
$\phi_{+-}$ , phase of $\eta_{+-}$	$(43.4 \pm 0.7)^\circ$
$\phi_{00}$ , phase of $\eta_{00}$	$(43.51 \pm 0.06)^\circ$
$\phi_{00}$ , phase of $\eta_{00}$	$(43.2 \pm 1.0)^\circ$
CP asymmetry A in $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$	
$\beta_{CP}$ from $K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$	$-0.23 \pm 0.09$
$\gamma_{CP}$ from $K_L^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$	$-0.09 \pm 0.09$
parameters for $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ decay	
$ \eta_{+-\gamma}  =  A(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma, CP \text{ violating}) / A(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma) $	$(2.35 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$
$\phi_{+-\gamma} =$ phase of $\eta_{+-\gamma}$	$(44 \pm 4)^\circ$
$\Gamma(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) / \Gamma_{\text{total}}$	$(2.084 \pm 0.032) \times 10^{-3}$ ( $S = 1.1$ )
$\Gamma(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0) / \Gamma_{\text{total}}$	$(9.42 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-4}$ ( $S = 1.1$ )
Parameters for $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$	
$\sin(2\beta)$	$0.79 \pm 0.14$ ( $S = 1.3$ )

# The Quest for Direct CP Violation



Indirect CP violation in the mixing:  $\epsilon$

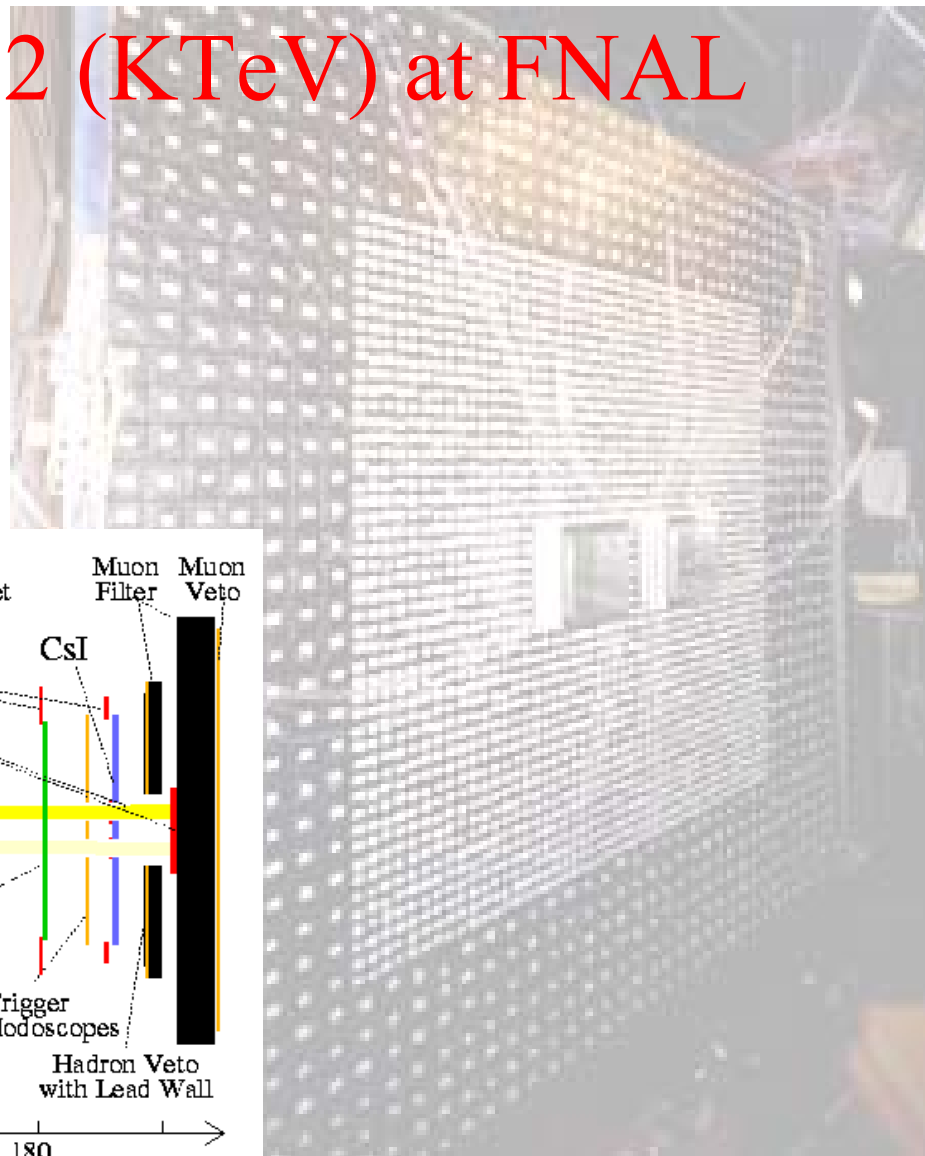
Direct CP violation in the decay:  $\epsilon'$



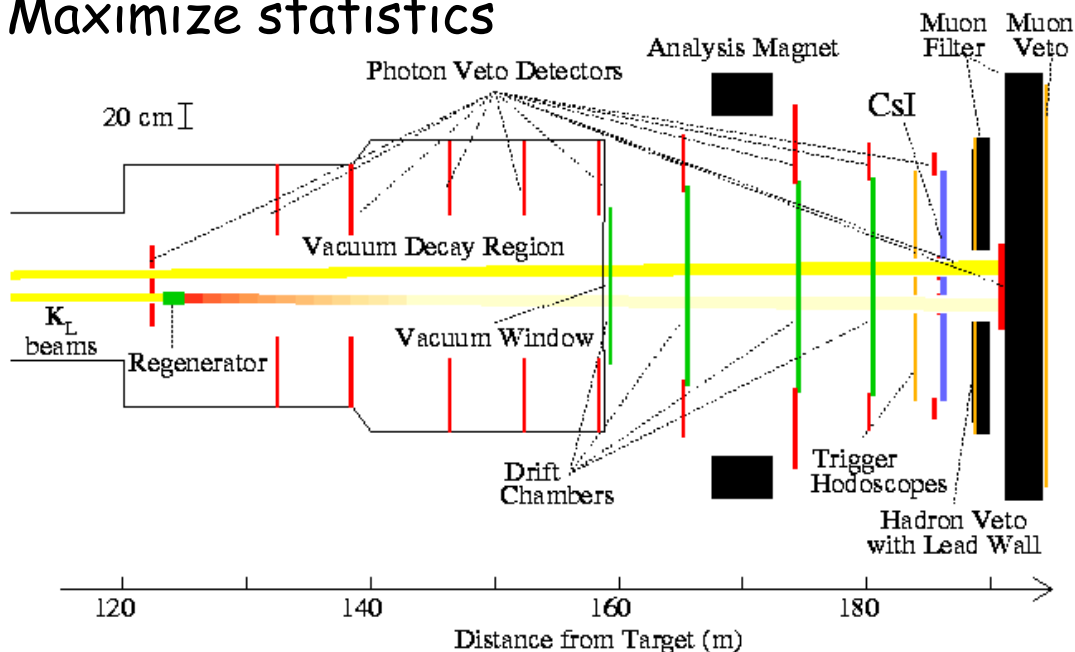
A fascinating 30-year long enterprise: "Is CP violation a peculiarity of kaons? Is it induced by a new superweak interaction?"



# E832 (KTeV) at FNAL



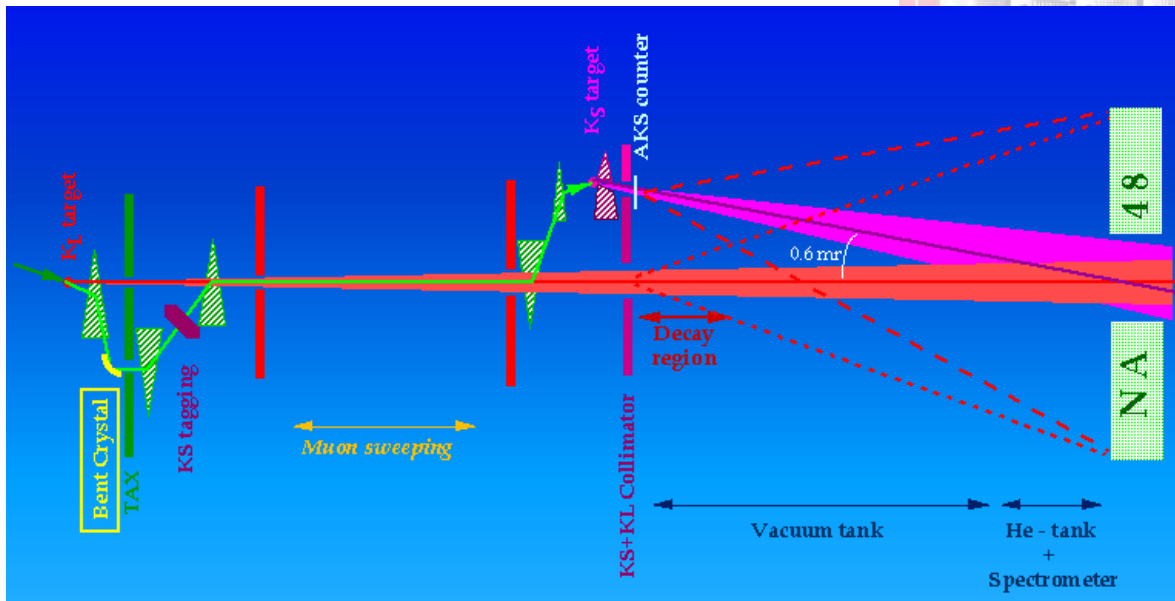
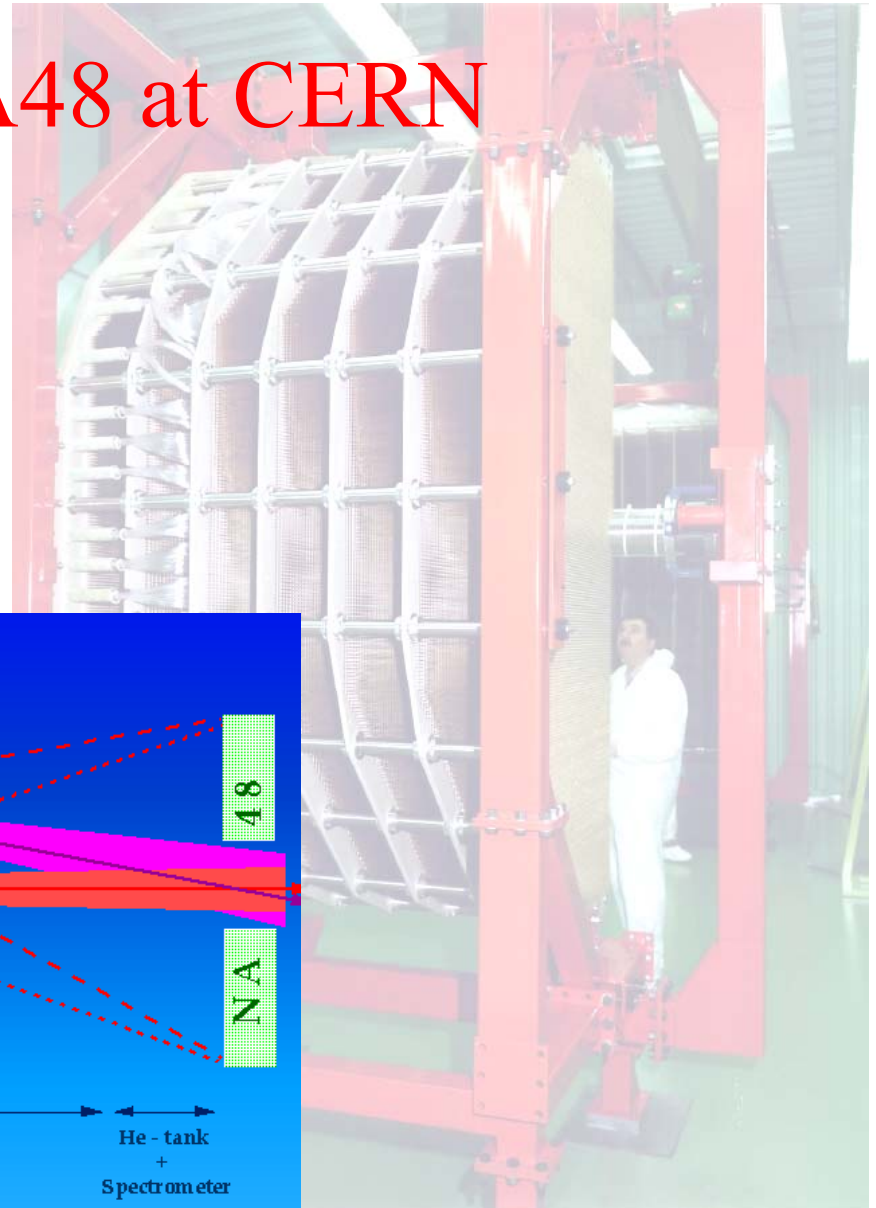
- Double  $K_L$  beams ( $\langle p \rangle = 70 \text{ GeV}/c$ )
- Regenerator for  $K_S$
- Pure CsI calorimeter
- Tagging by event position
- MC acceptance correction
- Maximize statistics





# NA48 at CERN

Simultaneous near/far targets  
Converging beams ( $\langle p \rangle = 100 \text{ GeV}/c$ )  
Liquid Kr calorimeter  
Tagging by time-of-flight  
Lifetime weighting to minimize acceptance correction

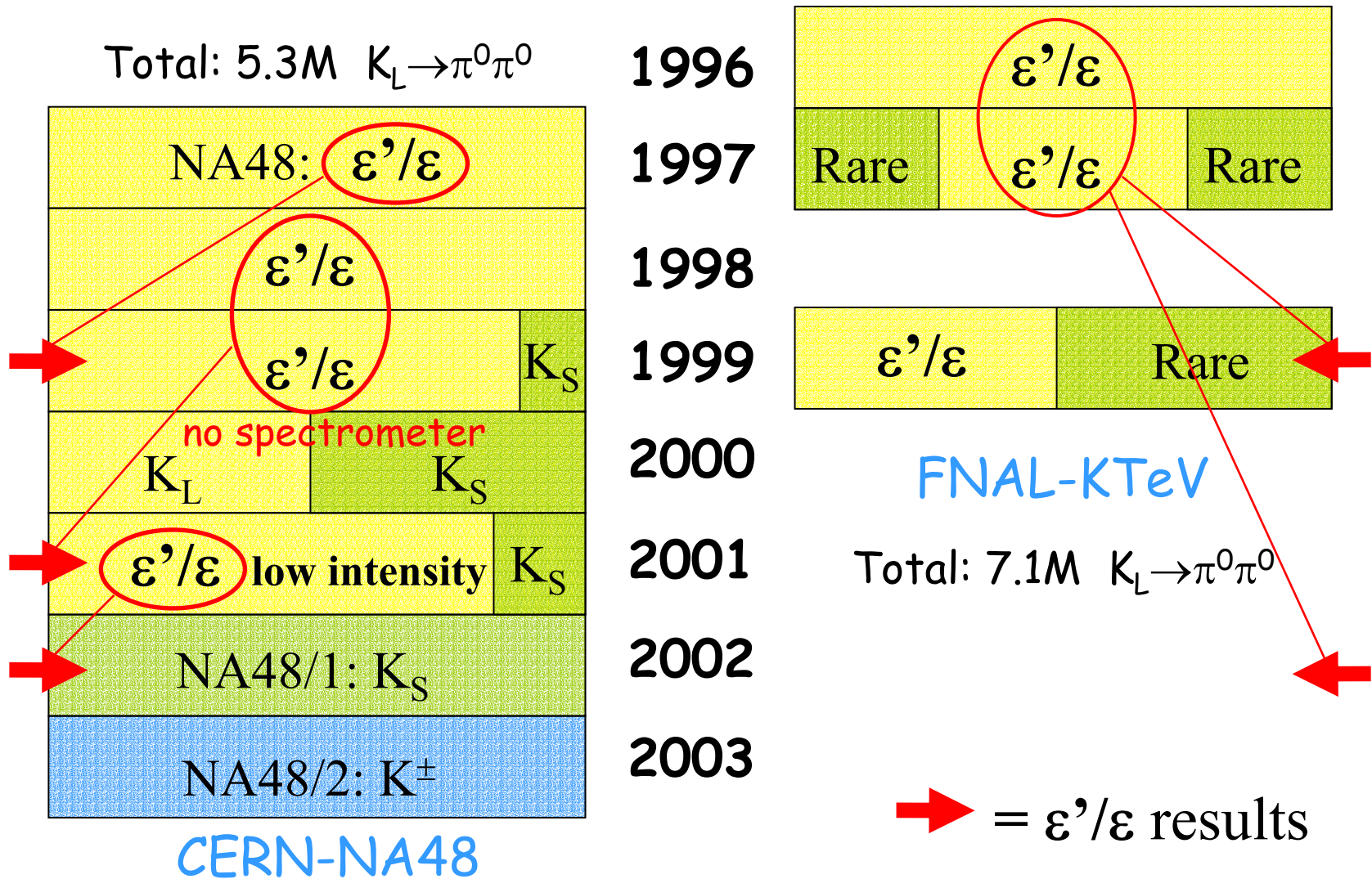


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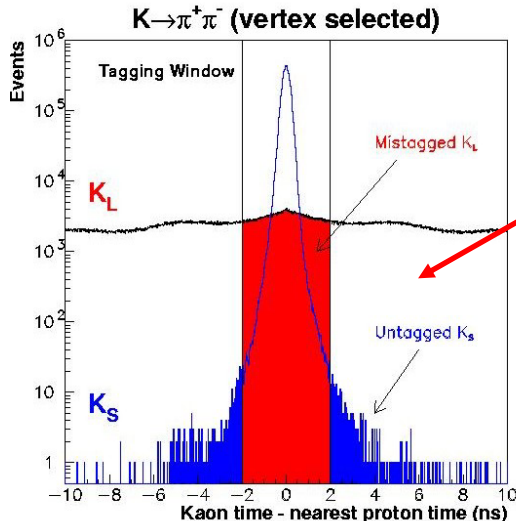
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# Data Taking Periods

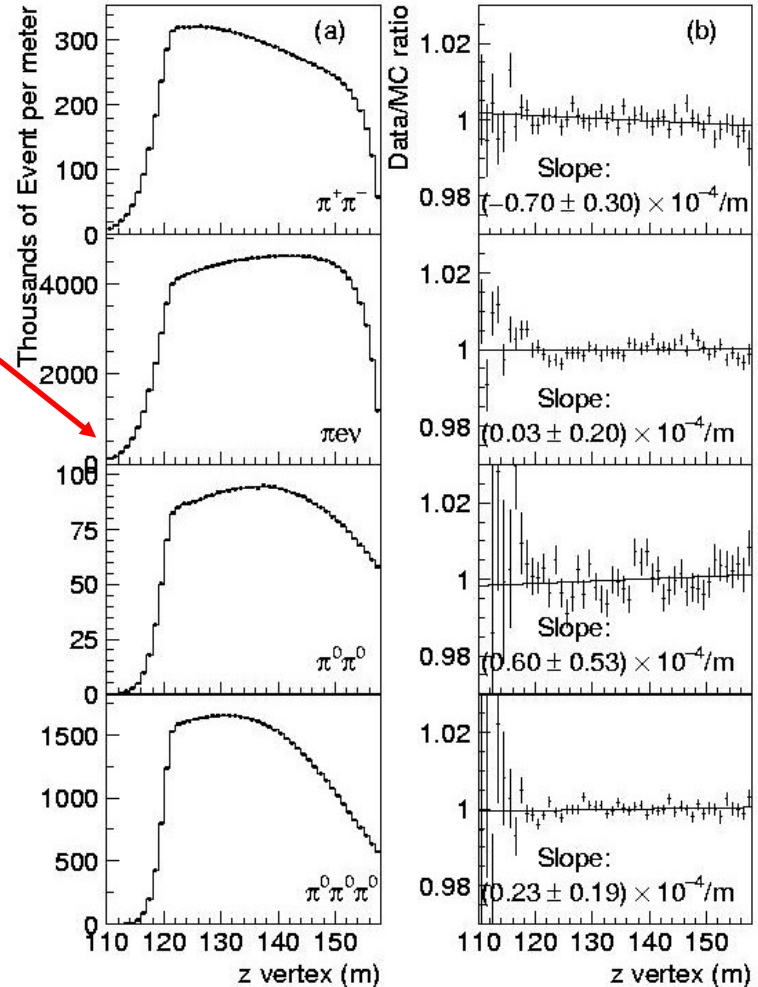
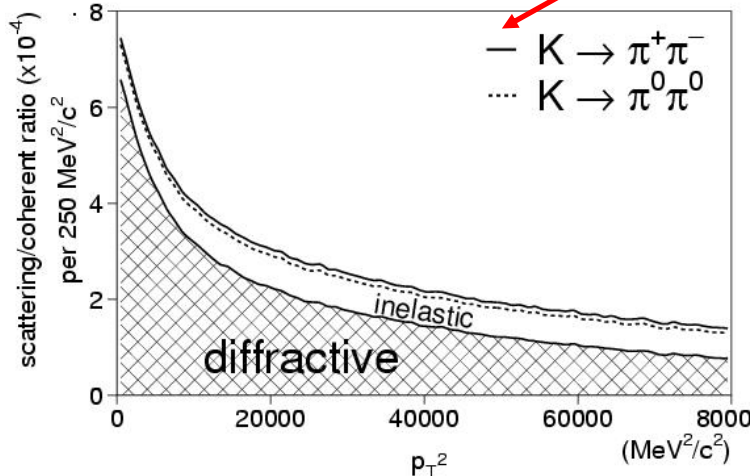


# Ways towards direct CPV



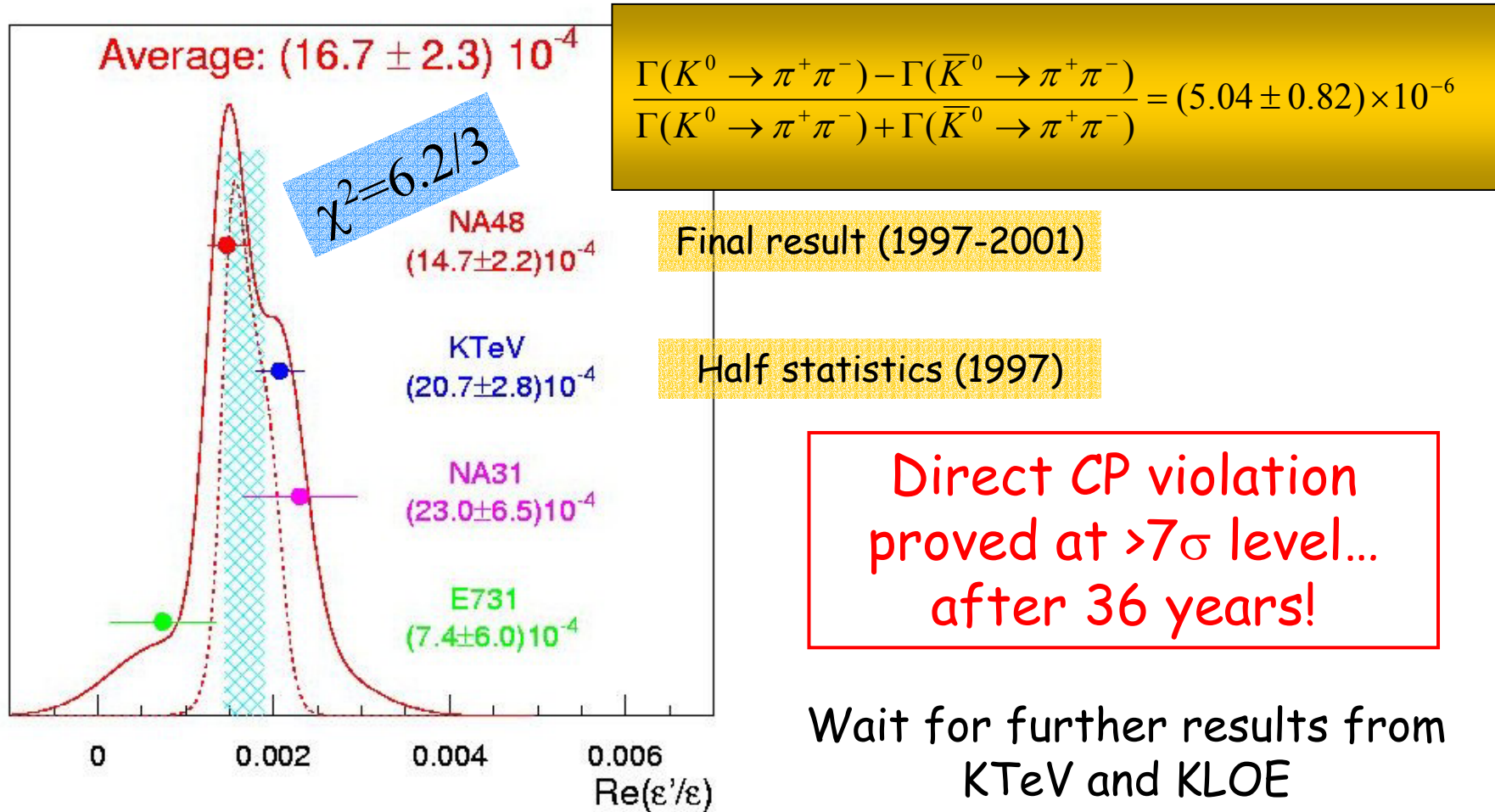
NA48:  
TOF tagging

KTeV: MC  
incoherent  
regeneration



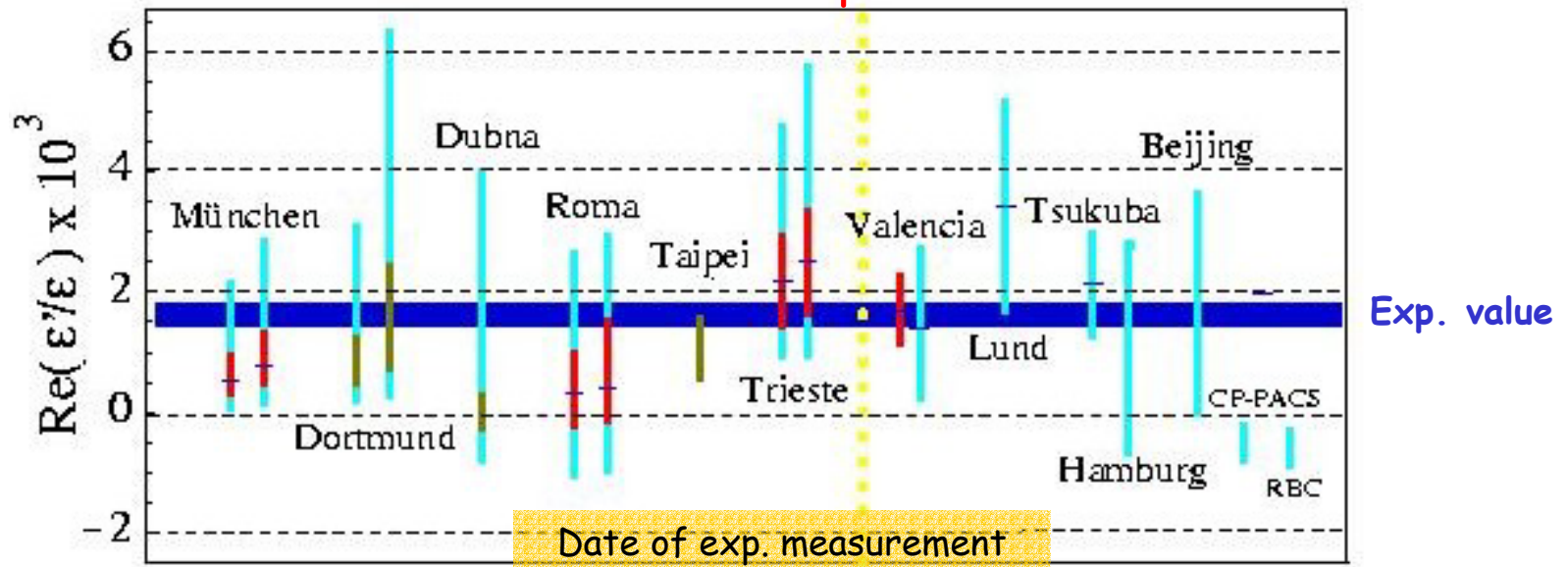


# Re( $\epsilon'/\epsilon$ ) Results



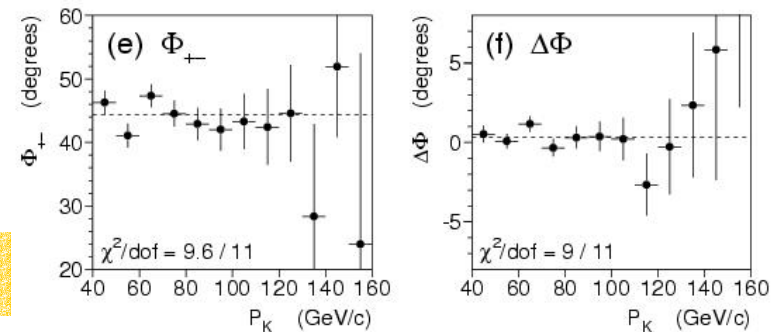
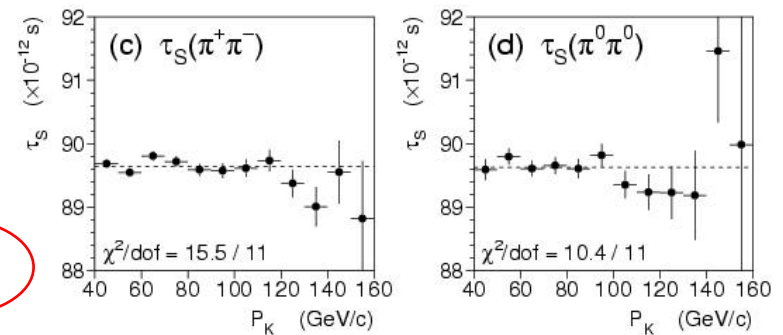
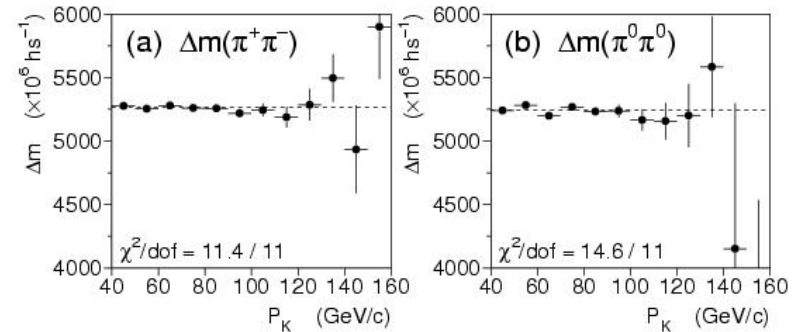
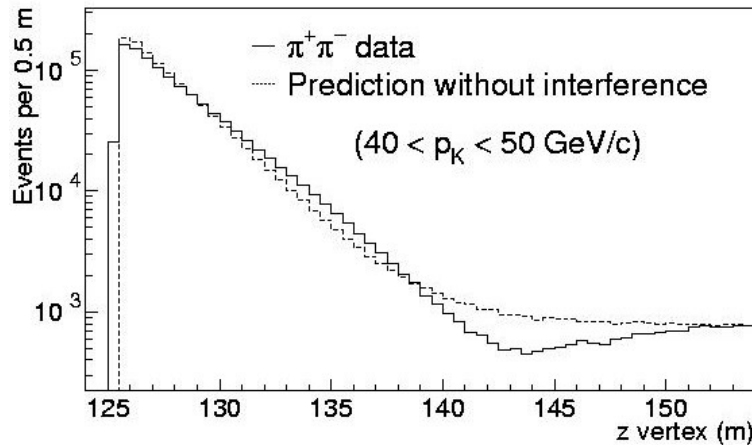
# Re( $\epsilon'/\epsilon$ ) and the SM

SM theoretical predictions



Despite huge efforts,  $\epsilon'/\epsilon$  not yet computed reliably  
Measured value is roughly compatible with the SM  
Expect improvements from lattice

# Other kaon Parameters



KTeV

$$\Delta m = (5261 \pm 15) \times 10^6 \text{ h s}^{-1}$$

$$\tau_S = (89.65 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$$

$$\phi_{+-} - \phi_{SW} = (0.61 \pm 1.19)^\circ$$

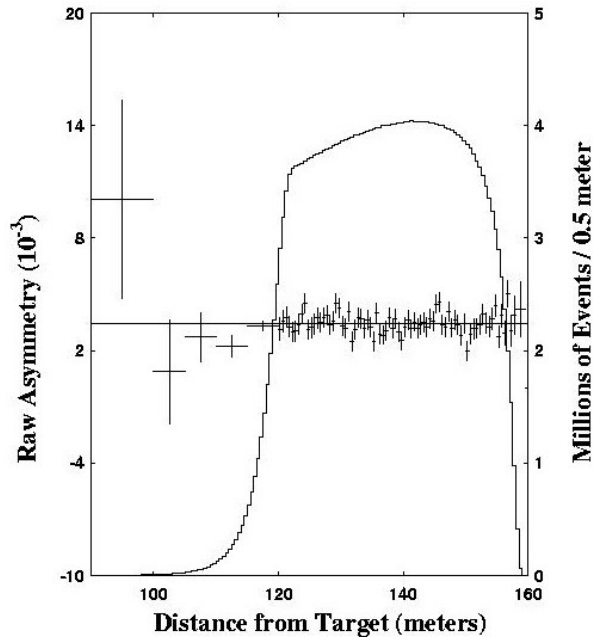
$$\phi_{00} - \phi_{+-} = (0.39 \pm 0.50)^\circ$$

$$\text{Im}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon) = (-22.9 \pm 29.1) \times 10^{-4}$$

CPT

$$\text{NA48: } \tau_S = (89.60 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$$

# Semileptonic Charge Asymmetry



Measure of indirect CP violation in the mixing ( $\epsilon$ ) and limits on CPT and  $\Delta S = \Delta Q$

**NA48** *Preliminary*

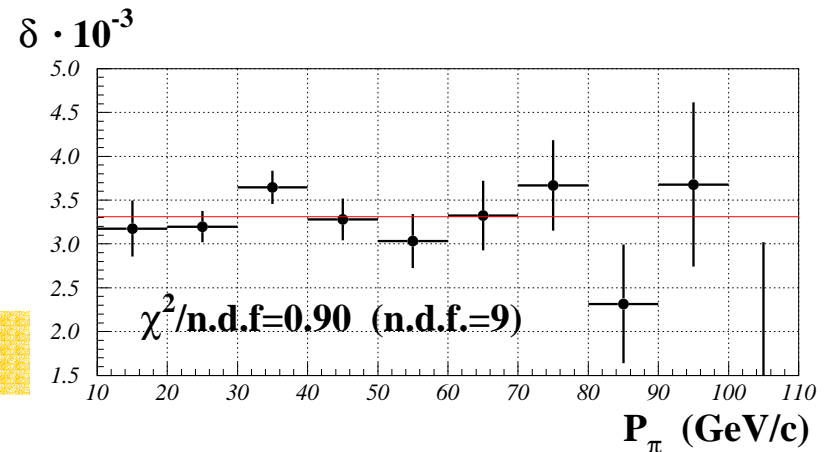
$2 \times 10^8$  events in 2001 run

$$\delta_L(e) = (3.317 \pm 0.070 \pm 0.072) \times 10^{-3}$$

**KTeV**

$3 \times 10^8$  events in 2001 run

$$\delta_L(e) = (3.322 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.047) \times 10^{-3}$$



CPT test using  $\pi\pi$  data:  $\text{Re}(y+x_-/2+a) = (-5 \pm 31) \times 10^{-6}$



# KLOE at DAΦNE

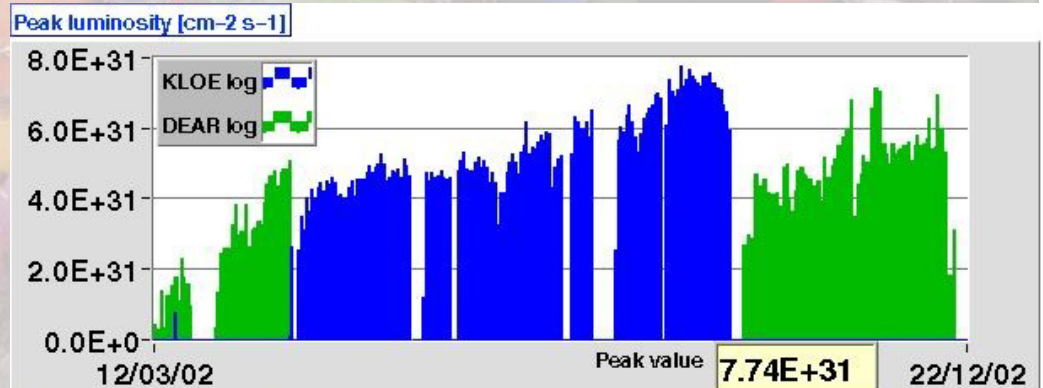
$$\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-(\gamma))/\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0) = (2.236 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.015)$$

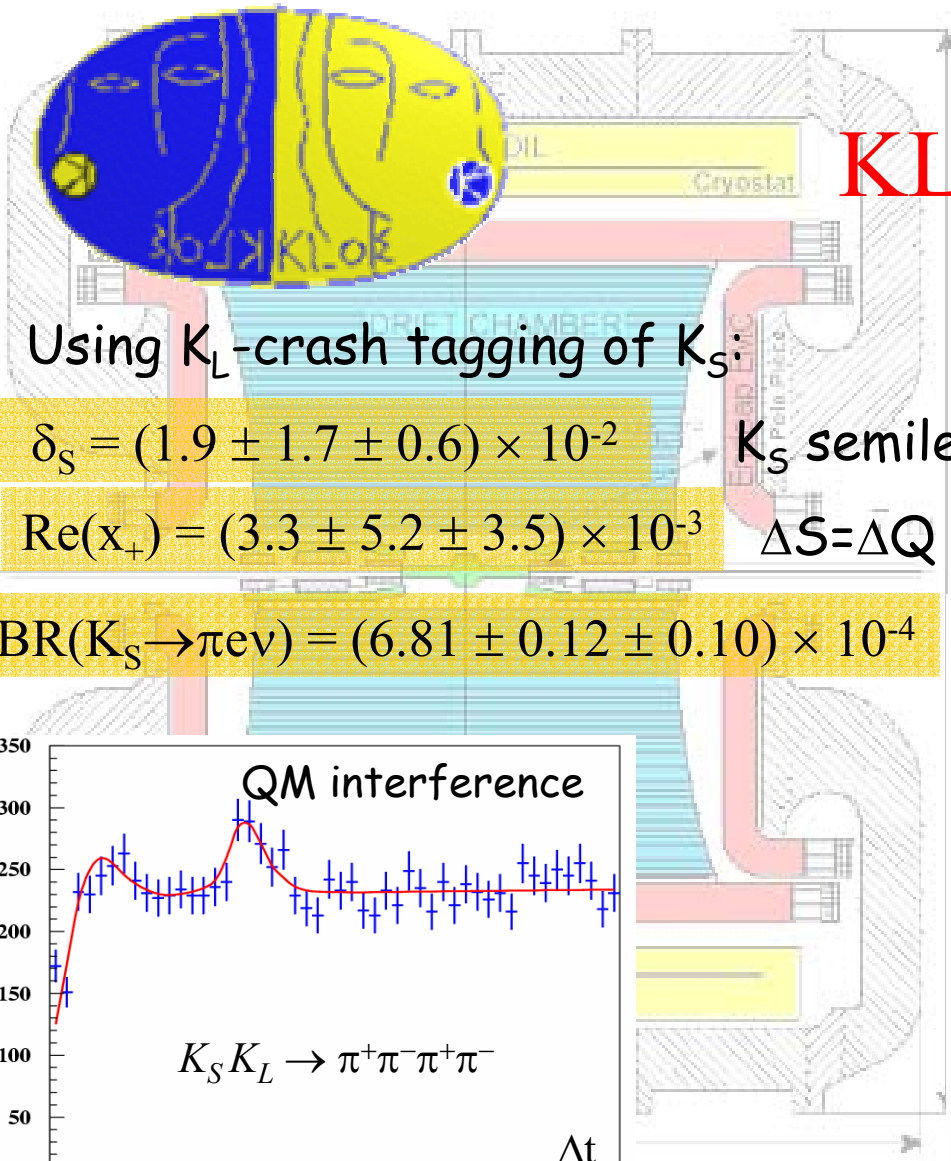
from which  $\delta_0 - \delta_2 \cong (48 \pm 3)^\circ$  (2000 data)

$$\text{BR}(K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm\pi^0\pi^0) = (1.807 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.018)\%$$

Good prospects for rare  $K_S$  decays, interferometry, new IR

Peak luminosity:  
 $8 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  in 2002  
 Goal:  $5 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
 $500 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  ( $1.5 \times 10^9 \phi$ )  
 collected so far





# KLOE results

Using  $K_L$ -crash tagging of  $K_S$ :

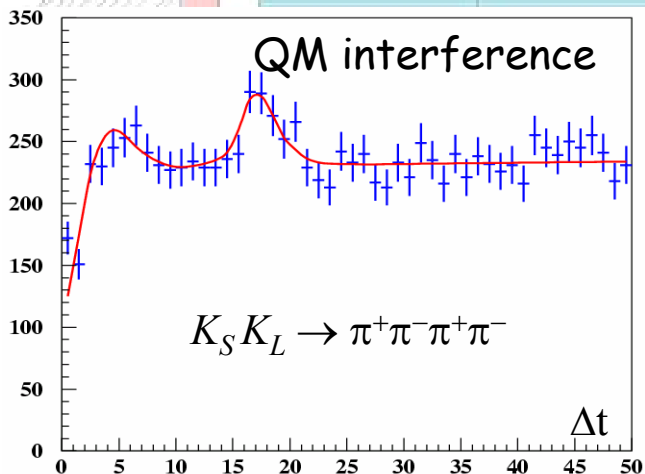
$$\delta_S = (1.9 \pm 1.7 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\text{Re}(x_+) = (3.3 \pm 5.2 \pm 3.5) \times 10^{-3}$$

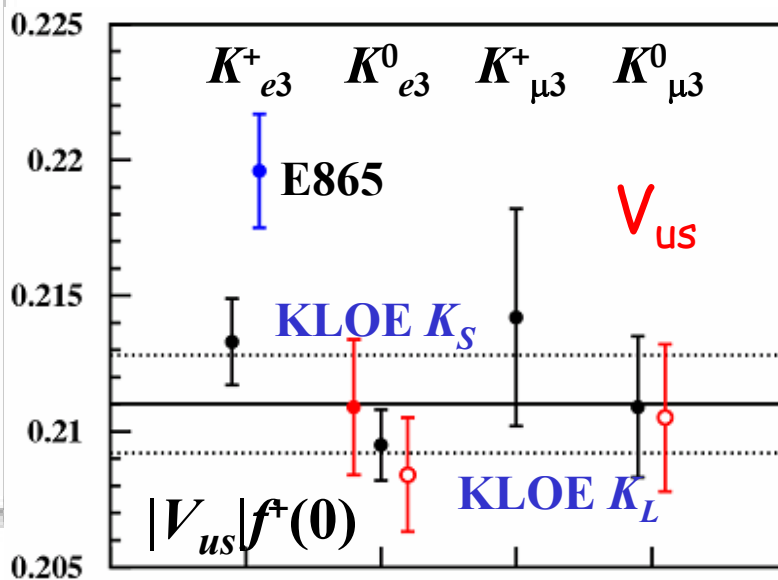
$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi e \nu) = (6.81 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-4}$$

$K_S$  semileptonic charge asymmetry

$\Delta S = \Delta Q$  in CPT-conserving amplitudes



*Preliminary* (2001 data)



# E799-II (KTeV): Rare $K_L$ decays

Intense  $K_L$  flux allows sensitive searches; checks of  $\chi$ PT

$K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  (1997, 93K events - norm.  $\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0_D$ ):

*Preliminary*  $BR(K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma) = (10.13 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.29_{\text{norm}}) \times 10^{-6}$

$K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$  (1997+1999, 1K events - norm  $\pi^0\pi^0_D\pi^0_D$ ):

*Preliminary*  $BR(K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-) = (4.07 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.16_{\text{norm}}) \times 10^{-8}$

no CP violation found in decay plane asymmetry

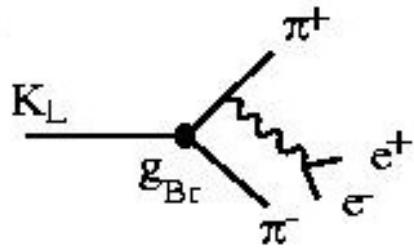
$K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-$  (1997+1999, 132 events - norm  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0_D$ ):

$$BR(K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-) = (2.69 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-9}$$

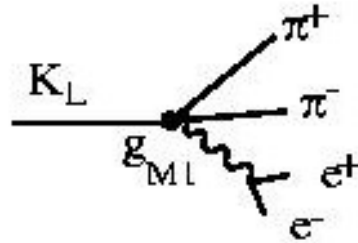
New results expected soon with full 1997+1999 data sample:

$K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+e^-$  and  $K_L \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  form factors,  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$  update

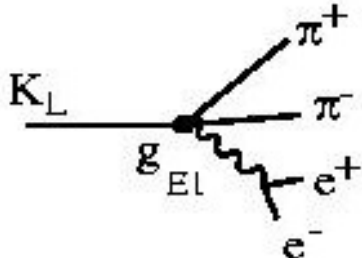
# $K_{L,S} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$ : why?



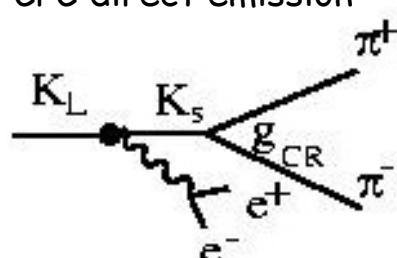
CPV inner bremsstrahlung



CPC direct emission



CPV direct emission



Charge radius

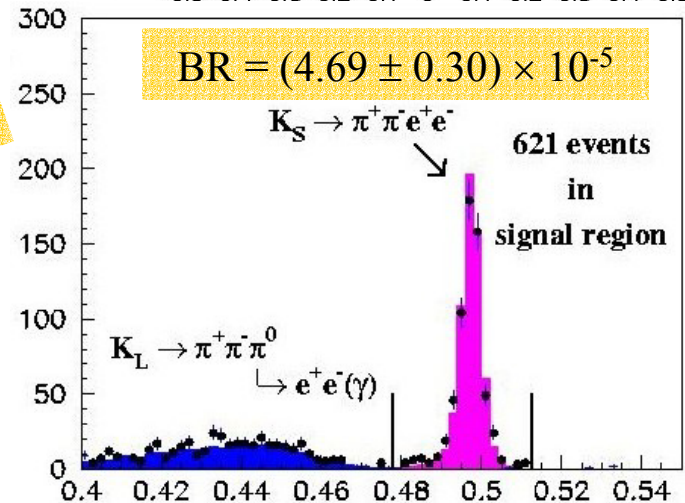
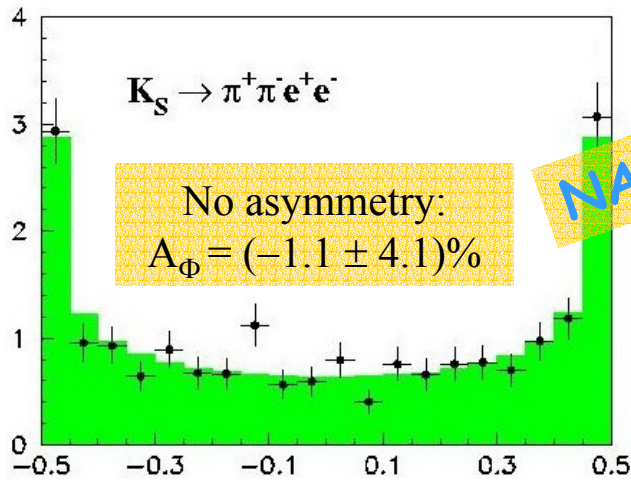
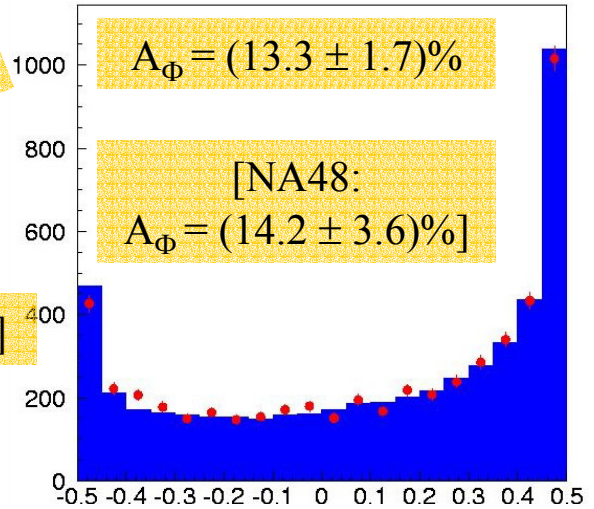
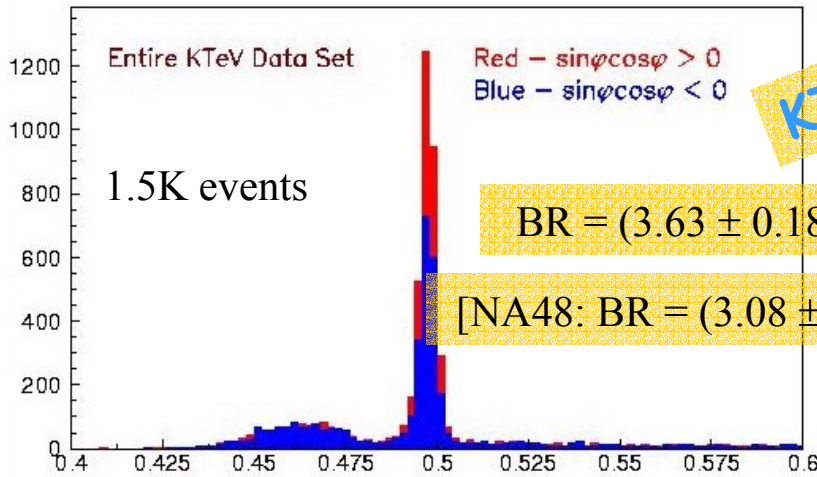
For  $K_L$ : interference gives indirect CP-violating asymmetry in the orientation of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $e^+e^-$  decay planes

Easier access to polarization asymmetry in  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma$

Large ( $\approx 14\%$ ) asymmetries predicted



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

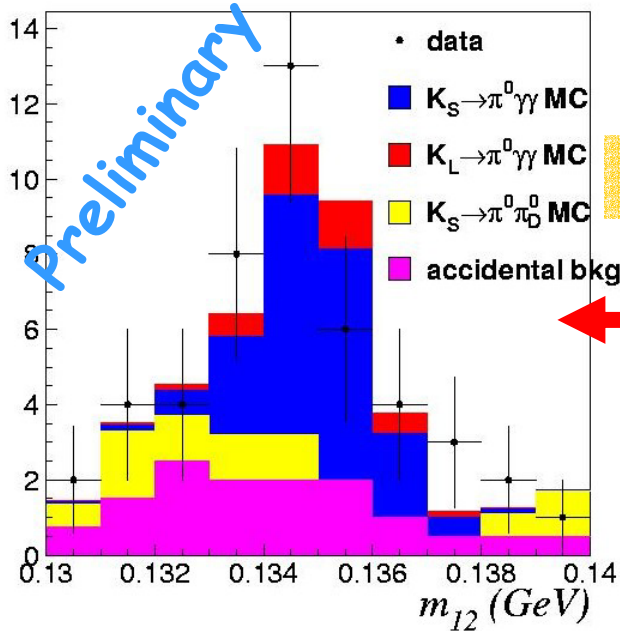


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# NA48/1 – Rare KS decays



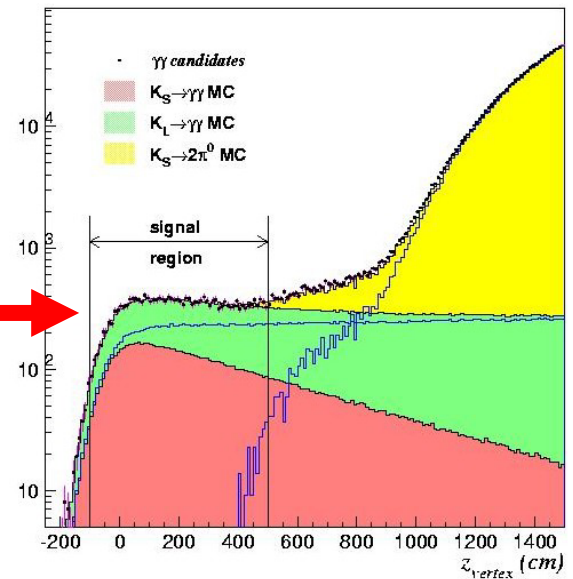
First measurement of  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$   
 31 events, 13.6 background

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma)_{z > 0.2} = (4.9 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-8}$$

30% higher than  $\chi$ PT prediction

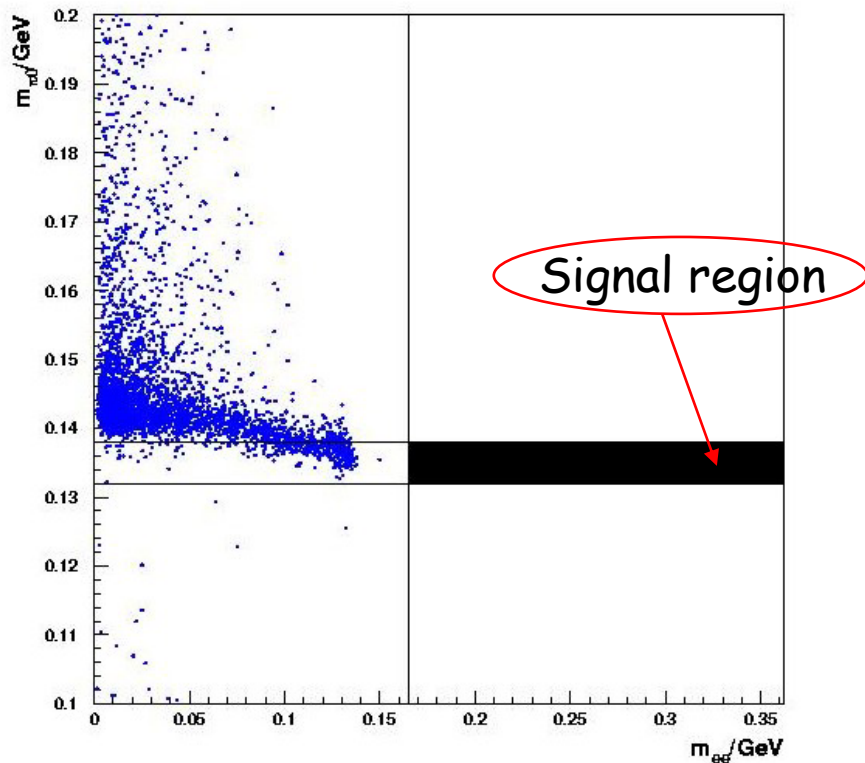
Not yet sensitive to  
 chiral structure of  
 weak vertex

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \gamma \gamma) = (2.78 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-6}$$



For both: first contribution at  $O(p^4)$  in  $\chi$ PT  
 Indications of large  $O(p^6)$  terms

# NA48/1 - Search for $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$



Determines indirect  
CP-violating contribution to  
 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$  decay

Published limit from 1999 data:

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-) < 1.4 \times 10^{-7} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$

2001  $K_S$  run data analyzed - Result available very soon

# Search for $K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0$

$$\eta_{000} = \frac{A(K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0)}{A(K_L \rightarrow 3\pi^0)}$$

Expectation  $\approx \varepsilon$

$\text{Im}(\eta_{000})$  sensitive to direct CPV

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## CPLEAR (1999)

$$\text{Re}(\eta_{000}) = 0.18 \pm 0.15$$

$$\text{Im}(\eta_{000}) = 0.15 \pm 0.20$$

## SND, Novosibirsk (1999)

$$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0) < 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

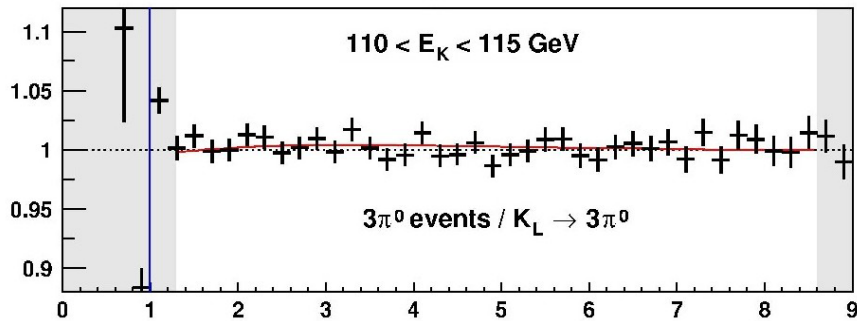
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$$I_{3\pi^0}(t) \propto e^{-\Gamma_L t} + |\eta_{000}|^2 e^{-\Gamma_S t} +$$

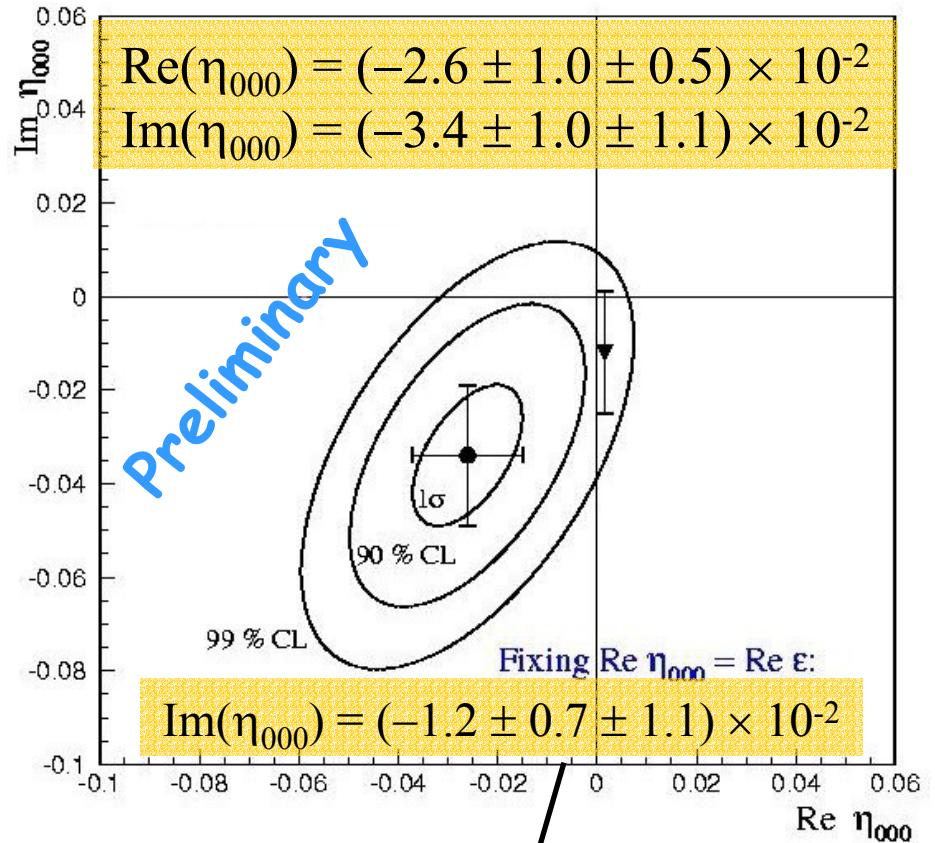
$$2D(p) [\text{Re}(\eta_{000}) \cos(\Delta m t) - \text{Im}(\eta_{000}) \sin(\Delta m t)] e^{-(\Gamma_S + \Gamma_L)t/2}$$

Hadron machines: search for interference term

# NA48/1: $K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0$



- Data from 2000 run
- Use near-target data:  
6.5M  $3\pi^0$  events
- Normalize to far-target data:  
155M  $3\pi^0$  events
- Correct residual acceptance  
difference with MC



$\text{BR}(K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0) < 1.4 \times 10^{-6}$  (90% CL)

# CPT Test From $K_S \rightarrow 3\pi^0$

Bell-Steinberger relation (unitarity) connects indirect CPT violation  $\delta$  to CP-violating decays

$$(1 + i \tan \phi_{SW}) [\text{Re}(\varepsilon) - i \text{Im}(\delta)] = \sum_f \alpha_f$$
$$\tan \phi_{SW} = \frac{2\Delta m}{\Gamma_S - \Gamma_L} \quad \alpha_f = (1/\Gamma_S) A(K_L \rightarrow f) A^*(K_S \rightarrow f)$$

Largest contribution to the error from  $f = 3\pi^0$

After NA48/1:  $\text{Im}(\delta) = (-1.2 \pm 3.0) \times 10^{-5}$

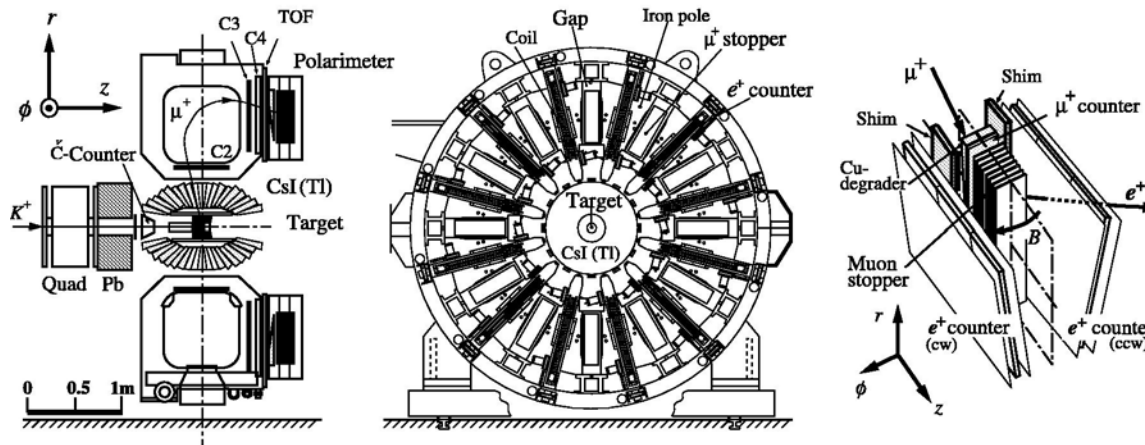
Assuming no CPT violation in the decay:

$$m(K^0) - m(\bar{K}^0) = (-1.7 \pm 4.2) \times 10^{-19} \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

Preliminary

# KEK E246: T-violation in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu$

Search for  $P_T(\mu)$  orthogonal to  $(\pi\mu)$  decay plane  
FSI in SM give  $P_T < 10^{-5}$ : probe of New Physics



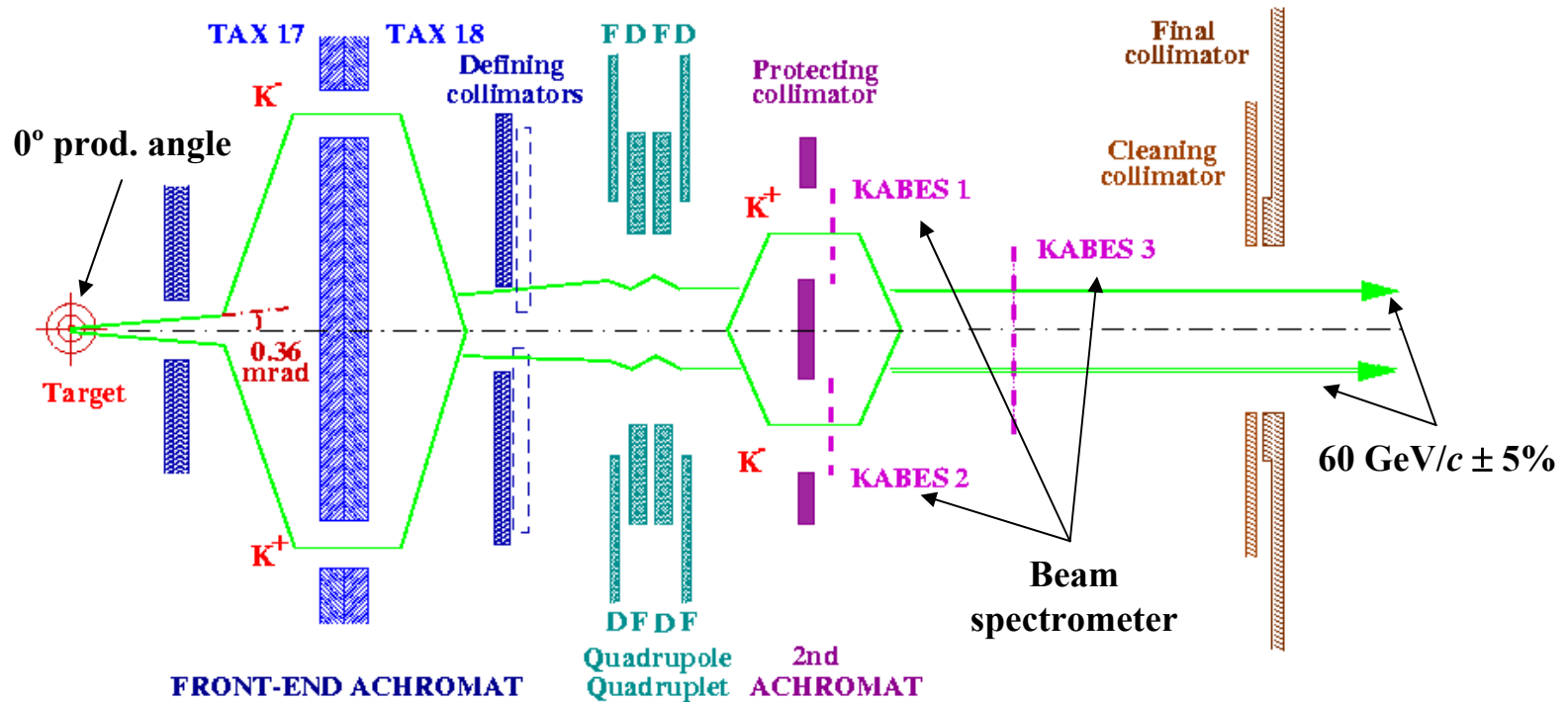
660 MeV/c kaons stopped in absorber  
Combined result from 8.3M decays (1996-2000):

$$P_T(\mu) = (-1.12 \pm 2.17 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-3}$$

LOI to reach  $10^{-4}$  accuracy at J-PARC

# NA48/2 – $K^\pm$ decays

## SIMULTANEOUS $K^+$ AND $K^-$ BEAMS



New simultaneous  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  narrow band beam  
Kaon momentum spectrometer



# NA48/2 – $K^\pm$ physics

Search for direct  $CP$  violation in  $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$  and  $\pi^\pm \pi^0 \pi^0$

Dalitz plot slope asymmetries:

$$\delta(\Delta g/2g) \approx 2 \times 10^{-4} \quad (\text{SM, SUSY: } 10^{-4} \text{ to } 10^{-6})$$

Exploit "double ratio" cancellations

Precise measurement of  $\pi\pi$  interaction in  $K_{e4}$  decays ( $>10^6$ )

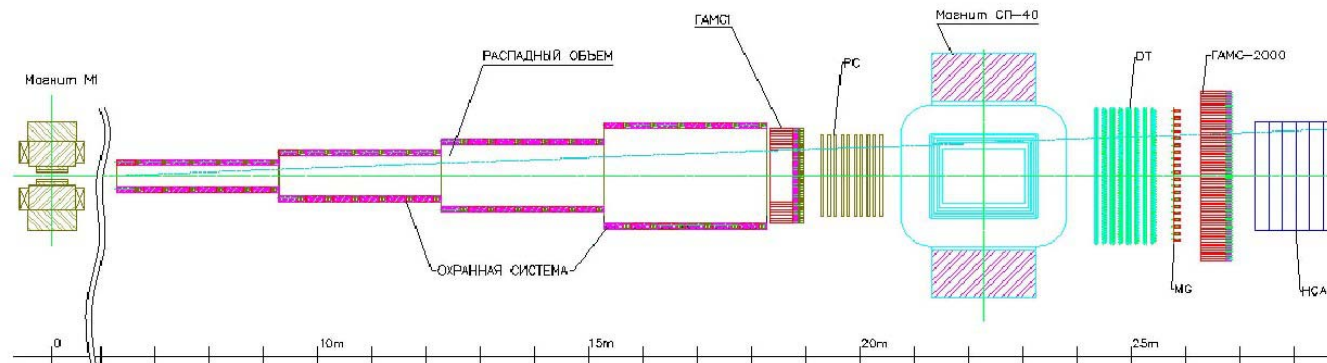
$$\delta(a^0_0) \approx 0.01$$

Rare  $K^\pm$  decays and  $CP$  violation

$\approx 10^{11}$   $K^\pm$  decays expected

Currently taking data

# ОКА @ Protvino - $K^\pm$



New RF-separated beam at U-70 PS in construction

15 GeV/c kaons, alternating  $K^+$  or  $K^-$

Magnetic detector evolved from ISTR+, GAMS

In preparation, expected 2004

Measurement of  $3\pi$  Dalitz plot asymmetries @  $1 \times 10^{-4}$

T-odd correlations, search for New Physics in  $K_{12}$  decays



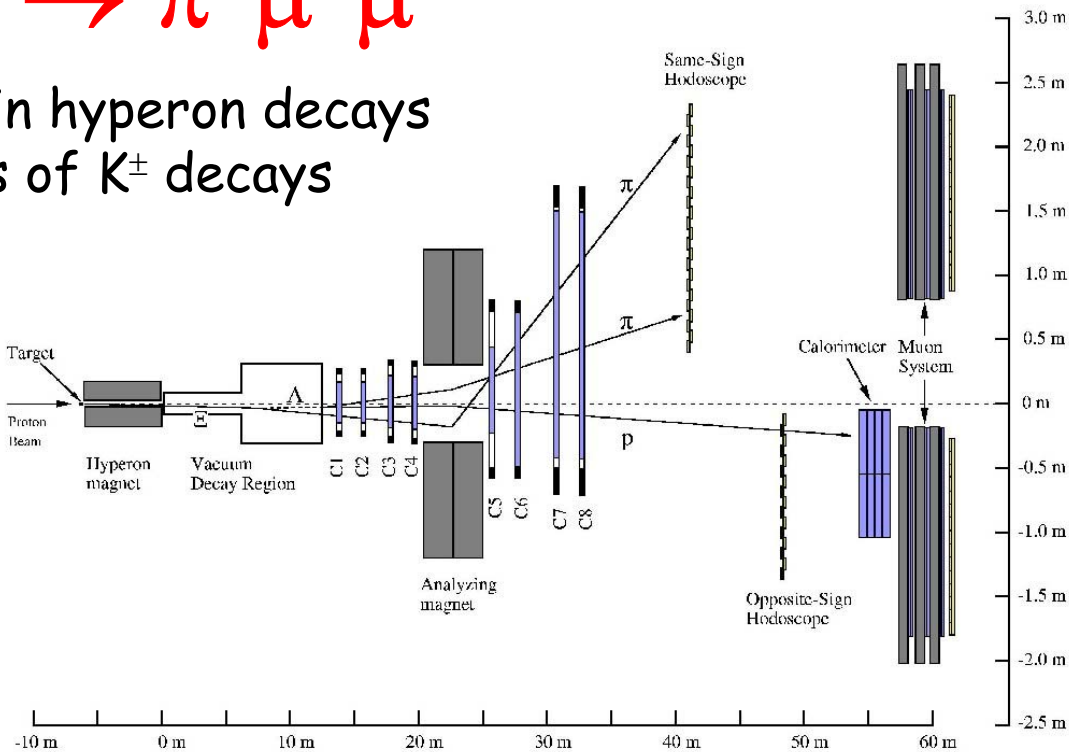
# HyperCP: $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$

Main goal: CP violation in hyperon decays  
 Collected large samples of  $K^\pm$  decays

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$ : FCNC  
 GIM-suppressed loops  
 Dominated by long-distance effects

Preliminary

From 1997 statistics ( $\approx 1/5$ ):



$$\text{BR}(K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-) = (9.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8}$$

$$A_\Gamma(K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-) = -0.02 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.04$$

# The golden modes: $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$

FCNC, loop-induced,  
GIM-suppressed in SM  
Sensitive to New Physics

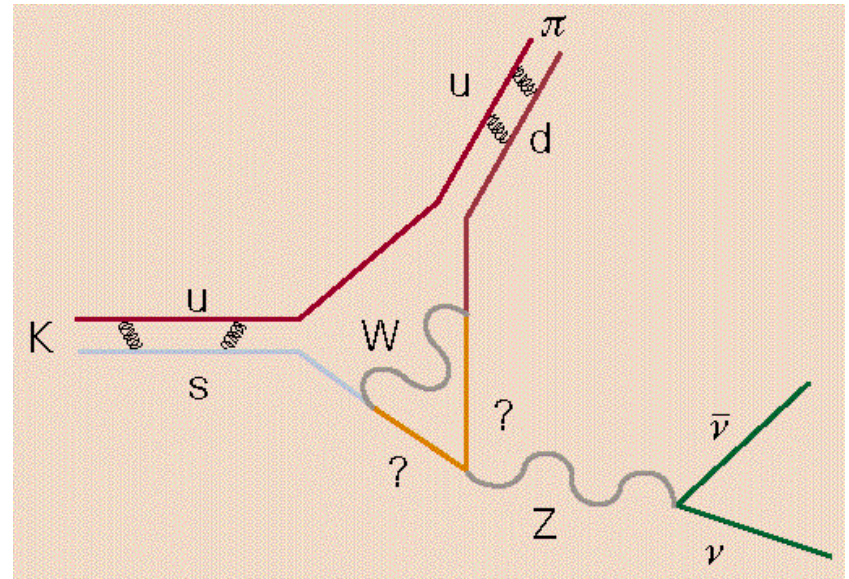
*MOREOVER:*

No long-range contributions  
QCD corrections under control  
Single  $H_{\text{eff}}$  operator with  
matrix element linked to  $K_{e3}$

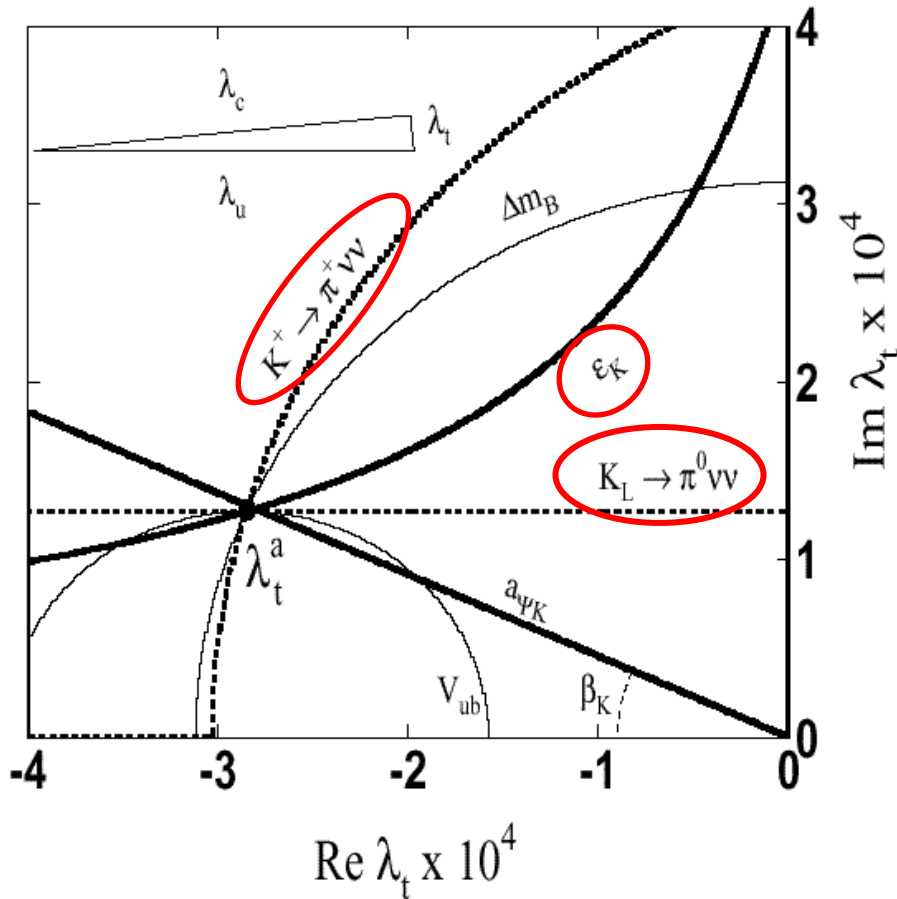
*BUT:*

BR  $\approx 10^{-11}$ , unconstrained kinematics, huge backgrounds

*Dedicated efforts required!*



# Kaons and the unitarity triangle



Comparison to B constraints (10% on BR):

- Errors on  $\rho$ ,  $V_{td}$ : better from B

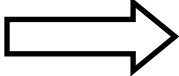
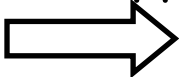
- Errors on  $\eta$ ,  $\sin 2\beta$ : similar to B-factories

- Error on  $\lambda_t$ : always better from K

A. Buras, hep-ph/9905437

# The rare decays $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ l^-$

Three contributions:

- 1) **CP-conserving** through  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma^* \gamma^*$   
 estimate from  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$  (KTeV/NA48 disagreement?)
- 2) **Indirect CP-violating** through  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ l^-$   
Not suppressed, unlike the  $\nu \bar{\nu}$  case:  
 measure from  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ l^-$  (NA48 for  $e^+ e^-$ )
- 3) **"Direct" CP-violating**, short-distance, reliably predicted and interfering with (2):  $BR=4.3 \times 10^{-12}$  ( $e^+ e^-$ ),  $0.9 \times 10^{-12}$  ( $\mu^+ \mu^-$ ).

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(3) is smaller by  $\approx 5$  for the  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  case

"Greenlee" background  $K_L \rightarrow \gamma \gamma l^+ l^-$  :  $BR=6 \times 10^{-7}$  ( $e^+ e^-$ ),  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  ( $\mu^+ \mu^-$ )

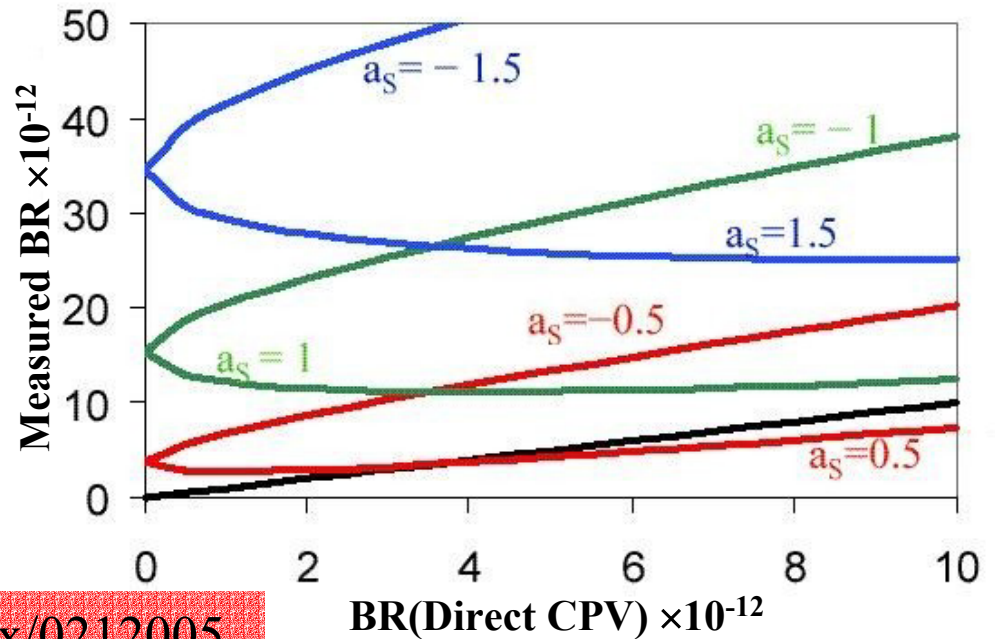
# K<sub>L</sub> → π<sup>0</sup>e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>

Exp. Limits from KTeV  
(90% CL):

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-) < 2.8 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.8 \times 10^{-10}$$

Measurement requires  
accurate background  
subtraction



L. Littenberg, hep-ex/0212005

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-)_{CPV} \approx 10^{-12} \left[ 15.3 a_S^2 - 6.8 a_S \text{Im}(\lambda_t) \times 10^{-4} + 2.8 \text{Im}(\lambda_t)^2 \times 10^{-8} \right]$$

$$\lambda_t = V_{ts}^* V_{td} \quad a_S \approx 1 \text{ expected}$$

# BNL E787: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

BNL E787

Theoretical prediction in the SM:

$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = 7.2 \times 10^{-11}$   
with small ( $\approx 7\%$ ) uncertainty

Stopped K, redundant measurements

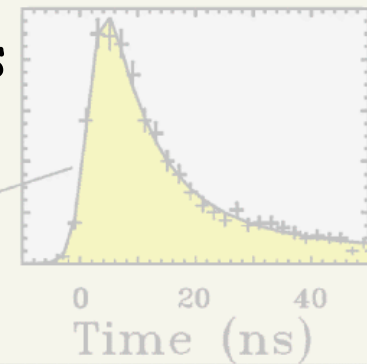
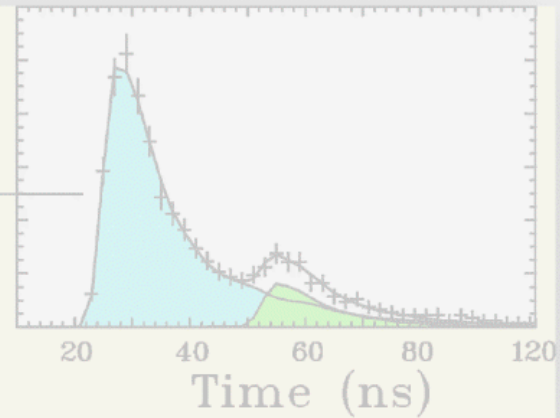
Detection of  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$  chain

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

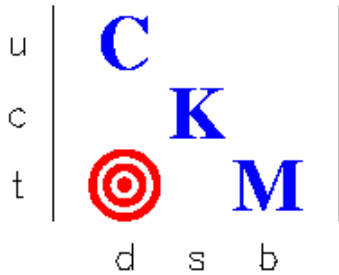
Final result: 2 events (0.15 bkg.)

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

Improved successor BNL E949 ran in 2002

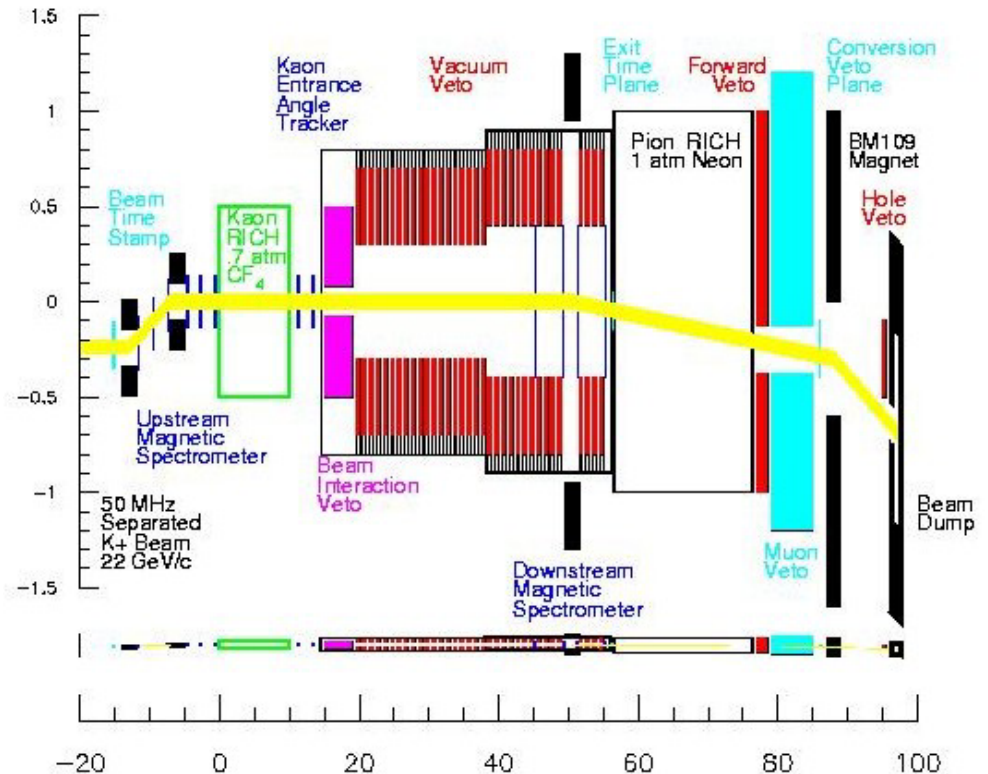






# Future: CKM at FNAL

In-flight measurement  
 RF-separated 22 GeV/c K<sup>+</sup> beam  
 Redundant measurements to overconstrain kinematics (spectrometers + RICHs)  
 Progress on RF-cavities, photon vetos, straws in vacuum  
 Goal: 100 SM events in 2 years (S/B ≈ 10)  
 Data taking in 2007



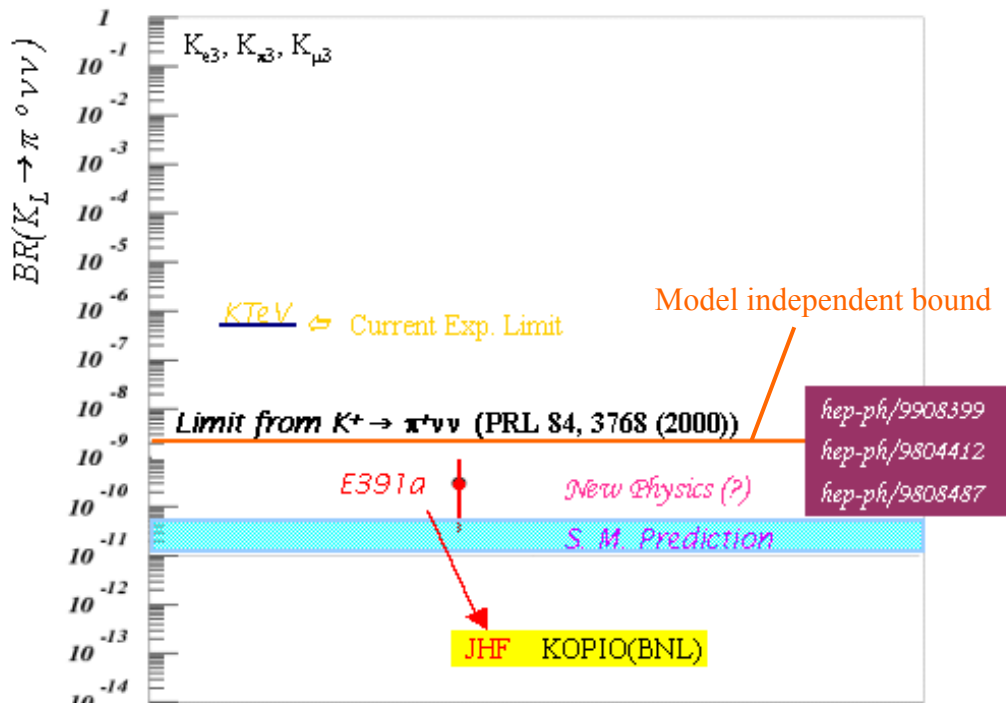
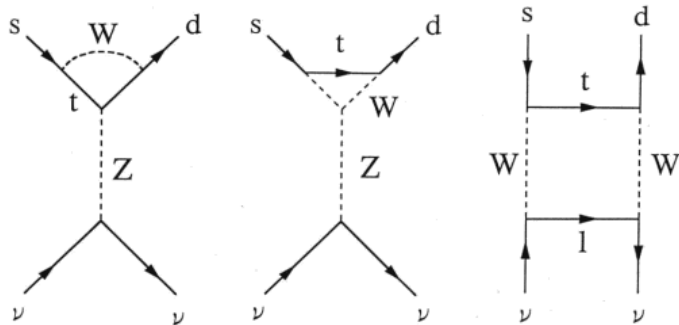
$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$$

No CP-conserving term  
Indirect CP-violating term  
negligible

Theoretical prediction within  
the SM:

$$BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) = 2.7 \times 10^{-11}$$

With tiny ( $\approx 2\%$ ) uncertainty



Current KTeV limit:

$$BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 5.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

Using  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$  decay



# KEK E391a: $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$

Pilot project at KEK-PS

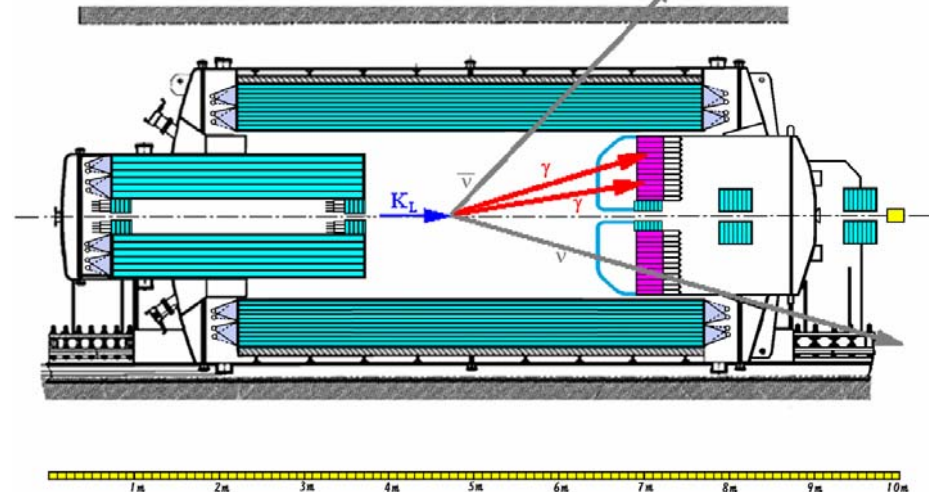
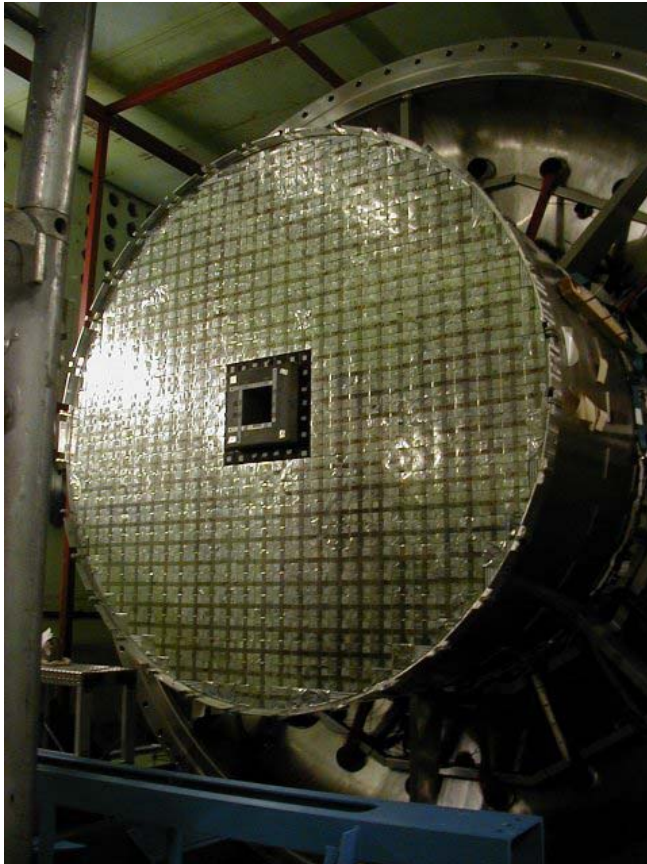
2 GeV/c "pencil" beam:  $P_T$  cut against  $\pi^0\pi^0$  to reduce veto requirement to  $10^{-4}$

Double decay chamber, 10% acceptance

"Engineering run" in fall 2002:

CsI calibration,  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ ,  $\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$

First data run in 2004 (4 months)

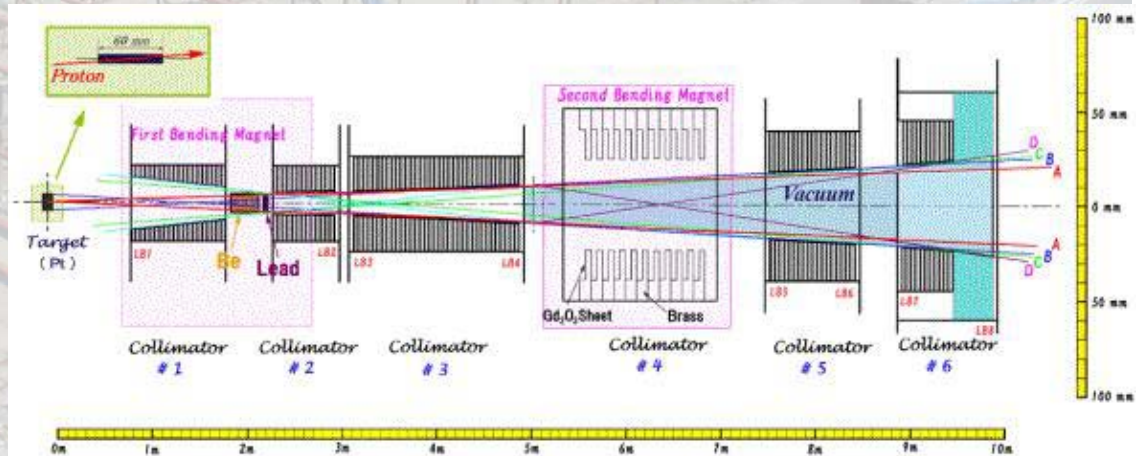


# $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$ at J-PARC

J-PARC schedule: physics start in 2008  
50 GeV (30-40 at start)  $2 \times 10^{14}$  p/3.42 s

2 beam lines foreseen in K-hall  
2 GeV/c  $K_L$  ( $1.1 \times 10^9$ /pulse)

16% acceptance  
Goal: 1000 SM events



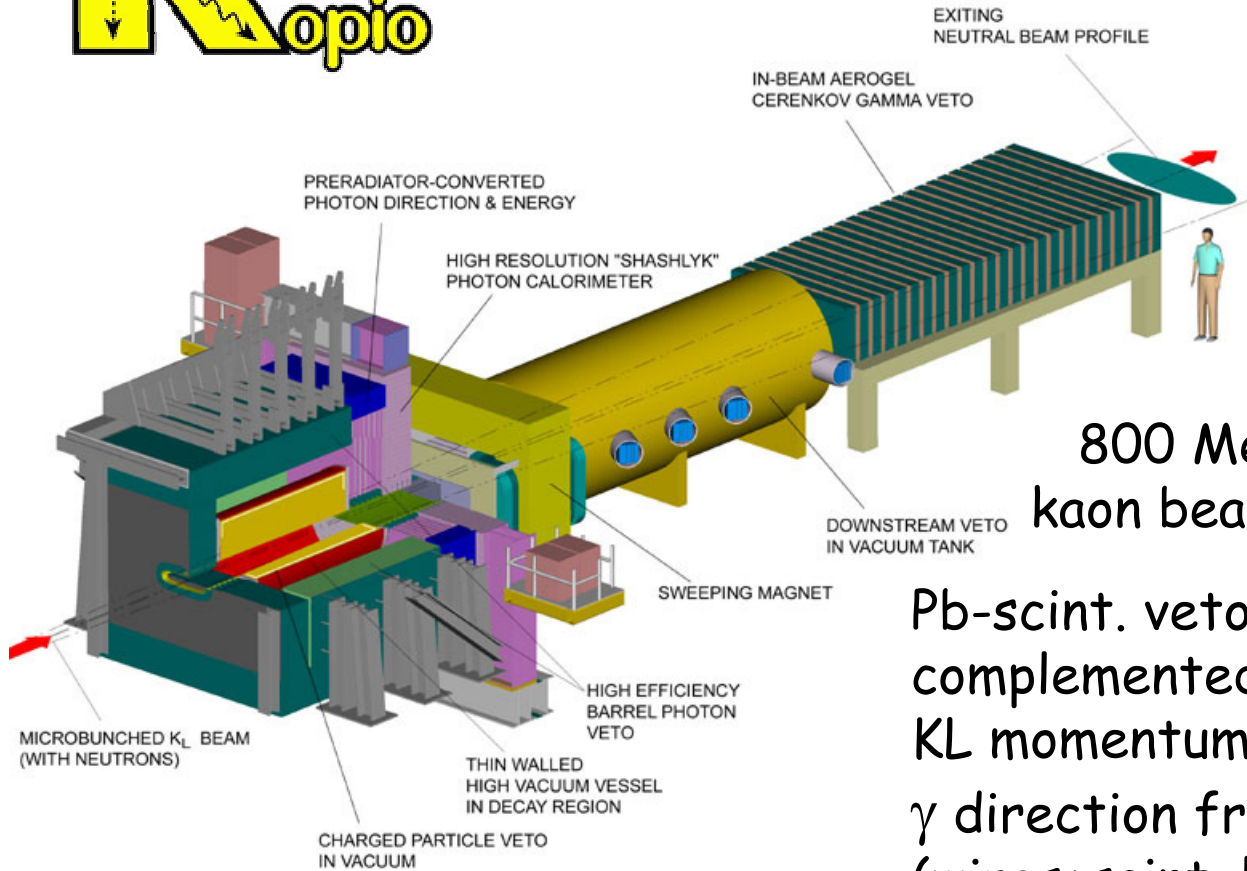
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003

M. Sozzi - Kaon physics

FPCP 2003, Paris



# KOPIO at BNL : $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu^-$



800 MeV/c microbunched kaon beam

Pb-scint. veto system ( $10^{-4}$ )  
 complemented by:  
 KL momentum from TOF  
 $\gamma$  direction from pre-radiator  
 (wires+scint. layers)  
 "Pancake" beam



**K**opio

# KOPIO at BNL

Several feasibility results achieved:

Beam bunching performance proved  
(280 ns, goal: 200 ns)

25 mrad resolution with preradiator

Veto efficiency performances

Construction from 2006

Expect 40 SM events ( $S/B \approx 2$ )

# How is kaon physics?

**CERN:** NA48 ( $K_L$ ) NA48/1 ( $K_S$ ) analysis, NA48/2 ( $K^\pm$ ) running

**FNAL:** KTeV ( $K_L$ ) and HyperCP ( $K^\pm$ ) analysis, CKM ( $K^+$ ) in preparation

**BNL:** E949 ( $K^+$ ) analysis, KOPIO ( $K_L$ ) in preparation

**KEK:** E246 ( $K^+$ ) analysis, E391a ( $K_L$ ) ready to run

**Frascati:** KLOE ( $K_{L,S}$ ,  $K^\pm$ ) running, upgrades?

**Protvino:** OKA ( $K^\pm$ ) in preparation

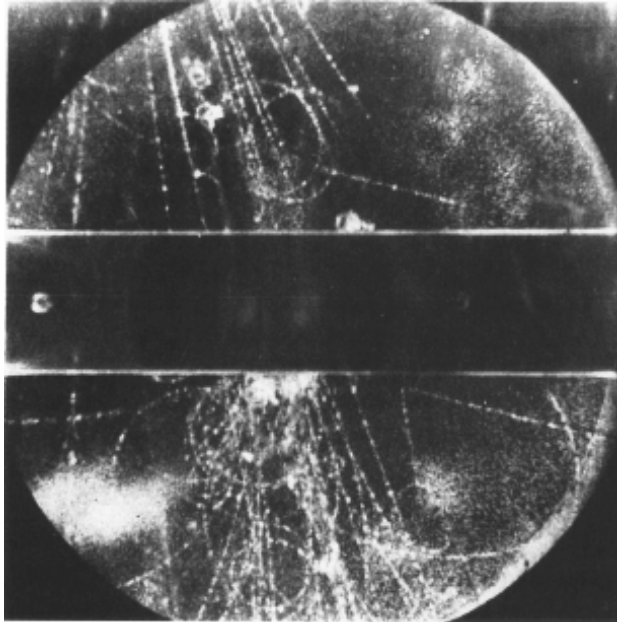
**Novosibirsk:** VEPP-2000 machine ( $K_{L,S}$ ,  $K^\pm$ ) in preparation

**J-PARC:** Neutral K beam line foreseen

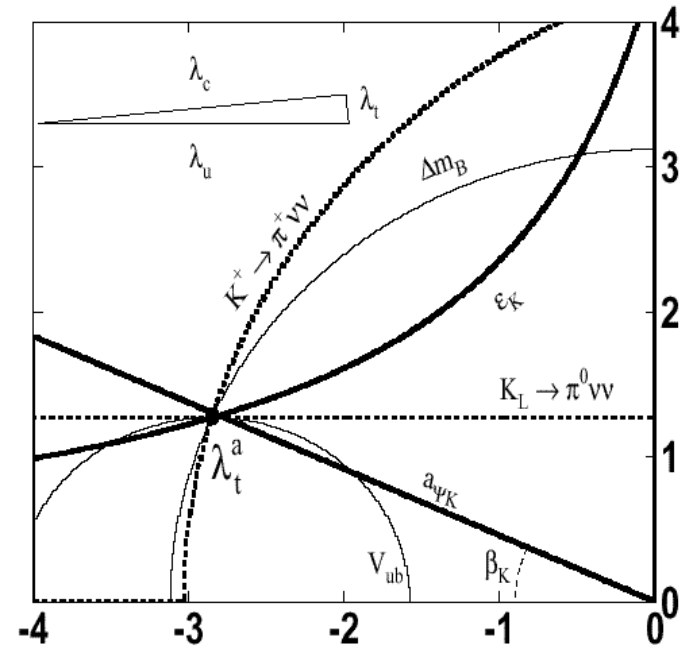
*Alive and kicking!*

# Conclusions?

Once upon a time, kaons delivered many surprises and precious insight...



CPV

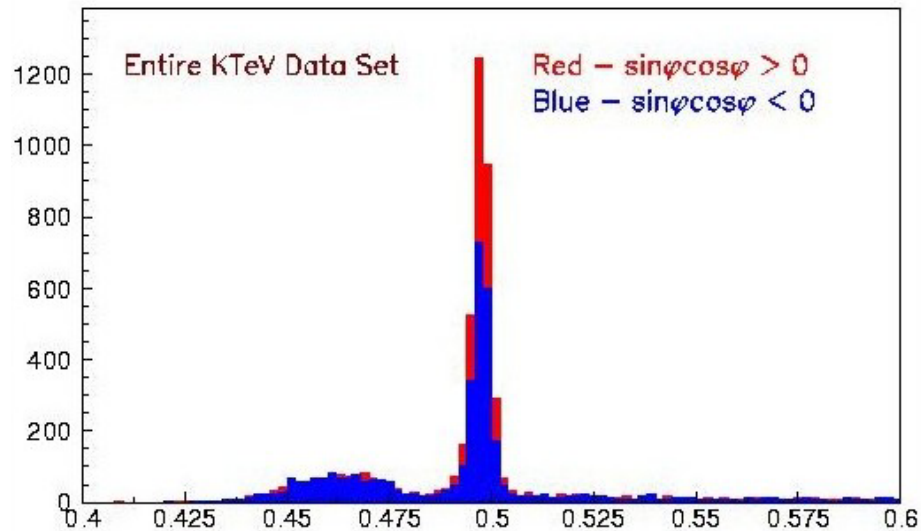


... they are still doing so today,  
and they will in the near future!



# Spare slides

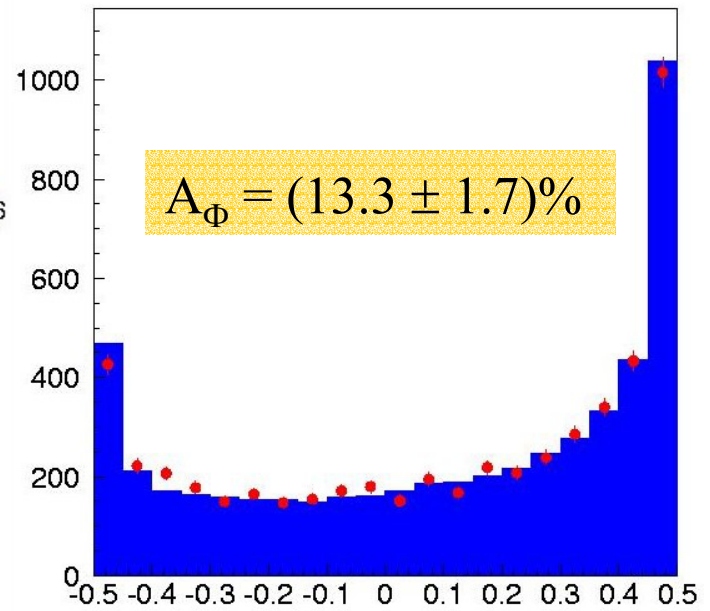
$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$$

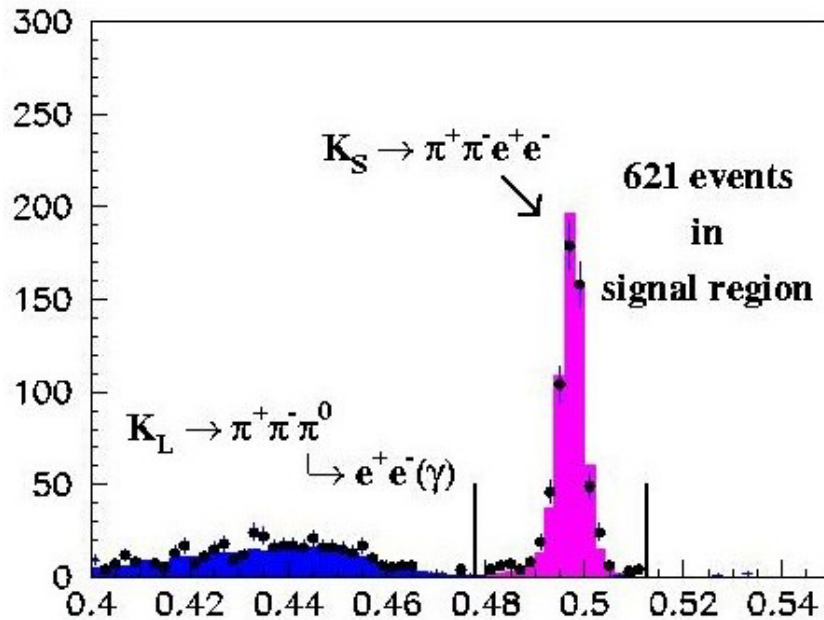


$$\text{BR} = (3.63 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-7}$$

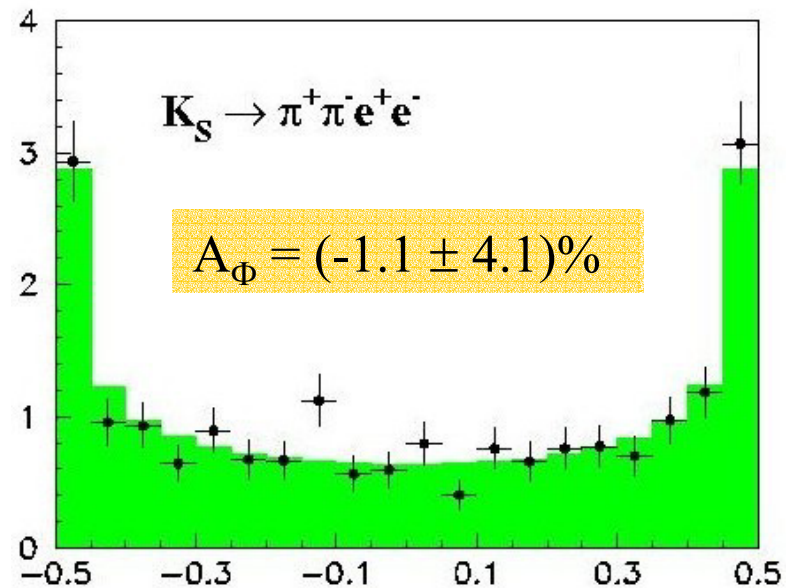
Large CP-violating asymmetry seen

KTeV:  $K_L$





NA48:  $K_S$

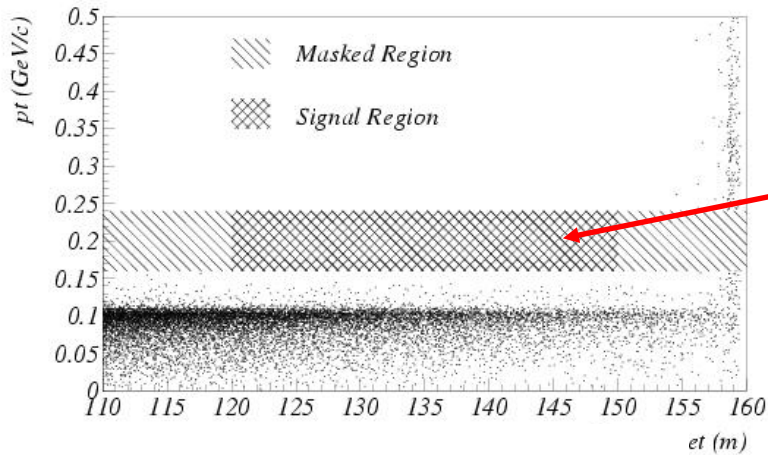


First measurement

$$BR = (4.69 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-5}$$

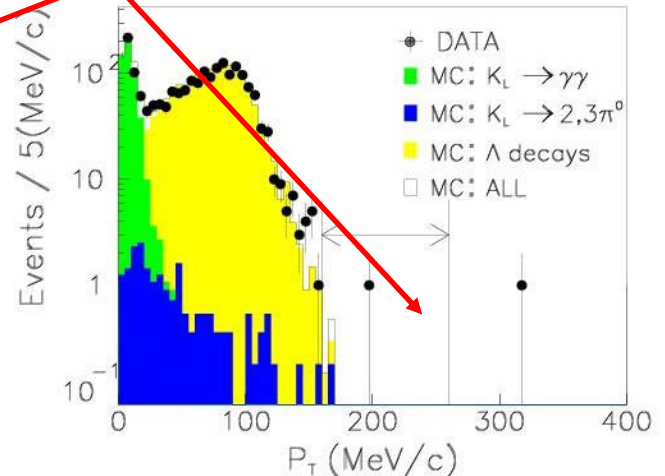
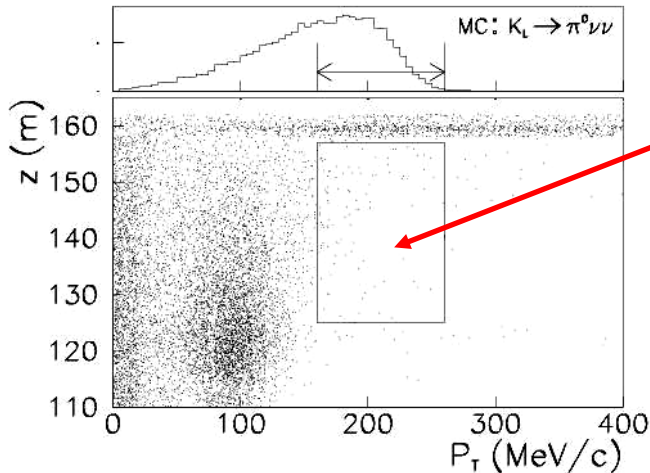
No asymmetry for  $K_S$

# KTeV limits on $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$

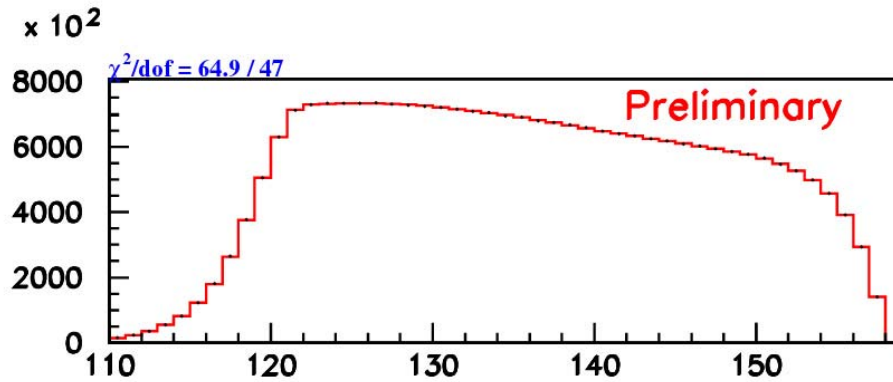


$BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 5.9 \times 10^{-7}$  (90% CL)  
 Using  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$  decay  
 (0.12 events bkg.)

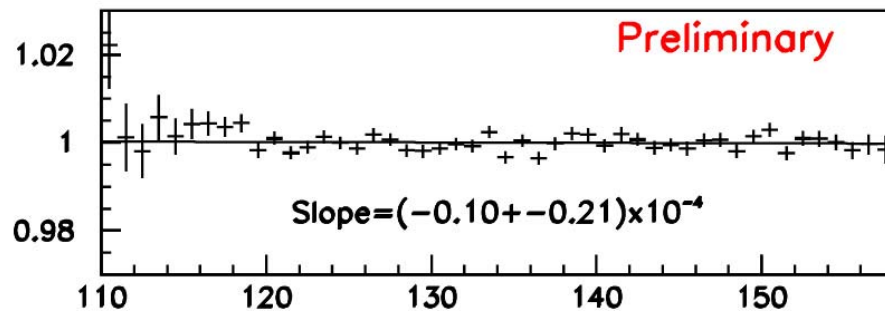
$BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 1.6 \times 10^{-6}$  (90% CL)  
 Using  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  decay  
 (3.7 events bkg.)



# KTeV: $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$ improvements



Vac  $\pi^+ \pi^- Z$  distribution



Data/MC ratio

Several improvements in the analysis to reduce systematic errors:

DCH simulation, alignment, reconstruction

Use of angles and improvements for overlapping showers in CsI reconstruction

Stat. Error  $\approx 1 \times 10^{-4}$