



Precision measurements of rare kaon decays

$$K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^0 \gamma$$

$$K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} e^{+} e^{-}$$

$$K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}$$

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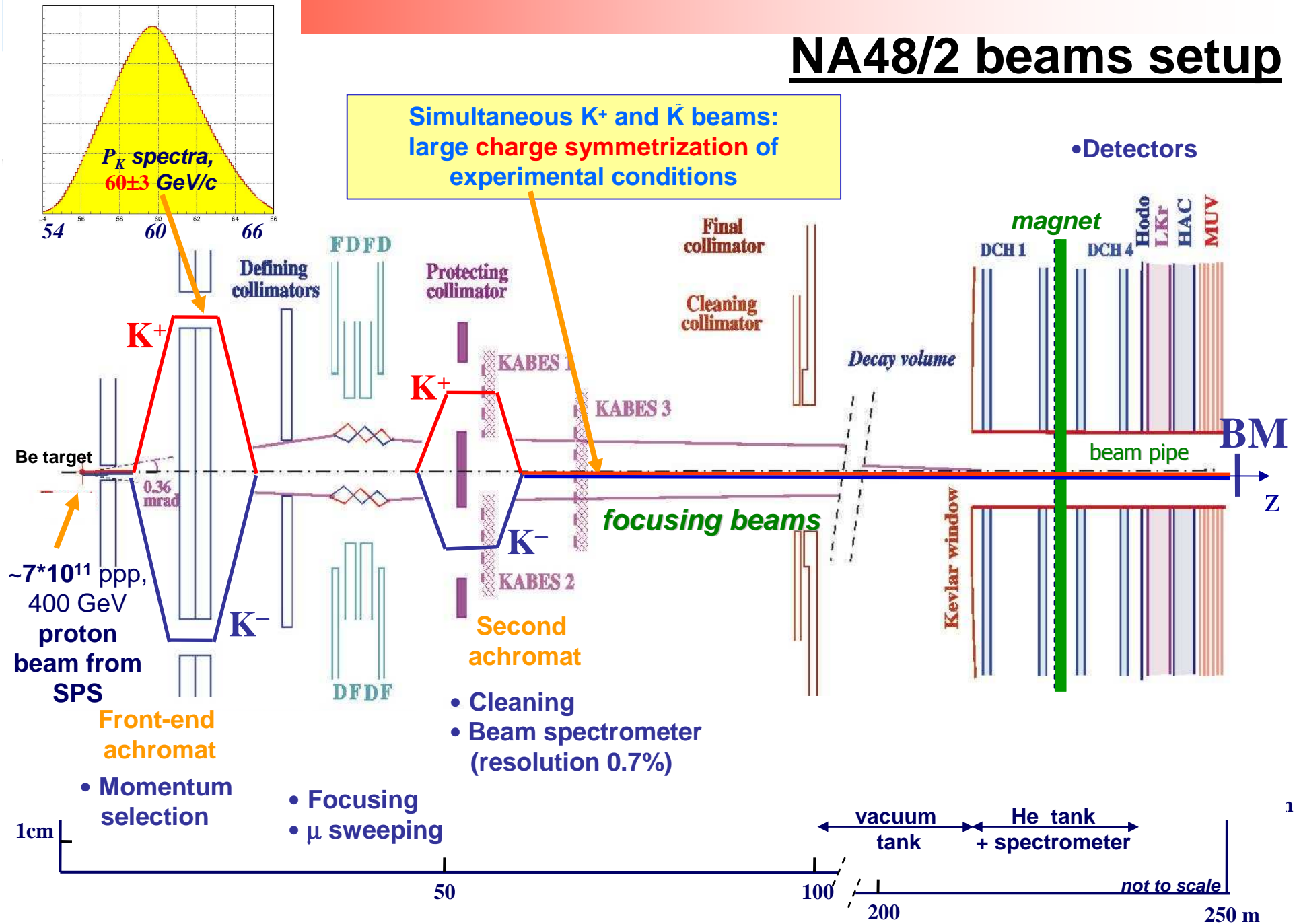
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NA48/2 beams setup



NA48 detector

➤ Magnetic spectrometer (4 DCHs):

- 4 views : redundancy \Rightarrow high efficiency;
- $\Delta p/p = 1.0\% \oplus 0.044\% * p$ [GeV/c]

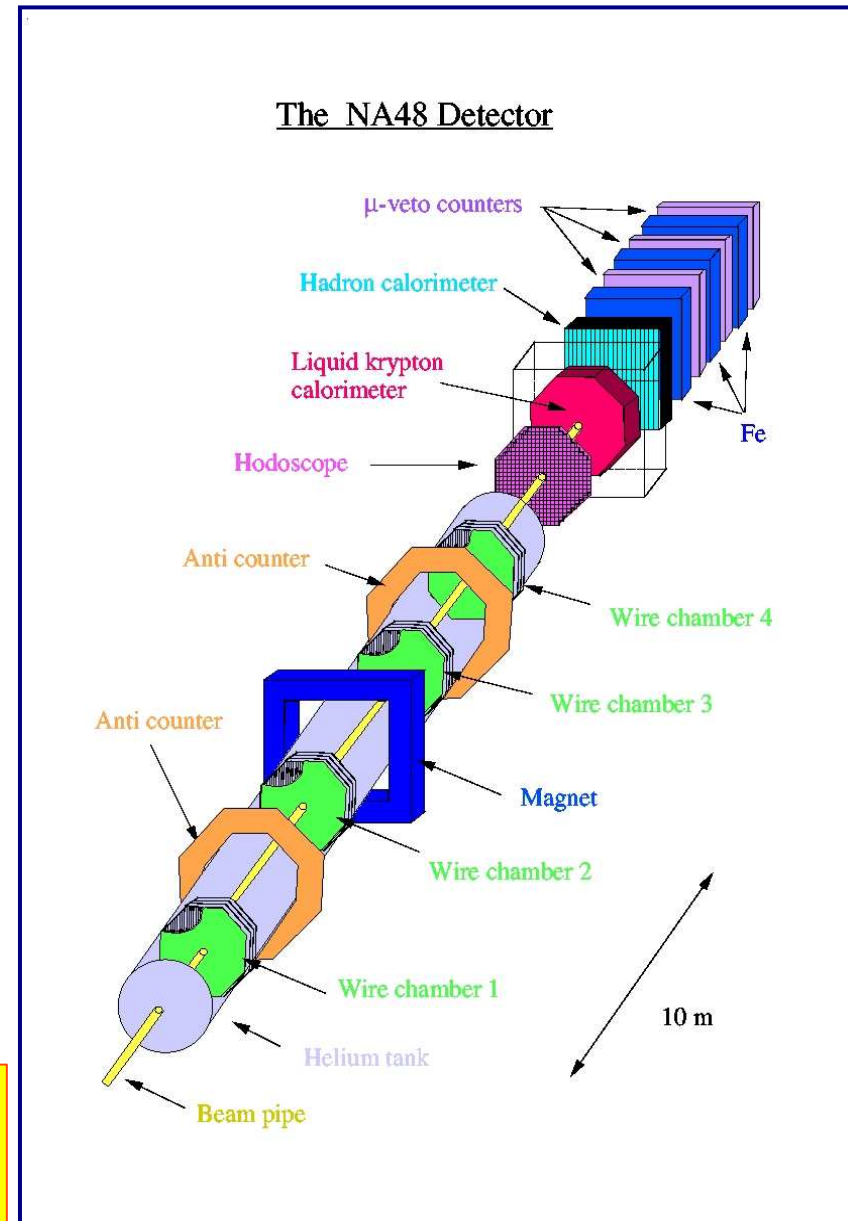
➤ Hodoscope

- fast trigger;
- precise time measurement ($\sigma_t = 150$ ps) .

➤ Liquid Krypton EM calorimeter (LKr)

- Quasi-homogeneous ionization chamber
- 27 electromagnetic radiation lengths long active volume
- Segmented transversally 13248 cells, 2x2 cm²
- Energy resolution (E in GeV):

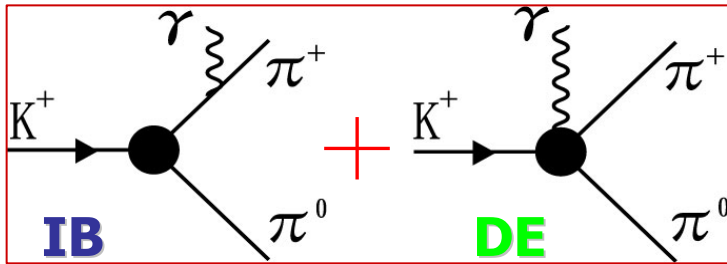
$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} = \frac{0.032}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{0.09}{E} \oplus 0.0042$$





$$\mathbf{K}^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^0 \gamma$$

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ - theoretical framework and motivation



Lorentz invariant $W^2 = \frac{(P_K^* \cdot P_\gamma^*)(P_\pi^* \cdot P_\gamma^*)}{(m_k m_\pi)^2}$

DE can occur via electric and magnetic dipole transitions X_E and X_M

Differential rate

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

INT
DE

Inner Bremsstrahlung (IB)

: BR = $(2.75 \pm 0.15) \cdot 10^{-4}$ PDG ($55 < T_\pi^* < 90$ MeV)

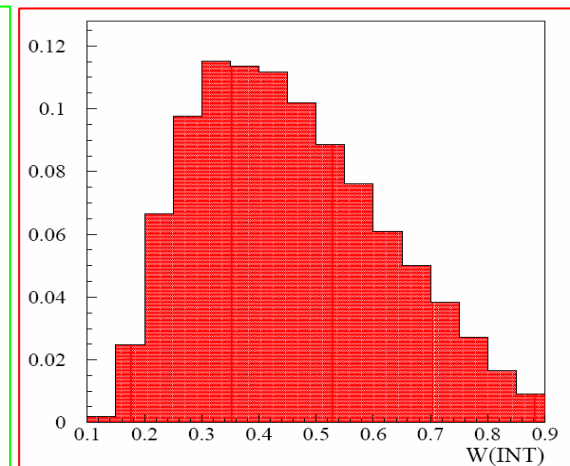
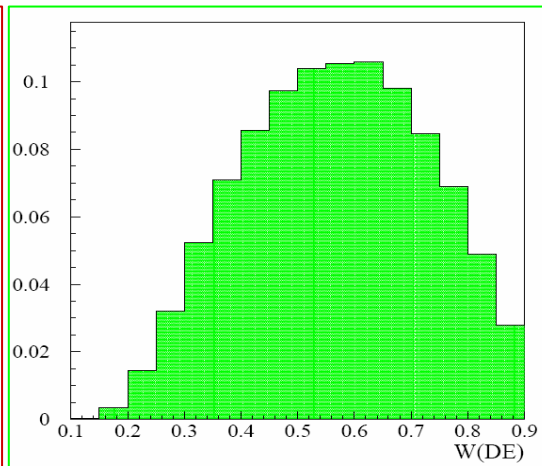
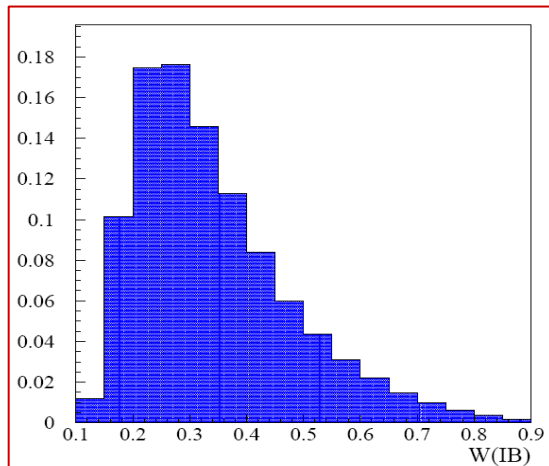
Direct Emission (DE)

: BR = $(4.3 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^{-6}$ PDG ($55 < T_\pi^* < 90$ MeV)

Interference (INT)

: not yet measured

Very different distributions!



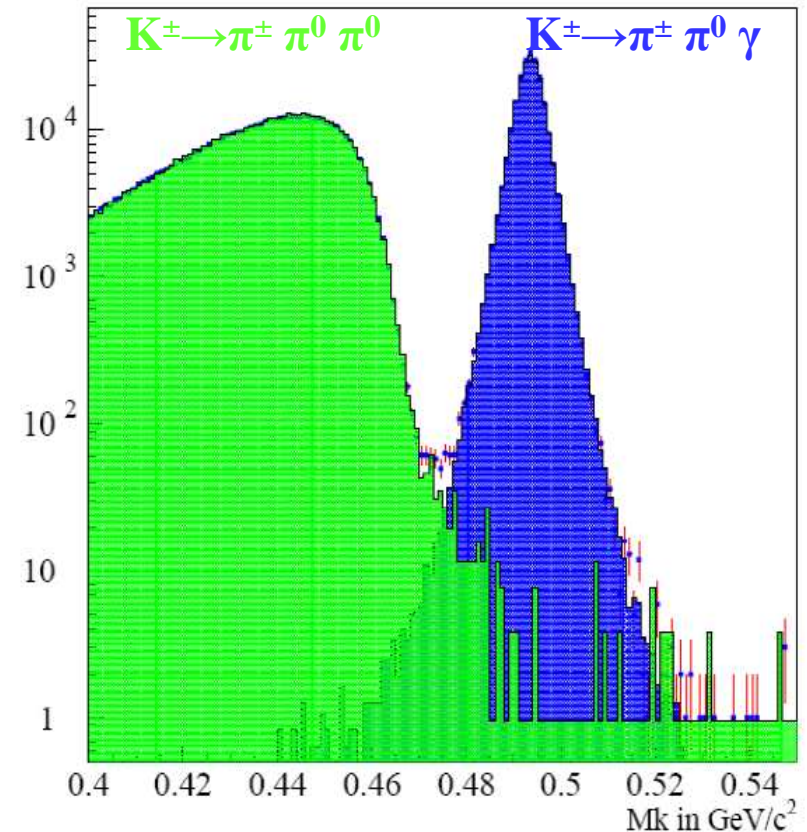
$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ – event reconstruction and signal region

• NA48/2 measurement of $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ decay

- K^+ and K^- present in the beam:
 - possibility to study CP violating effects
- Enlarged T_π^* region in the low energy part ($0 < T_\pi^* < 80$ MeV) wrt previous experiments
- Background contribution $< 1\%$ * DE, mainly $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \pi^0$
- Order ‰ γ mistagging probability for IB, DE and INT

• In total:

- More than 1 M reconstructed events (the full number is used for the CPV measurements)
- After a cut on W (0.2; 0.9) and on E_γ (> 5 GeV), still 600 k events left for the measurement of the DE and INT fraction



$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ – fitting techniques and fit results

- Extended Maximum Likelihood Fit (*main method*)
- An algorithm assigns weights to MC **W** distributions of the 3 components to reproduce data

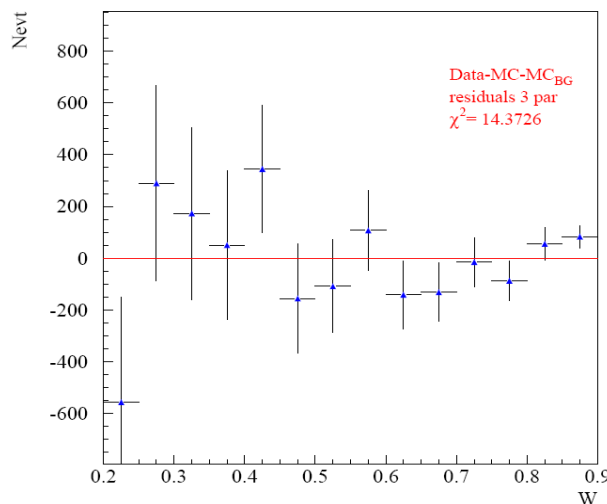
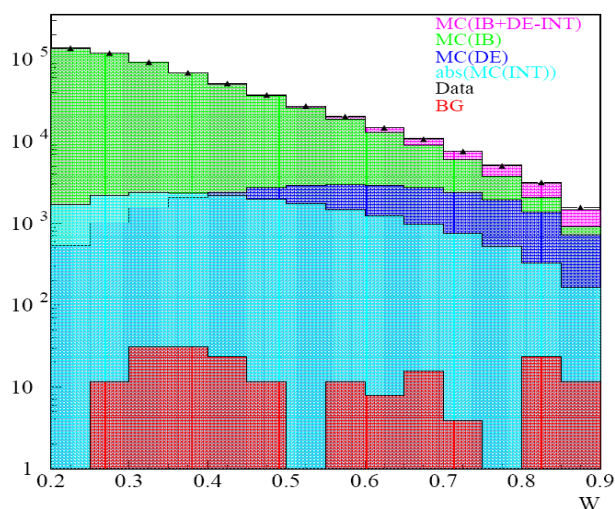
$$Data(i) = (1 - \alpha - \beta) \cdot IB(i) + \alpha \cdot DE(i) + \beta \cdot INT(i)$$

- This algorithm relies on the very different **W** distributions

- Polynomial Fit (*used as cross-check*)

- The ratio $W(Data)/W(IBMC)$ is fitted with polynomial function: $F = c \cdot (1 + aW^2 + bW^4)$

Systematics	DE x 10 ⁻²	INT x 10 ⁻²
Acceptance	0.10	0.15
L1trigger	0.01	0.03
L2 trigger	--	0.30
Energy scale	0.09	0.21
Total	0.14	0.39



INT has never been observed before!

Final result (2003+2004)

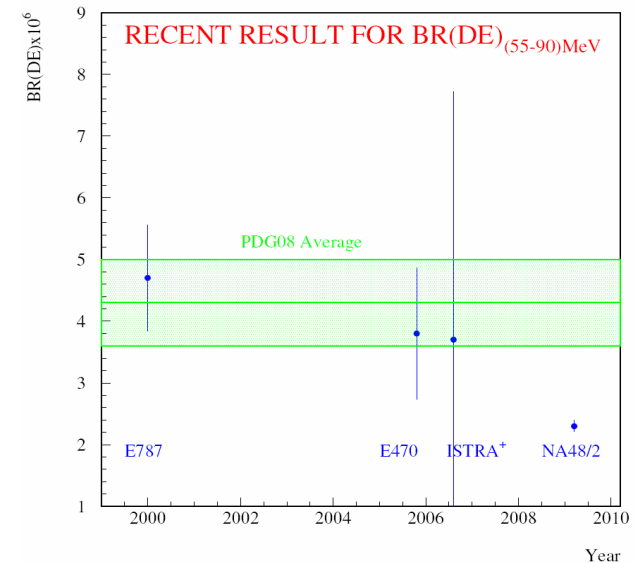
$$Frac(DE)_{T^*\pi(0-80)MeV} = (3.32 \pm 0.15_{stat} \pm 0.14_{sys}) * 10^{-2}$$

$$Frac(INT)_{T^*\pi(0-80)MeV} = (-2.35 \pm 0.35_{stat} \pm 0.39_{sys}) * 10^{-2}$$

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ – comparison with previous experiments

The BR(DE) assuming INT=0 ($T_\pi^* = 55-90$ MeV)
polynomial fit technique

- BR(DE) $T_\pi^*(55-90)\text{MeV} = (2.3 \pm 0.05_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.077_{\text{sys}}) \cdot 10^{-6}$
- PDG08_{avg} = $(4.3 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^{-6}$
- Bad χ^2 probability of the polynomial fit: indicates that INT=0 is a wrong assumption



$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ – first extraction of X_E X_M

Under following approximations:

$$\phi = 0 \text{ and } \cos(\delta_1^1 - \delta_0^2) = \cos(6.5^\circ) \sim 1$$

X_E and X_M can be extracted using the formulae:

$$X_E = \frac{\text{Frac}(INT)}{2 \cdot (0.105 \cdot m_K^2 m_\pi^2)}$$

$$X_M = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Frac}(DE) - m_K^4 m_\pi^4 |X_E|^2 \cdot 2.27 \cdot 10^{-2}}{2.27 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot m_K^4 m_\pi^4}}$$

Magnetic and electric components

$$X_E = (-24 \pm 4_{\text{stat}} \pm 4_{\text{sys}}) \text{ GeV}^{-4}$$

$$X_M = (254 \pm 11_{\text{stat}} \pm 11_{\text{sys}}) \text{ GeV}^{-4}$$

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ – CPV parameters measurements:
asymmetry and ϕ angle: compatible with 0



$$\mathbf{K}^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \gamma^{*} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \mathbf{l}^{+} \mathbf{l}^{-}$$

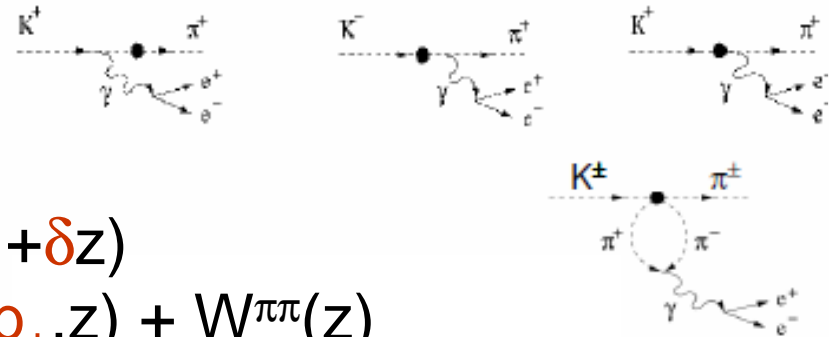
$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm l^+ l^-$ - motivation and theory

$$d\Gamma_{\pi ee}/dz \sim \rho(z) \cdot |W(z)|^2$$

$z=(M_{ee}/M_K)^2$, $\rho(z)$ phase space factor

- suppressed FCNC processes
- one-photon exchange
- useful test for ChPT

Form-factor models:



- (1) polynomial: $W(z) = G_F M_K^2 \cdot f_0 \cdot (1 + \delta z)$
- (2) ChPT $O(p^6)$: $W(z) = G_F M_K^2 \cdot (a_+, b_+, z) + W^{\pi\pi}(z)$
- (3) ChPT, large- N_c QCD: $W(z) = W(w, \beta, z)$
- (4) Mesonic ChPT: $W(z) = W(M_a, M_\rho, z)$

- (2) D'Ambrosio et al. JHEP 8 (1998) 4
 (3) S. Friot et al. PLB 595 (2004) 301
 (4) Dubnickova et al. hep-ph/0611175

(f_0, δ) or (a_+, b_+) or (w, β) or (M_a, M_ρ) determine a model-dependent BR

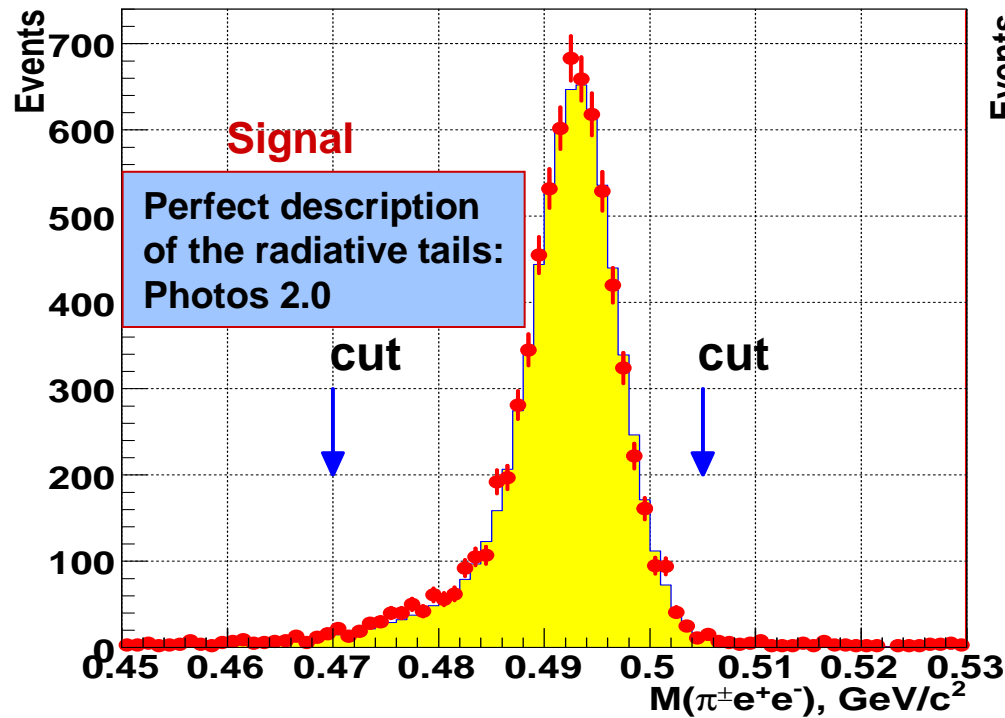
- Parameters of models and BR in full kinematical range
- Model-independent BR ($z > 0.08$) in visible kinematical range ¹⁰

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$ - signal and normalization samples

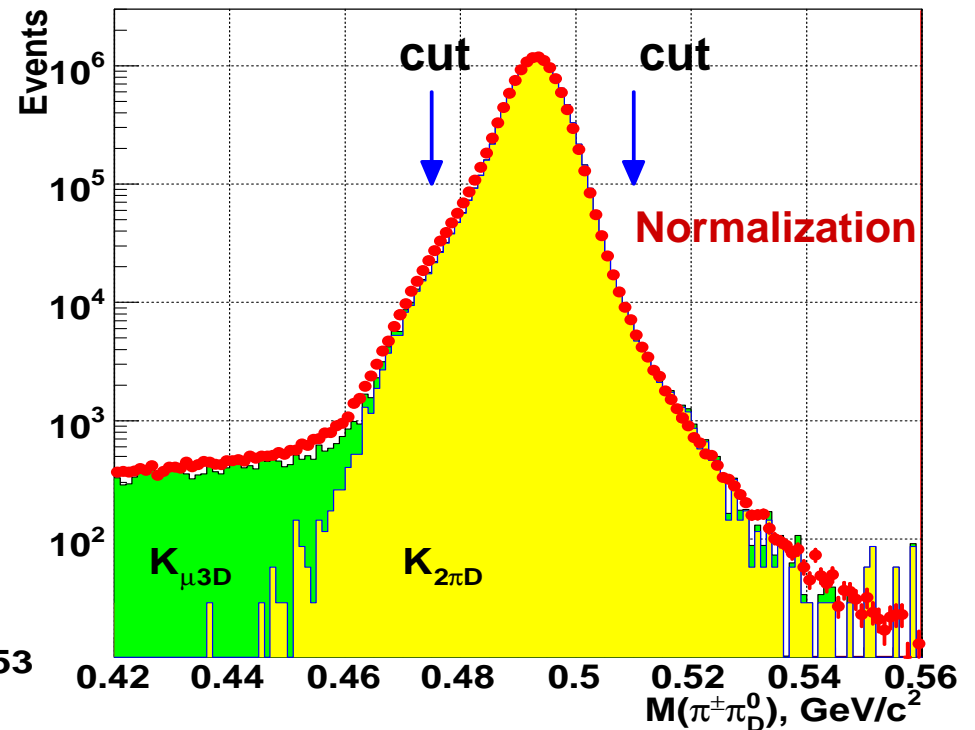
Selections of both channels based on very similar conditions:
systematics (trigger, PID) in the BR ratio cancel partially

Ⓞ $M_{ee} > 140$ MeV – cut for bg suppression

Ⓞ Additional γ in the normalisation channel



7253 candidates
BG: 71 events estimated
with data **BG/SIG. ~ 1.0%**



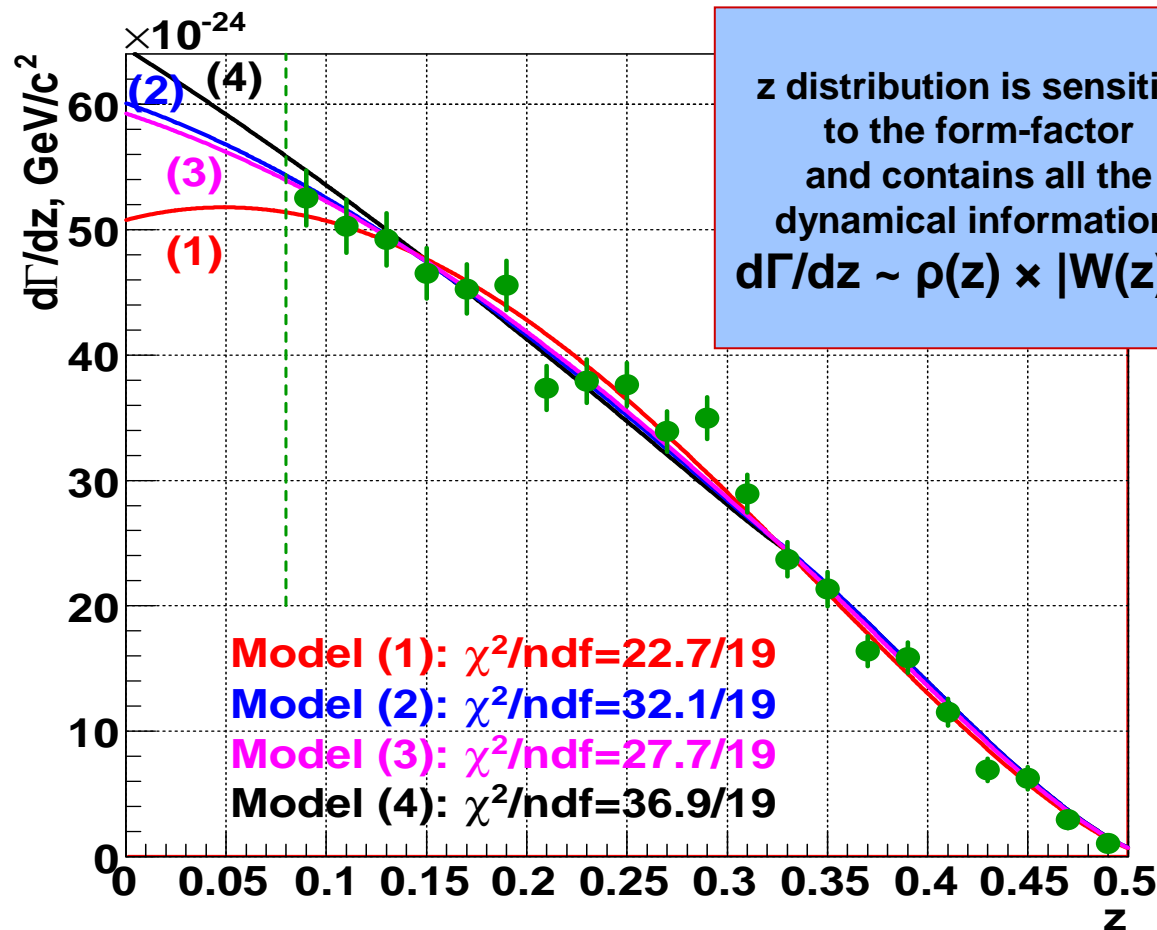
12.12 M candidates
BG/Signal ~ 0.15%
BG subtracted with MC

Kaon decay flux (2003+2004): $\Phi_K = 1.70 \times 10^{11}$ with Flavianet'08 $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0$ BR

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$ - form factor measurement

GOALS

- Model-independent BR integrating $d\Gamma/dz$ in the observable z region
- Model dependent BRs using fit parameters.
- All models agree reasonably well with data



Fit results

$$\delta = 2.32 \pm 0.18_{\text{stat} + \text{syst}}$$
$$|f_0| = 0.531 \pm 0.016_{\text{stat} + \text{syst}}$$

$$a_+ = -0.578 \pm 0.016_{\text{stat} + \text{syst}}$$
$$b_+ = -0.779 \pm 0.066_{\text{stat} + \text{syst}}$$

$$w = 0.057 \pm 0.007_{\text{stat} + \text{syst}}$$
$$\beta = 3.45 \pm 0.30_{\text{stat} + \text{syst}}$$

$$M_a = 0.974 \pm 0.035_{\text{stat} + \text{syst}} \text{ GeV}$$
$$M_\rho = 0.716 \pm 0.014_{\text{stat} + \text{syst}} \text{ GeV}$$

Results – comparison with previous experiments

Model independent measurement

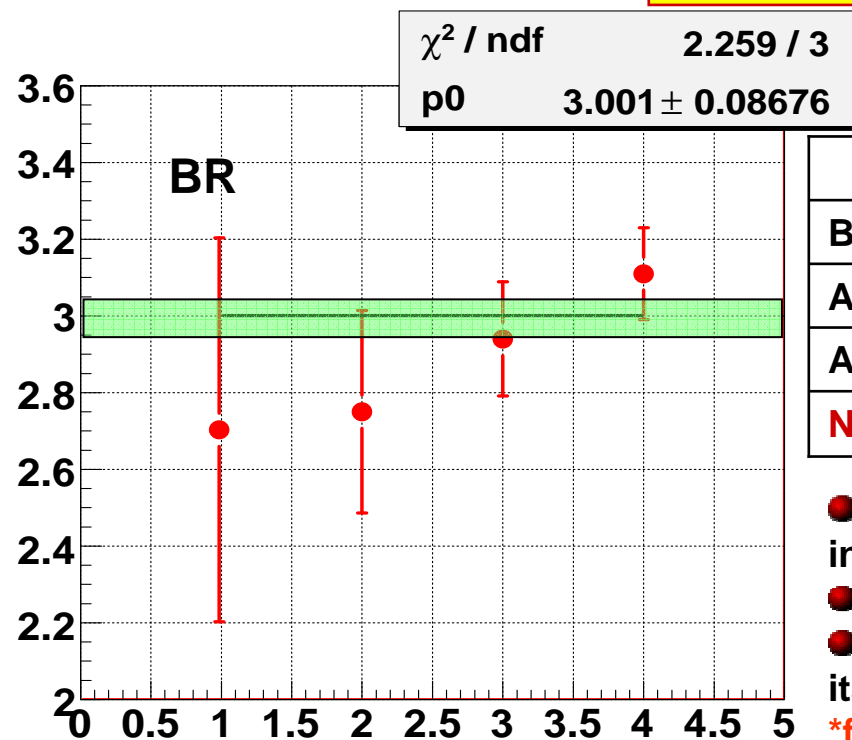
$$\text{BR}_{\text{mi}} \times 10^7 \quad (M_{ee} > 140 \text{ MeV}/c^2) = 2.28 \pm 0.03_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.04_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.06_{\text{ext}} = 2.28 \pm 0.08$$

Combined result of the 4 models

$$\text{BR} = (3.11 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.08_{\text{ext}} \pm 0.07_{\text{model}}) \times 10^{-7} = (3.11 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-7}$$

CP violating asymmetry (first measurement! correlated K⁺/K⁻ uncertainties excluded):

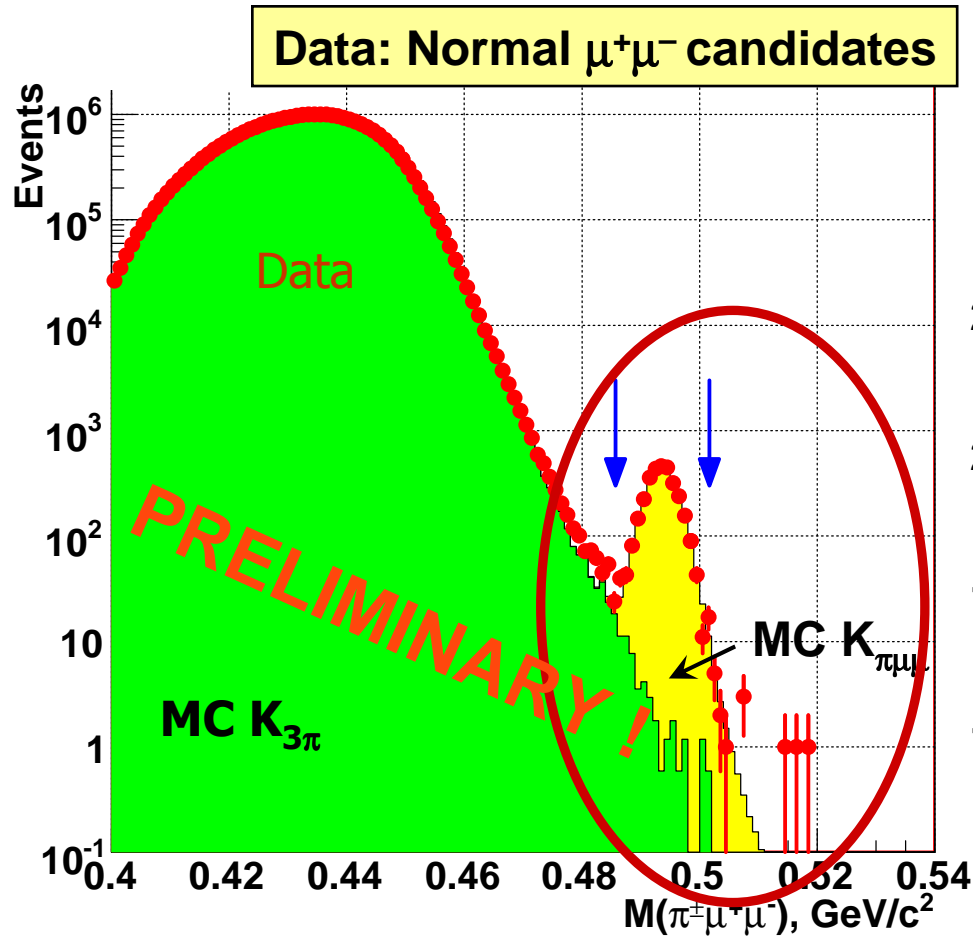
$$\Delta(K_{\pi ee}^{\pm}) = (\text{BR}^+ - \text{BR}^-) / (\text{BR}^+ + \text{BR}^-) = (-2.2 \pm 1.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{syst}})\%$$



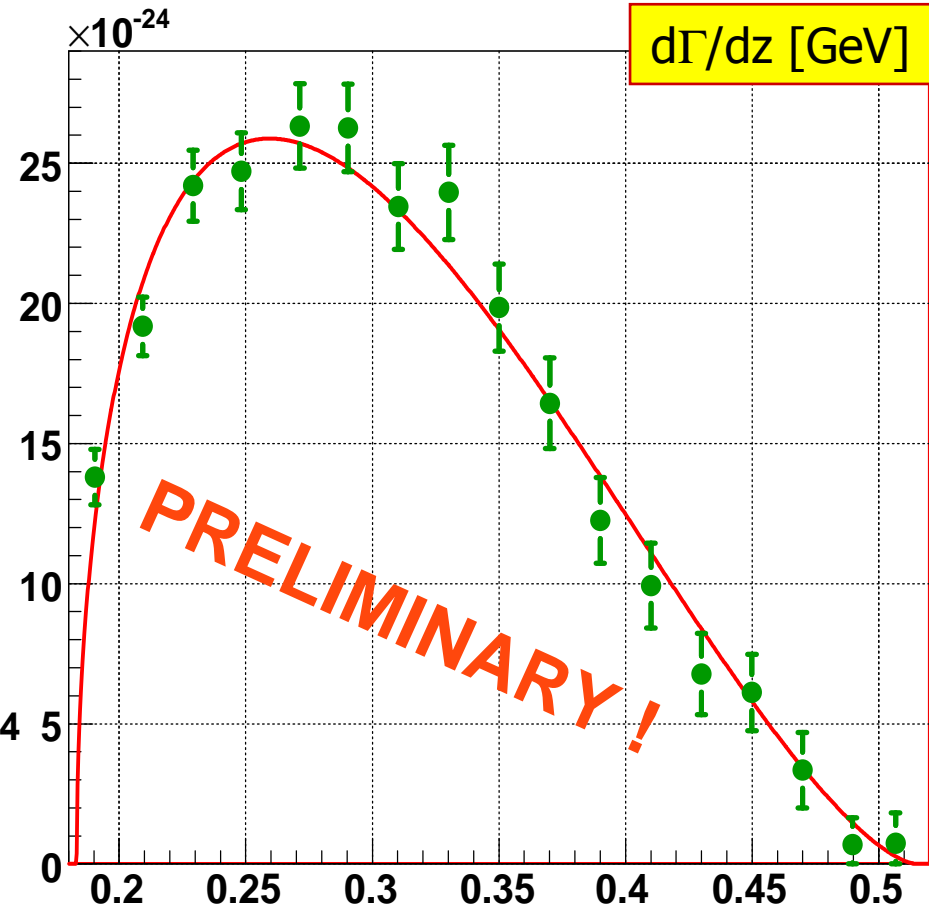
Measurement	events	BR×10 ⁷
Bloch et al., PL 56 (1975) B201	(41)	2.70±0.50
Alliegro et al.[E777], PRL 68 (1992) 278	(500)	2.75±0.26
Appel et al. [E865], PRL 83 (1999) 4482	(10000)	2.94±0.15
NA48/2 final (2009)	(7253)	3.11±0.12

- Form factor measurements for Model 1, 2 and 3* in agreement with previous measurements
 - Model 4 – never tested before
 - J.Prades, e-Print: arXiv:0707.1789 [hep-ph], predicts (up to its sign) $a_+ = -(0.6^{+0.6}_{-0.23})$, in agreement with our result
- *fit done by the authors of Model 3 using BNL E865 data

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$ - signal region and fit



Fit to the linear form-factor



**~3100 reconstructed events
in the signal region:
4 times larger sample than
the existing world statistics!**



Conclusions

● Precise measurement of $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^0 \gamma$

- Ⓢ Precise measurement of **DE contribution** and first measurement of **INT term**
- Ⓢ The values of X_M and X_E are extracted
- Ⓢ The **BR(DE) assuming INT=0 (55-90) MeV** gave bad χ^2 fit
- Ⓢ **CPV parameters** measurements
- Ⓢ **Final result, paper in preparation**

● Precise measurement of $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} e^+ e^-$

- Ⓢ Precision comparable with world's best;
- Ⓢ **BR and form factor measurements** in agreement with ChPT and other measurements;
- Ⓢ First limit on **CPV asymmetry**.
- Ⓢ Paper published in PLB

● Precise measurement of $K^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \mu^+ \mu^-$

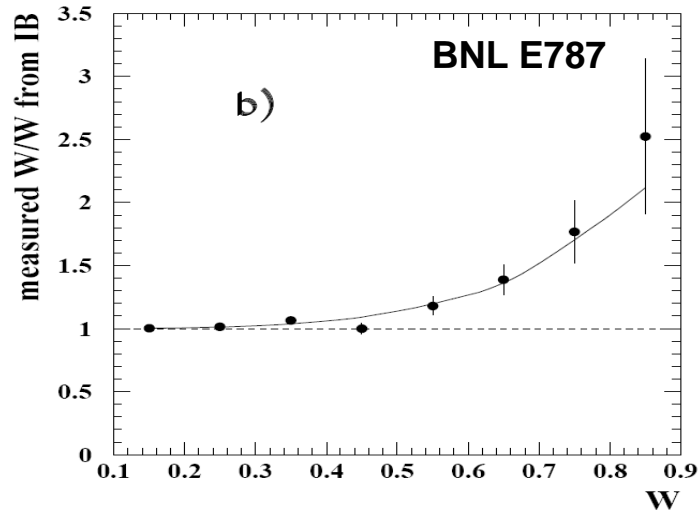
- Ⓢ Four times larger sample than the existing world statistics has been collected
- Ⓢ Analysis is well advanced. Aim to bless preliminary results this year.



SPARES



$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ – polynomial fit

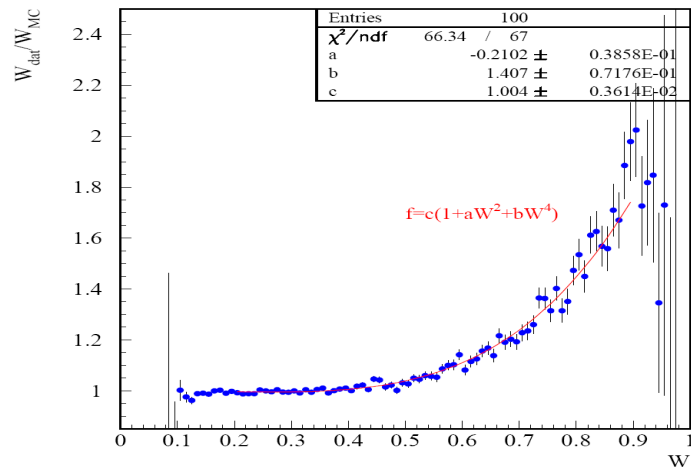


Polynomial fit

$$\text{Frac(DE)} = (3.2 \pm 0.16) \cdot 10^{-2}$$

$$\text{Frac(INT)} = (-2.20 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-2}$$

The two results are in a very good agreement!



Fit function for W distribution

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

INT

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dW} = \frac{d\Gamma(IB)}{dW} \left(1 + (X_E \cos \phi \cos \Delta_0^1 \pm X_E \sin \phi \sin \Delta_0^1) \cdot W^2 + cW^4 \right)$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dW} = \frac{d\Gamma(IB)}{dW} \left(1 + (a \pm e)W^2 + cW^4 \right)$$

$$\frac{dAsym}{dW} = \frac{\Gamma^+ - \Gamma^-}{\Gamma^+ + \Gamma^-} = \frac{e \cdot W^2}{1 + a \cdot W^2 + b \cdot W^4}$$

$$a = \frac{\cos \phi \cos(\Delta_0^1) X_E}{\int INT / IB} = \frac{Frac(INT)}{0.105} = -0.247$$

$$e = \frac{\sin \phi \sin(\Delta_0^1) X_E}{\int INT / IB} \Rightarrow Asym = e \int INT / IB$$

$$b = \frac{frac(DE)}{\int DE / IB} = \frac{0.032}{2.27 \cdot 10^{-2}} = 1.463$$



Extraction of the ϕ angle

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

$$A_N = \frac{\Gamma^+ - \Gamma^-}{\Gamma^+ + \Gamma^-} \sim \frac{\Gamma^+ - \Gamma^-}{2\Gamma_{IB}} = 2(I_{INT}/I_{IB}) X_E m_K^2 m_\pi^2 \sin(\phi) \sin(\delta_1^1 - \delta_0^2)$$

$$\sin(\phi) = \frac{A_N}{2(I_{INT}/I_{IB}) X_E m_K^2 m_\pi^2 \sin(\delta_1^1 - \delta_0^2)}$$

$\sin(\phi)$ 2003+2004

$\sin(\phi) = (-0.011 \pm 0.43) \quad |\sin(\phi)| < 0.56 \text{ CL } 90\%$

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$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ - CP violation parameters

- Asymmetry in the rates

$$A_N = \frac{N_+ - RN_-}{N_+ + RN_-}$$

where $R=N(K^+)/N(K^-)=1.7998 \pm 0.0004$ (using $K3\pi$ decays)

The NA48/2 result: $A_N = (0.03 \pm 1_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{sys}}) \cdot 10^{-3}$; limit - $A_N < 1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ 90% C.L.

- If $\phi \neq 0$ then $\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma) \neq \Gamma(K^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma)$: clear sign for CP violation!

NA48/2 result on $\sin(\phi)$: $\sin(\phi) = (-0.011 \pm 0.43)$, $|\sin(\phi)| < 0.56$ CL 90%

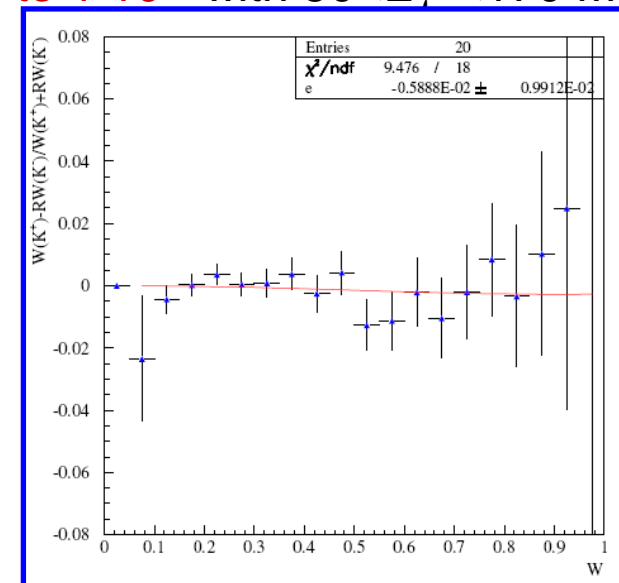
Theoretical prediction (SM) : Theoretical range $2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ to $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ with $50 < E_\gamma^* < 170$ MeV

- Asymmetry in the W spectrum

$$\frac{dA_{\text{sym}}}{dW} = \frac{e \cdot W^2}{1 - 0.247 \cdot W^2 + 1.463 \cdot W^4}$$

$$A_{\text{sym}} = e \int INT / IB = (-0.6 \pm 1) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

NA48/2 result: $A_W = (-0.6 \pm 1_{\text{stat}}) \cdot 10^{-3}$





CPV table of systematic

Effect	Value
P_K distribution correction	$3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
+ - Acceptance difference	$< 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
LVL1 trigger	$3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
LVL2 trigger	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\pi^+ \pi^-$ cross section difference	$\sim 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
R max variation	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Total Systematic	$6.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$



$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$ - selection criteria

BR ($K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$) is measured normalizing to $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0_D \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^- \gamma$

Common selection criteria

- 3-track vertex consistent in space and time
- $E/p < 0.85$ (π^\pm), $E/p > 0.95$
- opposite sign electrons

Selection cuts: signal

- $M_{ee} > 140$ MeV kinematical suppression of the bg from the normalization channel
- Cut on kaon ($\pi^\pm e^+ e^-$) mass, total and transverse momentum

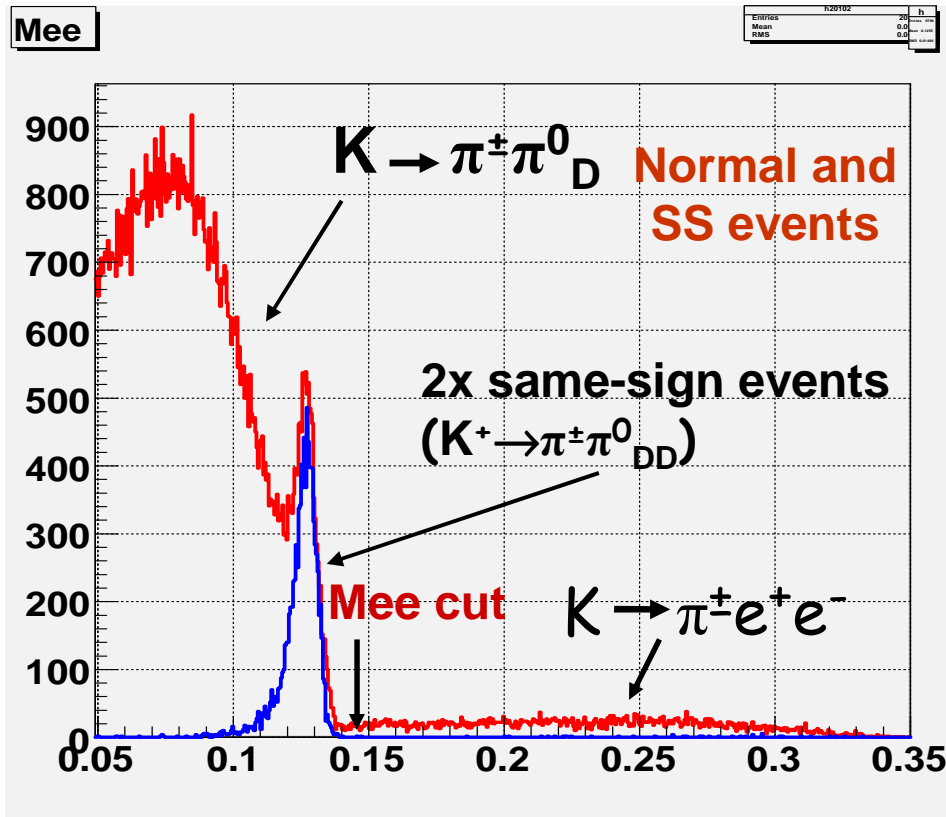
Selection cuts: normalization

$$(K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0_D)$$

- Selection of good γ
- Cut on kaon ($\pi^\pm e^+ e^- \gamma$) mass, total and transverse momentum

The use of a very similar channel cancels systematics (trigger, PID) in the BR ratio

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$ - background



BG is identified with MC
but BG is estimated
from DATA with
“same – sign” (SS) events.

M_{ee} (all cuts applied except $M_{ee} > 140$ MeV or $z > 0.08$)

The region $M_{ee} < 140$ MeV
 is dominated by background

- $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0_D$ with misid. e^\pm and π^\pm
- $K^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \nu \pi^0_D$ with misid. e^\pm
- $e^+ e^-$ pairs (conversions and Dalitz)

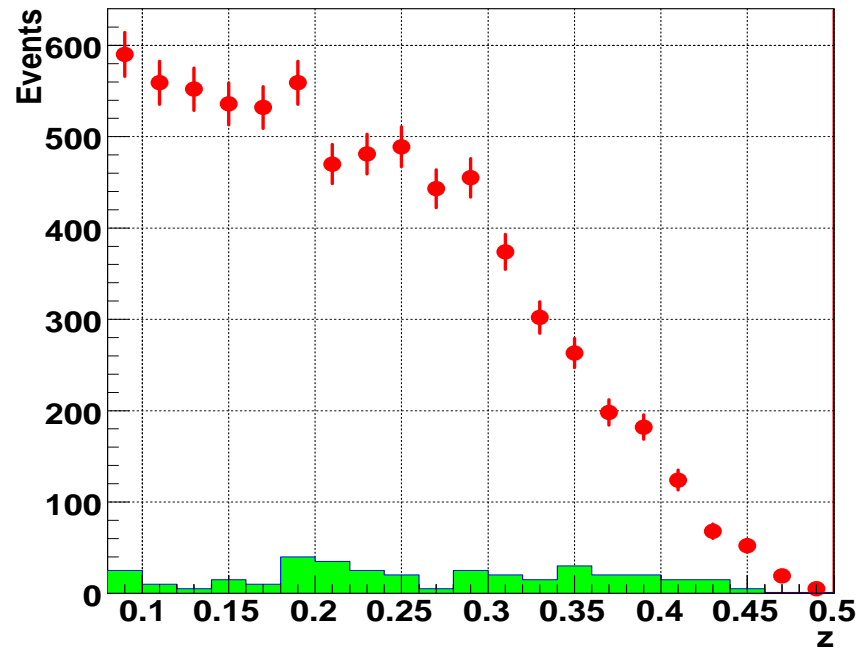
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{SS} \\ \text{BG} \end{array} \right\} = 1$$

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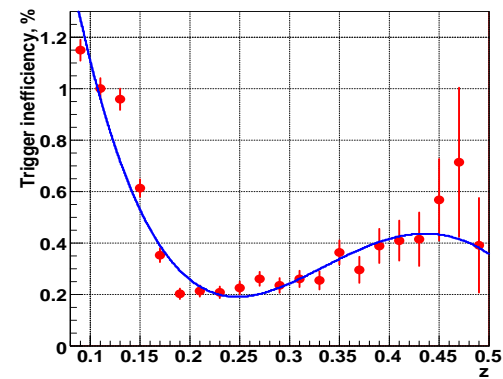
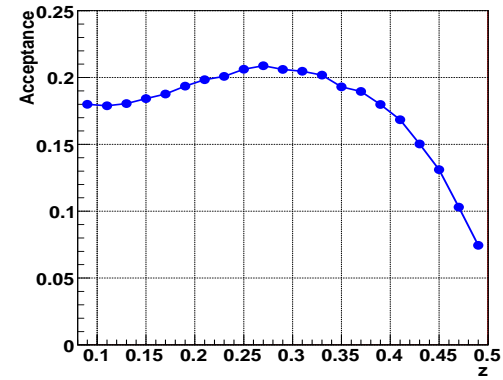


$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$ -how to

acceptance



Background – scaled by factor 5 to be visible!



Trigger efficiency



$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$ - Final results on form factors, BR, asymmetry

$BR_{mi} \times 10^7$ ($M_{ee} > 140 \text{ MeV}/c^2$)	$2.26 \pm 0.03_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.03_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.06_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	2.26 ± 0.08
δ	$2.32 \pm 0.15_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.09_{\text{syst}}$	$=$	2.32 ± 0.18
$ f_0 $	$0.531 \pm 0.012_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.008_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.007_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	0.531 ± 0.016
$BR_1 \times 10^7$	$3.05 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.08_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	3.05 ± 0.10
a_+	$-0.578 \pm 0.012_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.008_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.007_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	-0.578 ± 0.016
b_+	$-0.779 \pm 0.053_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.036_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.017_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	-0.779 ± 0.066
$BR_2 \times 10^7$	$3.14 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.08_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	3.14 ± 0.10
w	$0.057 \pm 0.005_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.004_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.001_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	0.057 ± 0.007
β	$3.45 \pm 0.24_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.17_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.05_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	3.45 ± 0.30
$BR_3 \times 10^7$	$3.13 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.08_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	3.13 ± 0.10
M_a	$0.974 \pm 0.030_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.019_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.002_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	$0.974 \pm 0.035 \text{ GeV}$
M_ρ	$0.716 \pm 0.011_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.007_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.002_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	$0.716 \pm 0.014 \text{ GeV}$
$BR_4 \times 10^7$	$3.18 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.08_{\text{ext}}$	$=$	3.18 ± 0.10

Including uncertainty due to the model dependence:

$$BR = (3.11 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.08_{\text{ext}} \pm 0.07_{\text{model}}) \times 10^{-7} = (3.11 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-7}$$

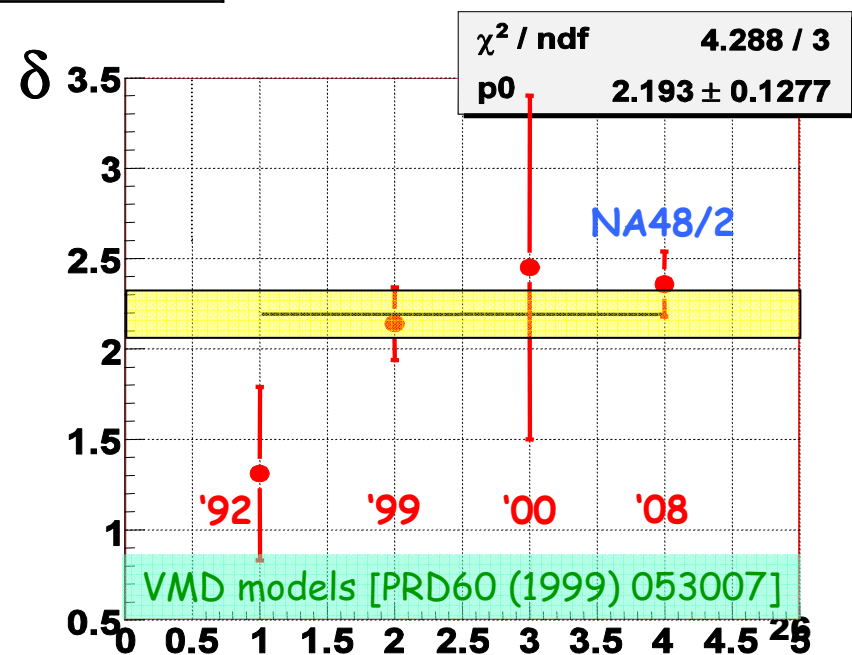
CP violating asymmetry (first measurement! correlated K^+/K^- uncertainties excluded):

$$\Delta(K^\pm_{\pi ee}) = (BR^+ - BR^-) / (BR^+ + BR^-) = (-2.2 \pm 1.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{syst}}) \%$$



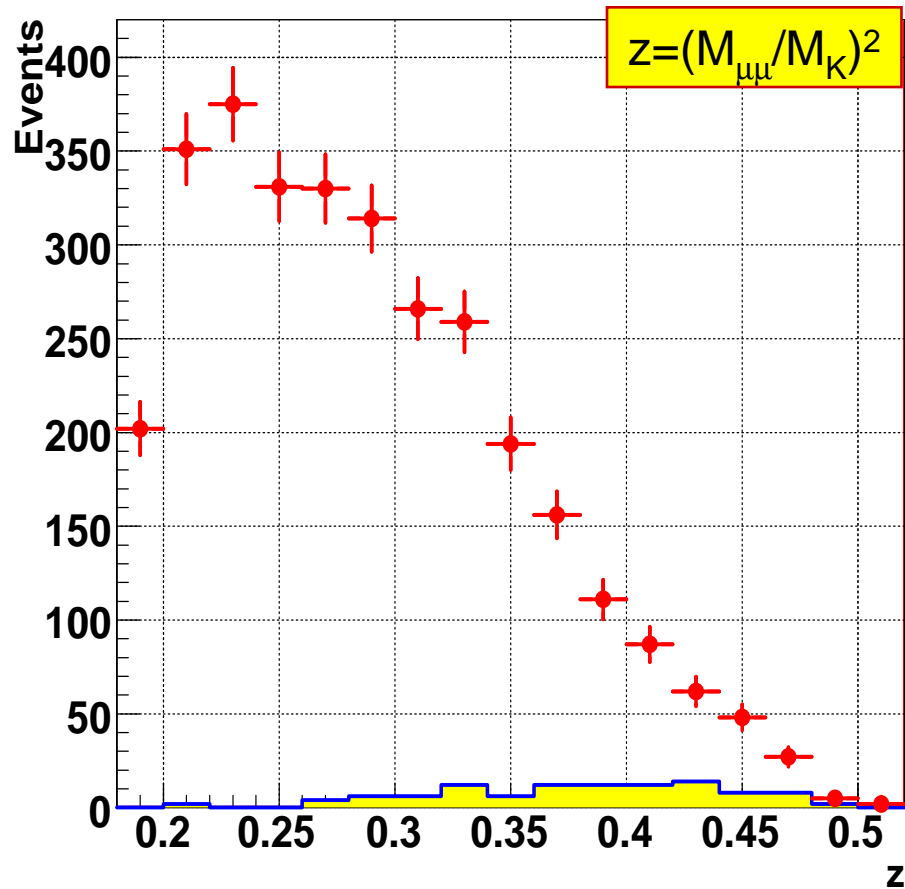
$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$: Linear fit – comparison with previous experiments

Measurement	Process	Result
Alliegro et al.[E777], PRL 68 (1992) 278	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-$	1.31 ± 0.48
Appel et al. [E865], PRL 83 (1999) 4482	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-$	2.14 ± 0.20
Ma et al. [E865], PRL 84 (2000) 2580	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	$2.45^{+1.30}_{-0.95}$
NA48/2 final (2009)	$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$	2.32 ± 0.18

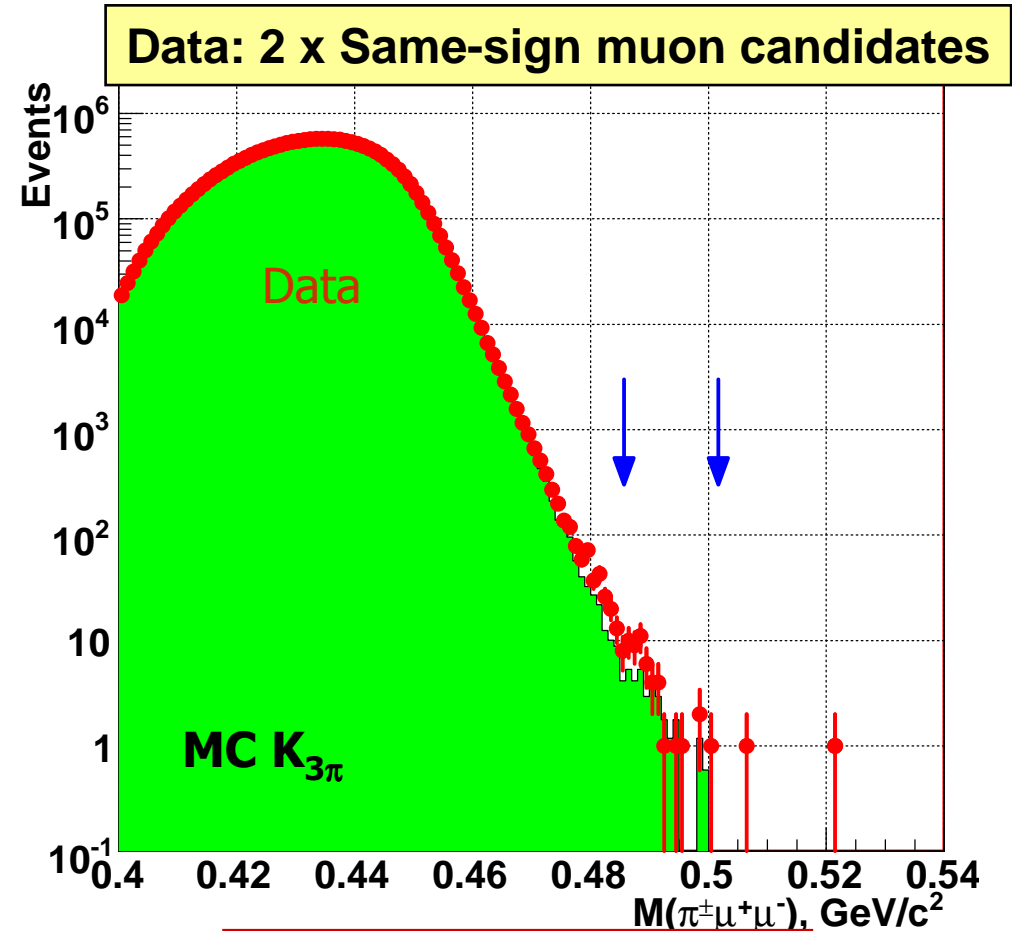




$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$ - background estimation



Background estimated with same sign events



Consistent description of the background both with Monte Carlo simulation and data