

NA48/NA62 Results and Perspectives

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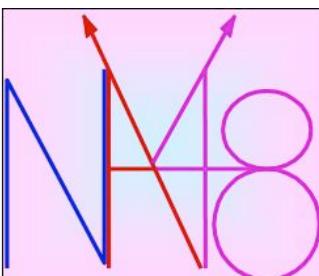
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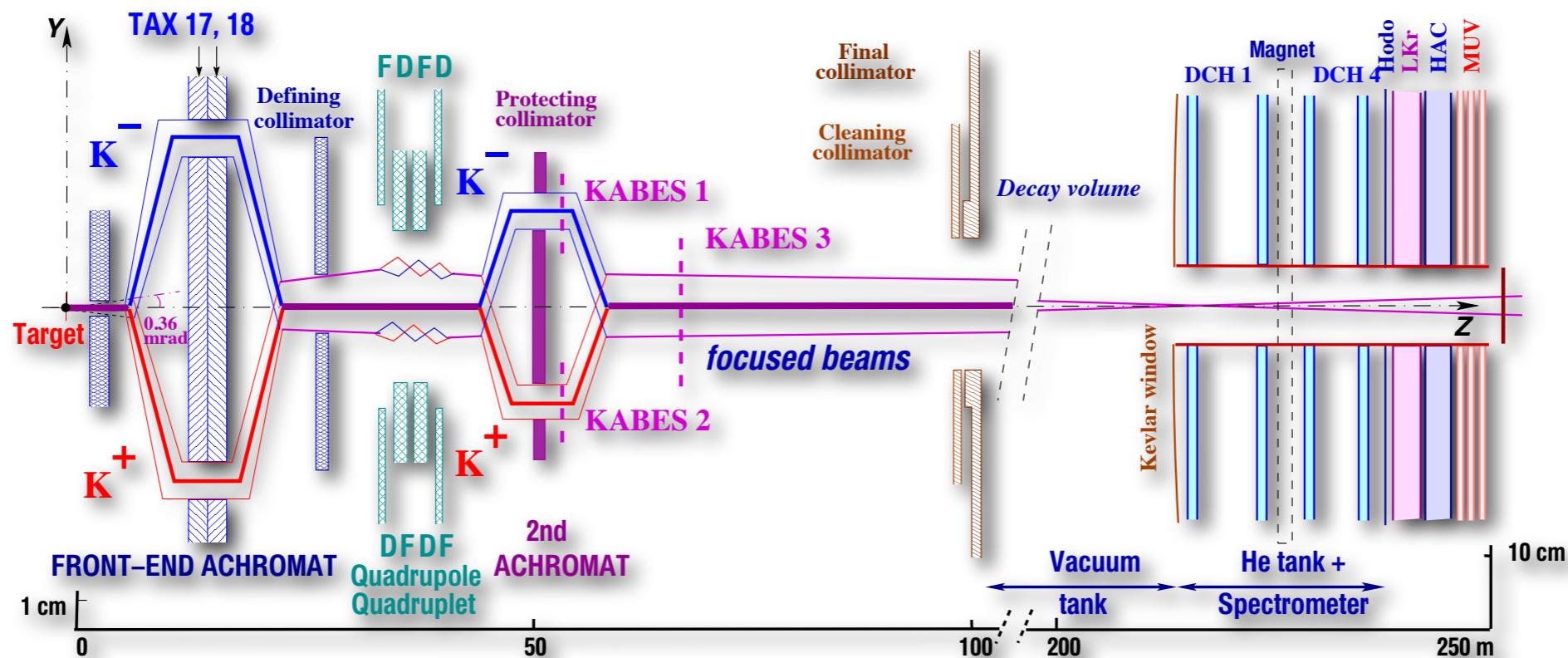
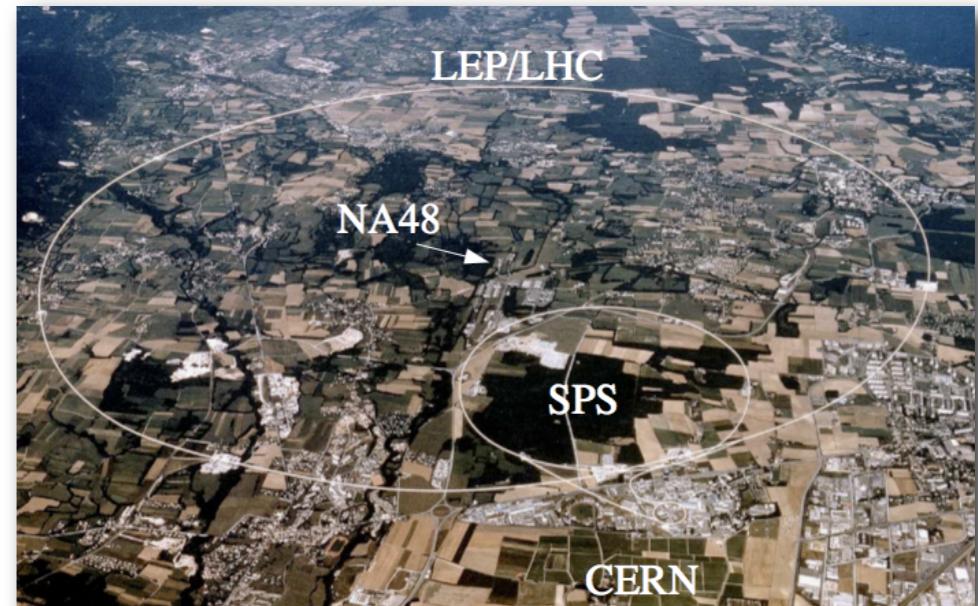


Outline

- NA48/2-Experiment.
- $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^\pm \nu$ (K_{e4})
 - Form factor and phase shift.
 - $\pi\pi$ scattering lengths a_0^0 and a_0^2 .
- $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ ($K_{2\pi(\gamma)}$)
 - DE and INT fraction.
 - Test of CPV.
- $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma\gamma$
 - Branching ratio.
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NA48/2-Experiment

- NA48/2: is a **fixed target** experiment in the **North Area** of the **SPS**
- **400 GeV** protons from the **SPS**
- **Simultaneous K^\pm -Beam** with $p_{K^\pm} = (60 \pm 3) \text{ GeV}$
- 6.3×10^7 particles per pulse



NA48/2-Experiment

Main detector components:

- **Magnetic Spectrometer**

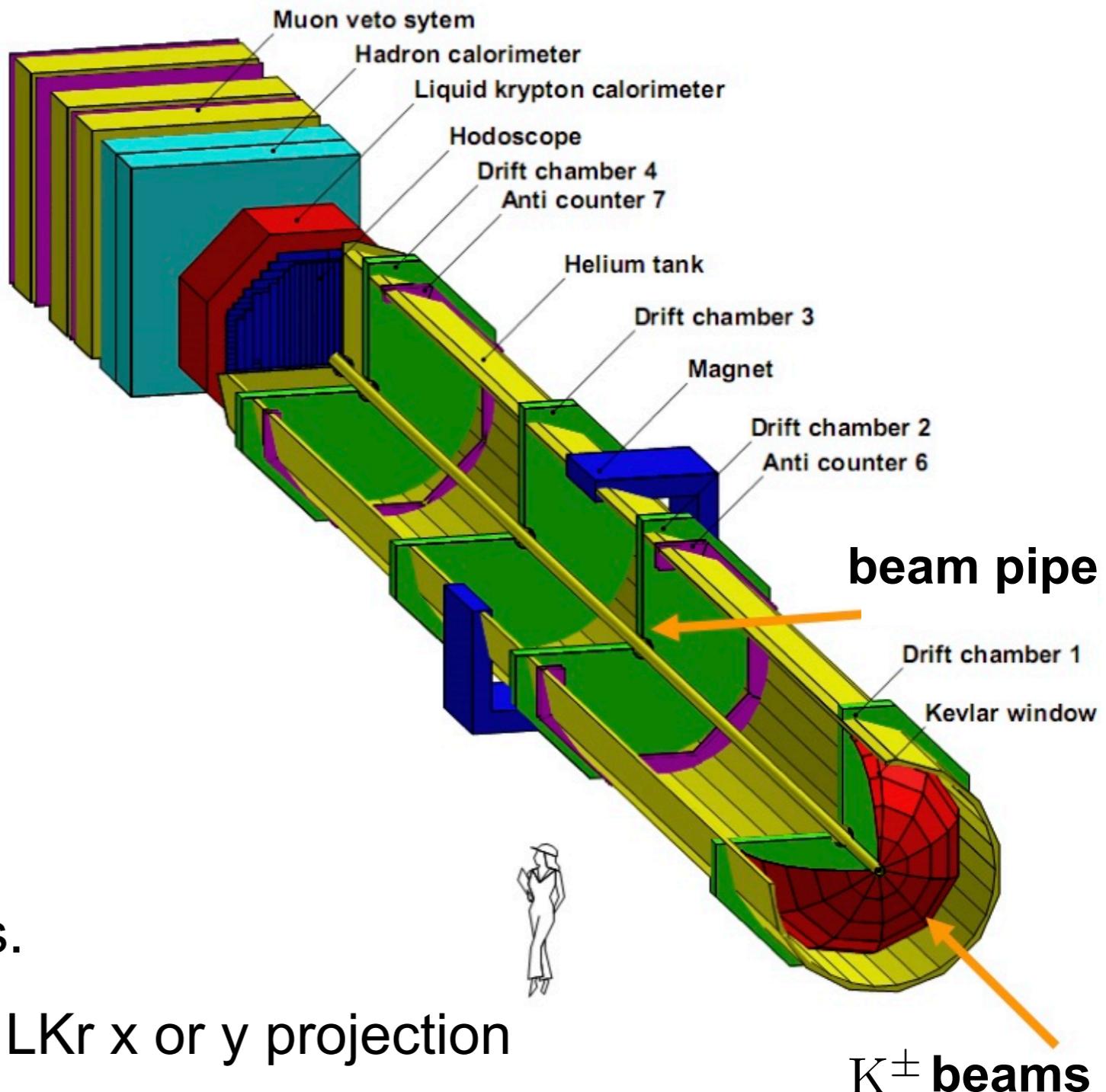
$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = 1.02\% \oplus 0.044\% \frac{p}{\text{GeV}/c}$$

~ 1% resolution for charged particles with $p=20 \text{ GeV}/c$

- **Liquid Krypton EM Calorimeter**

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{3.2\%}{\sqrt{E/\text{GeV}}} \oplus \frac{9.0\%}{E/\text{GeV}} \oplus 0.42\%$$

1.4% resolution for particles with $E=20 \text{ GeV}$



Main trigger modes:

- **Charged trigger:** 3 charged tracks.
- **Neutral trigger:** ≥ 2 em cluster in LKr x or y projection

In 2003 and 2004 total of 18×10^9 triggers collected in 110 days

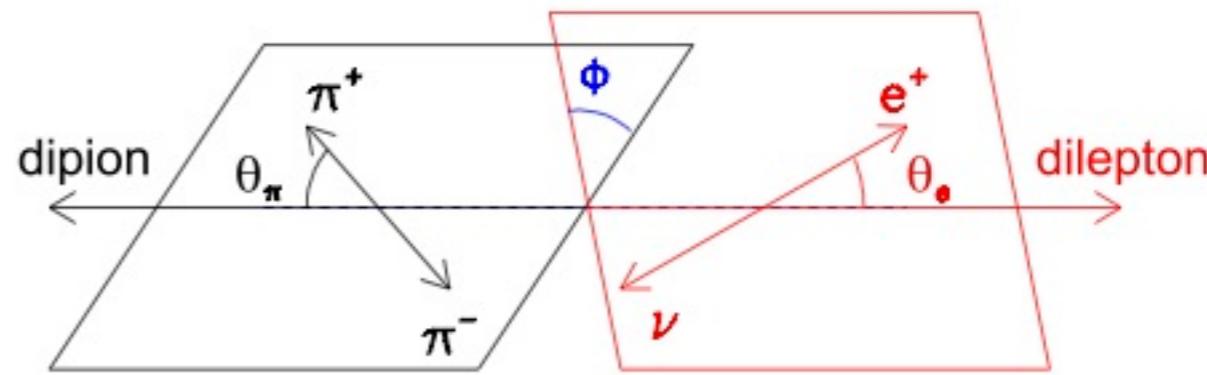
K_{e4} : Theory

Decay characteristics:

- **4-body decay:** 5 independent parameters

Cabibbo-Maksymowicz variables:

$$S_\pi(M_{\pi\pi}^2), S_e(M_{e\nu}^2), \cos\theta_\pi, \cos\theta_e, \Phi$$



Transition amplitude: $\frac{G_w}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* \langle \pi^+ \pi^- | V^\lambda - A^\lambda | K^+ \rangle \bar{u}_\nu \gamma_\lambda (1 - \gamma_5) v_e$

$$\langle \pi^+ \pi^- | A^\lambda | K^+ \rangle = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{m_K}} \left(F (\mathbf{p}_{\pi^+} + \mathbf{p}_{\pi^-})^\lambda + G (\mathbf{p}_{\pi^+} - \mathbf{p}_{\pi^-})^\lambda + R (\mathbf{p}_e + \mathbf{p}_\nu)^\lambda \right)$$

$$\langle \pi^+ \pi^- | V^\lambda | K^+ \rangle = \frac{-H}{m_K^3} \epsilon^{\lambda \mu \rho \sigma} (\mathbf{p}_{\pi^+} + \mathbf{p}_{\pi^-} + \mathbf{p}_e + \mathbf{p}_\nu)_\mu \times (\mathbf{p}_{\pi^+} + \mathbf{p}_{\pi^-})_\rho (\mathbf{p}_{\pi^+} - \mathbf{p}_{\pi^-})_\sigma$$

Axial form factors : F G R (no R contribution in K_{e4} because it is proportional to m_l^2)
 Vector form factor : H

Partial wave expansion:

$$F = F_s e^{i\delta_s} + F_p e^{i\delta_p} \cos\theta_\pi + d \text{ wave} \dots$$

$$G = G_p e^{i\delta_g} + d \text{ wave} \dots$$

$$H = H_p e^{i\delta_h} + d \text{ wave} \dots$$

Fit parameters: $F_s, F_p, G_p, H_p, \delta$

Expansion in q^2 and S_e/m_π^2 :

$$F_s = f_s + f'_s q^2 + f''_s q^4 + f'_e S_e / 4m_\pi^2 + \dots$$

$$F_p = f_p + f'_p q^2 + \dots$$

$$G_p = g_p + g'_p q^2 + \dots$$

$$H_p = h_p + h'_p q^2 + \dots$$

$$\delta(q^2) = \delta_s - \delta_p.$$

$$q^2 = (S_\pi / 4m_\pi^2) - 1$$

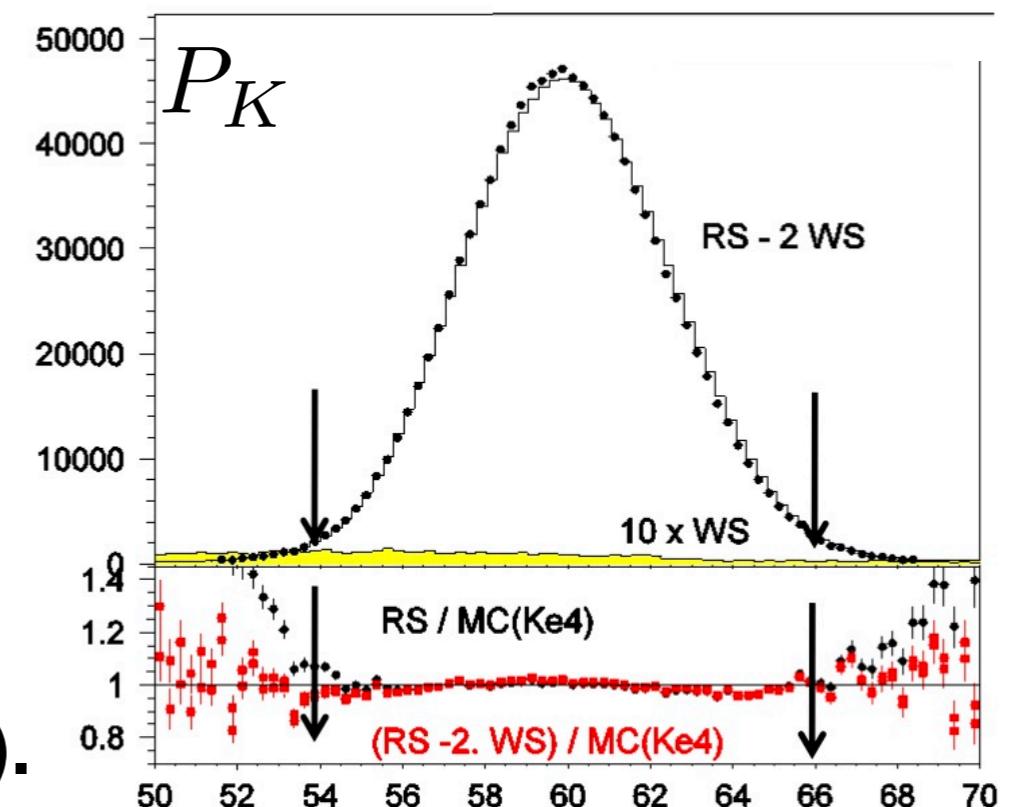
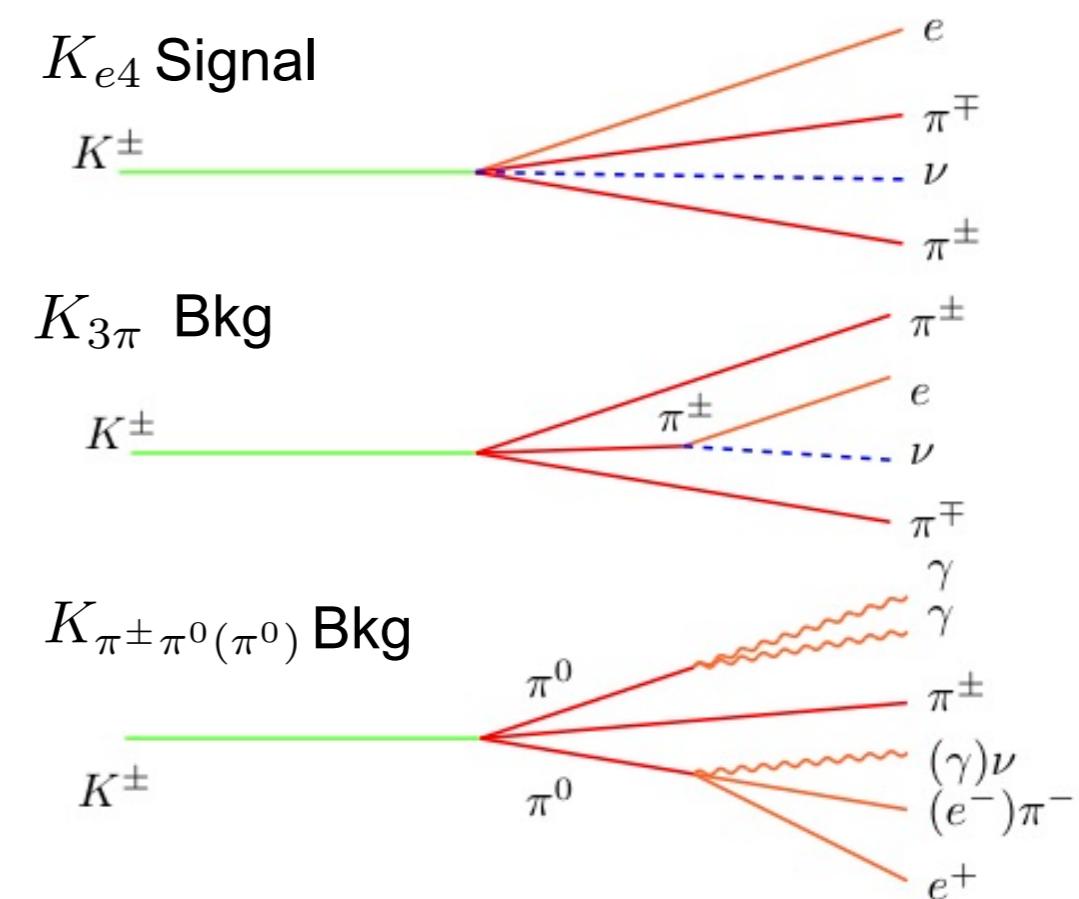
K_{e4} : Selection and Background rejection

K_{e4} selection:

- 3 charged tracks and a good vertex
- 2 opposite sign pions, 1 electron ($E/P \sim 1$)
- missing transverse momentum and energy
- reconstructed Kaon energy ($E_\nu = |\mathbf{p}_\nu|$)

Background:

- $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay with pion decay, or pion misidentification as an electron.
- $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 (\pi^0)$ decay followed by the dalitz decay of a pion, a misidentification of the electron as a charged pion and an undetected photons.
ellipse cut in $M_{3\pi} - p_t$ plane.
linear discriminant variables based on shower properties.
- estimation of the background using wrong-sign event rates in the data.
- **background/signal-ratio: 0.6% (2 WS/RS).**



K_{e4} : fitting procedure

full event sample (2003 and 2004): **1.13 million K_{e4} decays**

Using **iso-populated boxes** in the 5-dimensional space of the Ca.Ma. variables, one defines a grid of:

$$10(M_{\pi\pi}) \times 5(M_{e\nu}) \times 5(\cos \theta_e) \times 5(\cos \theta_\pi) \times 12(\phi) = 15000 \text{ Boxes}$$

The set of Form Factor values is used to minimise a **log-likelihood estimator** well suited for small numbers of data event/bin and taking into account the statistics of the simulation (simulated and expected events/bin)

Assuming constant Form Factors over single boxes, K^+ and K^- samples fitted separately in **10 independent $M_{\pi\pi}$ bins/slices** and then combined in each slice according to their statistical error

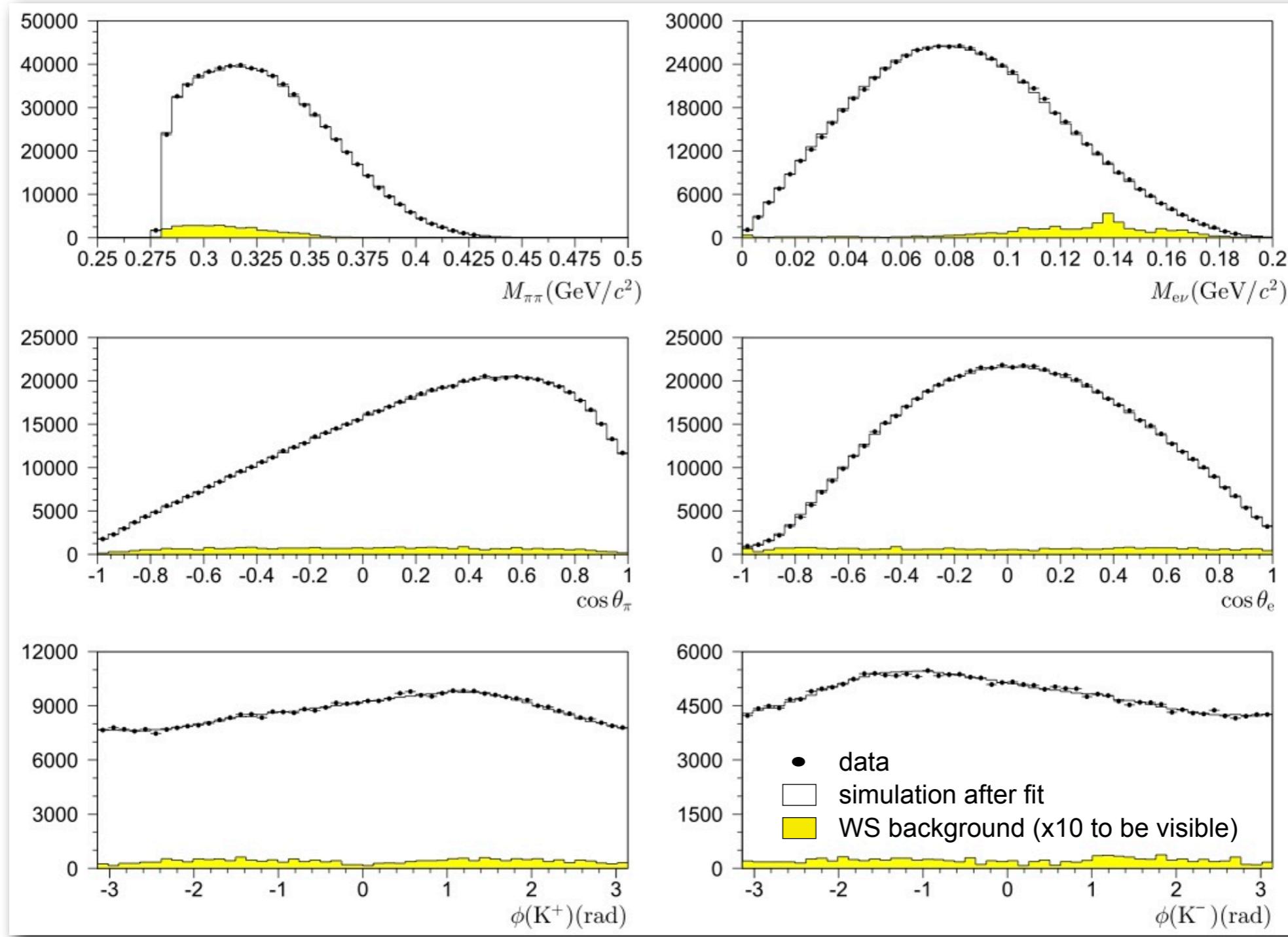
Data

K^\pm sample: (726400 events)	48 events/box
K^- sample: (404400 events)	27 events/box

MC

K^\pm sample: (17.4 million events)	1160 events/box
K^- sample: (9.7 million events)	650 events/box

K_{e4} : Data/MC-compairison after the fit



- **Background (in yellow) $\times 10$ to be visible.**
- **CP symmetry** shown in the **opposite distribution** of $\phi(K^+)$ and $\phi(K^-)$.

K_{e4} : form factor fit results

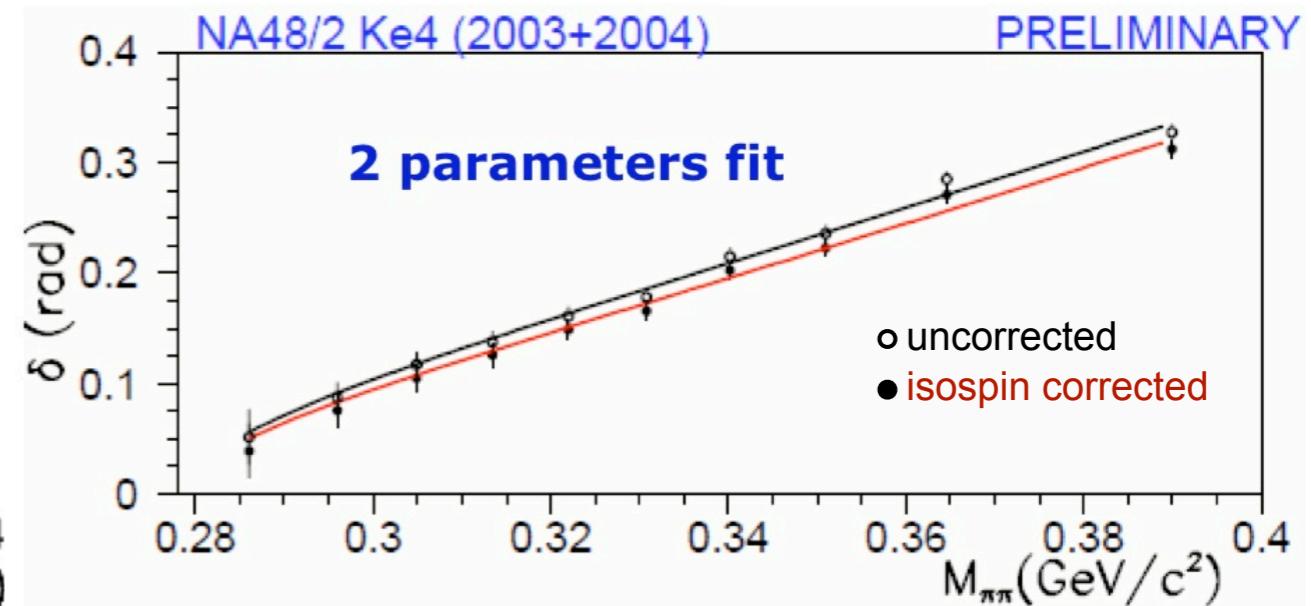
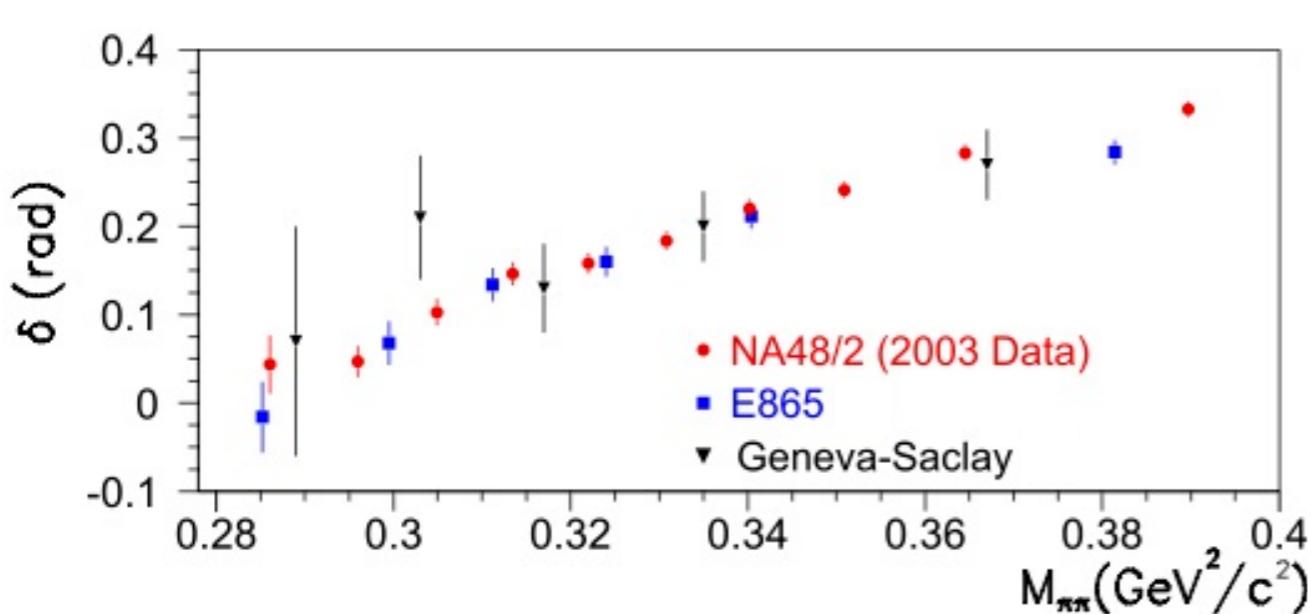
- All the **form factors** are measured **relatively to f_s** (no measurement of the branching ratio yet).
- **Systematics from background, electron-ID and acceptance control** and about same size as the statistical errors or smaller.
- **first evidence** of $f'_e \neq 0$ and $f_p \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} f'_s/f_s &= 0.152 \pm 0.007_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.005_{\text{syst}} \\ f''_s/f_s &= -0.073 \pm 0.007_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.006_{\text{syst}} \\ f'_e/f_s &= 0.068 \pm 0.006_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.007_{\text{syst}} \\ f_p/f_s &= -0.048 \pm 0.003_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.004_{\text{syst}} \\ g'_p/f_s &= 0.868 \pm 0.010_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.010_{\text{syst}} \\ g''_p/f_s &= 0.089 \pm 0.017_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.013_{\text{syst}} \\ h_p/f_s &= -0.398 \pm 0.015_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.008_{\text{syst}} \end{aligned}$$

K_{e4} : δ -dependence and $\pi\pi$ scattering lengths

- The extraction of pion **scattering lengths** from the fitted $\delta = \delta_s - \delta_p$ phase shift needs external theoretical and experimental inputs:
 - The **Roy equations** provide the relation between δ and a_0 and a_2 (as two subtraction const.) the S-wave scattering (isospin sym. assumption).
 - Extrapolating experimental data from the $M_{\pi\pi} > 0.8$ GeV/c² it's possible to fit the result in the threshold region (the uncertainty from the experimental data defines the **Universal Band**)

(Ananthanarayan, Colangelo, Gasser, Leutwyler Phys.Rept.353 (2001) 207-279)
 (Descotes-Genon, Fuchs, Girlanda, Stern Eur.Phys.J.C24 (2002) 469-483)
 (Kaminski, Pelaez, Yndurain Phys.Rev.D77 (2008))



- The fit of the experimental points using the **Roy equations** allows to extract the a_0 and a_2 values.
- Isospin corrections** (generated by the pion and quark mass differences) result in a 11 to 15 mrad shift in δ can not be ignored.

(Gasser et. al. Eur. Phys. J. C59 (2009) 777)

K_{e4} : δ -dependence and $\pi\pi$ scattering lengths

two parameter fit:

(correlation 97%)

$$a_0 = 0.2220 \pm 0.0128_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0050_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.0037_{\text{theo}}$$

$$a_2 = -0.0432 \pm 0.0086_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0034_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.0028_{\text{theo}}$$

Single parameter fit:

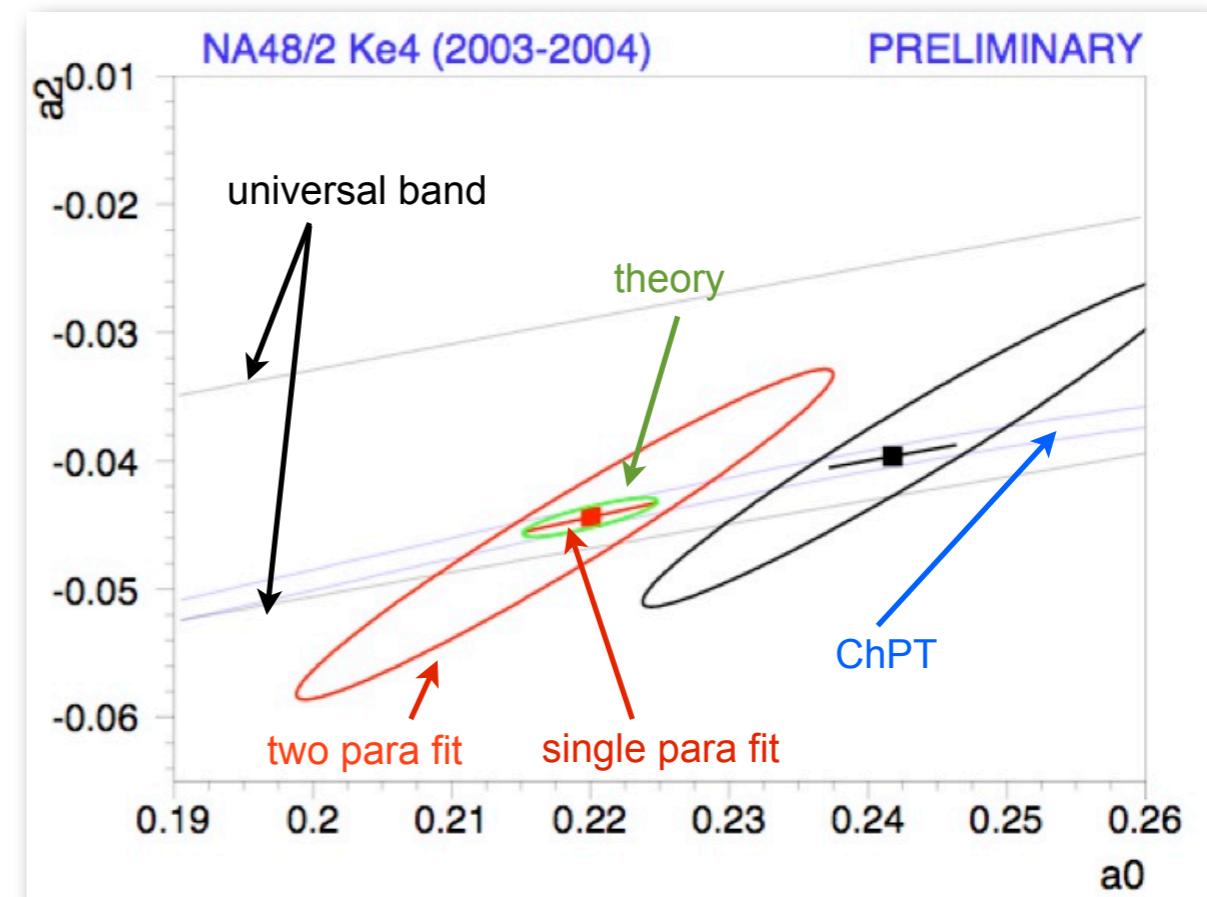
(a_2 constraint to ChPT prediction)

$$a_0 = 0.2206 \pm 0.0049_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0018_{\text{syst}} \pm 0.0064_{\text{theo}}$$

Theory prediction: (CGL NPB603(2001), PRL86(2001))

$$a_0 = 0.2220 \pm 0.005$$

$$a_2 = -0.0444 \pm 0.0010$$



- Systematic errors from background estimation and electron-ID.
- Theoretical error evaluated from control of isospin corrections & inputs to Roy equation numerical solutions.

NA48/2: K_{e4} and Cusp Results combined

Two independent measurements:

- 60 millions $K_{3\pi}$ -events.
- 1.13 millions K_{e4} -events.

Different systematics:

- Cusp: calorimeter and trigger.
- K_{e4} : electron mis-id and background.

Different theoretical inputs:

- Cusp: (1 & 2-loop) re-scattering models.

(Cabibbo, Isidori JHEP 0503 (2005) 21)

(Bissegger, Fuhrer, Gasser, Kubis, Rusetsky, NPH B806 (2009) 178)

- K_{e4} : Roy equation and isospin breaking corrections.

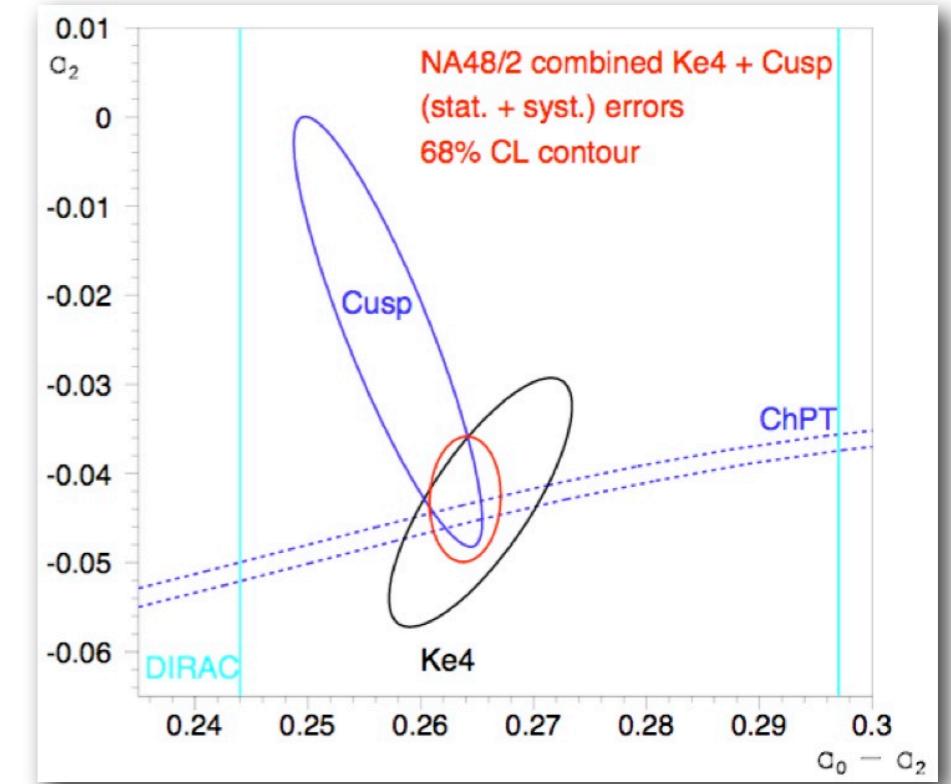
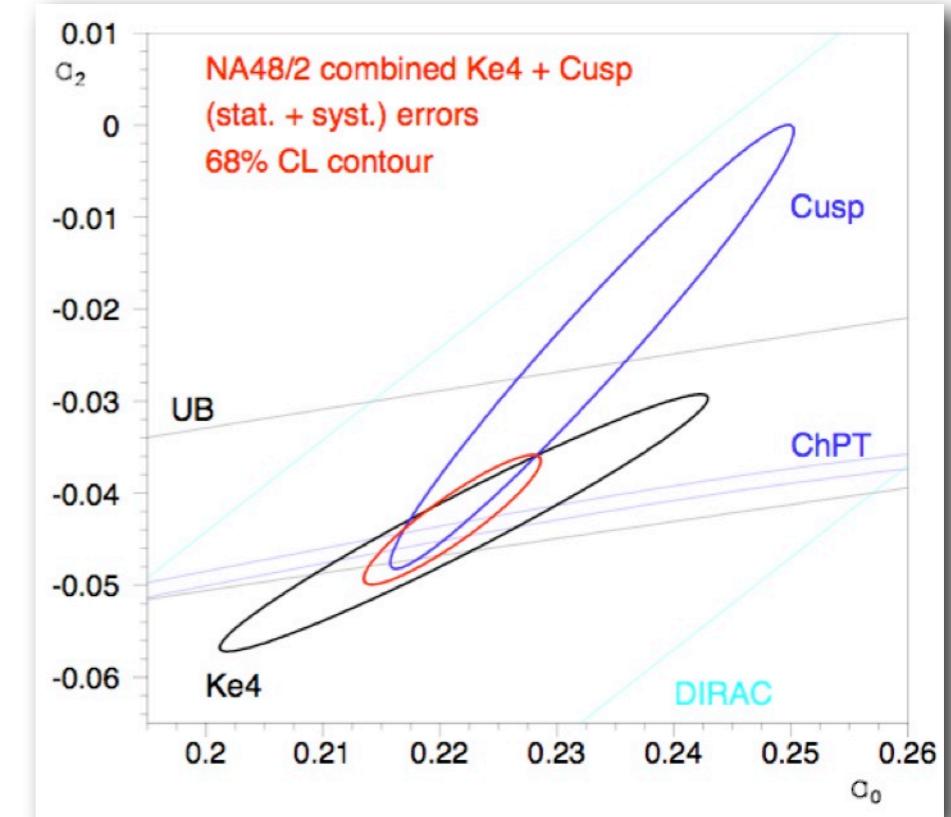
Combined results:

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

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

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

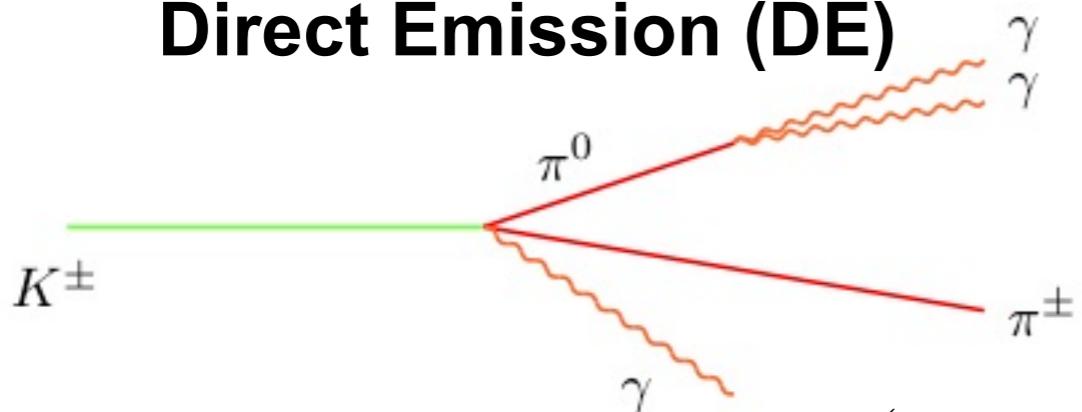
$$a_2 = -0.0429 \pm 0.0044_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0028_{\text{syst}}$$



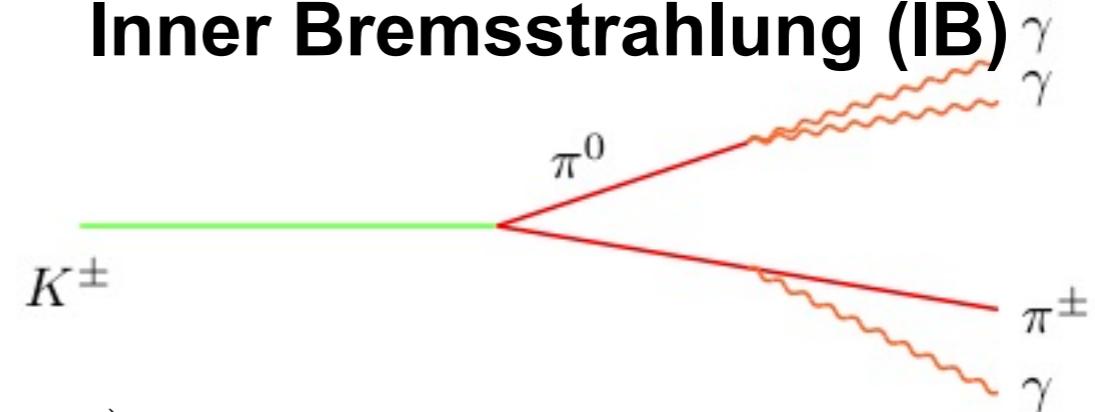
$K_{2\pi\gamma}$: Theory

Decay characteristics: two sources of γ radiation.

Direct Emission (DE)



Inner Bremsstrahlung (IB)



Kinematic variable:

$$W^2 = \frac{(\mathbf{p}_\pi \cdot \mathbf{p}_\gamma)(\mathbf{p}_K \cdot \mathbf{p}_\gamma)}{m_K^2 m_\pi^2}$$

T_π^* : kinetic energy of the Pion in the kaon cms

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

Interference (INT)

known from $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0$
and QCD

Interference of IB and
electric DE (X_E).
No prediction.

Direct Emission (DE)

two terms ($\mathcal{O}(p^4)$ ChPT):

- X_M : magnetic part with 2 contributions
 - reducible Wess-Zumino-Witten functional (chiral anomaly)
 - direct (not known)
- X_E : electric part: no prediction in ChPT

Current PDG Values:

$(2.75 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-4}$
 $55 \text{ MeV} < T_\pi^* < 90 \text{ MeV}$

Not yet measured

$(4.4 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-6}$
 $55 \text{ MeV} < T_\pi^* < 90 \text{ MeV}$

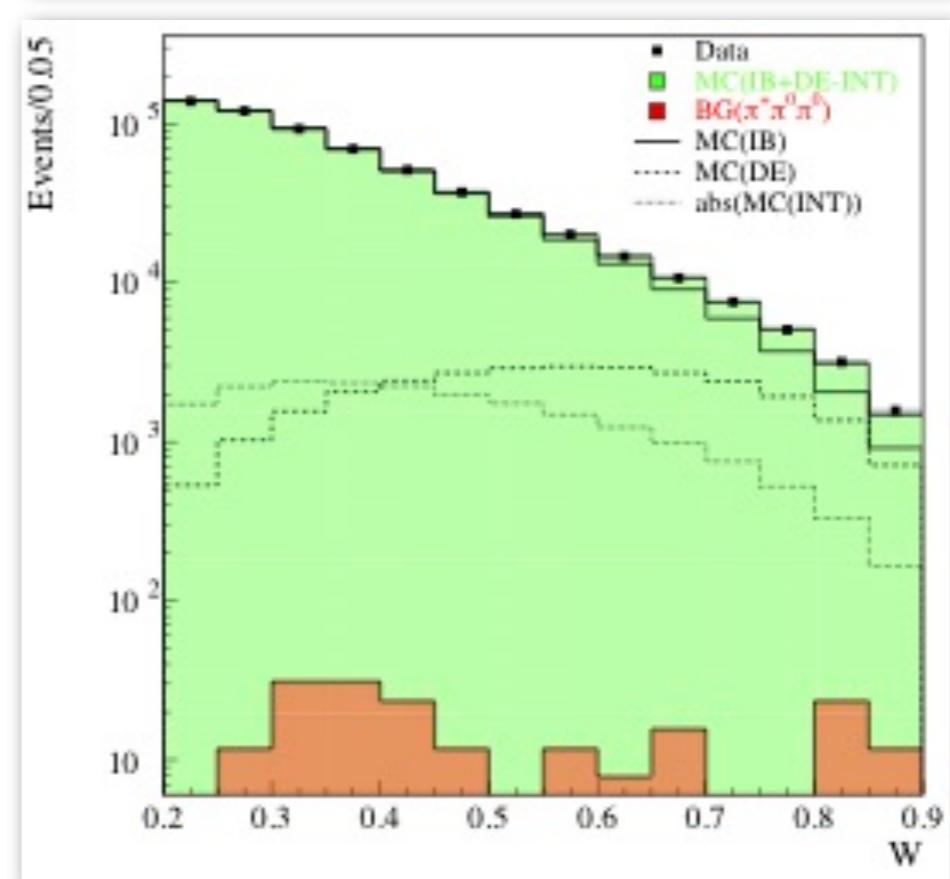
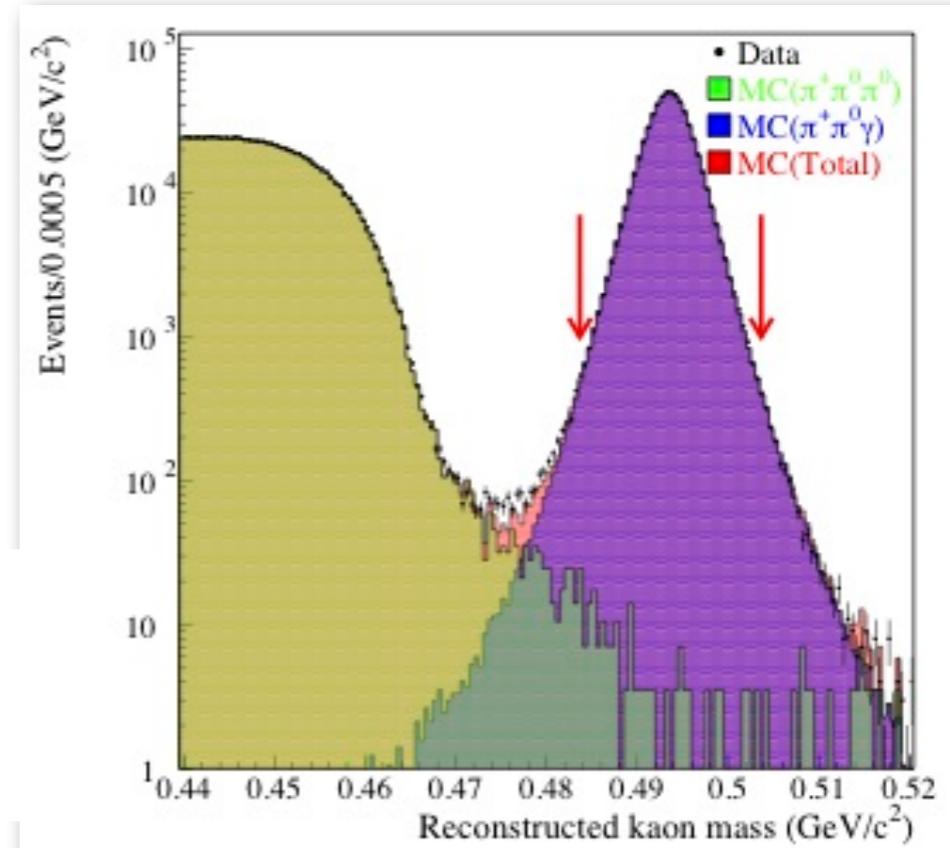
$K_{2\pi\gamma}$: Data sample

New NA48/2 measurement:

- **Simultaneous K^+/K^- beams**
(\Rightarrow CPV test possible).
- **Larger T_π^* region available:**
 $0 \text{ MeV} < T_\pi^* < 80 \text{ MeV}$
- **Background < 0.01 % (negligible)**
(mainly from $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \pi^0$)
- **γ mistagging probability < 0.1%.**

Total $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ data sample:

- more than **1 million events**.
- for the fit: restrict to $0.2 < W < 0.9$ and $E_\gamma > 5 \text{ GeV}$
- \Rightarrow **still 600k $K_{2\pi\gamma}$ candidates.**



Extended Maximum Likelihood fit

in bins of W corrected by **acceptance** with Monte Carlo

$$\text{Data(i)} = N_0 [(1 - \alpha - \beta) \cdot \text{IB}_{\text{MC}}(\mathbf{i}) + \alpha \cdot \text{INT}_{\text{MC}}(\mathbf{i}) + \beta \cdot \text{DE}_{\text{MC}}(\mathbf{i})]$$

$\text{Frac(DE)} = (3.32 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-2}$
 $\text{Frac(INT)} = (-2.35 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-2}$

$$\text{Frac(DE)} = \frac{\text{Br(DE)}}{\text{Br(IB)}} \quad \text{Frac(INT)} = \frac{\text{Br(INT)}}{\text{Br(IB)}} \quad 0 \text{ MeV} < T_\pi^* < 80 \text{ MeV}$$

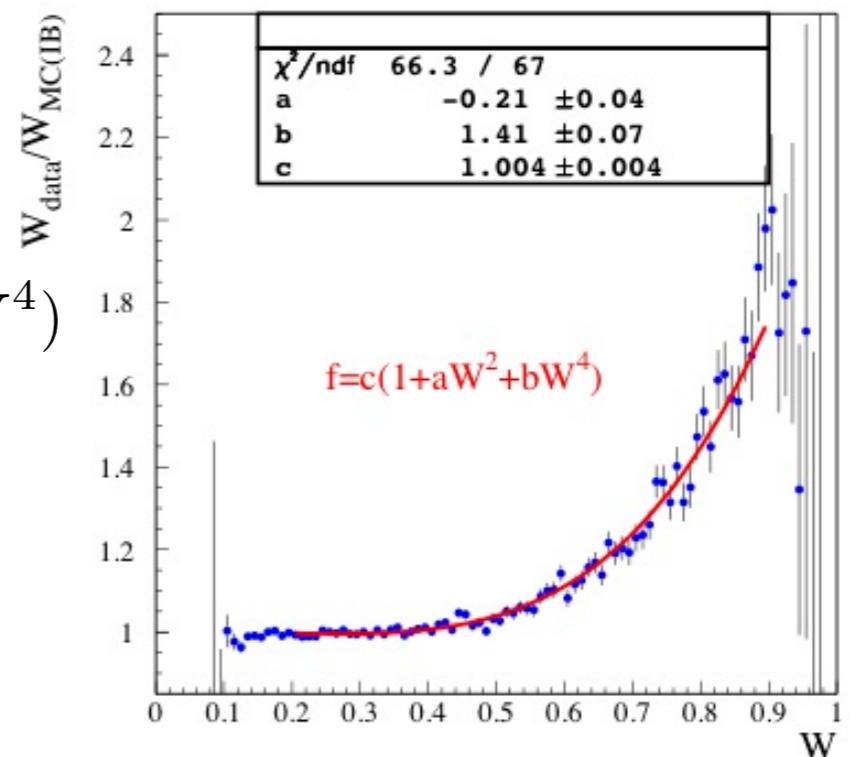
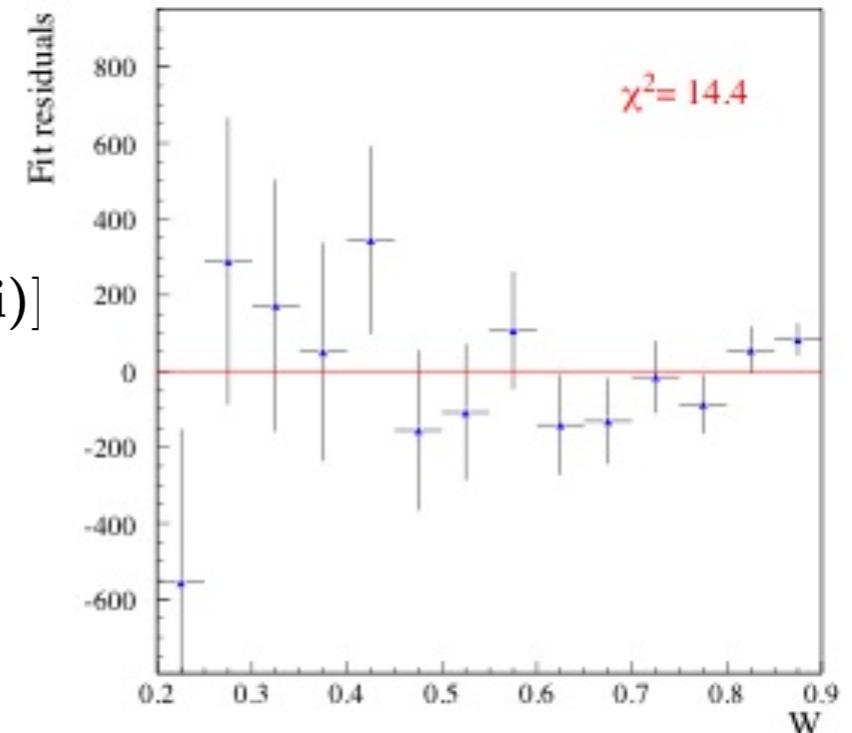
Polynomial fit

Assumes **same acceptance** as a function of W for IB, DE and INT

Fit ratio $W(\text{Data})/W(\text{MC}_{\text{IB}})$ with: $f(W) = c(1 + aW^2 + bW^4)$

$\text{Frac(DE)} = (3.19 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-2}$
 $\text{Frac(INT)} = (-2.21 \pm 0.41) \times 10^{-2}$

Fit with no interference term shows **disagreement**.



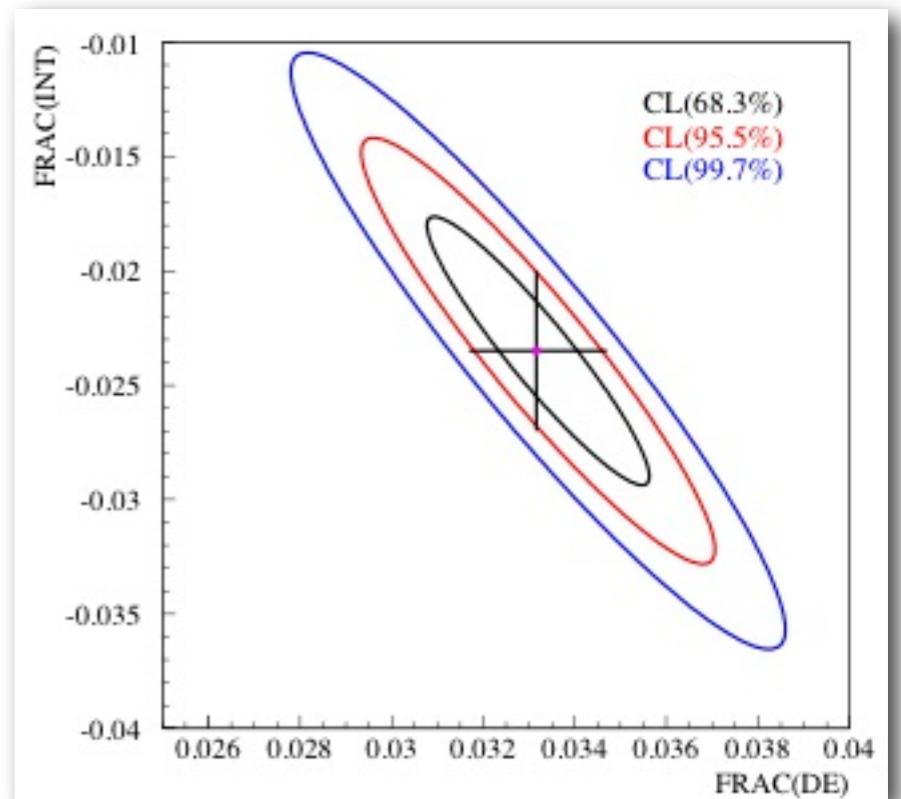
$K_{2\pi\gamma}$: Final result

Final NA48/2 result for $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$ fractions:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Frac(DE)}_{0 < T_\pi^* < 80 \text{ MeV}} &= (3.32 \pm 0.15_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.14_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-2} \\ \text{Frac(INT)}_{0 < T_\pi^* < 80 \text{ MeV}} &= (-2.35 \pm 0.35_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.39_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

Approximation for extracting X_E and X_M :

- $\phi = 0$
- $\cos(\delta_1^1 - \delta_0^2) = \cos 6.6^\circ \approx 1$
- $X_E = \frac{\text{Frac(INT)}}{2 \cdot 0.105 \cdot m_k^2 m_\pi^2} \quad X_M = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Frac(DE)} - m_k^4 m_\pi^4 |X_E|^2}{0.0227 \cdot m_k^4 m_\pi^4}}$



Magnetic and electric component of DE (first measurement):

$$\begin{aligned}X_E &= (-24 \pm 4_{\text{stat}} \pm 4_{\text{syst}}) \text{GeV}^{-4} \\ X_M &= (244 \pm 6_{\text{stat}} \pm 6_{\text{syst}}) \text{GeV}^{-4}\end{aligned}$$

Wess-Zumino-Witten **chiral anomaly prediction**: $X_M \approx 270 \text{ GeV}^{-4}$

→ NA48/2 X_M measurement points to **WZW reducible anomaly only**

$K_{2\pi\gamma}$: CPV studies

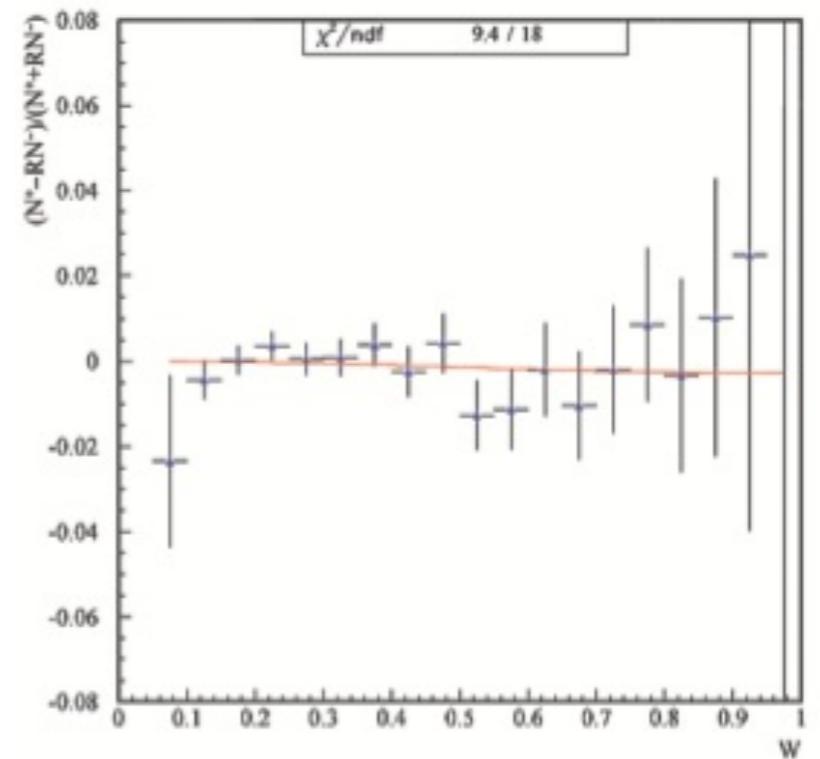
Asymmetry in the total rate:

$$A_N = \frac{\Gamma^+ - \Gamma^-}{\Gamma^+ + \Gamma^-} = \frac{N_{\pi^+\pi^0\gamma} - R \cdot N_{\pi^-\pi^0\gamma}}{N_{\pi^+\pi^0\gamma} + R \cdot N_{\pi^-\pi^0\gamma}}$$

with $R = N_{K^+}/N_{K^-} = 1.7998(4)$ from $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \pi^0$

$$A_N = (0.0 \pm 1.0_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|A_N| < 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$



⇒ First limit on $\sin \phi$: $\sin \phi = -0.01 \pm 0.43$, $|\sin \phi| < 0.56$ (90%CL)

Asymmetry in the Dalitz plot:

using the W spectrum: $\frac{d\Gamma^\pm}{dW} = \frac{d\Gamma_{\text{IB}}^\pm}{dW} (1 + (a \pm e)W^2 + bW^4)$

$$A_W = e \int \frac{\text{INT}}{\text{IB}} = (-0.6 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3}$$

compatible with A_N

⇒ no CP asymmetry observed in $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$

$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma\gamma$: Theorie

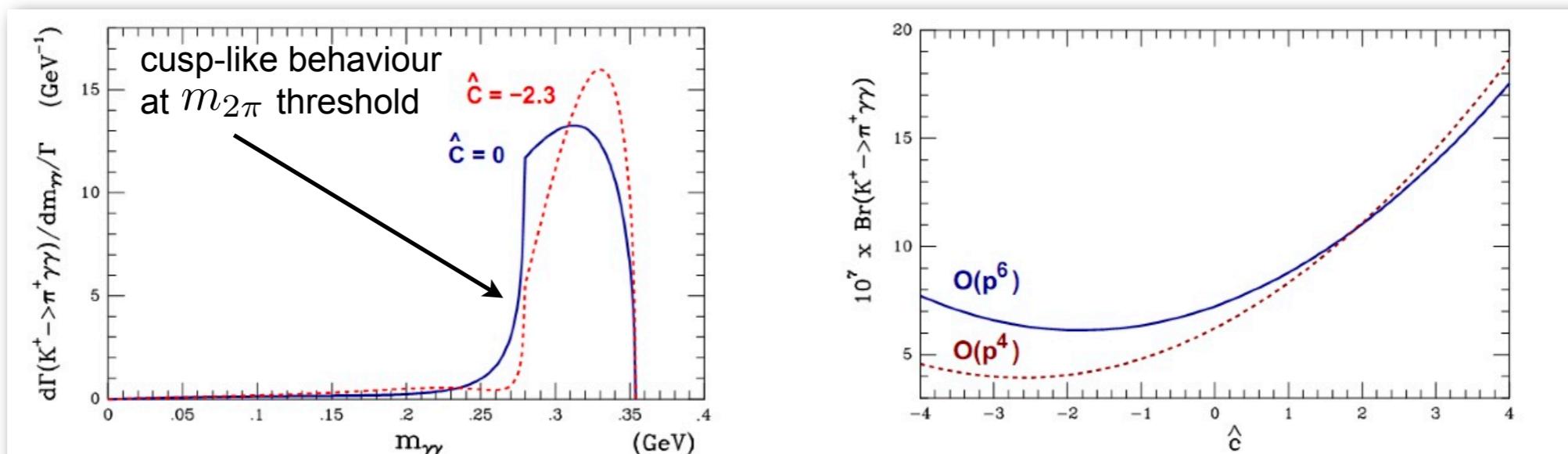
In the Chiral Perturbation Theory framework the **differential rate** of the decay $K^\pm(p) \rightarrow \pi^\pm(p_3)\gamma(q_1)\gamma(q_2)$ (no $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$ contribution) is:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Gamma}{\partial y \partial z} = \frac{m_{K^\pm}}{(8\pi)^3} \cdot \left[z^2 \cdot (|A + B|^2 + |C|^2) + \left(y^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda(1, z, r_\pi^2) \right)^2 \cdot (|B|^2 + |D|^2) \right]$$

$$y = \frac{p \cdot (q_1 - q_2)}{m_{K^\pm}^2} \quad z = \frac{(q_1 + q_2)^2}{m_{K^\pm}^2} = \frac{m_{\gamma\gamma}^2}{m_{K^\pm}^2}$$

- The **leading contribution** at $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$ is given by $A(z, \hat{c})$ (loops) which is responsible for a cusp at $m_{\gamma\gamma} = m_{2\pi}$.
- $C(z)$ (generated by Wess-Zumino-Witten funktional) corresponds to $\sim 10\%$ of A at $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$.
- B and D vanisch at $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$.
- $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$ **unitarity corrections** can increase the BR by 30 - 40%

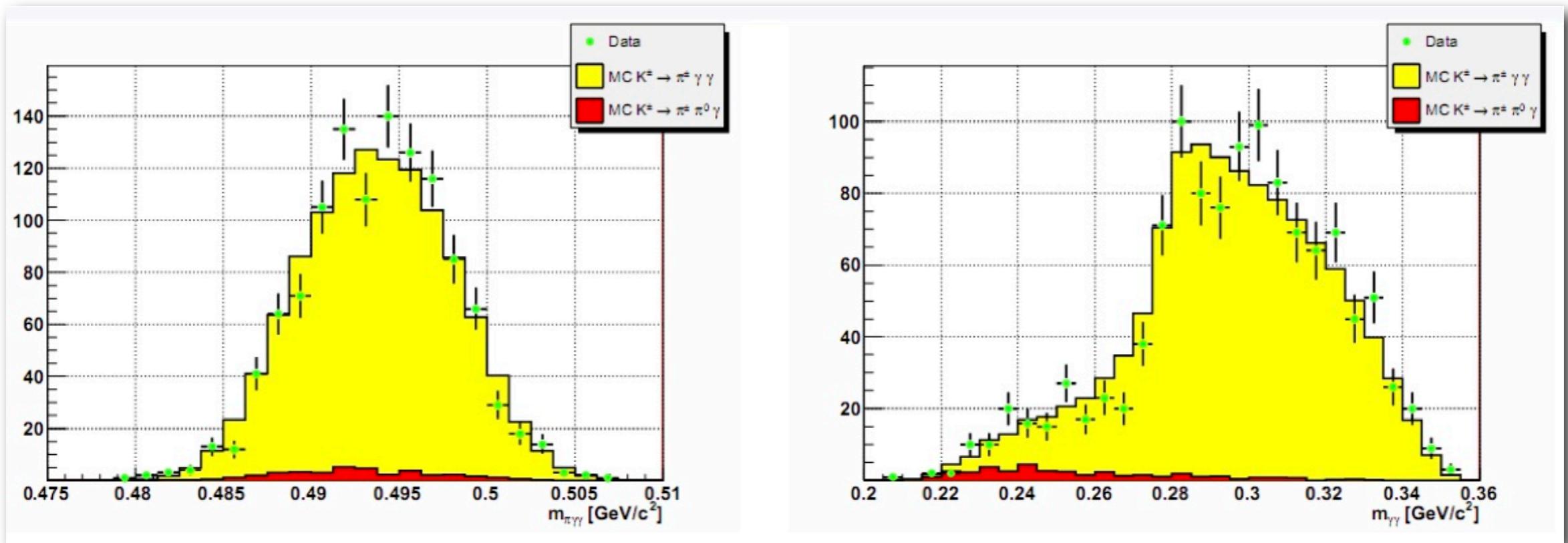
[D'Ambrosio, Portoles, Nucl. Phys. B386 (1996), 403]



$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma\gamma$: Branching Fraction

1164 $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma\gamma$ candidates in 40% of NA48/2 data.

(about 40 times more than previous world statistic)



- **Background:** 3.3 % mainly from $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \gamma$
- **Systematics:** mainly from trigger efficiency determination.

Assume ChPT $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$ and $\hat{c} = 2$

preliminary

$$\text{Br}(K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma\gamma)_{\hat{c}=2, \mathcal{O}(p^6)} = (1.07 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.08_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-6}$$

- Model independent measurement and \hat{c} extraction in preparation.

NA62 Perspectives

Main purpose: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

- Strongly suppressed ($< 10^{-10}$)
- Theoretically clean calculation.
- almost unexplored by experiment.
- **sensitive to new physics.**

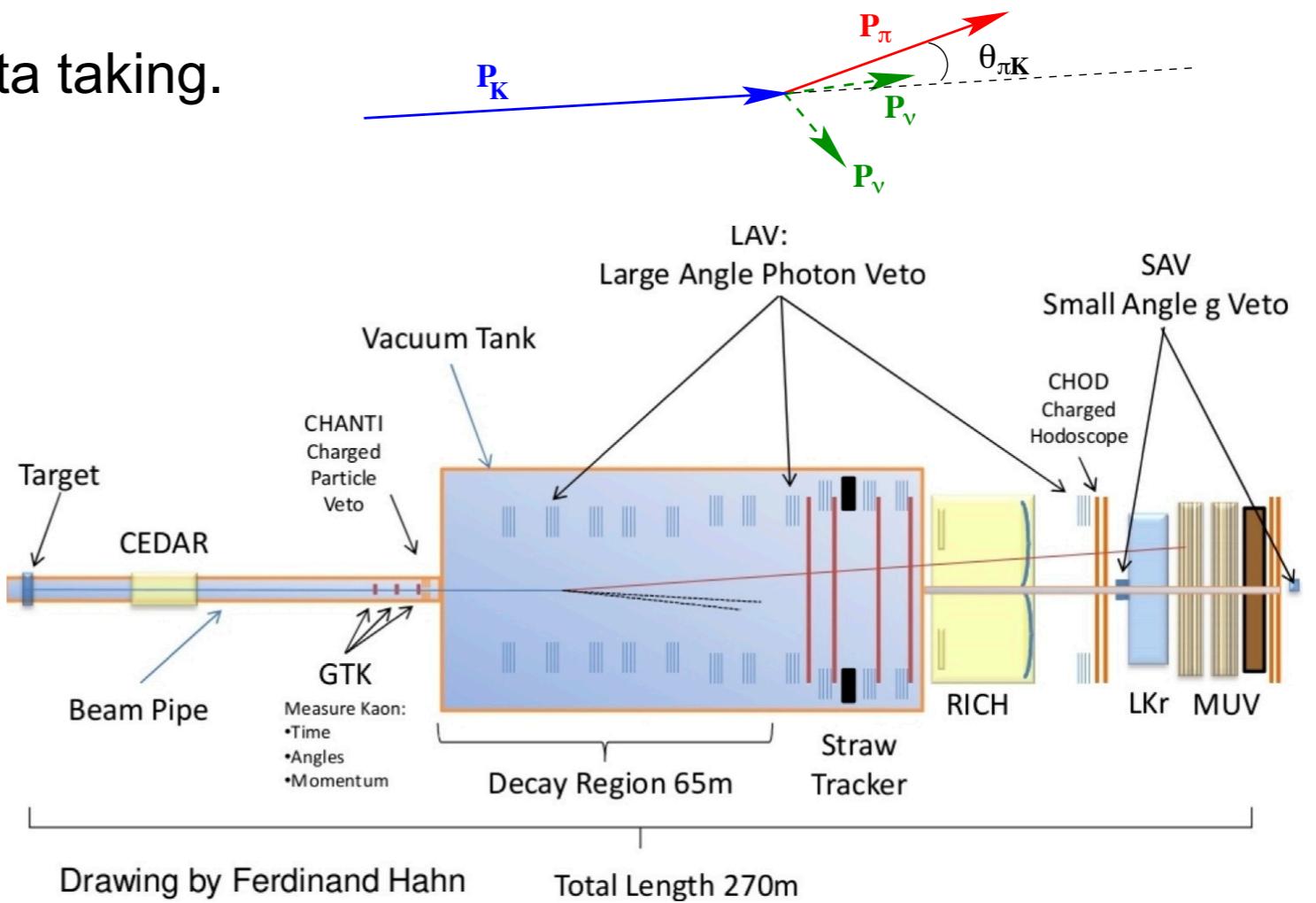
Experimental aim:

- $\mathcal{O}(100)$ events in two years of data taking.
- 10% background.

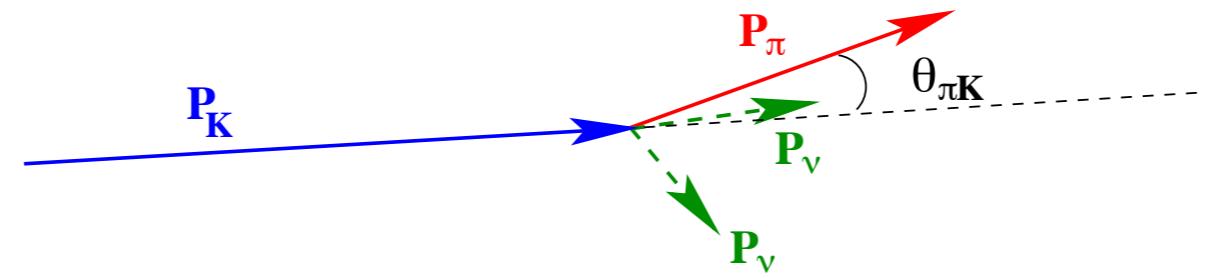
Background rejection:

- Kinematical rejection.
 - Beam tracker: P_K
 - Straw tracker: P_π
- Partical ID.
 - Calorimeters: γ
 - CEDAR: Kaon identification
 - RICH / MUV: $\pi/\mu/e$ separation

	$\text{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})[10^{-11}]$
Standard Model	8.0 ± 1.1
MFV (hep-ph/0310208)	19.1
EEWP (NP B697 133)	7.5 ± 2.1
EDSQ (hep-ph/0407021)	15
MSSM (hep-ph/0408142)	40
BNL E787/E949 (7 events)	$17.3^{+11.5}_{-10.5}$

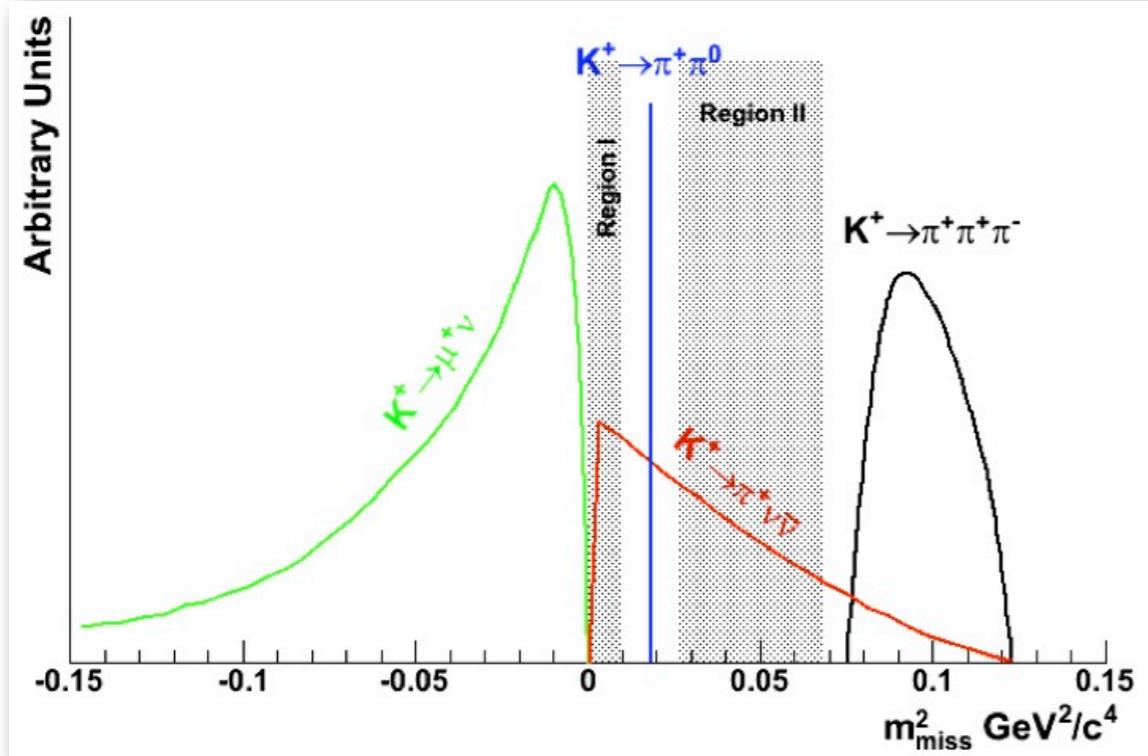


$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$: Background



$$m_{miss}^2 \approx m_k^2 \left(1 - \frac{|P_\pi|}{|P_K|}\right) + m_\pi^2 \left(1 - \frac{|P_K|}{|P_\pi|}\right) - |P_K||P_\pi|\Theta_{\pi K}^2$$

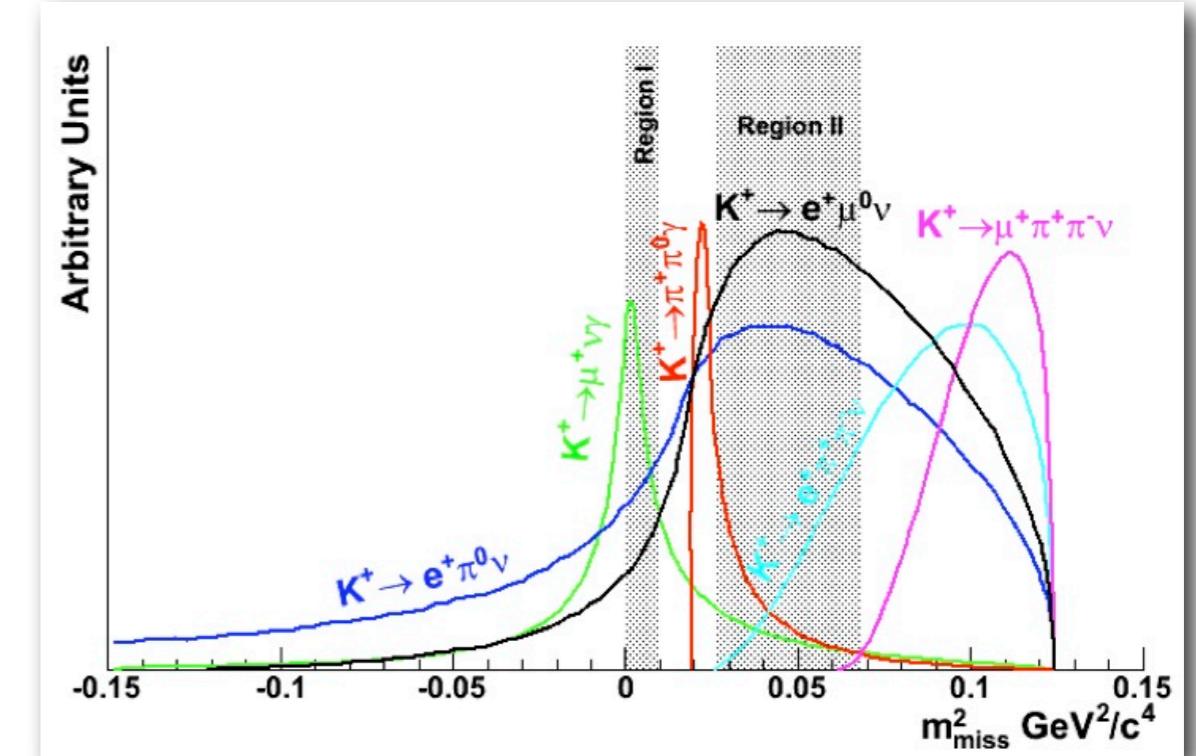
Kinematically constrained



92 % of the total background

- Distribution defines a signal region.
- $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0$ forces to split the region into two parts (**Region I** and **Region II**).

kinematically **not constrained**

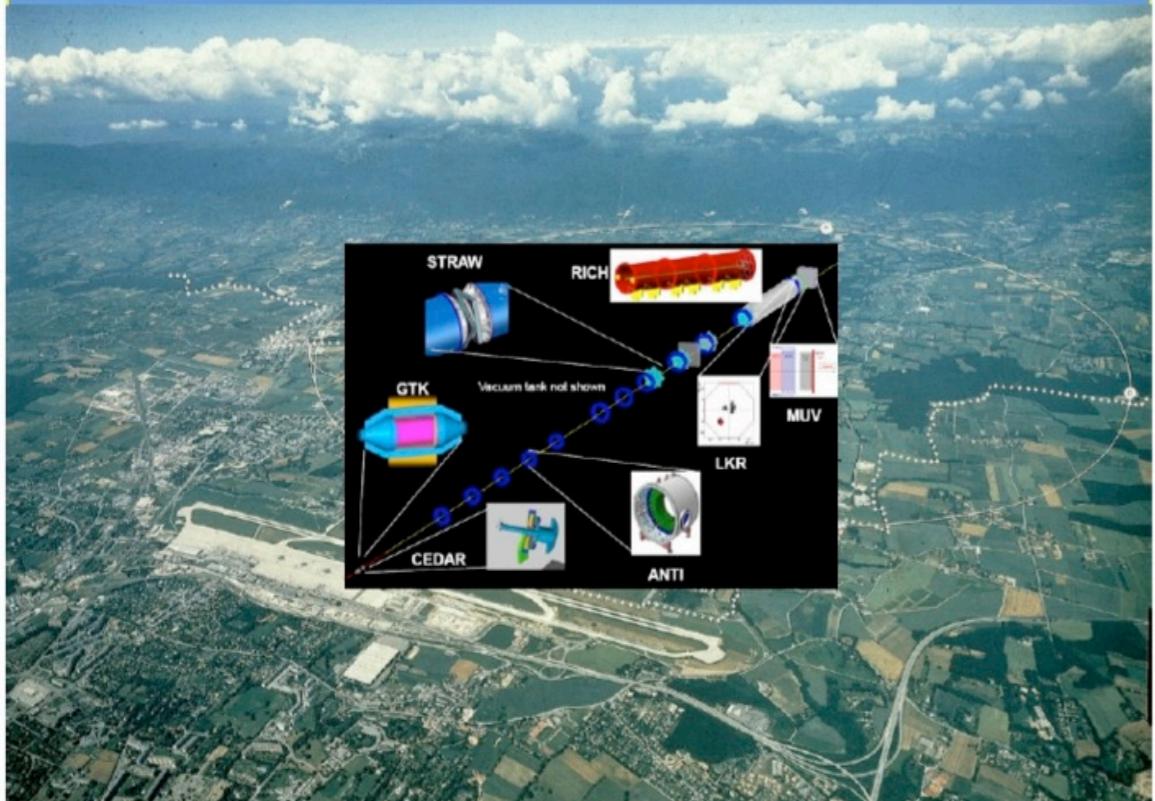


8 % of the total background

- Span across the whole signal region.
- Rejection relies on γ **veto** and **PID**.

NA62 : prospects for rare decays and other goals

The First NA62 Physics Handbook



- much higher statistics possible.
- much smaller background because of major detector improvements (γ veto and PID).

Other physics goals:

- Lepton Flavour Violation: measurement of $K_{e2}/K_{\mu 2}$ to **~0.1% precision**.
- LFV in forbidden decays: searches for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- l^+ l^+$ $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^\pm \mu^\mp$
- **Heavy neutrinos** (~100 MeV), light sgoldstinos.
- **Hadronic K decays** and **final-state $\pi\pi$** interactions in $K_{3\pi}$ and K_{e4} decays.
- ChPT tests with rare kaon/pion decays.

Trigger issues:

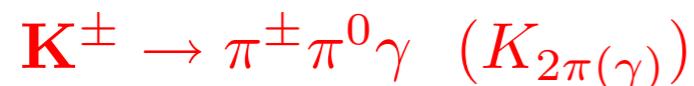
- bandwidth for physics still to decide.

Summary and outlook

- **NA48/2 results of rare kaon decays:**



- **form factor measured relatively to f_s .**
- **first evidence** of $f'_e \neq 0$ and $f_p \neq 0$.
- determination of the **$\pi\pi$ scattering length** with the combination of K_{e4} and the **cusp result**. The **achieved precision is competitive with the best theoretical prediction**.



- **first measurement** of the **INT component** in $K_{2\pi\gamma}$ decays.
- compatible with **CP conservation**.



- presentation of a **Branching ratio measurement** in $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$ and $\hat{c} = 2$.
- **Model independent measurement** and \hat{c} extraction in **preparation**.

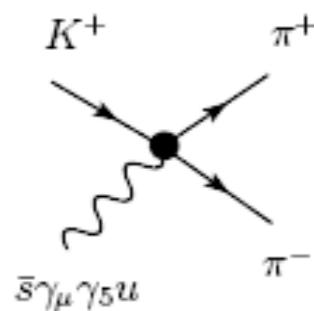
- **looking forward to NA62 possibilities in rare decays and new physics.**

Spares

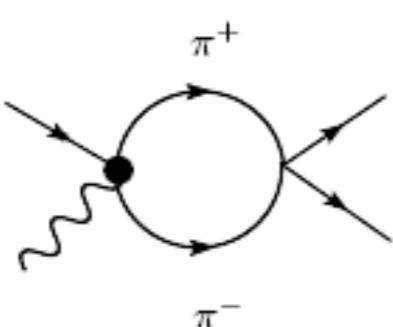
Ke4 charged decays : isospin corrections to δ

CGR EPJ C59 (2009) 777 formulation developed in close contact with NA48

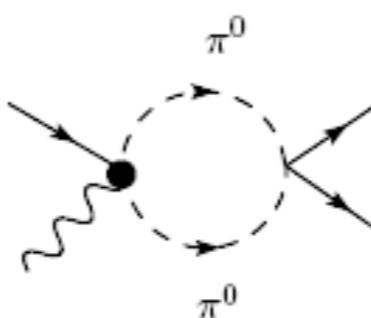
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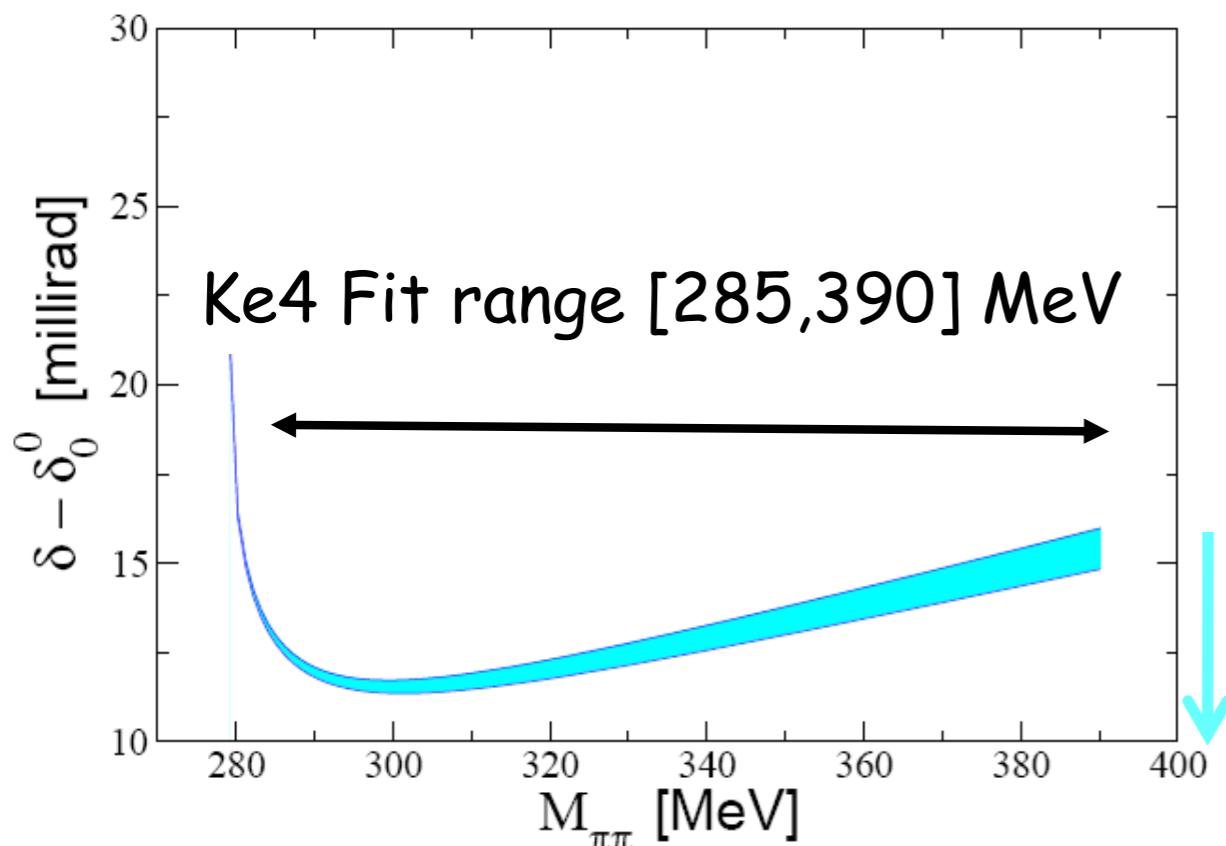
one loop



π^0 - η mixing



$$\delta_0^0 \rightarrow \delta = \frac{1}{32\pi F^2} \left\{ (4\Delta_\pi + s)\sigma + (s - M_{\pi^0}^2) \left(1 + \frac{3}{2R} \right) \sigma_0 \right\}$$



$$\Delta_\pi = M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2,$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M_\pi^2}{s}},$$

$$R = \frac{m_s - \hat{m}}{m_d - m_u}$$

Correction is ~ 10 - 15 mrad

Exp. stat precision (δ) is ~ 7 - 8 mrad

CUSP effect:

- presence of a structure at the $M_{\pi^+\pi^-}$ - threshold value in the $M_{\pi^0\pi^0}$ distribution of $K \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0$ decay
- NA48/2 data provide an **ALTERNATIVE** way to estimate pion scattering lengths, to be compared with the result obtained in Ke4
- Effect due to the strong $\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ rescattering in the $K \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0$ decay

