

New results in rare allowed muon and pion decays

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Outline

Overview of decays and recent experiments

Prior results

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \quad (\pi_\beta \text{ decay})$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \gamma \quad (\text{RPD})$$

Radiative muon decay, $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \gamma$ (new)

The π_{e2} decay, $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e$ (current work)

Status and prospects

Summary



Known and measured pion and muon decays

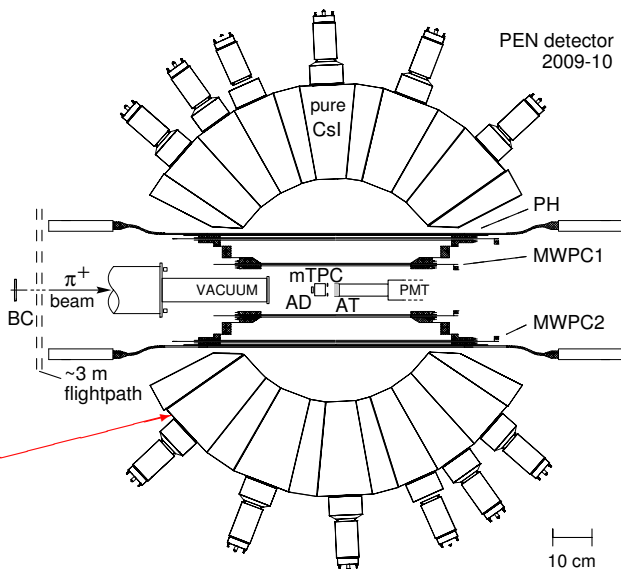
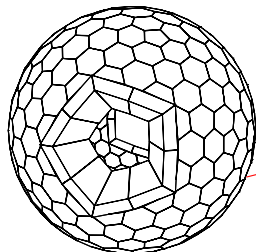
Decay	BR		
$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$	0.9998770 (4)		$(\pi_{\mu 2})$
$\mu^+ \nu \gamma$	$2.00 (25) \times 10^{-4}$		$(\pi_{\mu 2 \gamma})$
$e^+ \nu$	$1.230 (4) \times 10^{-4}$		$(\pi_{e 2})$ ✓
$e^+ \nu \gamma$	$7.39(5) \times 10^{-7}$		$(\pi_{e 2 \gamma})$ ✓
$\pi^0 e^+ \nu$	$1.036 (6) \times 10^{-8}$		$(\pi_{e 3}, \pi_{\beta})$ ✓
$e^+ \nu e^+ e^-$	$3.2 (5) \times 10^{-9}$		$(\pi_{e 2 ee})$
$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	0.98798 (32)	✓	
$e^+ e^- \gamma$	$1.198 (32) \times 10^{-2}$		(Dalitz)
$e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$	$3.14 (30) \times 10^{-5}$		
$e^+ e^-$	$6.2 (5) \times 10^{-8}$		
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	~ 1.0	✓	
$e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \gamma$	0.014 (4)	✓	
$e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} e^+ e^-$	$3.4 (4) \times 10^{-5}$		

Recent measurements of π , μ allowed decay

- ▶ $\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$ PIBETA ('99-'01)
 - SM checks related to CKM unitarity
- ▶ $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \gamma$ (or $e^+ e^-$) PIBETA ('99-'04), PEN ('06-'10)
 - F_A/F_V , π polarizability (χ^{PT} calibration)
 - tensor coupling besides $\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{A}$ (?)
- ▶ $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$ TWIST ('03-'04)
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 - e - μ universality
 - \mathbf{P} , \mathbf{S} coupling besides $\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{A}$
 - ν sector anomalies, Majoron searches, \mathbf{m}_{h^+} , PS \mathbf{l} - \mathbf{q} 's, V \mathbf{l} - \mathbf{q} 's, ...
 - search for signs of SUSY (MSSM)

The PIBETA/PEN apparatus

- stopped π^+ beam
- active target counter
- 240-detector, spherical pure CsI calorimeter
- central tracking
- beam tracking
- digitized waveforms
- stable temp./humidity



Prior results

(the PIBETA experiment)



PIBETA result for $\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu$ (π_β) decay [PRL 93, 181803 (2004)]

$$B_{\pi\beta}^{\text{exp-t}} = [1.040 \pm 0.004 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.004 (\text{syst})] \times 10^{-8},$$

$$B_{\pi\beta}^{\text{exp-e}} = [1.036 \pm 0.004 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.004 (\text{syst}) \pm 0.003 (\pi_{e2})] \times 10^{-8},$$

McFarlane et al. [PRD 1985]: $B = (1.026 \pm 0.039) \times 10^{-8}$

SM Prediction (PDG):

$$B = 1.038 - 1.041 \times 10^{-8} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \\ (1.005 - 1.007 \times 10^{-8} \quad \text{excl. rad. corr.})$$

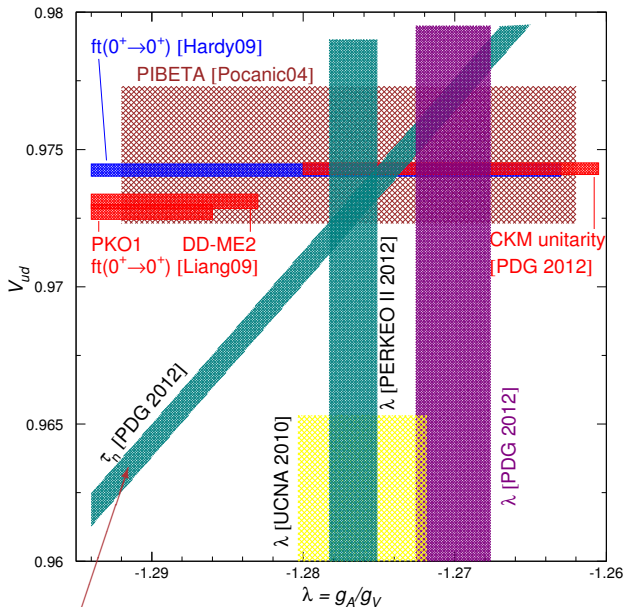
⇒ Most sensitive test of CVC/radiative corr. in a meson to date!

PDG 2012: $V_{ud} = 0.97425(22)$

PIBETA: $V_{ud} = 0.9748(25)$ or $V_{ud} = 0.9728(30)$.



Current status of V_{ud} :



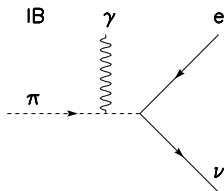
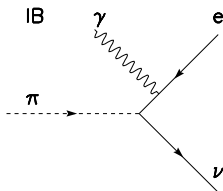
$$\tau_n^{-1} \propto |V_{ud}|^2 |g_V|^2 (1 + 3|\lambda|^2)$$



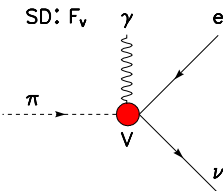
Radiative pion decay



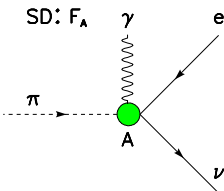
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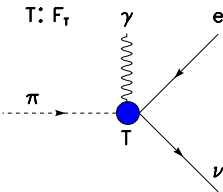
and SD V , A terms:



SM



A tensor interaction,
too?



Exchange of $S=0$ leptoquarks
P Herczeg, PRD 49 (1994) 247



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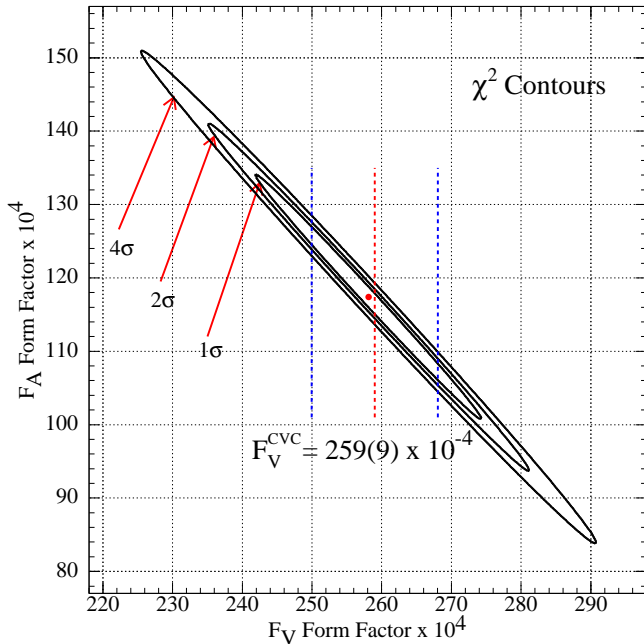
Above results will be improved with the new PEN data analysis.

At L.O. ($I_9 + I_{10}$), F_V is related to pion polarizability and π^0 lifetime

$$\alpha_E^{\text{LO}} = -\beta_M^{\text{LO}} = (2.783 \pm 0.023_{\text{exp}}) \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$$

$$\tau_{\pi^0} = (8.5 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-17} \text{ s} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{current PDG avg: } 8.52(12) \\ \text{PrimEx PRL '10: } 8.32(23) \end{array} \right.$$





Best values of pion form factor parameters:

Combined analysis of 1999-2001 and 2004 data sets

[PRL 103, 051802 (2009)]

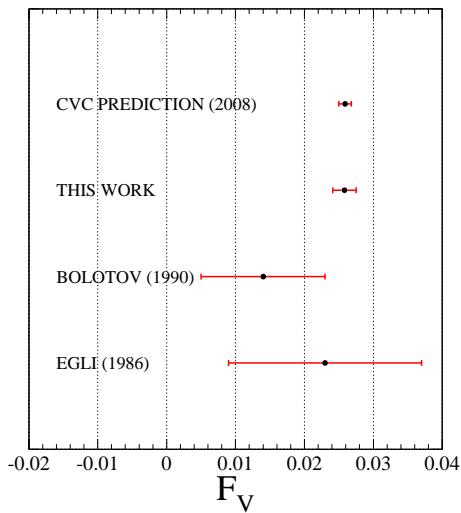
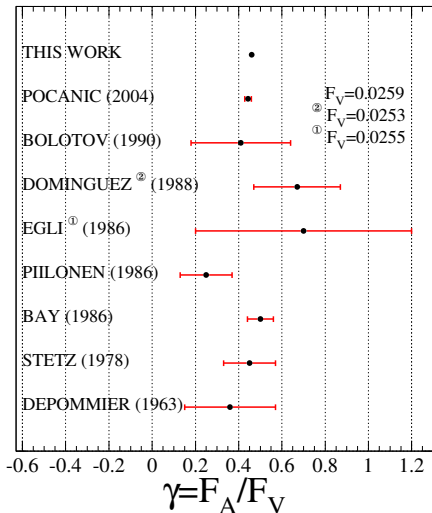
strong limit:

$$SD^+ \propto (F_V + F_A)^2$$

weak limit:

$$SD^- \propto (F_V - F_A)^2$$

Experimental History of Pion F_A and F_V



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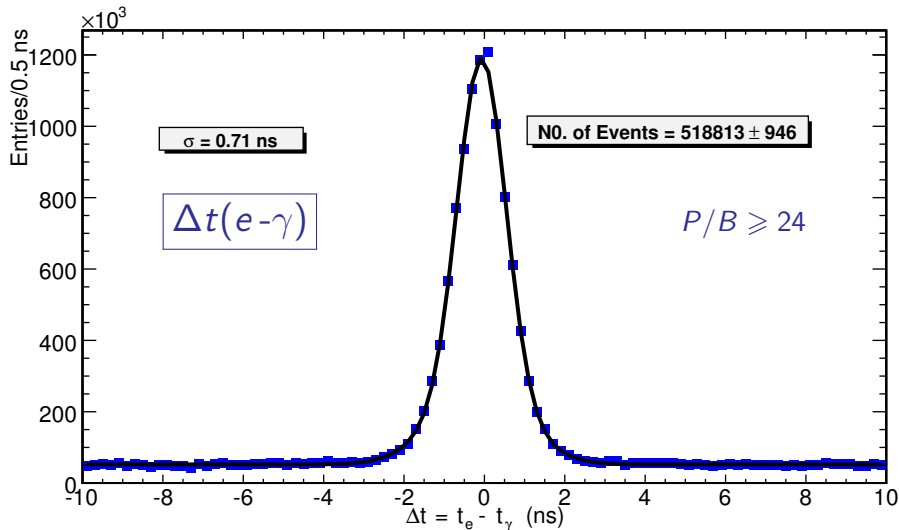
PIBETA: 2004 runs
(PEN: 2008–2010 runs)



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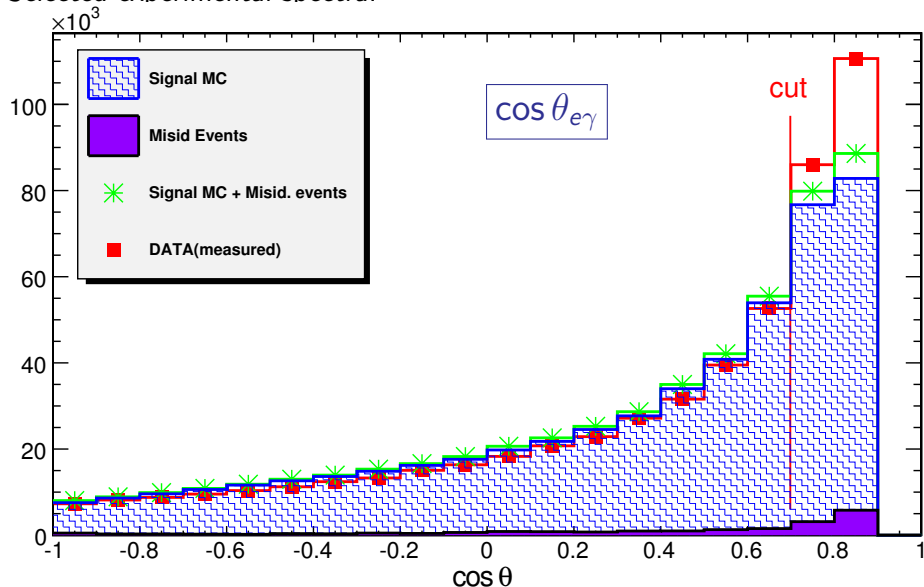
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CsI Time Coincidence



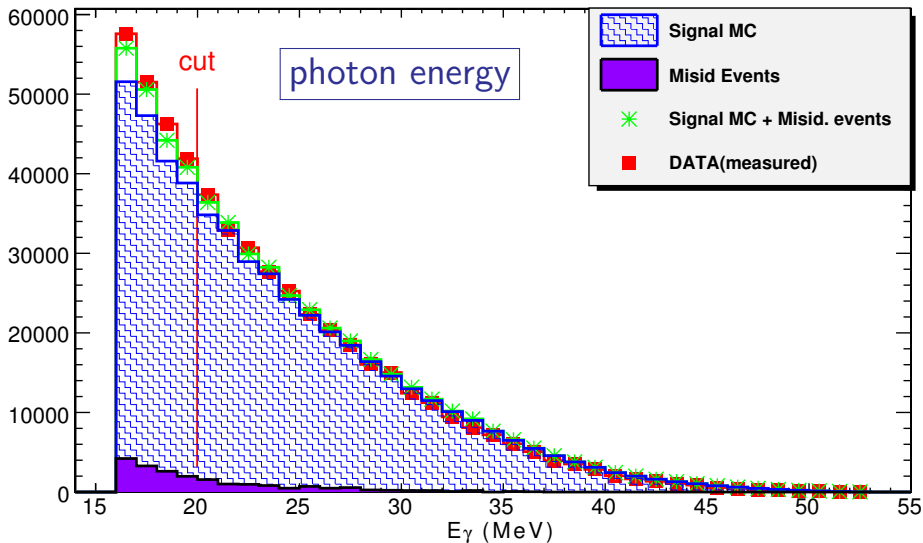
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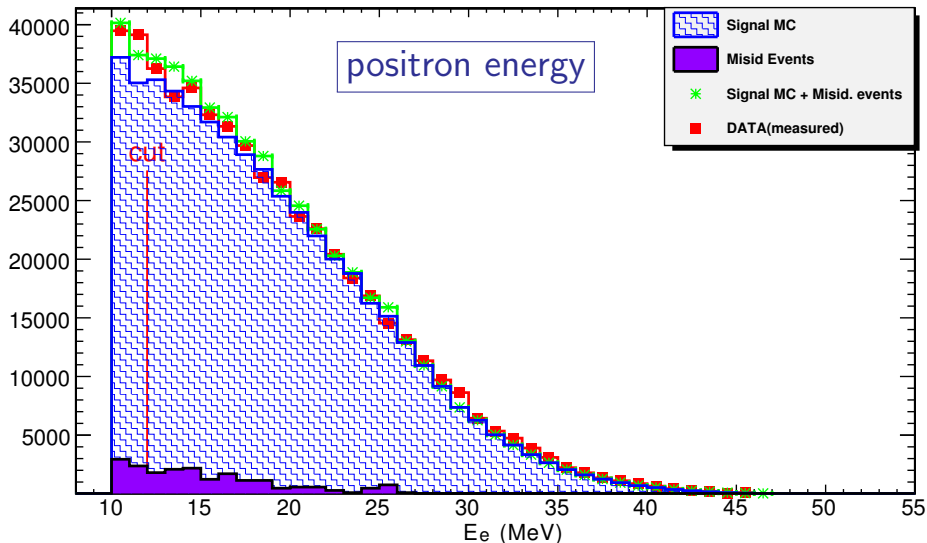
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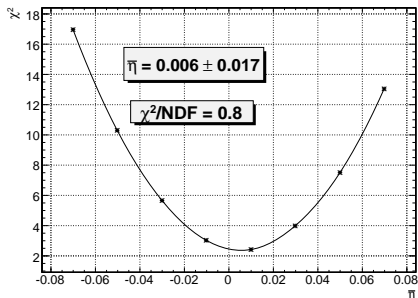
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Analysis of PS subset:

$13 \text{ MeV} < E_\gamma < 45 \text{ MeV}$, and

$10 \text{ MeV} < E_{e^+} < 43 \text{ MeV}$, yields

$$\bar{\eta} = 0.006(17)_{\text{stat.}}(18)_{\text{syst.}}, \text{ or}$$

$$\bar{\eta} < 0.028 \quad (68\% \text{CL}).$$

$\sim 4\times$ better than best previous experiment (Eichenberger et al, 84).

NB: preliminary results!



The π_{e2} decay:

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

Primary motivation for PEN
(data runs 2008–10)



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- ▶ Strong SM helicity suppression amplifies sensitivity to PS terms (“door” for New Physics) by factor $2m_\pi/m_e(m_u + m_d) \approx 8000$.
- ▶ $R_{e/\mu}^\pi$ tests lepton universality: in SM e, μ, τ differ by Higgs couplings only; there could also be new S or PS bosons with non-universal couplings (New Physics).



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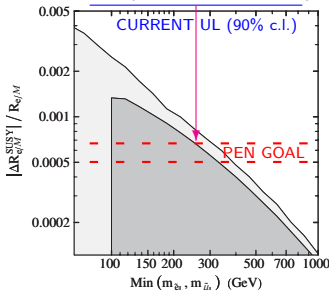
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In general multi-Higgs models with charged-Higgs couplings

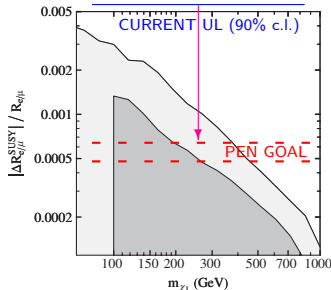
$\lambda_{e\nu} \approx \lambda_{\mu\nu} \approx \lambda_{\tau\nu}$, at 0.1% precision, $R_{e\mu}^\pi$ probes $m_{H^\pm} \leq 400 \text{ GeV}$.

MSSM calculations (R parity cons.) [Ramsey-Musolf et al., PR D76 (2007) 095017]

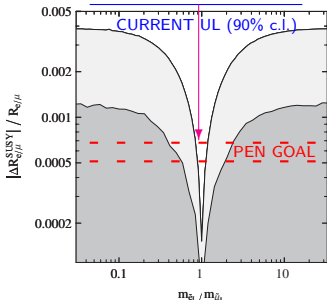
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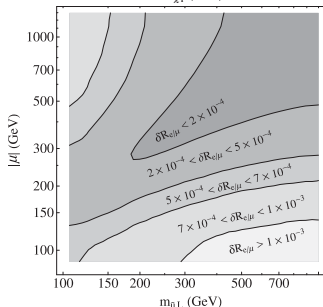
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(R parity violating scenario constraints also discussed.)



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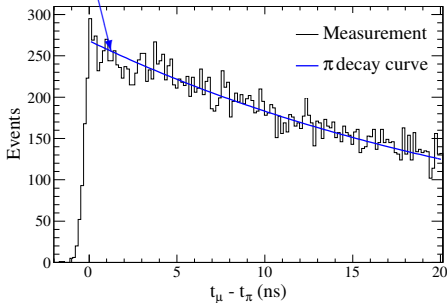
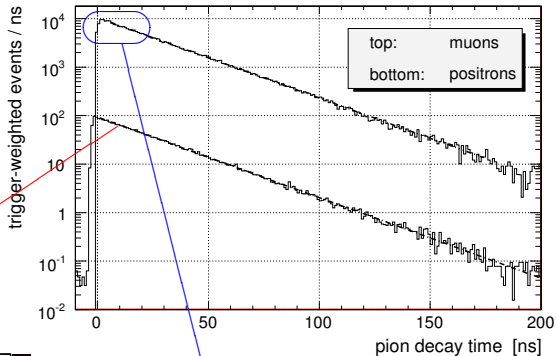
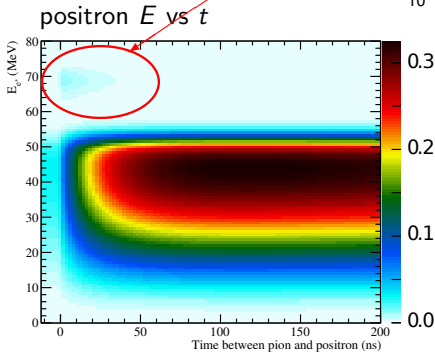
- ▶ Data acquisition runs in 2008, 2009, 2010 completed.
- ▶ Collected: $> 22 \text{ M } \pi \rightarrow e$ events, $> 200 \text{ M } \pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$ events.
- ▶ Comprehensive, blinded maximum likelihood analysis in progress.



Pion decays in TGT

$$\tau_{\pi \rightarrow \mu} = 26.21(5) \text{ ns} \Rightarrow$$

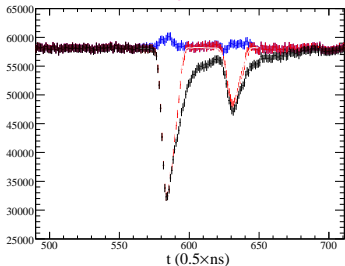
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Target waveform fitting:

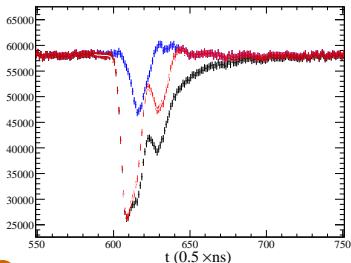
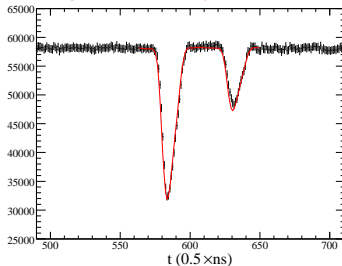
- (1) Shape (filter) wf signals,
- (2) Use predicted π_{stop} (DEG) and e^+ (PH) wf's,
- (3) Fit with 2 and 3-peak wf's; compare χ^2 values.

Raw + shaped wf's

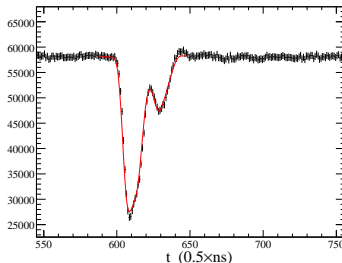


Typical 2-peak
 $\pi \rightarrow e$ event
 Blue trace: no
 "third" (muon)
 signal

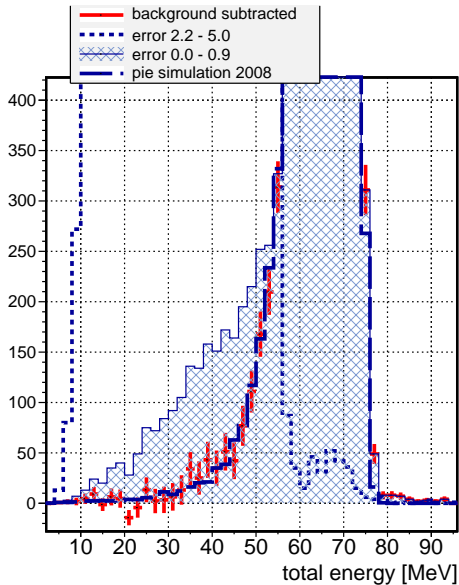
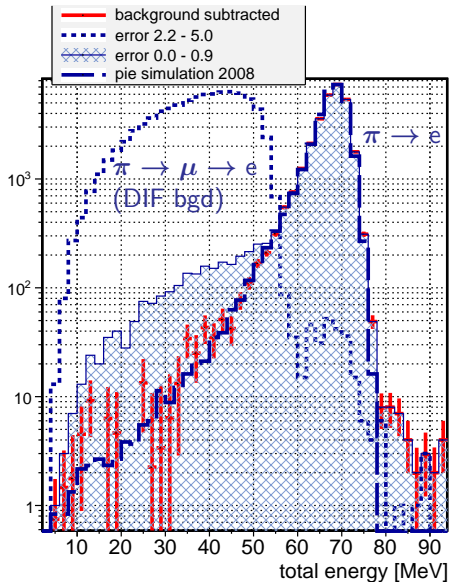
Shaped wf's + predicted fits



Typical 3-peak
 $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$ event
 Blue trace:
 putative "third"
 (muon) signal



Key PEN systematic: low E "tail" response



Study of allowed π and μ decays in PEN

- ▶ A **significant experimental effort** is under way (in PEN and in other experiments) to make use of the **unparalleled theoretical precision** in the weak interactions of the lightest particles.
- ▶ Information obtained is **complementary to** expected **collider results**, and valuable for their proper interpretation.
- ▶ **Improvements in precision** for
 - $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$,
 - $\pi \rightarrow e\nu\gamma$ (F_V , F_T^{ul}), and
 - $\mu \rightarrow e\nu\bar{\nu}\gamma$.to be achieved in the near future.



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