



# The Search for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$

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## Introduction & Motivation

- a preliminary KTeV study on  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  was performed in late 2005.
- currently, there's no published calculation inside the Standard Model for  $Br(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)$ , although the decay is possible via  $\gamma^*$ .
- however, HyperCP reports a '*potential*' new neutral boson  $X^0$  observed via  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow pX^0 \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ . They determined the following branching ratios:

$$Br(\Sigma^{+} \to p\mu^{+}\mu^{-}) = (8.6^{+6.6}_{-5.4}(stat) \pm 5.5(syst)) x 10^{-8} ,$$
  

$$Br(\Sigma^{+} \to pX^{0} \to p\mu^{+}\mu^{-}) = (3.1^{+2.4}_{-1.9}(stat) \pm 1.5(syst)) x 10^{-8}$$

- Hyper CP gave the mass of the '*potential*' new boson  $X^0$  as:  $(214.3 \pm 0.5) MeV$
- two groups (Valencia *et al.* and Deshpande *et al.*) have recently computed  $Br(\mathbf{K_L} \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)$  in a phenomenological fashion.

## **Previous Studies**

#### ~Theorist Brainstorming~

- Valencia *et al.* and Deshpande *et al.* calculate  $Br(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)$  following observations made by HyperCP; that is, they assume that the  $X^0$ 's have small widths, are short lived and do not interact strongly.
- Deshpande *et al.* estimates contraints on scalar and pseudoscalar  $X^{0}$ 's.
- finding that pseudoscalar couplings have the largest contribution, they evaluate the branching ratio as:

 $Br(\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{L}} \to \pi^{0} \pi^{0} X^{0} \to \pi^{0} \pi^{0} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}) = 8.02 \, x 10^{-9}$  (Deshpande et al., 2005)

- Valencia *et al.* take things a step further and consider scalar, pseudoscalar, vector and axial vector particle possibilities for the  $X^0$  state.
- the decay  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  places serious constraints on scalar and vector particle possibilities. The branching ratio for  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  has been measured to be:

$$Br[\mathbf{K}^{+} \to \pi^{+} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}] = (8.1 \pm 1.4) x 10^{-8} \qquad (PDG, 2004)$$

- combining the upper result with constraints on scalar and vector couplings, *Valencia et al.* calculates theoretical upper limits on  $Br(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow pX^0 \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-)$ :

$$Br(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow pX^0_{\rm S} \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) < 6 x 10^{-11}, \quad Br(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow pX^0_{\rm V} \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) < 3 x 10^{-11}$$

- the above upper limits effectively eliminate both scalar and vector particles as explanations of the HyperCP result.

- they then use existing constraints on pseudoscalar or axial vector  $X^0$ 's to predict the pseudoscalar and axial vector  $X^0$  contributions to the  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay mode:

$$Br(\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{L}} \to \pi^{0} \pi^{0} X^{0}_{p} \to \pi^{0} \pi^{0} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}) = (8.3^{+7.5}_{-6.6}) x 10^{-9}$$

$$(Valencia \ et \ al., \ 2005)$$

$$Br(\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{L}} \to \pi^{0} \pi^{0} X^{0}_{A} \to \pi^{0} \pi^{0} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}) = (1.0^{+0.9}_{-0.8}) x 10^{-10}$$

- there is *no current experimental upper limit* on  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  or  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ .

## The Possibility of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Within The Standard Model

- the decay  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  is feasable within the Standard Model although its' phase space is limited to a paltry 16.35 MeV.
- although there is no current published Standard Model theory for  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ , Heiliger and Sehgal have paper out there on  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 e^+ e^-$ .
- the amplitude of  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 e^+ e^-$  is encompassed in a two piece set, with one piece coming from conversion of a virtual photon in the process  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \gamma^*$  and another with a real photon amplitude  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \gamma$ .
- even in the narrow phase space of  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ , the direct  $\gamma^*$  production will only yield a background in the  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  mass band around 214 MeV.

## Previous KTeV Studies $(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-)$

- the data used in the previous KTeV study was from the 1997 E799 run.

- results from that analysis include:

~acceptance of 2.73%  $\rightarrow$  single event sensitivity of 1.4  $x10^{-10}$ 

~signal of less than 2.3 events



~partial width for 'new physics' estimated to be  $< 4.0 x 10^{-24} MeV$ 

- the aforementioned analysis does however have some potential shortcomings that need to be addressed, such as the following:

~identification and estimation of background.

~selection and completion of a normalization analysis.

~systematics in the sensitivity!

~usage of a constant matrix element in the  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ MC generation.

## Previous KTeV Studies ( $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ )

- KTeV thesis on  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  was completed in early 1999.
- this decay is particularly interesting since it contains a direct CP violating contribution within the Standard Model.
- two events were observed with an expected background of events from MC simulation. The upper limit was set at:  $0.87 \pm 0.15$  $Br(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) < 3.8 \times 10^{-10}$  (*PRL*, June 2000)
- the above analysis was performed on the KTeV E799 1997 data set only. <u>An analysis on the 1999 data set has yet to be performed.</u>

## What Is The KTeV Experiment???

- KTeV stands for "Kaons at the TeVatron" and consists of two fixed target experiments (E799 and E832) located at Fermilab.

- Data was collected in 1996-1997 and 1999-2000; these two runs are referred to as the '97 and '99 runs respectively. (Note: the detector and the Tevatron were updated in the intermediary period.)

- the goal of E799 is to detect and measure rare  $K_L$  decays, especially CP-violating processes.

- the main purpose of E832 is to measure the *direct CP violation* parameter  $Re(\epsilon'/\epsilon)$  at the 10<sup>-4</sup> level.



## Creation of the Neutral Kaon Beam

- neutral kaons are created by a proton beam hitting a fixed BeO target with transverse dimensions of 3x3 mm and a length of 30 cm (~1.1 interaction lengths).
- the TeVatron provided 2.5 to 5 trillion 800 GeV/c protons in a 20 s 'spill' once per minute.
- the proton beam has a 53 MHz nanostructure such that the protons arrive in ~1 ns 'buckets' once every 19 ns.
- the center of the BeO target defined the origin of the KTeV right-handed co-ordinate system, where the +z-axis is defined from the target to the center of the detector.
- the incident proton beam was directed at an angle of 4.8 mrad with respect to the +z-axis in order to maximize the kaon flux and optimize the K-n ratio.

- the beam exiting the BeO target contained very few kaons compared to the number of hadrons and photons produced.
- a series of collimators and sweeping magnets were designed to create two side-by-side beams of neutral particles and rid them of any hadrons and photons.



at z = 90 m, the two beams enter the KTeV decay region, which is an evacuated volume held at ~1 µTorr and is 69 meters in length.



- at the end of the decay region was a *Mylar laminated* Kevlar vacuum window. The window was made extremely thin (0.0015 radiation lengths) in order to minimize photon conversion and bremsstrahlung.

## The KTeV 'Double Beam' Technique

- KTeV uses two parallel neutral kaon beams to produce  $K_L$  and  $K_s$  decays.

~ E799 uses two identical  $K_L$  beams.

(Note: nearly all of the  $K_s$ 's and hyperons produced at the target decay before they reach the decay region, which is ~90 m from the target.)

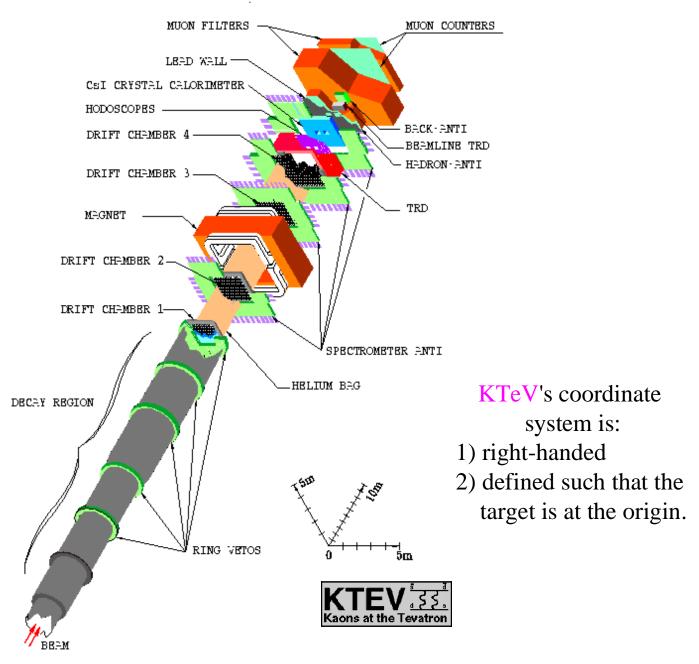
~ E832 also has two  $K_L$  beams, but one of them passes through a plastic regenerator to produce  $K_s$ 's.

- This novel technique is beneficial, because it enables us to collect  $K_L$  and  $K_s$  decays at the same time and under the same conditions.

- This reduces biases due to temporal fluctuations during data taking, such as changes in beam intensity and variations in detector response.

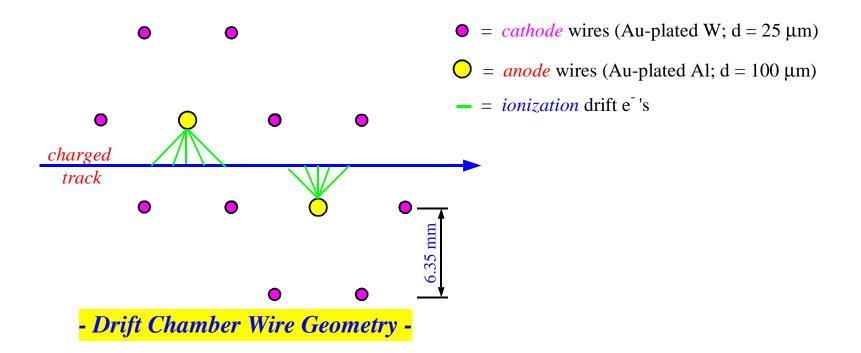
- Biases due to different levels of activity in the kaon beams from neutral hadrons are also suppressed.

## The **KTeV** Detector



## The **KTeV** Spectrometer

- the KTeV Spectrometer uses an analysis magnet sandwiched between four drift chambers to measure charged track momenta and trajectories.

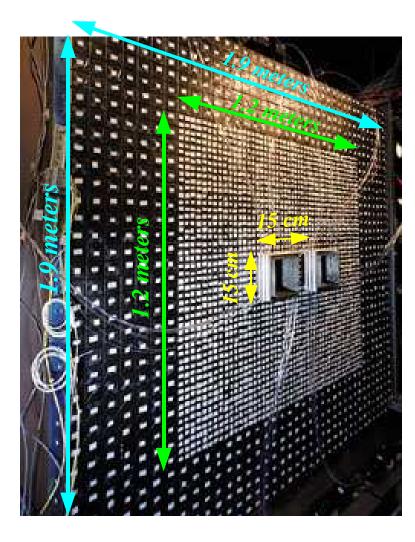


each drift chamber has a pair of *Y-view* anode wire planes followed by a pair of *X-view* anode wire planes; there are a total of *1972* anode wires in the four drift chambers.

- each drift chamber was filled with a 50/50 mix of *argon/ethane* along with a bit (~1%) of *isopropyl alcohol*; the alcohol slowed chamber aging by absorbing harmful ultraviolet light.
- helium bags were placed before, behind and between each drift chamber to reduce photon conversions, multiple scattering and beam interactions.
- the magnet has a strength of ~0.5 T, produces a field that's uniform to better than 1% and imparts a 0.41 GeV/c kick in the horizontal plane.
- the *momentum resolution* of the spectrometer is:

 $\sigma_P / P = (0.038 \oplus 0.016 P)\%$ , where P is in GeV/c.

## The **KTeV** Electromagnetic Calorimeter



- the KTeV ECAL is composed of 3100 pure CsI crystals.
- the 868 larger outer crystals have a 5 x 5 cm<sup>2</sup> cross-section, while the inner crystals have an area of 2.5 x 2.5 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- all crystals are 50 cm long (27 radiation lengths, 1.4 interaction lengths)
- the energy resolution for photons was:

 $\sigma_E/E = (0.4 \oplus 2/\sqrt{E})$  %, where E is in GeV.

- the position resolution was ~1 mm.
- the  $\pi^{0}$  mass resolution ( for  $K_{L} \rightarrow \pi^{+} \pi^{-} \pi^{0}$ ) was ~1.3 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>.

## **KTeV CsI Crystals & PMTs**

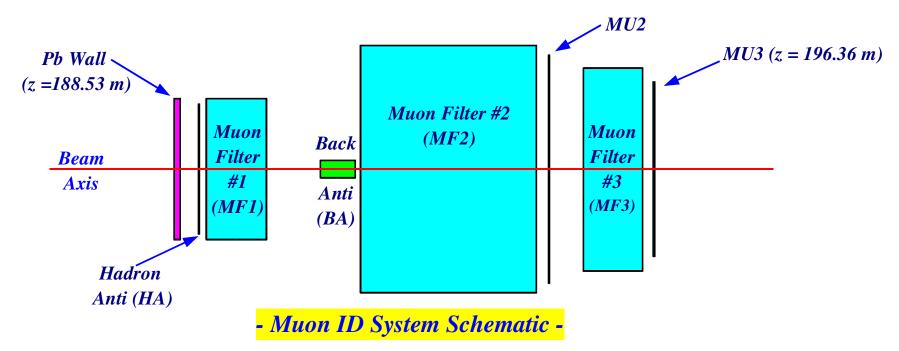


- the CsI crystals all have a unique outer wrapping designed to produce a uniform scintillation response along the length of the crystals.
- in order to maximize the uniformity, the crystals were wrapped in 13  $\mu$ m thick black and/or reflective mylar coverings; the ratio of black and reflective wrappings as well as the boundary between the two is different for every crystal.



 affixed to each crystal was a photomultiplier (PMT) with a DPMT (digital PMT) board. The DPMT board was created to digitize and buffer the anode signal from the PMT's.

## The **KTeV** Muon ID System



- the *Muon ID System* is a series of particle filters and scintillator planes that are designed to identify muons by filtering out other charged particles.

<u>**Pb Wall**</u> – the purpose of the <u>10 cm thick</u> lead wall was twofold:

1) absorption of EM showers that leaked out of the CsI ECAL.

2) induction of hadronic showers for the hadrons that didn't shower in the CsI ECAL.

<u>*HA*</u> a plane of 28 non-overlapping scintillator paddles used to veto events with hadronic activity.

- <u>*MF1*</u> a 1 meter thick steel barrier, which provided protected for the HA against backsplash off the neutral beamdump, *MF2* (*Pb Wall*, *HA* and *MF1* all had holes in the center to allow for passage of the neutral beams).
- <u>MF2 & MU2 –</u> at 3 meters thick and composed of 44 m<sup>2</sup> of battleship steel, MF2 stopped a large majority of hadronic activity. MU2 is a plane of 56 150cmx15cmx1.5cm scintillator counters that was user as an acceptance detector for muon calibration triggers.
- <u>MF3</u> an additional 1 meter steel barrier located behind <u>MU2</u>. A muon would need a min. momentum of 7 GeV/c to pass through the Pb wall and the 3 muon filters. All in all, the Pb wall and muon filters add up to a total of 31 nuclear interaction lengths.
- <u>MU3</u> two planes of 40 non-overlapping scintillator counters each. <u>MU3</u> is used to trigger on rare decays with muons in the final state. The hit resolution in X & Y is 15 cm.

## $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ Analysis Strategy

#### -Data Selection-

- the data to be used in this study will be from the dimuon trigger of the 1997 (1999 later on) KTeV E799 run

- a 'crunch' has been performed on 130 data storage tapes...these tapes contained approximately *1.73 TeraBytes* of data.

- some other decays available from the dimuon trigger are:  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma \gamma$  and  $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$ .

- two potential candidates for the *normalization* mode are  $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$  and  $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma \gamma$ .

#### TRIG5[2MU-LD] = GATE\*2V\*DC12\*2MU3\*PHVBAR1\*2HCY\_LOOSE\*HCC\_GE1

2V = 2 hits in V view and 1 hit in V' view *OR* 2 hits in V' and 1 hit in V.

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DC12 = at least 1 DCOR hit in each view of DC1 and DC2.

2MU3 = 2 or more hits in the X and Y views of MU3.

<u>*PHVBAR1*</u>: this is a veto on all RC's (except RC8), all SA's and the CIA. Specifically, this rejects events that deposit  $\geq 500$  MeVin the RC's and  $\geq 400$  MeV in the SA's and the CIA.

<u>2HCY\_LOOSE</u>: 2+ hits in every y view of the drift chambers (by the hit counting module); however, a missing hit is allowed in the y view of chamber 1 *OR* chamber 2.

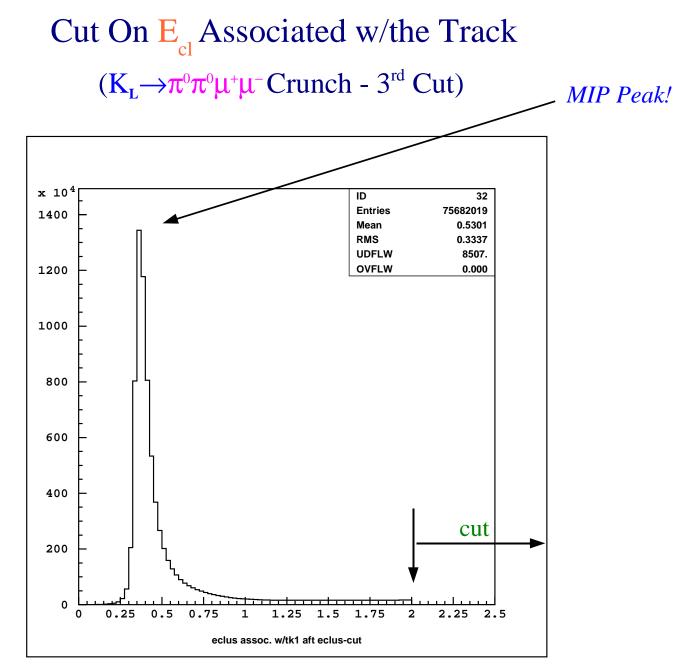
*HCC\_GE1*:  $\geq$  1 hardware cluster.

(logic symbols: & or \* = AND, | or + = OR, ! = NOT)

## $K_{L} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \pi^{0} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}$ Event Reconstruction

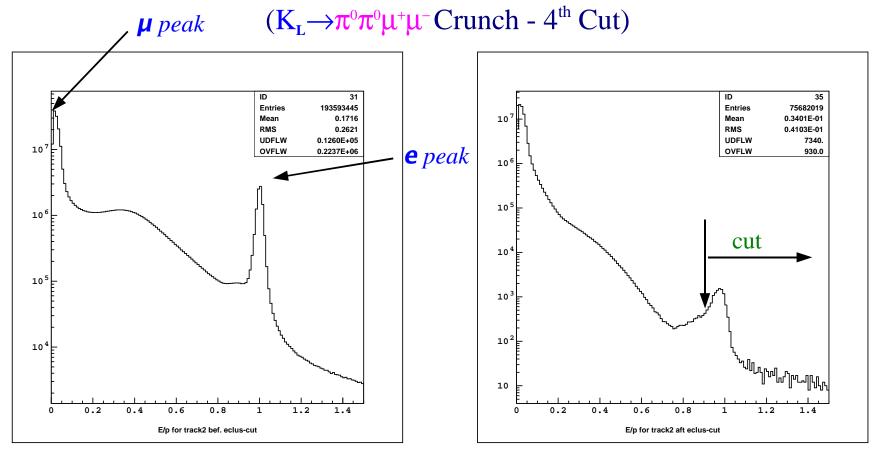
-Crunch Cuts-

$\begin{array}{c} K_{L} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \pi^{0} \mu^{+} \mu^{-} \\ Crunch Cut^{*} \end{array}$	Data <sup>♪</sup>	MC <sup>♪</sup>	Data <sup>⊅</sup>	MC <sup>5</sup>	$K_{L} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \mu^{+} \mu^{-}$ Crunch Cut <sup>*</sup>		
Require 2 tracks	0.700	0.992	0.700	0.996	Require 2 tracks		
$C_{track1} = -C_{track2}$	0.999	1.000	0.999	1.000	$C_{track1} = -C_{track2}$		
$E_{cl}(track) \le 2.0 \text{ GeV}$	0.391	0.942	0.391	0.982	$E_{cl}(track) \le 2.0 \text{ GeV}$		
$E_{cl}(track) / p_{track} \le 0.9$	0.999	1.000	0.999	1.000	$E_{cl}(track) / p_{track} \le 0.9$		
# $\gamma$ clusters $\geq 4$	0.056	0.629	0.366	0.720	# $\gamma$ clusters $\geq 2$		
# hits in $\mu$ planes $\geq 1$	0.980	1.000	0.982	1.000	# hits in $\mu$ planes $\geq 1$		
$ \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{rec},\mathrm{pi0}} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{pi0}}  \le 15 \mathrm{MeV}$	0.196	0.983	0.480	0.985	$ \mathbf{M}_{\text{rec.pi0}} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{pi0}}  \le 15 \text{ MeV}$		
$90.0 \text{ m} \le \text{Z}_{_{\text{VTX}}} \le 160.0 \text{ m}$	0.265	0.985	0.987	0.999	$90.0 \text{ m} \le \text{Z}_{_{\text{VTX}}} \le 160.0 \text{ m}$		
			0.887	0.997	$400 \text{ MeV} \le \text{K}_{\gamma\gamma\mu\mu} \le 600 \text{ MeV}$		
$p_{\rm T}^2 \le 0.06 \; {\rm GeV}^2/{\rm c}^2$	0.569	0.999	0.678	0.993	$p_T^2 \le 0.0025 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$		
Total Acceptance	0.00044	0.569	0.028	0.687	Total Acceptance		
* = cuts listed in chronological order, $\mathbf{J}$ = initial # events was ~20K, $\mathbf{J}$ = initial # events was ~277 M							



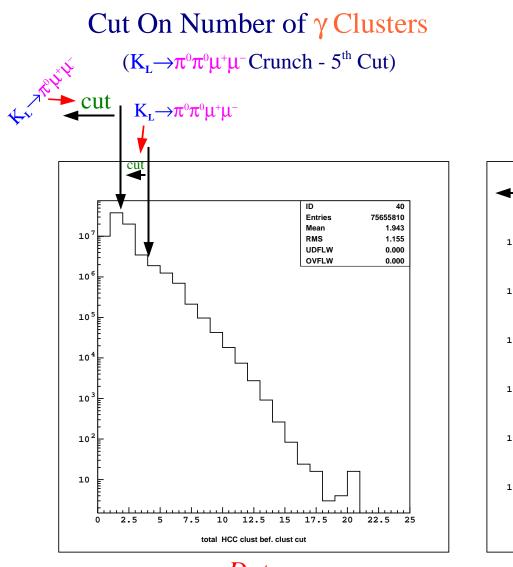
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## Cut On $E_{cl}(track)/p_{track}$



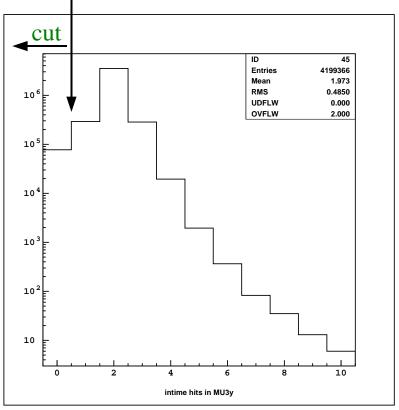
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Cut On Number of Hits in µ Counting Planes

 $(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^- Crunch - 6^{th} Cut)$ 

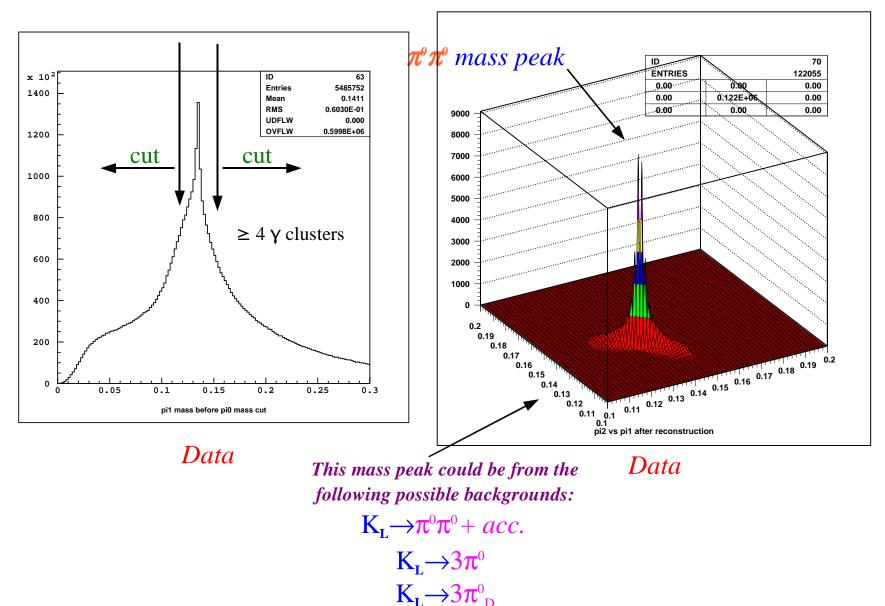


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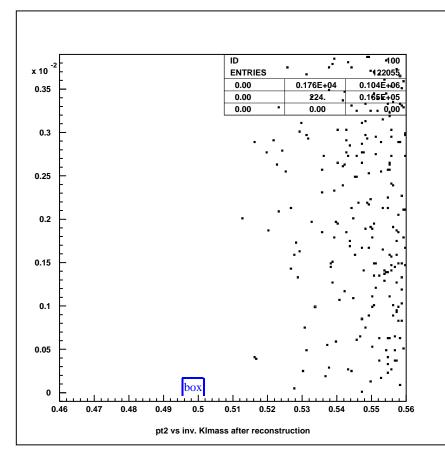
#### Cut On Reconstructed $\pi$ Mass

 $(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^- Crunch - 7^{th} Cut)$ 

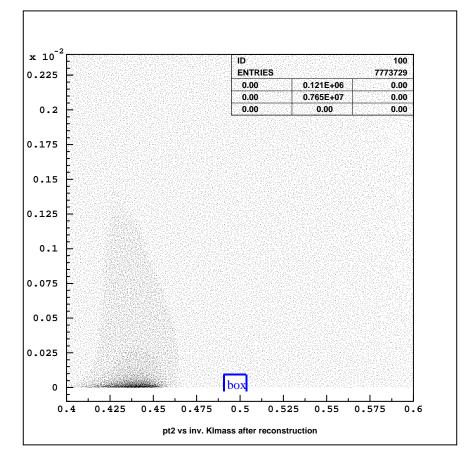


### Results From Crunch of All Tapes

#### $(P_T^2 vs. Inv. K_L Mass)$



 $K_{L} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \pi^{0} \mu^{+} \mu^{-} Data$   $\sim Box Dimensions \sim$   $495 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma\mu\mu} \leq 501 \text{ MeV}$   $p_{T}^{2} \leq 130 \text{ MeV}^{2}$ 



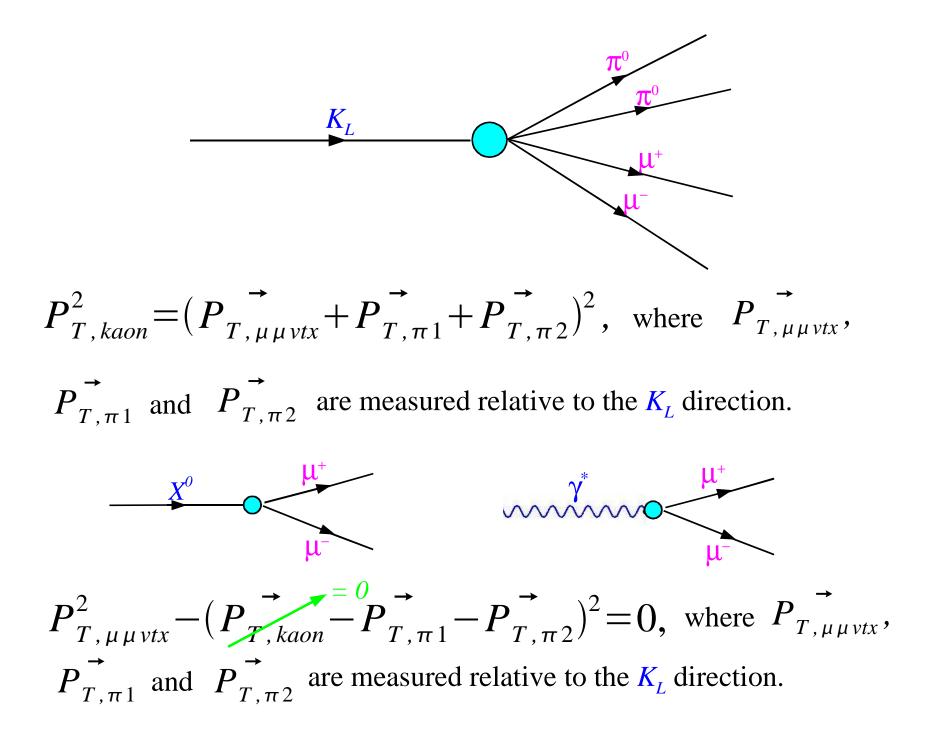
 $K_{L} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \mu^{+} \mu^{-} Data$   $\sim Box Dimensions \sim$   $491 \text{ MeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma\mu\mu} \leq 505 \text{ MeV}$   $p_{T}^{2} \leq 100 \text{ MeV}^{2}$ 

#### What Is A 'Blind Analysis'?

- a '*blind analysis*' is a technique of hiding some part of the data to prevent experimenter's bias, or that bias which stems from someone "unconsciously working toward a certain value."
- in this analysis, we could be setting ourselves up for a truly dangerous bias scenario, since we're looking for a signal that's at the edge of phase space.
- *Why*? 1) One could choose cuts to *remove* individual events, thereby possibly yielding a better upper limit than is deserved.
  - 2) Or one could choose cuts to *retain* individual events, which could potentially produce a signal where none is warranted.

### Why Do We Need A 'Box'??

- we need to define our signal region in terms of two experimental parameters that will separate *signal* from *backgrounds*.
- since we can simulate the signal, determine its' efficiency and estimate the size of the background in the signal region using the *invariant*  $K_L$  mass and  $P_T^{2}$ , then a 2D signal box using these variables does the job well.



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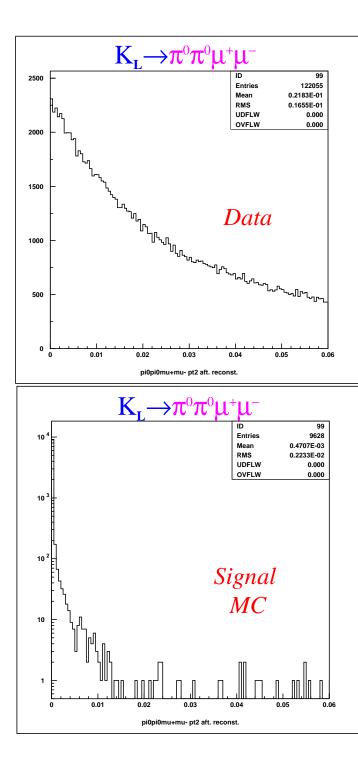
#### $([P_{T,\mu+\mu-vtx}^{2}-P_{T,\pi0\pi0}^{2}]$ vs. Inv. $\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$ Mass)

pt2 vs inv. mumumass after reconstruction

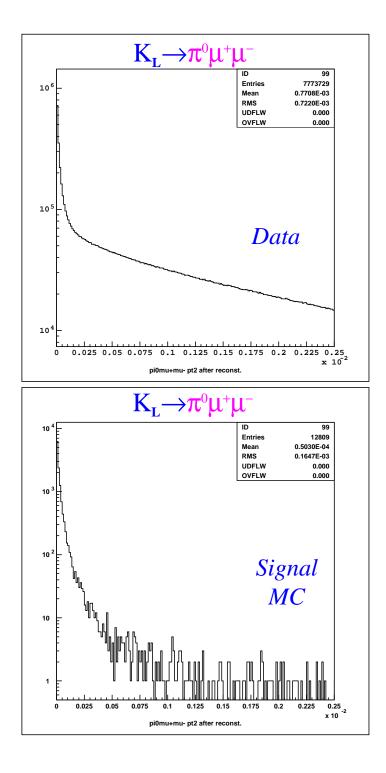
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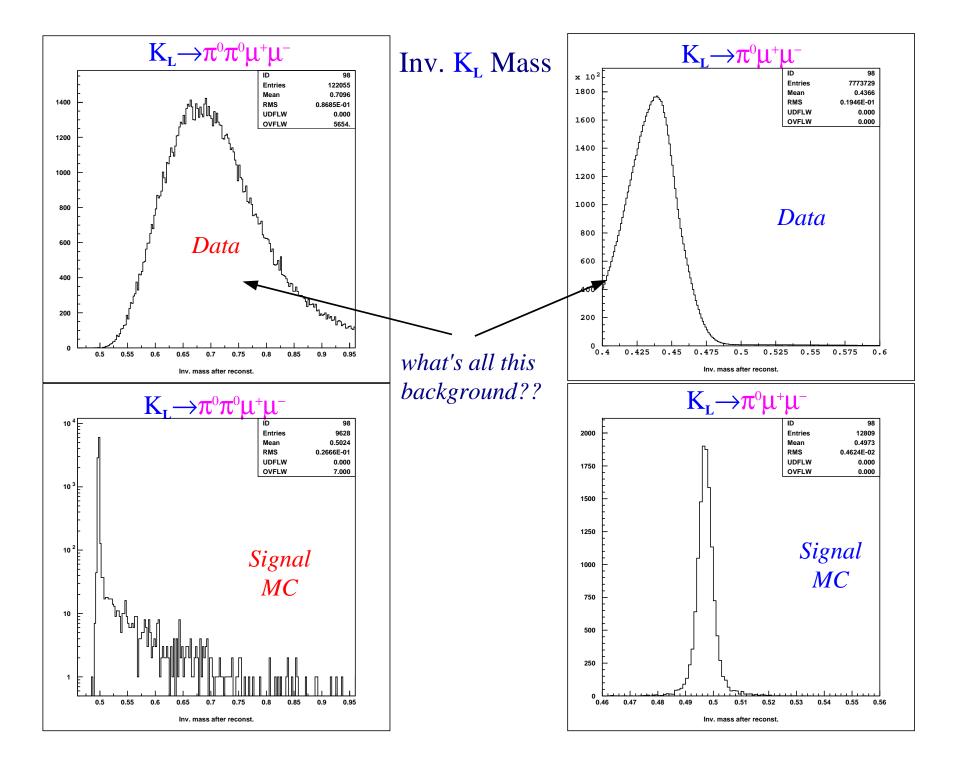
~ Box Dimensions ~

213.8 MeV  $\leq M_{\mu\mu} \leq 214.8$  MeV  $p_T^2 \leq 700$  MeV<sup>2</sup>

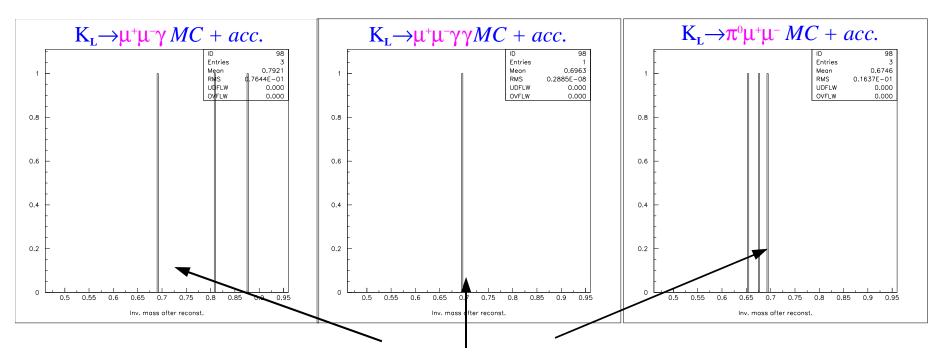


 $P_{T}^{\ 2}$ 





#### MC Studies on High Mass Signal Mode Background



After feeding the above MC Samples (~20 K events) into the  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  Crunch Code, this is what we were left over with after all cuts.

- We can relate the above plots to the High Mass Background Spectrum in the Inv.  $K_L$  Mass Plot for  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  by extrapolation:

7 events /(20 K *MC events*)  $\simeq$  x /(277 M *Data events*)  $\longrightarrow$  x  $\simeq$  96800 background events

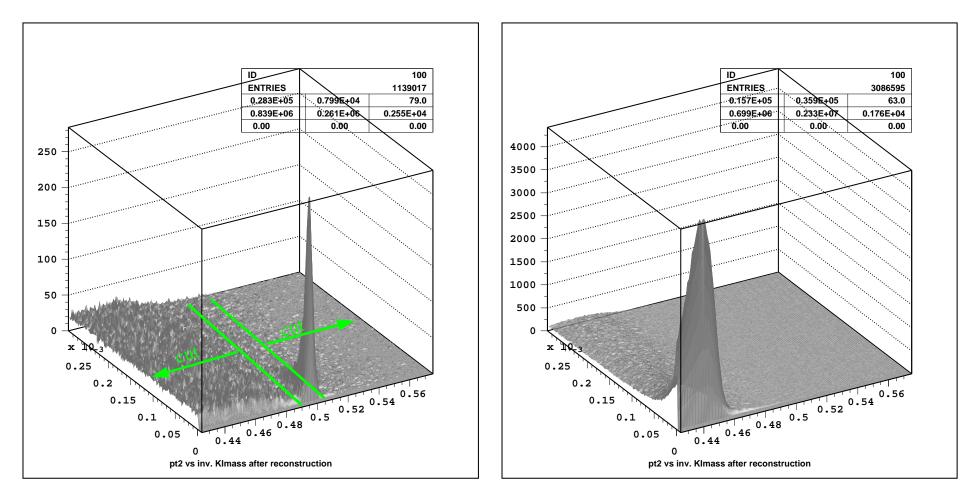
- So, our *MC Estimate* says that ~ 96800 events in the high mass signal mode background are due to the above three decays. This accounts for ~ 80 % of the background.
- Another potential background to be studied is  $K_{\mu3}\gamma$  + acc.

## Normalization Mode Studies\*\*

-Crunch Cuts-

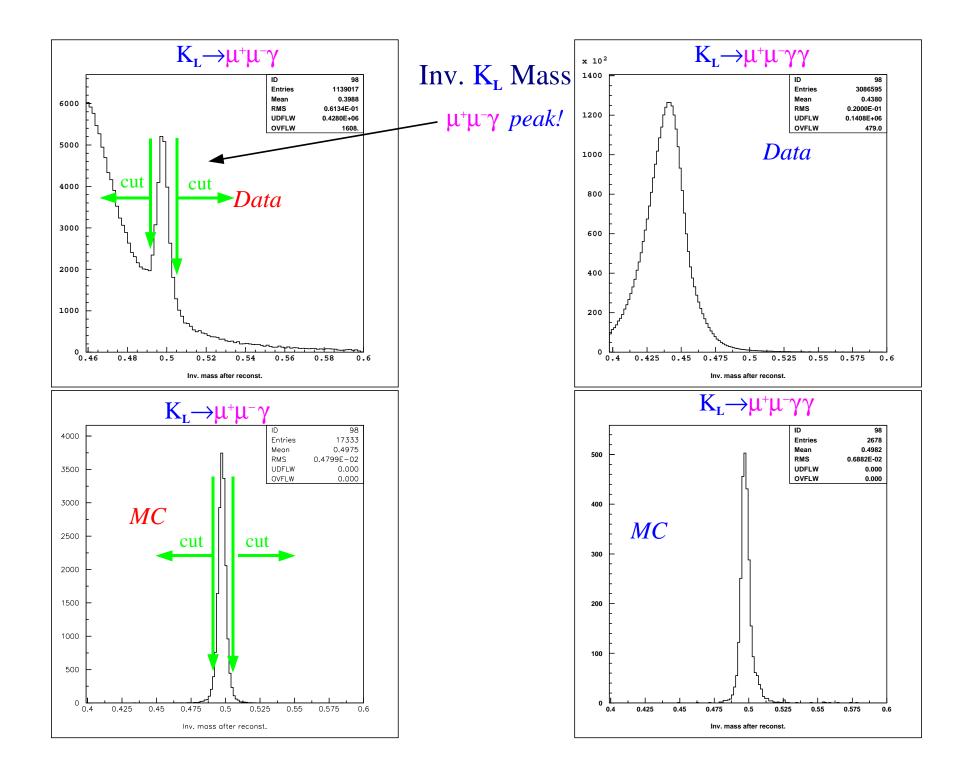
$K_L → μ^+ μ^- γγ$ Crunch Cut <sup>*</sup>	Data <sup>♪</sup>	MC <sup>♪</sup>	Data <sup>⊅</sup>	MC <sup>♪</sup>	$\begin{array}{c} K_{L} \rightarrow \mu^{+} \mu^{-} \gamma \\ Crunch Cut^{*} \end{array}$
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$90.0 \text{ m} \le \text{Z}_{_{\text{VTX}}} \le 160.0 \text{ m}$	0.973	1.000	0.977	0.999	$90.0 \text{ m} \le \text{Z}_{_{\text{VTX}}} \le 160.0 \text{ m}$
$p_T^2 \le 0.0003 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$	0.161	0.947	0.031	0.949	$p_{\rm T}^2 \le 0.0003 \; {\rm GeV}^2/{\rm c}^2$
			0.025	0.917	492 MeV $\leq K_{\mu\mu\gamma} \leq 504$ MeV
Total Acceptance	0.011	0.147	0.0001	0.806	Total Acceptance

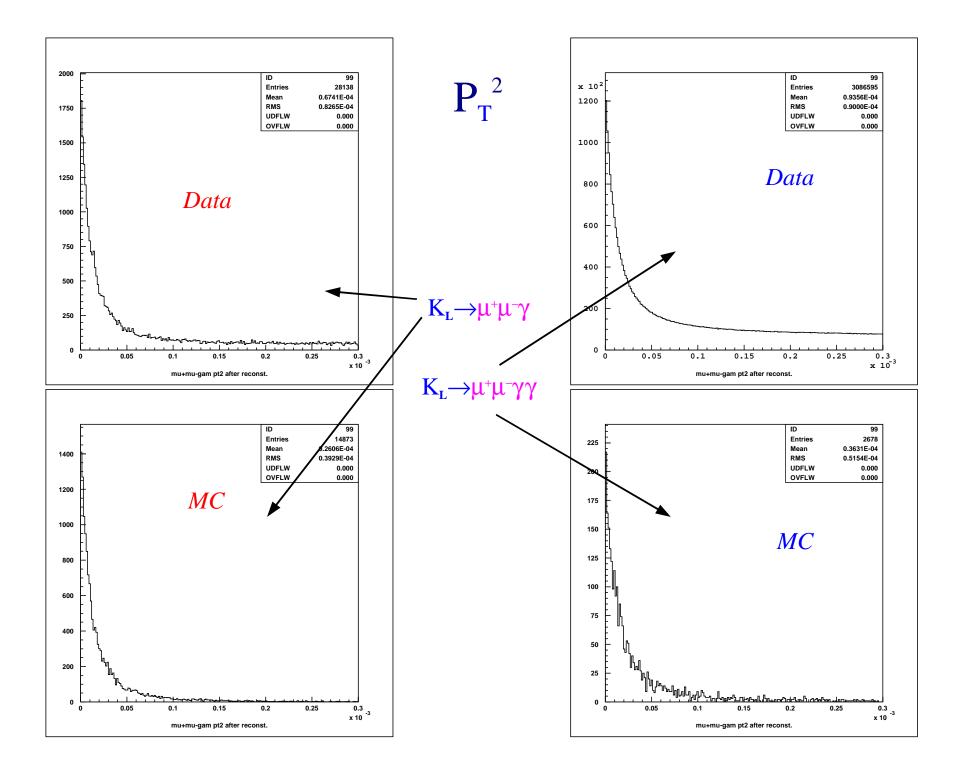
#### Normalization Modes: $P_T^2$ vs. Inv. K<sub>L</sub> Mass



 $K_{L} \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-}\gamma Data$ 

**K<sub>L</sub>**→μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup>γγ *Data* 





## **Future Plans**

- HyperCP uses a uniform matrix element for  $\Sigma^+ \to pX^0 \to p\mu^+\mu^-$ . This would not be advisable for  $K_L \to \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \to \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  since the  $K_L$  decay is momentum dependent.

 $\rightarrow$  must ensure that we use the correct matrix element in the MC generation!!!

- luckily, *Deshpande et al.* gives the matrix element for  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- X^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ (albeit for a pseudoscalar  $X^0$ )
- meanwhile, *Valencia et al.* provides the matrix element for the decay  $K^0 bar \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  (for both pseudoscalar and axial vector  $X^0$ 's)
- with the tools listed above, we should be able to construct a suitable matrix element for  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  and improve MC generation!

- in short, this analysis has been started from scratch and I will be analyzing the data *with the box closed* and with my own cuts.
- still need to decide on my *backgrounds*, which would reside at the edge of phase space.