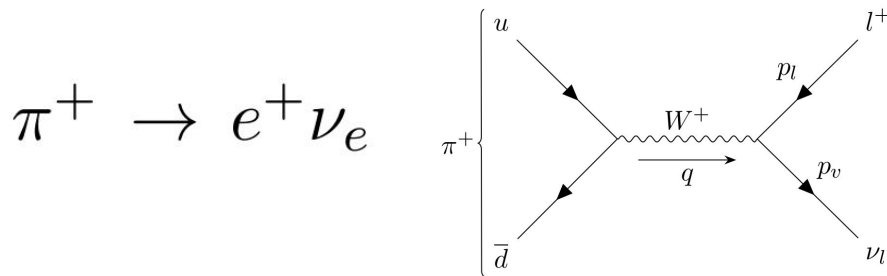


Rare pion decays at PIONEER



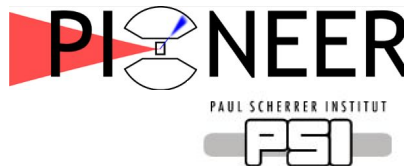
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PIENU measurement status & Goal of Phase I in PIONEER (2026-2031)

$$R_{e/\mu} = \frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu + \pi \rightarrow e\nu\gamma)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu + \pi \rightarrow \mu\nu\gamma)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (1.23534 \pm 0.00015) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\pm 0.012\%) \quad (\text{SM}) \\ &= (1.2327 \pm 0.0023) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\pm 0.187\%) \quad (\text{PDG exp.}) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} &= (1.23534 \pm 0.00015) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\pm 0.012\%) \quad (\text{SM}) \\ &= (1.2327 \pm 0.0023) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\pm 0.187\%) \quad (\text{PDG exp.}) \end{aligned}} \right\} \times 15$$

$R_{e/\mu}$ is one of the most precisely known observables involving quarks in the SM: V. Cirigliano and I. Rosell, JHEP, 0710:005, 2007

PIENU is a precision experiment on observables that can be very accurately calculated in the SM highly sensitive to New Physics and Lepton Flavor Universality (LFU) tests.

PDG average dominated by the PIENU result (0.24% precision) in 2015 based on partial data set (~10% of full statistics). Final PIENU data analysis with full data 6M $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ events is targeting 0.1% precision.

Improved Measurement of the $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ Branching Ratio

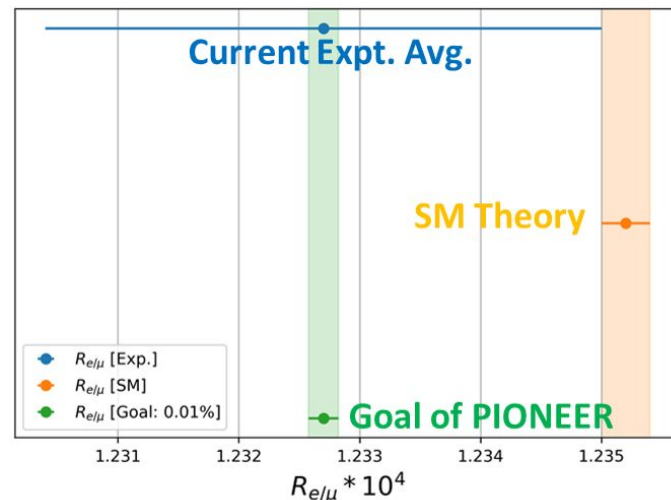
A. Aguilar-Arevalo *et al.* (PIENU Collaboration)
Phys. Rev. Lett. **115**, 071801 – Published 13 August 2015

In 2019, a PIENU blinded result (S. Cuen PhD thesis) became available reaching 0.12% precision in $R_{e/\mu}$:

<https://dx.doi.org/10.14288/1.0378447>

Currently a PhD student from UNAM (I. Ortega) is working with PIENU collaboration to unblind the full and final PIENU result.

PIONEER Phase 1 goal is to capture 200M $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ events to reach 0.01% precision to reach SM theory precision.



PIONEER proposal: [arxiv:2203.01981](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.01981)

Deviations from the SM prediction may imply:

[a violation of lepton universality](#), which is NOT a SM hypothesis, it is a consequence of gauge theory of SM (Lagrangian invariant to local transformations, i.e. Lie Groups) meaning that electrons and muons have the same weak interactions.

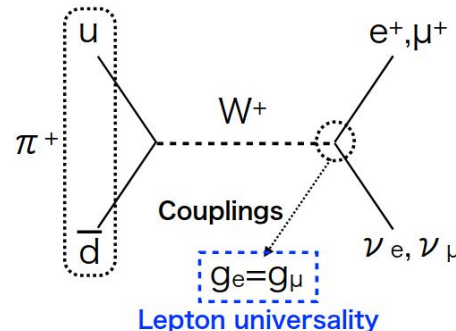
Heavy neutrinos lighter than the pion: R. E. Shrock. *General Theory of Weak Leptonic and Semileptonic Decays. 1. Leptonic Pseudoscalar Meson Decays, with Associated Tests For, and Bounds on, Neutrino Masses and Lepton Mixing.* Phys. Rev., D24:1232, 1981;

and the presence of new physics beyond the SM, such as new pseudo-scalar interactions, i.e.,

R-parity violating supersymmetry: M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, S. Su, and S. Tulin. *Pion Leptonic Decays and Supersymmetry.* Phys. Rev., D, (2007).

Leptoquarks: M. Leurer. A Comprehensive study of leptoquark bounds. Phys. Rev., D (1994)

Charged Higgs bosons & the existence of a new pseudo-scalar interaction with an energy scale up to $O(1000 \text{ TeV})$, which would enhance the branching ratio by $O(0.1\%)$: D. A. Bryman, W. J. Marciano, R. Tschirhart and T. Yamanaka. *Rare kaon and pion decays: Incisive probes for new physics beyond the standard model.* Annual Review of Nuclear and Particle Science, 61:331-354, 2011.



How to access LFU experimentally?

- Vector-Axial (helicity suppression) gives the first order R

$$R_\pi^0 = \frac{\Gamma_{\pi \rightarrow e}}{\Gamma_{\pi \rightarrow \mu}} = \frac{g_e^2 m_e^2}{g_\mu^2 m_\mu^2} \left(\frac{m_\pi^2 - m_e^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2} \right)^2. \quad (2.10)$$

- In 2007, Cirigliano and Rosell recalculated the corrections using Chiral Perturbation Theory (ChPT). ChPT uses a low-energy effective field theory for QCD, allowing for strong interaction calculations. ChPT enabled a power series solution for the radiative corrections

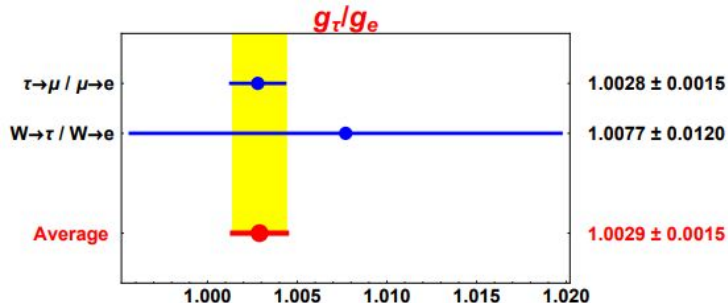
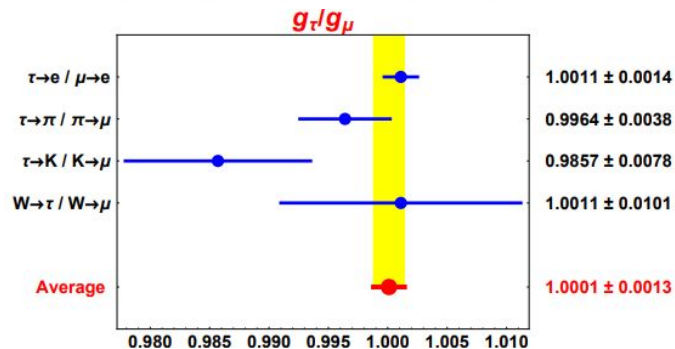
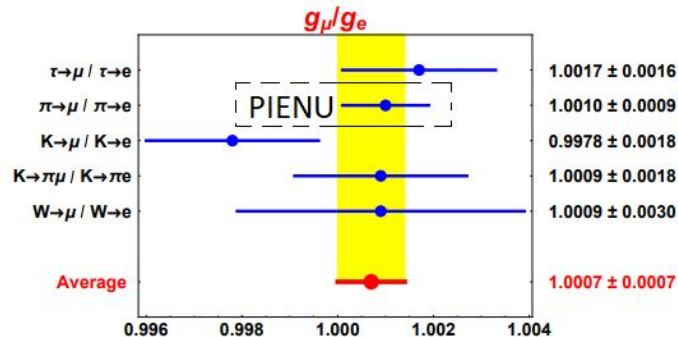
$$R_\pi = R_\pi^0 [1 + \Delta_{e^2 p^2} + \Delta_{e^2 p^4} + \Delta_{e^2 p^6} + \dots] [1 + \Delta_{LL}]. \quad (2.12)$$

- Going back to Eq. 2.10, we could introduce the hypothesis that the coupling constants are different for each generation ($g = g_e = g_\mu = g_\tau$) and then the branching ratio expression becomes

$$R_\pi^{\text{SM}} = \left(\frac{g_\mu}{g_e} \right)^2 R_\pi^{\text{exp}}. \quad (2.14)$$

$$\frac{g_\mu}{g_e} = 1.0010 \pm 0.0009 \quad (\pm 0.09\%)$$

- PIENU has the best LFU test measurement so far...



Search for heavy neutrinos in $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$ decay

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **97**, 072012 (2018)

Suggestion

Improved search for heavy neutrinos in the decay $\pi \rightarrow e \nu$

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **102**, 012001 (2020)

Search for the rare decays $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \nu \bar{\nu}$ and $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \nu \bar{\nu}$

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **101**, 052014 (2020)

Improved search for two body muon decay $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ X_H$

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **103**, 052006 (2021)

Search for three body pion decays $\pi^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu X$

recent searches
performed by
the **PIENU**
collaboration

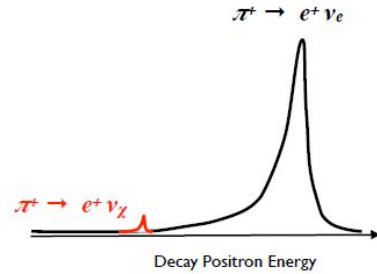


PIONEER will
improve on all
those searches
by ~ 1 order of
magnitude

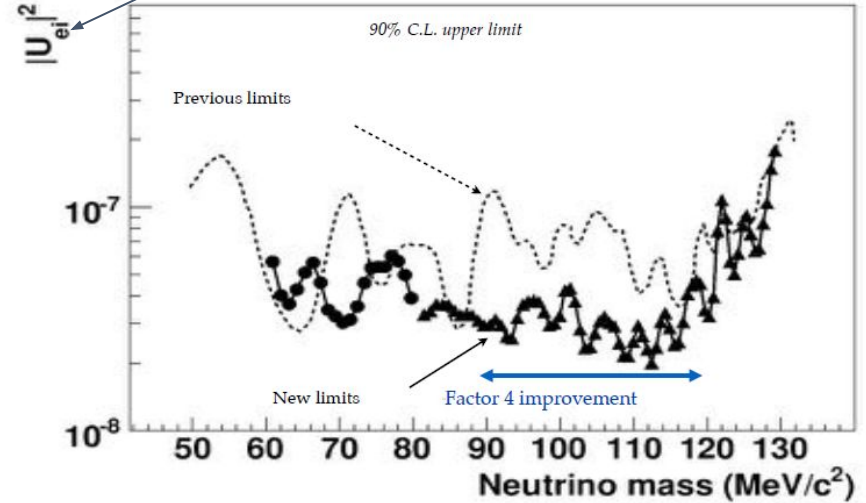
Many exotic searches
performed by the
PIENU collaboration:
e.g. heavy and sterile
neutrinos which have
implications for leptogenesis

Example of massive neutrino search in PIENU

Neutrino mixing matrix element



If the heavy neutrino mass is $M_\nu = 60 \sim 130 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
additional low energy positron peak can be detected in the $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+$ spectrum



R.E Shrock Phys.Rev.D 24, 1232 (1981),
 Phys. Lett. B 96, 159 (1980)

M.Aoki et al., Phys. Rev. D 84, 052002 (2011)

$$R_{ei} = \frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu_i)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu_l)} = |U_{ei}|^2 \rho_{ei}$$

Kinematic factor

Heavy ν \swarrow

Conventional ν \nearrow

$$\nu_\ell = \sum_{i=1}^{3+k} U_{li} \nu_i$$

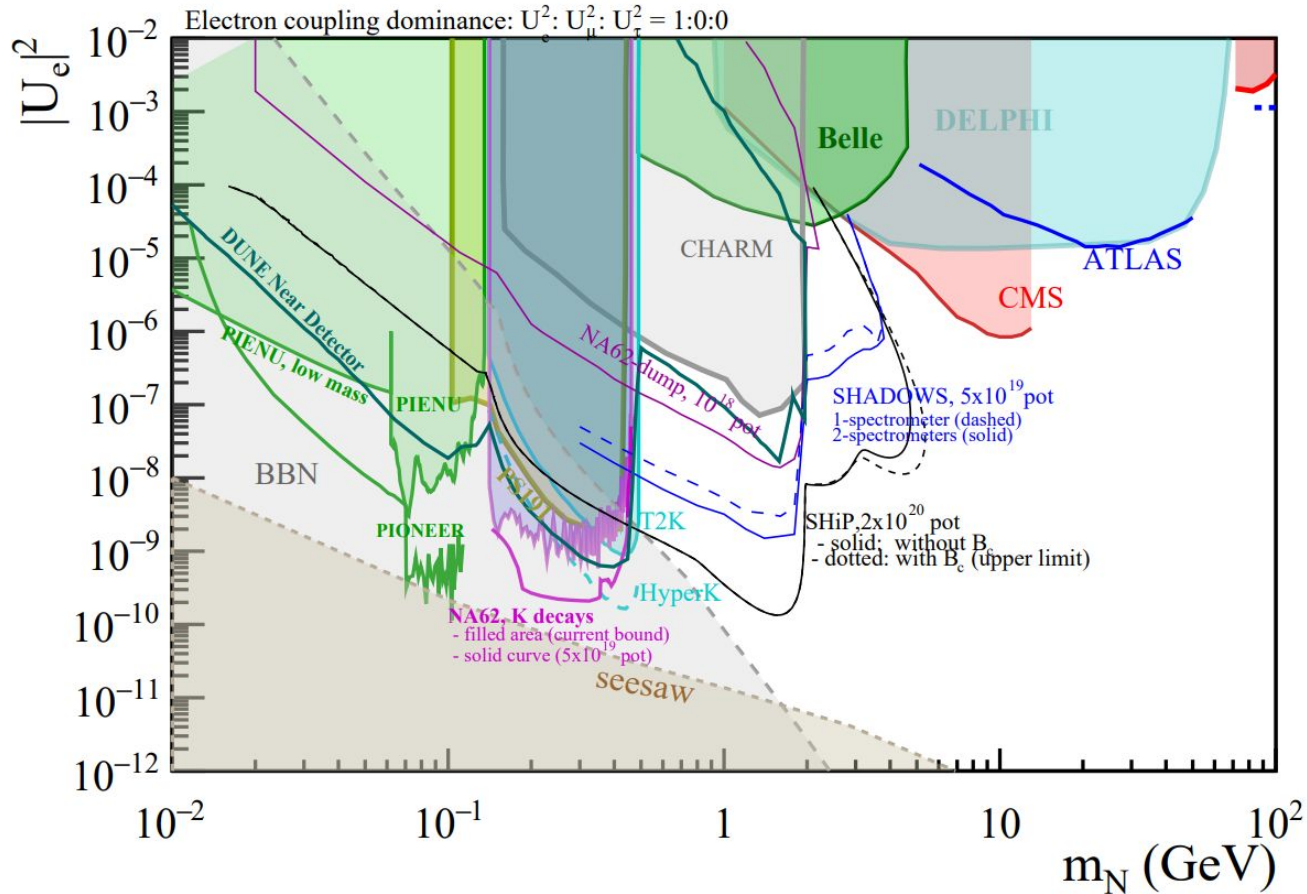
$$\ell = e, \mu, \tau, \chi_1, \chi_2 \dots \chi_k$$

More recent and stronger bounds provided by PIENU :
 PRD 97.072012 (2018)
 PLB 798 (2019) 134980 [in $\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu$ decay]

Comprehensive constraints on sterile neutrinos in the MeV to GeV mass range
 D. A. Bryman and R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D 100, 073011

Slide from C. Malbrunot (PSI Oct/2022)

Heavy Neutral Leptons with coupling to the first lepton generation



Previous $R_{e/\mu}^\pi$ experiments

1940/50's : Development of V-A structure of weak interaction

1950's: Many experimental confirmations of the V-A theory

1956-1957: Negative experimental results $BR < 10^{-5}$

Theory of the Fermi Interaction

R. P. FEYNMAN AND M. GELL-MANN
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California
 (Received September 16, 1957)

Experimentally¹⁶ no $\pi \rightarrow e + \nu$ have been found, indicating that the ratio is less than 10^{-5} . This is a very serious discrepancy. The authors have no idea on how it can be resolved.

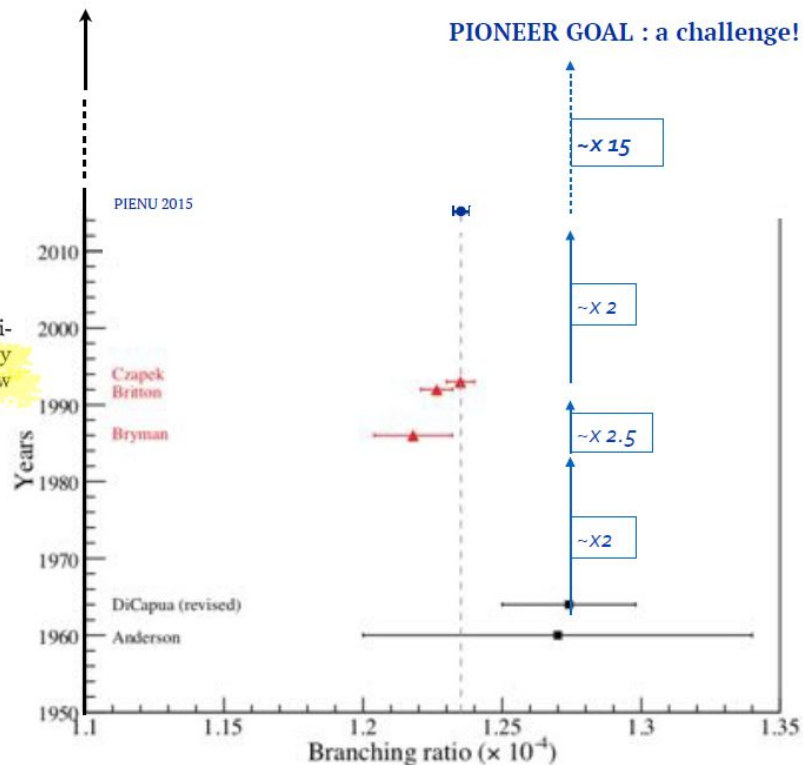
1958: First positive experimental result at CERN (PRL 1,7 (1958))

PDG 2018

$\pm 0.19\%$

VALUE (units 10^{-4})	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	CHG	COMMENT
1.2327 ± 0.0023	OUR AVERAGE				
$1.2344 \pm 0.0023 \pm 0.0019$	400k	AGUILAR-AR...15	CNTR	+	Stopping π^+
$1.2346 \pm 0.0035 \pm 0.0036$	120k	CZAPEK	93	CALO	Stopping π^+
$1.2265 \pm 0.0034 \pm 0.0044$	190k	BRITTON	92	CNTR	Stopping π^+
1.218 ± 0.014	32k	BRYMAN	86	CNTR	Stopping π^+
••• We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. •••					
1.273 ± 0.028	11k	¹ DICAPUA	64	CNTR	
1.21 ± 0.07		ANDERSON	60	SPEC	

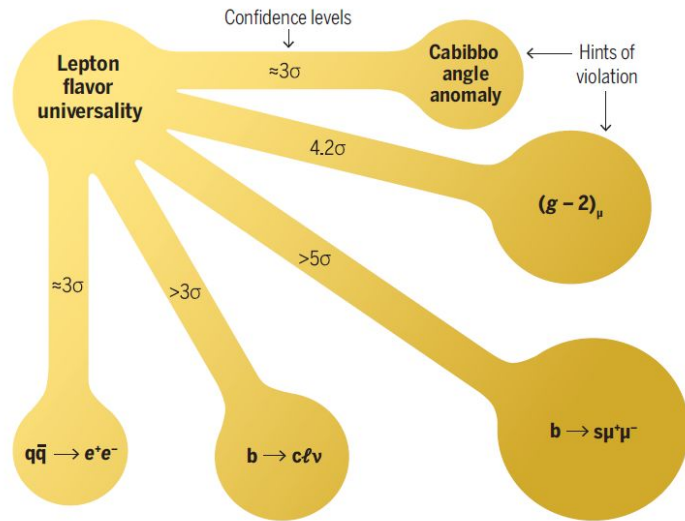
¹ DICAPUA 64 has been updated using the current mean life.



Why the hype with R_{e/u}? -> Lepton Flavor Universality Violation (LFUV)

Possible violations of lepton flavor universality are getting harder to ignore

Shown are five hints for the violation of lepton flavor universality from existing experimental data, with the size of each circle and length of each arm reflecting the level of confidence for the experimental data to break away from standard model predictions.



Some nuclear **Beta** and **Kaon** decays observables have **evidence of first row unitarity violation of Cabibbo-Cobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix**, the tension is about 3σ , and is called “**Cabibbo angle anomaly**”. This lead to think electrons and muons behave more different than prescribed.

Anomaly appeared in the measurement of the “g-factor” (**dimensionless magnetic moment**) of the muon. **2006 at Brookhaven** National Laboratory and confirmed recently by “**muon g – 2**” experiment at **Fermilab in 2021**. Deviation of 4.2σ from theory. This observable can be considered as a probe of LFUV.

The **LHCb** experiment did ratios of **B → K $\ell\ell$** over **B → K $\mu\mu$** , thus also an effective probe for LFUV. Together with other similar meson decays, the **b → see** and **b → s $\mu\mu$** observables have a 5σ deviation from the SM.

Similarly the ratios of other **B** meson decays involving **b → c $\ell\nu$** report deviation of 3σ

The Compact Muon Solenoid (**CMS**) experiment at **CERN** observed more very-high-energy electrons compared to muons in proton-proton collision, 3σ away from SM: **qq → ee**

“Future measurements and improved theory predictions are poised to thoroughly scrutinize the currents hints for the violation of LFU. If confirmed, this could provide the long-sought guidance for the construction of the fundamental theory of particle physics and for addressing phenomena outside the realm of the SM, including neutrino masses, dark matter, and the matter over antimatter dominance in the Universe”

Precise measurements of 1st and 2nd generation decays could be used to distinguish between models explaining 3rd generation effects: welcome PIENU and PIONEER experiments :)

Goal of Phase II & III in PIONEER (2033?)

Testing CKM unitarity first row: $|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$

V_{us}/V_{ud} tension a sign of LFUV? Crivellin & Hoferichter PRL 125,111801(2020)

What π decays to “normally”: $B(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu(\gamma)) = 0.999877 \pm 0.0000004$

Helicity suppressed decay: $B(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e(\gamma)) = (1.2327 \pm 0.00023) \times 10^{-4}$

Pion β decay: $B(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \pi^0) = (1.036 \pm 0.006) \times 10^{-8}$

PIONEER Phase II goal:

Improve $B(\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu)$ precision by >3 $\frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} < \pm 0.2\%$

Offers a new complementary constraint in the $V_{us} - V_{ud}$ plane

A. Czarnecki et al. *Phys.Rev.D* 101 (2020) 9, 091301

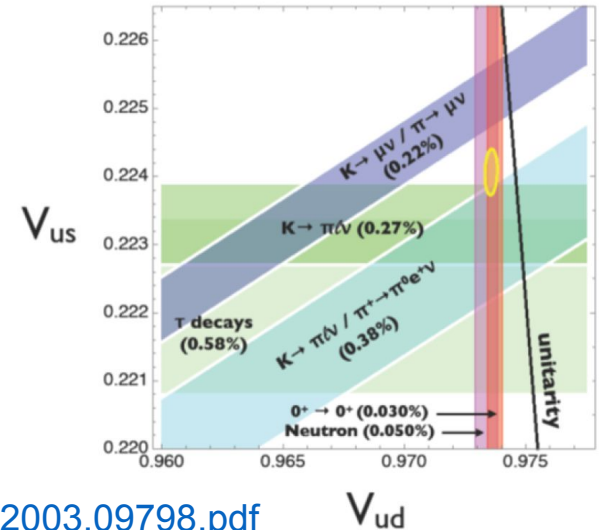
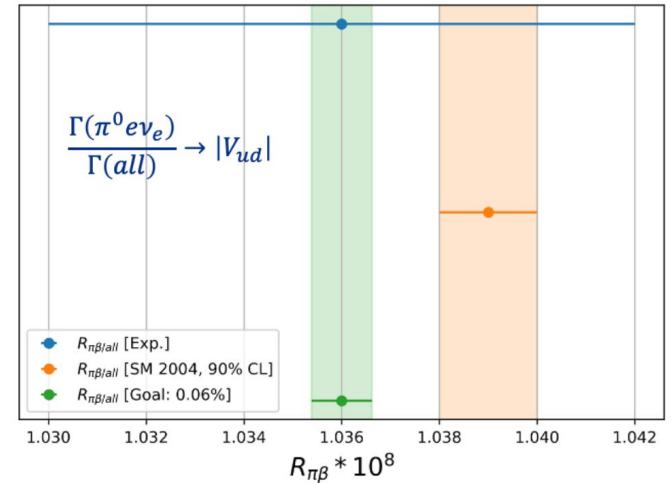
PIONEER Phase III goal: ← Needed to test CKM first row unitarity

Improve $B(\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu)$ precision by an order of magnitude

$\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu$ is the theoretically cleanest method to obtain V_{ud}

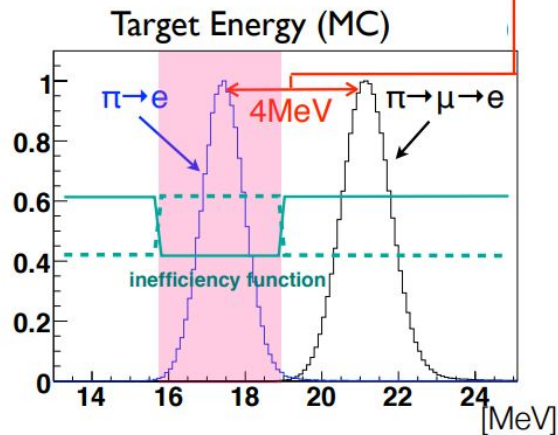
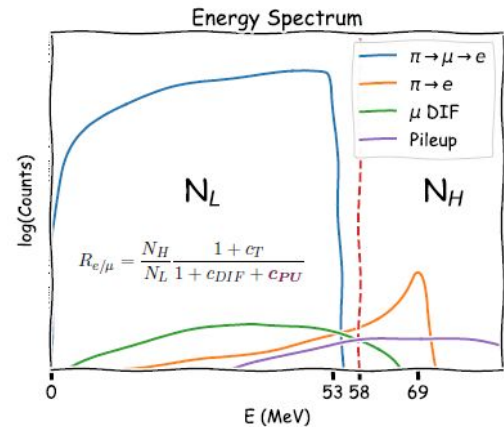
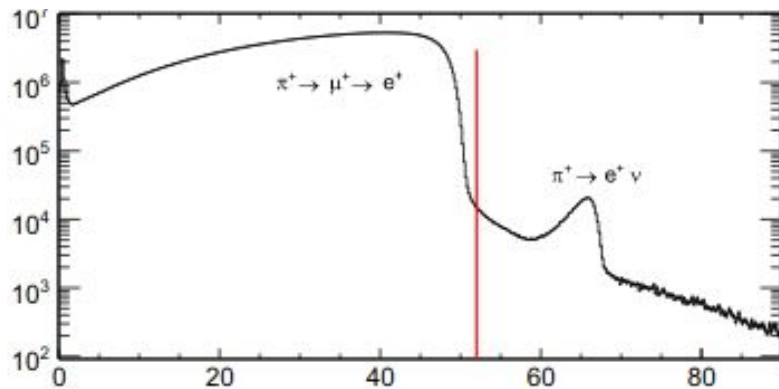
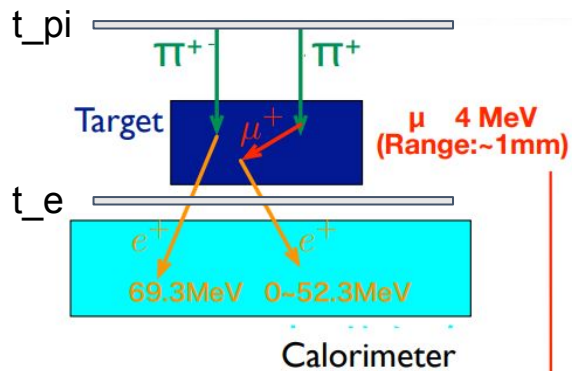
PIBETA exp. ($\pm 0.6\%$)

$$B(\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu) = (1.038 \pm 0.004_{stat} \pm 0.004_{syst} \pm 0.002_{\pi e 2}) \times 10^{-8}$$

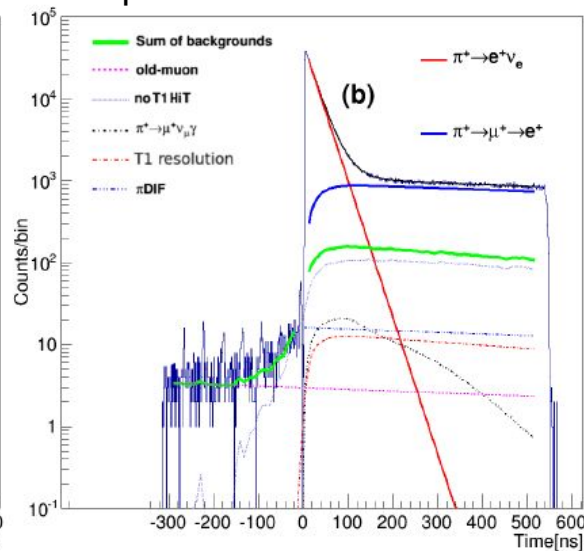
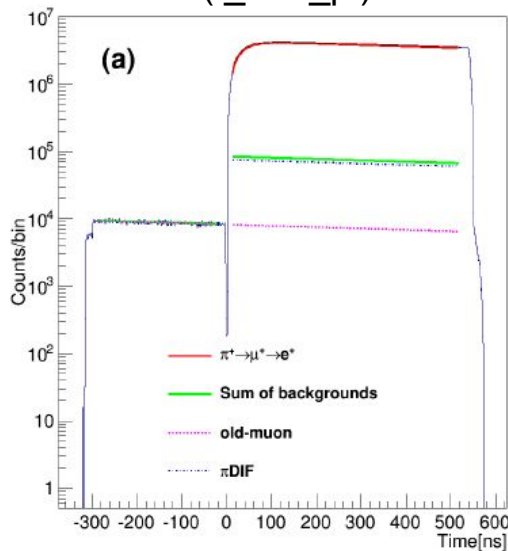


Latest theoretical calculation, Feng and others: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2003.09798.pdf>

PIENU Exp. Technique



($t_e - t_{\pi}$) to build Time Spectra



PIENU Exp. Technique

- Measure the Energy Spectrum
- Consider the Low- and High-Energy Time Spectra
- Fit the spectra with signal and background shapes.
- Correct the $R_{e/u}$ from the fit for:
 - Low Energy Tail (largest correction)
 - Acceptance Correction
 - Muon Decays in Flight Correction
- Do systematic checks, branching ratio R vs:
 - Low/High energy cut
 - Acceptance

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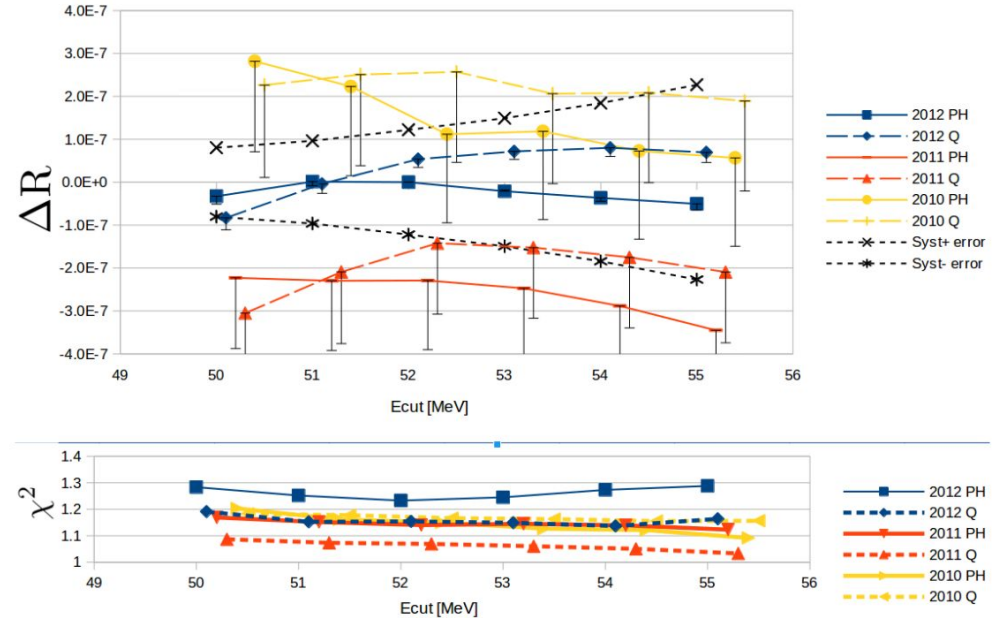
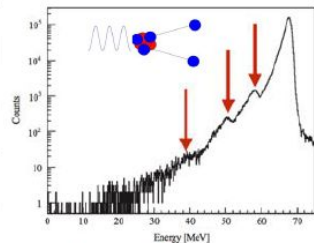
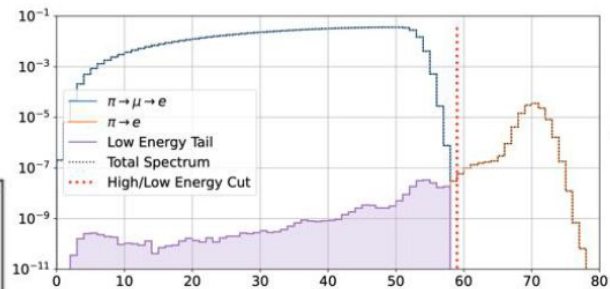
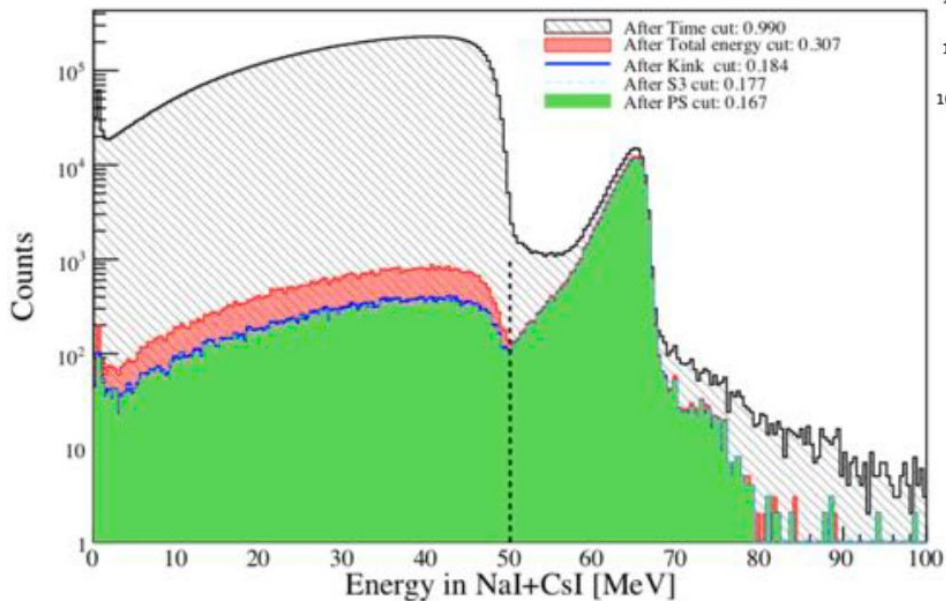


Figure 7.5: $\Delta R \pm \Delta e$ (Eq. 7.1) vs. E_{cut} , Charge Integration and Pulse-height: The x -axis is the E_{cut} value in MeV units. The y -axis is in ΔR units, with zero change representing 2012(PH)'s analysis using anchor point with cuts $A_R = 60$ mm and $E_{cut} = 52$ MeV, the error bars (Δe) on each point represent the uncorrelated statistical error between the point in question and the anchor point with the error bars going up when there is an statistical increase and down otherwise. The horizontal dashed black lines both at the same distance from anchor represent the calorimeter's LET systematic error. The bottom part shows the total χ^2 from the fitting function for each point.

Tail correction: major uncertainty. “the devil’s in the (de)tail”



A. Aguilar-Arevalo et al., Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 621 (2010) 188–191

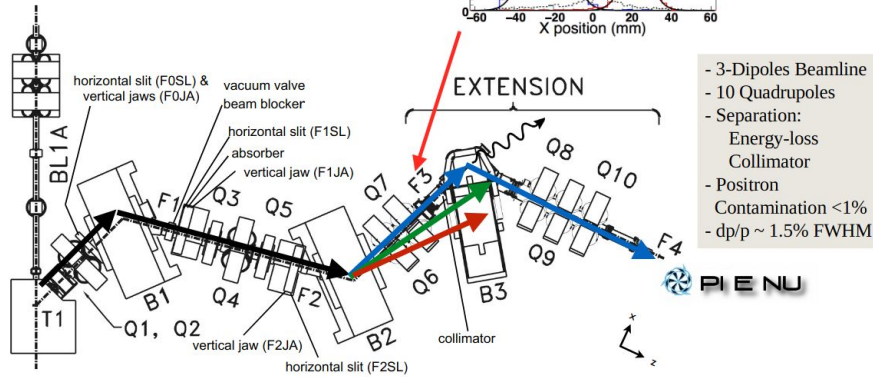
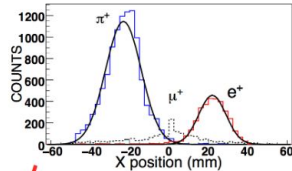
Low energy tail buried under the Michel spectrum caused by:

- finite energy resolution of the calorimeter
- photo-nuclear interactions ($^{127}\text{I}(\gamma, n)$)
- shower leakage
- geometrical acceptance
- radiative decays
- etc

Main source of systematics : estimated using data (suppression of $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$ decays)

TRIUMF's M13 beamline

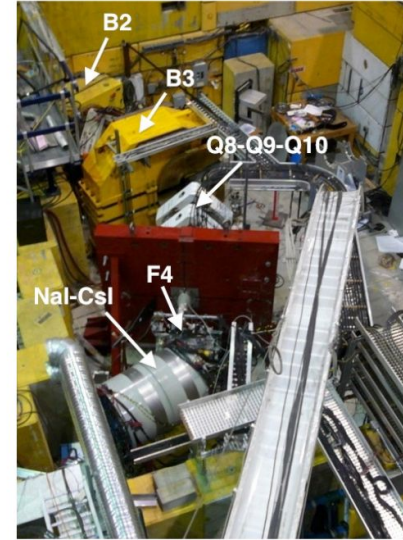
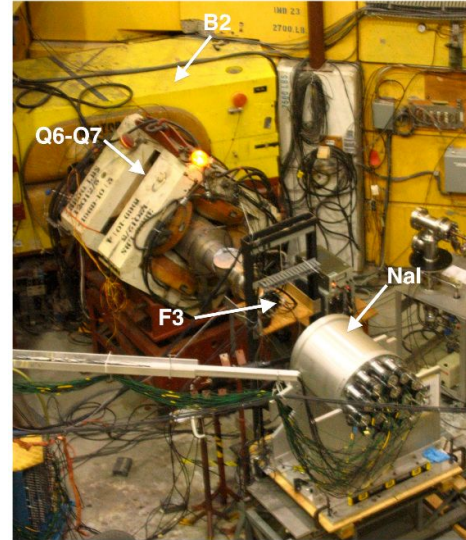
 TRIUMF Cyclotron:
500MeV proton beam



- 3-Dipoles Beamline
- 10 Quadrupoles
- Separation:
 - Energy-loss
 - Collimator
 - Positron
 - Contamination <1%
 - dp/p ~ 1.5% FWHM



A.Aguilar-Arevalo et al.: Nucl. Instr. Meth. A621, 188 (2010)



60 kHz pions @ 75 MeV/c
 $\pi : \mu : e = 85 : 14 : 1$

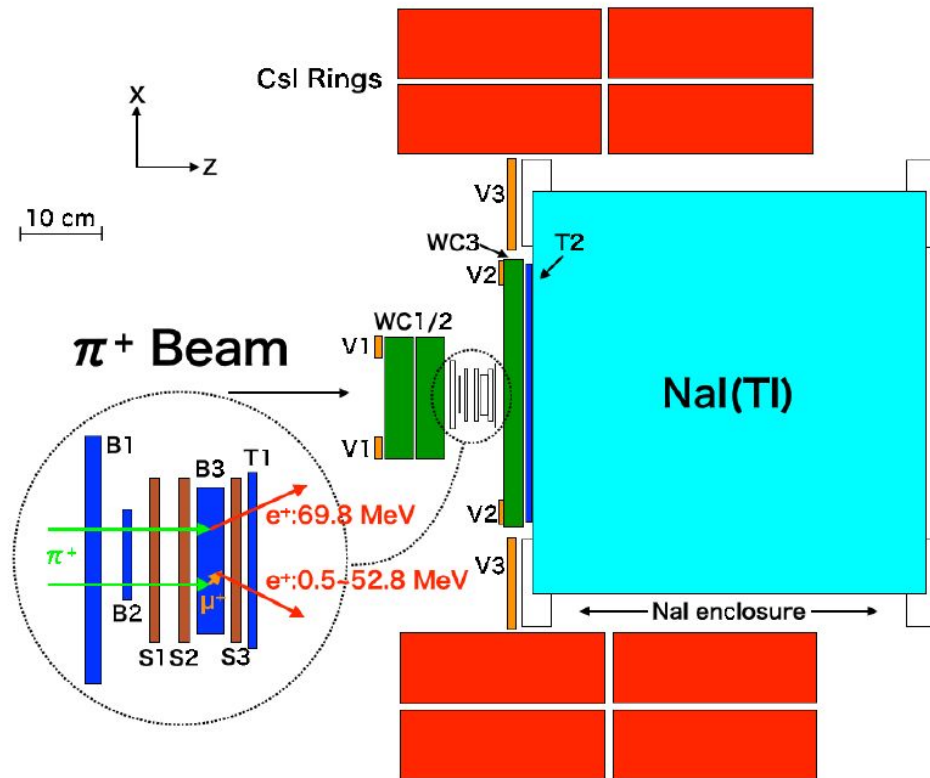
The PIENU Detector

Single crystal NaI(Tl) right behind the target
 Geometrical Acceptance: 20% of 4π
 $\Delta E = 2.2\%$ (FWHM)

CsI ring shower collector
 $\pi e 2$ tail suppression
 gamma from radiative decay

SSD and WC for particle tracking
 Identify π -DIF events in the $\pi e 2$ tail region

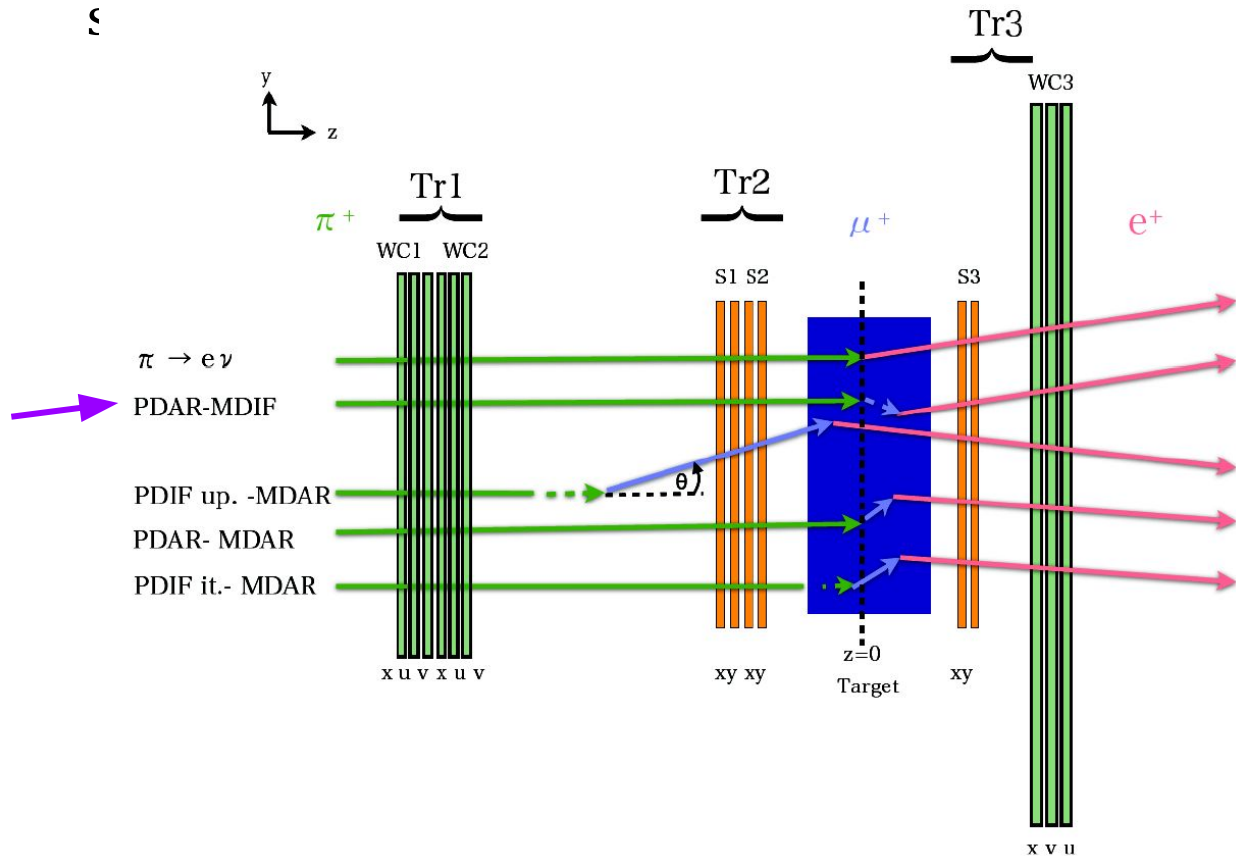
Flash-ADC readout for all counters
 Plastic Scintillator: 500MHz FADC
 NaI(Tl) and CsI: 60MHz FADC
 Pile-up tagging



The PIENU Trackers

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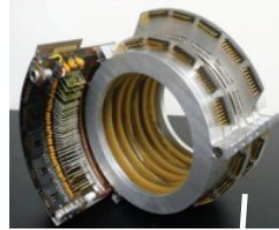
MDIF not detectable: thus a correction is needed. Area of opportunity for PIONEER?



The real PIENU Detector



Monolithic NaI(Tl) crystal surrounded by 97 pure CsI crystals



Beam Wire Chamber



Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics
Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers,
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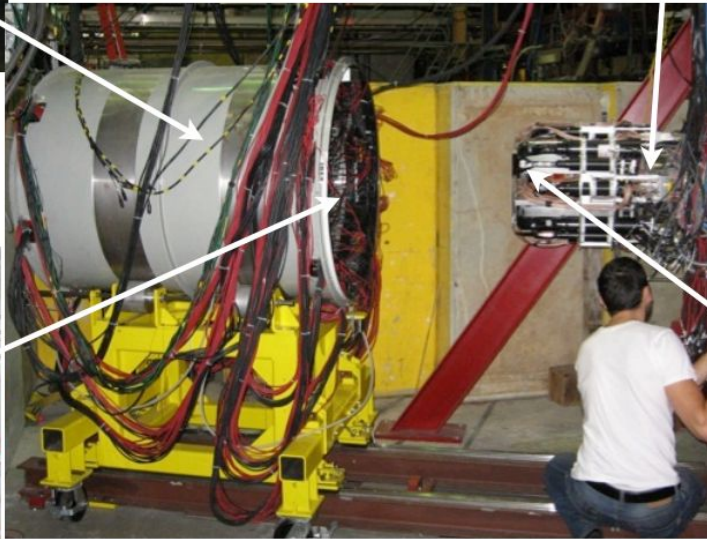
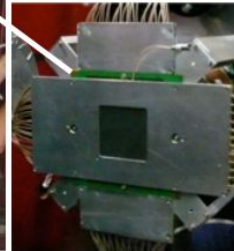
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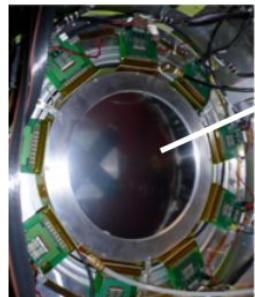
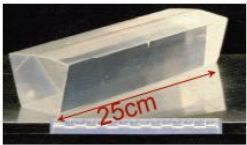
Detector for measuring the $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e$ branching fraction

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Silicon Trackers

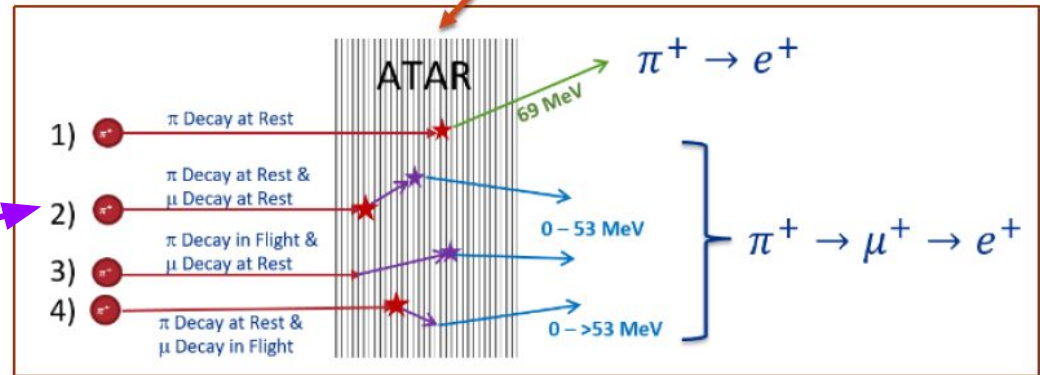
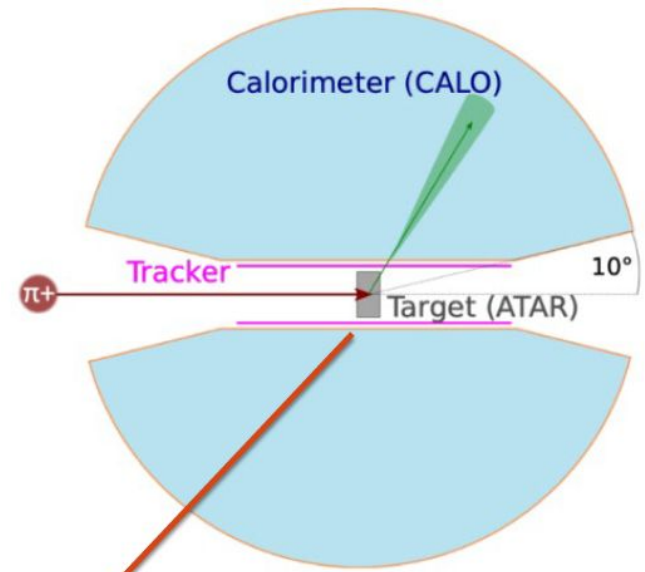
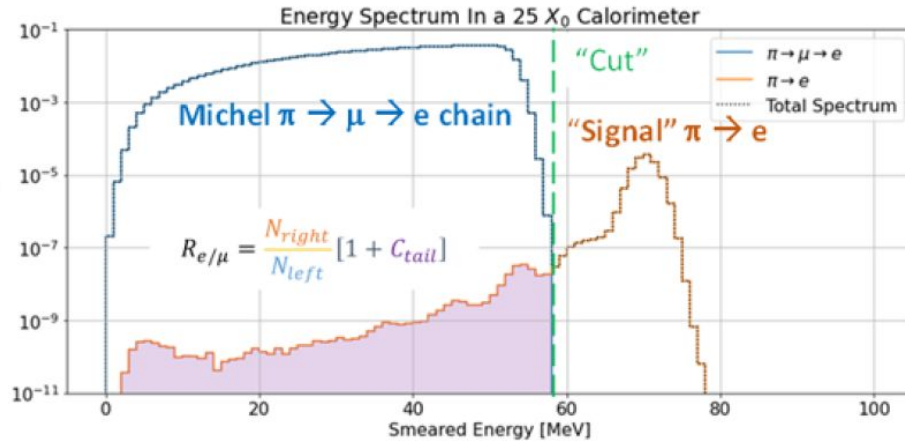


1 CsI crystal



Acceptance Wire Chamber

PIONEER detector concept



MDIF IS detectable, actually all decay chains are detectable: thus systematic improvement is possible from previous experiment.

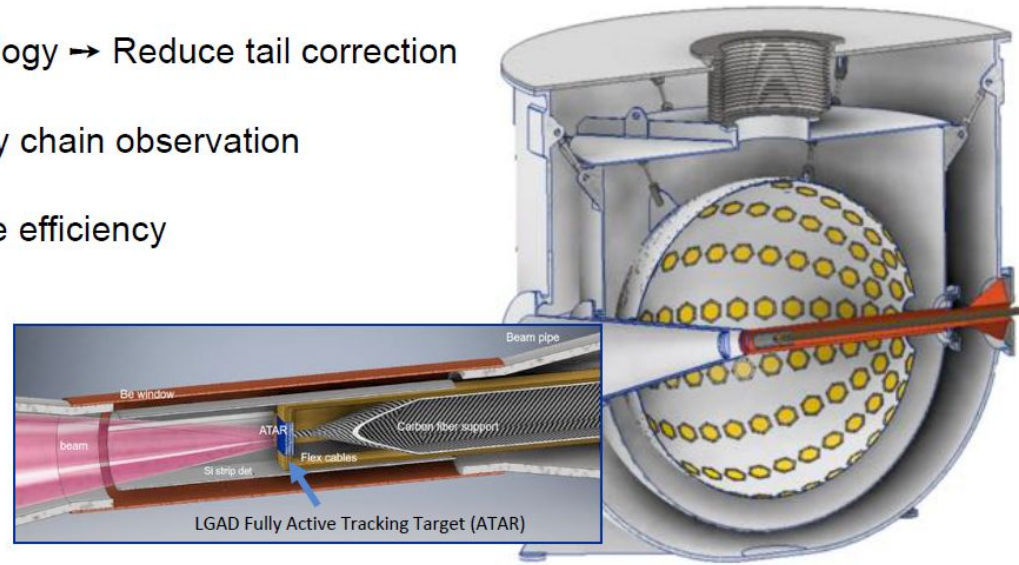
PIONEER DETECTOR CONCEPT - best of PIENU and PEN worlds

- Building on previous experiences (PIENU and PEN/PIBETA) : use of emerging technologies (LXe, LGADs)
 - $25 X_0$, 3π sr calorimeter \rightarrow Reduce tail corrections (x5) \rightarrow Improve uniformity (x5)
Fast scintillator response (LXe) \rightarrow Reduce pile-up uncertainties (x5)
 - active target (“4D”) based on LGADs technology \rightarrow Reduce tail correction uncertainty (x10)
Fast pulse shape \rightarrow allow $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$ decay chain observation
 - Fast electronics and pipeline DAQ \rightarrow Improve efficiency
 - Intense Pion beam at PSI

$$25 X_0$$

$$\Delta t \sim 100 \text{ ps}$$

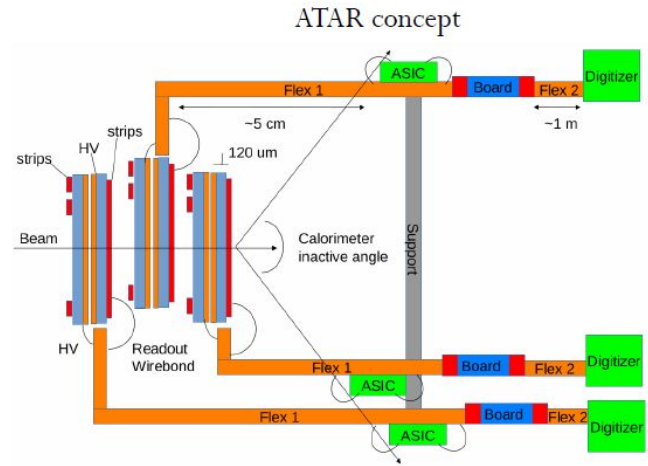
$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \sim 1.5\%$$



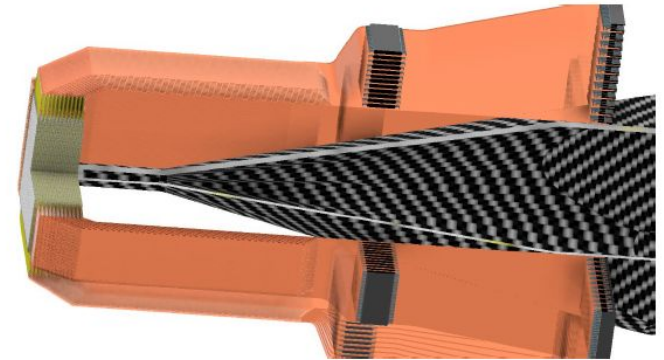
Slide from C. Malbrunot (PSI Oct/2022)

ATAR design

- **Full silicon active target:** compact $\sim 2 \times 2$ cm area of silicon, ~ 6 mm thick
 - High granularity in (X, Y, Z), fast full collection time, good energy response, high dynamic range
- The **chosen sensor for the ATAR is an high granularity LGAD** technology (AC-LGADs or TI-LGADs)
- **ATAR initial design**
 - **48 layers of 120um thick LGADs**, 200 um pitch strips, layers have to be as close as possible
 - Compromise between granularity, total active area, timing and dead material
- Readout flexes are alternating on the four sides to allow space for the wire bonds
 - **First (5 cm) flex carries the un-amplified signal from sensor to ASIC** with fast analog amplification mounted on the flex
 - The **ATAR signals will be fully digitizer** in a region of interest (ROI, temporal or spatial) for each event
 - Event reconstruction will use raw waveforms from several channels



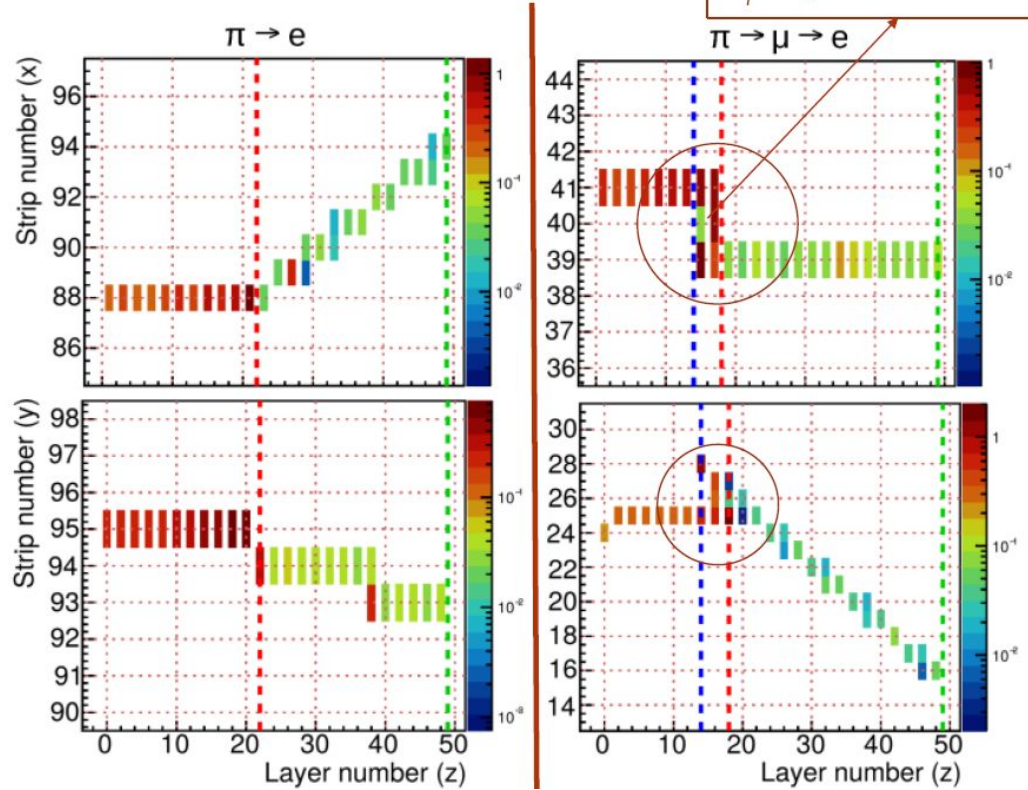
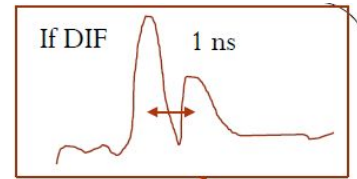
ATAR mechanical drawing



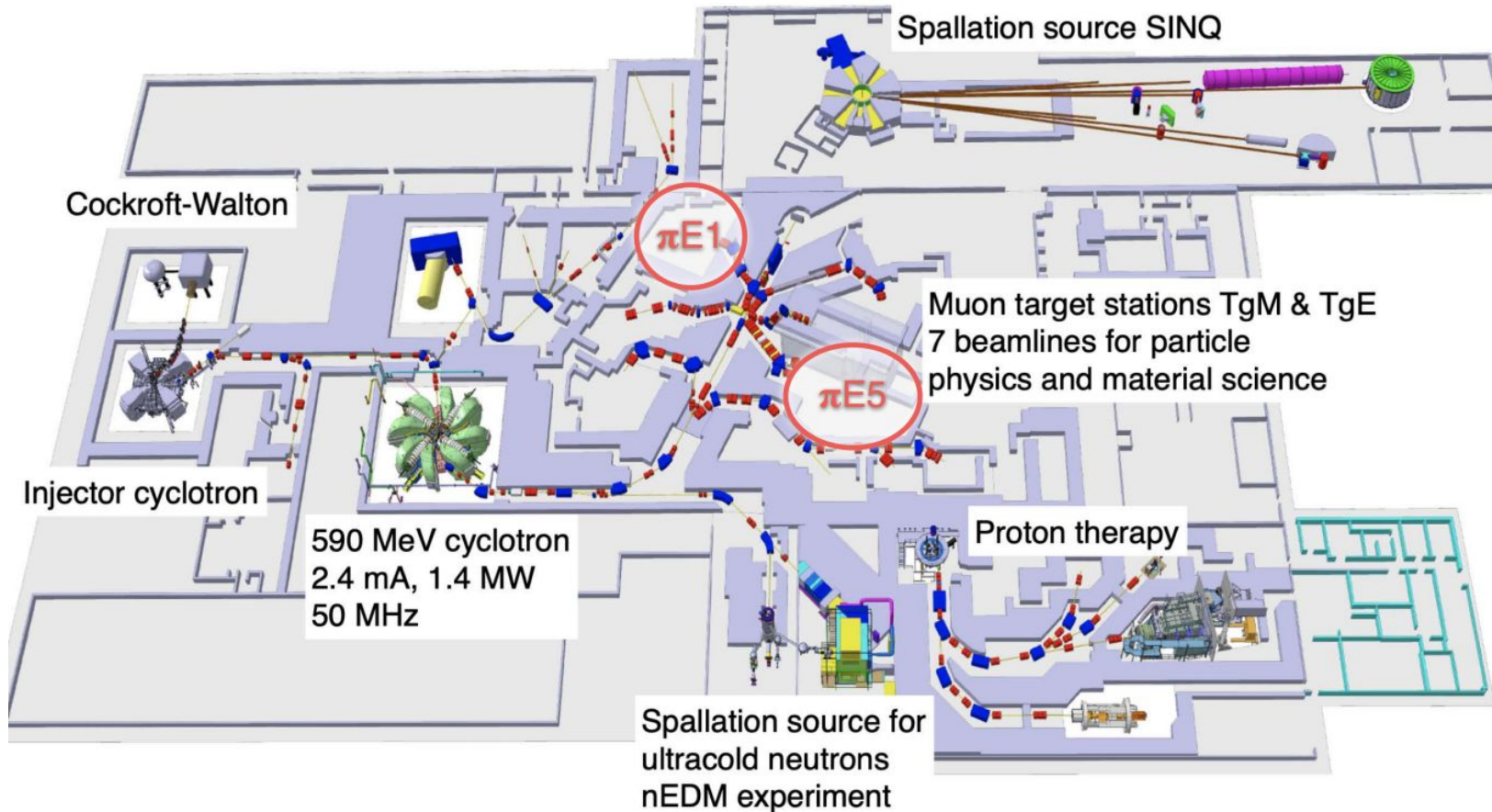
Event reconstruction

- Event simulation for $\pi \rightarrow e$ and $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$
 - Plotted ATAR hits for baseline design
 - Muon life time of about 800 μm
- Pion beam entering from the left
 - Red dotted line: pion stop
 - Blue dotted line: muon stop
- **Energy deposited in each plane varies by a factor ~ 100**
 - Electron is a MiP, Muon and Pion are not
- Highlighted Overlap of hits in for $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$ can be further resolved with **pulse pair resolution in time**
- Event reconstruction using advanced **machine learning algorithms** is also being pursued

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1175216/contributions/5064175/>



The PSI accelerator and beamlines



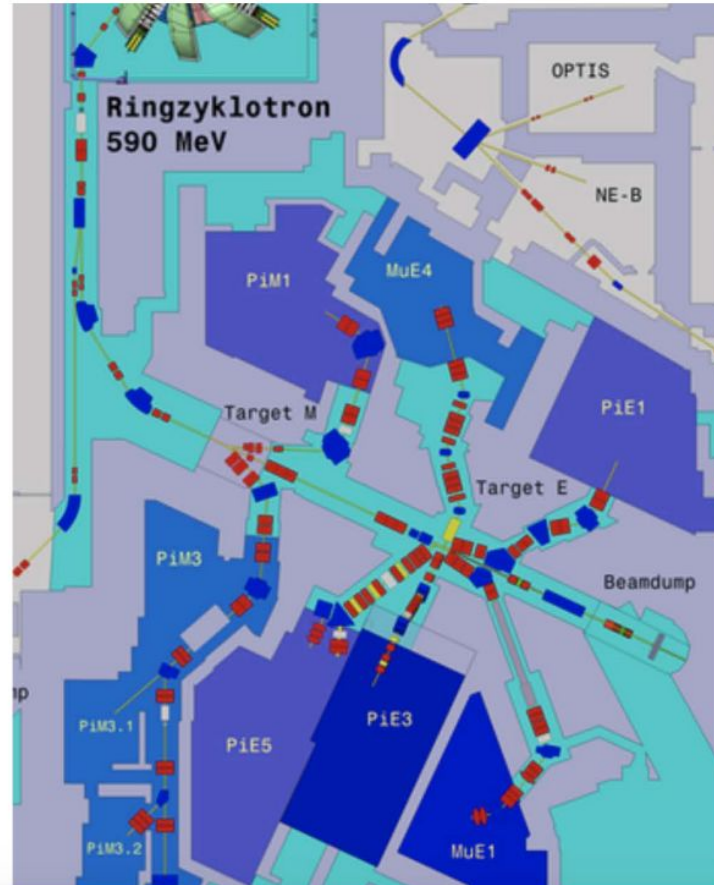
PSI Accelerators and Beamlines

▶ PiE5:

- ▶ Highest-rate beamline available to particle physics
- ▶ Home of MEG, Mu3e, Lamb Shift, piHe, ...

▶ PiE1:

- ▶ Shared with muSR
- ▶ Home of MuSun, PIBETA, PEN, ...



PIONEER: Beam Requirements Consistent with $\pi E5$

Beam measurements proposed.

Phase I $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$:

- π^+ Beam: 55 MeV/c ; $\frac{\Delta p}{p} \sim 2\%$; 3×10^5 Hz

- 2×10^8 events in 3 "yrs"* $\rightarrow R_{e/\mu} \pm 0.01\%$

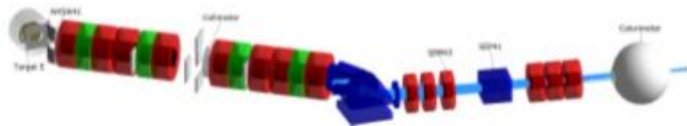
Phase II $\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e\nu$:

- π^+ Beam: O(85) MeV/c ; $\frac{\Delta p}{p} \sim 3\%$; 10^7 Hz

- 7×10^5 events in 4 "yrs"* $\rightarrow R_{\pi\beta} \pm 0.2\%$

* 5 months/yr

$\pi E5$ G4Beamline Model



Beamline Position	p_π (MeV/c)	π^+ Rate
QSB43	55	6.3
CALO Center	55	1.0
QSB43	75	61.5
CALO Center	75	11.1

X 10^6 Hz

Beamtime Request 2022

2 weeks for beam studies.

$\pi \rightarrow e \nu$: Estimated Uncertainties

To be verified by simulations and prototype measurements.

Error Source	PIENU 2015 PIONEER Estimate		
	%	%	
Statistics	0.19	0.007	
Tail Correction	0.12	<0.01	(Calorimeter/ATAR)
t_0 Correction	0.05	<0.01	(<i>ATAR timing/dE/dx</i>)
Muon DIF	0.05	0.005	(<i>ATAR</i>)
Parameter Fitting	0.05	<0.01	(Calorimeter/ATAR)
Selection Cuts	0.04	<0.01	(Calorimeter/ATAR)
Acceptance Correction	0.03	0.003	(Calorimeter)
Total Uncertainty*	0.24	≤ 0.01	

*Pion lifetime uncertainty not included

$\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu$: Estimated Uncertainties

	PiBeta	PIONEER (Phase II)
Statistics	0.4%	0.1%
Systematics	0.4%	<0.1% (ATAR (β), MC, Photonuclear, $\pi \rightarrow e \nu$)
Total	0.64%	0.2%

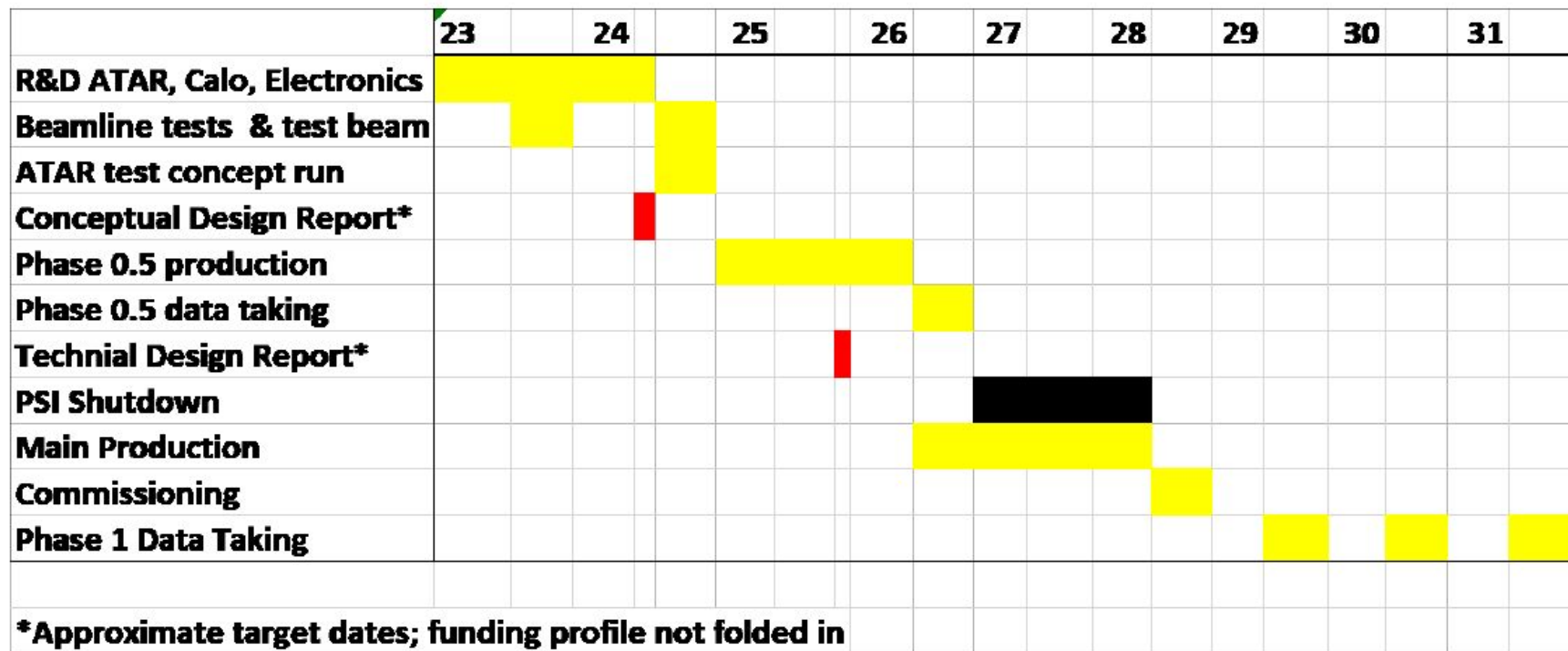


FIG. 7 – In this draft schedule, we indicate by “Phase 0.5” an intermediate milestone where a significant fraction of the hardware can be assembled to make a meaningful test of experimental strategy, including special triggers that exploit the power of the ATAR.

PIONEER collaboration

Rare Pion Decay Workshop

UC Santa Cruz, Oct. 6-8 2022



Supported by a large, experienced international collaboration: experts from previous PIENU and PEN experiments as well as a wide range of international collaborators from NA62, MEG, muon g-2, ATLAS, PSI scientists and leading theorists: JOIN US!

