
Kaon Physics Prospects

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Outline

- The Past
- The Present
- Future Prospects

Kaon Physics: a Building Block of the Standard Model

- Discovery of strange particles [*Nature* 160 4077 (1947) 855]
- Postulation of neutral meson oscillation [*PR* 97 (1955) 1387]
- $\theta - \tau$ puzzle: first hint of P violation [*PR* 104 (1956) 254]
- Discovery of CP violation in the K^0 mixing [*PRL* 13 (1964) 138]
- 3 quark-model to describe the observed meson / baryon spectra [*PL* 8 (1964) 214]
- c quark prediction to explain the observed BR of $K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ [*PRD* 2 (1970) 1285]
- Discovery of CP violation in the K^0 decay [*PLB* 206 (1988) 169]

Kaon Physics: the last 20 Years

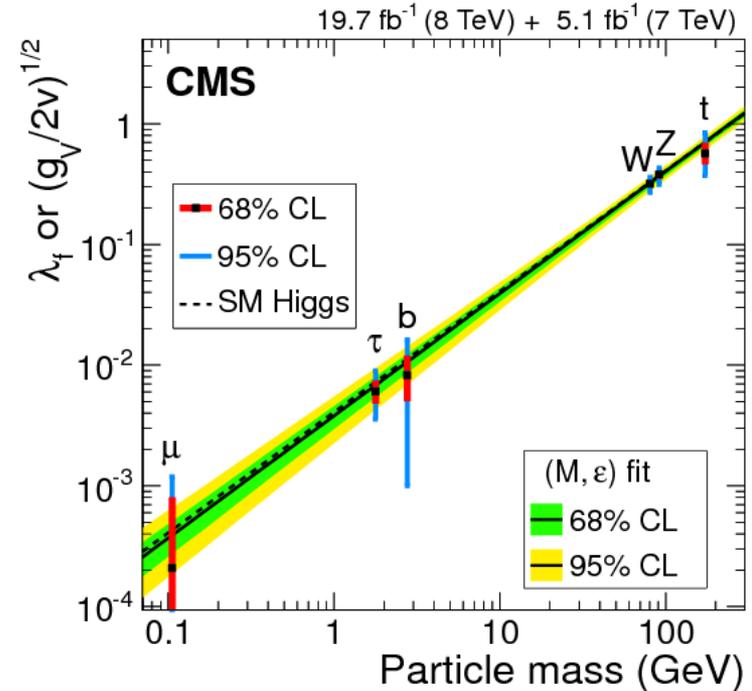
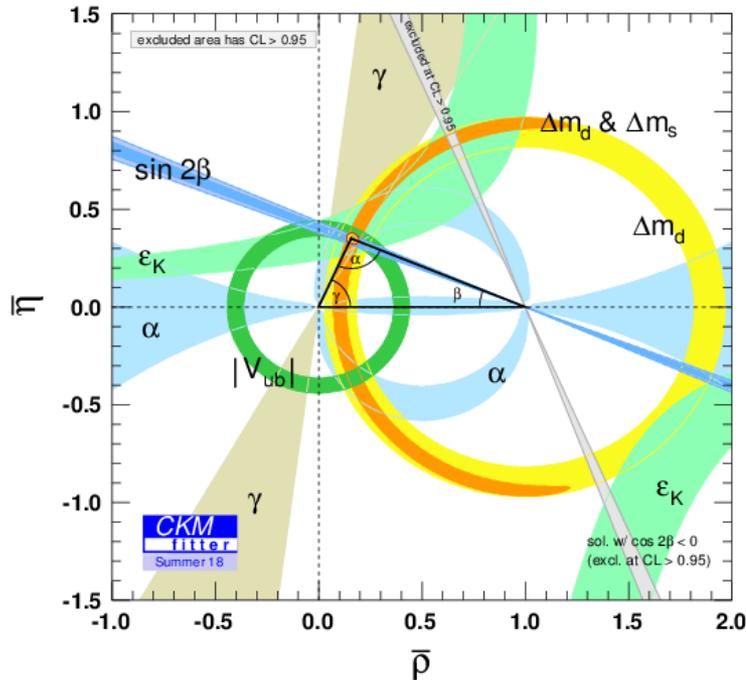
- Measurement of CP violation
- Test of CPT symmetry invariance
- Low energy QCD (e.g. χ PT)
- Precision test of the CKM unitarity
- Test of lepton universality and flavour violation
- Rare K decays: SM and beyonds

KAON «Factories»:

1997-2014 CERN SPS (NA48), CERN LEAR (CPLEAR), FNAL (KTeV), LNF (KLOE, KLOE2),
BNL (E787, E865, E949), KEK (E391), Protvino (ISTRA+)

2014-today CERN SPS (NA62), JPARC (KOTO), CERN LHC (LHCb, K_S rare decay program)

Particle Physics Today



Electroweak sector (LEP, LHC, Tevatron)

QCD sector (LEP, Hera, LHC)

Yukawa sector (Babar/Belle, Tevatron, LHC)

Higgs sector (LHC)

Dark matter / energy

Matter – antimatter asymmetry

ν mass and oscillations

Hierarchy problem

Direct / Indirect New Physics searches

Snapshots from

“The Past”

CP Violation in K^0 : $\text{Re } \varepsilon'/\varepsilon$

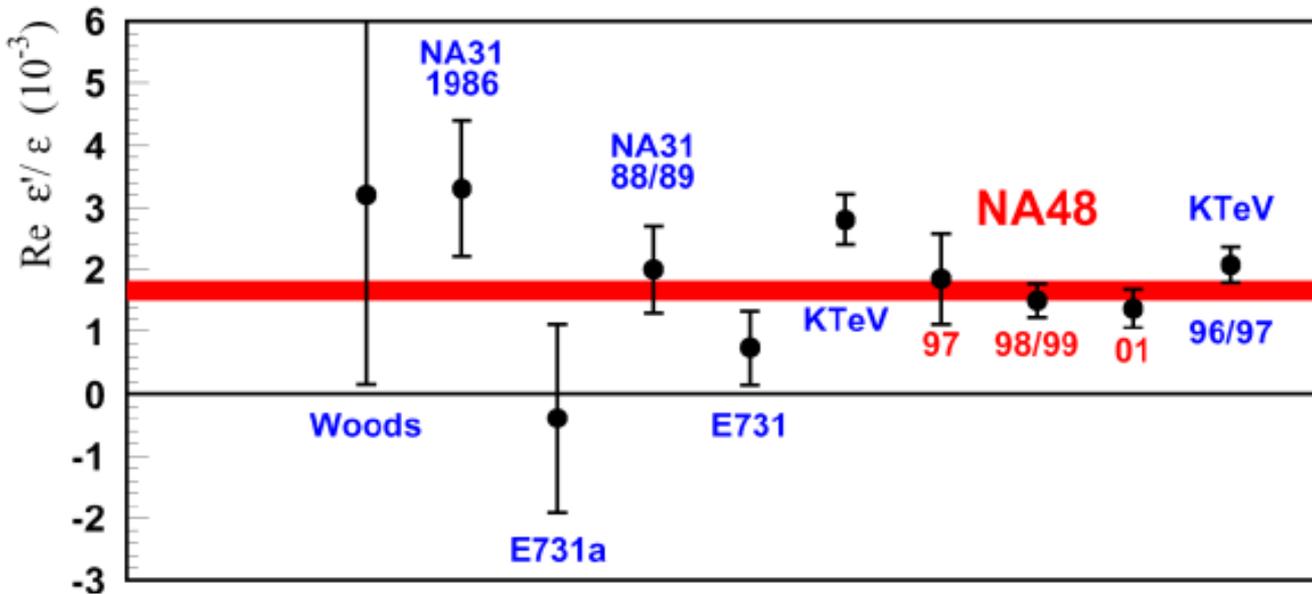
Experimental measurement (NA48 - KTeV): $\text{Re } \varepsilon'/\varepsilon = (1.66 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-3}$

[*Phys. Lett. B* 544 (2002) 97, *Phys. Rev. D* 83 (2010) 092001]

$$\eta_{+-} = A(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)/A(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$$

$$\eta_{00} = A(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)/A(K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\eta_{00}/\eta_{+-}|^2 \approx 1 - 6\text{Re } \varepsilon'/\varepsilon$$



CP Violation in K^0 : Still “The Past” ?

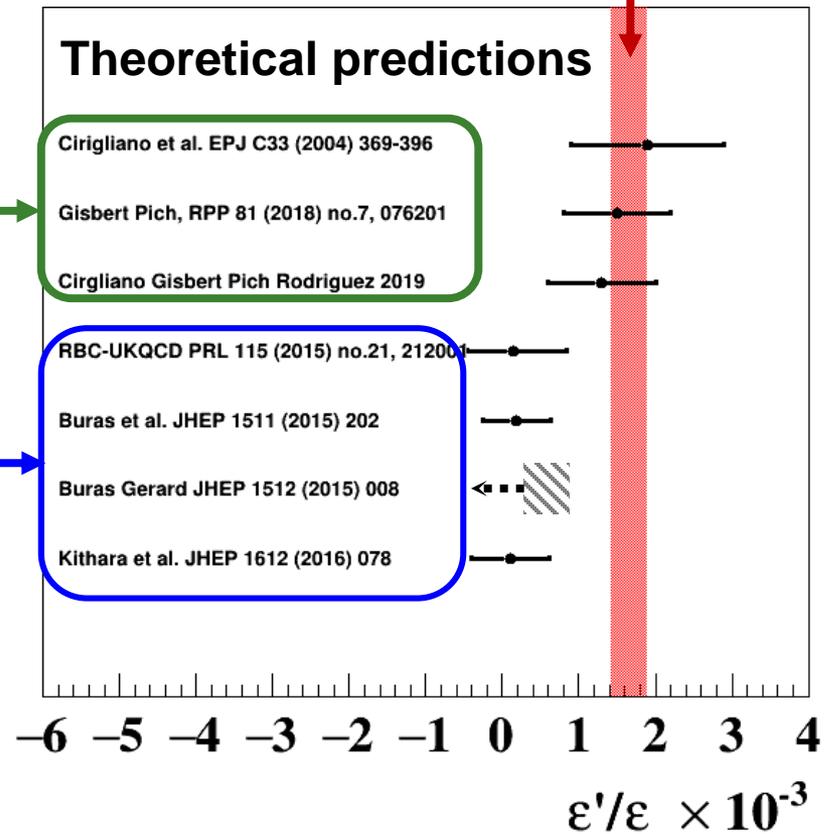
Theory challenge:

$$\sqrt{2}\varepsilon' = ie^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_0)} \frac{\text{Re}A_2}{\text{Re}A_0} \left(\frac{\text{Im}A_2}{\text{Re}A_2} - \frac{\text{Im}A_0}{\text{Re}A_0} \right)$$

χ pT

Lattice QCD

Measurement



Best expected precision from Lattice QCD:
 new calculation from RBC-UKQCD collab.
 expected soon

Kaon Physics and V_{us}

$|V_{us}|, K \rightarrow \pi l \nu (K_{l3})$

$$\Gamma(K \rightarrow \pi l \nu [\gamma]) = Br(K_{l3}) / \tau = C_K^2 \frac{G_F^2 m_K^5}{192 \pi^3} S_{EW}^K |V_{us}|^2 \left| f_+^{K^0 \pi^-}(0) \right|^2 I_{KI} \left(1 + 2\Delta_{EM}^{KI} + 2\Delta_{SU(2)}^{K\pi} \right)$$

$\frac{|V_{us}|}{|V_{ud}|}, K \rightarrow l \nu (K_{l2})$

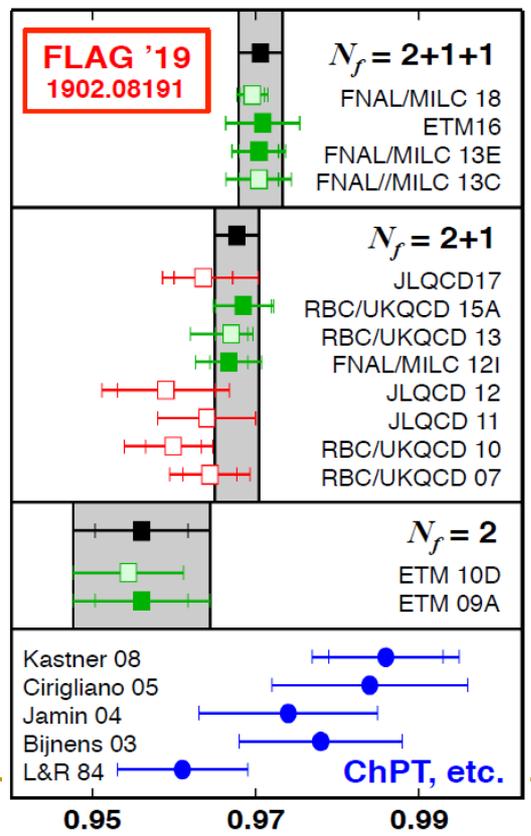
$$\frac{|V_{us}|}{|V_{ud}|} \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} = \left(\frac{\Gamma_{K_{\mu 2}(\gamma)} m_{\pi^\pm}}{\Gamma_{\pi_{\mu 2}(\gamma)} m_{K^\pm}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1 - m_\mu^2/m_{\pi^\pm}^2}{1 - m_\mu^2/m_{K^\pm}^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{EM} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{SU(2)} \right)$$

BR and form factor measurements from NA48, KLOE, KLOE2, ISTRA++, KTeV

	% err	BR	τ	Δ	Int
K_{Le3} 0.2164(6)	<u>0.26</u>	0.09	0.20	0.11	<u>0.05</u>
$K_{L\mu3}$ 0.2167(6)	<u>0.29</u>	0.15	0.18	0.11	<u>0.07</u>
K_{Se3} 0.2156(13)	<u>0.61</u>	0.60	0.02	0.11	<u>0.05</u>
$K^\pm e3$ 0.2169(8)	<u>0.35</u>	0.27	0.06	0.21	<u>0.05</u>
$K^\pm \mu3$ 0.2167(11)	<u>0.50</u>	0.45	0.06	0.21	<u>0.07</u>

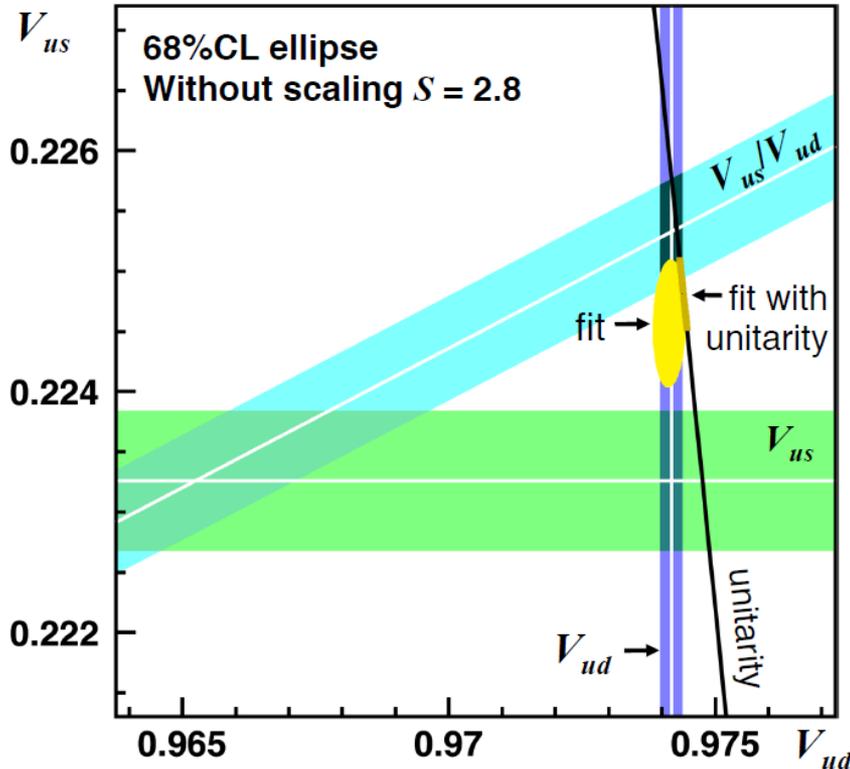
Average: $|V_{us}| f_+(0) = 0.21652(41)$ $\chi^2/ndf = 0.98/4$ (91%)

$f_+(0)$ computations



Kaon Physics and CKM Unitarity

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1 + \Delta_{CKM} \quad \Delta \sim \frac{c_n M_W^2}{g^2 \Lambda^2} \leq 10^{-2} - 10^{-3} \leftrightarrow \Lambda \sim 1-10 \text{ TeV}$$



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$f_+(0), f_K/f_\pi$ from χpT

V_{us} fit to the measurements (K_{l3})

V_{us}/V_{us} fit to the measurements (K_{l2})

V_{ud} from nuclear $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ transitions

$$V_{ud} = 0.97414(21)$$

$$V_{us} = 0.22456(35)$$

$$\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 8.0/1 \text{ (0.5\%)}$$

$$\Delta_{CKM} = -0.00062(45)$$

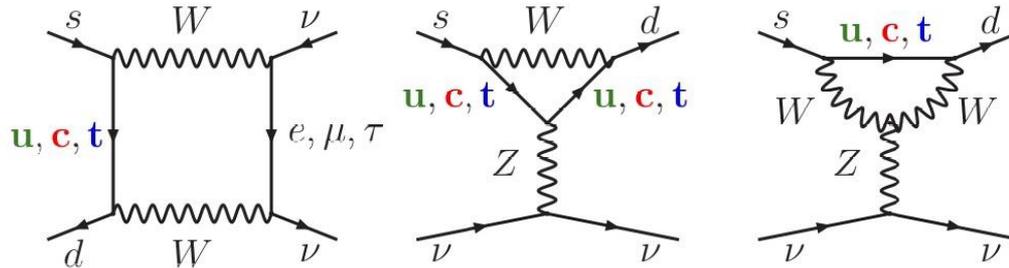
$$-1.4\sigma$$

3σ tension if the most recent determination of V_{ud} is used Passerman @ KAON 2019

“The Present”

$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ decays: a theoretically clean environment

- FCNC loop processes: $s \rightarrow d$ coupling and highest CKM suppression



- Very clean theoretically: Short distance contribution. No hadronic uncertainties.
- SM predictions [Buras et al. JHEP 11 (2015) 33]

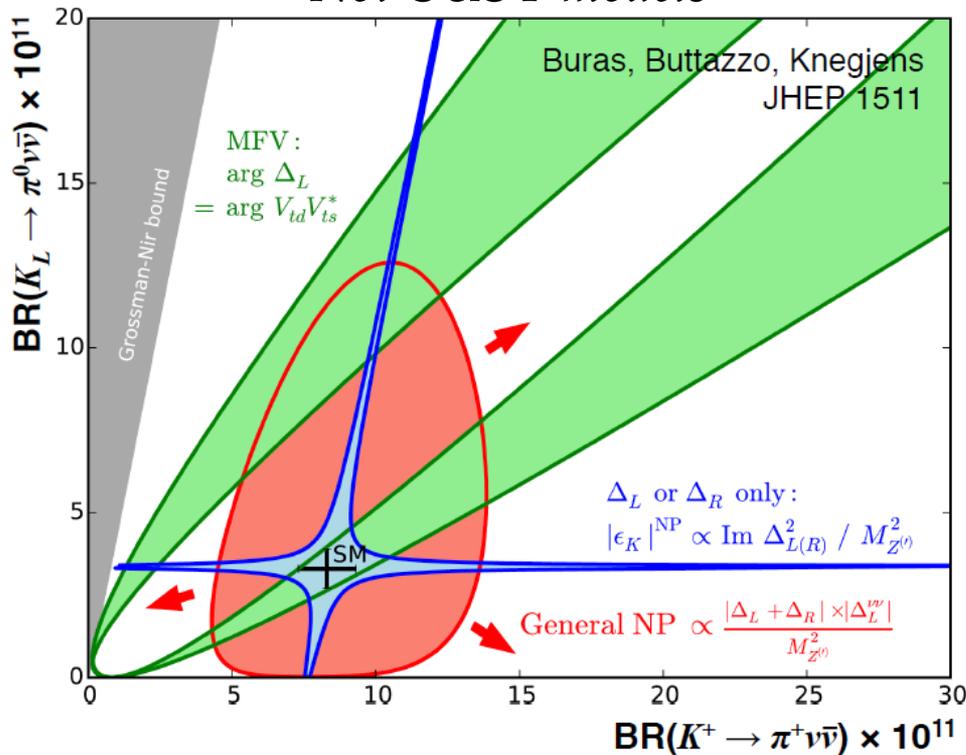
$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (8.39 \pm 0.30) \cdot 10^{-11} \left(\frac{|V_{cb}|}{0.0407} \right)^{2.8} \left(\frac{\gamma}{73.2^\circ} \right)^{0.74} = (0.84 \pm 0.10) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) = (3.36 \pm 0.05) \cdot 10^{-11} \left(\frac{|V_{ub}|}{0.00388} \right)^2 \left(\frac{|V_{cb}|}{0.0407} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\sin \gamma}{\sin 73.2^\circ} \right)^2 = (0.34 \pm 0.06) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

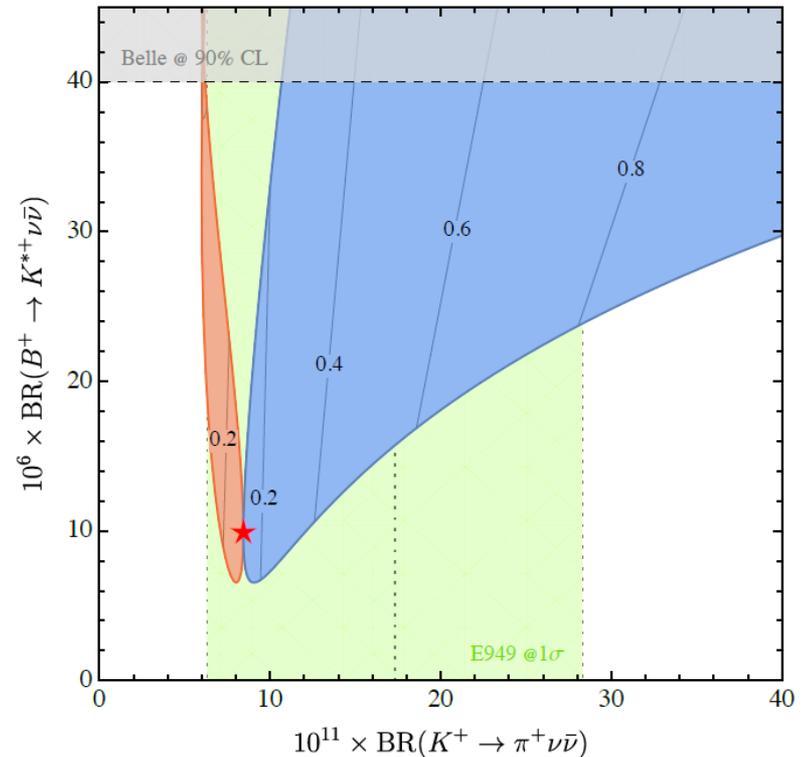
$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ and New Physics

- High sensitivity to NP (non MFV): significant variations wrt SM possible
- Model-dependent correlations of possible variations of K^+ and K_L BR
- Weak constraints from other flavour observables

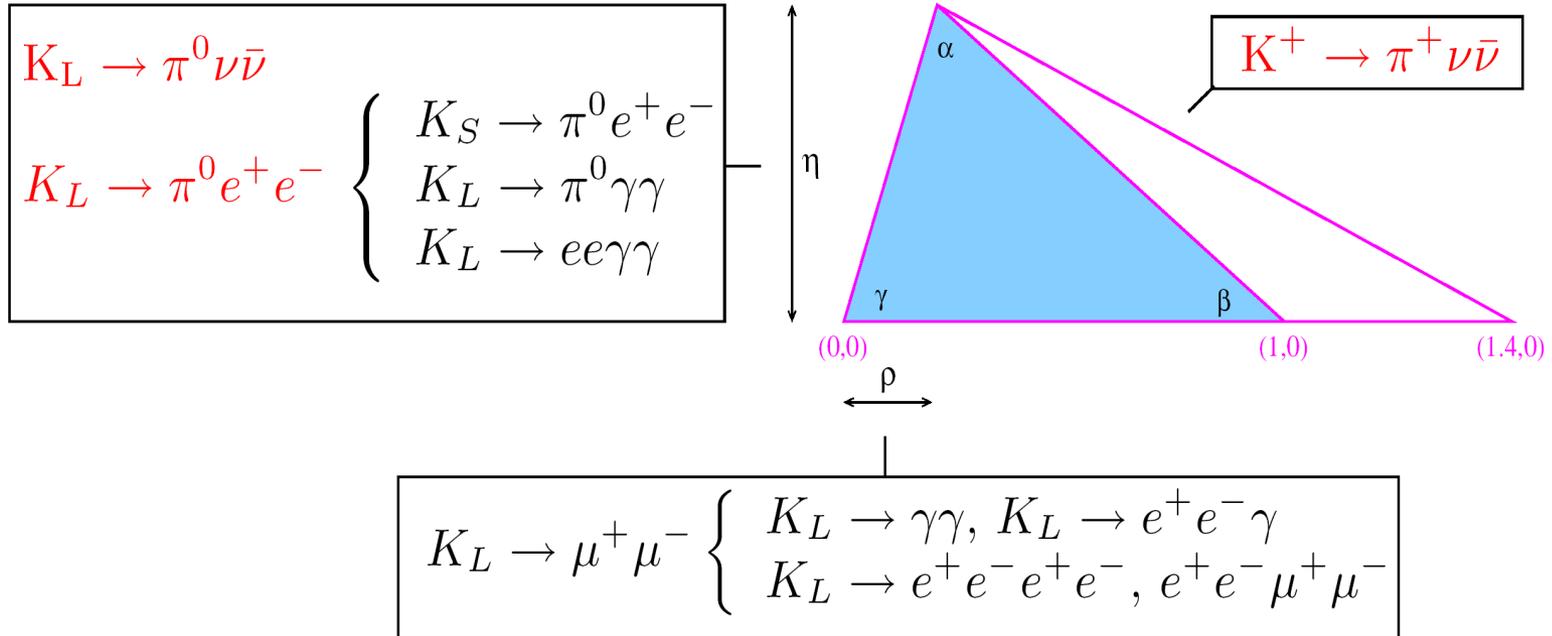
Not-SUSY models



LFU violation



$K \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}$ and CKM

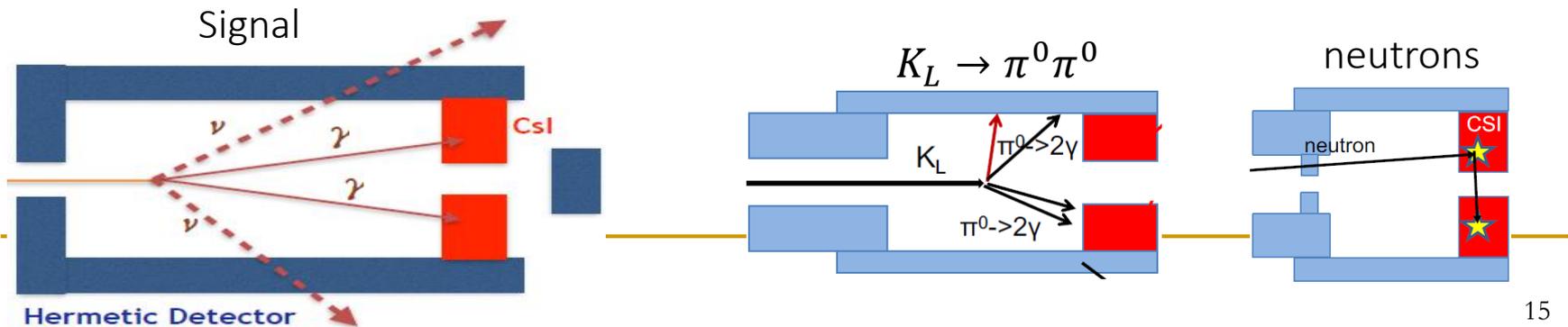
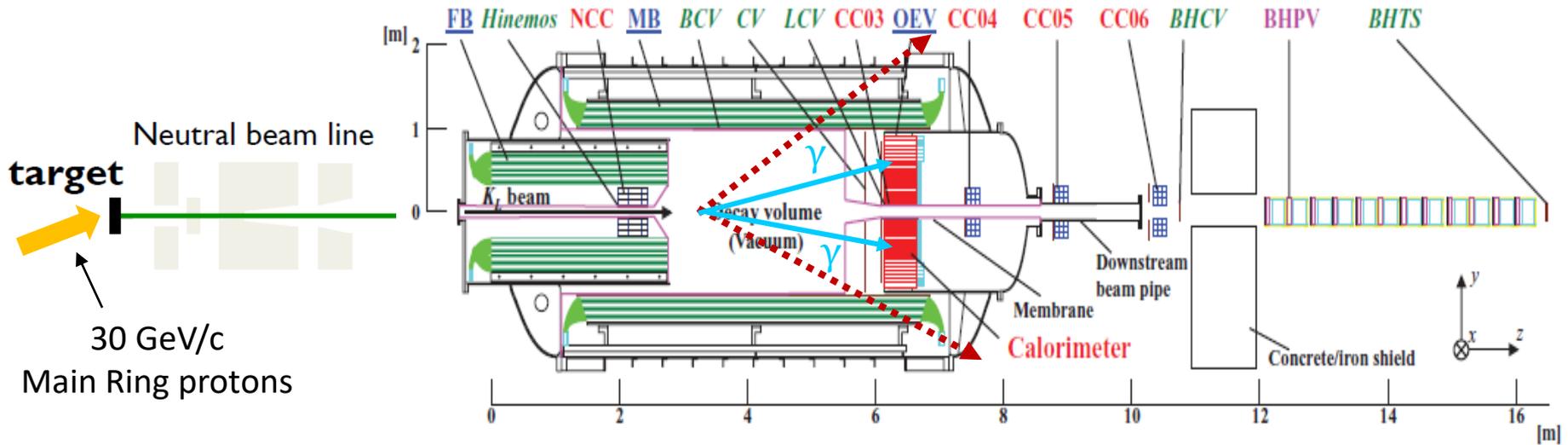


CKM fit using $K \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}$ ONLY

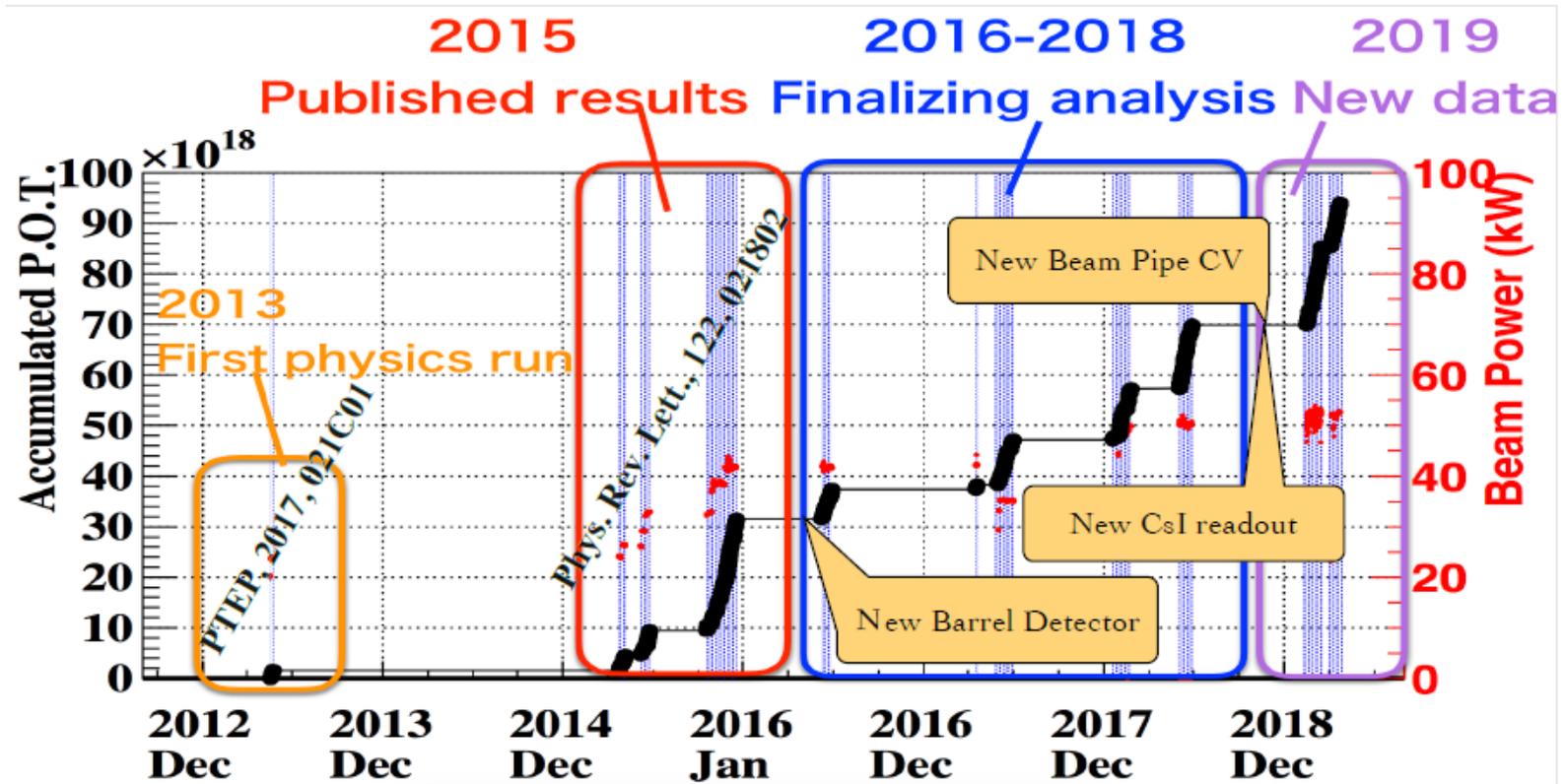
NP flavour dynamics from comparison of CKM fit with K and B

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$: KOTO @ JPARC

Goal: Observe SM $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$



$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$: KOTO @ JPARC



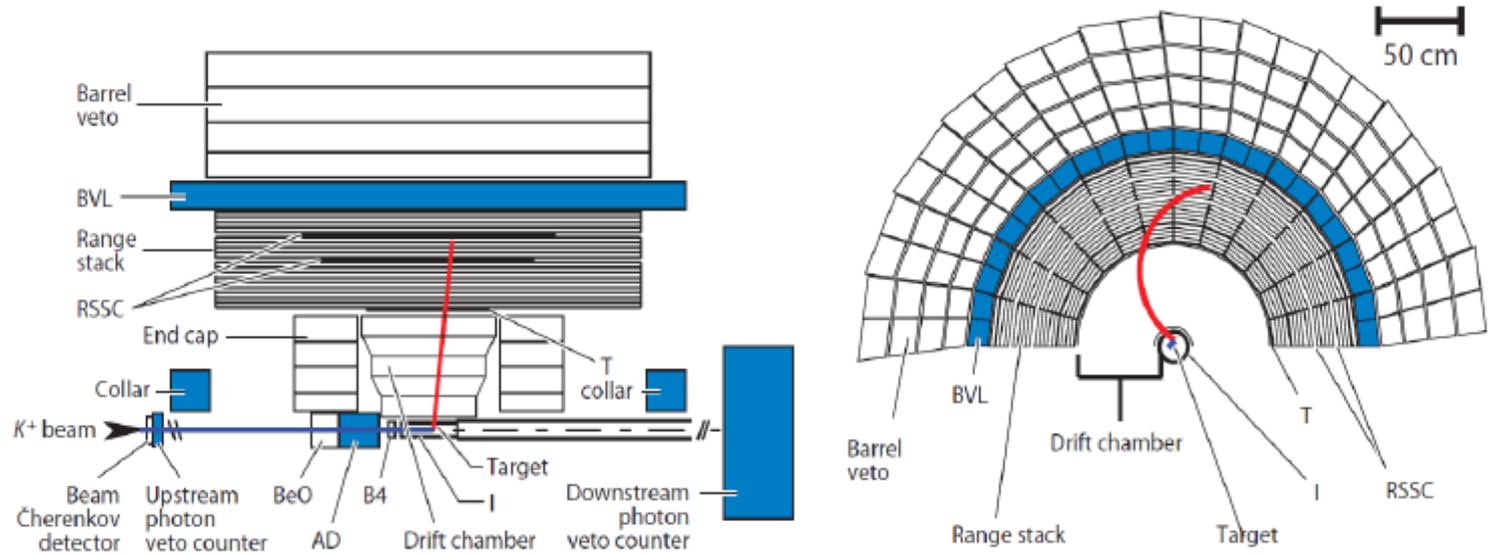
- 2015 Single event sensitivity: $(1.30 \pm 0.01_{stat} \pm 0.14_{syst}) \times 10^{-9}$
- 2015 result: $BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 3.0 \times 10^{-9}$ (90% C. L.)

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 021802 (2019)]

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$: from the Past to the Present

- The past: Stopping Kaon Technique
- The present: Decay-in-flight Technique

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$: E787/949 @ BNL Stopping Kaon



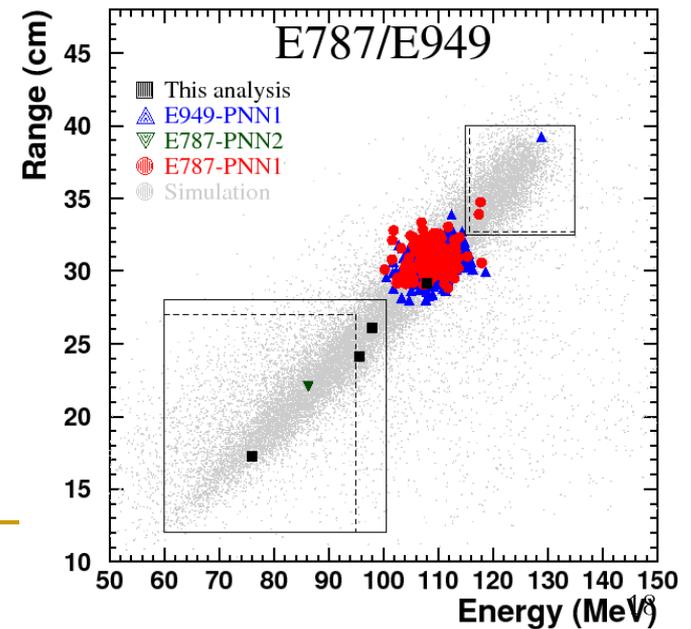
- Single Event Sensitivity: $\sim 0.8 \cdot 10^{-10}$

$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) < 3.35 \times 10^{-10} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (1.73_{-1.05}^{+1.15}) \times 10^{-10}$$

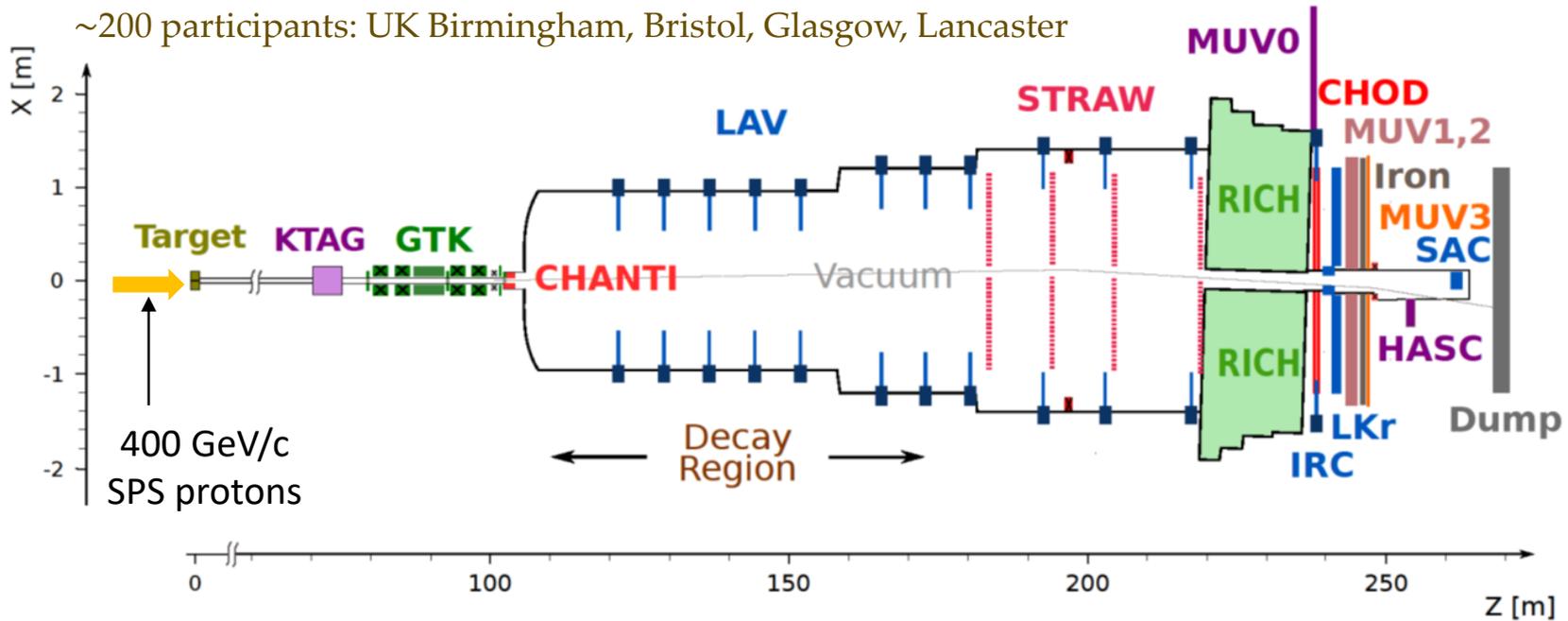
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$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$: NA62 @ CERN SPS, Decay in Flight

~200 participants: UK Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Lancaster



Typical Intensity

Incoming K^+ , 75 GeV/c, 1% rms

Outgoing π^+

γ /multitrack veto (LAV, LKr, IRC, SAC, HASC)

Particle ID (RICH, LKr, MUV1,2,3)

19×10^{11} ppp (450 MHz @ GTK3)

Timing by KTAG ($\sigma_t \sim 70$ ps); position/momentum by GTK

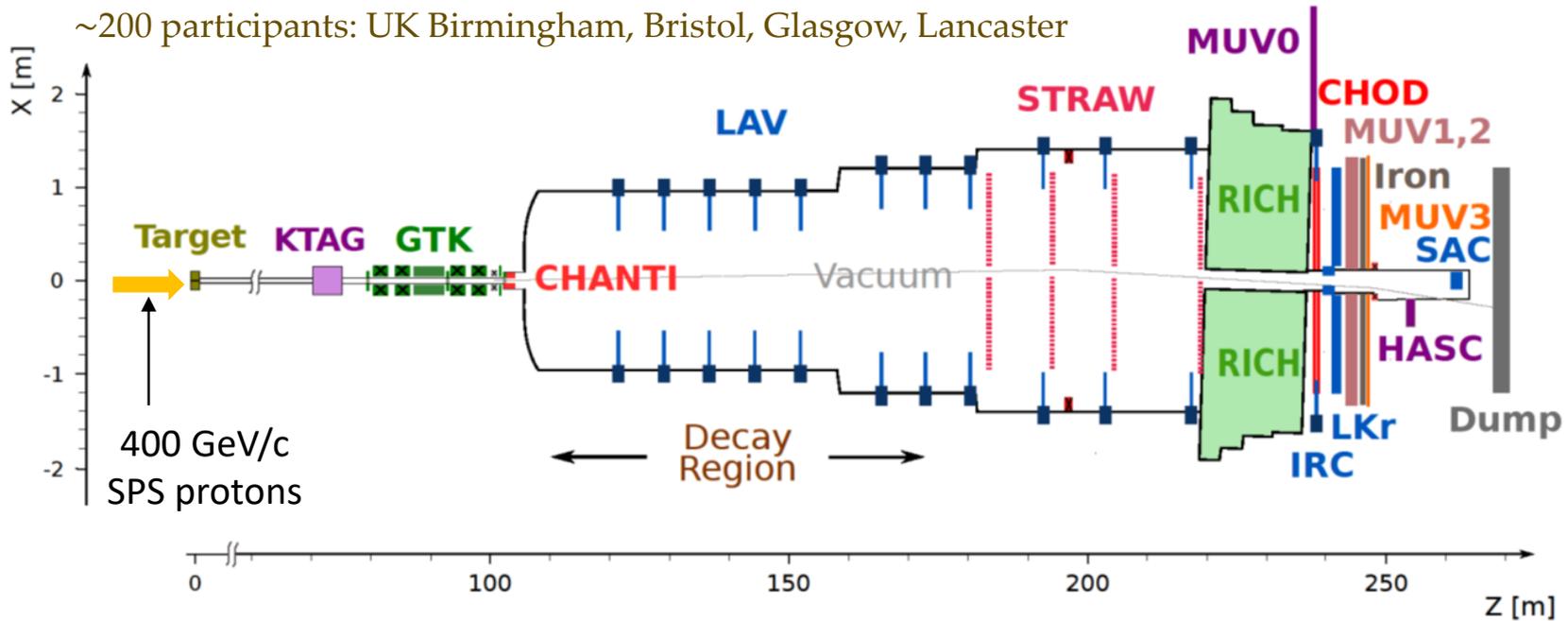
Timing by RICH ($\sigma_t \sim 70$ ps); position/momentum by STRAW

$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ suppression $\sim 1.4 \times 10^{-8}$

μ^+ suppression $\sim 10^{-8}$

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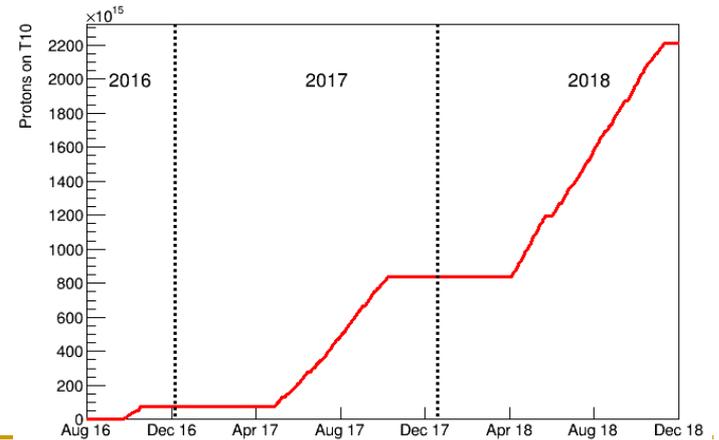
Three years of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ data taking:

2016: $\sim 1 \times 10^{11}$ K^+ decays

2017: $\sim 2 \times 10^{12}$ K^+ decays

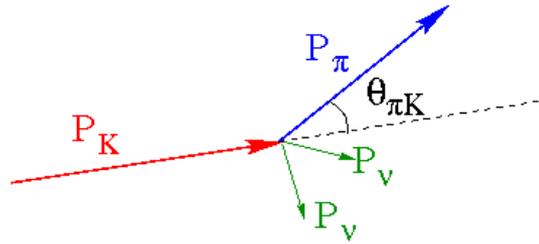
2018: $\sim 4 \times 10^{12}$ K^+ decays

Protons on target



$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ Decay in flight

$$m_{\text{miss}}^2 = (P_{K^+} - P_{\pi^+})^2$$



Principal Decays Branching ratio

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 (\gamma) \quad 0.2067 \pm 0.08$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu (\gamma) \quad 0.6356 \pm 0.11$$

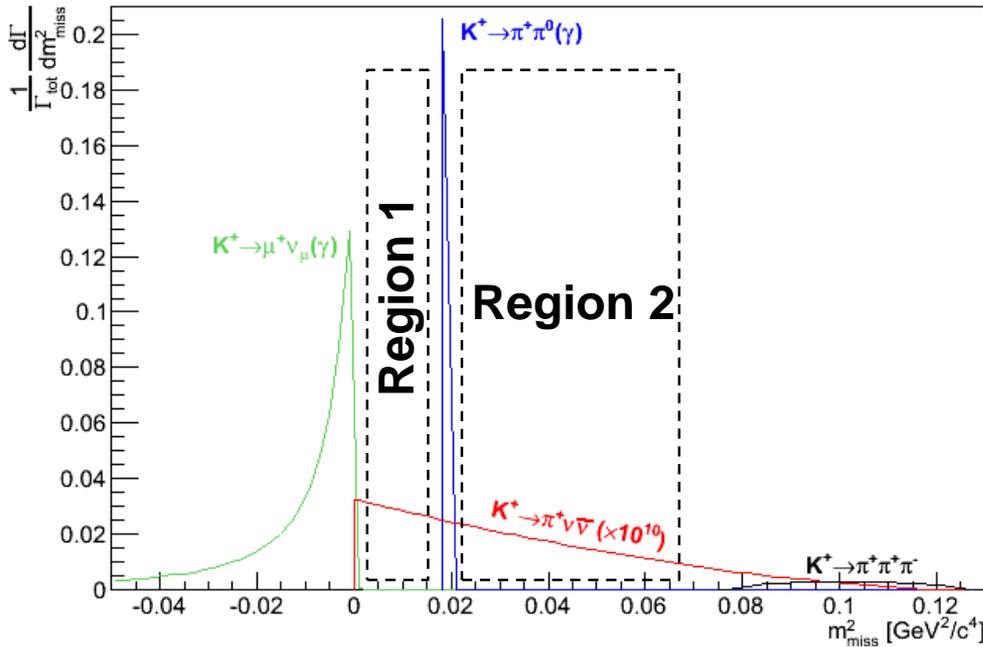
$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \quad 0.05583 \pm 0.024$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0 \quad 0.01760 \pm 0.023$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \quad 0.0507 \pm 0.04$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu \quad 0.03352 \pm 0.033$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu \quad (4.247 \pm 0.024) \cdot 10^{-5}$$



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Particle ID (Cerenkov)

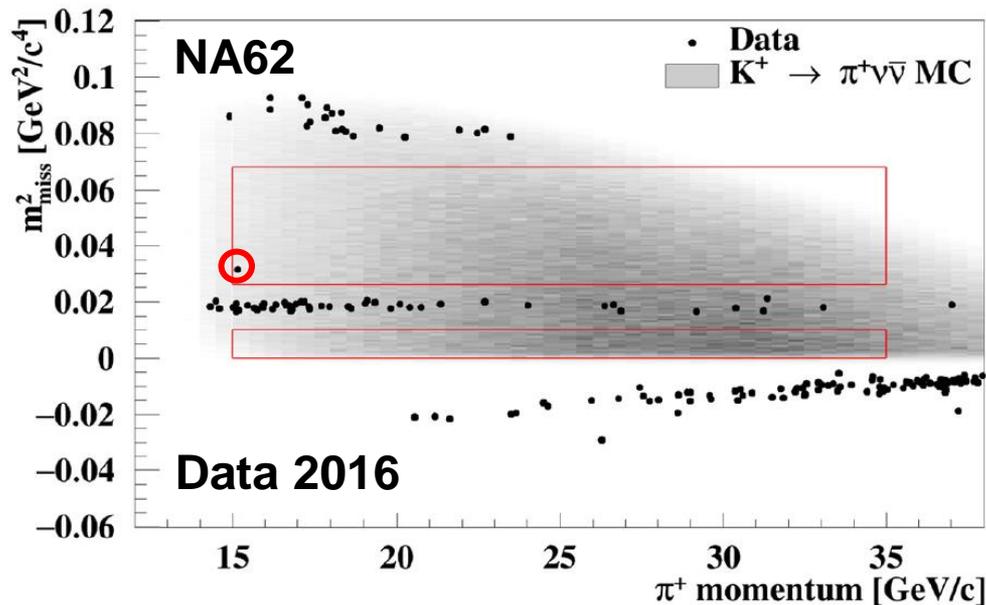
Particle ID (Calorimeters)

Photon Veto

$$15 < P_{\pi^+} < 35 \text{ GeV}/c$$

NA62: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ Data Analysis

- 2016 DATA: Proof-of-principle of the decay in flight technique



$$S.E.S. * = (3.15 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$N_{\pi\nu\nu}^{\text{expected}} = 0.267 \pm 0.020 \pm 0.032_{\text{ext}}$$

$$N_{\text{bckg}} = 0.152^{+0.092}_{-0.033} \Big|_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.013_{\text{syst}}$$

1 event observed in signal region

$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) < 14 \times 10^{-10} @ 95\% CL$$

Phys. Lett. B 791, 156 (2019)

- 2017 Data: new result presented recently

G.R. KAON2019 10/09/2019

CERN EP Seminar 23/09/2019

2 trigger streams: PNN (highly selective for signal), CONTROL (minimum-bias)

Full blind analysis procedure (like for 2016 analysis)

* S.E.S. = Single Event Sensitivity

NA62: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ Selection

m_{miss}^2 : π^+ / K^+ 3-momentum from Straw/Gigatracker, π^+ mass hypothesis

K^+ decays selected no PID and γ /multi-track rejection

Selection

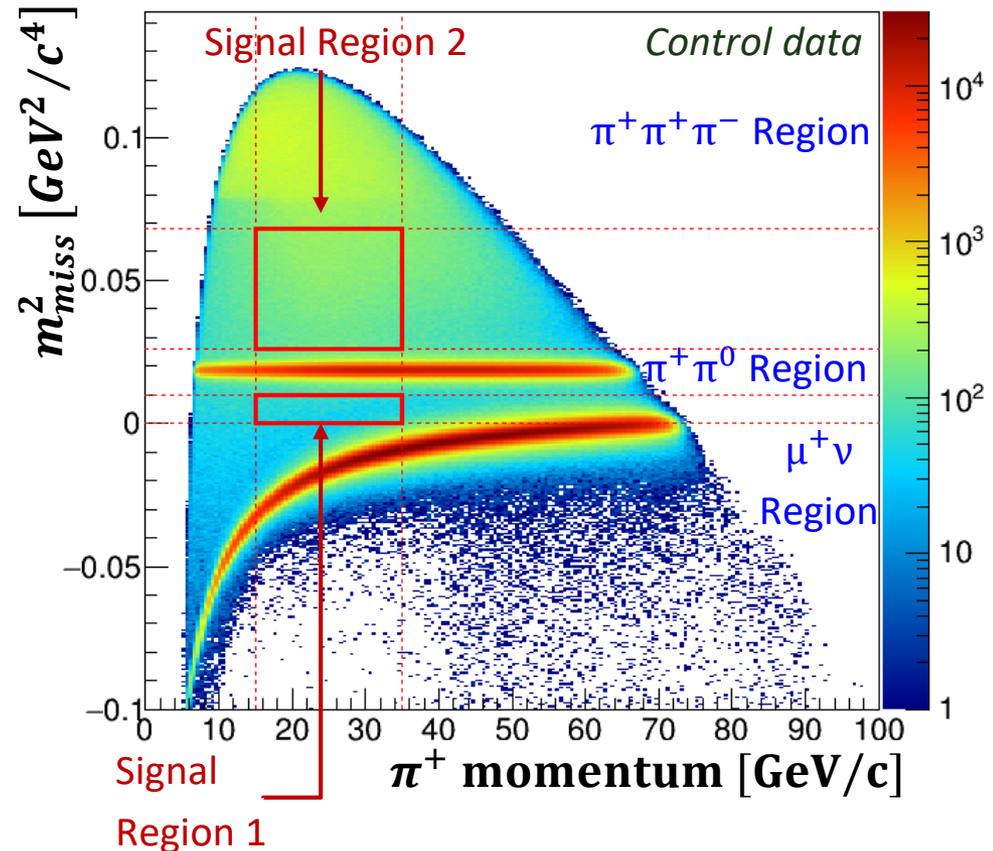
K^+ - π^+ matching

K^+ decays in the decay volume

π^+ identification (PID)

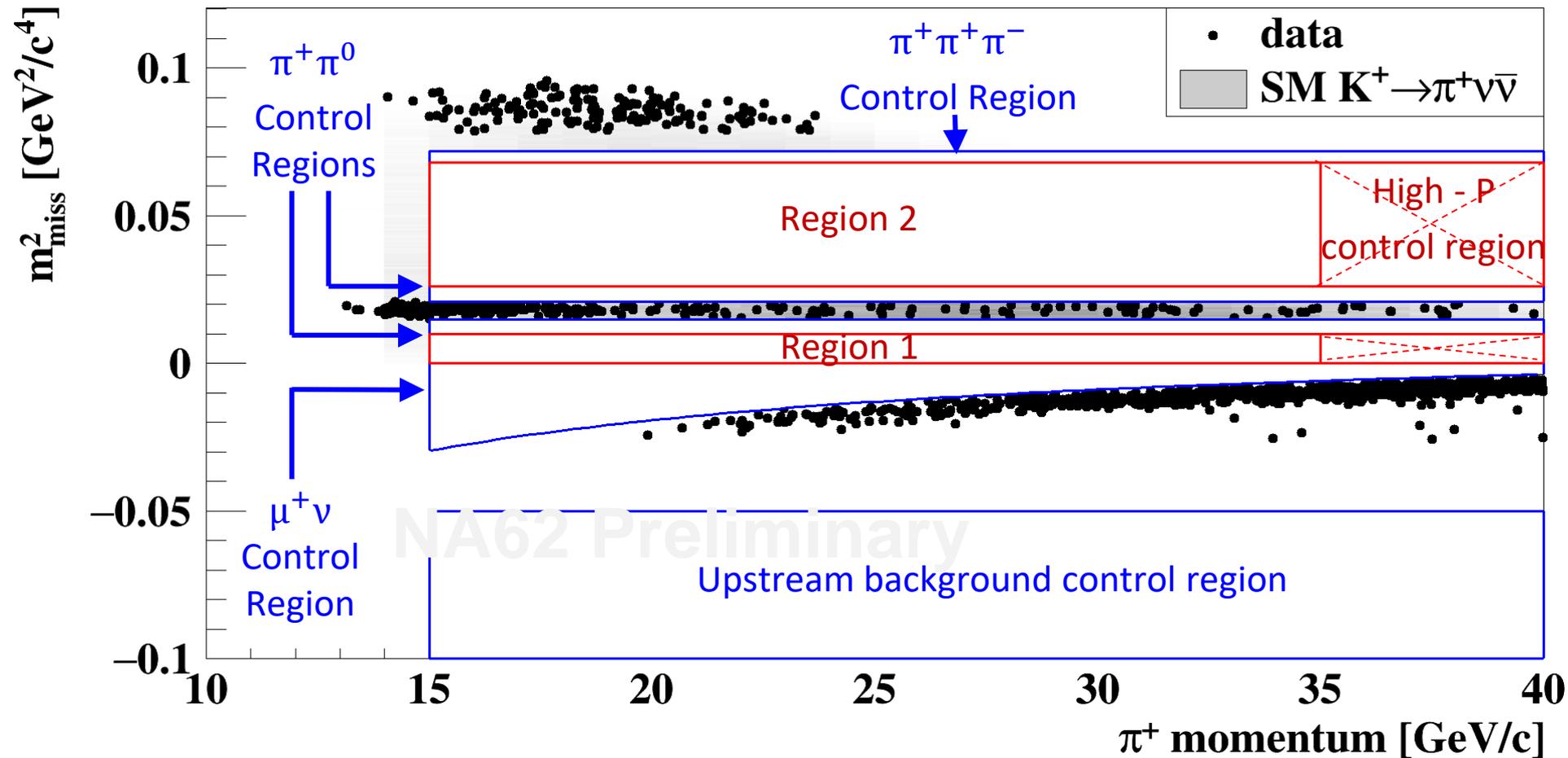
photon rejection

Multi-track rejection



NA62: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ 2017 Data after selection

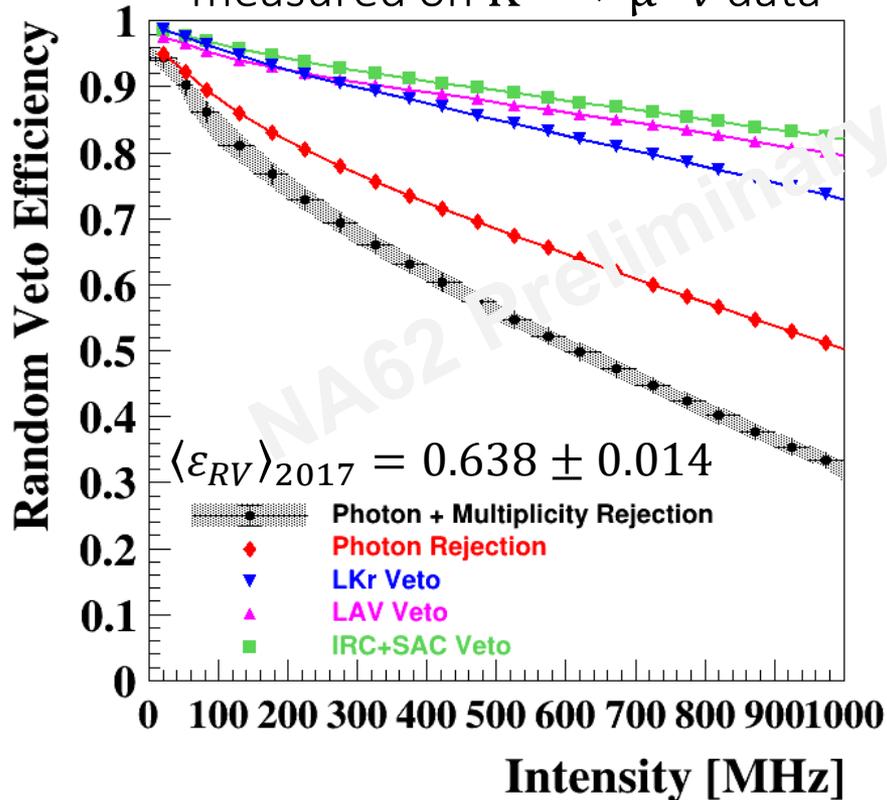
Control and signal regions MASKED



NA62: 2017 Single Event Sensitivity

- $\pi\nu\nu$ normalised to $\pi^+\pi^0$
- SES depends linearly on: PNN trigger efficiency, random veto efficiency

measured on $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+\nu$ data



$$S.E.S. = (0.389 \pm 0.021) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$N_{\pi\nu\nu}^{exp} = 2.16 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.26_{ext}$$

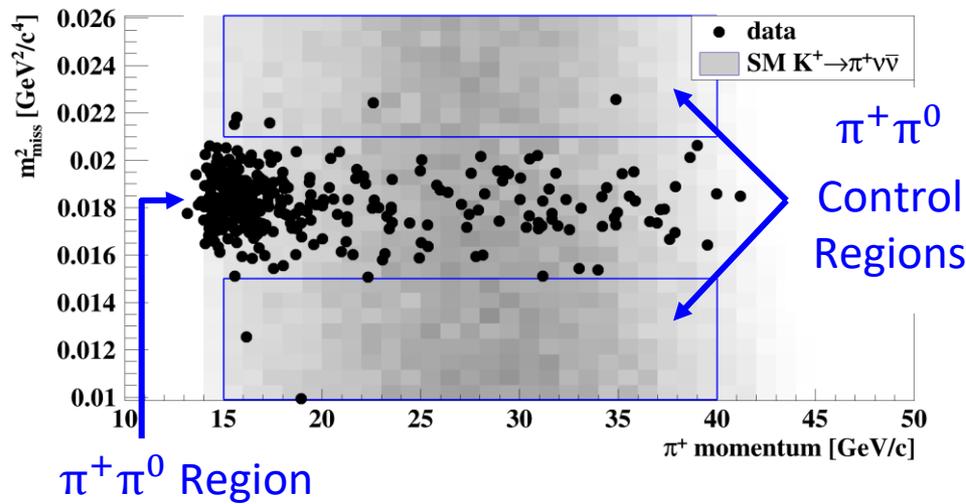
NA62: 2017 Expected Background

Process	Expected events
$K^{\mp} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \nu \bar{\nu}$ (SM)	$2.16 \pm 0.12_{stat} \pm 0.26_{ext}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0(\gamma)$ IB	$0.29 \pm 0.03_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_{\mu}(\gamma)$ IB	$0.11 \pm 0.02_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_{\mu}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \text{decay})$	$0.04 \pm 0.02_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$	$0.12 \pm 0.05_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$	$0.02 \pm 0.02_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$	$0.005 \pm 0.005_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow l^+ \pi^0 \nu_l$	negligible
Upstream background	$0.9 \pm 0.2_{stat} \pm 0.2_{syst}$
Total background	$1.5 \pm 0.2_{stat} \pm 0.2_{syst}$

Example: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ Background

- Estimated from DATA. Hypotesis: kinematic and π^0 rejection independent
- Corrections for correlation due to radiative γ

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ after $\pi\nu\bar{\nu}$ selection

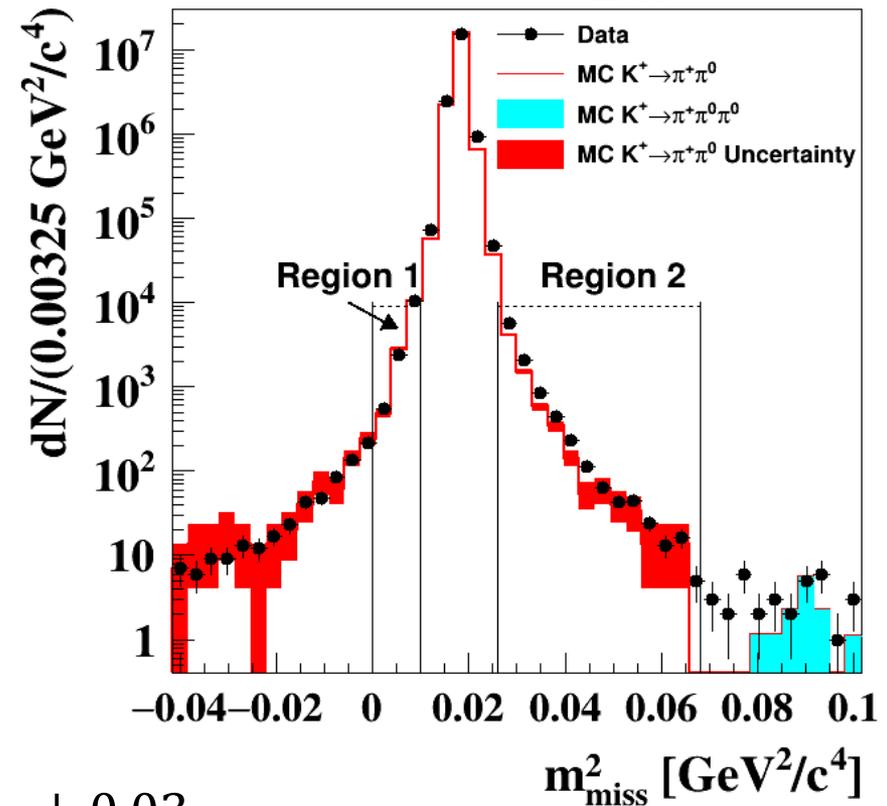


$\pi^+ \pi^0$ expected control region: 7.6 ± 0.7

$\pi^+ \pi^0$ observed control region: 7

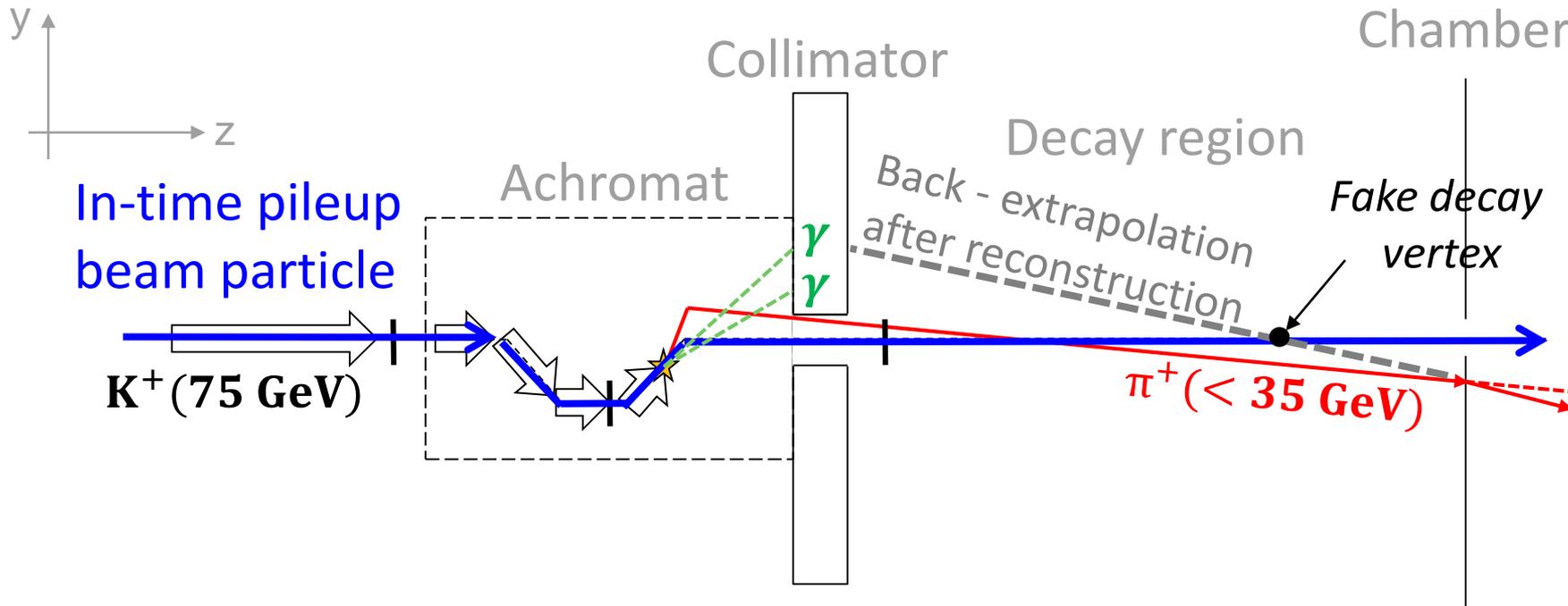
$\pi^+ \pi^0$ expected signal region $0.29 \pm 0.03_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst}$

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ to study m_{miss}^2 kine tails



Example: Upstream Background

1st Straw Chamber



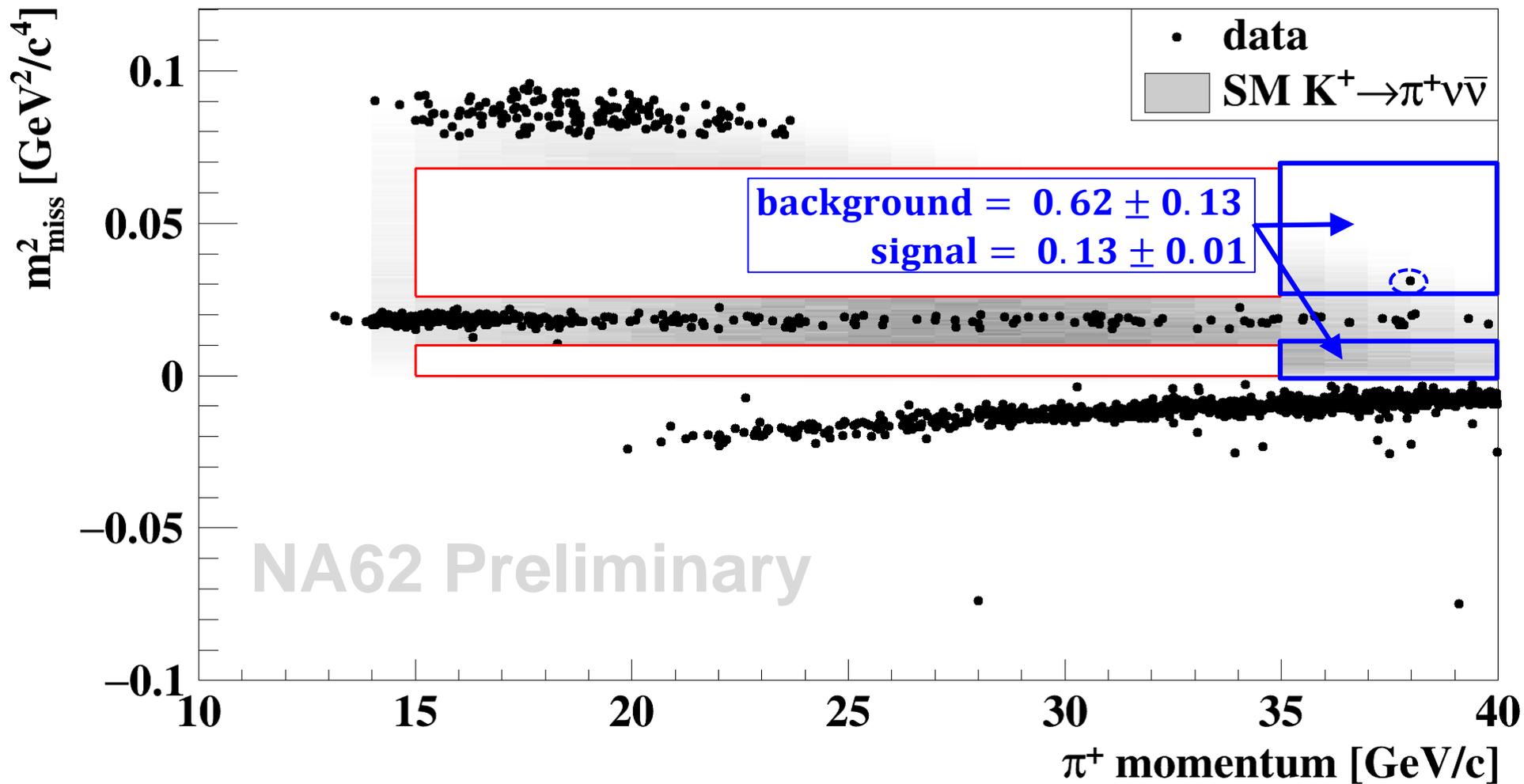
- K^+ decays/interacts in the achromat
- Secondary π^+ downstream
- Beam elements block additional particles
- π^+ scattering in straw chamber 1
- Pileup beam particle tagged as K^+

Count events on data with inverted $K - \pi$ matching

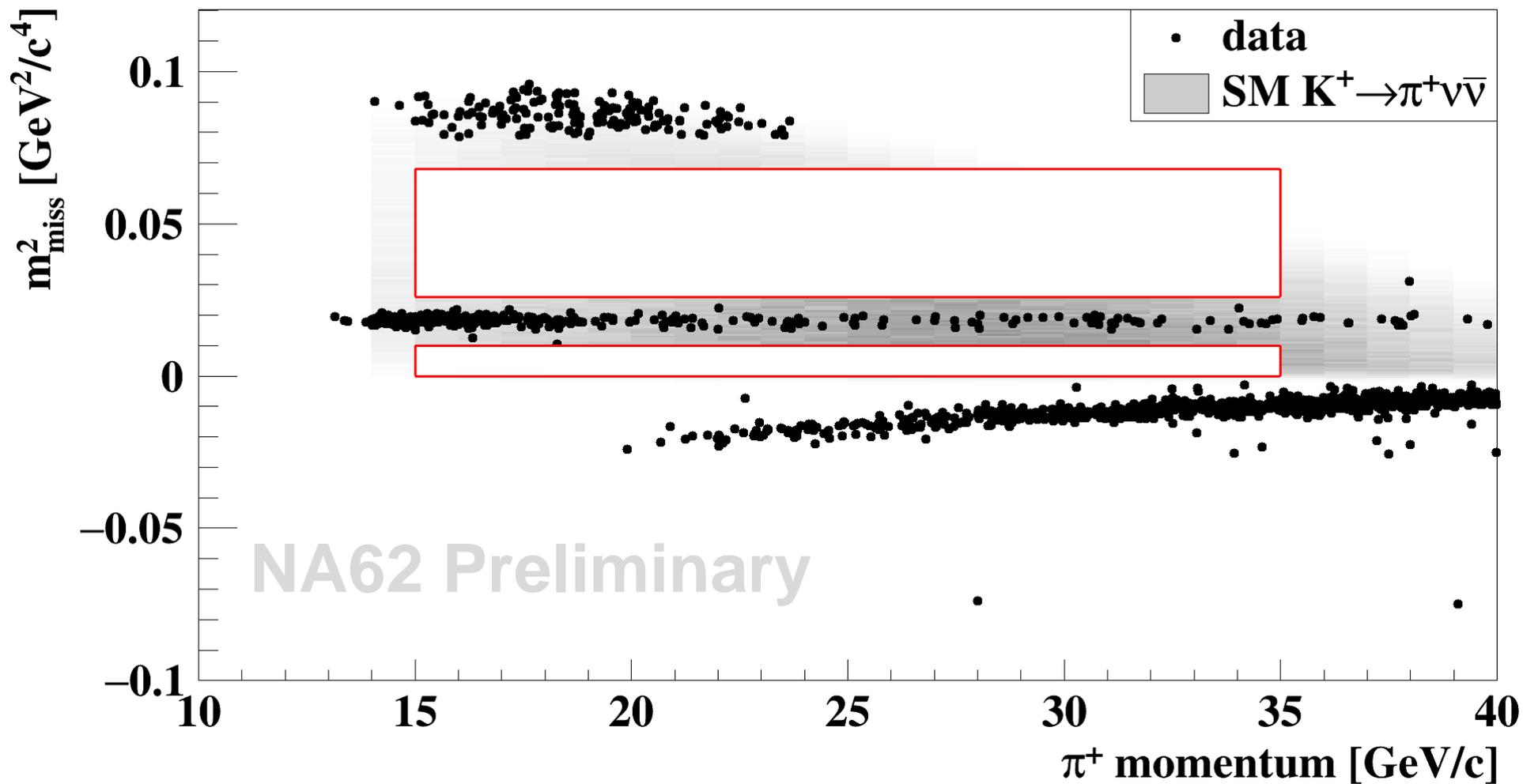
Estimate the probability to occur from data/simulation

NA62: 2017 Background Validation

Signal and background evaluated in the 35-40 GeV/c signal-like regions

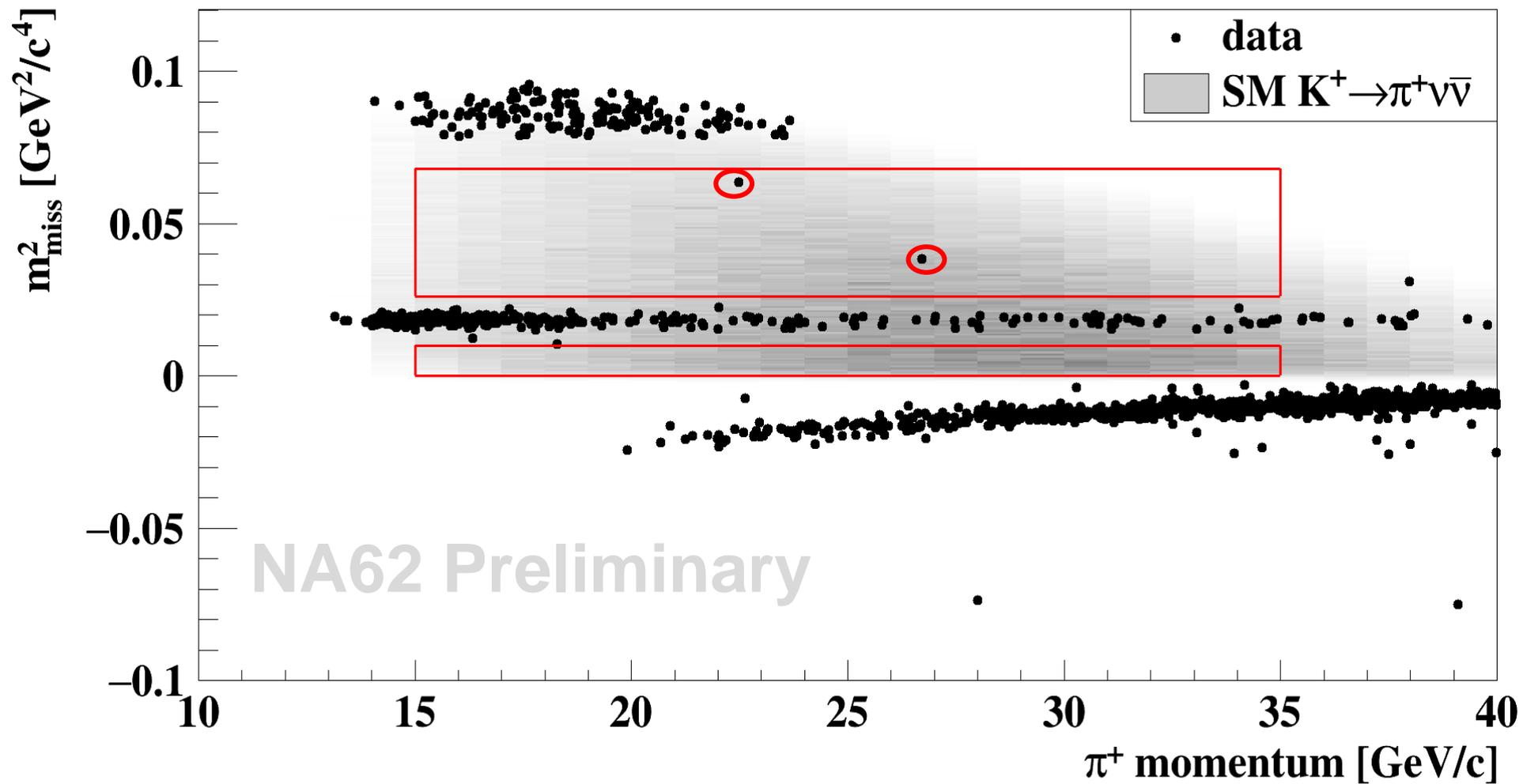


Opening the Box

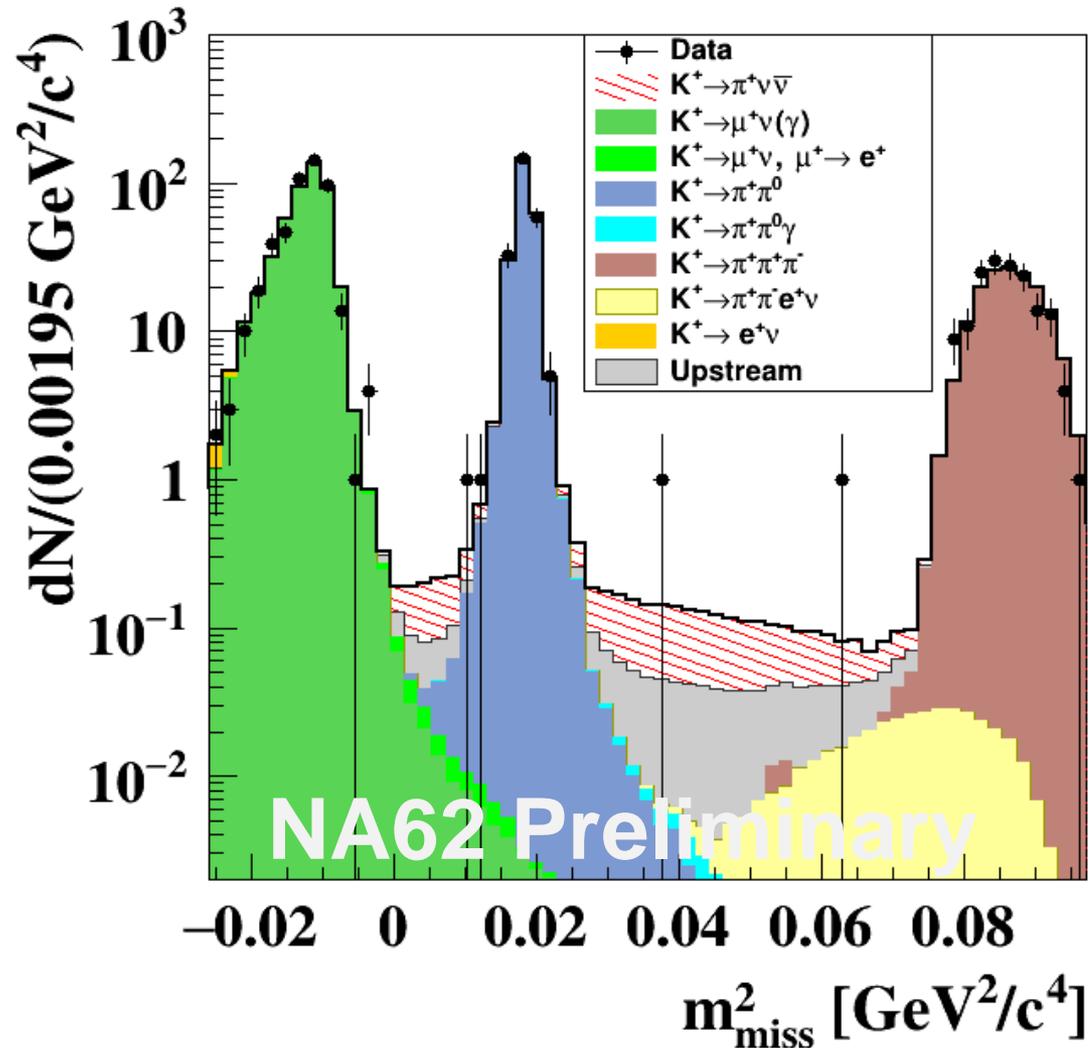


NA62: 2017 Box Opened

2 events observed in signal region



m_{miss}^2 Signal and Background



NA62: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ 2016+2017 Result

- Combination of 2016 and 2017 data

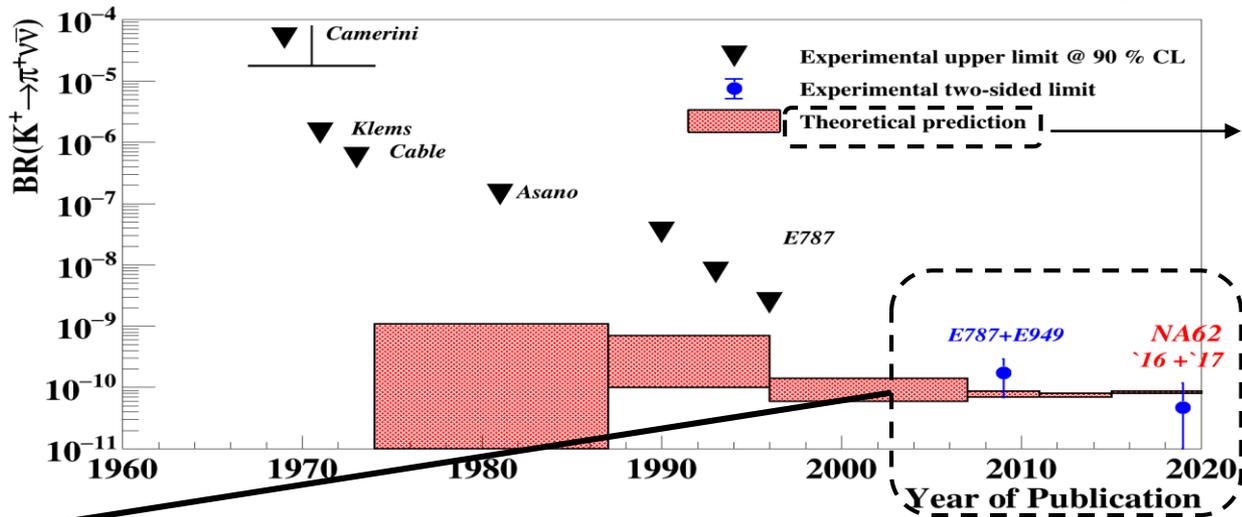
Events observed	3
Single event sensitivity	$(0.346 \pm 0.017) \times 10^{-10}$
Expected background	1.65 ± 0.31

- Upper limits (CLs method)

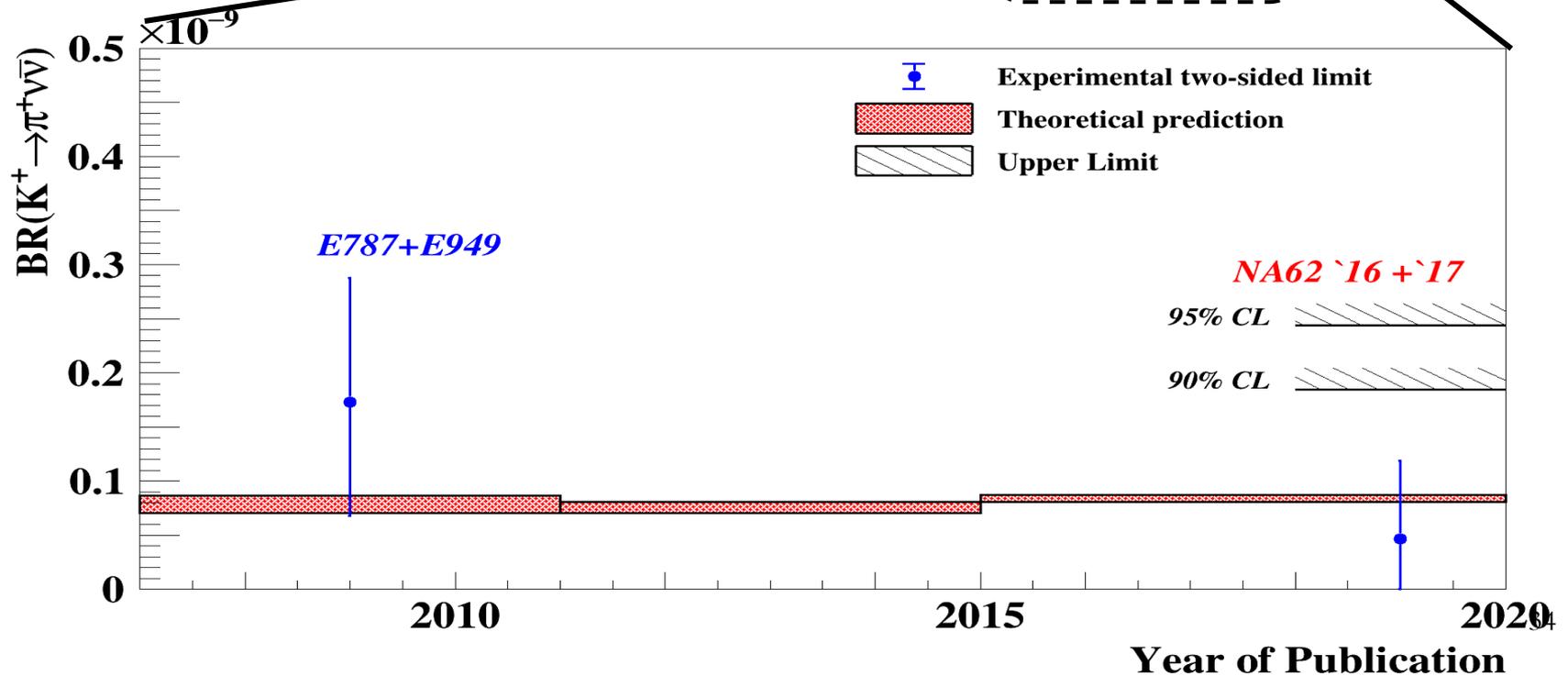
Observed	Expected (background only)	CL
$Br(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) < 1.85 \times 10^{-10}$	$Br(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) < 1.32 \times 10^{-10}$	90%
$Br(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) < 2.44 \times 10^{-10}$	$Br(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) < 1.62 \times 10^{-10}$	95%

- Two-sided 68% band: $Br(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (0.47^{+0.72}_{-0.47}) \times 10^{-10}$
- Search for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$, with X «dark» scalar on-going

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ History

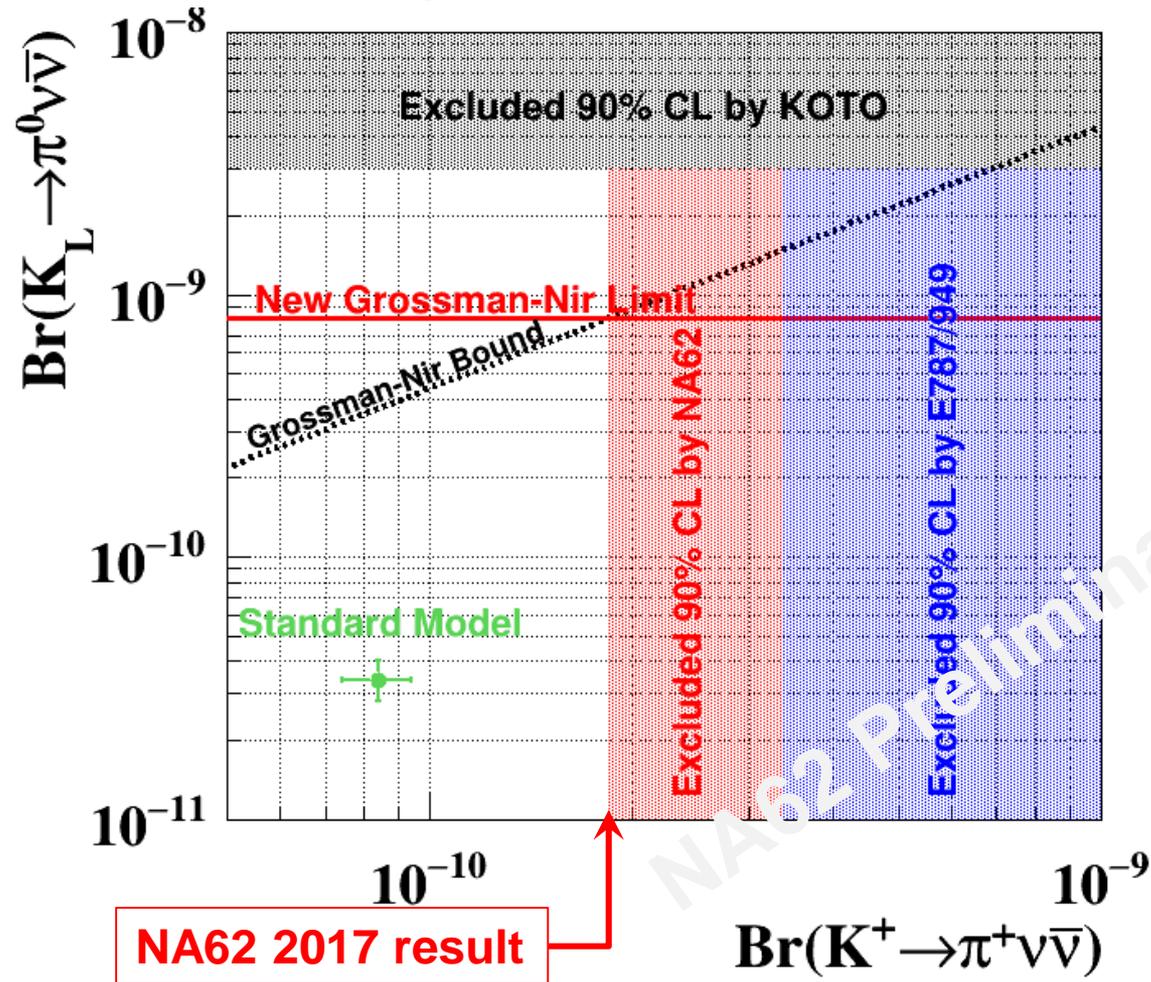


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 PRD 76 (2007) 034017
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$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ and $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ Today

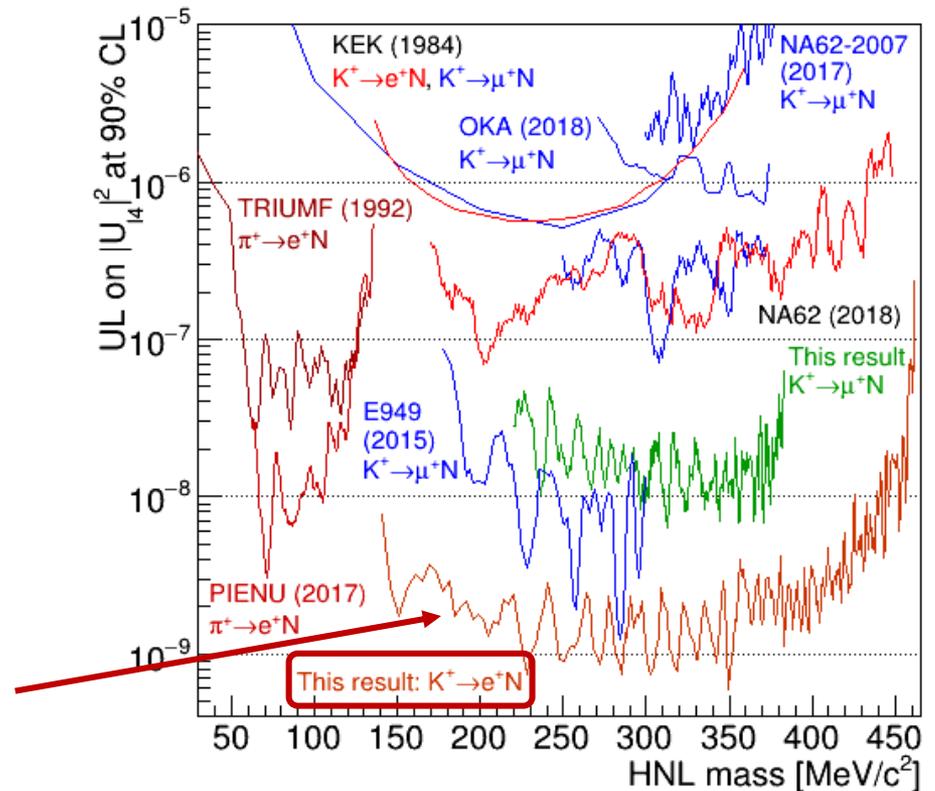
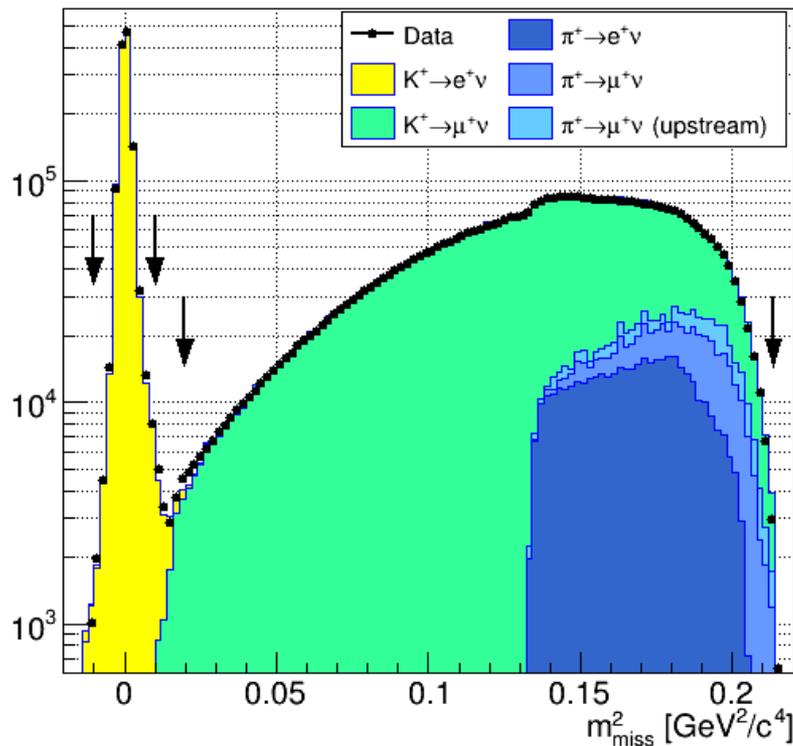
- New Grossman – Nir limit: $Br(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 8.14 \times 10^{-10}$ @ 90% CL



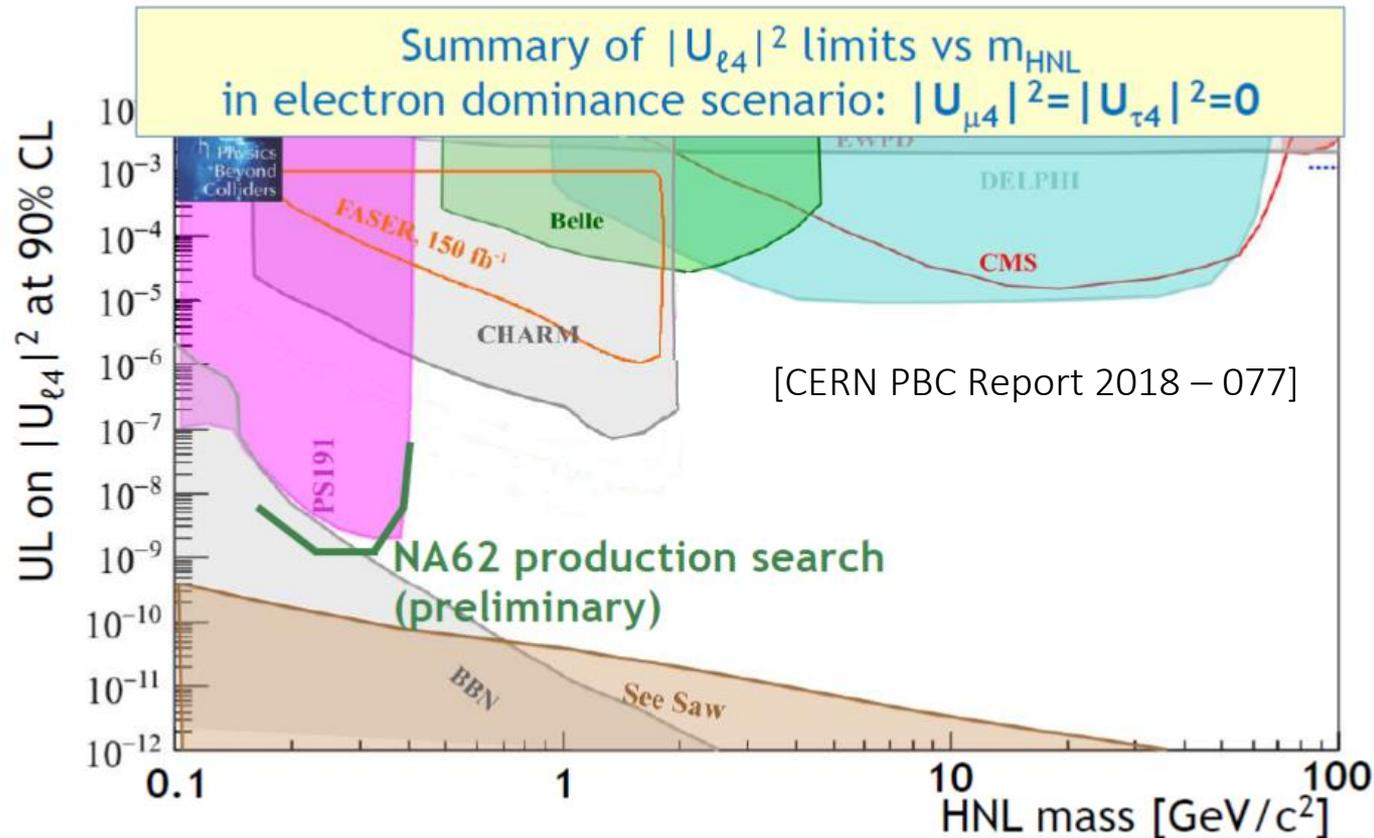
Beyond $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$: HNL production @ NA62

- Search for HNL in $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$ and $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$: NA62 (2016+2017)
- Peak search on the missing mass spectrum out of the peak

$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$



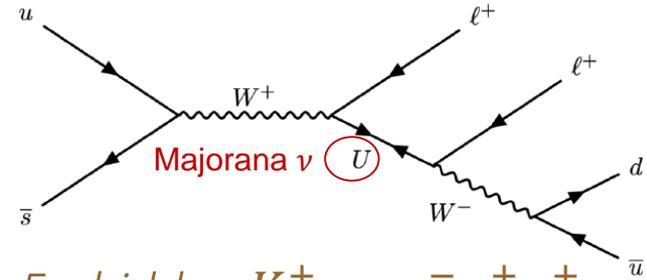
HNL production vs decay searches



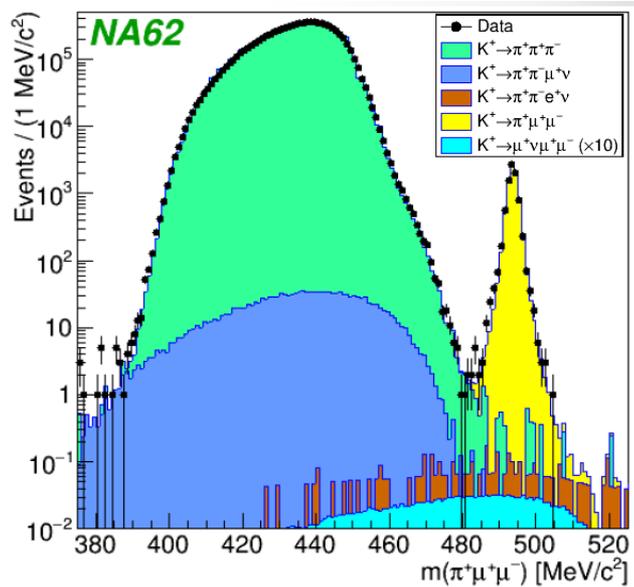
- Direct searches require model – dependent assumptions
- Exhausting the BBN-allowed range up to $300 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- T2K has improved the PS191 limits $> 360 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ [arXiv:1902.07598]

Beyond $K \rightarrow \pi\nu\nu$: LFV @ NA62

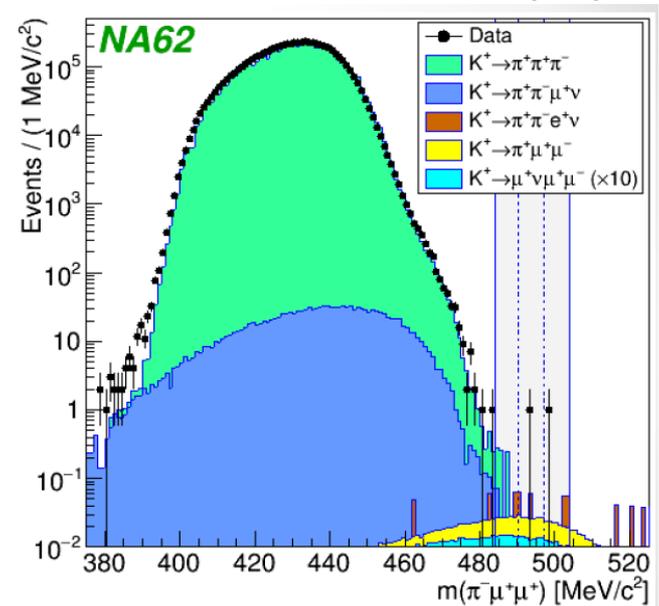
- Search for forbidden decays $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- l^+ l^+$
- 2017 data analyzed
- $\times 2,3$ factor improvements on U.L.



SM allowed $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$



Forbidden $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+$



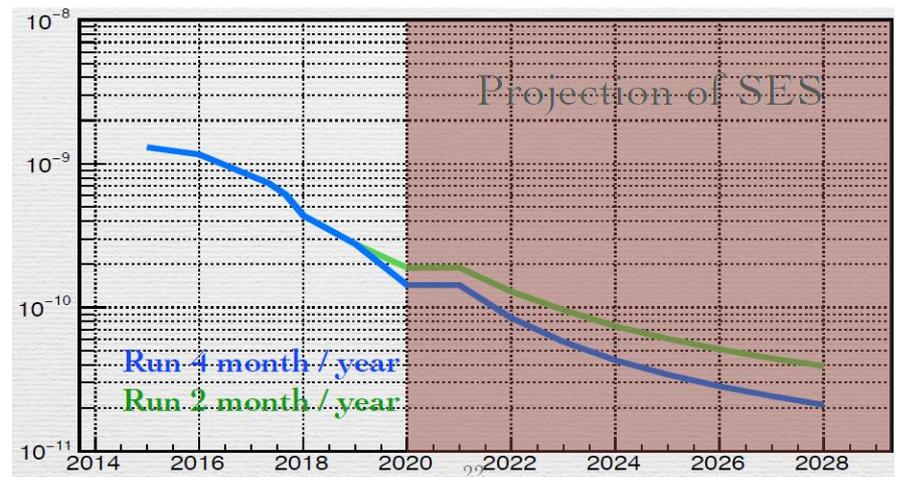
$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ e^+) < 2.2 \cdot 10^{-10} @ 90\% CL$
 $BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+) < 4.2 \cdot 10^{-11} @ 90\% CL$

[PLB 797 (2019) 134794]

Future Prospects

$K \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}$ Medium Term Prospects (<2026)

- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\bar{\nu}$ @ NA62
 - Goal 2016+2017+2018 data: $O(10)$ events
 - 2018 data: $2 \times$ 2017 statistics; analysis optimization under study
 - Goal 2021 – 2025 run: $O(50)$ events (if at least 3 years of data taking)
 - Definition of the NA62 run schedule under discussion
 - Suppression of upstream background under study; increase of intensity
- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu\bar{\nu}$ @ KOTO
 - Goal 2016 → 2019 data: $O(10)$ sensitivity increase
 - Background under study
 - Goal >2019 run: SM SES (1 SM event observation)
 - JPARC power increase



Beyond $K \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}$: Forbidden / Rare Decays @ NA62

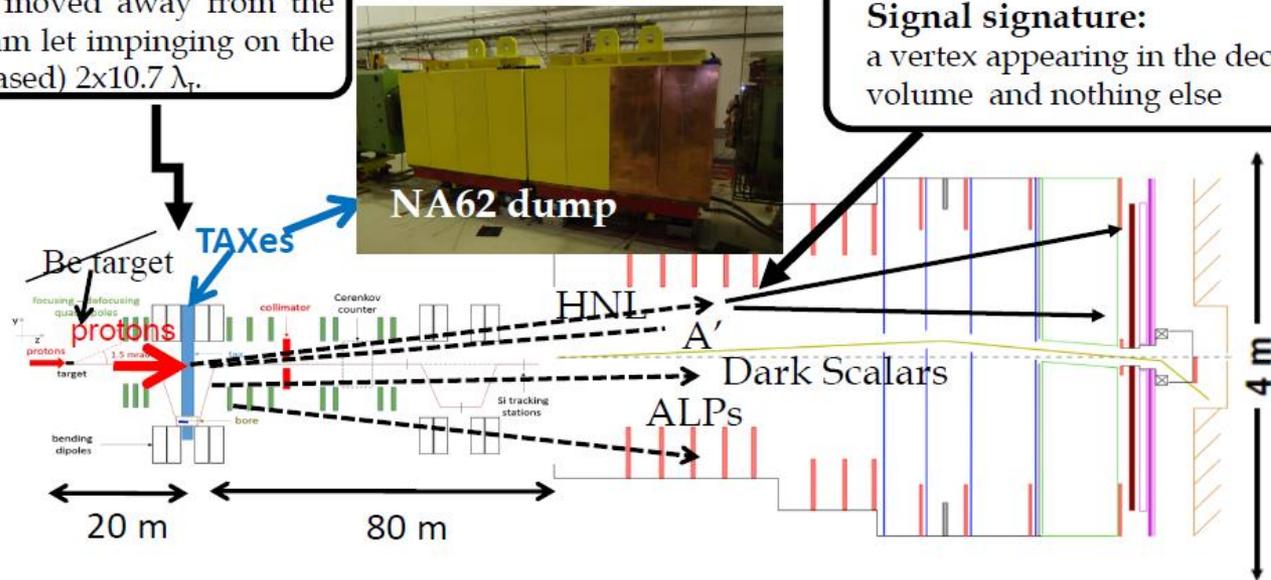
Forbidden LFV - LNV	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ e^+ / K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+$ $K \rightarrow \pi \mu e$
HNL production	$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ N / K^+ \rightarrow e^+ N$
Rare decays	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$ $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^- / K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ $K^+ \rightarrow l_1^+ \nu l_2^+ l_2^-, l_{1,2} = e, \mu$ $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu(\gamma), R_K = \Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu) / \Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu)$ $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma, K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^- \gamma, K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$

- Forbidden: $10^{-11} \div 10^{-12}$ sensitivity (>2021)
- Rare:
 - largest statistical samples for some of the decays available (e.g. $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$)
 - >2021 entering high precision era for all rare decays

Beyond $K \rightarrow \pi\nu\bar{\nu}$: Dark Sector Searches @ NA62

Be target can be moved away from the beam and the beam let impinging on the collimators (Cu-based) $2 \times 10.7 \lambda_r$.

Signal signature:
a vertex appearing in the decay volume and nothing else

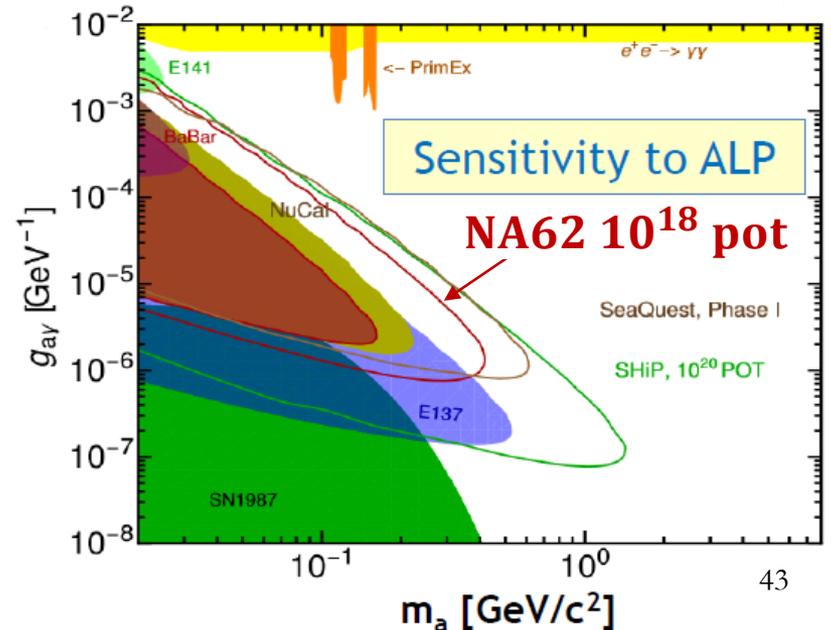
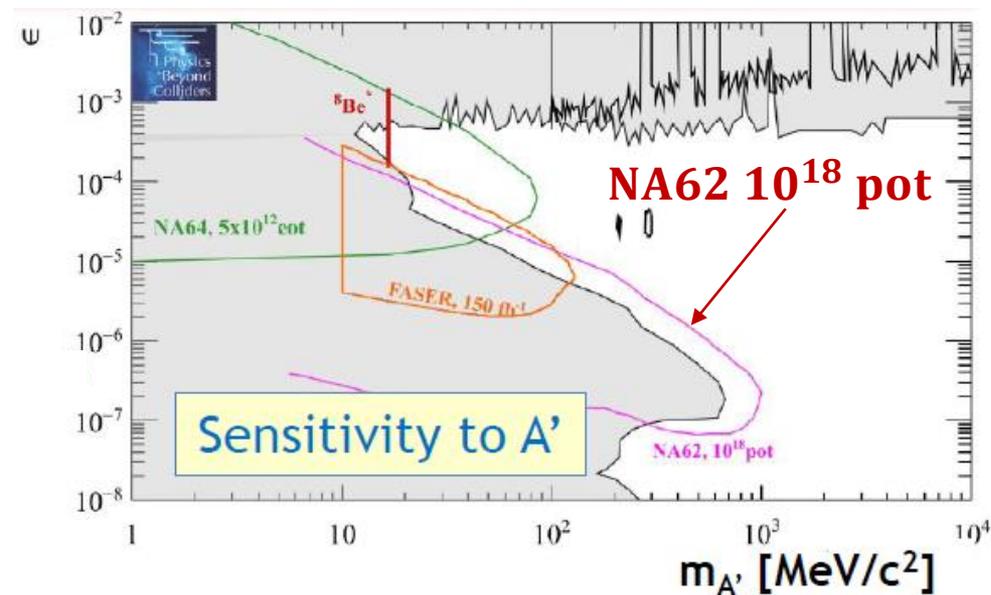
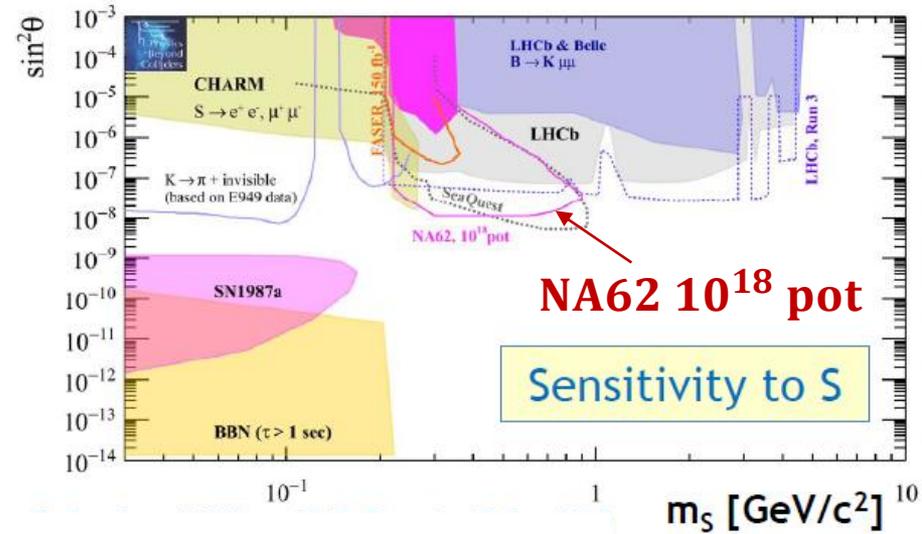
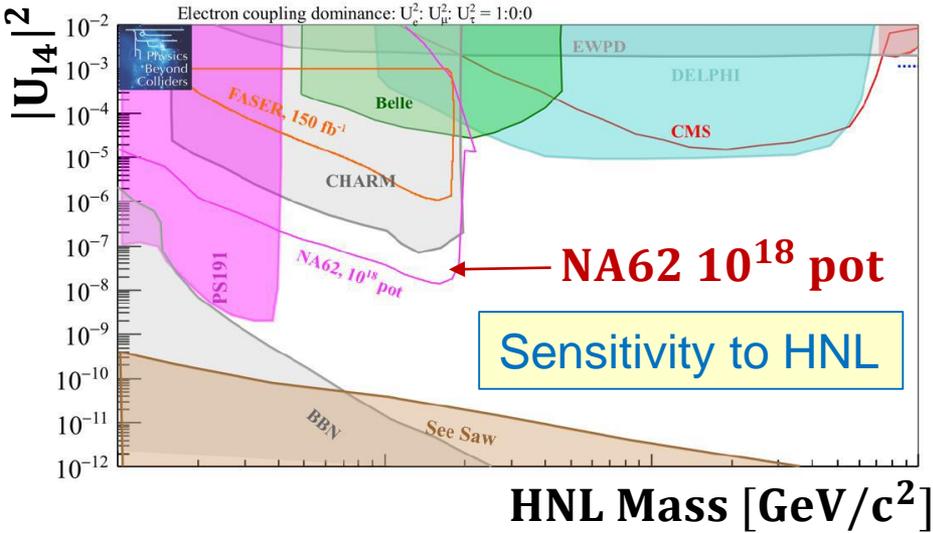


NA62 in dump mode (not exactly K physics... but **<2026 time scale**)

- >2021 Goal: collect 10^{18} proton on target (3 months of data taking after 2021)
- Extend dark particle mass range $> M_K$ (D and B associated production)
- Searches: HNLs, Dark Scalar (S), Dark Photon (A'), Axion-like (ALP)

Bridge towards future dump facilities (e.g. SHIP)

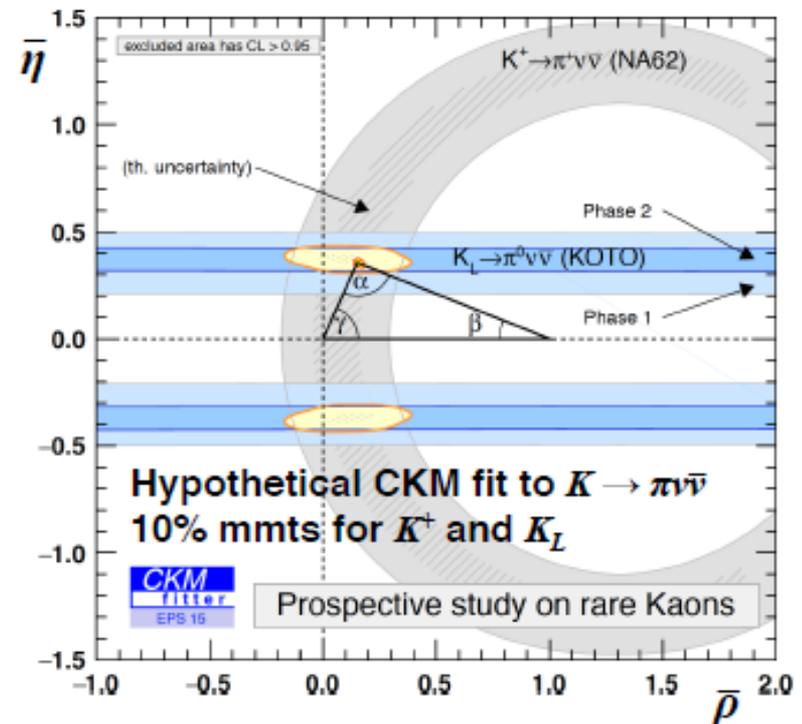
Beyond $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$: NA62-dump Prospects



$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ The Big Picture

- <10% precision measurement of $BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$ can test NP up to $O(100 \text{ TeV})$ (model - independent)

- BR measurement of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ and $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ can give insights about the NP flavour structure



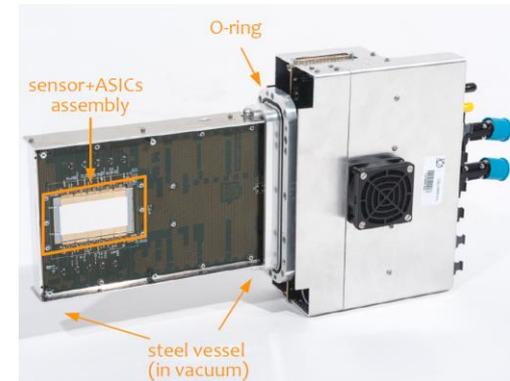
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ Long Term Prospect (>2026)

- O(200) events: NA62 @ 4 times the intensity («NA62×4»)
- Advantage:
 - NA62 is the most intense existing kaon facility
 - The decay in flight technique works well for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
- Issues:
 - Make NA62 resilient to intensity effects:
 - Background: time resolution must scale accordingly O(<40 ps)
 - Signal: improve significantly the random veto efficiency

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$: «NA62×4»

- Detector R&D example: beam tracker
- Si pixel stations mounted on the beam

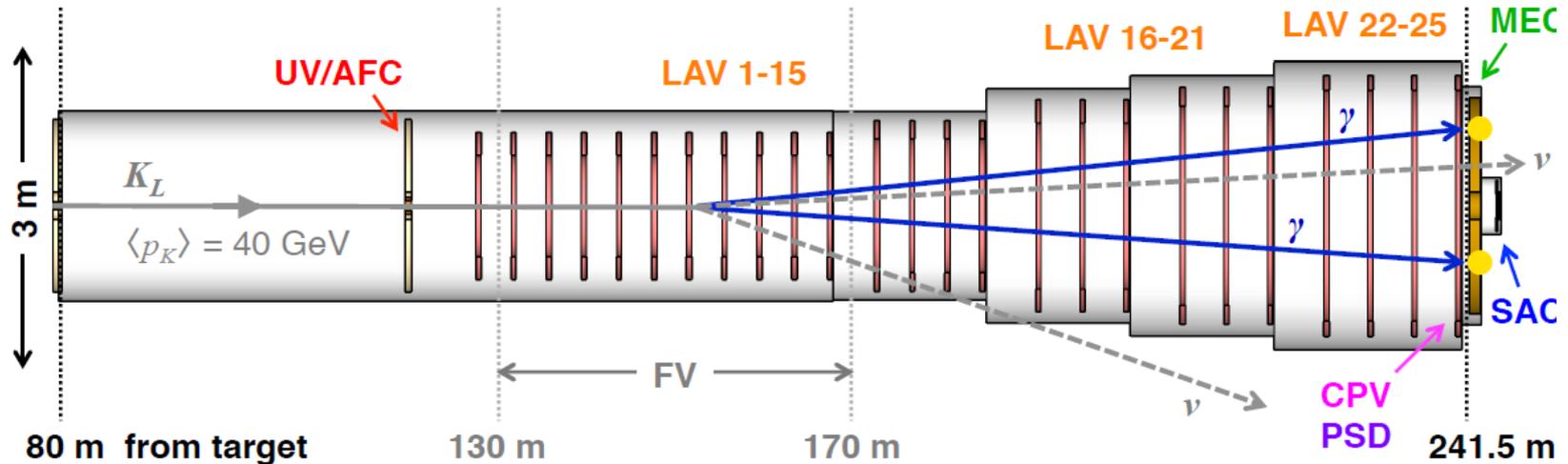
	NA62	NA62×4
Beam Particle Rate	750 MHz	3 GHz
Peak Beam Particle Flux	2.0 MHz/mm ²	8.0
Hit Time Resolution	< 200 ps	< 50 ps



- Time resolution (NA62)
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma_{TDC}^2 + \sigma_{electronic}^2 + \sigma_{WeightingField}^2 + \sigma_{Stragglng}^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{28^2 + 75^2 + 85^2 + 100^2} = 150 \text{ ps}$$
- Stragglng \Rightarrow thinner sensor (NA62 200 μm)
- WeightingField \Rightarrow different electrode design
- Electronic \Rightarrow reduce S/N
- Possible R&D in synergy with similar projects for HiLumi

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ Long Term Prospect

- O(60) events: KLEVER @ CERN



- Idea

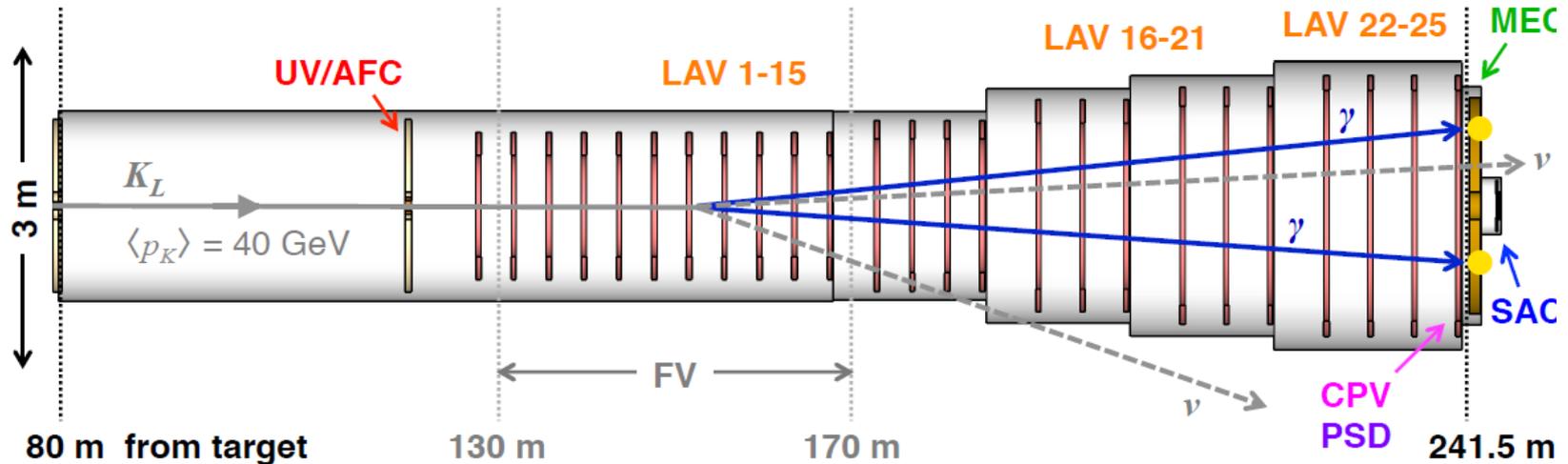
- KOTO-like technique at high energy

- Advantage:

- CERN SPS can deliver enough protons on target
- Photon rejection benefits from higher energy than KOTO

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ Long Term Prospect

- O(60) events: KLEVER @ CERN



- Idea

- KOTO-like technique at high energy

- Issues:

- New photon detectors wrt NA62; avoid pileup from high photon rate
- No kinematic constraint for signal \Rightarrow photon rejection critical, but full geometrical coverage not possible over >100 m

Conclusions

- 70 years of Kaon Physics have made the history of the particle physics
- Today
 - Kaon Physics, and NA62 in particular, has started the search for new physics at the highest mass scales
- Tomorrow
 - Kaon Physics can reach new physics at the highest mass scale
 - NA62 can initiate the future quest of new physics in the dark sector
- UK
 - had a leading role in the past of kaon physics (NA48)
 - has a leading role in the present of kaon physics (NA62)
 - is setting the bar to lead the future of kaon physics