

# Latest results from the NA62 experiment at CERN: precision measurements and searches in beam-dump mode

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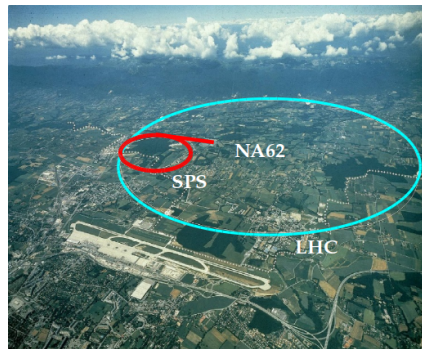
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# The NA62 experiment at CERN: the *charged kaon factory*

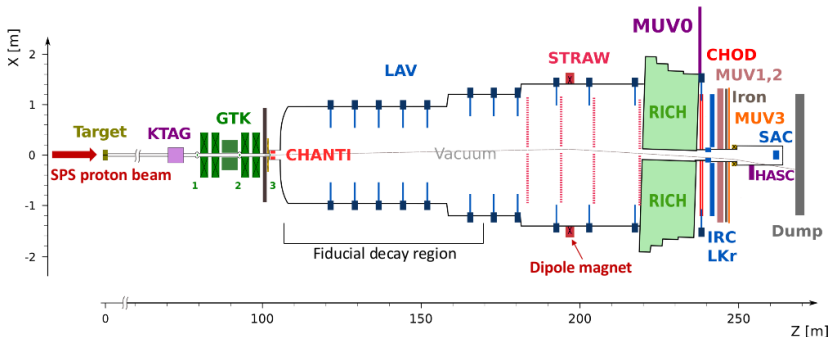
- NA62 is located in the CERN *North Area*, exploiting a 400 GeV/c proton beam extracted from the SPS accelerator
- Main goal: measurement of  $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$
- Full detector installation completed in 2016
- Physics runs in 2016, 2017 and 2018 (Run 1)
- Result from full Run 1 [JHEP 06 (2021) 093]:  
 $\mathcal{B}^{\text{NA62}}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (1.06^{+0.40}_{-0.34\text{stat}} \pm 0.09_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-10}$   
3.4 $\sigma$  significance
- Data taking resumed in 2021, after CERN LS2, approved until CERN LS3



## In this talk:

- Precision measurements:  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma$ ,  
 $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$
- Searches in beam-dump mode:  
 $A' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

# NA62 beam and detector [2017 JINST 12 P05025]



- SPS beam: 400 GeV/c proton on beryllium target
- Secondary hadron 75 GeV/c beam
- 70% pions, 24% protons, 6% kaons
- Nominal beam particle rate (at GTK3): 750 MHz
- Average beam particle rate during 2018 data-taking: 450 – 500 MHz

- KTAG: Cherenkov threshold counter
- GTK: Si pixel beam tracker
- CHANTI: stations of plastic scintillator bars
- LAV: lead glass ring calorimeters
- STRAW: straw magnetic spectrometer
- RICH: Ring Imaging Cherenkov counter
- MUV0: off-acceptance plane of scintillator pads

- CHOD: planes of scintillator pads and slabs
- IRC: inner ring shashlik calorimeter
- LKr: electromagnetic calorimeter filled with liquid krypton
- MUV1,2: hadron calorimeter
- MUV3: plane of scintillator pads for muon veto
- HASC: near beam lead-scintillator calorimeter
- SAC: small angle shashlik calorimeter

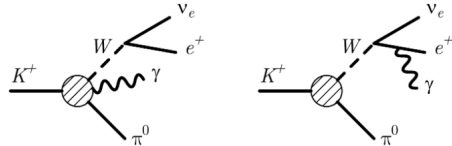
# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma$ analysis [arXiv: 2304.12271 (2023), submitted to JHEP]

- Decay described in ChPT as direct emission, inner bremsstrahlung and their interference
- $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma)$  strongly **depends on**  $E_\gamma$  and  $\theta_{e\gamma}$  cuts in  $K^+$  rest frame
- Three kinematic ranges** considered (defined by  $E_\gamma$  and  $\theta_{e\gamma} \rightarrow$  table below)
- Measure** normalized  $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma)$  in ranges  $j = \{1, 2, 3\}$ :

$$R_j = \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma \mid E_\gamma^j, \theta_{e\gamma}^j)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu (\gamma))}$$

- Test of T-conservation** thanks to T-odd observable  $\xi$  and its asymmetry:

$$\xi = \frac{\vec{p}_\gamma \cdot (\vec{p}_e \times \vec{p}_\pi)}{(M_K \cdot c)^3}, \quad A_\xi = \frac{N_{\xi>0} - N_{\xi<0}}{N_{\xi>0} + N_{\xi<0}}$$



## Signal selection:

- Reconstruct and match  $K^+$  and  $e^+$  tracks
- Reconstruct  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  as two LKr clusters
- Radiative  $\gamma$  identified as isolated LKr cluster
- Kinematic constraint with the observable:  
 $m_{miss}^2 = (P_K - P_e - P_{\pi^0} - P_\gamma)^2$
- Minimal differences in signal and normalization selections, only related to the radiative photon  $\Rightarrow$  **reduced systematic effects**

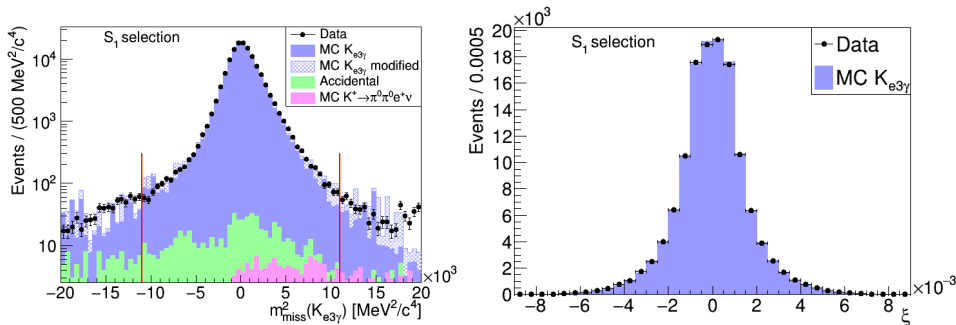
State of the art:

	$E_\gamma^j, \theta_{e\gamma}^j$	$\mathcal{O}(p^6)$ ChPT [EPJ C 50 (2007)]	ISTRA+ [PAN 70 (2007)]	OKA [EPJ C 81 (2021)]
$R_1 \times 10^2$	$E_\gamma > 10 \text{ MeV}, \theta_{e\gamma} > 10^\circ$	$1.804 \pm 0.021$	$1.81 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.07$	$1.990 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.021$
$R_2 \times 10^2$	$E_\gamma > 30 \text{ MeV}, \theta_{e\gamma} > 20^\circ$	$0.640 \pm 0.008$	$0.63 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$	$0.587 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.015$
$R_3 \times 10^2$	$E_\gamma > 10 \text{ MeV}, 0.6 < \cos \theta_{e\gamma} < 0.9$	$0.559 \pm 0.006$	$0.47 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$	$0.532 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.012$



# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma$ results [arXiv: 2304.12271 (2023), submitted to JHEP]

$$N^{obs} = 1.3 \times 10^5 \text{ with relative bkg contamination} < 1\%$$



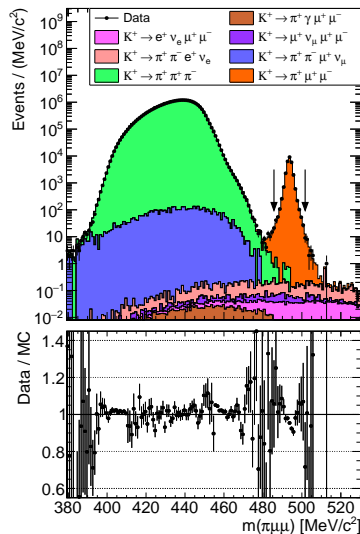
	range 1	range 2	range 3
$R \times 10^2$	$1.715 \pm 0.005_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.010_{\text{syst}}$	$0.609 \pm 0.003_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.006_{\text{syst}}$	$0.533 \pm 0.003_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.004_{\text{syst}}$
$A_\xi \times 10^2$	$-0.1 \pm 0.3_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{syst}}$	$-0.3 \pm 0.4_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.3_{\text{syst}}$	$-0.9 \pm 0.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.4_{\text{syst}}$

- NA62 measurements of  $R_j$  smaller than  $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$  ChPT by 5% relative (disagreement: 3 std deviations)
- Improvement on experimental precision of  $R_j$  measurements by a factor  $> 2$

# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ analysis [JHEP 11 (2022) 011]

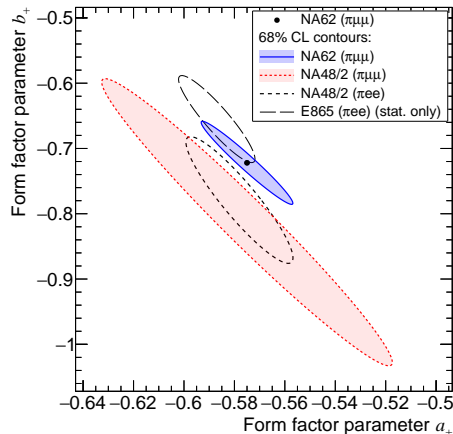
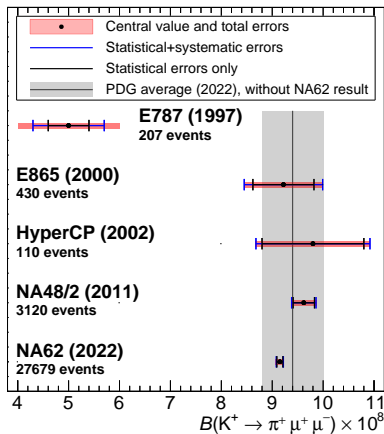
$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm l^+ l^-$  decays ( $l = e, \mu$ )

- **Flavour changing neutral current processes**
- Long distance dominated, mediated by virtual photon exchange:  
 $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^\pm l^+ l^-$
- Main kinematic variable  $z = m_{l^+ l^-}^2 / m_K^2$
- **Form factor** of  $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma^*$  transition  $W(z)$  parametrized in ChPT at  $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$  as  
$$W(z) = (a_+ + zb_+) G_F m_K^2 + W^{\pi\pi}(z)$$
with **real parameters**  $a_+$ ,  $b_+$  and (known) complex function  $W^{\pi\pi}(z)$
- Ideal for **test of lepton flavour universality**
- Measure **model independent**  $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)$
- Measure  $|W(z)|^2$  from  $d\Gamma(z)/dz$  distribution and determine form factor parameters  $a_+$ ,  $b_+$  (reweighting  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  MC)
- Signal selection: three tracks identified as  $\pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ , kinematic cuts suppressing  $K_{3\pi}$  events
- Normalization channel to measure  $N_K$  decays:  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ . Minimal differences in event selections to **reduce systematic effects**



# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ results [JHEP 11 (2022) 011]

$N^{obs} = 27679$  with relative bkg contamination  $< 0.1\%$

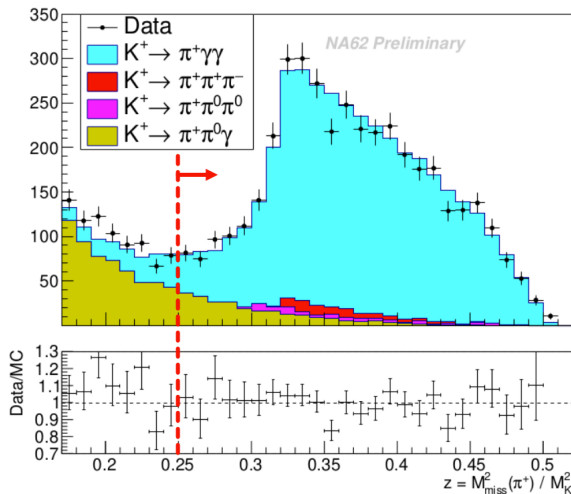


$$a_+ = -0.575 \pm 0.013, \quad b_+ = -0.722 \pm 0.043,$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) = (9.15 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-8} \text{ at 68\% CL}$$

# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$ analysis

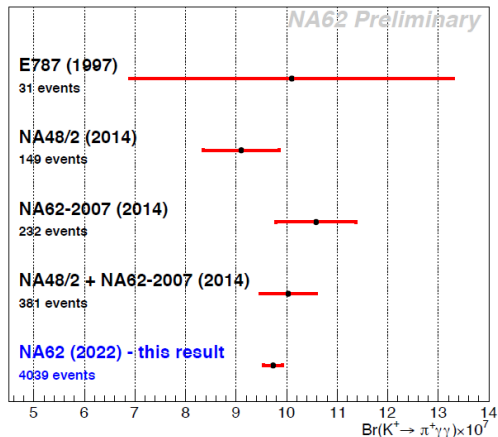
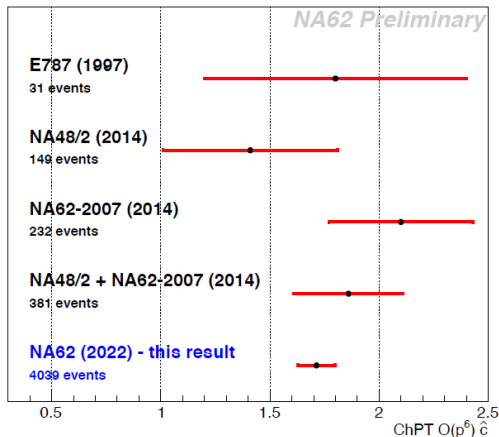
- Crucial **test of Chiral Perturbation Theory**
- Main kinematic variable:  $z = \left(\frac{m_{\gamma\gamma}}{m_K}\right)^2$
- **Branching fraction**  $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma)$  parametrized in ChPT by an unknown **real parameter**  $\hat{c}$
- Branching fraction and  $\hat{c}$  depend on several **external parameters** (fixed in this analysis, but recently updated  $\rightarrow$  will be accounted for in the final result)
- Signal selection: single positive track identified as  $\pi^+$  matched with a  $K^+$  track, two  $\gamma$  clusters in LKr.  
**Signal region:**  $z > 0.25$
- Normalization channel to measure  $N_K$  decays:  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ . Minimal differences in event selections to **reduce systematic effects**
- Main background source: cluster merging in calorimeter ( $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma$ ,  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  or  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$ ,  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ )



- $\hat{c}$  obtained by reweighting of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$  MC and performing binned max-likelihood fit

# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$ preliminary results (paper in preparation)

$$N^{obs} = 4039, N_{bkg}^{exp} = 393 \pm 20$$

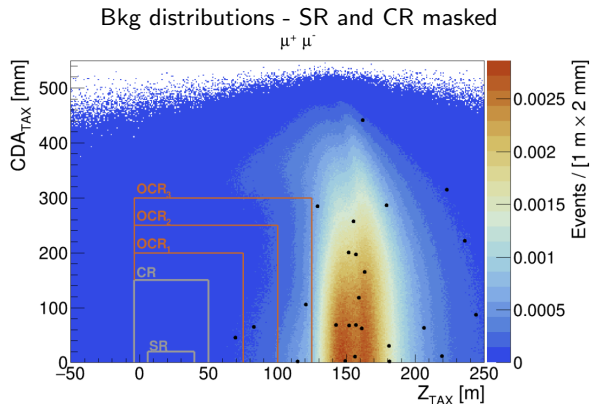


$$\hat{c} = 1.713 \pm 0.075_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.037_{\text{syst}}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma) = (9.73 \pm 0.17_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.08_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-7} \text{ at } 68\% \text{ CL}$$

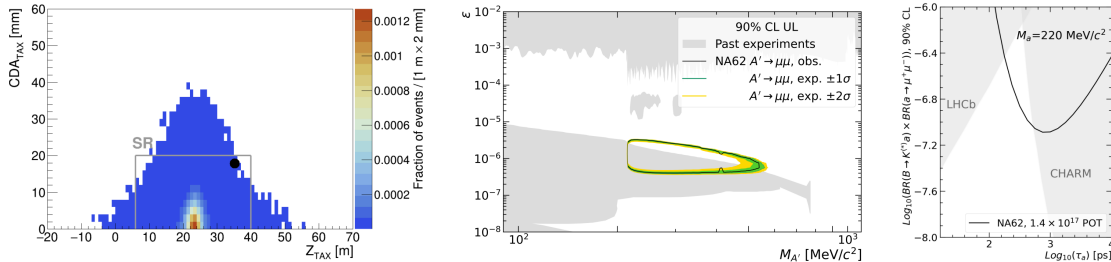
# $A' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ in beam-dump [arXiv: 2303.08666 (2023), submitted to JHEP]

- Beam dump mode: 3.2 m Cu-Fe collimators (TAXes) used as a target
- In 2021, NA62 collected  $(1.40 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{17}$  POT
- Search for feebly interacting dark photon (with free mass and coupling  $\epsilon$ ) produced in interaction with TAXes
- Signal selection:  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  vertex reconstructed within the NA62 decay region and pointing back to the proton beam interaction point at the TAXes.
- Main background: combinatorial from random superposition of two uncorrelated “halo” muons
- Bkg estimated selecting single tracks in a data sample orthogonal to the one used for the analysis: track pairs are artificially built to emulate a random superposition and reweighted



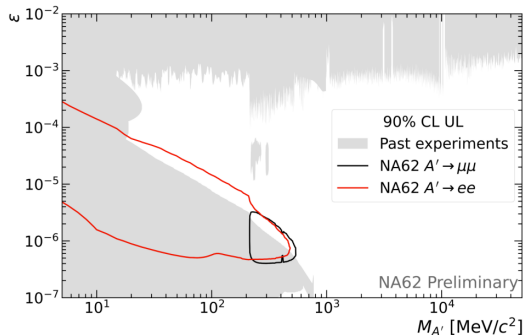
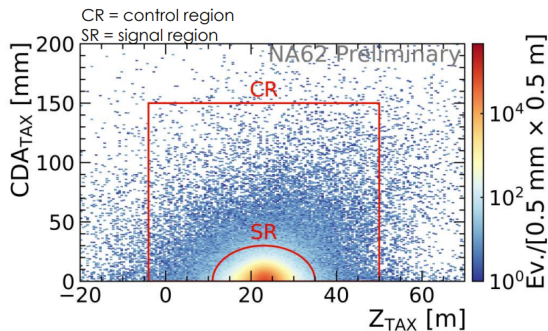
$$N_{bkg}^{exp}(CR) = 0.17 \pm 0.02, N_{bkg}^{exp}(SR) = 0.016 \pm 0.002$$

1 event observed in SR, counting experiment with  $2.4\sigma$  global significance



- Limits of previous experiments extended in the dark photon mass range 215–550 MeV/ $c^2$  for coupling constants of the order of  $10^{-6}$
- Result also interpreted in terms of the emission of axion-like particles in a model-independent approach, improving on previous limits for masses below 280 MeV/ $c^2$

# $A' \rightarrow e^+e^-$ : preliminary results (paper in preparation)

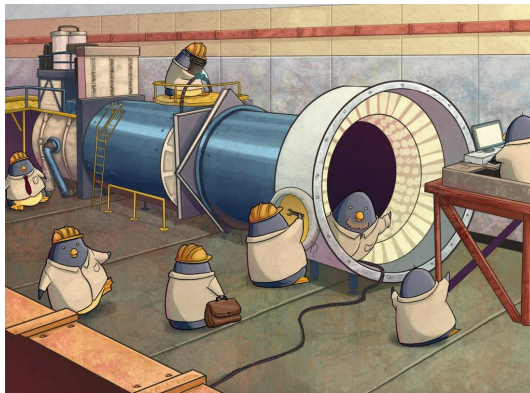


- $N_{bkg}^{exp}(CR) = 0.0097^{+0.049}_{-0.009}$  at 90% CL,  $N_{bkg}^{exp}(SR) = 0.0094^{+0.049}_{-0.009}$  at 90% CL
- No events observed
- Exclusion limits combined with  $A' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- Limits of previous experiments extended for dark photon mass above 20 MeV/ $c^2$



- Precision measurements from NA62 Run 1 data, with sizable improvements with respect to the state the art:
  - $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma$
  - $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$
- Searches in beam-dump mode from NA62 2021 data, with exclusion limits extended with respect to previous experiments:
  - $A' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
  - $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
- NA62 physics Run 2 ongoing, until CERN LS3

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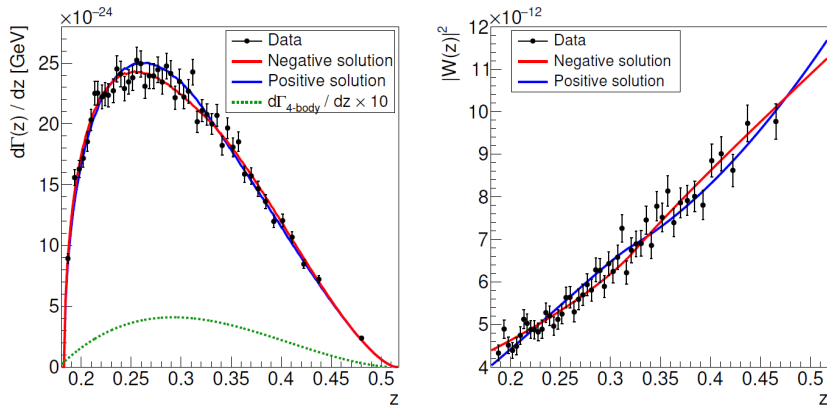


# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma$ analysis: error budget

[arXiv: 2304.12271 (2023), submitted to JHEP]

	$\delta R_1/R_1$	$\delta R_2/R_2$	$\delta R_3/R_3$
Statistical	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%
Limited MC sample size	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%
Background estimation	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
LKr response modelling	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Photon veto correction	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
Theoretical model	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%
Total systematic	0.6%	0.9%	0.7%
Total	0.7%	1.0%	0.8%

# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ : decay width and form factors [JHEP 11 (2022) 011]



$$\frac{d\Gamma(z)}{dz} = \frac{d\Gamma_{3\text{-body}}(z)}{dz} + \frac{d\Gamma_{4\text{-body}}(z)}{dz} = g(z) \cdot |W(z)|^2 + \frac{d\Gamma_{4\text{-body}}(z)}{dz}$$

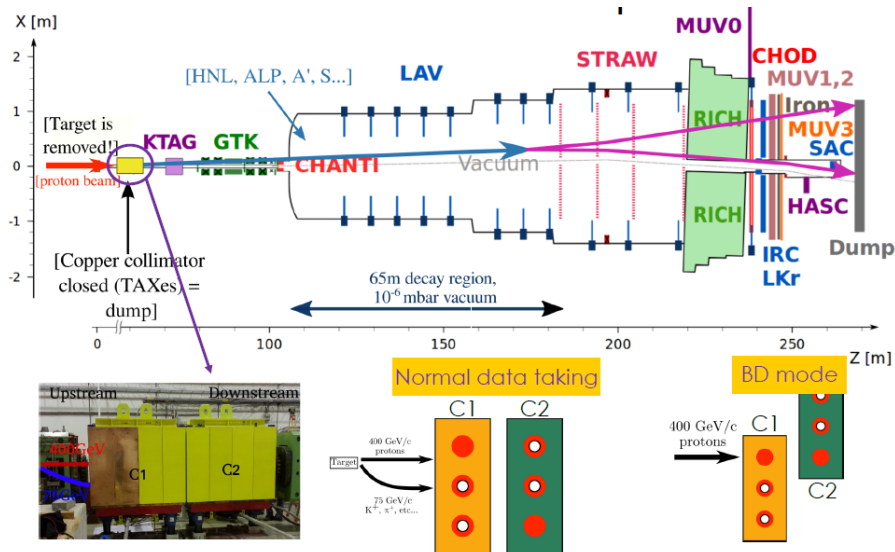
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	$\delta a_+$	$\delta b_+$	$\delta \mathcal{B}_{\pi\mu\mu} \times 10^8$
<i>Statistical uncertainty</i>	0.012	0.040	0.06
Trigger efficiency	0.002	0.008	0.02
Reconstruction and particle identification	0.002	0.007	0.02
Size of the simulated $K_{\pi\mu\mu}$ sample	0.002	0.007	0.01
Beam and accidental activity simulation	0.001	0.002	0.01
Background	0.001	0.001	—
<i>Total systematic uncertainty</i>	0.003	0.013	0.03
$K_{3\pi}$ branching fraction	0.001	0.003	0.04
$K_{\pi\mu\mu}$ radiative corrections	0.003	0.009	0.01
Parameters $\alpha_+$ and $\beta_+$	0.001	0.006	—
<i>Total external uncertainty</i>	0.003	0.011	0.04
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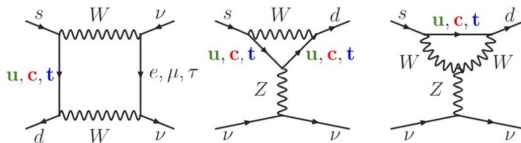
# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$ analysis: error budget

	$\delta \hat{c}_6$	$\delta \mathcal{B} \times 10^7$
Cluster merging	0.029	0.06
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ background	0.003	<0.01
MC background stat.	0.013	0.03
z resolution	<0.001	<0.01
LKr energy calibration	0.018	0.04
Trigger emulation	0.001	<0.01
Total error	0.037	0.08
$\hat{c}_6$	$1.713 \pm 0.075_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.037_{\text{syst.}}$	
$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma) \times 10^7$	$9.73 \pm 0.17_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.08_{\text{syst.}}$	

# NA62 in beam-dump mode: scheme



# The physics case: $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$



- $\bar{s} \rightarrow \bar{d} \nu \bar{\nu}$  transition: **flavour changing neutral current** process (GIM mechanism) with high CKM suppression
- **Clean theoretical prediction**: short distance contributions
- Hadronic matrix elements: obtained from  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 l^+ \nu$  ( $K_{l3}$ ) measurements and SU(2) isospin symmetry

Standard Model prediction [*Buras et al., JHEP11(2015)033*]

$$\mathcal{B}^{SM}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (0.84 \pm 0.10) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

main uncertainty due to CKM elements knowledge:

$$\mathcal{B}^{SM}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (0.839 \pm 0.030) \cdot 10^{-10} \cdot \left( \frac{|V_{cb}|}{40.7 \cdot 10^{-3}} \right)^{2.8} \cdot \left( \frac{\gamma}{73.2^\circ} \right)^{0.74}$$



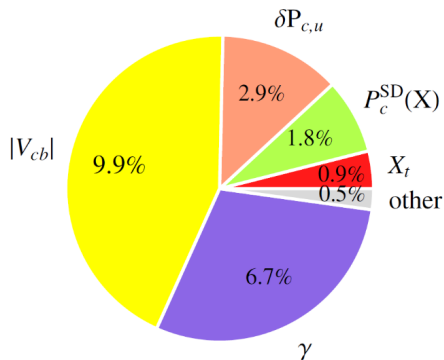
# $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$ in the SM

Standard Model prediction [*Buras et al., JHEP11(2015)033*]

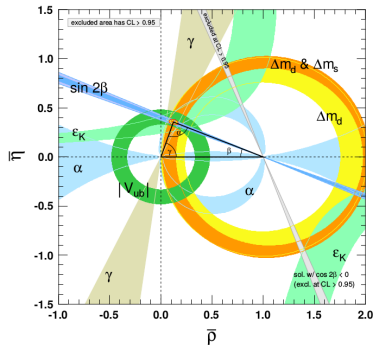
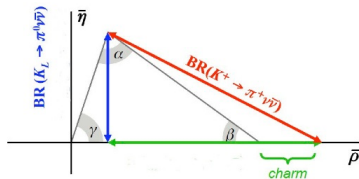
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# $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ and the unitarity triangle



Standard Model calculation [*Buras et al., JHEP11(2015)033*]

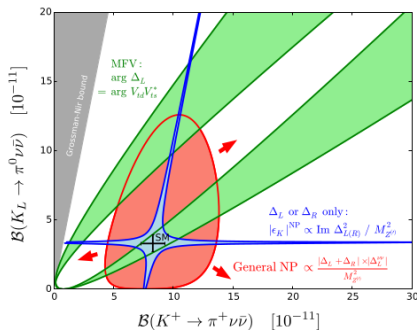
$$\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = \kappa_+ (1 + \Delta_{EM}) \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{\Im(\lambda_t)}{\lambda^5} X(x_t) \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\Re(\lambda_c)}{\lambda} P_c(X) + \frac{\Re(\lambda_t)}{\lambda^5} X(x_t) \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) = \kappa_L \cdot \left( \frac{\Im(\lambda_t)}{\lambda^5} X(x_t) \right)^2$$

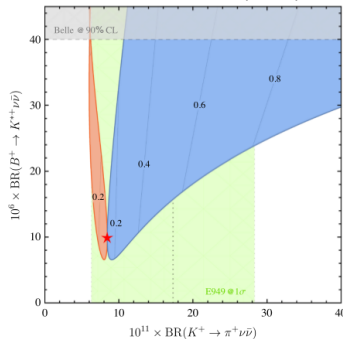
# The $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay beyond the Standard Model

New Physics search,  $\mathcal{B}$  sensitive to the highest mass scales

[Buras et al., JHEP11 (2015) 166]



[Isidori et al., Eur.Phys.J. C (2017) 77: 618]

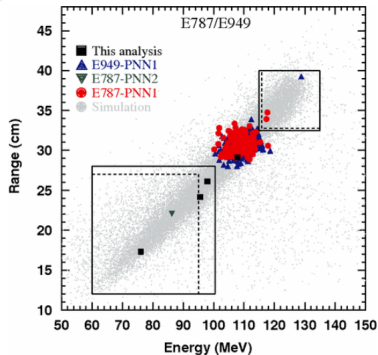


New Physics models for  $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$

MFV; Simplified Z, Z'; LFU violation; Custodial Randall-Sundrum; MSSM; Littlest Higgs with T-parity; Leptoquarks.

## BNL E787/E949 experiments

[Phys. Rev. D 77, 052003 (2008)] - [Phys. Rev. D 79, 092004 (2009)]



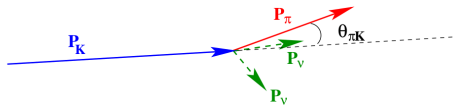
- Kaon *decay-at-rest* technique
- sensitivity for  $\sim 1$  SM signal event
- 7 events observed in signal regions
- statistical reweighing procedure to take into account the background

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{BNL}}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (1.73_{-1.05}^{+1.15}) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

# NA62: the experimental strategy

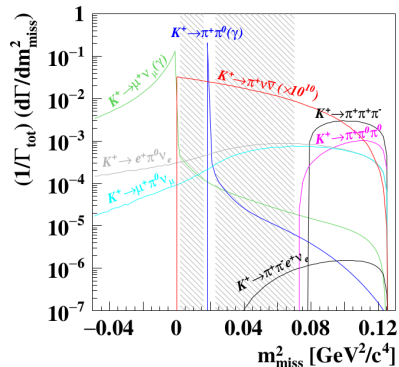
## Keystones

- decay-in-flight technique ( $P_K = 75 \text{ GeV}/c$ )
- main kinematic variable:  $m_{\text{miss}}^2 = (P_K - P_\pi)^2$
- pion momentum range:  $[15; 45] \text{ GeV}/c$
- charged particle identification
- muon and photon rejection
- signal and control kinematic regions *blinded* during the analysis



## Required performance

- time coincidence:  $O(100 \text{ ps})$
- kinematic rejection:  $O(10^4)$
- muon rejection:  $> 10^7$
- $\pi^0$  rejection:  $> 10^7$



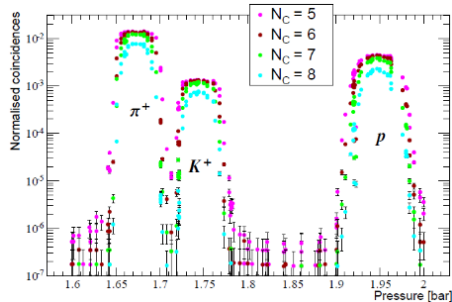
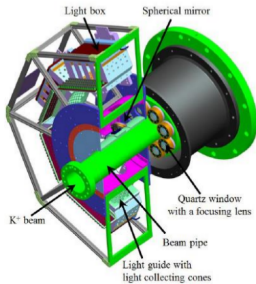
## $K^+$ main (background) decays

Decay channel	Branching Ratio
$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$ ( $K_{\mu 2}$ )	$(63.56 \pm 0.11) \cdot 10^{-2}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ ( $K_{2\pi}$ )	$(20.67 \pm 0.08) \cdot 10^{-2}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ ( $K_{3\pi}$ )	$(5.583 \pm 0.024) \cdot 10^{-2}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu$ ( $K_{e4}$ )	$(4.247 \pm 0.024) \cdot 10^{-5}$

# Beam particle tagging: KTAG

KTAG: a Cherenkov threshold counter.

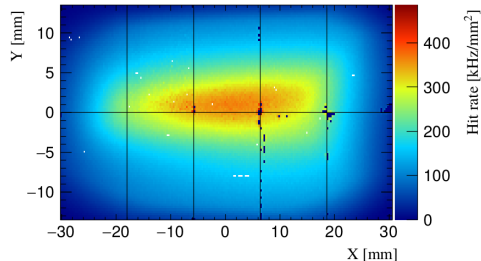
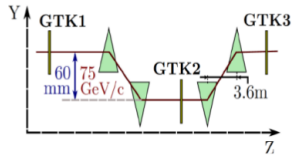
- Filled with nitrogen ( $N_2$ ) at 1.75 bar at room temperature.
- Geometrically aligned with the beam.
- Time resolution:  $\simeq 70$  ps
- Kaon tagging efficiency:  $> 95\%$



# Beam particle tracking: GTK

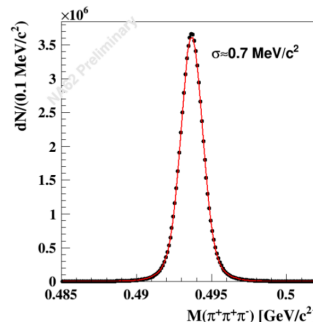
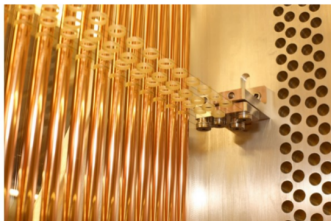
GTK: a silicon pixels tracker.

- 3 stations in Run 1, 4 stations in Run 2
- In each station: 18.000 pixels of  $300 \times 300 \mu\text{m}^2$  ( $< 0.5 X_0$ )
- Read out by application-specific integrated circuits (ASIC) arranged in two rows of five chips
- Time resolution:  $< 150 \text{ ps}$  per station
- RICH and KTAG used as time reference



# Pion tracking: STRAW Spectrometer

- 4 straw chambers and a large aperture dipole magnet ( $\simeq 1.8 X_0$ )
- Each straw chamber is composed of two modules providing 4 different views.
- Gas inside the straws: 70%  $Ar$  and 30%  $CO_2$
- Each chamber contains 1792 straws of 9.82 mm diameter and 2160 mm length, made by  $36 \mu m$  thick polyethylene terephthalate (PET)
- $> 95\%$  reconstruction efficiency



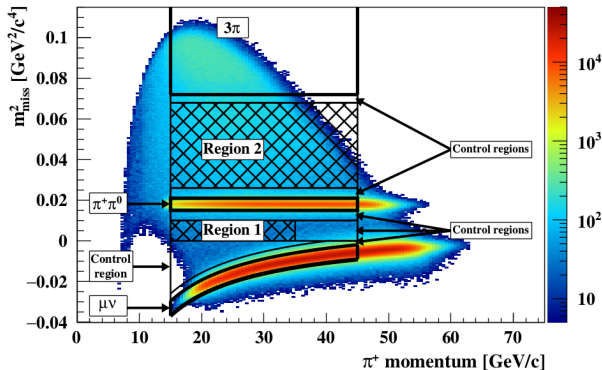


# $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ kinematic selection

## The squared missing mass

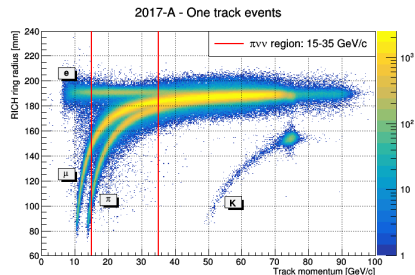
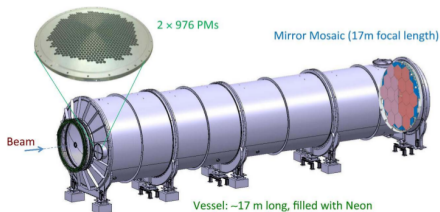
$$m_{miss}^2 = (P_K - P_\pi)^2$$

- $P_K$ :  $K^+$  4-momentum (GTK 3-momentum +  $K^+$  mass hypothesis)
- $P_\pi$ :  $\pi^+$  4-momentum (STRAW 3-momentum +  $\pi^+$  mass hypothesis)



# Charged Particle Identification: RICH

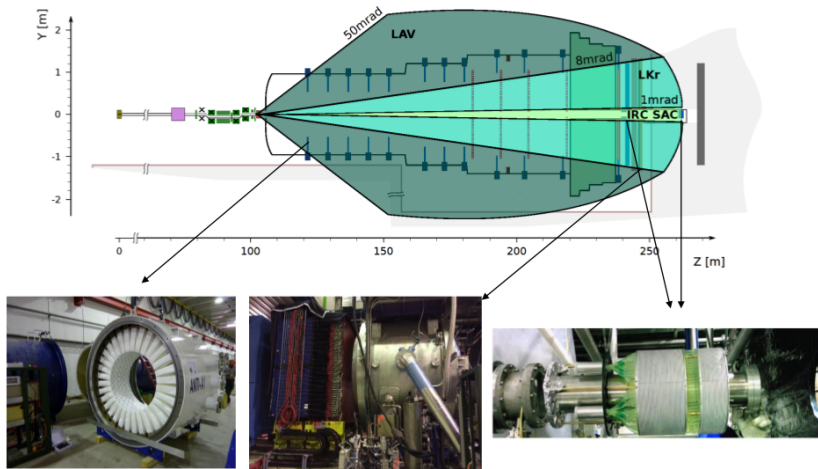
- Ring Imaging CHerenkov counter, filled with neon gas
- Muon suppression factor  $> 100$
- Time resolution  $\simeq 80ps$



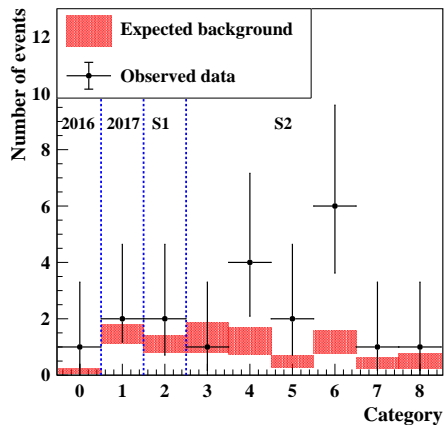
$$\cos \theta_C = \frac{1}{n \cdot \beta} \rightarrow m^2 = m^2(p, R) = p^2 \cdot \left( \frac{F^2 \cdot n^2}{F^2 + R^2} - 1 \right)$$

# Photon rejection: LKr, LAV, IRC, SAC

Hermeticity against photons emitted in standard kaon decays up to 50 mrad



# Result from NA62 Run 1 (2016+2017+2018 data)

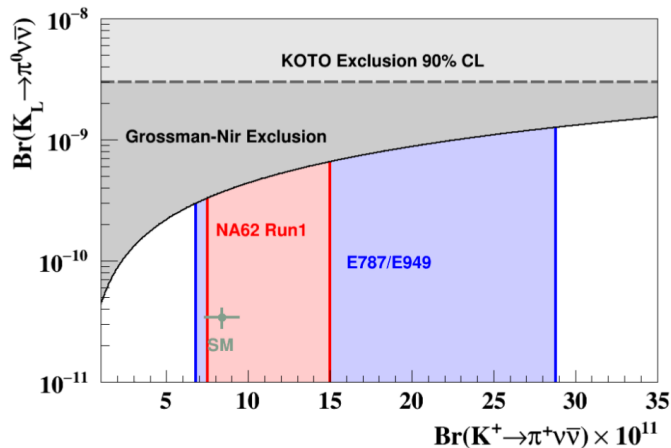


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$$\mathcal{B}_{16+17+18}^{\text{NA62}}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (1.06_{-0.34}^{+0.40} \text{stat} \pm 0.09_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-10}$$

3.4 $\sigma$  significance,  $P(\text{only bkg}) = 3.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$

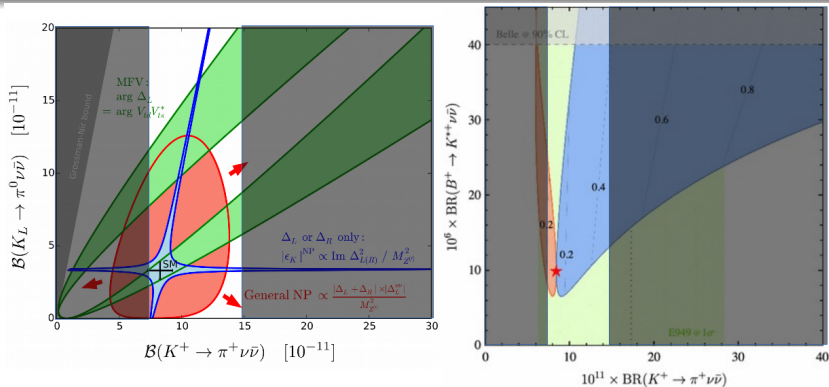
# Status of $\mathcal{B}(K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu})$ measurement



- $\mathcal{B}^{SM}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (0.84 \pm 0.10) \cdot 10^{-10}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}^{SM}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) = (0.34 \pm 0.06) \cdot 10^{-10}$   
[Buras et al., JHEP11(2015)033]
- Grossman-Nir limit:  $\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 4.4 \cdot \mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$  [Phys. Lett. B 398, 163 (1997)]

# New $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$ measurement from NA62 and BSM scenarios

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Large  $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$  values with respect to SM expectation start to be improbable:  
high precision measurement needed!

# The NA62 published measurements

- Search for  $K^+$  decays into the  $\pi^+ e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$  final state, arXiv: 2307.04579 [hep-ex] (2023), submitted to Phys. Lett. B.
- A study of the  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu \gamma$  decay, arXiv: 2304.12271 [hep-ex] (2023), submitted to JHEP.
- Search for dark photon decays to  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  at NA62, arXiv: 2303.08666 [hep-ex] (2023), submitted to JHEP.
- A search for the  $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^- \nu e^+ e^+$  decay, Phys. Lett. B 838 (2023) 137679.
- A measurement of the  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay, JHEP 11 (2022) 011.
- Searches for lepton number violating  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- (\pi^0) e^+ e^+$  decays, Phys. Lett. B 830 (2022) 137172.
- Search for Lepton Number and Flavor Violation in  $K^+$  and  $\pi^0$  Decays, Phys. Rev. Lett. 127 (2021) 131802.
- Measurement of the very rare  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay, JHEP 06 (2021) 093.
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- An investigation of the very rare  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay, JHEP 11 (2020) 042.
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