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Physics BSM with Kaons at



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Outline



Main analysis: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

This talk

lepton number violation

Yesterday talk

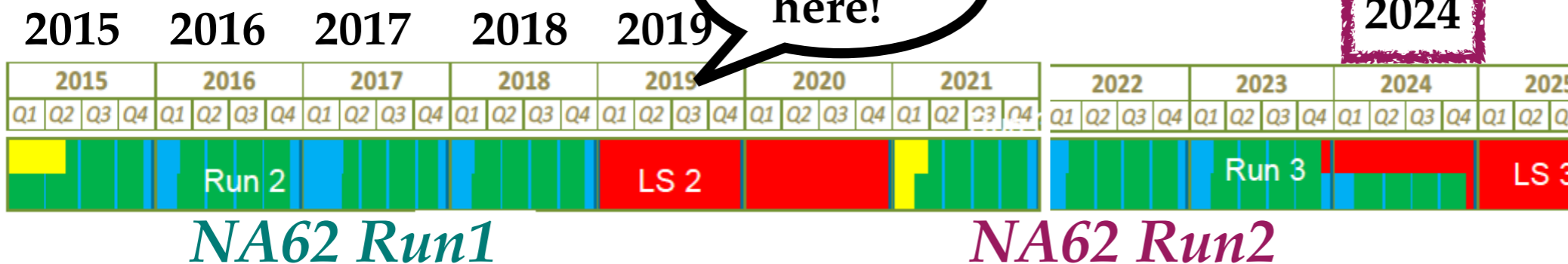
Hidden sector

From kaon decays:
published results and
short term prospects

With a change in the beamline:
Prospects (5 years time scale)

We are here!

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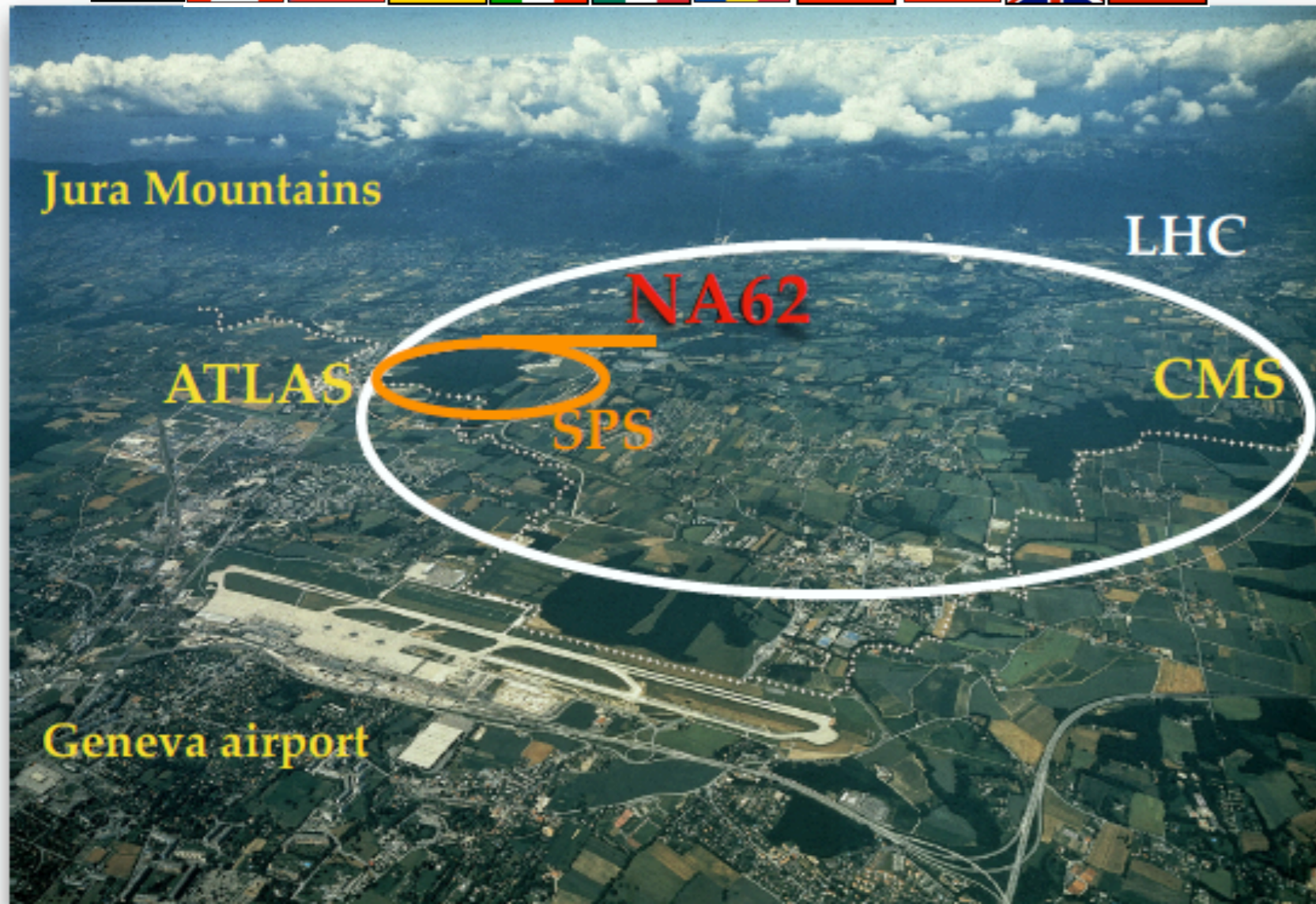


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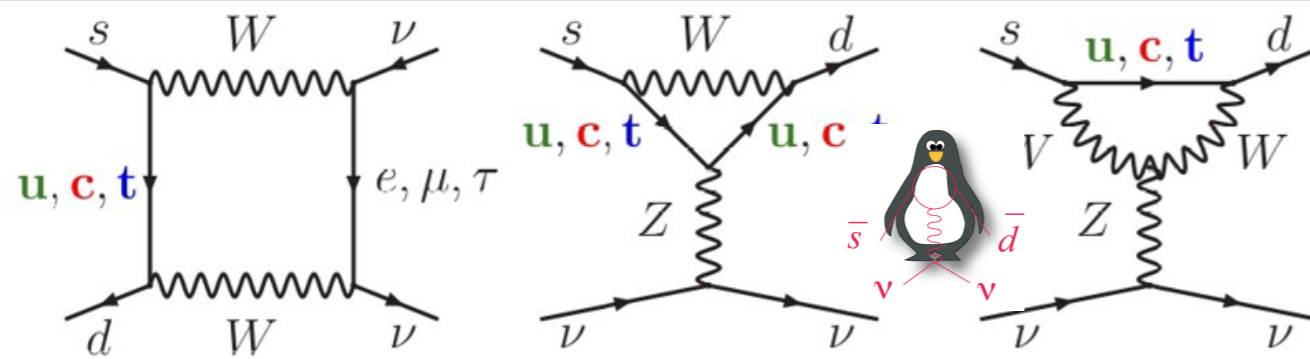
~ 200 participants

Birmingham, Bratislava, Bristol, Bucharest, CERN, Dubna (JINR), Fairfax (GMU), Ferrara, Florence, Frascati, Glasgow, Lancaster, Liverpool, Louvain-la-Neuve, Mainz, Moscow (INR), Naples, Perugia, Pisa, Prague, Protvino (IHEP), Rome I, Rome II, San Luis Potosi, TRIUMF, Turin, Vancouver (UBC)



The main aim is the measurement of $BR(K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu)$ with a precision better than 10%

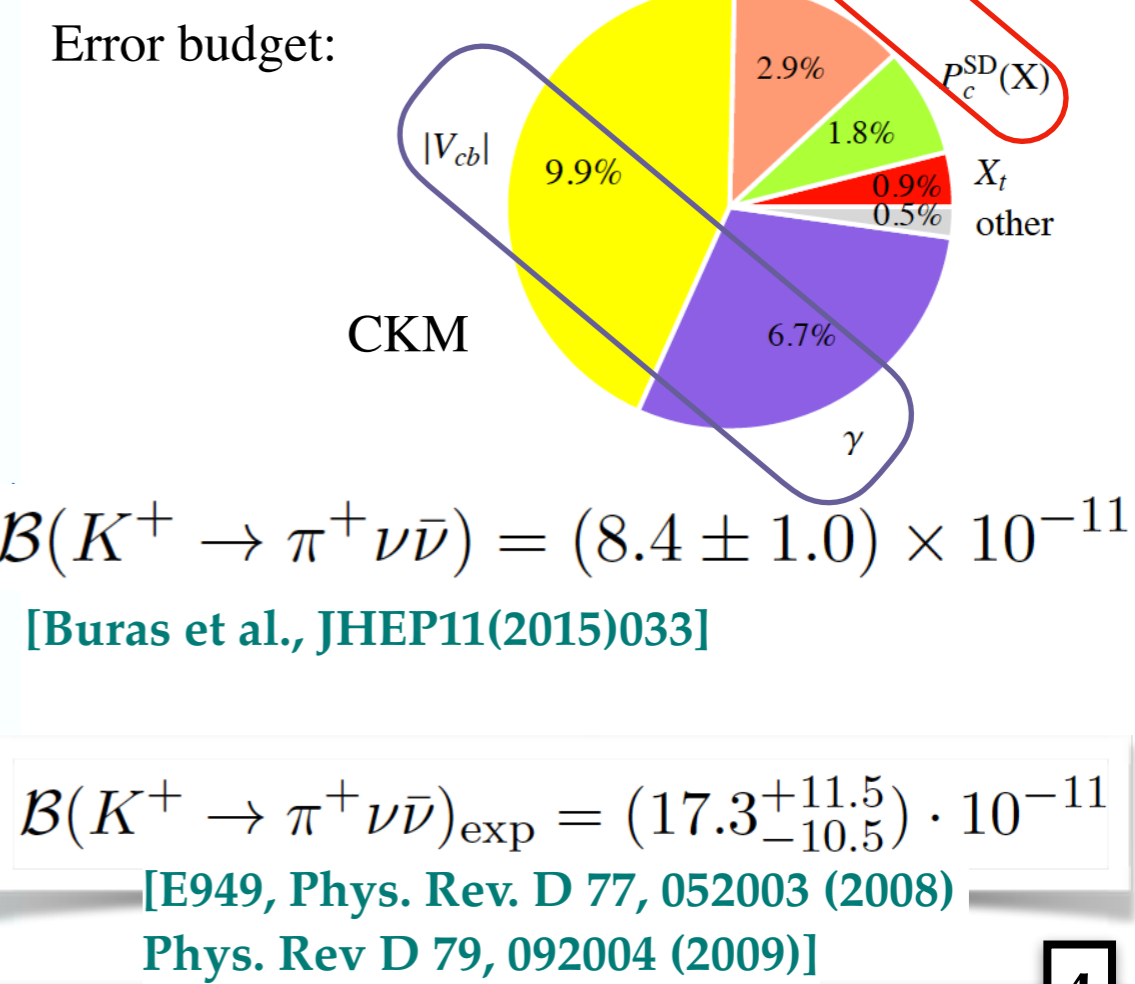
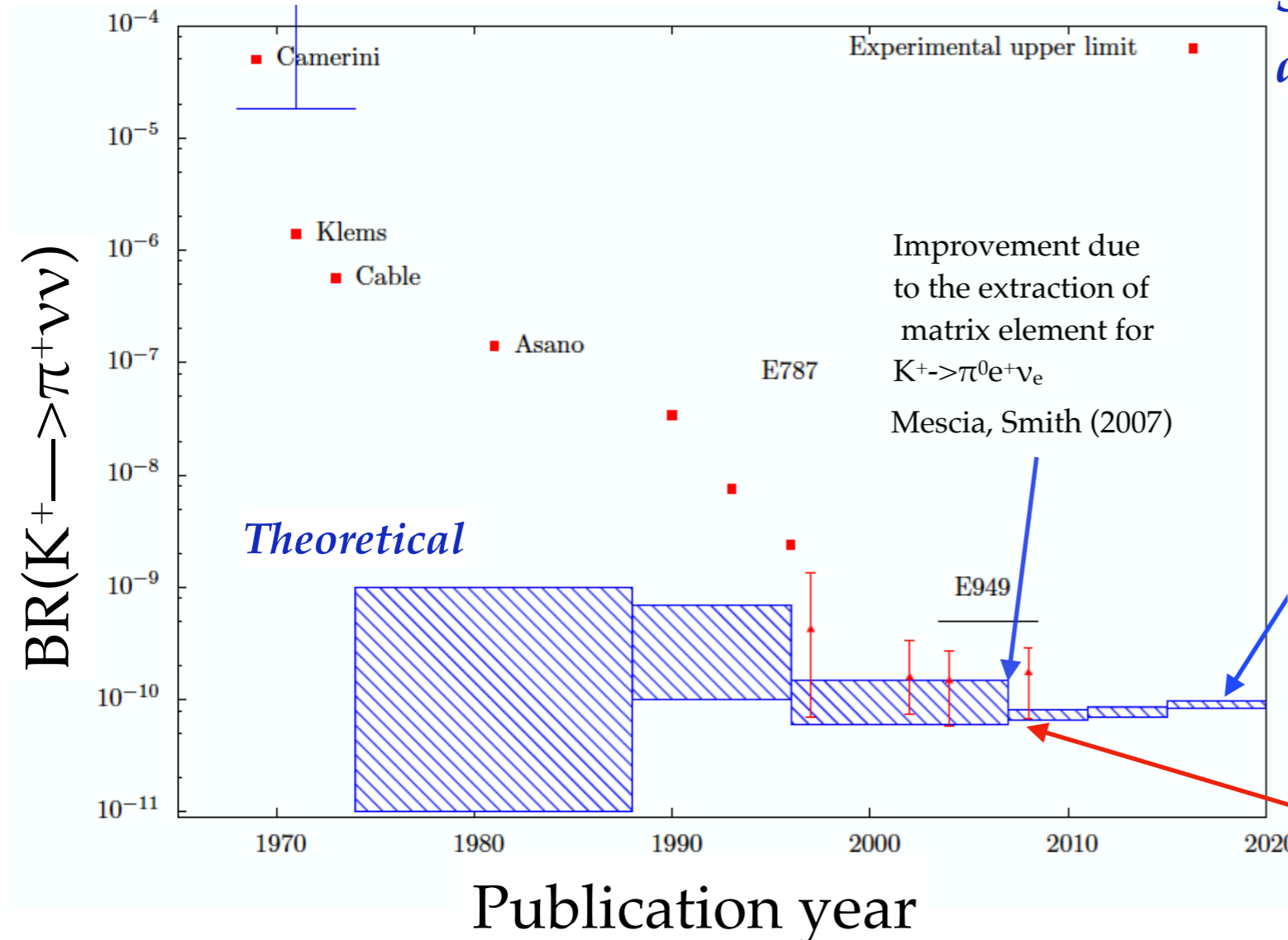
K⁻ → π ν ν̄ in the SM



$$A(s \rightarrow d \nu \bar{\nu}) \sim \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} \lambda_t + \frac{m_c^2}{M_W^2} \ln \frac{M_W}{m_c} \lambda_c + \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{M_W^2} \lambda_u$$

t(68%) c(29%) u(3%)

Short distance Long distance

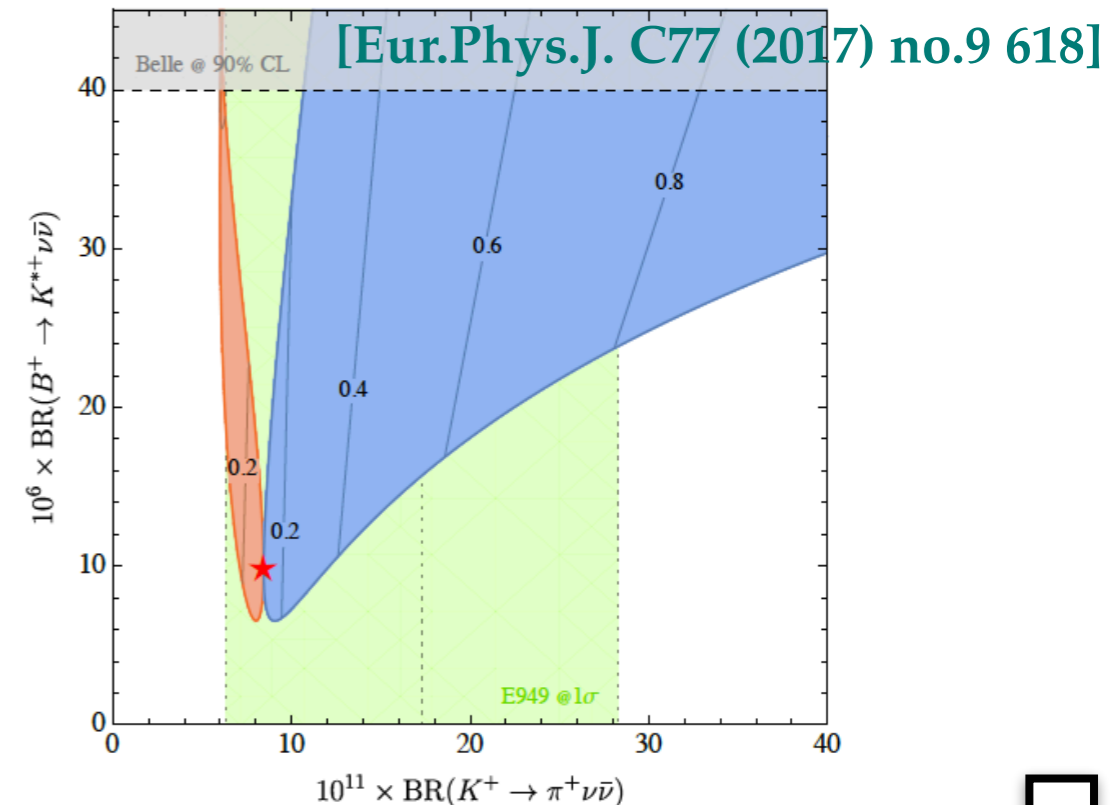
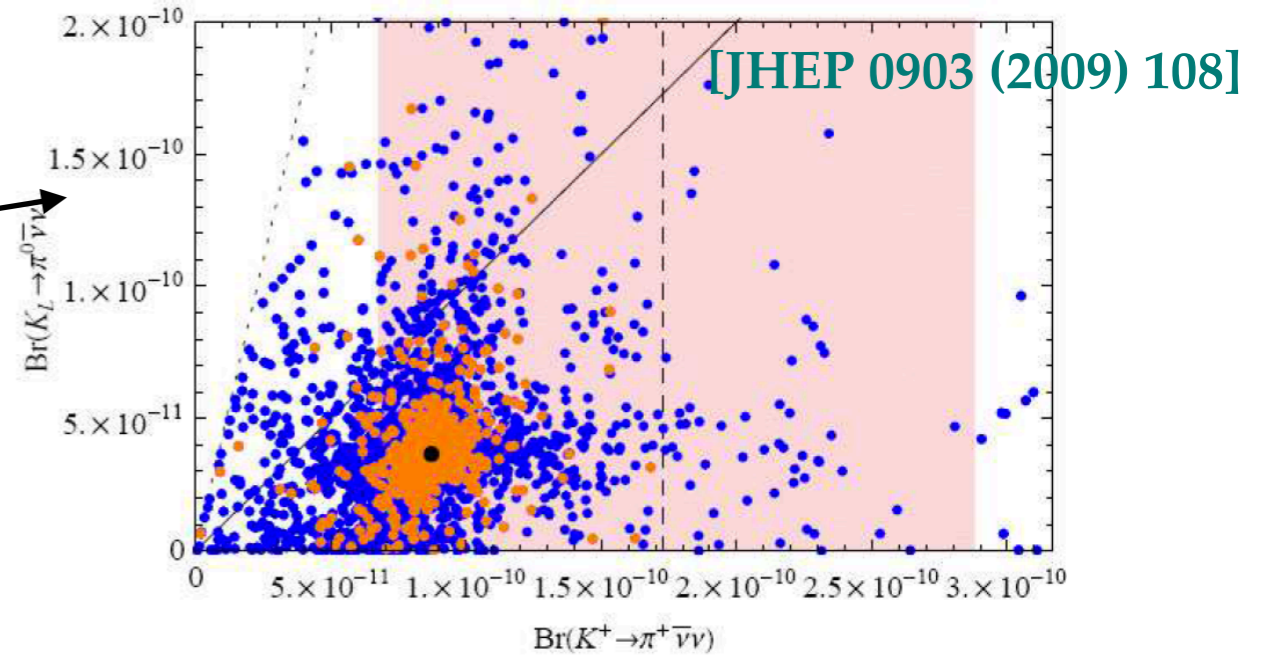


$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ for new physics



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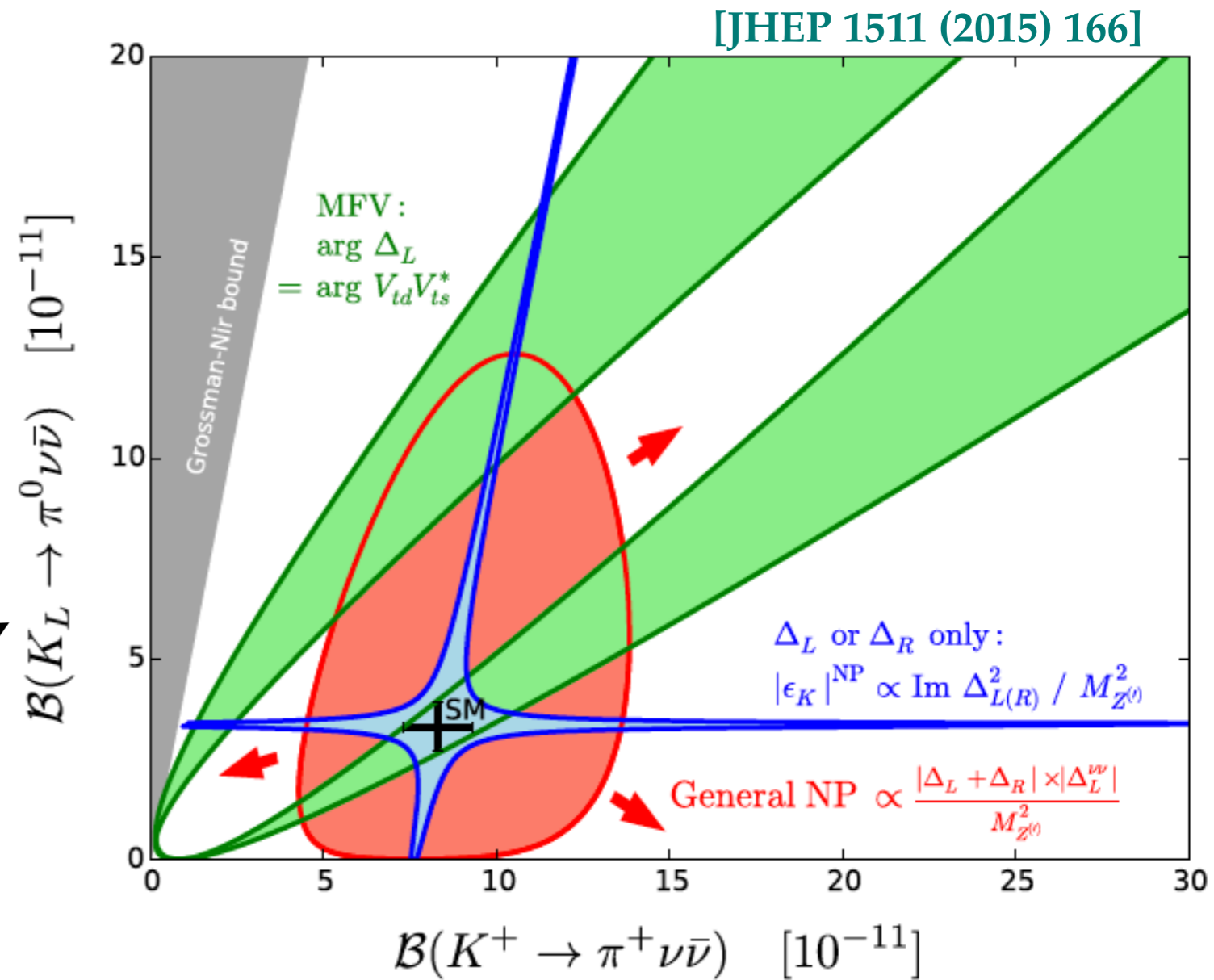


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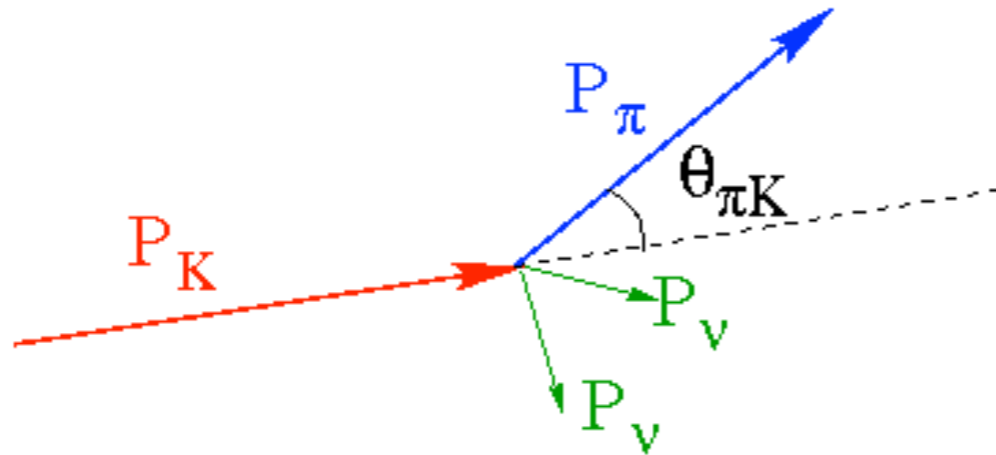


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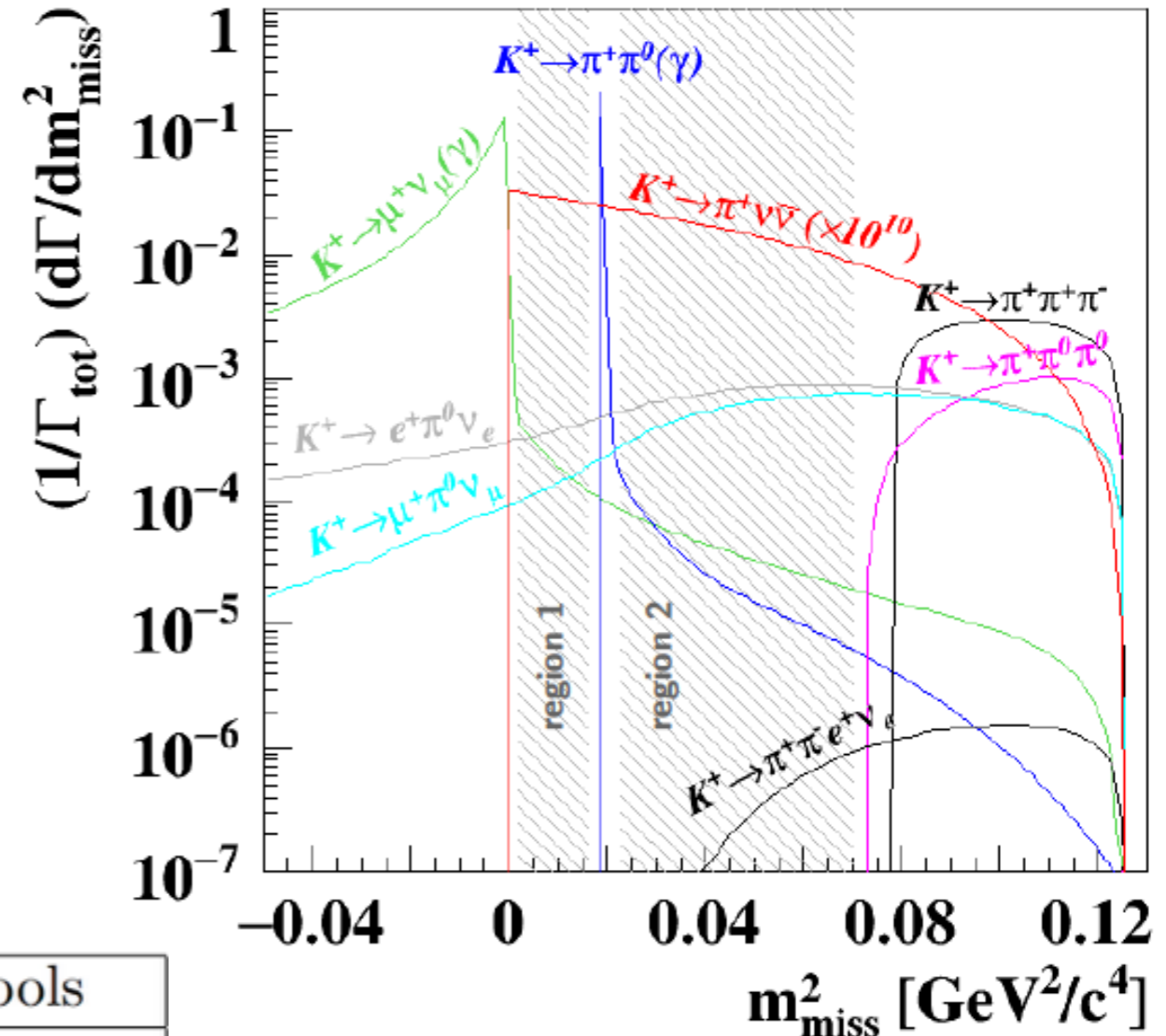
Measurement strategy



Decay in flight technique:



$$m_{miss}^2 = (p_K - p_\pi)^2$$



Decay	BR	Main Rejection Tools
$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu (\gamma)$	63%	μ -ID + kinematics
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 (\gamma)$	21%	γ -veto + kinematics
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	6%	multi-track + kinematics
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$	2%	γ -veto + kinematics
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$	5%	e -ID + γ -veto
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	3%	μ -ID + γ -veto

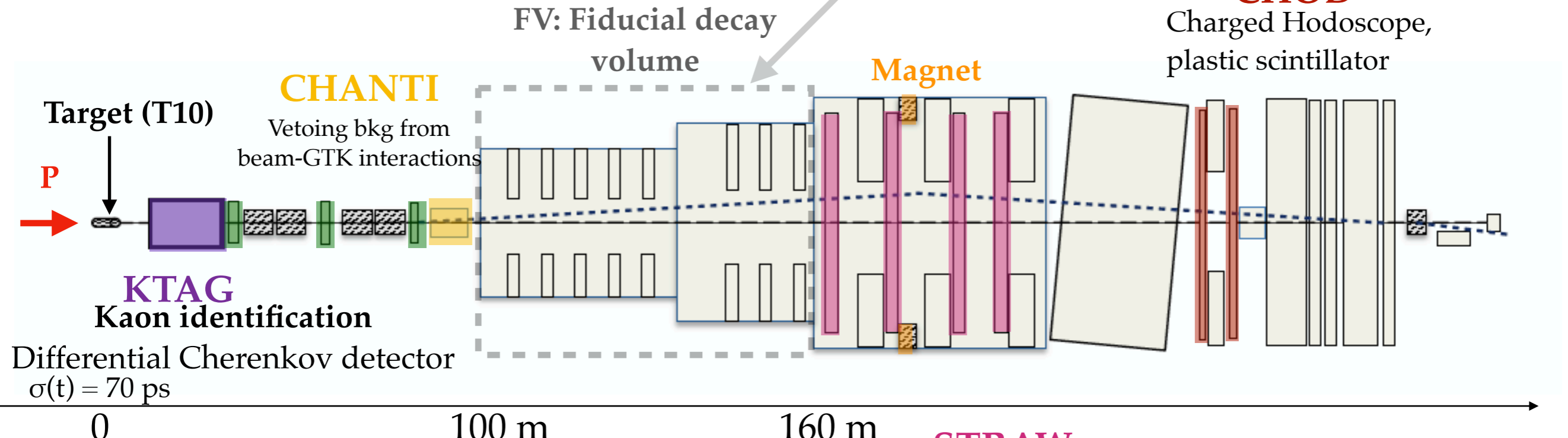
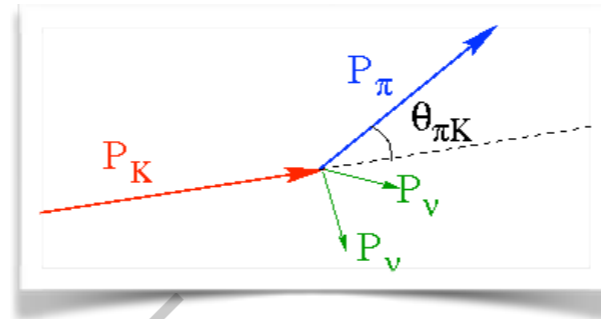
- very good kinematic reconstruction
- time measurements
- K, π, μ identification
- Hermetic detection of muons
- Hermetic detection of photons

NA62 apparatus

- very good kinematic reconstruction
- Precise time measurements

33×10^{11} ppp on T10 (750 MHz at GTK3)
 Secondary beam: 75 GeV/c momentum
 K^+ (6%) / π^+ (70%) / p(24%)

$$m_{miss}^2 = (p_K - p_\pi)^2$$



Differential Cherenkov detector
 $\sigma(t) = 70$ ps

GTK
 Kaon tracking
 Si pixel, 3 stations
 $\sigma(t) = 200$ ps, $\sigma(p)/p = 0.2\%$

120 m tube in vacuum
 (500 m³ at 10⁻⁶ mbar)

STRAW
 Downstream tracking:
 Dipole spectrometer
 4 straw-tracker stations
 $\sigma(p)/p = 0.3\%$

- Time resolution ~ 100 ps
- $\sigma(m_{miss}^2) = 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$

NA62 apparatus

background rejection: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$

Hermetic photon veto system

(LAV, SAV, LKr)

Multiplicity rejection

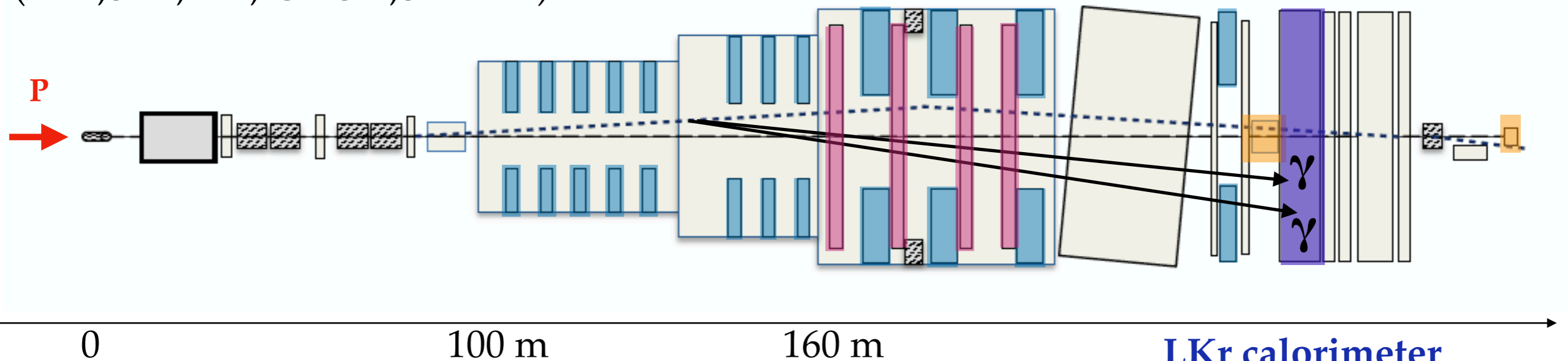
(LAV, SAV, LKr, CHOD, STRAW)

Large Angle Veto (LAV)

12 stations (lead glass blocks)
Covering angles $8.5 < \theta < 50$ mrad

CHOD

Charged Hodoscope,
plastic scintillator



$\epsilon(\pi^0) = 3 \cdot 10^{-8}$

Small Angle Veto (SAV)

IRC: Inner Ring Calorimeter
Small Angle Calorimeter
Covering angles < 1 mrad

LKr calorimeter

Photon detection

Covering angles $1 < \theta < 8.5$ mrad

NA62 apparatus

background rejection: $K \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$

Particle identification:
To separate $\pi/\mu/e$

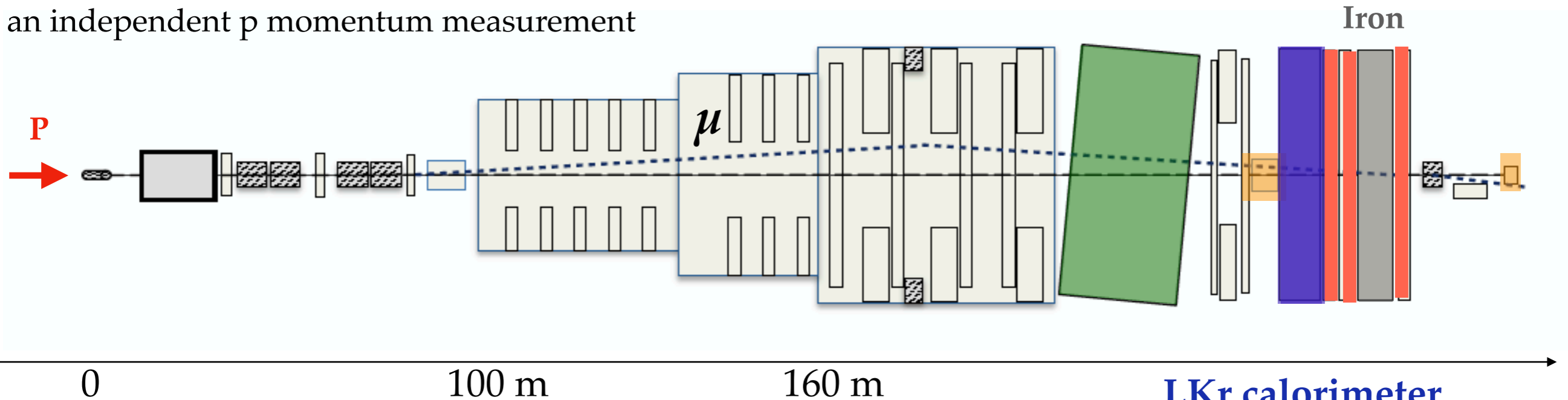
The RICH is used also to obtain
an independent p momentum measurement

RICH
Ring Imaging
Cherenkov detector

Neon 1 Atm
 $\pi/\mu/e$ separation

MUV
Muon veto system

MUV1 & MUV2:
Hadronic calorimeters for
the μ/π separation
MUV3: Efficient fast Muon Veto
used in the hardware trigger level.



LKr calorimeter
Photon detection

Multivariate analysis
with MUV1, MUV2 and LKr info
2 algorithm for the RICH variables

$\epsilon(\mu^+) = 10^{-8}$ $\epsilon(\pi^+) = 64\%$

NA62 in real life



Same analysis strategy:

2016 run:
published result

Phys. Lett. B 791 (2019) 156-166,
arXiv.1811.08508

2017 run:
work in progress
Preliminary studies in
SPSC NA62 status report:

<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2668548>



About 20% of K^+ decay inside the fiducial volume

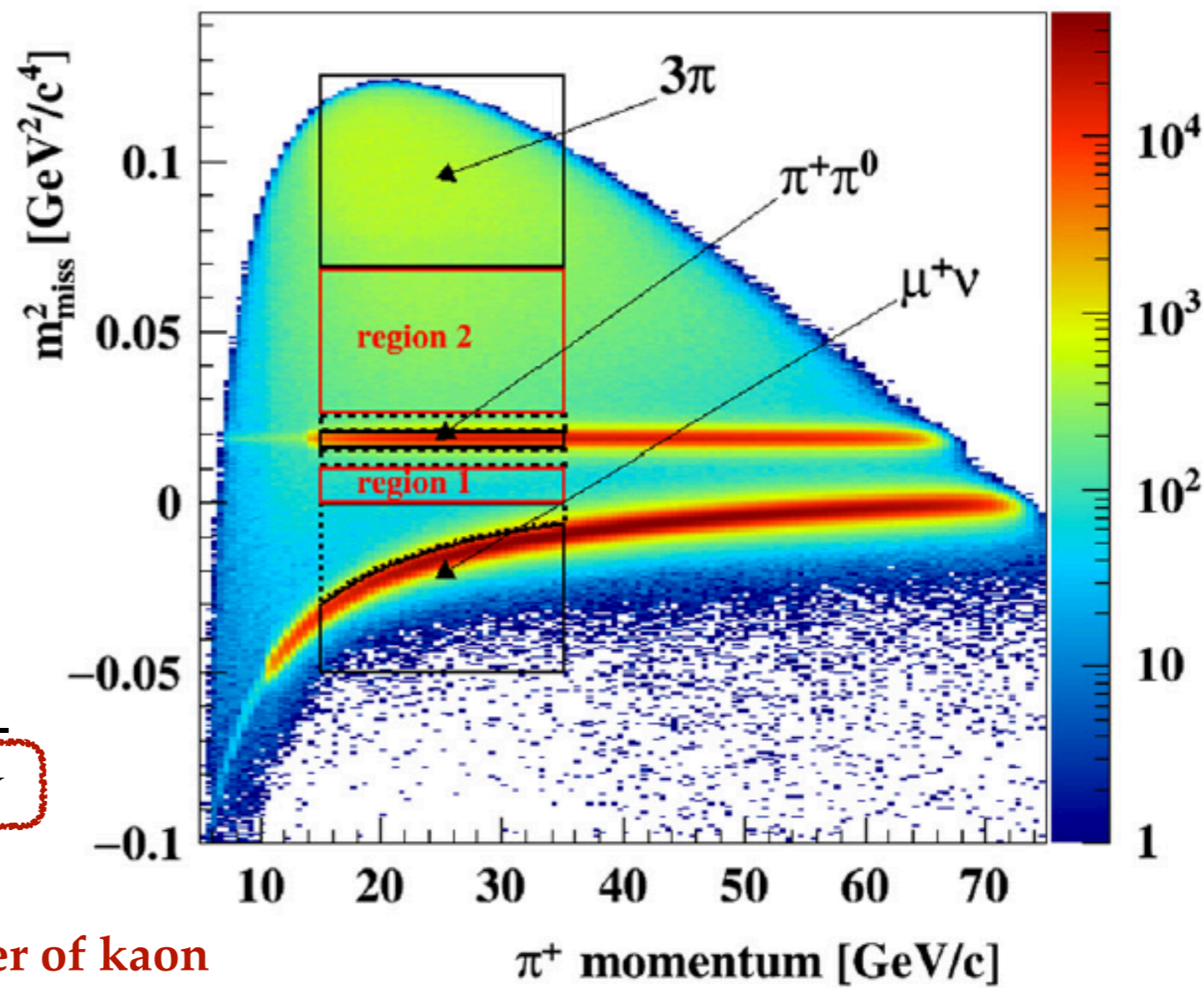
2 years running at high intensity we collected:

- $O(10^{13})$ K^+ decays in fiducial volume

Analysis strategy



- Normalization to $K \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ decay (non-factorizing efficiencies evaluated with data driven methods)
- Data-driven background estimation
- Control regions to validate it



$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = \frac{D_{obs} - Bkg}{\epsilon_{\pi\nu\nu} \cdot \epsilon_{trigger} \cdot \epsilon_{RV} \cdot N_K}$$

Efficiencies

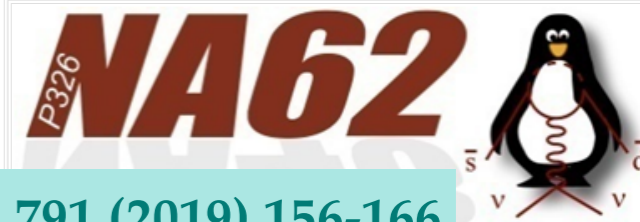
not in common with $K \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$

Number of kaon decays in FV

Measured with $K \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$

$\epsilon(RV)$, Random Veto efficiency: signal efficiency due to accidental activity

Results from 2016 run



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Process	Expected events
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 (\gamma)$	$0.064 \pm 0.007_{stat} \pm 0.006_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu (\gamma)$	$0.020 \pm 0.003_{stat} \pm 0.006_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$0.002 \pm 0.001_{stat} \pm 0.002_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu$	$0.013^{+0.017}_{-0.012} _{stat} \pm 0.009_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \nu, K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu$	< 0.001
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$	< 0.002
Upstream background	$0.050^{+0.090}_{-0.030} _{stat}$
Total background	$0.152^{+0.092}_{-0.033} _{stat} \pm 0.013_{syst}$

$$\epsilon(\pi\nu\nu) = 0.04 \pm 0.001$$

$$\epsilon(\text{trigger}) = 0.87 \pm 0.02$$

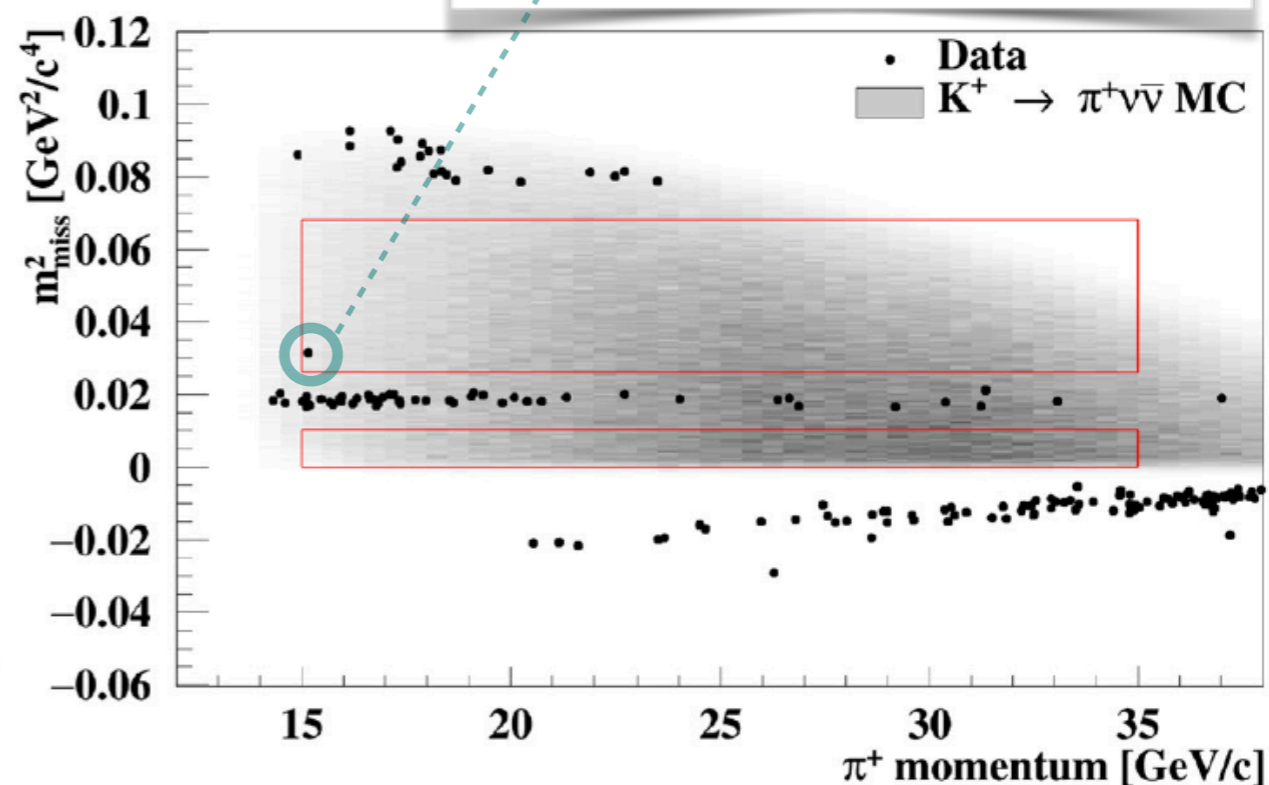
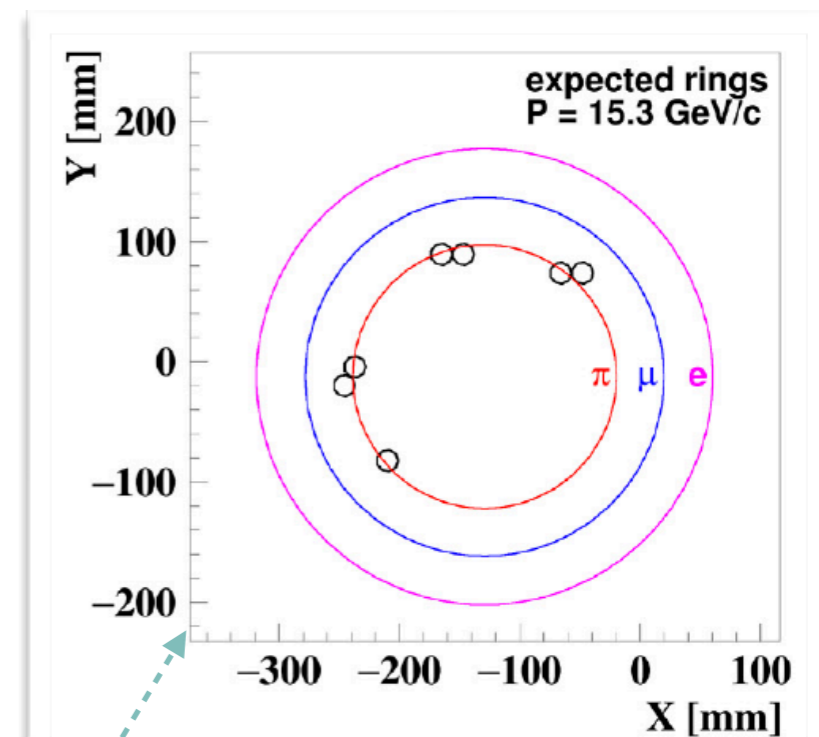
$$\epsilon(\text{RV}) = 0.76 \pm 0.04$$

$$NK = (1.21 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{11}$$

$$N_{\pi\nu\nu}^{exp}(\text{SM}) = 0.267 \pm 0.001_{stat} \pm 0.020_{syst} \pm 0.032_{ext}$$

$$\text{BR}[\text{obs}] < 14 \times 10^{-10} \sim 17 \times \text{BR}(\text{SM}) \quad @ 95\% \text{ CL}$$

$$\text{BR}[\text{exp}] < 11 \times 10^{-10} \sim 12 \times \text{BR}(\text{SM}) \quad @ 95\% \text{ CL}$$



The decay in flight technique works

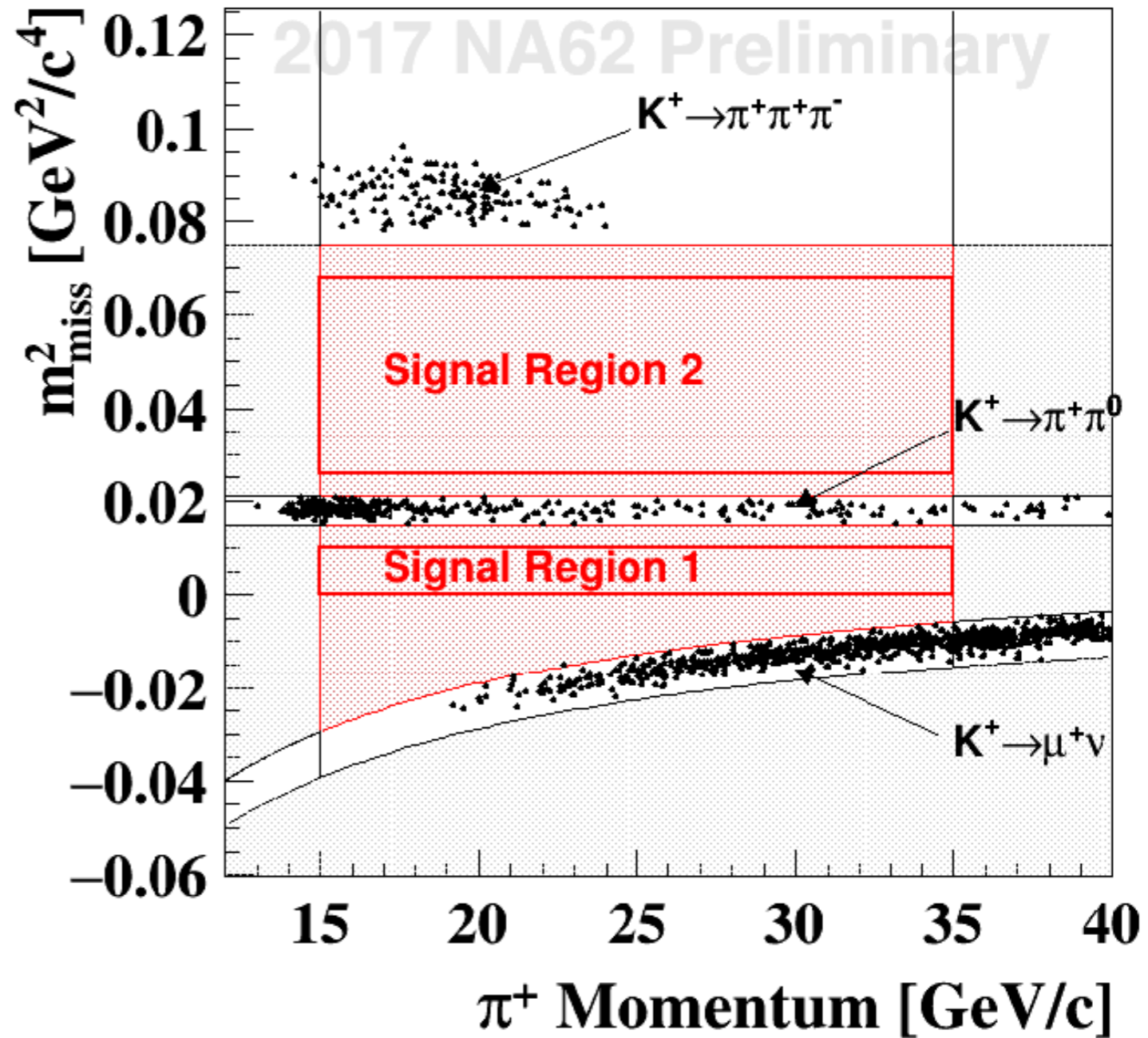
Analysis of 2017 run

- ✓ Higher intensity
- ✓ ~10x more data
- ✓ Improved LKr reconstruction
- ✓ 40% better π^0 rejection (it does not depend on intensity)
- ✓ Slightly improved usage of RICH variables
- ✓ No effect from intensity on π efficiency and μ rejection.

$$\epsilon_{\pi\nu\nu} \cdot \epsilon_{trigger} \cdot \epsilon_{RV} = 2.3 \%$$

$$N_K = (1.3 \pm 0.1) 10^{12}$$

expect 2.5 SM $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$ events



$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$ background estimation

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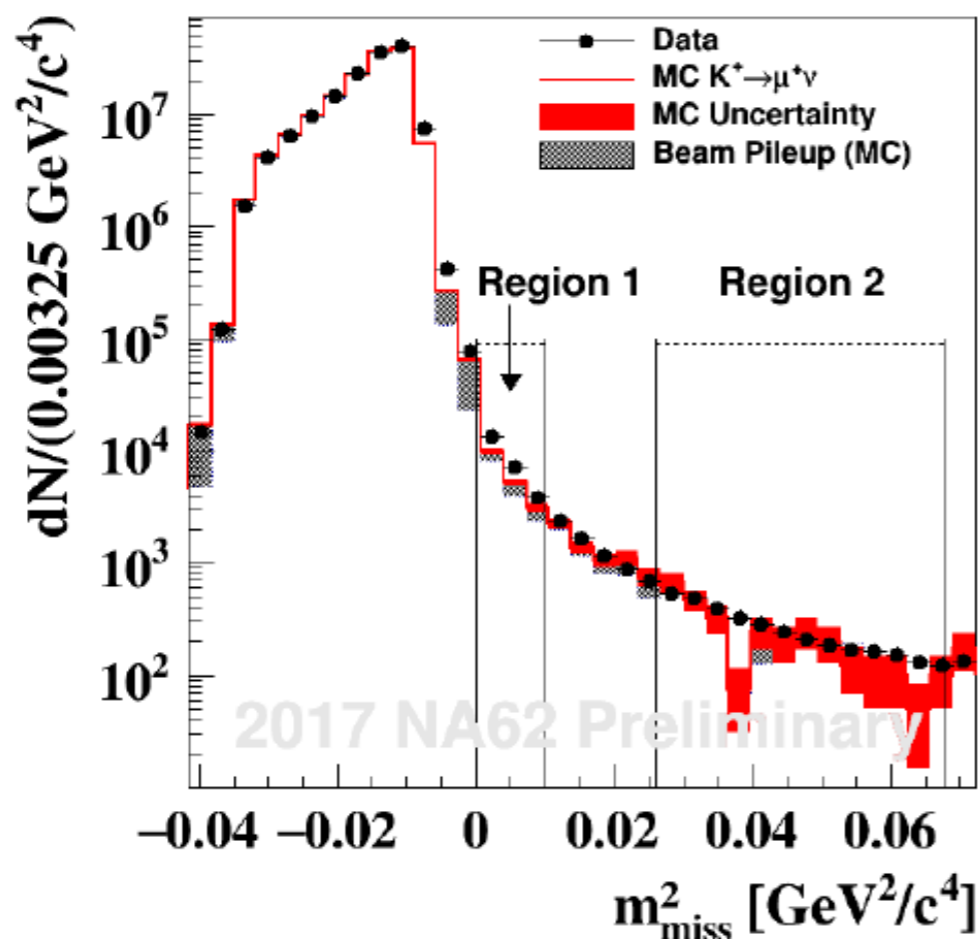
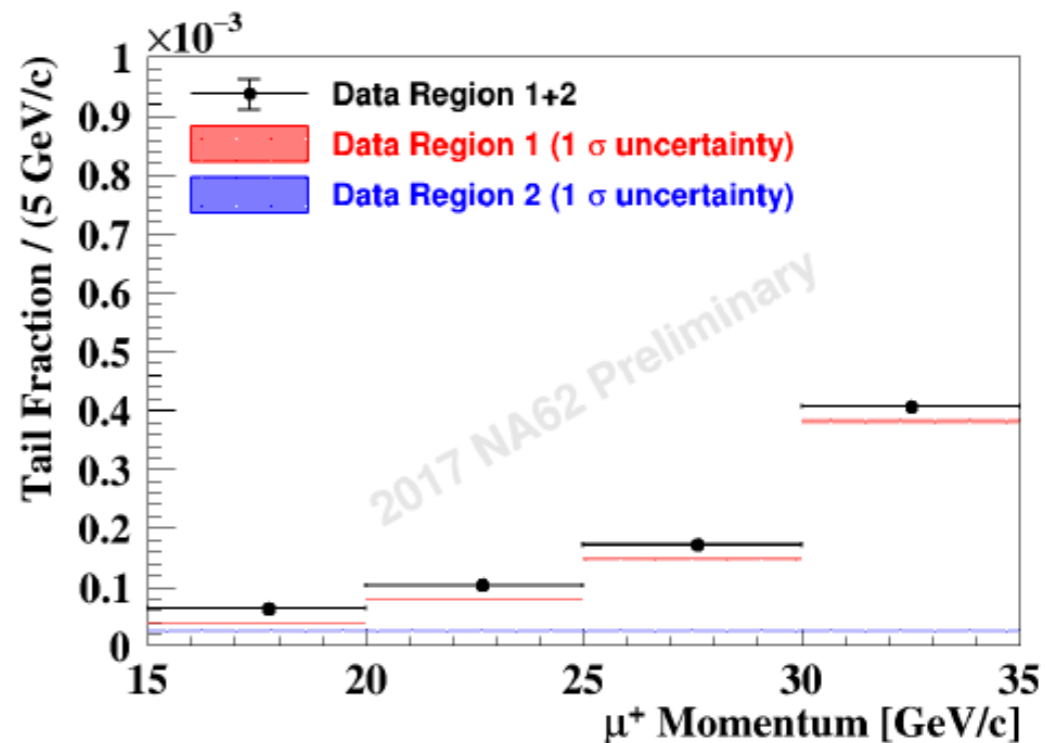
j: bin in momentum

$$N_{\mu\nu}^{exp}(region) = \sum_j [N(\mu\nu)_j \cdot f_j^{kin}(region)]$$

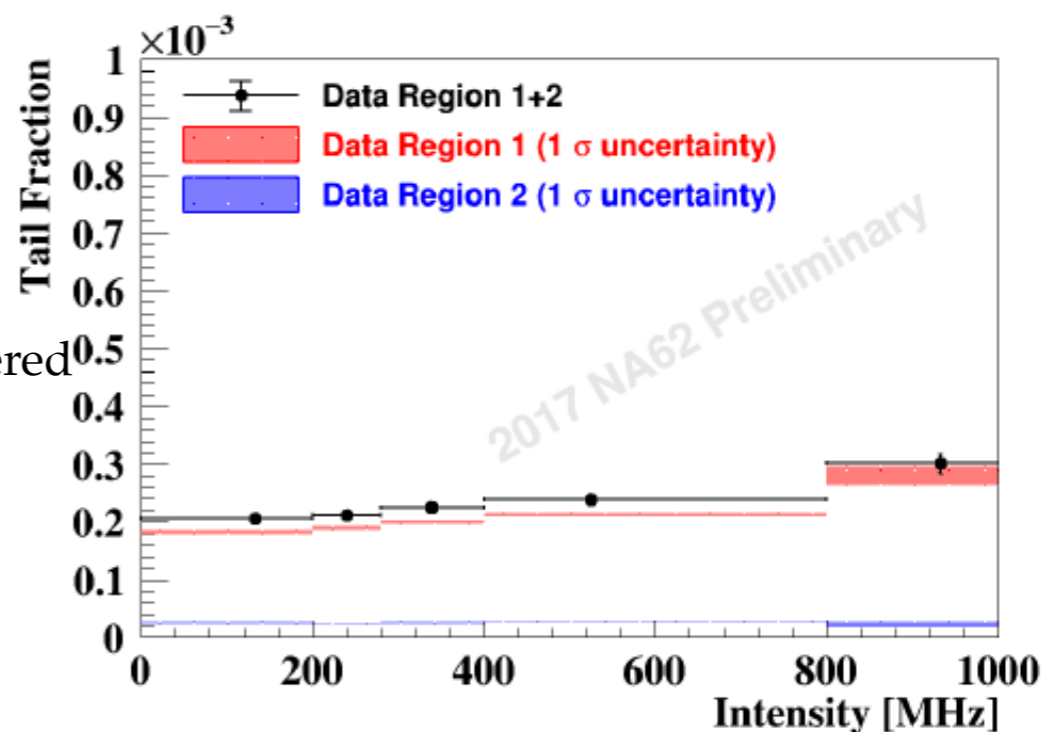
N_{exp} in the Signal (control) region

Sample selected on control data to get the shape
tagging μ^+ with MUV3 signals and offline PID requirements

Fraction of events in the signal (control) region



Also bins in intensity considered



$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ background estimation

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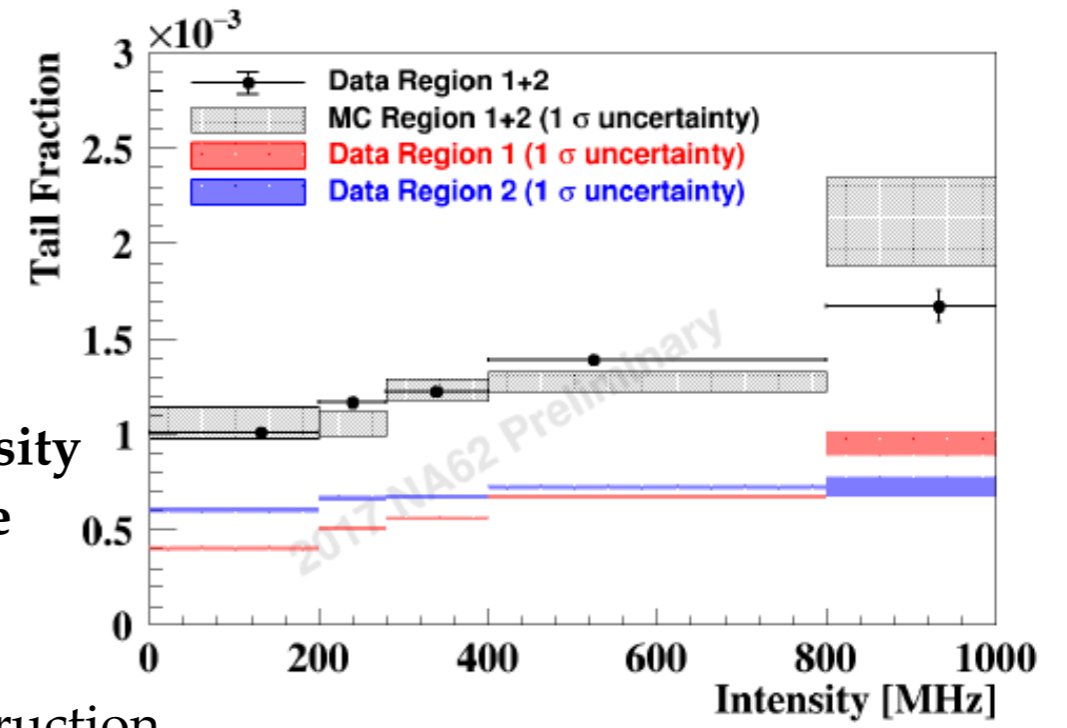
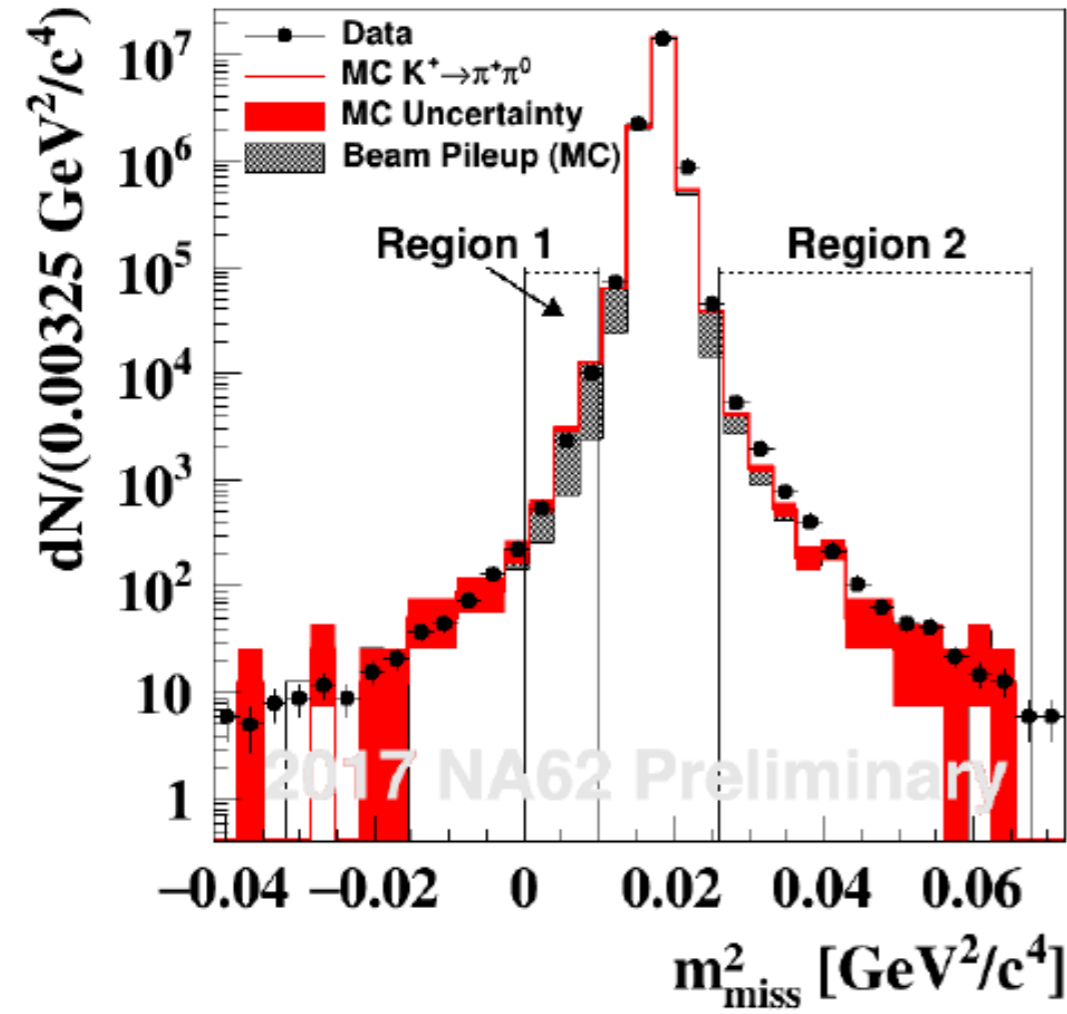
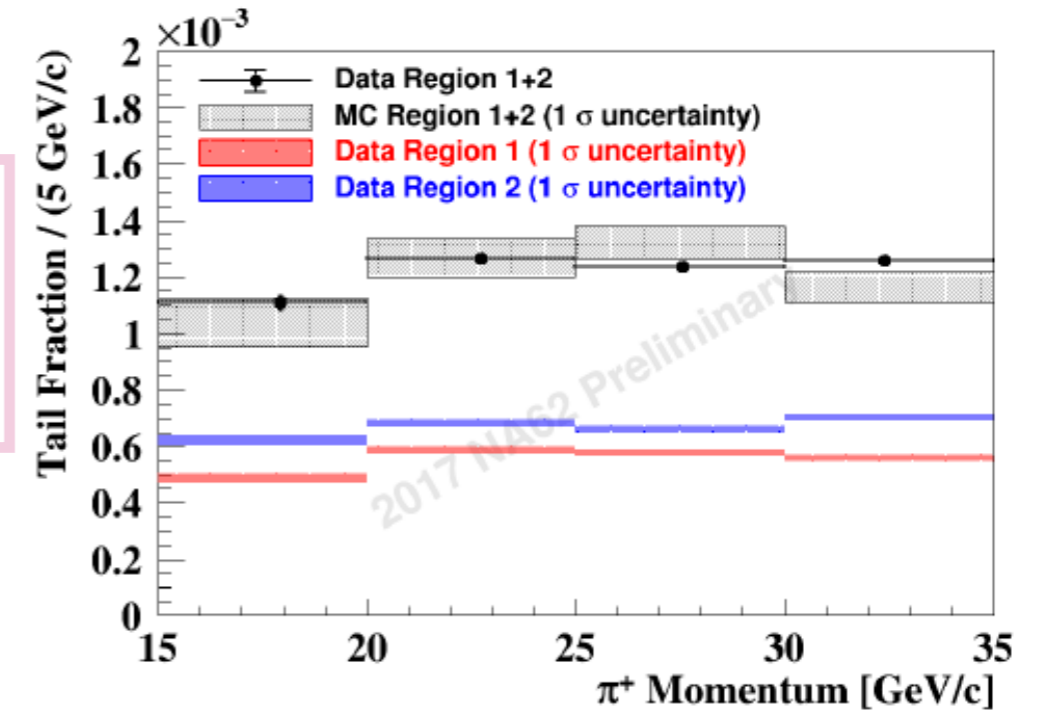
j: bin in momentum

$$N_{\pi\pi}^{exp}(region) = \sum_j \left[N(\pi^+ \pi^0)_j \cdot f_j^{kin}(region) \right]$$

$N_{\pi\pi}^{exp}$ in the Signal (control) region

Sample selected on control data to get the shape tagging π^0 with 2 photons in the LKr

Fraction of events in the signal (control) region



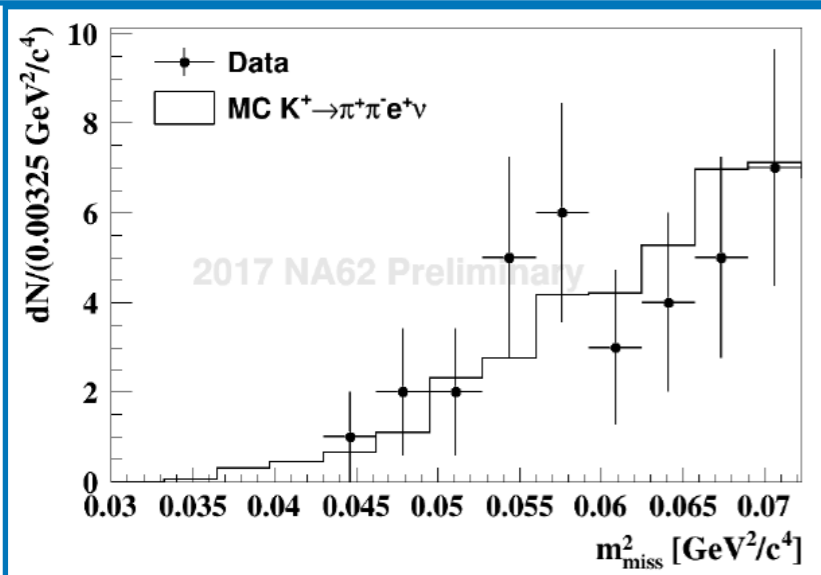
small intensity dependence
due to K- π matching
mis-reconstruction

Background estimation status

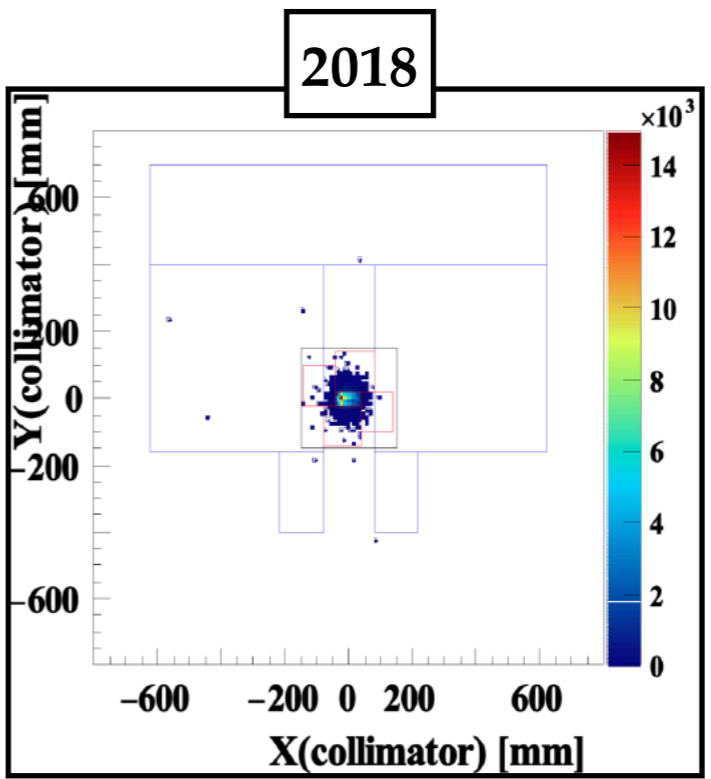
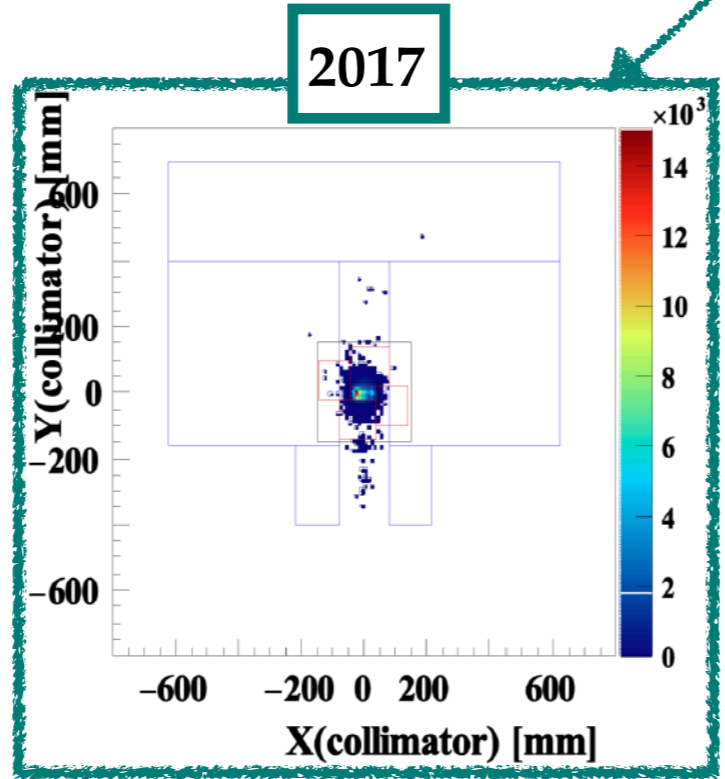
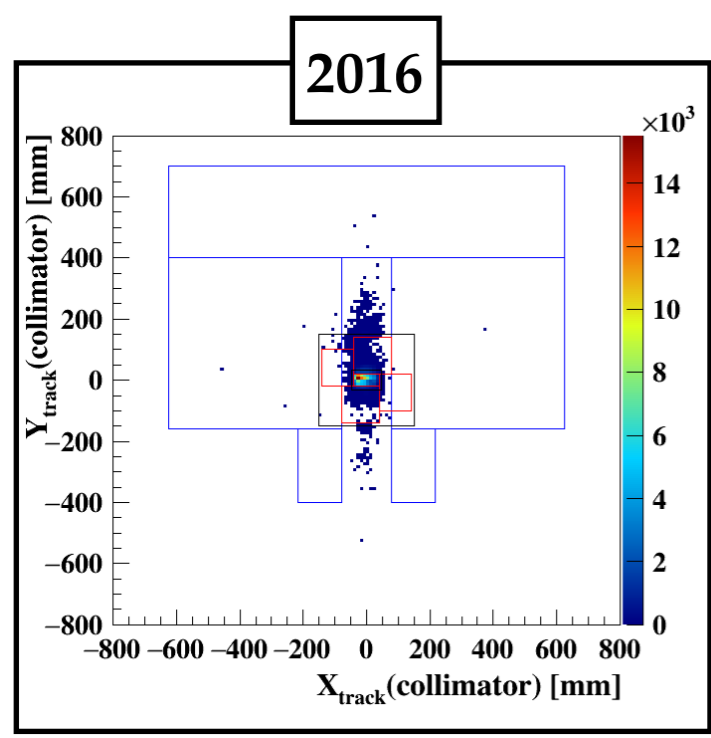
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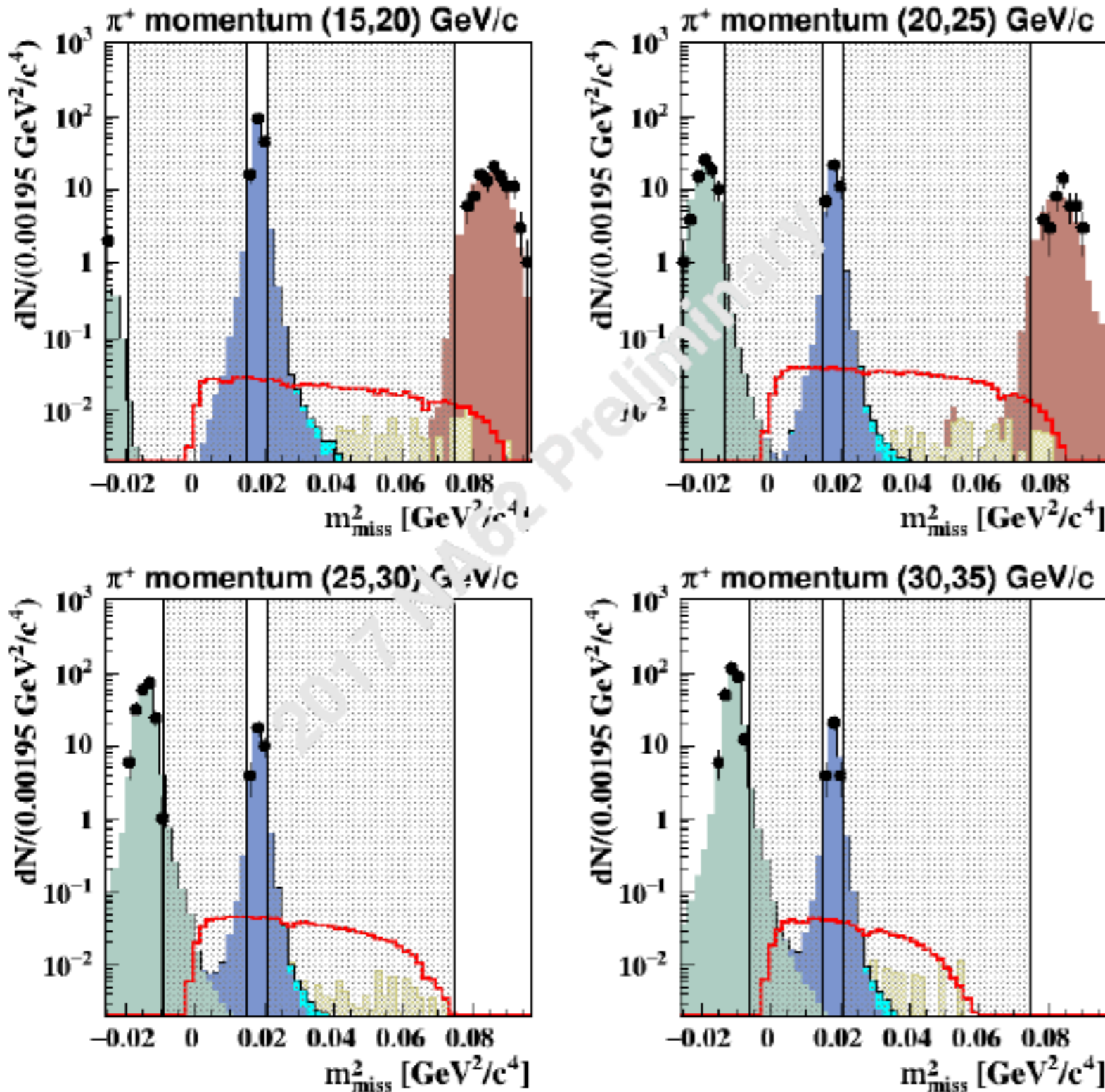
MC validated with control sample data



Process	Expected events in signal regions
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0(\gamma)$ IB	$0.35 \pm 0.02_{stat} \pm 0.03_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu(\gamma)$ IB	$0.16 \pm 0.01_{stat} \pm 0.05_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu$	$0.22 \pm 0.08_{stat}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$0.015 \pm 0.008_{stat} \pm 0.015_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$	$0.005 \pm 0.005_{syst}$
$K^+ \rightarrow l^+ \pi^0 \nu_l$	$0.012 \pm 0.012_{syst}$
Upstream Background	Analysis on-going



M^2_{miss} distribution



- ▶ Use the information from the distributions to
 - ▶ Increase the sensitivity for $\pi\nu\nu$
 - ▶ Search for a peak (sensitivity to several models in the hidden sector context:
 - dark scalar(Higgs-mixing)
 - axiflavor, ..
- ▶ 4 bins in pion momentum
- ▶ Unbinned analysis in missing mass



Further flavor physics program



► Standard Kaon Physics:

- Measurements of the BR of all the main K^+ decay modes:
- χ PT: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 e^+ e^-$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0(^+) \pi^0(^-) l^+ \nu$
- Lepton Universality: $R_K = \Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e) / (K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu)$

► Rare/forbidden K^+ and π^0 decays at SES $\sim 10^{-12}$:

- K^+ physics: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ l^+ l^-$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma l^+ l^-$, $K^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu \gamma$,
- LFV/LNV searches: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ e^+$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- l^+ l^+$...
- π^0 physics: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma (\gamma)$, ...

Published result:
Lepton number violation (LNV)

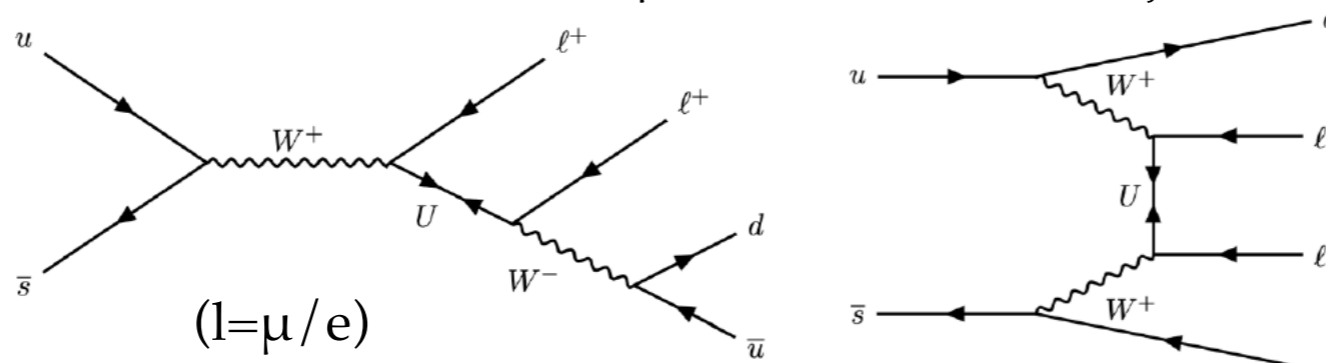
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All the other analyses are work in progress

Violation of lepton flavor/number conservation laws is predicted in BSM models:

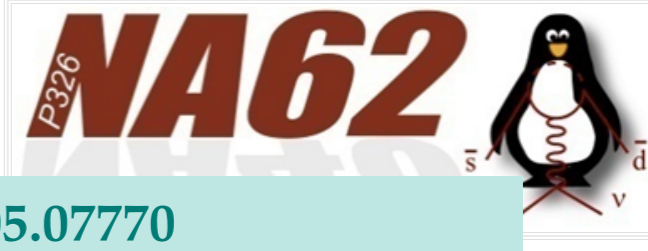
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- l^+ l^+$: $\Delta L=2$ and $\Delta L_\mu=2$ or $\Delta L_e=2$ via Majorana neutrinos U



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[PL B491 (2000) 285-290]



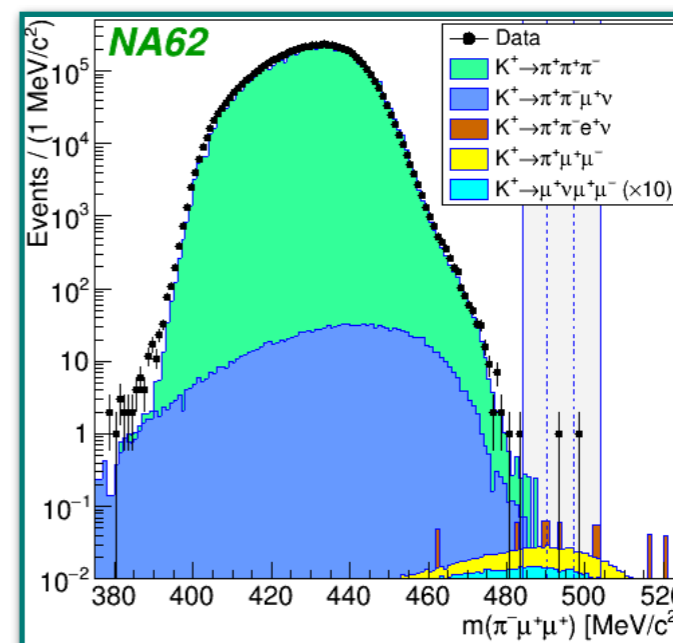
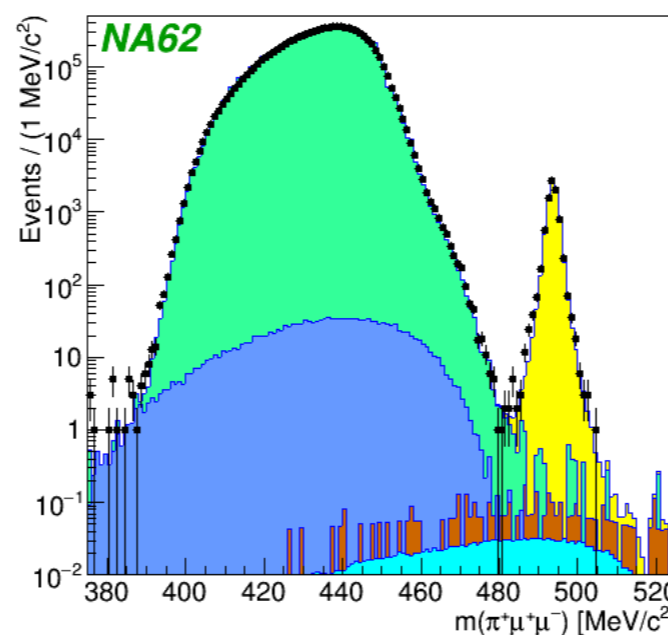
Lepton number violation



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- Subset of 2017 data, corresponding to 3 months of data taking (3 times more data still to be analyzed.)
- dedicated, downscaled triggers
- Normalization from corresponding SM channels



$\pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+$

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

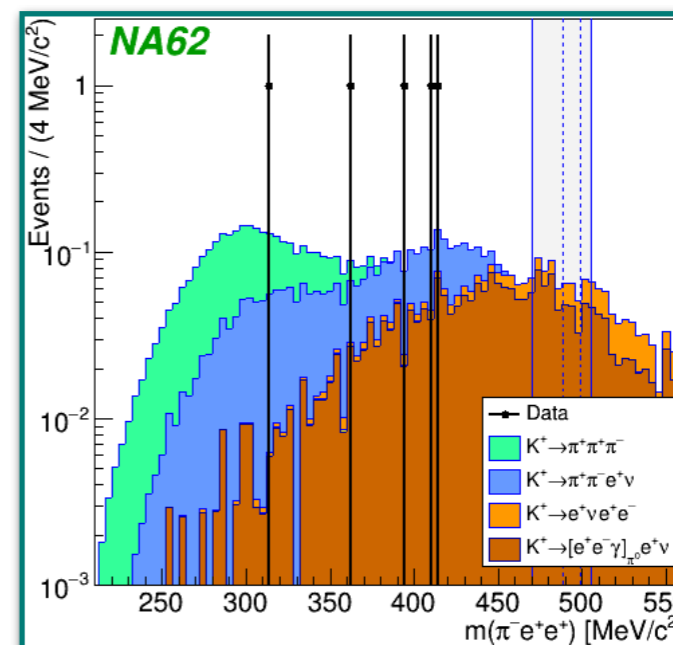
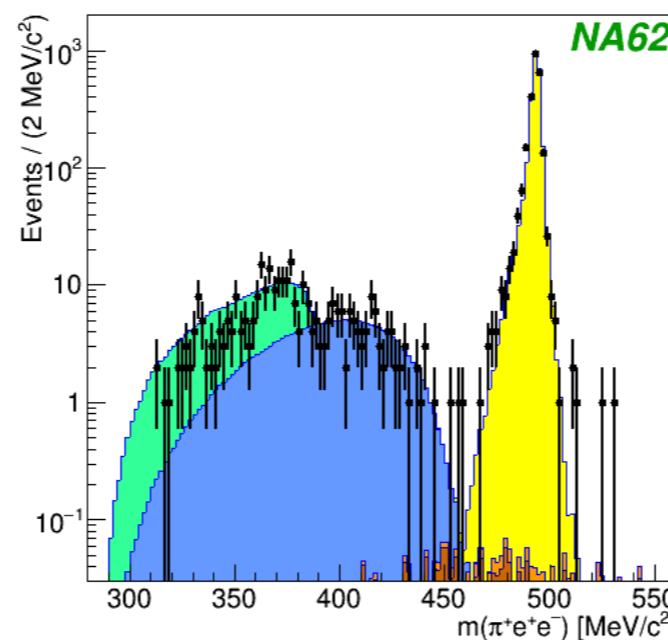
Improved previous PDG upper limits:

$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 8.6 \times 10^{-11} @ 90\% CL$$

[NA48/2]

$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ e^-) < 6.4 \times 10^{-10} @ 90\% CL$$

[BNL, E865]



$\pi^- e^+ e^+$

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

Conclusions



2016-2018

2016 data:

decay in flight technique works, 1 candidate event observed:

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

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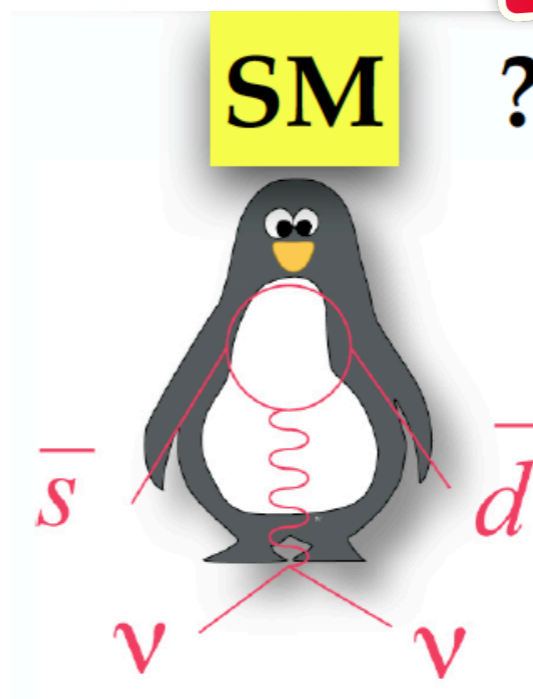
2017 data: completing the analysis



2019-2021

Developing improved analysis for the full NA62Run1 dataset 2016-2018

After LS2 ~ 2 years of data taking to achieve 5-10% uncertainty



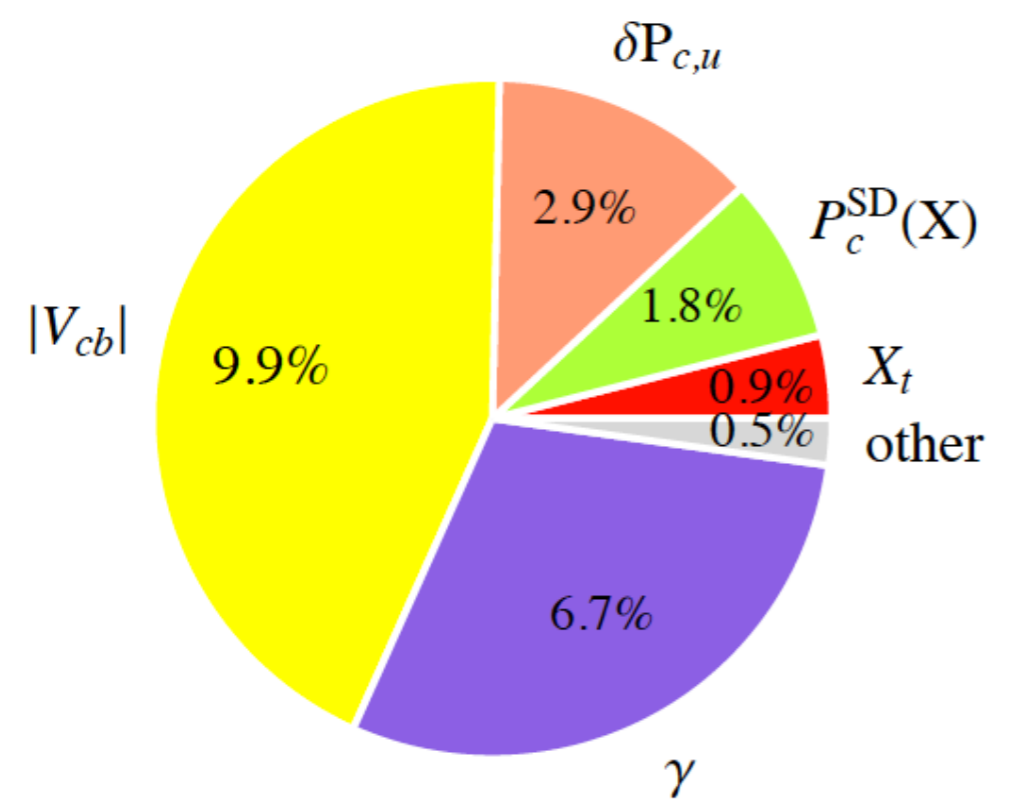
Prague (2015)
NA62 Collaboration Meeting

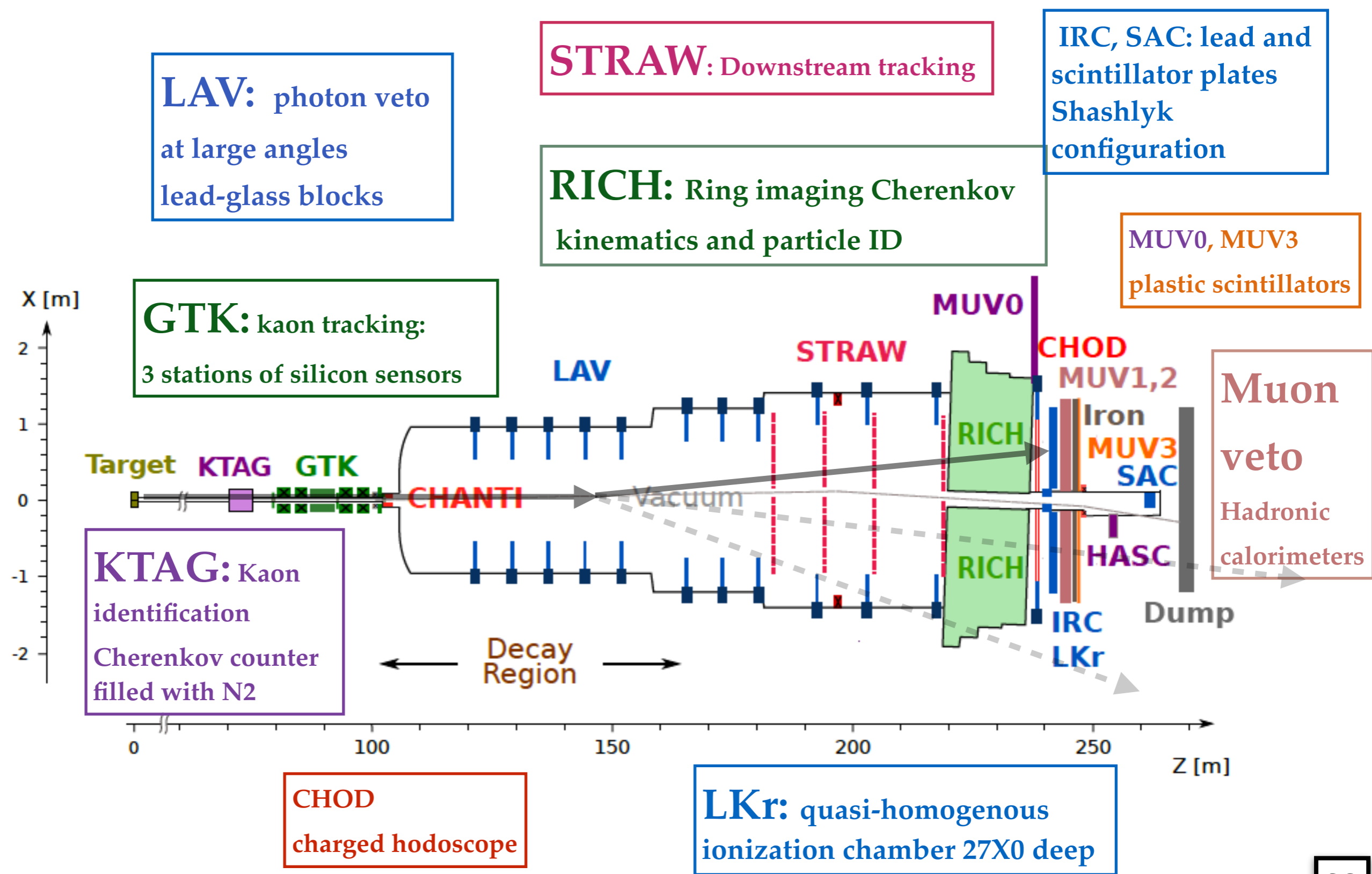
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~ 4 years

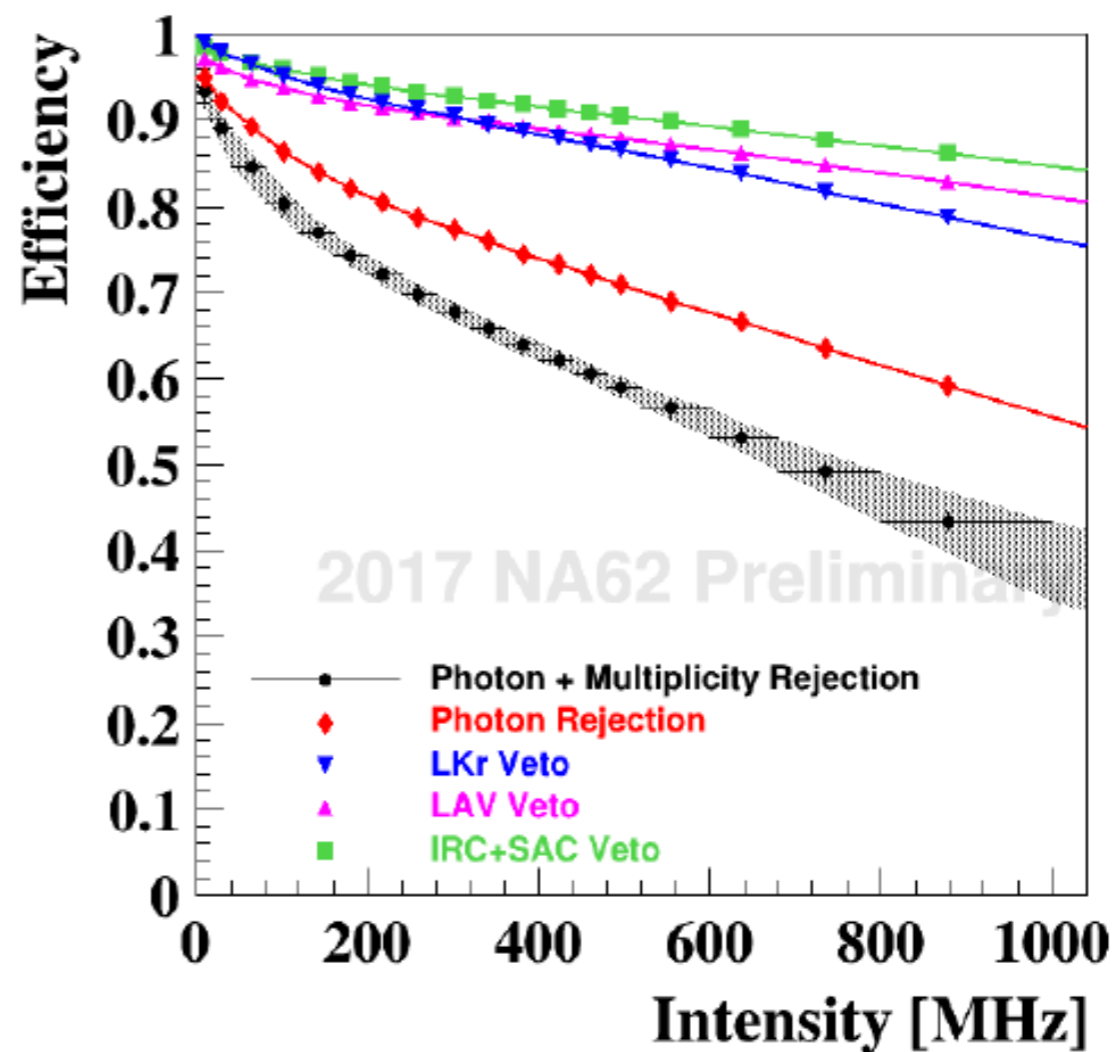
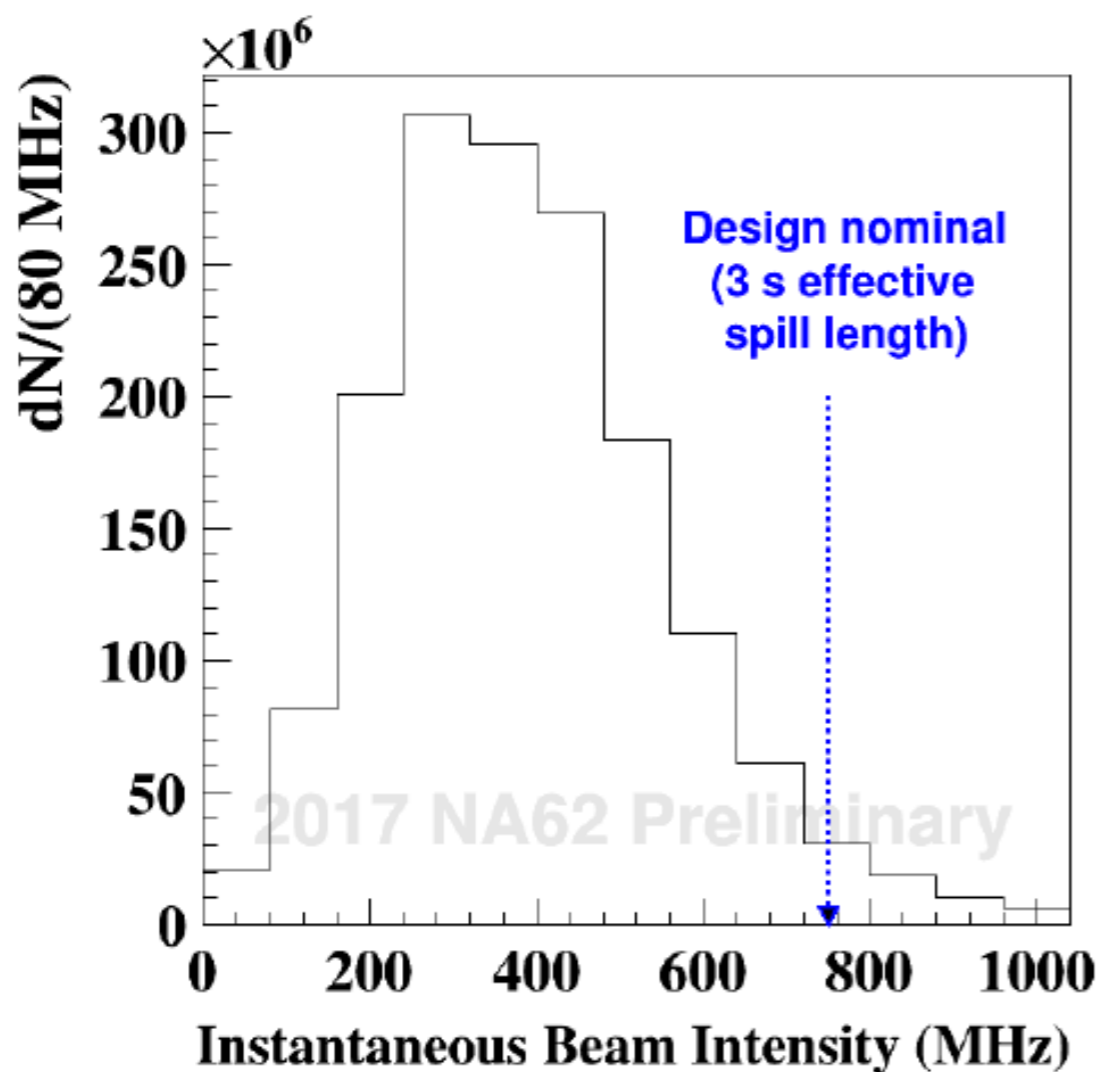
$$\sim \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} \lambda_t + \frac{m_c^2}{M_W^2} \ln \frac{M_W}{m_c} \lambda_c + \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{M_W^2} \lambda_u$$

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





Random veto



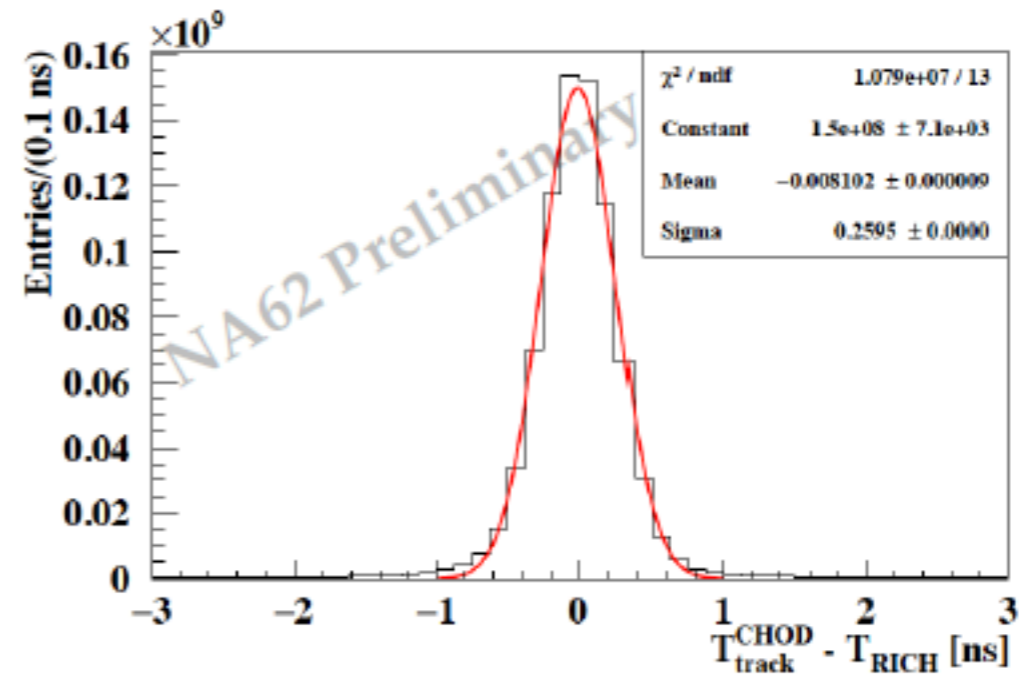
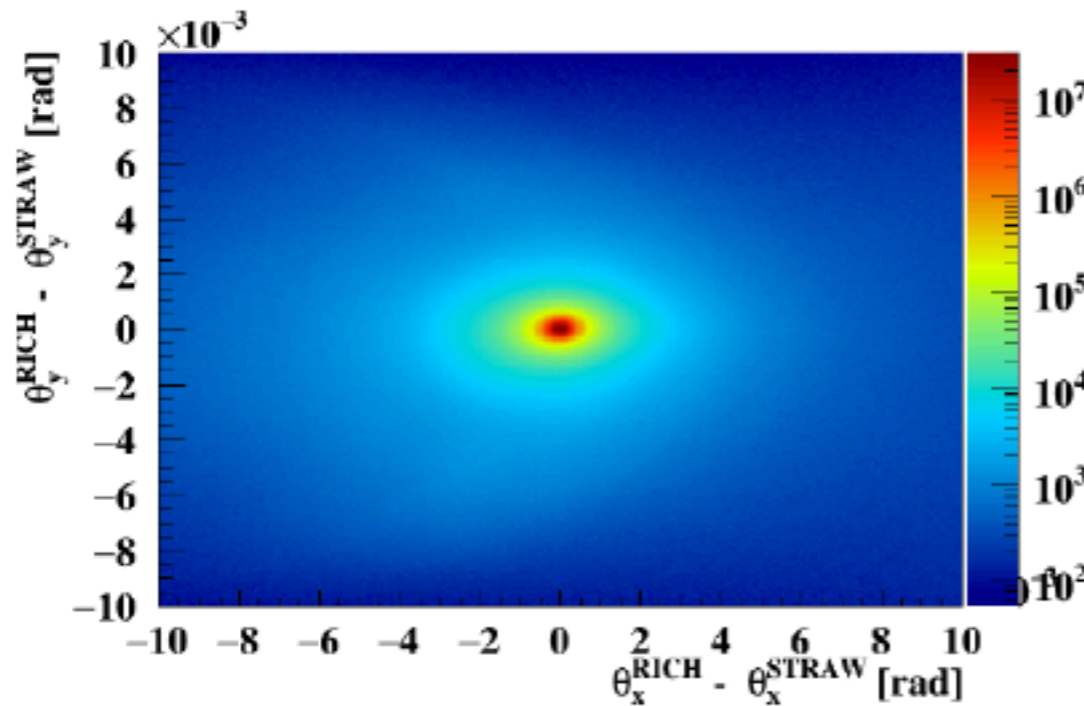
Standalone RICH



RICH candidate -Track association

$$D_{RICH} = \left(\frac{|\mathbf{X}_{center} - \mathbf{X}_{PM}|}{\sigma_X} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{T_{RICH} - T_{track}^{CHOD}}{2\sigma_T} \right)^2$$

The charged hodoscope (CHOD) hit is matched to track candidate through spacial criteria, and CHOD time is used as Track Time



The candidate which minimizes $D(RICH)$ is chosen if it satisfies:

- $D_{RICH} < 50$;
- the fit probability is larger than 0.01;
- T_{RICH} is within ± 2 ns of T_{track}^{CHOD} .

$$\sigma(T_{Track} - T_{RICH}) \sim 260 \text{ ps}$$

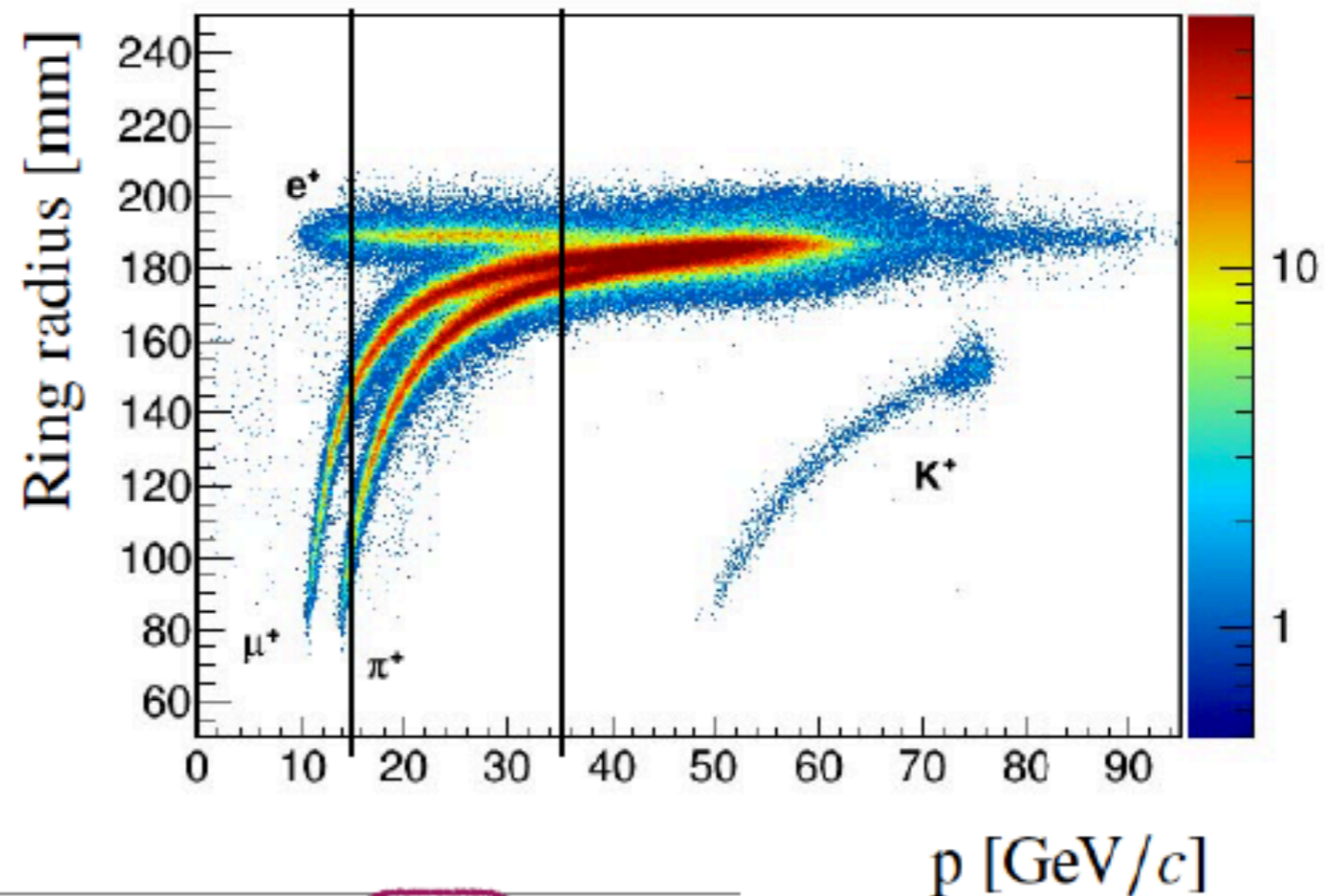
Time resolution for a RICH candidate is < 100 ps

Standalone RICH



- RICH Radius from the fit
- Momentum measured by the tracking

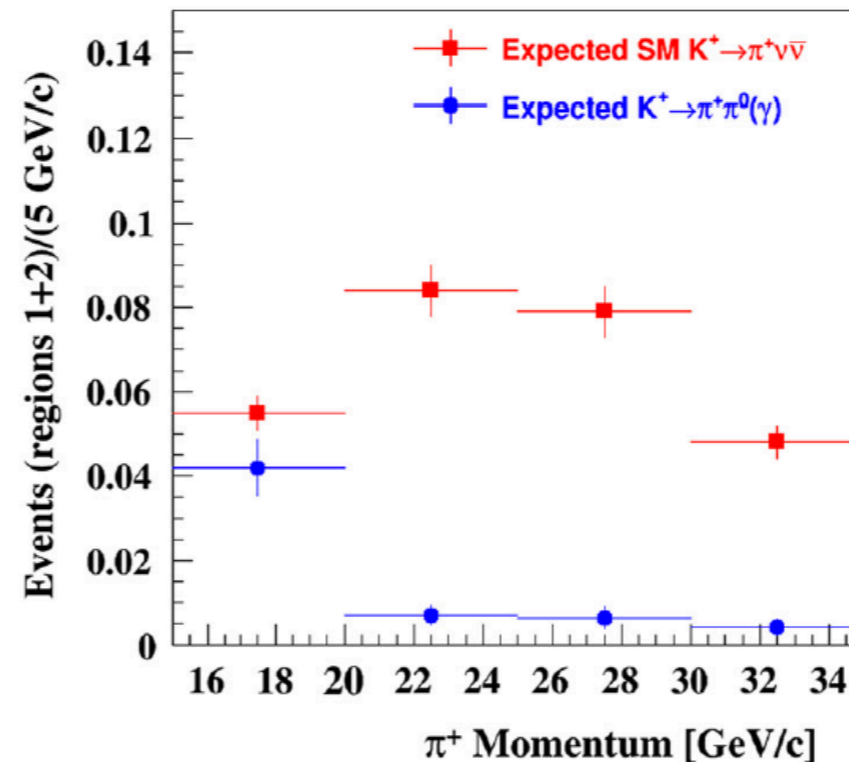
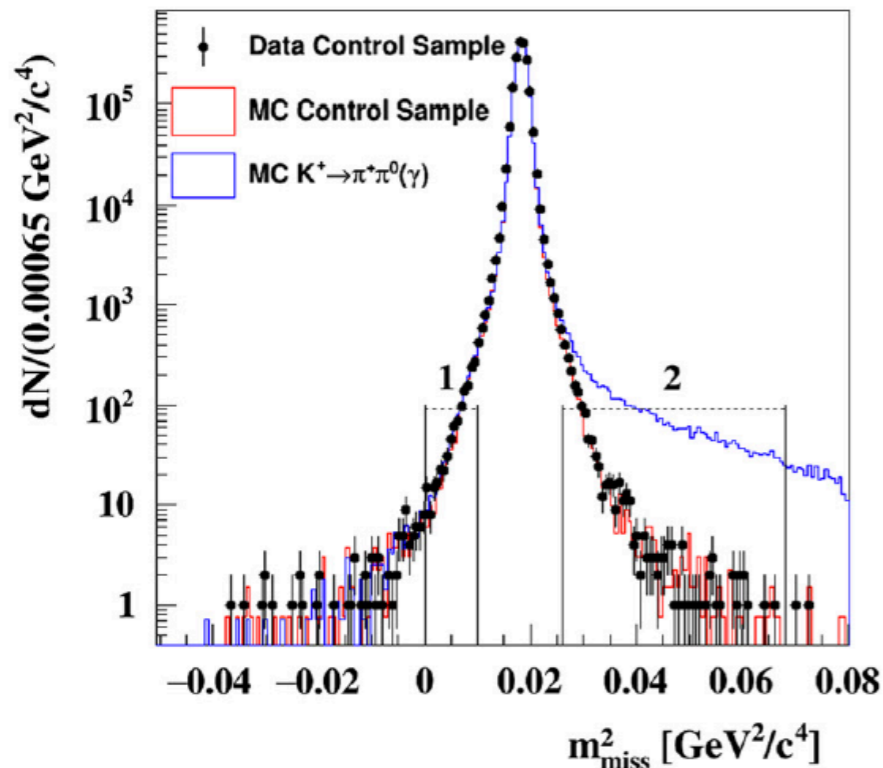
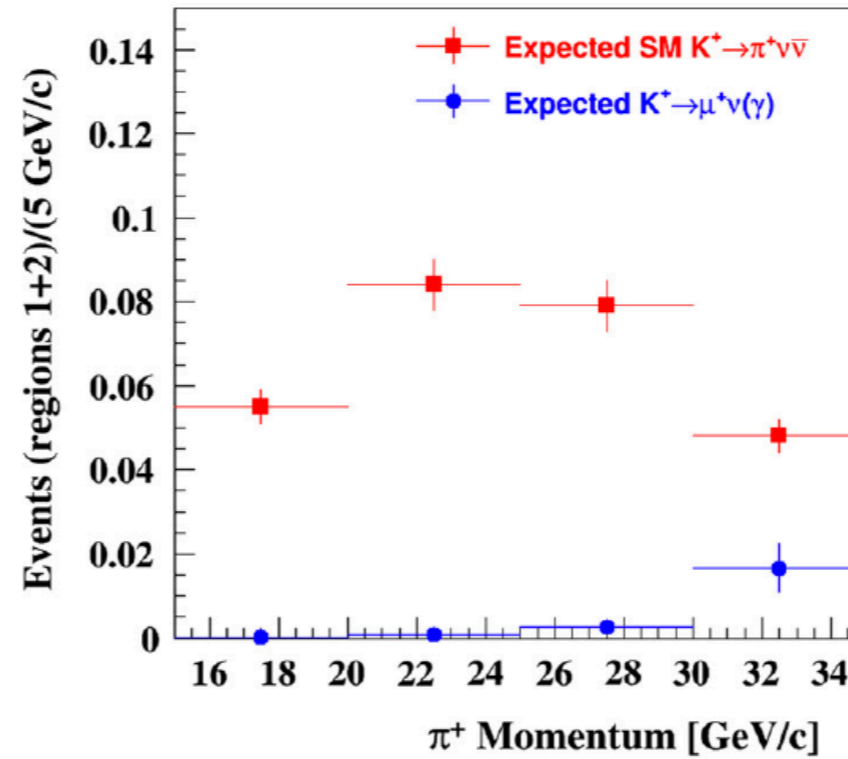
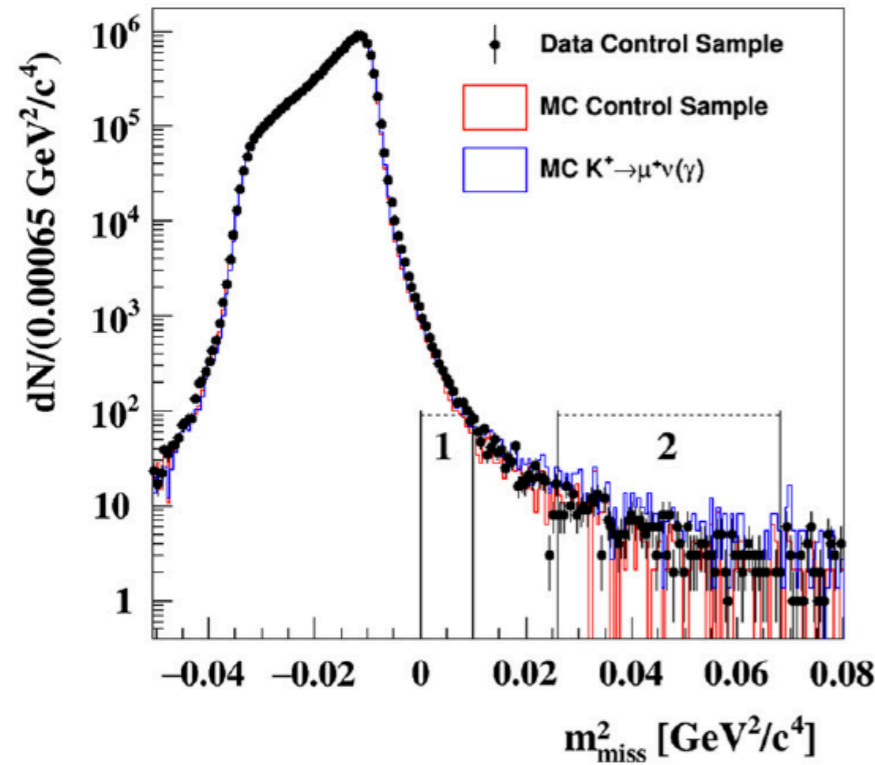
Radius is measured by the only RICH detector
No possible bias from other detector



$$M_{RICH} = P_{\pi} n_{in} \cdot \sqrt{\cos^2 \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{R_{ring}}{f_{length}} \right) \right) - 1}$$

Focal length ~17 m

2016 Background evaluation



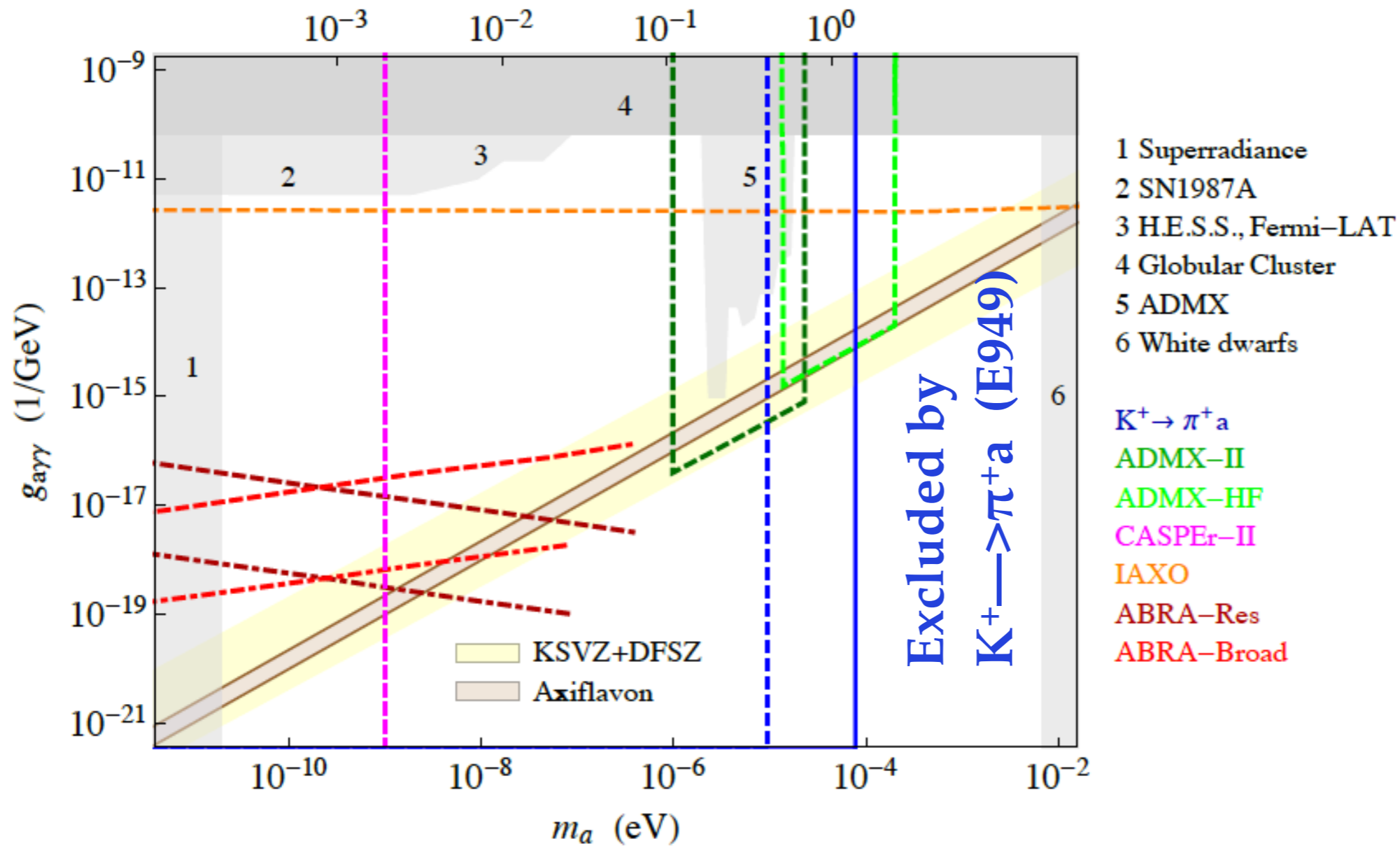
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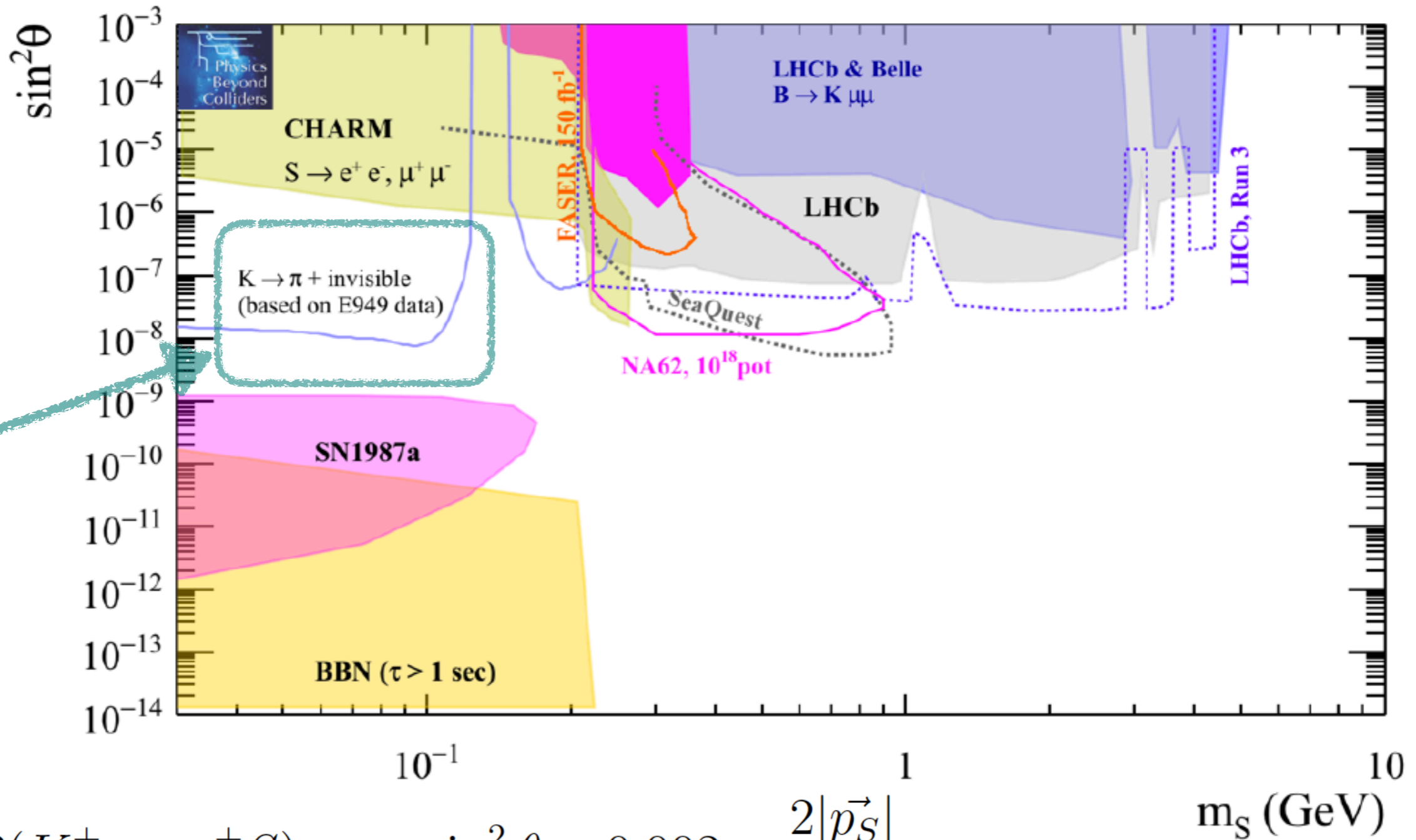
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Besides the strong CP problem, it solves the
 flavor hierarchy puzzle in the SM

$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ a) \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-10} \left(\frac{m_a}{0.1 \text{ meV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\kappa_{sd}}{N} \right)^2$$



Dark scalar, Higgs mixing



$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ S) \simeq \sin^2 \theta \times 0.002 \times \frac{2|p_S|}{m_K^+}$$