



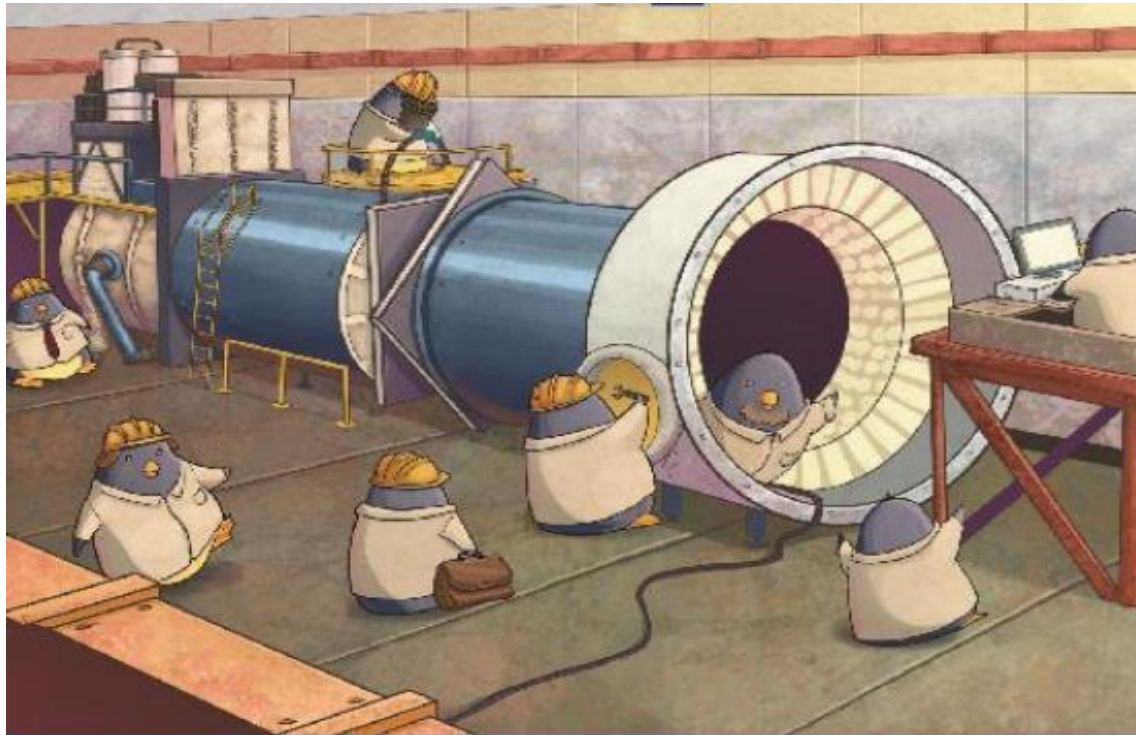
Stato e prospettive dell'esperimento NA62

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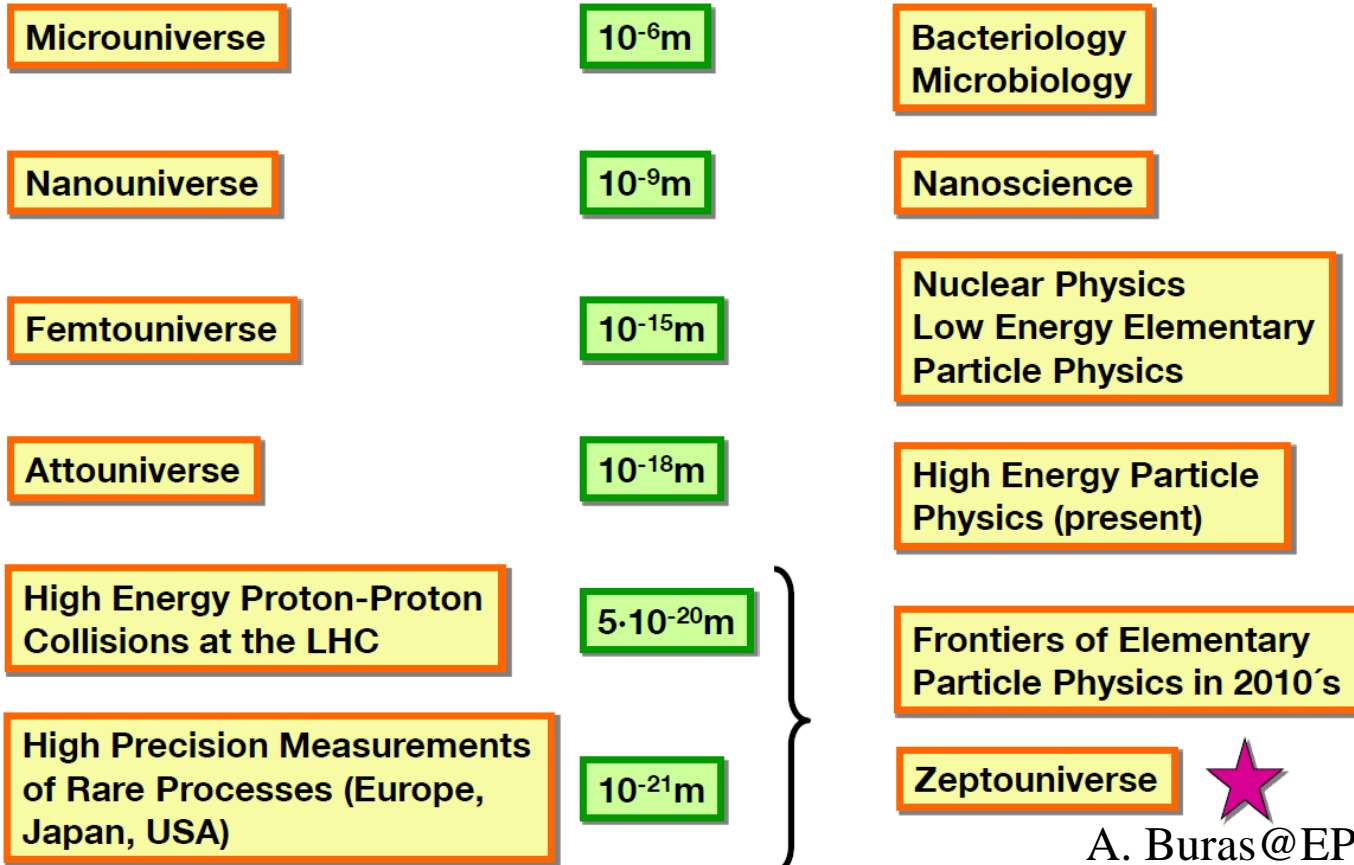
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Rare decays: motivation

A Journey to the Very Short Distance Scales:

1676 - 2046



A. Buras @EPS 2013

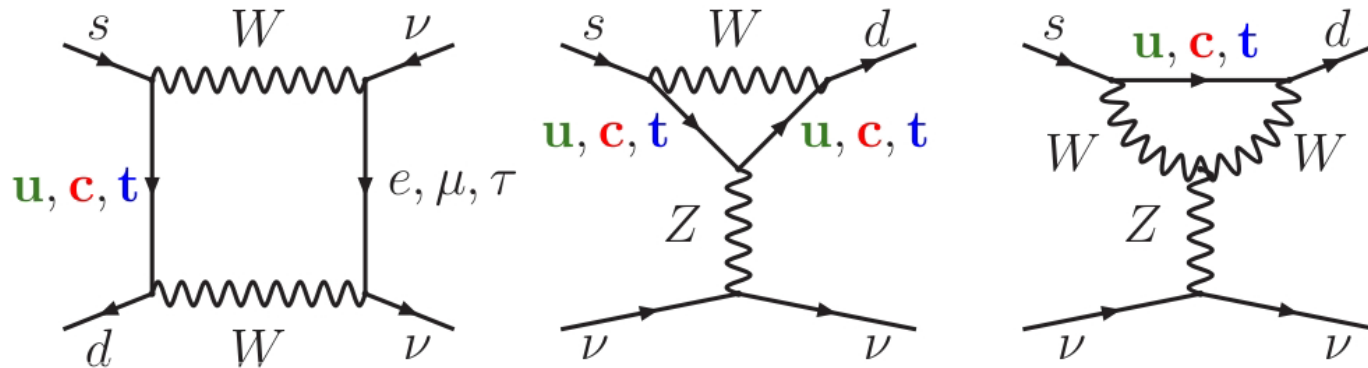
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Stockholm2013

The 100 TeV scale will only be accessible with rare decay studies up to > 2035

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay in SM

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



- Very clean theoretically:

➤ SD contribution dominate $A_q \sim \frac{M_q^2}{M_W^2} V_{qs}^* V_{qd}$

➤ Hadronic matrix element related to the precisely measured BR ($K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$)

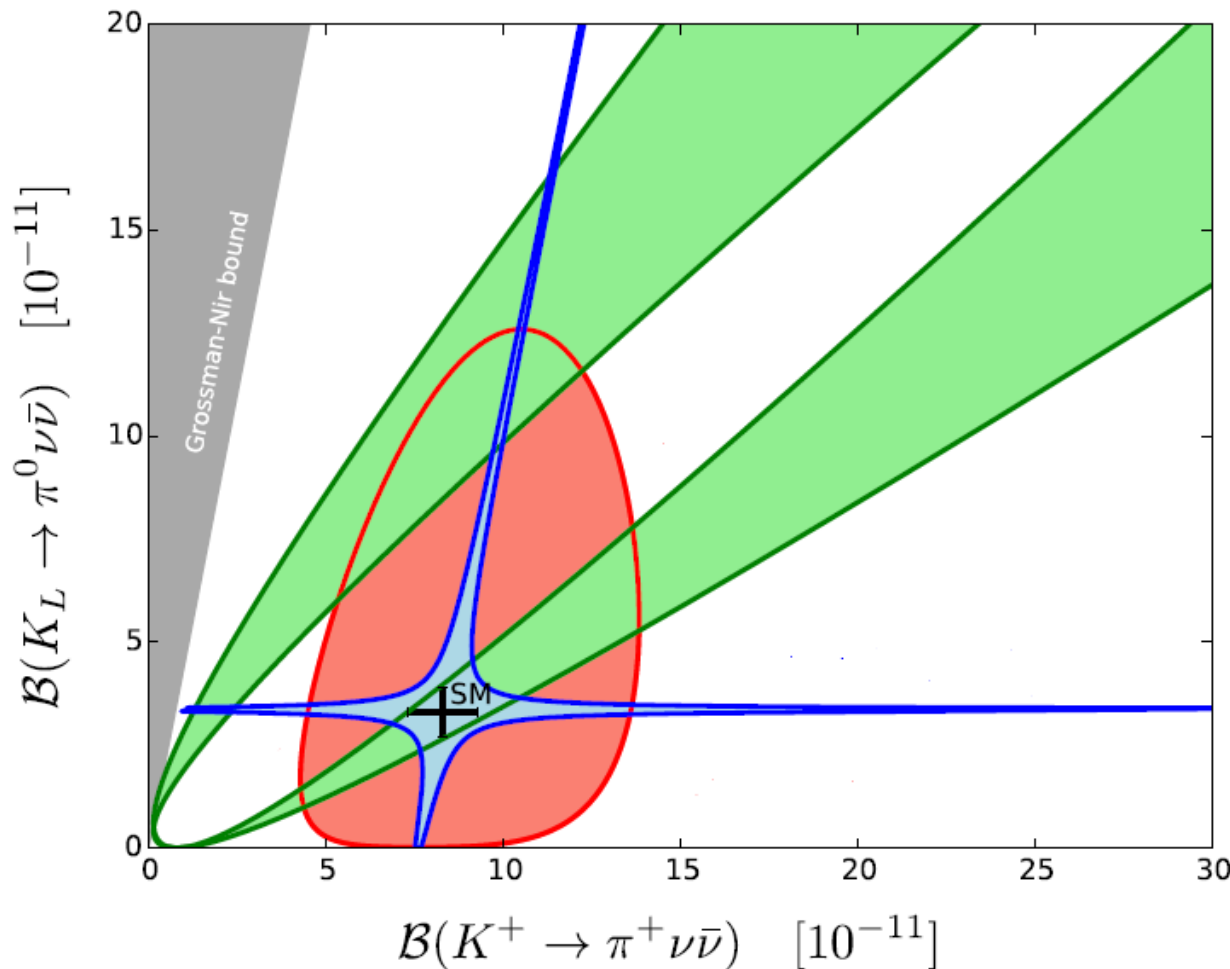
- BR proportional to $|V_{ts}^* V_{td}|^2$

- SM prediction [A.J. Buras et al, 2015 , arXiv:1503.02693]

$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (9.11 \pm 0.72) \times 10^{-11}$$

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ beyond SM

Possibility to distinguish among different models

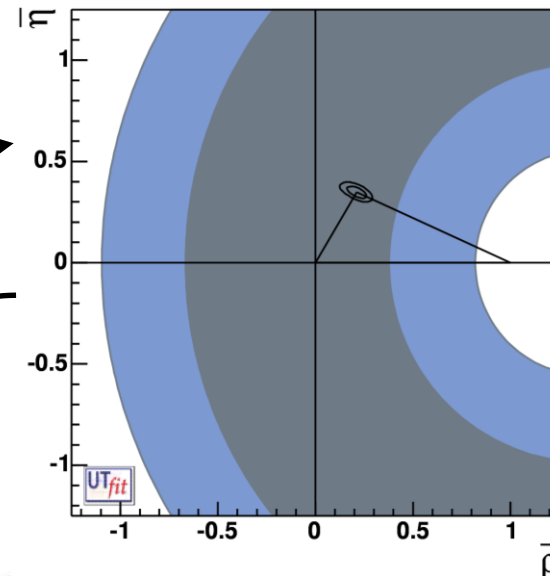
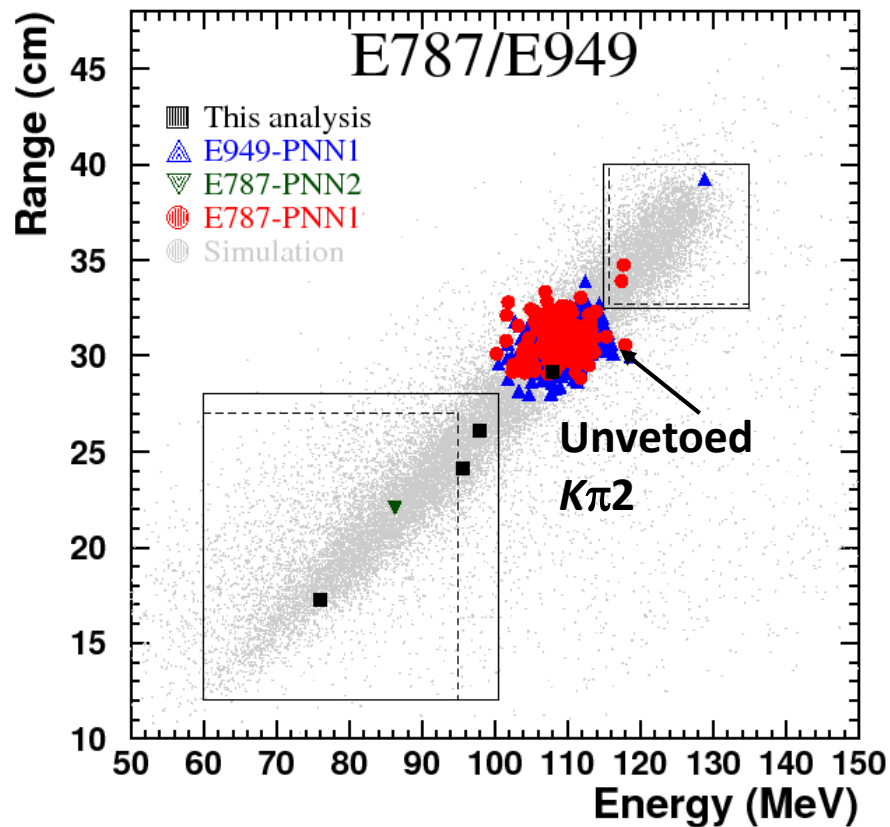


- Models with a CKM-like structure of flavour interactions (e.g. MFV)
- Models with new flavour and CP-violating interactions in which either left or right handed currents fully dominate (e.g. Z or Z' FCNC scenarios)
- Models like Randall-Sundrum

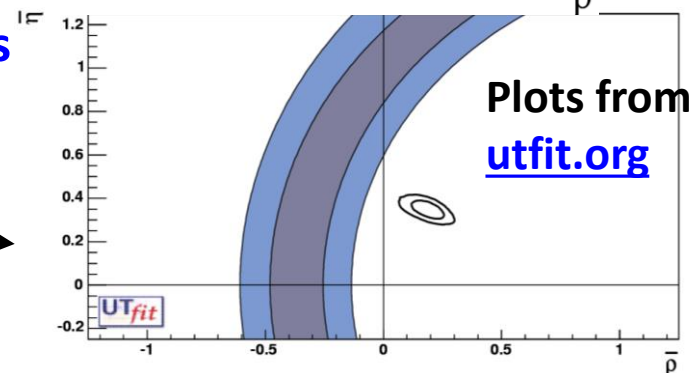
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay: experimental status

In 2008, combine E787 (1995-8 runs) & E949 (12-weeks run in 2001) results

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



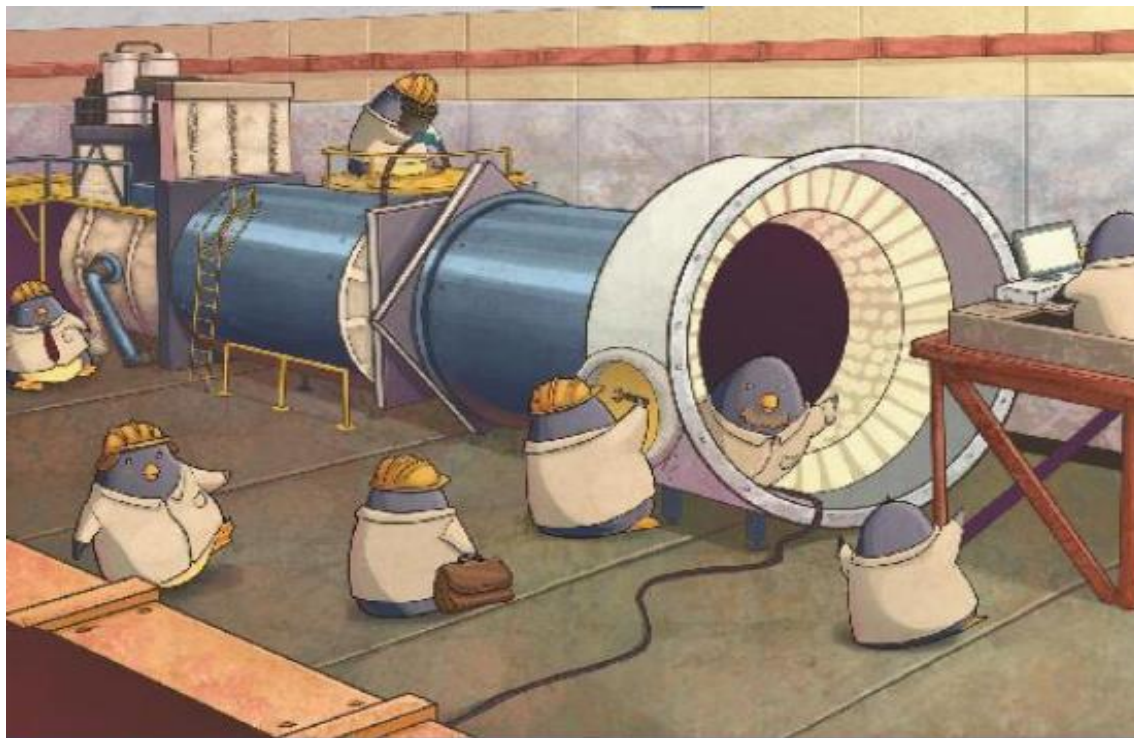
Same central value, 100 evts



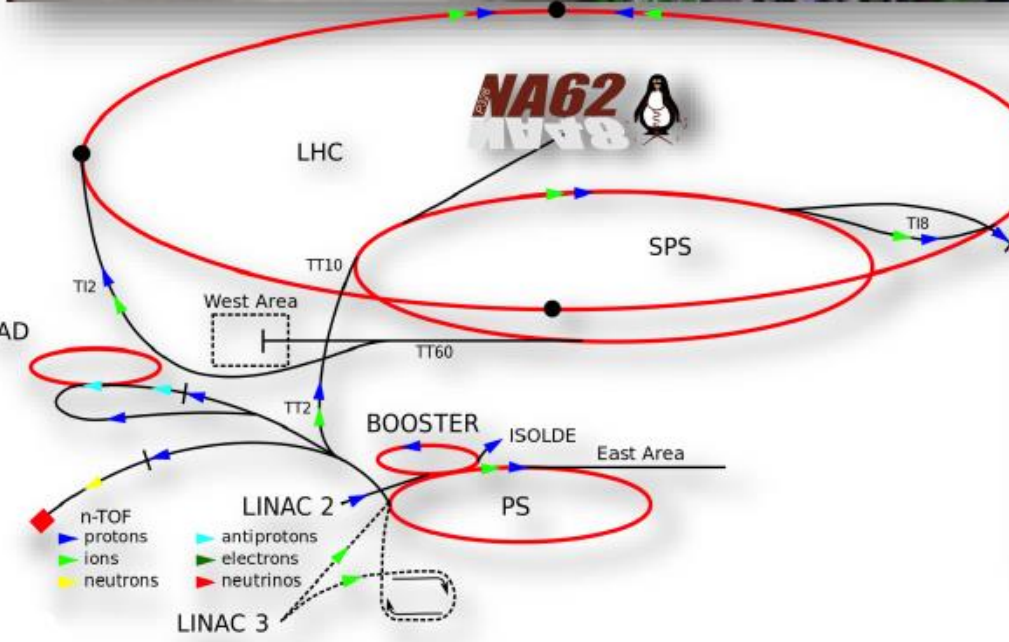
Expected bkg 2.6 events, prob. all 7 obs. evts are bkg is $\sim 10^{-3}$

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NA62 at CERN SPS



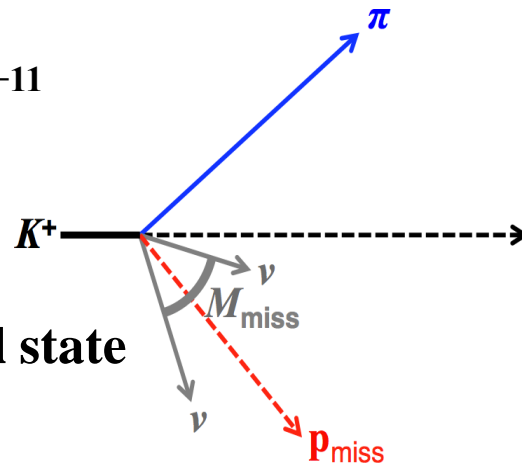
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay: signal and background

NA62 Main Goal:
10% precision BR($K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$) measurement

Technique:
75 GeV/c K decay in flight

Signal:
BR_{SM} $\sim (9.11 \pm 0.72) \times 10^{-11}$

K^+ track in
 π^+ track out
No other particles in final state



Requirements:

- ~100 SM events
- 10^{13} K^+ decays (signal acceptance ~10%)
- background rejection $\sim 10^{12}$
- background known to ~10%

Decay backgrounds

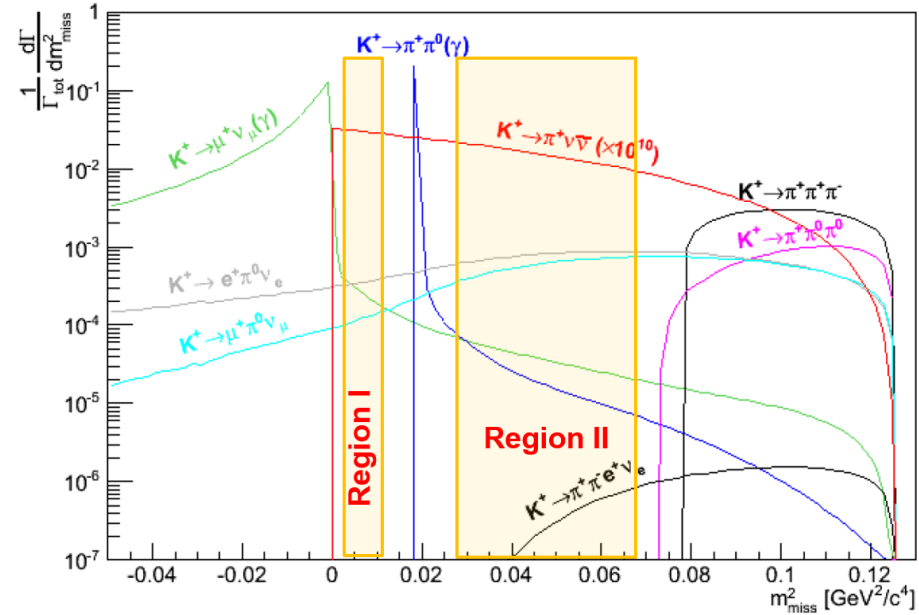
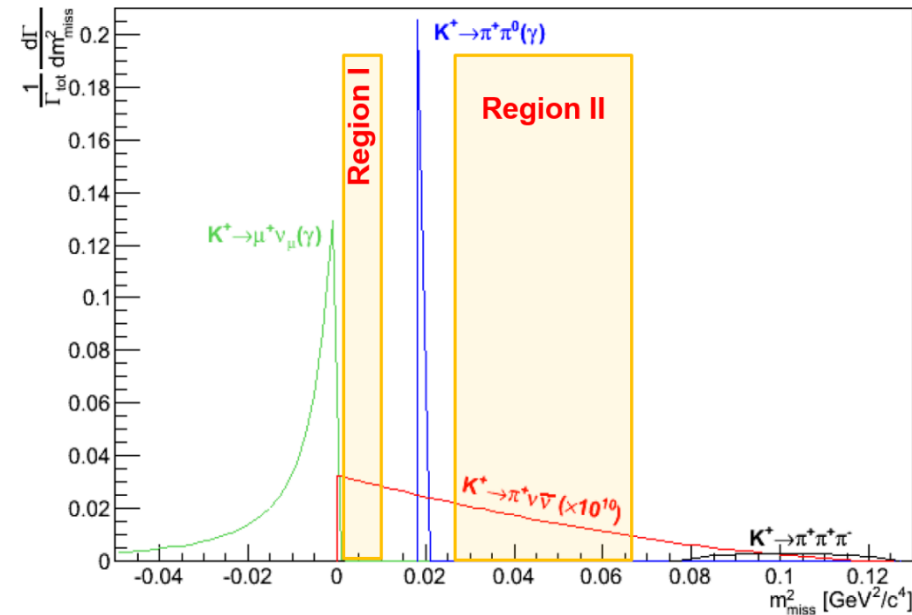
Mode		BR
$\mu^+ \nu(\gamma)$	$K_{\mu 2}$	63.5%
$\pi^+ \pi^0(\gamma)$	$K_{2\pi}$	20.7%
$\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$K_{3\pi}$	5.6%
$\pi^0 e^+ \nu$	K_{e3}	5.1%
$\pi^0 \mu^+ \nu$	$K_{\mu 3}$	3.3%
$\pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu$	$K_{e4}(+-)$	4.1×10^{-5}
$\pi^0 \pi^0 e^+ \nu$	$K_{e4}(00)$	2.2×10^{-5}
$\pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \nu$	$K_{\mu 4}$	1.4×10^{-5}
$e^+ \nu(\gamma)$	K_{e2}	1.5×10^{-5}

Other backgrounds

Upstream interactions

NA62 experimental strategy

Most discriminating variable: $m_{miss}^2 = (P_K - P_\pi)^2$

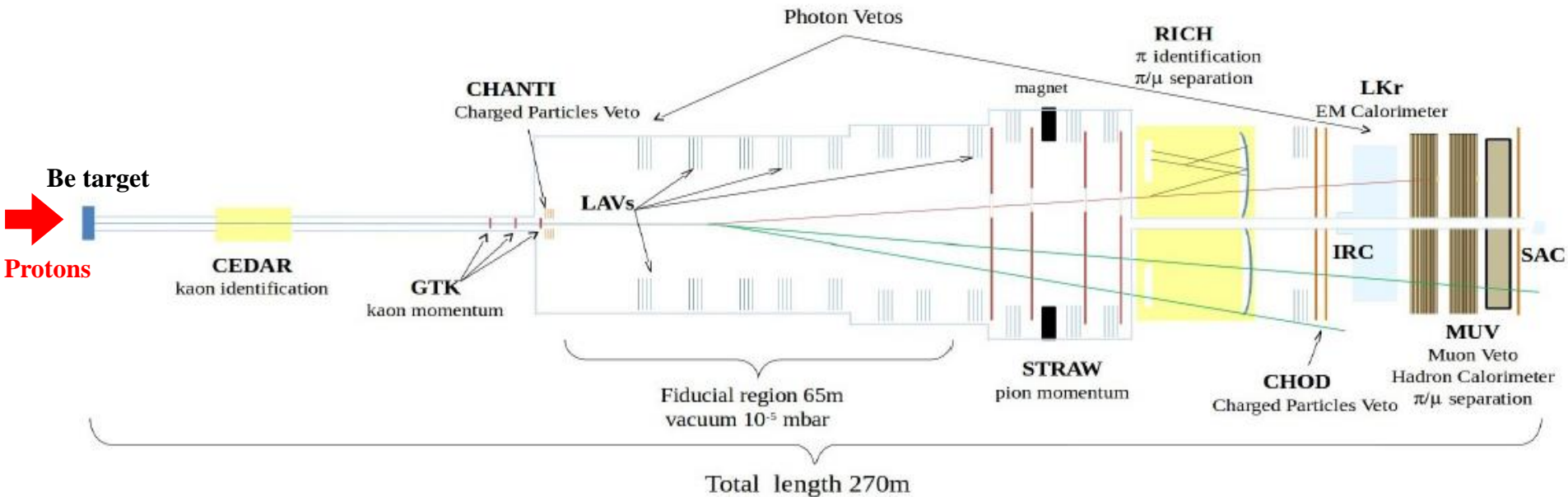


Experimental principles:

- ✓ Precise kinematic reconstruction: 2 signal regions in m_{miss}^2
- ✓ Low π momentum ($15 < p_\pi < 35$ GeV/c) to allow enough «missing» energy to be detected by hermetic γ veto detectors (mainly for $K_{2\pi}$ and semileptonic modes with π^0)
- ✓ PID: K upstream, $e/\mu/\pi$ downstream
- ✓ Beam inelastic event suppression
- ✓ Sub-ns timing

Expected 45 SM signal events / year with < 10 background

NA62 setup



Primary SPS proton beam:

- $p = 400 \text{ GeV}$ protons
- Proton on target $1.1 \times 10^{12} / \text{s}$
- Proton beam interacts with a beryllium target

High-intensity, unseparated secondary beam

- $p = 75 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $\Delta p/p \sim 1\%$

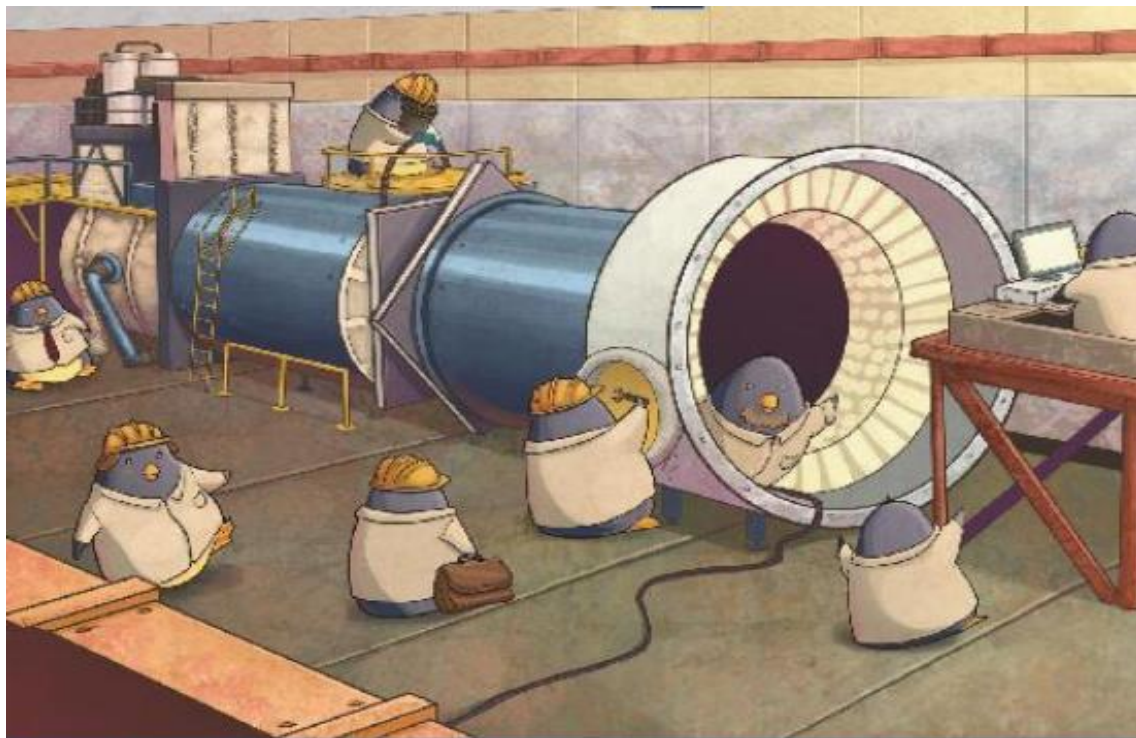
Total rate
750 MHz

- 525 MHz π
- 170 MHz p
- 45 MHz K

Detectors commissioned up to nominal intensity in 2015

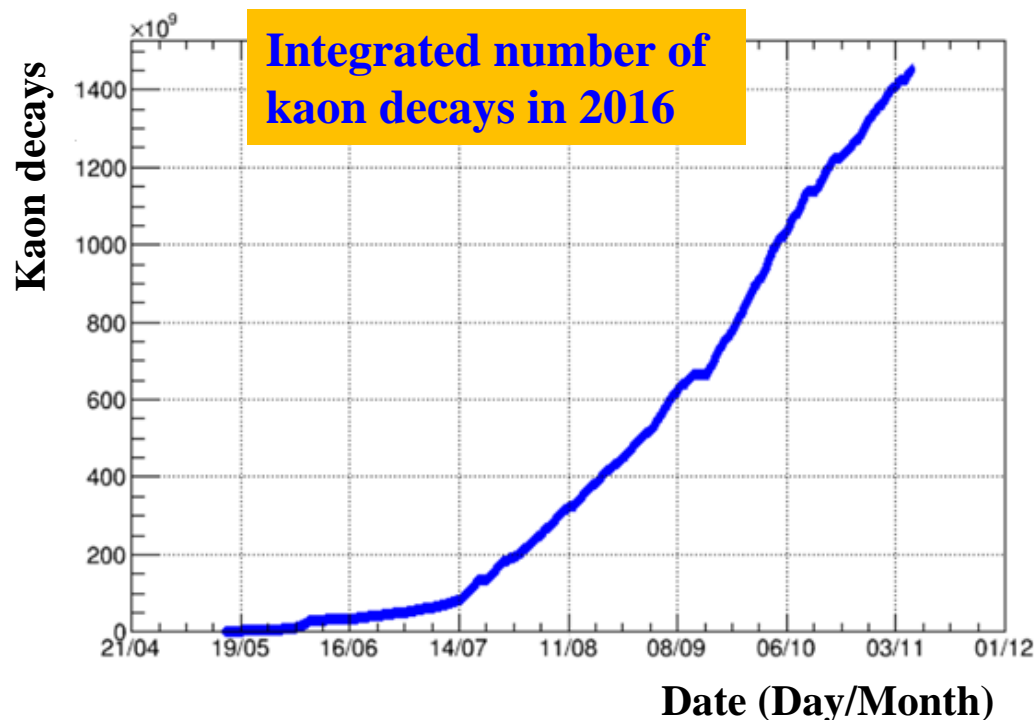
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Where NA62 is now

- 2014: detector commissioning
- 2015: trigger commissioning, beam line commissioning up to the nominal intensity, detector performance studies
- 2016: high level software trigger commissioning, full commissioning of the beam tracker



Running consistently at about **40% of nominal intensity:**

- Limited by beam “Structures”
- Data taking for PNN + RARE/EXOTICS simultaneously
- Three full GTK working (no noise, 30/30 chips) since September 15

With improved extraction and incremental improvements to the efficiency we can reach our target of 10^{13} K decays before LS2

K-decays: extrapolation to end of 2018:
 $5 \cdot 10^{11}$ / month * 12 months $\sim 6 \cdot 10^{12}$

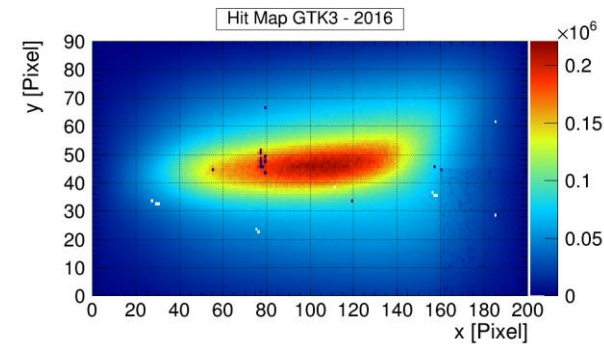
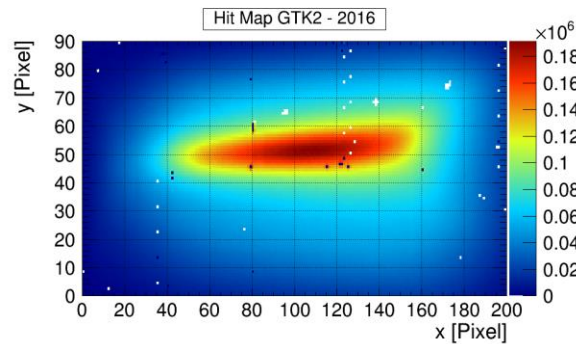
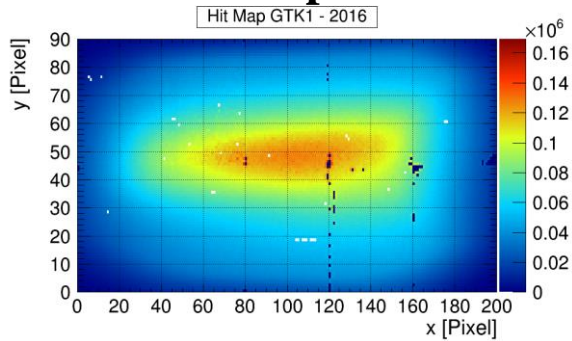
One track selection

- **Downstream particle selection**
 - ✓ **Loop on each of the straw track: not vertex with any other track**
 - ✓ **Good positive track, within detectors' geometrical acceptance**
 - ✓ **Momentum of track between 15 and 35 GeV/c**
 - ✓ **Track matching with CHOD candidates, LKr and MUV1,2 cluster and a RICH ring**

- **Upstream particle selection**
 - ✓ **K in KTAG in time with the CHOD time**
 - ✓ **Spectrometer –Gigatracker track matching**
 - ✓ **Cut on Z of the reconstructed vertex between 105 and 165 m**

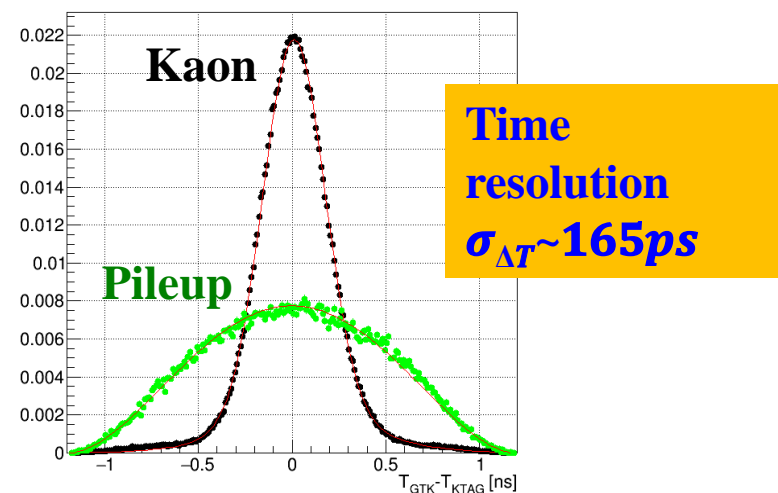
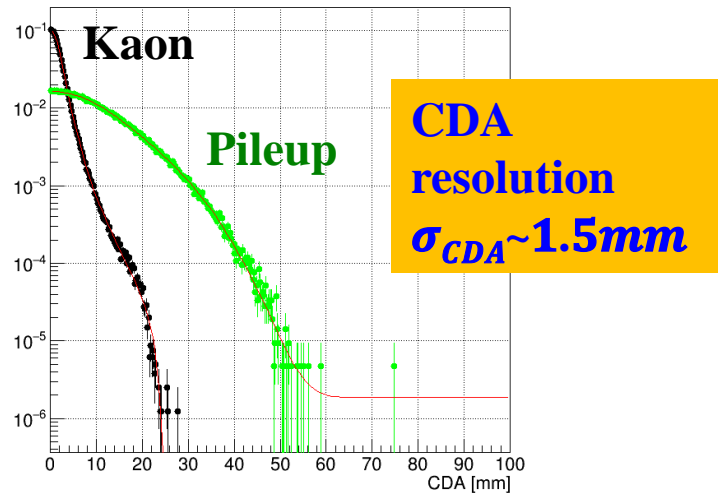
Track matching in 2016 data

3 stations of Silicon pixel detectors (300 x 300 μm^2), operating in the evacuated beam pipe inside an achromat. Active area ≈ 60 (X) * 27 (Y) mm^2 ; overall rate 750 MHz, in the beam centre 140 kHz/pixel



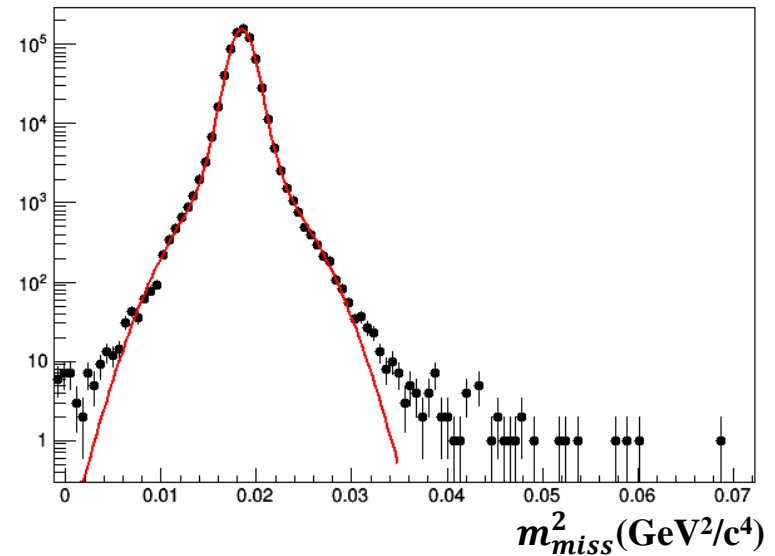
GTK Kaon tracks sample: for each $K_{3\pi}$, all GTK triplets (in time with KTAG) compatible with a beam particle; kaon candidate selected using $K_{3\pi}$ downstream

GTK Pileup tracks sample: same as above using triplet from out-of-time hits wrt KTAG.



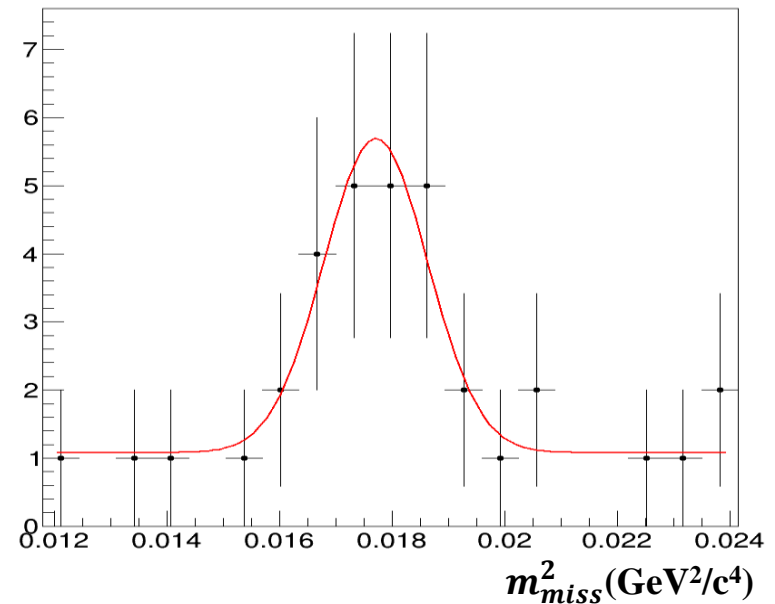
Photon rejection

Dedicated $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ selection
Missing mass peak resolution: 1×10^{-3}



LAV, LKr, SAC and IRC in veto

$\pi^+ \pi^0$ photon rejection
 $(6 \pm 2) \times 10^{-7}$

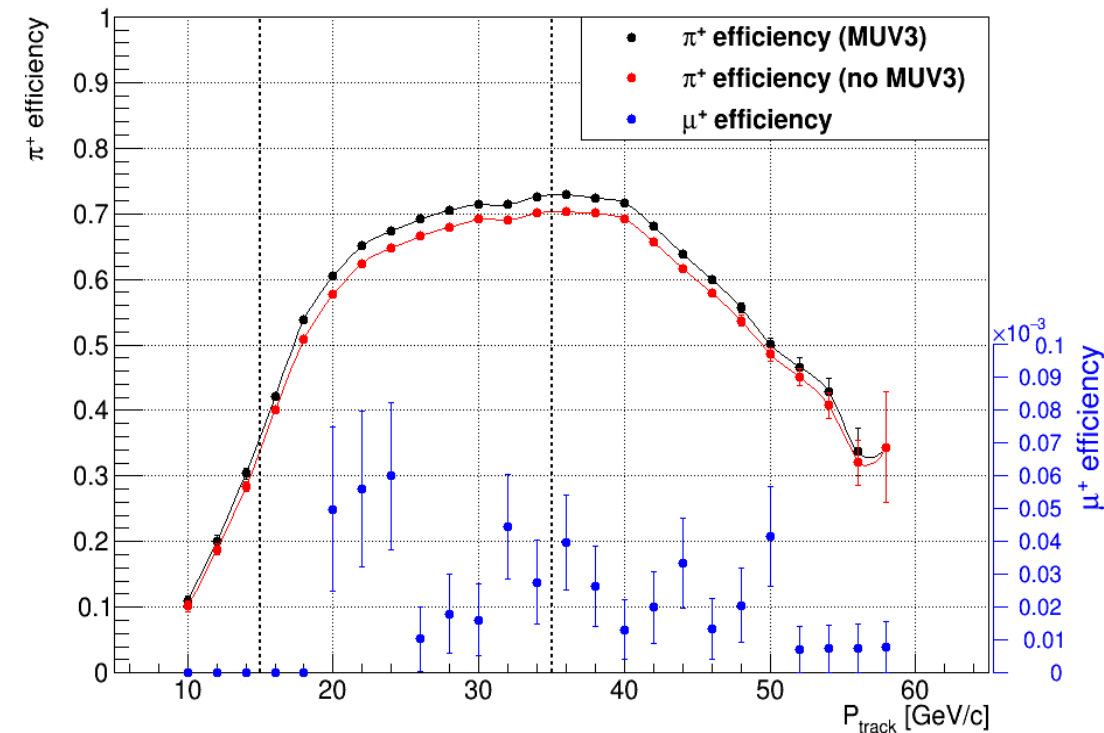


PID with calorimetric information

Cut and count method using samples of muons and pions (purity of samples to be evaluated).

Info used:

- MUV3
- Total energy (LKr+MUV1+MUV2) and Total energy / P
- Energy sharing among calo: ratio of the energies in MUV1,2 wrt total energy
- Shape of the energy depositions in LKr, MUV1,2



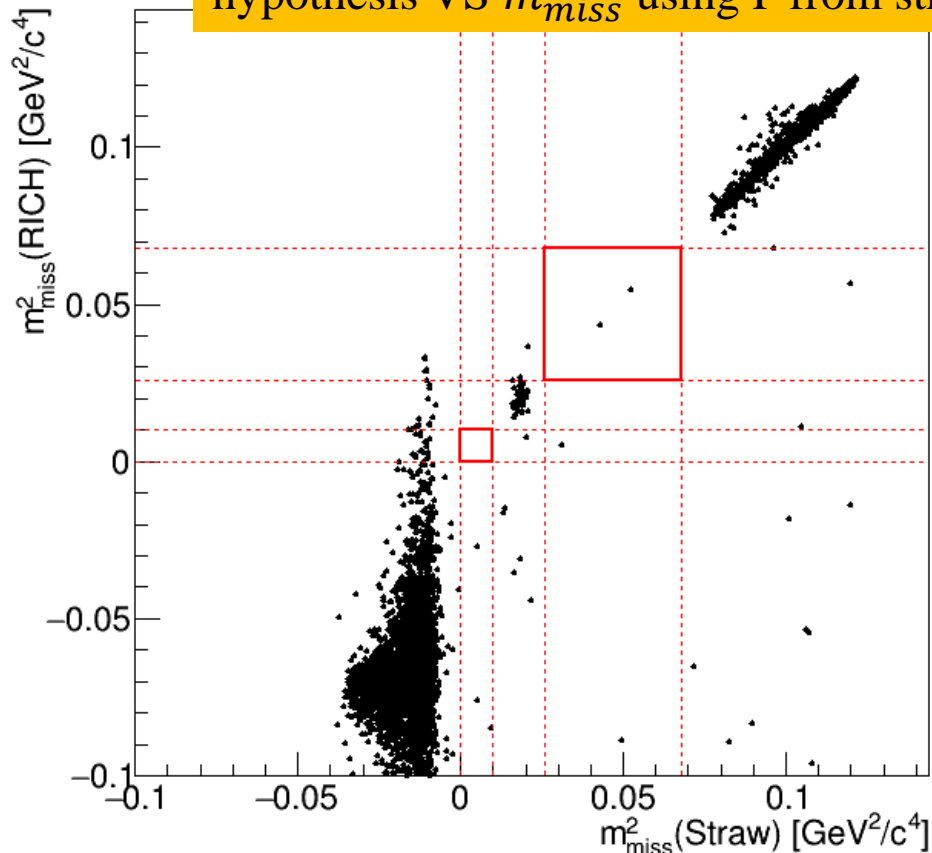
Muon acceptance (15-35)GeV/c:
 $2.9 \pm 0.6 \times 10^{-5}$

Pion efficiency (15-35)GeV/c:
65% (including 3% of MUV3
random veto)

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ selection preliminary study

Not a blind analysis in one run with 5×10^9 kaon decays (rough estimation)

m_{miss}^2 using momentum from RICH under pion hypothesis VS m_{miss}^2 using P from straw spectrometer



Residual events in region 2 are:

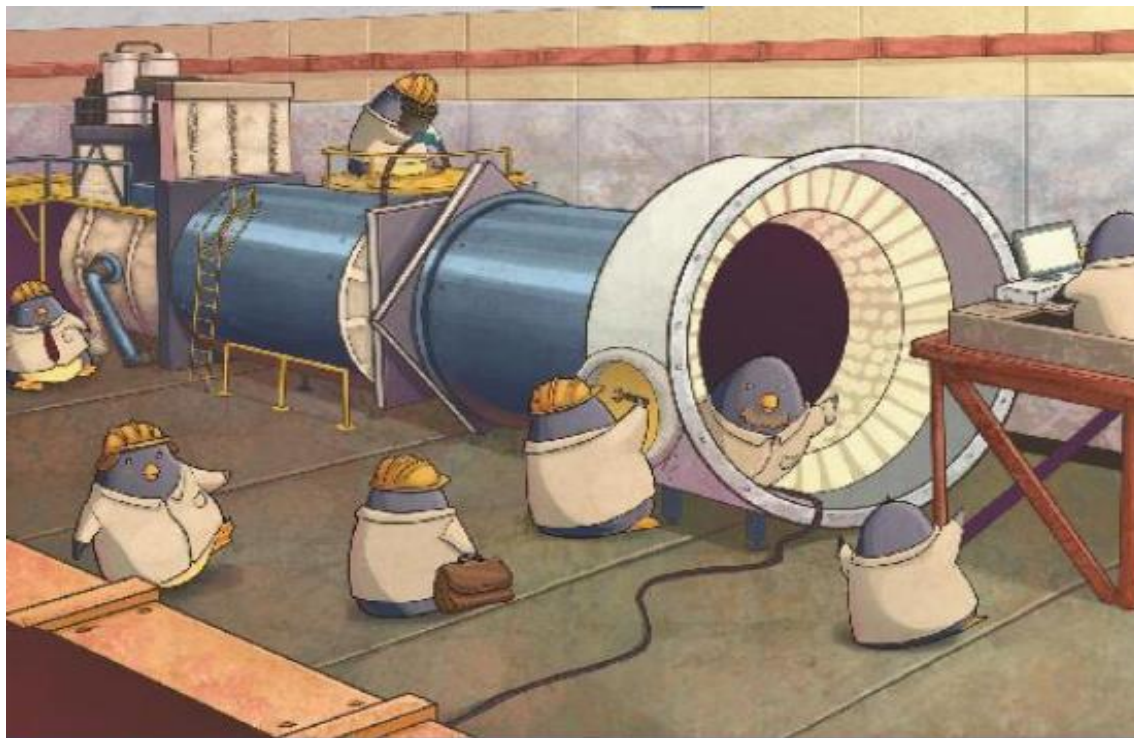
- 3 pion (improvement of multi-charged particle suppression)
- Beam background

Sensitivity in the range

$$10^{-8} \div 4 \times 10^{-9}$$

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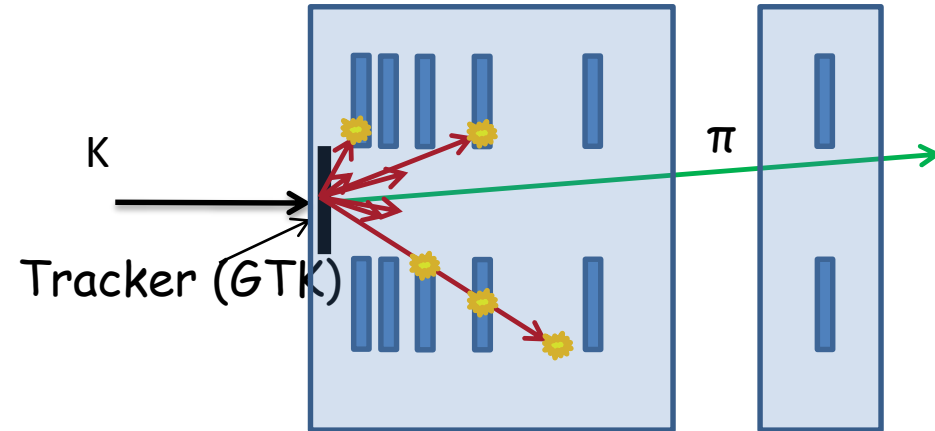


CHANTI postcard

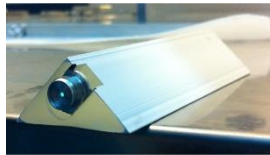
Rivelatore 100% napoletano fin dalla proposta e dal progetto.

Sei anelli di guardia per vetare le interazioni inelastiche dei K sul GTK

Barre di scintillatori a sezioni triangolare letti tramite fibre WLS e SiPM, montate in modo da avere un piano X e uno Y per ogni stazione



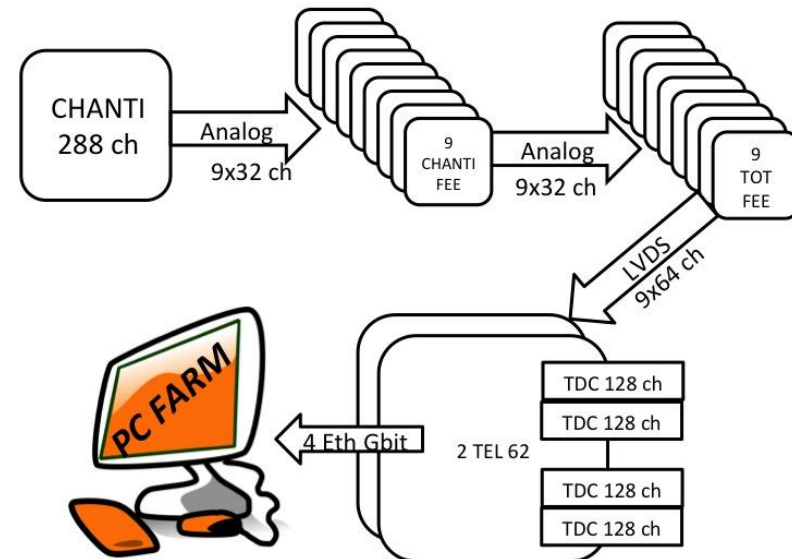
Barra di scintillatore



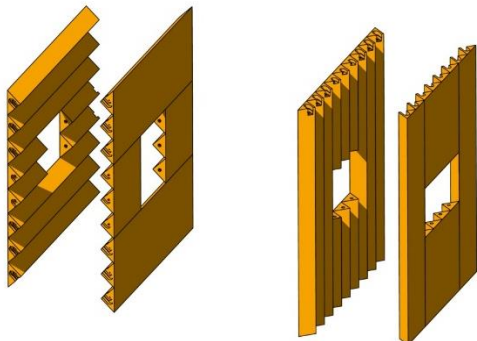
Stazione cablata



Elettronica di FE



Layout dei layer X/Y



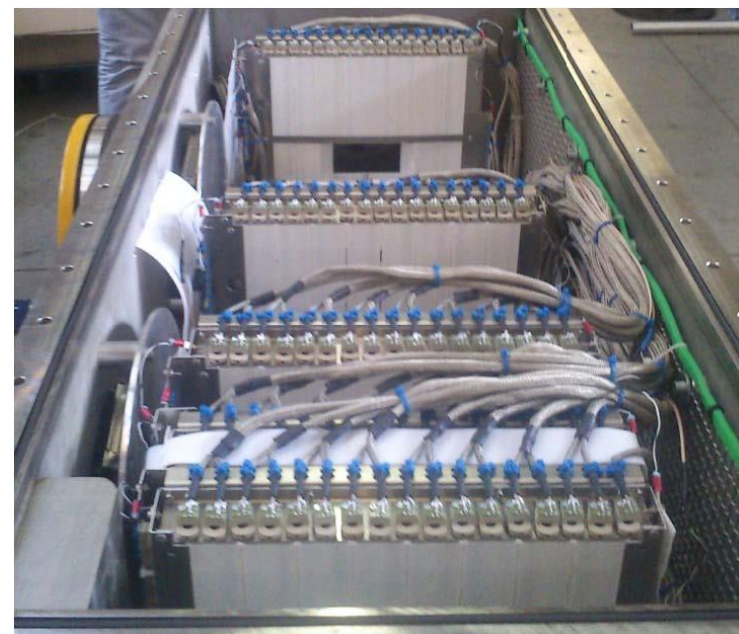
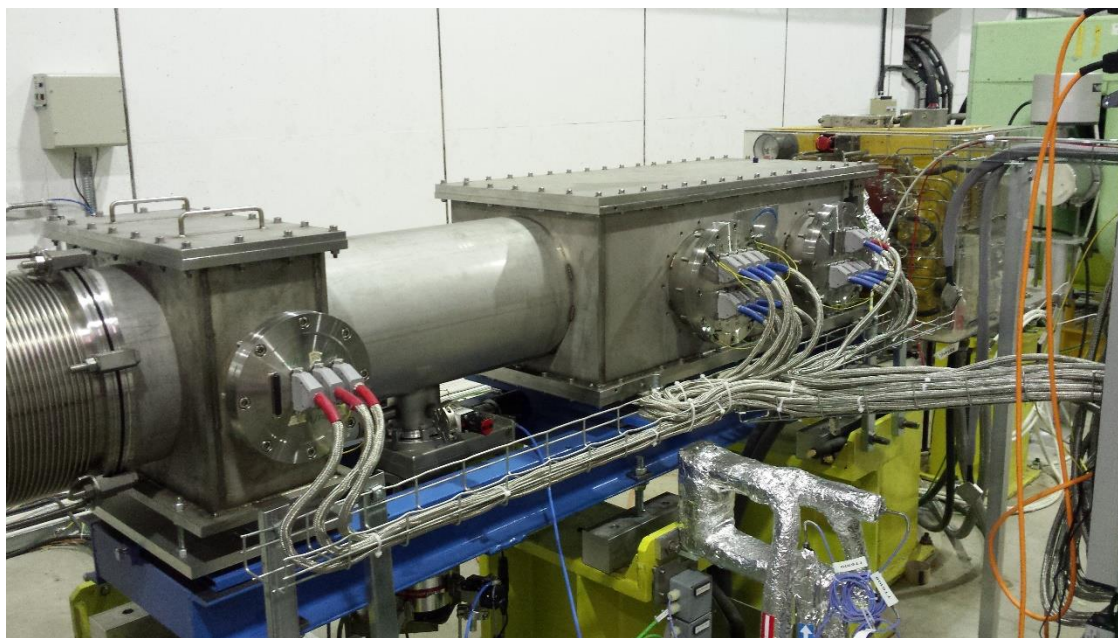
CHANTI in NA62

Run 2014 - Completata la costruzione e installato con test sull'elettronica

Run 2015 - Valutazione delle performance del rivelatore sul fascio (risoluzione temporale, efficienza di rivelazione, risoluzione spaziale, veto accidentale introdotto)

Run 2016 - Stabilmente in presa dati

F.Ambrosino et al. , *CHANTI: a Fast and Efficient Charged Particle Veto Detector for the NA62 Experiment at CERN*, Journal of Instrumentation, Volume 11, P03029, March 2016, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/11/03/P03029>



Beam background responsibility

Summary of $\pi\nu\nu$ analysis

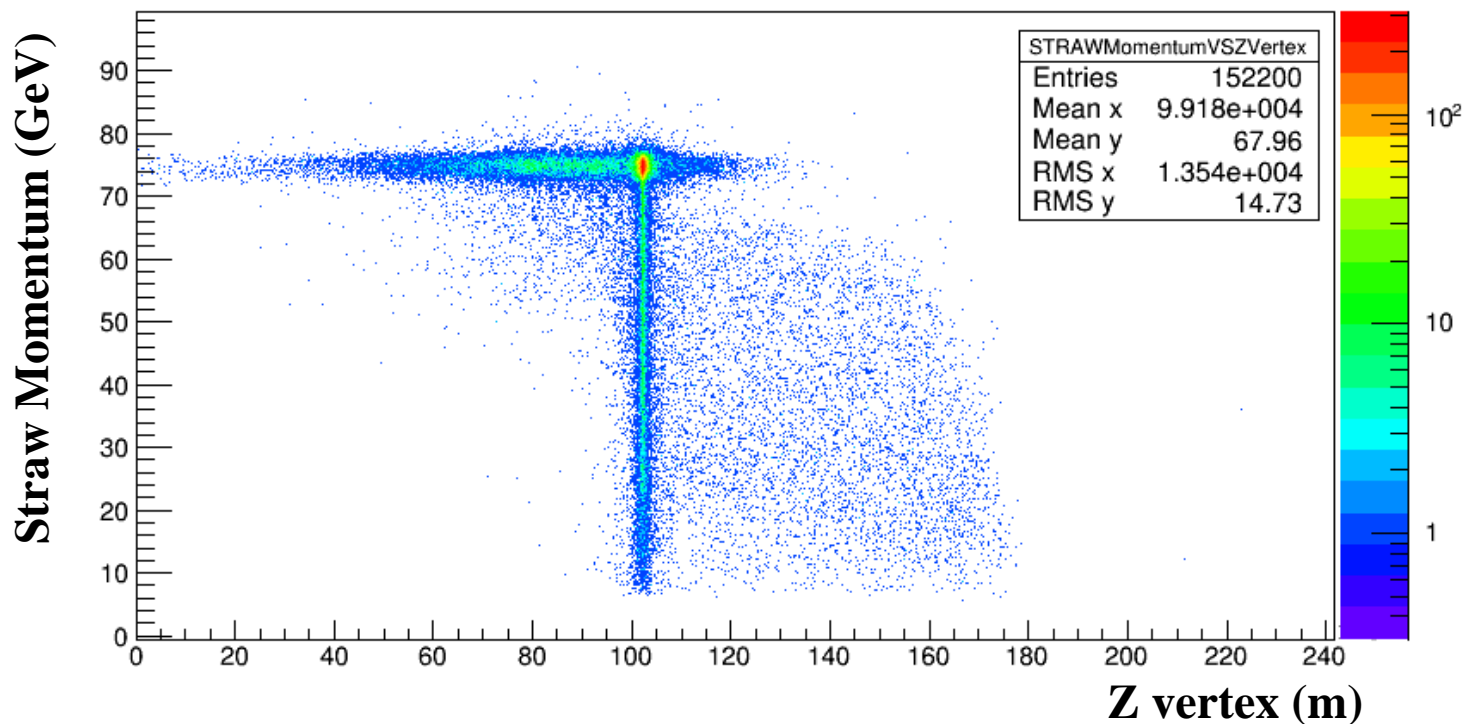
- × Full analysis on 2015 data: D. Brymann, J. Fu, A. Conovaloff
- × Full analysis on 2016 data: R. Marchevsky, G.R., D. Brymann, B. Velghe
- × GTK – Straw matching (coordinated by M. Perrin-Terrin): Z.Kucerova, B. Velghe, J. Swallow, D. Moise
- × PID with calorimeters: R. Aliberti, M. Zamkovsky
- × PID with RICH: R. Volpe, S. Duk, J. Engelfried
- × Photon rejection: T. Spadaro, L. Peruzzo, G.R., B. Velghe
- × Beam background: M. Mirra
- × Trigger efficiency: D. Soldi
- × ... many items to be covered yet

Names are preliminary

Sample of inelastic interactions

Using pions, instead of kaons, in order to study inelastic interactions. Sample definition:

- ✓ Single track event in STRAW: one track(positive charge) in geometrical acceptance of downstream detectors
- ✓ One CHOD candidate matching in time and space the track
- ✓ GTK track in time forming a good vertex (CDA cut) with the downstream track
- ✓ KTAG condition in veto
- ✓ No MUV3 candidate in time with CHOD and space matching with the track
- ✓ Cut on E/P of the π^+ candidate

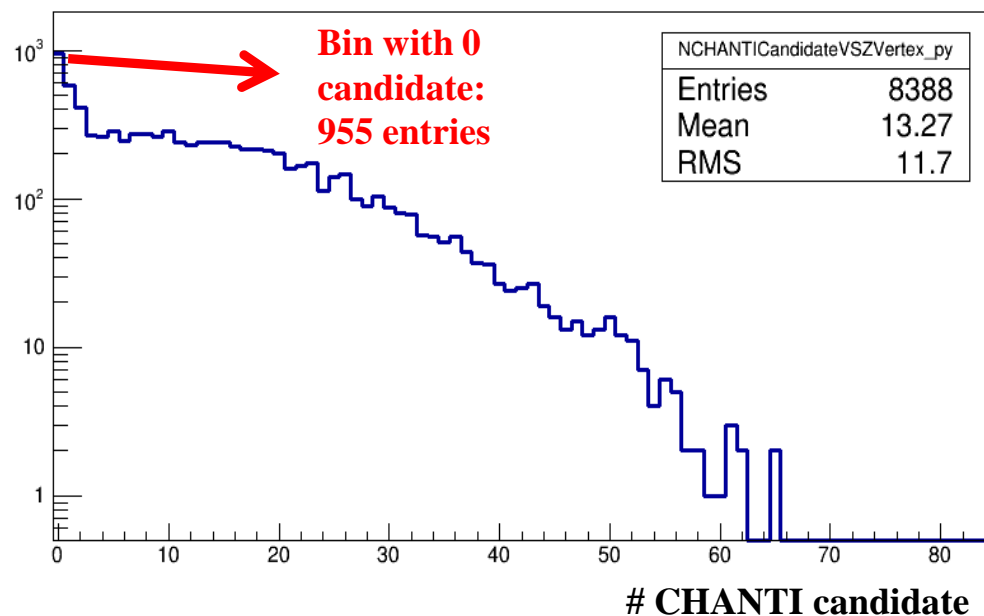
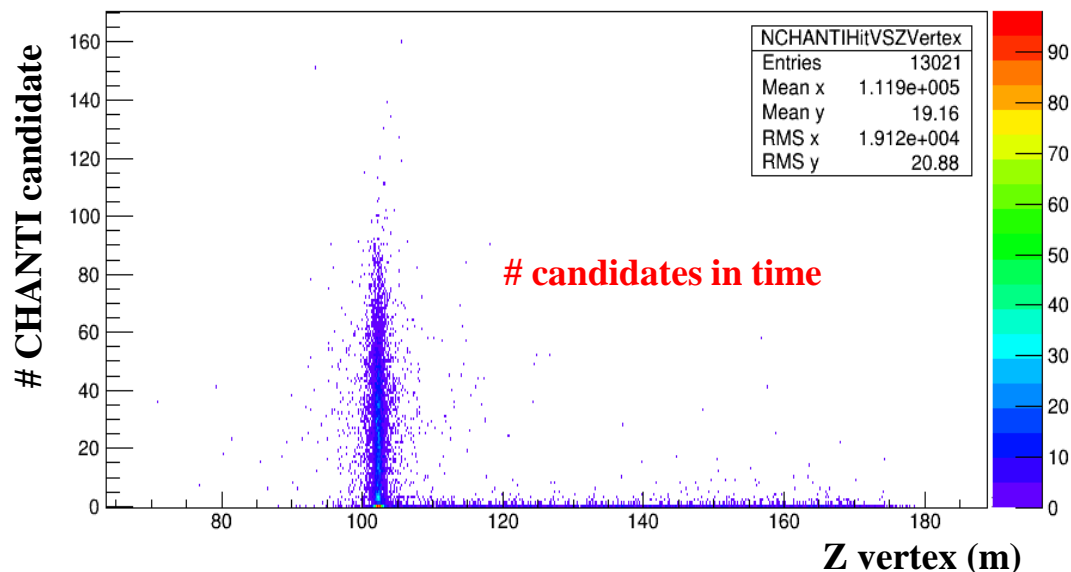


Inelastic detection efficiency

Subtracting the number of pion decays evaluated with pol0 fit in the fiducial volume, the detection efficiency is ~90%.

This is probably mainly due to geometrical acceptance (efficiency, checked on muons in 2016, is >99% single view. The inelastic detection does not include LAV (covering a complementary geometrical region with respect to the CHANTI)

Moreover no GTK information are used (ToT and multiplicity of hits in GTK3)



CHANTI accidental veto

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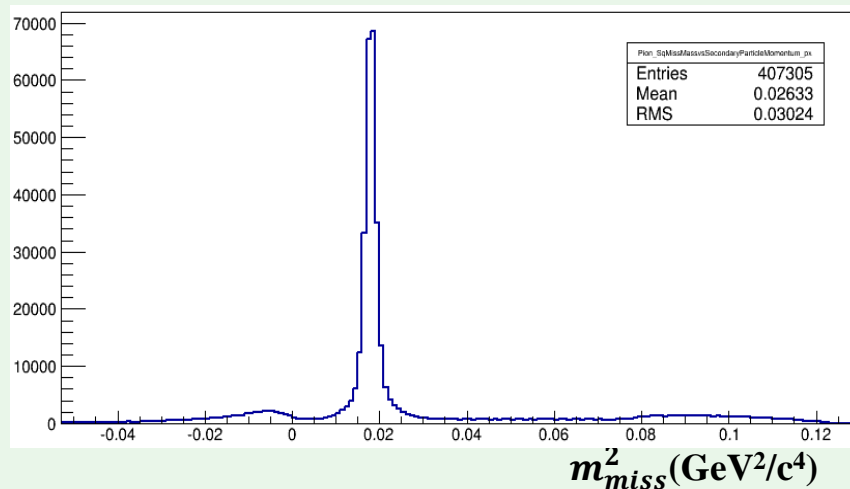
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- ✓ KTAG condition to identify kaon
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$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ sample

No MUV3 candidate in time with CHOD and space matching with the track

Cut on the missing mass

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

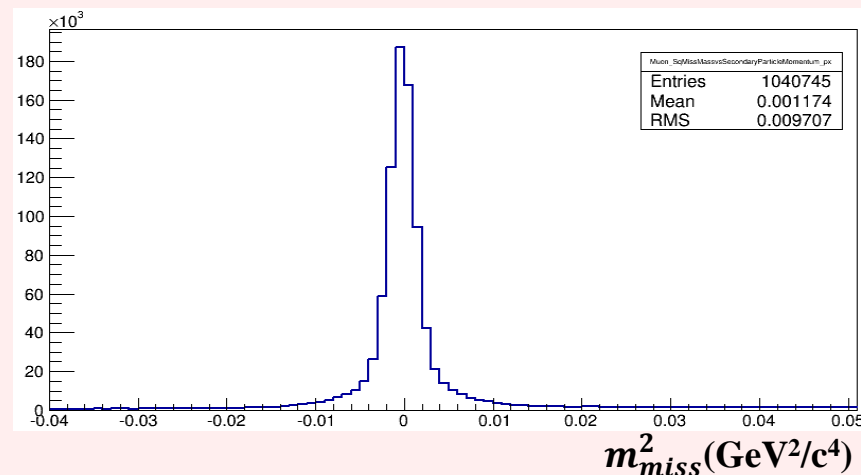


$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ sample

MUV3 candidate in time with CHOD and space matching with the track

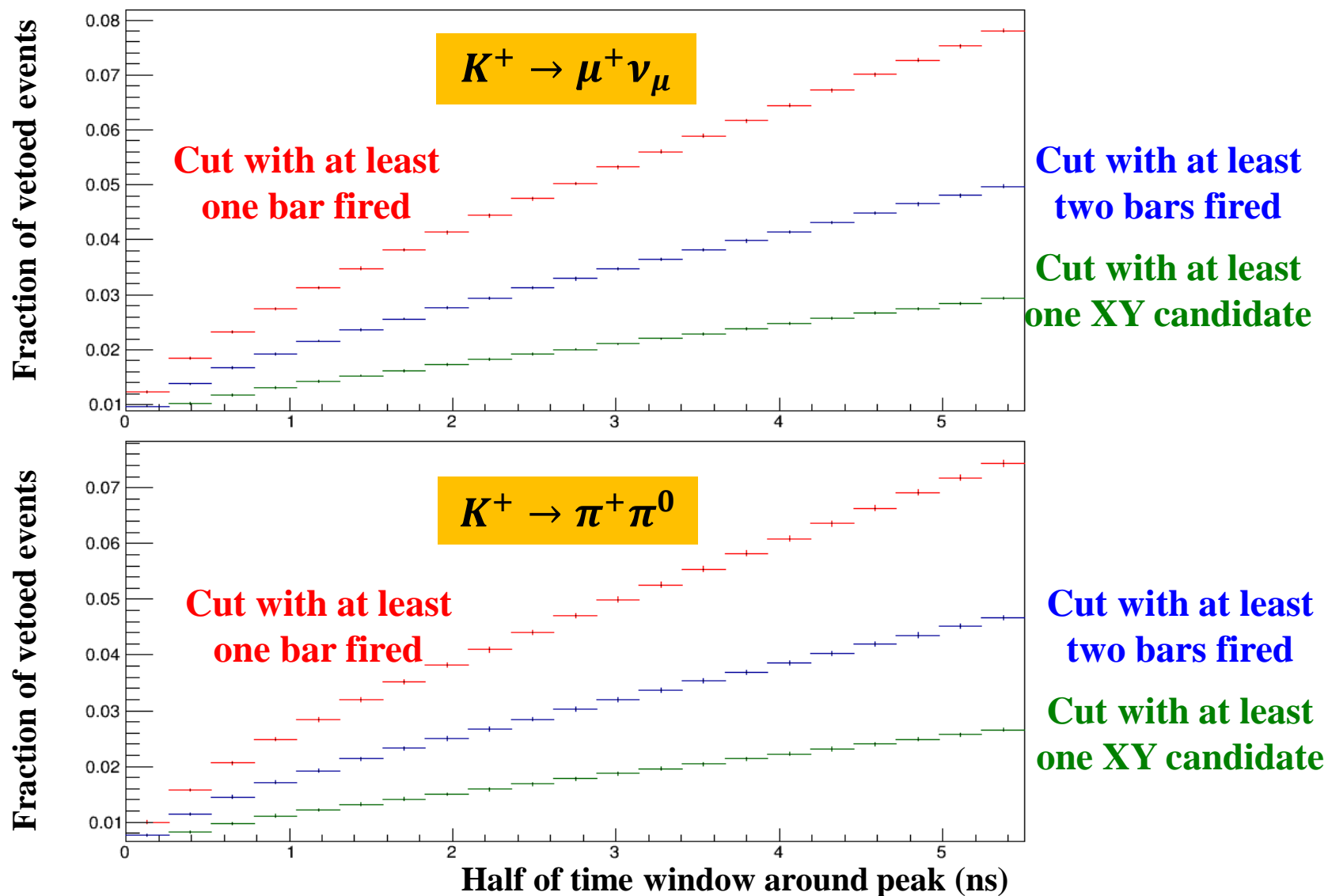
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Fraction of events rejected by CHANTI vs. time window around event time



Large angle vetoes efficiency

Large angles vetoes (LAV) $8.5 < \theta < 50$ mrad

12 stazioni a intervalli di ~ 10 m lungo la linea di fascio

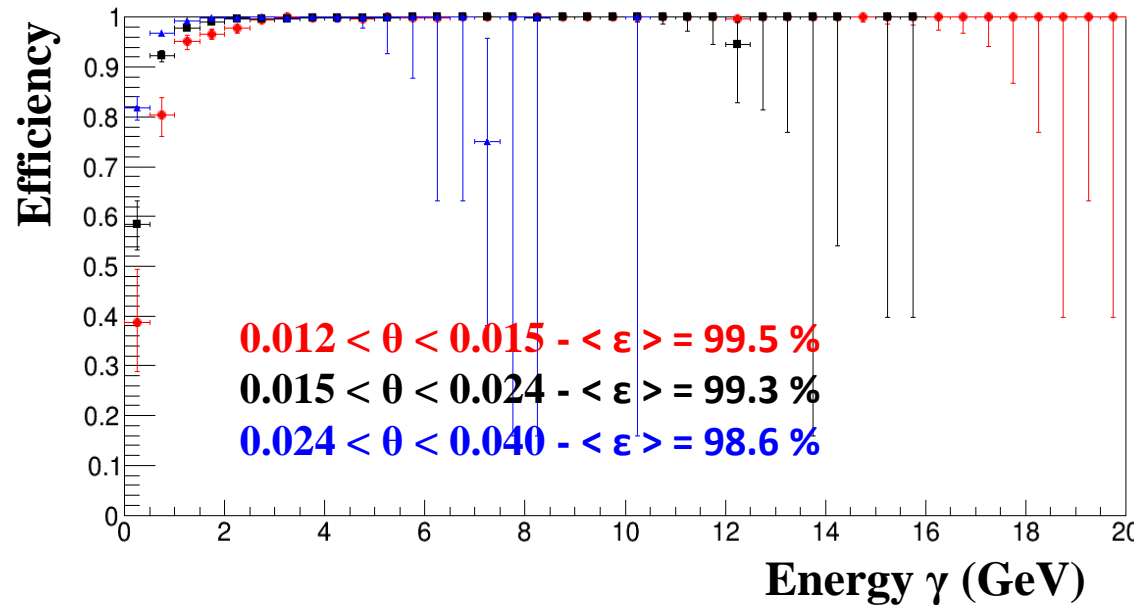
Ogni stazione ha 4-5 anelli di blocchi al vetro-piombo

Napoli ha partecipato alla costruzione a LNF e l'installazione al CERN dei LAV



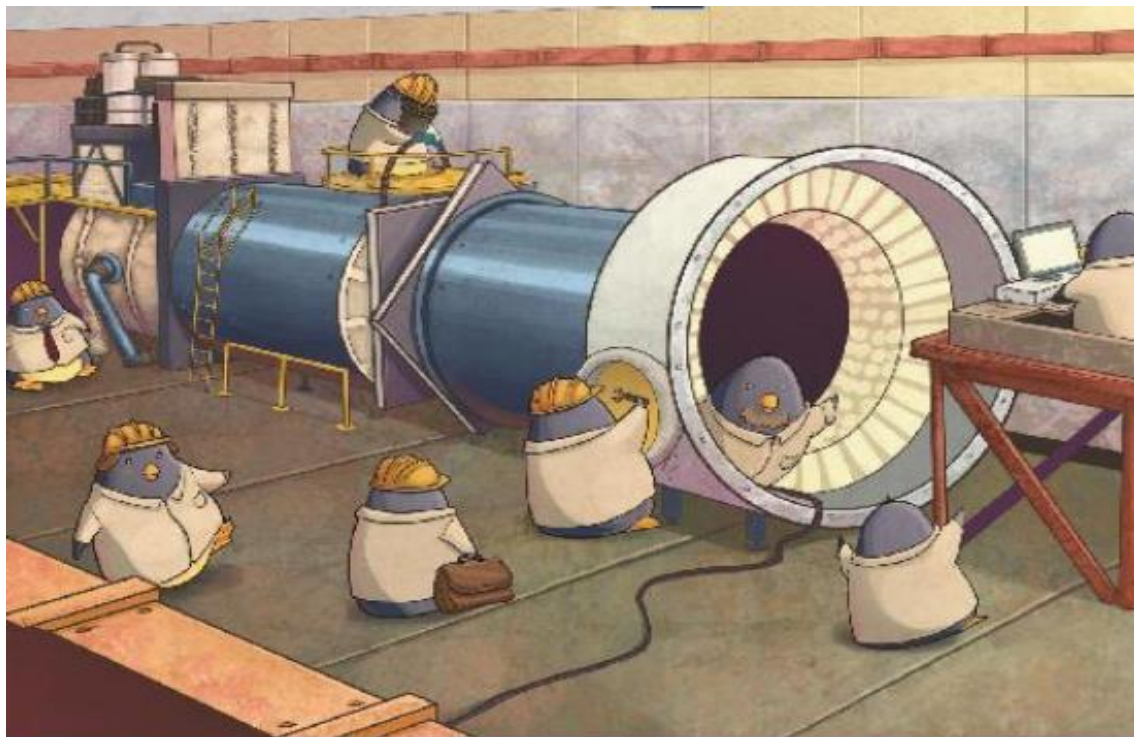
Efficienza

- **Metodo:** selezione di un campione di $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ richiedendo 1 traccia e un γ nel LKr, in modo da predire la posizione dell'altro γ nel LAV
- **Eventi efficienti:** c'è almeno un blocco acceso in corrispondenza del γ atteso nel LAV entro 5ns dal tempo di riferimento



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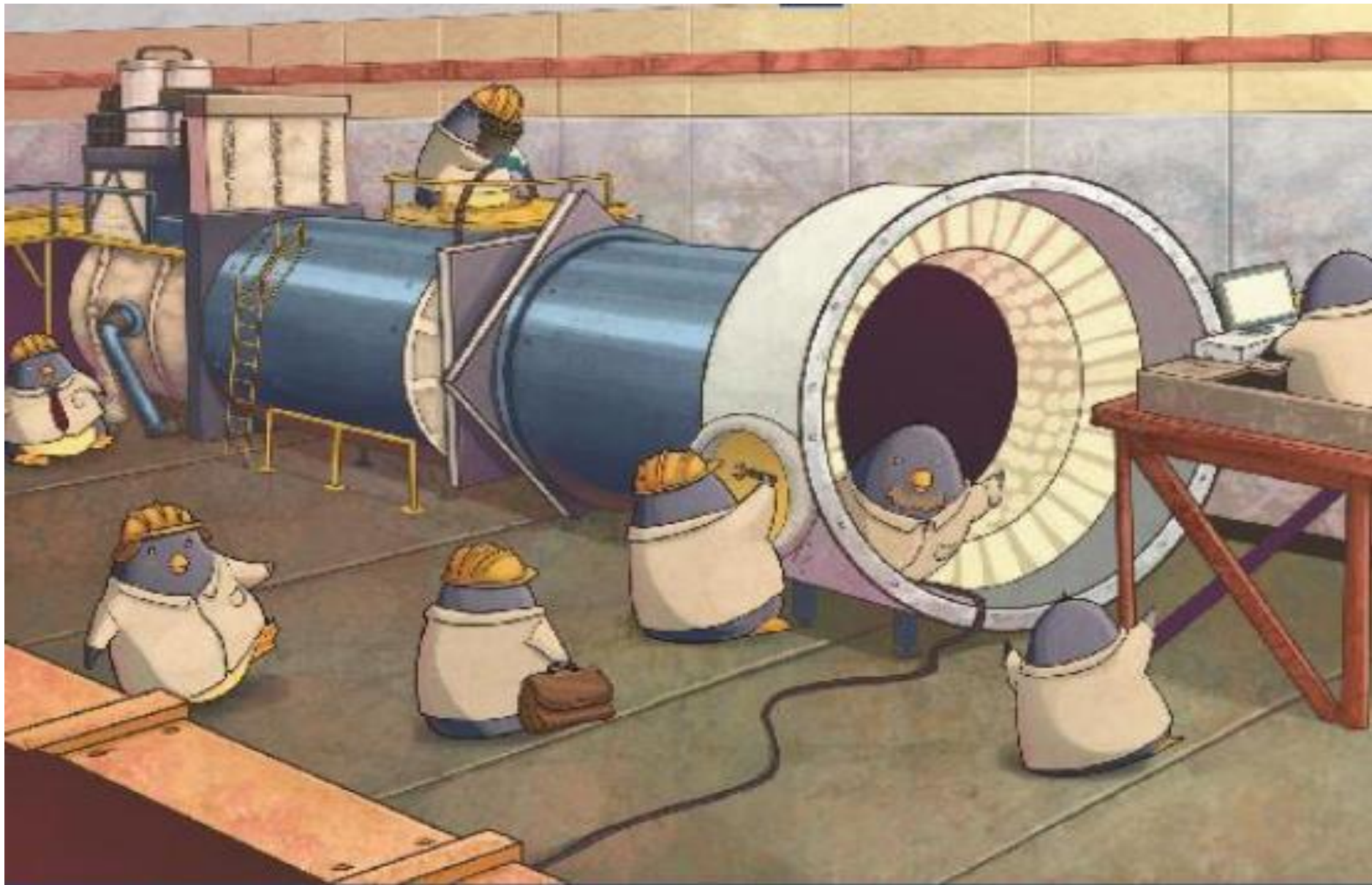
➤ Run (2015-2018): focused on the “golden mode” $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

- With 2016 data O(SM) sensitivity for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$, in 2017/18 10% BR measurement
- Trigger bandwidth for other physics is limited.
- Several measurements at nominal SES $\sim 10^{-12}$: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ A'$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow i n \nu$
- A few measurements do not require extreme SES: ” $K^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu_H \dots$
- In general, limited sensitivities for most rare/forbidden decays (SES $\sim 10^{-10}$ to $\sim 10^{-11}$, similar to NA48/2 and BNL-E865).
- A proof of principle for a broad rare/forbidden decay programme.

➤ Run (2021-2024): programme is under discussion. [*Presented at the “Physics Beyond Colliders” workshop, CERN, Sep 2016*]

- Existing apparatus, different trigger logic: no capital investment.
- Rare/forbidden K^+ and π^0 decays at SES $\sim 10^{-12}$:
 - ✓ K^+ physics: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ l^+ l^-$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$, $K^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu \gamma$, ...
 - ✓ π^0 physics: $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow 3\gamma$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow 4\gamma \dots$
 - ✓ Searches for LFV/LNV: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- l^+ l^+$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu e$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \mu e \dots$
- Dump mode: hidden sector searches (long-lived HNL, DP).
- Possibly further $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ data collection.
- Possibly K_L rare decays (SES $\sim 10^{-11}$), including $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ [CPV].

Spares



A broad kaon/pion physics programme

3-charge tracks events

- LFV and Majorana neutrino search from 21 final states
- Search for dark higgs from 31 final states
- Short-lived dark photons searched from 21 final states

2-charge tracks events

- One lepton: searches for long-lived heavy neutral leptons from target production and/or decays from beam particles
- Two leptons: search for long-lived dark photons from target production and/or decays from beam particles.

1-charge track events

- Peak searches in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$, $\mu^+ Y$ with X a dark pion or a $\chi\chi$ pair and Y a heavy neutral lepton
- Studies of rare π^0 decays

0-charge tracks events

- Searches for neutral resonances and axions

Physics at NA62 in run 3

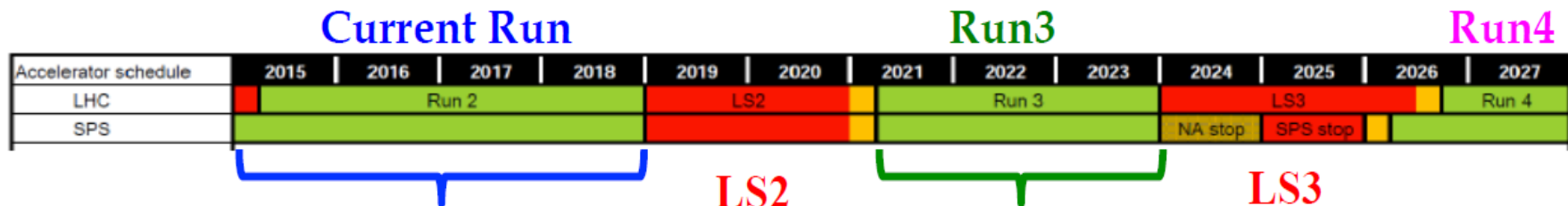
A rich field to be explored with minimal/no upgrades to the present setup

1. Present setup for K^+ beam + dedicated triggers: complete LFV/LNV high-sensitivity studies based on K^+/π^0 :

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^\pm e^\mp, K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ e^+, K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ e^+, K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+ (+ \text{radiative modes})$$

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \mu e, 3\gamma, 4\gamma, ee, eeee$$

2. Year-long run in “beam-dump” mode, new program of NP searches for **MeV-GeV mass** hidden-sector candidates: Dark photons, Heavy neutral leptons, Axions/ALP's, etc.



NA62: $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$, LNV/LFV decays,
hidden sector searches in K decays

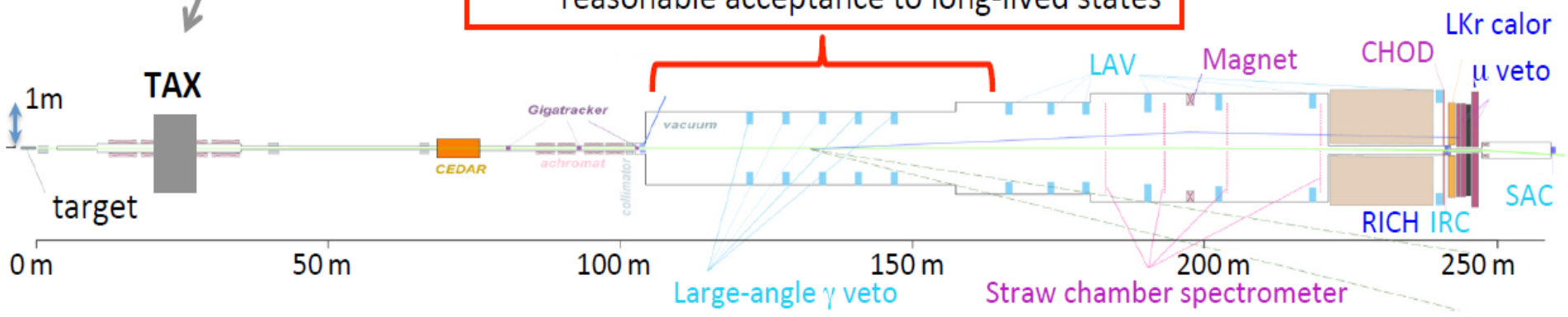
LFV/LNV @ ultimate sensitivity,
hidden sector searches (beam dump)

NA62 perfectly suited for hidden sector

High-intensity 400-GeV proton beam \rightarrow boost charm/beauty, other meson production
 10^{18} POT / nominal year: 10^{12} POT/sec on spill, 3.5-s/16.8 s, 100 days/year, 60% run efficiency
 $10^{15} D_{(s)}$, $10^{14} K$, $10^{18} \pi^0/\eta/\eta'/\Phi/\rho/\omega$ with ratios 6.4/0.68/0.07/0.03/0.94/0.95 (& B mesons, too)

Compact beam dump: $\sim 11 \lambda_1$ Cu-based beam-defining collimator (TAX)
 radioprotection-compliant even if target removed

Decay volume ~ 60 m long (in vacuum):
 reasonable acceptance to long-lived states

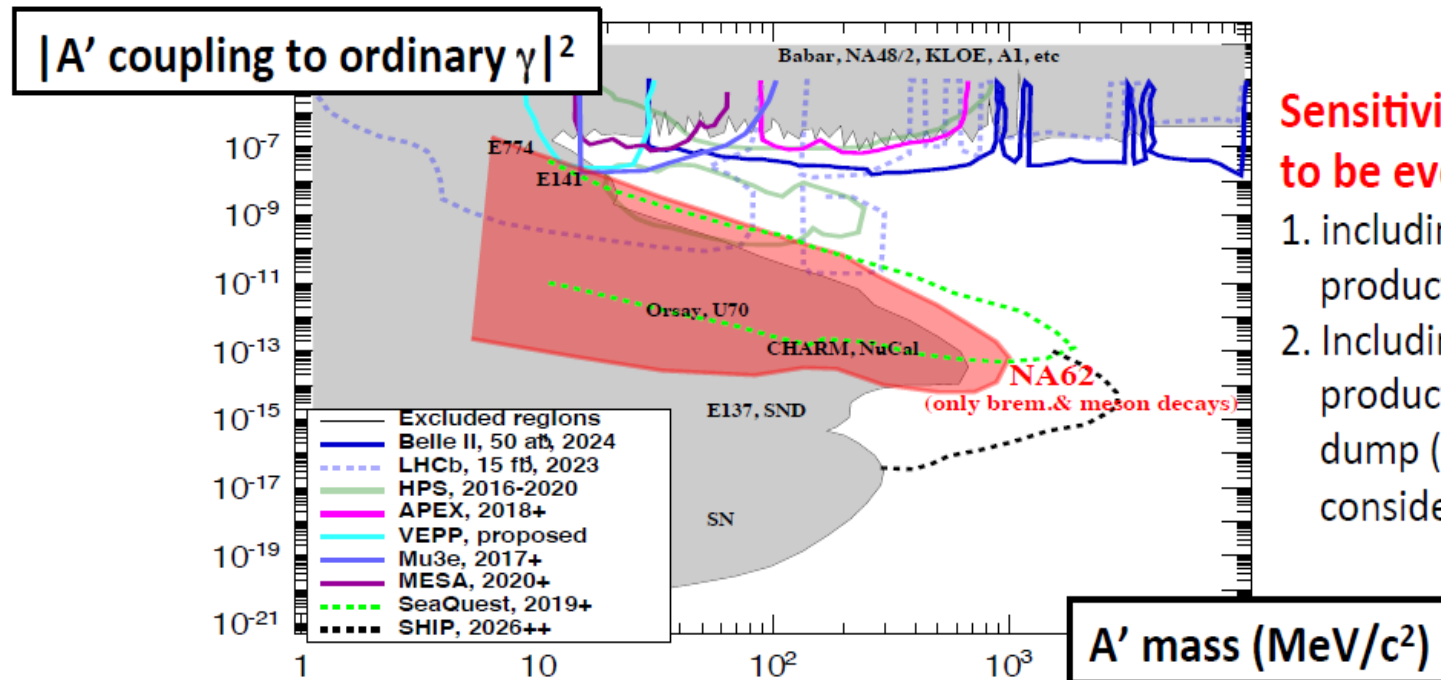


High-resolution tracking, PID, vetoing: high sensitivity to closed signatures

Search for visible decays of long lived A'

Assume 2×10^{18} 400-GeV POT:

search for displaced, dilepton decays of dark photons, $A' \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$
 include trigger/acceptance/selection efficiency
 assume zero-background, evaluate expected **90%-CL exclusion plot**



Sensitivity expected to be even higher:

1. including direct QCD production of A'
2. Including A' production in the dump (**only target** considered here)

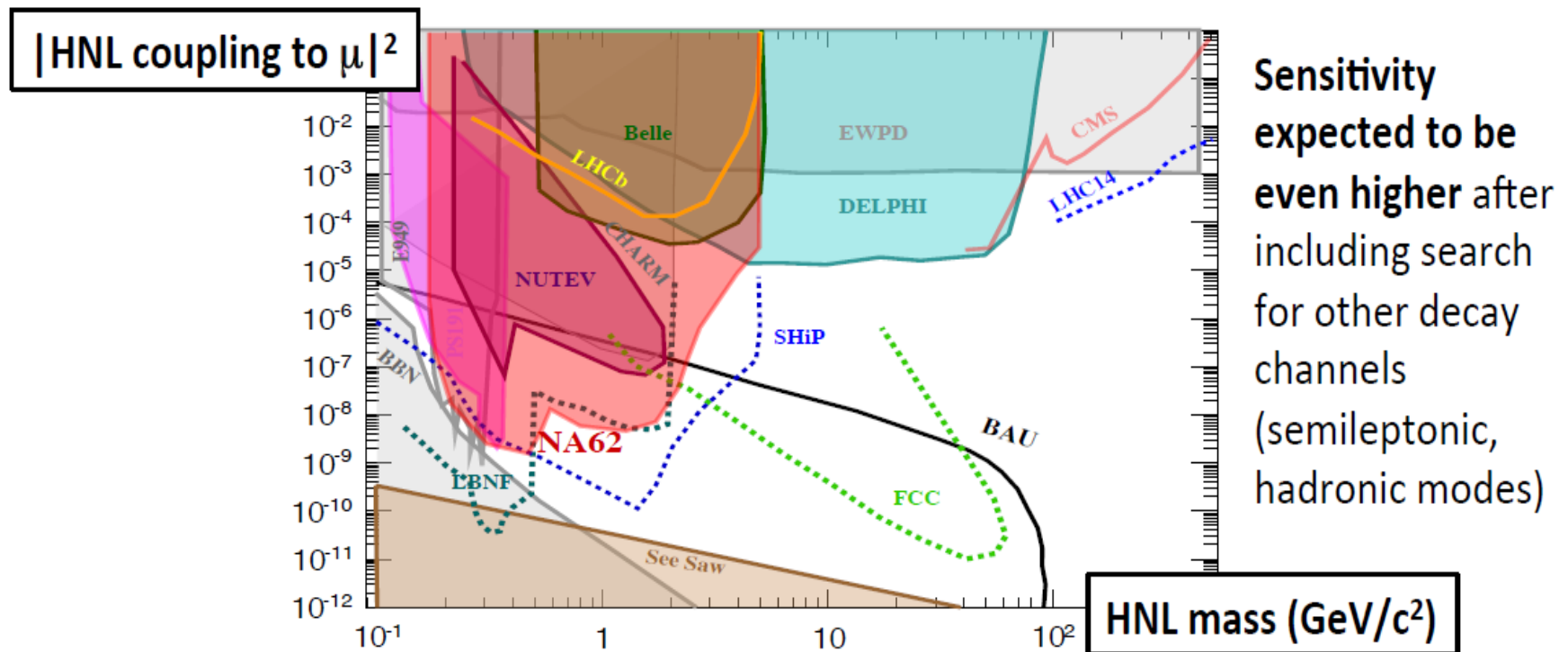
Search for visible decays of HNL

Assume $2 \cdot 10^{18}$ 400-GeV POT:

search for displaced, leptonic decays $\text{HNL} \rightarrow \pi e, \pi \mu$

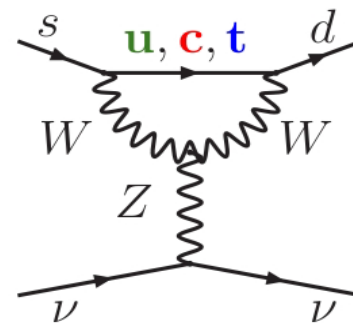
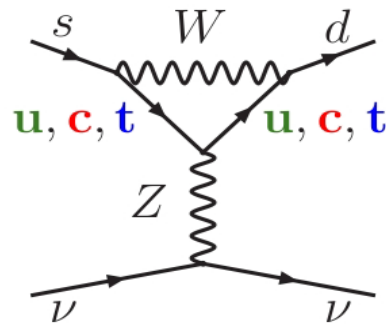
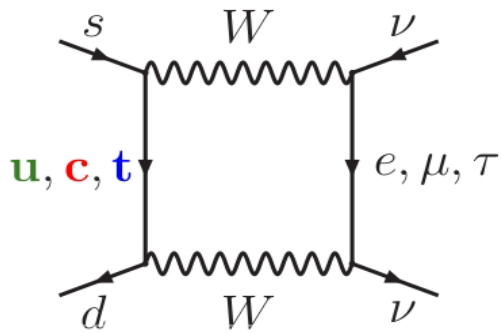
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$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay in SM

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



$$\lambda = V_{us}$$

$$\lambda_c = V_{cs}^* V_{cd}$$

$$\lambda_t = V_{ts}^* V_{td}$$

$$x_q \equiv m_q^2 / m_W^2$$

Loop functions favor top contribution

EM radiative correction

$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = \kappa_+ \left[\left(\frac{\text{Im } \lambda_t}{\lambda^5} X(x_t) \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\text{Re } \lambda_t}{\lambda^5} X(x_t) + \frac{\text{Re } \lambda_c}{\lambda} P_c(X) \right)^2 \right] (1 + \Delta_{EM}) = 9.11 \pm 0.72$$

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

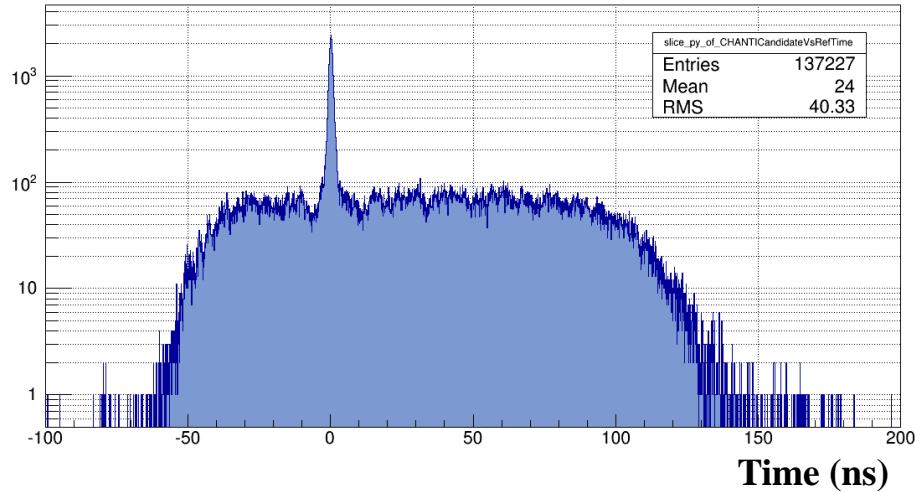
Hadronic matrix element obtained from $\text{BR}(K_{l3})$ via isospin rotation

QCD corrections for charm diagrams

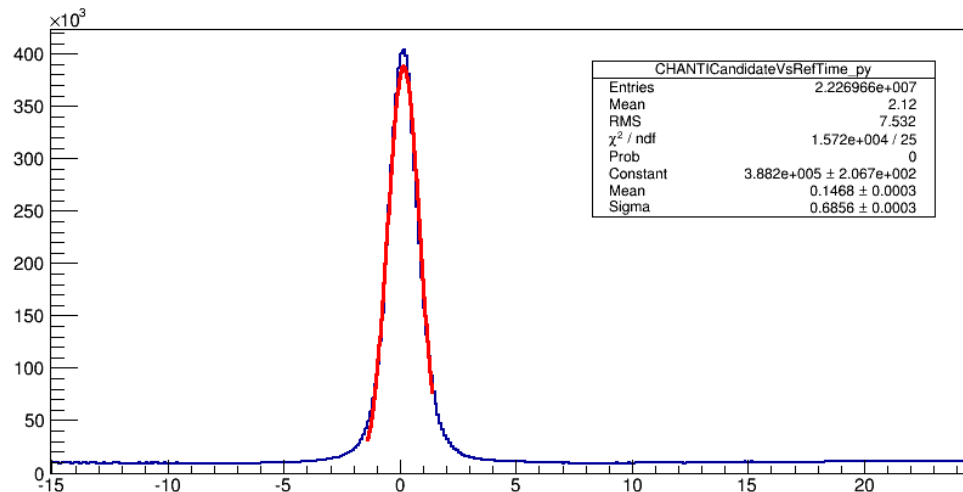
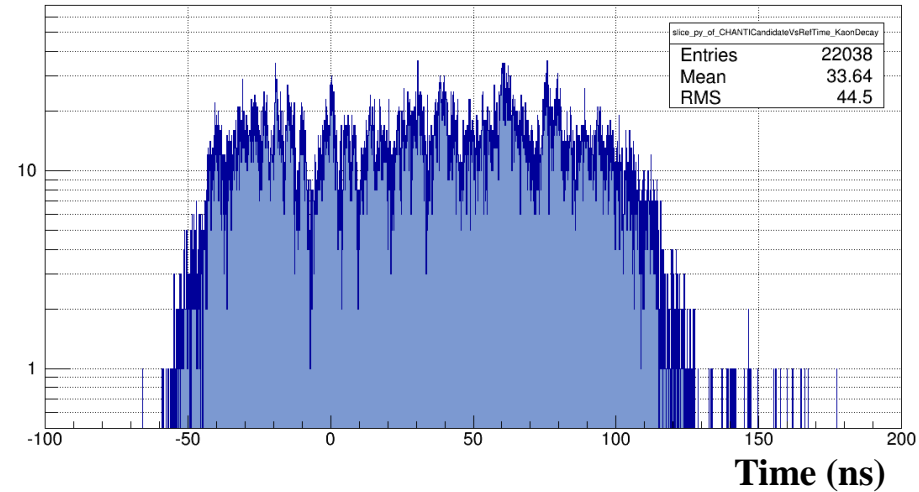
SM prediction (10⁻¹¹ units)
A.J. Buras et al, 2015, arXiv: 1503.02693

CHANTI time distribution

CHANTI candidate time (with respect to the CHOD) with control trigger and one STRAW track for one burst:



CHANTI candidate time (with respect to the CHOD) with a kaon decay for one burst:



CHANTI candidate time (with respect to the CHOD) with control trigger and one STRAW track for all the bursts