

# Поиск экзотических частиц на протонных ускорителях

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# Physics beyond the SM

*-Neutrino masses and mixings*

*-Baryon Asymmetry of Universe*

*- Dark matter and dark energy*



## Extensions of SM

Hidden sector

Heavy Neutral Leptons (massive neutrinos)

Dark Photons

Axion-Like Particles



# Heavy Neutral Leptons

**Neutrino oscillations, BAU, DM can be explained in vMSM model with 3 heavy right handed Majorana neutrinos (heavy neutral leptons)  $N_1, N_2, N_3$ .**

**Mixing between active and heavy sterile  $\nu$ 's:**

→ production of heavy  $\nu$ 's in weak decays of mesons.

The same mixing: → decay of heavy  $\nu$ 's to SM particles

**vMSM Model**, T.Asaka, M.Shaposhnikov PL B620 (2005) 17

**3 heavy sterile neutrinos  $N$  (Neutral leptons) coupled with active neutrinos**

–  $N_1: m_1 \sim O(10 \text{ keV}) \rightarrow$  dark matter candidate

–  $N_{2,3}: m_{2,3} \sim O(1 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow$  extra-CPV: baryon asymmetry,  $m\nu \neq 0$  (seesaw)



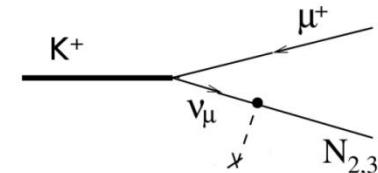
# How to search for HNL's?

- Meson decays

- search for extra peaks

R.Shrock, PRD, 24, 1232 (1981)

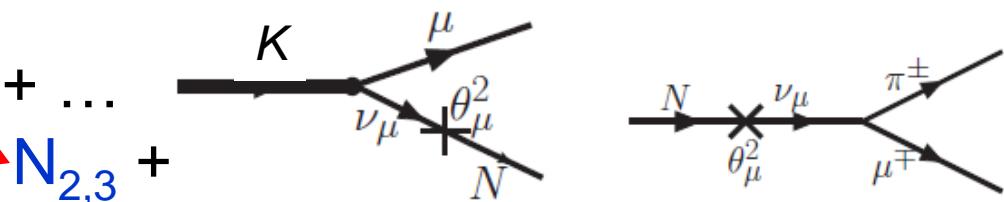
$$\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ N) = \rho \Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu) |U_{\mu N}|^2$$



- Decays of HNL's

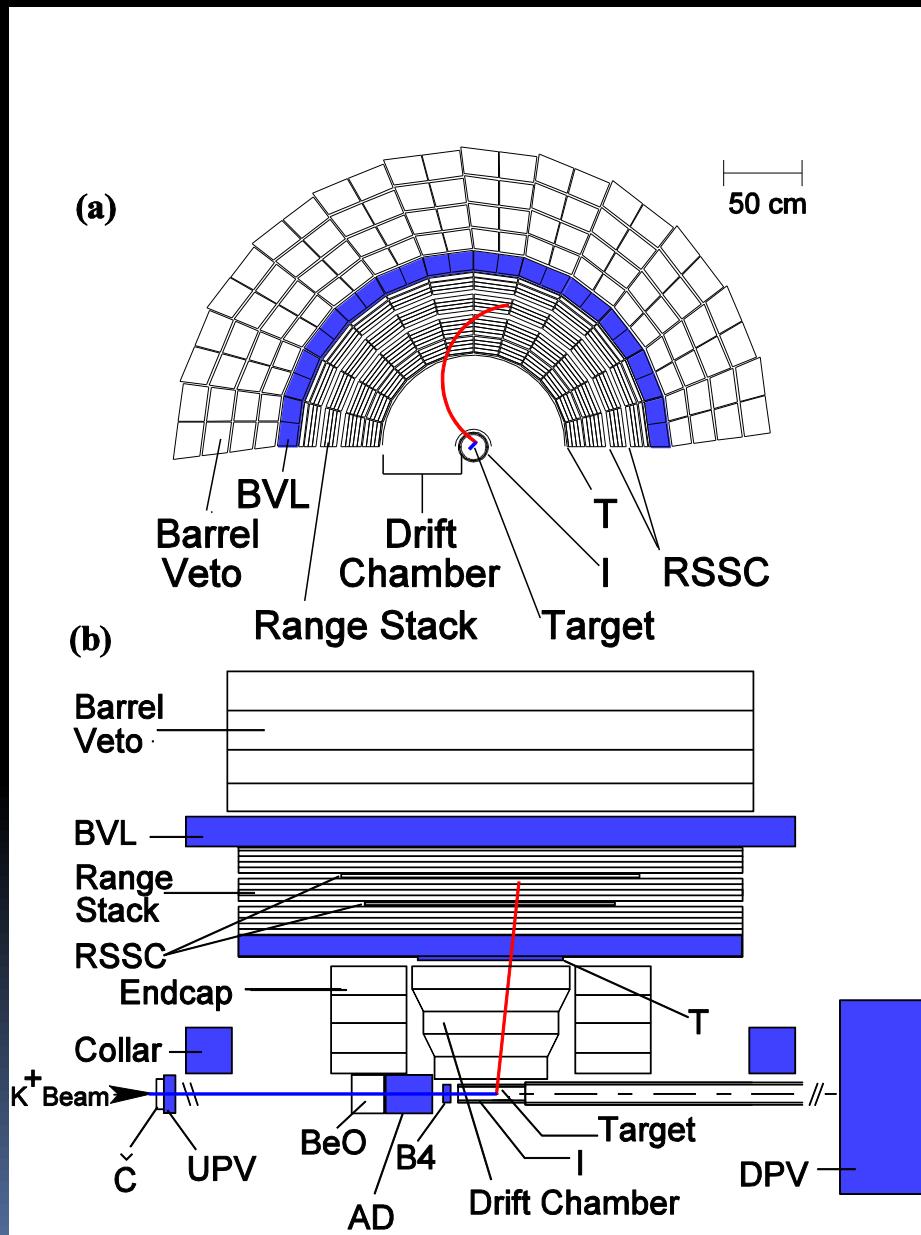
- “nothing”  $\rightarrow$  leptons and hadrons

$$p + A \rightarrow \text{mesons} + \dots \rightarrow N_{2,3} +$$





# Experiment E949 at BNL



Main goal: measurement of rare decay  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

7 events detected

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

$p_K = 710 \text{ MeV/c}$

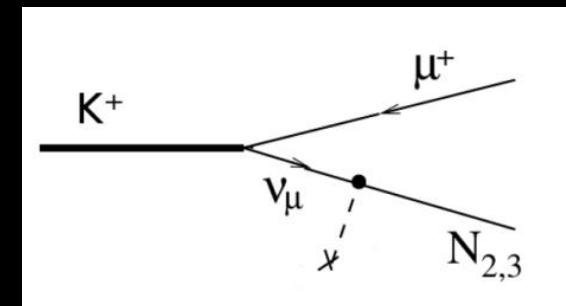
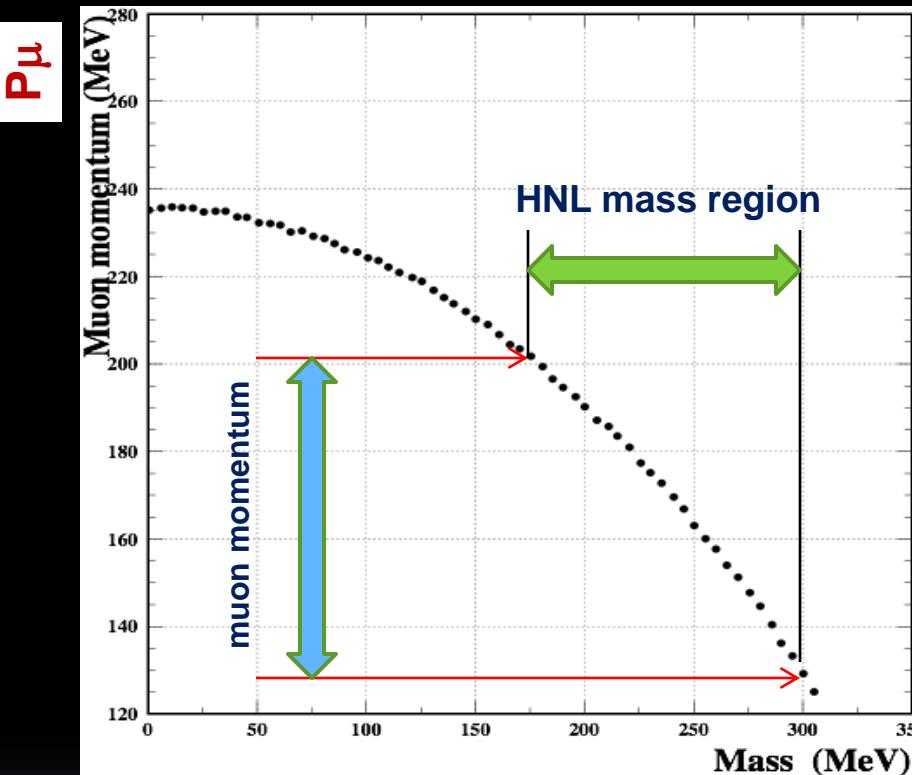
- Stopped K+ decays in active target
- Momentum and energy of charged particles from kaon decays measured by drift chamber and range stack
- Photon detectors suppress events with photons

Trigger: decay of stopped kaon  $\rightarrow$  muon track  $\rightarrow$  stop and decay + no any activity in detector

1.7x10<sup>12</sup> decays of stopped kaons were analyzed



# Mass interval



Search for peaks in the  
muon spectra  
from kaon decays

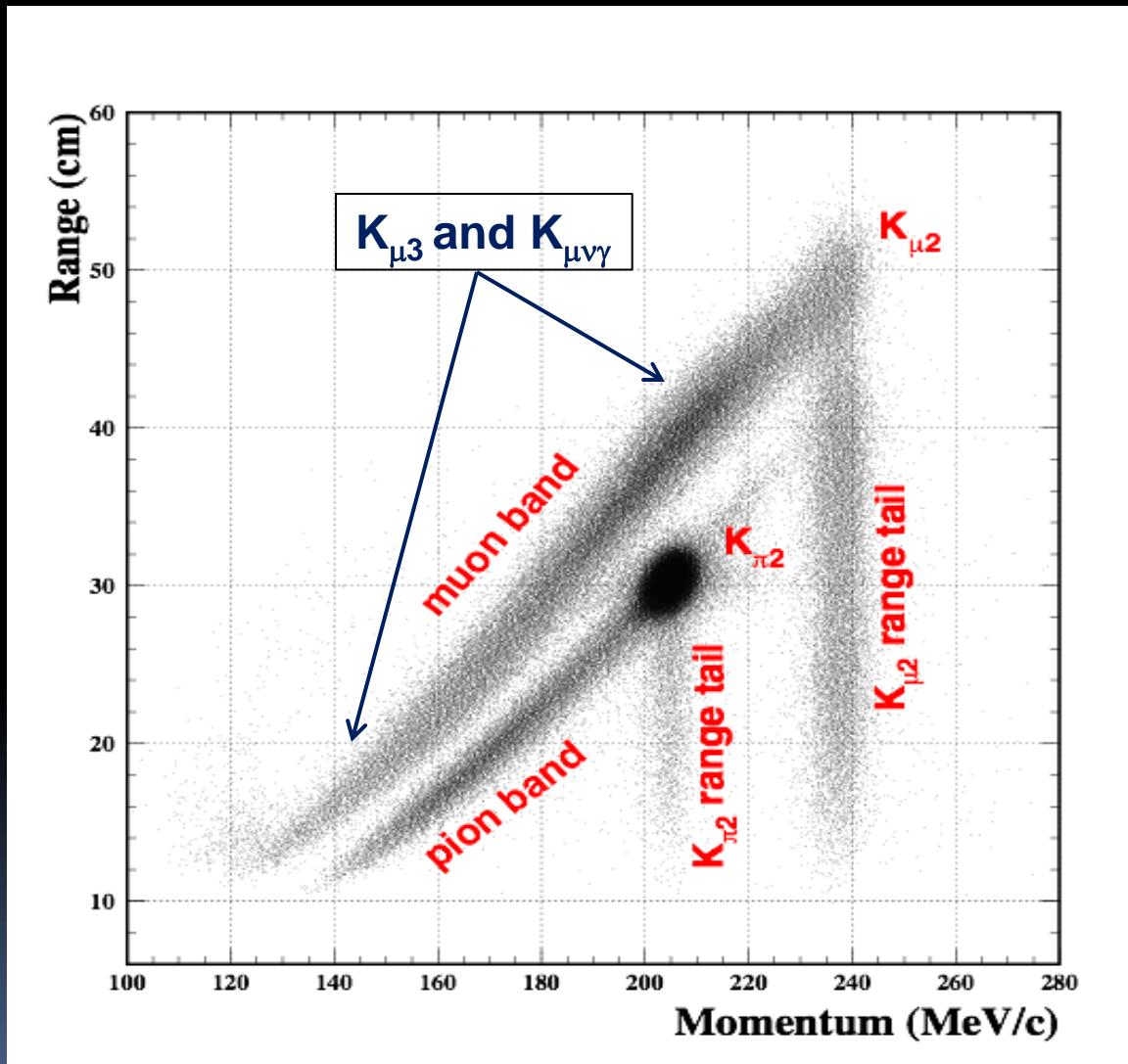
M<sub>N</sub>

$$P_\mu = \frac{1}{2} M_K \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{m_\mu^2}{M_K^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_N^2}{M_K^2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{m_\mu^2}{M_K^2} + \frac{m_N^2}{M_K^2} + \frac{m_\mu^2 m_N^2}{M_K^2 M_K^2}\right)}$$



# Events

after  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$  trigger





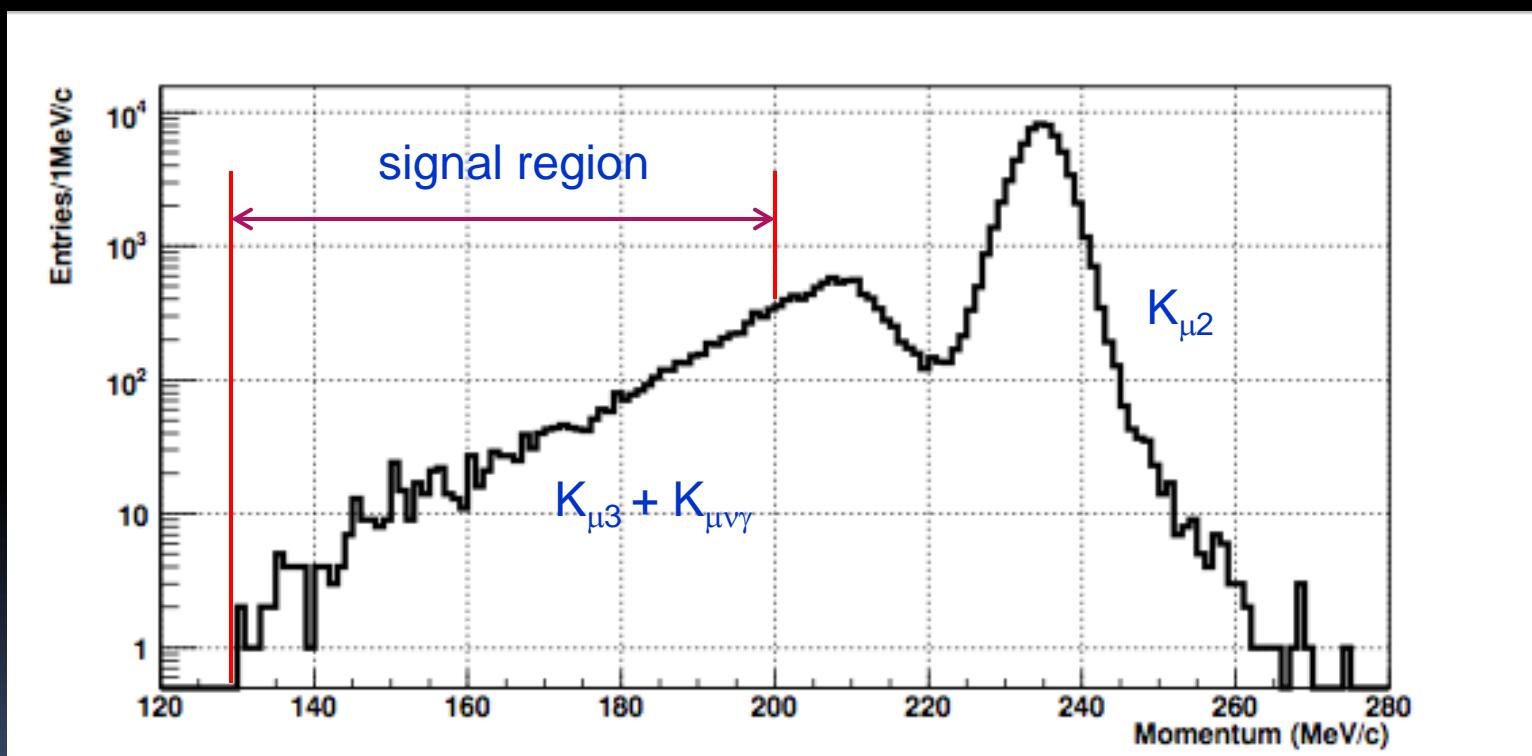
# Muon spectrum

	Br	Trigger + Cuts	Total rejection
$K_{\mu 3}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$\sim 10^7$	$\sim 10^9$
$K_{\mu\nu\gamma}$	$6.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$\sim 10^4$	$\sim 10^7$



Suppression of kaon decays

Muon spectrum after all cuts

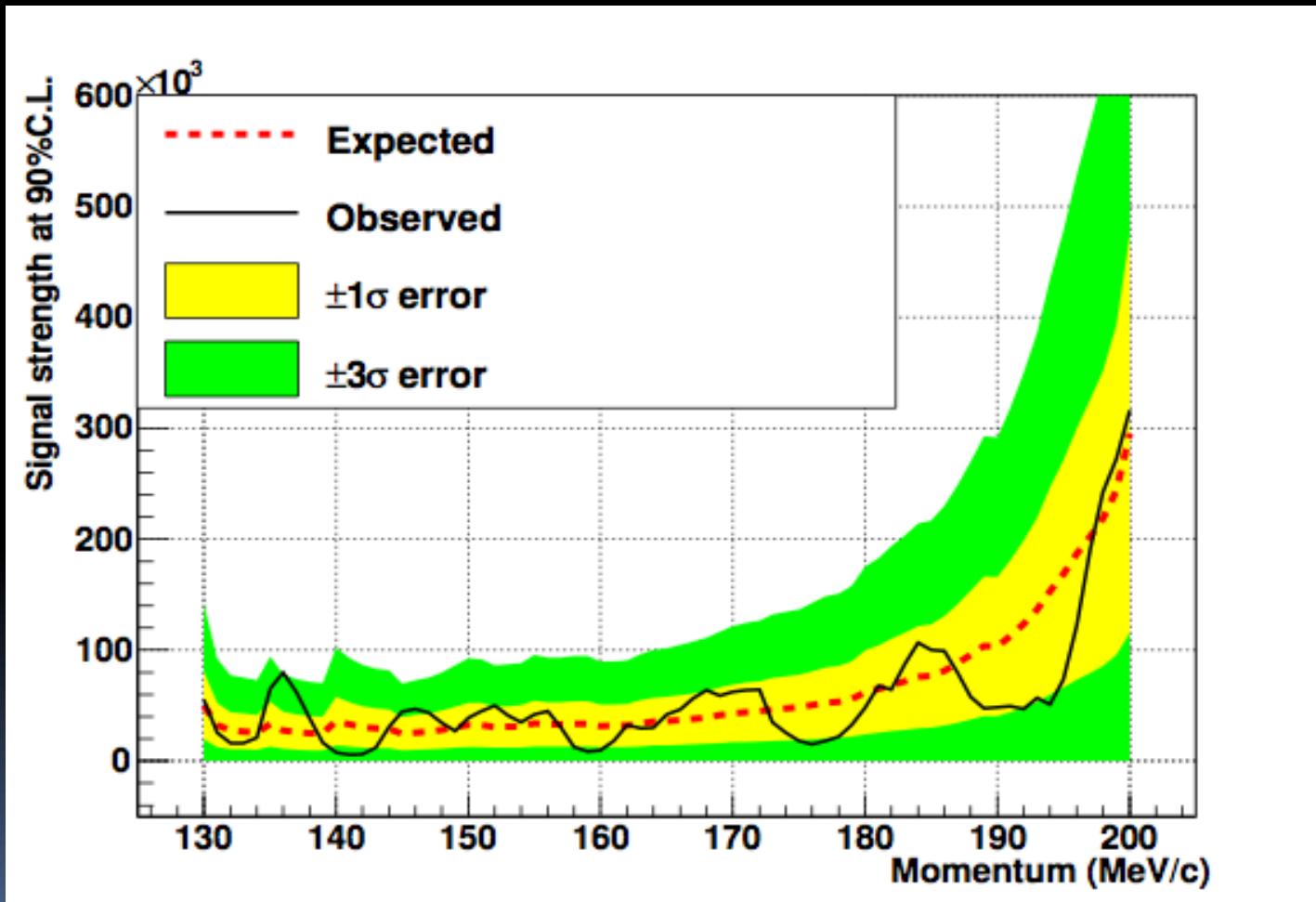


E949 sensitive to heavy neutrinos in the mass region 175-300 MeV



# Search for peaks

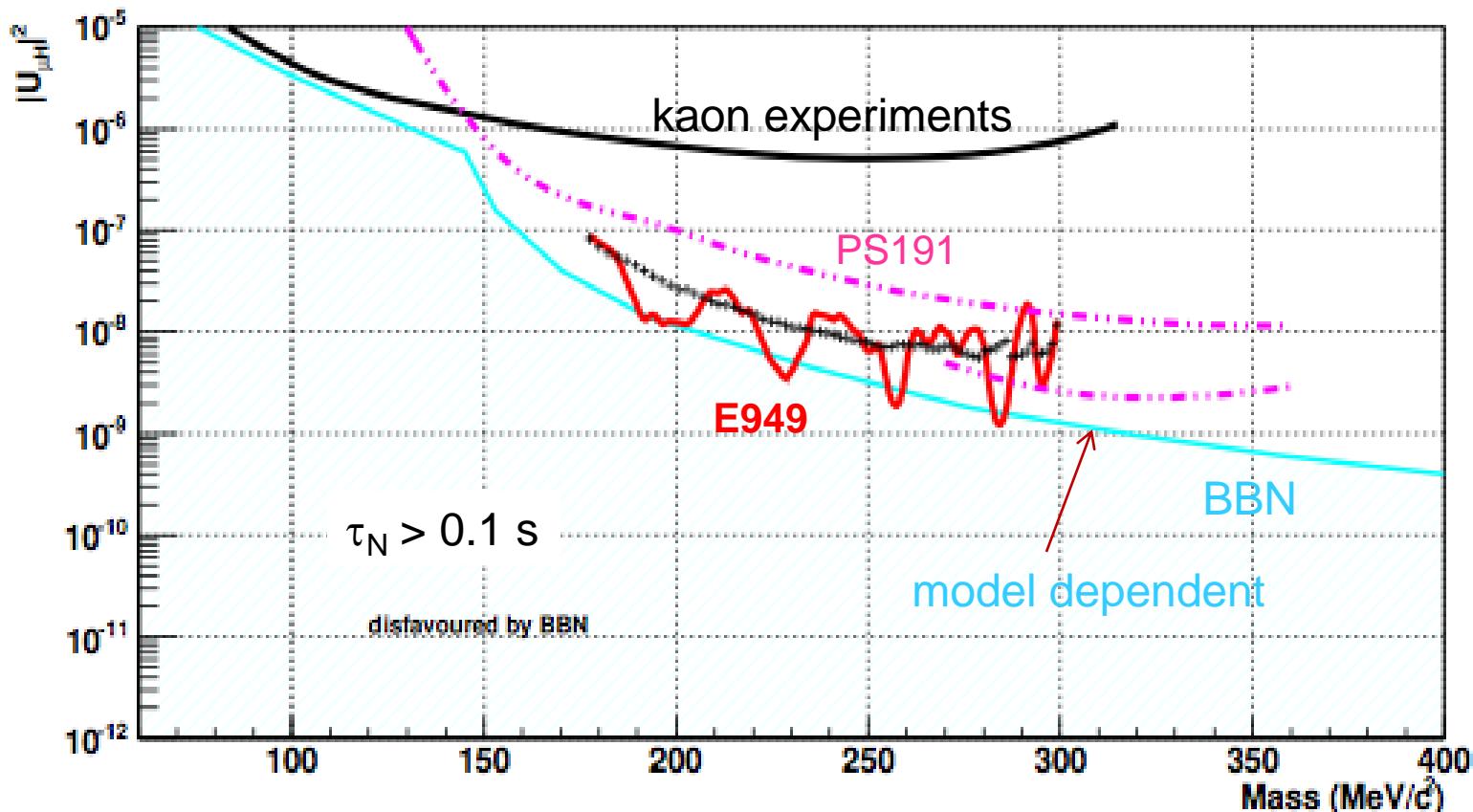
$$L(\mu, \theta) = \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{N_{bin}} \frac{(\mu \cdot \epsilon s_i + \beta b_i)^{n_i}}{n_i!} e^{-(\mu \cdot \epsilon s_i + \beta b_i)} \right\} \\ \times \text{Gauss}(\epsilon; \epsilon_{peak}, \sigma_{\epsilon_{peak}}),$$





# E949 result

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$$M_{N_{2,3}} = 175 - 300 \text{ MeV} \quad |U_{\mu H}|^2 < 10^{-7} - 10^{-9} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.})$$



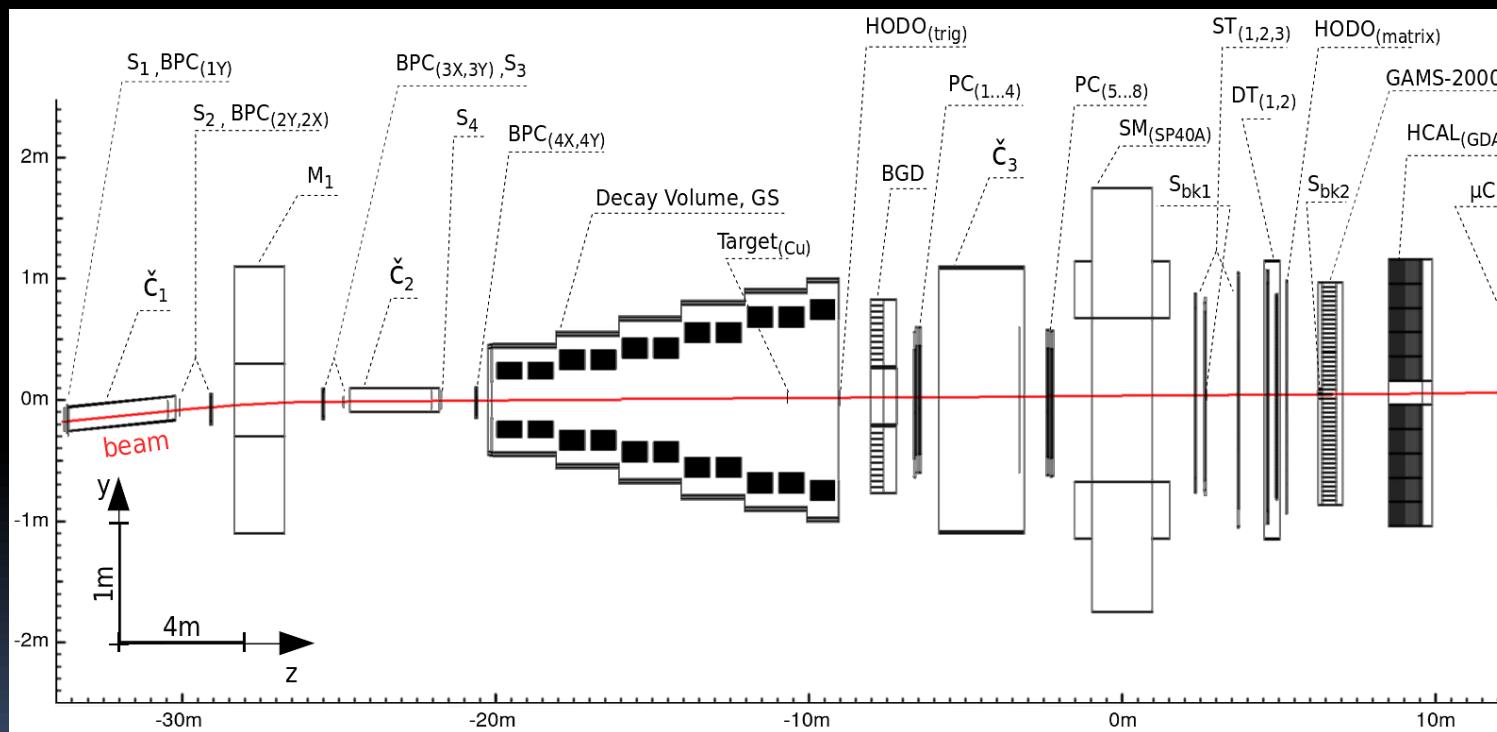
# Experiment OKA

Collaboration IHEP-INR-JINR

$p_K = 17.7 \text{ GeV}/c$

$I_K = 2.5 \times 10^5 \text{ kaon/spill}$

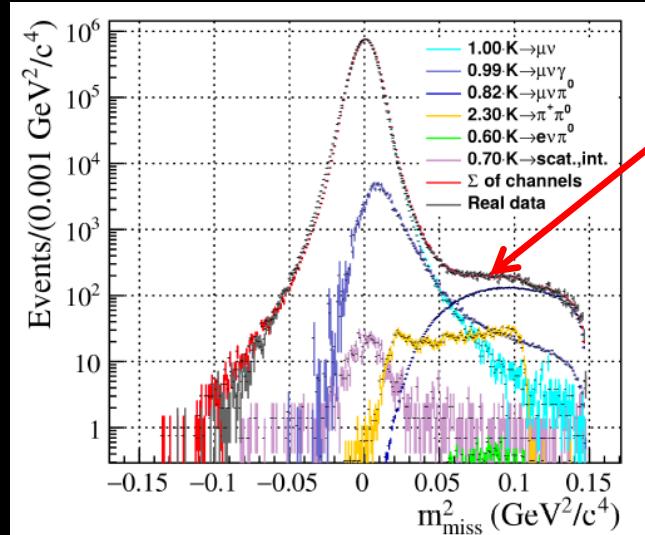
Kaon decays in-flight  
Data accumulated in 2012





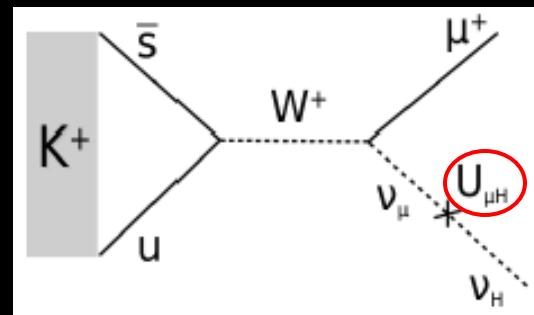
# OKA result

Missing mass spectrum after all cuts

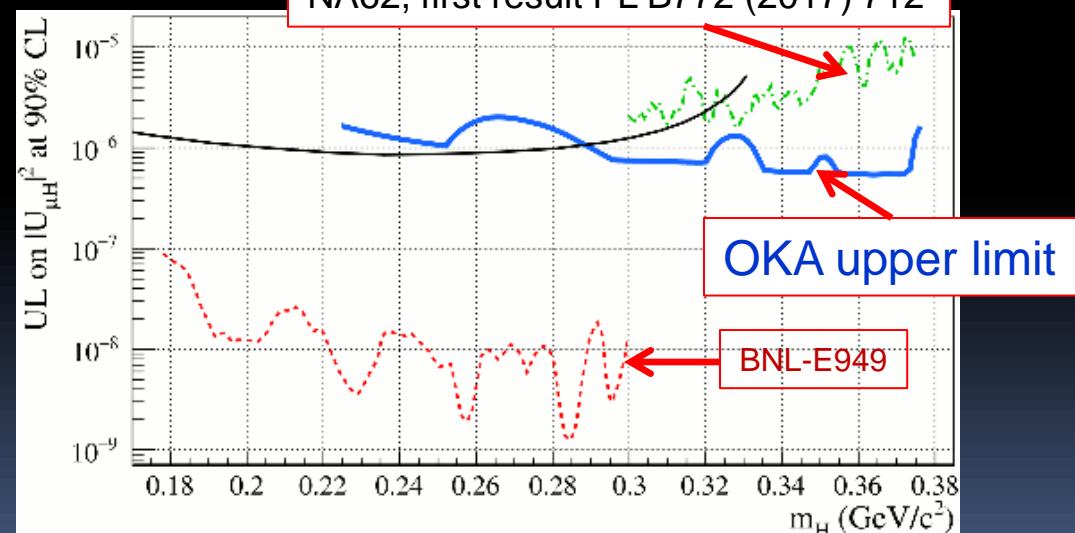
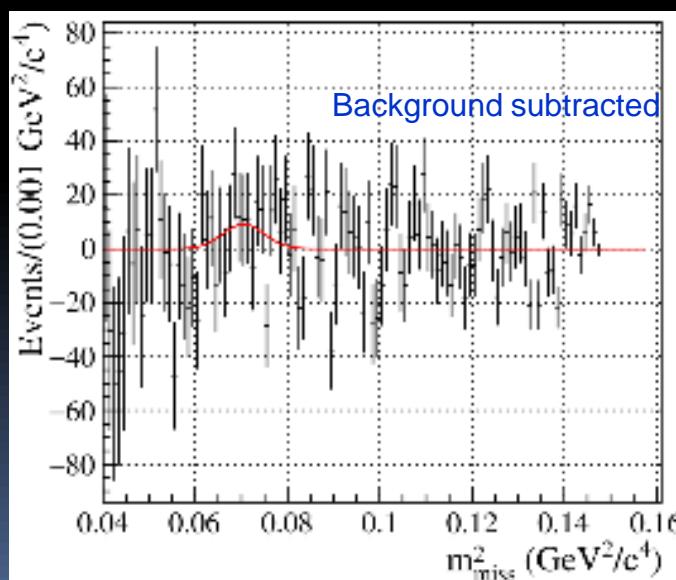


Method: search of  
a peak in spectrum  
of missing mass

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Experiment  
sensitive to  
mixing of heavy and  
muon neutrino in  
mass region  
**0.22 – 0.37 GeV**



**|U<sub>μH</sub>|<sup>2</sup> < 10<sup>-6</sup> (90% CL) for M<sub>HNL</sub> = 220-370 MeV**



# NA62 at CERN

Main goal:

Measurement of the rare decay  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

- Collect about **80** events at the SM prediction
- Extract  $|V_{td}|$  with a precision of 10%

NA62 is to accumulate  $1.2 \times 10^{13}$  kaon decays in the fiducial volume

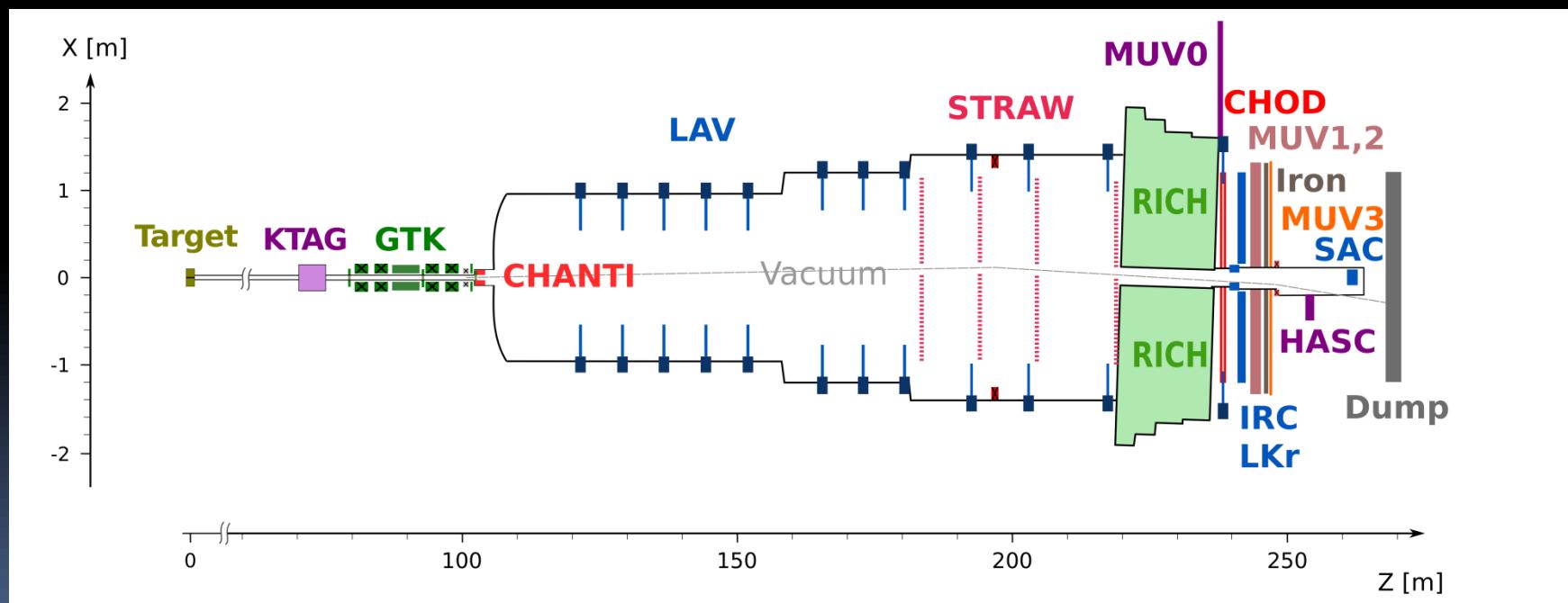
~200 participants from ~30 institutes:  
Birmingham, Bratislava, Bristol,  
Bucharest, CERN, **Dubna**,  
GMU-Fairfax, Ferrara, Firenze, Frascati,  
Glasgow, Lancaster, Liverpool, Louvain,  
Mainz, **Moscow**, Napoli, Perugia, Pisa,  
Prague, **Protvino**, Roma I, Roma II,  
San Luis Potosi, Sofia, Torino, TRIUMF,  
Vancouver UBC.





# Experiment NA62

- |                             |  |                                 |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| ■ SPS Beam:                 | ■ Secondary positive Beam:                         | ■ Decay Region:                 |
| ★ 400 GeV/c protons         | ★ 75 GeV/c momentum, 1 % bite                      | ★ 60 m long fiducial region     |
| ★ $2.10^{12}$ protons/spill | ★ 100 mrad divergence (RMS)                        | ★ $\sim 5$ MHz $K^+$ decay rate |
| ★ 3.5s spill                | ★ 60x30 mm <sup>2</sup> transverse size            | ★ Vacuum $\sim O(10^{-6})$ mbar |
|                             | ★ $K^+(6\%)/p^+(70\%)/p(24\%)$                     |                                 |
|                             | ★ $33 \times 10^{11}$ ppp on T10 (750 MHz at GTK3) |                                 |

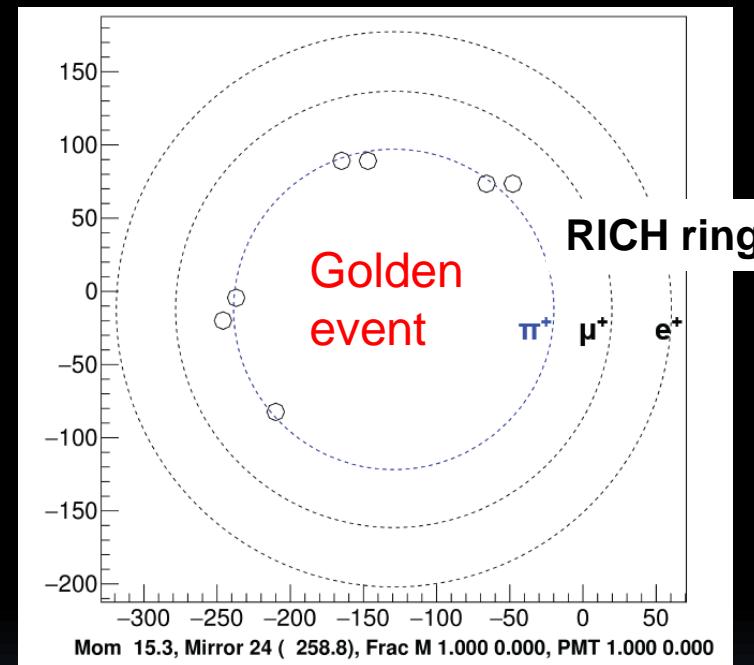
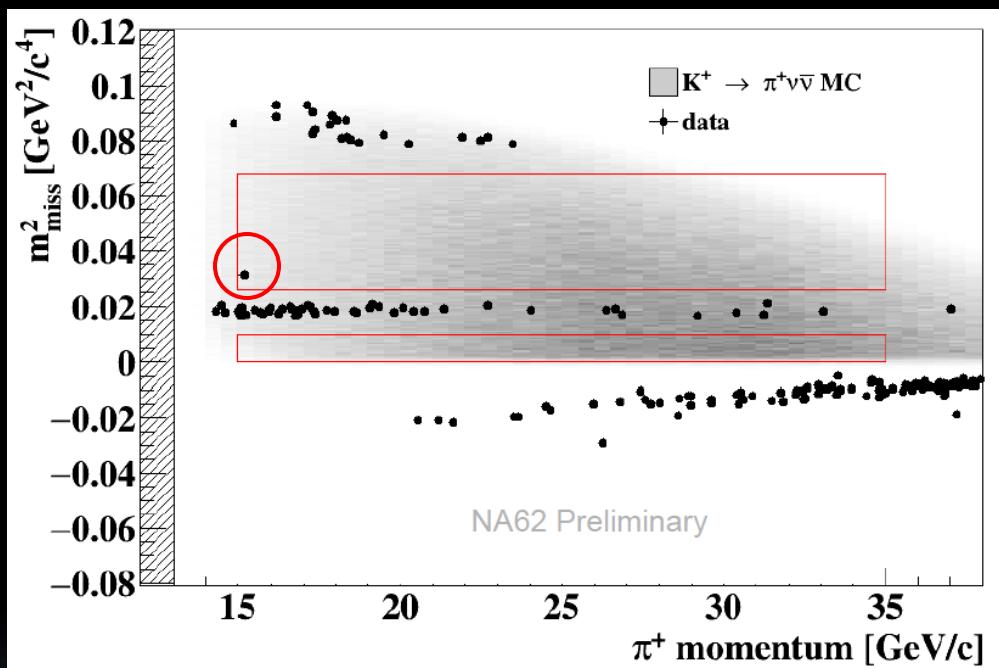




# First NA62 result

Data 2016: Number of kaon decays in fiducial volume =  $1.21 \times 10^{11}$

First NA62 result: one  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\nu\bar{\nu}$  event observed



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

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

$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\nu\bar{\nu})_{SM} = (8.4 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-11}$$

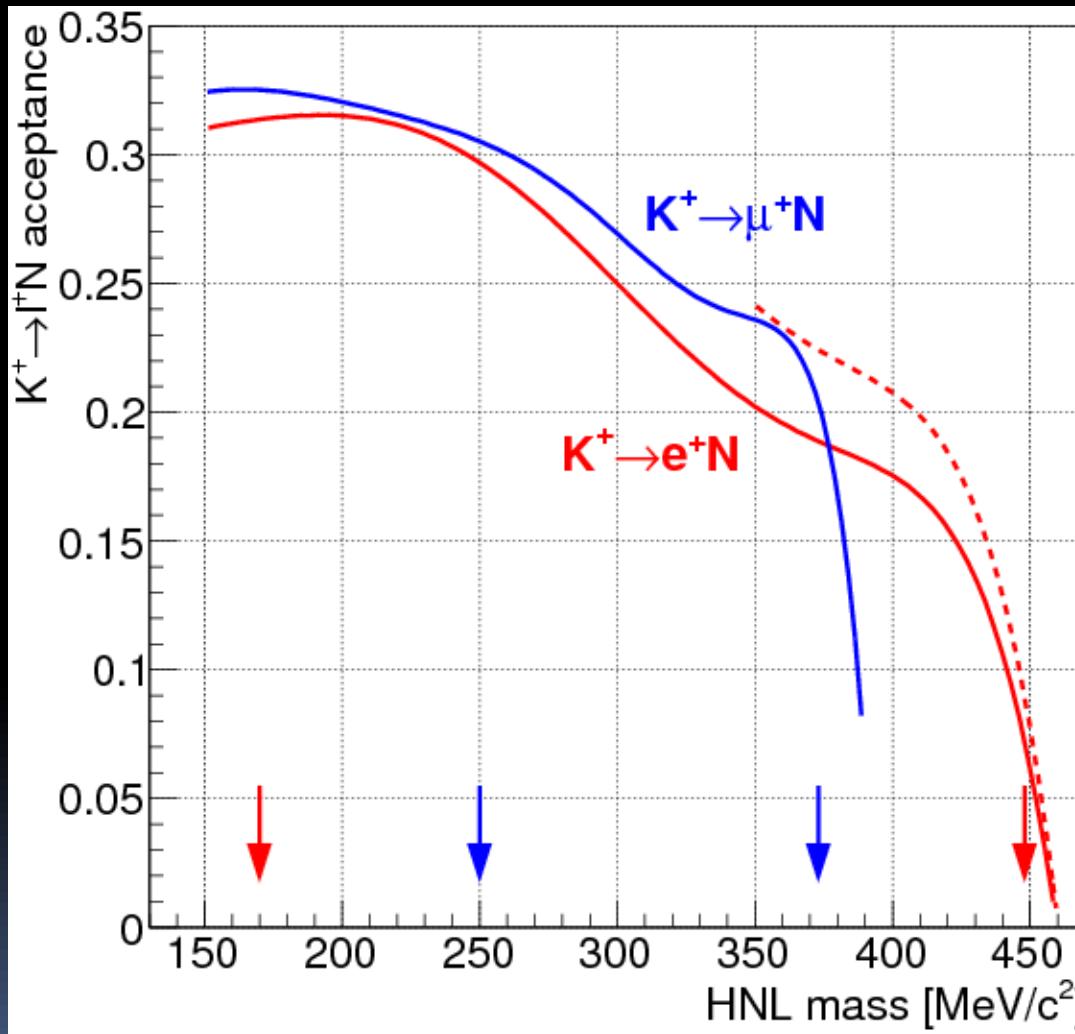
$$BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\nu\bar{\nu})_{exp} = (17.3^{+11.5}_{-10.5}) \times 10^{-11}$$

SM

BNL-E949:  
7 events



# Acceptance to HNL

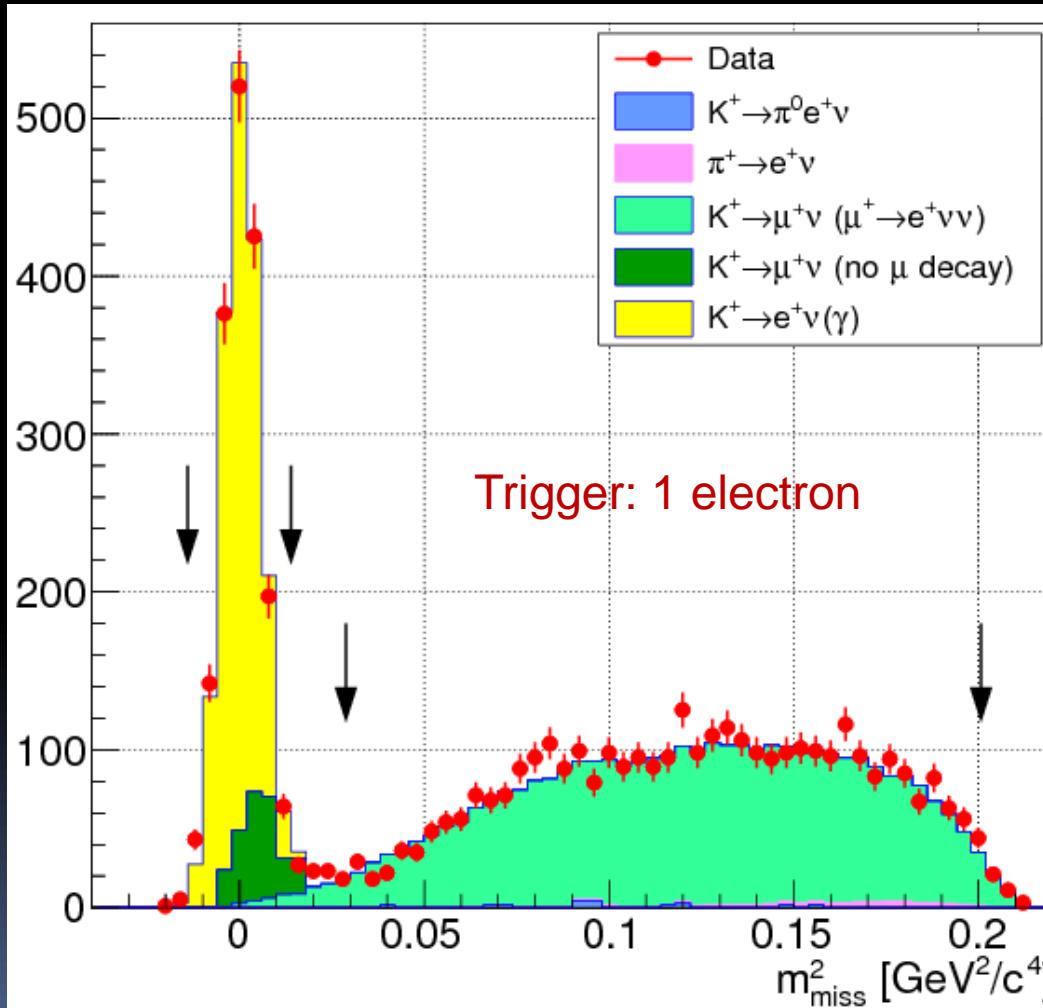


Trigger:  
- one electron  
- one muon



# Missing mass

2015 data:  $\sim 3 \times 10^8 K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$ ,  $\sim 1 \times 10^8 K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$

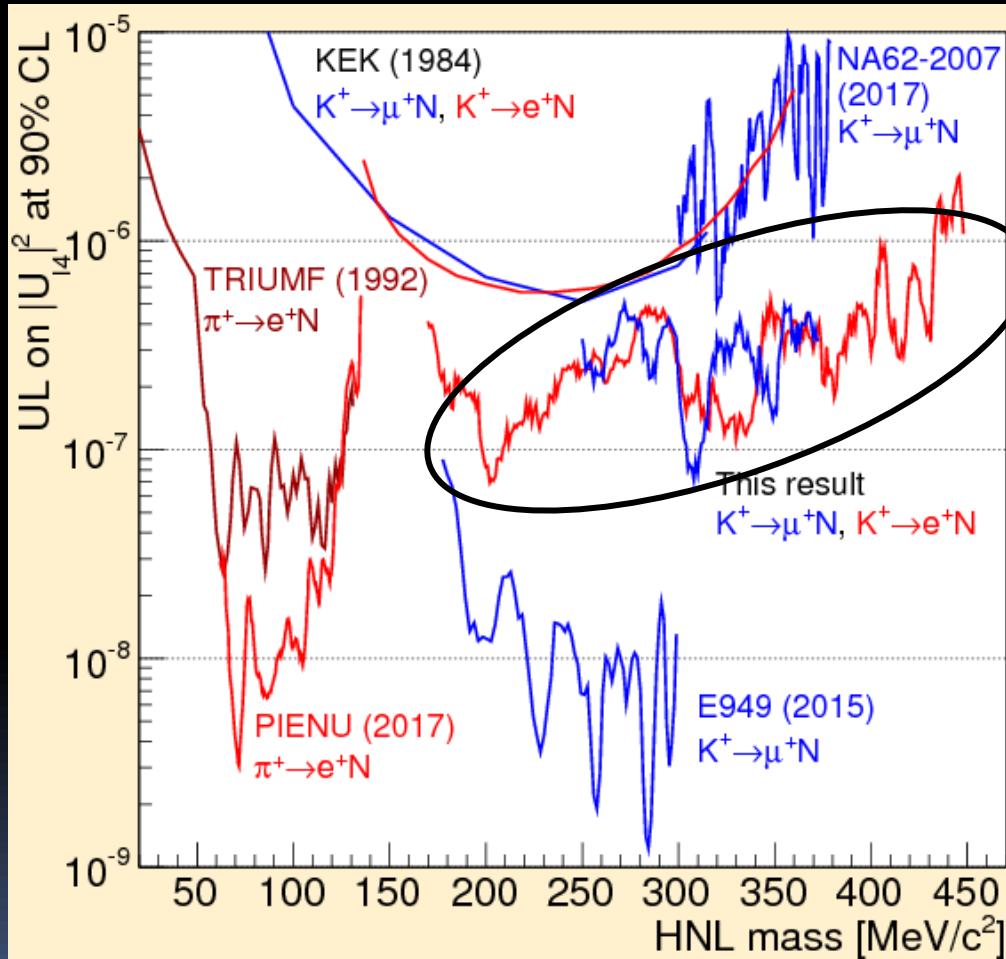




# NA62 result: search for HNL

No signal observed  
Upper limits on  $|U_{eN}|^2$  and  $|U_{\mu N}|^2$

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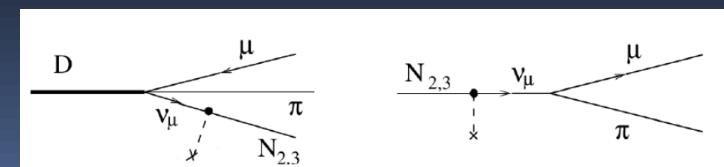


Analysis  
2016-2018 data  
in progress



Expected limits  
(if no events)  
 $|U_{eN}|^2 \sim 10^{-9}$   
 $|U_{\mu N}|^2 \sim 10^{-8}$

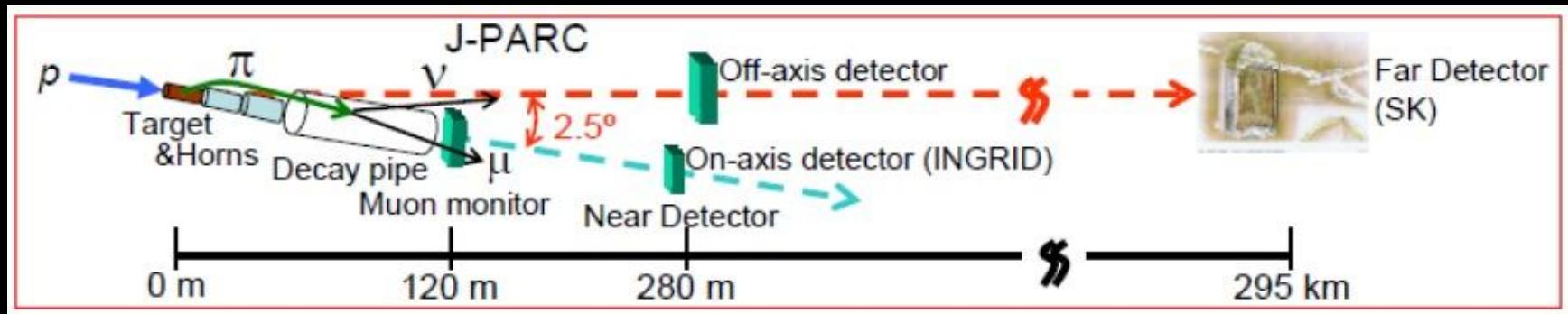
NA62 – beam dump mode



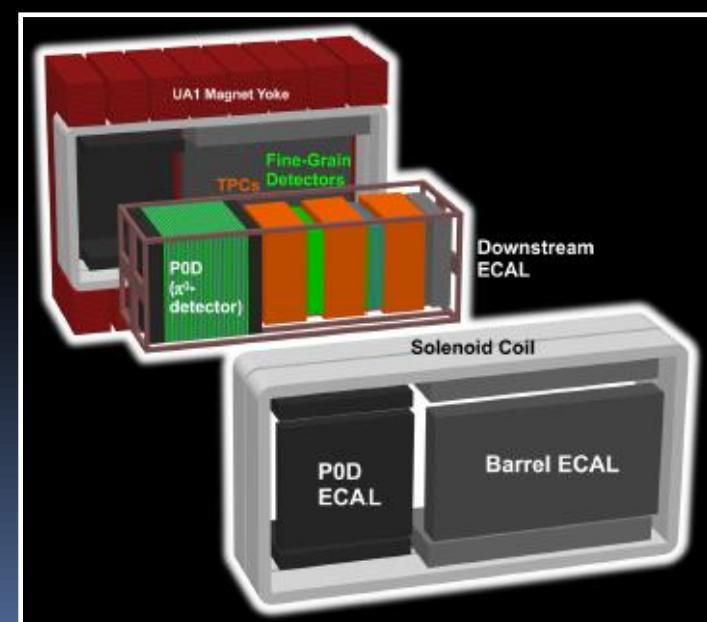
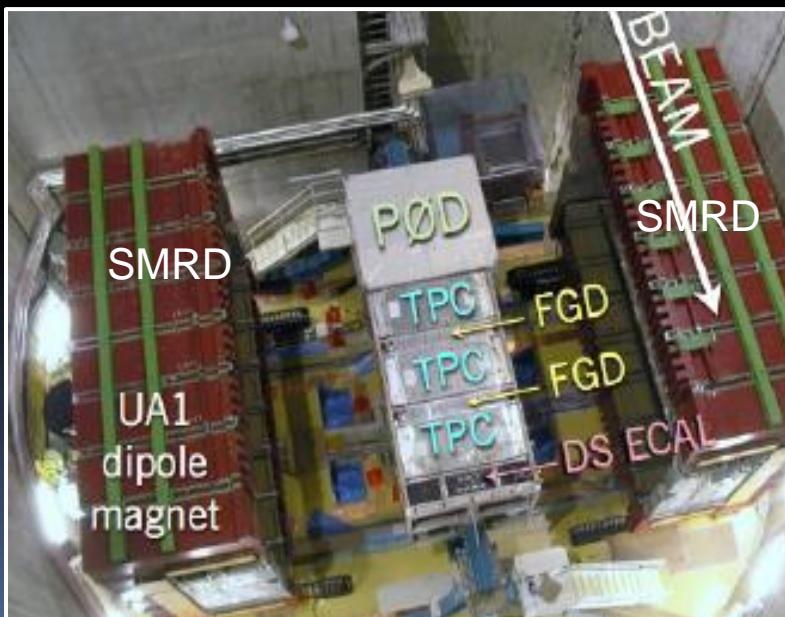


# Experiment T2K

Study of neutrino oscillations, search for CP violation,  $\nu$  cross sections....



## Off-axis near neutrino detector ND280

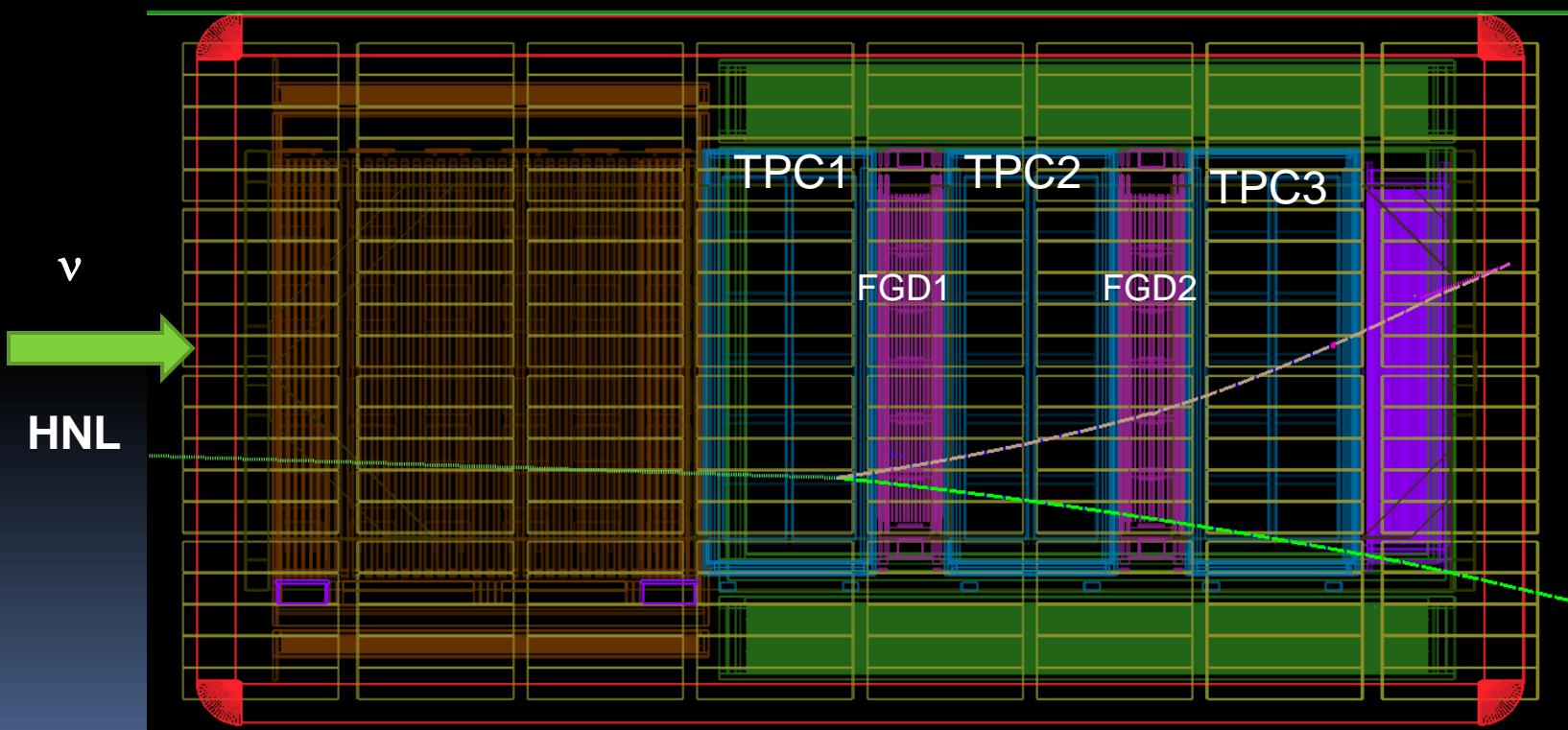




# Principle of HNL detection

- vertex of HNL decay in TPC volume (Ar+CO<sub>2</sub>)
- 2 tracks of opposite charge
- suppression of neutrino interactions
- p<sub>T</sub> = 0

Three TPC's → total decay length = 3m





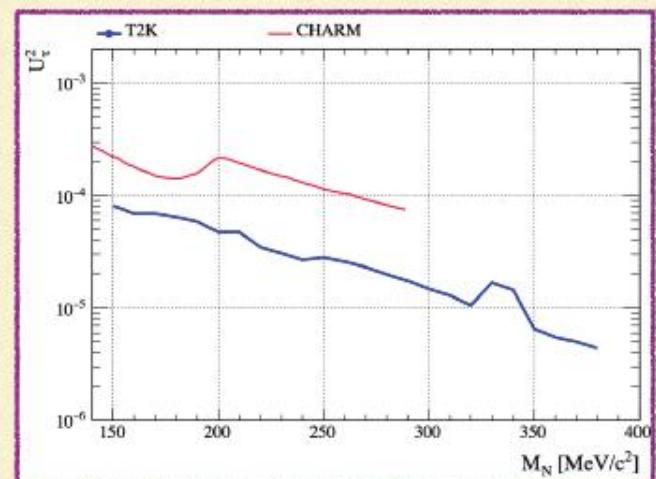
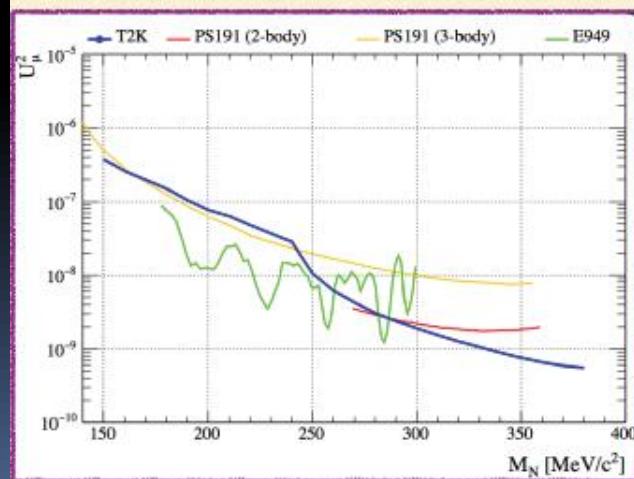
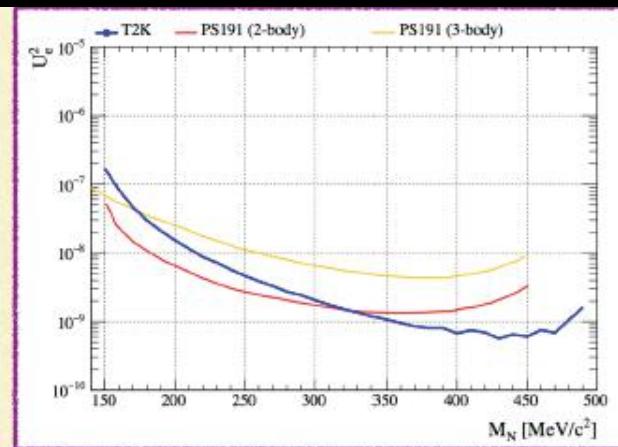
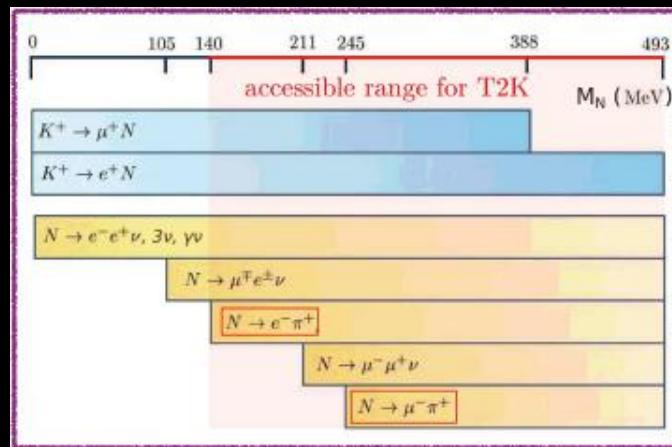
# T2K result

Preliminary

Neutrino mode  $6 \times 10^{20}$  POT  
Anti-neutrino mode  $6.5 \times 10^{20}$  POT

Limits (90% CL)  
to mixing elements  
 $|U_\mu|^2$ ,  $|U_e|^2$ ,  $|U_\tau|^2$

Expected background  
~1 event

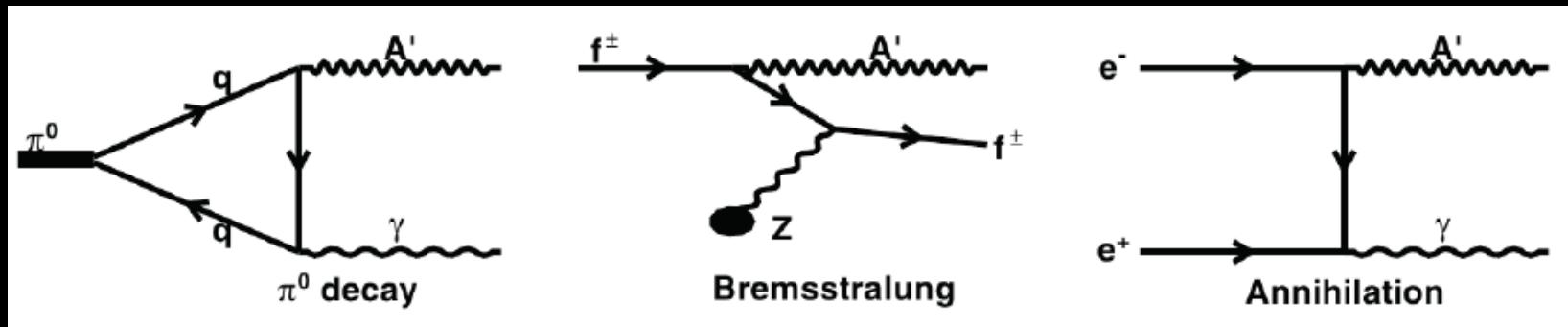




# Dark photons

New force between dark sector and visible particles – dark photon ( $A'$ )

$$m_{A'} \leq 1 \text{ GeV}$$



$A' \rightarrow$  invisible ( $\chi\chi$ )  
 $A' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
 $A' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-, e^+e^-$

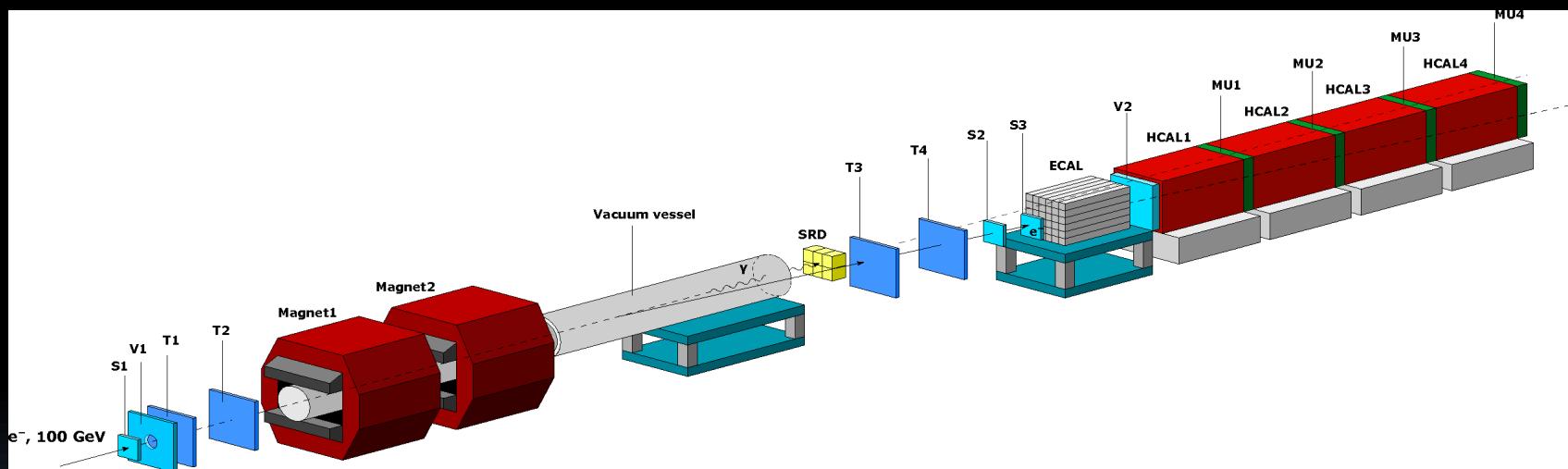


# NA64 at CERN

$e^- Z \rightarrow e^- Z A' \quad A' \rightarrow \text{invisible}$

$$E_{\text{measured}} = E_0 - E_{A'}$$

$$E_0 = 100 \text{ GeV} \quad I = (3-4) \times 10^6 \text{ e/spill}$$





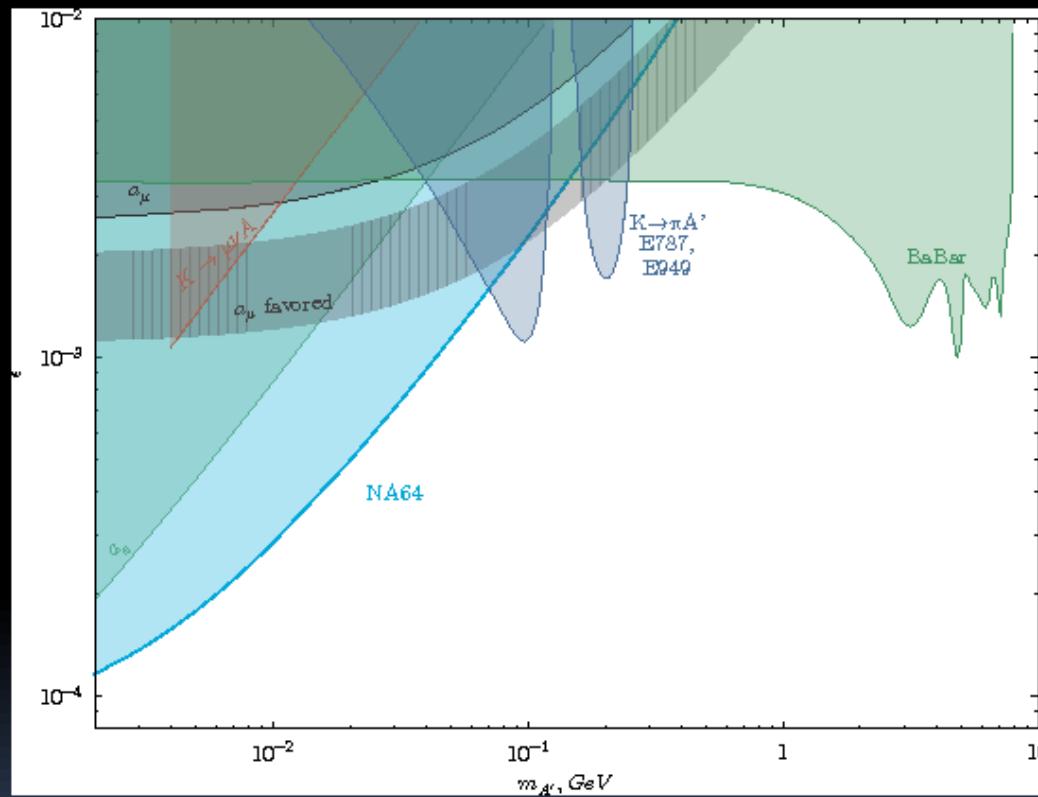
# NA64 result

No events observed

PRL 118 (2017) 011802

90% CL limit on  $A' - \gamma$  strength

Expected number  
of background events  
in the signal box  
for  $2.75 \times 10^9$  eot  
0.15  
 $0.4 \pm 0.3$



Invisible  $A'$  with masses  $\leq 100$  MeV is excluded  
as an explanation of the  $g - 2$  muon anomaly



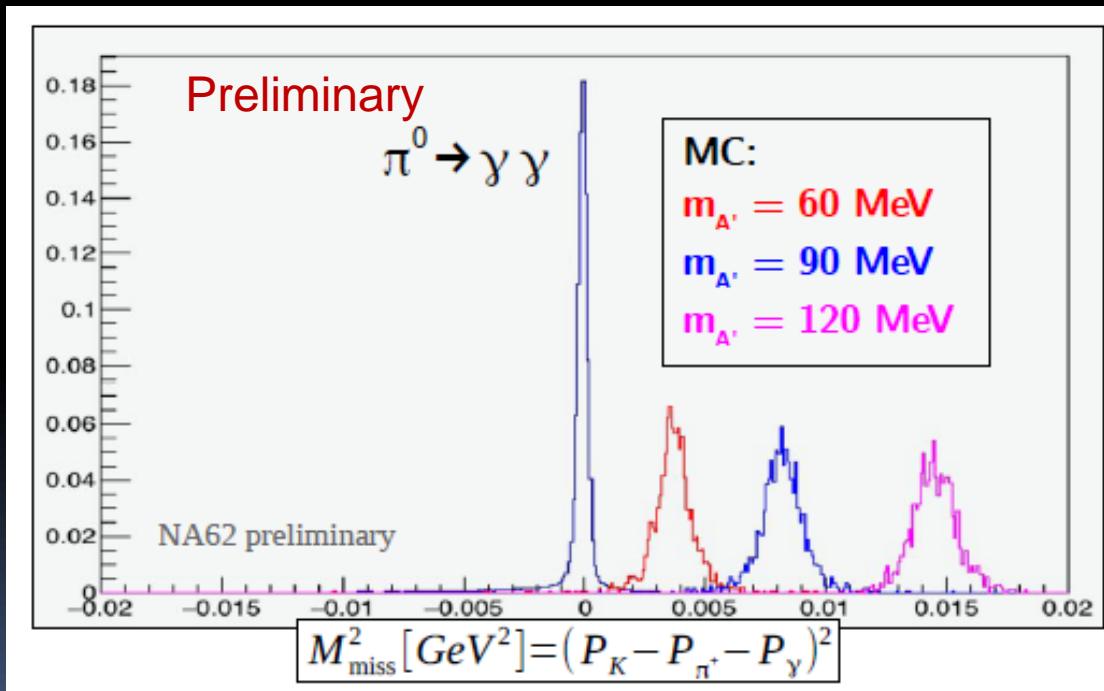
# NA62 at CERN

## Invisible decay

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ ,  $\pi^0 \rightarrow A' \gamma$ ,  $A' \rightarrow \text{invisible}$

$$\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow A' \gamma) = 2\epsilon^2 [1 - (m_{A'} / m_{\pi^0})^2]^3 \times \text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ A'$  (byproduct of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu\nu$ )



Main background  
 $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  with one photon missed

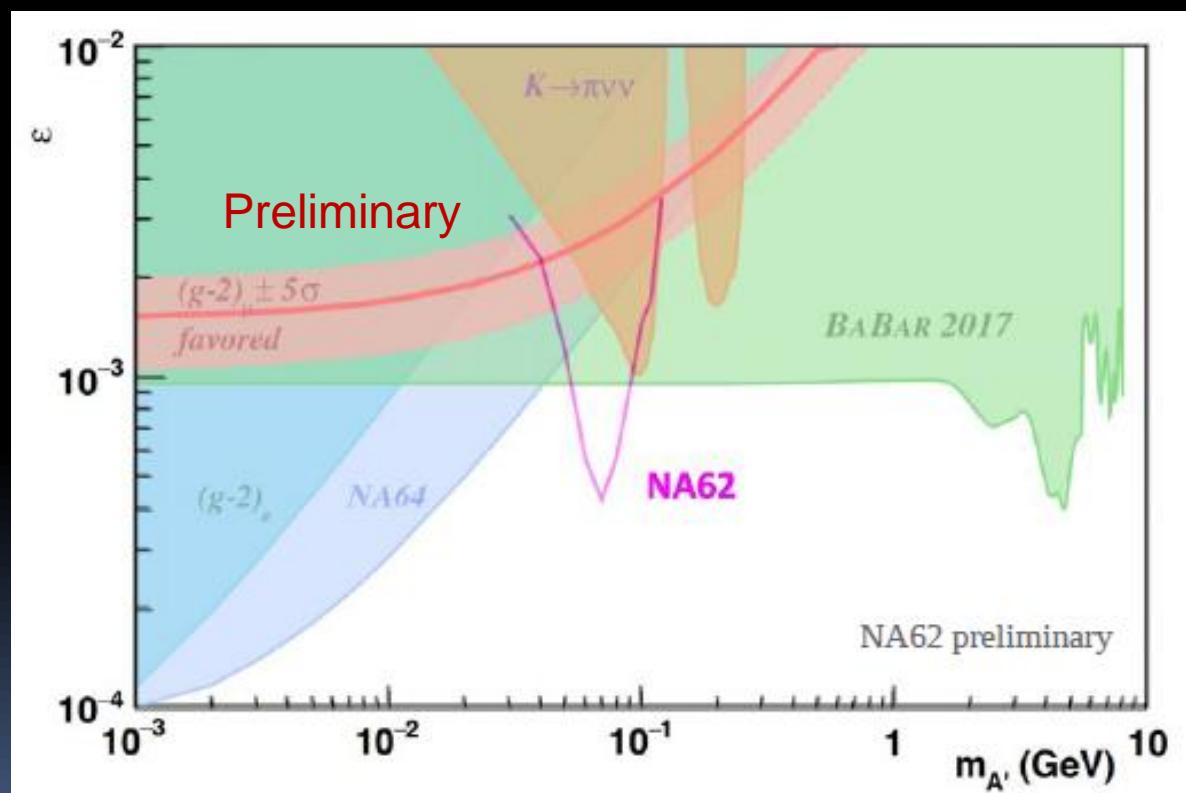


# NA62 result

Analysis of 4% of 2016 data  $\rightarrow 1.5 \times 10^{10}$  K+ decays

No events observed, 90% CL upper limit

P.Mermod, NuFact17





# NA62

*Visible decay*

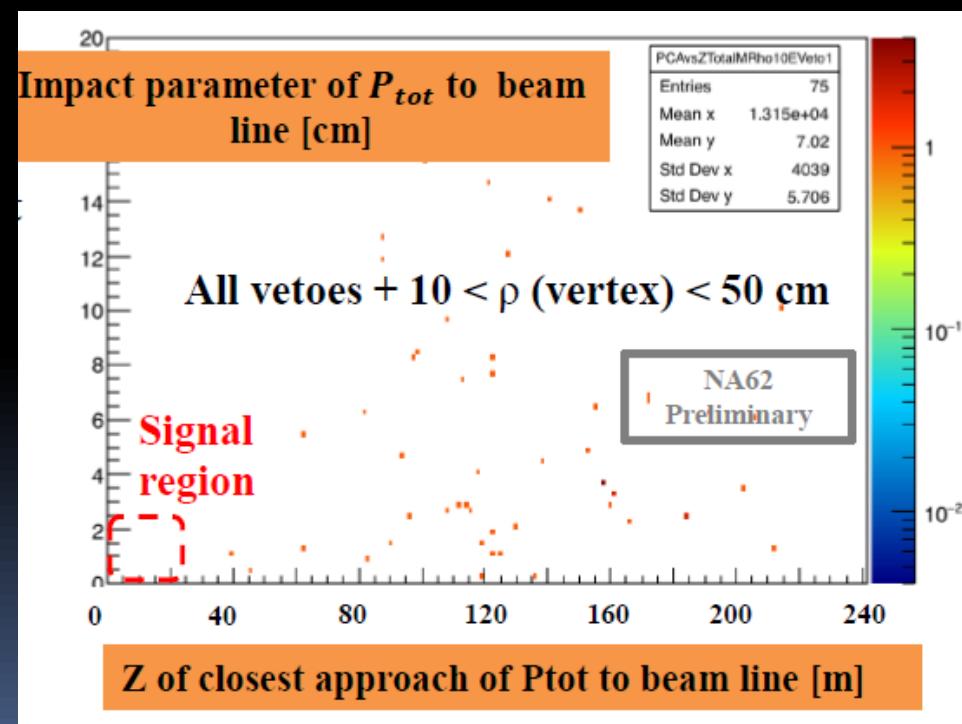
M.Mirra, Moriond 2018

$$\begin{aligned} pN \rightarrow X\pi^0 & \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow A' \gamma \quad A' \rightarrow l^+l^- \\ pN \rightarrow XA' & \quad A' \rightarrow l^+l^- \end{aligned}$$

$3 \times 10^{17}$  PoT acquired in 2016/17 with di-muon parasitic trigger,  $5 \times 10^{16}$  PoT with ee trigger

$\sim 10^{15}$  PoT, search for  $A' \rightarrow \mu\mu$

No events found  
in the signal region



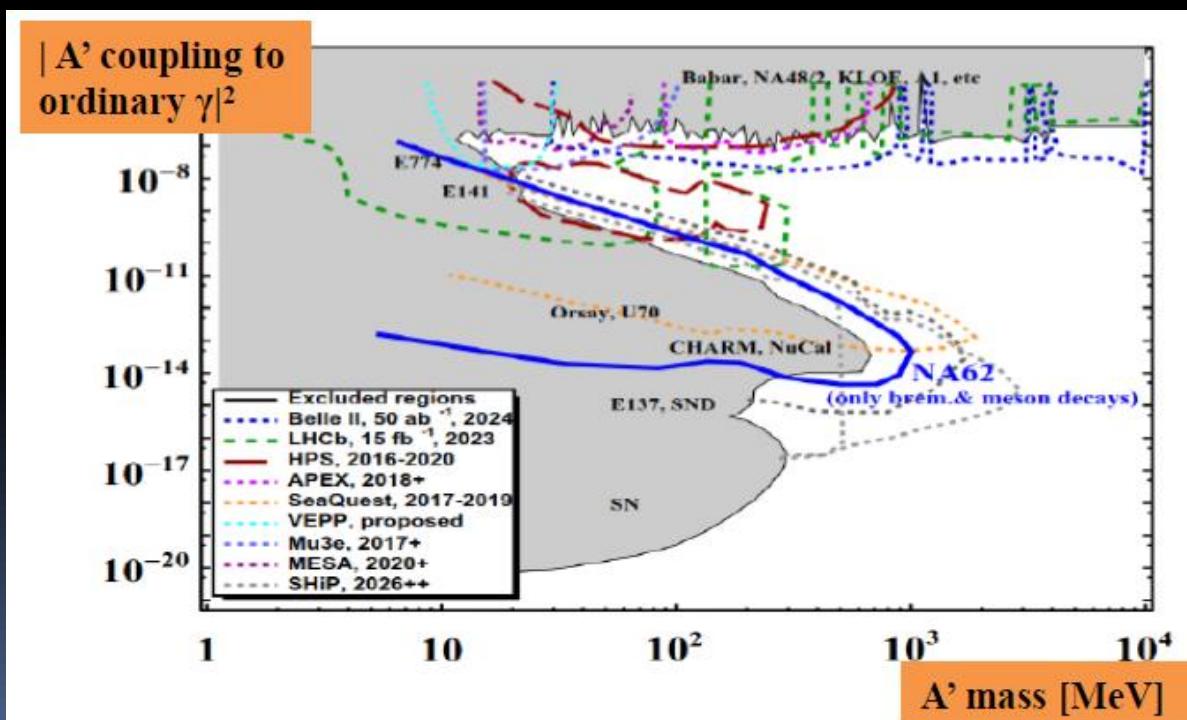


# NA62

*Visible decay*

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Assuming  $10^{18}$  POT, 400 GeV protons, beam-dump mode

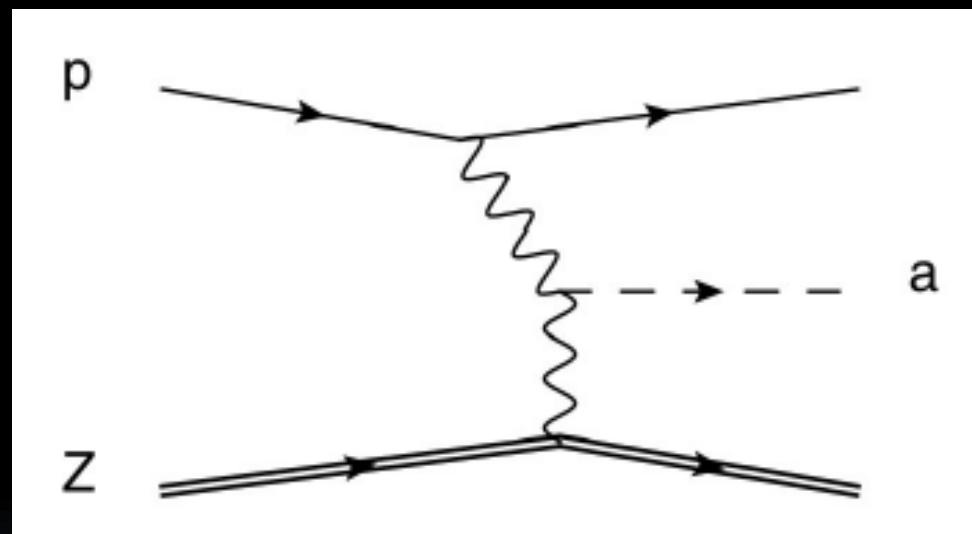




# Axion-like particles

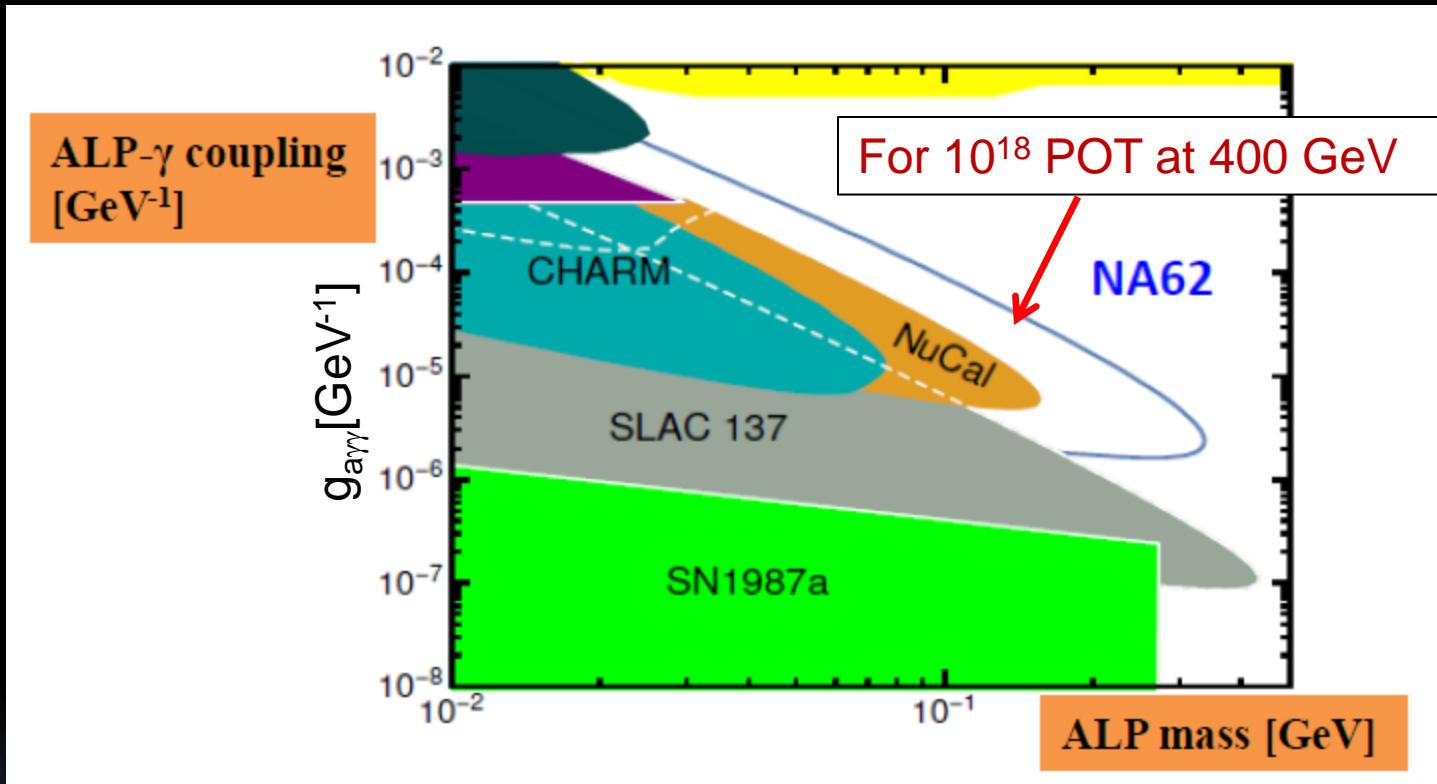
ALP's (a) can be a mediator between DM particles and SM particles

Production of ALP's in proton-nucleus interaction through the coherent scattering between proton and nuclei (Primakoff effect)  
Cross section  $\sim Z^2$



Decay  $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

# NA62: sensitivity to ALP's



Analysis of 2017 data in progress



# Perspectives

Experiments sensitive to hidden particles

## Current experiments:

T2K → T2K-II → T2HK  
NA62, NA62 beam dump  
NA64

## Future projects:

DUNE - LBL neutrino experiment  
SHIP at CERN

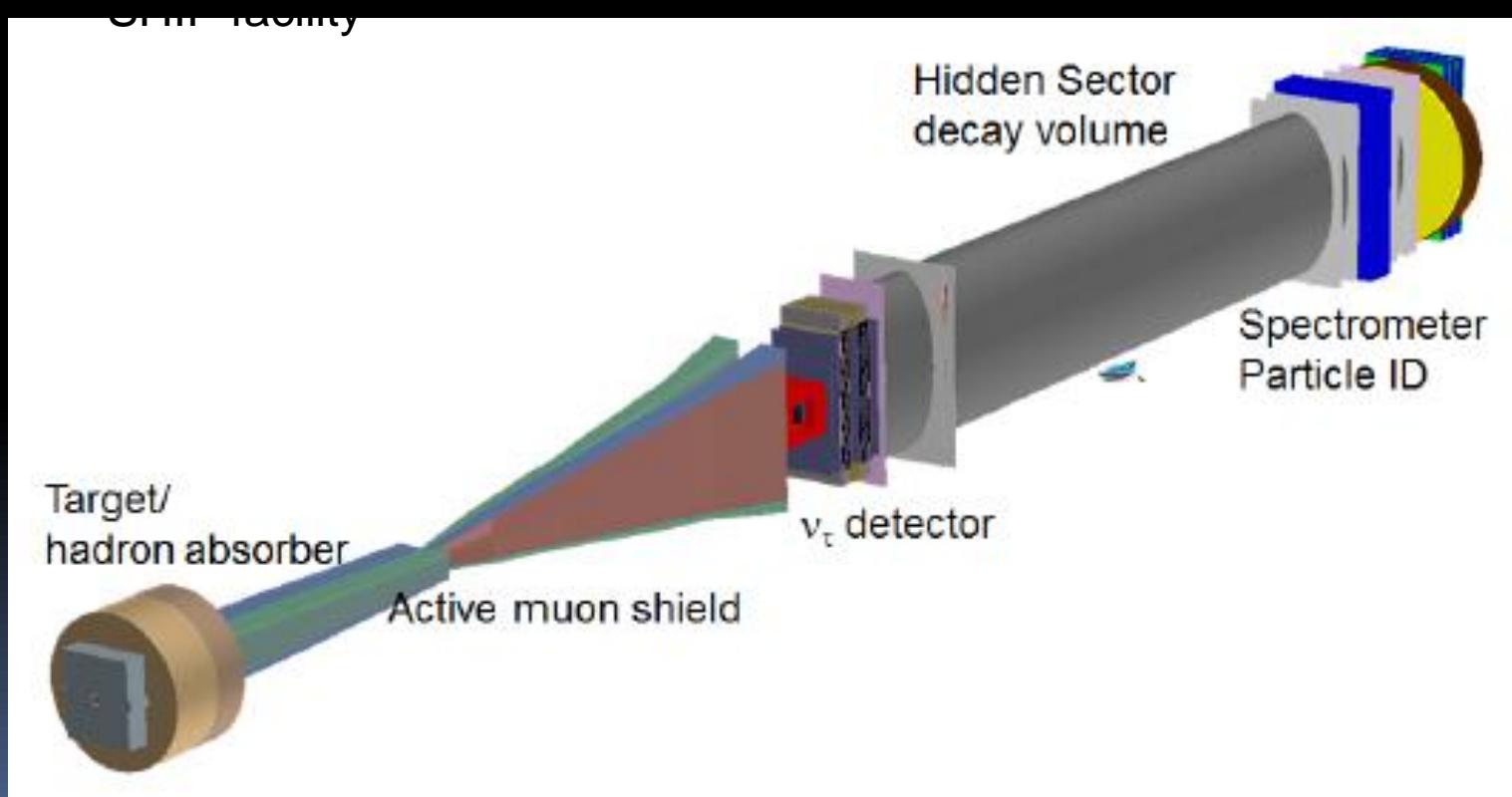


# Experiment SHIP at CERN

arXiv:1505.04956

400 GeV protons,  
2x10<sup>20</sup> POT over 5 years of running  
> 10<sup>18</sup> D mesons

***"Zero background" experiment***  
- Heavy target  
- Muon shield  
- Surrounding Veto detectors  
- Timing and PID detectors, ...





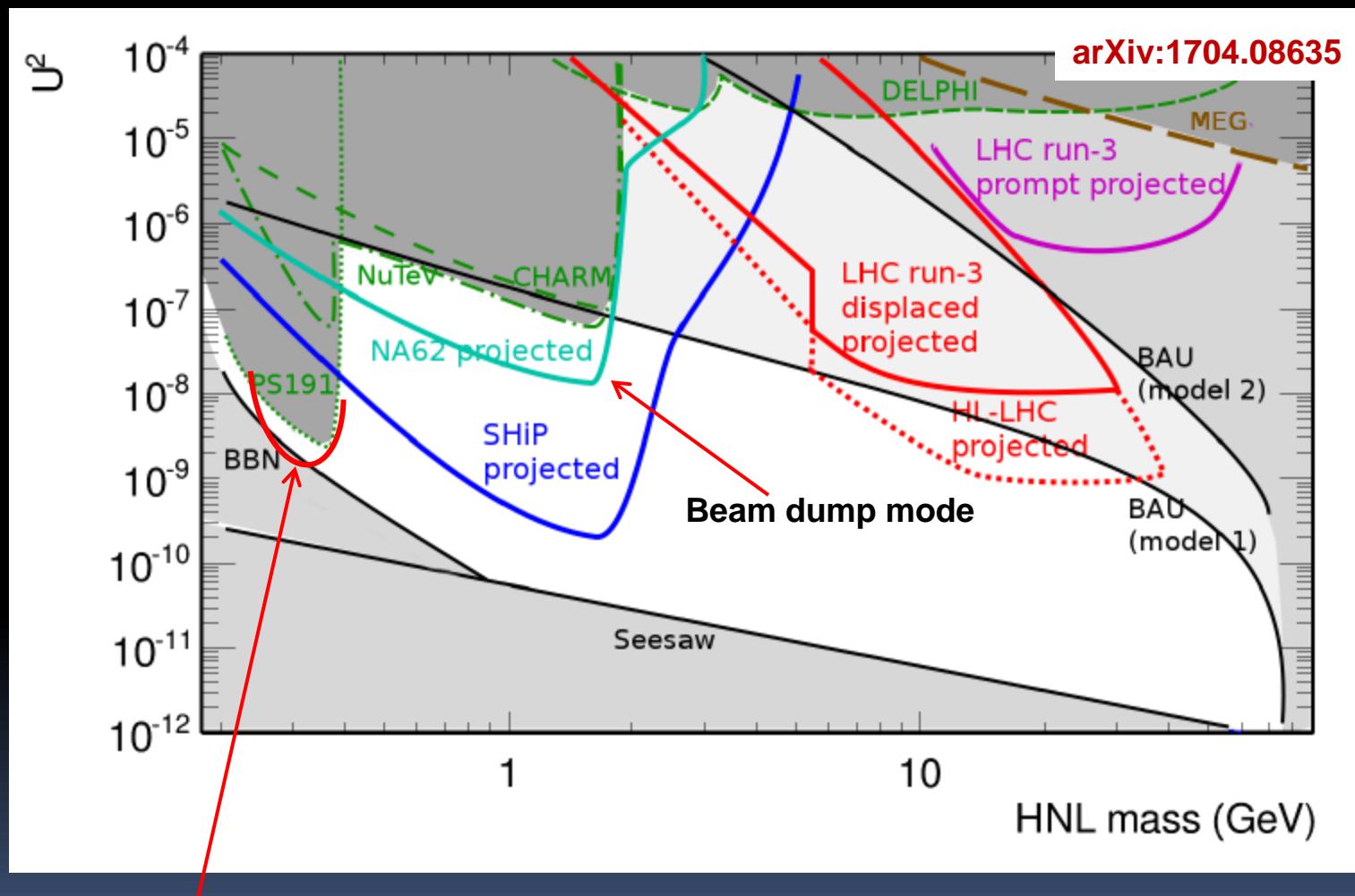
# SHIP Principle





# SHIP expected sensitivity

HNL

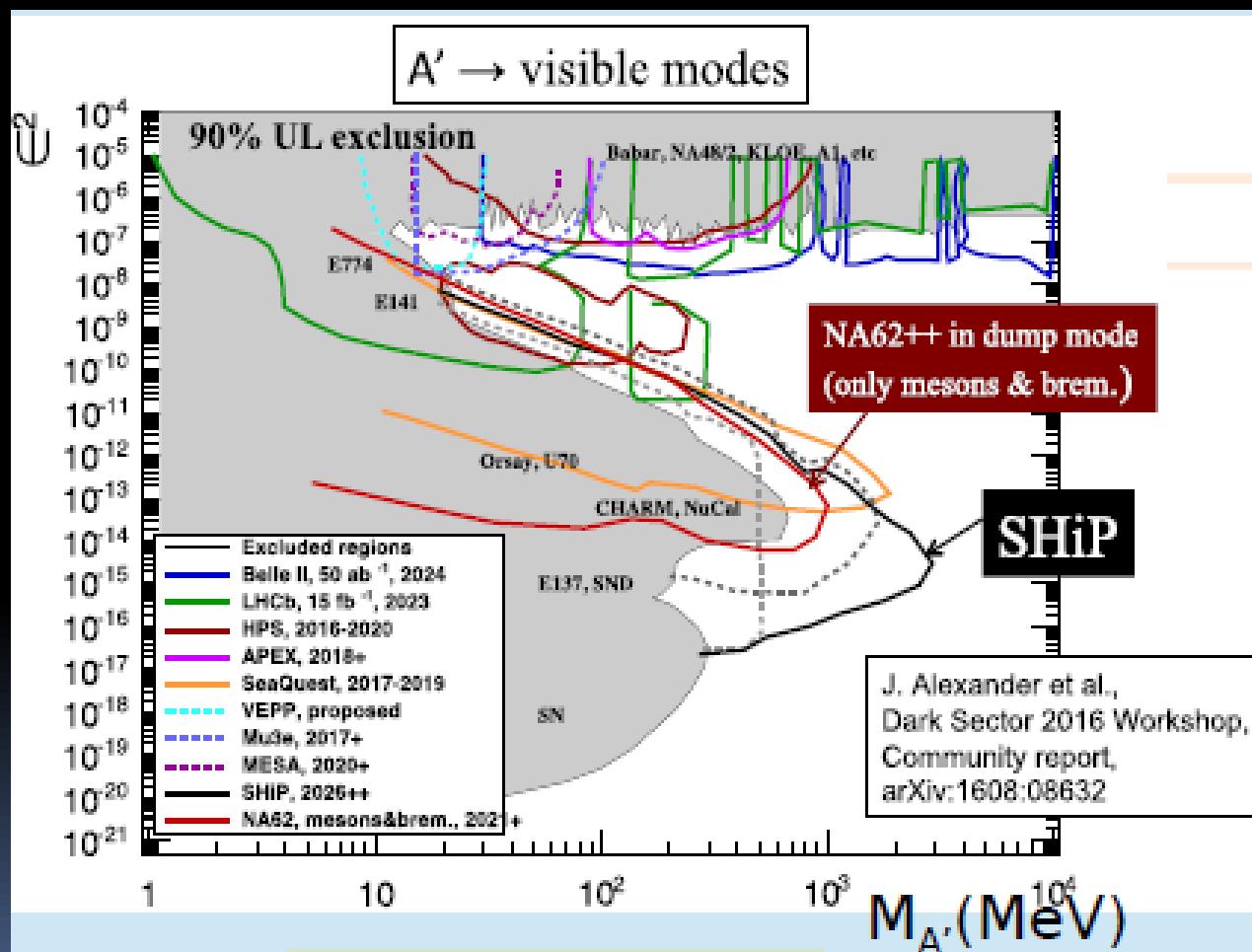


Form masses  $\leq 500$  MeV almost excluded by E949, T2K, NA62



# SHIP expected sensitivity

## Dark photons





# Conclusion

**Fixed target experiments at proton accelerators have good chances to test New Physics (hidden sector) beyond SM:**

- sensitive to HNL (heavy sterile neutrinos) in the mass range up to ~ few GeV
- probe “dark photons”
- search for ALP's