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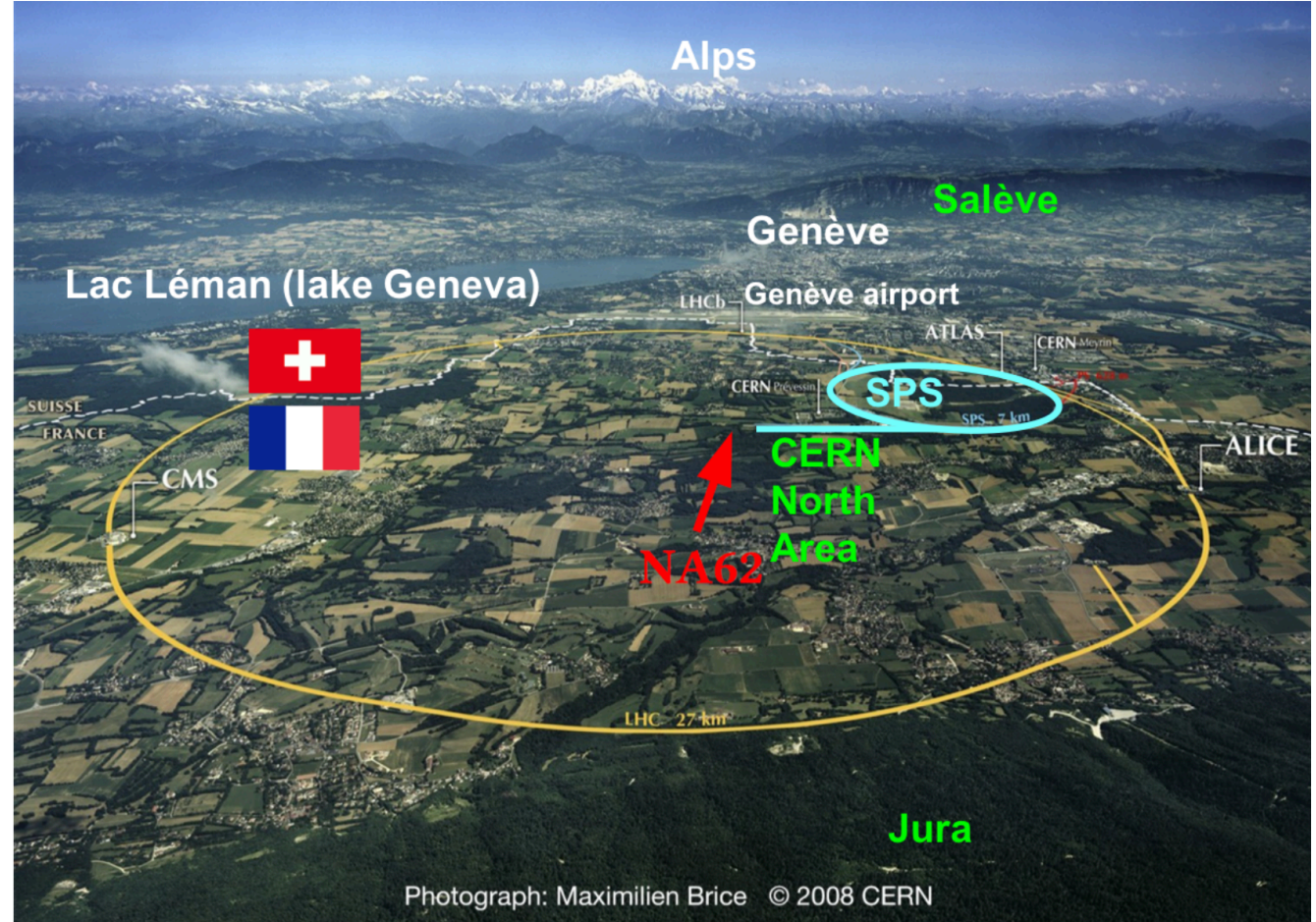
## NA62 PROJECT REVIEW 2024

# THE SMALLEST BRANCHING FRACTION AND POSSIBLY SOME OF THE WEAKEST COUPLINGS

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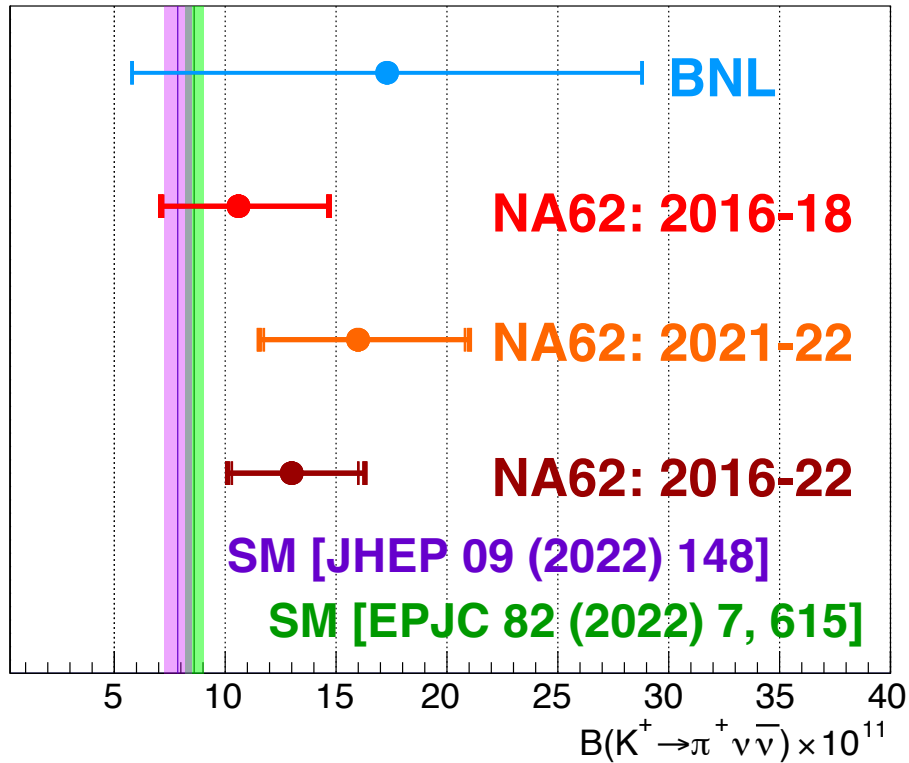
# WHAT IS NA62? THE MUCH TOO SHALLOW OVERVIEW

- **Fixed target experiment** in CERN North Area (**400GeV SPS protons**)
- Main goal of experiment is to precisely\* **measure the extremely rare decay**  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
- Broad physics program
  - ▶ Precision measurements
  - ▶ Rare/forbidden decays
  - ▶ **Direct exotic particle searches**
  - ▶ Neutrino tagging
  - ▶ Hadroproduction



\*The nominal goal was to reach below 20% statistical uncertainty before LS3

# RECENT HEADLINE RESULT NA62 KAON PHYSICS



## 5 $\sigma$ Measurement of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay\*

- Lowest branching ratio ever measured at 5 $\sigma$ !
- Clean theory predictions for the width
  - Dominated by short distance contributions
  - Hadronic matrix element can be extracted from  $BR_{K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \nu \ell}$  measurements via isospin rotation
- Presented at CERN Colloquium, publication imminent
- Measurement consistent with previous results
  - Central value moved up slightly while relative uncertainty decreased (40%  $\rightarrow$  20%)
  - Now we observe (1.5–1.7) $\sigma$  above SM
- Data taking until 2026

\*Background-only hypothesis has p-value of  $2 \times 10^{-7}$

# NA62 AT MPP PEOPLE



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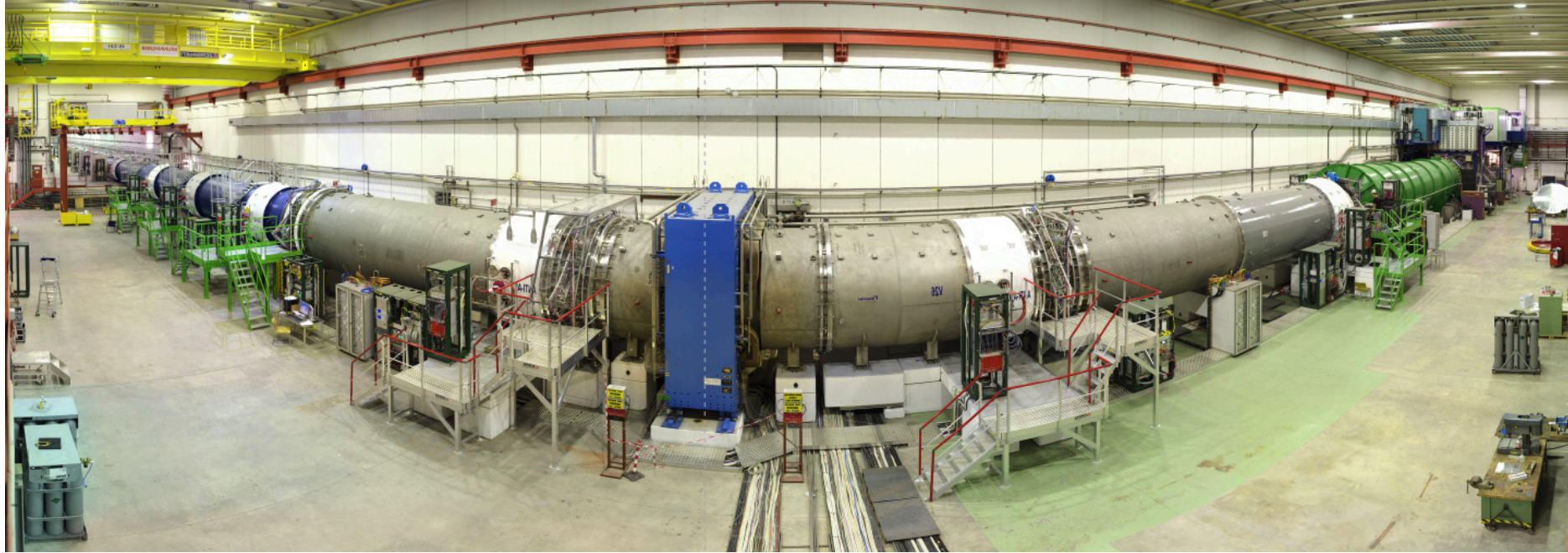


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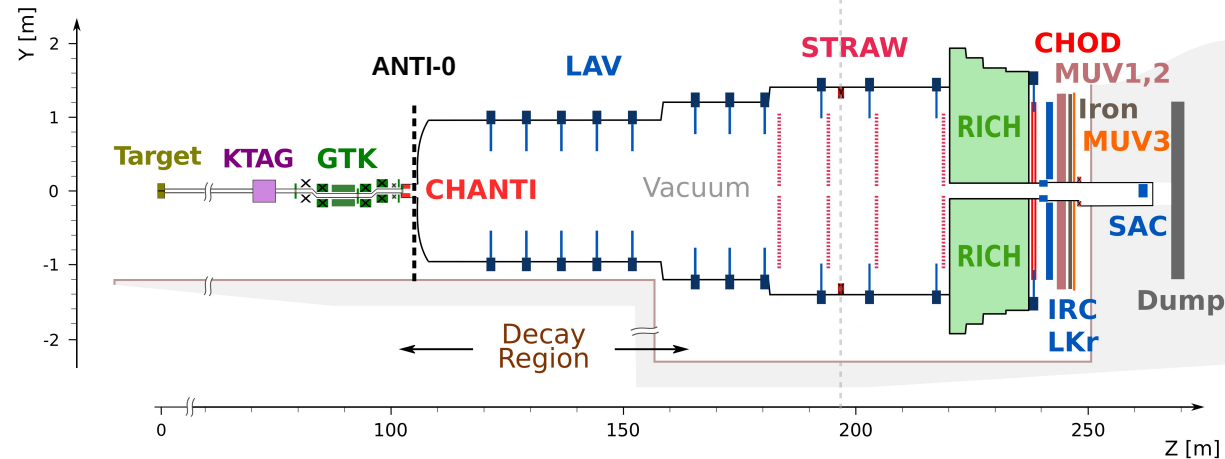


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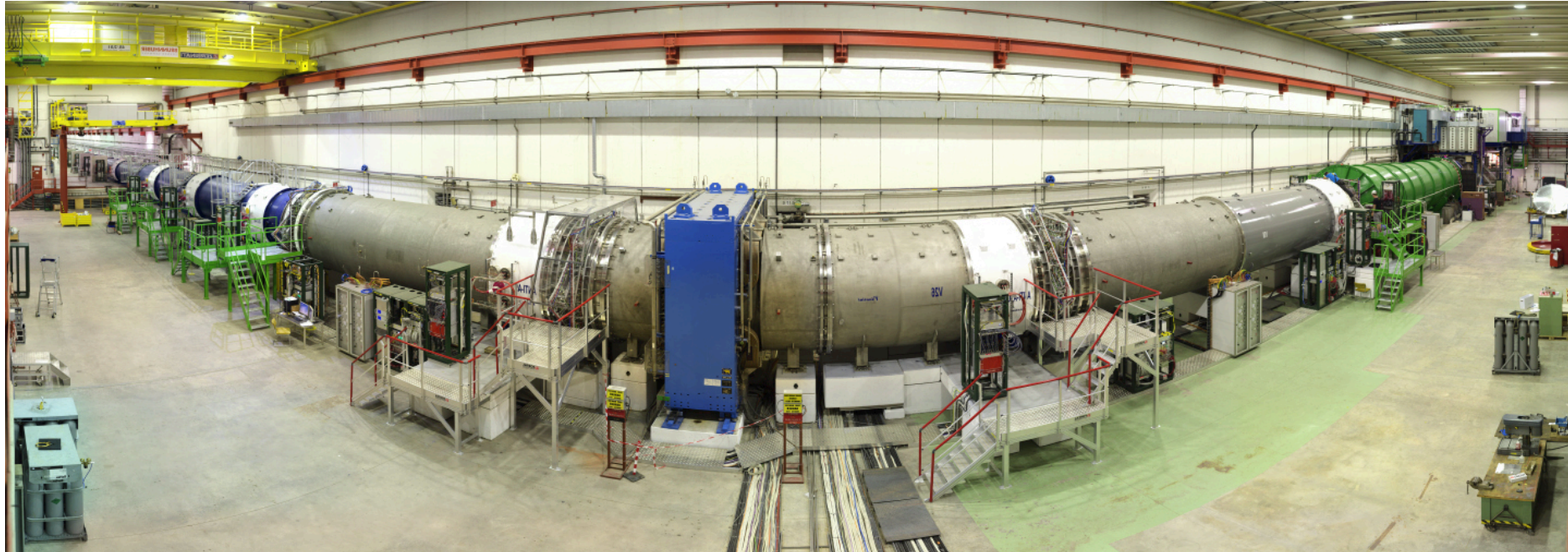
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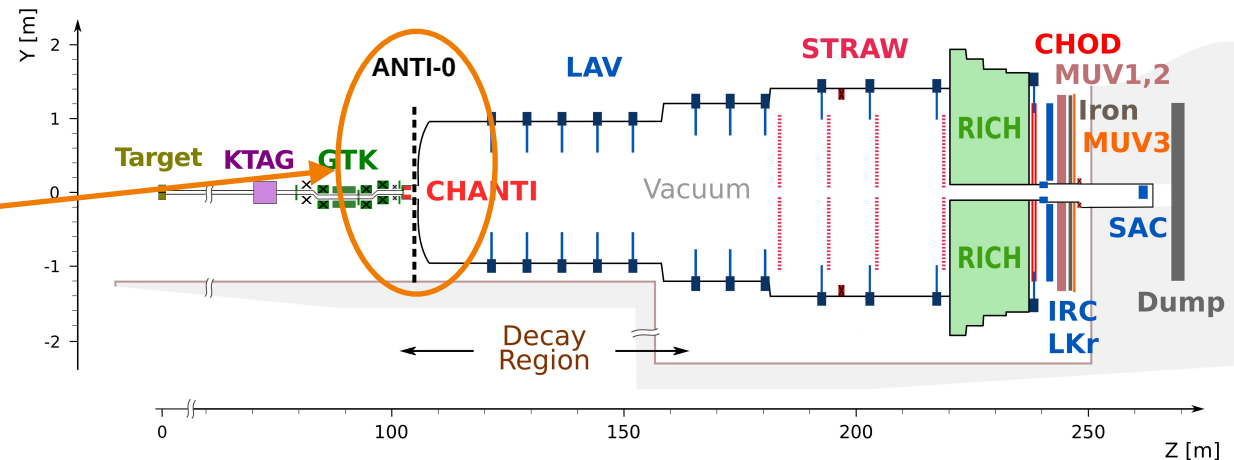


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North Area intensity upgrades will lead to higher rates in detector readouts

➔ Need finer granularity hodoscopes to keep readout rate manageable

➔ Hodoscope tiles need to shrink

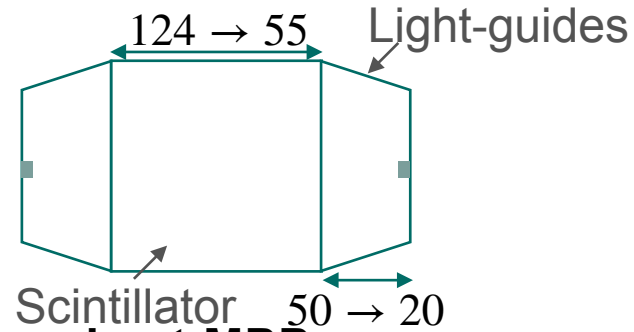


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- **Required tile-shrinkage:**

- light guides need to be adjusted to guarantee similar performance



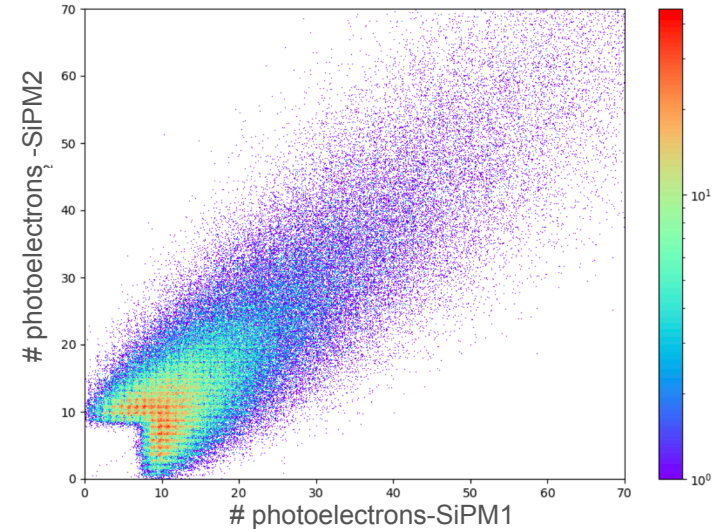
- ✓ **Light guides designed and made at MPP**  
(big thanks to Alfons Eiterer, Alexander Stürzer, and rest of mechanics department)

- ✓ **First Tests performed with  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ -source and Cosmics** indicated excellent correlation

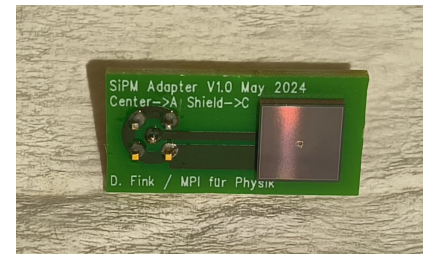
- ✓ **Design and fabrication at MPP of Mk-II tile featuring**
  - improved light guide design
  - New Hamamatsu SiPMs mounted directly on PCB  
(big thanks to David Fink and the electronics department)

- ☀ **Tests at CERN measuring muons of small polar in ‘sandwich set-up’ of two Mk-II tiles between two  $1\text{cm}^3$  granularity 3DET hodoscopes**

- **Sub- $1\text{cm}^2$ -granularity tiles could be useful for any experiment with high intensity exposure**



SiPM correlation for test with  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  source



SiPM mounted on PCB



Mk-II tile fitted on plate

# NA62 AT MPP

## WHAT WE DO

### • Hardware

- ▶ Upgrade Studies
- ▶ Expert roles

### • Run Control

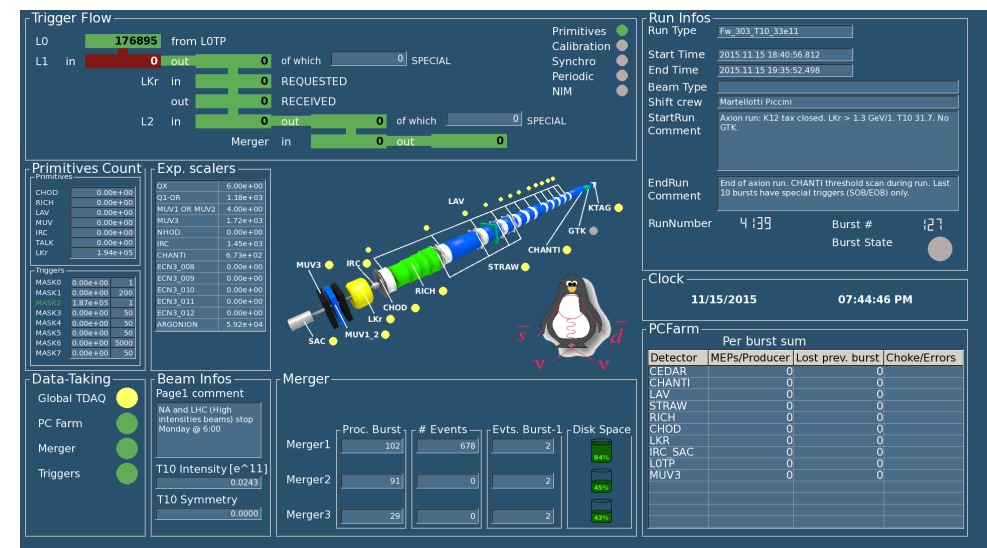
- ▶ Handles trigger and data acquisition
- ▶ Maintained and developed at MPP

### • Sensitivity analyses (theory)

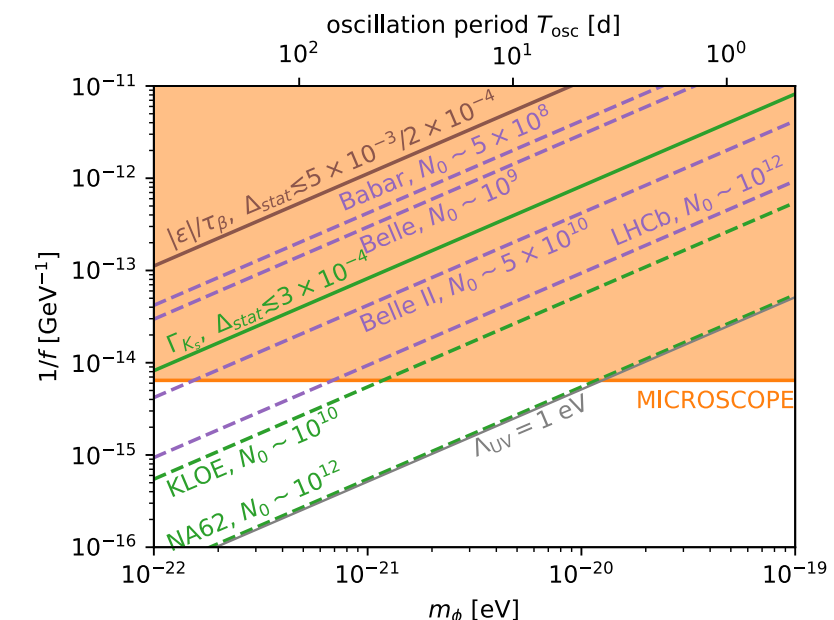
- ▶ Unique experiment with (in-)direct sensitivity to numerous effects
- ▶ Dedicated NA62 sensitivity studies at MPP
- ▶ Example: Nelson-Barr ultra-light dark matter leading to CKM-value oscillation

### • Exotics Working Group

- ▶ Co-convenership
- ▶ Direct BSM searches
- ▶ Phenomenology for direct searches



Screenshot of the NA62 big screen



original idea and plot from [2405.06744]

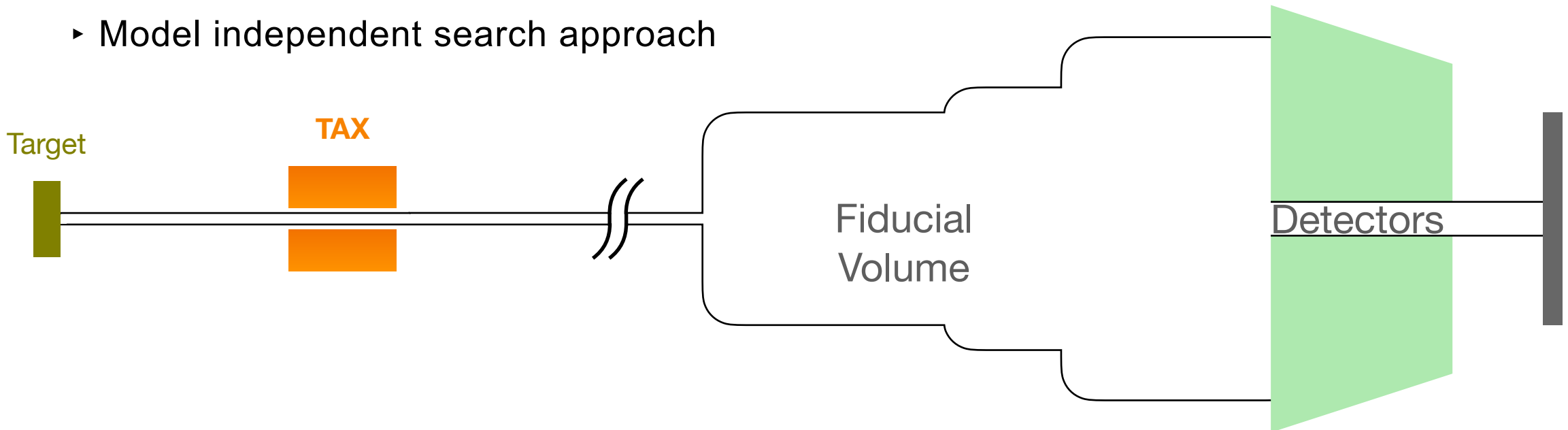


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  - Pointing approach eliminates already very small background levels
  - Model independent search approach

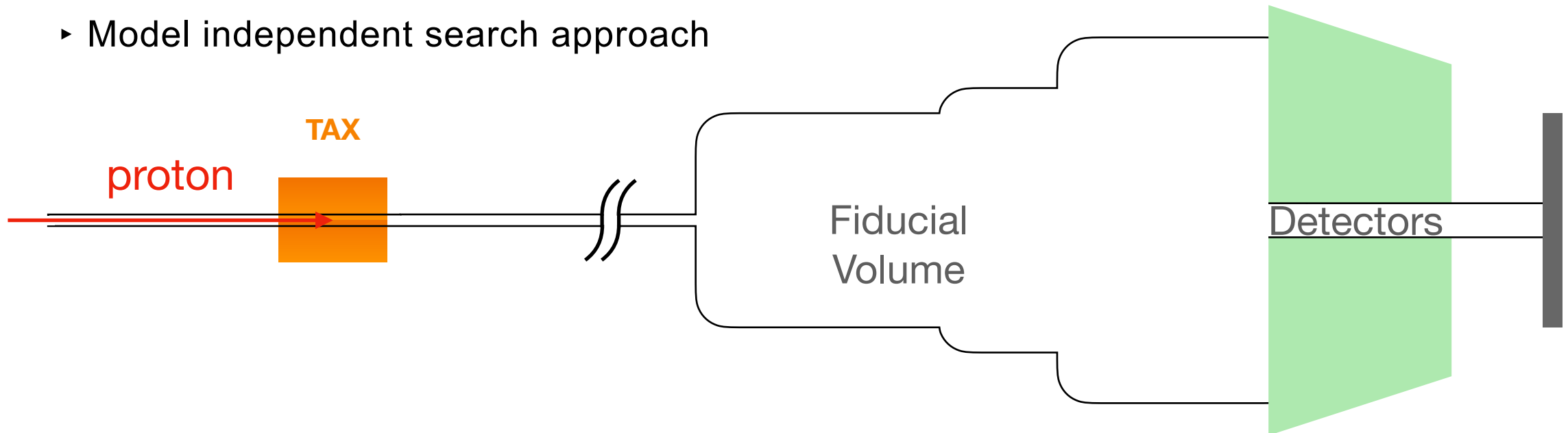
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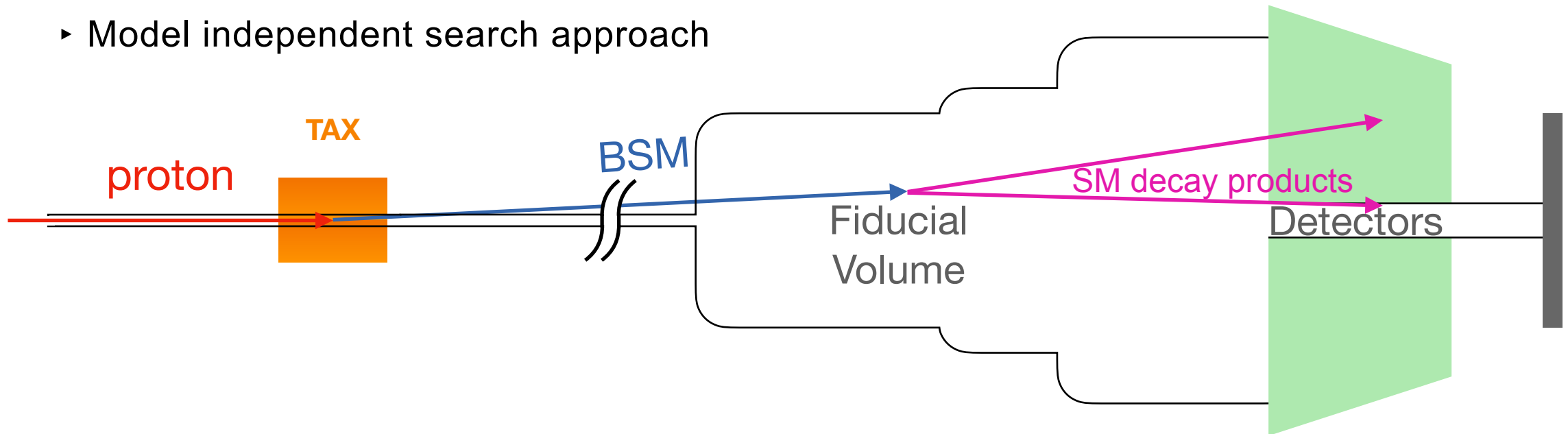
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# MODEL-INDEPENDENT SEARCHES USING DUMP-MODE DATA



## ✓ Lepton-pair final states

- ▶ Background mainly due to accidental combination ( $\mu$ ) and prompt upstream scattering events (e)
- ▶ No significant excess observed
- ▶ Published in [JHEP](#) ( $\mu$ ) and [PRL](#) (e)

## ✓ Charged hadronic final states

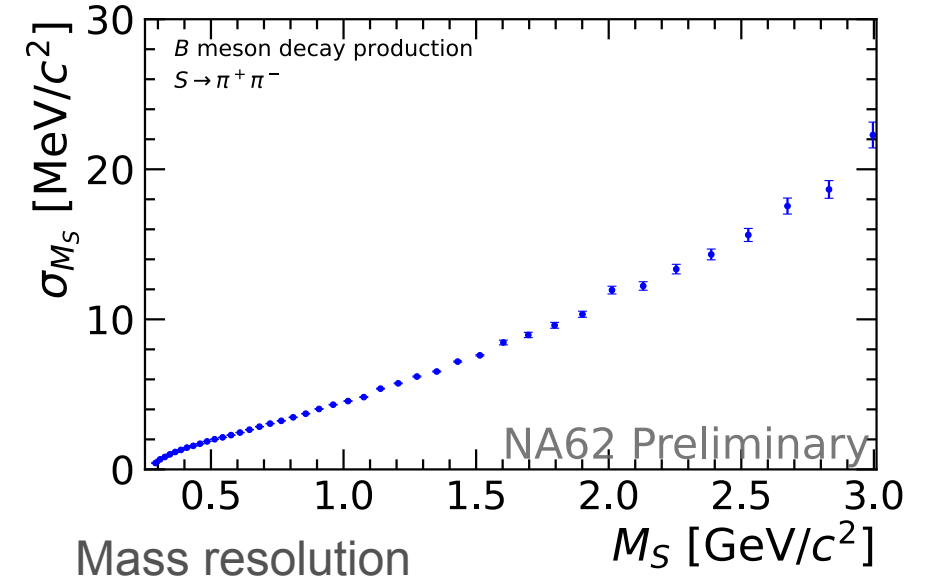
- ▶ Background mainly from upstream kaon events
- ▶ No events observed
- ▶ Presented at [Moriond](#), publication imminent

## ⊙ Semi-leptonic

- ▶ Likely dominated by prompt upstream scattering events
- ▶ Targets models complementary to previous studies

## ⊙ Di-gamma final states

- ▶ No track information available (Enormous effort to study possible backgrounds)

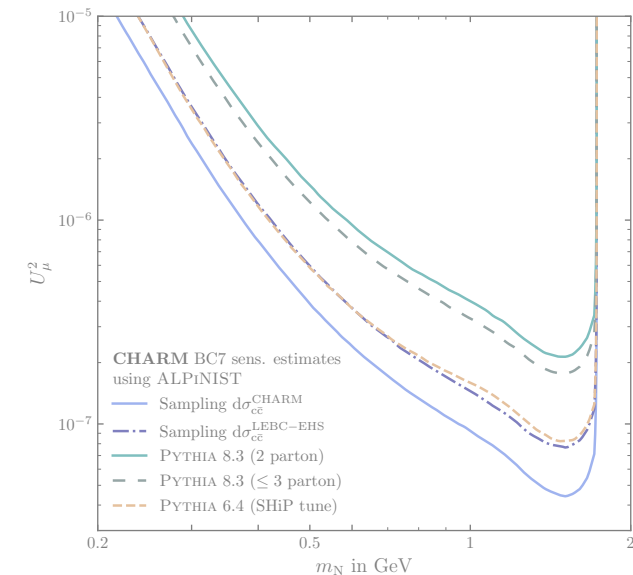
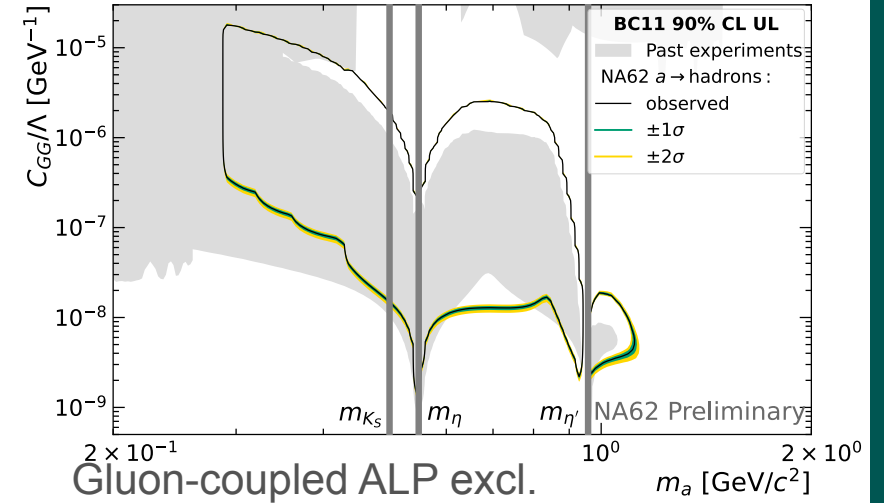


channel	$\pi^+\pi^-$	$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	$K^+K^-$
$N_{\text{obs}}(> 5\sigma)$	3	1	1

Global significances in case of observed events (selected channels)

# MODEL-DEPENDENT INTERPRETATION OF SUCH ANALYSES (USING ALPINIST)

- **Final states can be interpreted as Feebly Interacting Particles** (Usual suspects are Dark Photon, Dark Scalar, Axion-Like-Particles and Heavy Neutral Leptons)
- **Absence of signal excludes parameter space of these models, which requires**
  - knowledge of production spectra
  - weighting algorithm for mass-width pairs assumed in MC
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- **Recent phenomenology study regarding**
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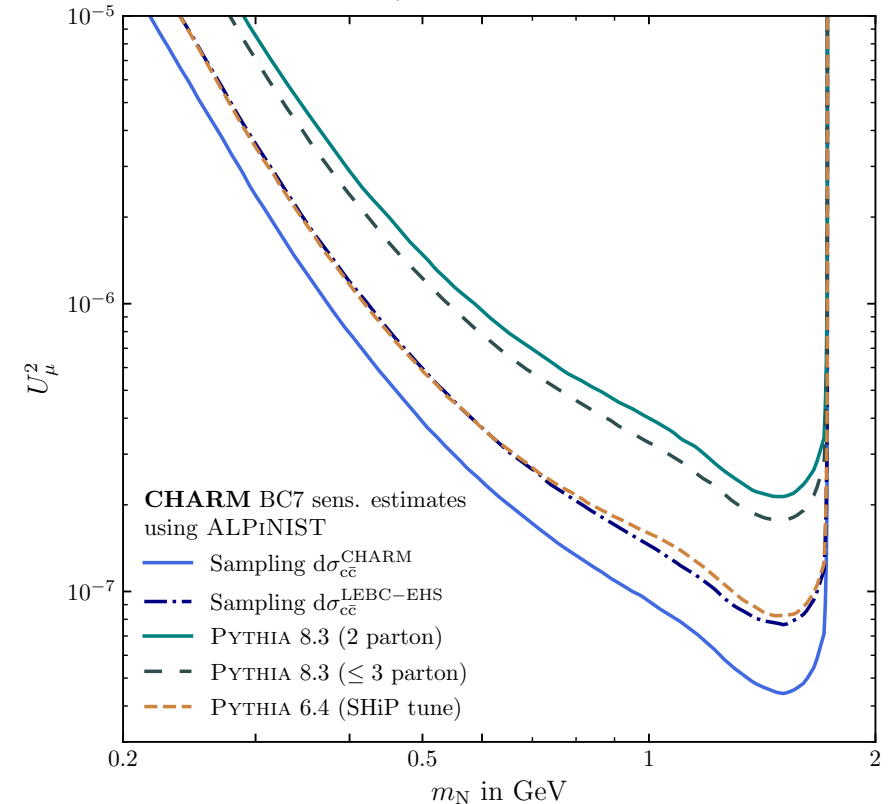
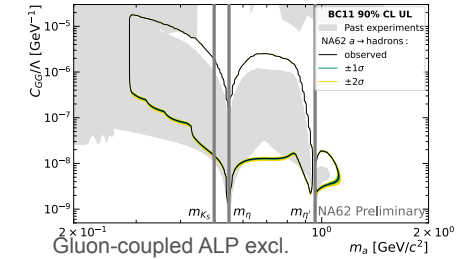


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# SUMMARY

**NA62 is a very versatile experiment with broad, world-leading physics program**

**NA62@MPP has hit the ground running**

- **Group growing steadily since started in Autumn 2022**
- **Vital work to keep the experiment running (run control, expert roles, improvement studies)**
- **Leading role for dump-mode physics within the collaboration (co-convenership, bulk of analyses, phenomenological interpretations)**

**We are very grateful to the electronics and mechanics department, as well as administration with a special thanks to Ina Wacker**

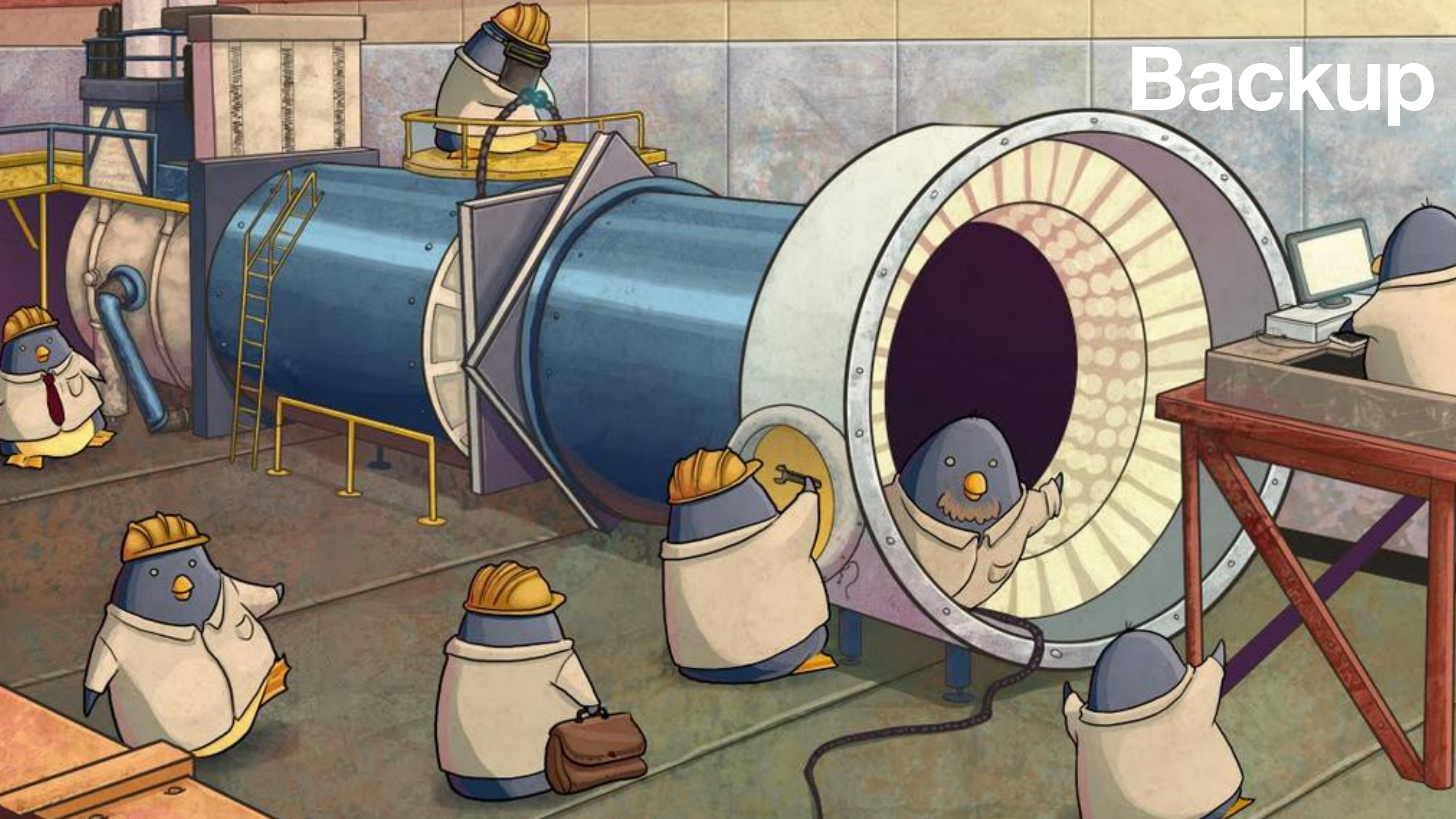
**Come talk to us about your favourite model, you don't even have to take the stairs :)**




2024 NA62 collaboration week Birmingham

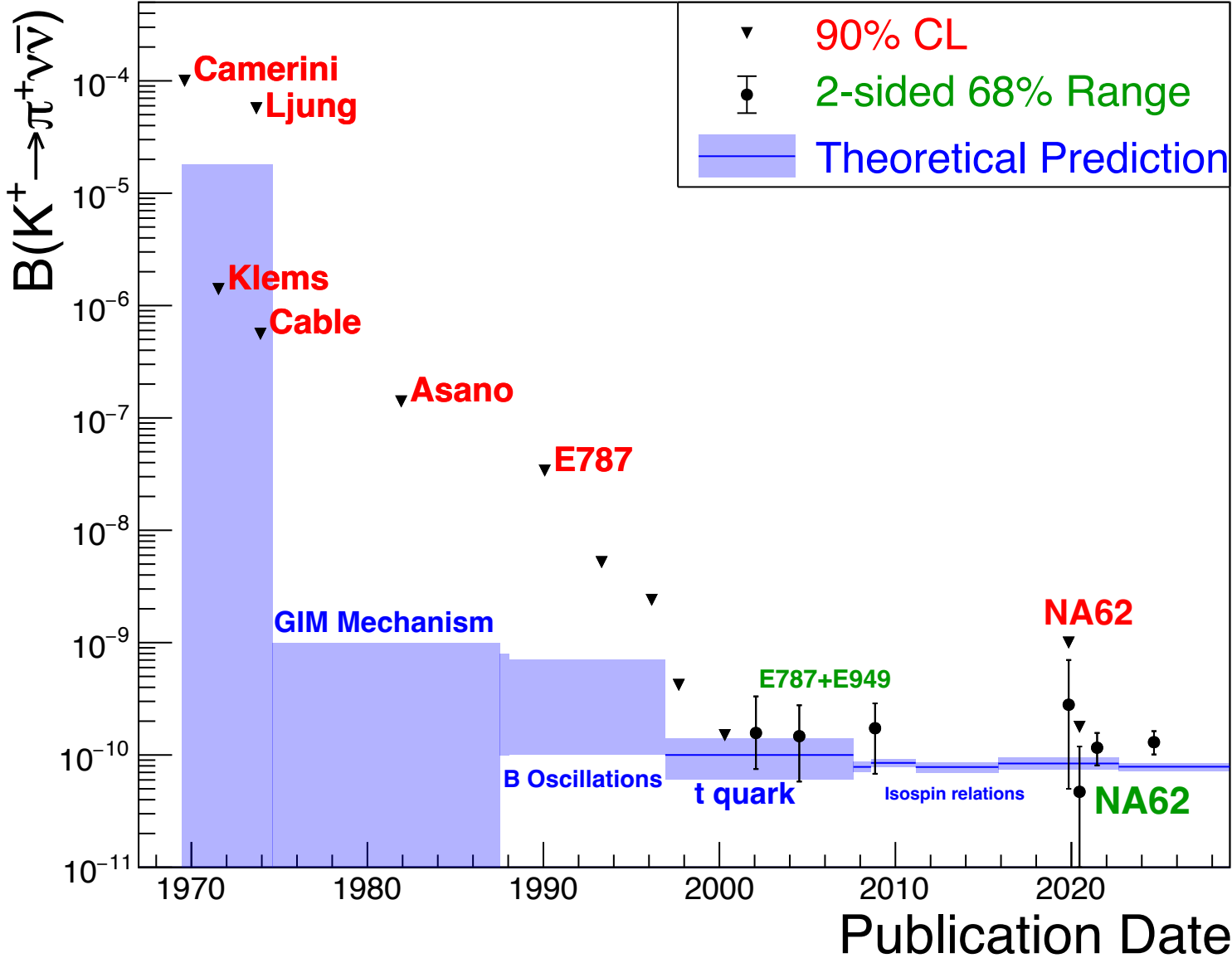


# Backup




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

# HISTORY OF $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$



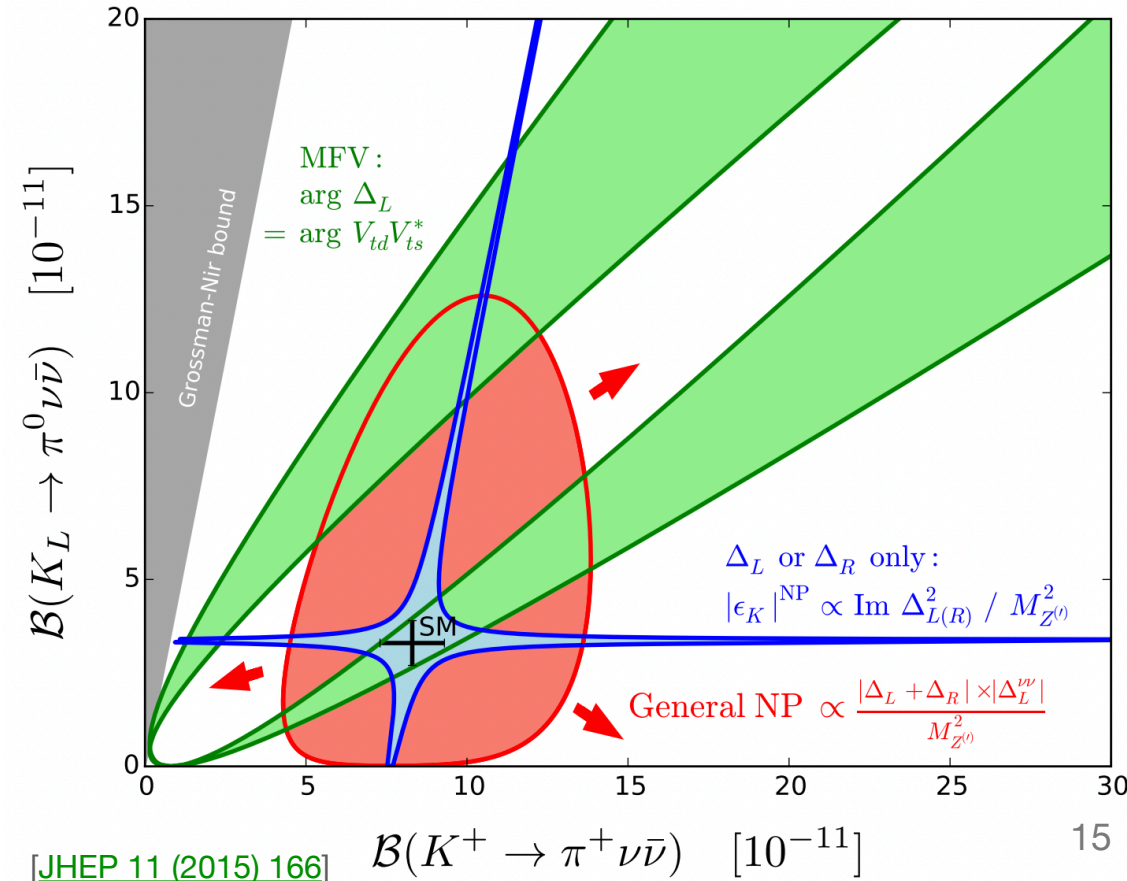
# $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ : Beyond the Standard Model

- Correlations between BSM contributions to BRs of  $K^+$  and  $K_L$  modes [[JHEP 11 \(2015\) 166](#)].
  - Must measure both to discriminate between BSM scenarios.
- Correlations with other observables ( $\epsilon'/\epsilon$ ,  $\Delta M_B$ , B-decays) [[JHEP 12 \(2020\) 097](#)] [[PLB 809 \(2020\) 135769](#)].
- Leptoquarks [[EPJ.C 82 \(2022\) 4, 320](#)], Interplay between CC and FCNC [[JHEP 07 \(2023\) 029](#)], NP in neutrino sector [[EPJ.C 84 \(2024\) 7, 680](#)] and additional scalar/tensor contributions [[JHEP 12 \(2020\) 186](#)][[arXiv:2405.06742](#)] ...
- **Green:** CKM-like flavour structure
  - Models with Minimal Flavour Violation
- **Blue:** new flavour-violating interactions where LH or RH currents dominate
  - $Z'$  models with pure LH/RH couplings
- **Red:** general NP models without above constraints
- **Grossman-Nir Bound:** model-independent relation

[[PLB 398 \(1997\) 163-168](#)]

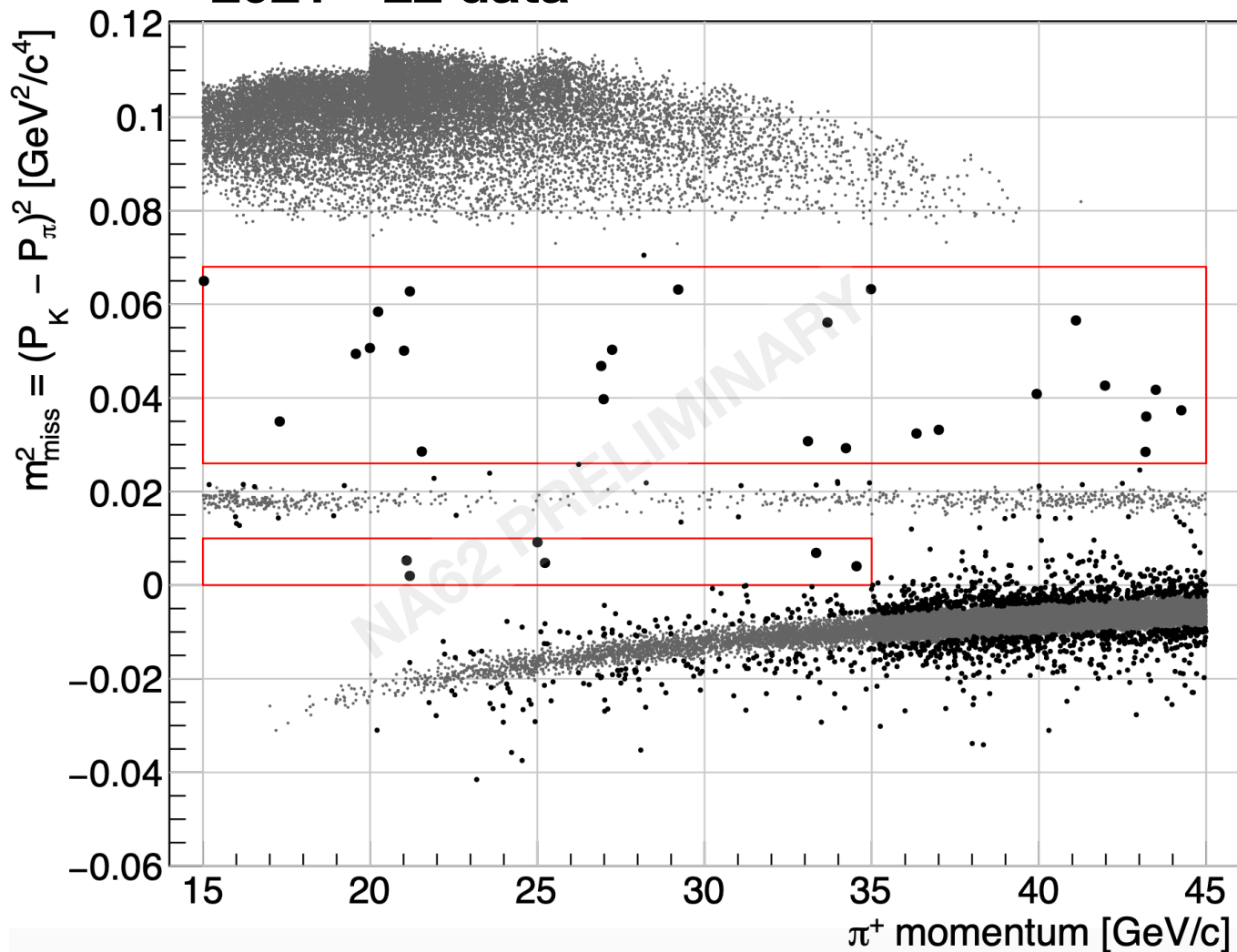
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})} \frac{\tau_{K^+}}{\tau_{K_L}} \lesssim 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) \lesssim 4.3 \mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$$



# Signal regions

2021–22 data

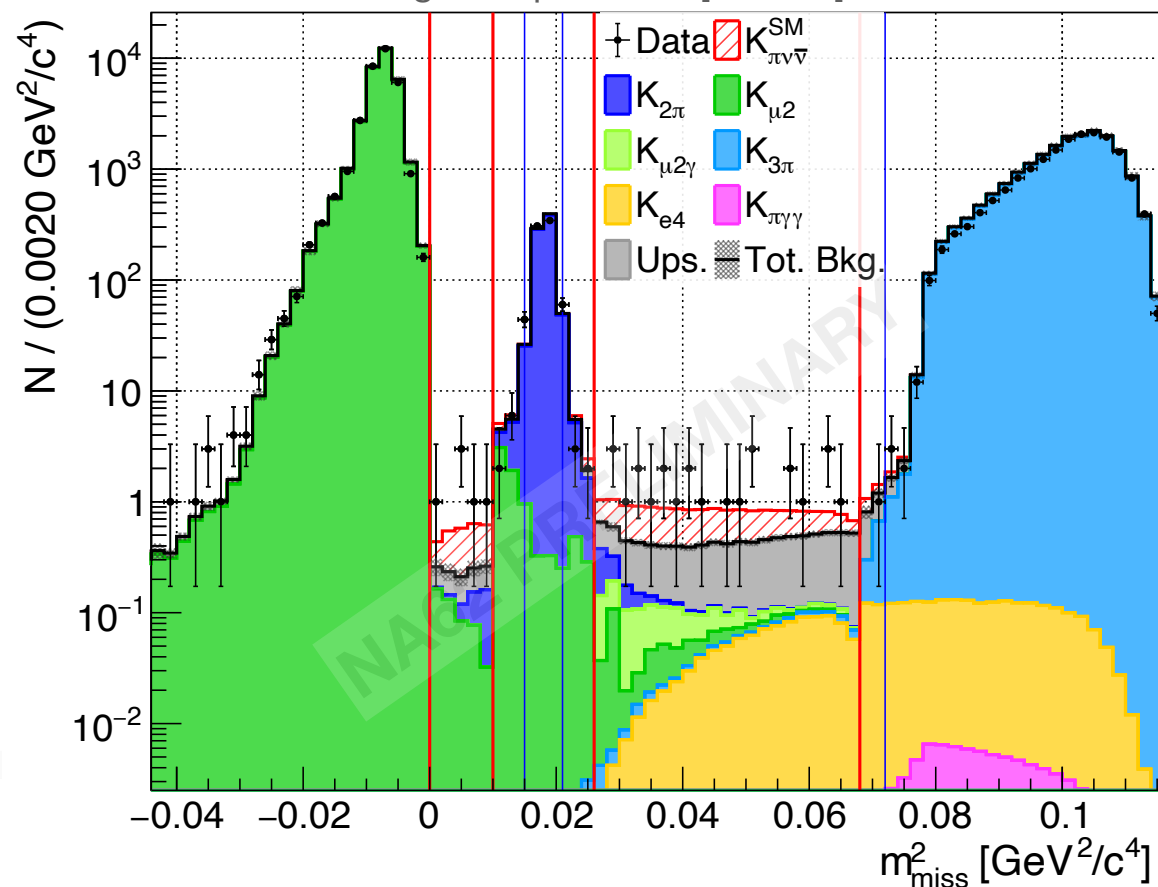


Expected SM signal,  $N_{\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}^{SM} \approx 10$

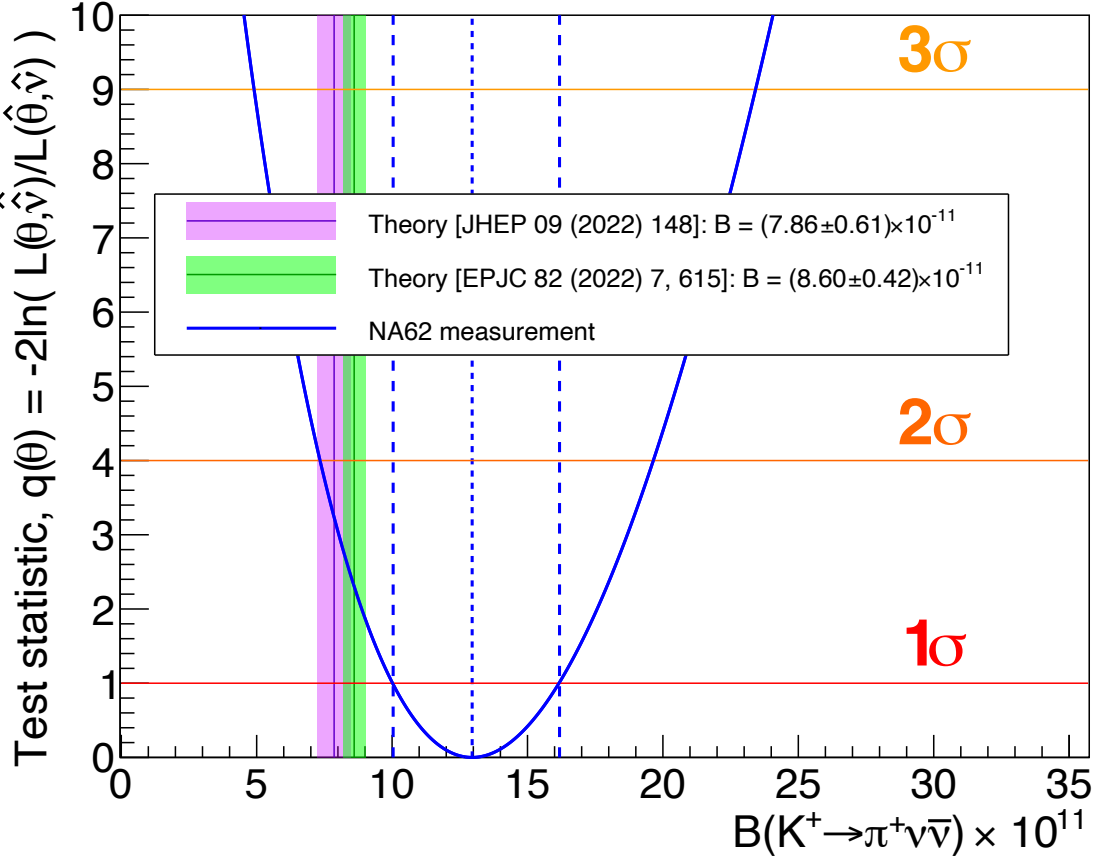
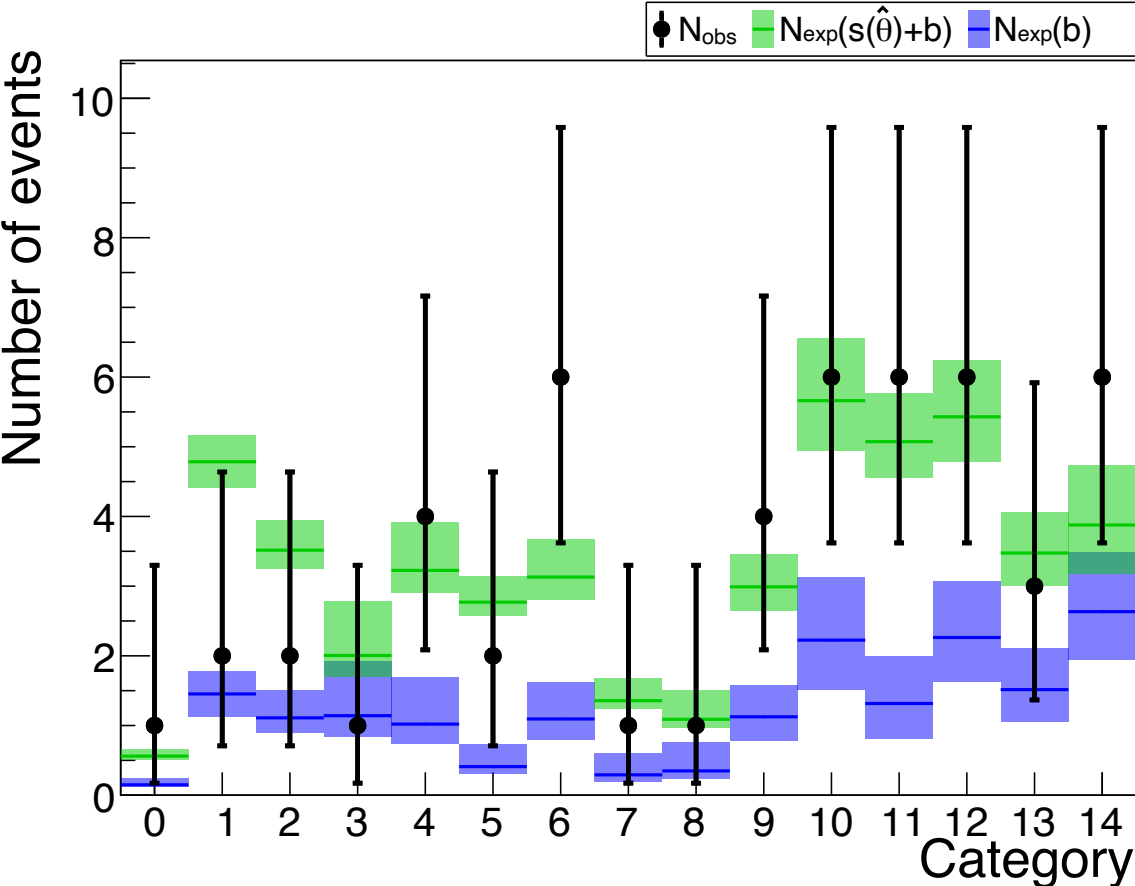
Expected background,  $N_{bg} = 11.0^{+2.1}_{-1.9}$

Observed,  $N_{obs} = 31$

1D projection with differential background predictions & SM signal expectation [not a fit]:



# SIGNAL EVALUATION





# HARDWARE

# NEW FINER GRANULARITY HODOSCOPE MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS



Table 1: The specifications of the plastic scintillator UPS-923A [3].

<b>Scintillator</b>	UPS-923A
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Institute for Scintillation Materials (ISMa)
<b>Base</b>	Polystyrene
<b>Primary fluor</b>	2% PTP
<b>Secondary fluor</b>	0.03% POPOP
<b>Rise time (ns)</b>	0.9
<b>Decay time(ns)</b>	~2-3
<b>Wavelength - max emission (nm)</b>	418
<b>Light output, % of anthracene</b>	56

Table 2: Optical Properties of CRYLON High Impact for Scintillator Light Guides [4].

<b>Brand</b>	CRYLON
<b>Manufacturer</b>	3A Composites
<b>Base</b>	PMMA
<b>Refractive index</b>	1.492
<b>Light transmission</b>	92%
<b>Density</b>	1.19 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Haze</b>	< 1%
<b>Total solar energy transmission</b>	86%
<b>Gloss value</b>	100%



# NEW FINER GRANULARITY HODOSCOPE

## <sup>90</sup>Sr TEST

First tests with first prototype have been done by mounting two Hamamatsu S13360-6050CS SiPMs using CAEN-DT5202 readout

Data type	SiPM 1		SiPM 2	
	MPV (p.e.)	Width (p.e.)	MPV (p.e.)	Width (p.e.)
<sup>90</sup> Sr source	10.84	5.97	10.98	5.64
Cosmics	11.74	6.20	9.86	5.57

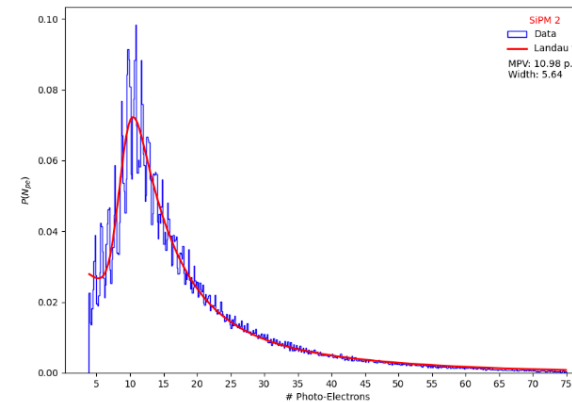
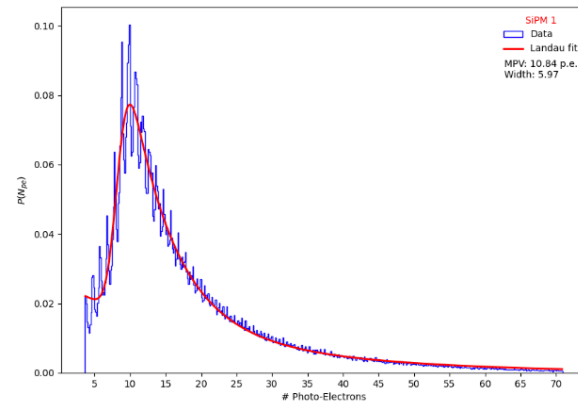
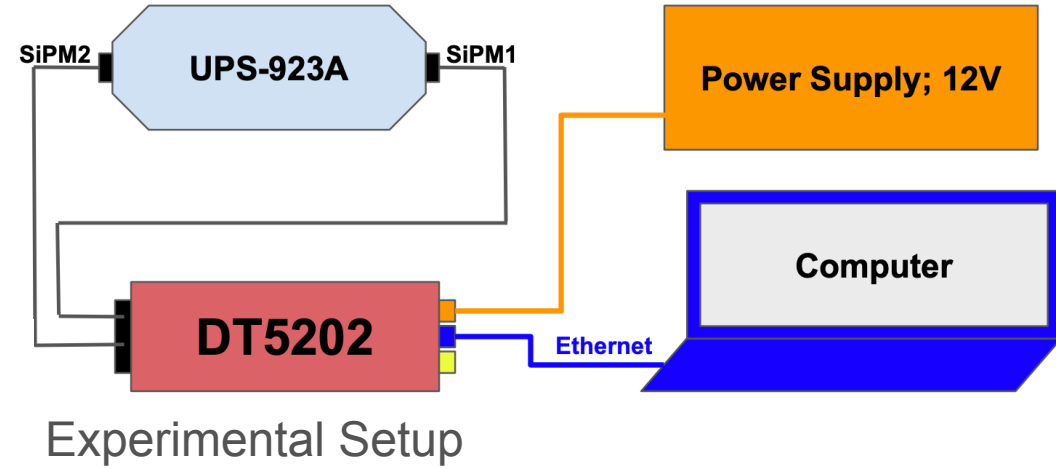
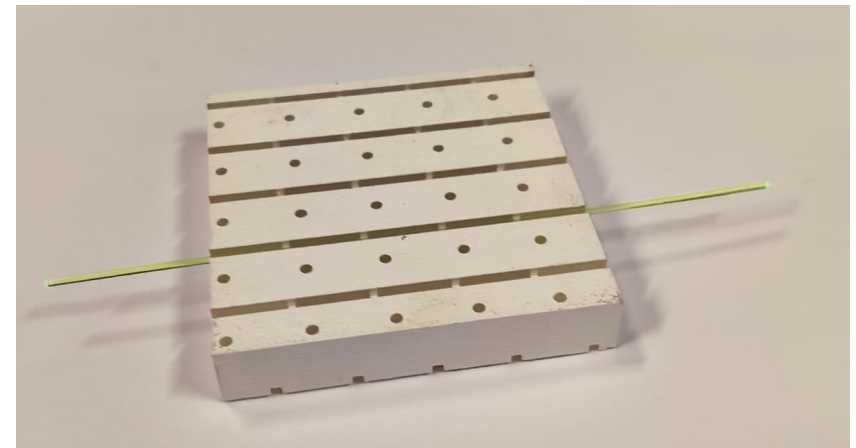
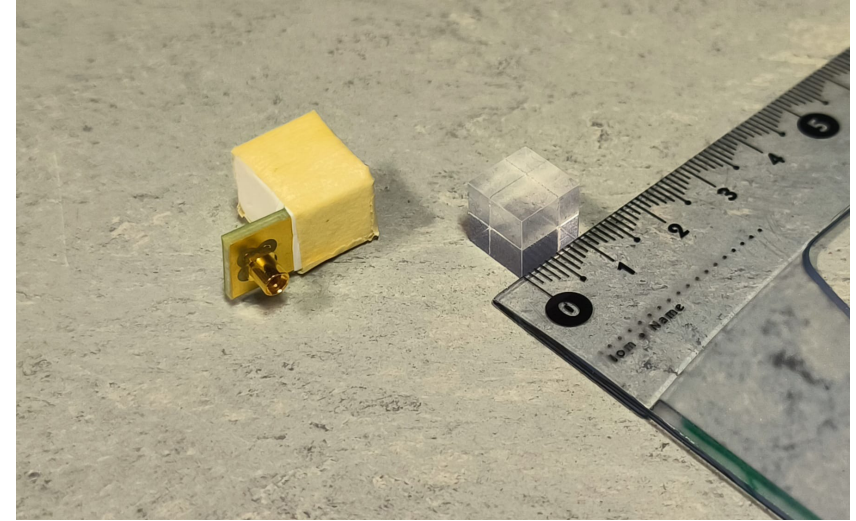


Figure 9: Charge spectra for two SiPMs coupled to the UPS-923A scintillator exposed to <sup>90</sup>Sr radiation are illustrated. The data for each SiPM was fitted with a Landau distribution. The Most Probable Value (MPV) from the fit approximates to 11 photo-electrons (p.e.), reflecting the central tendency of the scintillator's light-yield distribution under the given radioactive exposure.

# NEW FINER GRANULARITY HODOSCOPE ONGOING TESTS OF THE MK-II TILE

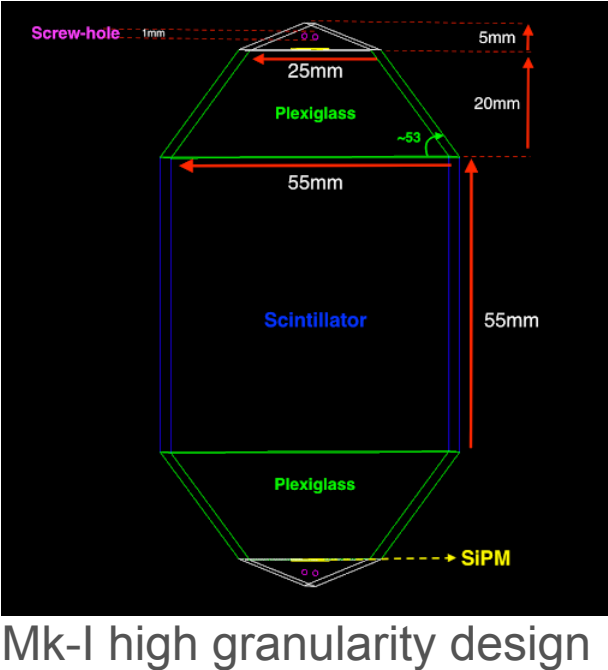
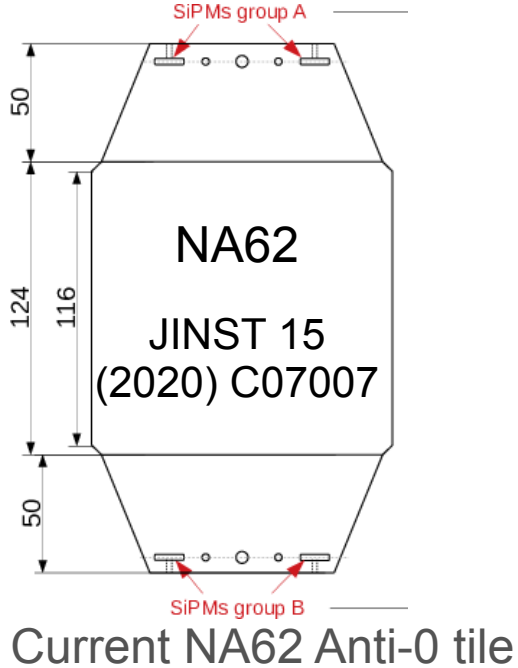
- Tests at CERN measuring muons of small polar in 'sandwich set-up' of two Mk-II tiles between two 1cm<sup>3</sup> granularity 3DE hodoscopes (3D printed hodoscopes)
  - Checking uniformity
  - Great handle on light yield proportionality



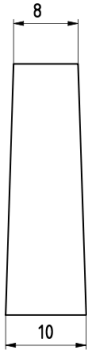
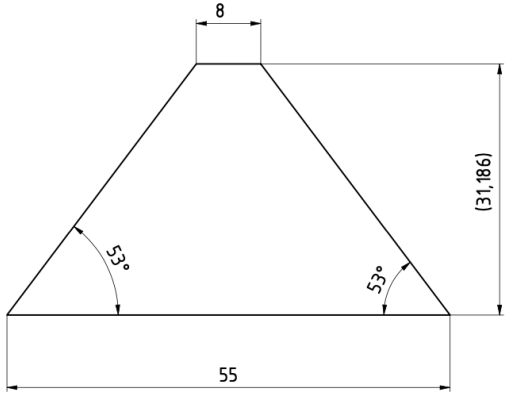
5 x 5 cm<sup>2</sup> hodoscope with 1 cm<sup>2</sup> granularity, produced with 3D printer by 3DET Collaboration.

see [PoS PANIC2021 \(2022\) 086](#) and [JINST 15 \(2020\) P10019](#)

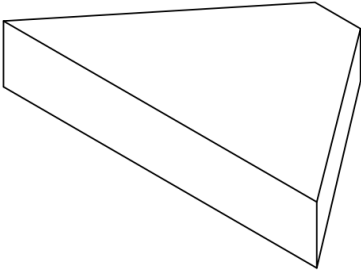
# NA62 VS. UPDATED HODOSCOPE UNIT DETAILED COMPARISON



# NEW FINER GRANULARITY HODOSCOPE LIGHT GUIDE



alle Innen- und Außen-Flächen 100% transparent

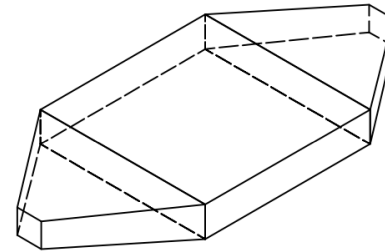
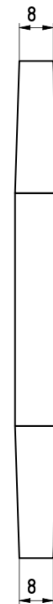
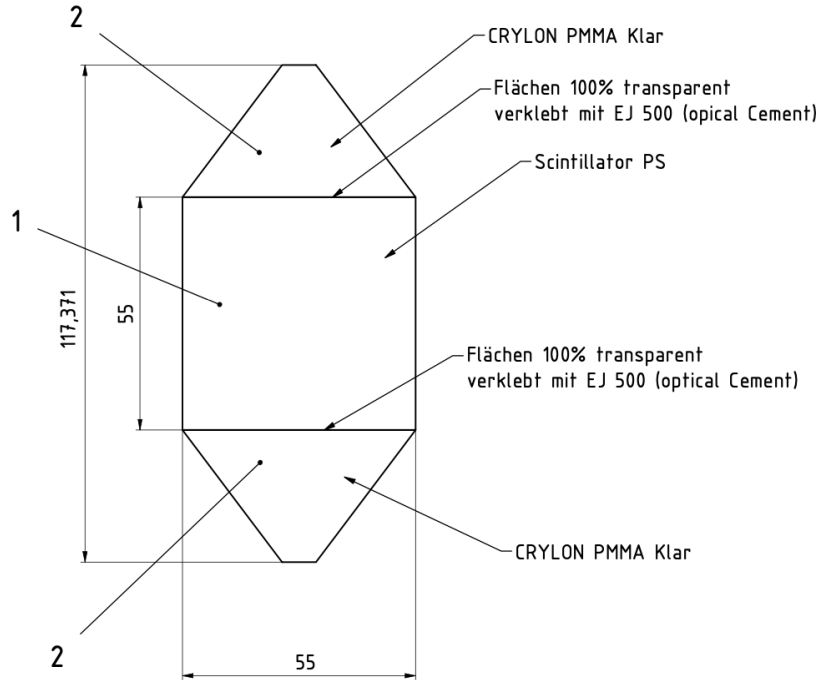
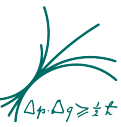


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## NEW TILE



alle Aussenflächen 100% transparent poliert

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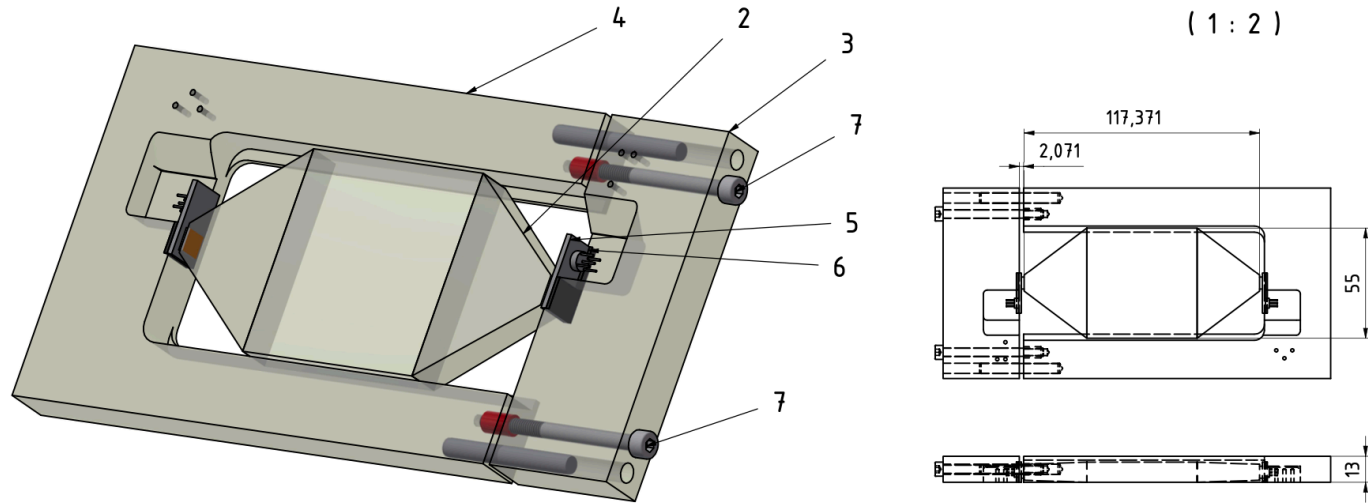
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many thanks to Alfons & Alexander

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5	2		ANTI0_V3_Sensor.ipt	Generisch			
6	2		Klebefilz_1mm.ipt	Gummi			
7	2	Zylinderschraube	-	St 8.8 vz	M4x50	ISO 4762	
8	2		Helikoil_M4.ipt	V2A			
Stückliste							

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**HIKE**  
SCINTILLATOR DEVICE KPL  
ASM DEVICE

√ Rz 16 (✓)

Gewicht in kg:    Einheiten: mm

Maße ohne Toleranzangabe nach  
DIN ISO 2768    m K

Werkstoff:

Maßstab	Bezeichnung:	Zeichnungsnummer / EDV Nr.:
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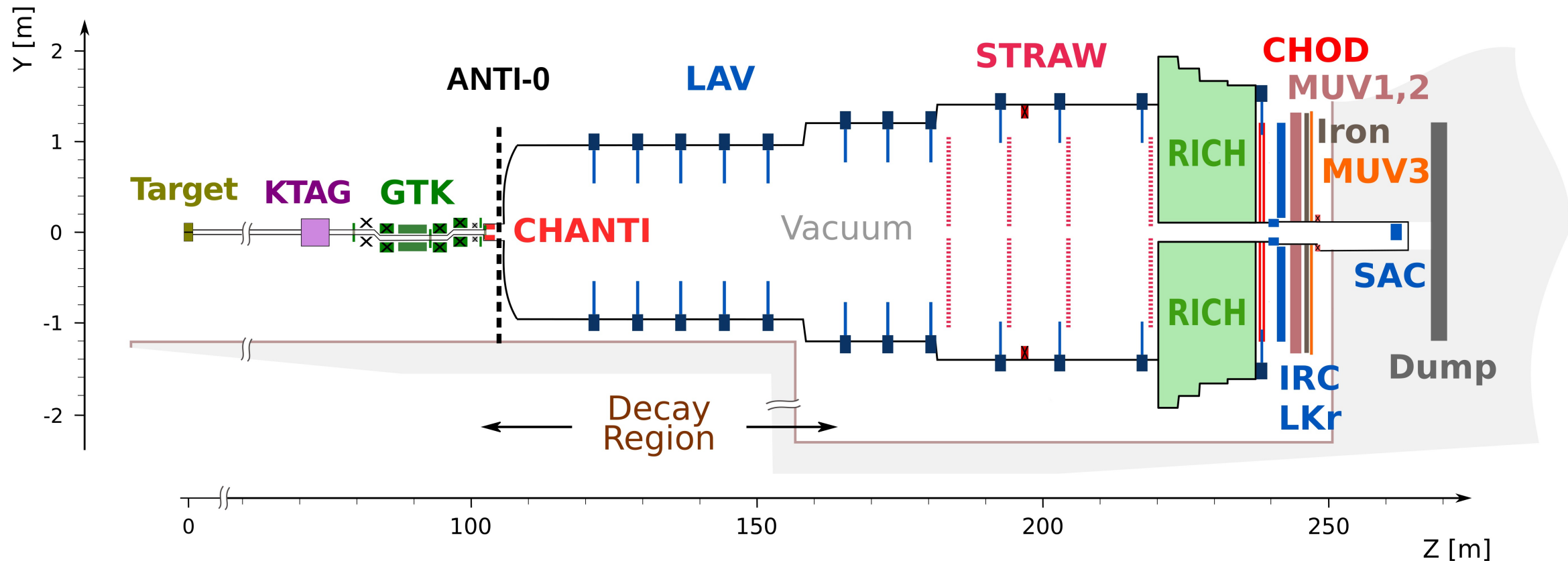


# NA62 GEOMETRY

# THE NA62 EXPERIMENT

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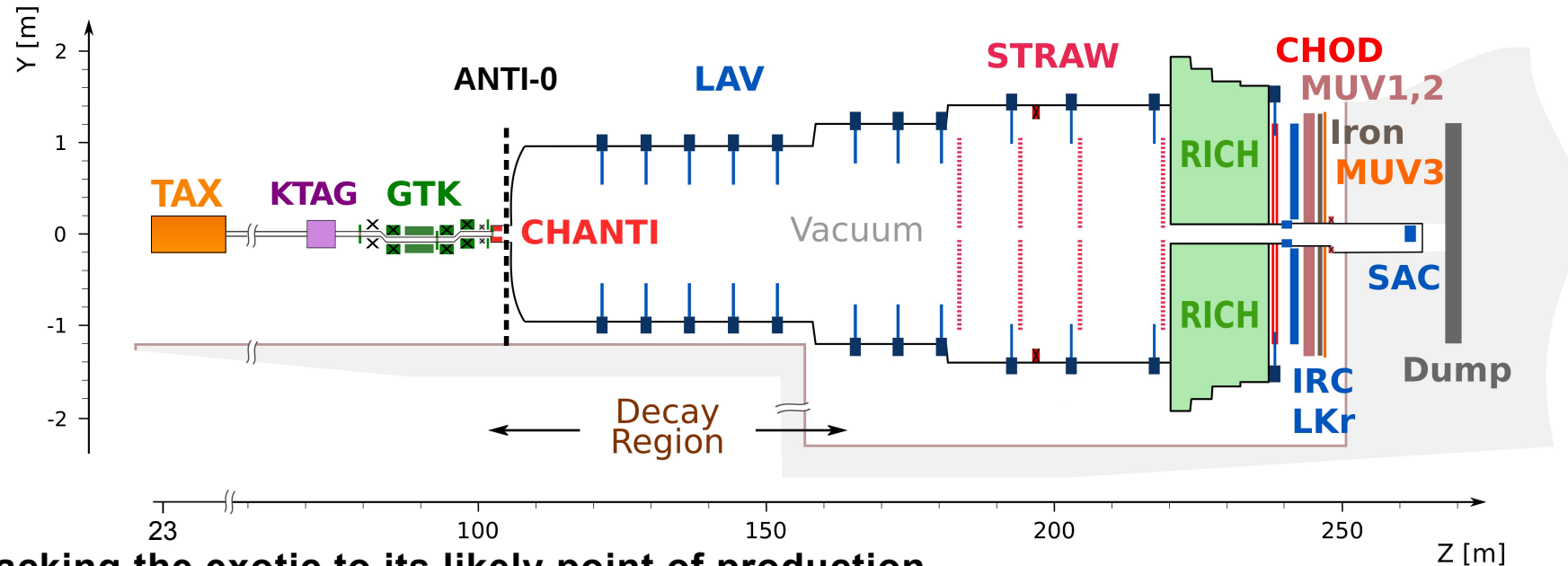
- $K^+$  tagged by **KTAG** and 3-mom. determined by **GTK**
- Decay products are classified by 3-mom. (**STRAW**), time measured (**CHOD**), PID (**LKr**, **MUV1,2**, and **RICH**), where **MUV3** gives  $\mu$ -ID
- Photons can be vetoed by **LKr** and **LAV** or **SAC/IRC** depending on the angle





# THE NA62 EXPERIMENT

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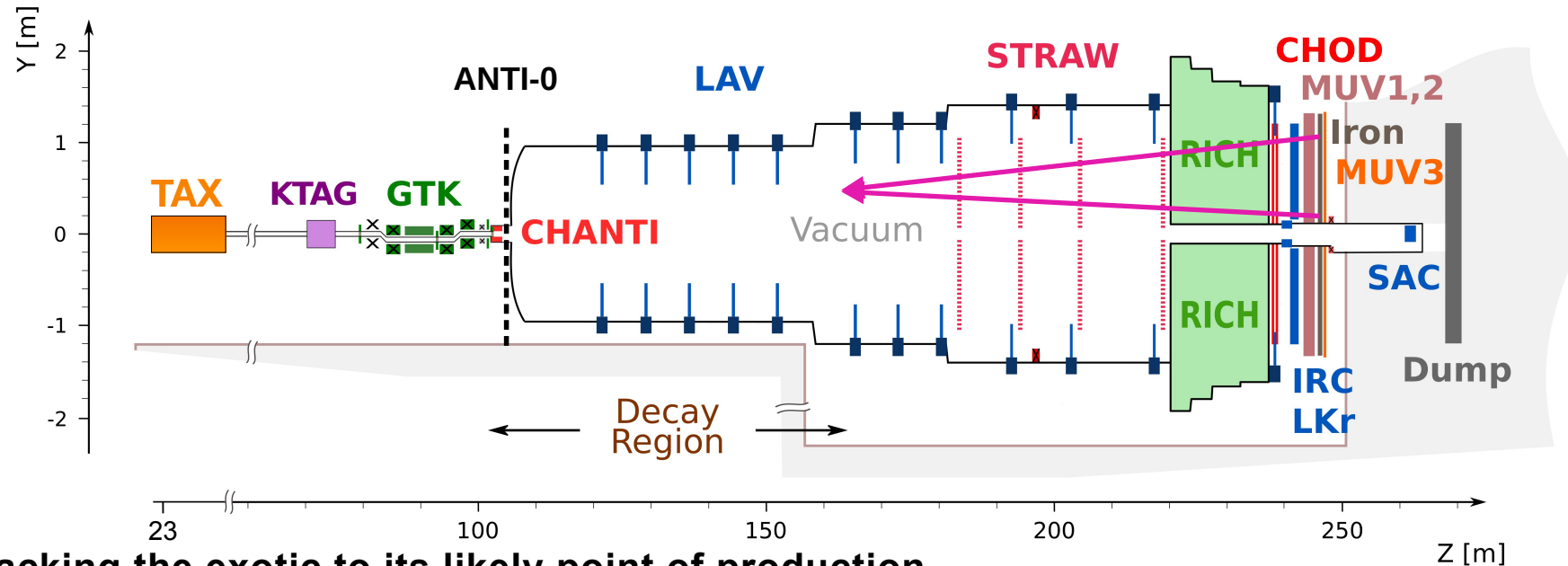


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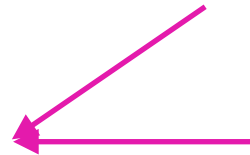


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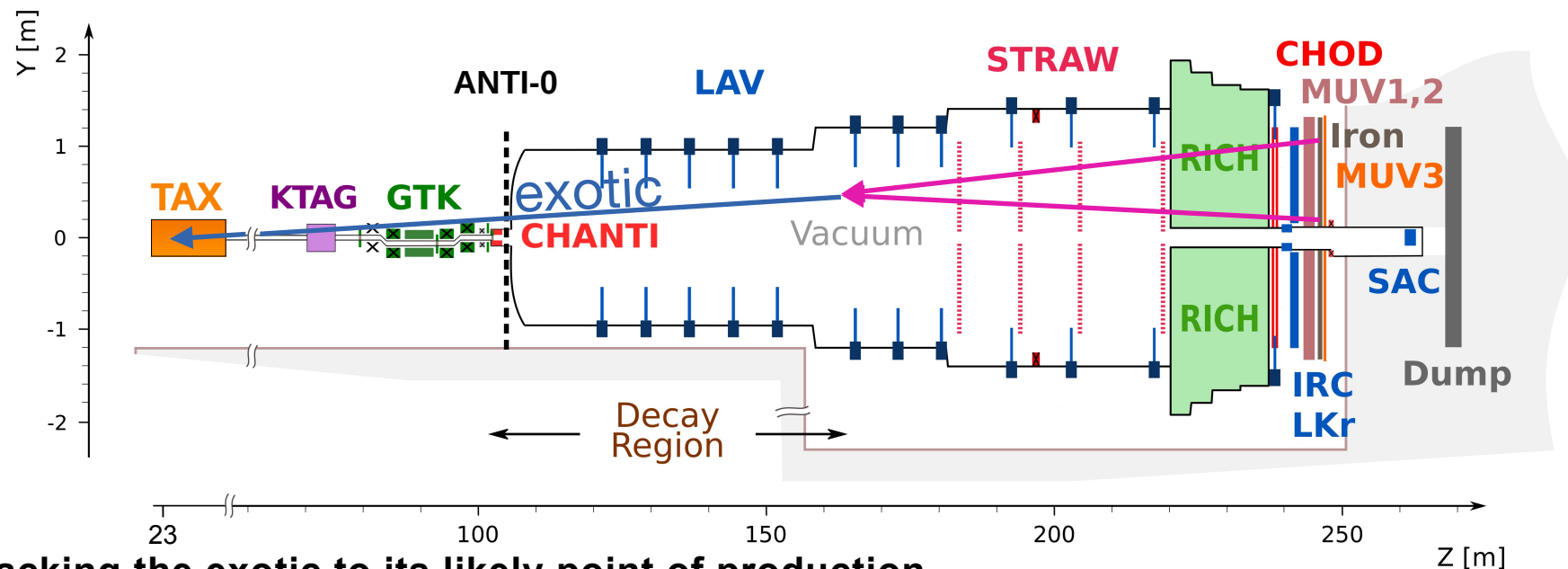
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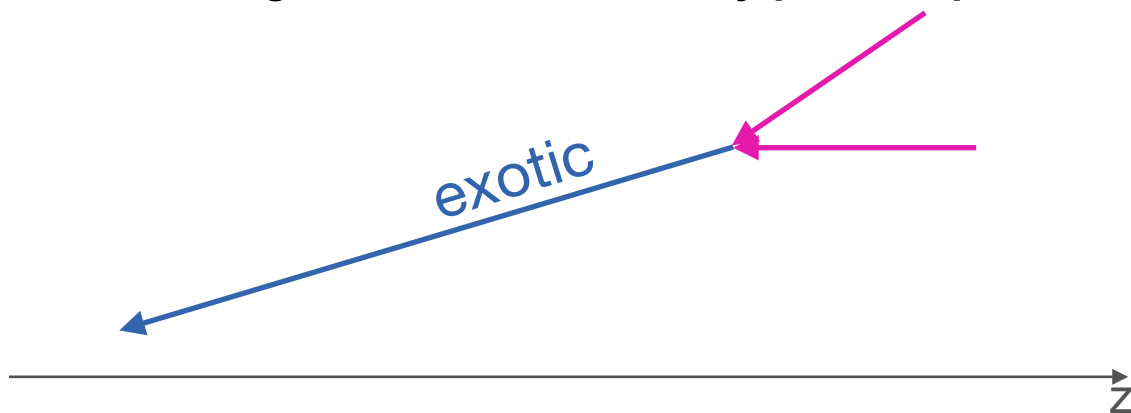
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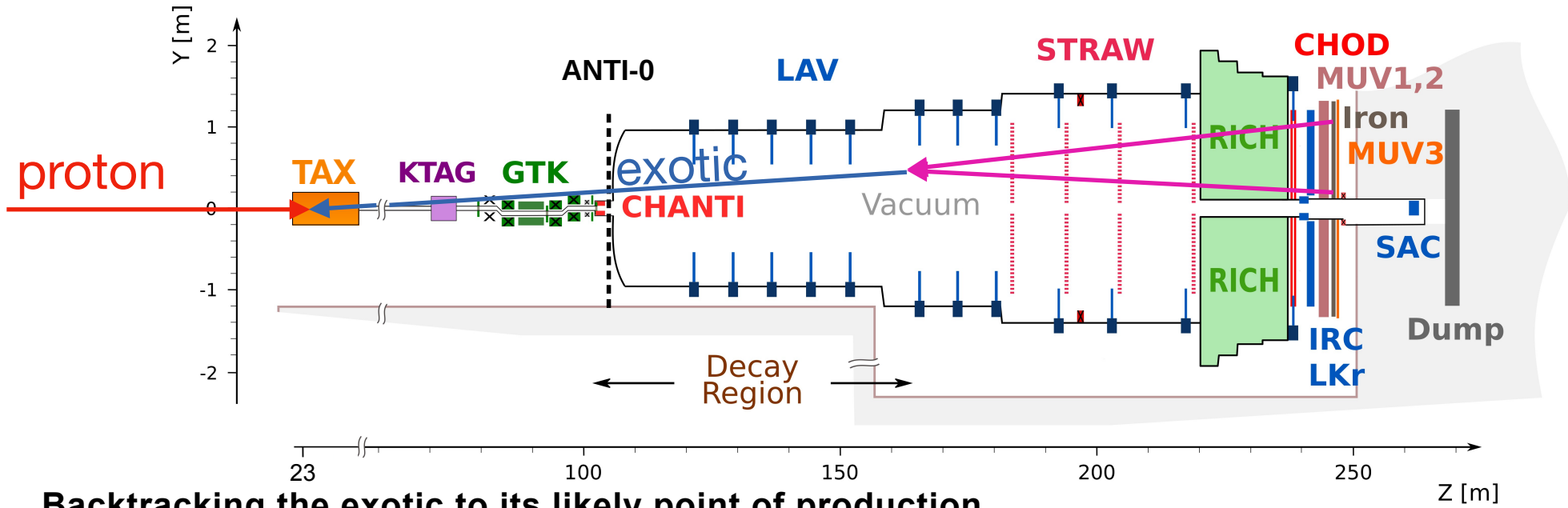


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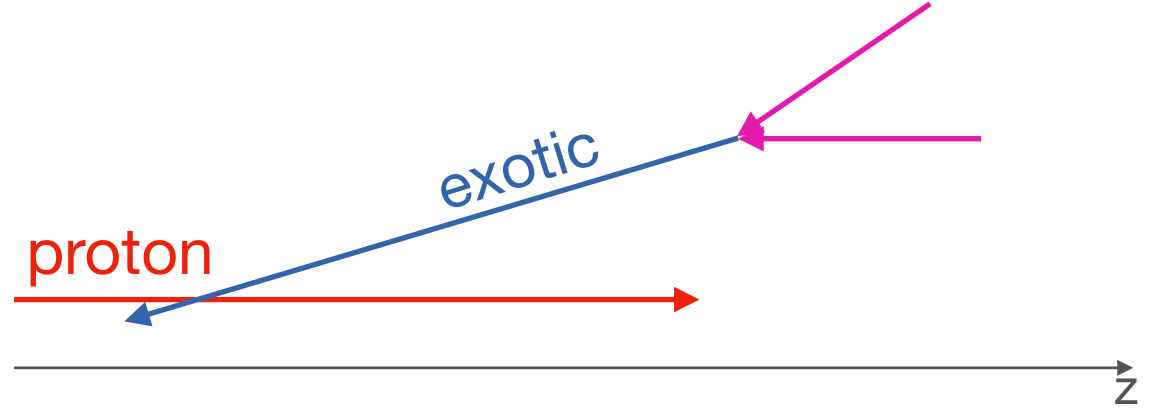


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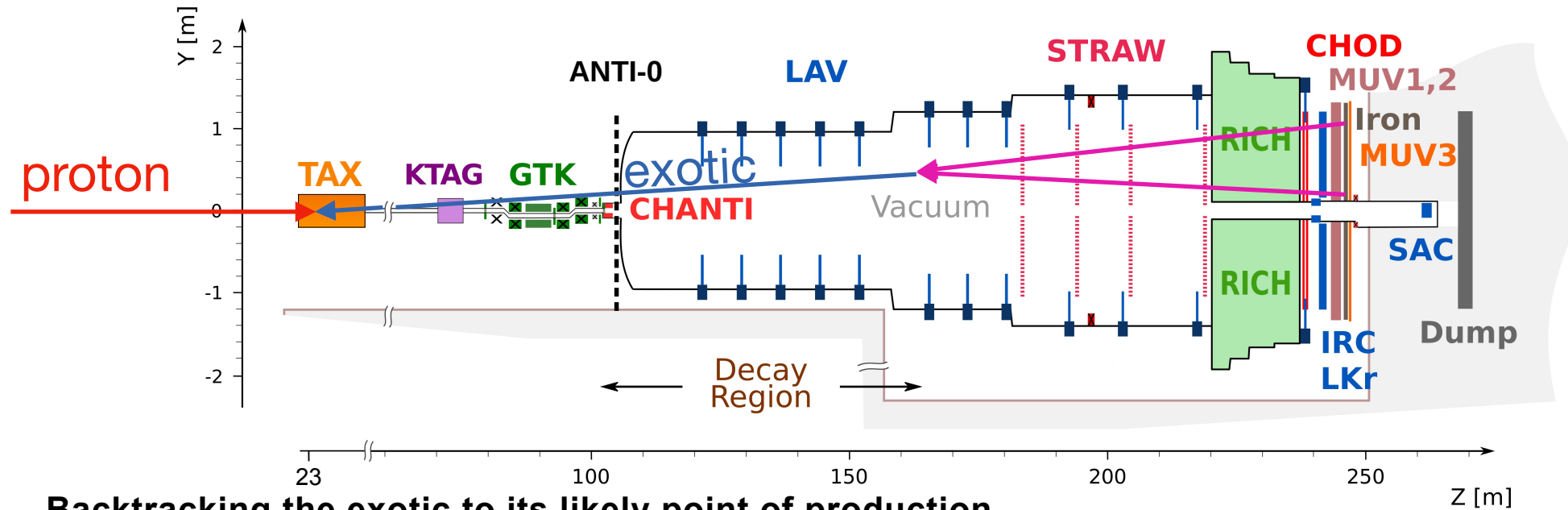


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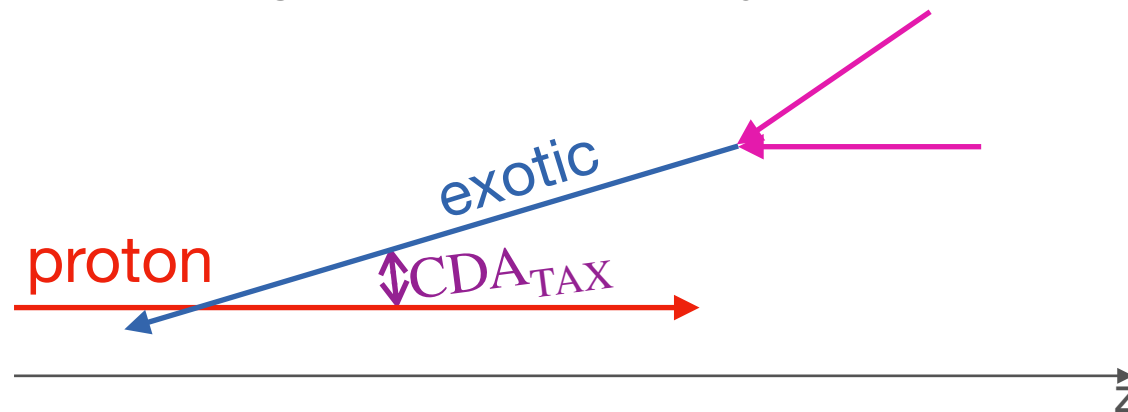


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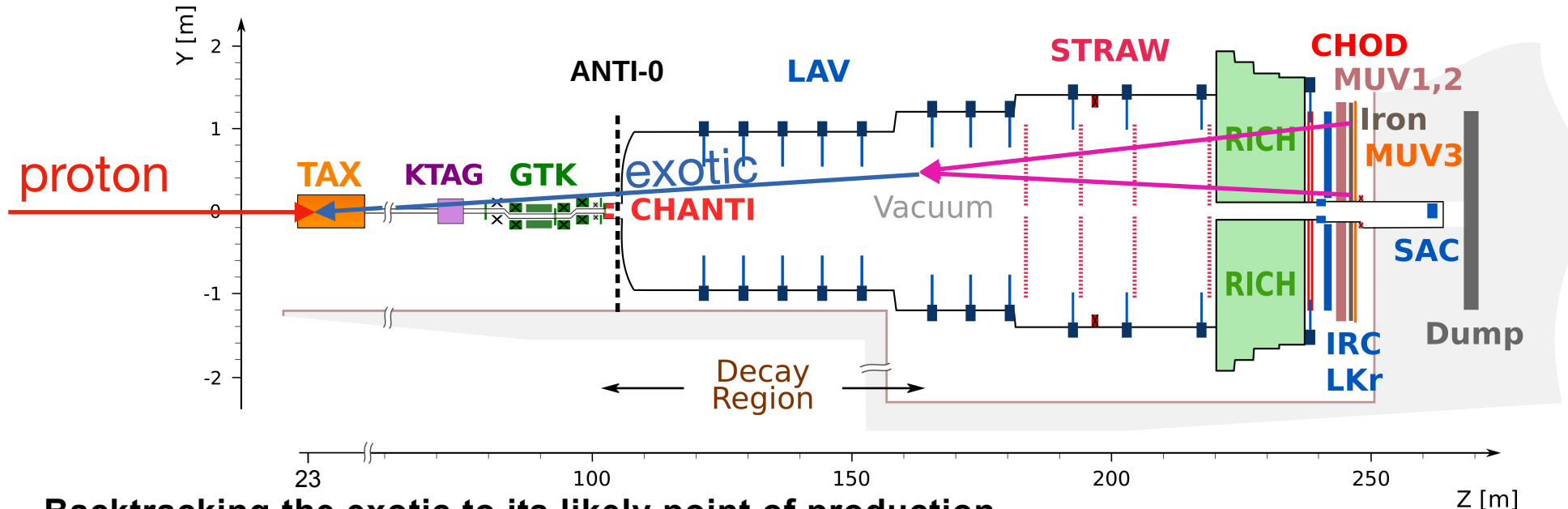


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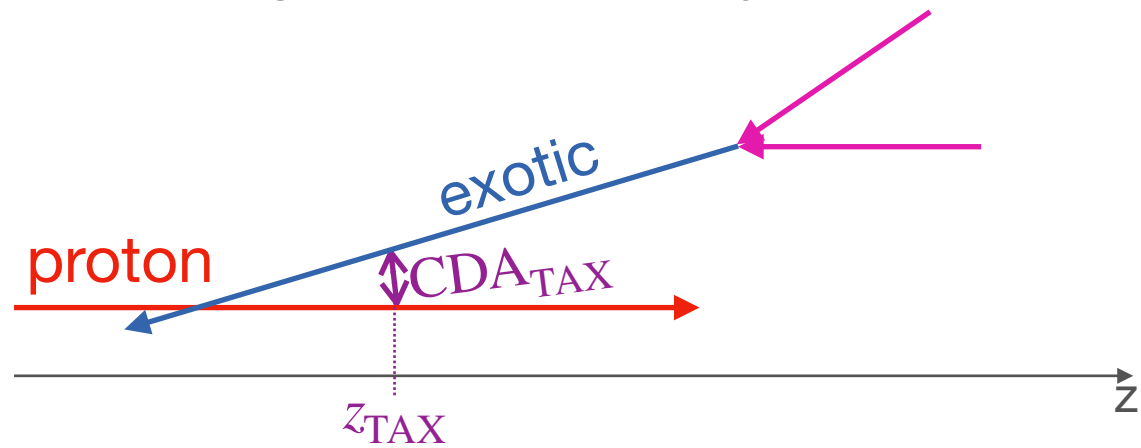


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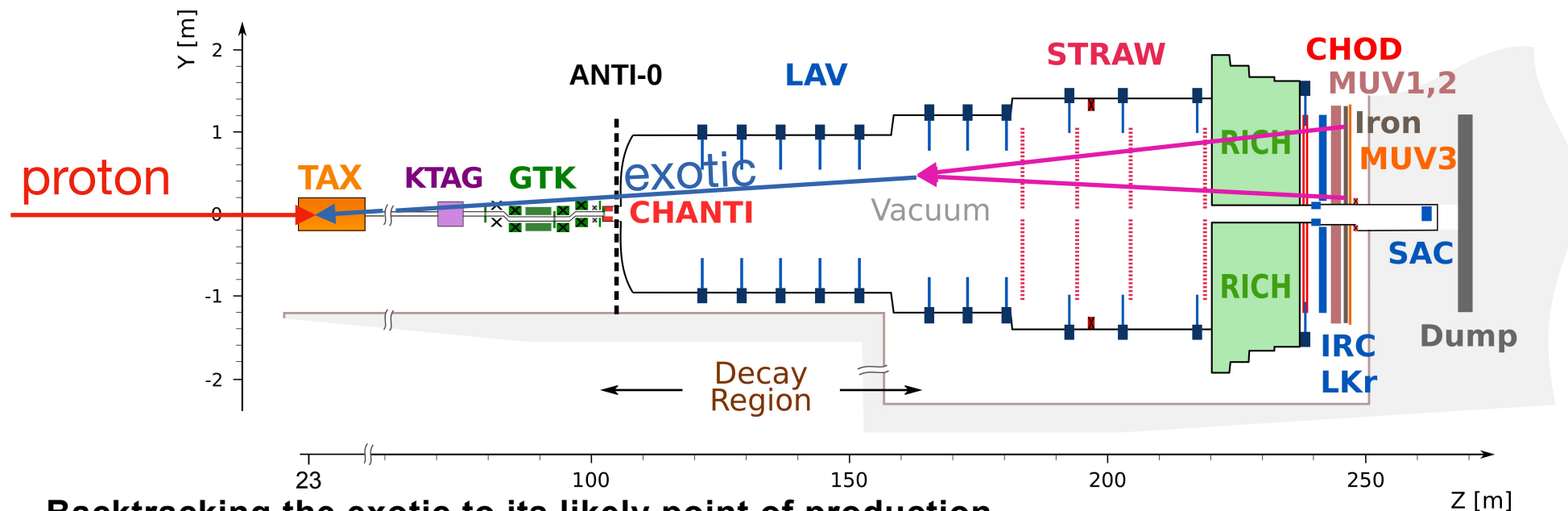


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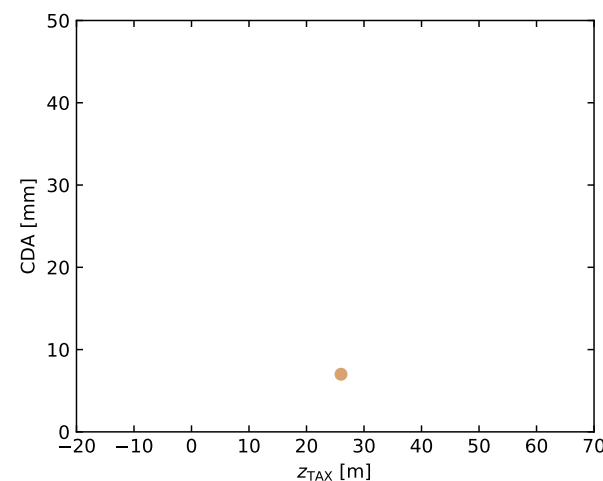
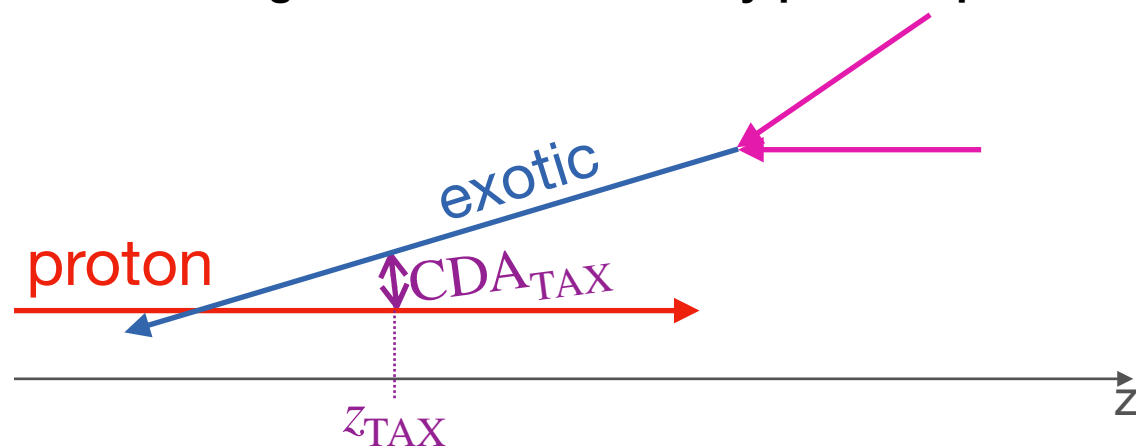


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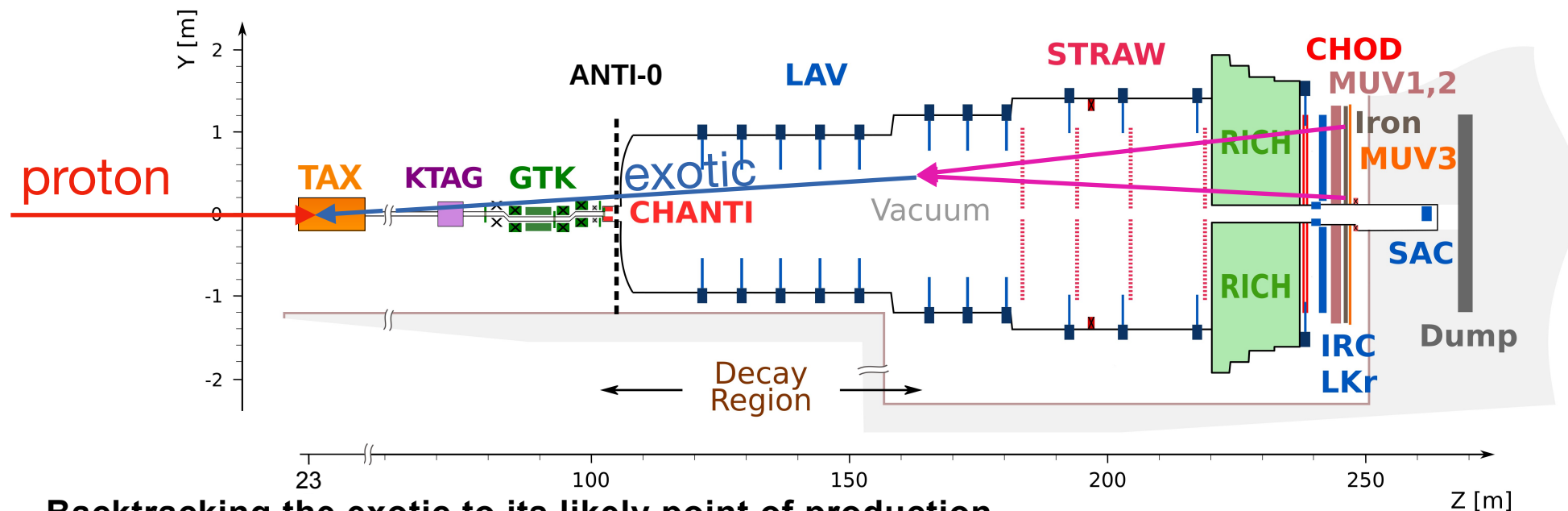


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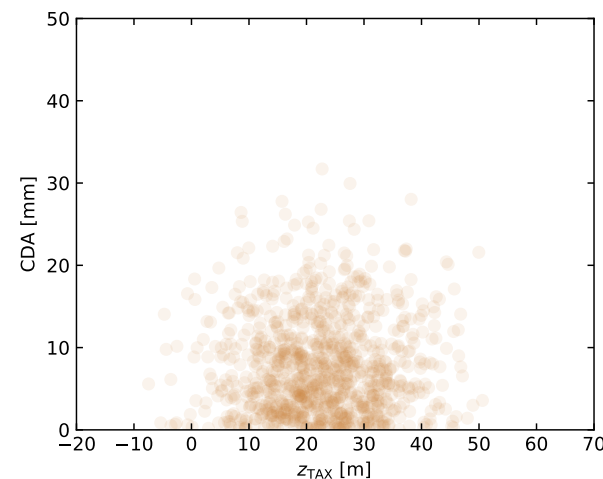
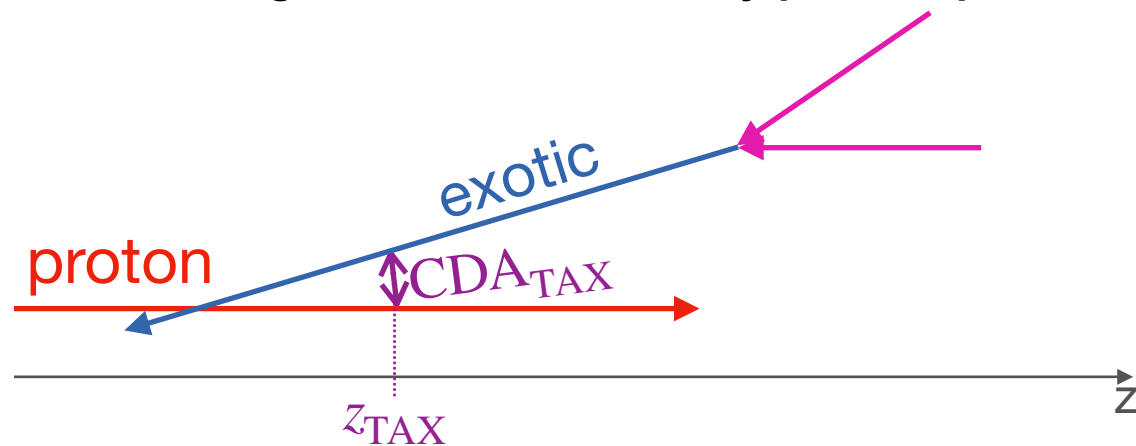


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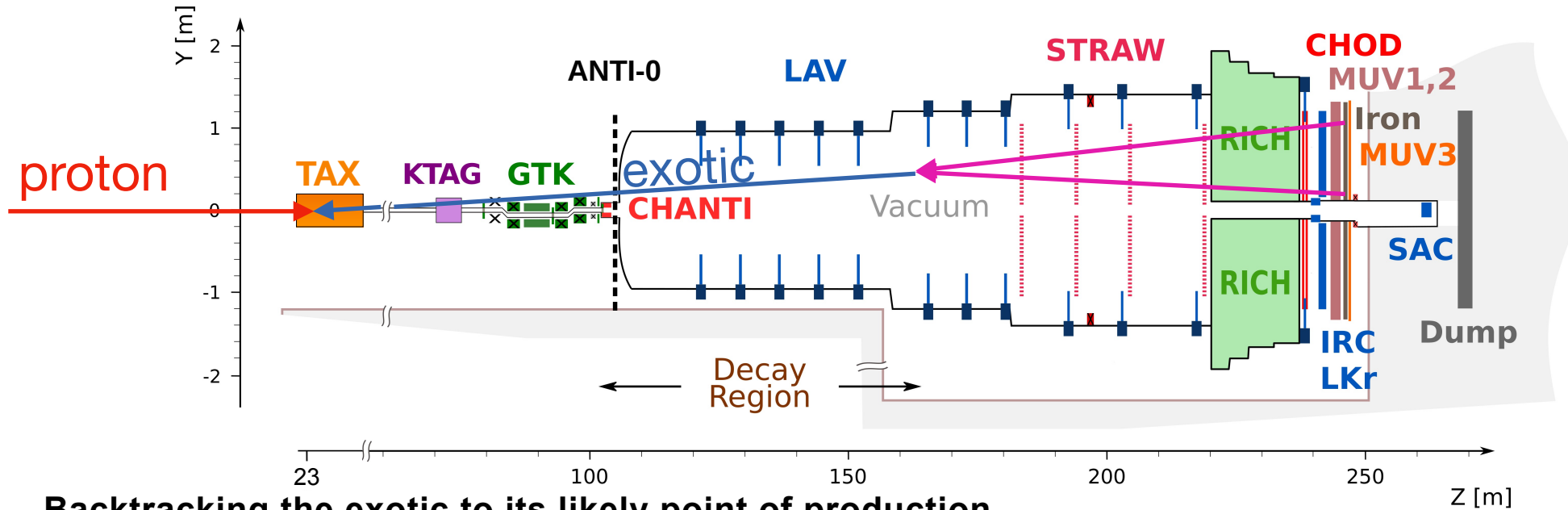
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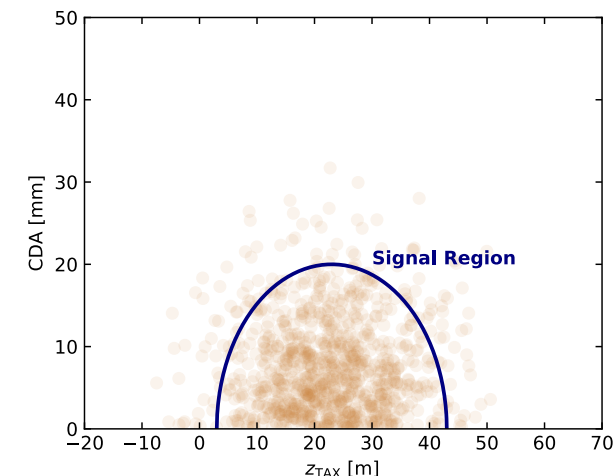
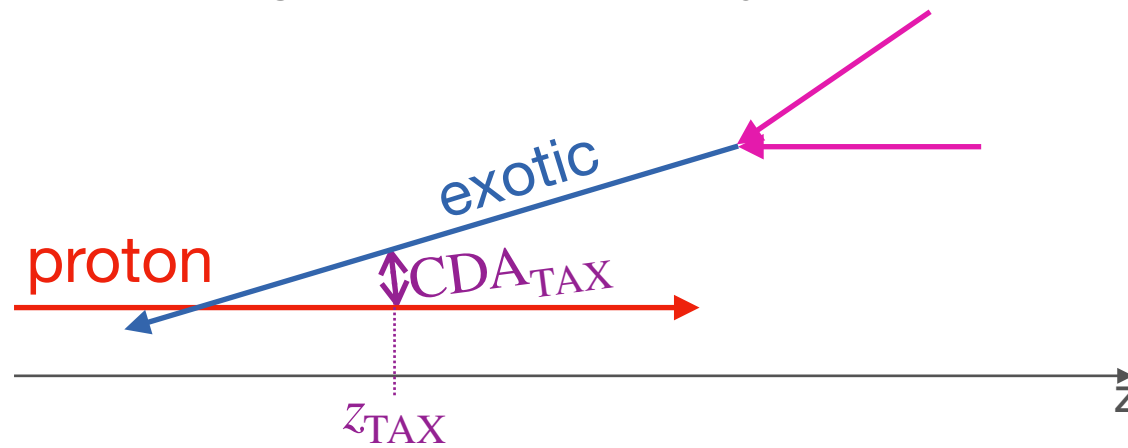


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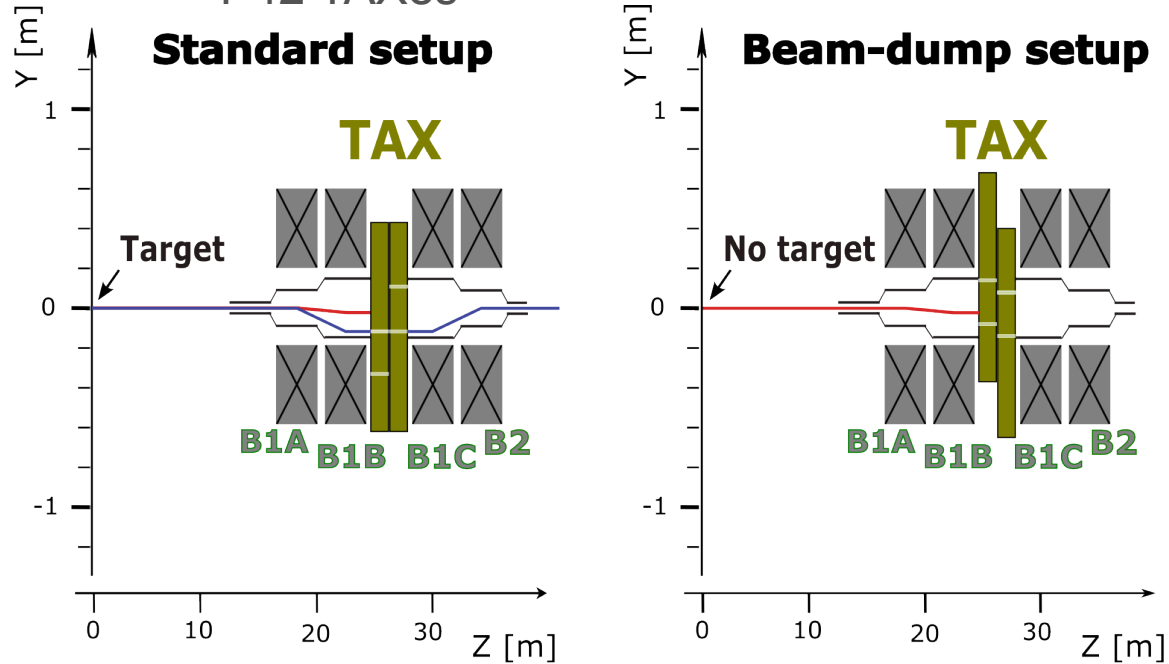
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# THE NA62 EXPERIMENT TAX SET-UP IN MORE DETAIL



P42 TAXes



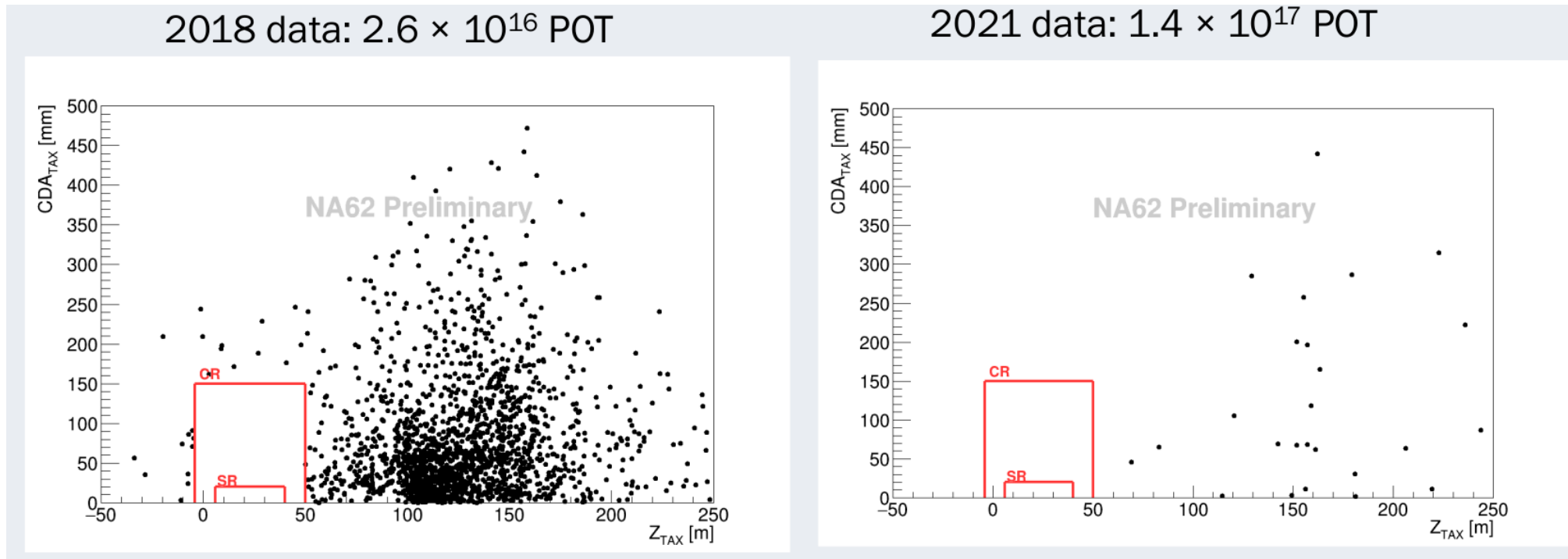


**DUMP-MODE  
SEARCHES**

# EXOTIC SEARCHES IN BEAM DUMP MODE

## REDUCING BACKGROUNDS

- Using TAX magnets to sweep muons
- Additional upstream magnet tuned to increase muon sweeping (studied with help from *PBC*)
- Compared to 2018, background rejection was increased by O(200) on most 2-track channels despite higher intensity



# EVENT DETAILS

## FROM $\mu\bar{\mu}$ SEARCH

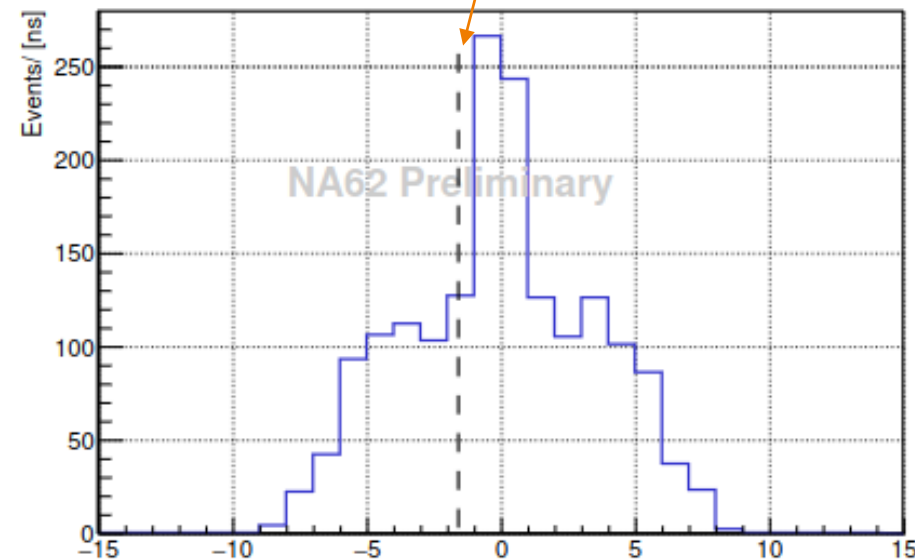
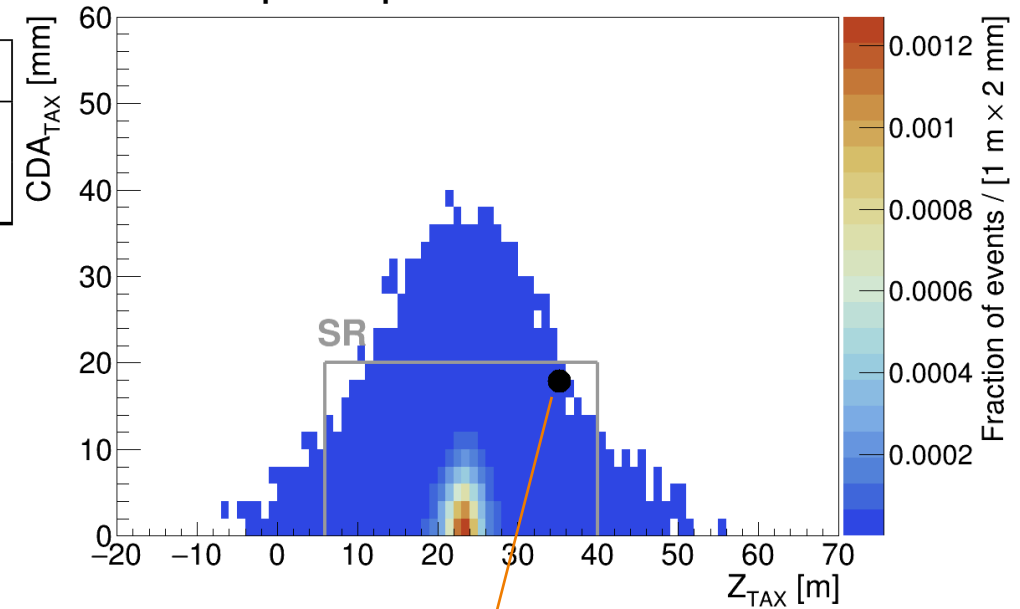
Region	Combinatorial	Prompt	Upstream-prompt
CR	$0.17 \pm 0.02$	$< 0.004$	$< 0.069$
SR	$0.016 \pm 0.002$	$< 0.0004$	$< 0.007$

Summary of expected number of background

events for  $A' \rightarrow \mu\bar{\mu}$

- Invariant mass  $M_{\mu\mu} = 411 \text{ MeV}$
- Time difference  $\Delta t = -1.69 \text{ ns}$
- Momenta
  - $p(\bar{\mu}) = 99.5 \text{ GeV } c^{-1}$
  - $E/p(\bar{\mu}) = 0.008$
  - $p(\mu) = 39.6 \text{ GeV } c^{-1}$
  - $E/p(\mu) = 0.018$
- Vertex
  - $z_{\text{TAX}} = 38.2 \text{ m}$
  - $\text{CDA}_{\text{FV}} = 17 \text{ mm}$

Expected signal sensitivity  
Superimposed with data



# BACKGROUNDS IN $e\bar{e}$ SEARCH

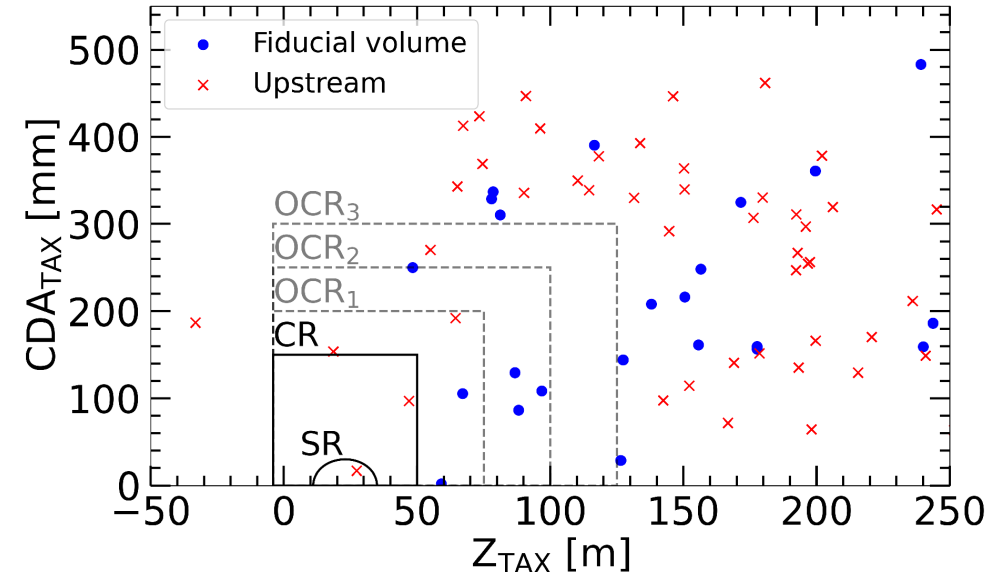
$$N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{CR,SR}} = N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{inFW}} (1 - \eta_{\text{LAV ANTI0}}) (1 - \eta_{\text{CR,SR}})$$

which results in

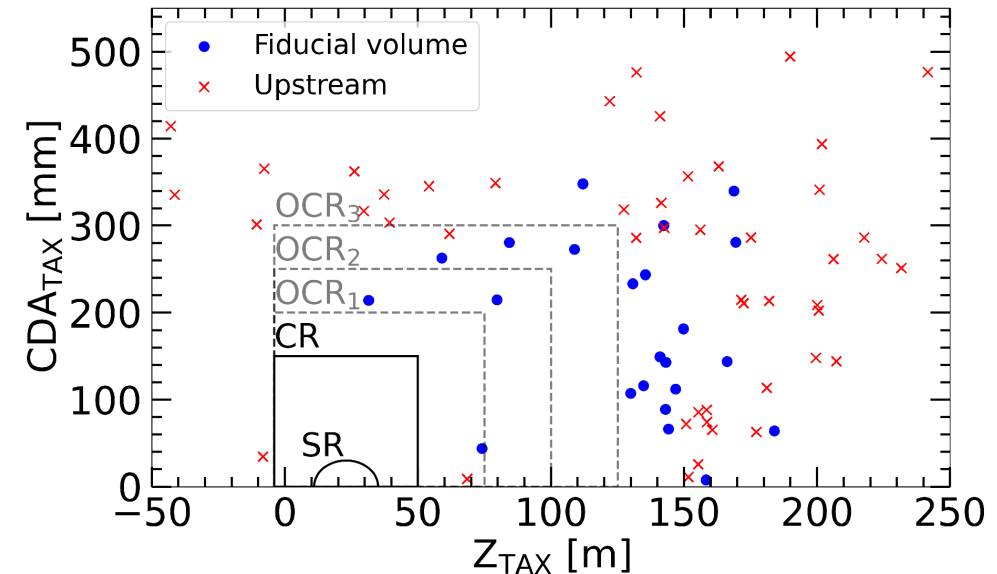
$$N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{SR}} = 0.0094^{+0.049}_{-0.009} @ 90 \% \text{ CL}$$

$$N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{CR}} = 0.0097^{+0.049}_{-0.009} @ 90 \% \text{ CL}$$

➔ Probability to observe SM event in SR again at 1.6 %



Background MC with no LAV, Anti0 veto



Background Data with no LAV, Anti0 veto  
SR and CR blinded

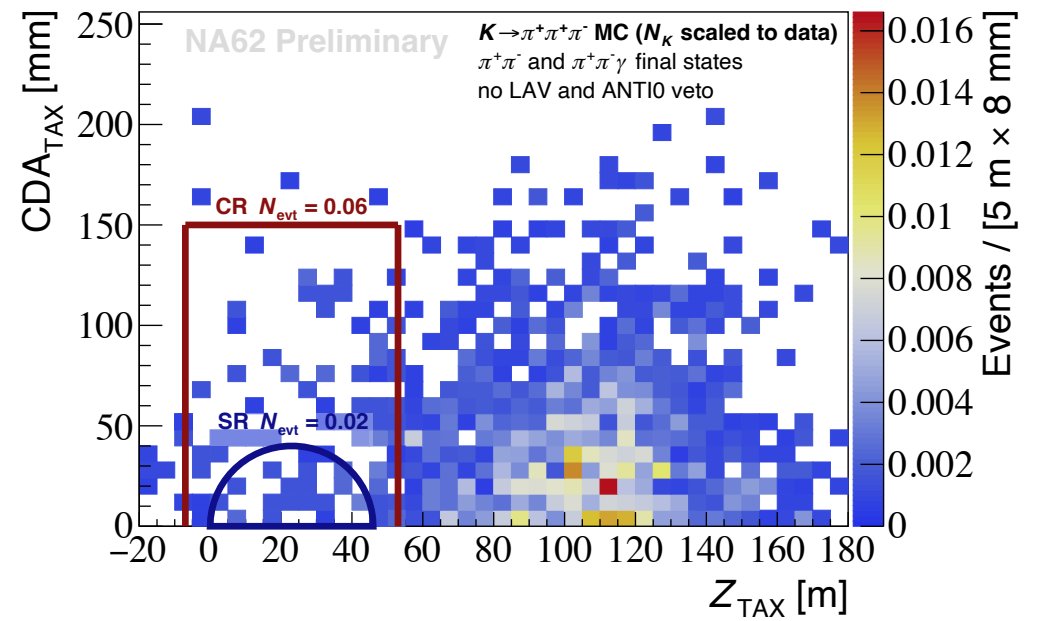
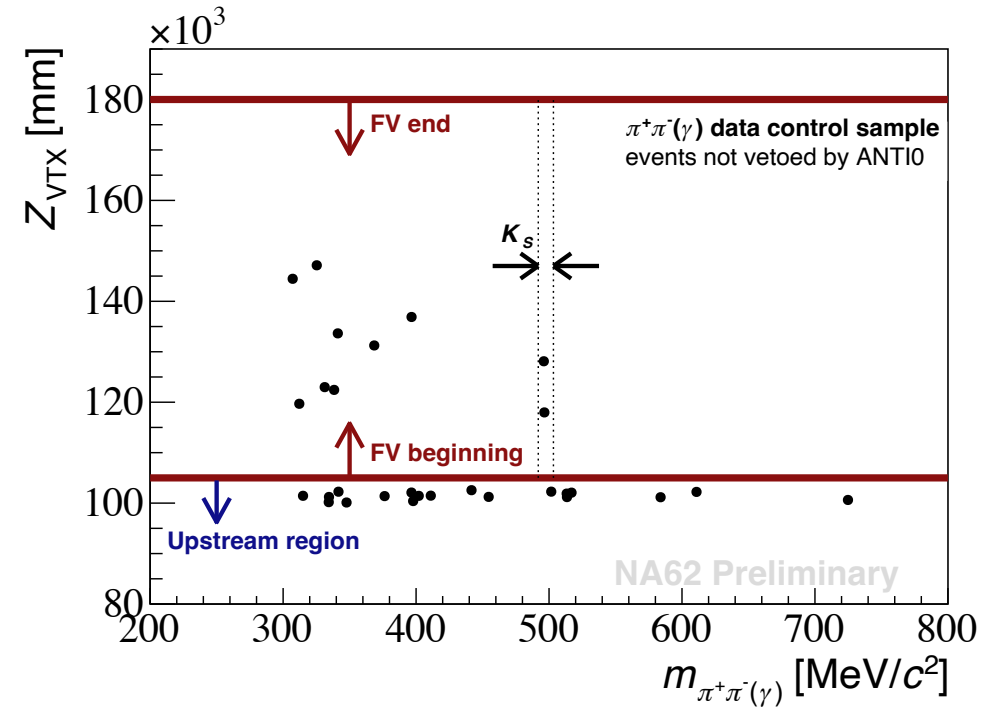
# BACKGROUNDS UPSTREAM IN DEPTH

**Control sample** (no Anti0 veto) contained

- 19 upstream events
  - vetoed by Anti0
- 2  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ 
  - mask  $3\sigma$  window in  $m_{\pi\pi}$  around  $m_{K_S}$
- 8  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  ( $8 \pm 4$  exp.)
  - Id as  $6 \times \pi^+ \pi^-$  and  $2 \times \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$
  - 1 obs. ( $1.0 \pm 0.5$  exp.) after requiring Anti0 acceptance

Channel	$N_{\text{exp,CR}} \pm \delta N_{\text{exp,CR}}$	$N_{\text{exp,SR}} \pm \delta N_{\text{exp,SR}}$
$\pi^+ \pi^-$	$0.013 \pm 0.007$	$0.007 \pm 0.005$
$\pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	$0.031 \pm 0.016$	$0.007 \pm 0.004$

$K_{4\ell}$  simulated and gave only negligible backgrounds

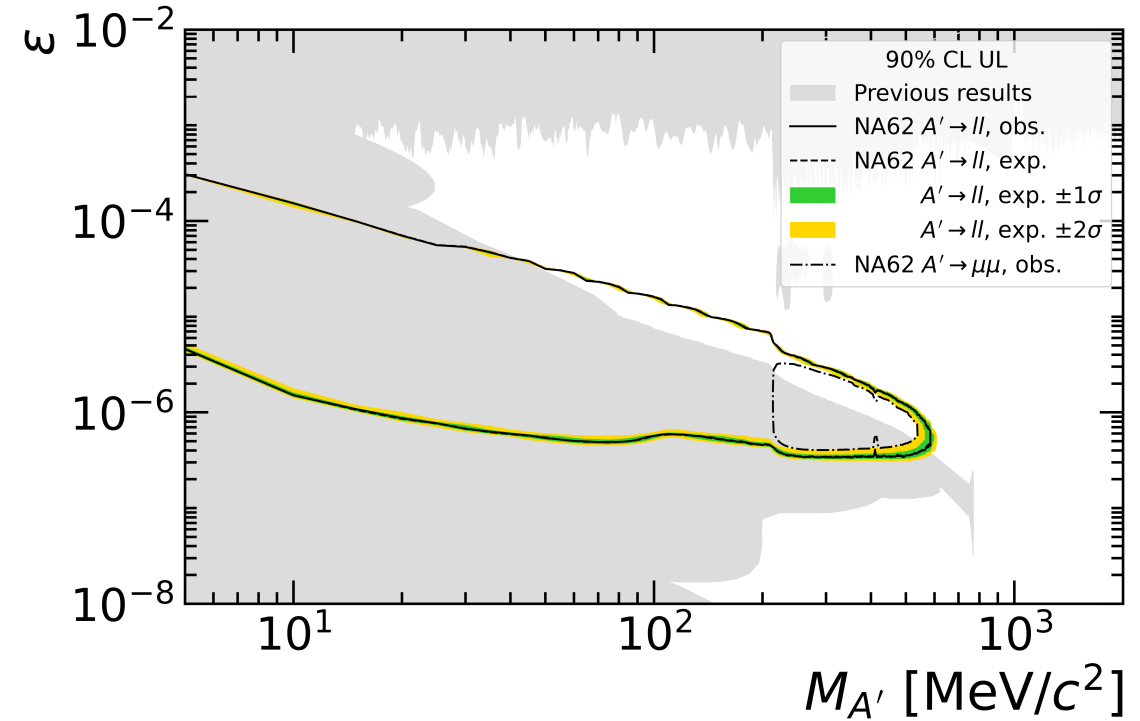
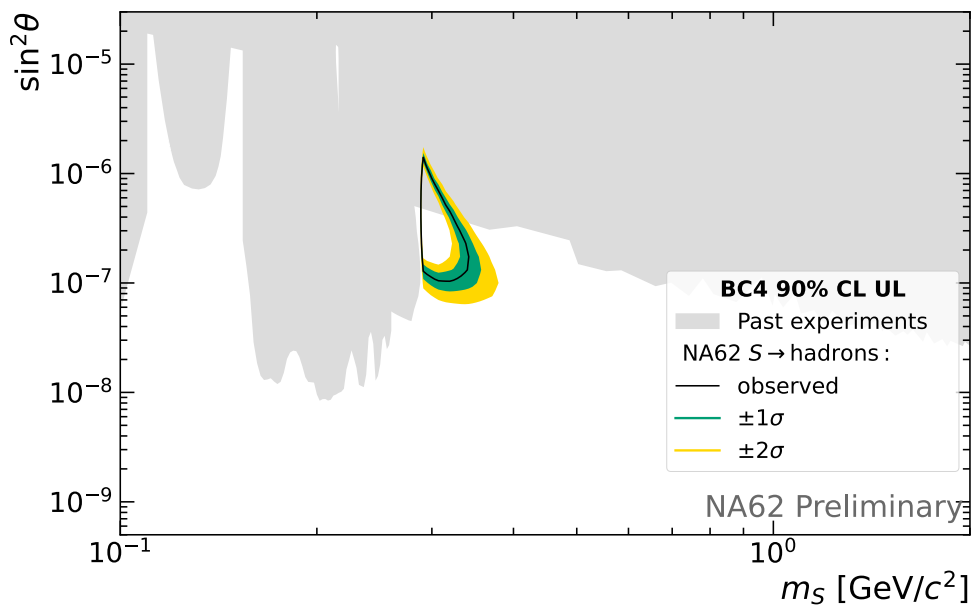
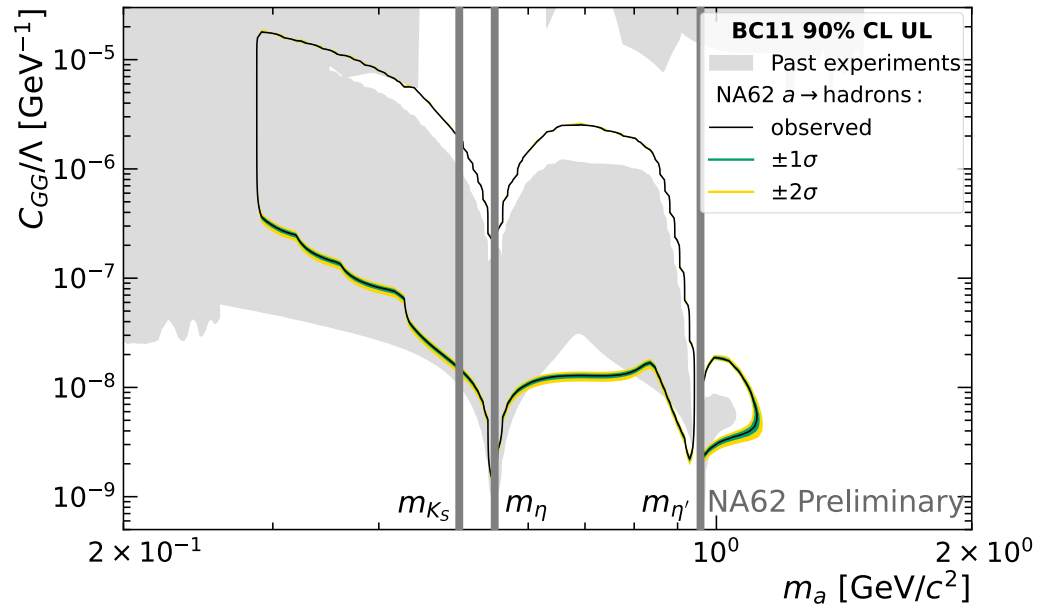




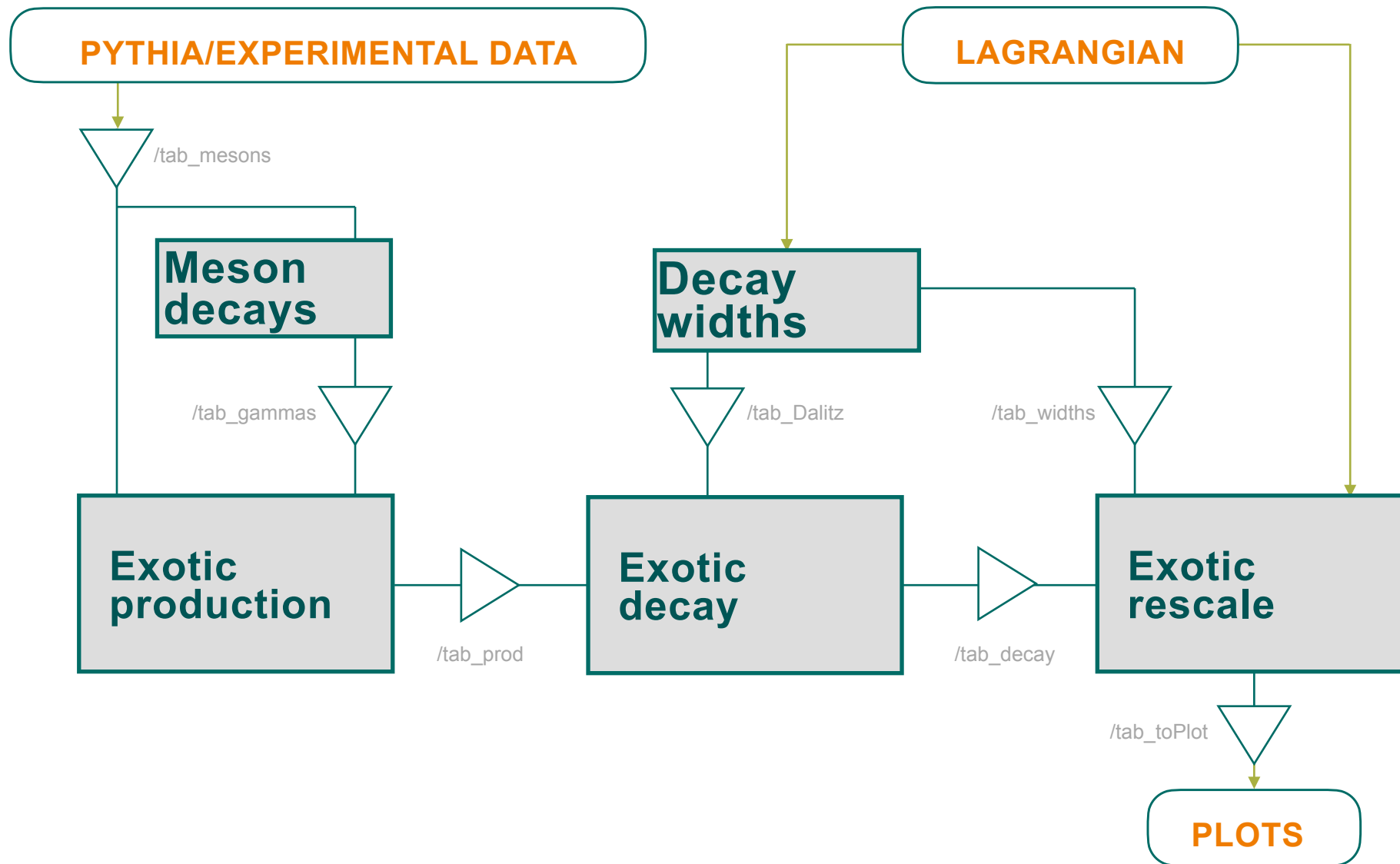
**SENSITIVITIES  
AND ALPINIST**



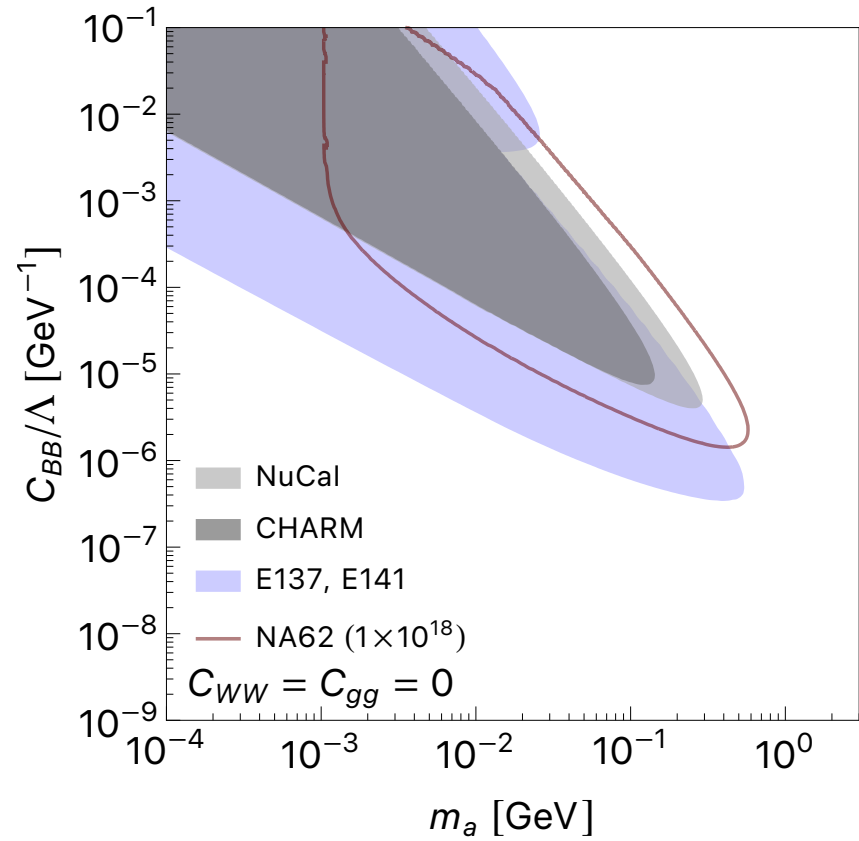
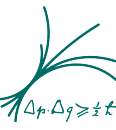
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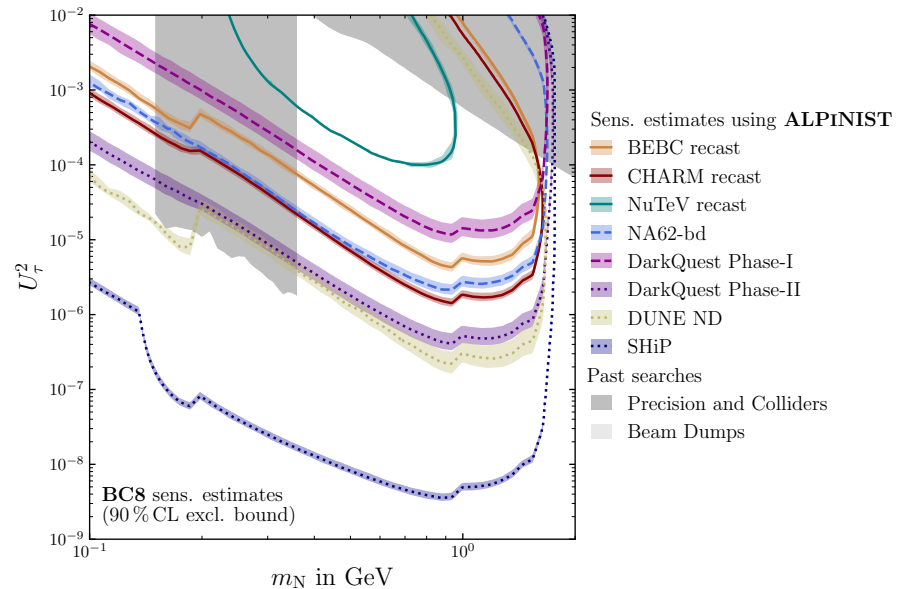
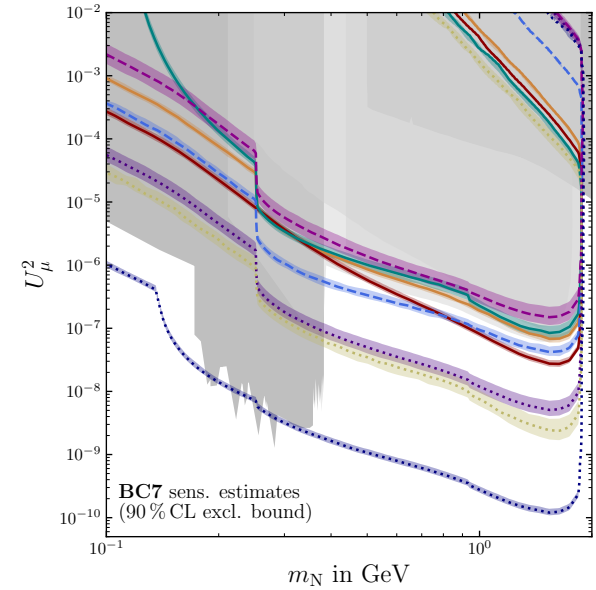
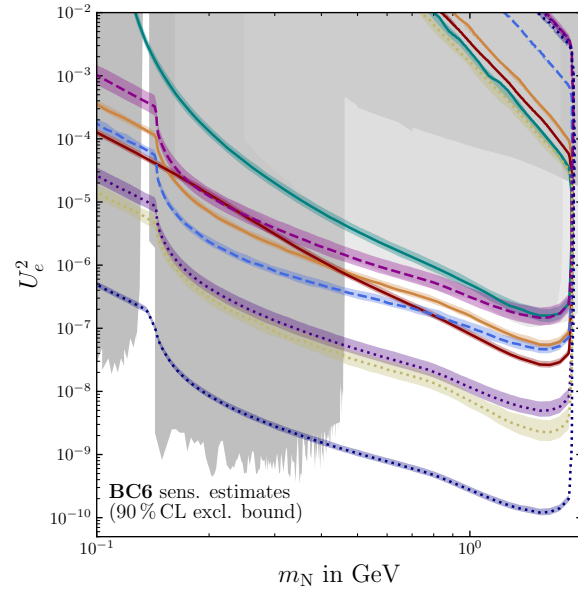
# ALPINIST SCHEMATIC LAYOUT



# NA62 SENSITIVITY ESTIMATES



Gluon Coupled ALP



Heavy Neutral Lepton for different coupling scenarios