

Non-accelerator Flavour Physics

KAON & MUON EXPERIMENTS

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Outline:

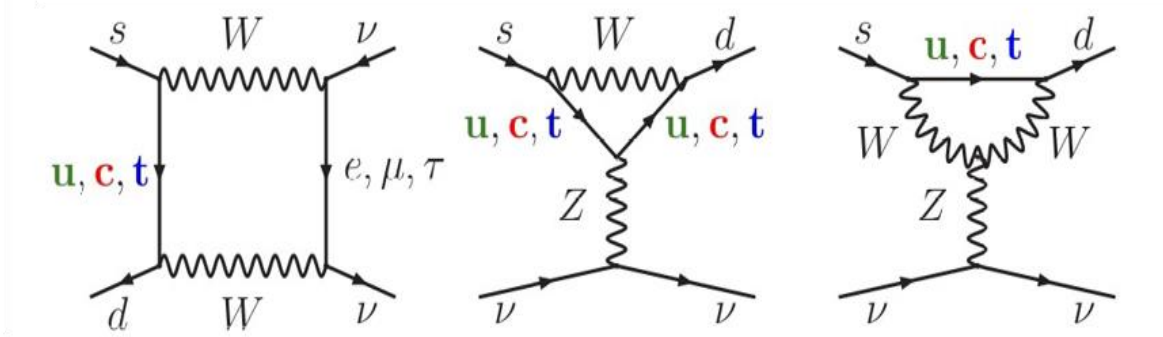
- Current kaon experiments: NA62 at CERN, KOTO at J-PARC
- Next-generation Kaon experiment: KOTO II
- Muon experiments: g-2 and Mu2e at FNAL, Mu3e at PSI

Muon slides provided by Joe Price, U. of Liverpool

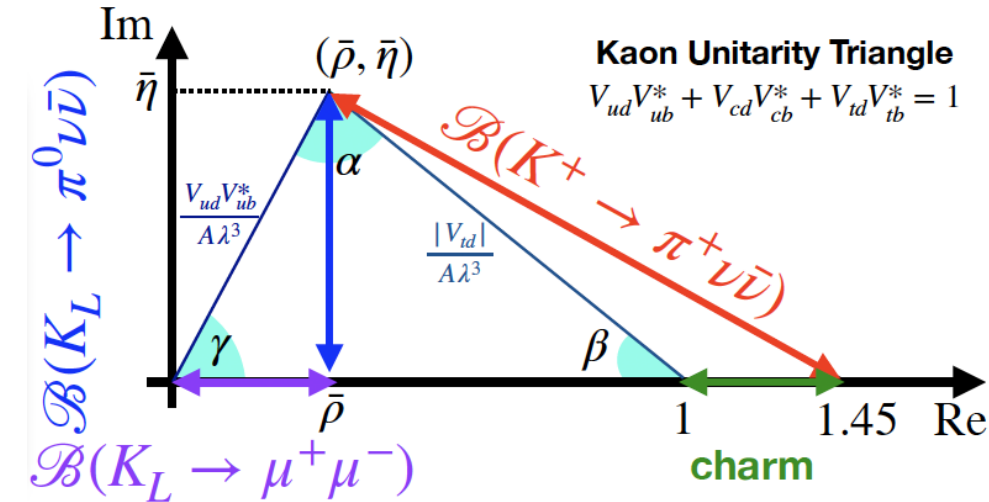
UK leadership at the precision frontier:
current achievements and future opportunities

$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ in the Standard Model & Beyond

Ultra-rare Flavour Changing Neutral Current ($s \rightarrow d$) process



Electroweak Box & Penguin (one-loop) diagrams



Highly suppressed in SM:

- ✓ Quadratic GIM suppression $\sim (m_{top}/m_W)^2$
- ✓ Maximum CKM suppression ($BR \sim |V_{ts}^* V_{td}|^2$)

Sensitive to new physics scales beyond direct collider reach

SM Predictions: irreducible theory uncertainty few %

Exceptionally clean SM predictions:

- ✓ dominant SD contribution
- ✓ hadronic matrix from $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$

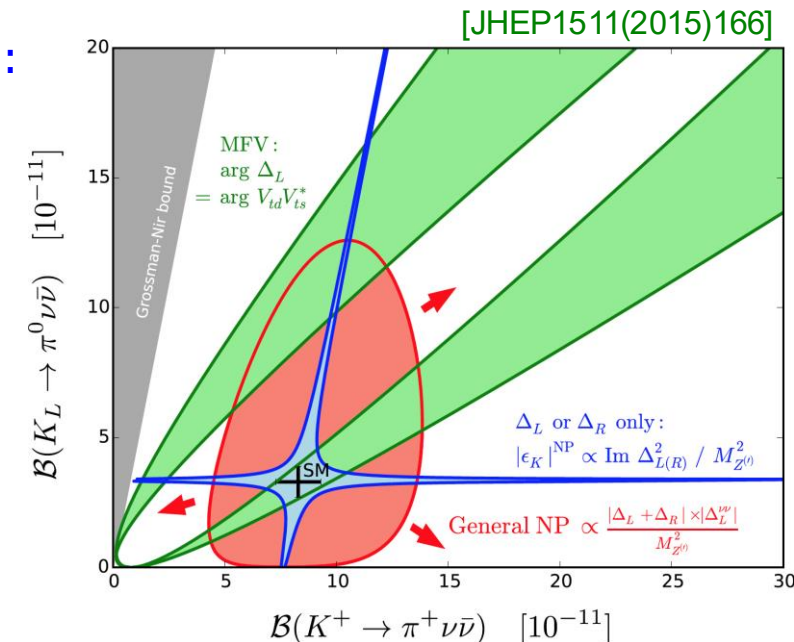
$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \quad (8.60 \pm 0.42) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu} \quad (2.94 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-11}$$

[Buras et al. EPJC 82 (2022) 7, 615]

New Physics: correlations btw charge and neutral mode significantly change for different NP models $\rightarrow$

[EPJ C76 (2016) no.4 182]



Charged and neutral modes provide complementary information on the flavour structure of new physics

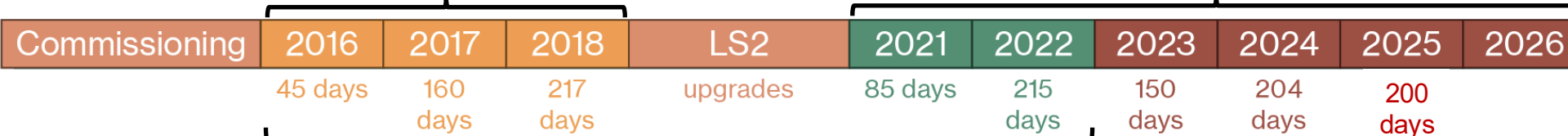
NA62 $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$: from Discovery to Precision



$>3\sigma$ $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ evidence

NA62 Run 1: 2×10^{18} protons on target (PoT) delivered

NA62 Run 2: $\sim 8 \times 10^{18}$ PoT $\rightarrow$ beam stop August 3rd



$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ observation: the rarest decay measured at 5σ significance

NA62:

300 participants from 32 institutions

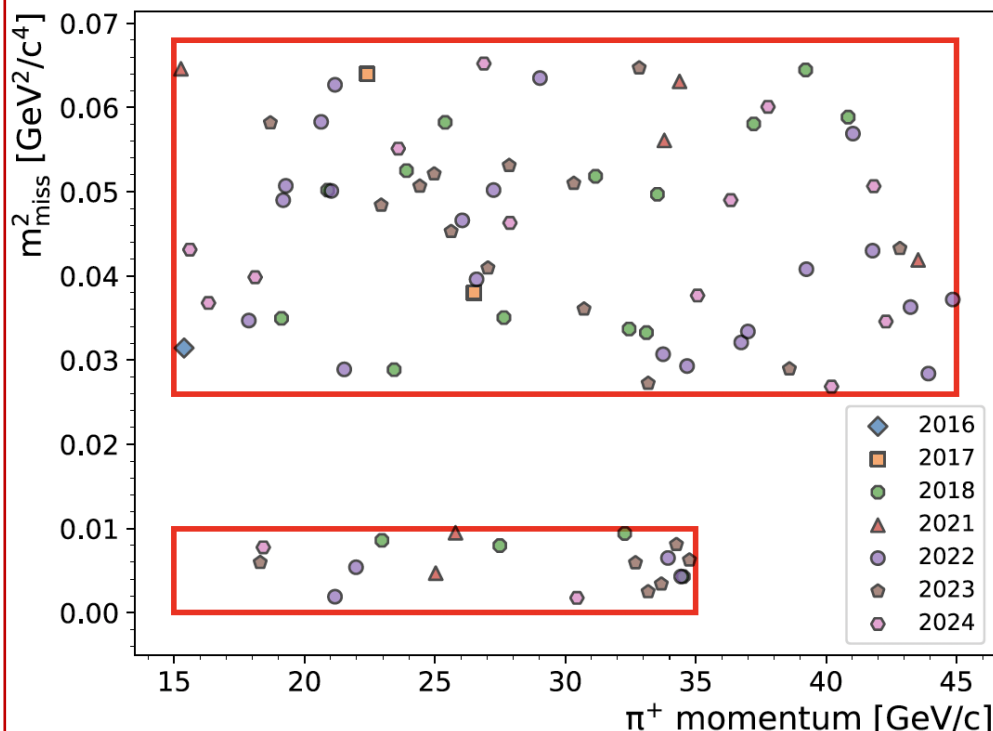


focused on $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ measurement to **15%** precision

Strong UK leadership at all levels

UK groups: Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Lancaster, Warwick

Combination 2016-18 + 2021-24 data

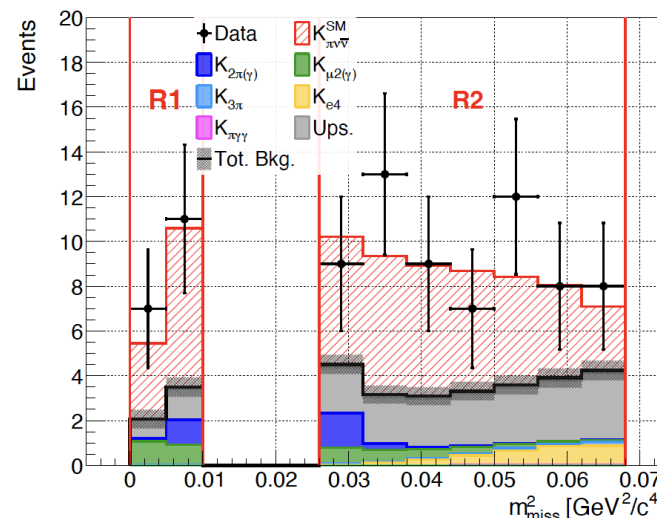


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The kaon stays on script

2 June 2026

1D projection with differential background predictions & SM signal expectation* with $\mathcal{B}_{SM} = 8.4 \times 10^{-11}$ [not a fit]:



Combined NA62 2016-2024 result

Expected SM signal	$N_{\pi\nu\nu}^{SM} = 43 \pm 1$
Expected background	$N_{bg} = 30^{+4}_{-3}$
Observed	$N_{obs} = 84$

From discovery to a precision probe of Flavour Physics

$$\mathcal{B}_{16-24}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (9.6^{+1.9}_{-1.8}) \times 10^{-11}$$

— The full NA62 dataset will define the charged-kaon benchmark for the next generation of flavour experiments —

NA62 Broad Flavour Programme

NA62 has collected data from 2016 until 2026 → world's largest multi-purpose sample of K^+ decays

Precise Lepton Universality tests with $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays
($>100k$ candidates per mode expected)

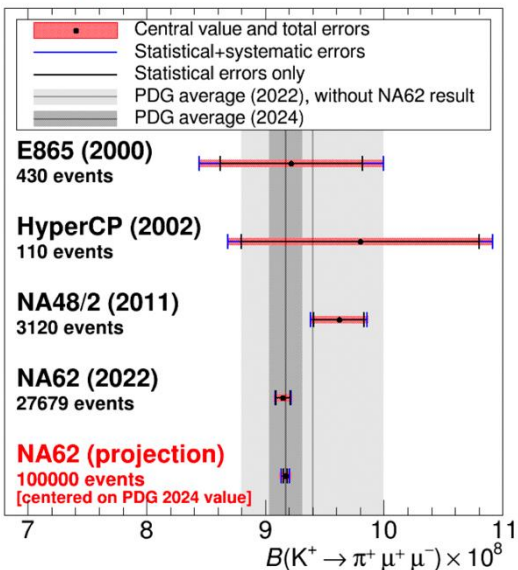
Updated R_K measurement
(expect $>1M$ $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$ candidates)

Upper limits on BRs of LFV/LNV
 K^+ and π^0 decays $\sim O(10^{-11}-10^{-12})$

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

Final dataset (2016-2026) projection

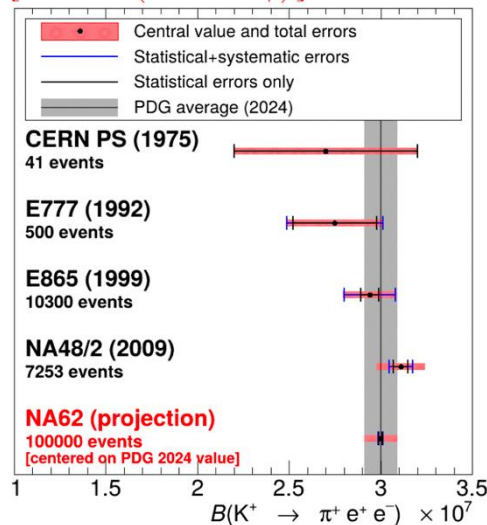
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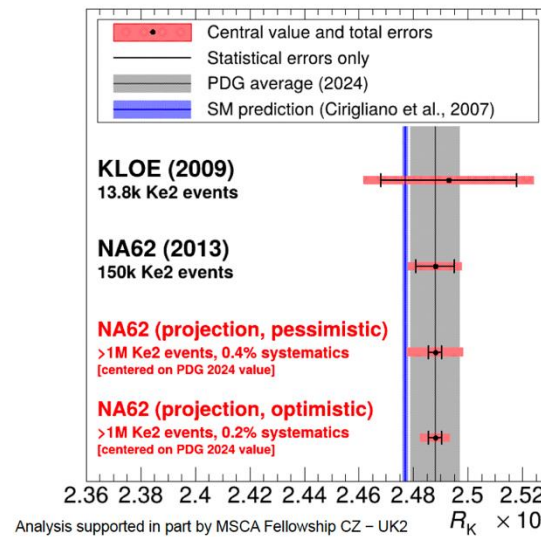
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- Negligible background
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- Same external error as NA48/2 [from $BR(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma)$]



$R_K = K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu / K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$

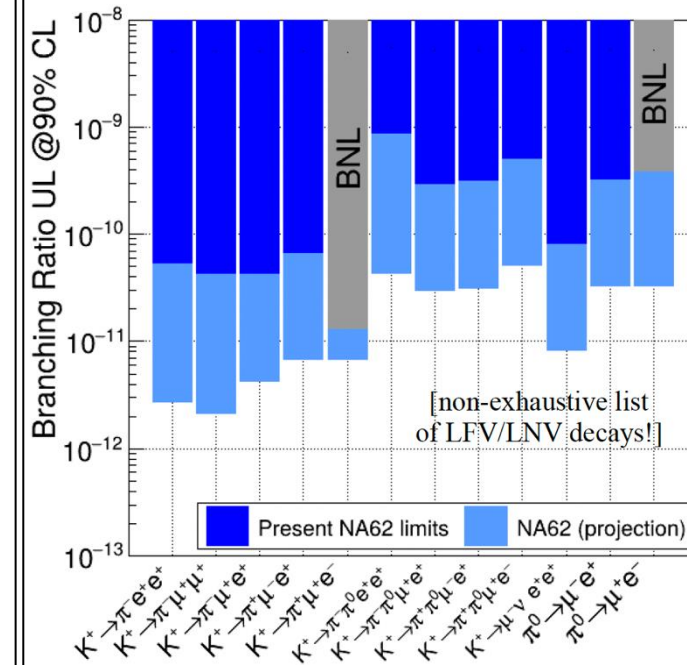
Novel technique [no dedicated data taking]:
select $K_{\mu 2}$ decays with μ decays within RICH
→ both K_{l2} from same (PNN) trigger line
Analysis well advanced

Statistics: $>1M$ Ke_2 candidates (Run1 only)
Systematic uncertainty: work in progress



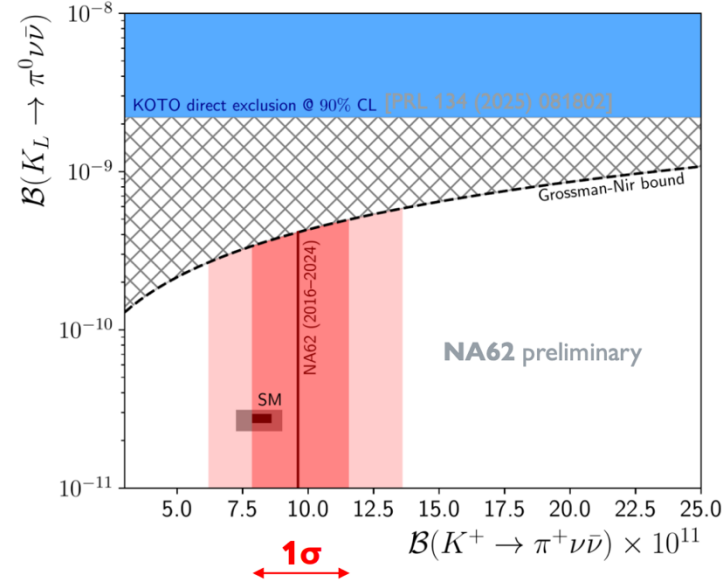
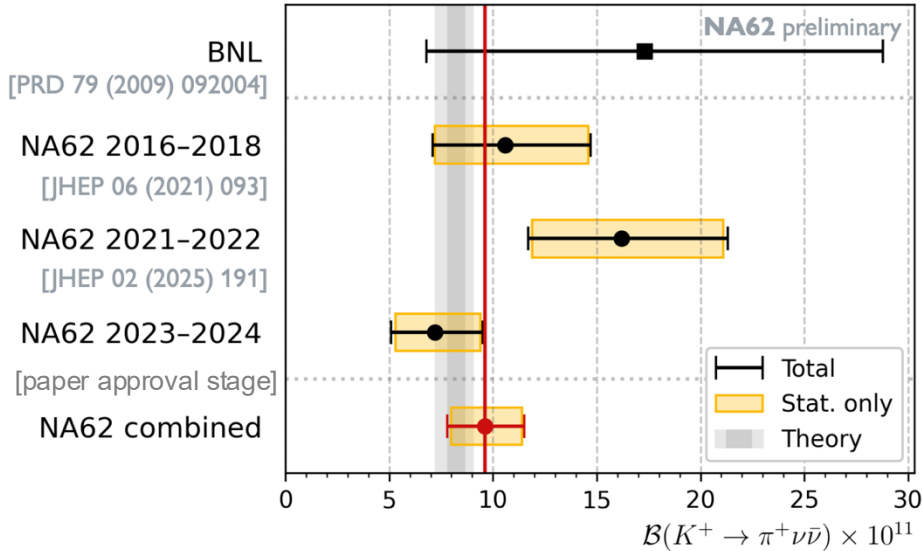
LFV/LNV decays

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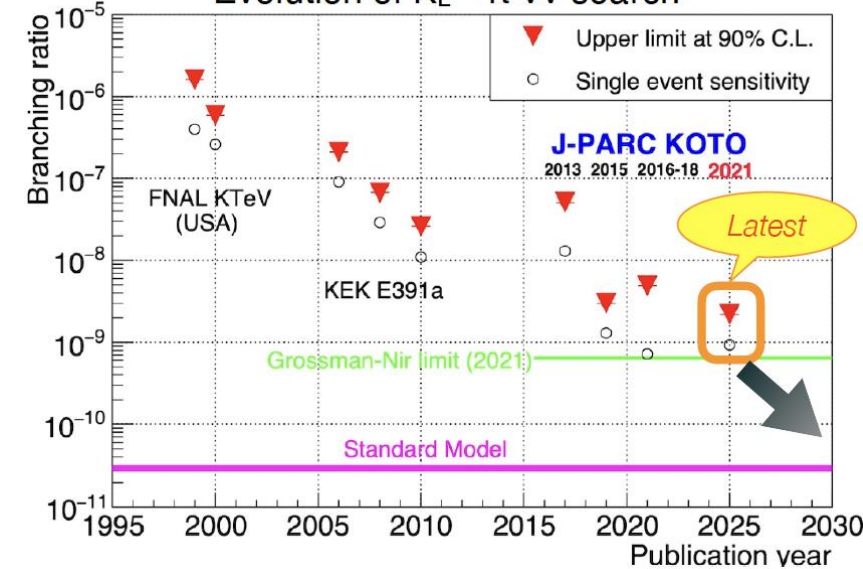


$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$: Global Picture

Measurements of $B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$



Evolution of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ search



NA62 at CERN:

- First observation of ultra-rare $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay
- Smallest BR ever measured at $> 5\sigma$ significance
- $B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$ measured to $< 20\%$ precision
- Aim at 15% precision measurement with legacy analysis

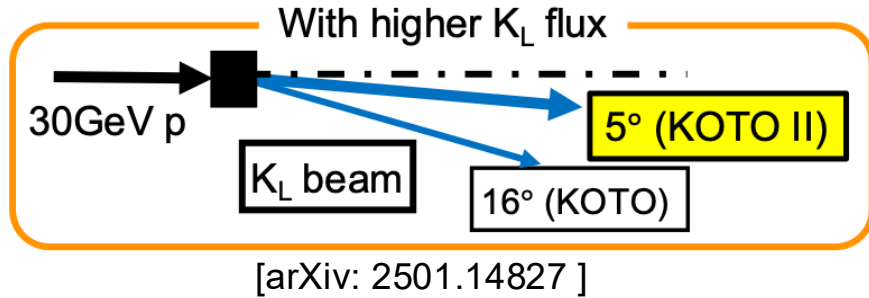
KOTO at J-PARC:

- Current world-leading search for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$
- Latest result: $\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}) < 2.2 \times 10^{-9}$ (90% C.L.)
- Validate the exp technique required for neutral mode
- Aim to reach SES $\sim 10^{-10}$ and Grossman-Nir bound by 2028

Following the observation of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$, the next major experimental challenge is the discovery and measurement of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ $\longrightarrow$

- ❖ $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$: directly CP-violating decay
- ❖ SM branching ratio: $\sim 3 \times 10^{-11}$
- ❖ Not yet observed

KOTO II: from search to precision measurement

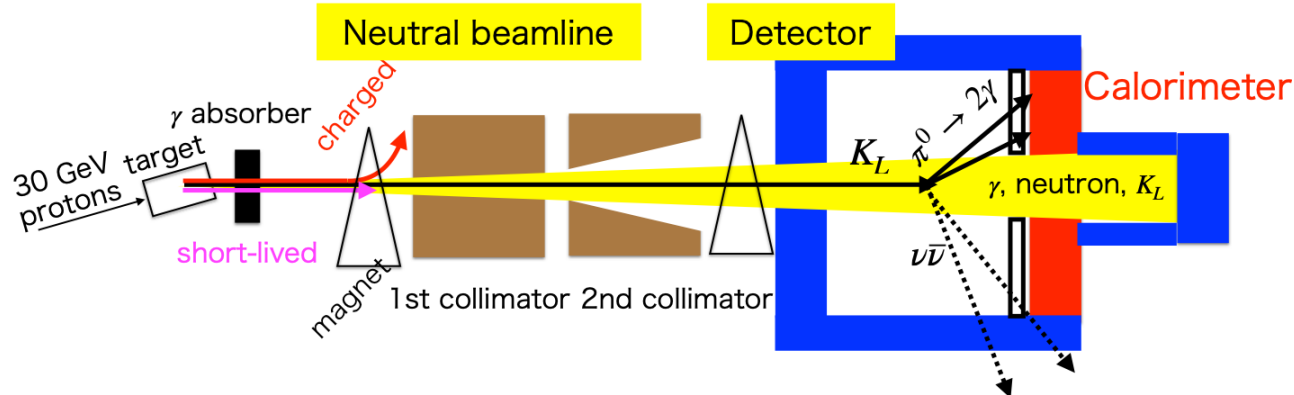


Based on KOTO experimental concept with improved sensitivity

New beam line $\rightarrow 1.1 \times 10^7 K_L / 2 \times 10^{13}$ POT

Improvements wrt KOTO:

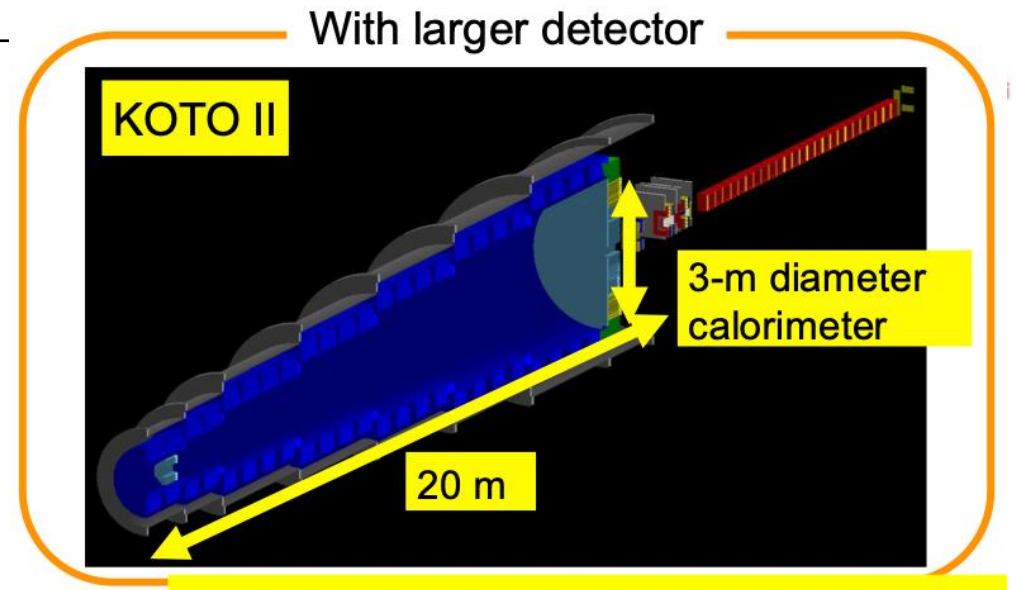
$\times 3$ higher K_L momentum: longer decay volume
larger acceptance $\rightarrow$ new exp. area



Aiming to run in mid 2030's in Hadron Hall extension

Expect 35 SM $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$ events (40 background), $\sim 25\%$ precision on branching fraction

Sensitive to NP with $>40\%$ deviation from SM at 90% C.L.



Upgraded detectors to improve background suppression

Summary of sensitivity and impact:

Signal (branching fraction : 3×10^{-11})	S	35.3 ± 0.4
Background	B	40 ± 2.7
Single event sensitivity	$(3 \times 10^{-11})/S$	8.5×10^{-13}
Signal-to-background ratio	S/B	0.89
Significance of the observation	$S/\sqrt{B}$	5.6σ
90%-C.L. excess / deficit	$1.64 \times \sqrt{S+B}$	14 events
Precision on branching fraction	$\sqrt{S+B}/S$	25%
Precision on CKM parameter η	$0.5 \times \sqrt{S+B}/S$	12%

* A running time of 3×10^7 s is assumed in the calculation.

KOTO II: UK Leadership & Roadmap



PPAP Roadmap 2021: *UK leadership in current kaon experiments recognised; investment in the future kaon programme recommended.*

KOTO II Physics proposal approved at J-PARC PAC (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2501.14827>)

→ **J-PARC E107 experiment**

KOTO II collaboration formed with KEK as host institution

UK Leadership:

- UK is a founder member of the KOTO II collaboration
- UK Co-Spokesperson and Speaker's Bureau
- UK Leadership of software, detector and physics working groups

Growing UK community building on expertise developed through NA48 and NA62



75 members, 26 institutions, 10 countries

UK groups: Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Lancaster, Liverpool, Manchester, Warwick



KOTO II workshop Mainz, September 2025

KOTO II ROADMAP

2026-2028 Design, detector R&D, prototyping and TDR



2030-2034 Detector construction, installation and commissioning



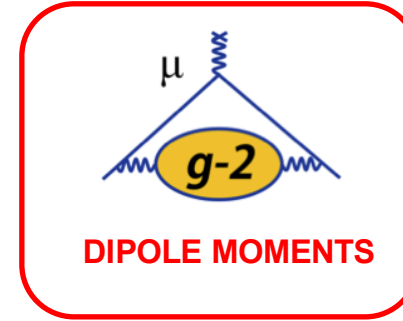
From 2035 Physics data taking and exploitation

KOTO II provides a clear route for sustained UK leadership in rare-kaon physics into the 2030s & beyond

Muon Physics in the UK - summary

- STFC funded experiments

- **g-2** (*Fermilab*)
- **Mu2e** (*Fermilab*)
- **Mu3e** (*PSI*)



- ~40 staff/post-docs across 9 institutes in the UK

- Additional experiments

- **DIPOLE MOMENTS:** muonE (*CERN*), KLOE (*DAFNE*), muEDM (*PSI*), g-2 (*J-PARC*)
- **CLFV:** COMET (*J-PARC*), MEG-II (*PSI*)



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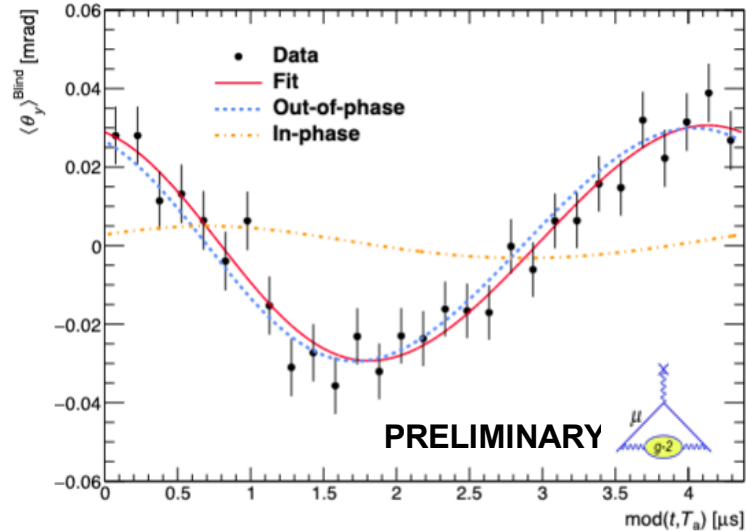
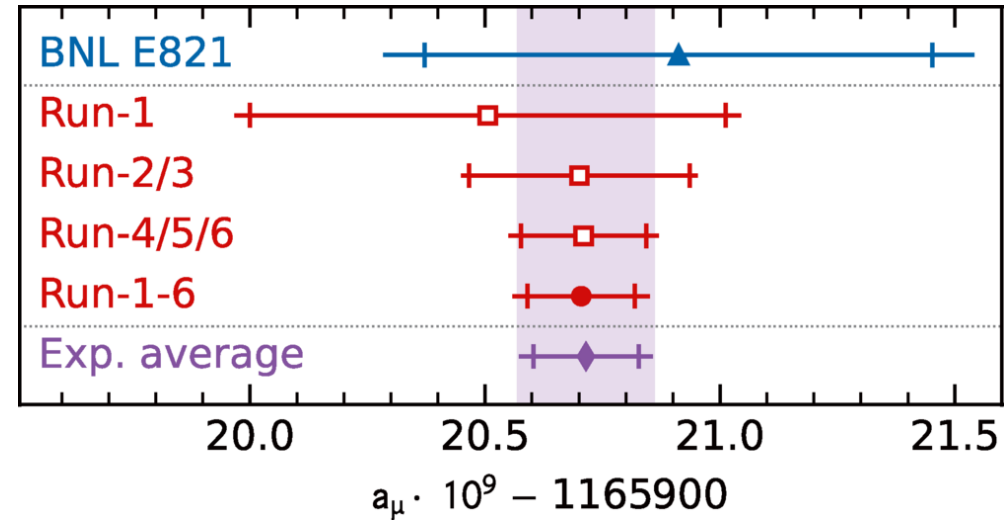


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Fermilab g-2 experiment

- Data taking 2017 – 2023. All data now analysed
- Measured the anomalous magnetic dipole moment (a_μ) to 127ppb – reached target precision!
- Published Sept 2025: Phys. Rev. Lett. **135**, 101802



- World's most sensitive direct muon EDM search - expected Aug 2026
- Look for out of phase tilt in e^+ angle $\langle \theta_y \rangle$
- Uses UK-built tracking detectors, UK-lead analysis
- BSM Lorentz- and CPT- violation searches to follow

Mu2e – summary and status



Transport solenoid

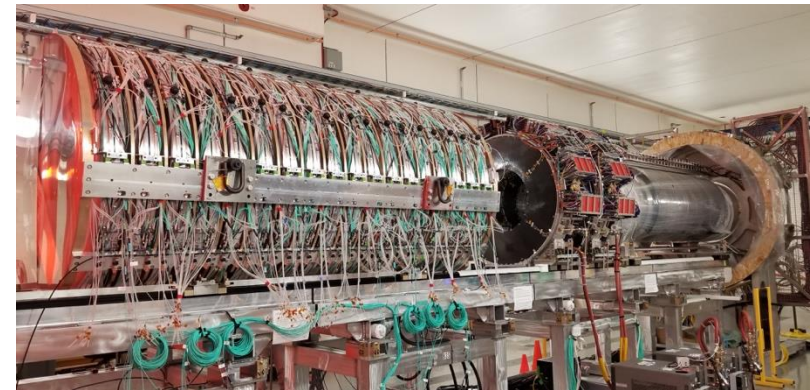
Production solenoid



$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\text{Rate of Muon conversion}}{\text{Rate of Muon Capture}}$$
$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^- + \text{Al} \rightarrow e^- + \text{Al})}{\Gamma(\mu^- + \text{Al} \rightarrow \nu_\mu + \text{Mg})}$$

- Final solenoid (detector solenoid) arrives this month
First physics run end of 2027 before PIP-II shutdown
- 2027 data: Sensitivity improves worlds best CLFV limit by factor of 30 – discovery potential!
- 2030-34 data, (post PIP-II): further sensitivity $\times 300$, to reach goal of 10,000 improvement

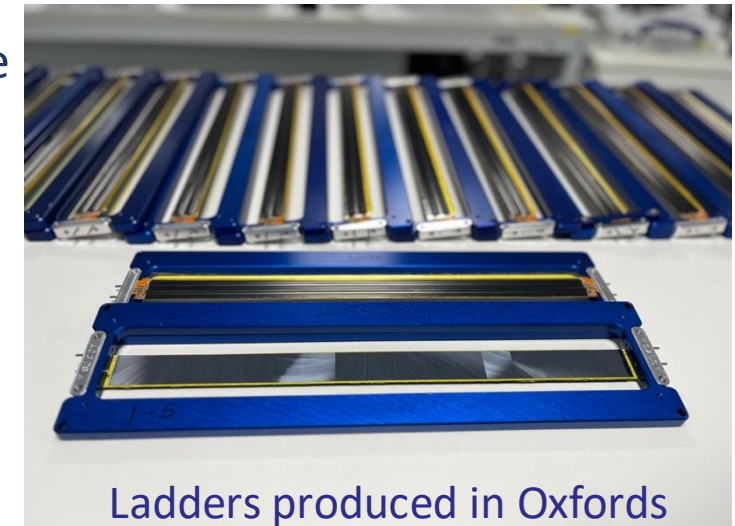
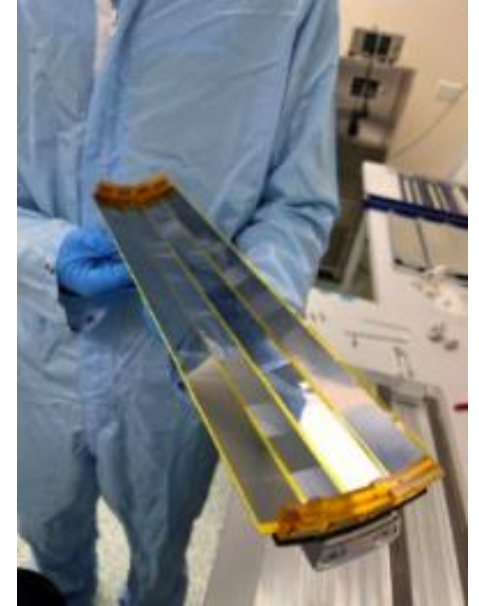
- Mu2e searches for **CLFV** via a muon conversion to an electron
- Need to measure muon **conversion rate** and muon **capture rate**
- All detectors installed in the hall – DAQ/Cosmic test runs ongoing
- UK responsible for stopping target monitor (capture rate) + DAQ
 - 2 run co-ordinators from the UK



Tracker and Calorimeter

Search for CLFV via $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$

- UK responsible for clock-and-reset system and HV-MAPS outer pixel tracker
 - Lowest mass fast pixel tracker ($\sim 0.1\% X_0$ per layer)
 - 17/18-chip pixel ladders produced in Oxford & 4-ladder modules assembled in Liverpool
 - First outer tracking layers installed in Mu3e this August
 - Gradual increase of detector acceptance and CLFV sensitivity
 - 8 weeks of beam commissioning data in 2026
 - ~ 30 week physics run in 2027 (Phase-0, central detector) $\rightarrow$ will surpass the SINDRUM limit very fast
- Completion of Phase-1 programme in 2030-2032 after High Intensity Muon Beam upgrade
 - Mid 2030s Mu3e upgrade for Phase-2
 - Multiple UK coordinating positions: physics, tracker (production, installation and overall), DQ, MC



Summary

KAON Programme:

- UK has played a leading role in experimental kaon physics for several decades
- NA62 achieved the first observation of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$ and is delivering a broad programme of precision measurements and searches for new physics
- The next frontier is the discovery and precision measurement of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$
- KOTO II brings together the international kaon community to address this challenge
- The UK is already playing a leading role in establishing KOTO II and its physics programme

Muon Programme:

- UK has 9 institutes with 40 staff working on dedicated muon physics experiments
- g-2 experiment published measurement of a_μ , reaching precision goal of 127ppb
- New results imminent for muon EDM measurement at Fermilab muon g-2 experiment – UK lead
- Mu2e and Mu3e are at/entering commissioning phase, begin physics data taking next year
- Both will reach full sensitivity in the second phase of running, 2030-34
- STFC funding key part of muon programme in the UK, with additional experiments broadening UK muon expertise

STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY

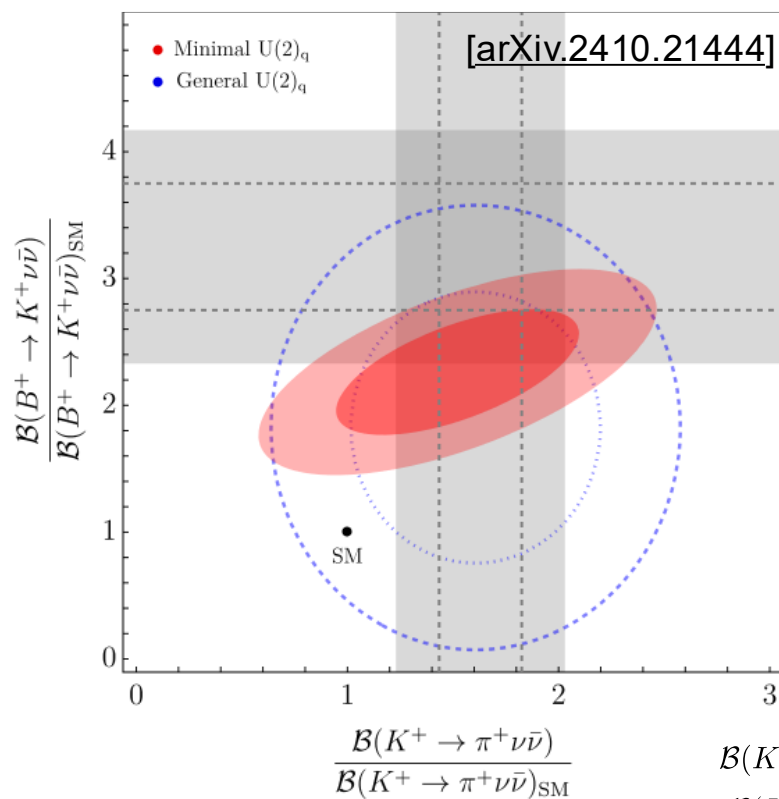
- ❖ Maintains UK leadership in kaon and muon precision measurements
- ❖ Provides long-term opportunities for detector R&D, students and early-career researchers
- ❖ Complements collider, neutrino programmes in the search for new physics

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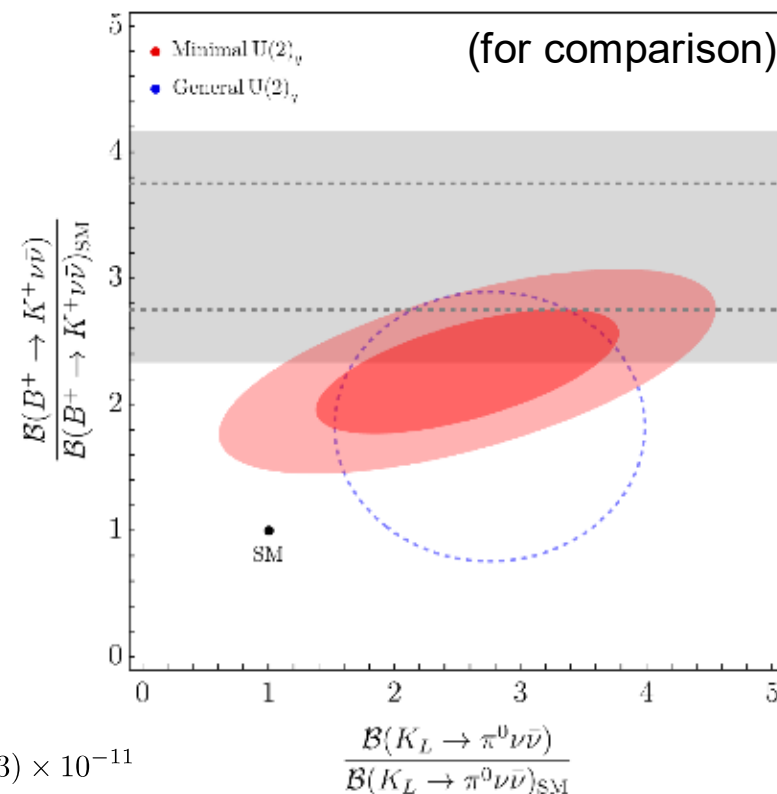
Probing third-generation New Physics

- EFT with dimension-six semileptonic operators built in terms of SM fields
- Minimally-broken $U(2)^5$ flavour symmetry acting on the lightest two SM families
- Reduce the number of relevant operators and free parameters
- Using 5 parameters analyse a large set of observables that includes direct searches, EWPO, FCNC
- Key role of the two neutrino modes in determining the allowed parameter space

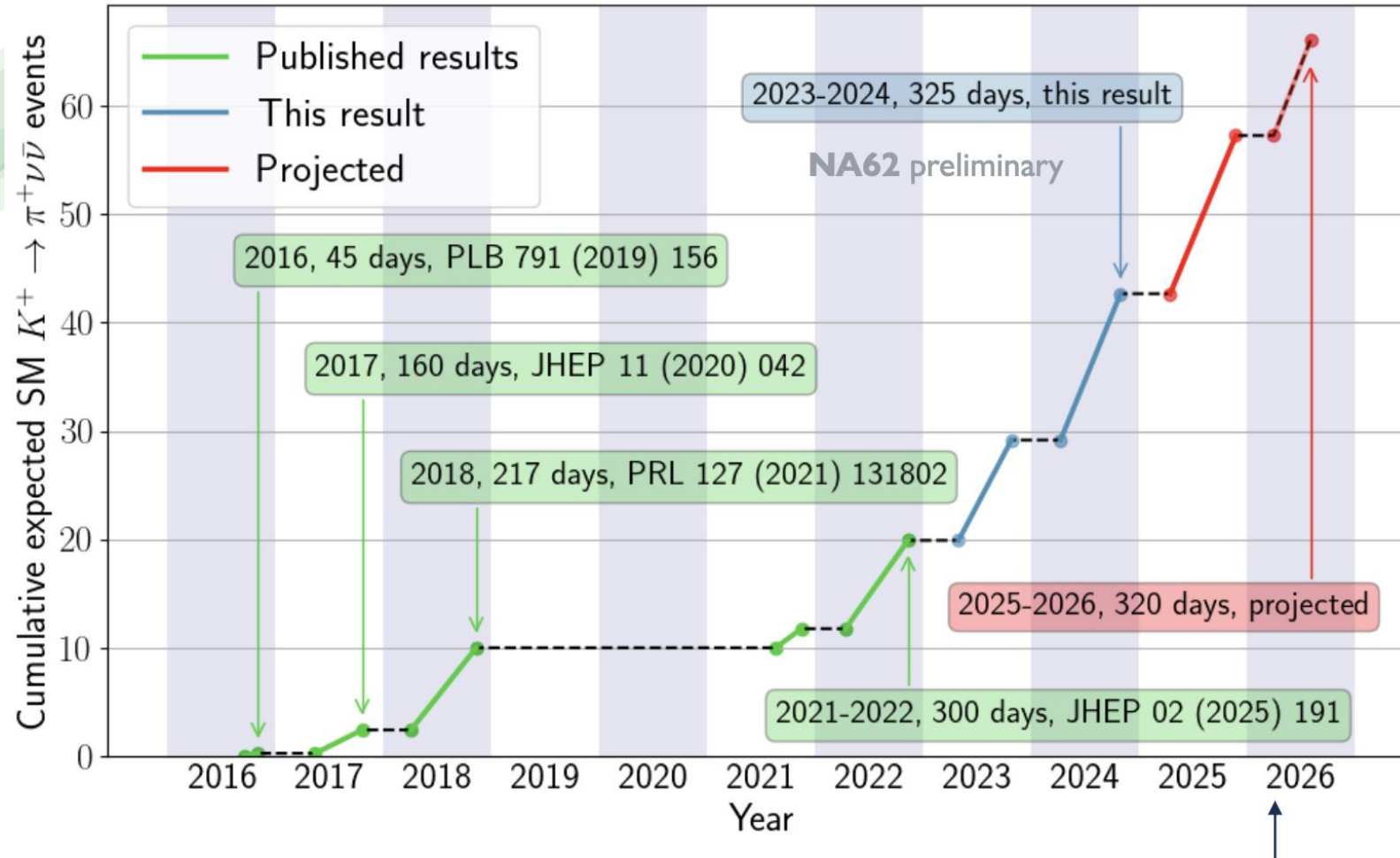


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$$\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu})^{\text{SM}} = (2.58 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-11}$$



NA62 Prospects



- Current: 2016–2024

- Expected SM* signal, $N_{\pi\nu\nu}^{SM} = 43 \pm 1$
- Expected background, $N_{bg} = 30^{+4}_{-3}$
- Observed, $N_{obs} = 84$

- Full: 2016–2026

- Expect ~1/3 of data still to come (2025+2026)
- Improve BR precision further: from 20% towards 15%.
- Study kinematic distributions (shapes).

Precision measurements & rare decays

- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ [JHEP 11 (2022) 011]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ \nu \gamma$ [JHEP 09 (2023) 040]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^+ e^-$ [PLB 846 (2023) 138193]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$ [PLB 850 (2024) 138513]
- $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ [Moriond2024]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \mu^+ \mu^-$ [KAON2025]
- $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \gamma$ [KAON2025]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ [KAON2025]

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

- 2016 data [PLB 791 (2019) 156]
- 2017 data [JHEP 11 (2020) 042]
- 2018 data [JHEP 06 (2021) 093]
- 2021-2022 data [JHEP 02 (2025) 191]
- 2023-2024 [this talk]

Forbidden decays

- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \ell^+ \ell^+$ [PLB 797 (2019) 134794]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi \mu e$ & $\pi^0 \rightarrow \mu e$ [PRL 127 (2021) 131802]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- (\pi^0) e^+ e^-$ [PLB 830 (2022) 132172]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^- \nu e^+ e^+$ [PLB 838 (2023) 137679]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi \mu e$ [PLB 859 (2024) 139122]

Invisible particles

- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma A'$ [JHEP 05 (2019) 182]
- $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ N$ [PLB 807 (2020) 135599]
- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \text{inv.}$ [JHEP 02 (2021) 201]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \text{inv.}$ [PLB 816 (2021) 136259]
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + \text{inv.}$ [JHEP 11 (2025) 143]
- $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ N$ [PLB 872 (2026) 140119]

Dump Mode

- $A' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ [JHEP 09 (2023) 035]
- $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ [PRL 133 (2024) 111802]
- $A' \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ [EPJC 85 (2025) 571]

Neutrino Tagging: [PLB 863 (2025) 139345]

The KOTO Experiment



Search for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ @ J-PARC

Primary 30 GeV/c protons on gold target located in HEF

Secondary neutral beam (K_L , neutrons, photons)

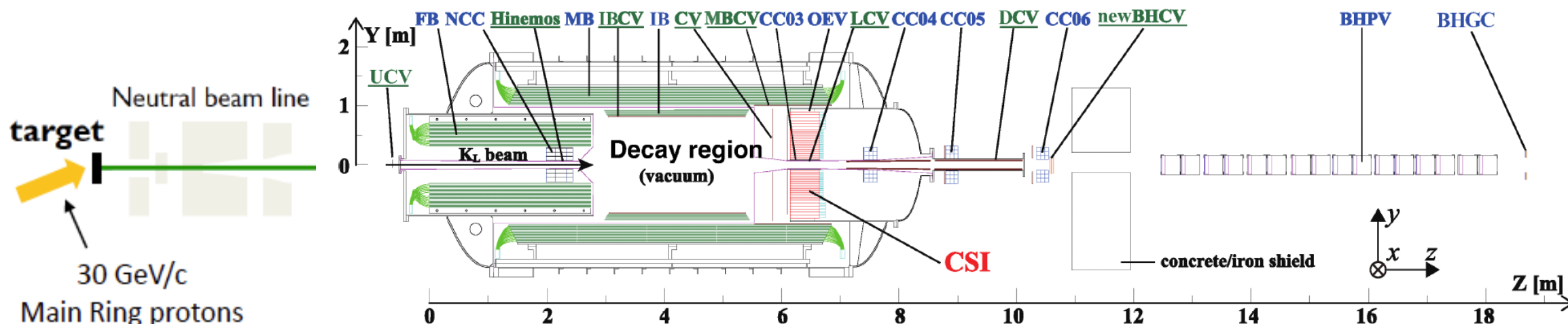
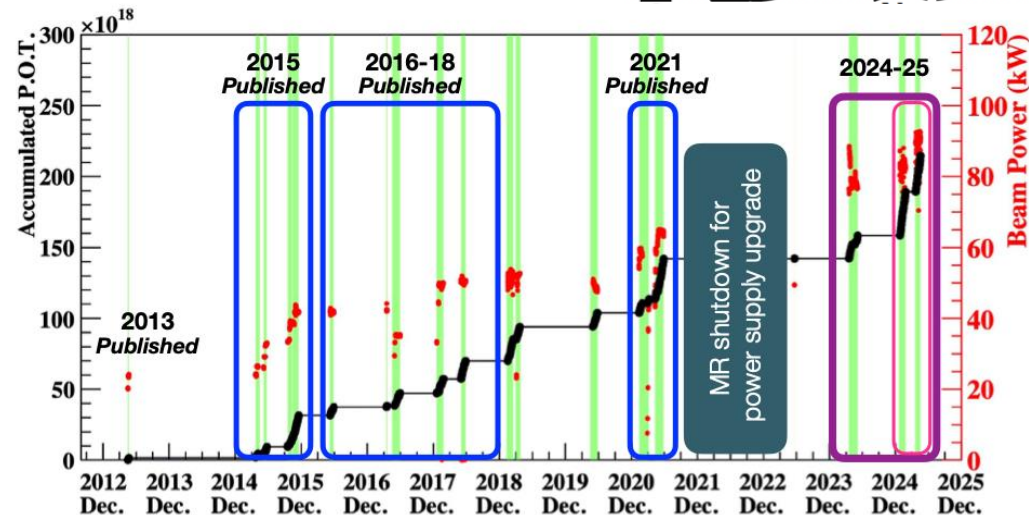
✓ beam angle $\sim 16^\circ$, $7.8 \mu\text{sr}$ "pencil" beam

✓ K_L momentum peak: 1.4 GeV/c

✓ K_L flux: 2.1×10^{-7} per proton on target

✓ Fiducial decay region $\sim 3 \text{ m}$

PTEP 2017 (2017) 021C01
PRL 122 (2019) 021802
PRL 126 (2021) 121801
[PRL 134 (2025) 081802]



Lead-scintillator sandwich
Plastic scintillator counter
CsI Calorimeter from KTeV

Hermetic photon detection
& veto systems

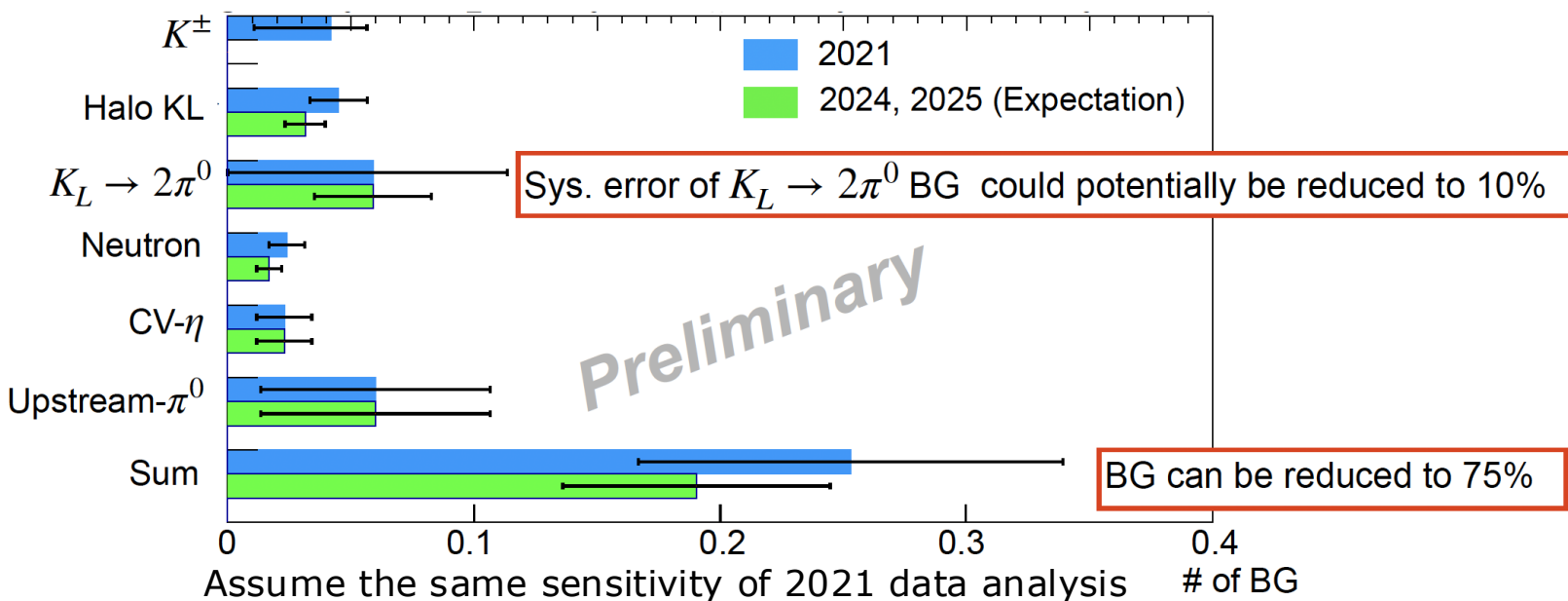
Signal: 2 photons from π^0
+ nothing else in detector

KOTO upgrades (2021-23)

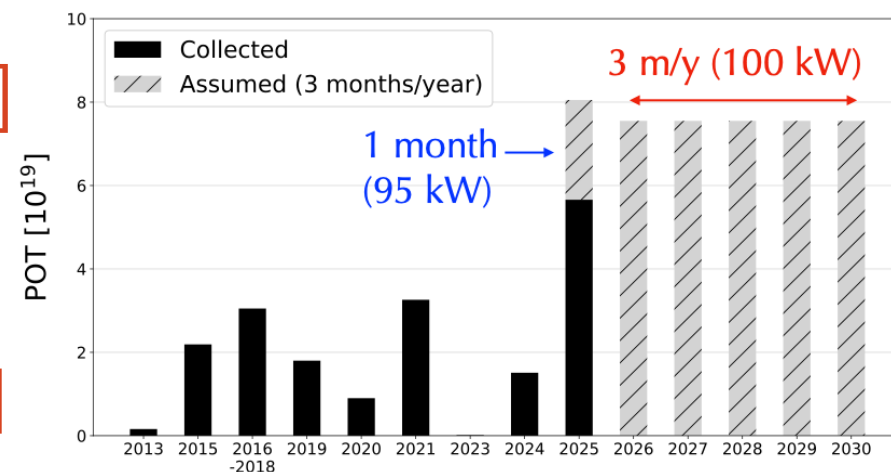
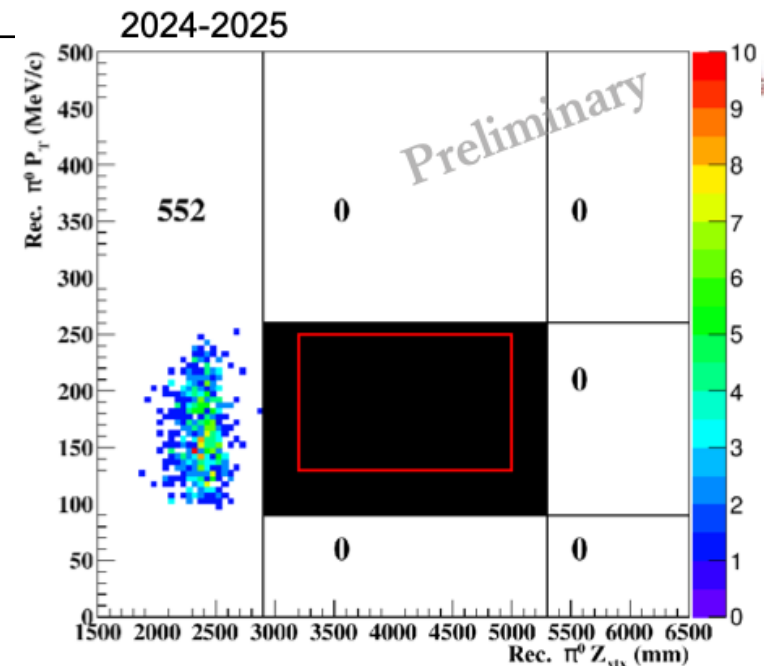
- ✓ Upstream Charged Veto
- ✓ Permanent magnet at the end of beam-line
- ✓ DAQ system

Analysis of KOTO 2024-25 data

- ✓ x2 statistics of 2021 data
- ✓ expected bkg improvement wrt 2021 data analysis



Improved conditions for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$ search thanks to the upgrades



Accumulated POT will reach $\times 10$ more than 2021 data around 2028

KOTO: broader programme

Taken in our standard trigger mixing
 Special trigger (run) required



Other K_L decay search @ KOTO

EM: γ or e^+/e^-

- 1 γ

 $K_L \rightarrow \gamma \bar{\gamma}$: Dark photon search
 - SES= 2.9×10^{-8} (2 hours run), expected $N_{BG}=12.7$, observed 13 $\Rightarrow$ BR $<3.5 \times 10^{-7}$ (90% CL)
- 2 γ

 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 X$ (X: invisible) *Preliminary*
 - Simple byproduct of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$ analysis
- 3 γ

 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$: Violating Lorentz invariance
 - (2016-18 data) SES= 7.1×10^{-8} , estimated $N_{BG}=0.34$, No events observed, BR $<1.7 \times 10^{-7}$ (90% CL)
- 4 γ

 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X$ (X: invisible)
- 4 γ

 $K_L \rightarrow XX, X \rightarrow 2\gamma$
 - (2018 data) $N_{BG}=0.61$, No events observed.
 - BR $<(1-4) \times 10^{-7}$ (M_X : 40-110MeV/c²), BR $<(1-2) \times 10^{-6}$ (M_X : 210-240MeV/c²)
- 6 γ

 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 X, X \rightarrow 2\gamma$
 - (2018 data) Maximal SES= 4.5×10^{-9} in $M_X=155-190\text{MeV}/c^2$ *Preliminary*
 - (2021 data) Analyzing; Results coming soon
- 6EM

 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 4e$
 - (2018 data) No events observed, BR $<4.1 \times 10^{-7}$ (90% CL)
- 4EM

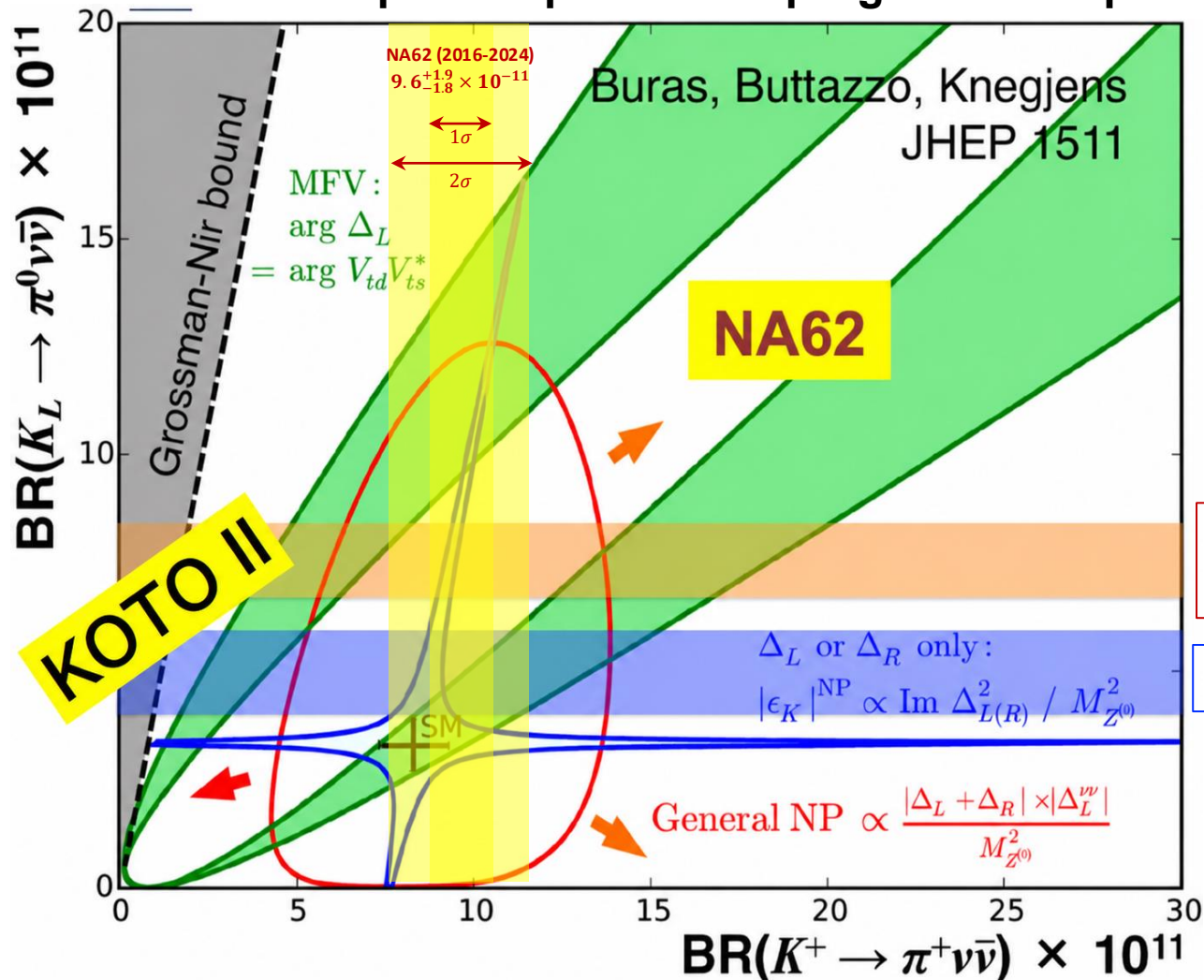
 $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$... trial data accumulation in 2024 *Preliminary*
- 3EM

 $K_L \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$ and/or $K_L \rightarrow \gamma A, A \rightarrow e^+ e^-$... data accumulation in 2025

KOTO II: Impact & Global picture



A complete experimental programme requires both the charged and neutral modes



- 100kW beam, 3×10^7 s = 6.3×10^{20} P.O.T
- SES: 8.5×10^{-13} , S/B=0.9
- 35 SM signal / 40 background events
→ 5.6σ observation
- $\Delta B/B = 25\%$ for SM value of branching fraction

Example
250% deviation from SM

70% deviation from SM

KOTO II sensitivity:

deviations of ~40% from the SM can be probed at 90% C.L.

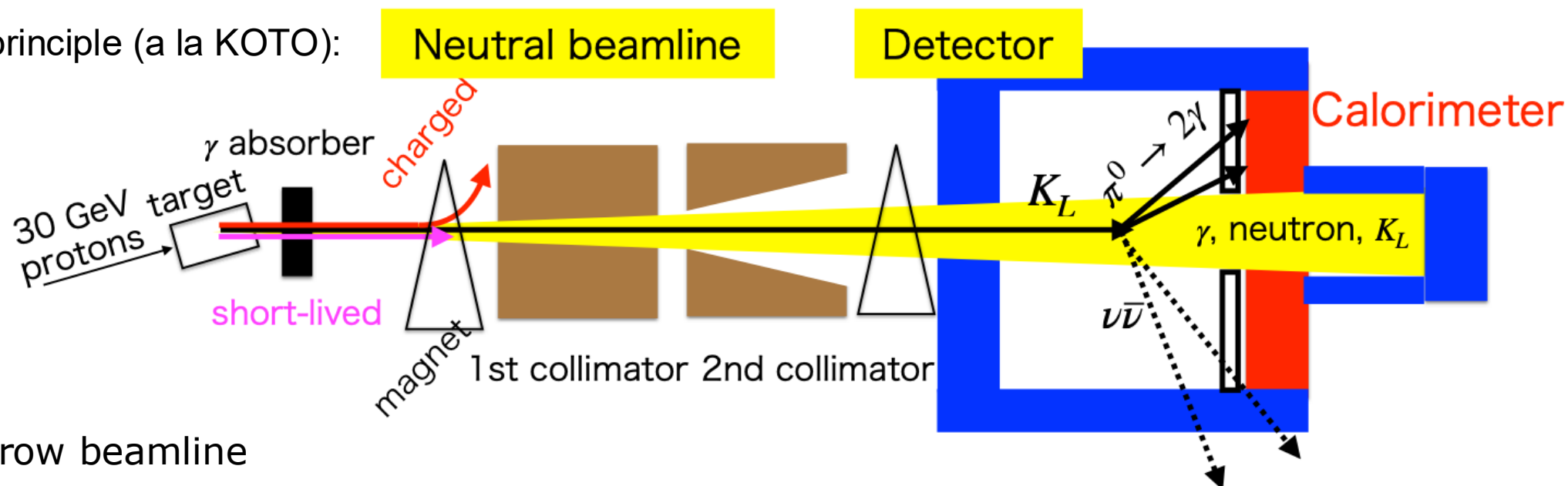
May find New Physics or severely constrain it

Charged + neutral modes distinguish the flavour structure of new physics

KOTO II: Experimental Principle



Experimental principle (a la KOTO):

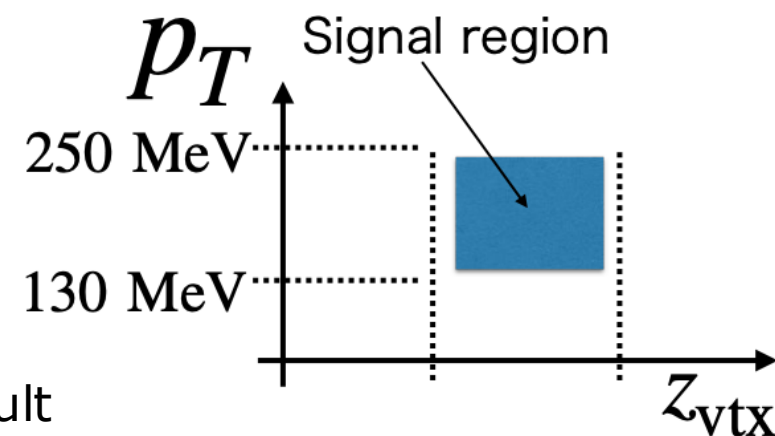


Long, narrow beamline

Signal: $\pi^0 (\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ + nothing else
Higher p_T of π^0 (due to two missing neutrinos)

Detector:

- Calorimeter to detect 2γ
 - Reconstruct π^0 assuming Z vertex on beam axis
- Hermetic veto counters
 - Need to cover beam hole where detector operation is difficult



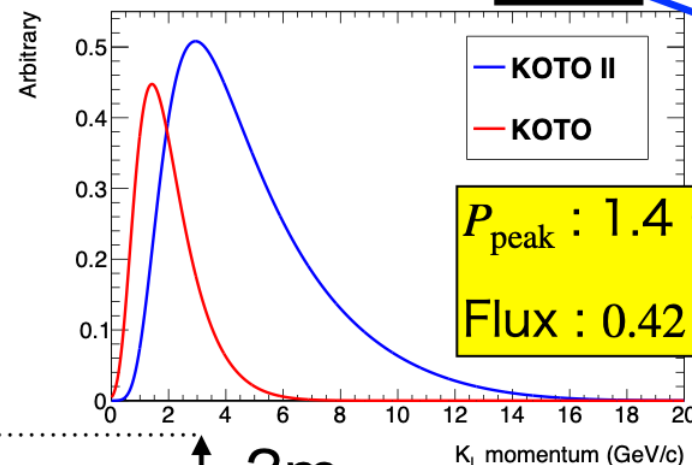
KOTO II: Sensitivity Improvements



Key factors to improve the sensitivity:

- More K_L
- Use forward production angle
 - $\times 2.6$ flux + **harder spectrum**
- More signal acceptance **Key**
 - Longer decay volume
 - Larger calorimeter

Primary 30-GeV proton (100kW)

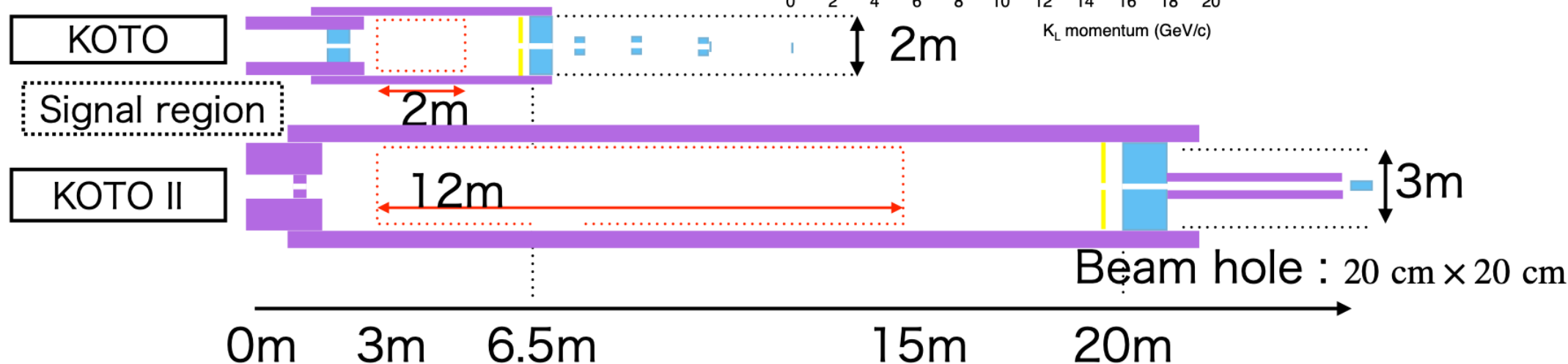


5° (KOTO II)

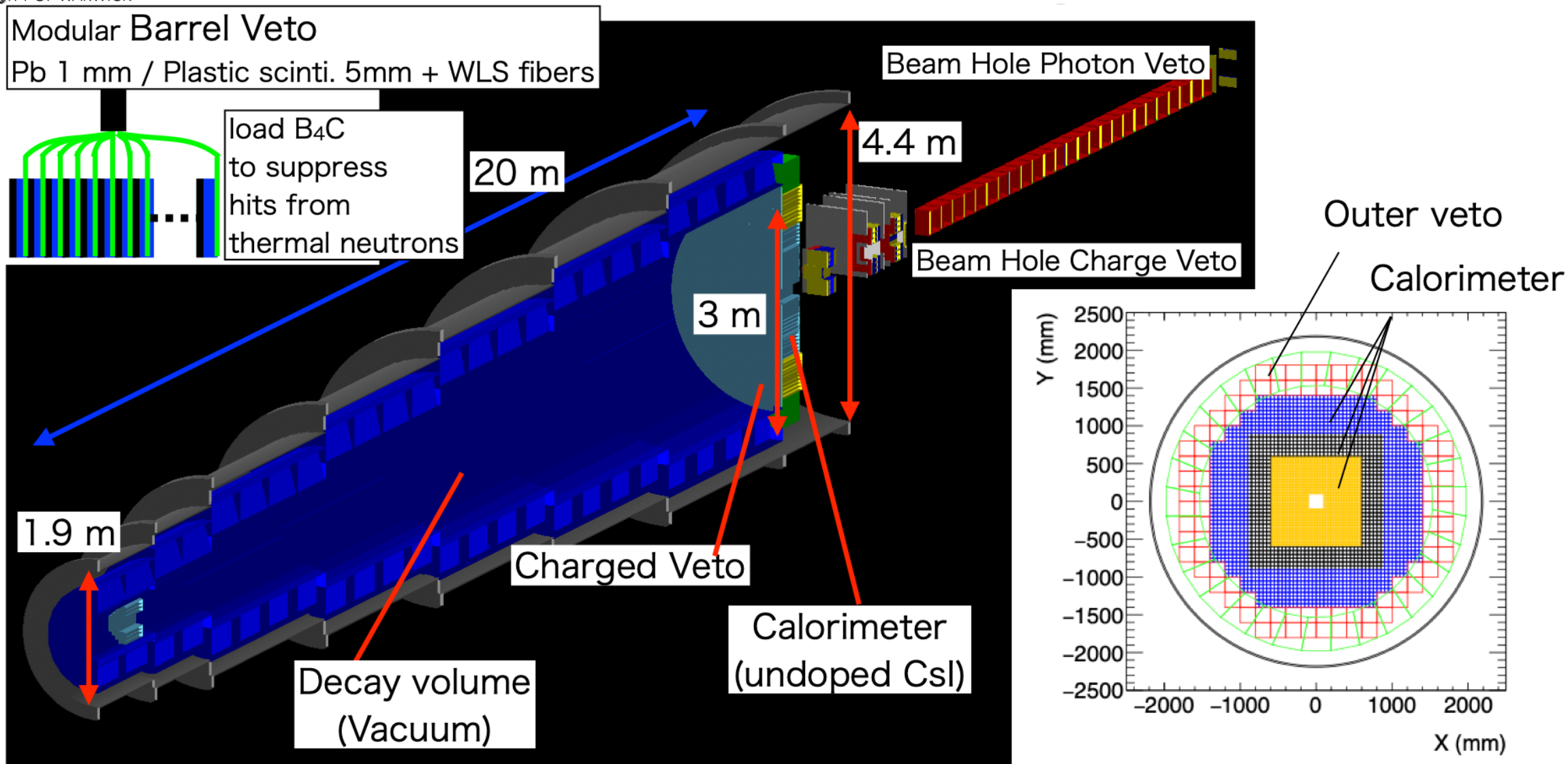
16° (KOTO)

$P_{\text{peak}} : 1.4 \rightarrow 2.9 \text{ GeV/c}$

Flux : $0.42 \times 10^7 \rightarrow 1.1 \times 10^7/10^{13} \text{ POT}$



KOTO II: Detector (Base Design)



$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ in the Standard Model



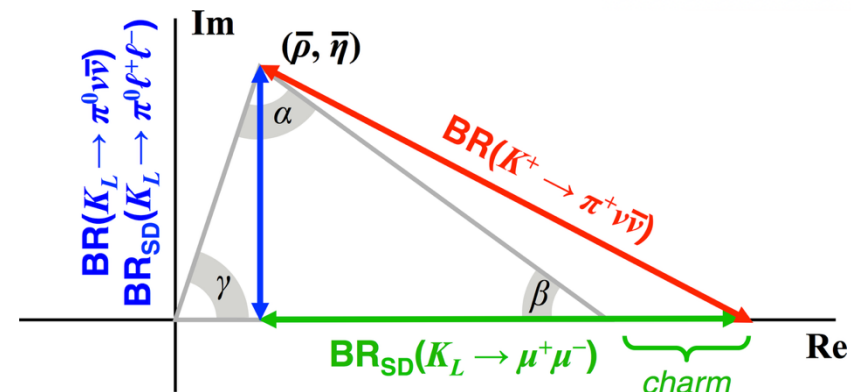
Contributions from long-distance physics

- SD CPV amplitude: γ/Z exchange
- LD CPC amplitude from 2γ exchange
- LD indirect CPV amplitude: $K_L \rightarrow K_S$
- $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ will help reducing theoretical uncertainties, measure $|a_S|$
 - measured NA48/1 with limited statistics
 - planned by LHCb Upgrade
- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ can be used to explore helicity suppression in FCNC, give unique access to SD BSM effects in the photon coupling via the tau loop

[arXiv:hep-ph/0404127, arXiv:hpe-ph/0404136, arXiv:hep-ph/0606081]

[arXiv:0705.2025, arXiv:1812.00735, arXiv:1906.03046, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1196830/>]

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ CPV
amplitude
constrains UT η



$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-) &= 3.54^{+0.98}_{-0.85} \left(1.56^{+0.62}_{-0.49} \right) \times 10^{-11} \\ \mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) &= 1.41^{+0.28}_{-0.26} \left(0.95^{+0.22}_{-0.21} \right) \times 10^{-11}\end{aligned}$$

(2 sets of values corresponding to constructive (destructive) interference btw direct and indirect CP-violating contributions)

Experimental bounds from KTeV: $\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-) < 28 \times 10^{-11}$
 $\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) < 38 \times 10^{-11}$

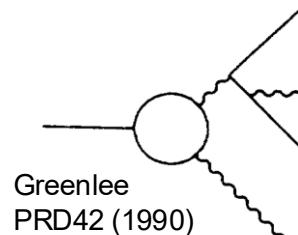
Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 021805
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 84 (2000) 5279–5282

Main background: $K_L \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \gamma \gamma$

- Like $K_L \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \gamma$ with hard bremsstrahlung

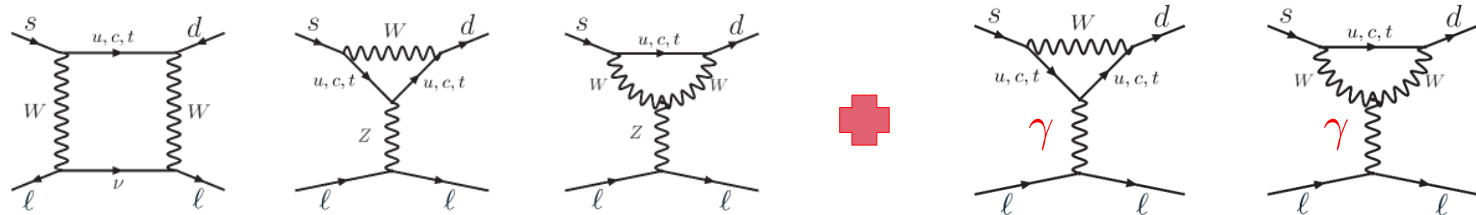
$$\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma \gamma) = (6.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7} \quad E_\gamma^* > 5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma \gamma) = 10^{+8}_{-6} \times 10^{-9} \quad m_{\gamma\gamma} > 1 \text{ MeV}$$



$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ and New Physics

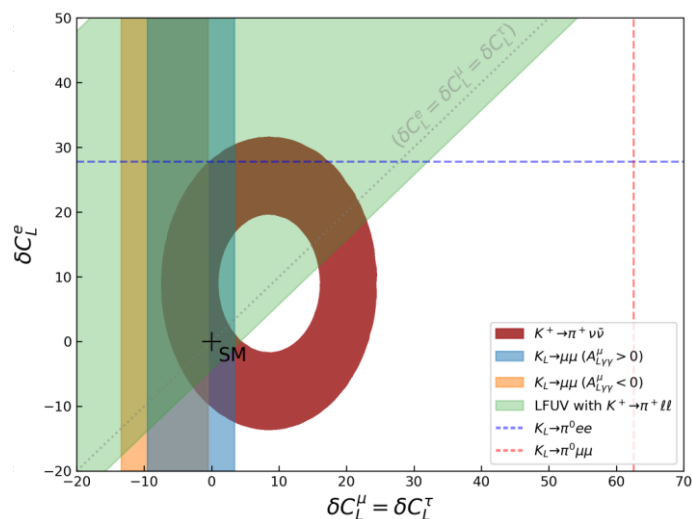
[D'Ambrosio, Iyer, Mahmoudi, Neshatpour 2206.14748, 2311.04878, 2404.03643]



Access to photon coupling Can be used to explore helicity suppression in FCNC decays, give unique access to SD BSM effects in γ coupling via τ loop

We assume NP contributions of the charged and neutral leptons related to each other by the $SU(2)_L$ gauge symmetry and we work in the chiral basis

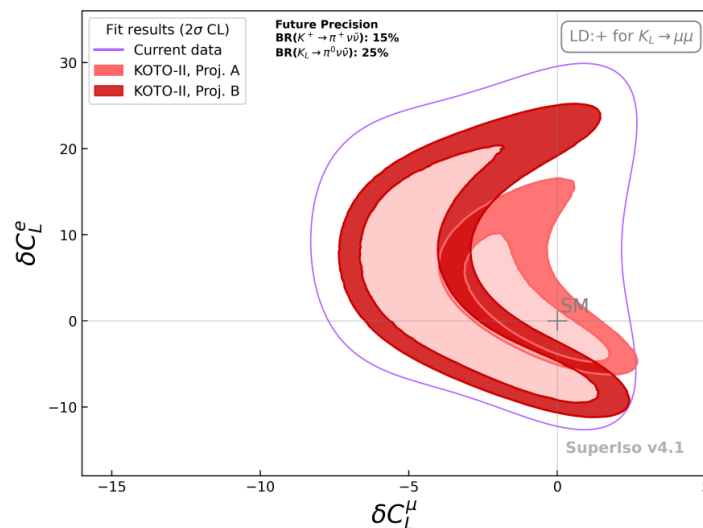
Lepton Flavour Universality Violation:



Bounds from individual observables:

Coloured regions: 68% CL measurements

Dashed lines: 90% upper limits



Projec on A

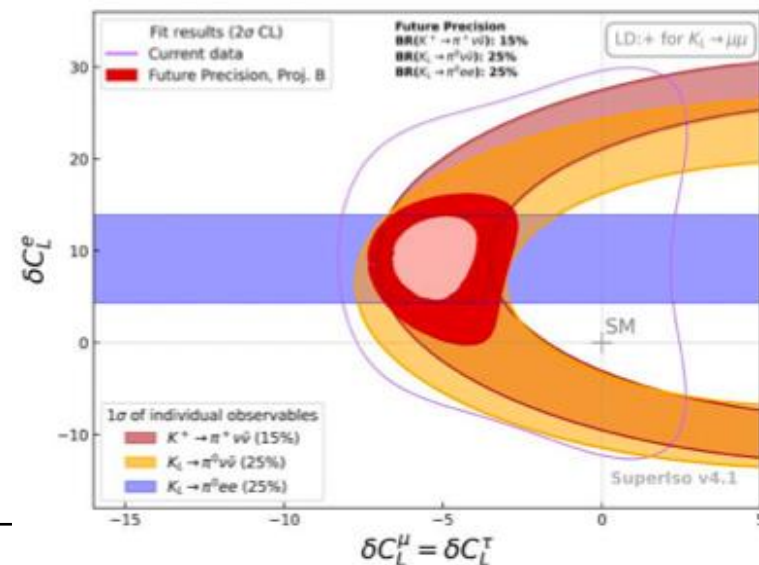
Observables already measured are kept, others assumed at their SM values, all with target precision of KOTO-II

Projec on B

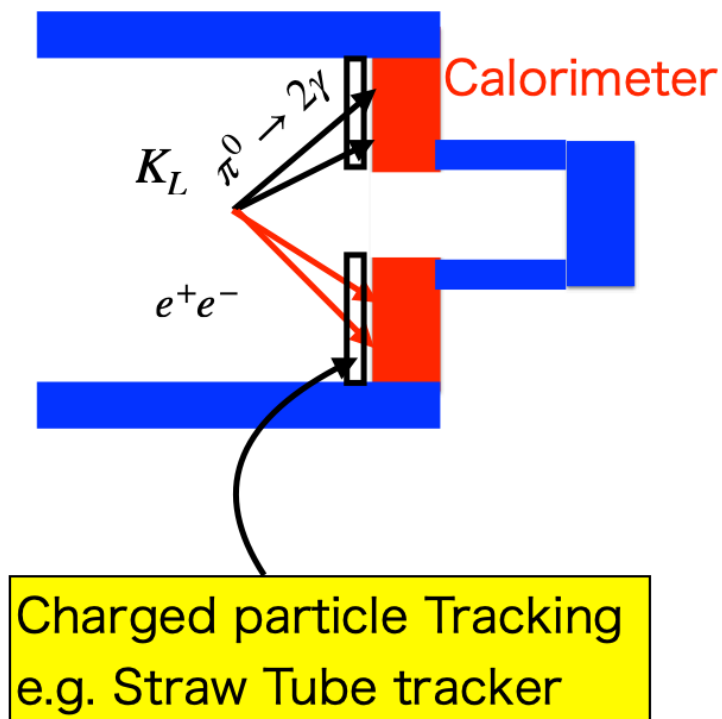
All measurements give current best-fit point with target precision of KOTO-II

$$\delta C_L^\ell \equiv \delta C_9^\ell = -\delta C_{10}^\ell \quad \delta C_L^e \neq \delta C_L^\mu = \delta C_L^\tau$$

Impact on LFUV tests
 $s \rightarrow d \ell \ell + s \rightarrow d \nu \bar{\nu}$



Measurement of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ in KOTO II



- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$
- Additional charged particle tracker (Two layers)
- Vertex reconstruction with the two tracks
→ Better resolution
- Reconstruct K_L and π^0 with better resolution
 - BG : $K_L \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma \gamma$
- 3.6σ observation is expected in KOTO II
→ Discussion of further improvement
- $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ is also under study.

Compatibility with neutrino channel is under study
Probably, a second phase of KOTO II with dedicated tracking