

Calorimetric Particle Identification at NA62

Main goal: Study the rare $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$ decay
 Probe for new physics

Kaon decay-in-flight: Main backgrounds are the common kaon decay modes
 ($K \rightarrow \mu \nu$, $K \rightarrow \pi \pi$, etc.)

Multiple handles:

- Event kinematics,
- K/π timing $O(100 \text{ ps})$,
- Track multiplicity,
- μ/γ vetos,
- **Particle identification.**

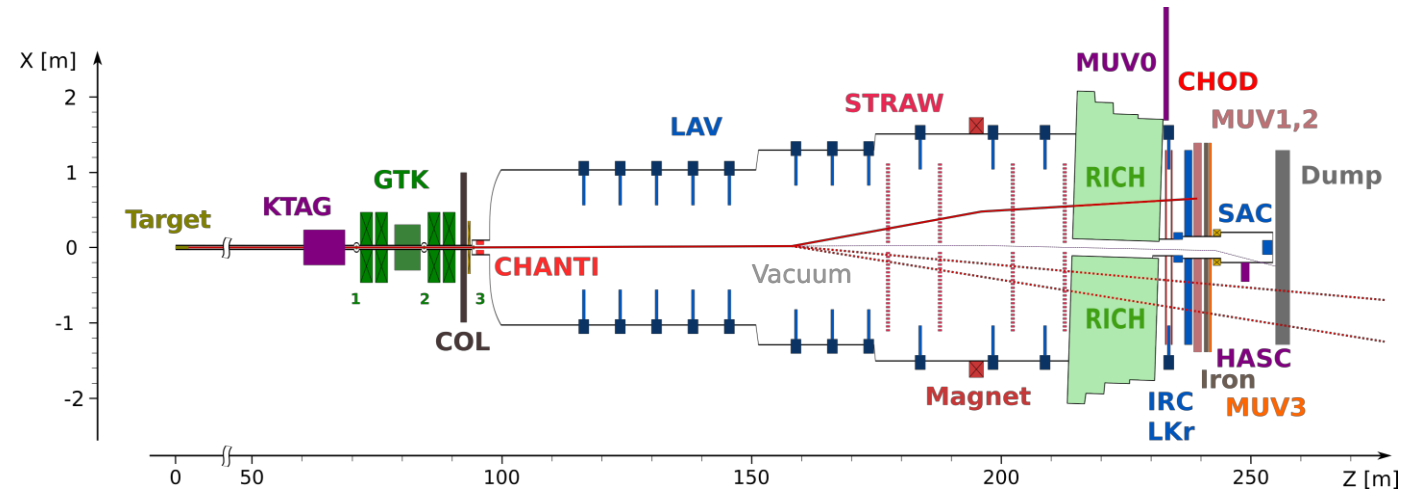
$$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \quad (\mathcal{B} \approx 0.64)$$

↓ mis - id

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \quad (\mathcal{B} \approx 10^{-10})$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{exp.}} = \left(10.6^{+4.0}_{-3.4} \Big|_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.9_{\text{syst.}} \right) \times 10^{-11}$$

[NA62 Collaboration, 21']



Particle identification systems:

RICH, MUV3, and calorimeters (LKr, MUV1 and MUV2)

Overall Muon rejection $> 10^7$

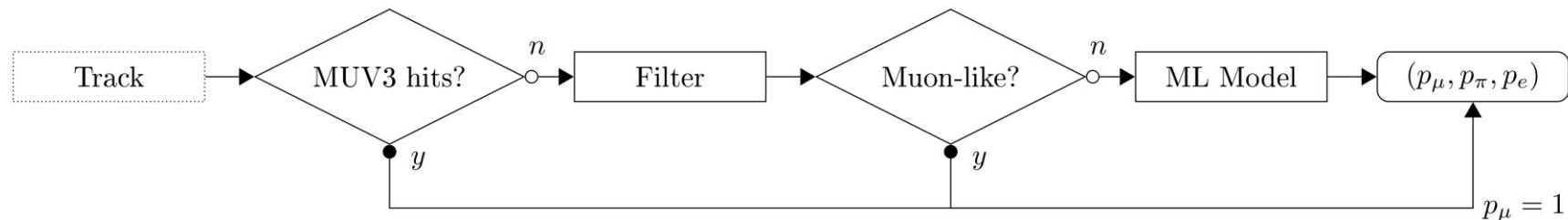
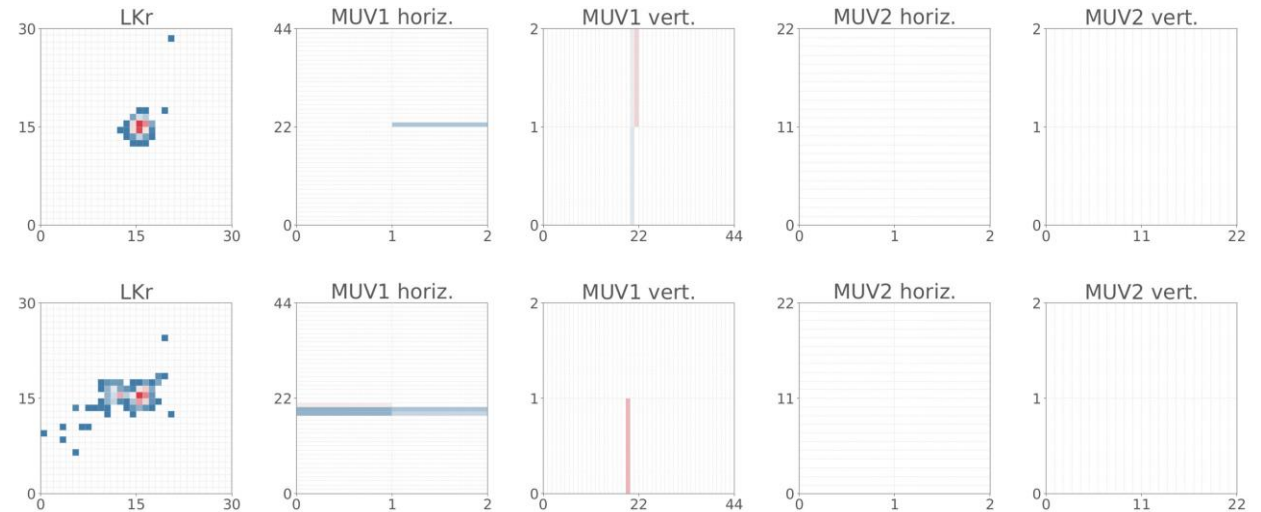
CNN-Based Approach for "CaloPID"

Focus on three calorimeters:

- LKr: Electromagnetic calo.
- MUV1 & MUV2: Hardronic calo

No depth information, the 3D shower is projected on a 2D plane by the readout.

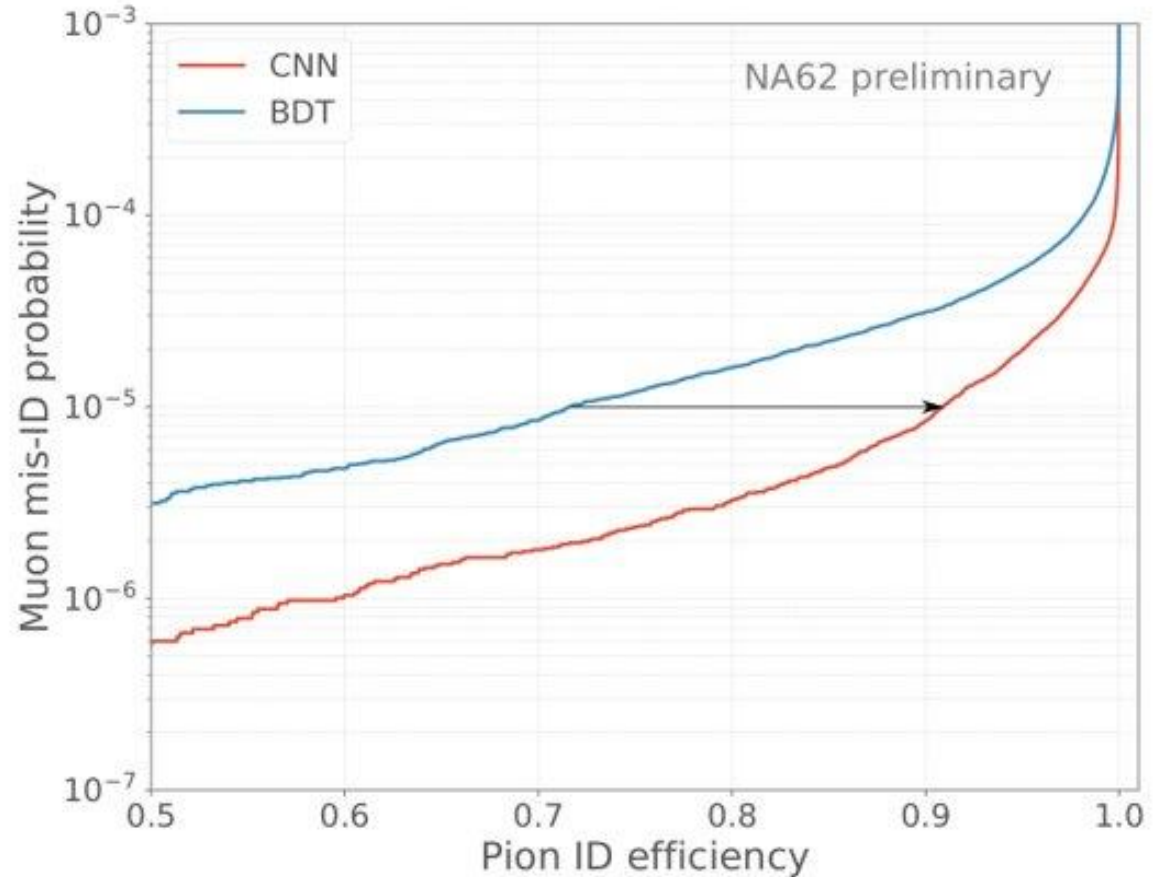
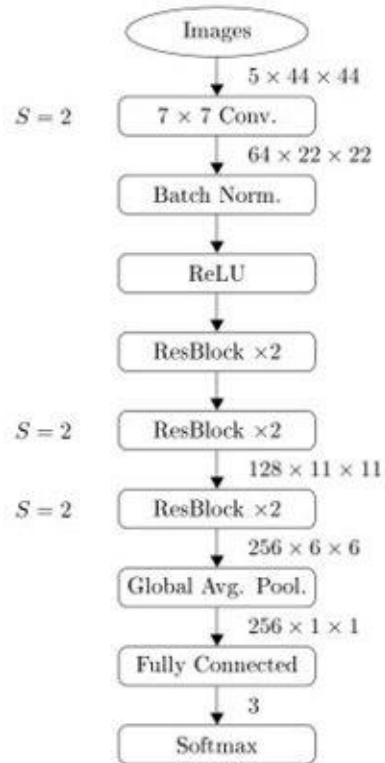
Direct correspondence with a 5-channel image



Data driven approach, training, validation and testing samples selected directly from the data. Independent test sample (*minimum bias*) used for the final evaluation.

Significant Improvement of the μ/π ID

Architecture derived from ResNet



Pion acceptance can be increased from **72 %** to **92 %** over the 15 to 50 GeV/c (muon mis-id 10⁻⁵)