

# Schedule for pnn2 analysis

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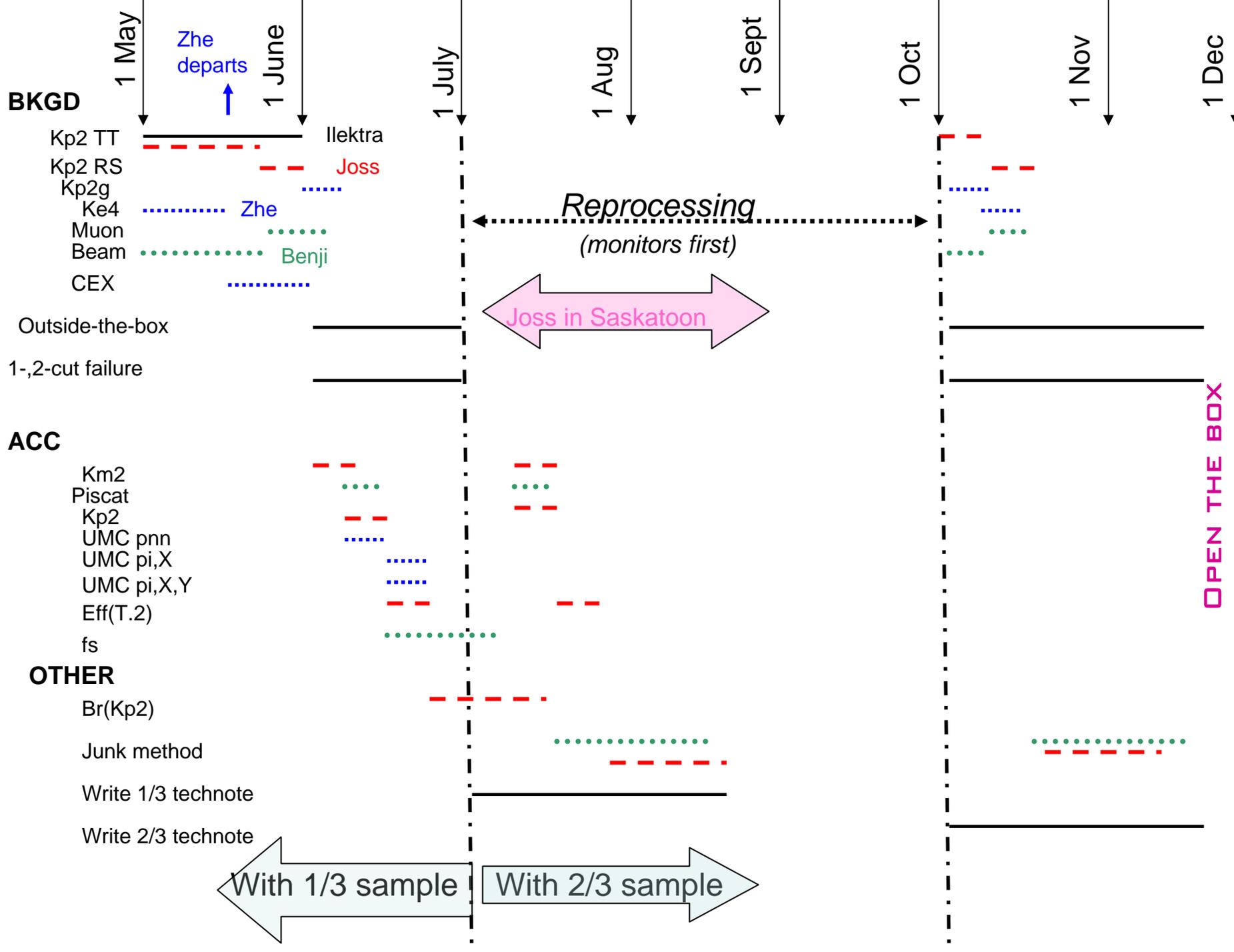


# Schedule outline

(Proposed timeline on next slide.  
Details to be discussed.)



- 8 weeks: fix cuts on 1/3, measure bkg, acceptances, outside-the-box & 1-,2-cut failure studies
- 12 weeks: reprocess (monitors first), measure acc on 2/3, develop Junk method, write 1/3 technote
- 8 weeks: measure bkg on 2/3, outside-the-box & 1-,2-cut failure studies, write 2/3 technote
- Open box



# Some thoughts on how to achieve schedule

- Use previous, documented analysis techniques as much as possible
- Communication between analyzers **must** increase and improve
- Every study should result in a technote containing a summary and details. Ideally they can be updated and ‘stapled’ together to make the final technote
- To achieve schedule, analyses need to be “push button” to a large degree
  - change cut(s)
  - re-measure affected bkgds & acceptances
- If analyzers don’t **always** use standard cuts and ntuples in centralized repository, then the possibility of mistakes increases. How do we reconcile this requirement with the current use by some of skim-of-a-standard-skim to speed processing?
- I recommend that each person doing analysis read Bipul’s thesis, E787 TN391, TN386, TN385 and write down a detailed plan of how they would do the analysis. Comparison of such plans would be useful.
- The immediate goal of this analysis is a **correct, valid, but not necessarily optimal**, measurement of Br(pnn) for the E949 pnn2 data.

# Likelihood method and definition of pnn2 signal box

- Likelihood method (aka Junk method) is a tested means to combine all E787/E949 pnn results. It takes into account bkgd and sensitivity of each analysis.
- Previous pnn2 analyses have had no discrimination power inside signal region. In this analysis we have attempted to extend signal box kinematically and in  $K_{\text{decay}}$  time. This can be viewed as dividing the signal region into four 'cells' (next page) for evaluation with the Junk method.
- The decision of whether to use an extended signal box should be based on the expected impact on  $\text{Br}(\text{pnn})$ . The impact can be readily assessed with the Junk method.

# E949 pnn2 signal box

	DELCO6	DELCO2
97 R,P,E BOX	A = 1 B = 1	A ~ 1.19 B ~ 1.28 x 1.29
Extended R,P,E BOX	A = 1.22 B > 1	A = 1.46 B > 1

- A = relative total acceptance, B = relative total background
- Estimate of A,B from Bipul's TN391, p.111, p.85 and ignores possible improvements from E949 PV. B comprises estimates for Kp2-scat and CEX bkgds only.
- ***It is difficult to assess this proposal without a realistic idea of the background***
- Fallback position is simply to return to 1997 analysis positions
- With either scheme (or other variant), we need to prepare code to use the Junk method to assess the impact on Br(pnn) and allow combination of E787/E949 results. But can we rely on UMC-estimate for CEX bkgd in Junk method?

# Ancillary results ( $K \rightarrow \pi X$ & $\pi X, Y$ )

- Previous pnn2 papers have included limits on  $K \rightarrow \pi X$  &  $\pi X, Y$
- $K \rightarrow \pi X$ : Need UMC acceptance as function of  $M(X)$ .
- $K \rightarrow \pi X, Y$ : Need UMC acceptance for scalar, tensor int. with massless  $X, Y$

For both, we can use same methods as E787

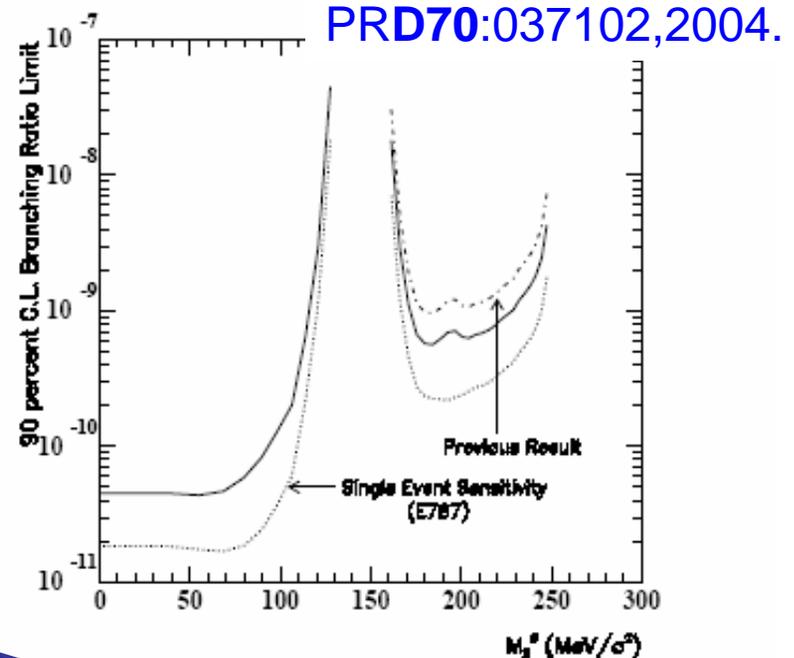


FIG. 3: The 90% C.L. upper limit for  $B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X^0)$  as a function of  $M_{X^0}$ , where  $M_{X^0}$  is the mass of the recoiling system. The solid line is from this analysis. "Previous Result" is from [15]. The limit for  $M_{X^0} < 140$  MeV/ $c^2$  is derived from the result for Region 1 [3]. The single event sensitivity as a function of  $M_{X^0}$  is shown by the dotted line.

For non-standard scalar and tensor interactions in the process of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X^1 X^2$ , where  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are hypothetical, massless, long-lived neutral particles, we set upper limits on their branching ratios at  $2.7 \times 10^{-9}$  and  $1.8 \times 10^{-9}$ , respectively (90% C.L.) [19, 20].

# First priorities to achieve schedule



- Measure Kp2-scatter (TT) and beam backgrounds in 1/3 sample.
- Measure muon, Kp2g, Ke4, CEX, Kp2-scatter(RS) backgrounds.
- Fix cuts.
- Measure acceptances and perform outside-the-box and 1-,2-cut failure studies
- Begin reprocessing by July 1.