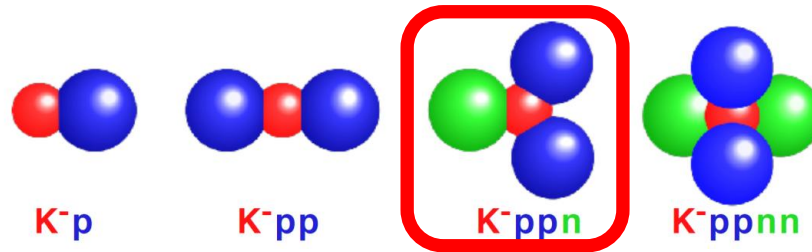


# E80 Status Report

## Systematic Investigation of the Light Kaonic Nuclei

– from the  $\bar{K}N$  to  $\bar{K}NNNN$  systems, and more –



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on behalf of

the J-PARC E80 collaboration

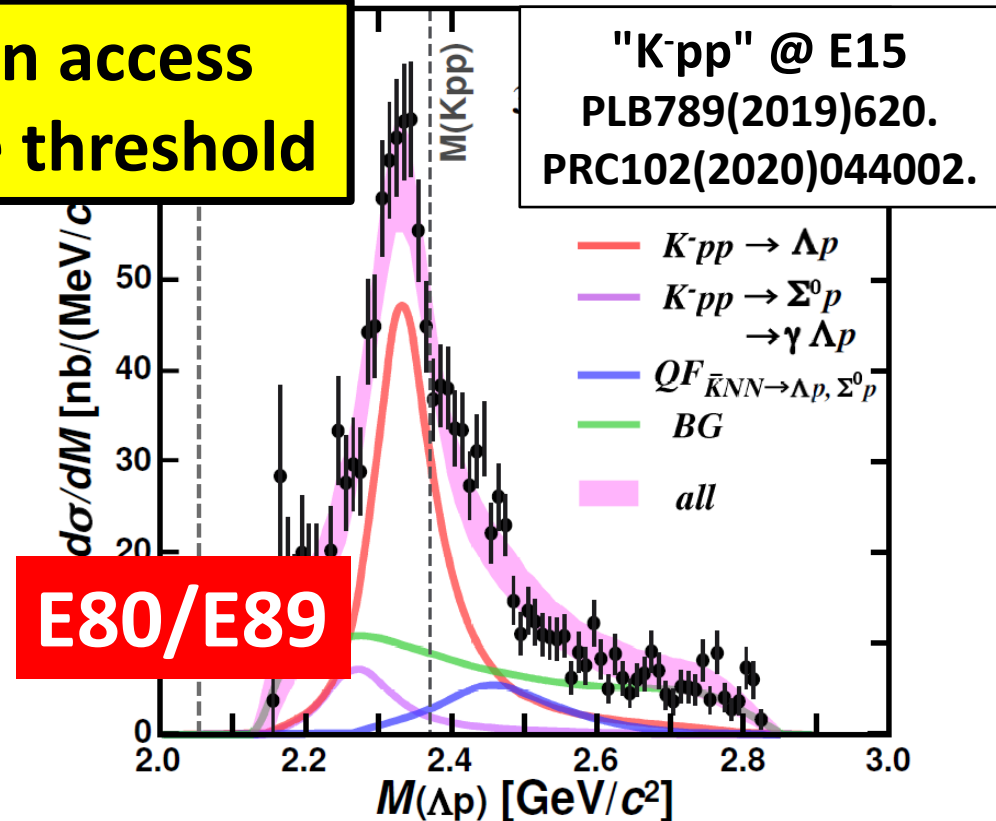
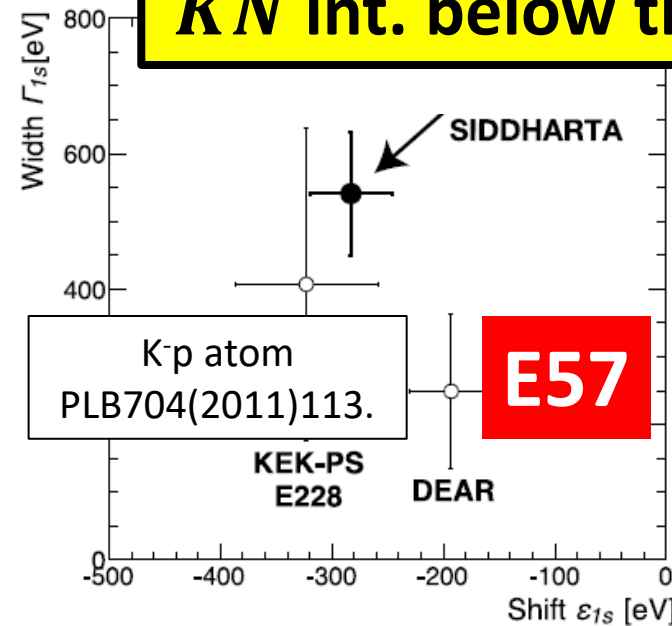
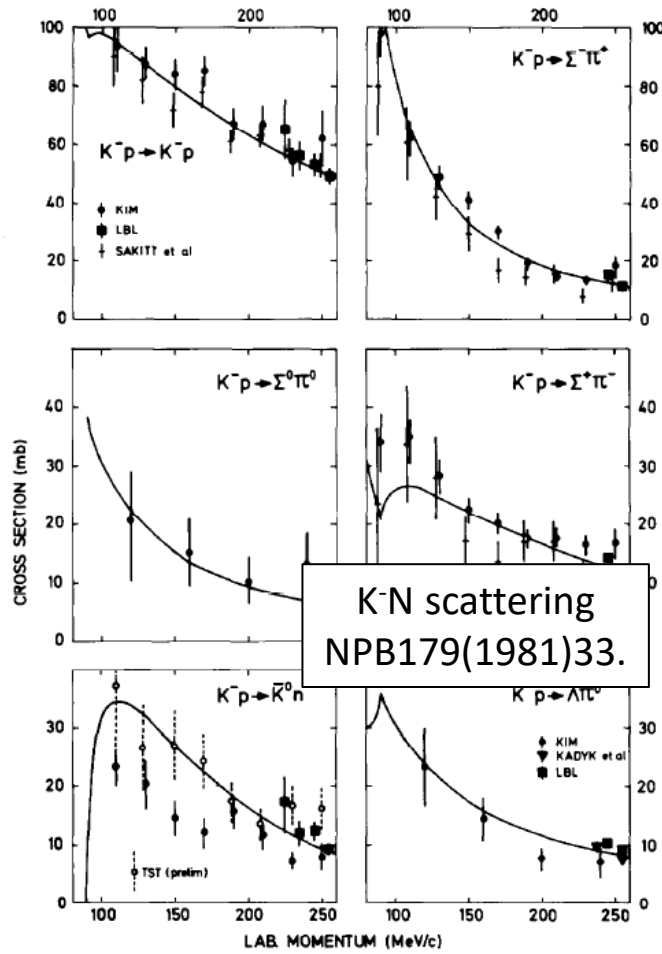
# Physics Motivation

Reveal the meson properties inside nuclei via the  $\bar{K}N$  interaction

A powerful probe to understand low energy QCD

Strongly attractive in  $l=0$  from extensive measurements

Kaonic nuclei can access  
 $\bar{K}N$  int. below the threshold



# Systematic investigation of the light kaonic nuclei

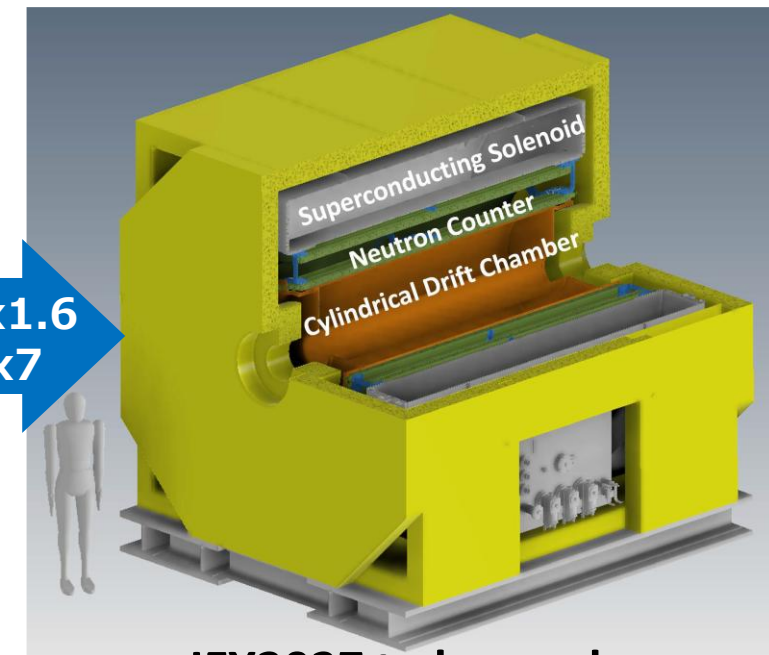
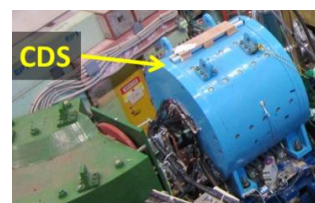
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## ● Systematic measurement will be promoted

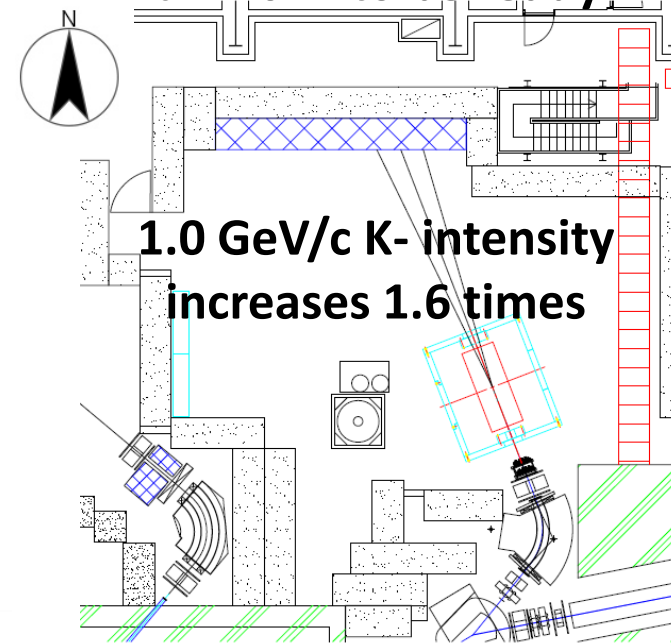
- Mass number dependence
  - Binding energy, Branching ratio,  $q$  dependence, ..
- Spin/parity determination

➤ Extract internal structure, by combining experimental data with theoretical studies

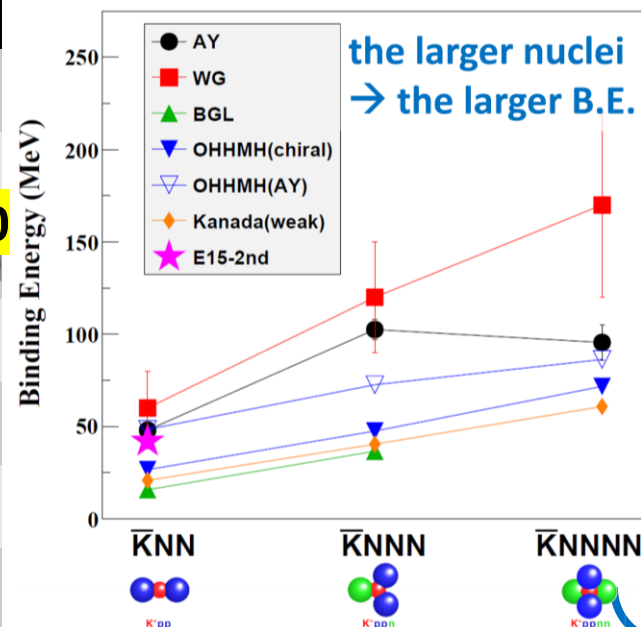
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✓ Neutron eff.: x7

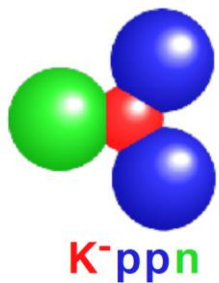


JFY2027 to be ready



|                    | Reaction                  | Decays                                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| $\bar{K}N$         | $d(K^-, n)$               | $\pi^{\pm 0} \Sigma^{\mp 0}$                     |
| $\bar{K}NN$        | ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, N)$   | $\Lambda p / \Lambda n$                          |
| $\bar{K}NNN$       | ${}^4\text{He}(K^-, N)$   | $\Lambda d / \Lambda pn$ <b>E80 ← first step</b> |
| $\bar{K}NNNN$      | ${}^6\text{Li}(K^-, d)$   | $\Lambda t / \Lambda dn$                         |
| $\bar{K}NNNNN$     | ${}^6\text{Li}(K^-, N)$   | $\Lambda \alpha / \Lambda dd / \Lambda dpn$      |
| $\bar{K}NNNNNN$    | ${}^7\text{Li}(K^-, N)$   | $\Lambda \alpha n / \Lambda ddn$                 |
| $\bar{K}\bar{K}NN$ | $\bar{p} + {}^3\text{He}$ | $\Lambda\Lambda$                                 |





a first step of the systematic investigation

# $\bar{K}NNN$ @ E80

via  ${}^4\text{He}(1 \text{ GeV}/c \text{ } K^-, n)$  reaction

## ① Establish the existence of $\bar{K}NNN$

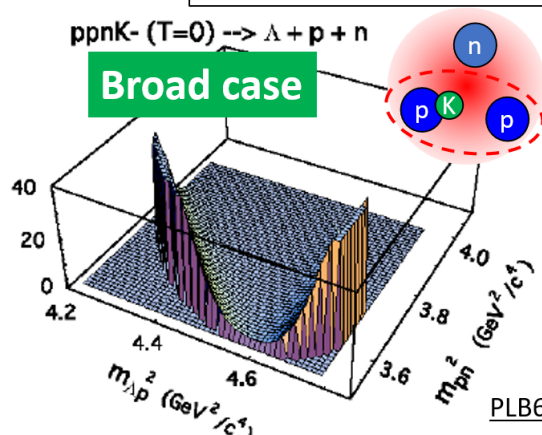
➤ “K-ppn”  $\rightarrow \Lambda d$  2-body decay

## ② Study the multi-particle decay mode of $\bar{K}NNN$ toward understanding its internal structure

➤ “K-ppn”  $\rightarrow \Lambda pn$  3-body decay

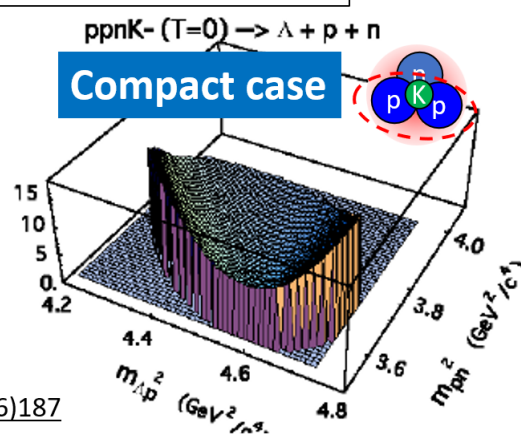
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Utilize Dalitz plots  $\rightarrow$  Differences in distribution



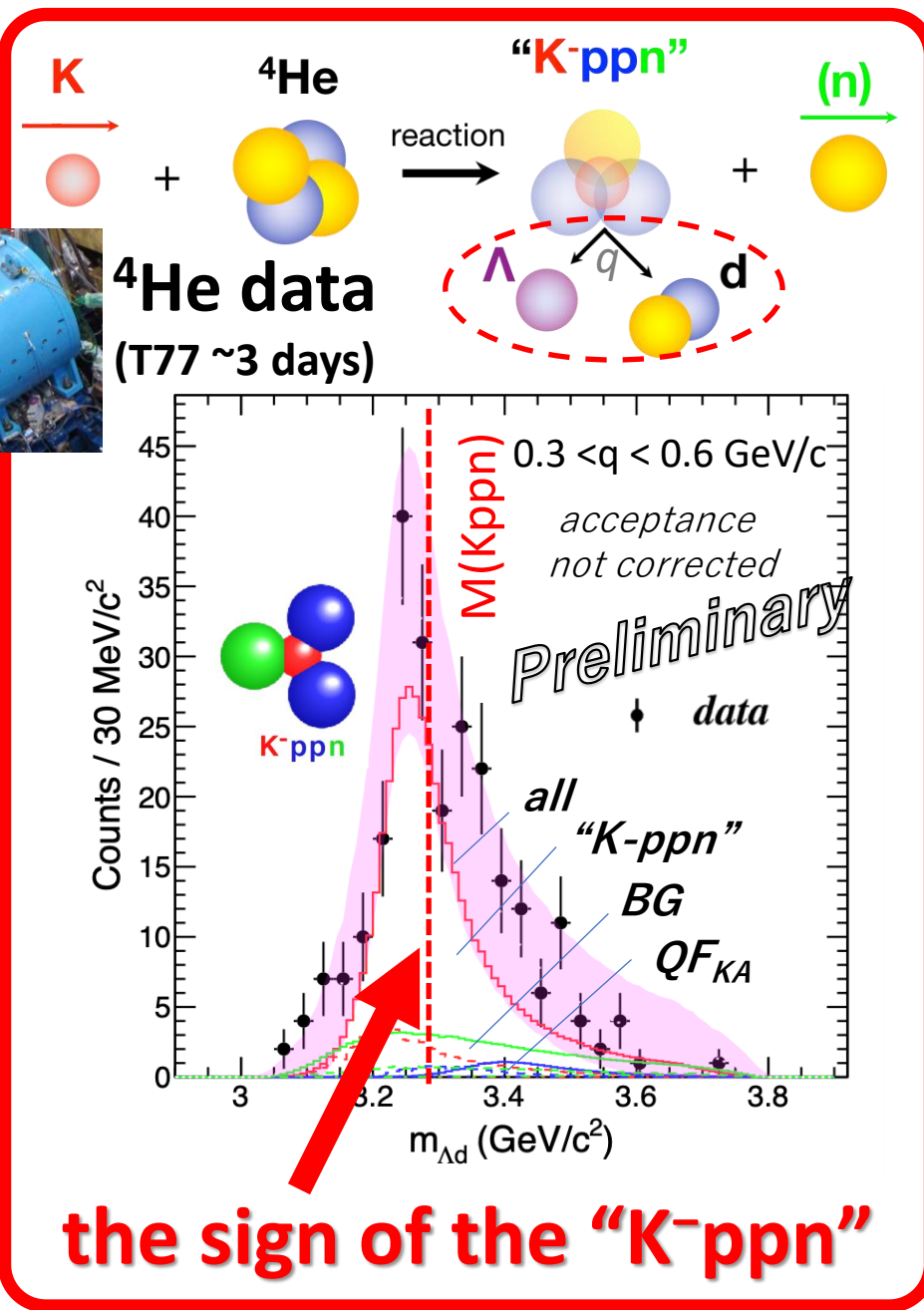
Distributed in parts of the plane

- 1 nucleon has the Fermi momentum



Widely distributed in the plane

- All particles have a momentum larger than the Fermi momentum



# Preparation Status

# Timeline of E80

- **2020 Jun : E80 proposal**
- **2021 Jan : E80 stage-1**
- 2021 Jun : E89 proposal
- 2021 Jul ~ 2022 May : MR long shutdown (power-supply upgrade)
- 2022 Apr : Start of Specially Promoted Research
- 2023 Apr : Fire at the MR Second Power Supply Building
- 2023 Jun : Fire at the Hadron Power Supply Building → **~6-Month Delay**
- 2024 May : MR BM Coil Short and Other Issues  
(~1-Month Shutdown, E73 Run Split) → **~6-Month Delay**
- 2024 Jul : Fire at the Linac Building
- 2024 Apr : Start of JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S)
- **2024 Jul : E80 stage-2**
- 2025 Jan : E89 stage-1
- 2026 Mar: Regulatory approval for the area upgrade
- 2026 Apr : KEK budget approval for the area upgrade
- 2026 Apr : Fire at the MR High-Voltage Switchboard → **~6-Month Delay**

Original plan of Specially Promoted Research

|                | 2022   |    |                       |    | 2023         |    |                      |    | 2024                 |    |                 |    | 2025                        |             |    |    | 2026 |                      |    |    |  |
|----------------|--------|----|-----------------------|----|--------------|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------------------|-------------|----|----|------|----------------------|----|----|--|
|                | Q1     | Q2 | Q3                    | Q4 | Q1           | Q2 | Q3                   | Q4 | Q1                   | Q2 | Q3              | Q4 | Q1                          | Q2          | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2                   | Q3 | Q4 |  |
| Magnet         | -      |    | Purchase (S.C. wires) |    | Construction |    |                      |    | Test & Commissioning |    |                 |    | Integration & Commissioning | Physics Run |    |    |      | Analysis & Pblcation |    |    |  |
| Polarimeter/NC | Design |    | Purchase & Assembly   |    |              |    | Test & Commissioning |    |                      |    |                 |    |                             |             |    |    |      |                      |    |    |  |
| CDC            | Design |    |                       |    | Construction |    |                      |    | Test & Commissioning |    |                 |    |                             |             |    |    |      |                      |    |    |  |
| Fiber tracker  | Design |    |                       |    |              |    |                      |    | Construct.           |    | Test & Commiss. |    |                             |             |    |    |      |                      |    |    |  |

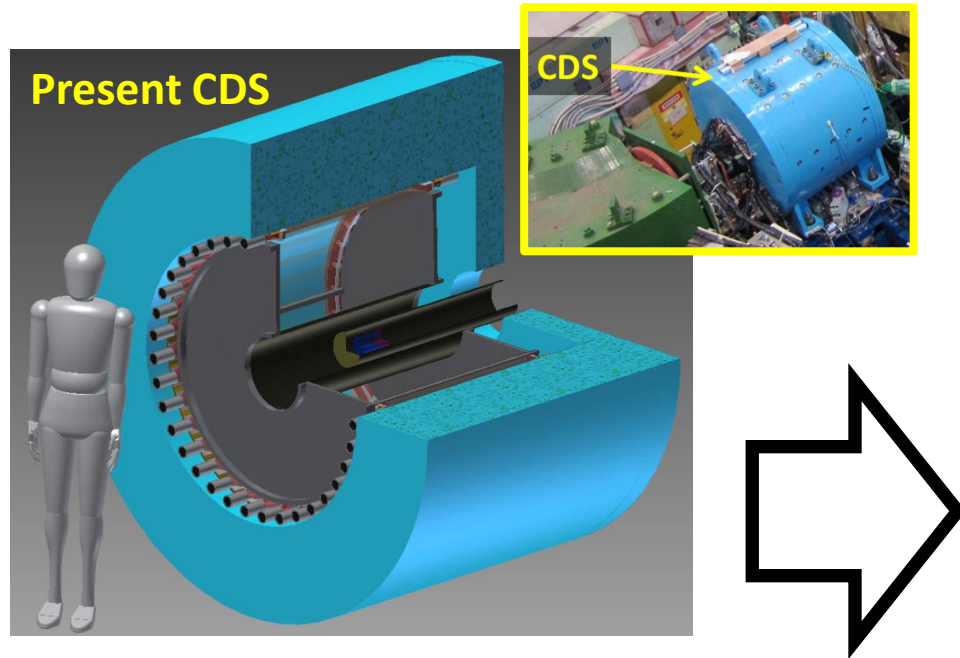
## 【Request to 34<sup>th</sup>-PAC (Aug 2022)】

- FY2024 Area Upgrade (after E72)
- FY2025 E80 Ready

## 【Request to 37<sup>th</sup>-PAC (Jan 2024)】

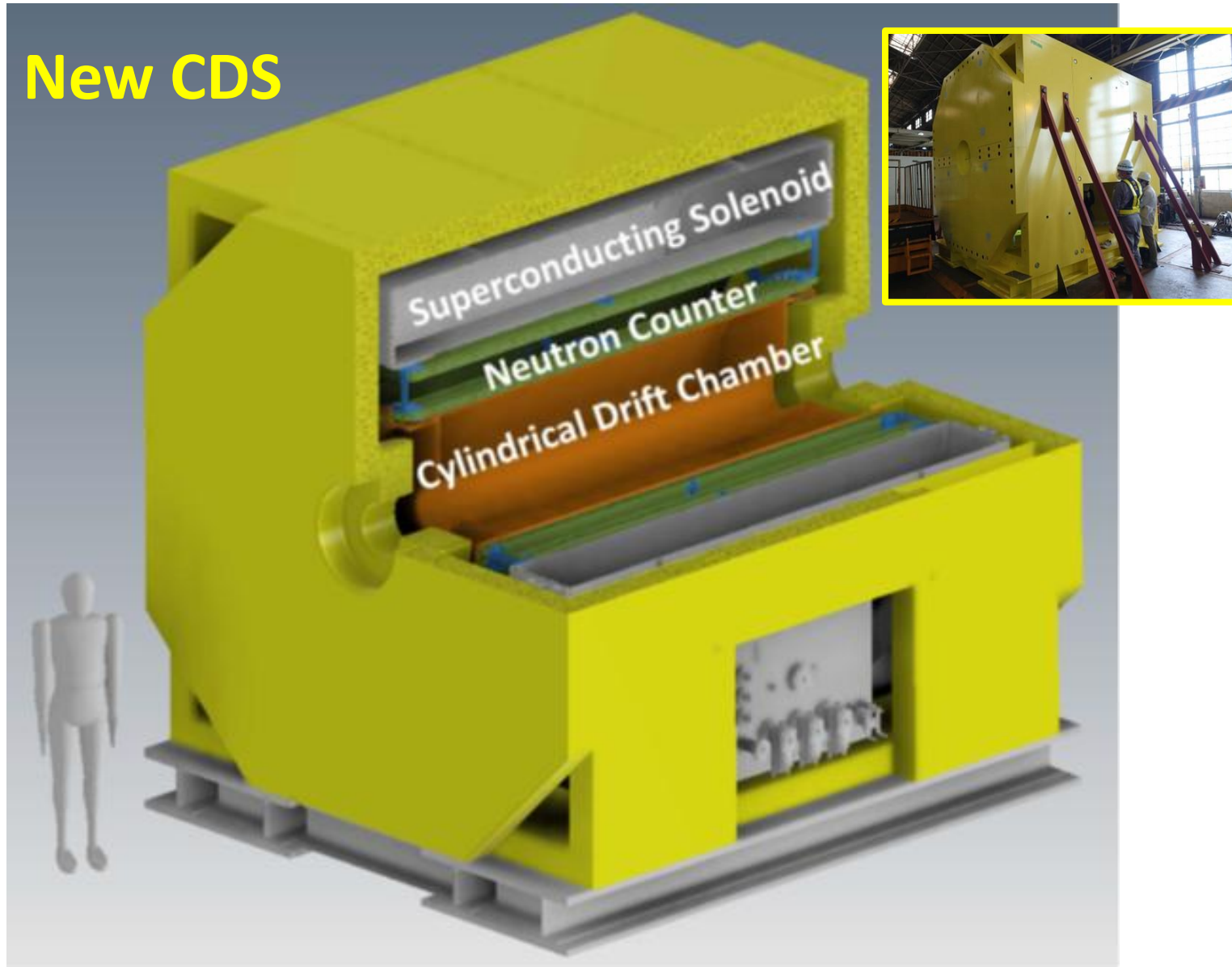
- FY2025 Area Upgrade (after E72)
- FY2026 E80 Ready
- (due to regulatory approval, budget constraints, and facility incidents)
- FY2026 Area Upgrade  
(after E72/E104/E45)
- FY2027 E80 Ready

# New Cylindrical Detector System (CDS)



- ✓ Solid angle: **x1.6** (59% → 93%)
- ✓ Neutron eff.: **x7** (3% → 12%x1.6)

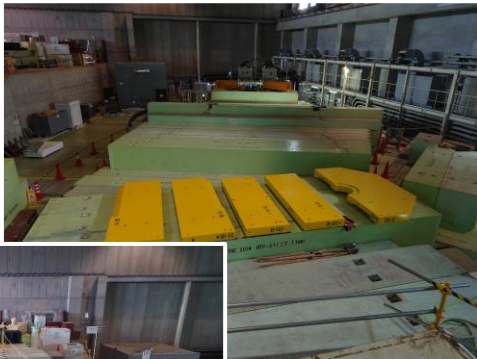
## New CDS



# Superconducting Solenoid Magnet

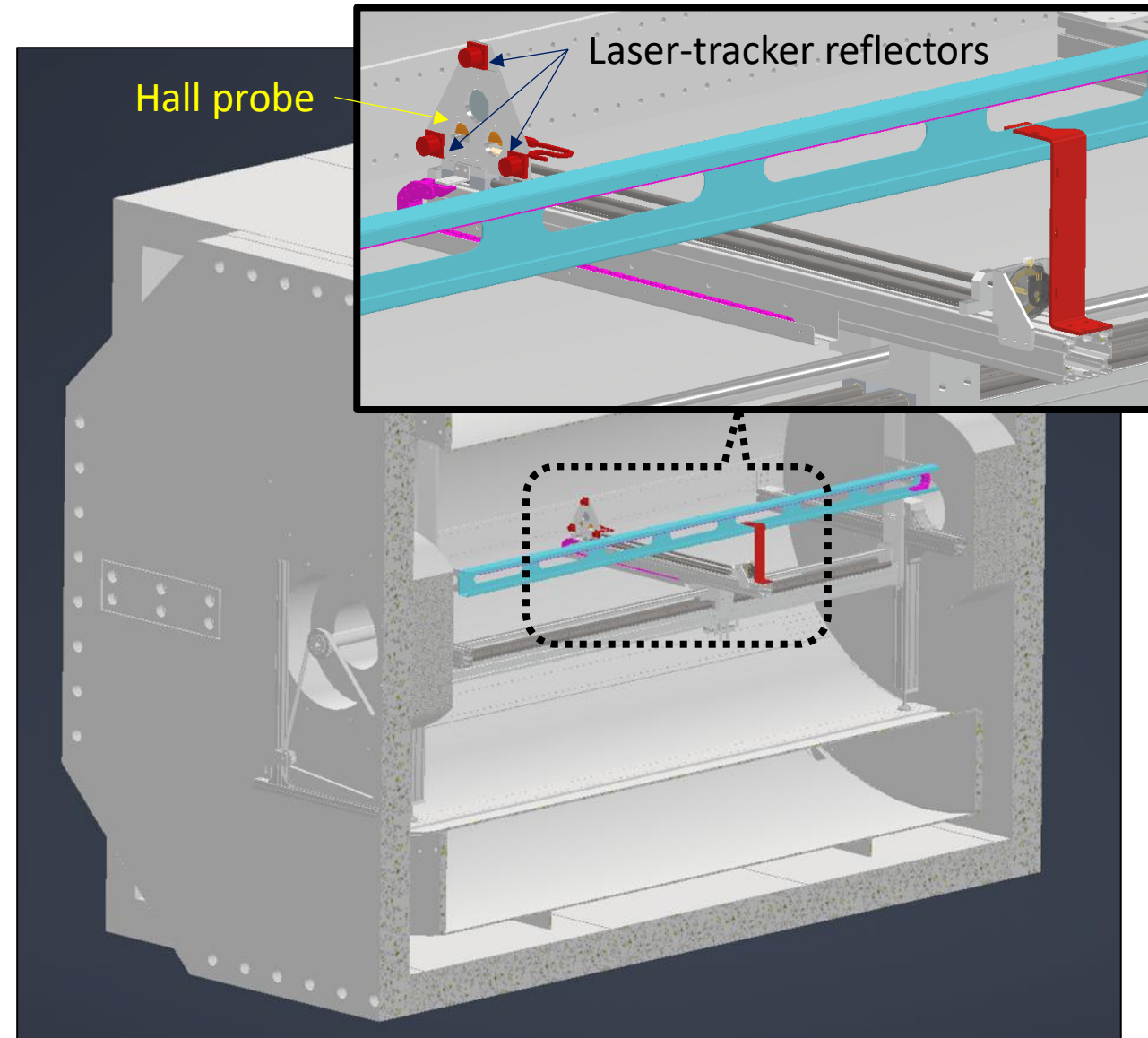
- Yoke: moved to J-PARC in June 2026
- Solenoid: ready to transfer to J-PARC

**Ready to construct at K1.8BR**



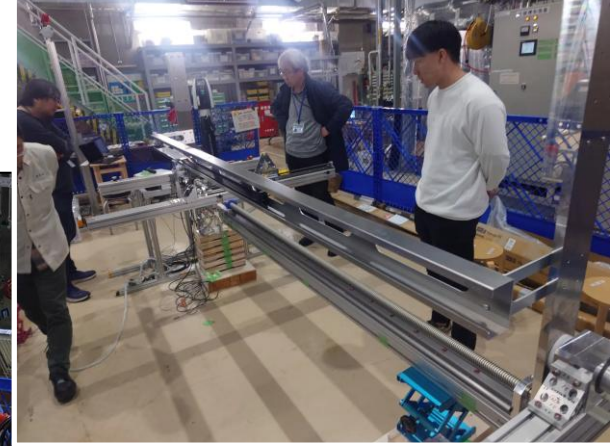
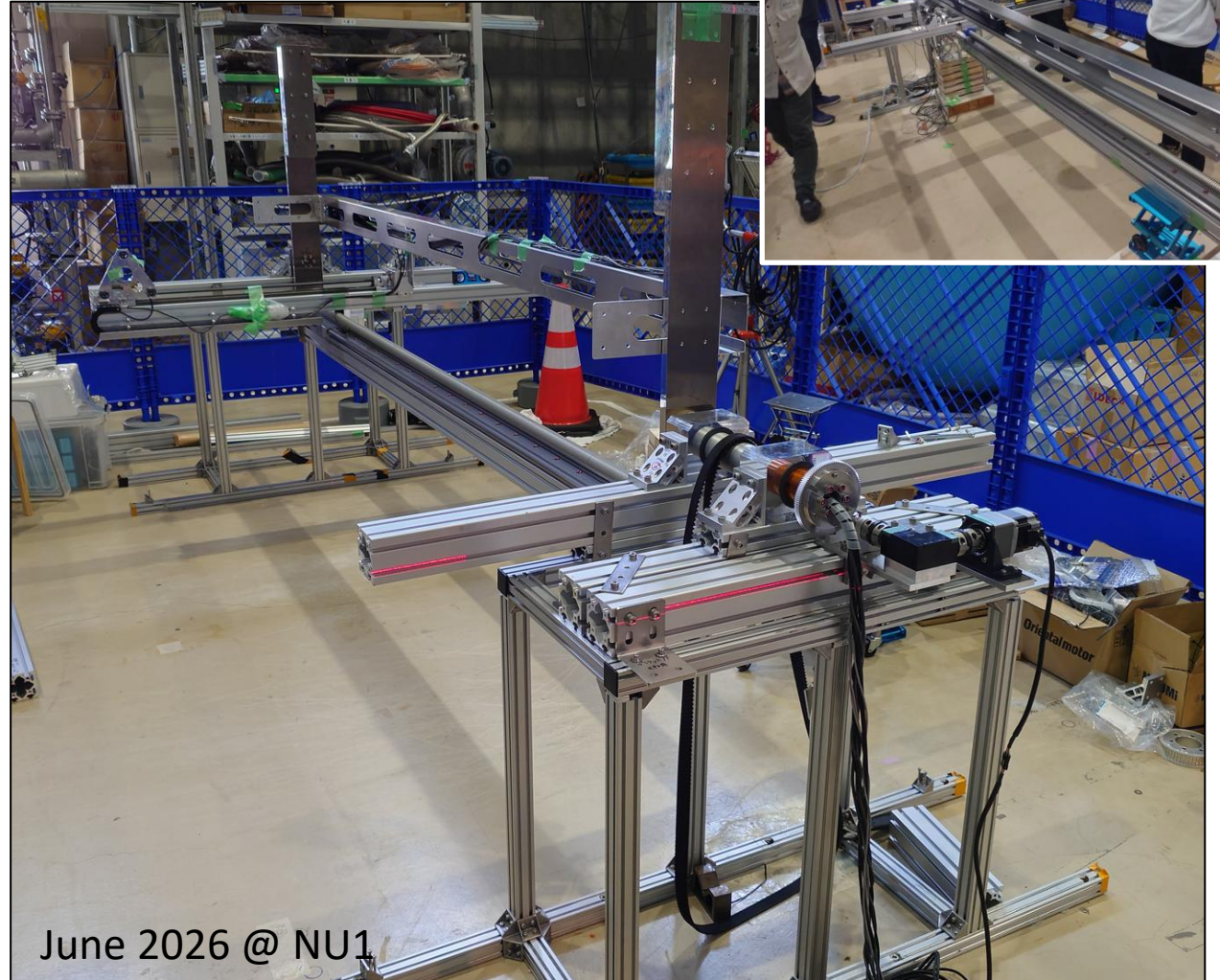
# Magnetic Field Mapping System

- 3D field mapping using a movable three-axis positioning system
- The field-mapping system is being jointly developed with the COMET group
  - Probe positions are calibrated with a laser tracker **before installation of the end-caps**
  - Magnetic field mapping is performed with a 3D Hall probe **after installation of the end-caps**



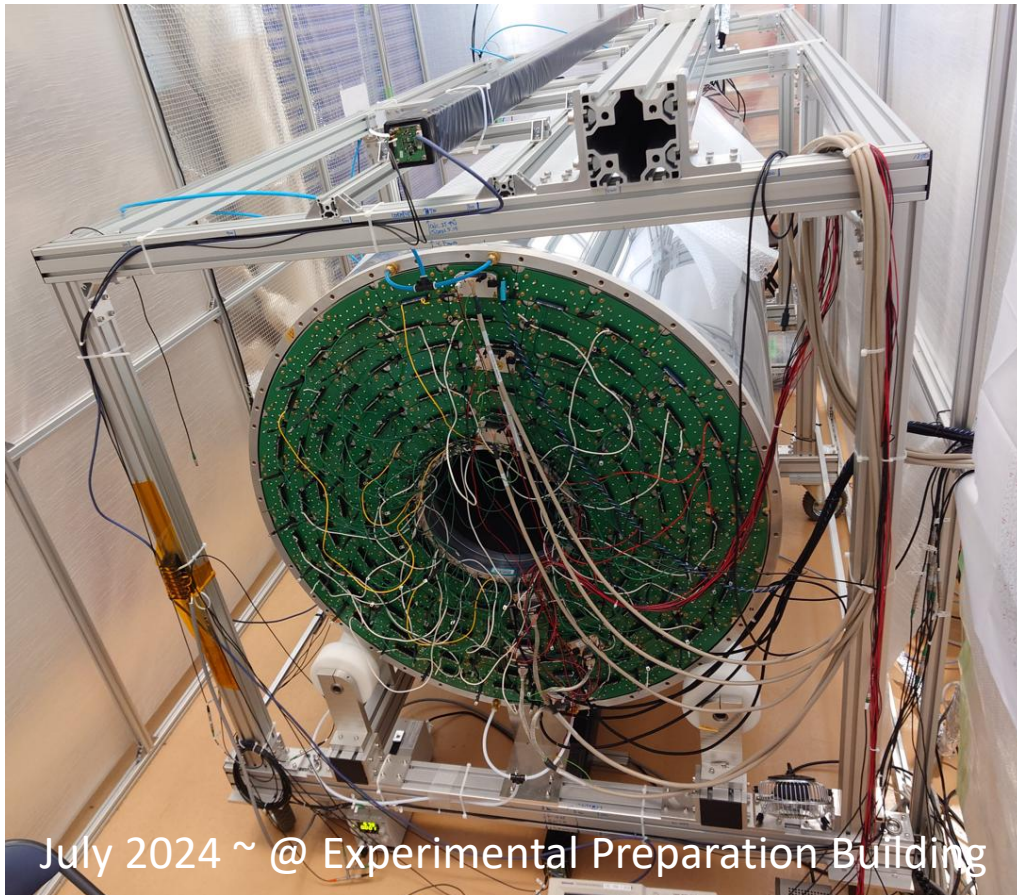
# Magnetic Field Mapping System

- The system has been assembled and tested at NU1
- Installation in COMET-DS is scheduled for July, followed by the measurement  
→ Field mapping measurement will be established
- **The magnetic field mapping for E80 is planned at K1.8BR following the commissioning run**



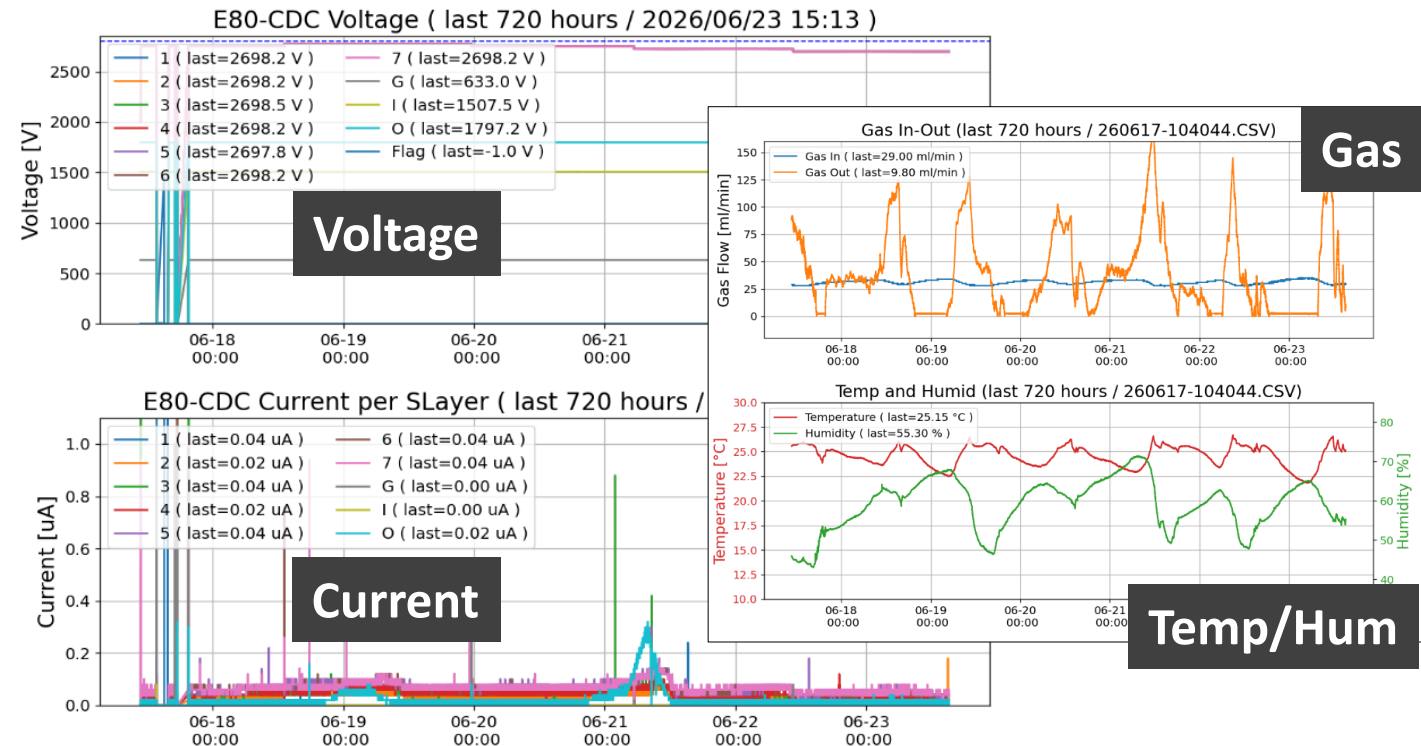
# Cylindrical Drift Chamber (CDC)

- Commissioning is ongoing at J-PARC
  - Stable operation at the nominal voltage and gain has been confirmed.



July 2024 ~ @ Experimental Preparation Building

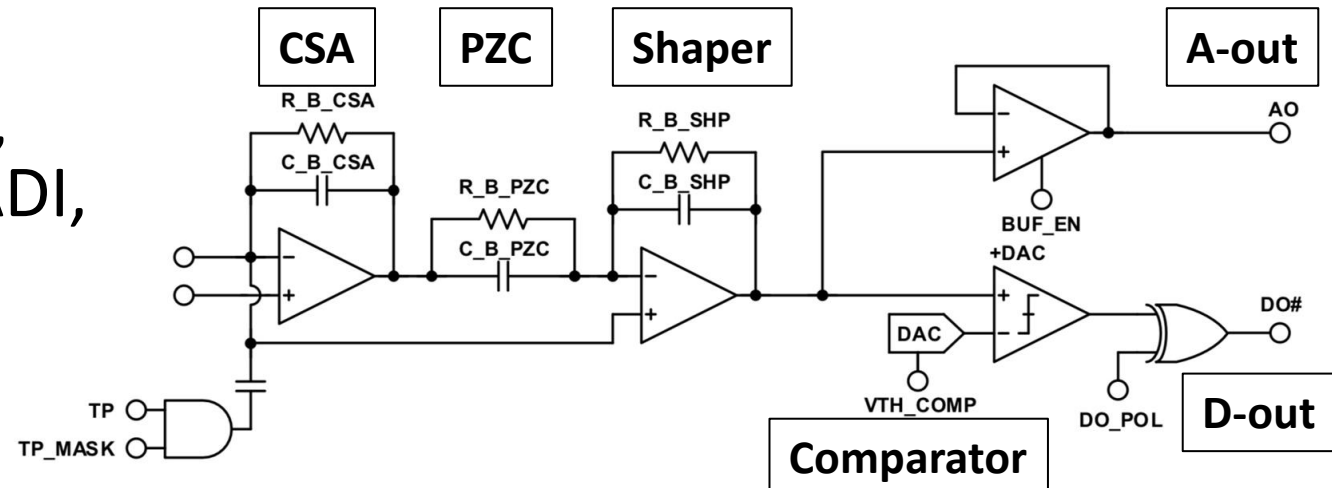
## E80-CDC: Trends



Stable operation over one month

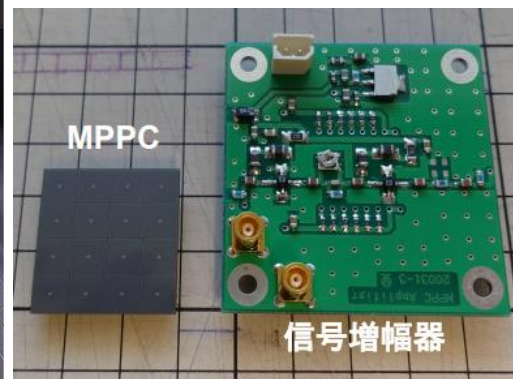
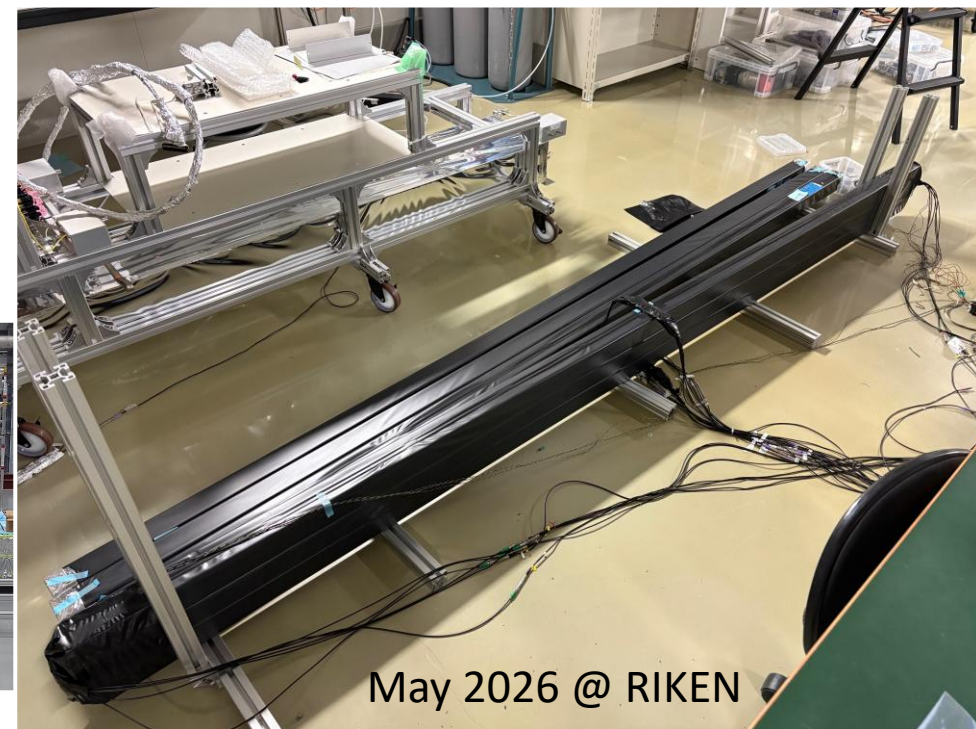
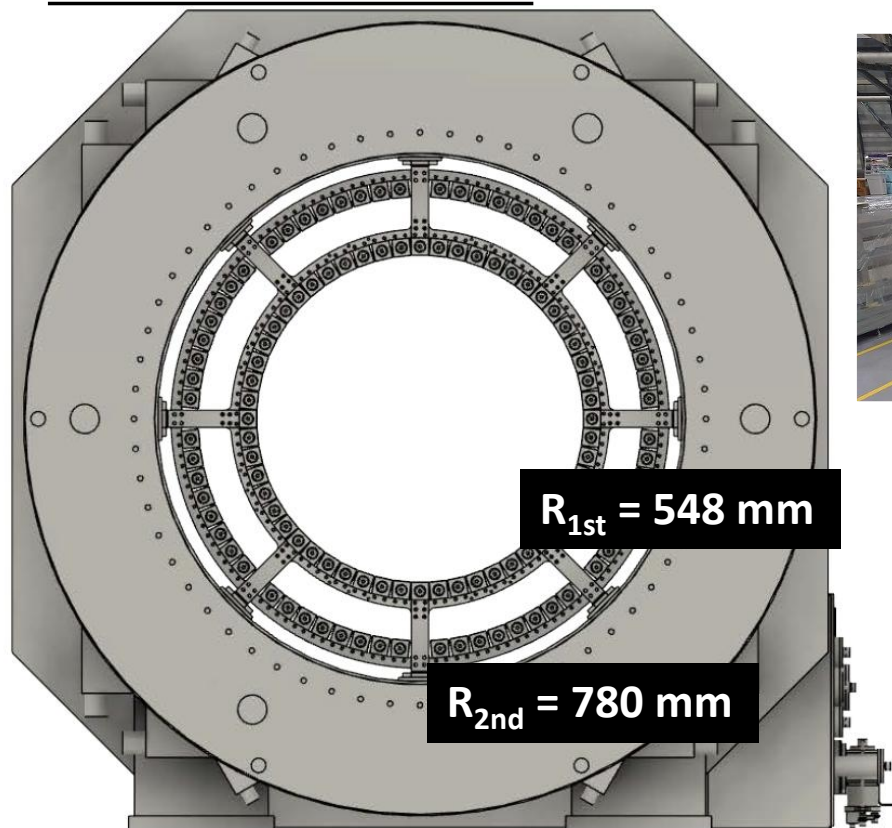
# New Preamplifier Card (ASAGI) for the CDC

- Developing a new preamplifier card, ASAGI, in collaboration with the SPADI, E50, and NEOLITH groups
  - Variable gain and shaping time
  - Lower noise than the SONY ASD
- **Good performance of the new card has been confirmed**
  - Second prototype production with minor modifications is ongoing
- Mass production is planned for summer 2026



# Cylindrical Neutron Counter (CNC)

- Scintillators and MPPCs have been procured
- **The required performance of the new AD8000-based preamplifier card has been confirmed**
- Mass production of the preamplifier card is planned for summer 2026



Time resolution:  
 $\sigma_{CNC} \sim 80 \text{ ps}$

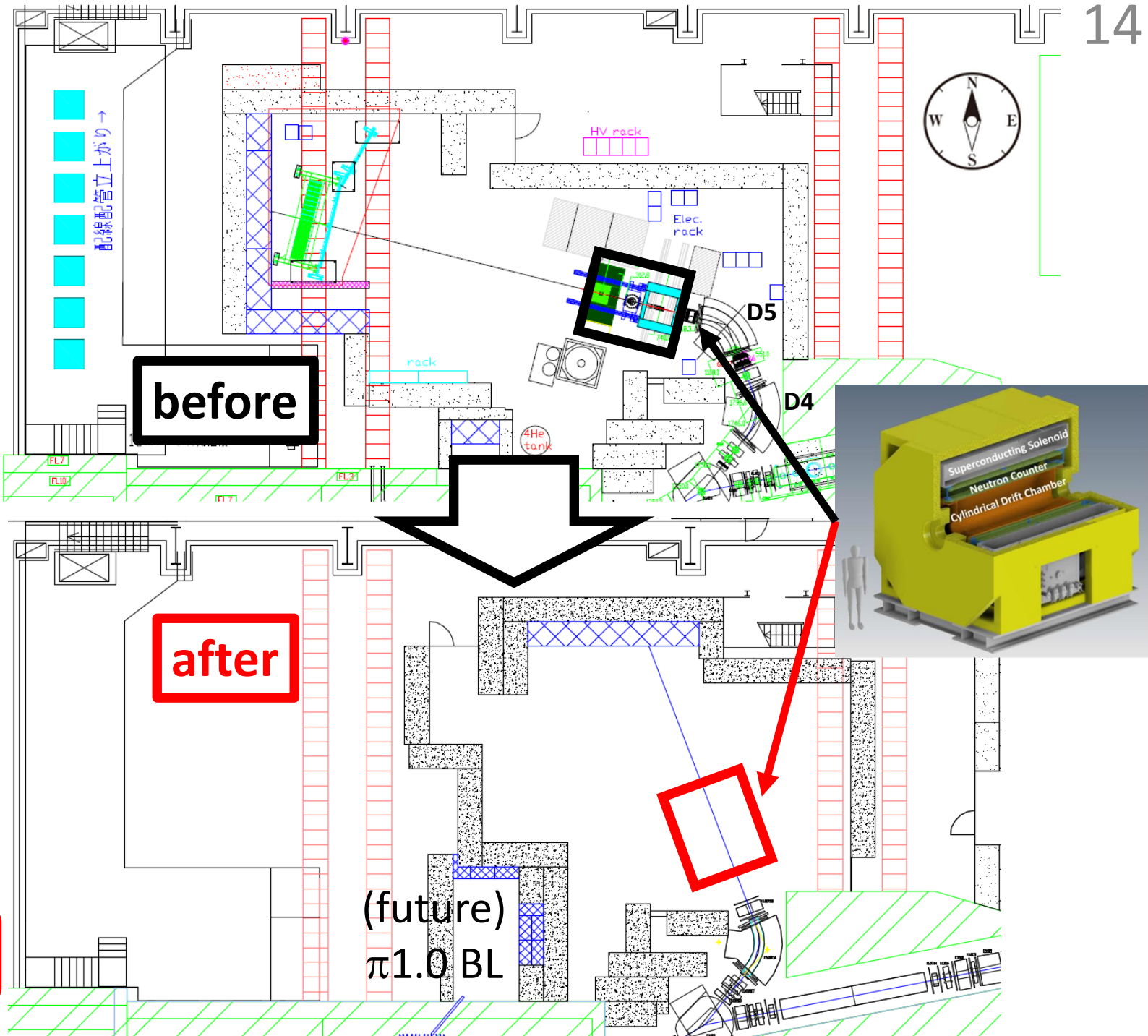
# K1.8BR Upgrade

- The K1.8BR area upgrade is scheduled to start in Jan 2027

Shorten the beamline (~3.7m) by removing the final D5 magnet

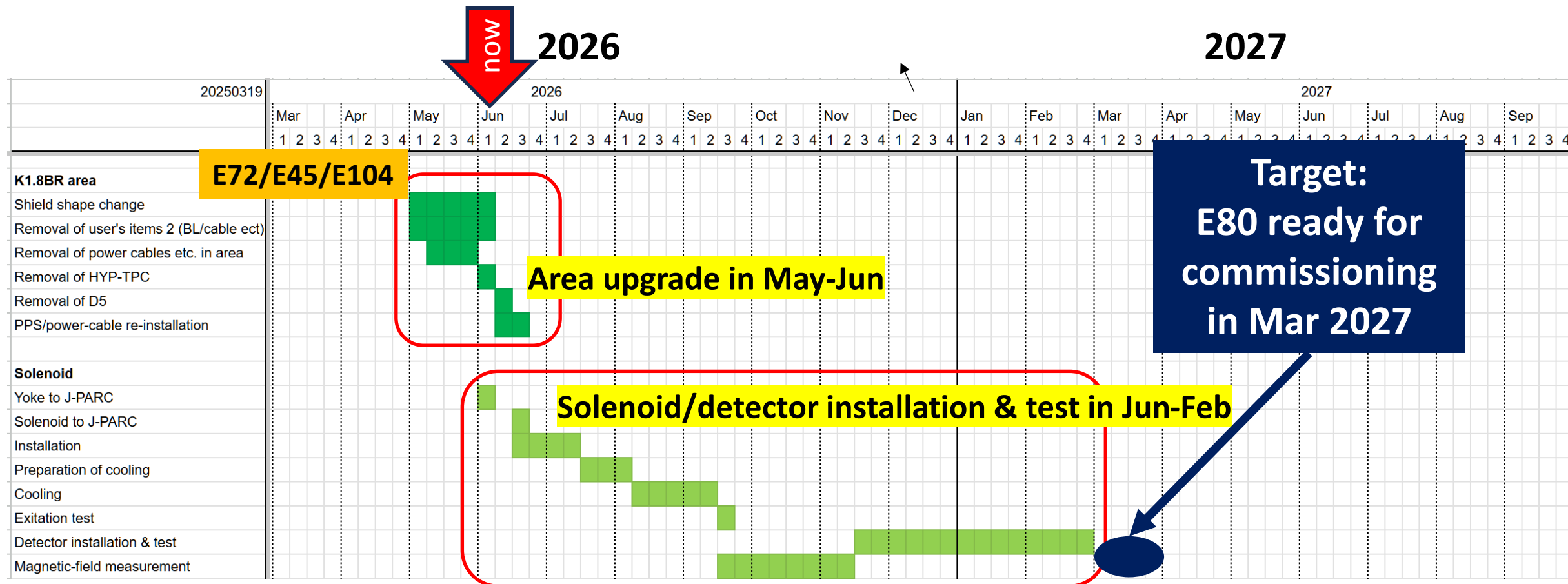
➤ **1.0 GeV/c  $K^-$  intensity increases 1.6 times**  
with  $\pi/K \sim 2$

| Relative beam-line length (beam yield) | D4+D5           | D4              |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Present CDS                            | 0<br>(x1)       | -3.7m<br>(x1.6) |
| New CDS                                | +1.2m<br>(x0.9) | -2.5m<br>(x1.4) |



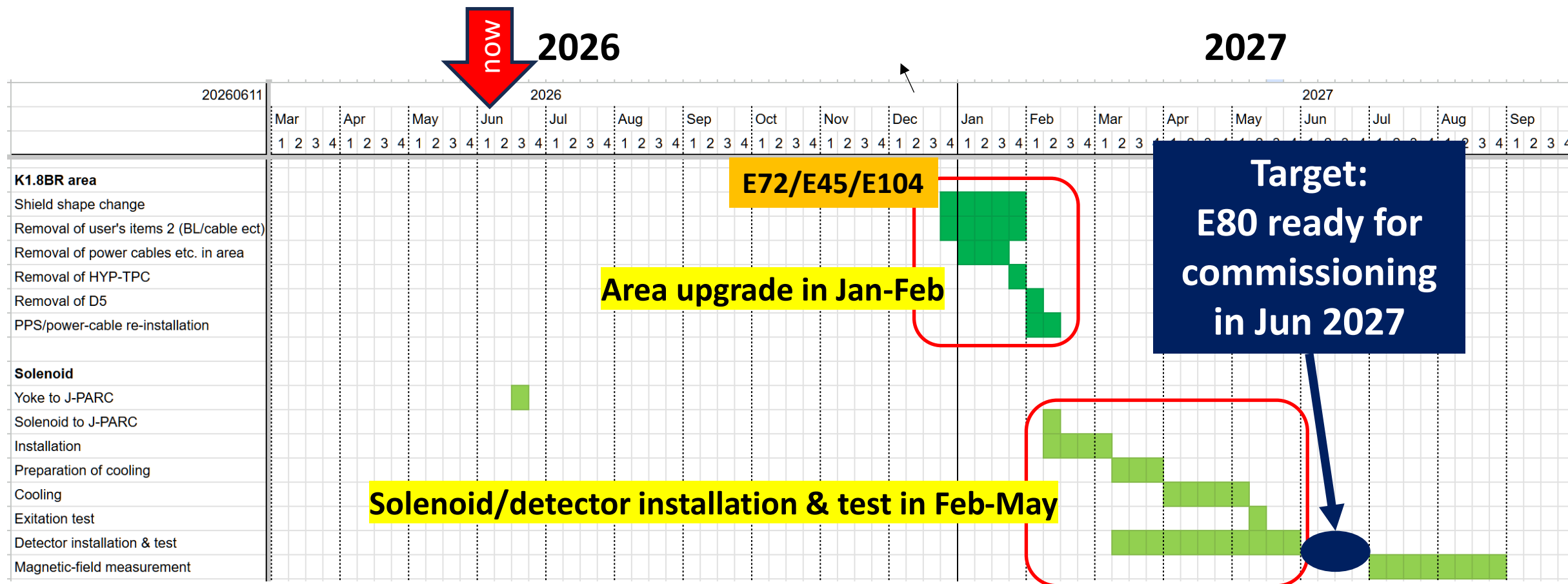
# Original Timeline for E80 Readiness

## (Presented at the 40th PAC, July 2025)



**Area upgrade and solenoid/detector installation are scheduled from May 2026 to Feb 2027**

# Updated Timeline for E80 Readiness



**Area upgrade and solenoid/detector installation are scheduled from Jan to May 2027**

# Run Plan

- **Dec 2026 (1 shift, 8h): Beamline Study** ← **New Request in this PAC**
  - Beamline tuning without D5
  - Smooth transition to the 2027 commissioning run
- **Jun 2027 (1 week): Commissioning Run** ← **New Request in this PAC**
  - Detector and DAQ commissioning with a  $^4\text{He}$  target
  - Collection of pilot physics data focusing on the  $\Lambda\text{d}$  channel
  - Expected yield:  $\sim 2\text{k "K}^-\text{ppn"}$   $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda\text{d}$  events
  - $\rightarrow$  One Ph.D. thesis and one physics publication expected
- **After Summer 2027, before HK operation (3+1 weeks): Production Run + H2 Calibration Run**
  - High-statistics measurement with a  $^4\text{He}$  target
  - Investigation of  $\text{"K}^-\text{ppn"}$  via  $\Lambda\text{d}$ ,  $\Lambda\text{pn}$ , and mesonic decay channels
  - $\rightarrow$  More than 5 physics publications expected

# Scope of Publication

## 1. $\Lambda$ dn final state:

- ✓ Measurement of the " $K^-ppn$ " bound state in the  ${}^4\text{He}(K^-,n)$  reaction via the  $\Lambda$ d decay channel
- ✓ Search for the " $K^-pn$ " bound state in the  ${}^4\text{He}(K^-,d)$  reaction via the  $\Lambda$ n decay channel

## 2. $\Lambda pnn$ final state:

- ✓ Study of the internal structure of " $K^-ppn$ " via the  $\Lambda$ pn three-body decay channel in the  ${}^4\text{He}(K^-,n)$  reaction
- ✓ Measurement of " $K^-pp$ " production in the  $K^- + {}^4\text{He}$  reaction through the  $\Lambda$ p invariant-mass spectrum
- ✓ Search for the " $K-pnn$ " bound state in the  ${}^4\text{He}(K^-,p)$  reaction via the  $\Lambda$ nn decay channel

## 3. Mesonic final states :

e.g.,  $(\pi Y)^0 dn / (\pi Y)^0 pnn / (\pi Y)^- ppn$  final state

- ✓ Study of mesonic decay channels of " $K-pnn$ " in the  ${}^4\text{He}(K^-,n)$  reaction

## 4. $(\pi\Sigma)^0 X$ final state:

- ✓ Study of  $\Lambda(1405)$  production in nuclei through the  $(\pi\Sigma)^0$  invariant-mass spectrum

## 5. Systematic and unified study of the $\bar{K}N$ , $\bar{K}NN$ , and $\bar{K}NNN$ systems to clarify the evolution of the $\bar{K}N$ interaction in few-body nuclei

>5 physics publications are expected

# Summary

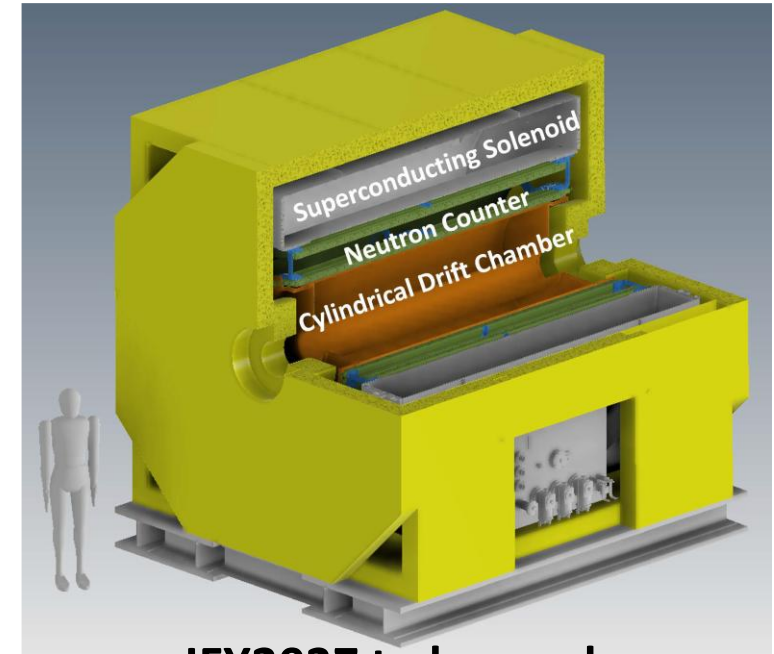
**E80** investigates the “ $K^-ppn$ ” bound state as a first step toward the systematic study of kaonic nuclei

- K1.8BR upgrade is scheduled to start in Jan 2027
- E80 will be ready in Jun 2027
- More than 5 physics publications are expected

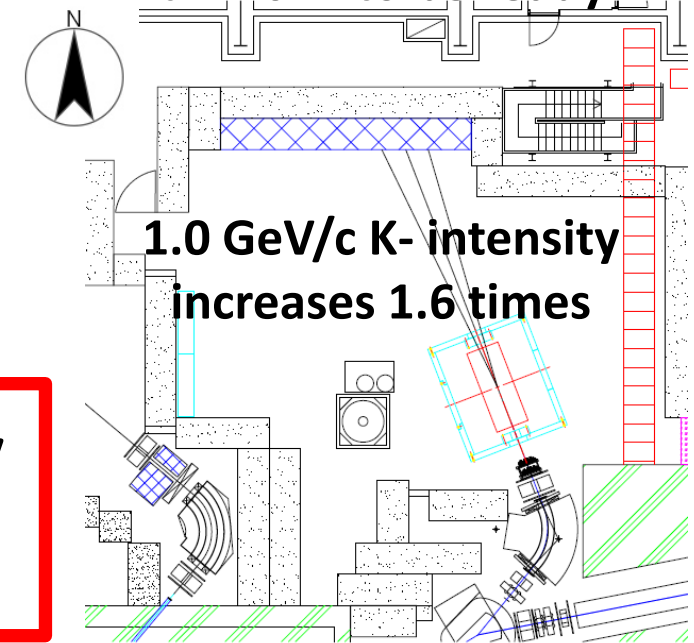
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| Beam intensity | 90kW        |
| Beam time      | 1+1+3 weeks |



**E80 will provide the first systematic study of the  $\bar{K}N$ ,  $\bar{K}NN$ , and  $\bar{K}NNN$  systems**



JFY2027 to be ready



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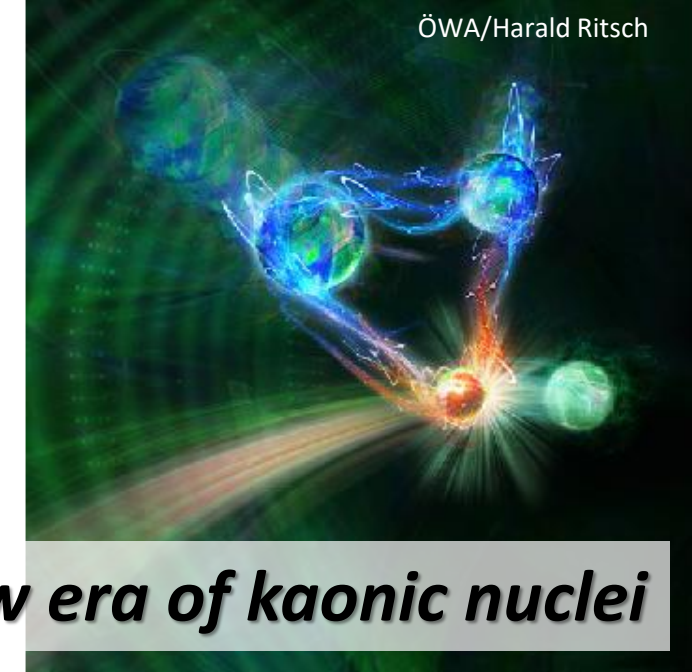
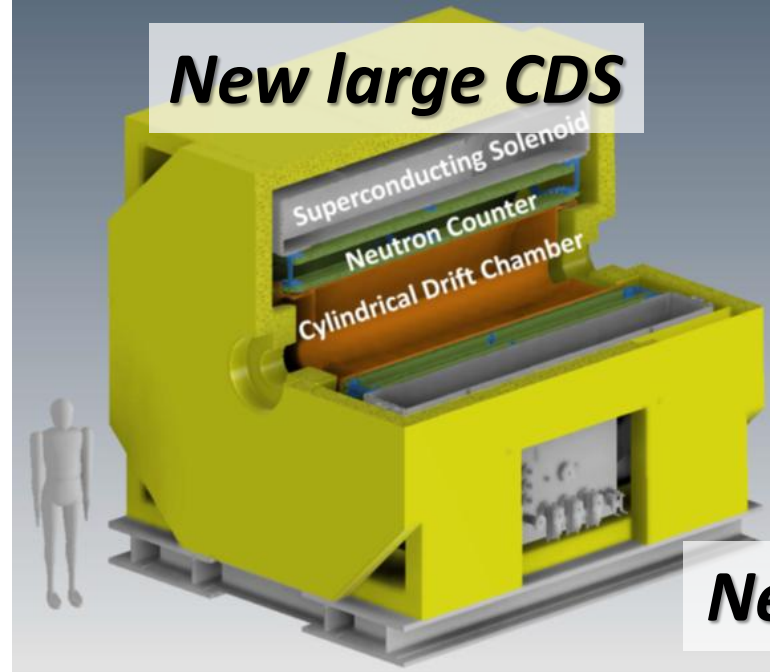
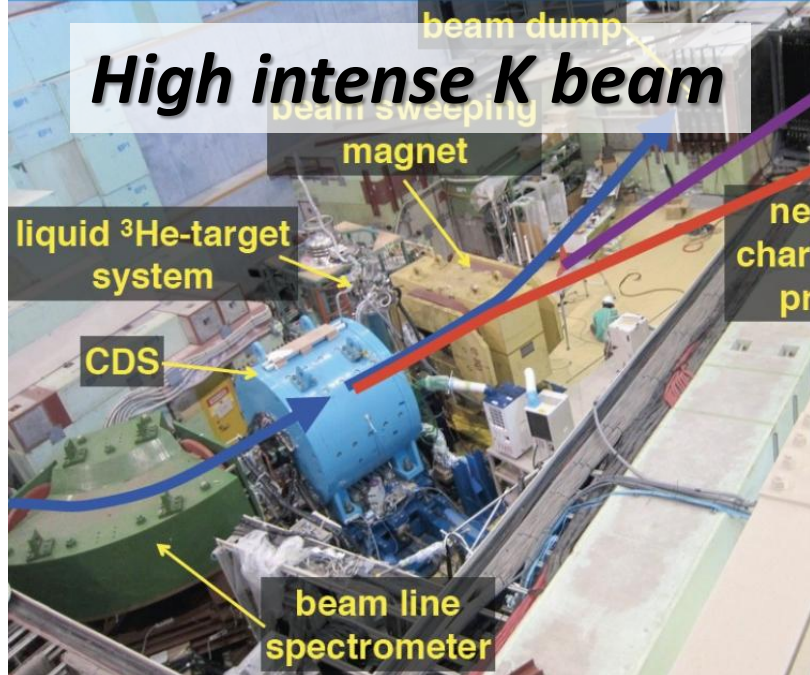
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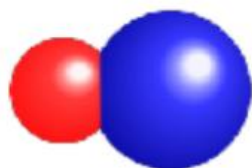
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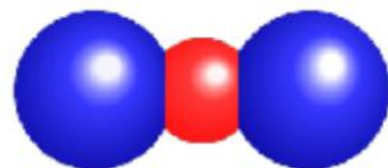


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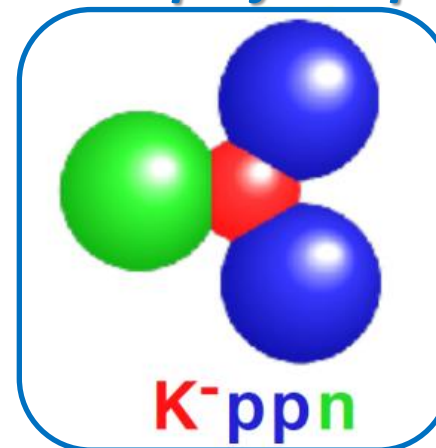
*A first step of the project*



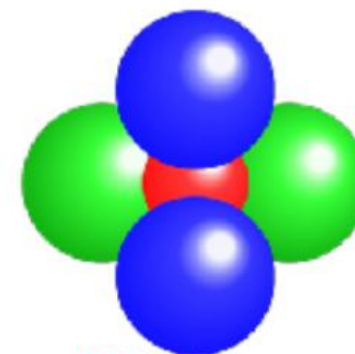
$K^-p$



$K^-pp$



$K^-ppn$



$K^-ppnn$

*via in-flight  $^4\text{He}(K^-, N)$*



# Beamtime Request in Nov/Dec 2026 ~8 hours

- **Main purpose:**

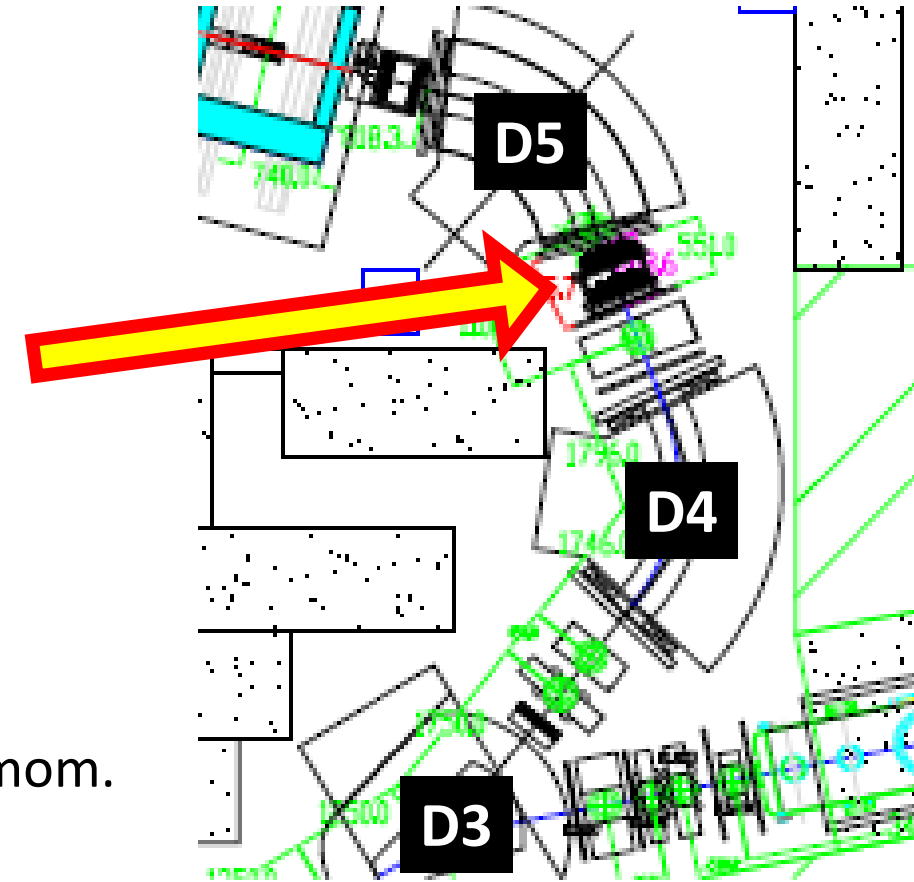
- beam tuning w/o D5: profile & K yield
  - 0.735 GeV/c, 1.0 GeV/c, and 1.2 GeV/c (if possible)
  - Newly developed counter study (e.g. new AC for CDS)

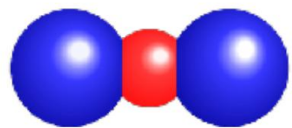
- **Detector Setup:**

- BPM(Beam Profile Monitor)+AC between BLC1a and BLC1b
  - BPM: W33 x H260 x T8 x 8 segments
  - AC: W25 x H100 x T20 x 8 segments

- **Run plan:**

- Detector&DAQ commissioning: ~ 1 hour
- Beam tuning (CM, slit, steering): 30min x 3 mom.
- Profile measurement with 10 magnet settings ~ 1hour x 3 mom.
- Slit study: 1 hour x 1 mom.
- Momentum change 15min x 2
- Spare 1 hour





$K^-pp$

# $\bar{K}NN$ @ E89

via  ${}^3\text{He}(1 \text{ GeV}/c K^-, n)$  reaction

## ① Search for " $\bar{K}^0nn$ ", isospin partner of " $K^-pp$ "

➤ " $\bar{K}^0nn$ "  $\rightarrow \Lambda n / \Sigma^- p$

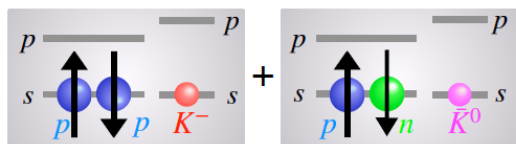
## ② Determine the spin/parity of $\bar{K}NN$

➤ spin-spin correlation measurement of " $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \Lambda p$

There are two possible configurations for the  $\bar{K}NN$  ground state.

"  $(NN)_{(I.sym \times S.asym)} \otimes \bar{K}$  "

$$J^P = 0^-$$

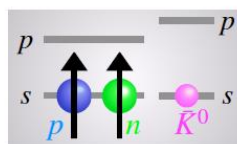


$$\frac{|I_{\bar{K}N} = 0|^2}{|I_{\bar{K}N} = 1|^2} = \frac{3}{1}$$

Deeper bound expected

"  $(NN)_{(I.asym \times S.sym)} \otimes \bar{K}$  "

$$J^P = 1^-$$



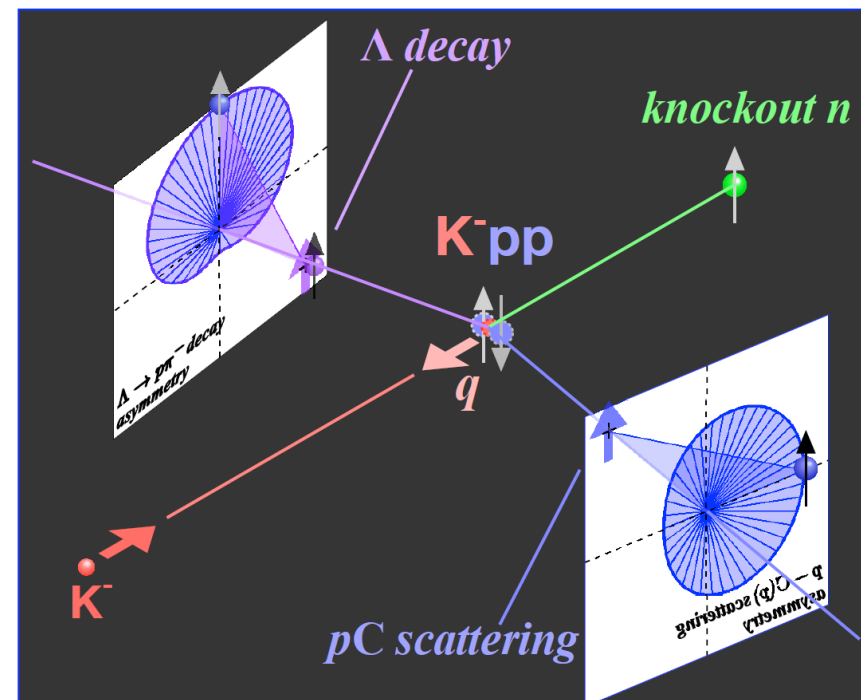
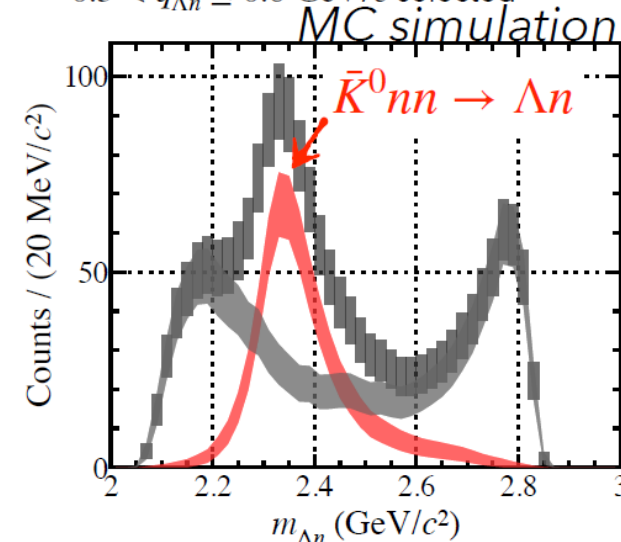
$$\frac{|I_{\bar{K}N} = 0|^2}{|I_{\bar{K}N} = 1|^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Shallower bound expected

## Measurement for $\Lambda n$ pair

\*Assuming  $J^P = 0^-$  (strict case)

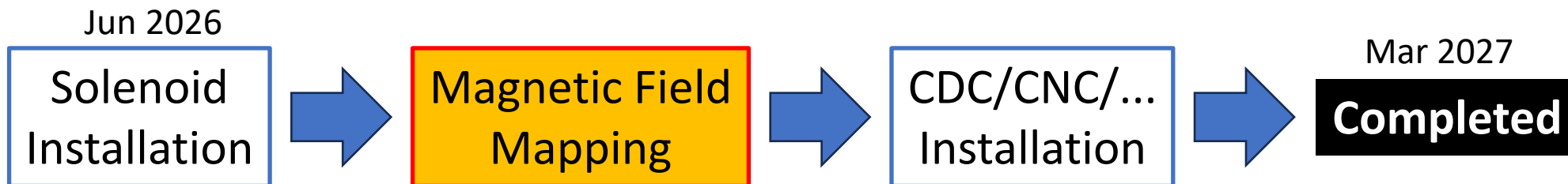
$0.3 < q_{\Lambda n} \leq 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c$  selected



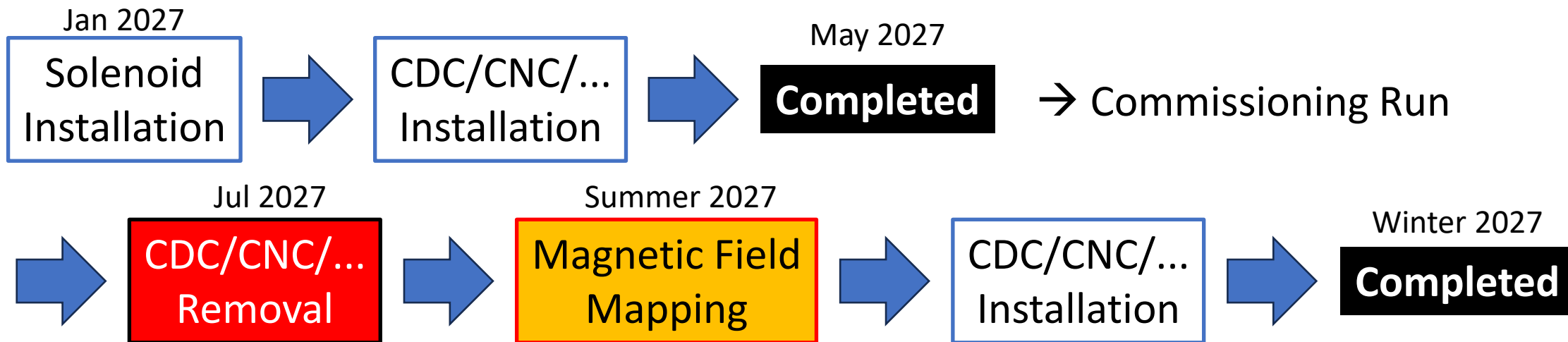


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## ●Revised Plan

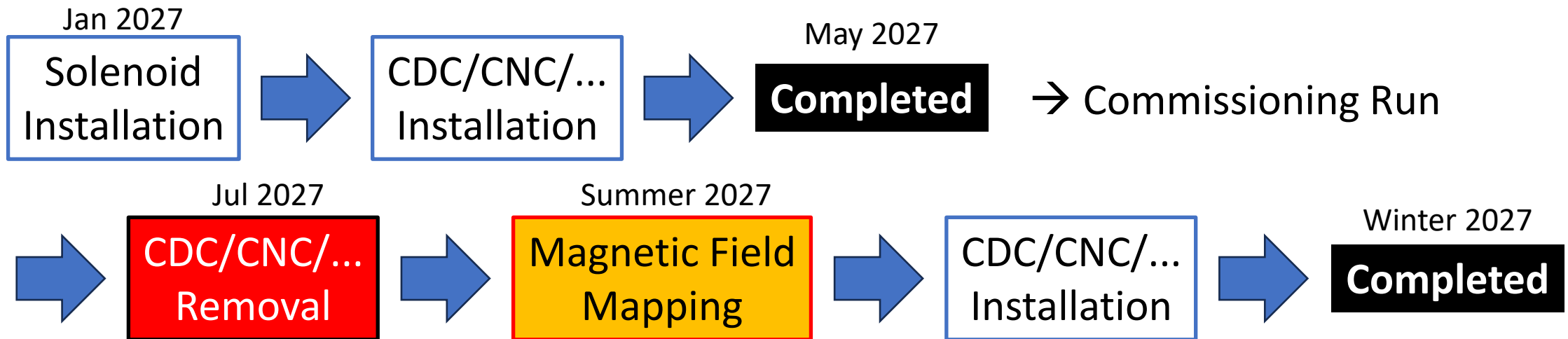


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→ Magnetic field mapping is used to calibrate the calculated field map.

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- Commissioning run
  - intended to establish stable detector operation, DAQ, and beam tuning
- Detector re-installation after commissioning
  - expected to be a well-established procedure

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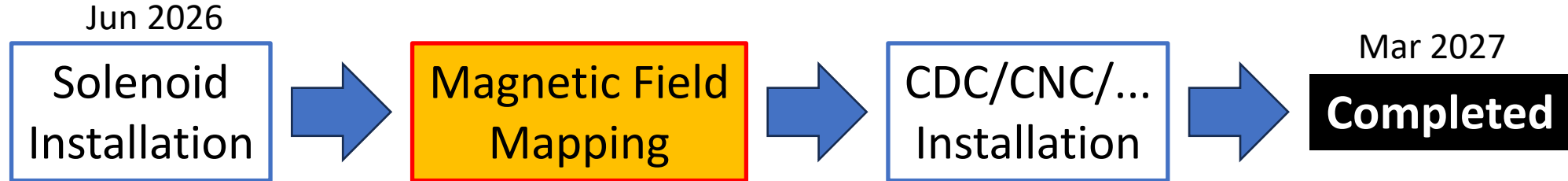


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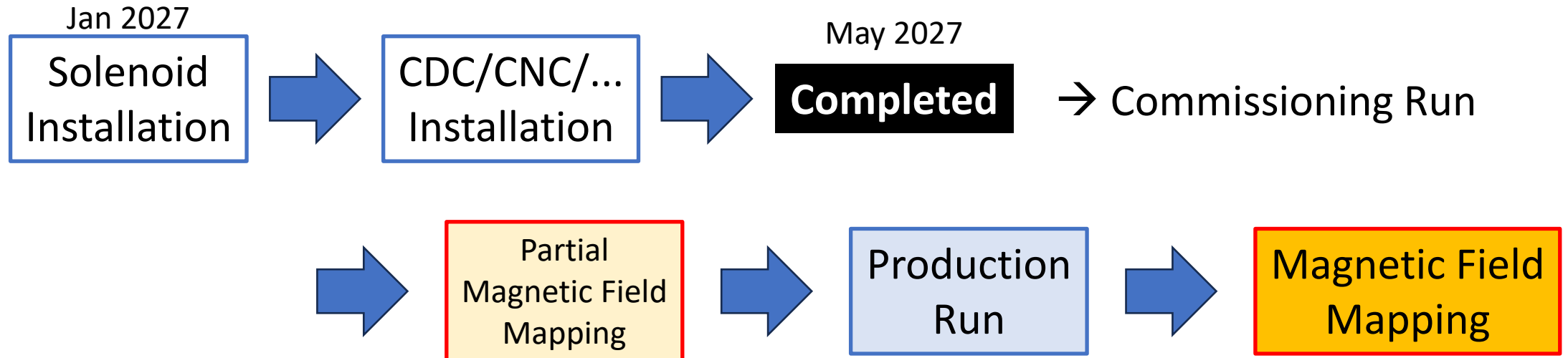


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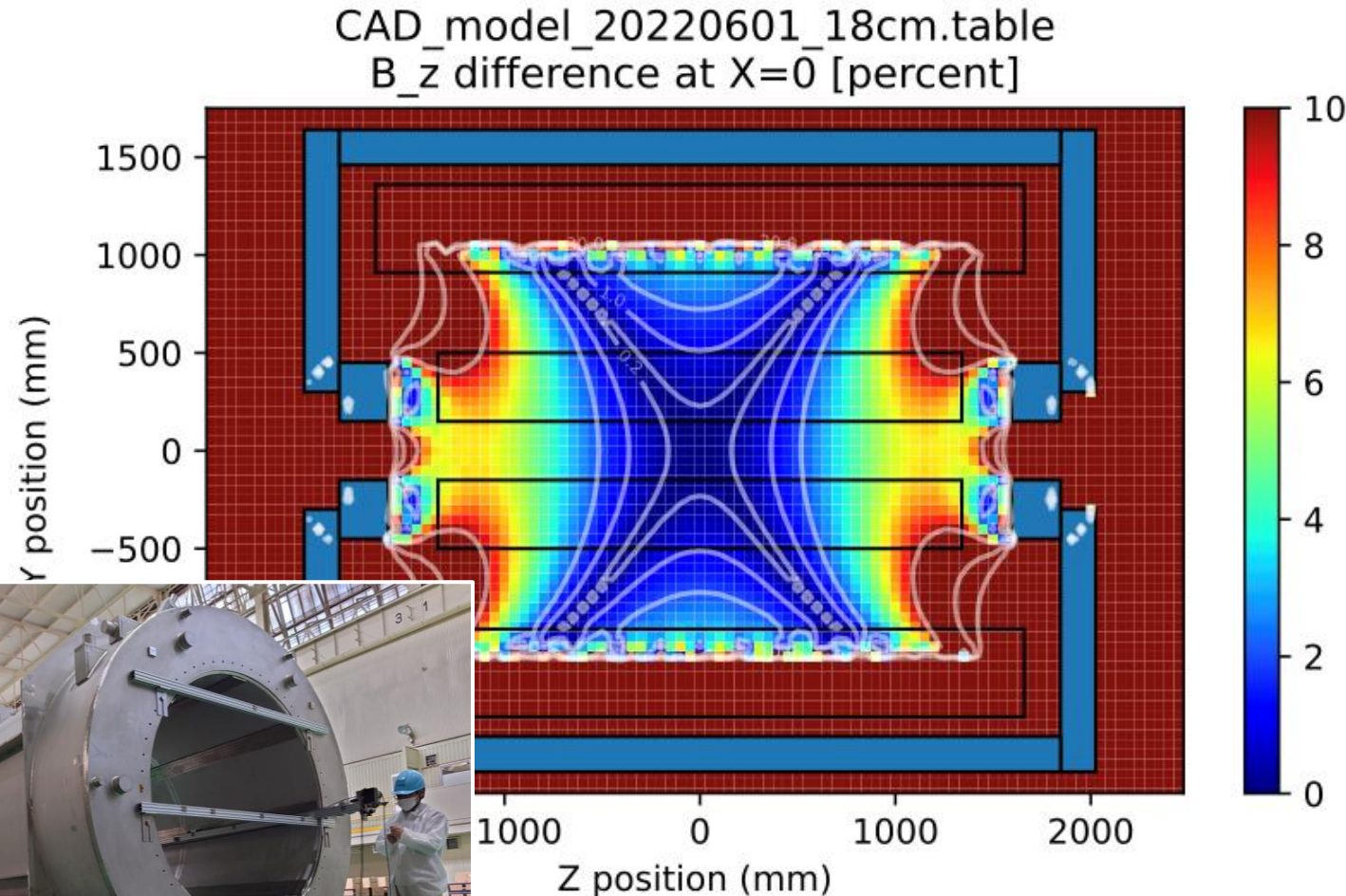
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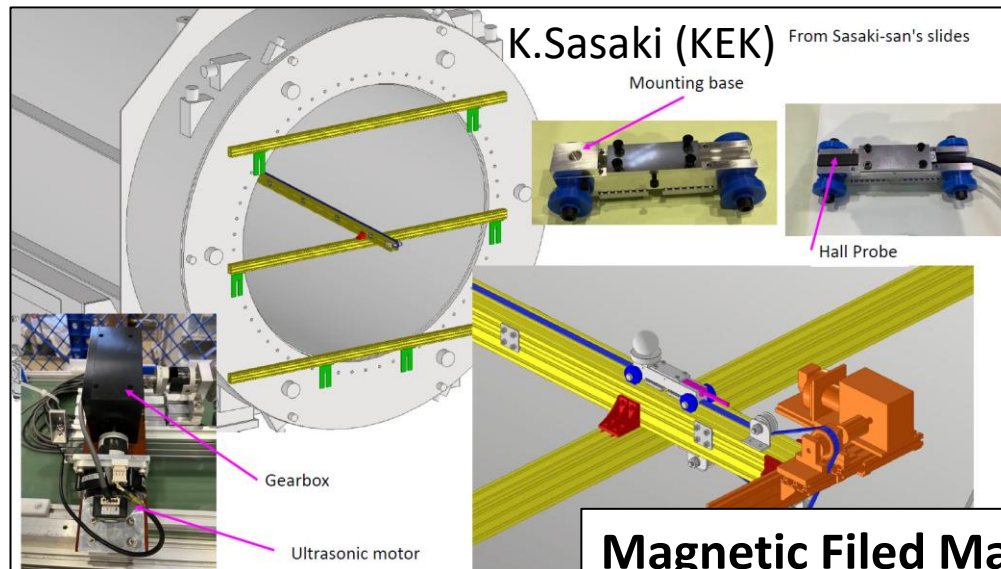
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# Partial Magnetic Field Mapping

- Following the commissioning run, magnetic field mapping will be performed in the central bore of the CDC
  - using the same method employed for the field mapping without the return yoke at Toshiba (Feb. 2025)



**The measured field will be used to validate and calibrate the OPERA-3D field map**



**Magnetic Field Mapping in Feb. 2025**





# Experiments @ K1.8BR

- Dora CDS

✓ E73 ( ${}^3\Lambda$  H lifetime)    Completed in Feb. 2025



*need 9 months*

now → • Hyp-TPC

✓ E72 ( $\Lambda^*$ ) 7(+6)d@90kW    ✓ P109 ( $\Theta^+$ ) 3h

✓ E104 ( $p^{\text{bar}}p \rightarrow \phi\phi$ ) 10(+3)d@90W

✓ E45 (Baryons) 2.5+2+2.5(+4)d



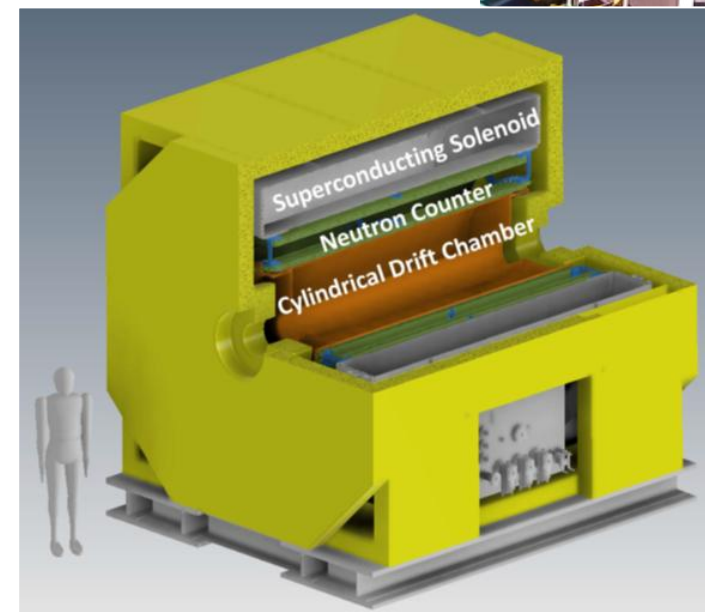
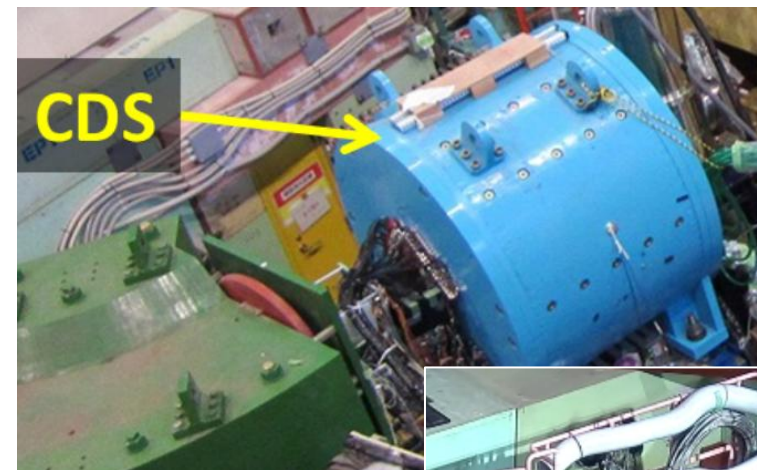
**K1.8BR upgrade**  
*need ~9 months*

- Dolami CDS

✓ E80 ( $K^-ppn \rightarrow \Lambda d/\Lambda pn$ ) ~14+21d@90kW

✓ E89 ( $J^P(K^-pp)$ ) 56d@90kW

✓ E57 ( $K^-d$  atm) 7d@80kW → ~30d@80kW



# Urgency of E80

- Detectors are being completed on schedule
- New  $K^-d$  atom results from DAFNE
  - Strong motivation to proceed with  $K^{\text{bar}}N$  interaction studies at J-PARC as soon as possible
- E80 must begin within the period of the large research grant
  - Grant-In-Aid for Specially Promoted Research by JSPS (JFY2022-26)
  - Magnet assembly at K1.8BR must be completed using this grant
  - Part of the shield reconfiguration cost be covered in FY2026 using this grant

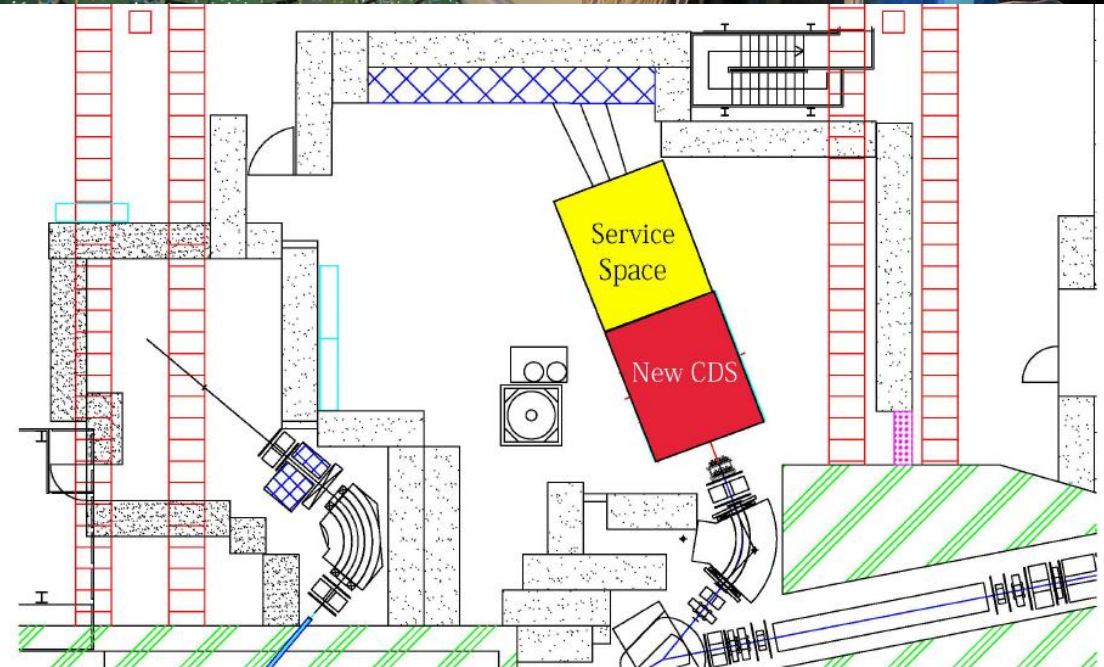


# CDC Installation

- CDC is installed by inserting a long frame bar into the center of the CDC and magnet
  - We plan to use a splittable bar twice the length of the solenoid.

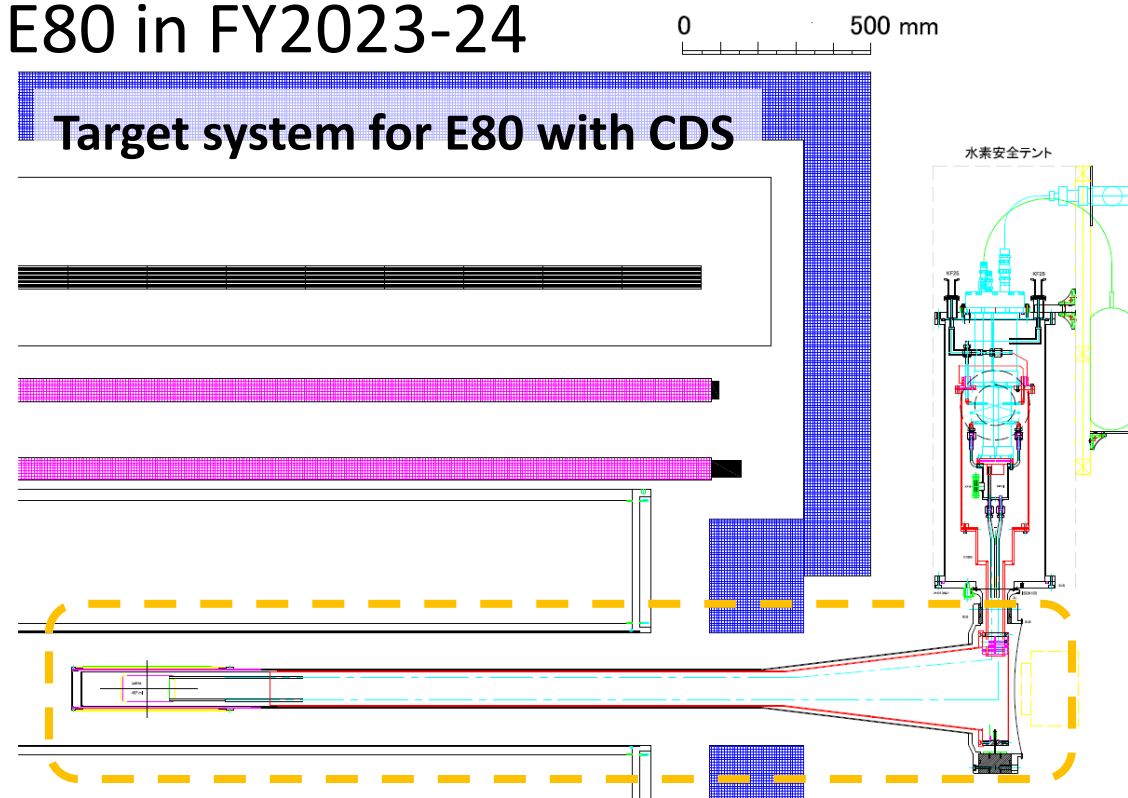
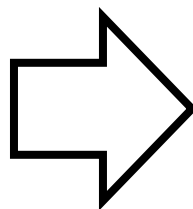
**Will be prepared in FY2026**

- Service space equivalent to the installation area of the magnet is required downstream of the magnet
  - to prepare and install the CDC by rolling it in and out of the magnet



# Target System

- Cool down below 3K with pulse tube (Cryomech PT410), no cryogen required
- Capable to liquefy  $\text{H}_2/\text{D}_2/^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  gasses [Target replacement takes a few days]
- **The system has already worked well (T77/E73)**
- The horizontal part will be extended for E80 in FY2023-24



# Expected Spectrum of $K^- + {}^4\text{He}$

@ 3 weeks, 90kW

$K^- + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda d + n$

$K^- + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda pn + n$

$B_{Kppn} \sim 40 \text{ MeV}$

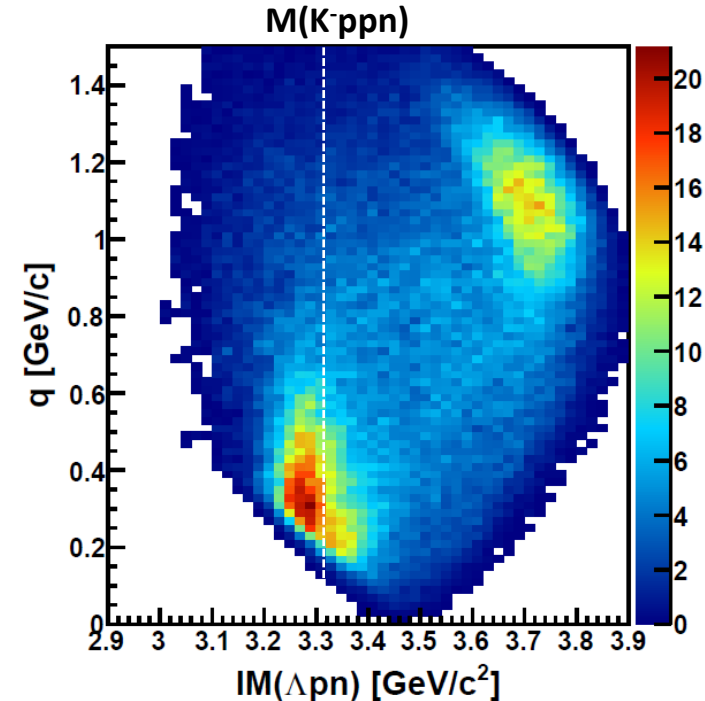
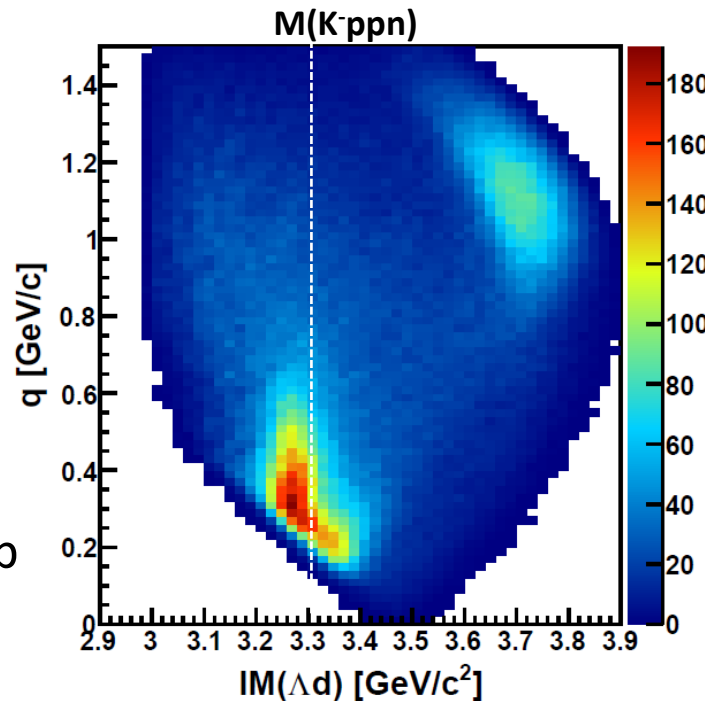
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$Q_{Kppn} \sim 400 \text{ MeV}/c$

$\sigma(K^-ppn) \cdot Br \sim 5 \mu\text{b}$

$\sigma(\text{QF}) \sim 5 \mu\text{b}$

$\sigma(\text{BG}) \sim 10 \mu\text{b}$



- Similar parameters obtained with the  $K^- {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda pn$  (PRC102(2020)044002.) are adopted to K-ppn/QF/BG shapes
- K-ppn signal [q-independent] can be seen clearly

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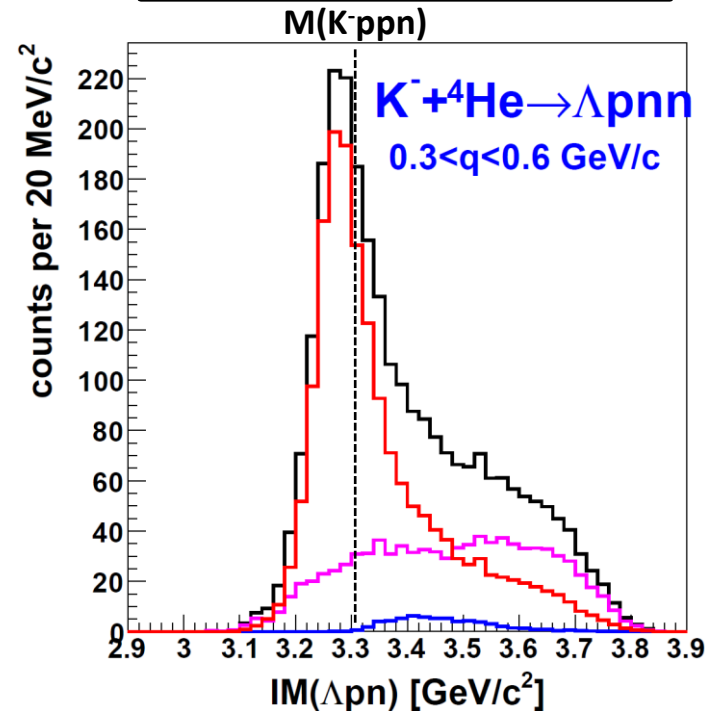
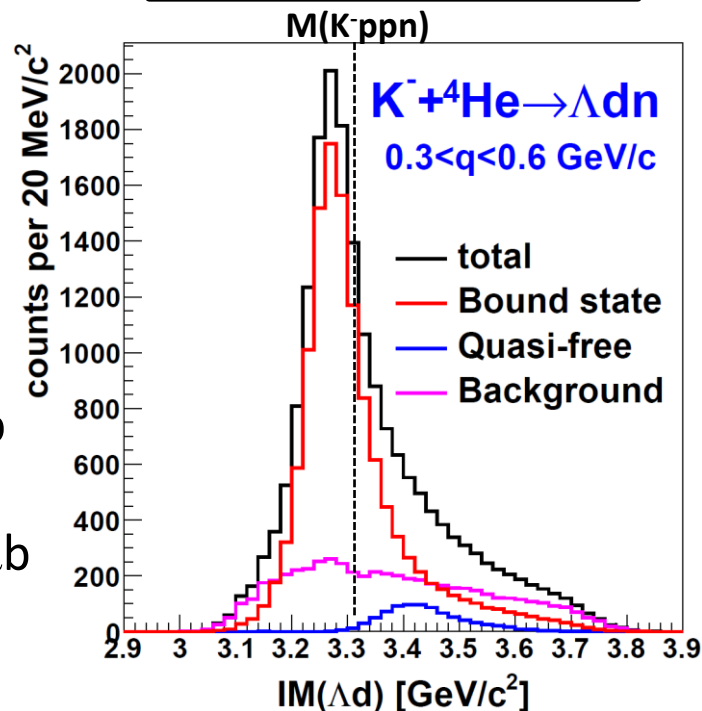
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- The signals can be enhanced by selecting  $0.3 < q < 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $K^-ppn$  signal can be seen clearly

Table 2: Estimated  $K^-ppn$  yield for a three-week data taking using the 90 kW MR beam power.

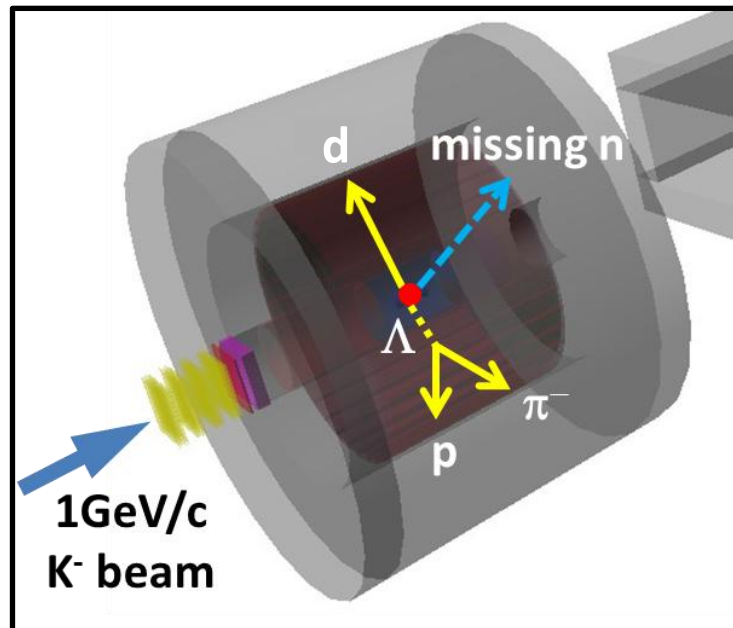
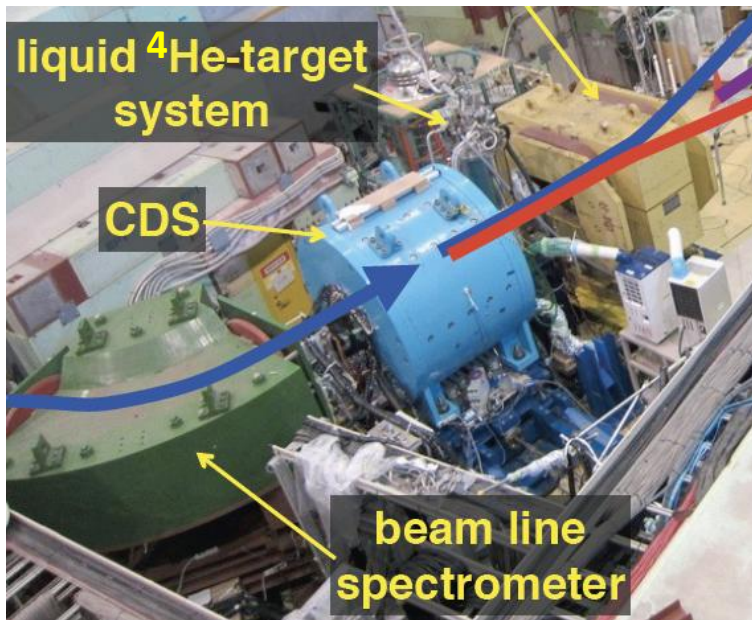
| decay mode              | $\Lambda d$             | $\Lambda pn$      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| $\sigma^{tot} \cdot BR$ | assumed to be $5 \mu b$ |                   |
| accelerator up-time     | 0.9                     |                   |
| # of $K^-$ beam         | $155 \times 10^9$       |                   |
| # of $K^-$ on target    | $100 \times 10^9$       |                   |
| # of expected yield     | $1.2 \times 10^4$       | $1.2 \times 10^3$ |

From TDR 2024



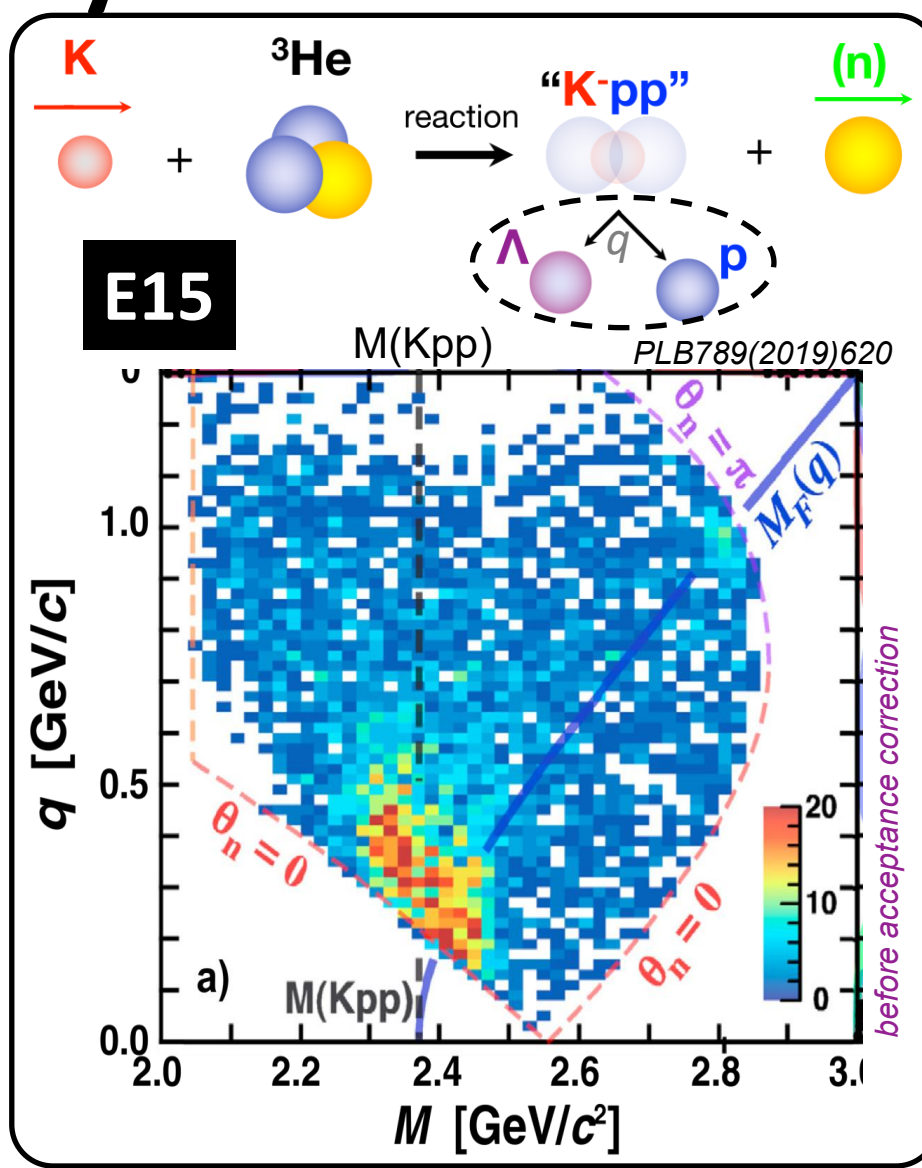
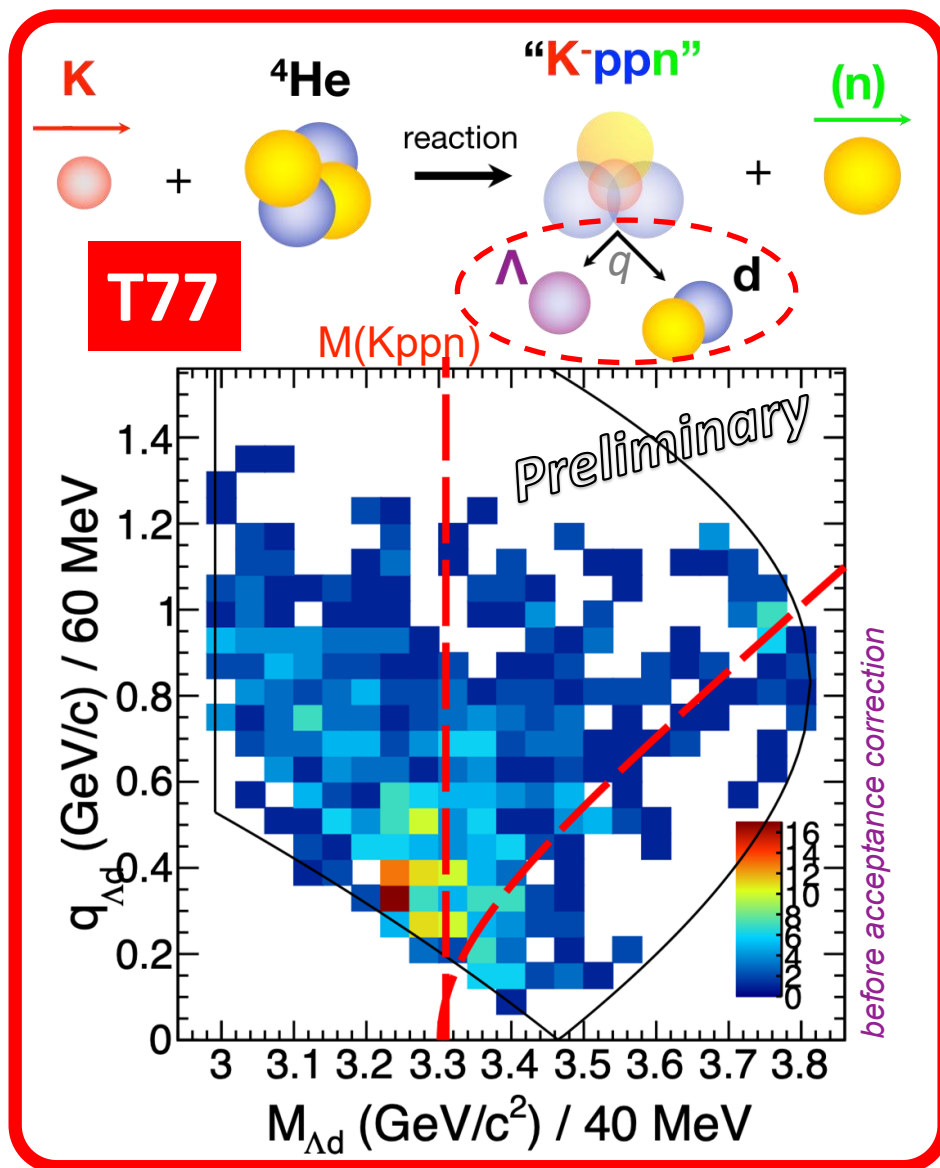
# $K^-4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{dn}$ Analysis with the T77 Data

- An analysis of the  $\Lambda \text{dn}$  final state with  $K^-4\text{He}$  reaction at **1 GeV/c** has been conducted
  - T77: lifetime measurement of  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  in 2020
- The results will be updated with a part of the E73 controlled data
  - E73: lifetime measurement of  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  in 2024



| Experiment            | $K^-$ on target       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| E15 ( $^3\text{He}$ ) | $\sim 42 \times 10^9$ |
| T77 ( $^4\text{He}$ ) | $\sim 6 \times 10^9$  |
| E73 ( $^4\text{He}$ ) | $\sim 6 \times 10^9$  |

# Preliminary result



- Two distributions are quite similar
- structure below the threshold (seems  $q$ -independent), QF-K, BG

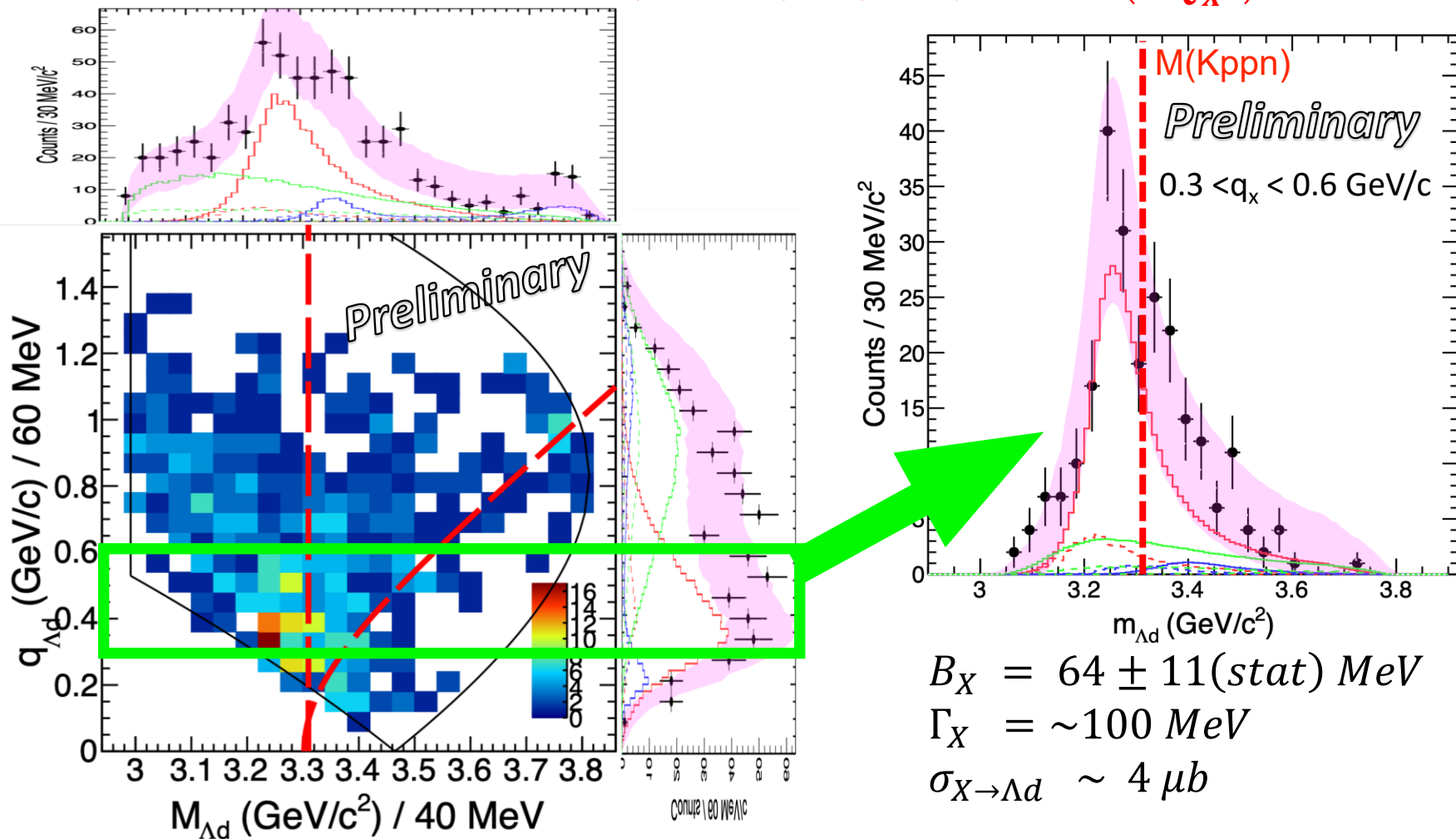
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2D fit on the  $(M, q)$  space with similar shapes to E15:

Breit-Wigner with Gaus. form factor (PWIA), QF-K<sup>-</sup>, and Broad BG

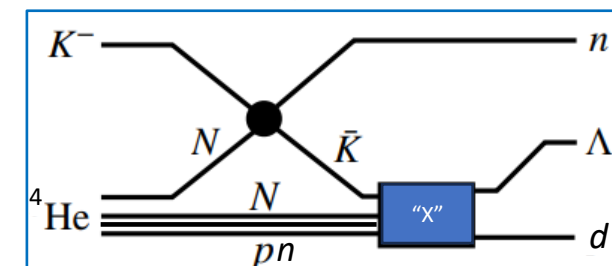
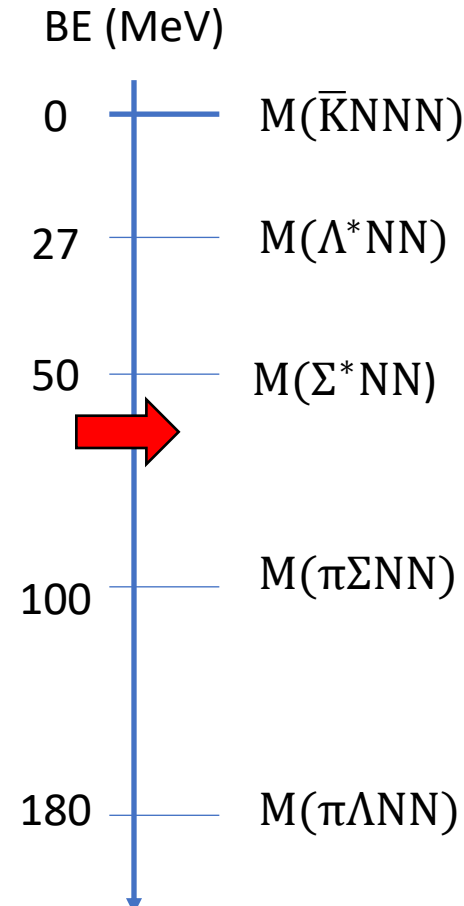
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# $K^-4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{dn}$ Analysis with the T77 Data

## What is the observed structure? [Discussion]

1. "X"  $\rightarrow \Lambda\text{d}$  decay mode is unique evidence of  $I_{\text{"X"}} = 0$ 
  - $I(J^P) : \Lambda = 0(1/2^+), d = 0(1^+), K^- = 1/2(0^-), {}^3\text{He} = 1/2(1/2^+), {}^4\text{He} = 0(0^+)$
2. "X" = "K<sup>-</sup>ppn" with  $J_{\text{"X"}} = 1/2$  would be likely, considering the isospin and spin combination in S-wave interaction
  - $J_{\text{"X"}} = 1/2$ :  ${}^4\text{He}$  initial state is  $I(J) = 0(0)$  and low-momentum intermediate  $\bar{K}$  would react with remaining NNN [ $I(J) = 1/2(1/2)$ ] in S-wave
  - **Exclusion of  $Y^*(I=1)NN$** : probability of "X"  $\rightarrow \Lambda\text{d}$  decay would be suppressed because spin/isospin flip is needed to reconfigure NN [ $I(J) = 1(0)$ ] into deuteron [ $I(J) = 0(1)$ ]  
 ➤  $\Lambda\text{pn}$  decay would be dominant



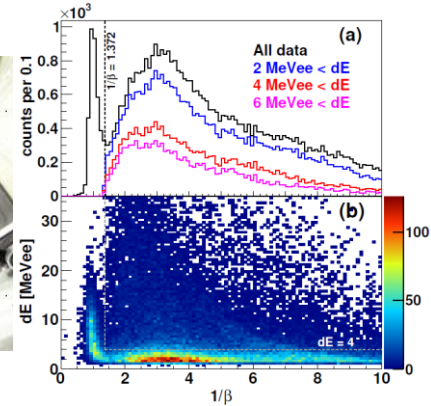
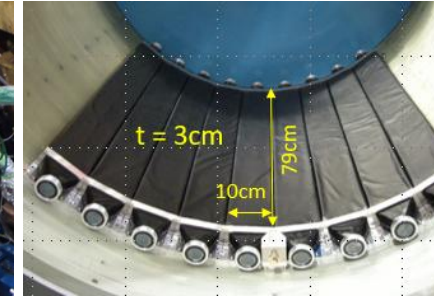
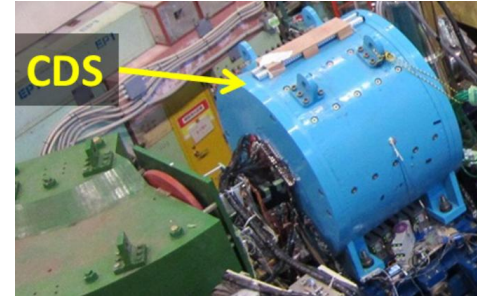


# Mesonic Decay Analysis with the E15 Data

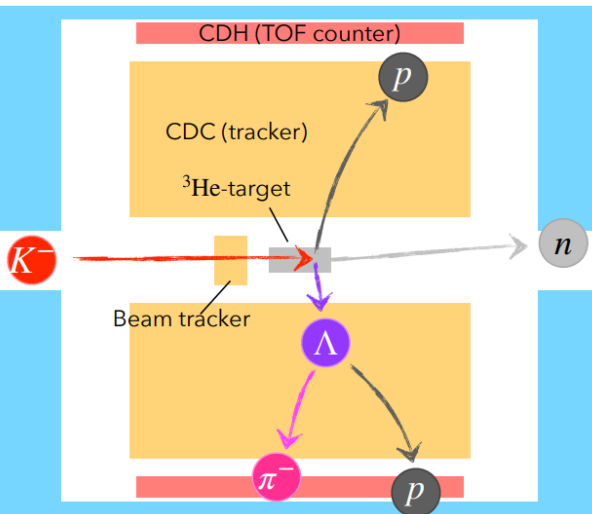
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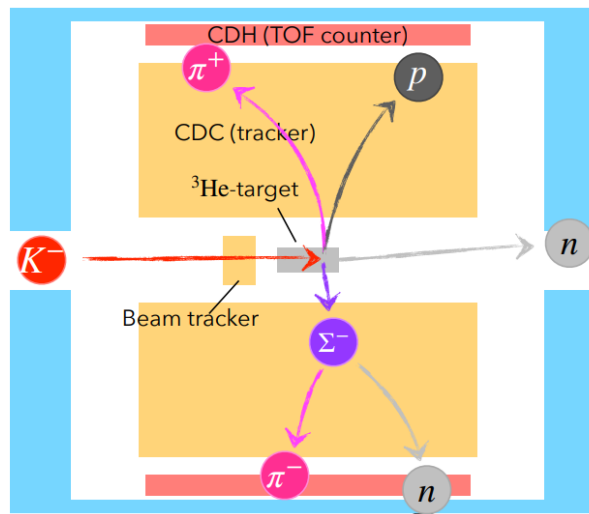
☹️ BG from the inner wall of the magnet



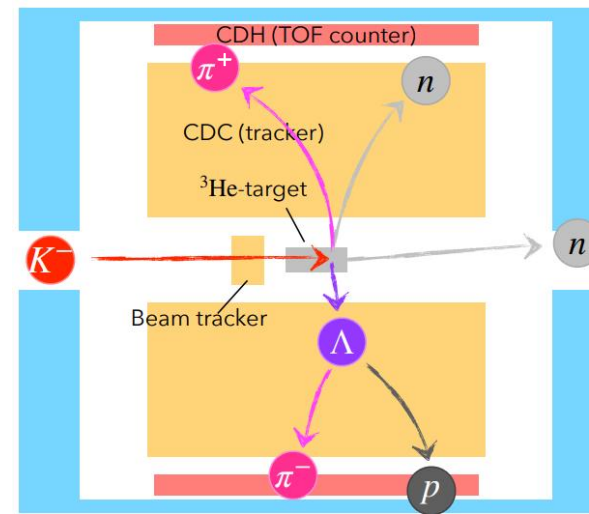
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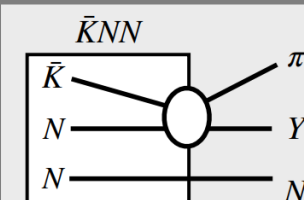
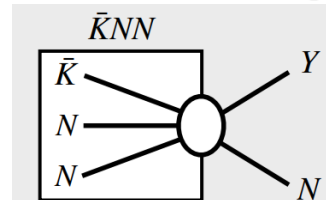
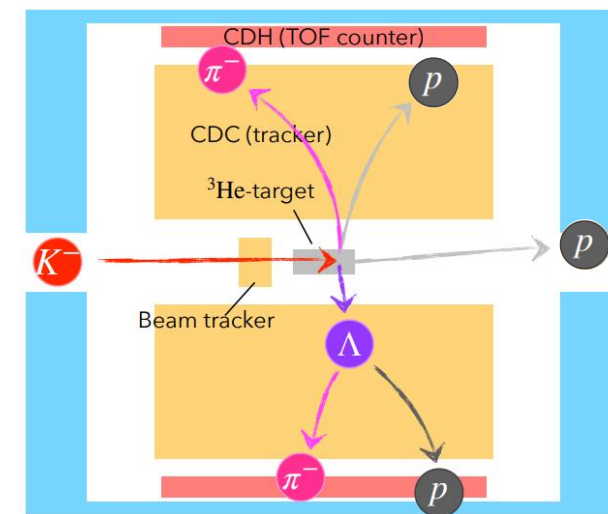
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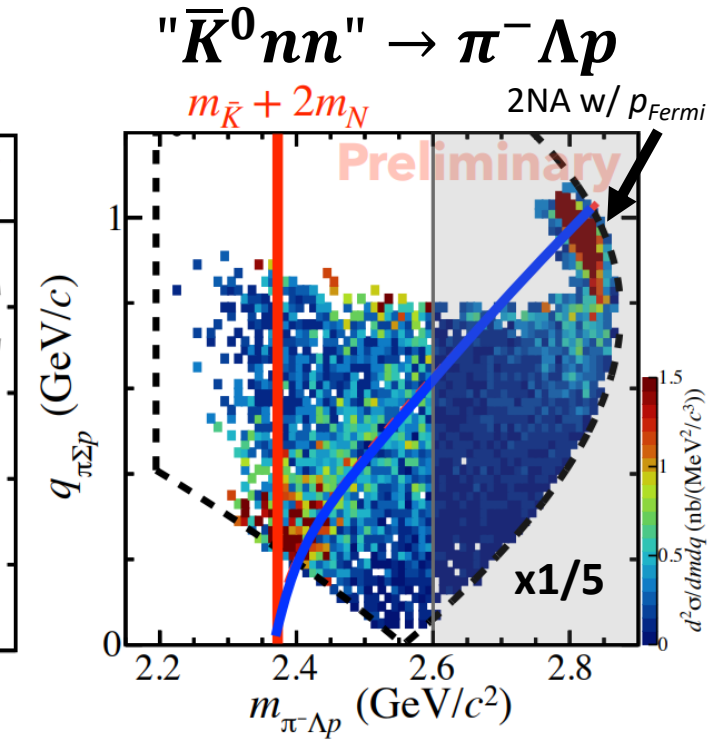
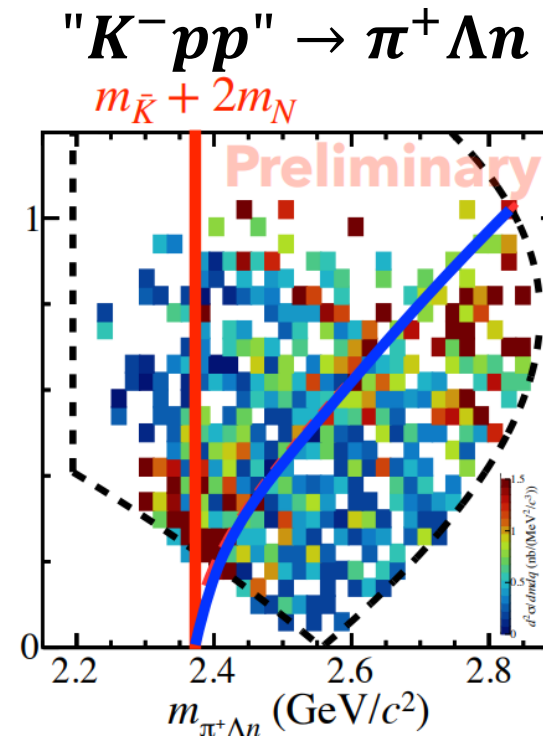
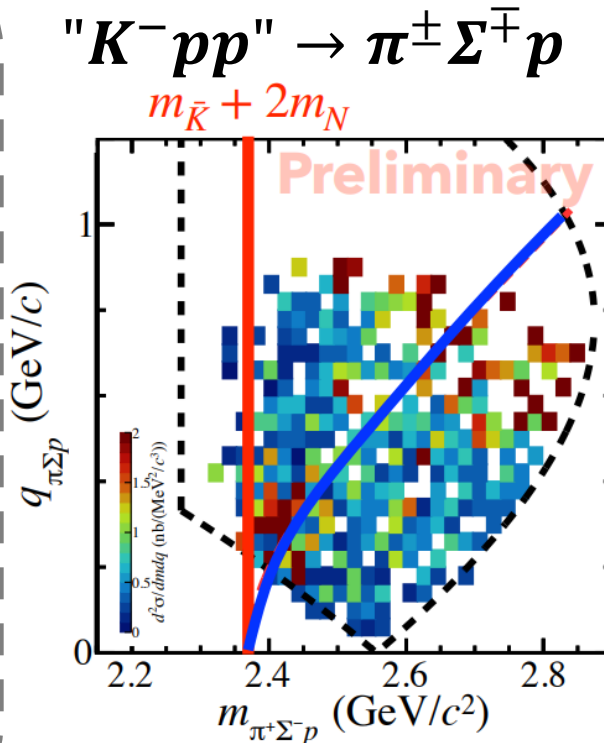
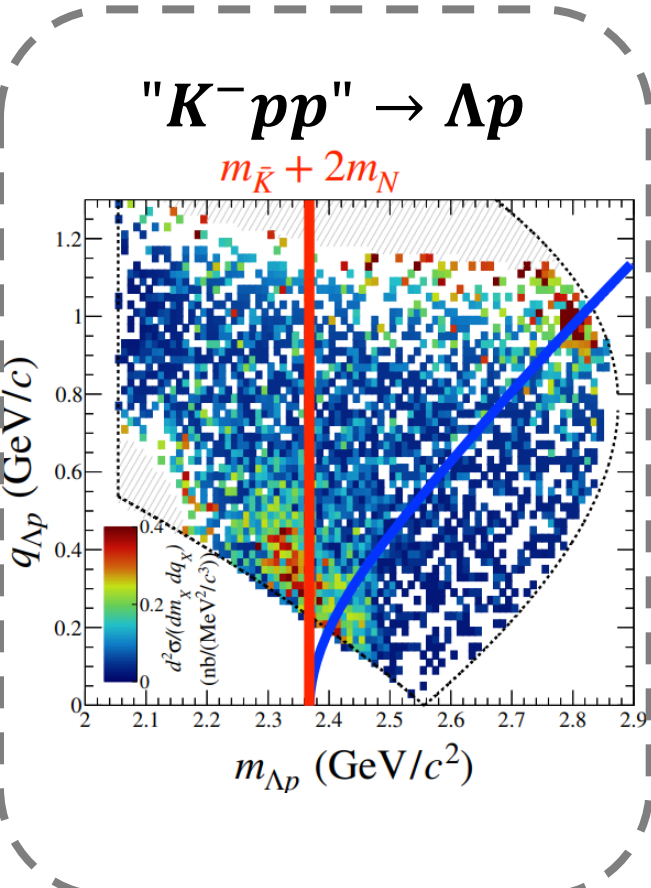
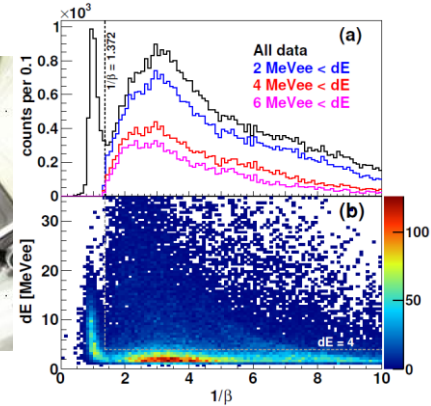
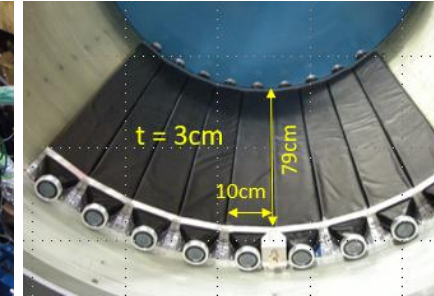
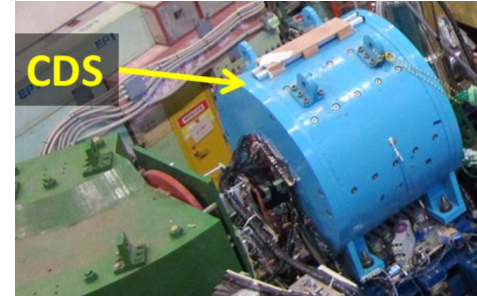


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Similar but not clear peak below  $M(KNN)$  due to the phase space

# Mesonic Decay Analysis with the E15 Data

Plane Wave Impulse Approximation

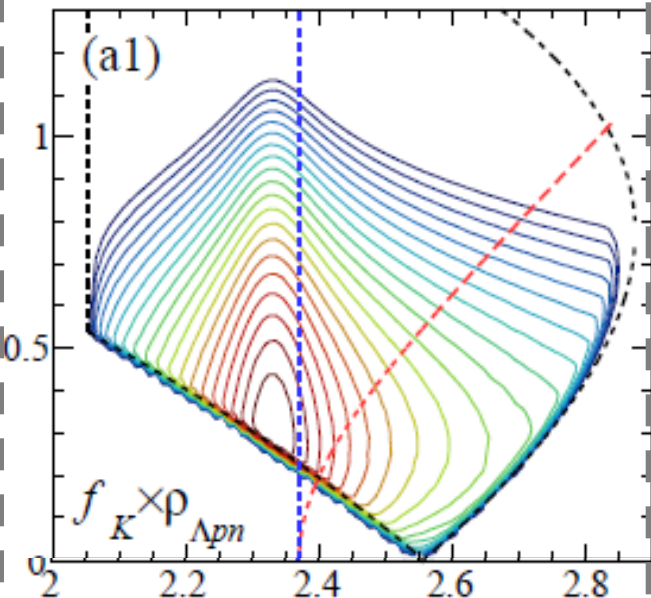
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Phase space

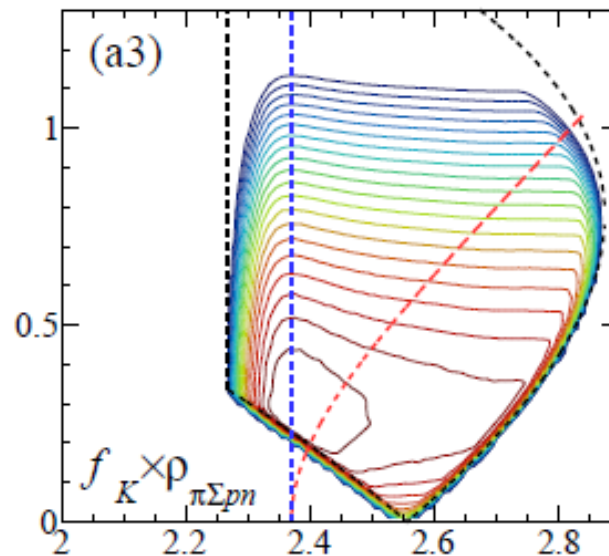
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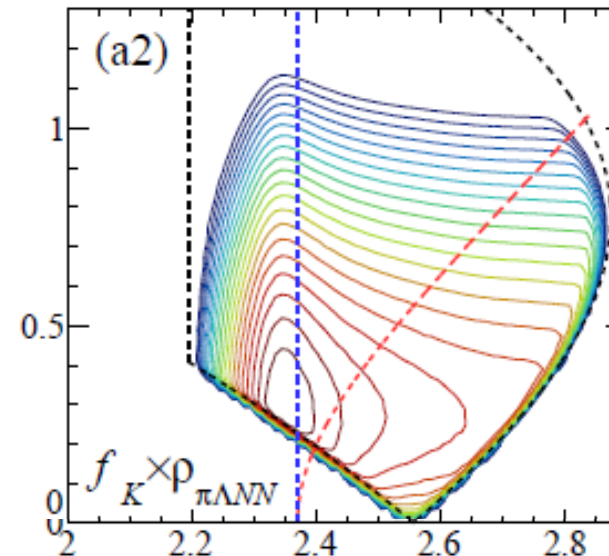
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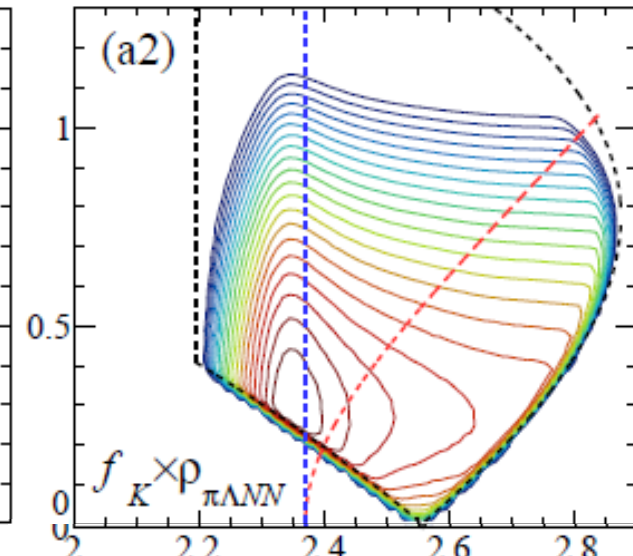
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Employ the same model func. for KNN & QF, with each phase space

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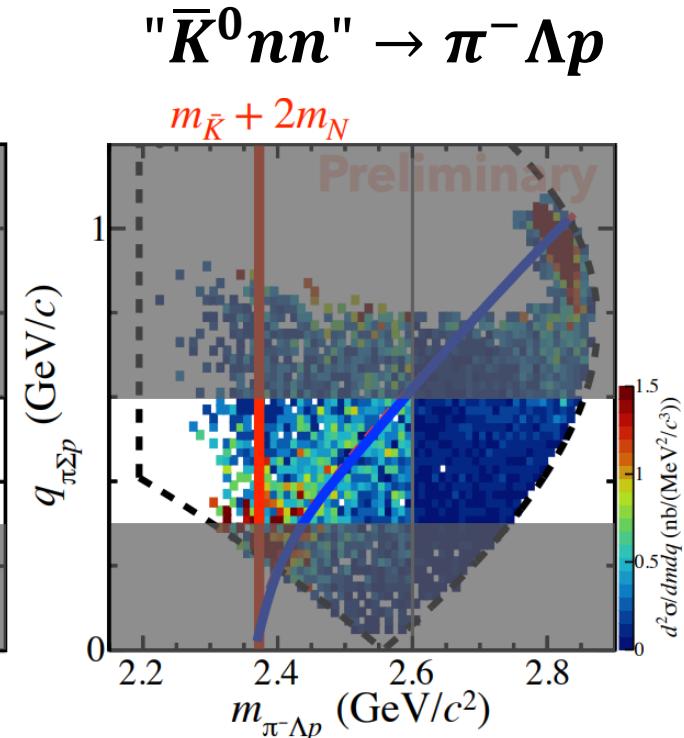
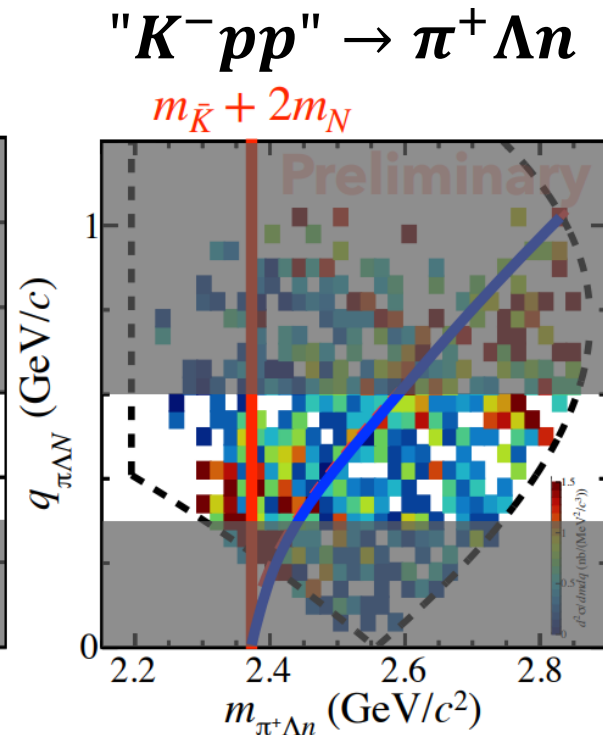
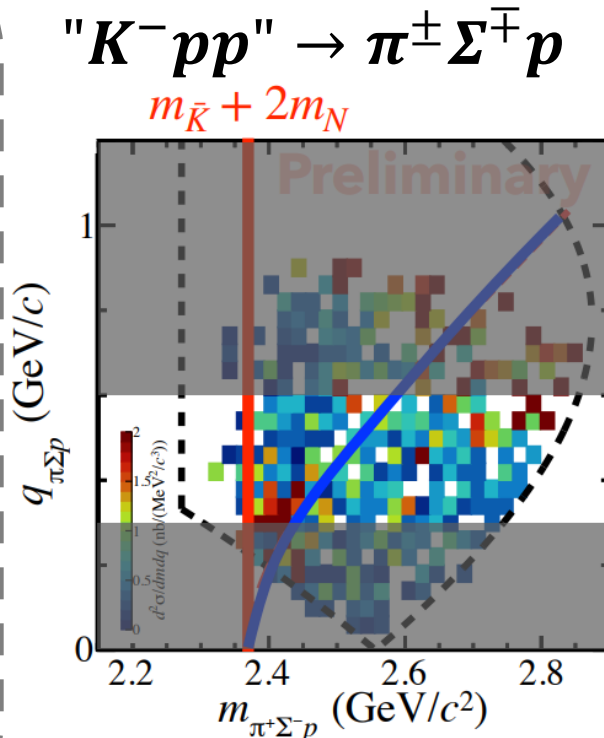
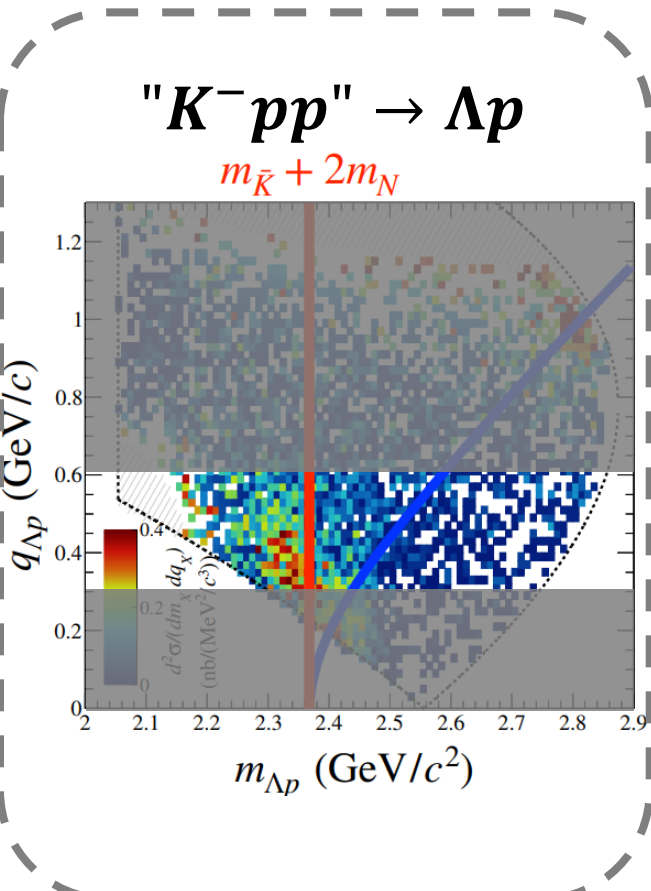
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Fit the 1D spectra in  $0.3 < q < 0.6$  with the same model func.

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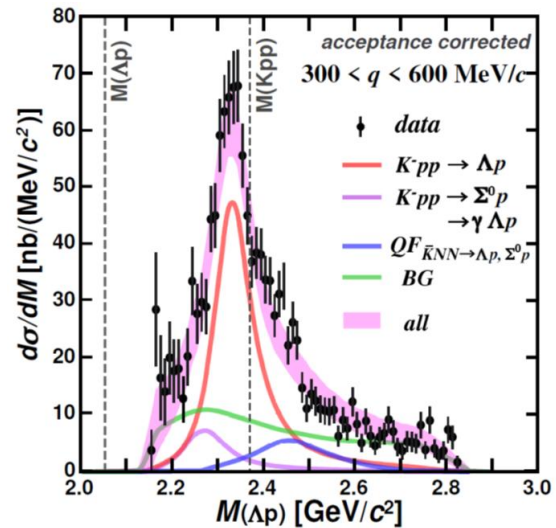
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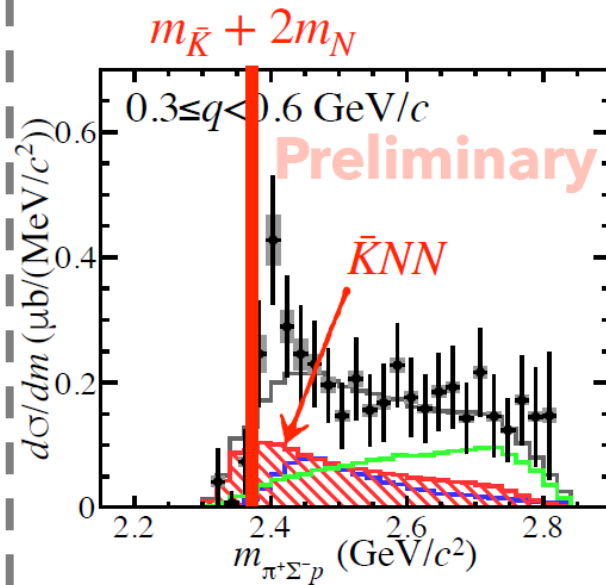
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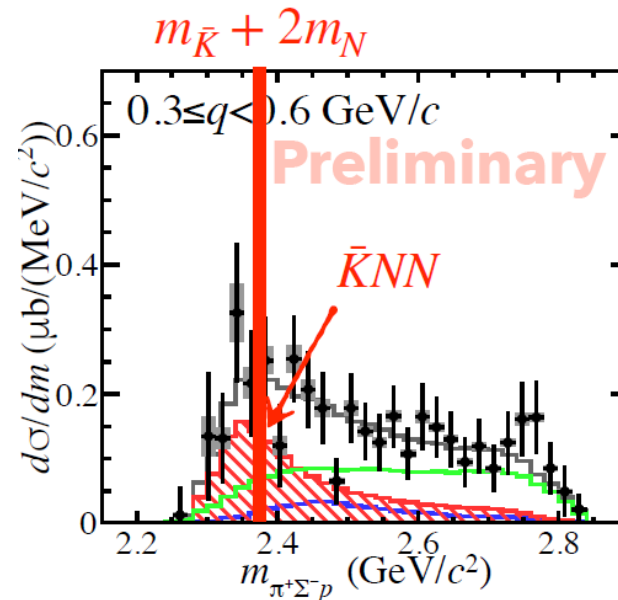
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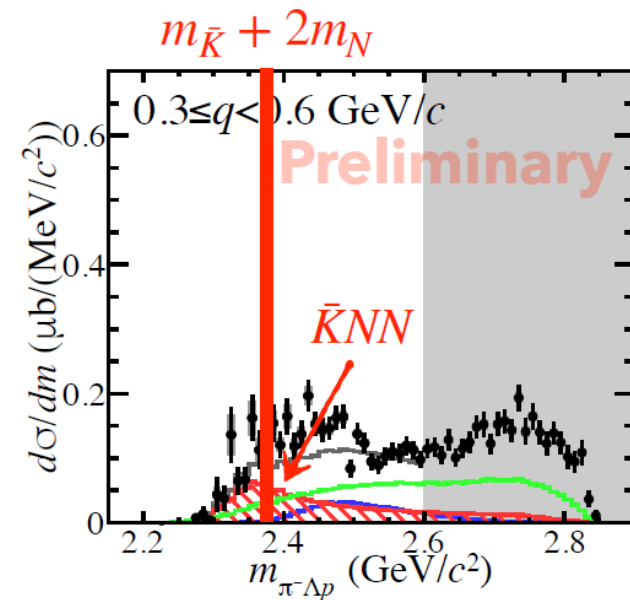
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With the model func., the spectra are consistently explained.

# Mesonic Decay Analysis with the E15 Data

- $\Gamma_{YN} \ll \Gamma_{\pi YN}$  : mesonic decay is dominant
- $\Gamma_{\pi\Sigma N} \sim \Gamma_{\pi\Lambda N}$  : significant contribution of the  $I_{KN} = 1$  as well as  $I_{KN} = 0$
- $\Gamma_{\pi+\Lambda n} / \Gamma_{\pi-\Lambda p} \sim 2$  : if we assume  $Br_{K^-pp \rightarrow \pi+\Lambda n} = Br_{K^0nn \rightarrow \pi-\Lambda p} \rightarrow \sigma_{K^-pp} / \sigma_{K^0nn} \sim 2$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \Lambda p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$9.3 \pm 0.8^{+1.4}_{-1.0} [\text{all}]$$

$$5.5 \pm 0.5^{+0.8}_{-0.6} [<M(KNN)]$$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \Sigma^0 p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$5.3 \pm 0.4^{+0.8}_{-0.6} [\text{all}]$$

$$3.1 \pm 0.2^{+0.5}_{-0.4} [<M(KNN)]$$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^+ \Sigma^- p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$38 \pm 3 \pm 3 [\text{all}]$$

$$3.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 [<M(KNN)]$$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^- \Sigma^+ p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$110 \pm 8 \pm 8 [\text{all}]$$

$$9.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.7 [<M(KNN)]$$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda n$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$62 \pm 11 \pm 9 [\text{all}]$$

$$15.5 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.1 [<M(KNN)]$$

" $\bar{K}^0 nn$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^- \Lambda p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$29 \pm 3 \pm 3 [\text{all}]$$

$$7.2 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.7 [<M(KNN)]$$

**More precise measurements  
and theoretical investigations  
are needed**