

K^{bar} -Nuclear Bound State at J-PARC

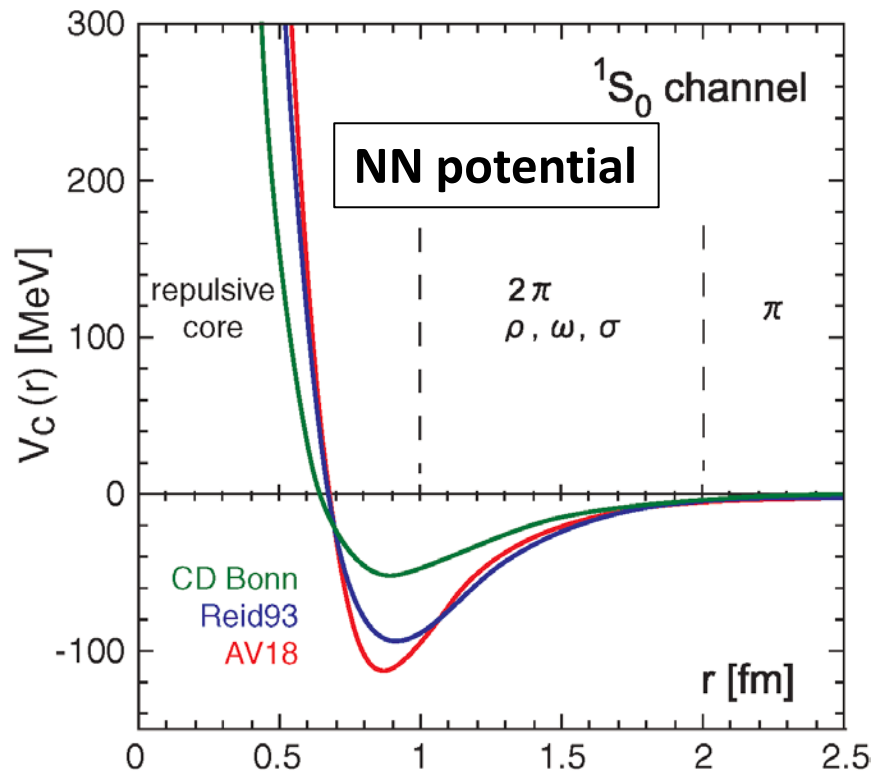
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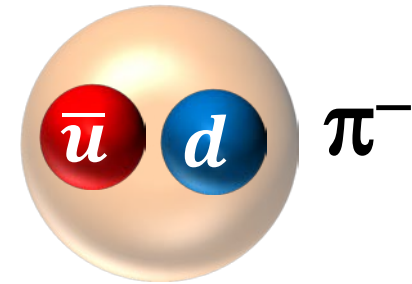
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Meson-Baryon Interaction

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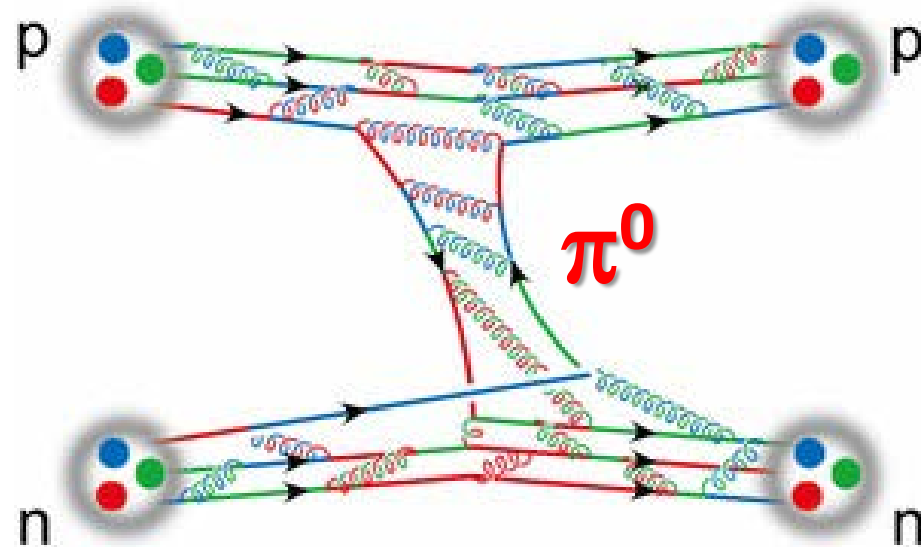
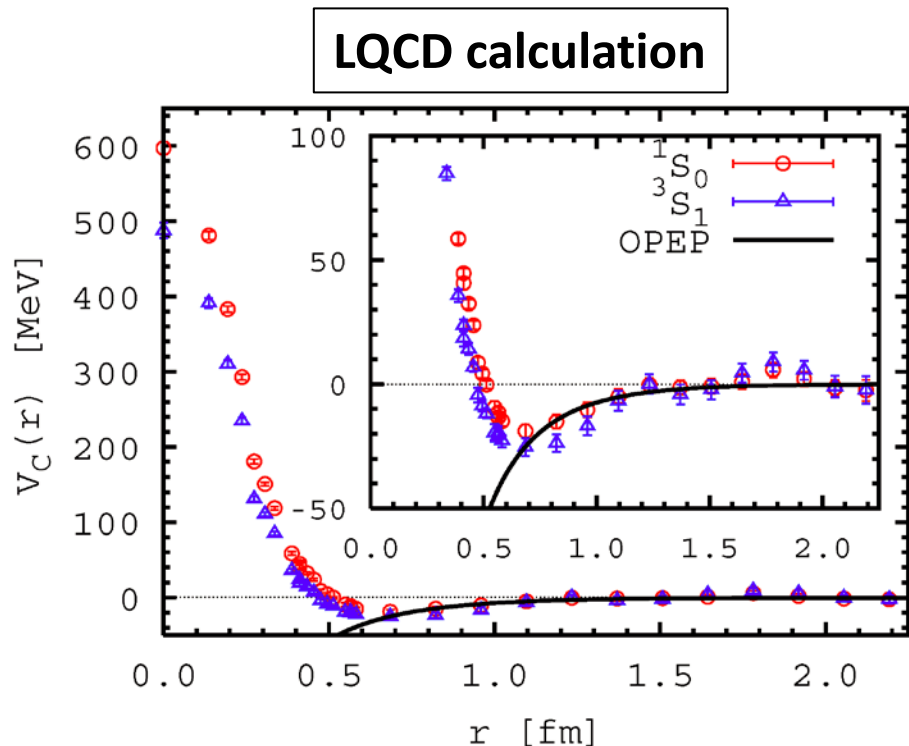
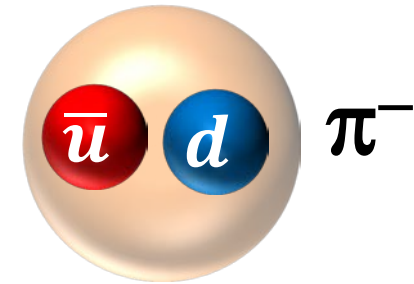


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Wikipedia

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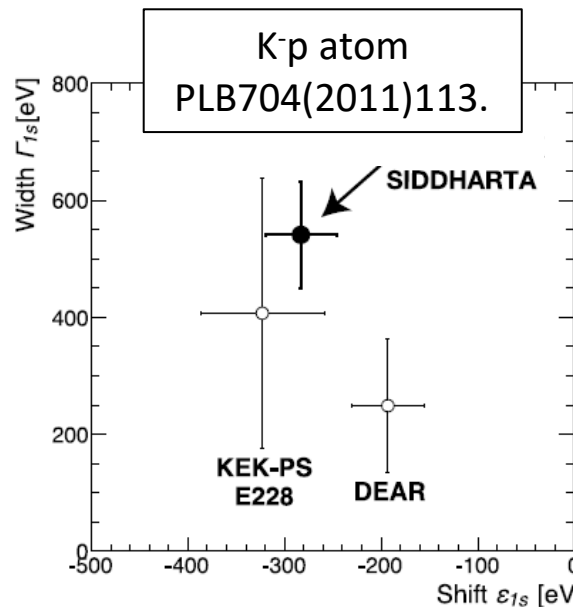
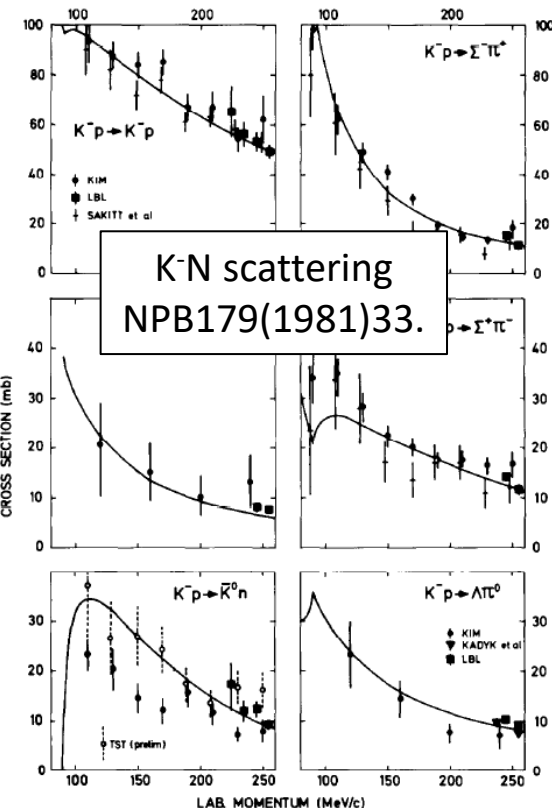
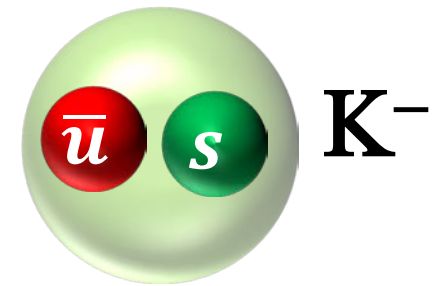


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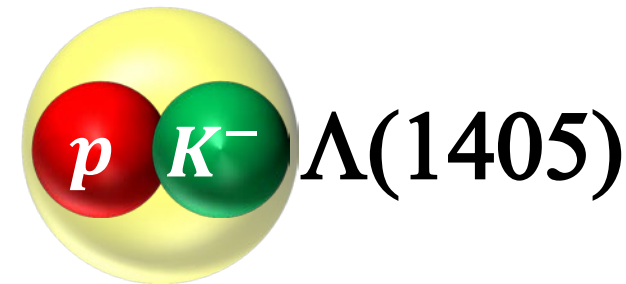


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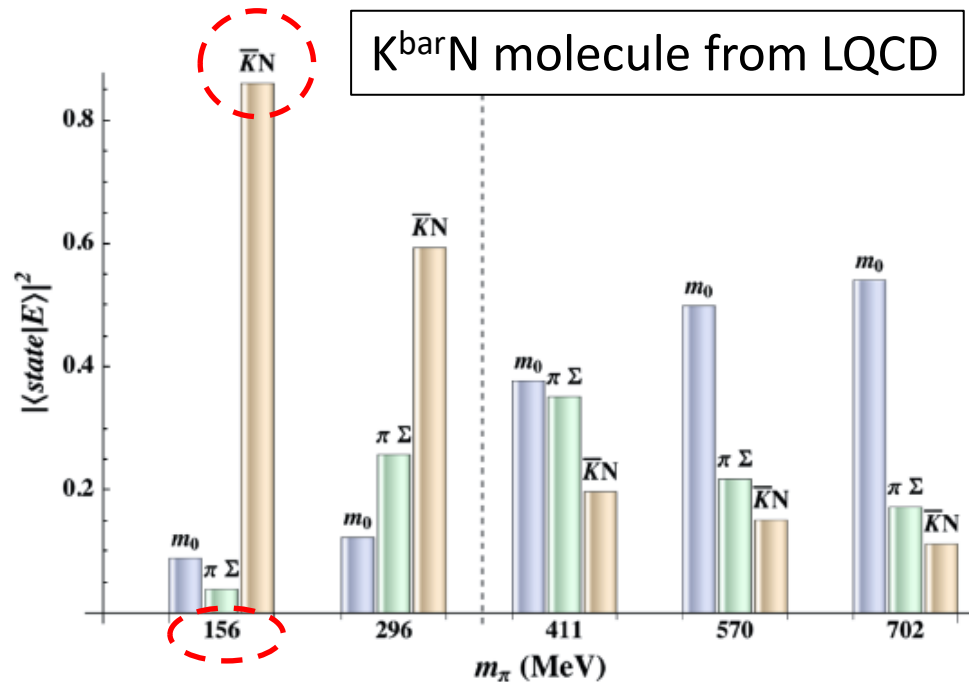
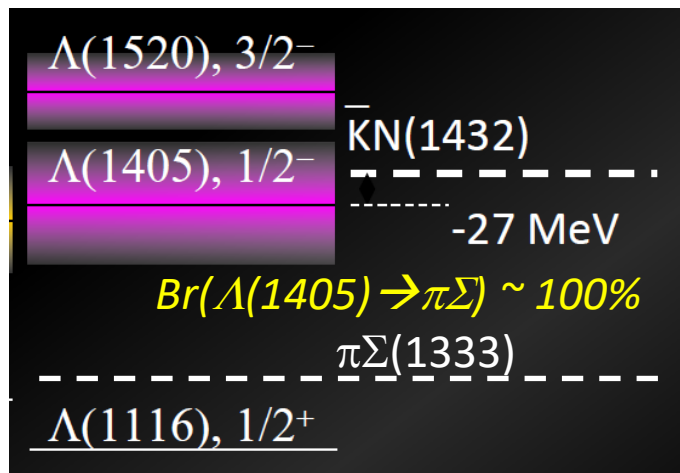
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- $\Lambda(1405)$
 - considered as a K^{bar}N molecular state



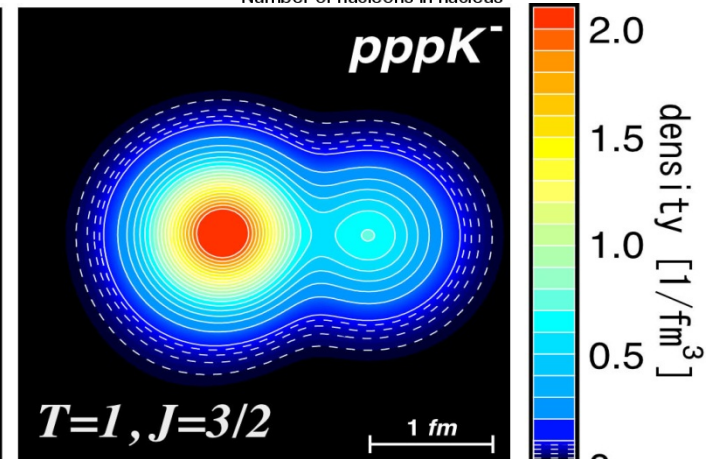
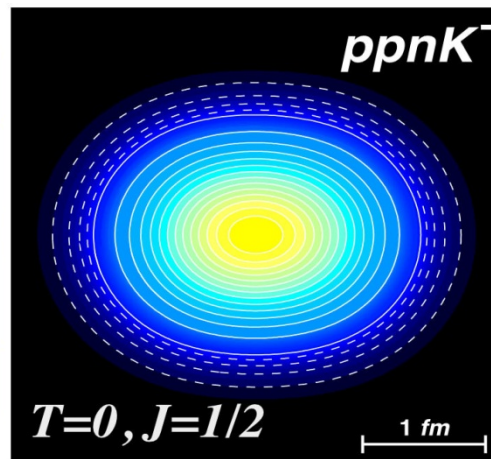
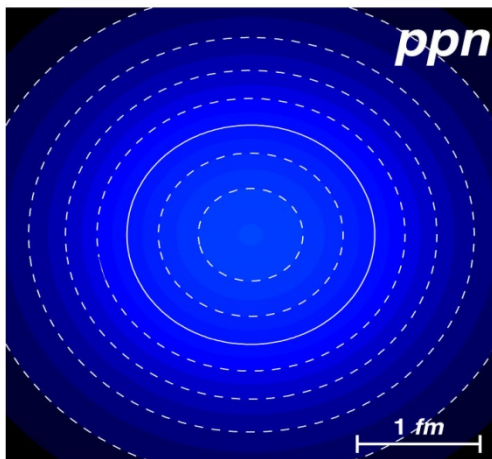
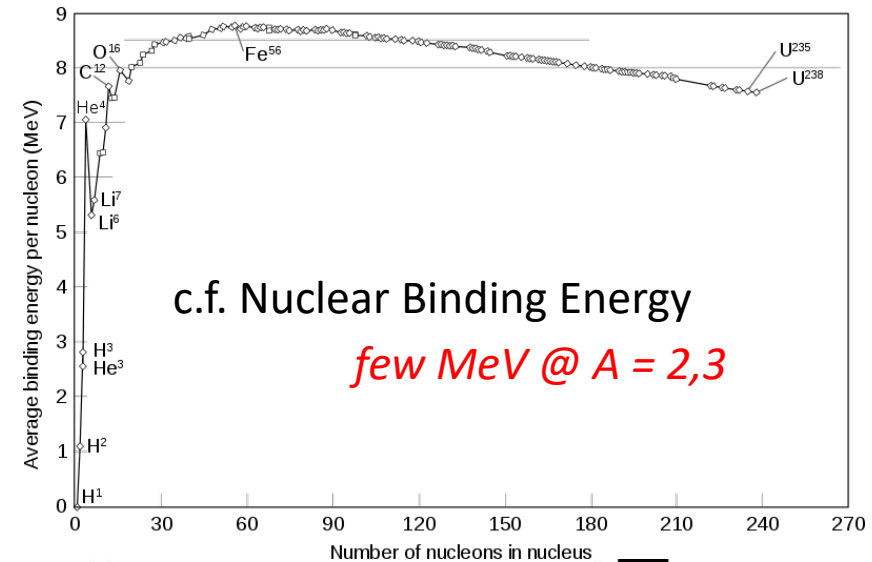
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Predicted from **attractive K^{bar} N interaction in $I=0$**

Y.Akaishi and T.Yamazaki, PRC65(2002)044005.

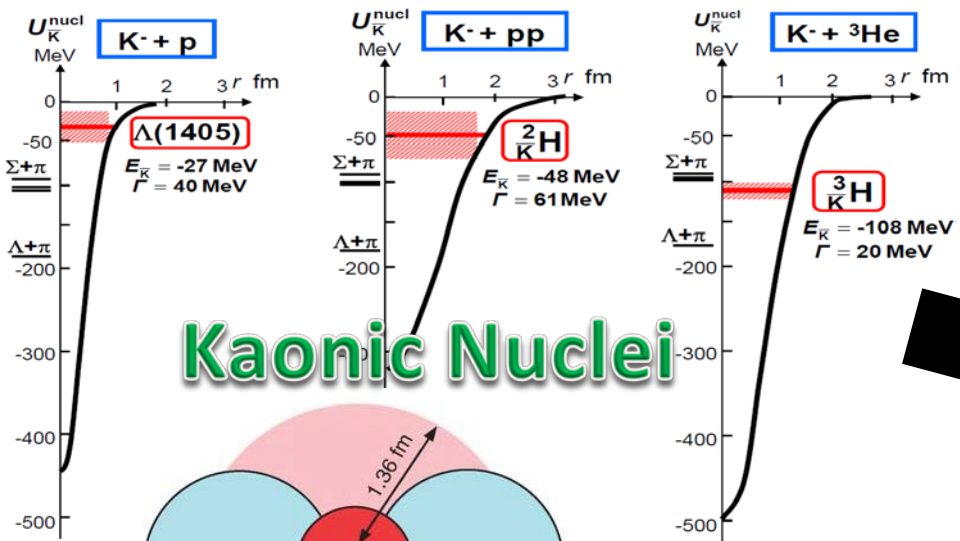
A. Dote et al. PRC70(2004)044313. etc.

Kaonic Nuclei	Binding Energy [MeV]	Width [MeV]	Central Density
K^-p	27	40	$3.5\rho_0$
K^-pp	48	61	$3.1\rho_0$
K^-ppp	97	13	$9.2\rho_0$
K^-ppn	118	21	$8.8\rho_0$

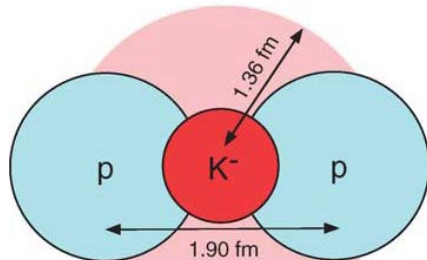


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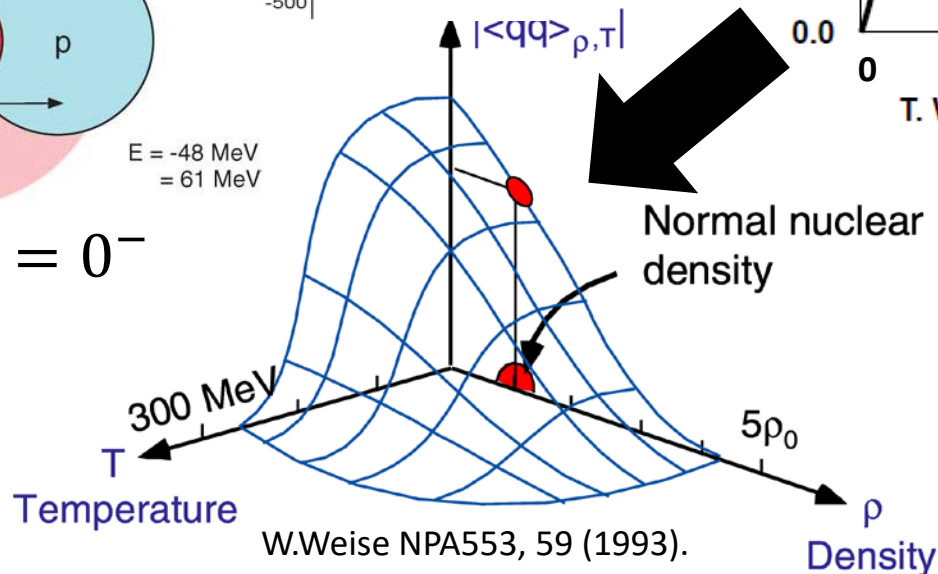


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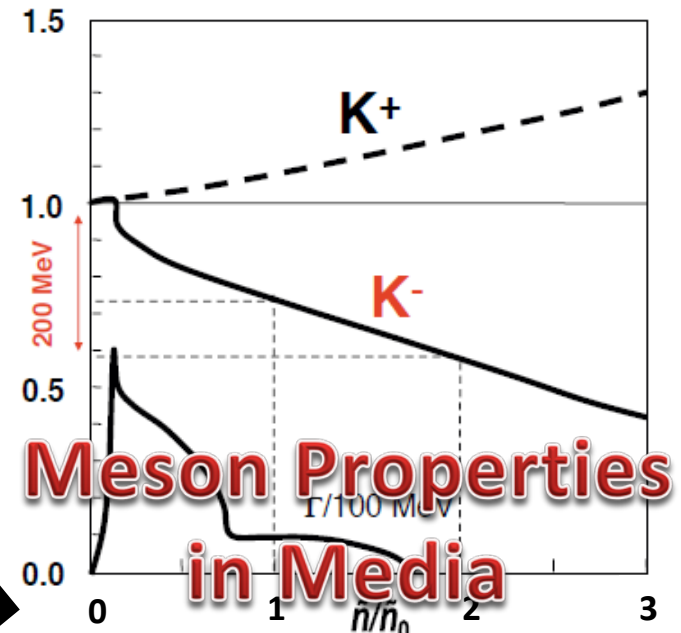


$$I = \frac{1}{2}, J^P = 0^-$$

$E = -48 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Gamma = 61 \text{ MeV}$



m_K^*/m_K in nuclear matter

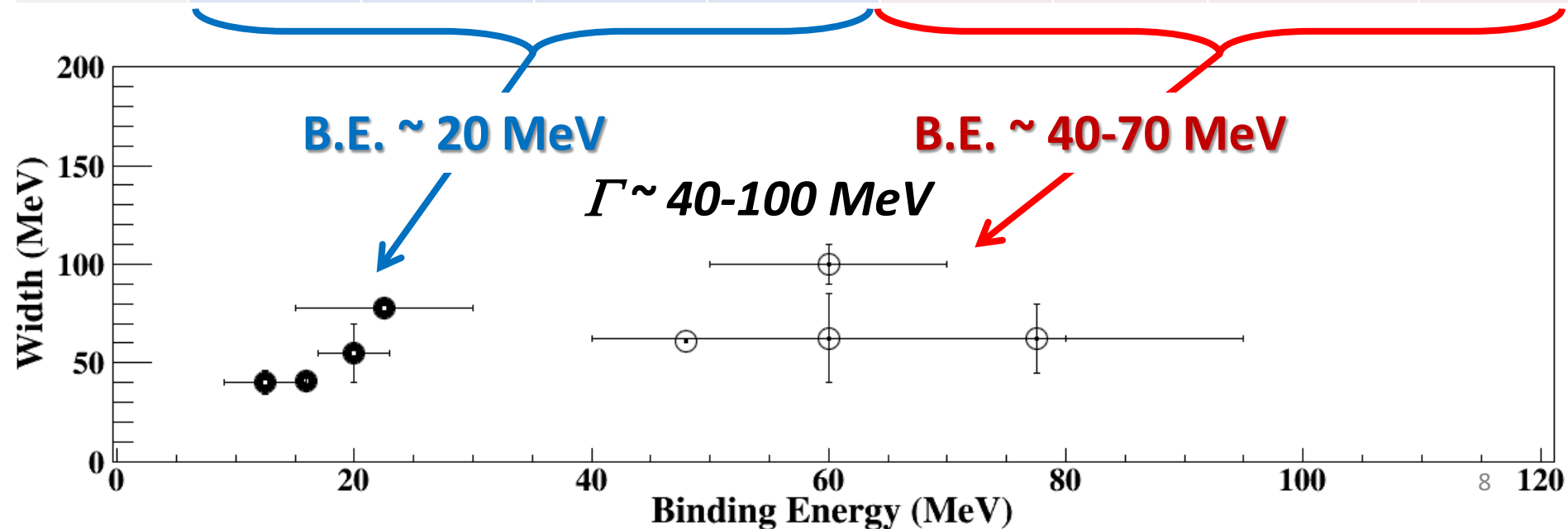


T. Waas, N. Kaiser & W. Weise, Phys. Lett. B379 (1996) 34.

Chiral Symmetry = Origin of the QCD Mass

Theoretical Calculations on “K⁻pp”

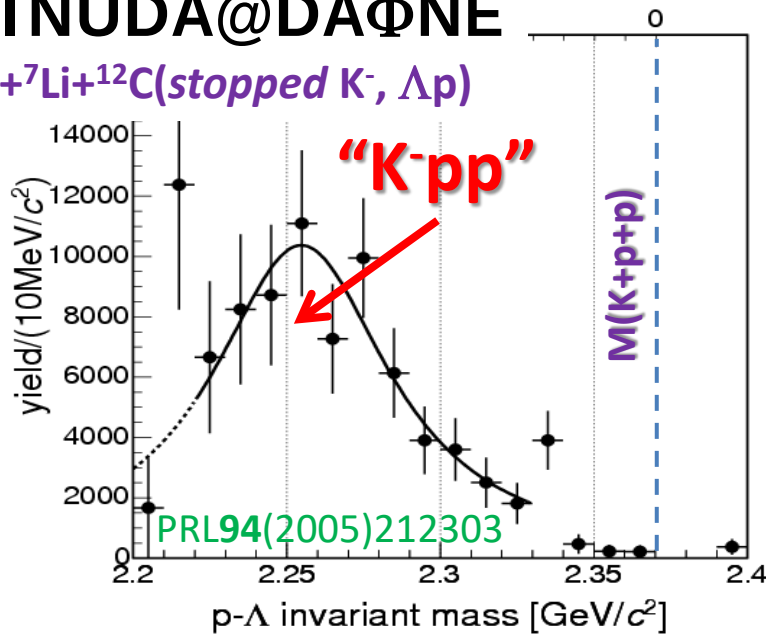
K ^{bar} N int.	Chiral SU(3) (energy dependent)				Phenomenological (energy independent)			
Method	Variational		Faddeev		Variational		Faddeev	
	Barnea, Gal, Liverts	Dote, Hyodo, Weise	Ikeda, Kamano, Sato	Bayar, Oset	Yamazaki, Akaishi	Wyceck, Green	Shevchenko, Gal, Mares	Ikeda, Sato
B (MeV)	16	17-23	9-16	15-30	48	40-80	50-70	60-95
Γ (MeV)	41	40-70	34-46	75-80	61	40-85	90-110	45-80



"K-pp" Search via Stopped-K-

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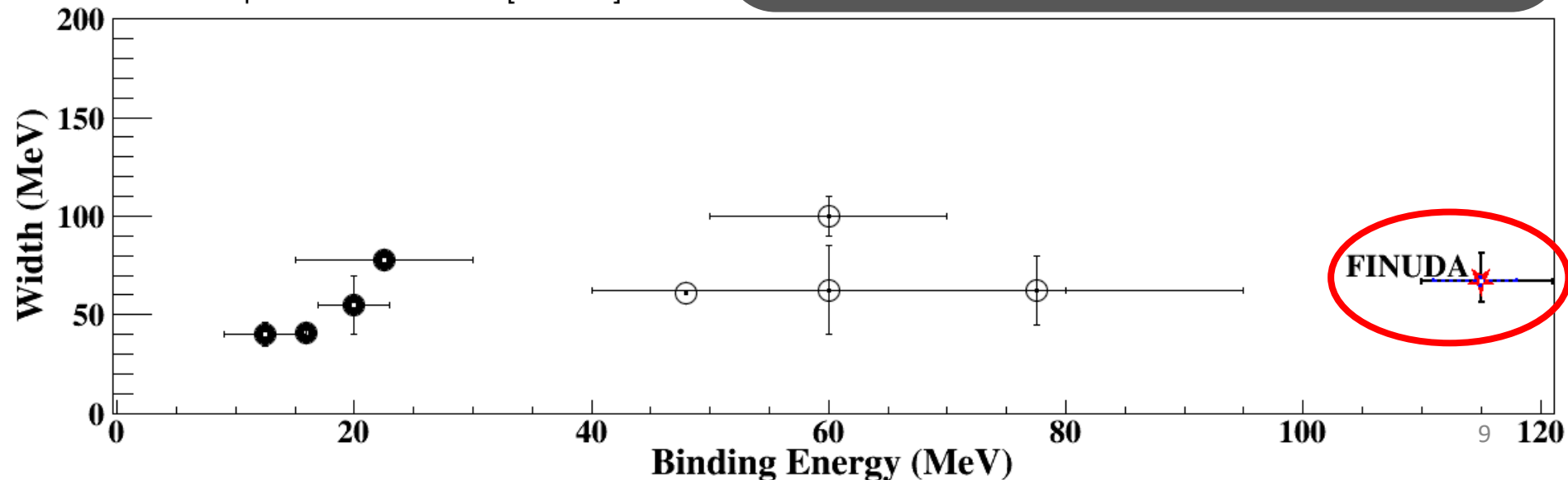
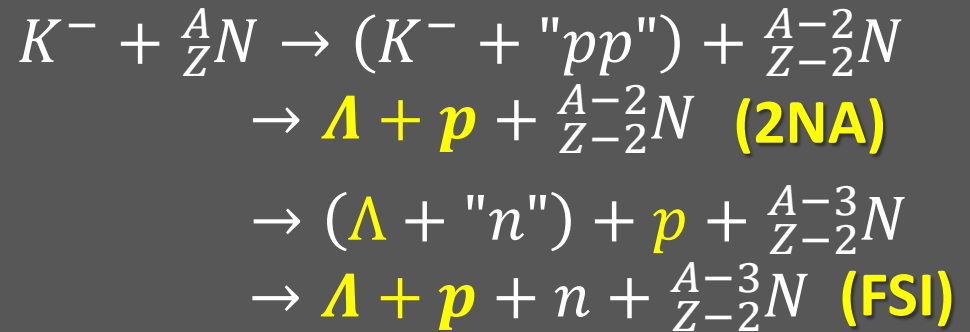
${}^6\text{Li} + {}^7\text{Li} + {}^{12}\text{C}(\text{stopped } K^-, \Lambda p)$



- multi-nucleon absorption processes followed by FSI?

– PRC74(2006)025206

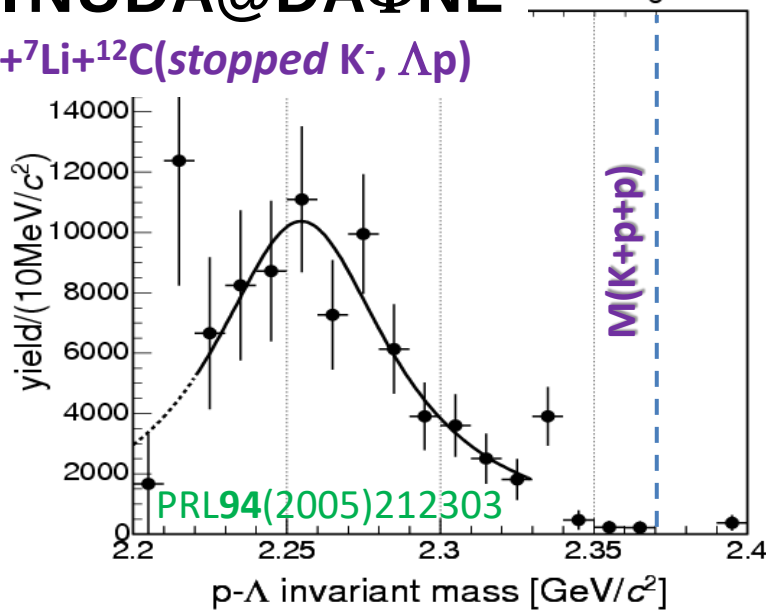
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"K⁻pp" Search via Stopped-K⁻

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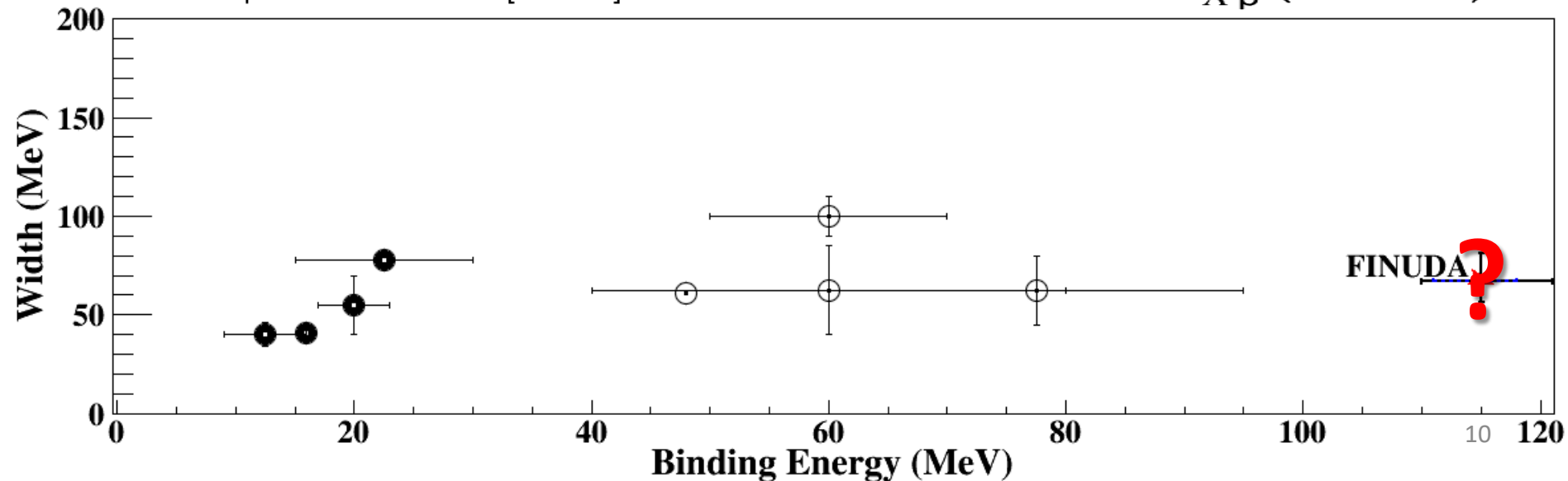
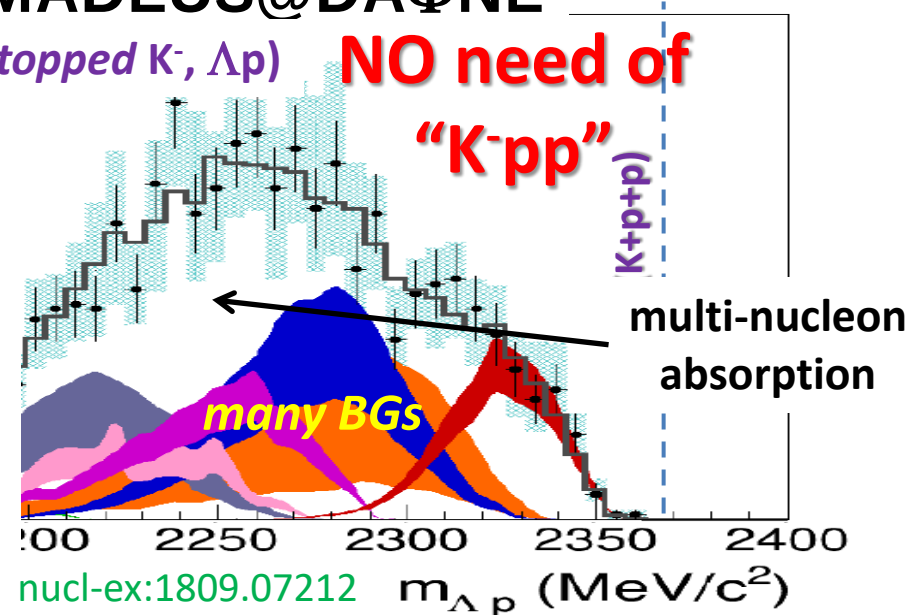
⁶Li+⁷Li+¹²C(stopped K⁻, Λp)



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¹²C(stopped K⁻, Λp)

**NO need of
"K⁻pp"**

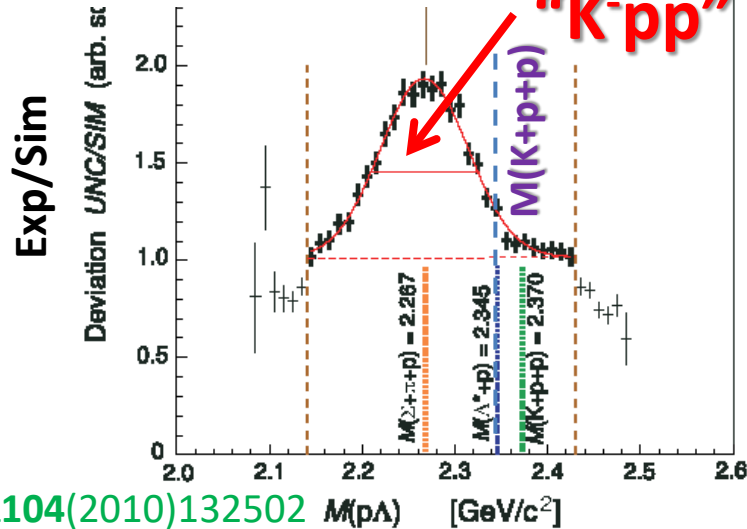


“K-pp” Search via pp Collision

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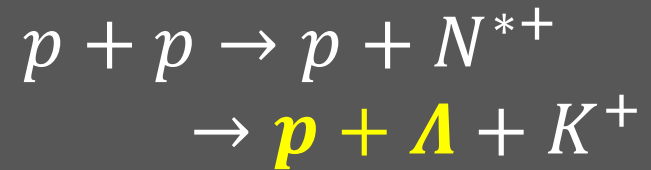
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“K-pp”

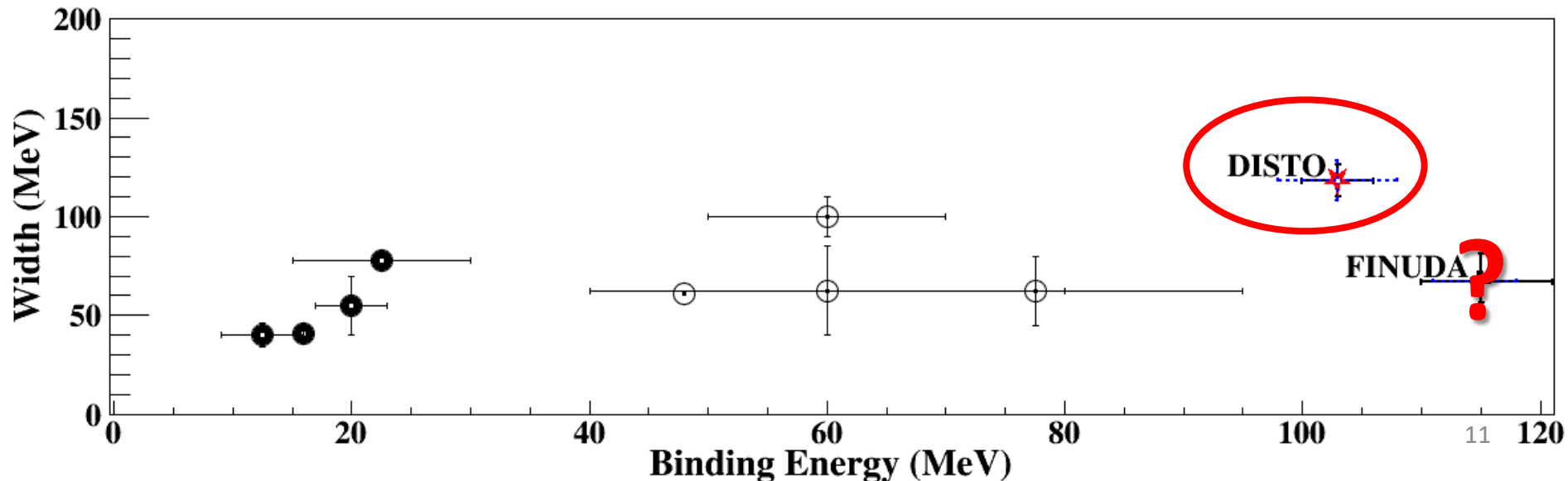


- contribution of $N^{*+} \rightarrow \Lambda K^+$?

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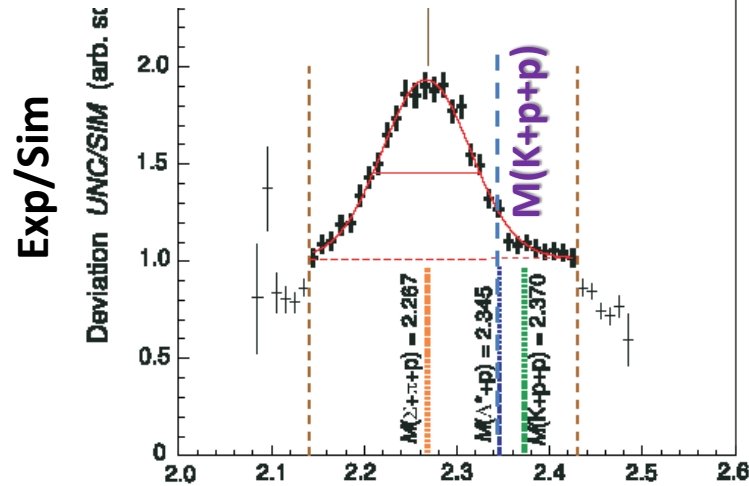
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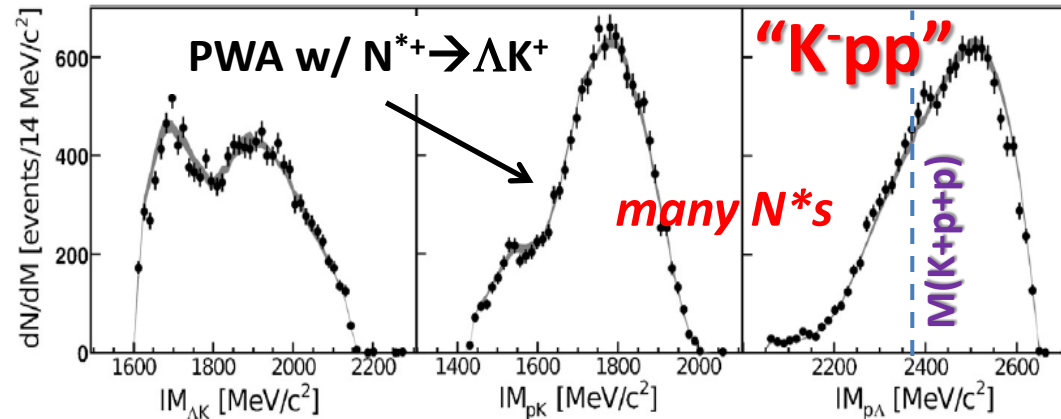
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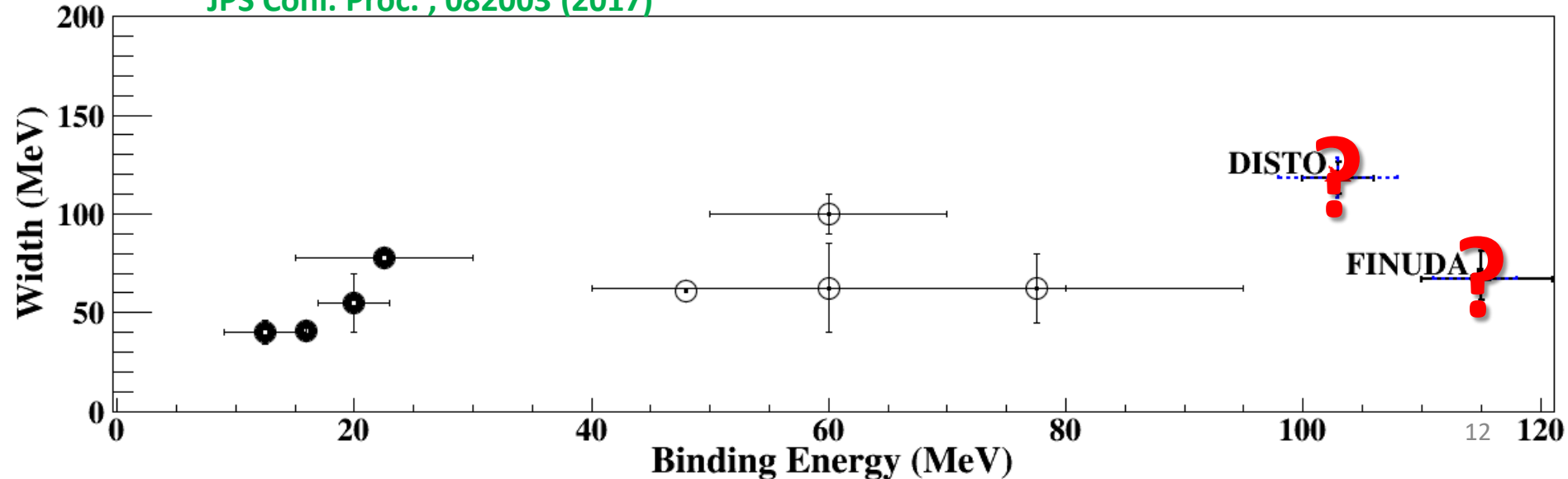
PRL104(2010)132502 $M(p\Lambda)$ [GeV/c²]
JPS Conf. Proc., 082003 (2017)

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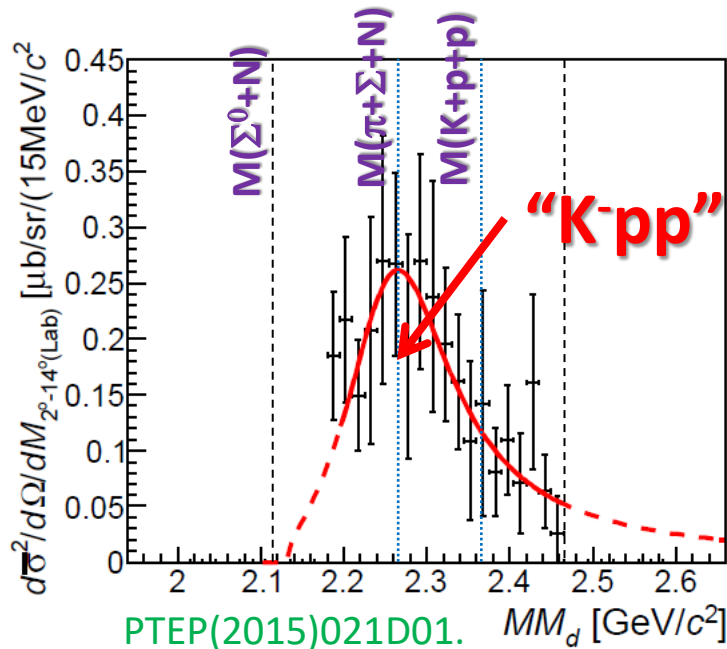
$p + p \rightarrow (\Lambda + p) + K^+ @ 3.5\text{GeV}$ **NO need of**



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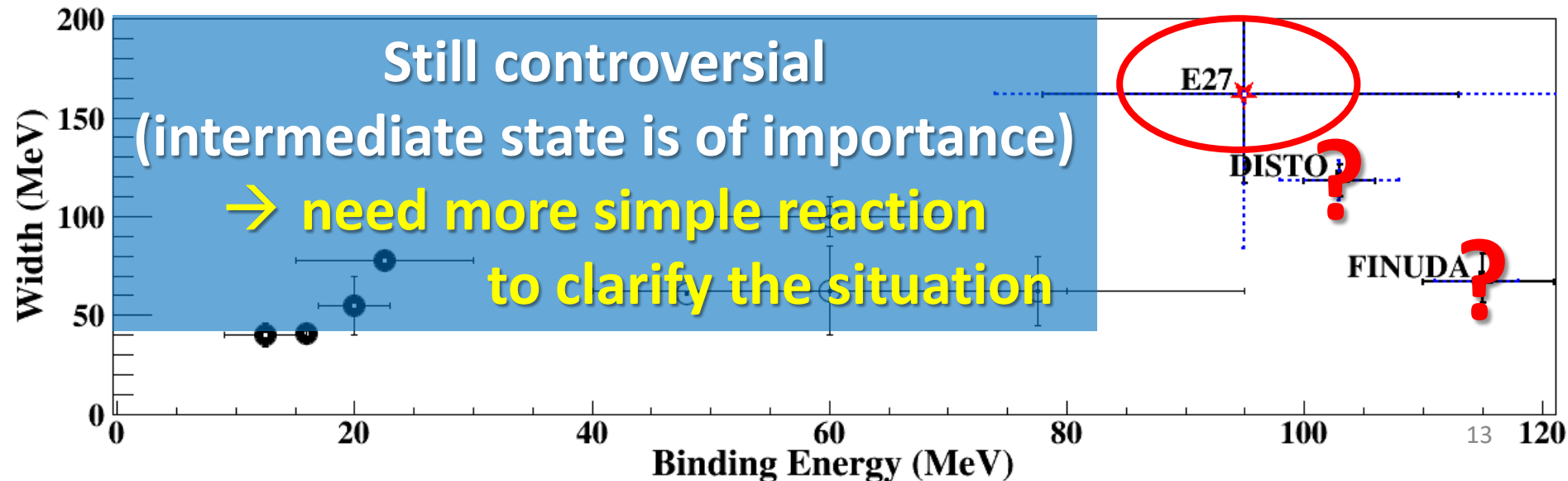
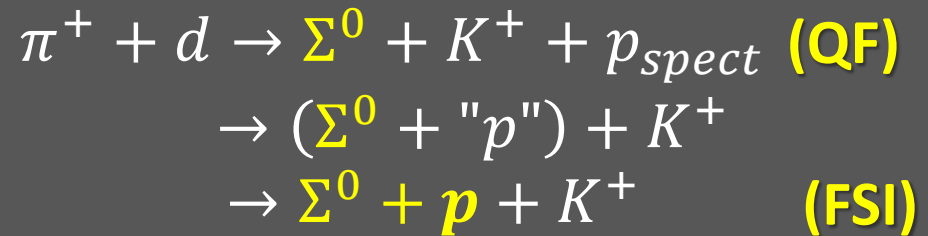
“K-pp” Search via $d(\pi^+, K^+)X$



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$d(\pi^+, K^+)\Sigma^0 p$ @ 1.69 GeV/c

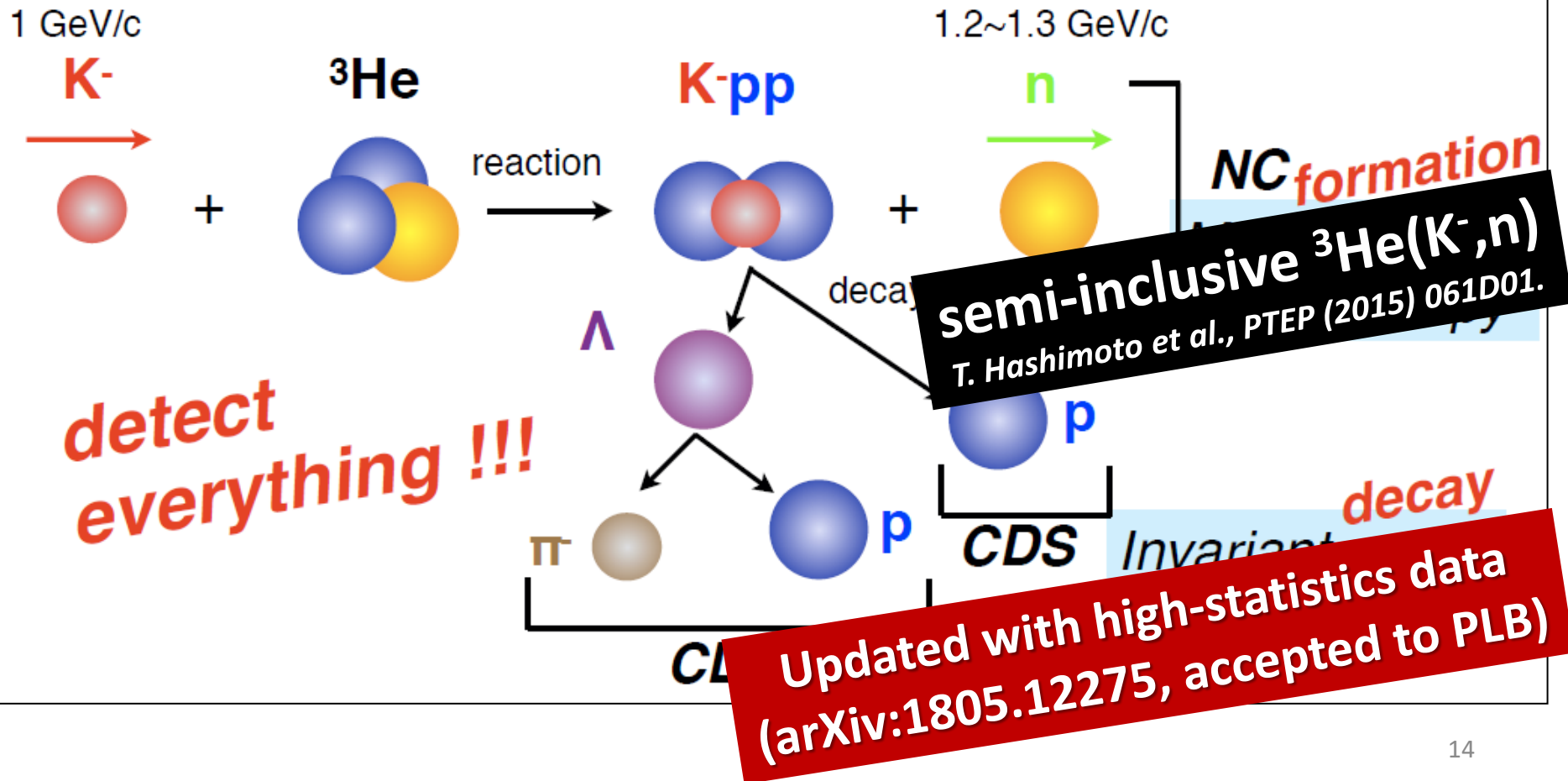
- need more statistics and wide acceptance detector



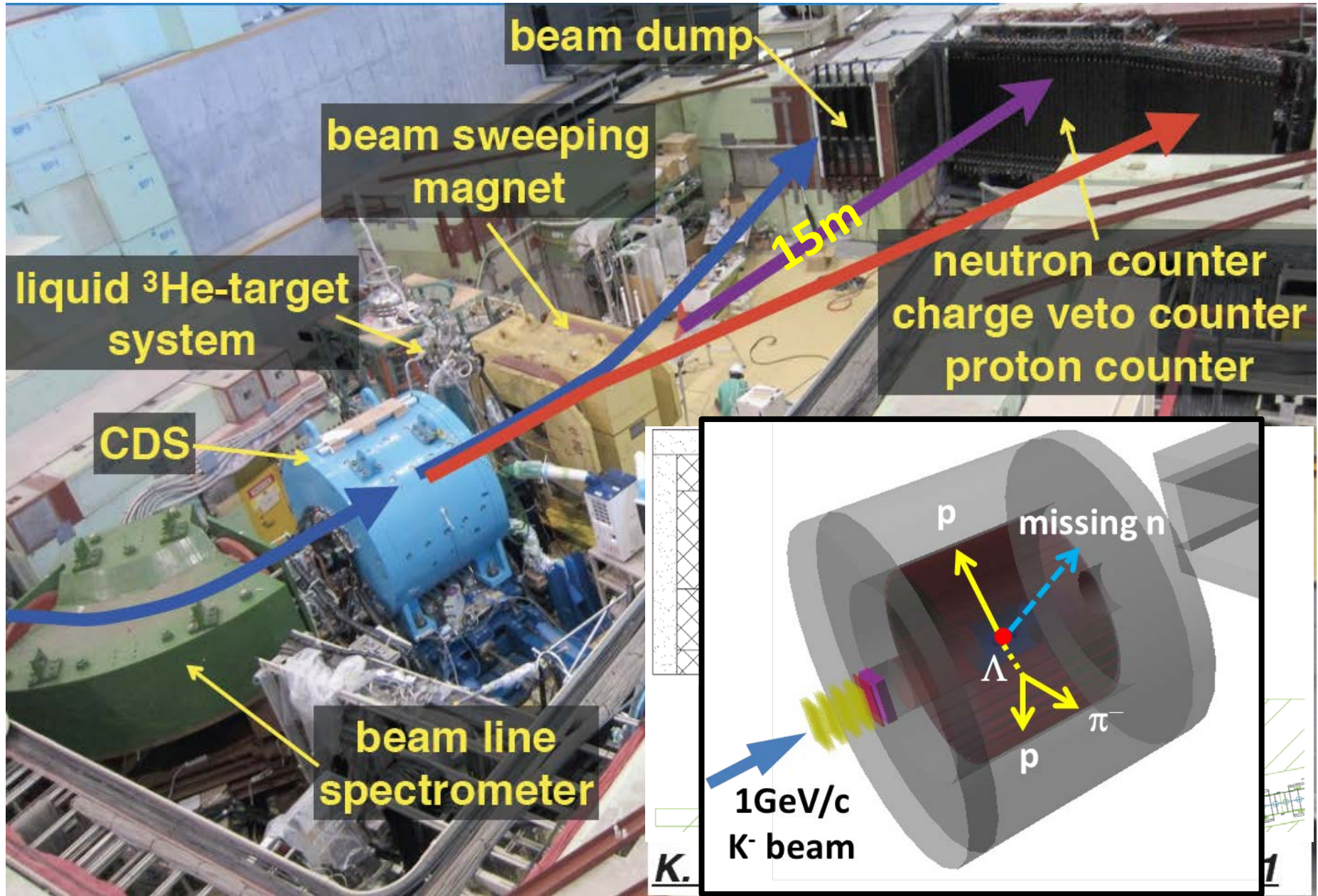
J-PARC E15 Experiment

- ${}^3\text{He}(\text{in-flight } K^-, n)$ reaction @ 1.0 GeV/c

😊 **2NA and Y decays can be discriminated kinematically**

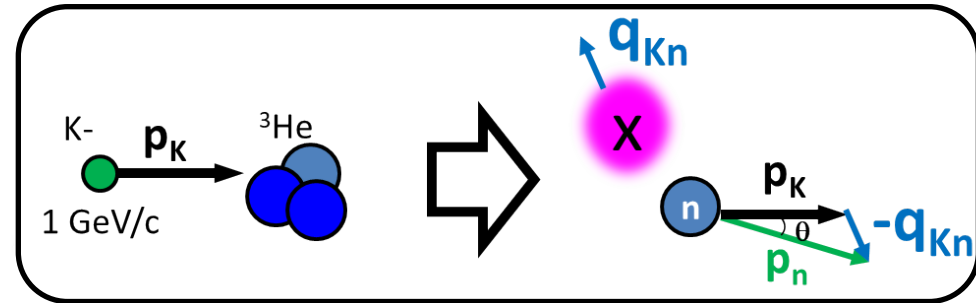
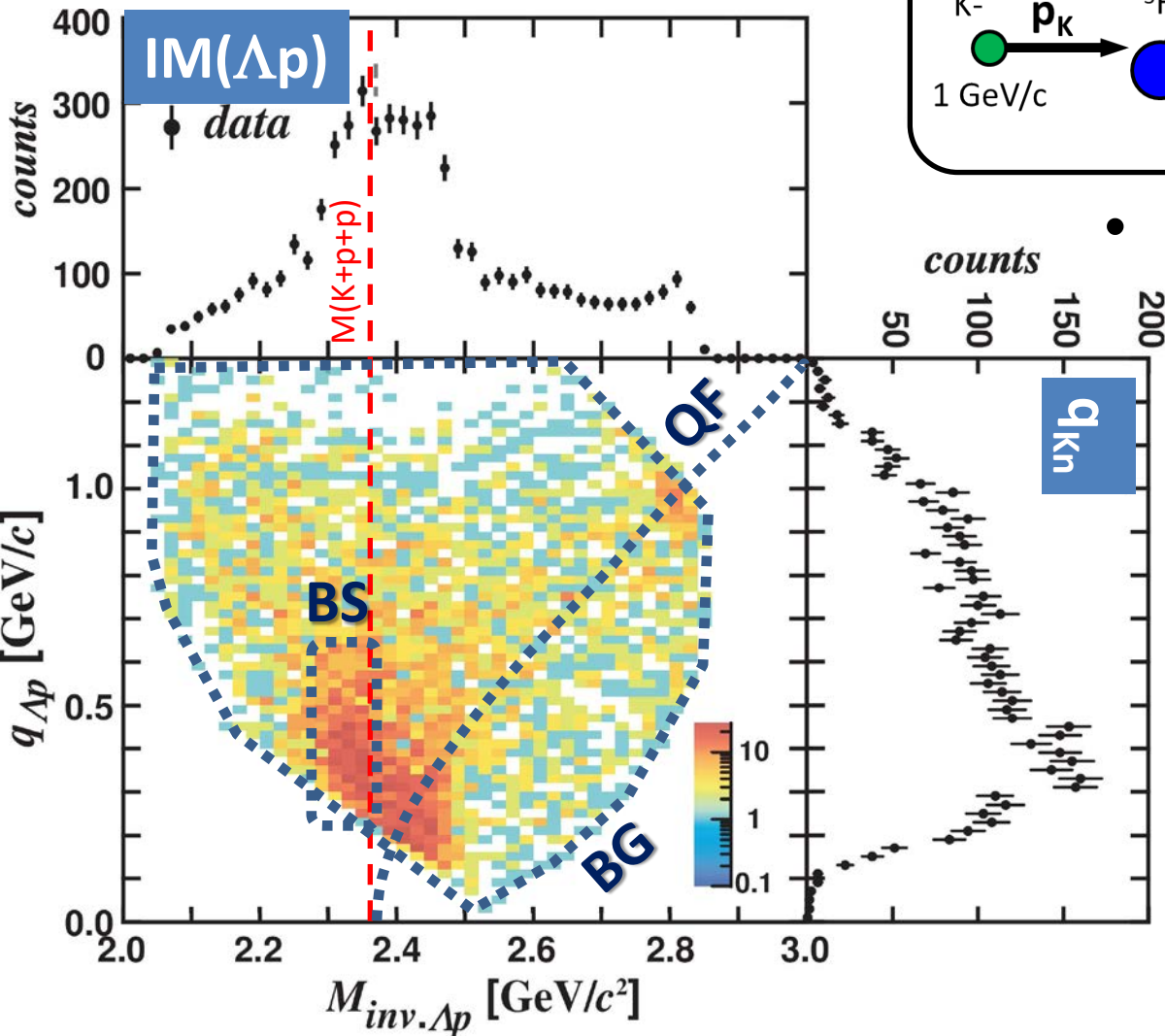


Experimental Setup @ K1.8BR



IM(Λp) vs. Momentum Transfer q_{Kn}

E15 collab., arXiv:1805.12275



- Can be interpreted as 3 components

– Bound state

- centroid DOES NOT depend on q_{Kn}

– Quasi-elastic K^- abs.

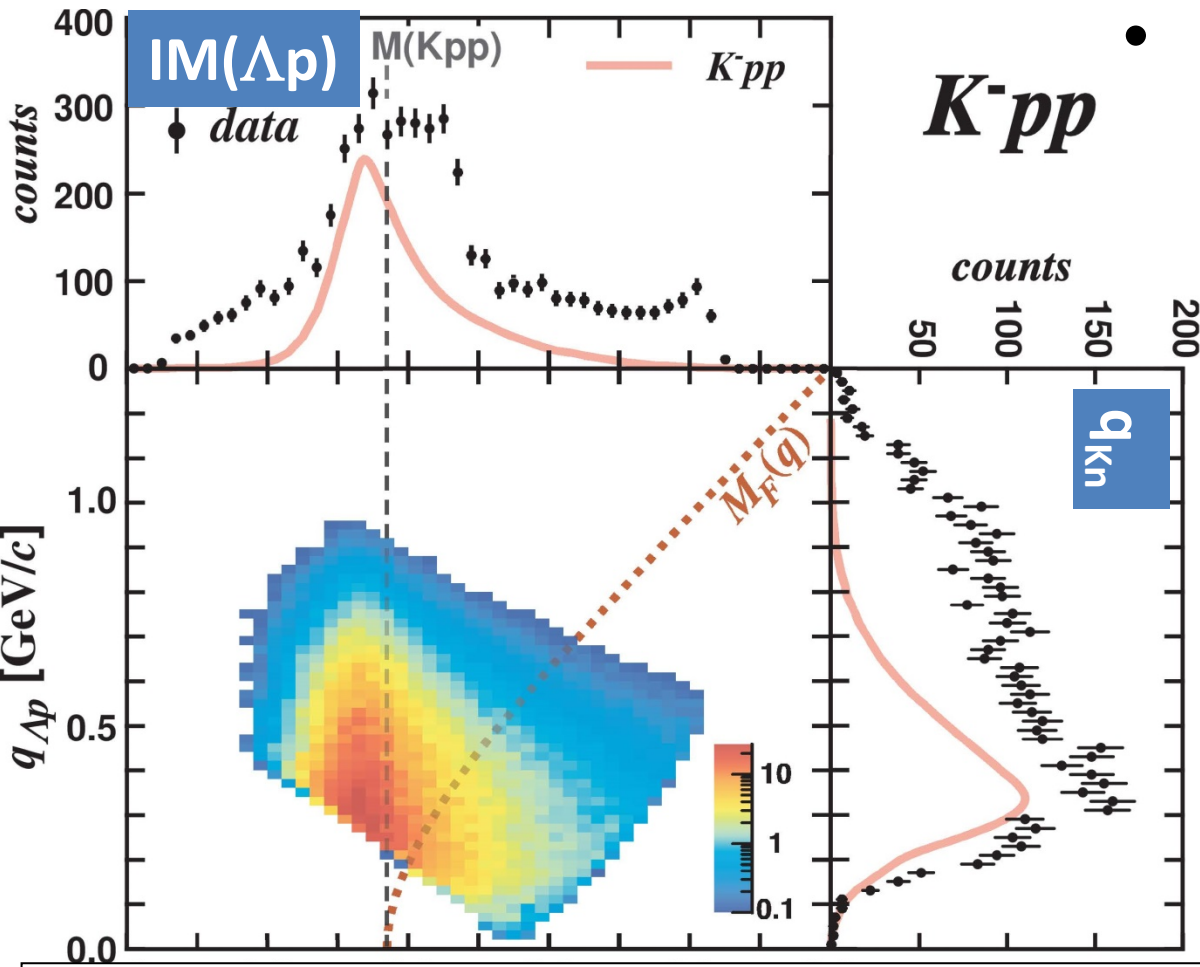
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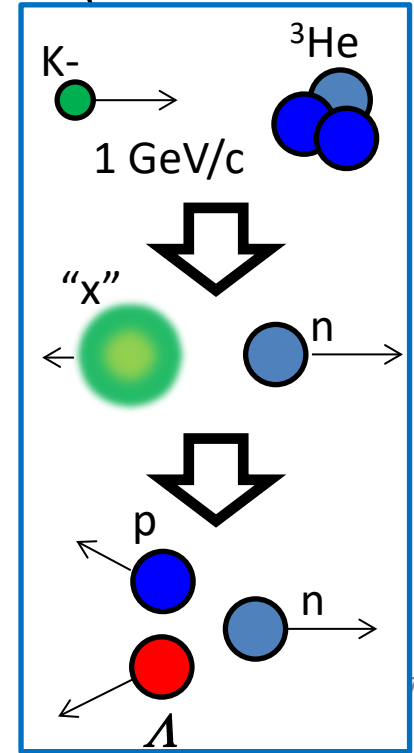
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- Fit with 3 components
- Bound state

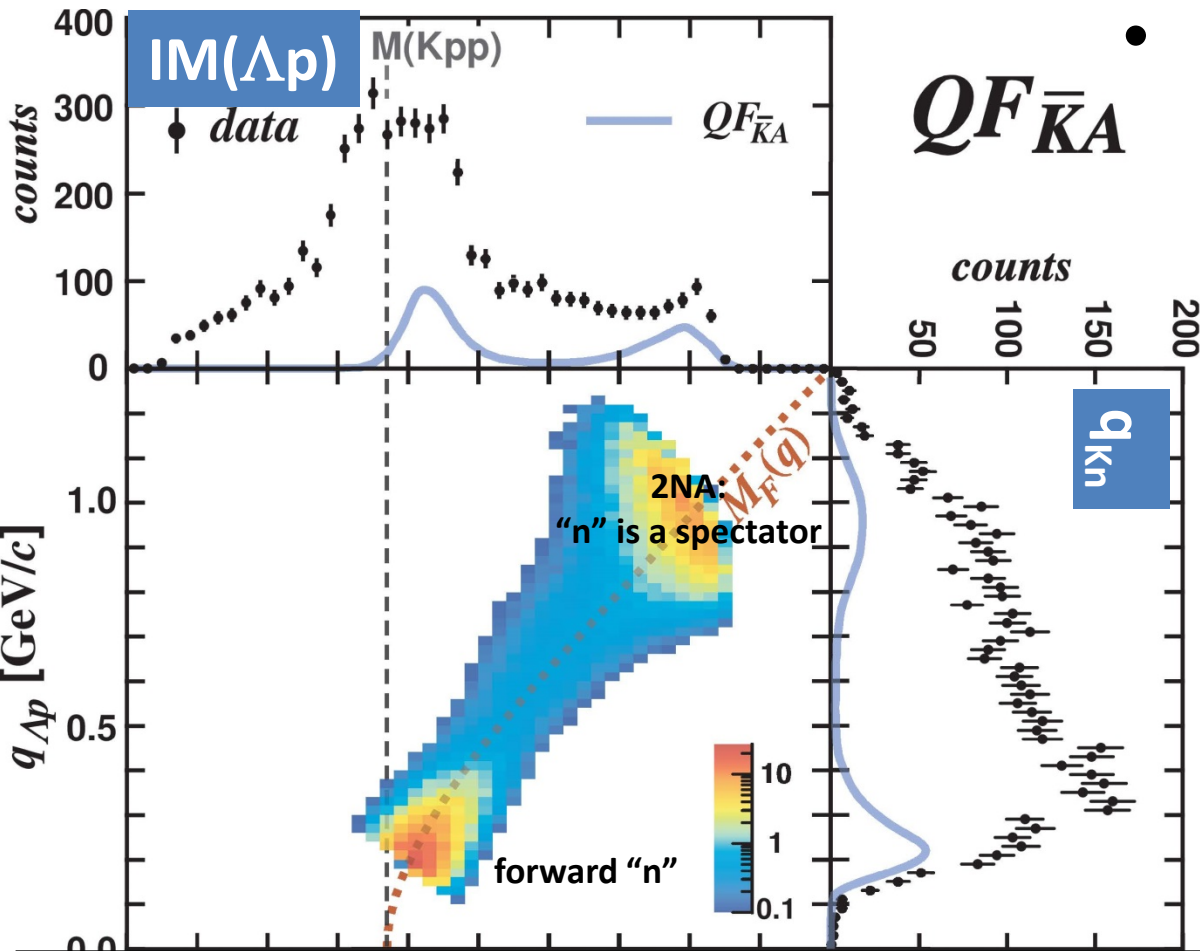
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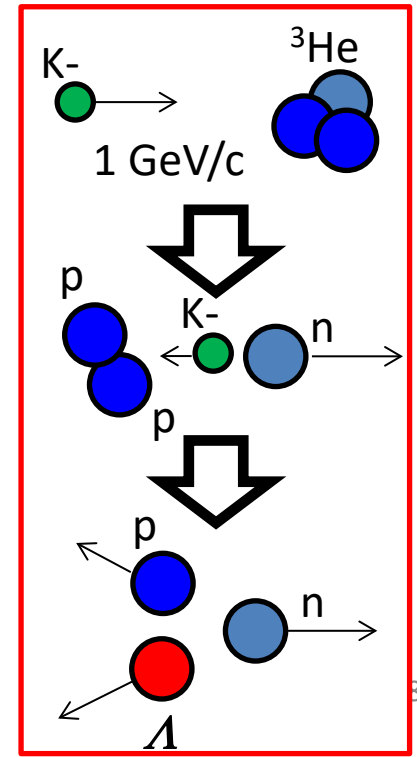
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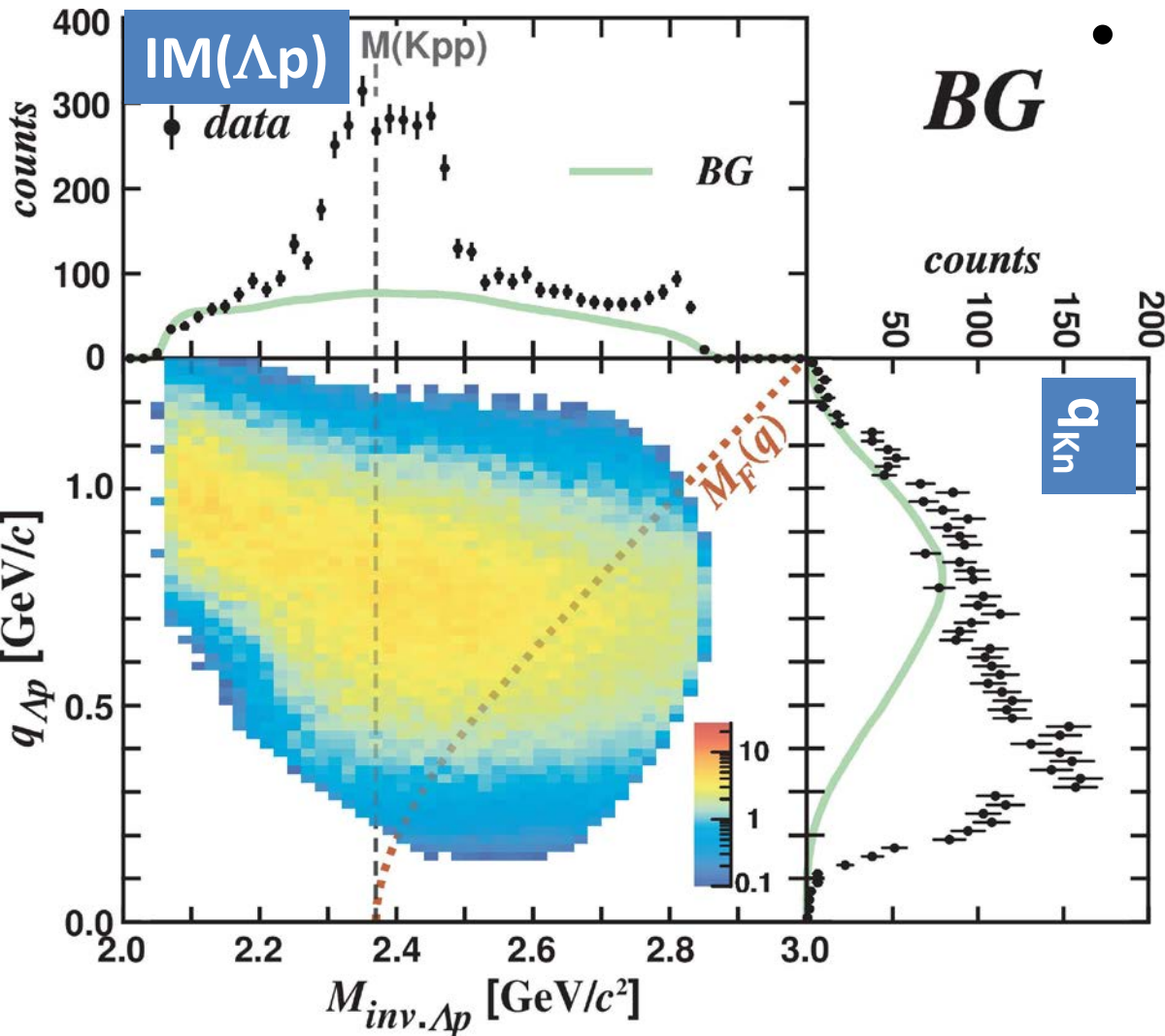
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- Followed by Λp conversion



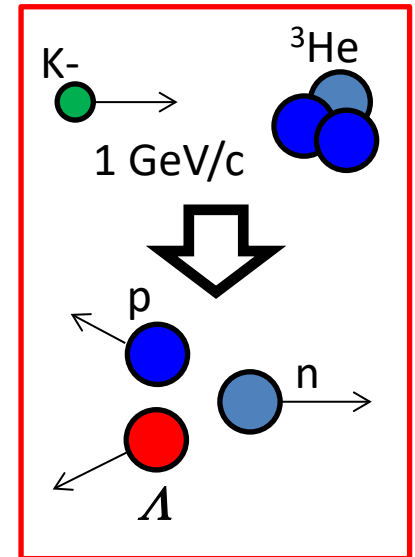
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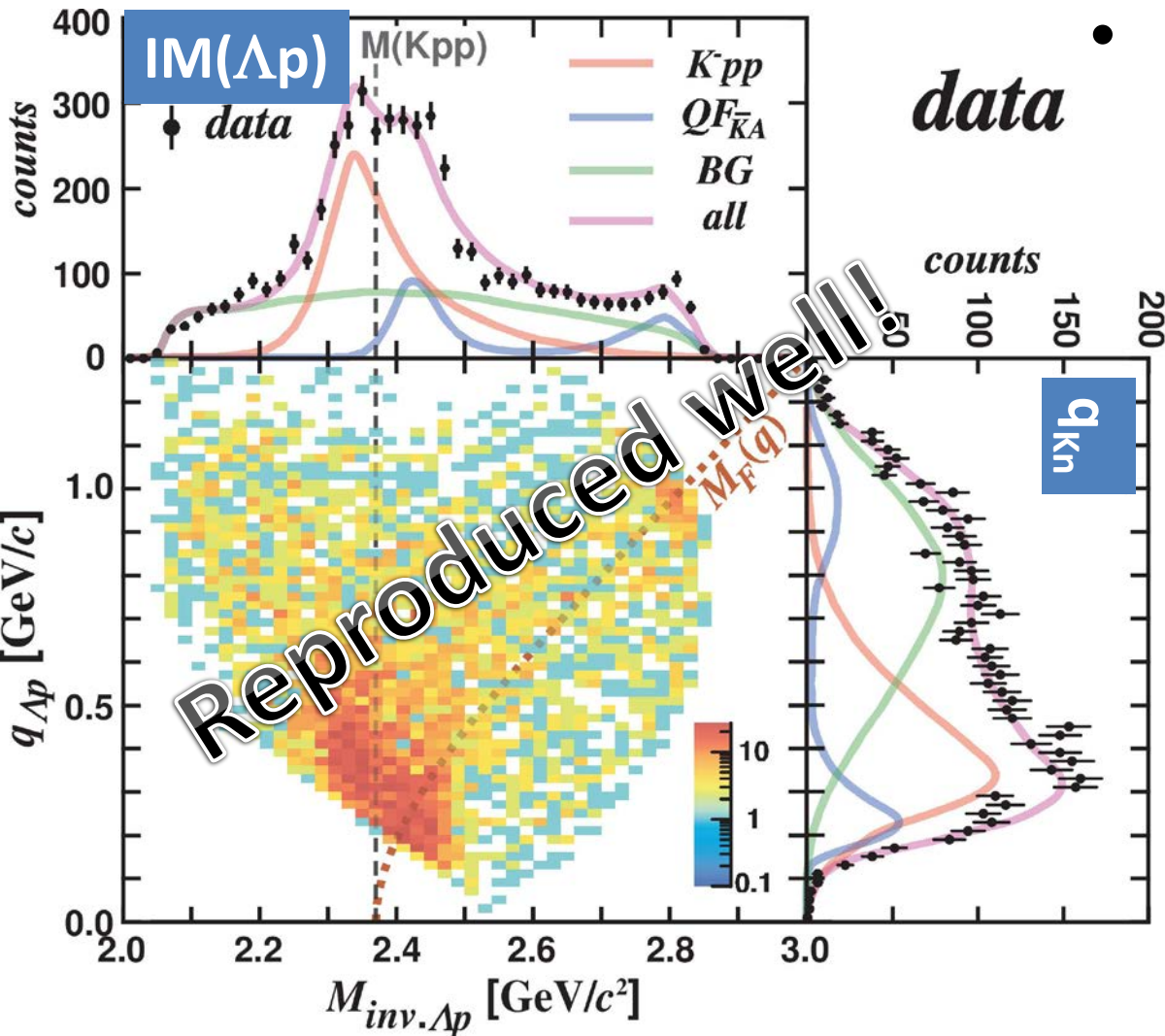


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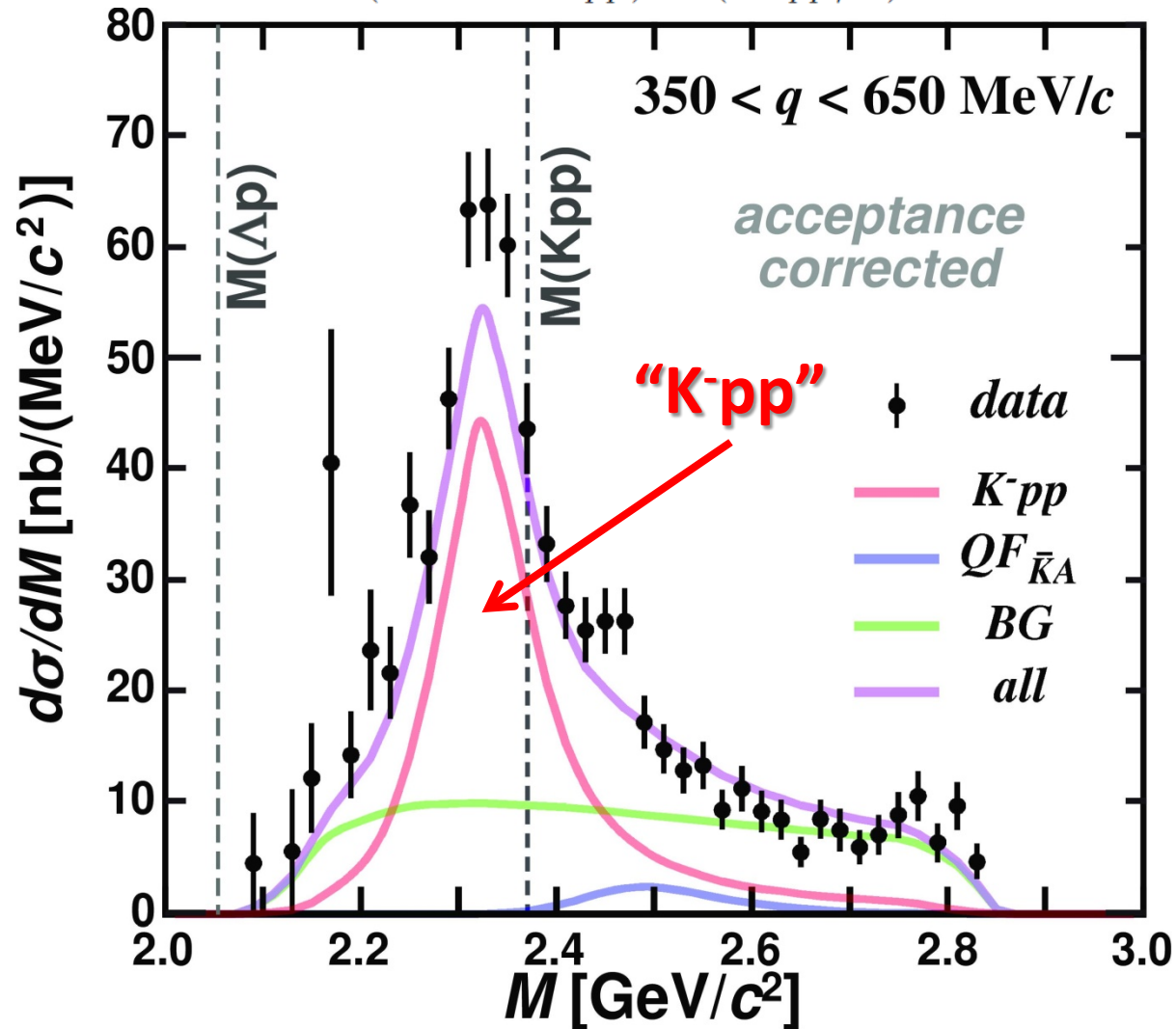
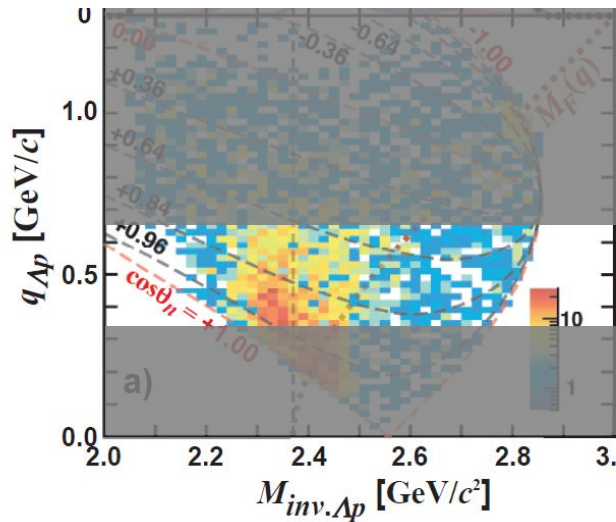
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“K-pp” Bound-State

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Select $0.35 < q_{Kn} < 0.65$
GeV/c

– BS and QF are well
separated



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Fit values

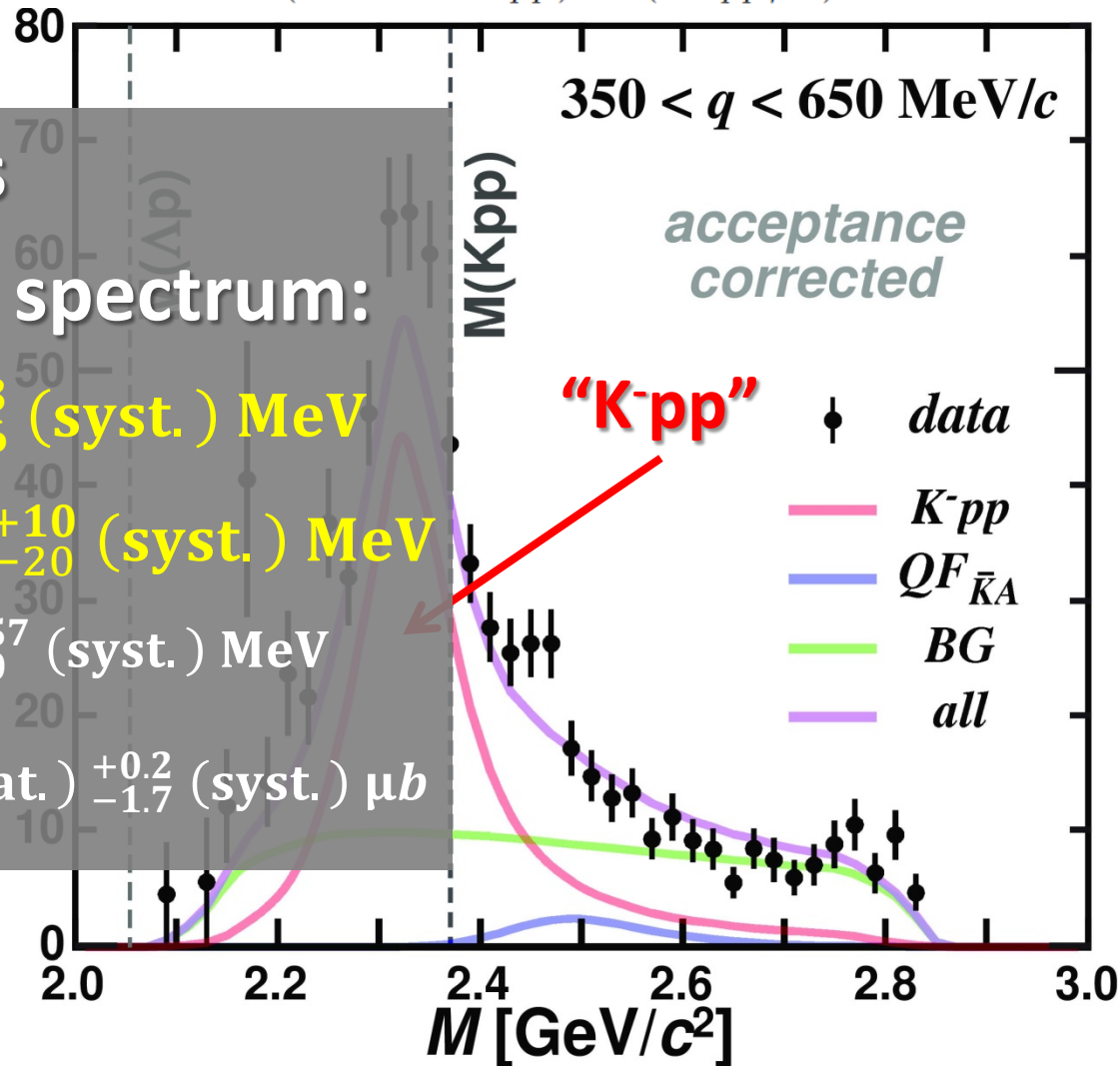
that reproduce the spectrum:

$$B_{\text{“Kpp”}} = 47 \pm 3 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+3}_{-6} \text{ (syst.) MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{“Kpp”}} = 115 \pm 7 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+10}_{-20} \text{ (syst.) MeV}$$

$$Q_{\text{“Kpp”}} = 381 \pm 14 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+57}_{-0} \text{ (syst.) MeV}$$

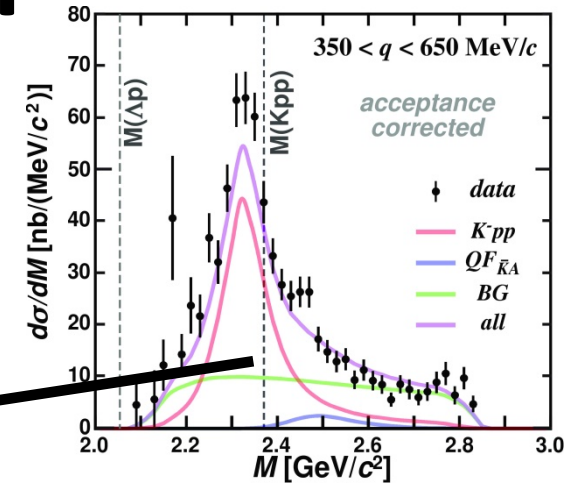
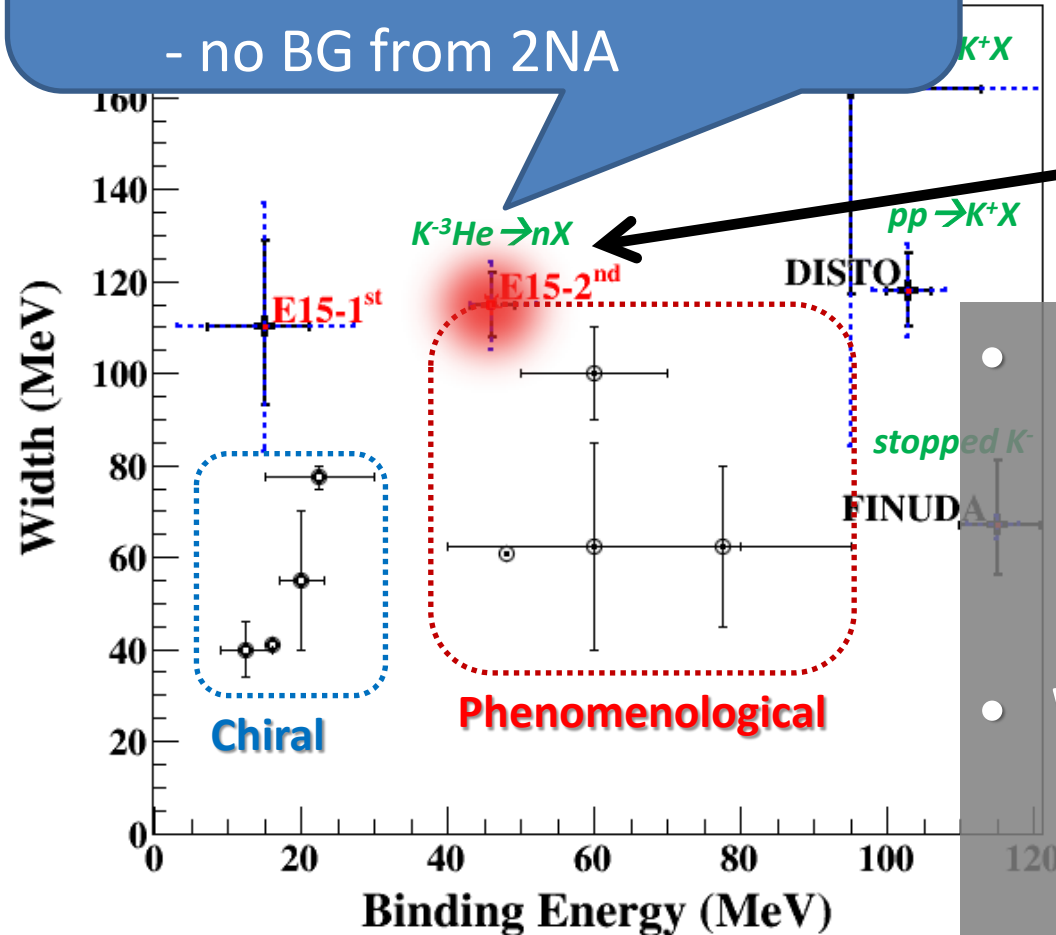
$$\sigma_{\text{“Kpp”}} \cdot Br_{\Lambda p} = 11.8 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+0.2}_{-1.7} \text{ (syst.) } \mu b$$



Observed “K⁻pp”

the most reliable observation

- simple reaction
- exclusive measurement
- no BG from 2NA



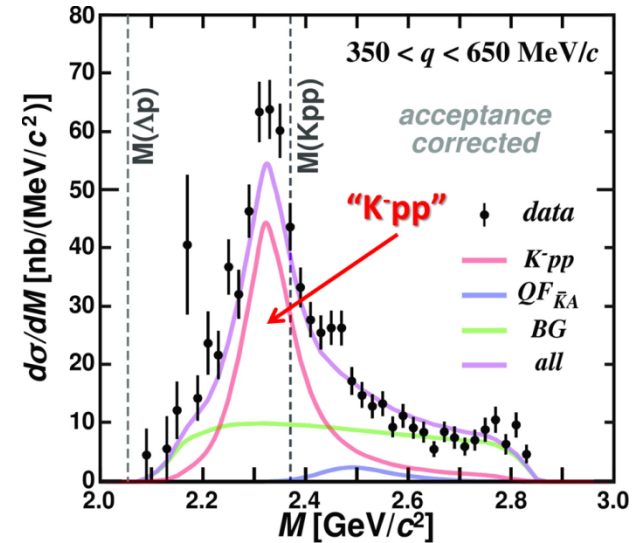
- **Binding energy: ~50 MeV**
 - Much deeper than chiral-SU(3) based theoretical predictions
- **Width: ~100 MeV**
 - Seems to be larger than theoretical calculations

Conclusion I

- We observed the “K⁻pp” bound state in ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda p)n$

- Binding energy: ~ 50 MeV
- Width: ~ 100 MeV

← arXiv:1805.12275, accepted to PLB

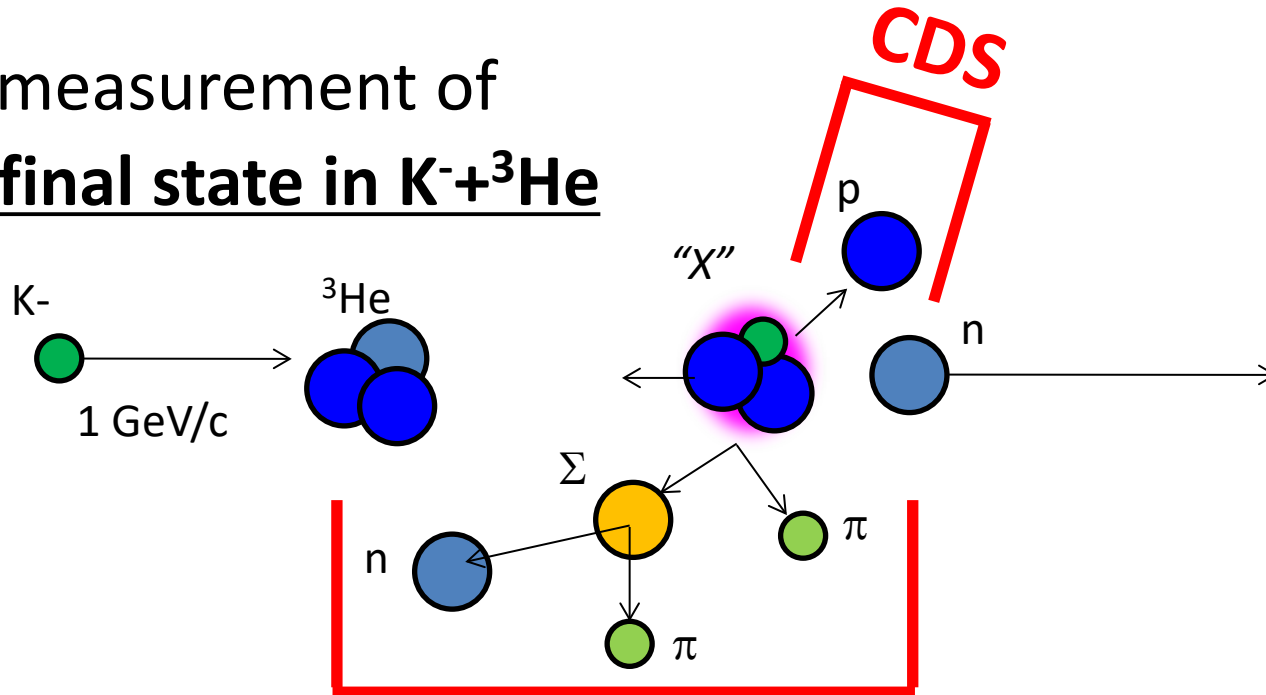


We need further understandings

- **Spin/Parity of the “K⁻pp”**
 - *New 4 π detector system is needed* ← *Future plan*
- **Other decay channels** $K^- {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \pi \Sigma p n$
 - $\pi \Sigma N$ mesonic decay is theoretically expected to be the dominant channel
 - Only YN non-mesonic decays were reported
- **Reaction mechanism**
 - Relation between $\Lambda(1405)$ & “K⁻pp”
 - $\Lambda(1405)$ has been considered as “K⁻p”
 - Theoretically, “K⁻pp” is expected to be produced via $\Lambda(1405)+p \rightarrow$ “K⁻pp” door-way process

$K^- {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \pi \Sigma pn$ @ E15

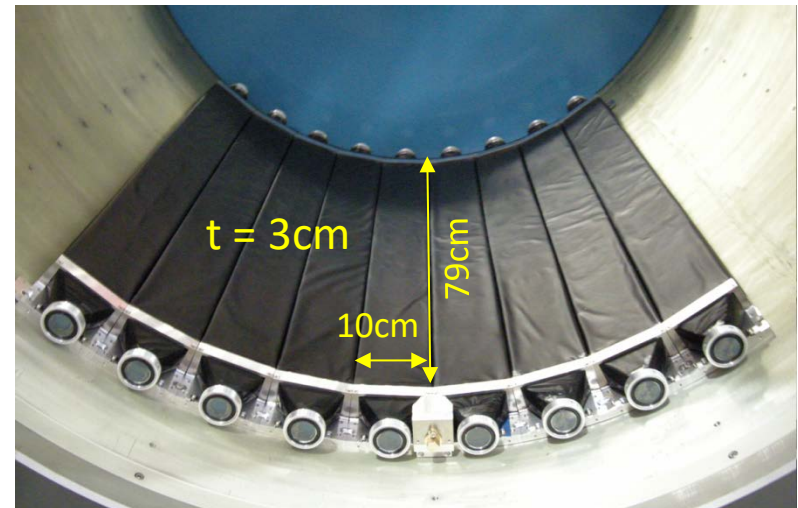
- Exclusive measurement of $\pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp pn$ final state in $K^- + {}^3\text{He}$



CDS

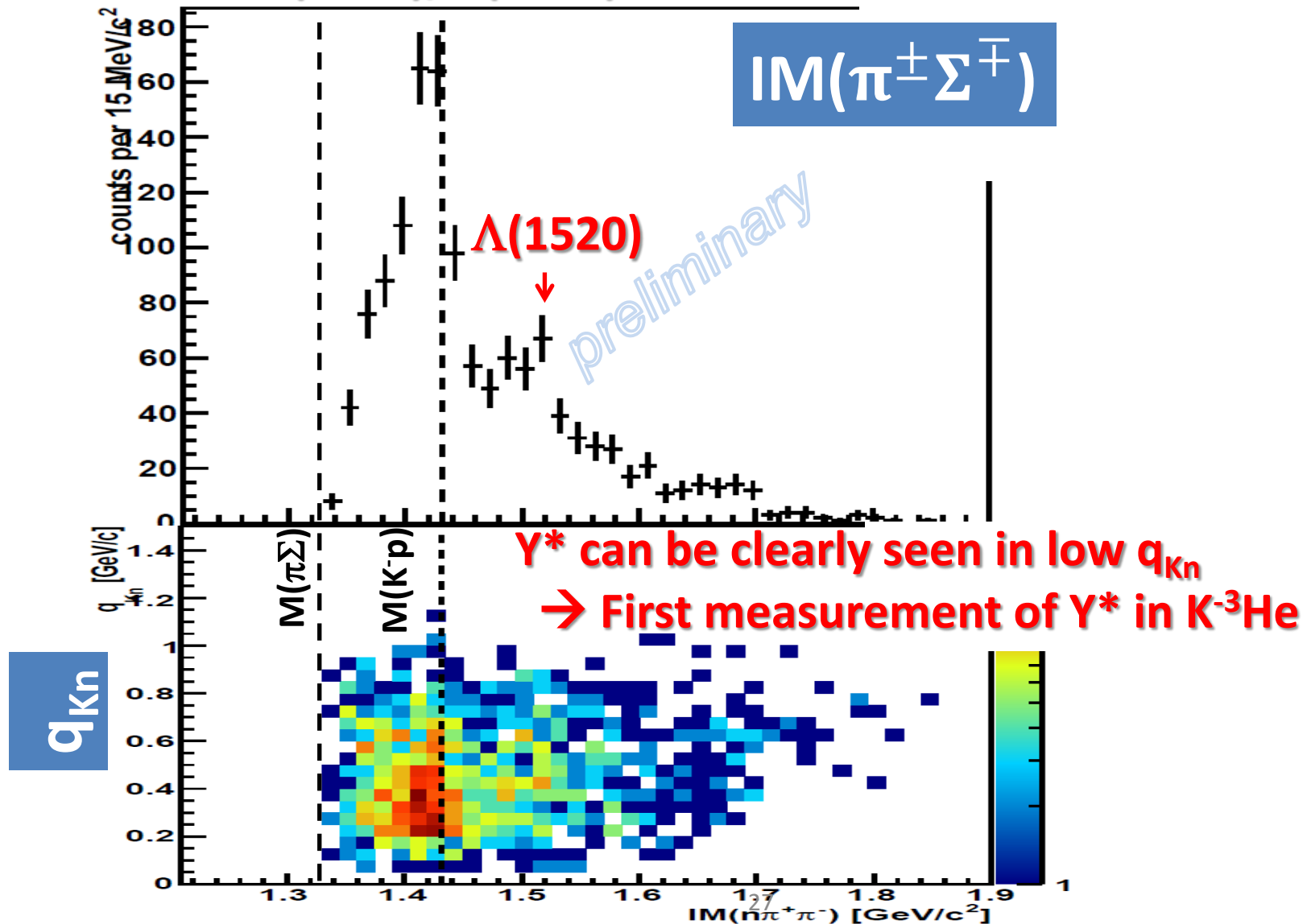
- Experimental challenge of neutron detection with thin scintillation counter ($t=3\text{cm}$)

n detection efficiency $\sim 3\text{-}10\%$



IM($\pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp$) in $\pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp pn$ Final State

$\Sigma(1385)/\Lambda(1405)$



$\Lambda(1405)pn$ CS

$0.2 < \cos\theta_n^{\text{CM}}$

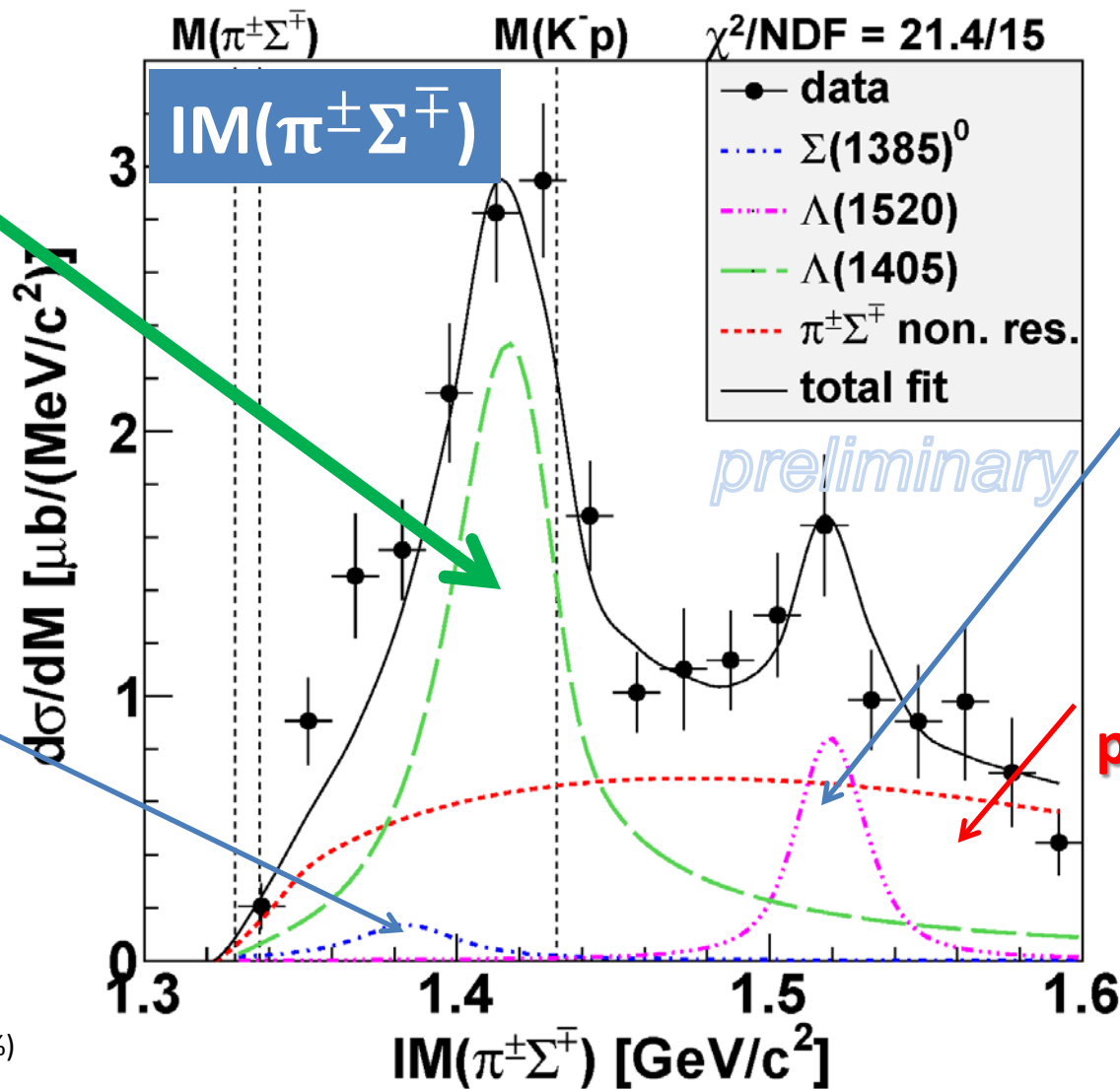
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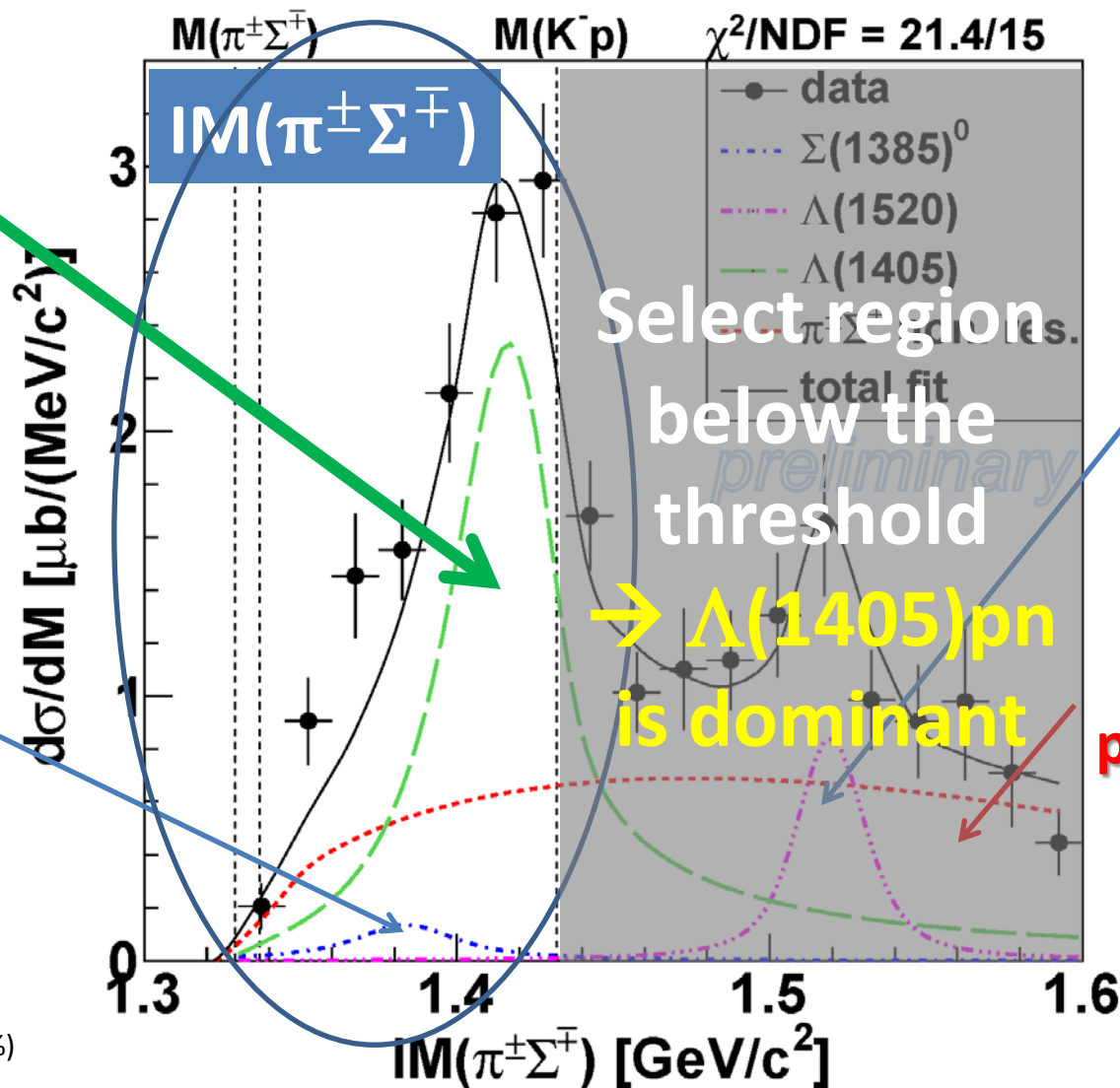
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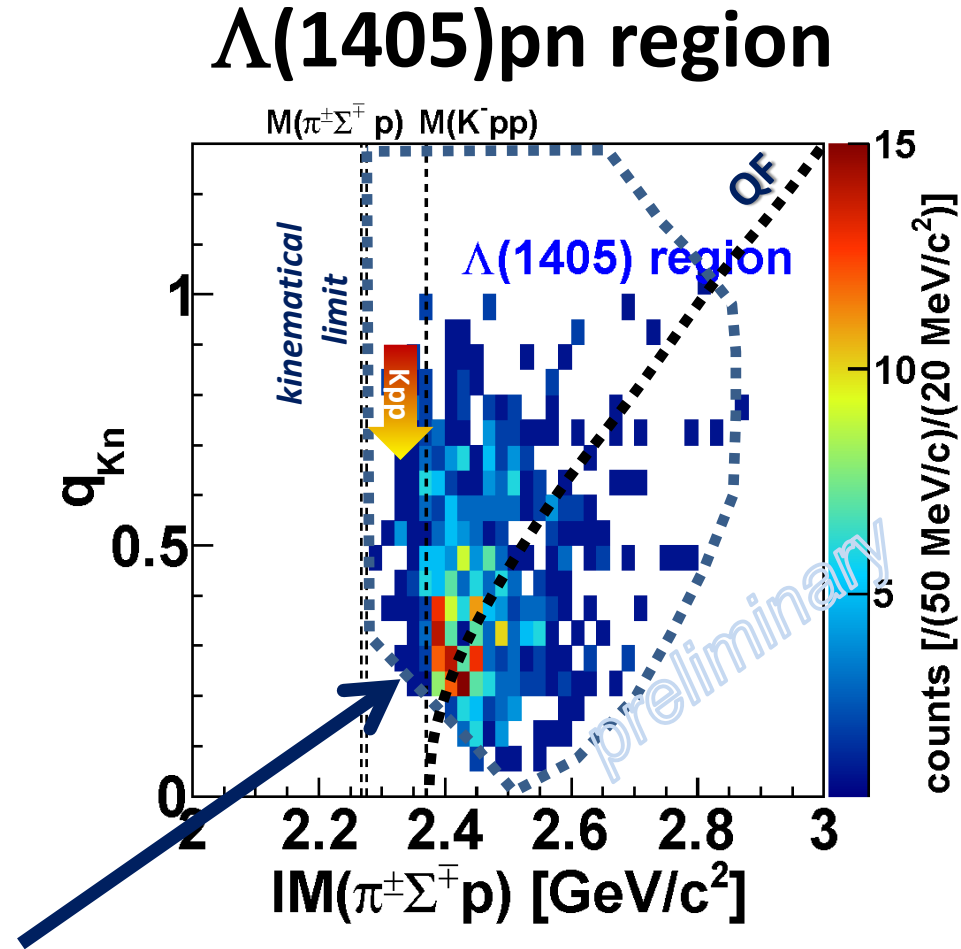
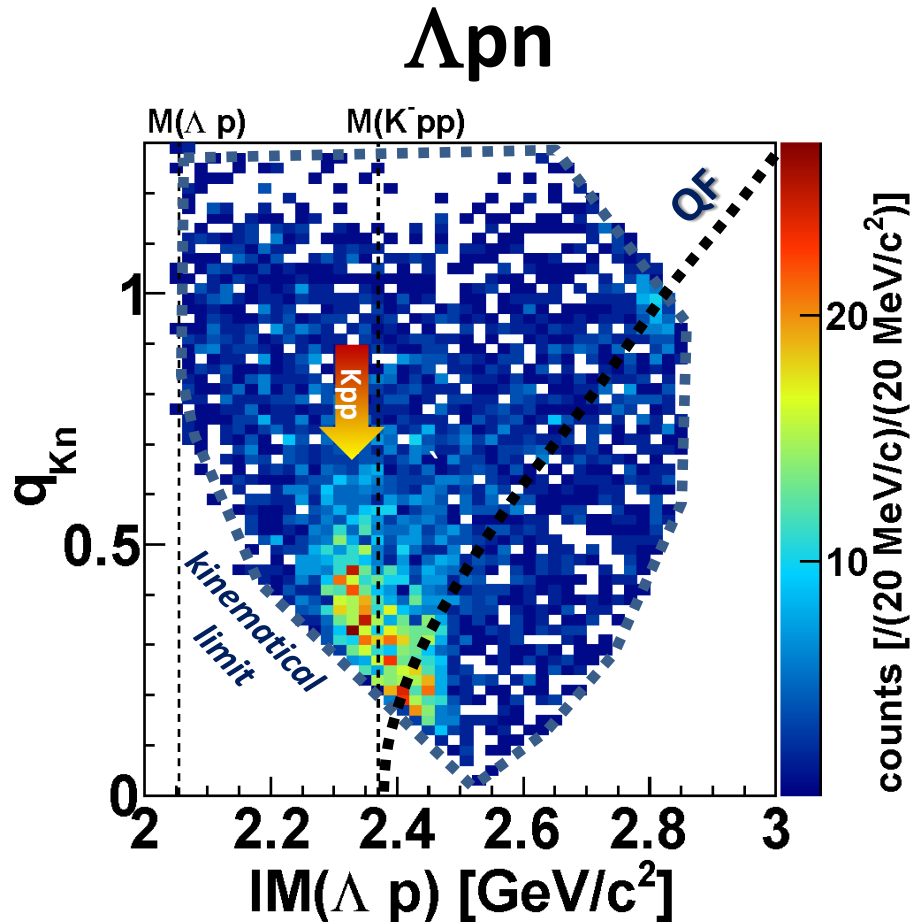


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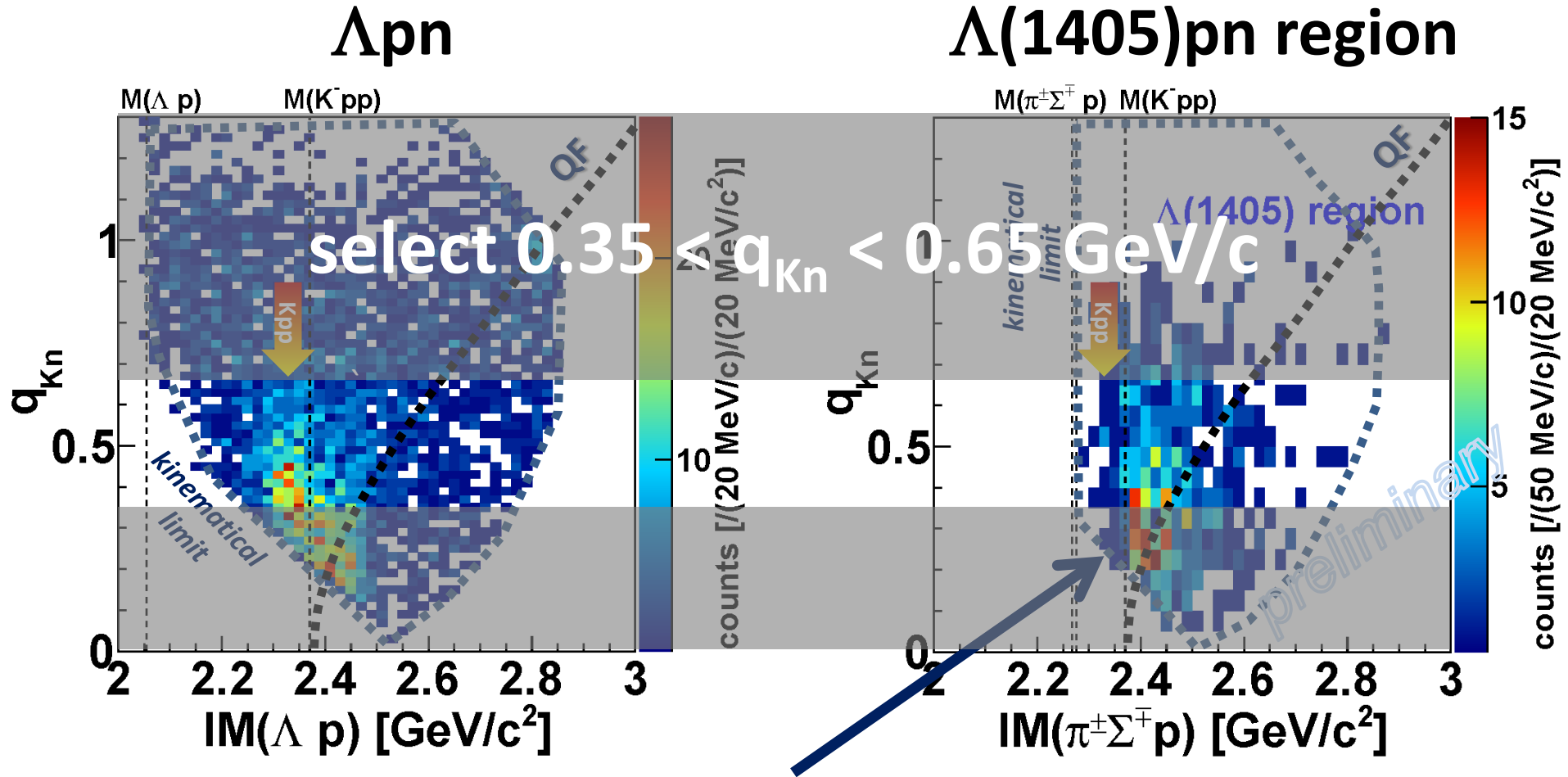
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Comparison of Λ pn & $\Lambda(1405)$ pn



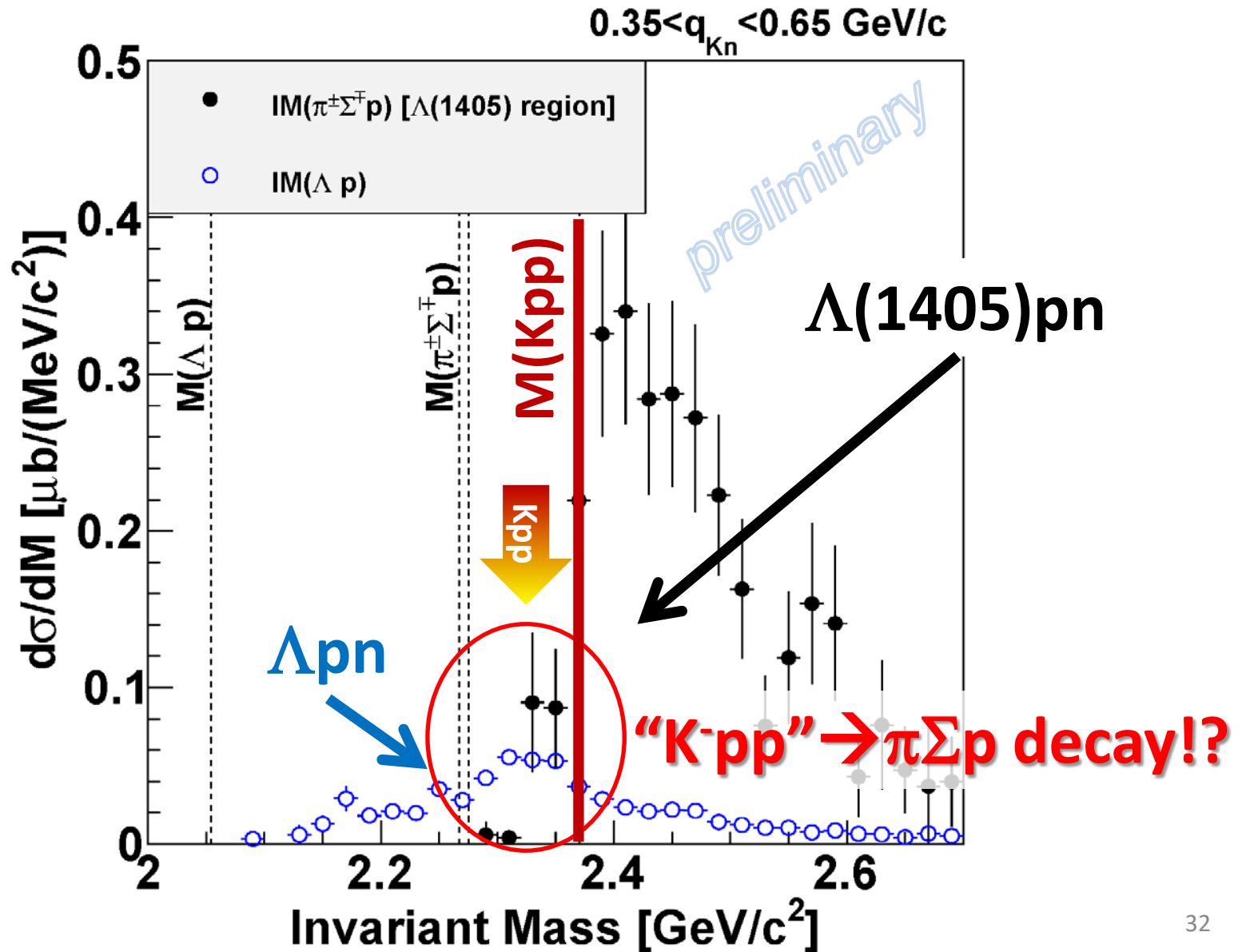
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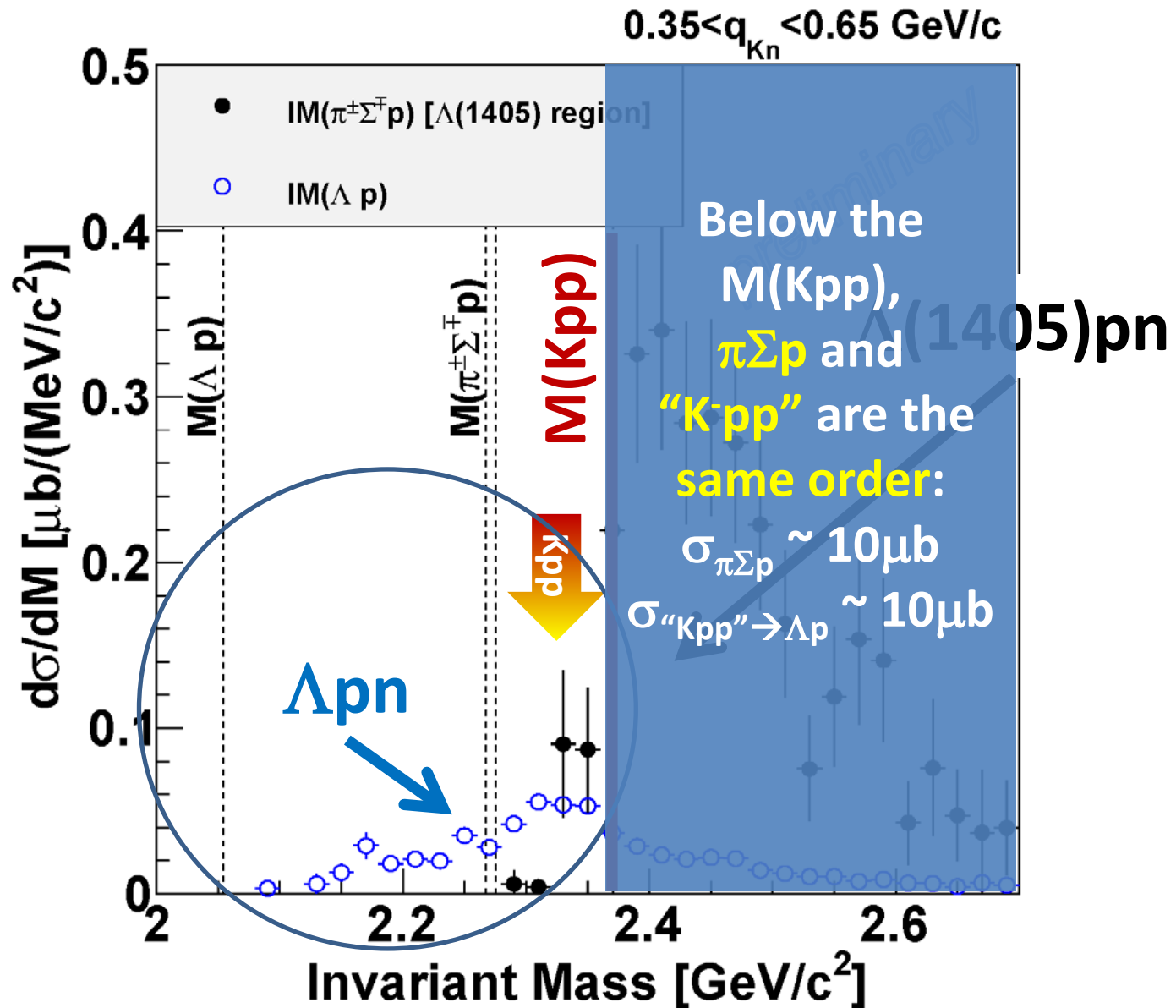


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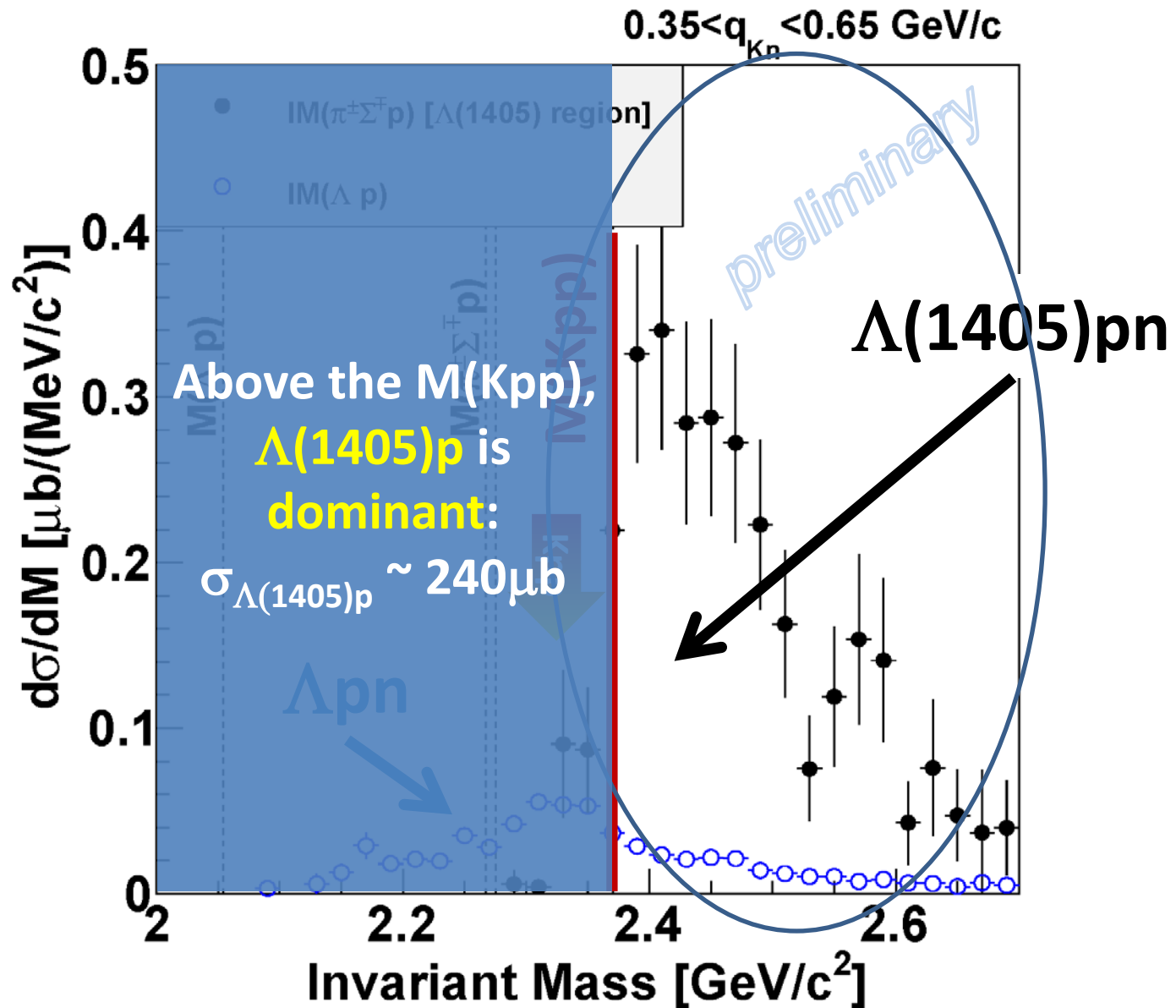
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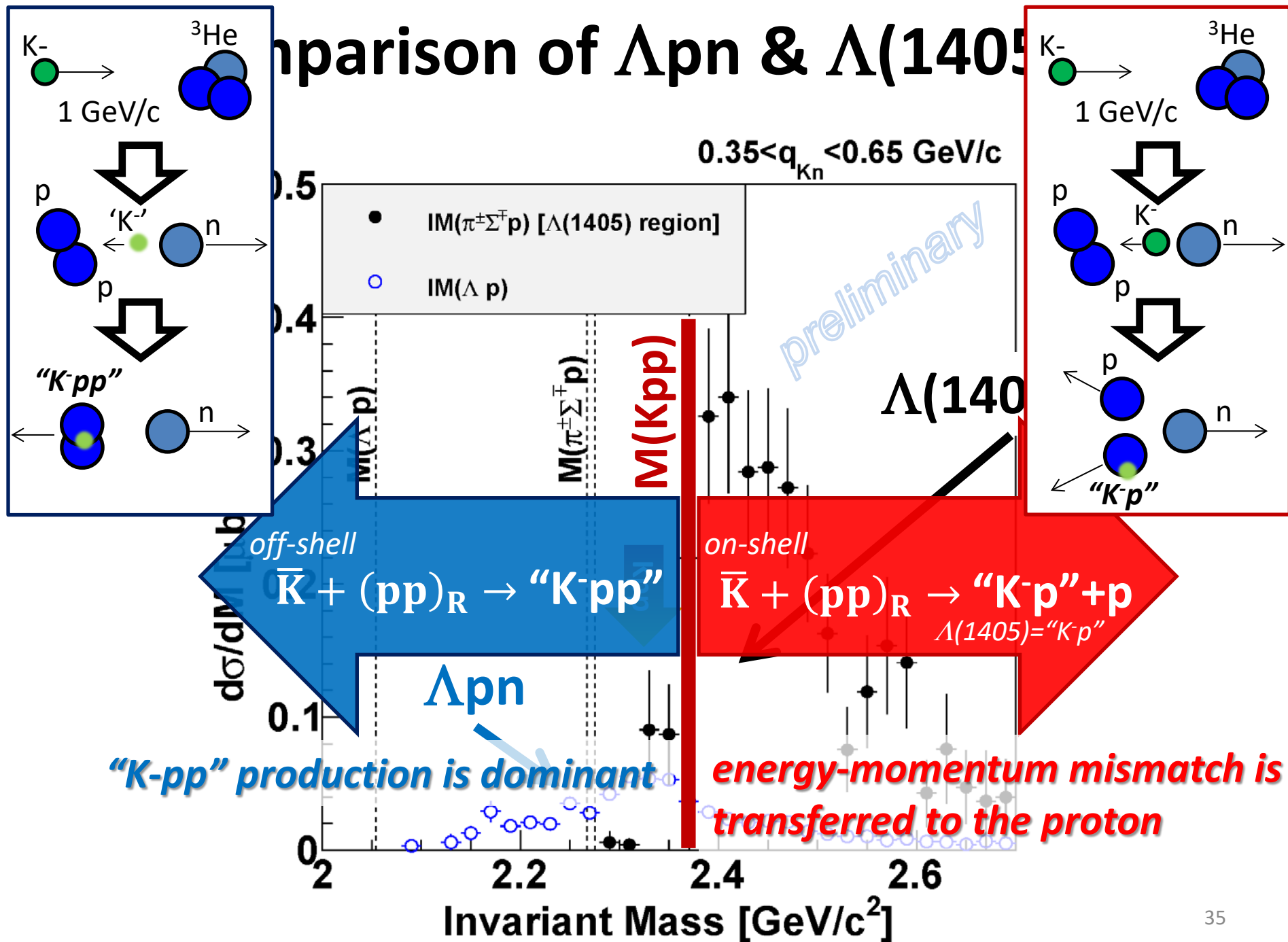
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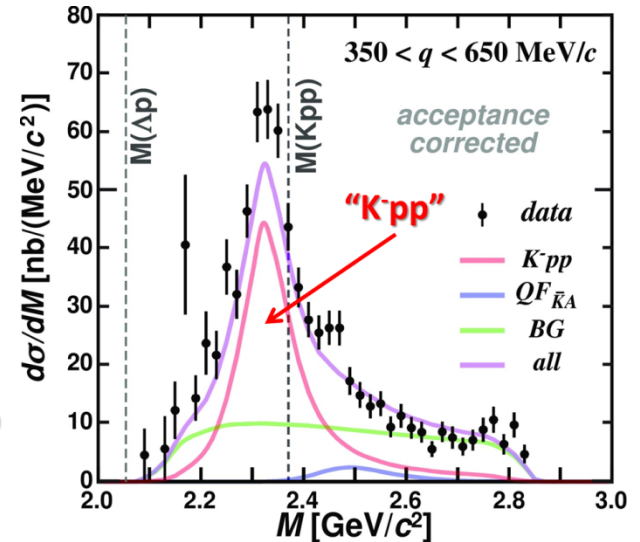


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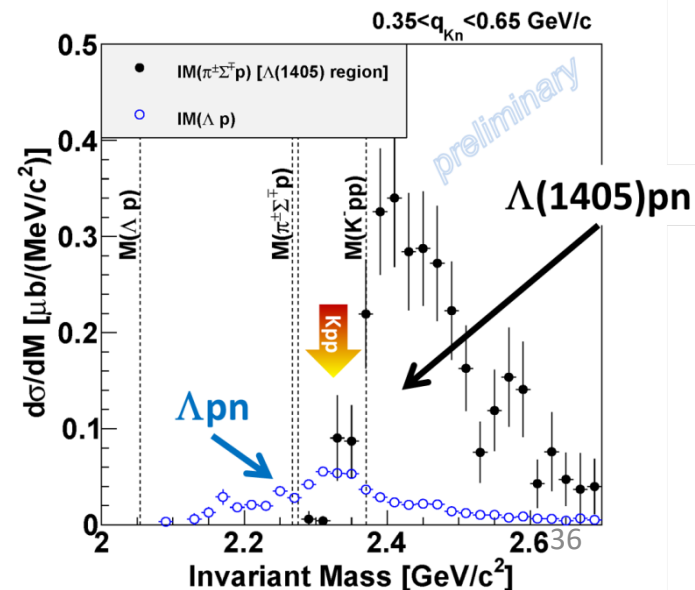


Conclusion II

- We observed the “K⁻pp” bound state in ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda p)n$
 - Binding energy: ~ 50 MeV
 - Width: ~ 100 MeV
- ← arXiv:1805.12275, accepted in PLB

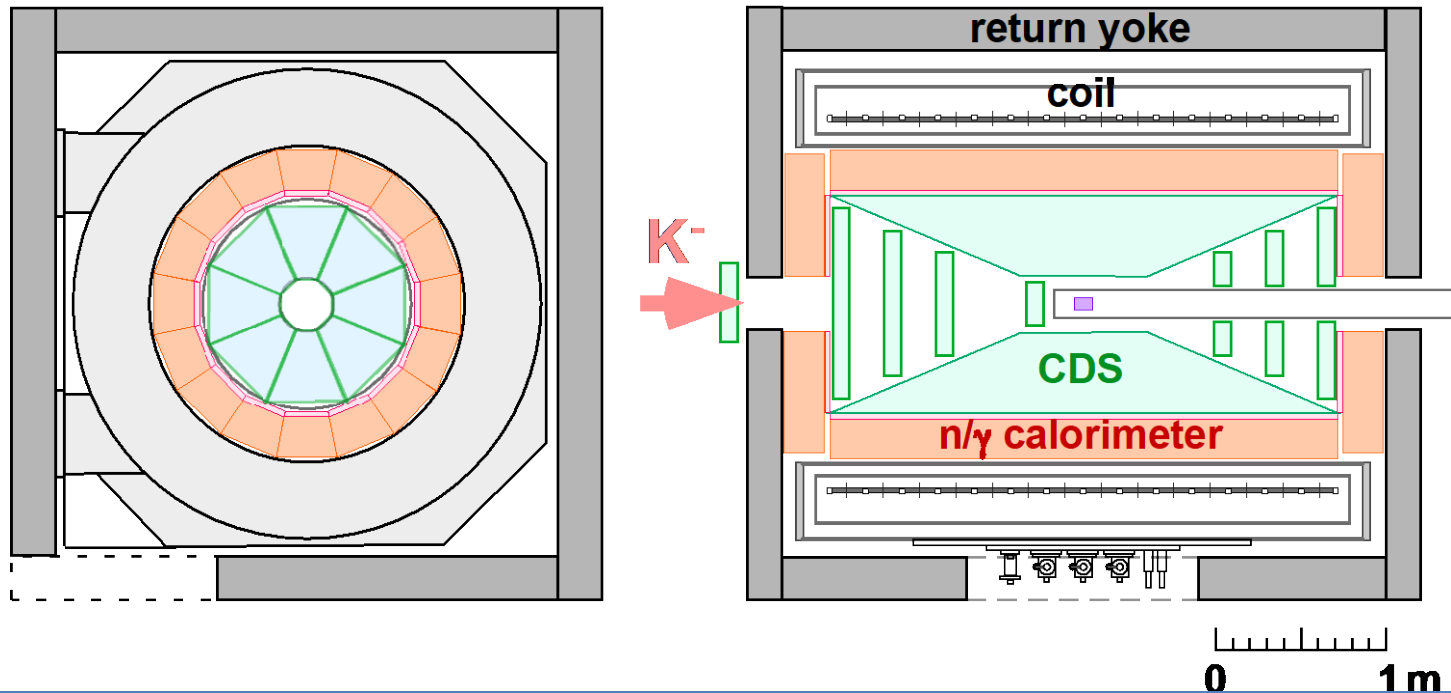


- We found large CS of the $\Lambda(1405)p$ formation compared to the “K⁻pp”
 - quite important measurement for the production mechanism of the “K⁻pp”
- ← paper in preparation



What we have to do next

- More quantitative studies of the “K⁻pp”
 - J^P and other decay modes
- Study of other kaonic nuclei:
 - Single: “K⁻ppn” via [K⁻ + ⁴He], “K⁻ppnn/K⁻pppnn” via [K⁻ + ⁶Li]
 - Double: “K⁻K⁻pp” via [p^{bar} + ³He]



Need the new 4 π detector with γ /n sensitive detectors

Thank You!

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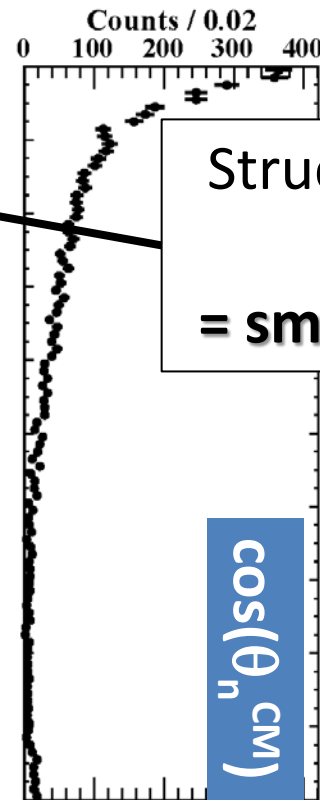
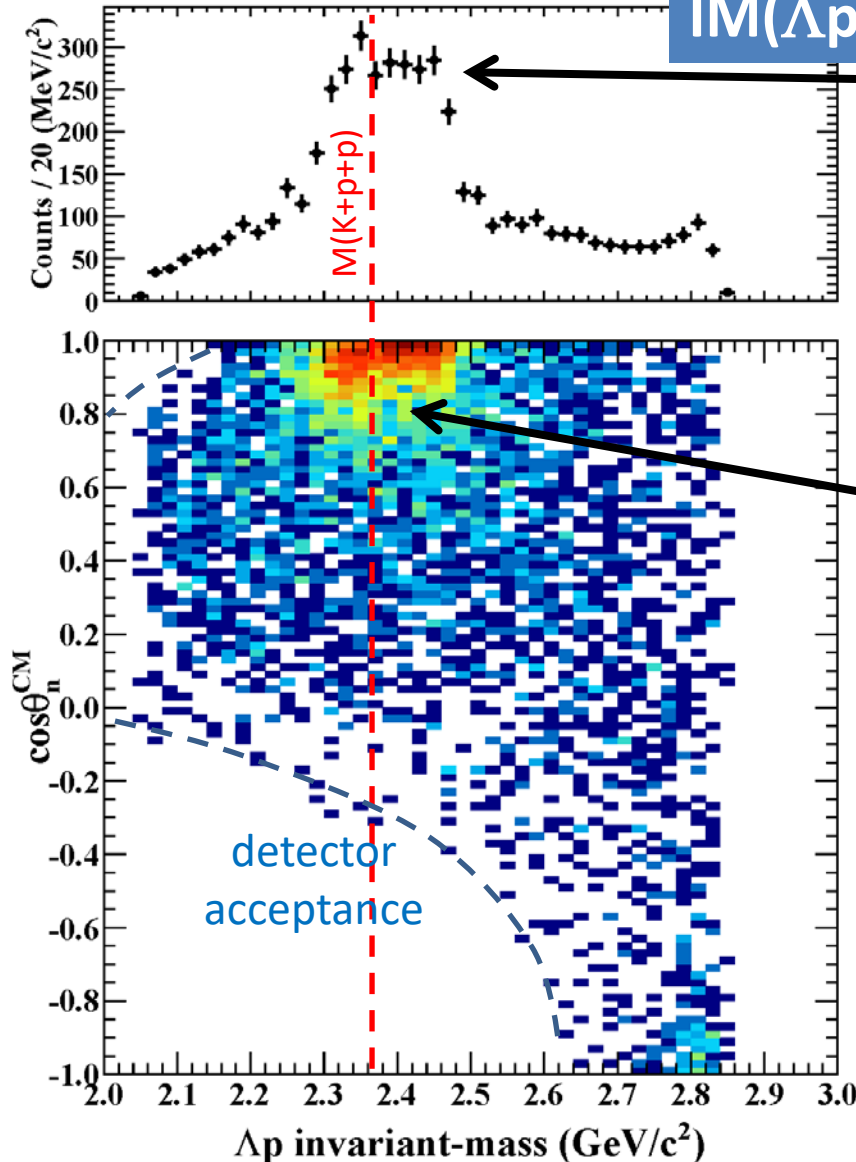
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$IM(\Lambda p)$ vs. $\cos(\theta_n^{CM})$

E15 collab., arXiv:1805.12275

$IM(\Lambda p)$

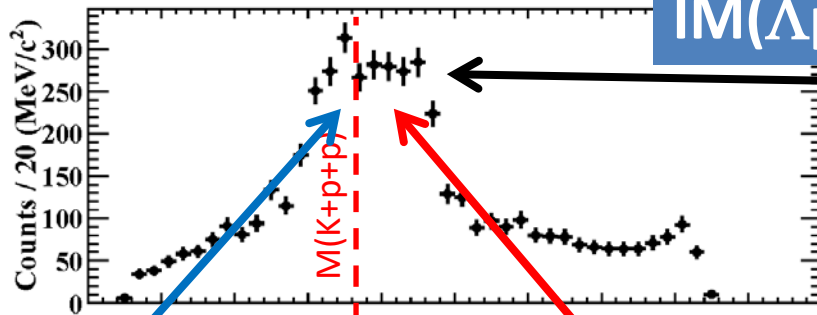
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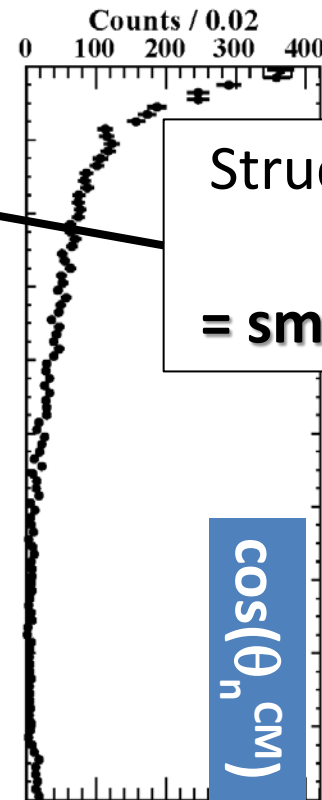
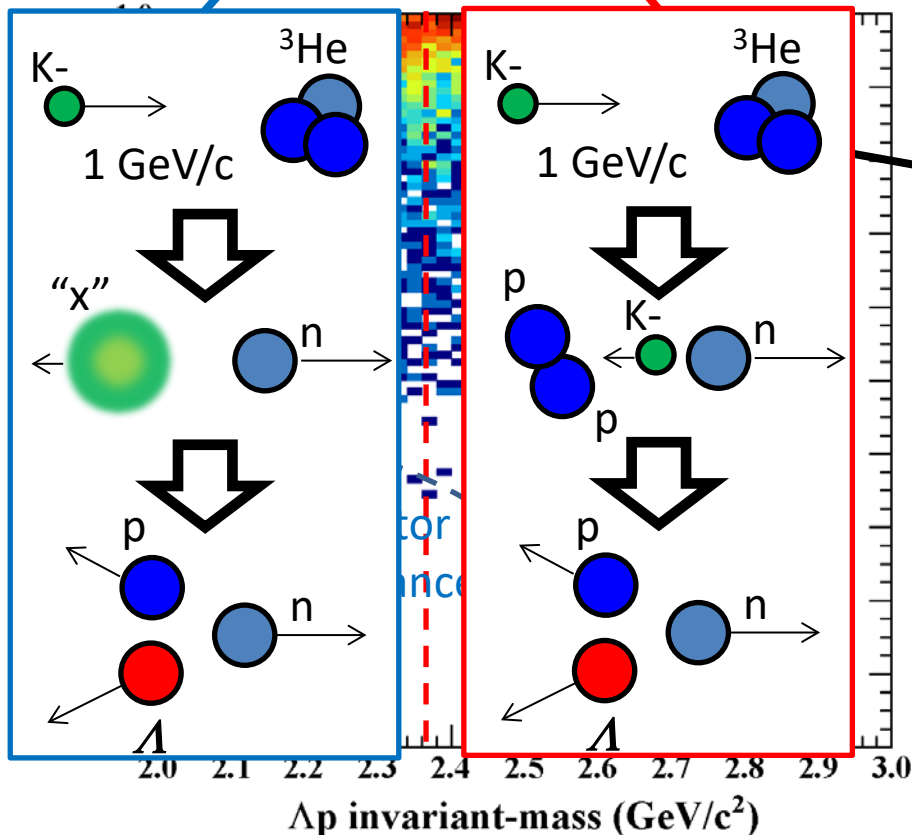
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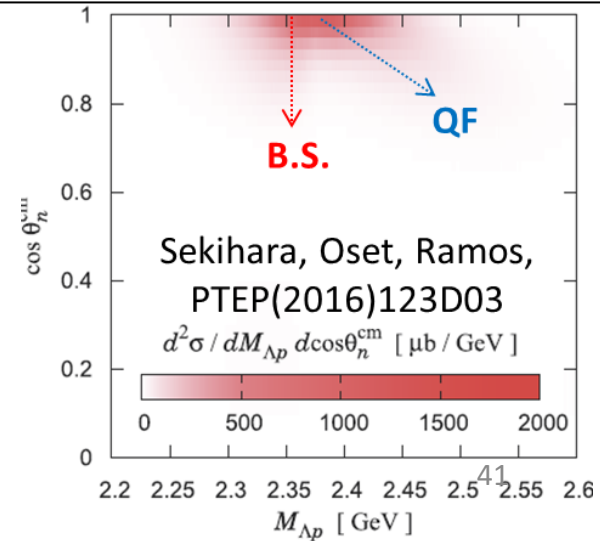
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K^{bar} NN or NOT? --- Other Possibilities

A structure near K^{bar} NN threshold

- $\Lambda(1405)N$ bound state
 - loosely-bound system, $I=1/2$, $J^\pi=0^-$
 - various decay modes, $\Lambda N/\Sigma N/\pi\Sigma N$

T. Uchino et al., NPA868(2011)53.

A structure near $\pi\Sigma N$ threshold

- $\pi\Lambda N$ - $\pi\Sigma N$ dibaryon
 - structure near $\pi\Sigma N$ threshold
 - $I=3/2$, $J^\pi=2^+ \rightarrow$ no Λp decay ($I=1/2$)?
- Double-pole K^{bar} NN
 - loosely-bound K^{bar} NN, &
 - broad resonance near the $\pi\Sigma N$ threshold $\rightarrow \pi\Sigma N$ decay
- Partial restoration of Chiral symmetry
 - enhancement of the K^{bar} N interaction in dense nuclei

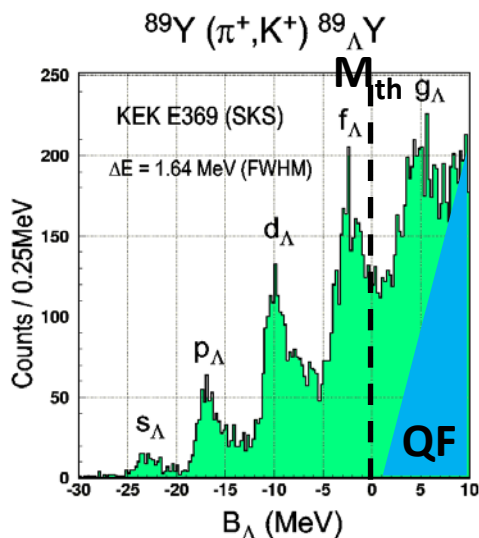
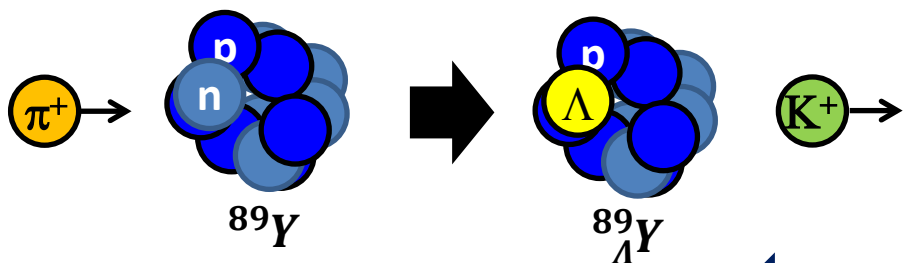
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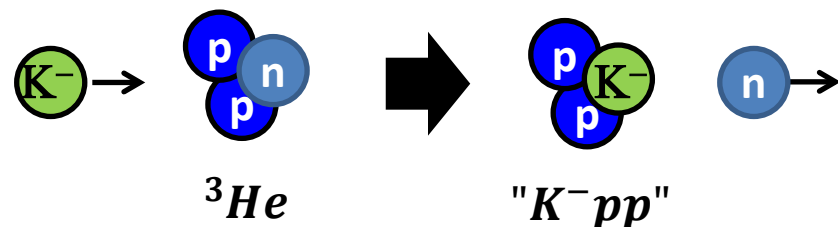
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Interpretation as the “K⁻pp”

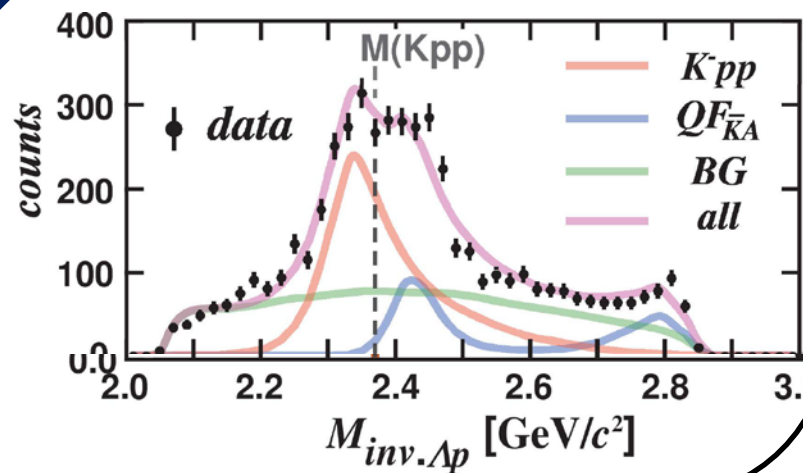
Λ -hypernuclei



“K⁻pp” @ E15

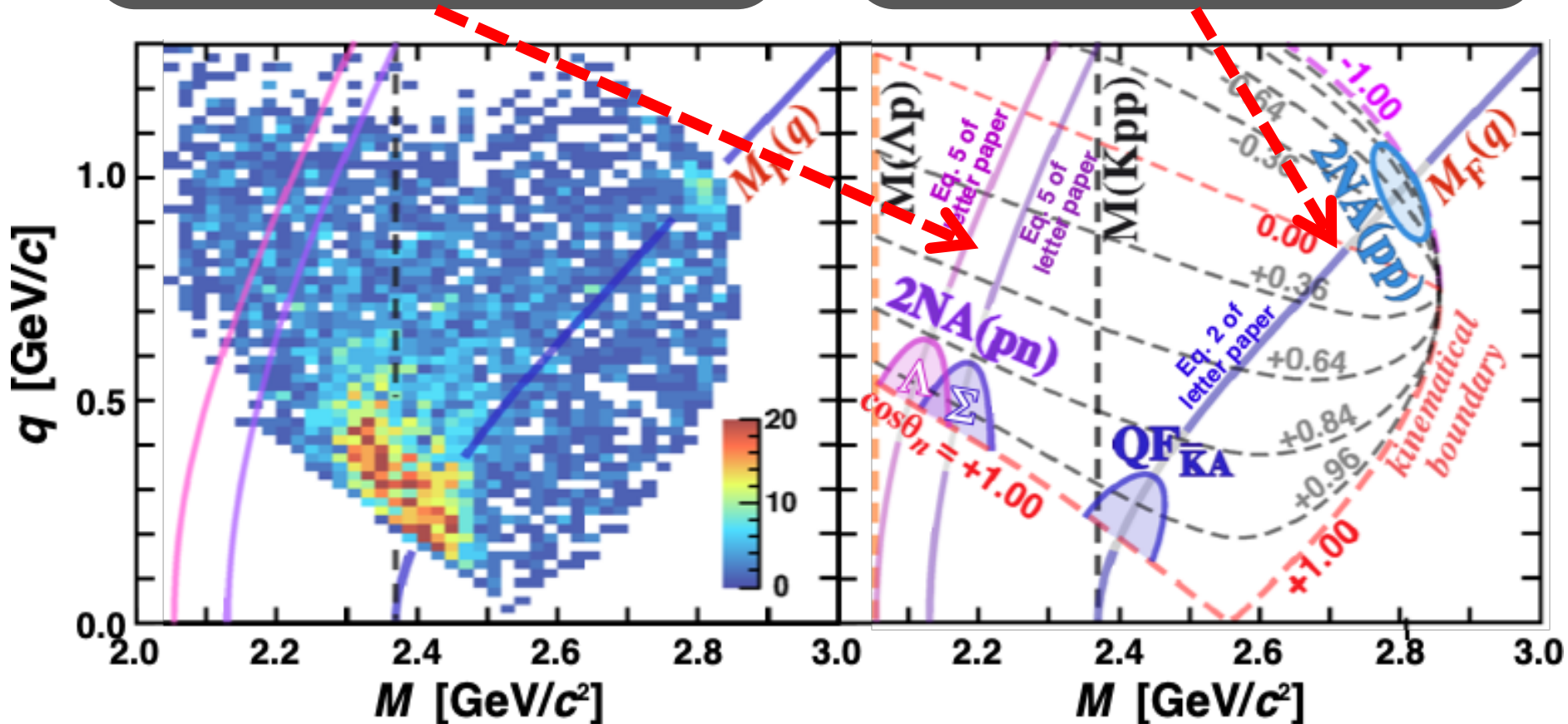
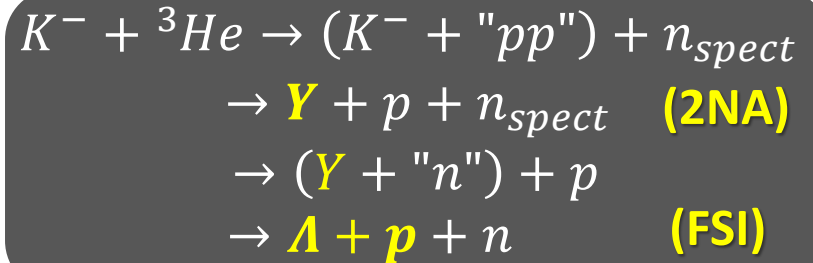
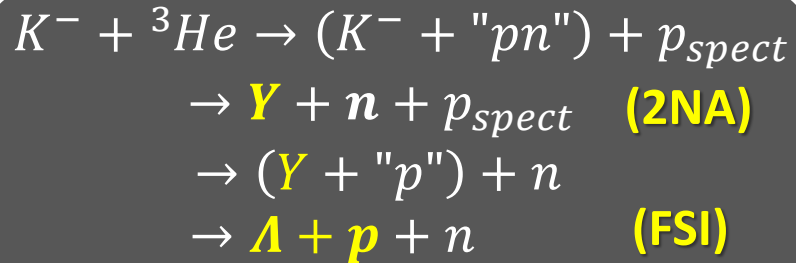


**Bound state
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can be seen
clearly**

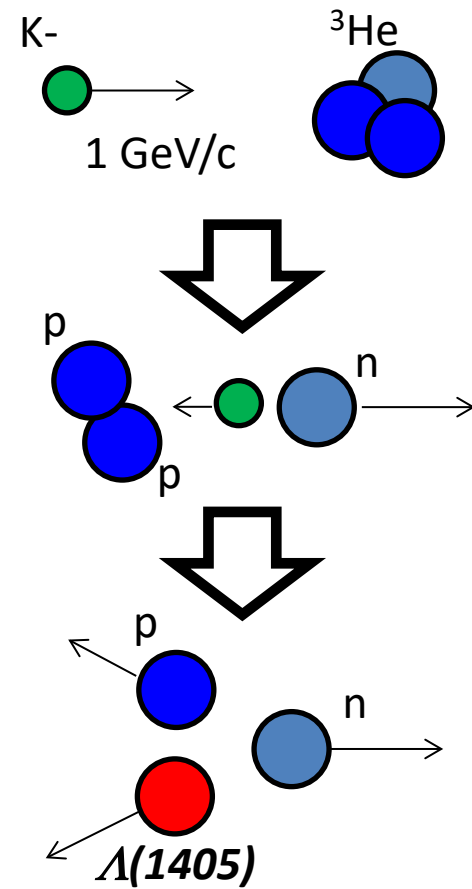
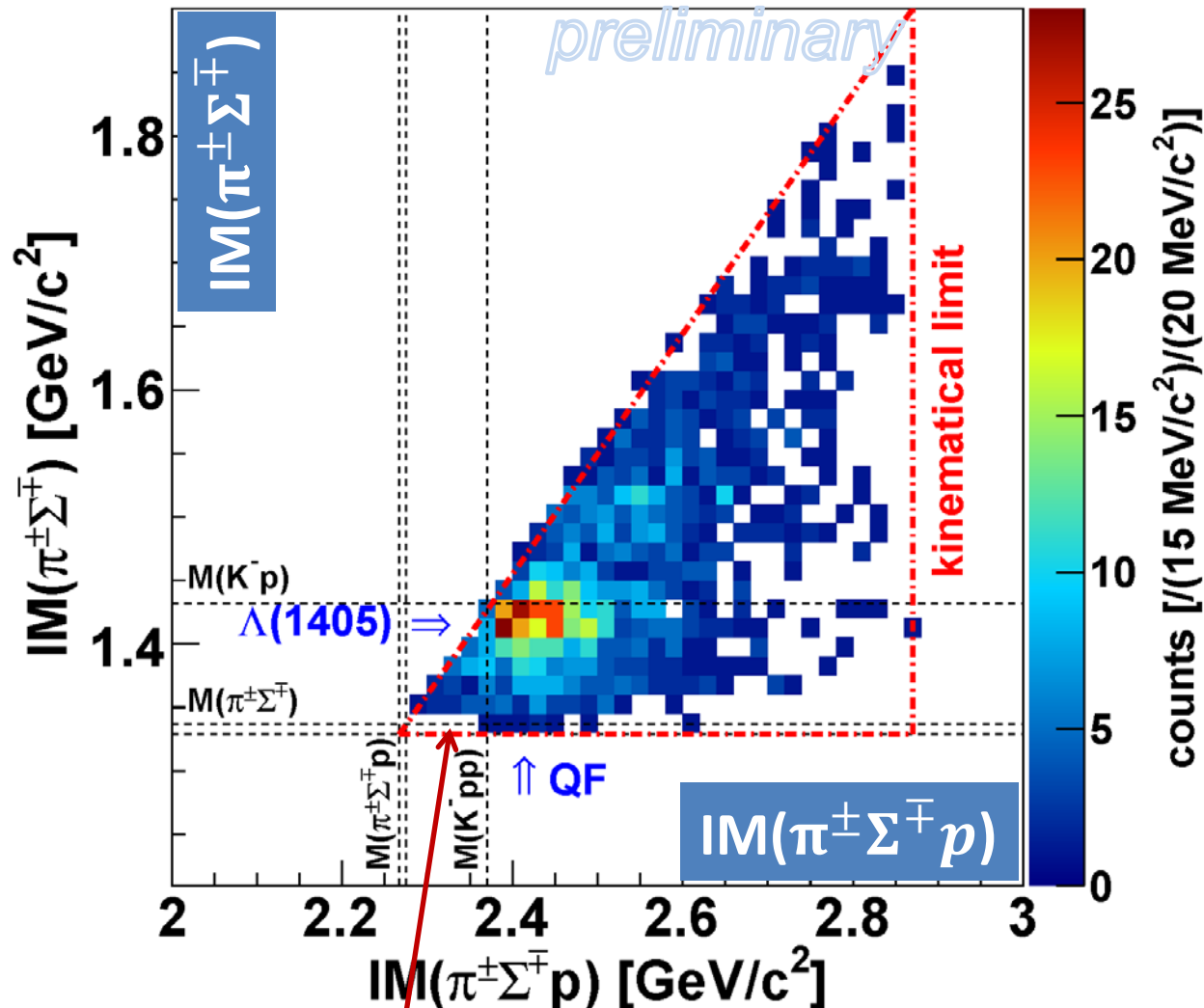


- On the analogy of the formation of Λ -hypernuclei, the observed bump structure would be the “K⁻pp”

BG: 2NA followed by FSI



$IM(\pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp) \text{ vs. } IM(\pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp p)$



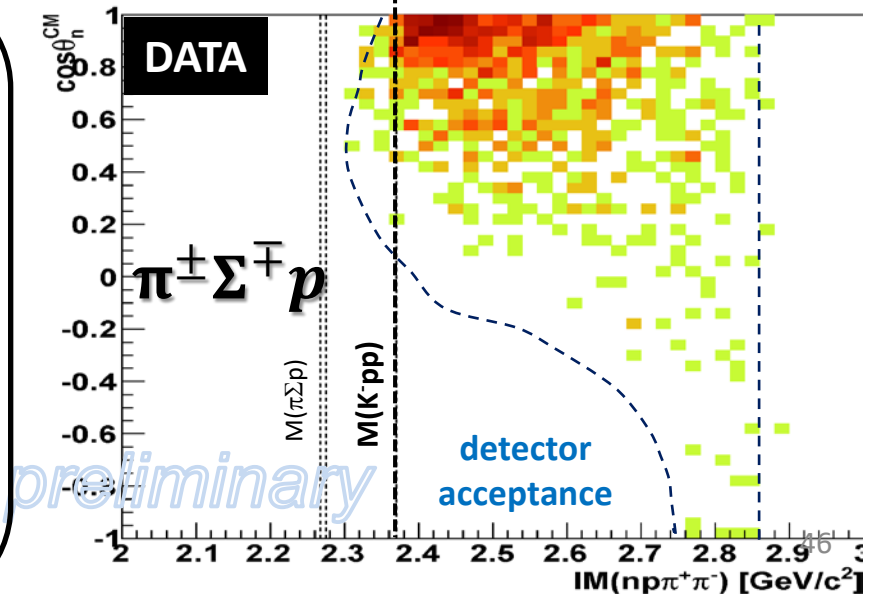
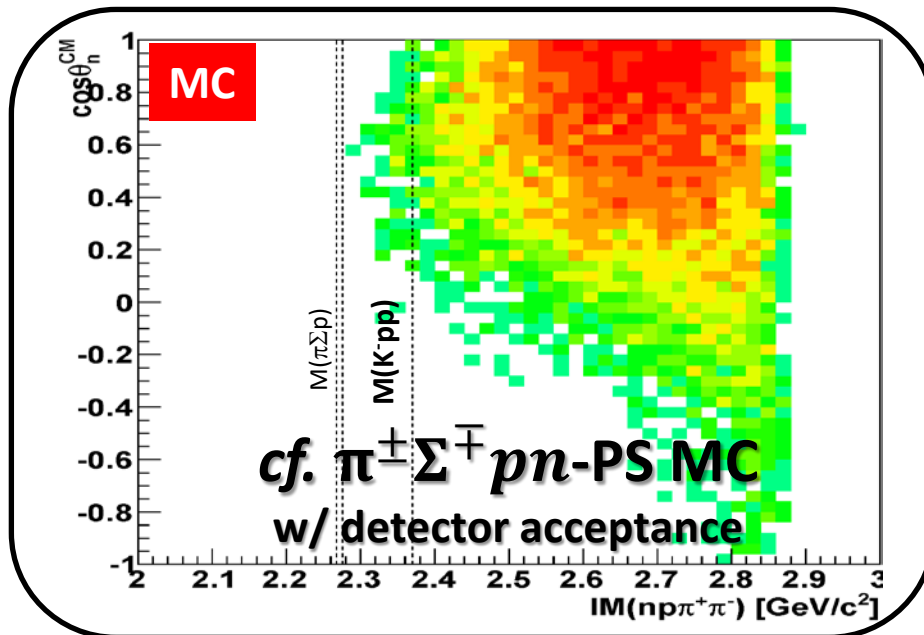
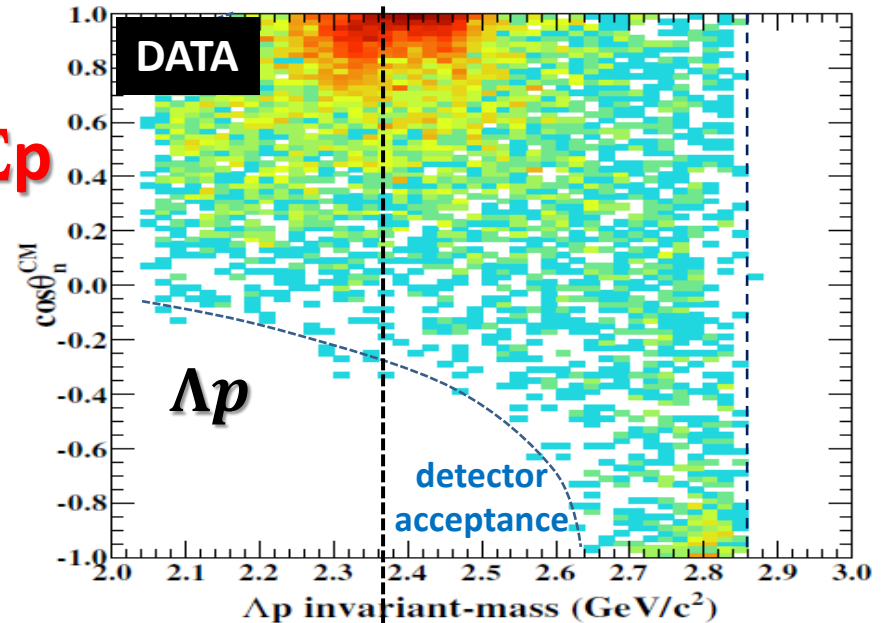
Small phase-space of “K⁻pp” → πΣN

Detector Acceptance: Λp vs. $\pi\Sigma p$

- Detector acceptance is different between Λp and $\pi\Sigma p$

- At $\cos\theta_n \sim 1$:

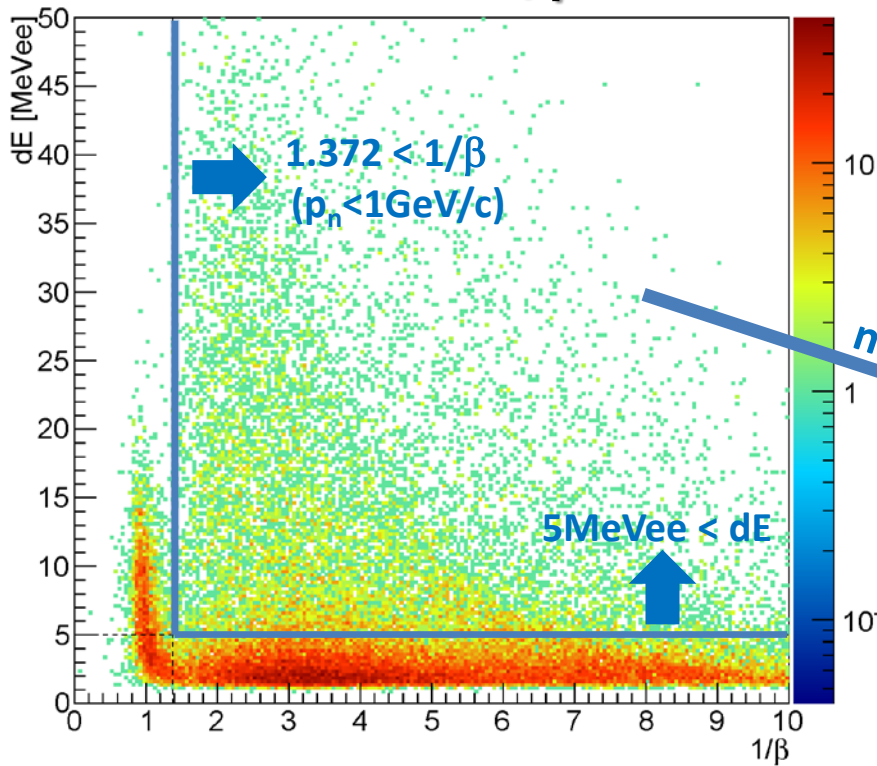
- Λp : flat acceptance
- $\pi\Sigma p$: limited acceptance below the threshold



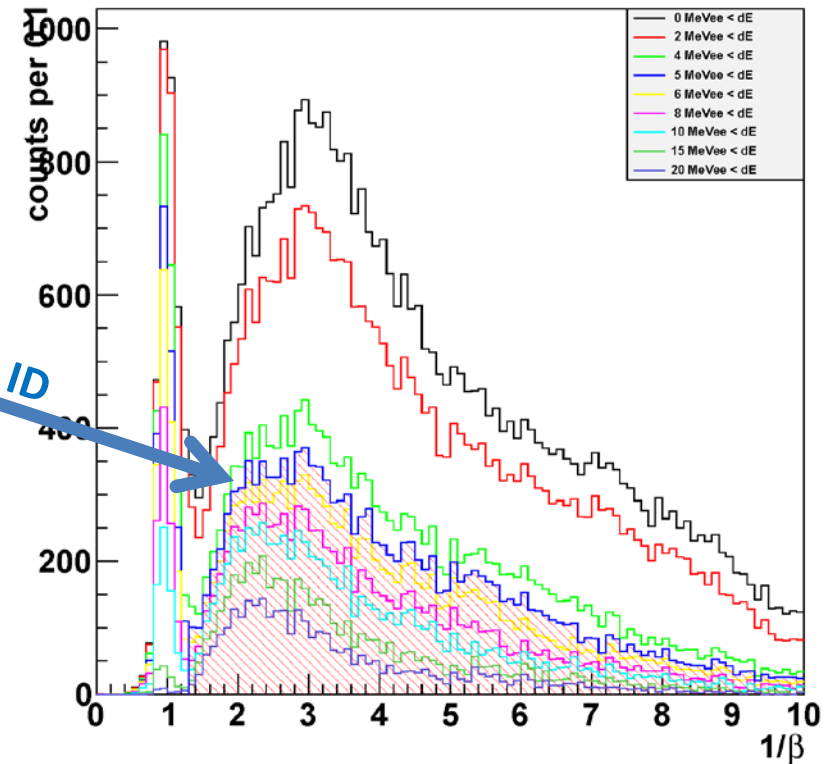
Neutron ID with CDS

- $\pi^+\pi^-p$ events (3 tracks) in CDS with 4 CDH hits are selected
- a CDH hit with CDC-veto (outer-layer) is applied to identify the “neutral hit”

dE vs. $1/\beta$



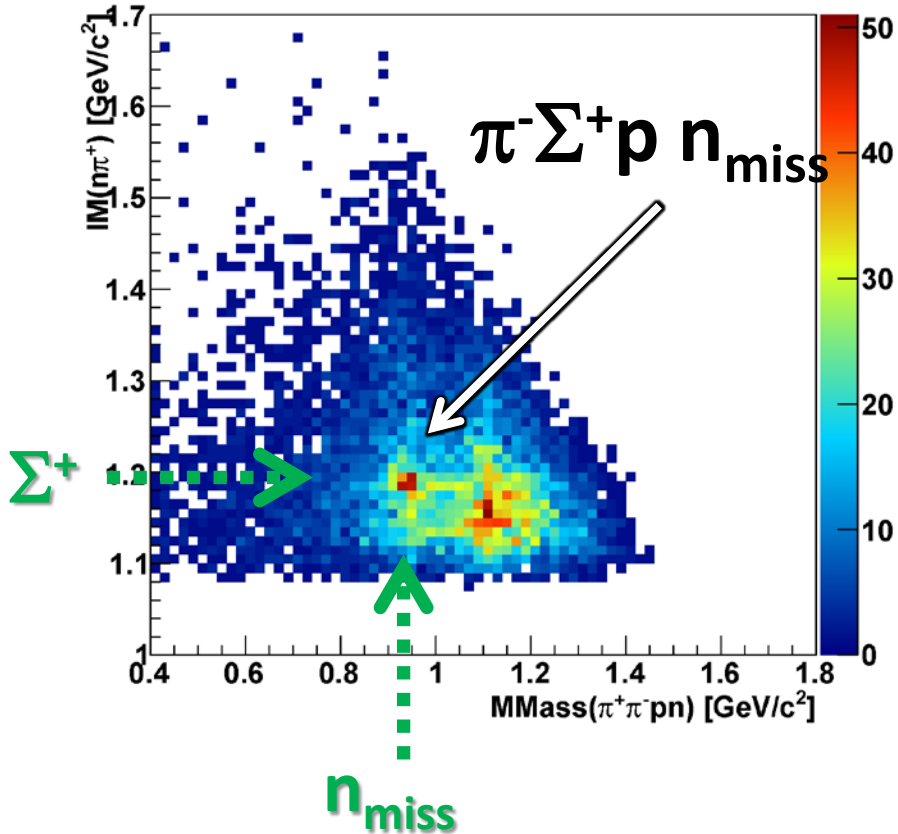
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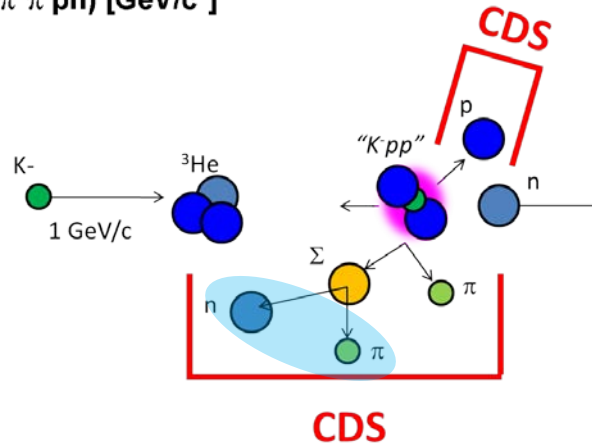
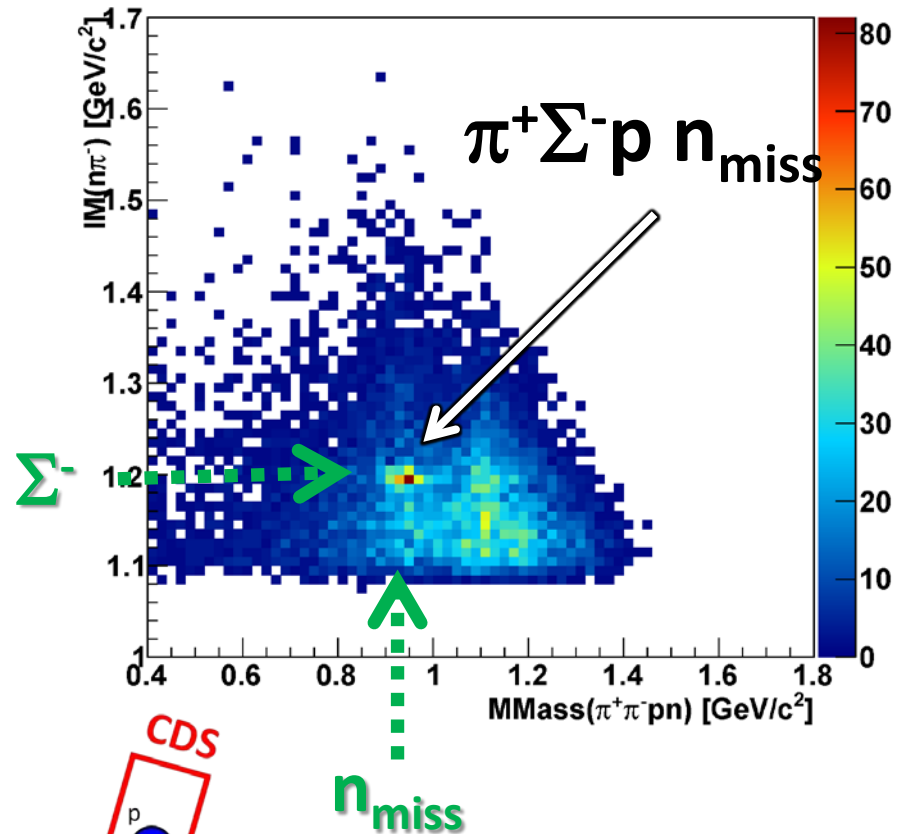
Neutron can be identified with CDS

$\pi\Sigma\rho n$ Events

IM($n\pi^+$) vs MM($\pi^+\pi^-pn$)

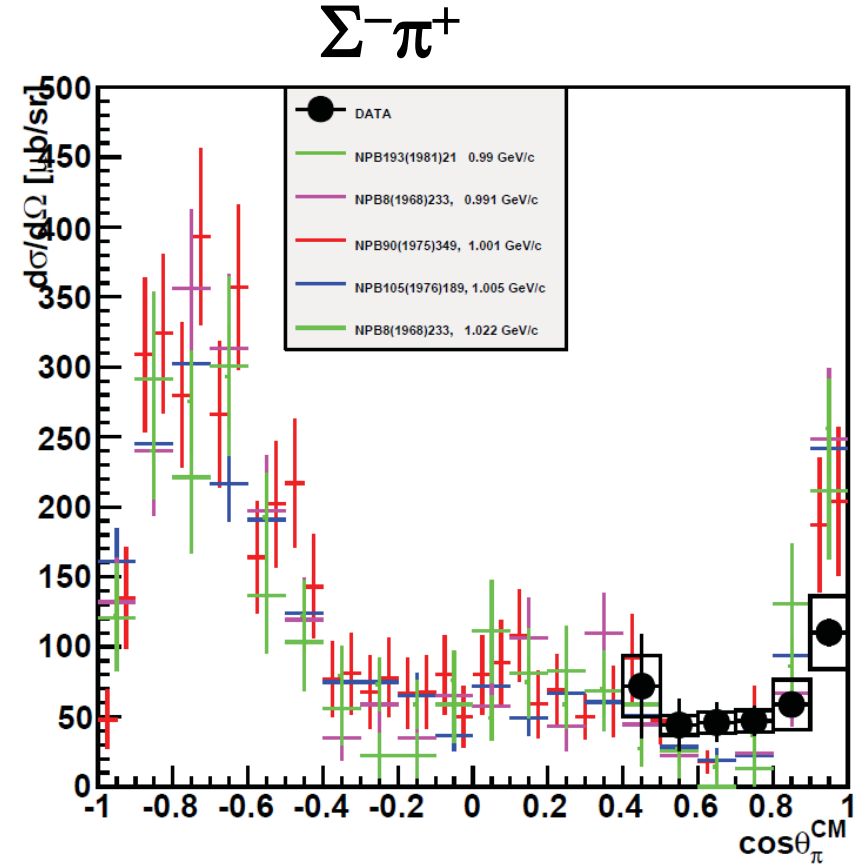
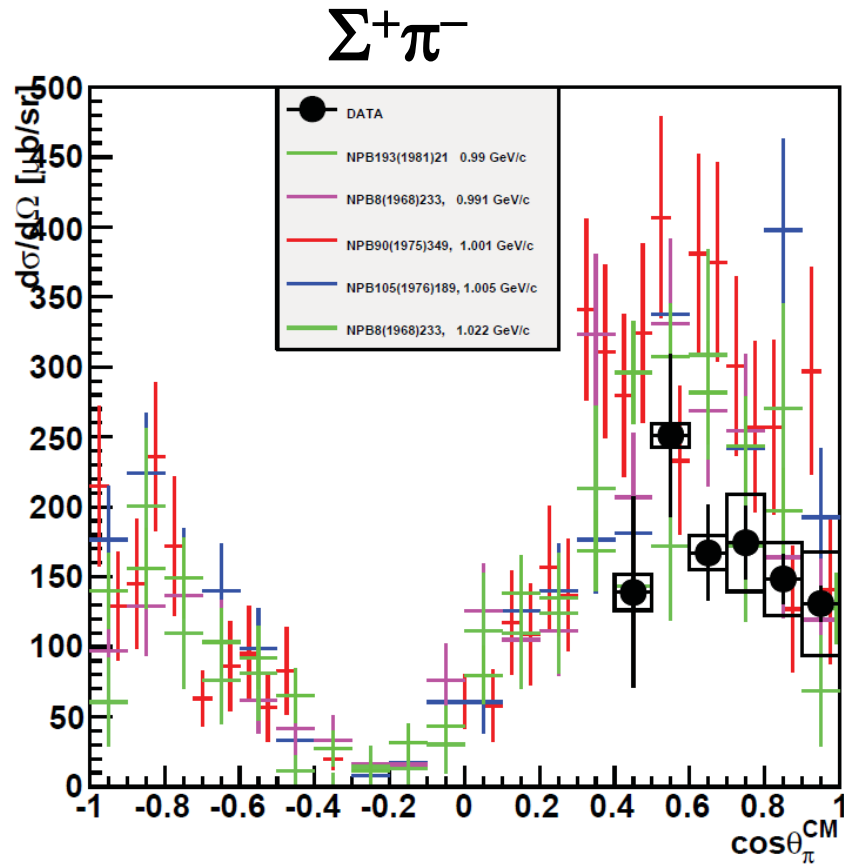


IM($n\pi^-$) vs MM($\pi^+\pi^-pn$)



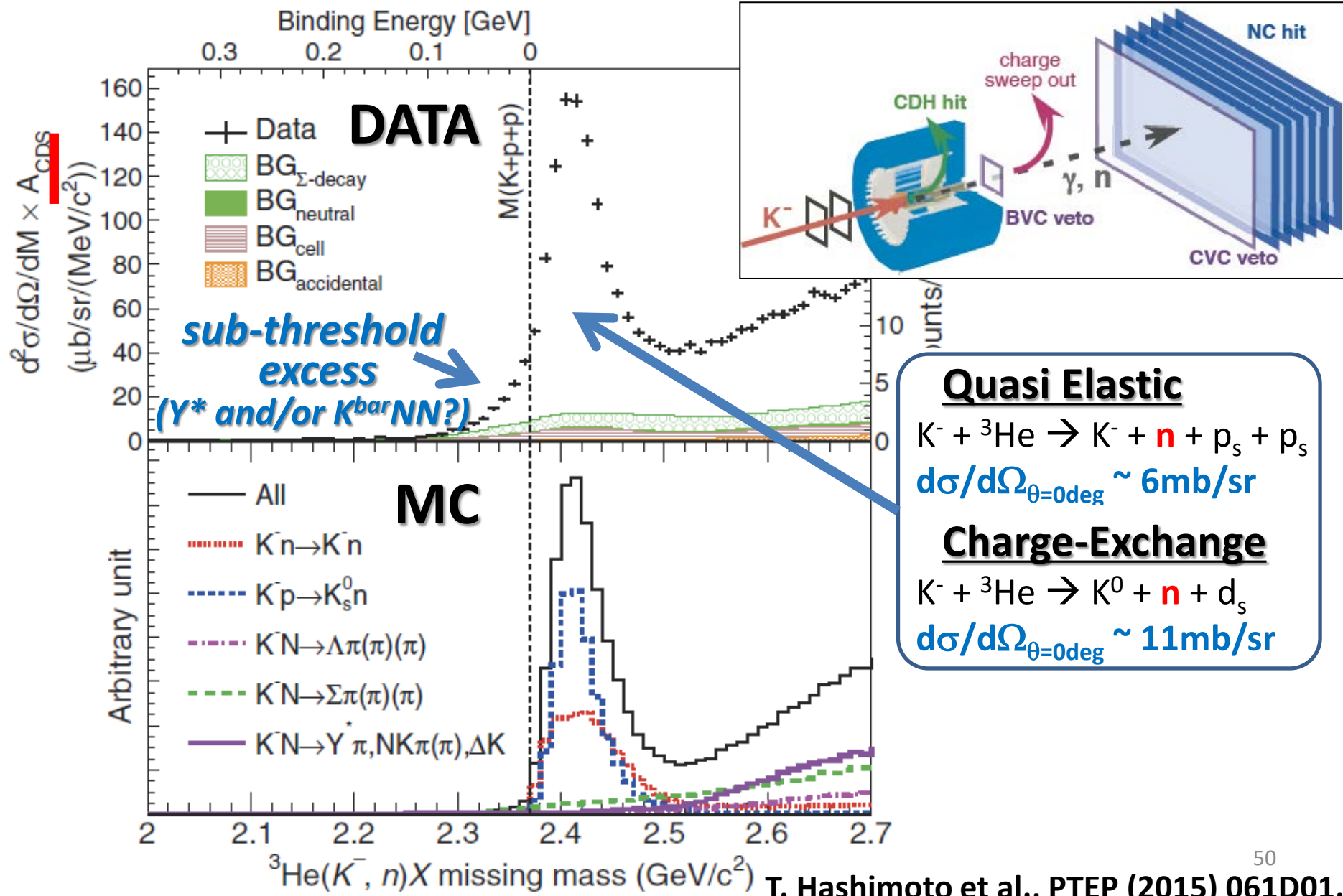
$K^-p \rightarrow \Sigma^+\pi^-/\Sigma^-\pi^+$ Cross Section

* Error box represents systematic error



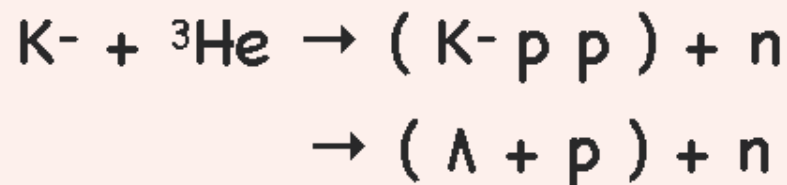
consistent with the references

Semi-Inclusive ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n)X$



Forward $n_{\text{mis.}} + \Lambda p$ @ E15^{1st}

Resolution $\sigma \sim 10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ @ threshold

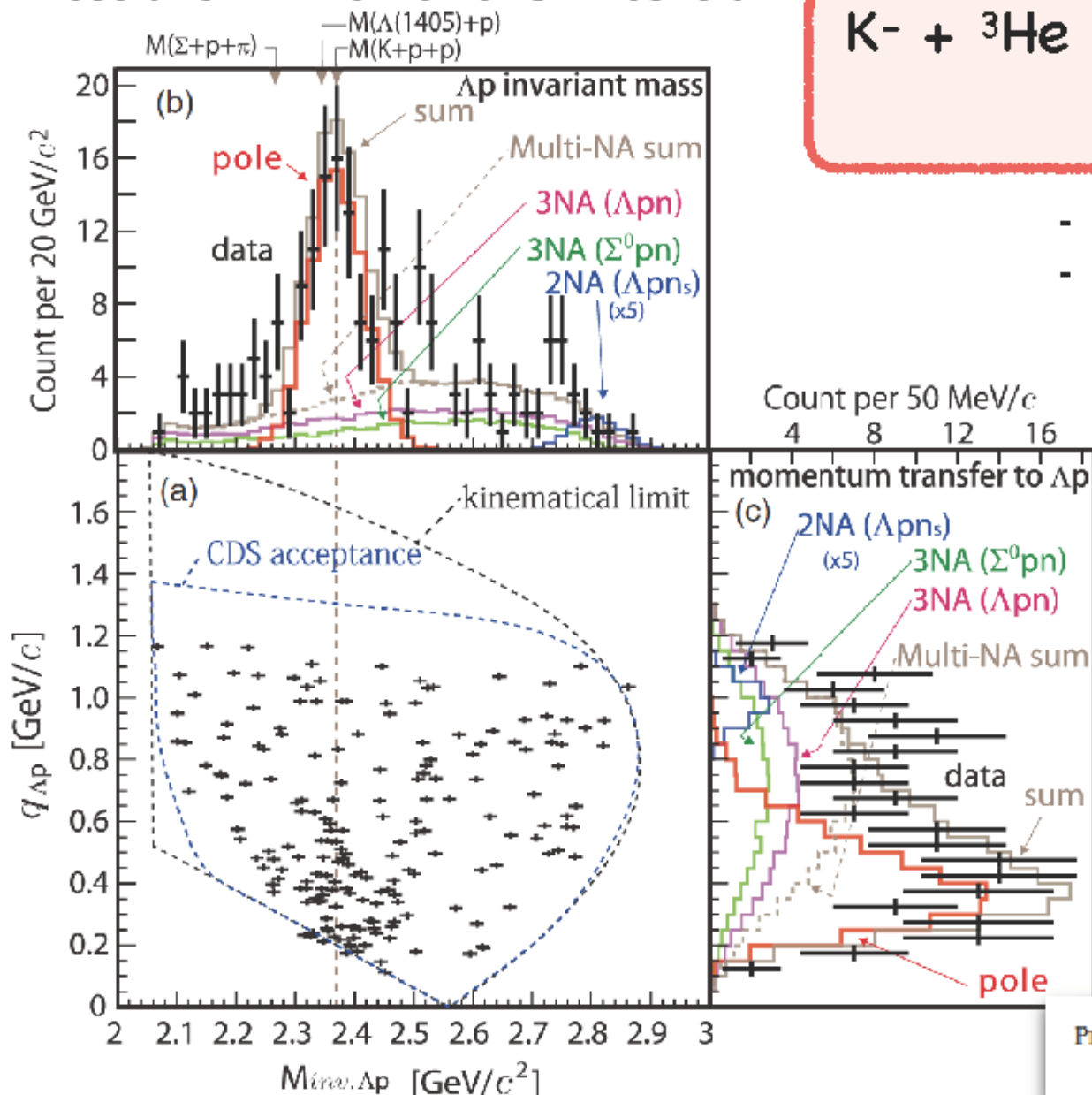


- s-wave Breit-Wigner pole
- w/ Gaussian form-factor

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dM dq} \propto \rho_3(\Lambda p n)$$

$$\times \frac{(\Gamma_X/2)^2}{(M - M_X)^2 + (\Gamma_X/2)^2}$$

$$\times \left| \exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{2Q_X^2}\right) \right|^2$$



$$B_X \sim 15 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_X \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$$Q_X \sim 400 \text{ MeV}$$

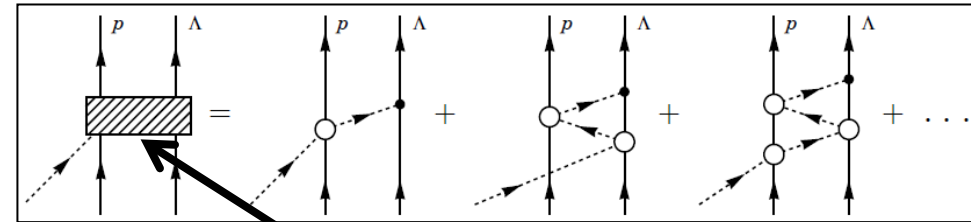
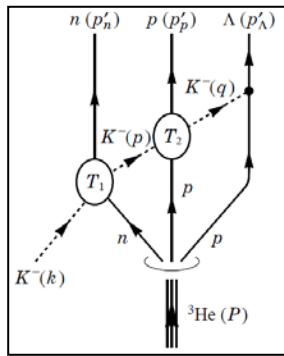
Compact state?

A Theoretical Interpretation of E15

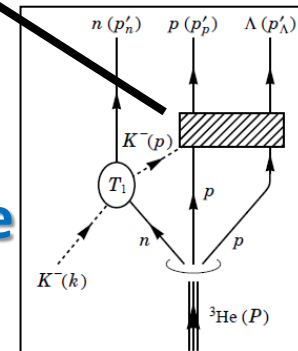
Sekihara, Oset, Ramos, arXiv:1607.02058

Chiral unitary approach

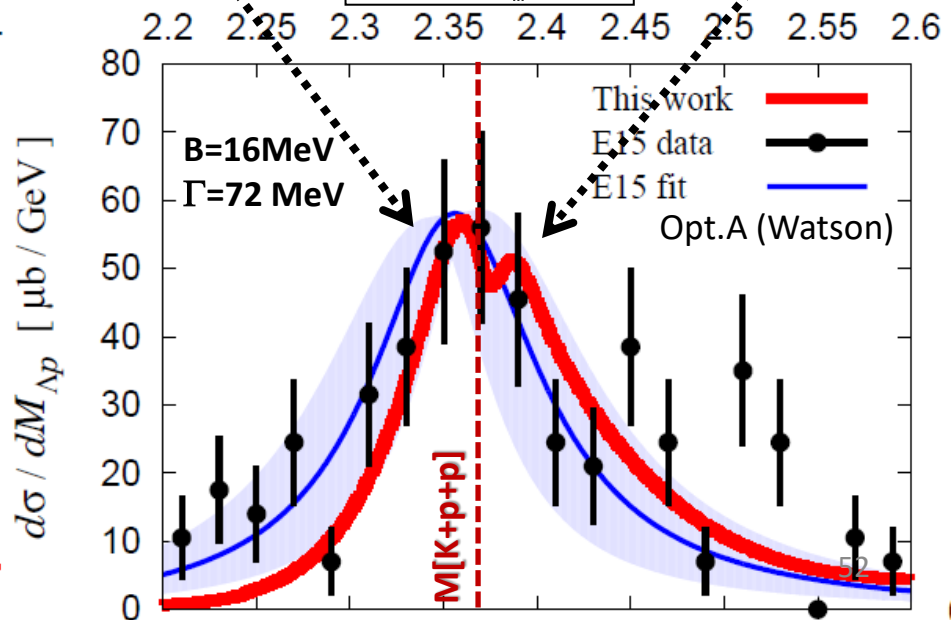
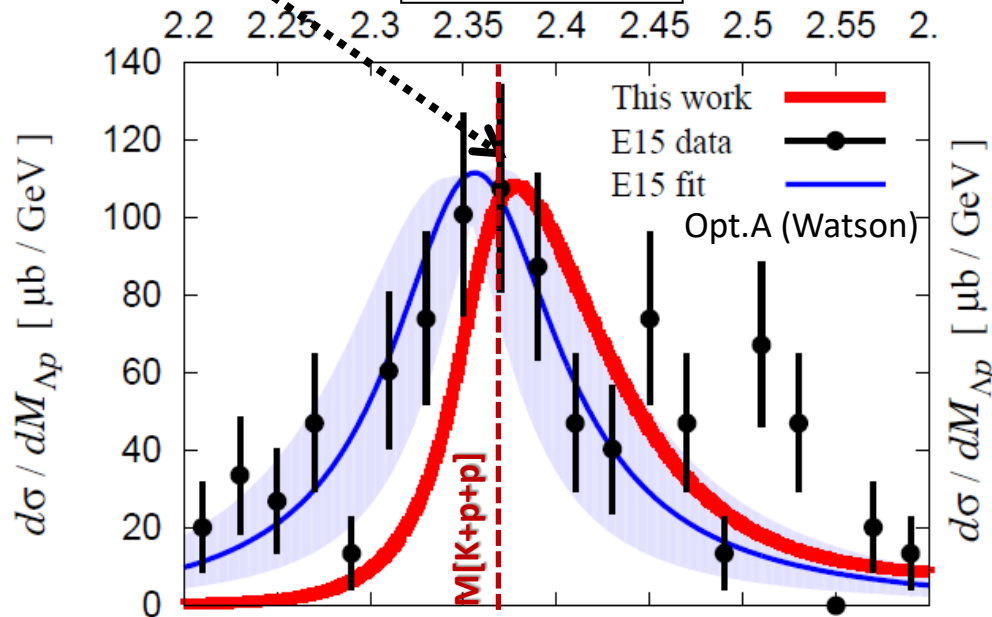
Uncorrelated
 $\Lambda(1405)p$
state



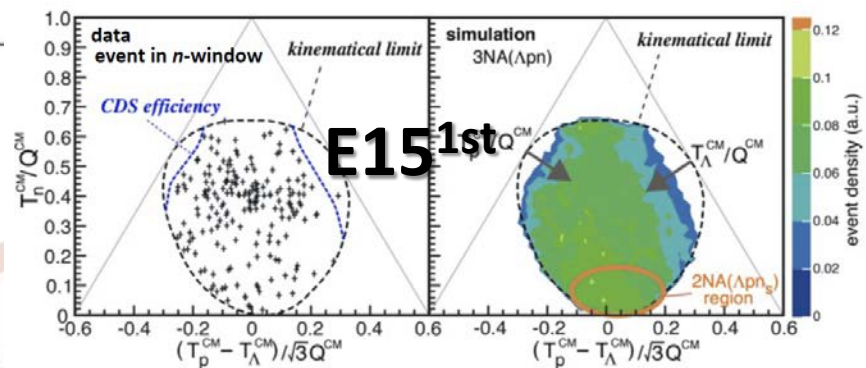
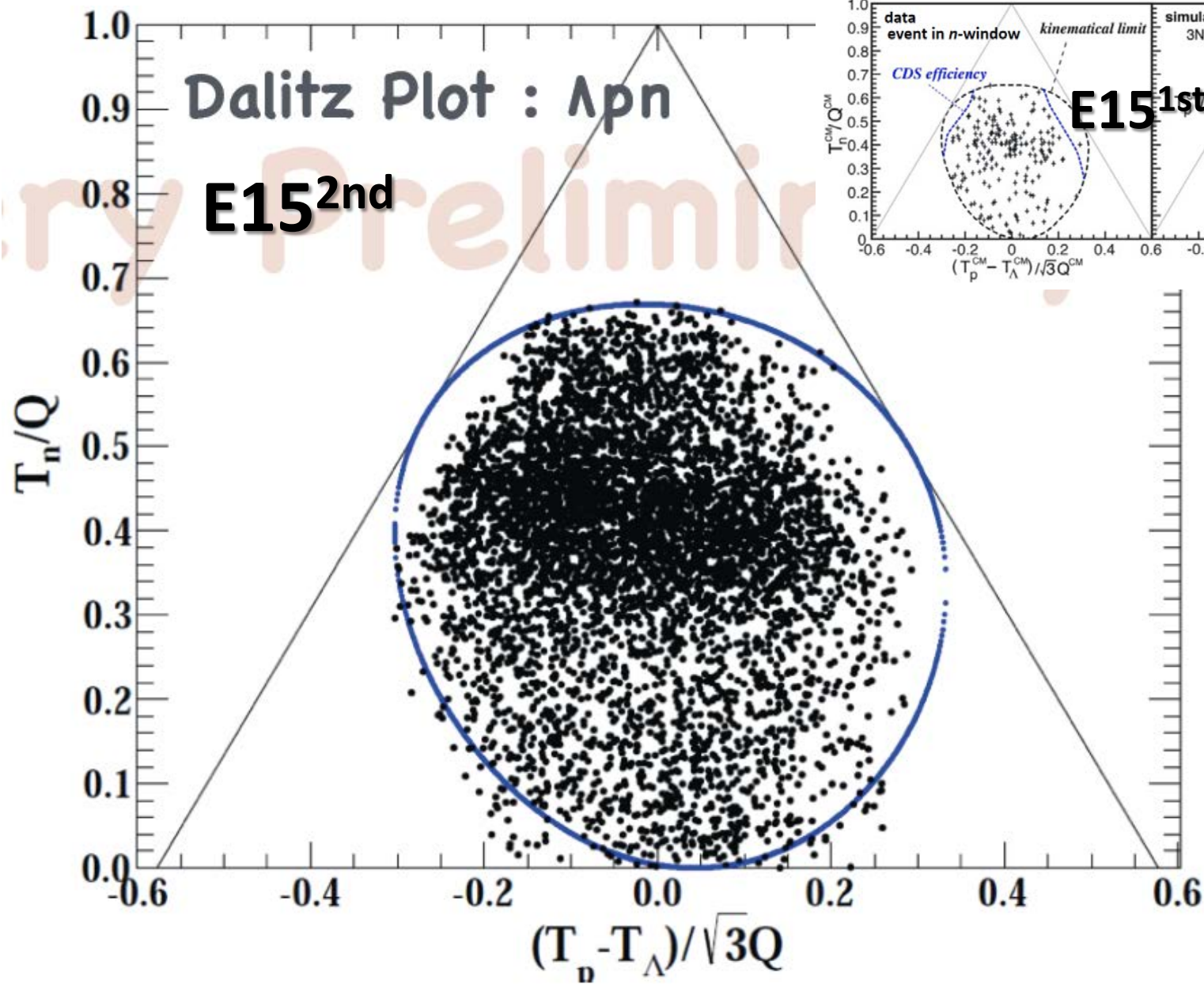
$\bar{K}NN$
bound-state



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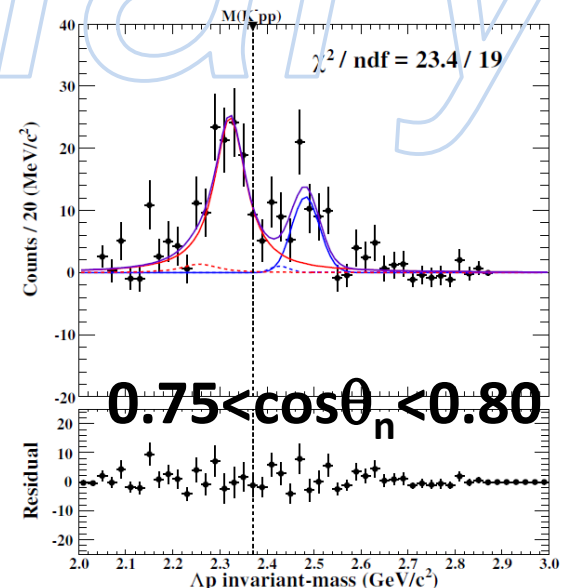
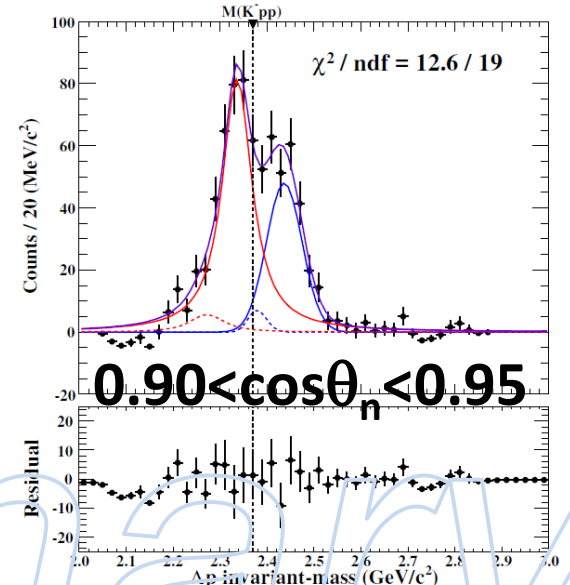
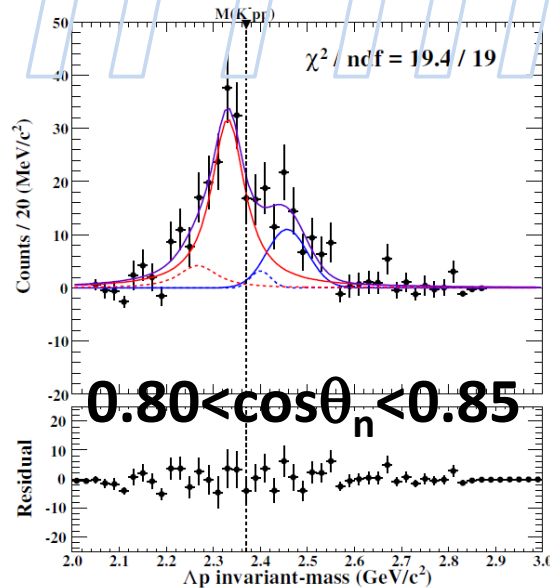
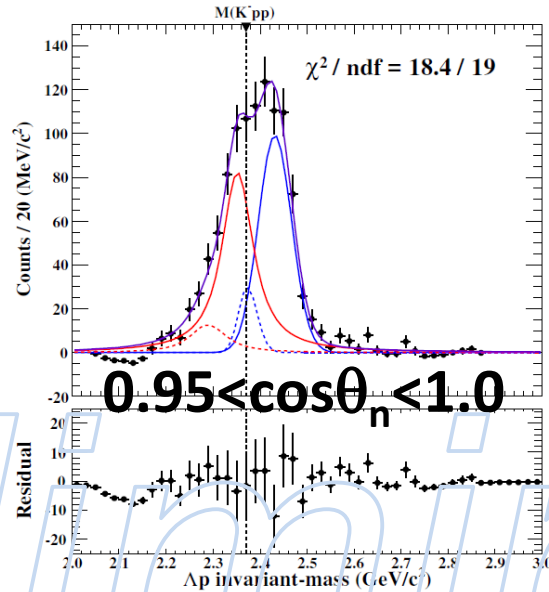
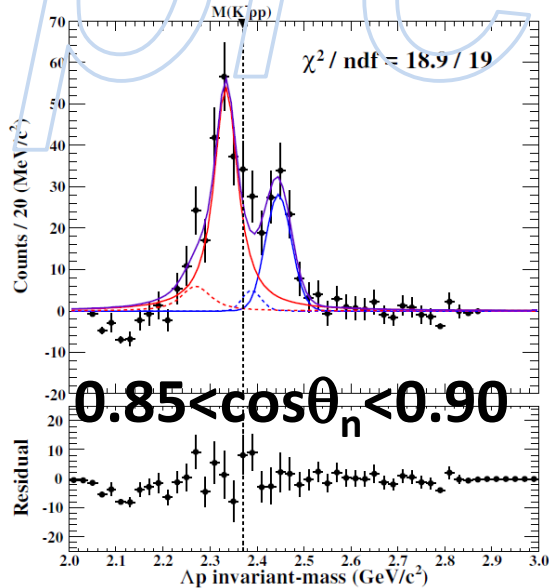
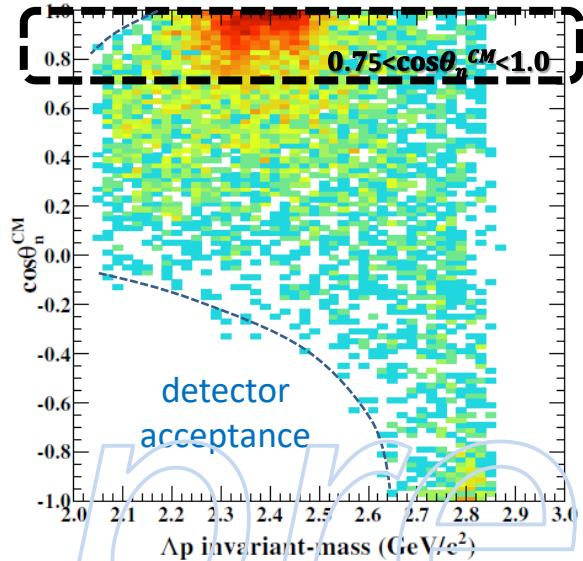


Exclusive ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda \text{p}) \text{n}$



Results of ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda\text{p})\text{n}$ [E15-2nd]

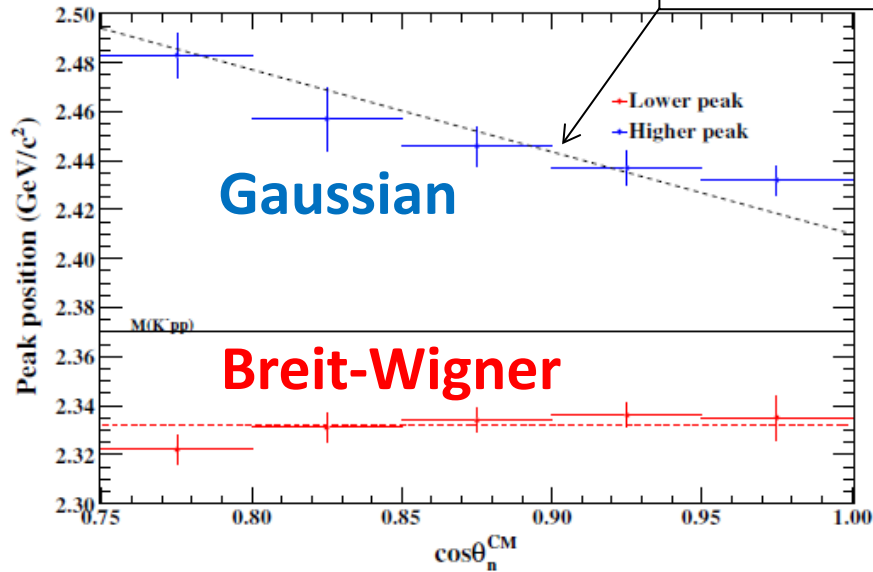
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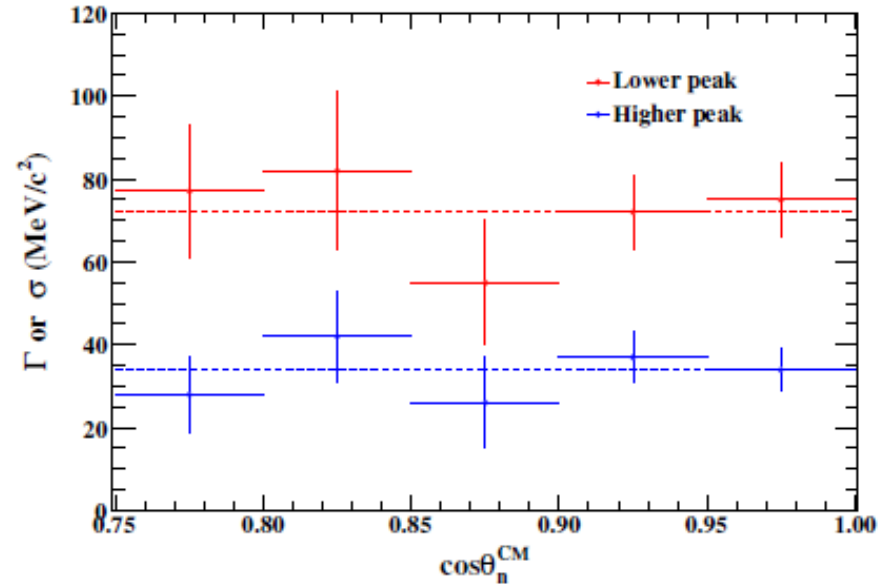
Results of $^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ [E15-2nd]

Peak position

$$M_{QF} = M_{K^-pp} + \frac{q^2}{2M_{K^-}}$$



Width



- Above $M(K\text{-}pp)$:
 - peak shift by recoil kaon energy
- Below $M(K\text{-}pp)$:
 - peak is independent to $\cos\theta_n$ ($\sim$ momentum transfer)
- Similar tendency as a theoretical calc., but QF seems to be originated from recoil kaon

