Status Report of E15 1st stage and Request for 2nd stage

Search for "Kpp" state via ^{3}He(K$^-$,n) reaction

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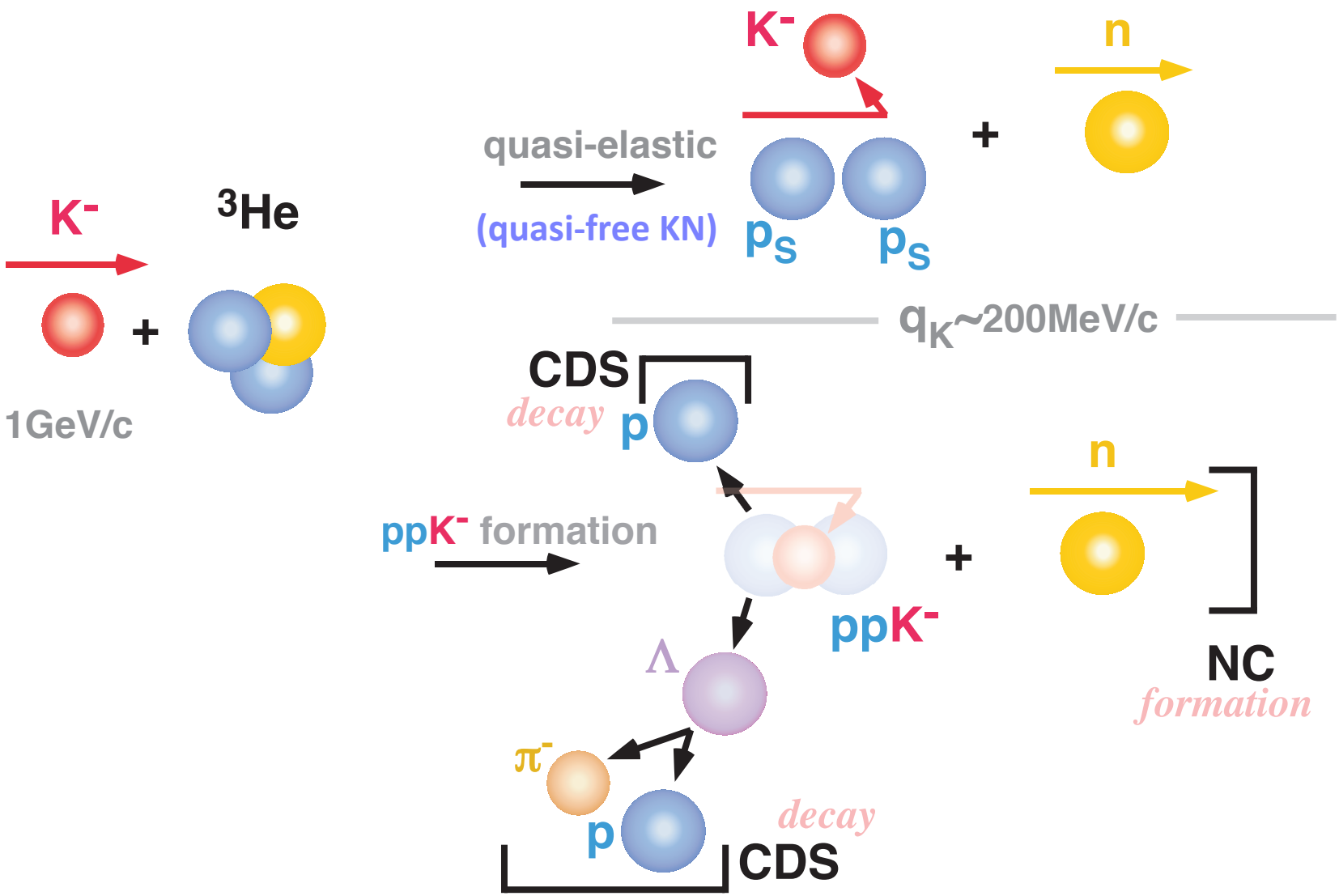
E15: "K⁻pp" search via ^{3}He(K⁻,n) @p_K=1GeV/c

for efficient "ppK" formation — *without 2NA background*

Formation & Decay — *Y decay can be rejected*



Formation channel

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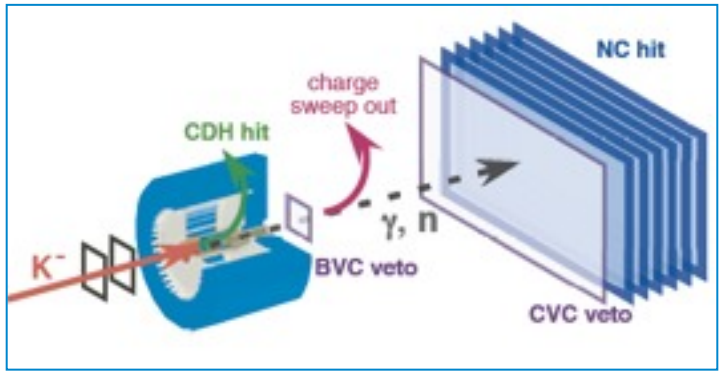

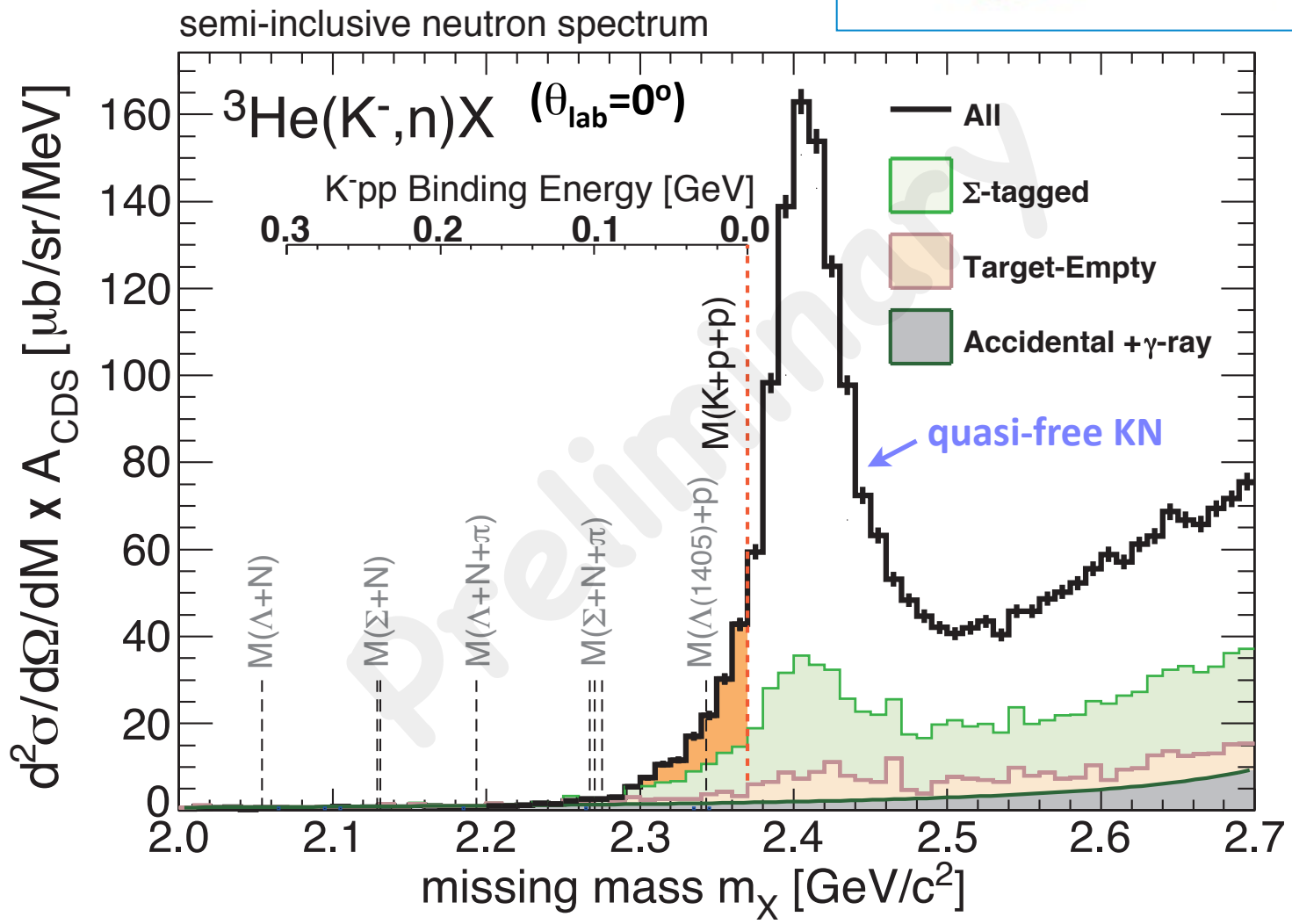

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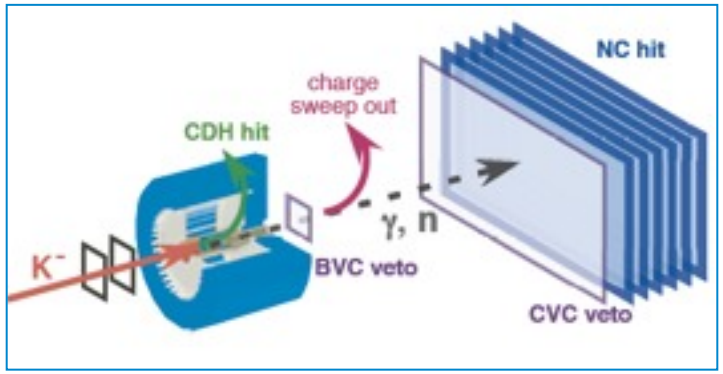

semi-inclusive neutron spectrum

$^{3}He(K^{-},n)X$ ($\theta_{lab}=0^{o}$)

p_K @ 1 GeV/c

Data

Y decay rejected

quasi-free KN

M(Λ+N)

M(Σ+N)

M(Λ+N+π)

M(Σ+N+π)

M(Λ(1405)+p)

M(K+p+p)

Preliminary

$d^2\sigma/d\Omega/dM \times A_{CDS}$ (μb/sr/MeV)

missing mass m_X [GeV/c^2]

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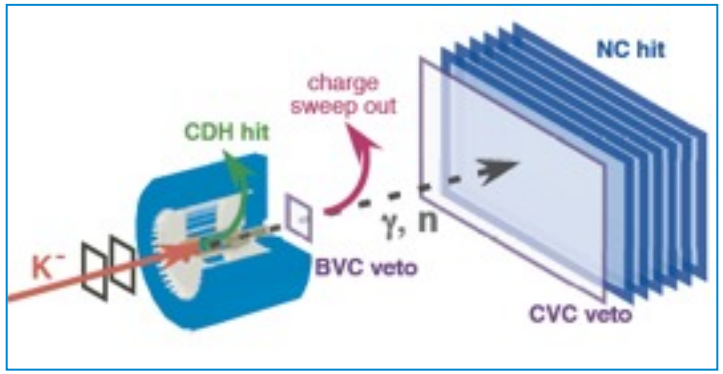

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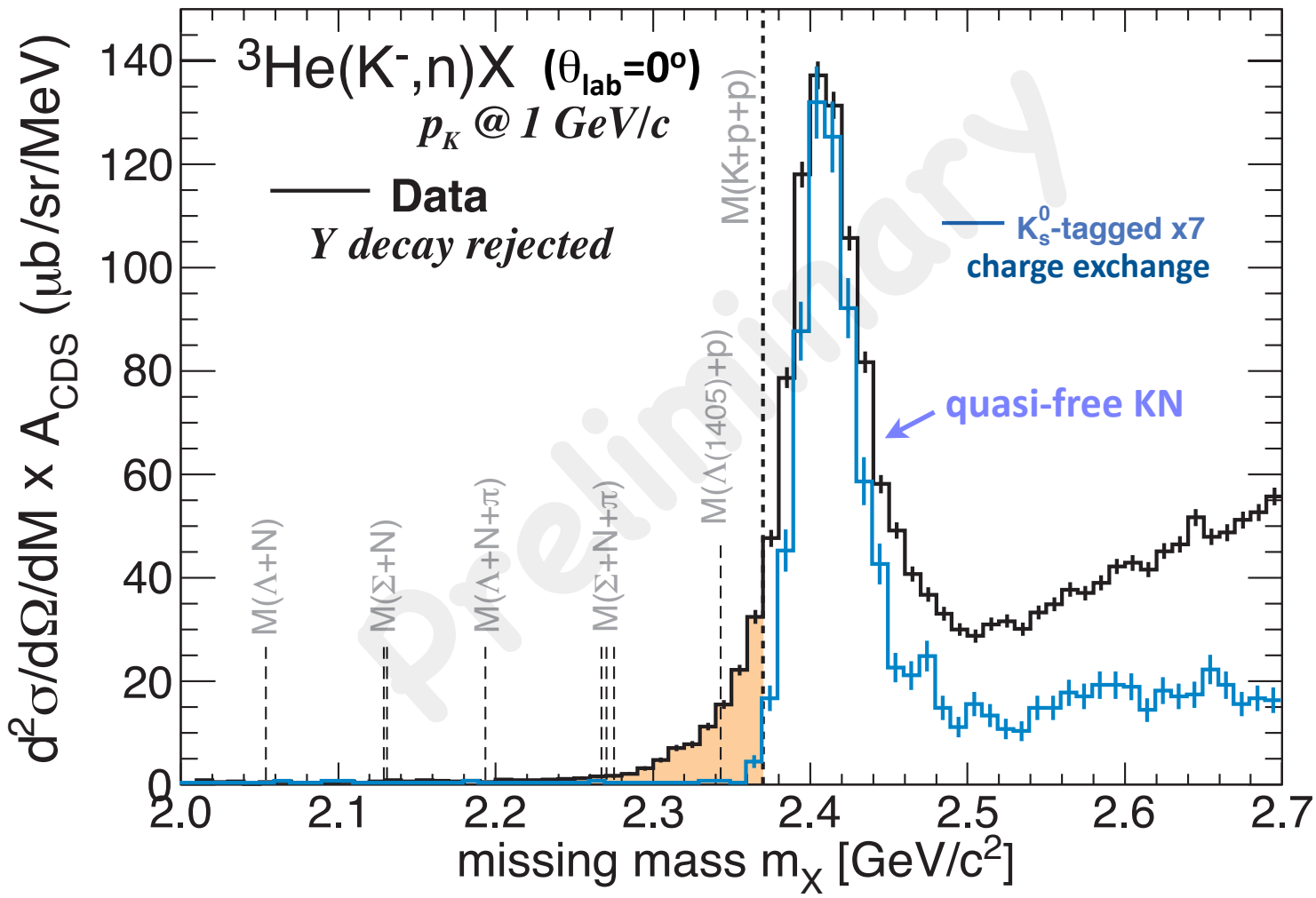
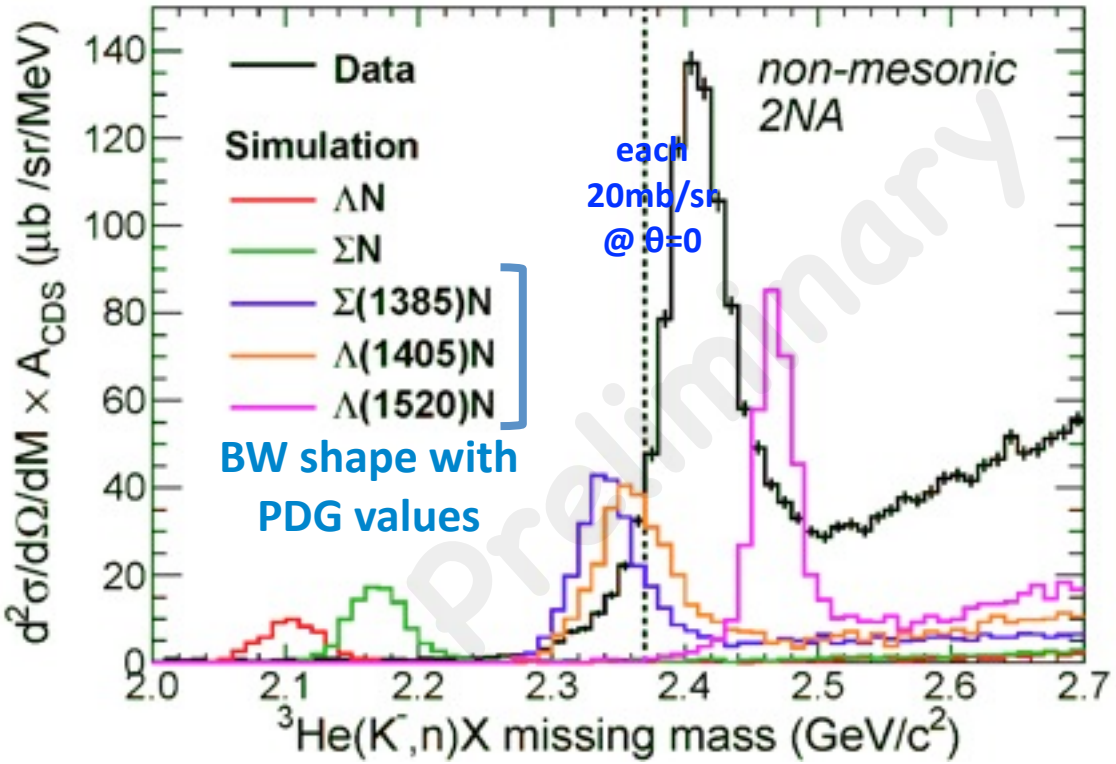


Formation channel: small 2NA (non-mesonic)



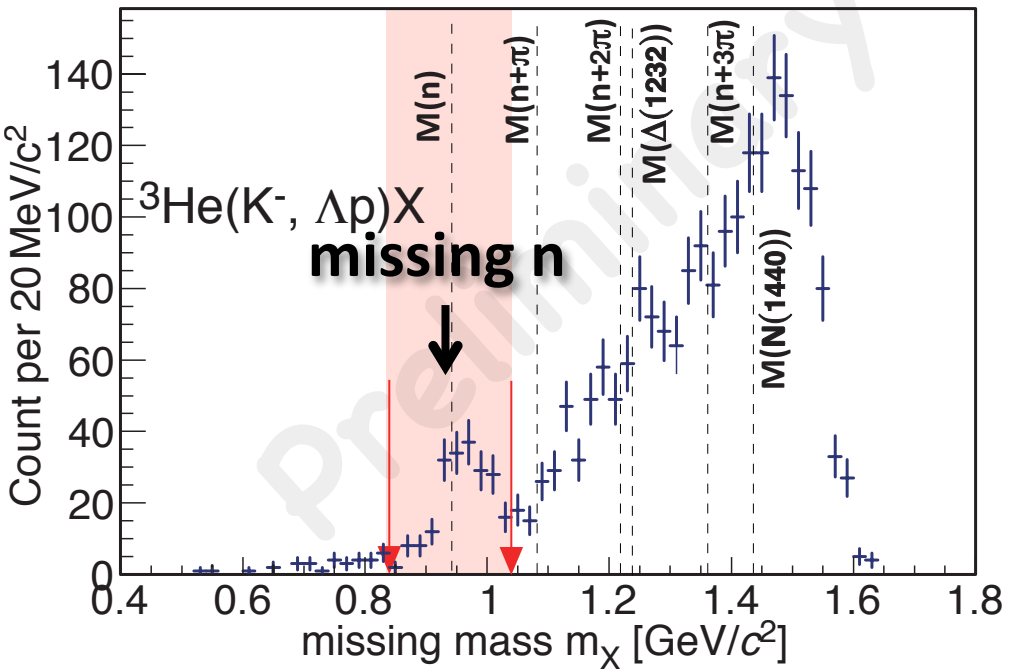
Y* mass spectra assumed B.W. with PDG mass & width

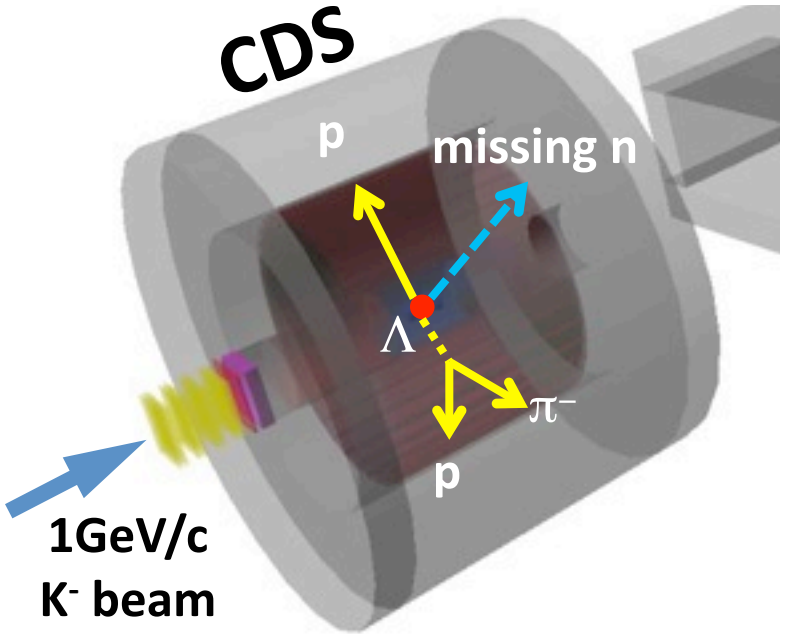
- **ΛN/ΣN 2NA branches are negligibly small**
- **excess by Λ(1405)n + p_S (2NA) cannot be excluded**
- **small q_K ~200 MeV/c equally prefers Σ(1385)/Λ(1405)/Λ(1520)**
  - **rather large Cross Section ~5mb/sr needed**
  - **if large Λ(1520)n exist, why no hint of Λ(1520)n?**

Decay channel

Another member preparing thesis for doctor's degree on this subject.

Decay channel - for exclusive ^{3}He(K$^-$,Λp)n$_{mis.}$





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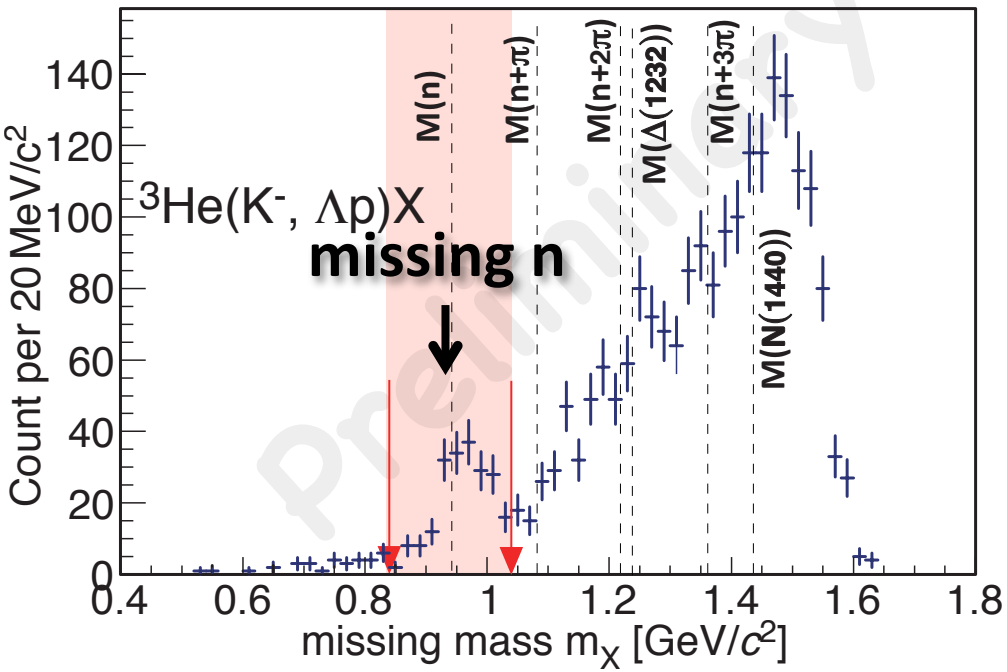

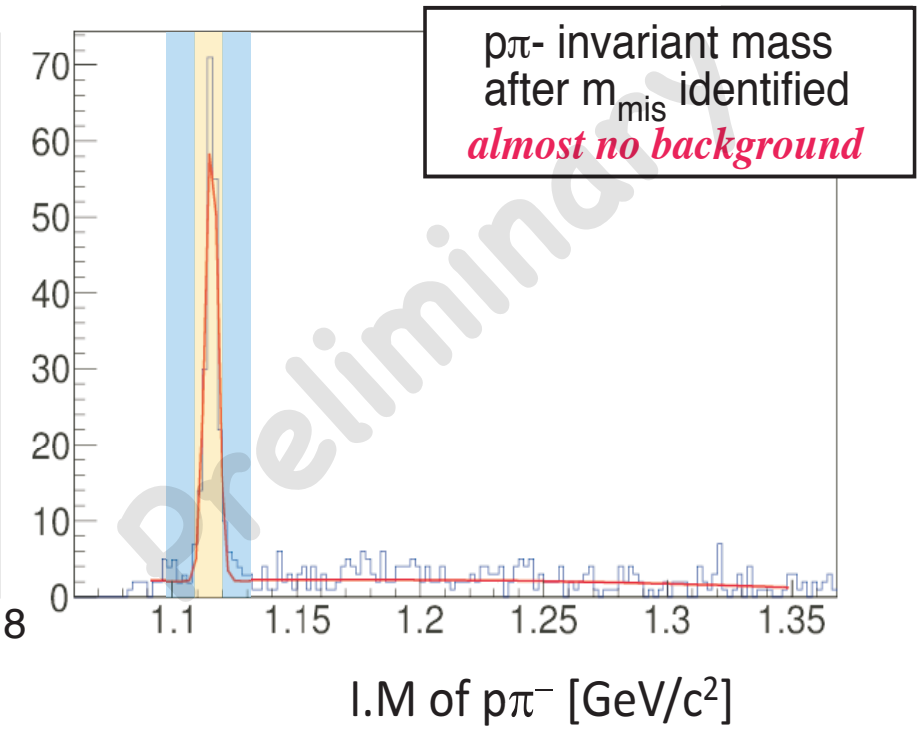

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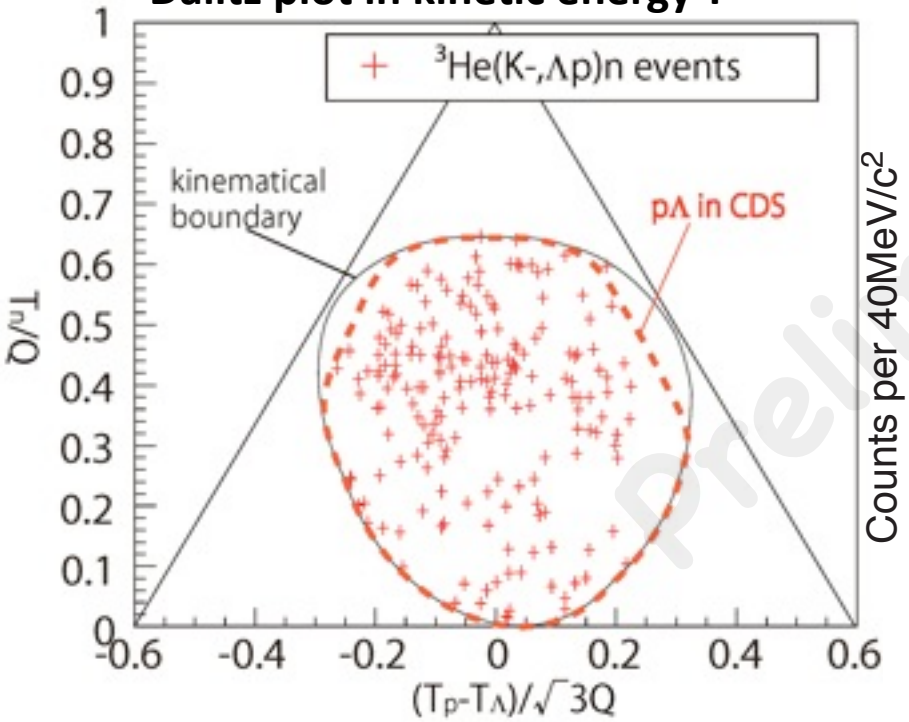

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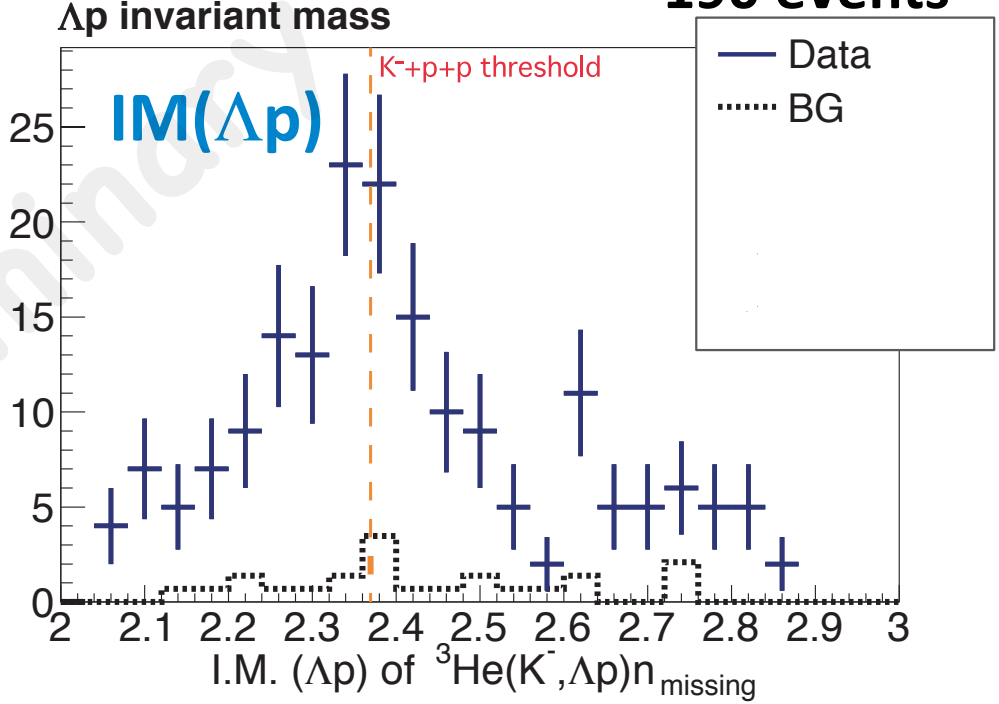

- **total CS : ~210 μb** **(~ 0.1% of total cross section of $K^-{}^3He$)**

  assuming CS proportional to phase-space

  - **another excess seen near the threshold**
  - **cannot be Λ(1405)n + p_S (2NA), because of Λpn F.S.**
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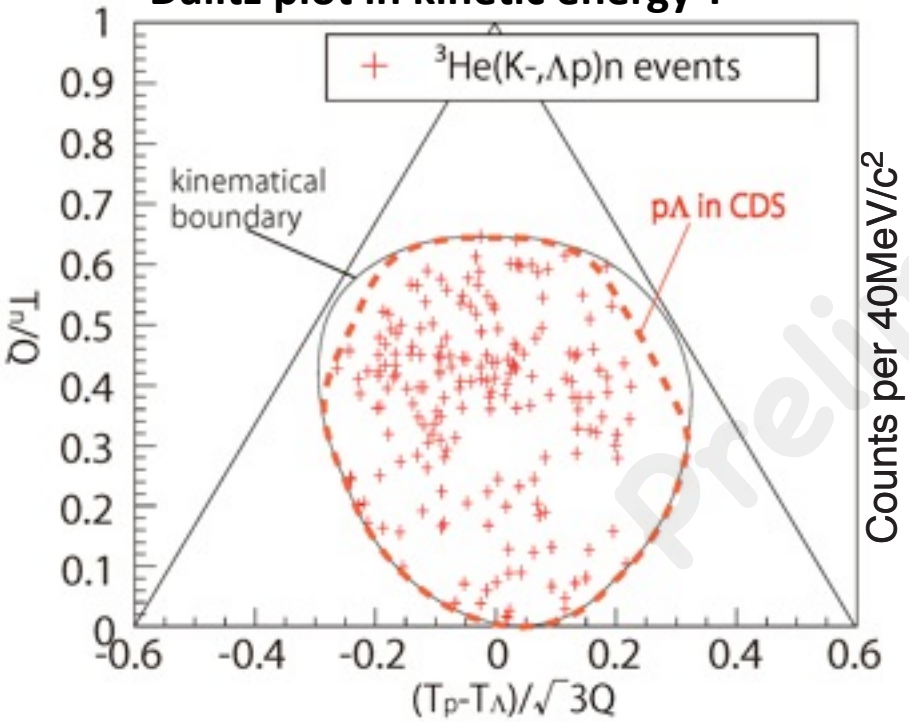

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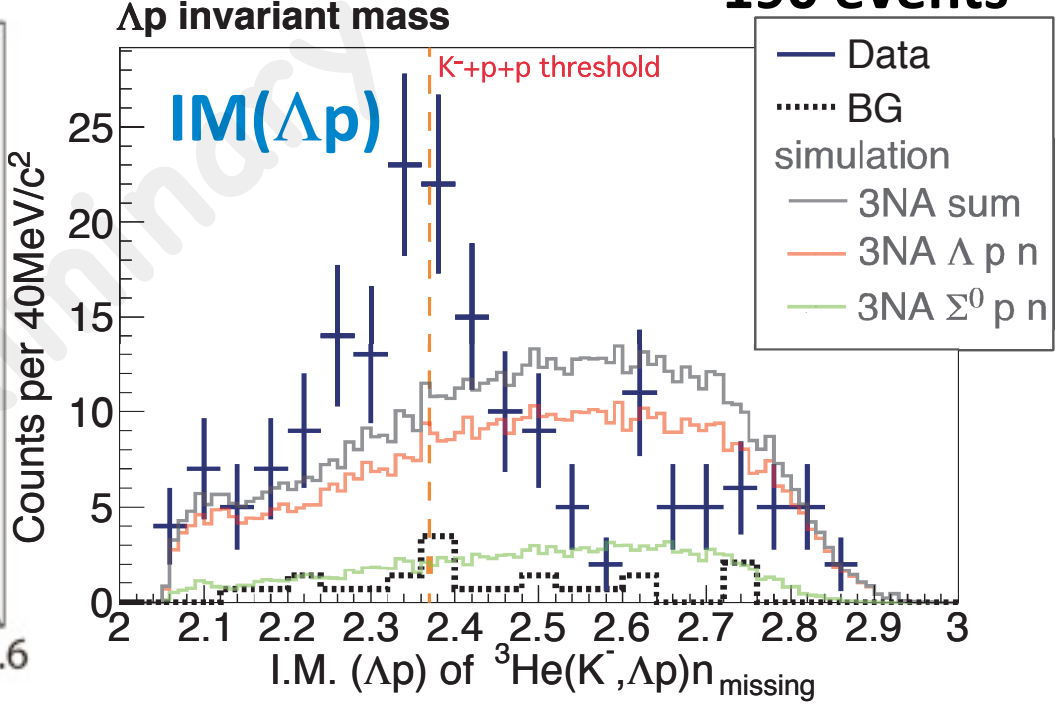

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Formation vs Decay

Formation channel

semi-inclusive

$K^- + {}^3He \rightarrow n + X\ (\theta_n=0)$

- excess below threshold
- contribution from Λ(1405)n + p_S (2NA) may exist

Decay channel

exclusive

$K^- + {}^3He \rightarrow \Lambda + p + n_{mis.}$

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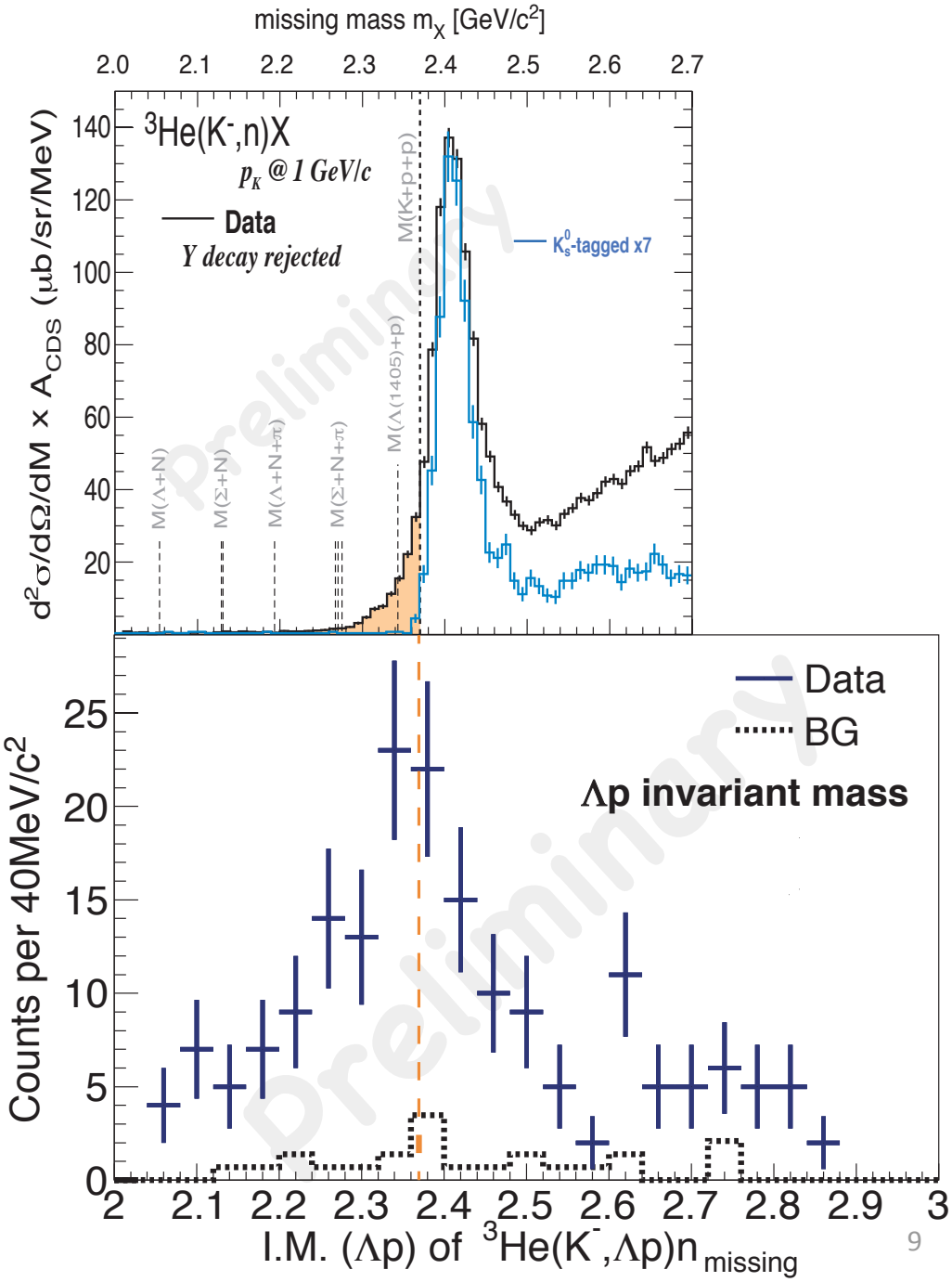

Formation channel

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Decay channel

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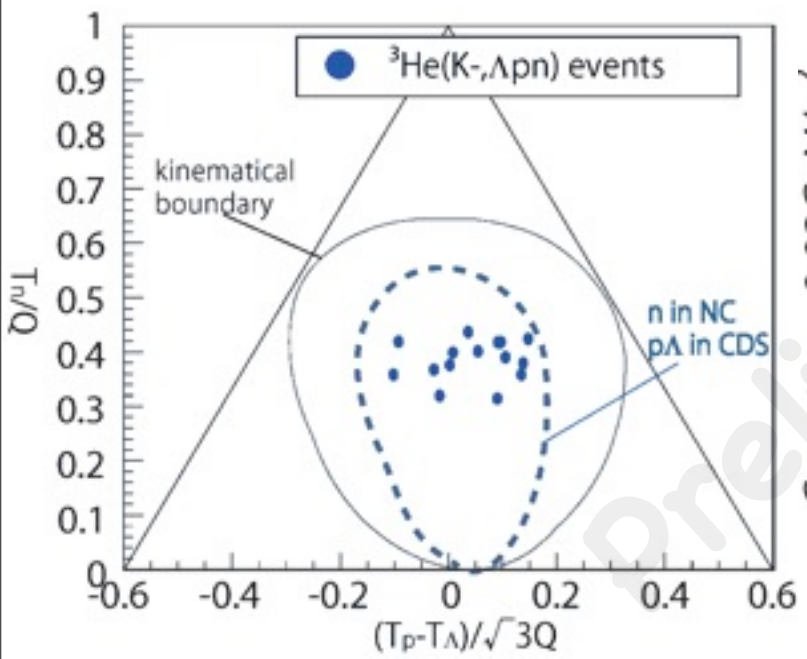
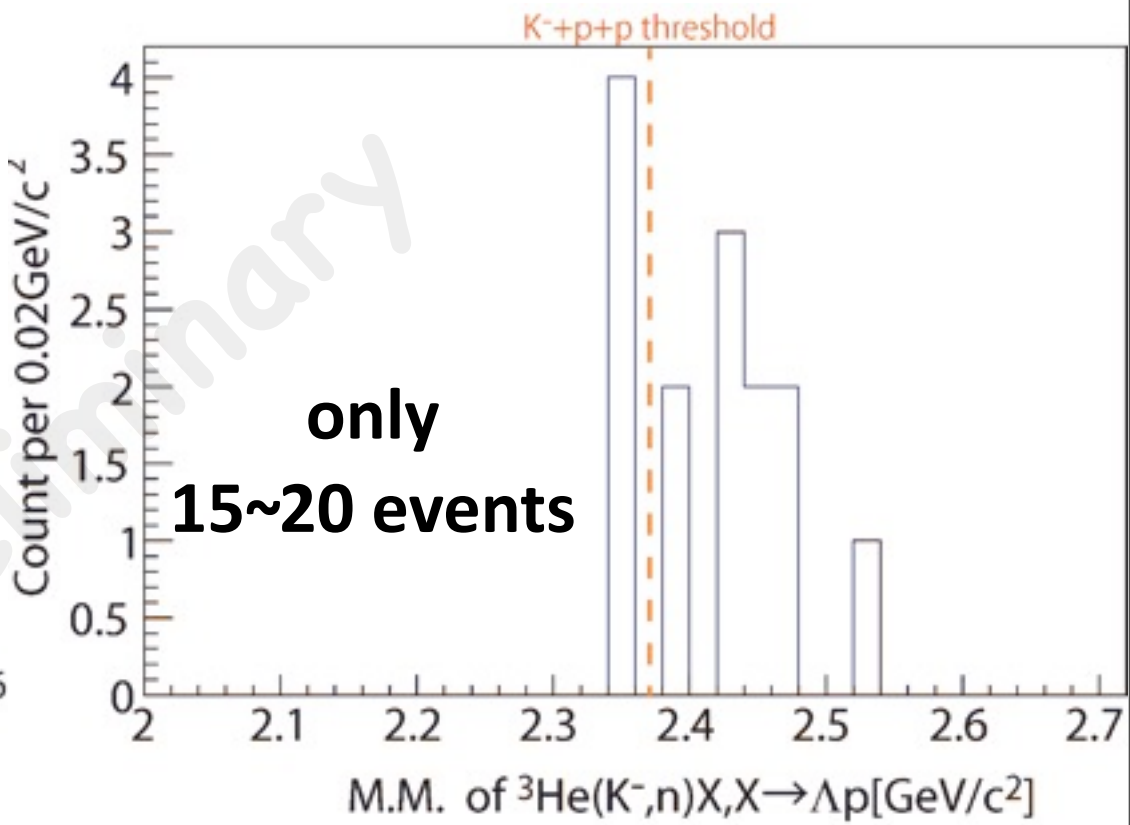
Exclusive analysis

with full kinematics

limited in statistics

Kinematically-complete measurement of ^{3}He(K$^-$, Λpn)





only
15~20 events

- **Consistent with previous analysis**
- **To study, x100 (at least x10) beam is required**
- **will extend exclusive analysis on other final state (F.S.)**

Summary of E15 1st stage

- **E15 1st stage was successfully completed!**
  - Semi-inclusive channel
    - **^{3}He(K^-,n)** → **excess** below $\bar{K}$NN threshold
    - naively attractive & absorptive $\bar{K}$N to explain the excess
    - **excess = Λ(1405)n + p_S (2NA) cannot be excluded**
  - Exclusive channel
    - **^{3}He(K^-,Λp)n** → **excess** around $\bar{K}$NN threshold
    - **excess cannot be Λ(1405)n + p_S (2NA)**
    - statistics is very limited at the 1st stage

      one received doctor's title, four on their way...
- **We need definitely more data to investigate the $K^{bar}N$ interaction by exclusive analyses!**

E15 2nd stage

May, 2013 (Run#49c)	24 kW (30 Tppp, 6s)	140 k/spill	88 h	5.1×10^9

x10

E15 2nd: 50×10^9 kaons on target

The goal of the E15 2nd

1. confirm the spectral shape of the Λp invariant-mass by the exclusive measurement of ^{3}He(K^-,Λp)n
2. explore the neutron spectrum at θ_{lab}=0 with the kinematically complete measurement of ^{3}He(K^-,Λpn)
3. extend study on other channel, like ^{3}He(K^-,Σπpn)

➢ to extract more information on the $K^{bar}N$ interaction

Beam-time Plan @ K1.8BR

1 GeV/c K^- yield = 100 k/spill (=f_{24GeV}*f_{T1}*Run49c)

f_{24GeV} ~ 0.9 [MR 30→24GeV], f_{T1} ~ 0.8 [T1 modification]

1. Commissioning run
   - **~1 day**
2. Calibration run with H2-target
   - **~4 days** → **$p(K^-,K^0)n_{forward}$: ~2×10^4**
3. E31 pilot run with D2-target
   - $14*10^9$ kaons on target = **~14 days**
4. E15 2nd-stage production run with ^{3}He-target
   - $50*10^9$ kaons on target = **~56 days**

Conclusion

- **We accomplished the E15 1st stage.**
  - 5x10^9 kaons on target (in May, 2013)
  - The aims of the E15^{1st} were successfully achieved
  - Fruitful results have been obtained

- **We request x10 beam-time as 2nd stage.**
  - 50x10^9 kaons on target
  - study observed excess given in the E15 1st stage
  - extend exclusive analysis to other final states

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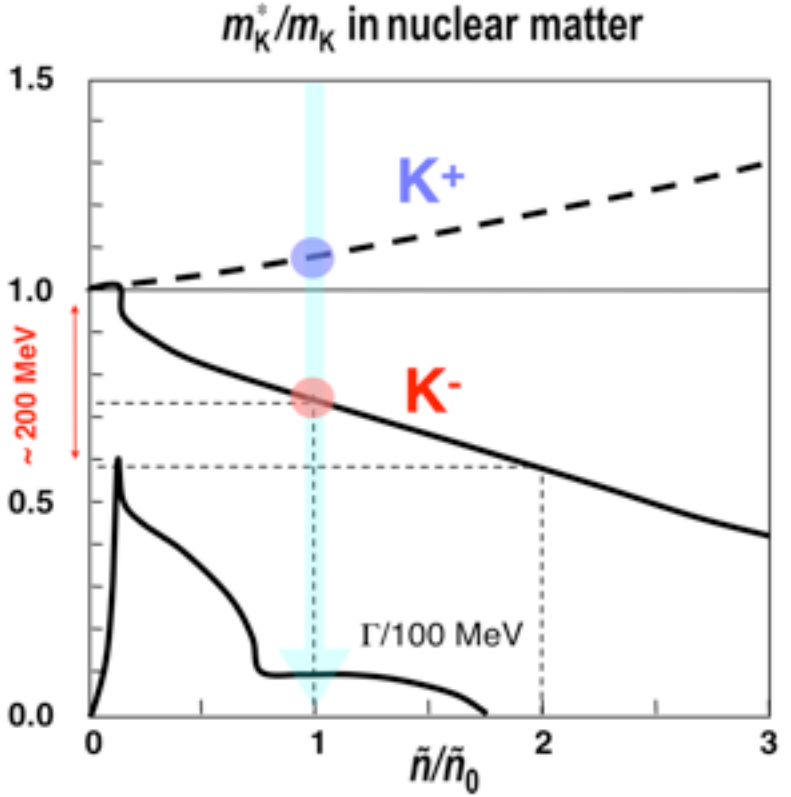
Embedding K^- in nucleus

Motivation of J-PARC E15

- understand $\bar{K}N$ interaction below threshold
- K mass modification / high density matter?



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

$\Lambda(1405)$ as K^-p bound state?

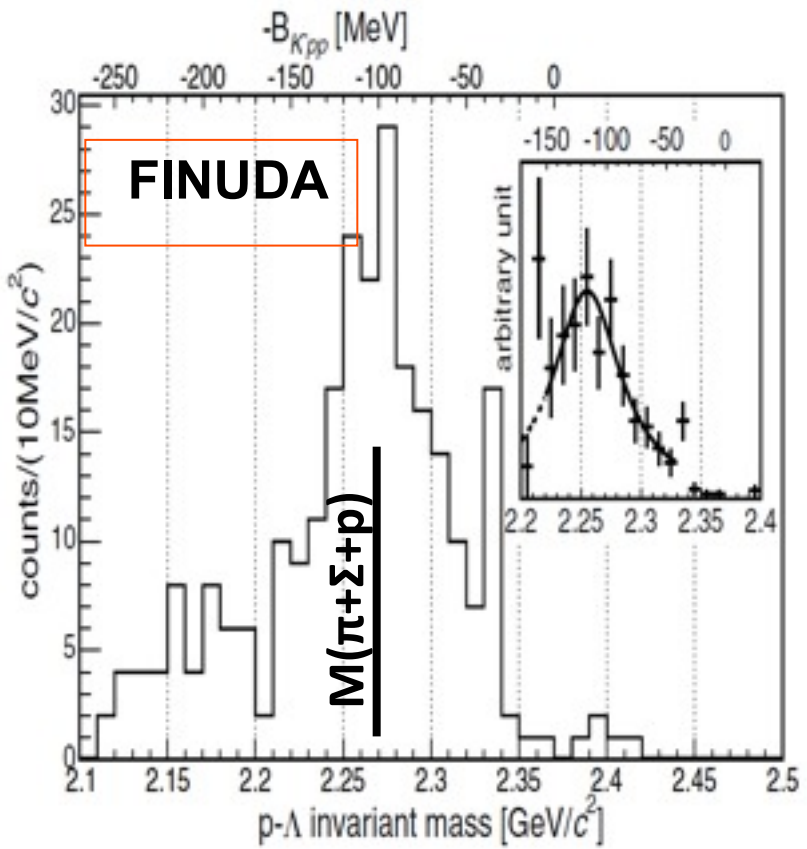
K^- bound state in nuclei?

high density nuclear matter?

Y.Akaishi & T.Yamazaki, PLB535, 70(2002).

“Kpp” candidates in Λp invariant mass

“Λp” invariant mass @ K⁻ at rest



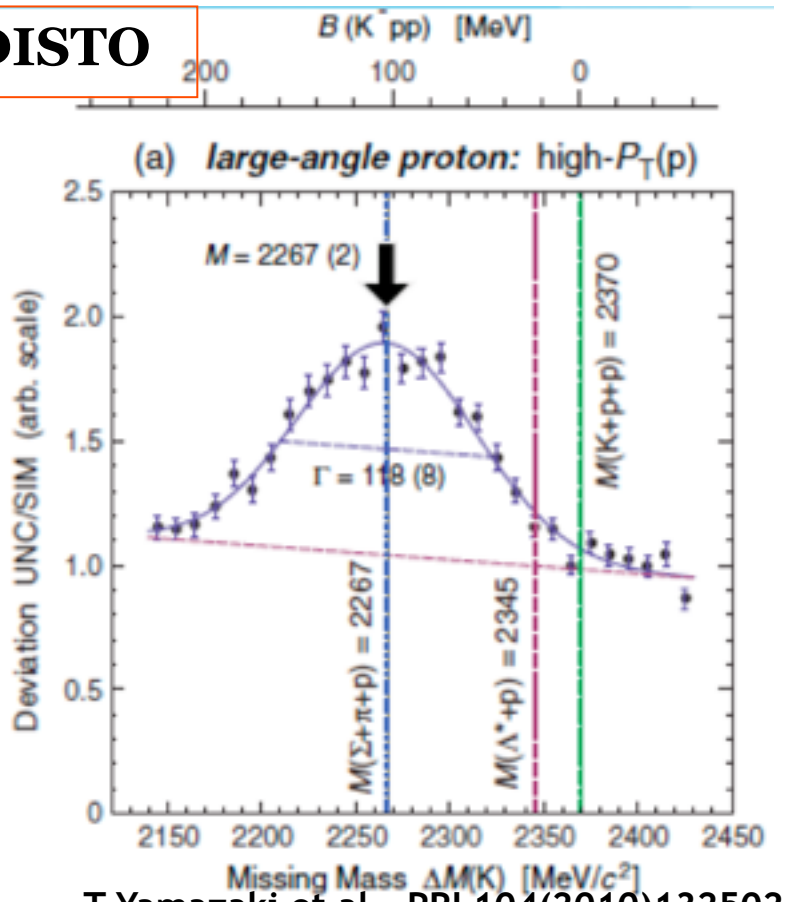
B_K = 115±6±4 MeV

Γ_K = 67±14±3 MeV

(M_{ppK}=2255±6±4 MeV)

p (p, K⁺) Λp @ T = 2.85 GeV

DISTO



T.Yamazaki et al., PRL104(2010)132502

M_x=2267±3±5 MeV !

(B_K = 103±3±5 MeV)

Γ_x=118±8±10 MeV !

E15 1st stage

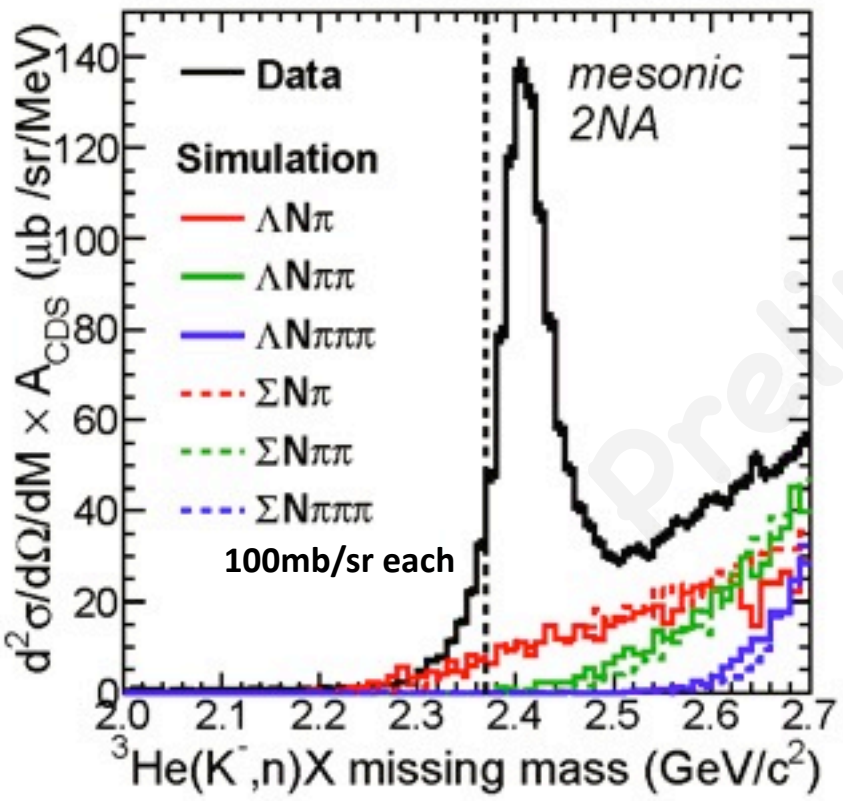
- Took half of scheduled ~15/30kW*week
  - ~1% of the approved proposal (270kW*4weeks)

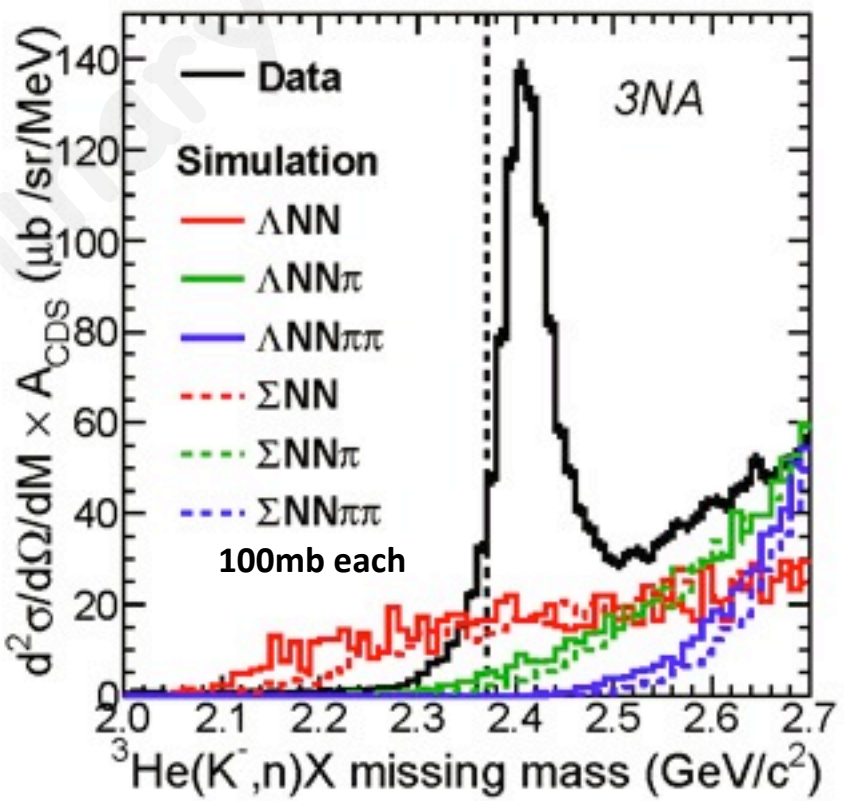
	Primary-beam intensity	Secondary-kaon intensity	Duration	Kaons on target (w/ tgt selection)
March, 2013 (Run#47)	14.5 kW (18 Tppp, 6s)	80 k/spill	30 h	1.1×10^9
May, 2013 (Run#49c)	24 kW (30 Tppp, 6s)	140 k/spill	88 h	5.1×10^9

** production target: Au 50% loss, spill length: 2s, spill duty factor: ~45%, K/pi ratio: ~1/2*
** ~70% of beam kaons hit the fiducial volume of ^{3}He target*

- All detector systems worked well as designed.
  - presented in the previous (17th) PAC meeting

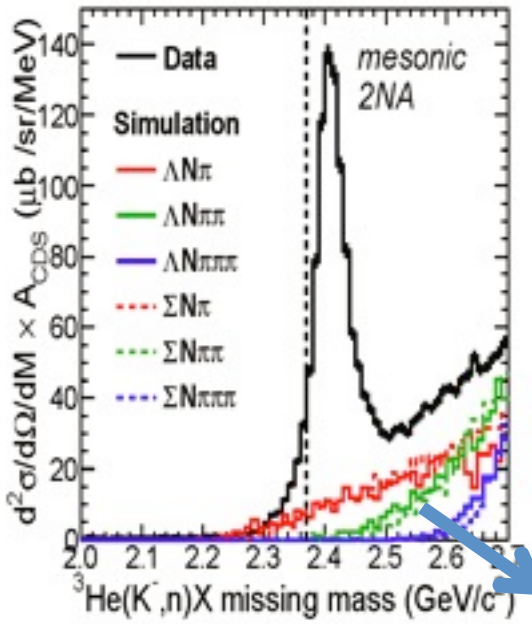
Formation channel: mesonic-2NA / 3NA also small

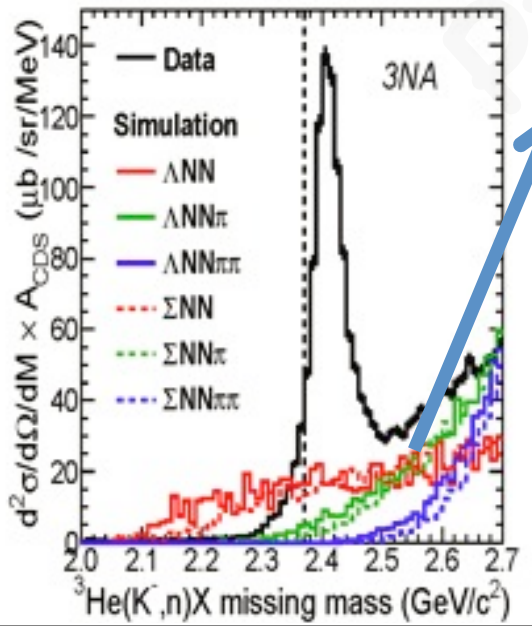


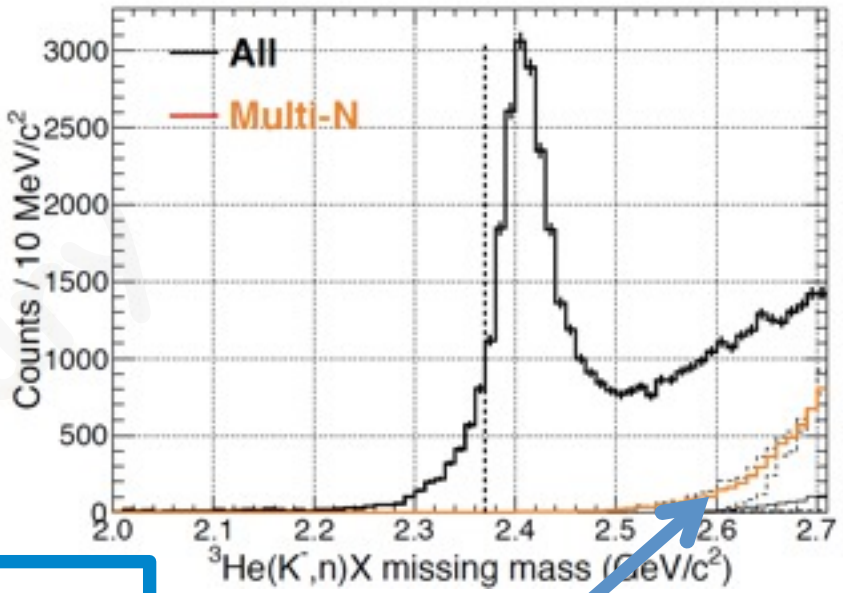


- sum of Ynπ/YNN is estimated to be below 5mb/sr
- **contributions in the binding region are negligible**

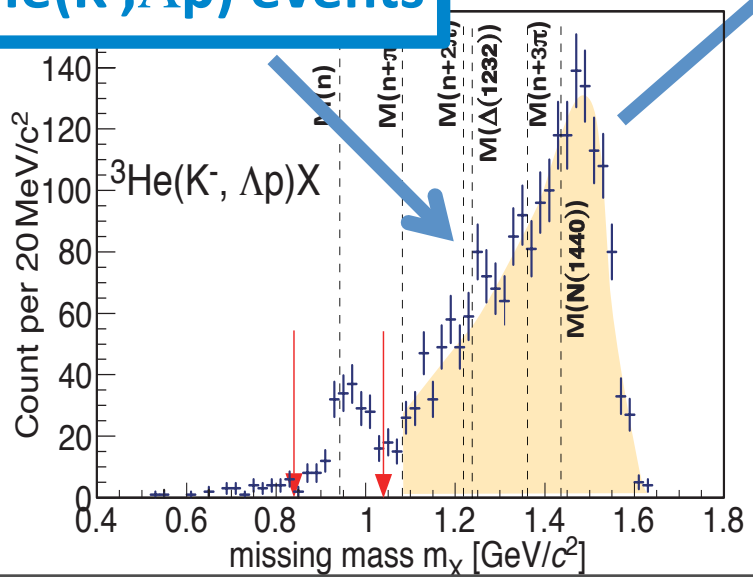
^{3}He(K$^-$,n): mesonic-2NA & 3NA?







self-consistent to ^{3}He(K$^-$,Λp) events



mesonic-2NA & 3NA reactions

- $K^- + {}^3He \rightarrow \pi + Y^{(*)} + N + N_s$
- $K^- + {}^3He \rightarrow Y^{(*)} + N + N$

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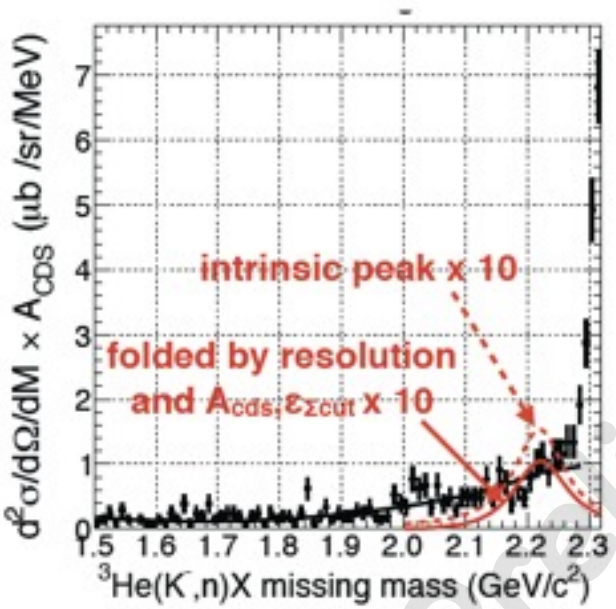
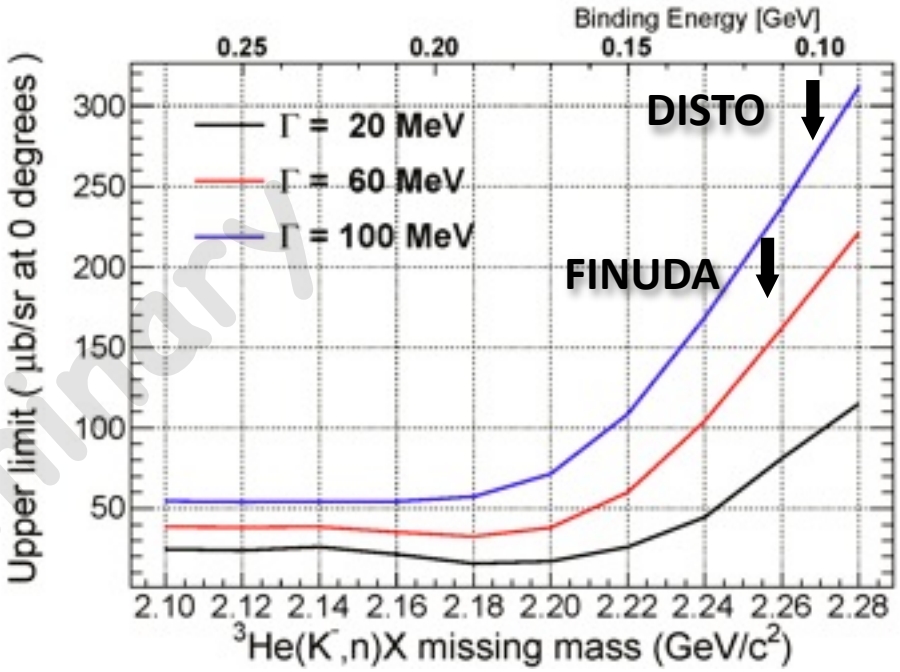
Upper limit of Cross Section by formation channel



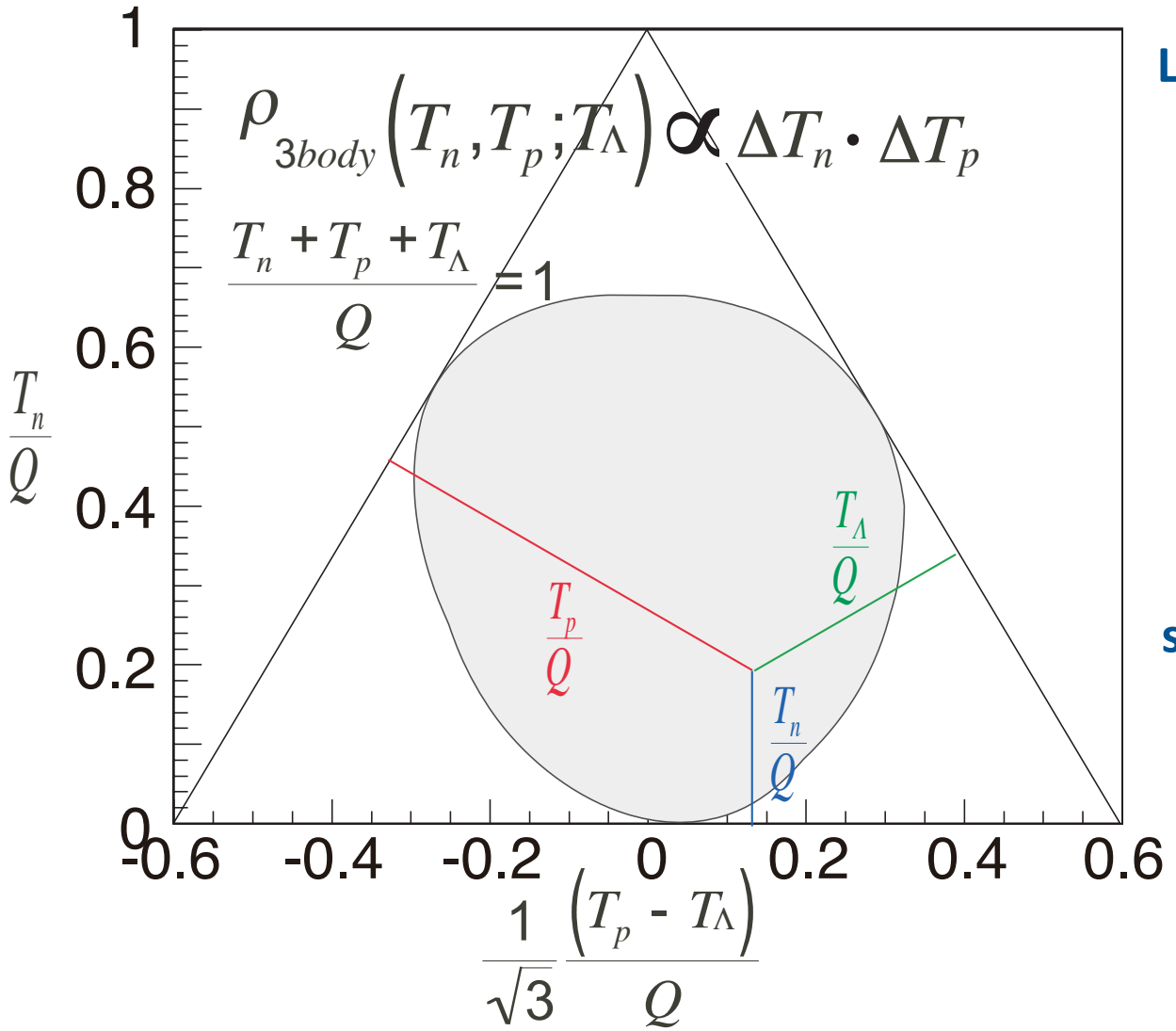


- **No clear structure was found in B.E. ~ 100 MeV/c²**
- $d\sigma/d\Omega(\theta_{lab}=0^o)$ upper limit ~0.3 mb/sr (95% C.L.)

	B.E. (MeV)	Γ (MeV)	95% C.L. (mb/sr)
FINUDA	115	67	~0.2
DISTO	103	118	~0.3

Dalitz plot

in CM kinetic energy T



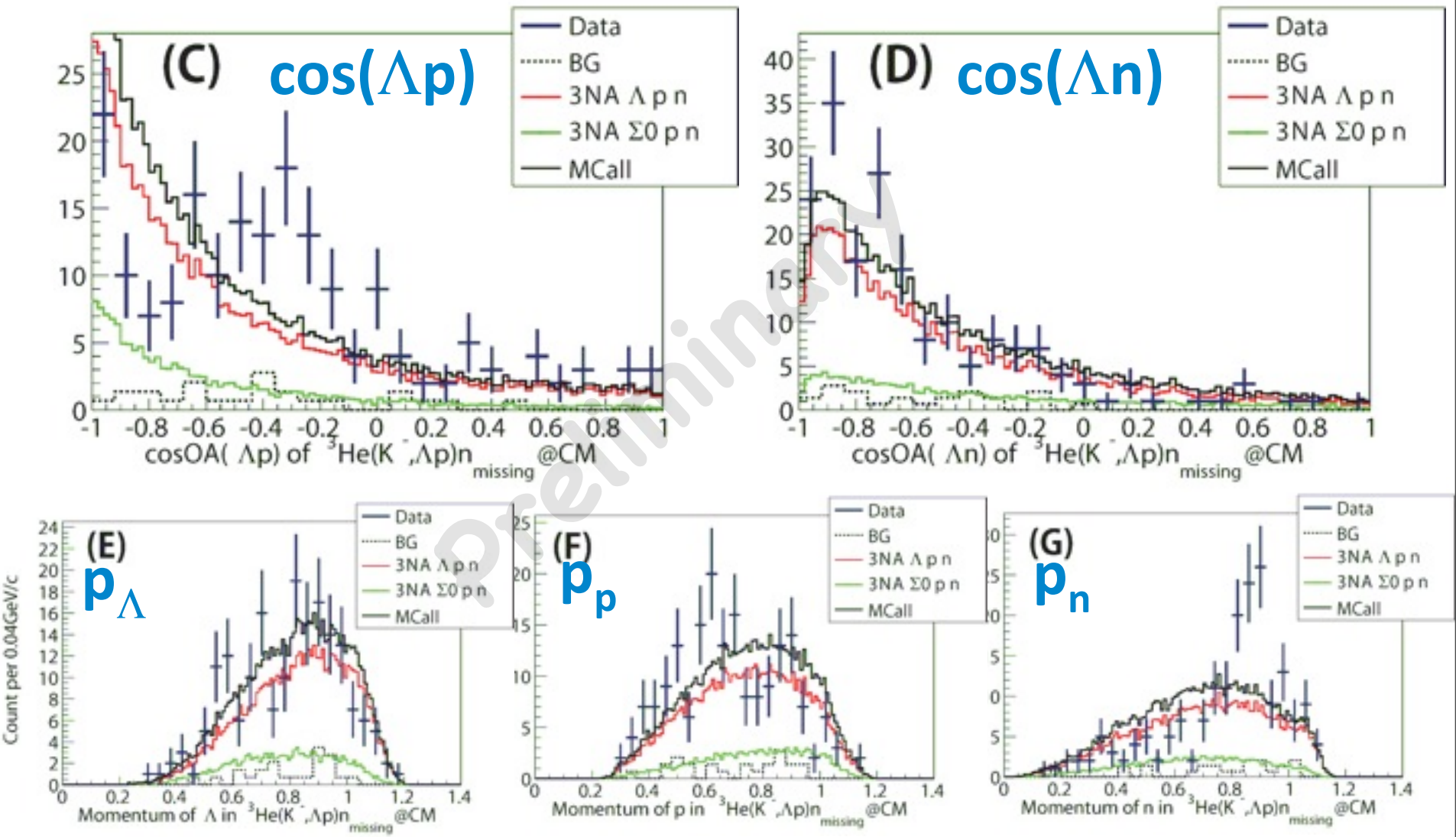
Lorentz invariant 3-body phase space is proportional to

$\Delta T_1 \times \Delta T_2$

easy to see kinematics

symmetric representation

^{3}He(K$^-$,Λp)n: Comparison with Phase-Space



- **data cannot be reproduced by the phase-space?**

Achievement of the E15 1st

4 objectivities of E15^{1st} @ 13th PAC meeting, Jan.2012

1. **^{3}He(K^{-}, n) spectrum** below the K^{bar}NN threshold
   - significant excess below the threshold
   - No clear structure in B.E ~ 100 MeV/c^{2}
2. Hint of signal in **Λ+p+n final states**
   - widely distributes over the phase-space?
   - excess around the threshold?
3. Investigation of the **background processes**
   - absence of K^{-}NN→ΛN/ΣN 2NA reactions
4. Realistic beam-time for **the E15 full experiment**.
   - more than x 100 beam-time compared to E15^{1st}