

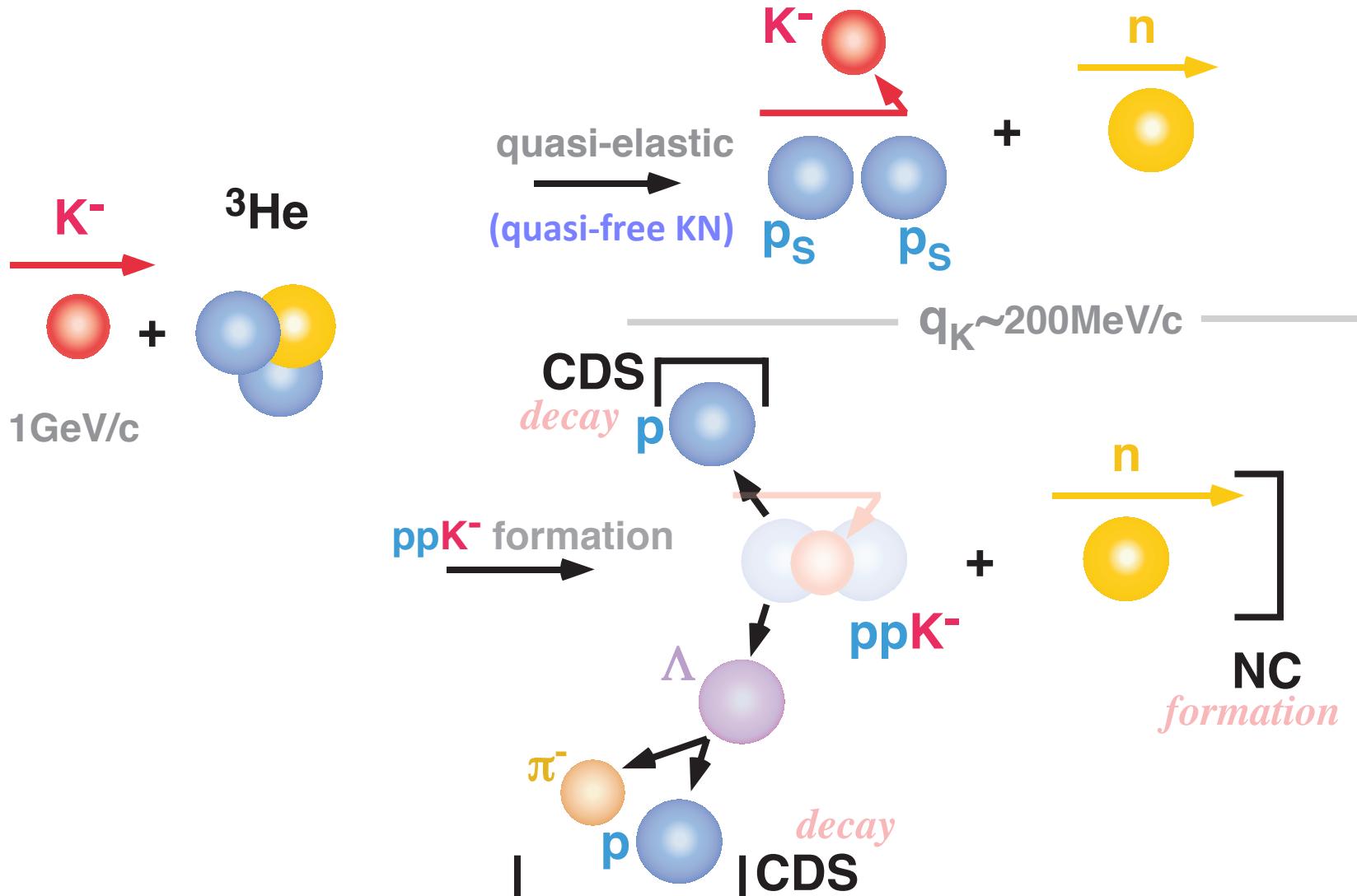
Status Report of E15 1st stage and Request for 2nd stage

Search for “Kpp” state via ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \text{n})$ reaction

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E15: “K⁻pp” search via ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n)$ @ $p_K=1\text{GeV}/c$

for efficient “ppK” formation $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{without } 2\text{NA background} \\ \text{Formation & Decay} \quad Y \text{ decay can be rejected} \end{array} \right]$



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Formation channel semi-inclusive



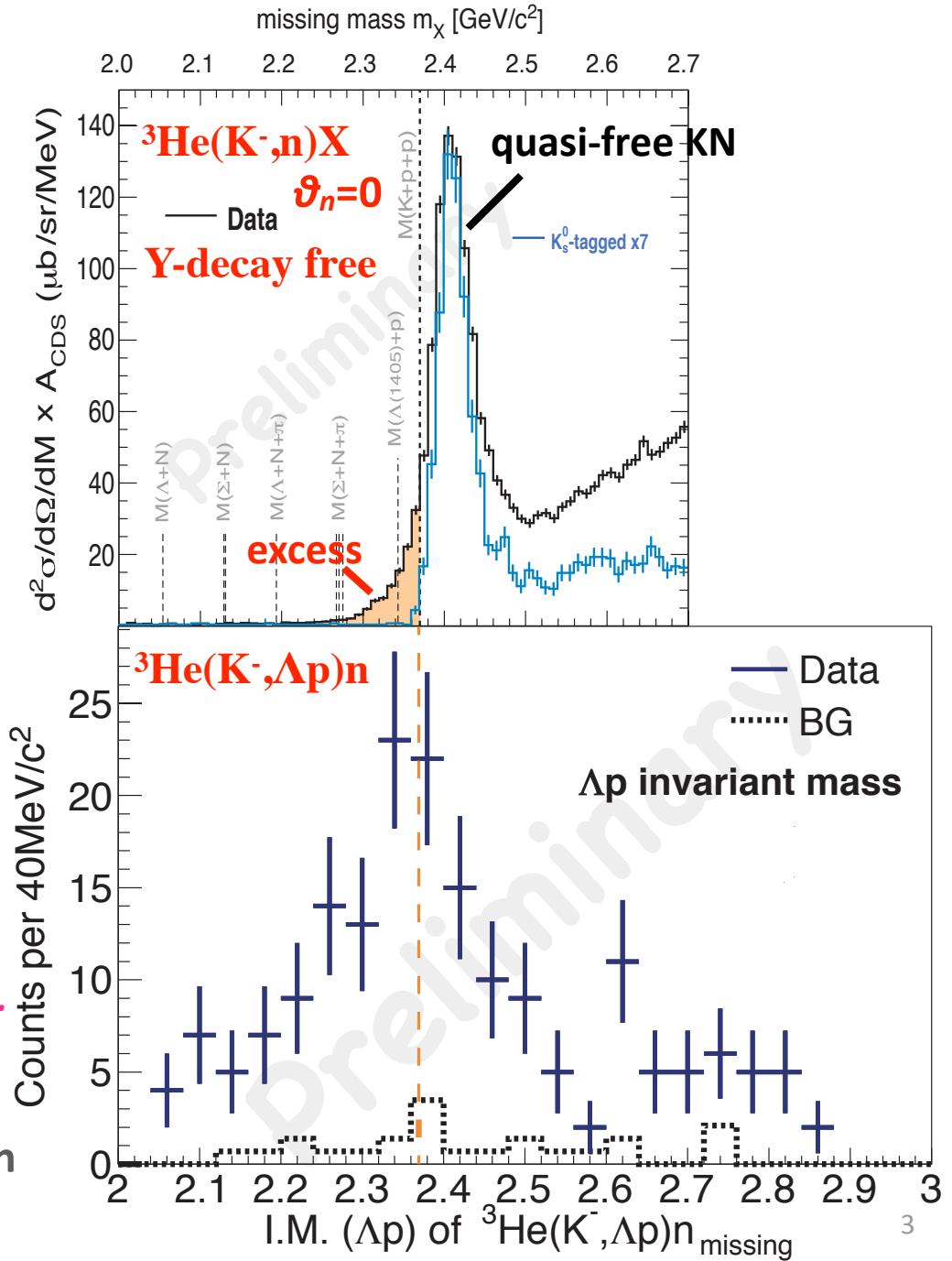
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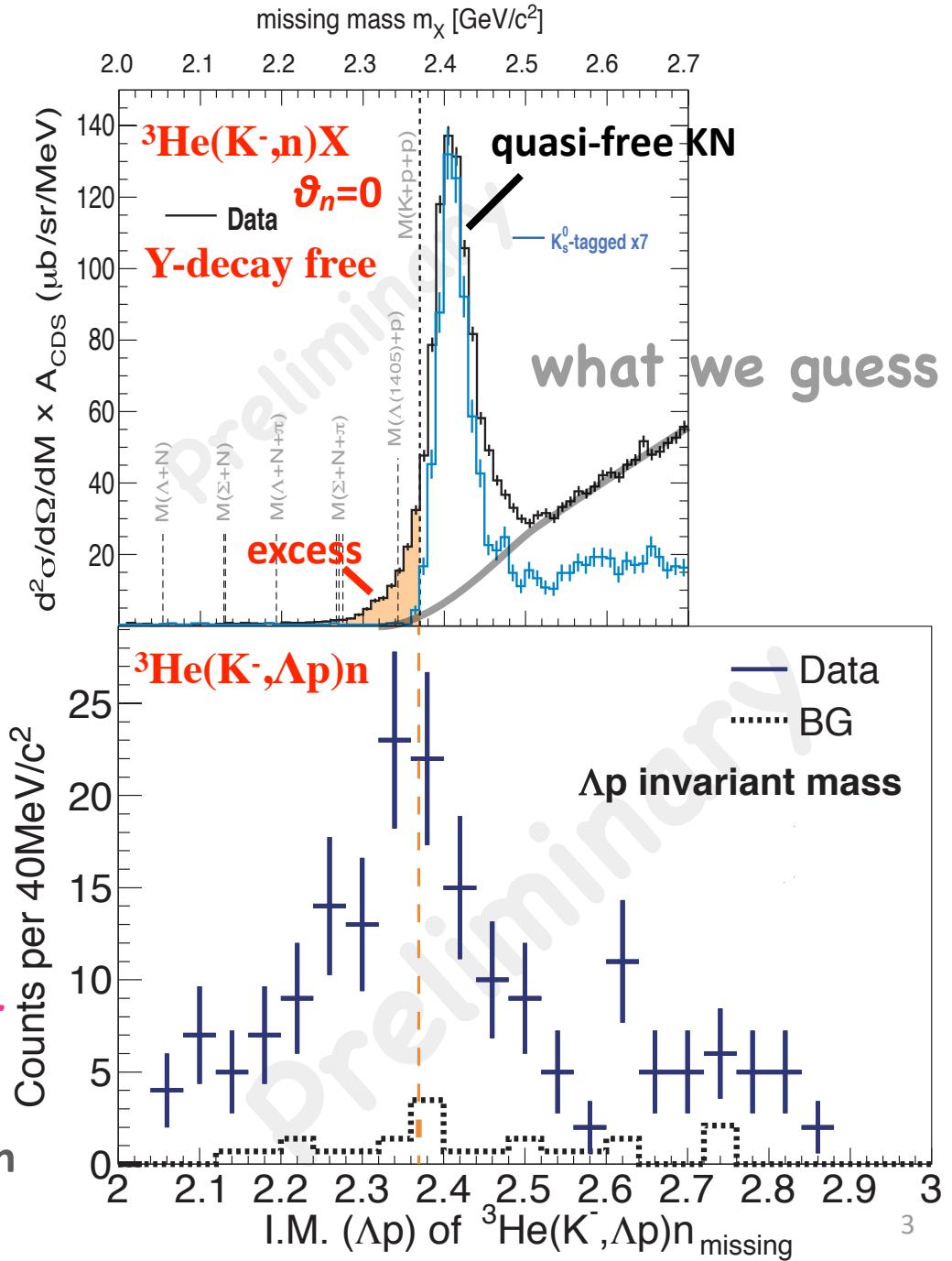
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Summary of E15 1st stage

- E15 1st stage was successfully completed!
 - Semi-inclusive channel
 - ${}^3\text{He}(\bar{K}, \text{n}) \rightarrow \text{excess}$ below $\bar{K}\text{NN}$ threshold
 - naively attractive & absorptive $\bar{K}\text{N}$ to explain the excess
 - $\text{excess} = \Lambda(1405) + \text{n} + p_s (2\text{NA})$ cannot be excluded
selective enhancement $\Lambda(1405)\text{n } 2\text{NA}$ is required, which would be unnatural
 - Exclusive channel
 - ${}^3\text{He}(\bar{K}, \Delta p) n_{\text{mis.}} \rightarrow \text{excess}$ around $\bar{K}\text{NN}$ threshold
 - excess cannot be $\Lambda(1405) + \text{n} + p_s (2\text{NA})$
 - statistics is very limited at the 1st stage
one received doctor's title, four (or five) on their way...
- We need definitely more data to investigate the $\bar{K}^{\text{bar}}\text{N}$ 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 ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda p)\text{n}_{\text{mis}}$.
 2. explore the neutron spectrum at $\theta_{\text{lab}}=0$ with the kinematically complete measurement of ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda p \text{n})$
 3. extend study on other channel, like ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Sigma \pi p \text{n})$
- to extract more information on the $\text{K}^{\bar{\text{N}}}$ interaction

**Let's discuss the rest material
more in discussion base**

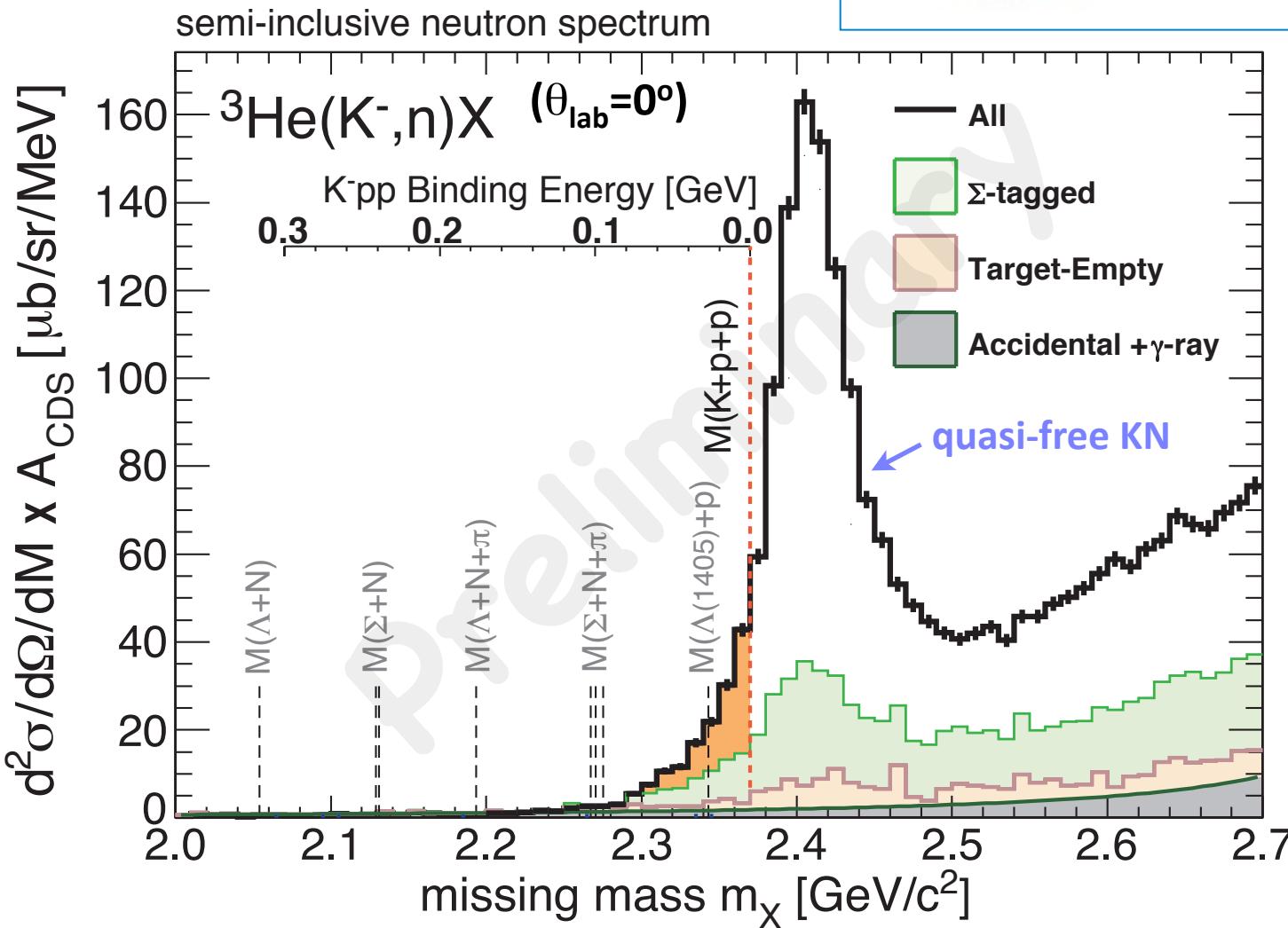
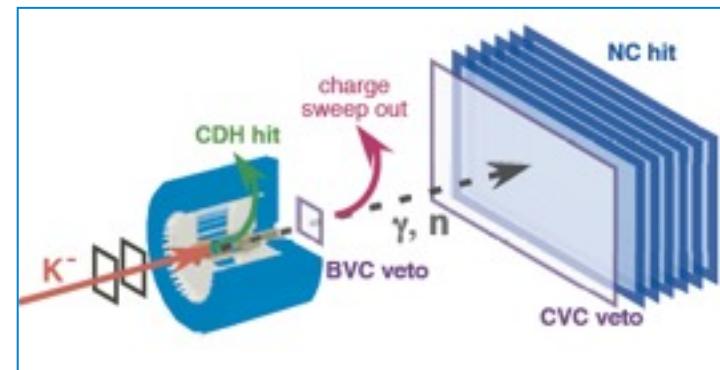
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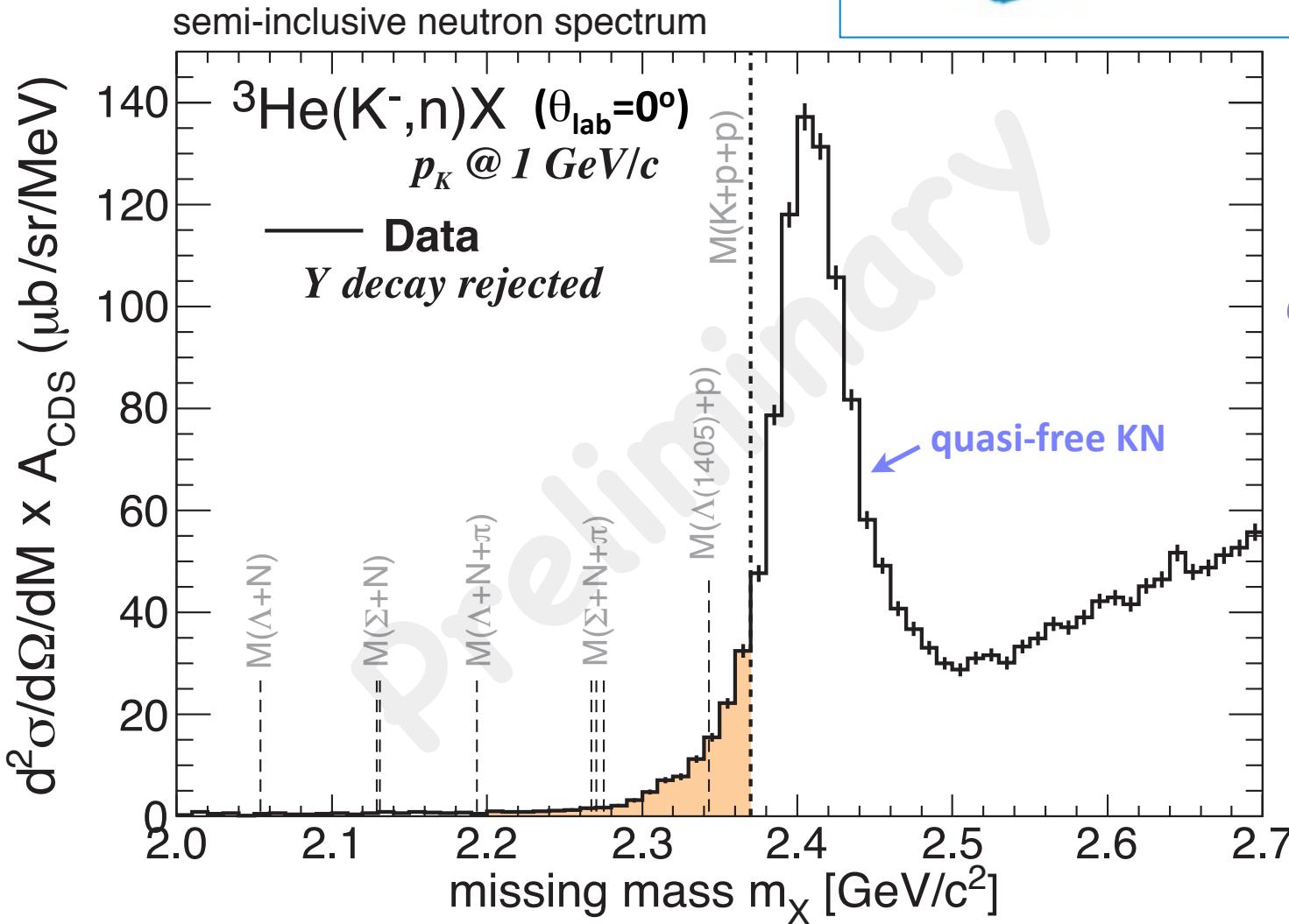
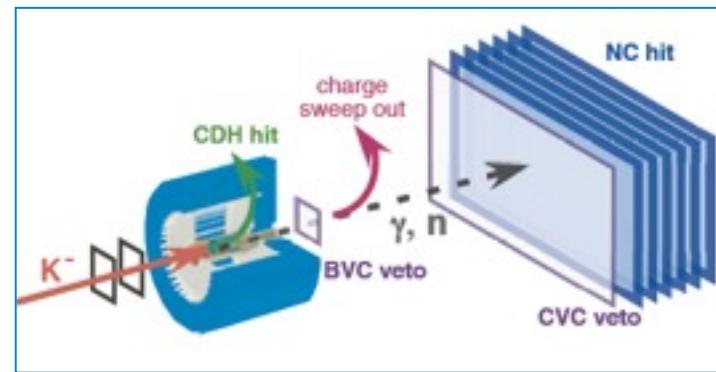


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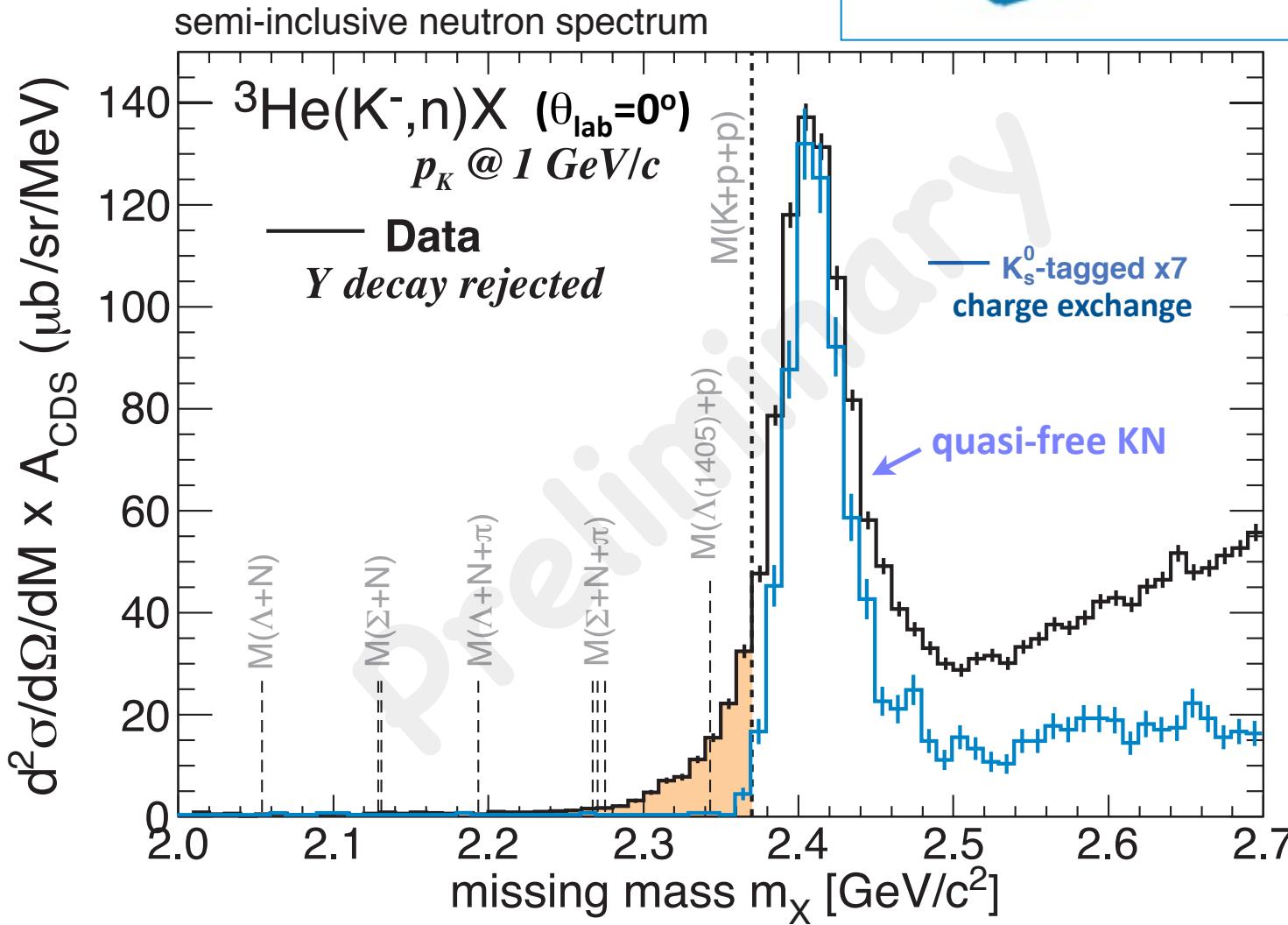
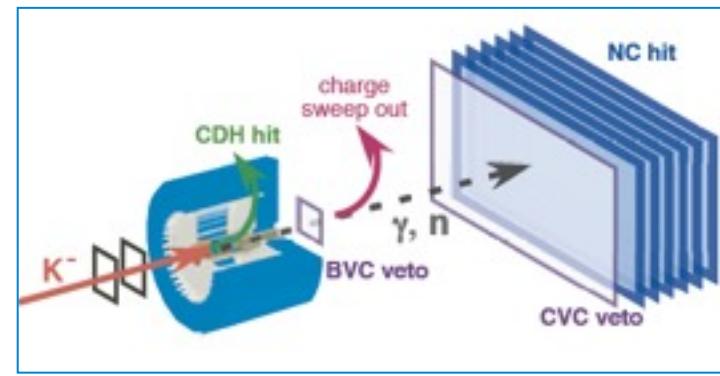
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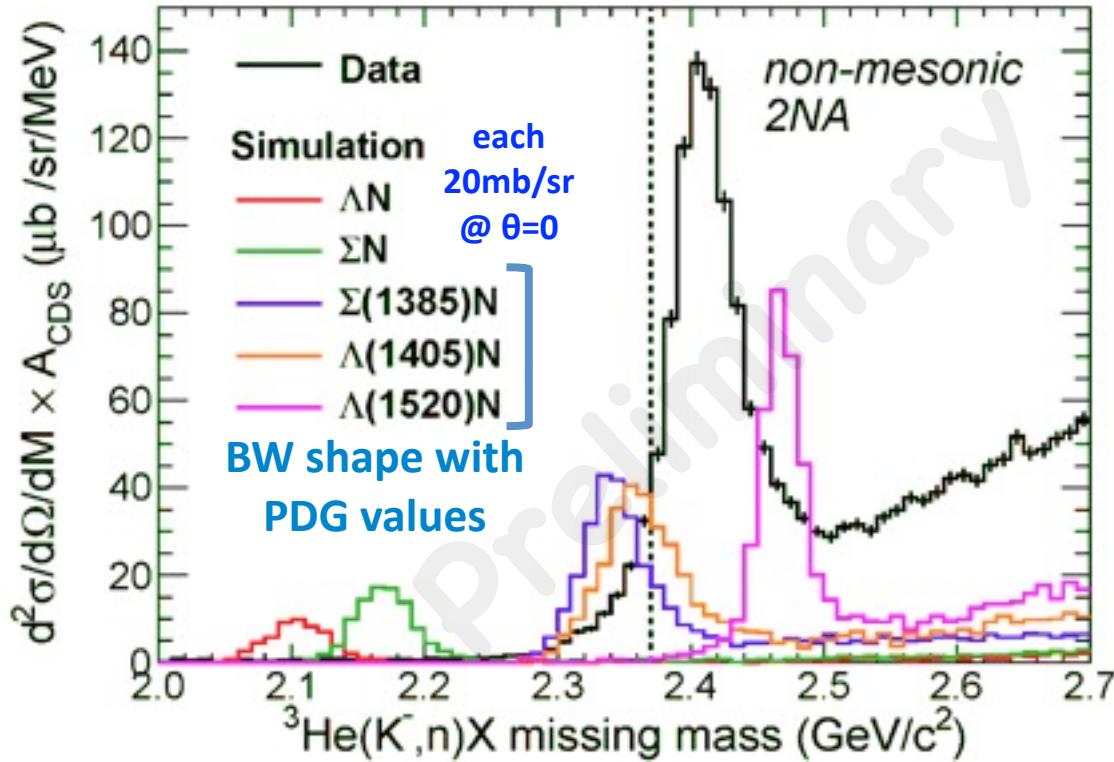
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Formation channel: small 2NA (non-mesonic)

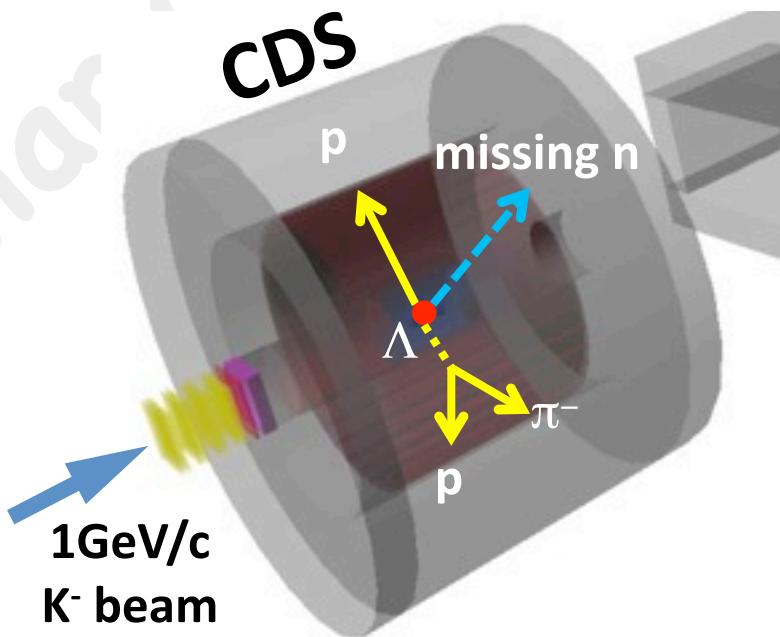
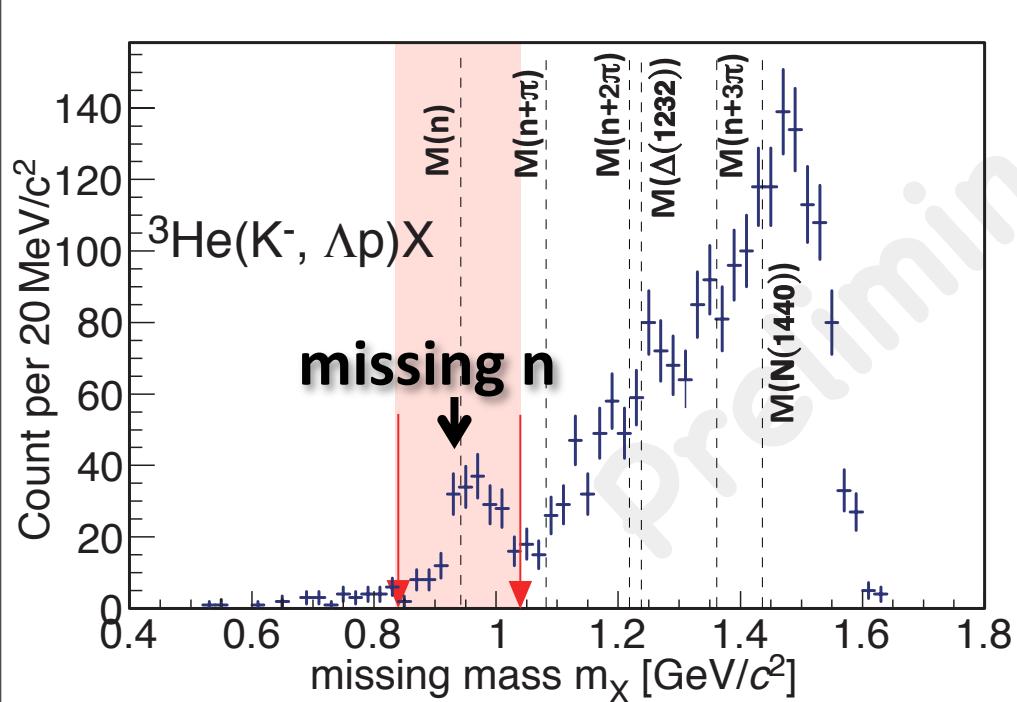


- **ΛN/ΣN 2NA branches are negligibly small**
- excess by $\Lambda(1405)n + ps$ (2NA) cannot be excluded
- **small $q_K \sim 200$ MeV/c equally prefers $\Sigma(1385)/\Lambda(1405)/\Lambda(1520)$**
 - rather large Cross Section ~ 5 mb/sr needed
 - if large $\Lambda(1520)n$ exist, why no hint of $\Lambda(1520)n$?

Decay channel

Another member preparing thesis for doctor's degree on this subject.
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Decay channel - for exclusive ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda\text{p})\text{n}_{mis}$.

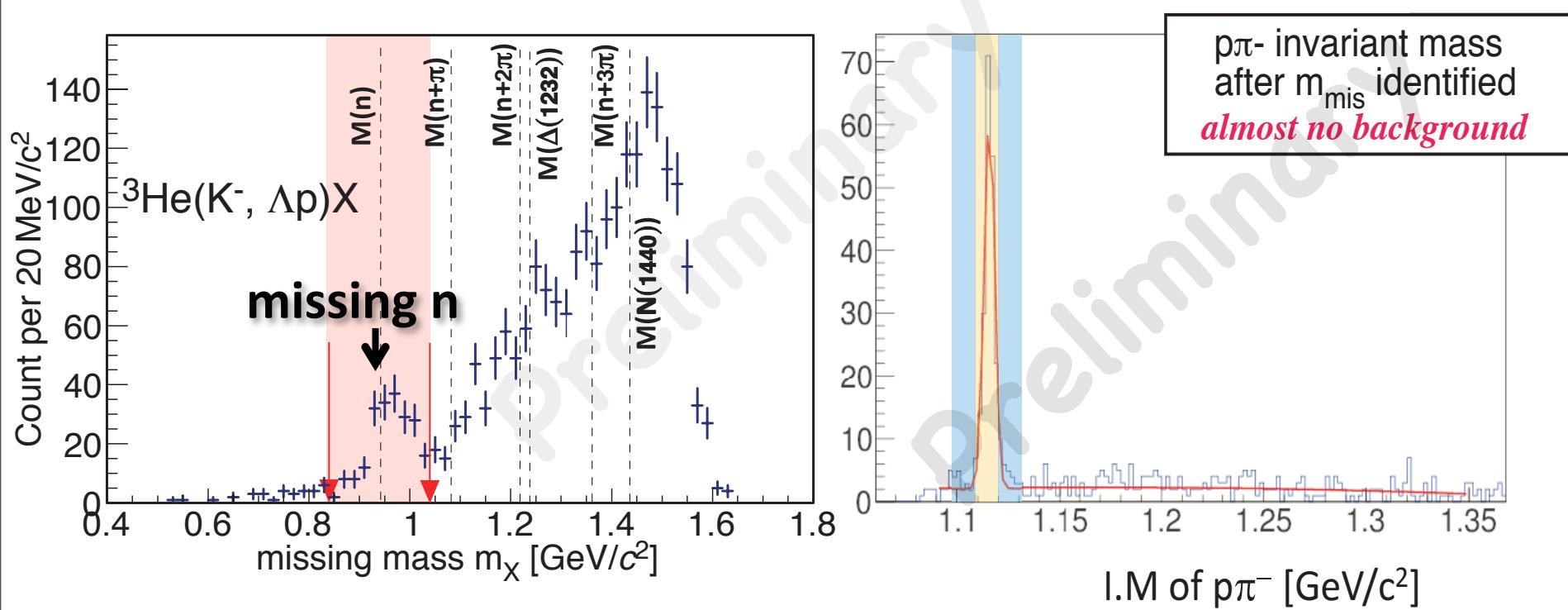


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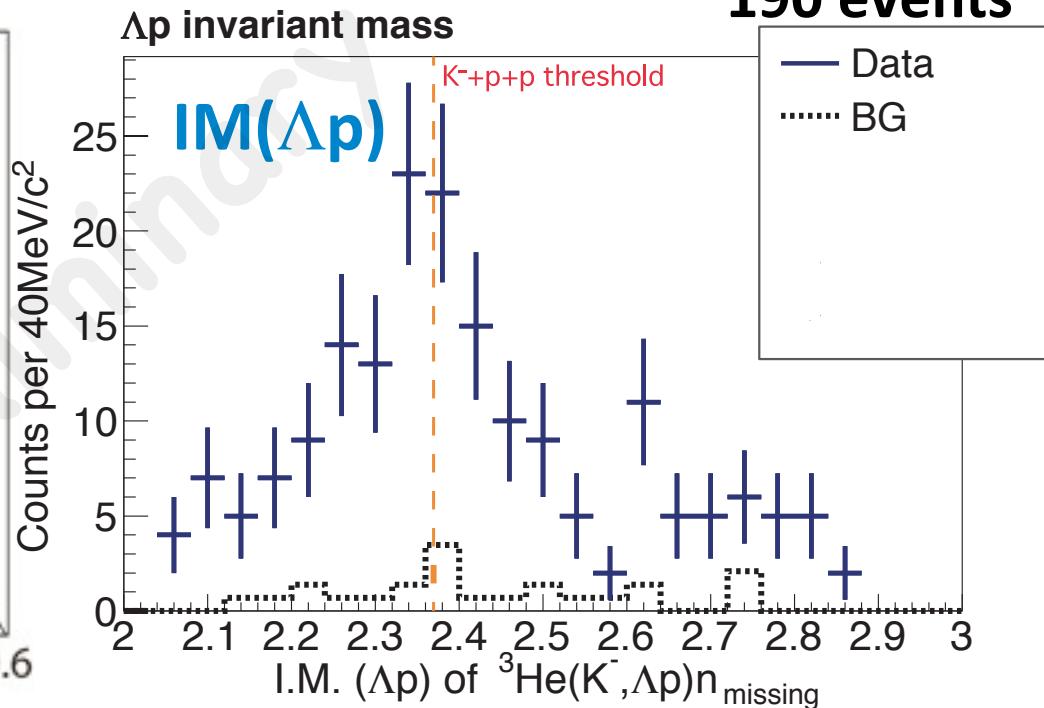
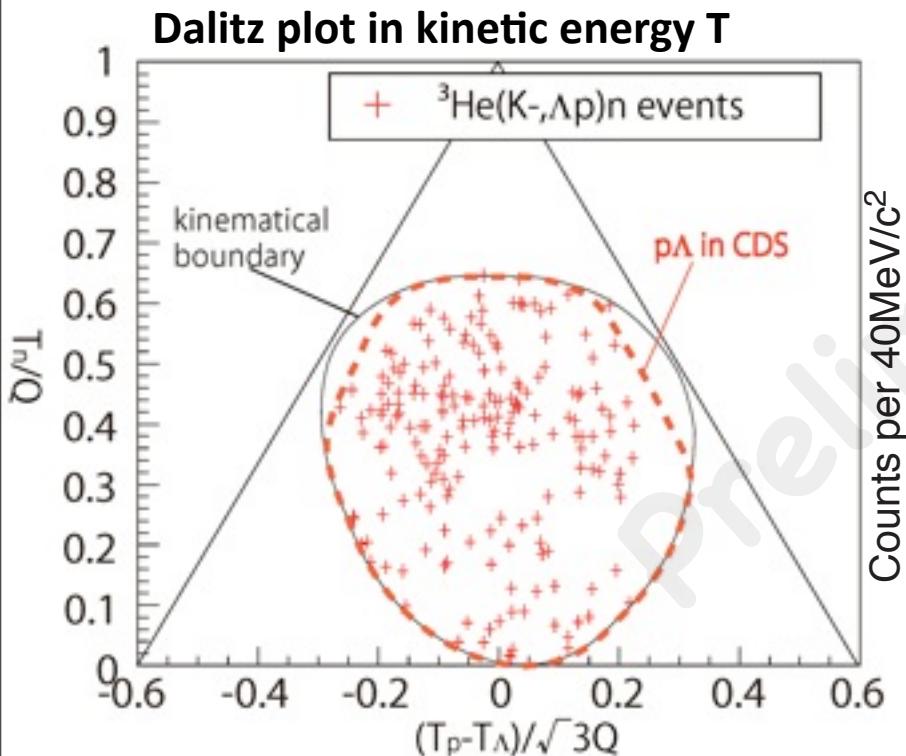
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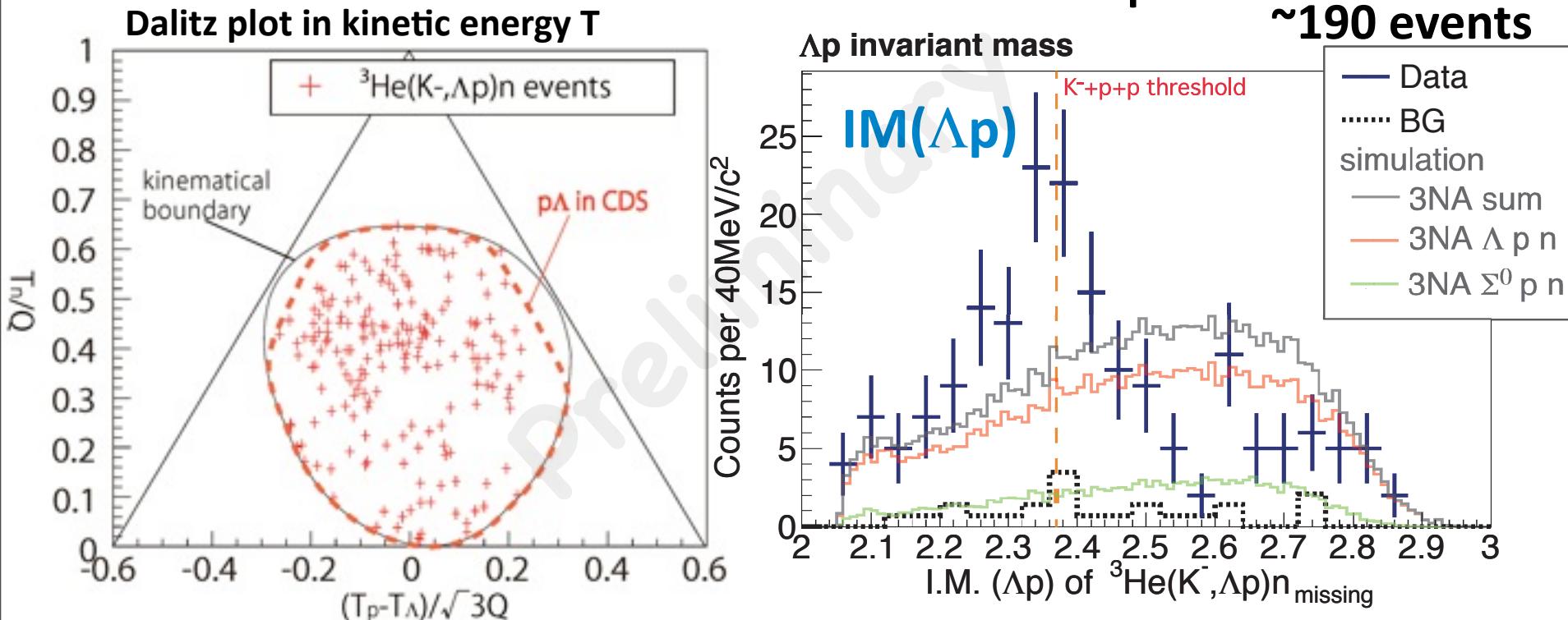
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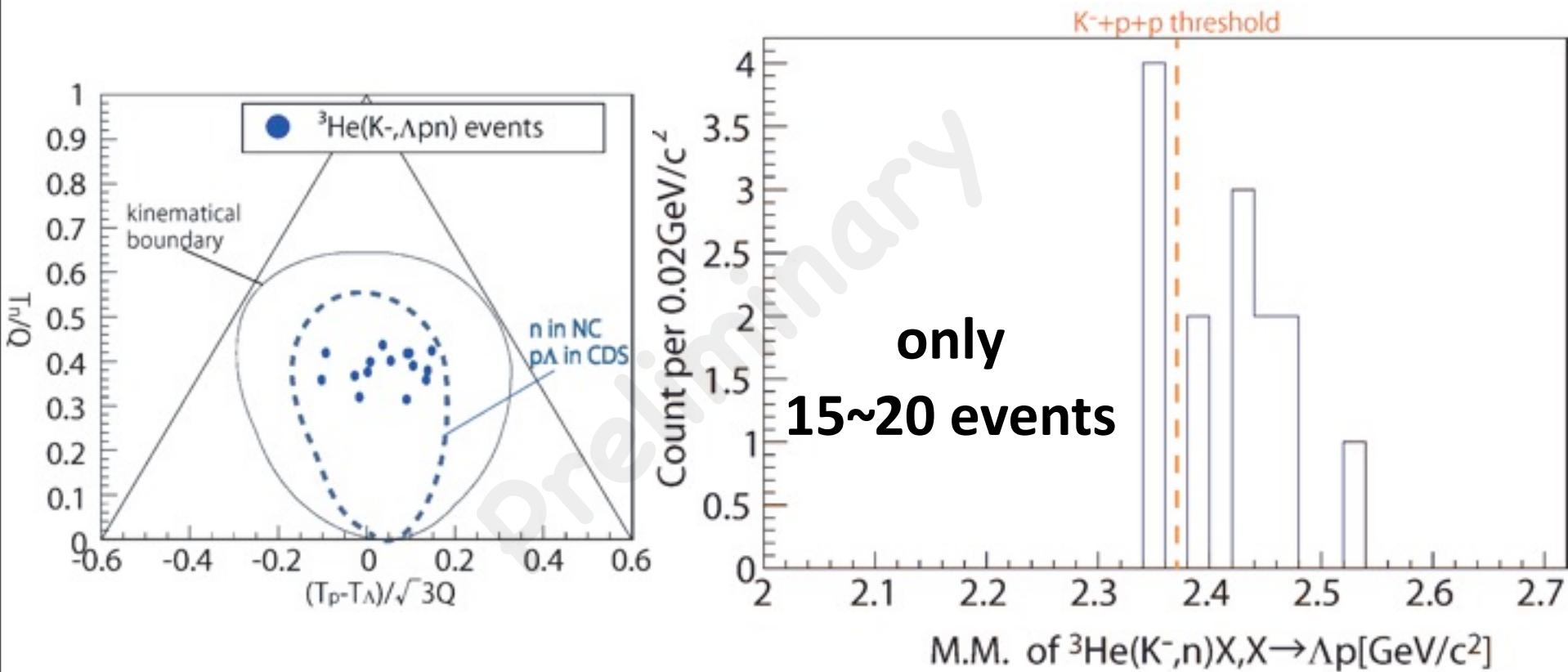
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Exclusive analysis

with redundancy check by full kinematics

limited in statistics, though

Kinematically-complete measurement of ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda\text{pn})$



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

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⁻,K⁰)n_{forward}: ~2x10⁴
3. E31 pilot run with D2-target
 - 14*10⁹ kaons on target = **~14 days**
4. E15 2nd-stage production run with ³He-target
 - 50*10⁹ kaons on target = **~56 days**

Conclusion

- **We accomplished the E15 1st stage.**
 - 5×10^9 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.**
 - 50×10^9 kaons on target
 - study observed excess given in the E15 1st stage
 - extend exclusive analysis to other final states

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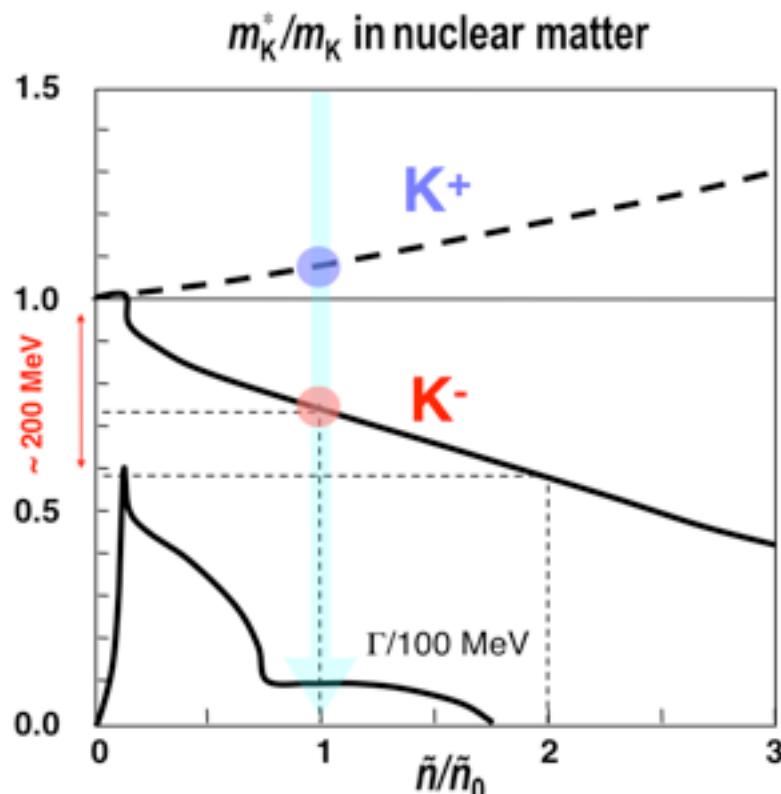
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Embedding K⁻ in nucleus

Motivation of J-PARC E15

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



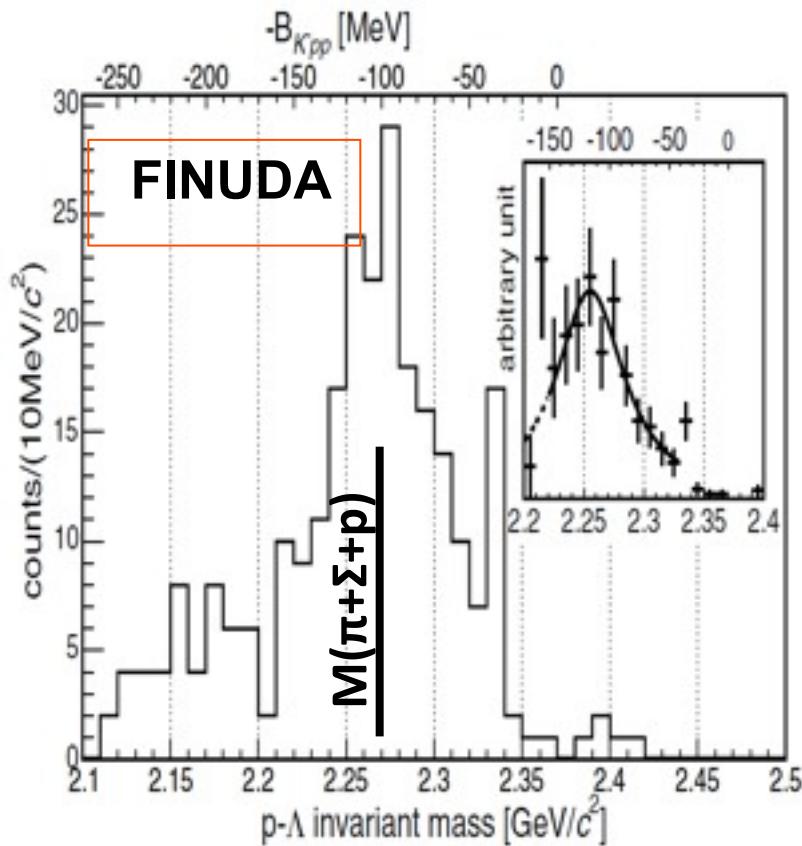
T. Waas, N. Kaiser & W. Weise, Phys. Lett.
B379 (1996) 34.

$\Lambda(1405)$ as K^-p bound state?
 K^- bound state in nuclei?
high density nuclear matter?

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

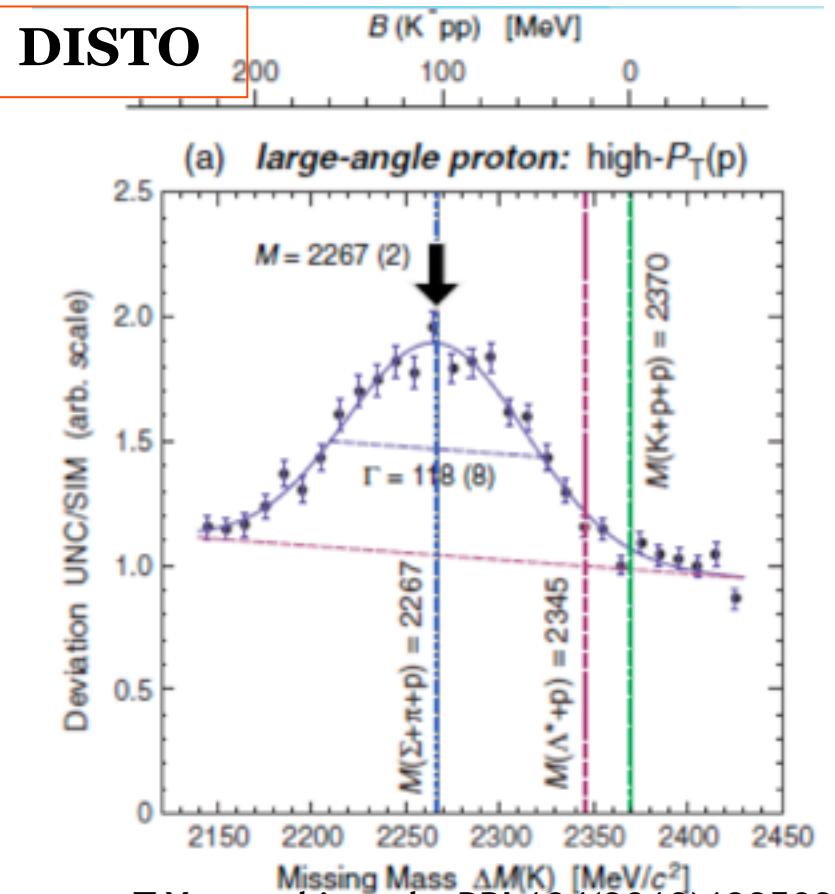
“Kpp” candidates in Λp invariant mass

“ Λp ” invariant mass @ K^- at rest



$$\begin{aligned} B_K &= 115 \pm 6 \pm 4 \text{ MeV} \\ \Gamma_K &= 67 \pm 14 \pm 3 \text{ MeV} \\ (M_{ppK}) &= 2255 \pm 6 \pm 4 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

$p(p, K^+) \Lambda p$ @ $T = 2.85 \text{ GeV}$



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

$$\begin{aligned} M_x &= 2267 \pm 3 \pm 5 \text{ MeV !} \\ (B_K) &= 103 \pm 3 \pm 5 \text{ MeV} \\ \Gamma_x &= 118 \pm 8 \pm 10 \text{ MeV !} \end{aligned}$$

E15 1st stage

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

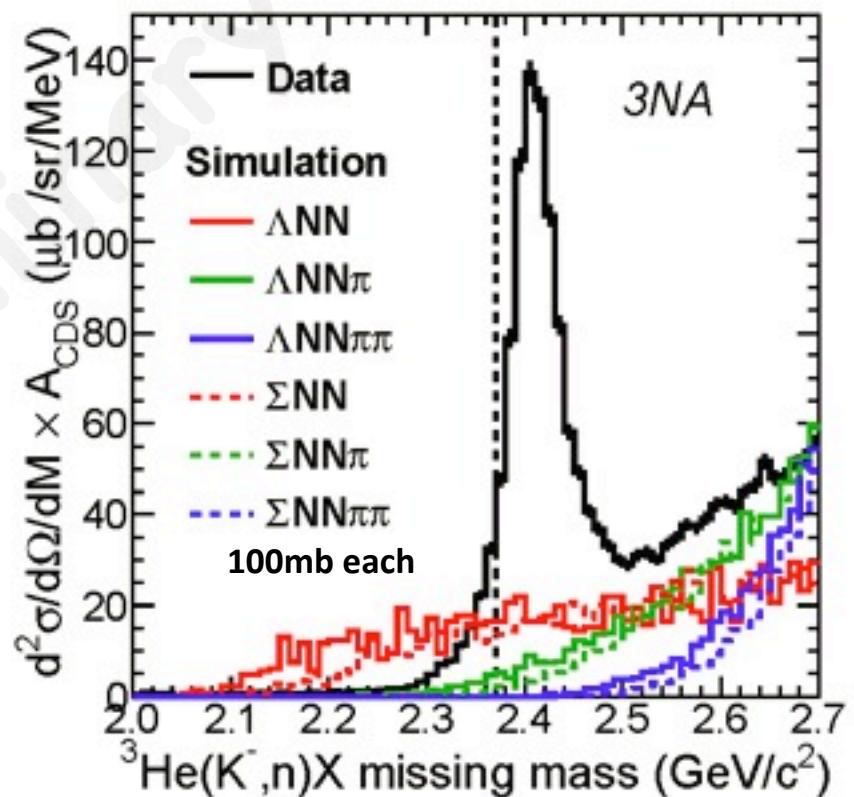
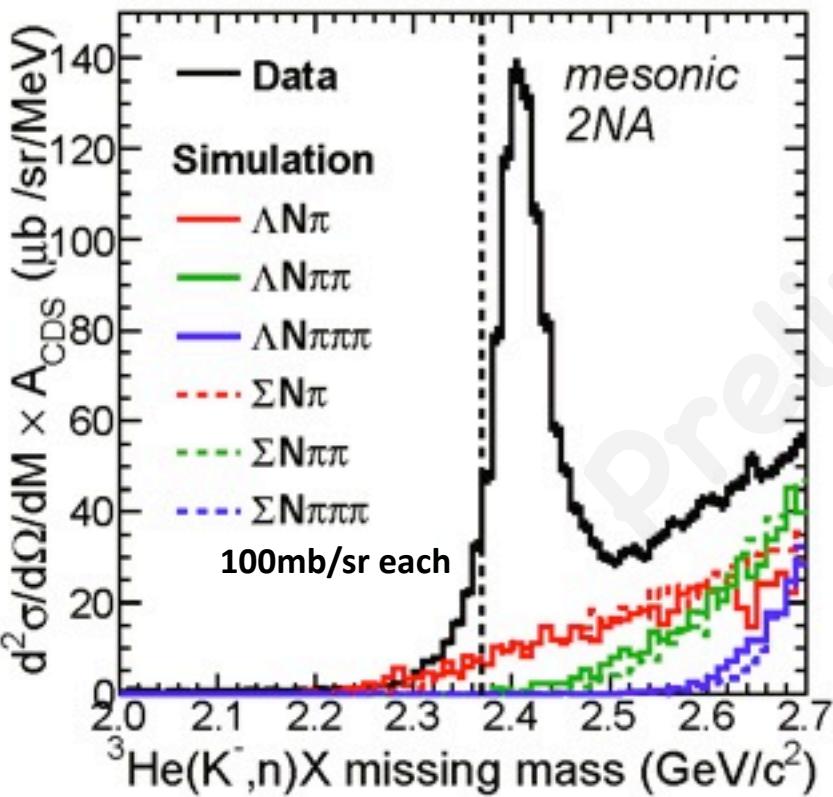
	Primary-beam intensity	Secondary-kaon intensity	Duration	Kaons on target (w/ tgt selection)
March, 2013 (Run#47)	14.5 kW (18 Tppp, 6s)	80 k/spill	30 h	1.1×10^9
May, 2013 (Run#49c)	24 kW (30 Tppp, 6s)	140 k/spill	88 h	5.1×10^9

* 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 ${}^3\text{He}$ target

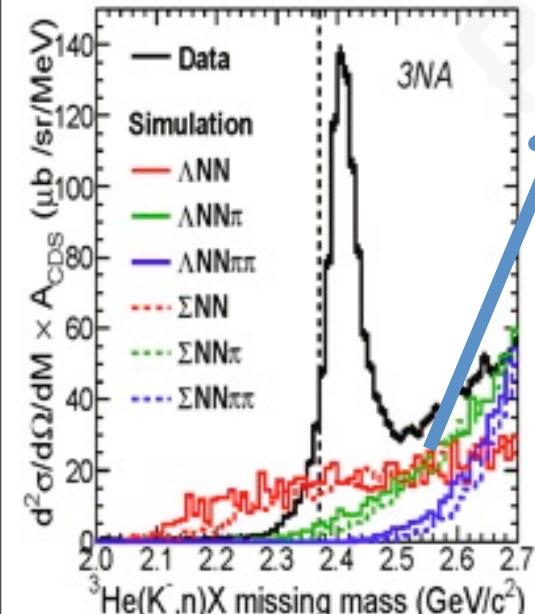
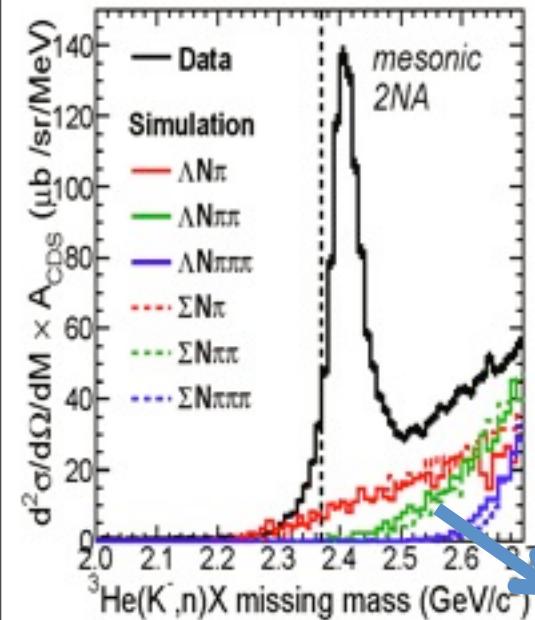
- All detector systems worked well as designed.
 - presented in the previous (17th) PAC meeting

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

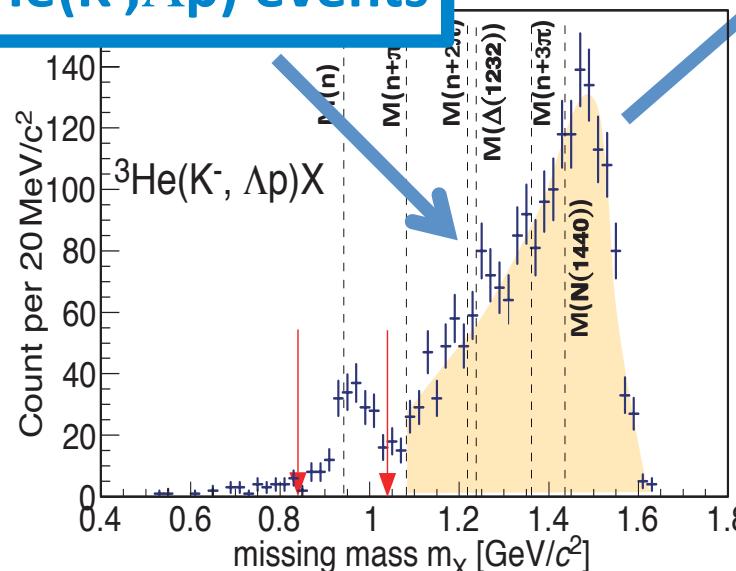
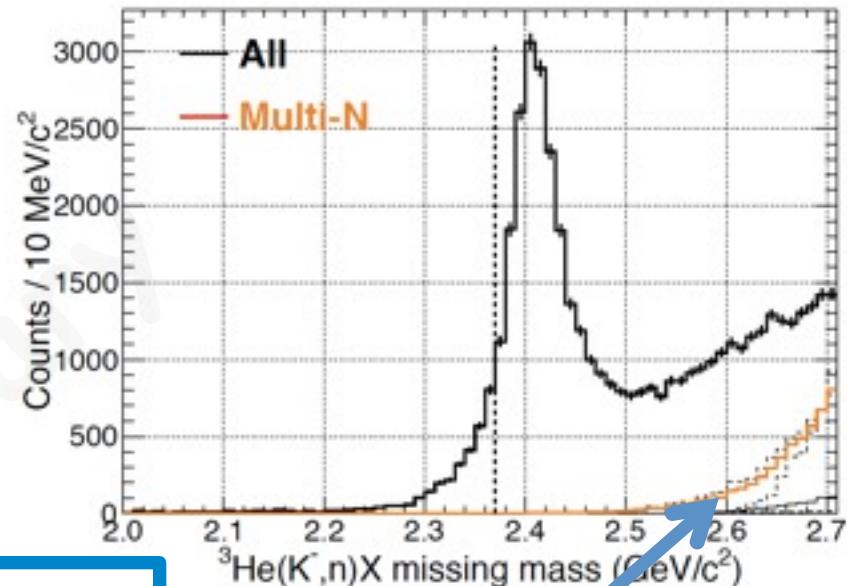


- sum of $\text{Yn}\pi/\text{YNN}$ is estimated to be below 5mb/sr
- contributions in the binding region are negligible

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



self-consistent to
 ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda\text{p})$ events

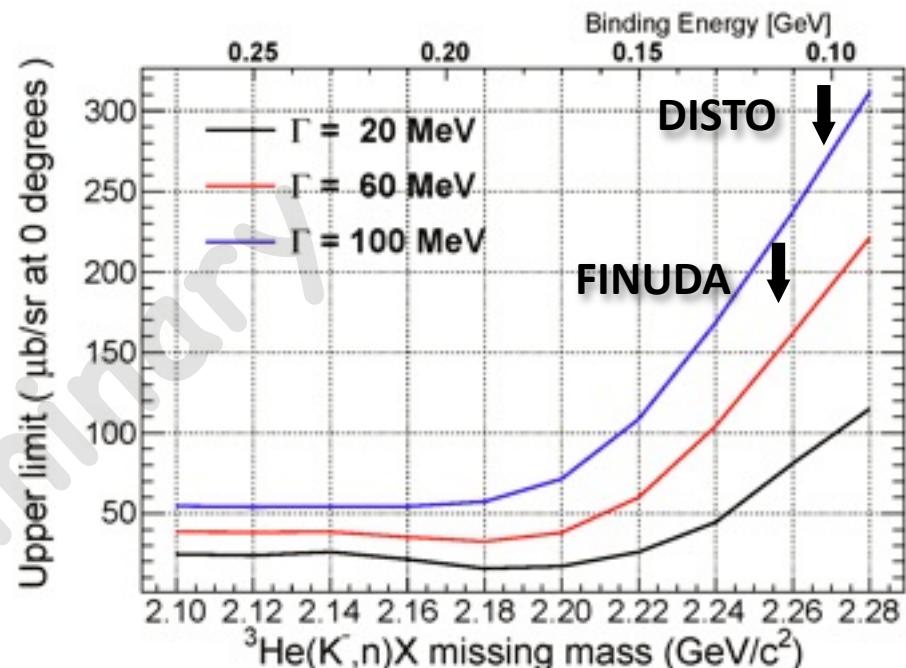
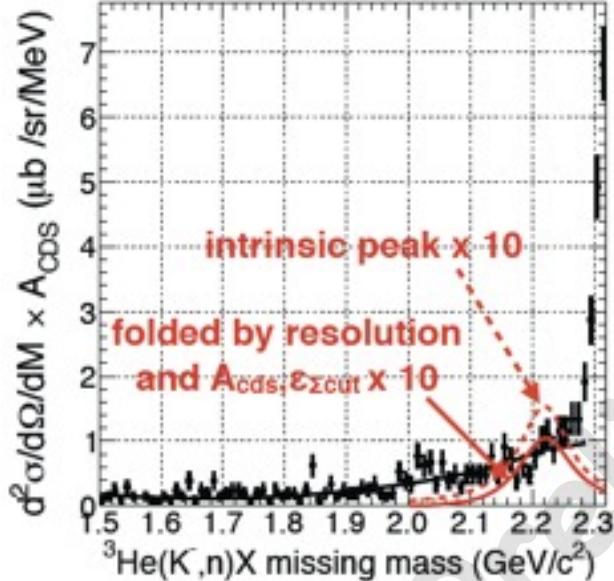


mesonic-2NA & 3NA reactions

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

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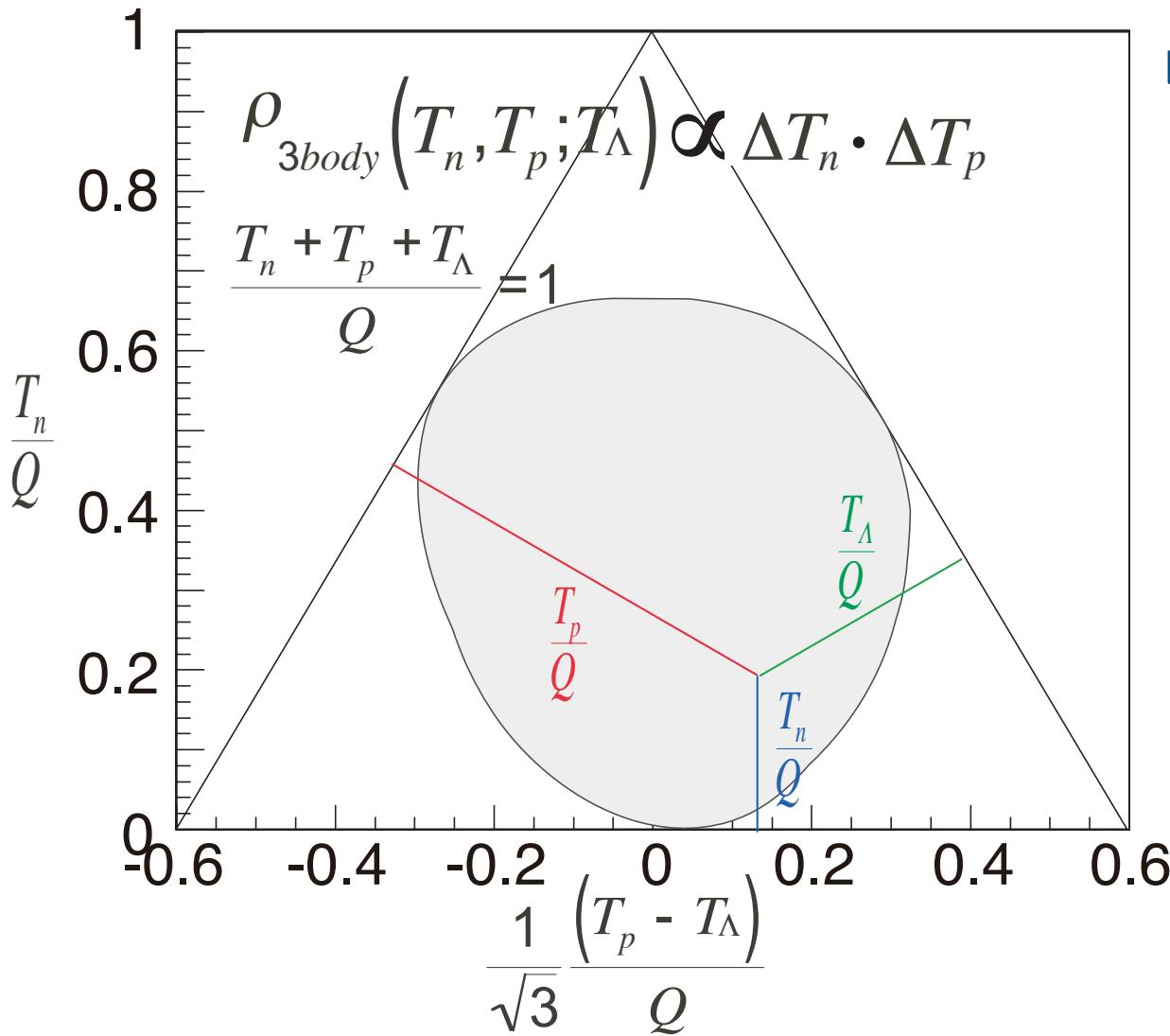
Upper limit of Cross Section by formation channel



- No clear structure was found in B.E. $\sim 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $d\sigma/d\Omega(\theta_{\text{lab}}=0^\circ)$ upper limit $\sim 0.3 \text{ mb/sr}$ (95% C.L.)

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

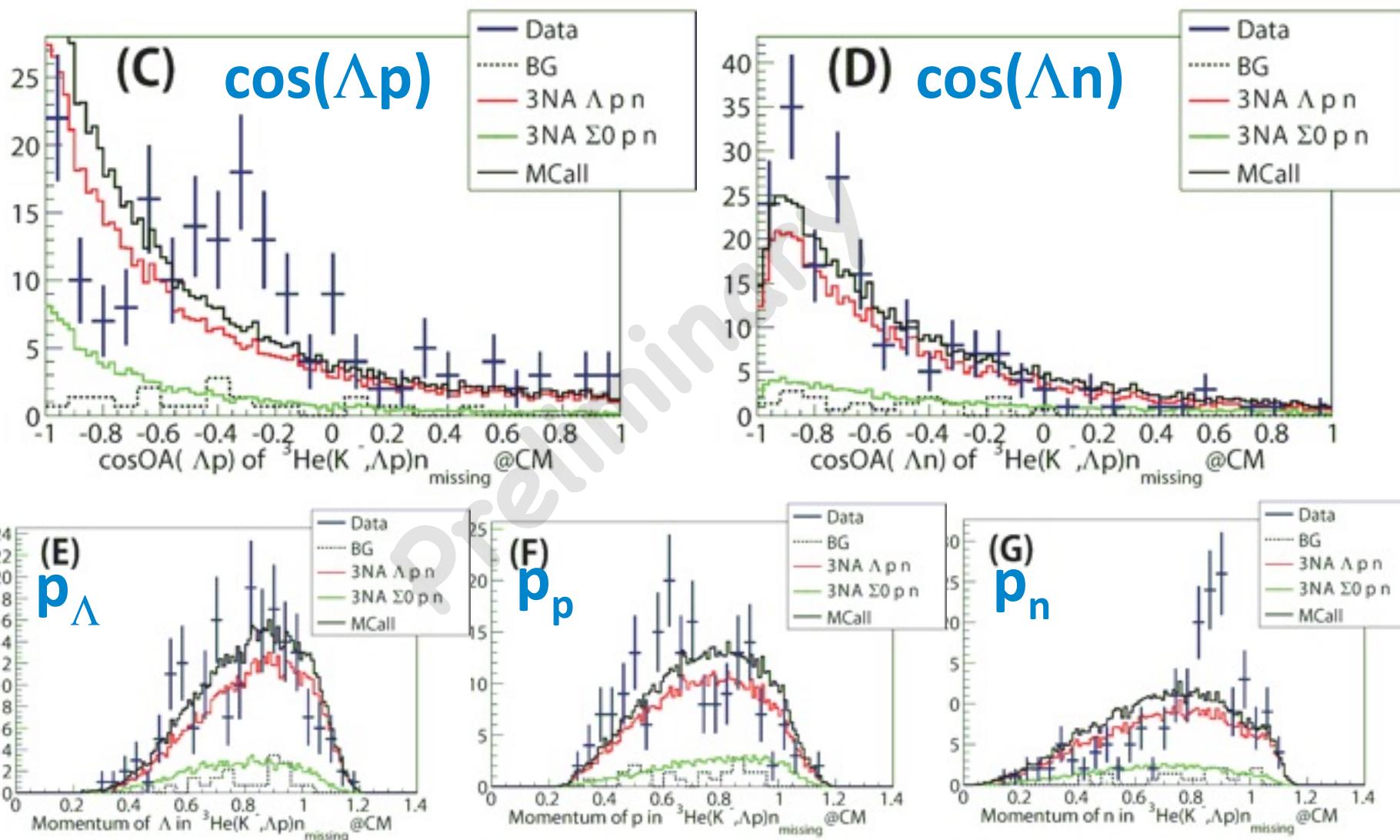
Dalitz plot in CM kinetic energy T



Lorentz invariant 3-body
phase space is
proportional to
 $\Delta T_1 \times \Delta T_2$

easy to see kinematics
symmetric representation

$^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda p)n$: 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. **$^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \text{n})$ spectrum** below the $\text{K}^{\bar{\text{N}}}\text{NN}$ threshold

- significant excess below the threshold
- No clear structure in $\text{B.E} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

2. Hint of signal in **$\Lambda + \text{p} + \text{n}$ final states**

- widely distributes over the phase-space?
- excess around the threshold?

3. Investigation of the **background processes**

- absence of $\text{K}^-\text{NN} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{N}/\Sigma\text{N}$ 2NA reactions

4. Realistic beam-time for **the E15 full experiment.**

- more than $\times 100$ beam-time compared to E15^{1st}