

P89

# Investigation of Fundamental Properties of the $\bar{K}NN$ state

*To get the stage-1 status*

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# Short summary

Beam-time request

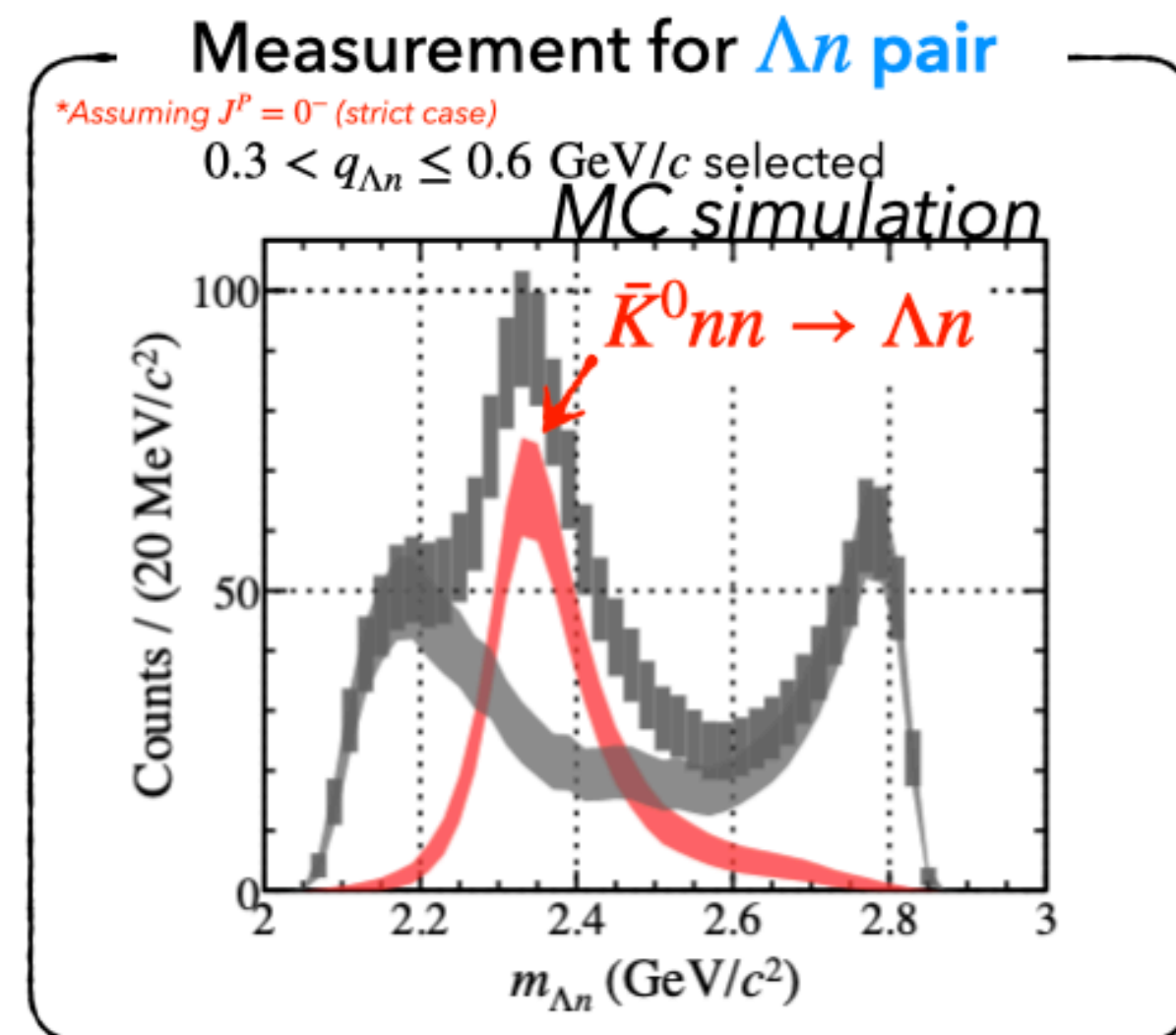
**2 + (1+8) weeks  $\otimes$  90 kW @ K1.8BR**

(162+648 kW·week @ 90% up-time)

Expected results

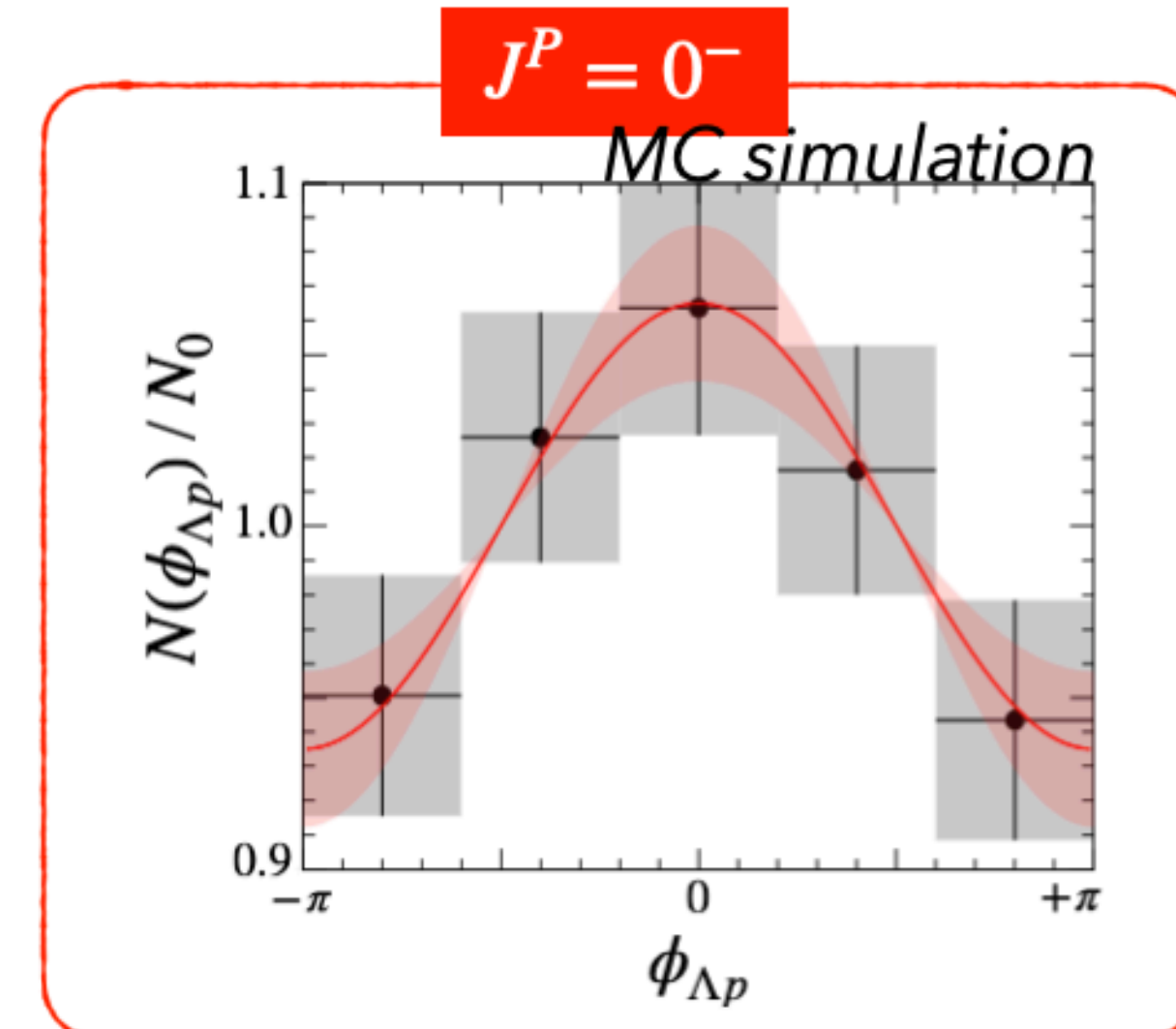
**2 weeks  $\otimes$  90 kW**

**To confirm  $I = 1/2 \bar{K}NN$  doublet**



**8 weeks  $\otimes$  90 kW**

**To determine  $J^P$  of  $\bar{K}NN$**



# Comments from the 32nd PAC

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E80 is at stage-1 status but is not yet stage-2 approved. We await the TDR to be submitted for E80 in due course. Then we would like to see the detailed feasibility of P89.

E80 has been stage-2 approved.  
It is time to discuss the feasibility of P89!

(E80 : Experiment for  $\bar{K}NNN$ )

# Introduction

# The lightest kaonic nucleus, – $\bar{K}NN$ –

$\bar{K}NN$  bound state

Bound system of  
anti-kaon and two nucleons

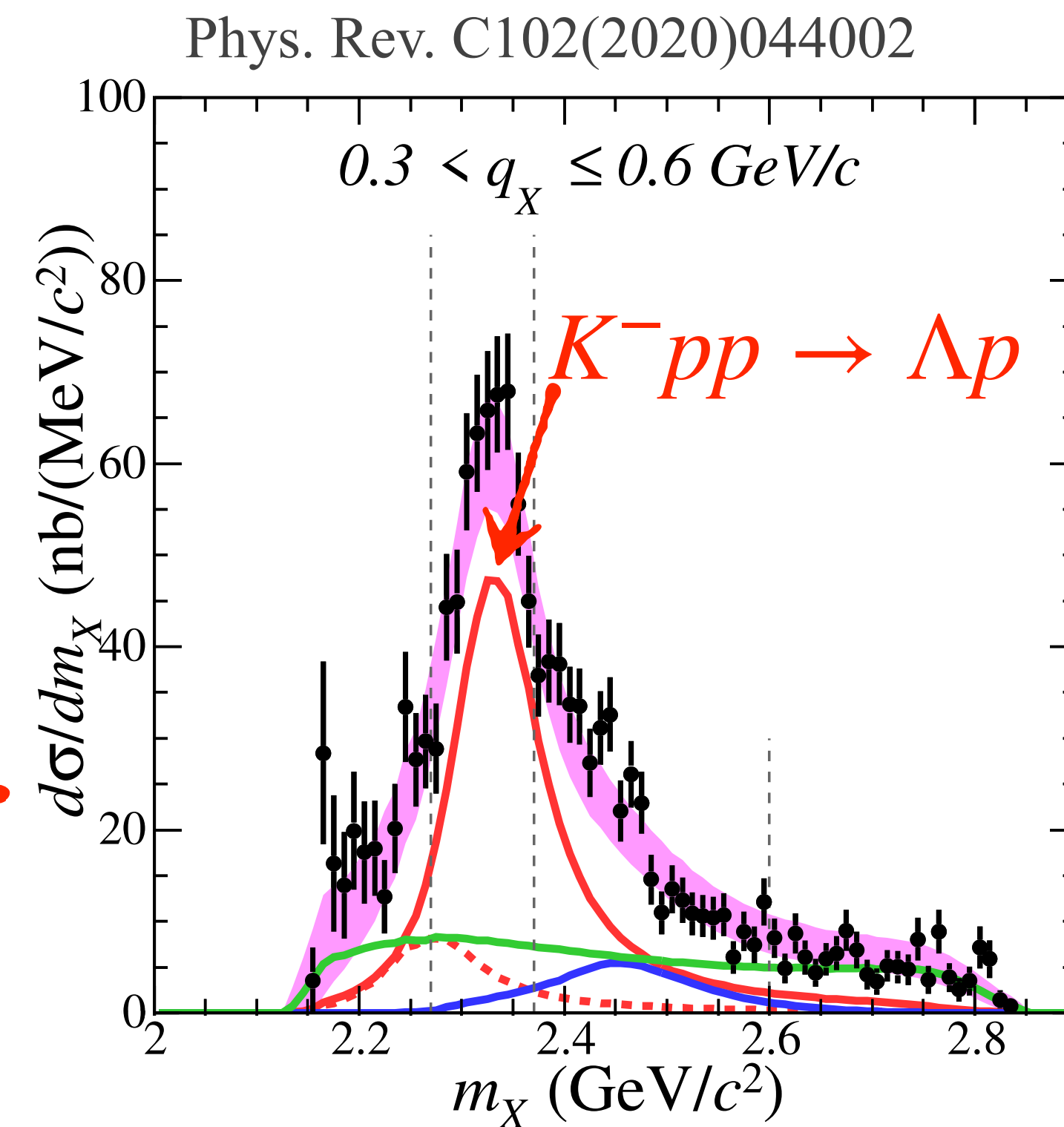
$$\left[ \bar{K}_{I=\frac{1}{2}} (NN)_{I=1} \right]_{I=\frac{1}{2}} \quad (J^P = 0^-)$$

$$I_{\bar{K}NN}^{(z)} = +1/2 \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{p} \text{ } \bar{K}^- \text{ } \text{p} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \quad \text{“} K^- pp \text{”}$$

$(K^- pp - \bar{K}^0 pn)$

$$I_{\bar{K}NN}^{(z)} = -1/2 \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{n} \text{ } \bar{K}^0 \text{ } \text{n} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \quad \text{“} \bar{K}^0 nn \text{”}$$

$(\bar{K}^0 nn - K^- pn)$



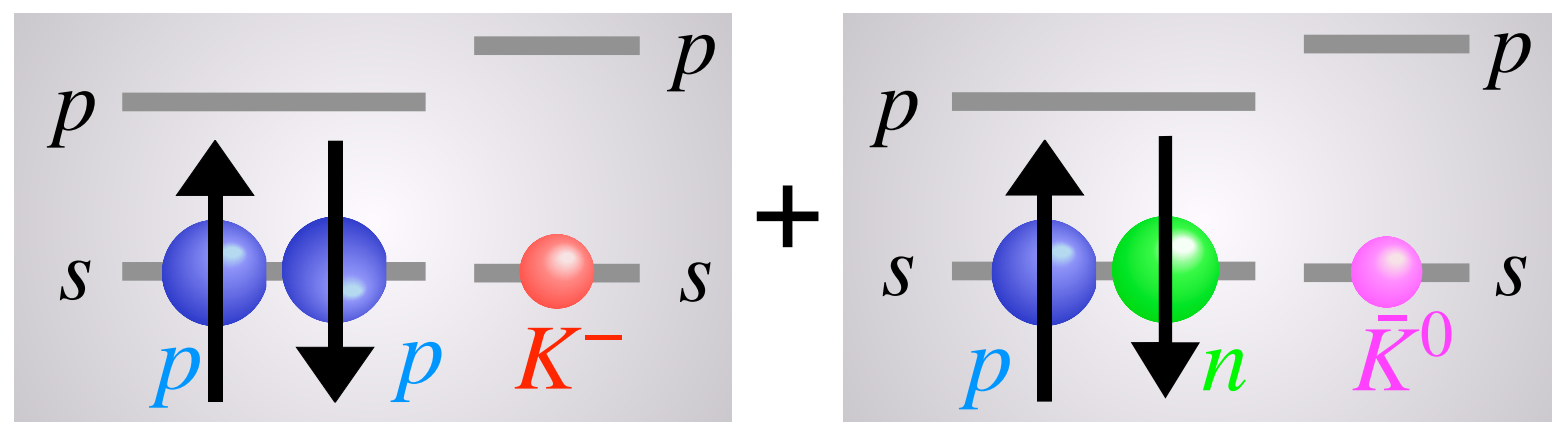
A clear formation signal of  $K^- pp$  was observed.

# Internal structure & spin-parity

There are two possible  $J^P$  as for the  $\bar{K}NN$  ground state.

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

$$J^P = 0^-$$

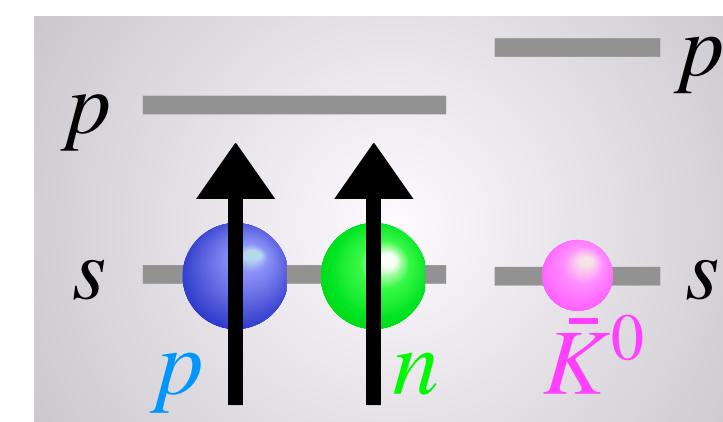


$$\frac{|I_{\bar{K}N} = 0|^2}{|I_{\bar{K}N} = 1|^2} = \frac{3}{1}$$

Deeper bound expected

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

$$J^P = 1^-$$



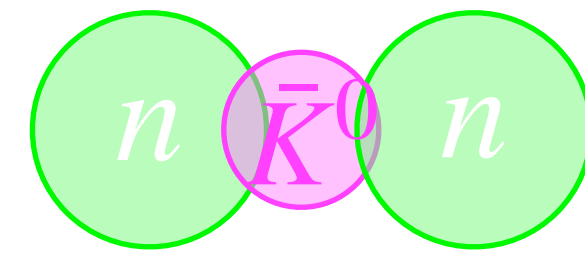
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Shallower bound expected

# What we need to do about $\bar{K}NN$

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“ $\bar{K}^0 nn$ ”



should be observed

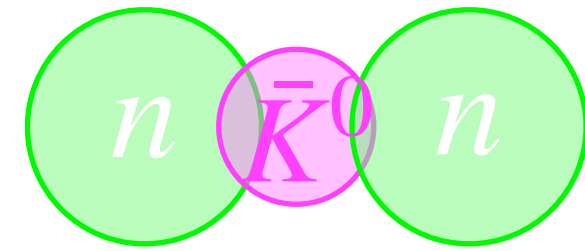
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$J^P$

should be determined

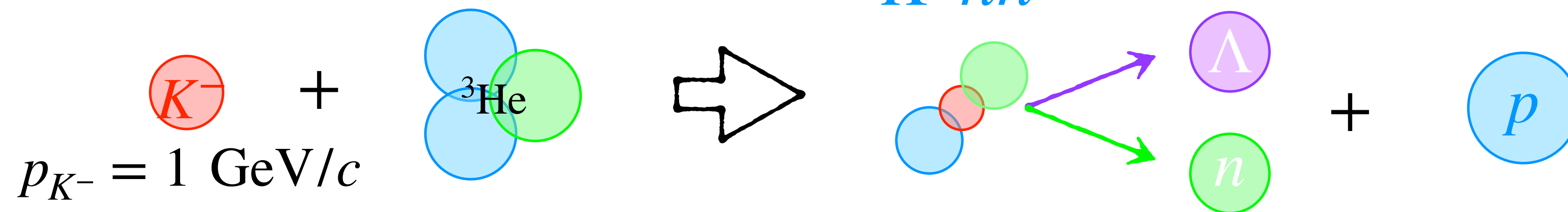
to understand the internal structure of the state.

“ $\bar{K}^0 nn$ ”



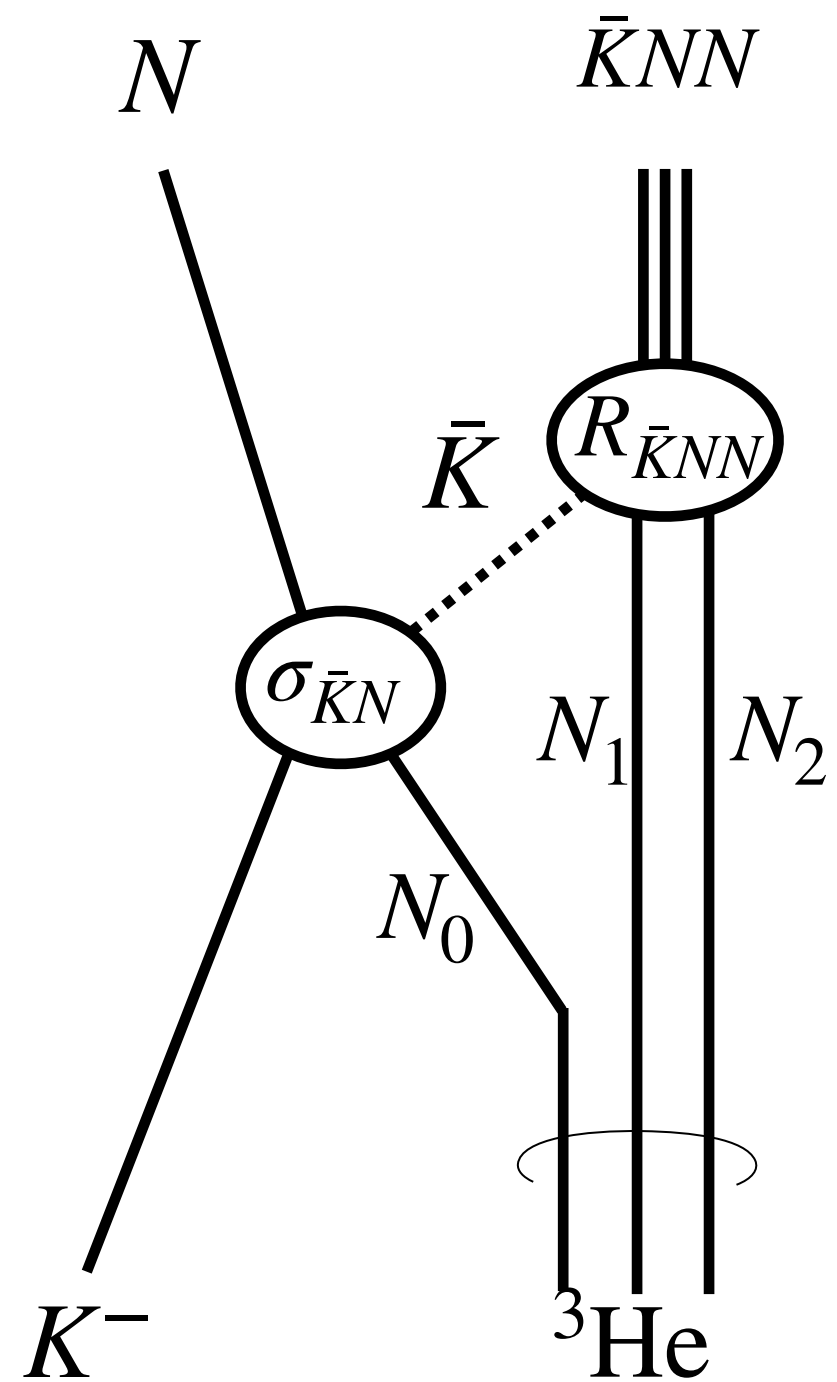
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# Estimation of Production C.S. of $\bar{K}^0 nn$



$$\sigma_{I_{\bar{K}NN}}^{JP} = R_{\bar{K}NN} \times \sum_{\bar{K}N} \left( \sigma_{\bar{K}N} \times C_{I_{NN}}^2 \times C_{I_{\bar{K}NN}}^2 \times \mathcal{A}_N \right)$$

Formation probability  
– Common –

Effective nucleon number

|         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| neutron | 1                |
| proton  | $2^{2/3} \sim 2$ |

Elementary CSs @  $\theta_N = 0^\circ$

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| $I_{\bar{K}NN}^{(z)} = +1/2$ | $\sigma_{K^-n} = 4.7$ (mb/sr)<br>or<br>$\sigma_{\bar{K}^0n} = 2.4$ (mb/sr) |
| $I_{\bar{K}NN}^{(z)} = -1/2$ | $\sigma_{K^-p} = 1.8$ (mb/sr)  |

Isospin coupling of  $I_{N_1} \otimes I_{N_2}$

|                              |             |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              | $J^P = 0^-$ | $J^P = 1^-$ |
| $I_{\bar{K}NN}^{(z)} = +1/2$ | 1/2 or 1    | 1/2 or 0    |
| $I_{\bar{K}NN}^{(z)} = -1/2$ | 1/2         | 1/2         |

Isospin coupling of  $I_{\bar{K}} \otimes I_{NN}$

|                              |             |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              | $J^P = 0^-$ | $J^P = 1^-$ |
| $I_{\bar{K}NN}^{(z)} = +1/2$ | 1/3 or 2/3  | 1           |
| $I_{\bar{K}NN}^{(z)} = -1/2$ | 1/3         | 1           |

# Estimation of Production C.S. of $\bar{K}^0 nn$

$$\sigma_{K^-pp} \cdot Br_{\Lambda p}$$

$$9.3 \mu\text{b}$$

Measured in E15

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}^0 nn} \cdot Br_{\Lambda n}$$

\*Assuming  $\mathcal{A}_p = 2^{2/3}$ ,  $Br_{\Lambda n} = Br_{\Lambda p}$

$$J^P = 0^-$$

$$1.2 \mu\text{b}$$

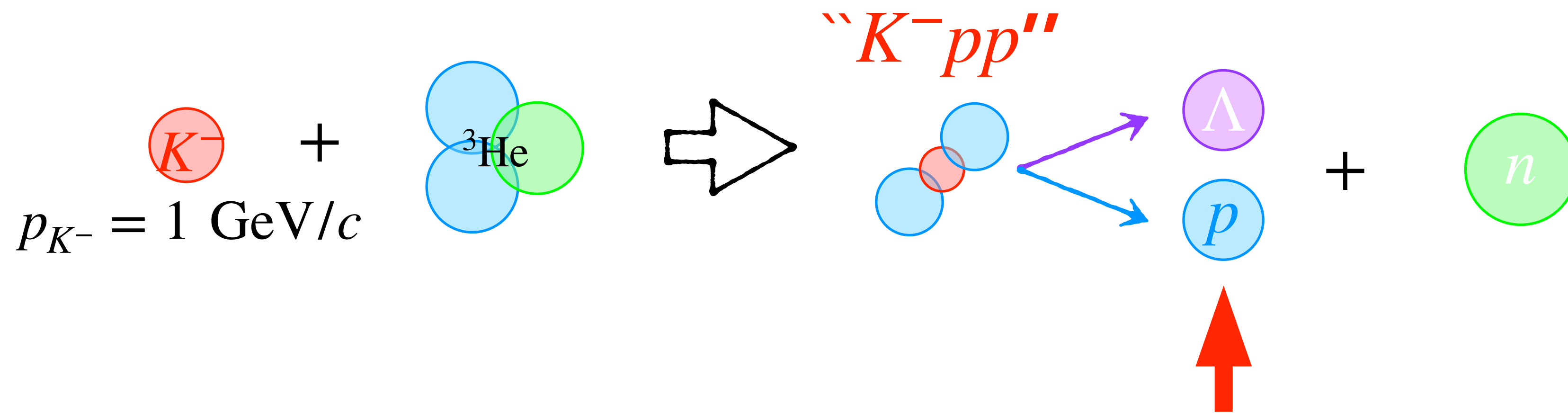
$$J^P = 1^-$$

$$7.0 \mu\text{b}$$

Production C.S. of  $\bar{K}^0 nn$  is expected to be large enough.

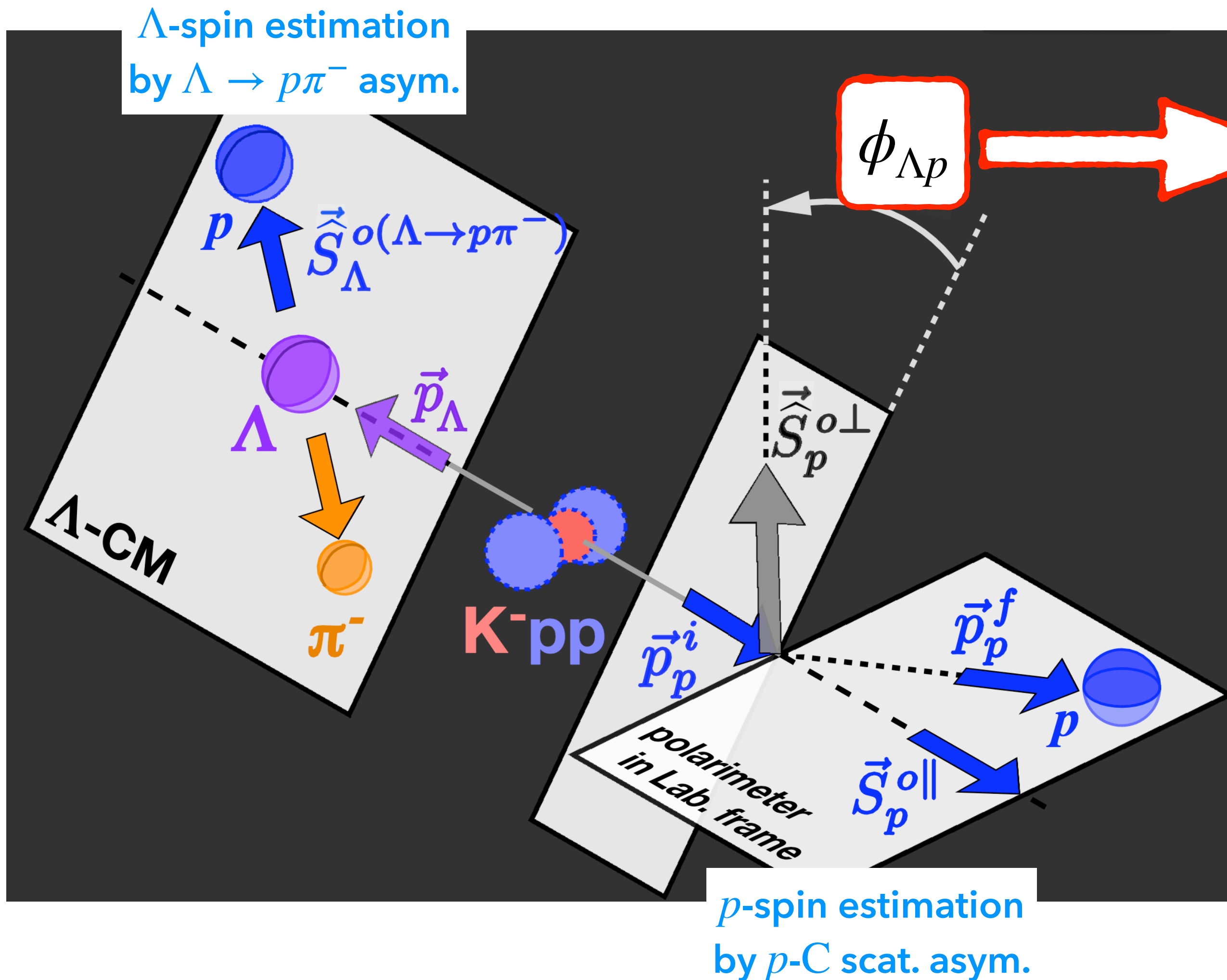
$J^P$  should be determined

to understand the internal structure of the state.



Measuring the spin-spin correlation of  $\Lambda$  &  $p$

# How to measure the spin-spin correlation



Spin-spin correlation on  $\phi$ -asymmetry

$$N(\phi_{\Lambda p}) = N_0 \cdot (1 + r^{(J^P)} \cdot \alpha_{\Lambda p} \cos \phi_{\Lambda p})$$

$r^{(J^P)}$  : asymmetry reduction factor defined by;

$\alpha_-$  :  $\Lambda$  asym. parameter     $B$  : Magnetic field

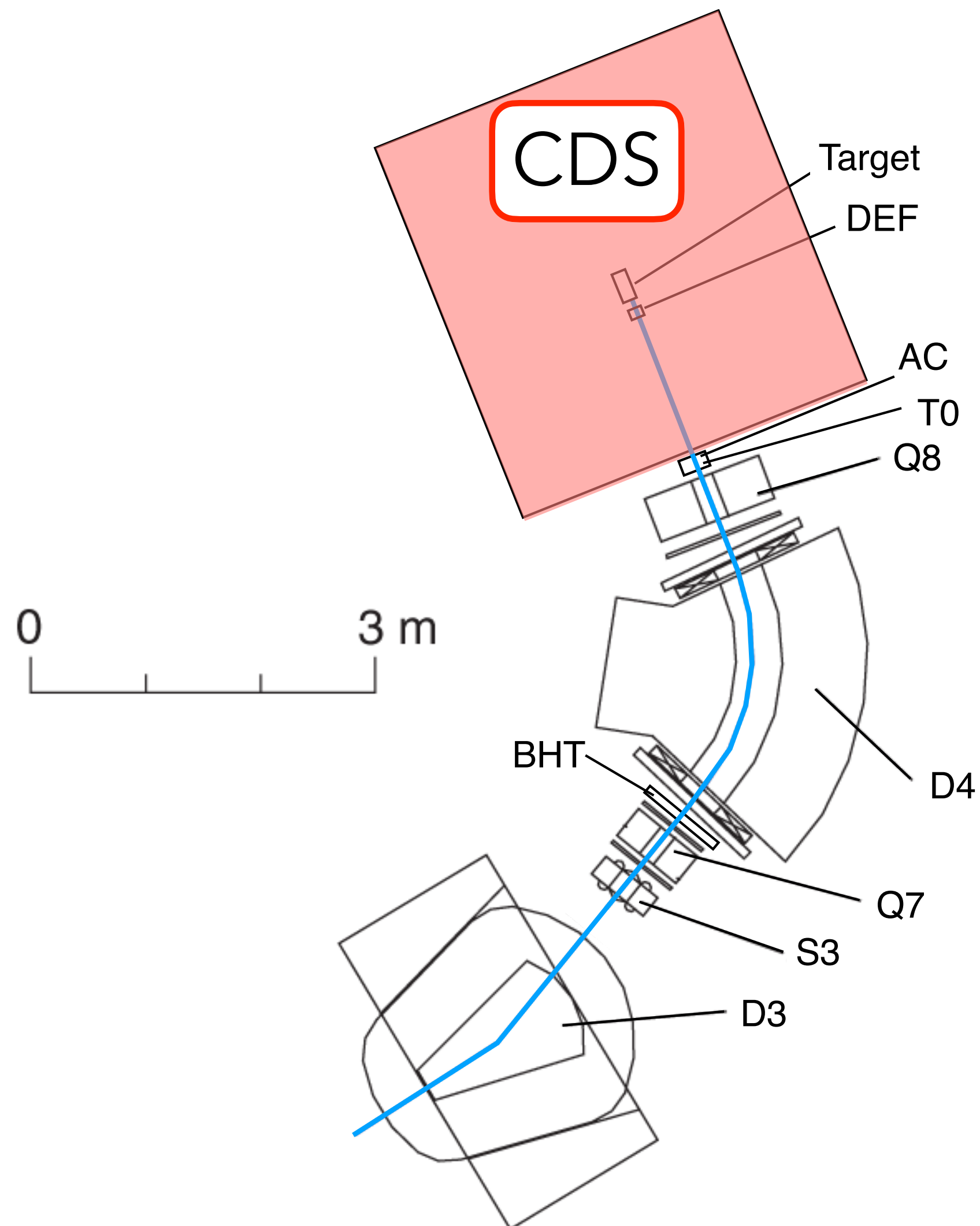
$A_{pC}$  : Analyzing power     $B_{\bar{K}}$  : Binding energy

$f_{\vec{S}_\Lambda}$  : Spin distribution     $q$  : Momentum transfer

We can deduce  $\alpha_{\Lambda p}$  from  $\phi_{\Lambda p}$ -distribution.

# Experiment

# K1.8BR Beamline



Expected  $K^-$ -beam intensity (1 GeV/c)

$\sim 250 \text{ k /spill on target (@ 90kW)}$

*Kaon purity*

$K/\pi \sim 1/2$

Luminosity per week

As a result of  
increasing beam intensity &  $^3\text{He}$  amount

$\sim 6 \text{ nb}^{-1}/\text{week}$

*c.f.) Integrated luminosity in E15*

$2.89 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

Expected trigger rate

$\sim 10000 /\text{spill}$

*Rate capability of existing DAQ*

$>90\%$  efficiency up to  $\sim 10000/\text{spill}$

Conceptual design in E80 proposal

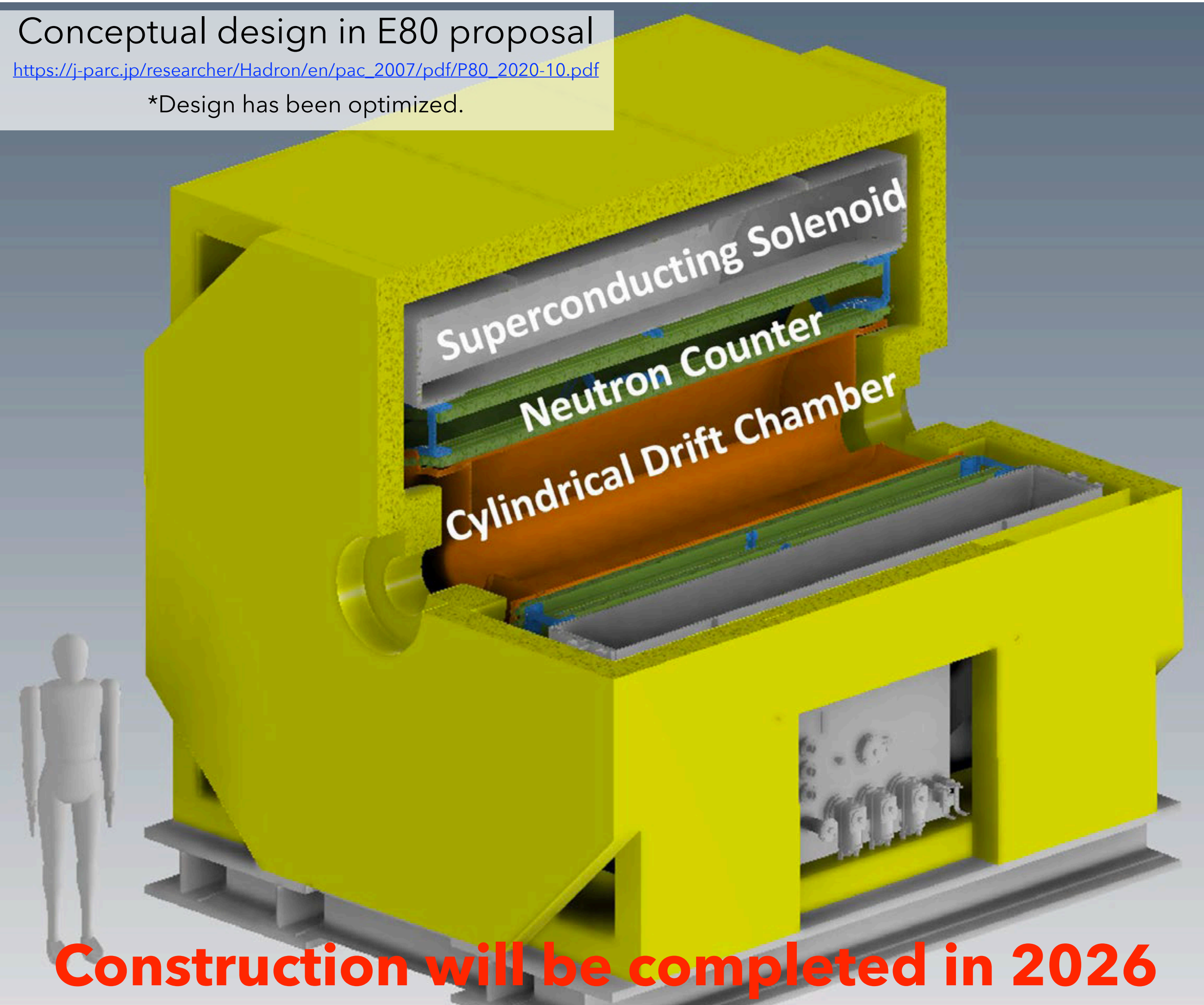
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# Cylindrical Detector System for E80

Conceptual design in E80 proposal

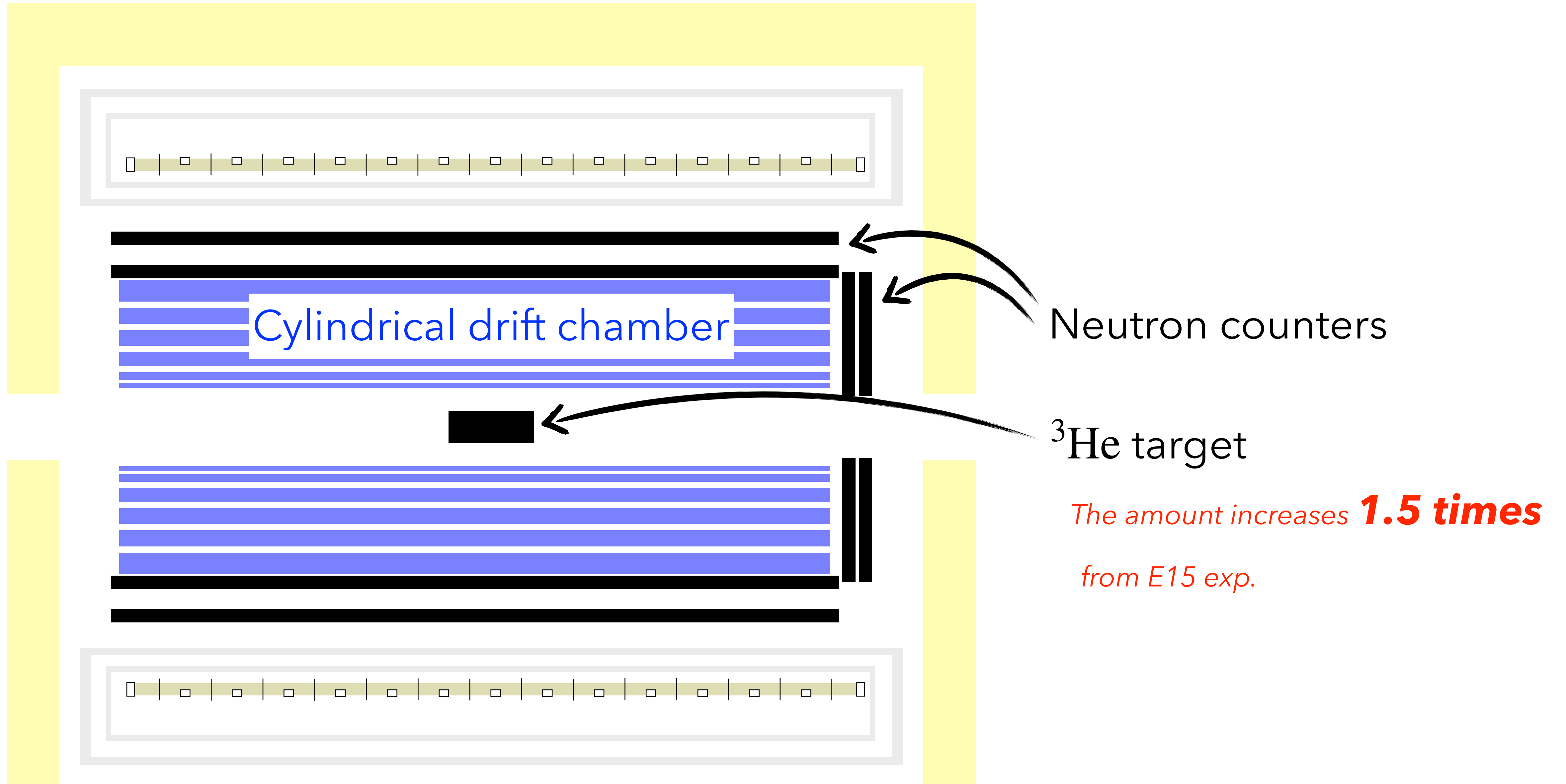
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\*Design has been optimized.



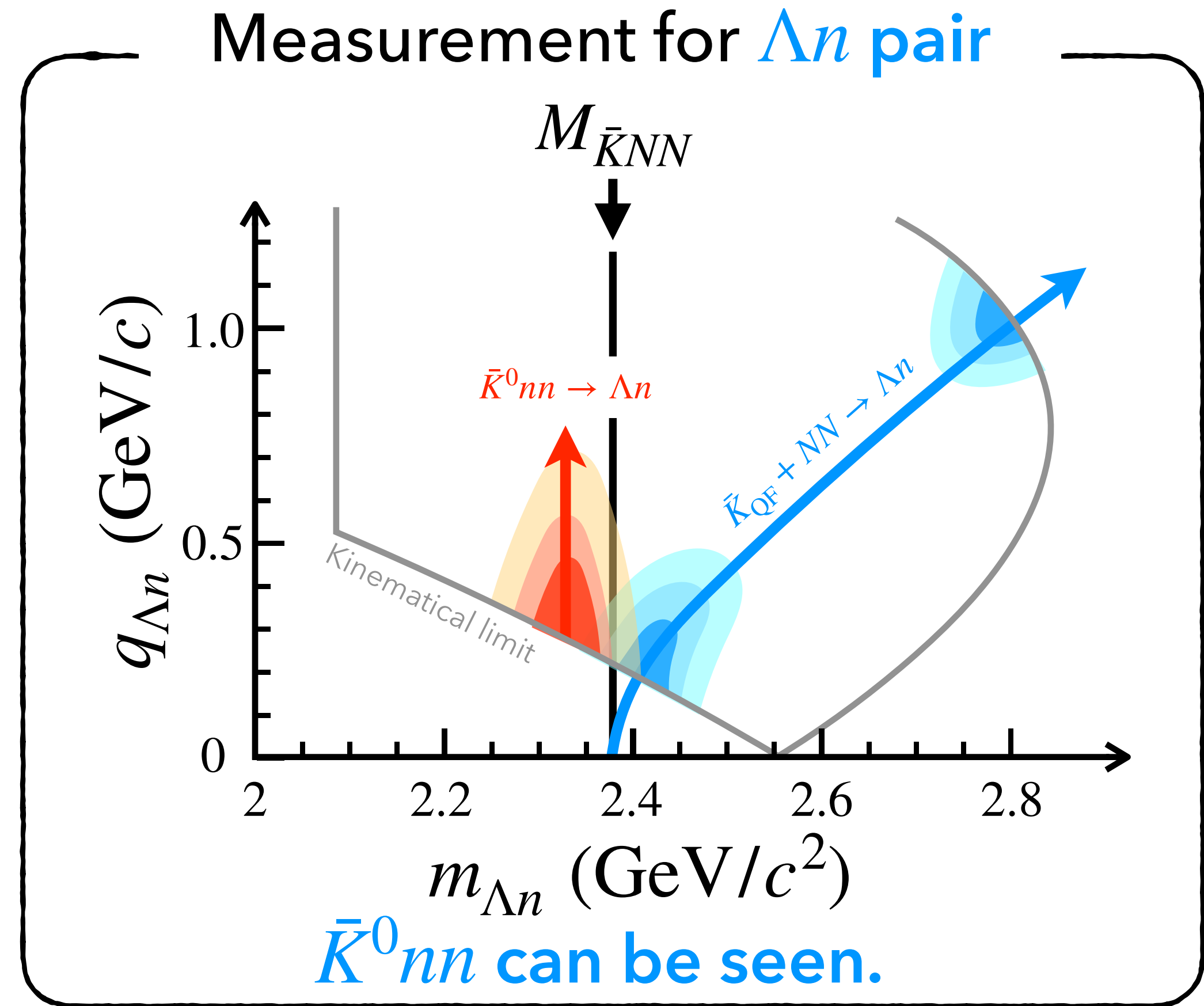
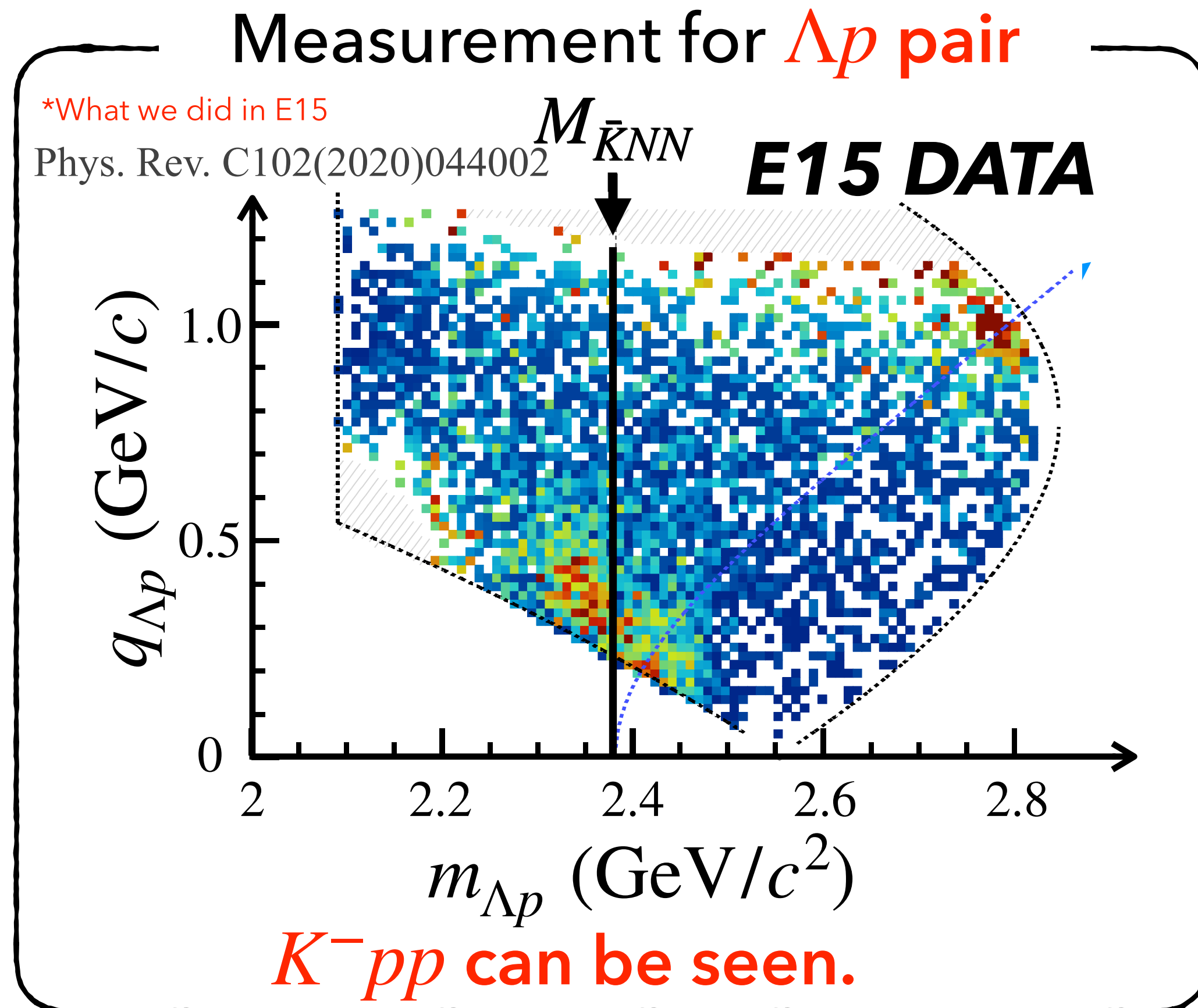
**Construction will be completed in 2026**

# Cylindrical Detector System for E80





# Expected spectra of $\bar{K}NN$



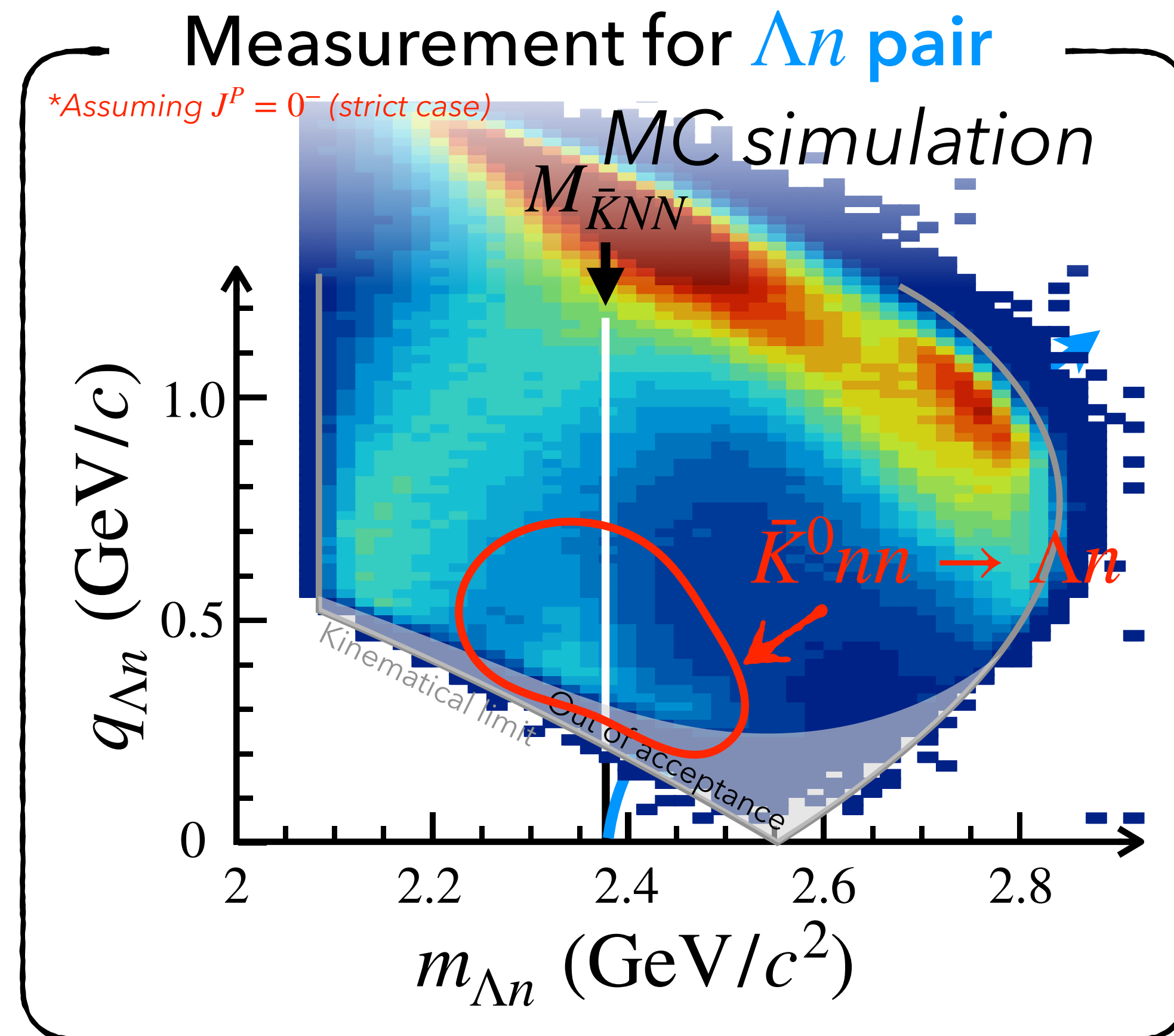
$\bar{K}^0nn$  can be seen by the same manner as  $K^-pp$

# Expected spectra of $\bar{K}^0 nn$

$$J^P = 0^-$$

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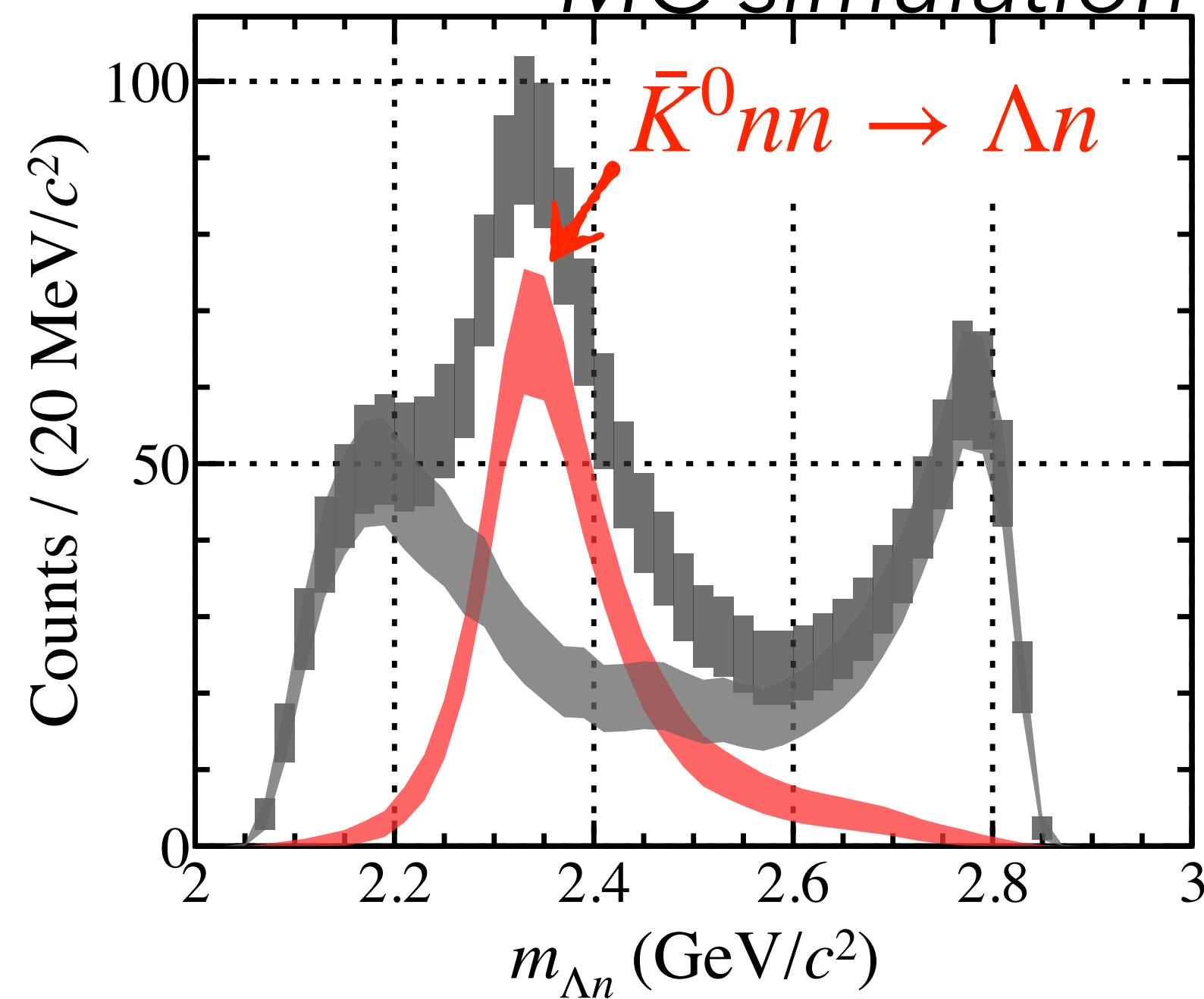
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Measurement for  $\Lambda n$  pair

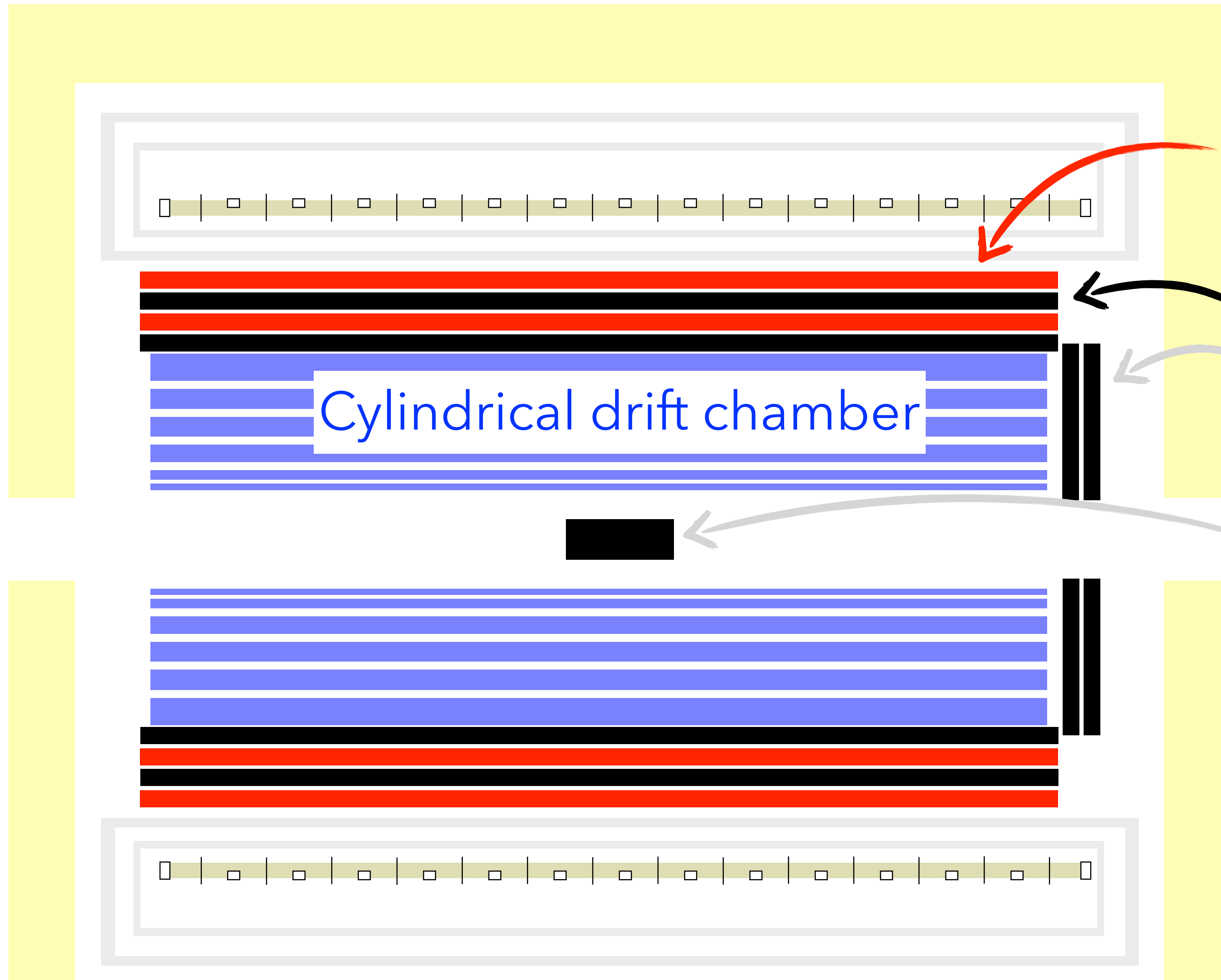
*\*Assuming  $J^P = 0^-$  (strict case)*

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

MC simulation



# Polarimeter for spin-spin corr. Measurement



## Tracker for polarimeter

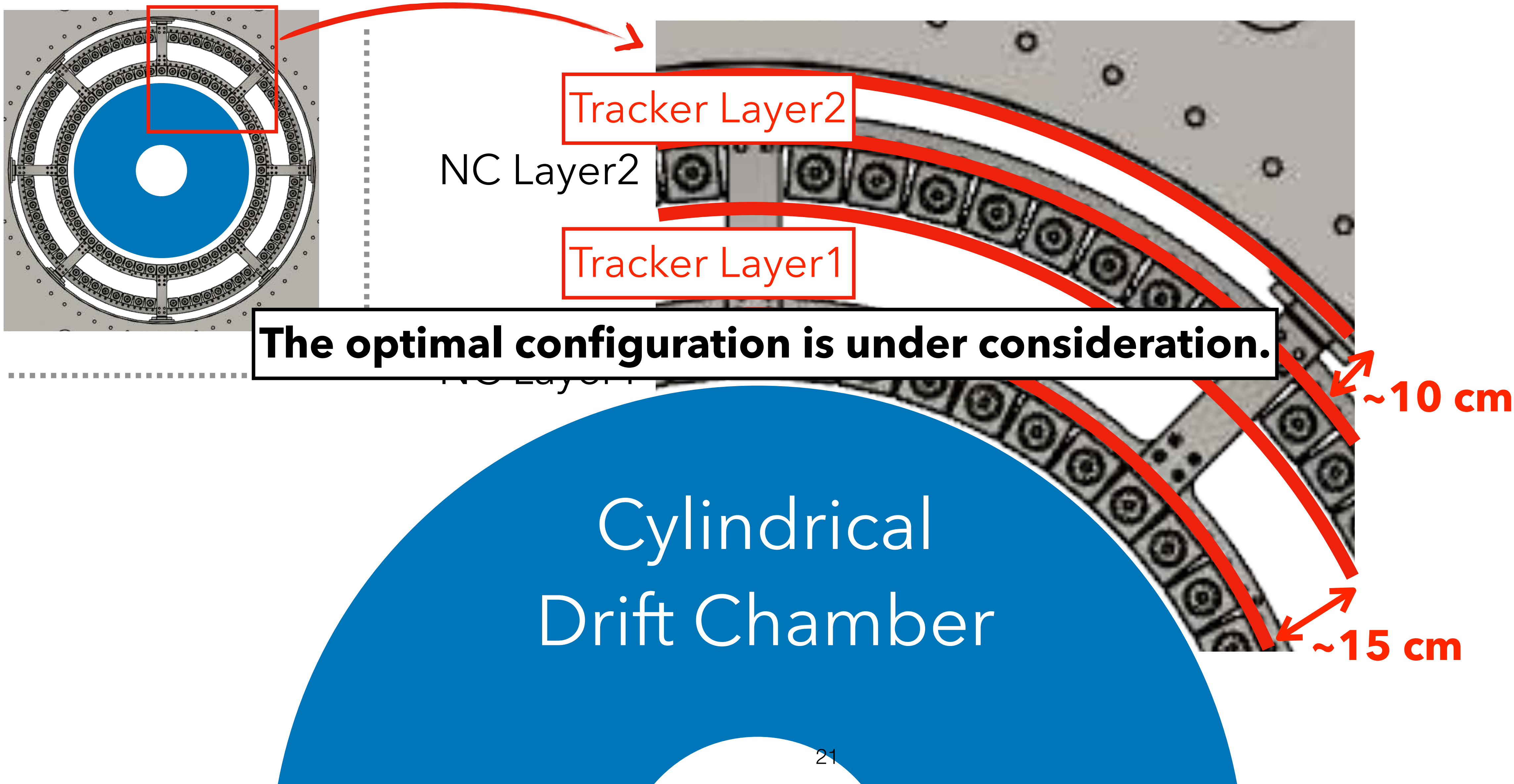
The optimal configuration is under consideration.

Neutron counters  
as scattering target

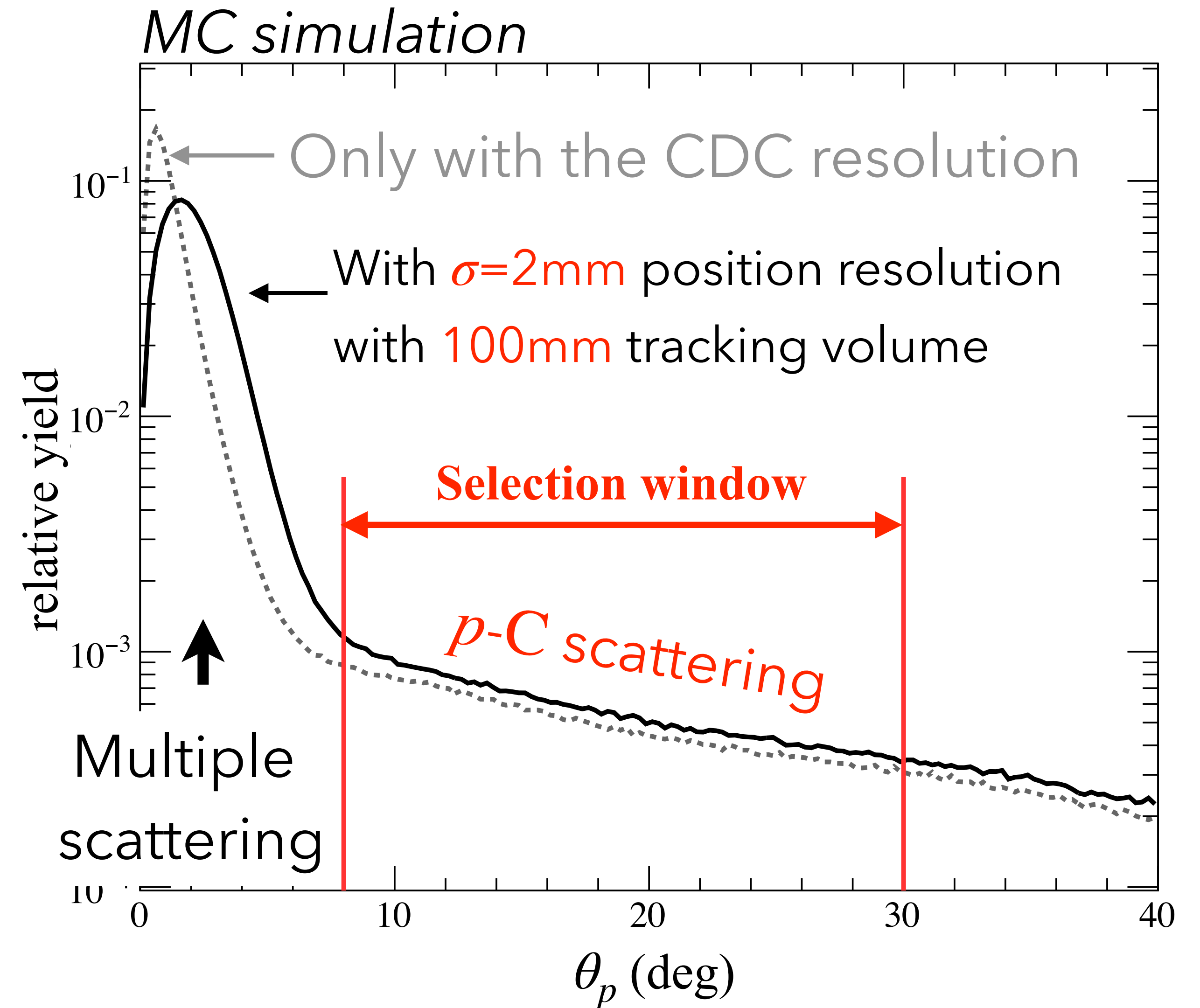
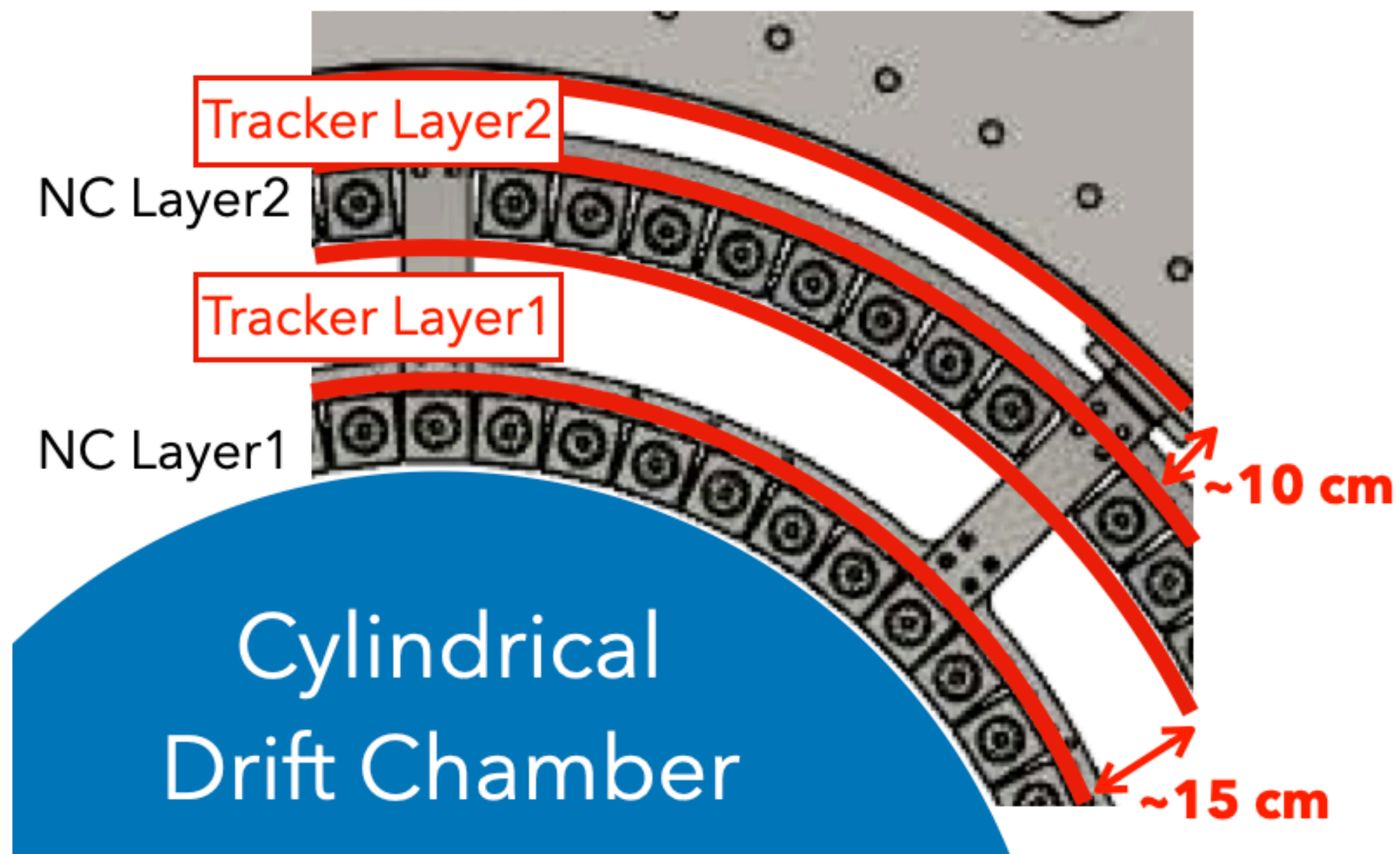
$^3\text{He}$  target

The amount increases **1.5 times**  
from E15 exp.

# Conceptual Design of the Polarimeter



# Necessary Position Resolution for the Tracker

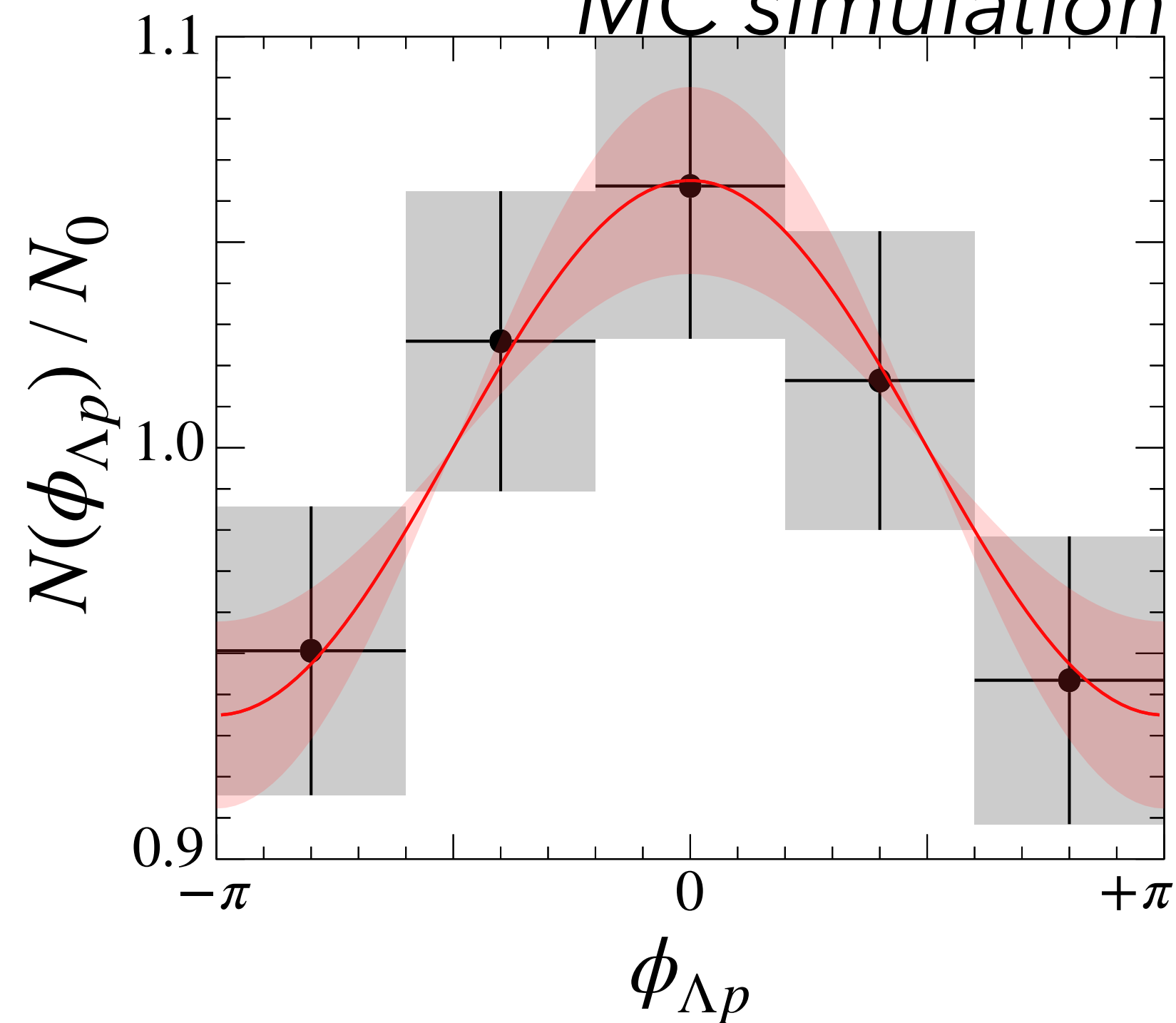


# Expected spectra for $\alpha_{\Lambda p}$ measurement

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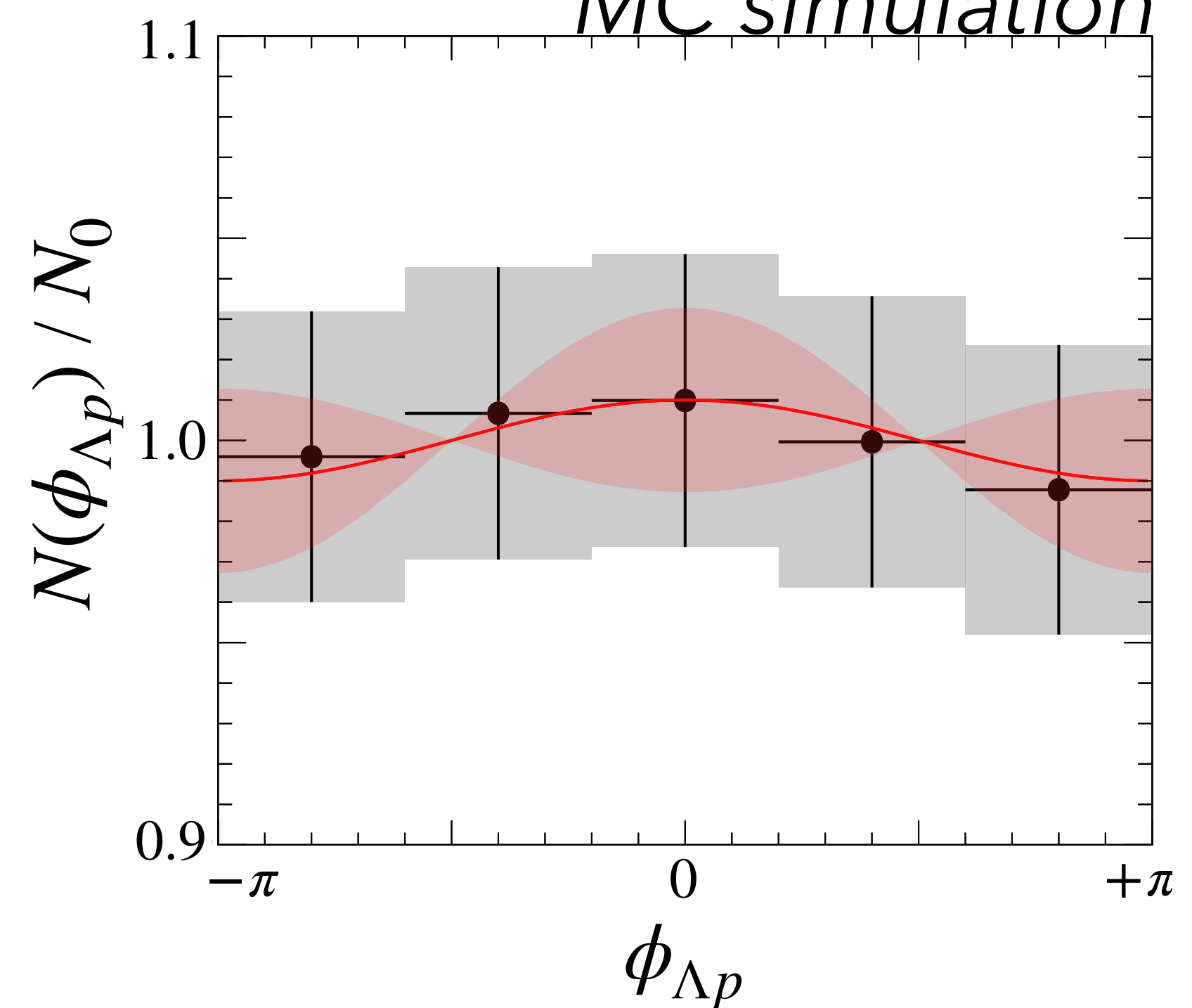
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$J^P = 1^-$

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We would exclude  $J^P = 1^-$  with 95% confidence level.

# Beamtime request

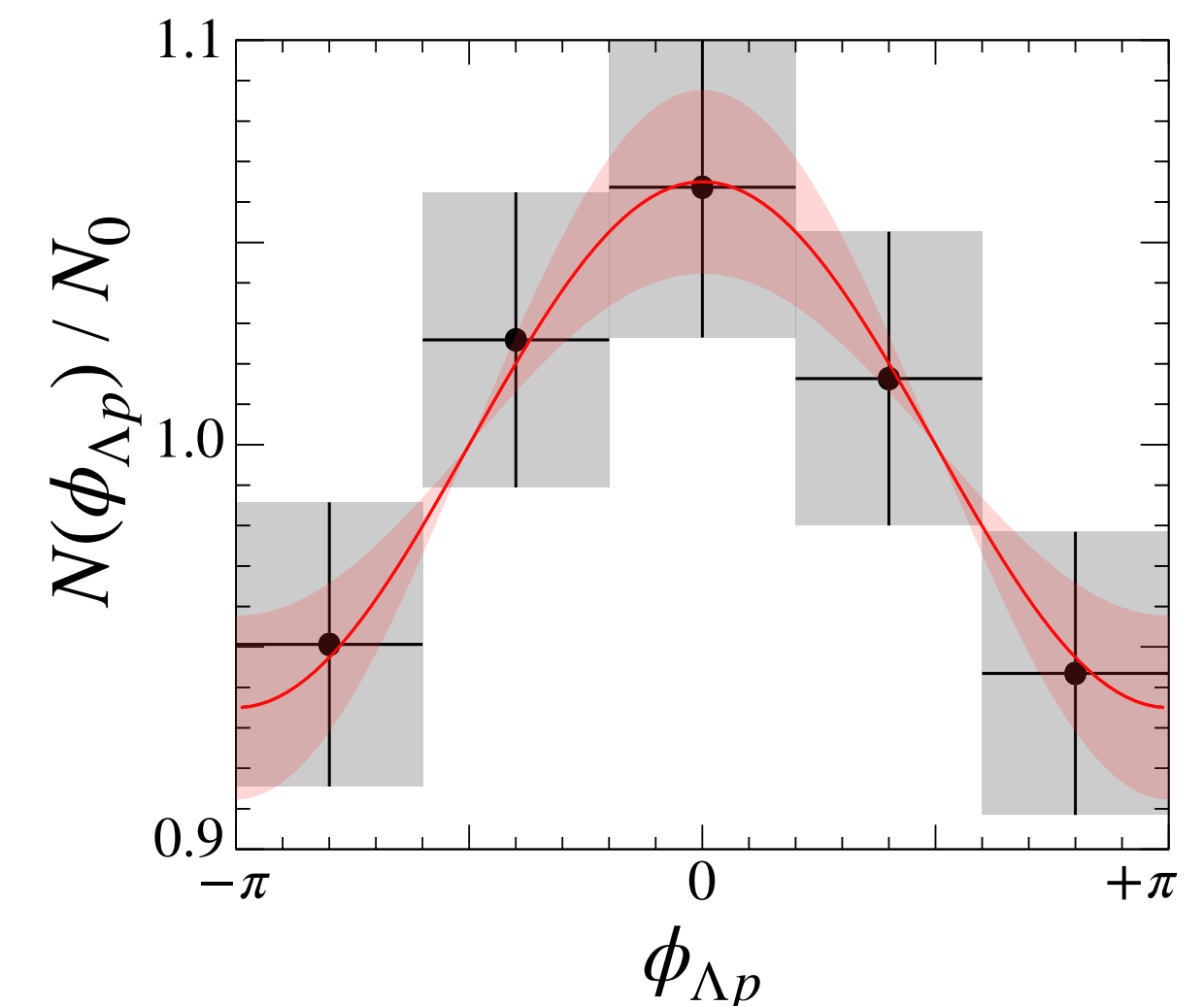
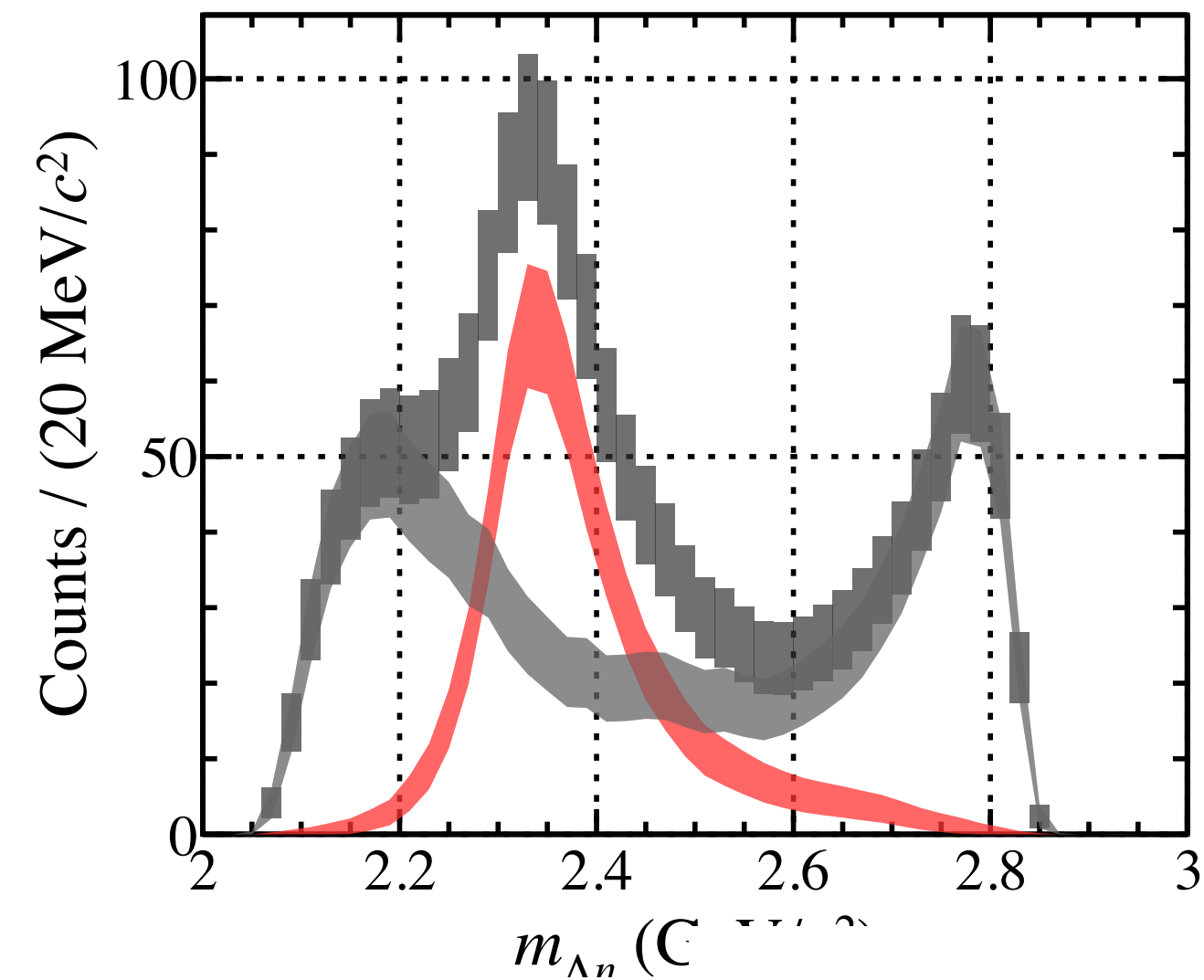
1st RUN – **2 weeks** with the E80 setup  
just after E80 in JFY2026-27

- Searching for " $\bar{K}^0 nn$ "  $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda n / \Sigma^- p$  signals
- x30 statistics data than E15 for " $K^- pp$ "  $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda p$

– Preparing the polarimeter (tracking) system –

2nd RUN – **1 week+8 weeks** with the Full setup

- Measuring for  $\alpha_{\Lambda p}$  to determine  $J^P$





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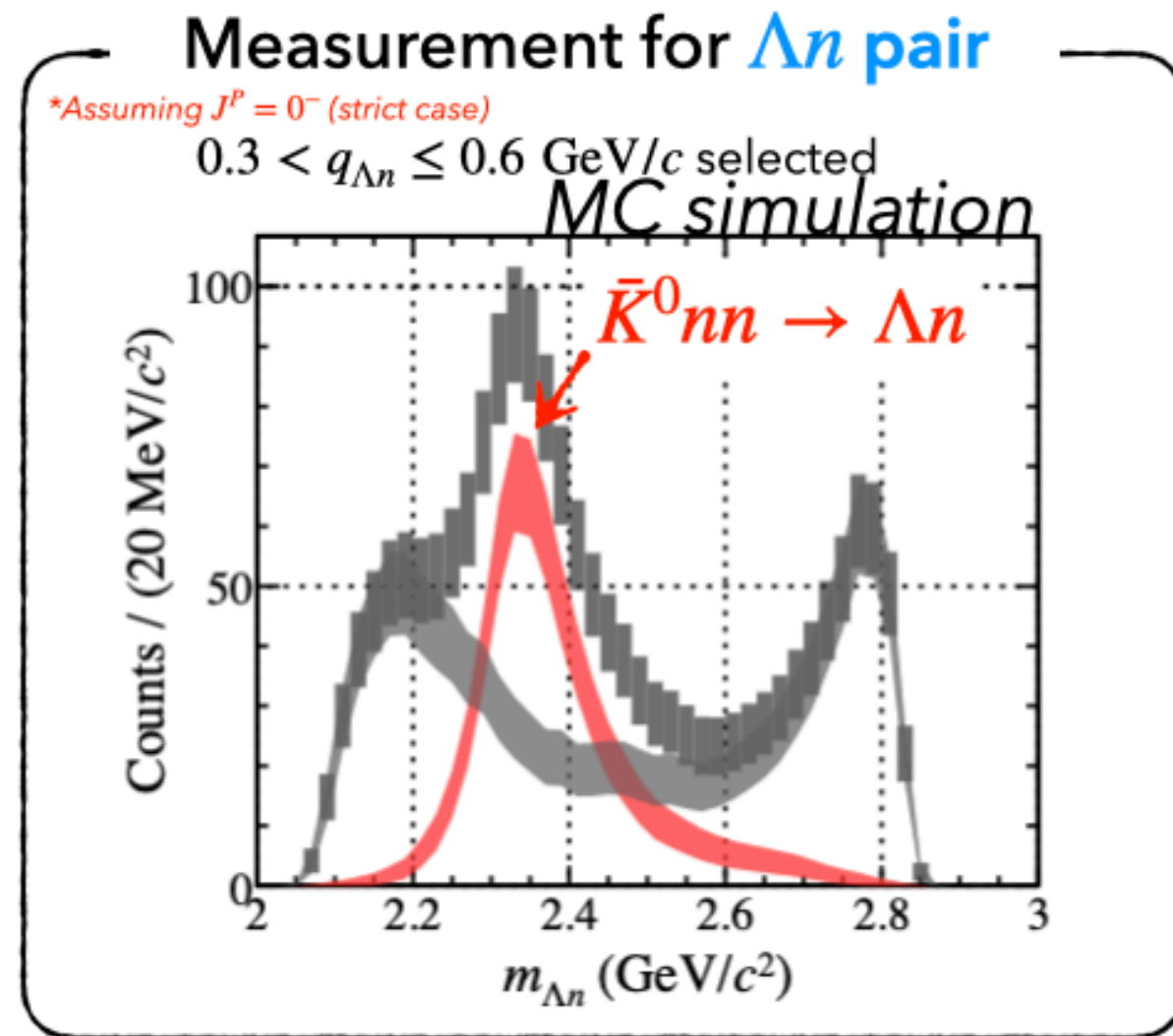
We investigate  $\bar{K}NN$  both **experimentally** & **theoretically**.

# Summary

Expected results

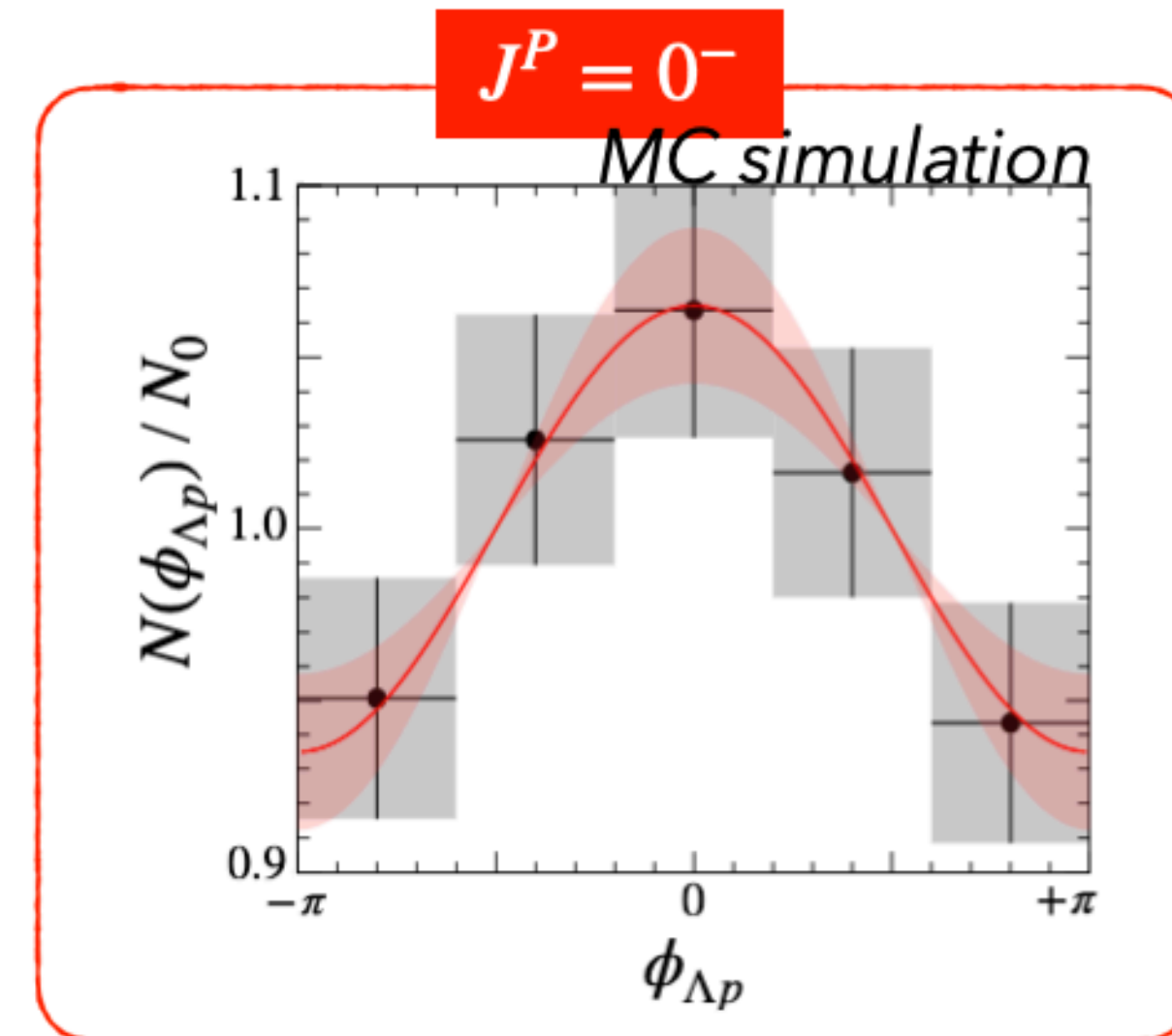
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We wish to get the stage-1 status to promote the project & to obtain the budget for the polarimeter.

**Thank you for your attention!**