

# Study of “Kpp” bound state in $d(K^-, \Lambda p)\pi^-$ reaction at K1.8BR E31 experiment

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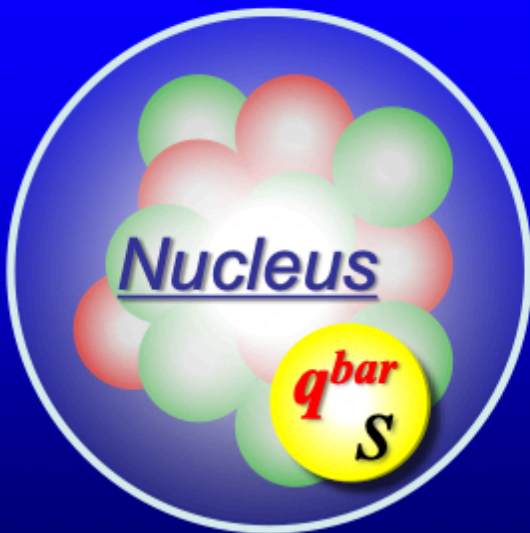
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## **Kaonic nuclei = Nuclear system with $K^{\text{bar}}$ mesons**

- Involve **strange quarks (Strangeness)**.
- **Real mesons** are involved as a constituent of the system.

- Strong  $K^{\text{bar}}N$  attraction  
...Excited hyperon  $\Lambda(1405) = K^{\text{bar}}N$  quasi-bound state  
⇒ Expect **“Dense and Cold”** state  
→ Partial restoration of chiral symmetry  
Neutron star physics



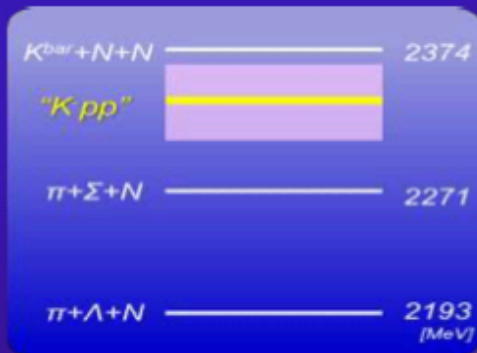
- Anti-quark embedded in quarks  
→ **Anti-matter embedded in Matter?**  
⇒ **New existence form of matter???**

# “K<sup>-</sup>pp” = the simplest kaonic nucleus

- $K^{\text{bar}}N$  potential is so attractive to generate a quasi-bound state,  $\Lambda(1405)$ .
- $K^{\text{bar}}$  meson can be bound in a nucleus: Kaonic nuclei.
- Among them, the three-body system “K<sup>-</sup>pp” is a prototype of kaonic nuclei.

## Theoretical studies:

“K<sup>-</sup>pp” =  $K^{\text{bar}}NN$ - $\pi\Sigma N$ - $\pi\Lambda N$  ( $J^\pi=0^-, T=1/2$ )

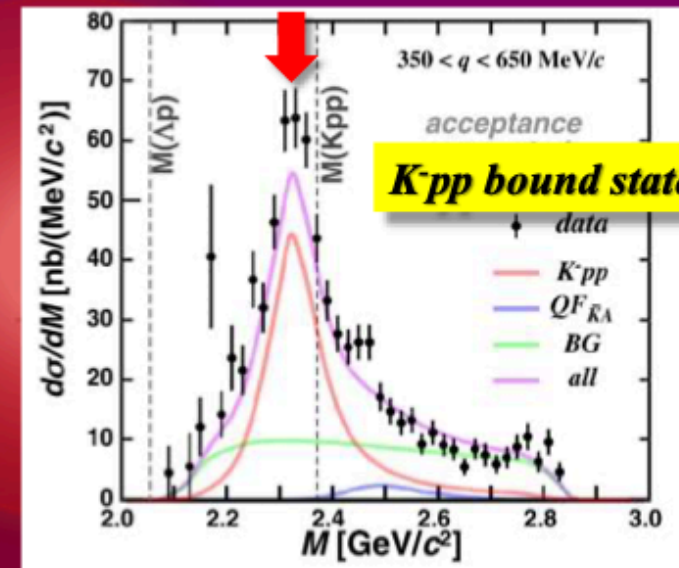


- Akaishi, Yamazaki, PRC76, 045201 (2007)
- Shevchenko, Gal, Mares, PRC76, 044004 (2007)
- Wycech, Green, PRC79, 014001 (2009)
- Doté, Hyodo, Weise, PRC79, 014003 (2009)
- Ikeda, Kamano, Sato, PTP124, 533 (2010)
- Barnea, Gal, Liverts, PLB712, 132 (2012)
- Bayar, Oset, PRC88, 044003 (2013)
- Revai, Shevchenko, PRC90, 034004 (2014)
- Doté, Inoue, Myo, PLB784, 405 (2018)
- ...

“K<sup>-</sup>pp” should exist as a resonant state between  $K^{\text{bar}}NN$  and  $\pi\Sigma N$  thresholds.

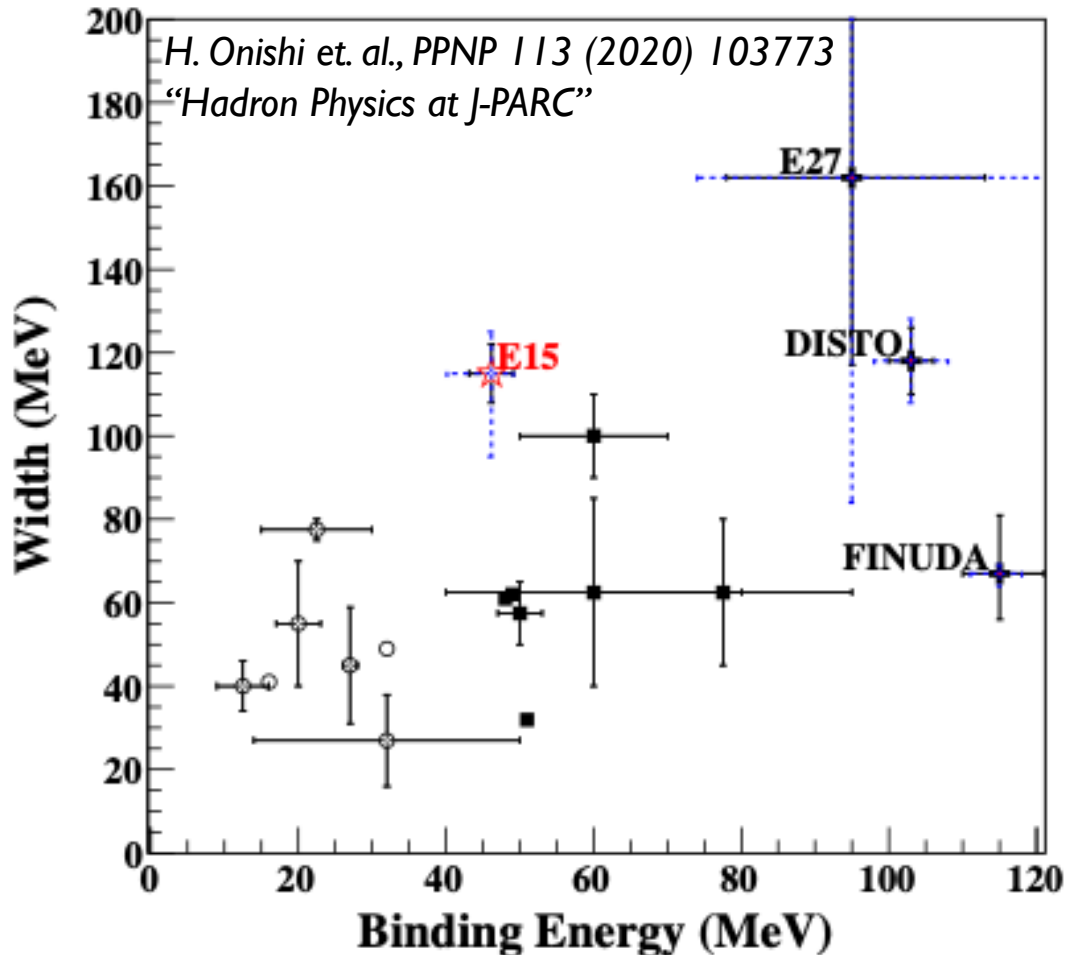
## J-PARC E15 (2<sup>nd</sup> run):

Exclusive exp.  ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n_{\text{missing}}$



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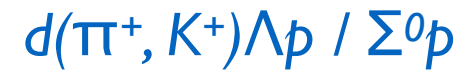
# Theories and experiments



- E15 at K1.8BR



- E27 at K1.8



**Inverse reaction  
 $dK^- \rightarrow \Lambda p \pi^-$  has been  
 taken at K1.8BR.**

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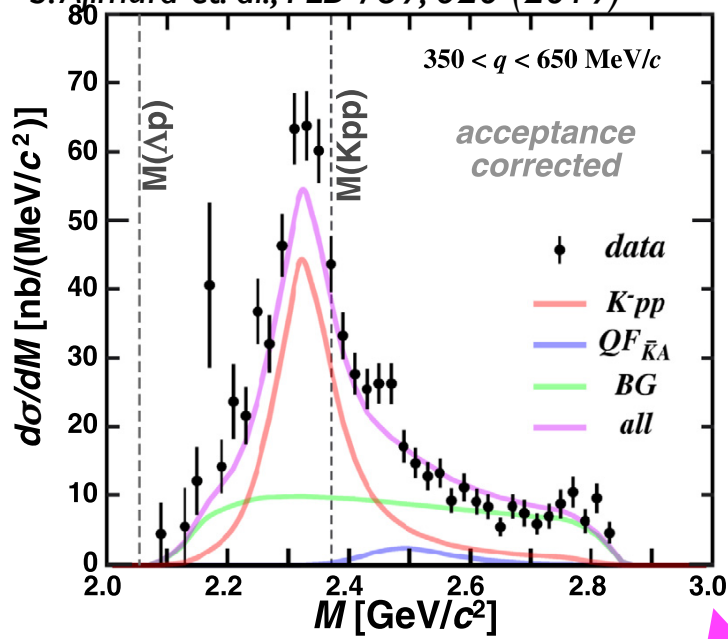


- FINUDA



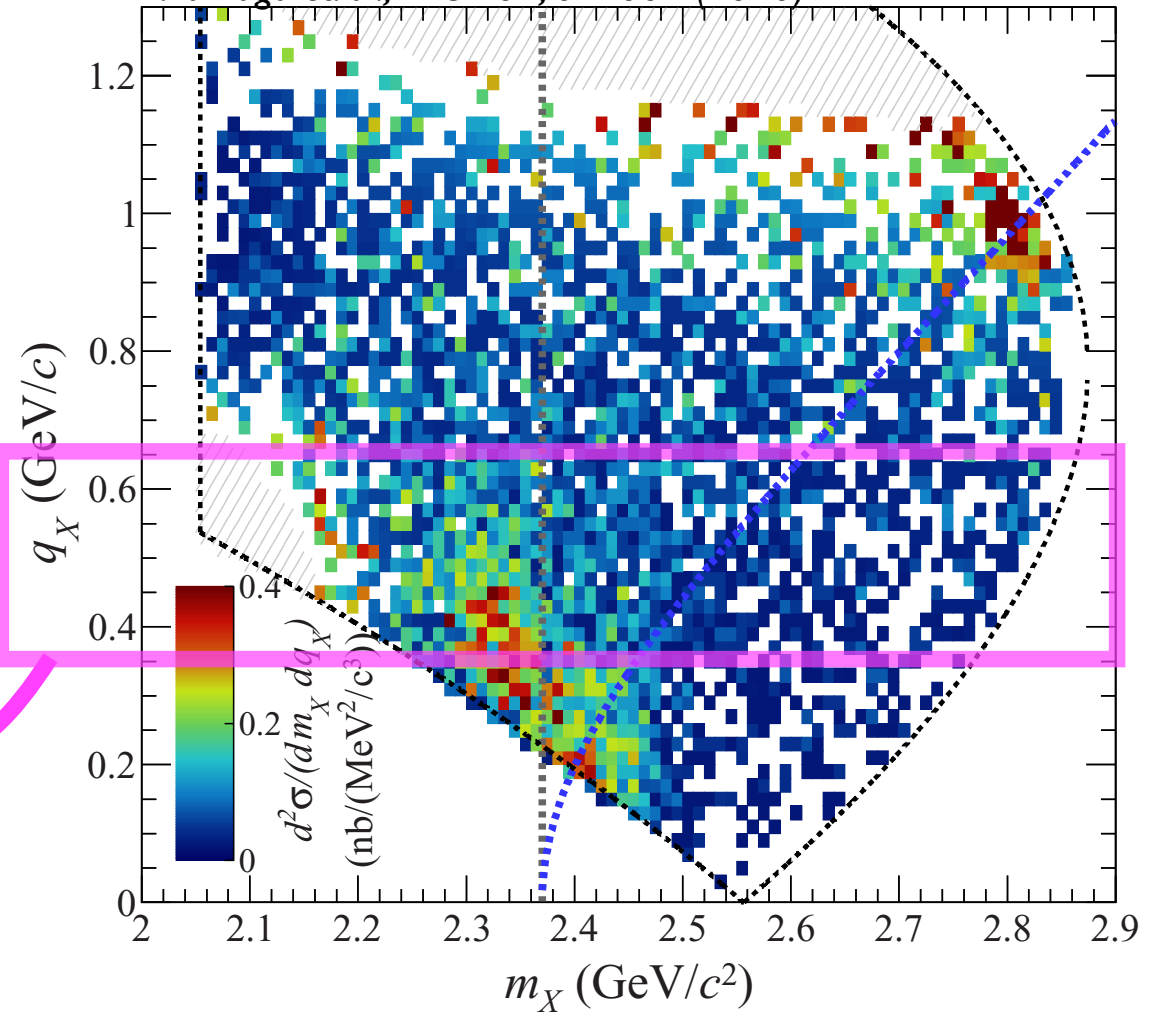
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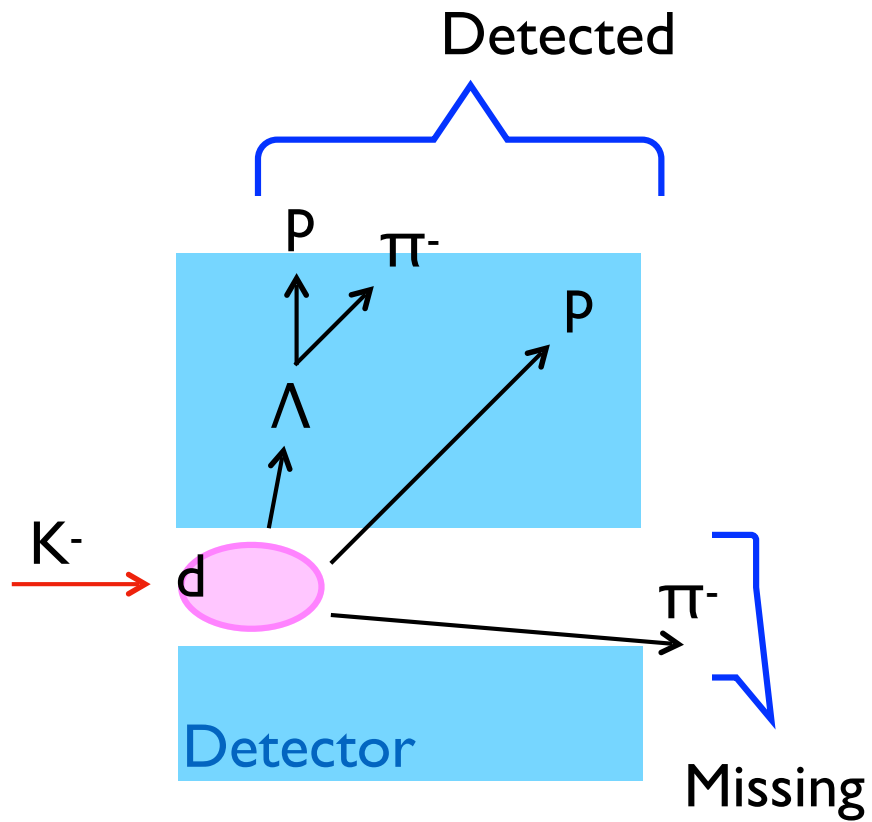


Projection

- Momentum transfer  $q$   
 $q(\Lambda p) = p_k - p_n$

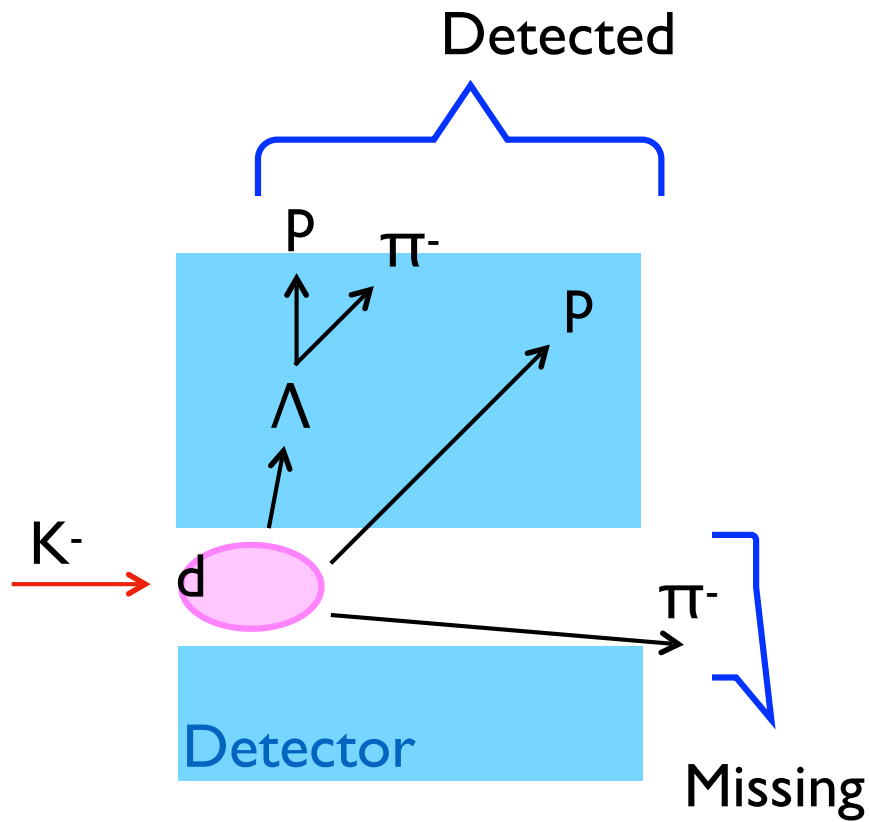
E15 exp. often showed 2D plot of  $q$  vs mass.

# $d(K^-, \Lambda p)\pi^-$ reaction

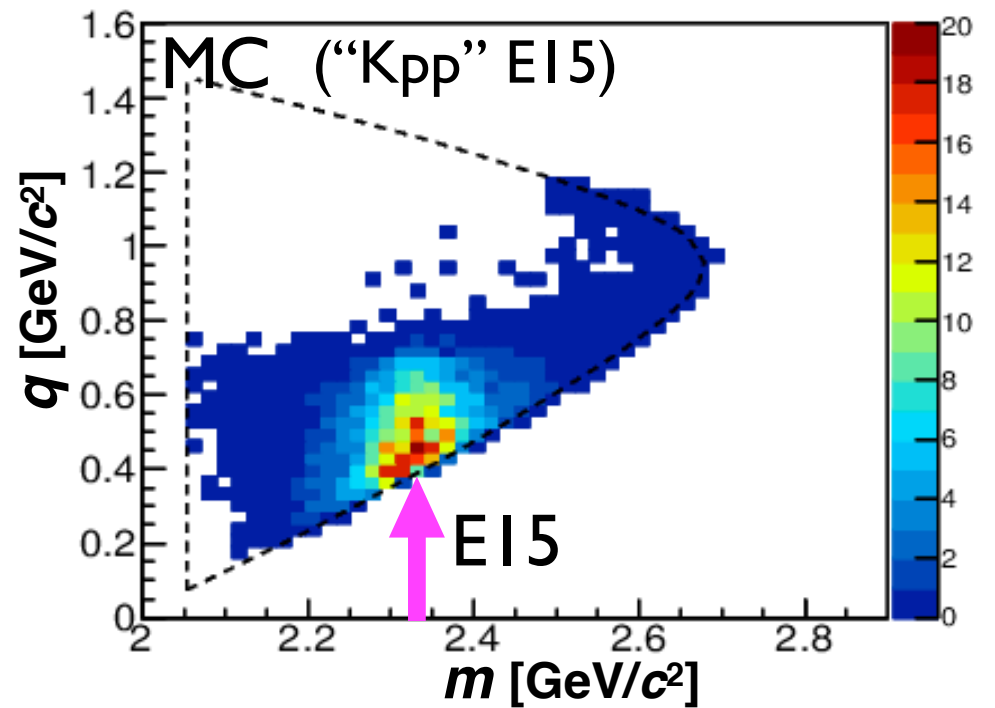
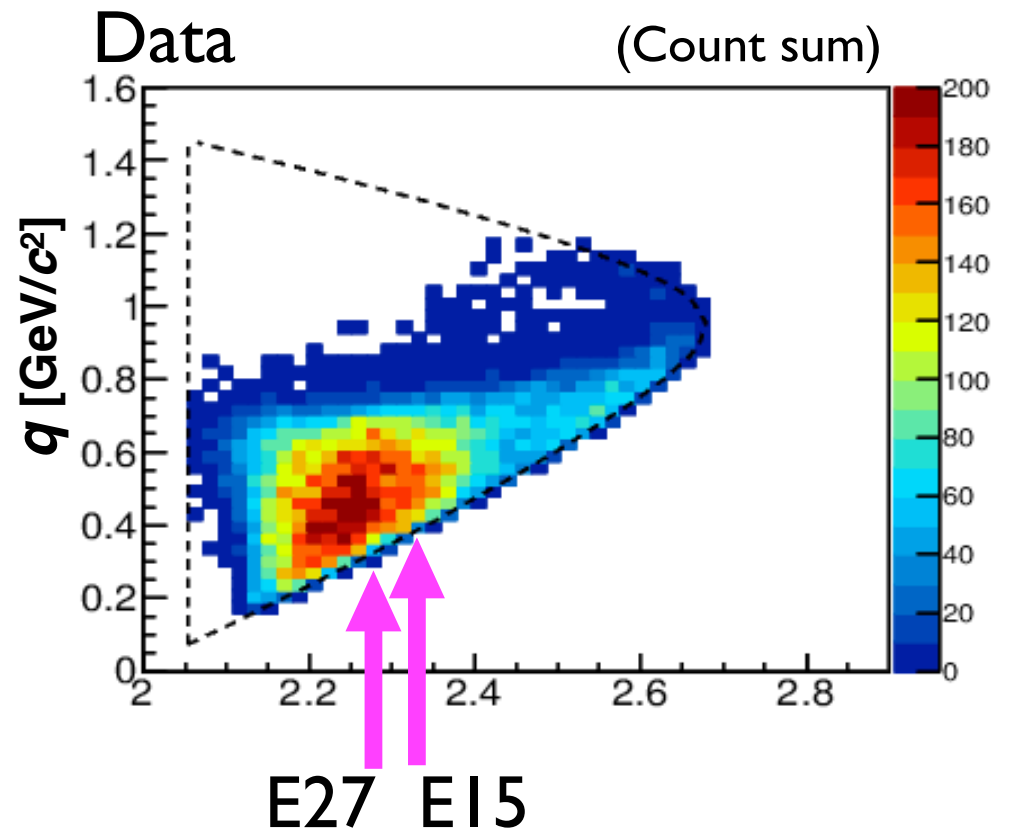


- Detect  $\Lambda p$ .
- $\pi^-$  Missing.

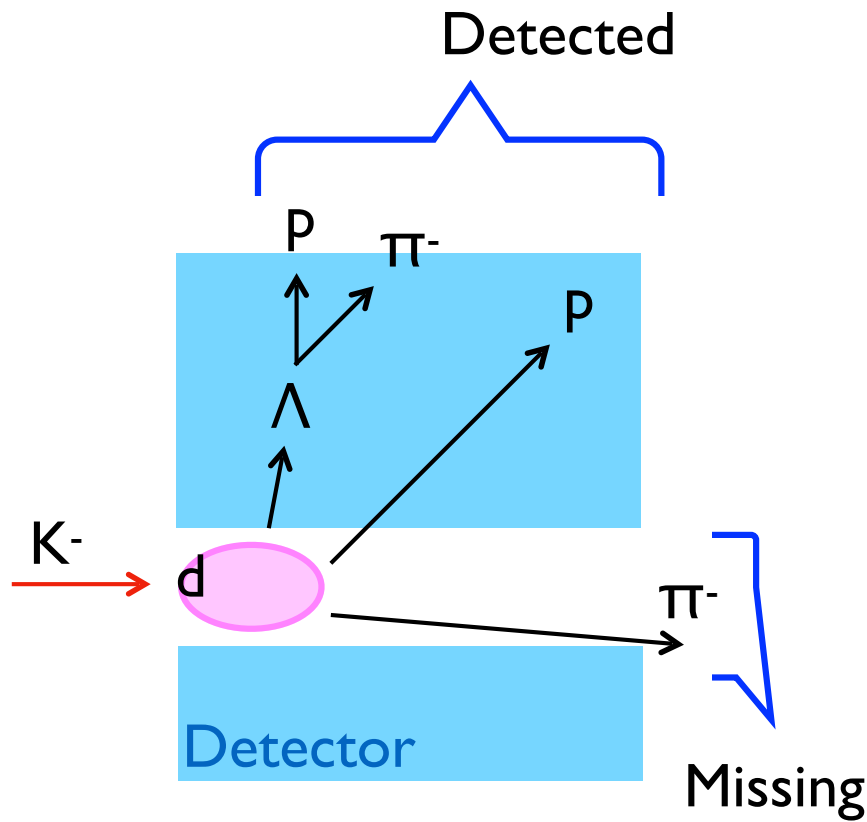
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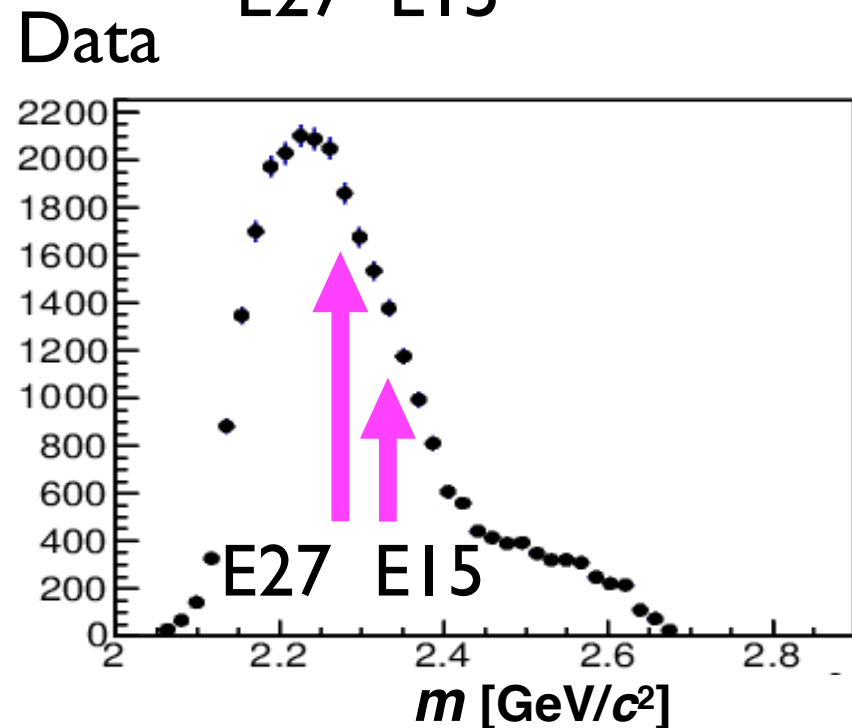
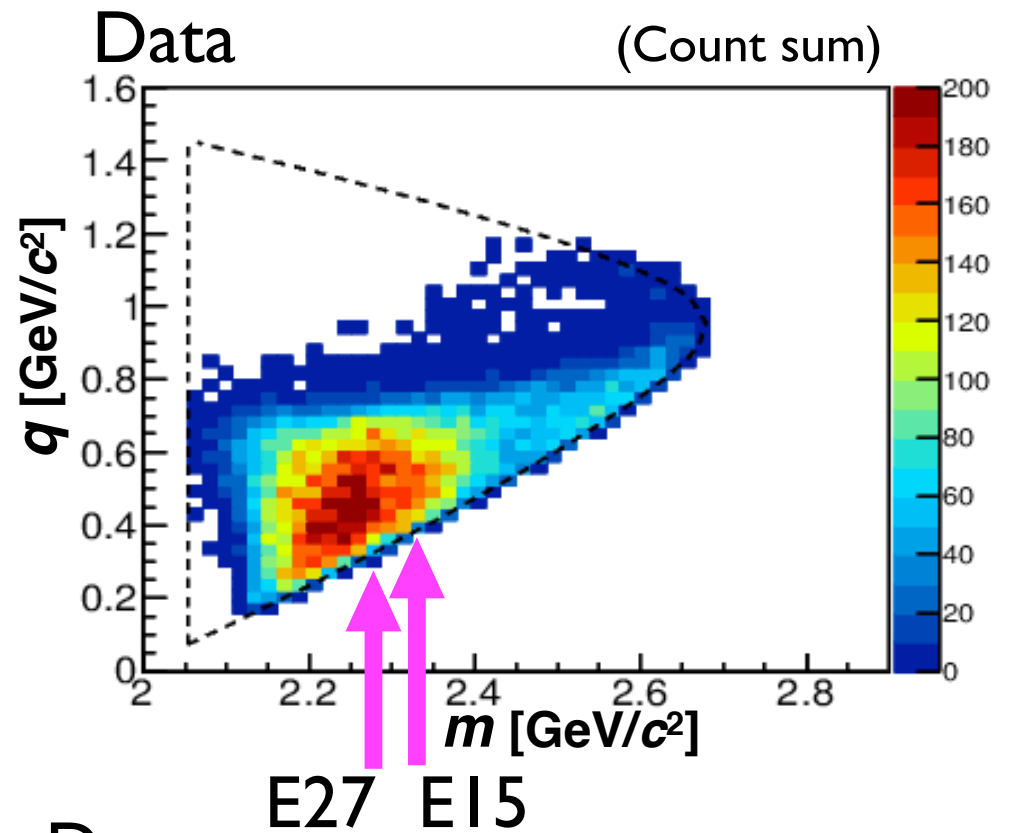


# $\Lambda p$ distribution



- Detect  $\Lambda p$ .
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“ $Kpp$ ” signals could not be seen.  
What are the seen events ?





# Separation from background processes ( $\neq$ other reaction) is needed.

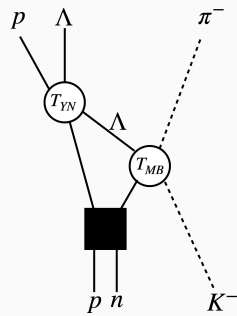
Example of the many diagrams.

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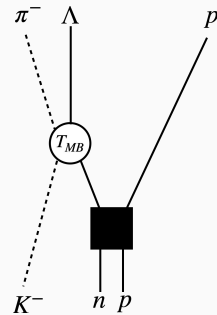
## Diagrams of $\Lambda p$ process

$K^- d \rightarrow \pi \Lambda N$  過程で調べる  $\Lambda$  核子散乱長

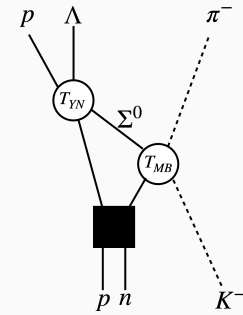
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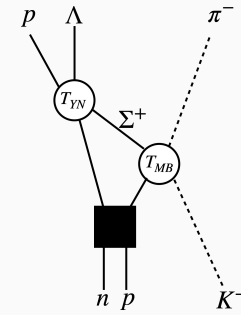
Foreground diagram



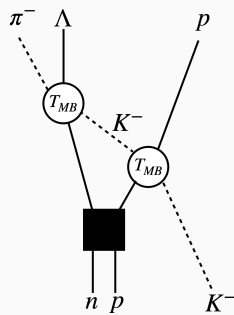
Impulse



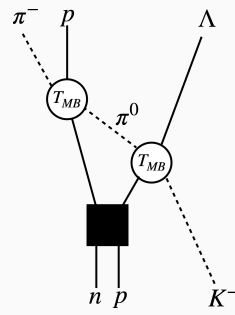
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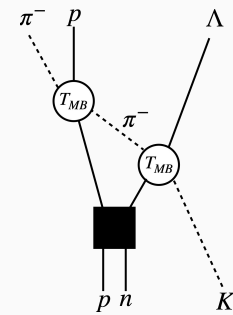
$\Sigma^+$  exchange



$K^-$  exchange



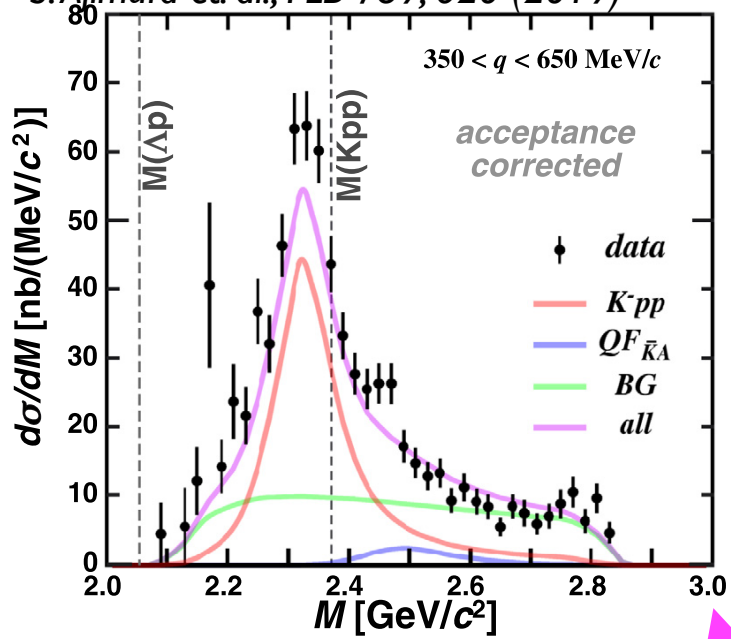
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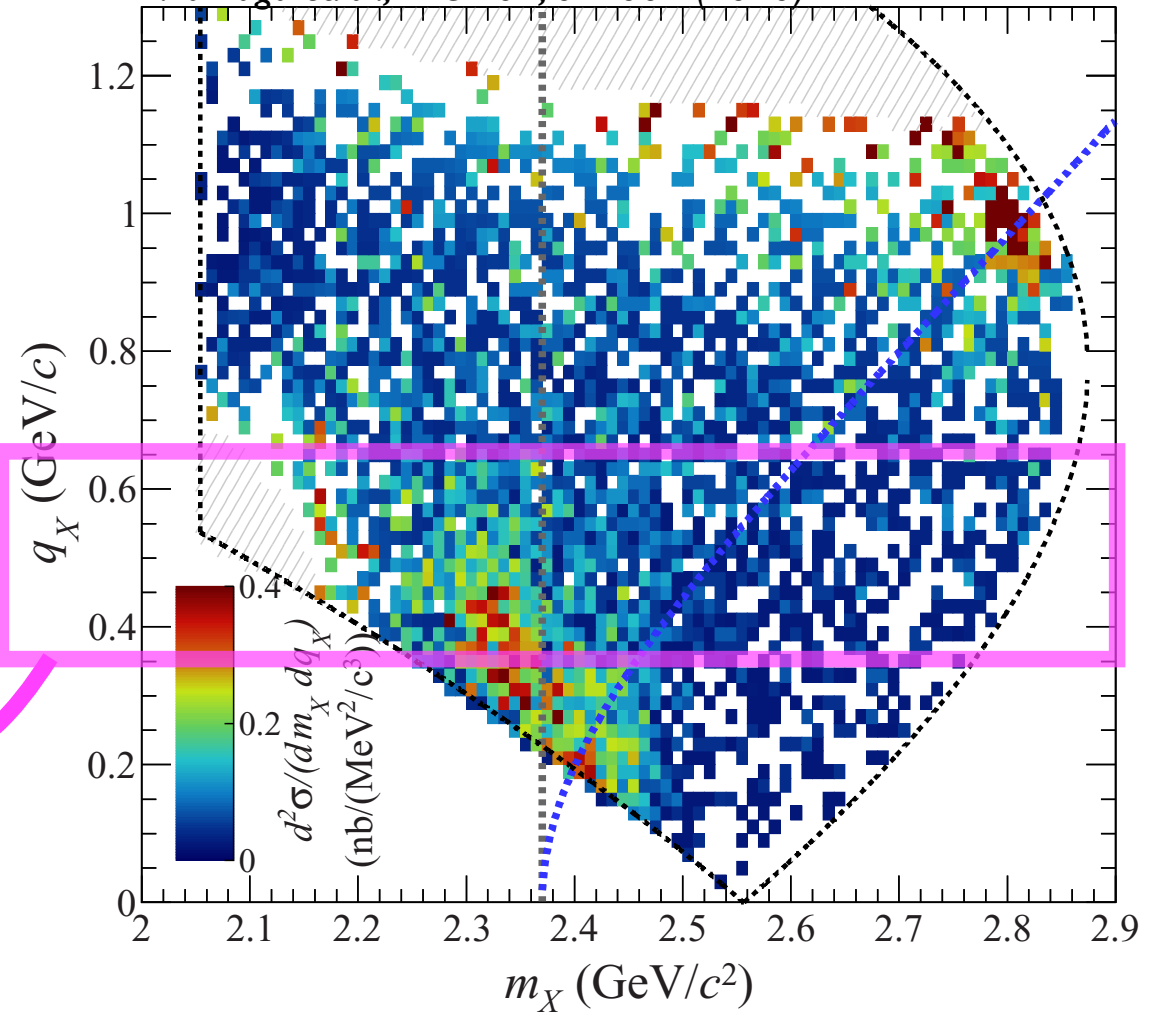
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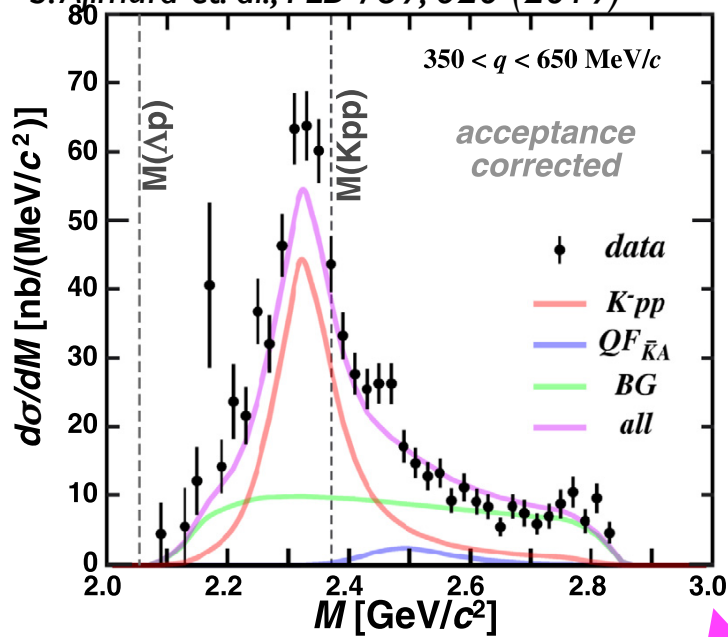


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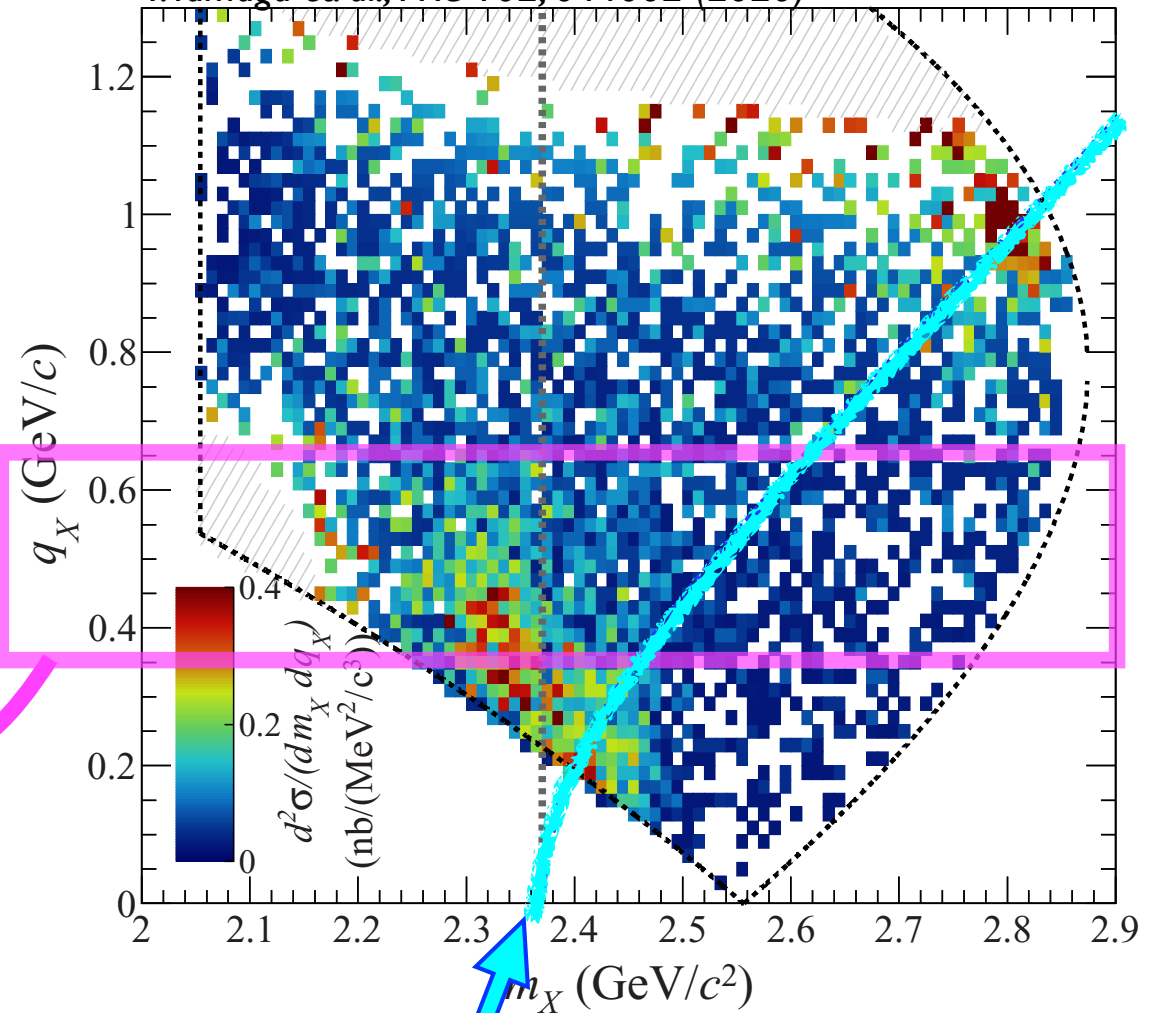
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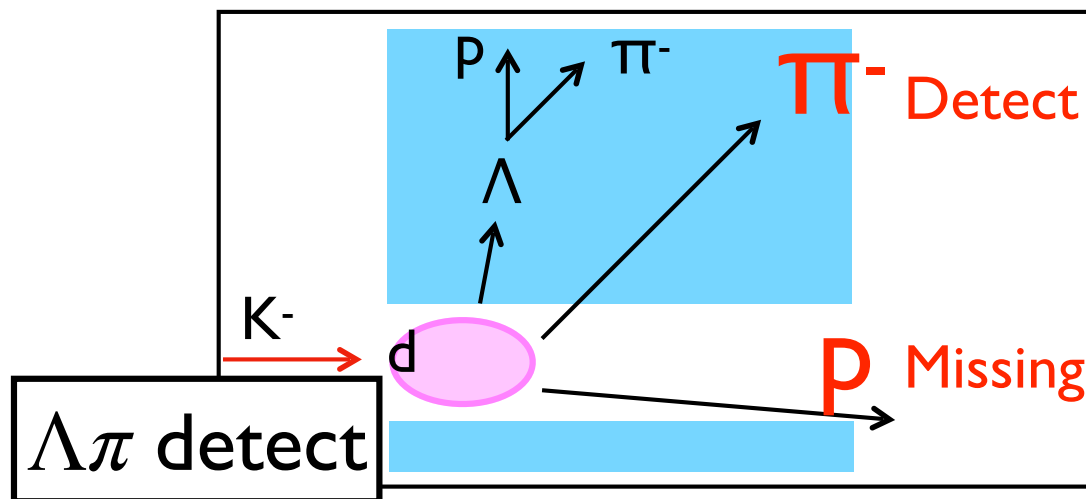
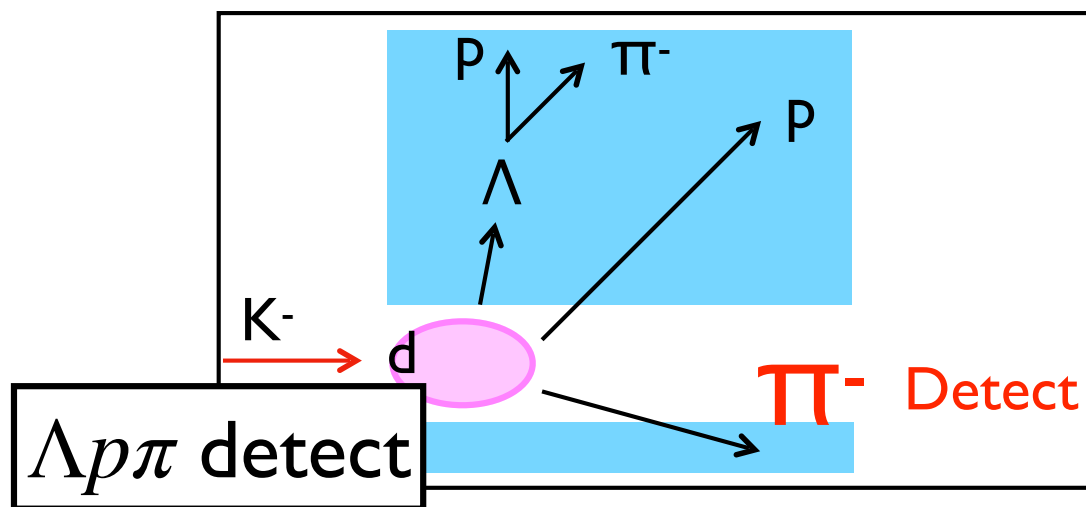
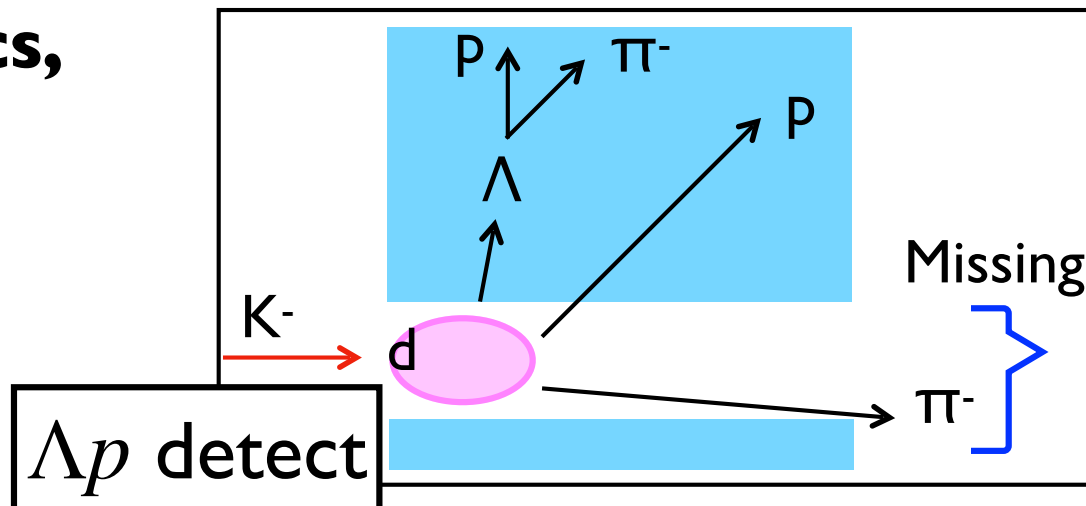
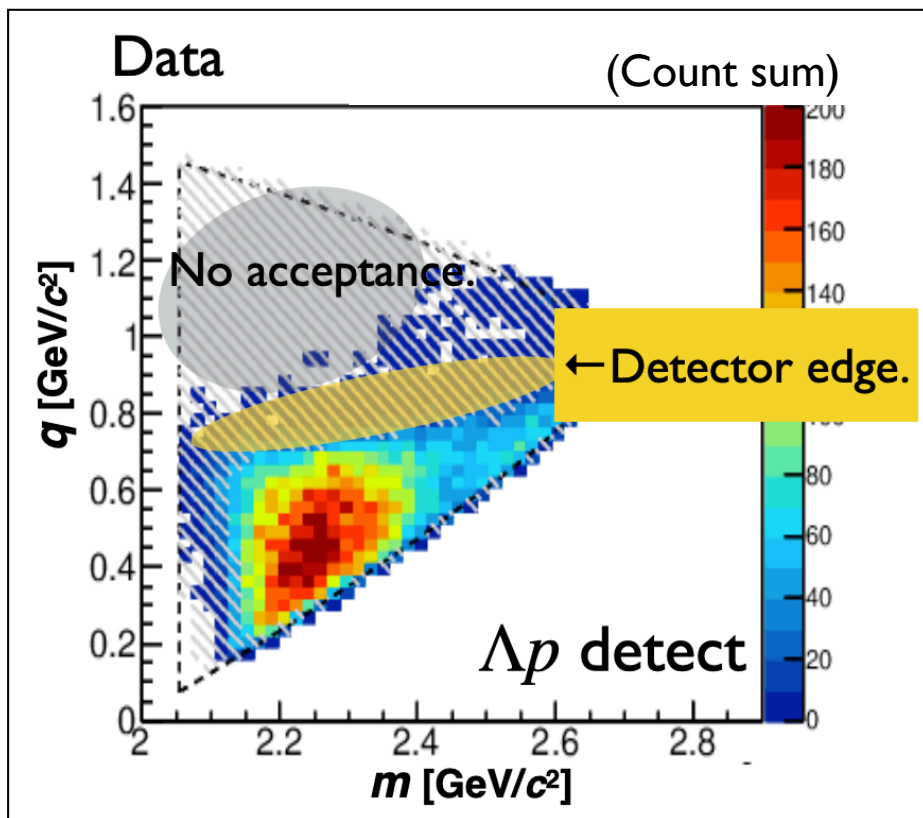
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Background process  
Quasi-free  $KN \rightarrow Kn, KNN \rightarrow \Lambda p$

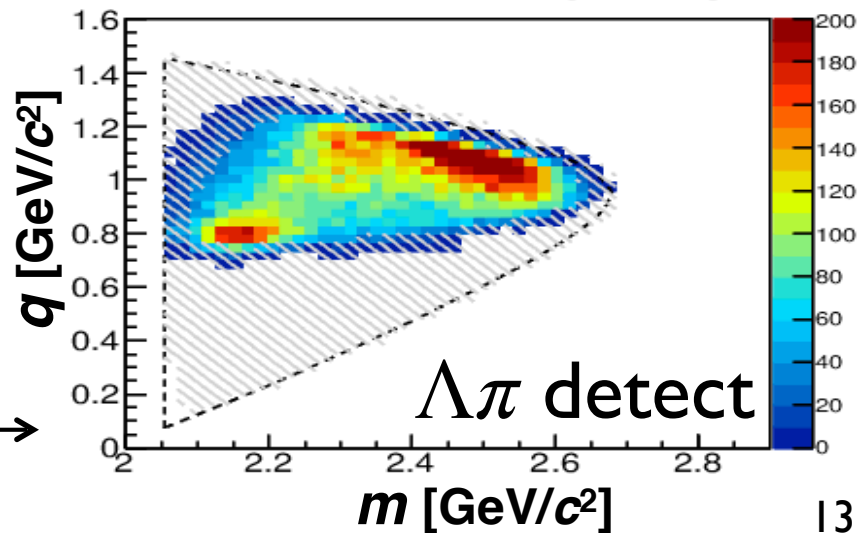
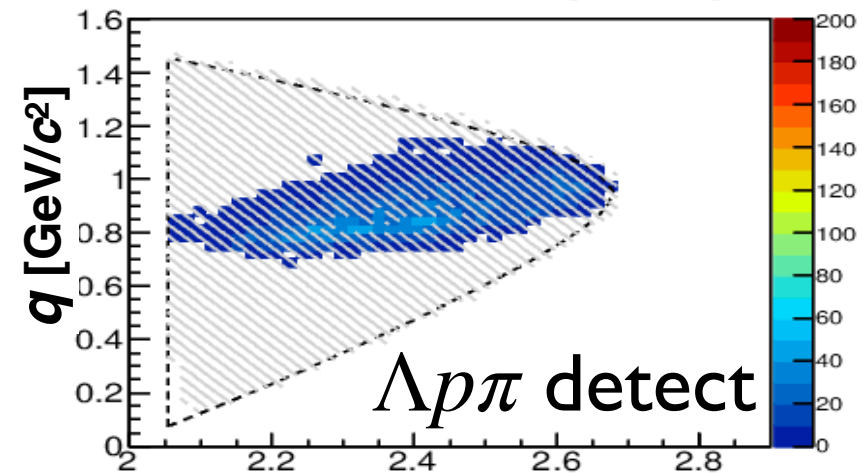
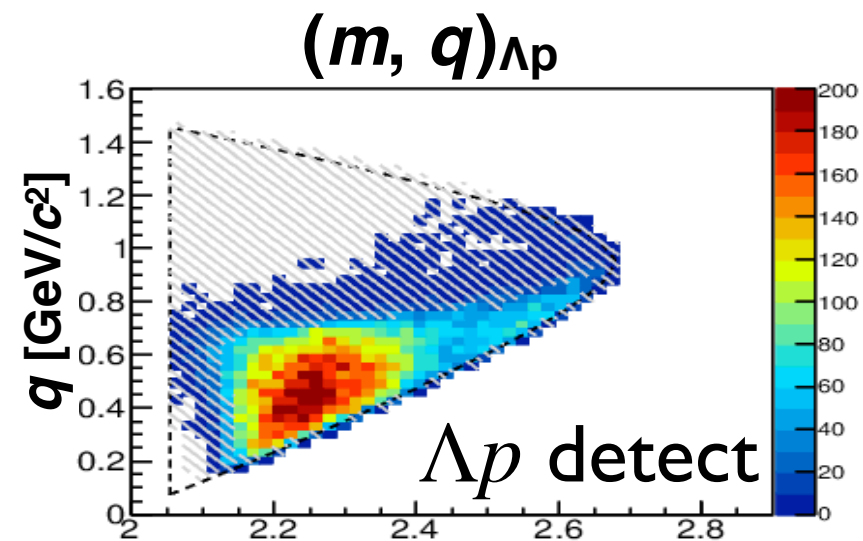
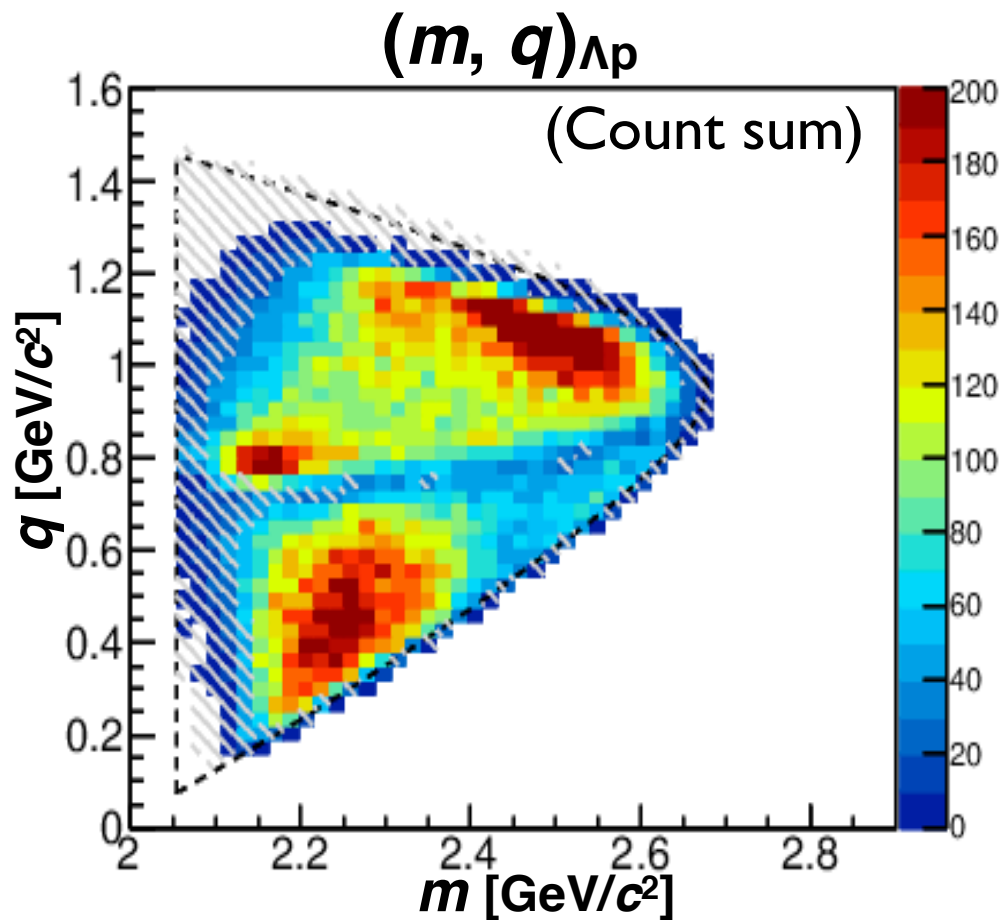
**The advantage is the  $q$  dependence to understand background processes.**

**To know reaction dynamics, we need to expand the acceptance on (m, q).**

When we require  $\Lambda$  detection, there are three possible event geometries to identify  $\pi^- \Lambda p$  final state.



$q$  vs  $m$  of  $\Lambda p$  system as a count sum of  $\Lambda p$ ,  $\Lambda p\pi$  and  $\Lambda\pi$  detected



Momentum of  $p$  obtained from the detected particles.

# Event distribution of $\Lambda p\pi^-$ final state

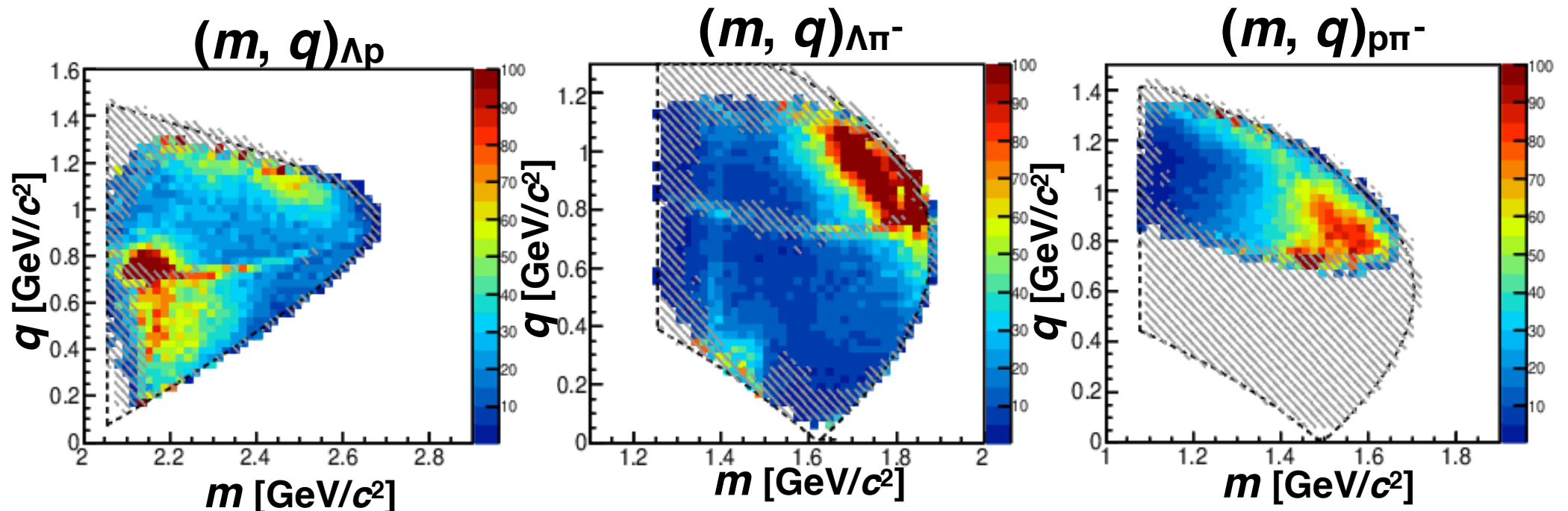
kinematical Degree-of-Freedom = 5

9 (3 on-shell particles) - 4 (energy-momentum conservation)

**3  $(m, q)$ -plots** are **more than sufficient** to identify the event kinematics

➔ We can specify reaction dynamics by these 3 plots

$m$  : invariant mass of a pair       $q$  : momentum transfer to the pair



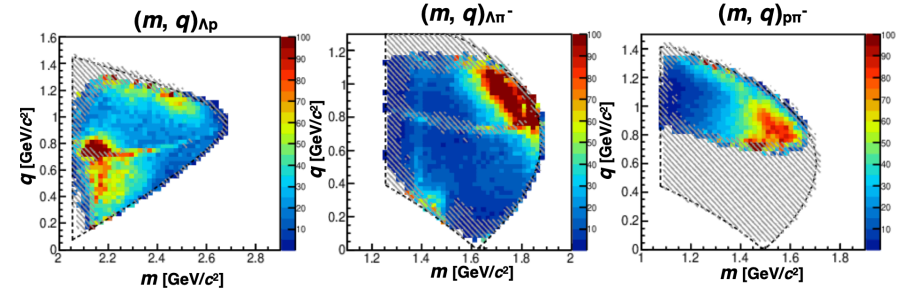
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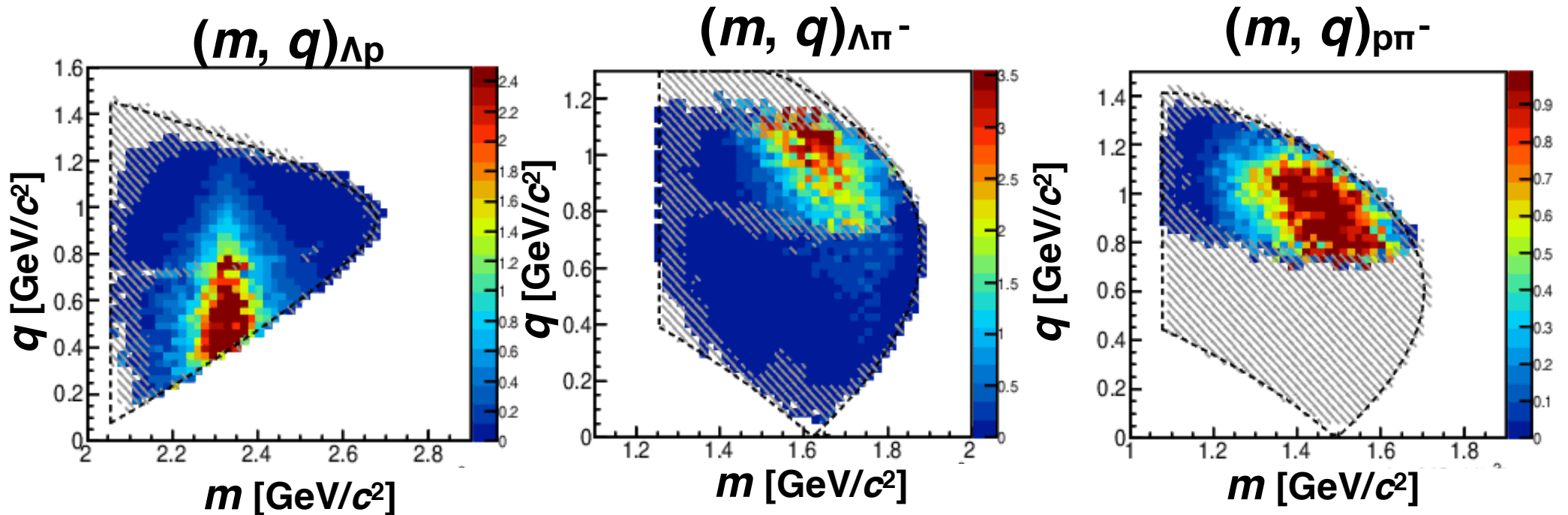
# E15 “K-pp” signal region (against data)

**signal cannot be identified  
in data without background  
suppression**

**data**



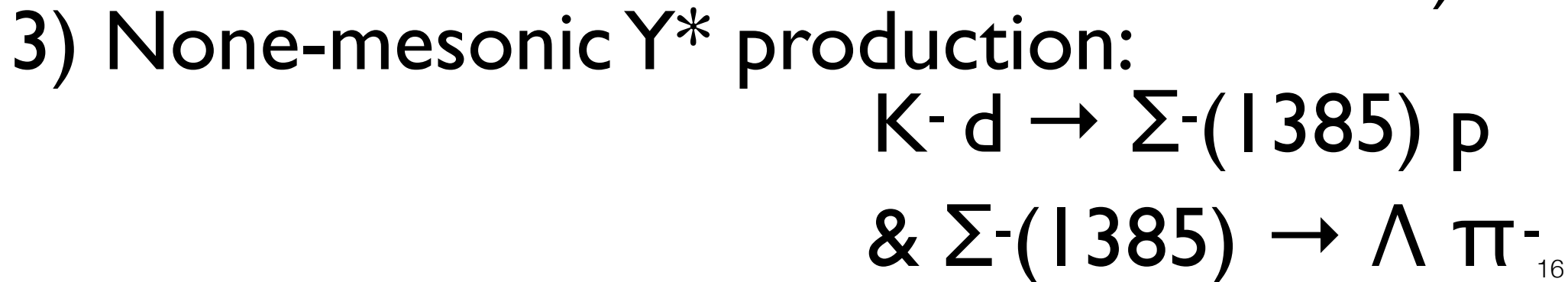
**simulated “K-pp” +  $\pi^-$**



# To identify “K-pp” signal, we need to understand background processes

and subtract those *if possible*

Clearly identified background processes:



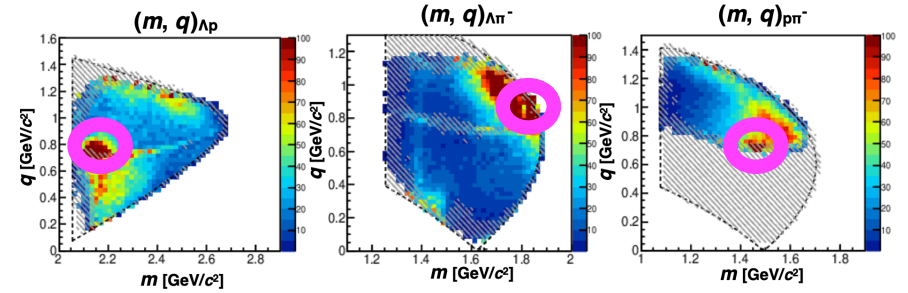


# I) One nucleon reaction: $K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$

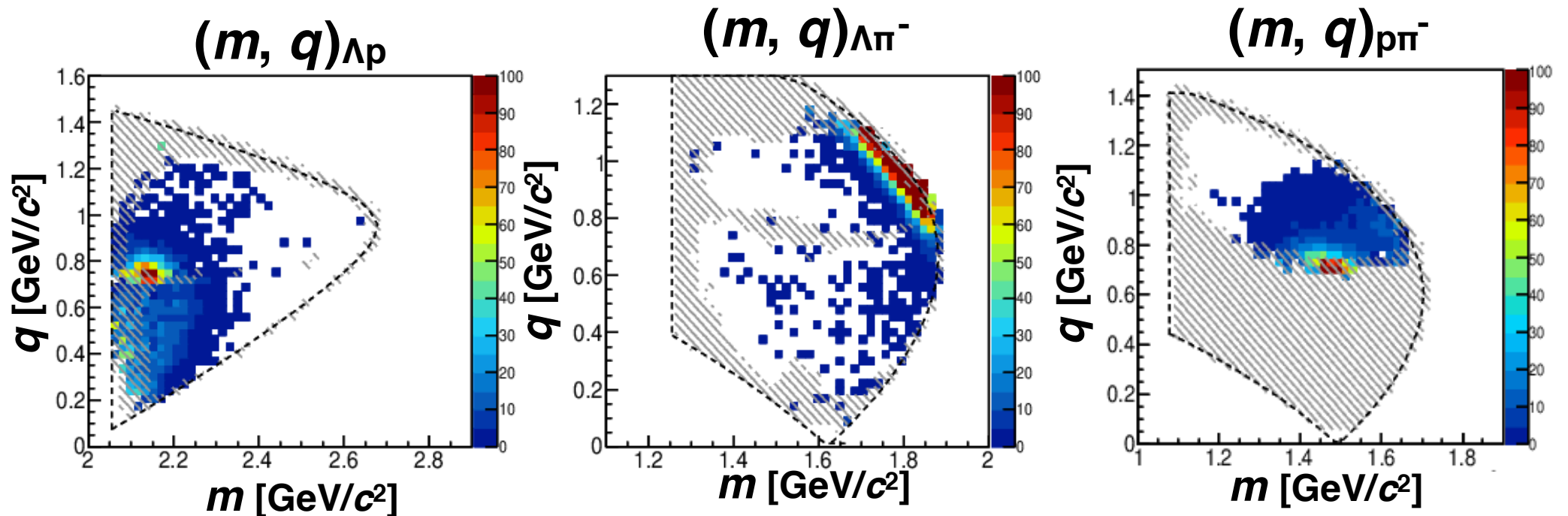
clearly identified in data

spectator proton fires trigger  
via Fermi-motion tail = large  $p$

data



simulated one nucleon reaction  $K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$

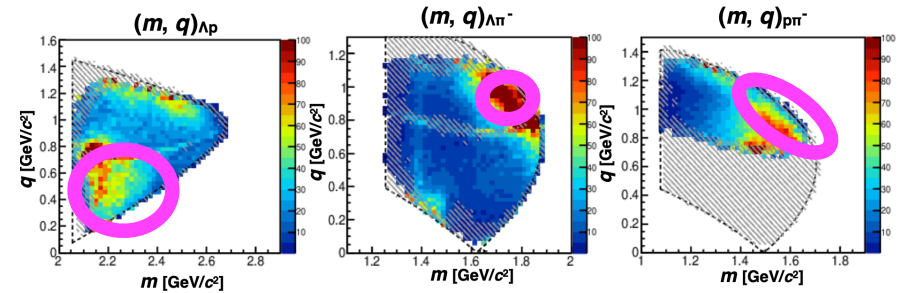


# 2) Two nucleon reaction: $K^- p \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 p$ & $K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$

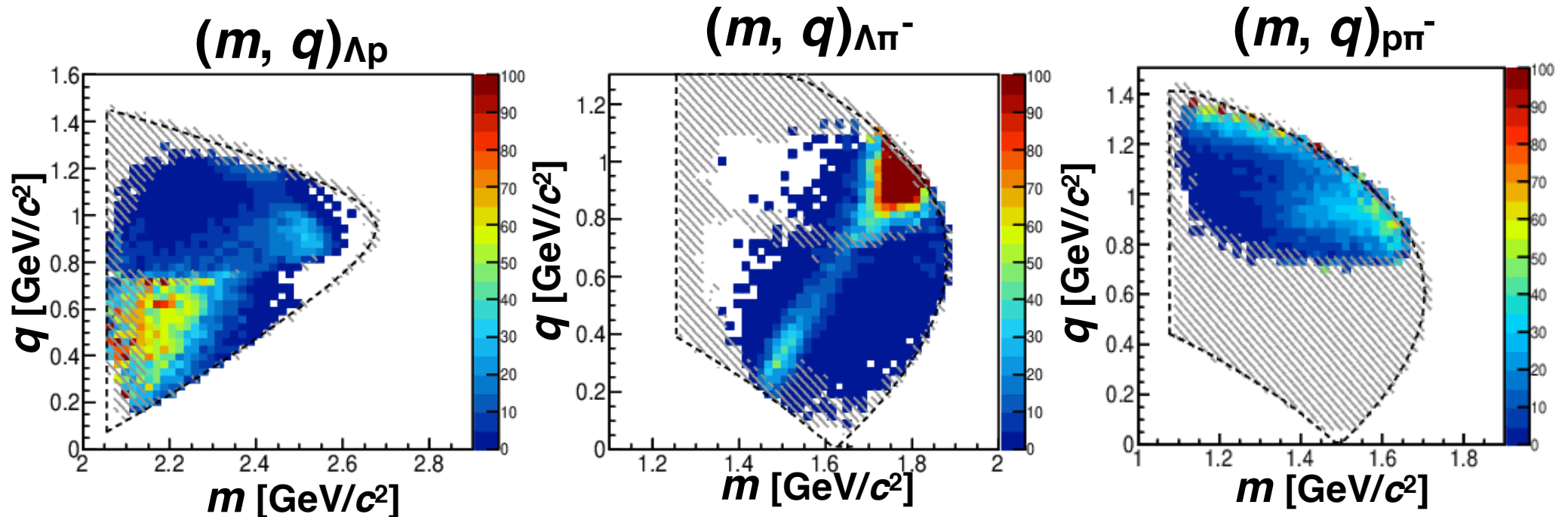
**clearly identified in data**

a little difference in the distribution  
 → Plan to change to function and parameters of E15 PRC.

**data**



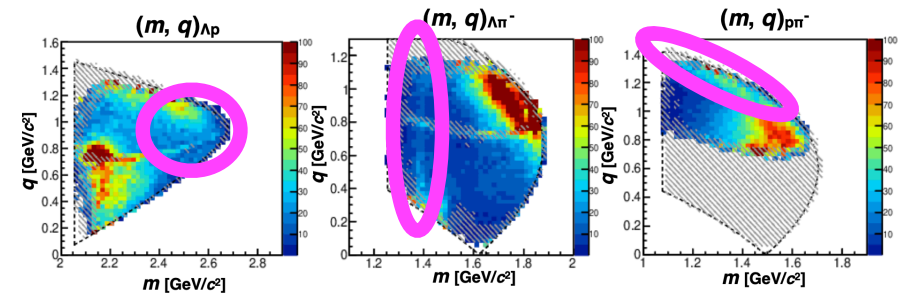
**simulated one nucleon reaction b/w inflight  $\bar{K}^0$  and n  
 after one nucleon reaction  $K^- p \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 p$**



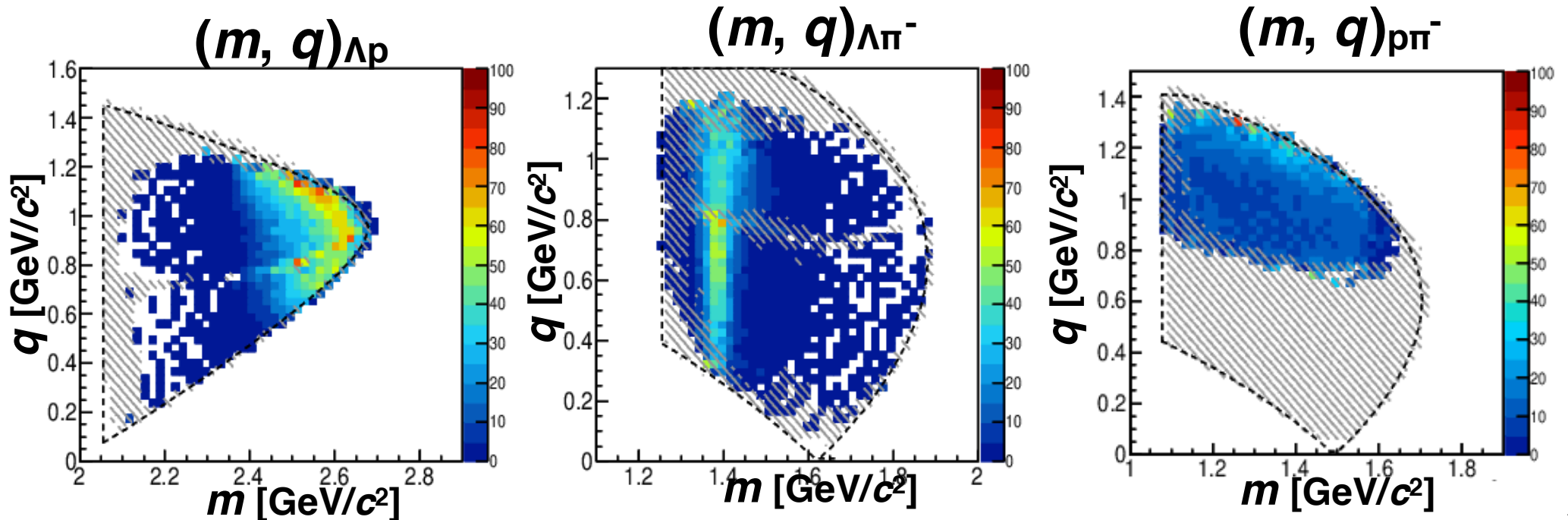
### 3) None-mesonic $Y^*$ production:

clearly identified in data

$K^- d \rightarrow \Sigma^-(1385) p$   
&  $\Sigma^-(1385) \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$   
data



simulated flat two body interaction  $K^- d \rightarrow \Sigma(1385) p \pi^-$



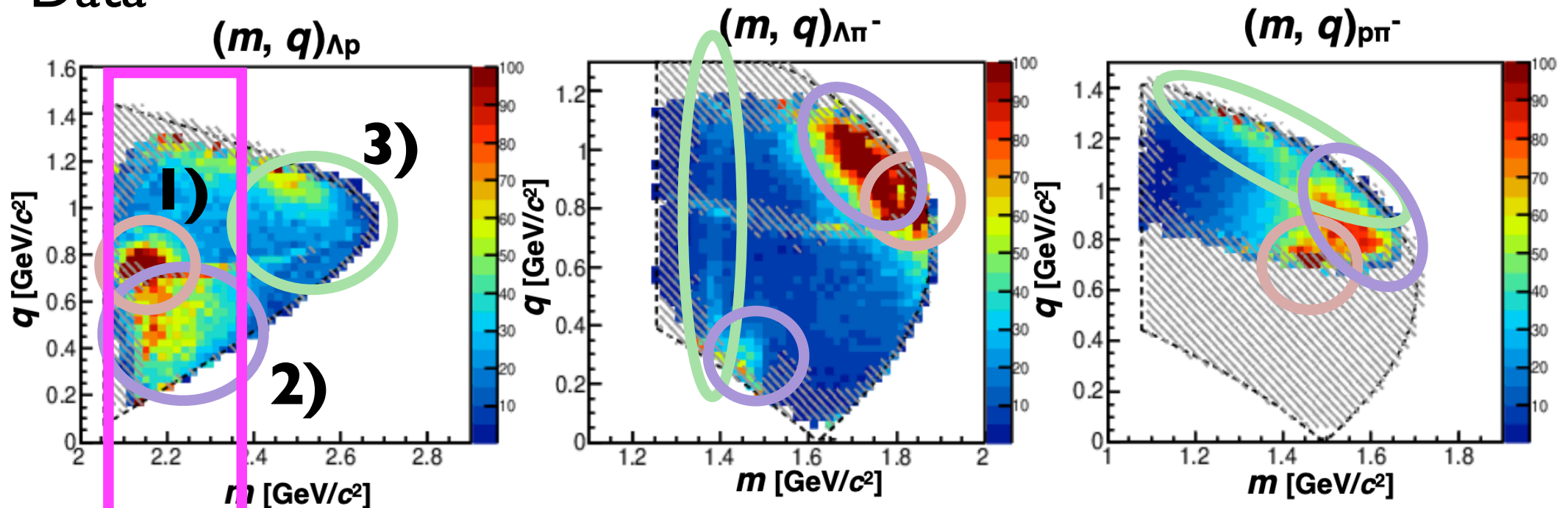
# Summary of background-process comparisons

**Background processes are mainly explained w/ these three.**

Clearly identified background processes:

- 1) One nucleon reaction:  $K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$   
(or  $\Sigma^0 \pi^-$ )
- 2) Two nucleon reaction:  $K^- p \rightarrow \bar{K}^0 p$   
&  $\bar{K}^0 n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$   
(or  $\bar{K}^0 n \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^-$ )
- 3) None-mesonic  $Y^*$  production:  
 $K^- d \rightarrow \Sigma^-(1385) p$   
&  $\Sigma^-(1385) \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$

Data



**Region interested**

# Summary

- E3I collaboration is investigating “Kpp” bound state using  $d(K^-, \Lambda p)\pi^-$  reaction with the confirmation of all the kinematical freedoms.
- All the kinematical freedoms are determined by the momentum transfer and invariant mass of  $\Lambda p$ ,  $\Lambda\pi^-$  and  $p\pi^-$  systems.
- Distributions are mainly explained with 3 processes: one nucleon reaction  $Kn \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$ , two nucleon reaction  $Kp \rightarrow Kp$ ,  $Kn \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$  and none-mesonic  $Y^*$  production  $Kd \rightarrow \Sigma(1385)p$ .
- Subtractions of the distributions are under investigation.

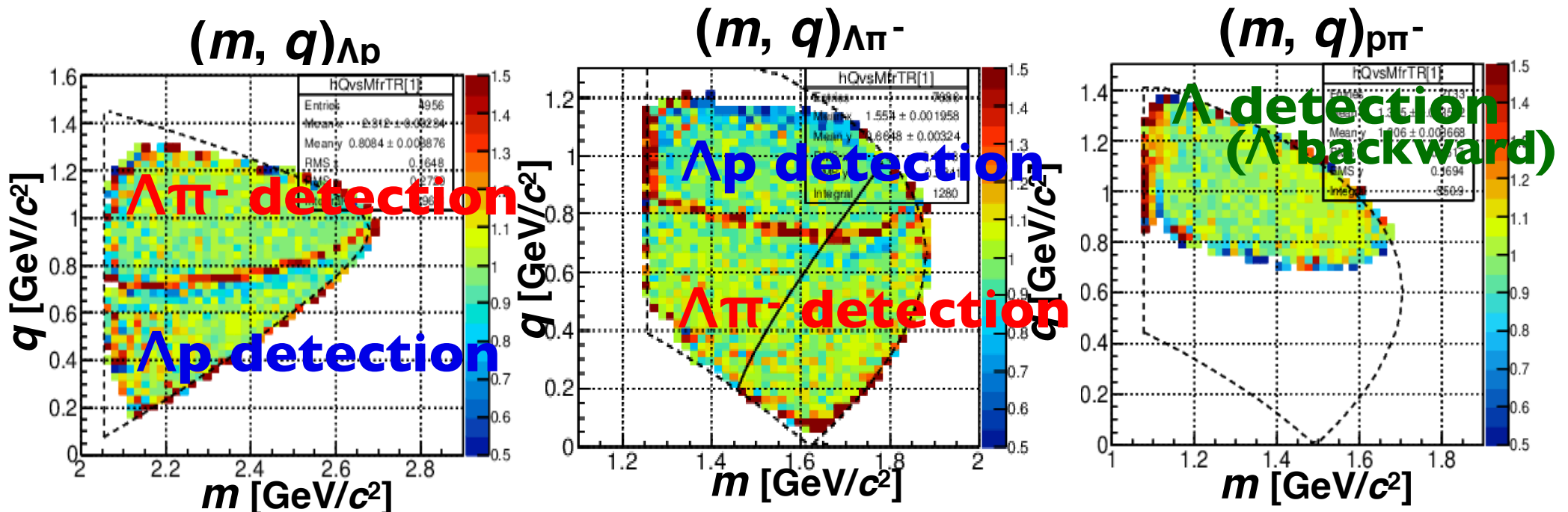
# Backup



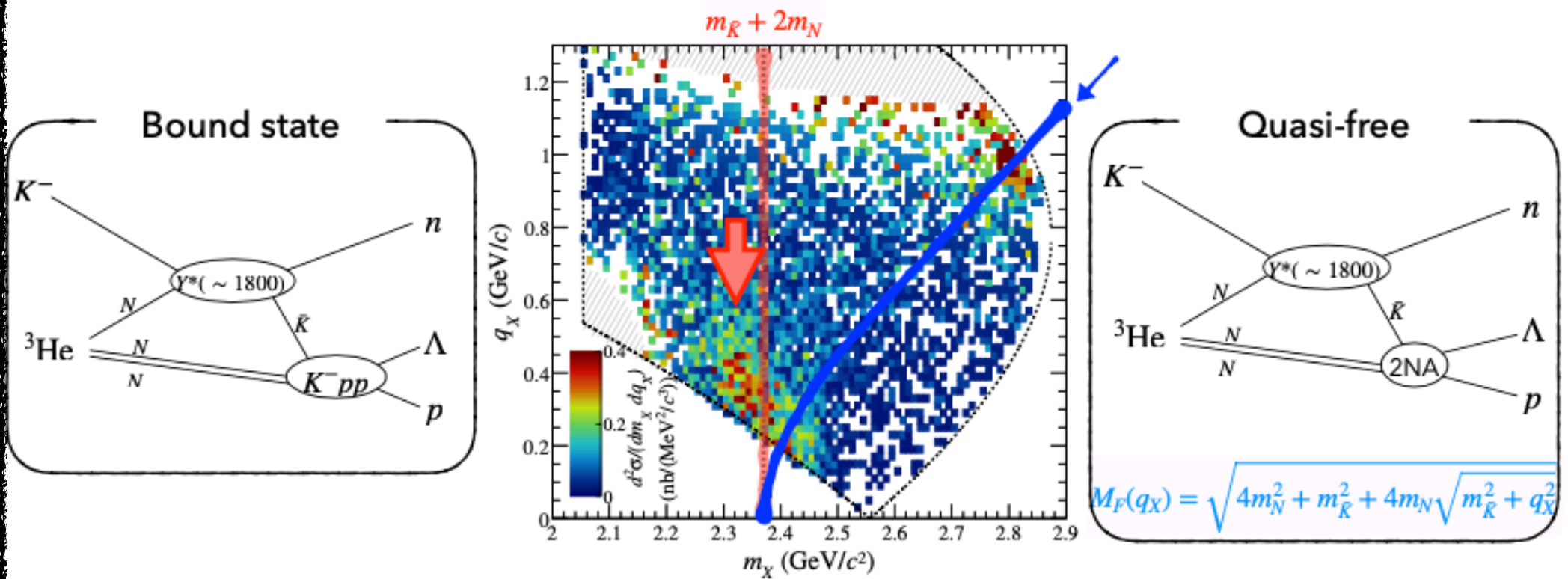
# Kinematical anomaly caused by analysis procedure

simulation: after kinematical refit  $\neq$  constant  
simulation: generated

**refit emphasize kinematical boundary between  $\Lambda_p$  /  $\Lambda\pi^-$  detection**



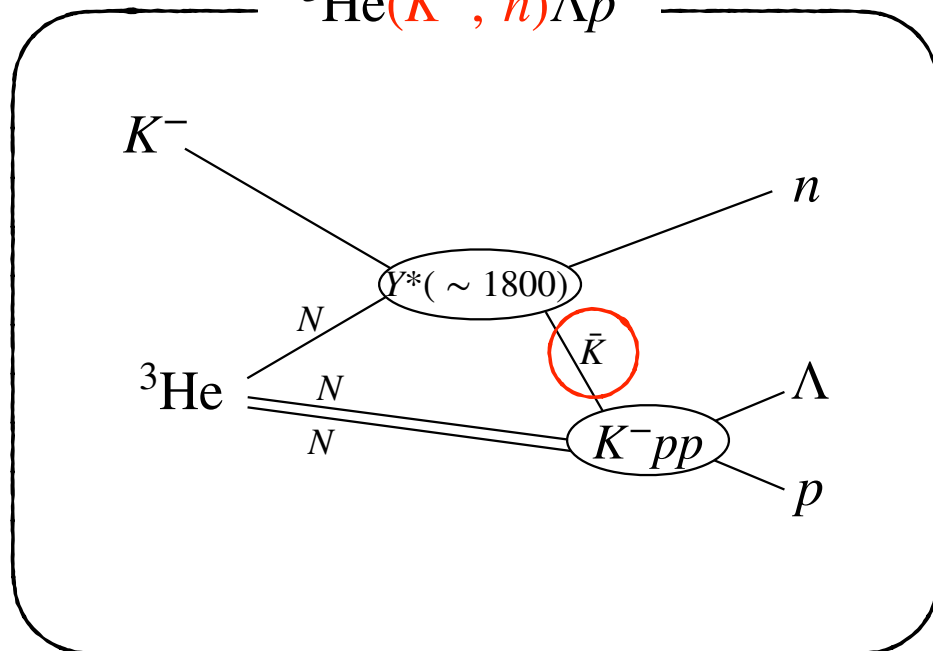
# Result of E15



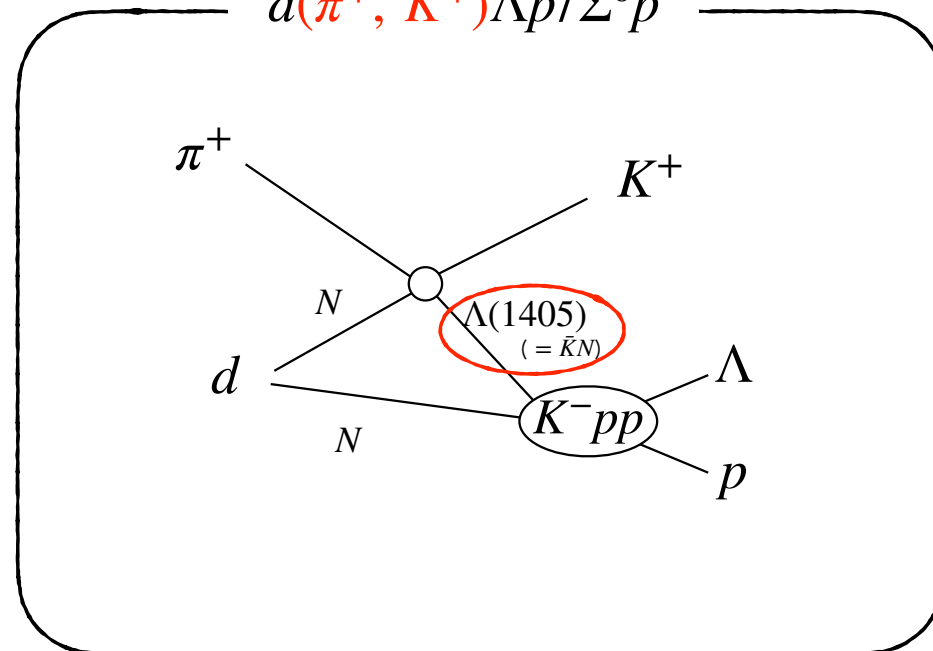
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### J-PARC E15



### J-PARC E27

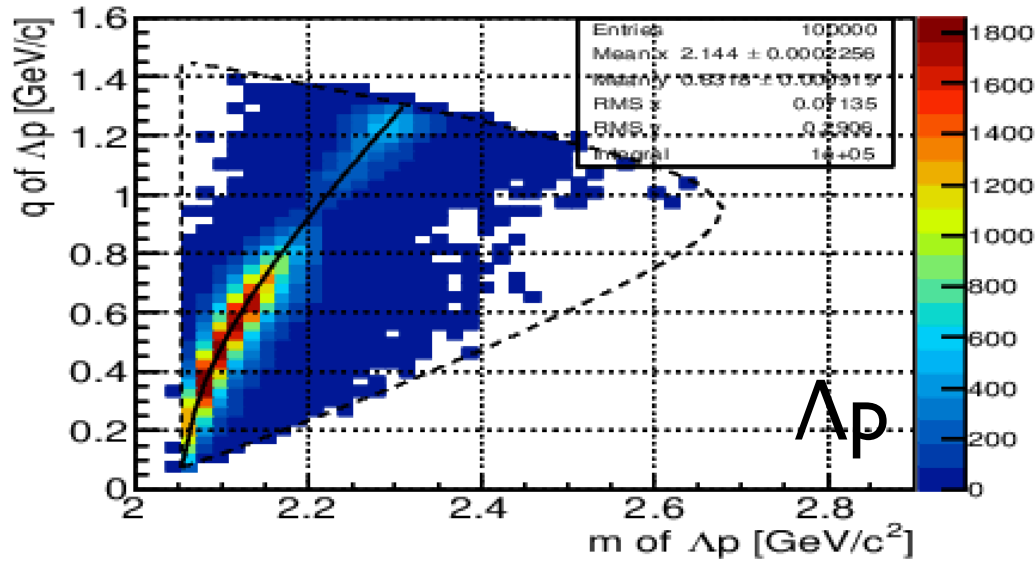


Production of  $K^-pp$  is essentially the same.  
 Occurred by intermediate  $\bar{K}$  or  $\bar{K}N$

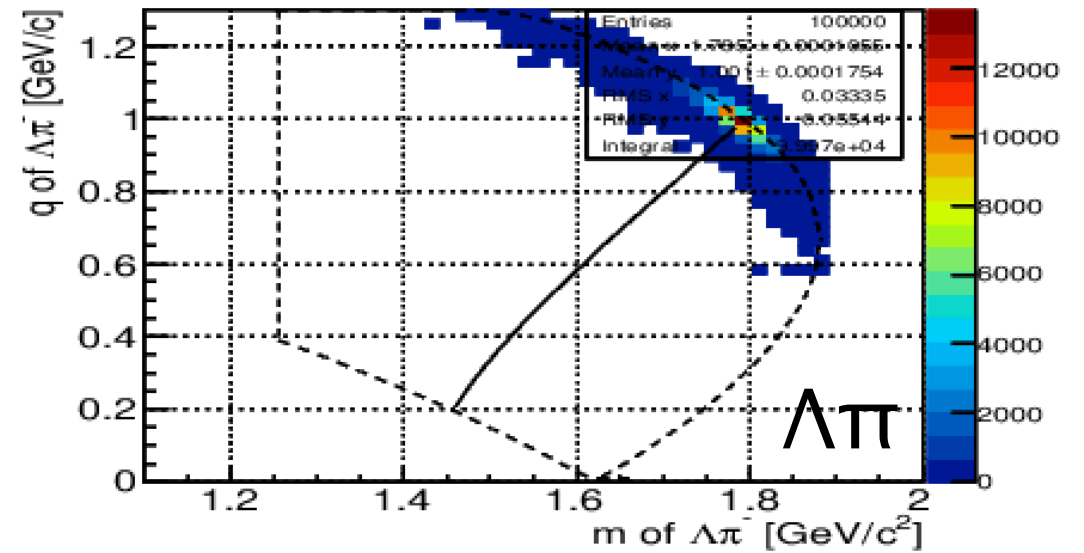
IN  
 $K_n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$

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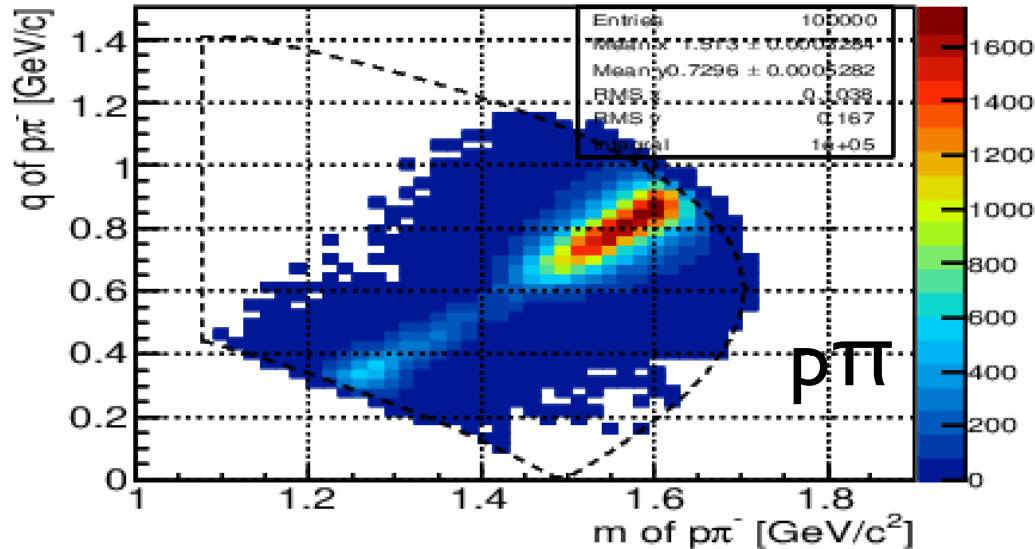
$\Lambda p$  system (generate)



$\Lambda \pi^-$  system (generate)



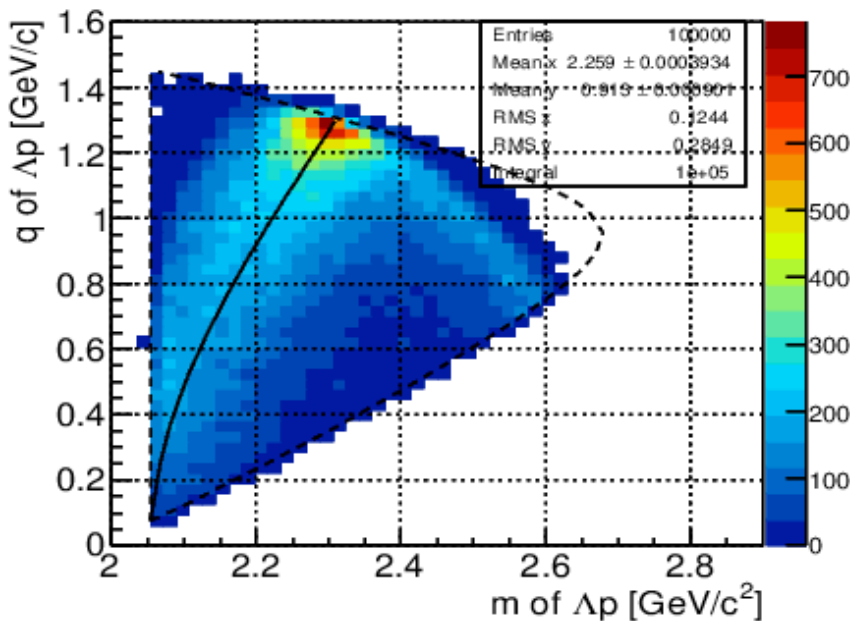
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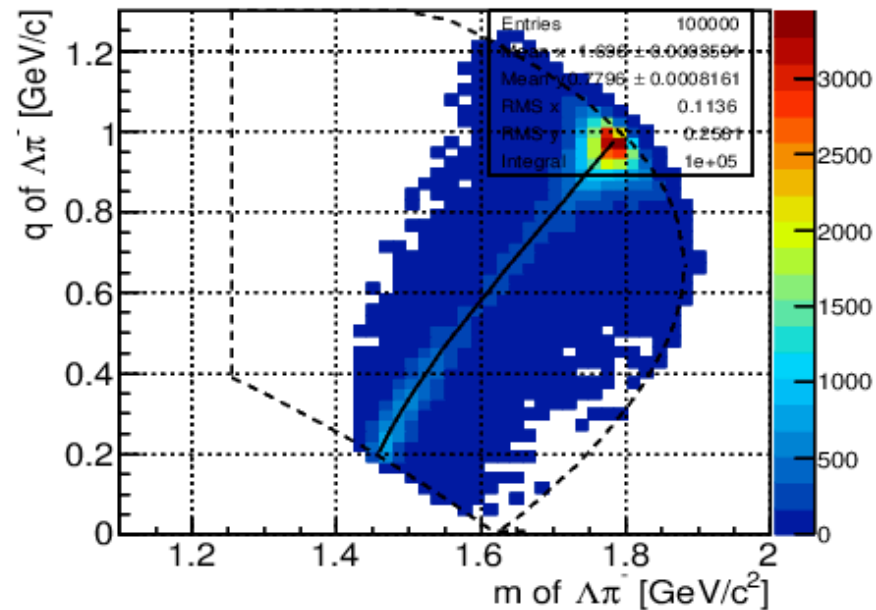
QF  $K_p \rightarrow K_p$ ,  
 $K_n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$

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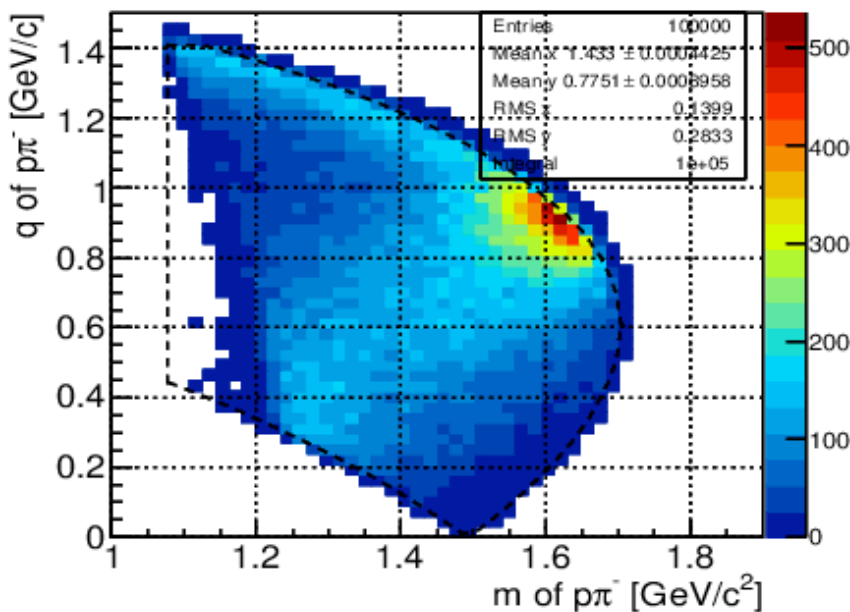
$\Lambda p$  system (generate)



$\Lambda \pi^-$  system (generate)



$p \pi^-$  system (generate)



# DalitzIM^2\_LpvsLpi

