

\bar{K} nuclear bound state

*Toward revolutionary Nuclear Study via
revealing Internal Structure of Kaonic Nuclei*

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Outline

- Brief introduction
- $\bar{K}NN$, $I_3 = +\frac{1}{2}$ identified in $\bar{K}NN \rightarrow \Lambda p$ analysis
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- $\bar{K}NN \rightarrow \pi YN$ decay dominance $Br_{\pi Yp} > 10 \times Br_{\Lambda p}$
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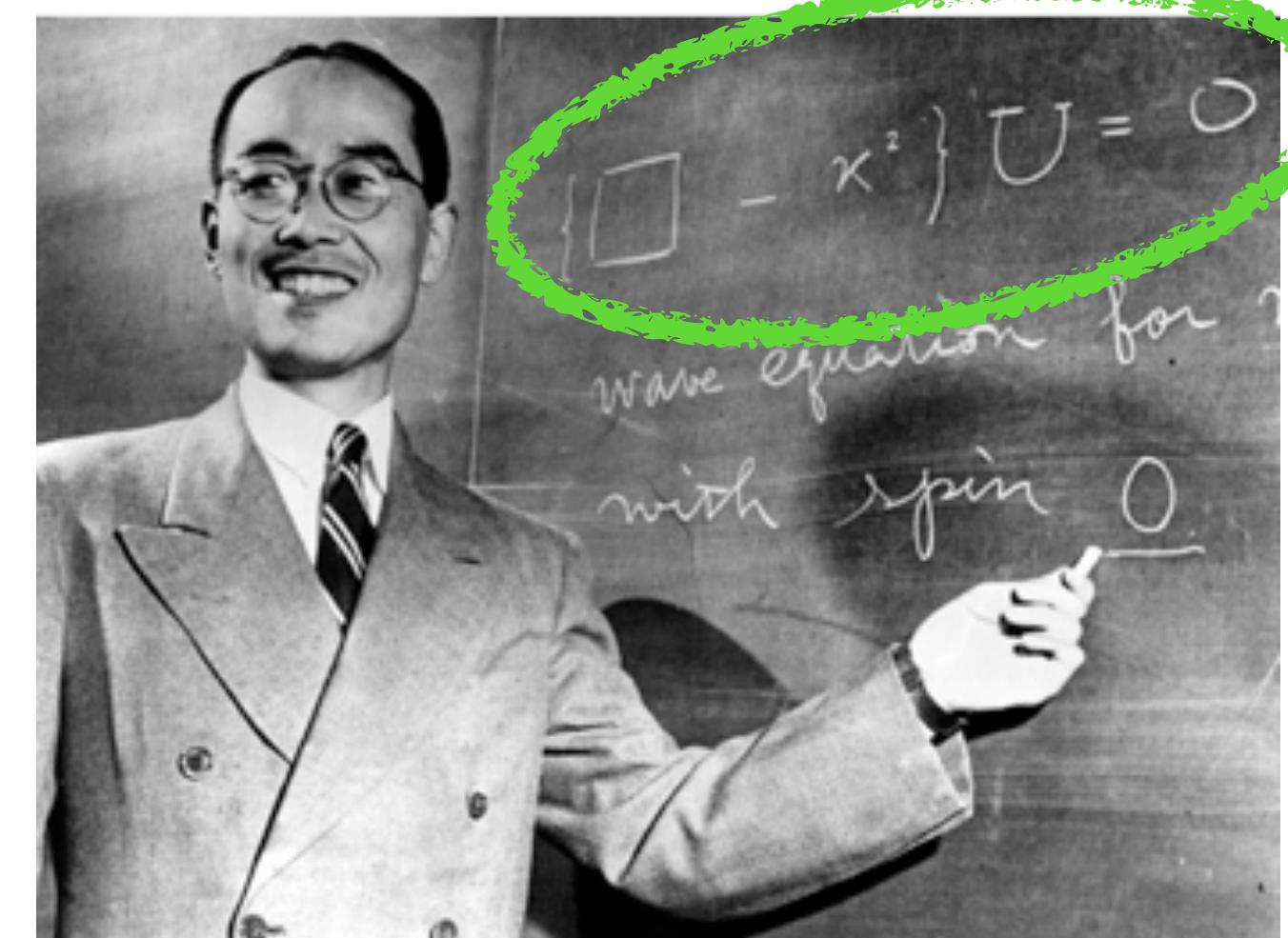
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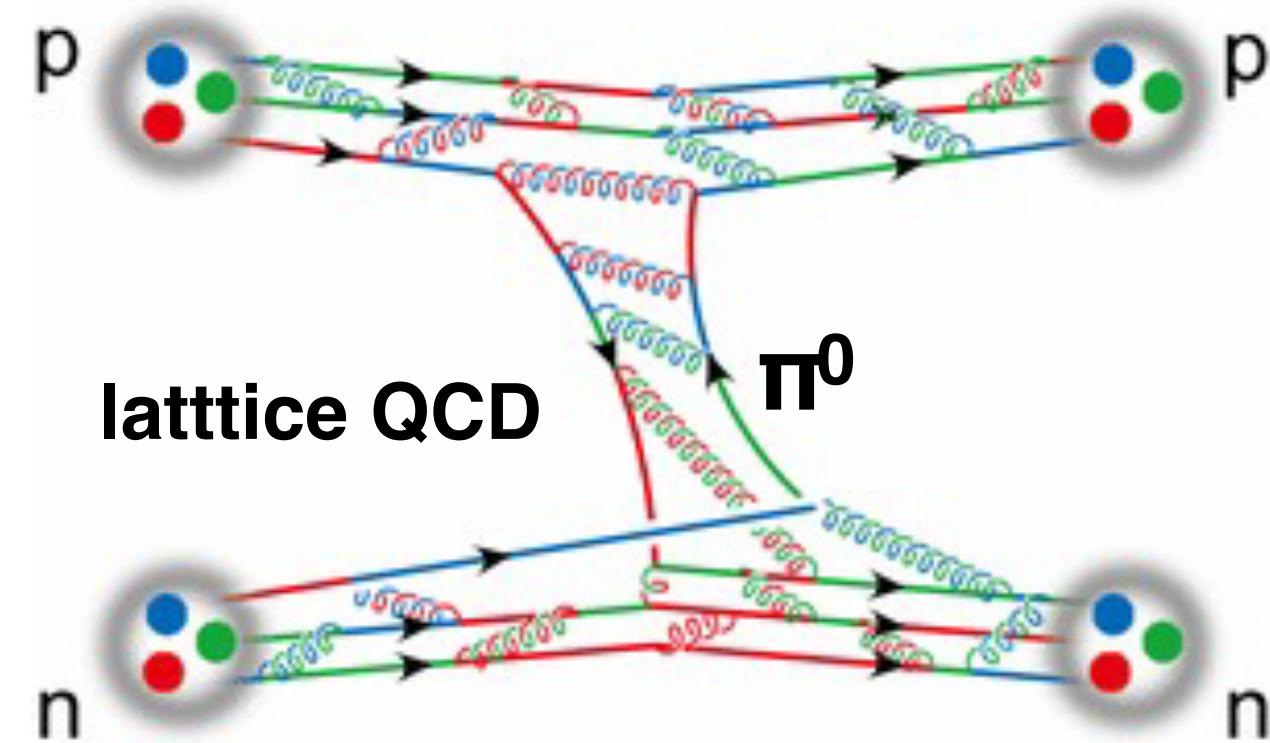
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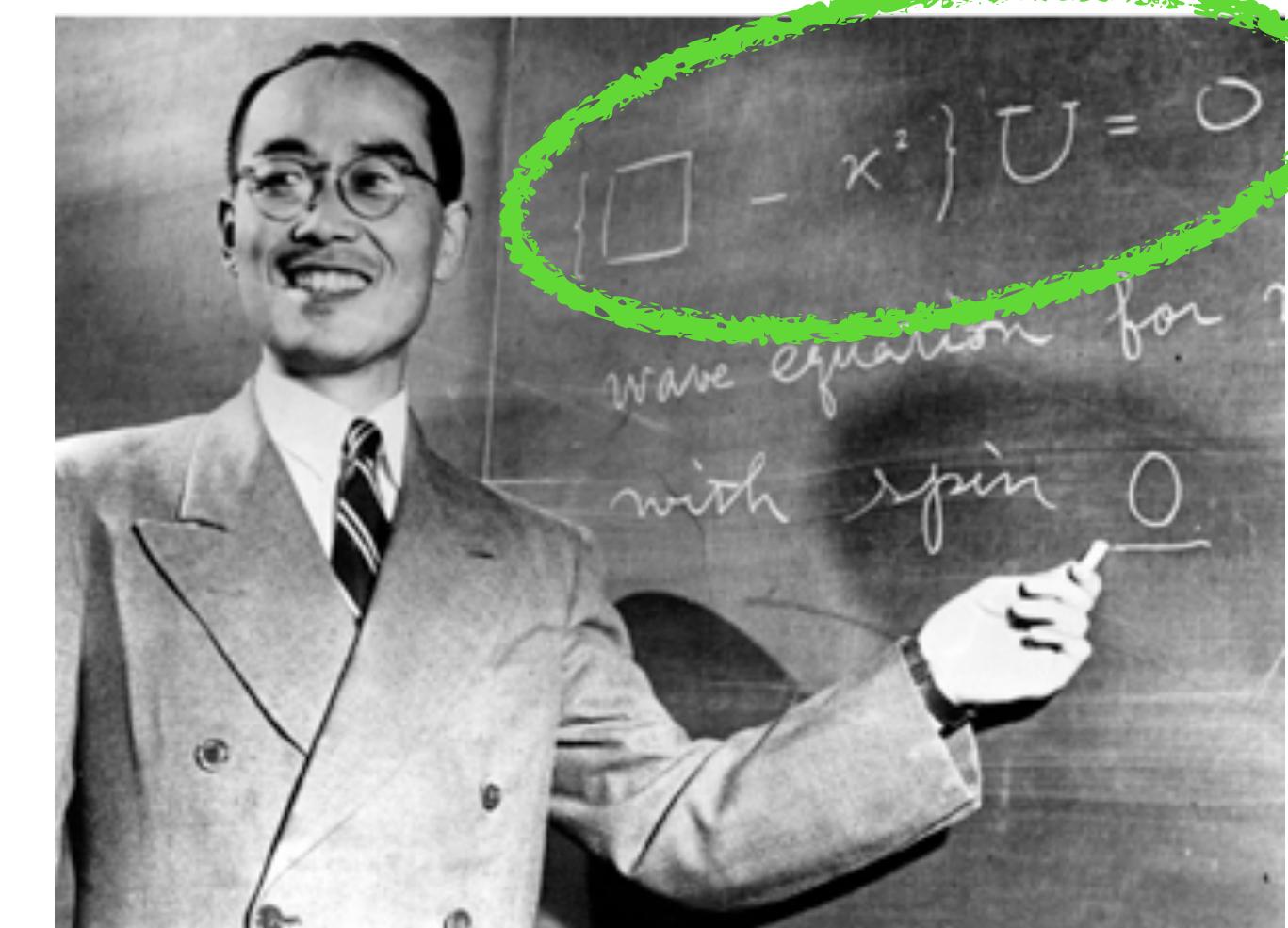
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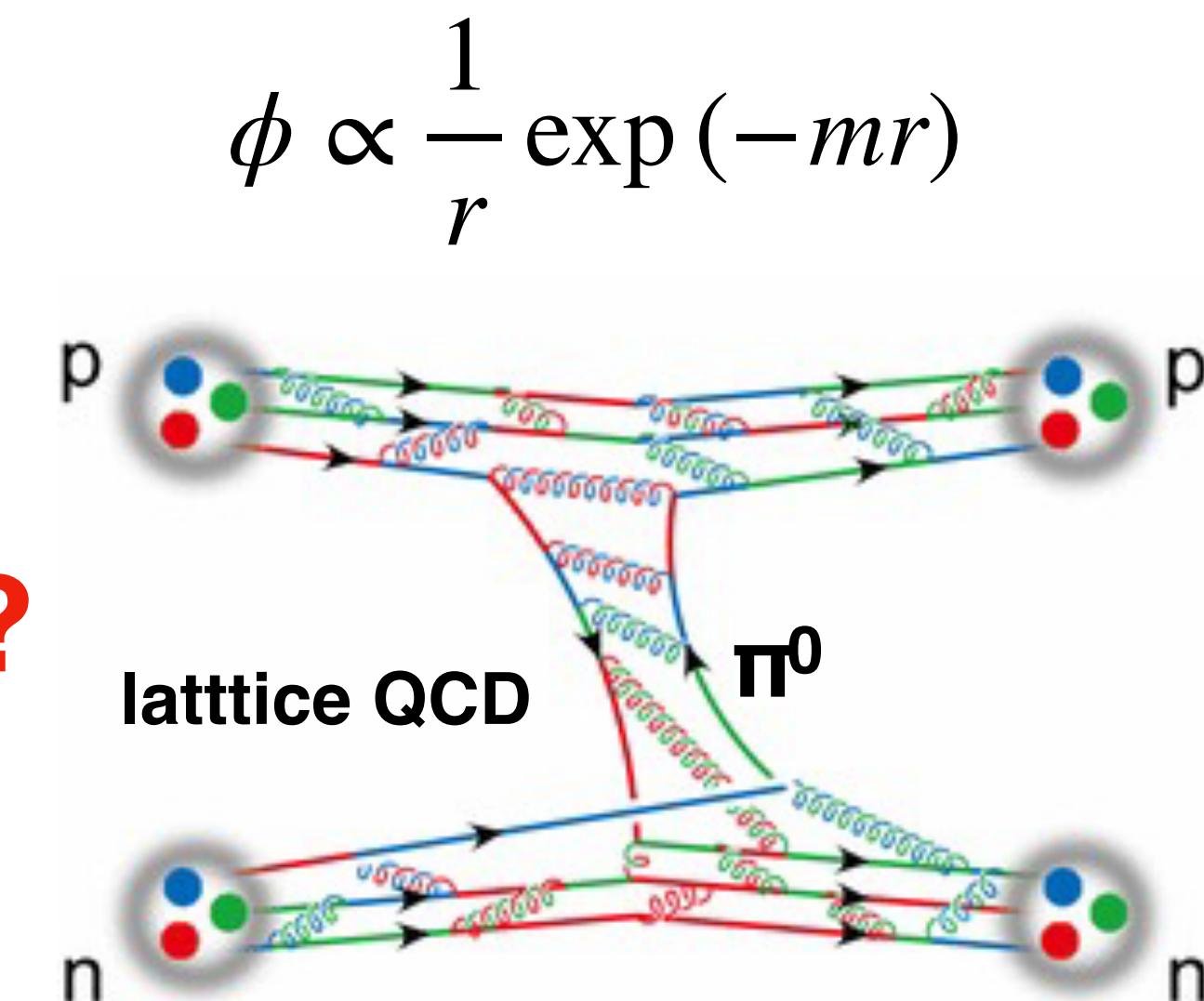
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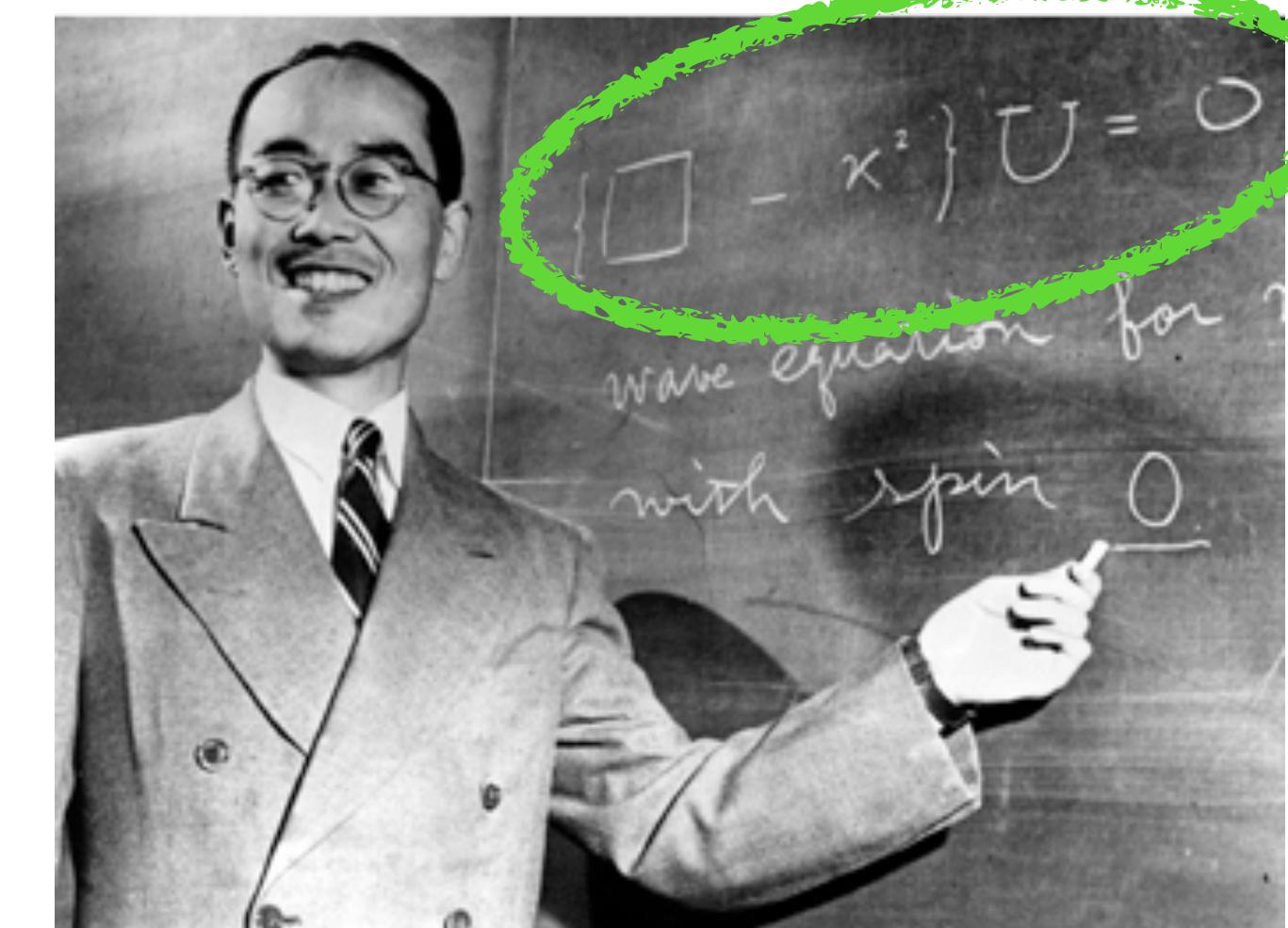
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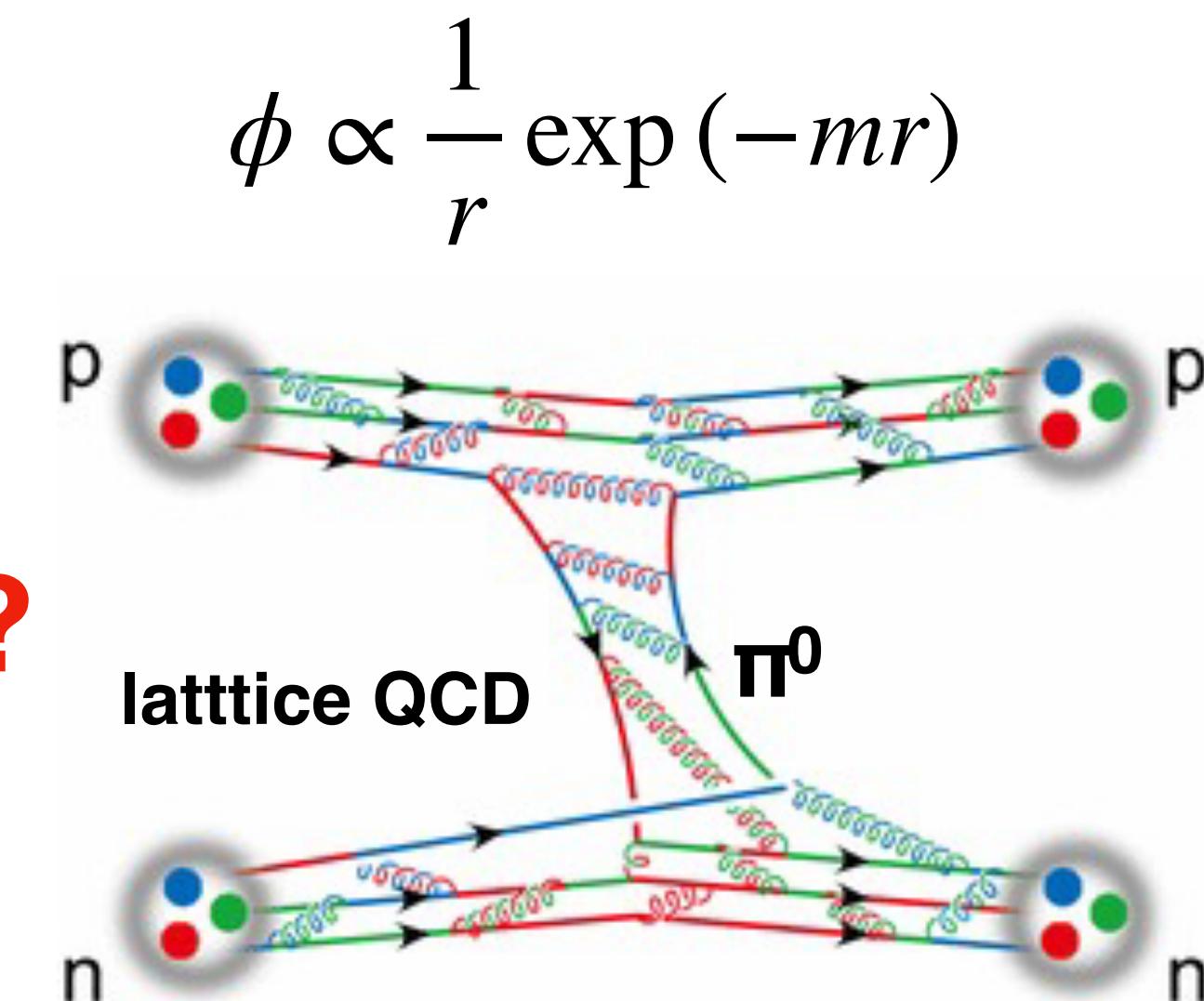
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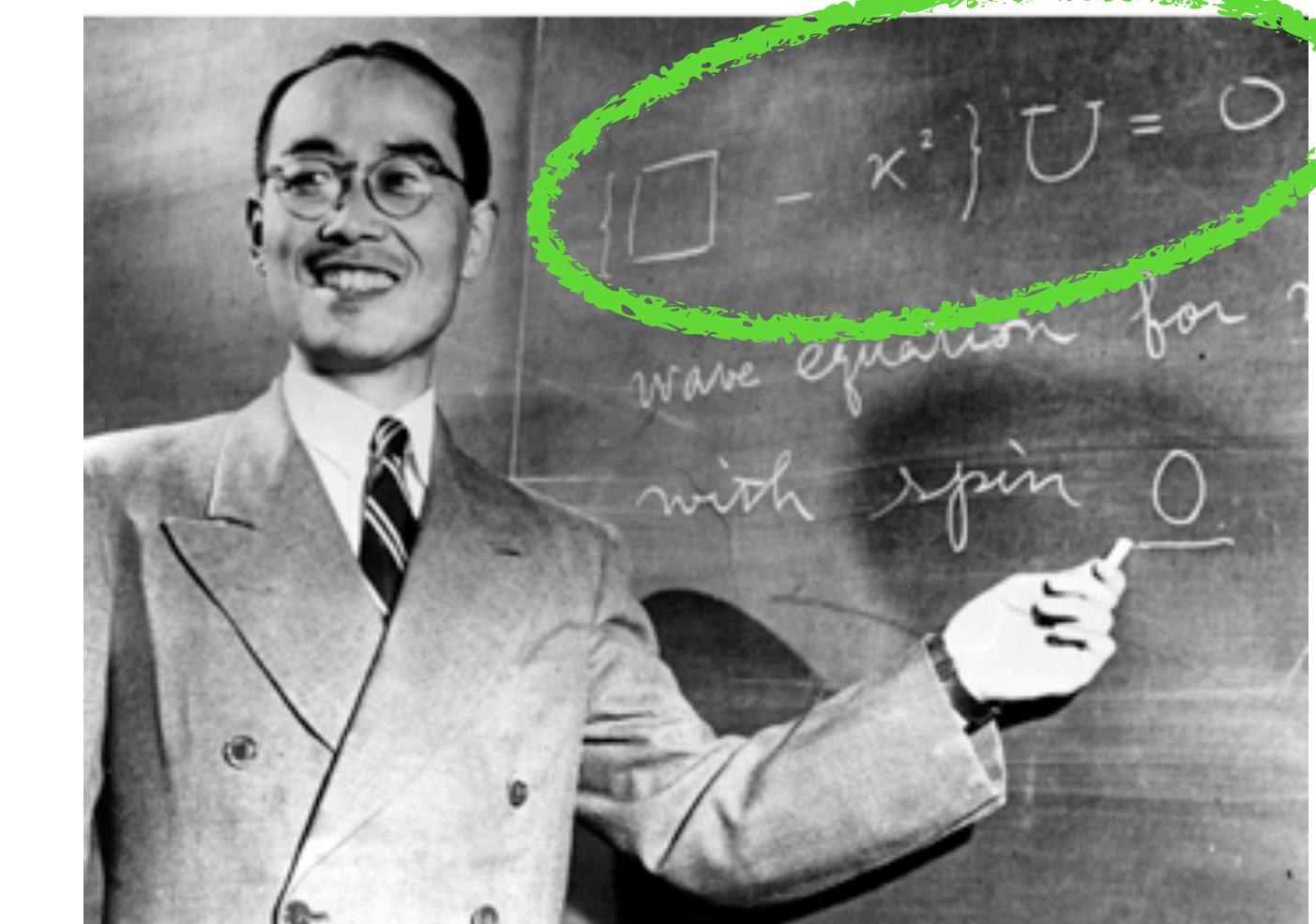
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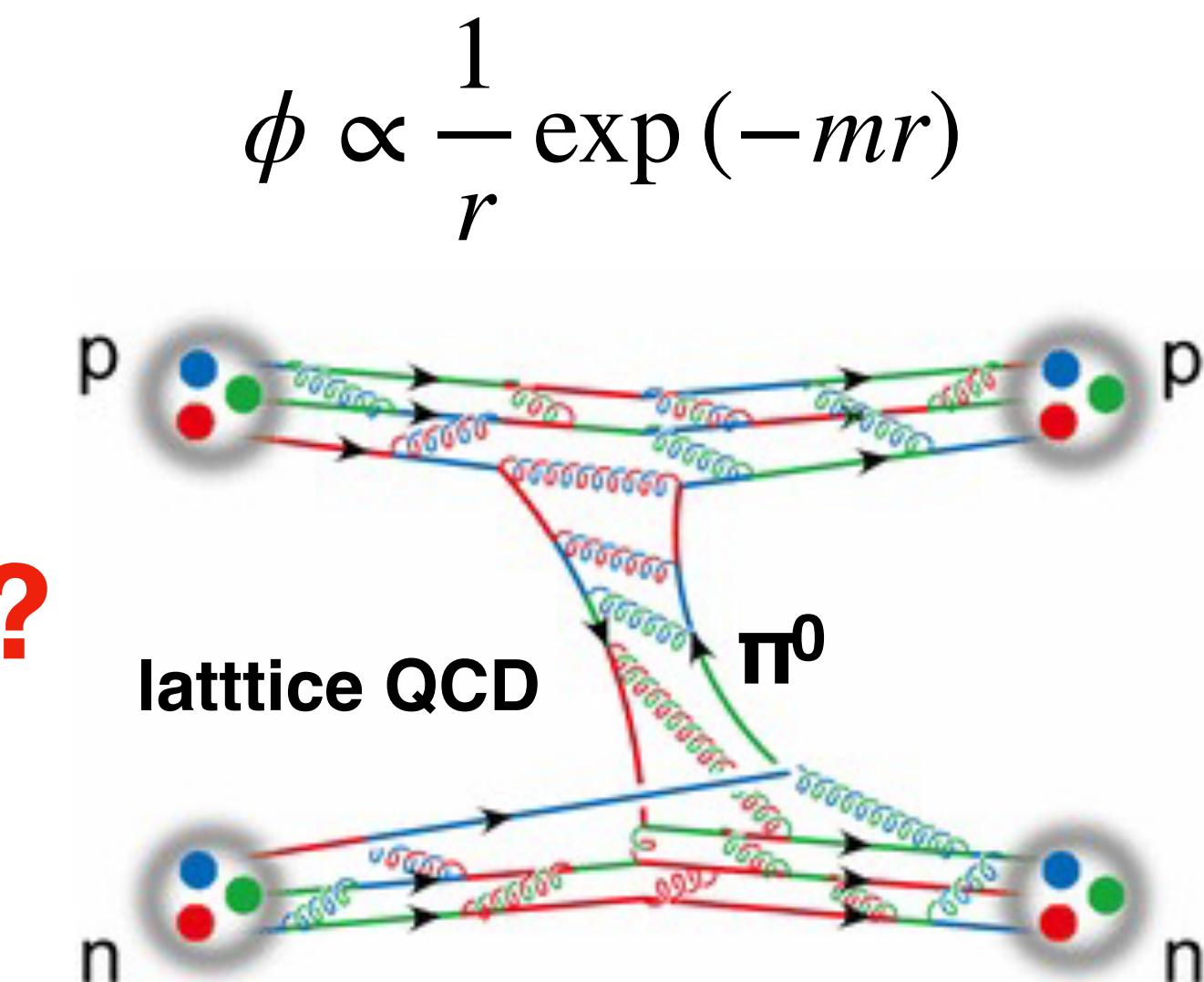
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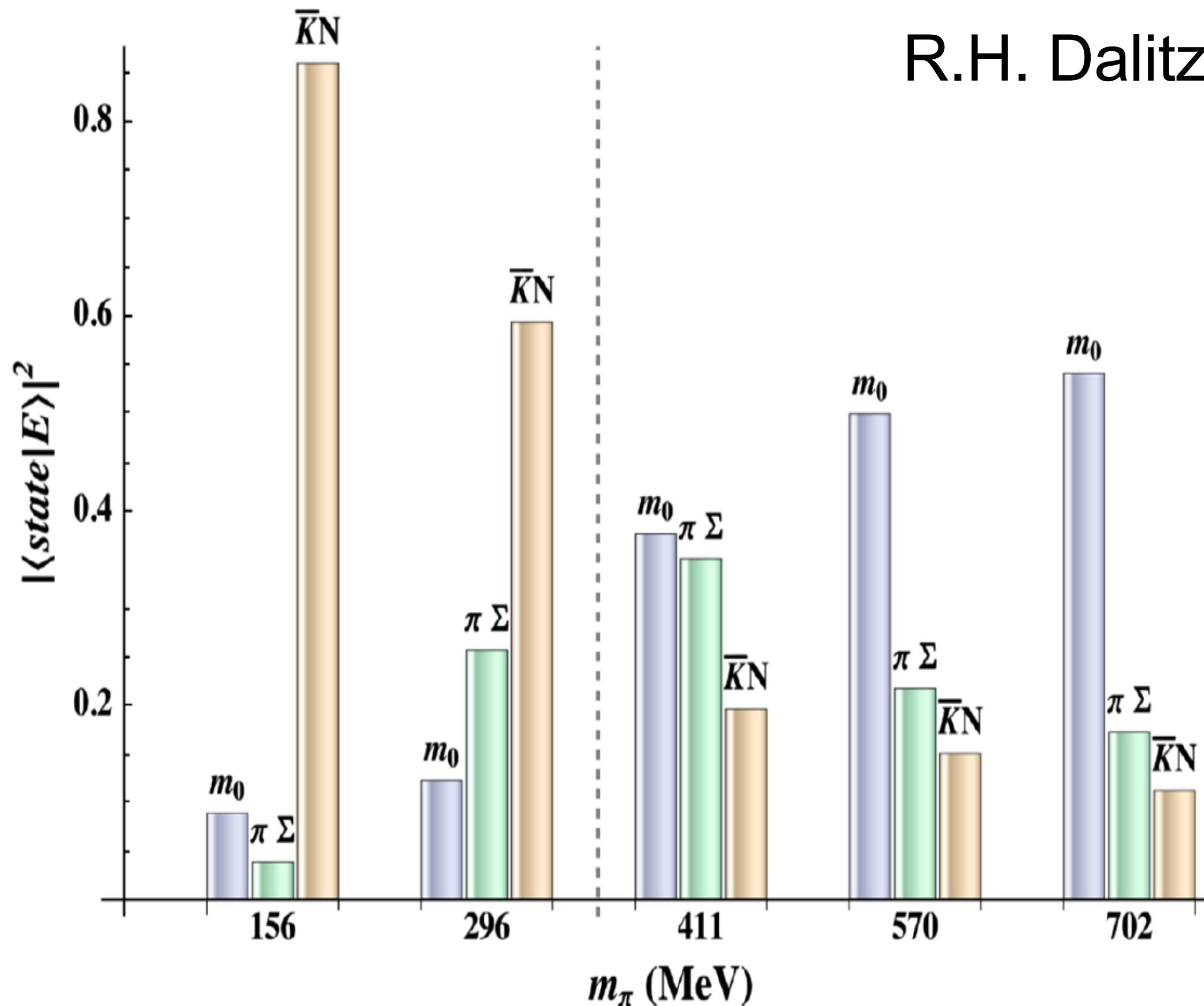
totally new pobe (impurity)
to study inside nuclei



What is $\Lambda(1405)$?

- Is it quark excited state of Λ baryon (*uds*)?

$\Lambda(1405) = \bar{K}N$... a “molecule-like hadron composite”



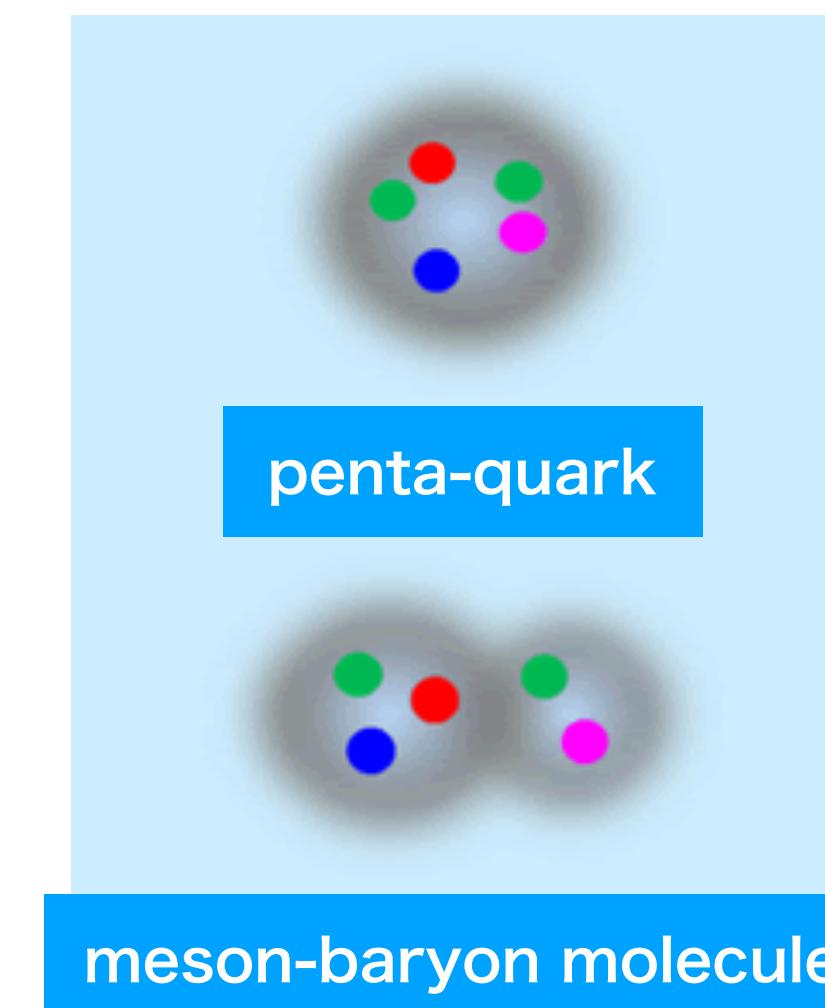
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◆ supported by kaonic hydrogen data

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why not $\bar{K}NN$?

forming a nuclear bound state

what we have done ...

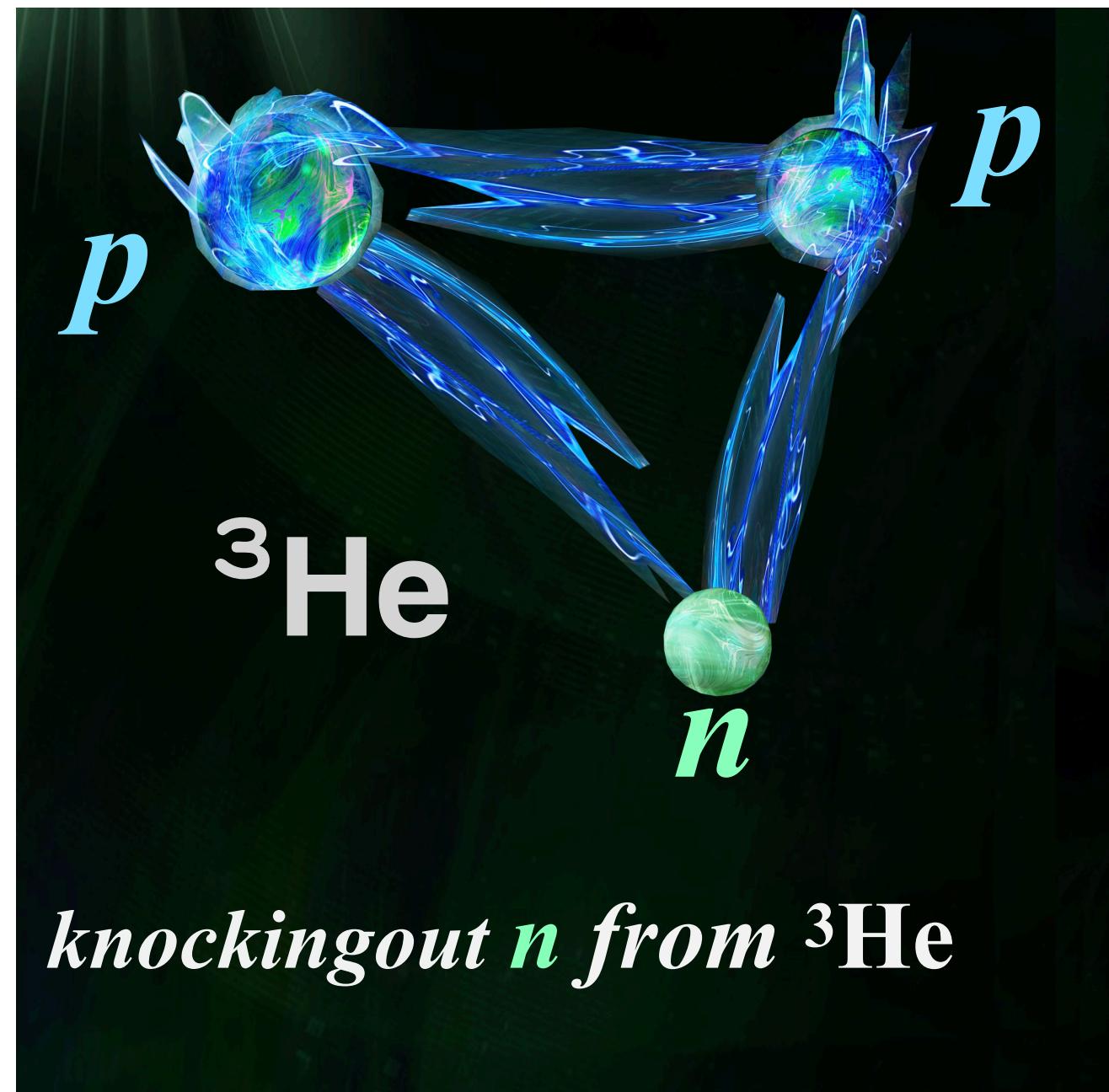
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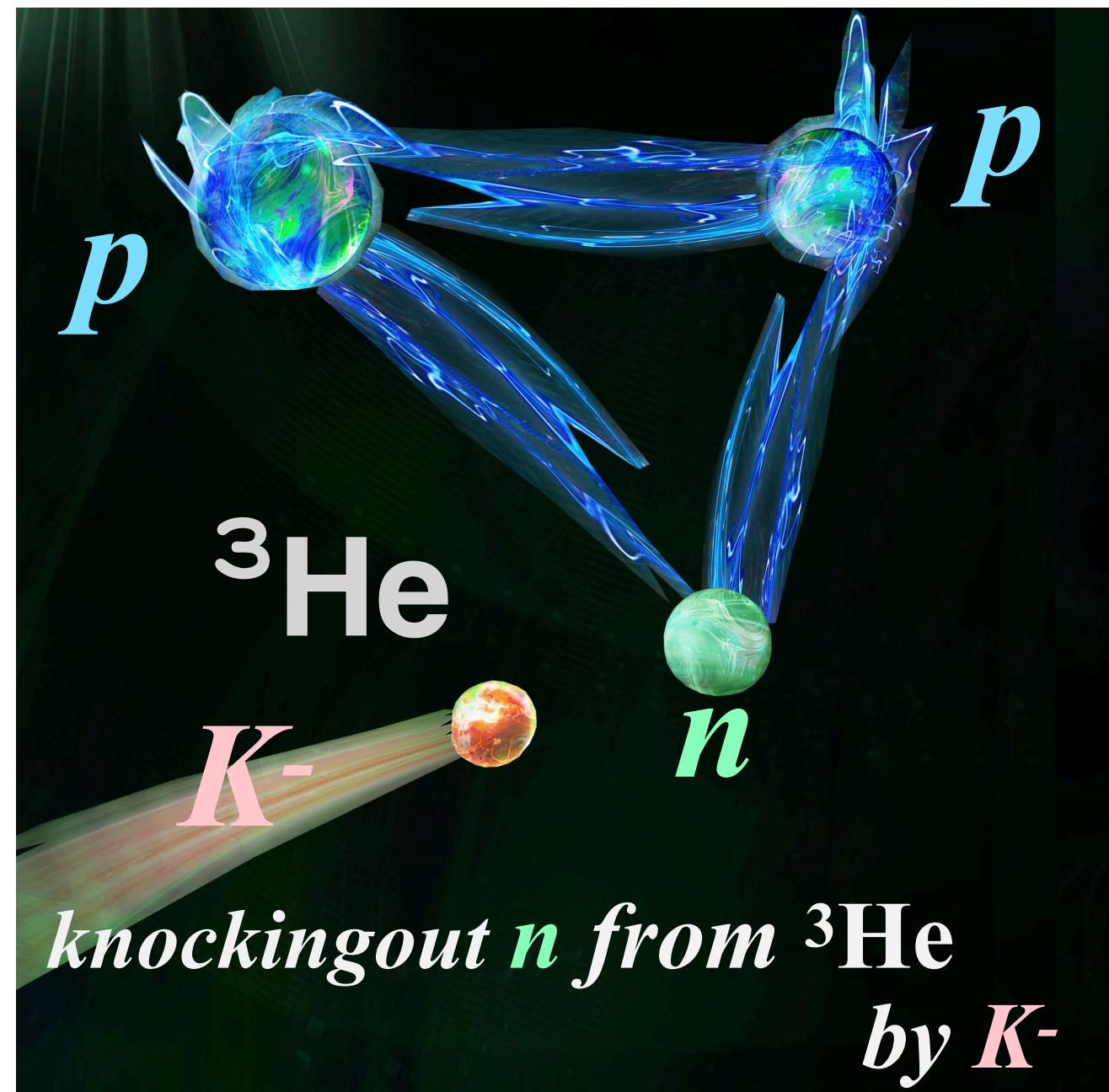


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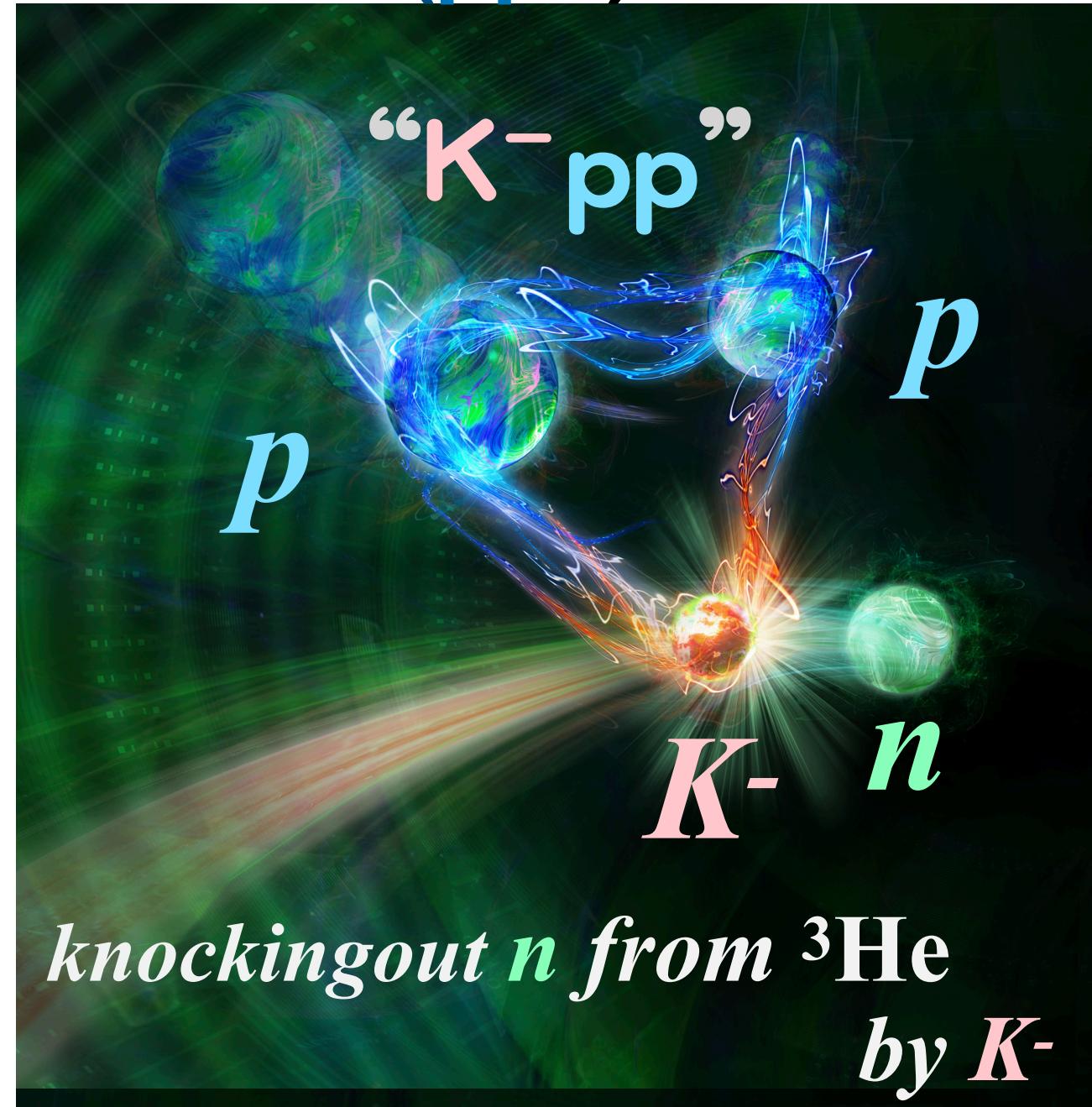


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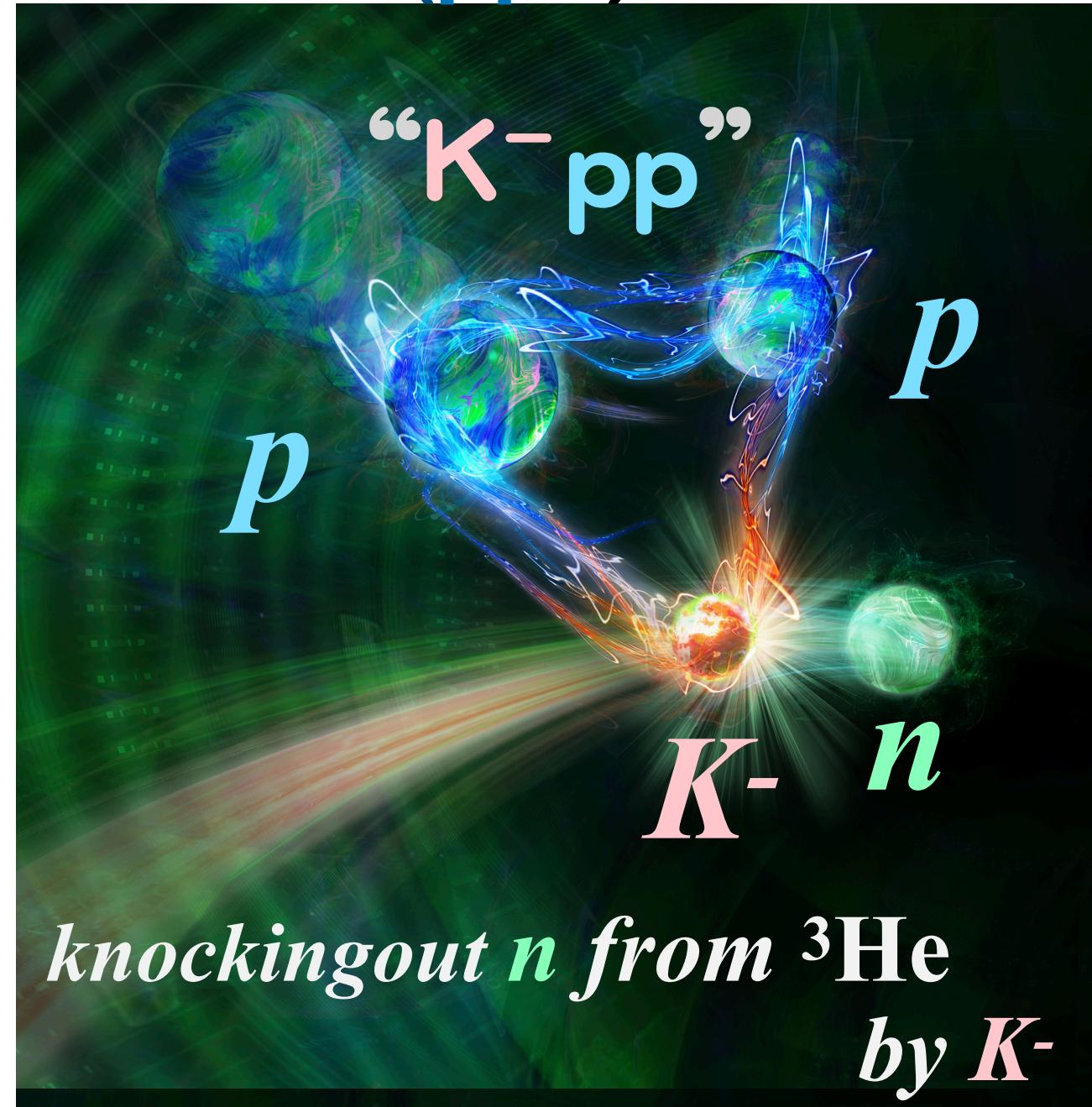
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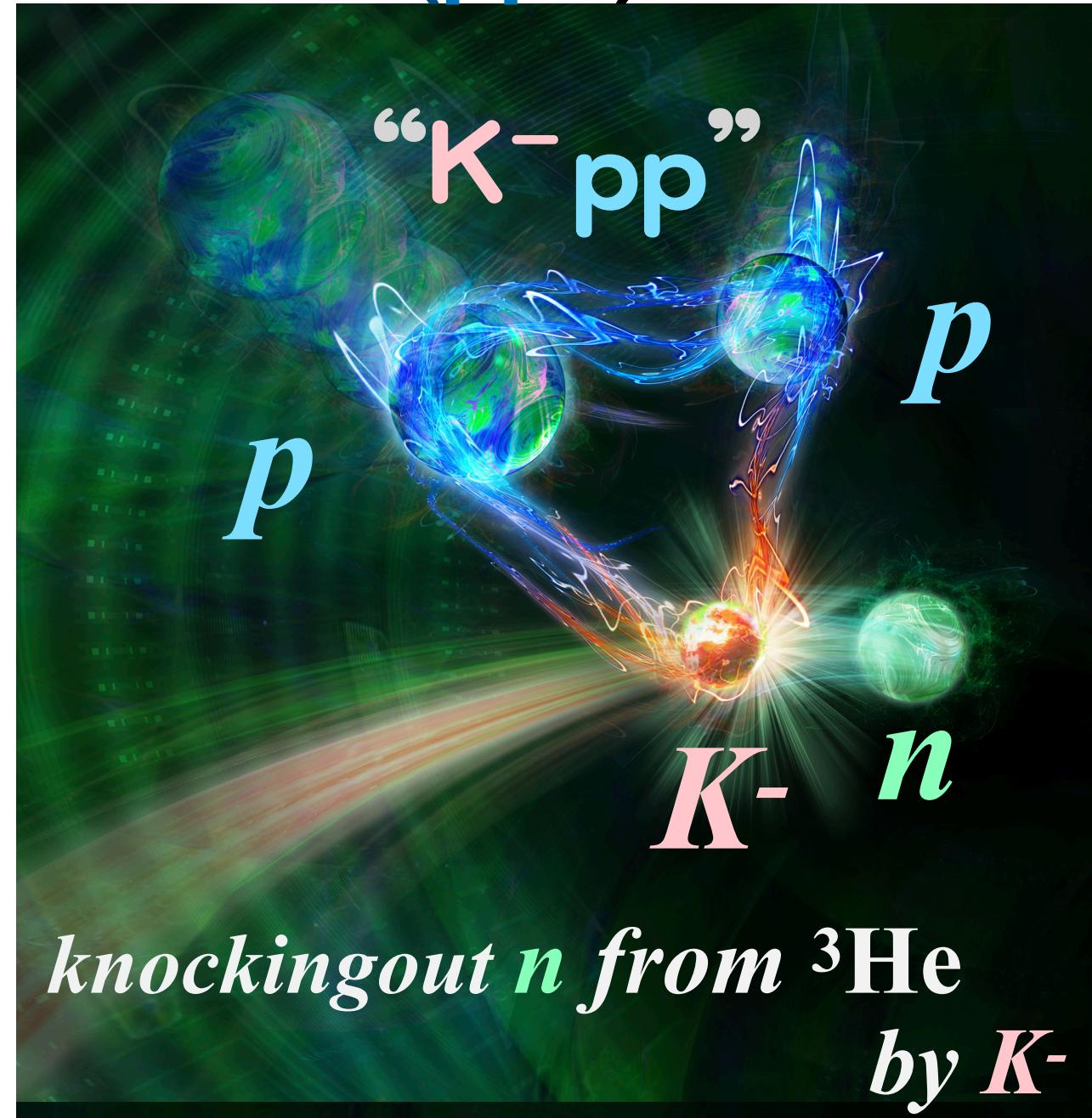
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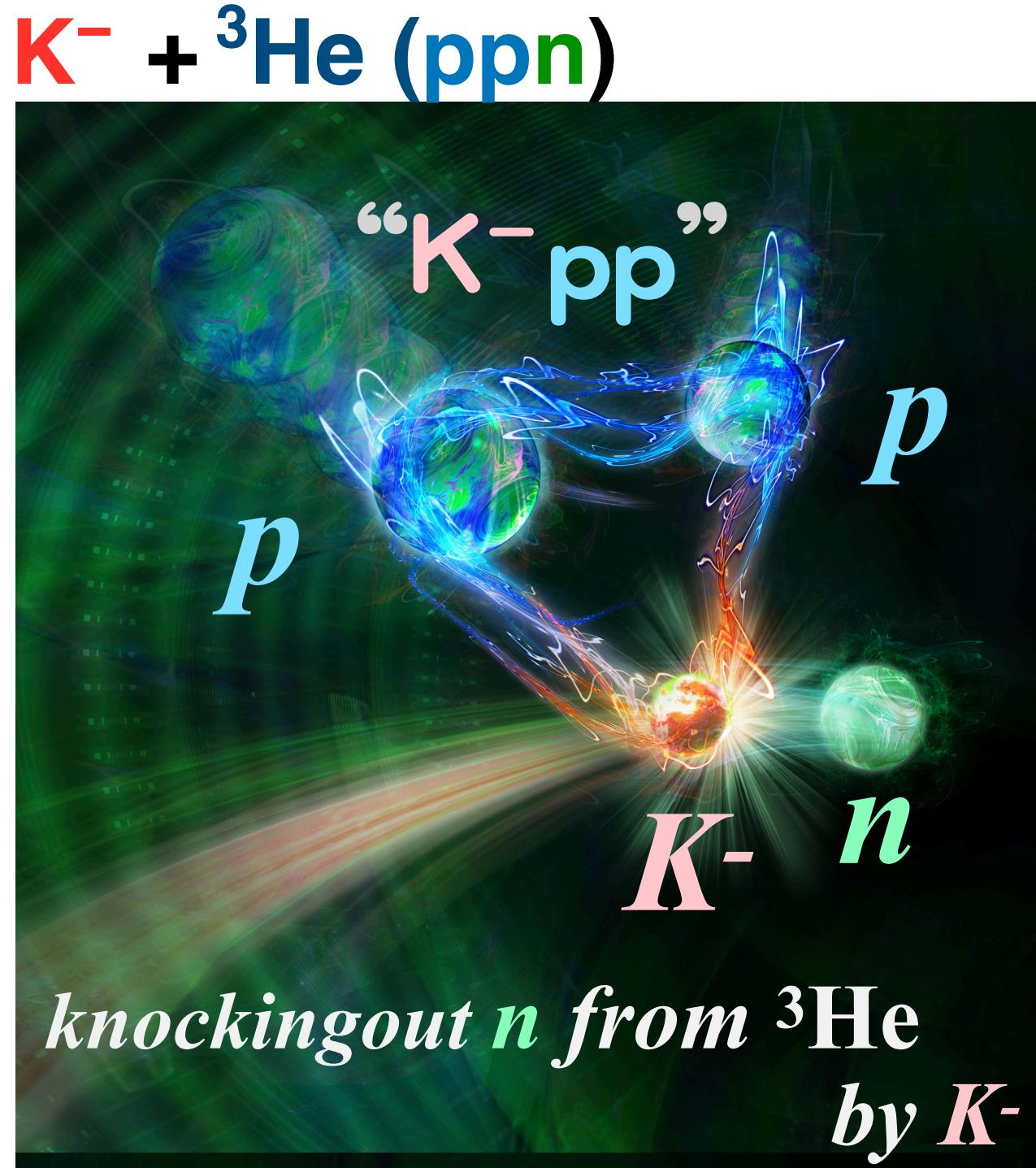


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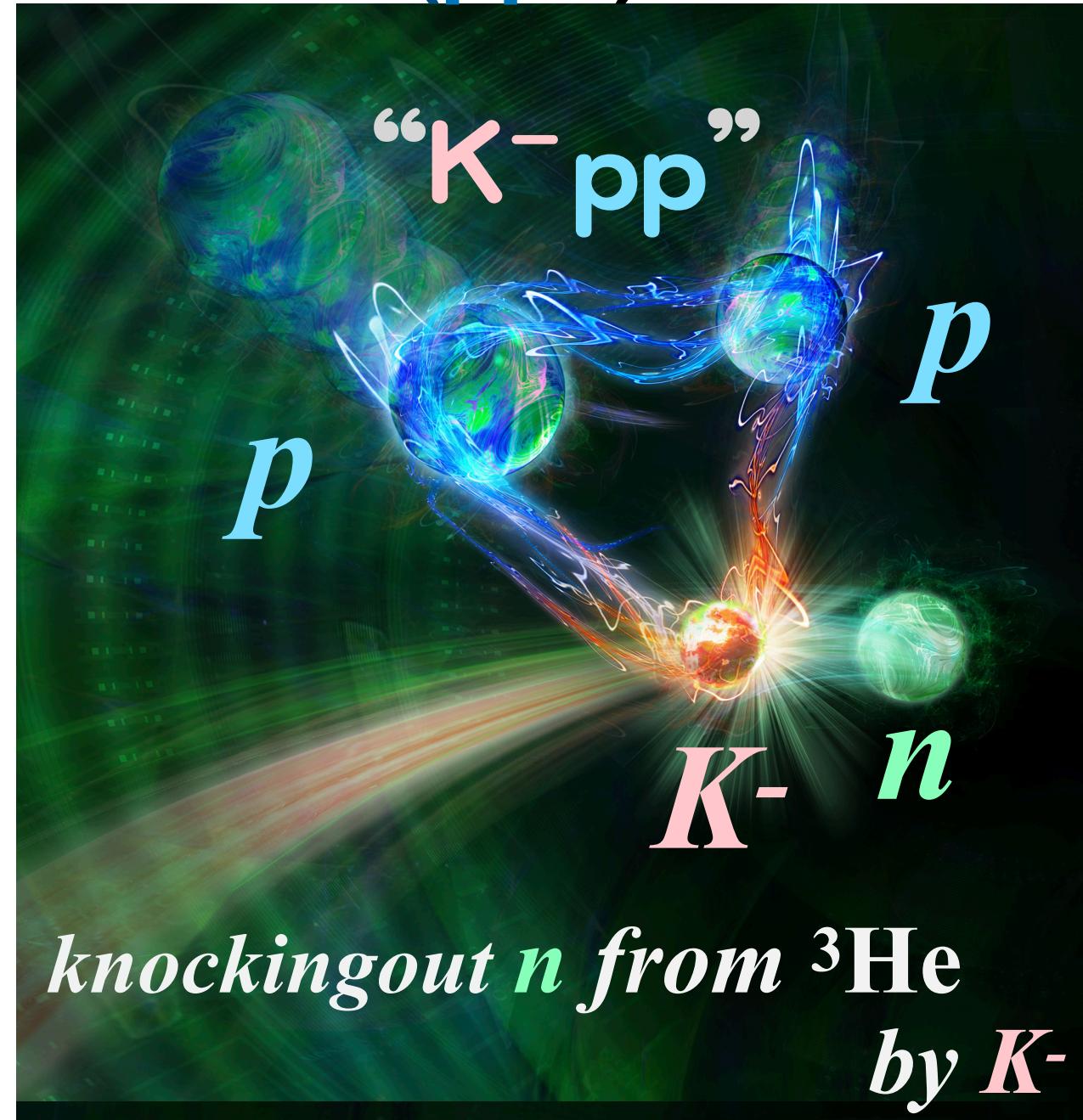


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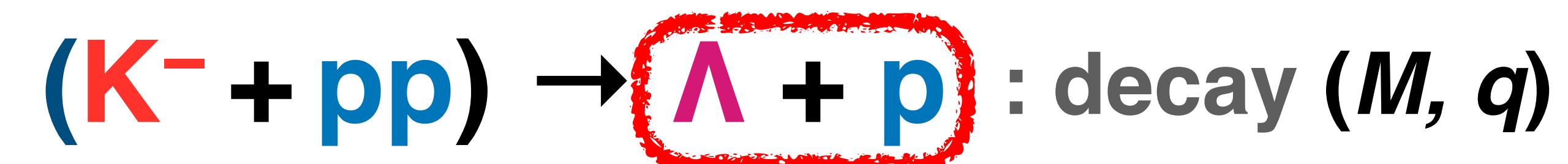
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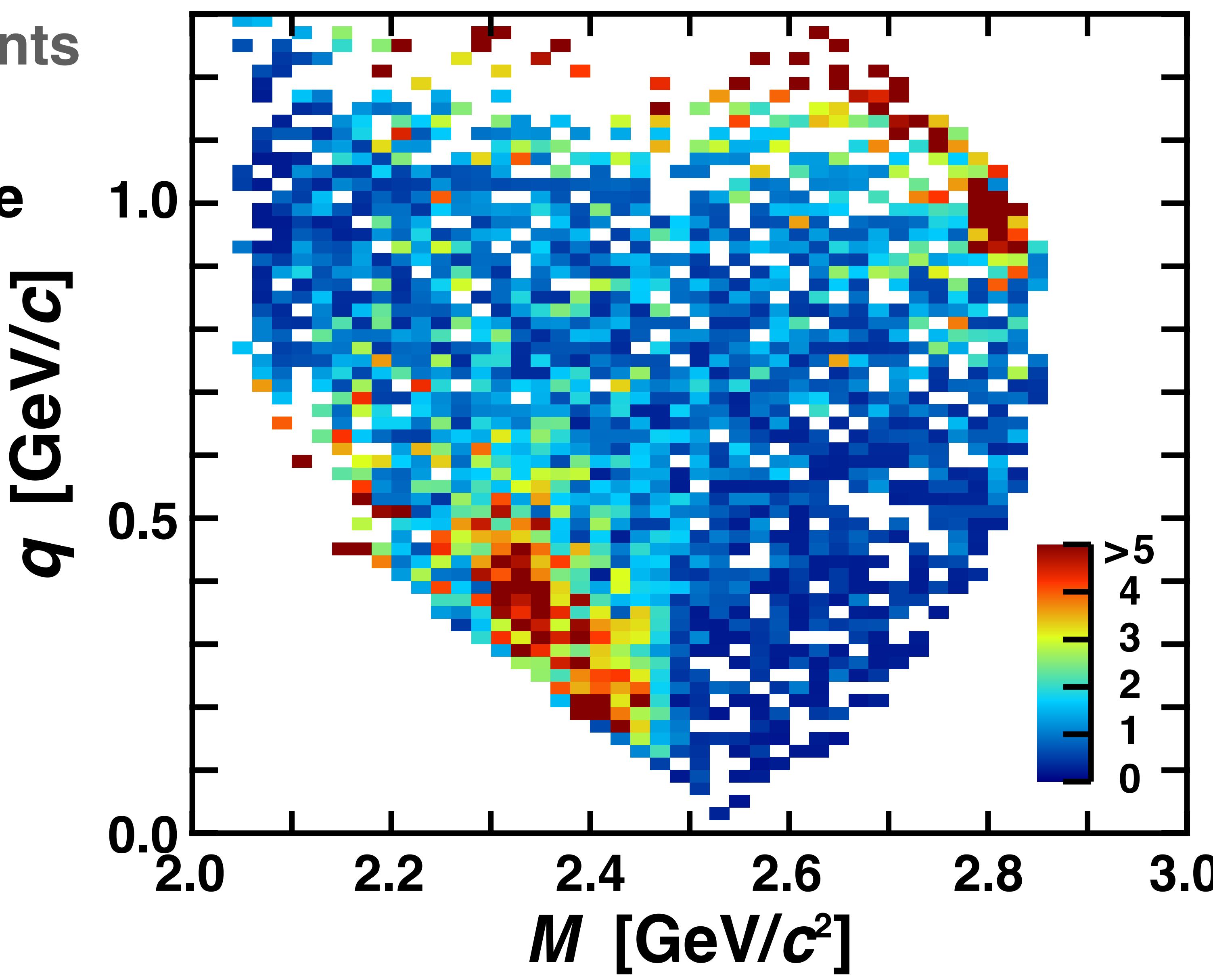
analyze *invariant mass M* of $(K^- + pp)$ -system

and *momentum transfer q* to the system



Δp
+ n events
on (M, q) -plane

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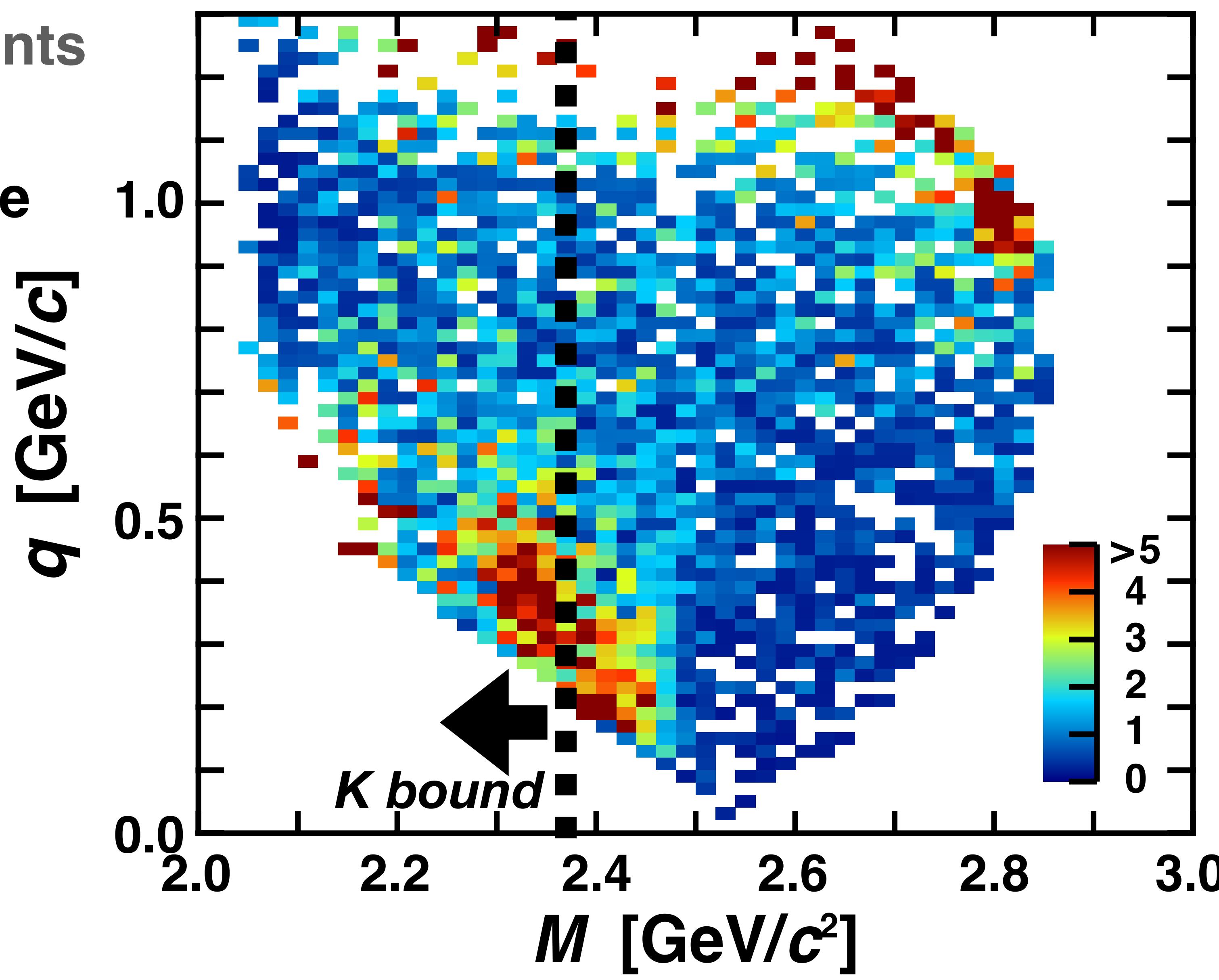


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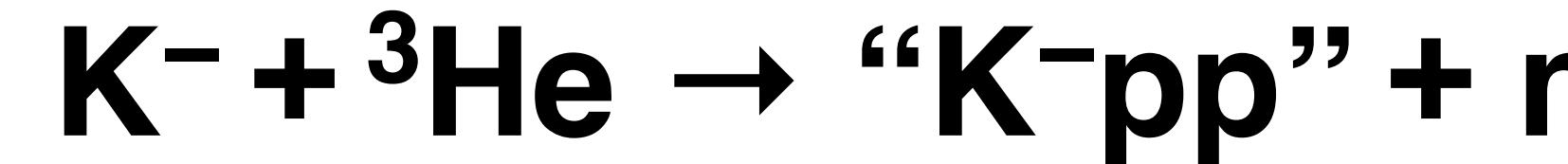
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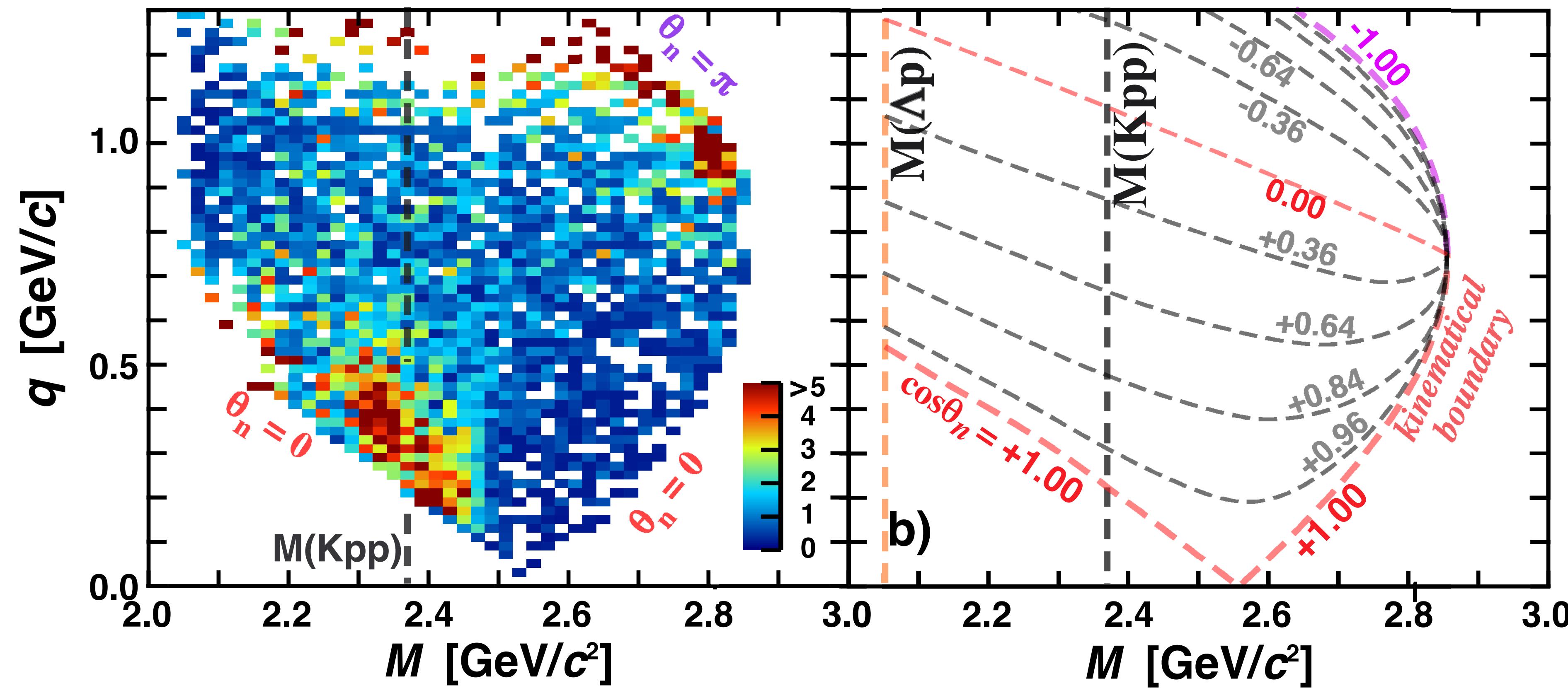
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M & q defines kinematics  (or M & θ_n)

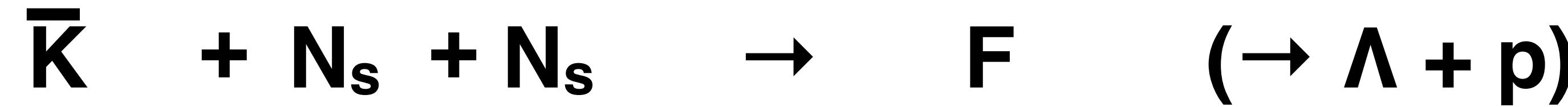


$$\tan \theta_n^{Lab.} = \frac{-q \sin \theta}{p_K - q \cos \theta}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{m_K^2 + p_K^2} \\ p_K \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} M_{^3\text{He}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{M^2 + q^2} \\ q \cos \theta \\ q \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{m_n^2 + p_K^2 - 2p_K q \cos \theta + q^2} \\ p_K - q \cos \theta \\ -q \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$



kinematics of Kaon 2N-absorption after $K^-N \rightarrow \bar{K}N'$



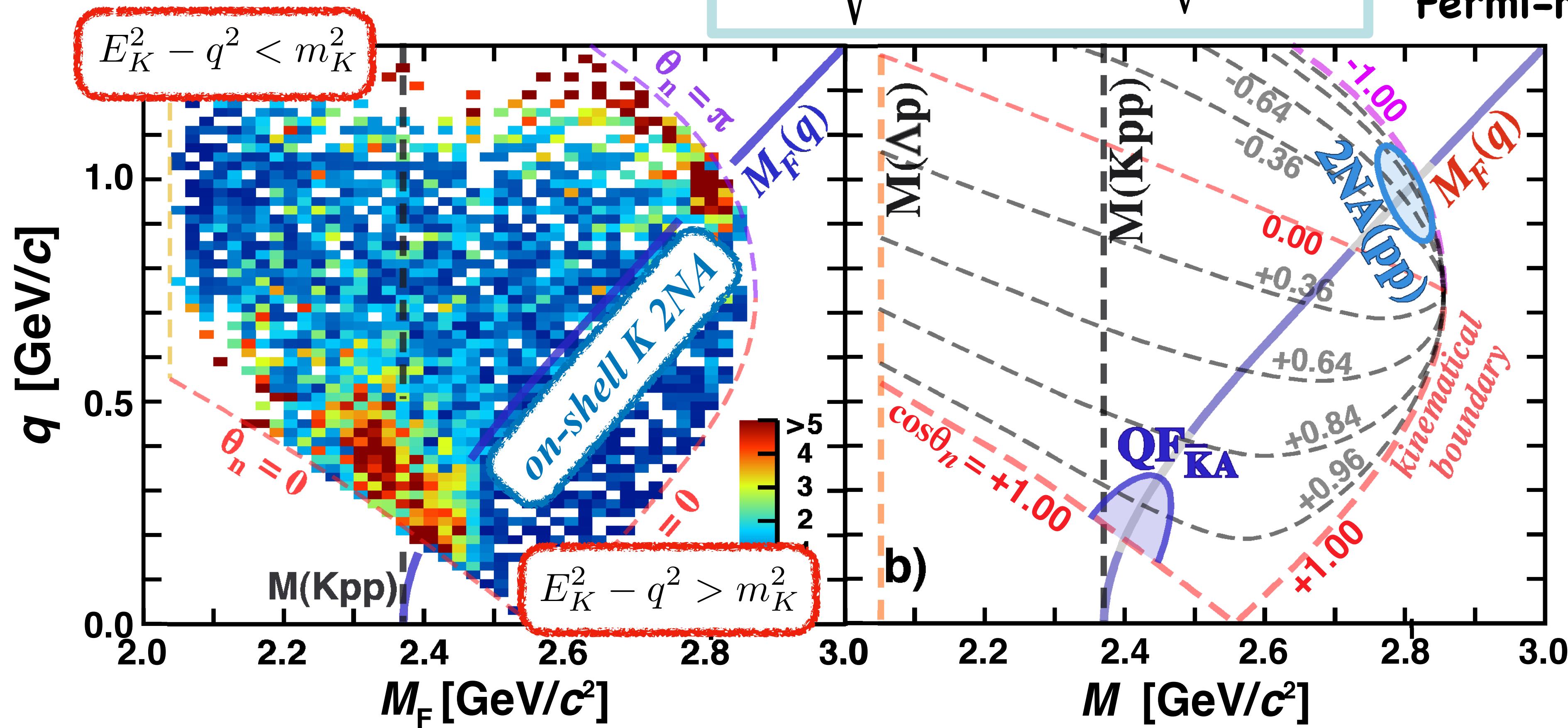
$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{m_K^2 + q^2}}{q} \right) + \begin{pmatrix} m_N \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} m_N \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{M_F^2 + q^2}}{q} \right)$$

on-shell K

2N ~ at-rest

$$M_F = \sqrt{4m_N^2 + m_K^2 + 4m_N\sqrt{m_K^2 + q^2}}$$

smeared by
Fermi-motion

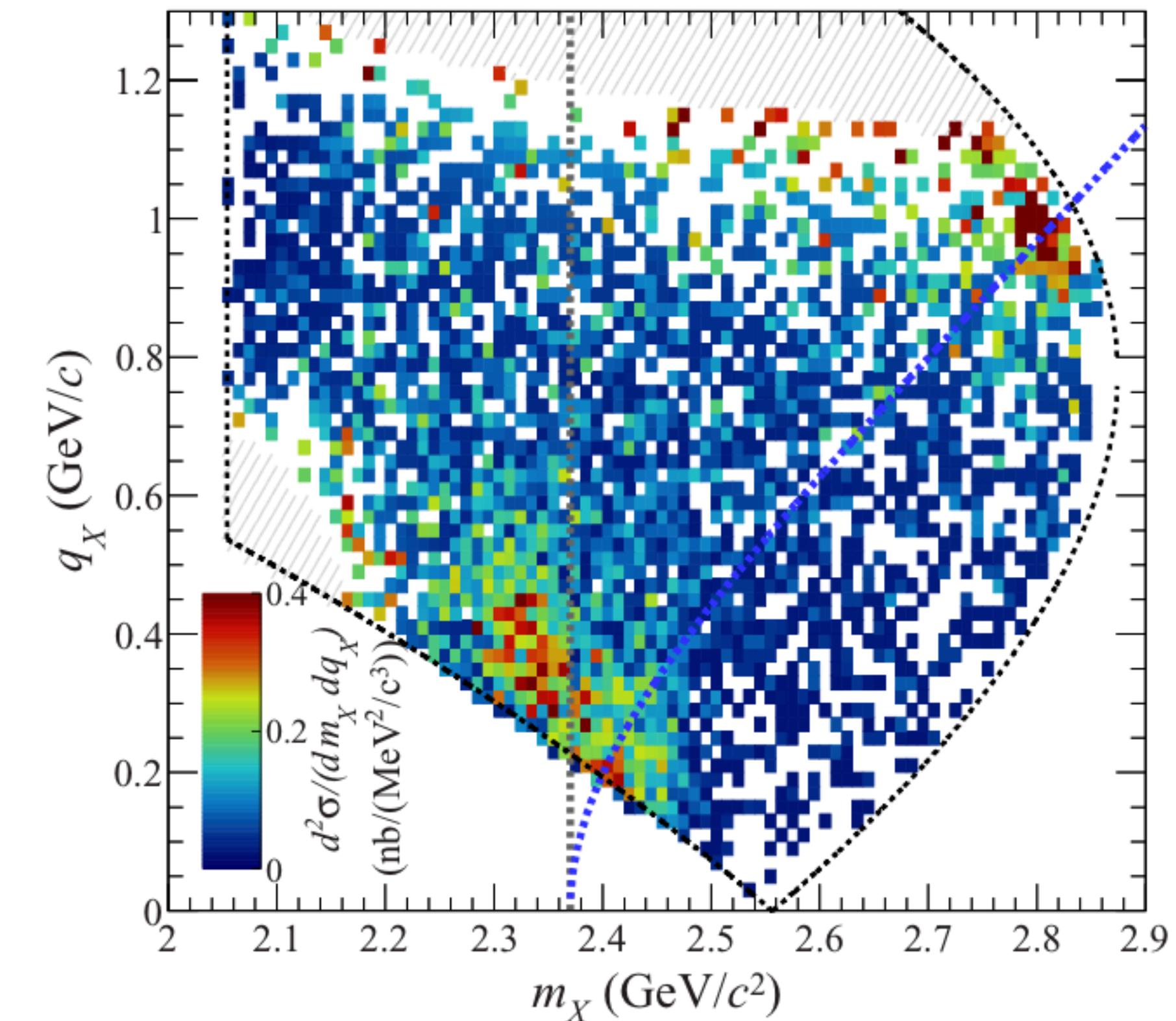


Λp + n_{miss}

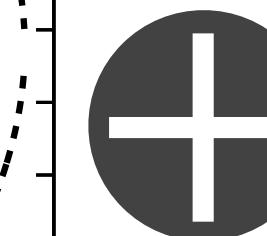
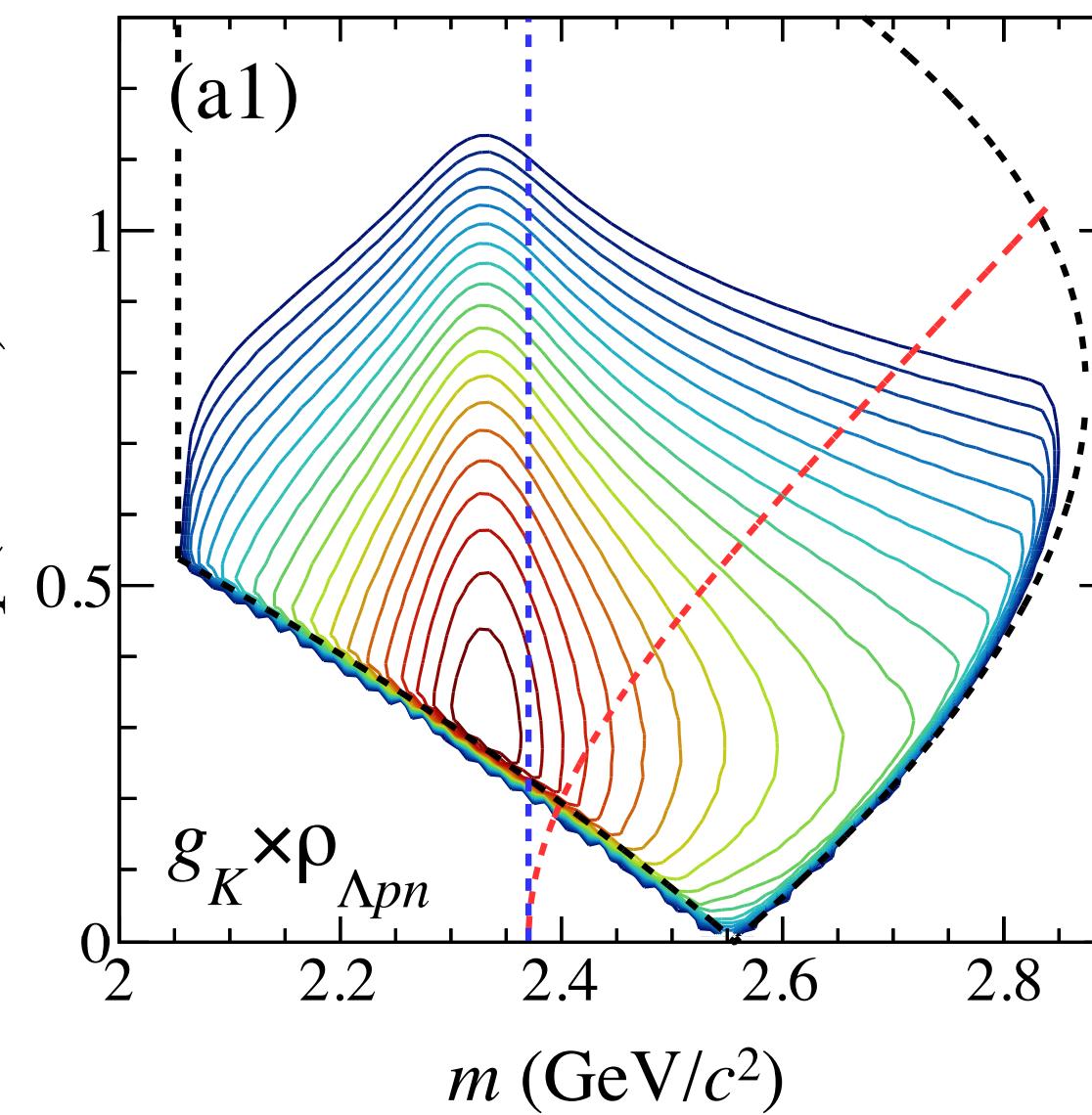
model fitting function in (m, q) -plane

ρ : Lorentz-invariant phase-space

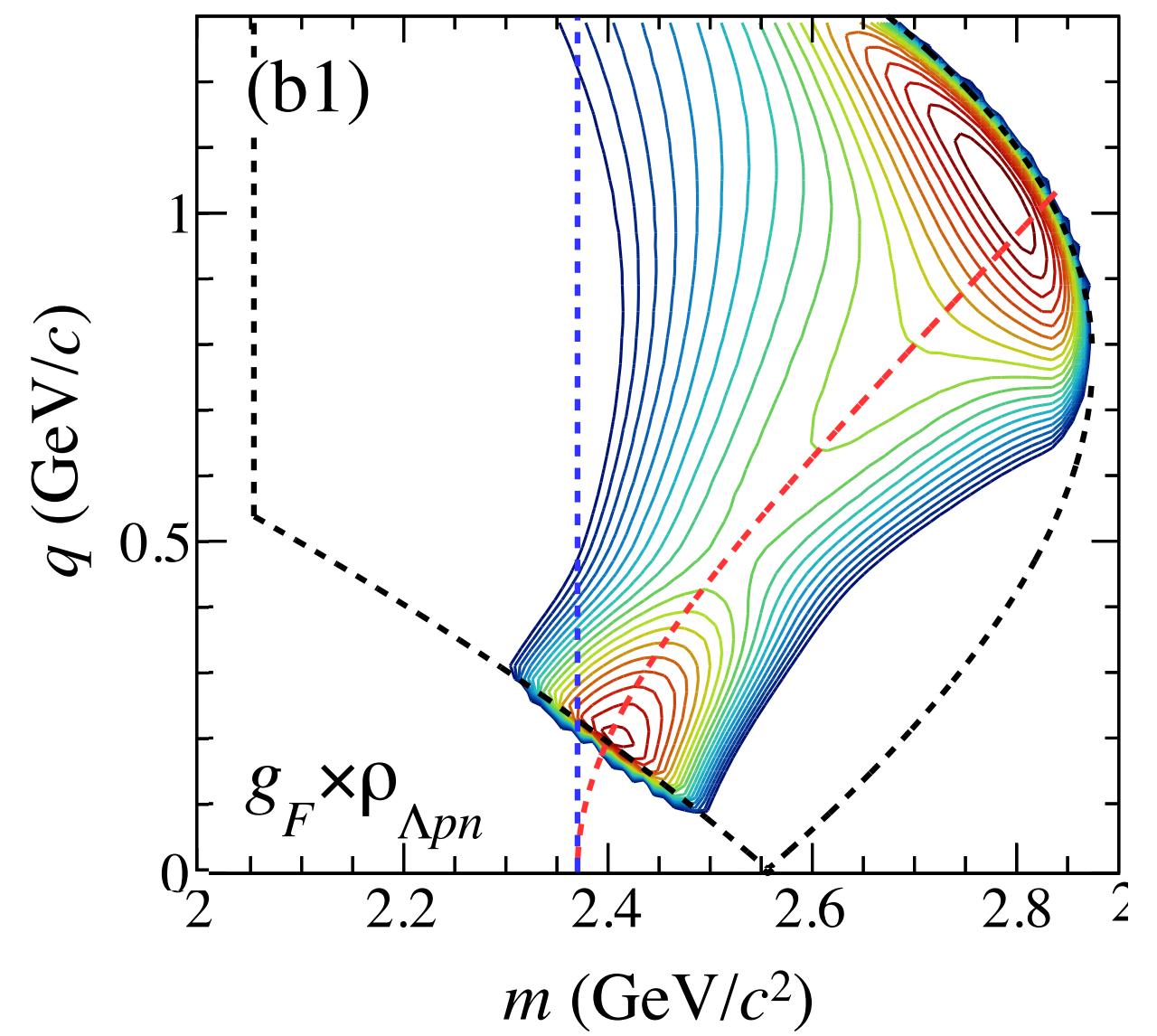
$$f_{\bar{K}NN}(m, q) \times \rho_{\{\Lambda p n\}}(m, q) \quad f_{QF-\bar{K}}(m, q) \times \rho_{\{\Lambda p n\}}(m, q)$$



$\bar{K}NN$ production



QF- \bar{K} absorption



$f_{\bar{K}NN}(m, q) :$ $B.W.(m) \times$
form factor(q)

$f_{QF-\bar{K}}(m, q) :$ *quasi-free*
(on mass-shell) K abs.

PWIA based interpretation

(plane wave impulse approximation)

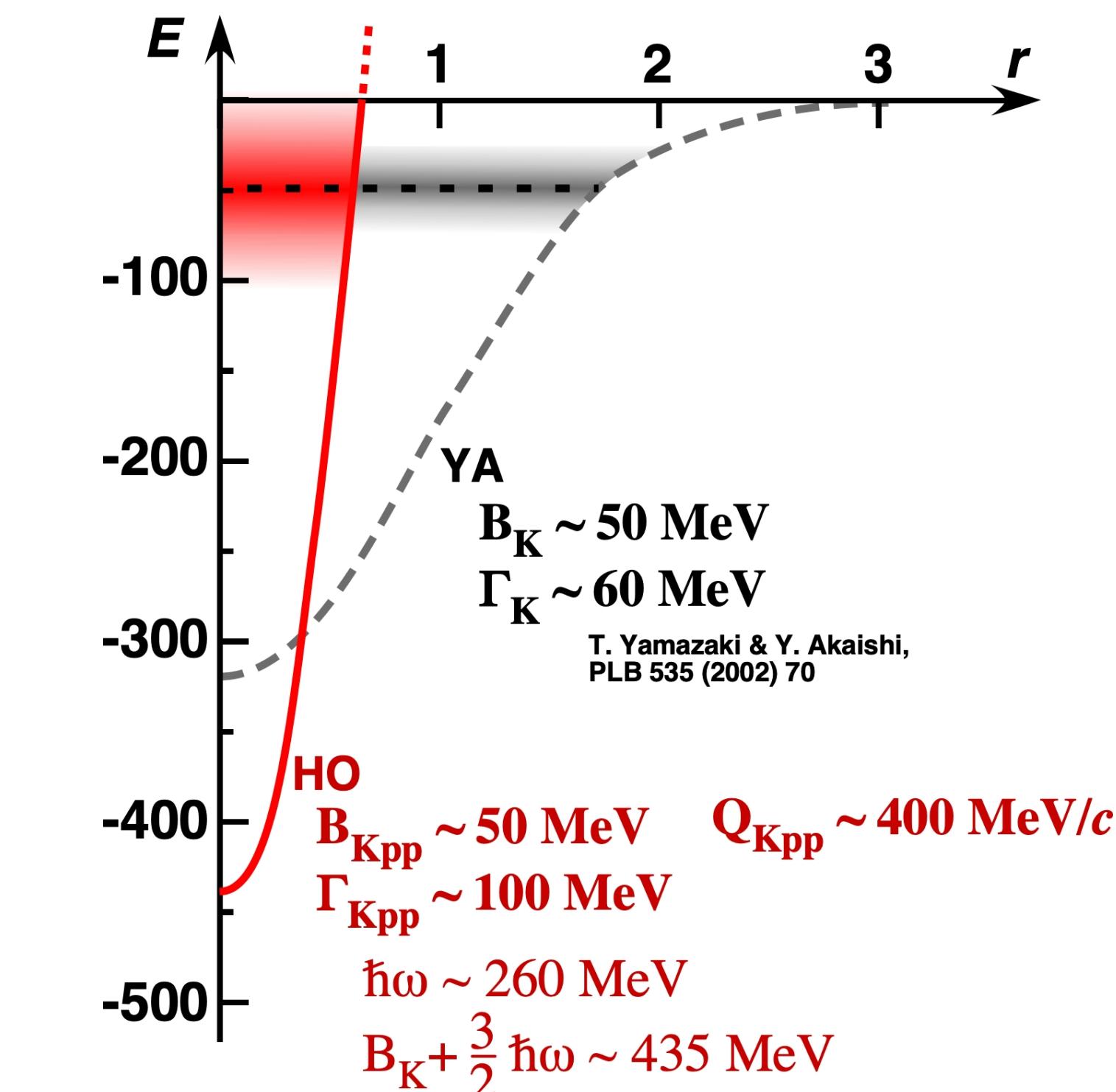
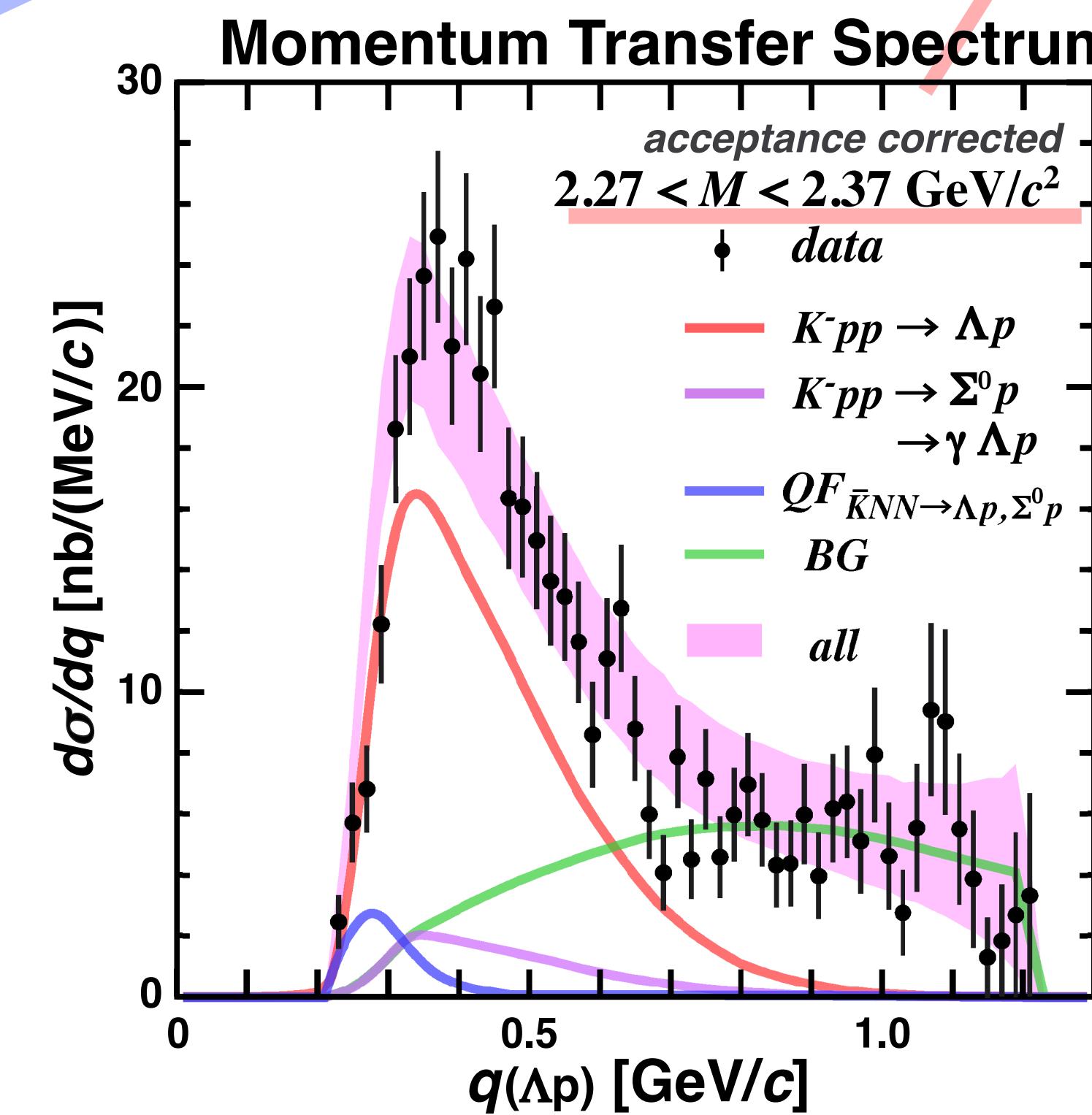
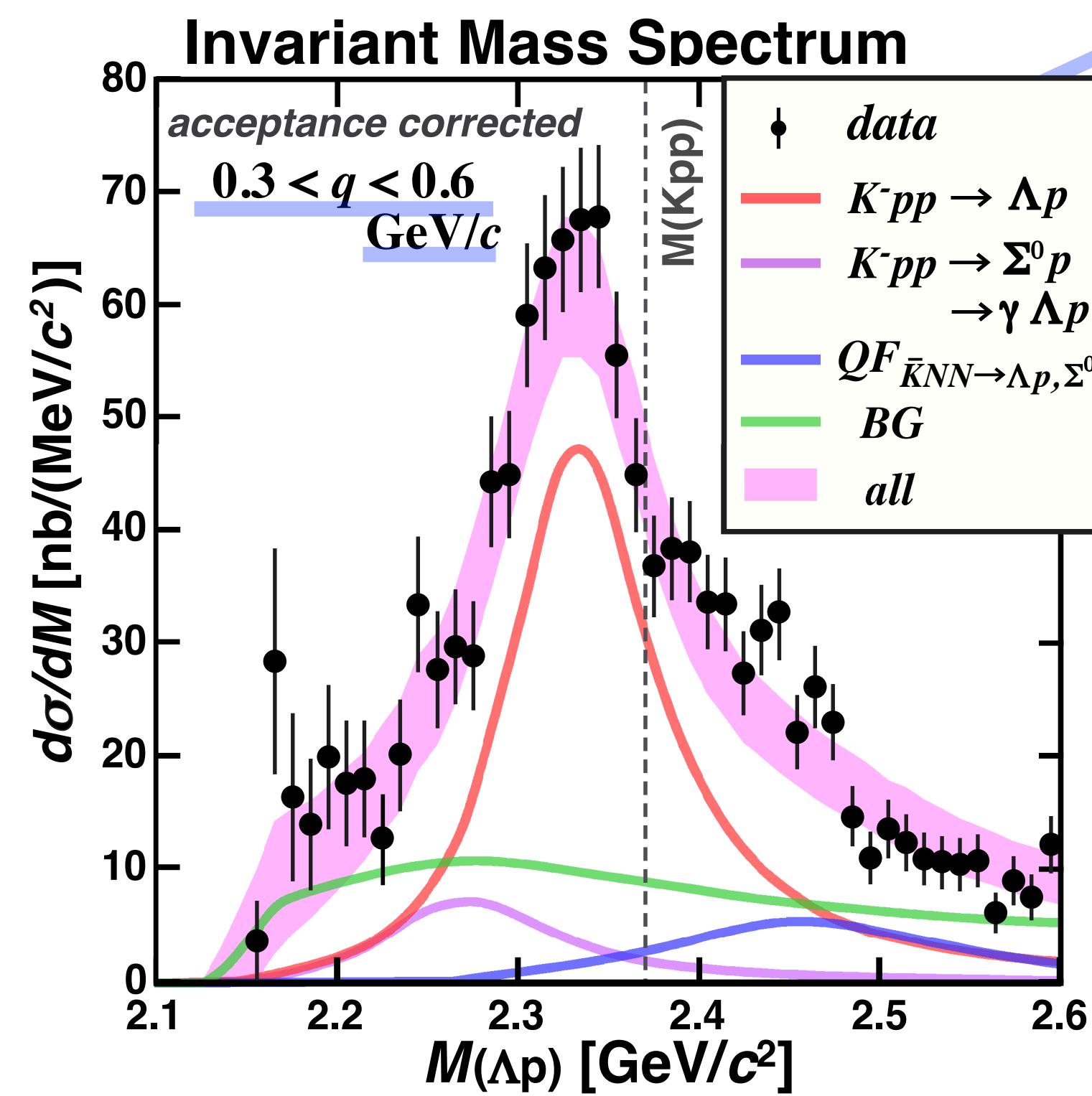
$$\sigma(M, q) \propto \rho_{3B}(M, q) \times \text{Lorentz invariant phase space } (\Lambda p n)$$

Differential cross section

B.W. / Lorentzian

$$\frac{(\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}{(M - M_{Kpp})^2 + (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2} \times \exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{Q_{Kpp}^2}\right)$$

form factor / structure factor



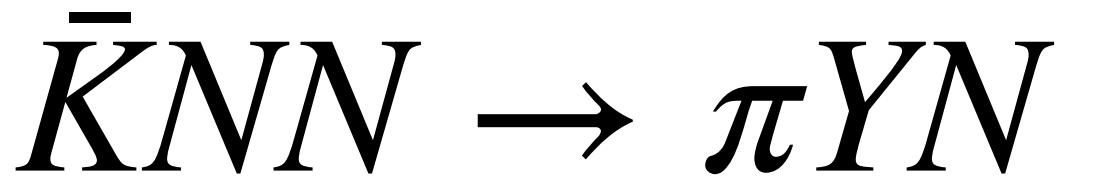
strong binding ($\bar{K}N$ attraction)
 $B_{Kpp} \sim 40 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma_{Kpp} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$

wide momentum width
 $Q_{Kpp} \sim 400 \text{ MeV}/c$

... could be quite compact ...
 $(R_{Kpp} \sim 0.6 \text{ fm (H.O.)})$

what we are working on ... I

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... T. Yamaga

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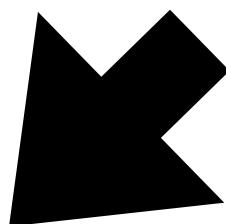
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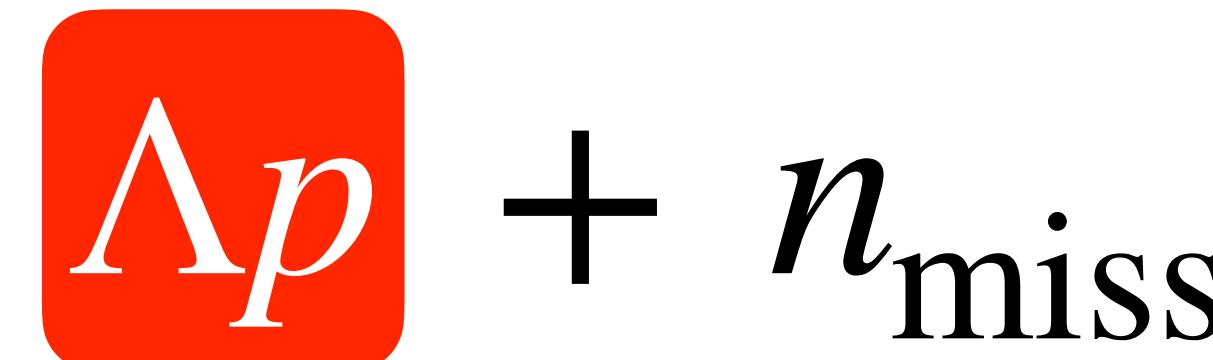
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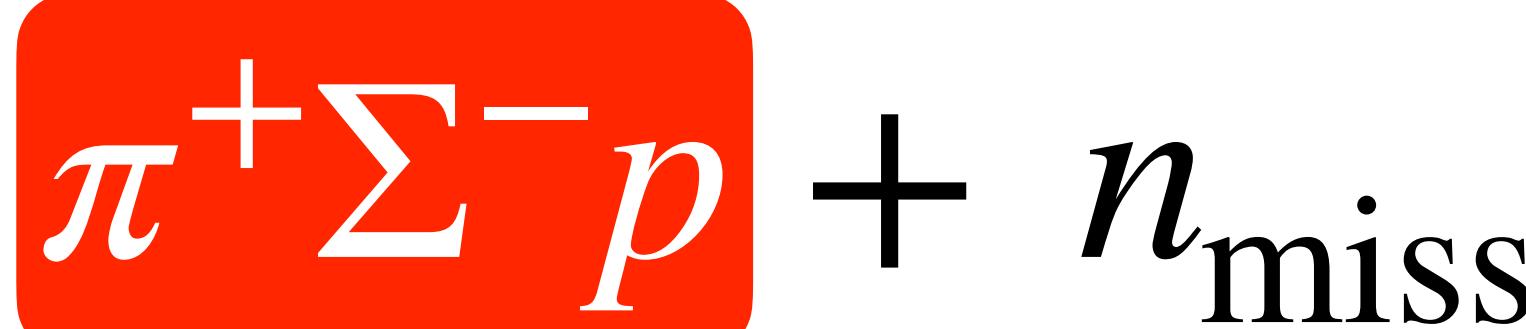
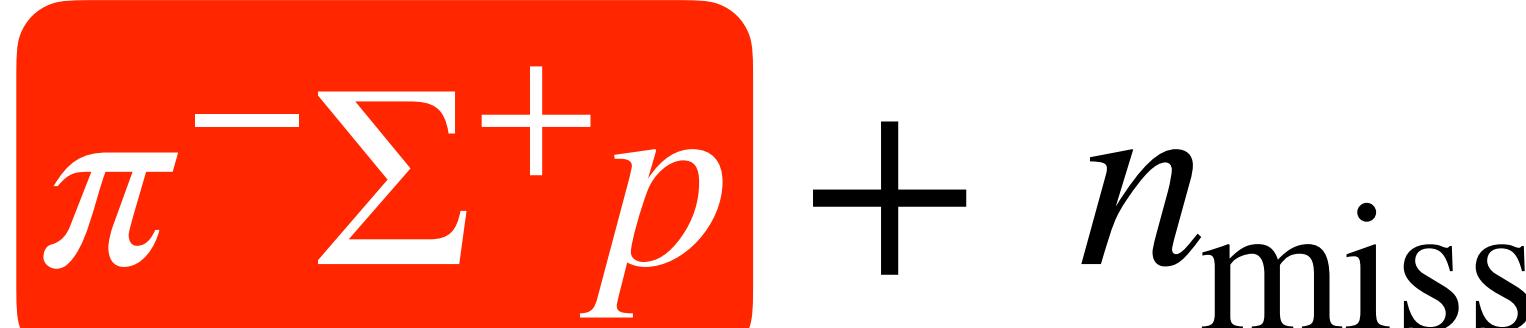
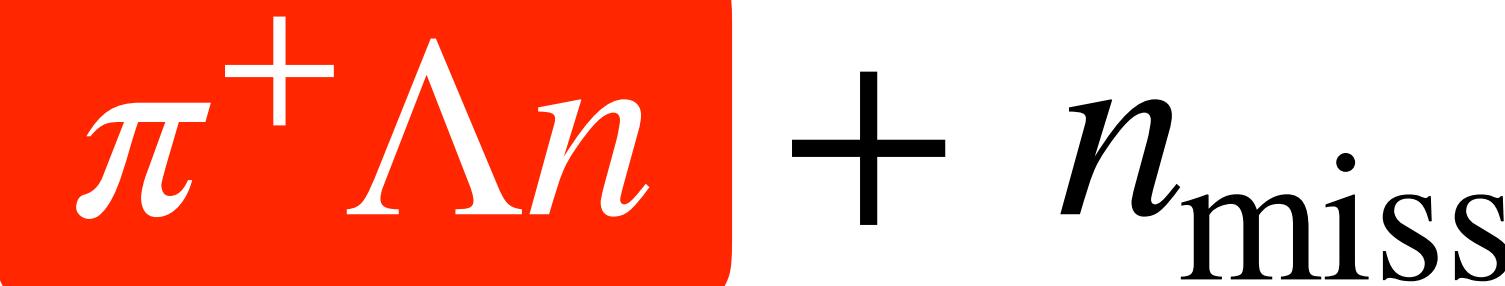
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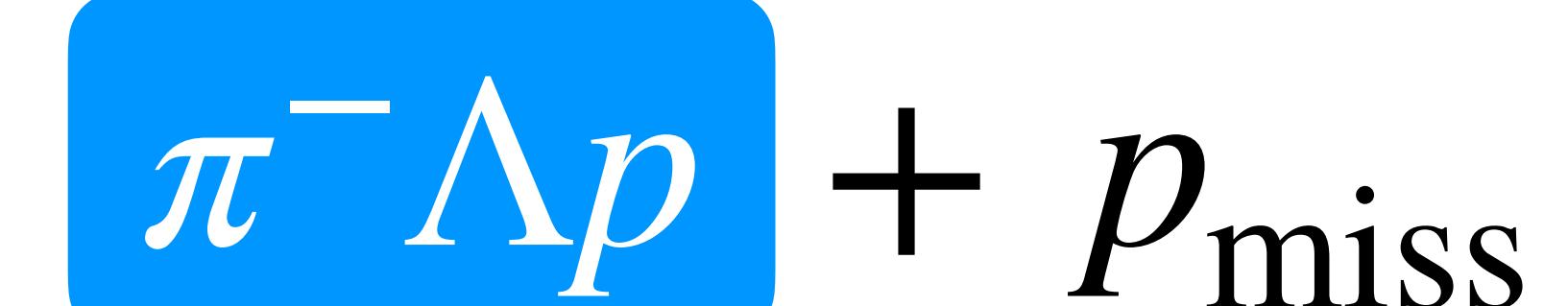
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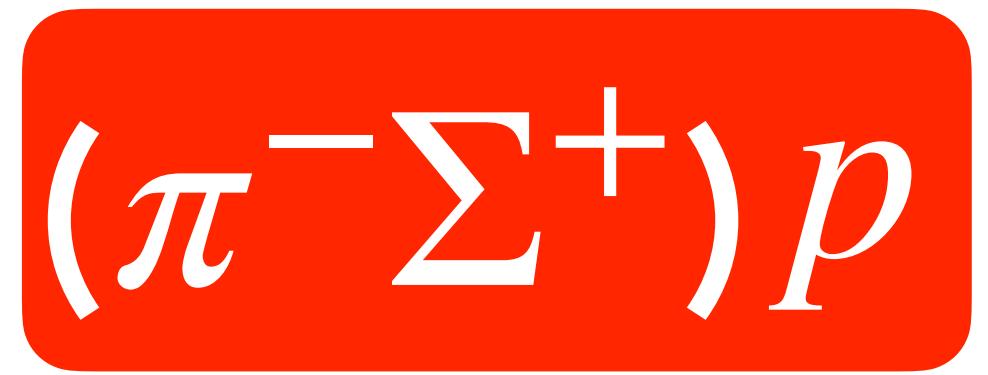
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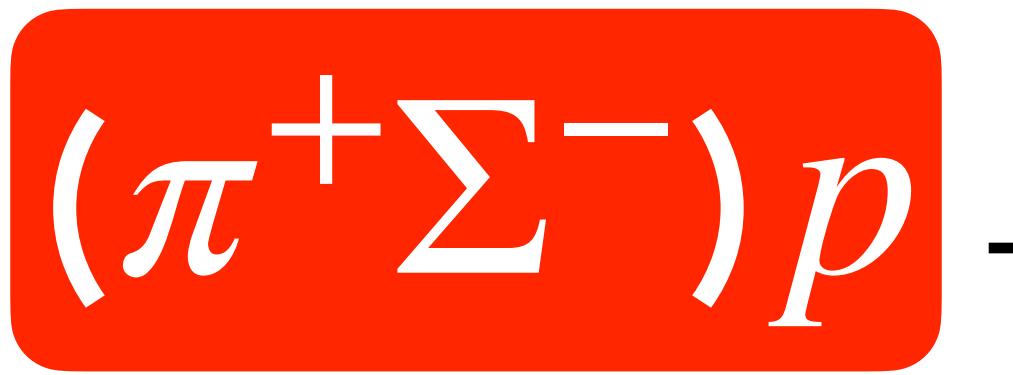
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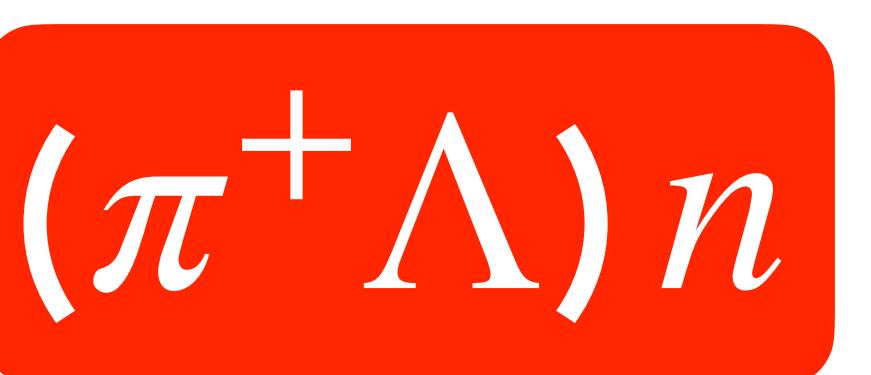
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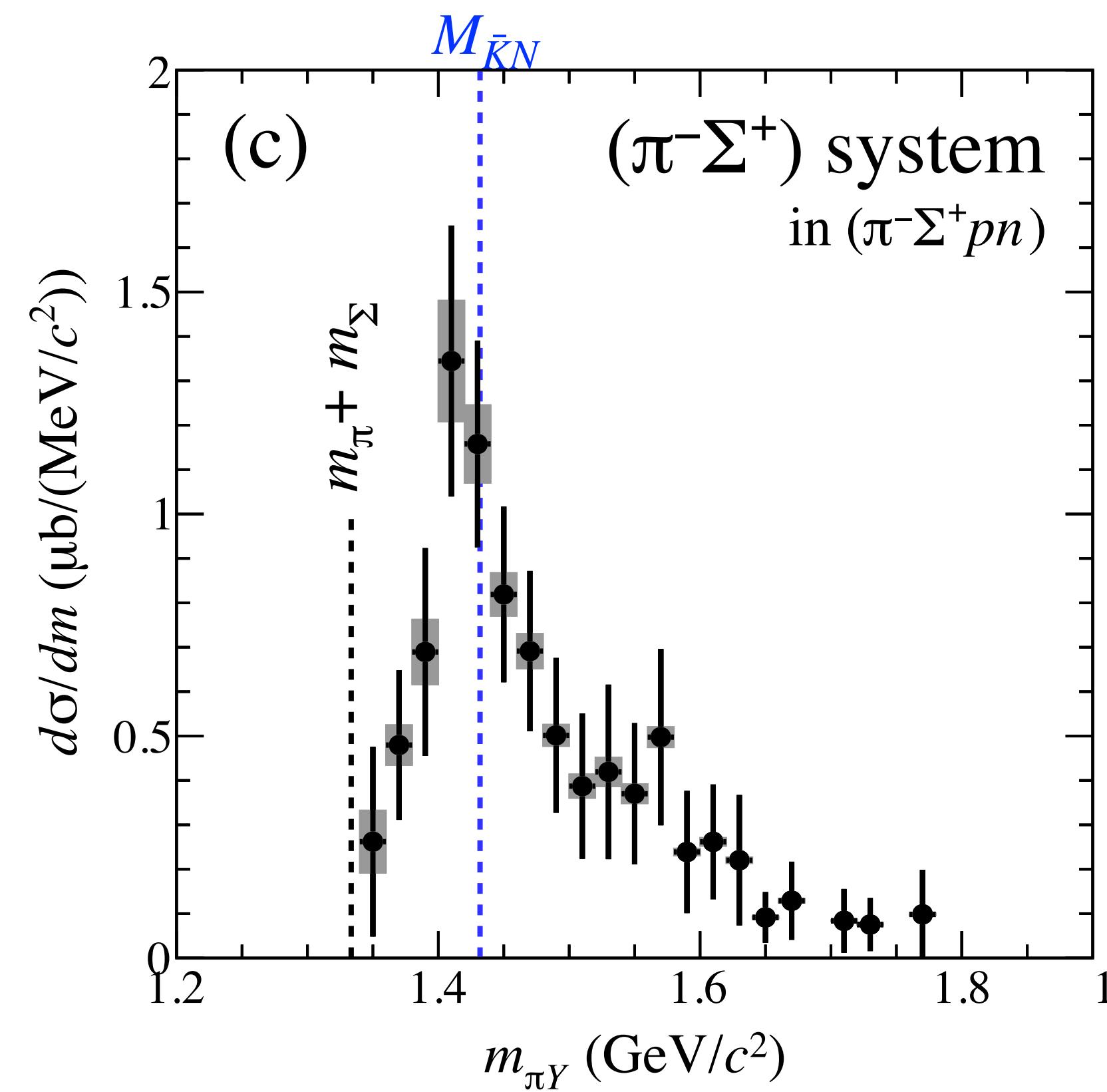
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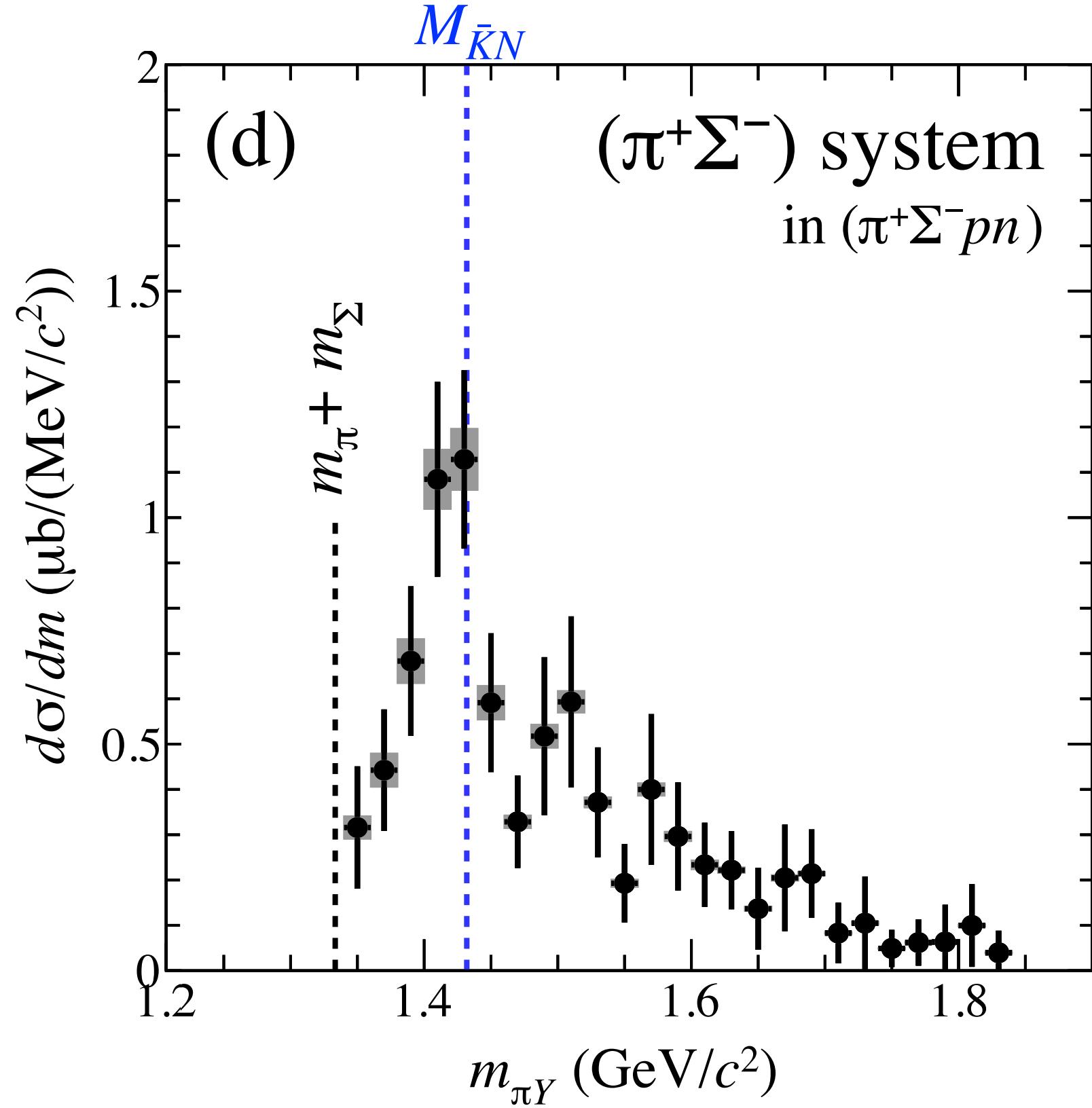
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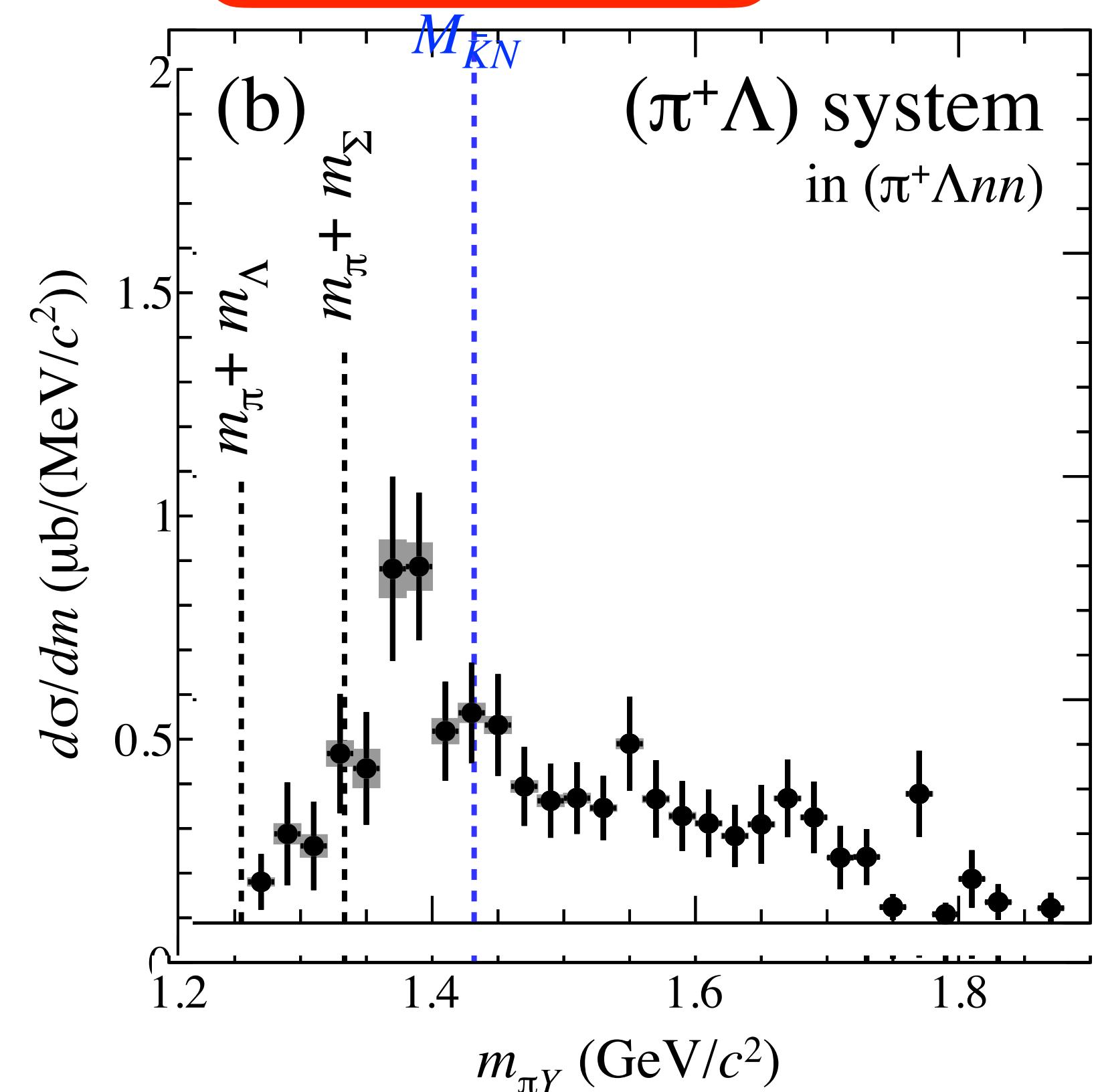
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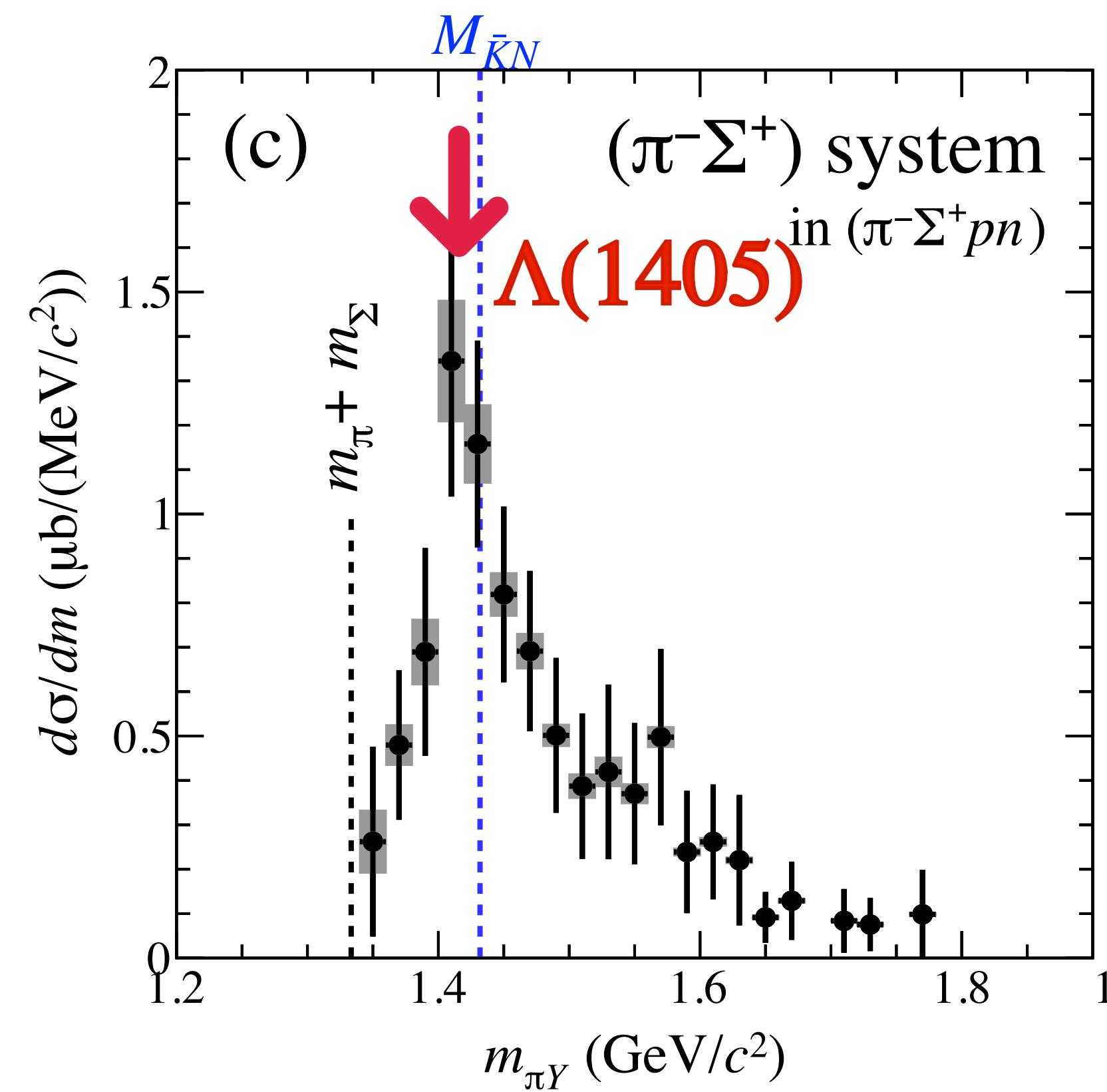
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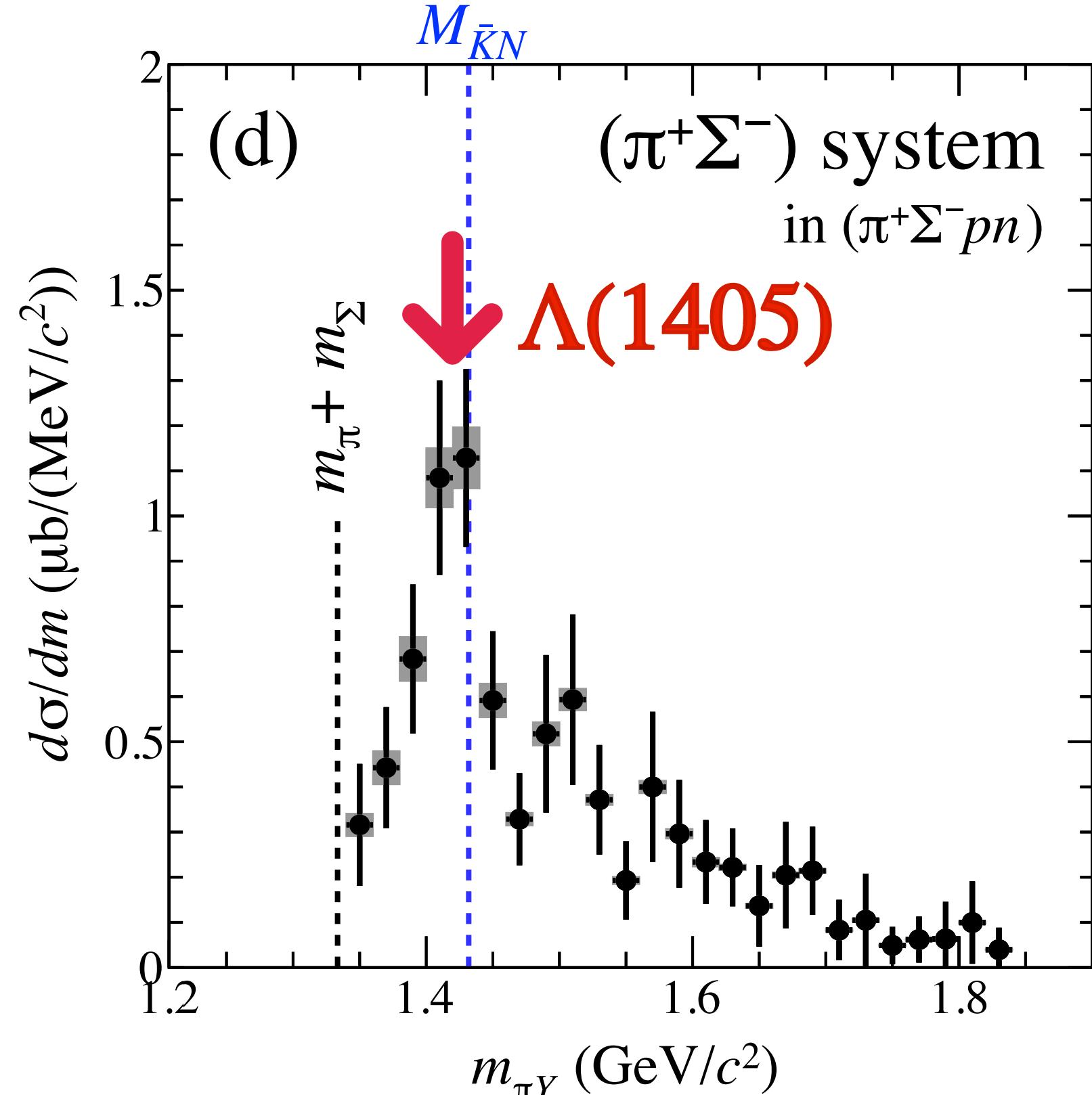
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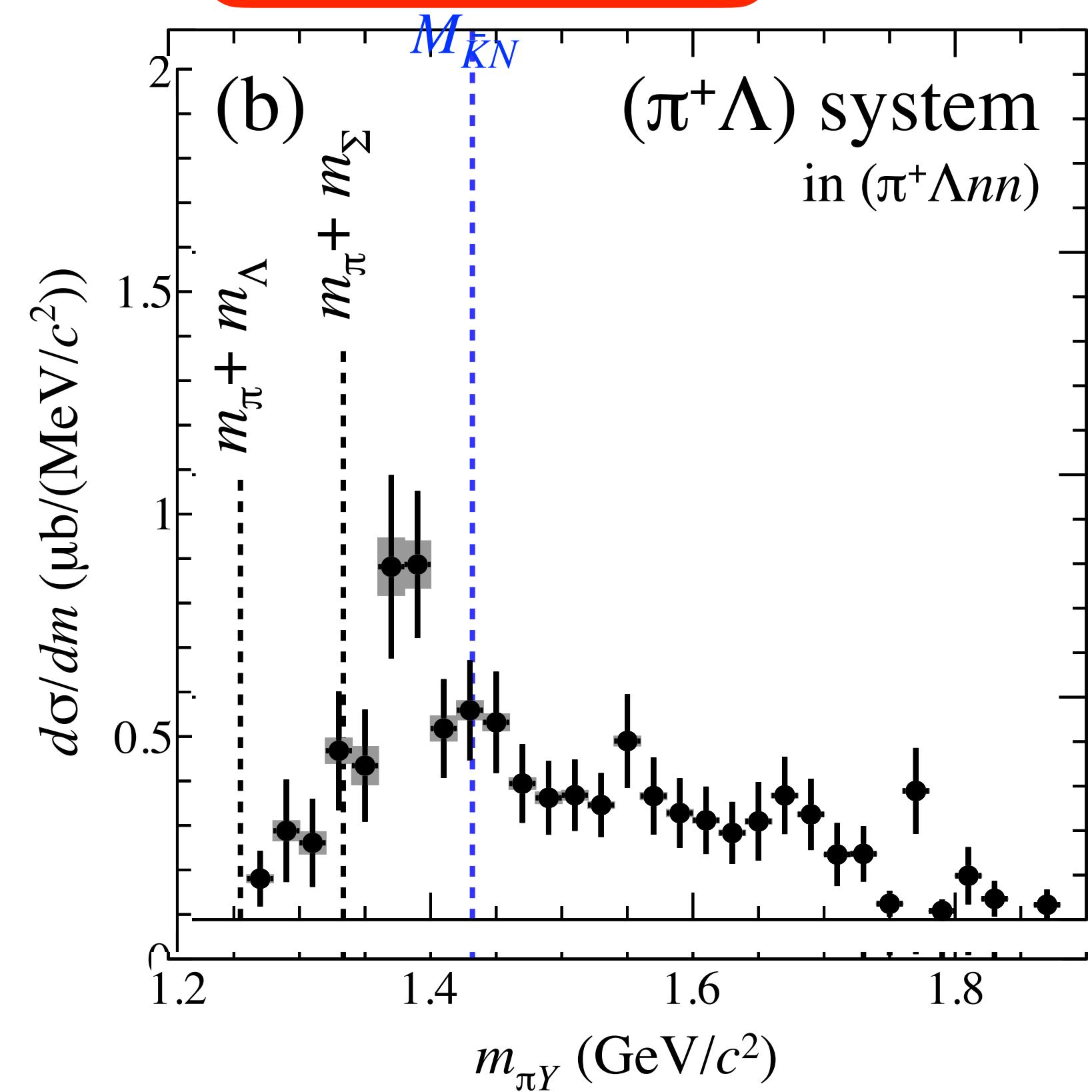
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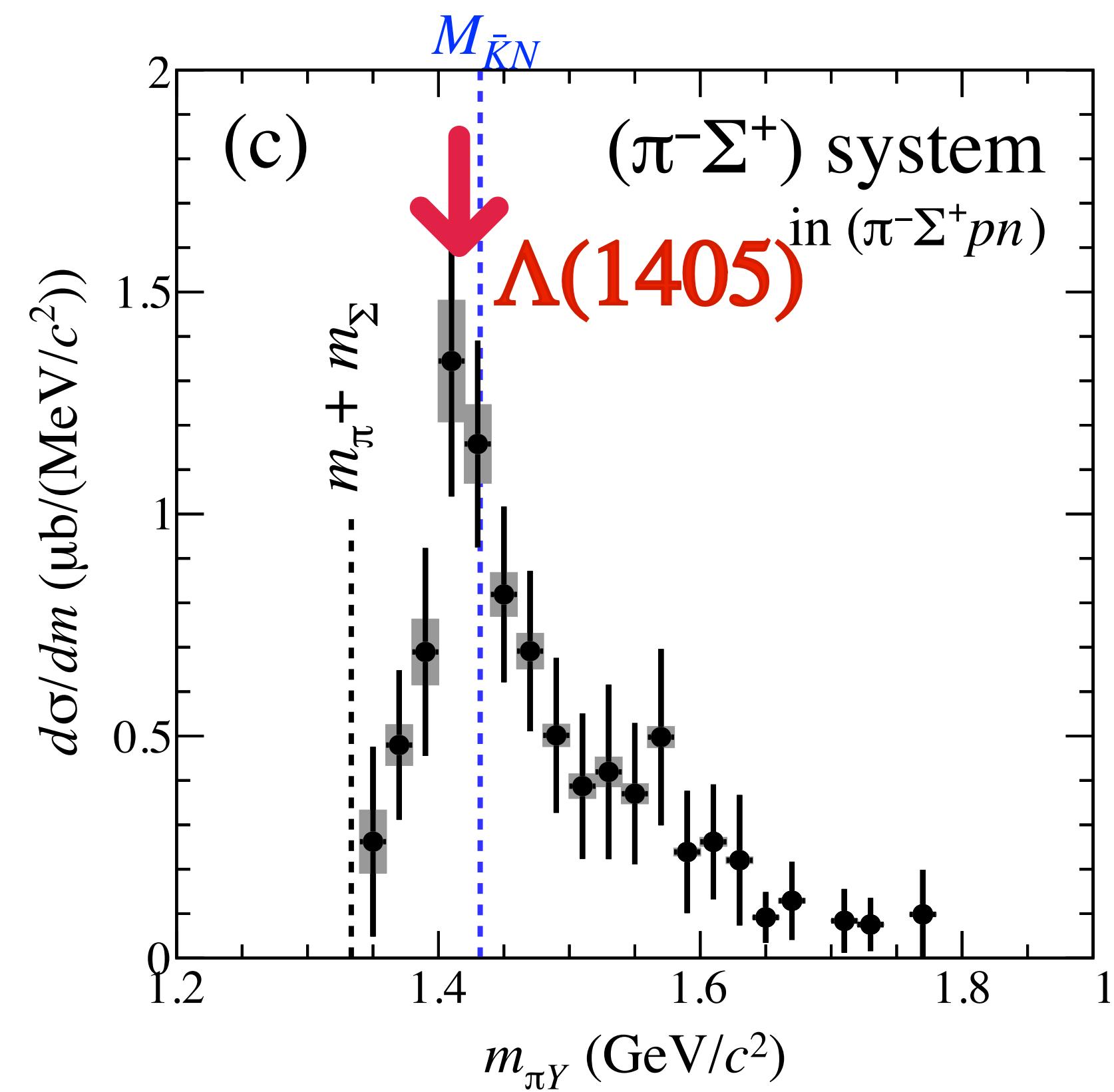


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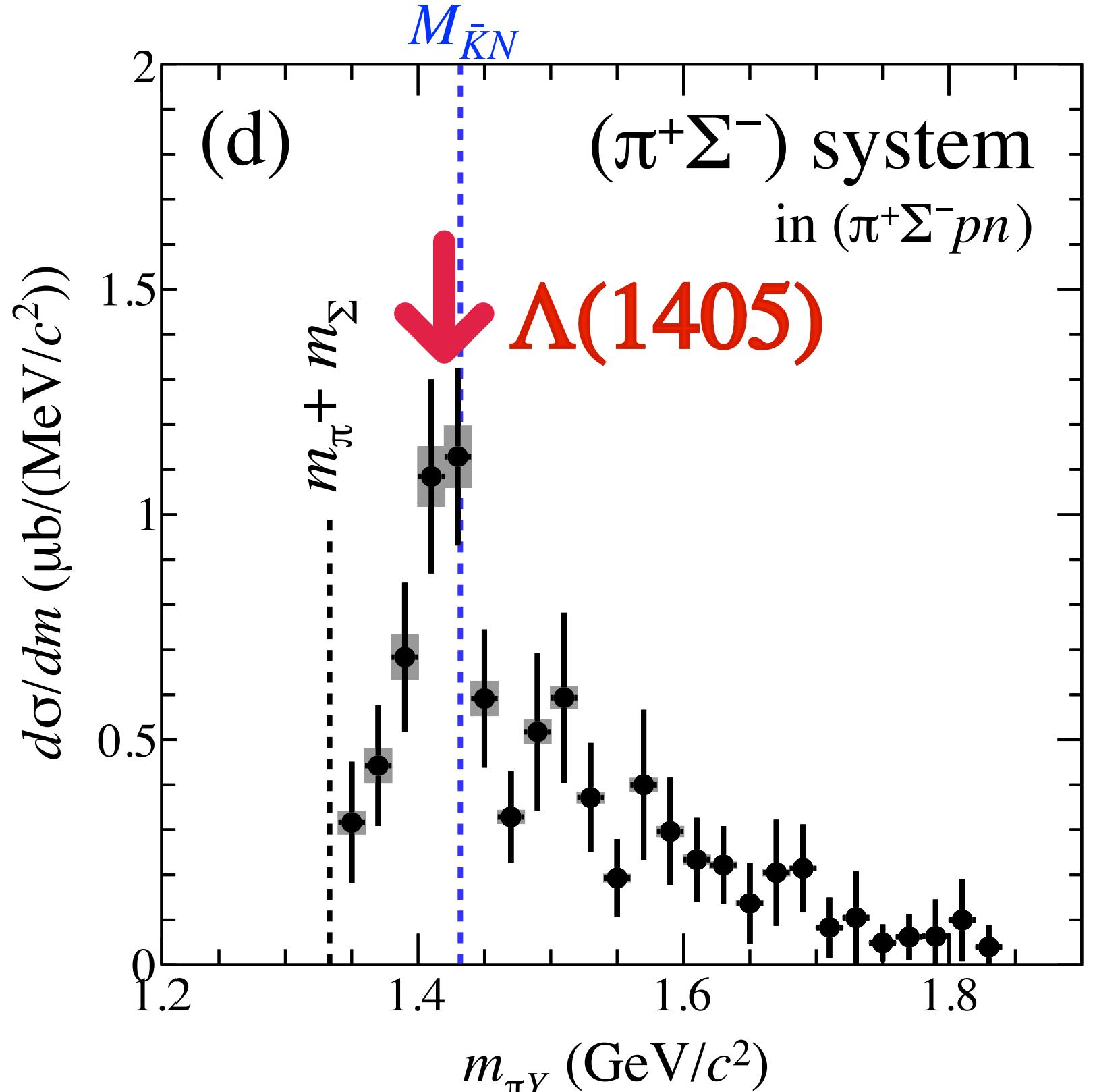


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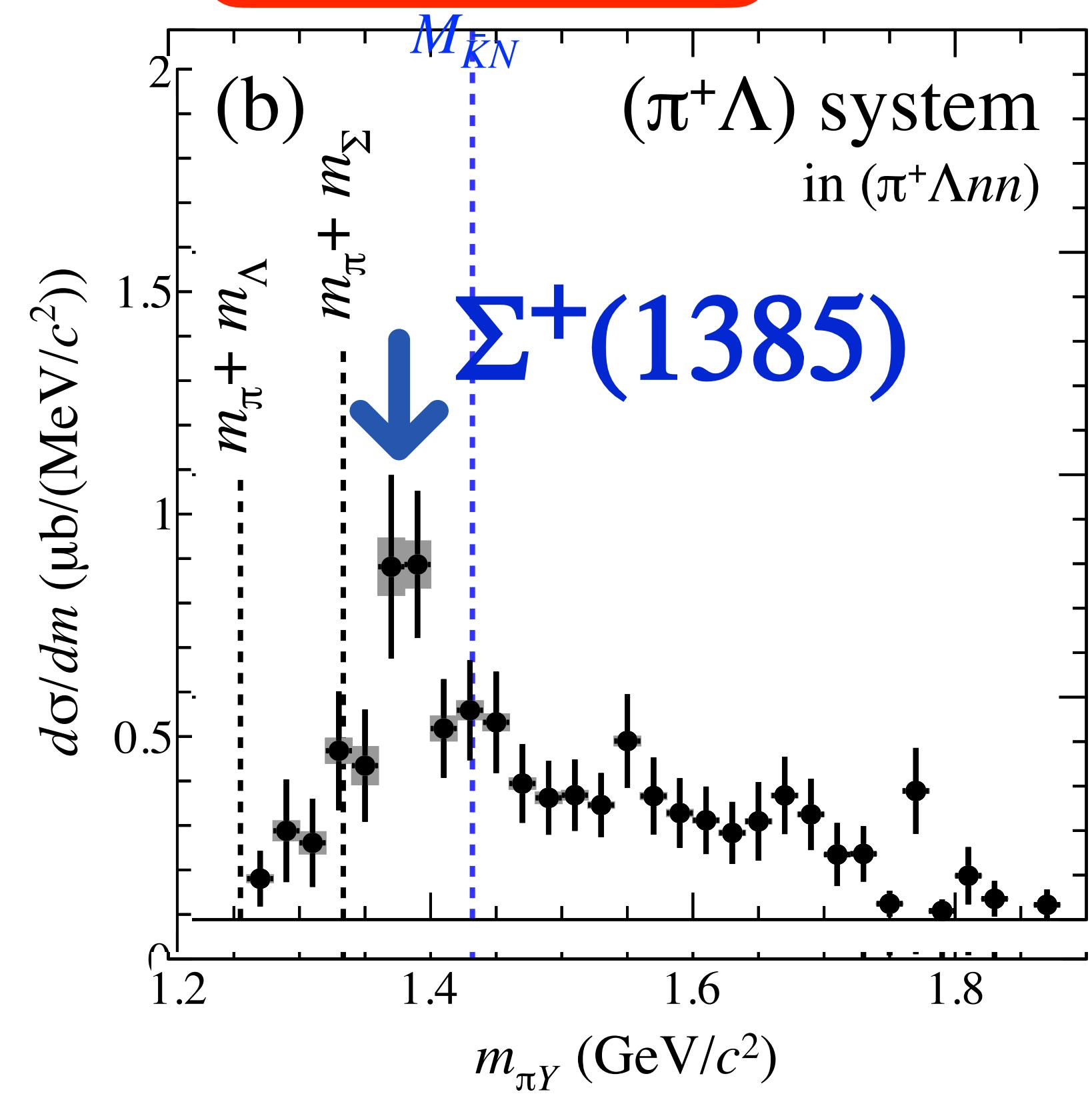
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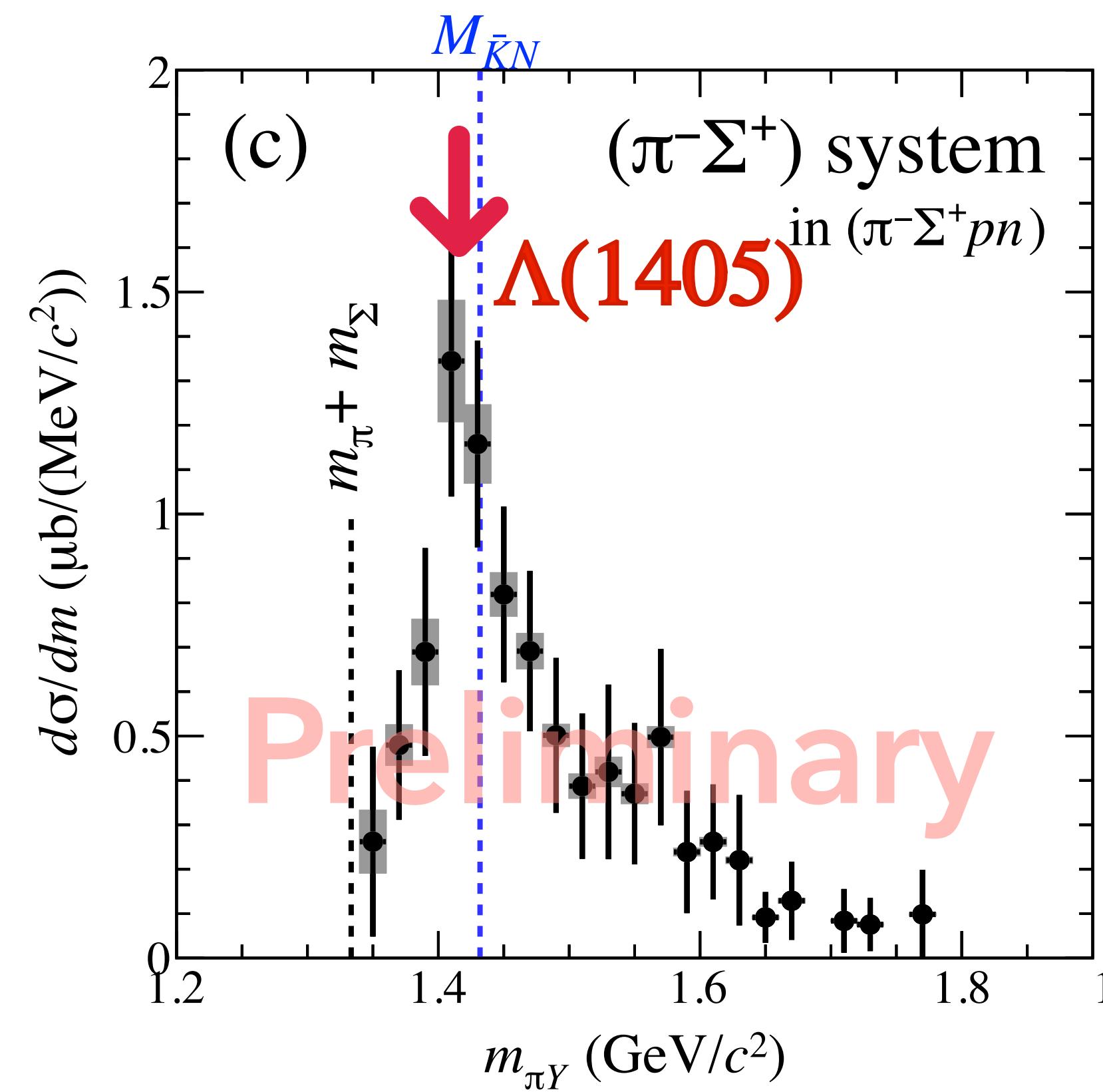
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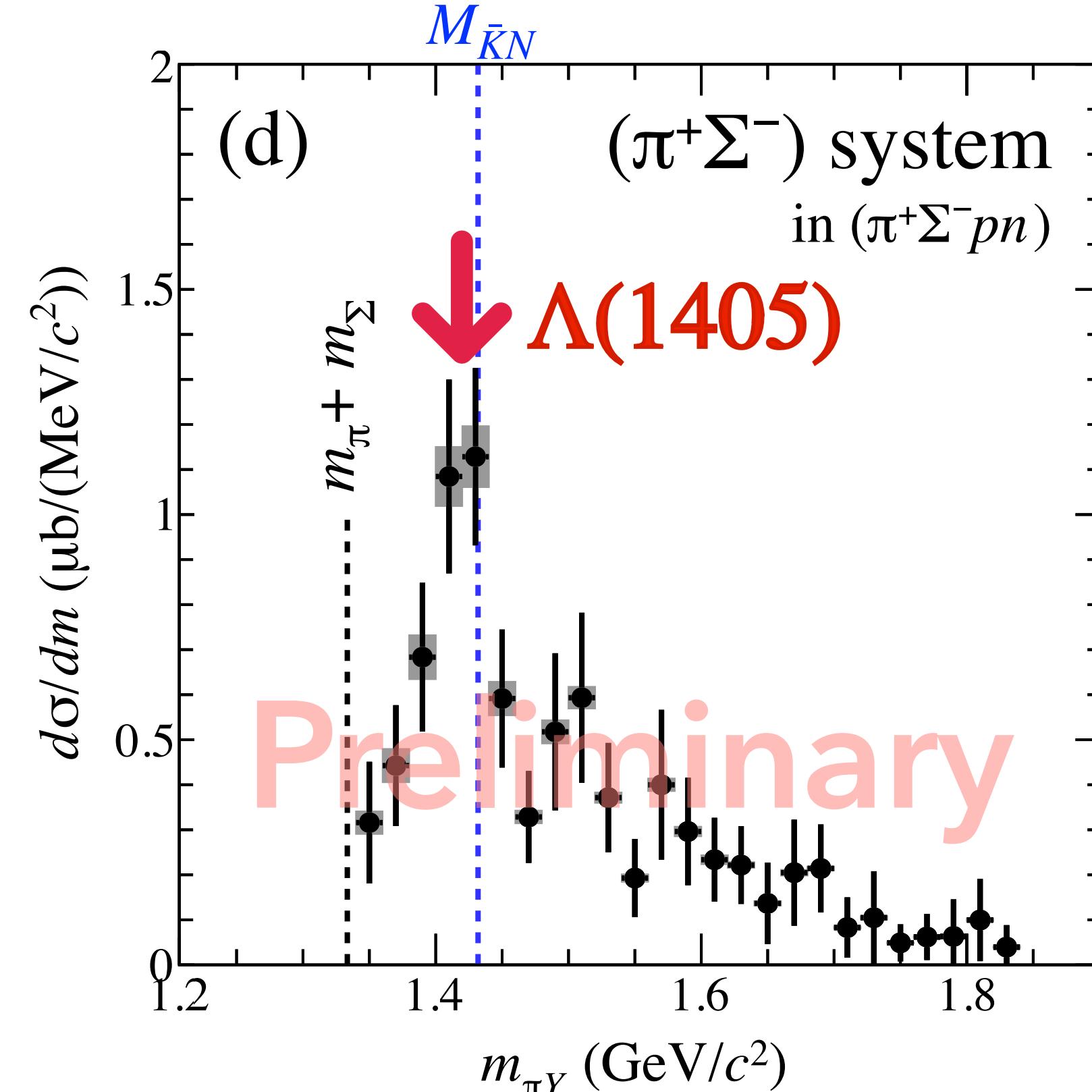
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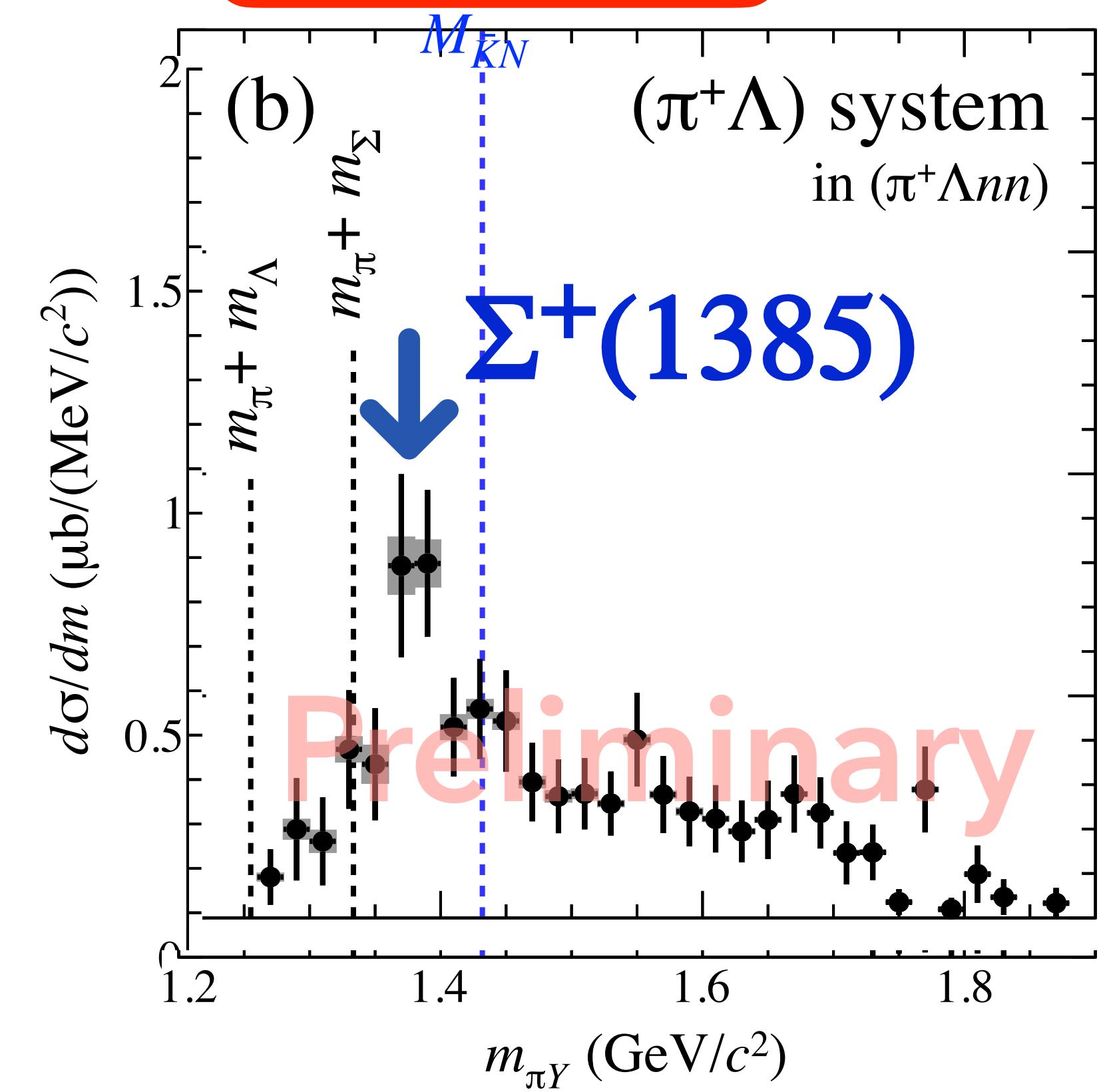
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No heavier Y^* productions

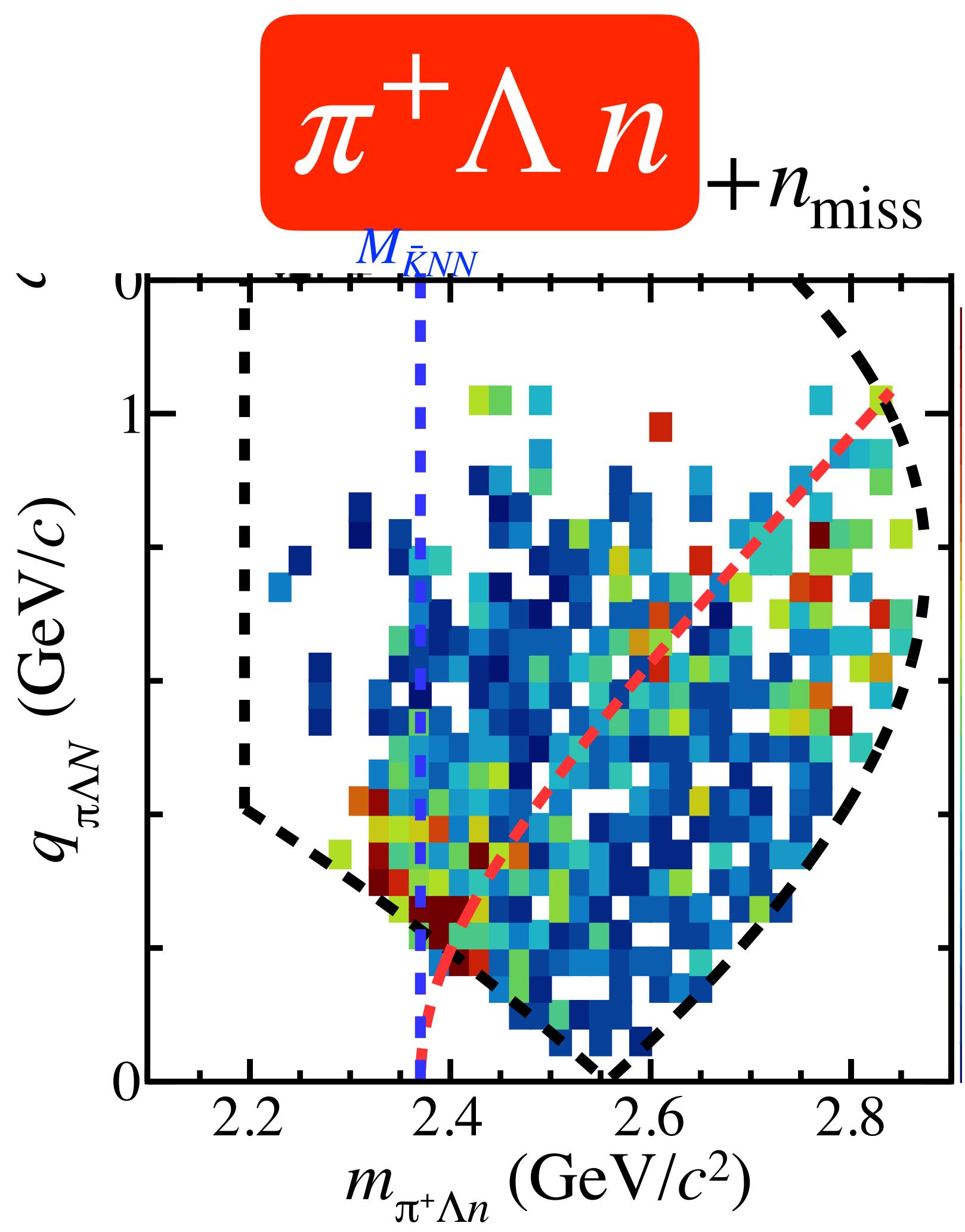
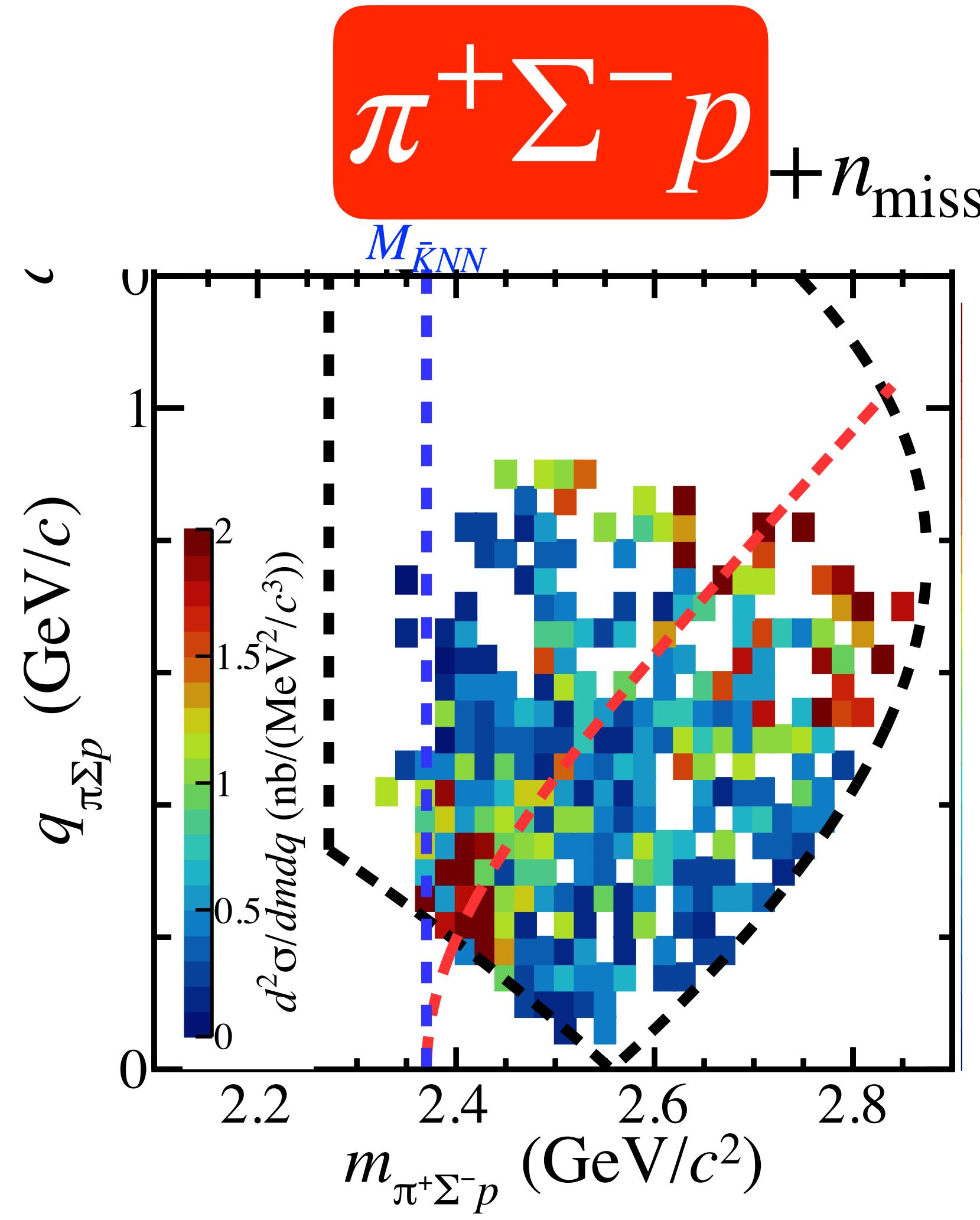
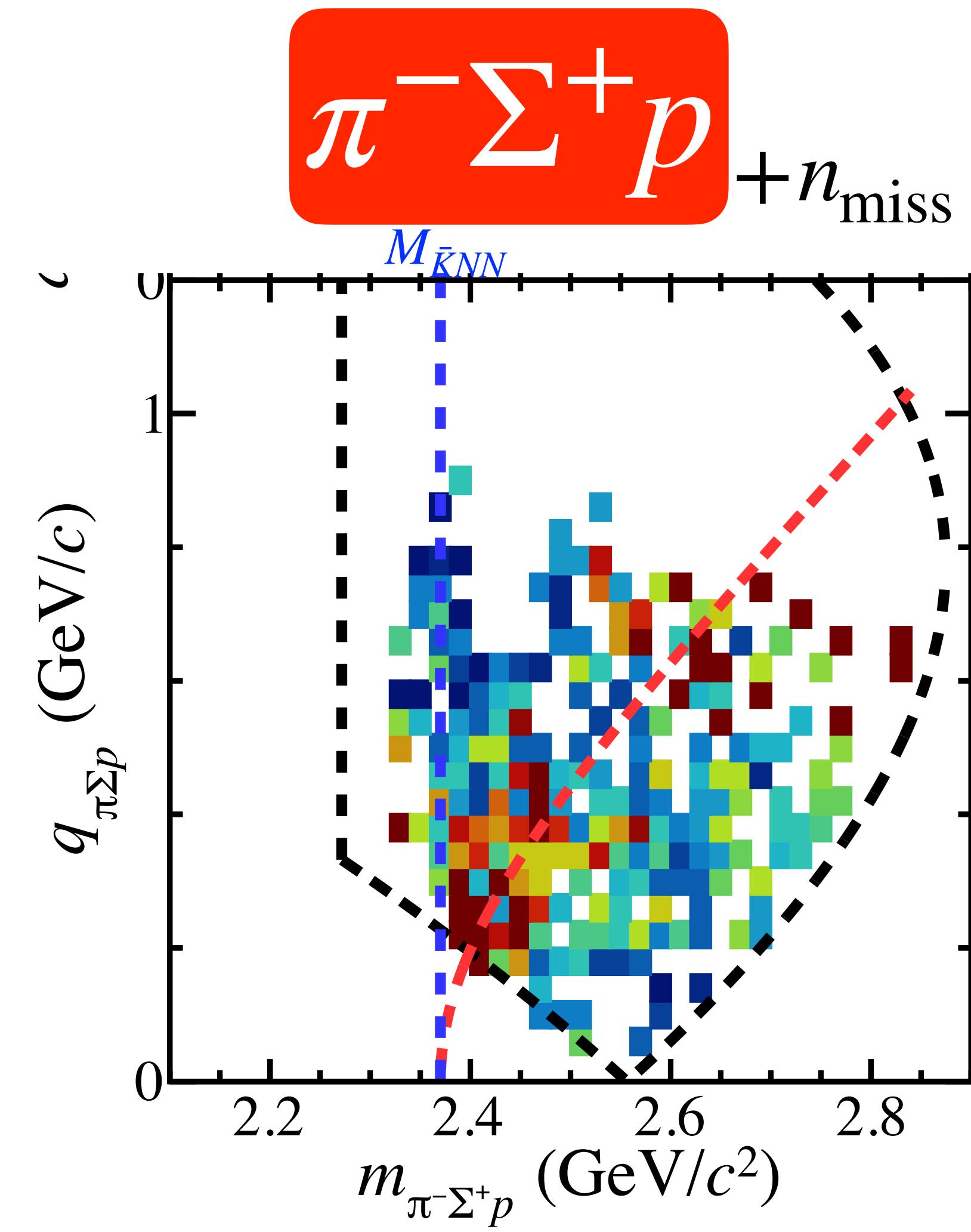


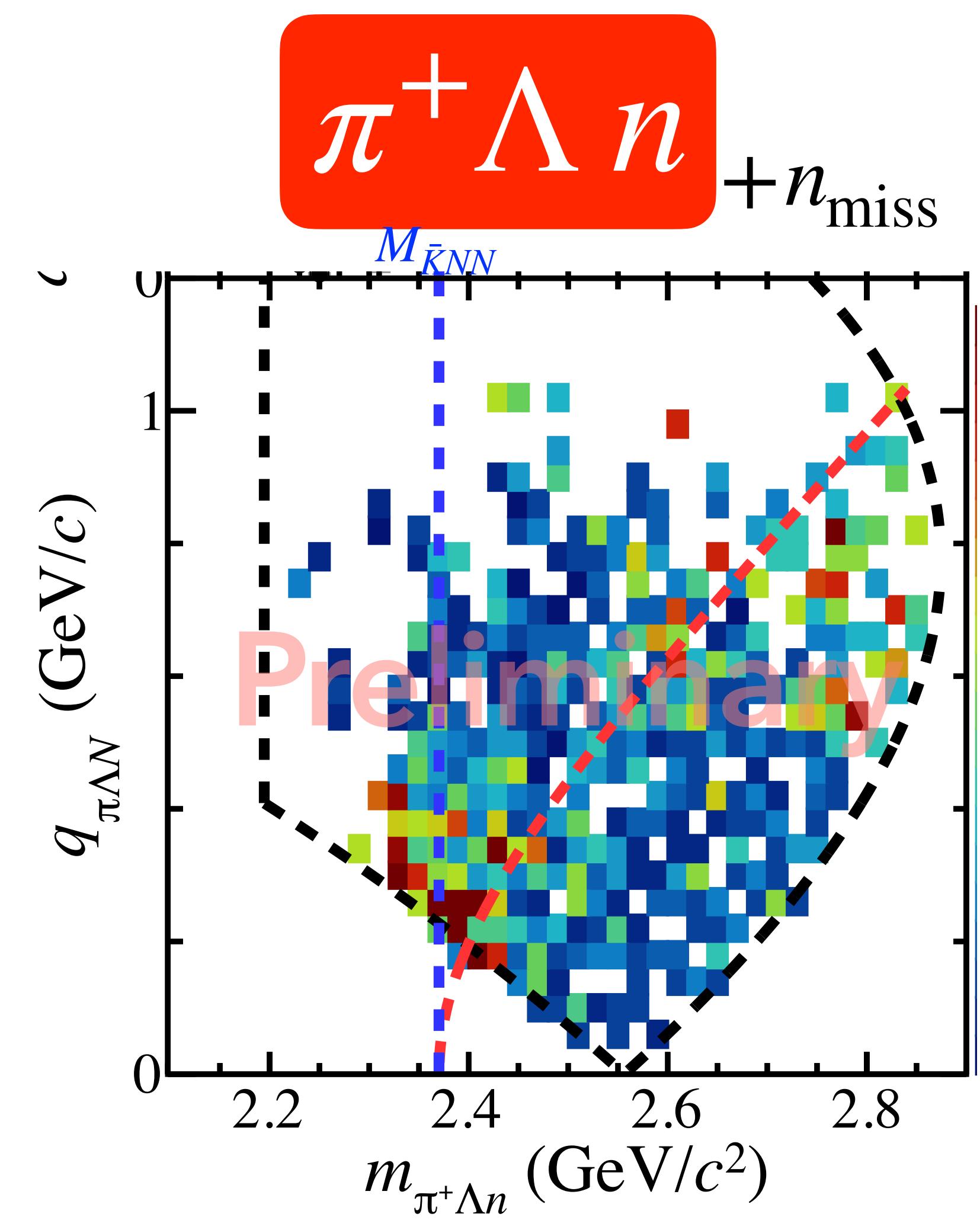
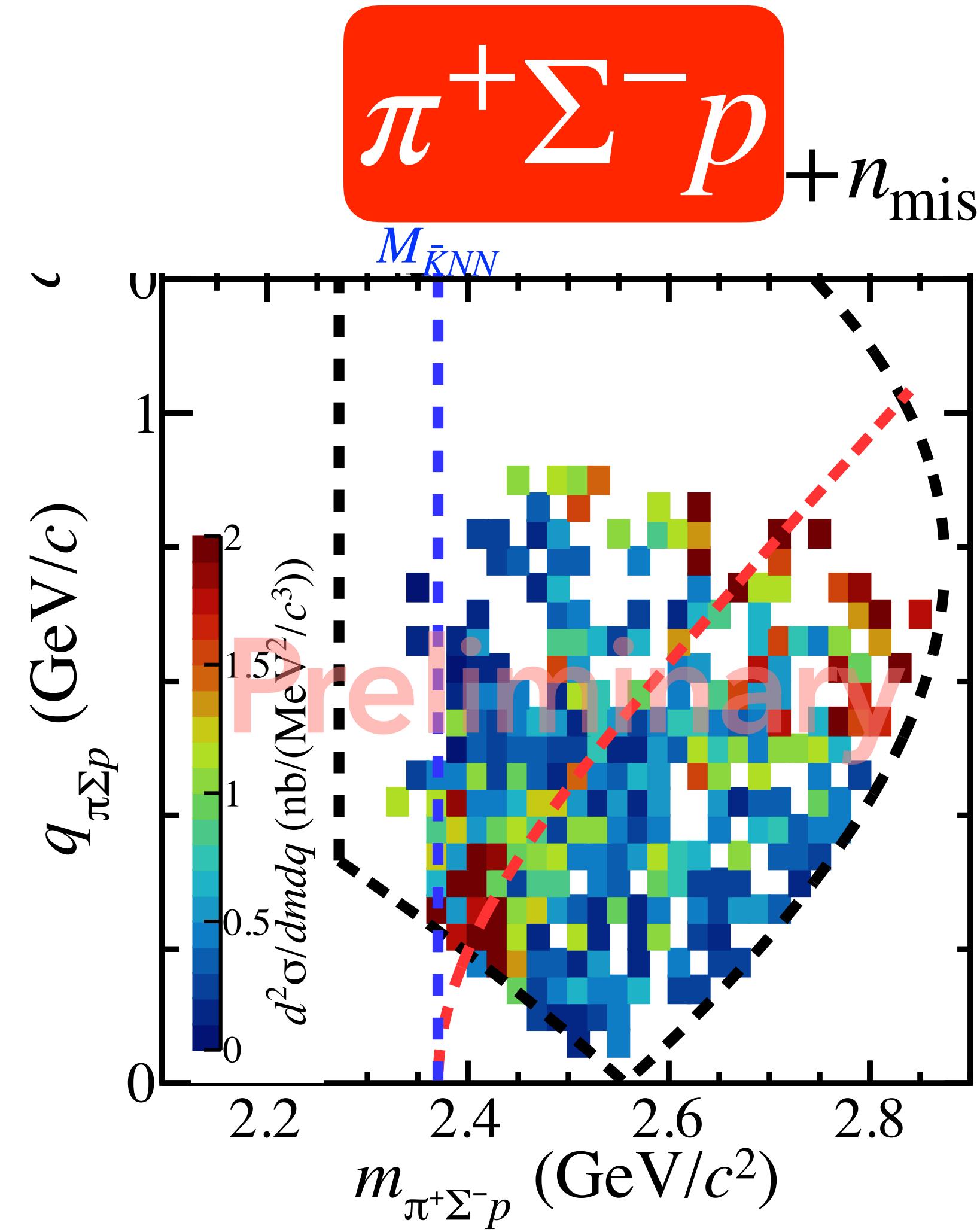
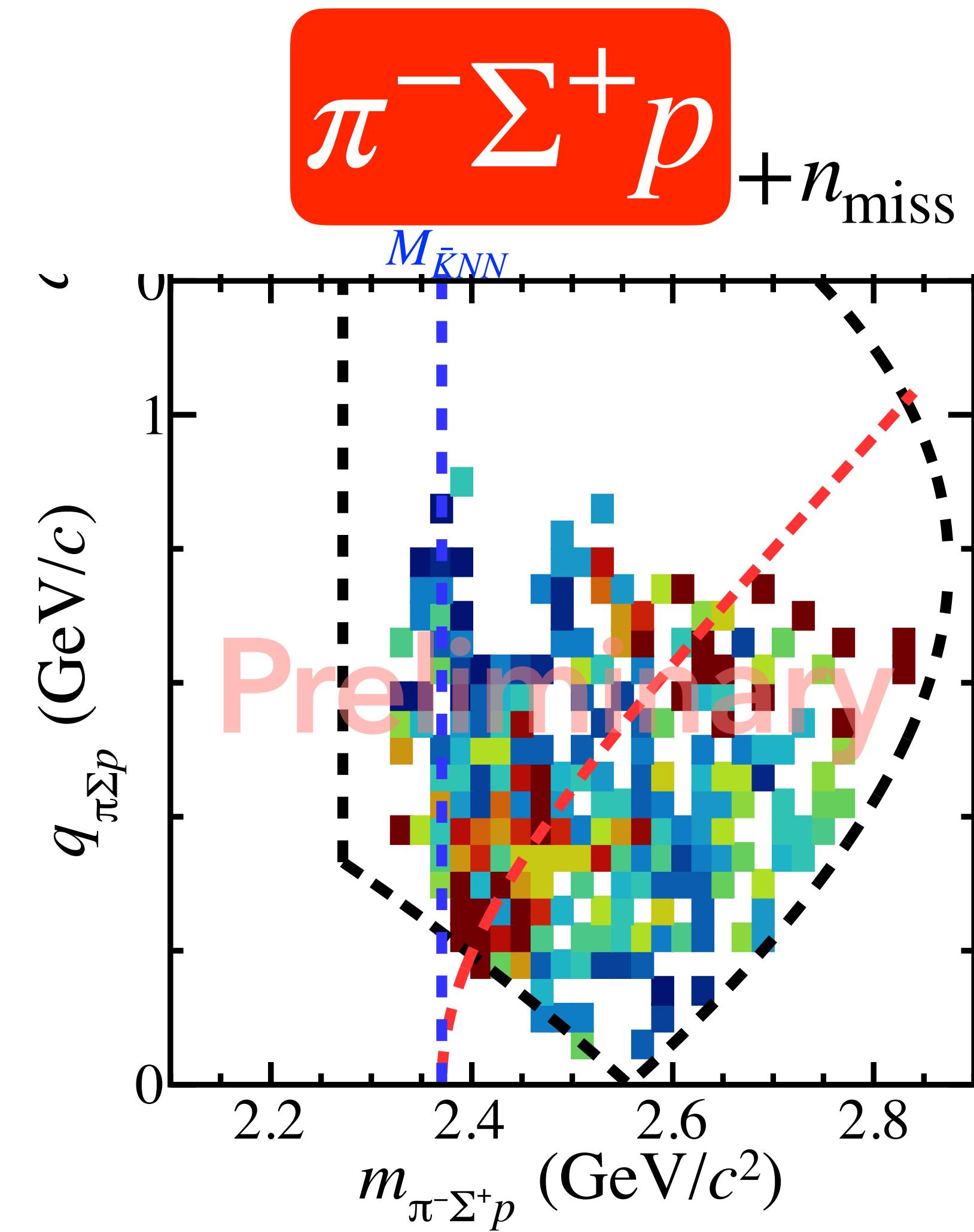
scattered- \bar{K} is low in momentum

$$\pi^-\Sigma^+ p + n_{\text{miss}}$$

$$\pi^+\Sigma^- p + n_{\text{miss}}$$

$$\pi^+\Lambda n + n_{\text{miss}}$$





Similar to $\Lambda p + n_{\text{miss}}$, but

clear for **OF- \bar{K} absorption**, not significant for **$\bar{K}NN$ production**

Why $\bar{K}NN$ signal is not THAT clear?

final state density

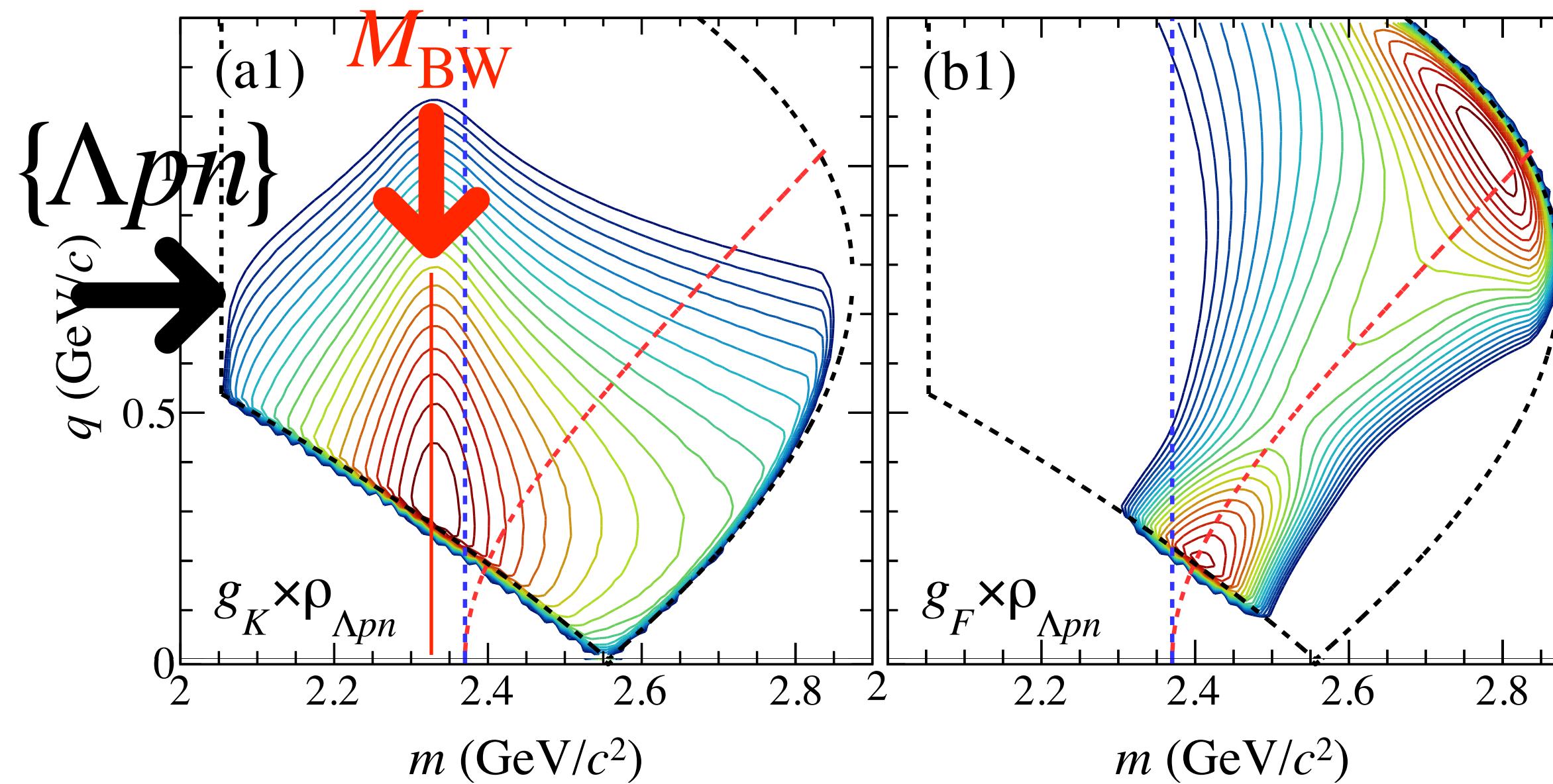
→ Due to phase volume reduction below $M_{\bar{K}NN}$ toward $M_{\pi\Sigma N}$

$$f_{\bar{K}NN}(m, q) \times \rho_{\{\Lambda p n\}}(m, q) \quad f_{QF-\bar{K}}(m, q) \times \rho_{\{\Lambda p n\}}(m, q)$$



$\bar{K}NN$ production

QF- \bar{K} absorption

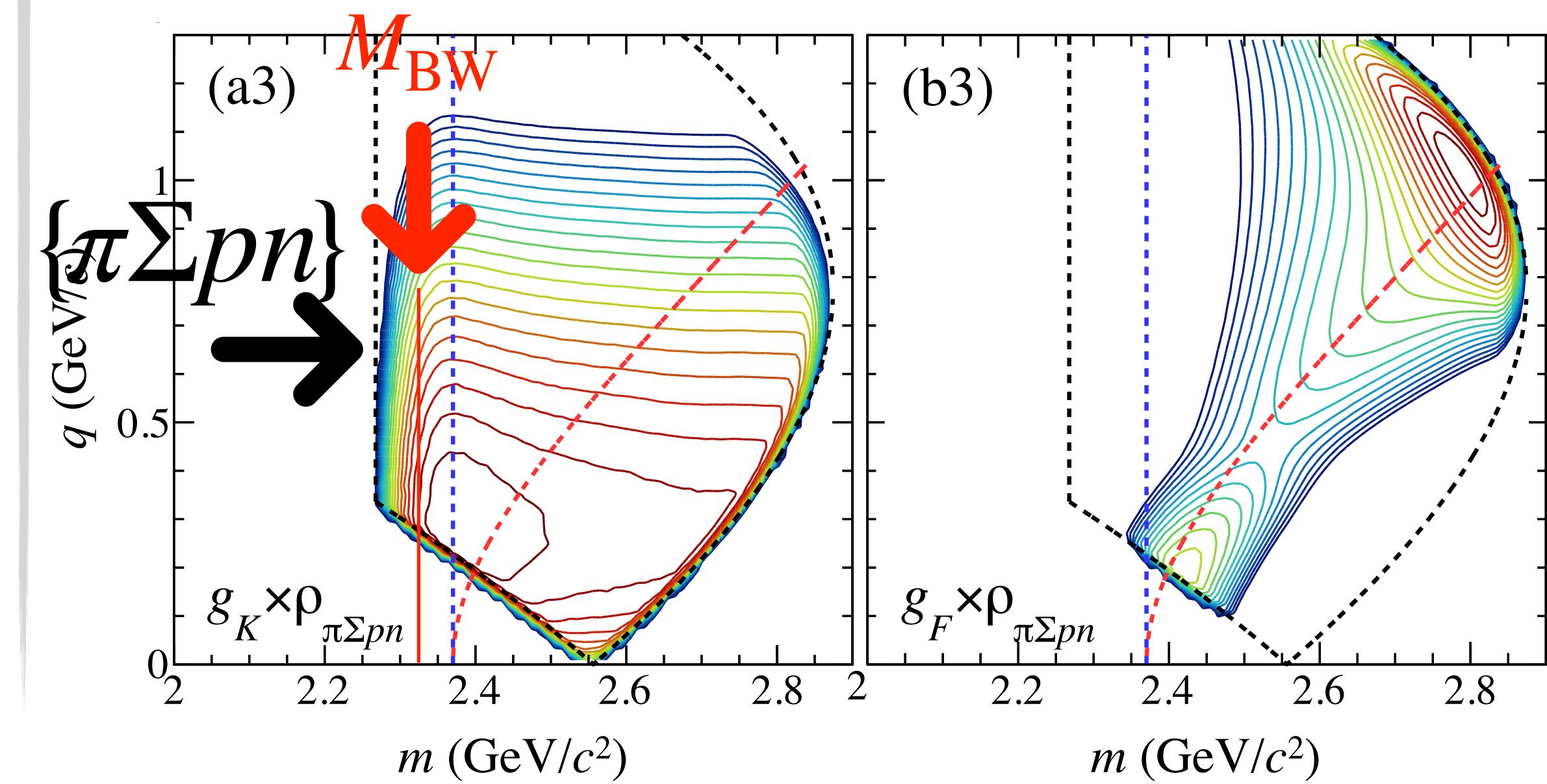


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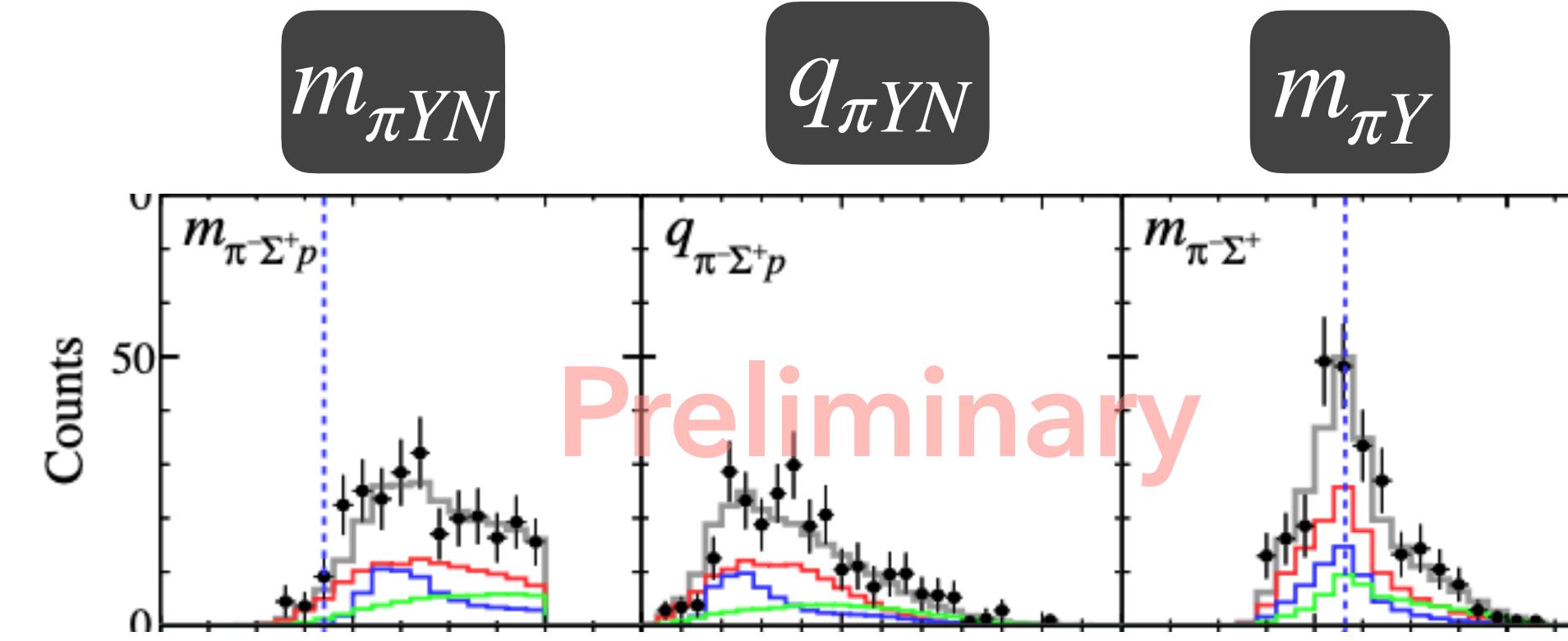
$\bar{K}NN$ production

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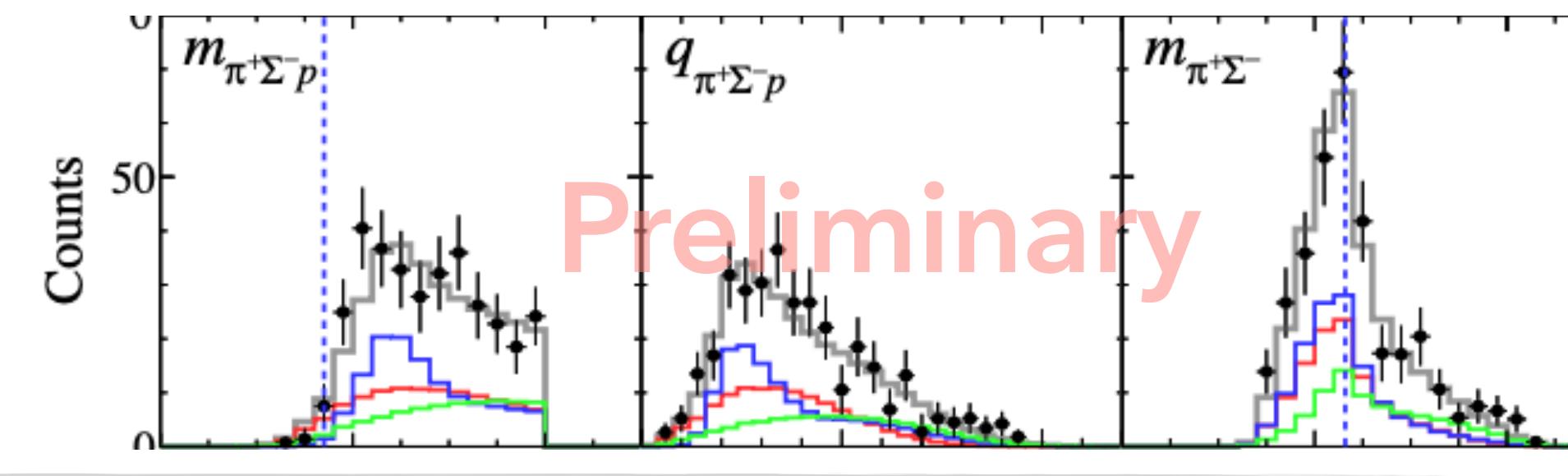


Fit result assuming $f_{\bar{K}NN}$ and $f_{QF-\bar{K}}$ are common with what observed in Λp

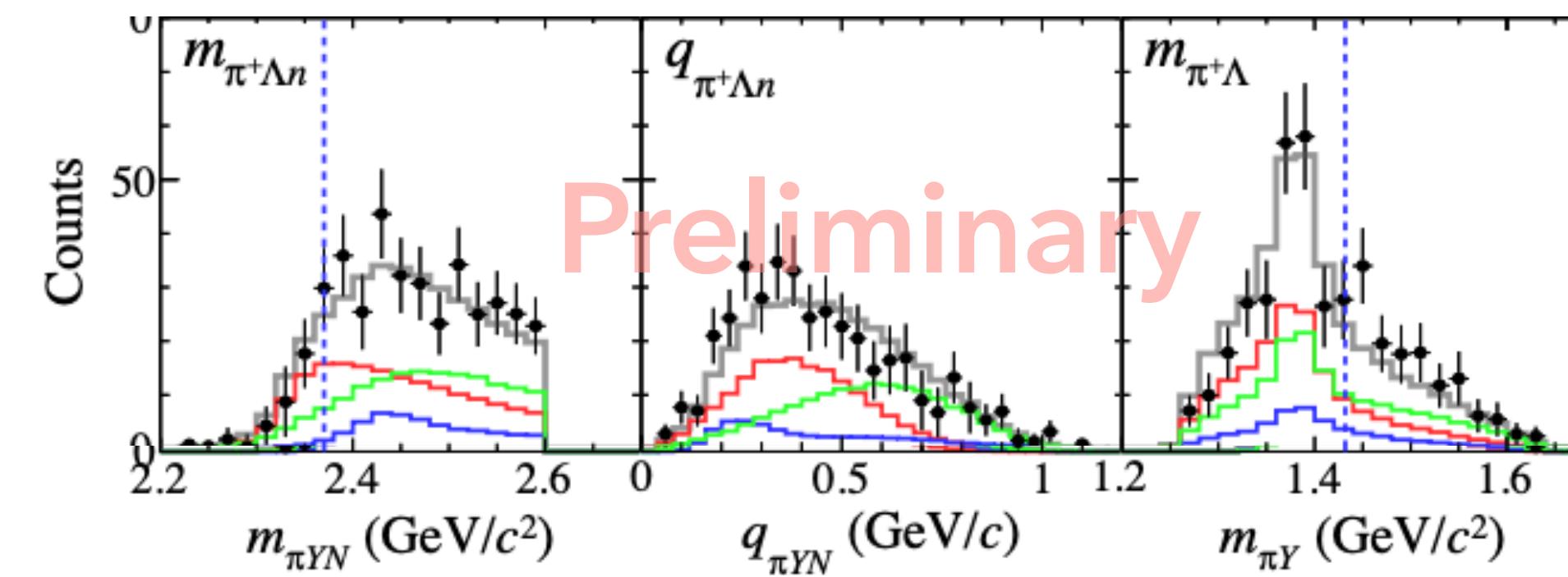
$\pi^- \Sigma^+ p + n_{\text{mis}}$



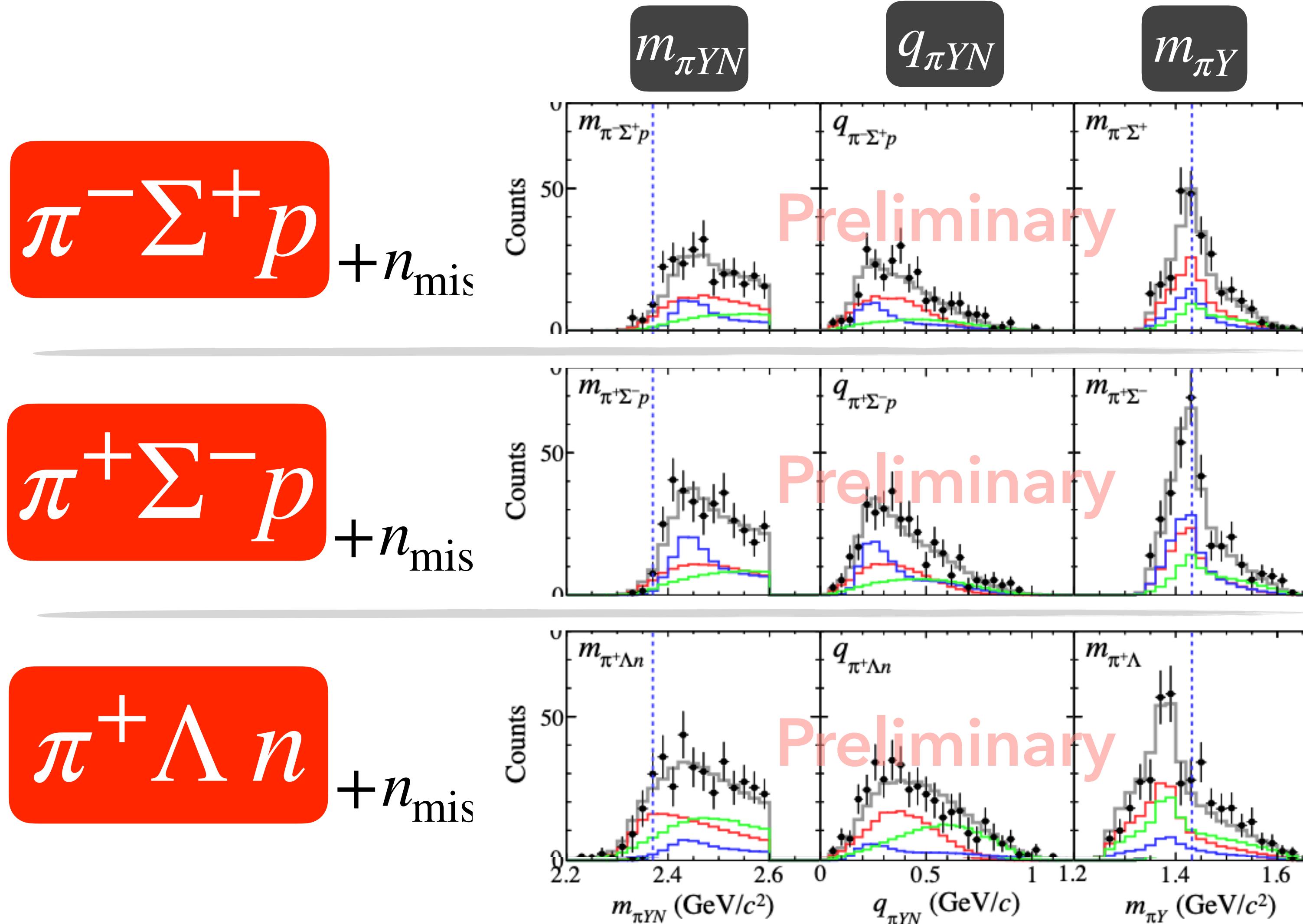
$\pi^+ \Sigma^- p + n_{\text{mis}}$



$\pi^+ \Lambda n + n_{\text{mis}}$



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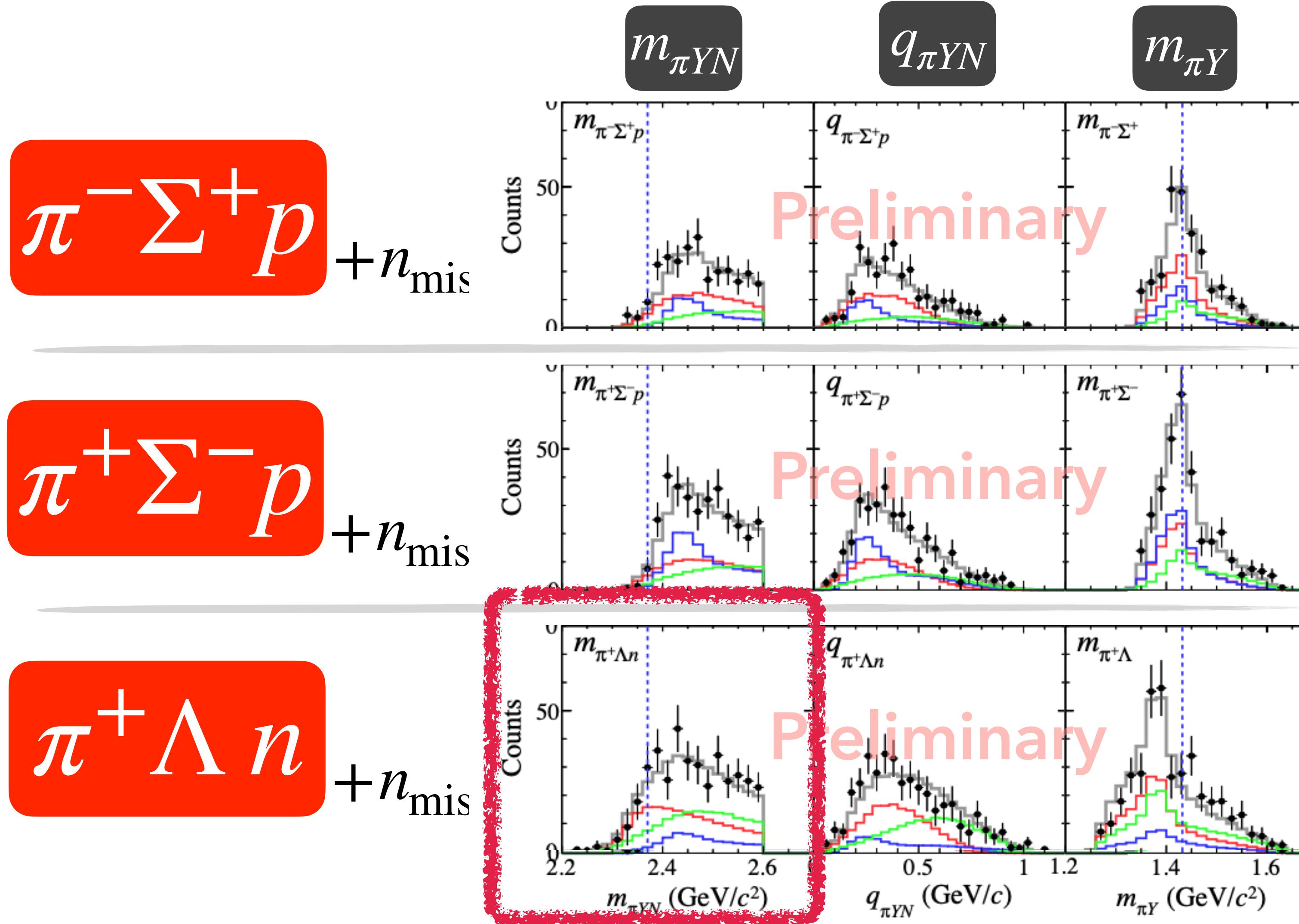


All distributions are well fitted
with $\bar{K}NN$, QF , and BG .



misconceiving of QF

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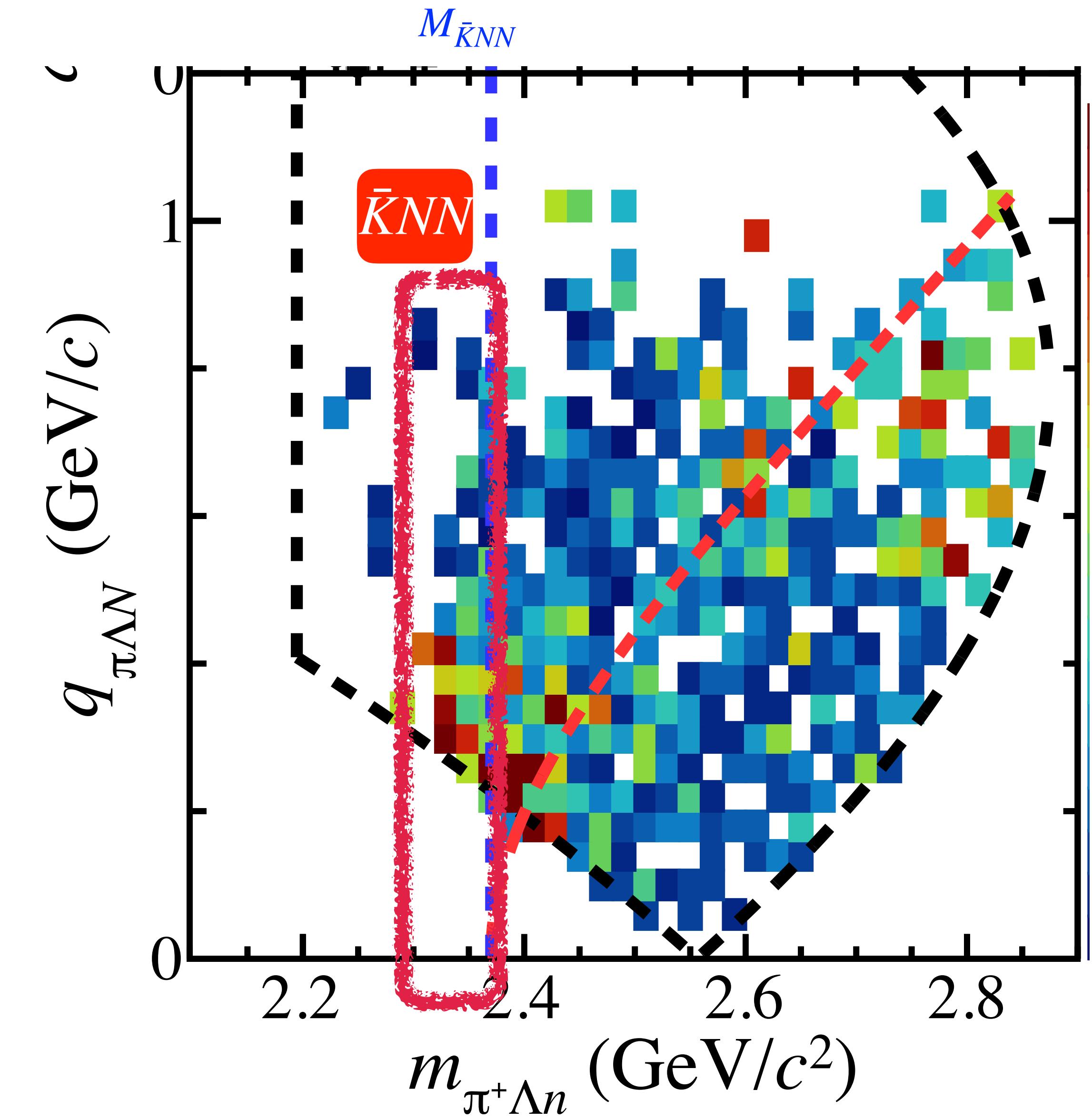
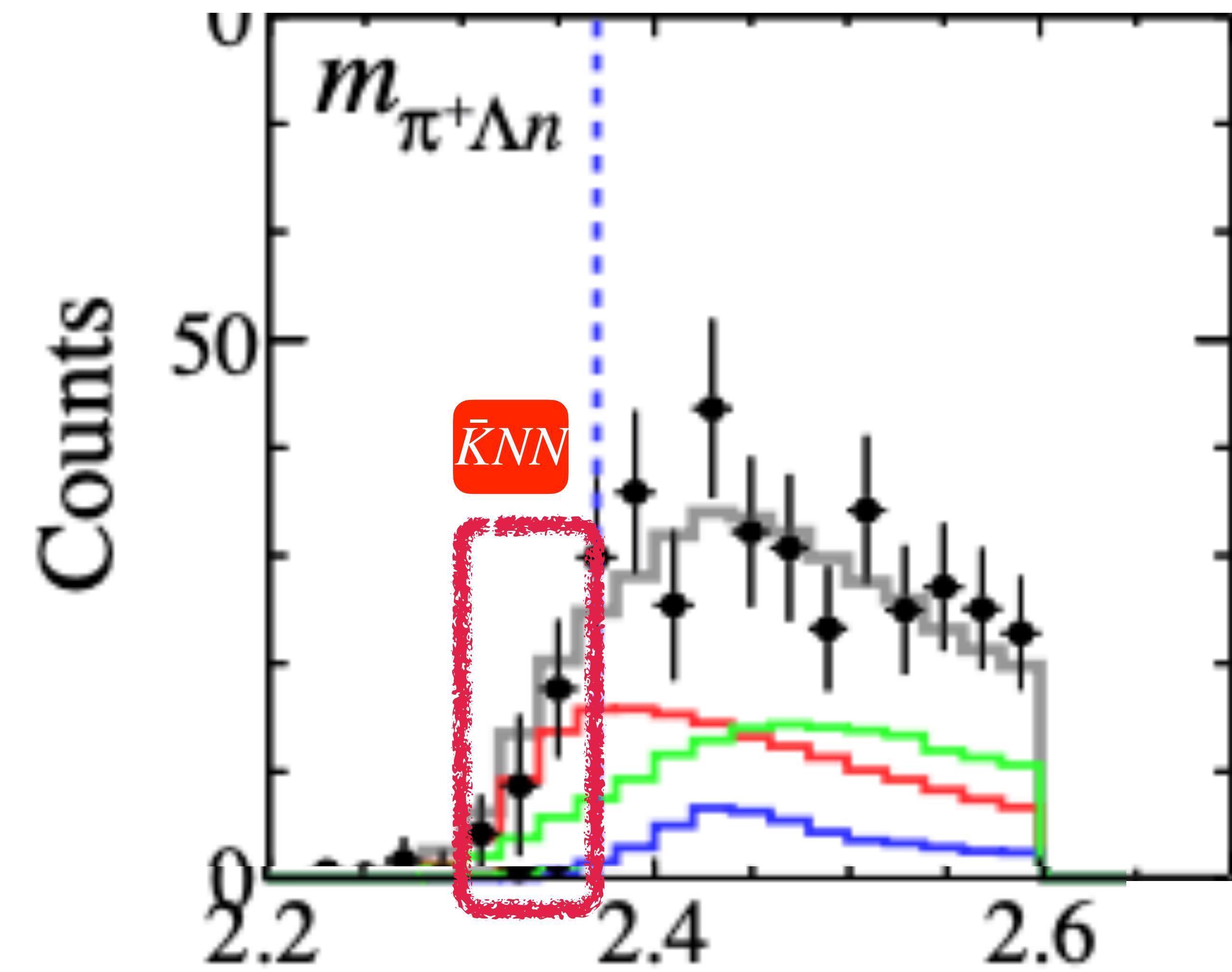


misconceiving of QF

Can only be fitted by assuming the presence of $\bar{K}NN$

$\pi^+\Lambda n + n_{\text{miss}}$

An example of the fit



Cross section $\times \text{Br}_{\pi YN}$ from the fit

$I_{\bar{K}N} = 0, 1$

$\pi^- \Sigma^+ p + n_{\text{miss}}$

$I_{\bar{K}N} = 0, 1$

$\pi^+ \Sigma^- p + n_{\text{miss}}$

$I_{\bar{K}N} = 1$

$\pi^+ \Lambda n + n_{\text{miss}}$

c.f. $\Lambda p + n_{\text{miss}}$

Cross section of $\bar{K}NN \times \text{Br.}$

※ Statistical error only

Preliminary

$85.4 \pm 21.2 \mu\text{b}$

Preliminary

$43.8 \pm 9.6 \mu\text{b}$

Preliminary

$83.6 \pm 12.0 \mu\text{b}$

$9.3 \pm 0.8^{+1.4}_{-1.0} \mu\text{b}$

*mesonic decay channel
is more difficult to
identify $\bar{K}NN$ signal in
invariant mass due to*

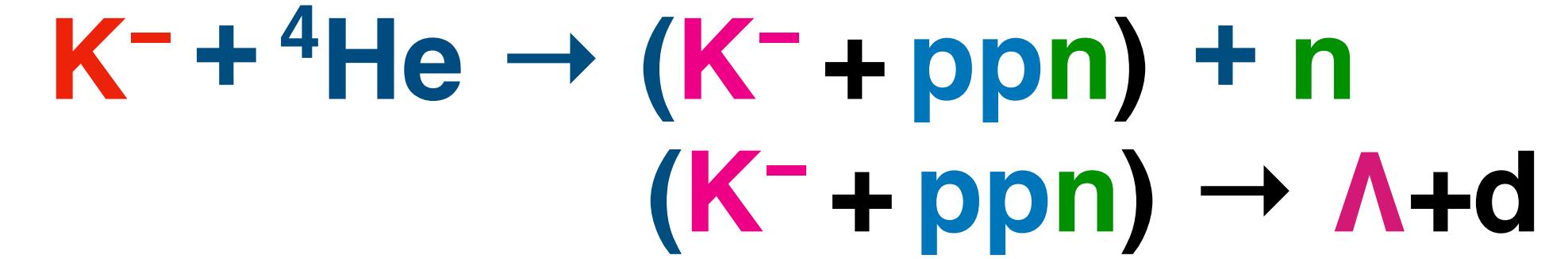
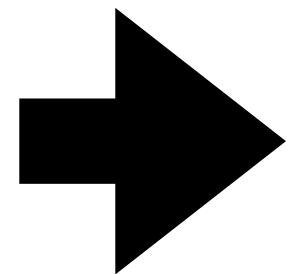
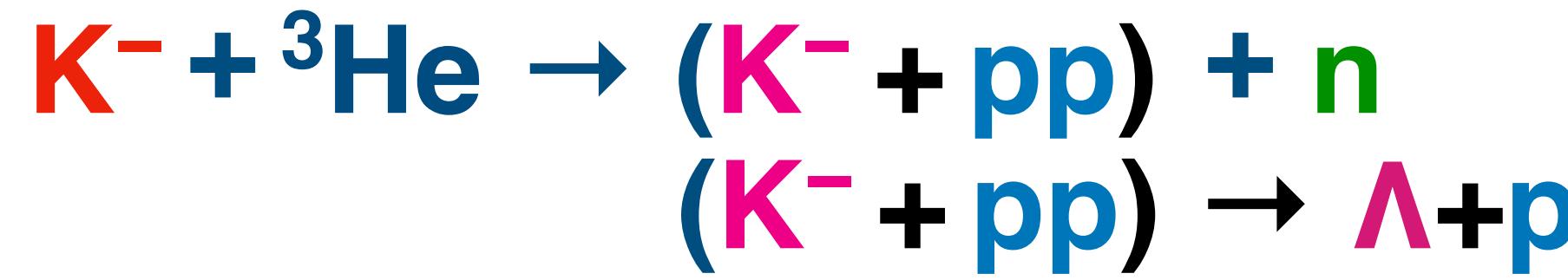
$\rho_{\{\pi Ypn\}}(m, q)$

Γ_{mesonic} is more than
 $\mathcal{O}(10)$ larger
compared to $\Gamma_{\text{non-mesonic}}$

$\Gamma_{\text{mesonic}} \gg \Gamma_{\text{non-mesonic}}$

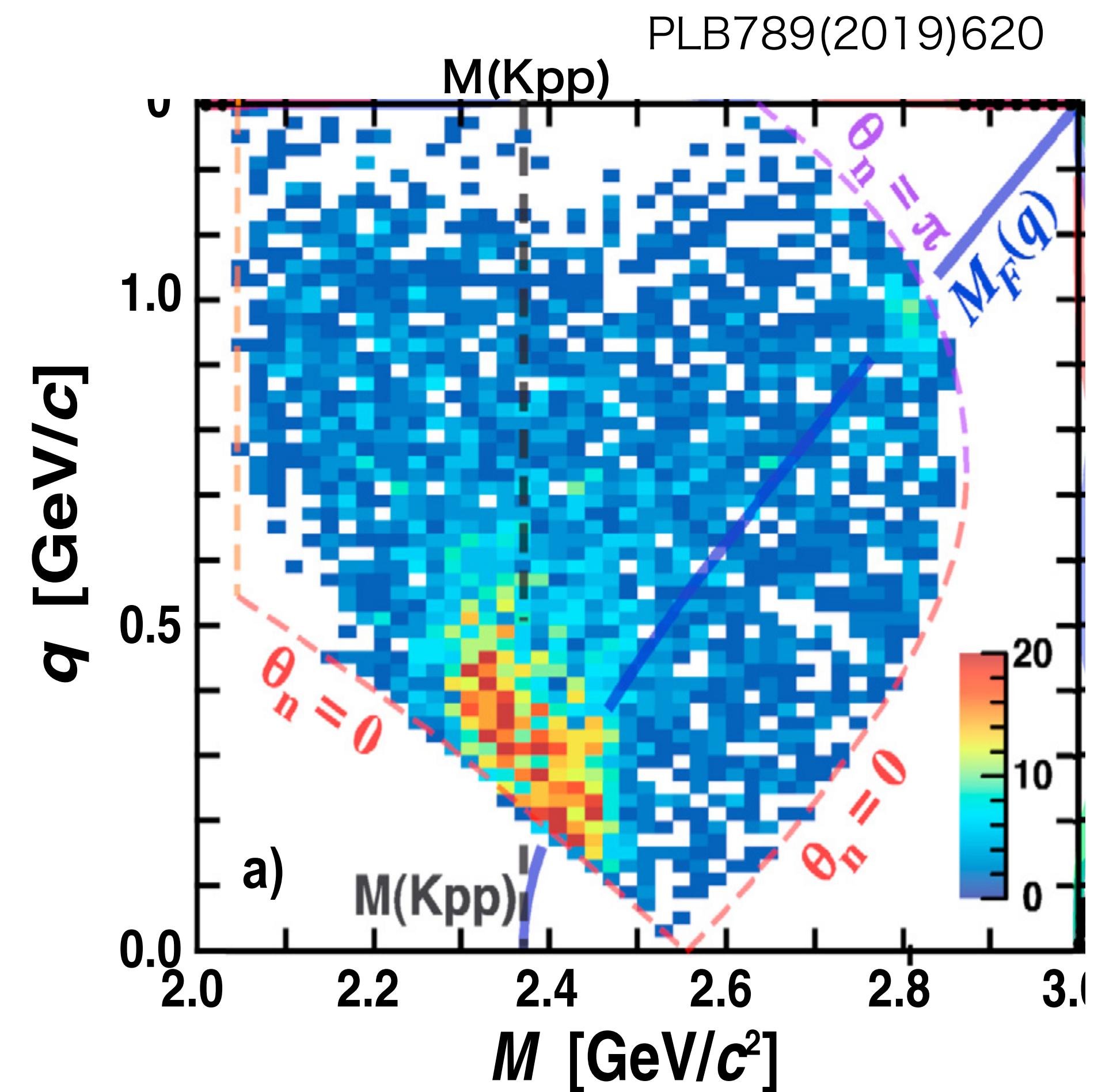
what we are working on ... //

Signal of $\bar{K}NNN$



... T. Hashimoto

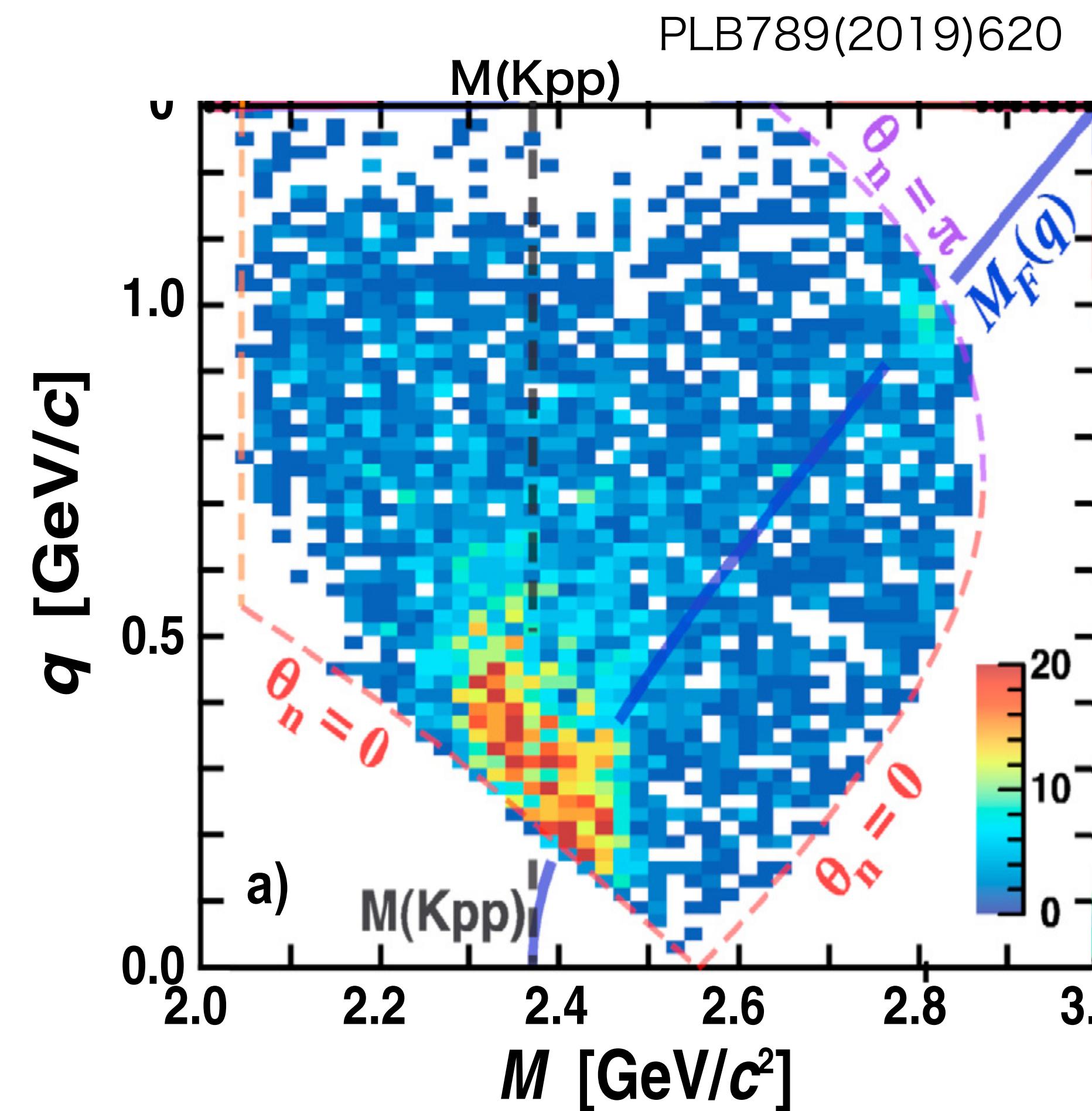
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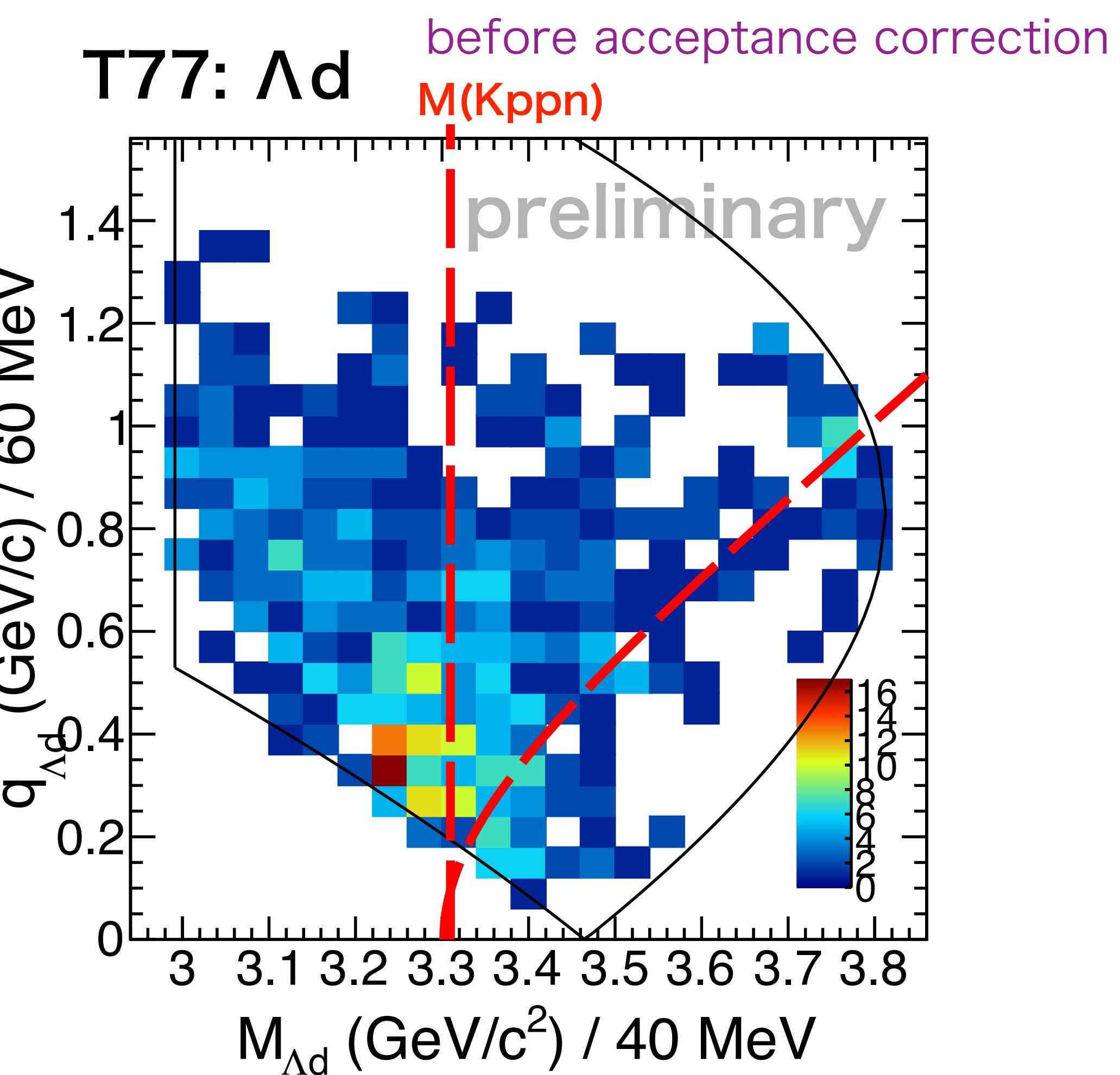
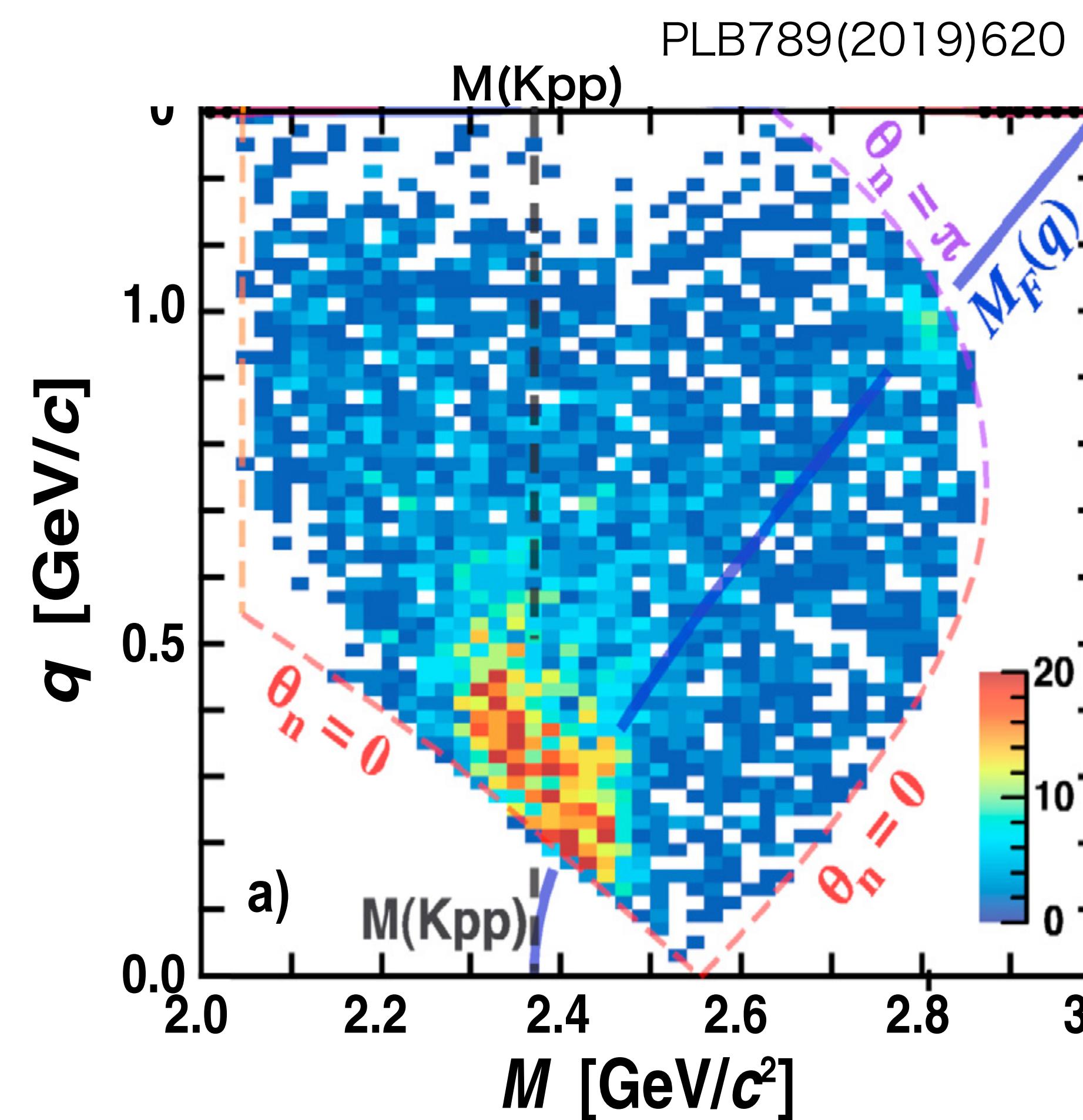
Preliminary Λd result

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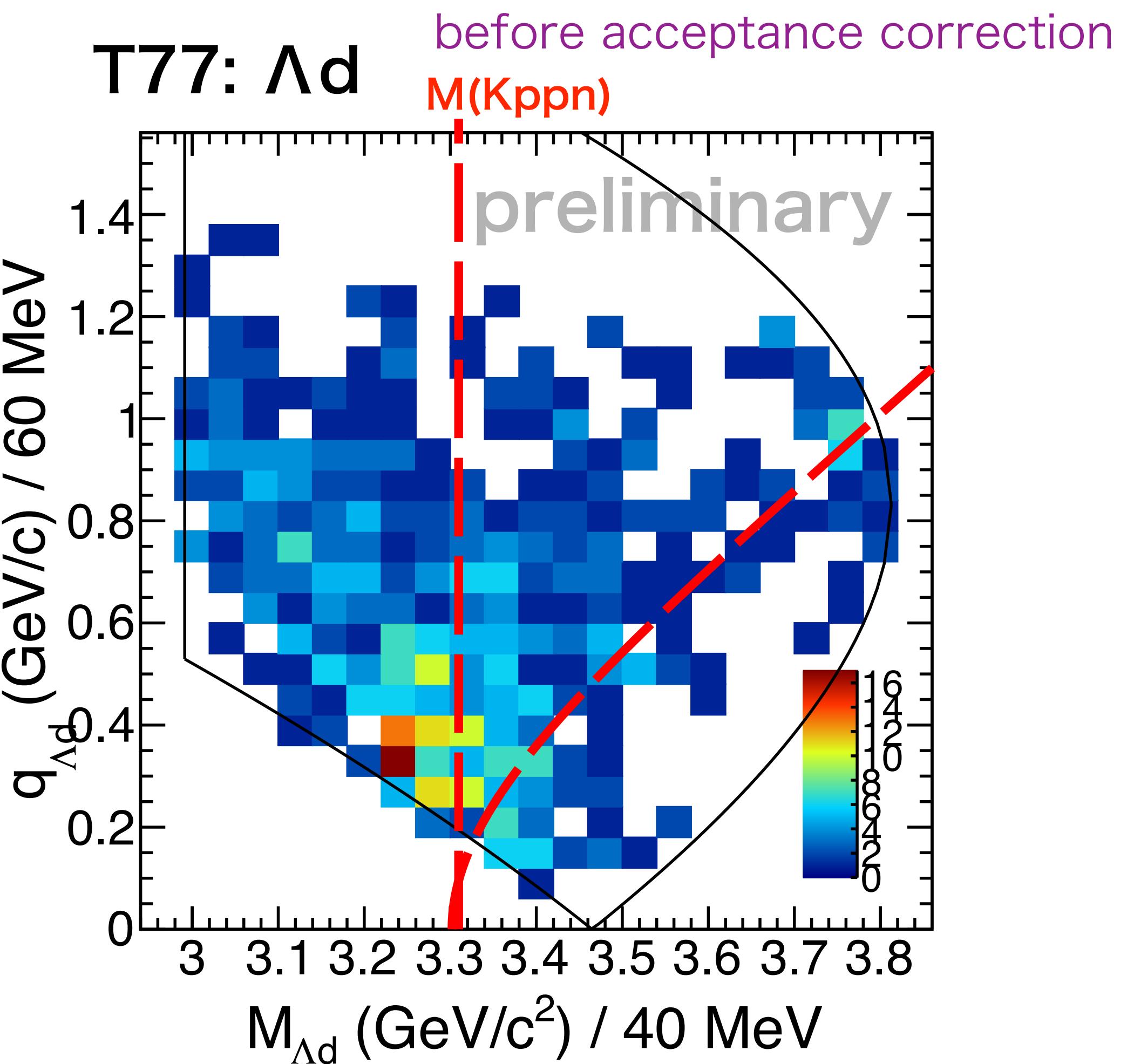
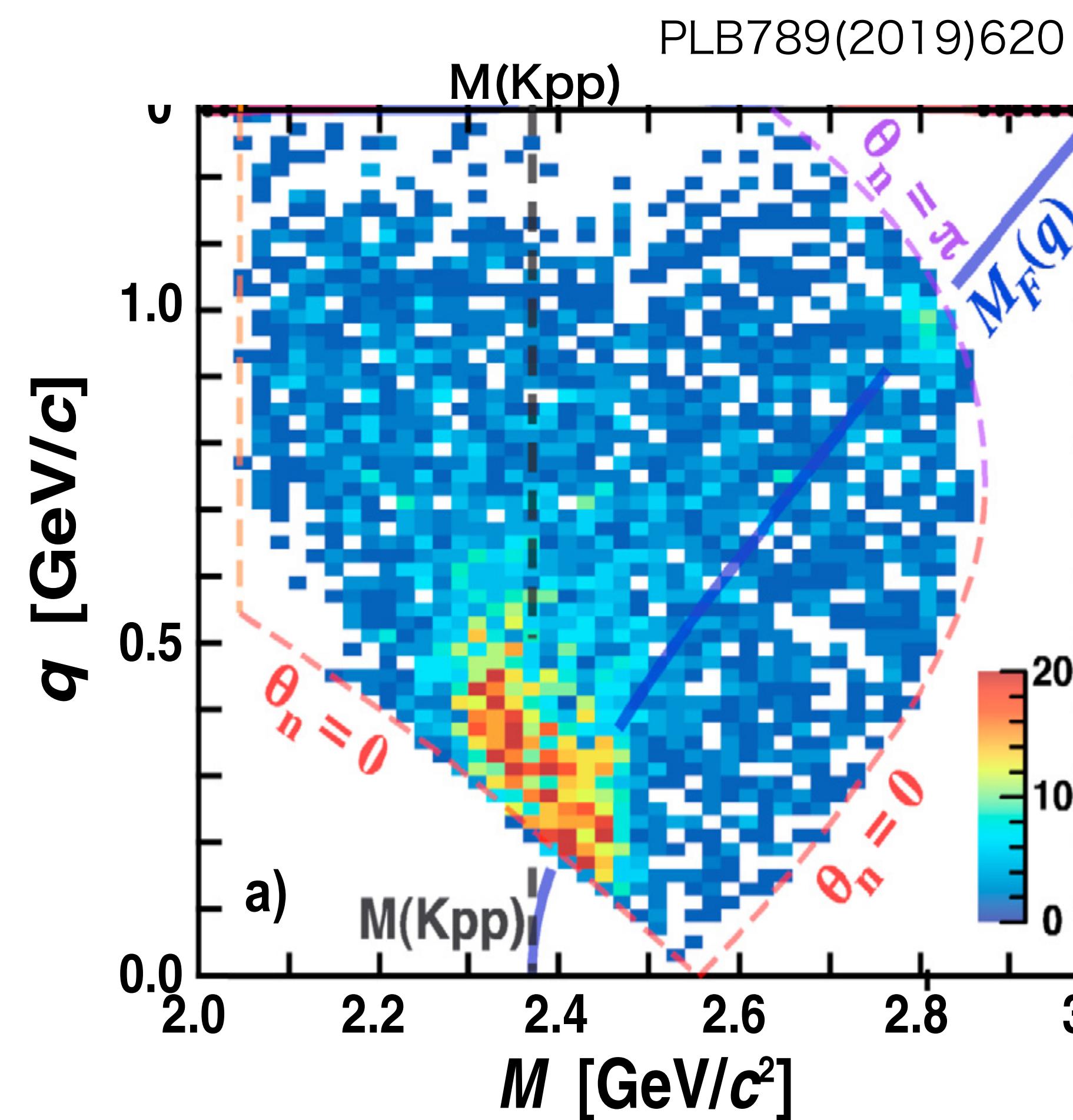
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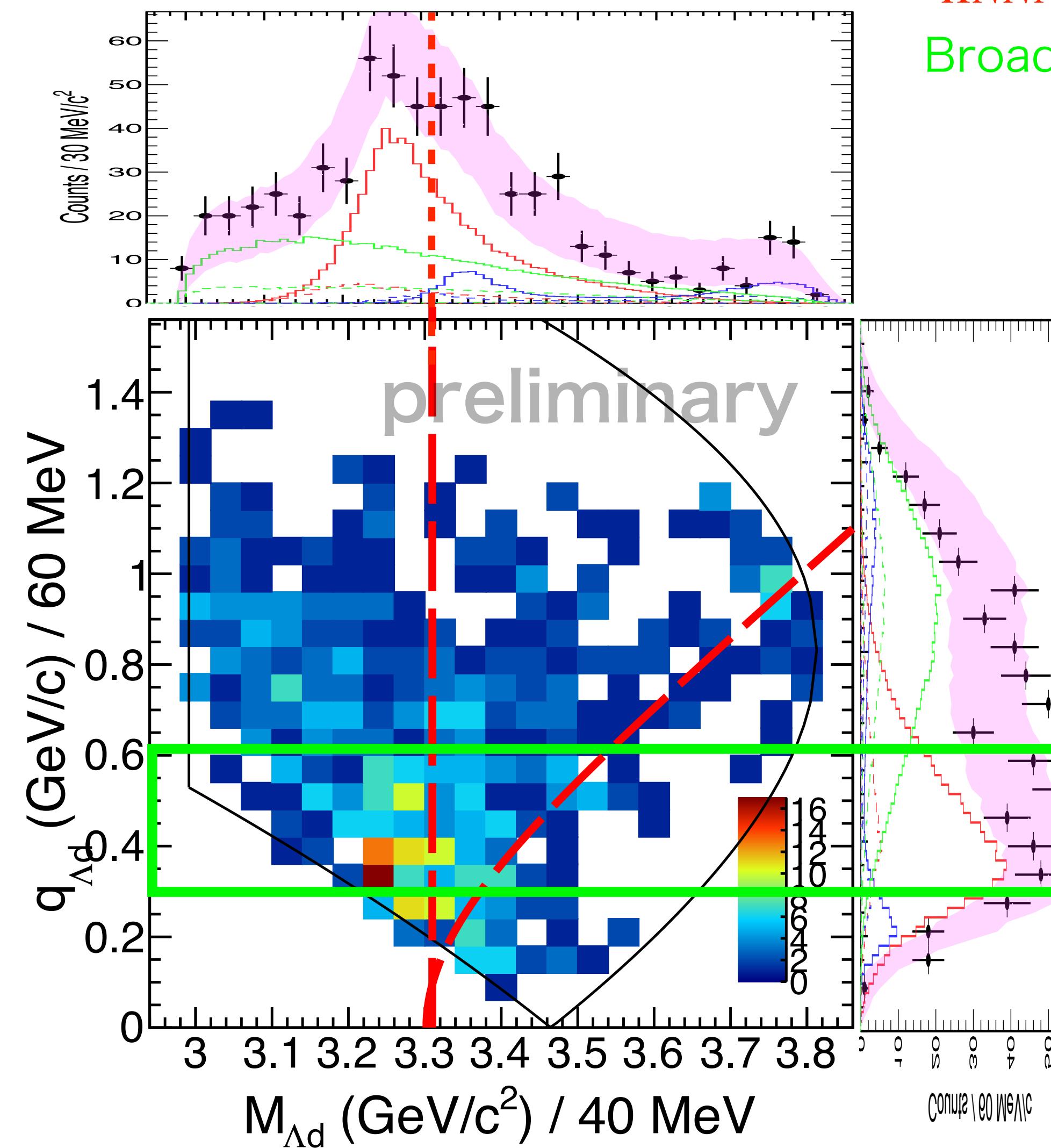
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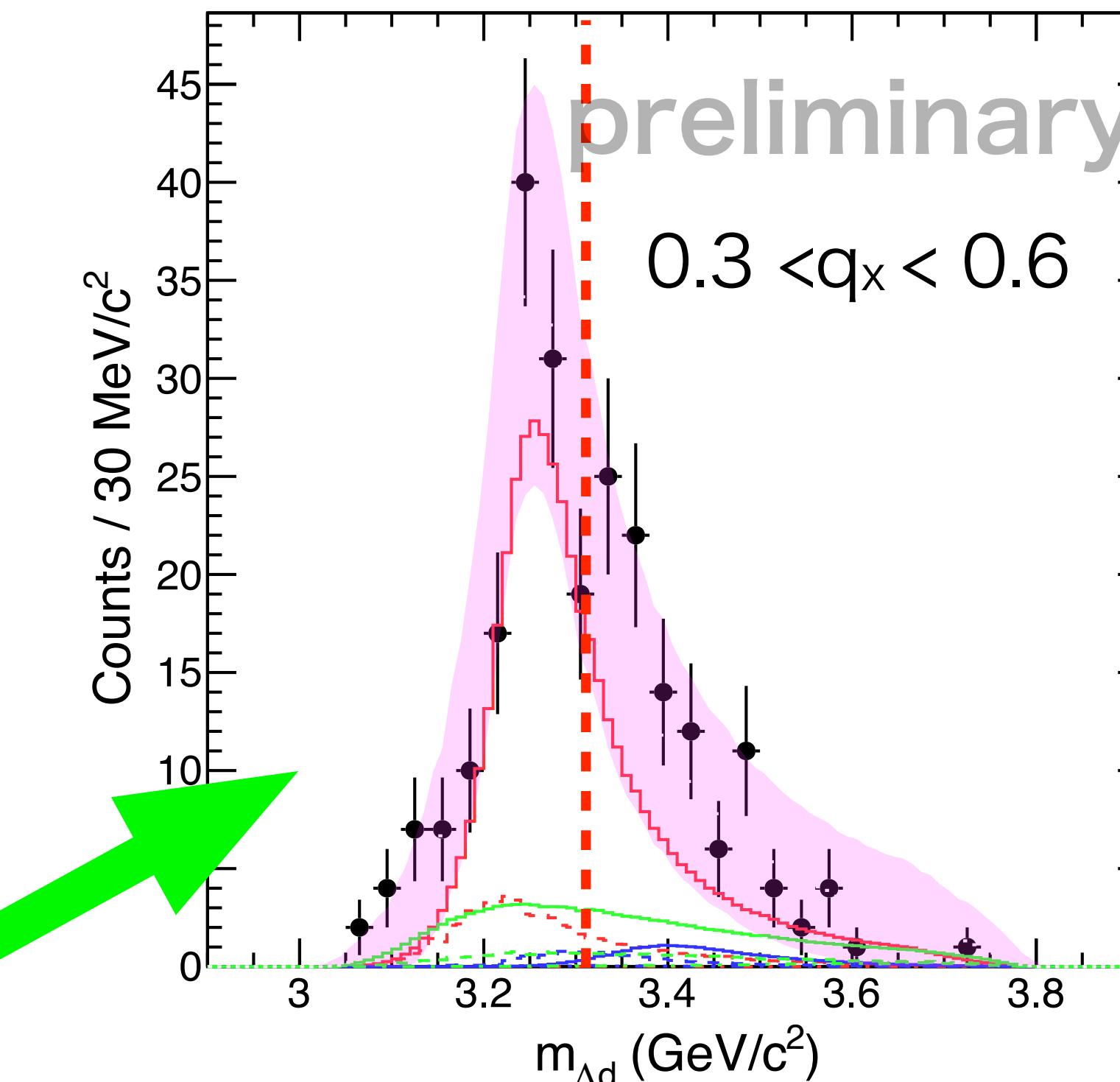


- Two distributions are quite similar
- structure below the threshold, QF-K, and broad background

Preliminary result



“ $\bar{K}NNN$ ” Breit-Wigner wtih Gaussian form factor
Broad BG and QF-K- shape from E15



$$B_{\bar{K}NNN} = xx \pm 11(\text{stat}) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\bar{K}NNN} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

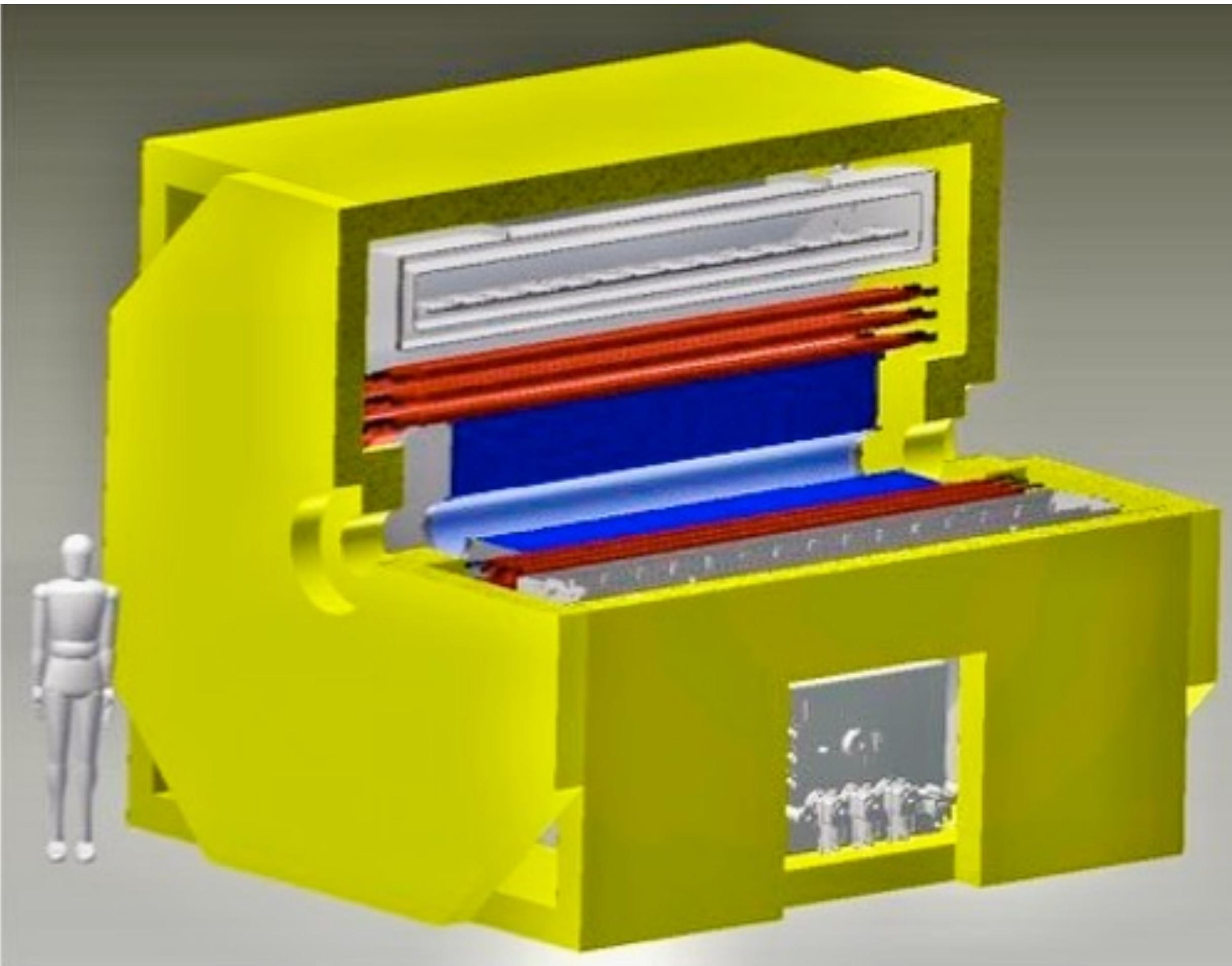
$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NNN \rightarrow \Lambda d} \sim 4 \mu\text{b}$$

Summary:

- $\bar{K}NN$, $I_3 = +\frac{1}{2}$ identified in $\bar{K}NN \rightarrow \Lambda p$ analysis
Phys. Lett. B789, 620-625 (2019)
Phys. Rev. C102, 044002 (2020)
- $\bar{K}NN \rightarrow \pi Yp$ decay dominance $Br_{\pi Yp} > 10 \times Br_{\Lambda p}$
preliminary analysis ***K absorption in $I_{\bar{K}N} = 1$ as well***
- $\bar{K}NNN$, $I = 0$ identified in $\bar{K}NNN \rightarrow \Lambda d$ analysis
preliminary analysis ***Three nucleon bound state!***

\bar{K} nuclear bound state becomes more solid

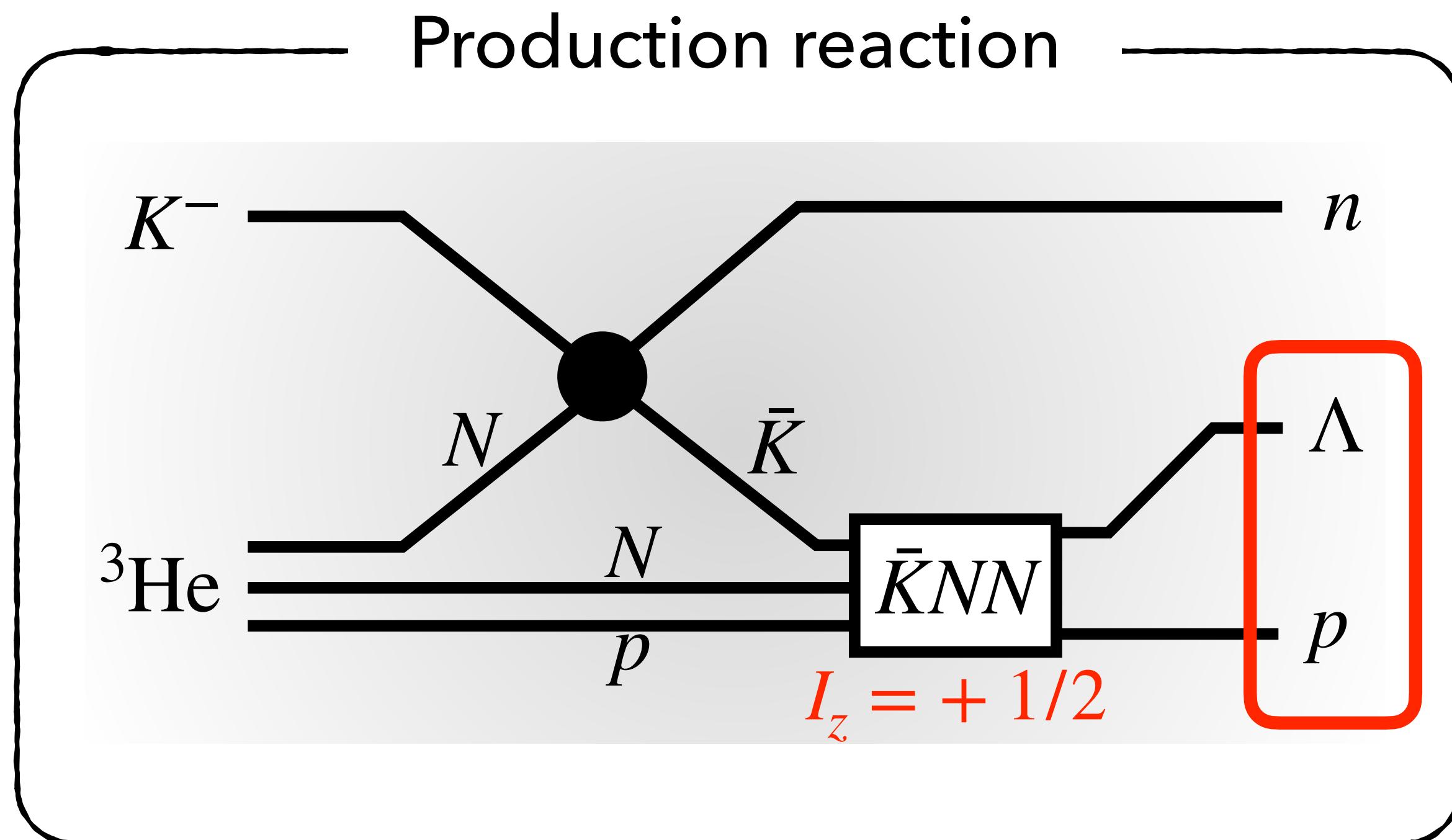
Toward J^P (spin · parity) study



we welcome you if you can join !!!

Thank you for your attention!

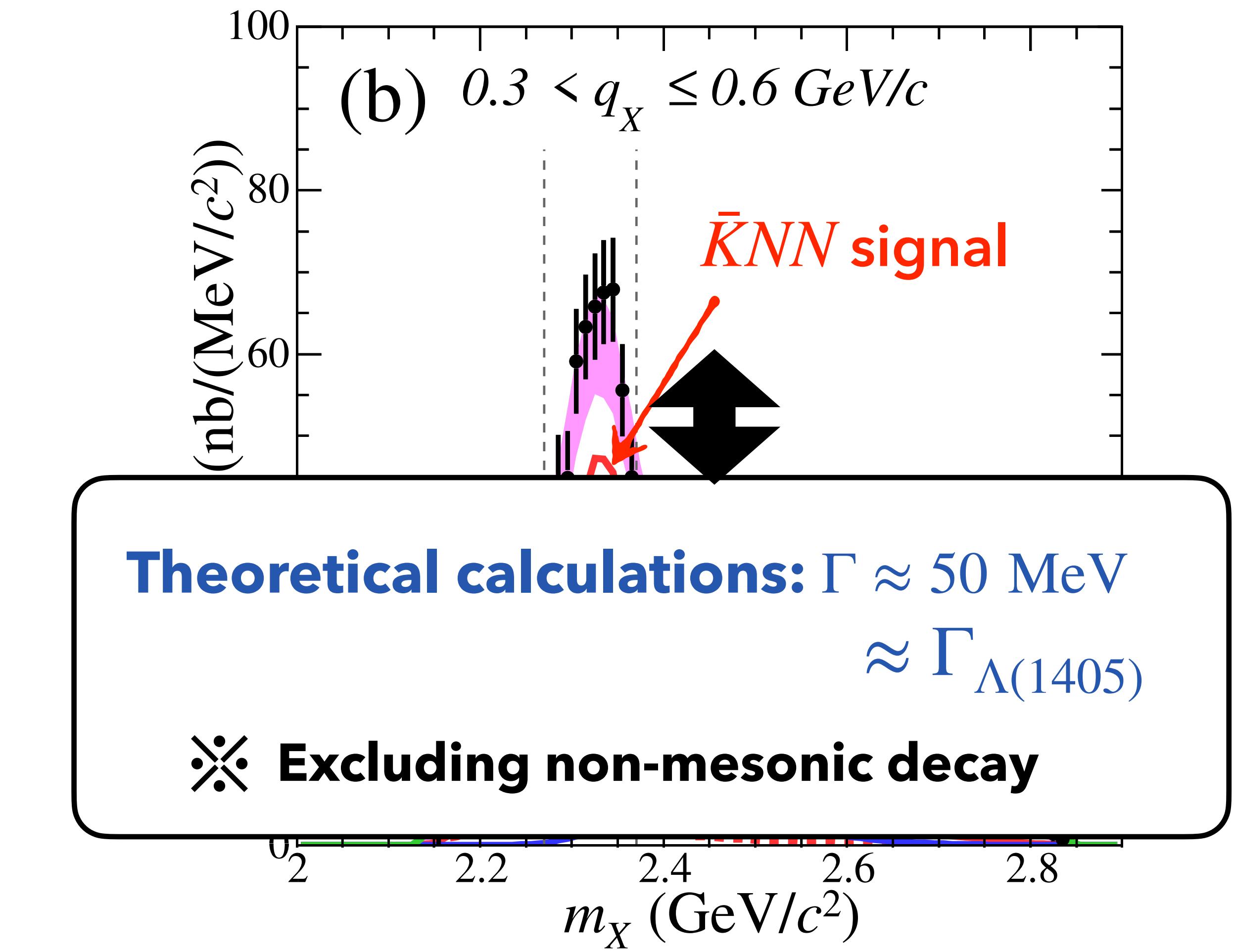
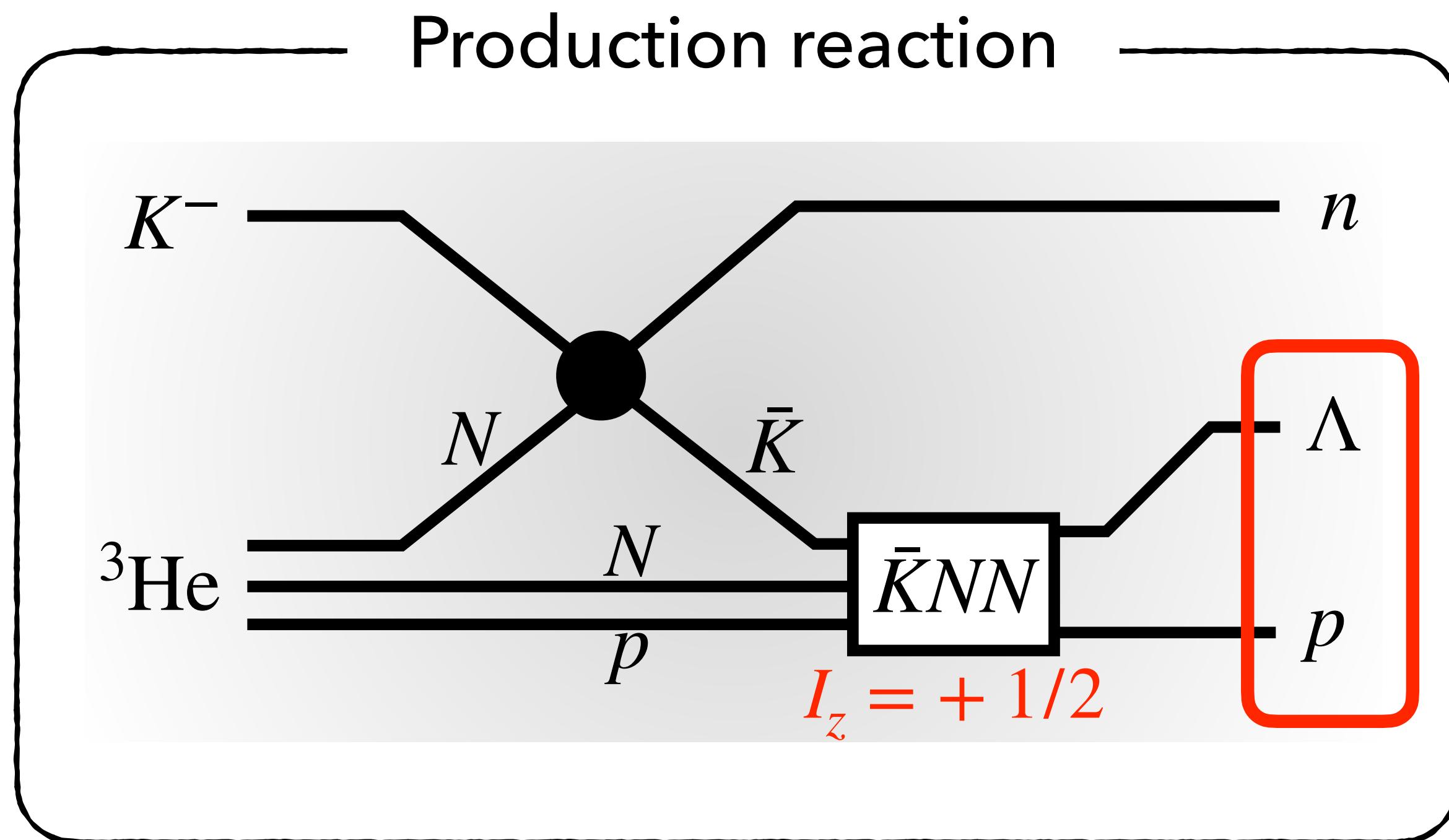
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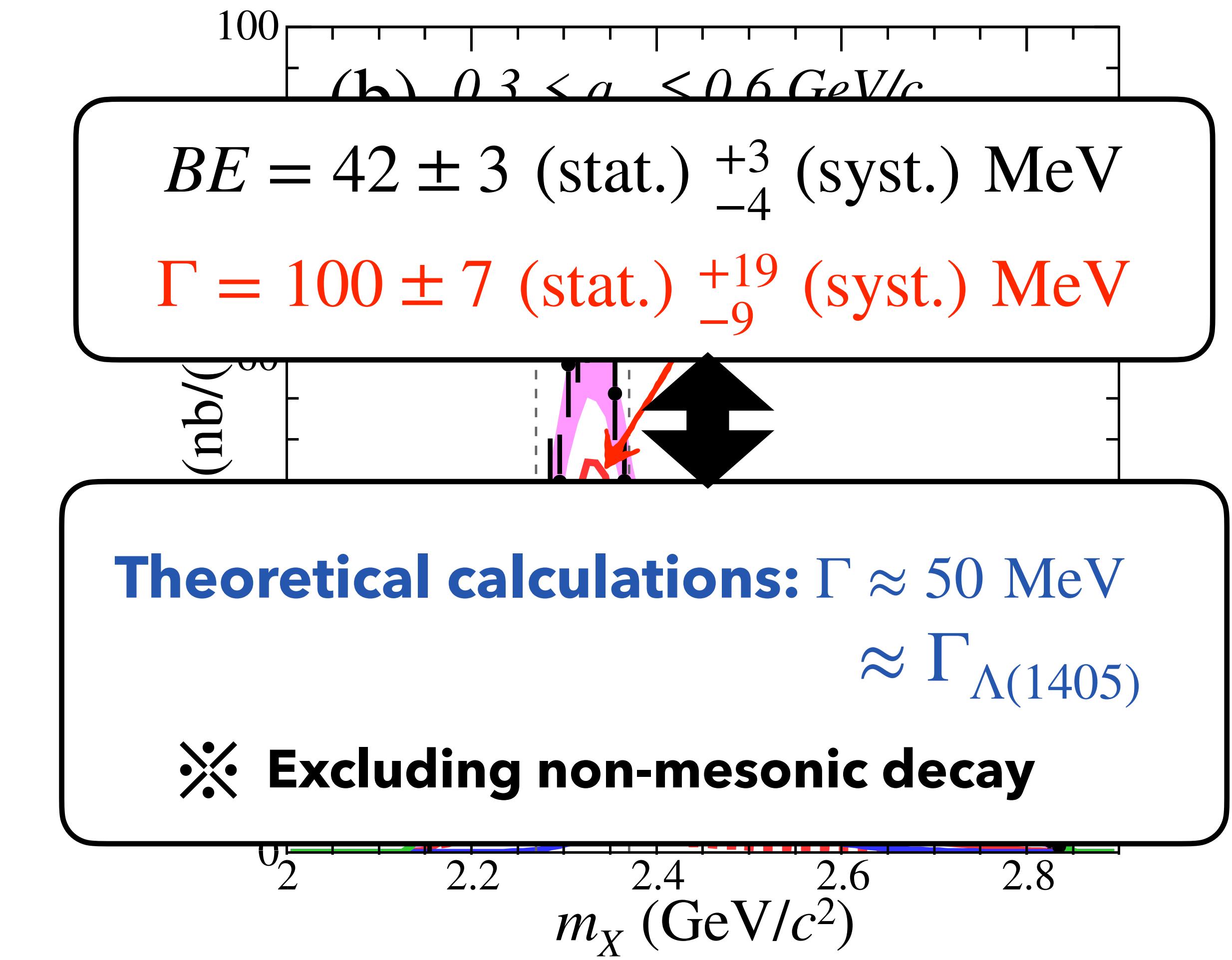
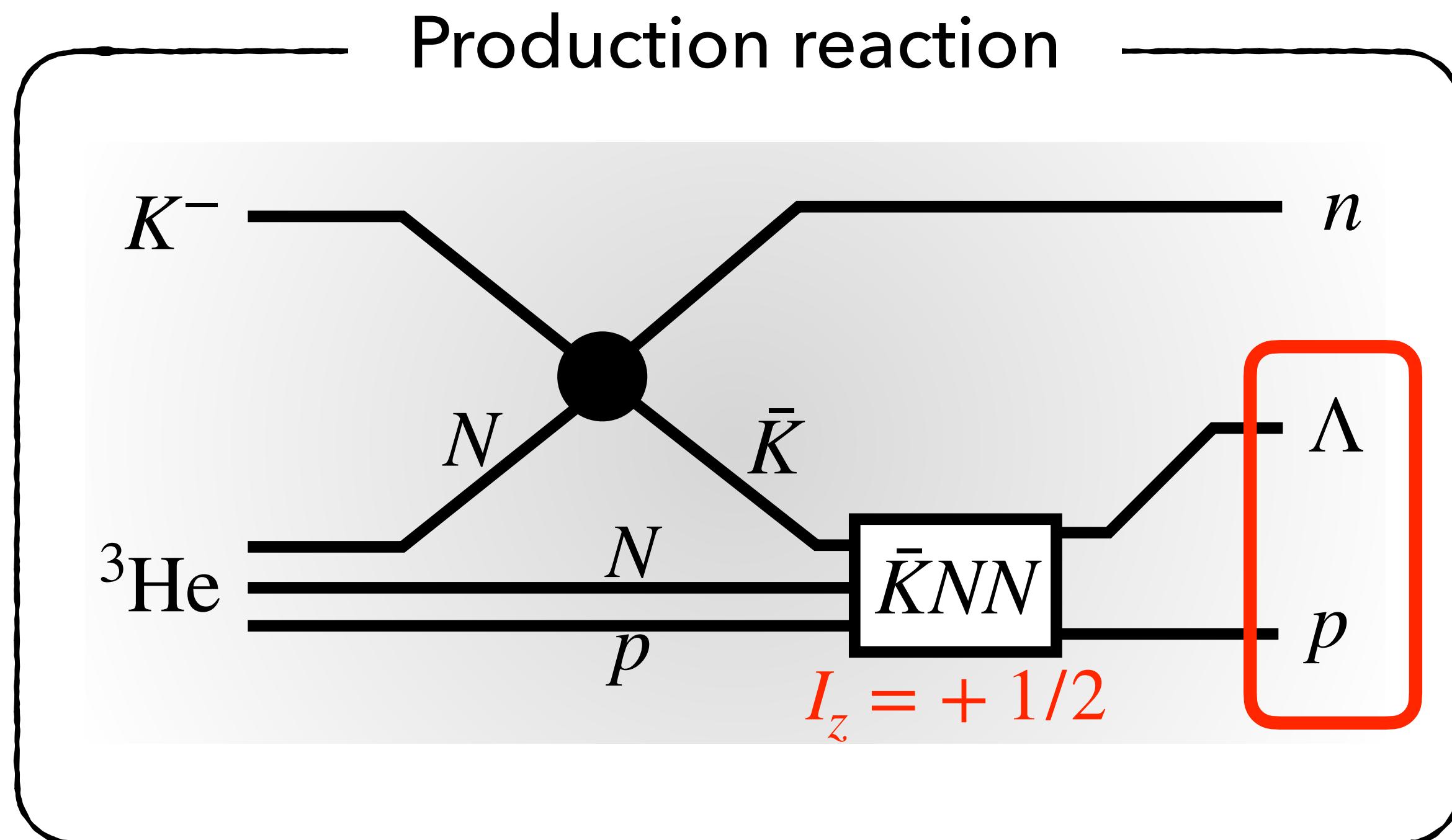
Theoretical calculations: $\Gamma \approx 50 \text{ MeV}$
 $\approx \Gamma_{\Lambda(1405)}$

✖ Excluding non-mesonic decay

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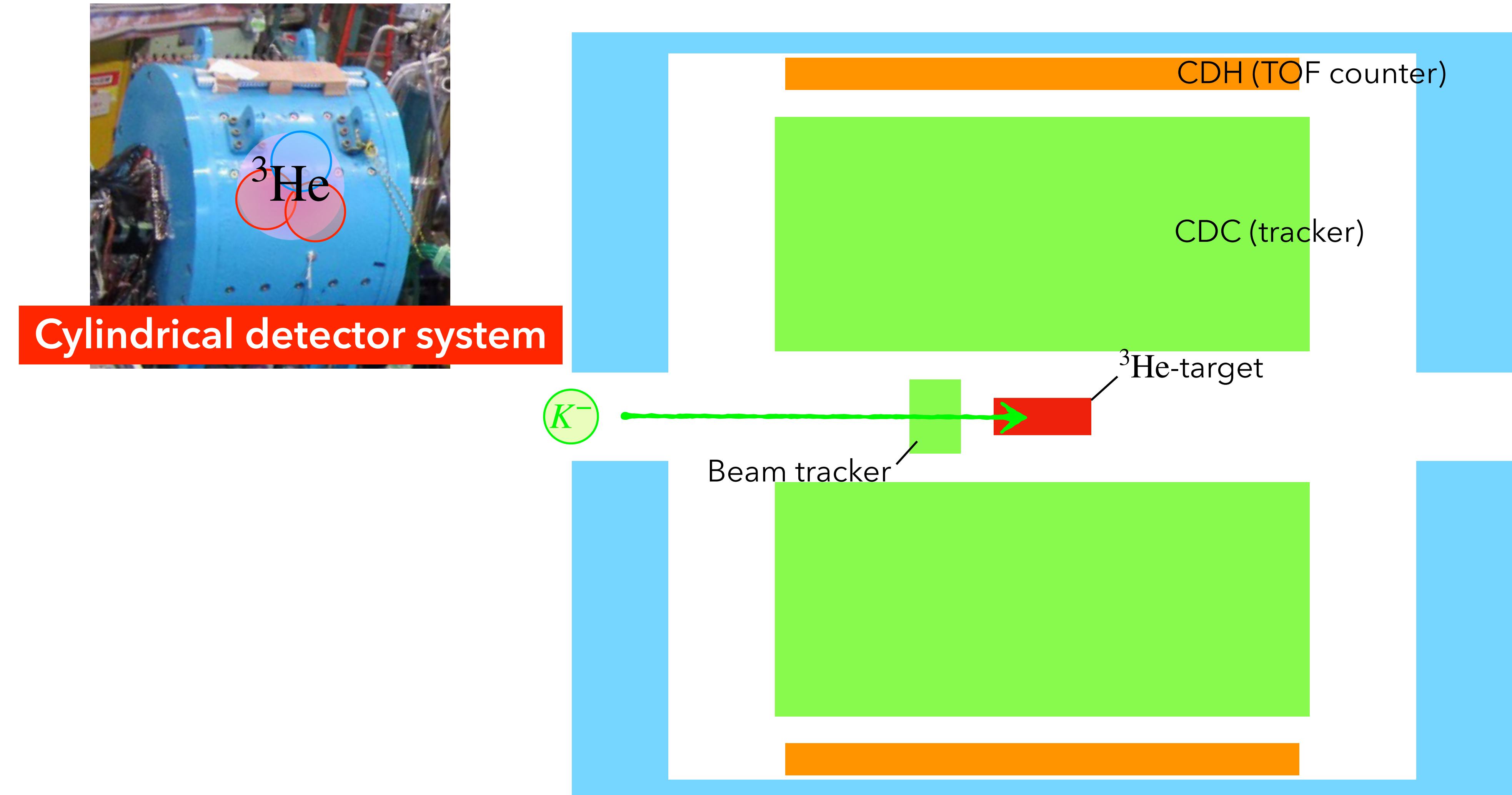
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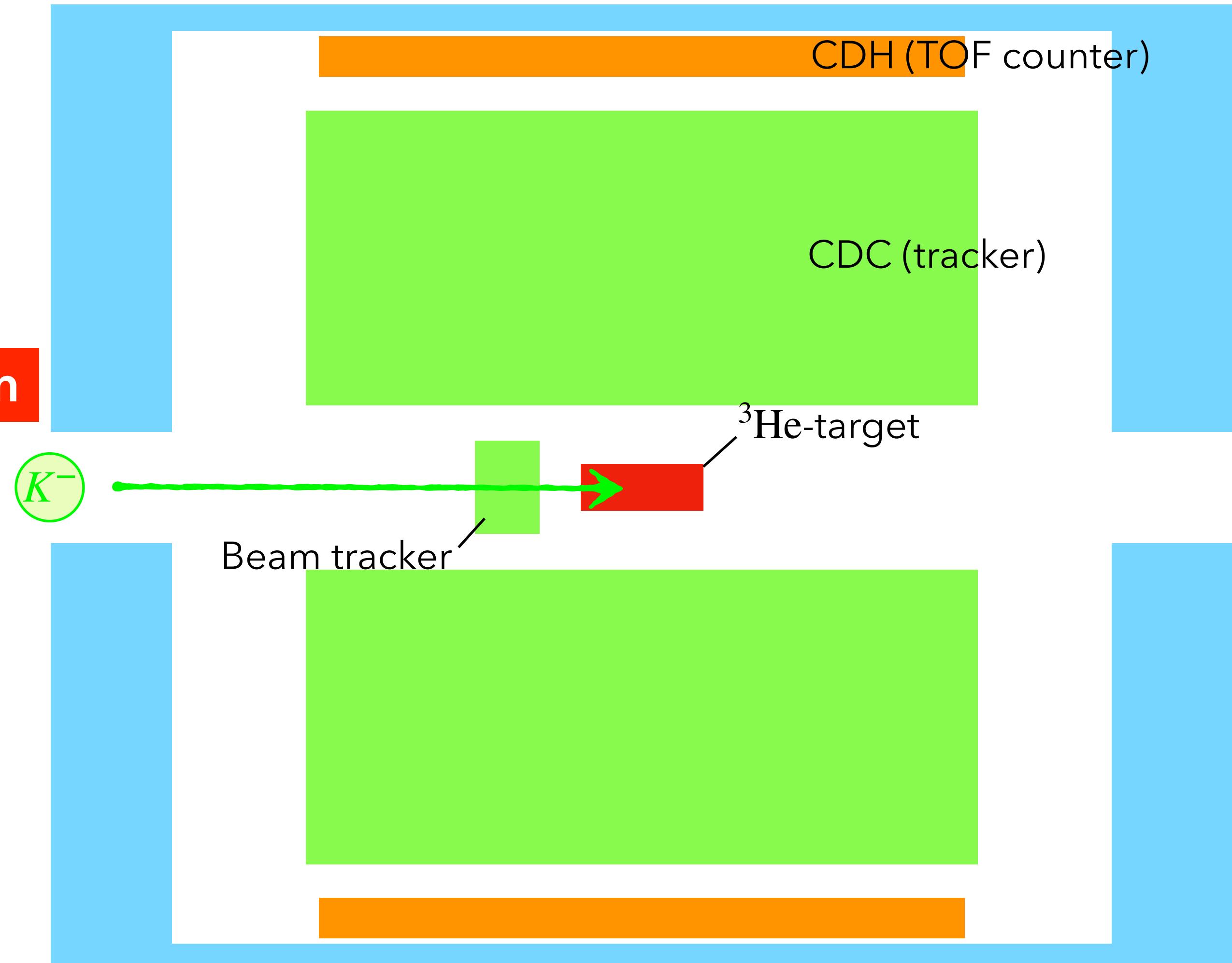
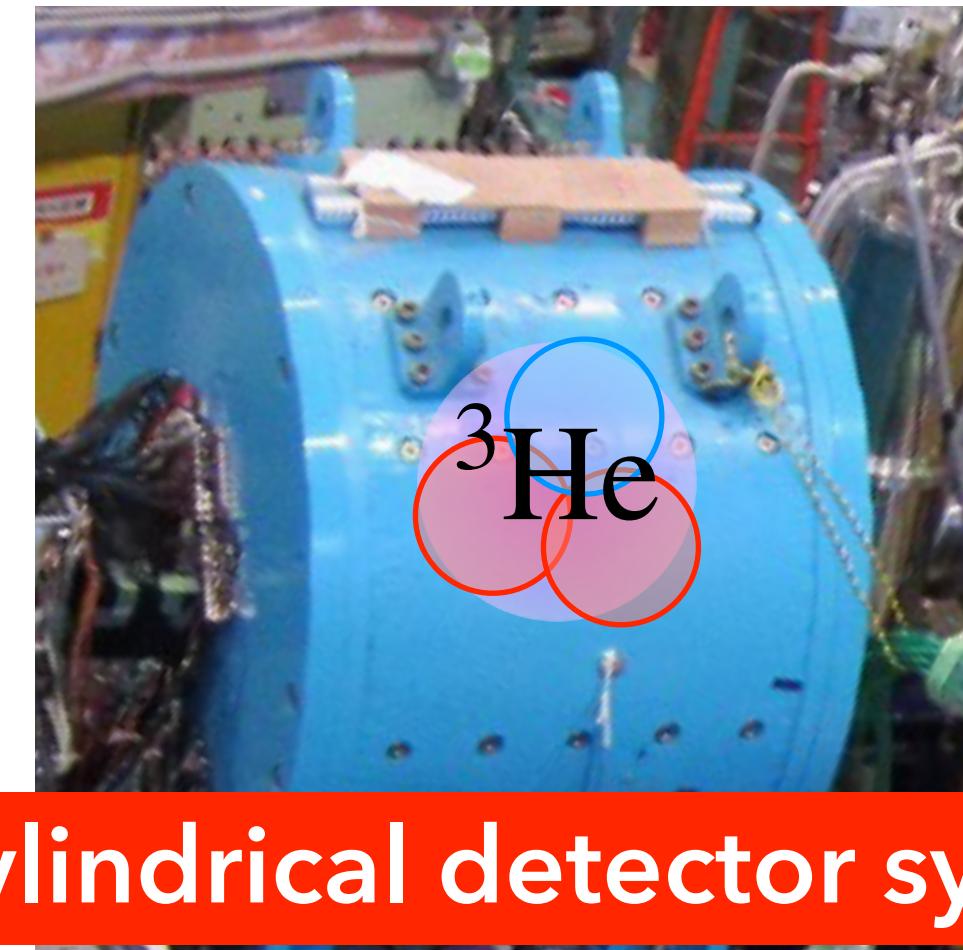
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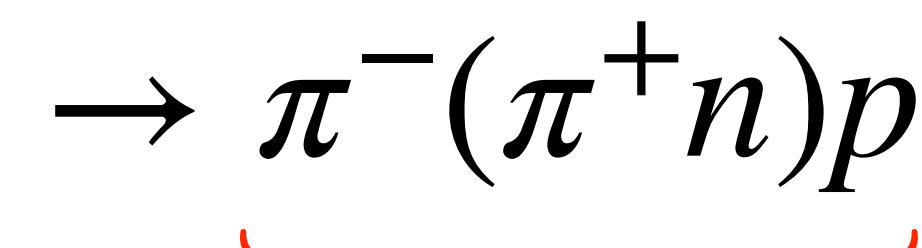
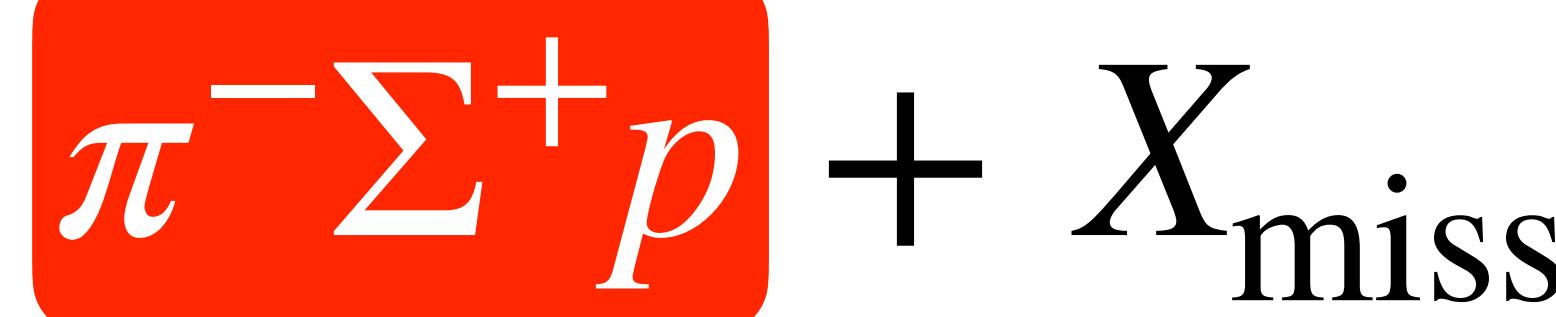
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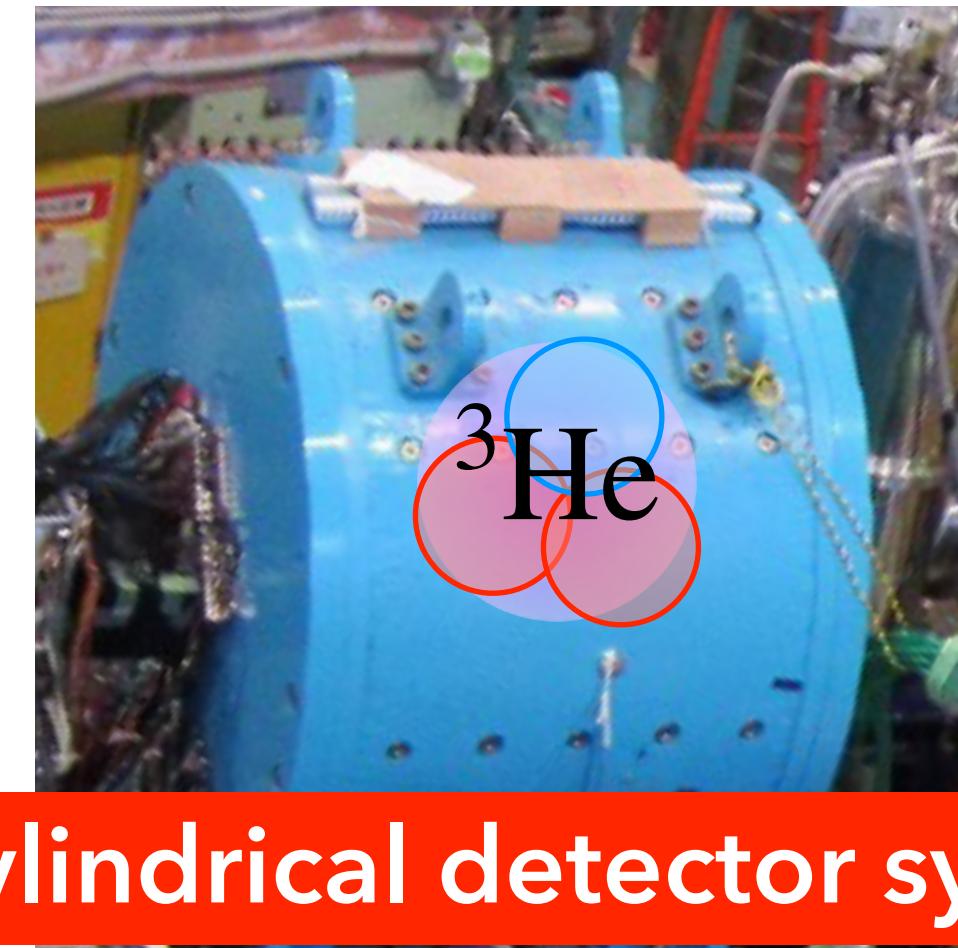


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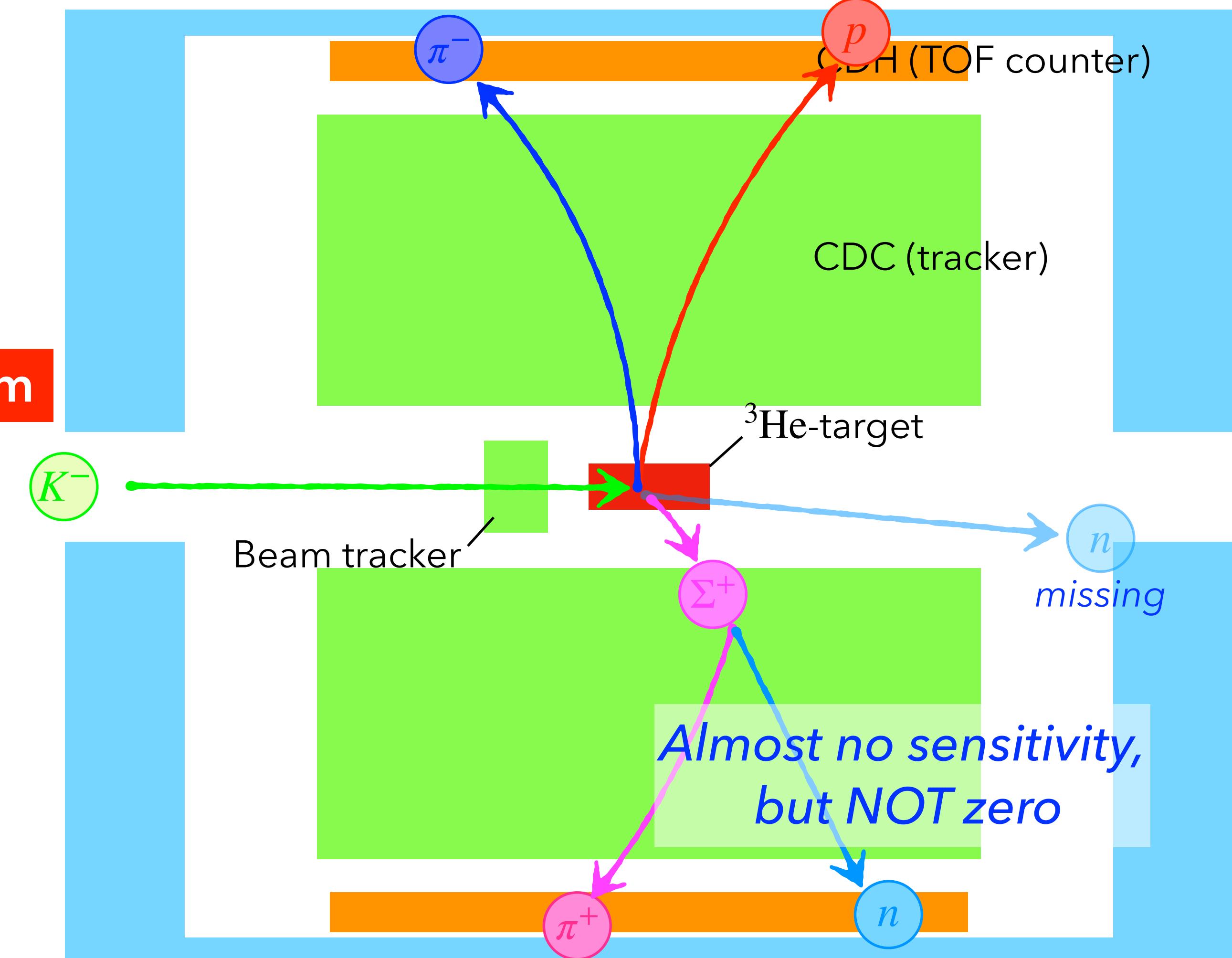
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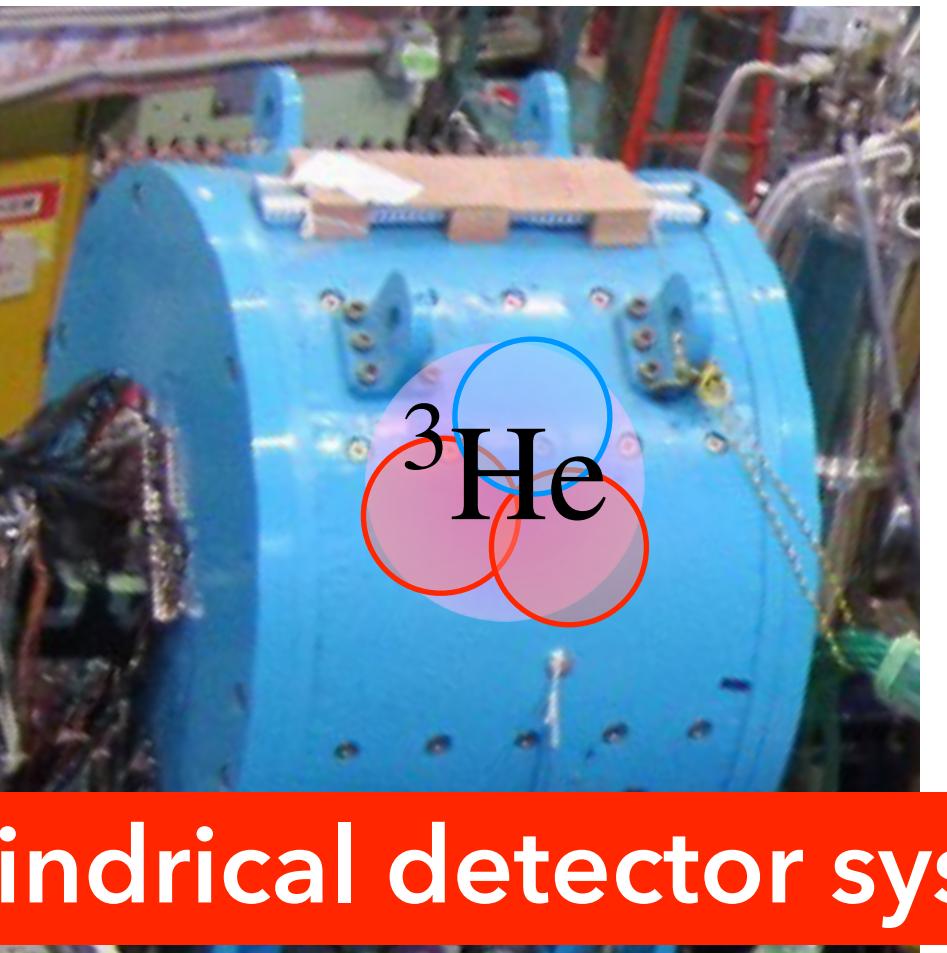
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$$\pi^-\Sigma^+ p + X_{\text{miss}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\pi^-(\pi^+ n)}_{\text{Detected with CDS}} p$$

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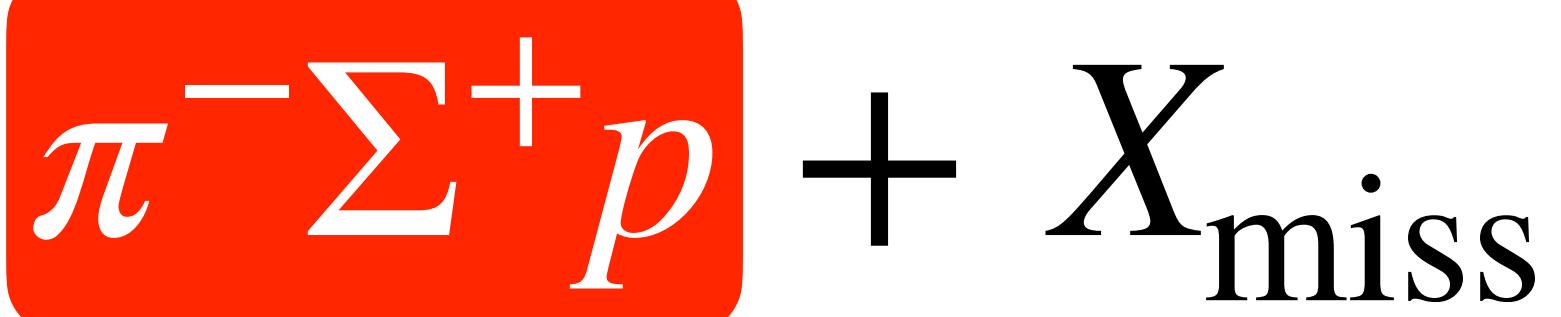


Measurement / Analysis



Cylindrical detector system

In the case of



$$\rightarrow \pi^- (\underbrace{\pi^+ n}_{} p)$$

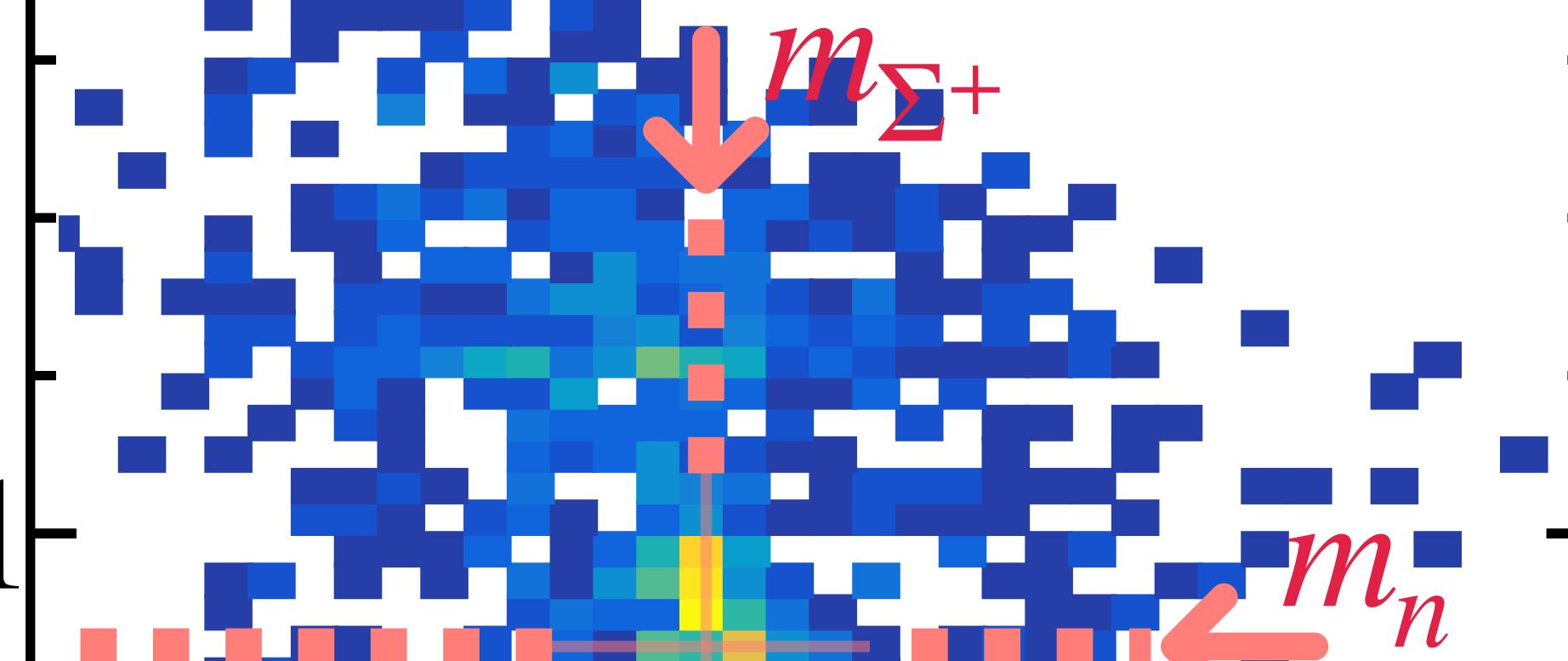
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$m(X) (\text{GeV}/c^2)$

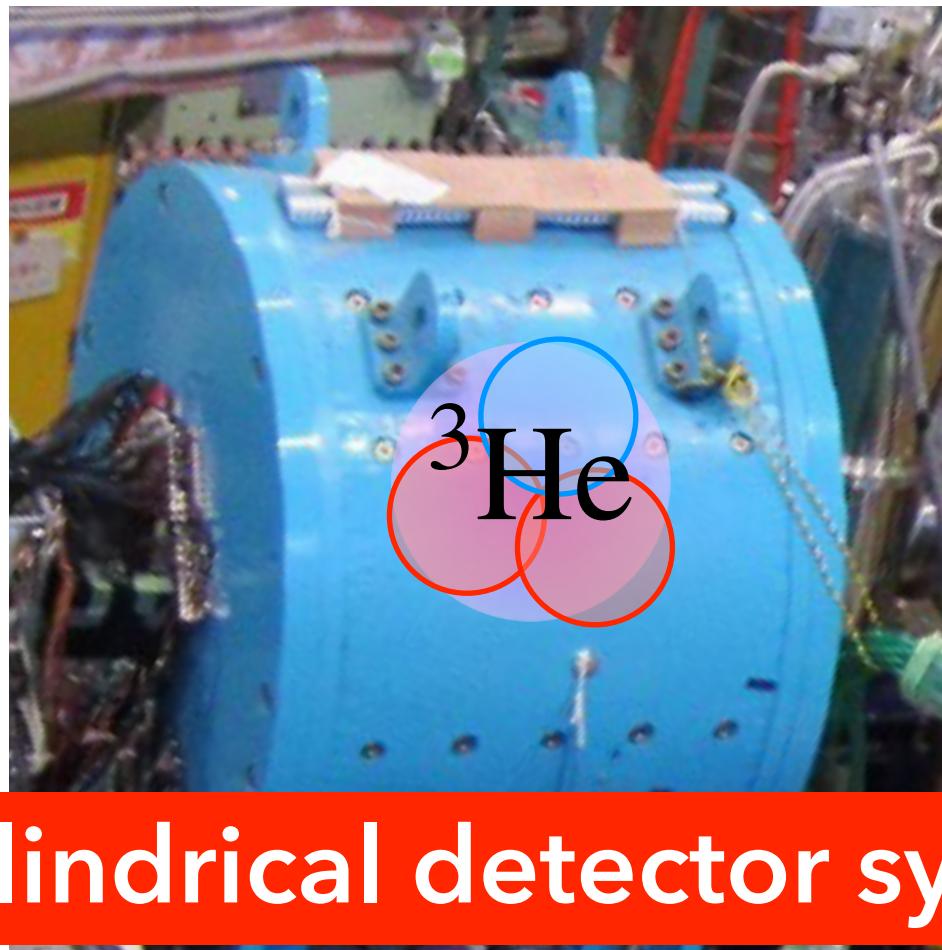
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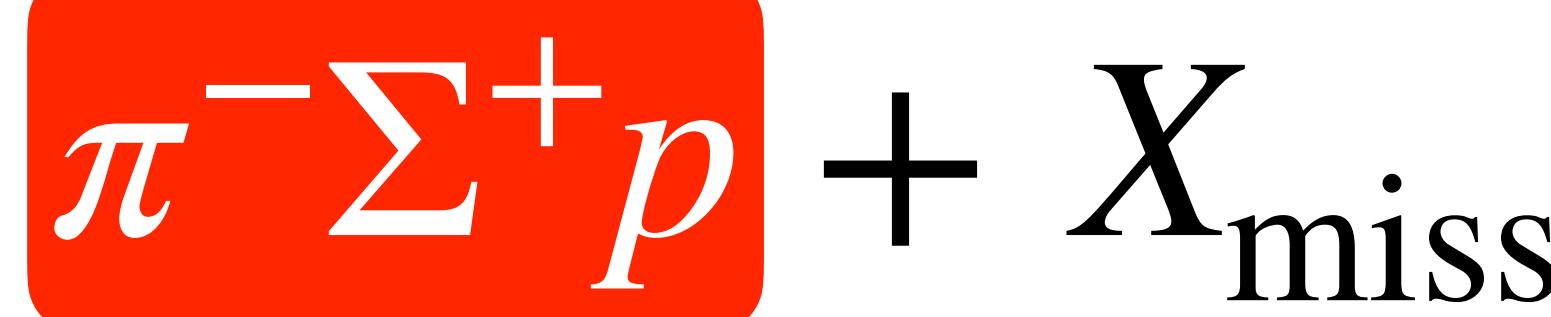
$m(n\pi^+) (\text{GeV}/c^2)$



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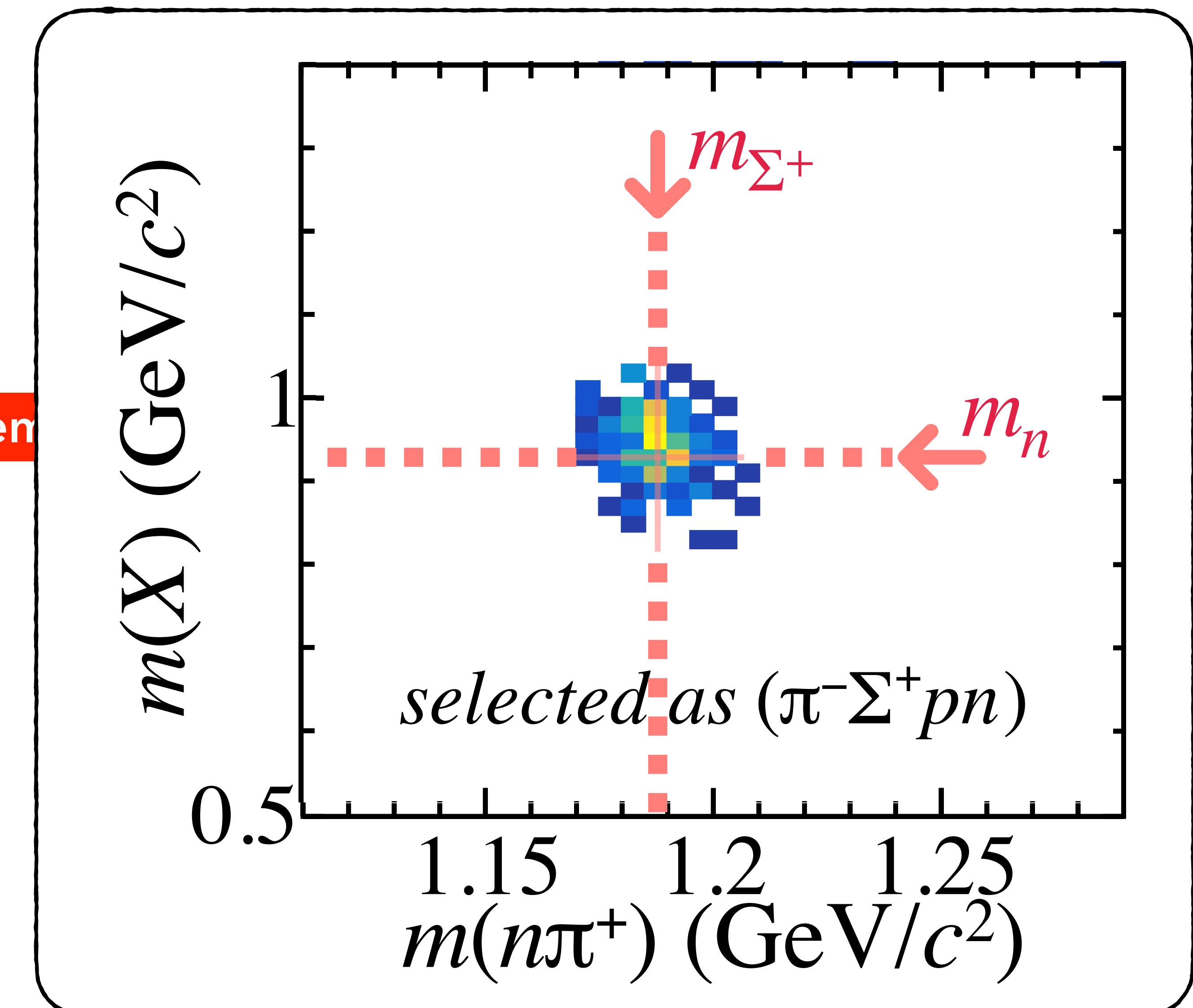


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$$\rightarrow \pi^-(\underbrace{\pi^+ n}_\text{Detected with CDS}) p$$

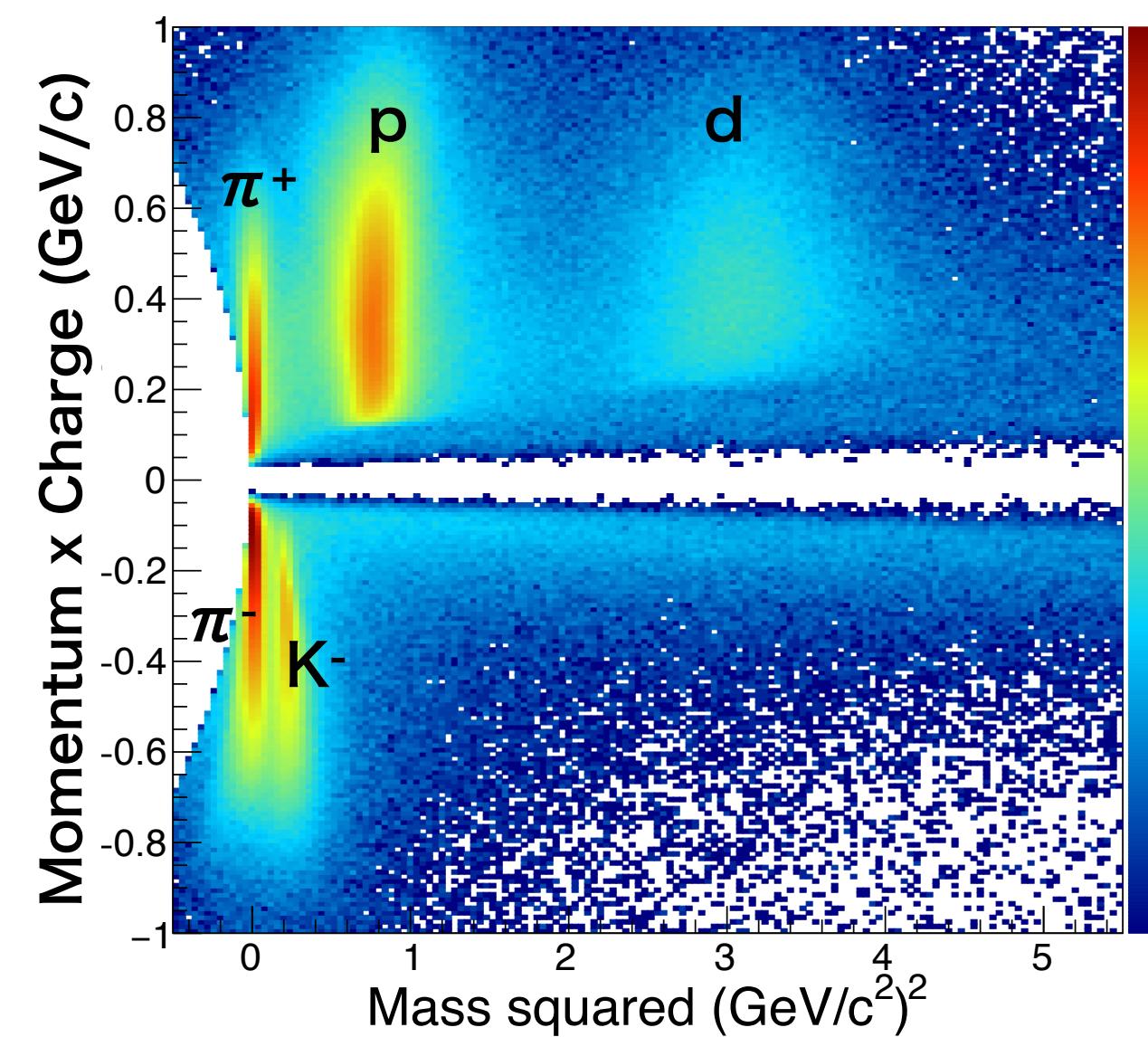
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$\Lambda d+n$ event selection

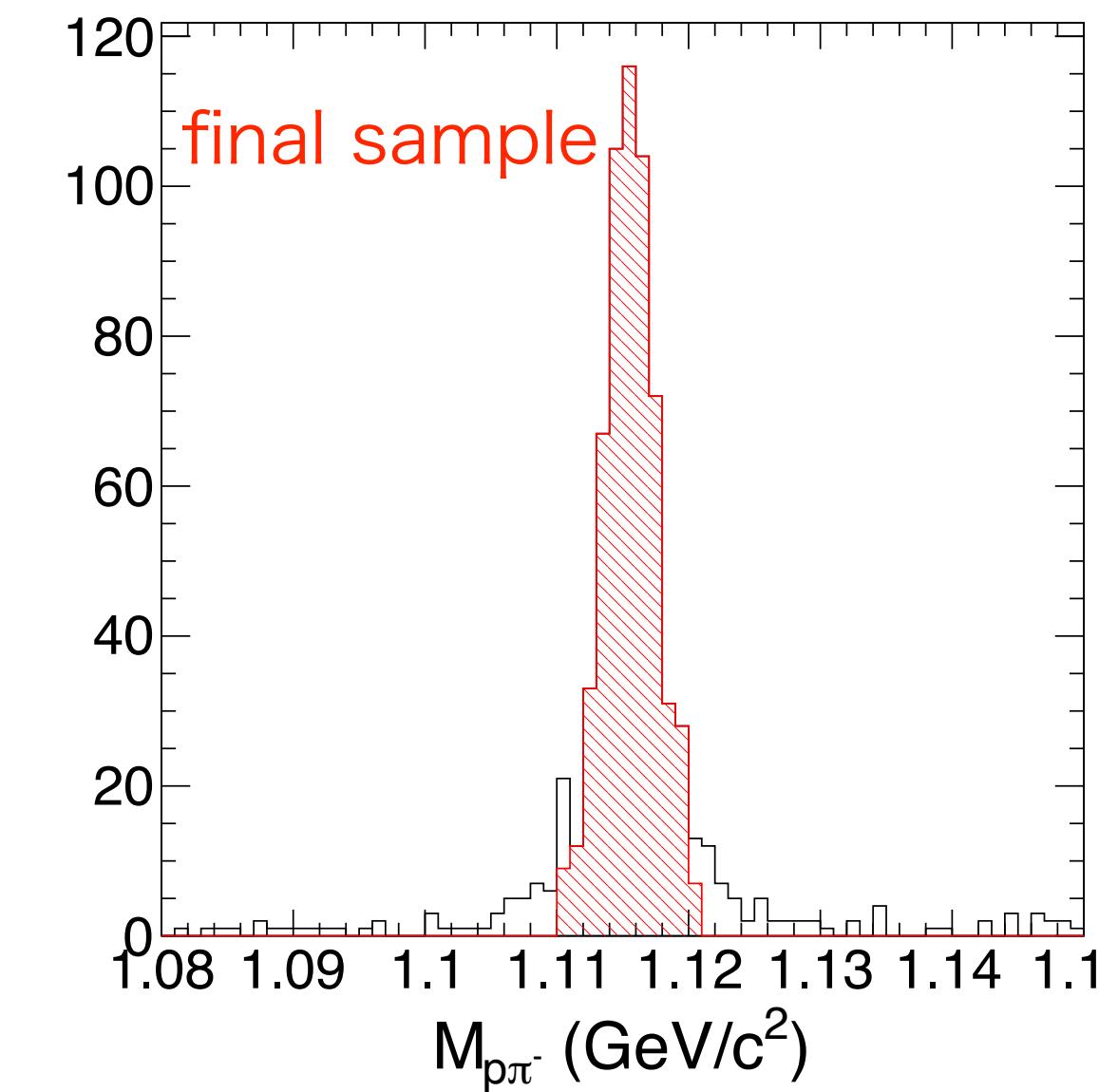
deuteron ID

CDC track curvature &
CDH time of flight



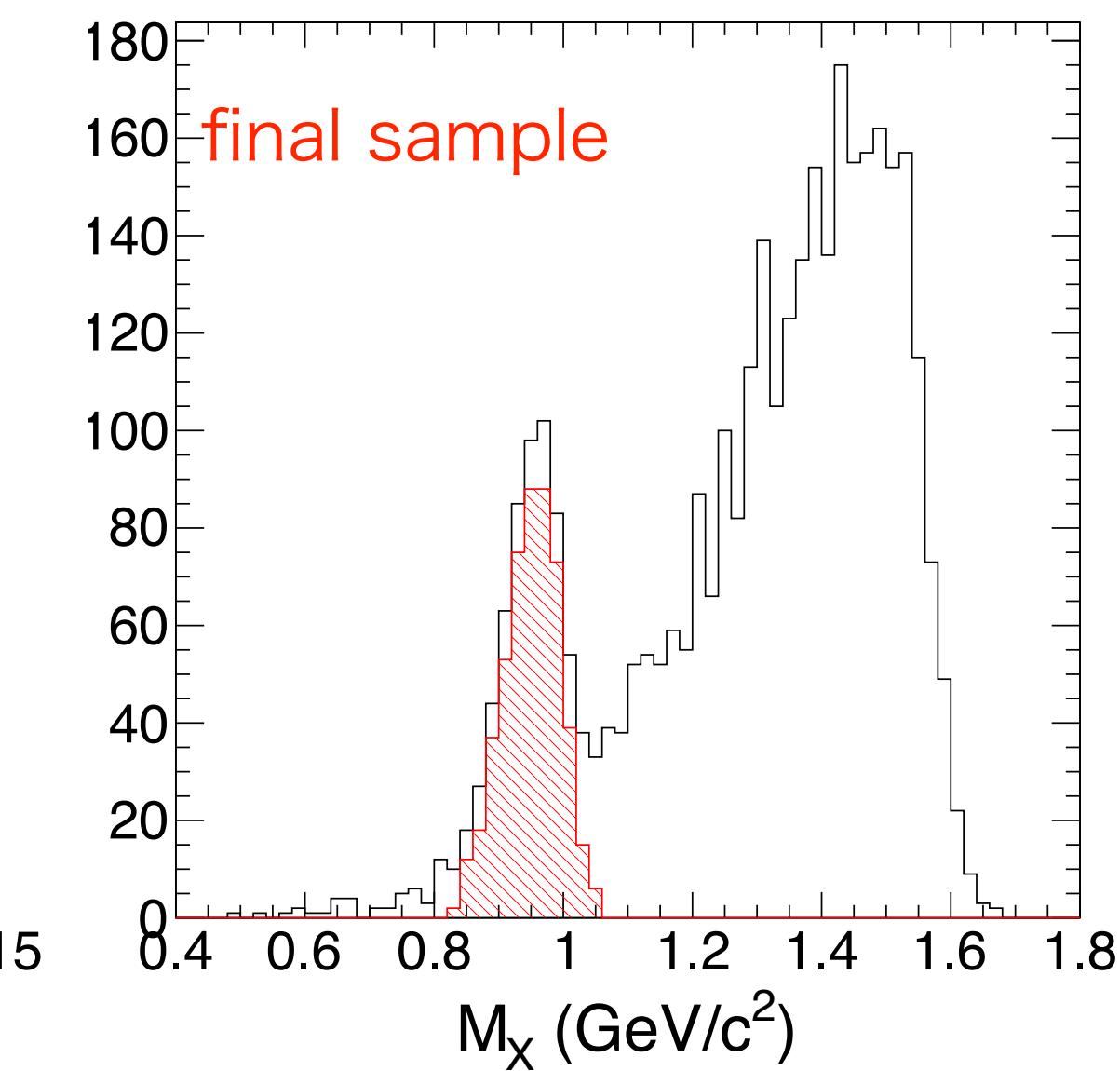
Λ reconstruction

w/ vertex consistency cut
w/ pipd missing mass cut



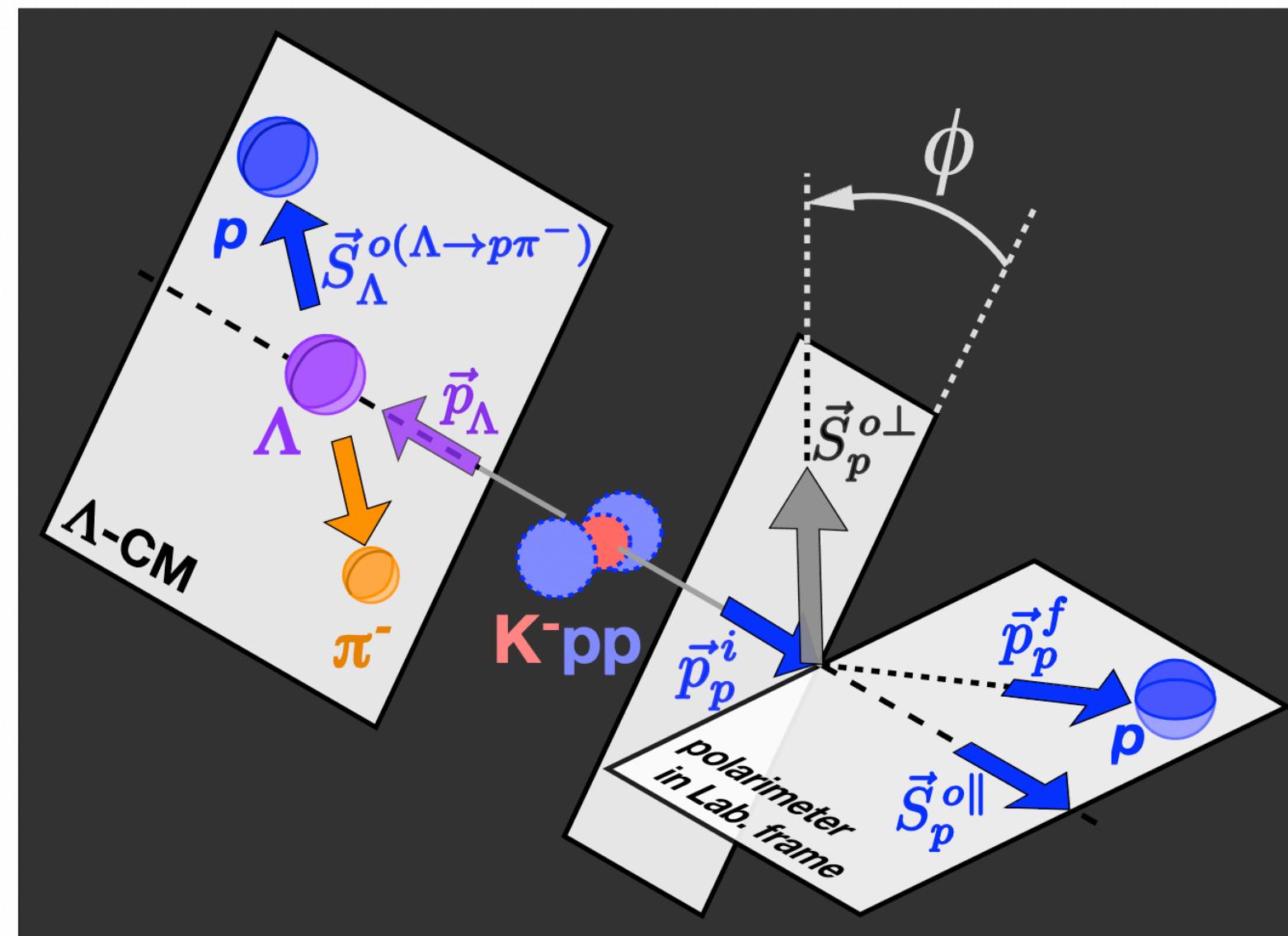
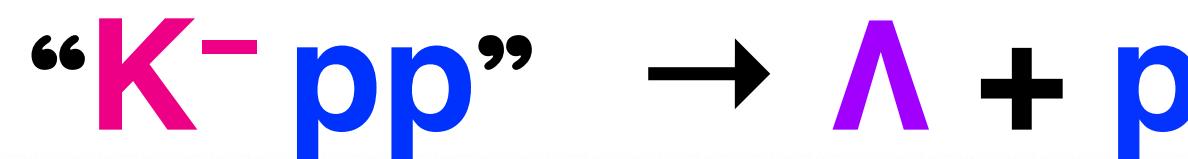
Missing neutron ID

w/ vertex consistency cut
w/ lambda mass cut



- Λdn final states are identified with a good purity by considering kinematical & topological consistencies
- ~20% contamination from $\Sigma^0 dn / \Sigma^- dp$

2核子系 - 反K中間子原子核の J^P の決定

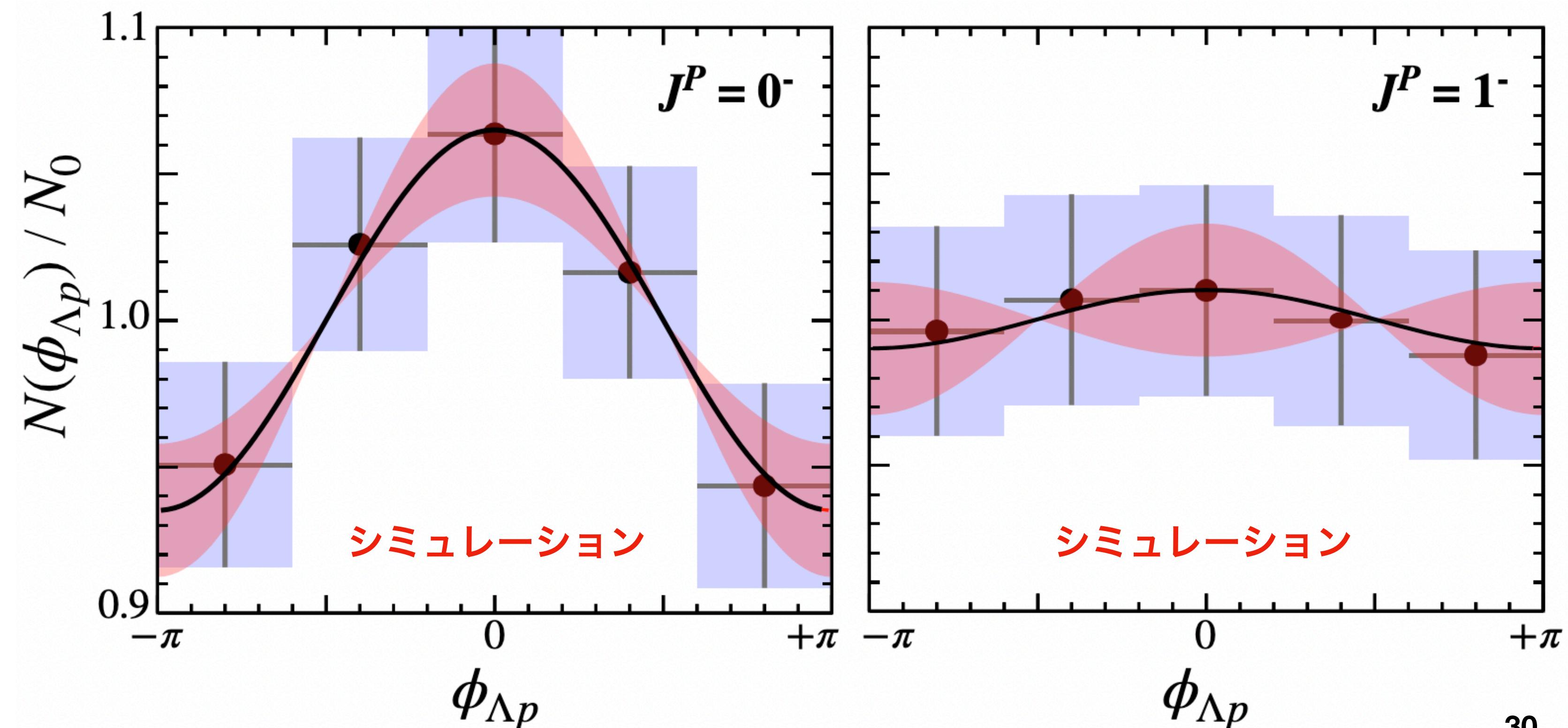


偏向角 ϕ の定義の説明図

シミュレーション(疑似データ)により
「実測すれば十分な精度で物理量を決定できる」
ことを事前確認

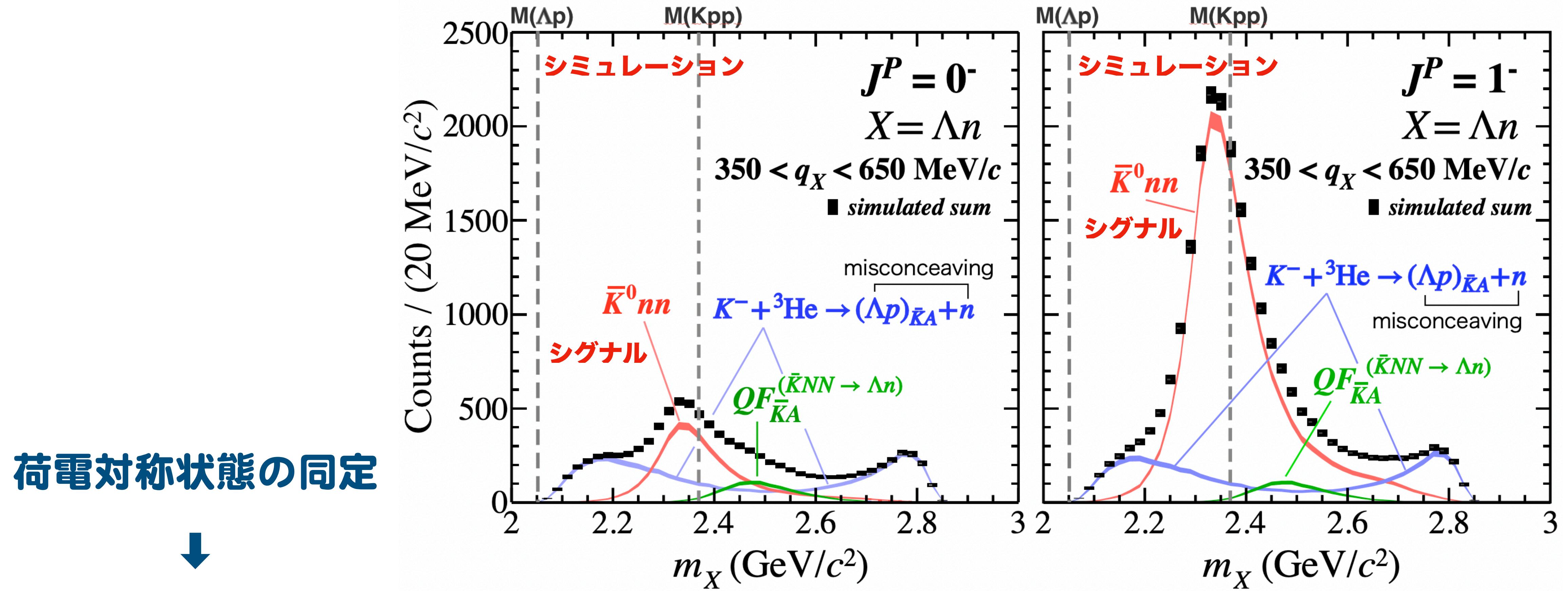
スピンスピン相関により J^P 直接確定が可能

J^P の違いで ϕ 依存性は大きく異なる



荷電対称状態 “ $\bar{K}^0 nn$ ” の同定

+ J^P 決定の補助データ: J^P の違いで “ $\bar{K}^0 nn$ ” の収量は大きく異なる

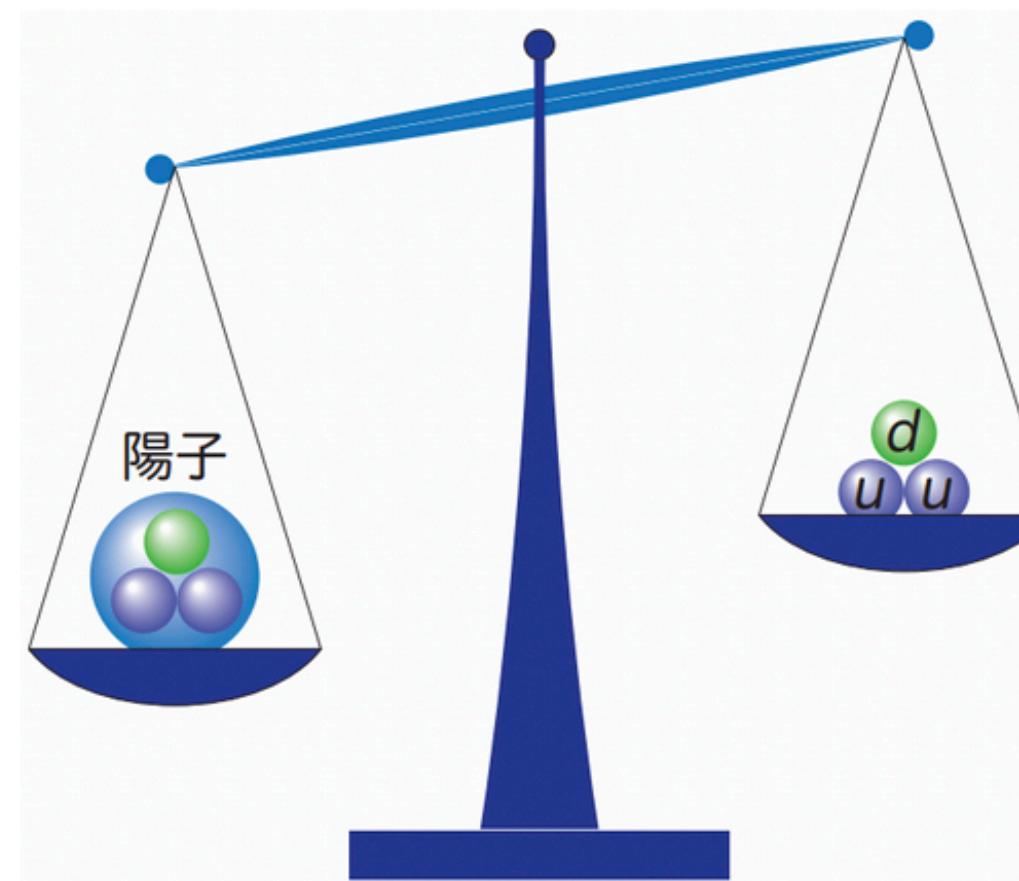


普遍性の確定
荷電対称性の破れの検証

十分な統計量で 荷電鏡像状態 “ $\bar{K}^0 nn$ ” の同定が可能
荷電対称性の検証も可能

ハドロン質量の起源

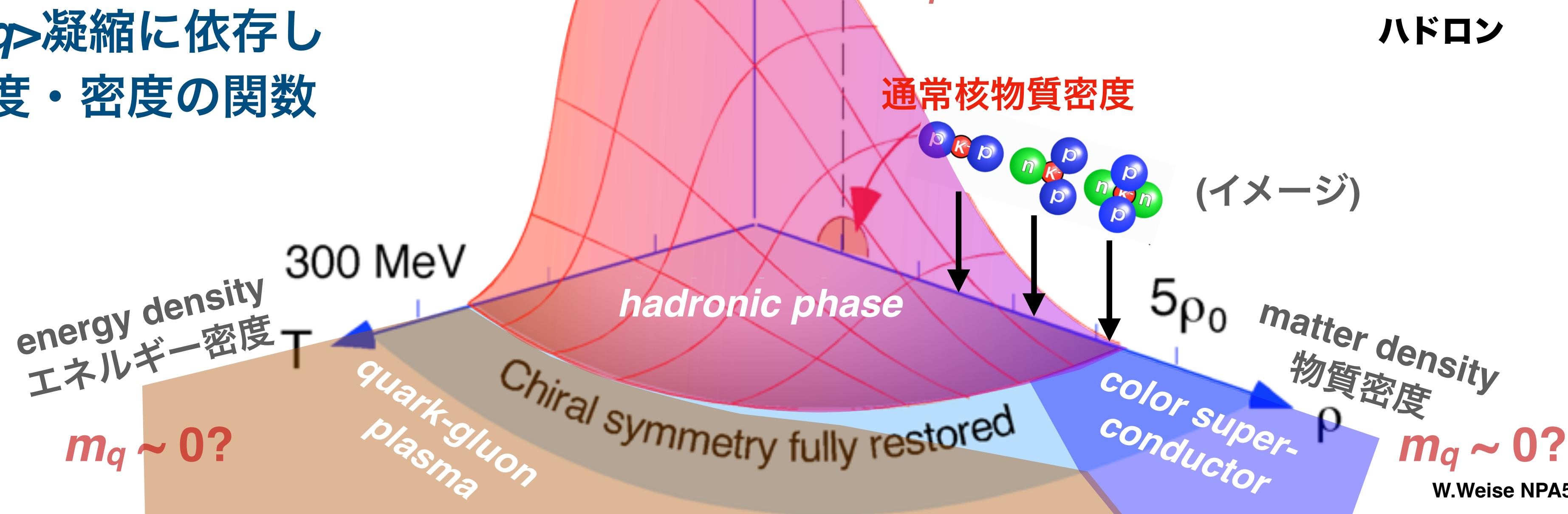
真空の自発的対称性の破れ: $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ 凝縮?



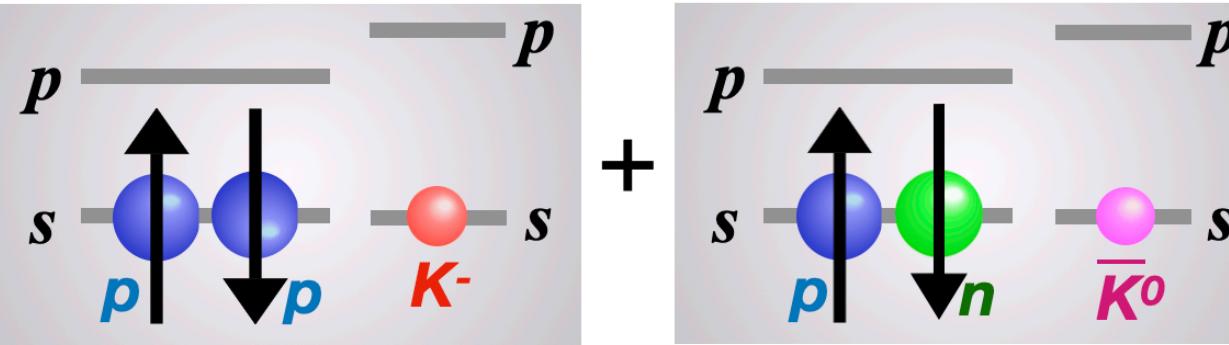
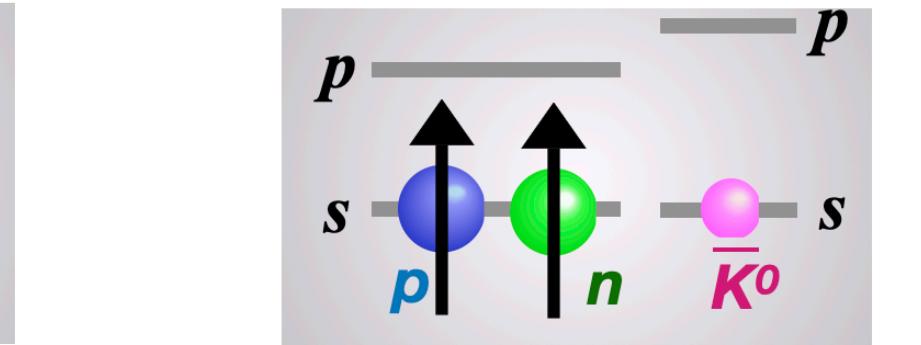
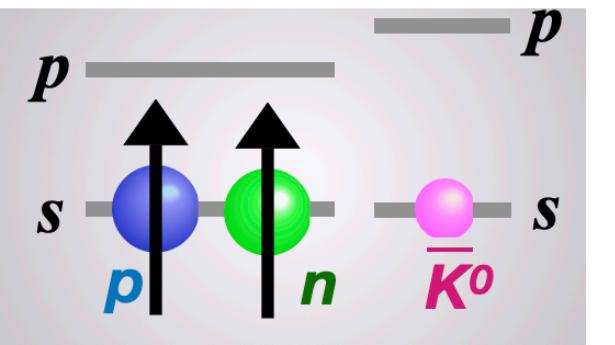
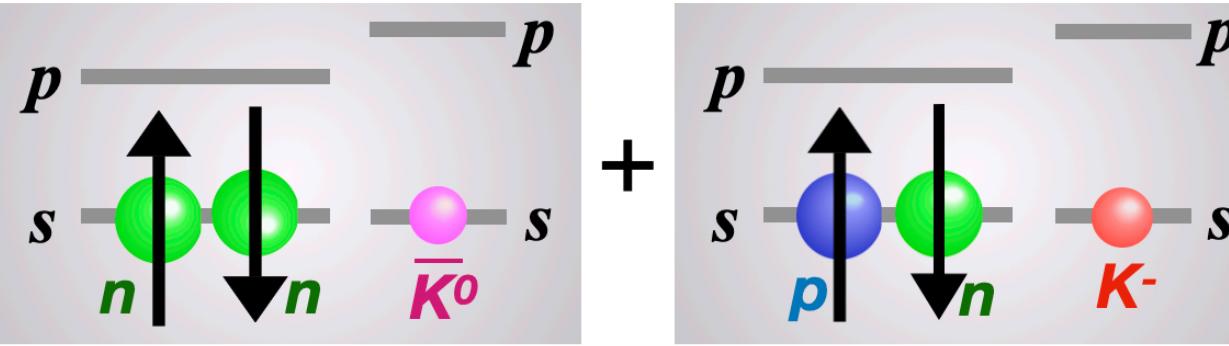
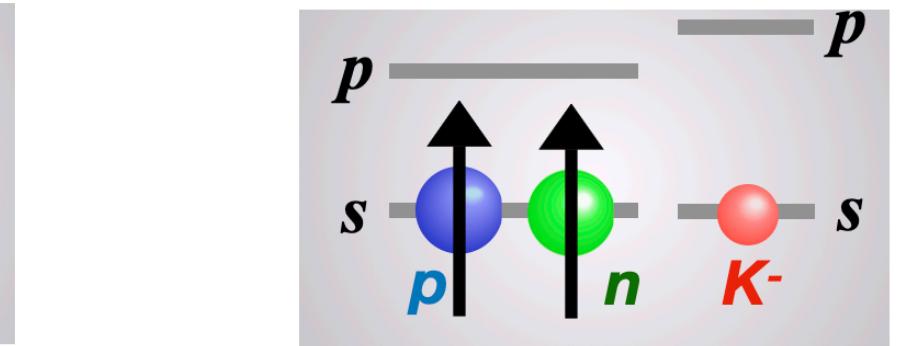
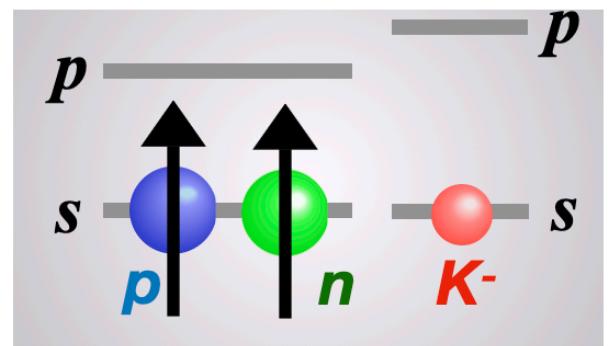
構成子クォーク質量は
 $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ 凝縮に依存し
温度・密度の関数

QCD真空相図と $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ 凝縮の鳥瞰図

自発的カイラル対称性の破れ “QCD higgs”
 $|\langle \bar{q}q_{\rho,T} \rangle|$ chiral order parameter



2核子系 - 反K中間子原子核の JP と内部構造

通常核では有り得ない“荷電対称なNN”に 反Kが結合した系		通常核 “重水素 d” に \bar{K}^0 が結合した系
$I(\bar{K}NN) / J^P(\bar{K}NN)$	$(1/2)/(0^-)$	$(1/2)/(1^-)$
NN symmetry	$I(N\bar{N}) = 1, S(N\bar{N}) = 0$	$I(N\bar{N}) = 0, S(N\bar{N}) = 1$
“ $K^- pp$ ” $I_3(\bar{K}NN) = +\frac{1}{2}$	 $+ \quad$ 	
	$- \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\sqrt{2} K^- pp + \bar{K}^0 \frac{pn + np}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \otimes \left(\frac{\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$	$\bar{K}^0 \frac{(pn - np)}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \left(\uparrow\uparrow, \frac{\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow}{\sqrt{2}}, \downarrow\downarrow \right)$
“ $\bar{K}^0 nn$ ” $I_3(\bar{K}NN) = -\frac{1}{2}$	 $+ \quad$ 	
	$- \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\sqrt{2} \bar{K}^0 nn + K^- \frac{pn + np}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \otimes \left(\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow \right)$	$- K^- \frac{(pn - np)}{\sqrt{2}} \otimes \left(\uparrow\uparrow, \frac{\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow}{\sqrt{2}}, \downarrow\downarrow \right)$
$\bar{K}N$ coupling	$\frac{ I_{\bar{K}N} = 0 ^2}{ I_{\bar{K}N} = 1 ^2} = \frac{3}{1}$	$\frac{ I_{\bar{K}N} = 0 ^2}{ I_{\bar{K}N} = 1 ^2} = \frac{1}{3}$
$\frac{\sigma_{\bar{K}^0 nn}}{\sigma_{K^- pp}}$	$0.13 \sim 0.15$	~ 0.75

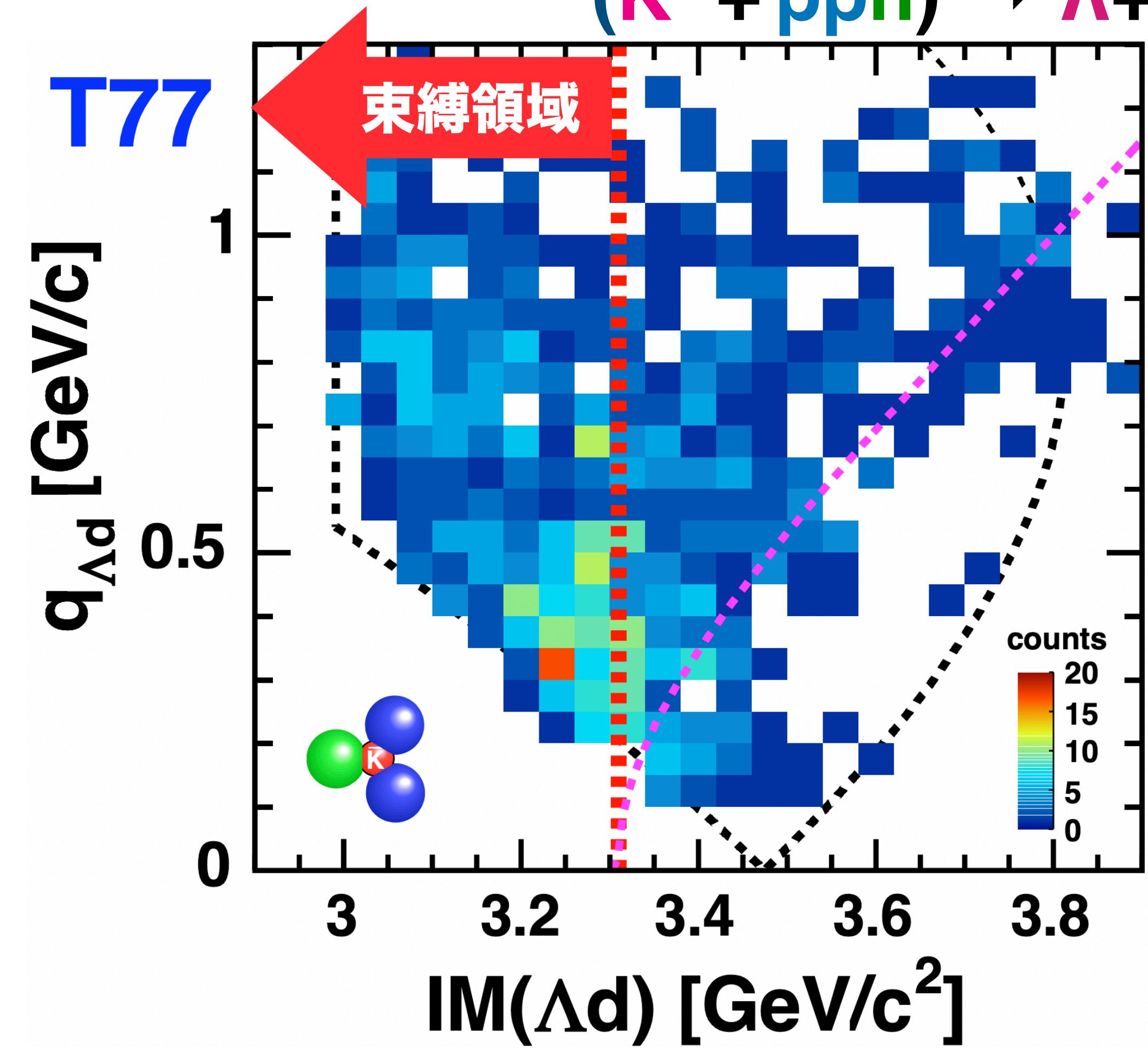
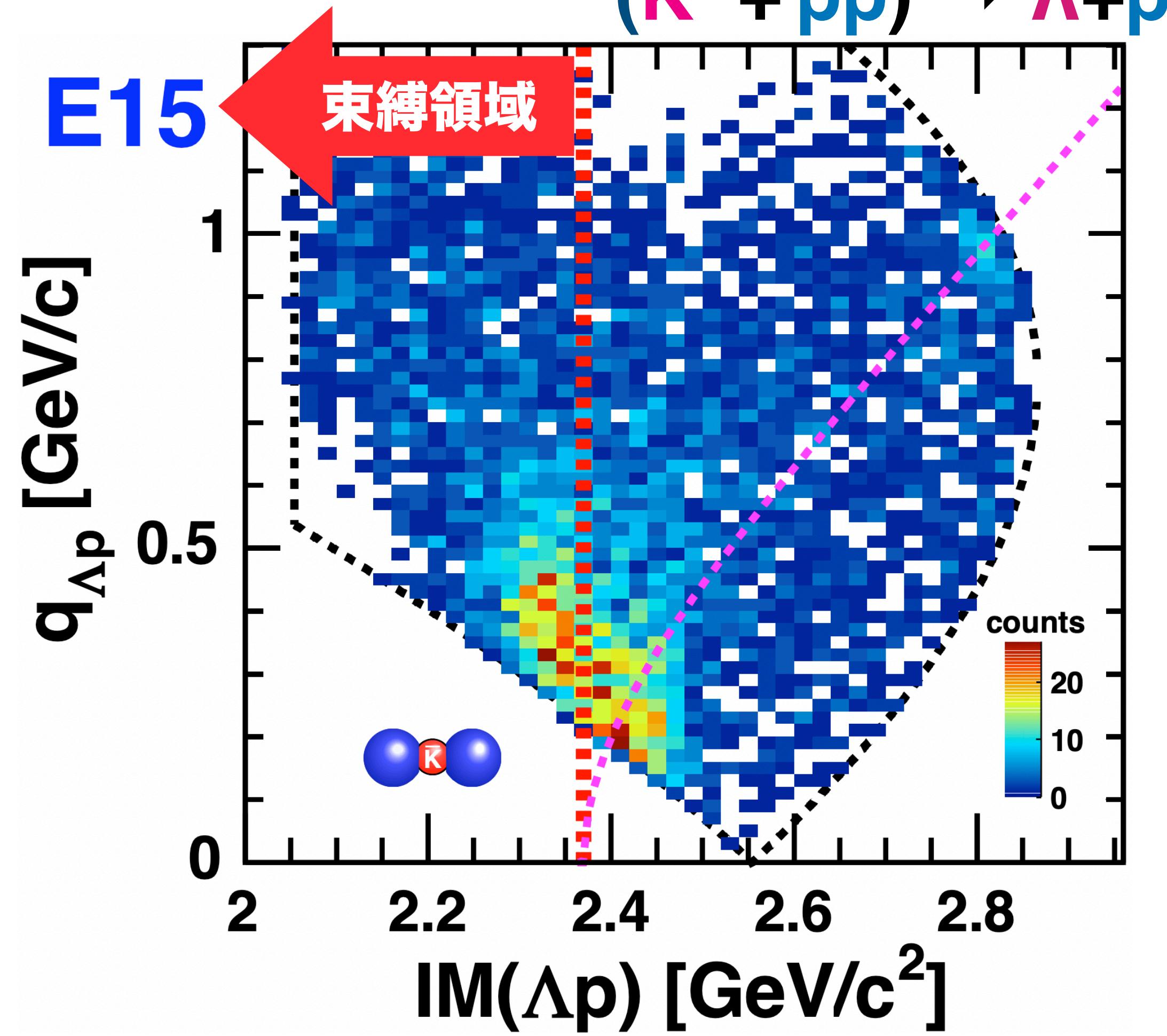
可能なアイソスピン・ спин対称性
すべてs波のときは $J^P = 0^-, 1^-$ だけ
 p 波励起 $J^P = 0^+, 1^+$ の可能性は除外

荷電(アイソスピン)鏡像状態

$\bar{K}N I = 0$ が強い引力
 $J^P = 0^-$ の方が 強く $\bar{K}N I = 0$ と結合
“ $\bar{K}^0 nn$ ” の収量は J^P に大きく依存

取り扱い注意

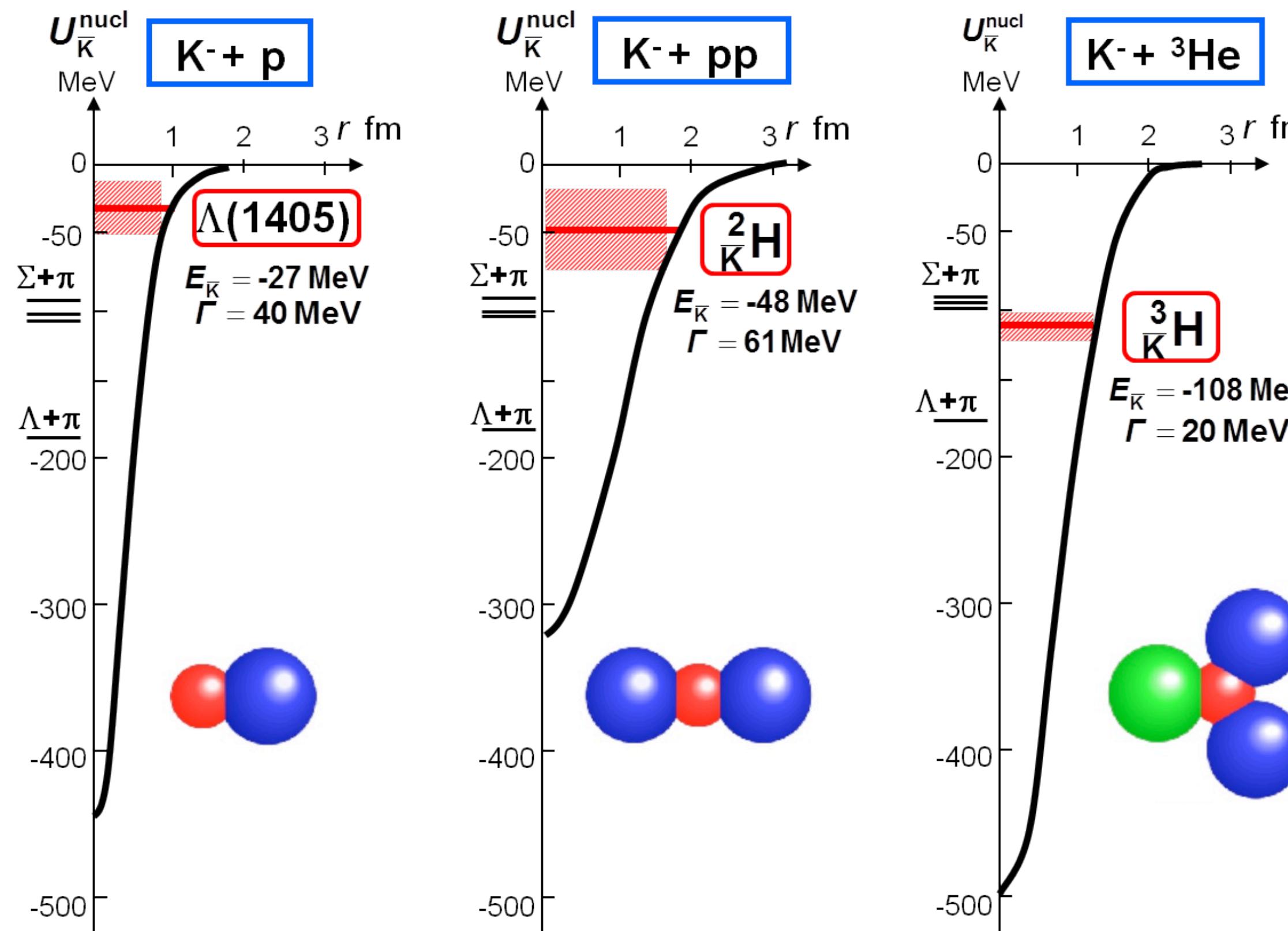
別実験（テストデータ）が示した“K-ppn”



束縛状態シグナルは閾値 $M(K\text{-}pp)$ 以下。 束縛状態なら分布中心は q に依存しない

Kaonic nuclei

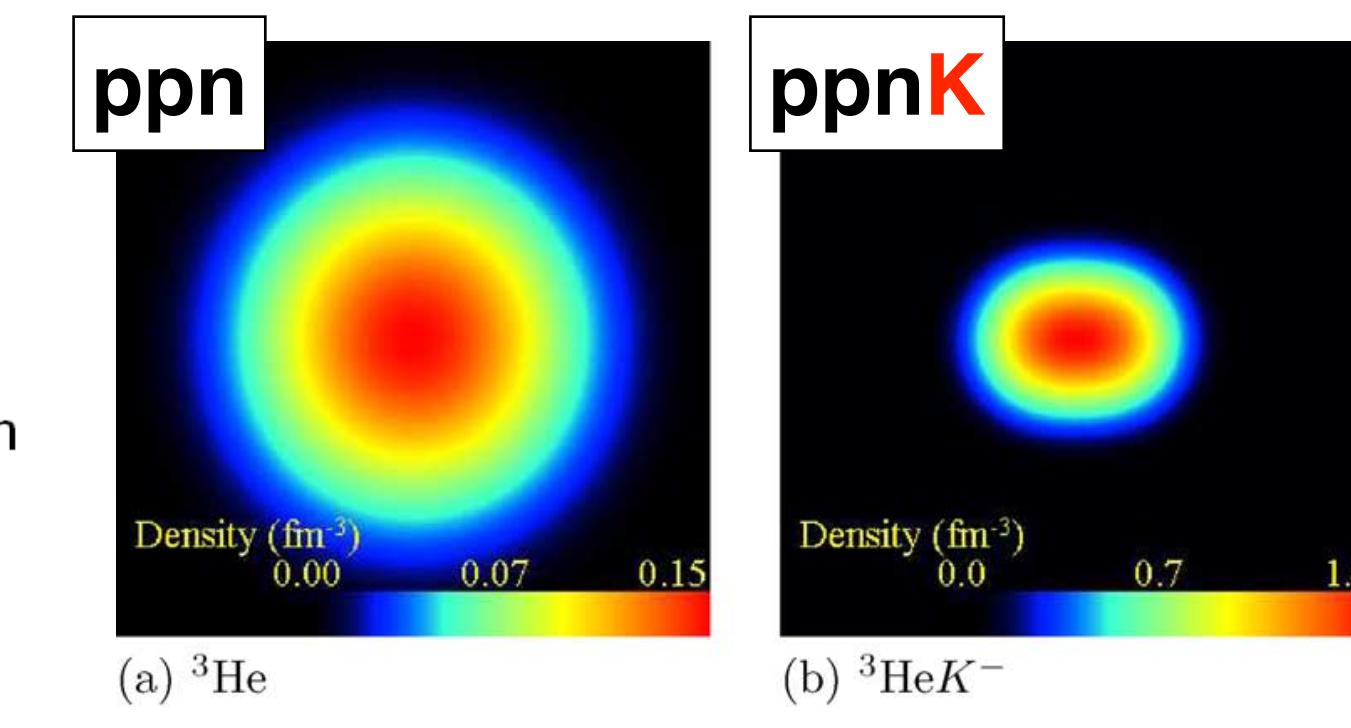
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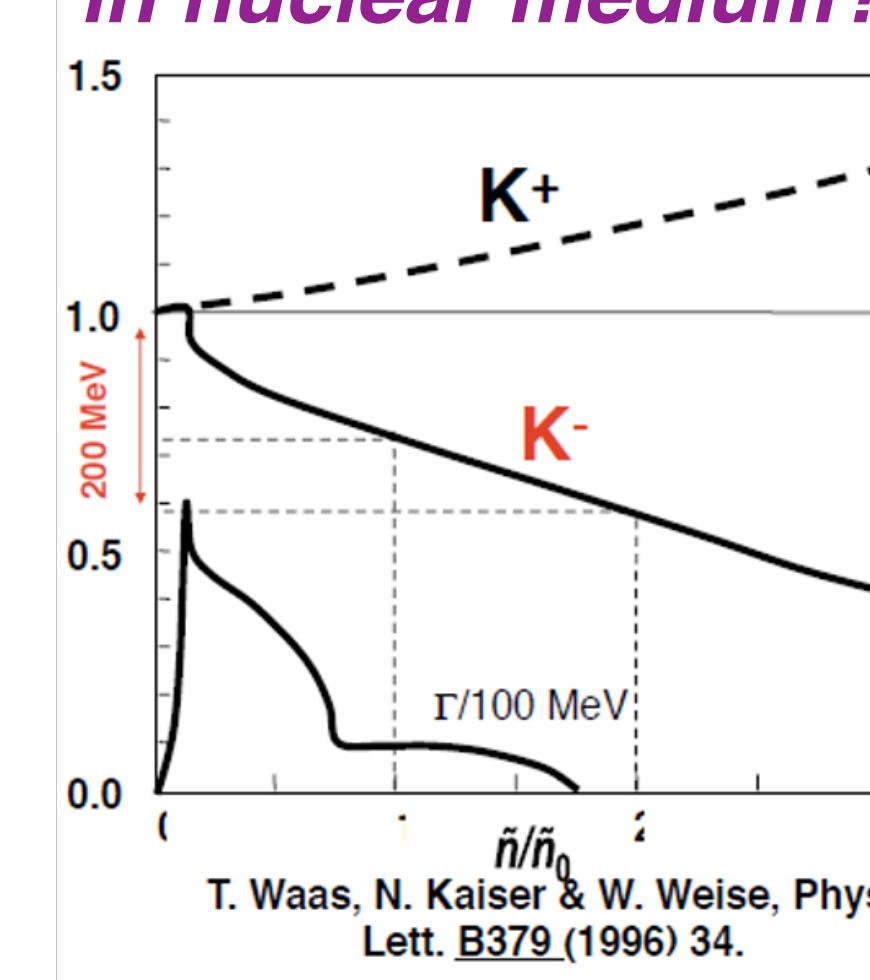
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dense nuclei are predicted



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Kaon mass changes in nuclear medium?

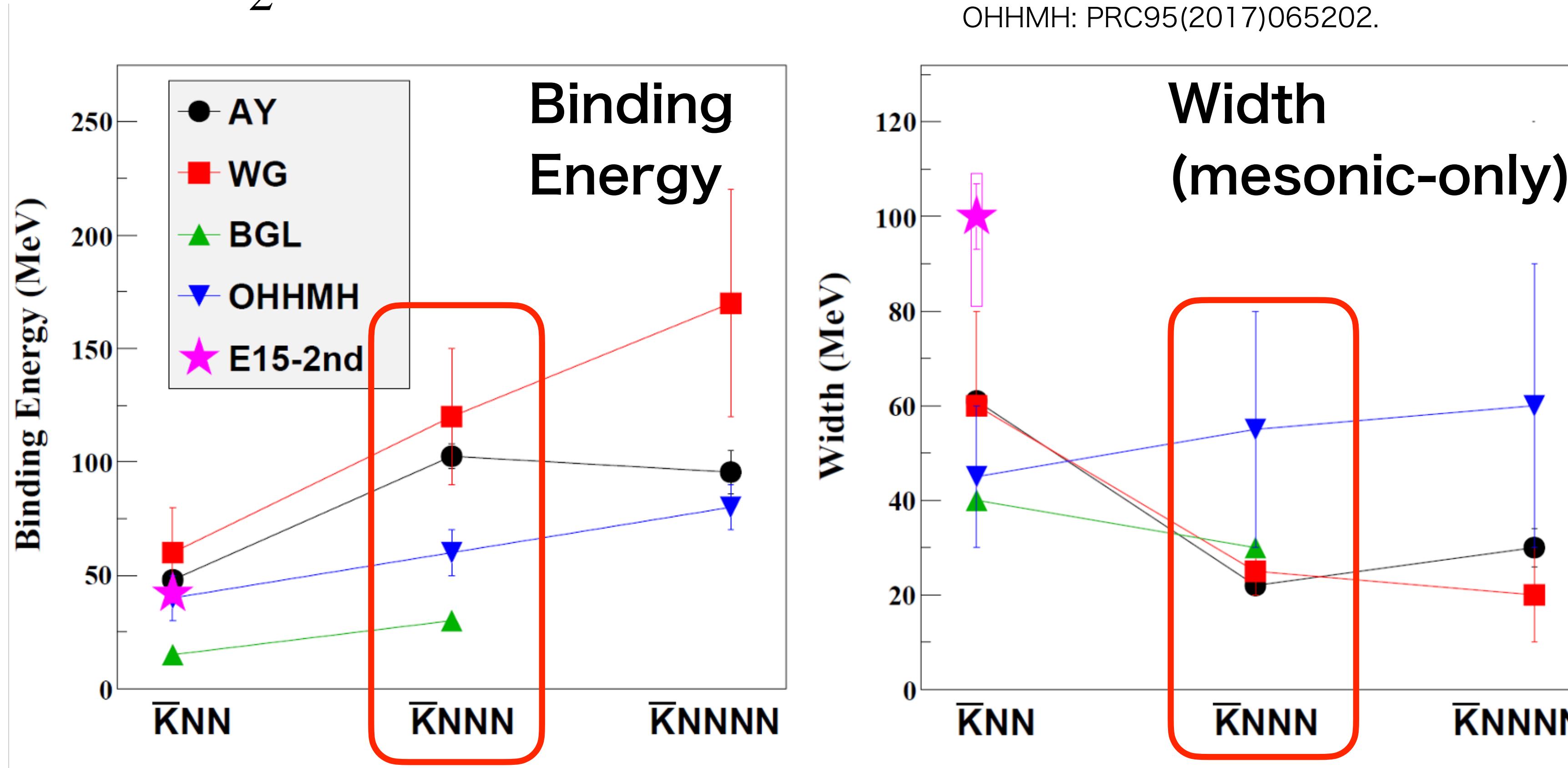


Anti-Kaon could be a unique probe for hadron/nuclear physics

$\bar{K}NNN$: Theoretical situation

$$I(J^p) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$$

AY: PRC65(2002)044005, PLB535(2002)70.
 WG: PRC79(2009)014001.
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 OHHMH: PRC95(2017)065202.



Larger binding than $\bar{K}NN$ and similar width are predicted.

Acceptance for $K^- + ^4He \rightarrow \Lambda dn$

