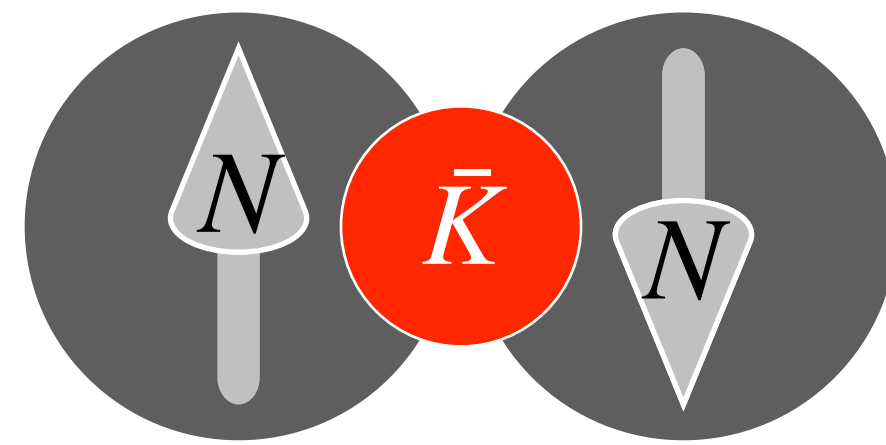
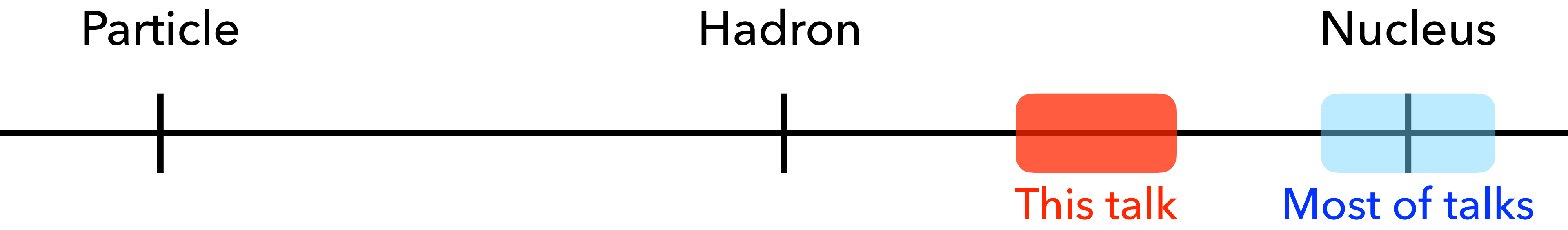


Study of of the $\bar{K}NN$ cluster at J-PARC



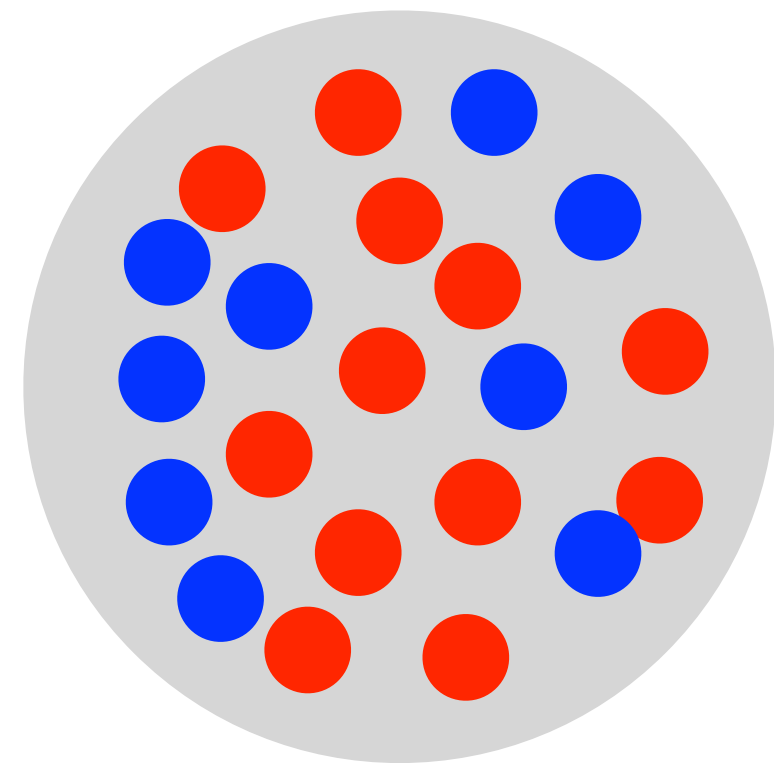
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for the J-PARC E15/E80/P89 collaboration

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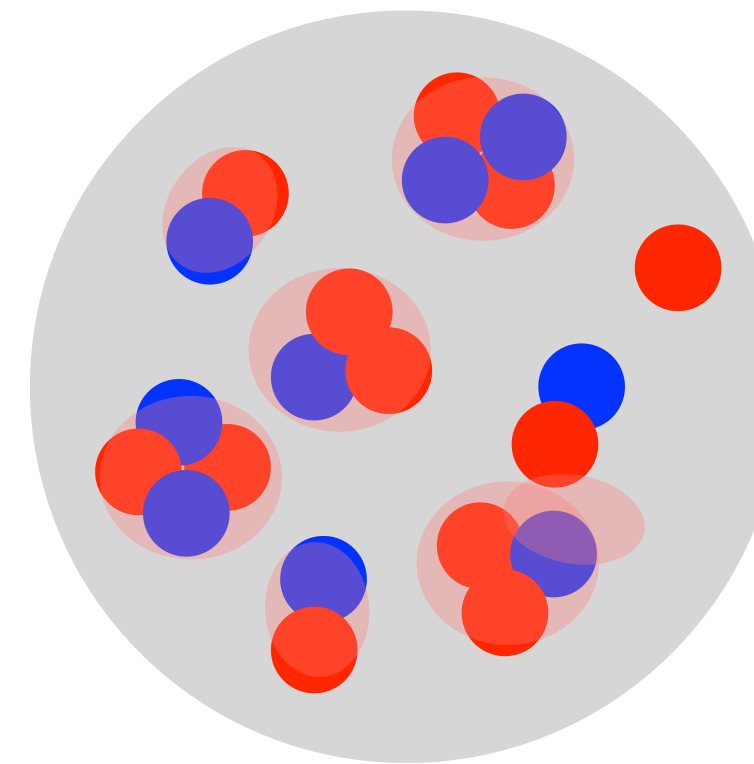


Clustering in Nuclei / Hadrons

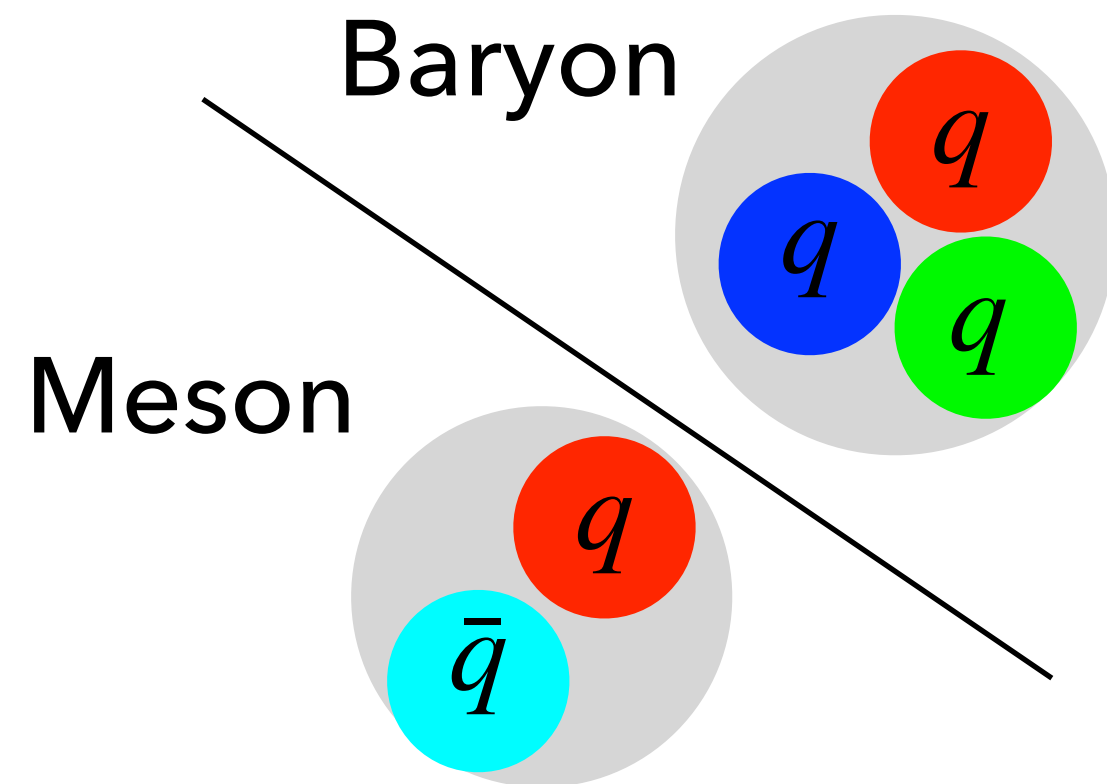
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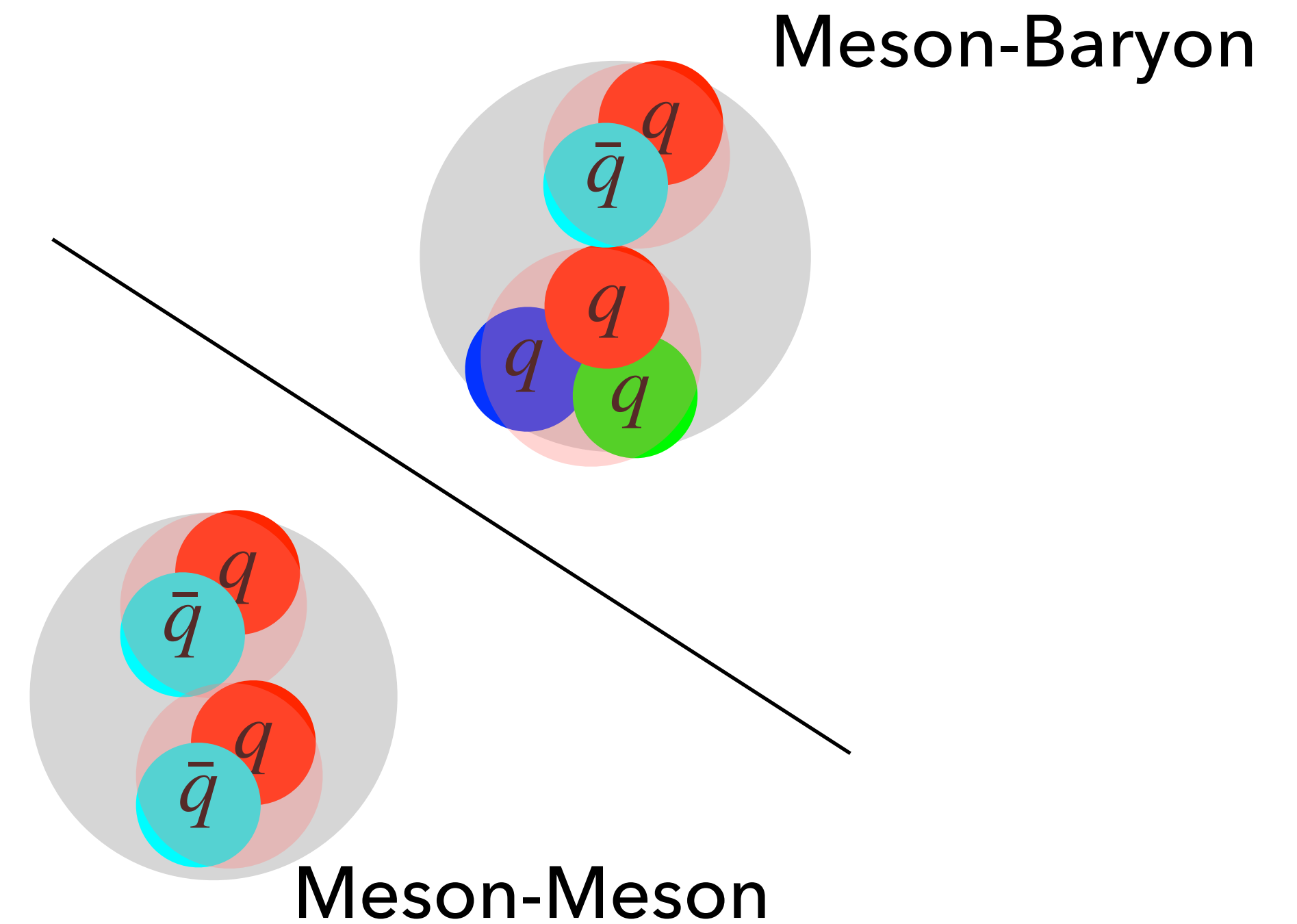
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Hadrons



Put energy →

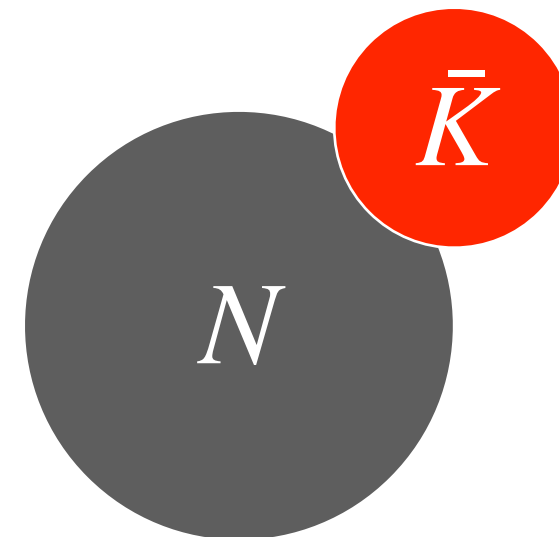


$\Lambda(1405)$

$$I(J^P) = 0 \left(\frac{1}{2}^- \right)$$

R. Dalitz and S. Tuan, Ann. Phys. (N.Y.) 10, 307 (1960).

R. Dalitz, T. Wong, and G. Rajasekaran, Phys. Rev. 153,1617 (1967).

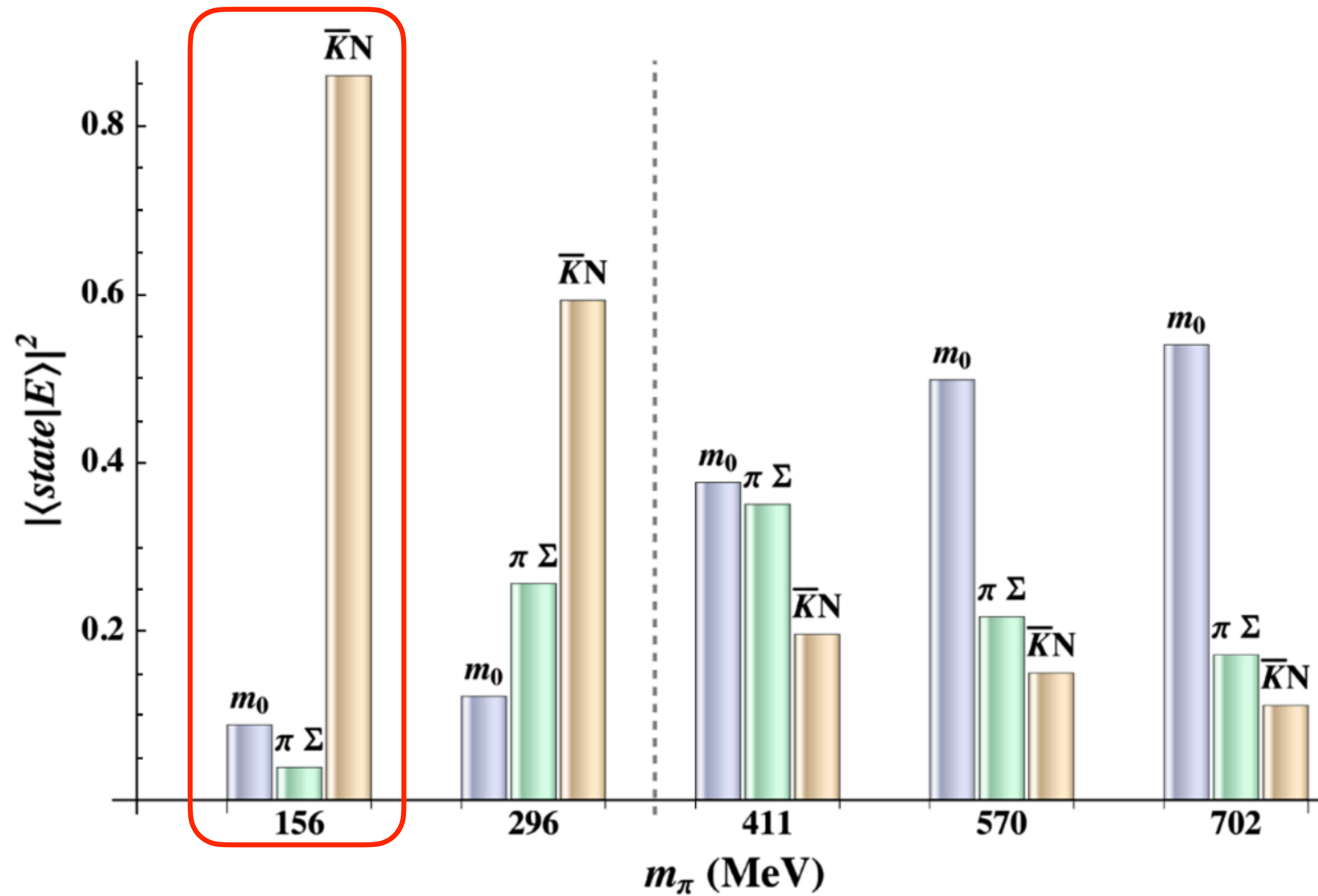


Considered to be $\bar{K}N$ cluster

$$(m_{\bar{K}} + m_N \sim 1.43 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$$

$\Lambda(1405)$

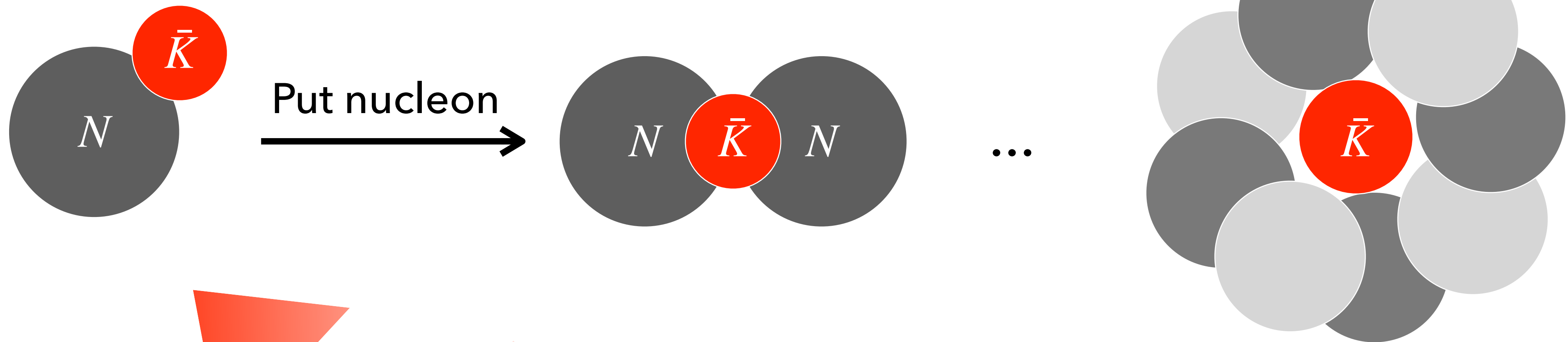
J. M. M. Hall et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **114** (2015) 132002



How to **experimentally** determine
the internal structure of exotic hadrons?

$\Lambda(1405)$

Antikaonic nuclei



Feedback to $\Lambda(1405)$

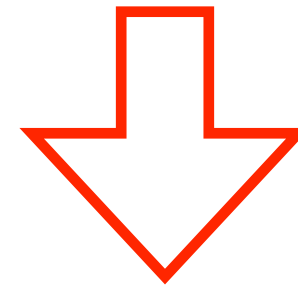
- Meson as a constituent
- Large binding energy
- Compact & Dense

$\bar{K}N$ interaction

$$I_{\bar{K}N} = 0 \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-K^-p + \bar{K}^0n) \quad \text{Strong attractive}$$

$$I_{\bar{K}N} = 1 \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (K^-p + \bar{K}^0n) \quad \text{attractive}$$

\bar{K}^0p
 K^-n



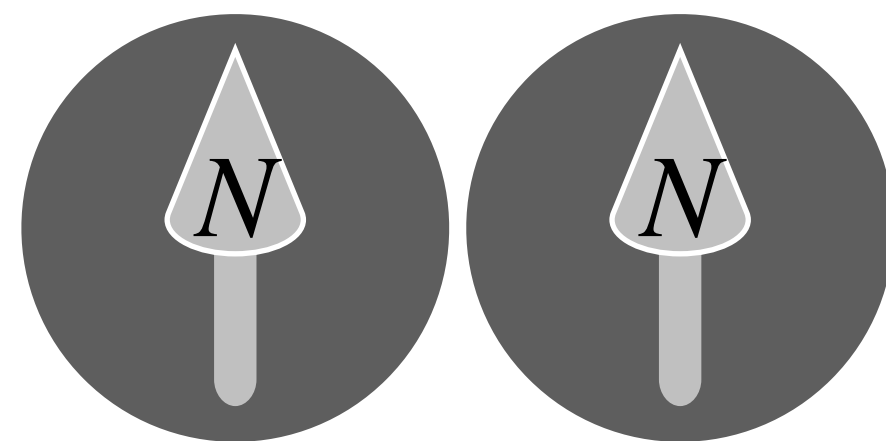
Possible to make quasi-bound state with $I_{\bar{K}N} = 0$

$\Lambda(1405)$

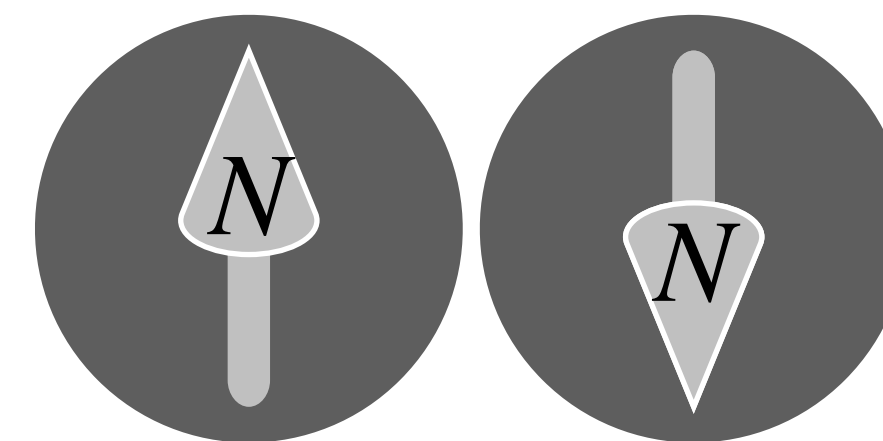
\bar{K} -nuclei

$$\bar{K}NN$$

The lightest \bar{K} -nucleus



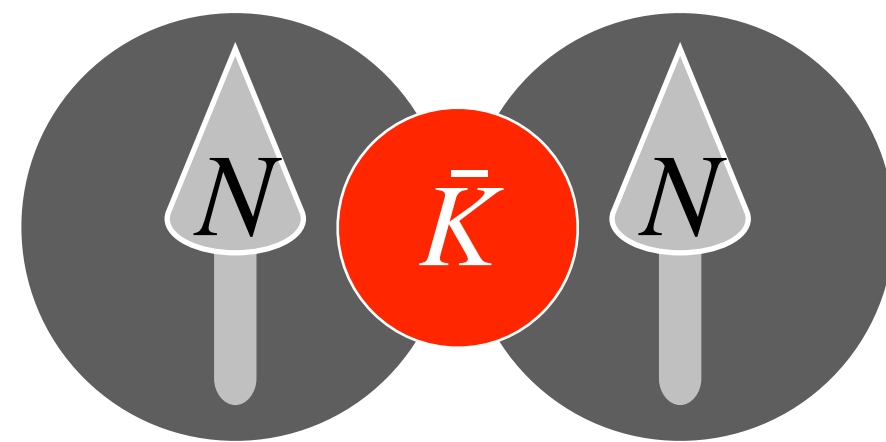
Deuteron



Unbound

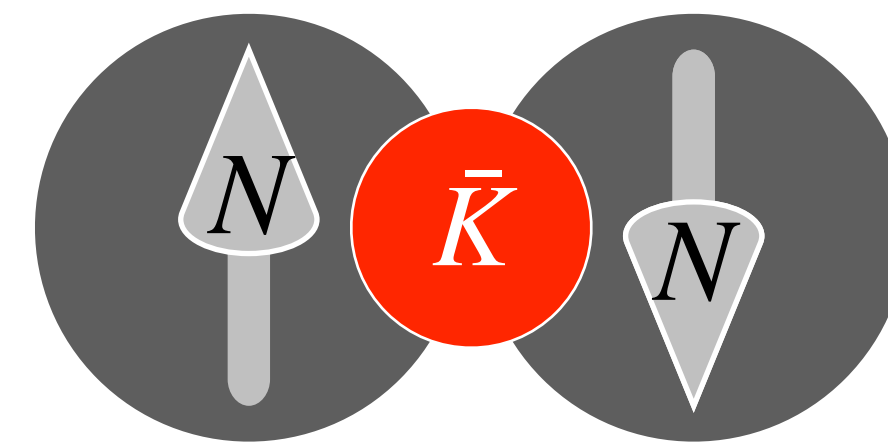
$\bar{K}NN$

The lightest \bar{K} -nucleus



$$J^\pi = 1^-$$

$$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}[\bar{K}N]^{I=0}N + \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}[\bar{K}N]^{I=1}N$$



$$J^\pi = 0^-$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}[\bar{K}N]^{I=0}N + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}[\bar{K}N]^{I=1}N$$

Ground state

$\bar{K}NN$

The lightest \bar{K} -nucleus

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1 December 1963

POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF $\bar{K}NN$ BOUND STATES

Y. NOGAMI

National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada [†]

Received 2 November 1963

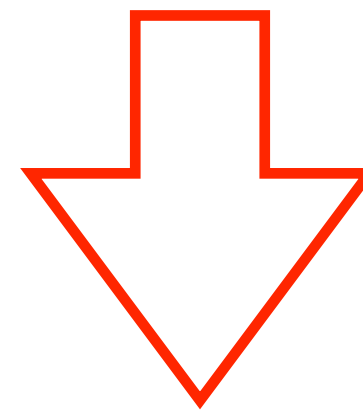
$\bar{K}NN$

The lightest \bar{K} -nucleus

No theoretical study doubts the existence of $\bar{K}NN$,
but predicted BE & Γ highly depend on model.

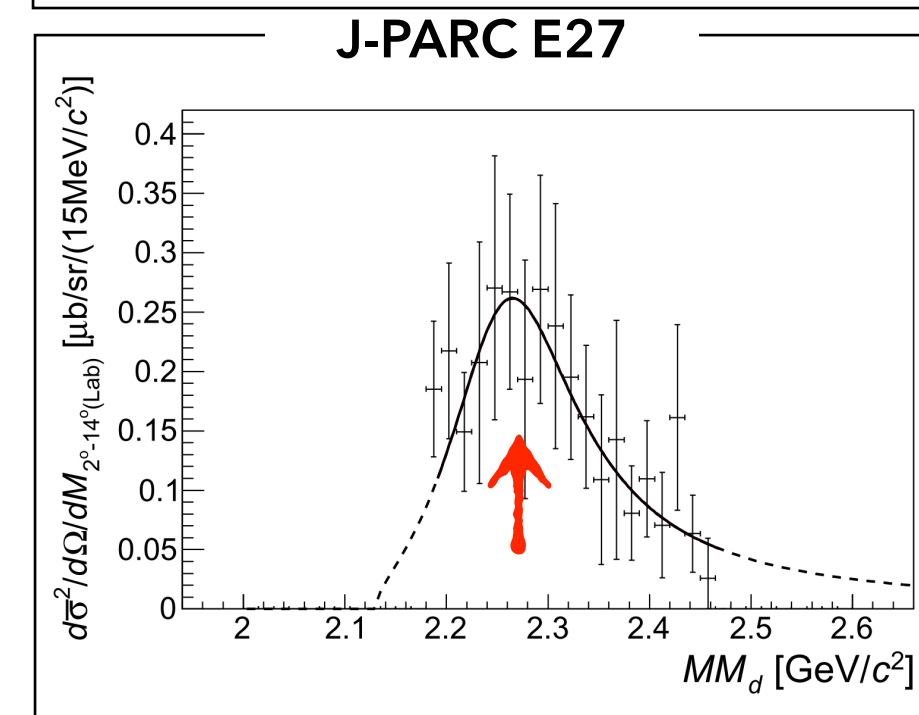
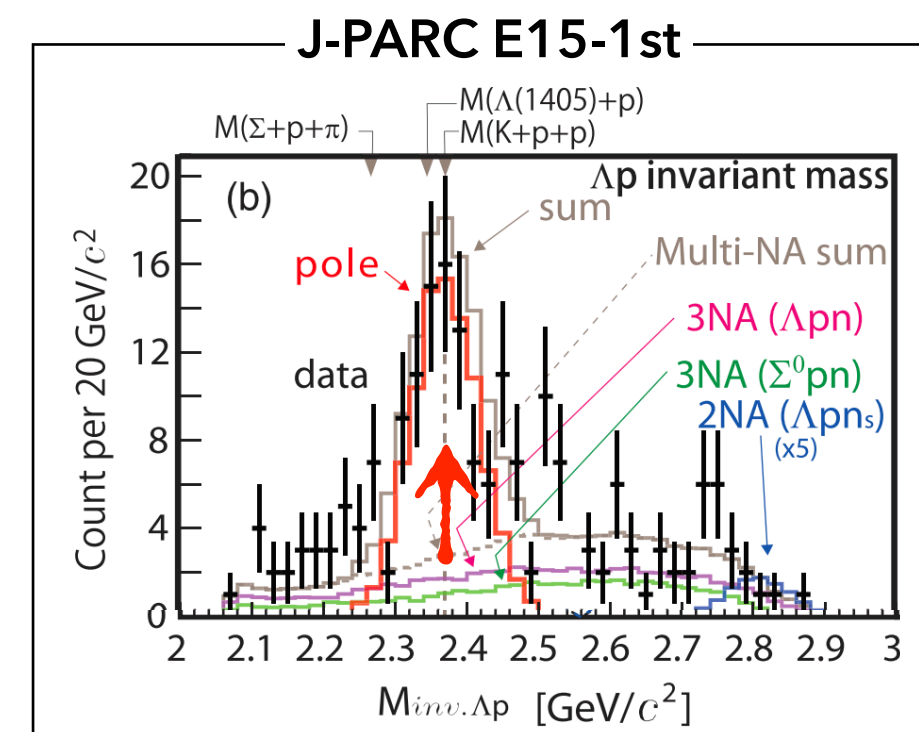
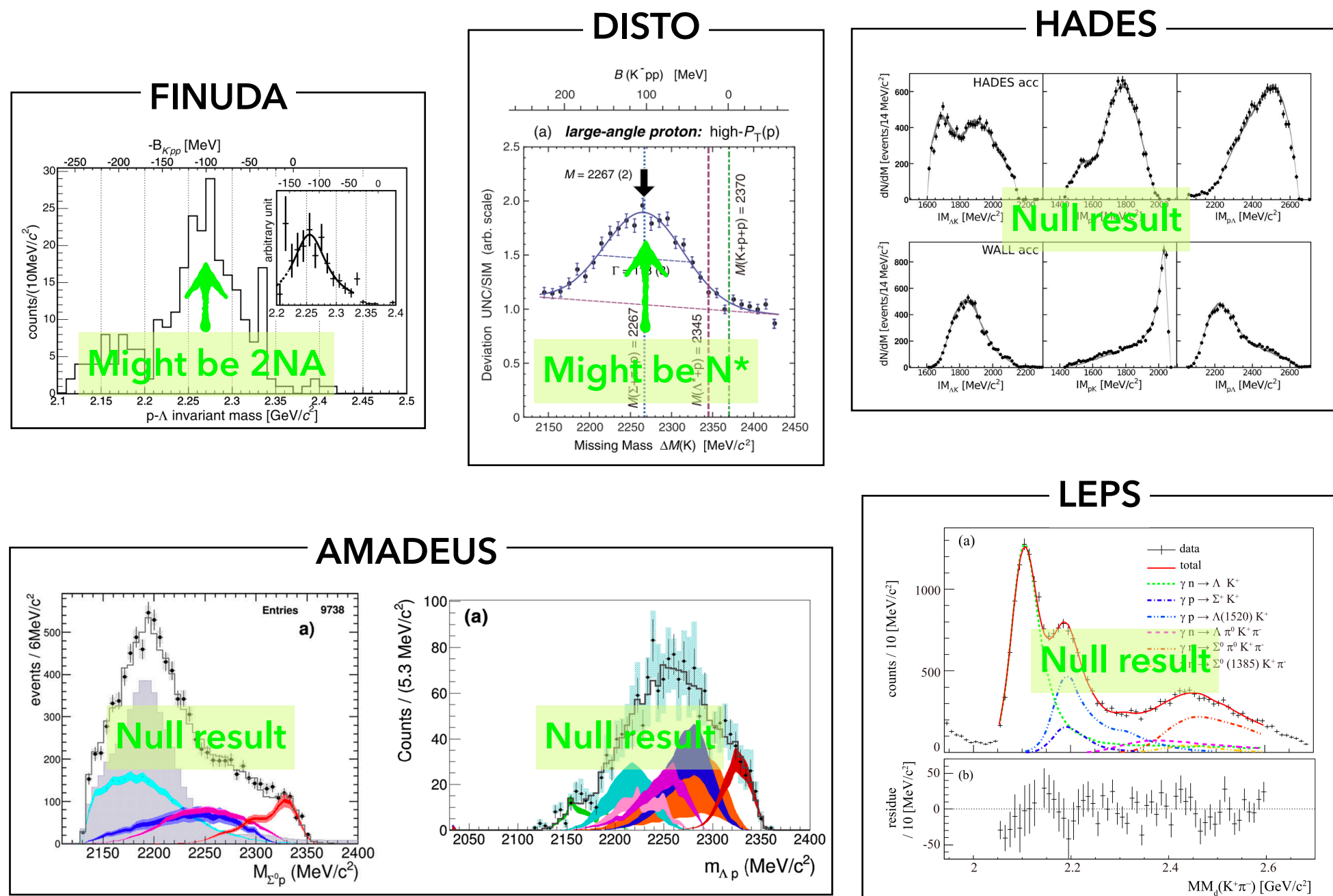
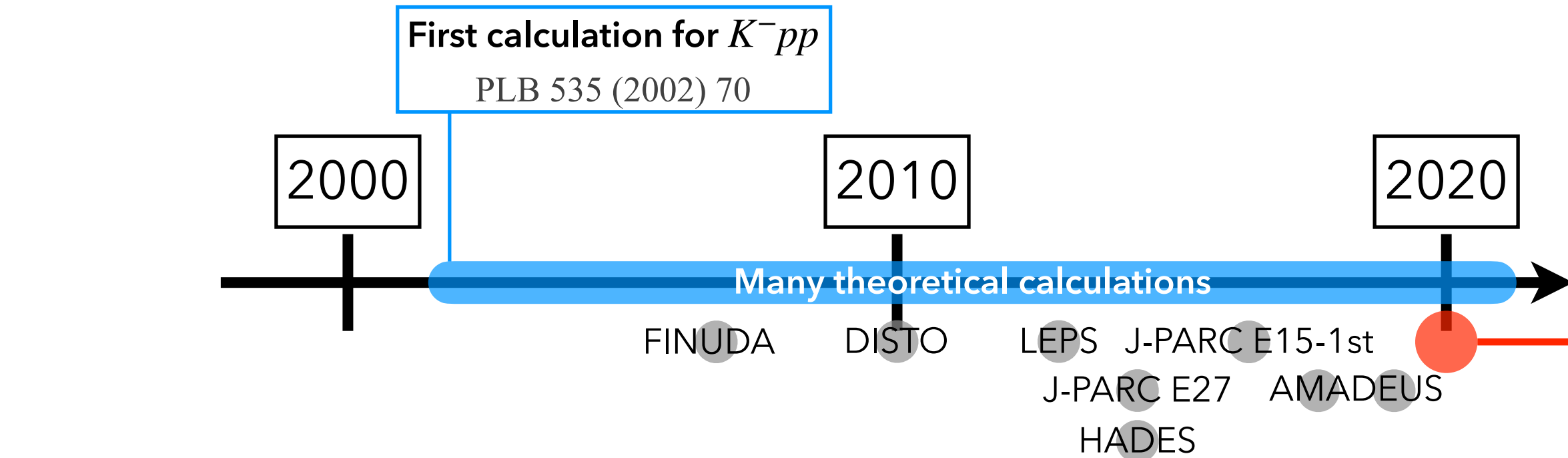
$$BE = 9 - 95 \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma = 16 - 110 \text{ MeV}$$

L. Tolos & L. Fabbietti, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 112 (2020) 103770



We conducted an experimental search for $\bar{K}NN$ @ J-PARC (E15 experiment)

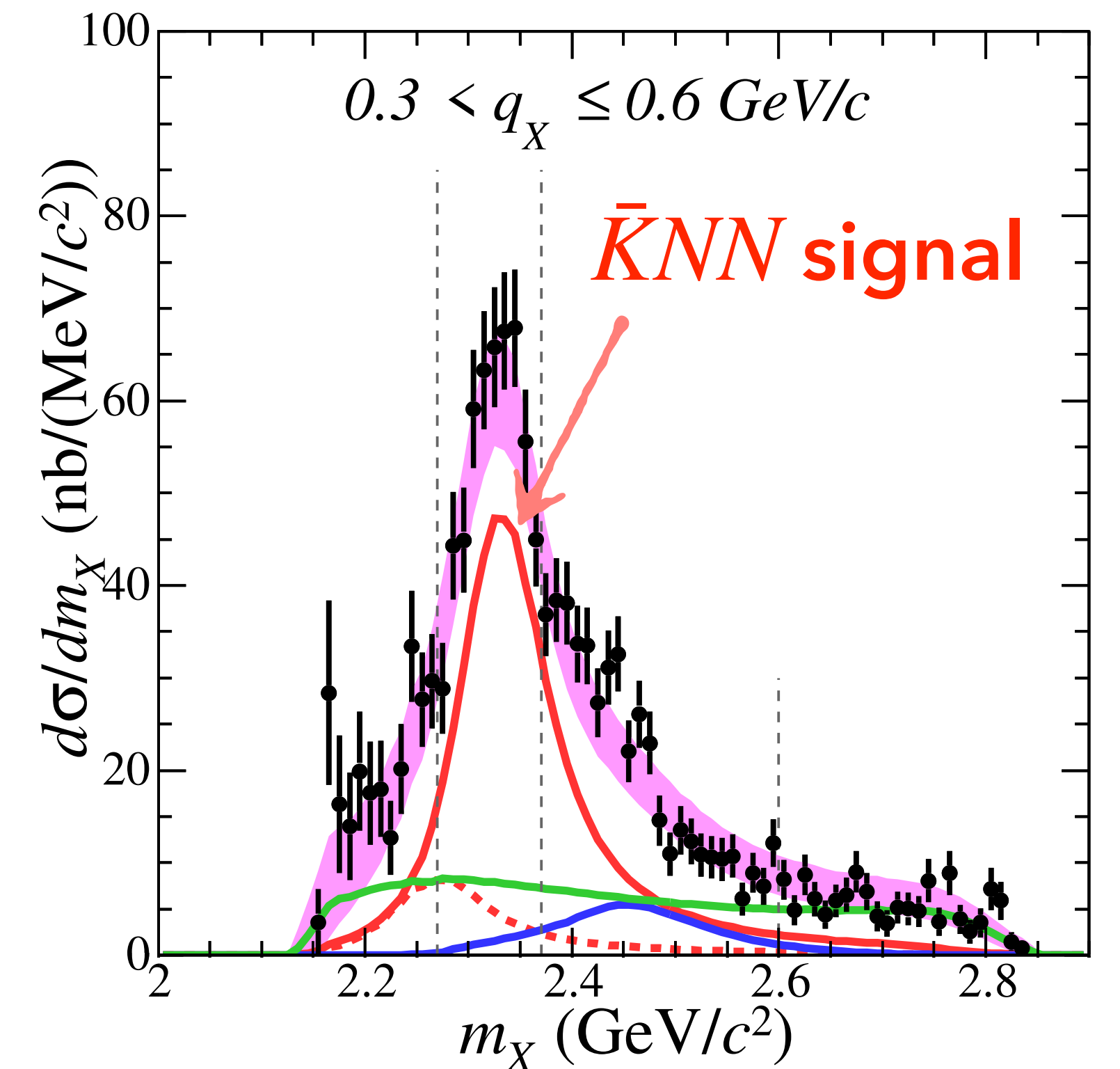
Exp. studies for $\bar{K}NN$ so far



PHYSICAL REVIEW C **102**, 044002 (2020)

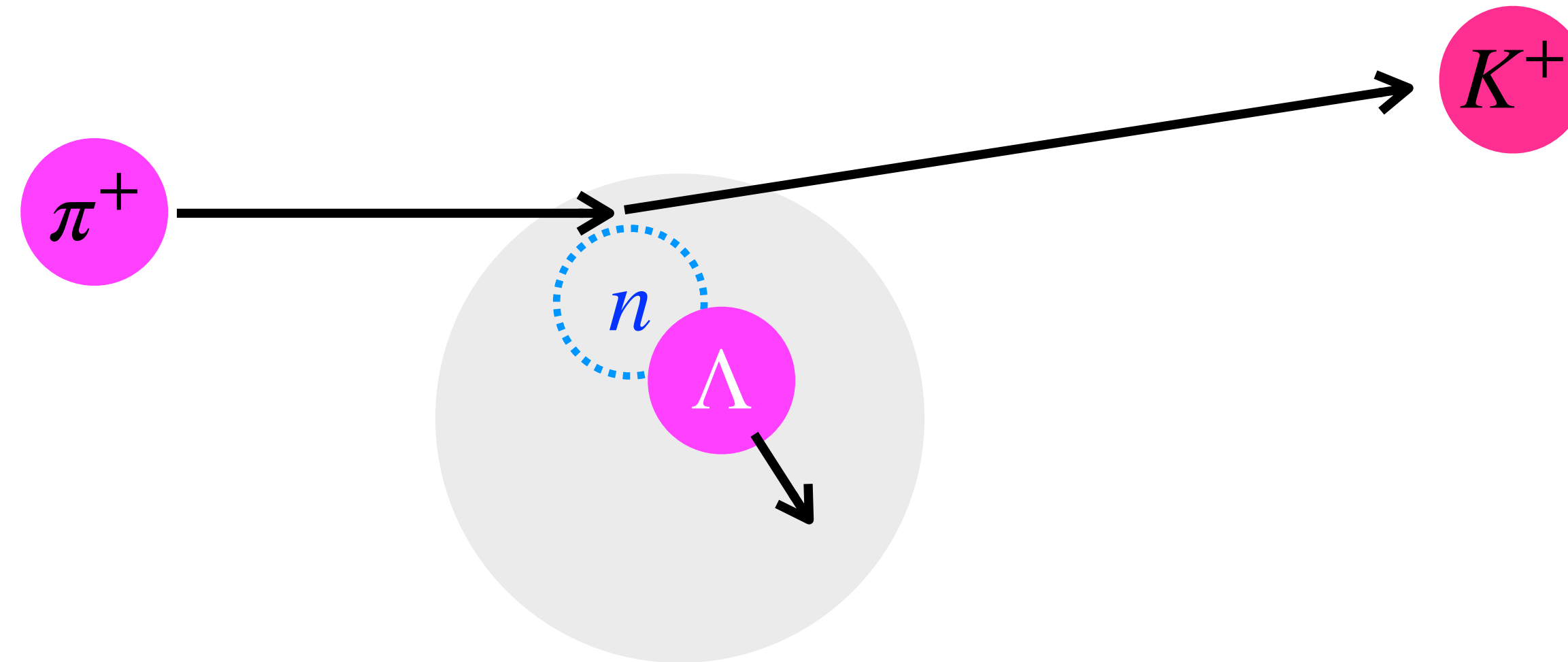
Observation of a $\bar{K}NN$ bound state in the $^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ reaction

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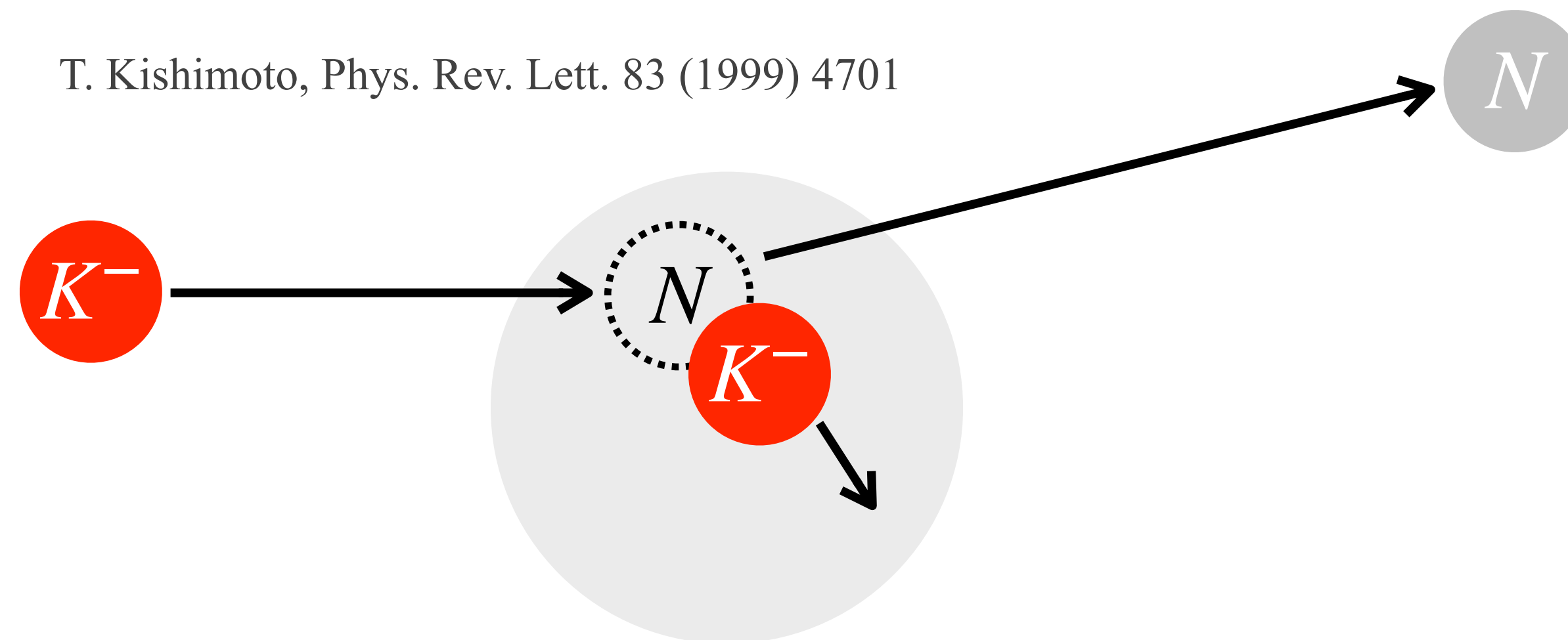
Production of \bar{K} -nuclei

Λ hypernuclei



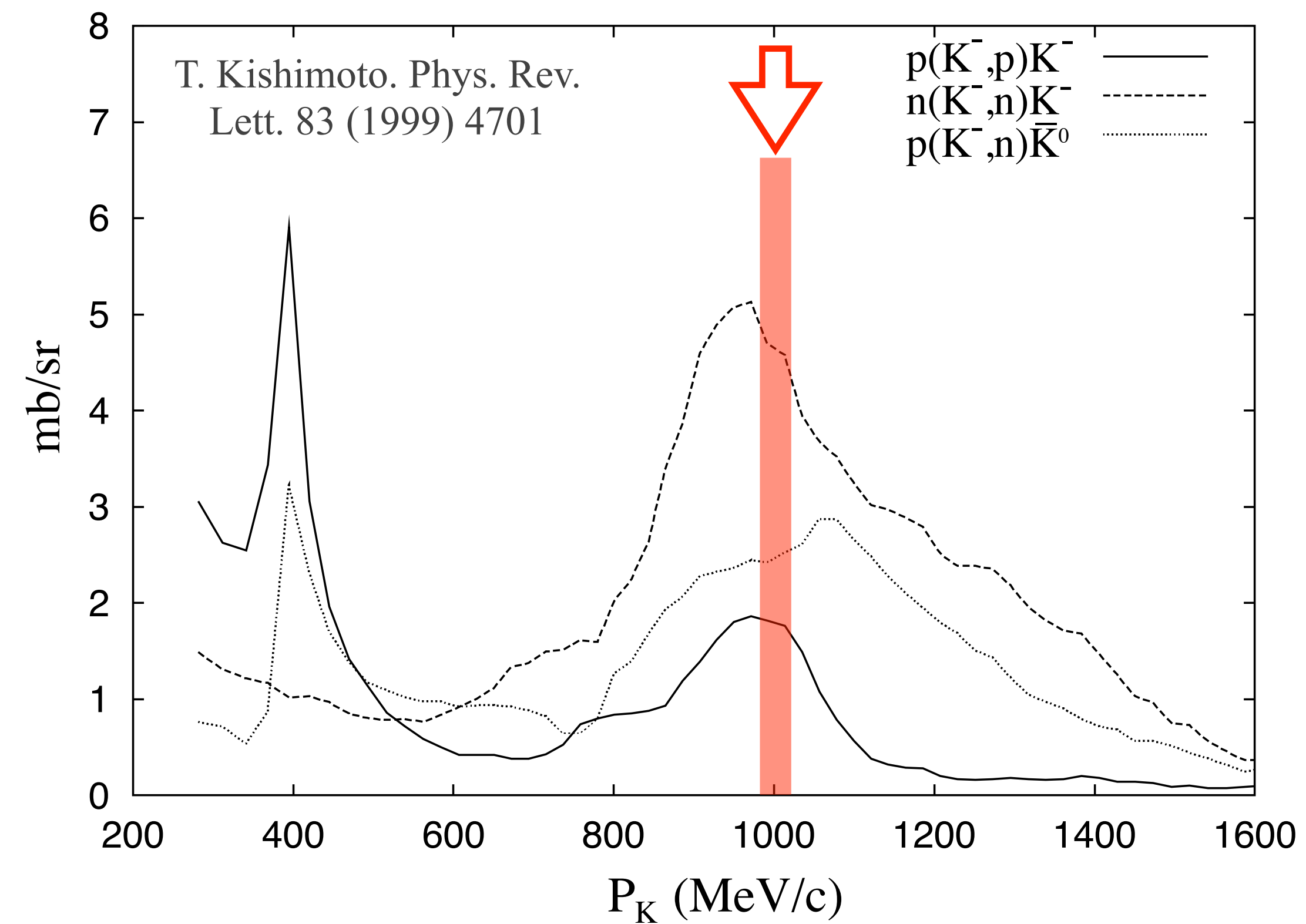
\bar{K} nuclei

T. Kishimoto, Phys. Rev. Lett. 83 (1999) 4701



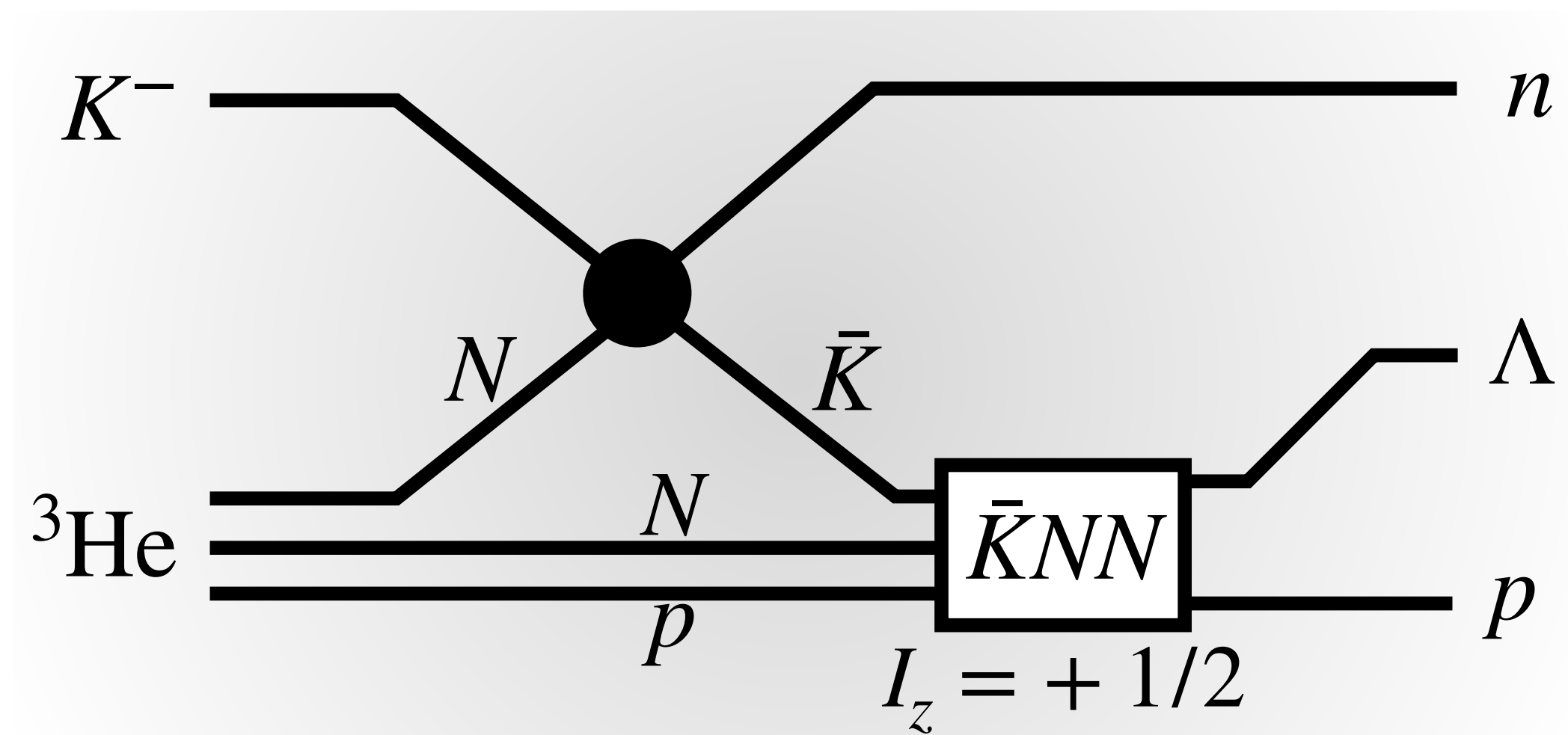
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(K^-, N) elementary cross sections @ $\theta_N = 0^\circ$

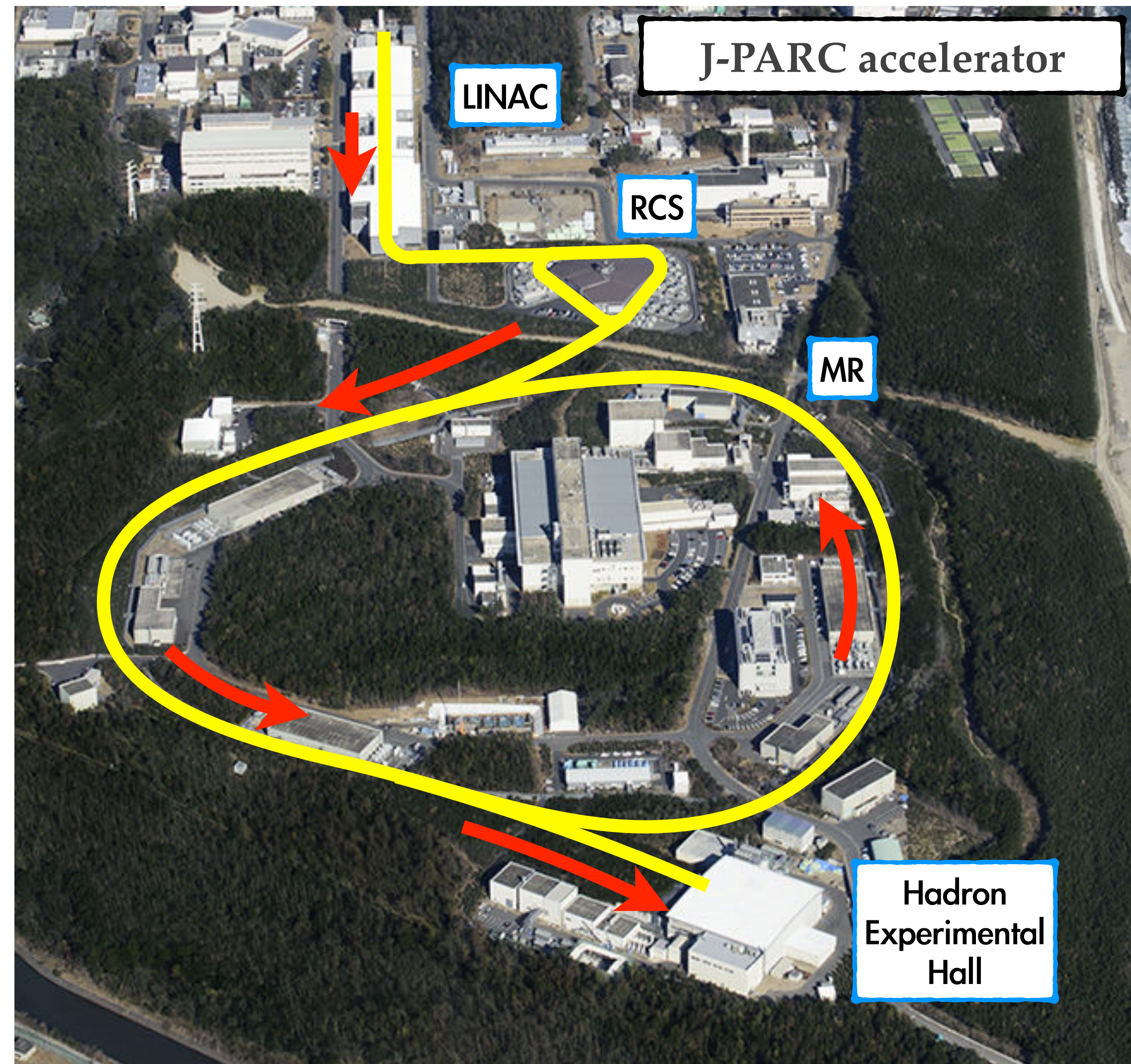


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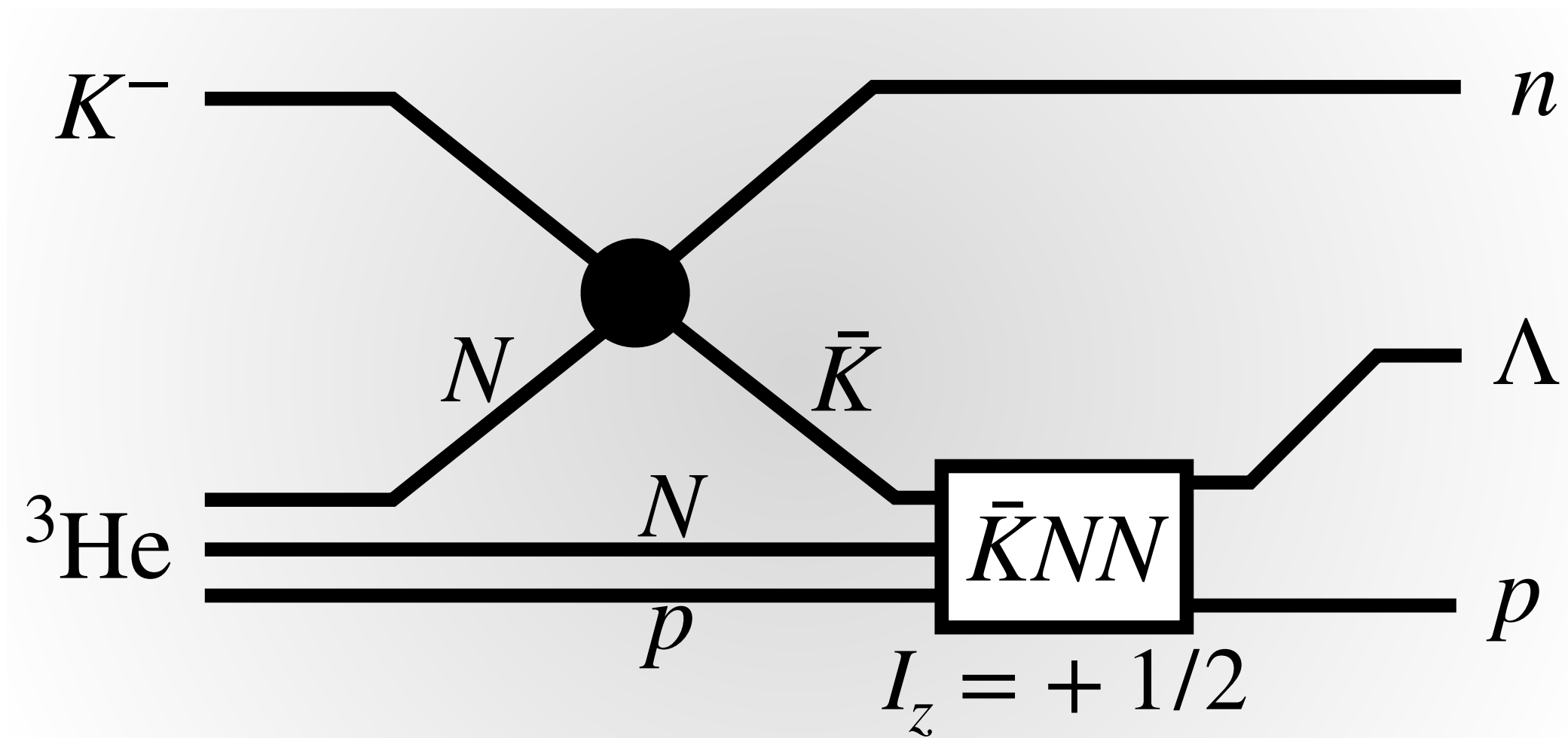


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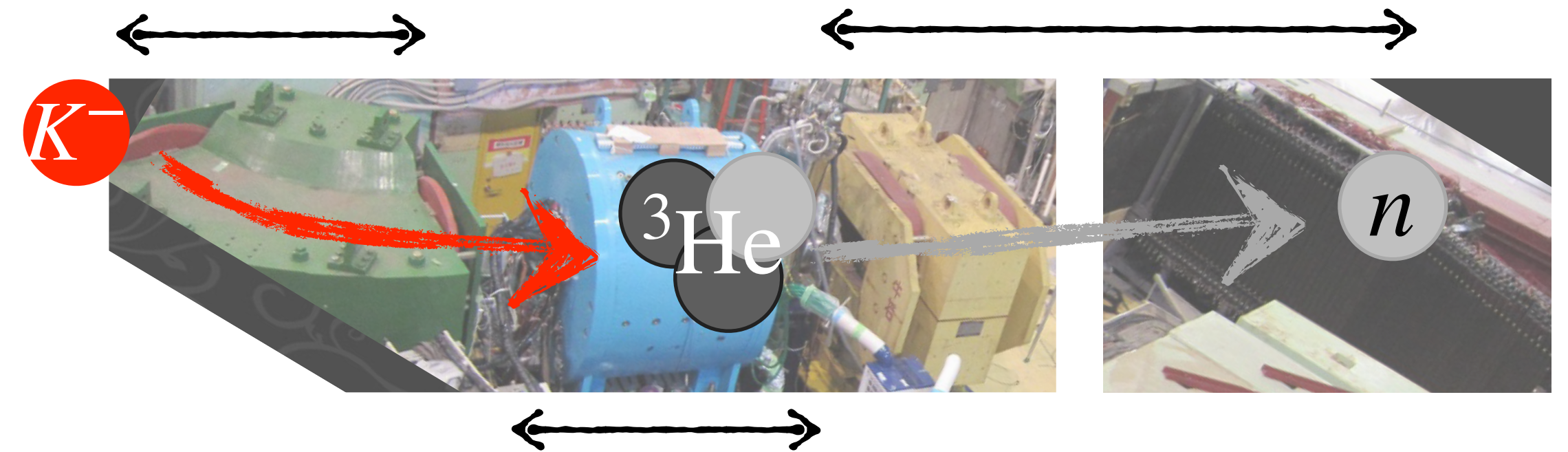
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Detector system

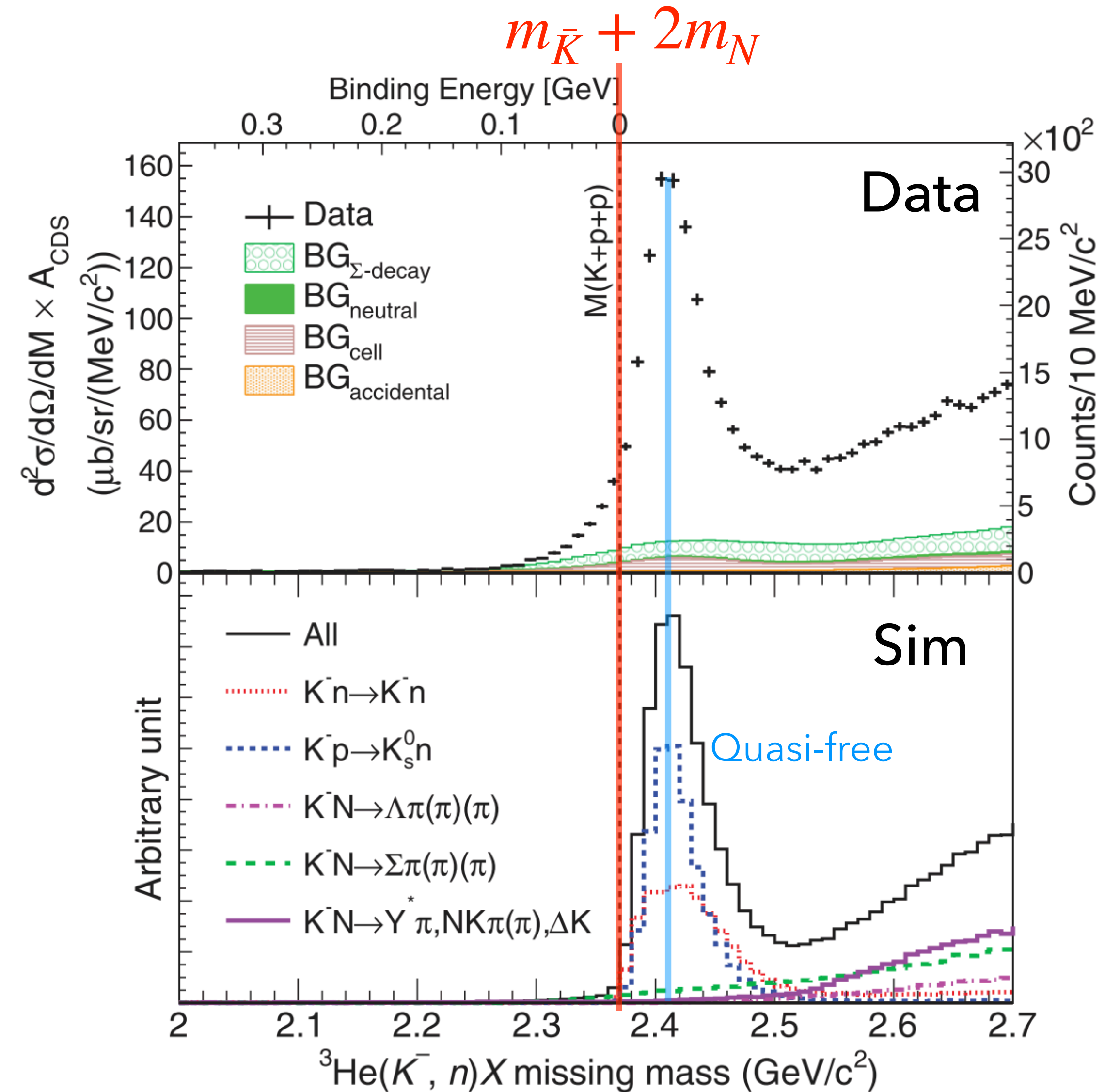
Beam spectrometer

Forward spectrometer



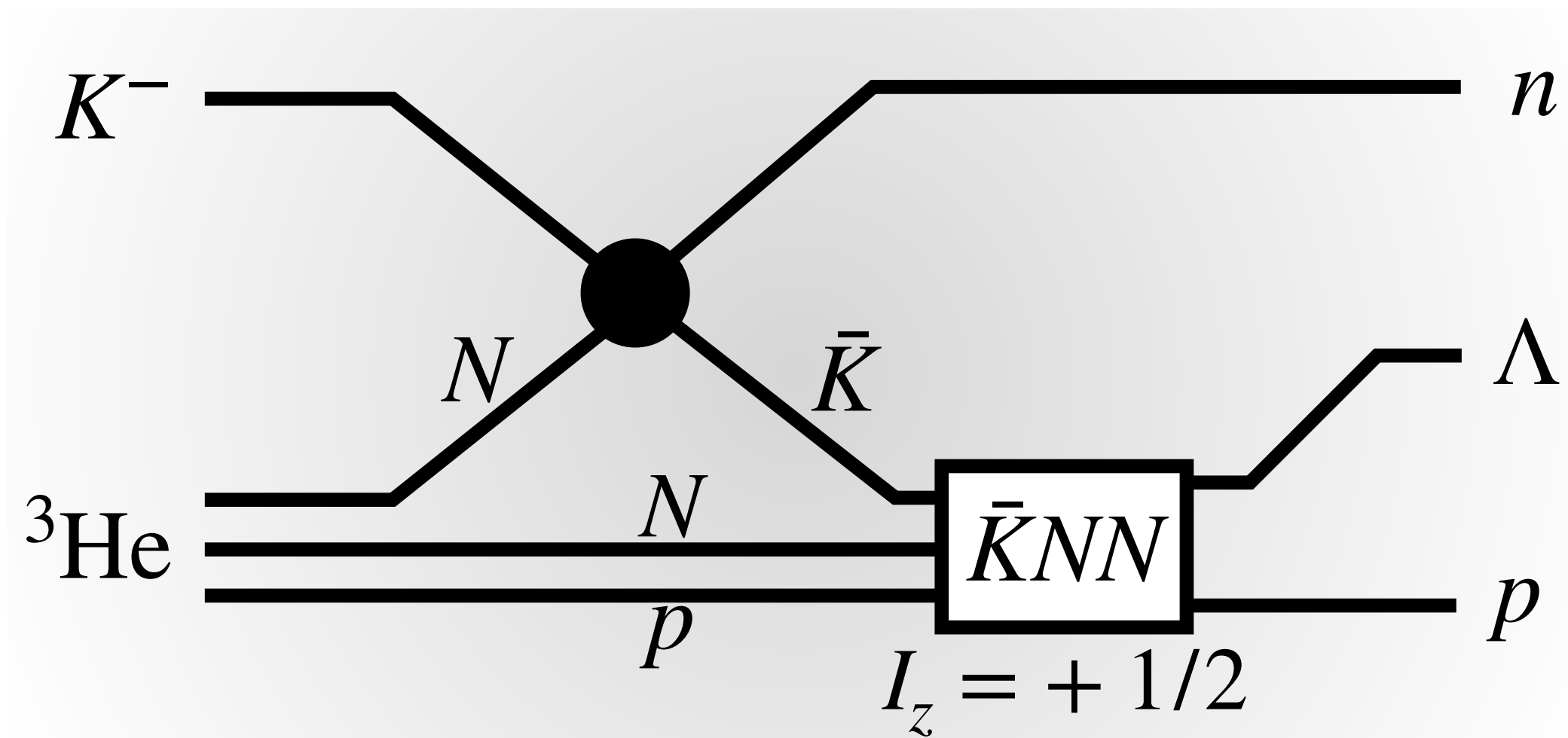
Cylindrical detector system

Inclusive measurement



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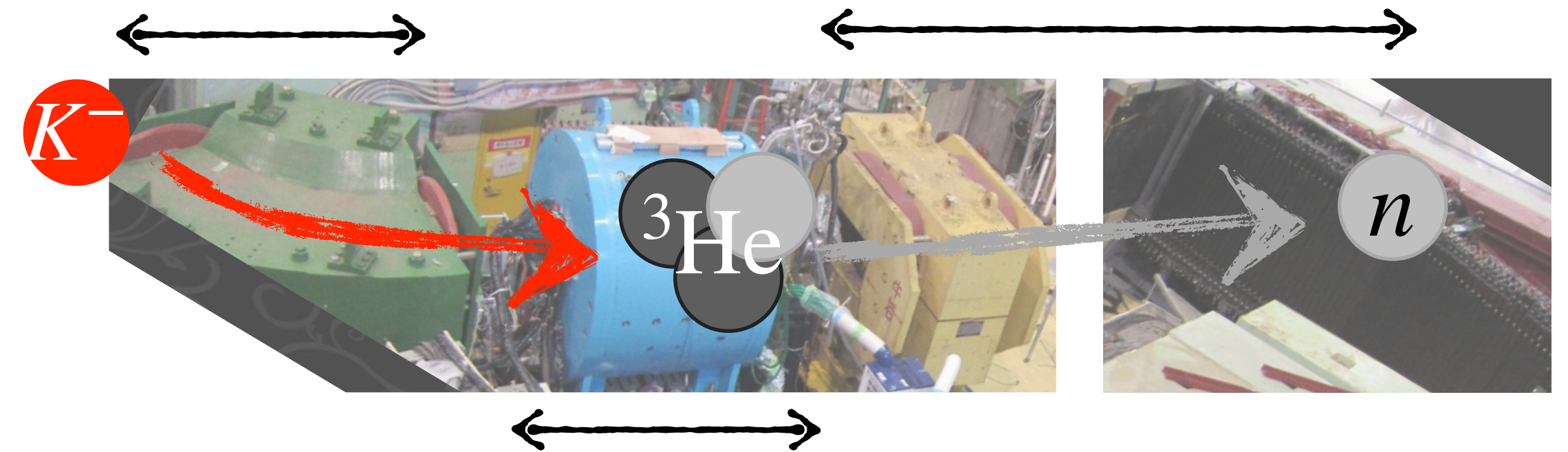
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Detector system

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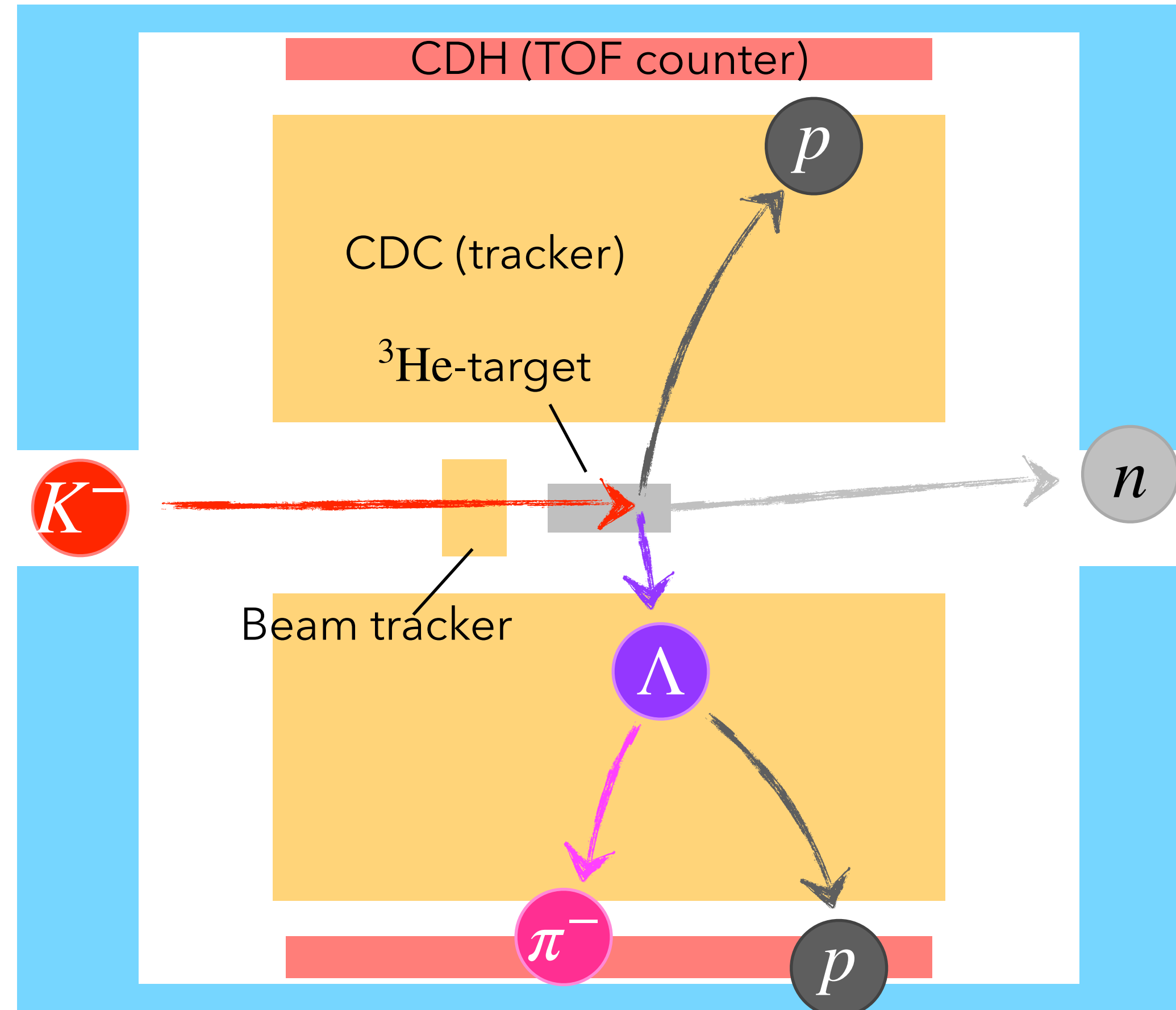
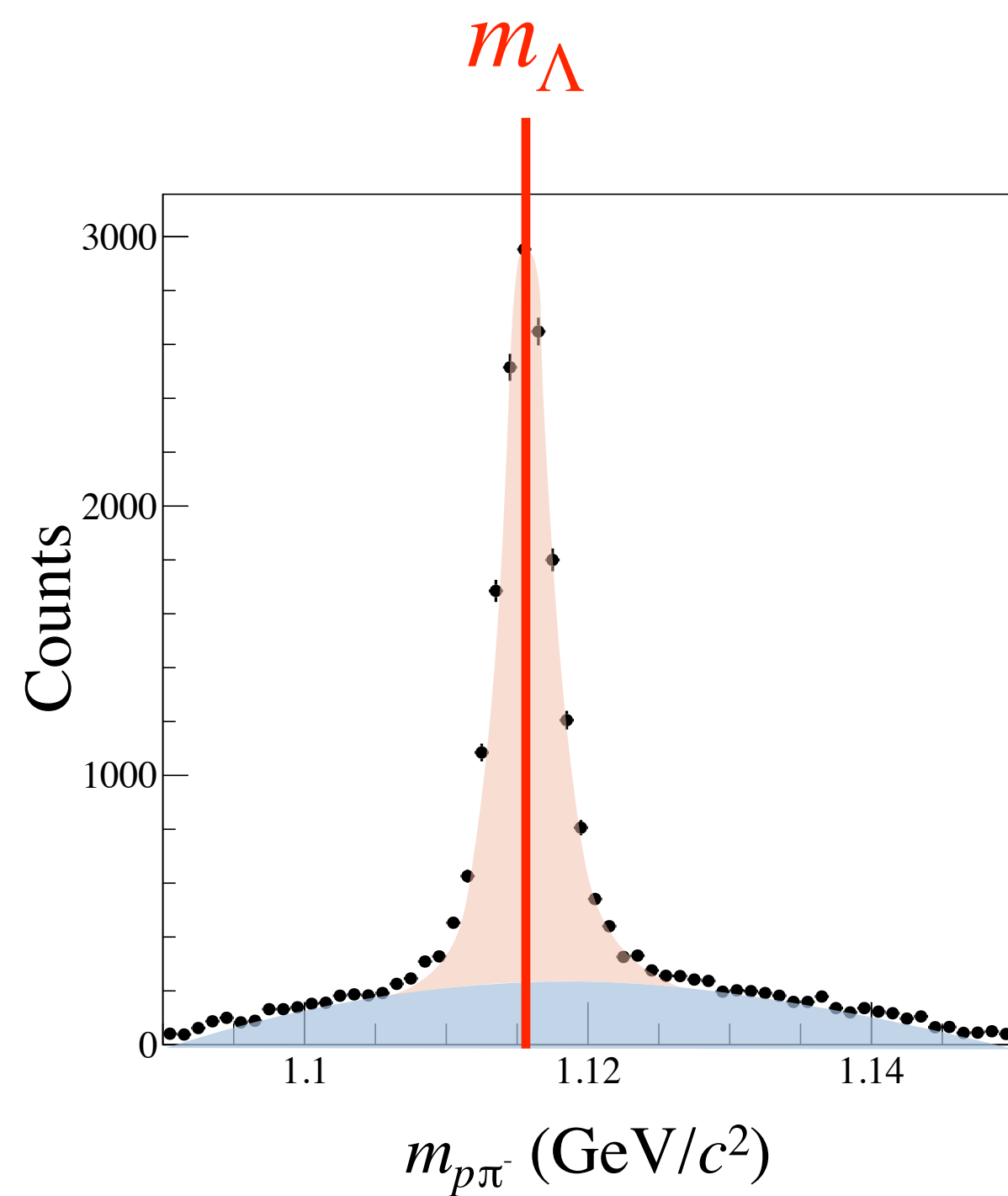
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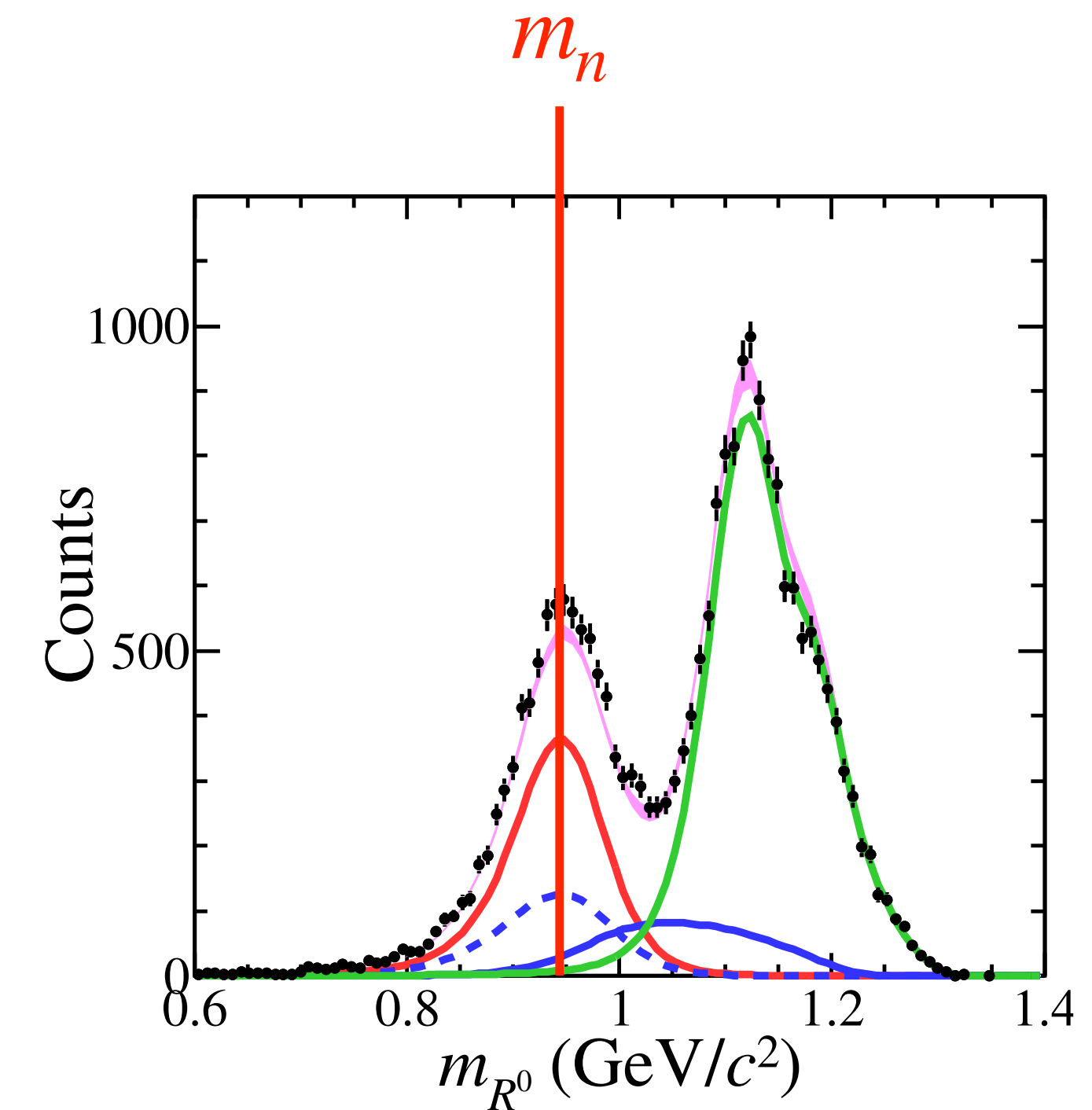
Cylindrical detector system

Exclusive measurement

Reconstruction of Λ

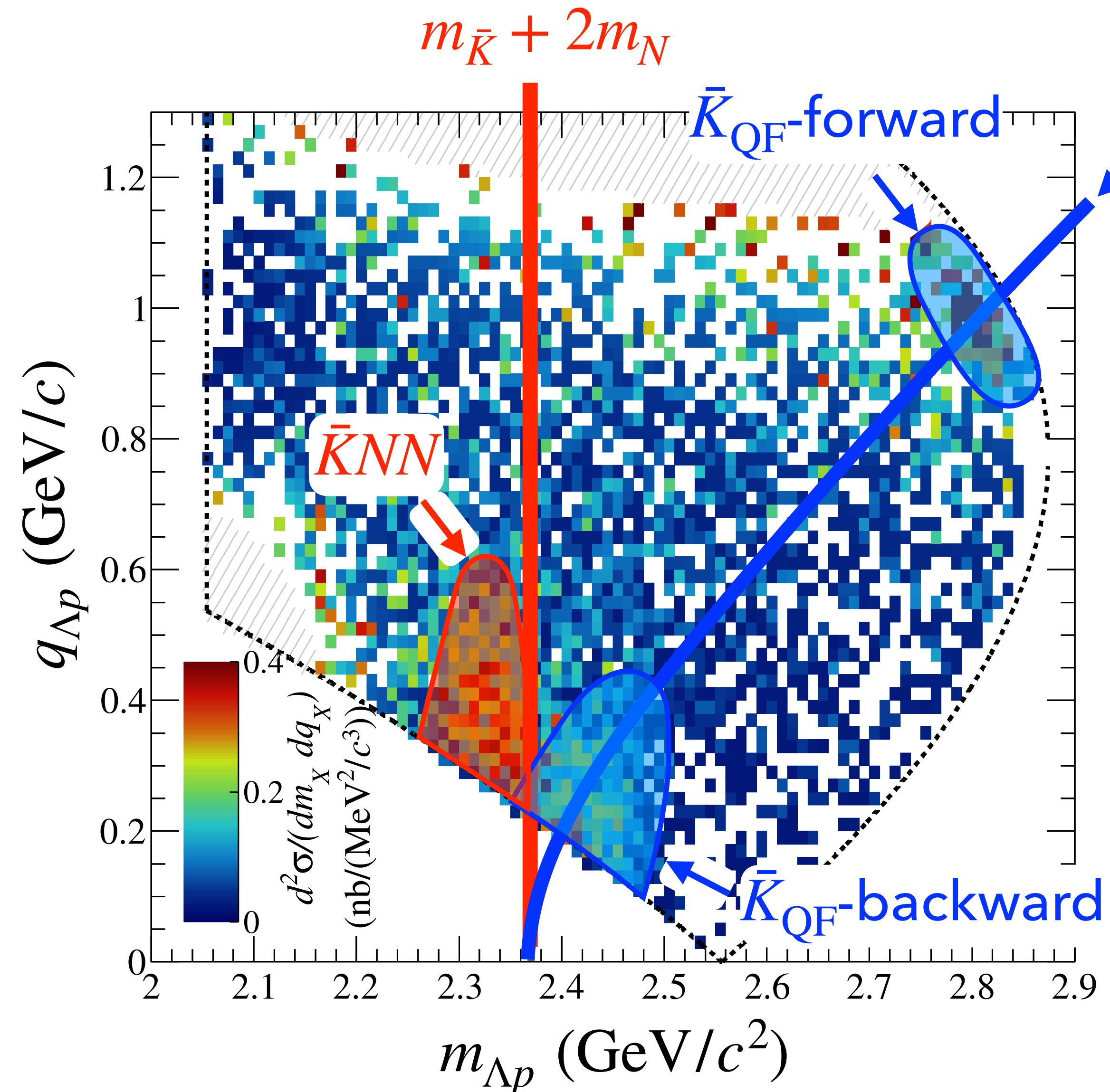


Identification of n_{miss}

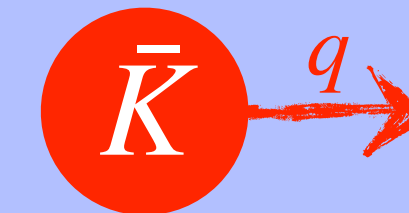


Purity of the $\Lambda p n$ final state $\sim 80\%$

Exclusive measurement



Mass of



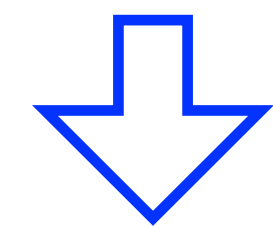
having
momentum q

+



N
at rest

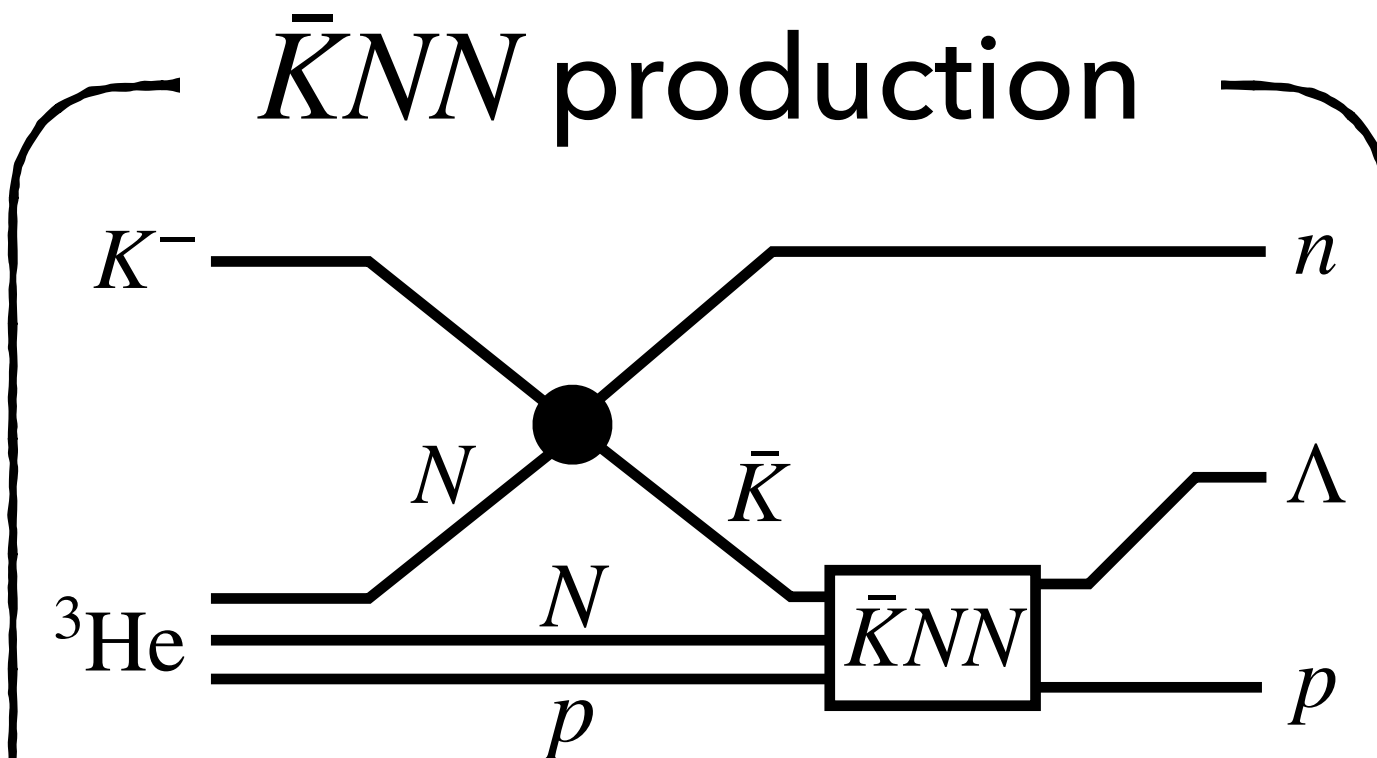
$$= \sqrt{4m_N^2 + m_{\bar{K}}^2 + 4m_N \sqrt{m_{\bar{K}}^2 + q^2}}$$



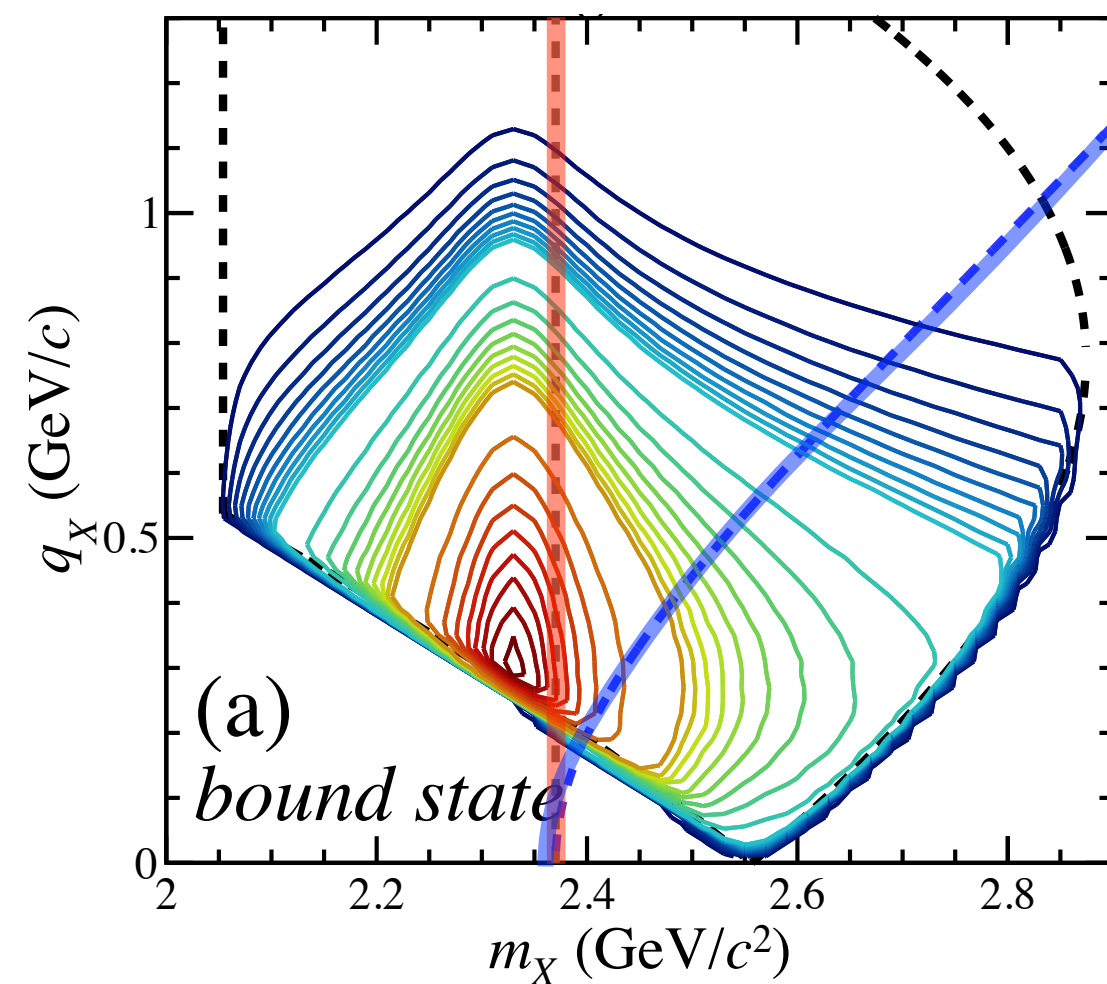
Quasi-free \bar{K} absorption

Exclusive measurement

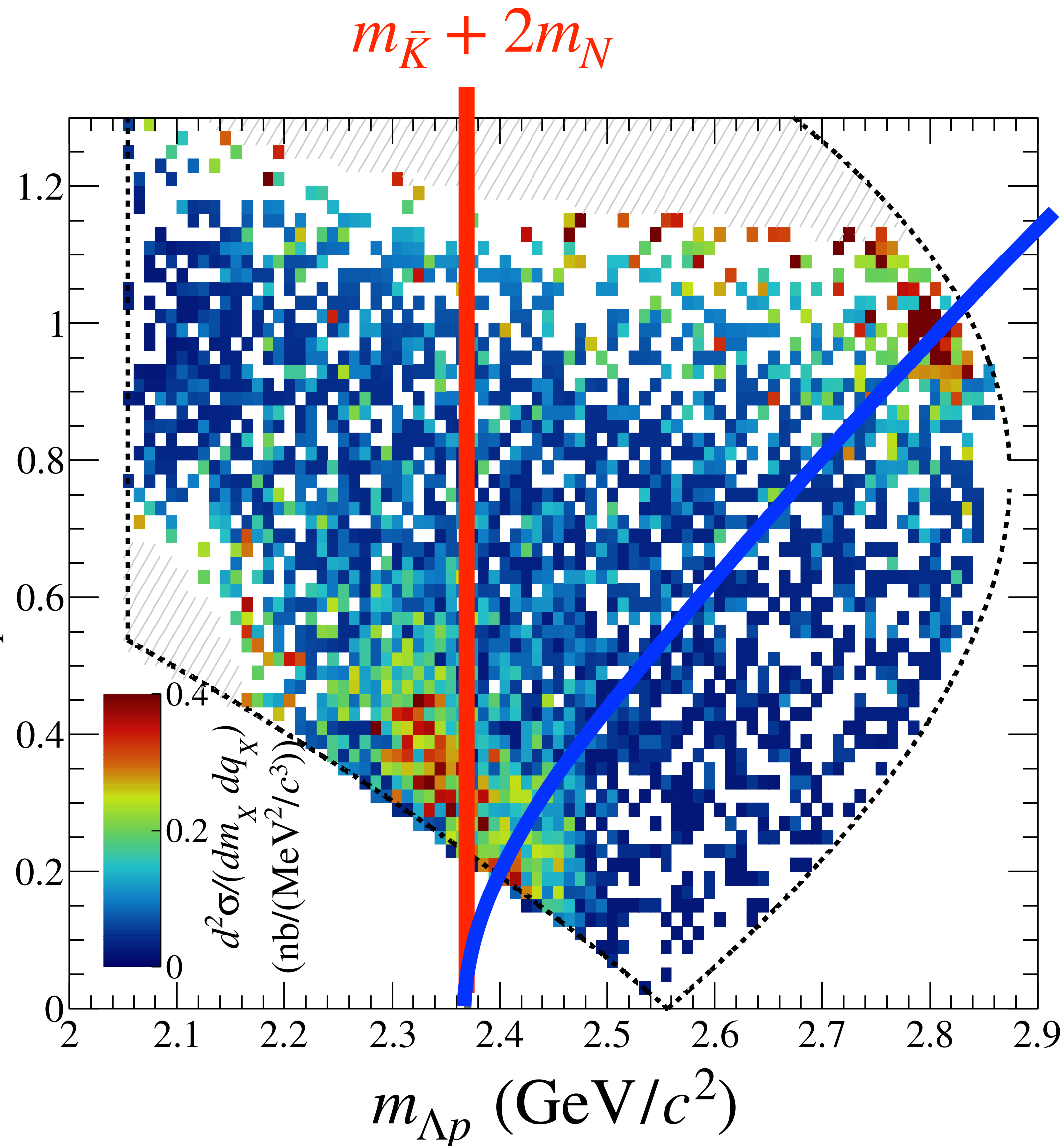
$\bar{K}NN$ production



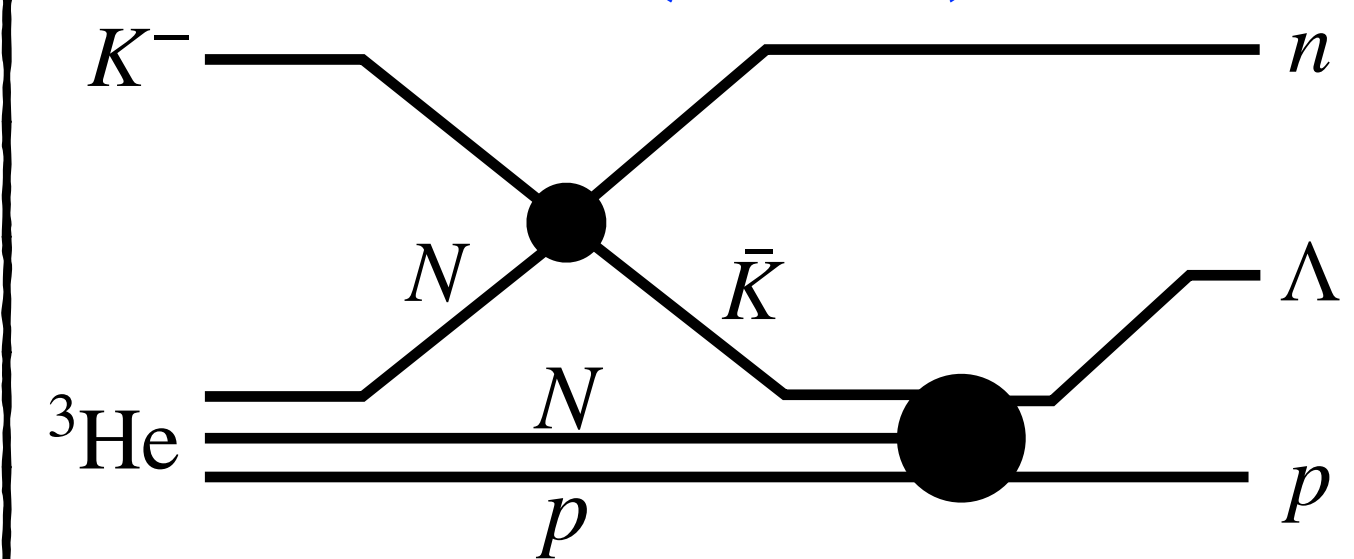
$$f_{\bar{K}NN}(m_X, q_X) = \frac{\Gamma^2/4}{(m_X - M_X)^2 + \Gamma^2/4} \times g_{K^-pp}(q_X)$$



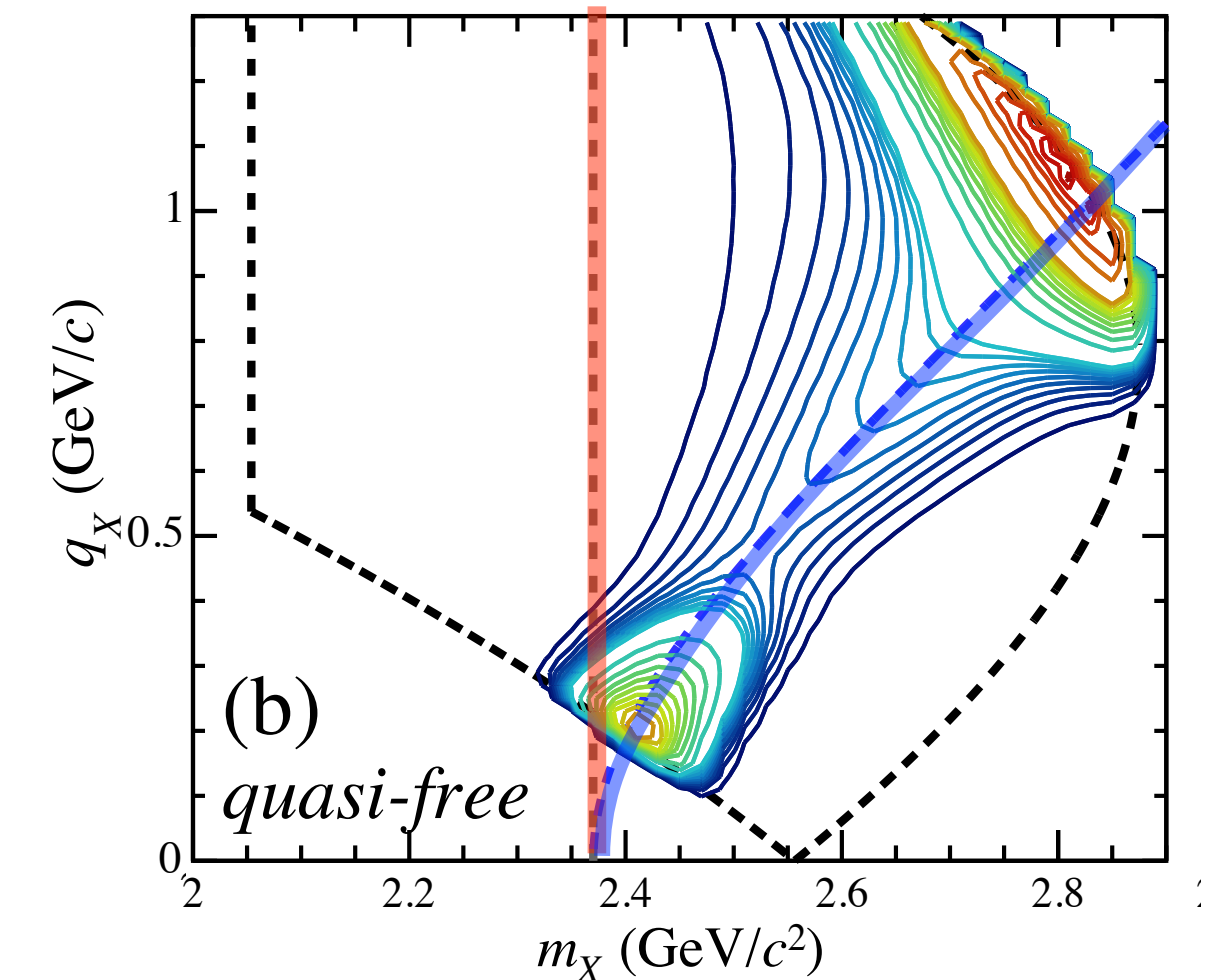
$q_{\Lambda p}$ (GeV/c)



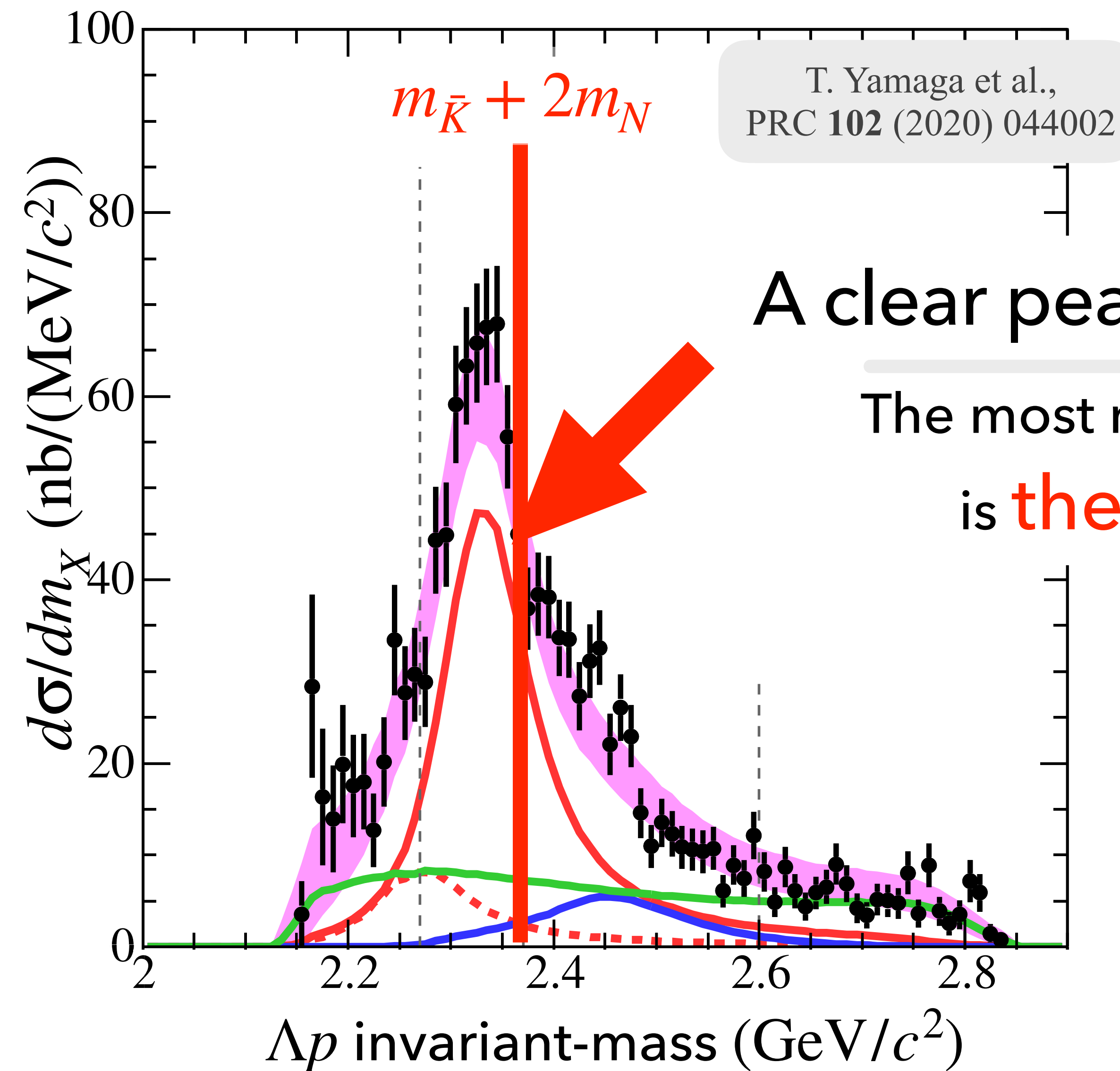
Quasi-free process with (K^-, n)



$$f_{\text{QF}}(m_X, q_X) = \exp\left(-\frac{(m_X - M_F(q_X))^2}{\sigma^2(q_X)}\right) \times g_{\text{QF}}(q_X)$$



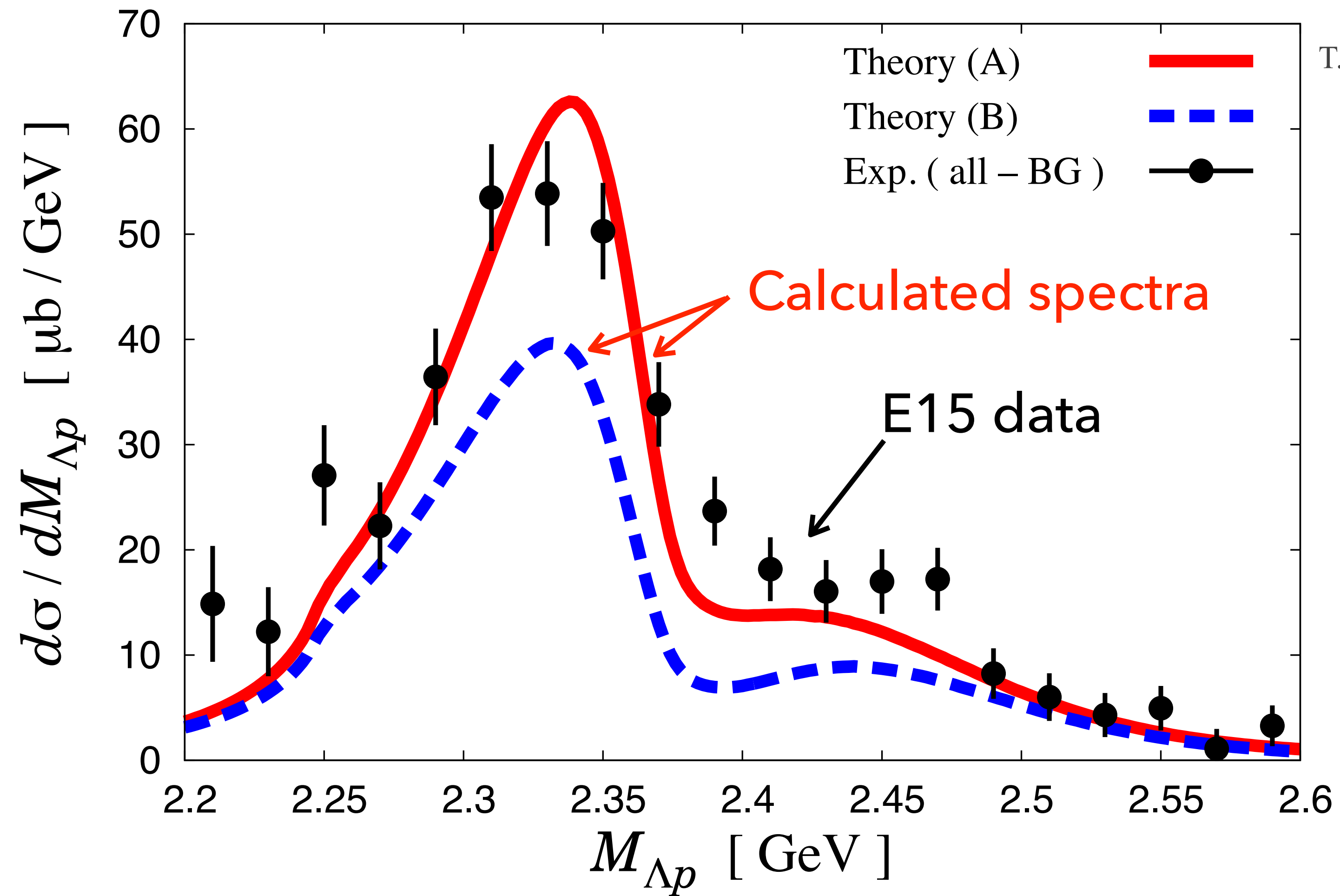
Exclusive measurement



A clear peak below $m_{\bar{K}} + 2m_N$

The most natural interpretation
is **the $\bar{K}NN$ signal.**

Theoretical calculation



T. Sekihara, E. Oset, and A. Ramos,
JPSCP **26** (2019) 023009

Theoretical calculation supports that the observed peak is $\bar{K}NN$ signal.

Mass and Width of $\bar{K}NN$

BE

Γ

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42 ± 3 (stat.) $^{+3}_{-4}$ (syst.) MeV

100 ± 7 (stat.) $^{+19}_{-9}$ (syst.) MeV

* Obtained as peak position & width of simple Breit-Wigner

Consistent

Exp > Theor

S. Ohnishi et al.,
Phys. Rev. C **95** (2017) 065202

26 – 28 MeV

31 – 59 MeV

N. Shevchenko,
Few-Body Syst. **61** (2020) 27

29 – 30 MeV

46 – 47 MeV

A. Dote et al.,
Phys. Lett. B **784** (2018) 405

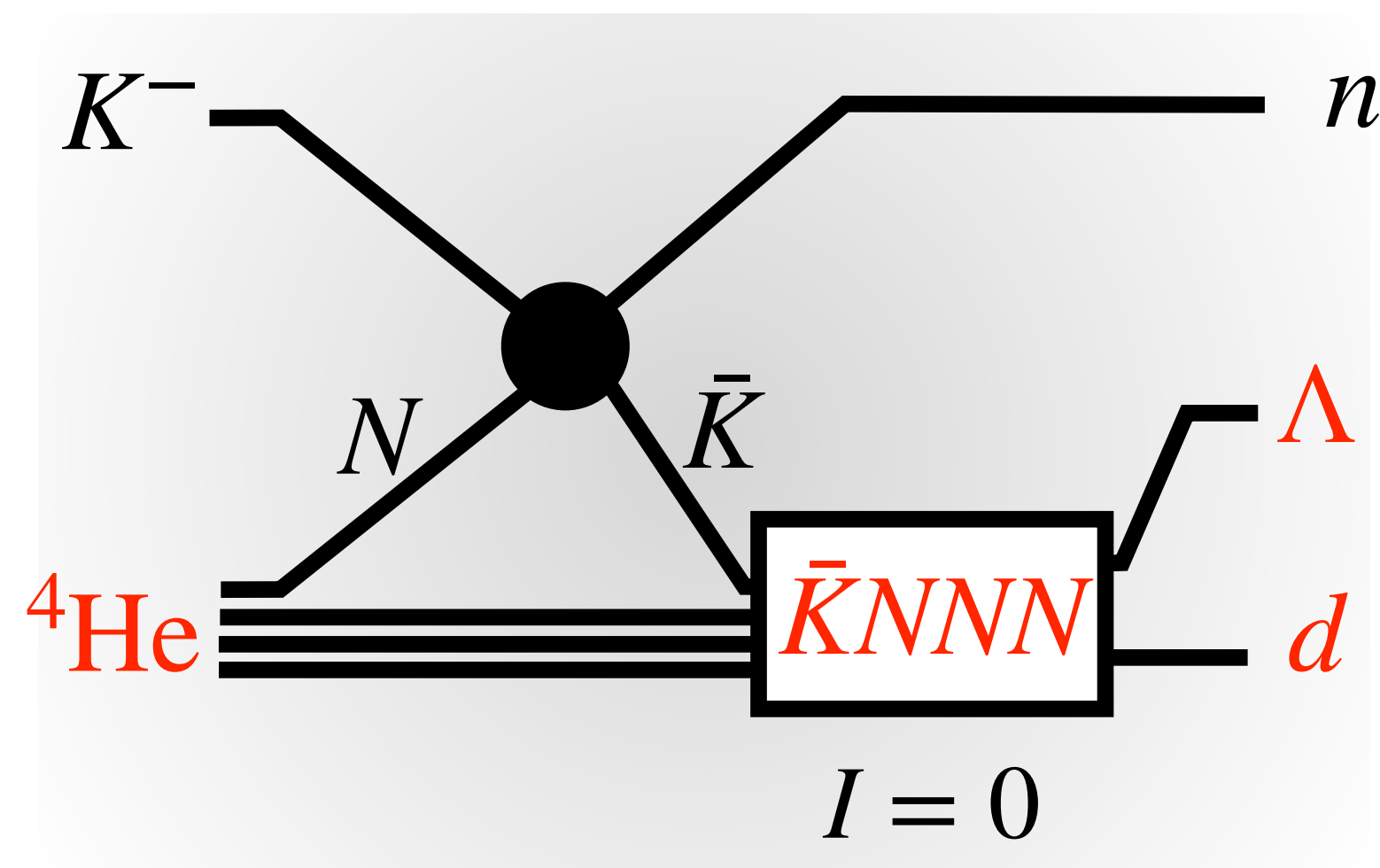
14 – 59 MeV

16 – 38 MeV

* Mesonic decay width only

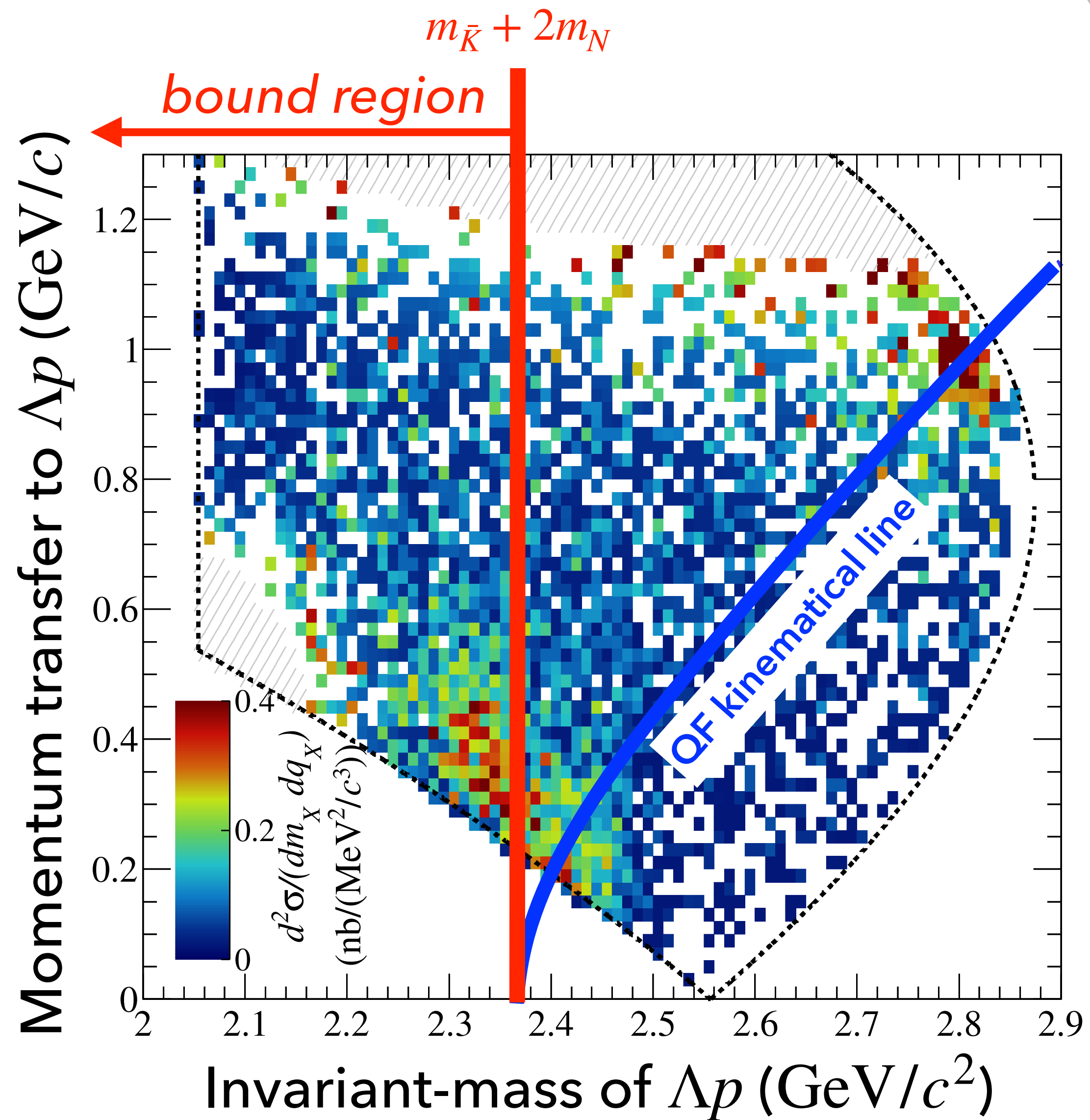
Ongoing analysis for \bar{K} -nuclei

$$K^- + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda d + n$$

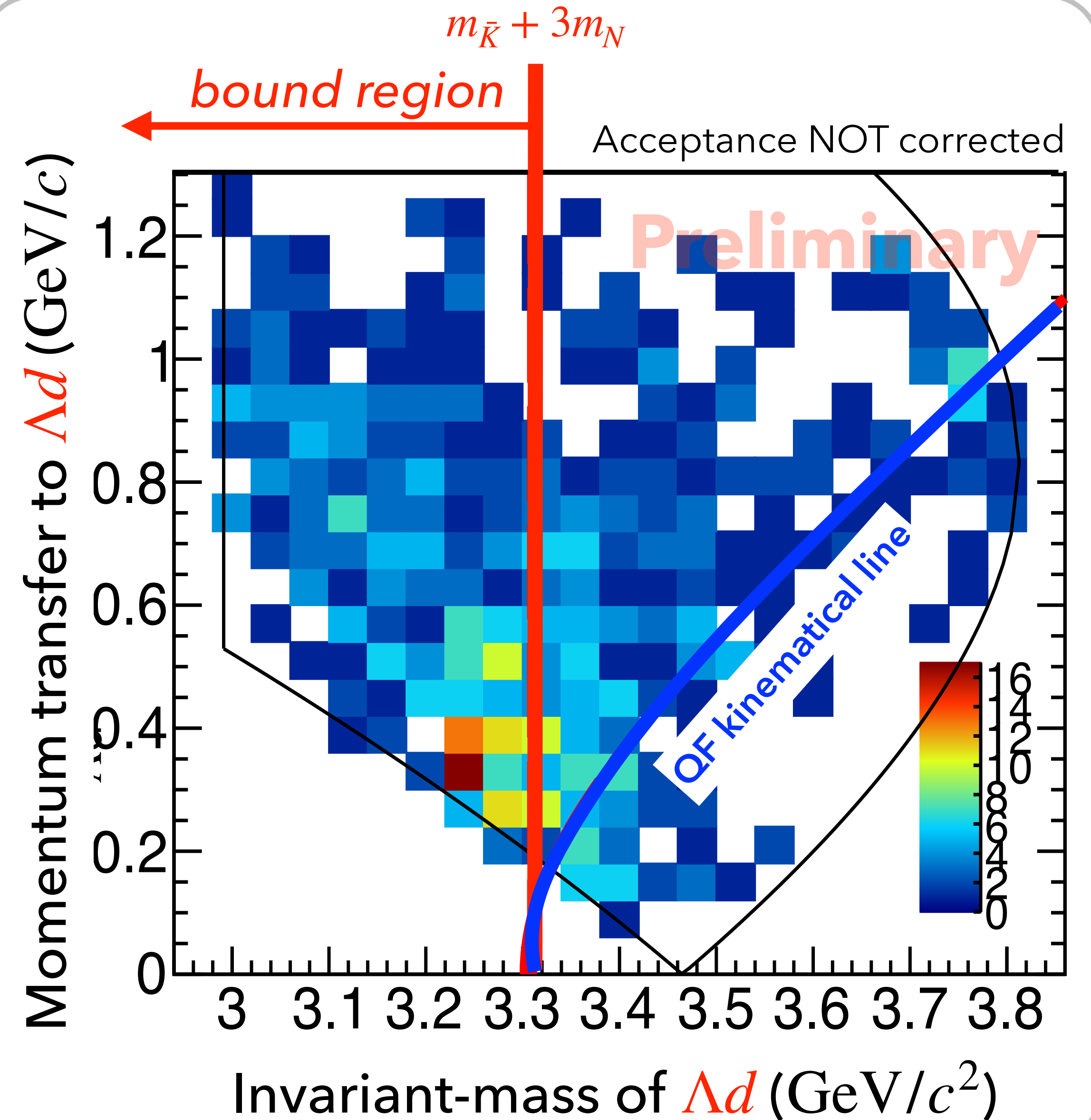


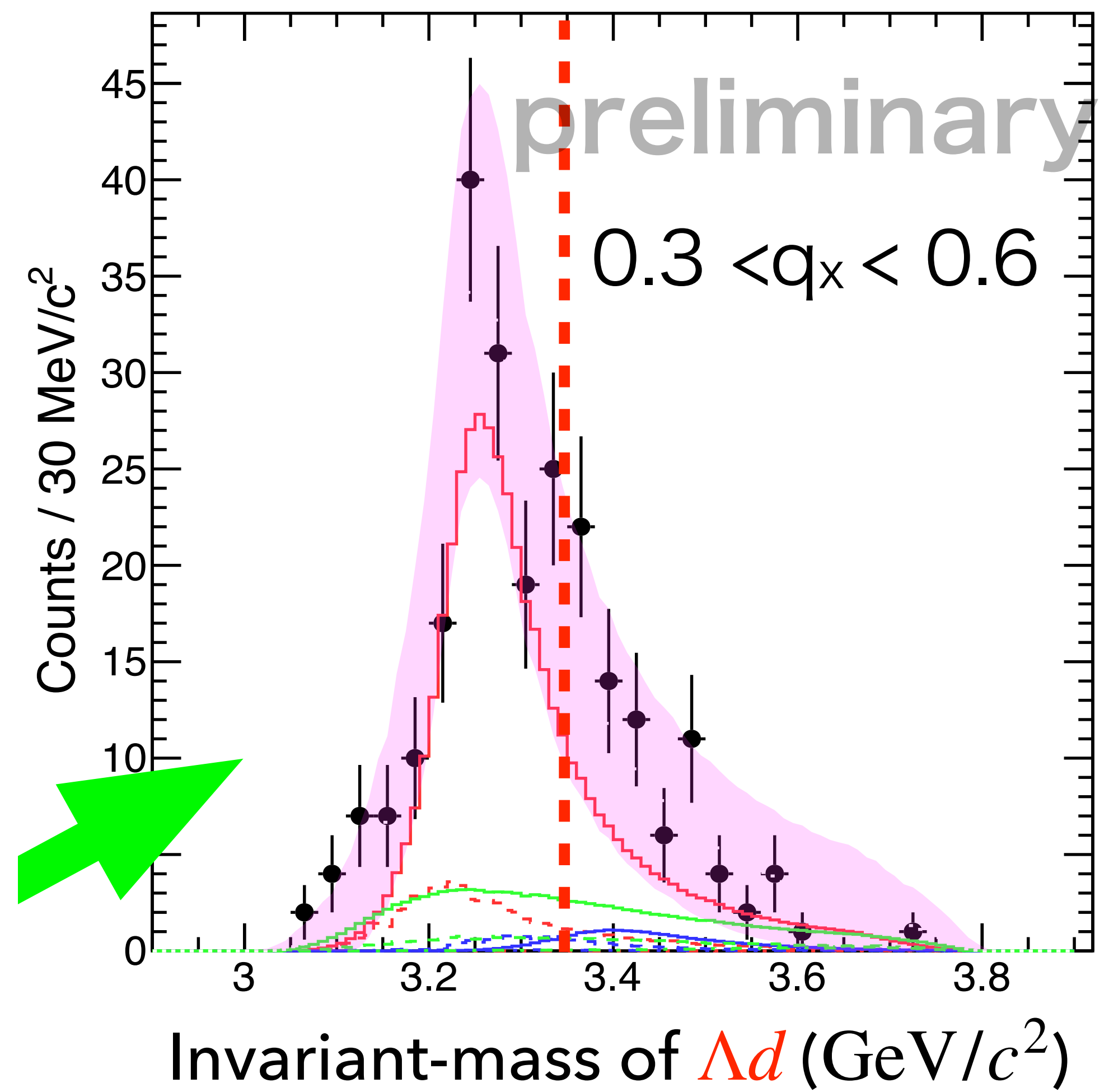
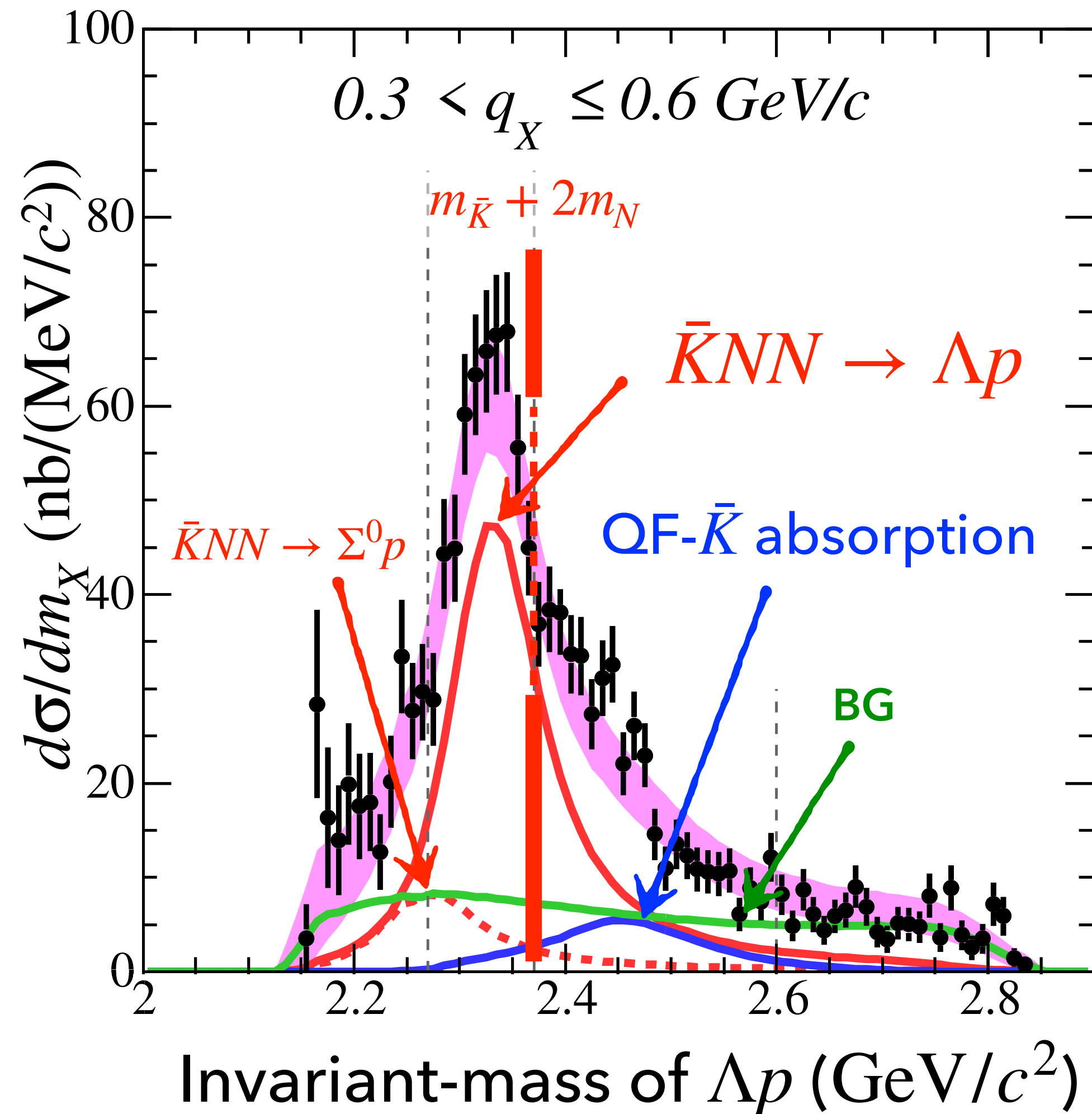
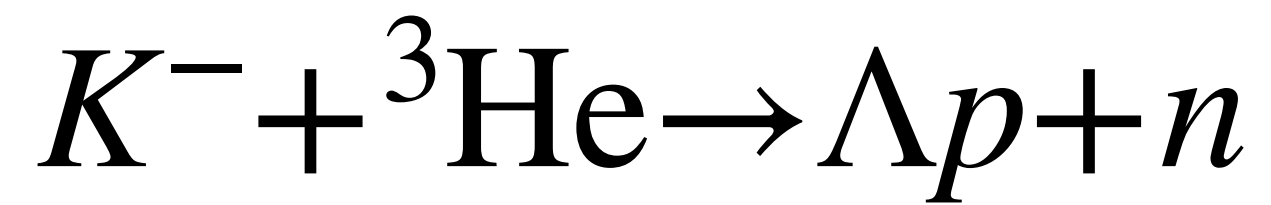
$\bar{K}NNN$ production

$$K^- + {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda p + n$$



$$K^- + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda d + n$$

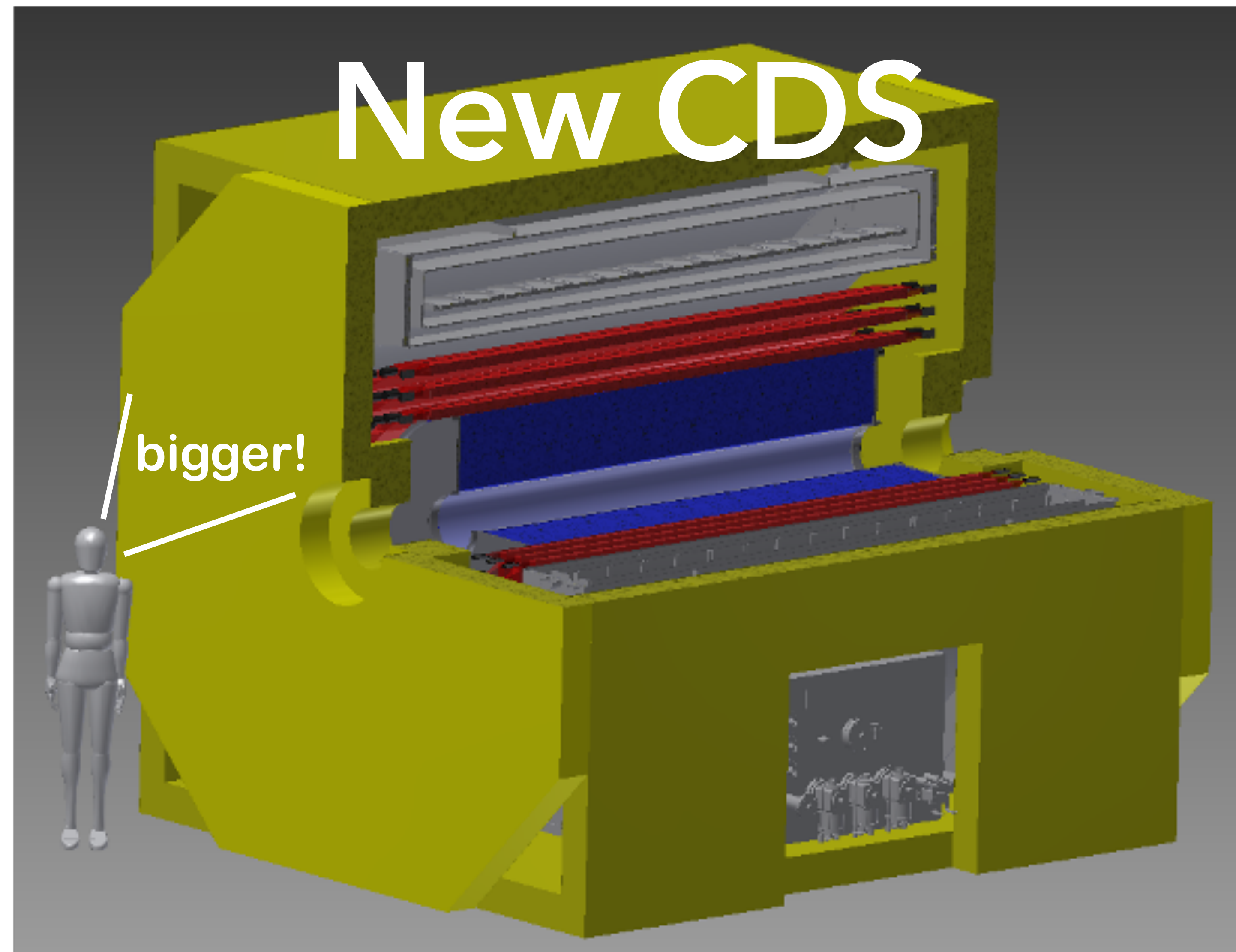
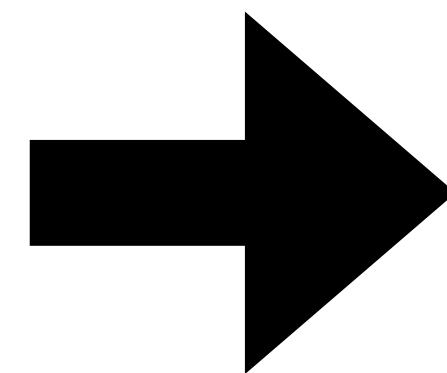
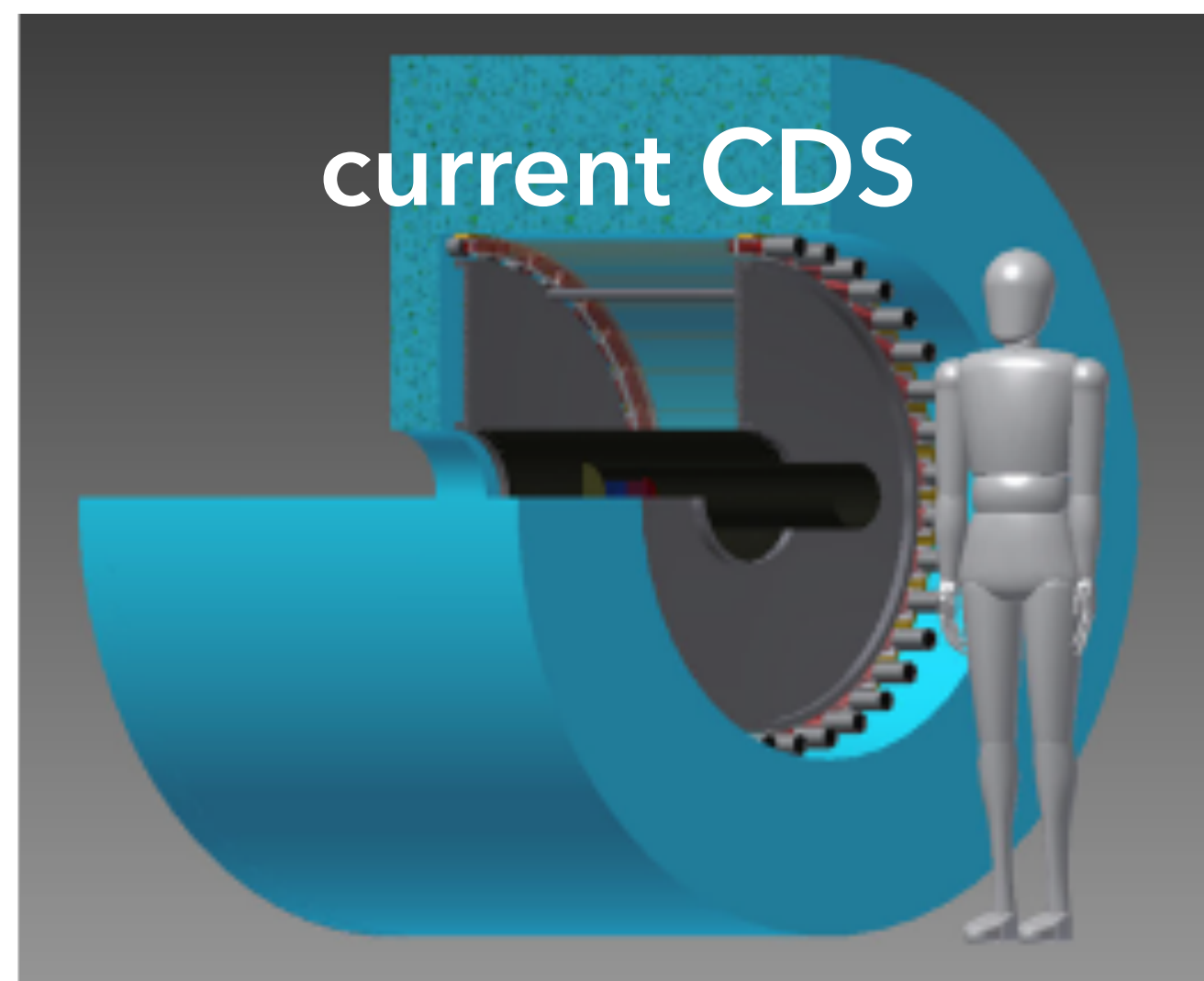




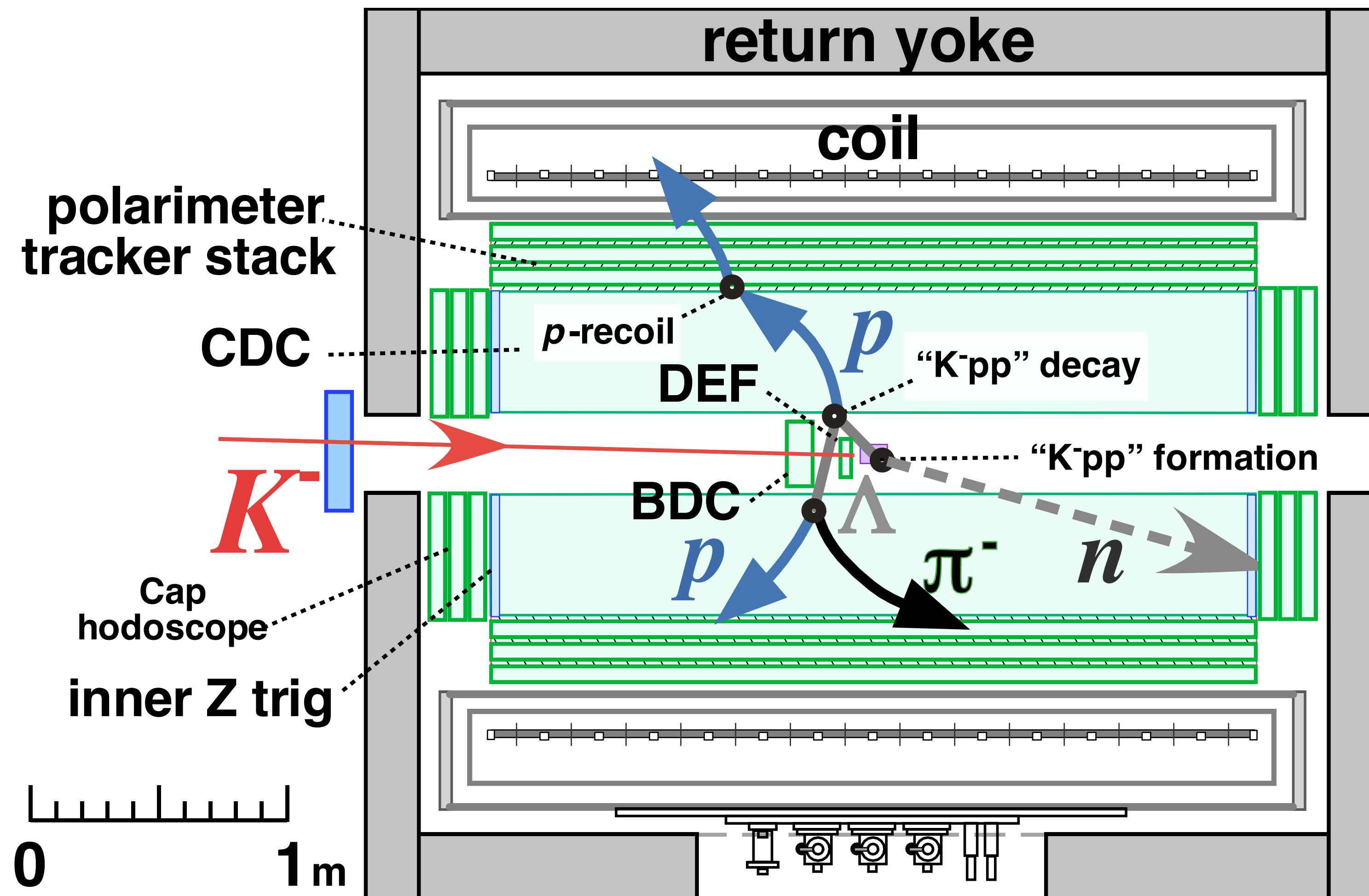
→ Peak observed in Λd invariant-mass could be signal of $\bar{K}NNN$.

How to experimentally determine
the internal structure of \bar{K} -nuclei?

Future plan



New CDS



>90% solid angle coverage

Neutron detection capability

Sensitivity for proton polarization

*Construction has been started
(Completed in 2025)*



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New programs for kaonic nuclei

Lighter system

$\Lambda(1405)$

with wider q -region

$d(K^-, n)$ reaction

$\pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp$ decay

&

$\pi^0 \Sigma^0$ decay as well

$\bar{K}NN$ system

J^P determination

*To confirm the existence
more robustly*

Measuring $d\sigma/dq$ & $\alpha_{\Lambda p}$

Search for $(\bar{K}NN)^{1/2, -1/2}$

Isospin partner of observed $\bar{K}NN$

$\bar{K}NN \rightarrow \Lambda n$ decay

Decay branch

Non-mesonic

$\Lambda p, \Sigma^0 p, \Sigma^+ n$

Mesonic

$\pi \Lambda N, \pi \Sigma N$

Heavier system

$\bar{K}NNN$ system

Door to heavier system

${}^4\text{He}(K^-, N)$ reaction

$K^- ppn - \bar{K}^0 pnn$ ($l=0$)

$\bar{K}NNNN$ system

Expected large B.E. & high density

${}^6\text{Li}(K^-, d)$ reaction

$K^- - \alpha$

$\bar{K}^0 - \alpha$

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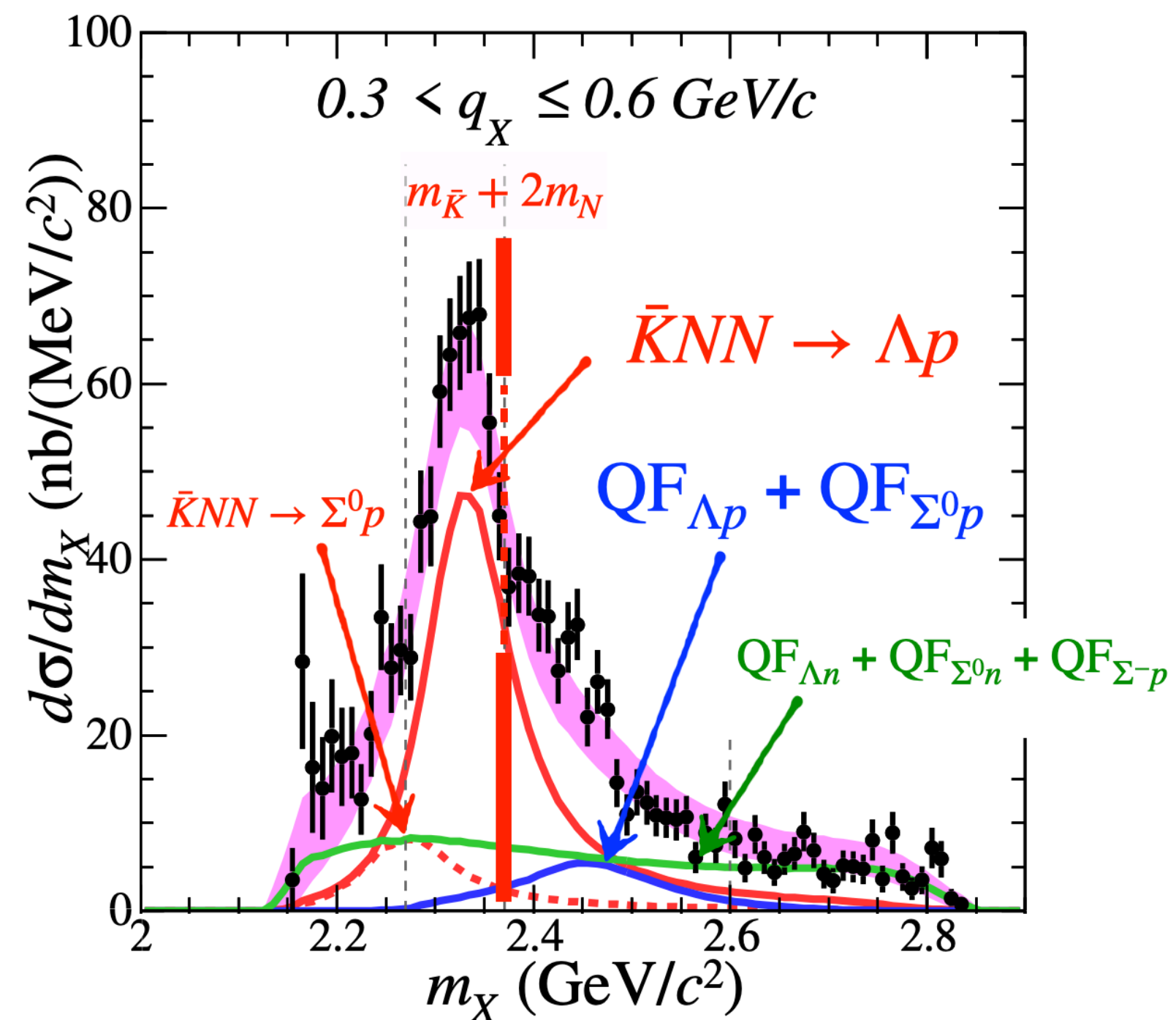


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Summary

We observed the first clear signal of $\bar{K}NN$ in J-PARC E15



We would like to robustly confirm the existence of \bar{K} -nuclei & clarify their internal structure



Thank you for your attention!