

Analysis status of the J-PARC E15 experiment (a search for deeply-bound Kaonic nuclear state)

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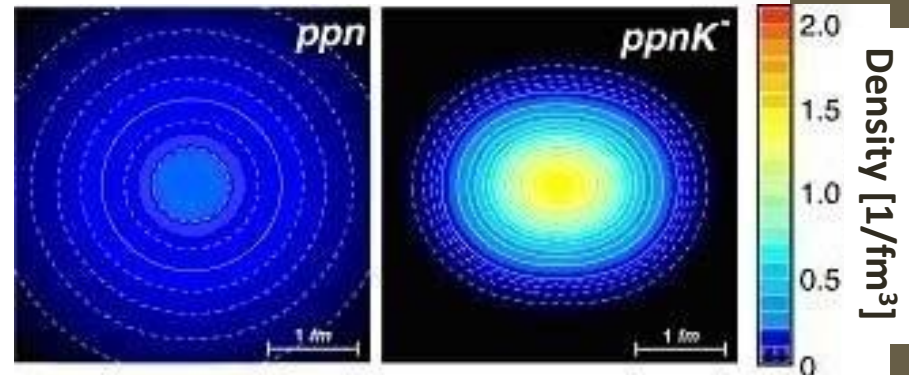
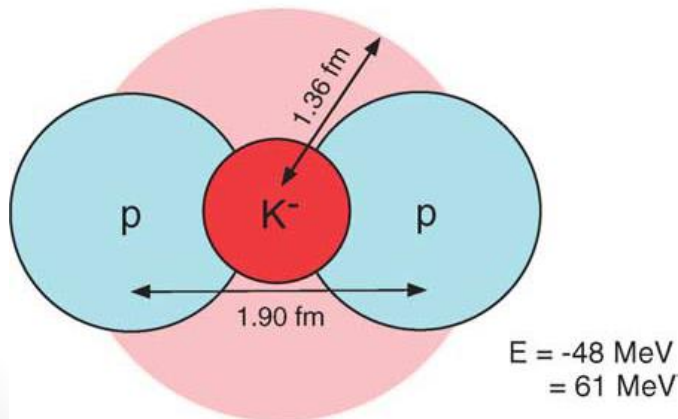
for the J-PARC E15 collaboration

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- Summary

K^- in Nucleus

- K^{bar} -N interaction
 - Kaonic-atom experiments (KpX@KEK, DEAR/SIDDHARTA@DAΦNE) clarified *strongly attractive* K^{bar} -N interaction($l=0$)
 - What will happen when K^{bar} is embedded in nucleus?
 - K^{bar} -nucleus bound state?
 - high density?
 - Study of the simplest Kaonic nuclei(K^{bar} NN) is important!



Current Theoretical situation

$K^{\text{bar}}NN$: the simplest K^{bar} -nuclear state

| | Binding energy[MeV] | Width[MeV] |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| N. Barnea, A. Gal, E.Z. Liverts(2012) | 16 | 41 |
| A. Dote, T. Hyodo, W. Weise(2008,2009) | 17-23 | 40-70 |
| Y. Ikeda, H. Kamano, T. Sato(2010) | 9-16 | 34-46 |

| | Binding energy[MeV] | width[MeV] |
|---|---------------------|------------|
| T. Yamazaki, Y. Akaishi(2002) | 48 | 61 |
| N.V. Shevchenko, A. Gal, J. Mares(2007) | 50-70 | 90-110 |
| Y. Ikeda, T. Sato (2007,2009) | 60-95 | 45-80 |
| S. Wycech, A.M. Green (2009) | 40-80 | 40-85 |

All studies predict existence of the $K^{\text{bar}}NN$

→ However, B.E. and Γ are controversial

Experimental situation

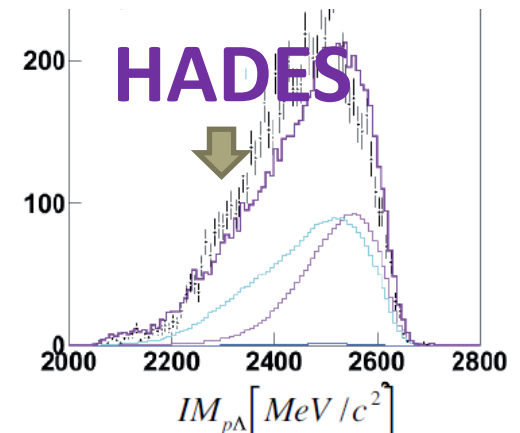
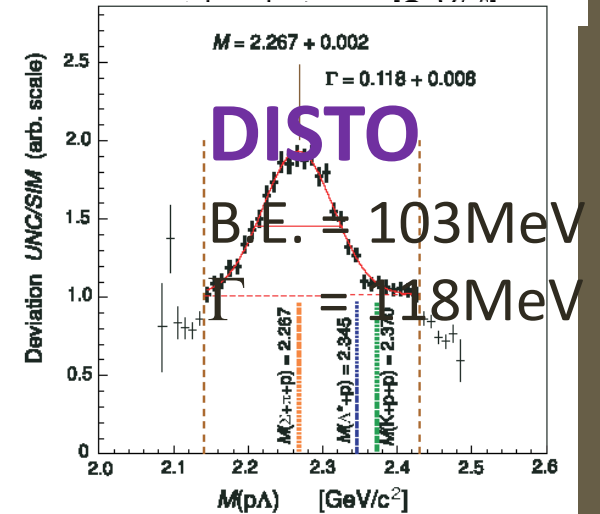
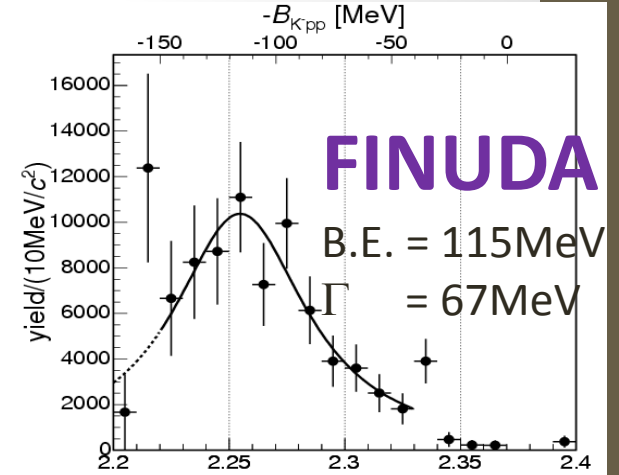
- FINUDA experiment @DAΦNE =>positive?
 - Stopped K- @Light nuclei -> Λ p invariant mass
- DISTO experiment @SARNE =>positive?
 - $p + p \rightarrow (\Lambda + p) + K^+$ @ 2.85GeV
- HADES experiment @GSI =>negative?
 - $p + p \rightarrow (\Lambda + p) + K^+$ @ 3.5GeV

And

- LEPS experiment =>negative?
 - photon -induced reaction
(Tokiyasu-san will talk @ 10:40)
- J-PARC E27 experiment =>positive?
 - $d(\pi^+, K^+) @ 1.7\text{GeV}/c$
(Ekawa-san will talk @11:30)

Situation is not clear.

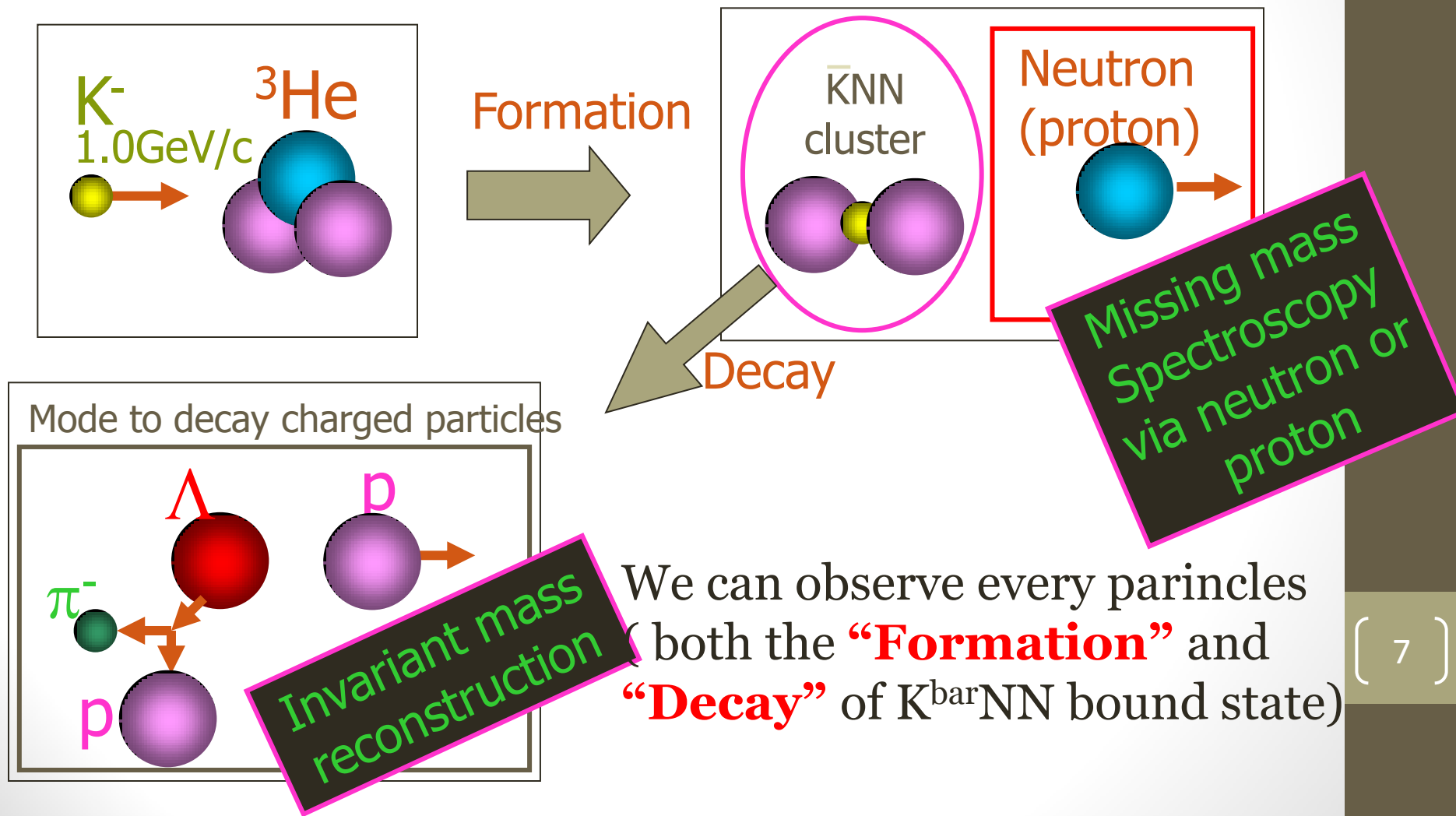
We need more studies of K^{bar} NN in various reaction channels!!



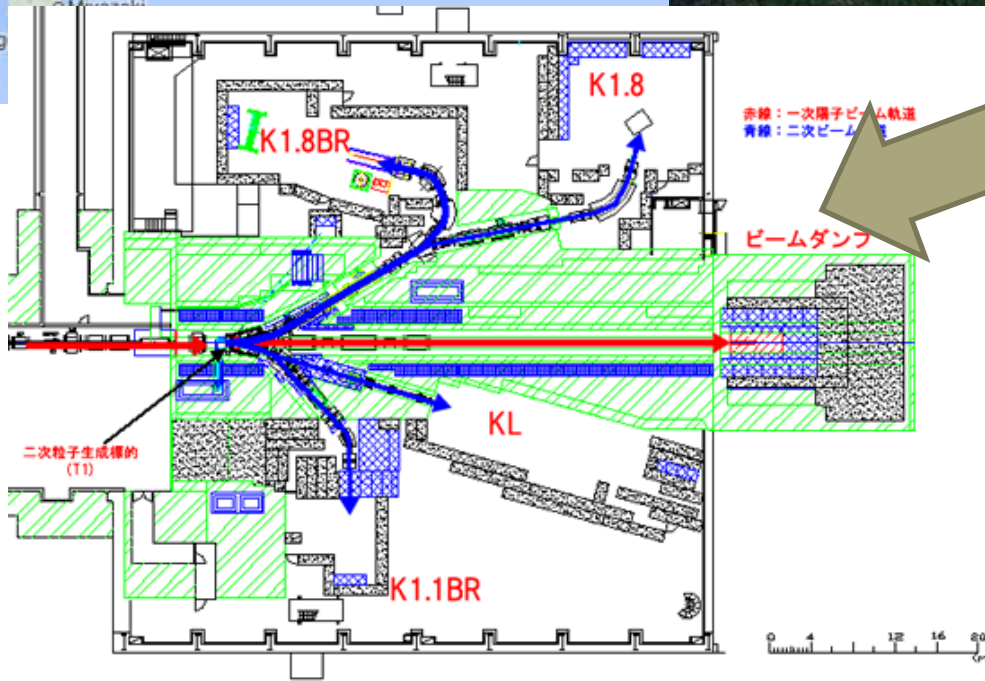
J-PARC E15 experiment

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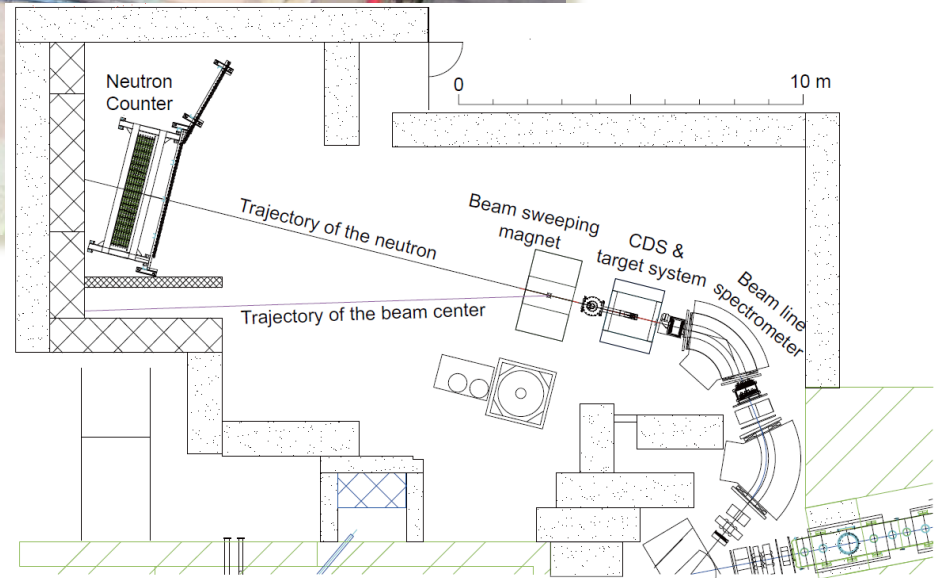
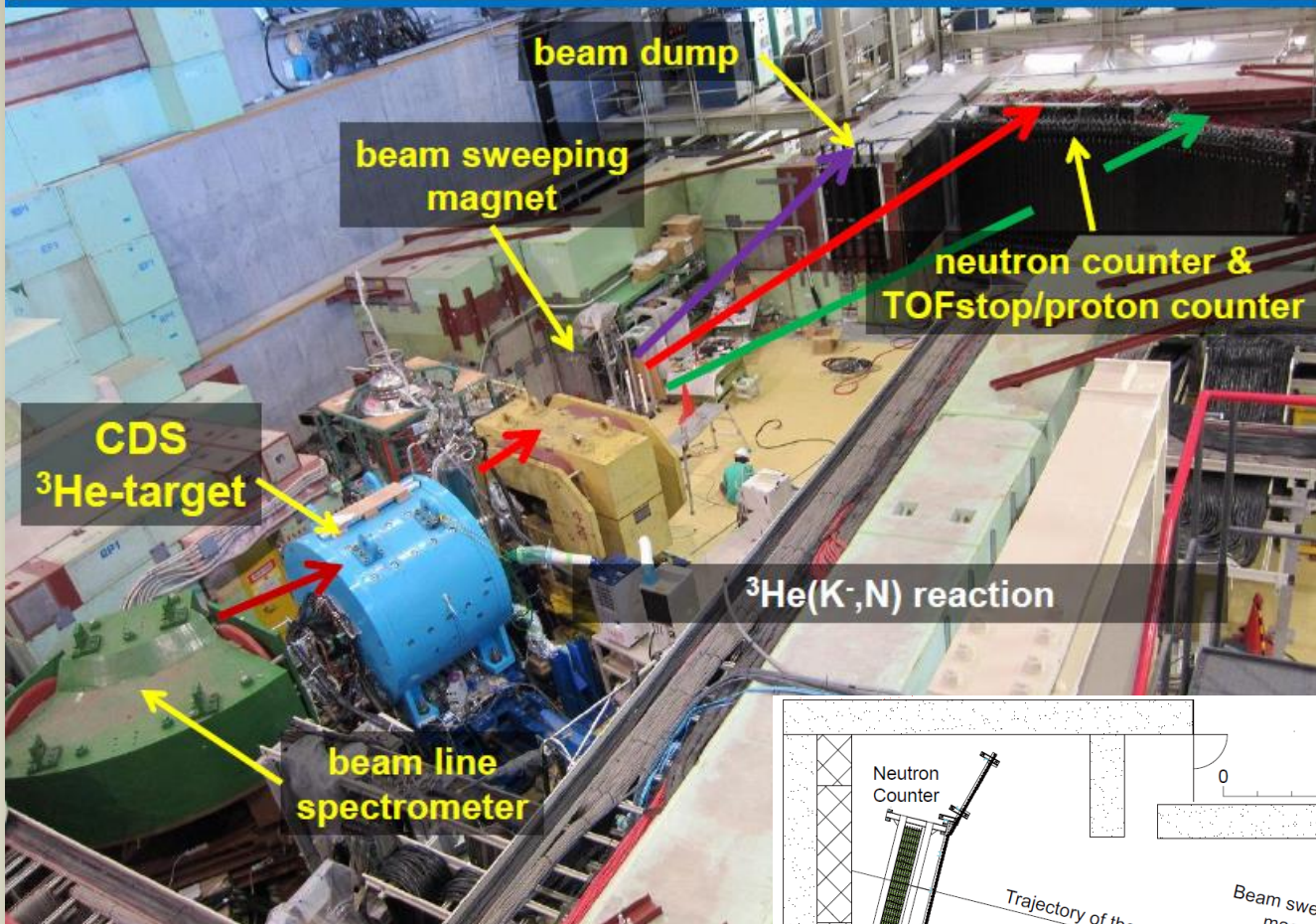
Experimental search for $K^{\text{bar}}\text{NN}$ bound states using in-flight (K^- , N) reaction on ^3He



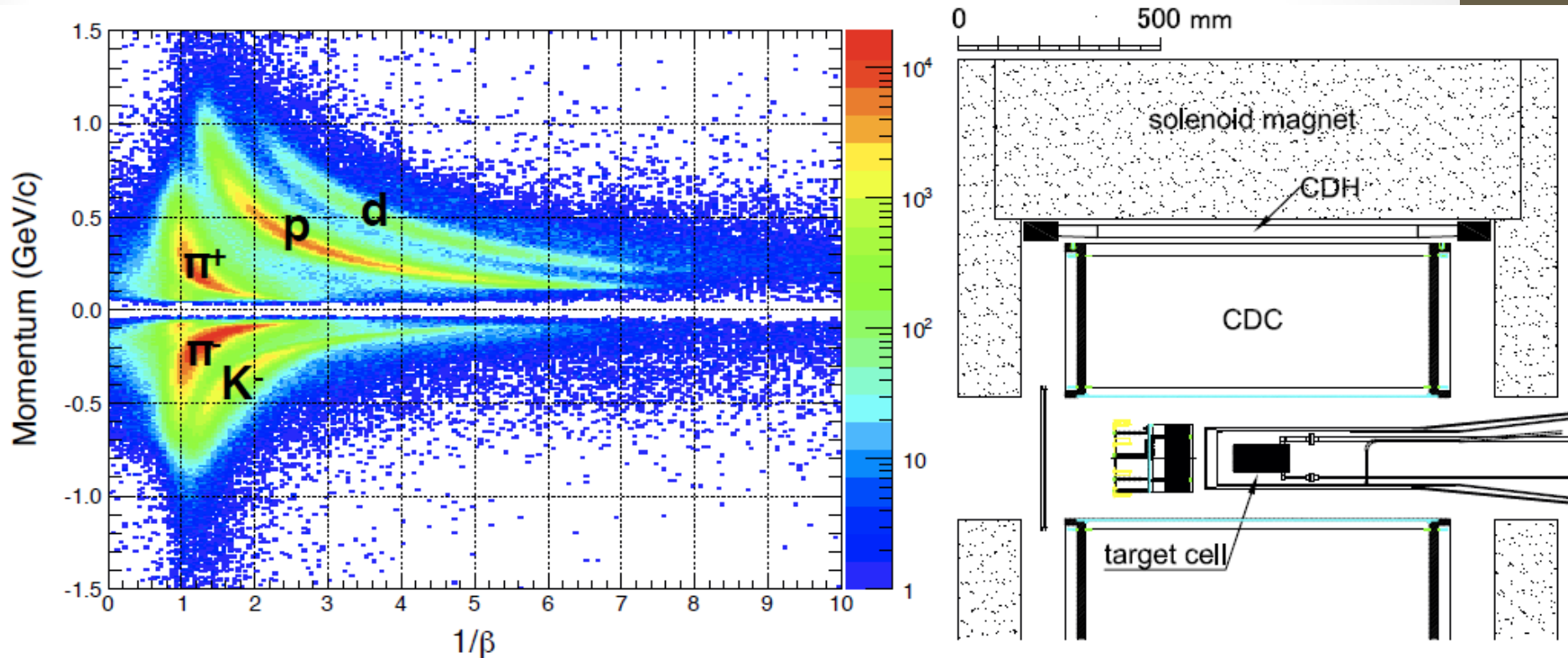
J-PARC / K1.8BR



J-PARC K1.8BR beam line [Jun. 2012]



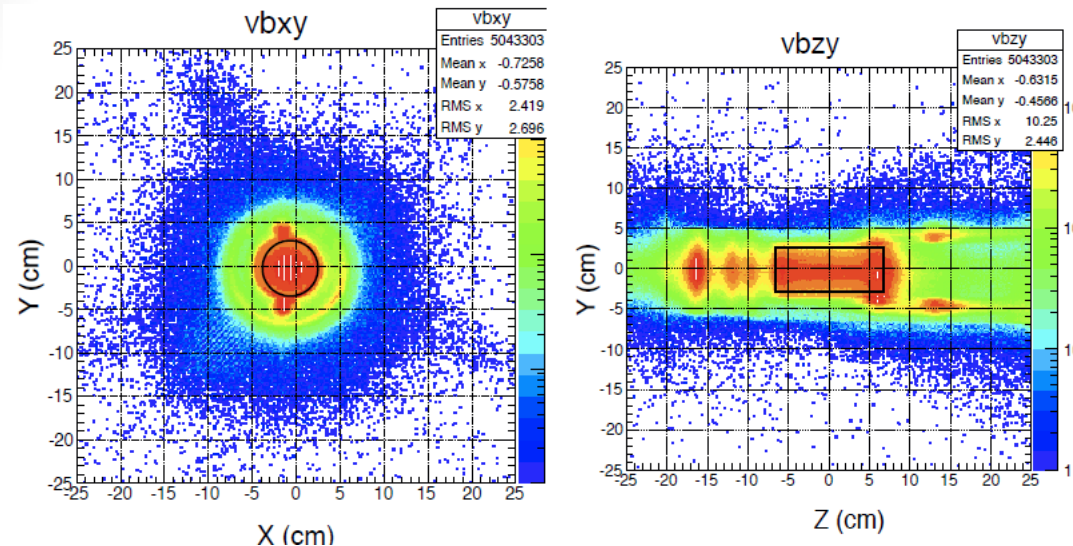
Cylindrical Detector System: pID



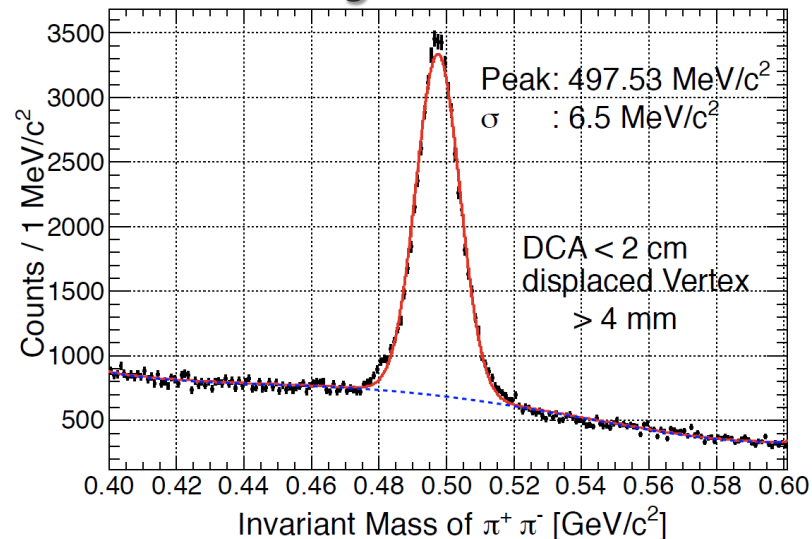
- CDC (15 layers, 1816ch) + CDH (36 seg) + 0.7T
 - solid angle: 60% of 4π
- $\pi/K/p/d$ are clearly separated

Cylindrical Detector System: Tracking

target image

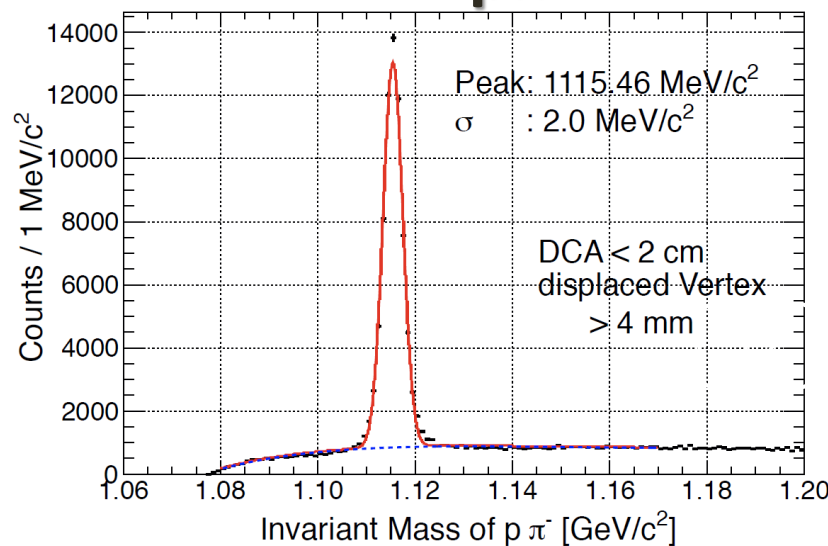


$K^0_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$



- Designed performance was achieved
 - K^0/Λ are reproduced by the MC
- Resolution for $K^{\text{bar}}NN \rightarrow \Lambda p$ reconstruction: $\sim 10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

$\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$

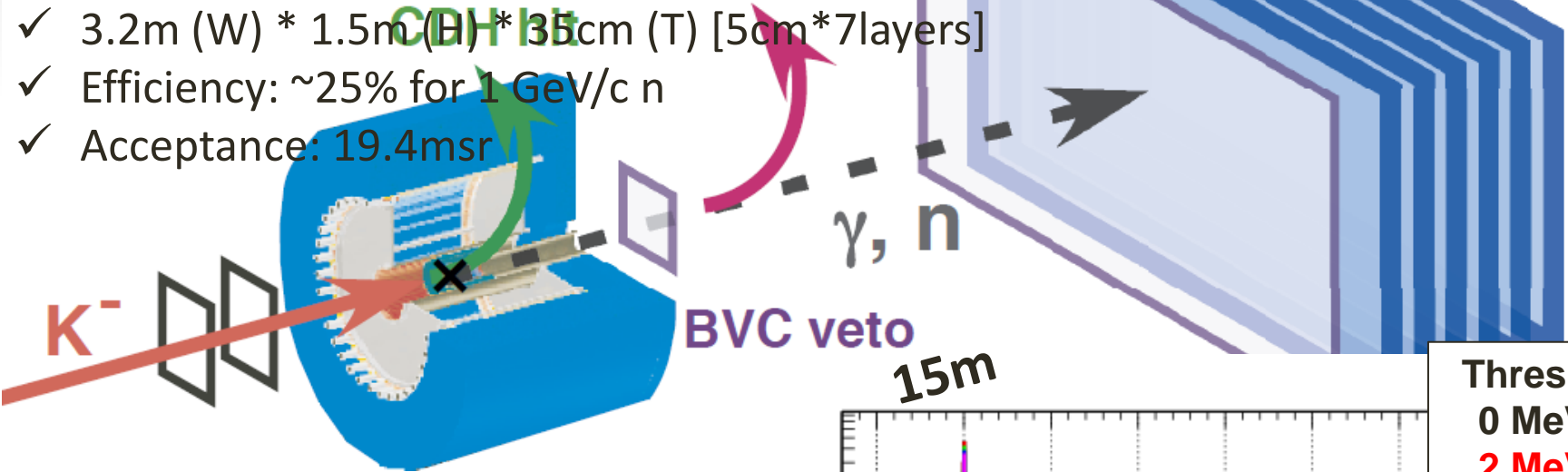


Forward Neutral Particles

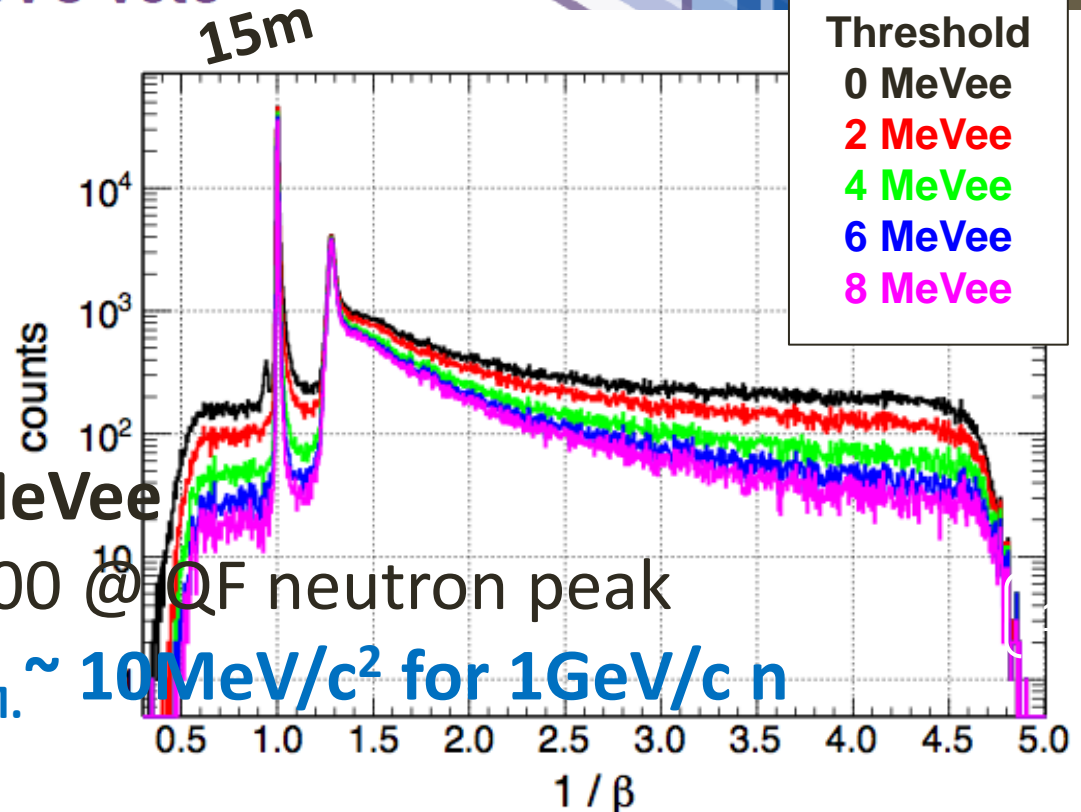
NC hit

Neutron Counter

- ✓ 3.2m (W) * 1.5m (H) * 135cm (T) [5cm*7layers]
- ✓ Efficiency: ~25% for 1 GeV/c n
- ✓ Acceptance: 19.4msr



- ✓ Set threshold to 5 MeVee
- ✓ good S/N ratio of ~100 @ QF neutron peak
- ✓ $\sigma_{\text{TOF}} \sim 160\text{ps} \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{M.M.}} \sim 10\text{MeV}/c^2$ for 1GeV/c n



Preliminary Result

1st Stage Physics Run

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Jun.2006 | proposed and approved @ 1 st PAC |
| Feb 2009 | first beam transportation to K1.8BR |
| Mar.11 2011 | the earthquake |
| May 2012 | completion of spectrometer construction |
| May 2013 | 1 st physics run |
| May.23 2013 | the accident (run was stopped) |

1st physics run

| | |
|----------|-------------------|
| duration | Kaon on target |
| 88 hours | 4.0×10^9 |

- Accumulated data in the 1st stage physics run
 - ~1% of original proposal

From 1st physics data

- semi-inclusive analysis
 - ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \text{n})$ missing mass
- exclusive analysis
 - ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda \text{pn})$ exclusive

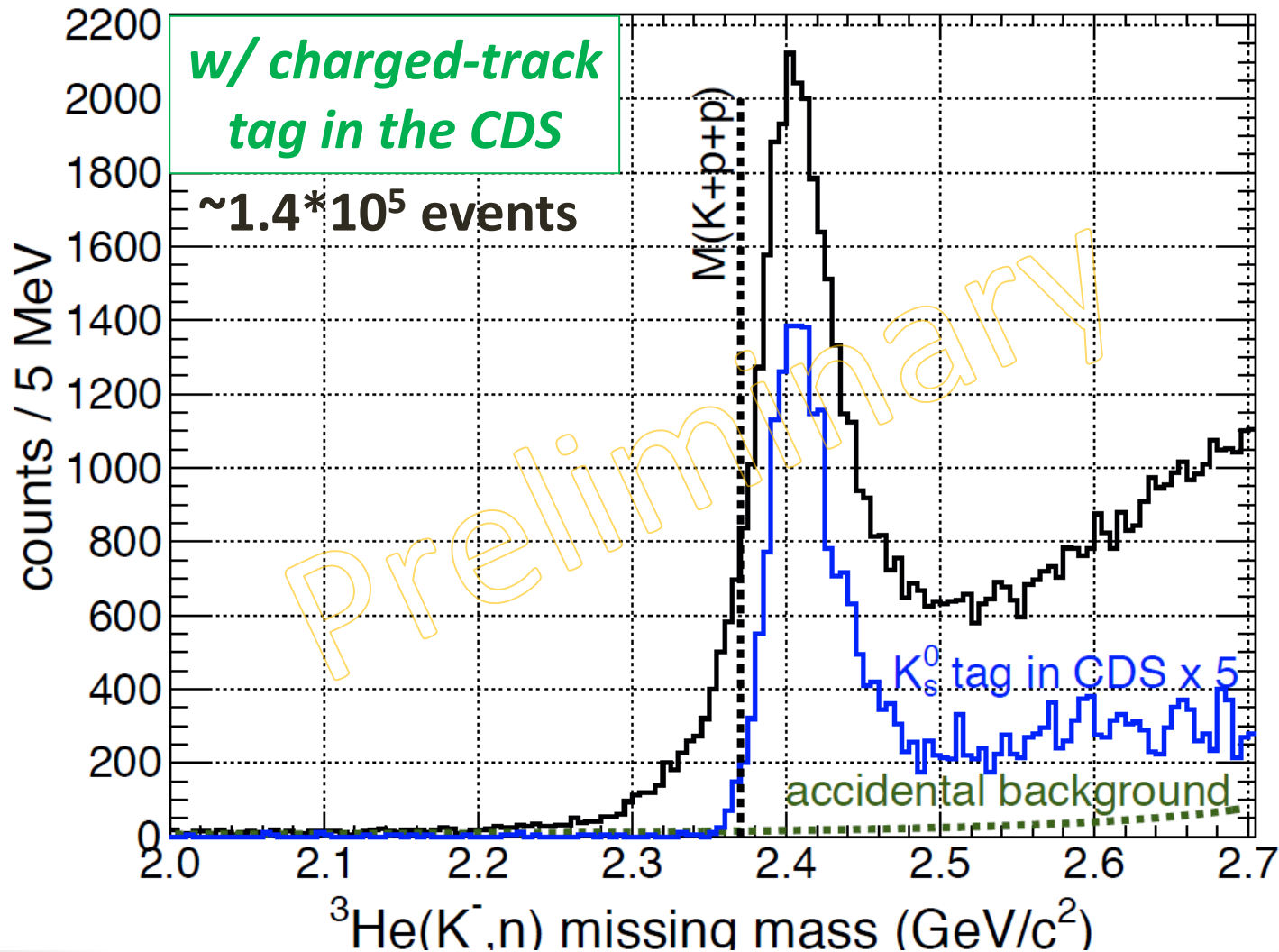
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Semi- inclusive ^3He (K^- , n) missing mass

Exclusive $^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda \text{pn})$

1: Result of Semi-Inclusive ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \text{n})$

Semi-inclusive ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \text{n})$



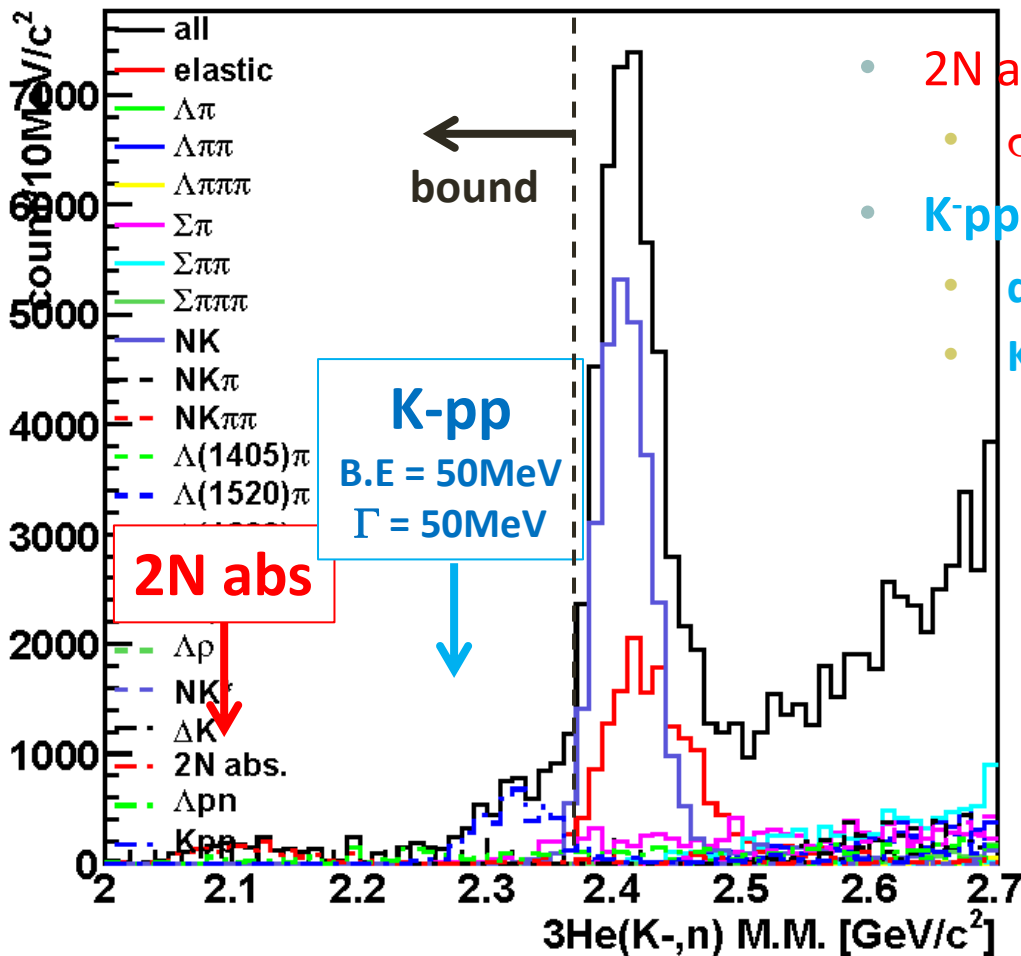
Spectrum from MC(geant4)

Semi-Inclusive ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \text{n})$

Known K-N interactions are considered from data of past experiments

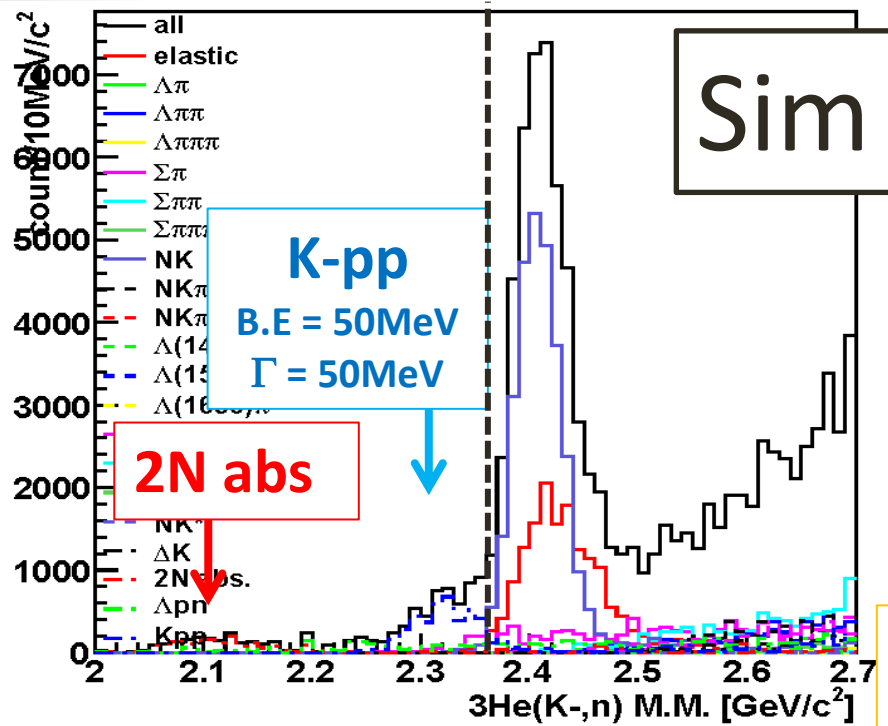
[CERN-HERA-83-02]

Simple assumptions: $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2 * \sigma_{\text{K-p}} + \sigma_{\text{K-n}}$



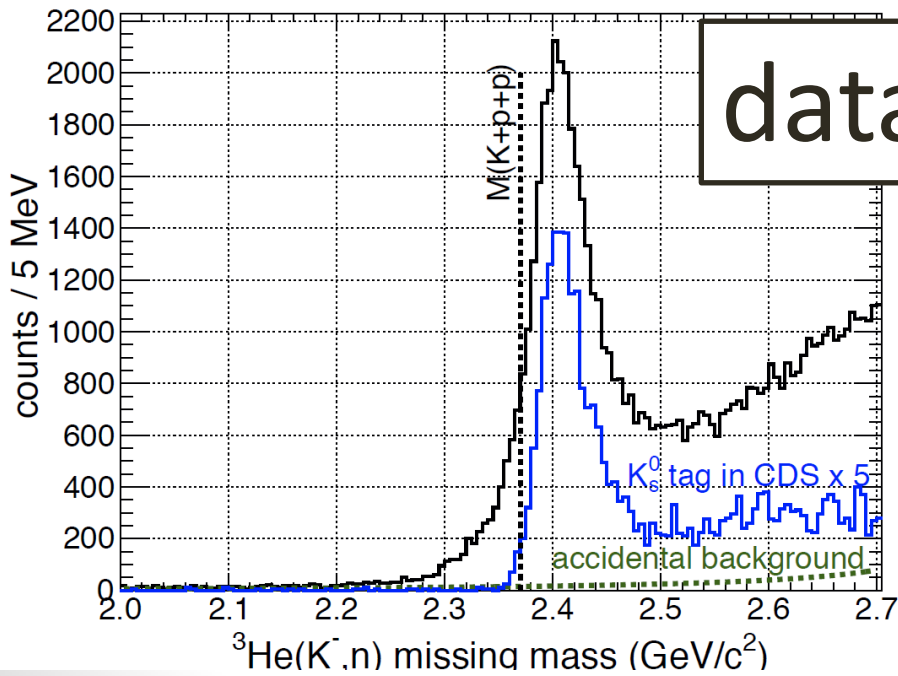
- 2N abs.: $\text{K}^- {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{ n p}_s$
 - $\sigma/d\Omega = 1 \text{ mb/sr}$
- K⁻pp prod.: $\text{K}^- {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \text{K}^- \text{pp n}$
 - $d\sigma/d\Omega = 1 \text{ mb/sr}$
 - $\text{K}^- \text{pp} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{p}(25\%), \Sigma^0 \text{p}(25\%), \pi \Sigma \text{p}(50\%)$

- for one-nucleon induced reactions, almost background is free in bound region



Sim

- Tail structure may suggest exotic state??
- =>Need more studies



data

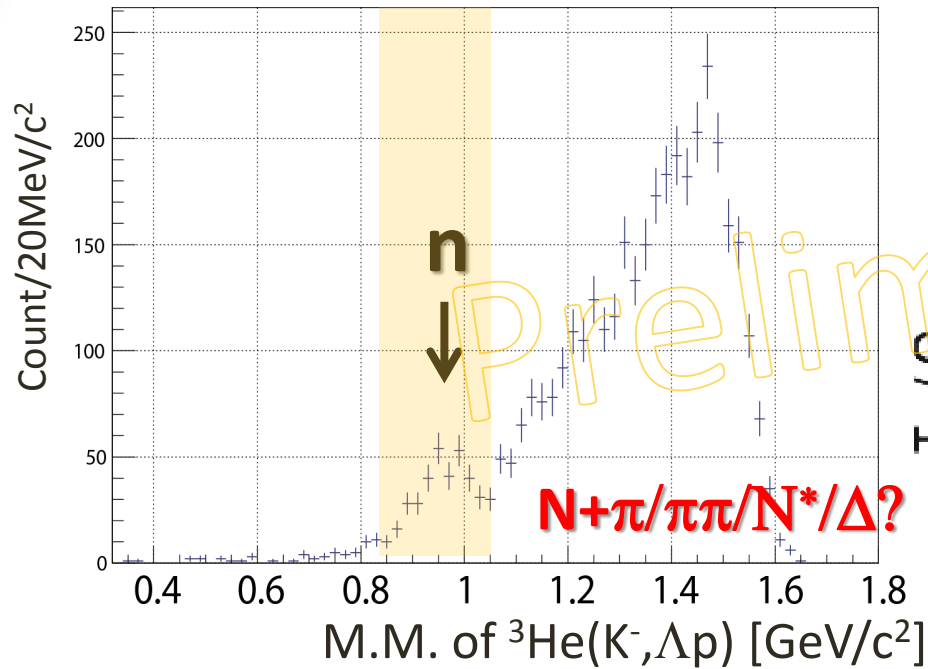
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Semi- inclusive ${}^3\text{He}$ (K^- , n) missing mass

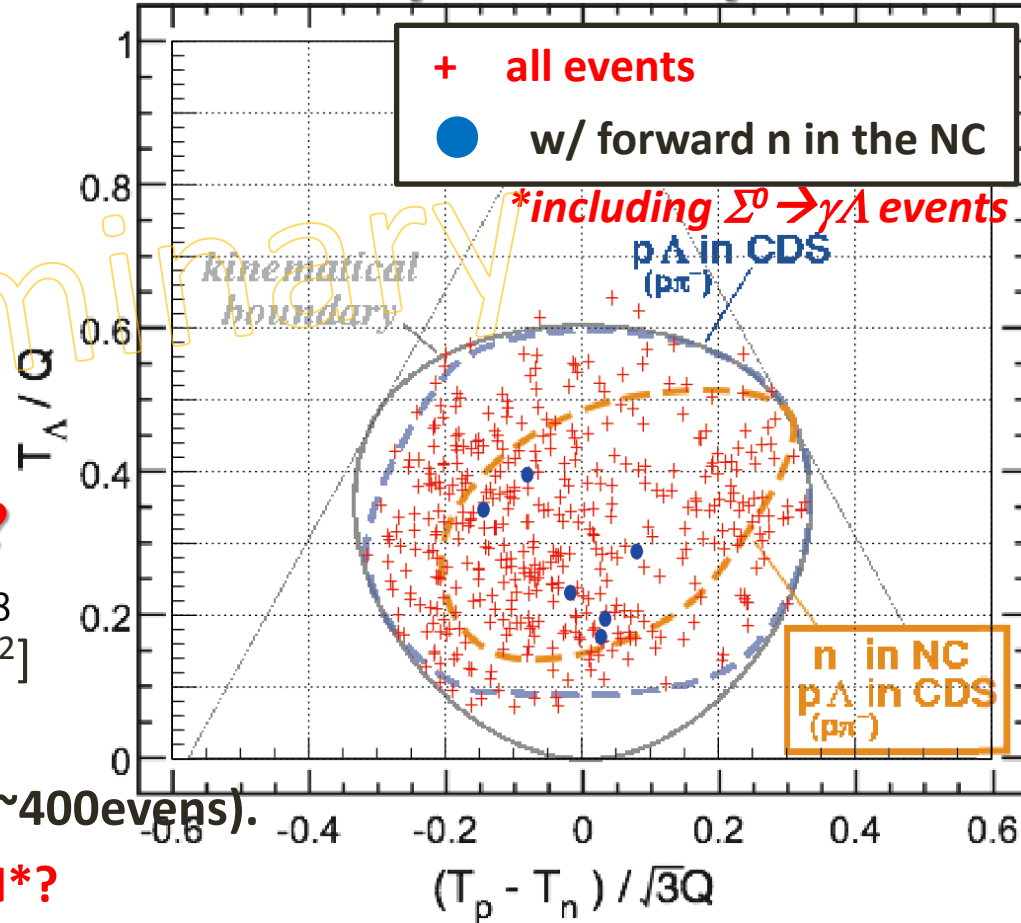
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$^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p n)$ Result

$^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)$ missing mass



Dalitz plot of $\Lambda p n$



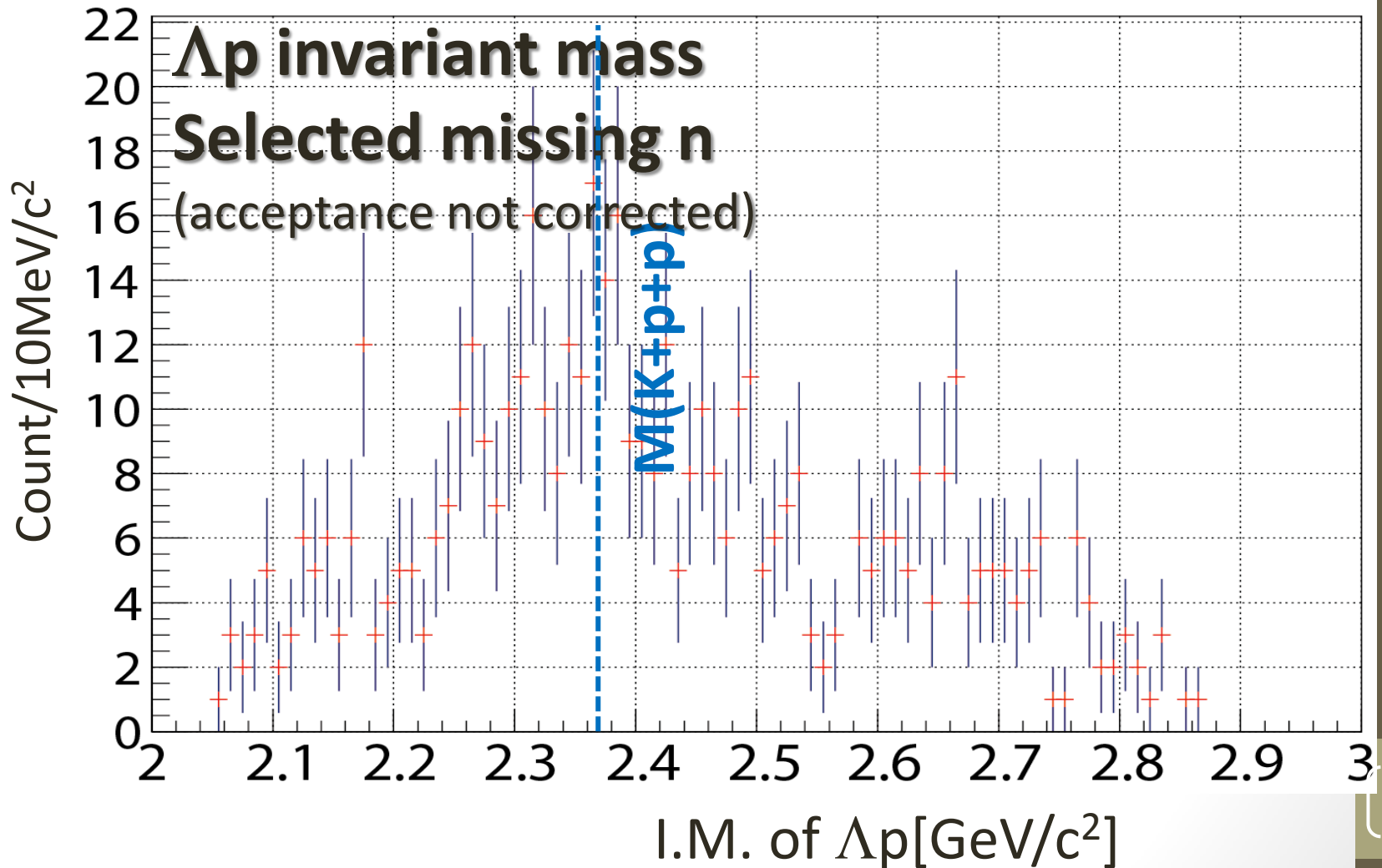
In Λp evens, $\Lambda p n$ events are minority (~400 evens).

=> main evens are **$\Lambda p + N+\pi?/N+\pi\pi?/N^*$**

In Dalitz plot of $\Lambda p n$, events are scattered widely in phase space

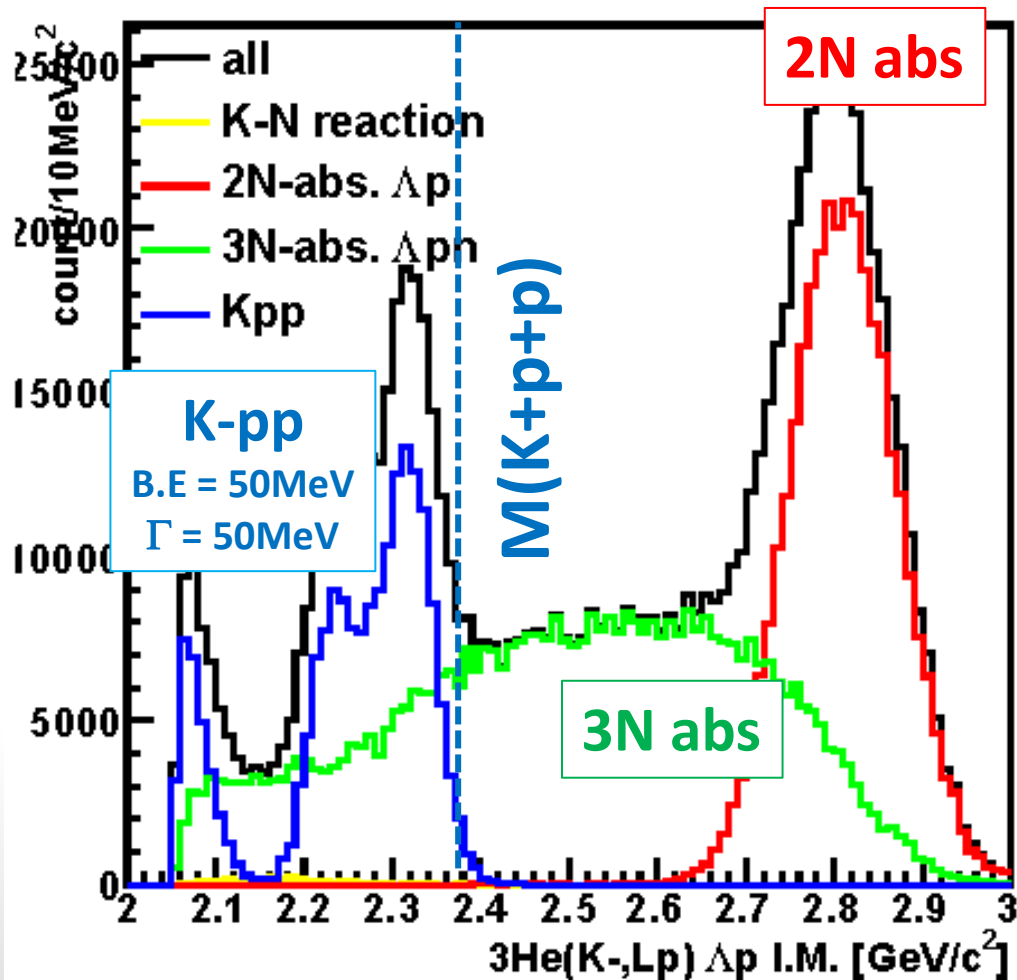
=> It seems **3N abs (or exotic state?)** exists.

${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p n)$ Result : I.M of Λp



Spectrum from MC(geant4)

exclusive ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \Lambda\text{p}n)$: I.M. of Λp



2N abs.: $\text{K}^- {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{p} n_s$

- $\sigma/d\Omega = 1 \text{ mb/sr}$, isotropic

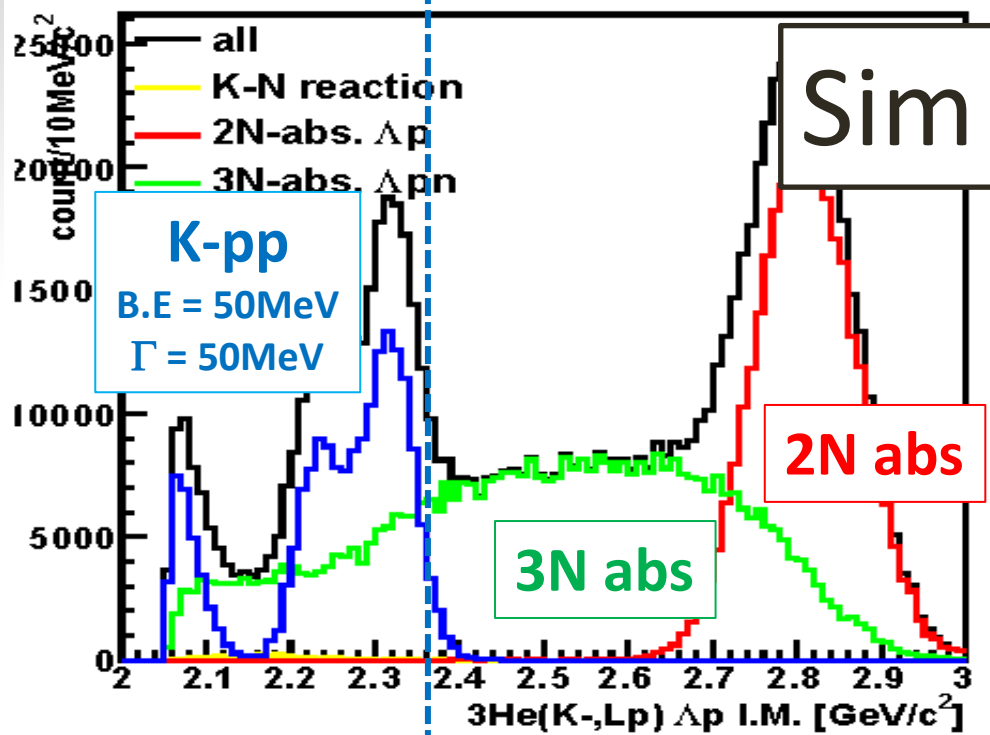
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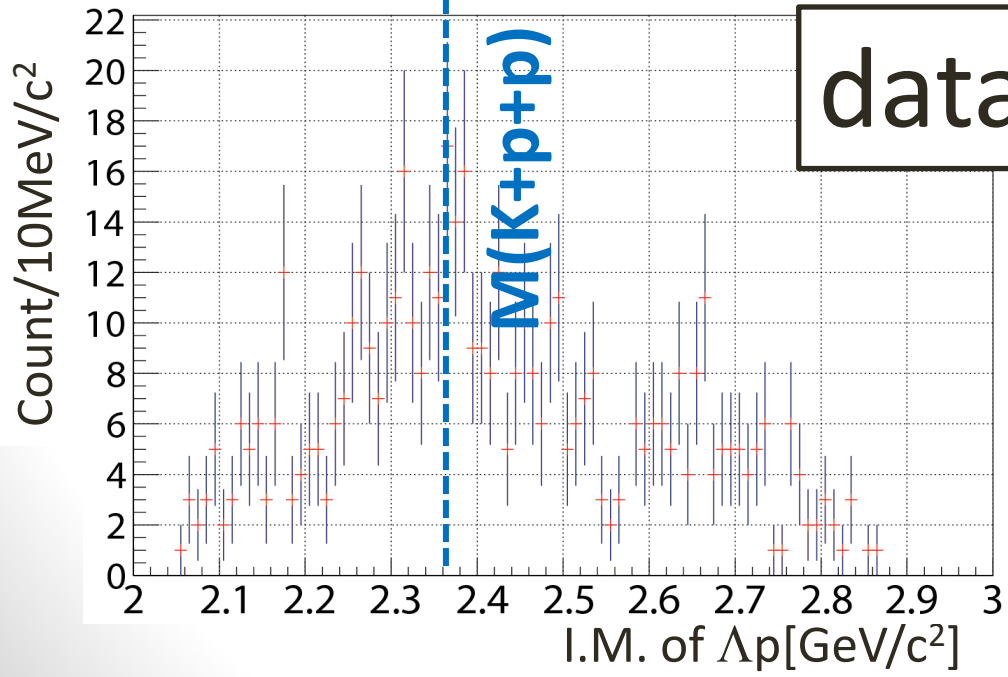
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- $\text{K}^- \text{pp} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{p}(25\%), \Sigma^0\text{p}(25\%), \pi\Sigma\text{p}(50\%)$



From MC, 2Nabs makes peak in high energy region
 => real data spectrum don't have the peak in high energy region.
It seems 3N abs (or exotic state?) is dominant.



Summary

- **We accumulated the data of 1st physics run of the J-PARC E15 experiment to search for the $K^{\text{bar}}\text{NN}$ bound-state**
 - $\sim 4 \times 10^9$ kaons were incident on ${}^3\text{He}$
- **We have got Preliminary result**
 - Semi- inclusive ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n)$ missing mass
 - Exclusive ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p n)$
- **Further analyses are under way**
 - Finalization of the ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n)$ spectrum
 - Detailed analysis of exclusive $\Lambda p n$ events or other final state (Σ mode?)
 - ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, p)$ and ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, d)$ spectra
 - Y^* study

(About E15 exp. , Enomoto-san also will talk @"HADRON2013" in Nara(Nov. 8th))

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