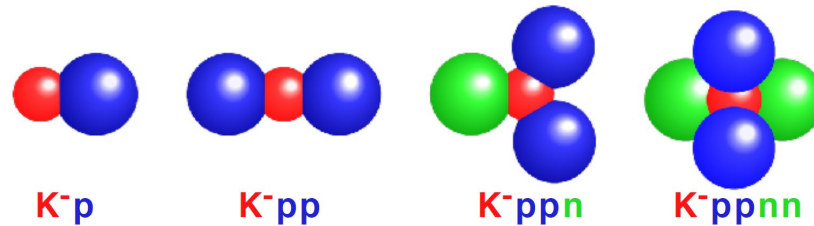


# New Kaonic Nuclei Project at J-PARC

– from the  $\bar{K}N$  to  $\bar{K}NNNN$  systems –



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# Physics Goal

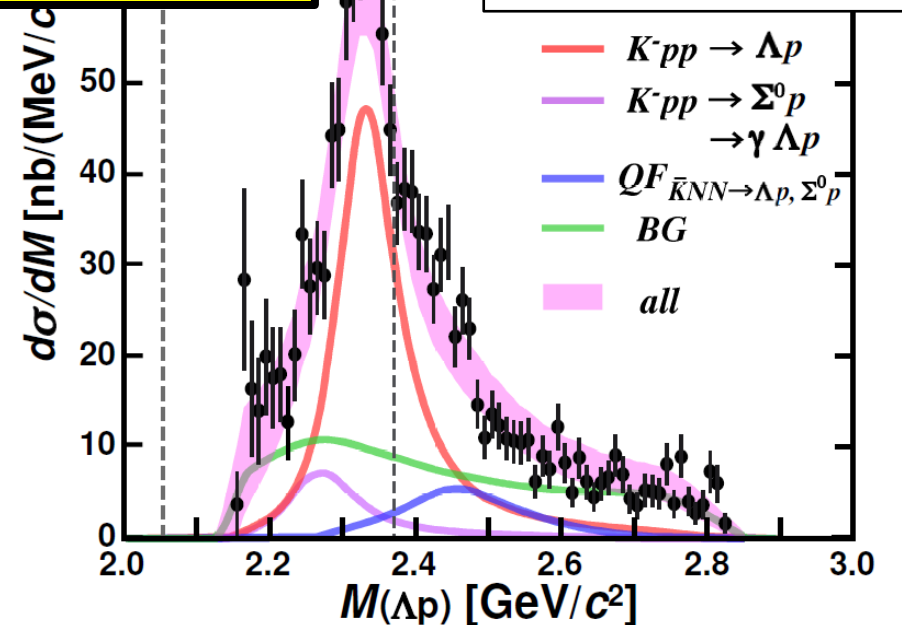
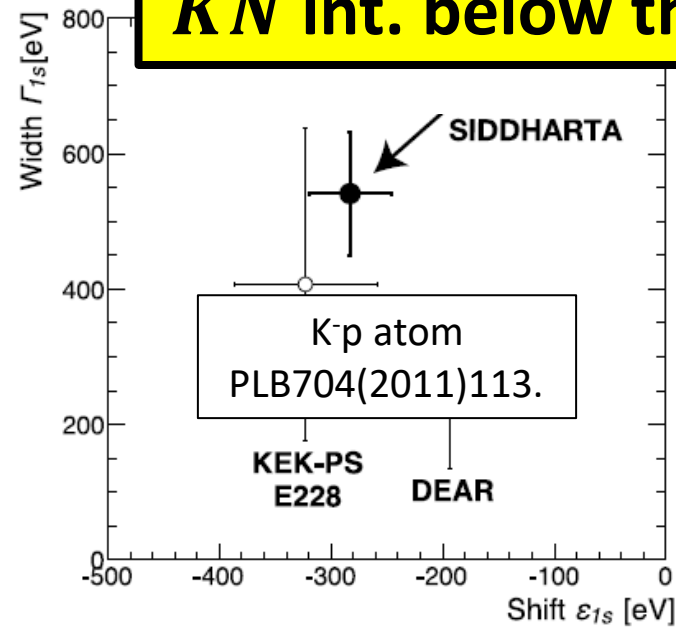
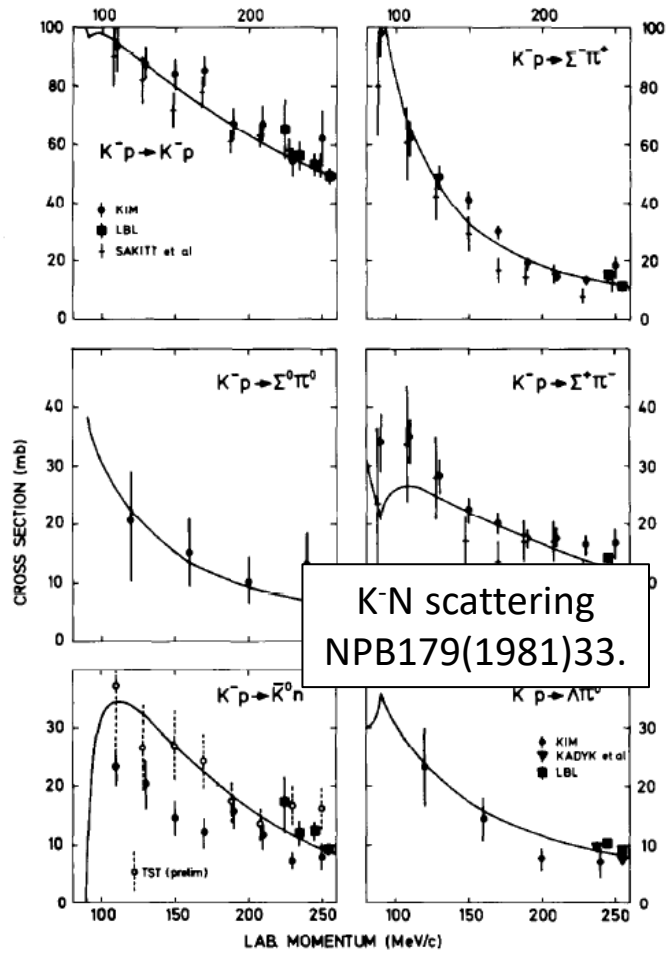
Reveal the meson properties inside nuclei via the  $\bar{K}N$  interaction

A powerful probe to understand low energy QCD

Strongly attractive in  $l=0$  from extensive measurements

Kaonic nuclei can access  
 $\bar{K}N$  int. below the threshold

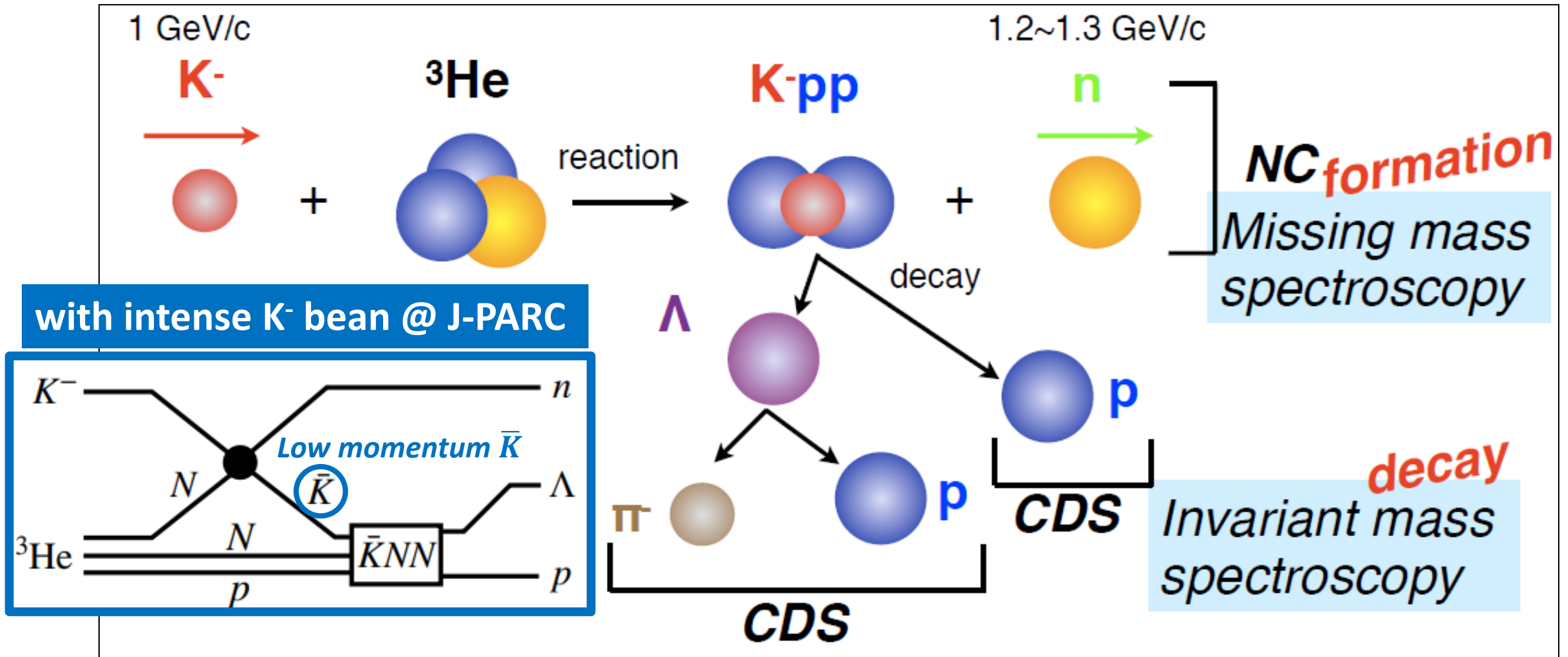
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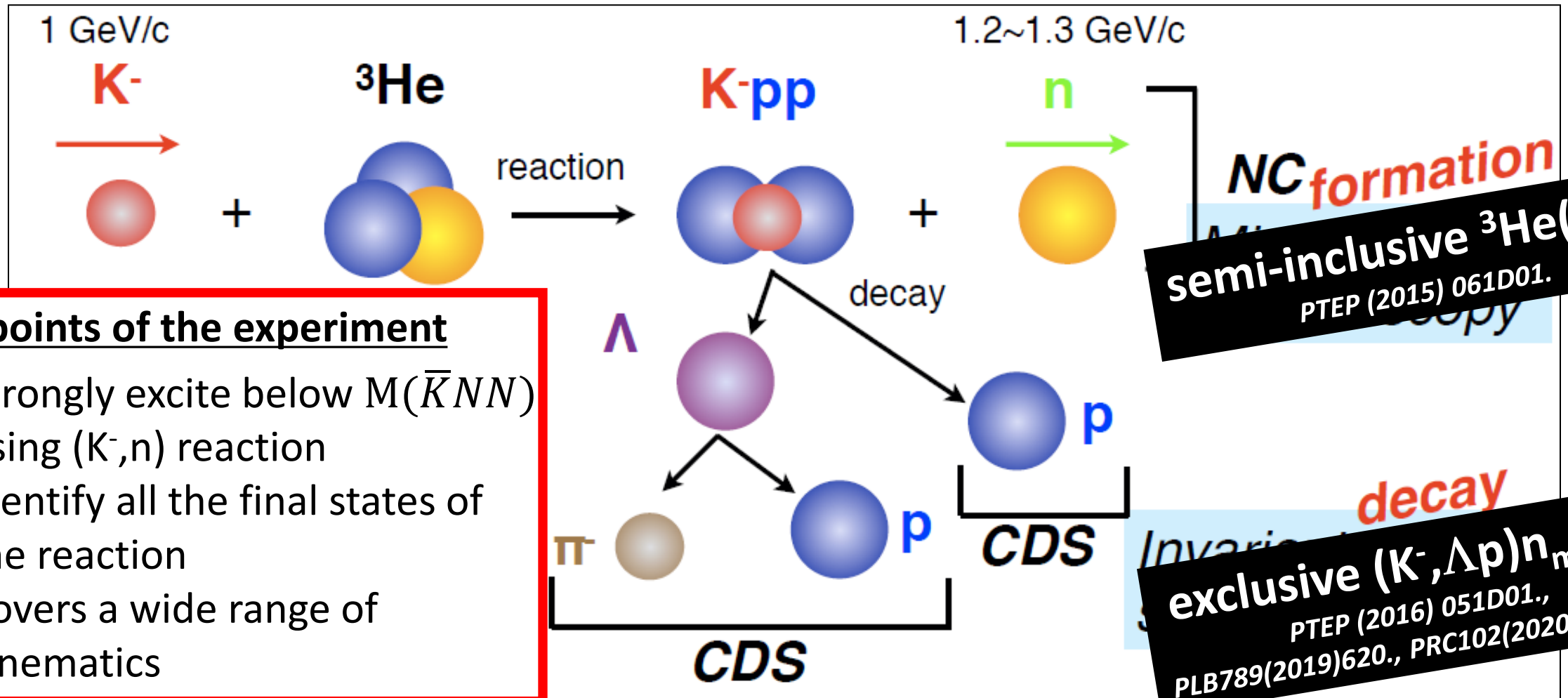
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## Key points of the experiment

- ① Strongly excite below  $M(\bar{K}NN)$  using (K<sup>-</sup>,n) reaction
- ② Identify all the final states of the reaction
- ③ Covers a wide range of kinematics



# Experimental Setup @ K1.8BR

K.Agari et, al., PTEP(2021)02B011

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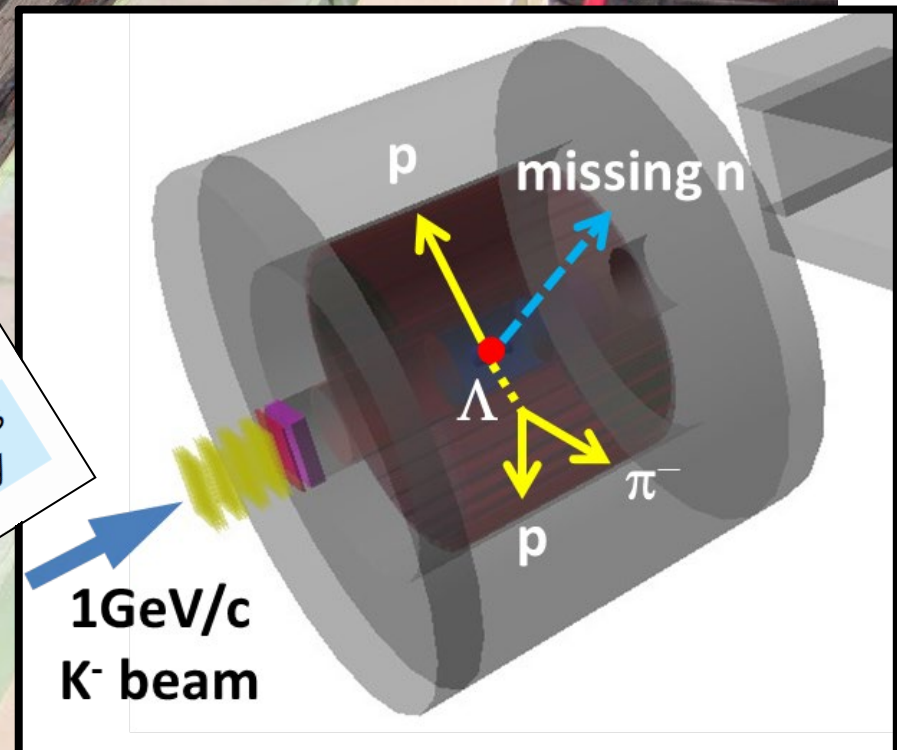
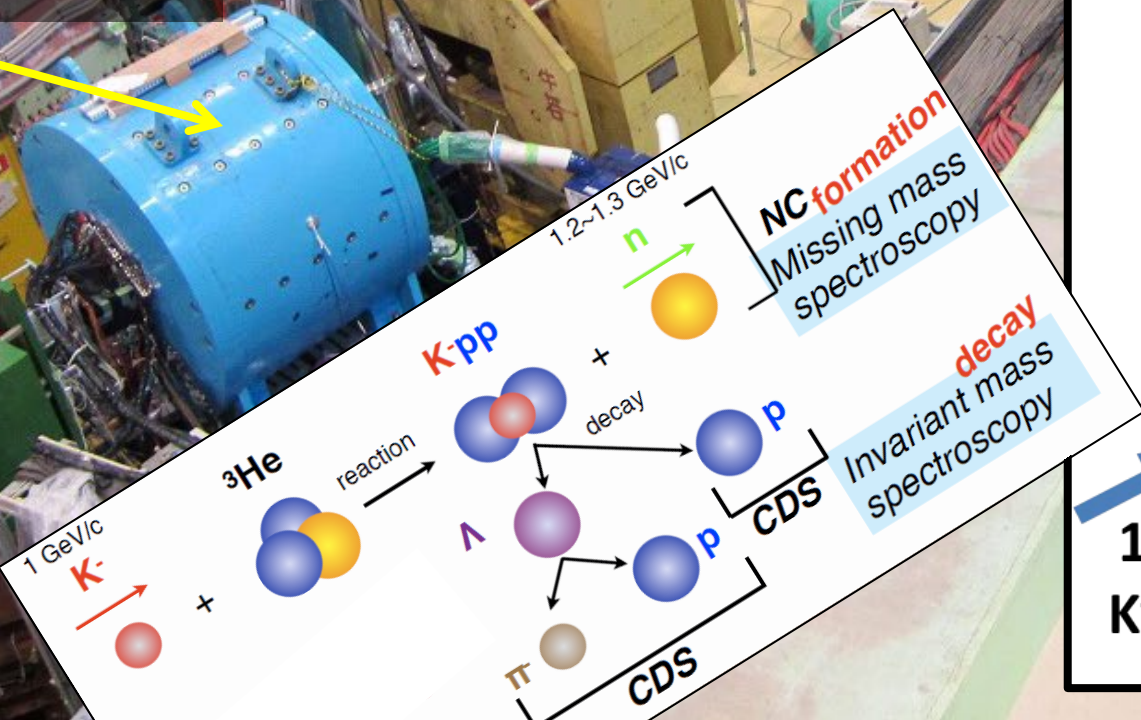
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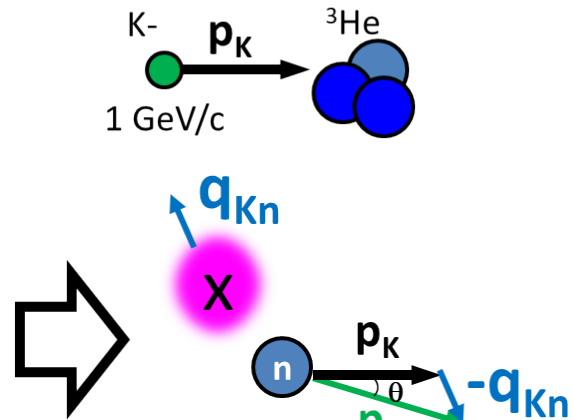
Cylindrical Detector System (CDS)

Beam Line Spectrometer

Neutron Counter  
Charge Veto Counter  
Proton Counter

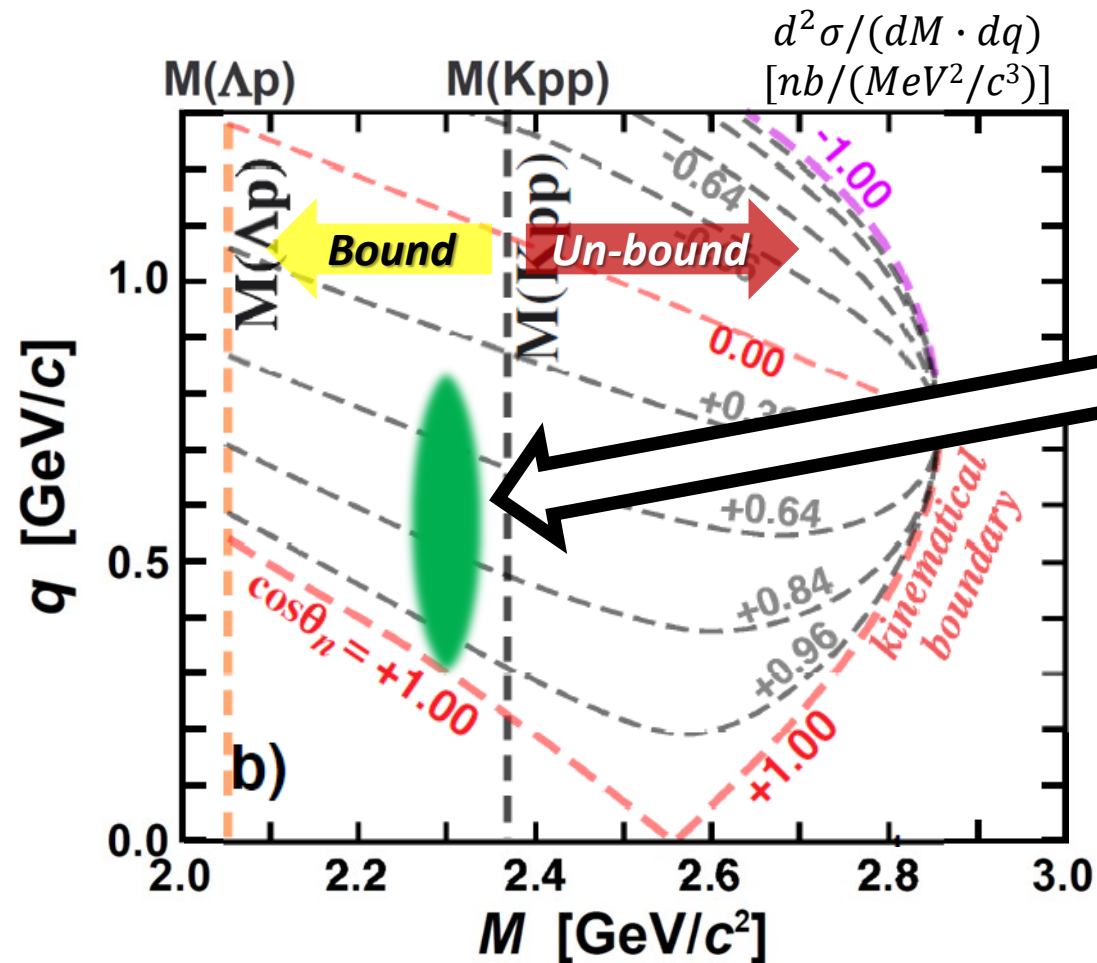


# “K<sup>-</sup>pp” Search w/ Momentum Transfer Analysis

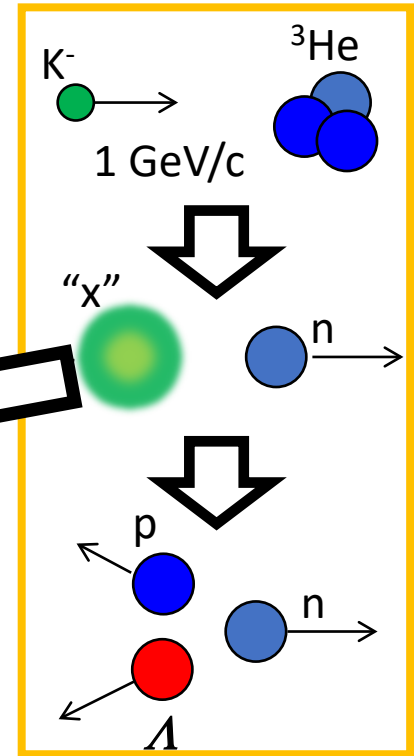


- Momentum transfer analysis using the ( $K^-, n$ ) reaction

- ✓  $M(\Lambda p)$  vs.  $q$
- ✓ give a clear information on reaction processes



$q$  : ( $K^-, n$ ) momentum transfer  
 $M$  :  $\Lambda p$  invariant mass

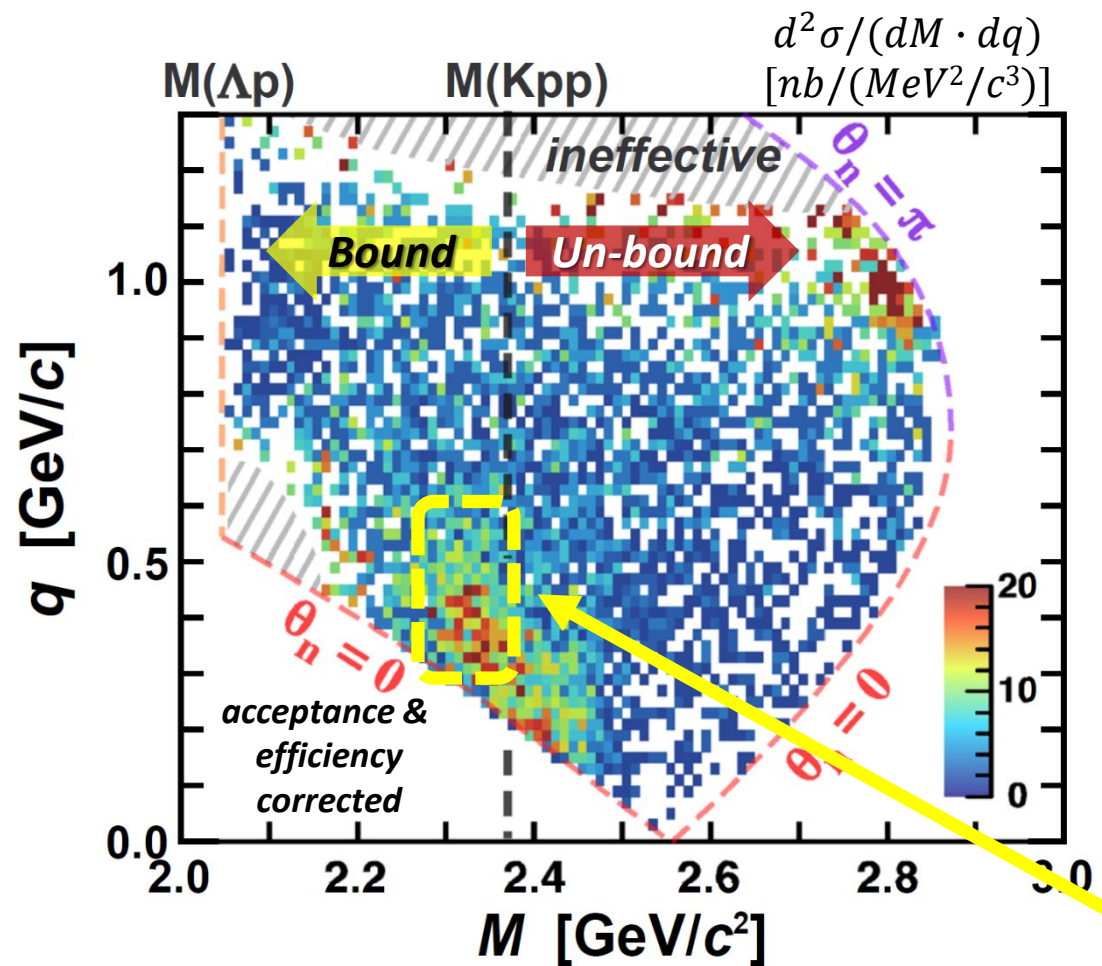
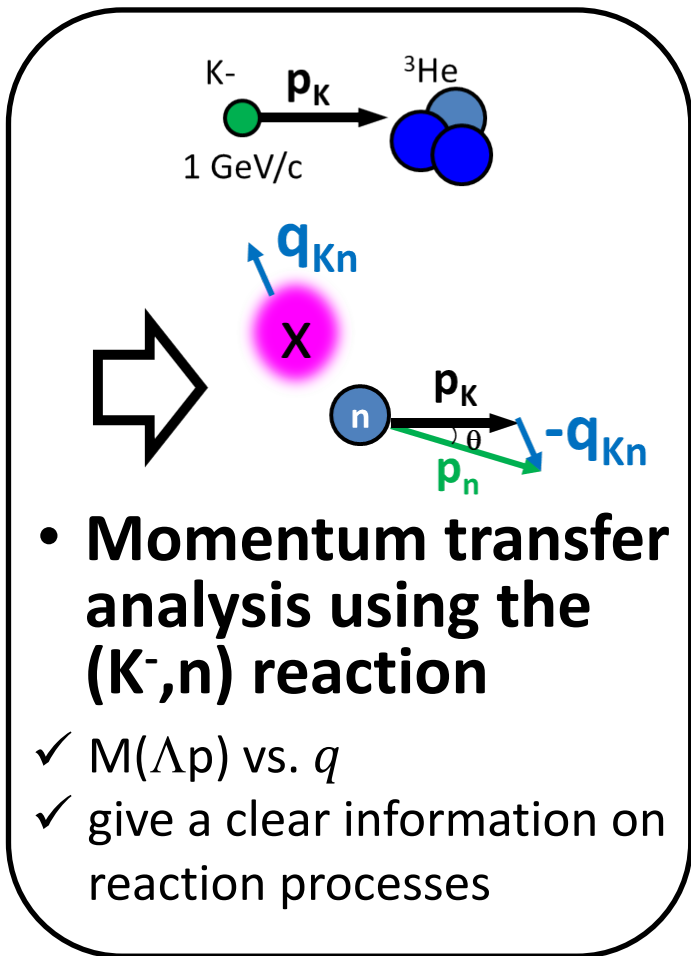


If a **bound state** exists, there is a peak structure **independent of  $q$**  below the  $M(Kpp)$

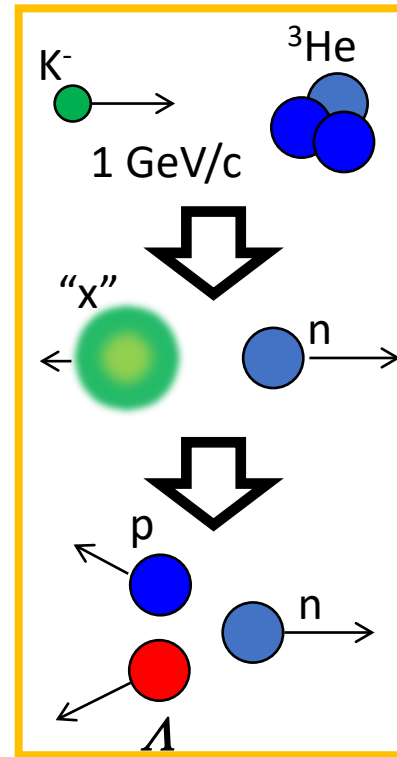


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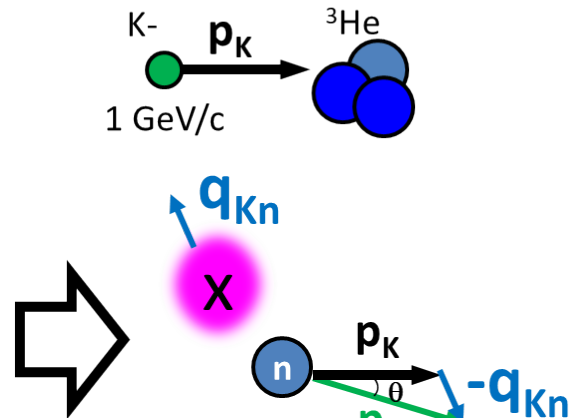


A peak structure independent of  $q$  =  
**A bound state exists**

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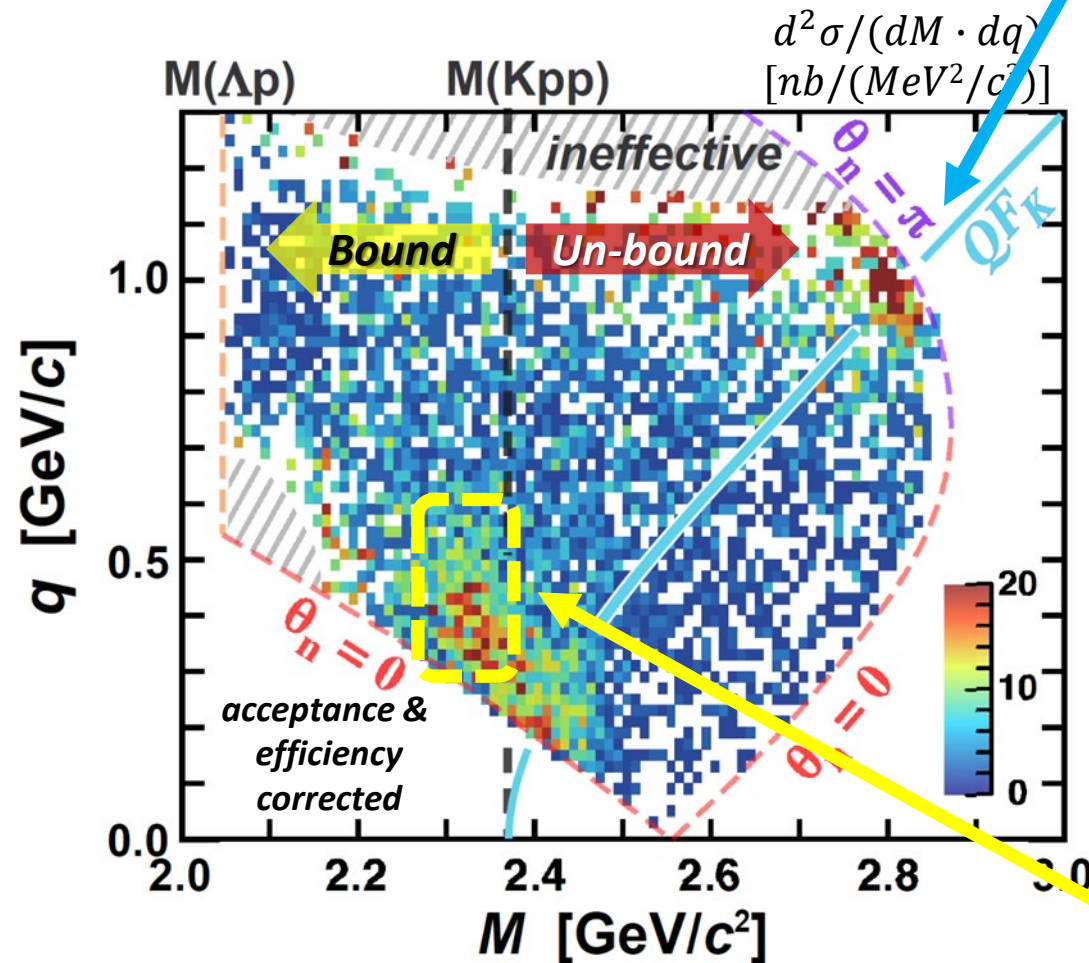
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Quasi-free K<sup>-</sup> scattering  
(+2NA absorption)

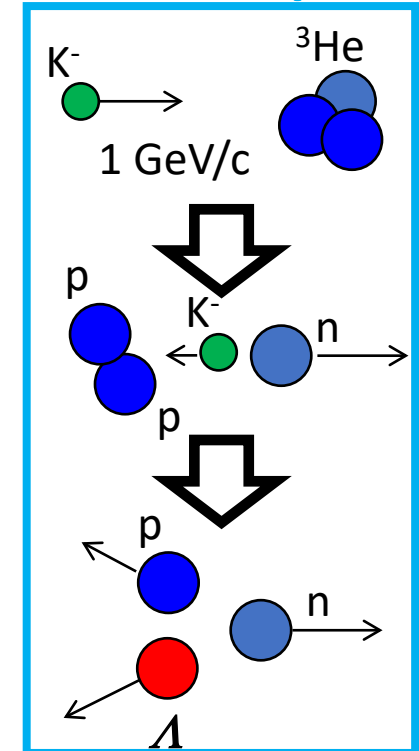


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# A PWIA-based Interpretation

Plane Wave Impulse Approximation

**Fit with PWIA**

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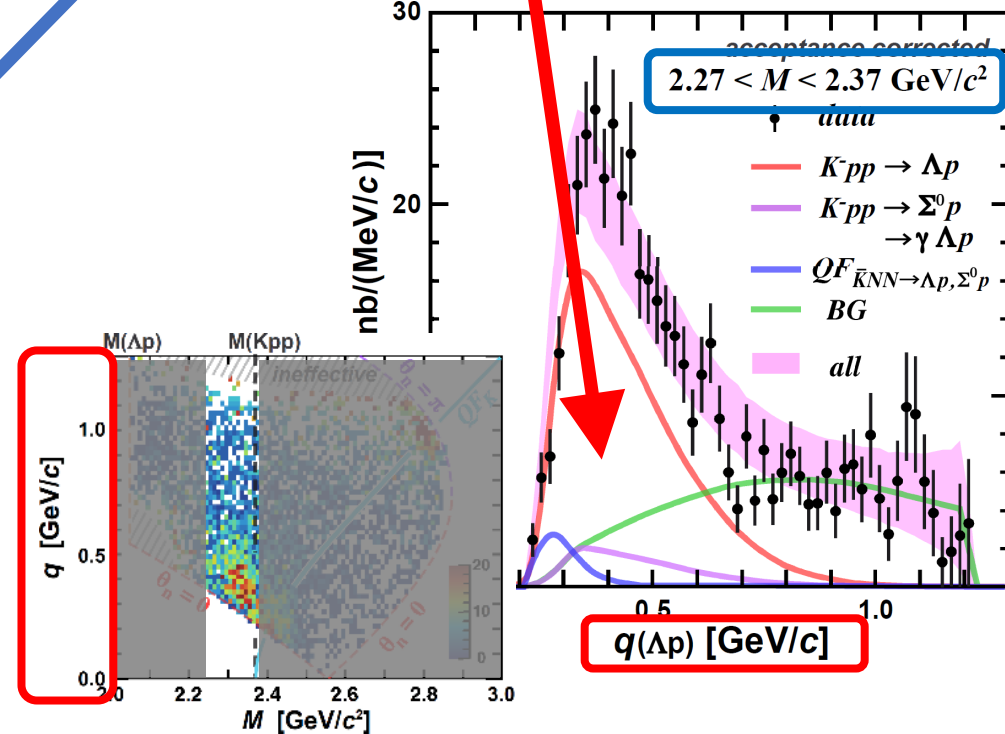
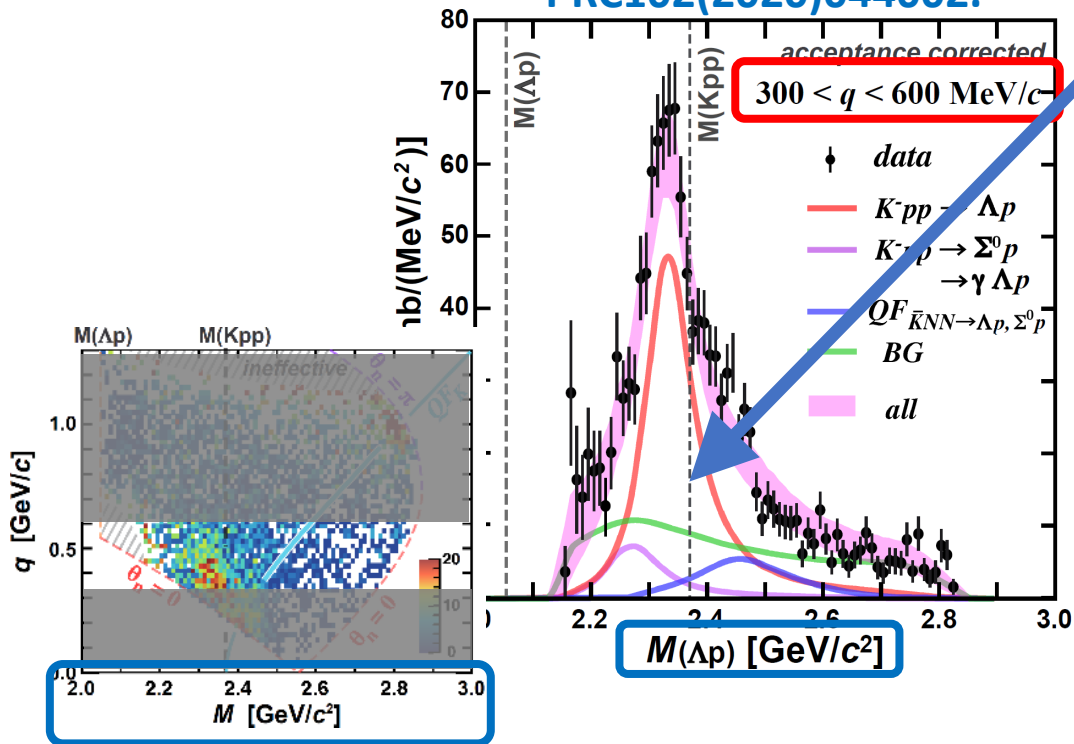
Energy term (BW type) from time integral

$$\frac{(\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}{(M - M_{Kpp})^2 + (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}$$

Momentum term from spatial integral

$$\times \exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{Q_{Kpp}^2}\right)$$

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**Deep binding = Strong  $K^{\text{bar}}N$  int.**

$$B_{Kpp}(\text{BW}) \sim 40 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma_{Kpp}(\text{BW}) \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

Binding energy

Decay width

**Large  $Q$  = Suggest a compact system**

$$Q_{kpp} \sim 400 \text{ MeV}$$

Form factor

# A Theoretical Interpretation

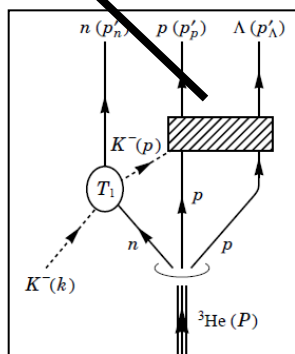
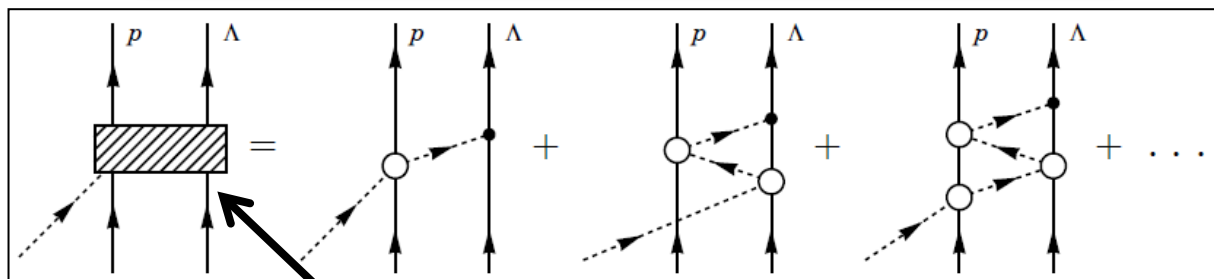
A calculation based on chiral unitary approach reproduces the data well using the  $\bar{K}NN$  bound state

**PTEP**

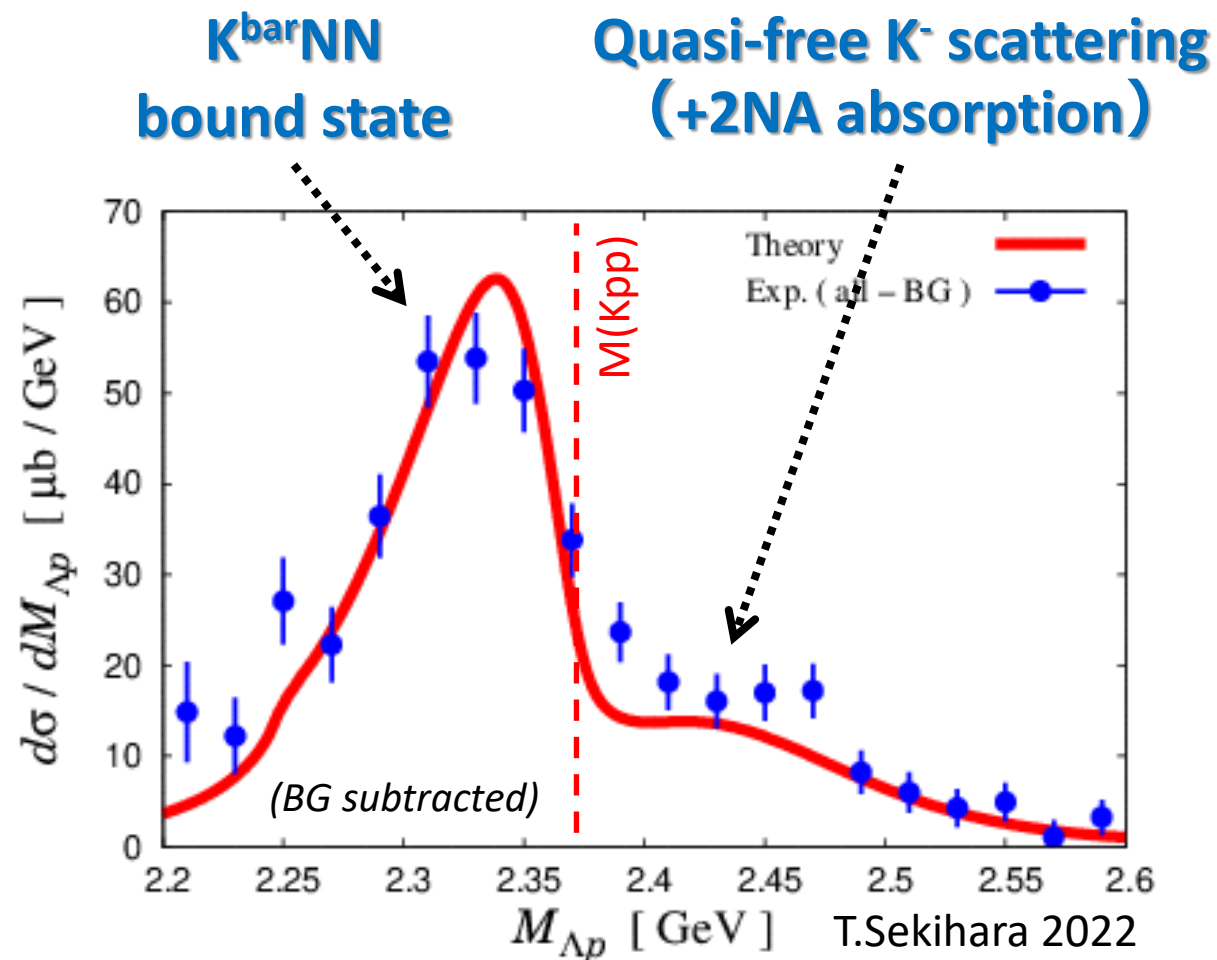
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On the structure observed in the in-flight  
 ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$  reaction at J-PARC

Takayasu Sekihara<sup>1,\*</sup>, Eulogio Oset<sup>2</sup>, and Angels Ramos<sup>3</sup>



**Theoretical investigations are indispensable!**





# What We Observed at E15 [Discussion]

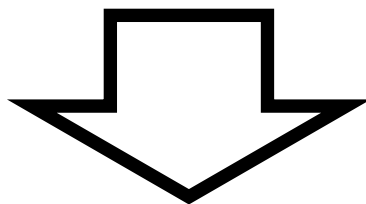
✓ A peak structure below the mass threshold  $M(Kpp)$  that does NOT depend on momentum transfer

- A bound state exists
- $\sim 10$  times the binding energy of normal light nuclei
- Generated by large momentum transfer

✓ Evidence of quasi-free  $K^-$  scattering

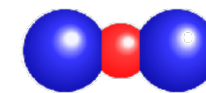
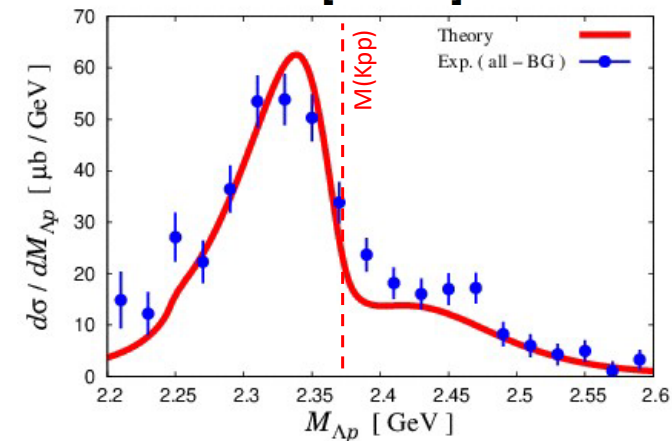
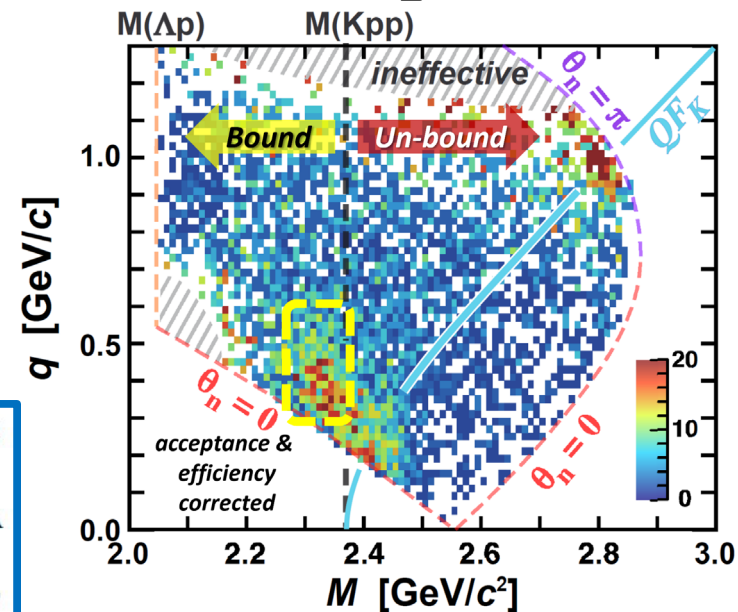
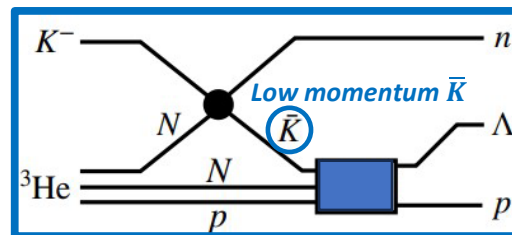
- An intermediate state of  $\bar{K}$  exists during the reaction

◆ Consistent with a theoretical calculation using “K-pp”



Observed bound state = “K-pp” bound state

→ Suggests possibility of being in a compact system



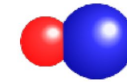
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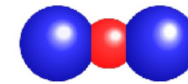
# Need Further Investigations

*to establish the kaonic nuclei*

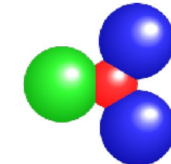
- **$\Lambda(1405)$  state**
  - $\bar{K}N$  quasi-bound state as considered?
  - Relation between  $\bar{K}N$  and  $\bar{K}NN$ ?
- **Further details of the  $\bar{K}NN$** 
  - Mesonic decay modes?
  - Spin and parity of the “ $K^-pp$ ”?
  - Really compact and dense system?
- **Heavier kaonic nuclei**
  - Mass number dependence?
- **Double kaonic nuclei**
  - Much compact and dense system?



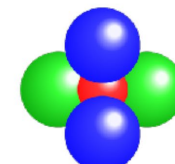
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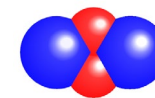
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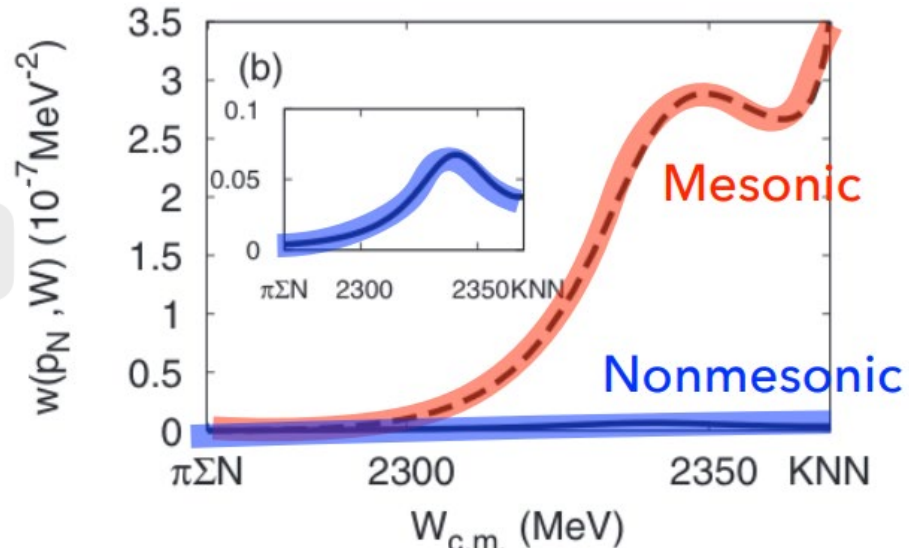
# Mesonic Decay Modes of $\bar{K}NN$

- Mesonic decays will give us further information on  $\bar{K}NN$

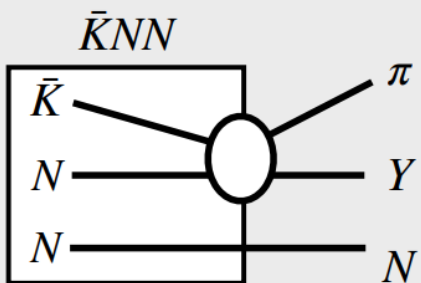
✓ internal structure

✓  $\bar{K}N$  interaction below the threshold  $\Gamma_{YN} \ll \Gamma_{\pi YN}$

S. Ohnishi, et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C 88 (2013) 025204.

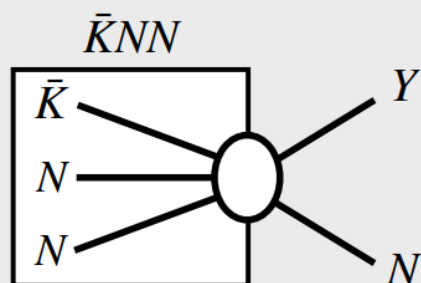


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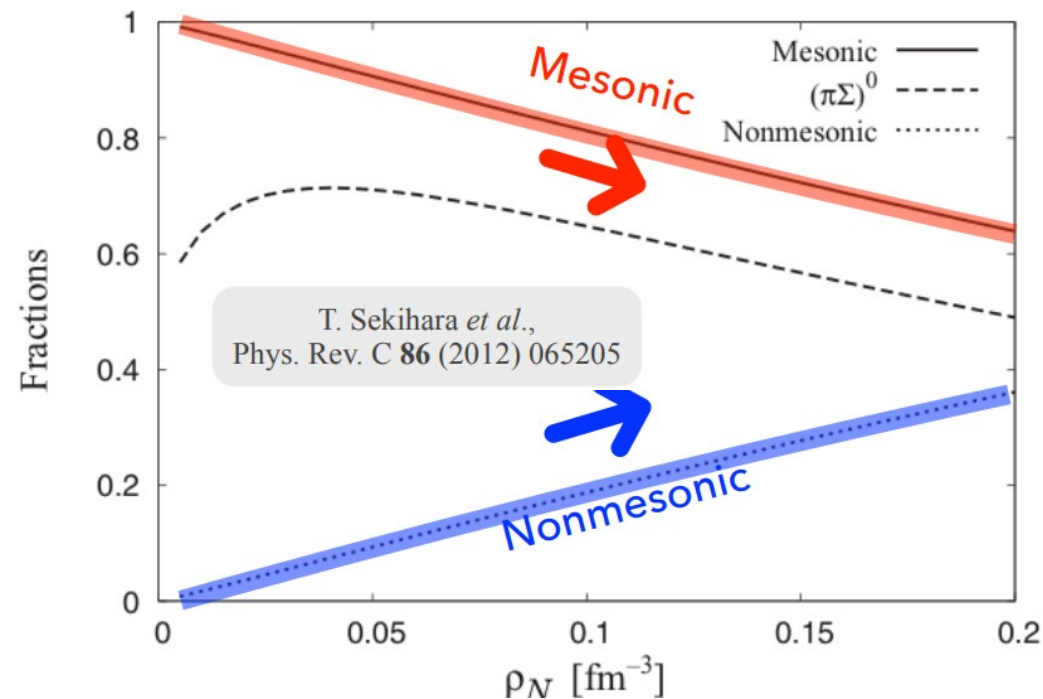


1N absorption

**Non-mesonic**



2N absorption

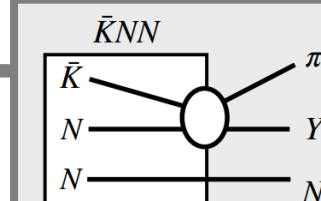
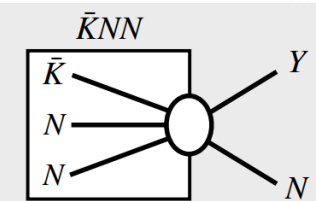
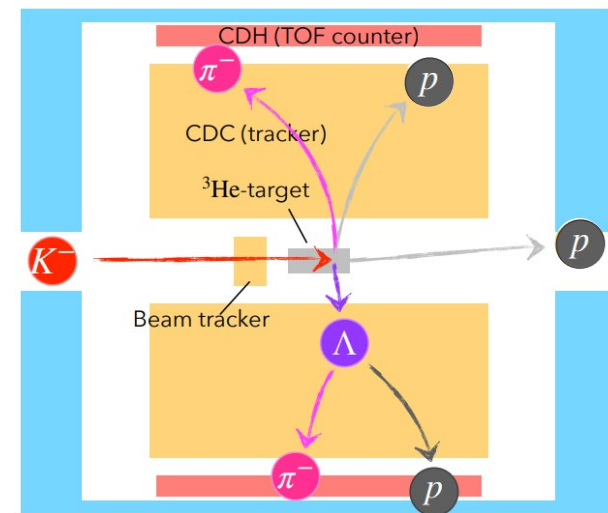
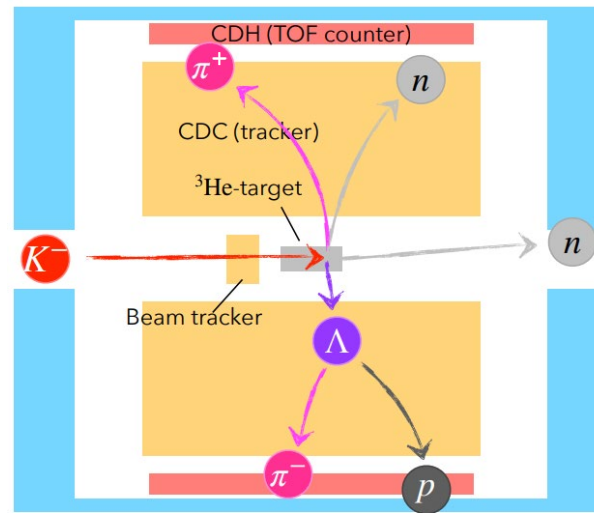
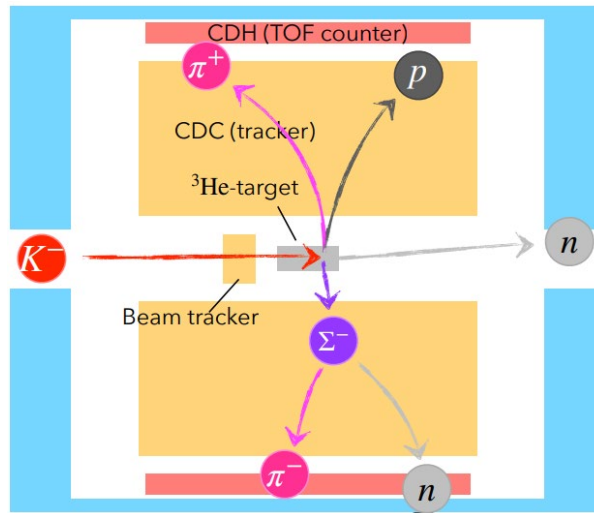
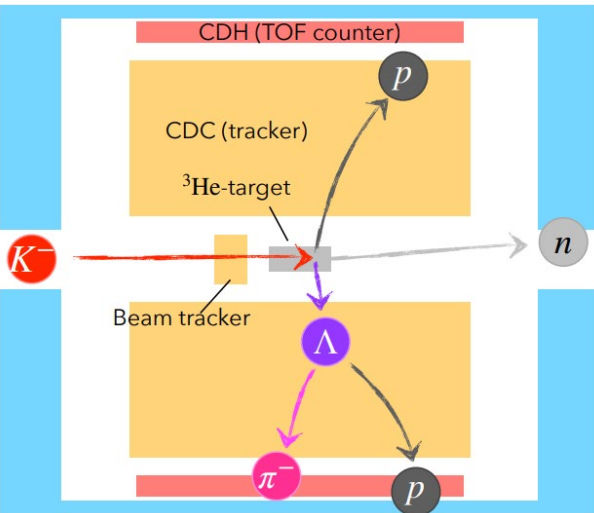
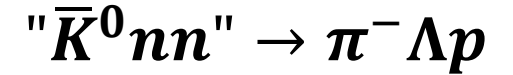
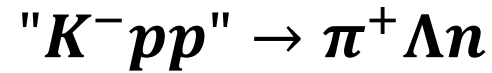
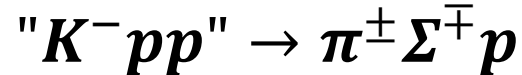
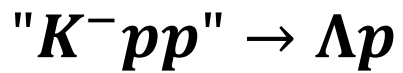
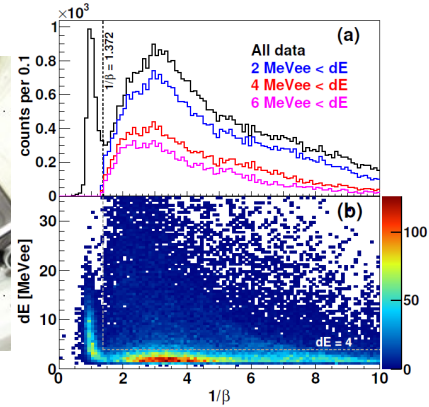
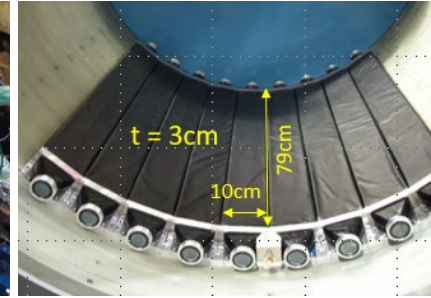
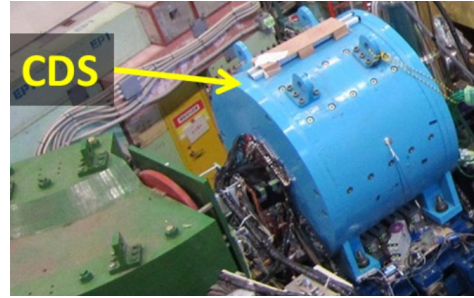


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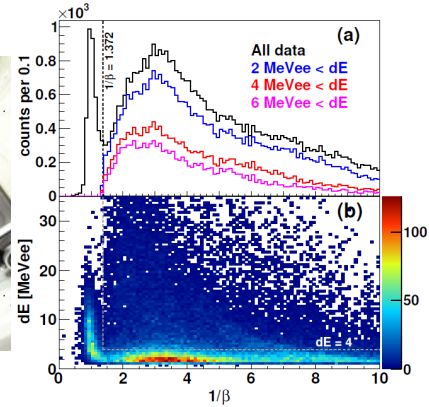
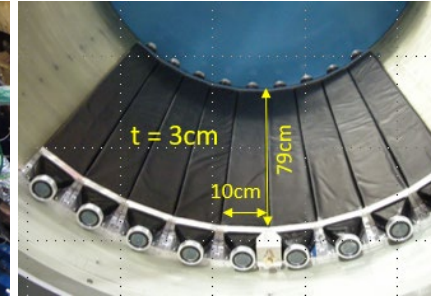
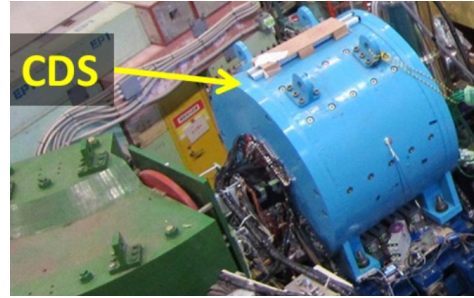


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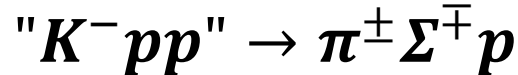
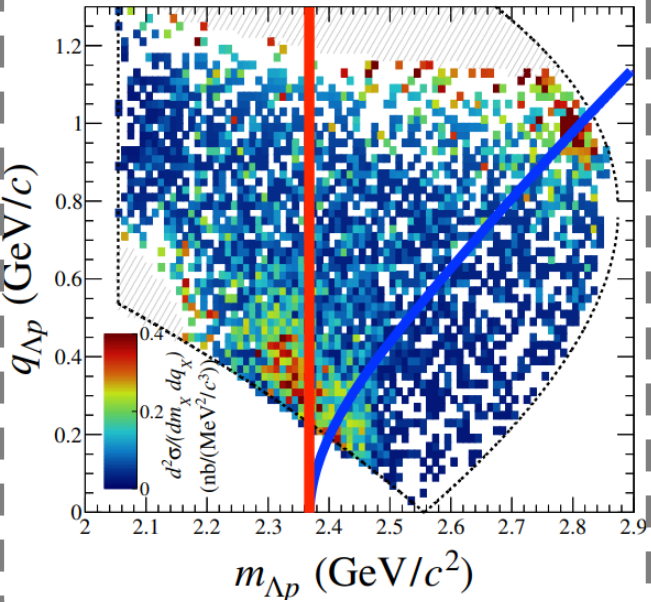
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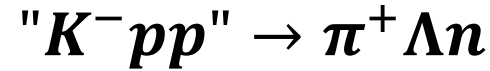
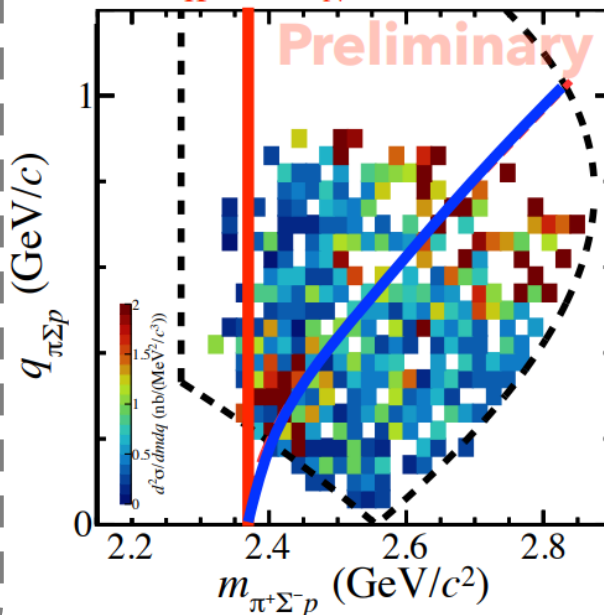
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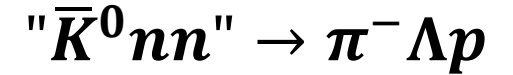
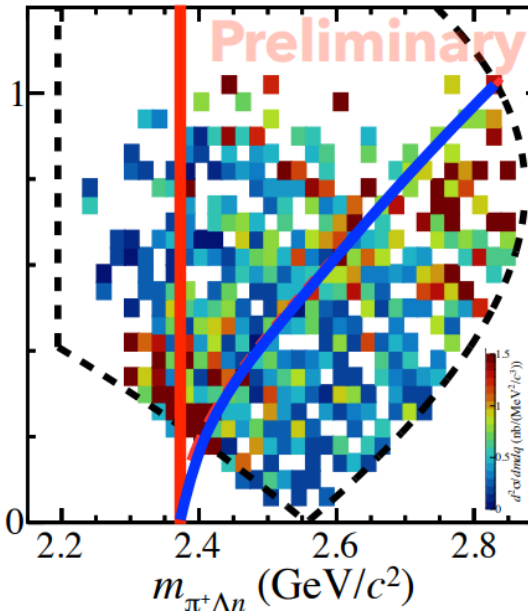
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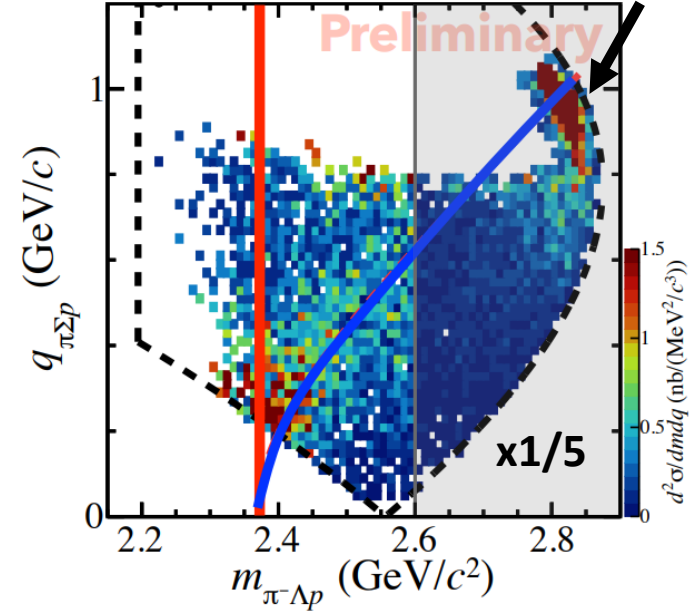


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2NA w/  $p_{Fermi}$



Similar but not clear peak below  $M(KNN)$  due to the phase space



# Mesonic Decay Analysis with the E15 Data

Plane Wave Impulse Approximation

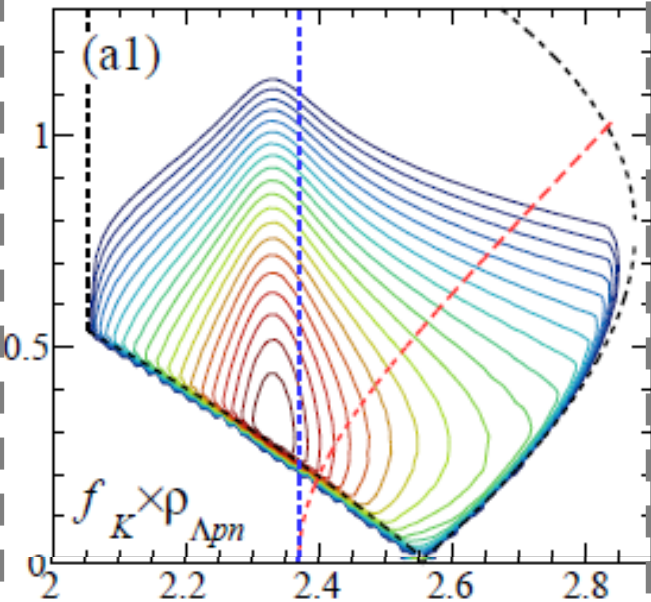
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Phase space

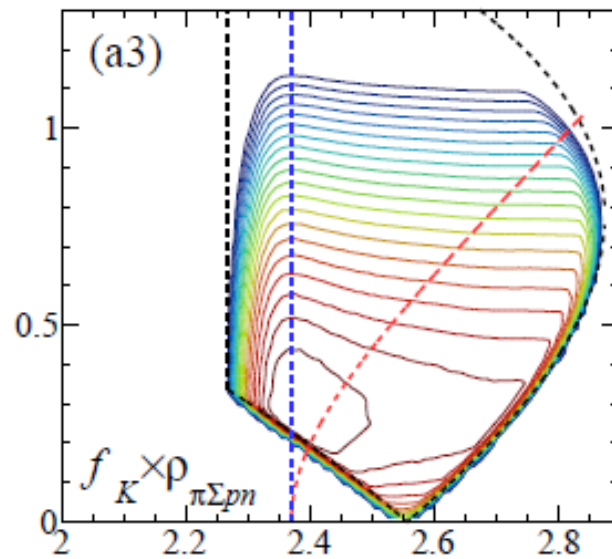
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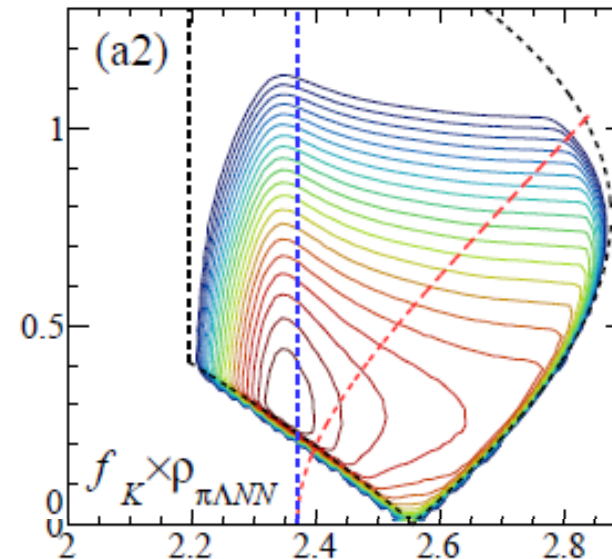
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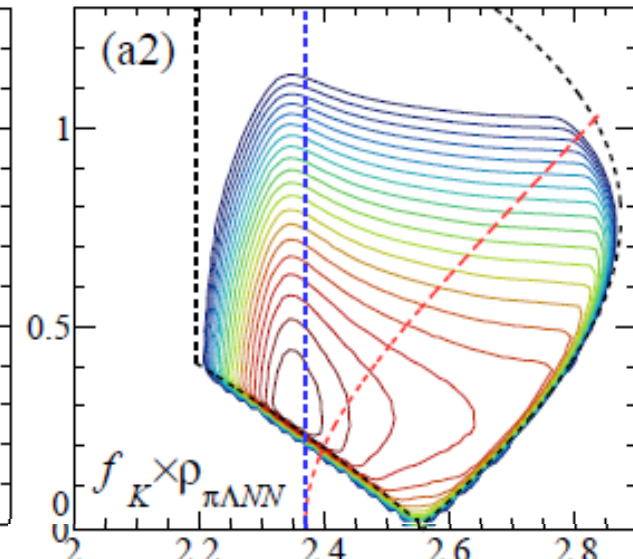
" $K^- pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp p$



" $K^- pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda n$



" $\bar{K}^0 nn$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^- \Lambda p$



Employ the same model func. for KNN & QF, with each phase space

# Mesonic Decay Analysis with the E15 Data

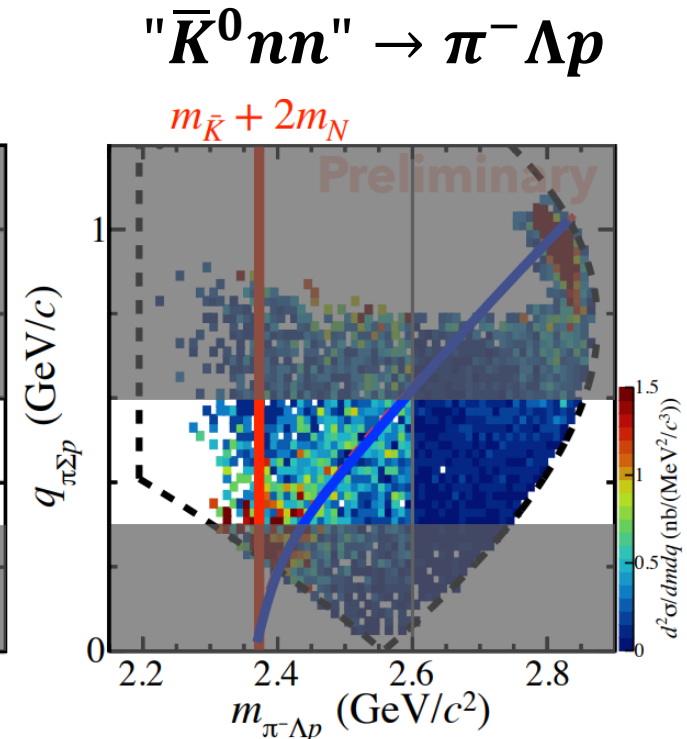
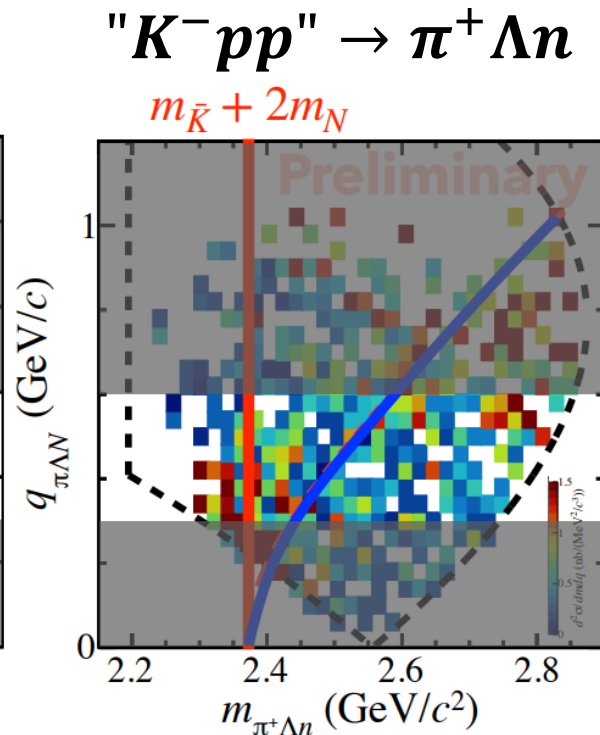
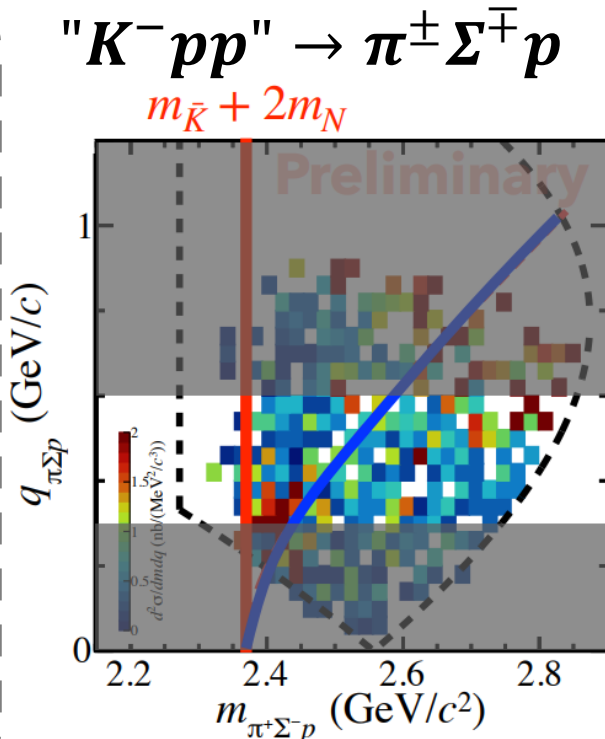
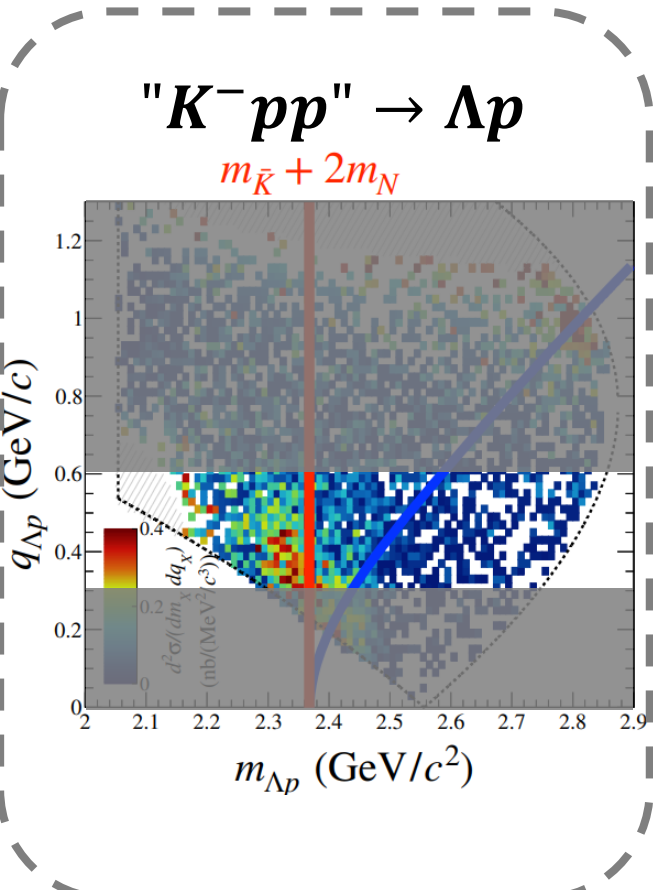
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Fit the 1D spectra in  $0.3 < q < 0.6$  with the same model func.

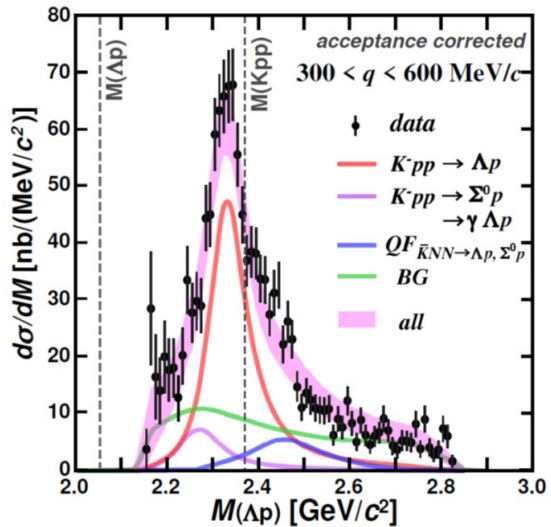
# Mesonic Decay Analysis with the E15 Data

Plane Wave Impulse Approximation

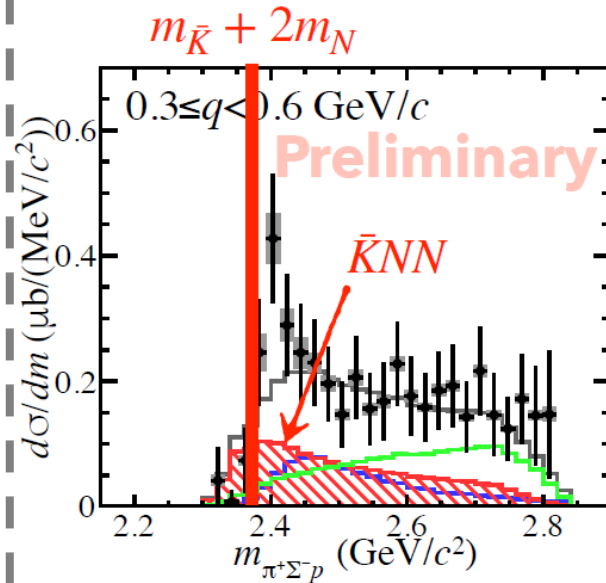
**Fit with PWIA**  $\sigma(M, q) \propto \rho(M, q) \times \frac{(\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}{(M - M_{Kpp})^2 + (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2} \times \exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{Q_{Kpp}^2}\right)$

Phase space (green box)      Energy term (BW type) from time integral (blue box)      Momentum term from spatial integral (red box)

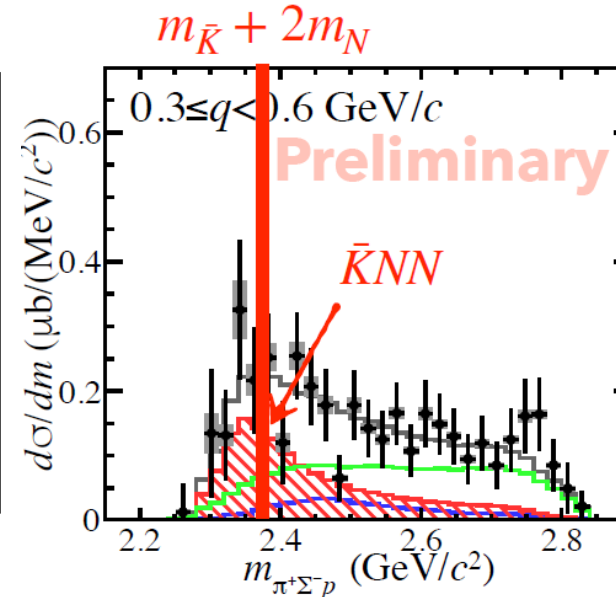
" $K^- pp$ "  $\rightarrow \Lambda p$



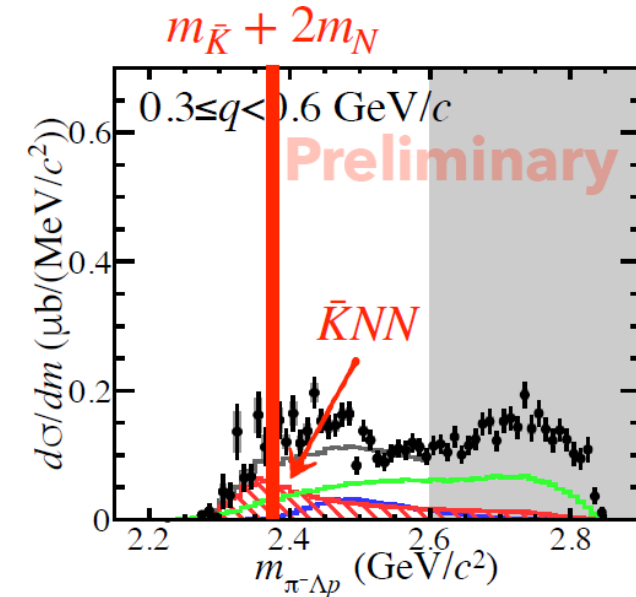
" $K^- pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^\pm \Sigma^\mp p$



" $K^- pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda n$



" $\bar{K}^0 nn$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^- \Lambda p$



**With the model func., the spectra are consistently explained.**



# Mesonic Decay Analysis with the E15 Data

- $\Gamma_{YN} \ll \Gamma_{\pi YN}$  : mesonic decay is dominant
- $\Gamma_{\pi\Sigma N} \sim \Gamma_{\pi\Lambda N}$  : significant contribution of the  $I_{KN} = 1$  as well as  $I_{KN} = 0$
- $\Gamma_{\pi+\Lambda n} / \Gamma_{\pi-\Lambda p} \sim 2$  : if we assume  $Br_{K^-pp \rightarrow \pi^+\Lambda n} = Br_{K^0nn \rightarrow \pi^-\Lambda p} \rightarrow \sigma_{K^-pp} / \sigma_{K^0nn} \sim 2$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \Lambda p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$9.3 \pm 0.8_{-1.0}^{+1.4} \text{ [all]}$$

$$5.5 \pm 0.5_{-0.6}^{+0.8} \text{ [<M(KNN)]}$$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \Sigma^0 p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$5.3 \pm 0.4_{-0.6}^{+0.8} \text{ [all]}$$

$$3.1 \pm 0.2_{-0.4}^{+0.5} \text{ [<M(KNN)]}$$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^+ \Sigma^- p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$38 \pm 3 \pm 3 \text{ [all]}$$

$$3.2 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ [<M(KNN)]}$$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^- \Sigma^+ p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$110 \pm 8 \pm 8 \text{ [all]}$$

$$9.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.7 \text{ [<M(KNN)]}$$

" $K^-pp$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda n$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$62 \pm 11 \pm 9 \text{ [all]}$$

$$15.5 \pm 2.7 \pm 2.1 \text{ [<M(KNN)]}$$

" $\bar{K}^0nn$ "  $\rightarrow \pi^- \Lambda p$

$$\sigma_{\bar{K}NN}^{tot} \times Br (\mu b) =$$

$$29 \pm 3 \pm 3 \text{ [all]}$$

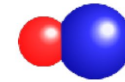
$$7.2 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.7 \text{ [<M(KNN)]}$$

**More precise measurements  
and theoretical investigations  
are needed**

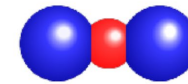
# Need Further Investigations

*to establish the kaonic nuclei*

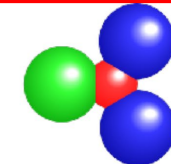
- **$\Lambda(1405)$  state**
  - $\bar{K}N$  quasi-bound state as considered?
  - Relation between  $\bar{K}N$  and  $\bar{K}NN$ ?
- **Further details of the  $\bar{K}NN$** 
  - Mesonic decay modes?
  - Spin and parity of the “ $K^-pp$ ”?
  - Really compact and dense system?
- **Heavier kaonic nuclei**
  - Mass number dependence?
- **Double kaonic nuclei**
  - Much compact and dense system?



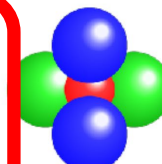
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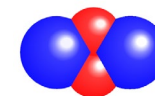
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$K^-ppn$

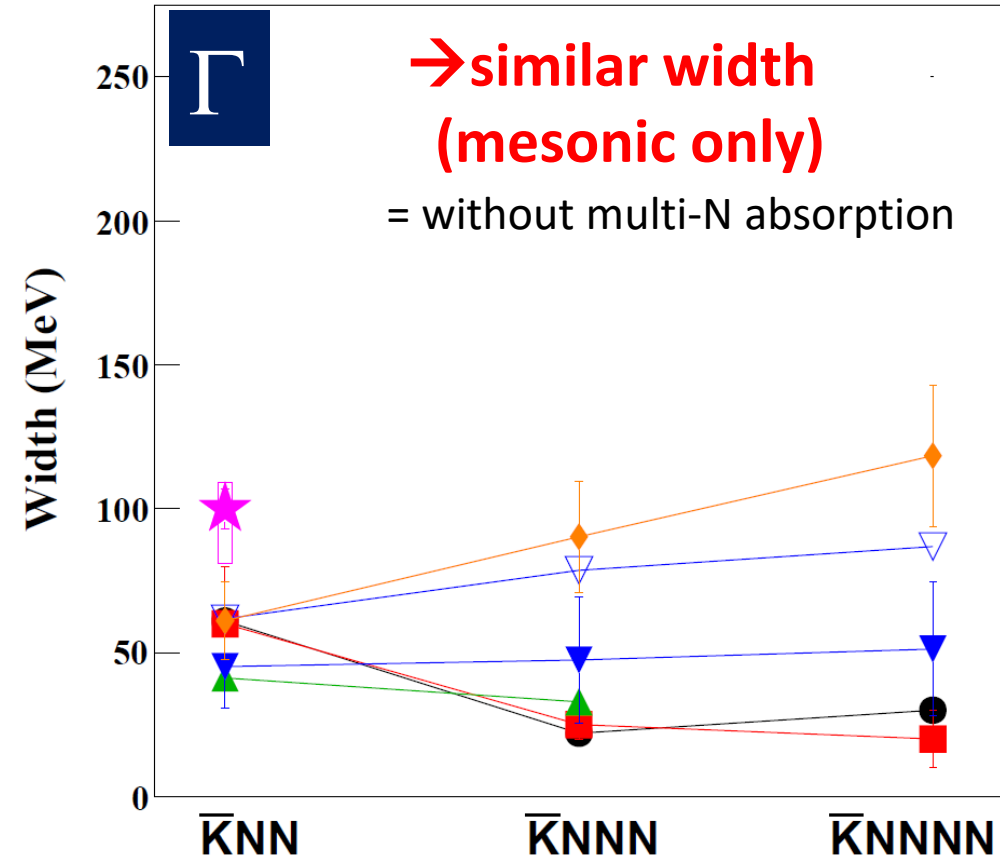
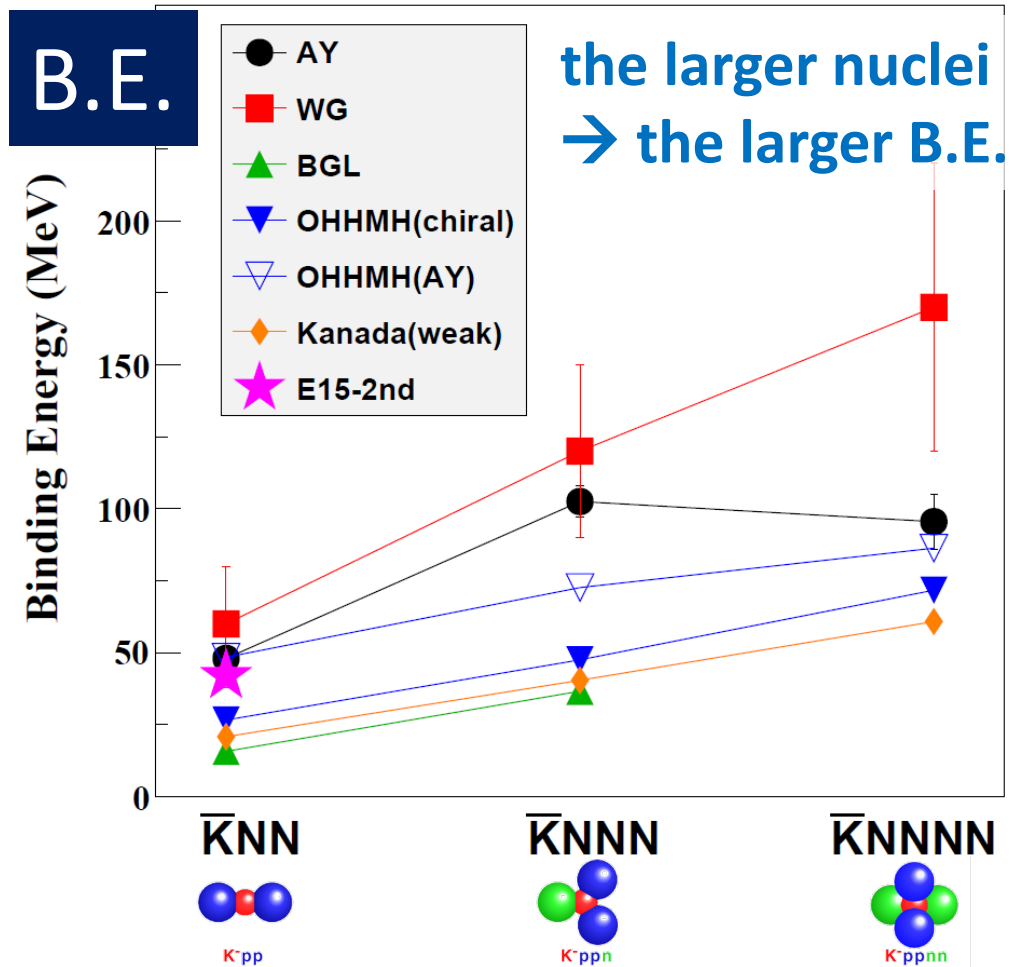


$K^-ppnn$



$K^-K^-pp$

# Mass Number Dependence of Kaonic Nuclei



AY: PRC65(2002)044005, PLB535(2002)70.

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BGL: PLB712(2012)132.

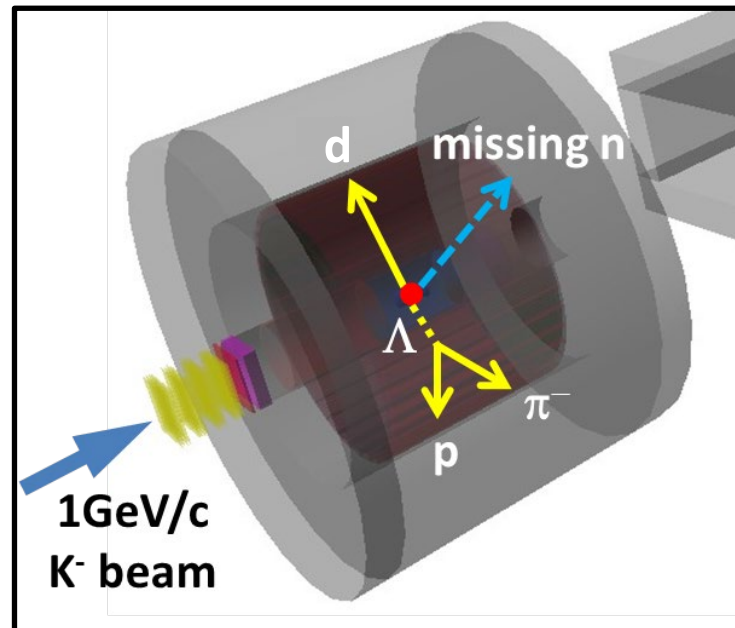
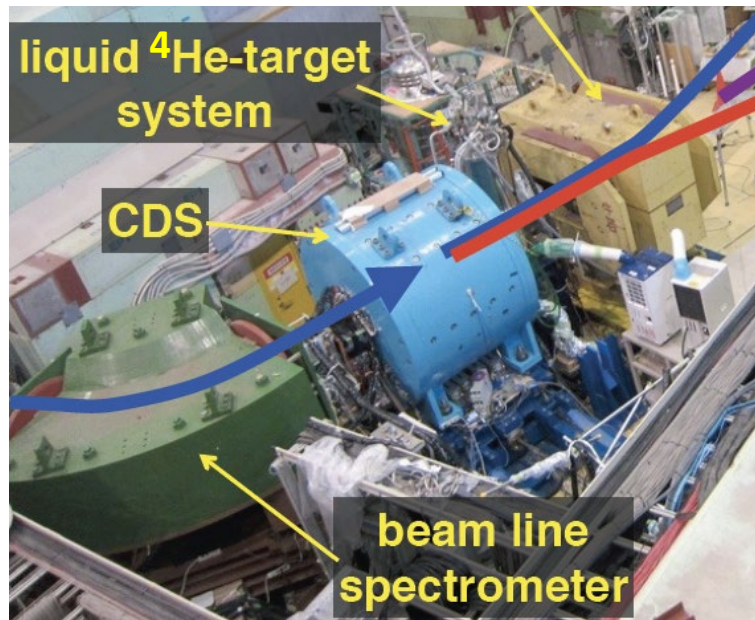
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- **Systematic measurements will provide more conclusive evidence of the kaonic nuclei**

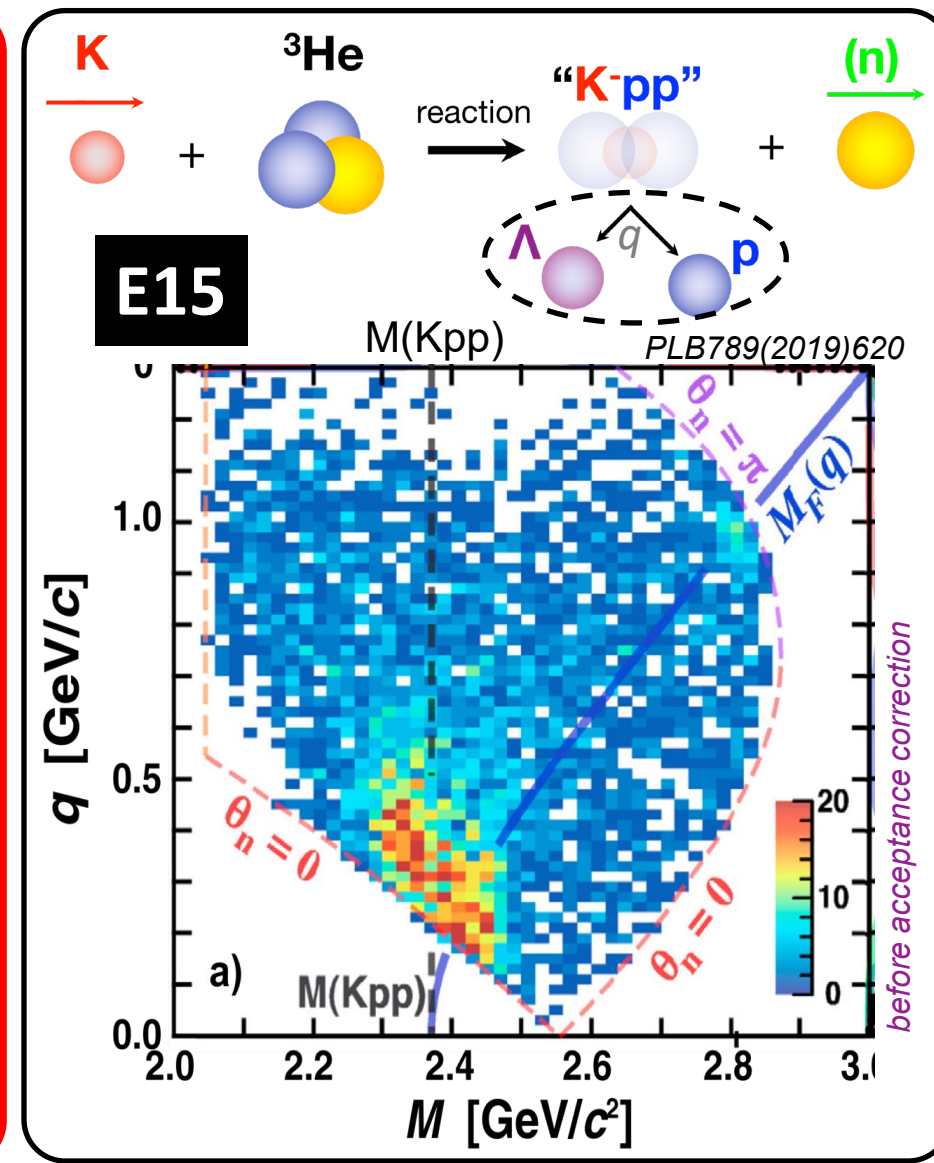
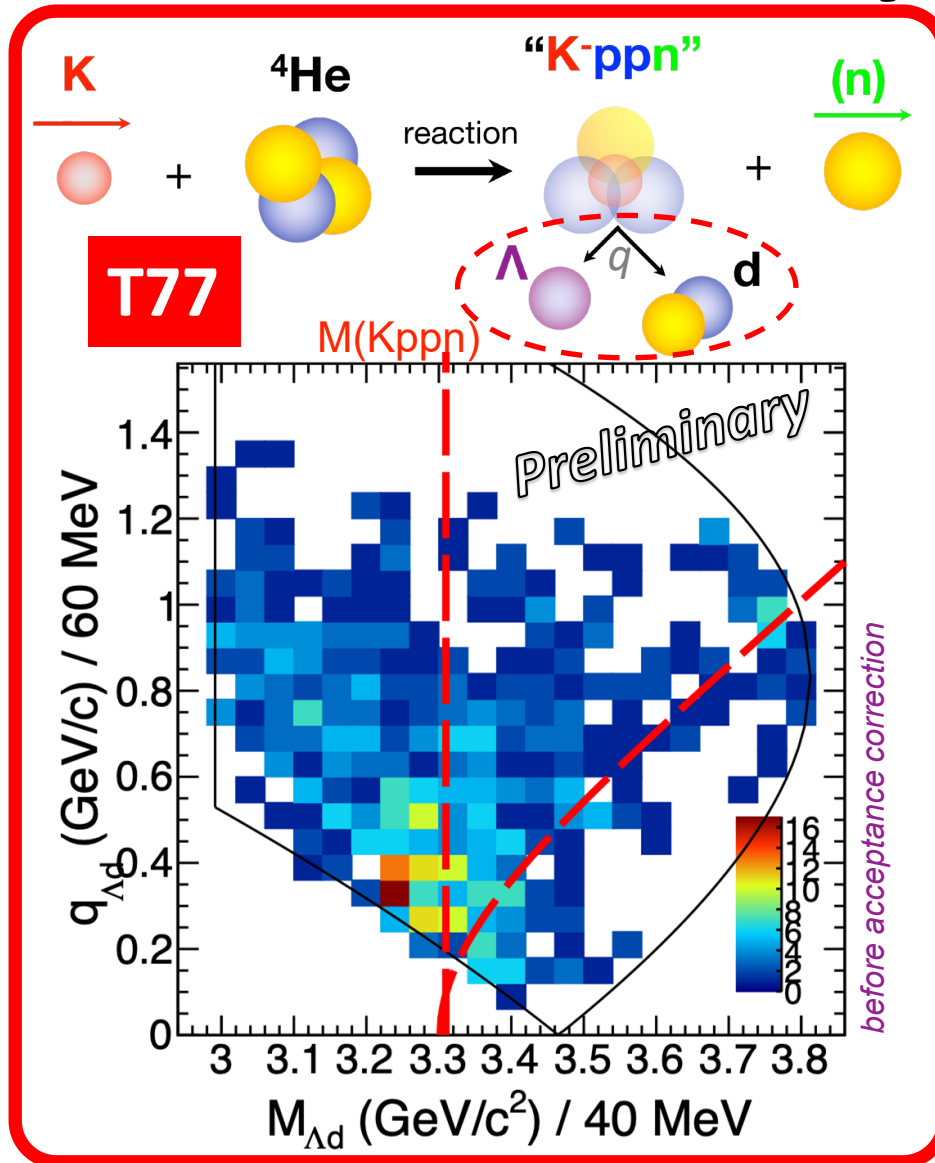
# $K^-4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{dn}$ Analysis with the T77 Data

- An analysis of the  $\Lambda\text{dn}$  final state with  $K^-4\text{He}$  reaction at **1 GeV/c** has been conducted
  - T77: lifetime measurement of  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  in 2020
- The results will be updated with a part of the E73 controlled data
  - E73: lifetime measurement of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  in 2024 (***now in beam time!***)



Experiment	$K^-$ on target
E15 ( ${}^3\text{He}$ )	$\sim 42 \times 10^9$
T77 ( ${}^4\text{He}$ )	$\sim 6 \times 10^9$
E73 ( ${}^4\text{He}$ )	$\sim 6 \times 10^9$

# $K^{-4}\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{dn}$ Analysis with the T77 Data



- Two distributions are quite similar
- structure below the threshold (seems  $q$ -independent), QF-K, BG

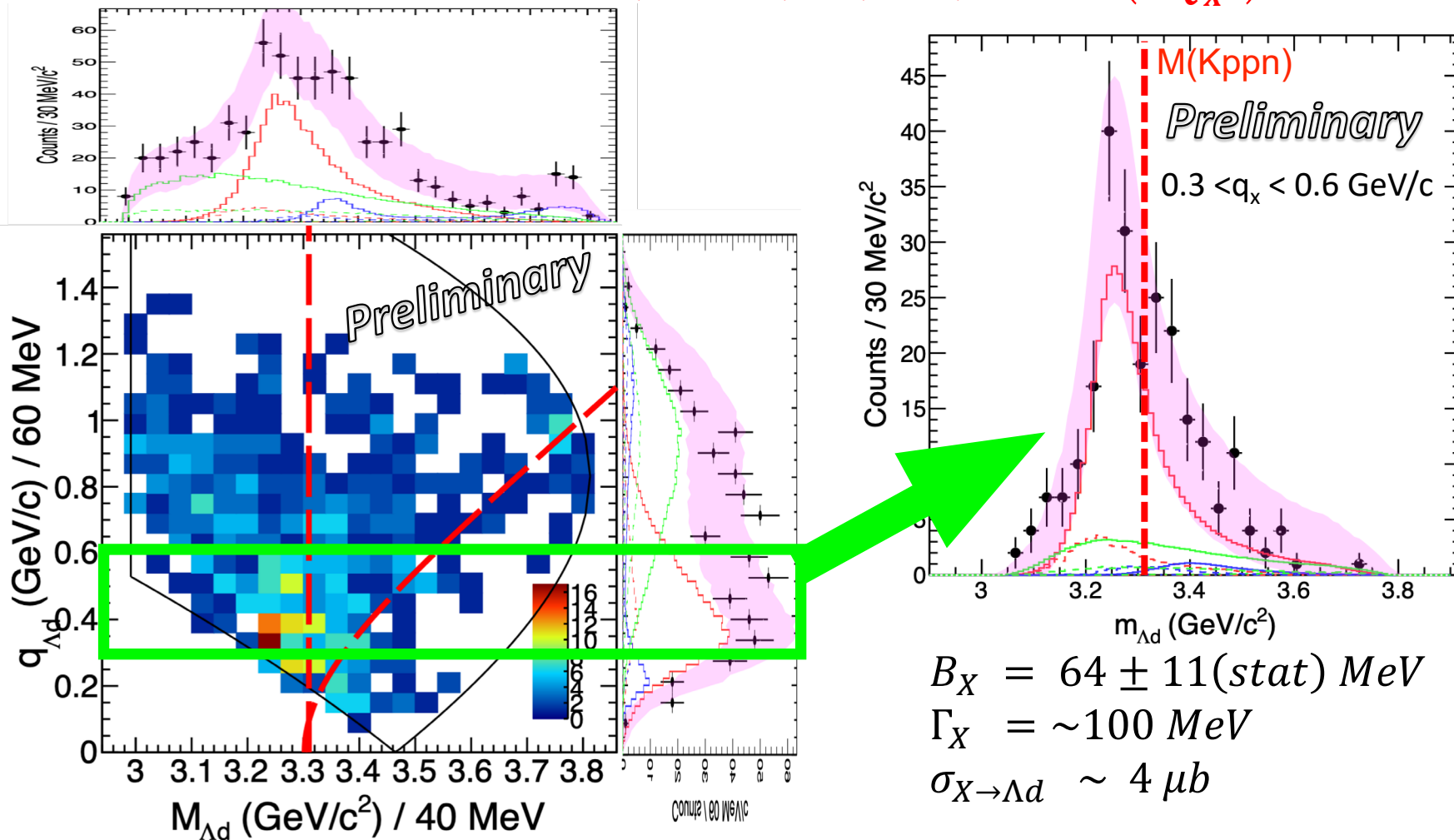


# $K^-4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda d n$ Analysis with the T77 Data

2D fit on the  $(M, q)$  space with similar shapes to E15:

Breit-Wigner with Gaus. form factor (PWIA), QF-K-, and Broad BG

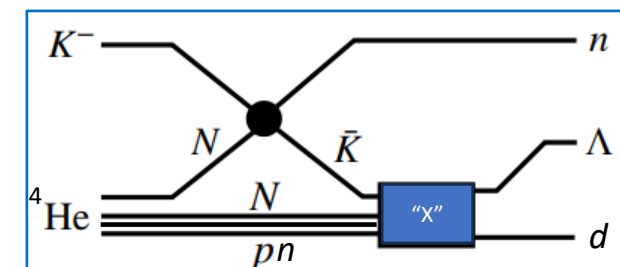
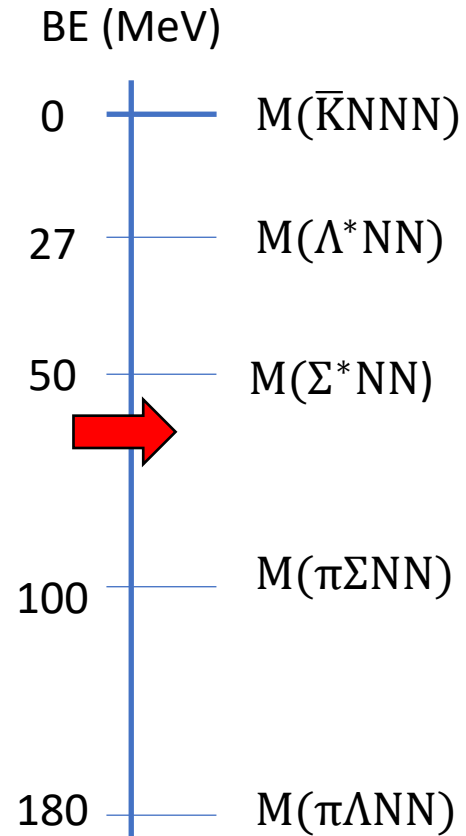
$$\sigma(M, q) \propto \rho(M, q) \times \frac{(\Gamma_X/2)^2}{(M - M_X)^2 + (\Gamma_X/2)^2} \times \exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{Q_X^2}\right)$$



# $K^-4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{dn}$ Analysis with the T77 Data

## What is the observed structure? [Discussion]

- “X”  $\rightarrow \Lambda\text{d}$  decay mode is unique evidence of  $I_{\text{“X”}} = 0$ 
  - $I(J^P) : \Lambda = 0(1/2^+), d = 0(1^+), K^- = 1/2(0^-), {}^3\text{He} = 1/2(1/2^+), {}^4\text{He} = 0(0^+)$
- “X” = “K-ppn” with  $J_{\text{“X”}} = 1/2$  would be likely, considering the isospin and spin combination in S-wave interaction
  - $J_{\text{“X”}} = 1/2$ :  ${}^4\text{He}$  initial state is  $I(J) = 0(0)$  and low-momentum intermediate  $\bar{K}$  would react with remaining NNN [ $I(J) = 1/2(1/2)$ ] in S-wave
  - Exclusion of  $Y^*(I=1)NN$** : probability of “X”  $\rightarrow \Lambda\text{d}$  decay would be suppressed because spin/isospin flip is needed to reconfigure NN [ $I(J) = 1(0)$ ] into deuteron [ $I(J) = 0(1)$ ]
  - $\Lambda\text{pn}$  decay would be dominant

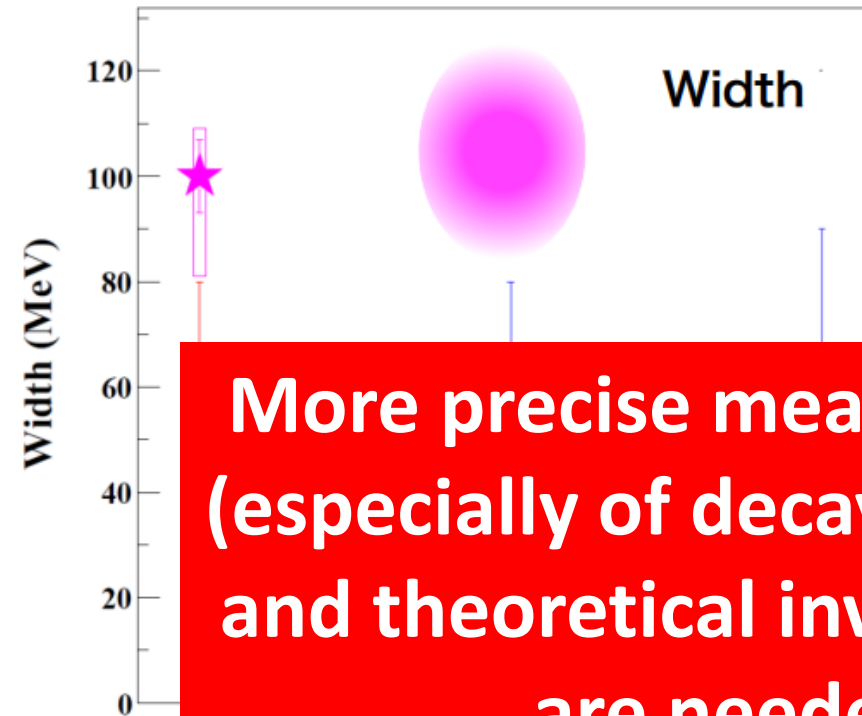
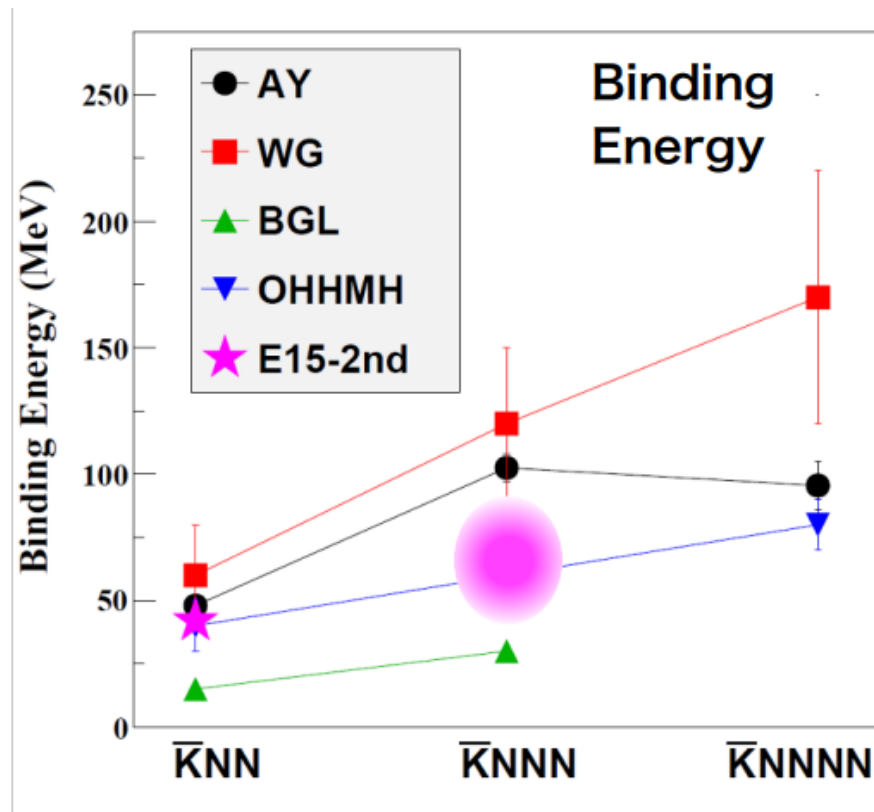




# $K^{-4}\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{dn}$ Analysis with the T77 Data

## What is the observed structure? [Discussion]

If "X" is "K<sup>-</sup>ppn"

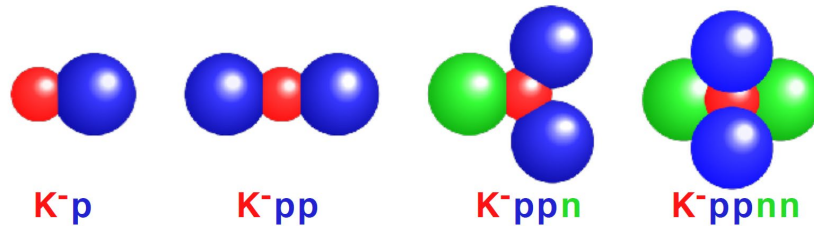


**More precise measurements (especially of decay branches) and theoretical investigations are needed**

- The binding energy is compatible with some theoretical predictions
- The width is larger than theoretical predictions

# New Kaonic Nuclei Project at J-PARC

*– from the  $\bar{K}N$  to  $\bar{K}NNNN$  systems –*



# Strategy

	Reaction	Decays	Key	Experiment
$\bar{K}N$	$d(K^-,n)$	$\pi^{\pm 0}\Sigma^{\mp 0}$	n/ $\gamma$ identification	Future
$\bar{K}NN$	${}^3\text{He}(K^-,N)$	$\Lambda p/\Lambda n$	polarimeter	P89
$\bar{K}NNN$	${}^4\text{He}(K^-,N)$	$\Lambda d/\Lambda pn$	large acceptance	E80 <b>← A first step</b>
$\bar{K}NNNN$	${}^6\text{Li}(K^-,d)$	$\Lambda t/\Lambda dn$	many body decay	Future
$\bar{K}NNNNN$	${}^6\text{Li}(K^-,N)$	$\Lambda\alpha/\Lambda dd/\Lambda dpn$	many body decay	Future
$\bar{K}NNNNNN$	${}^7\text{Li}(K^-,N)$	$\Lambda\alpha n/\Lambda addn$	many body decay	Future
$\bar{K}\bar{K}NN$	$\bar{p} + {}^3\text{He}$	$\Lambda\Lambda$	$\bar{p}$ beam yield	Future (Lol)

- To realize the systematic measurements, we need

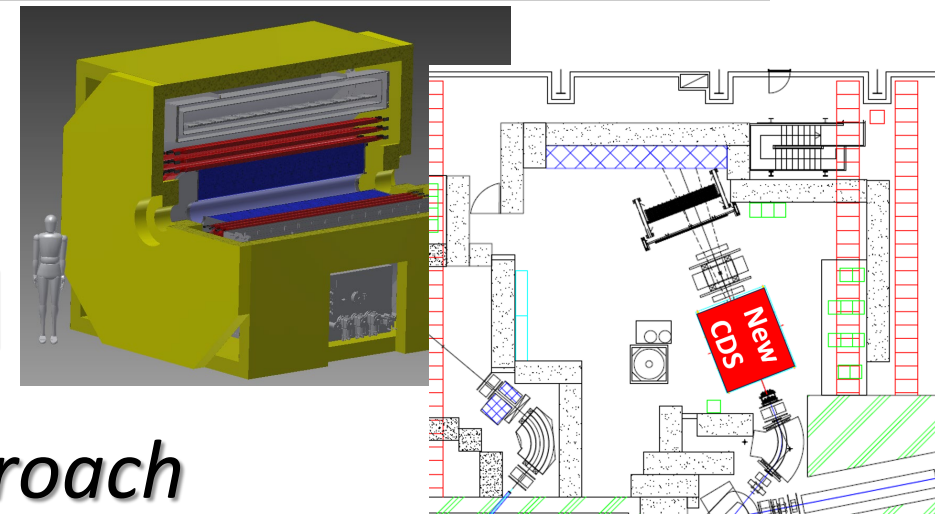
□ a large acceptance spectrometer **← new CDS**

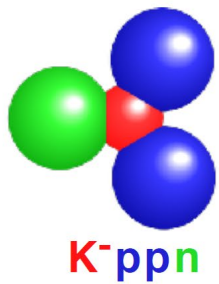
- detect/identify all particles to specify the reaction

□ high-intensity kaon beam **← improved K1.8BR**

- more  $K^-$  yield than the existing beamline

*We take a **step-by-step** approach*





# $\bar{K}NNN$ @ E80

via  ${}^4\text{He}(1 \text{ GeV}/c K^-, n)$  reaction

## ① Establish the existence of $\bar{K}NNN$

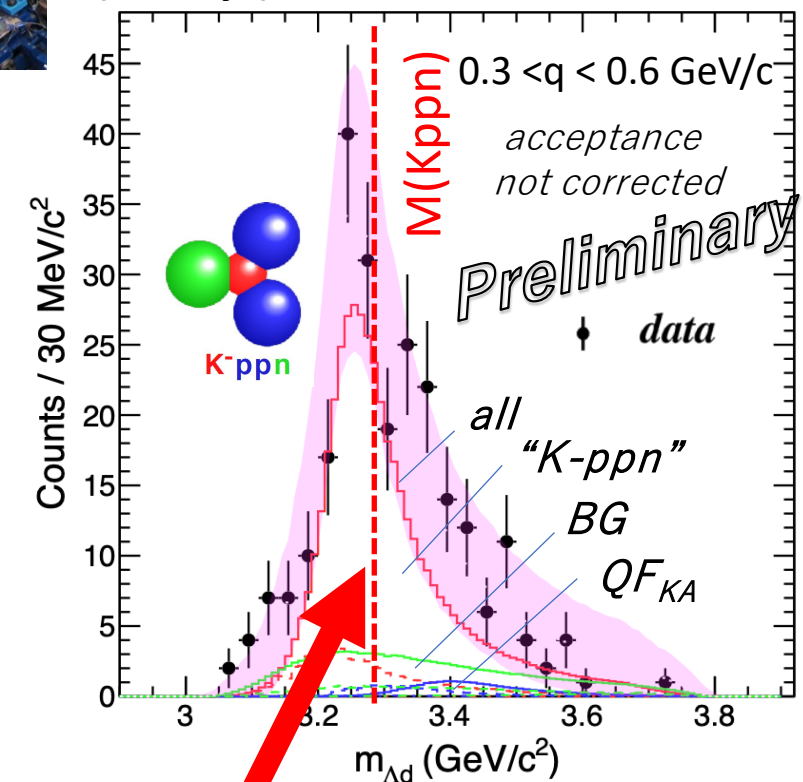
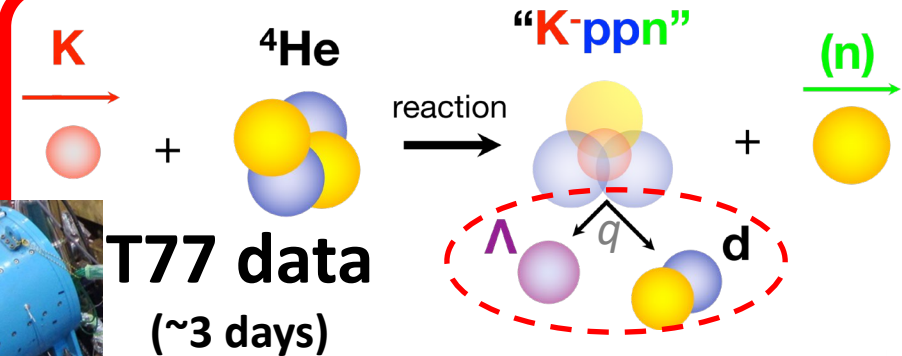
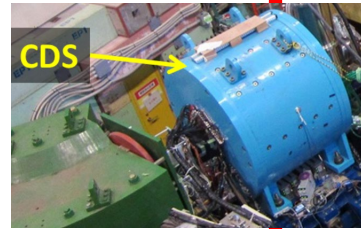
➤ “K-ppn”  $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda d$  2-body decay

## ② Study the multi-particle decay mode of $\bar{K}NNN$ toward understanding its internal structure

➤ “K-ppn”  $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda pn$  3-body decay

## ● Feasibility study of spin-spin correlation measurement for P89

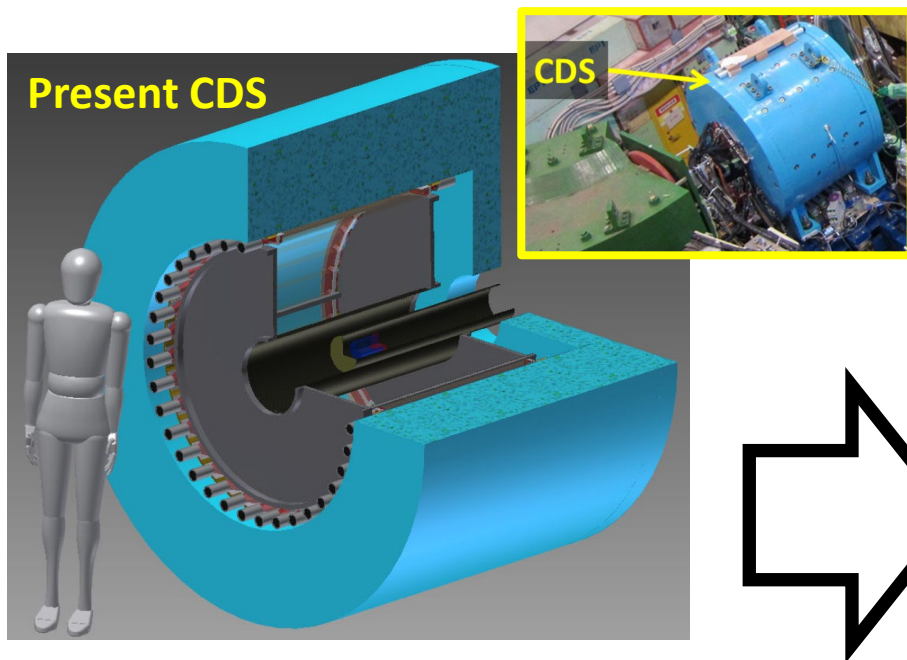
➤ e.g., installing a prototype module of a polarimeter



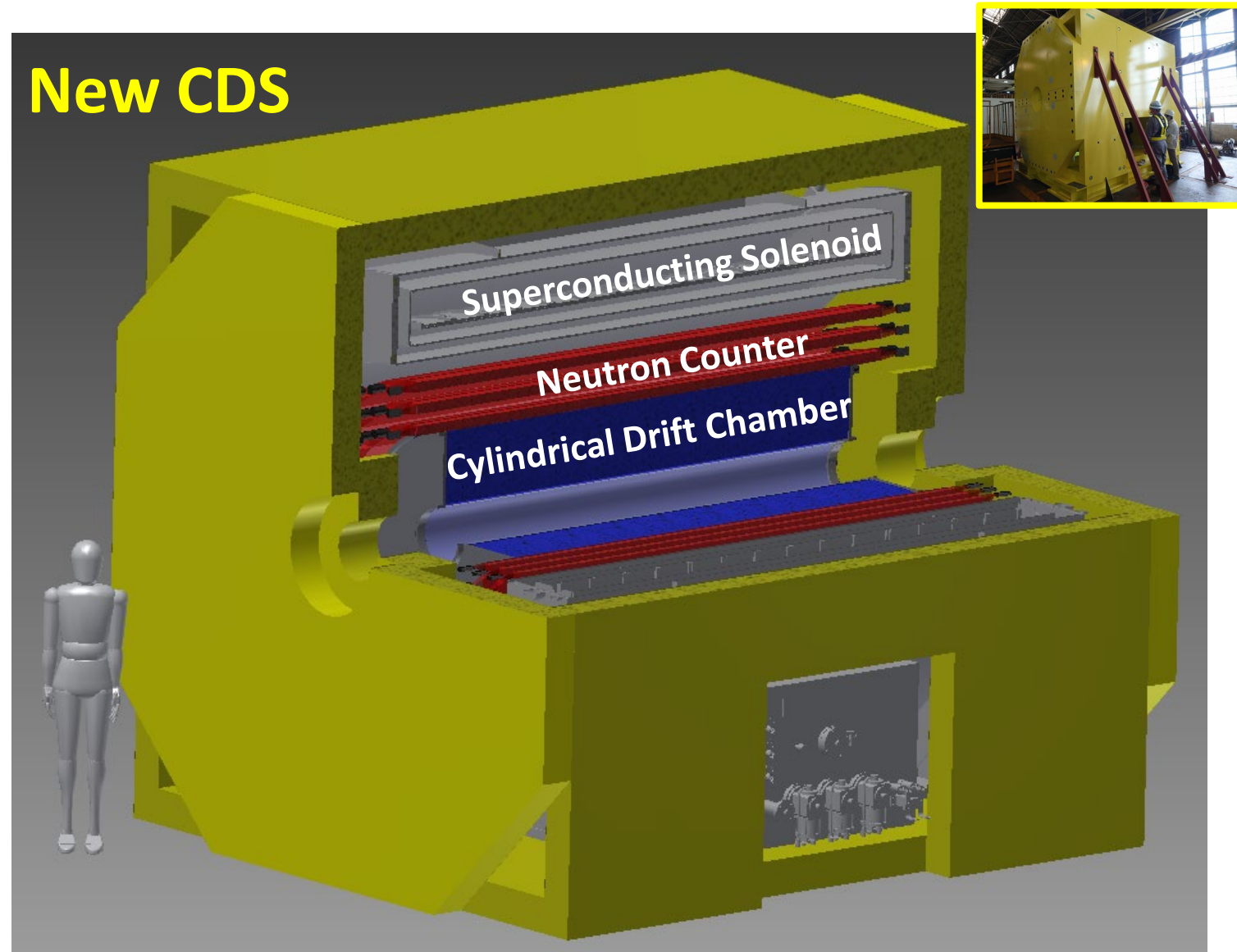
the sign of the “K-ppn”

Beam intensity	90kW
Beam time	1+1+3 weeks

# New Cylindrical Detector System (CDS)



## New CDS



- ✓ Solid angle: **x1.6** (59% → 93%)
- ✓ Neutron eff.: **x8** (3% → 15%x1.6)

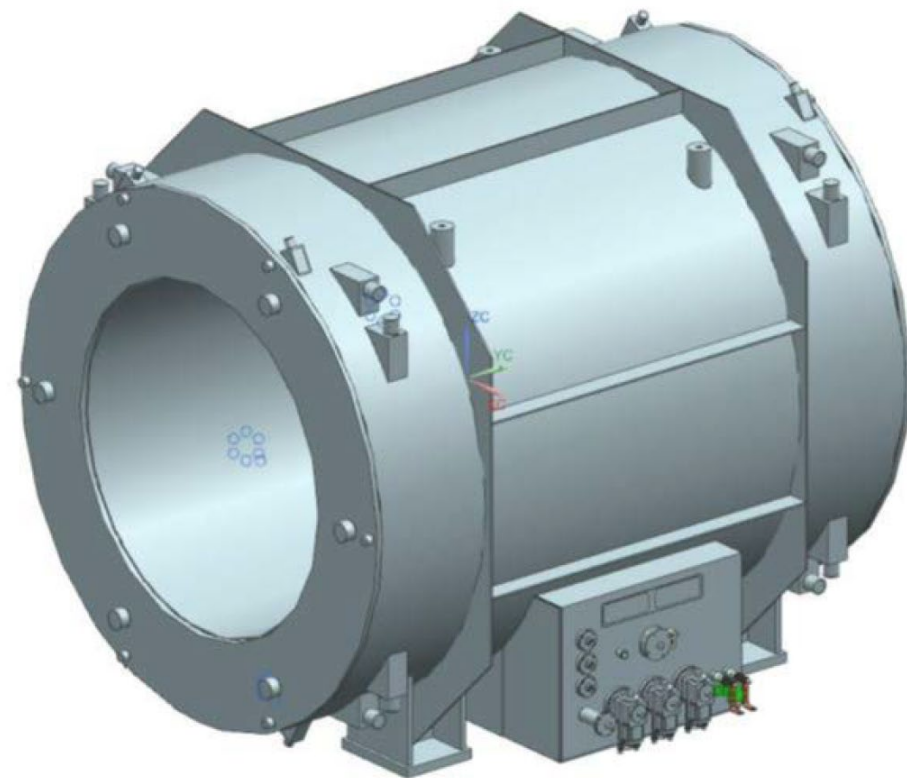


# Superconducting Solenoid Magnet

- Same design as “the detector solenoid magnet” for COMET-I

being constructed in cooperation with the J-PARC Cryogenics Section

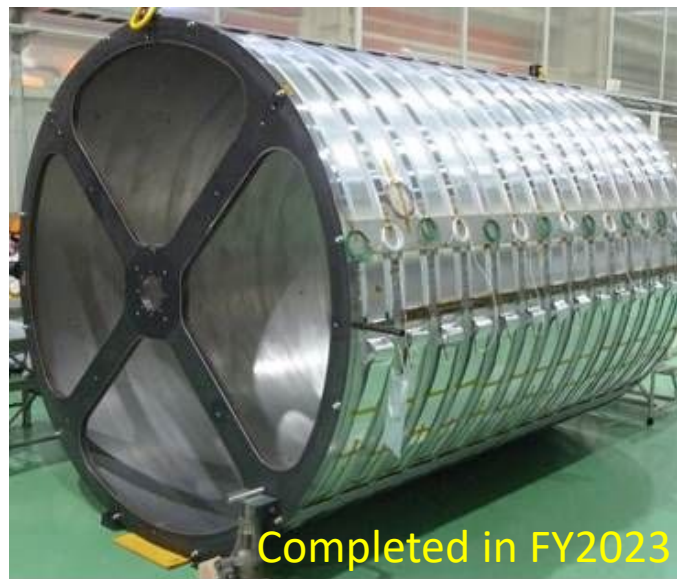
- 3.3m x 3.3m x 3.9m, ~108t in total
- Max. field of 1.0T @ center
  - 189A – 10V
- NbTi/Cu SC wire, 98km in total
- **Conduction-cooling with GM\*3**
- Semi-active quench-back system
- **Will be completed in FY2024**



SHI FA-50 (air cooling) 31



SHI RDE-418D4



Completed in FY2023

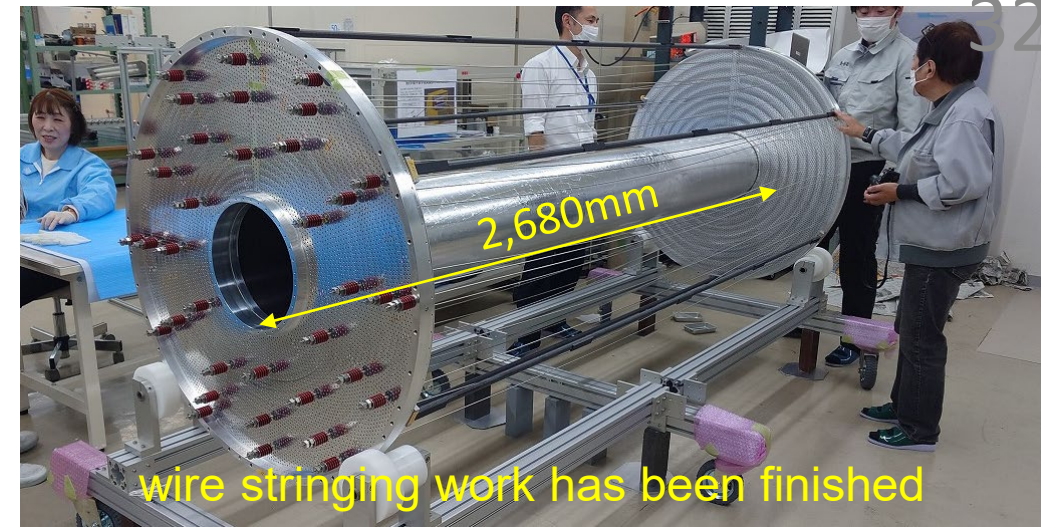


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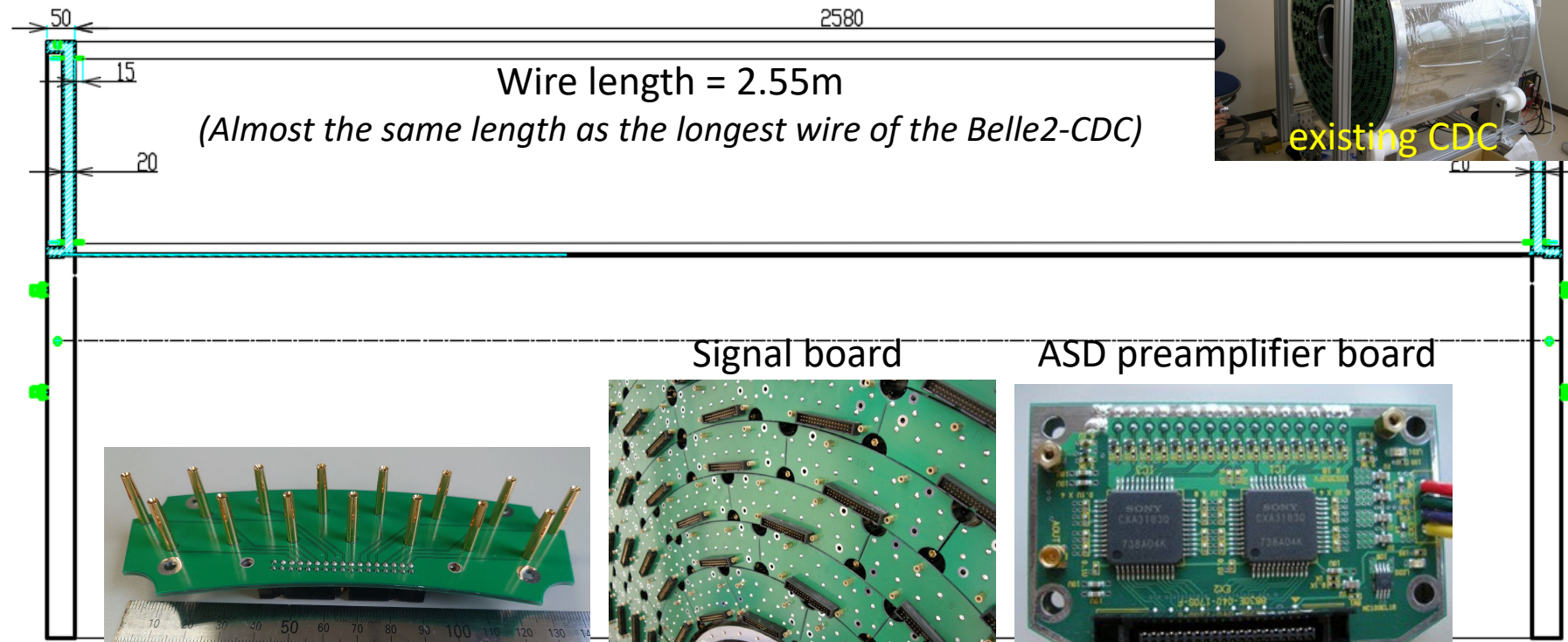
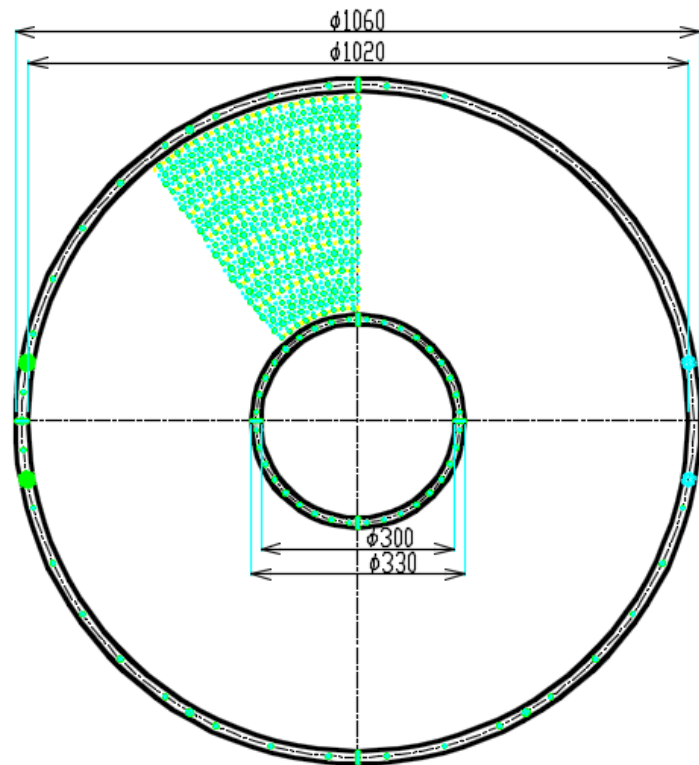
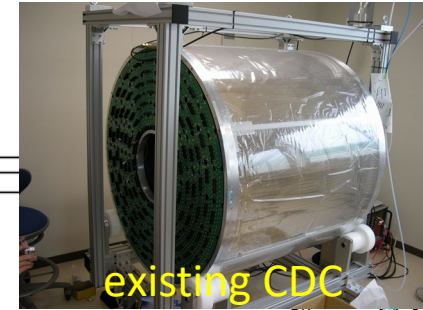


# Cylindrical Drift Chamber

- The same design of the present end-cap
  - New CDC is 3 times the length of the existing CDC



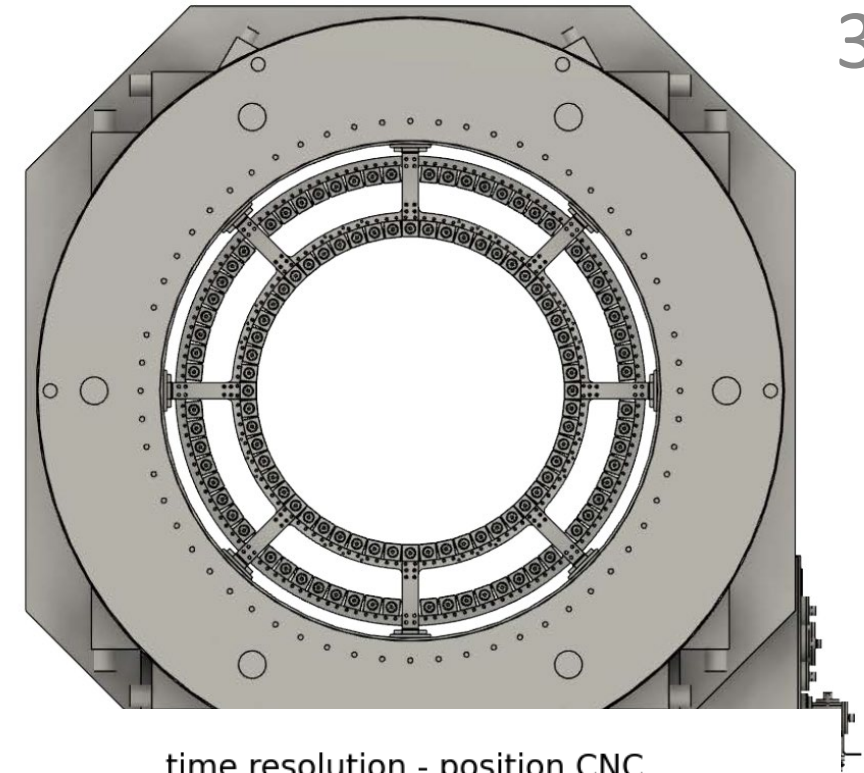
Will be completed next month, and commissioning starts



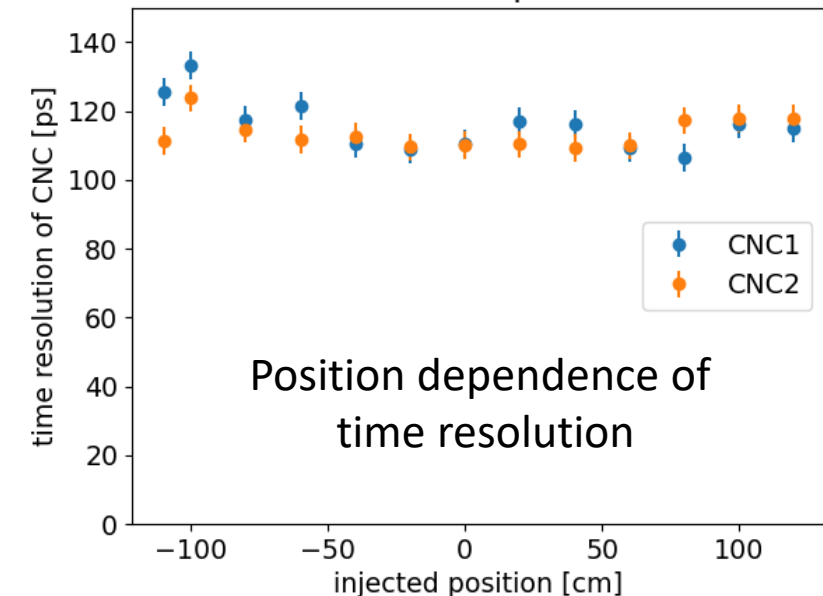


# Neutron Counter

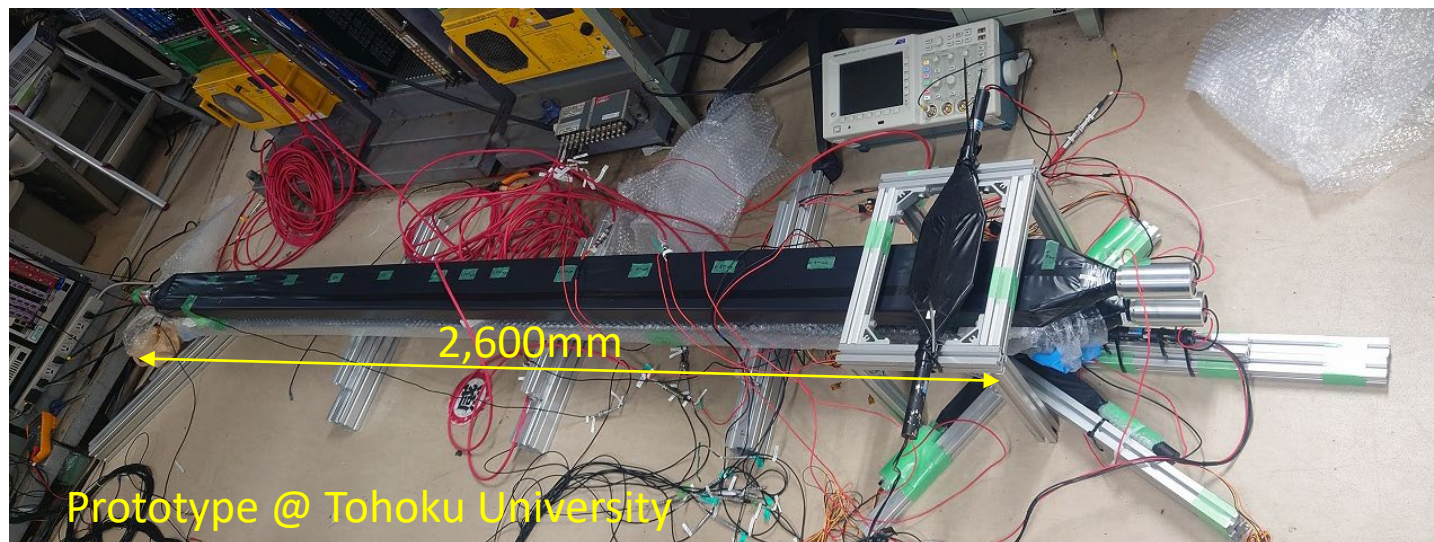
- scintillator array: 2 layers, 12cm thickness
- ELJEN EJ-200: (T)60mm, (W)60mm, (L)3,000mm
- 1.5-inch FM-PMT [H8409(R7761)]  
& MPPC array [S13361-6050AE-04]
- Neutron detection efficiency of 12~36%
- Design work is on going
- Will be fabricated in FY2024



time resolution - position CNC



Test exp. using a prototype @ ELPH Oct.2023



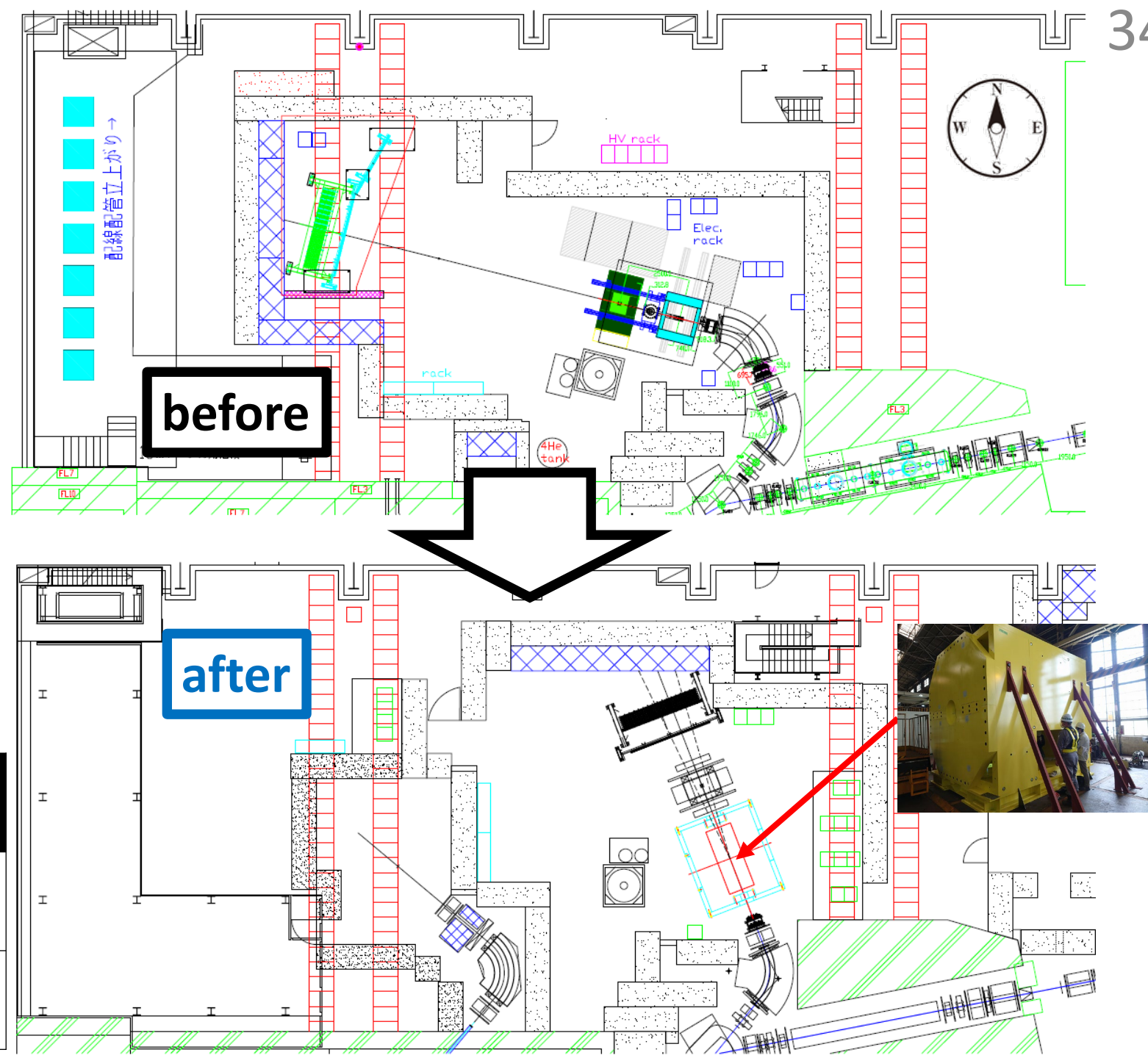
# K1.8BR Upgrade

- We have proposed a new configuration of the beam line

➤ K- yield is expected to increase by **~ 1.4 times**  
**@ 1.0 GeV/c** with  $\pi/K \sim 2$

Shorten the beamline (~2.5m) by removing the final D5 magnet

Relative beam-line length (beam yield)	D5	D4
Present CDS	0 (x1)	-3.7m (x1.6)
New CDS	+1.2m (x0.9)	<b>-2.5m</b> <b>(x1.4)</b>

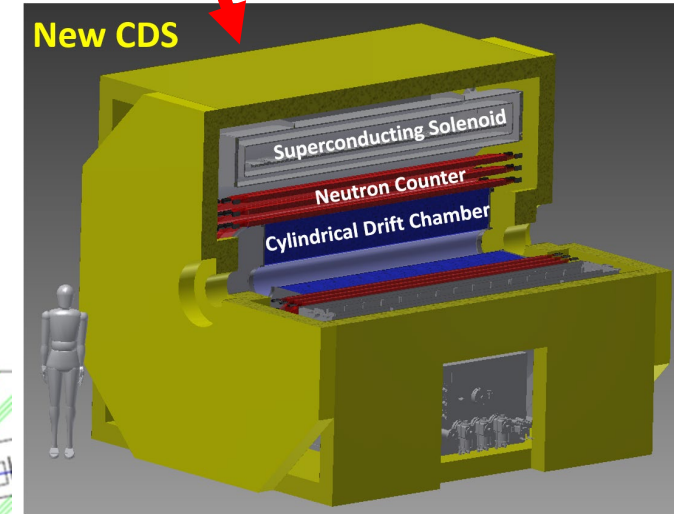
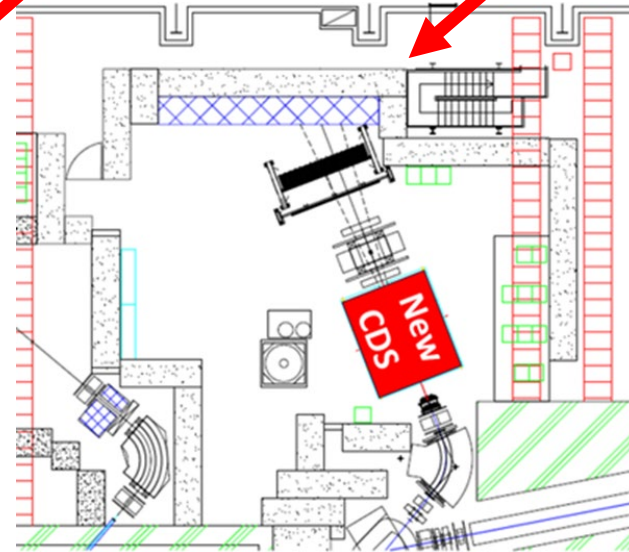
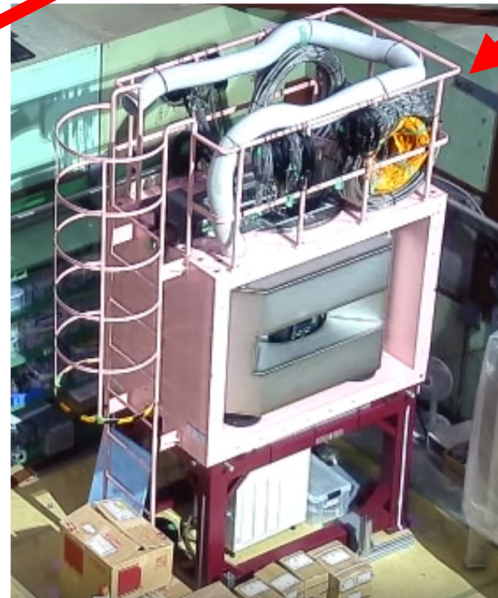
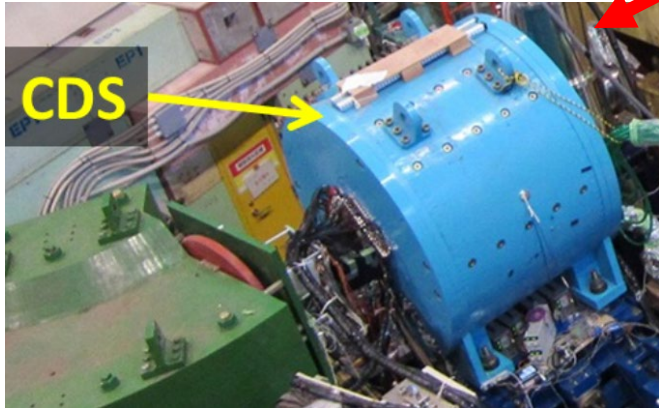




# Schedule

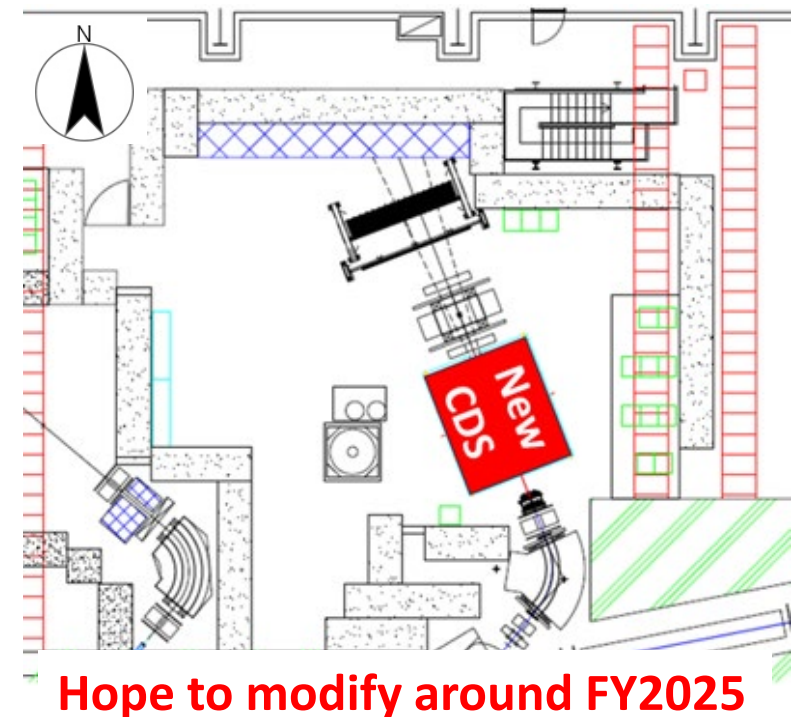
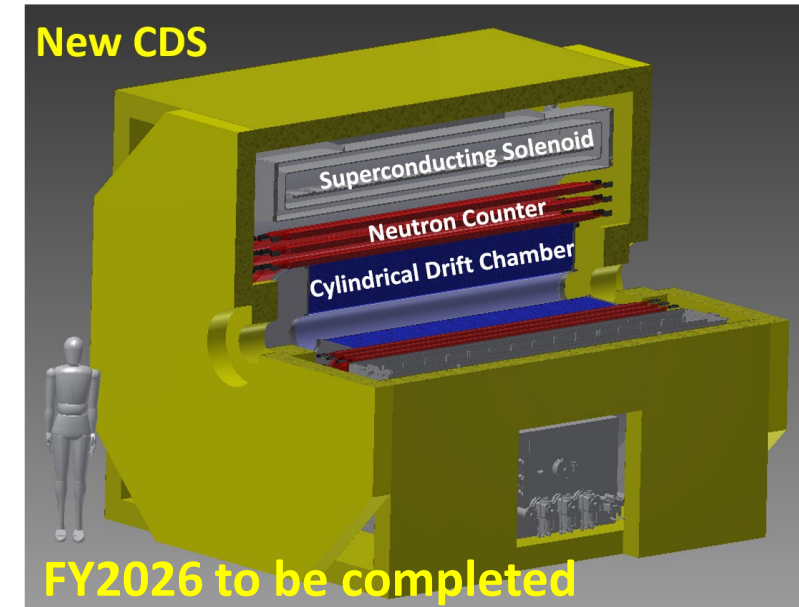
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	FY2022				FY2023				FY2024				FY2025				FY2026				FY2027					
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<b>SC Solenoid Magnet</b>	Design		Purchase (SC Wire)		Construction				Stored at KEK				Installation	Integration, Test & Commissioning				Commissioning w/ Beam		Physics Run		Analysis & Publication				
<b>CDC</b>	Design				Construction				Test & Commissioning								Integration, Test & Commissioning				Commissioning w/ Beam		Physics Run		Analysis & Publication	
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<b>K1.8BR Beam Line</b>	E73(CDS) → E72(HypTPC) Experiments												Upgrade		E80 Experiment											



# Summary

- We observed the “K<sup>-</sup>pp” bound state in  $^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ 
  - ✓ PLB789(2019)620., PRC102(2020)044002.
- We also obtained hints of mesonic decays of “K<sup>-</sup>pp”
  - ✓ arXiv:2404.01773 [nucl-ex]
- We observed the sign of the “K<sup>-</sup>ppn” in  $^4\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda d)n$ 
  - ✓ will be published soon with twice statistics
- New project has started from E80, “K<sup>-</sup>ppn”, aiming at the systematic study of the kaonic nuclei
  - Constructing a large solenoid spectrometer
  - Modify the K1.8BR to improve kaon yield





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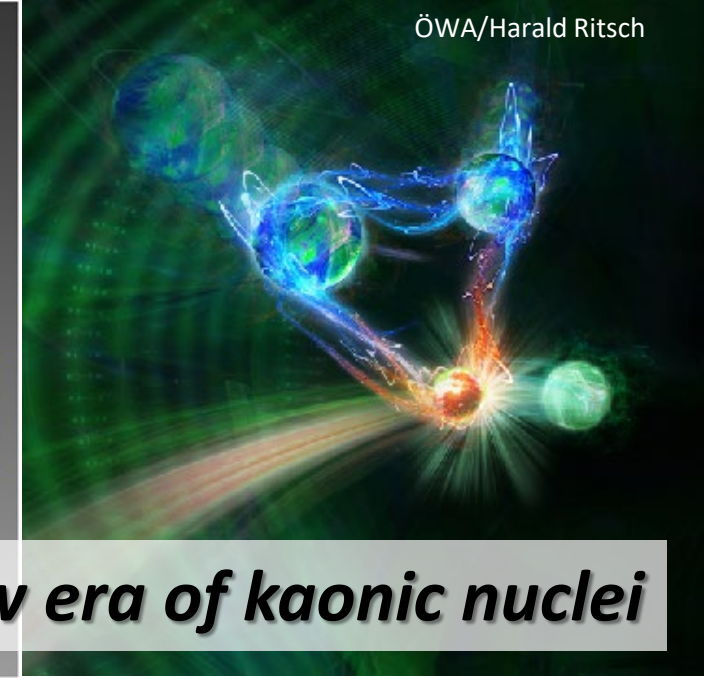
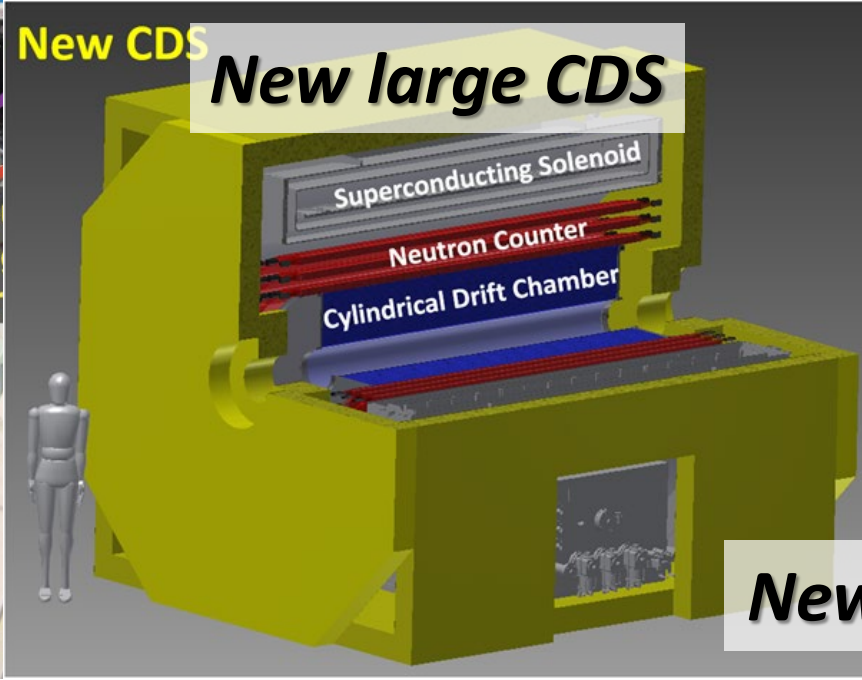
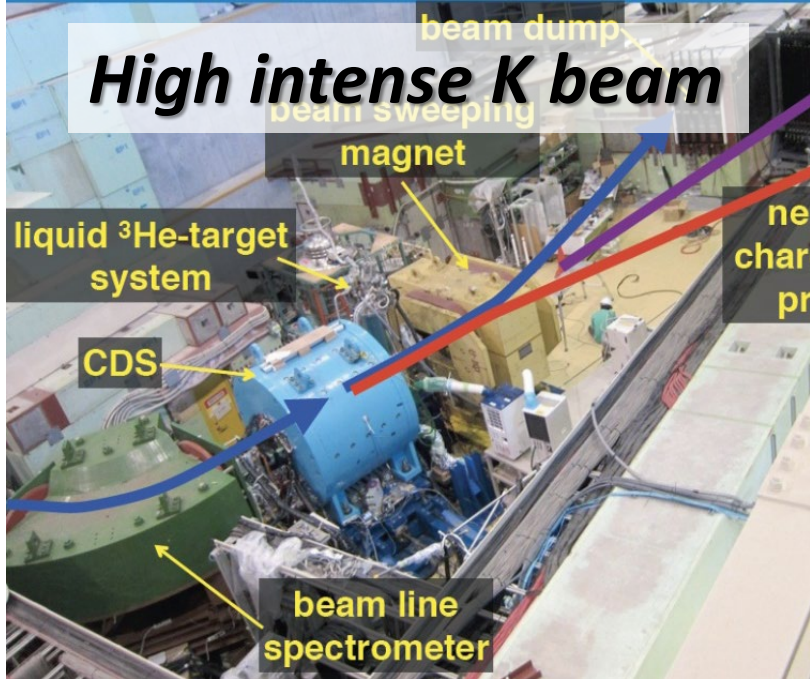
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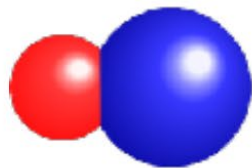


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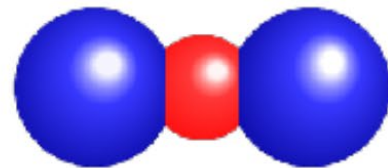


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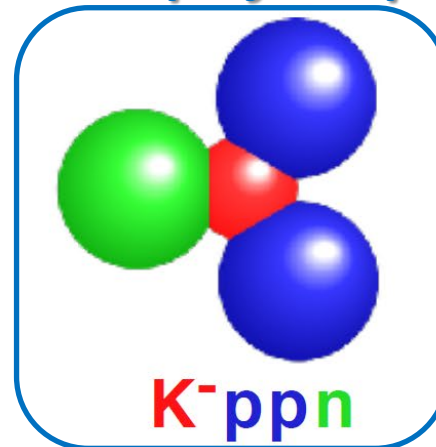
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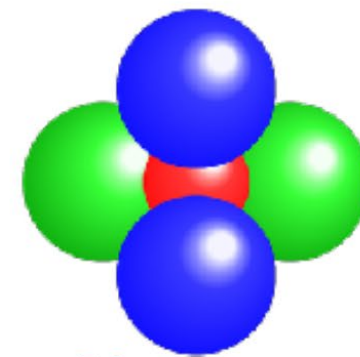
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