

# Kaonic nuclear state search by kaon reaction on ${}^3\text{He}$ target at 1GeV/c

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# Objectives

Key questions :

- Can kaon be a member of nuclei?
- Kaon properties change in nuclear media?

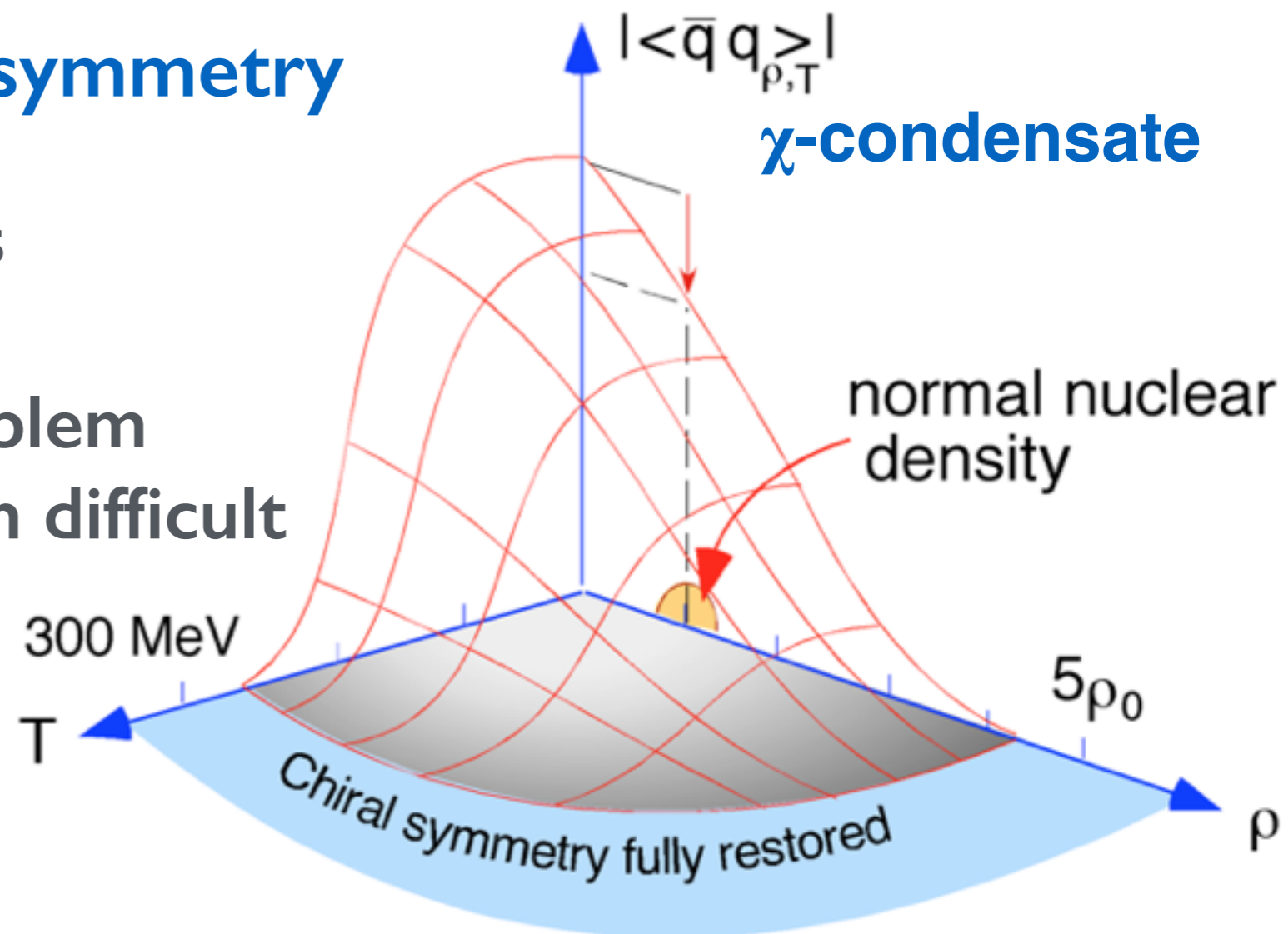
## Hadron masses and $\chi$ -symmetry

Non-perturbative aspects

@ energy  $< \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

Finite density  $\rightarrow$  sign problem

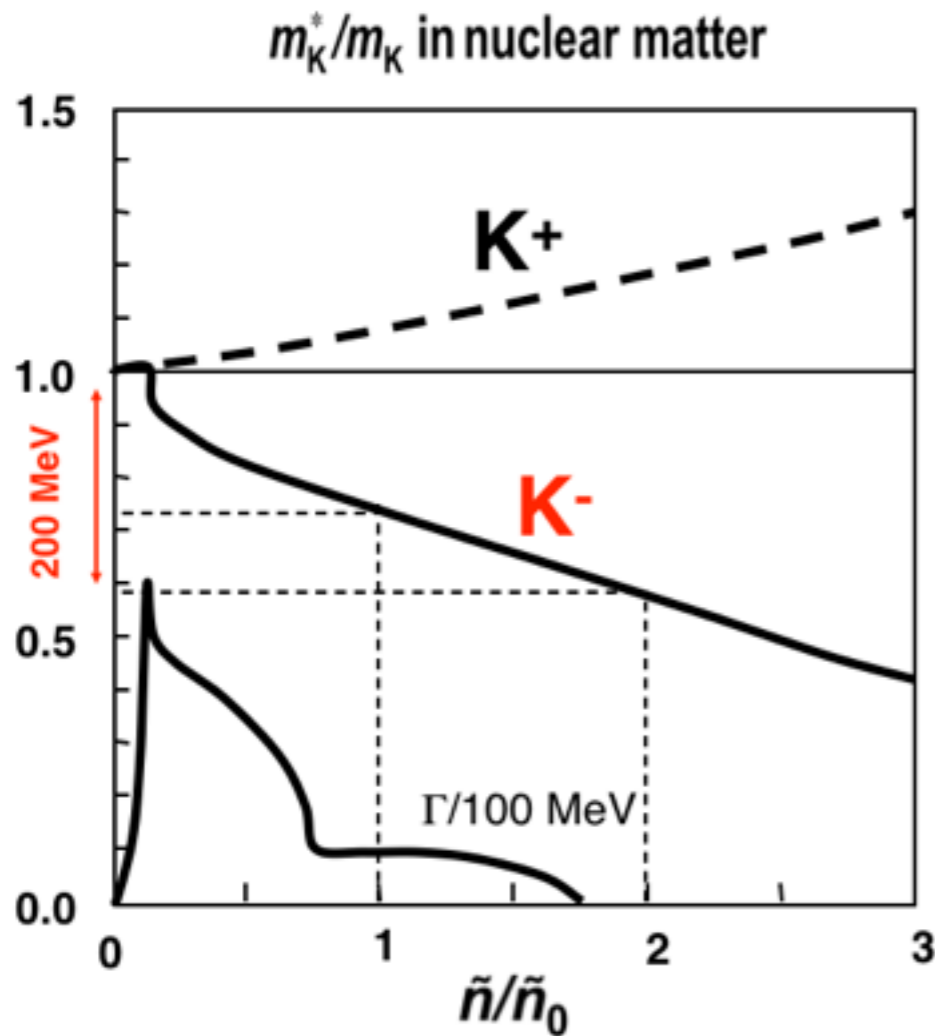
Lattice-QCD approach difficult



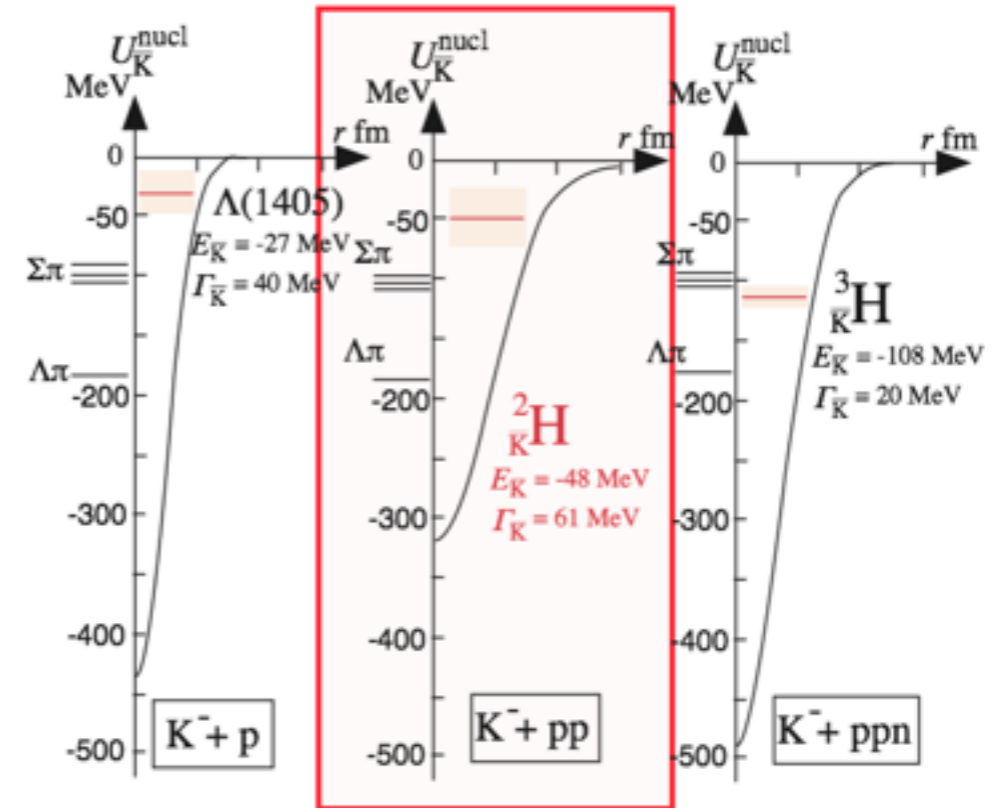
# Search for Kaonic nuclear states

assuming  $\Lambda(1405) = K^-p$  bound state ...

T. Yamazaki & Y. Akaishi, PLB 535 (2002) 70

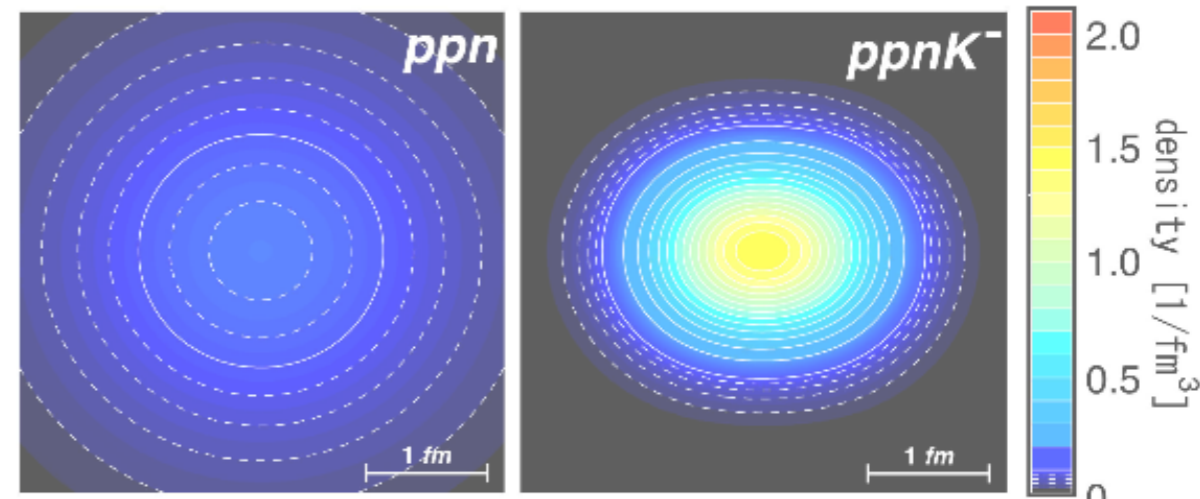


T. Waas, N. Kaiser & W. Weise, Phys. Lett. B379 (1996) 34.



$B_K \sim 50$  MeV!

Dote et al., PLB 590 (2004) 51



formation of high density matter?

strongly attractive in  $I=0$  channel

nuclear state search

- simplest system  $K^-pp$
- ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n) @ 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

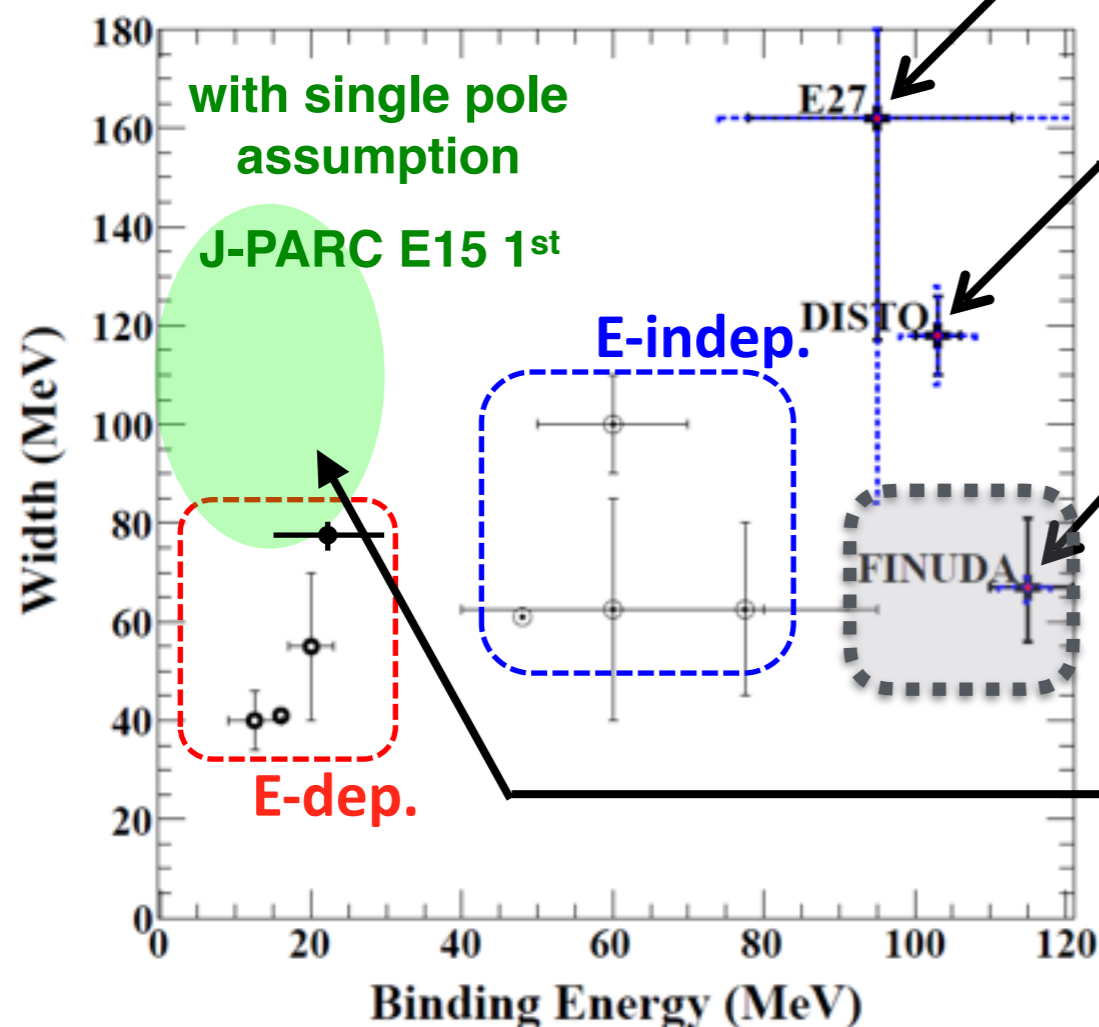
# Recent status of $K^-pp$ bound state

## ◆ Recent results

### ▶ Theoretical calc.

$\bar{K}N$  interaction model

*E-dep.* / *E-indep.*



### ▶ Experiments

Reports structure /

**NO** structure

J-PARC E27  
 $d(\pi^+, K^+)X$

LEPS  
 $p(\gamma, \pi^- K^+)X$

DISTO  
 $pp \rightarrow \Lambda p K^+$

HADES  
 $pp \rightarrow \Lambda p K^+$

FINUDA  
(stopped  $K^-$ ,  $\Lambda p$ )

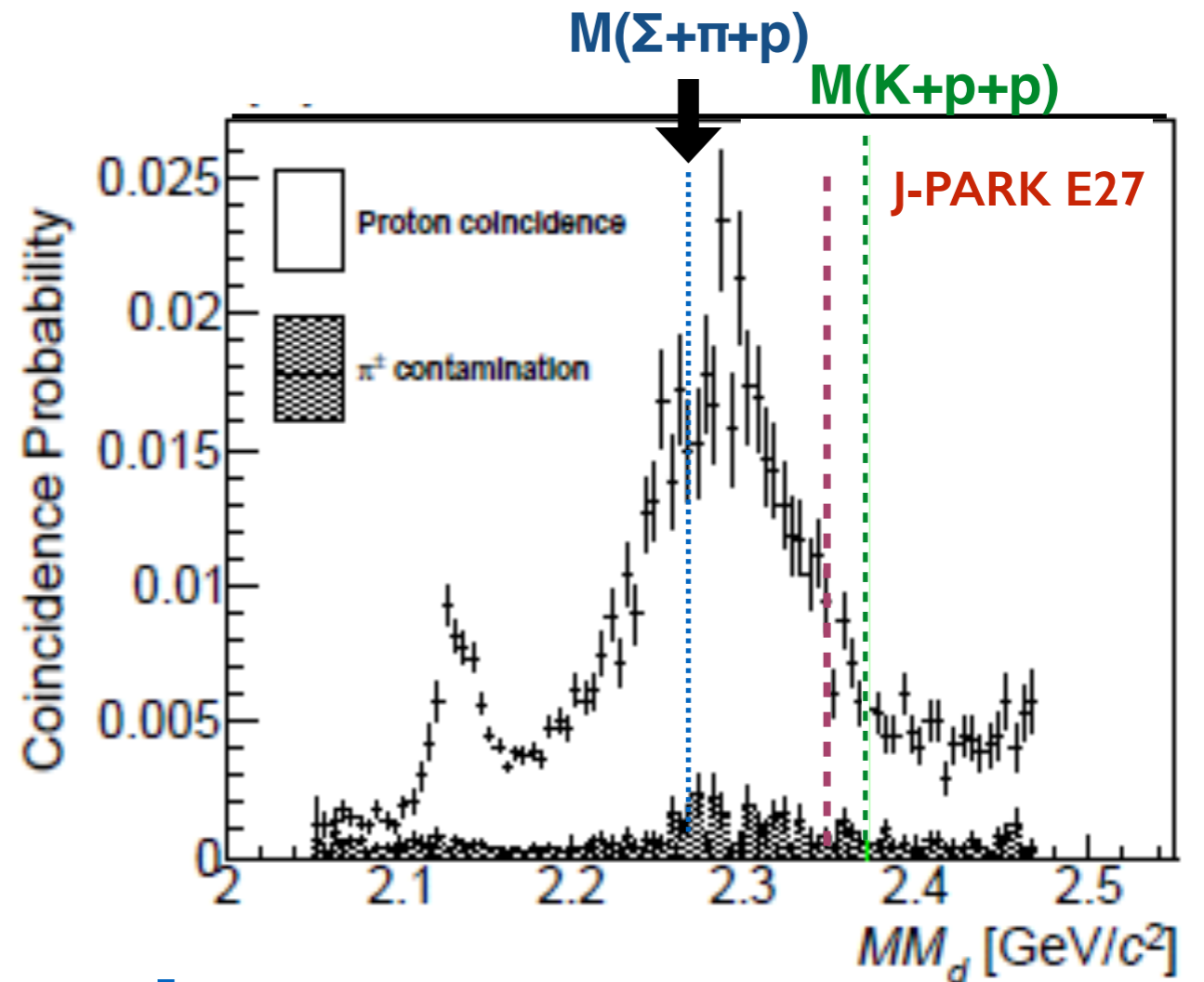
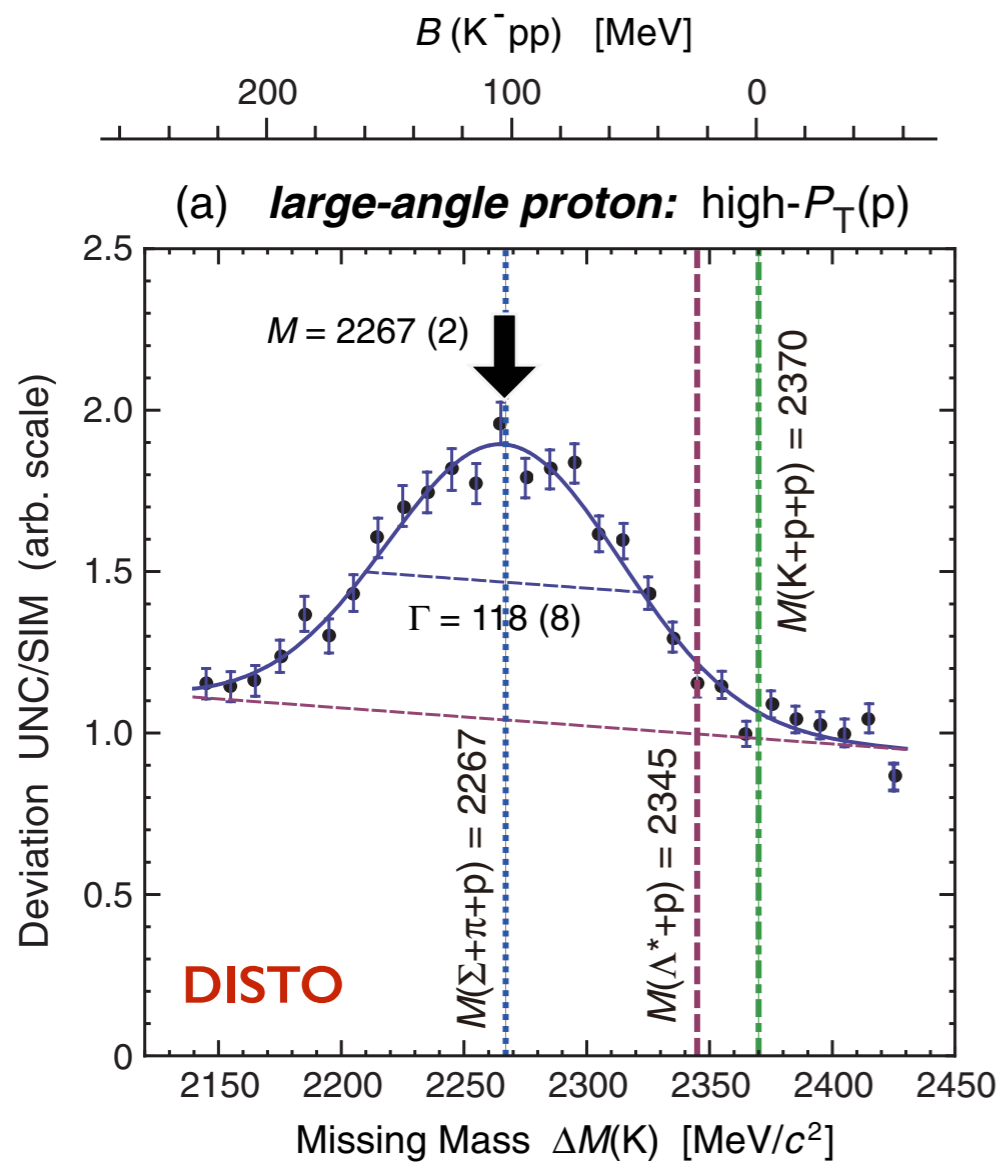
FINUDA ?

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

**Kpp should be studied more**

# present "Kpp" candidates @ $B_K \sim 100$ MeV

hyper deep ??



**Many objections exist, though...**

why no threshold ( $\Sigma\pi p$ ) effect seen?

why no quasi-elastic K seen?

$p+p \rightarrow p+N^+(1710) \rightarrow p+(\Lambda+K^+)$

$\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow (p+\Lambda)+K^+$  ?

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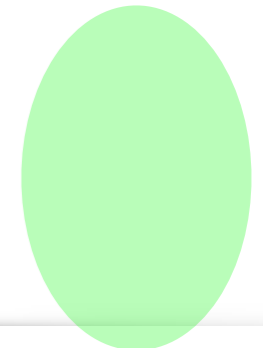
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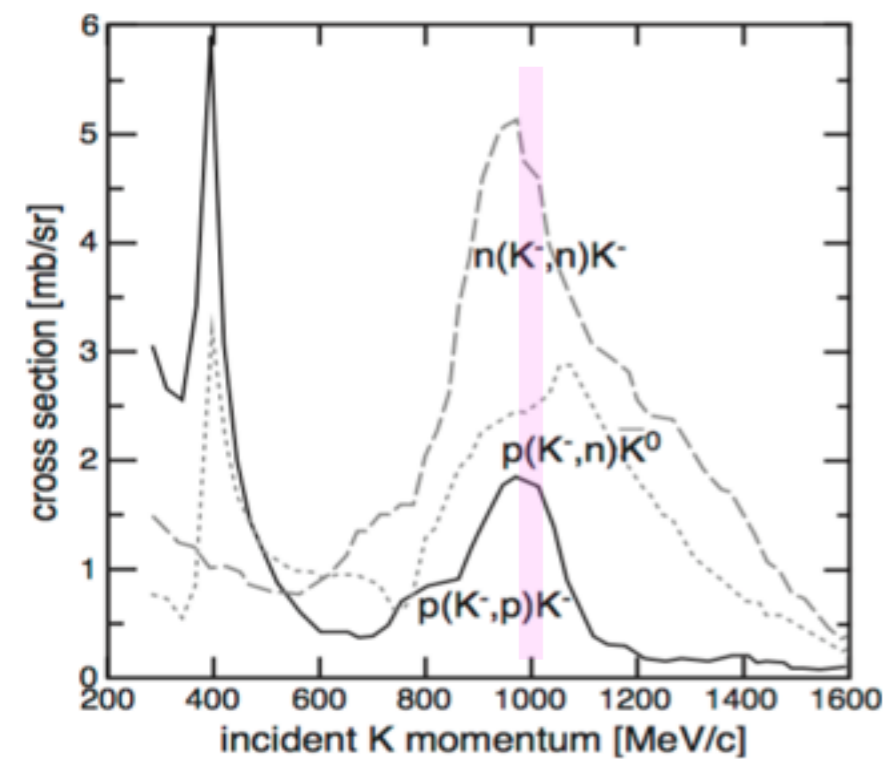
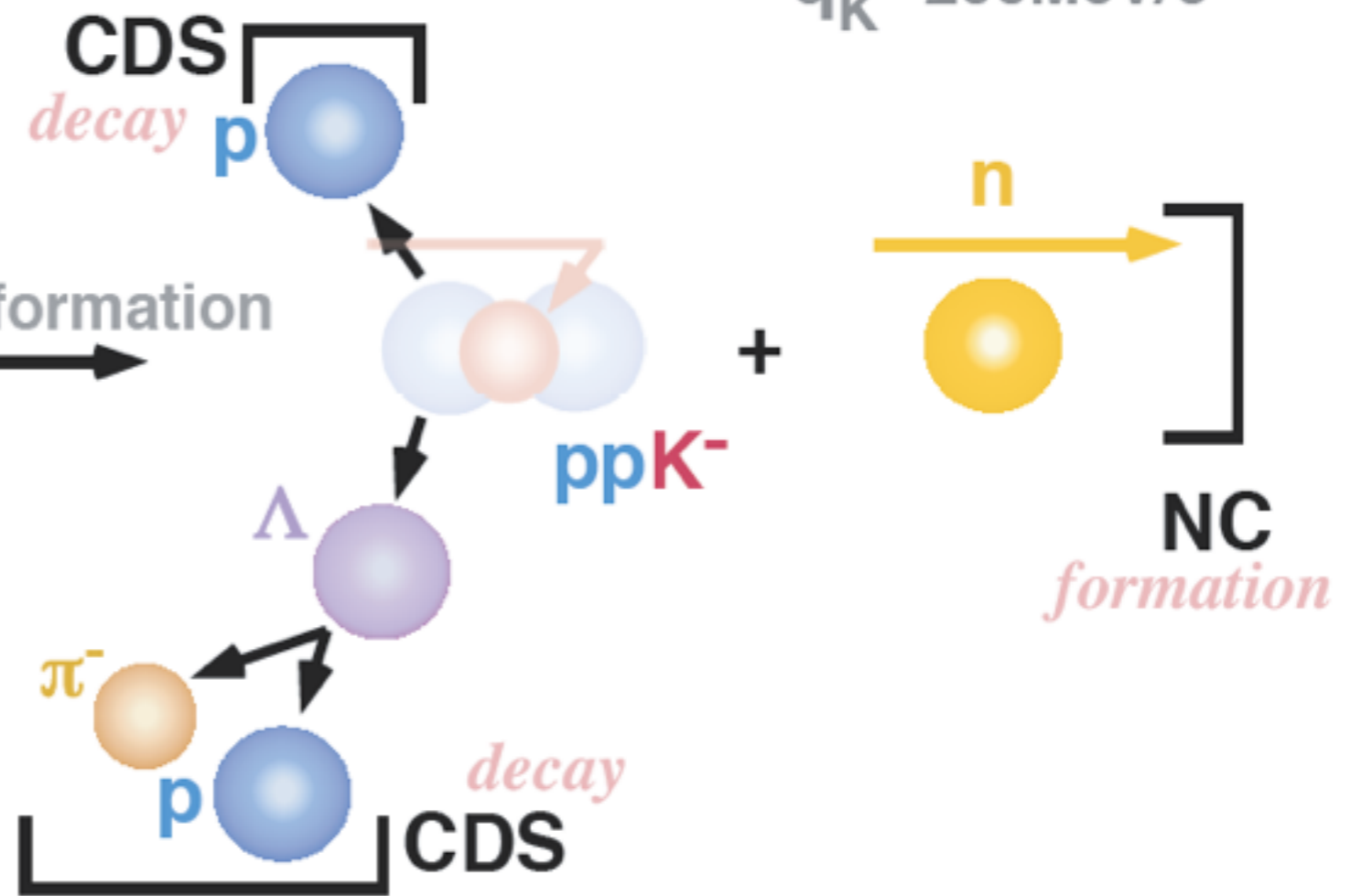
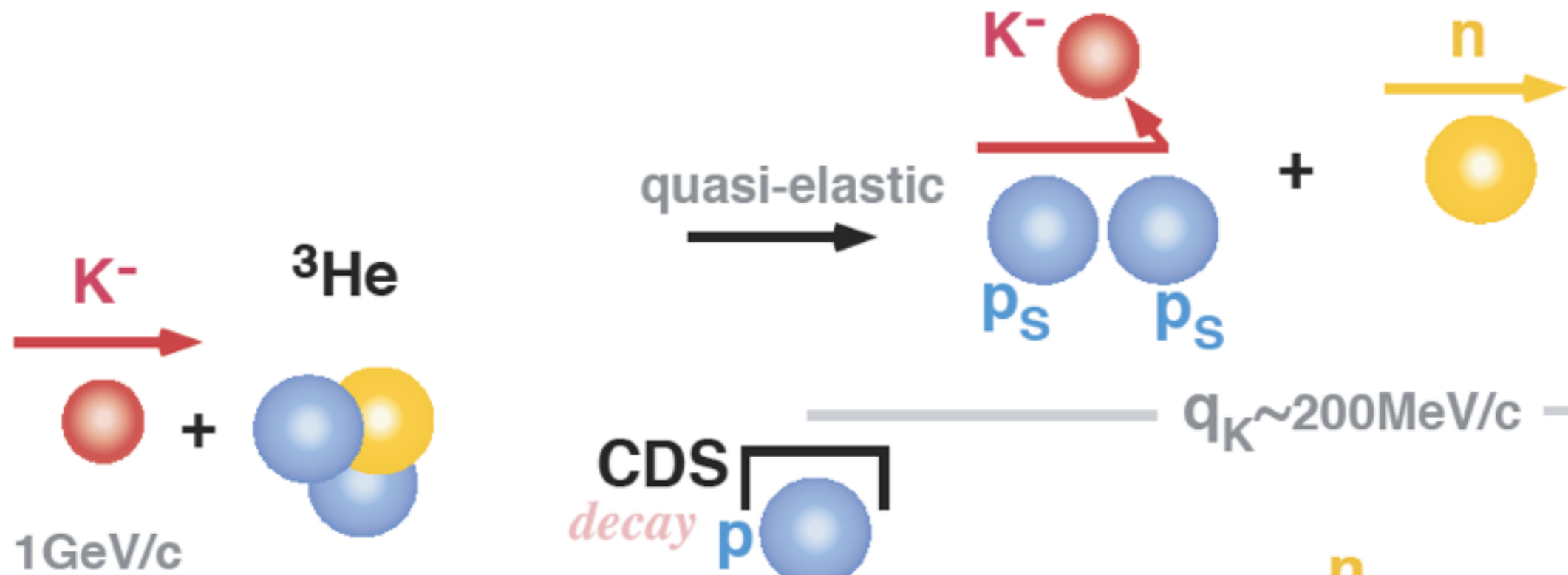
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with new data!

# “K<sup>-</sup>pp” search via <sup>3</sup>He(K<sup>-</sup>,n) @ p<sub>K</sub>=1GeV/c

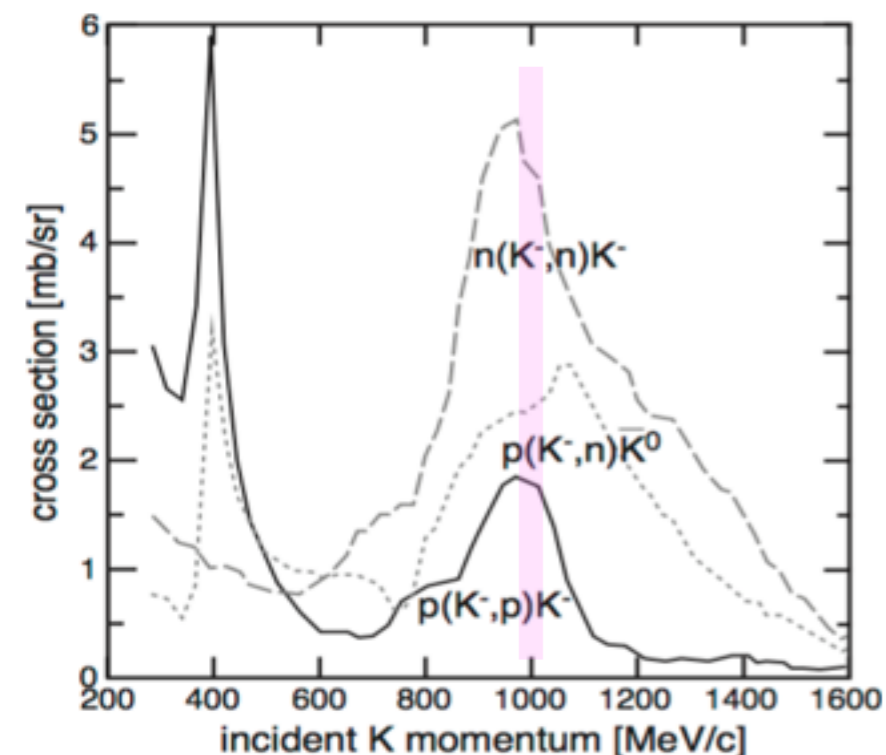
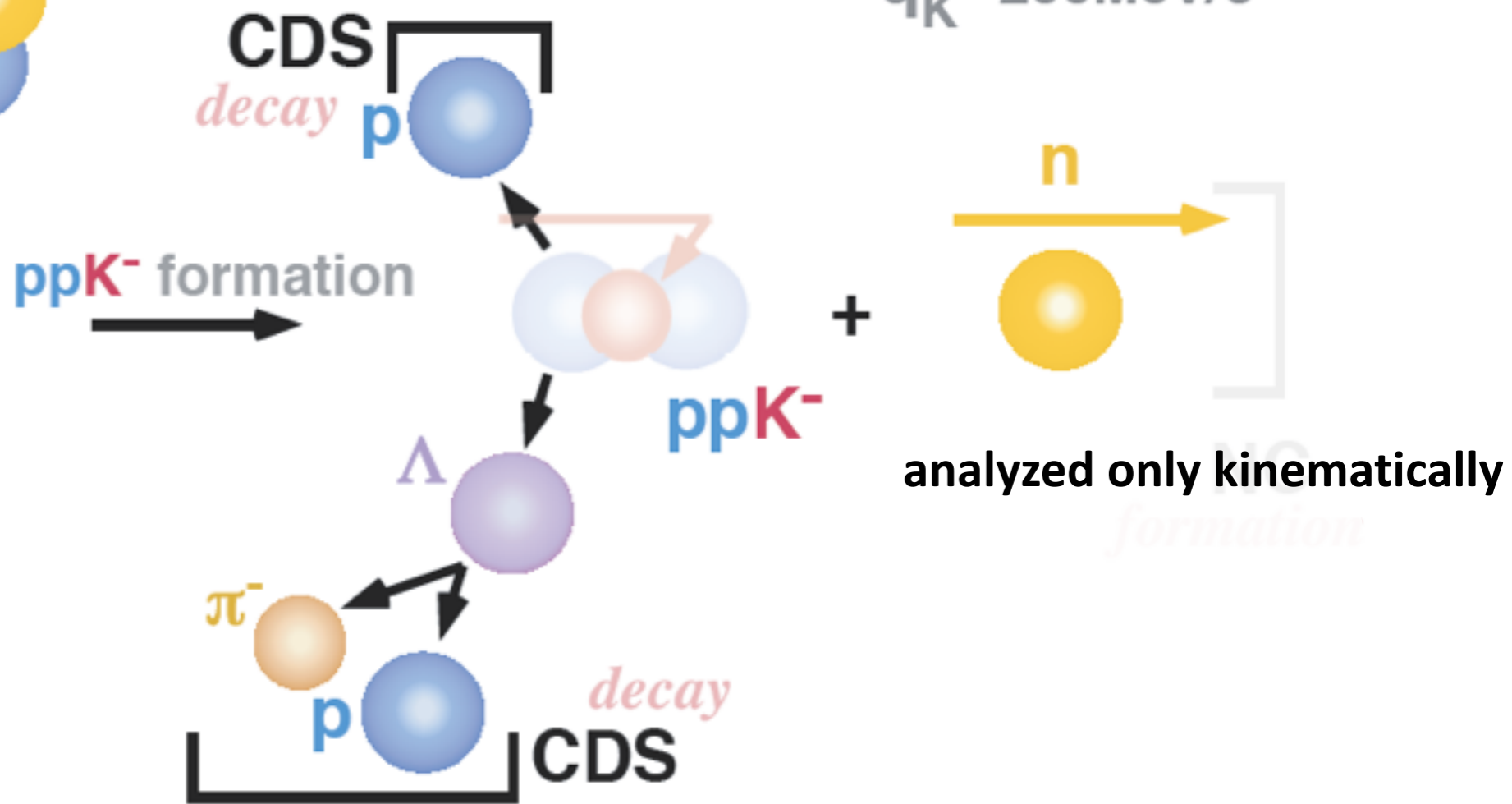
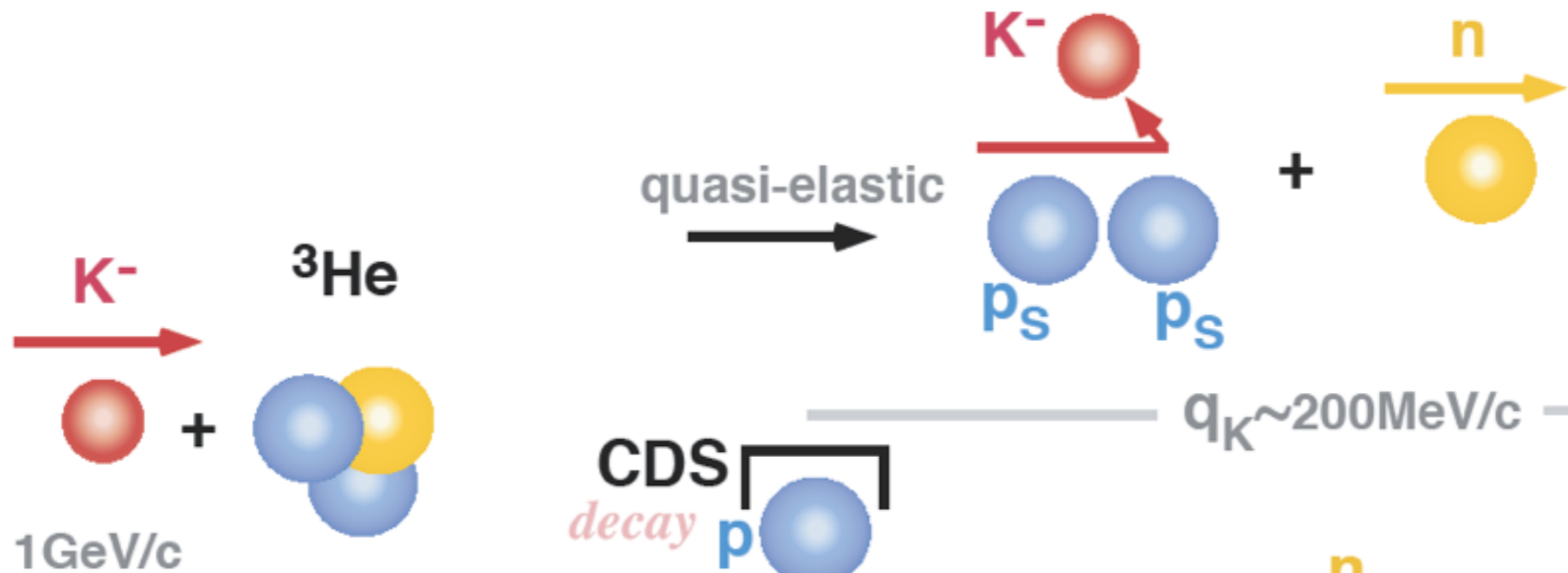
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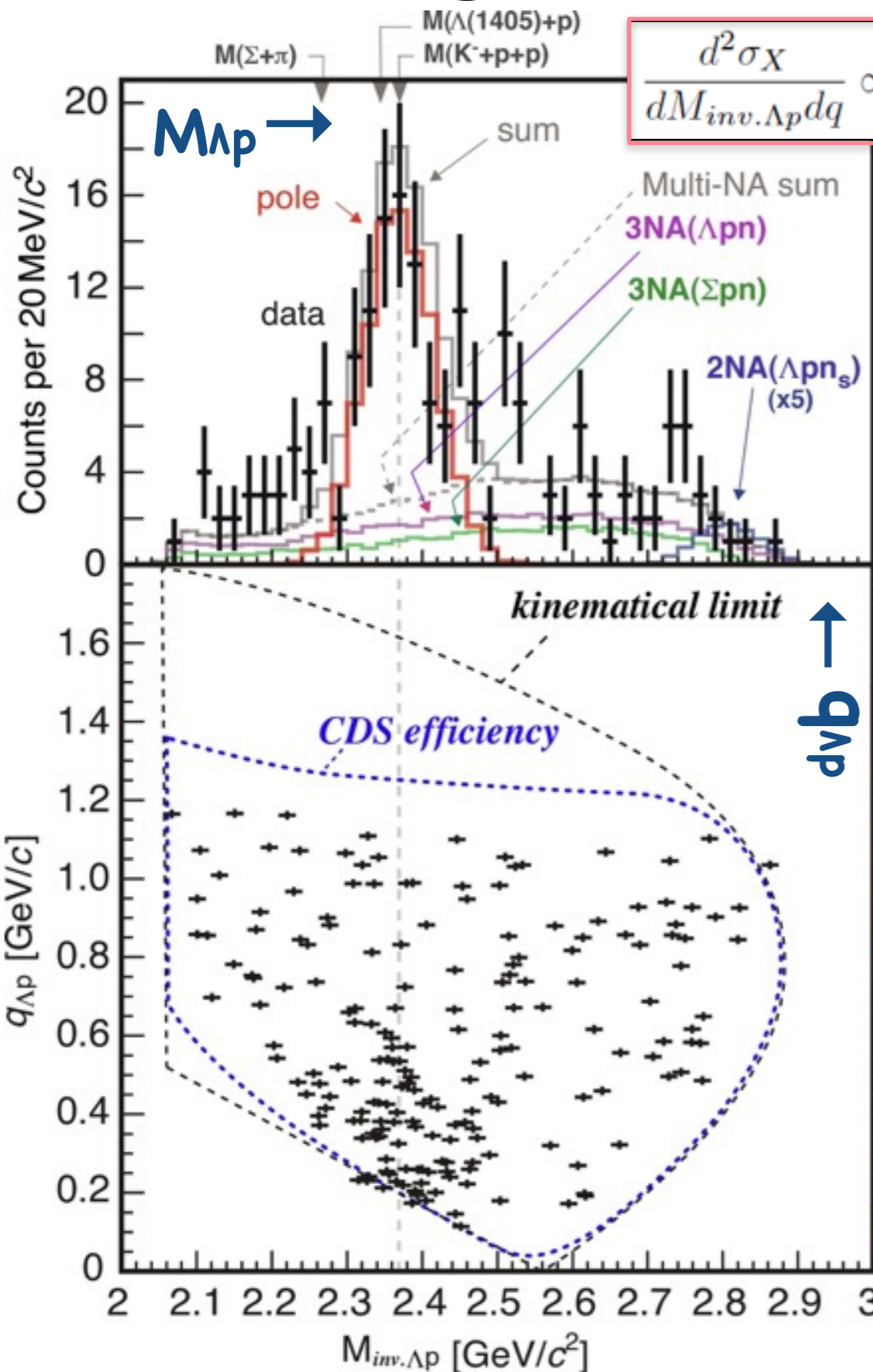


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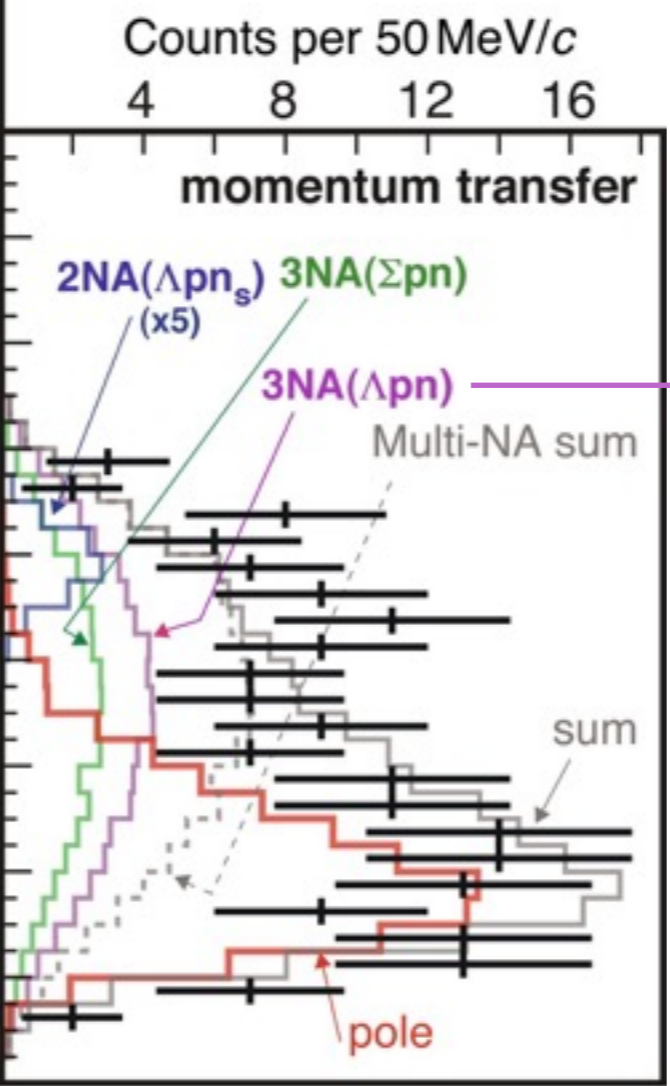


# Assuming a Breit-Wigner $K^- + {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda + p + n_{mis.}$



$$\frac{d^2\sigma_X}{dM_{inv, \Lambda p} dq} \propto \rho_3(\Lambda pn) \times \frac{(\Gamma_X/2)^2}{(M_{inv, \Lambda p} - M_X)^2 + (\Gamma_X/2)^2} \times |\exp(-q^2/2Q_X^2)|^2,$$

- $\chi^2$ -test with pole & 3NA( $\Upsilon pn$ )
- S-wave Breit-Wigner pole
- w/ Gaussian form-factor



$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{3NA(\Lambda pn)}}{dT_n^{CM} d\cos\theta_n^{CM}} \propto \rho_3(\Lambda pn)$$

$B(X) \sim 15 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\Gamma(X) \sim 110 \text{ MeV}$   
 $Q(X) \sim 400 \text{ MeV}/c$

# Assuming single pole (Breit-Wigner)

– introduce simplest assumption

S-wave pole & Breit-Wigner formula & Gaussian form-factor

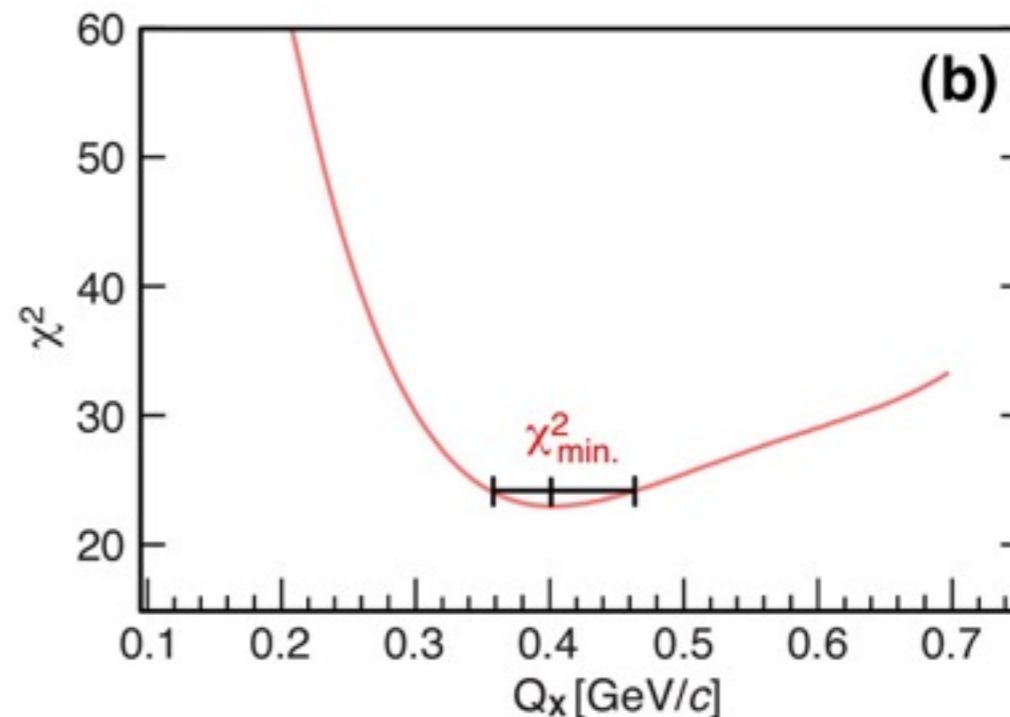
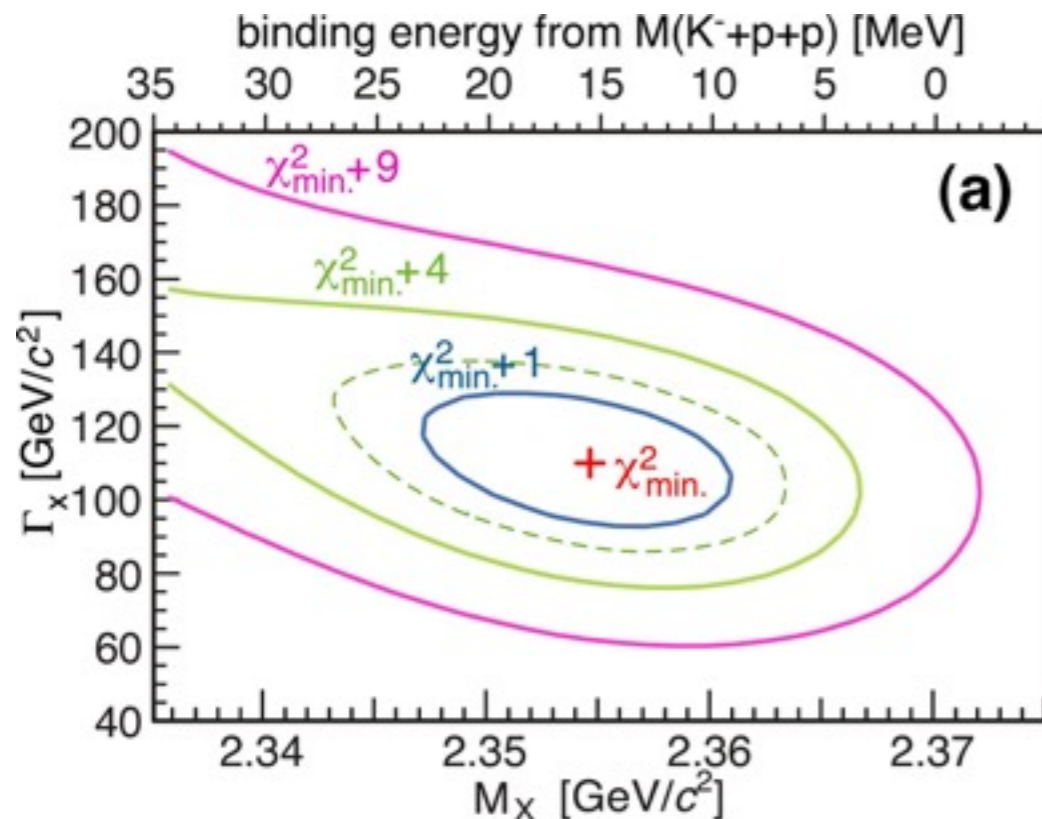
Breit-Wigner

sticking probability to  
harmonic oscillator

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Lorentz invariant  
phase-space

form-factor<sup>2</sup>



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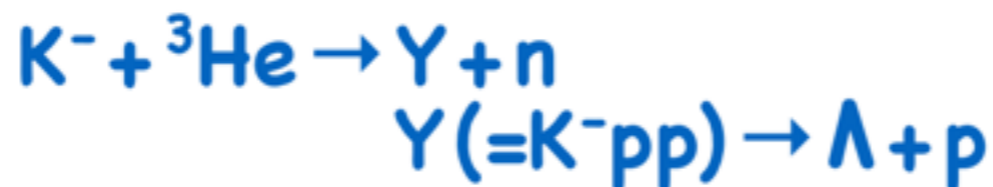
# What is the structure found in E15<sup>1st</sup> data?

## Improving statistics via E15<sup>2nd</sup> data

3 days → 3 weeks w/ higher priority to  $\Lambda p$  in CDS

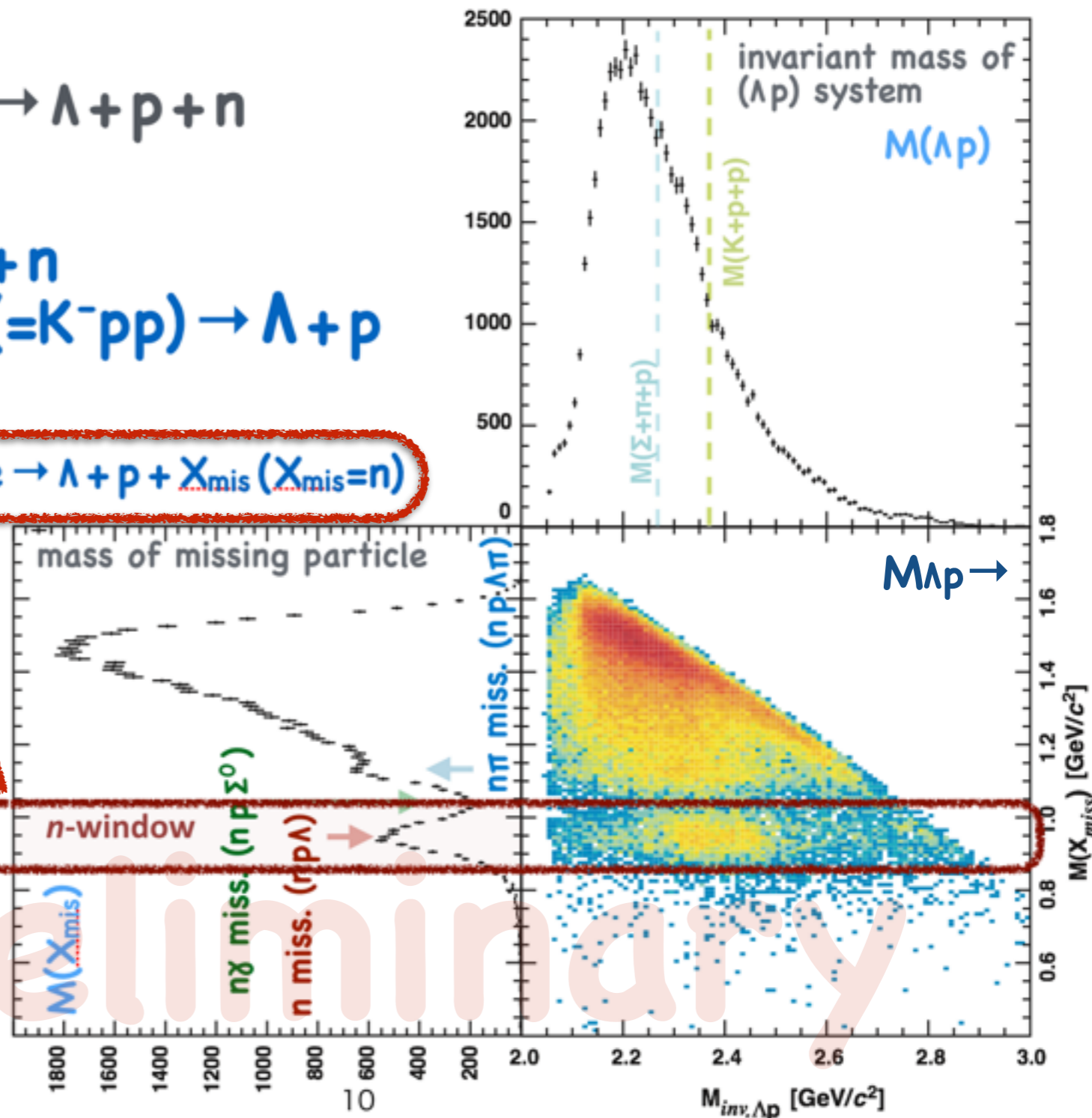
E15<sup>1st</sup>

E15<sup>2nd</sup>



~ 6 times more data for forward neutron

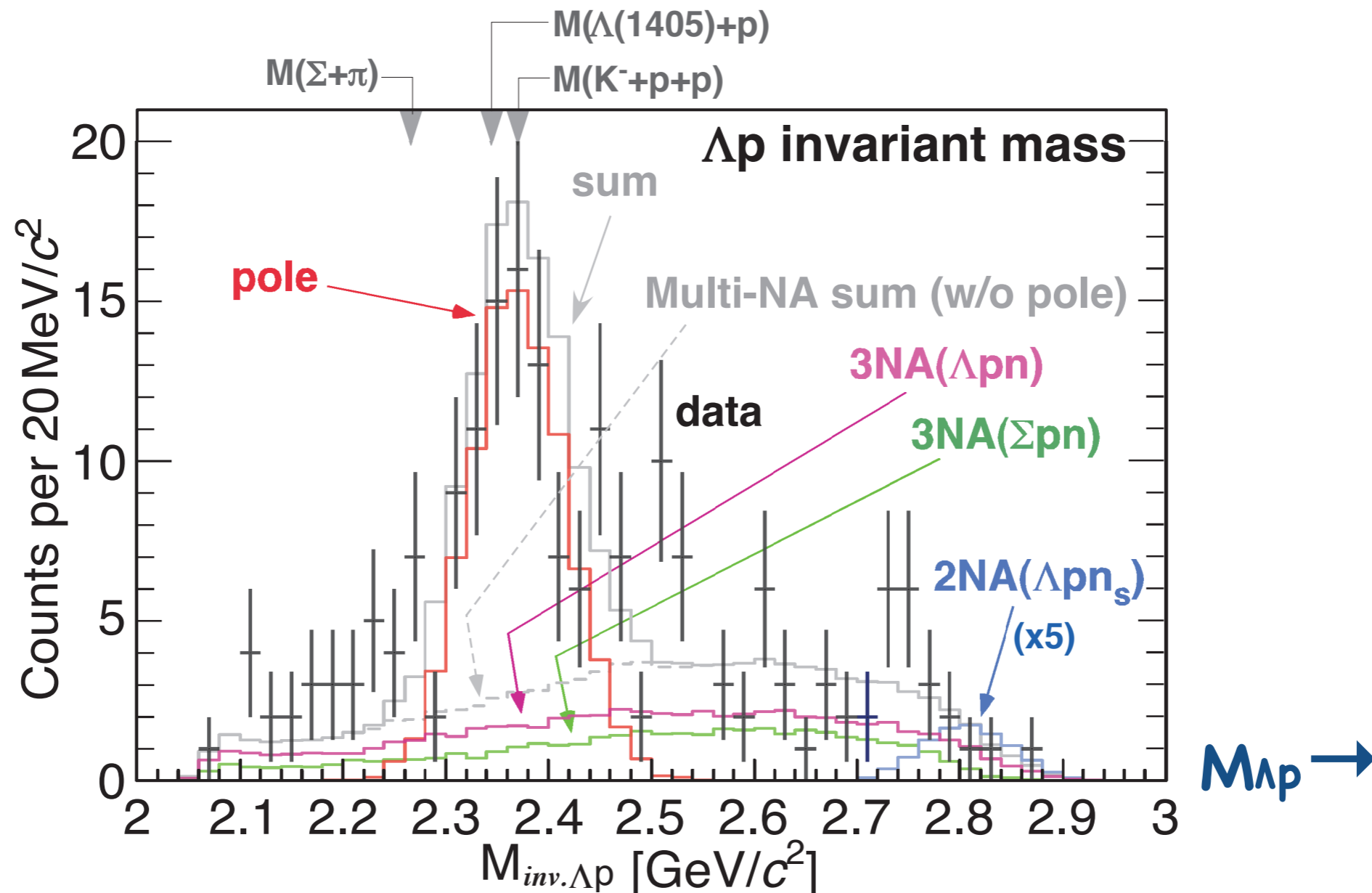
~ 30 times more data for  $\Lambda p n$  final state



# E15<sup>1st</sup> and E15<sup>2nd</sup> spectra consistent?

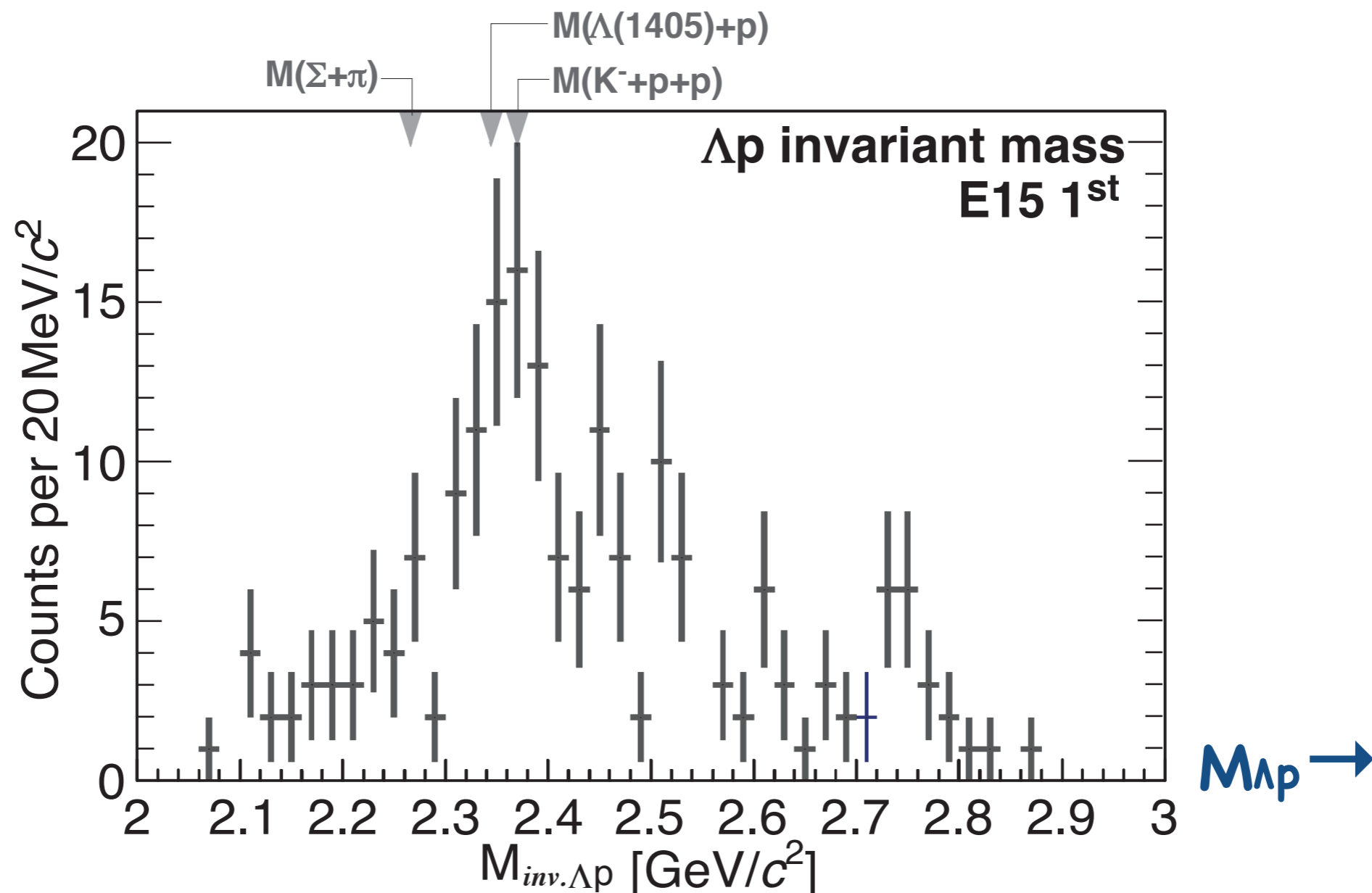


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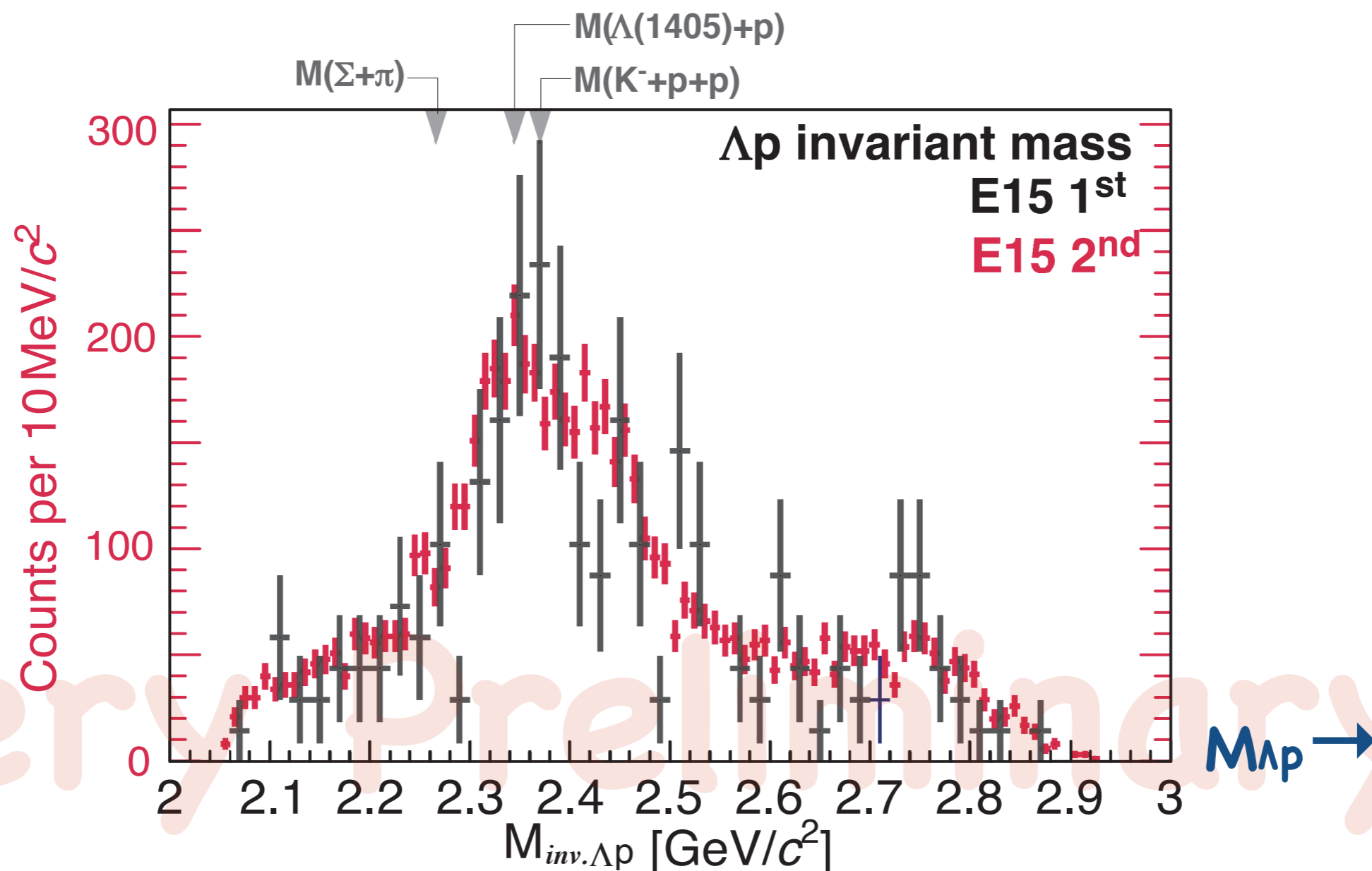
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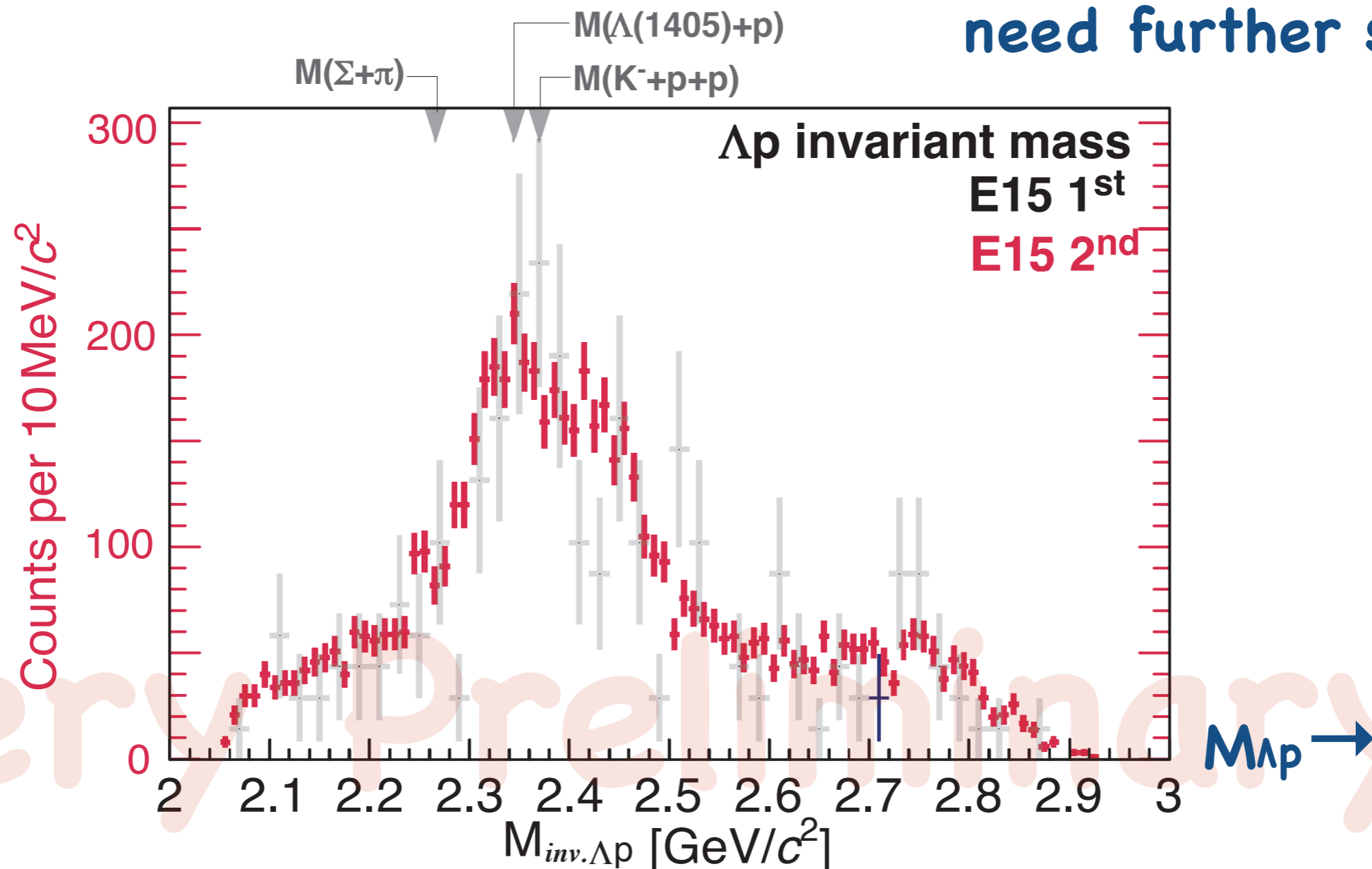
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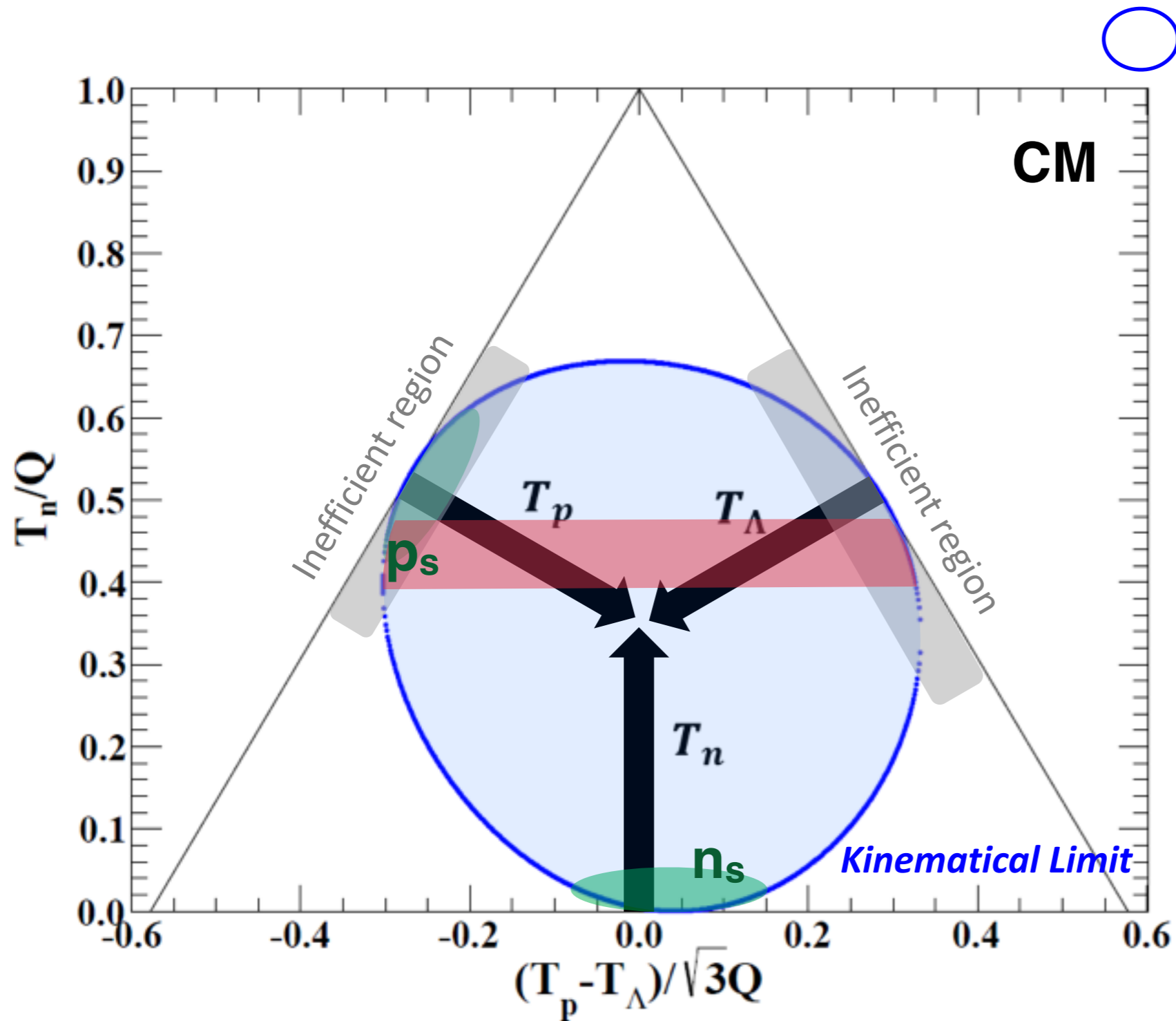
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**E15<sup>2nd</sup> spectrum does not allow single pole assumption  
looks like trapezoidal??  
need further study**





# Dalitz Plot of $\Lambda pn$



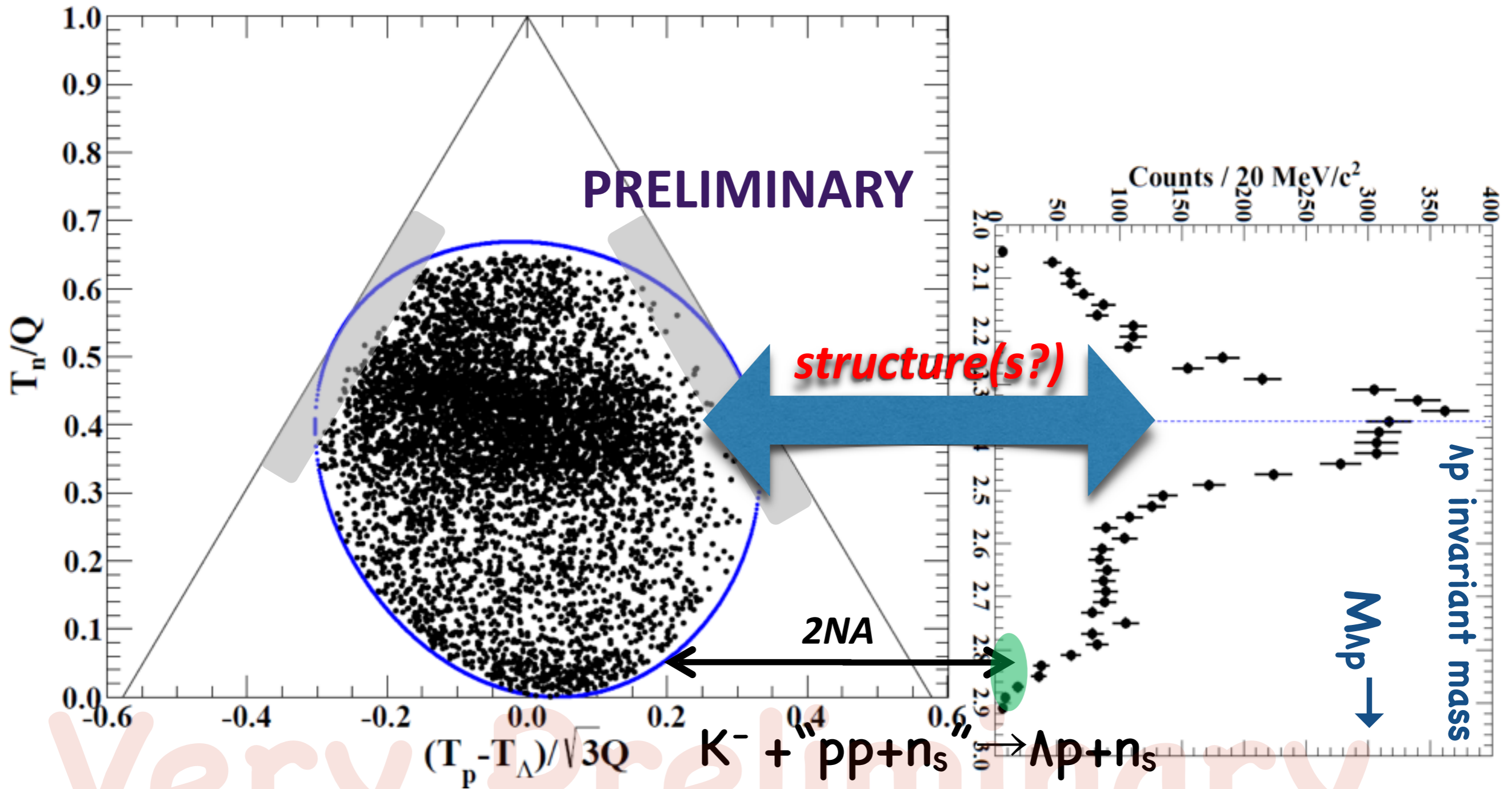
○ kinematical limit

● K-pp formation

○ flat for point-like 3NA  
Is  ${}^3\text{He}$  point-like?

● 2NA process  
with spectator  
 $n_s / p_s$

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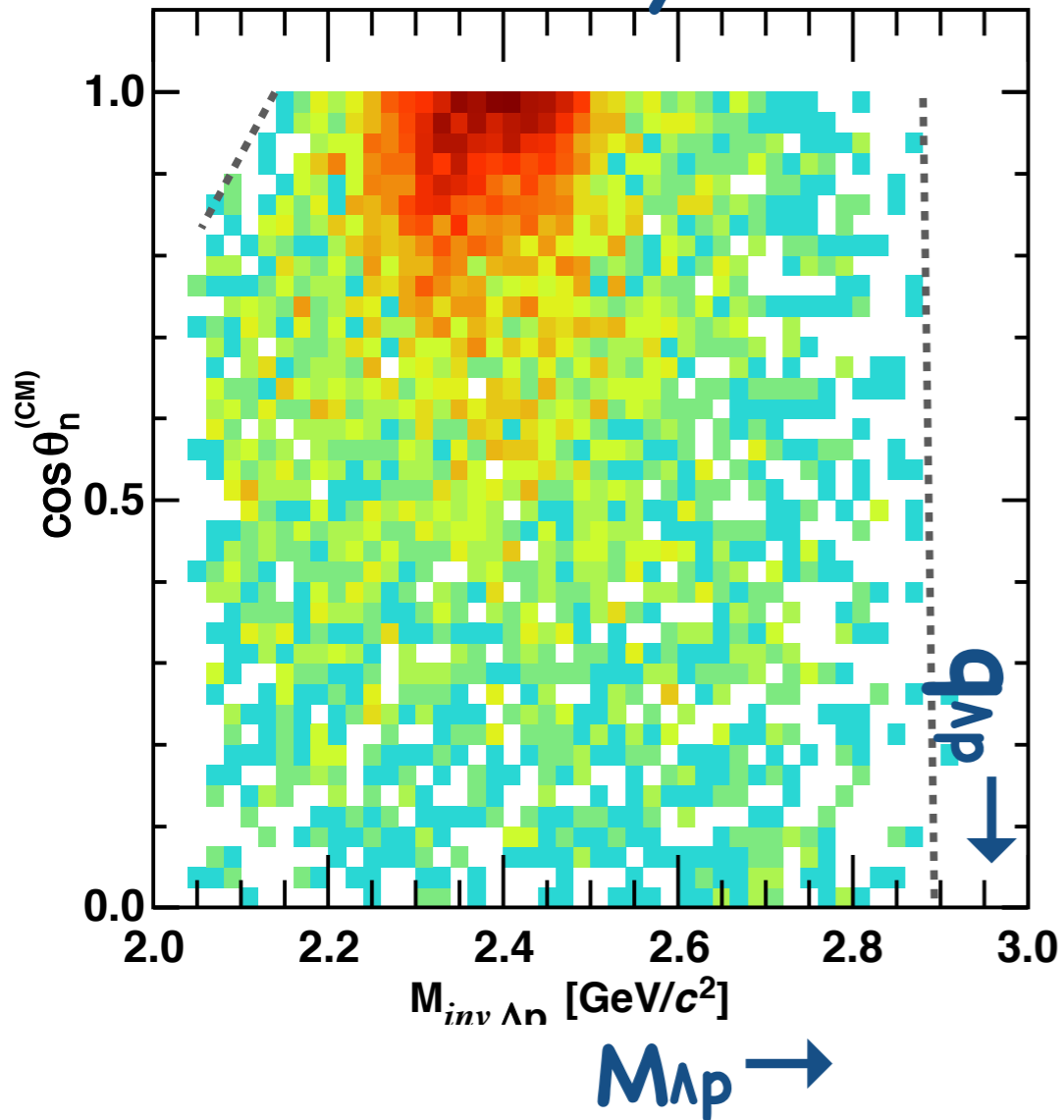


${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n:$

**Angular Dependence of  $n$  in CM**

# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ : Angular Dependence

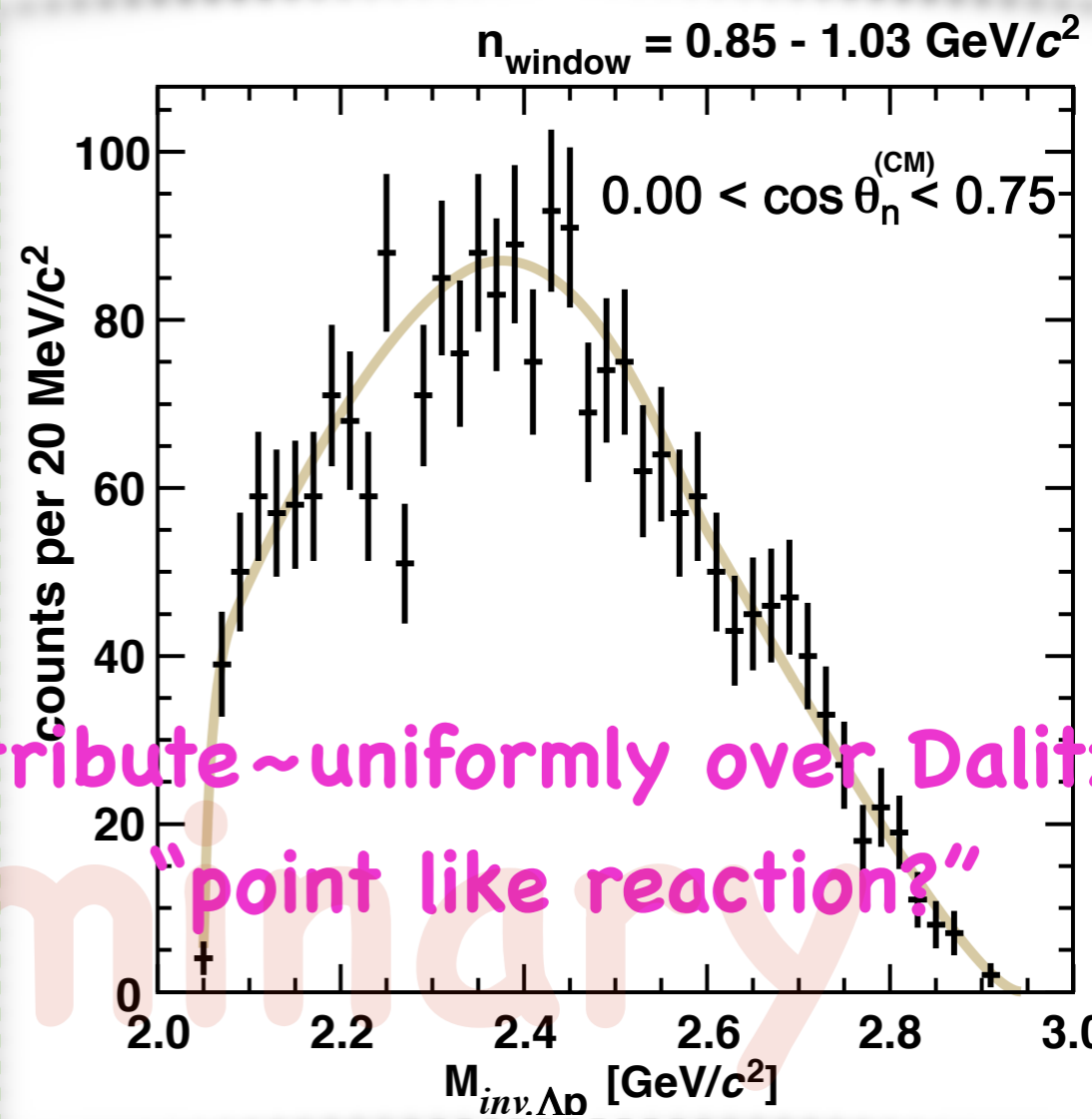
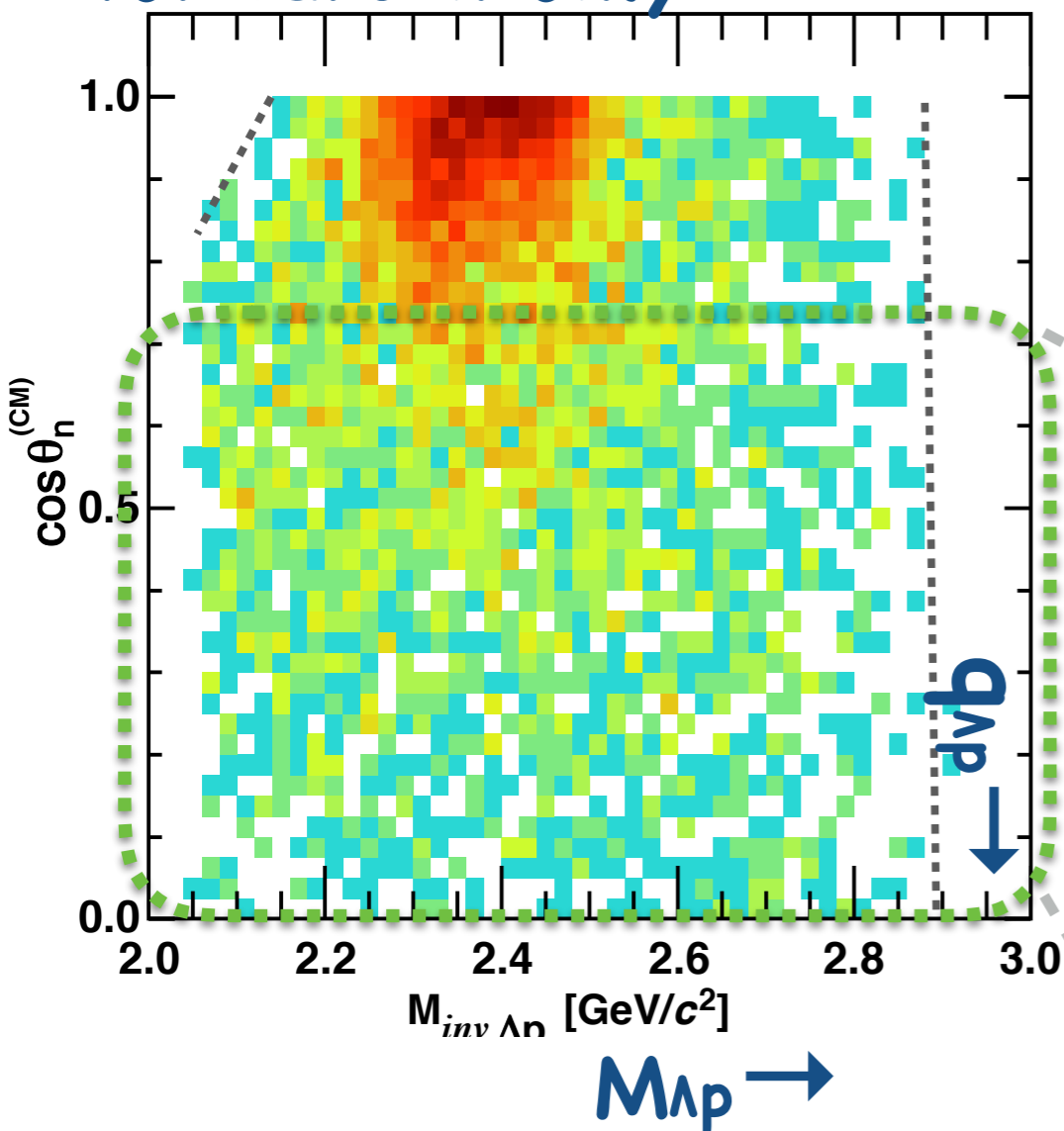
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Very Preliminary

# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ : Angular Dependence

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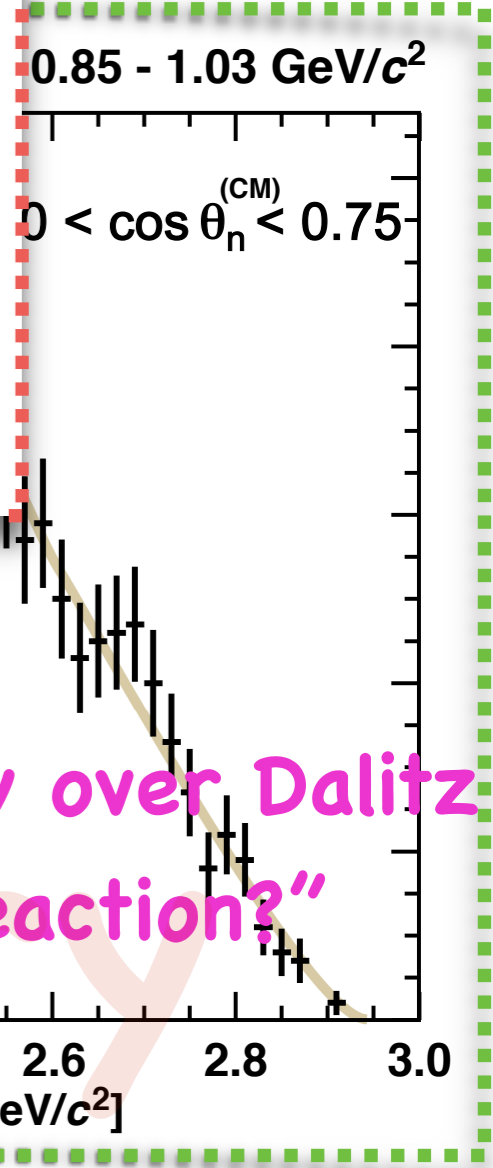
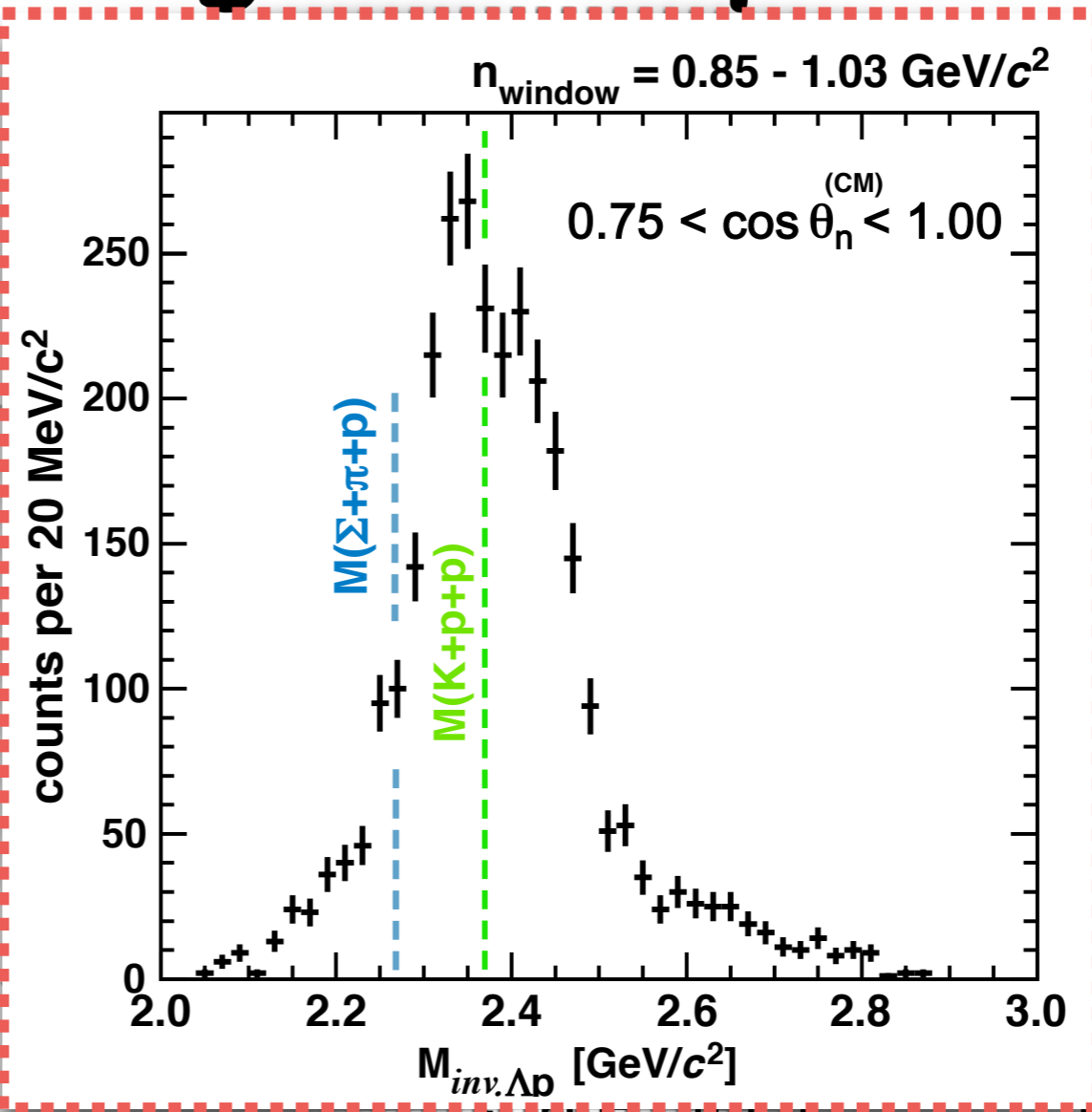
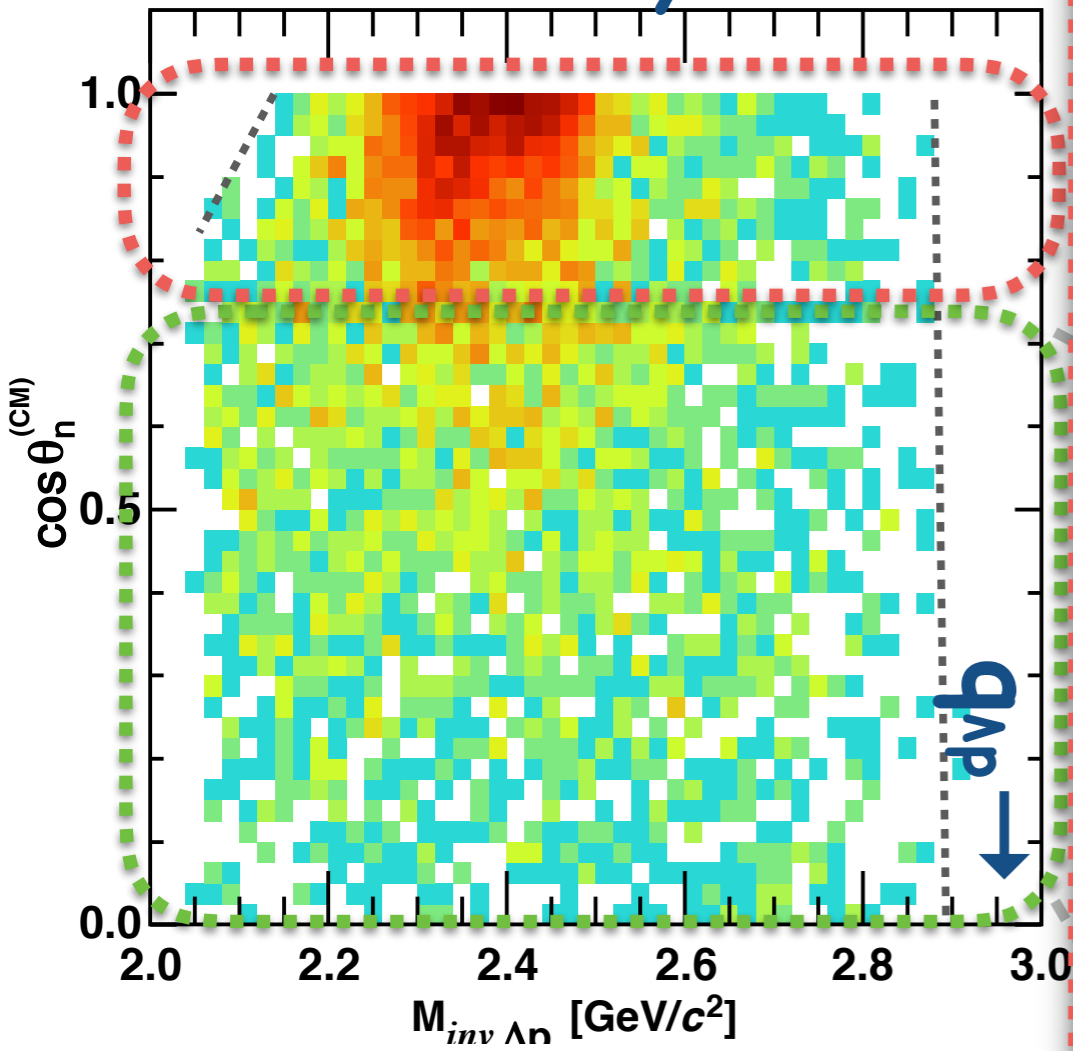


distribute ~uniformly over Dalitz  
"point like reaction?"

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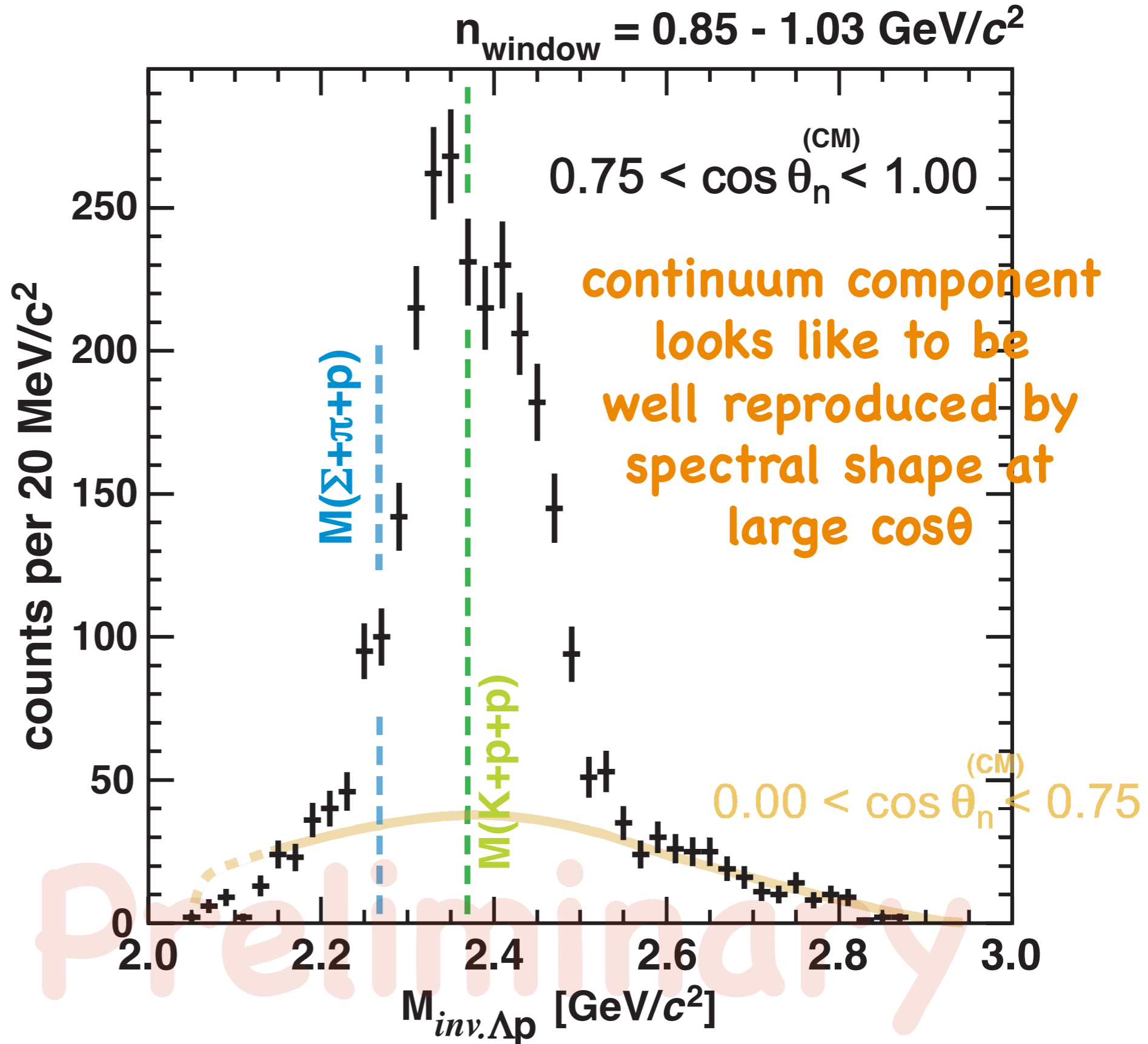
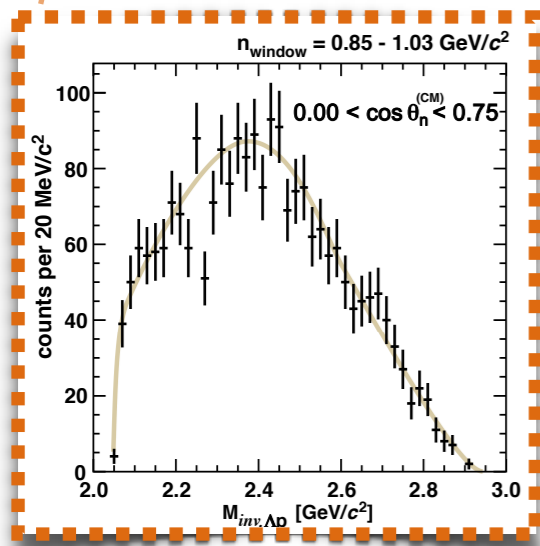
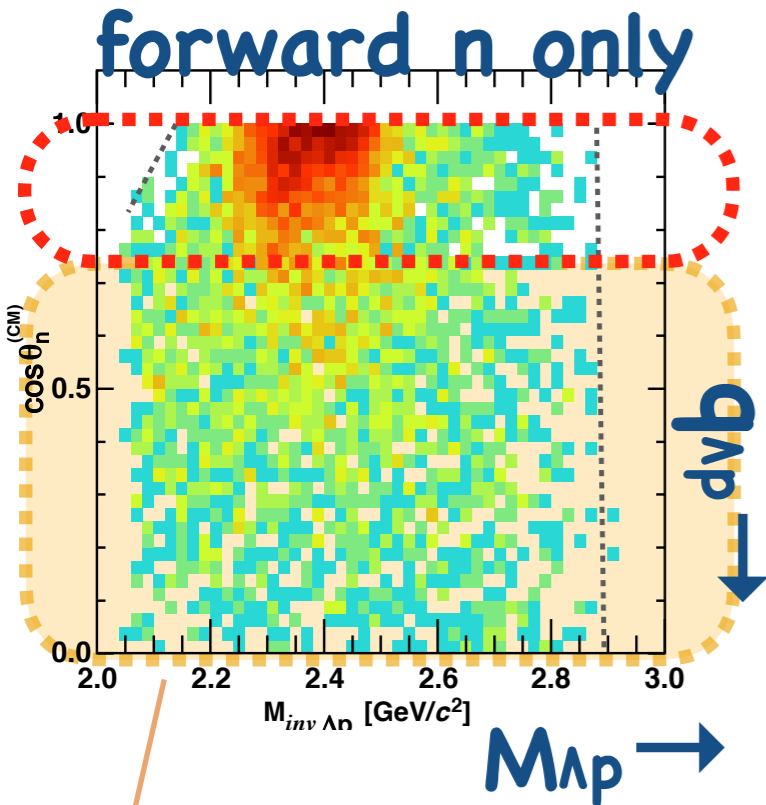
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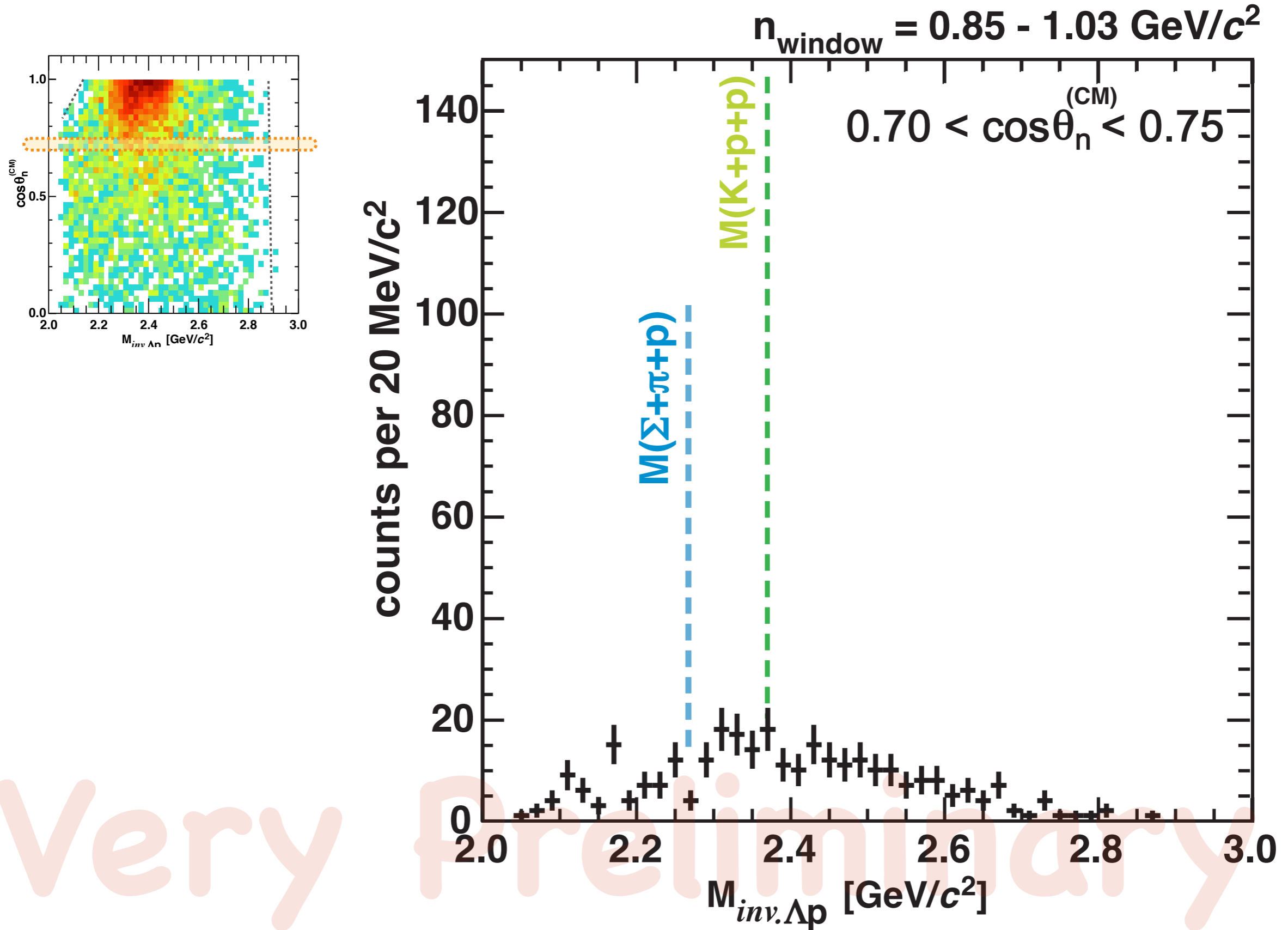
**Angular Dependence of n in CM**

**in more detail**

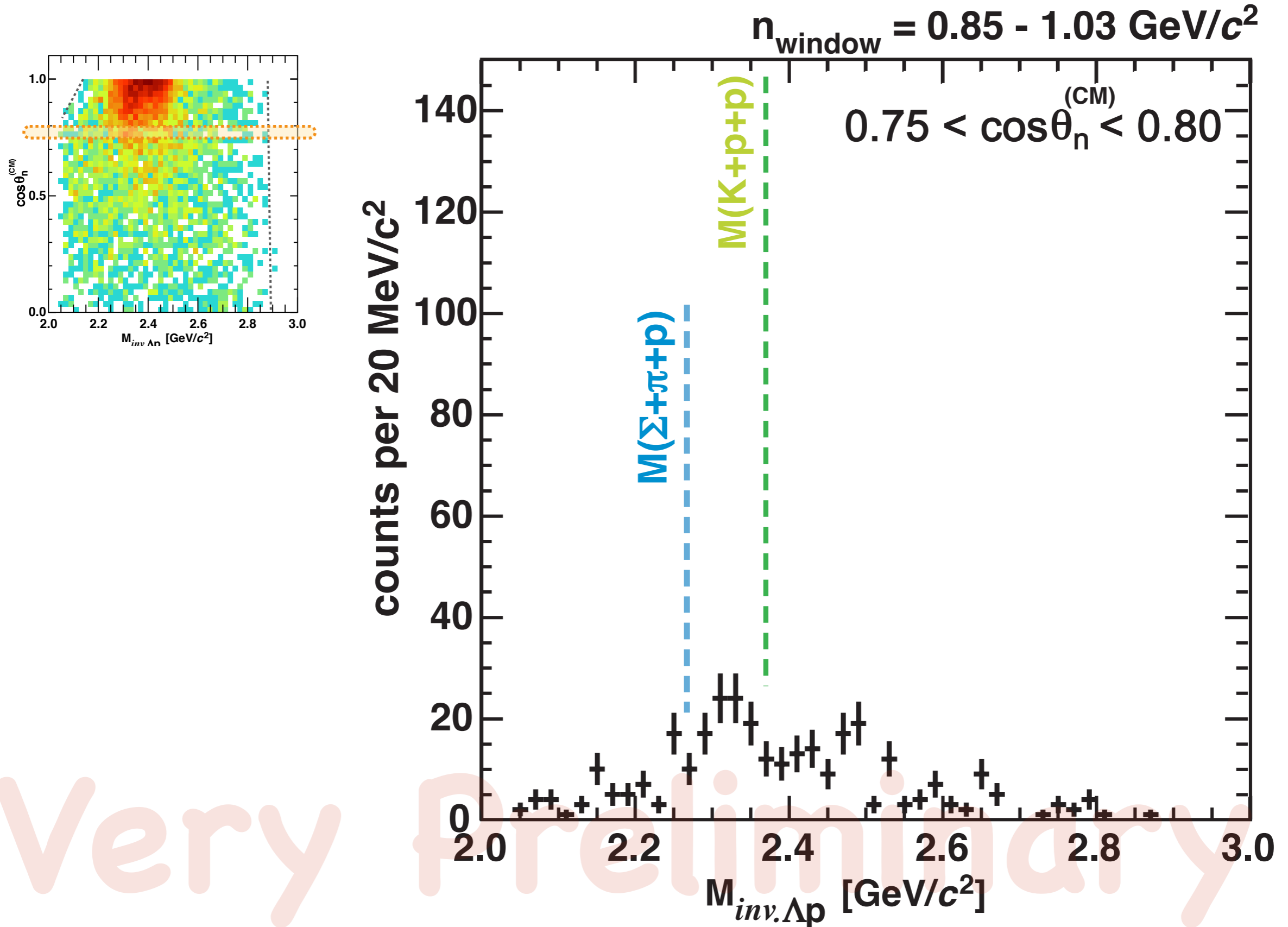
**as a clue to understand**



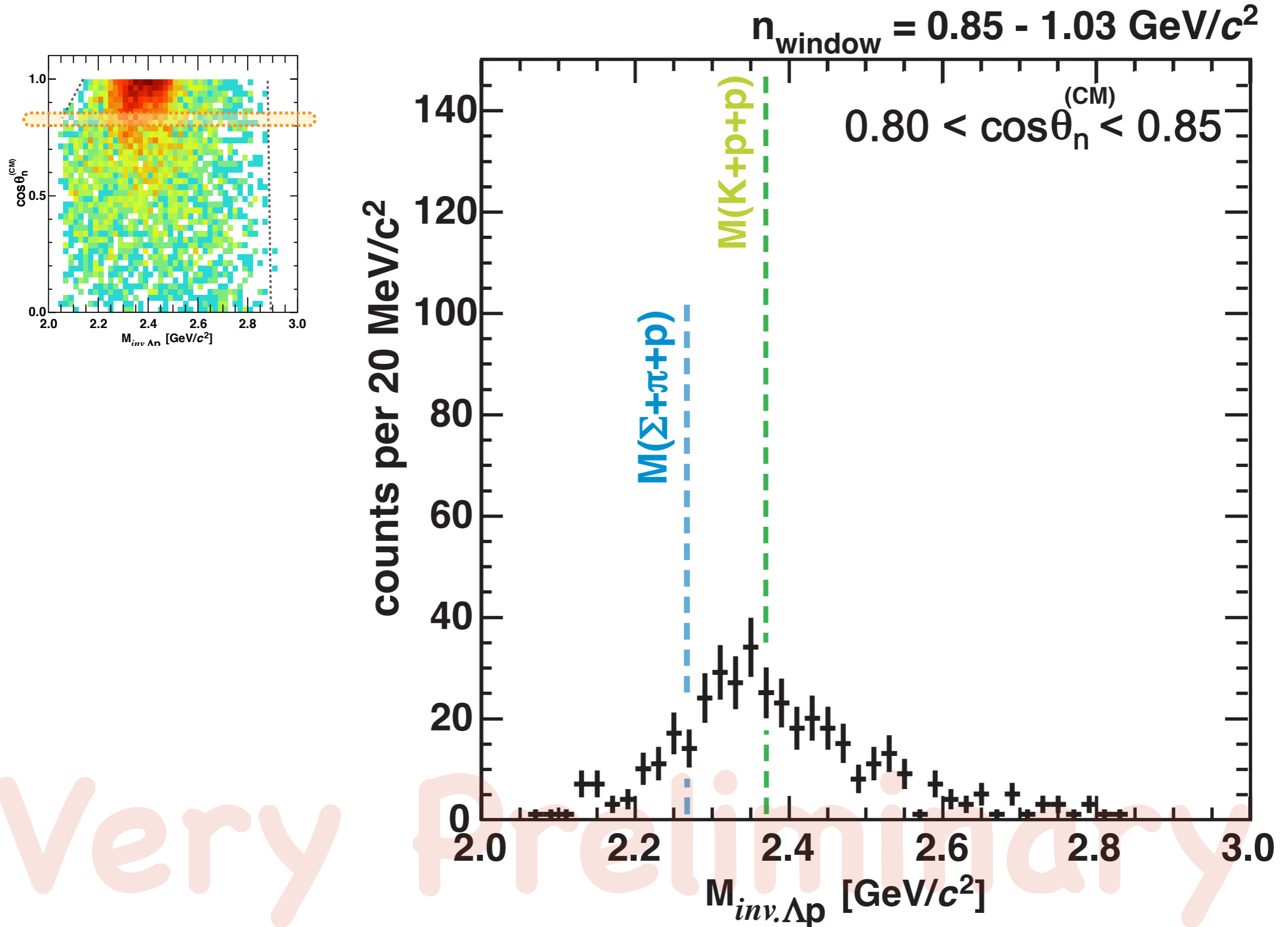
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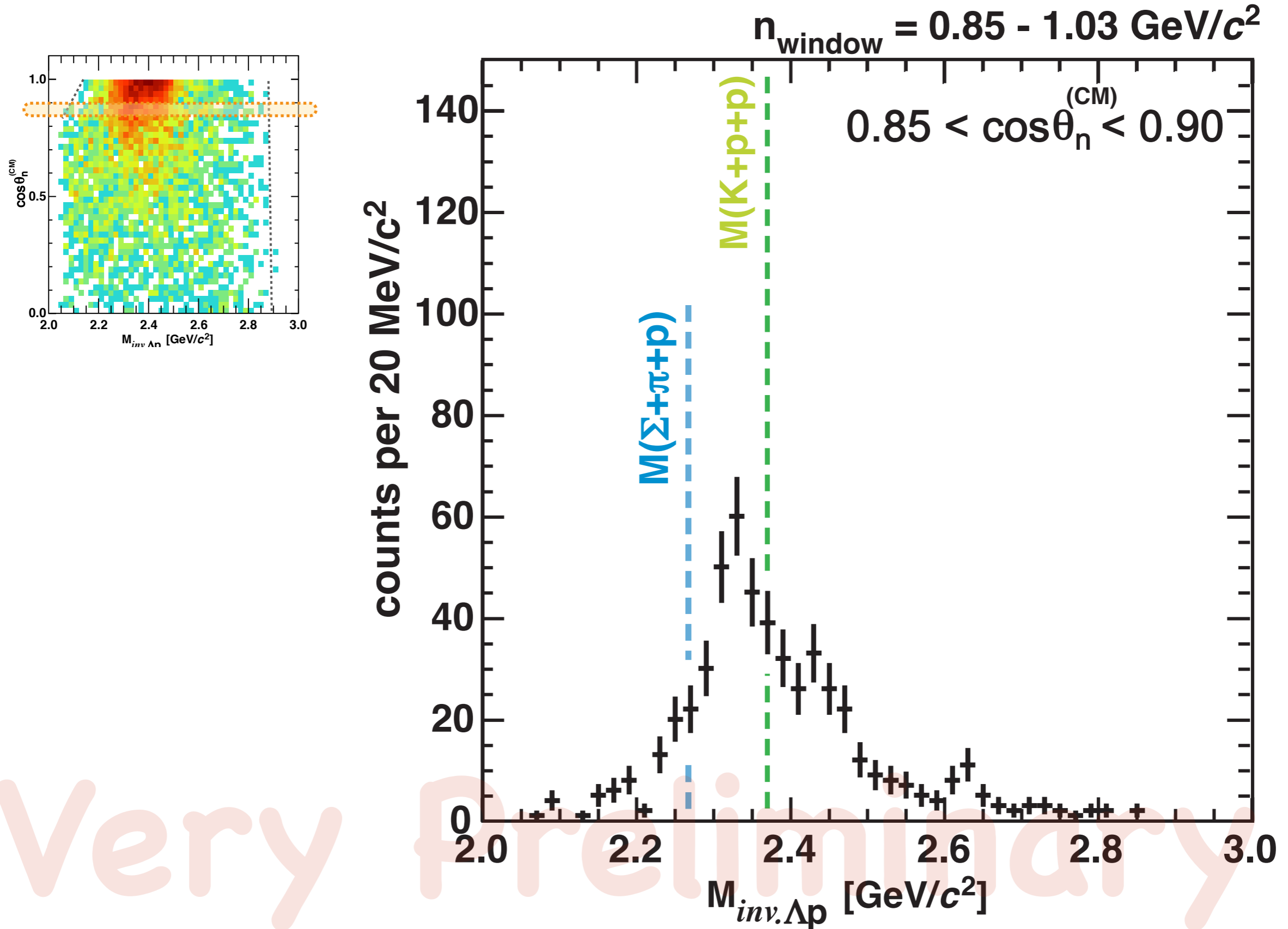
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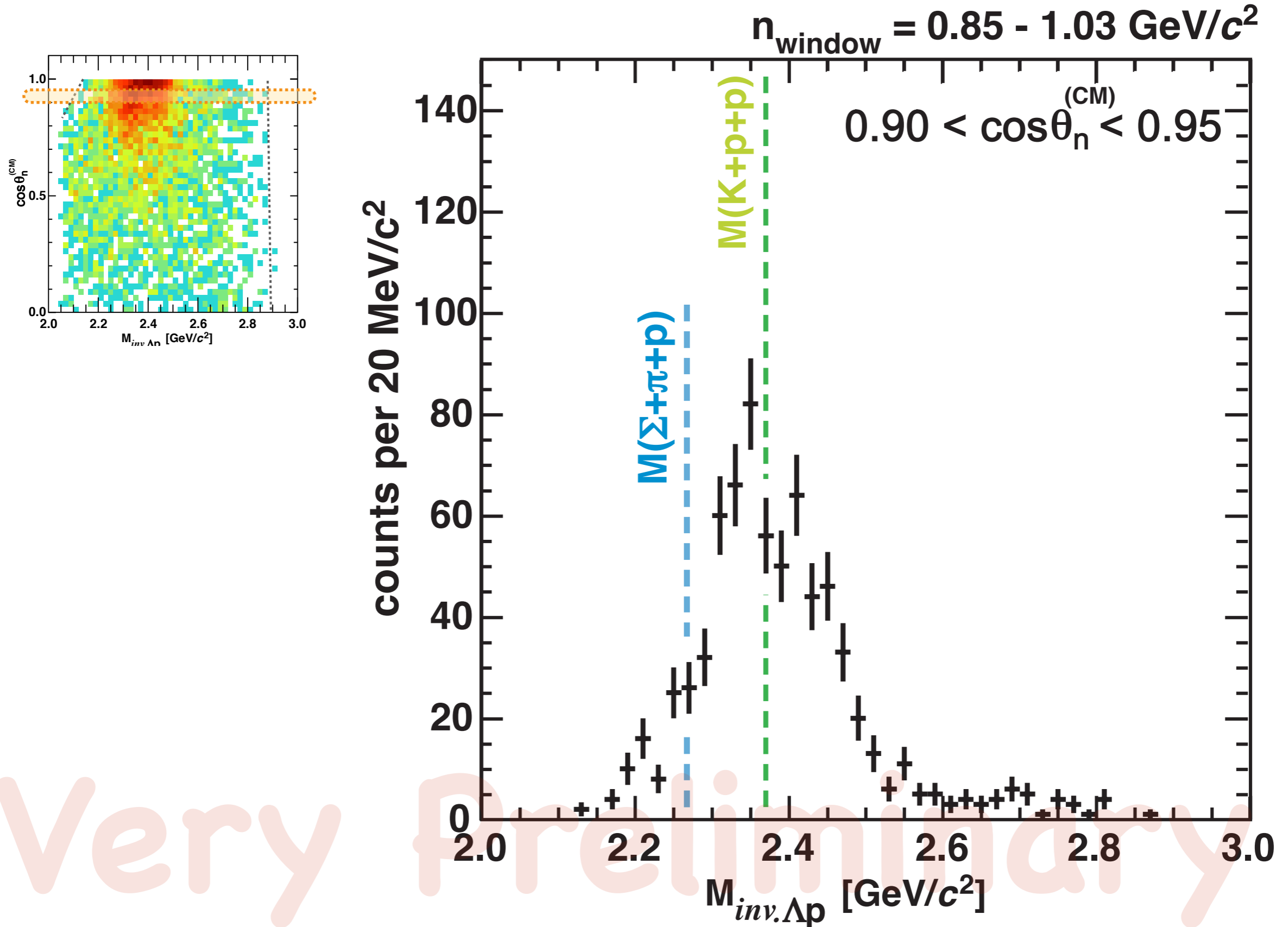
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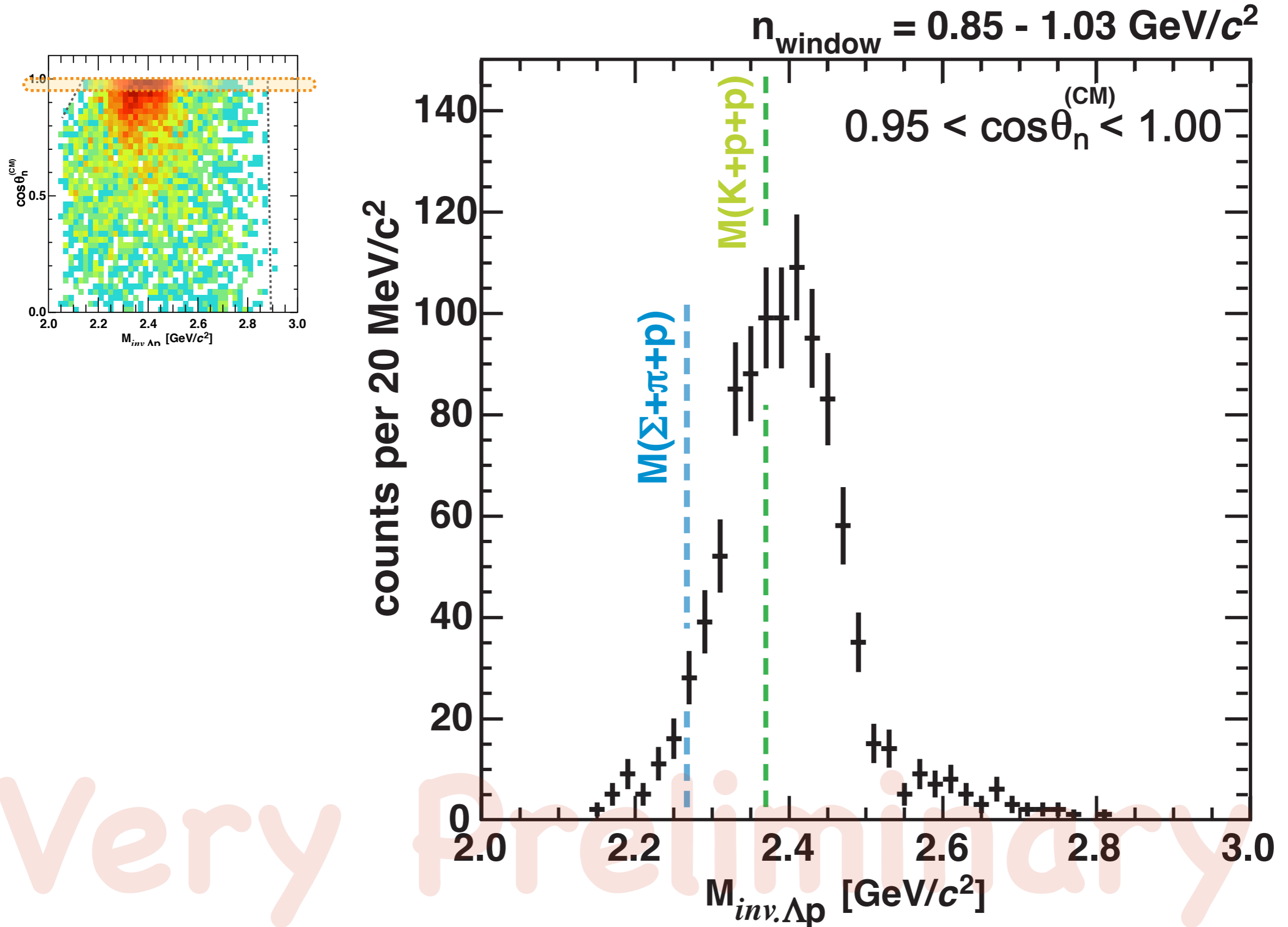
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# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ : Angular Dependence



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

# Angular Dependence of $n$ in CM

two components exist?

if that is the case,

bound region :  
forward peaking

S-wave would be OK  
weakly depend to  $\cos\theta$

unbound region :  
very forward peaking

bit strongly depend to  $\cos\theta$   
lower  $Q_K$  preferred

typical momentum transfer  $Q_K \sim 400 \text{ MeV}/c$

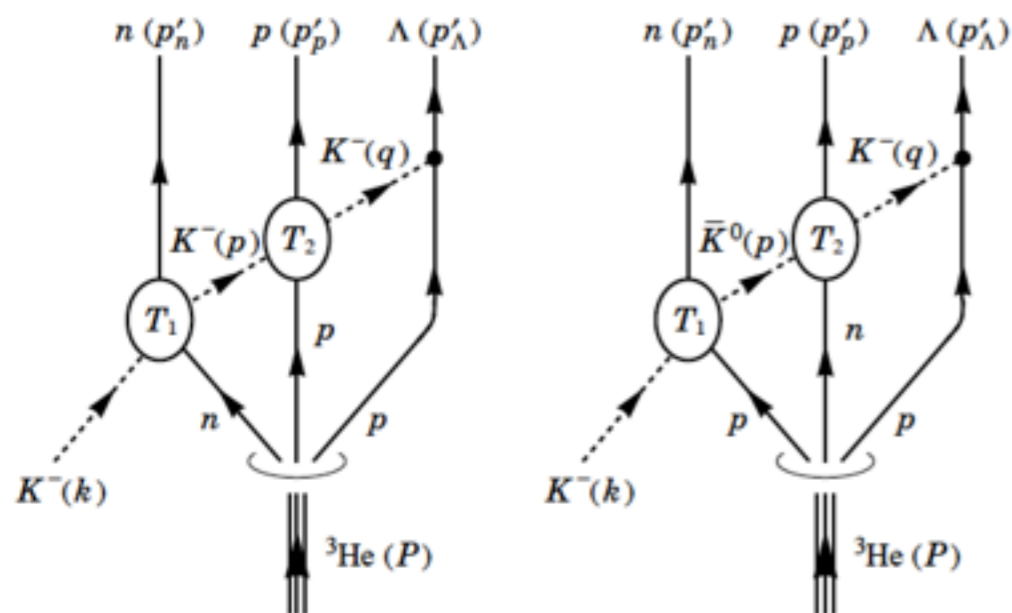
# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ :

Not like semi-inclusive spectrum,  
 "quasi-free K" excluded by the final state:  $\Lambda p n$ ,  
 but still need to ask ...

Structure can be explained with  
 quasi-elastic K scattering?

through uncorrelated  $\Lambda(1405)p$  channel

Sekihara Oset Ramos



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

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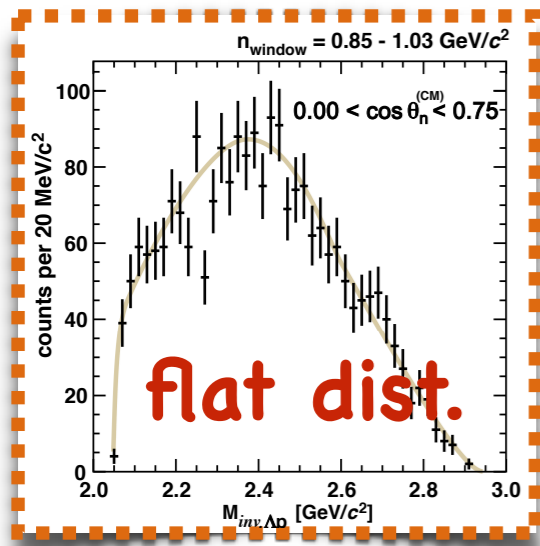
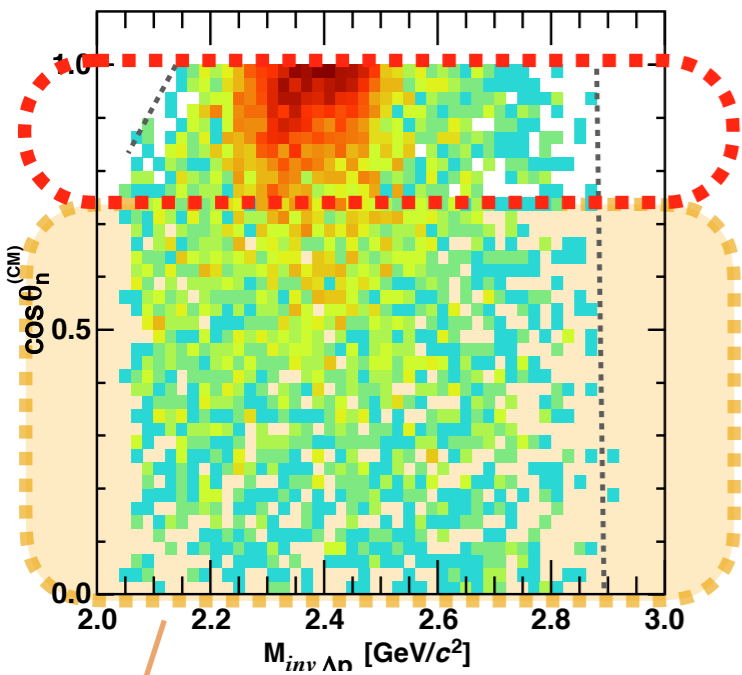
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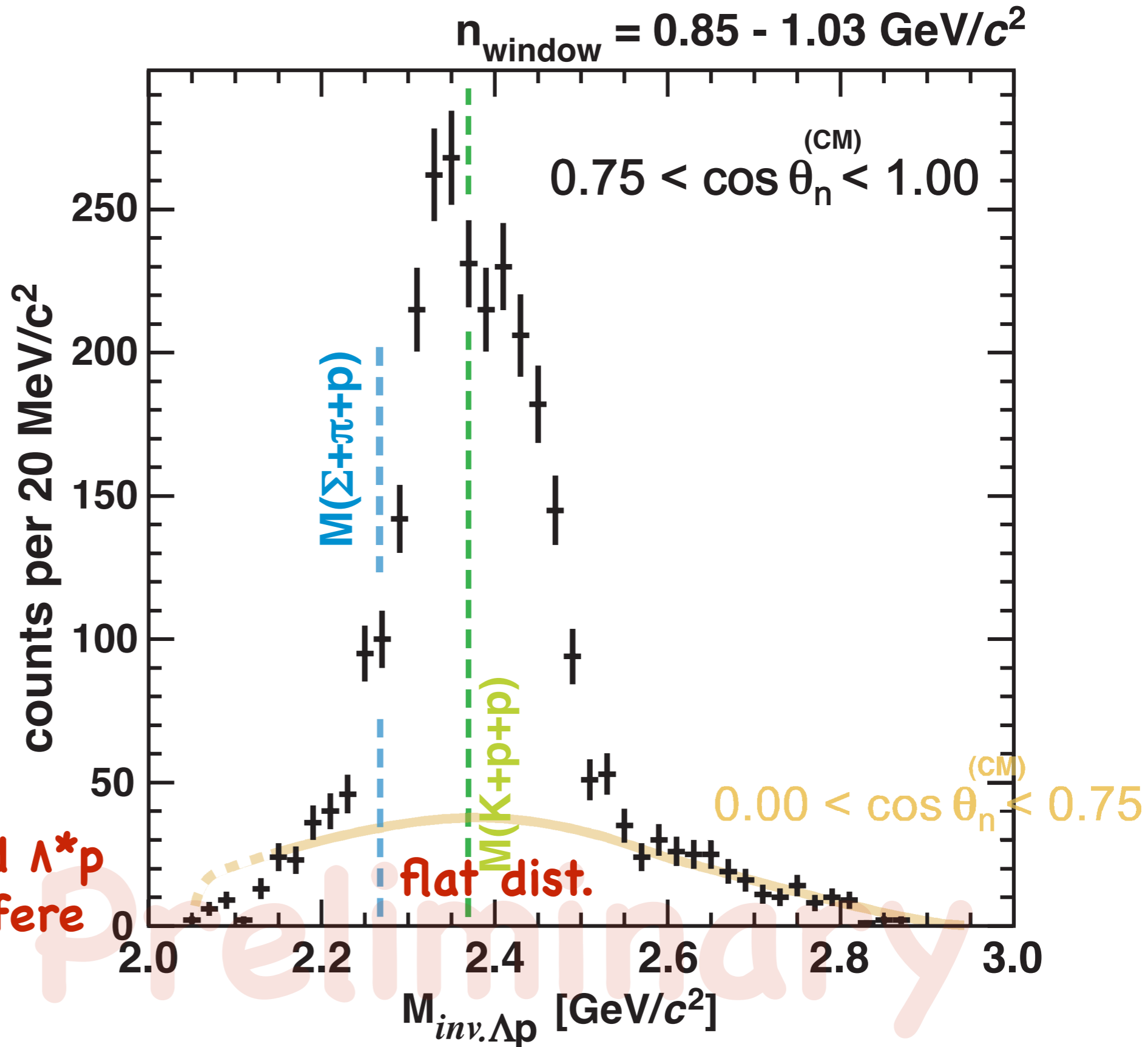
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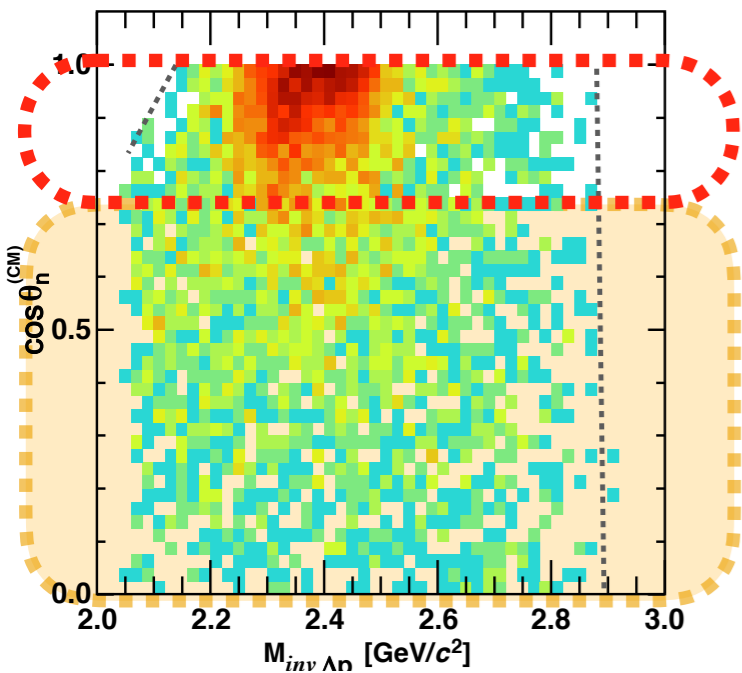
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assuming uncorrelated  $\Lambda^*p$  channel do not interfere with flat dist.

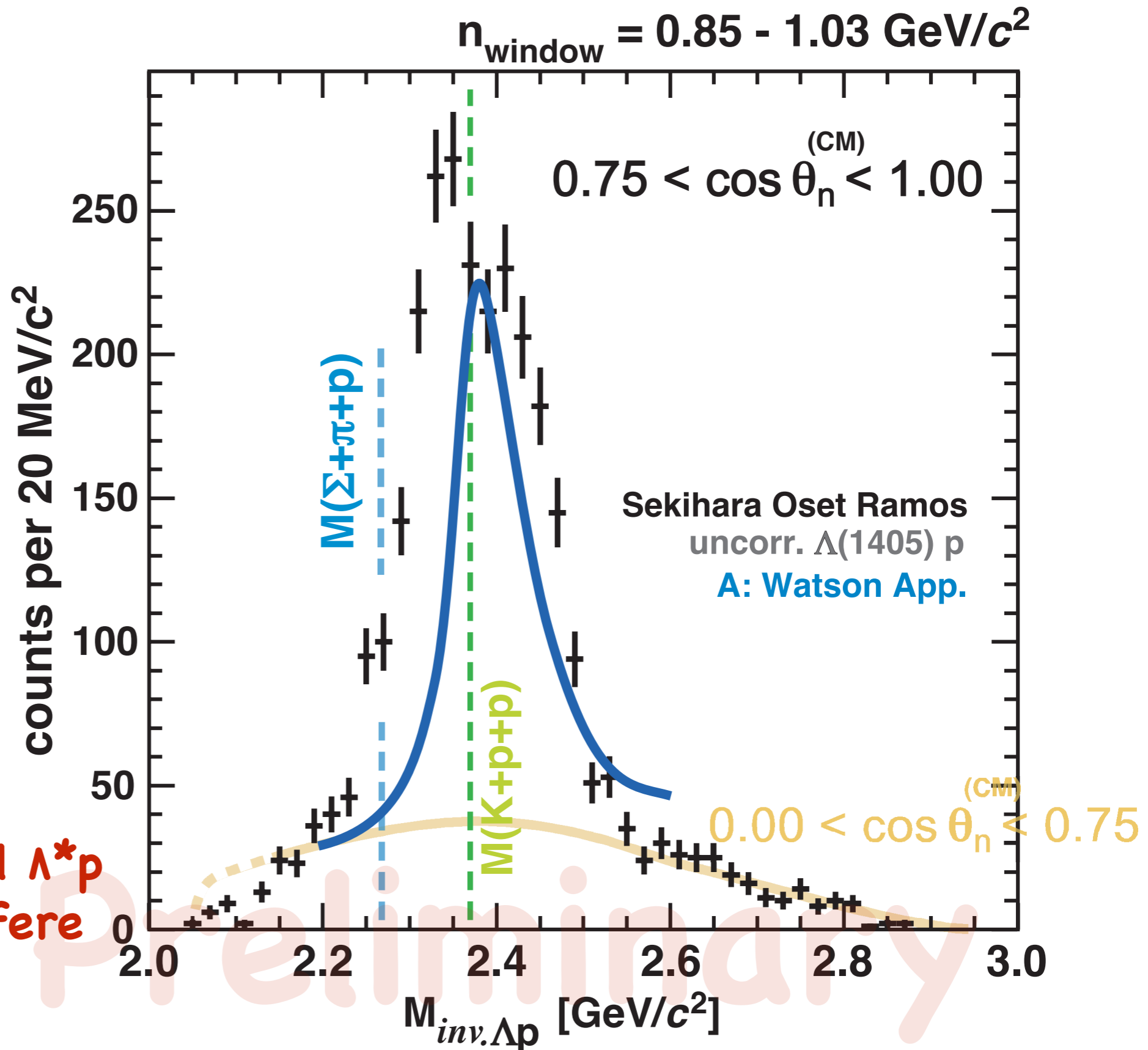


# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ : Quasi-elastic?

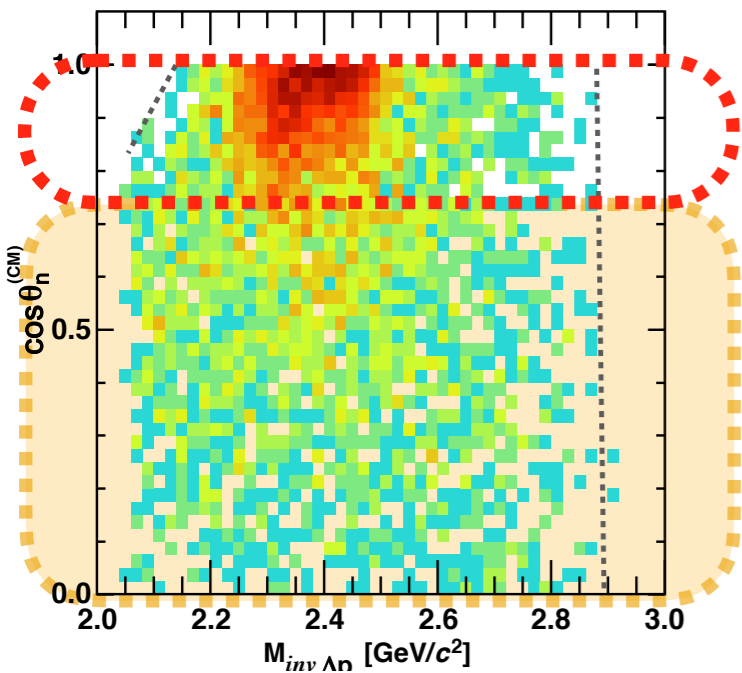


simple QE?

assuming uncorrelated  $\Lambda^*p$   
channel do not interfere  
with flat dist.

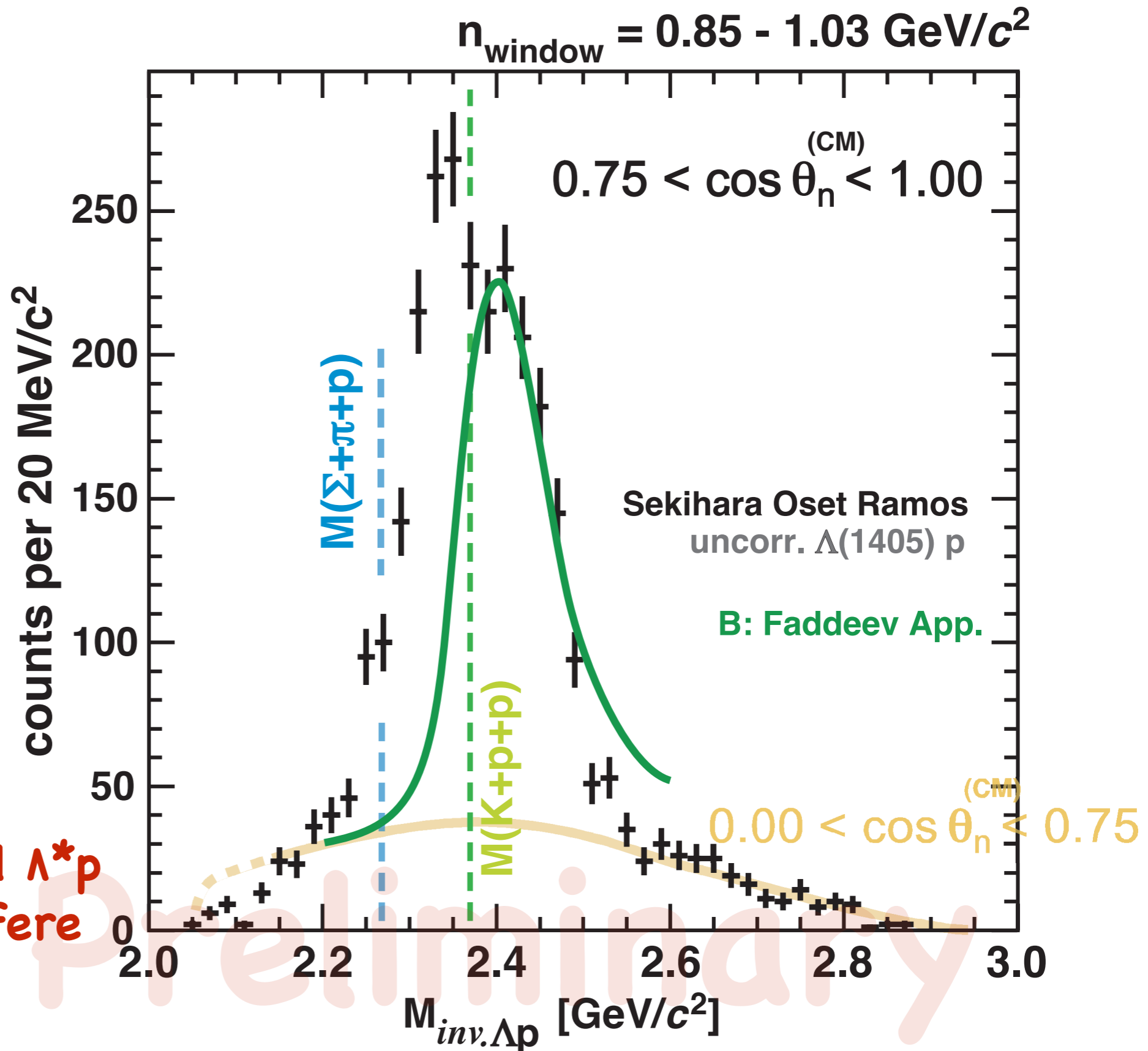


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simple QE?

assuming uncorrelated  $\Lambda^*p$  channel do not interfere with flat dist.

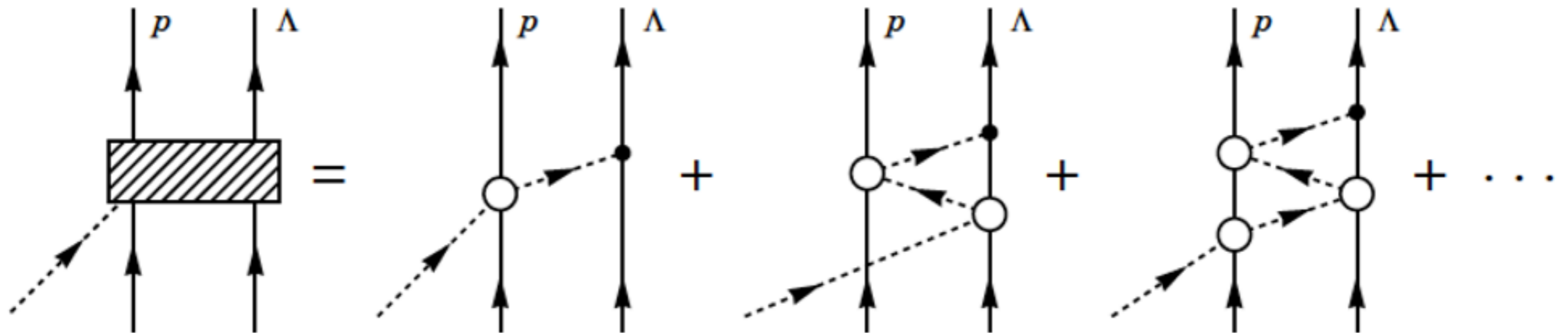


# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n:$

Structure can be explained with “quasi-elastic K scattering” ?  $\Rightarrow$  NO!

**Need deeper strength!**

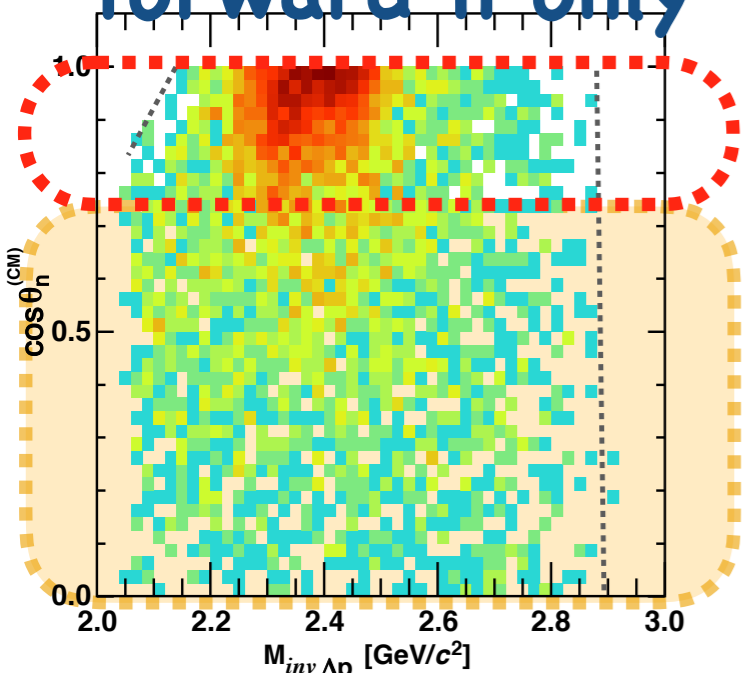
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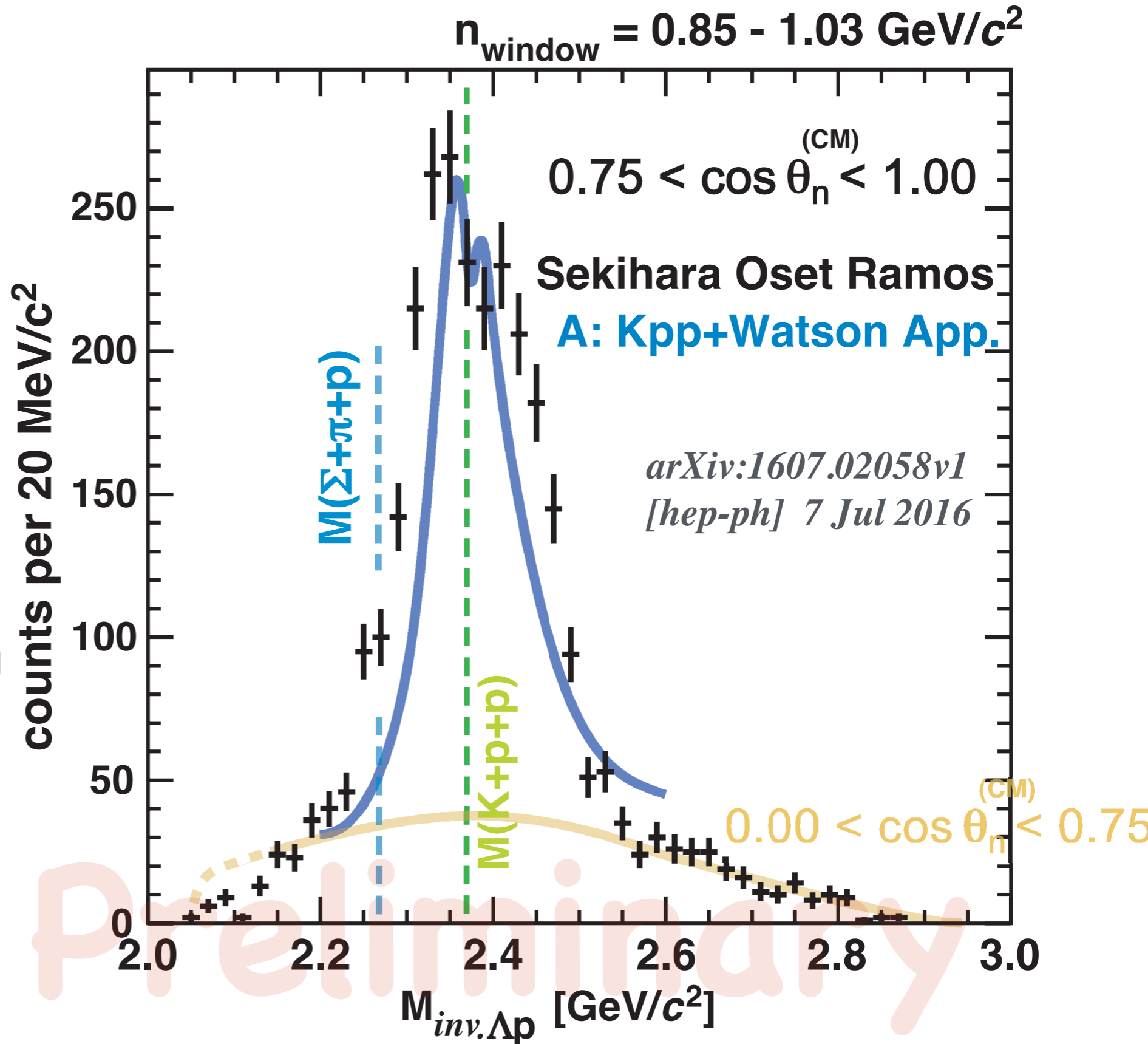
K multiple scattering = “Kpp”

# $^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ : comparison with SOR

forward n only



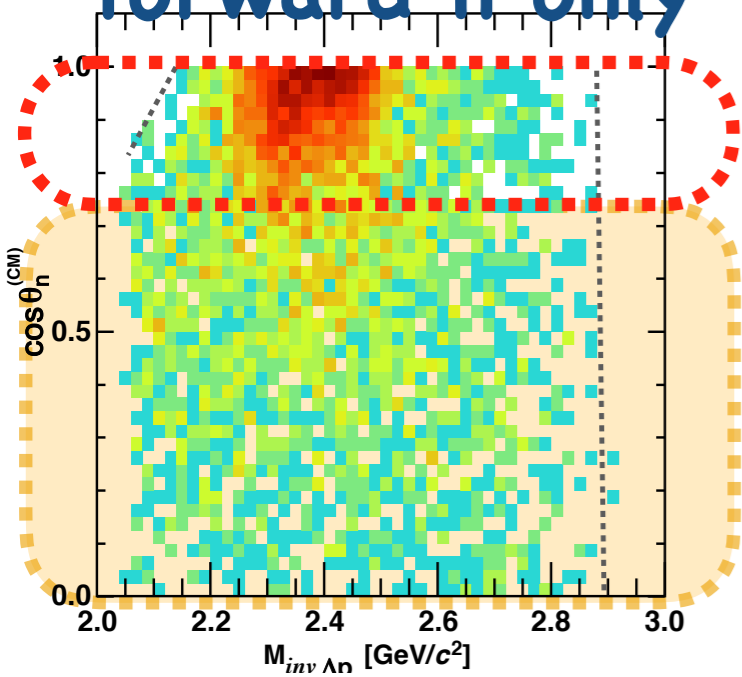
QE + "Kpp"  
K multiple scattering



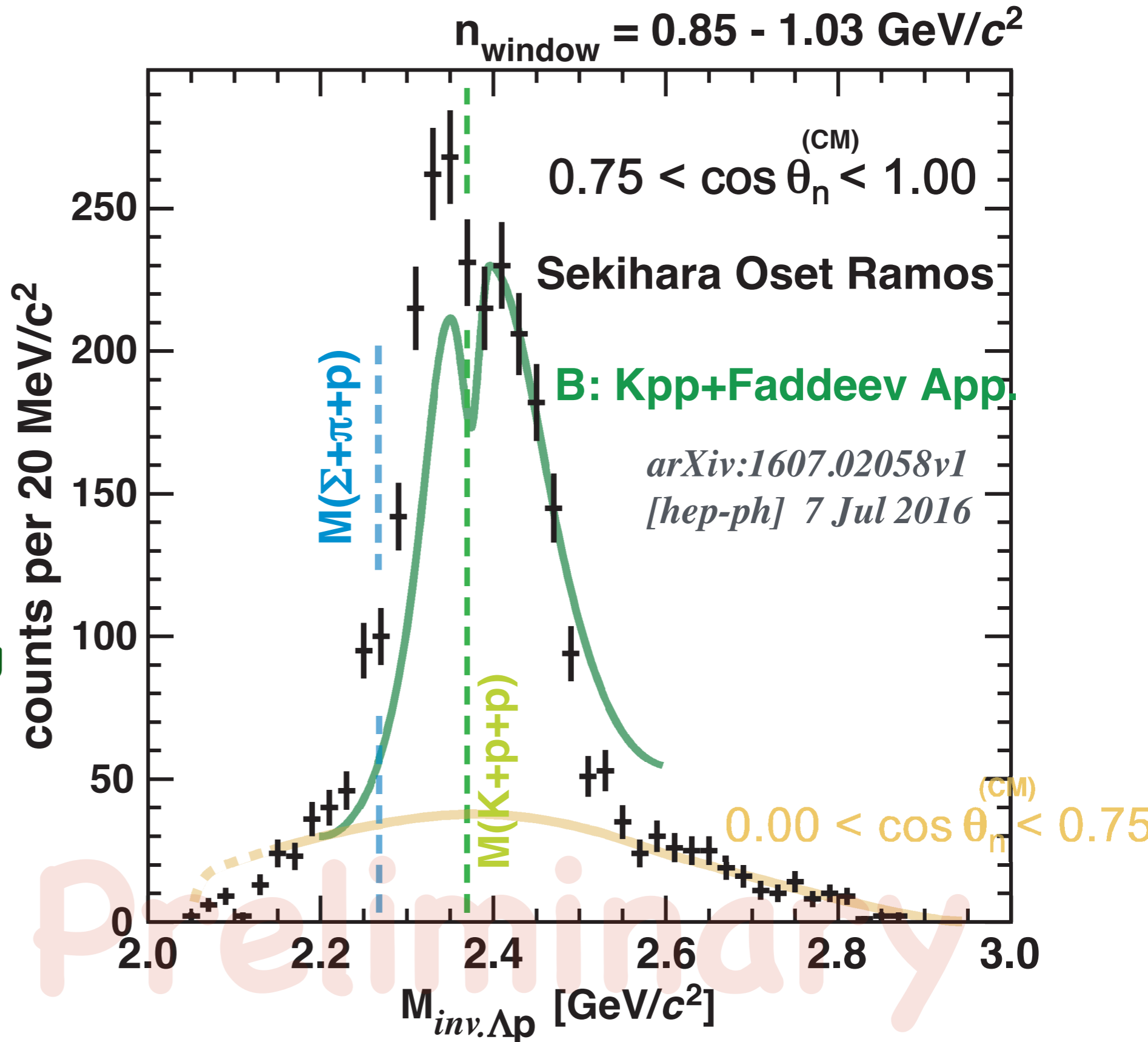
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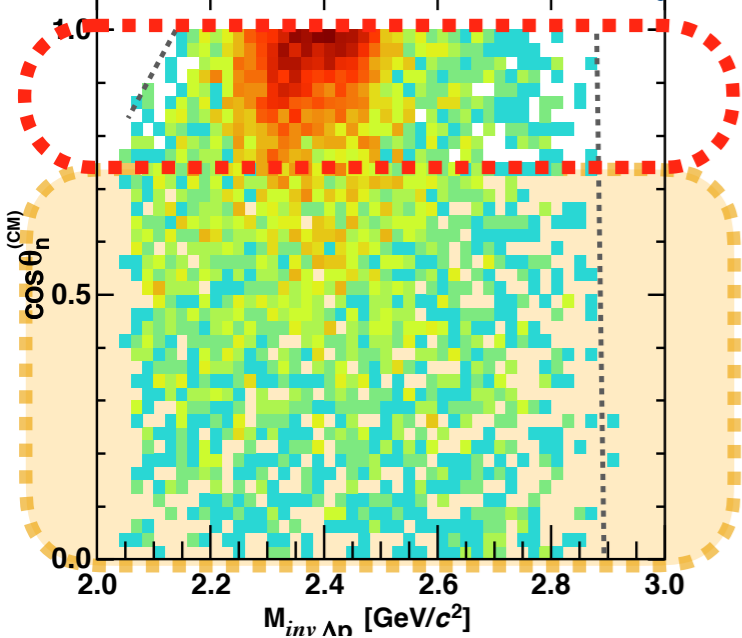
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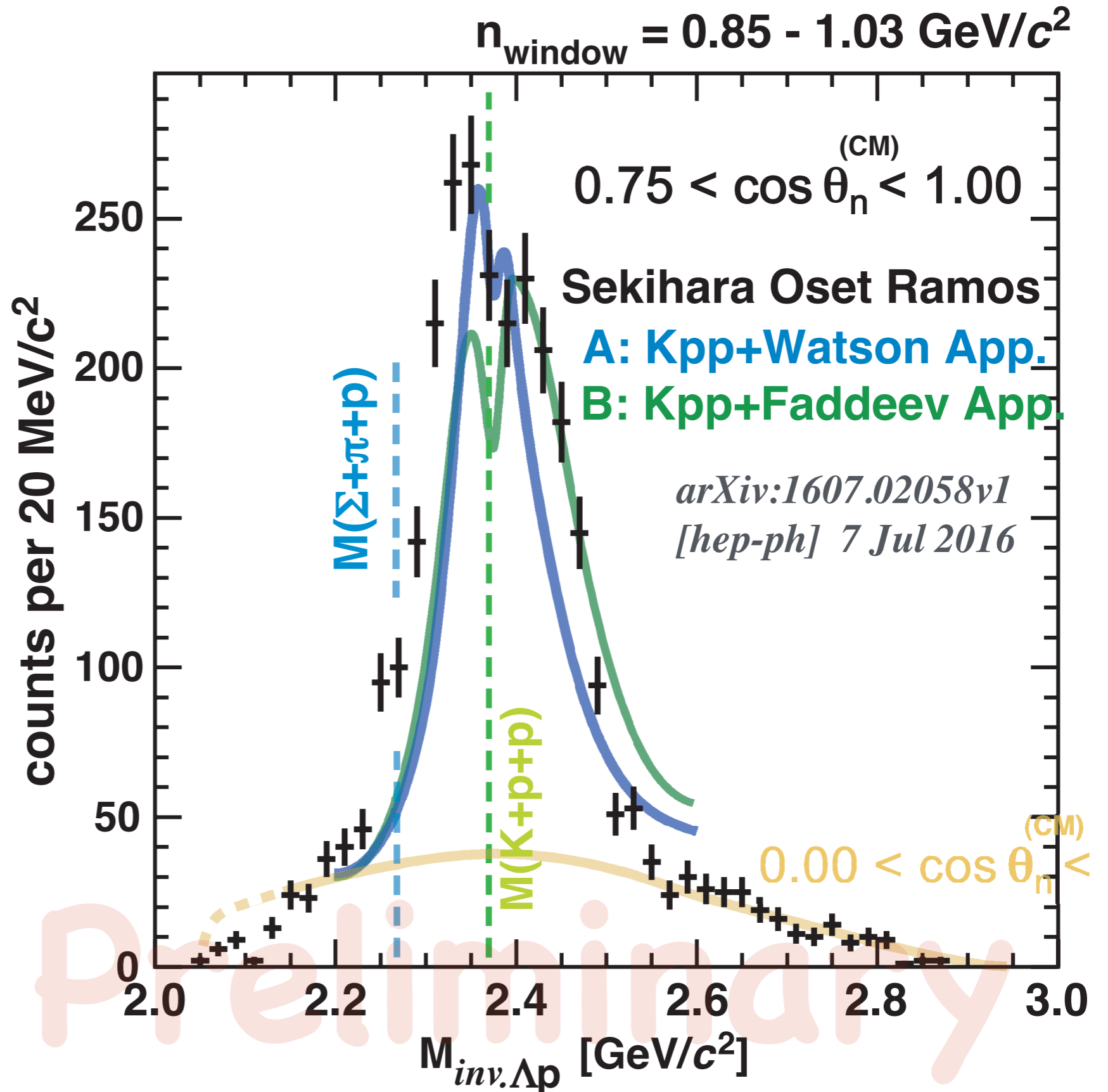
# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ : comparison with SOR

forward n only



Qualitatively  
in good  
agreement!

calculated  
without knowing  
E15 2<sup>nd</sup> spectrum



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

Structure can be explained with quasi-elastic K scattering & Kpp @ x-UM?

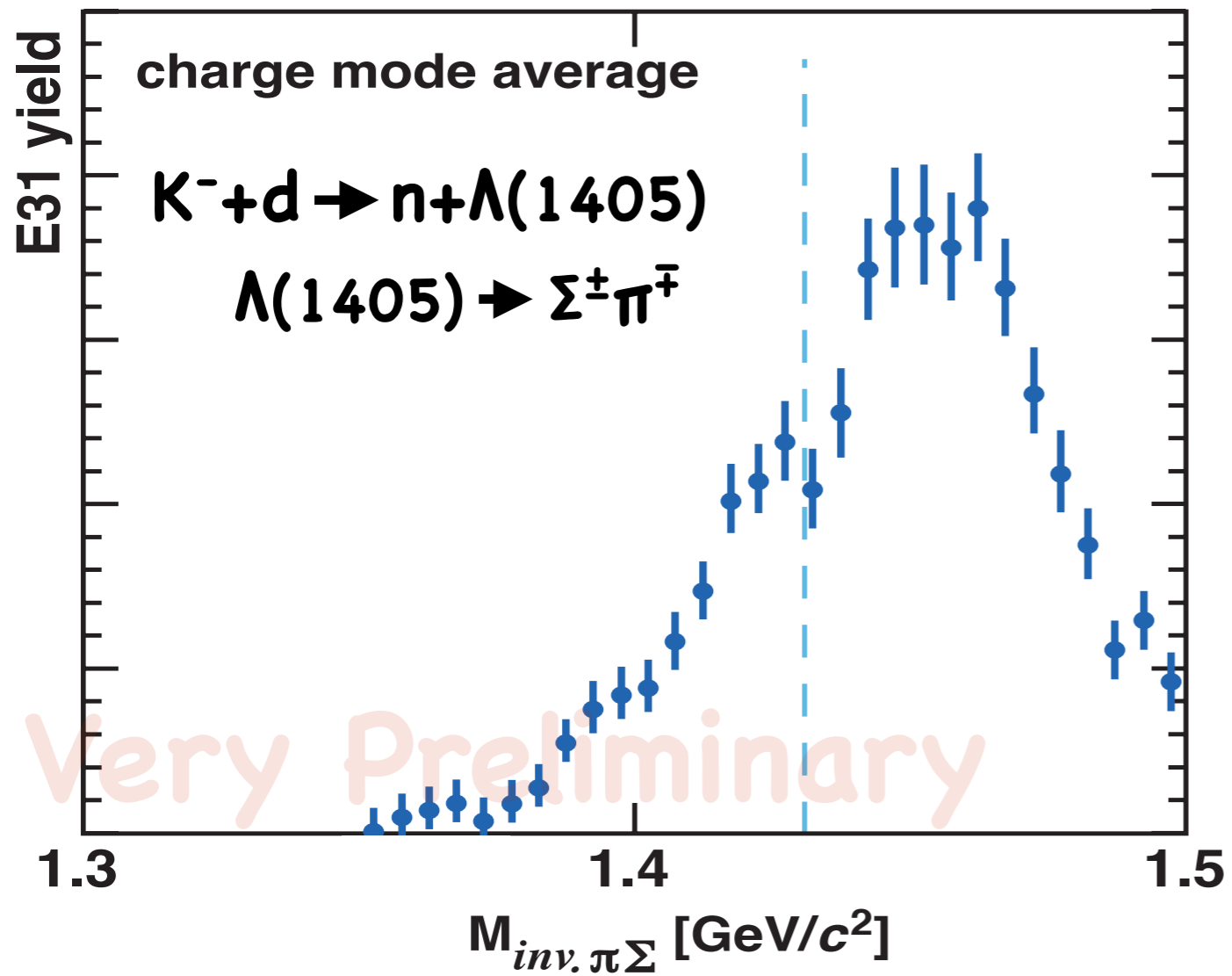


qualitatively YES! but ...

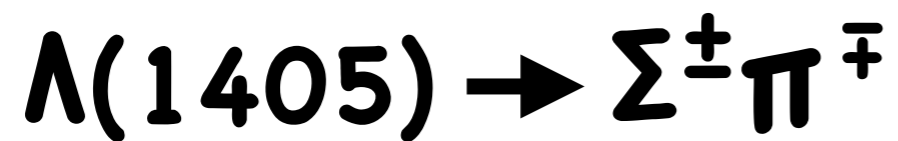
**Need even deeper strength!**

**How to understand whole structure?**

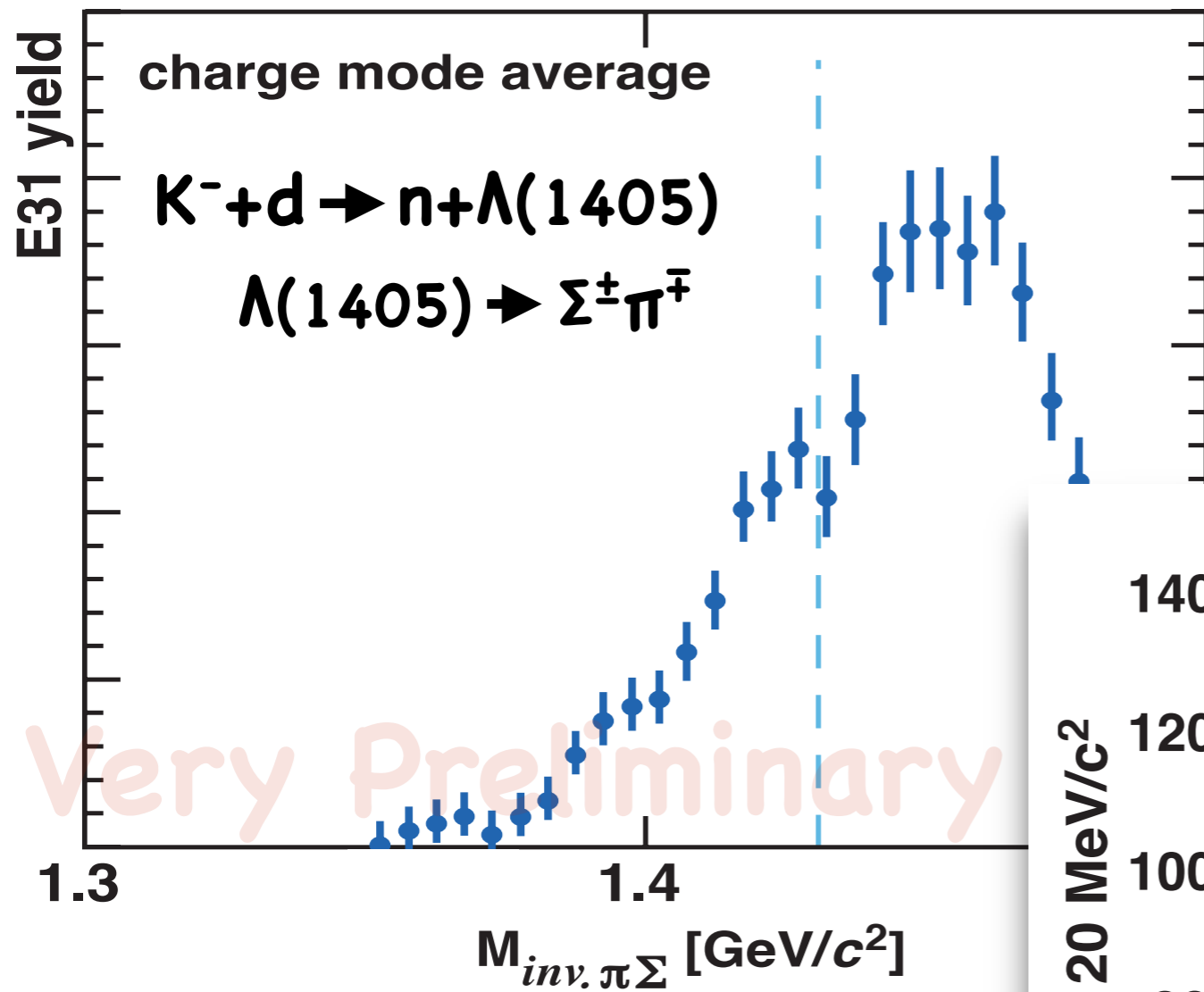




**E3 1:**

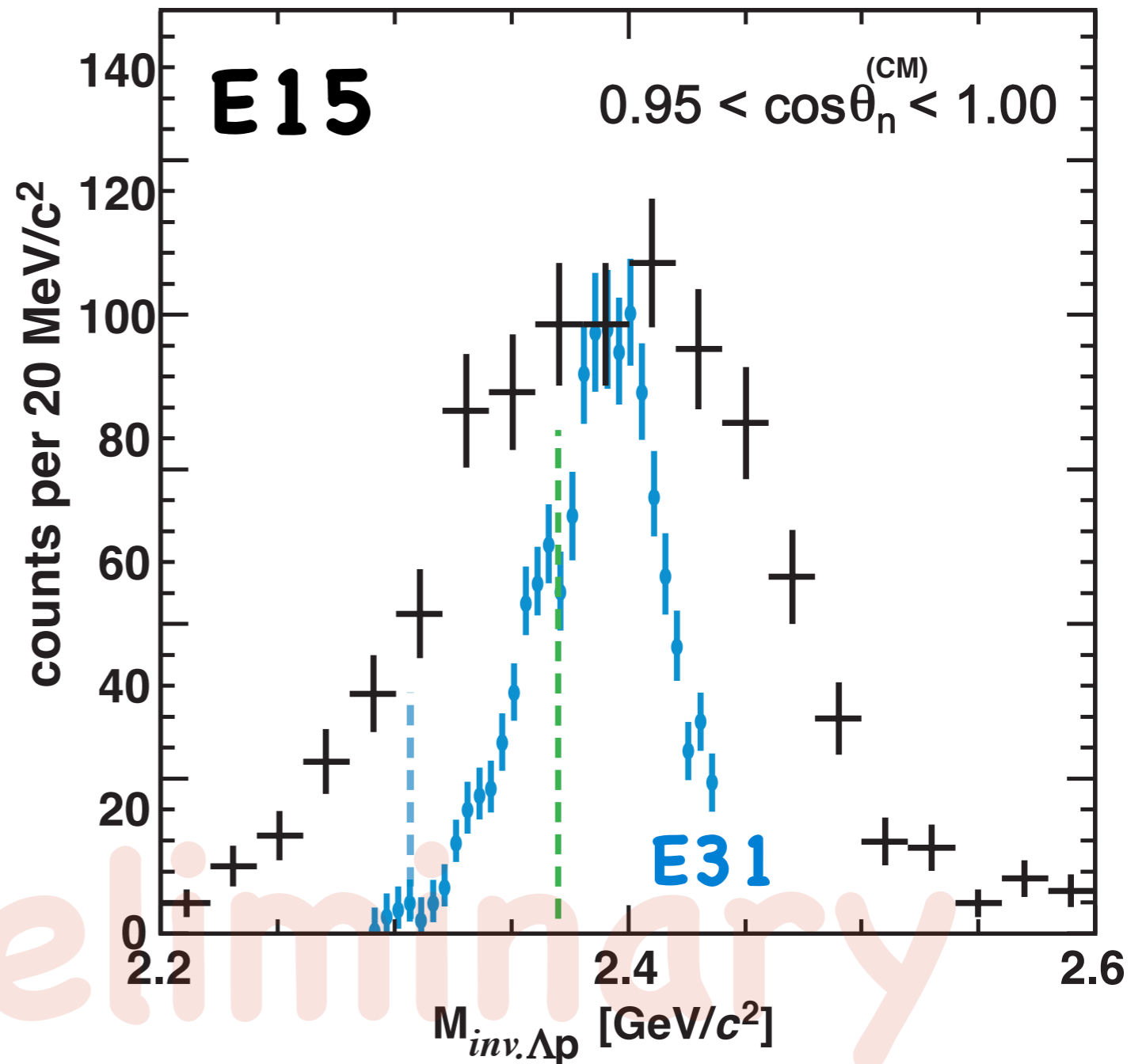
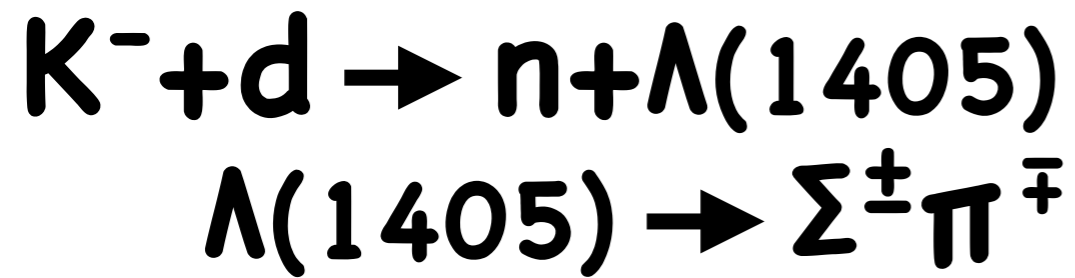


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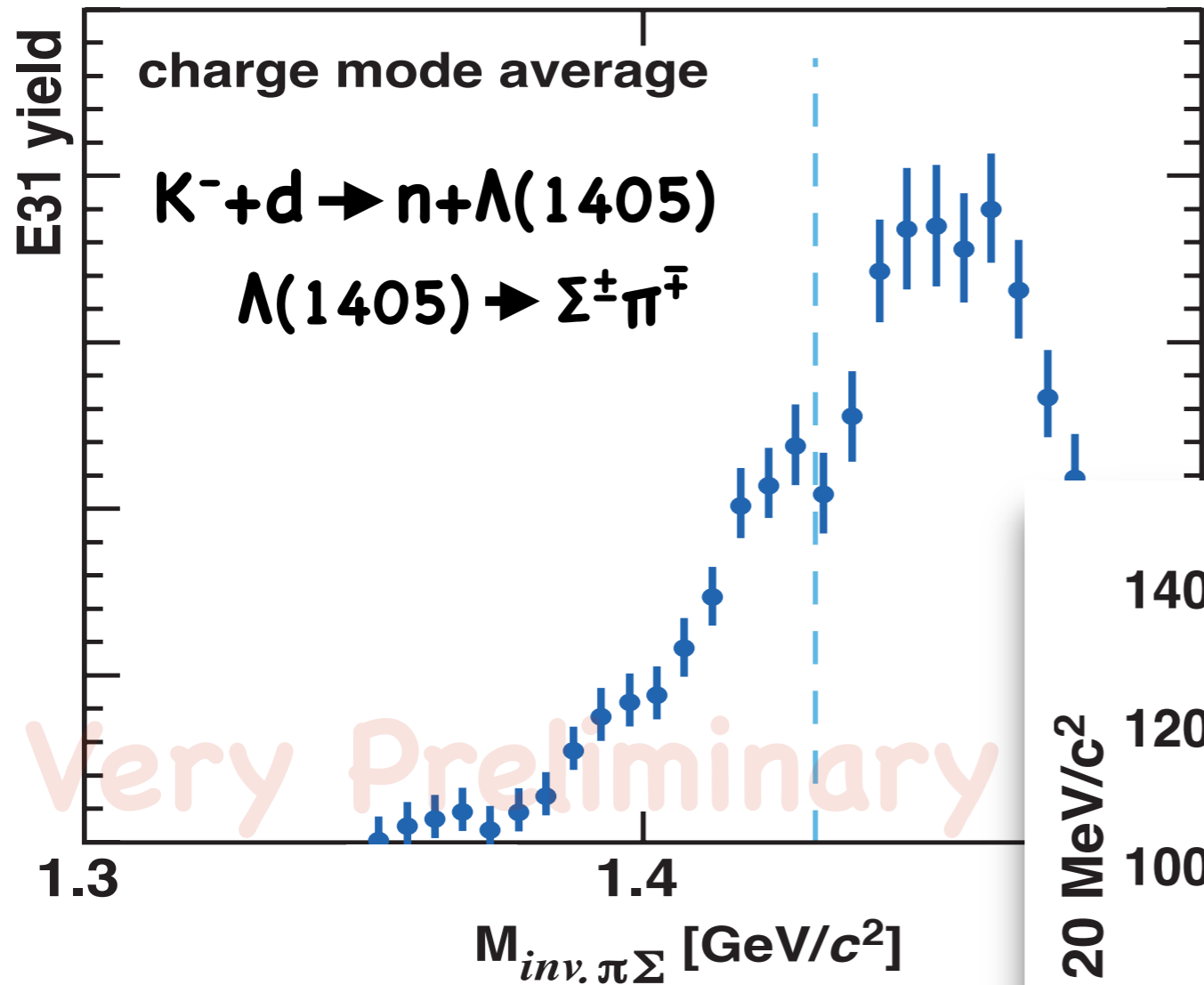


Note: very forward n only

**E31:**



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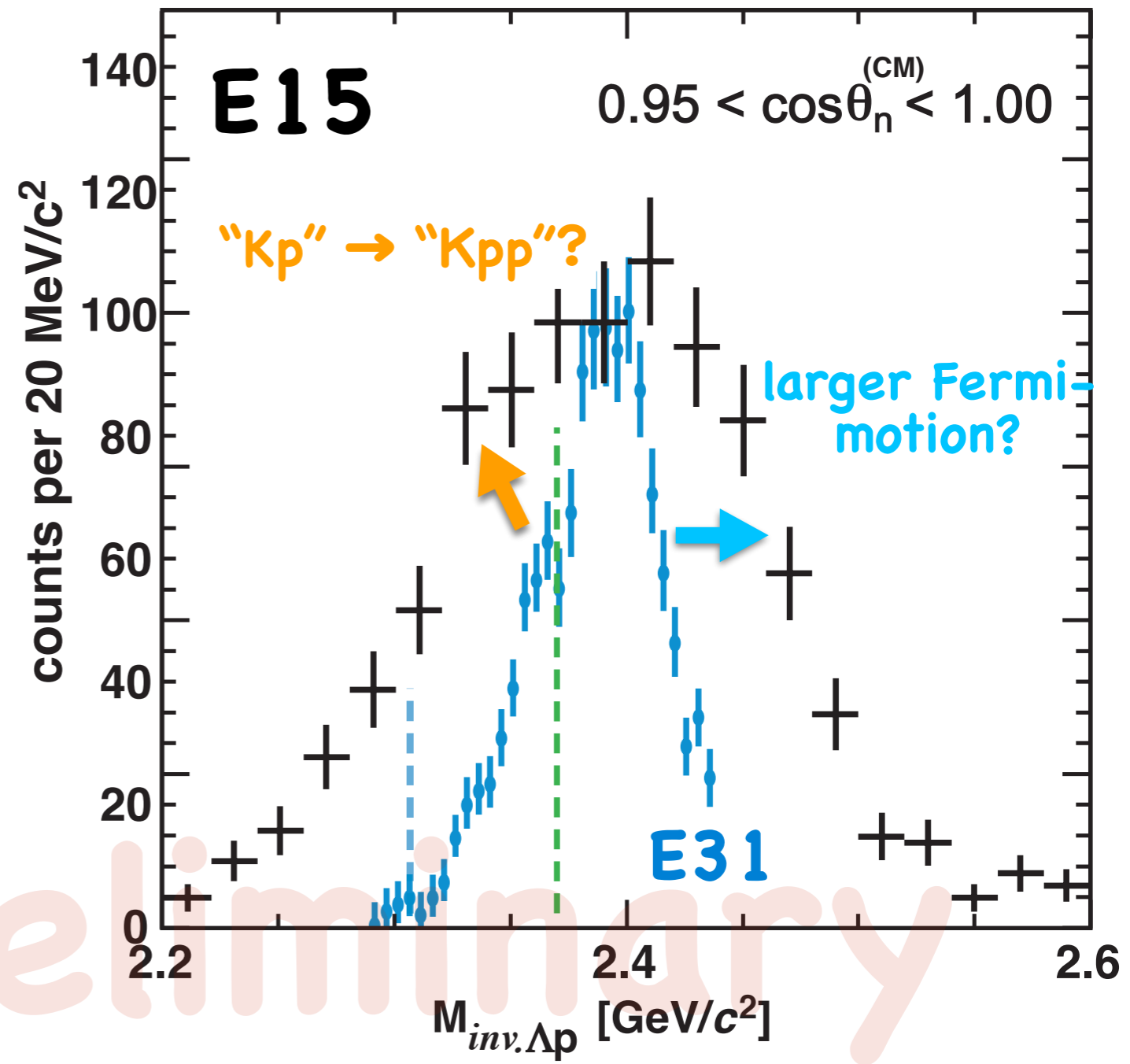


Note: very forward n only

**E31:**

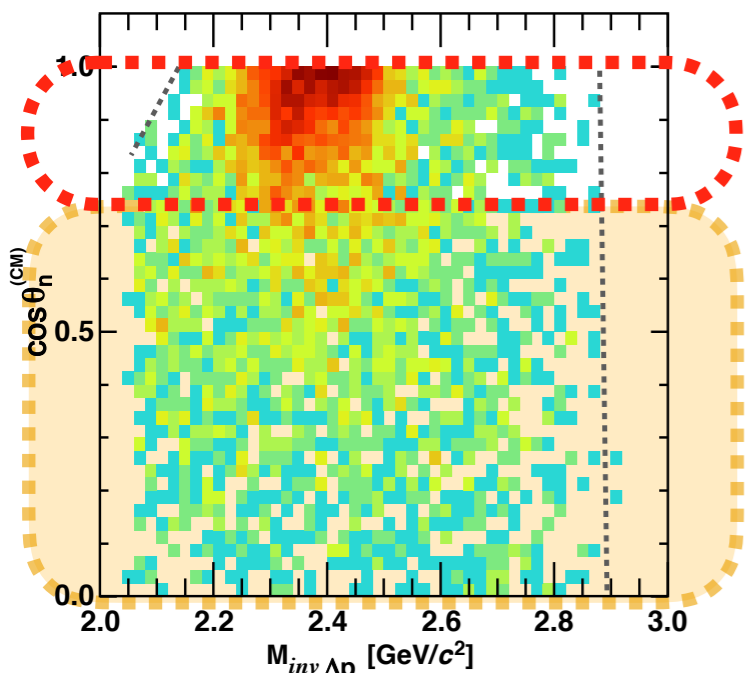
$K^- + d \rightarrow n + \Lambda(1405)$

$\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^\pm \pi^\mp$

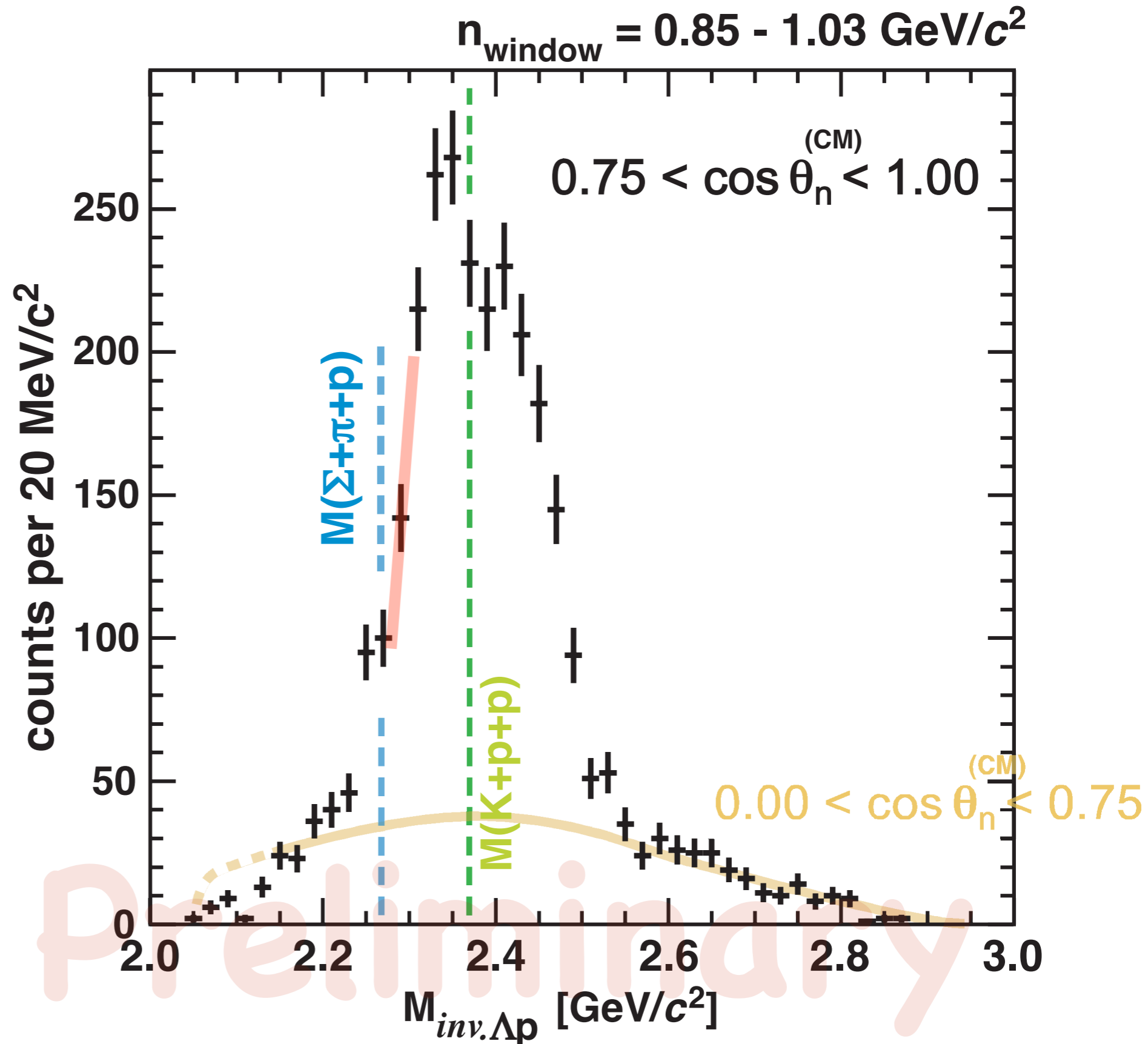


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# How to understand whole structure? ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ :

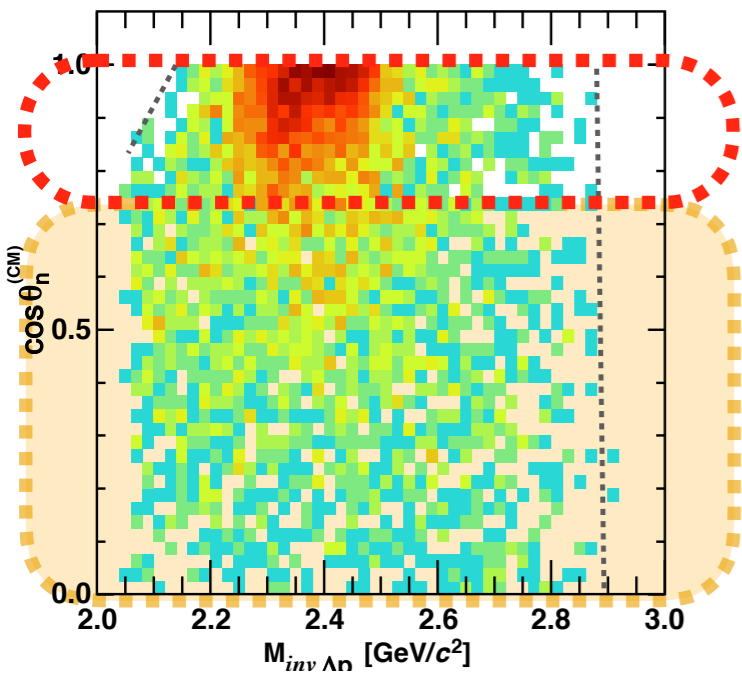


from the shape of deeper region (sharp drop), the structure in bound region must be narrow ( $\sim 60\text{MeV}$ )



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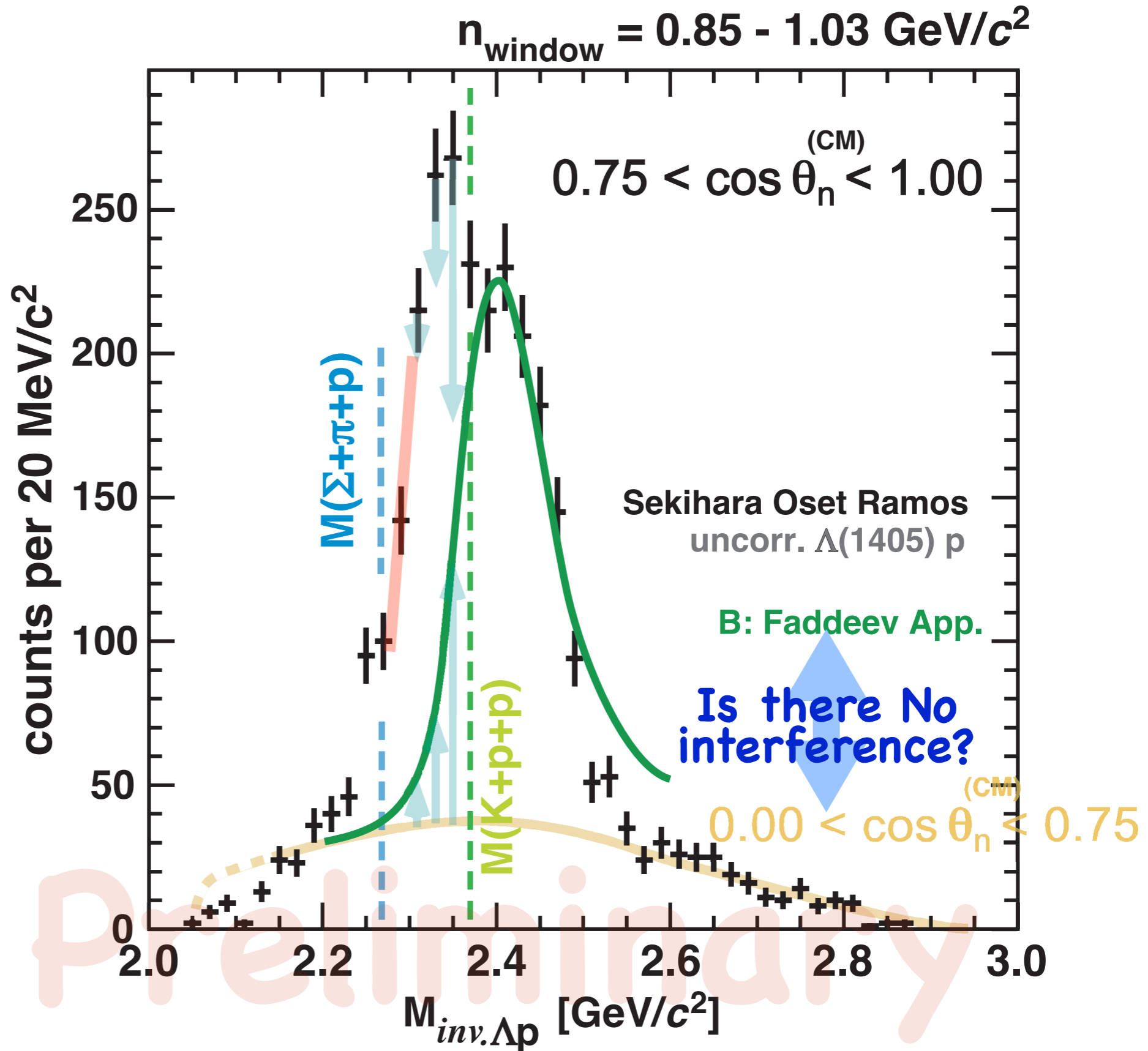
# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ : QE + ?



simple QE

+

?

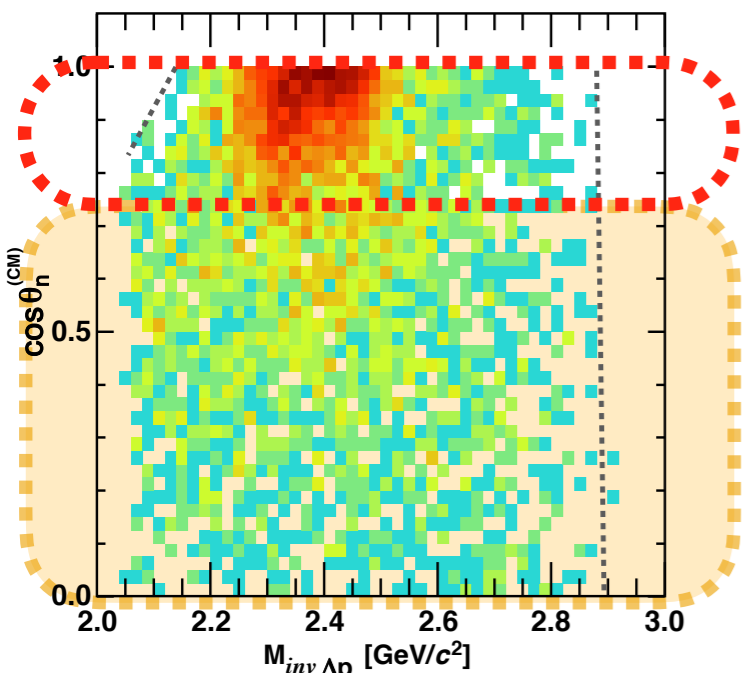


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# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n: \text{QE} + \text{Kpp}$



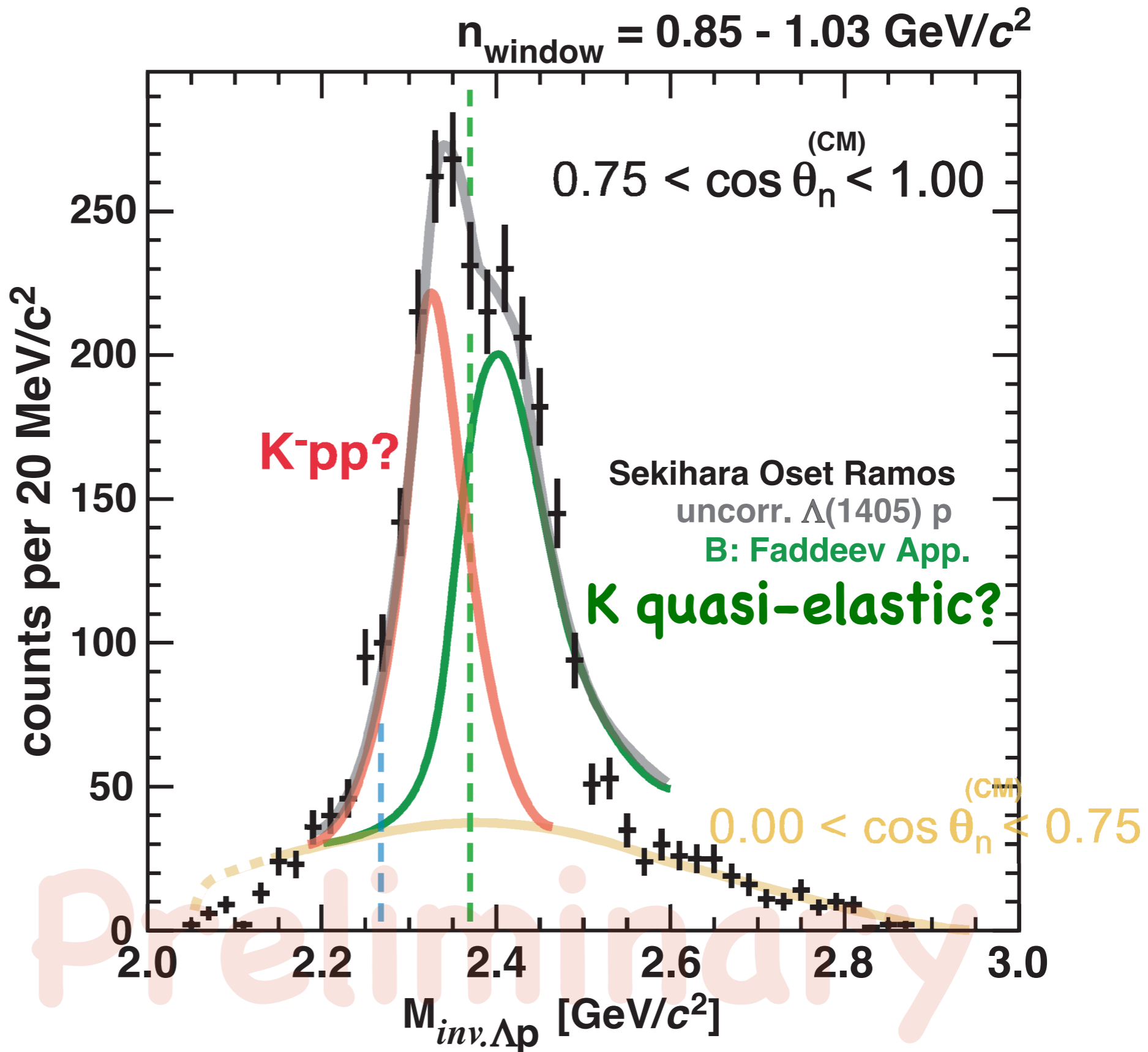
simple QE

+

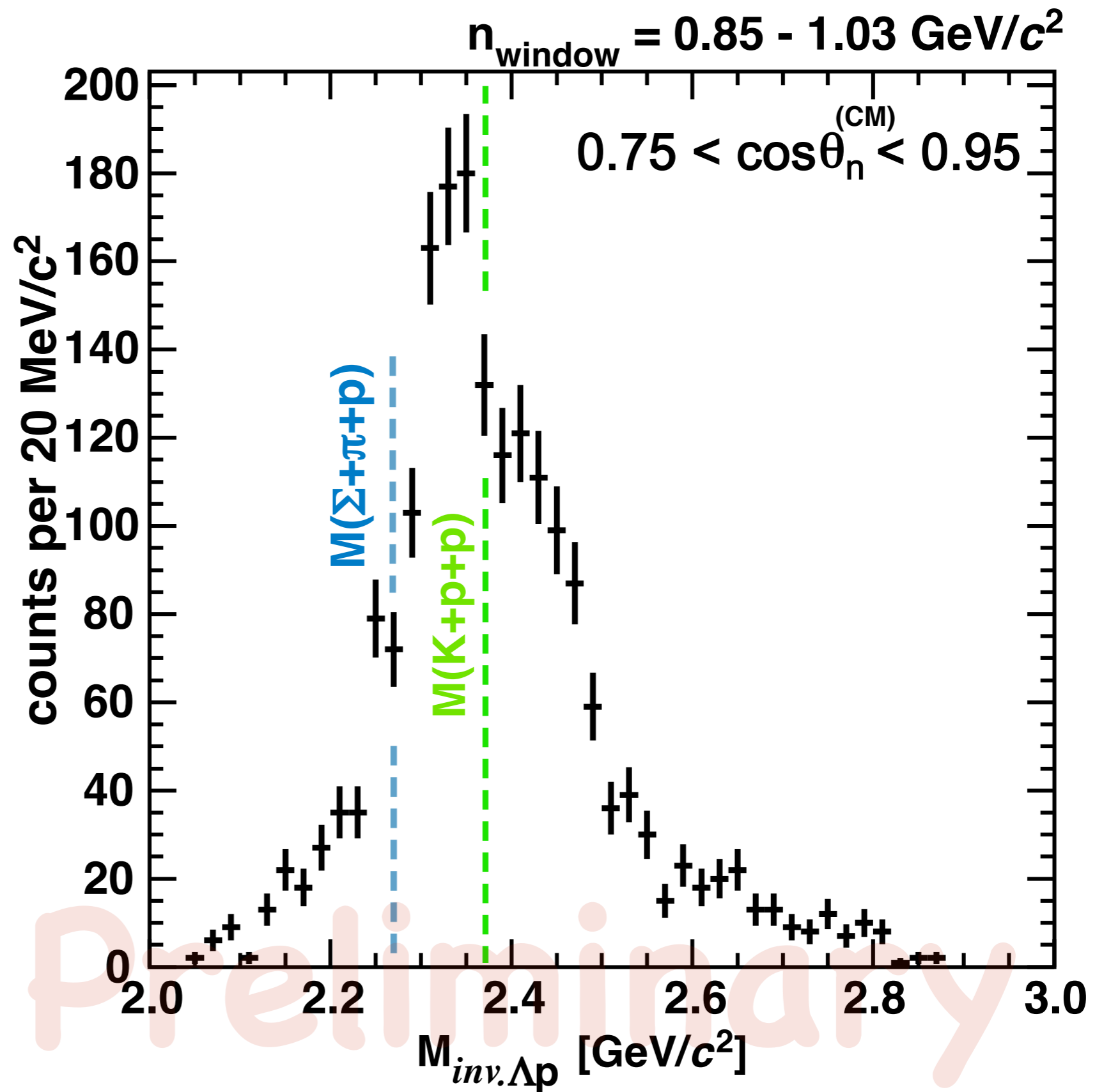
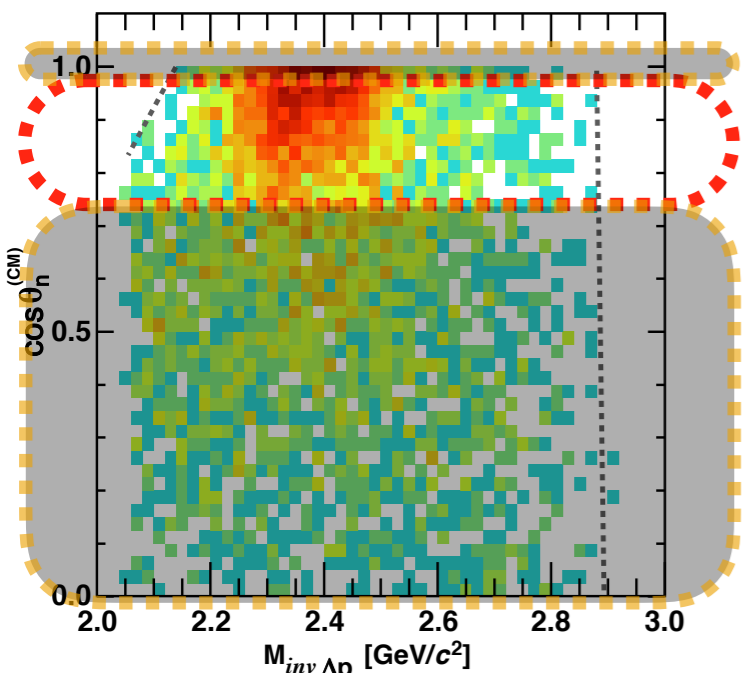
Kpp?

if we can neglect interference

rather deep & narrow in width



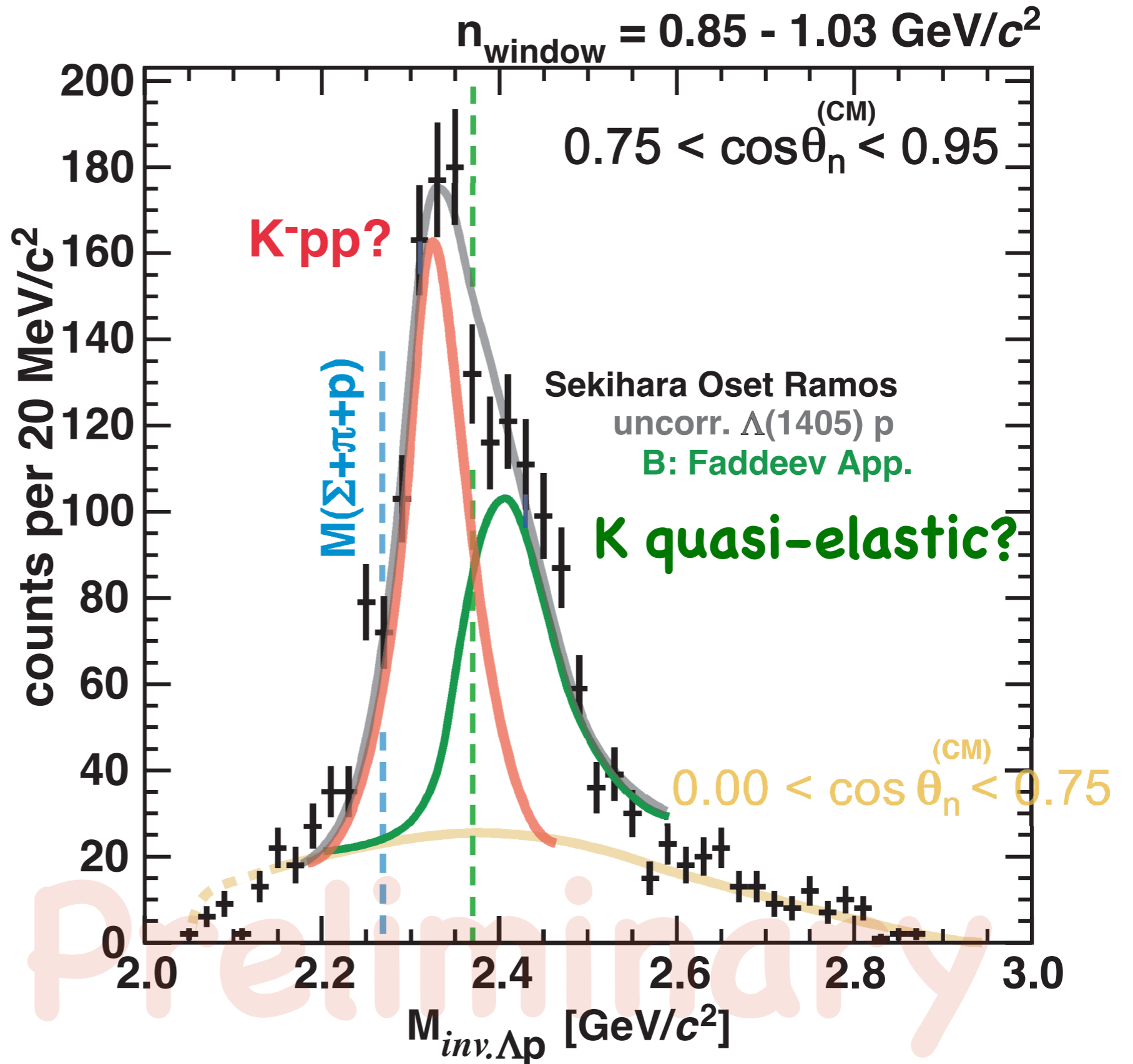
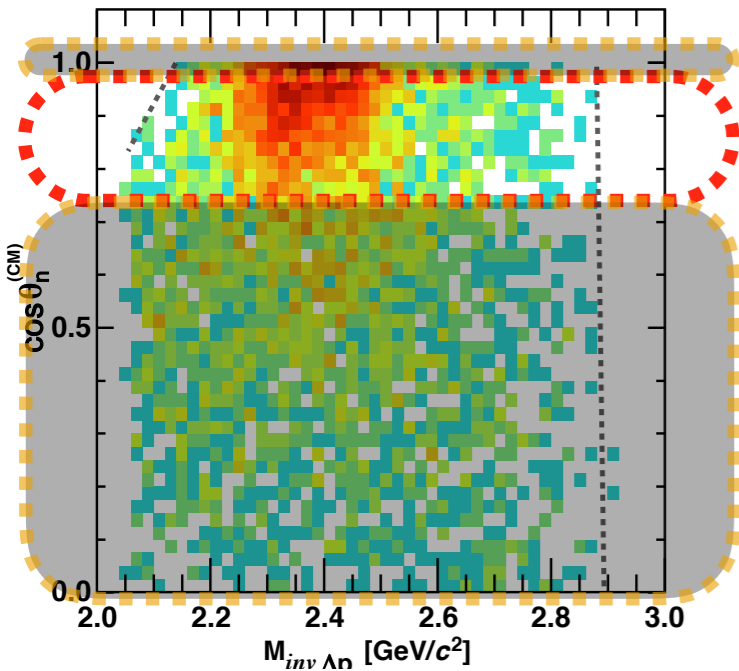
# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ :



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



if we can neglect interference  
rather deep & narrow in width

could be OK

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# Recent status of $K^-pp$ bound state

## Recent results

### Theoretical calc.

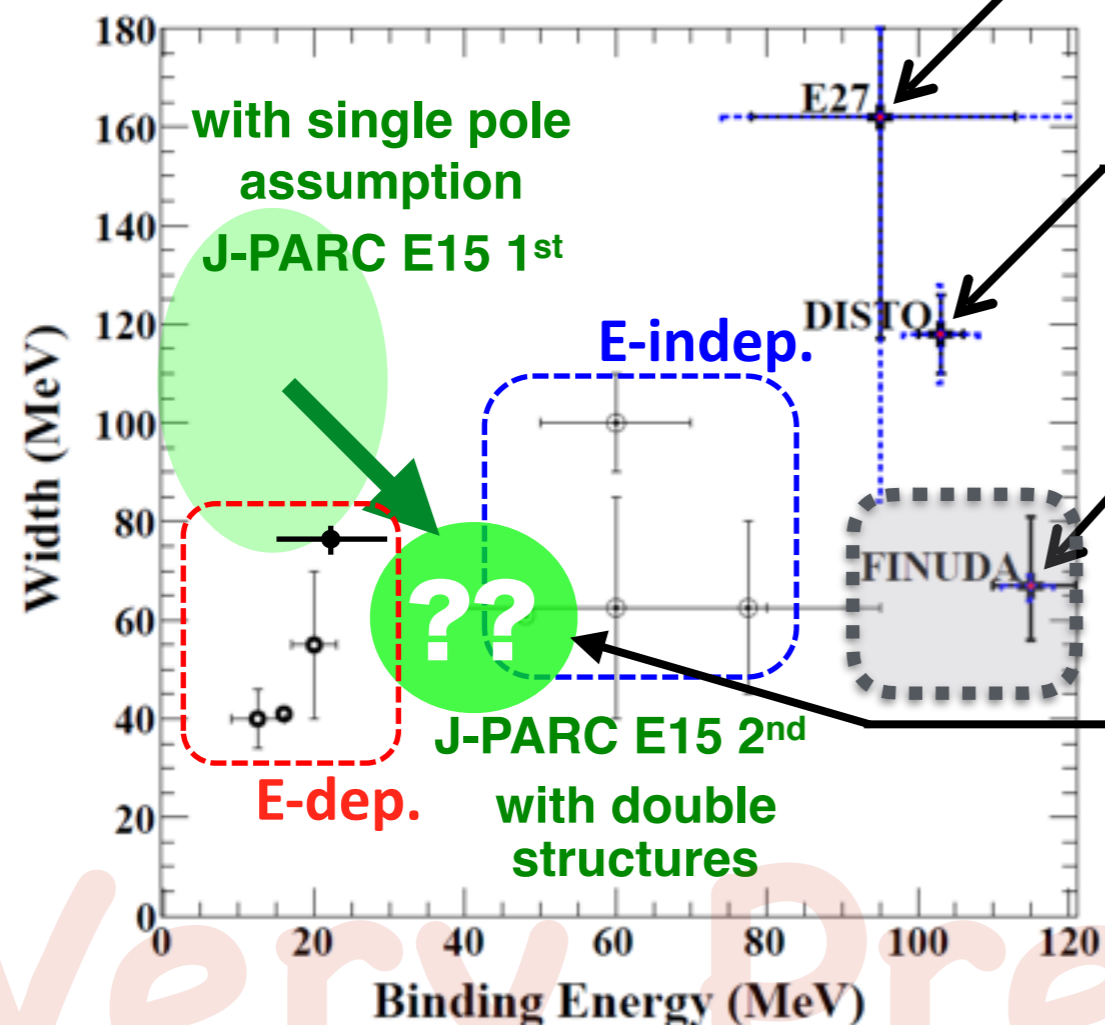
### Experiments

$\bar{K}N$  interaction model

*E-dep.* / *E-indep.*

Reports structure /

**NO** structure



J-PARC E27  
 $d(\pi^+, K^+)X$

DISTO  
 $pp \rightarrow \Lambda p K^+$

FINUDA  
(stopped  $K^-$ ,  $\Lambda p$ )

J-PARC E15

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

LEPS  
 $p(\gamma, \pi^- K^+)X$

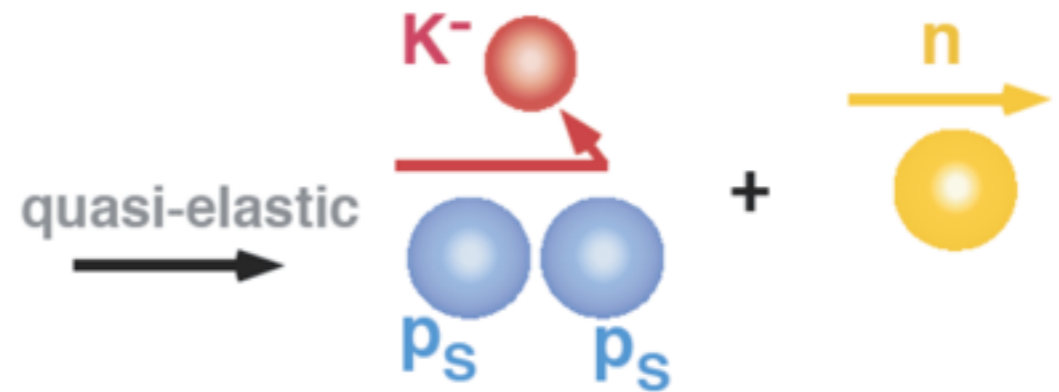
HADES  
 $pp \rightarrow \Lambda p K^+$

FINUDA ?

could be the first convincing data  
... after a long journey ...

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# Summary



low  $q_K$  is key for the formation

first convincing  $Kpp$  signal

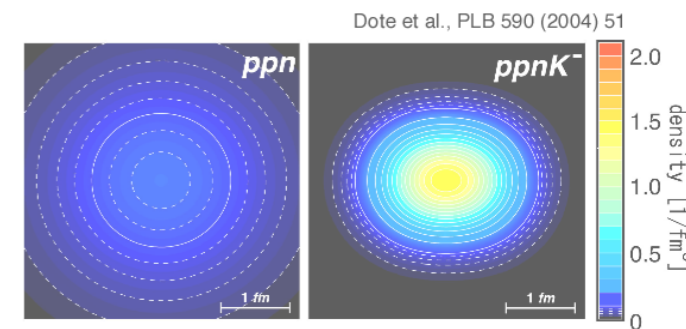
*probably,  $B_K \sim 100$  MeV would be excluded*

compact system ?

$Q_K \sim 400$  MeV/c  $\rightarrow \sim 0.5$  fm?

deeper than  $\chi$ -UM ?

*cf. arXiv:1607.02058  $\rightarrow M_{\Lambda p} = 2354 - 36i$  MeV*



$B(K) \sim 15$  MeV  
 $\Gamma(K) \sim 70$  MeV

what needed to be finalized?



what is flat dist. over Dalitz?

$\Lambda_{pn}$

finish analysis, including  $E31$ ?

*full kinematical refit / angular distributions ...*

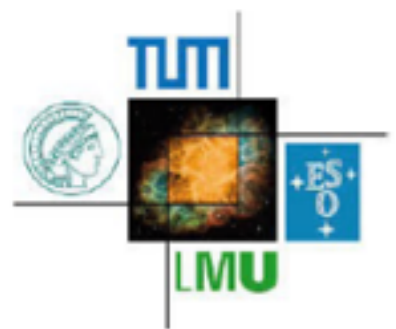
further theoretical inputs?

$J^P$ ?

examine other possibilities: *uncorrelated  $\Sigma^* p$ ?*



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# BACKUPS

# E15

beam dump

beam sweeping magnet

liquid  $^3\text{He}$ -target system

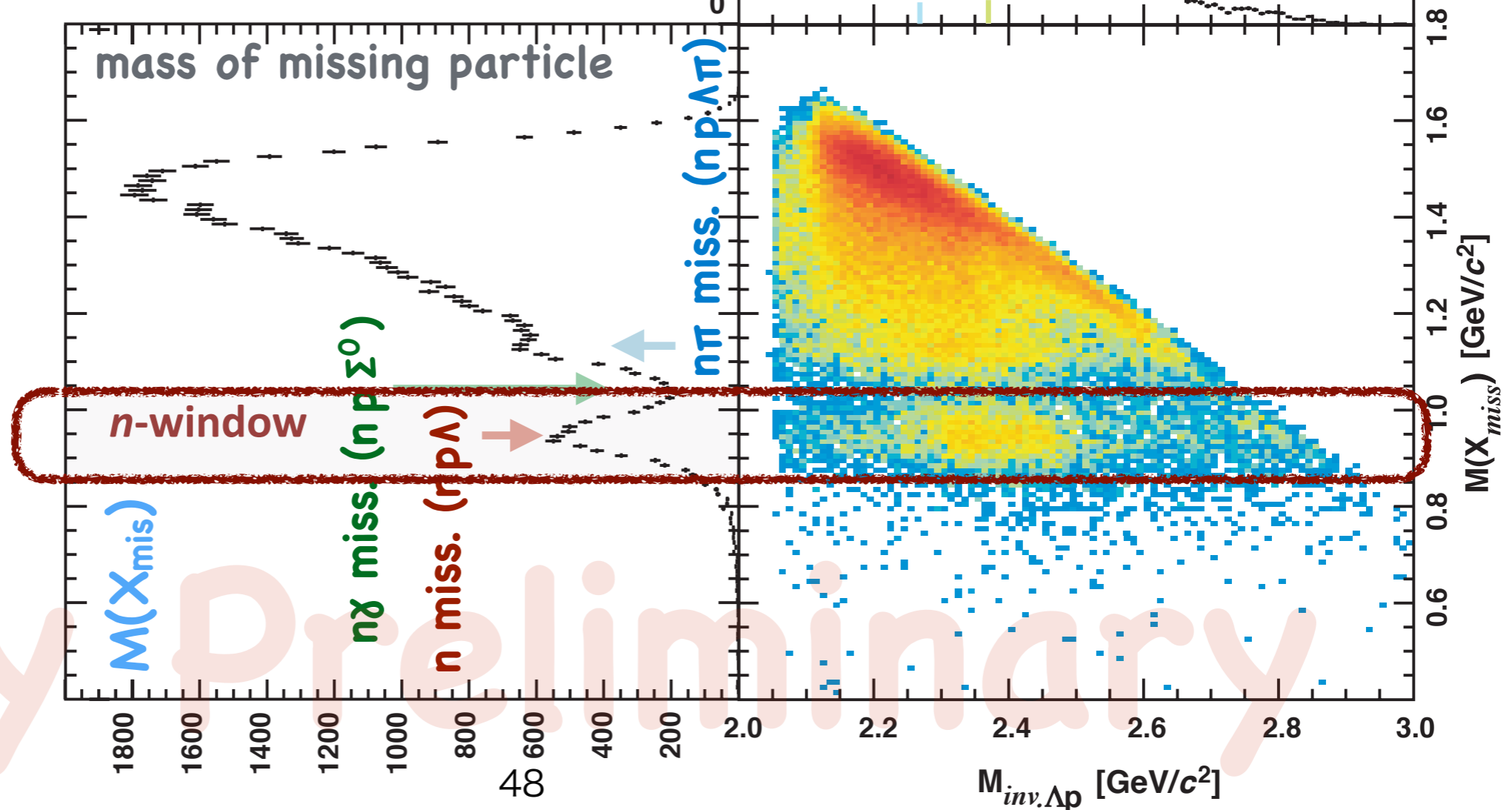
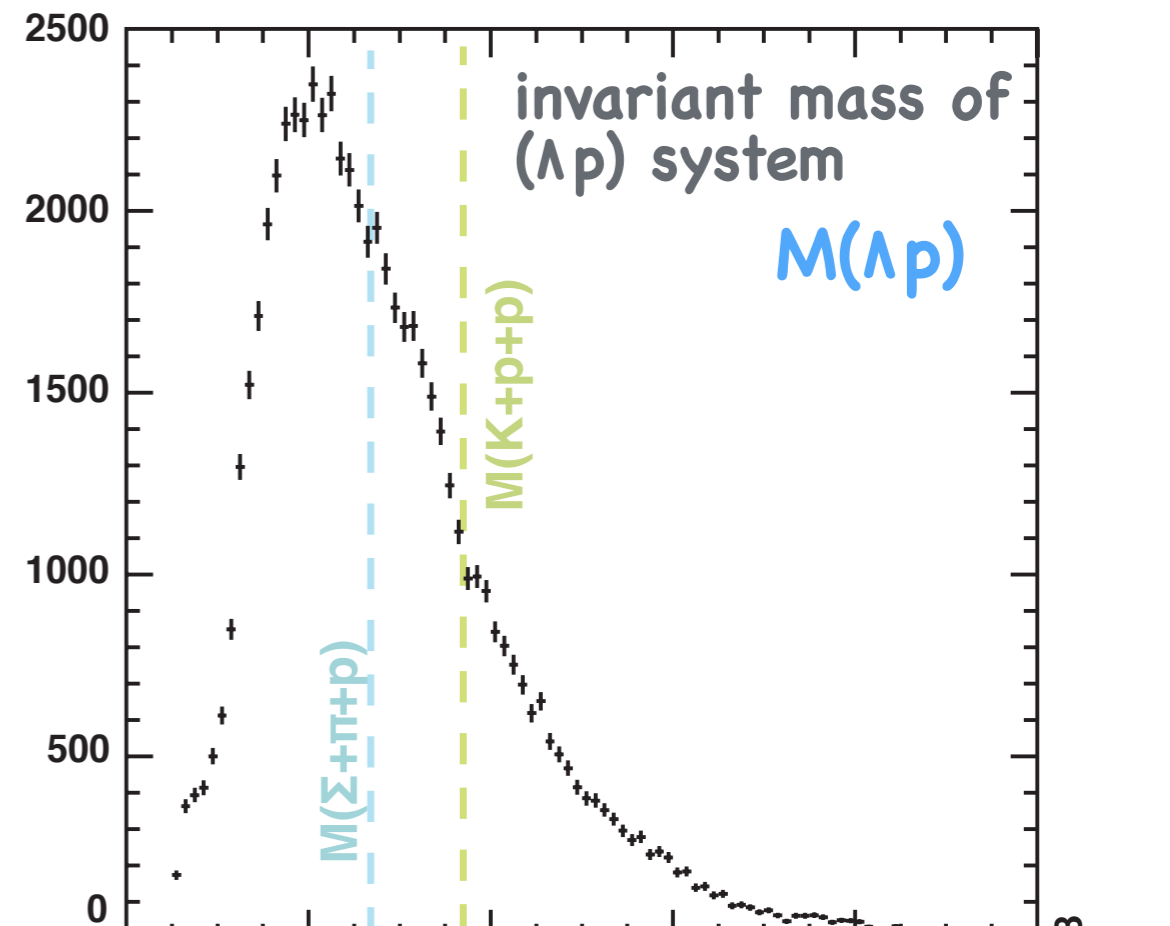
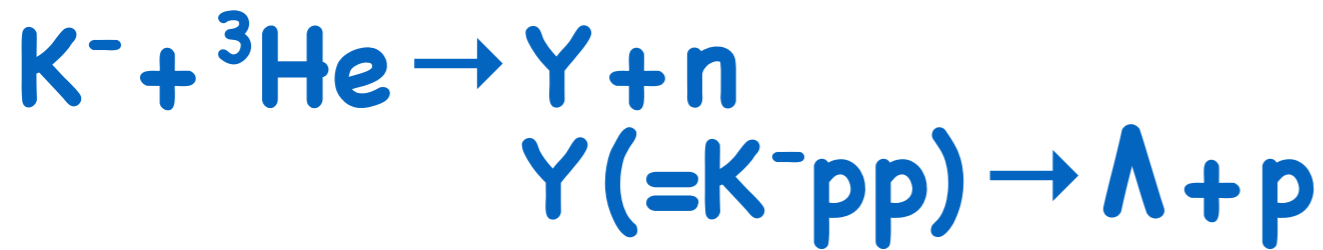
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charge veto counter  
proton counter

CDS

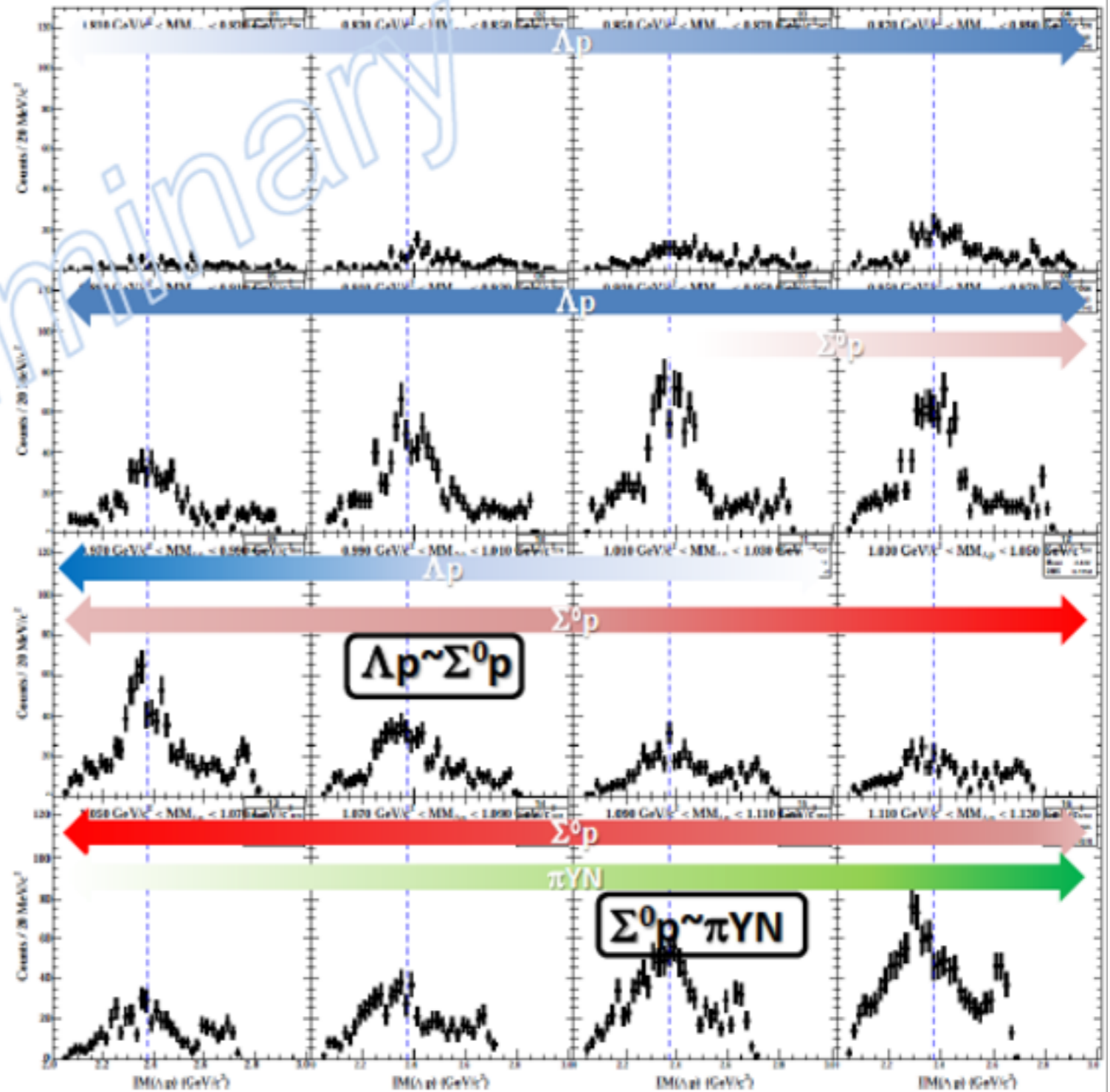
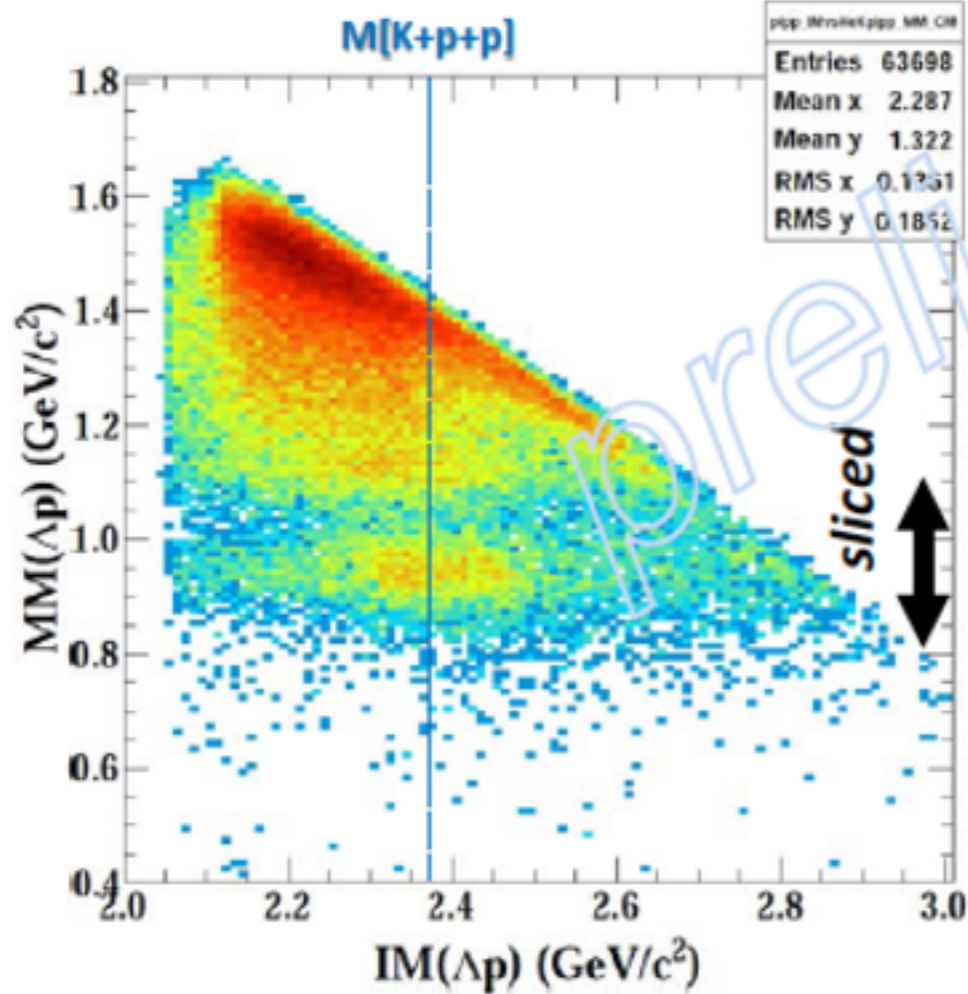
beam line spectrometer

# J-PARC

*K. Agari et. al., PTEP 2012, 02B011*

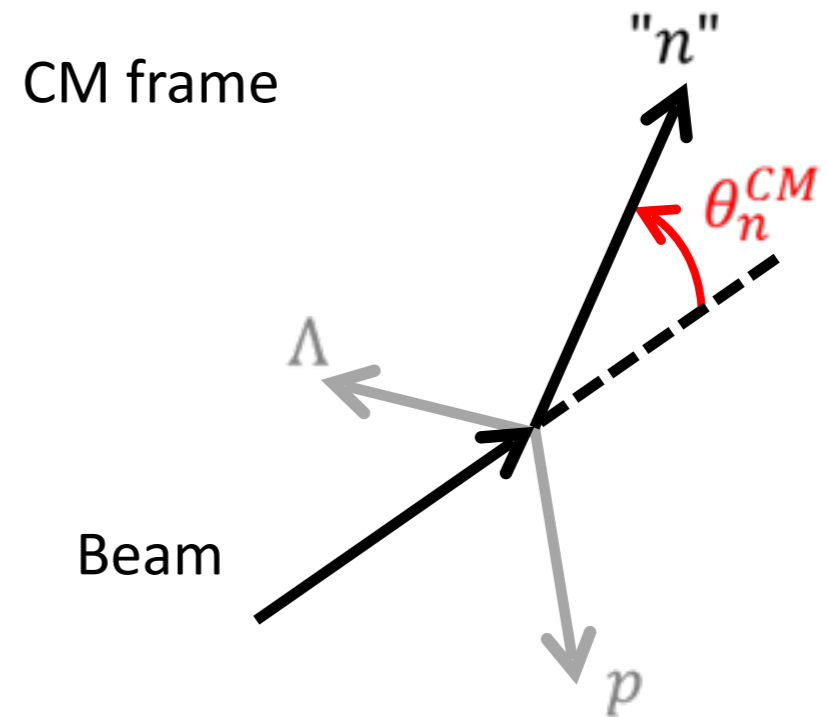
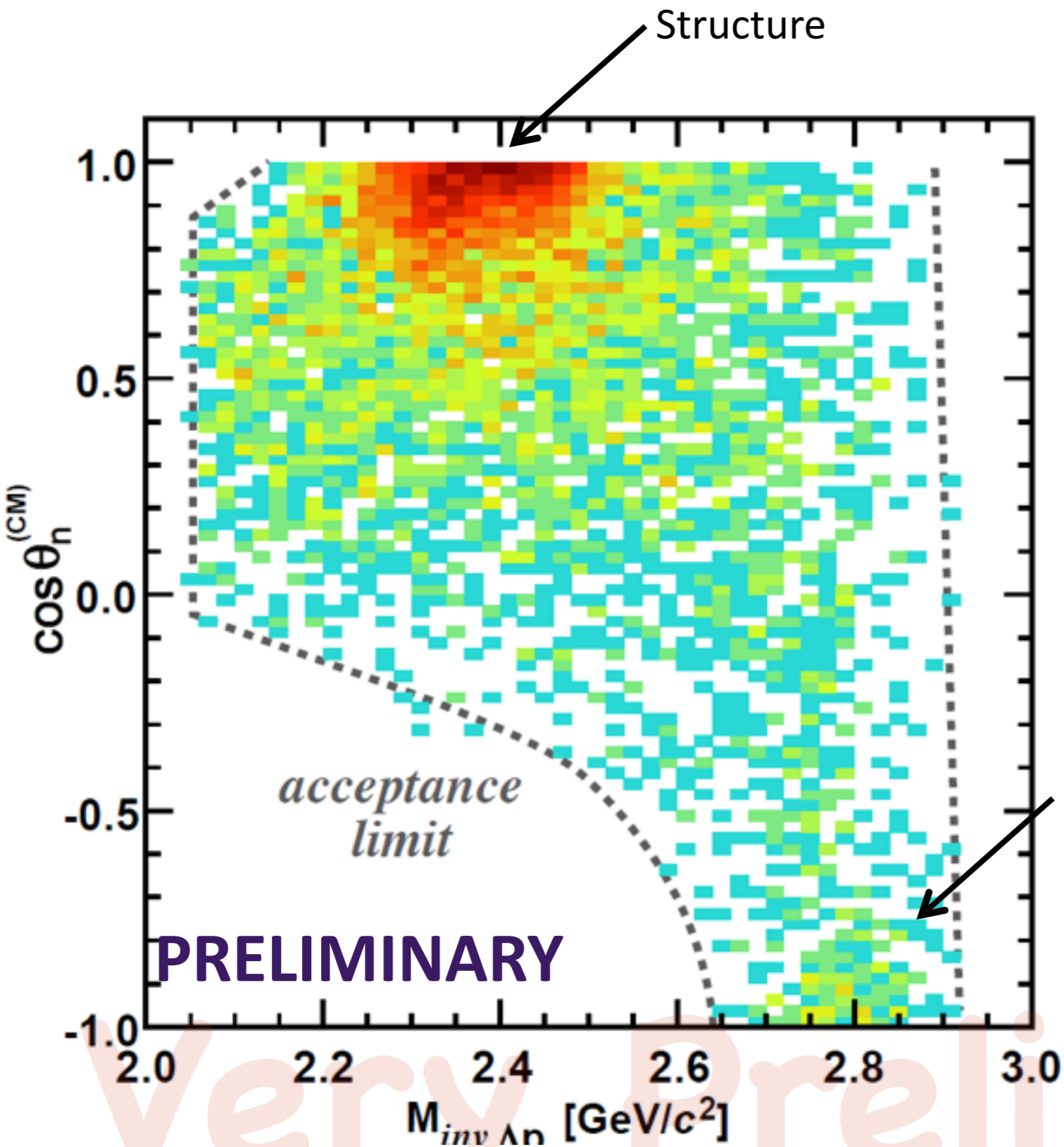


# ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Delta p)n$ : Decay Channel

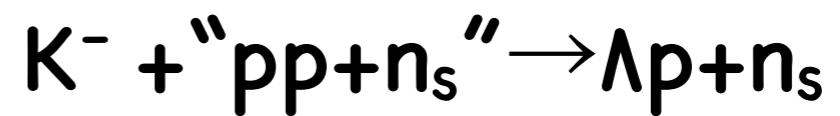
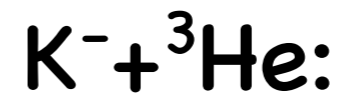


$\Gamma(\Delta p) > \Gamma(\Sigma^0 p)$  !?

# $IM(\Lambda p)$ vs. $\cos \theta_n^{CM}$ Plot



2NA process



backward

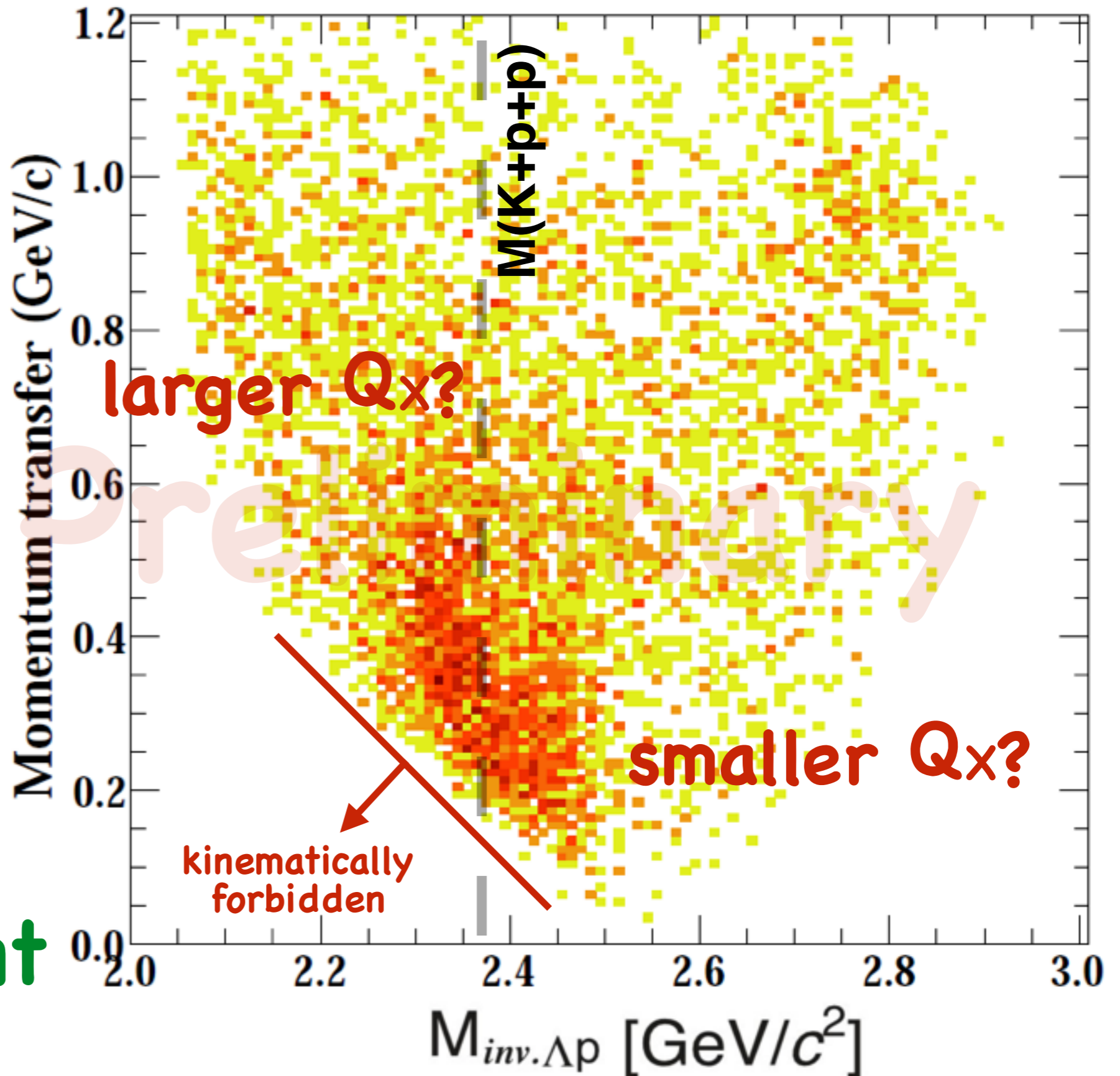


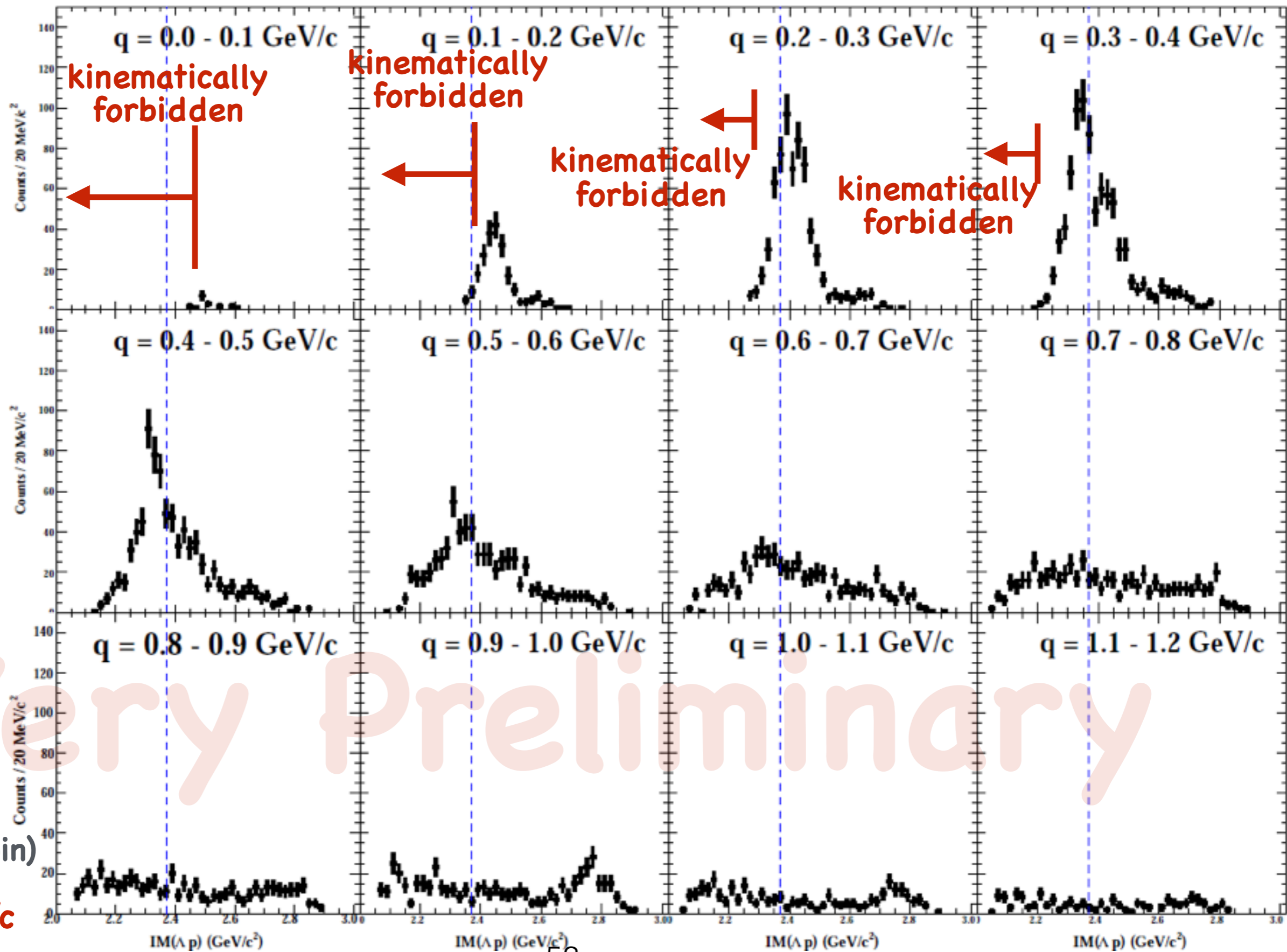
$q_x$   
dependence

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two  
components?

with different  
 $q_x$ ?





(40 MeV bin)  
 slice =  
 0.1 GeV/c

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

T. Hashimoto et al., PTEP (2015) 061D01.

**n : semi-inclusive**

**E15<sup>1st</sup> B(X) ~ 15 MeV**

Y. Sada et al., PTEP (2016) 051D01.

**$\Gamma(X) \sim 110 \text{ MeV}$**

**$\Lambda pn$  : single-pole?**

**$Q(X) \sim 400 \text{ MeV}/c$**

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_X}{dM_{inv.\Lambda p}dq} \propto \rho_3(\Lambda pn) \times \frac{(\Gamma_X/2)^2}{(M_{inv.\Lambda p} - M_X)^2 + (\Gamma_X/2)^2} \times |\exp(-q^2/2Q_X^2)|^2,$$



**E15<sup>2nd</sup>**

**two structures & Kpp for deeper one!!**

**B(X) ~ 50 ?? MeV ... very deep (not hyper deep, though)**

**$\Gamma(X) \sim 60 ?? \text{ MeV}$  ... rather narrow**

**$Q(X) \sim 400 ?? \text{ MeV}/c$  ... very compact ( < 0.5 fm ? )**

**remaining mystery "point like reaction in  $\Lambda pn$  final state"**

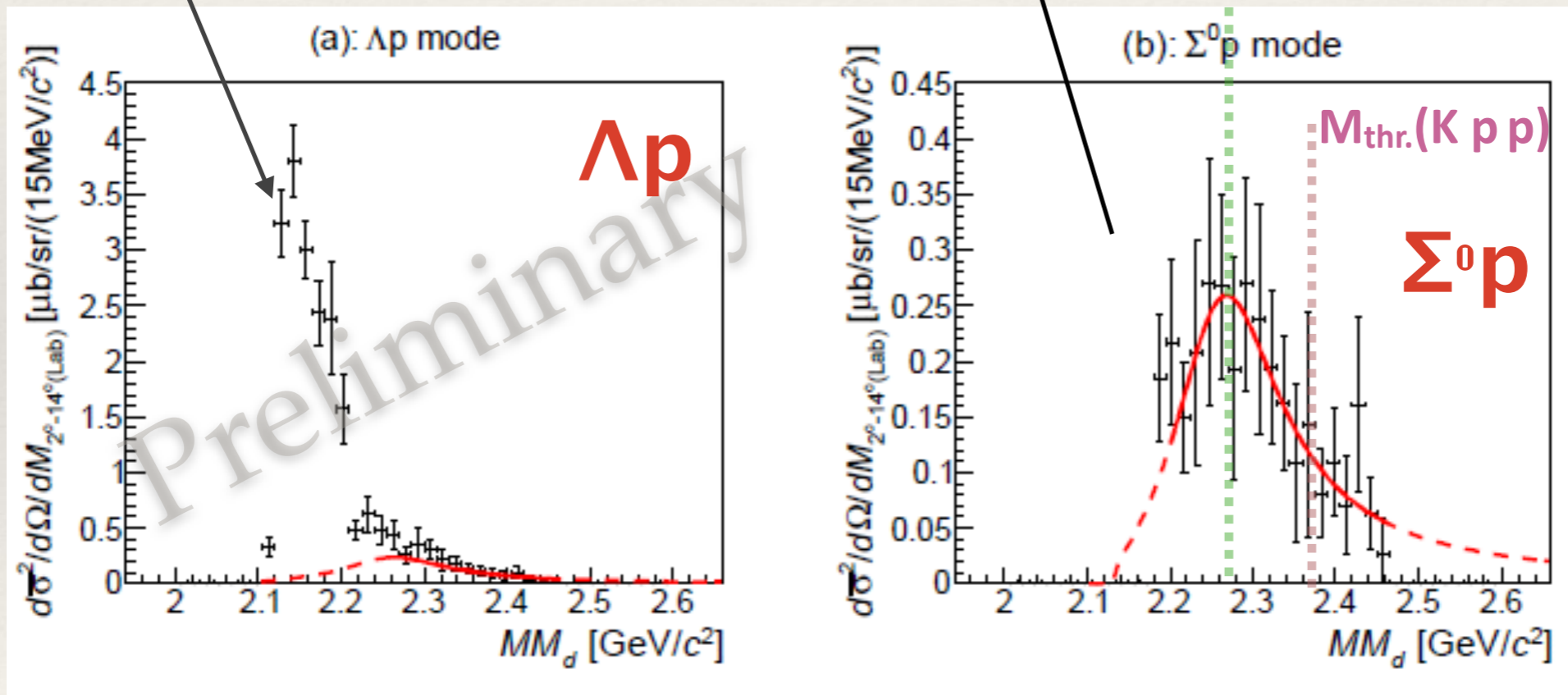
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# K-pp-like structure in $\Sigma^0 p$

## $\Lambda p / \Sigma^0 p$

- ❖ **Mass :**  $2275_{-18}^{+17}(\text{stat.})_{-30}^{+21}(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- ❖ **Width :**  $162_{-45}^{+87}(\text{stat.})_{-78}^{+66}(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}$
- ❖ **Binding Energy**  $95_{-17}^{+18}(\text{stat.})_{-21}^{+30}(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}$

$\Sigma N$  cusp +  
 $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$  conversion



$$\frac{\Gamma_{\Lambda p}}{\Gamma_{\Sigma^0 p}} = 0.92_{-0.14}^{+0.16}(\text{stat})_{-0.42}^{+0.60}(\text{syst})$$

**No threshold effect seen?!**

