

Strangeness Nuclear Physics with HADES

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- Motivation
- Measured Kaon and Antikaon properties in nuclear matter
- Cascade Excess within nuclear matter

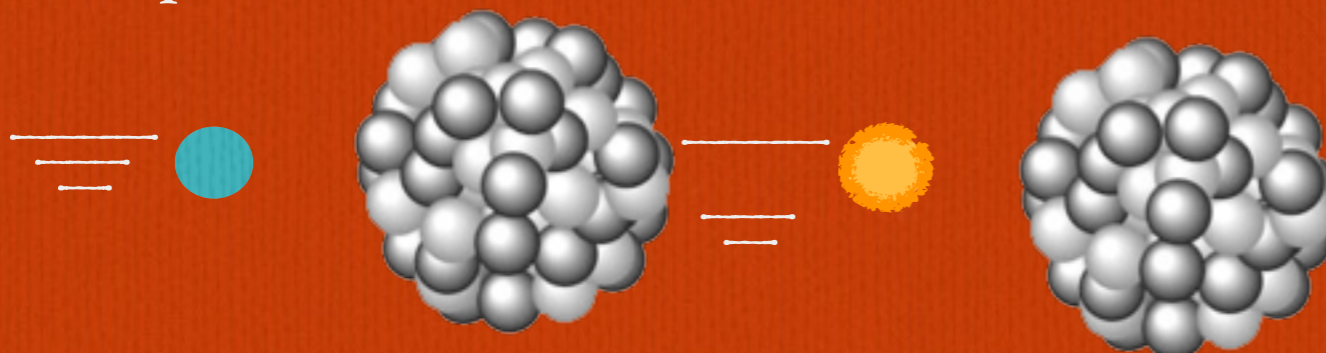
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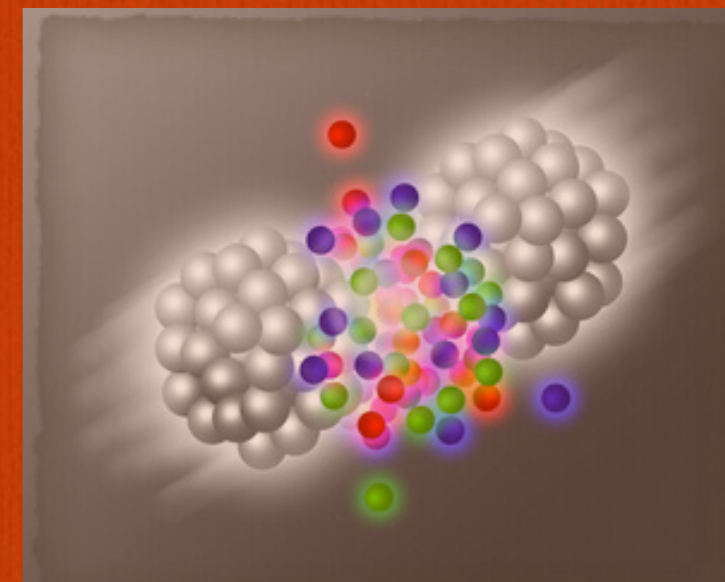
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π -nucleus

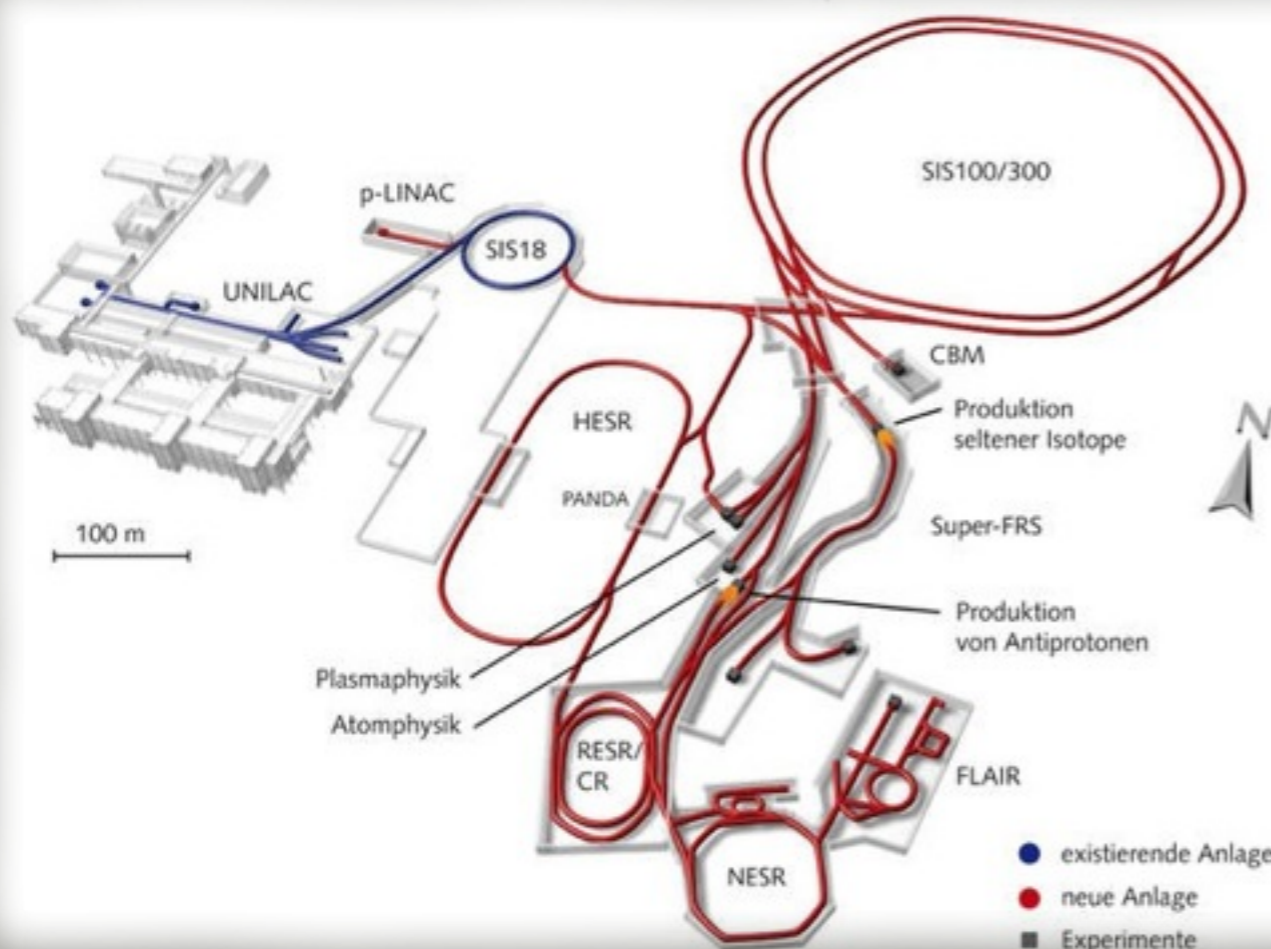


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Heavy-ion Collisions $Q_B < 2-3 Q_0$

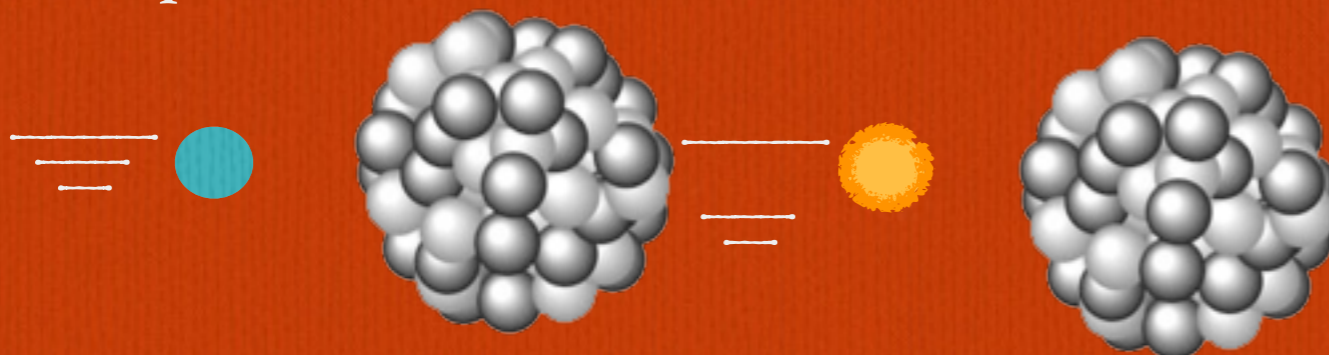


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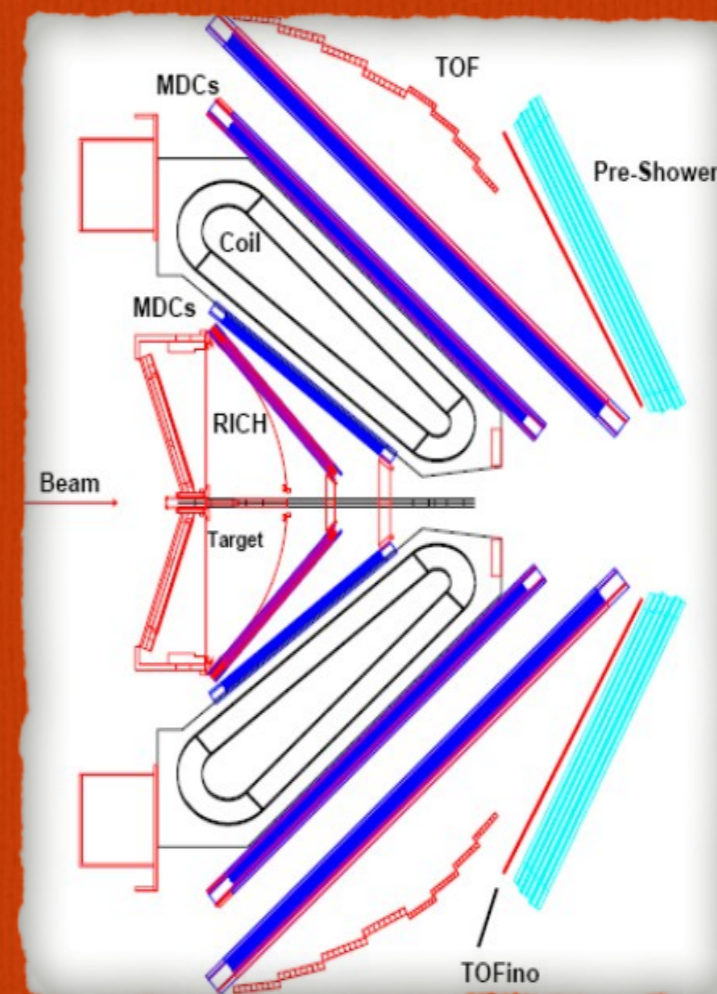
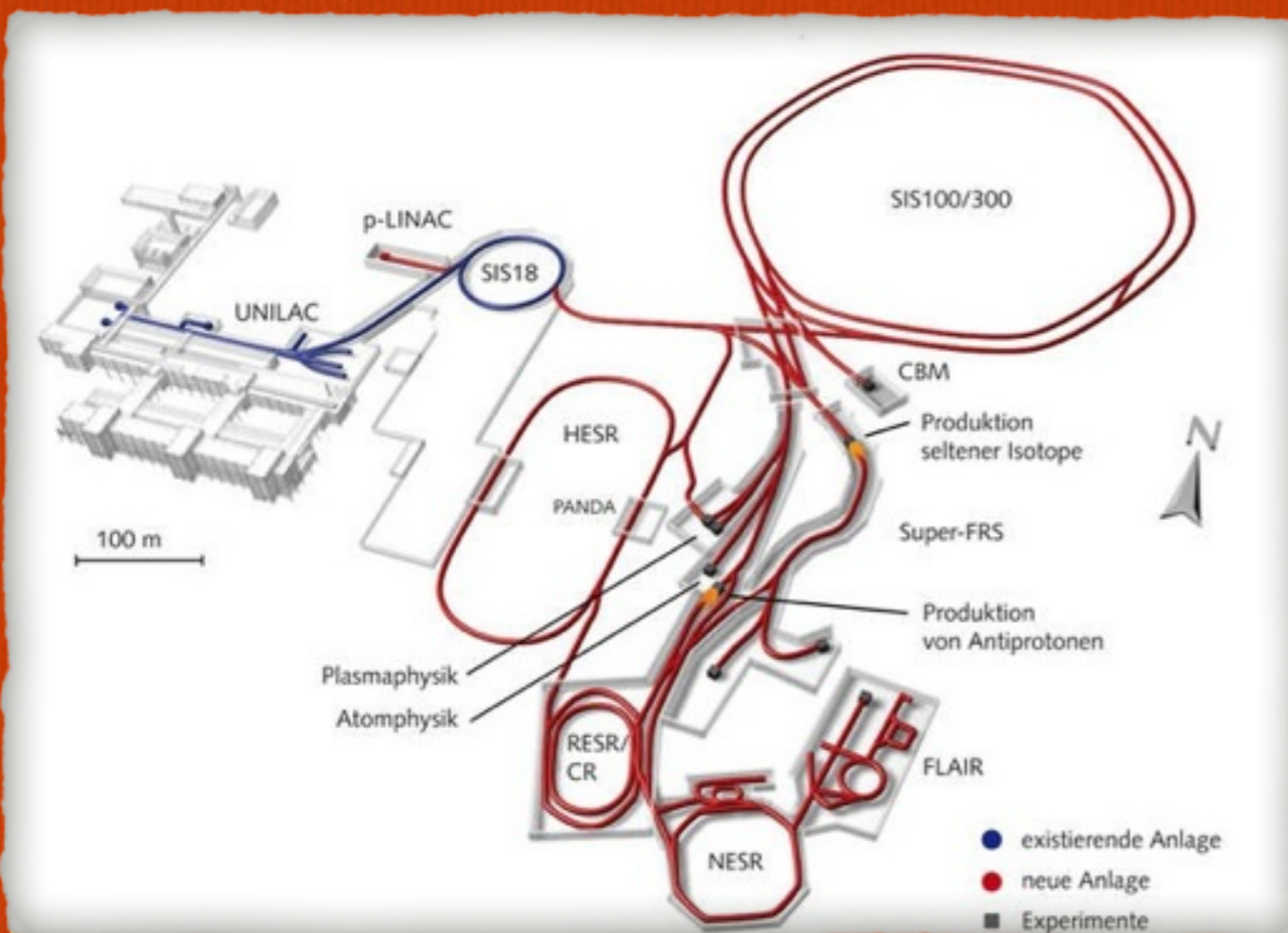
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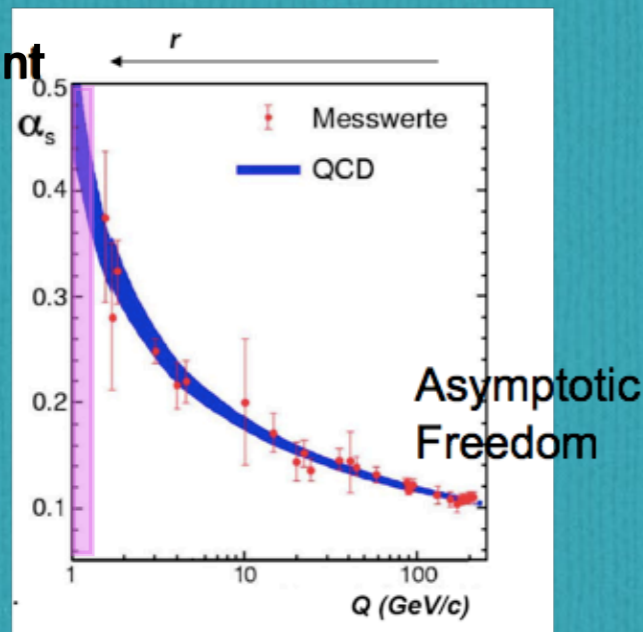


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HADES
High Acceptance Di-Electron Spectrometer
Fixed Target Experiment
SIS18, $E_{kin} = 1-3 \text{ GeV/nucleon}$
Full azimuthal coverage, $18^\circ - 85^\circ$ in polar angle
 $\delta p/p \sim 1-3 \%$



Confinement



Small Q (~ 1 GeV)
Large Distances (1 fm)

Effective Field Theory of interacting Bosons

- Test-bed of the strong interaction in few body systems
- Strange quarks are intermediate between “light” and “heavy”
-> Interplay between spontaneous and explicit chiral symmetry breaking in low energy QCD.
- Testing ground: K - N and \bar{K} - N interactions
- In-medium behaviour of these interactions and implications for humanity

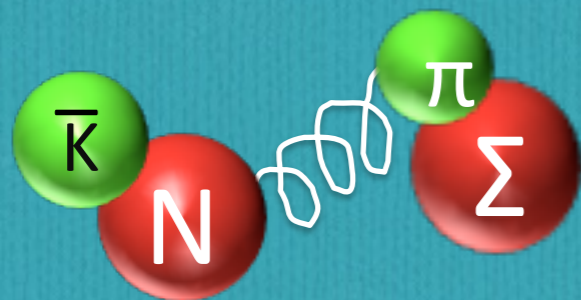
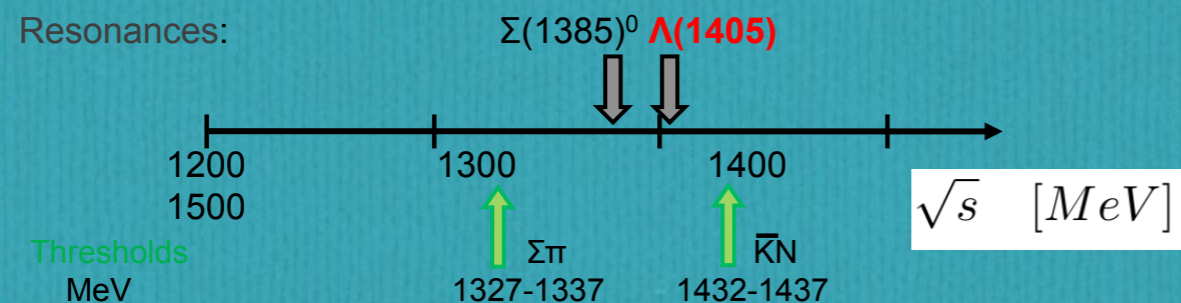
Antikaon

ChPT in SU(3) (exact Theory) does not work for the $\bar{K}N$ system

-> **Coupled-Channel Ansatz** based on **Chiral Dynamics**

Ex: $\Lambda(1405)$ dynamically generated like a QUASI-BOUND $\bar{K}p$ ($I=0$) State

R.H. Dalitz et al., Phys. Rev. 153 (1967) 1617

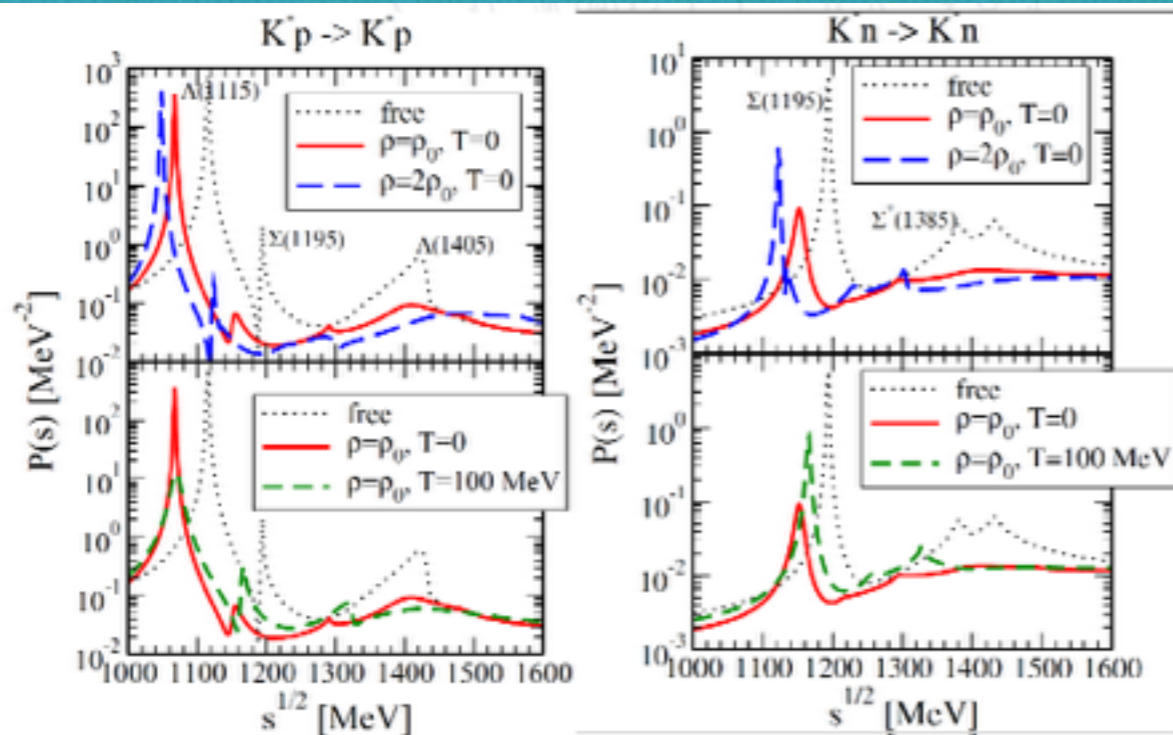


Kaon

ChPT is used to describe K-N interaction since Kaons do not get absorbed generating resonances

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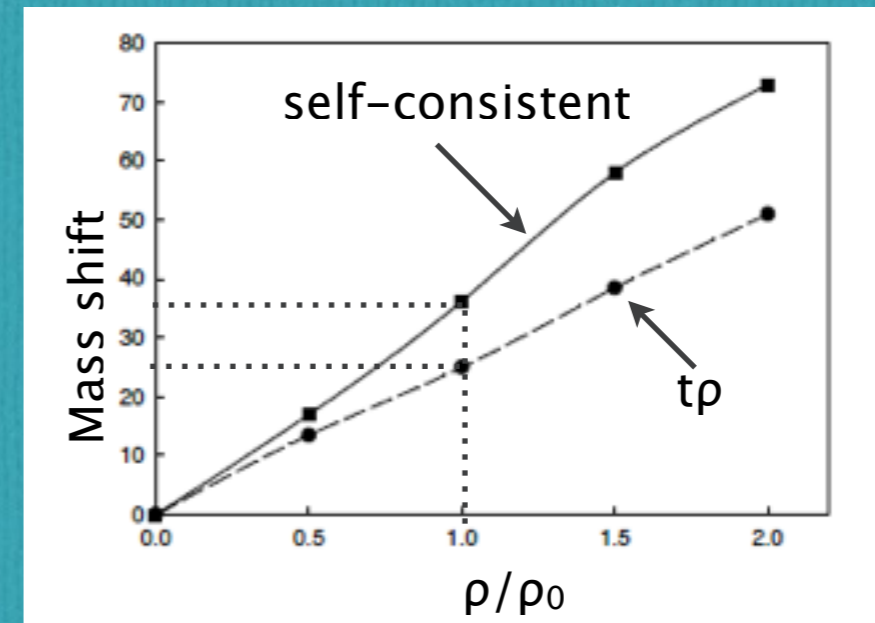
L. Tolos talk: 5a



D. Cabrera, L. Tolos et al., PRC90 (2014) 055207

- Attractive in-medium interaction, strong decrease of the effective mass, major broadening
- Complicated in-medium spectral function due to strong coupling to resonances

Kaon



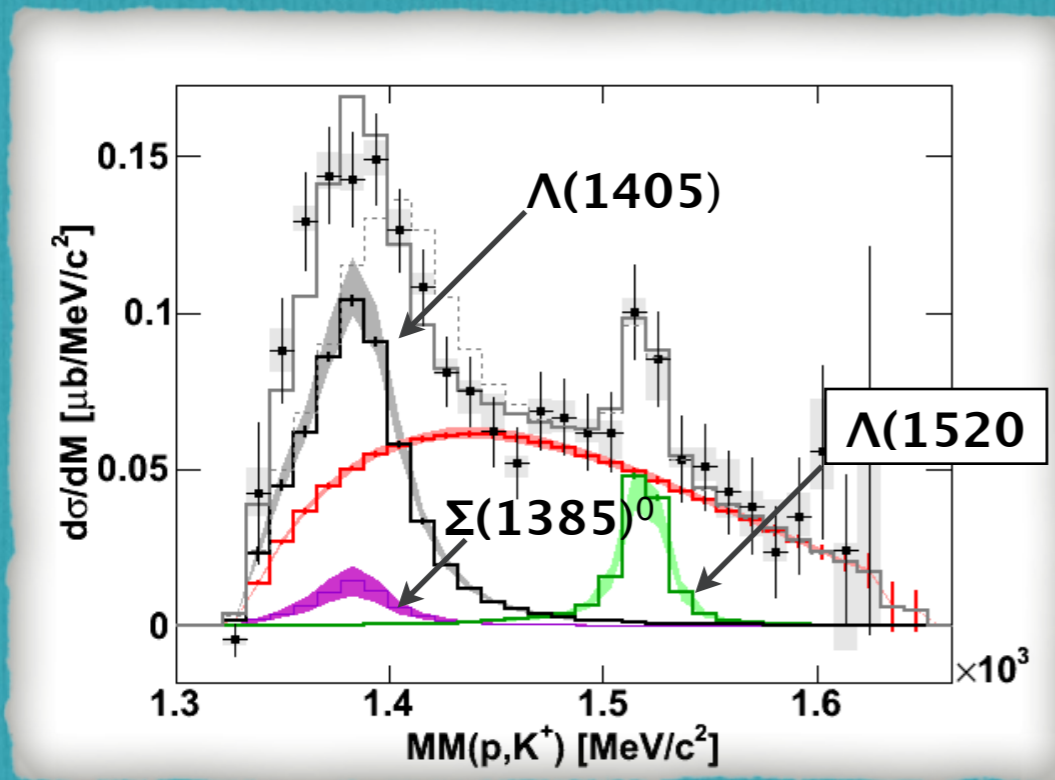
C.L. Korpa, M.F.M. Lutz Acta Phys. Hung. A22 2005 21.

- Repulsive in-medium interaction, moderate increase of the effective mass

K⁻: Vacuum Properties

$\bar{K}N$
measured $\Lambda(1405)$ in p+p collisions @
3.5 GeV

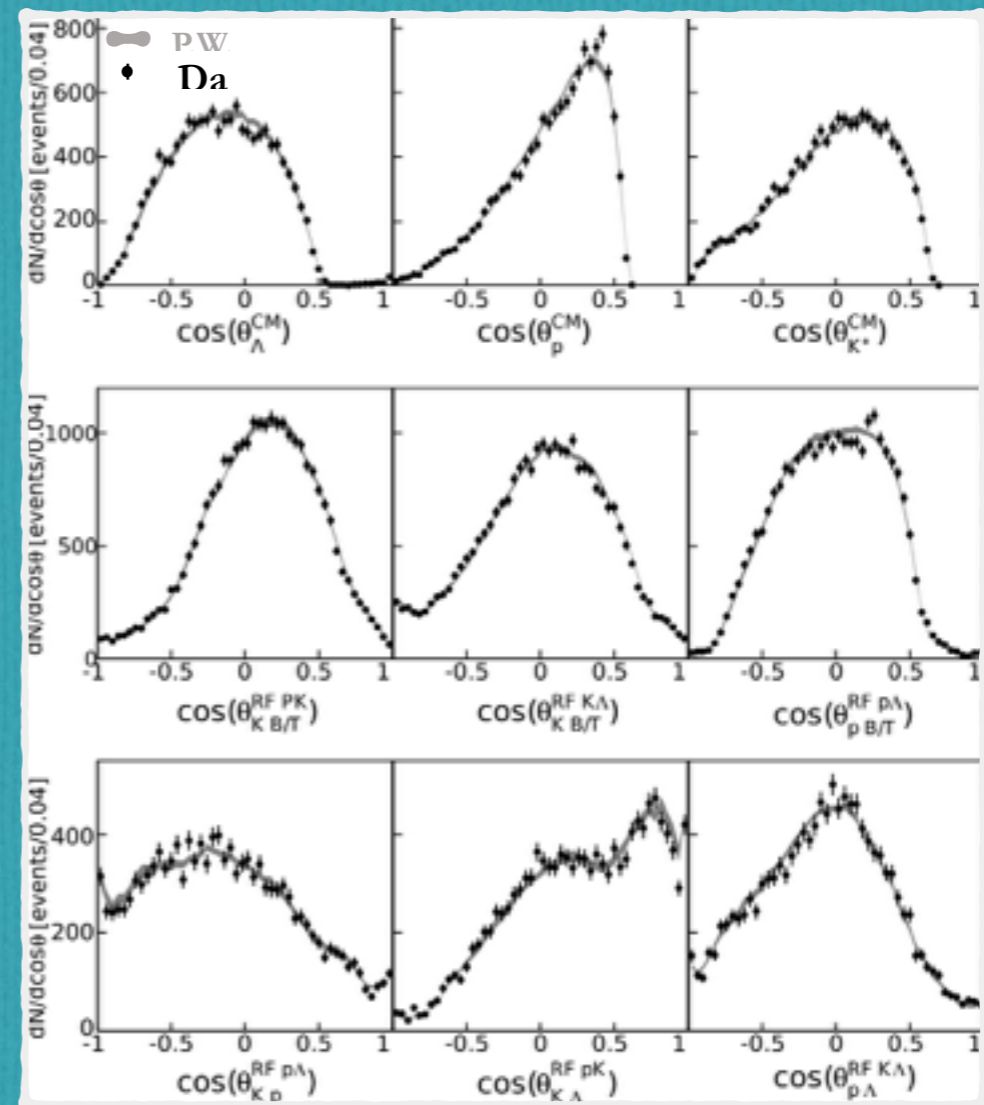
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Shift in the $\Lambda(1405)$ mass

$\bar{K}NN$
Upper limit determined for ppK⁻ in
the reaction $p + p(@3.5\text{GeV}) \rightarrow p + K^+ + \Lambda$

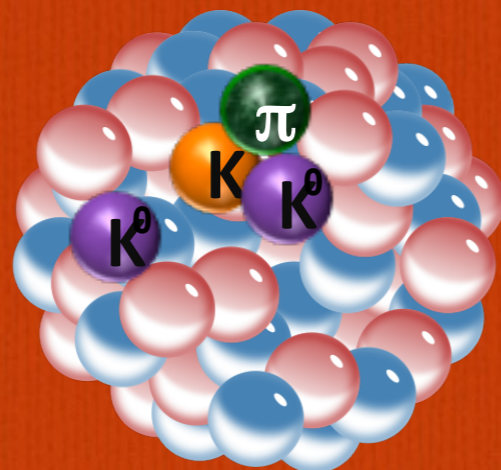
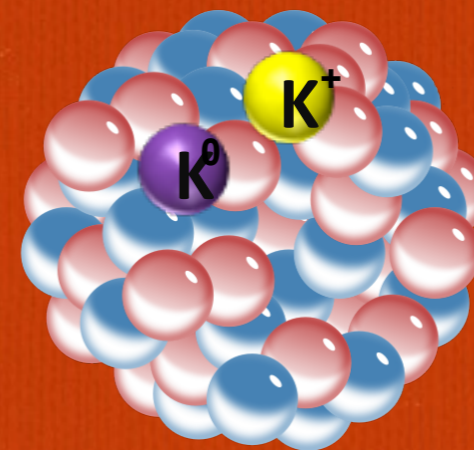
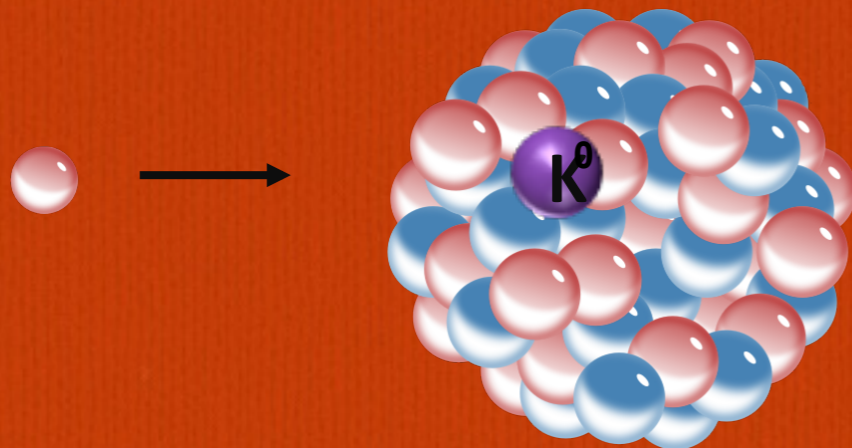
HADES Coll., Phys.Lett. B742 (2015) 242-248



R. Muenzer talk: 3b

Kaons in cold nuclear matter

p+Nb, 3.5 GeV



Kaon interactions in nuclear medium:

- Elastic scattering
- Charge Exchange
- Inelastic reactions
- π -induced secondary reactions...

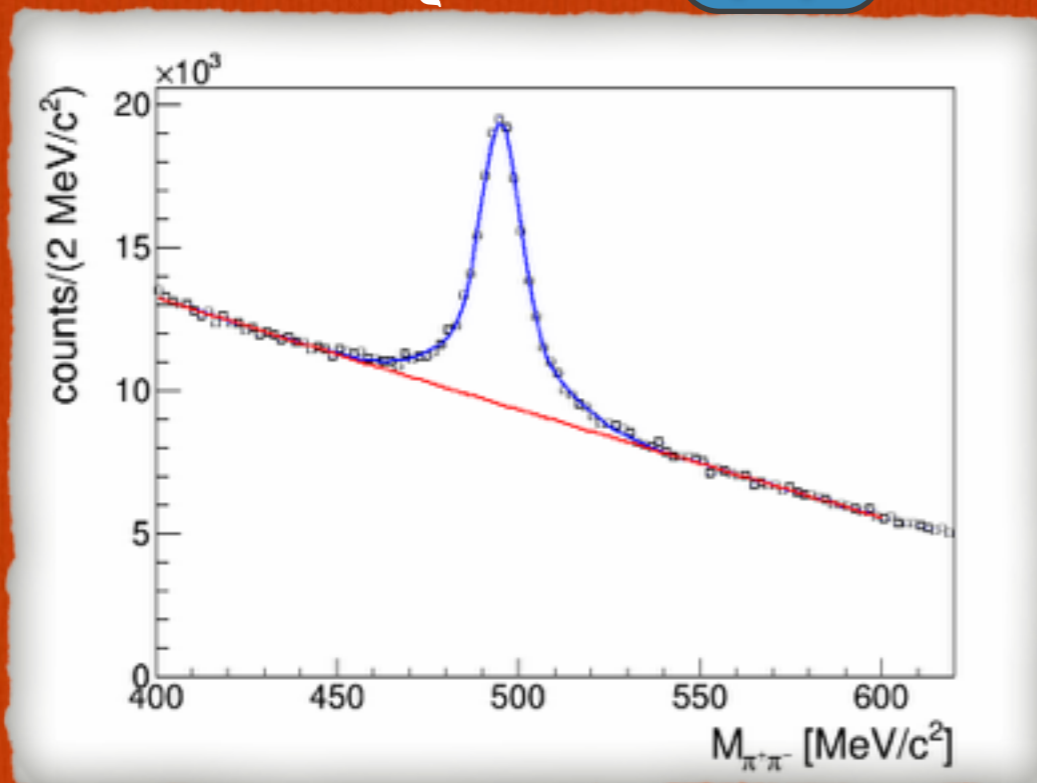
K^0 Signal

Neutral kaons measured by HADES in p+p and p+⁹³Nb collisions at 3.5 GeV:



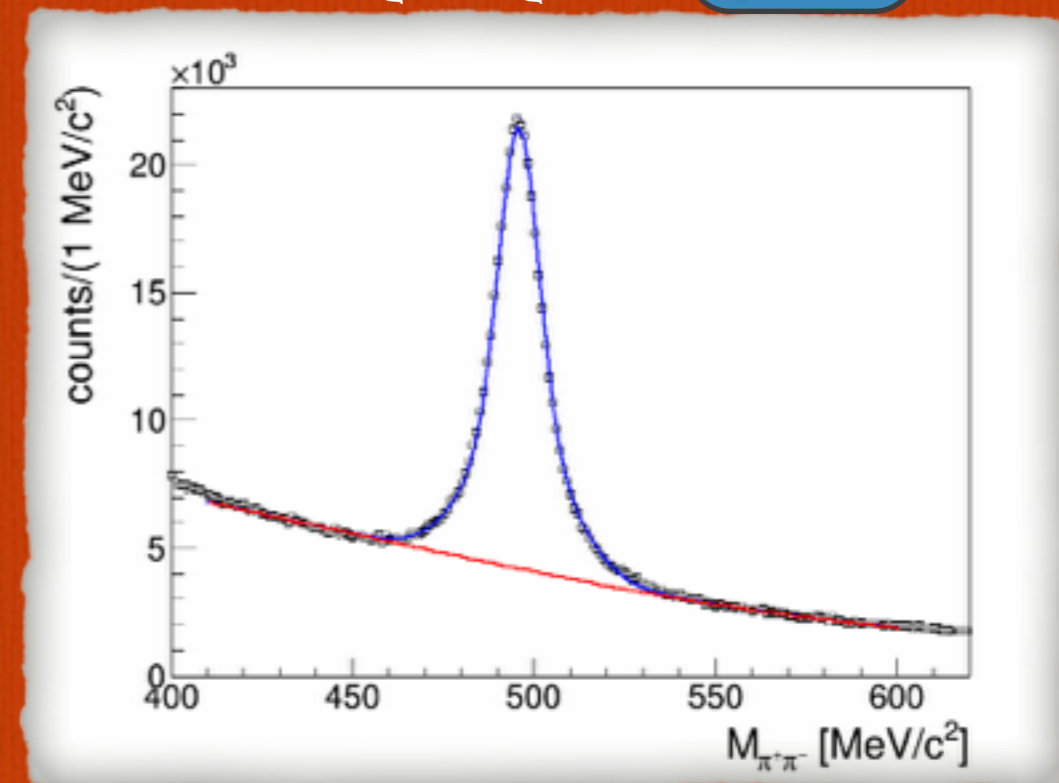
vacuum $\rho_B = 0$

p+p



in-medium $\rho_B \leq \rho_0$

p+Nb



Data are interpreted with the GiBUU transport model

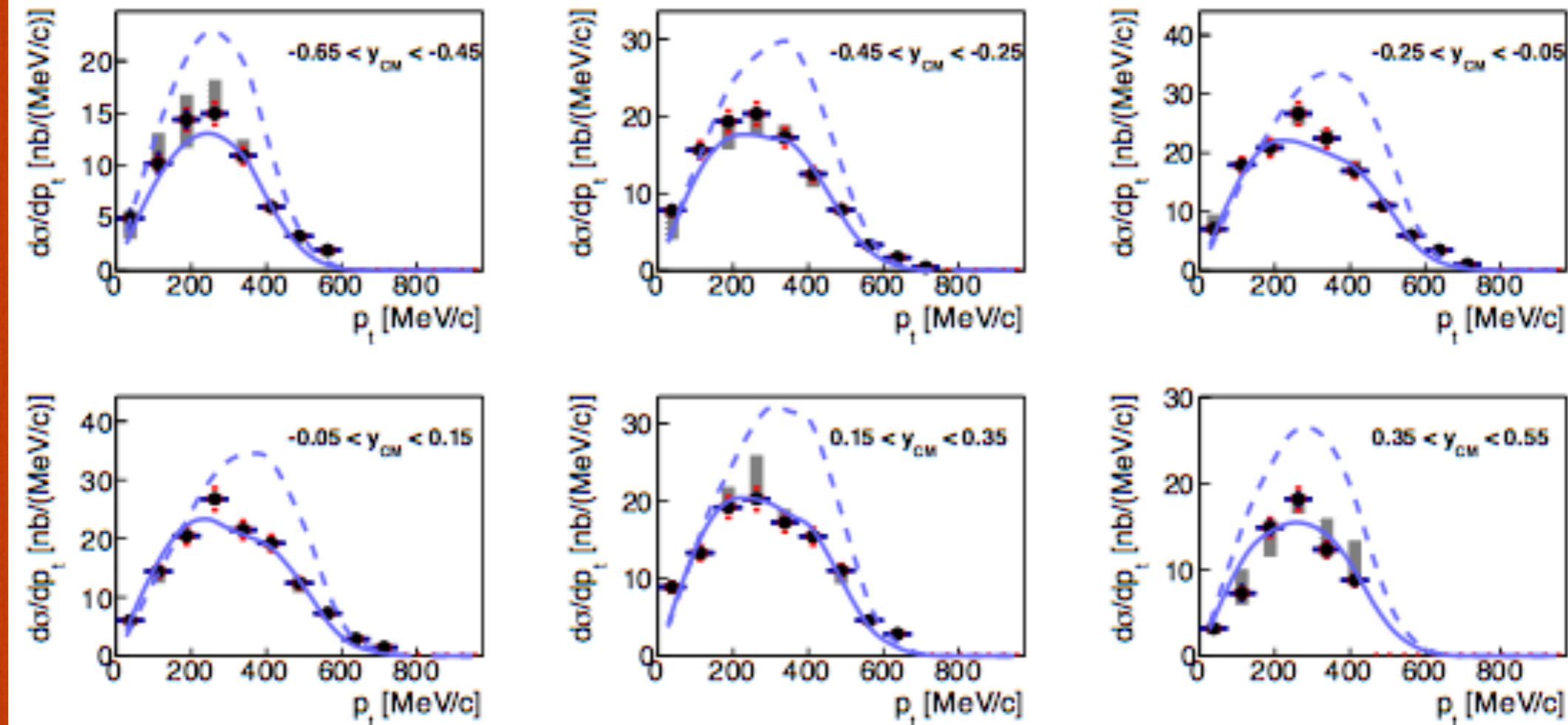
O. Buss et al., Phys. Rept. 512, 1 (2012)
<http://gibuu.physik.uni-giessen.de/GiBUU/>

K^0 in p+p: reference measurement

--- Tsushima
— Tsushima improved

HADES Coll., Phys. Rev. C 90, 015202 (2014)

p+p



- ▶ 4-body states produced via Δ -resonances
- ▶ Final states with two pions (5-body) added to the model via $NN \rightarrow \Delta^{++} Y^* K$, Y^* is $\Sigma(1385)$ or $\Lambda(1405)$.
- ▶ Good description of the elementary reference.

In-medium kaon potential

ChPT potential, ~ 35 MeV ($\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{k}=0$) implemented in the GiBUU transport code for $p/\pi+A$

$$m_K^* = \sqrt{m_K^2 - \frac{\Sigma_{KN}}{f_\pi^2} \rho_s + V_\mu V^\mu}$$

$$V_\mu = \frac{3}{8f_\pi^*} j_\mu$$

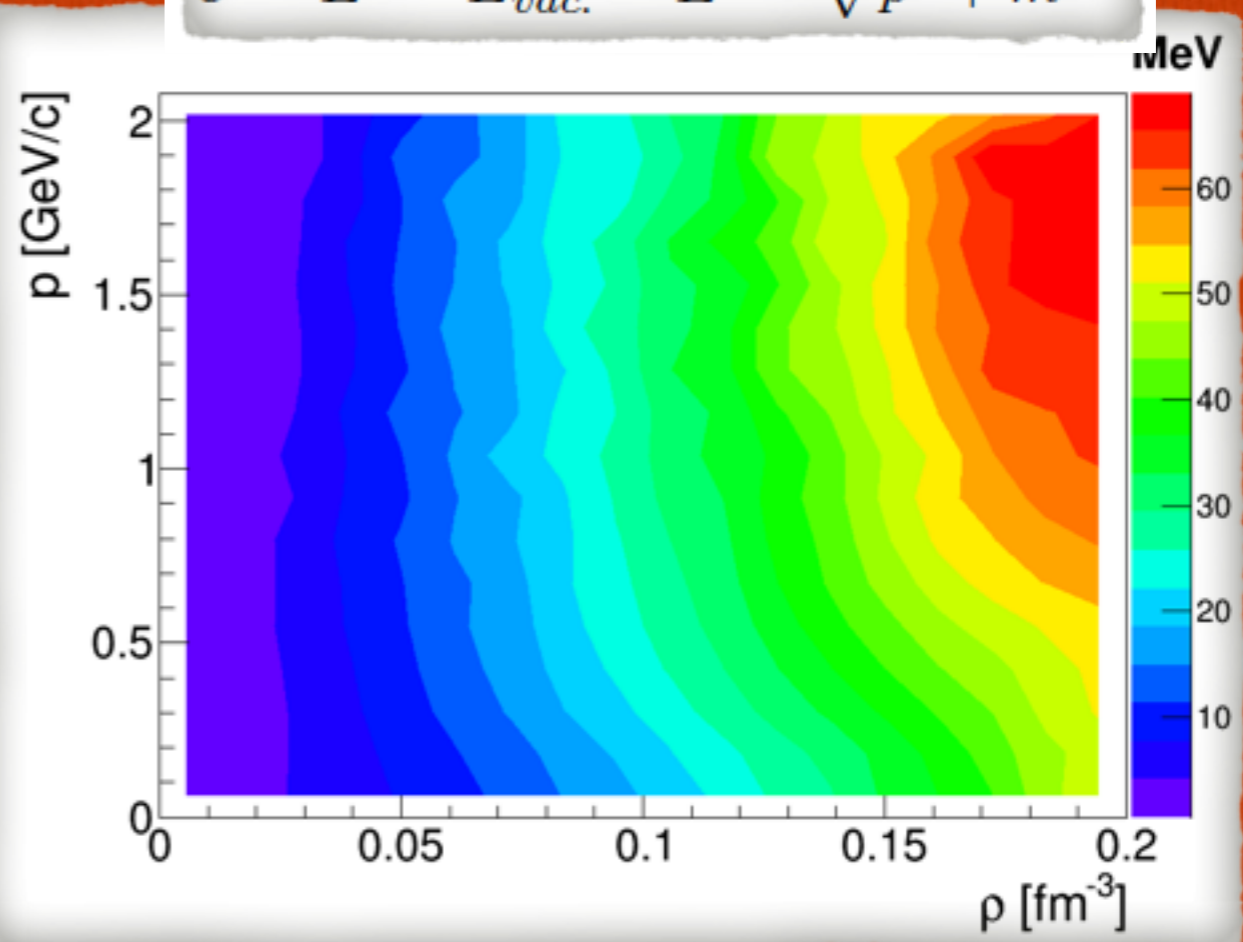
$$E^* = \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^{*2} + m_K^{*2}} + V_0$$

$$\mathbf{k}^* = \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{V}$$

$$\Sigma_{KN} = 250 - 450 \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_\pi = 93 \text{ MeV}, f_\pi^{*2} = 0.6 f_\pi^2$$

$$U = E^* - E_{vac.} = E^* - \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$



For nuclear matter at rest $\langle \mathbf{V}_{1,2,3} \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{k}^* = \mathbf{k}$

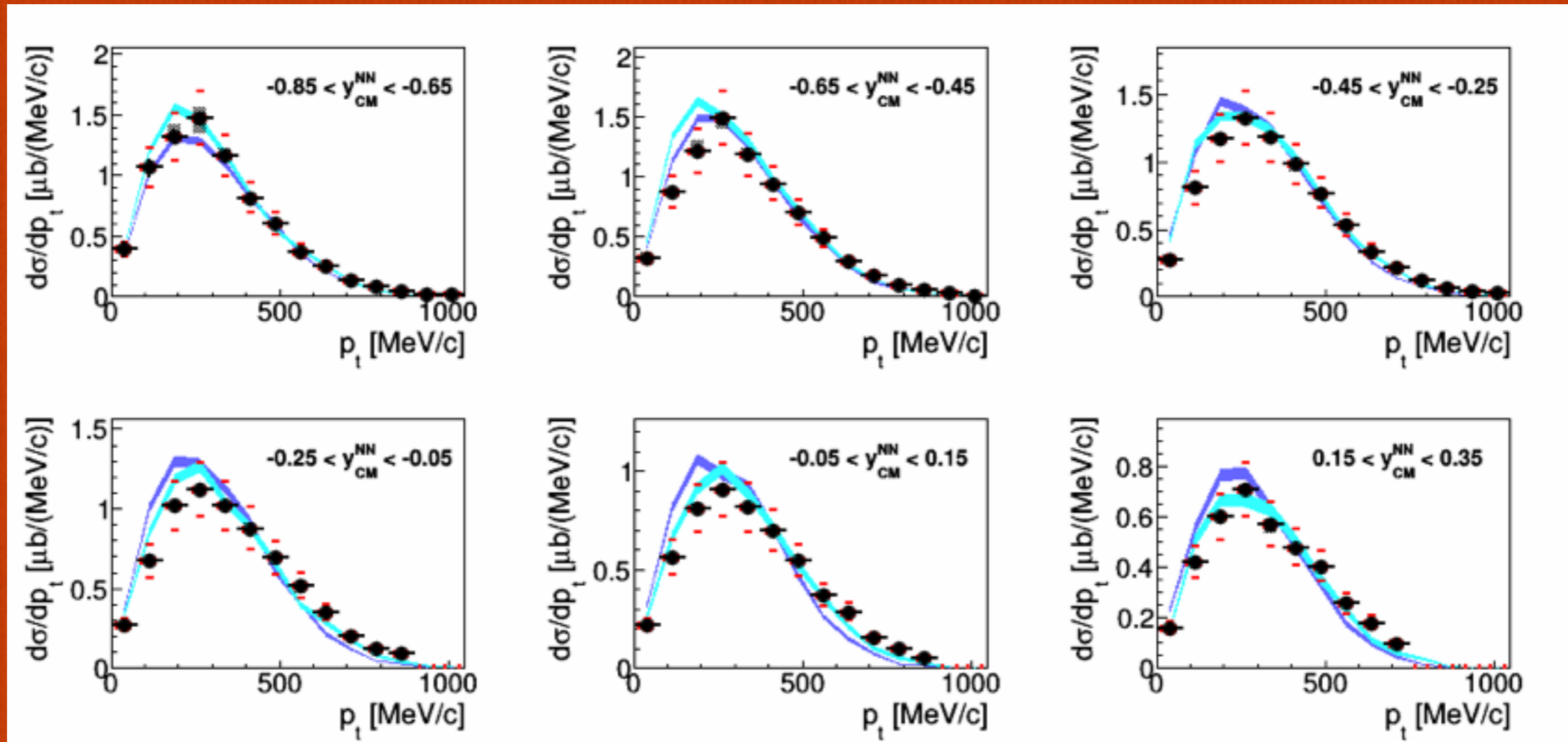
$$U = \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^{*2} + m^{*2}} + V_0 - \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_{vac.}^2}, \quad m^* < m$$

Effect of the potential in p+Nb: p_t - y

p+Nb

- █ GiBUU w/o pot.
- █ GiBUU w. pot.

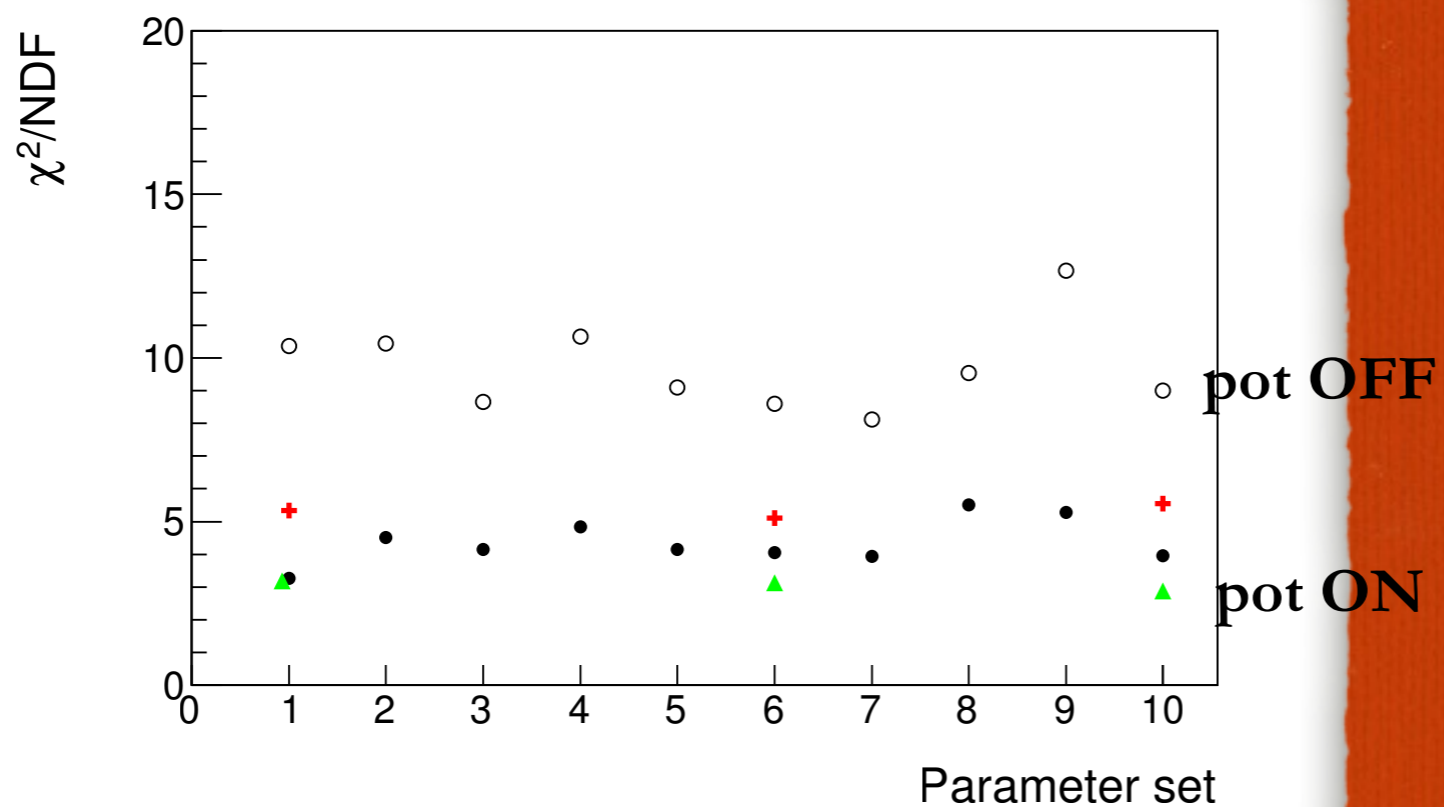
“Medium effects in proton-induced K^0 production at 3.5 GeV”
HADES Coll., Phys. Rev. C90 (2014) 054906



- Systematical modification of p_t -spectra owe to the repulsive potential.
- Uncertainties in the model parameters (np cross sections, ...).

χ^2 Analysis

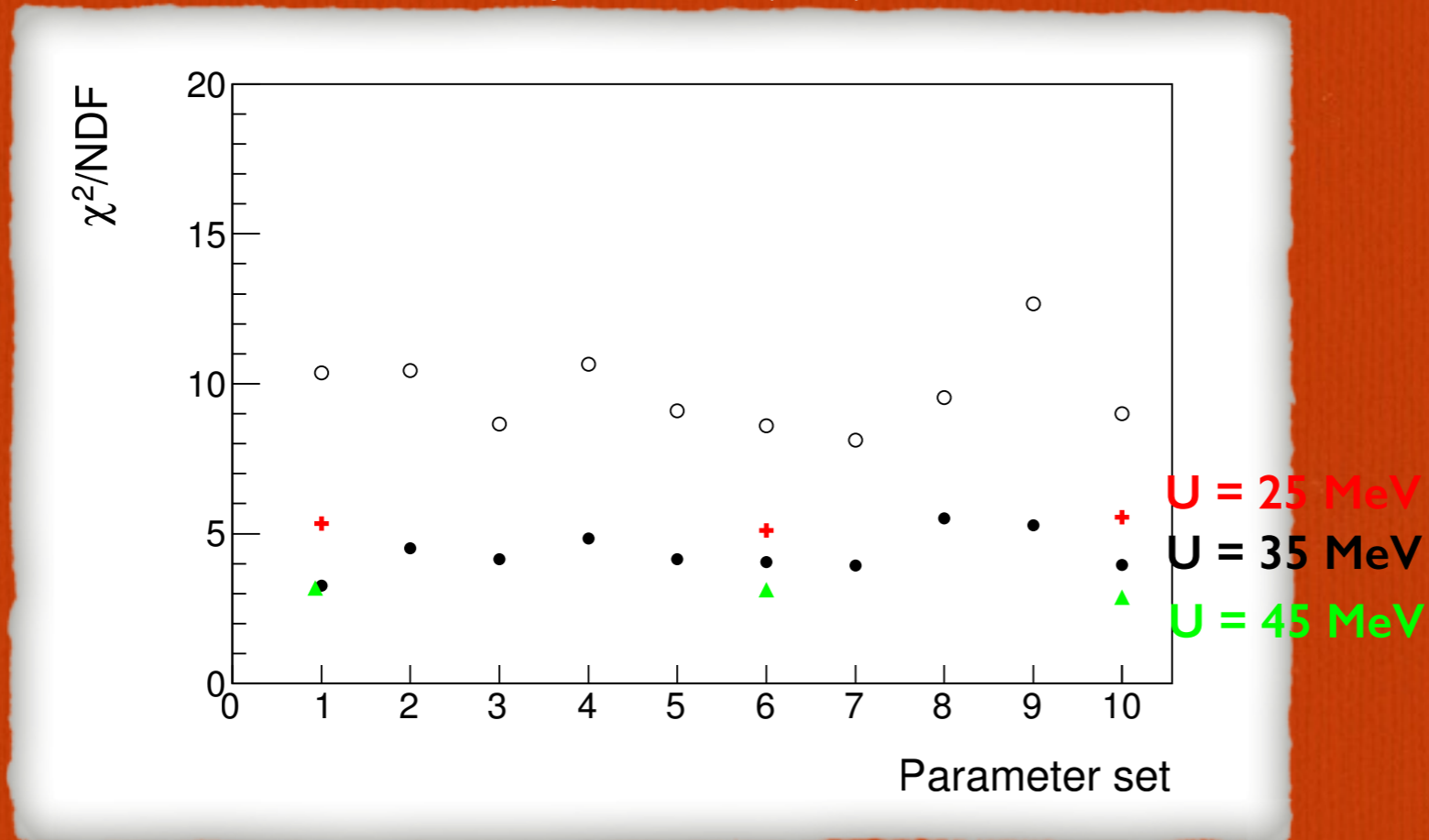
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Potential strength is adjusted by changing:

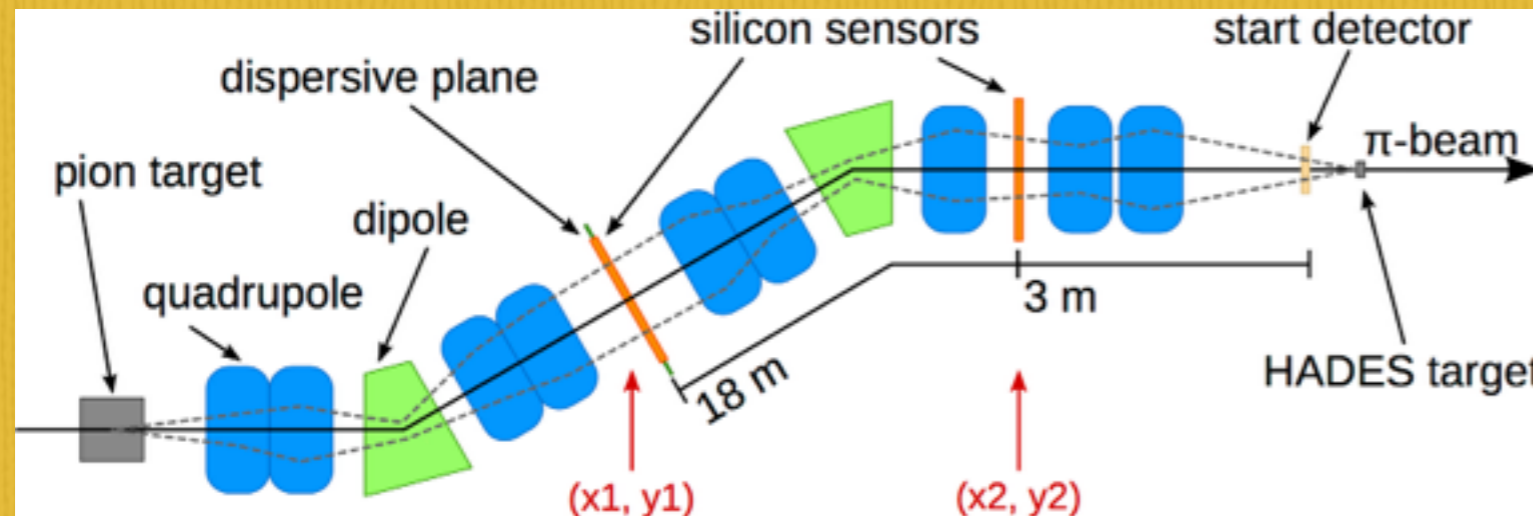
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π -induced Reactions

High Statistics pion beams (10^6 part/sec)
 Measured for the first time at GSI in **2014** with HADES
 Primary Beam: $N \ 10^{12}$ part/s on Be Target
 Momentum Spread: 8%
 Beam envelope ϕ : 6 cm

Pion-Tracker



Cerberos



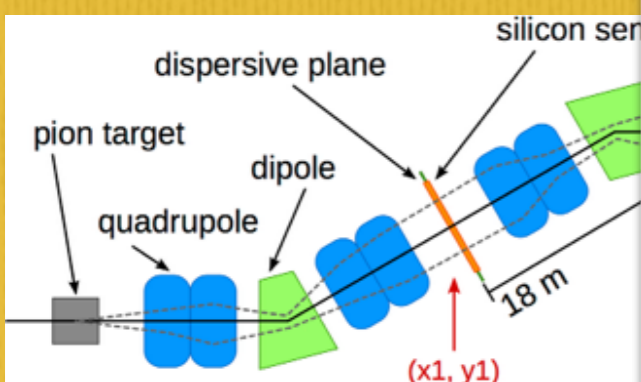
Double sided Silicon Device
 ($10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$)
 with self triggering read out based
 on n-XYTER \Rightarrow 32 MHz
 Mono-Crystallin Diamond as Start
 Detector $\Delta\tau < 50 \text{ ps}$

Very precise (0.1%) reconstruction of the beam momentum

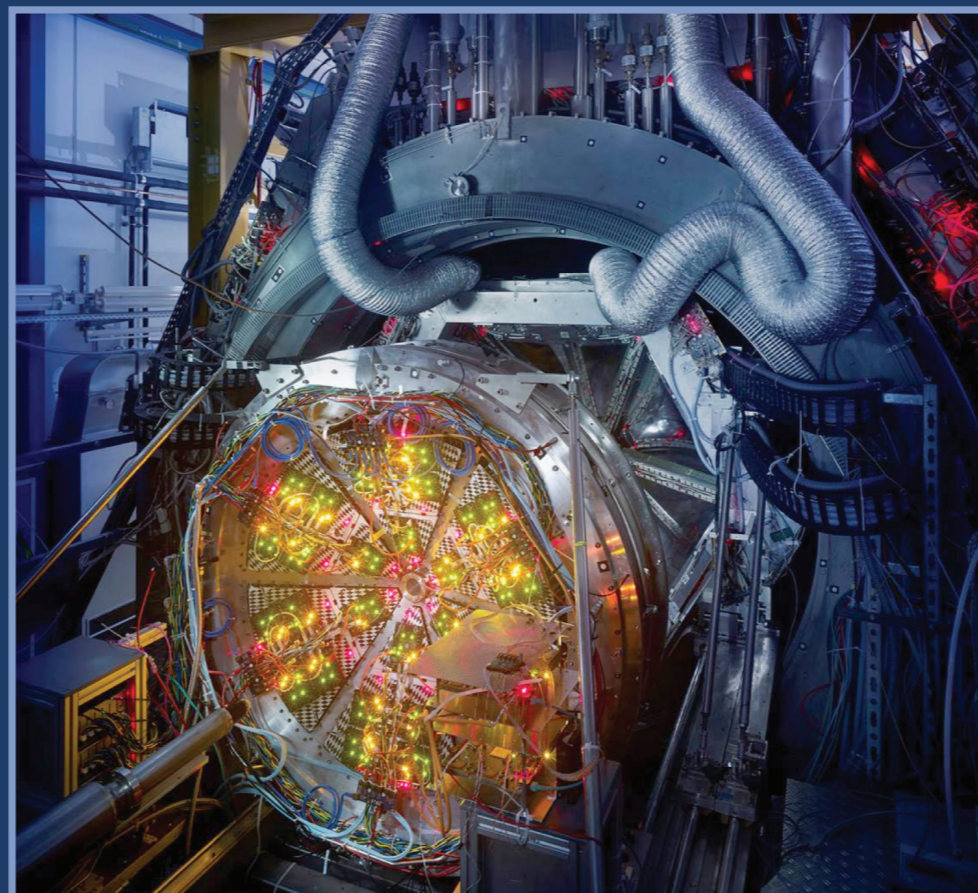
Nuclear Physics News International

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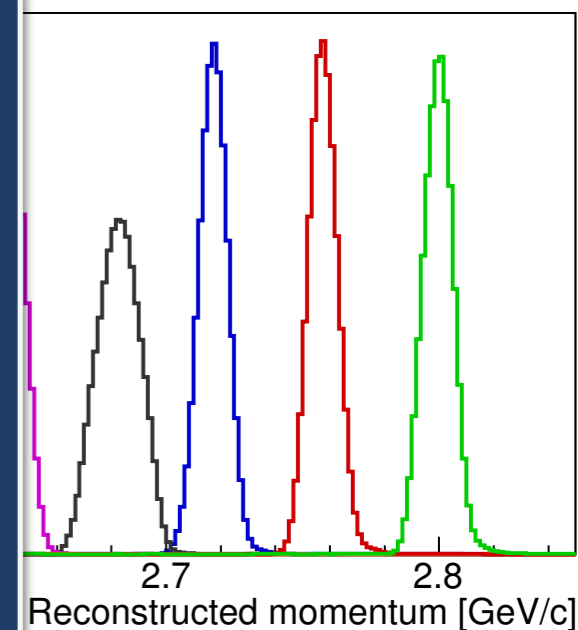
Pion-Tracker



RefMom [GeV/c]	RecMom [GeV/c]
2.56	2.58
2.60	2.61
2.64	2.64
2.68	2.68
2.72	2.72
2.76	2.76
2.80	2.80



solution



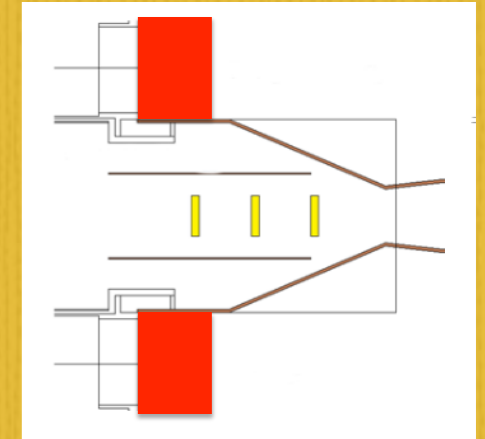
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Issue No. 100!



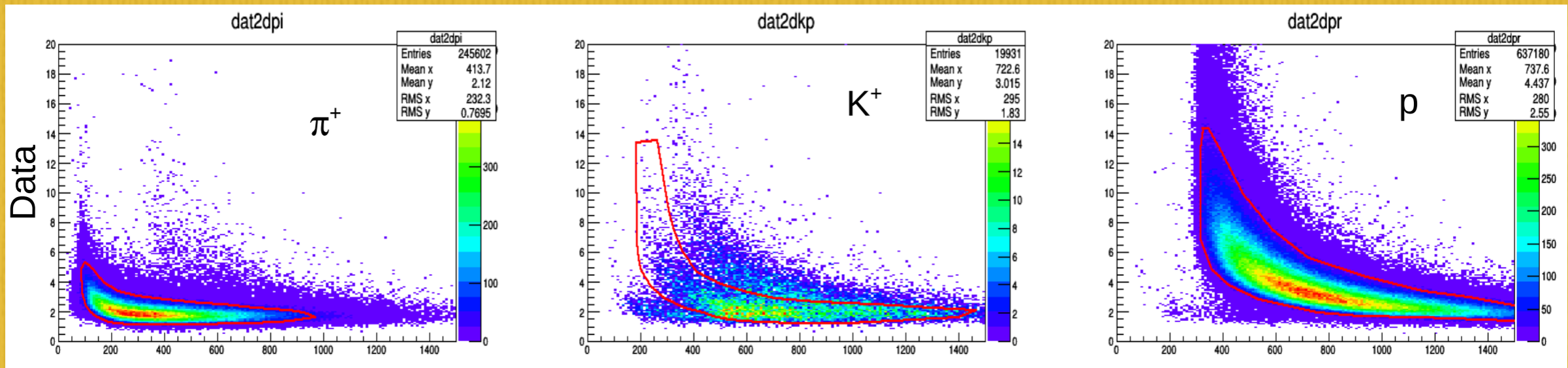
Kaon Production in π -induced Experiments

$\pi^- + C, \pi^- + {}_{74}^{184}W @ 1.7 \text{ GeV}/c$ W(C): 3 targets, $\varnothing 12 \text{ mm}$,
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M2 Trigger: $\text{Mult}_{\text{RPC+TOF}} > 1$



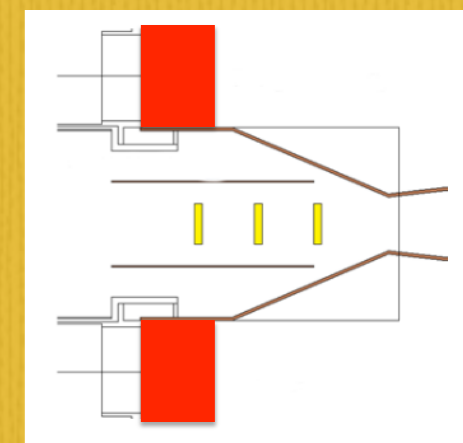
Kaon Identification via dE/dx in the MDC

dE/dx with mass cut



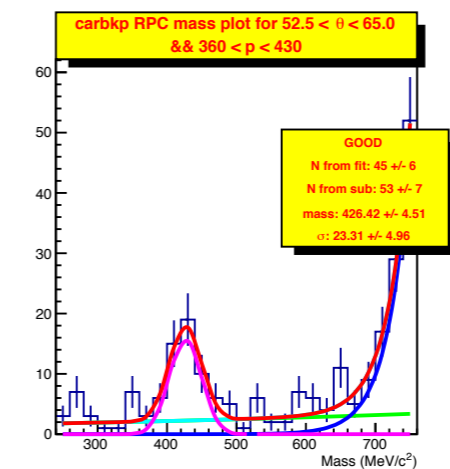
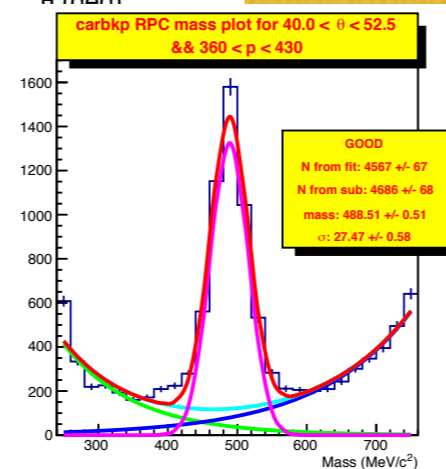
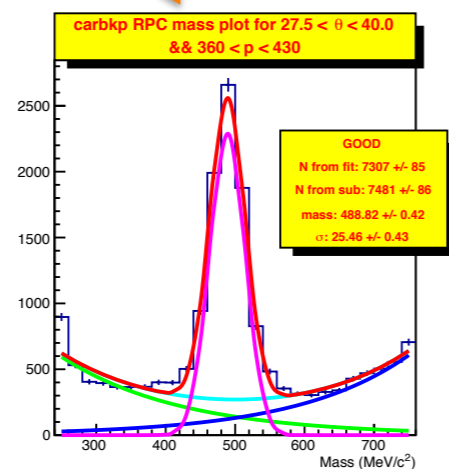
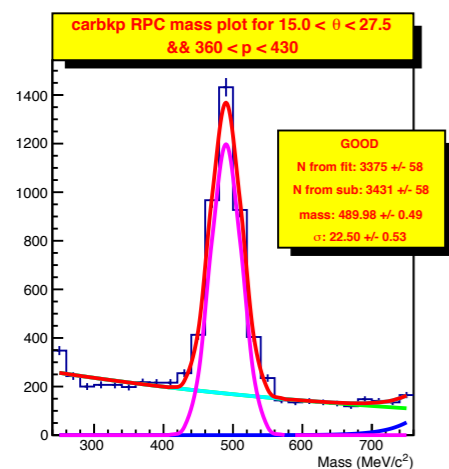
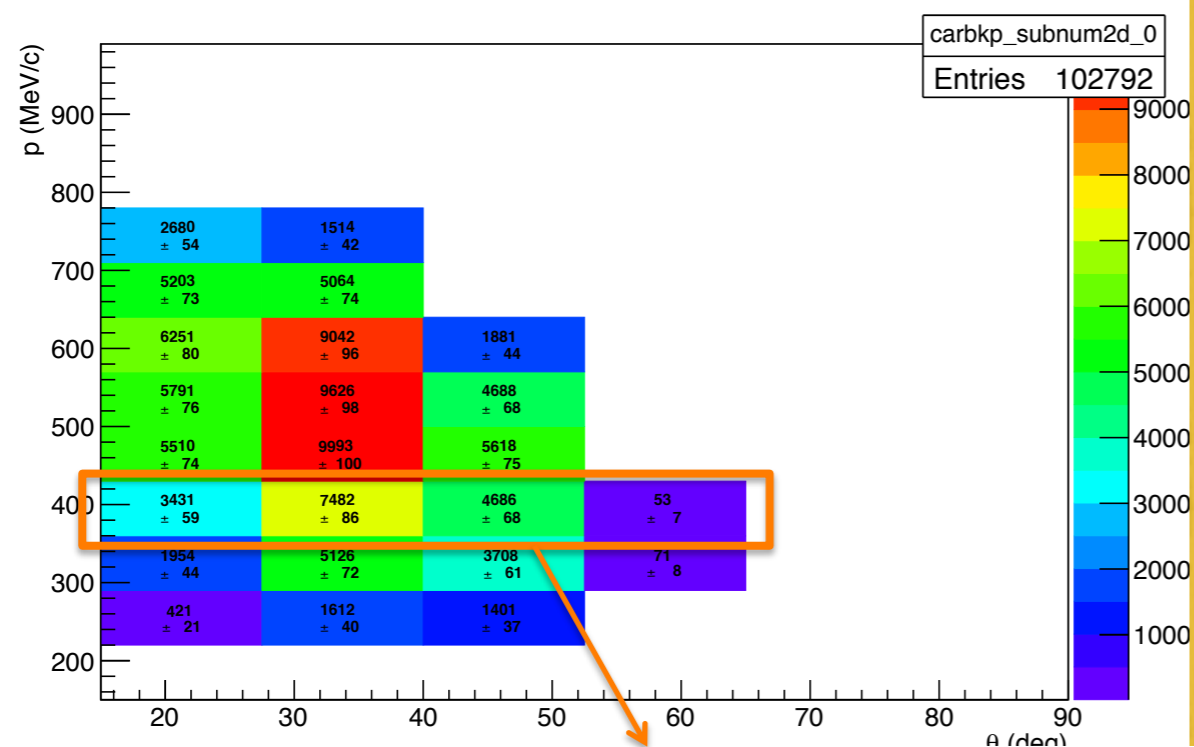
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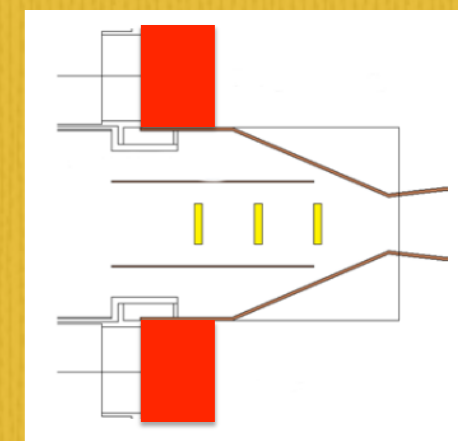
K^+ mass fits, typical resolution in mass 20-30 MeV/c^2

RPC Acceptance

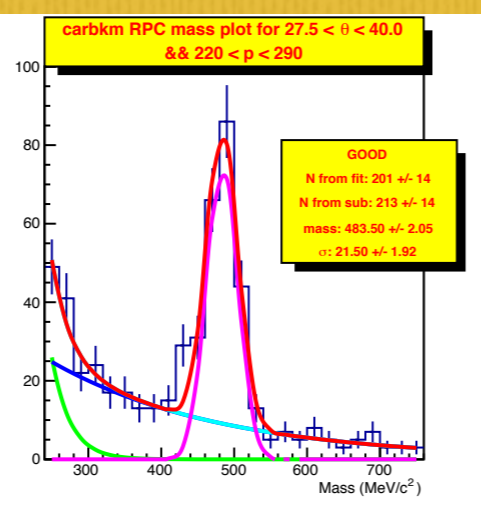
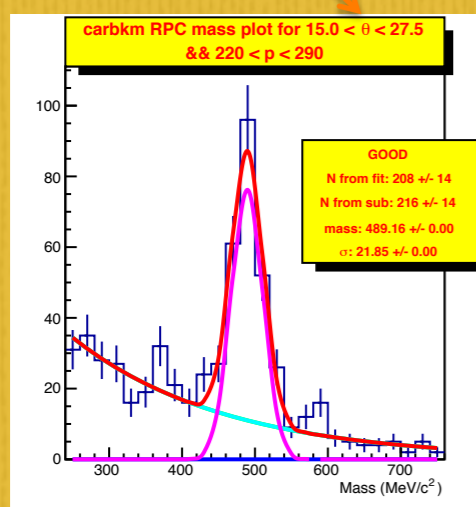
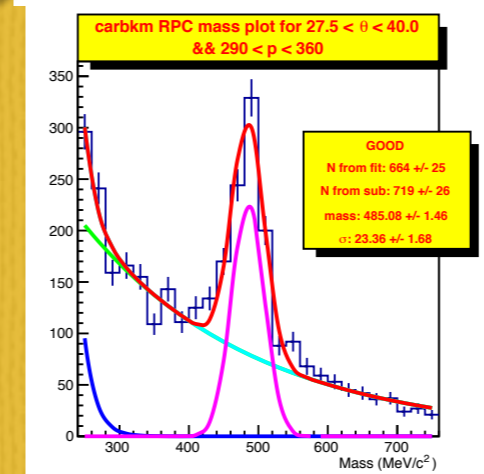
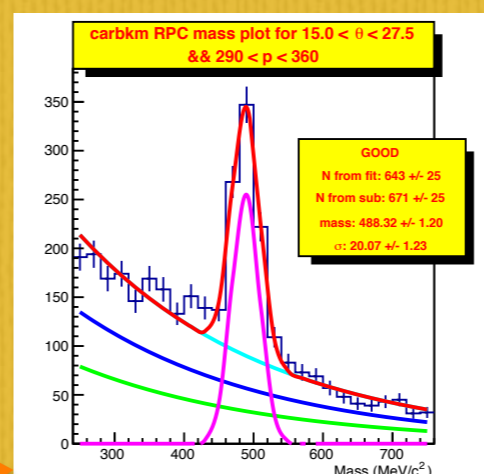
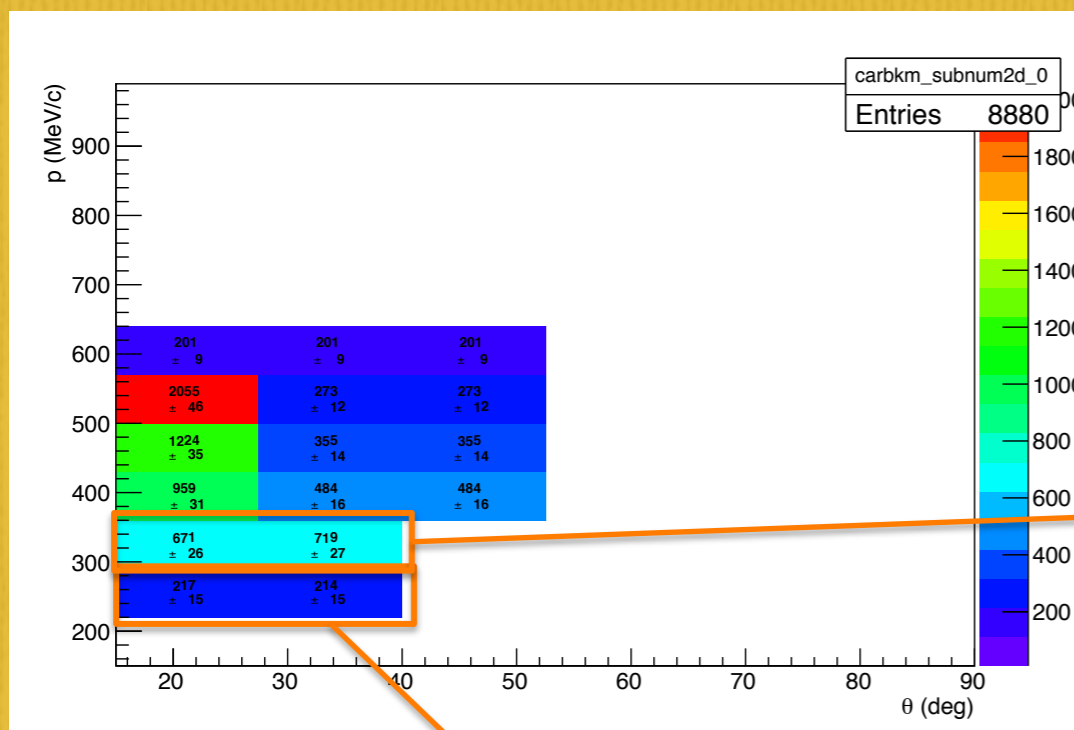


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RPC Acceptance

K⁻ Disappearance



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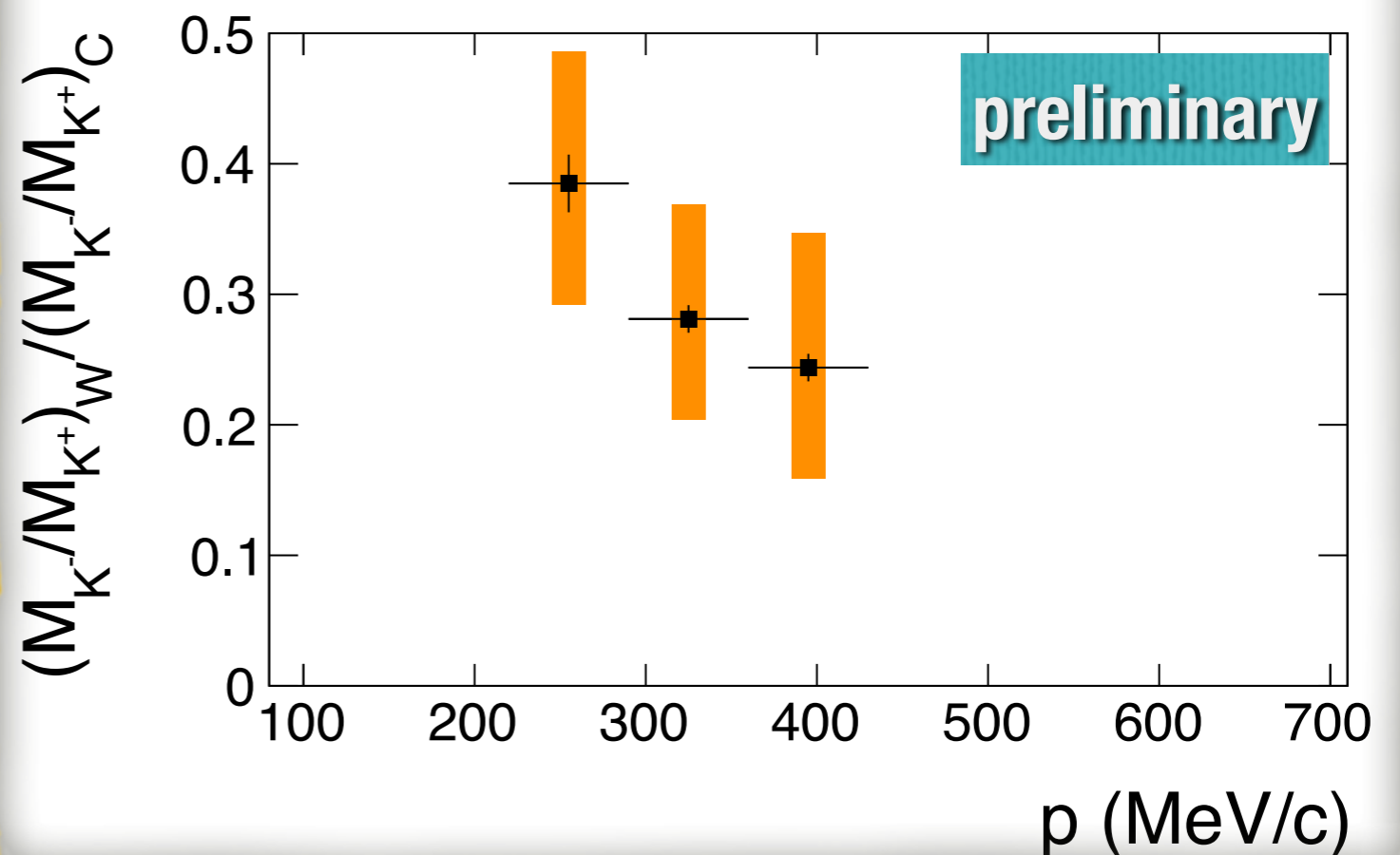
Disappearance of K^- wrt to K^+ when comparing $\pi+C$ and $\pi+W$

Average measured in the two TOF and RPC detector systems

Remarks:

- Multi-nucleon absorption negligible
- K^- -Nucleon Absorption: Dominant?
- Check In-medium calculation!!

O. Vasquez Doce: 3a



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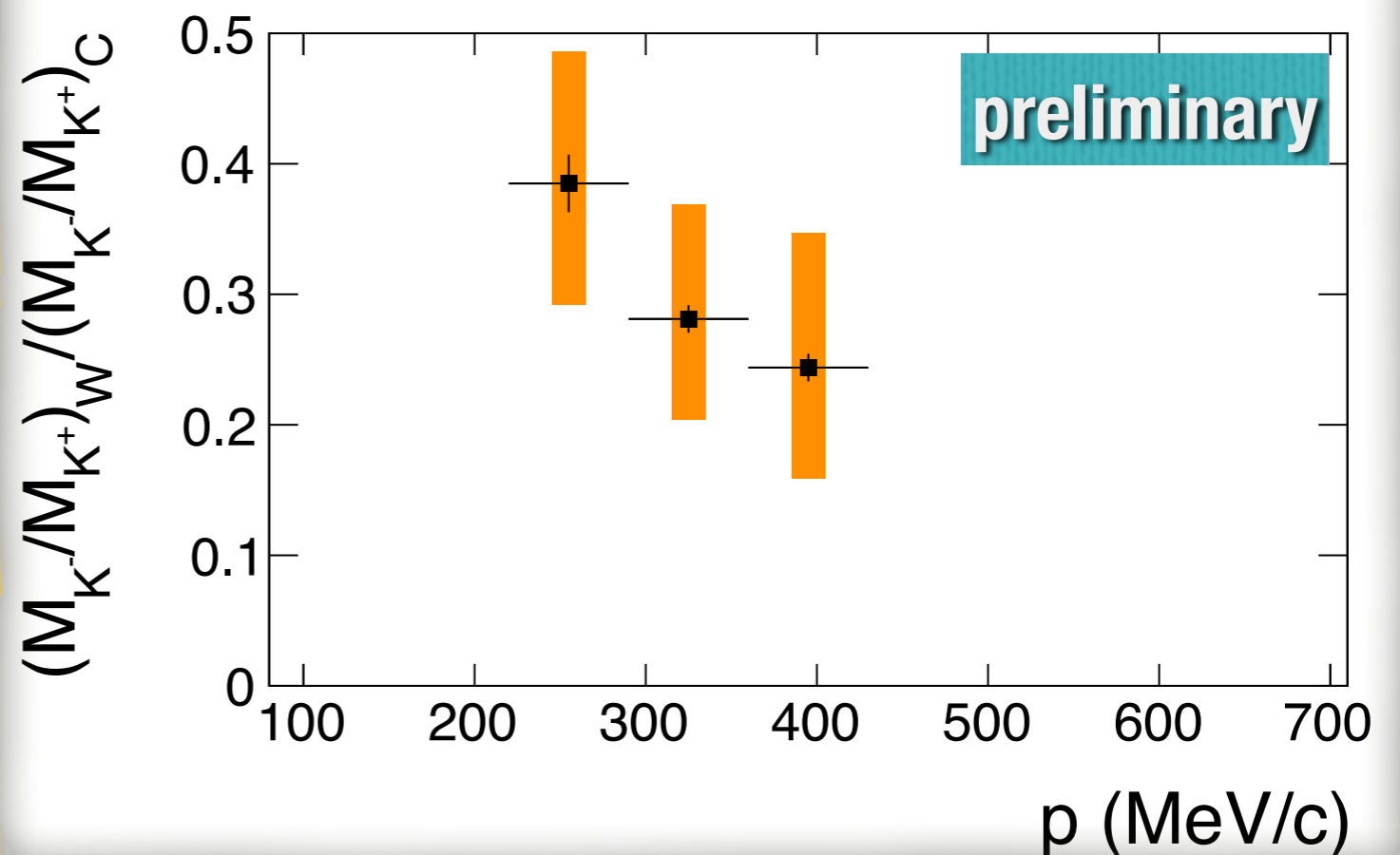
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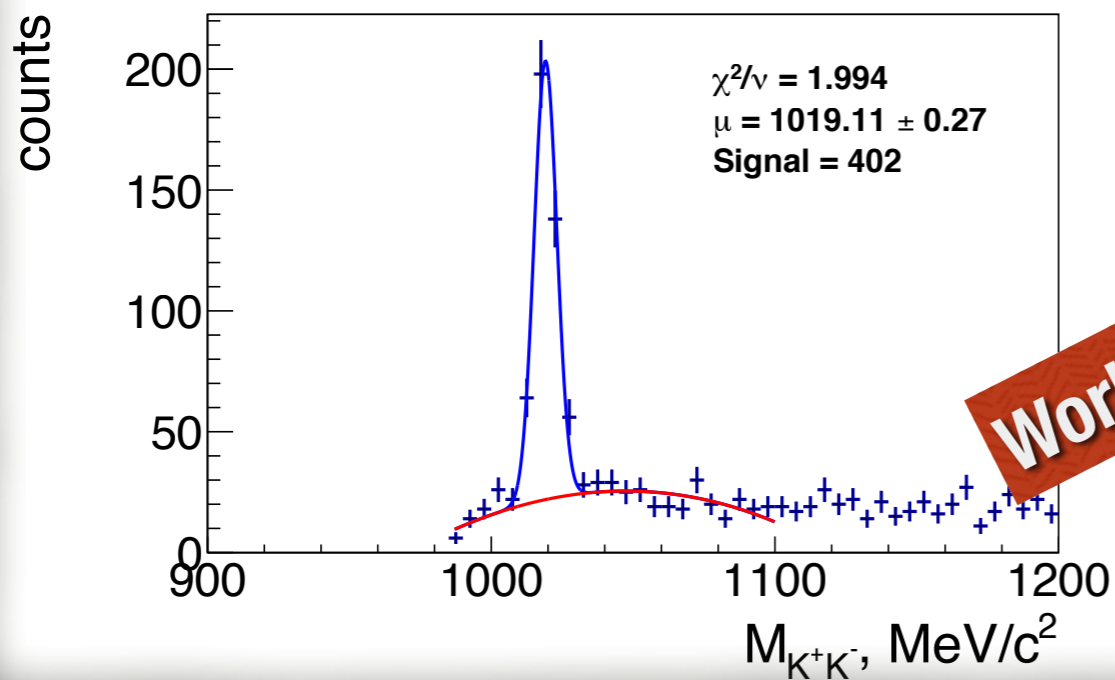
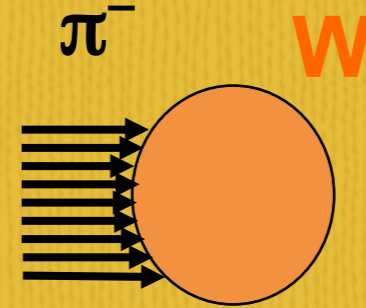
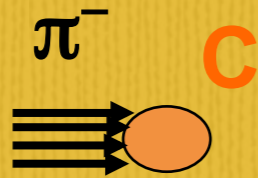
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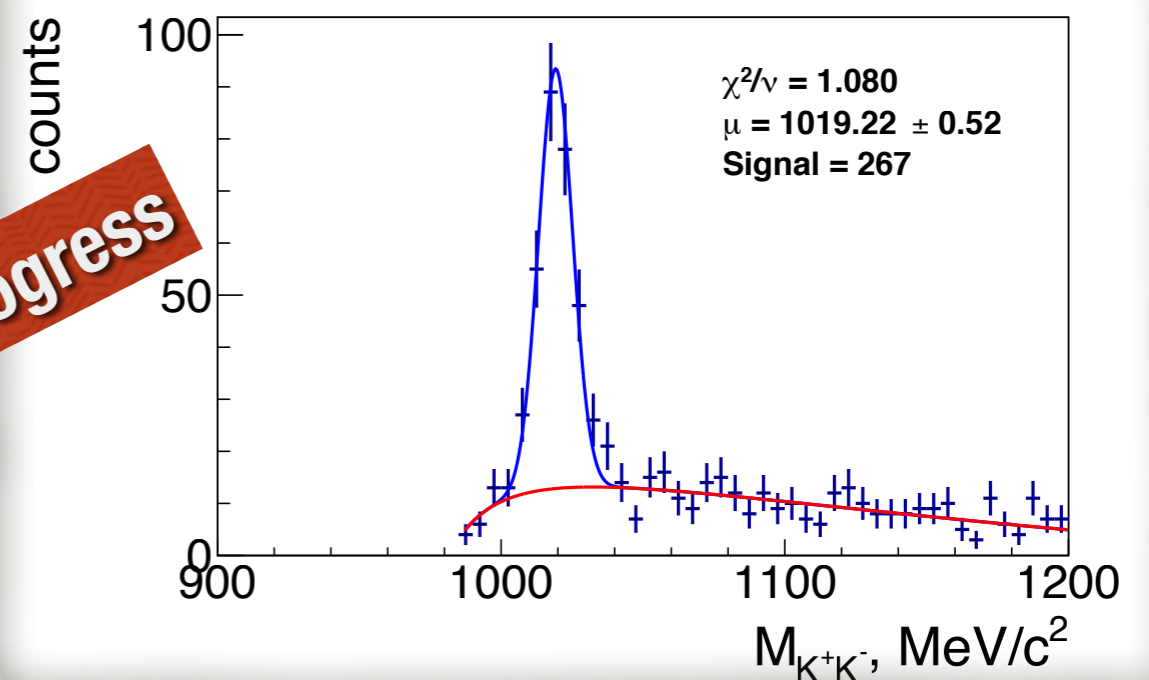
Remarks:

- K^+ shifted to larger momenta due to repulsive potential
- Ratio could be even smaller
- Extend the study to 600 MeV/c





Work in progress

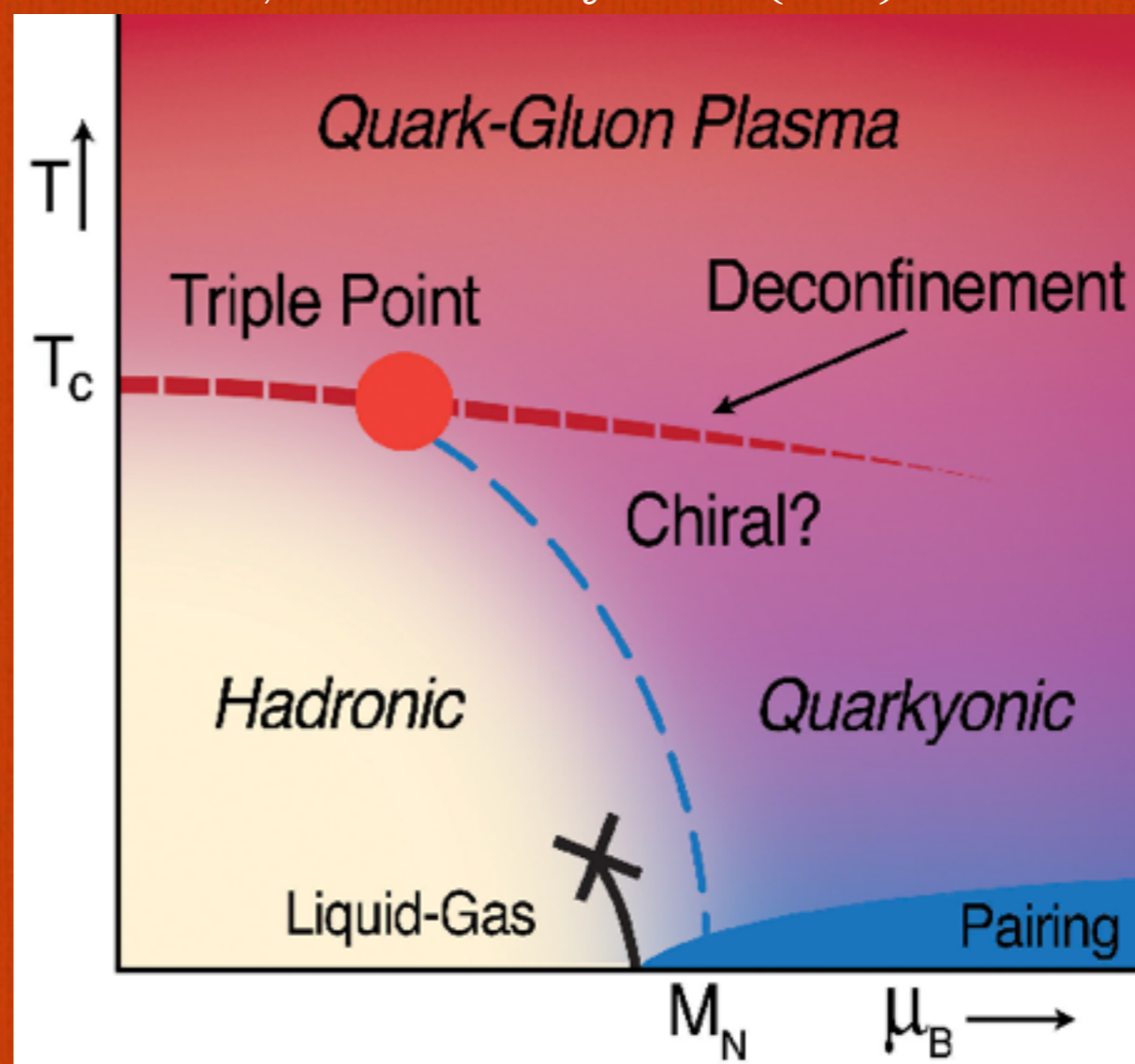


Acceptance and Efficiency corrections are needed for precise ratios
Also the K- disappearance must be taken into account properly
-> All transparency Ratio for ϕ are probably much too low!

Subthreshold production wrt N+N collisions

- Why should it get easier to produce objects as (ssd)?
- Quarkyonic Matter formed?
- Look for Cascade production in A+A collisions at low kinetic energies (Ar+KCl @ 1.765 GeV)
- Check also the p+A reference

Andronic, A. et al. Nucl.Phys. A837 (2010) 65-86

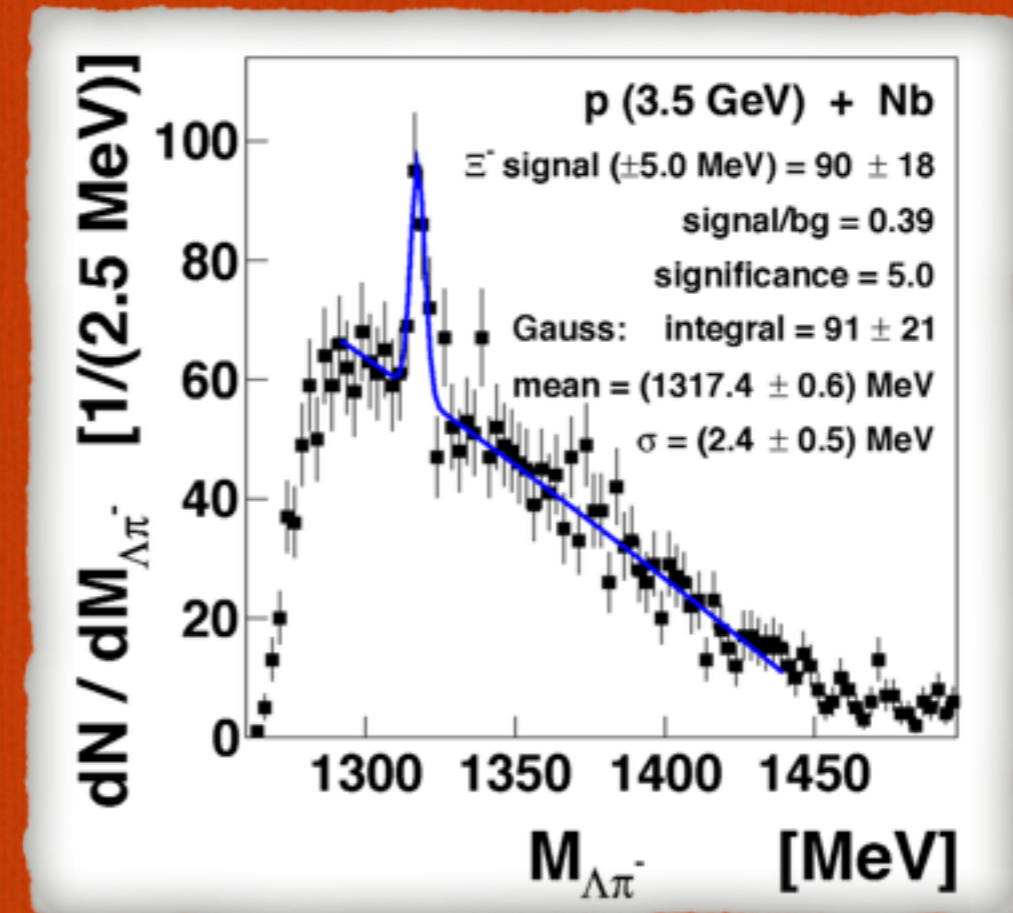
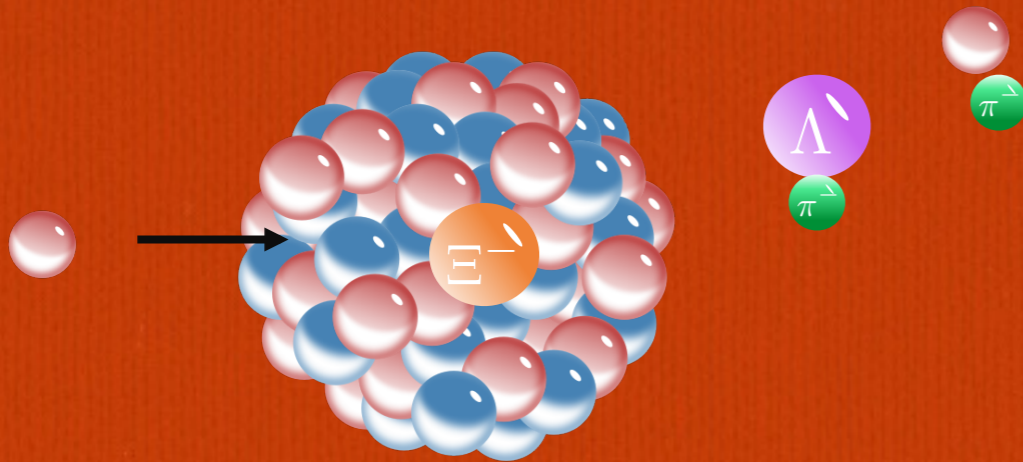


Ξ^- Production in p+A collisions

p+Nb @ 3.5 GeV

$\Xi^- = (ssd)$, $BR(\rightarrow \Lambda\pi) = 99\%$, $c\tau = 4.91\text{cm}$

Phys.Rev.Lett. 114 (2015) 21, 212301



How to produce Ξ^- ?

$NN \rightarrow N\Xi KK$

$\sqrt{s_{thr}} = 3.25\text{ GeV}$, $E_{thr} = 3.74\text{ GeV}$

$\bar{K}Y \rightarrow \pi\Xi$

low cross-section

$YY \rightarrow \Xi N$

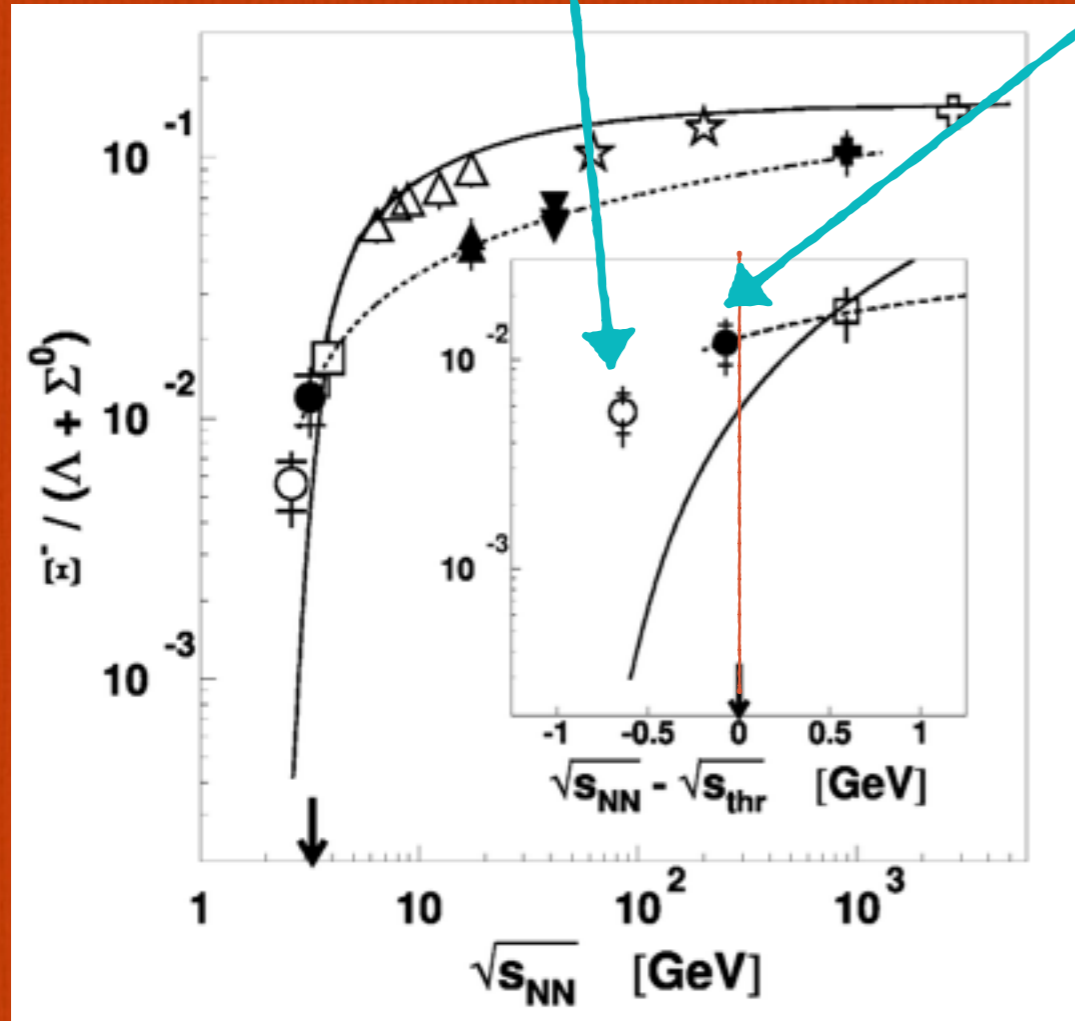
also below threshold, not enough to explain the measured Ξ/Λ yield

Ξ^- Excess

Findings in Ar+KCl at 1.76 AGeV and p+Nb at 3.5 GeV
subthreshold production

Phys.Rev.Lett. 103 (2009) 132301

Phys.Rev.Lett. 114 (2015) 21, 212301



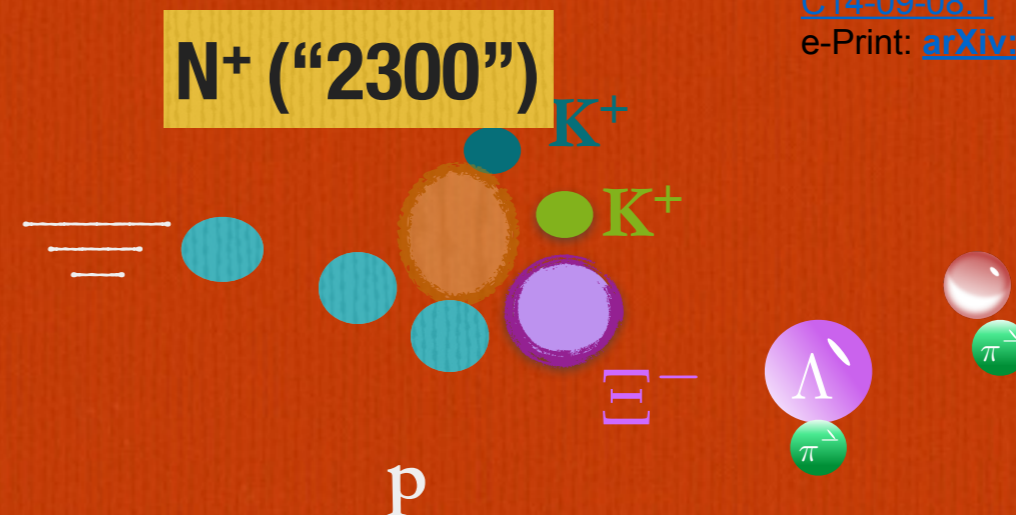
$$P_{\Xi^-} = (2.0 \pm 0.4(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{norm}) \pm 0.6(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\frac{P_{\Xi^-}}{P_{\Lambda+\Sigma^0}} = (1.2 \pm 0.3(\text{stat}) \pm 0.4(\text{syst})) \times 10^{-2}$$

Excess w.r.t. Thermal hadronization model for
Ar+KCl

C14-09-08.1

e-Print: [arXiv:1503.00616](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.00616)

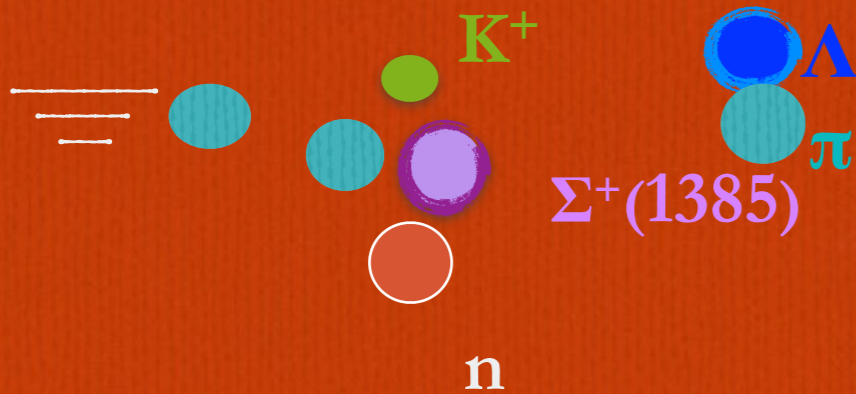


The possible contribution of a very heavy resonance produced in p+A reactions exploring the energy “reservoir” provided by the tail of the Fermi-Momentum distribution.

This might explain also the excess in Ar+KCl ! J. Steinheimer and M. Bleicher arXiv:1503.07305

Resonances measured in elementary collisions

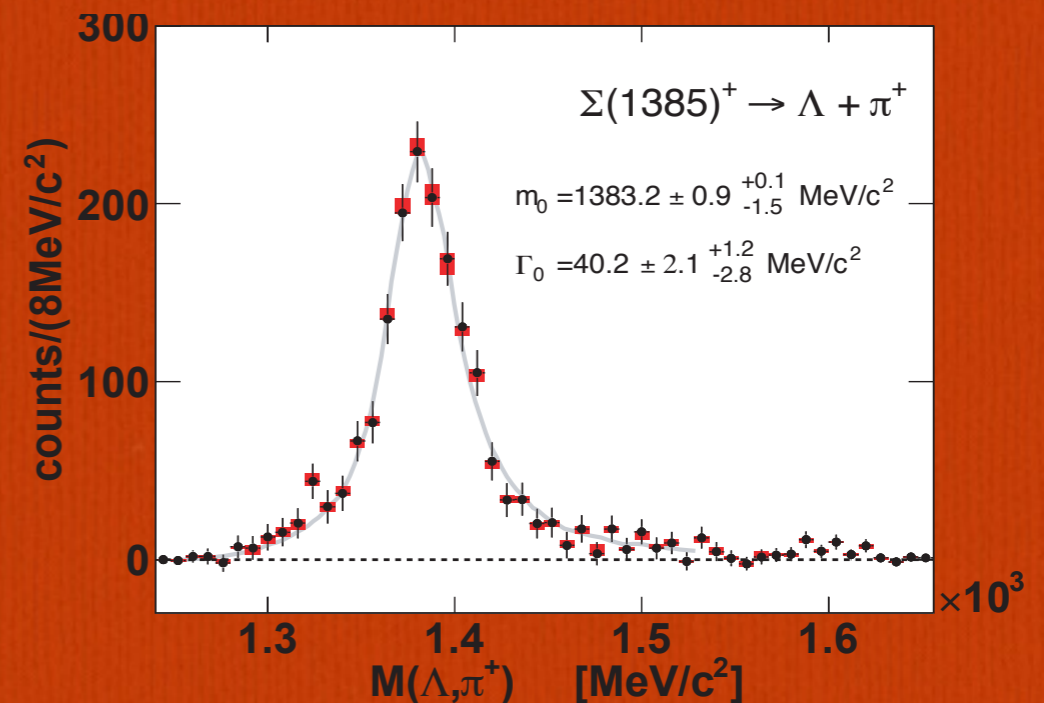
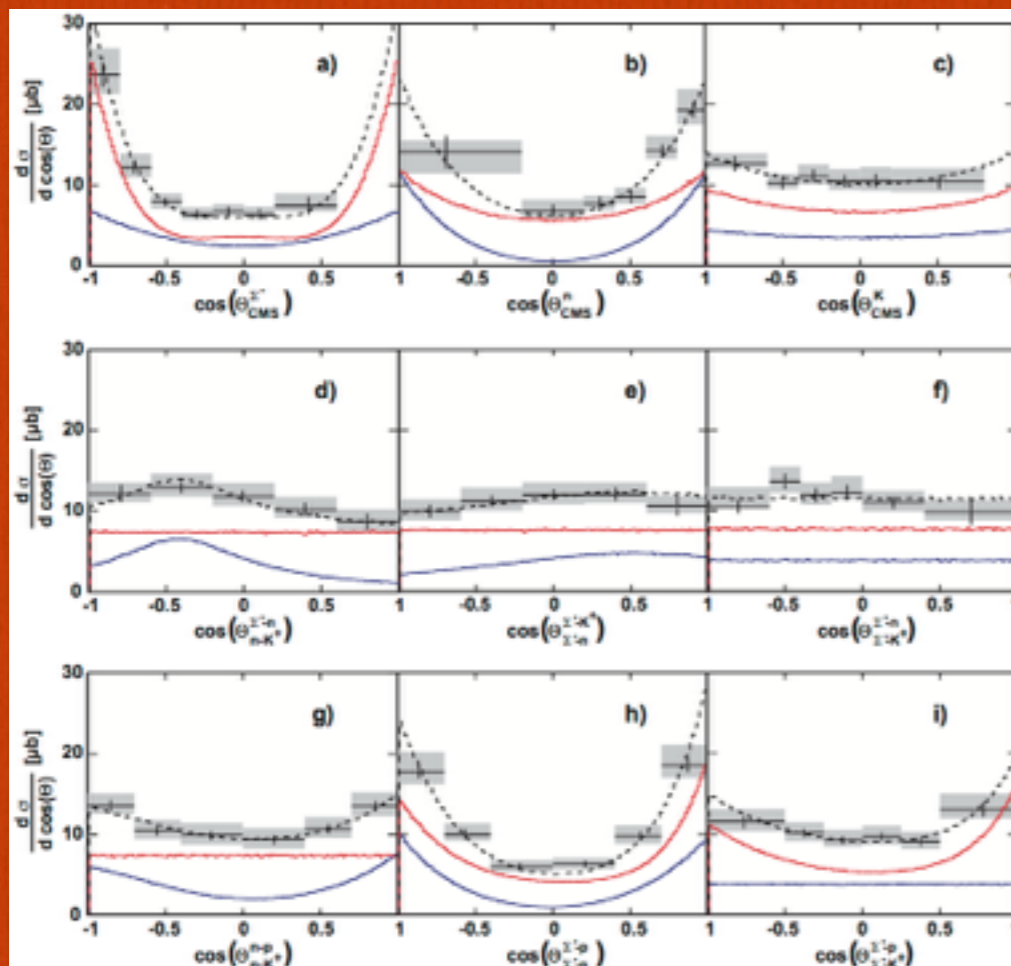
p+p @ 3.5 GeV



HADES Coll. Phys. Rev. C85 (2012) 035203
PDG Entry 2012

Resonance production
Coupling to different final states

Angular Distributions

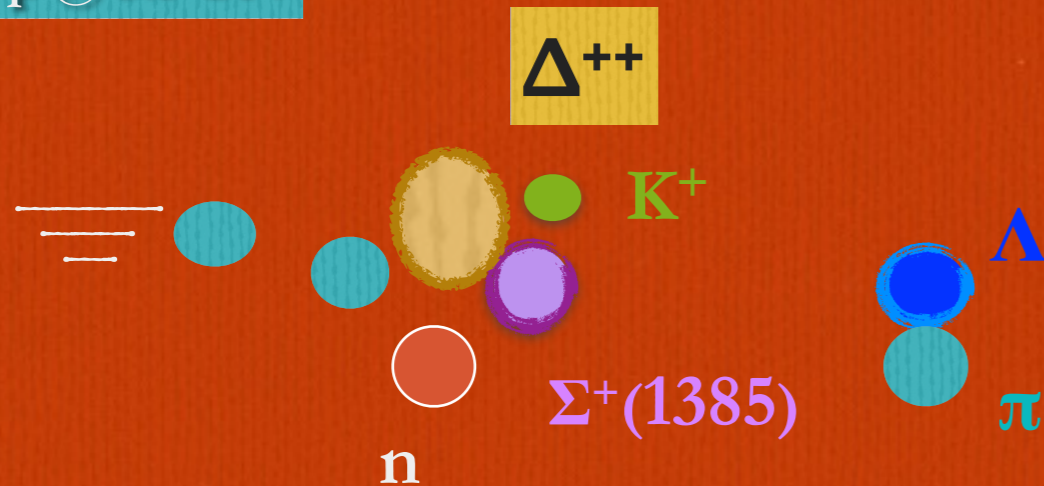


Non-isotropic angular distribution
-> has to be measured and modelled
correctly to extract the total cross-section

$$\sigma_{\Sigma(1385)^+} = 22.42 \pm 0.88 \pm 1.57^{+3.04}_{-2.23} \mu\text{b}$$

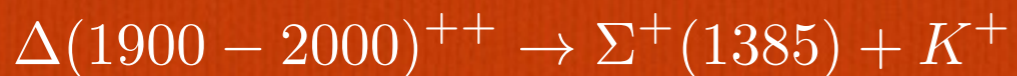
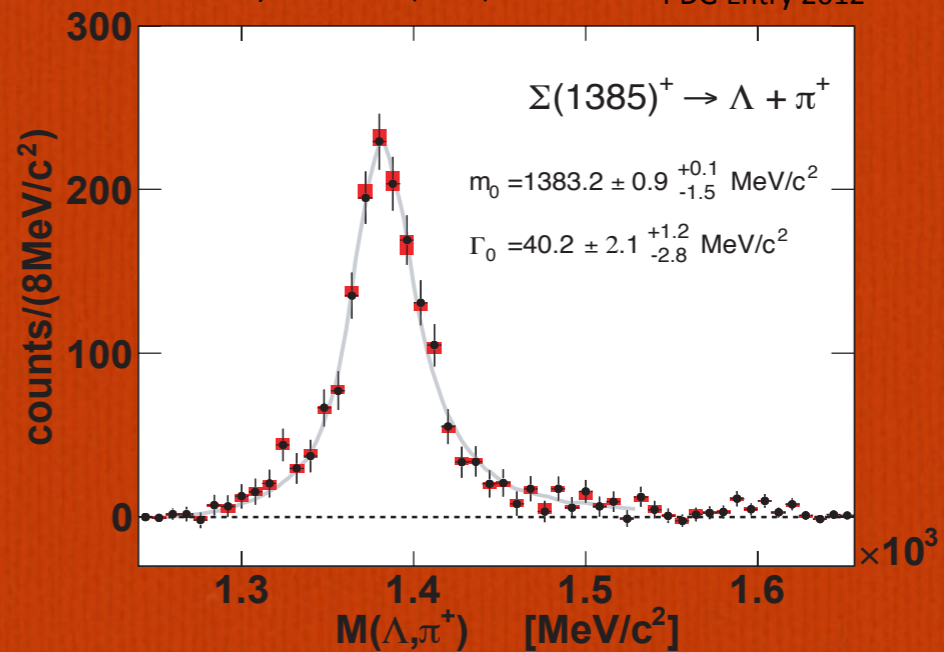
Resonances measured in elementary collisions

p+p @ 3.5 GeV



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$$\Gamma = 150 - 200 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

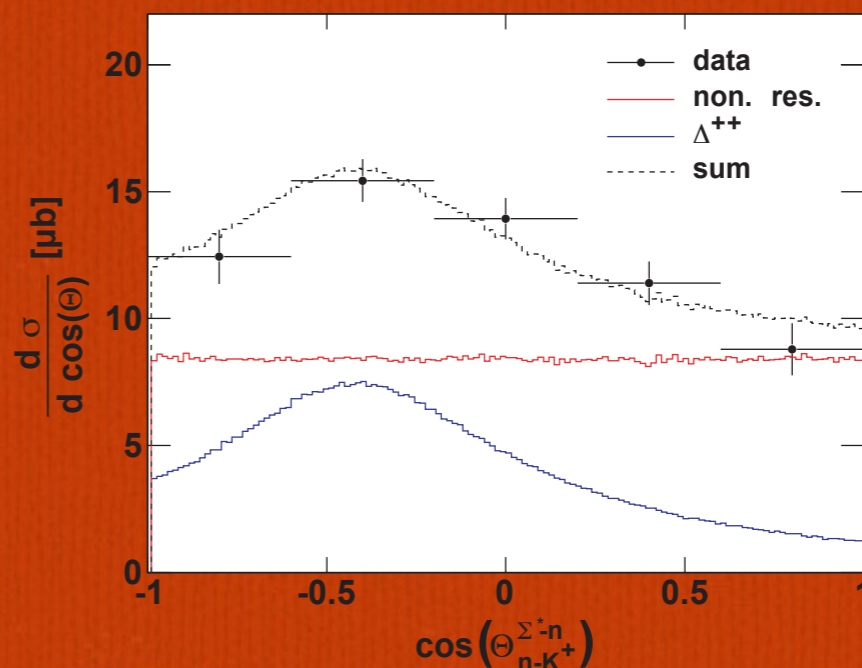
~ 30%

[Chinowsky, W. et al. Phys.Rev. 165 \(1968\) 1466-1478](#)

Role of the $\Delta^*(1940)$ in the $\pi^+p \rightarrow K^+\Sigma^+(1385)$ and $pp \rightarrow nK^+\Sigma^+(1385)$ reactions

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Summary

- * Kaon in matter: hints of a moderate repulsive potential in $p + \text{Nb}@3.5\text{GeV}$ (40 MeV at $q = q_0$ and $p = 0$)
- * Model dependent interpretation based on transport codes
- * First measurement of Antikaon disappearance in $\pi^- + \text{nucleus}$ reactions
- * Ξ^- Measurement in $\text{Ar} + \text{KCl}@1.756 \text{ AGeV}$ and $p + \text{Nb}@3.5\text{GeV}$ below threshold and unexpected large yields are observed.
- * New experiments are needed to pin down the creation mechanism