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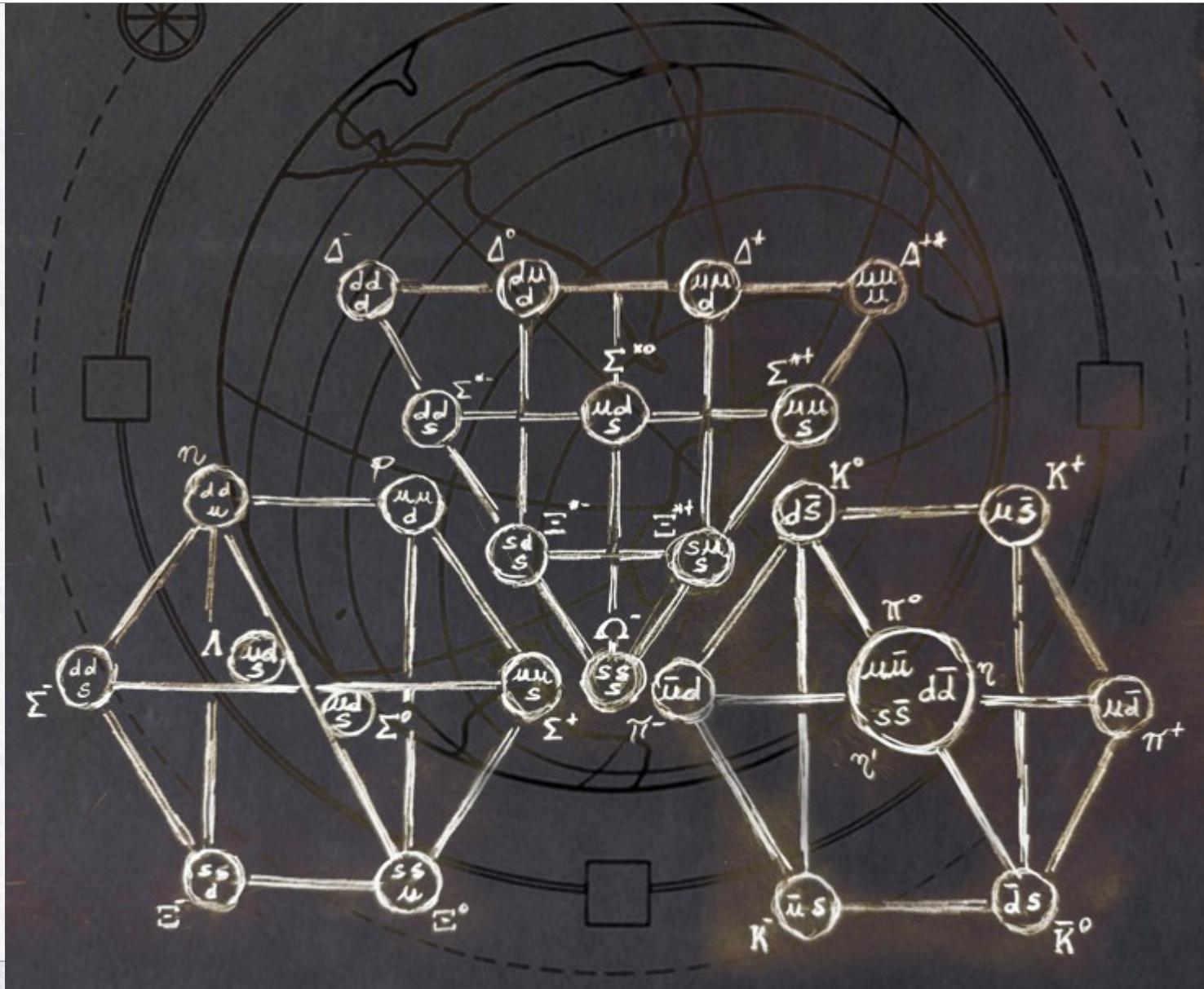
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kaonic matter .. deeper understanding the particles spectrum



Le particelle fondamentali

In natura esistono (per quanto ne sappiamo finora!) 4 Interazioni Fondamentali.

Esse sono «mediate» dallo scambio di particelle chiamate *bosoni* vettori (o bosoni di gauge), che le veicolano nello spazio causando l'interazione tra particelle «cariche».

La materia è formata da «*fermioni*».

Queste particelle acquisiscono massa attraverso il campo di Higgs.

	I	II	III	
mass	2.4 MeV/c ²	1.27 GeV/c ²	171.2 GeV/c ²	0
charge	2/3	2/3	2/3	0
spin	1/2	1/2	1/2	1
name	u	c	t	γ
	up	charm	top	photon
Quarks	d	s	b	g
mass	4.8 MeV/c ²	104 MeV/c ²	4.2 GeV/c ²	0
charge	-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0
spin	1/2	1/2	1/2	1
name	d	s	b	gluon
	down	strange	bottom	
Leptons	e	μ	τ	Z ⁰
mass	<2.2 eV/c ²	<0.17 MeV/c ²	<15.5 MeV/c ²	91.2 GeV/c ²
charge	0	0	0	0
spin	1/2	1/2	1/2	1
name	ν _e	ν _μ	ν _τ	Z boson
	electron neutrino	muon neutrino	tau neutrino	
Gauge Bosons	e	μ	τ	W [±]
mass	0.511 MeV/c ²	105.7 MeV/c ²	1.777 GeV/c ²	80.4 GeV/c ²
charge	-1	-1	-1	±1
spin	1/2	1/2	1/2	1
name	e	μ	τ	W boson
	electron	muon	tau	

QUARK ed i loro stati legati .. la fisica dell'interazione forte

free quarks (or fractionary charges) were never observed ...
but more than two hundred of their bound states have been discovered:

baryons - qqq fermioni (spin semintero)

mesons - $q\bar{q}$ bosoni (spin intero)

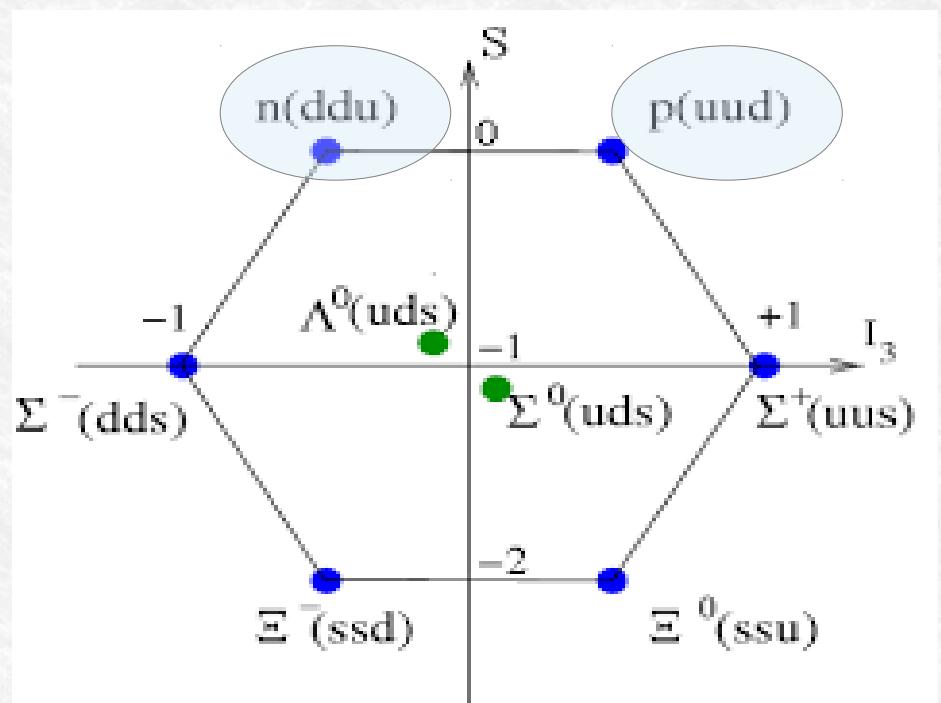
Ad ogni “sapore” di quark è associato un numero quantico additivo che è conservato nelle interazioni forte ed elettromagnetica.
L'interazione debole conserva solo il numero barionico.

Vita media di decadimento



Forte
elettromagnetico
debole

nucleoni ... i barioni più leggeri

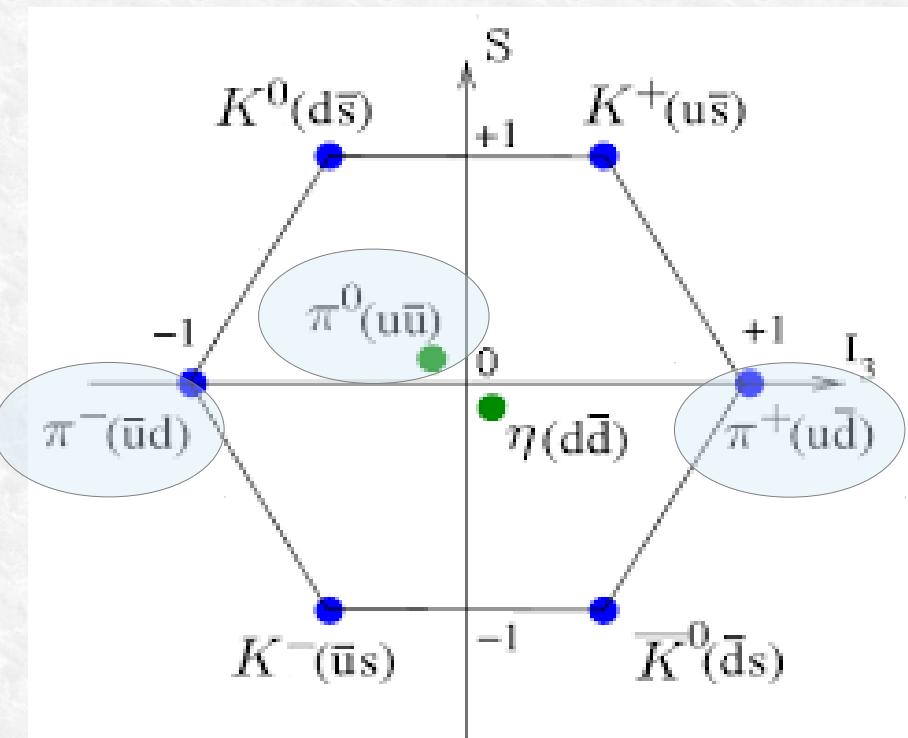


non sono strani

massa circa 940 MeV

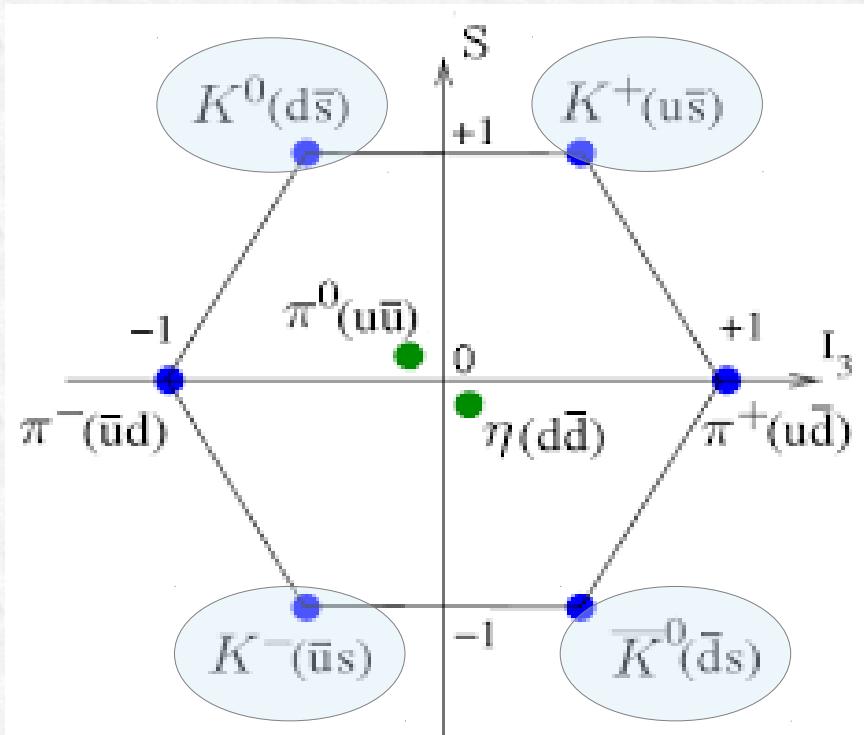
$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.782662 \times 10^{-36} \text{ kg}$$

pioni ... i mesoni più leggeri



non sono strani
massa circa 140 MeV
scoperti per la prima volta nel 1947
nei raggi cosmici
in emulsione fotografica
contenente alogenuro d'argento

kaoni ... i mesoni *strani* più leggeri



massa circa 500 MeV

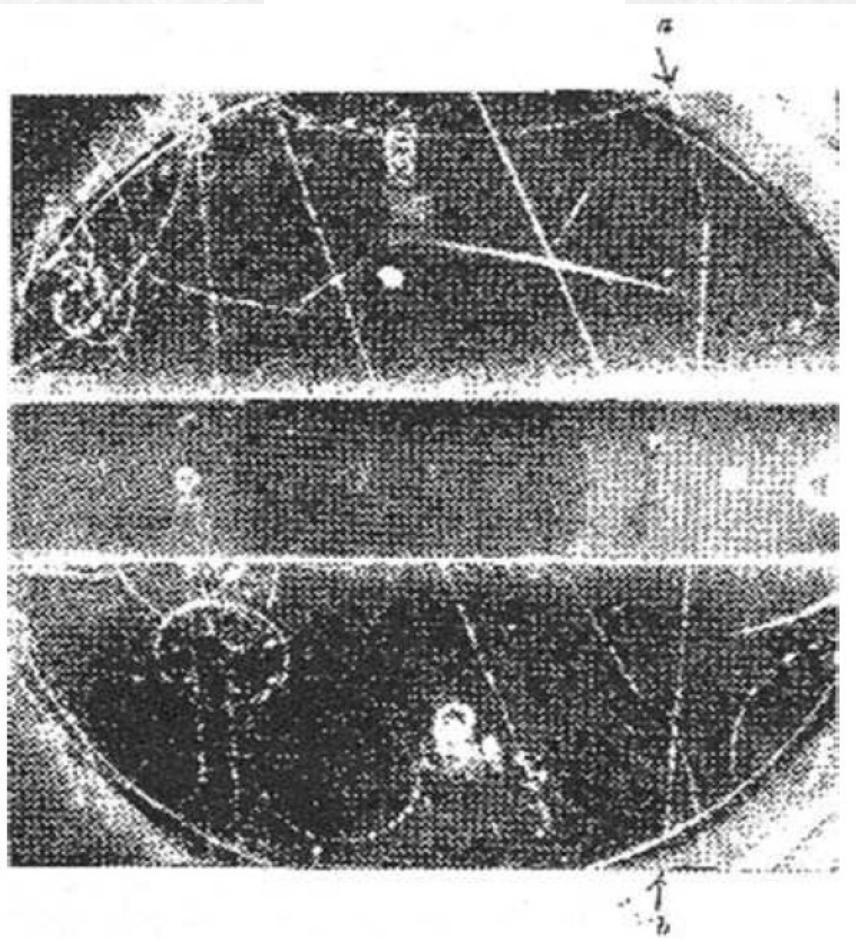
scoperti anche loro nei raggi cosmici

prodotti in interazioni forti ma decadono debole (per questo strani)

sono i mesoni strani più leggeri → non possono decadere (conservando energia e stranezza per interazione forte)

kaoni ... i mesoni *strani* più leggeri

$$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$



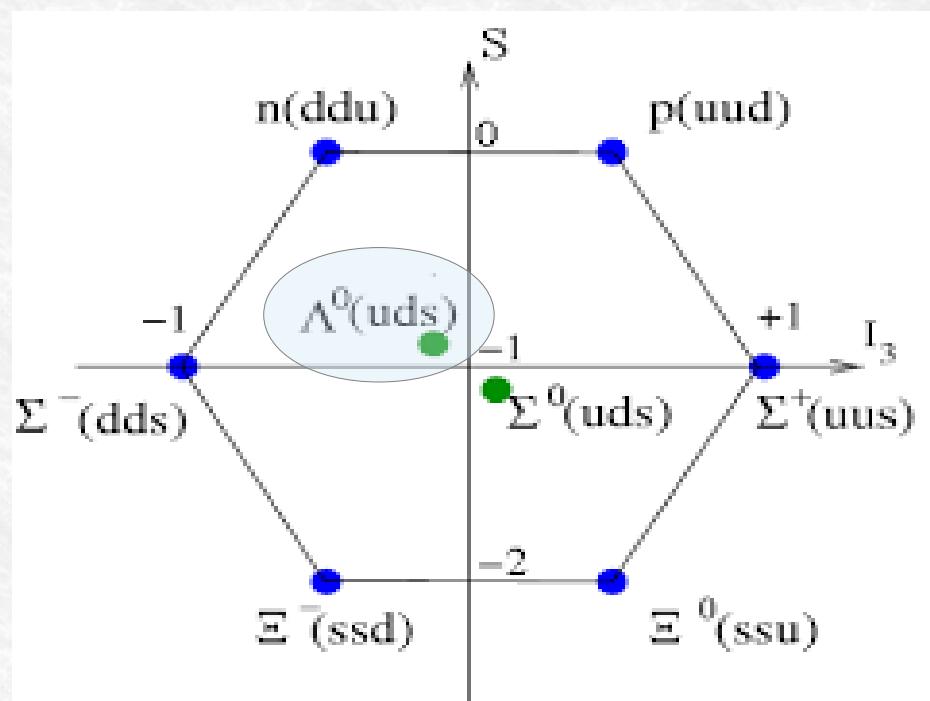
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energia e stranezza per interazione
forte)

$\Lambda(1116)$... il barione *strano* più leggero



massa circa 1116 MeV
prodotta in interazioni forti ma
decade debole:

$$\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- + p,$$

$$(uds) \rightarrow (d\bar{u}) + (uud)$$

$$S = -1 \quad 0 \quad 0$$

RISONANZE : mesoni e barioni più leggeri possiedono “stati eccitati” che decadono forte

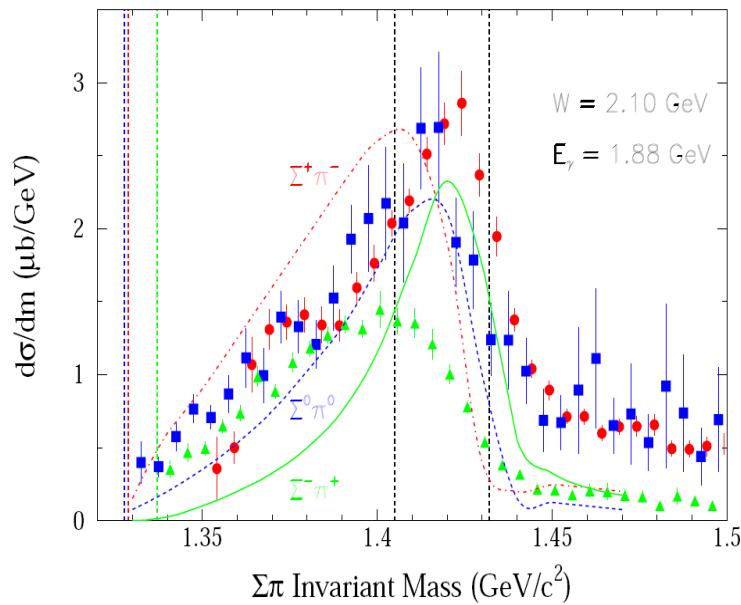
Vivono troppo poco per essere osservate direttamente, devono essere studiate attraverso i loro prodotti di decadimento .. ex:



la sua esistenza va inferita dalla misura dell'energia e dell'impulso delle particelle figlie, dalla conservazione di energia ed impulso otteniamo:

$$W_{(\Lambda)}^2 = (E_\Sigma + E_\pi)^2 - (p_\Sigma + p_\pi)^2$$

energy cons. momentum cons.



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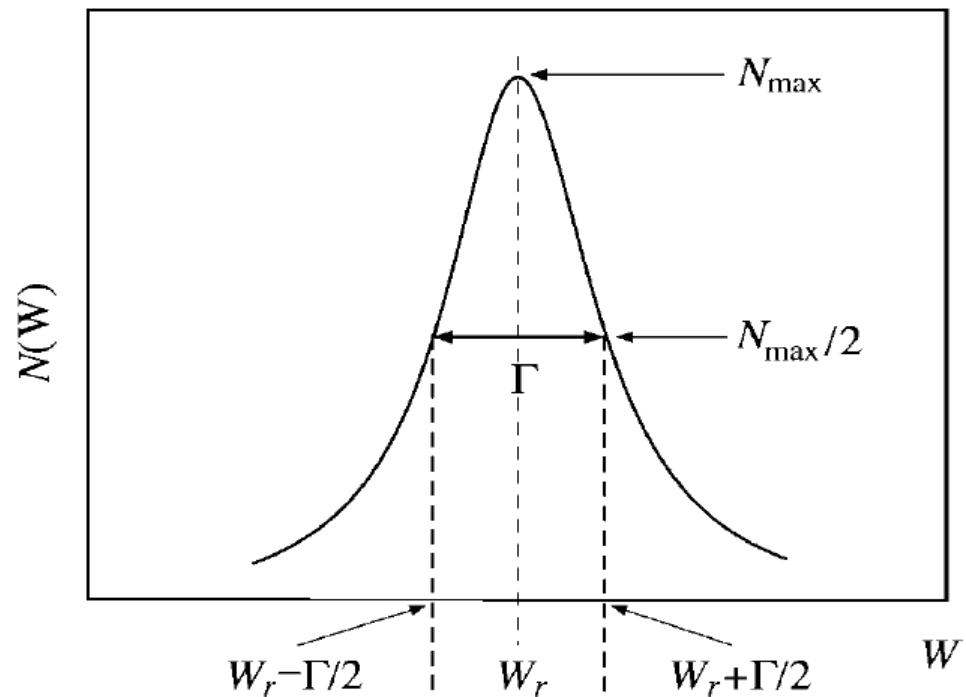
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La forma della risonanza è data dalla formula di Breit-Wigner :

$$N(W) = \frac{K}{(W - W_r)^2 + \Gamma^2/4},$$

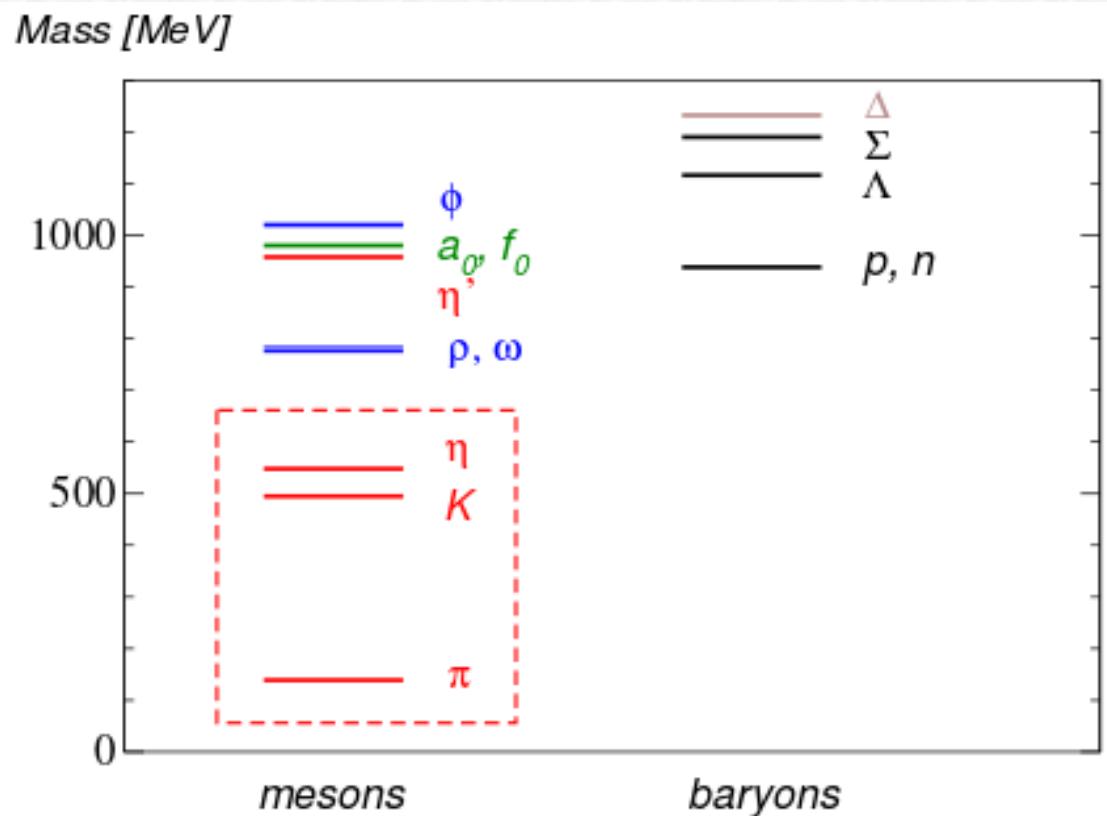
La vita media è data dalla indeterminazione energia tempo:

$$\Delta W = \Delta E \approx \Gamma \equiv 1/\tau$$



AMADEUS: Anti-kaonic Matter At DAΦNE: An Experiment with Unraveling Spectroscopy

Why studying anti-kaonic matter?



QCD open problems:

- Particle spectrum:
why these states?
 $m_\pi \approx 138 \text{ MeV}$
 $m_K \approx 494 \text{ MeV}$
 $m_N \approx 939 \text{ MeV}$
 $m_\Lambda \approx 1116 \text{ MeV}$
 $m_\Sigma \approx 1193 \text{ MeV}$
- Nuclear physics \leftrightarrow QCD?

Possible solution: Effective field theories \rightarrow Experimental support

Lagrangiana

Consideriamo il moto di una particella per semplicità in una sola dimensione e siano $x(t)$, $\dot{x}(t)$ la sua posizione e la sua velocità. Se la particella è soggetta ad un potenziale $V(x)$ la sua equazione del moto è

$$F = ma = m \ddot{x}(t) = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$$

Introduciamo la Lagrangiana:

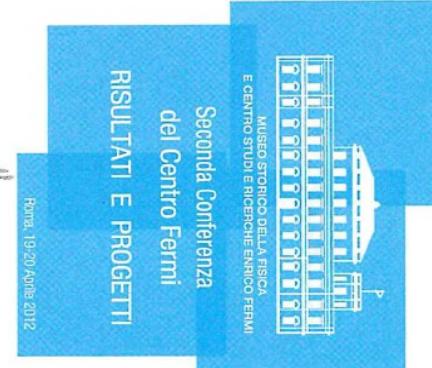
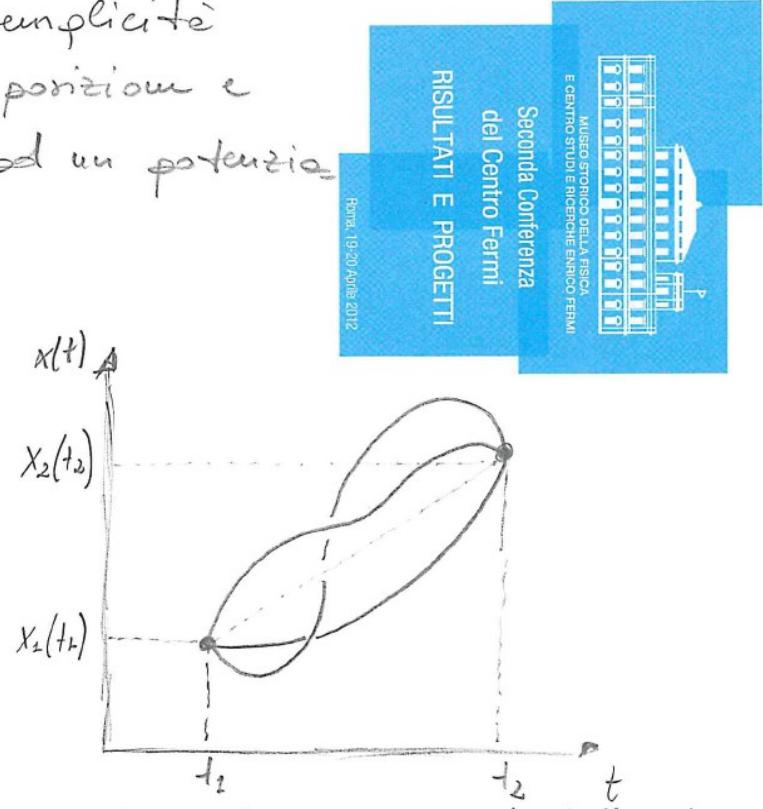
$$L(x(t), \dot{x}(t)) = T - U = \frac{m}{2} \dot{x}^2 - V(x)$$

ed il funzionale azione

$$S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(x(t), \dot{x}(t)) dt$$

Il principio di azione stazionaria afferma che fra tutte le possibili traiettorie che connettono due punti $x_1(t_1)$ ed $x_2(t_2)$ la particella segue la traiettoria tale che $\delta S = 0$, da cui segue:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = 0 \Rightarrow - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = m \ddot{x}$$



Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

- strong interaction is governed by QCD
- fundamental matter fields are quarks (6 flavors & 3 colors R , G , B)

mass → 2.4 MeV
charge → $\frac{2}{3}$
spin → $\frac{1}{2}$
name → up

4.8 MeV
 $-\frac{1}{3}$
 $\frac{1}{2}$
down

104 MeV
 $-\frac{1}{3}$
 $\frac{1}{2}$
strange

1.27 GeV
 $\frac{2}{3}$
 $\frac{1}{2}$
charm

4.2 GeV
 $-\frac{1}{3}$
 $\frac{1}{2}$
bottom

171.2 GeV
 $\frac{2}{3}$
 $\frac{1}{2}$
top

- gauge fields are 8 gluons.
- in the massless limit ..

The diagram illustrates the interaction between quark fields and gluon fields. A purple oval labeled "quark fields" has a line connecting to a blue oval labeled "gluon fields". Below the ovals, the QCD Lagrangian density is given as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^0 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}] + \bar{q} i \gamma^\mu D_\mu q,$$

with the gluon field strength tensor defined as:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig[A_\mu, A_\nu],$$

and the covariant derivative and gauge field as:

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - igA_\mu, \quad A_\mu = \sum_a T^a A_\mu^a,$$

Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

- since the massless Lagrangian can be decomposed:

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left and right handed quarks:

$$q_L = P_L q$$

$$q_R = P_R q$$

it is invariant under independent unitary transformations of L/R-handed q
chiral symmetry of QCD $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$

- quark condensate breaks down the symmetry to $SU(3)_V$

$$\langle 0 | \bar{q} q | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | \bar{q}_R q_L + \bar{q}_L q_R | 0 \rangle$$

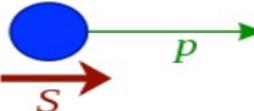
SPONTANEOUS ch. symmetry breaking

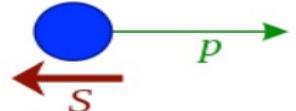
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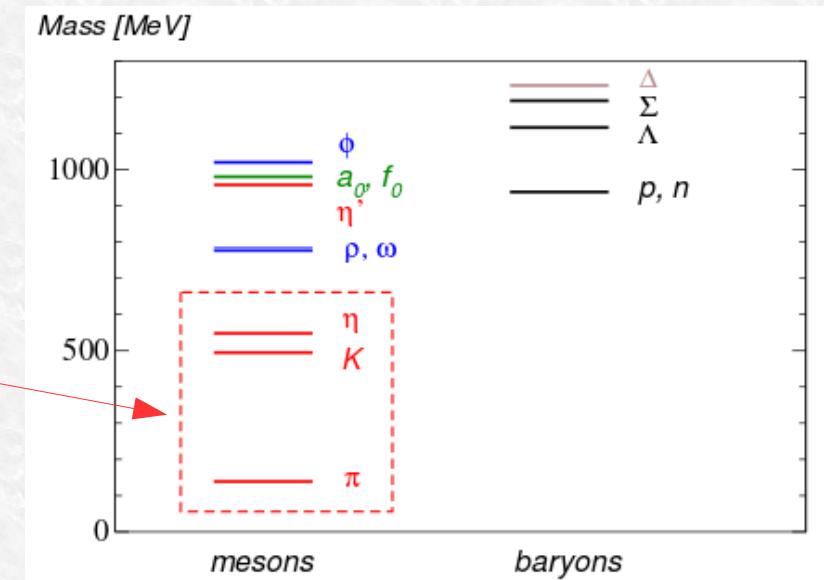
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Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

- If we reduce to the three lightest flavors:

Light quarks			Heavy quarks		
mass \rightarrow	2.4 MeV		1.27 GeV		171.2 GeV
charge \rightarrow	$\frac{2}{3}$		$\frac{2}{3}$		$\frac{2}{3}$
spin \rightarrow	$\frac{1}{2}$	u	$\frac{1}{2}$	d	$\frac{1}{2}$
name \rightarrow	up		charm	bottom	top
		down			
		strange			

- The *approximate* N-G bosons are the lightest mesons (π , K and η)



Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

- Ch. symmetry is also broken by the finite quarks masses, because of the quark mass term:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^0 - \bar{q} \mathbf{m} q, \quad \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} m_u & & \\ & m_d & \\ & & m_s \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_u, m_d \sim \text{few MeV} \quad ; \quad m_s \sim 150 \text{ MeV}$$

EXPLICIT chiral symmetry breaking

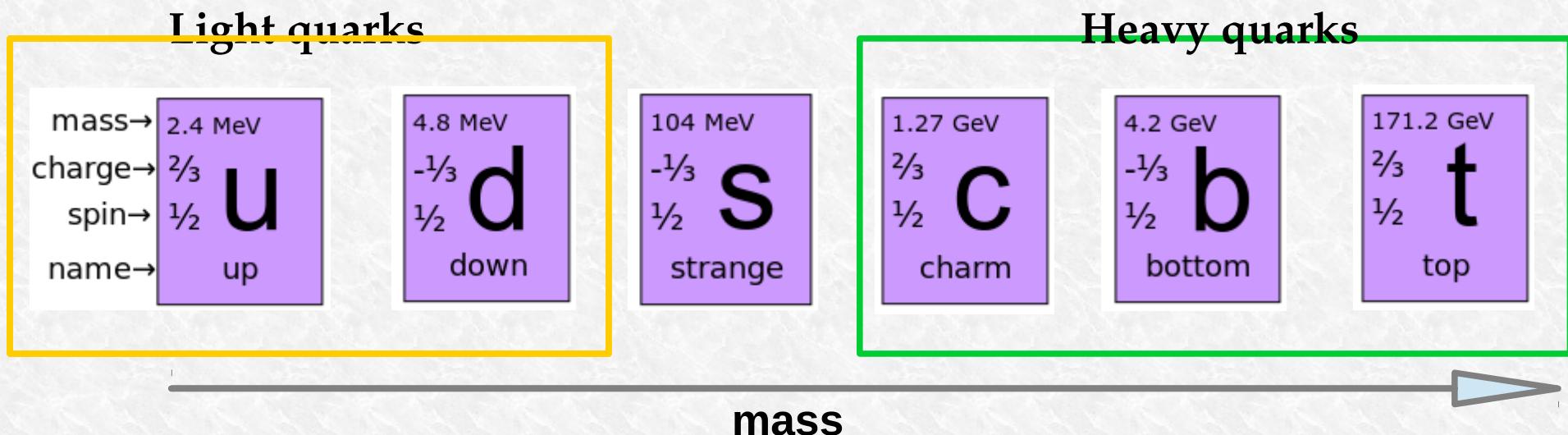
- s quarks are intermediate between light and heavy \rightarrow test of the interplay among spontaneous and explicit ch. sy. breaking in low-energy QCD

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Why studing anti-kaonic matter?

(Why studing strangeness?)

- The strange quarks are **intermediate in mass** between light and heavy quarks



Quark masses ratios:

$$\frac{m_u}{m_d} \approx 0.55$$

$$\frac{m_s}{m_d} \approx 22$$

The chiral symmetry is broken explicitly by the large strange quark mass

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- The hadron masses originate from the **chiral symmetry breaking** mechanism

Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner formula:

$$M_\pi^2 = (m_u + m_d) \times |\langle 0 | \bar{u} u | 0 \rangle| \times \frac{1}{F_\pi^2} \quad F_\pi = 92.2 \text{ MeV}$$
$$M_K^2 = \frac{(m_u + m_s)}{2} \times |\langle 0 | \bar{u} u + \bar{s} s | 0 \rangle|$$

explicit spontaneous

- The **explicit** chiral symmetry breaking is caused by the non zero quark masses.
- The **spontaneous** chiral symmetry breaking is caused by the non zero quark condensate expectation value in vacuum

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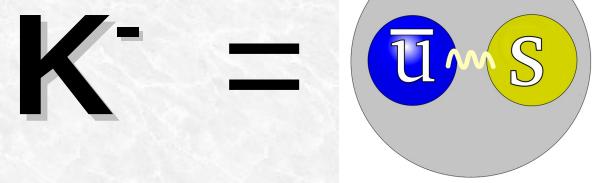
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Gell-Mann-Oakes-Rennan formula:

In vacuum: $\rho=0 \quad M_K^2 = \frac{(m_u + m_s)}{2} \times |\langle 0 | \bar{u} u + \bar{s} s | 0 \rangle|$

Chiral symmetry breaking terms

In medium: $\rho > 0 \quad M_K^{*2} = M_K^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{F_\pi^2} \frac{\langle \rho | \bar{u} u + \bar{s} s | \rho \rangle}{\langle 0 | \bar{u} u + \bar{s} s | 0 \rangle} \rho \right)$



The kaons are the lightest mesons containing strangeness.

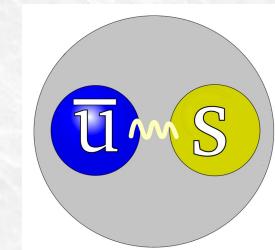
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K⁻ =



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In vacuum: M_K = Mass of the kaon in vacuum
 $\rho=0$

In medium: M_K^* = Mass of the kaon in medium
 $\rho>0$
 $M_K^{*2} = M_K^2 \cdot [1 - B(\rho) \cdot \rho]$
 $B(\rho)$ needs to be set experimentally

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Measurements on kaonic hydrogen indicates **attractive interaction** between anti-kaons and nucleons in nuclear medium.

The gray bands are the extrapolations from K^+N scattering data and from kaonic hydrogen data

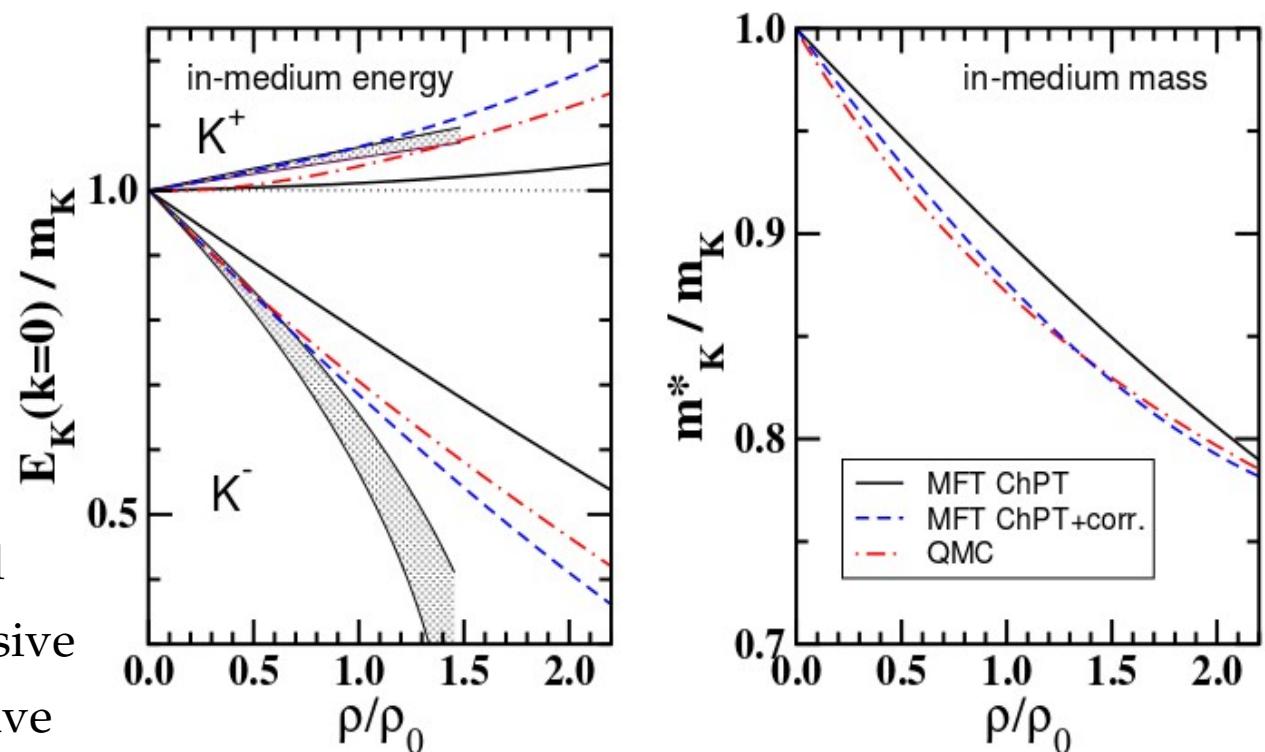
$$E_K(\mathbf{k}=0) = M_K^* + V_0$$

V_0 is the KN interaction potential

$V_0 > 0 \rightarrow$ the interaction is repulsive

$V_0 < 0 \rightarrow$ the interaction is attractive

$\bar{K}N$ interaction attractive \rightarrow



Is it possible to form bound states of kaons in nuclei?
If so, they are ideal to study kaon mass modification

Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

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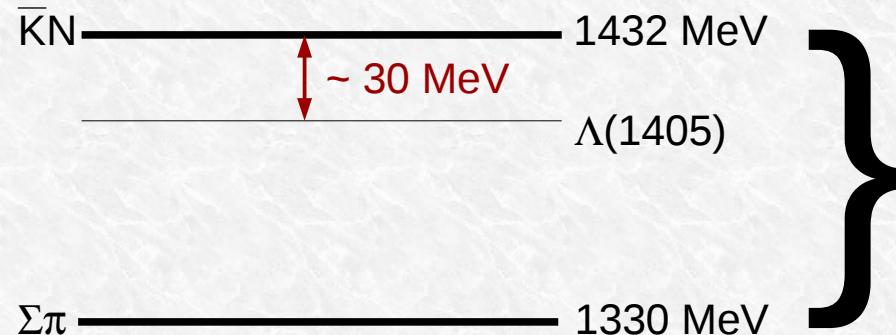
$$m_u, m_d \sim \text{few MeV} \quad ; \quad m_s \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

EXPLICIT ch. symmetry breaking

- At low-energy the non-perturbative effect of the strong interaction causes color confinement → asymptotic degrees of freedom are hadrons instead of quarks and gluons.

The scientific case of the $\Lambda(1405)$

Mass = $1405.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}$ MeV,
Width = 50.5 ± 2.0 MeV
 $I = 0, S = -1, J^p = 1/2^-$,
 Status: ****,
 strong decay into $\Sigma\pi$



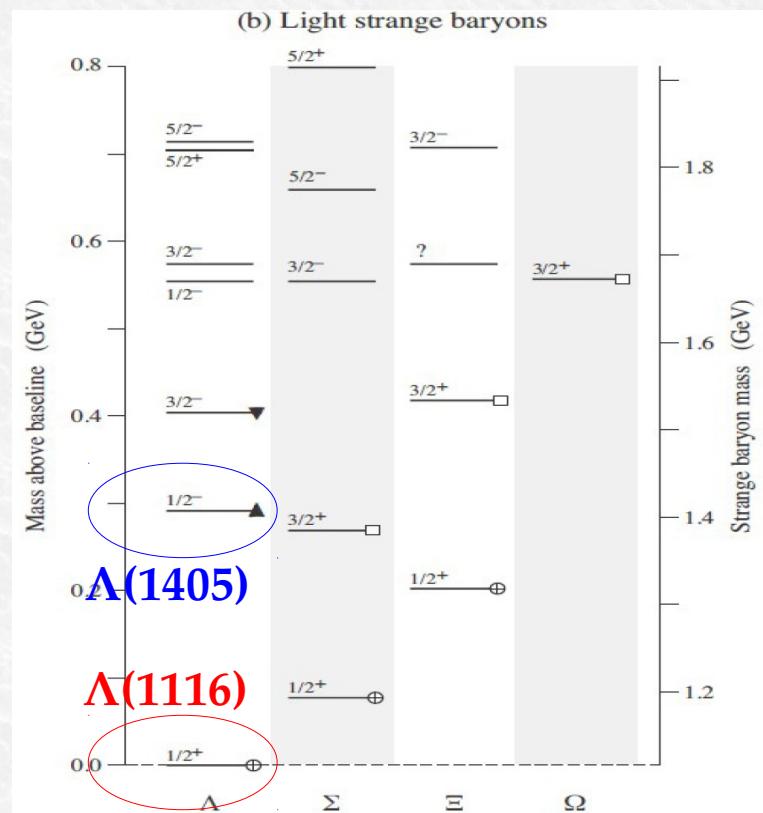
- 3 quark?
- molecular?
- $\bar{K}N$ bound state?
- pentaquark?

The **three quark model picture** has some difficulties to reproduce the $\Lambda(1405)$. According to its negative parity, one of the quarks has to be excited to the $l = 1$ orbit.

Similar to the nucleon sector, where one of the lowest negative parity baryon is the N(1535), **the expected mass of the Λ^* is around 1700 MeV** (since it contains one strange quark). Another difficulty is the energy splitting observed between the $\Lambda(1405)$ and the $\Lambda(1520)$, if is interpreted as the spin-orbit partner ($J^p = 3/2^-$).

R. Dalitz and collaborators first suggested to interpret $\Lambda(1405)$ as an $\bar{K}N$ quasibound state.

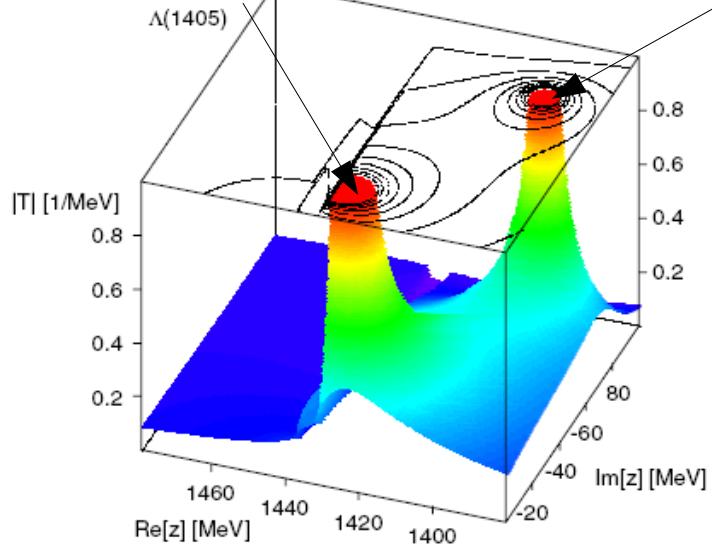
R.H. Dalitz, T.C. Wong and G. Rajasekaran, Phys. Rev. **153** (1967) 1617.



The scientific case of the $\Lambda(1405)$

mainly coupled to $\bar{K}N$

mainly coupled to $\Sigma\pi$



- Chiral unitary models: $\Lambda(1405)$ is an $I = 0$ quasibound state emerging from the coupling between the $\bar{K}N$ and the $\Sigma\pi$ channels. Two poles in the neighborhood of the $\Lambda(1405)$:

$$(z_1 = 1424^{+7}_{-23} - i26^{+3}_{-14})$$

$$z_2 = 1381^{+18}_{-6} - i81^{+19}_{-8}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Nucl. Phys. A881, 98 (2012).

- Esmaili-Akaishi-Yamazaki model : the $\Lambda(1405)$ does not have a double pole nature, is considered as a $K - N$ bound state in the $I = 0$ channel

Physics Letters B 686 (2010) 23-28.

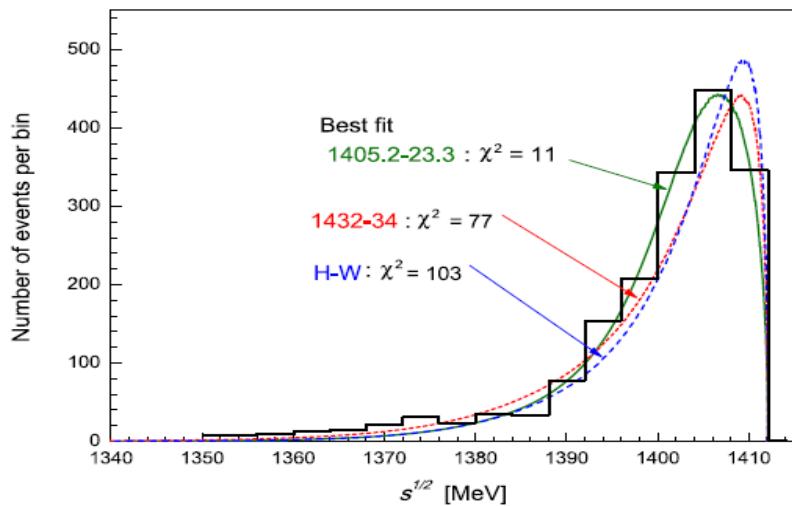


Fig. 6. Detailed differences in $M_{\Sigma\pi}$ spectra among the Hyodo-Weise prediction and the present model predictions.

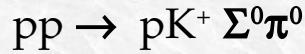
The position of the $\Lambda(1405)$ is important to measure the $\bar{K}N$ Binding Energy (BE)

$$M_{\bar{K}N} = M_K + M_N - BE$$

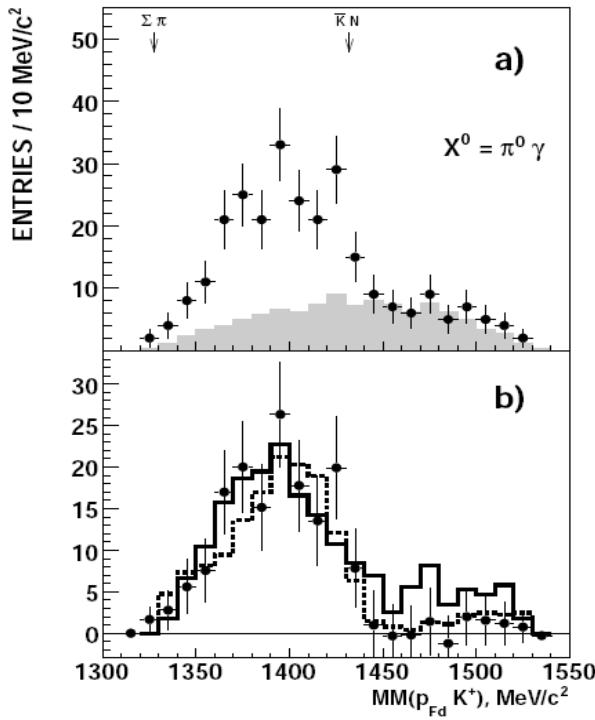
The scientific case of the $\Lambda(1405)$

Great importance to explore the $\Lambda(1405)$ production in $\bar{K}N$ reactions decaying in $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ (Σ^0 decays electromagnetically in $\Lambda\gamma$). Golden, still poorly explored, channel since the main source of background $\Sigma(1385)$ can not decay in $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ for isospin conservation.

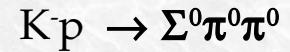
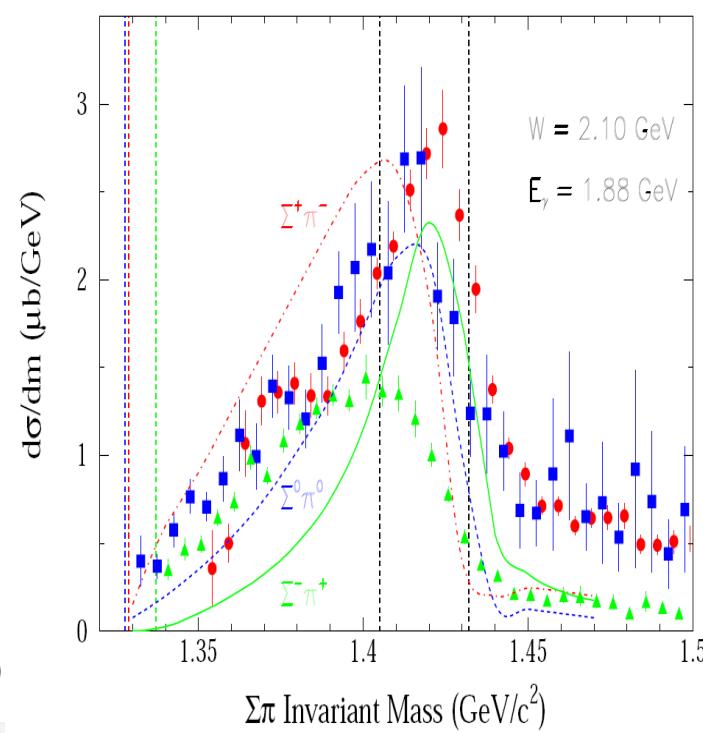
The $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ spectrum was **only observed in 3 experiments ... with different line-shapes !**



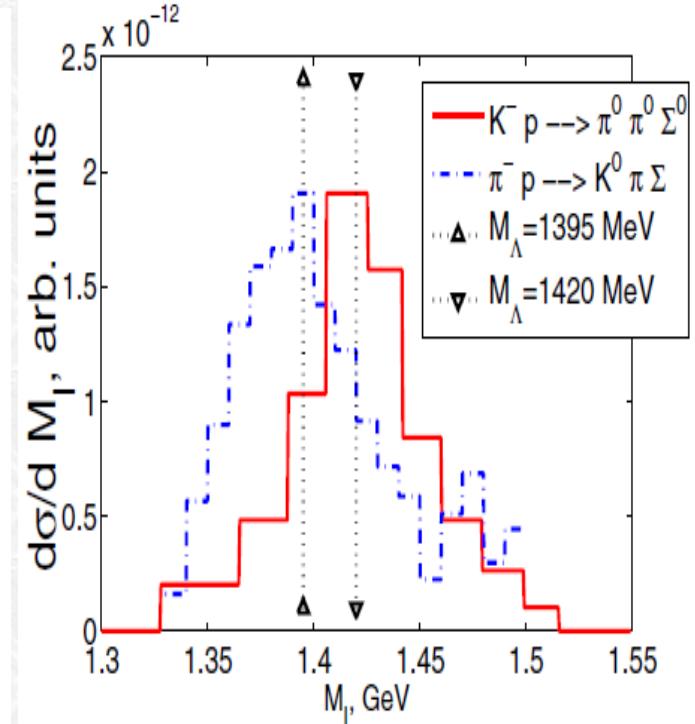
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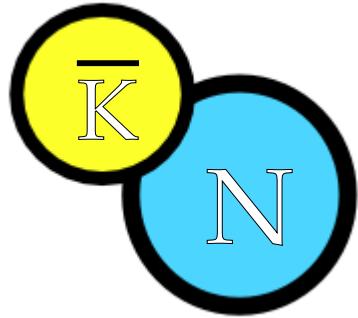
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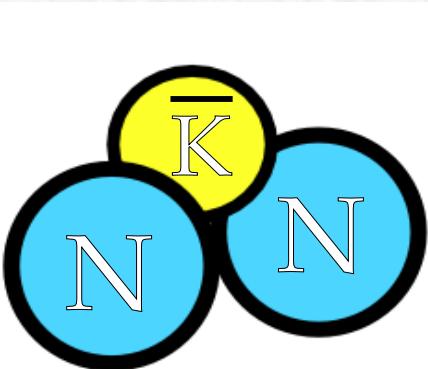
$\Lambda(1405)$... resonance or/and bound state?

How strong is the interaction between anti-kaons and nucleons?

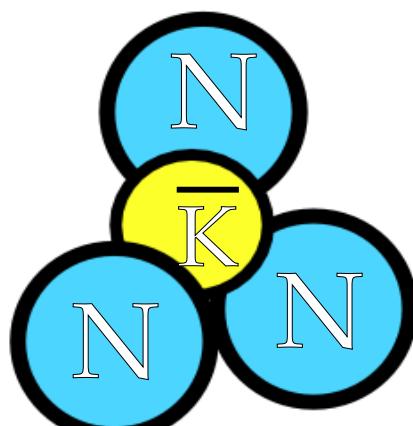
If this interaction is strong enough we might expect the formation of deeply bound kaonic nuclear clusters



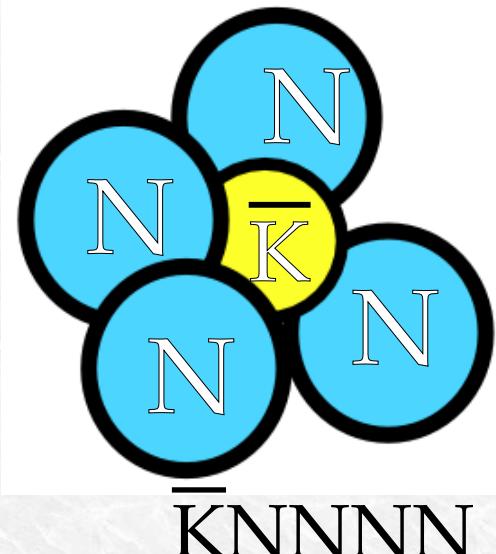
$\Lambda(1405)$



$\bar{K}NN$



$\bar{K}NNN$



$\bar{K}NNNN$

These kaonic bound states were predicted by Wycech (1986) and Akaishi & Yamazaki (2002) due to the strong $\bar{K}N$ attraction caused by the $\Lambda(1405)$ state.

If kaonic bound states exist, the \bar{K} might mediate dense nuclear systems that will represent the **ideal conditions** to investigate the **hadron mass origin**.

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Deep impact on models of neutrons stars structure



A composite image illustrating the scale of a neutron star. The upper portion of the image features a massive, dark gray, textured sphere representing a neutron star, which is significantly larger than the actual city of Vancouver below it. The city of Vancouver, with its dense urban core and surrounding green hills, is visible at the bottom. The text "Neutron Star" is centered within the sphere.

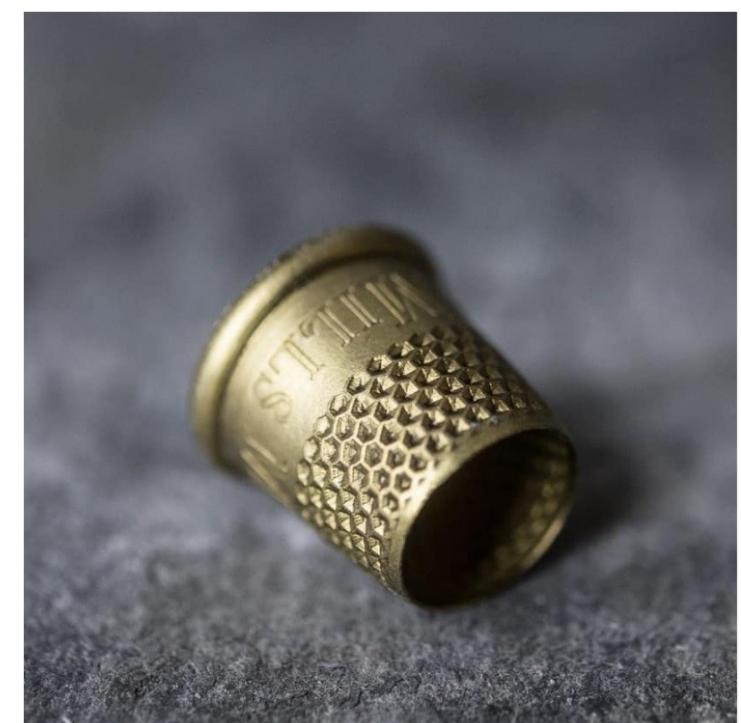
Neutron Star

Vancouver



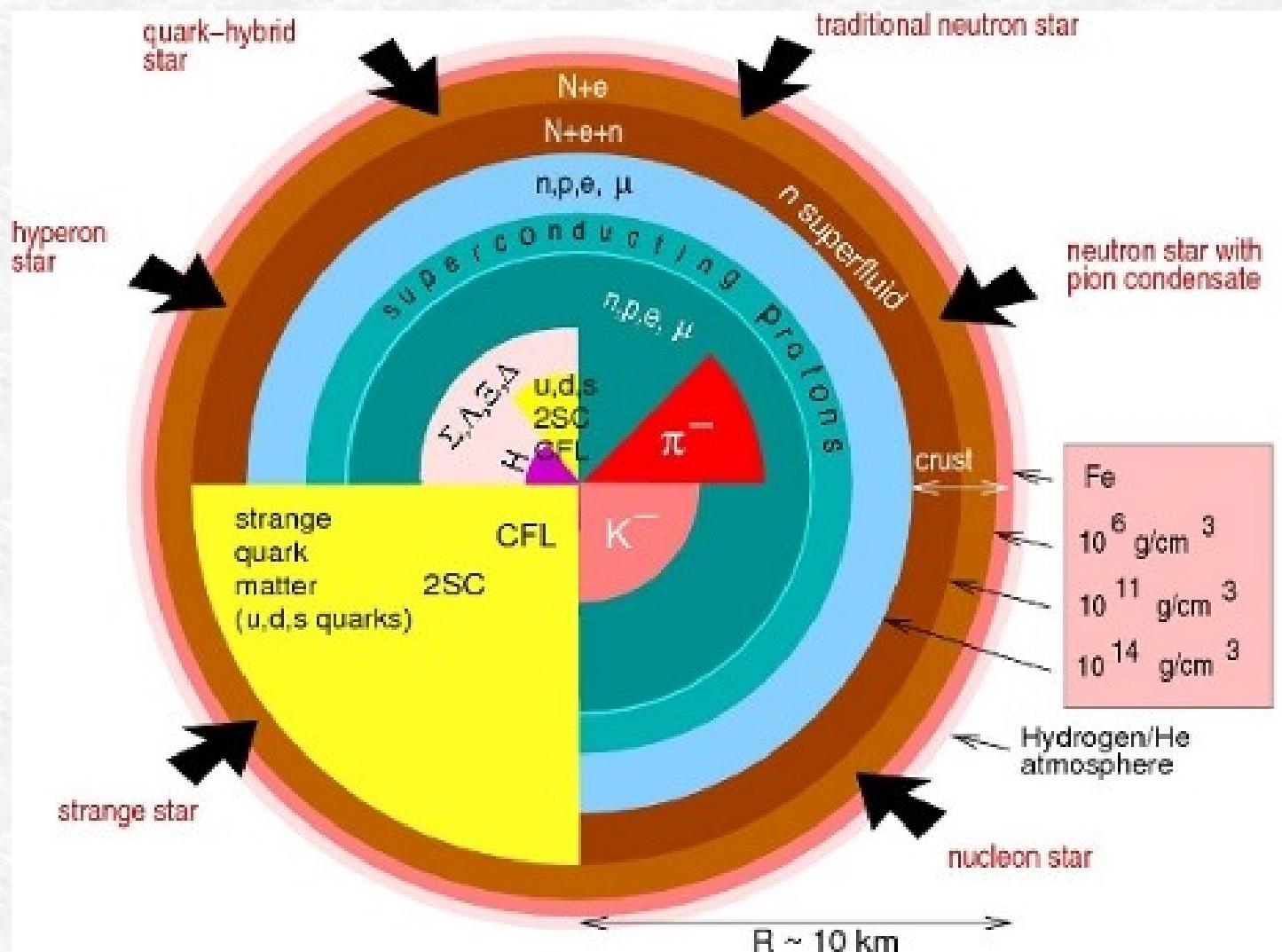
To achieve this density of a neutron star at home, just cram a herd of 50 million elephants into the volume of a thimble.

— Neil deGrasse Tyson —



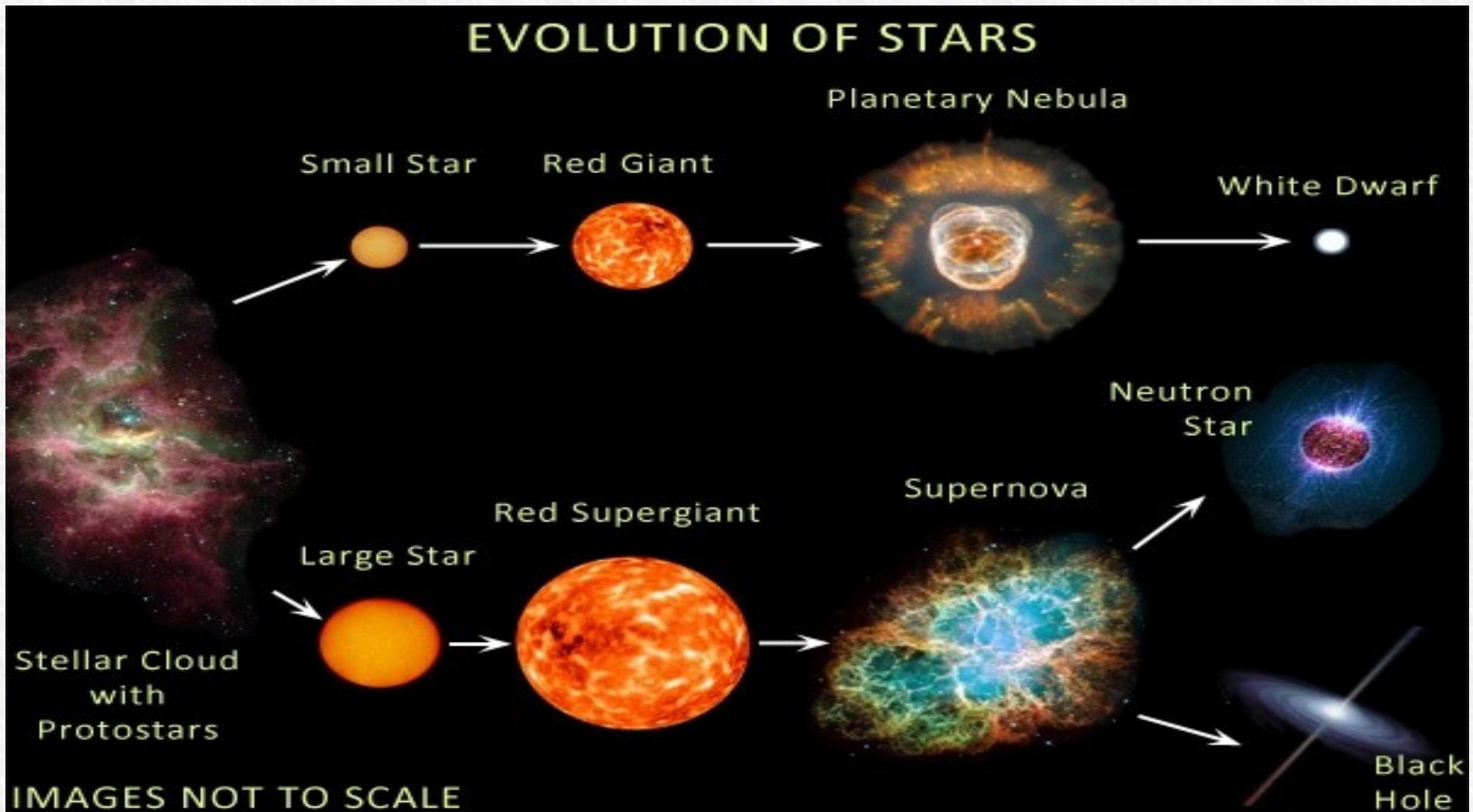
Essential impact on the case of NEUTRON STARS

- Neutron stars are stellar objects made of **neutrons** plus some **protons** and **electrons**, but their composition is not yet clear and they could contain also **other particles**



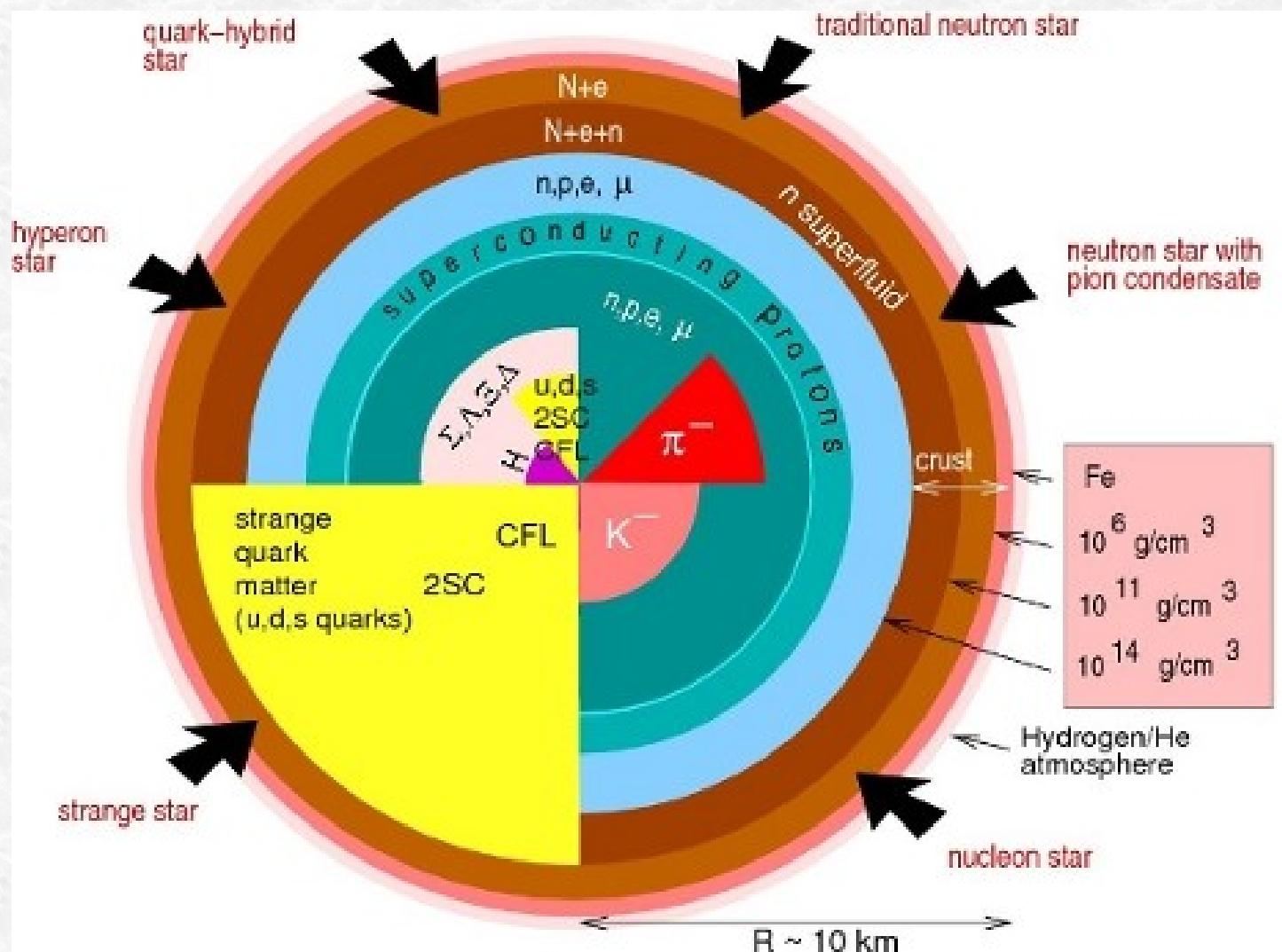
What are NEUTRON STARS?

- They are the end-product of the evolution of massive stars, having a mass larger than about 10 solar masses and they are produced after an explosive phenomenon called **SuperNova**



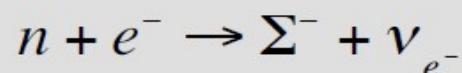
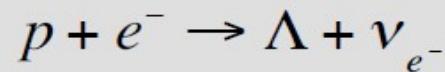
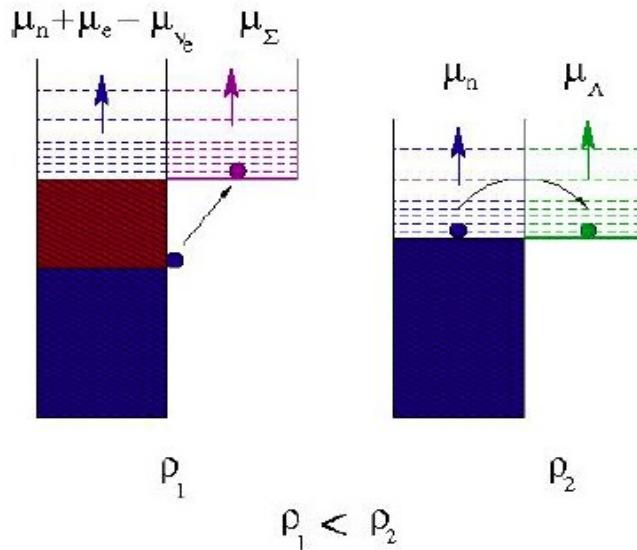
Essential impact on the case of NEUTRON STARS

- Their mass is roughly between **1 to** (maybe) **3 solar masses**, but they are extremely small, with a **radius** of the order of **10 km** (the radius of the Sun is about 700000 km)



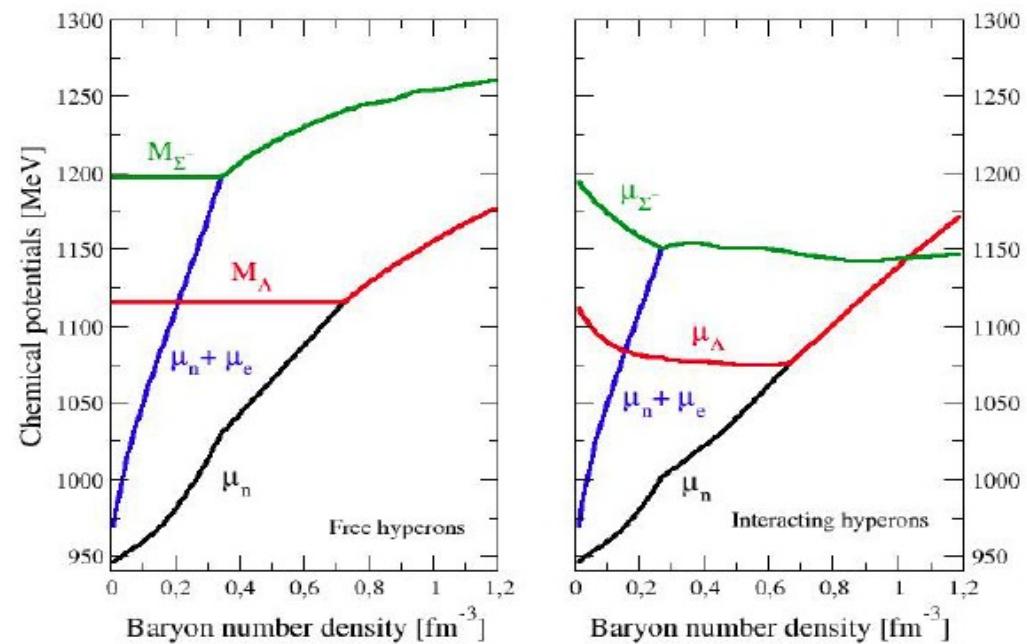
Strangeness in NEUTRON STARS

Hyperons are expected to appear in the core of neutron stars at $\rho \sim (2\text{-}3)\rho_0$ when μ_N is large enough to make the conversion of N into Y energetically favorable.

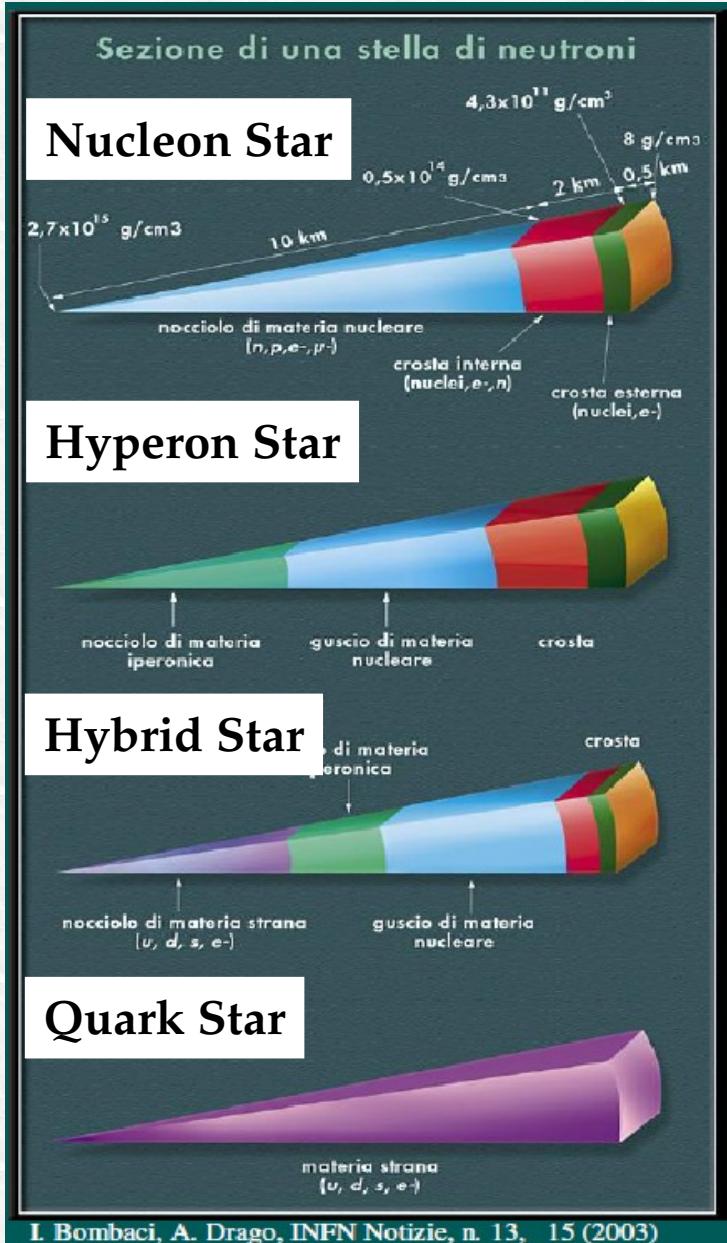


$$\mu_{\Sigma^-} = \mu_n + \mu_{e^-} - \mu_{\nu_{e^-}}$$

$$\mu_\Lambda = \mu_n$$



Essential impact on the case of NEUTRON STARS



Microscopic approach to hyperonic matter EOS

input

2BF: nucleon-nucleon (NN), nucleon-hyperon (NY), hyperon-hyperon (YY)

e.g. Nijmegen, Julich models

3BF: NNN, NNY, NYY, YYY

Hyperonic sector: experimental data

1. **YN scattering** (very few data)
2. **Hypernuclei**

A M A D E U S proposal:

Y N CORRELATION STUDIES

Isolate hyperon scattering processes with:

- single nucleon $Y N \rightarrow Y' N'$
- two nucleons $Y N_1 N_2 \rightarrow Y' N_1' N_2'$

Λ (1405) conglomerates as Dark Matter candidates?

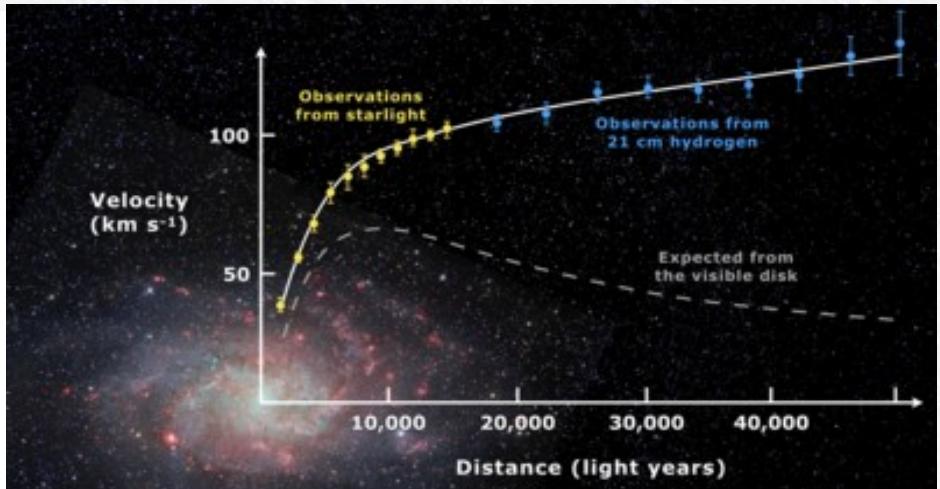
Dark Matter ... one of the biggest challenges of modern astrophysics,

originally introduced in order to explain the rotation curves of spiral galaxies,

DM is also required as a fundamental component (30%) of the Universe's energy content.

unfortunately DM to do not couple with radiation as baryonic matter, required in order to explain its invisibility to traditional astronomical observations.

DM candidates: elementary particles ? macroscopic objects (MACHOs) ?
the parameter space covered by the families of plausible DM candidates extends from 10^{-15} GeV of axions up to 10^{15} GeV of wimpzillas, and cross sections (from 10^{-35} pb of gravitinos up to 1 pb of neutrinos).



$\Lambda(1405)$ conglomerates as Dark Matter candidates?

Families of particles beyond the Standard Model ex. arising from supersymmetric theories However,

search at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in order to unveil traces of missing energy and momentum in baryonic collisions - a typical signature of events with production of non-interacting DM - have still not shown clear features of such phenomena in large energy ranges,

The investigation of the density of MACHOs in the Milky Way and in extragalactic halos has shown that such objects are not abundant enough to represent a significant fraction of the DM mass.

DM particles could self-interact via annihilation or decay to produce SM pairs, that subsequently annihilate into final-state photons. If the mass of the DM candidates is more than some GeV such photons could be detected on Earth through emission of Cherenkov radiation in the atmosphere.

New hypothesis stable $\Lambda(1405)$ conglomerates, whose formation may be conceived during the Big-Bang Quark Gluon Plasma period in the early universe.

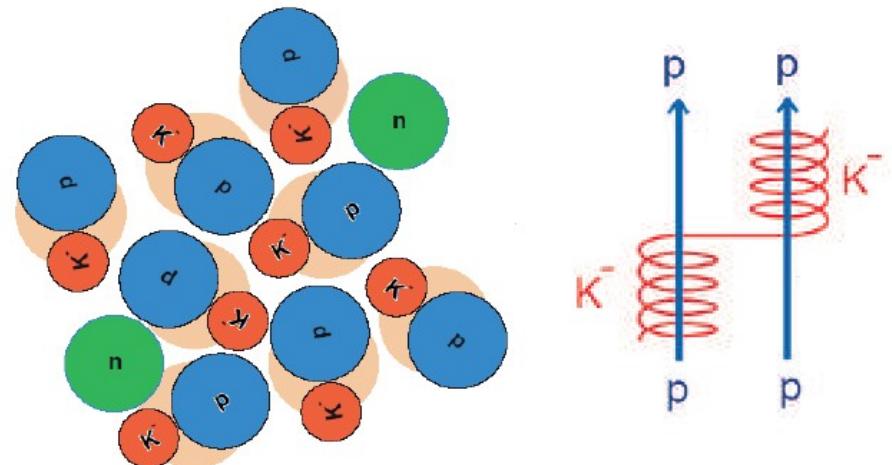
$\Lambda(1405)$ conglomerates as Dark Matter candidates?

Attractive isospin $I=0$ antikaon-nucleon ($K\bar{N}$) strong interaction at energies below the threshold, conjectured to be strong enough to form a $\bar{K}N$ bound state,

the $\Lambda(1405)$ interpreted as a $(K\bar{N})_{I=0}$ bound state \rightarrow the Binding Energy (BE) being about 27 MeV \rightarrow BE for the $\Lambda(1405) - \Lambda(1405)$ pair of 40 MeV is predicted,

increasing the number of $\Lambda(1405)$, the binding energy per baryon (BE/A) would increase as a consequence of partial restoration of chiral symmetry, proportional to the baryon density,

conglomerates with baryon multiplicity $A > 8$ reach absolute stability with respect to both the strong and the weak interactions.

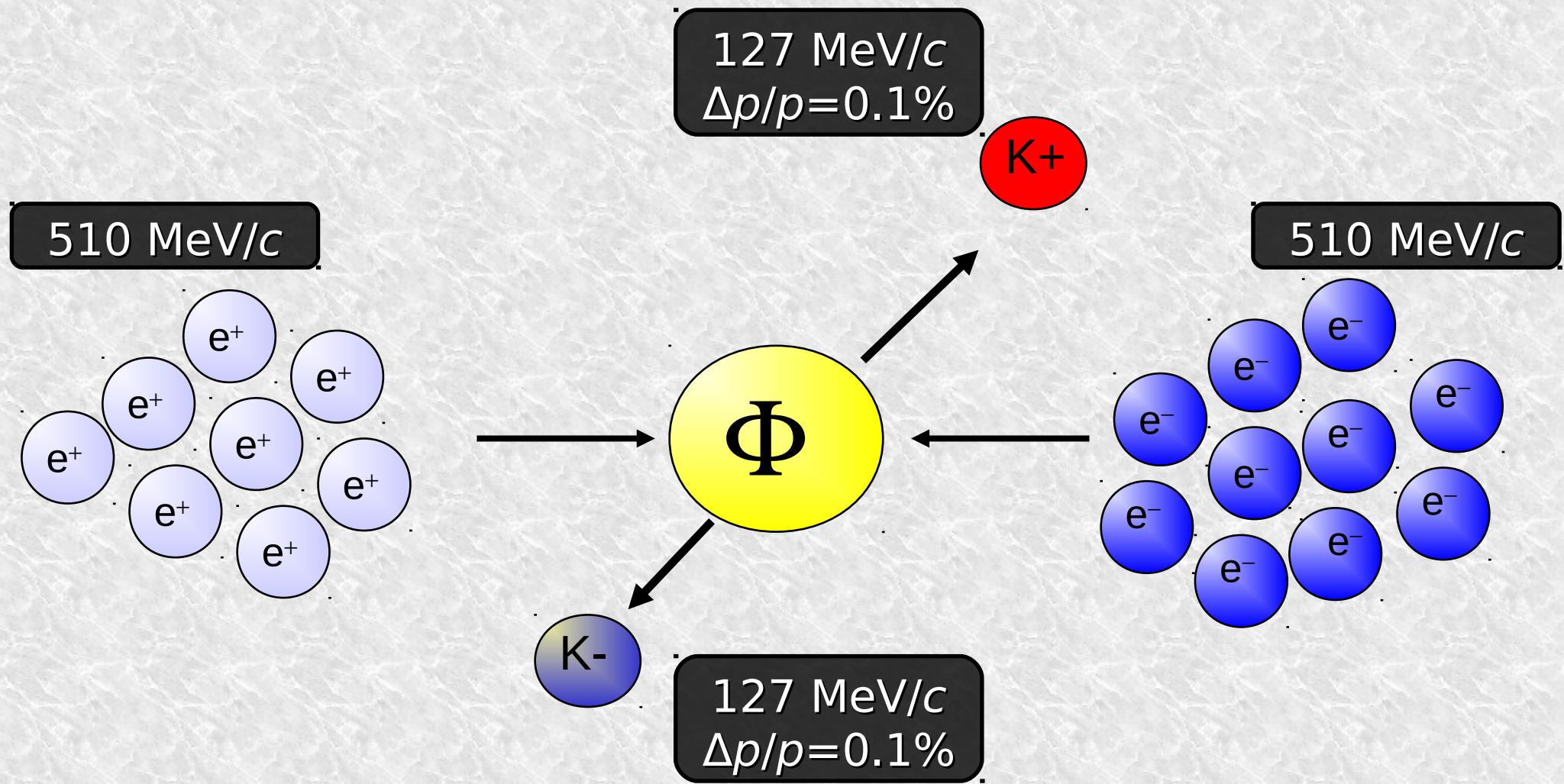


BUT ... relativistic mean field calculations \rightarrow including also a repulsive interaction to the model the BE/A saturates.

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The DAFNE principle

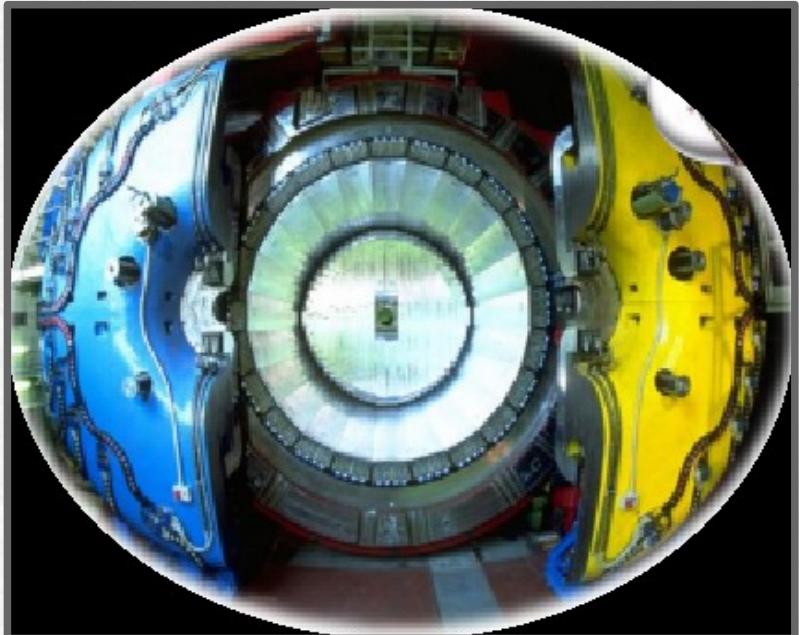
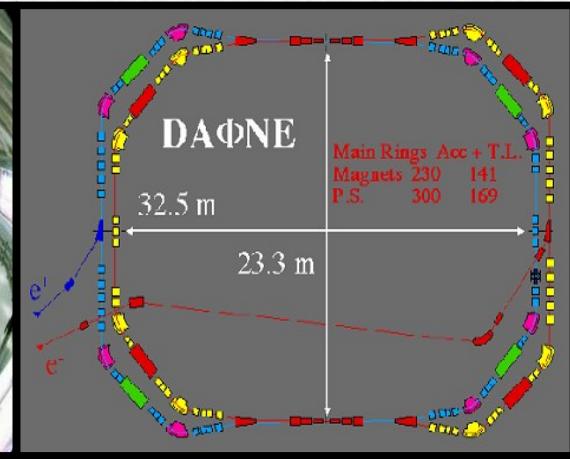
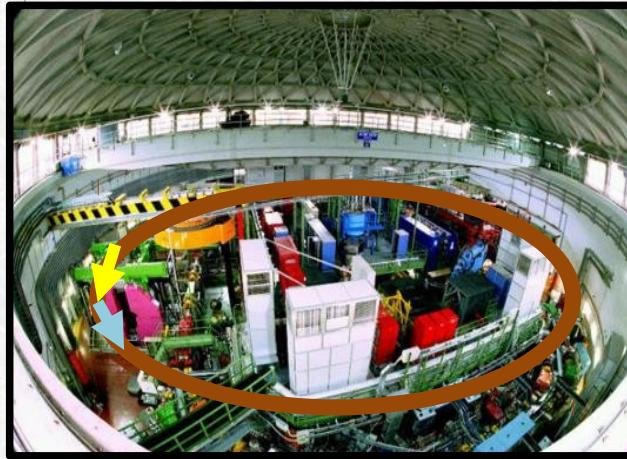


Flux of produced kaons: about 1000/second

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DAΦNE

- double ring e^+e^- collider working at C.M. energy of ϕ , producing $\approx 1000 \phi/s$
 $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ ($BR = (49.2 \pm 0.6)\%$)
 - **low momentum** Kaons
 ≈ 127 Mev/c
 - **back to back** K^+K^- topology



KLOE

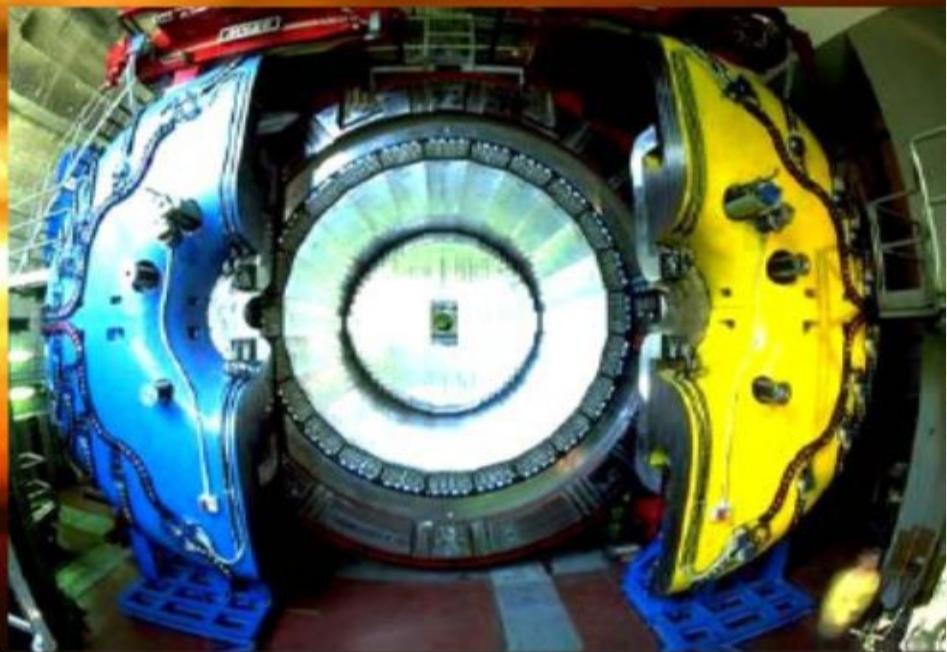
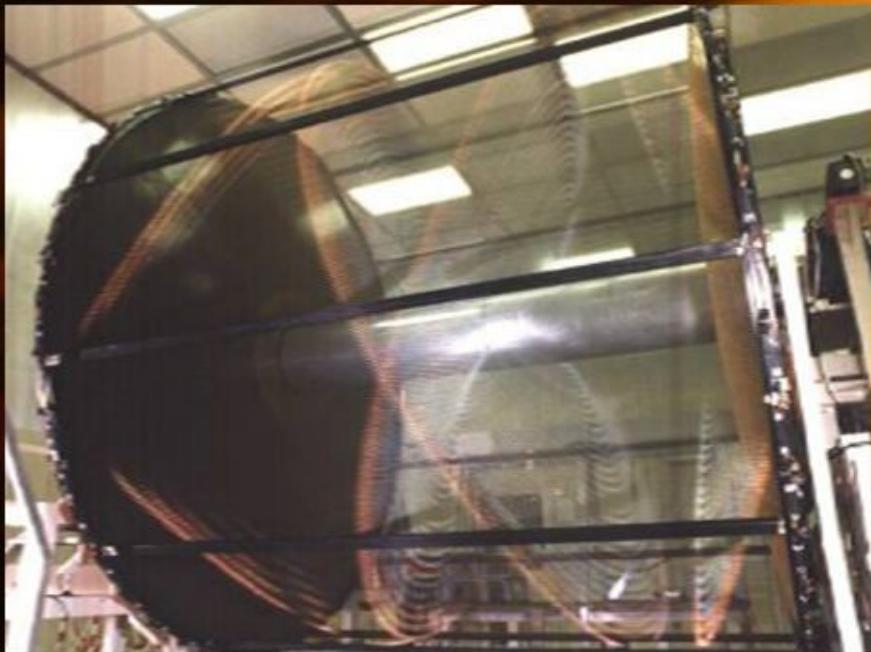
- Cylindrical drift chamber with a **4π geometry** and electromagnetic calorimeter
 - **96% acceptance**
 - optimized in the energy range of all **charged particles** involved
 - **good performance** in detecting **photons and neutrons**
checked by kloNe group
- [M. Anelli et al., Nucl Inst. Meth. A 581, 368 (2007)]

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The Kloe experiment at DAΦNE Φ-factory

Multi-purpose detector for K_{long} physics

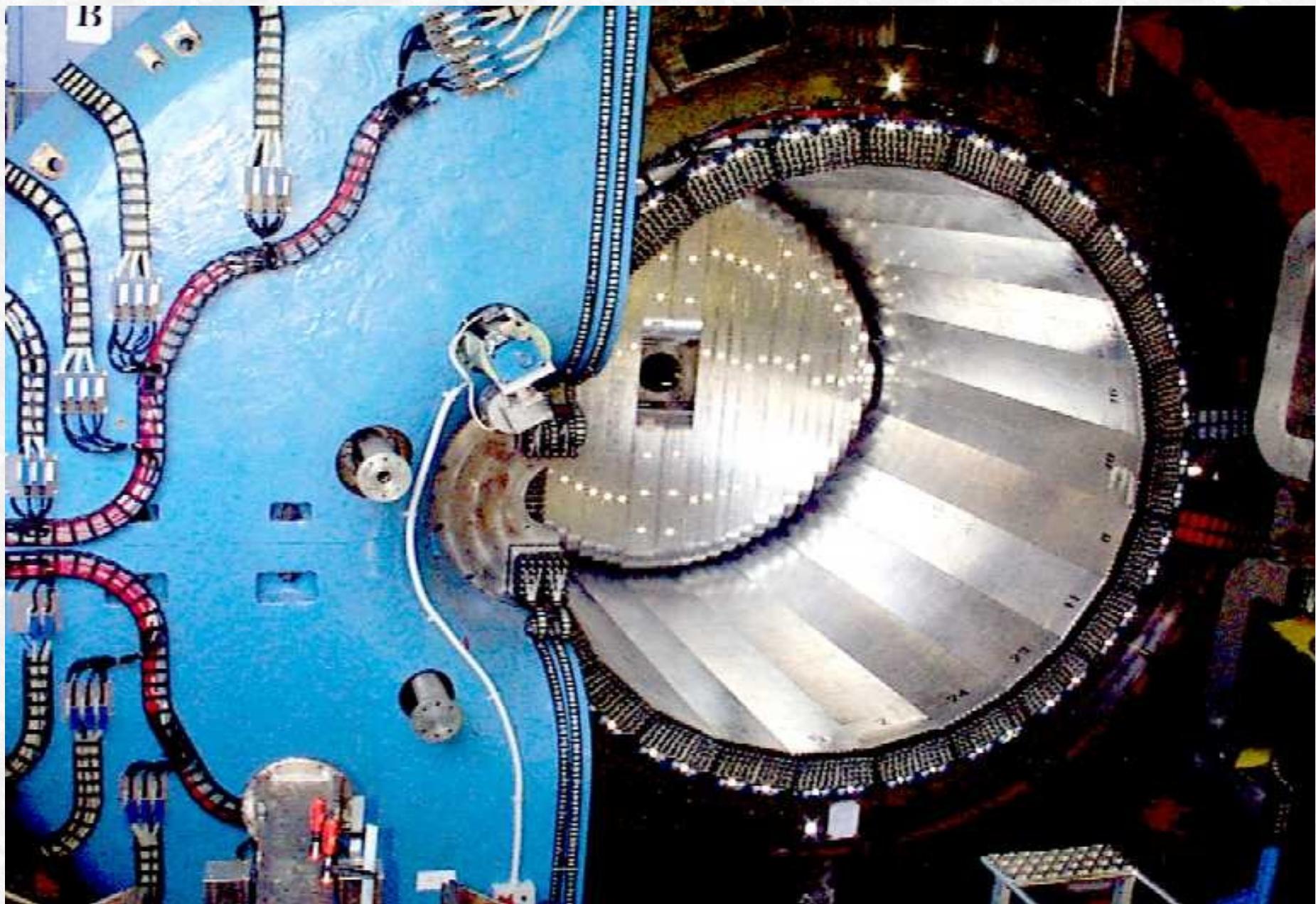
e^+e^- collider @ $\sqrt{s} = 1019.4$ MeV



- Thin CF structure, $\varnothing = 4\text{m}$, $L = 4\text{m}$;
- 52140 stereo wires, 12540 W sense wires, Al field wires;
- He/i-C₄H₁₀=90/10 gas mixture;
- $\sigma(p_T)/p_T \sim 0.4\%$ (in 0.5T of the SC coil)

- Pb-scintillating fiber
- 24 barrel modules, 4m long * C-shaped End-caps for full hermeticity
- $\sigma_T = 54\text{ps}/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$
- $\sigma_E/E = 5.7\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$

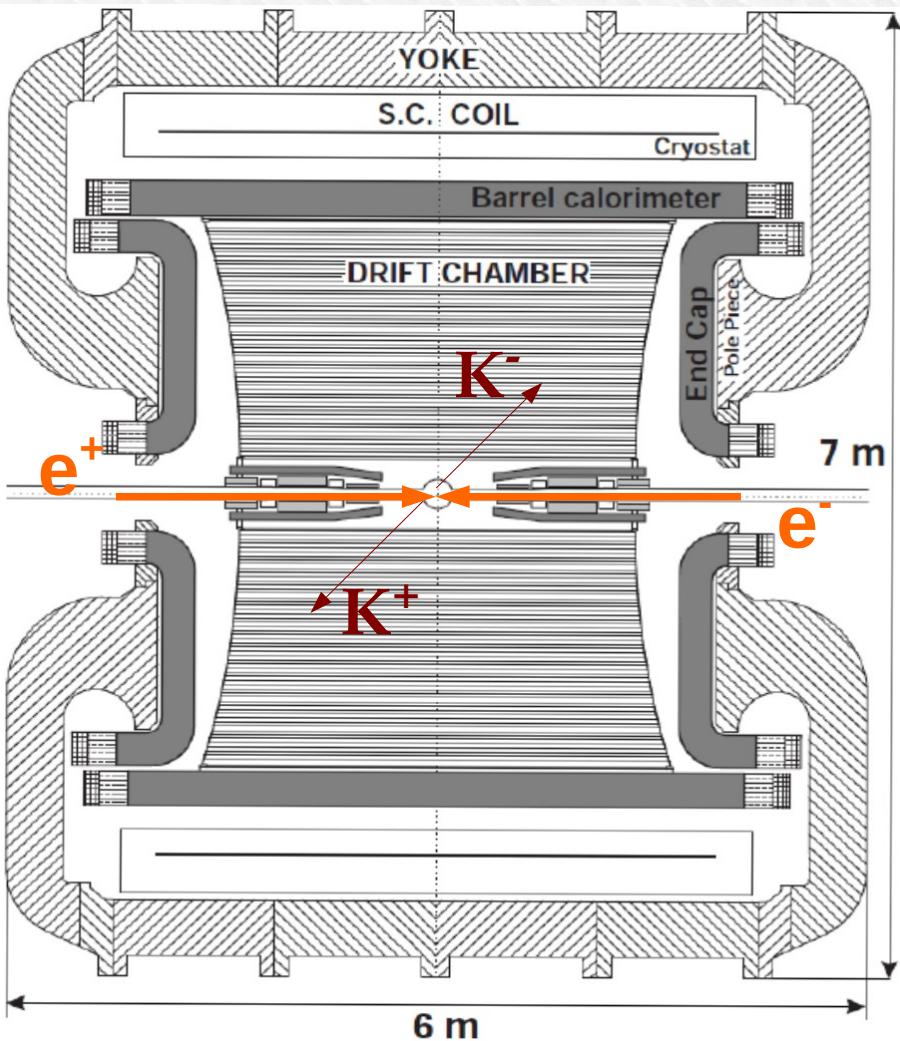
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K⁻ absorption on light nuclei

MC simulations show that :

- ~ 0.1% of K⁻ stopped in the DC gas (90% He, 10% C₄H₁₀)
- ~2% of K⁻ stopped in the DC wall (750 μm C foil, 150 μm Al foil).

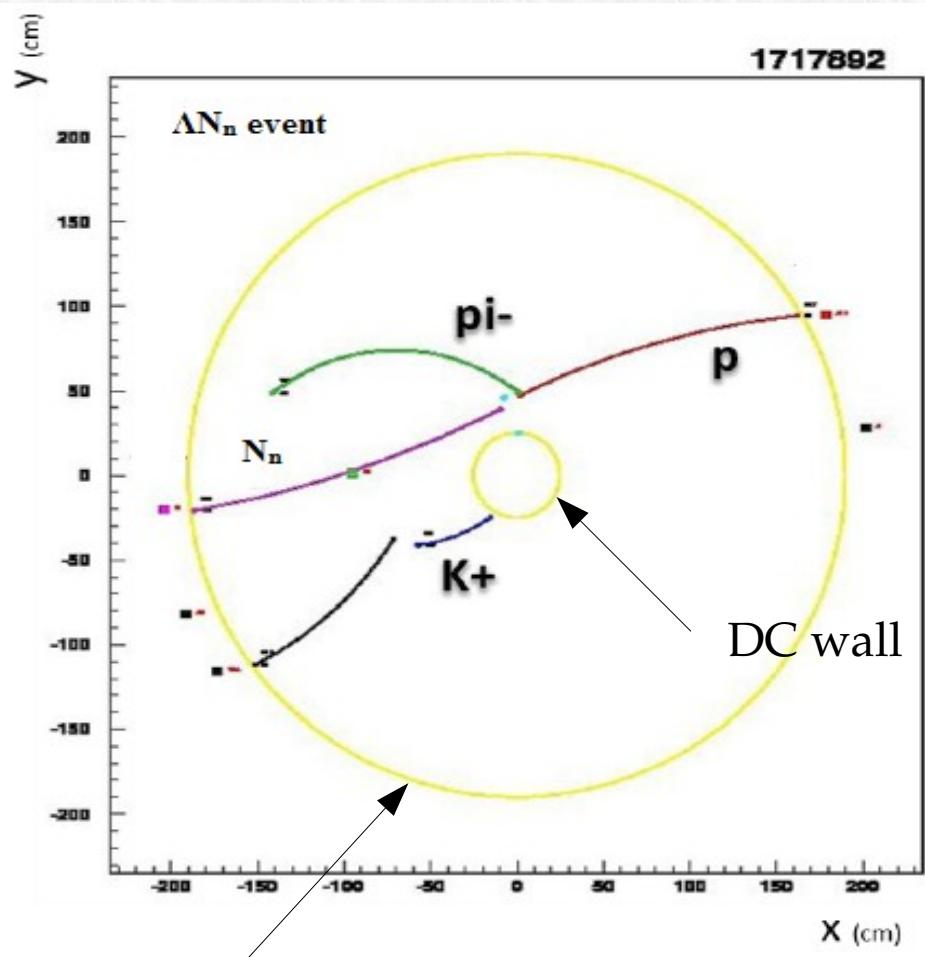
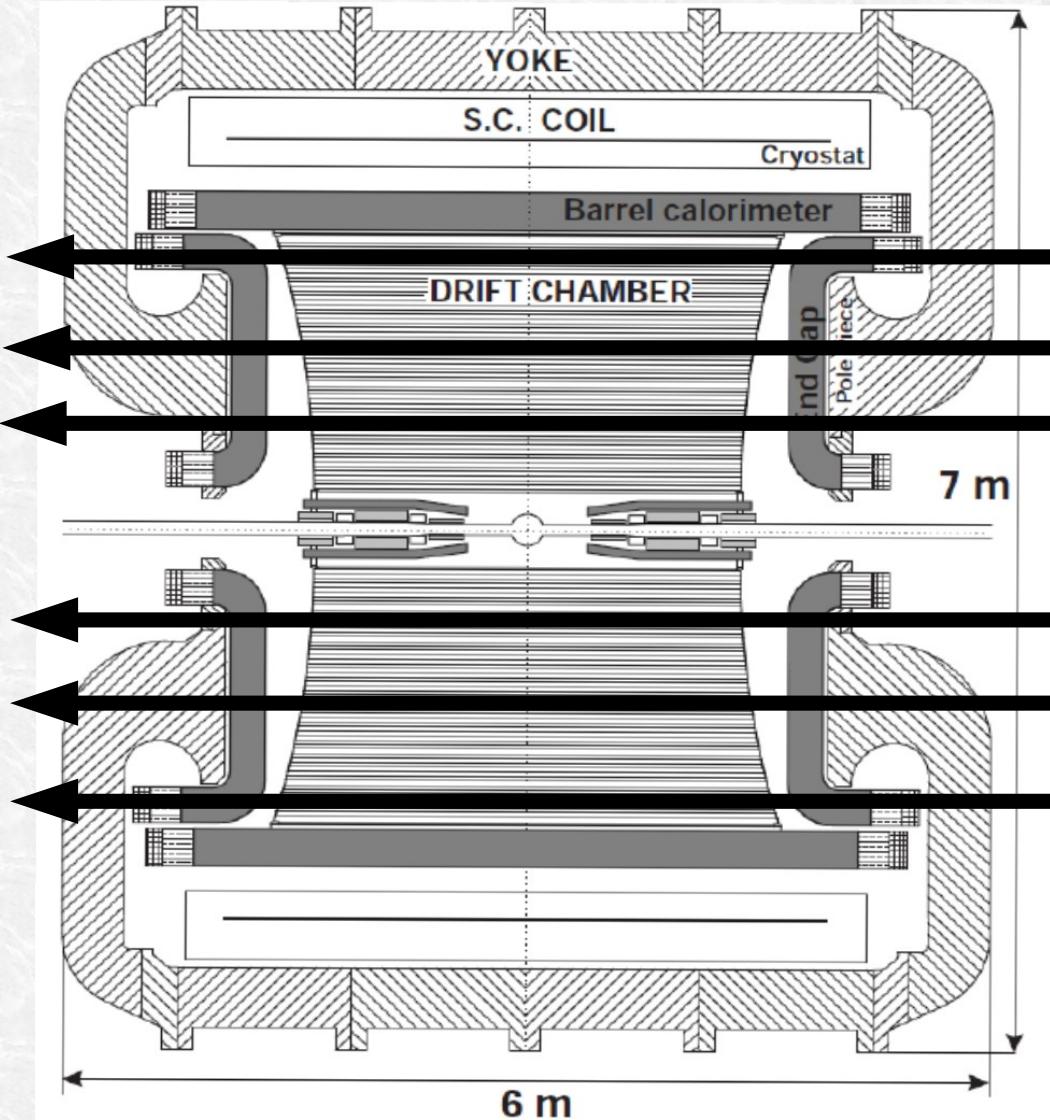


Possibility to use **KLOE materials** as an active target



Advantage:
excellent resolution ..
 $\sigma_{p\Lambda} = 0.49 \pm 0.01 \text{ MeV/c}$ in DC gas
 $\sigma_{m\gamma\gamma} = 18.3 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV/c}^2$

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Calorimeter

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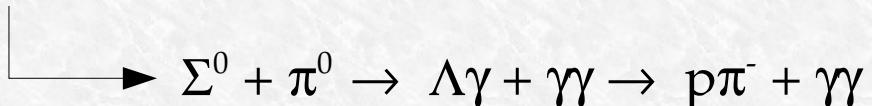
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How search $\Lambda(1405)$ signal?

Production scheme:

- K⁻ absorption experiments: the K⁻ beams are produced first and then captured from the target nuclei.

Example: $K^- + {}^4He \rightarrow \Lambda(1405) + pnn$

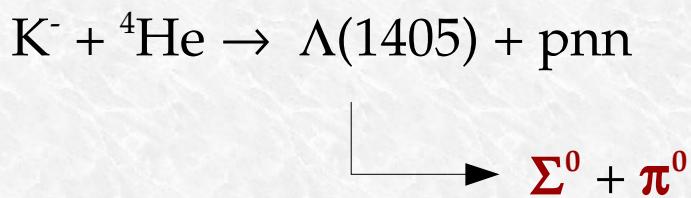


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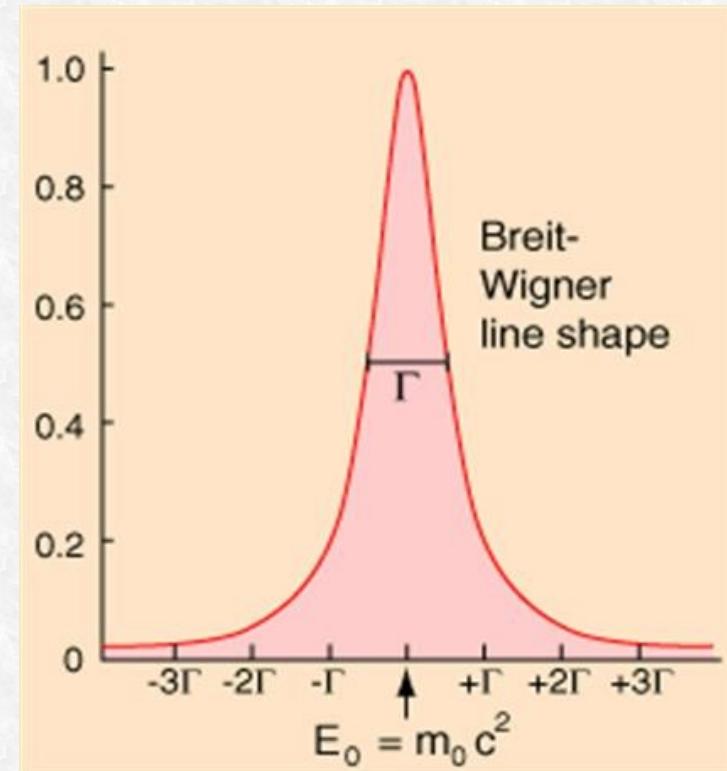
- Invariant mass spectroscopy: all the decay products of the particle have to be detected and their energy-momentum has to be determined. This allows the reconstruction of the invariant mass and hence the calculation of the “binding energy” and width (that is mean life) of this object.

Example:



$$M_{(\Lambda)}^2 = (E_\Sigma + E_\pi)^2 - (p_\Sigma + p_\pi)^2$$

energy cons. momentum cons.

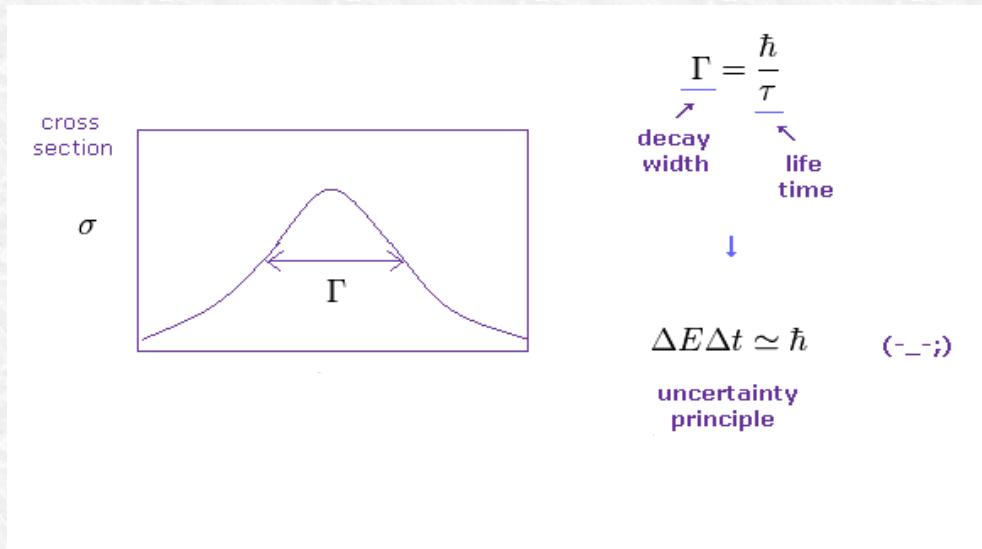


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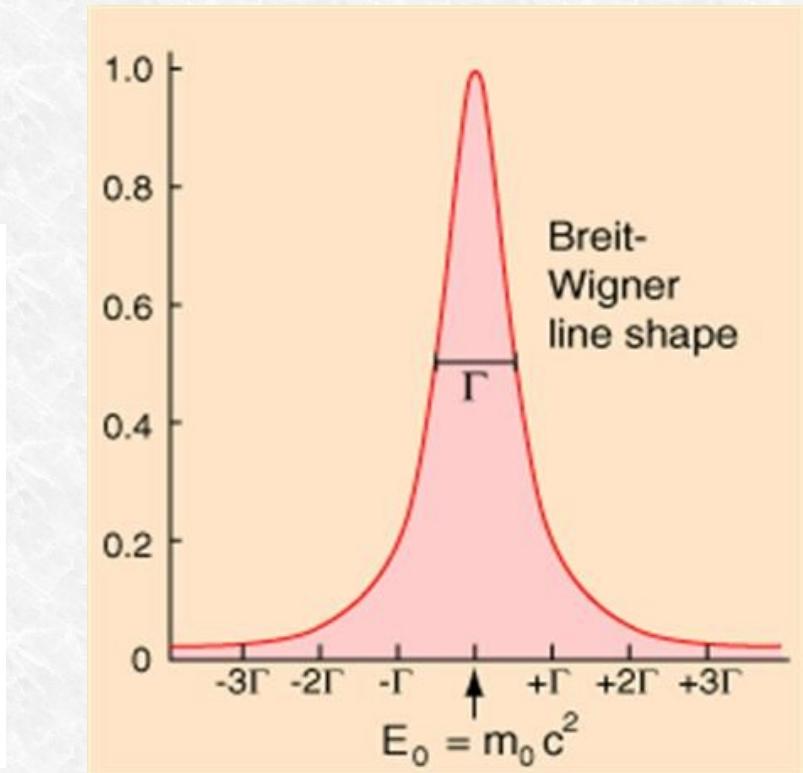
$$\frac{\Gamma}{\tau} = \frac{\hbar}{\tau}$$

decay width life time

\downarrow

$\Delta E \Delta t \simeq \hbar$ (---)

uncertainty principle



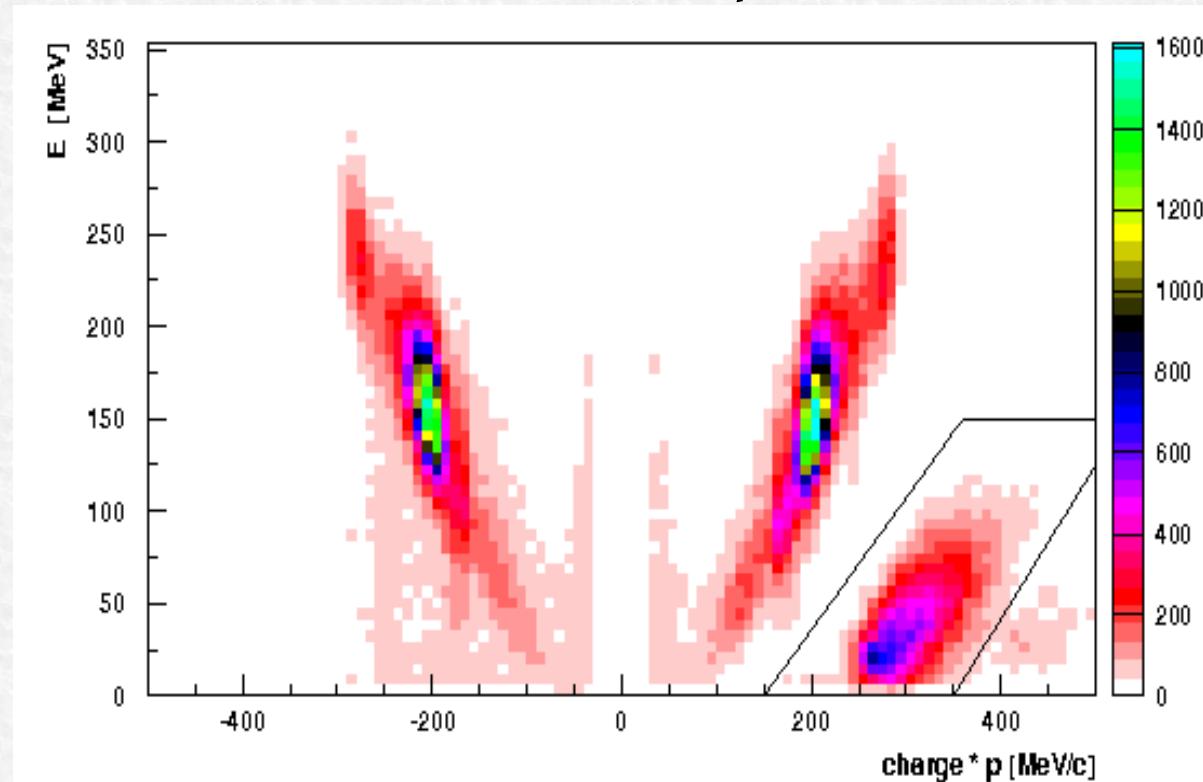
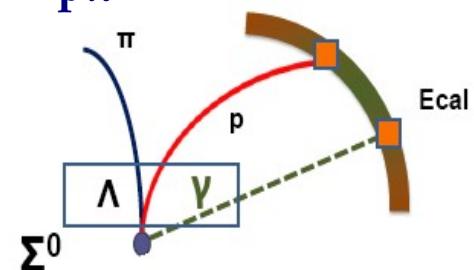
particles identification, momentum energy measurement

starting point .. reconstruction of the Λ decay vertex: $\Lambda(1116) \rightarrow p\pi^-$
(BR ~ 64 %)

requests:

- vertex with at least two opposite charged particles
- spatial position of vertex inside DC, or in DC entrance wall

Positive tracks are requested to have an associated cluster in the calorimeter and
the correct $E - p$



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1) 3 neutral clusters selection in calorimeter (no track!)

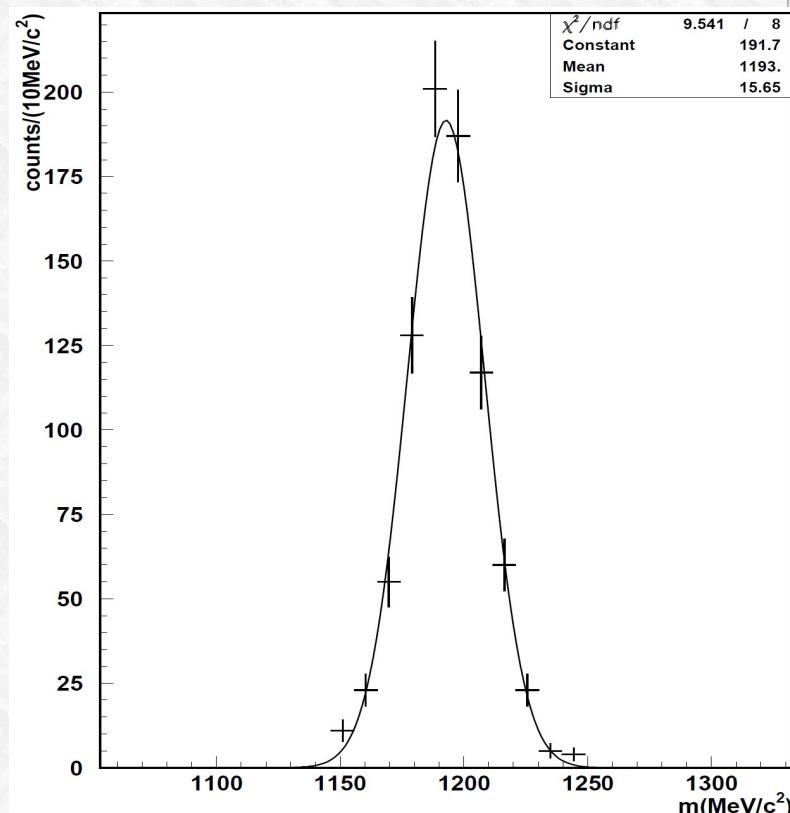
2) photon clusters selection: $\chi_t^2 = t^2 / \sigma_t^2$ where $t = t_i - t_j$

time of flights in light speed hypothesis.

Three photons in time from the Λ decay vertex r_Λ

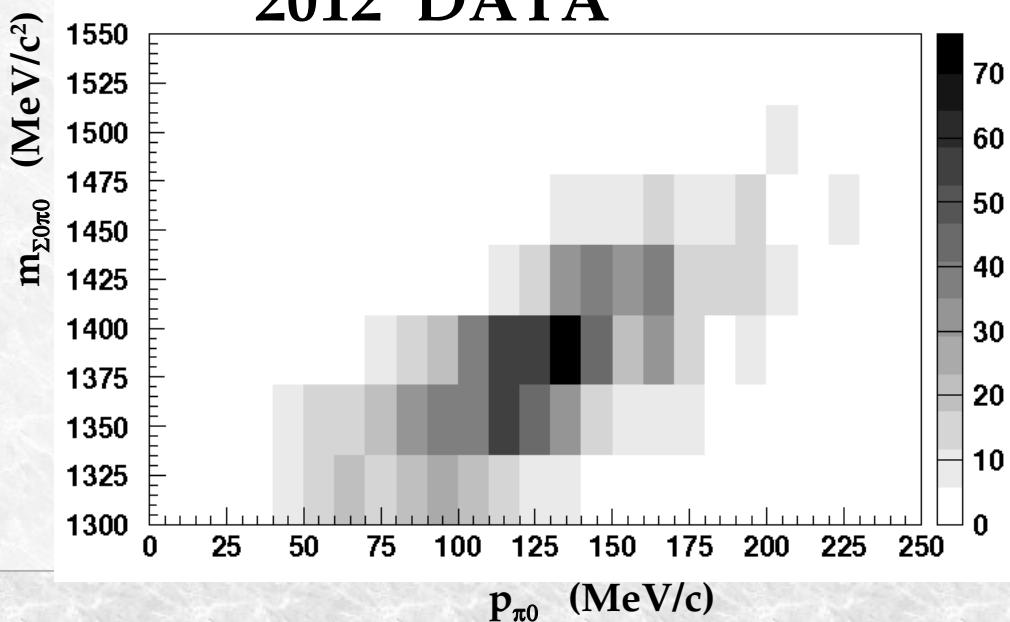
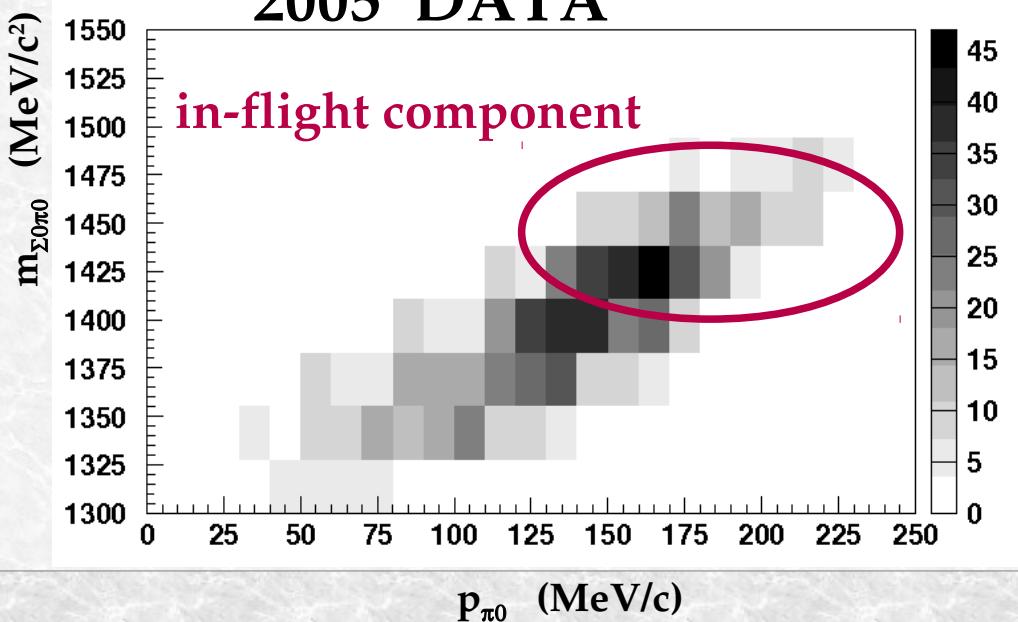
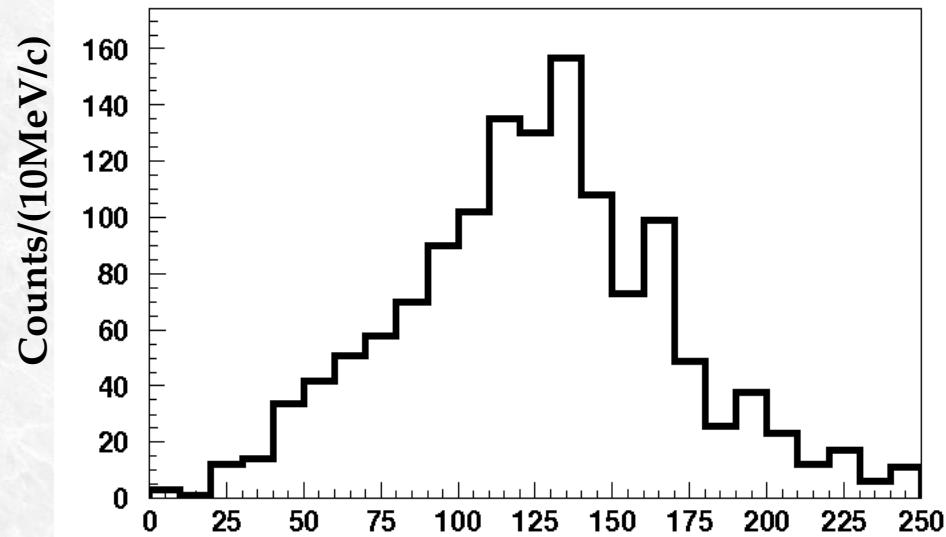
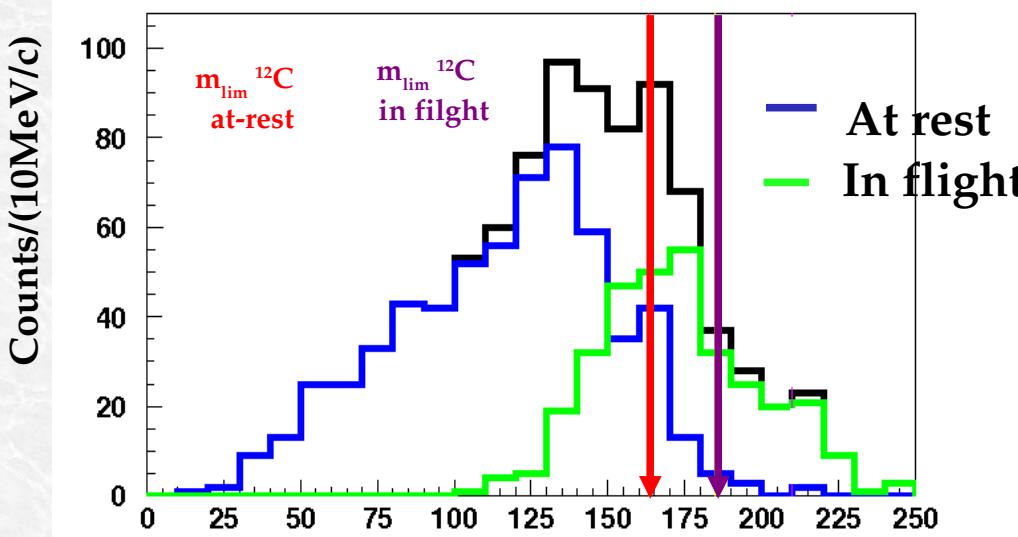
3) photon clusters identification: γ_3 from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma_1 \gamma_2$

$$\chi_{\pi\Sigma}^2 = \frac{(m_{\pi^0} - m_{ij})^2}{\sigma_{ij}^2} + \frac{(m_{\Sigma^0} - m_{k\Lambda})^2}{\sigma_{k\Lambda}^2}$$



Invariant mass spectrum

p_{π^0} resolution: $\sigma_p \approx 12 \text{ MeV}/c$



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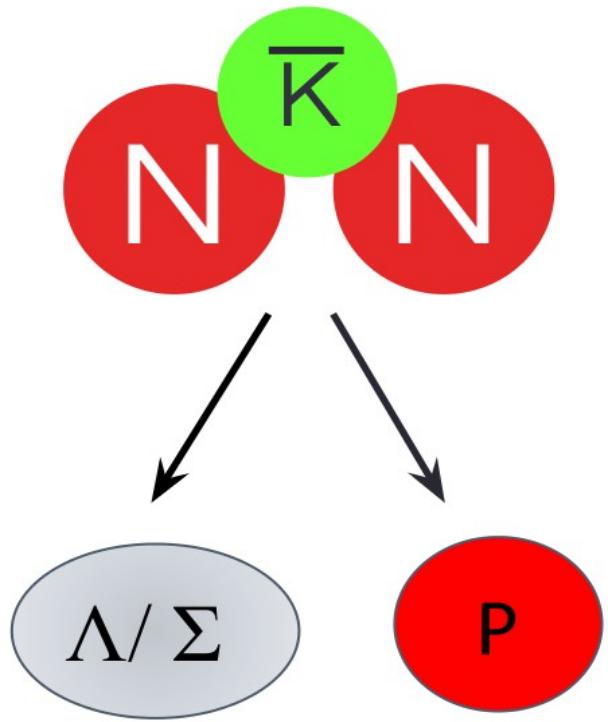
K⁻pp bound state....the theory

Chiral SU(3)-based (Energy dependent) → Shallow~20 MeV
Phenomenological (Energy independent) → Deep~40-70 MeV

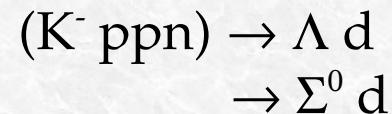
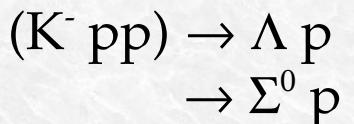
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B (MeV)	17-23	48	16	60-95	9-16	50-70	32	51.5
Γ (MeV)	40-70	61	41	45-80	34-46	90-110	49	61
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Interaction	Chiral	Phenom.	Chiral	Chiral	Chiral	Phenom.	Chiral	Phenom.

Large width means short-life state → hard to measure
Small width means long-life state → easy to measure

How deep can an antikaon be bound in a nucleus?



Possible Bound States:



predicted ***if*** strong $\bar{K}N$ interaction
in the I=0 channel.

[Wycech (1986) - Akaishi & Yamazaki (2002)]

K⁻pp bound state

Experiments reporting DBKNS

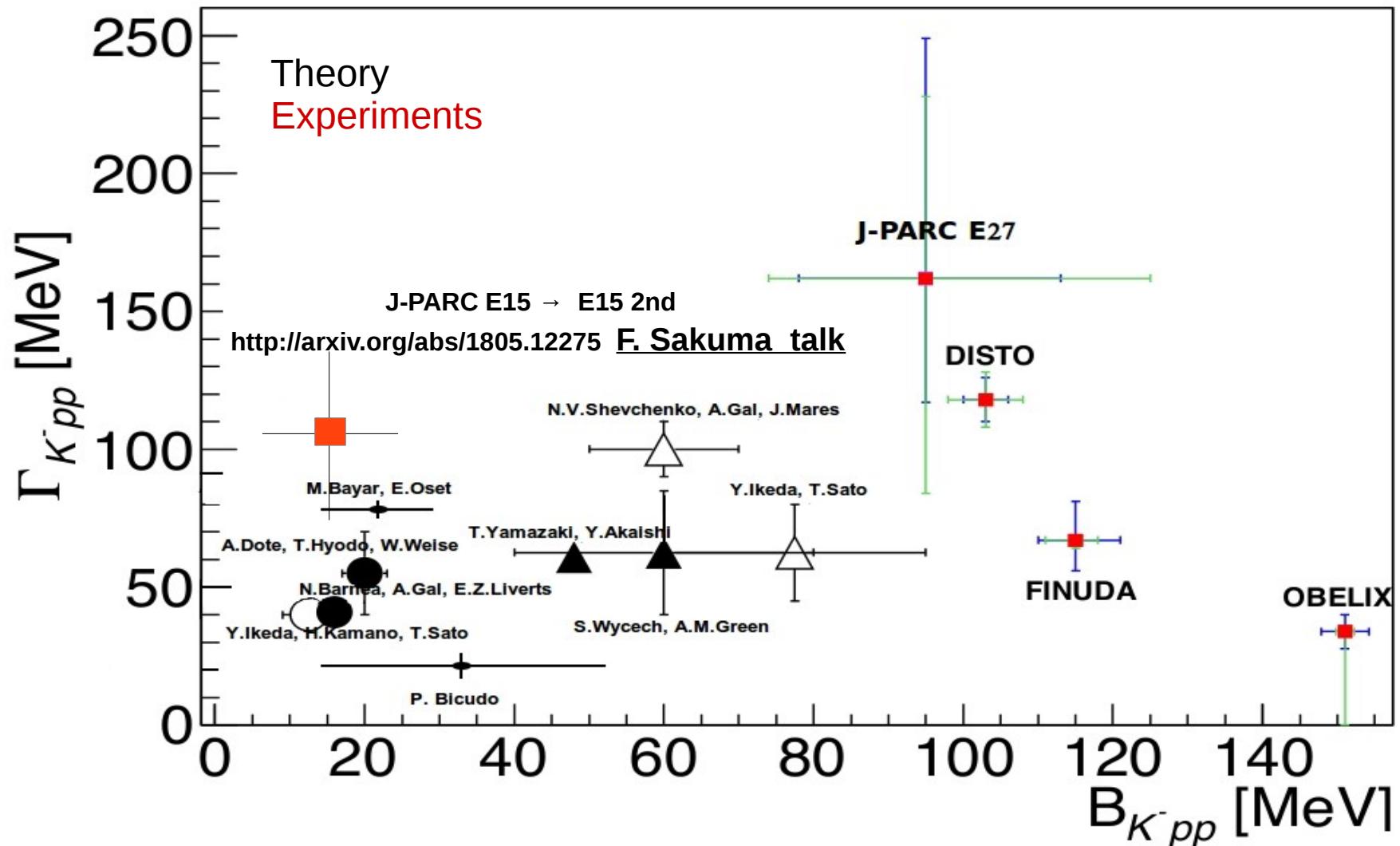
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Shevchenko, Gal, Mares	55-70	90-110	Phys.Rev.Lett.98 (2007) 082301
Revai, Shevchenko	32	49	Phys.Rev.C90 (2014) no.3, 034004
Maeda, Akaishi, Yamazaki	51.5	61	Proc.Jpn.Acad.B 89, (2013) 418
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J-PARC E15	T. Hashimoto et al. PTEP, 061D01 (2015)	Upper limit
J-PARC E27	Y. Ichikawa et al. PTEP, 021D01 (2015)	Extraction of a signal

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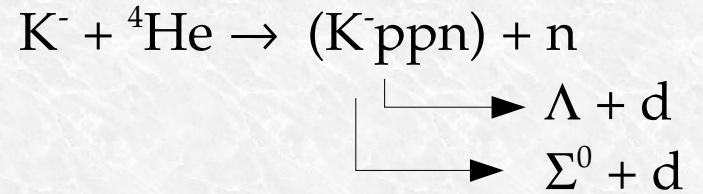
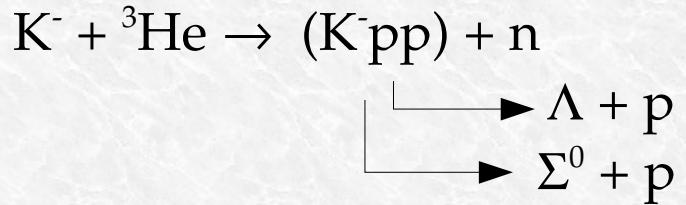
[from the talk of T. Nagae at HYP2015, Sep. 10, 2015]

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Examples:



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Example: $K^- + {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow (K^- pp) + n$

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\quad} \Lambda + p \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \Sigma^0 + p \end{array}$$

$$M_{(K^- pp)}^2 = (E_\Lambda + E_p)^2 - (p_\Lambda + p_p)^2$$

Search for the K⁻pp bound state

AMADEUS:

- Invariant mass spectroscopy
- K⁻ absorption experiment

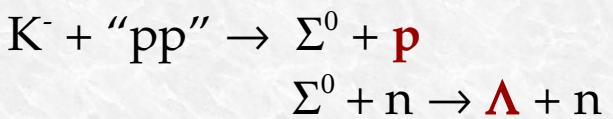
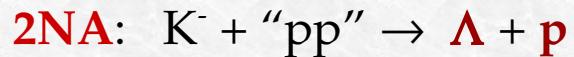
Backgrounds: the competing processes in the search for kaonic bound states are the so-called single and multi-nucleon absorption processes.

EXAMPLE

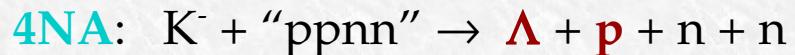
Let us suppose we want to search the signal of K⁻pp bound state in K⁻ interactions in ⁴He through the Λ p decay channel



► This is the process we want to search



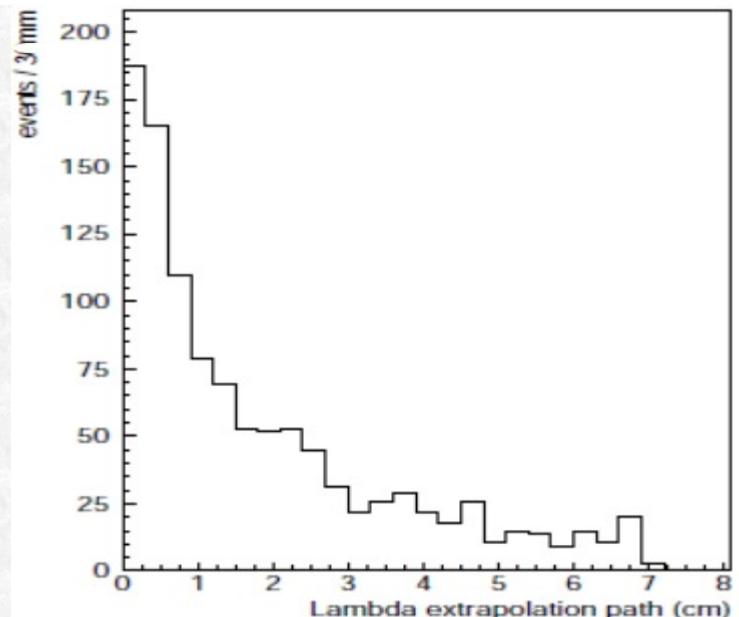
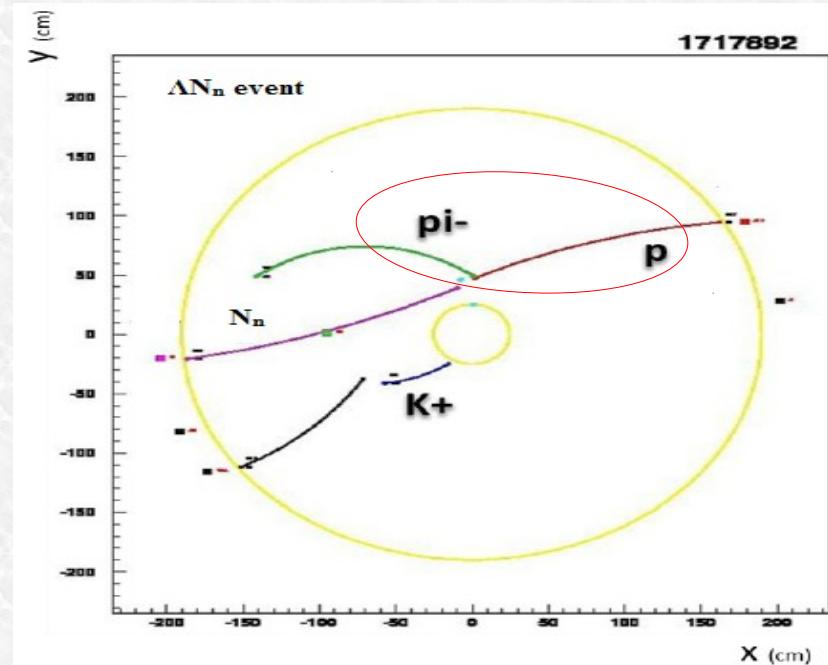
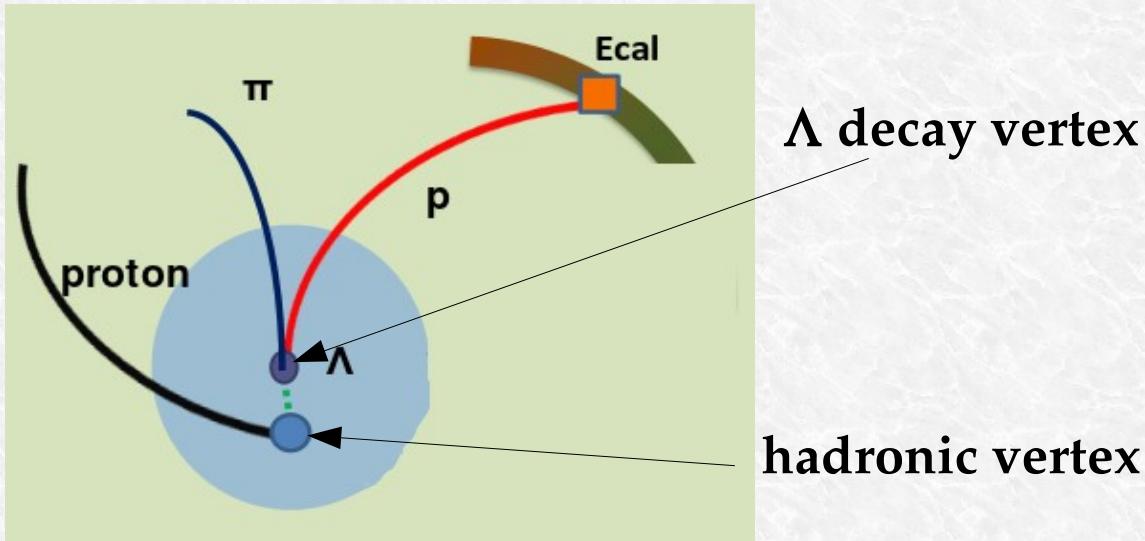
Σ^0 to Λ conversion processes



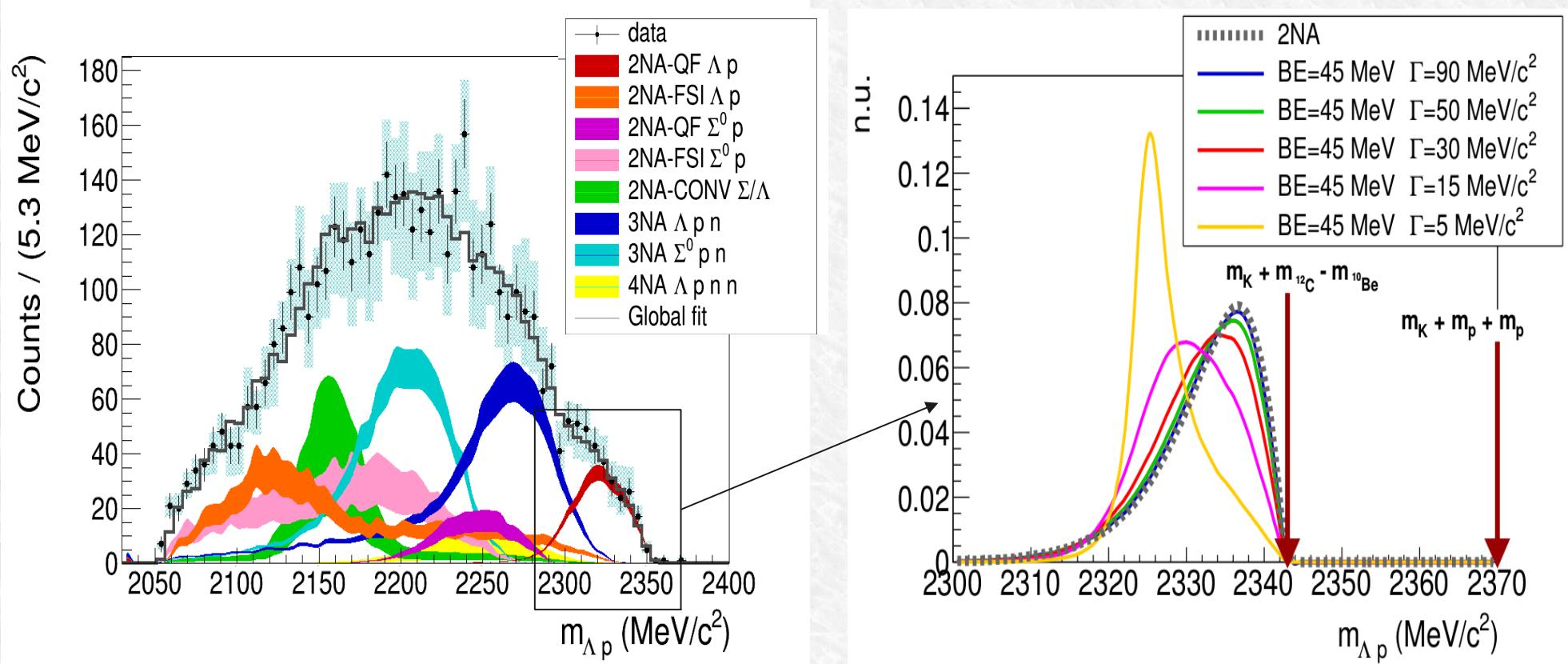
Hadronic interaction vertex reconstruction

1st Step: $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$ identification
(BR = $63.9 \pm 0.5 \%$)

2nd Step: **hadronic interaction vertex** searched extrapolating backwards the Λ path and an extra positive track



Λ p invariant mass

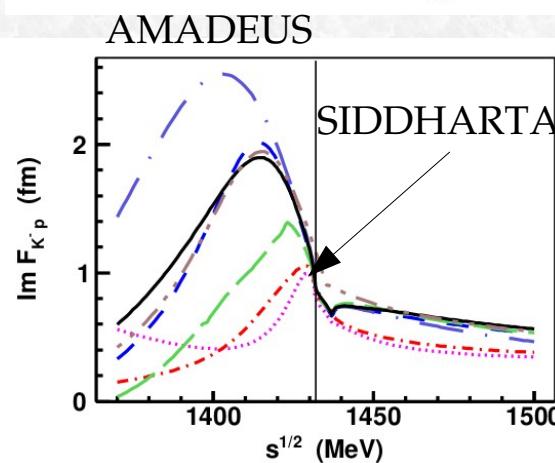
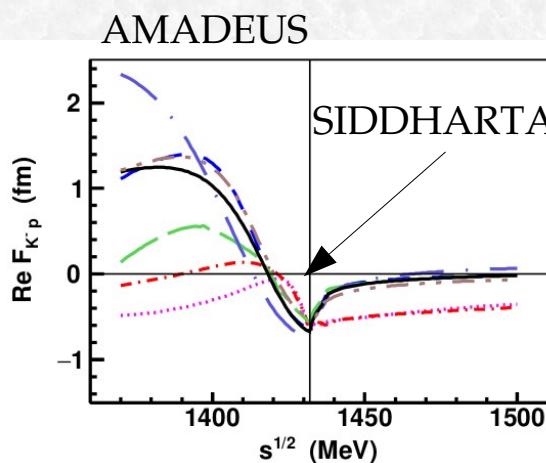
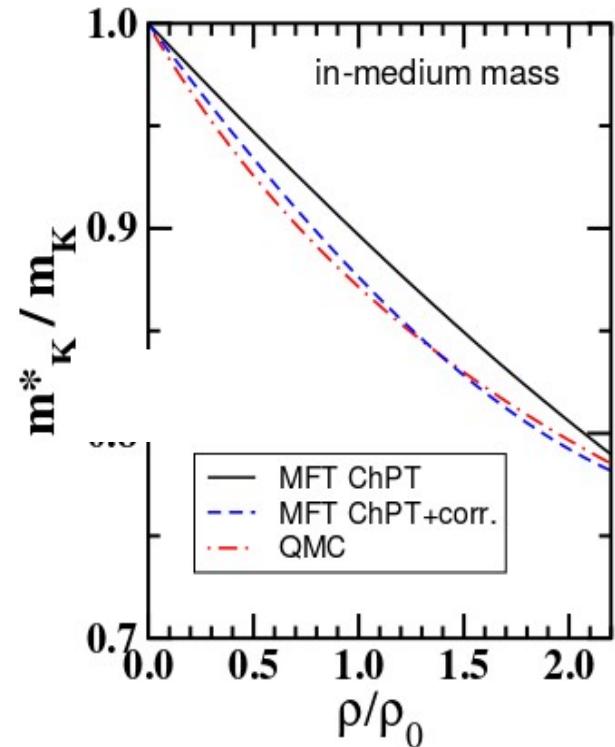
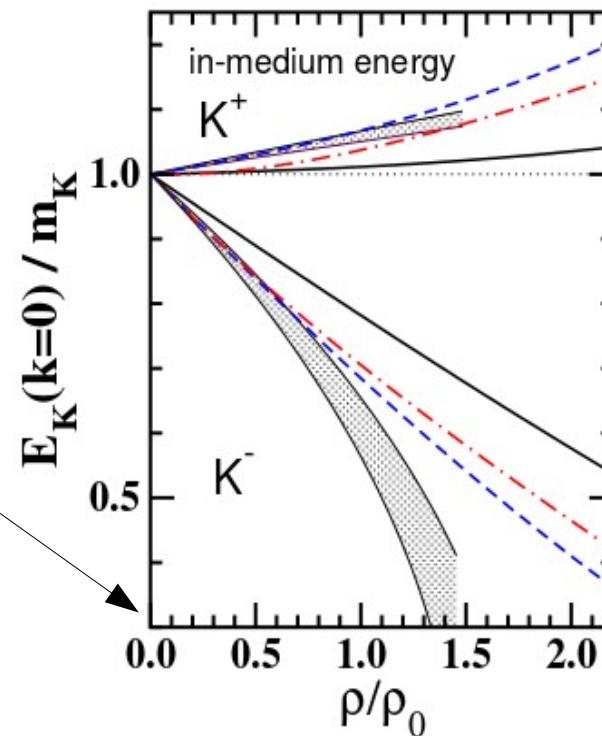


No evidence for a deeply bound state!

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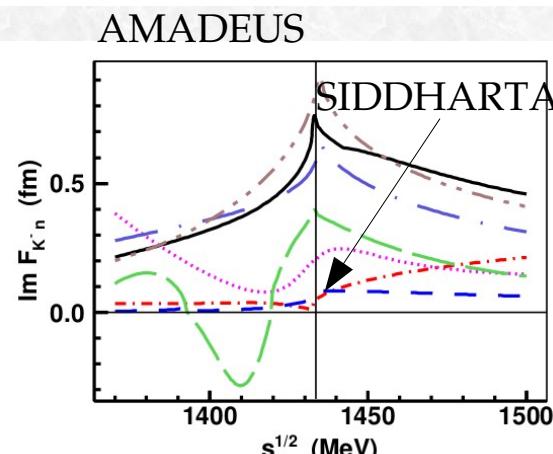
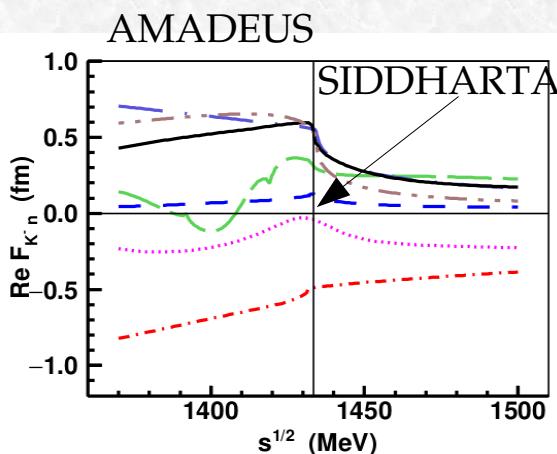
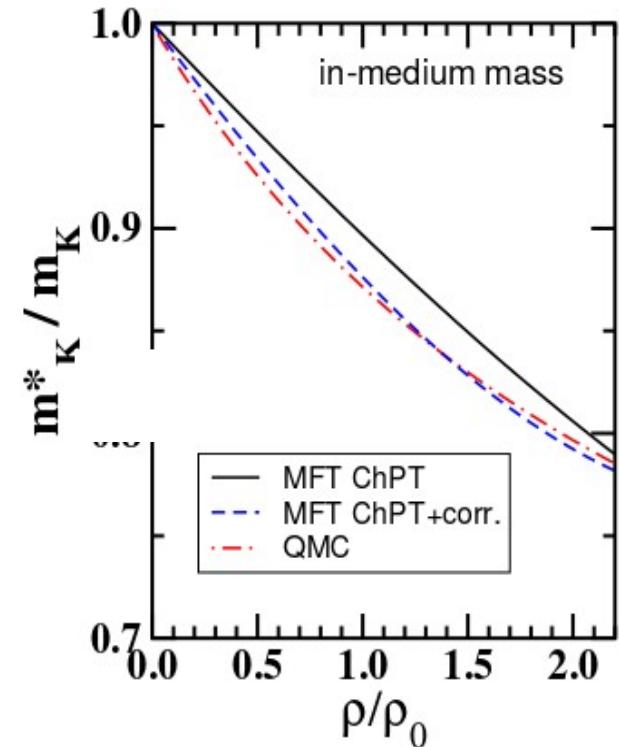
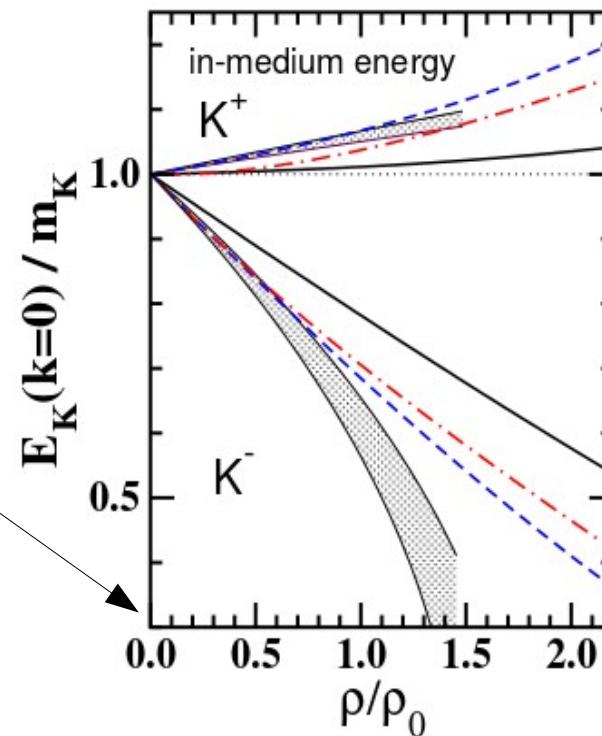
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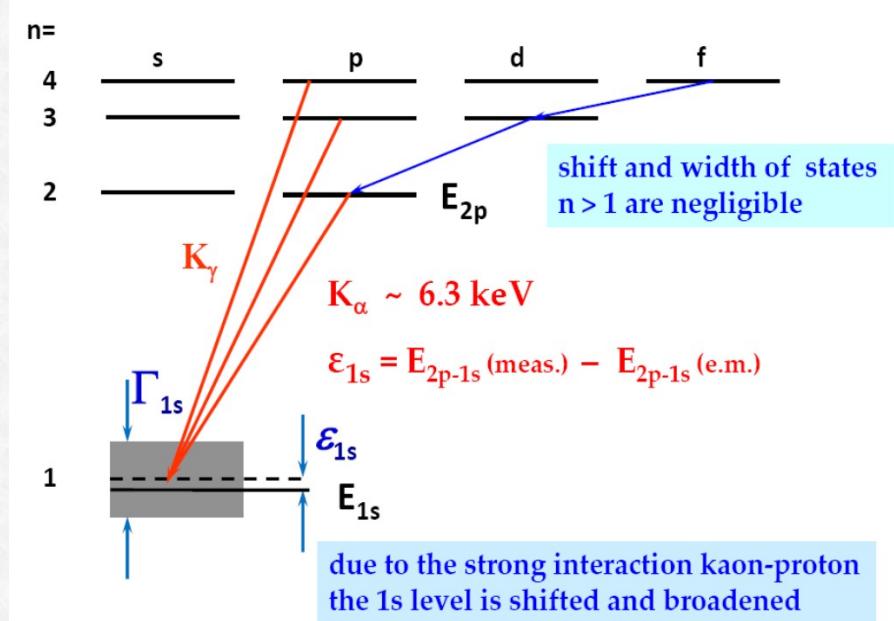
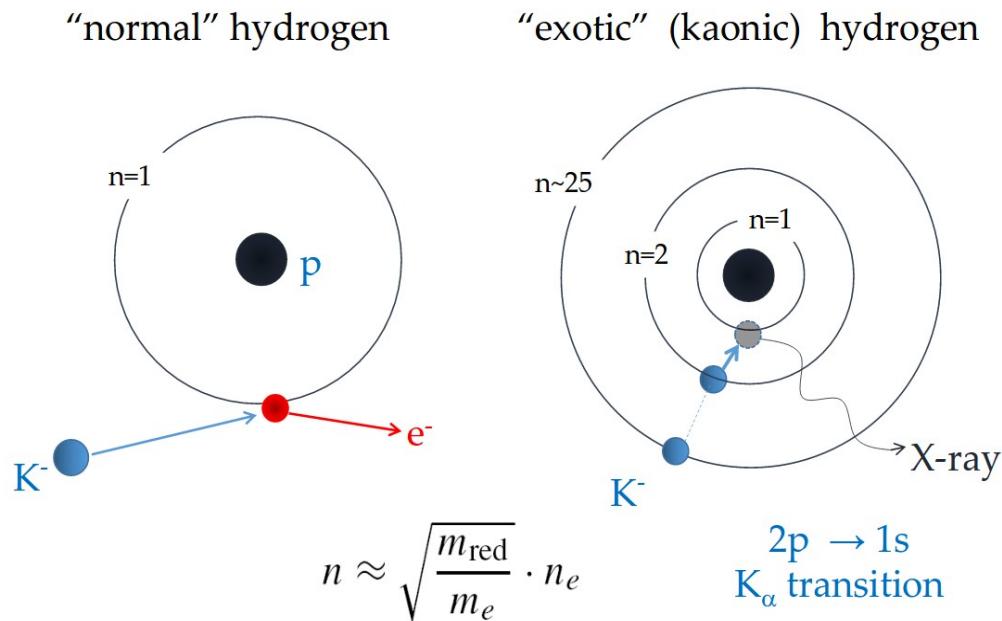
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KAONIC ATOMS



Strong interaction causes a **shifting of the energy (ϵ_{1s})** of the lowest atomic level from its purely electromagnetic value.

Absorption reduces the lifetime of the state, so X-ray transitions to this final atomic level are **broadened (Γ_{1s})**.

Anti-kaon nucleon scattering lengths

Deser-type relation connects shift ε_{1s} and width Γ_{1s} to a_{K-p} and a_{K-d} :

$$\varepsilon + \frac{i\Gamma}{2} = 2\alpha^3 \mu^2 a_{K^- p} = 412 \frac{eV}{fm} a_{K^- p}$$

done by **SIDDHARTA**

$$\varepsilon + \frac{i\Gamma}{2} = 2\alpha^3 \mu^2 a_{K^- d} = 601 \frac{eV}{fm} a_{K^- d}$$

aim of **SIDDHARTA-2**

one can obtain the isospin dependent antikaon-nucleon scattering lengths

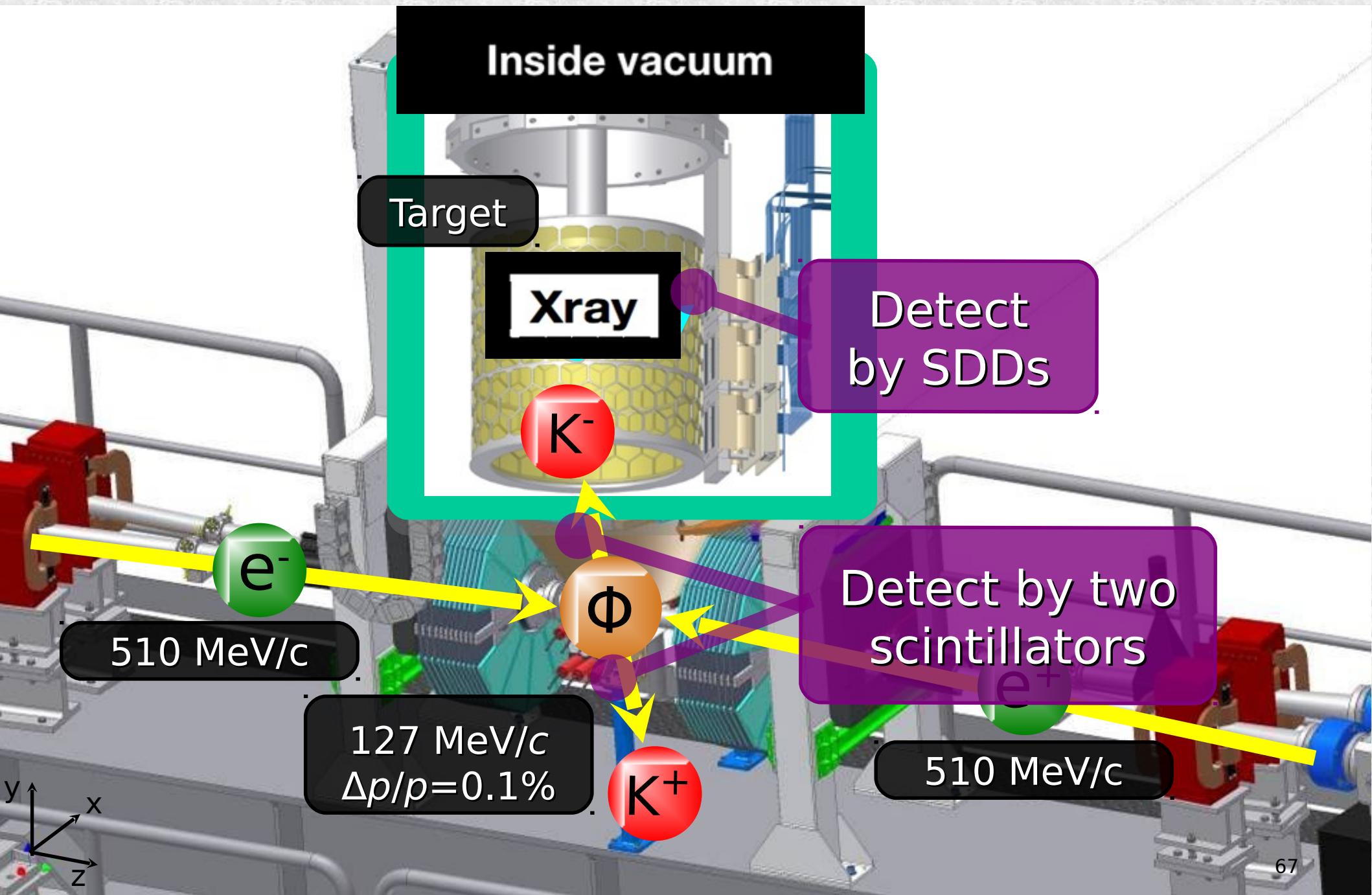


$$a_{K^- p} = \frac{a_0(I=0) + a_1(I=1)}{2}$$

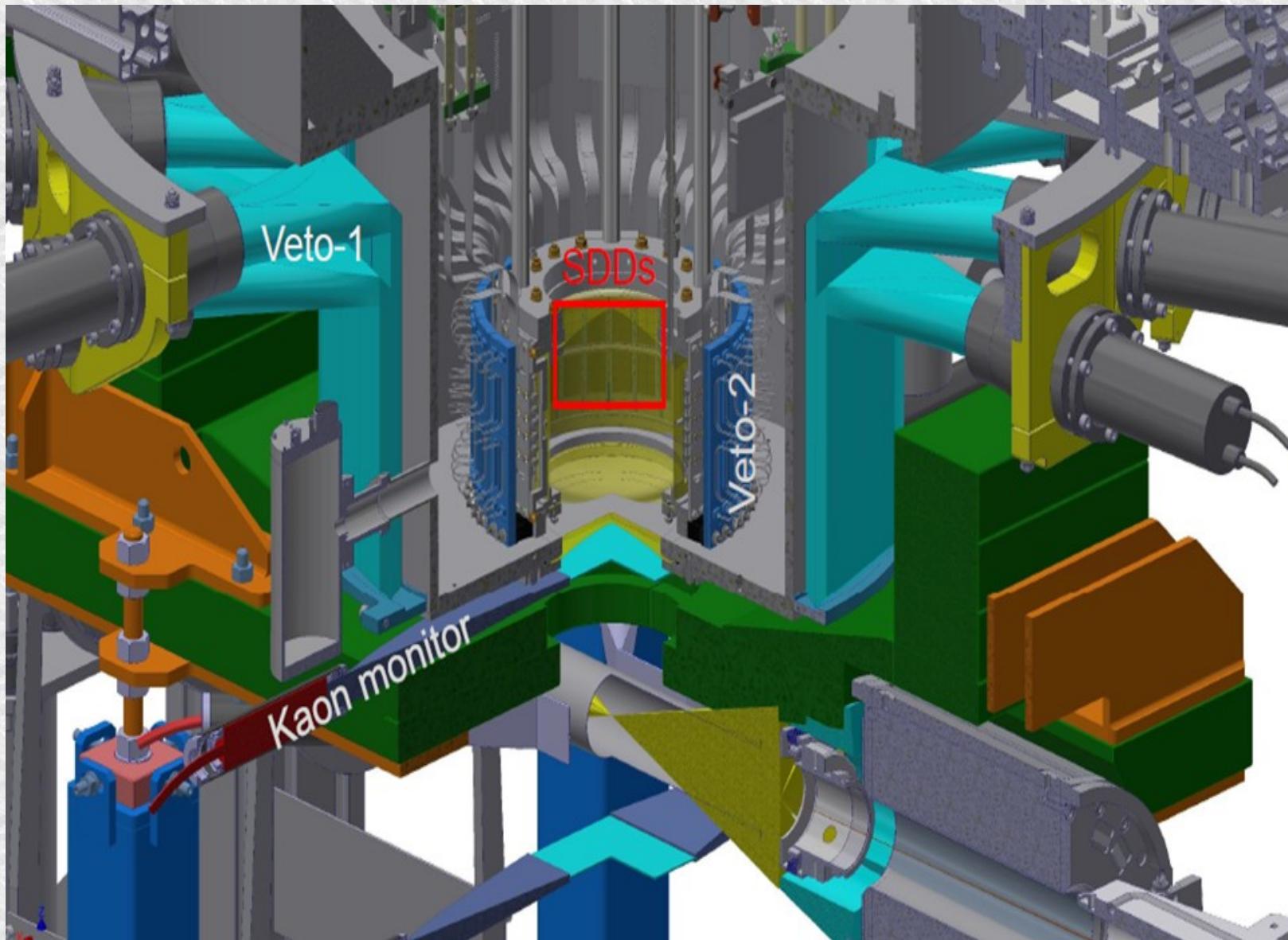
$$a_{K^- d} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_N + m_K}{m_N + \frac{m_K}{2}} (3a_1 + a_0) + C$$

→ Fundamental inputs of low-energy QCD effective field theories

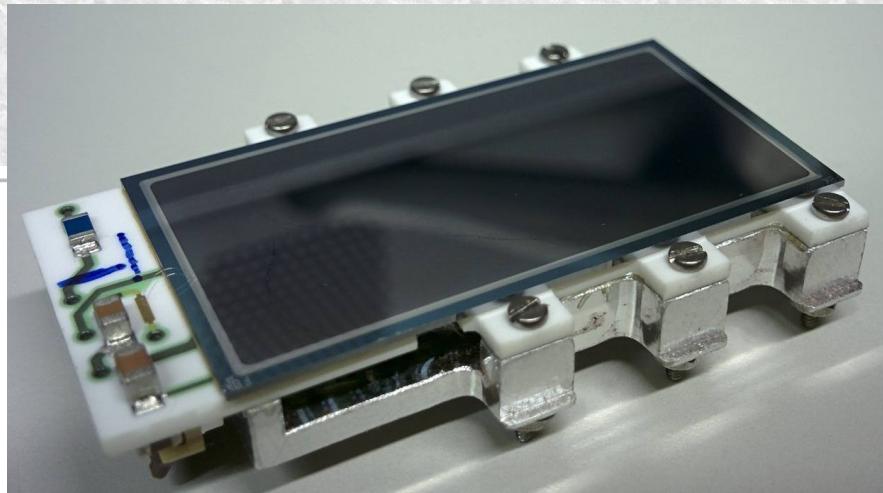
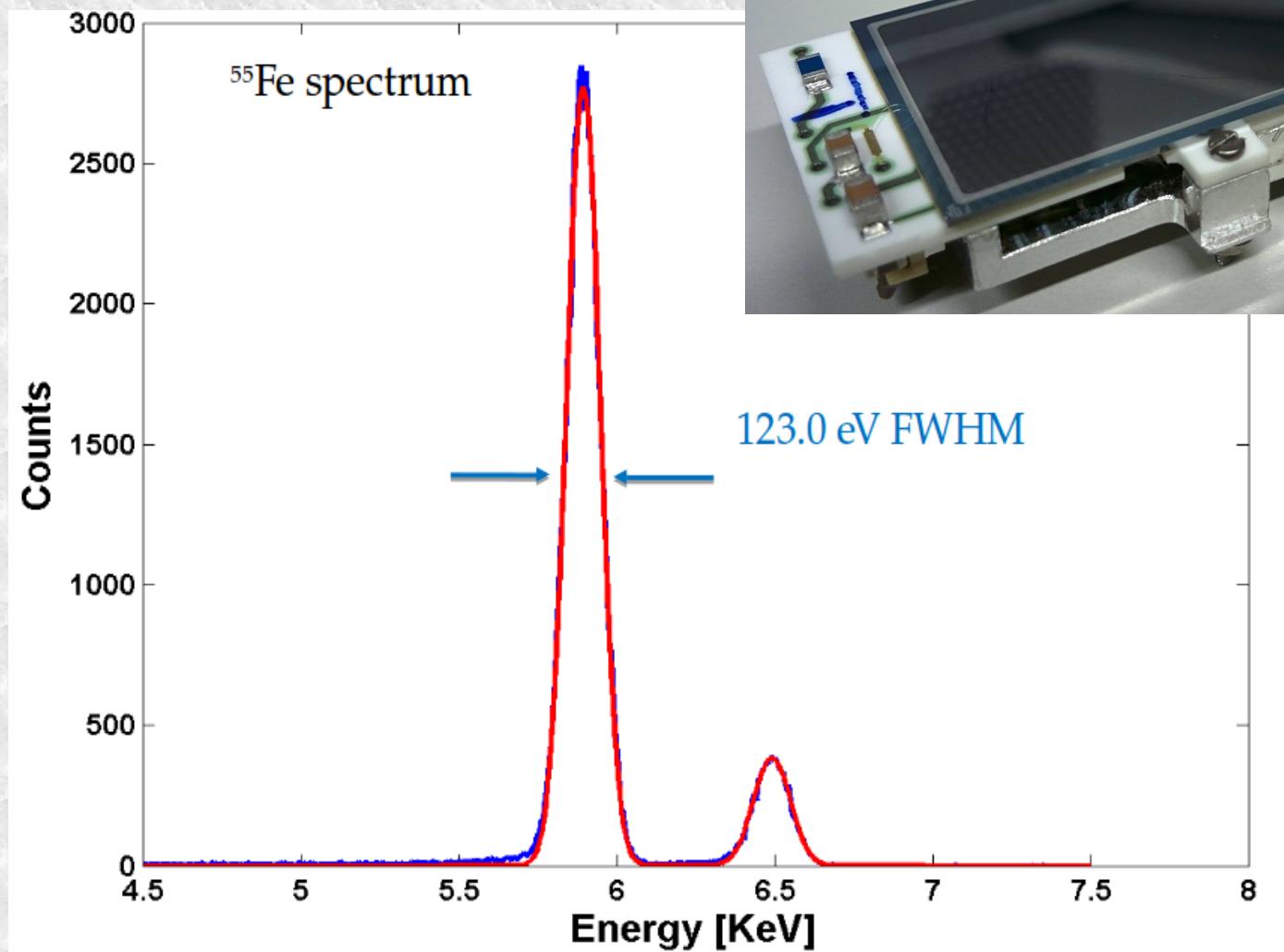
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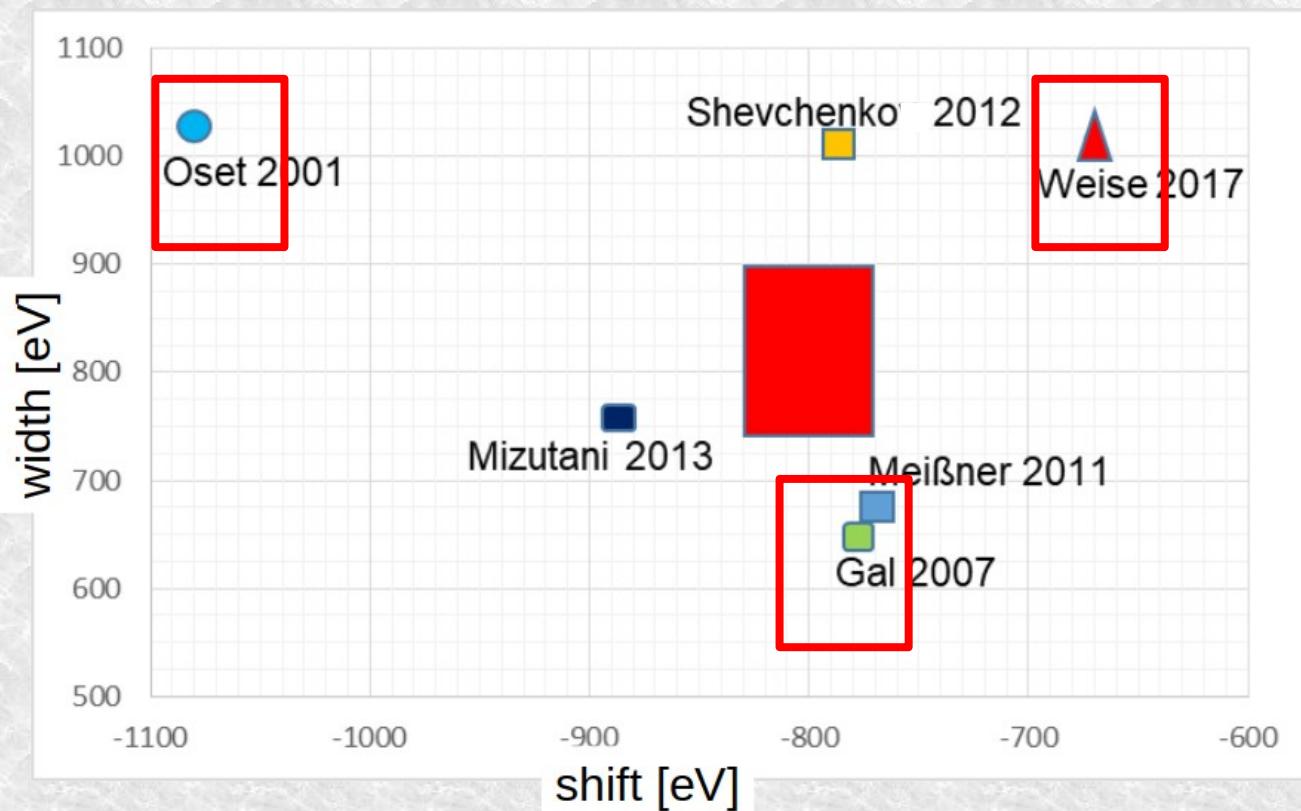
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KAONIC-Deuterium puzzle



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INSTALLATION OF THE SETUP WITH 8 SDDs AT DAΦNE
COMPLETED IN APRIL 2019



Thank you :-)



Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

- CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

a chiral Lagrangian with effective degrees of freedom U takes the place of the QCD Lagrangian:

$$\exp(iZ) = \int \mathcal{D}q \mathcal{D}\bar{q} \mathcal{D}A_\mu \exp \left[i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \right] = \int \mathcal{D}U \exp \left[i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \right]$$

lowest excitations (pseudoscalar mesons):

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

with chiral field

$$U(\phi) = \exp \left(\frac{i\sqrt{2}\phi}{f} \right)$$

the counting rule is defined considering the meson momentum small respect to the ch. sy. Breaking scale $4\pi f \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$.

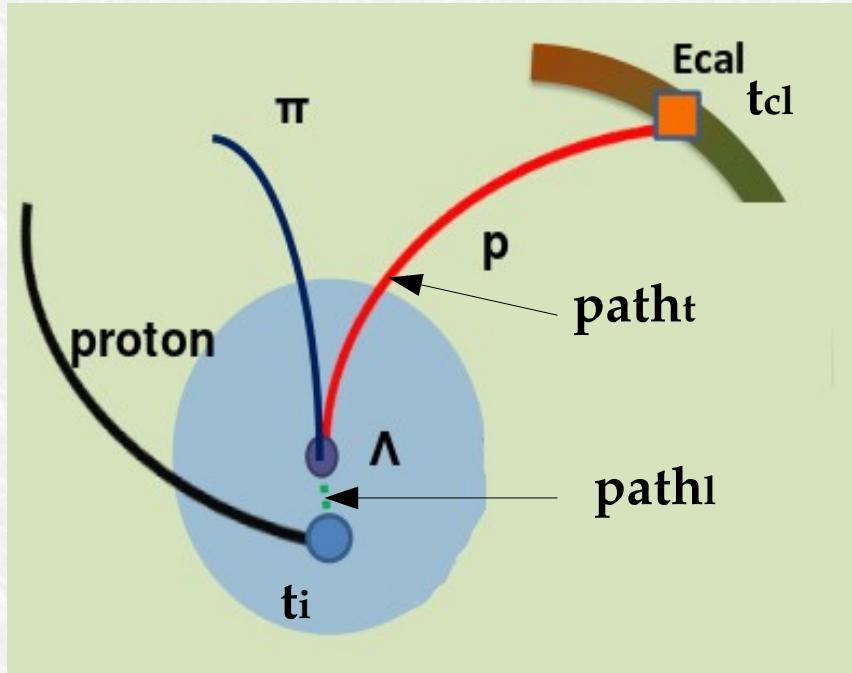
Similar for the baryon fields:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\Sigma^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda & \Sigma^+ & p \\ \Sigma^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\Sigma^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda & \eta \\ \Xi^- & \Xi^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Hadronic interaction vertex reconstruction

For the selected Λp events, a check in the mass of the proton track can be done if it is associated with a cluster in the calorimeter, and one of the two particles from the lambda decay has as well an associated cluster. To calculate their mass by time of flight we use the time of the cluster (t_{cl}) of the lambda decay product and the time of the interaction (t_i):

$$t_i = t_{cl} - (path_t/v_t) - (path_l/v_l)$$



Using the time of the proton cluster in the calorimeter and $path_p$ we calculate the proton velocity v_p . The mass is calculated using the information of the proton momentum p_p :

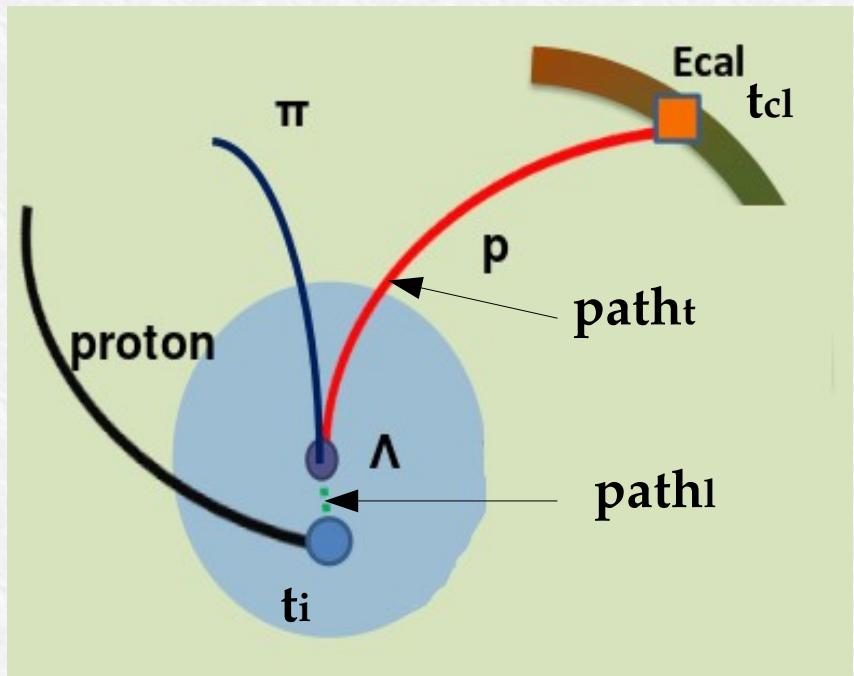
$$mass = p_p \cdot \sqrt{1/(v_p^2/c^2)}$$

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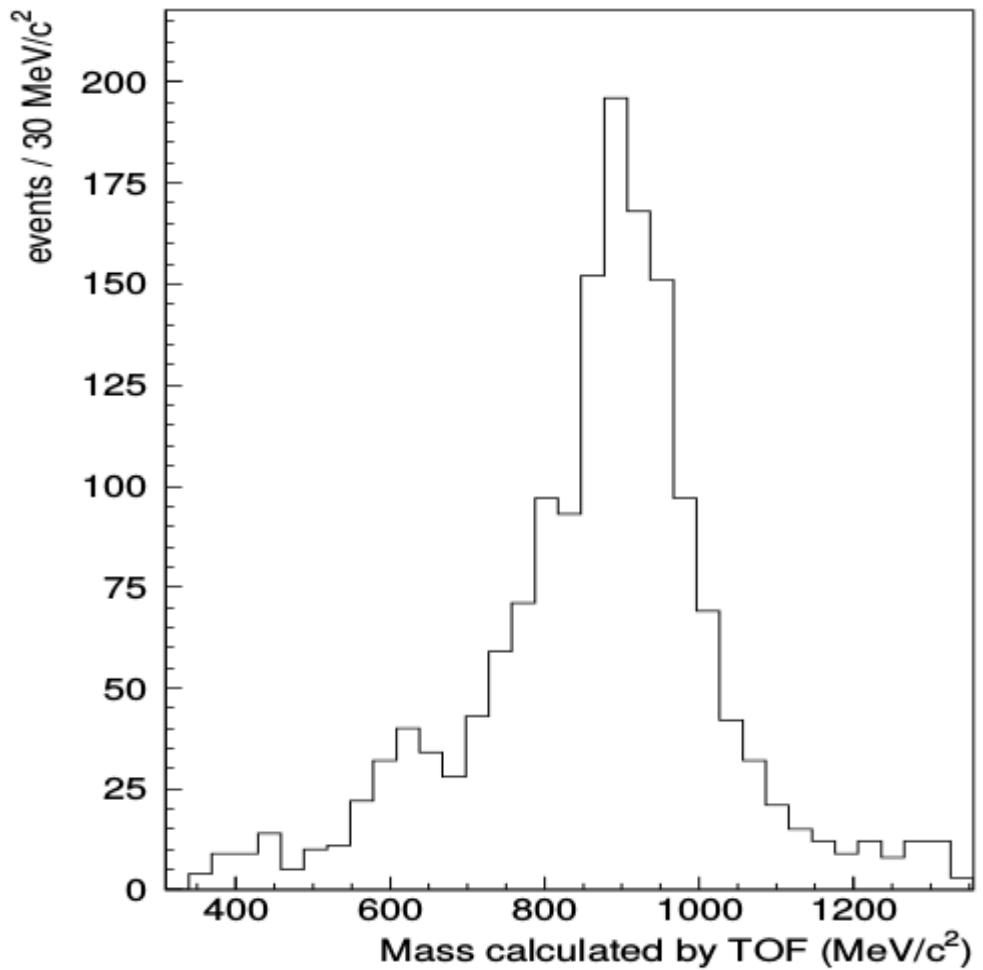
Resolutions:

From MC simulations of
 K^- absorption in ${}^4\text{He}$

p_Λ	$0.49 \pm 0.01 \text{ MeV}/c$
p_p	$2.63 \pm 0.07 \text{ MeV}/c$
$M_{\Lambda p}$	$1.10 \pm 0.03 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
r_{vertex}	$0.12 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}$

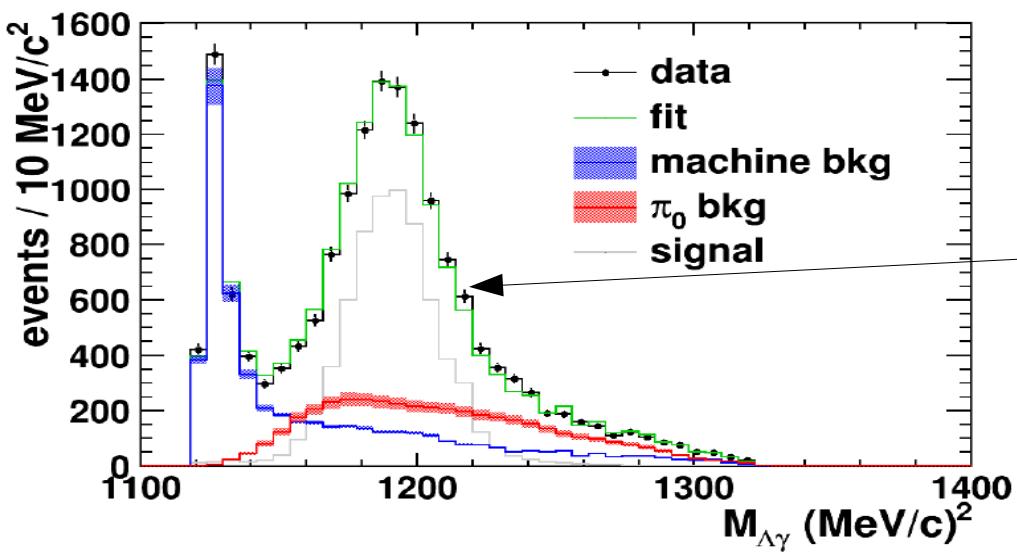
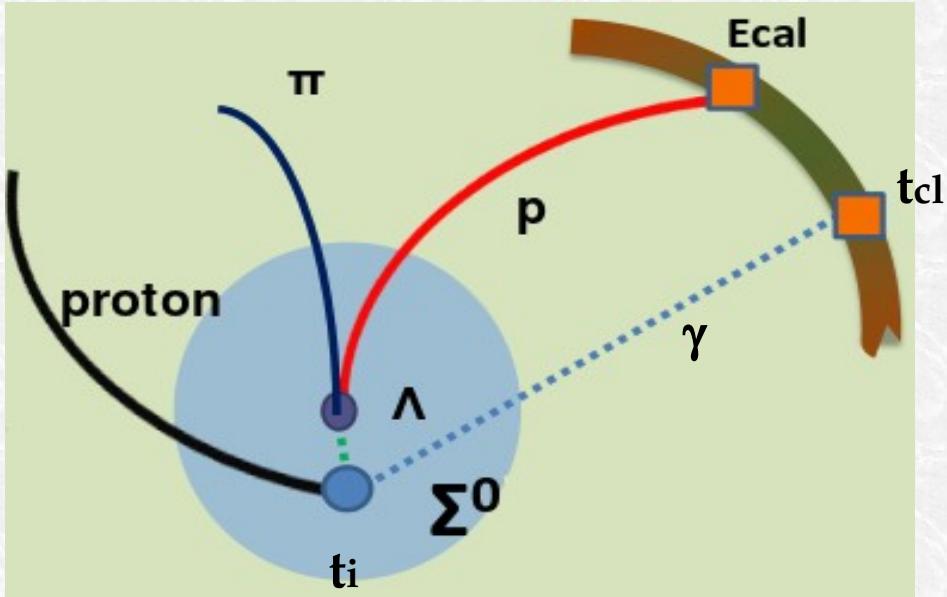


Extra-proton mass



Hadronic interaction vertex reconstruction

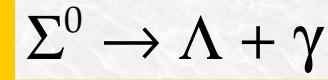
Additional photon signal at the hadronic vertex is required to select $\Sigma^0 p$ events.



The photon candidate selection:

1. search for neutral clusters in the calorimeter
2. calculate the hadronic interaction time t_i , using the time time of the cluster of one of the lambda decay particles
3. calculate the distance between the hadronic vertex and the cluster position
4. the requirement is

$$\text{Time of flight} = t_{cl} - t_i = \text{path}_\gamma / c$$

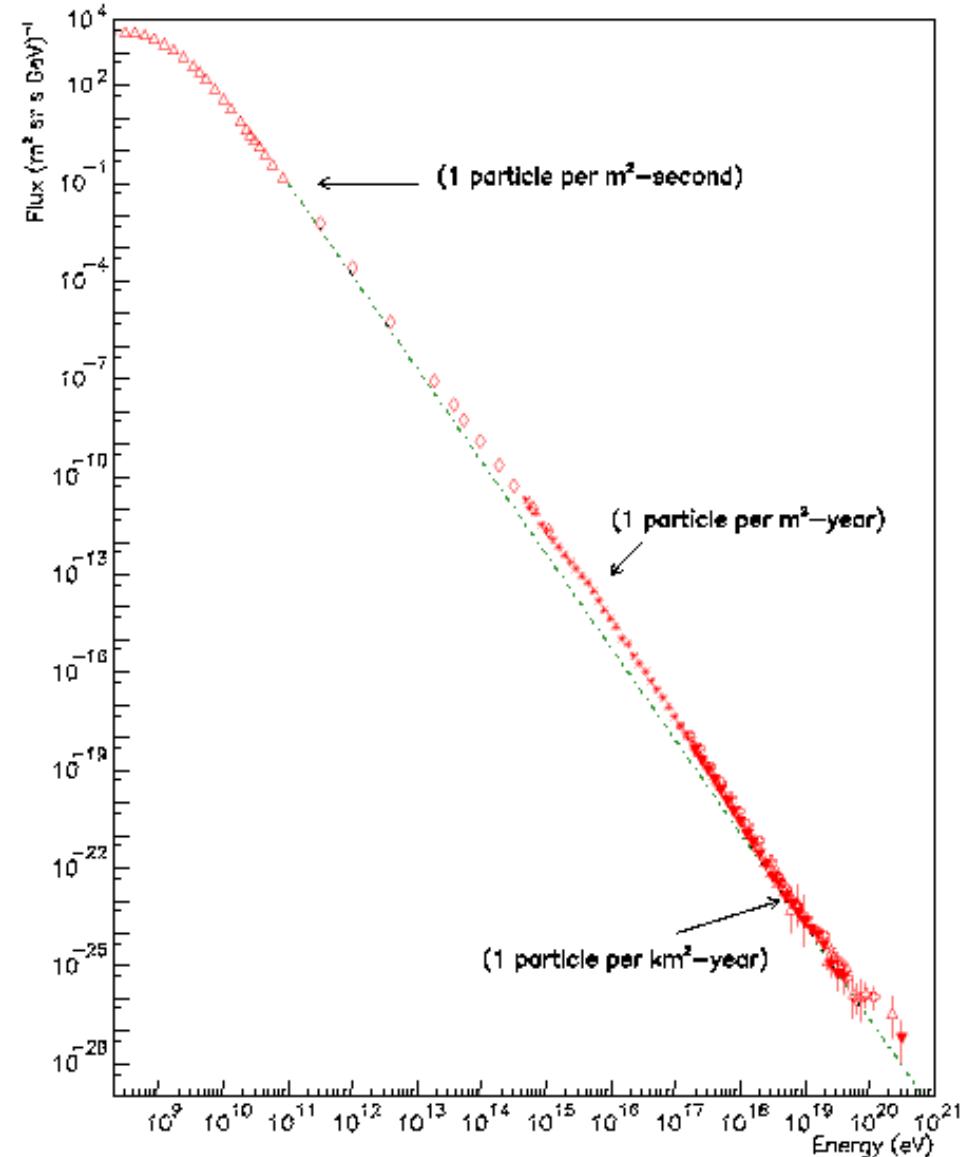


I Raggi Cosmici

Sono particelle provenienti dalle differenti regioni dello spazio, intra- ed extra-galattiche.

Permettono di raccogliere informazioni sulla composizione dell'Universo lontano

Lo spettro di energia si estende su 21 ordini di grandezza.



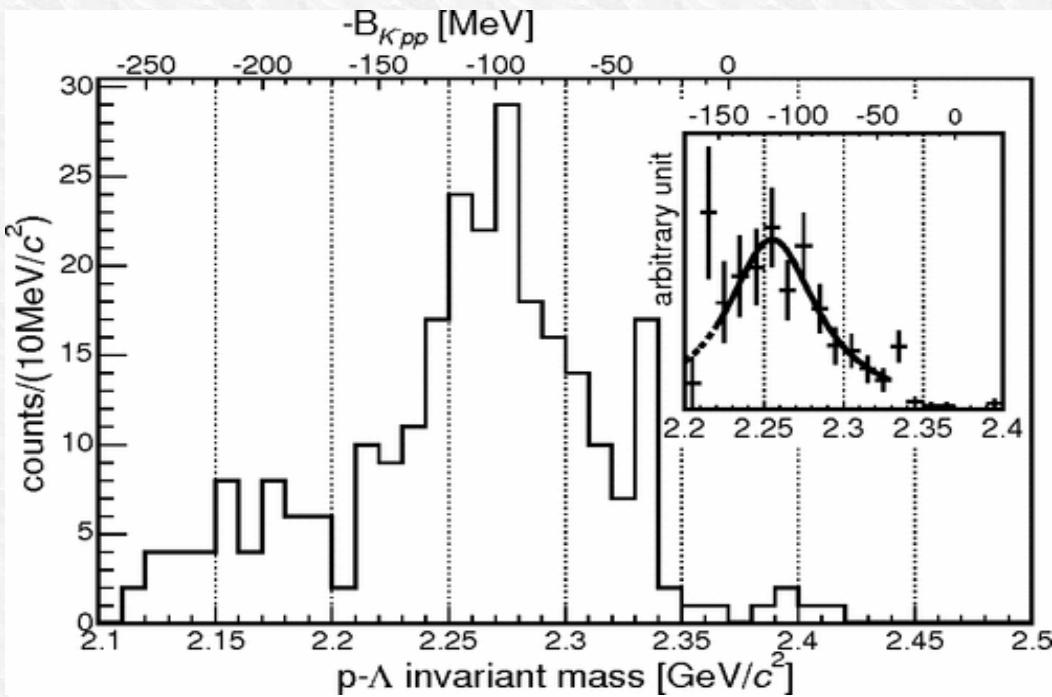
Experimental studies in the Λp decay channel

- through K^- absorption experiments



FINUDA at DAΦNE ($X = {}^6\text{Li}, {}^7\text{Li}, {}^9\text{Be}$)
 [M. Agnello et al., PRL94, 212303, 2005]

Invariant mass spectroscopy

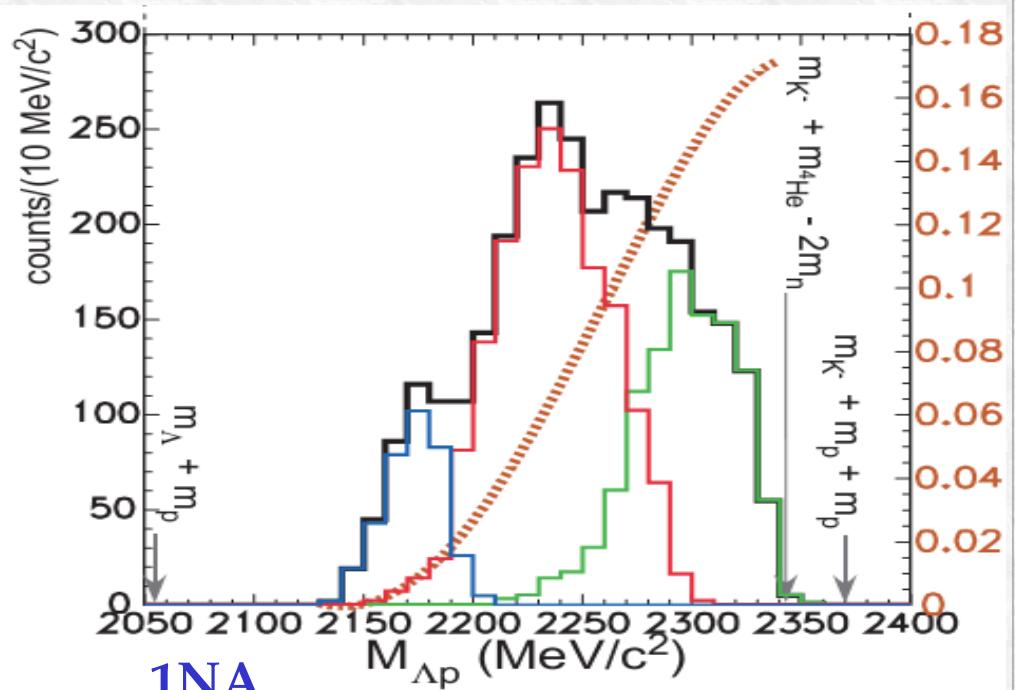


$$\mathbf{B = 115^{+6}_{-5} (\text{stat})^{+3}_{-4} (\text{sys}) \text{ MeV}}$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma = 67^{+14}_{-11} (\text{stat})^{+2}_{-3} (\text{sys}) \text{ MeV}}$$

E-549 at KEK ($X = {}^4\text{He}$)
 [T. Suzuki et al., MPLA, 23, 2520, 2008]

Missing mass spectroscopy



1NA

$\Sigma N/\Lambda N - DBKNS$

2NA