

# Antikaon-nucleon/nuclei interactions at low-energy by AMADEUS

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# Motivation and Scientific Case

The investigation of the **in-medium modification of the  $\bar{K}N$  interaction** is of fundamental importance for the understanding of low-energy QCD, in the so-called non perturbative regime.

**Chiral perturbation theory (ChPT)**: effective field theory where mesons and baryons represent the effective degrees of freedom instead of the fundamental quark and gluon fields.

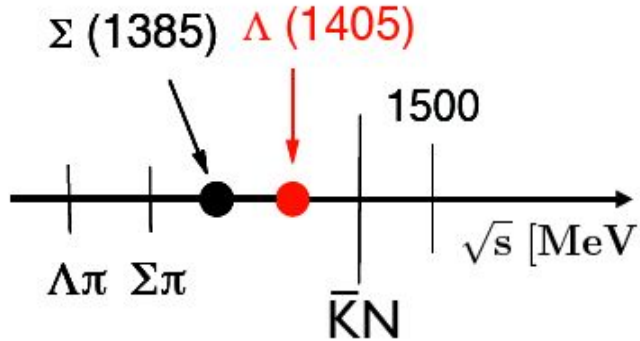
$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{mesons}(\Phi) + \mathcal{L}_B(\Phi, \Psi_B)$$

- The chiral symmetry is **spontaneously broken**, implying the existence of massless and spinless Nambu-Goldstone bosons which are identified with the pions.
- It has proven to be **very successful** in describing the  $\pi N$ ,  $\pi\pi$  and  $NN$  interactions in the low-energy regime and is considered as the theory of the low-energy strong interaction **in the SU(2) flavour sector**.

**The extension of the theory to the sector with the quark  $s$  turns out to be more problematic since it is not applicable to the  $\bar{K}N$  channel.**

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The **ChPT is not applicable** to the  $\bar{K}N$  channel due to the emerging of the  $\Lambda(1405)$  and the  $\Sigma(1385)$  resonances just below the  $\bar{K}N$  mass threshold ( $\sim 1432$  MeV).



- $\Lambda(1405)$   $I=0$   $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$   
 $M = (1405.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0})$  MeV  $\Gamma = (50.5 \pm 2.0)$  MeV  
decay modes:  $\Sigma\pi$  ( $I=0$ ) 100%
- $\Sigma(1385)$   $I=1$   $J^P = 3/2^+$   
decay modes:  $\Lambda\pi$  ( $I=1$ )  $(87.0 \pm 1.5)$  %  
 $\Sigma\pi$  ( $I=1$ )  $(11.7 \pm 1.5)$  %

## Possible solutions:

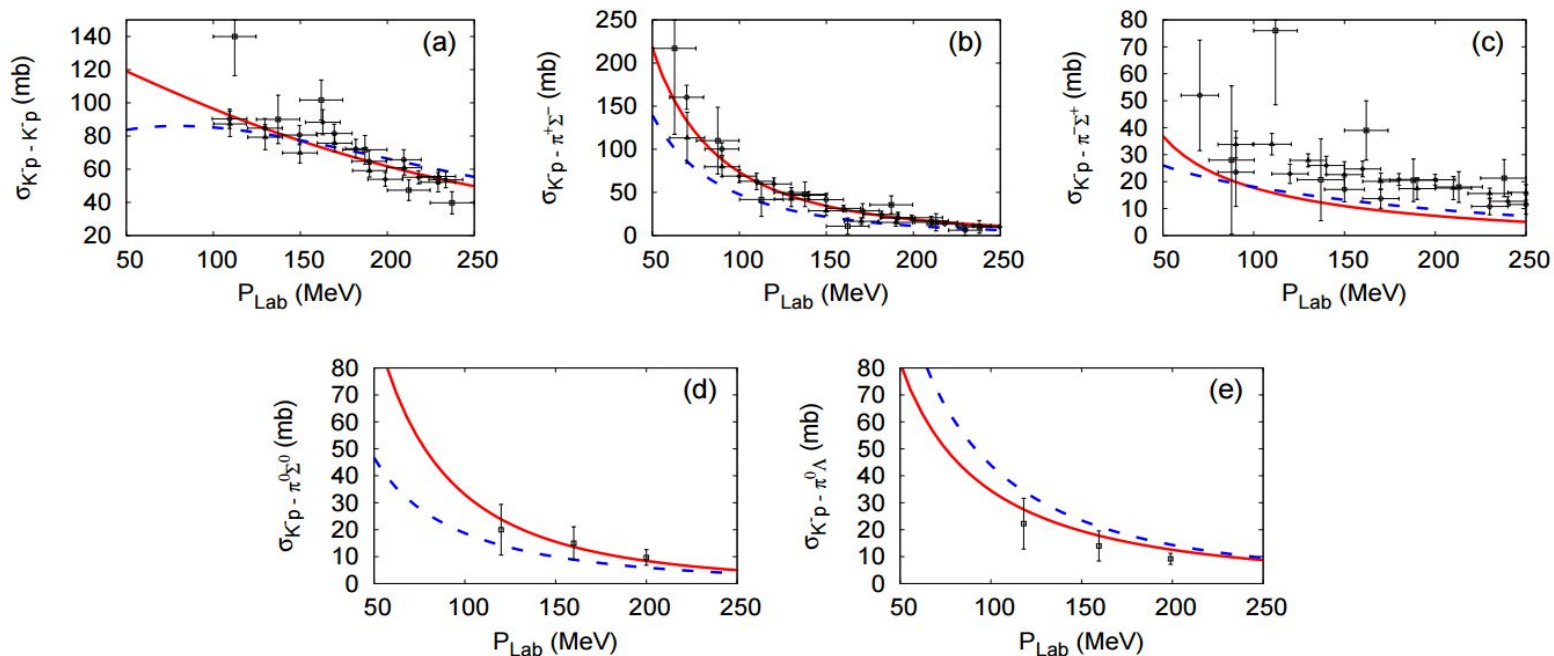
- **Non-perturbative Coupled Channels approach: Chiral Unitary SU(3) Dynamics**
  - **Phenomenological  $\bar{K}N$  and NN potentials**

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The parameters of the models are constrained by the existing  $K^-p$  elastic and inelastic scattering data from bubble chamber experiments above the  $\bar{K}N$  threshold

--- Phen. [Y. Ikeda and T. Sato, Phys. Rev. C76, 035203 (2007)]

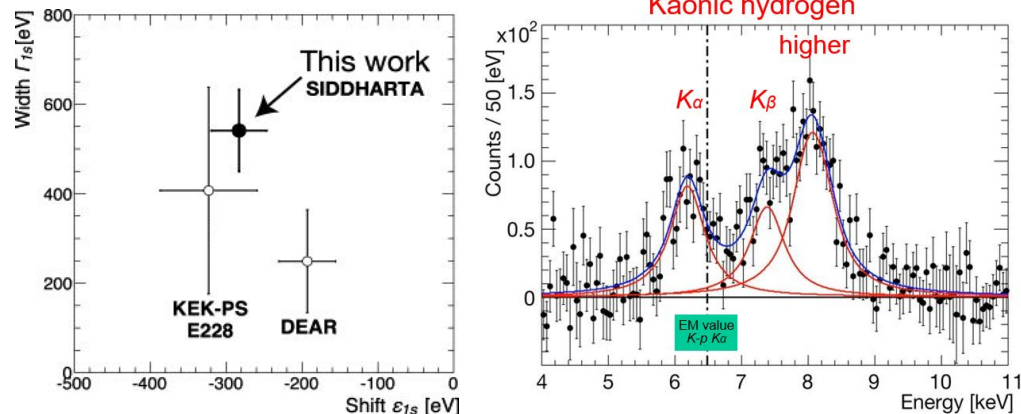
— Chiral [S. Ohnishi, Y. Ikeda, T. Hyodo, W. Weise, Phys.Rev. C93 (2016) no.2, 025207]



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and by the precise SIDDHARTA measurement of  $K_\alpha$  transition in Kaonic hydrogen at threshold

M. Bazzi et al.. 2011. (SIDDHARTA Coll.), Phys. Lett. B704, 113



$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{1S} &= -283 \pm 36(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ eV} \\ \Gamma_{1S} &= 541 \pm 89(\text{stat}) \pm 22(\text{syst}) \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

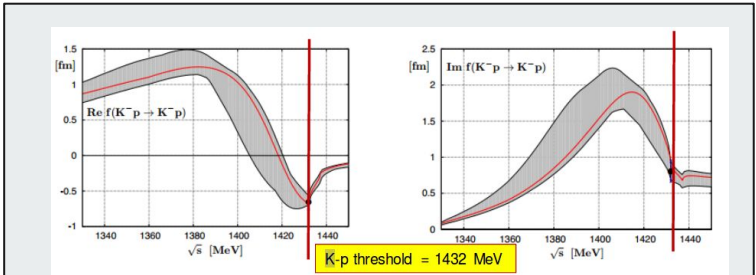


Fig. 3. Real part (left) and imaginary part (right) of the  $K^-p \rightarrow K^-p$  forward scattering amplitude extrapolated to the subthreshold region. The empirical real and imaginary parts of the  $K^-p$  scattering length deduced from the recent kaonic hydrogen measurement (SIDDHARTA [7]) are indicated by the dots including statistical and systematic errors. The shaded uncertainty bands are explained in the text.

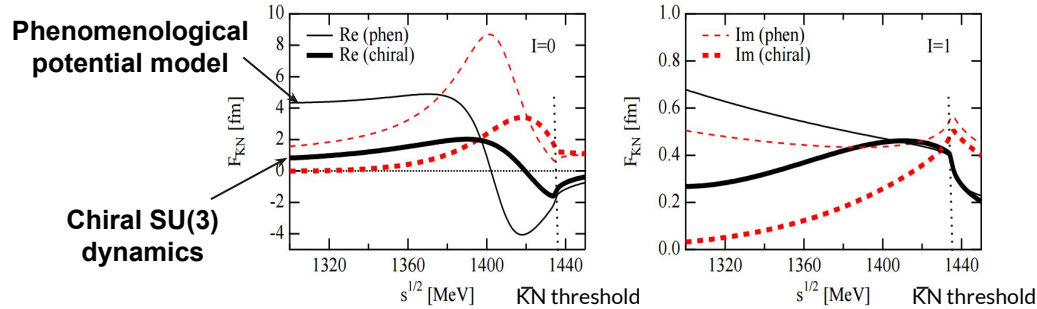
used to constrain the models at threshold

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

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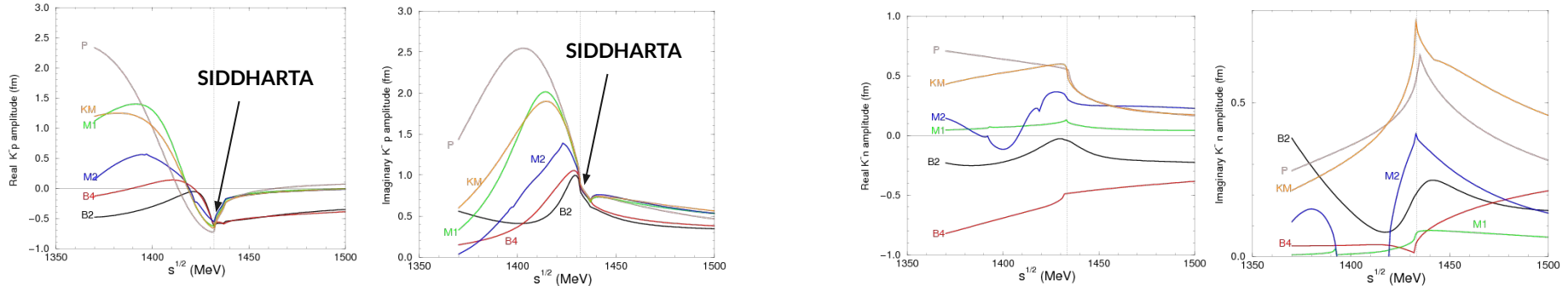
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 —    - - -    **Phen.** [Y. Akaishi, T. Yamazaki, Phys. Rev. C65, 044005 (2002)]  
 —    - - -    **Chiral** [Y. Ikeda, T. Hyodo, W. Weise, Phys. Lett. B706, 63 (2011)]

...but... discrepancies in the subthreshold extrapolations!



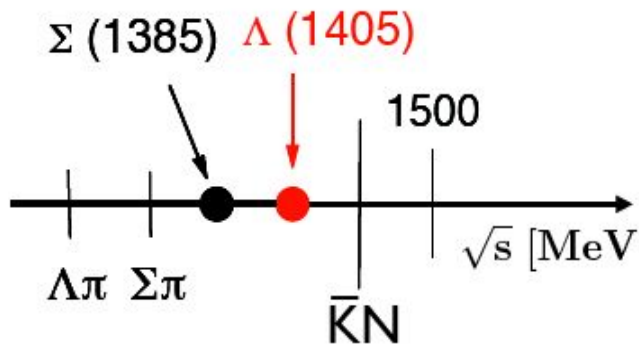
Significantly weaker attraction in chiral SU(3) models than in phenomenological potential models.

**New experimental constraints are needed!!!**



from E. Friedman, A. Gal, Nucl.Phys. A959 (2017) 66-82

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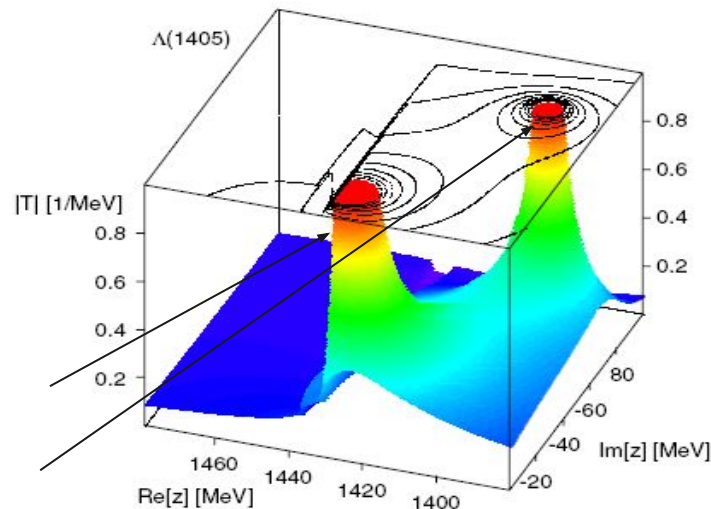
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- Chiral SU(3) coupled channel dynamics:**  
the state is given by the superpositions of two poles of the  $\bar{K}N$  scattering amplitude.

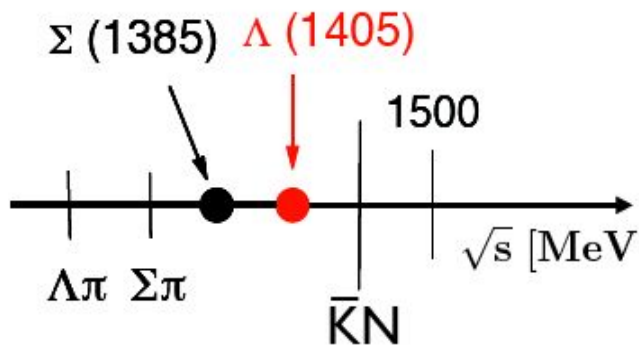
$M = 1425$  MeV  $\rightarrow$  mainly coupled to the  $\bar{K}N$  channel

$M = 1380$  MeV  $\rightarrow$  mainly coupled to the  $\Sigma\pi$  channel

The relative contributions of the two poles have to be measured experimentally



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[Phys. Lett. B 686 (2010) 23-28]

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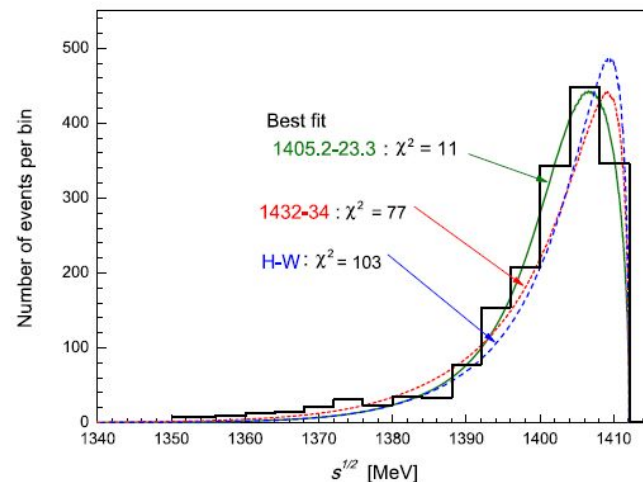
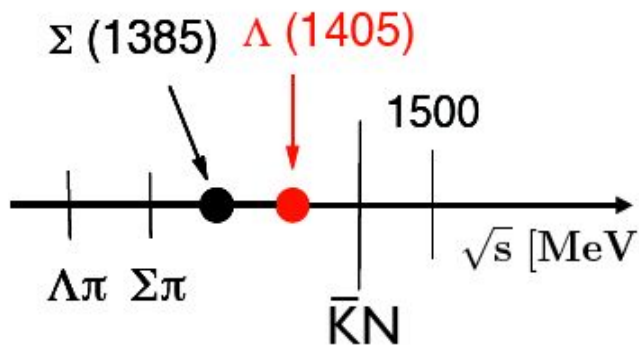


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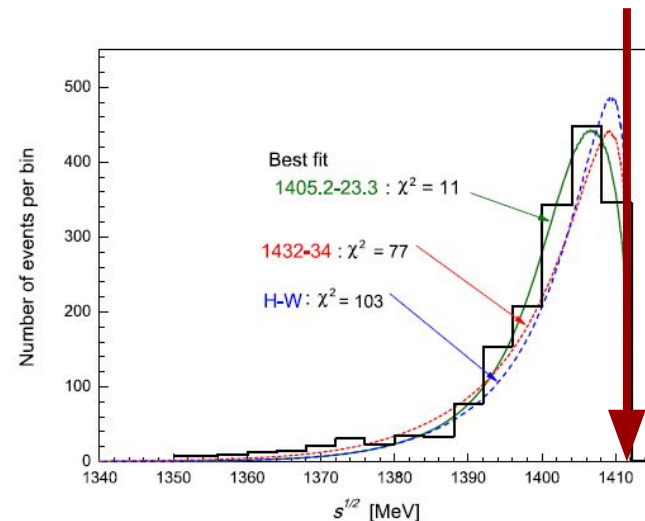
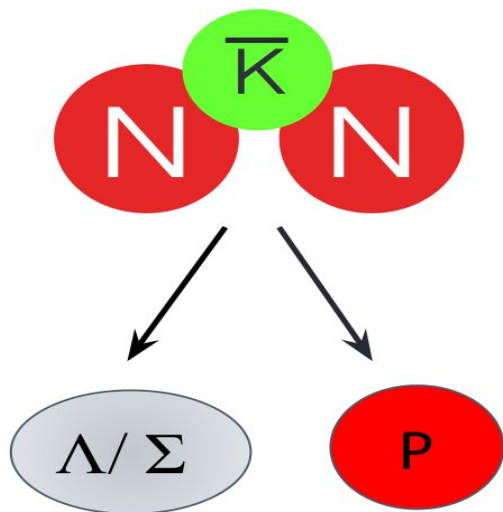


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# Possible existence of kaonic bound state

The fundamental kaonic bound state is the  $K^-pp$  cluster (and its isospin partner  $\bar{K}^0pn$ ).

**Main decay modes:**  $K^-pp \rightarrow \Lambda + p$   
 $\rightarrow \Sigma^0 + p$



○ **Chiral models:** Slightly bound states  
 BE  $\sim$  10-30 MeV

▲ **Phen. approach:** Deeply bound states  
 BE  $\sim$  40-100 MeV

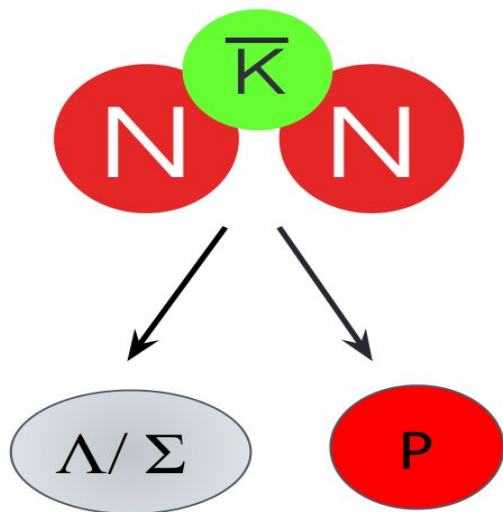
## Theory

	BE (MeV)	$\Gamma$ (MeV)	Reference
○ Dote, Hyodo, Weise	17-23	40-70	Phys.Rev.C79 (2009) 014003
▲ Akaishi, Yamazaki	48	61	Phys.Rev.C65 (2002) 044005
○ Barnea, Gal, Liverts	16	41	Phys.Lett.B712 (2012) 132-137
▲ Ikeda, Sato	60-95	45-80	Phys.Rev.C76 (2007) 035203
○ Ikeda, Kamano, Sato	9-16	34-46	Prog.Theor.Phys. (2010) 124(3): 533
▲ 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
○ Bicudo	14.2-53	13.8-28.3	Phys.Rev.D76 (2007) 031502
○ Bayar, Oset	15-30	75-80	Nucl.Phys.A914 (2013) 349
▲ Wycech, Green	40-80	40-85	Phys.Rev.C79 (2009) 014001
○ Sekihara, Oset, Ramos	16	72	Prog.Theor.Phys.(2016) no.12, 123D03
○ Sekihara, Oset, Ramos	20	80	see E. Oset talk

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## production mechanisms:

- p-p collisions
- $K^-$  induced reactions
- $\pi$  induced reactions
- photoproduction
- anti-p annihilations

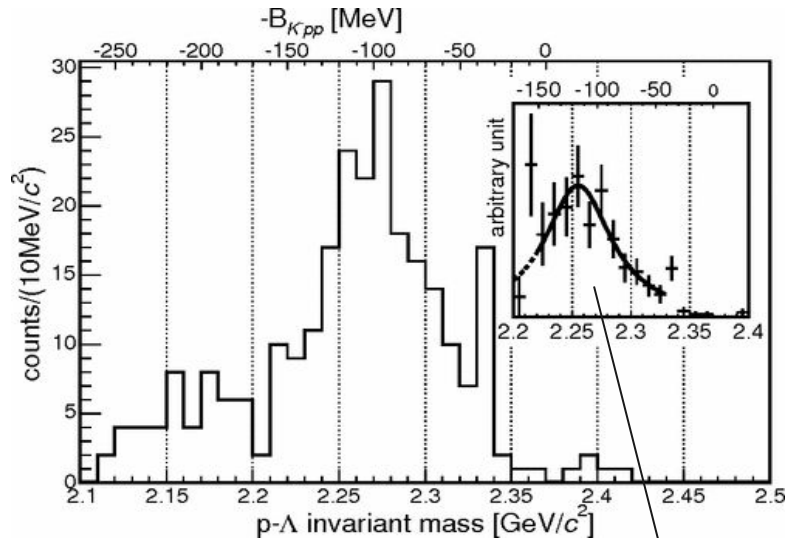
## Experiments

Experiment	BE (MeV)	$\Gamma$ (MeV)	Reference
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINUDA	$115^{+6}_{-5}$ (stat.) $^{+3}_{-4}$ (syst.)	$67^{+14}_{-11}$ (stat.) $^{+2}_{-3}$ (syst.)	PRL 94 (2005), 212303
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBELIX	$160.9 \pm 4.9$	$< 24.4 \pm 8.0$	NPA 789 (2007), 222
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E549	-	-	MPLA 23 (2008), 2520
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTO	$103 \pm 3$ (stat.) $\pm 5$ (syst.)	$118 \pm 8$ (stat.) $\pm 10$ (syst.)	PRL 104 (2010), 132502
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEPS/SPring-8	Upper Limit		PLB 728 (2014), 616
<input type="checkbox"/> HADES	Upper Limit		PLB 742 (2015), 242
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E27	$95^{+18}_{-17}$ (stat.) $^{+30}_{-21}$ (syst.)	$162^{+87}_{-45}$ (stat.) $^{+66}_{-78}$ (syst.)	PTEP (2015), 021D01
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMADEUS	Upper Limit		PLB 758 (2016), 134
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E15	$15^{+6}_{-8}$ (stat.) $\pm 12$ (syst.)	$110^{+19}_{-17}$ (stat.) $\pm 27$ (syst.)	PTEP (2016), 051D01
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E15 (2 <sup>nd</sup> run)	$47 \pm 3$ (stat.) $^{+3}_{-6}$ (syst.)	$115 \pm 7$ (stat.) $^{+10}_{-20}$ (syst.)	PLB 789 (2019), 620

# Experimental search in $K^-$ induced reactions

FINUDA at DAΦNE:  $K^-_{\text{stop}} + X \rightarrow \Lambda + p + X'$

only back-to-back  $\Lambda p$  pairs ( $\cos\theta_{\Lambda p} < -0.8$ ) **detected particles**



[M. Agnello et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 212303 (2005)]

Interpreted as the signal of:

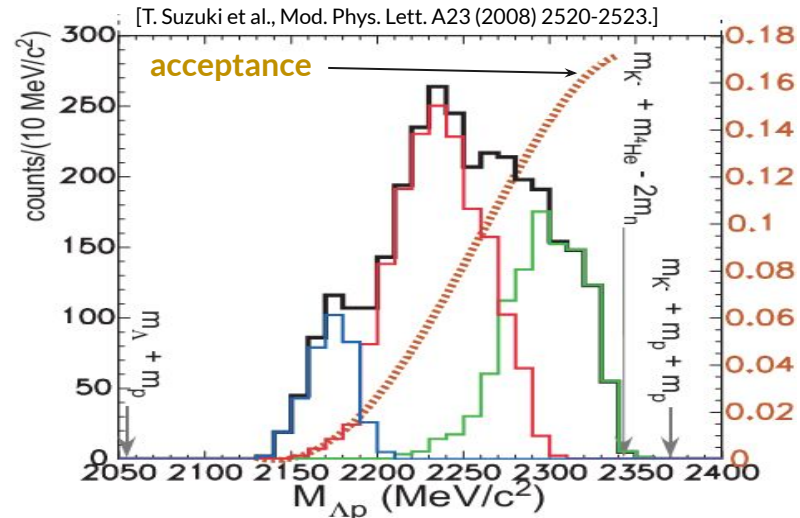
**extracted parameters:**  $K^- pp \rightarrow \Lambda + p$

$$BE = (115^{+6}_{-5}(\text{stat.})^{+3}_{-4}(\text{syst.})) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = (67^{+14}_{-11}(\text{stat.})^{+2}_{-3}(\text{syst.})) \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

E549 at KEK:  $K^-_{\text{stop}} + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda + p + X'$

**detected particles**



[T. Suzuki et al., Mod. Phys. Lett. A23 (2008) 2520-2523.]

Using the missing mass information, three components to the invariant mass spectrum are found:

- **1NA:**  $K^-$  single nucleon absorption
- **2NA:**  $K^-$  two nucleon absorption
- **2NA + conversion, multi-nucleon, or Bound State?**

# K<sup>-</sup> multi-nucleon absorptions

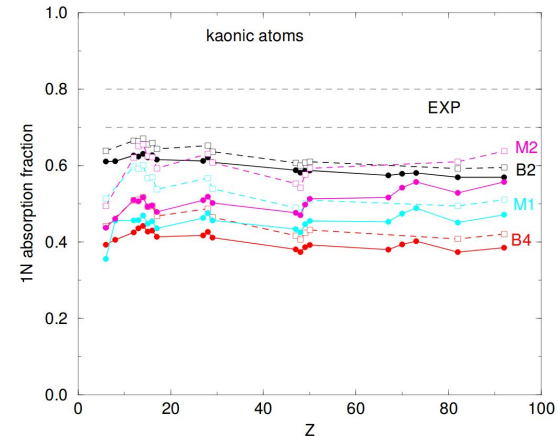
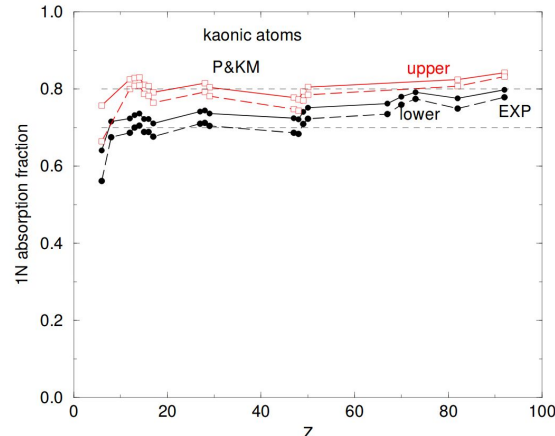
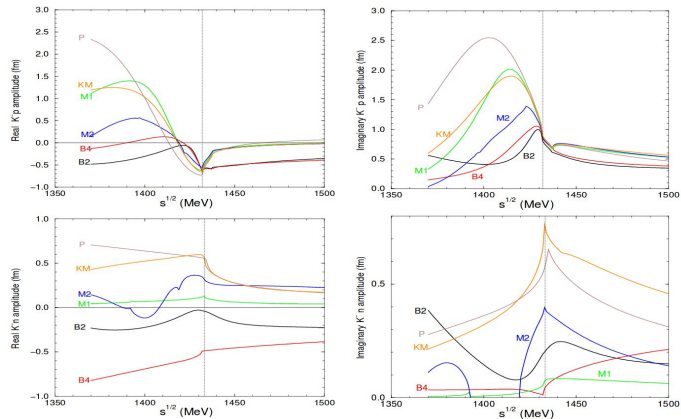
In K<sup>-</sup>-nuclei optical potential a K<sup>-</sup> multi-nucleon absorption term is necessary to fit the kaonic atoms data:

$$V_{K^-}(\rho) = V_{K^-}^{(1)}(\rho) + V_{K^-}^{(2)}(\rho) \longrightarrow \text{multi-nucleon term}$$

[E. Friedman, A. Gal, Nucl. Phys. A 959, 66 (2017)]

[Hrtánková, J. & Mareš, J. Phys. Rev. C 96, 015205 (2017)]

## single nucleon term from chiral models



Comparison with 1NA from Bubble Chamber experiments!!!

# Single and multi-nucleon $K^-$ absorptions

- **Single nucleon absorption (1NA):**  $K^- \text{ "N"} \rightarrow Y \pi \longrightarrow$  pionic processes
- **Two nucleon absorption (2NA):**  $K^- \text{ "NN"} \rightarrow Y N$
- **Three nucleon absorption (3NA):**  $K^- \text{ "NNN"} \rightarrow Y (NN) \longrightarrow$  non-pionic processes
- **Four nucleon absorption (4NA):**  $K^- \text{ "NNNN"} \rightarrow Y (NNN)$

bound nucleons = "N", "NN", "NNN", "NNNN"

bound or unbound nucleons = (NN), (NNN)

$Y = \Lambda, \Sigma$

[Katz et al., Physical Review D (1970), Vol.1, No.5]

TABLE V. Comparative data on the frequency of emission of various particles.

	Capture nucleus					Nuclear emulsion
	Hydrogen	Deuterium	Helium (this experiment)	Helium (Helium Bubble Chamber Collaboration)*	(76% $CF_3Br$ ) + (24% $C_3H_8$ )	
$[\pi^\pm]/[K^-]$	0.64	0.67	$0.55 \pm 0.05$	0.55	0.45	0.40
$[\pi^-]/[\pi^+]$	0.46	1.95	$4.9 \pm 1.0$	5.5	3.8	3.9
$[\Sigma^\pm]/[K^-]$	0.64	0.46	$0.31 \pm 0.03$	0.27	0.19	0.187
$[\Sigma^+]/[\Sigma^-]$	0.46	0.73	$1.2 \pm 0.2$	1.16	1.05	0.79
$[\Sigma^+ + \pi^-]/[\Sigma^- + \pi^+]$	0.46	0.85	$1.8 \pm 0.5$	1.82	1.52	1.43
Multinucleon (i.e., nonpionic) capture	...	0.01	$0.16 \pm 0.03$	$0.17 \pm 0.04^b$	0.25	0.15-0.30

**CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SEPARATE 2NA, 3NA and 4NA NEVER MEASURED!!!**

\* Reference 2.

<sup>b</sup> Nonpionic ratio of  $(32 \pm 2)\%$  for  $K^-$  in  $He^4$  was quoted by M. M. Block, in *Proceedings of the International Conference on Hypernuclear Physics, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, 1969*, edited by A. R. Bodmer and L. G. Hyman (ANL, Argonne, 1969).

# Goals of AMADEUS

**AMADEUS**: Antikaonic Matter At DAΦNE: an Experiment with Unraveling Spectroscopy

Unprecedented studies of the **low-energy charged kaons interactions in nuclear matter**: solid and gaseous targets (H,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$  ...) in order to obtain unique quality information about:

1. Controversial nature of the  $\Lambda(1405)$  and  $\bar{K}N$  amplitude below threshold

2. Low-energy charged kaon cross sections for momenta of 100 MeV/c

3. a) Interaction of  $K^-$  with one and more nucleons (single and multi-nucleon  $K^-$  absorption)

b) possible existence of kaonic bound states

4.  $\bar{K}N$  scattering → extremely poor experimental information from scattering data (helpful to understand the EoS of Neutron Stars)

**$\bar{K}N$  CORRELATION STUDIES**  
(i.e.  $\Lambda\pi$  and  $\Sigma\pi$  and final states)

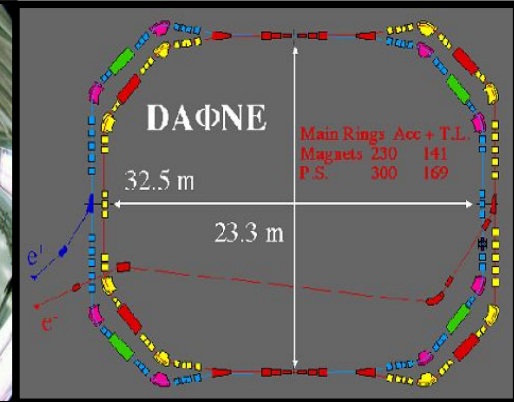
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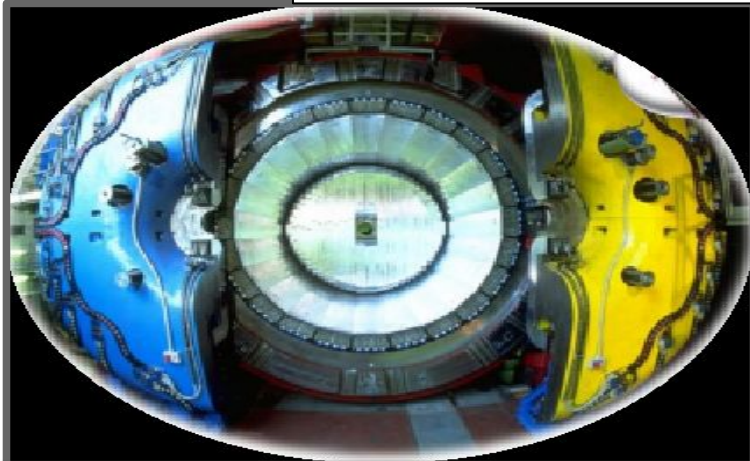
# DAΦNE & AMADEUS

## DAΦNE

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



**AMADEUS step 0**  $\rightarrow$  KLOE 2004-2005 dataset analysis ( $\mathcal{L} = 1.74 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )



## KLOE

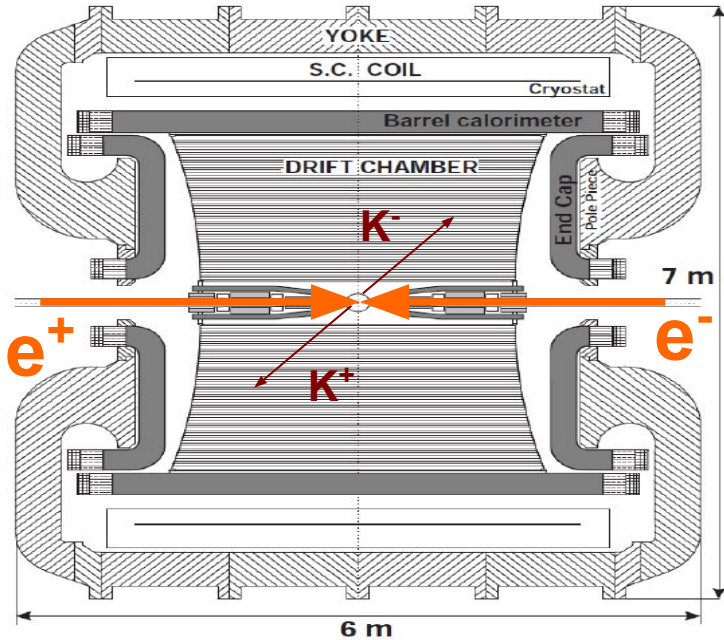
- Cylindrical drift chamber with a **4 $\pi$  geometry** and electromagnetic calorimeter
  - **96% acceptance**
- optimized in the energy range of all **charged particles** involved
- **good performance** in detecting **photons and neutrons**  
checked by kloNe group  
[M. Anelli et al., Nucl Inst. Meth.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



# K<sup>-</sup> absorption on light nuclei

Possibility to use KLOE materials as an active target

- DC wall (750 μm C foil, 150 μm Al foil);
- DC gas (90% He, 10% C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>).



Advantages: 😊

Excellent resolutions..

$$\sigma_{p\Lambda} = 0.49 \pm 0.01 \text{ MeV}/c \text{ in DC gas}$$

$$\sigma_{m\gamma\gamma} = 18.3 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Disadvantages: 😞

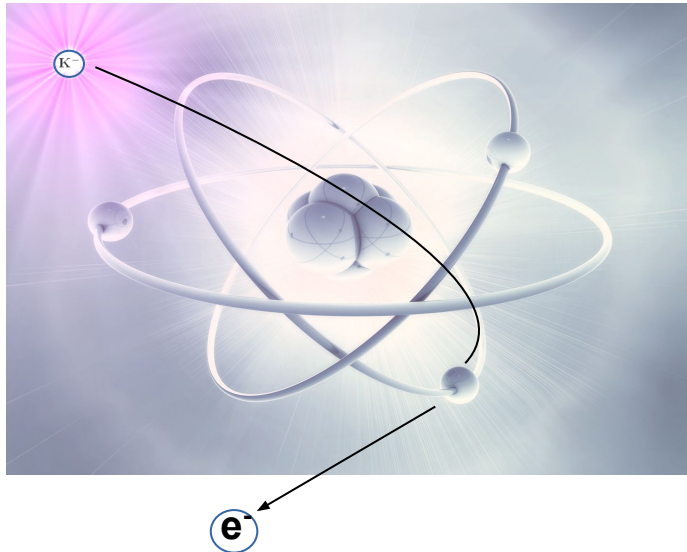
Not dedicated target → different nuclei contamination → complex interpretation.

# K<sup>-</sup> absorptions at-rest and in-flight

**Analyzed data:** → KLOE 2004-2005 datataking (integrated luminosity:  $\mathcal{L} = 1.74 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )  
→ 50% of K<sup>-</sup> absorptions at-rest and 50% of K<sup>-</sup> absorptions in-flight

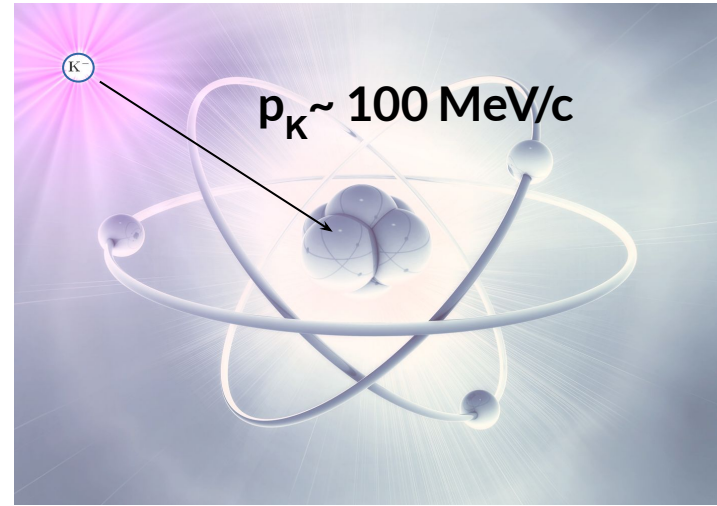
## AT-REST

K<sup>-</sup> absorbed from atomic orbitals  
( $p_K \sim 0 \text{ MeV}/c$ )



## IN-FLIGHT

( $p_K \sim 100 \text{ MeV}/c$ )

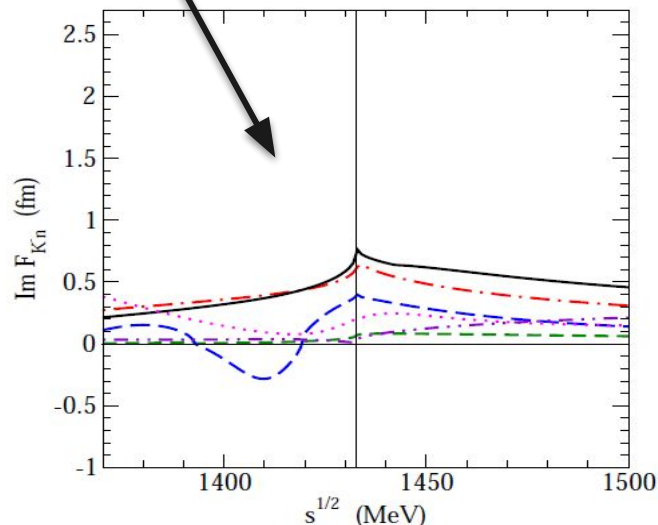
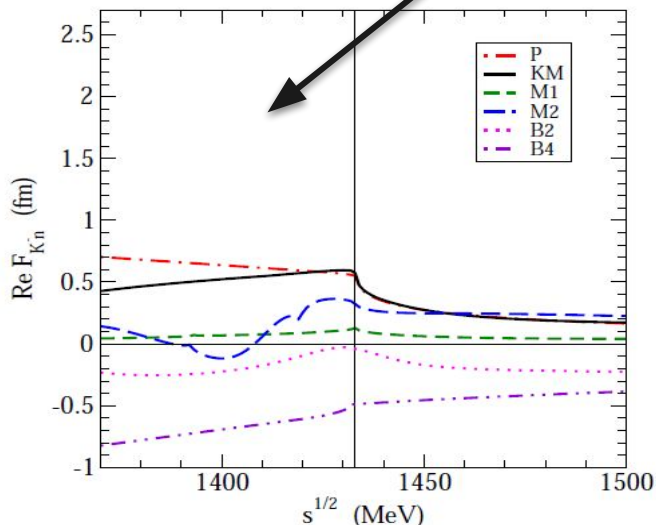


# First determination of the non-resonant transition amplitude below threshold

Investigated using:



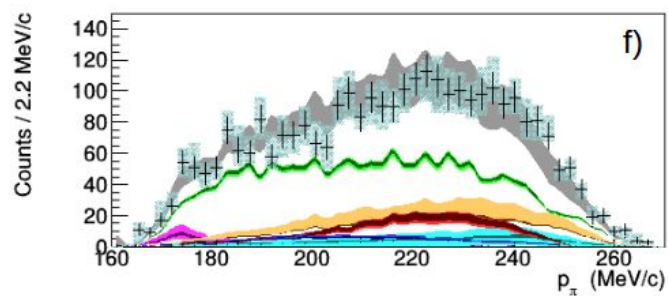
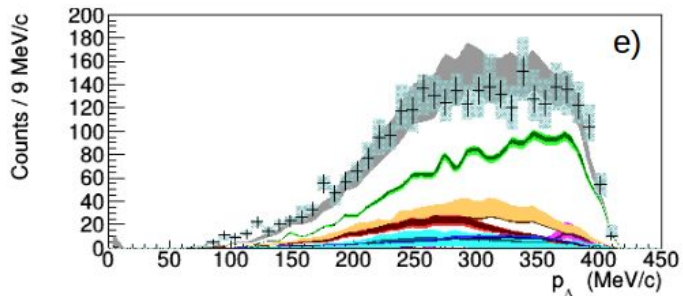
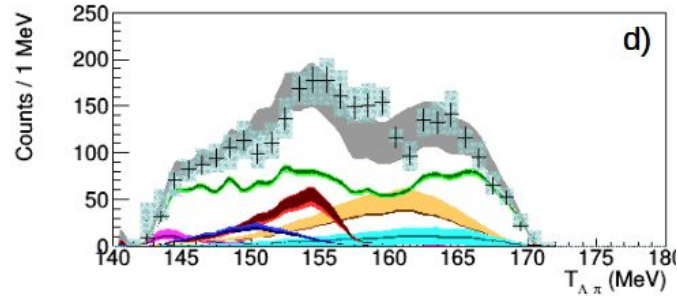
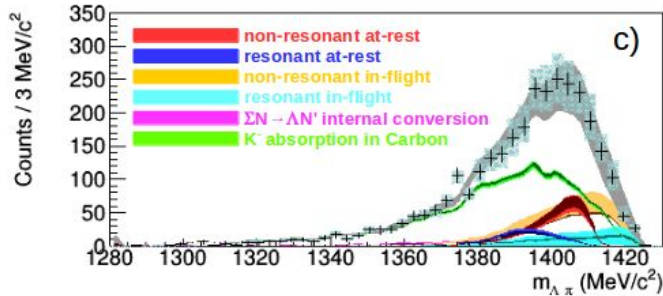
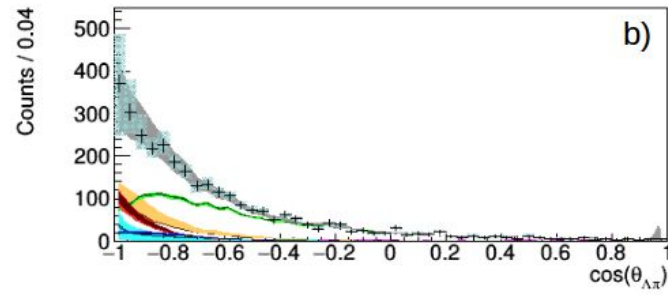
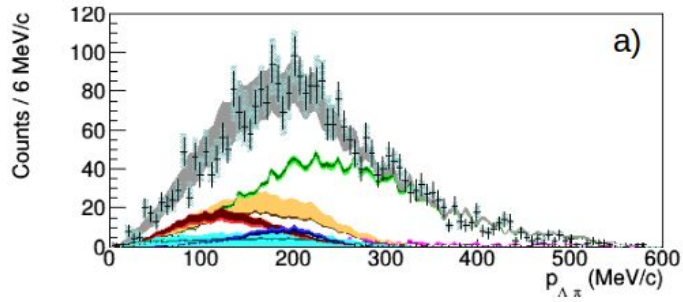
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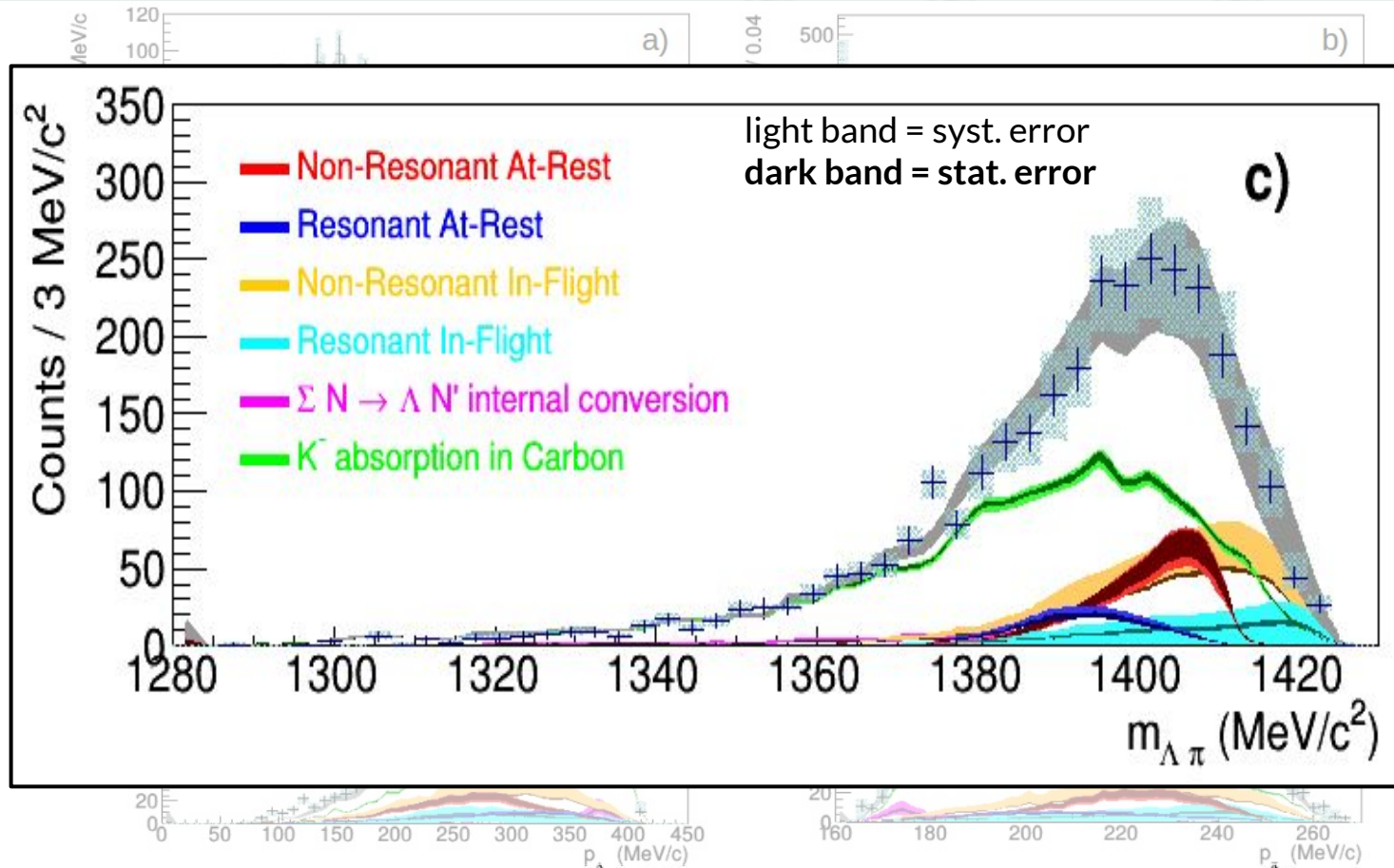
[J. Hrtankova, and J. Mares, Phys. Rev. C96, (2017) 015205]

[A. Cieply et al., Nucl. Phys. A954, (2016) 17]

# Simultaneous fit : $(p_{\Lambda\pi^-} - m_{\Lambda\pi^-} - \cos(\theta_{\Lambda\pi^-}))$

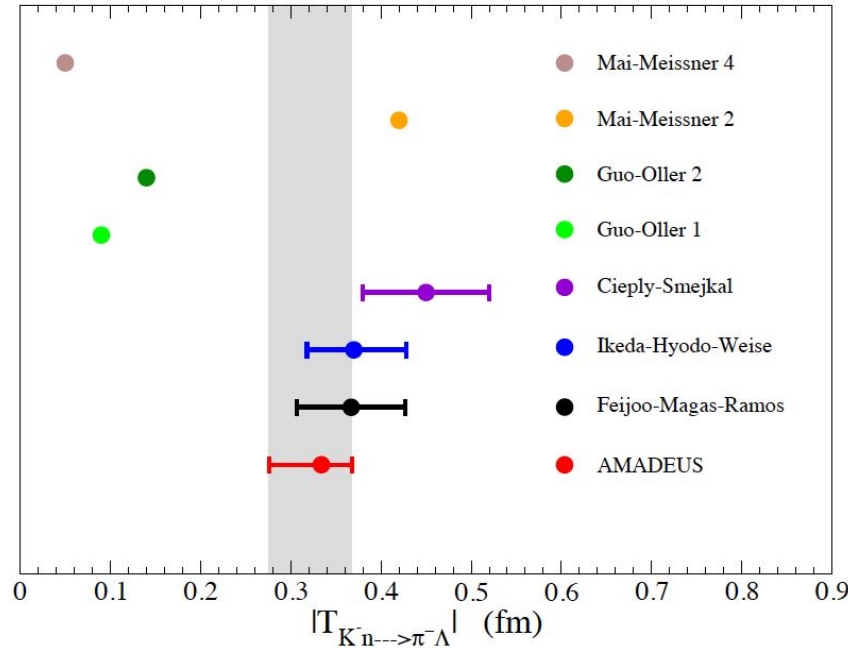


# Simultaneous fit : ( $p_{\Lambda\pi^-} - m_{\Lambda\pi^-} - \cos(\theta_{\Lambda\pi^-})$ )



# Outcome of the measurement

$$|f_{ar}^s| = (0.334 \pm 0.018 \text{ stat}_{-0.058}^{+0.034} \text{ syst}) \text{ fm}.$$



A. Feijoo, Volodymyr Magas, Angels Ramos, Phys.Rev. C99 (2019) no.3, 035211

K. Piscicchia, S. Wycech, L. Fabbietti et al.  
Phys.Lett. B782 (2018) 339-345

$$A_{K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-} (s^{1/2} \sim 1400 \text{ MeV}^{1/2})$$

$$E_{Kn} = -|B_n| - \frac{p_3^2}{2\mu_{\pi, \Lambda, 3He}}$$

[Nucl. Phys. A954 (2016) 75-93]

[Phys. Rev. C 96 (2017) 045204]

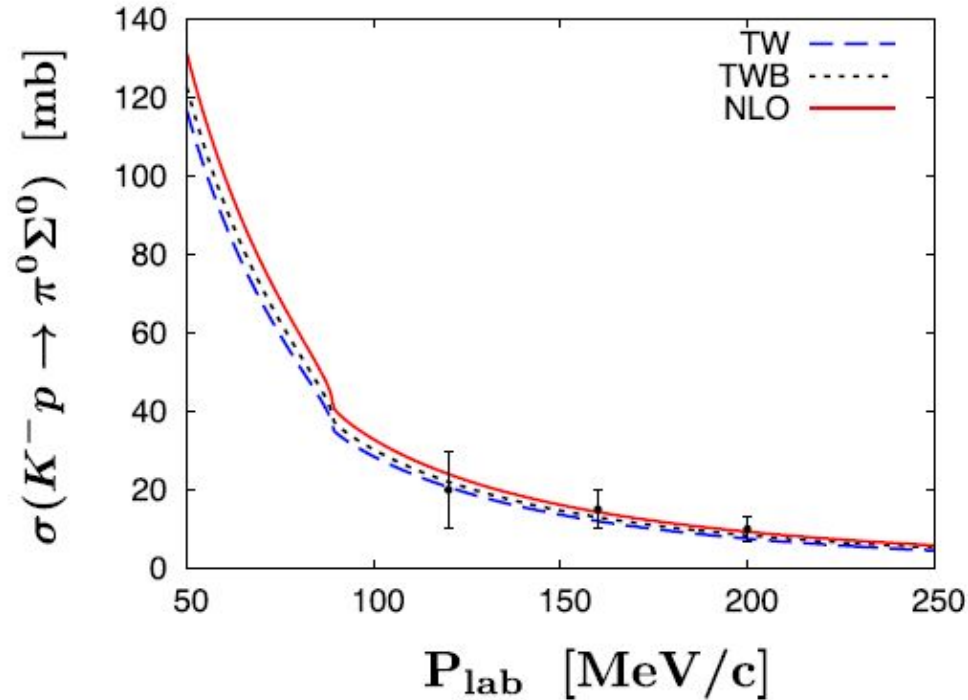
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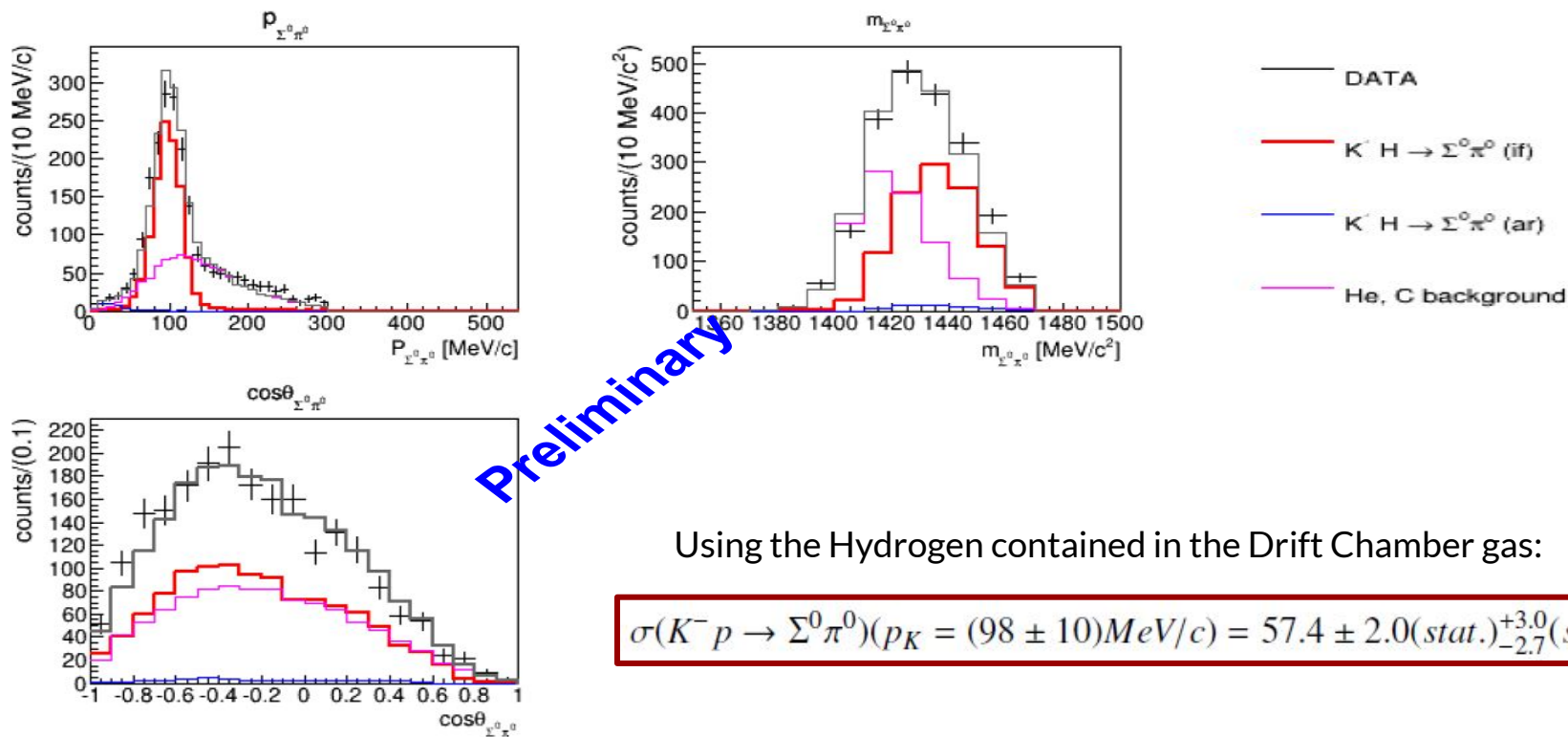
# $K^-p \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^0$ cross section

- cross section measurement at or below 100 MeV/c missing
- existing data at (120, 160, ..) MeV/c with big relative errors (about 50% at 120 MeV/c)



[Nuclear Physics A 881 (2012) 98-114]

# $K^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0$ cross section



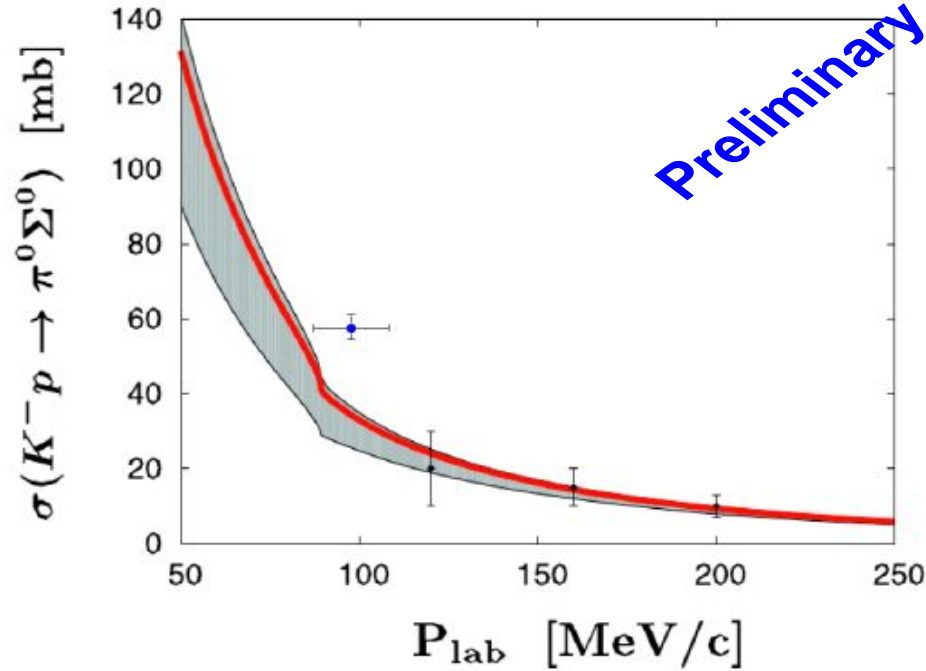
Using the Hydrogen contained in the Drift Chamber gas:

$$\sigma(K^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0)(p_K = (98 \pm 10) \text{ MeV}/c) = 57.4 \pm 2.0(\text{stat.})_{-2.7}^{+3.0}(\text{syst.}) \text{ mb}$$

**Figure 13.** The simultaneous fit of  $p_{\Sigma^0 \pi^0}$  (left upper),  $m_{\Sigma^0 \pi^0}$  (right upper) and  $\cos\theta_{\Sigma^0 \pi^0}$  (left lower). Black points represent the data, error bars correspond to the statistical errors, the gray line distributions represent the global fitting function. The colour legend for the different contributing processes is shown in the bottom right panel.



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**Figure 14.**  $K^-p \rightarrow \Sigma^0\pi^0$  cross section as function of  $K^-$  laboratory momentum. The black points represent the experimental data from [15, 16], the corresponding uncertainty on the kaon momentum is not shown in this figure. The solid red curve with the shaded uncertainty band represents the theoretical calculation in Ref. [12]. The blue point is the measurement of this work.

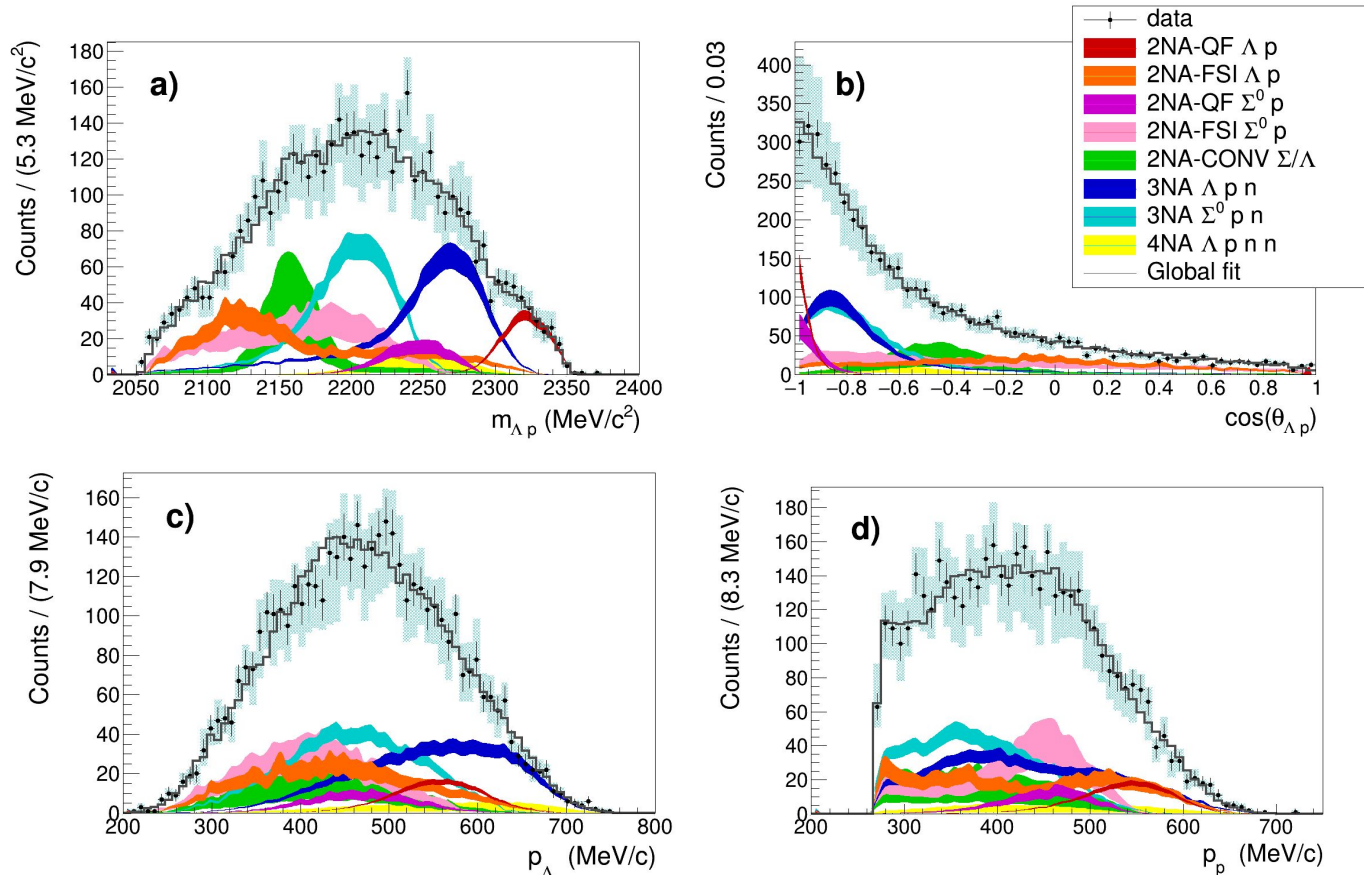
- [15] W. E. Humphrey and R. R. Ross, Phys. Rev. 127 (1962) 1305
- [16] J. K. Kim, Columbia University Report No. NEVIS-149 (1966)
- [12] Y. Ikeda, T. Hyodo, W. Weise, Nucl. Phys. A 881 (2012) 98

# $\Lambda p$ analysis: $K^-$ multi-nucleon absorption BRs and $\sigma$

Simultaneous fit of:

- $\Lambda p$  invariant mass;
- angular correlation;
- proton momentum;
- $\Lambda$  momentum.

Total reduced  $\chi^2$ :  $\chi^2/dof = 0.94$



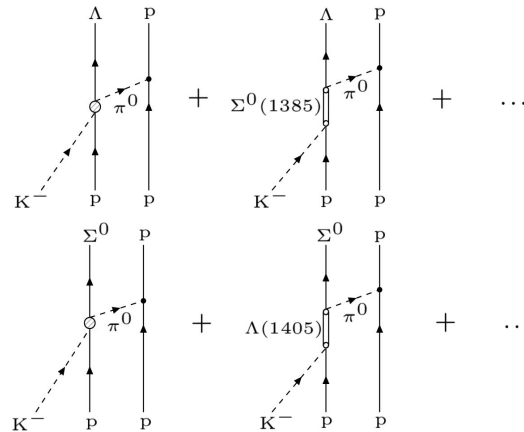
# $\Lambda p$ analysis: $K^-$ multi-nucleon absorption BRs and $\sigma$

Process	from stopped $K^-$		from in-flight $K^-$			
	Branching Ratio (%)		$\sigma$ (mb)	@ $p_K$ (MeV/c)		
2NA-QF $\Lambda p$	$0.25 \pm 0.02$ (stat.)	$^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$ (syst.)	$2.8 \pm 0.3$ (stat.)	$^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$ (syst.)	@	$128 \pm 29$
2NA-FSI $\Lambda p$	$6.2 \pm 1.4$ (stat.)	$^{+0.5}_{-0.6}$ (syst.)	$69 \pm 15$ (stat.)	$\pm 6$ (syst.)	@	$128 \pm 29$
2NA-QF $\Sigma^0 p$	$0.35 \pm 0.09$ (stat.)	$^{+0.13}_{-0.06}$ (syst.)	$3.9 \pm 1.0$ (stat.)	$^{+1.4}_{-0.7}$ (syst.)	@	$128 \pm 29$
2NA-FSI $\Sigma^0 p$	$7.2 \pm 2.2$ (stat.)	$^{+4.2}_{-5.4}$ (syst.)	$80 \pm 25$ (stat.)	$^{+46}_{-60}$ (syst.)	@	$128 \pm 29$
2NA-CONV $\Sigma/\Lambda$	$2.1 \pm 1.2$ (stat.)	$^{+0.9}_{-0.5}$ (syst.)	-	-	-	-
3NA $\Lambda pn$	$1.4 \pm 0.2$ (stat.)	$^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$ (syst.)	$15 \pm 2$ (stat.)	$\pm 2$ (syst.)	@	$117 \pm 23$
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4NA $\Lambda pnn$	$0.13 \pm 0.09$ (stat.)	$^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ (syst.)	-	-	-	-
Global $\Lambda(\Sigma^0)p$	$21 \pm 3$ (stat.)	$^{+5}_{-6}$ (syst.)	-	-	-	-

The ratio between the branching ratios of the 2NA-QF in the  $\Lambda p$  channel and in the  $\Sigma^0 p$  is measured to be:

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{BR(K^- pp \rightarrow \Lambda p)}{BR(K^- pp \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p)} = 0.7 \pm 0.2(stat.)^{+0.2}_{-0.3}(syst.)$$

and the ratio between the corresponding phase spaces is  $\mathcal{R}' \simeq 1.22$ .

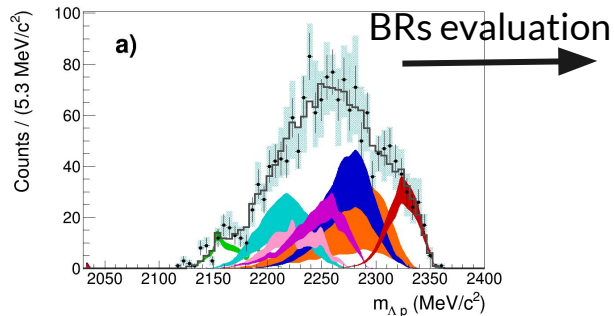


information on the in-medium properties of the  $\Lambda(1405)$ .

# $\Lambda p$ analysis: $K^-$ pp bound state search

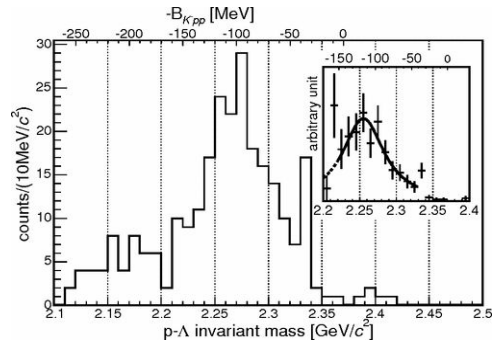
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## AMADEUS at DAΦNE

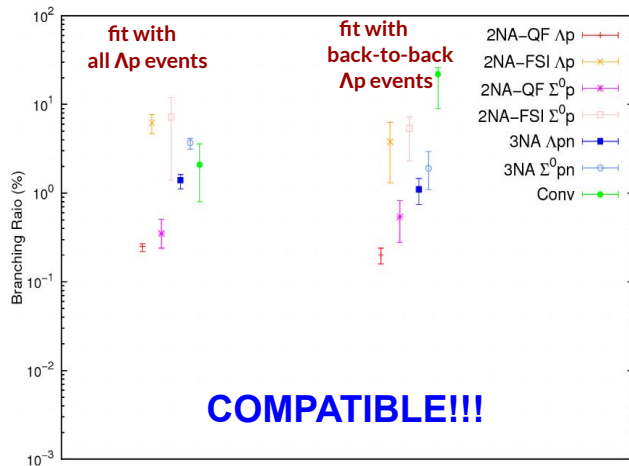


Process	Branching Ratio (%)
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2NA-QF $\Sigma^0 p$	$0.54 \pm 0.20(\text{stat.}) \begin{smallmatrix} +0.20 \\ -0.16 \end{smallmatrix}(\text{syst.})$
2NA-FSI $\Sigma^0 p$	$5.4 \pm 1.5(\text{stat.}) \begin{smallmatrix} +1.0 \\ -2.7 \end{smallmatrix}(\text{syst.})$
2NA-CONV $\Sigma/\Lambda$	$22 \pm 4(\text{stat.}) \begin{smallmatrix} +1 \\ -12 \end{smallmatrix}(\text{syst.})$
3NA $\Lambda pn$	$1.1 \pm 0.3(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.2(\text{syst.})$
3NA $\Sigma^0 pn$	$1.9 \pm 0.7(\text{stat.}) \begin{smallmatrix} +0.8 \\ -0.4 \end{smallmatrix}(\text{syst.})$

## FINUDA at DAΦNE



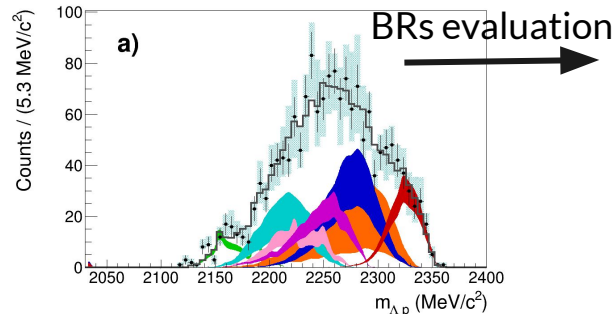
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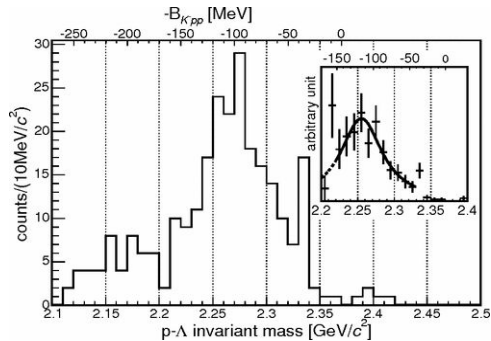
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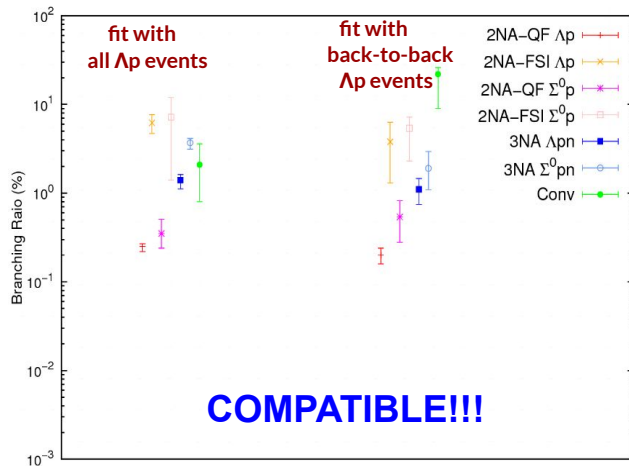


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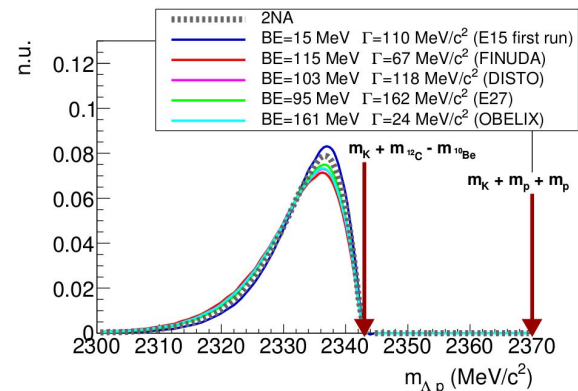


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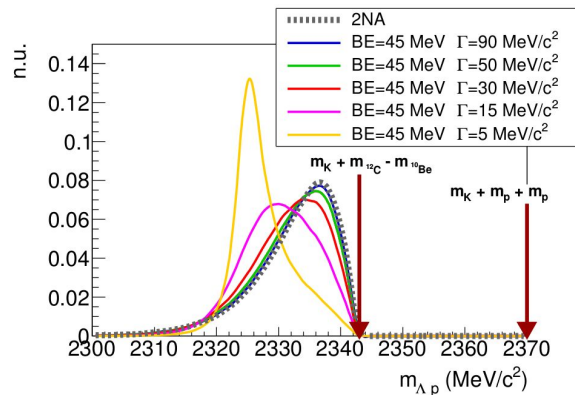
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Using BE and  $\Gamma$  from experiments:



Fixing BE and moving  $\Gamma$ :



# $\Lambda t$ analysis: Cross section and BR for 4NA

## GOLDEN CHANNEL to extrapolate the $K^-$ 4NA



### Previous data:

- in  $^4\text{He}$ : bubble chamber experiment

/M. Roosen, J. H. Wickens, Il Nuovo Cimento 66, 101 (1981)/

only 3 events compatible with  $\Lambda t$  kinematics found

$$\text{BR}(K^- ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda t) = (3 \pm 2) \times 10^{-4} / K_{\text{stop}}^- \rightarrow \text{global, no 4NA}$$

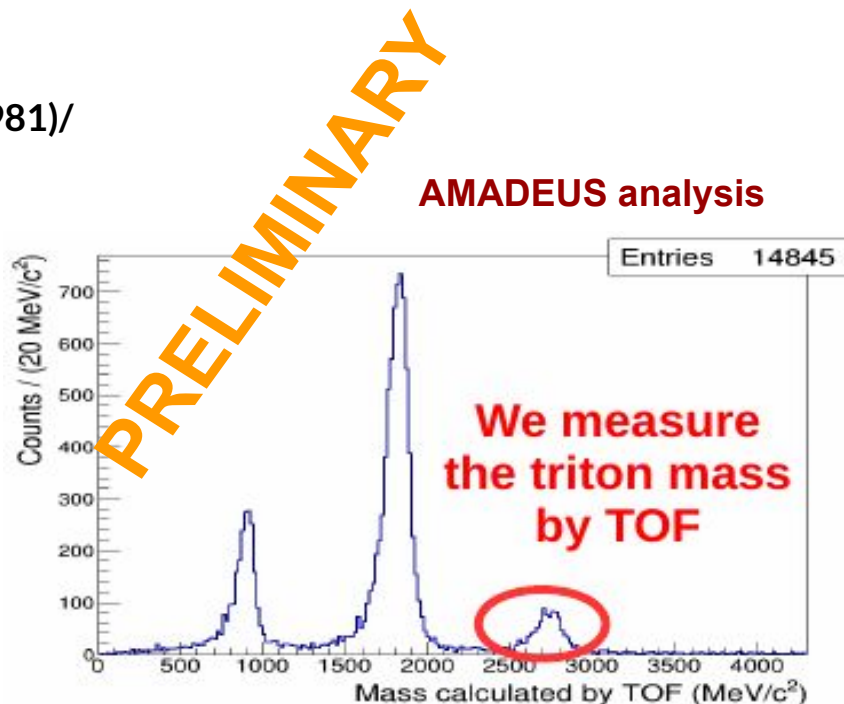
- in solid targets:  $^6,^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^9\text{Be}$  (FINUDA)

/Phys. Lett. B, 229 (2008)/

40 events, only back-to-back data

$$\Lambda t \text{ emission yield} \rightarrow 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} / K_{\text{stop}}^-$$

$\rightarrow$  global, no 4NA





# At analysis: Cross section and BR for 4NA in $K^- ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \text{At}$ process

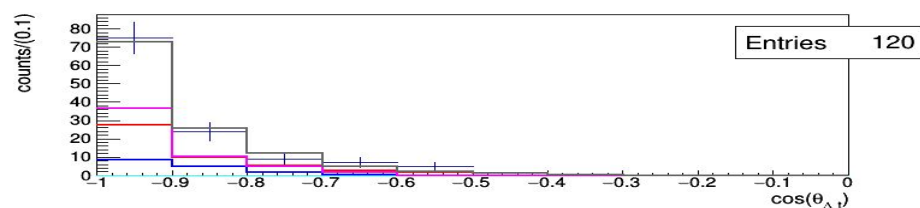
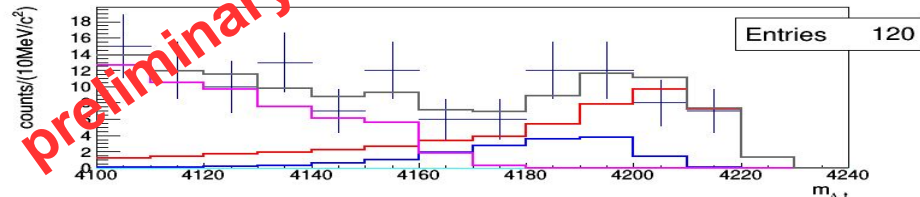
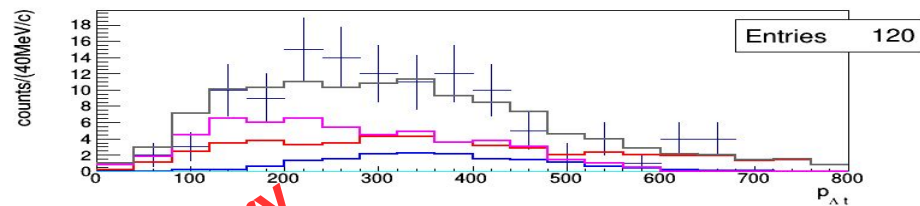
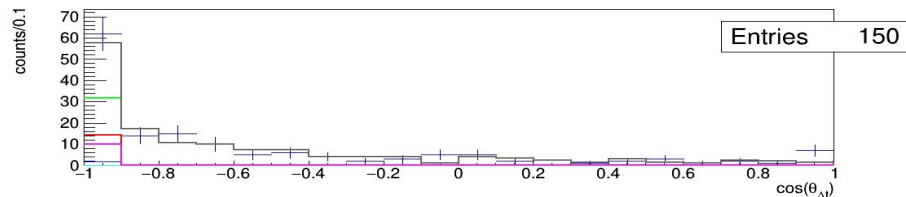
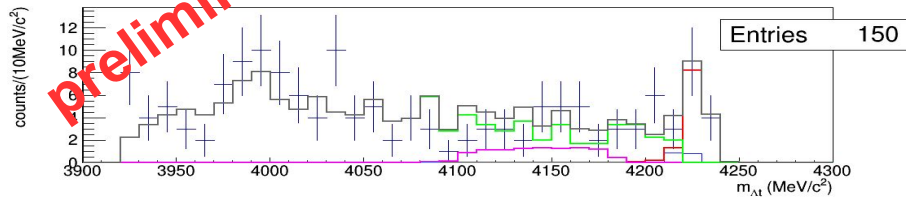
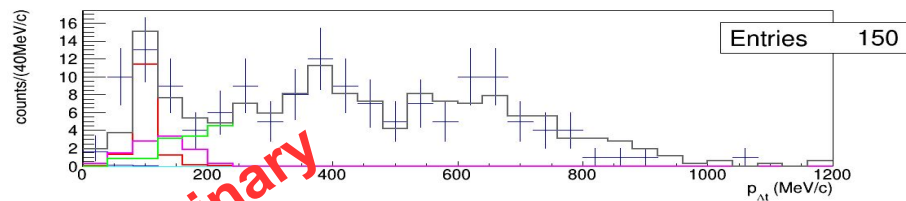
$$\text{BR}(K^- ^4\text{He}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \text{At}) < 2.0 \times 10^{-4} / K_{\text{stop}} \text{ (95\% c. l.)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(100 \pm 19 \text{ MeV/c}) (K^- ^4\text{He}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \text{At}) &= \\ &= (0.81 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.03}_{-0.04} \text{ (syst)}) \text{ mb} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sigma(K^- ^{12}\text{C}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \text{At } ^8\text{Be}) = 0.58 \pm 0.11 \text{ (stat)} \text{ mb}$$

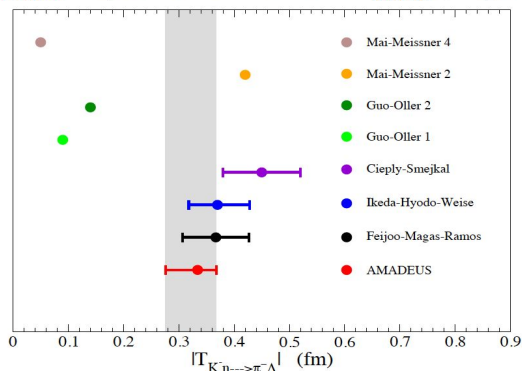
$$\sigma(K^- ^{12}\text{C}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 t ^8\text{Be}) = 1.88 \pm 0.35 \text{ (stat)} \text{ mb}$$



# Summary

## K<sup>-</sup>n amplitude below threshold

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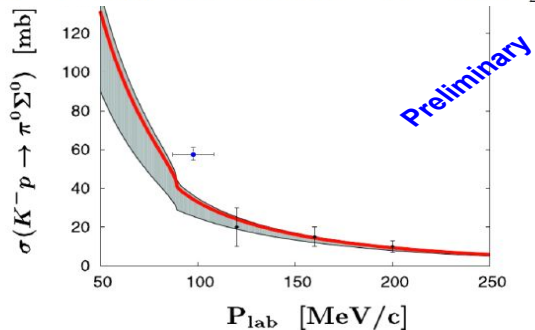


## $\Lambda$ p channel: 2NA, 3NA and 4NA BRs and $\sigma$

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## K<sup>-</sup>p $\rightarrow$ $\Sigma^0$ $\pi^0$ cross section

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## $\Lambda$ t channel: 4NA BRs and $\sigma$

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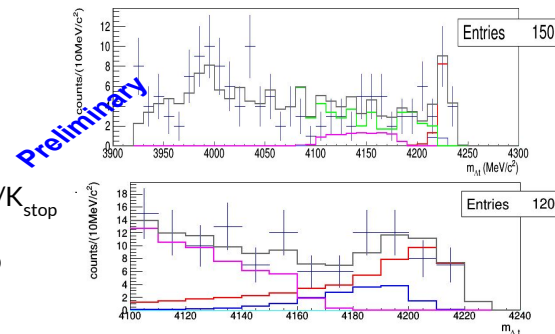
$$\sigma(100 \pm 19 \text{ MeV/c}) (K^-4\text{He}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \Lambda t) =$$

$$= (0.81 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat.)}^{+0.03}_{-0.04} \text{ (syst.)}) \text{ mb}$$

$$\text{BR}(K^-^{12}\text{C}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \Lambda t \text{ } ^8\text{Be}) = 1.5 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (stat.)} / K_{\text{stop}}$$

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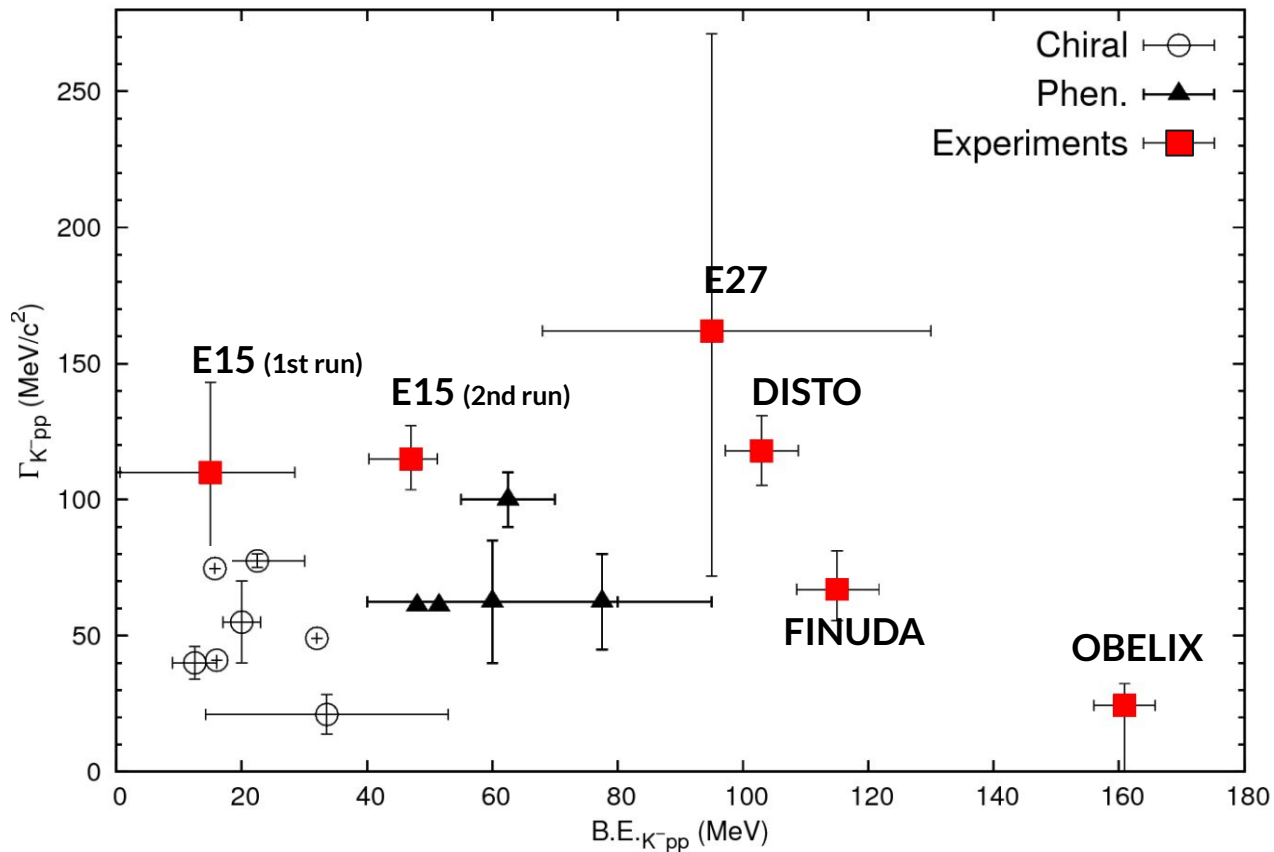
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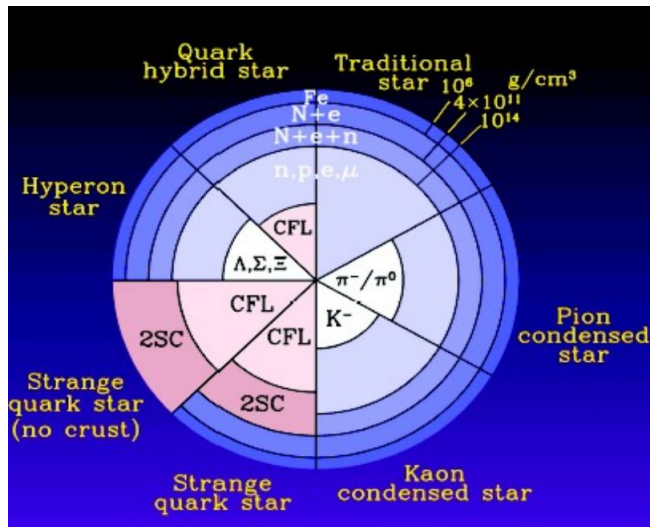


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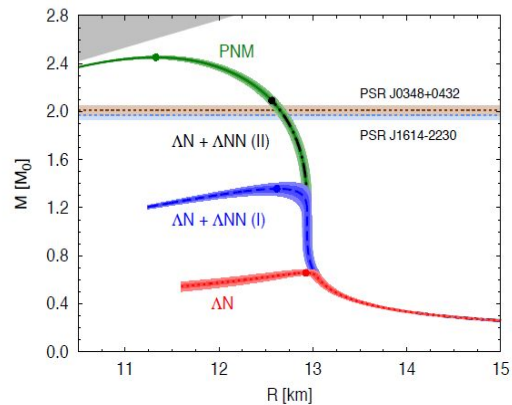
# Possible existence of kaonic bound state



# Strangeness in Neutron Stars



## $\Lambda$ -neutron matter



Lonardoni, Lovato, Gandolfi, Pederiva, PRL (2015)

Drastic role played by  $\Lambda$ NM. Calculations can be compatible with neutron star observations.

Note: no  $\nu_{\Lambda}$ , no protons, and no other hyperons included yet...

## 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**

# $\Lambda(1405)$ case

- Akaishi-Esmaili-Yamazaki phenomenological potential

Fit from  $K^- + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Sigma \pi {}^3\text{H}$  Bubble Chamber experiments

→ Single pole ansatz?

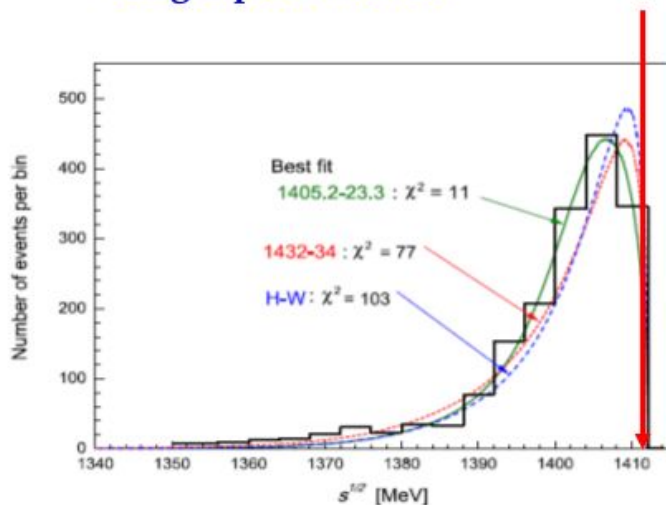


Fig. 6. Detailed differences in  $M_{\Sigma\pi}$  spectra among the Hyodo-Weise prediction and the present model predictions.

[Phys. Lett. B 686 (2010) 23-28]

Two main **biases**:

- the **kinematical energy threshold 1412 MeV** ( $M_K + M_p - |BE_p|$ ) the high pole energy region is closed,
- The **shape and the amplitude of the NON-RESONANT  $\Sigma\pi$  production** below  $\bar{K}N$  threshold is unknown.

**Resonant VS non-resonant**

$K^- N \rightarrow (Y^* ?) \rightarrow Y \pi$   
in medium, how much comes  
from resonance ?

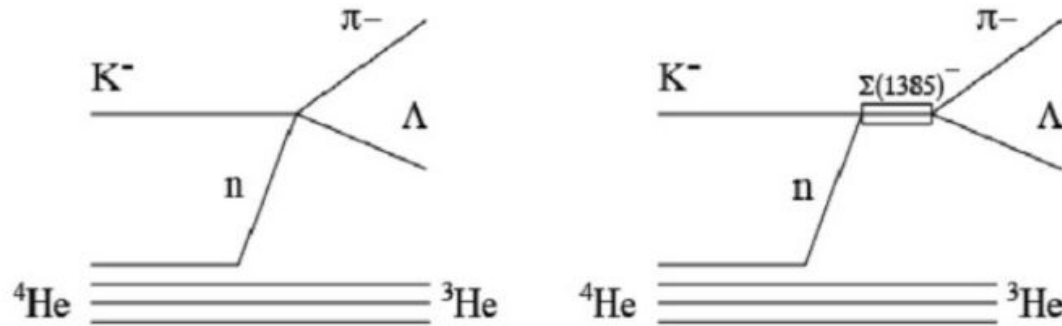
# Resonant VS Non-resonant

Investigated using:

$K^- "n" \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$  direct formation in  ${}^4\text{He}$

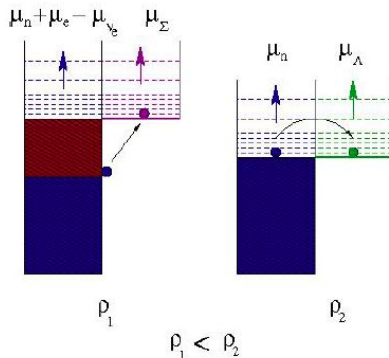
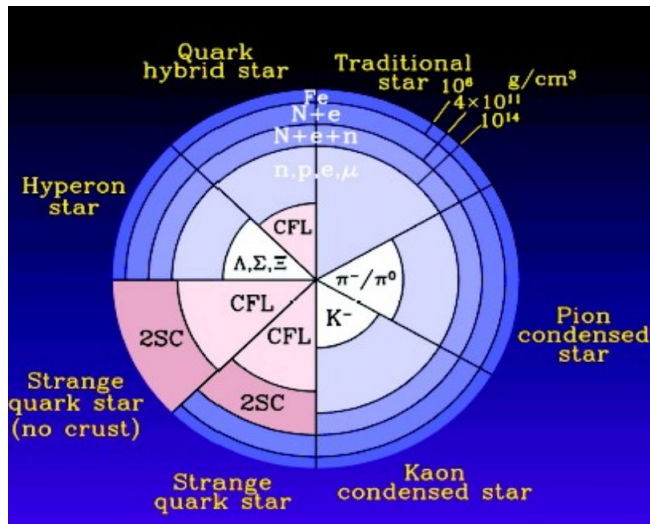
the goal is to measure  $|f_{\Lambda\pi}^{\text{N-R}}(\mathbf{I}=1)|$

to get information on  $|f_{\Sigma\pi}^{\text{N-R}}(\mathbf{I}=0)|$



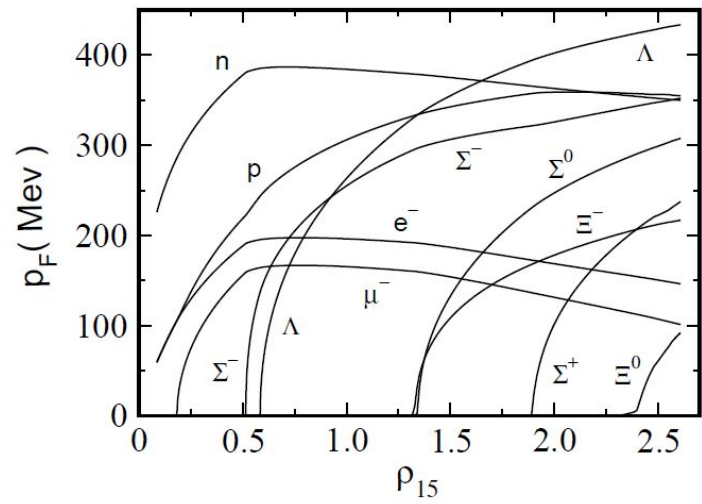
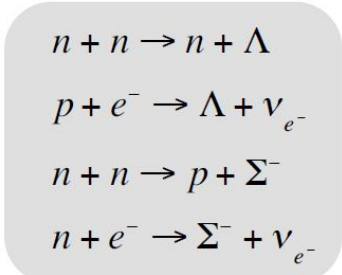
# Strangeness in Neutron Stars

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



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

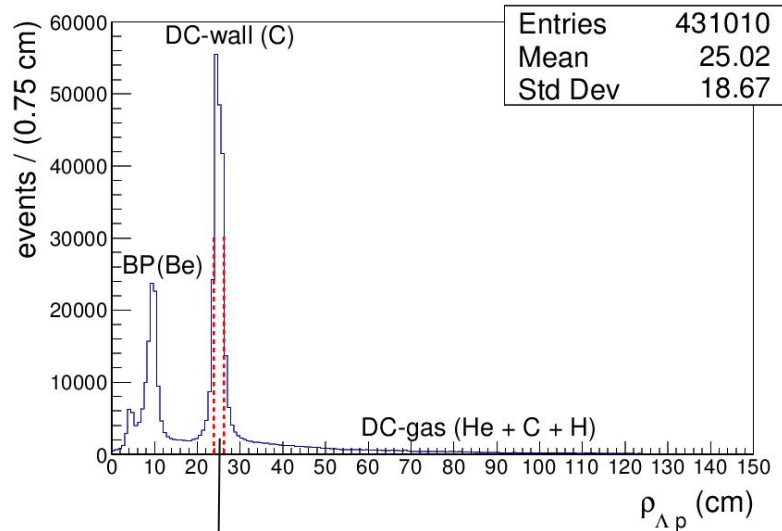
$$\mu_{\Lambda} = \mu_n$$



# K<sup>-</sup> absorption on light nuclei

Possibility to use KLOE materials as an active target

- DC wall (750 μm C foil , 150 μm Al foil);
- DC gas (90% He, 10% C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>).



K<sup>-</sup> absorptions in <sup>12</sup>C  
 $\rho_{\Lambda p} = (25.0 \pm 1.2) \text{ cm}$

**Advantages:**



Excellent resolutions..

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

**Disadvantages:**



Not dedicated target → different nuclei  
contamination → complex interpretation.