

# Recent results on $K^-$ absorption at rest on few nucleon systems with FINUDA

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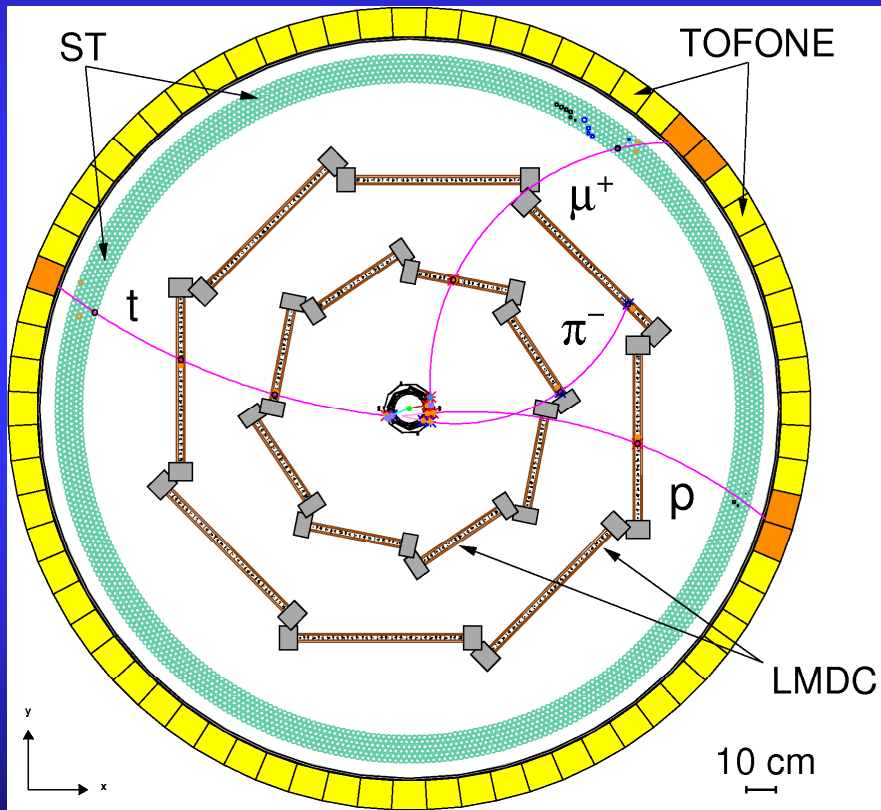
FINUDA Collaboration

# $K^-$ absorption by few nucleons (on nuclei)

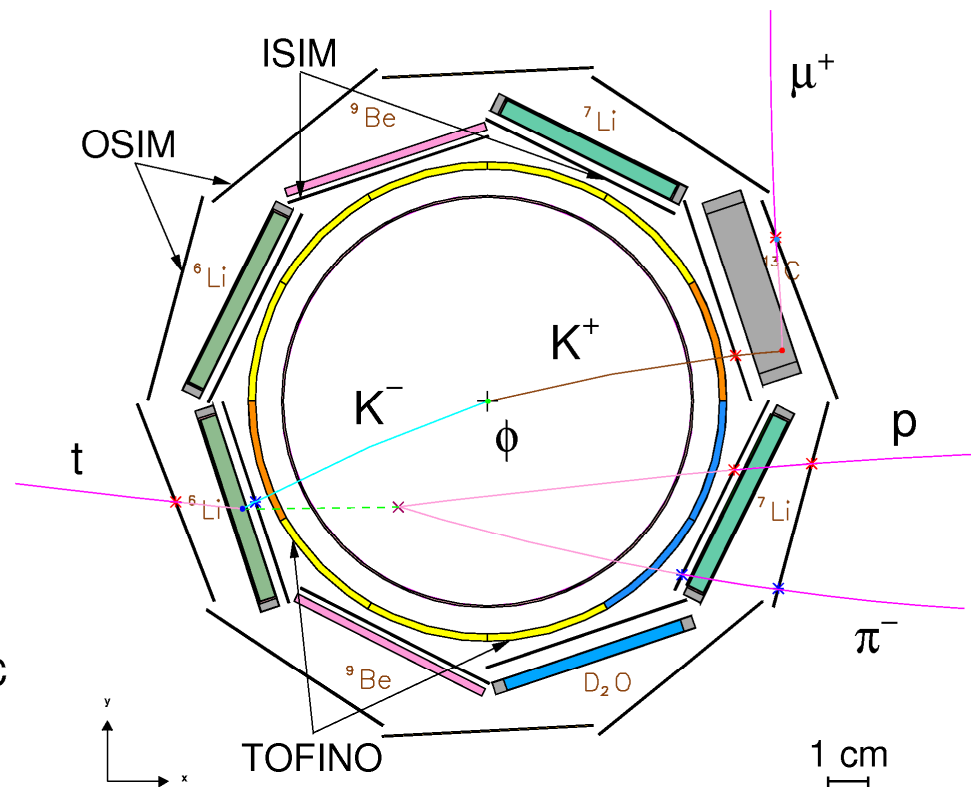
- Study of hypernuclei and their decays:
  - One nucleon absorption (pion-emission)
  - $K^- N \rightarrow \pi Y \Rightarrow K^- A \rightarrow \Lambda(\Sigma) \pi X$
- Search for possible deeply bound kaon states:
  - Two nucleon absorption (no-pion emission)
  - $K^- (2N) \rightarrow N Y \Rightarrow K^- A \rightarrow \Lambda(\Sigma) pX, K^- A \rightarrow \Lambda(\Sigma) nX$
  - Three nucleon absorption (no-pion emission)
  - $K^- (3N) \rightarrow NN Y \Rightarrow K^- A \rightarrow \Lambda(\Sigma) dX$
  - Four nucleon absorption (no-pion emission)
  - $K^- (4N) \rightarrow NNN Y \Rightarrow K^- A \rightarrow \Lambda(\Sigma) tX$

# $\Lambda$ identification with FINUDA

FINUDA FRONTAL VIEW

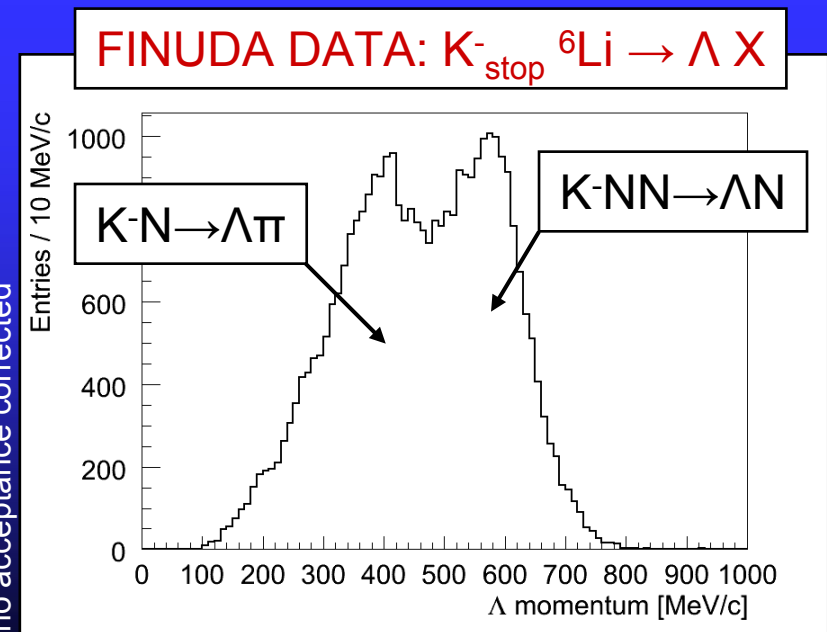
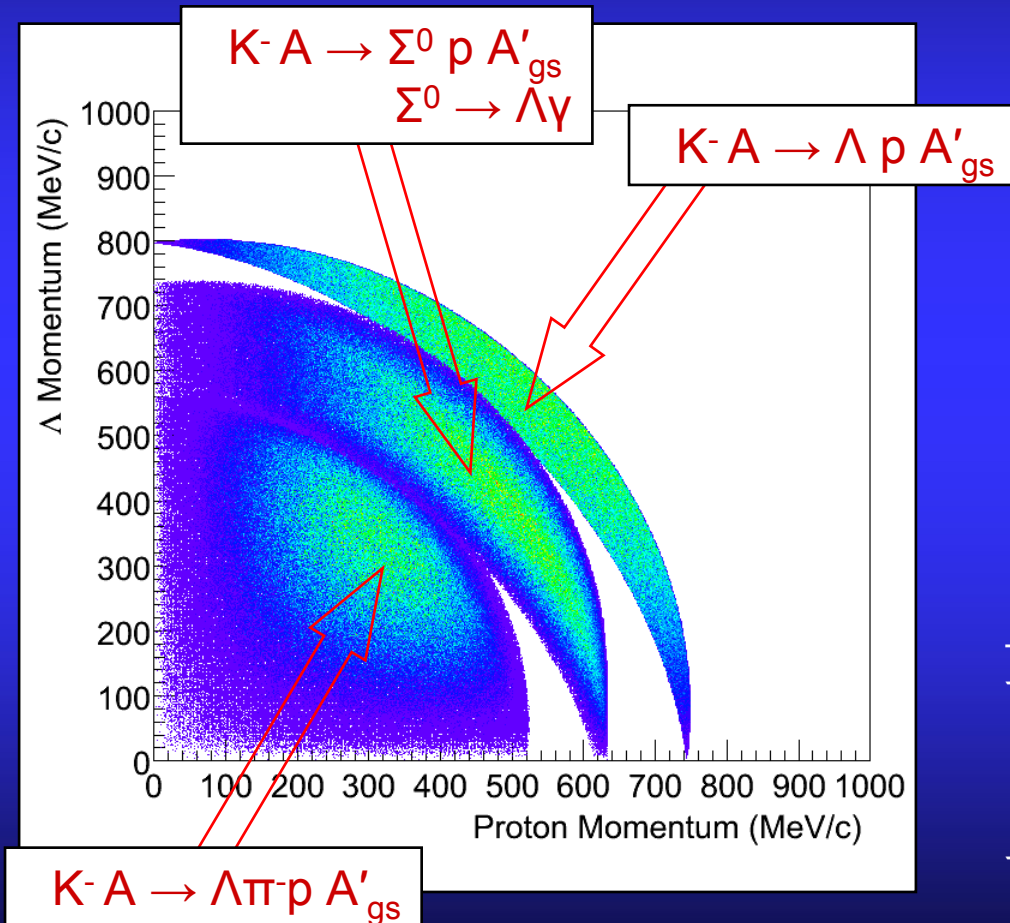


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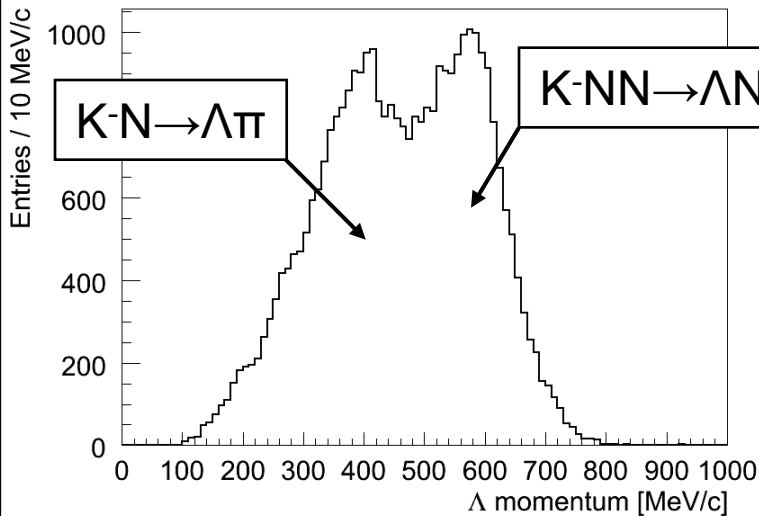
# ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda)X$ Phase Space Simulations

To measure the no-mesonic channels spectrometers are needed capable to detect  $p$  ( $n, d, t$ ) and  $\Lambda$  with high resolution in the high momentum region (mesonless  $\Lambda$ -production region)

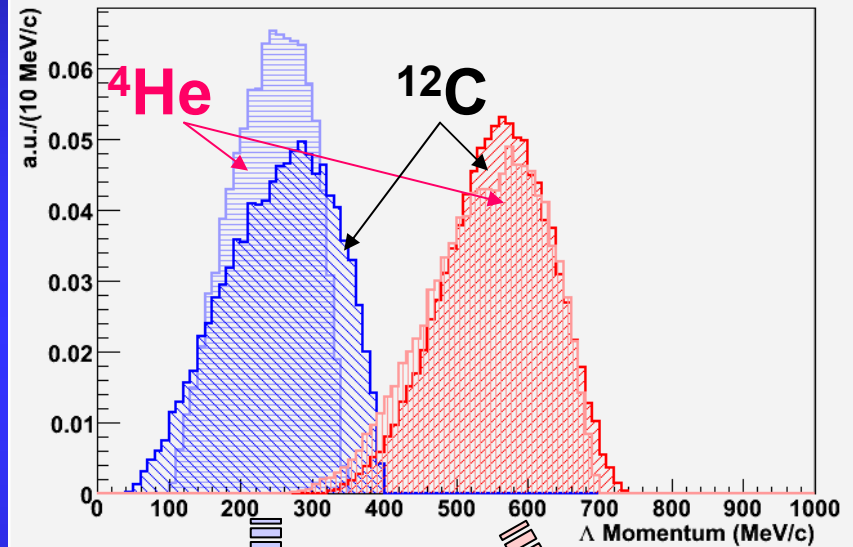


# $\Lambda$ momentum from $K^-_{\text{stop}}$

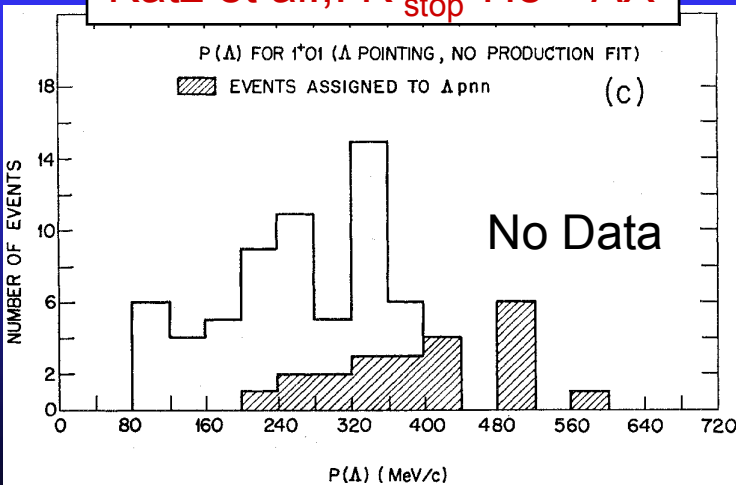
FINUDA DATA:  $K^-_{\text{stop}} \text{}^6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Lambda X$



Simulations:  $K^-_{\text{stop}} A \rightarrow \Lambda\pi X$   
 $K^-_{\text{stop}} A \rightarrow \Lambda p X$



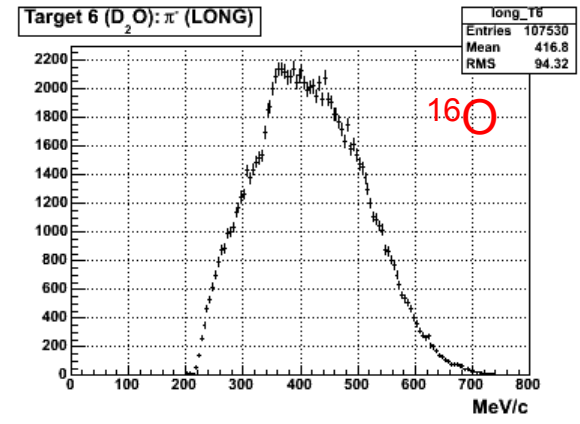
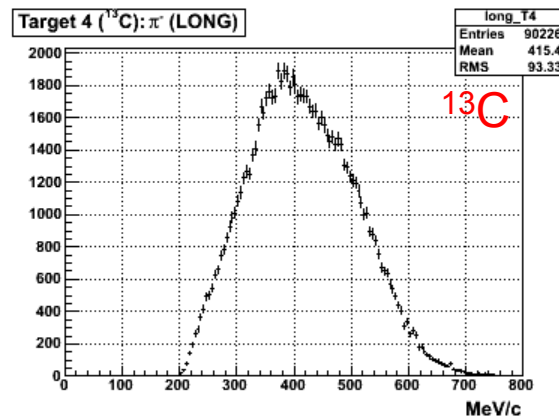
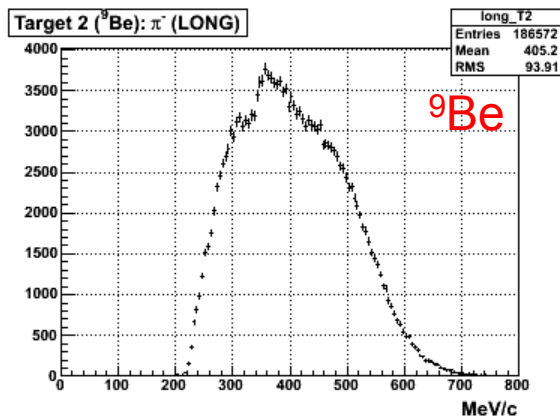
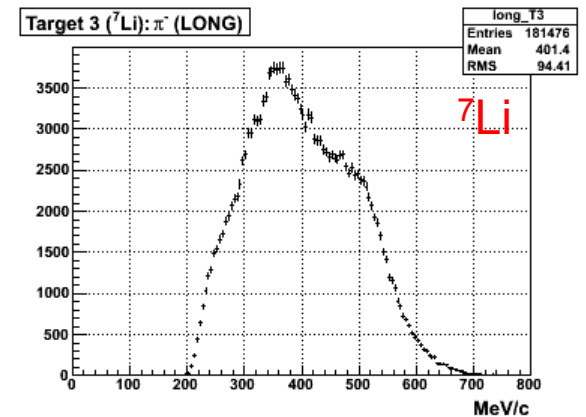
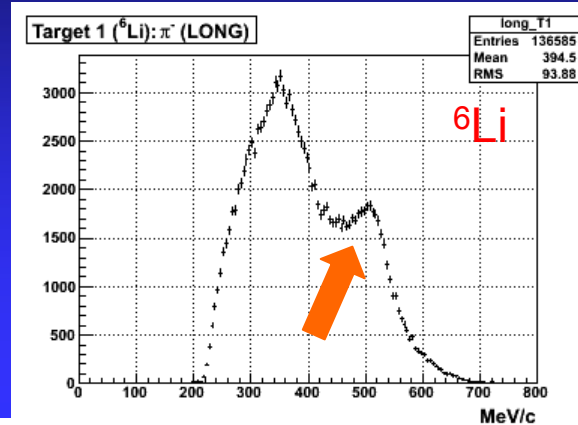
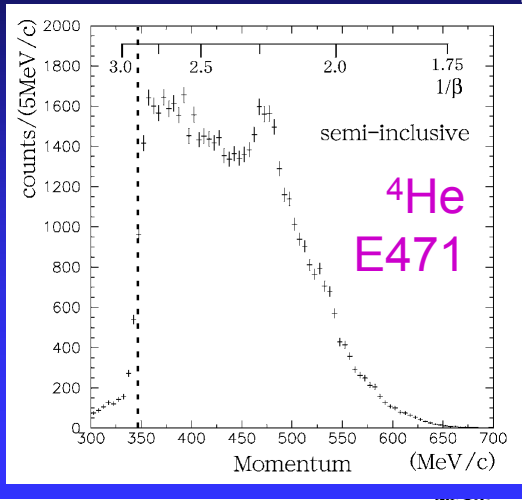
Katz et al.,:  $K^-_{\text{stop}} \text{}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda X$



$K^-N \rightarrow \Lambda\pi$   
absorption

$K^-NN \rightarrow \Lambda p$   
absorption

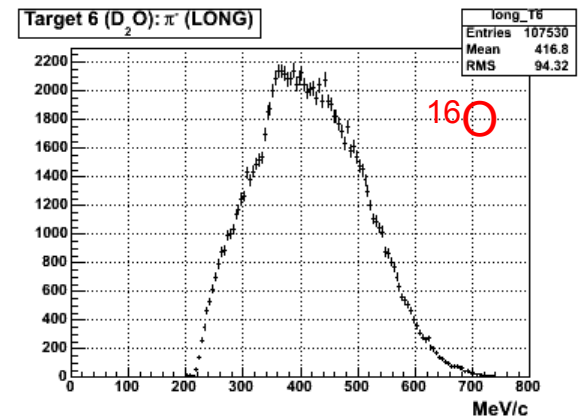
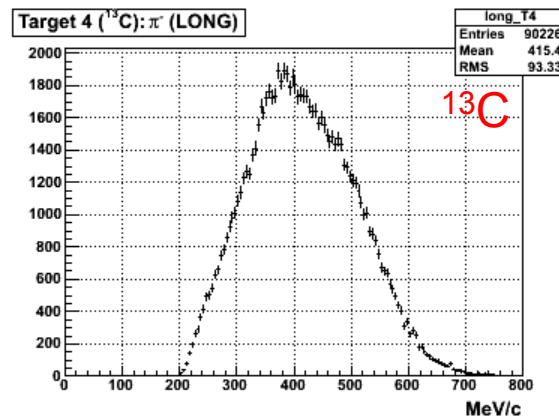
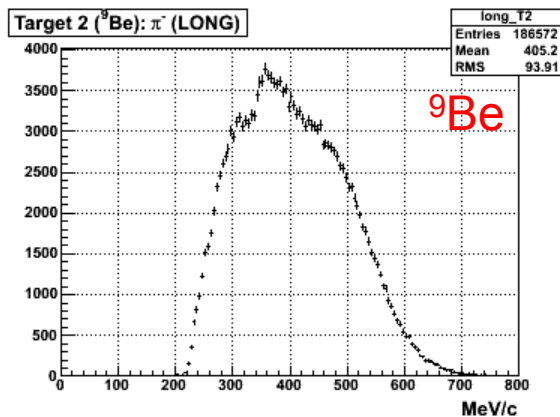
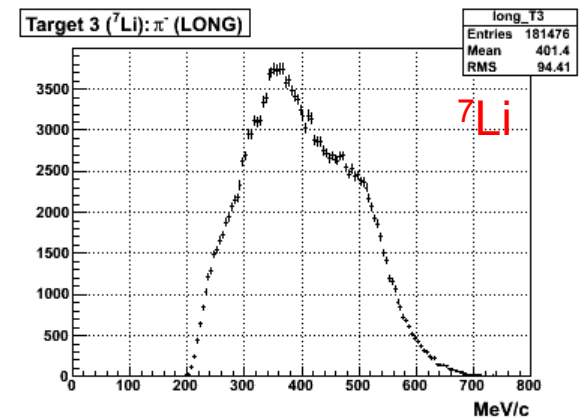
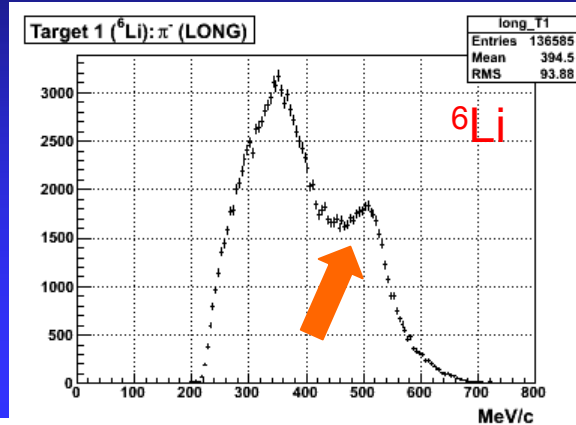
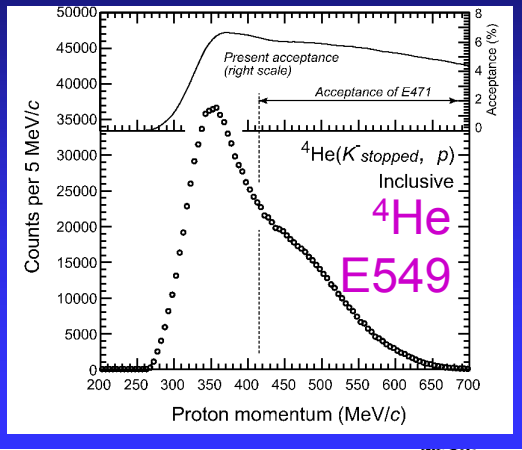
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# 2NA: $K^-$ pp identification with FINUDA

$\Lambda p$  Invariant Mass to measure  
 $K^-pp$ :

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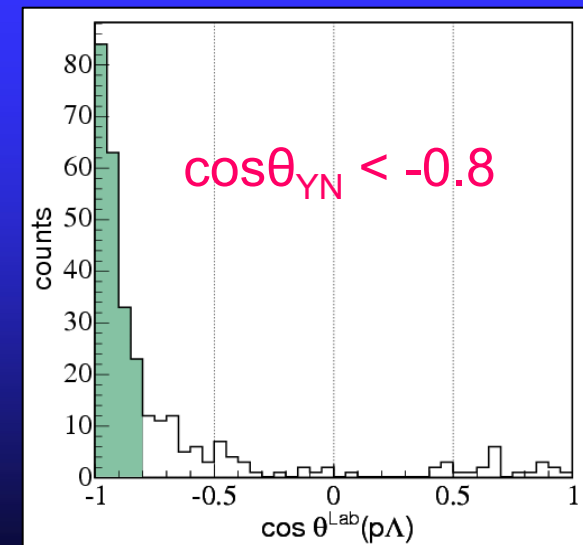
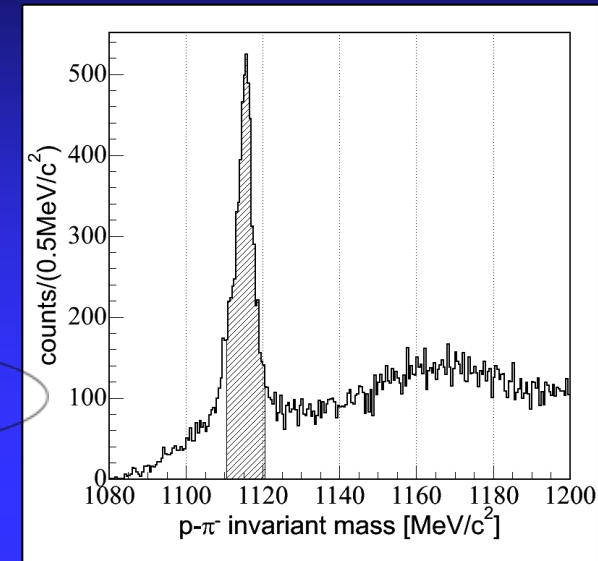
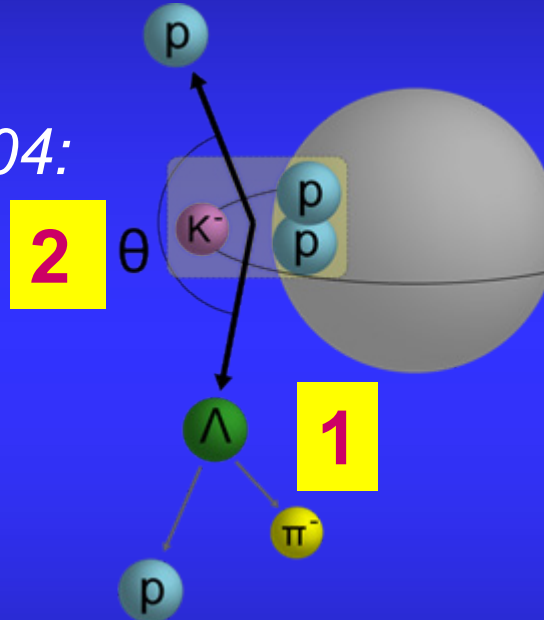
- $200 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

## 2. reconstruction of $\Lambda$ 's

- $p_\Lambda > 300 \text{ MeV}/c$
- 6 MeV FWHM

## 3. $\Lambda$ and $p$ angular correlation

- Events with a  $\Lambda$ - $p$  coincidence:  $\sim 5\%$
- Light targets only ( $3 \times {}^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $2 \times {}^6\text{Li}$ ,  $1 \times {}^7\text{Li}$ )
- $\Lambda$   $p$  should be oppositely emitted, apart from FSI



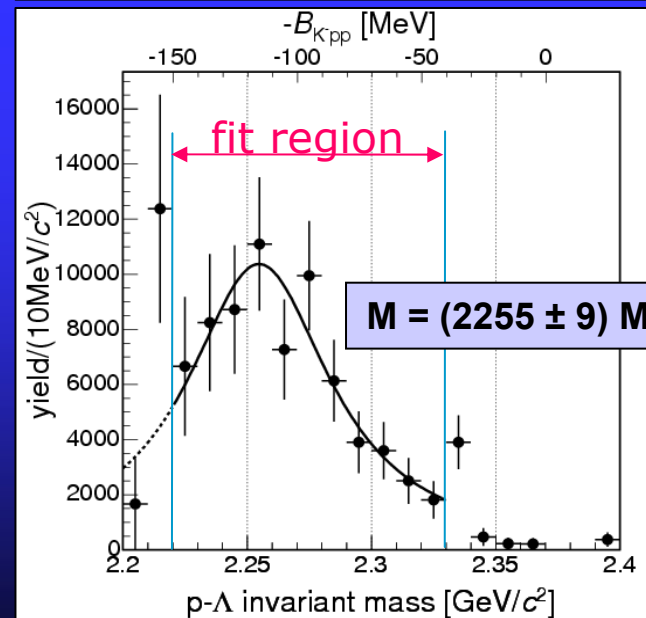
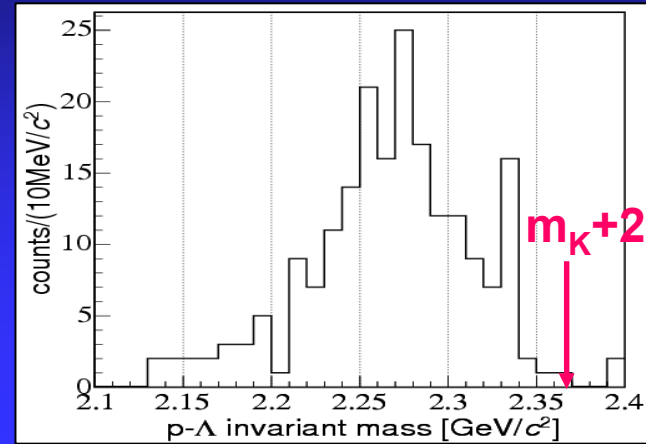
# $\Lambda p$ invariant mass in FINUDA

## SEMI-EXCLUSIVE ANALYSIS

- High resolution tracks *only*
- A bump is observed
  - **Two nucleon absorption**
    - $K^- + (pp) \rightarrow \Lambda p$   
peak expected at 2.34 GeV
    - $K^- + (pp) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma p$   
74 MeV lower distribution, and broadened
  - **Kaon nuclear bound state formation**
    - $K^- (pp) \rightarrow X \rightarrow \Lambda p$   
 $\rightarrow \Sigma^0 p \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma p$

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

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

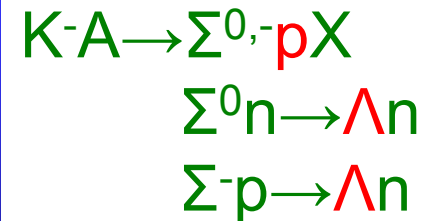
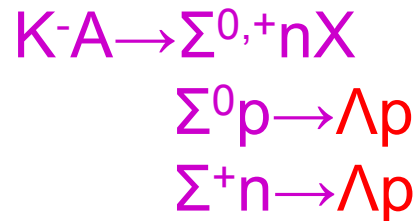
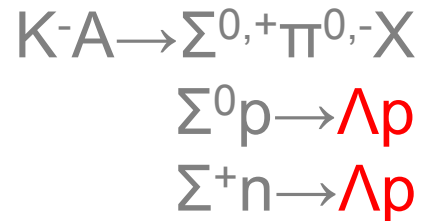


~ 200 events in the published paper

Acceptance correction

# Alternative interpretations of the $\Lambda p$ bump

- $K^-pp \rightarrow [K^-pp] \rightarrow \Lambda p$ :  $[K^-pp]$  bound state (FINUDA)
- QF-2NA  $K^-pp \rightarrow \Lambda p$  followed by FSI (Magas et al.)
- Dominance of  $\Sigma^0$  production over  $\Lambda$ :  
 QF-2NA  $K^-pp \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p$  followed by  $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$  decay
- QF-2NA  $K^-NN \rightarrow \Sigma N$  followed by  $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$  conversion reaction:

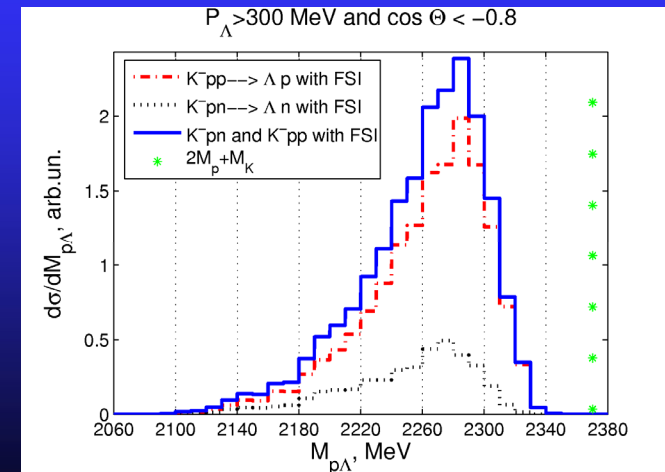
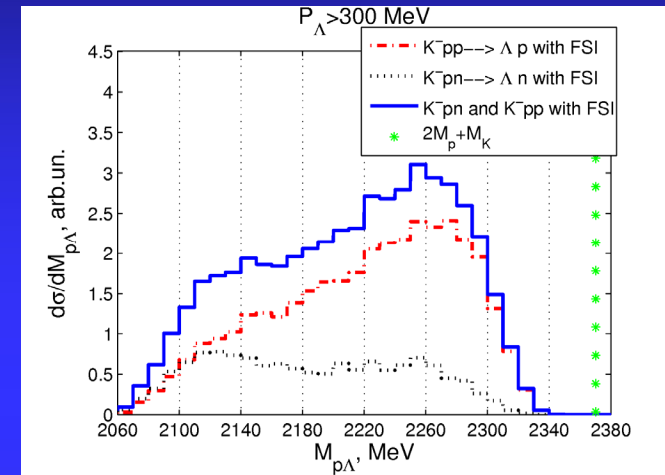


- Decay of heavier kaonic nuclei (Mares et al.)

QF-2NA = Quasi Free Two Nucleon Absorption

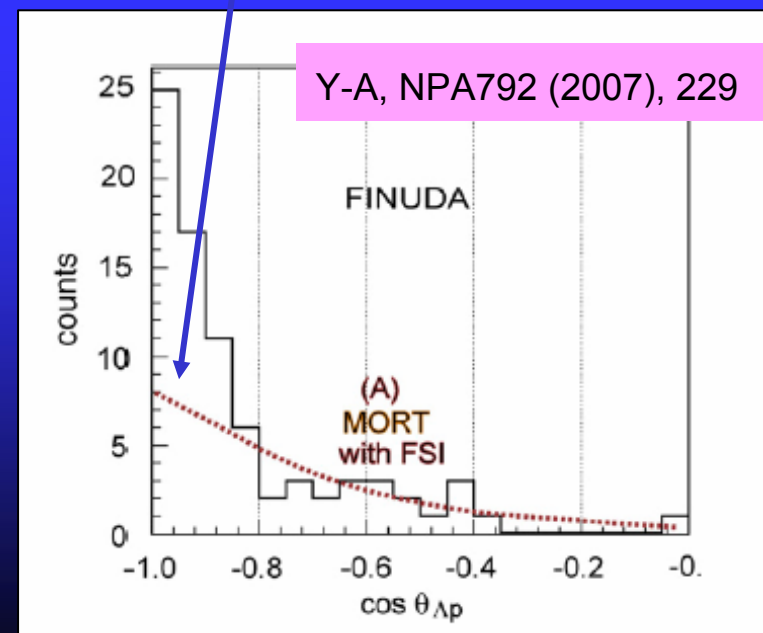
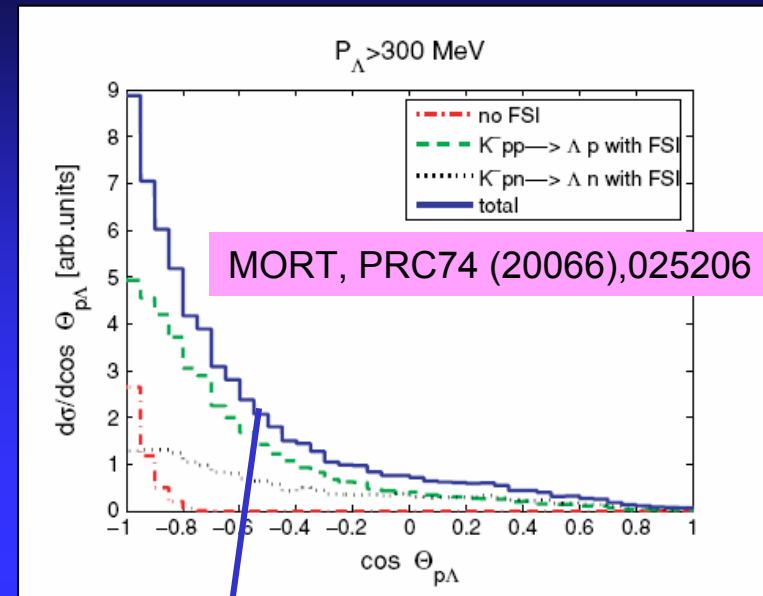
# A different interpretation of the $M_{p\Lambda}$ bump

- Magas, Oset et al, PRC74 (2006), 0252006
  - The peak is due to  $\sim 90\%$  FSI of  $p$  and  $\Lambda$ , no DBKS
  - The bump is a result of the angular cuts applied in the analysis (i.e., a deformation of a flat distribution)
  - 115 MeV as a binding energy is quite too much!
- ...but:
  - The newest analysis shows that the deformation of the spectrum is not due to angular cuts
  - The newest analysis shows no strong dependence on angular distribution from  $A=6$  to  $A=16$
  - FSI alone cannot explain the full spectrum
  - Back-to-back correlation belongs to the data themselves



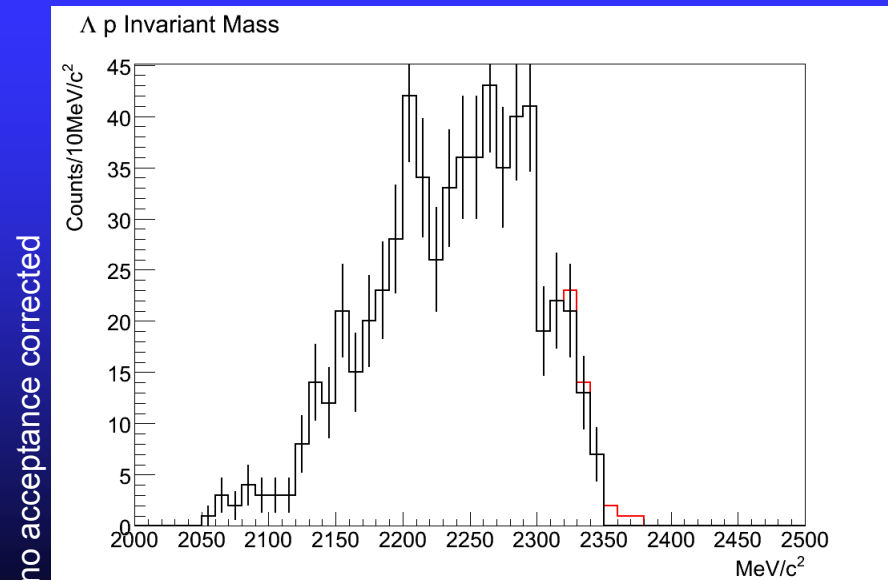
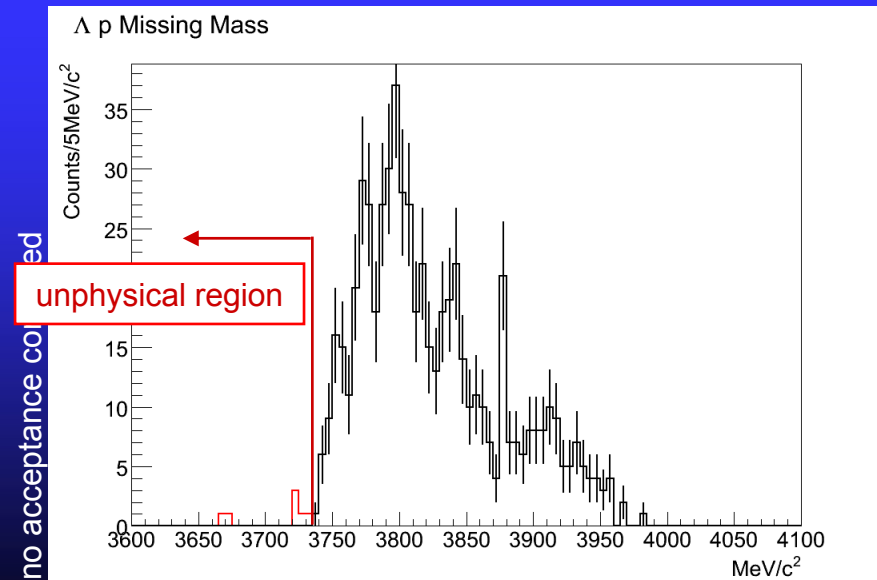
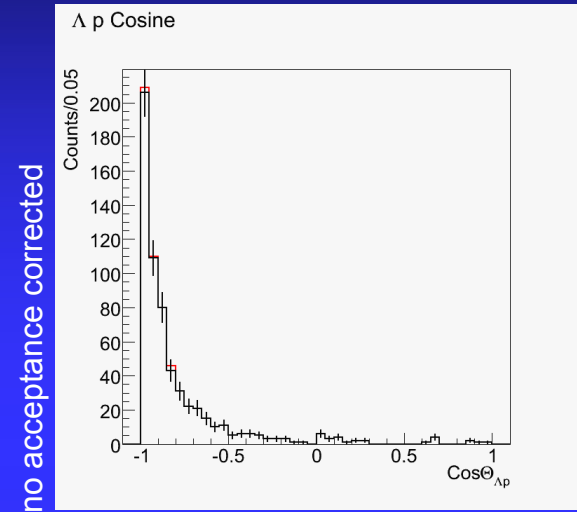
# Angular distributions: a closer look

- FSI alone cannot explain at the same time the inv. mass spectrum and angular distribution measured by FINUDA
- The angular correlation between  $\Lambda p$  pairs comes naturally from the data without any constraint

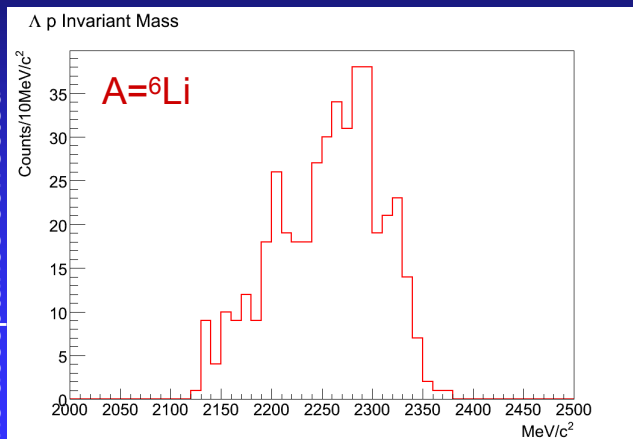


# FINUDA: ${}^6\text{Li}(K^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda p)X$ 2006-2007 Data Taking

- 8x statistics on:  ${}^6\text{Li}$  ( ${}^7\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^9\text{Be}$ )
  - Improved tracking efficiency
  - Extended range of the reconstructed momentum
  - Improved selections (missing mass)
  - Statistics large enough to study single tgt spectra

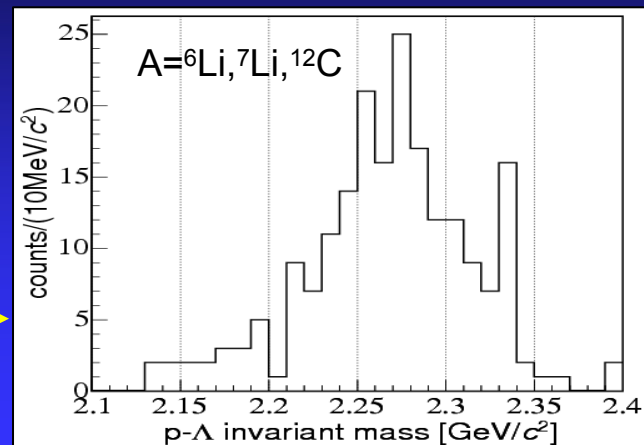


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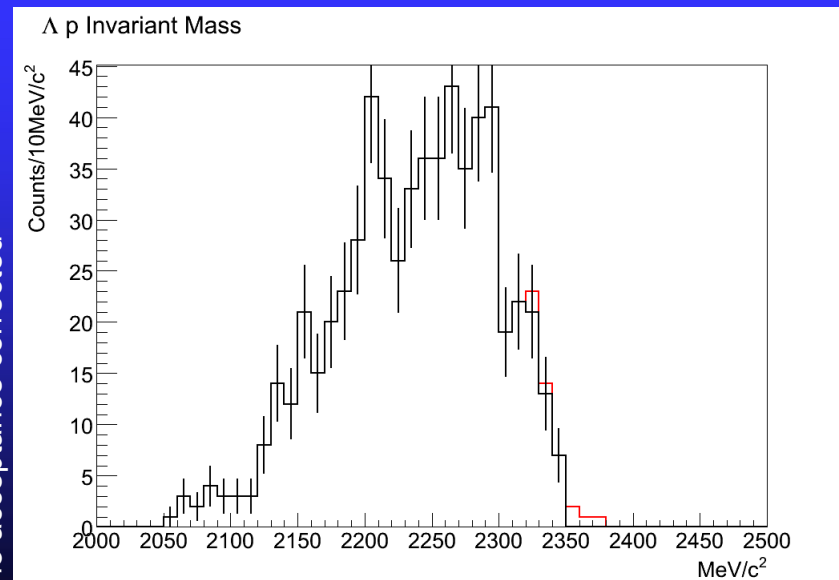
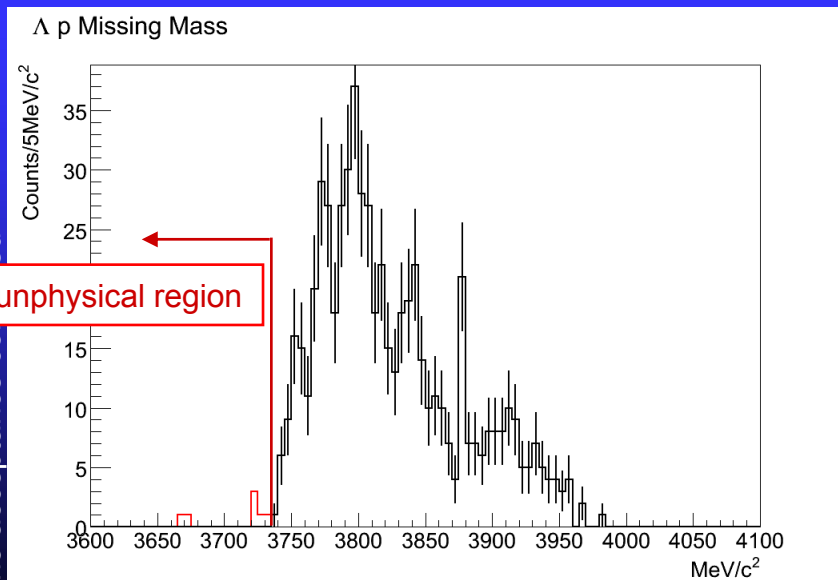


New  
inv mass spectra  
compatible with  
published one

← New data      Old data →  
Same cuts applied



FINUDA Coll., PRL 94(2005)212303

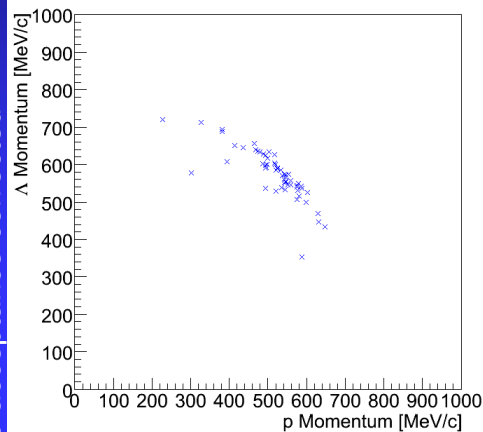


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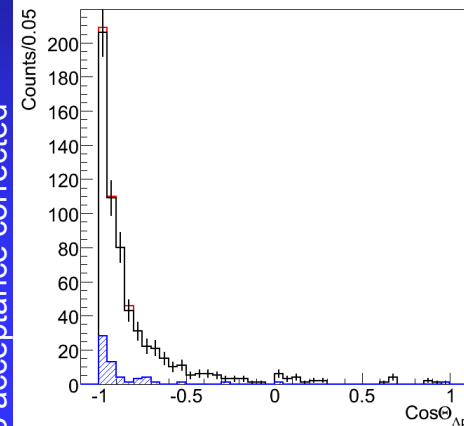
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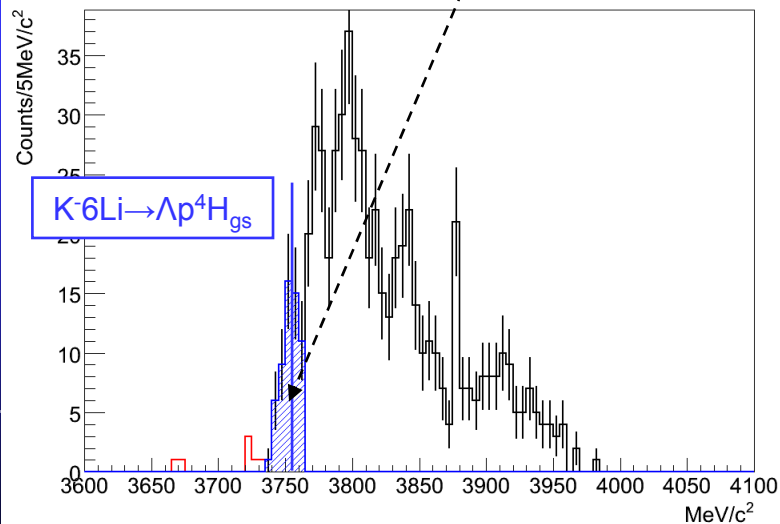
Lambda vs Proton Momentum



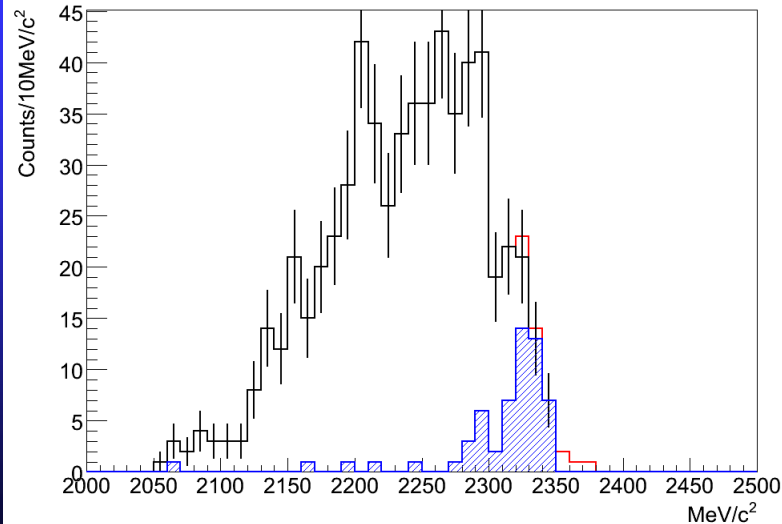
$\Lambda$  p Cosine



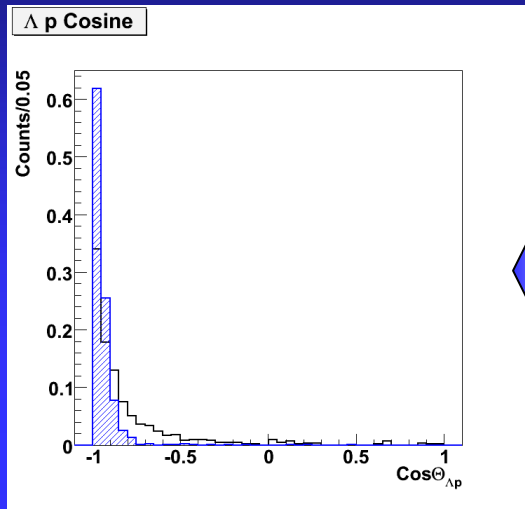
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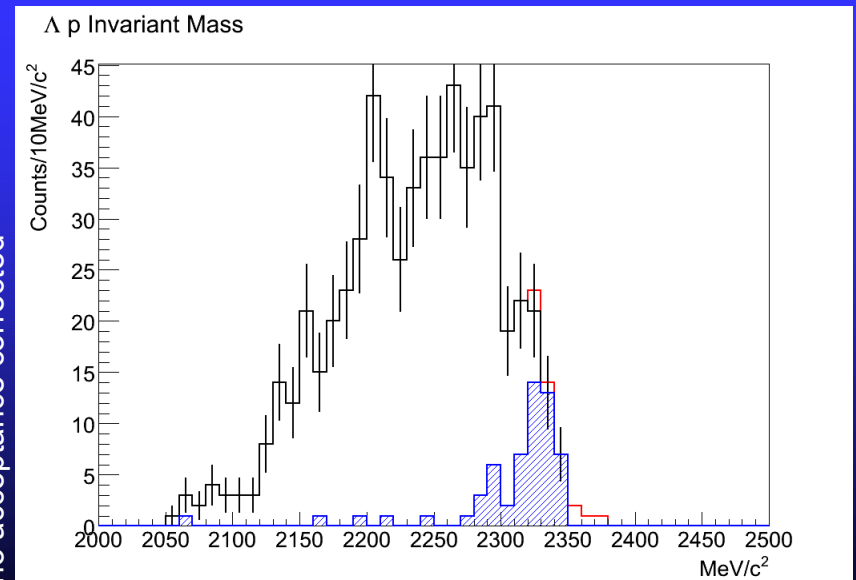
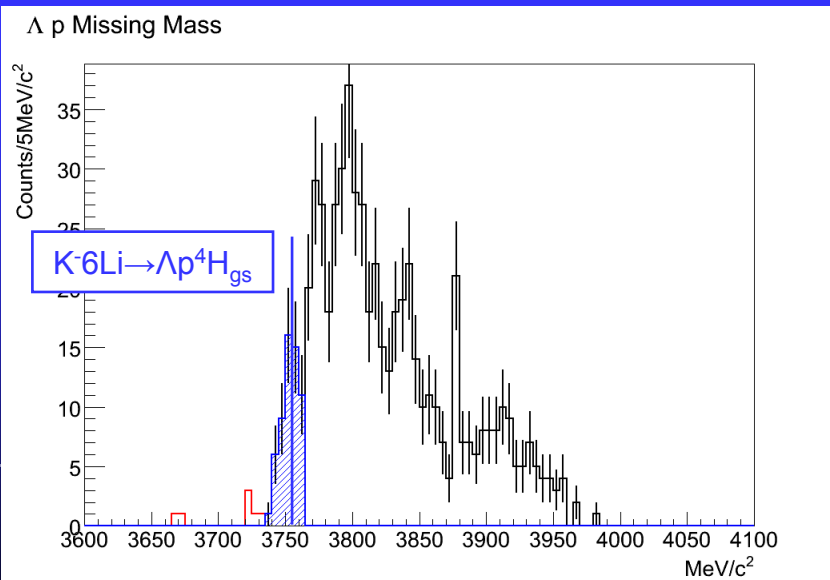
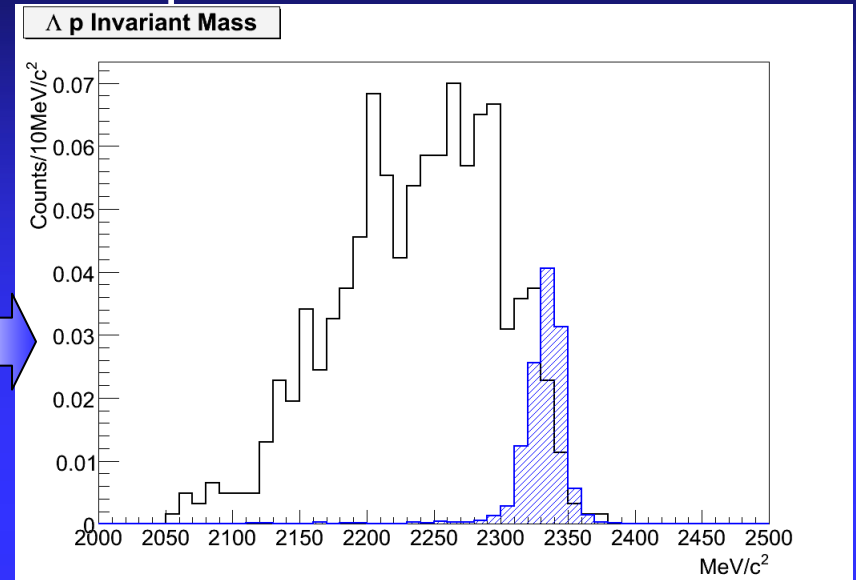
$\Lambda$  p Invariant Mass



# FINUDA: ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda\text{p})\text{X}$



Simulation:  
 $\text{K}^- {}^6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{p} {}^4\text{H}_{\text{gs}}$



no acceptance corrected

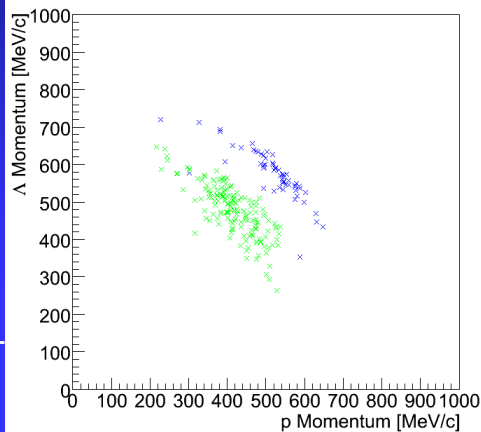
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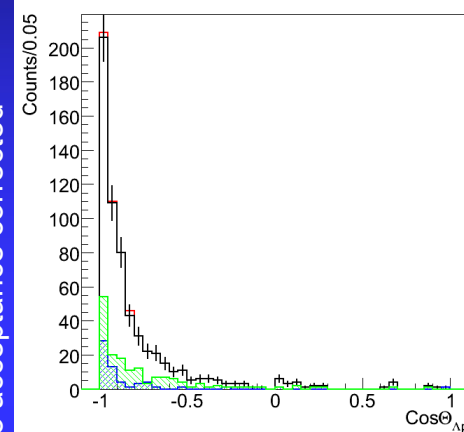
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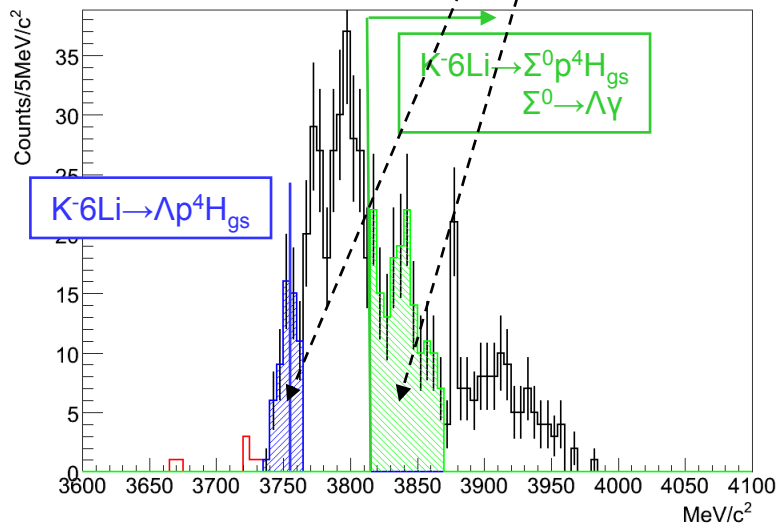
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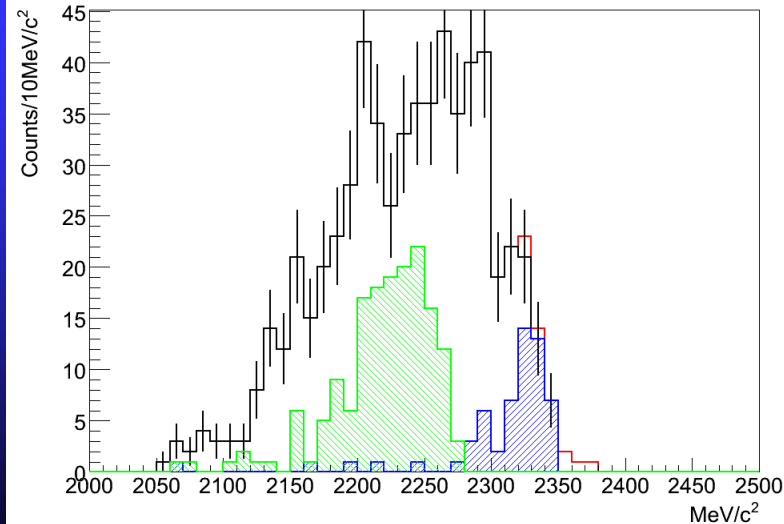
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$\Lambda$  p Missing Mass



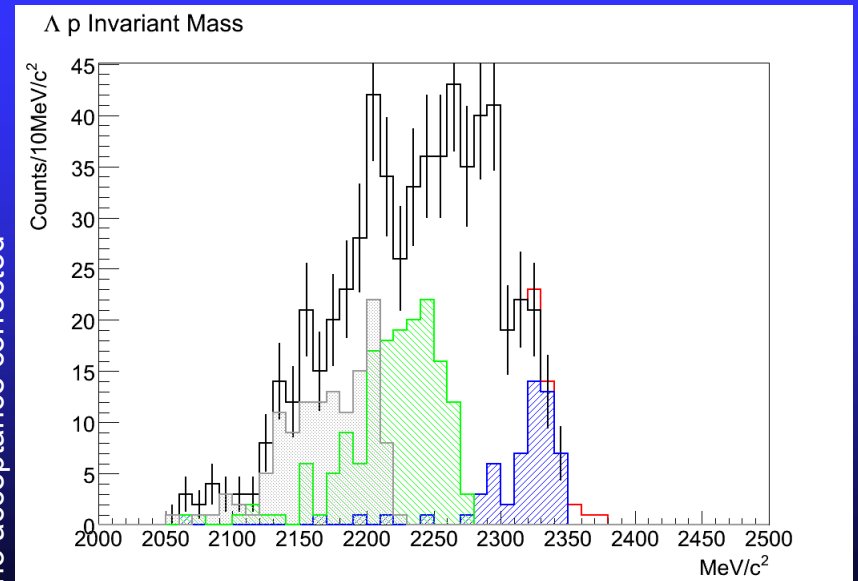
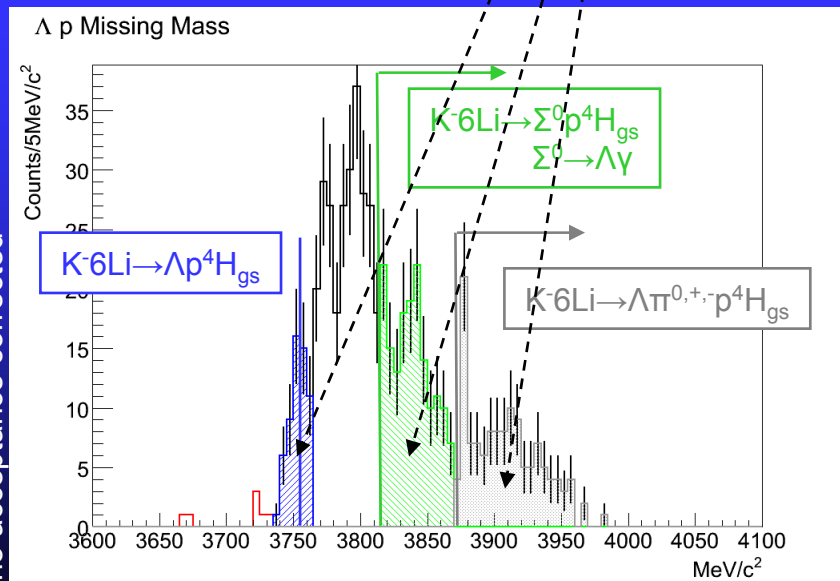
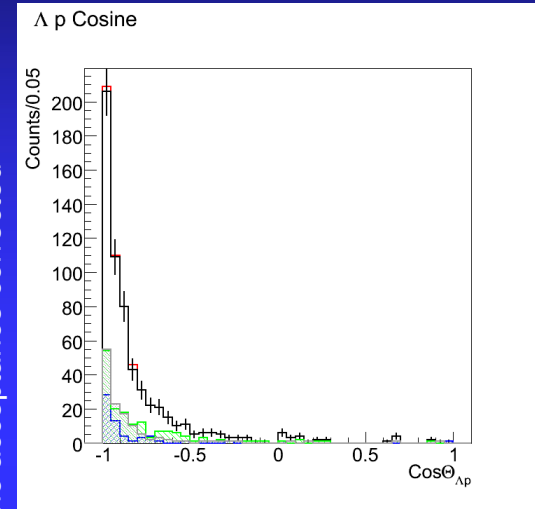
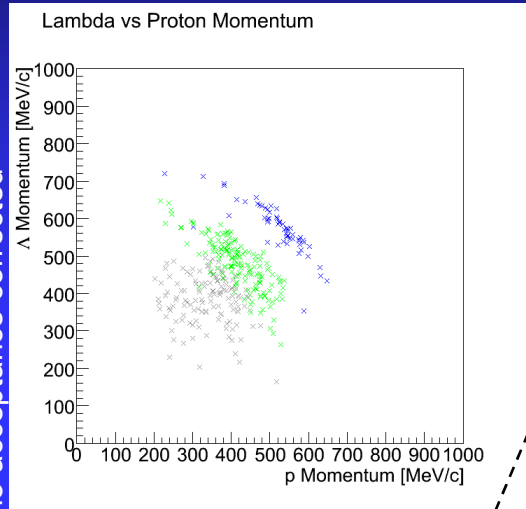
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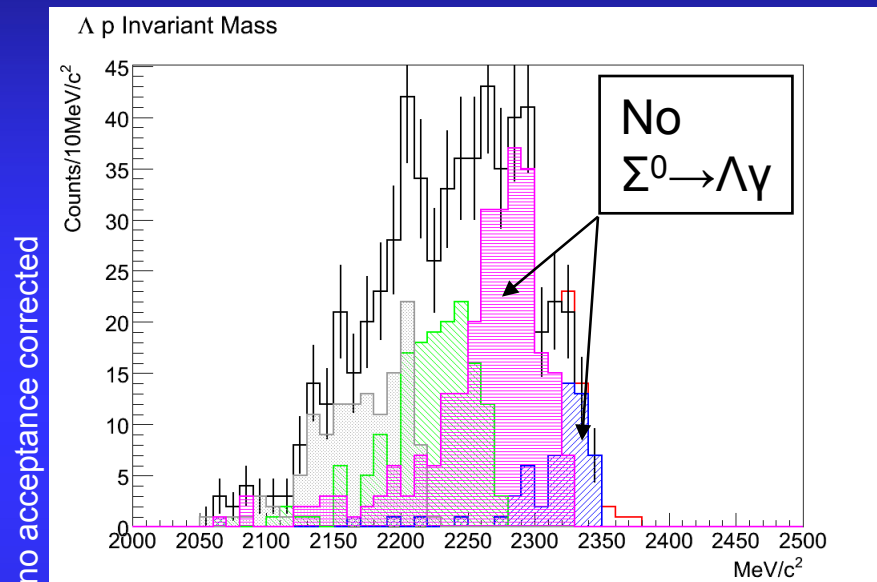
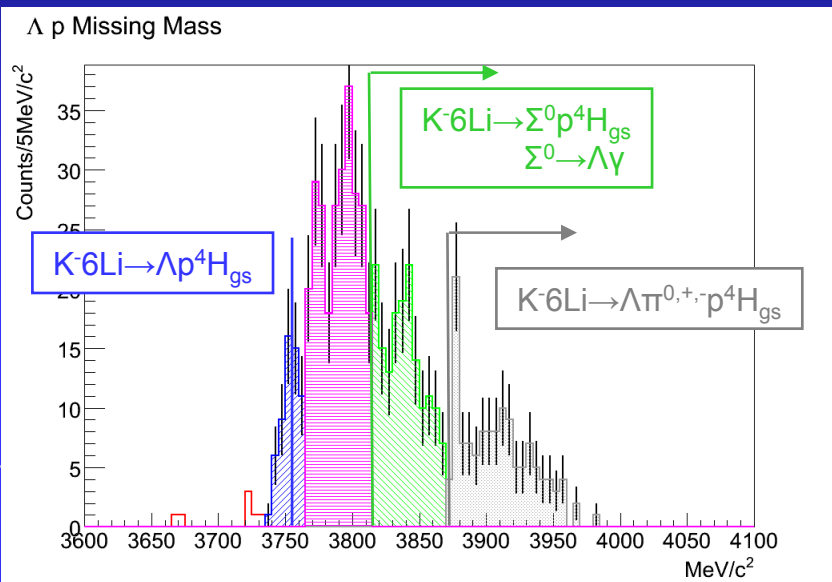
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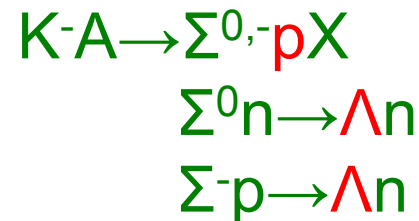
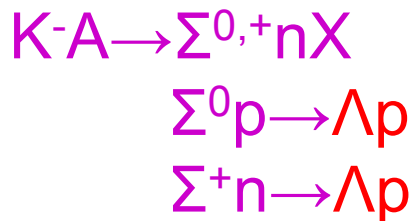
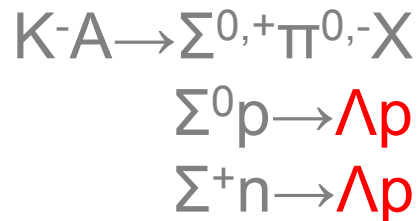


# FINUDA: ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda p)X$

Only a minor fraction of the bump can be associated to  $\text{K}^-p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p \rightarrow \Lambda p$



But ...the Missing Mass selection cannot exclude  $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$  conversion reactions:



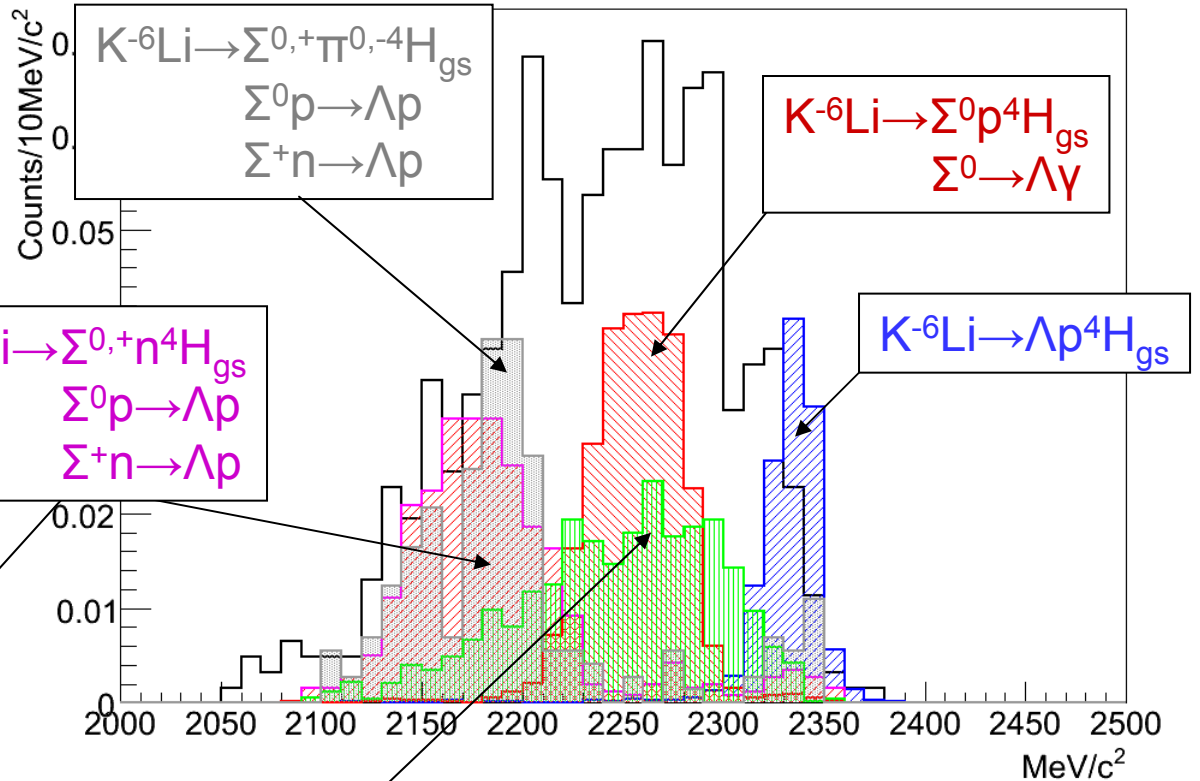
# FINUDA: $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$ conversion reactions

$\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$  cannot explain the FINUDA  $\Lambda p$  bump:

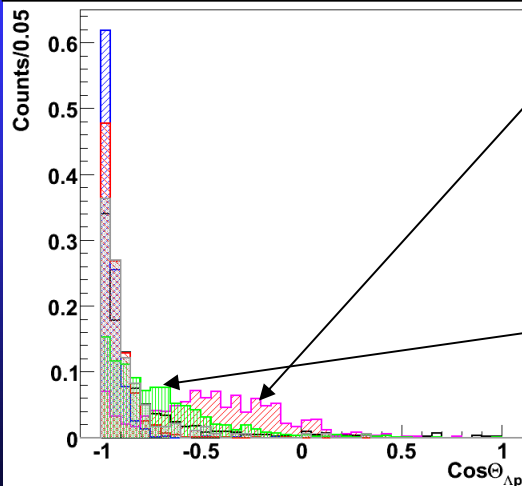
Inv Mass Spectra is out of range and/or

Angular Distribution has a different shape

Simulations:  $\Lambda p$  Invariant Mass



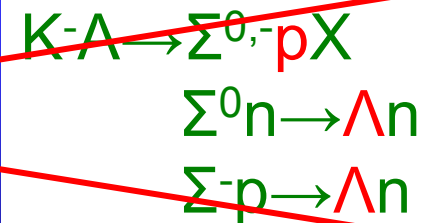
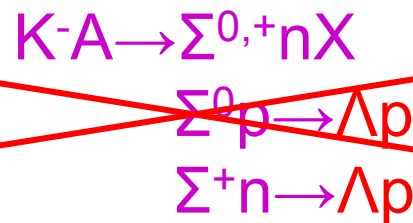
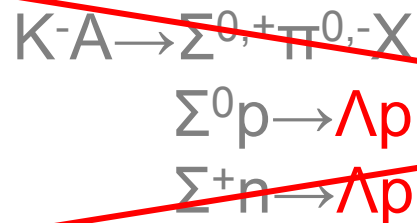
Simulations:  $\Lambda p$  angular distribution



$K^{-6}\text{Li} \rightarrow \Sigma^{0,-} p^4 H_{gs}$   
 $\Sigma^0 n \rightarrow \Lambda n$   
 $\Sigma^- p \rightarrow \Lambda n$

# Alternative interpretations of $\Lambda p$ bump

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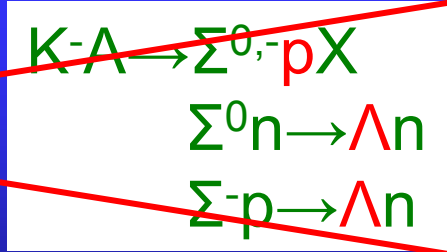
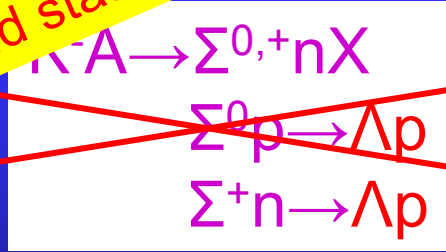
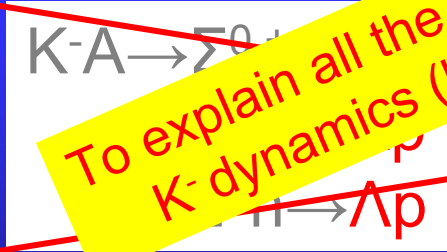
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- ~~Dominance of  $\Sigma^0$  production over  $\Lambda$ :~~
- ~~QF-2NA  $K^-pp \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p$  followed by  $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda p$  decay~~
- ~~QF-2NA  $K^-NN \rightarrow \Sigma N$  followed by  $\Sigma \rightarrow \Lambda N$  conversion reaction:~~

**To explain all the observables we need a realistic model:  
K<sup>-</sup> dynamics (bound state) and proton pair momenta**

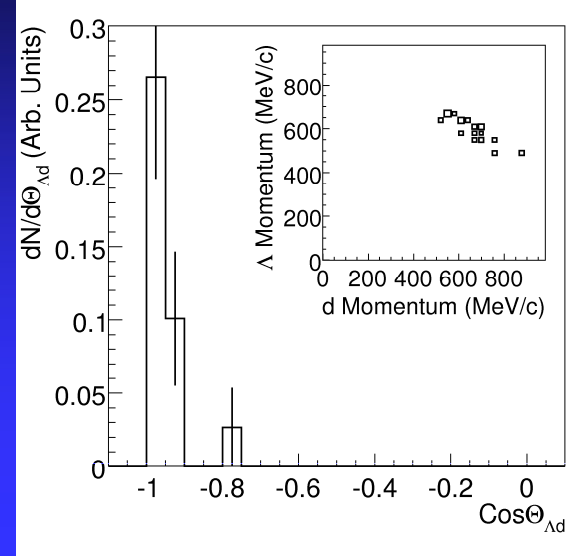


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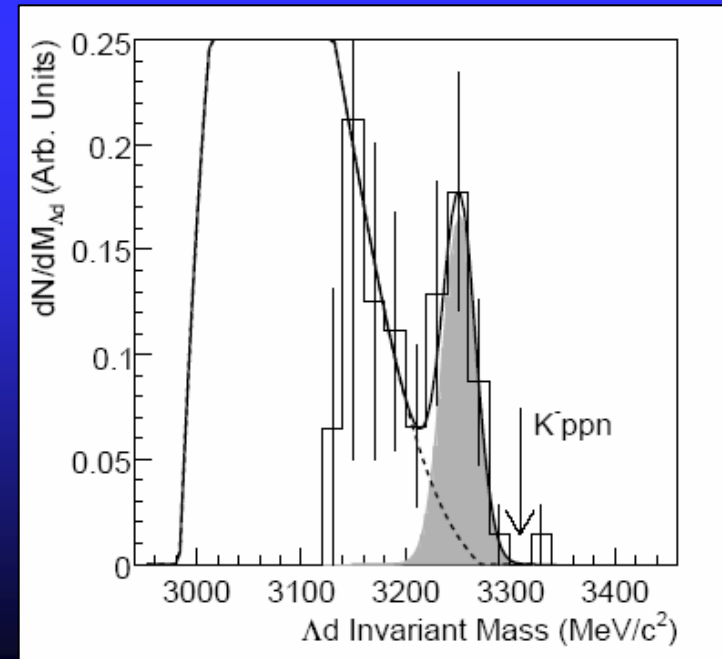
Q2-TNA = Quasi Free Two Nucleon Absorption

# 3NA: FINUDA study of ${}^6\text{Li}(K^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda_d)X$

- $\Lambda_d$  invariant mass to measure  $K^-$  ppn absorption
- Use of  ${}^6\text{Li}$  target: low background
- ${}^6\text{Li}$  is a well known  $[\alpha+d]$  cluster
  - Bump observed at  $M_{\Lambda_d} = 3251$  MeV,
  - $\Gamma_{\Lambda_d} = 37$  MeV
  - 25 events in the peak, statistical significance  $3.9\sigma$
  - Yield:  $(4.4 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3} / K^-_{\text{stop}}$



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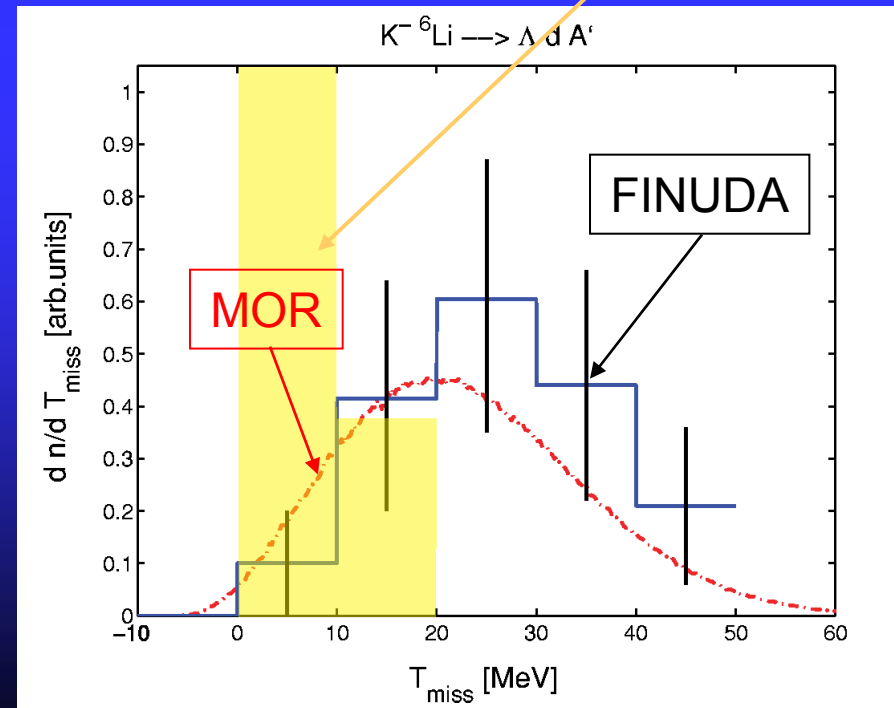
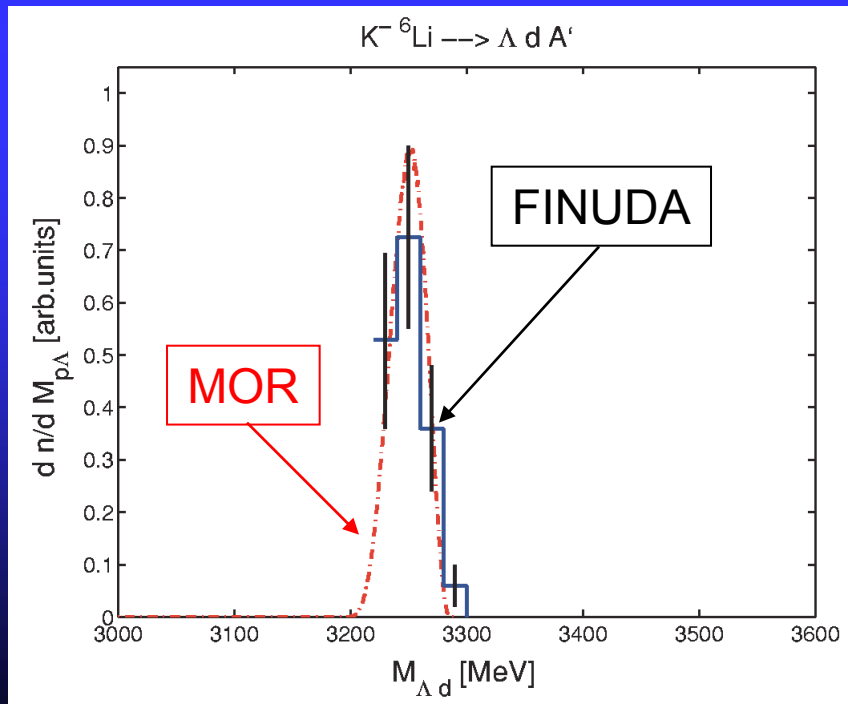
# Critical review of the $M_{\Lambda d}$ bump

Magas, Oset and Ramos [PRC77(2008)065210] explain  $\Lambda d$  FINUDA data with  $K^-$  absorption from three nucleons leaving the rest as spectator:

${}^6\text{Li}(K^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda d)A'$  with **0% FSI**.

But ... FINUDA analysis showed that the **missing kinetic energy of 3 body absorption** can explain only a little fraction of the bump ...

Phase Space:  ${}^6\text{Li}(K^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda d) t$



# FINUDA: ${}^6\text{Li}(K^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda d)X$ 2006-2007 Data Taking

- 8x statistics
  - Improved tracking efficiency
  - Extended range of the rec. momentum
  - Improved selections (missing mass)

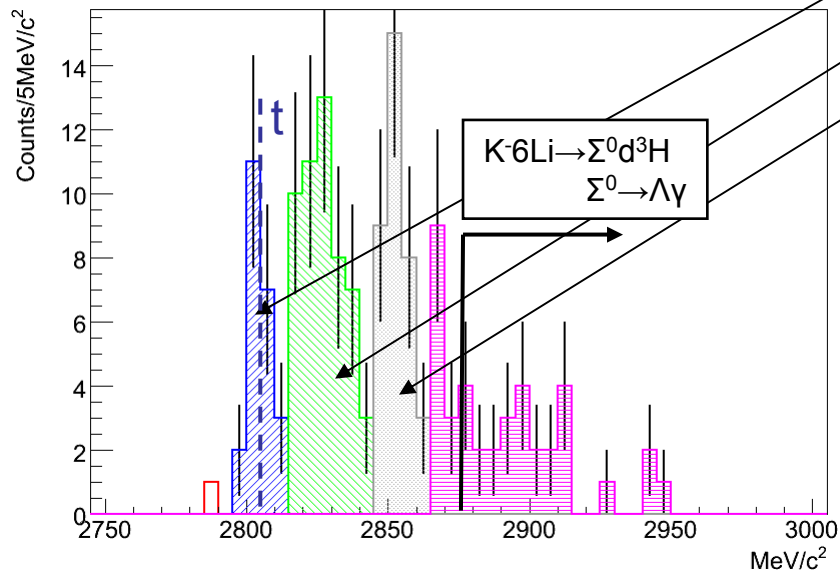
3 well defined states in missing mass with  $\Lambda$  d emitted back-to-back:

$2805 \pm 4 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \Rightarrow \text{QF-3NA: } K^-{}^6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Lambda dt$

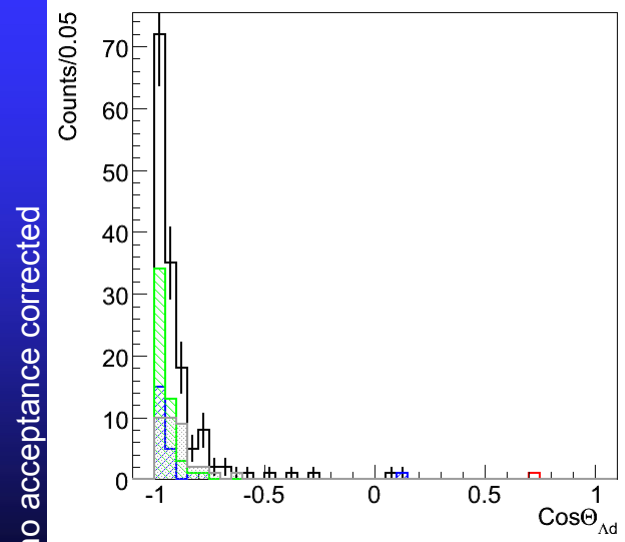
$2824 \pm 11 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

$2852 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

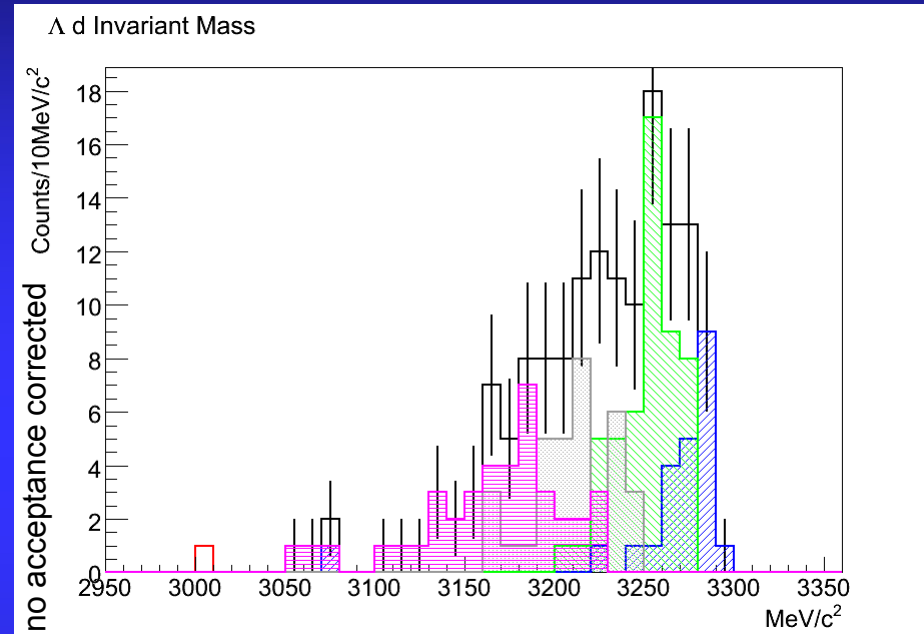
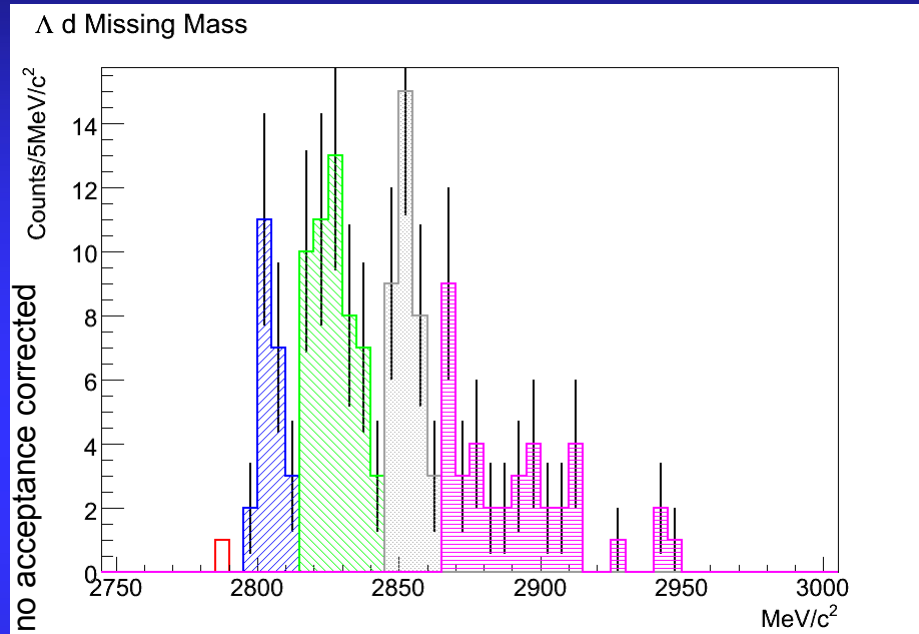
$\Lambda$  d Missing Mass



$\Lambda$  d Cosine

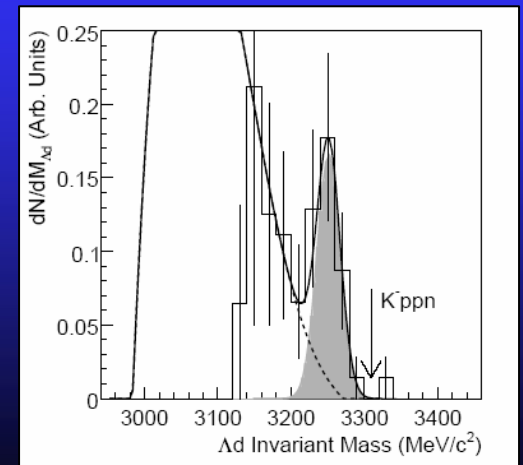


# FINUDA: ${}^6\text{Li}(K^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda d)X$ 2006-2007 Data Taking



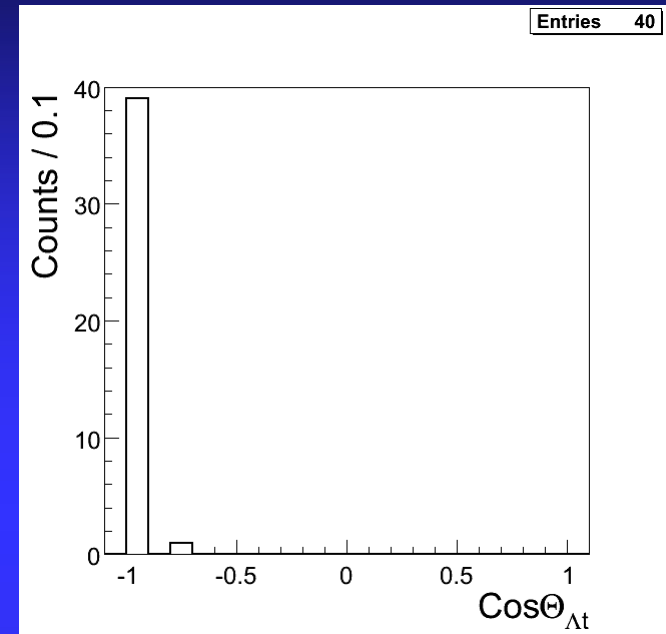
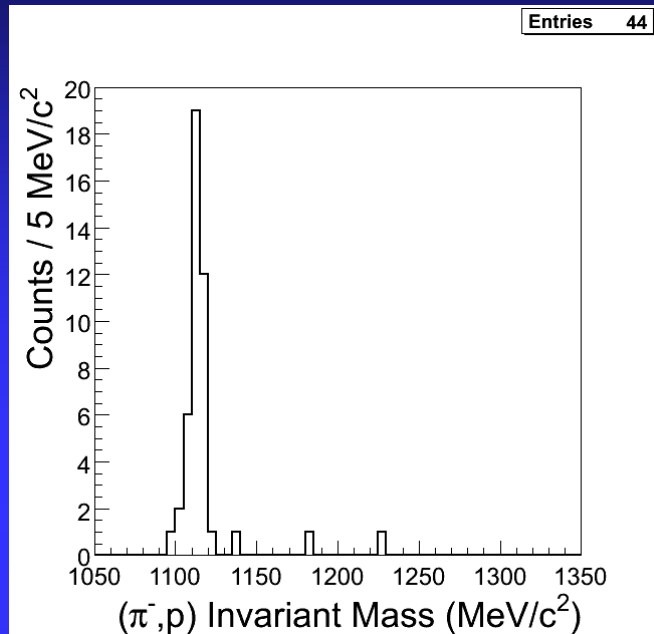
The  $\Lambda d$  bump published is a superimposition of three different final states.  
 The QF-3NA is identified ( $K^-6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Lambda dt$ ).  
 The nature of the other two states will soon be clarified (analysis in progress).  
 The  $\Sigma^0$  doesn't play a relevant role.

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# FINUDA: study of $A(K^-, \Lambda t)X$ ( $A=^6\text{Li}, ^7\text{Li}, ^9\text{Be}$ ) (I)

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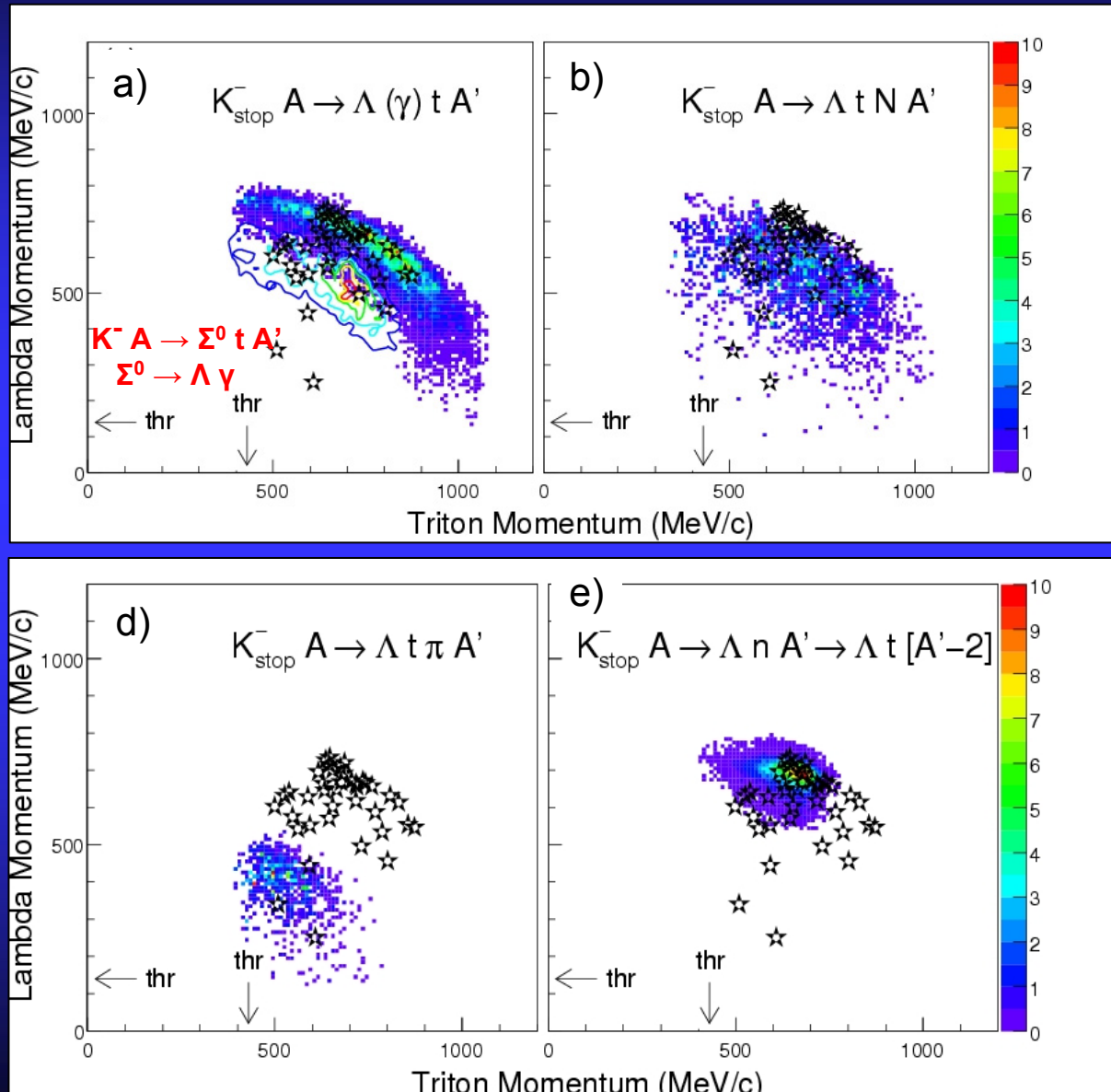
- $K^- A \rightarrow \Lambda t X$
- $A = ^6\text{Li}, ^7\text{Li}, ^9\text{Be}$
- FINUDA thresholds:
  - $\Lambda$  140 MeV/c
  - $t$  430 MeV/c

- $\Lambda$  signal background free
- $\Lambda, t$  pairs emitted back-to-back
- High momenta for  $\Lambda, t$

Direct measurement of  $K^-$  absorption on  $^4\text{He}$

Only one measurement exists so far, from bubble chamber: 3 events by kin fit  
40 events observed in FINUDA  
Capture rate:  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-3}/K^-$

# FINUDA: study of $A(K^-, \Lambda t)X$ ( $A=^6\text{Li}, ^7\text{Li}, ^9\text{Be}$ ) (II)



## Many body $K^-$ absorption role

- Simulations of different phase space reactions with  $\cos(\Theta_{\Lambda t}) < -0.9$  (filtered through apparatus acceptance)

- $\Lambda$  and  $t$  momentum distribution compatible with:

- Four nucleon absorption with  $(\Lambda t)$  or  $(\Sigma t)$  emission
- Four nucleon absorption with  $(\Lambda t)N$  emission
- NOT with  $(\Lambda t)\pi$ : too small  $\Lambda$  momentum
- 2-step pickup reaction (suppressed?)

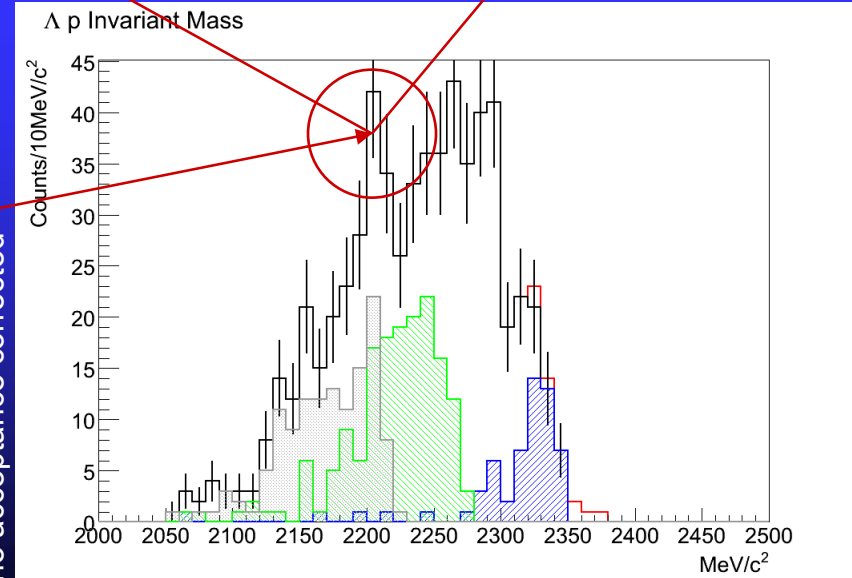
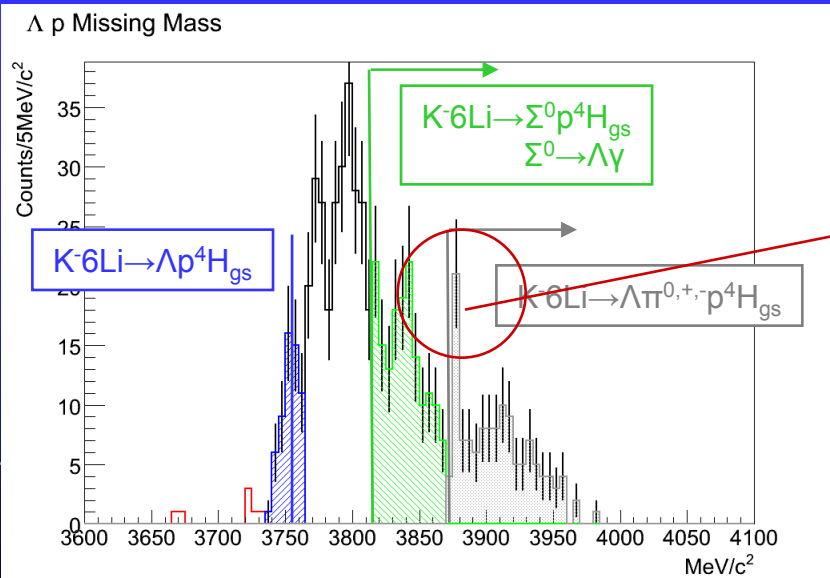
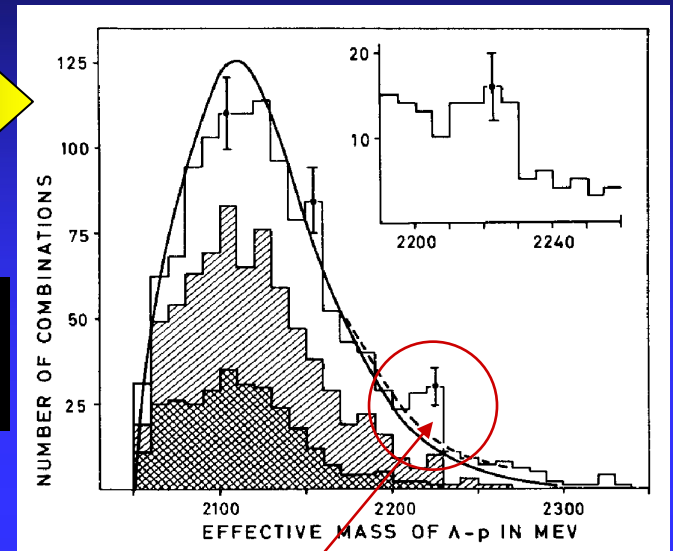
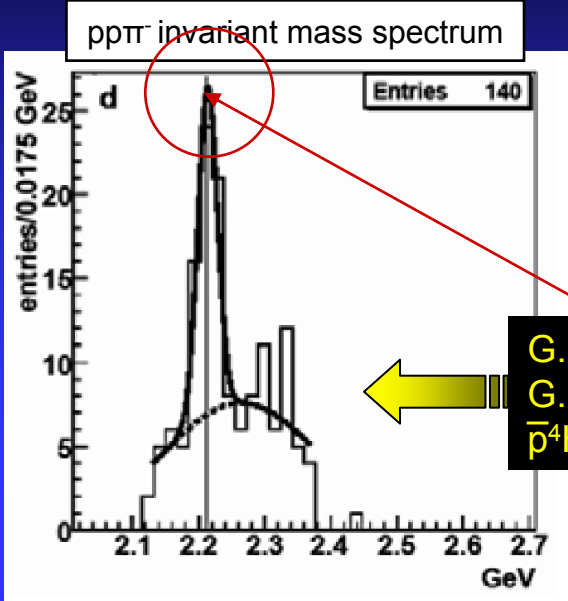
# Outlook and Conclusions

- [K-pp]  $\rightarrow \Lambda p$ :
  - $M_{\Lambda p}$  signal on different targets
  - $\text{Cos}\Theta_{\Lambda p} \sim -1$
  - FSI alone cannot explain at the same time  $M_{\Lambda p}$  and  $\text{Cos}\Theta_{\Lambda p}$
  - Needed a realistic model: **K<sup>-</sup> dynamics (bound state) + proton pairs momenta**
  - What is the role of short-range correlated proton pairs ?  
(R. Subedi et al., Science 320(2008)1476)
  - **The models should explain most the observables !**
- [K-ppn]  $\rightarrow \Lambda d$ :
  - $\text{Cos}\Theta_{\Lambda d} \sim -1$
  - Identified the QF-3NA
  - Other two bumps in missing mass (analysis in progress)
  - K<sup>-</sup> is absorbed on quasi “ $\alpha$ ” ( ${}^6\text{Li} = \alpha + d$ )
  - The role of  $\Sigma^0$  seems negligible
- [K-ppnn]  $\rightarrow \Lambda t$ :
  - $\text{Cos}\Theta_{\Lambda t} \sim -1$
  - Direct measurement of K<sup>-</sup> absorption on  ${}^4\text{He}$
  - Capture rate:  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-3} / \text{K}^-$
- Near Future:
  - acceptance correction and final analysis of  $\Lambda p$  (and  $\Lambda d$ )
    - bump position and width as function of A from 6 to 16
  - neutron on coincidence with  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda p$  and  $\Lambda d$ 
    - participant (energy carrier) and spectator
    - role of K<sup>-</sup>  $\alpha$  absorption on  $\Lambda p$  and  $\Lambda d$  spectra

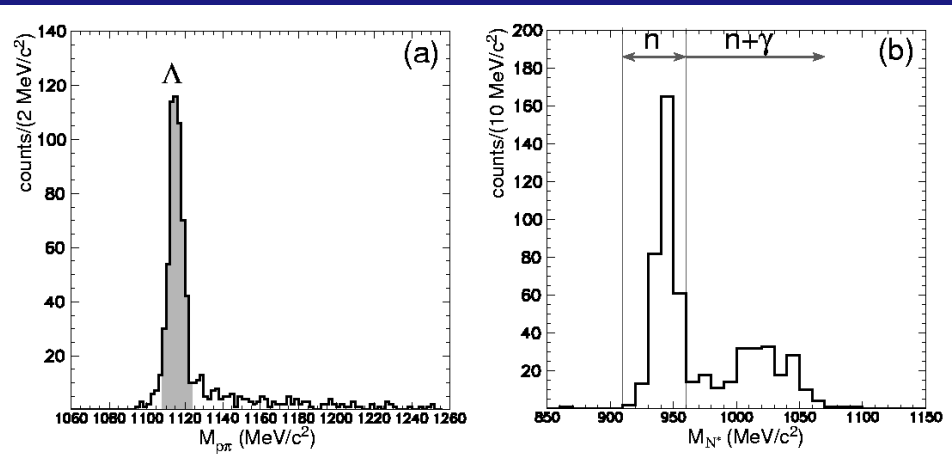
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 $\text{K}(\text{CF}_3\text{Br}) \rightarrow \Lambda p X$

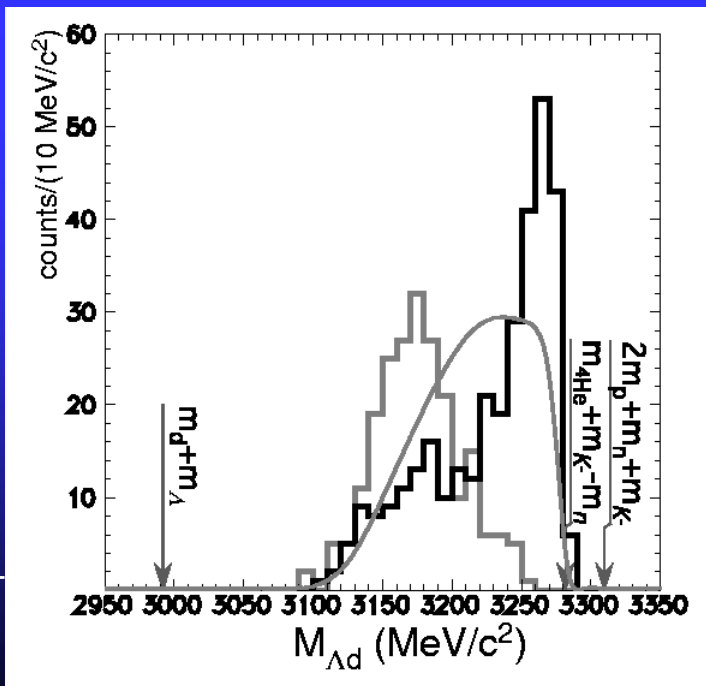
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 $\bar{p}{}^4\text{He} \rightarrow (\rho\pi^-)p\text{K}^0_s X$



# E549: $\Lambda$ d correlation from ${}^4\text{He}(\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}, \text{d})$



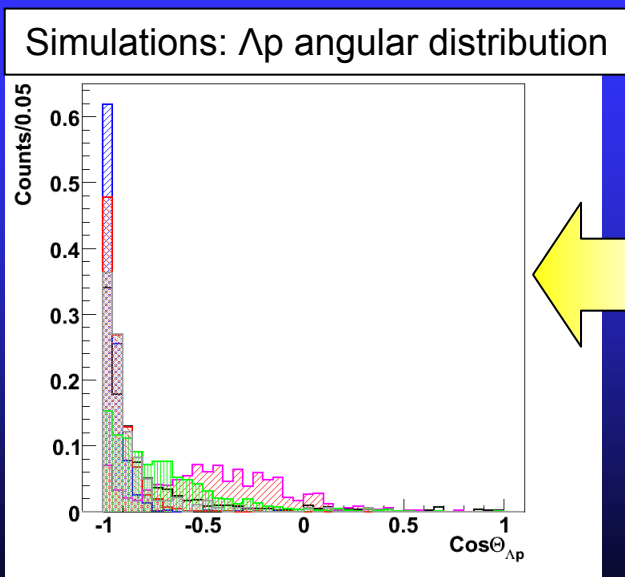
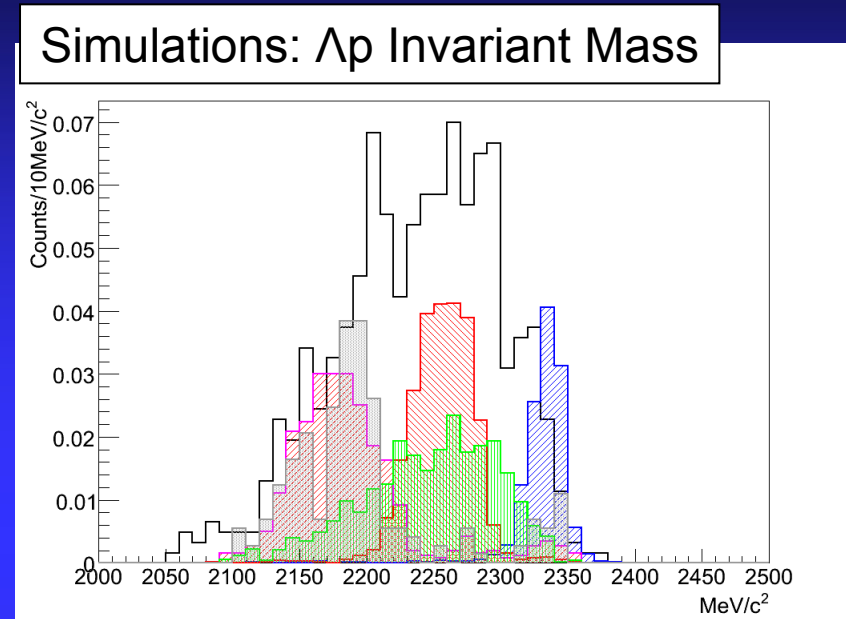
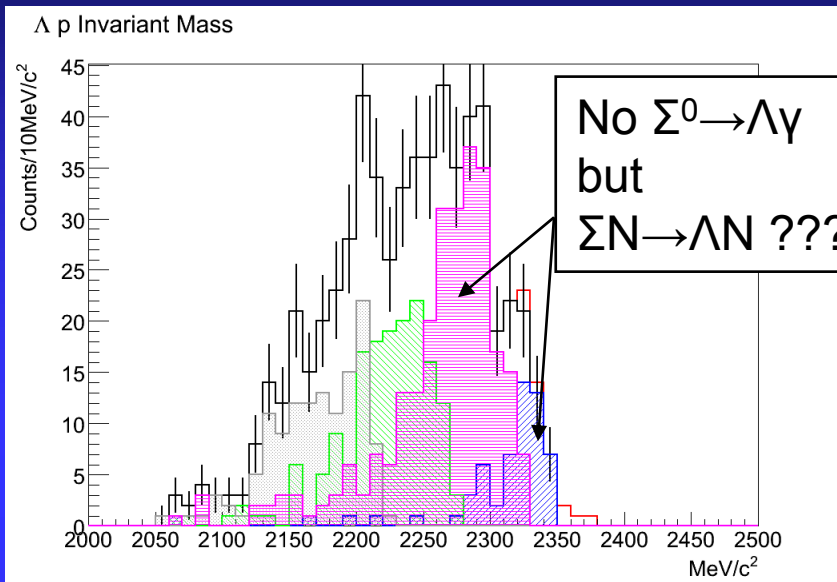
- $\text{K}^- {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{d} (n)$
- detected back-to-back d p pairs with  $\pi^-$  in coincidence
- $\Lambda$  discriminated from  $\Sigma^0$  ( $\Lambda\gamma$ ) event by missing mass
- $\Lambda \text{d}$  peak at  $3282 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  just below mass threshold
- interpreted as 3N absorption  $\text{K}^- \text{ppn} (n) \rightarrow \Lambda \text{d} (n)$
- accepted d p back-to-back only, spectra are shaped by the limited phase-space
- spectra are not corrected for the apparatus acceptance



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no acceptance corrected

# FINUDA: $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$ conversion reactions



$\text{Cos} \theta_{\Lambda p} < -0.8$   
fits well data

$\text{Cos} \theta_{\Lambda p}$   
doesn't fit data

$K^{-6}\text{Li} \rightarrow \Sigma^{0,+} \pi^{0,-4} \text{H}_{\text{gs}}$   
 $\Sigma^0 p \rightarrow \Lambda p$   
 $\Sigma^+ n \rightarrow \Lambda p$

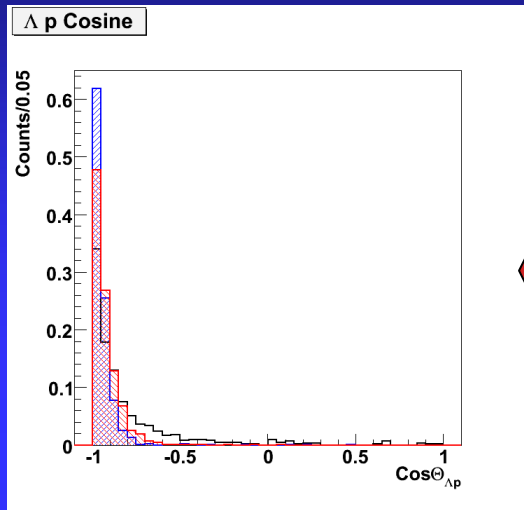
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$K^{-6}\text{Li} \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p^4 \text{H}_{\text{gs}}$   
 $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$

$K^{-6}\text{Li} \rightarrow \Sigma^{0,+} n^4 \text{H}_{\text{gs}}$   
 $\Sigma^0 p \rightarrow \Lambda p$   
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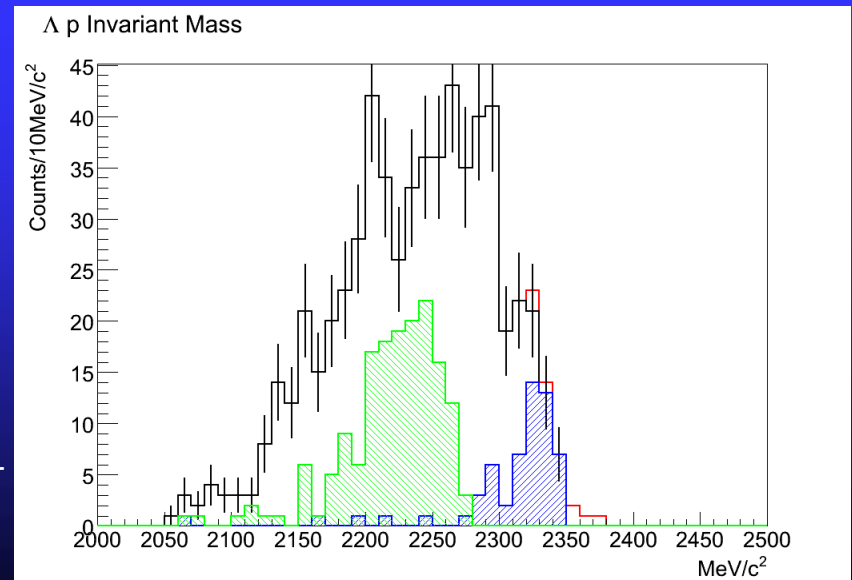
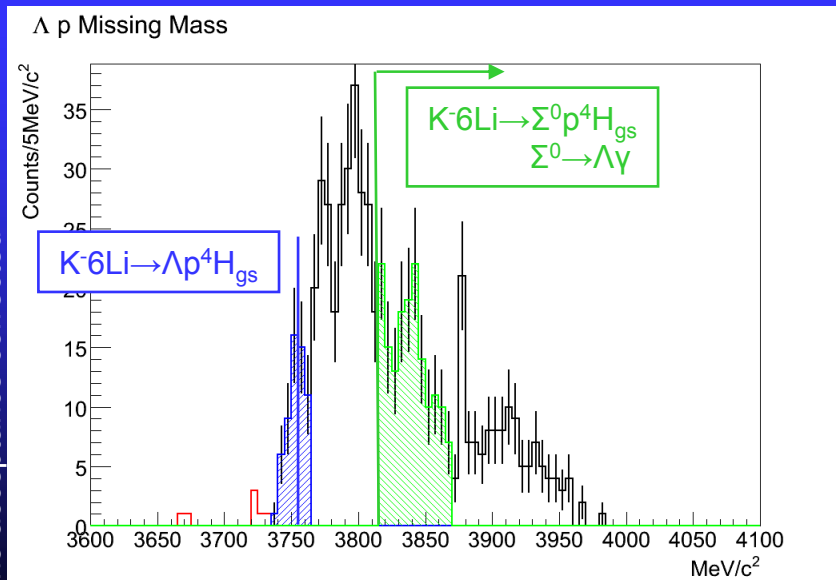
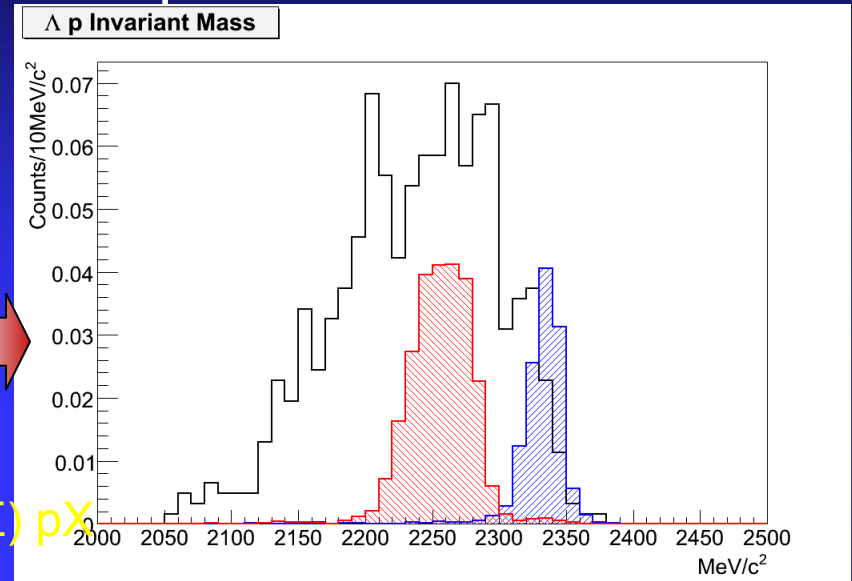
$K^{-6}\text{Li} \rightarrow \Sigma^{0,-} p^4 \text{H}_{\text{gs}}$   
 $\Sigma^0 n \rightarrow \Lambda n$   
 $\Sigma^- p \rightarrow \Lambda n$

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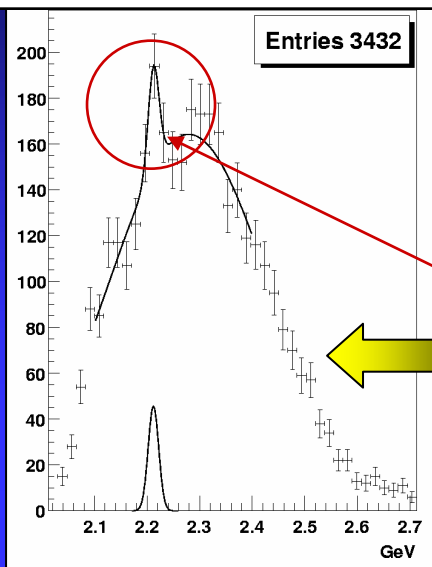
Simulation:  
 $\text{K}^- {}^6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p^4 \text{H}_{\text{gs}}$   
 $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$

$\text{K}^- \text{A} \rightarrow \Lambda(\Sigma) pX$



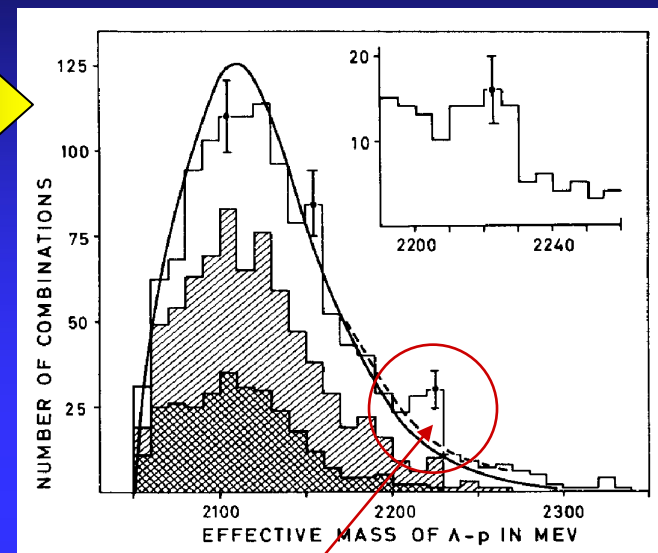
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pp $\pi^-$  invariant mass spectrum

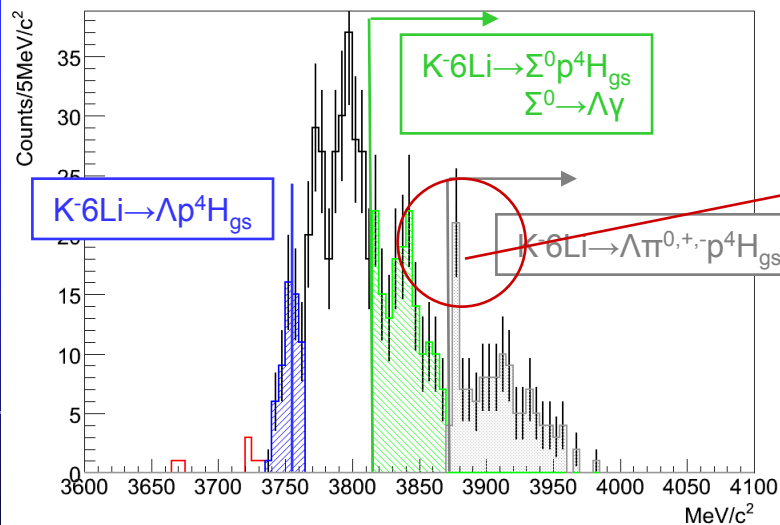


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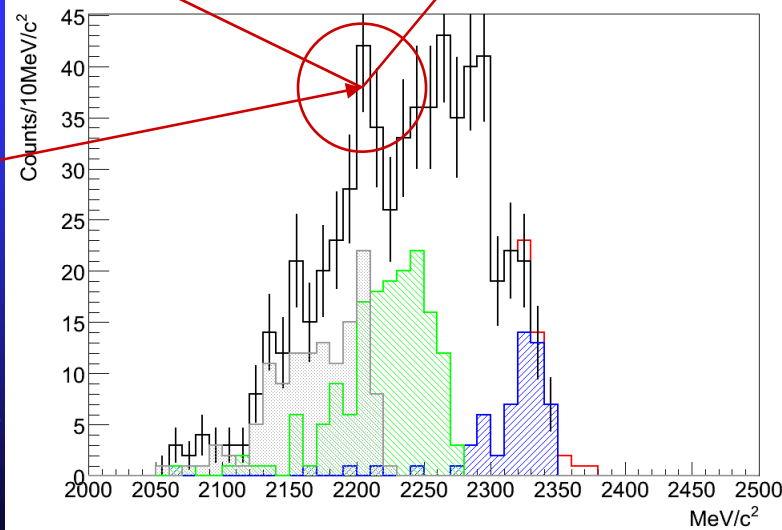
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$\Lambda p$  Missing Mass



$\Lambda p$  Invariant Mass



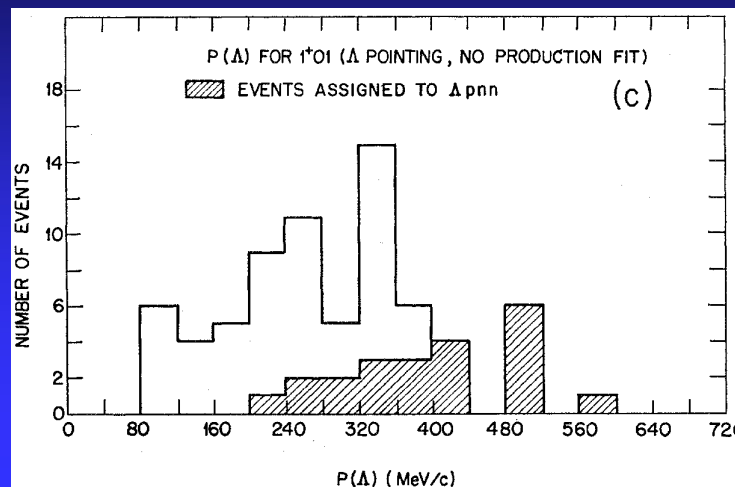
# K-(2N) is an old story...

Katz et al., Phys.Rev. D 1 (1970) 1267:  
K- absorption at rest in Helium:

TABLE III. Branching ratios for K<sup>-</sup> absorption at rest.

Reaction	Events/(stopping K <sup>-</sup> ) (%)
K <sup>-</sup> He <sup>4</sup> → Σ <sup>+</sup> π <sup>-</sup> He <sup>3</sup>	9.3±2.3
→ Σ <sup>-</sup> π <sup>-</sup> dn	1.9±0.7
→ Σ <sup>+</sup> π <sup>-</sup> pnn	1.6±0.6
→ Σ <sup>+</sup> π <sup>0</sup> nnn	3.2±1.0
→ Σ <sup>+</sup> nnn	1.0±0.4
Total Σ <sup>+</sup> = (17.0±2.7)%	
K <sup>-</sup> He <sup>4</sup> → Σ <sup>-</sup> π <sup>+</sup> He <sup>3</sup>	4.2±1.2
→ Σ <sup>-</sup> π <sup>+</sup> dn	1.6±0.6
→ Σ <sup>-</sup> π <sup>+</sup> pnn	1.4±0.5
→ Σ <sup>-</sup> π <sup>0</sup> He <sup>3</sup>	1.0±0.5
→ Σ <sup>-</sup> π <sup>0</sup> pd	1.0±0.5
→ Σ <sup>-</sup> π <sup>0</sup> ppn	1.0±0.4
→ Σ <sup>-</sup> pd	1.6±0.6
→ Σ <sup>-</sup> ppn	2.0±0.7
Total Σ <sup>-</sup> = (13.8±1.8)%	
K <sup>-</sup> He <sup>4</sup> → π <sup>-</sup> Λ He <sup>3</sup>	11.2±2.7
→ π <sup>-</sup> Λ pd	10.9±2.6
→ π <sup>-</sup> Λ ppn	9.5±2.4
→ π <sup>-</sup> Σ <sup>0</sup> He <sup>3</sup>	0.9±0.6
→ π <sup>-</sup> Σ <sup>0</sup> (pd,ppn)	0.3±0.3
→ π <sup>0</sup> Λ (Σ <sup>0</sup> )(pnn)	22.5±4.2
→ Λ (Σ <sup>0</sup> )(pnn)	11.7±2.4
→ π <sup>+</sup> Λ (Σ <sup>0</sup> )nnn	2.1±0.7
Total Λ (Σ <sup>0</sup> ) = (69.2±6.6)%	
Total Λ + Σ = (100 - π <sup>+</sup> )%	

No-mesonic Λ (Σ<sup>0</sup>) 11.7%  
No-mesonic Σ<sup>+</sup> only 1.0%  
No-mesonic Σ<sup>-</sup> 3.6%



Λ fast: no pion emission

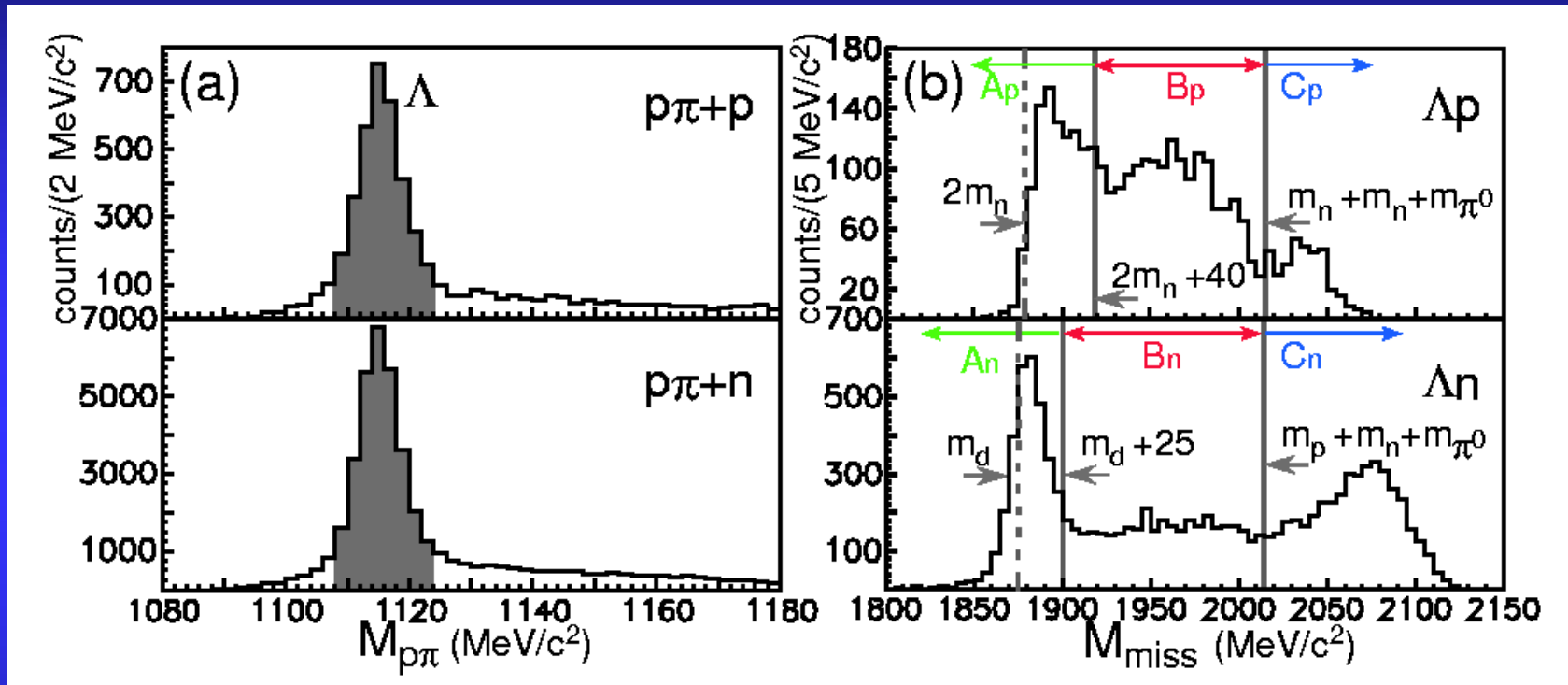
TABLE V. Comparative data on the frequency of emission of various particles.

	Hydrogen	Deuterium	Capture nucleus Helium (this experiment)	Helium (Helium Bubble Chamber Collaboration)*	(76% CF <sub>3</sub> Br) +(24% C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	Nuclear emulsion
[π <sup>±</sup> ]/[K <sup>-</sup> ]	0.64	0.67	0.55±0.05	0.55	0.45	0.40
[π <sup>-</sup> ]/[π <sup>+</sup> ]	0.46	1.95	4.9 ±1.0	5.5	3.8	3.9
[Σ <sup>±</sup> ]/[K <sup>-</sup> ]	0.64	0.46	0.31±0.03	0.27	0.19	0.187
[Σ <sup>+</sup> ]/[Σ <sup>-</sup> ]	0.46	0.73	1.2 ±0.2	1.16	1.05	0.79
[Σ <sup>+</sup> +π <sup>-</sup> ]/[Σ <sup>-</sup> +π <sup>+</sup> ]	0.46	0.85	1.8 ±0.5	1.82	1.52	1.43
Multinucleon (i.e., nonpionic) capture	...	0.01	0.16±0.03	0.17±0.04 <sup>b</sup>	0.25	0.15-0.30

\* Reference 2.  
<sup>b</sup> Nonpionic ratio of (32±2)% for K<sup>-</sup> in He<sup>4</sup> 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).

A-dependence:  
no-mesonic production increasing with A

# E549: ${}^4\text{He}(\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda\text{N})\text{X}$ missing mass



$$\sigma_{\Lambda} \sim 4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\sigma_{\Lambda p} \sim 5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$\sigma_{\Lambda n} \sim 7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$



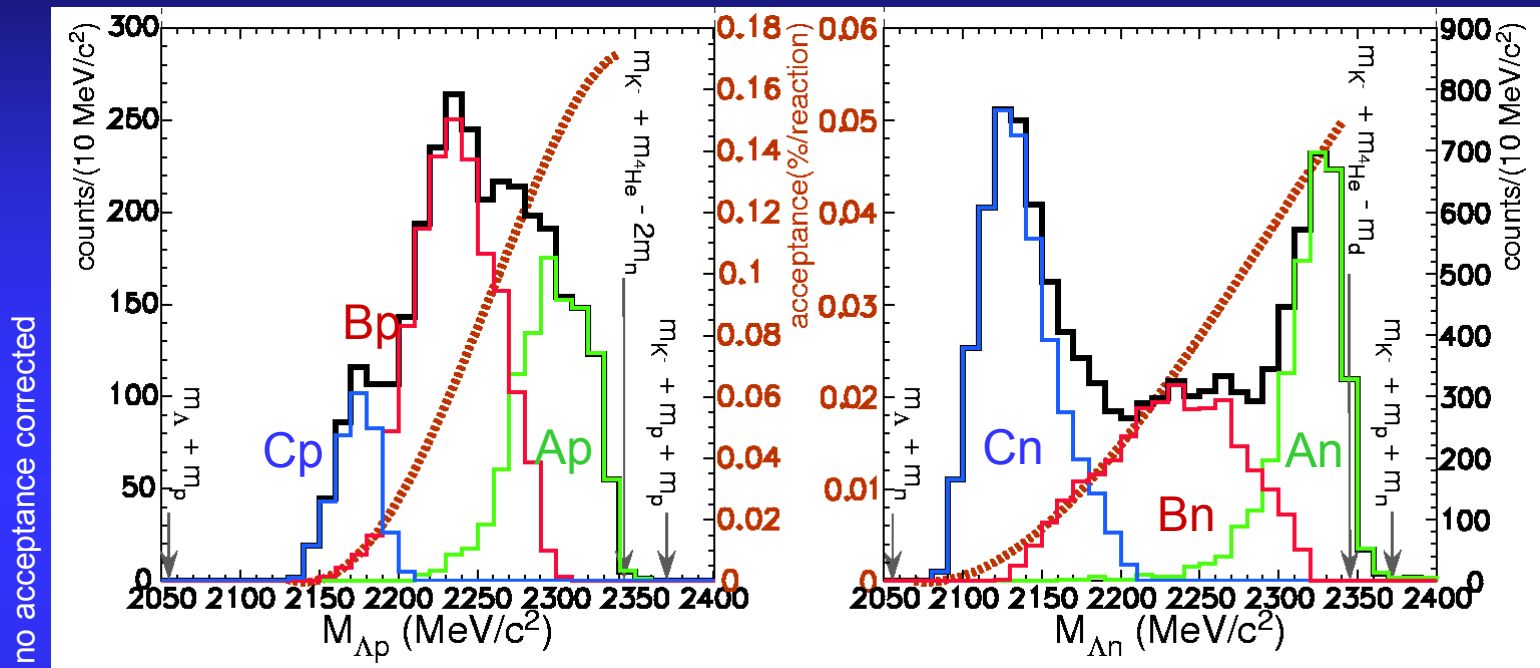
$$\text{C}_p = nn\pi$$



$$\text{C}_n = pn(d)\pi$$

Spectra are shaped by the limited phase-space:  $-1 \leq \cos\theta_{\Lambda N} \leq -0.6$

# E549: ${}^4\text{He}(\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda\text{N})\text{X}$ invariant mass



E549 interpretation:

$\text{C}_{p,n} : \text{K}^- {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Sigma\pi(3\text{N})$   
 $\Sigma\text{N} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{N}$

$\text{A}_{p,n} : \text{K}^- {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{N}(2\text{N})$

$\text{BR}_{\text{A}_p}/\text{BR}_{\text{A}_n} \sim 0.1$   $\text{K}^- \text{pn} \gg \text{K}^- \text{pp}$

$\text{BR}_{\text{A}_p} \sim 0.2\%$  ;  $\text{BR}_{\text{A}_n} \sim 2\%$  ;

$\text{BR}_{\Lambda\text{N}} \sim 11.7\%$  (Katz)  $\Rightarrow \text{BR}_{\text{B}_{p,n}} \sim 80\%$   $\Lambda\text{N}$

$\text{B}_p/\text{A}_p \gg \text{B}_n/\text{A}_n \Rightarrow$  no FSI

$\text{B}_{p,n} : ?$

$\text{B}_{p,n} : \text{K}^- {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Sigma\text{N}(2\text{N})$  ( $\Sigma \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$  30%  $\text{B}_{p,n}$ )  
 $\Sigma\text{N} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{N}$

$\text{B}_{p,n} : \text{dibaryon; tribaryon}$