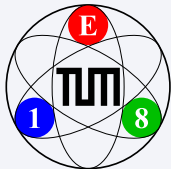


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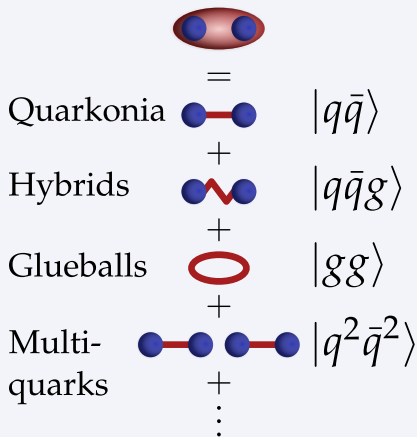
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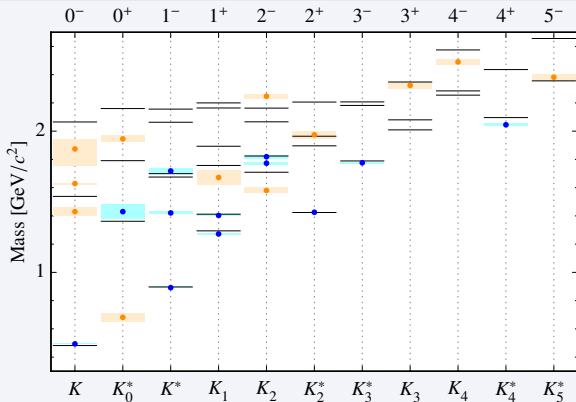
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PDG 2016: 25 kaon states below  $3.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

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- Many predicted quark-model states still missing
- Some hints for supernumerous states



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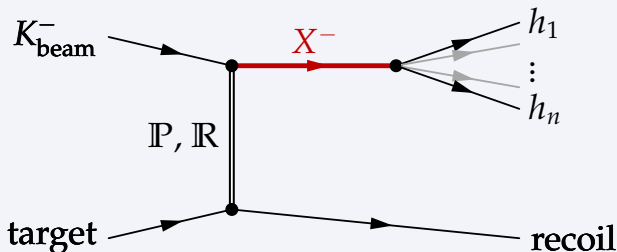
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# Production of excited Kaons



- High-energy kaon beam on stationary target (proton or nucleus)
- Excitation of beam kaon into  $X$  via Pomeron/Reggeon exchange
- Dissociation of  $X$  into various  $n$ -body mesonic final states
  - $\pi, K, \eta, \eta', \dots$
- Not very selective: all kaon states can appear as  $X$
- Large cross section

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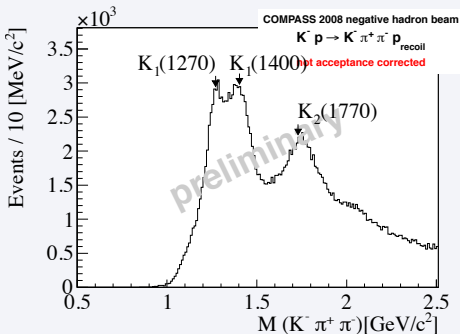
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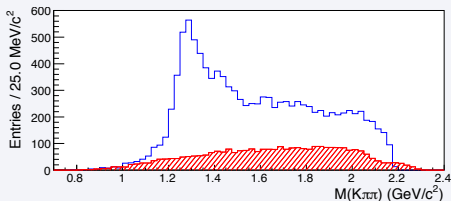
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- Mainly BESIII, Belle II, LHCb
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**Belle:**  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$



Belle, PRD **83** (2011) 032005

## Photoproduction: $\gamma p \rightarrow X p$

- GlueX Phase IV proposal (Jlab)
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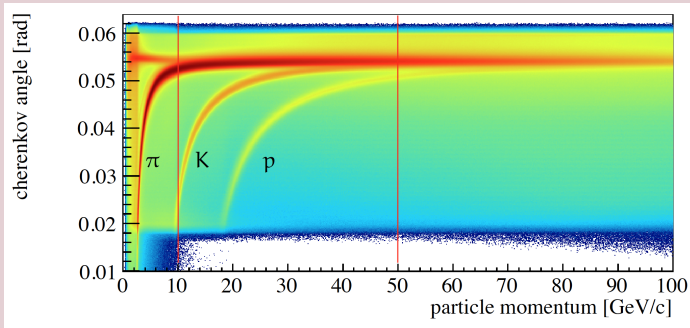
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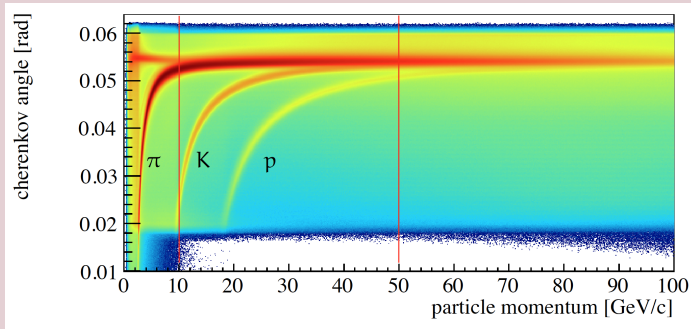
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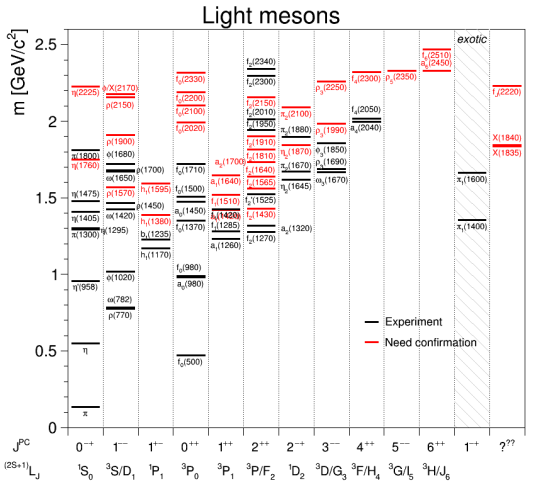
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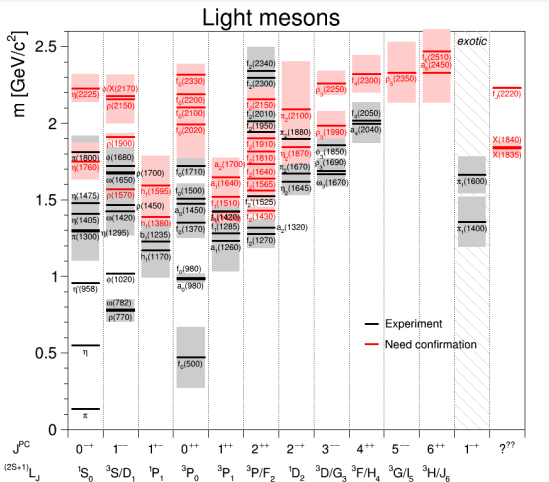
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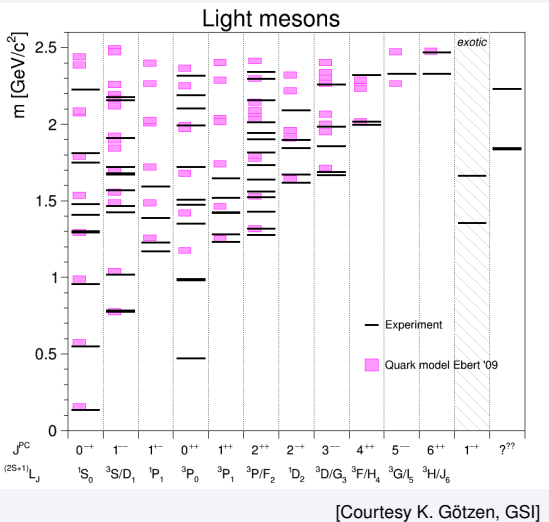
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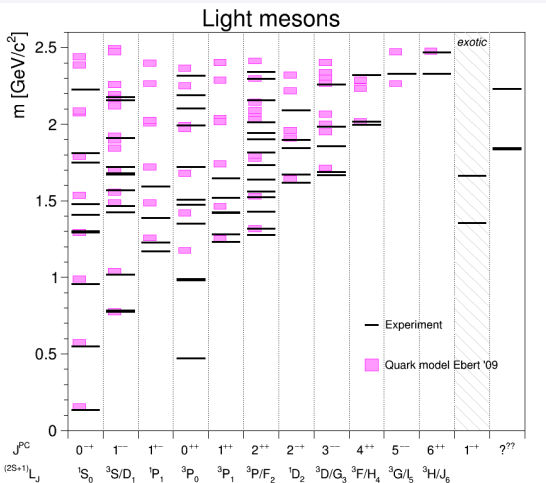


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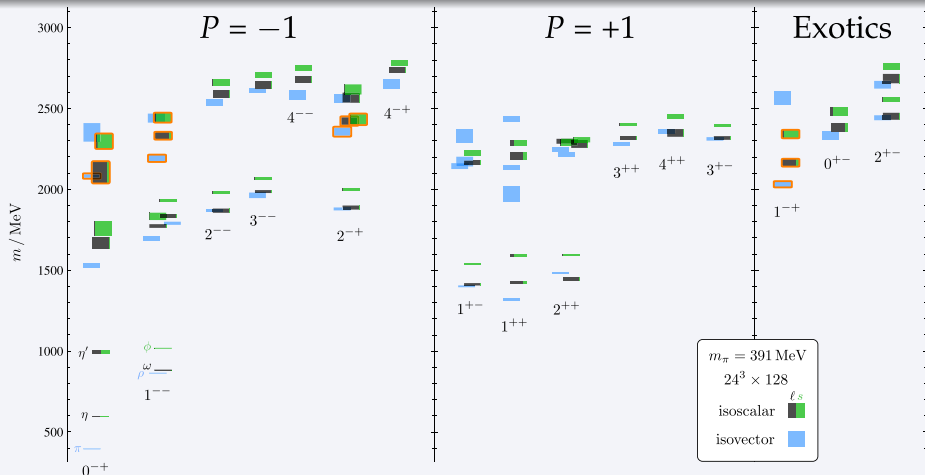
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# Light-Meson Spectrum from Lattice QCD

State-of-the-art calculation with  $m_\pi = 391 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

Dudek *et al.*, PRD **88** (2013) 094505



- Essentially recovers quark-model pattern
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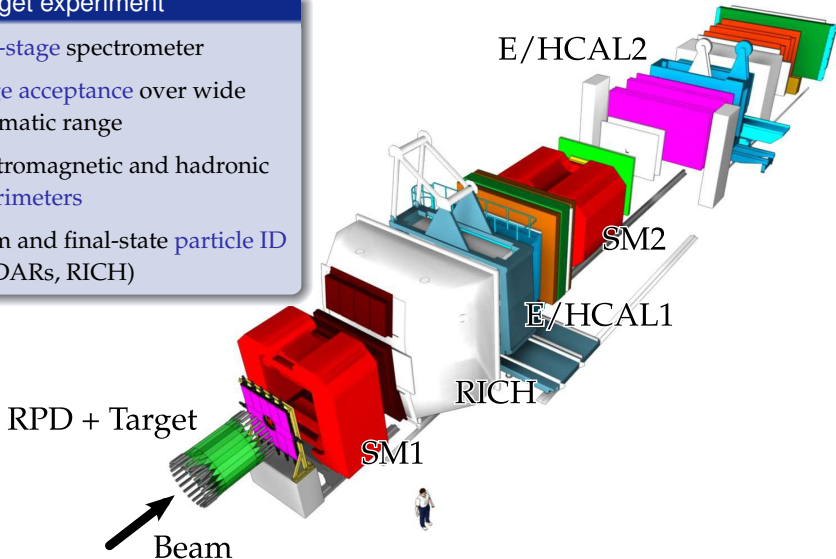
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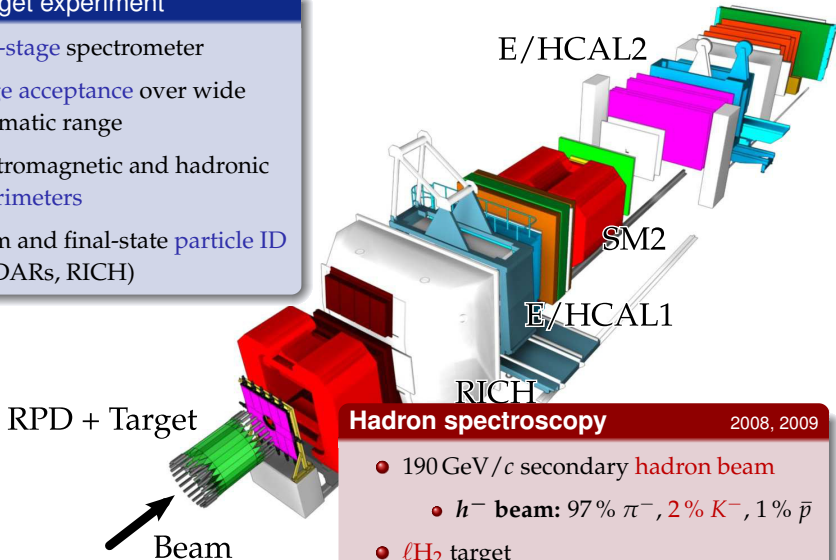
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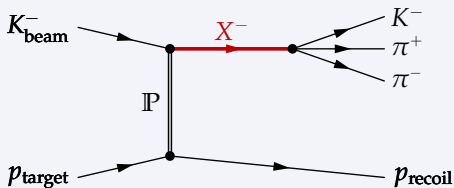
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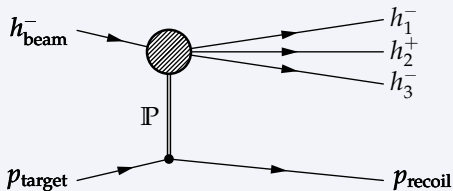
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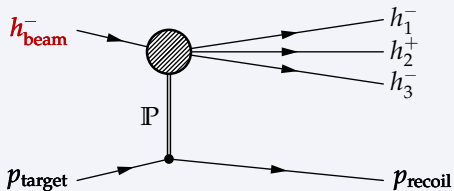
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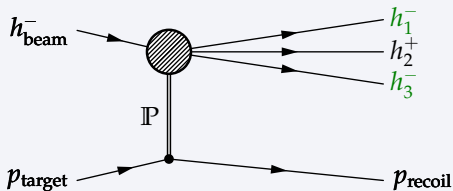
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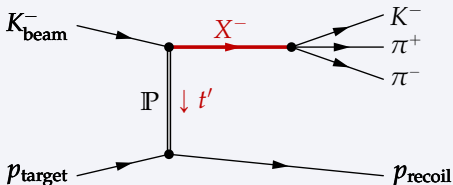
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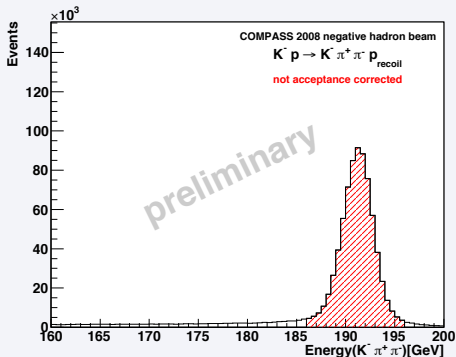
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Data sample



- From 2008 data taking campaign
- 270 000 events
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- **Exclusivity** ensured by measuring recoil proton
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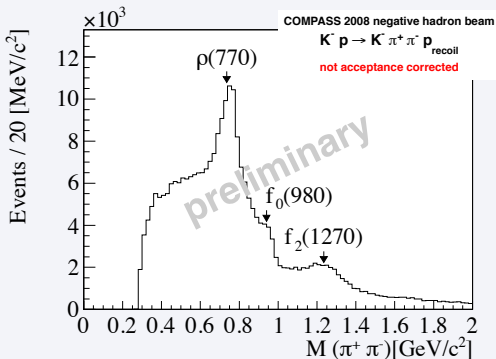




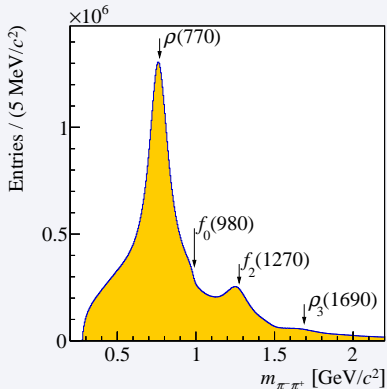
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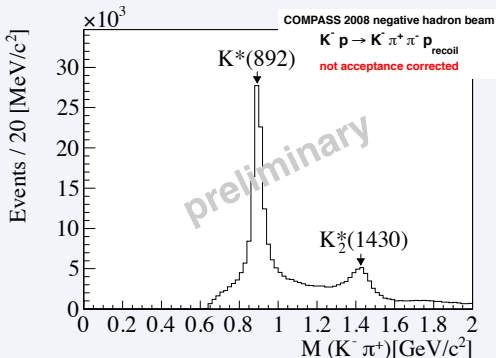
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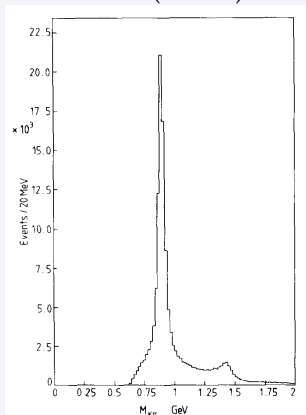
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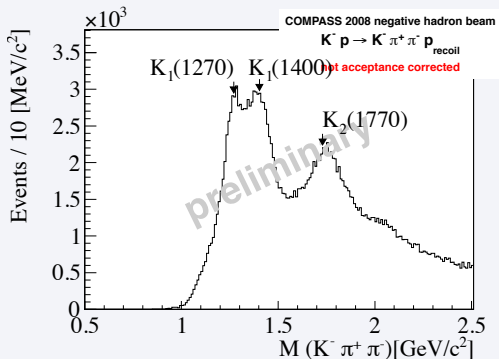
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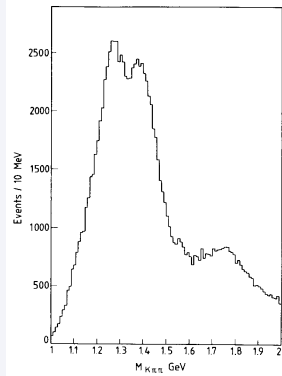
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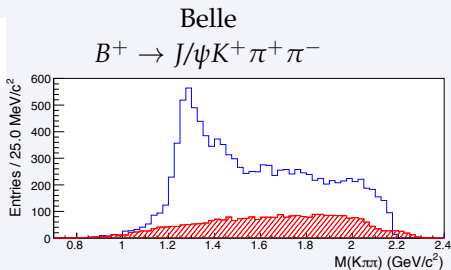
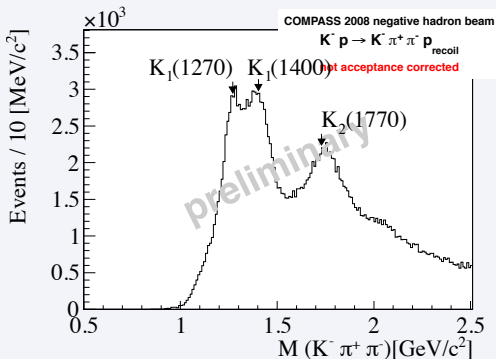
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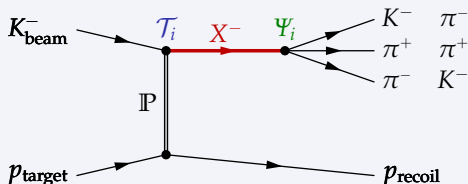
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$$0.07 < t' < 0.7 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$$



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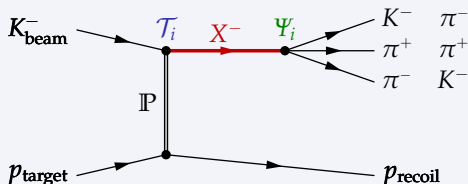
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- Need **partial-wave analysis (PWA)** to disentangle contributions from various  $J^P$  quantum numbers



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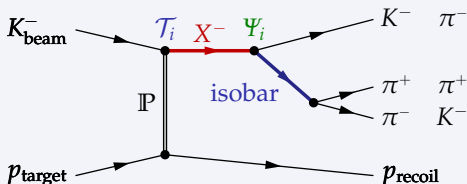
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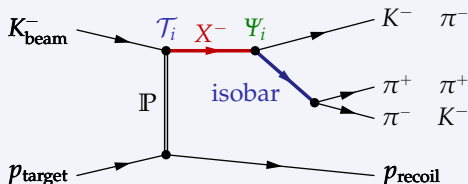
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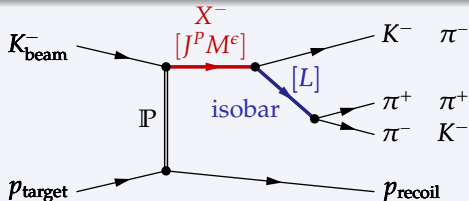
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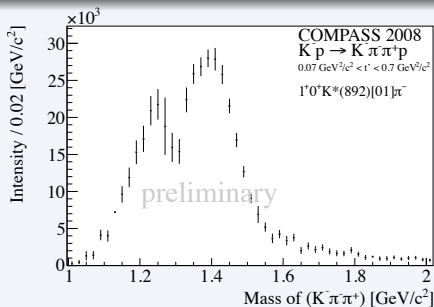
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  - $\pi^- \pi^+$  subsystem:  $f_0(500)$ ,  $\rho(770)$ , and  $f_2(1270)$
  - $K^- \pi^+$  subsystem:  $K_0^*(800)$ ,  $K^*(892)$ , and  $K_2^*(1430)$ 
    - $K_0^*(800)$  described by Breit-Wigner amplitude
- 19 waves = combinations of  $X^-$  quantum numbers and decay modes

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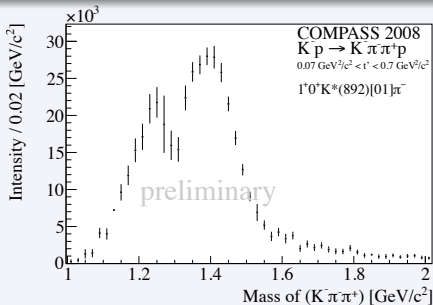
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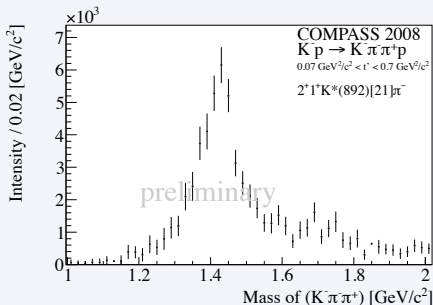
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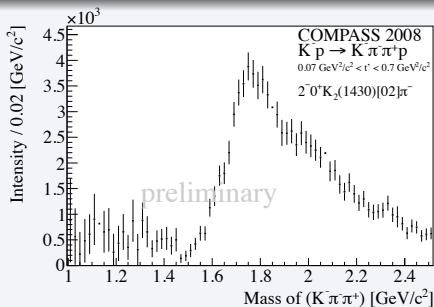


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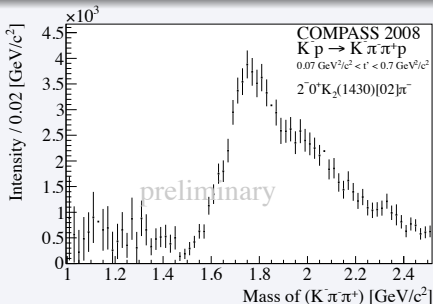
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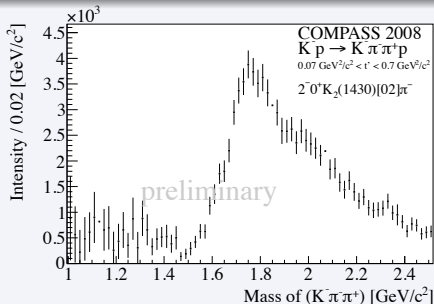
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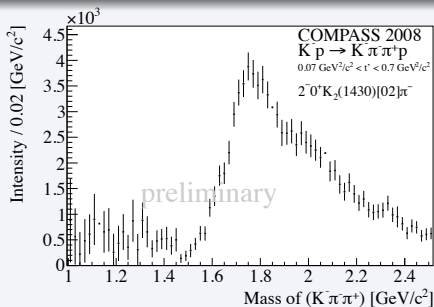
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## Further final states accessible by COMPASS

- Isospin partner channel  $K^- \pi^0 \pi^0$
- $K^- K^+ K^-$
- $K^- \pi^0, K_S^0 \pi^-, K^- \eta^{(\prime)}, K^- \omega$
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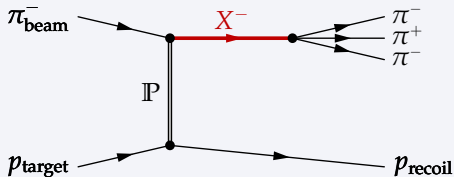
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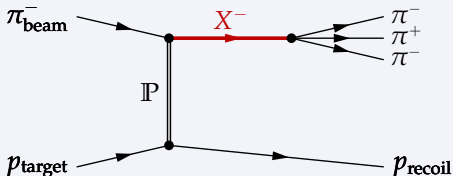


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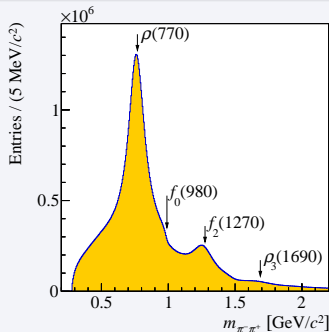
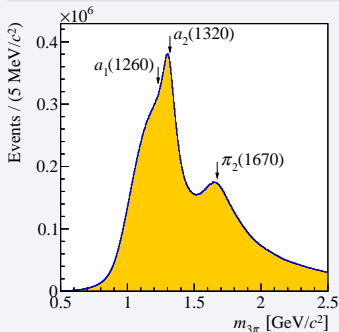
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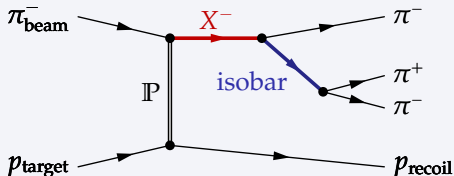
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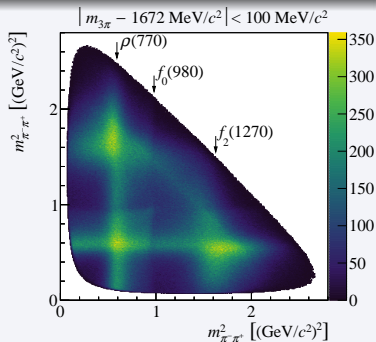
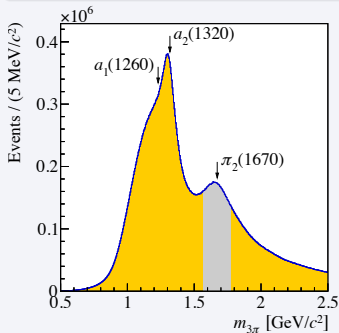
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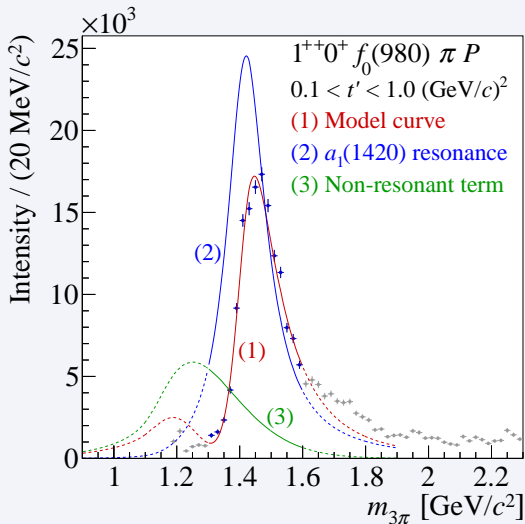


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## Improved sensitivity for small signals

- E.g. surprising find: resonance-like  $a_1(1420)$  signal in peculiar decay mode
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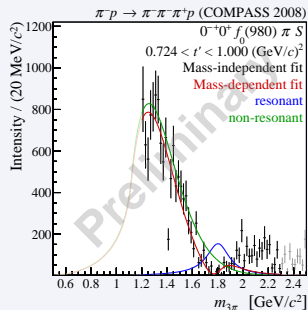
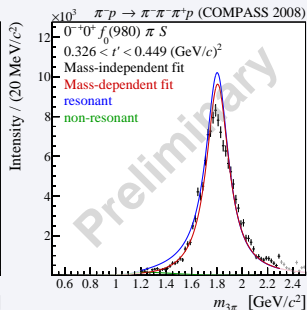
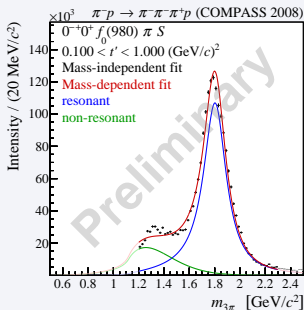
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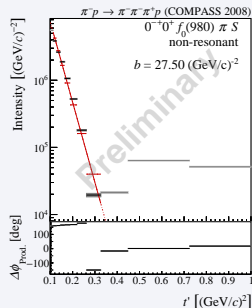
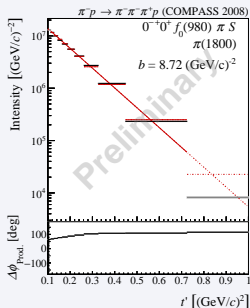
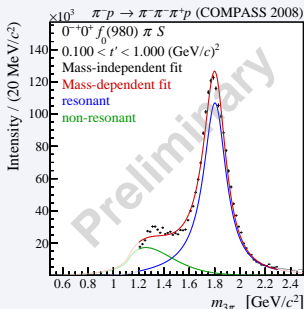


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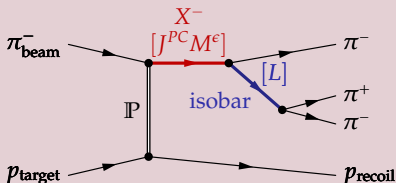
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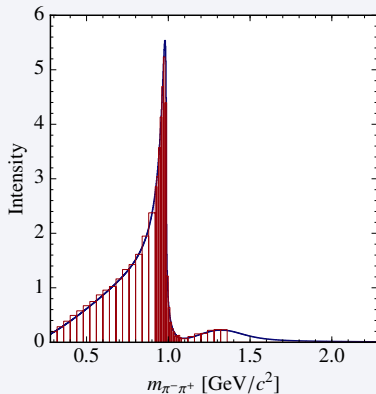
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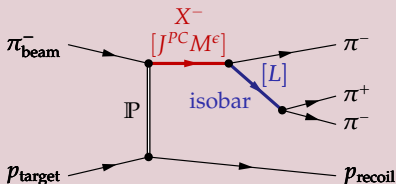
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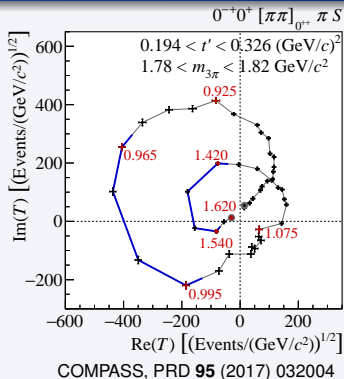
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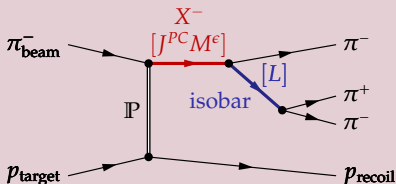
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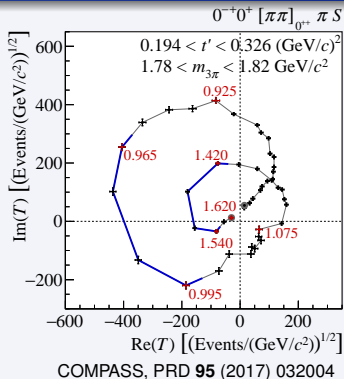
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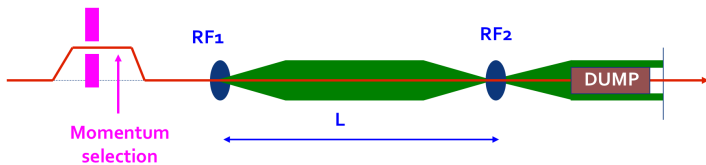


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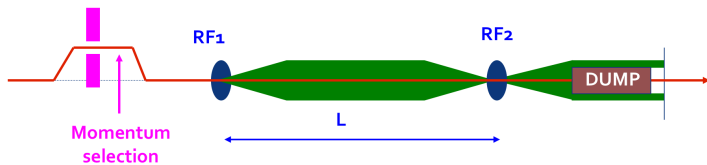
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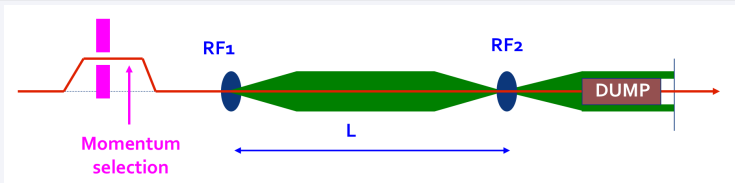
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