

# *E15: A Search for a deeply bound kaonic nuclear state by the in-flight $^3\text{He}(K,n)$ reaction at J-PARC*

*--- 2nd presentation ---*

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# *OUTLINE of the FIRST PAC presentation*

## **- Physics motivation**

*theoretical background*

*experimental situation*

## **- Experimental procedure**

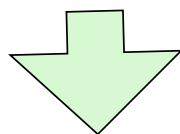
*in-flight  ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n)$*

*missing-mass with neutron counter wall*

*invariant-mass with CDS*

## **- Beam request**

*~ one month @ 9  $\mu\text{A}$*



*5.5 weeks + 2 (for commissioning)*

**STAGE1 approval**

**FIFC presented by H. Ohnishi**

## *Items to be addressed...*

**requested by previous PAC-report**

- ***Relation with E549/E570 result***  
*better understanding of the previous experiment*
- ***Any change in strategy?***

# OBJECTIVE of E549 + E570



1. Confirmation of  $S^0$
2.  ${}^4\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \text{n})$  spectroscopy

higher redundancies

higher statistics       $P \times 20 \ n \times 6$

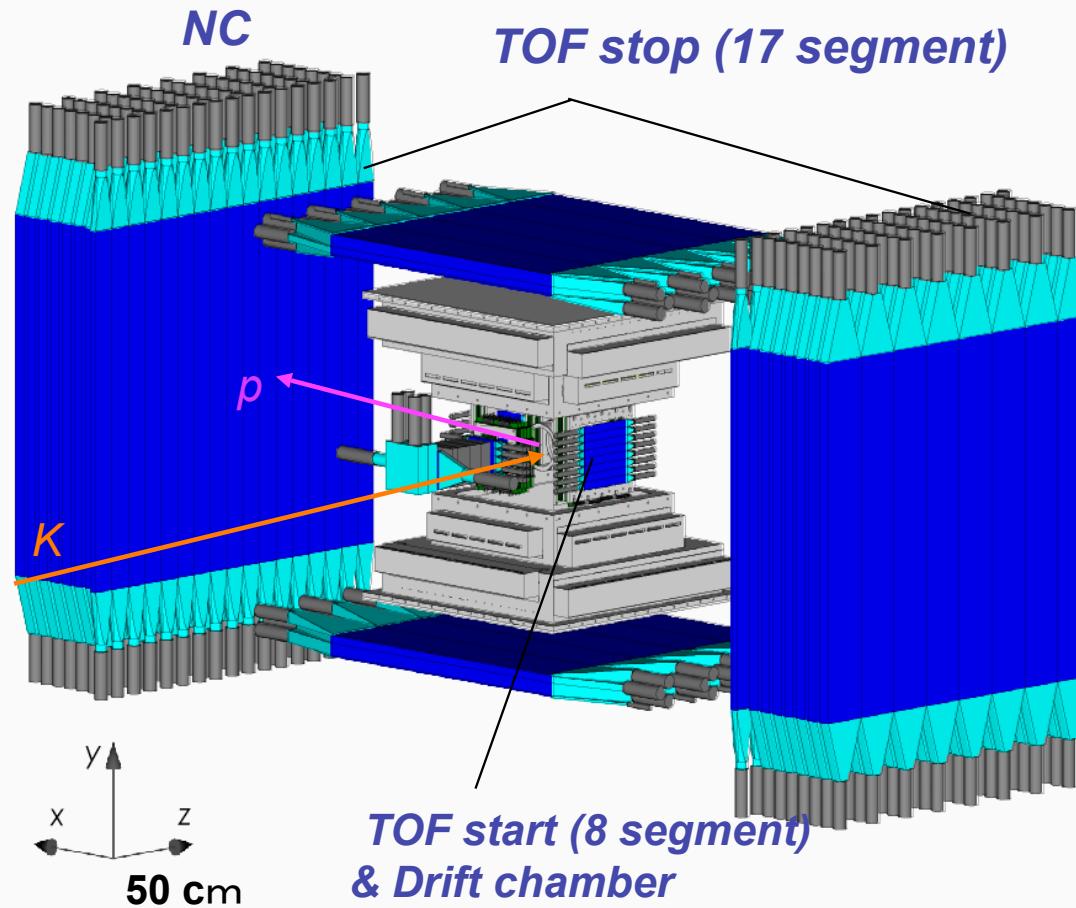
better resolution       $P \ 300 \rightarrow 120 \ \text{ps}$   
 $n \ 300 \rightarrow 200 \ \text{ps}$

inclusive for proton

# E549/E570 Experimental Setup

12GeV PS K5

Data taking : 2005 May 25<sup>th</sup> – Jul. 1<sup>st</sup>



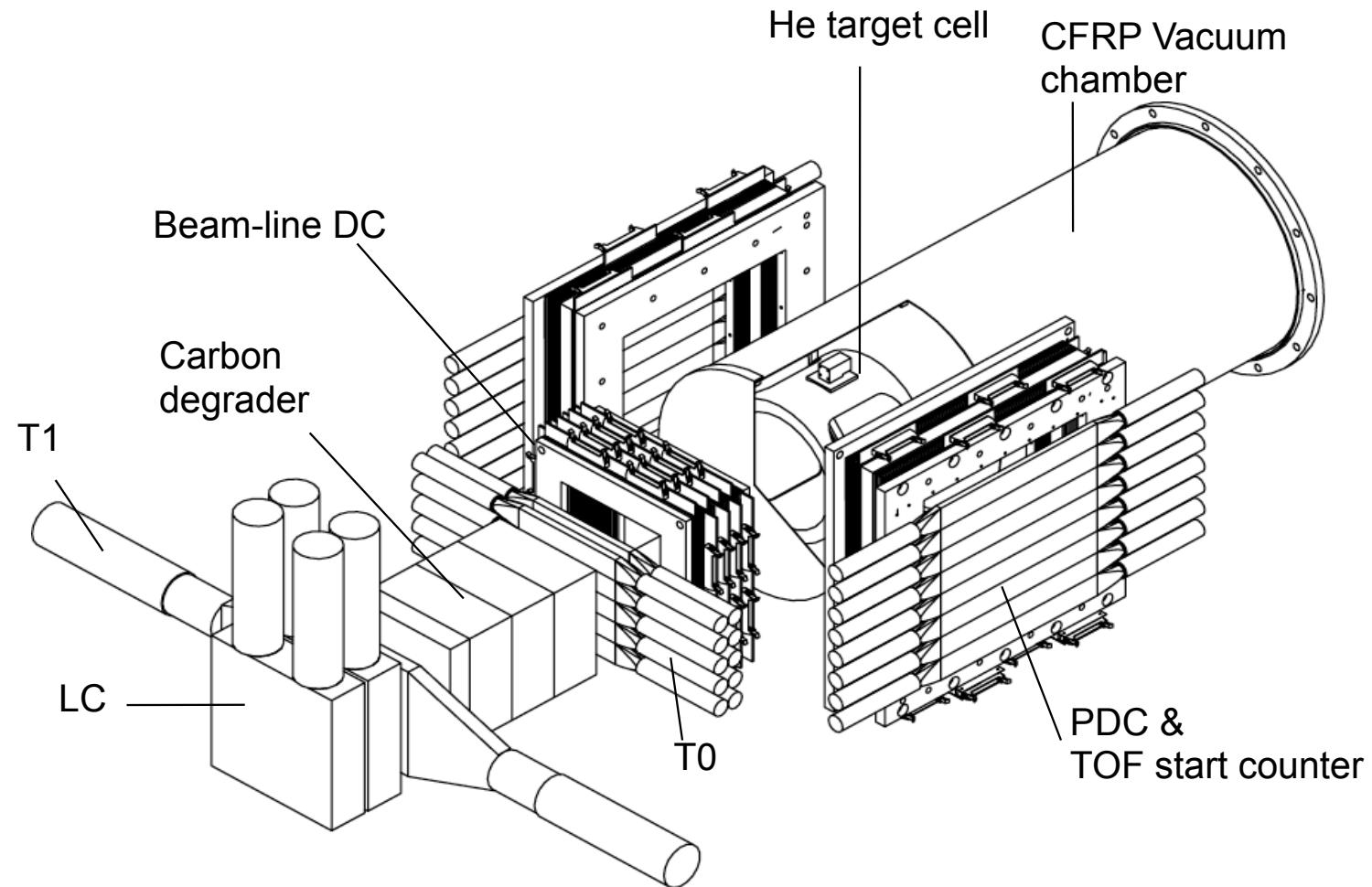
**K-** momentum : 660 MeV/c  
**K-** beam : 5K/spill  
 $\pi^-/\text{K}^-$  ratio: ~200

**Lucite Cherenkov**  
:  $\pi^-/\text{K}$  separation  
**Beam line DC**  
: K tracking

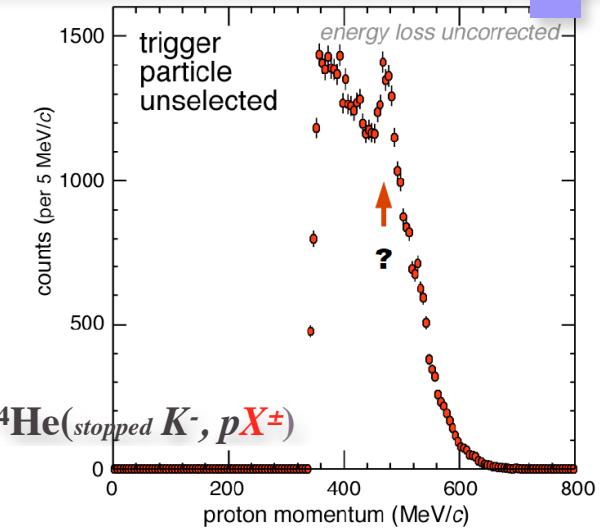
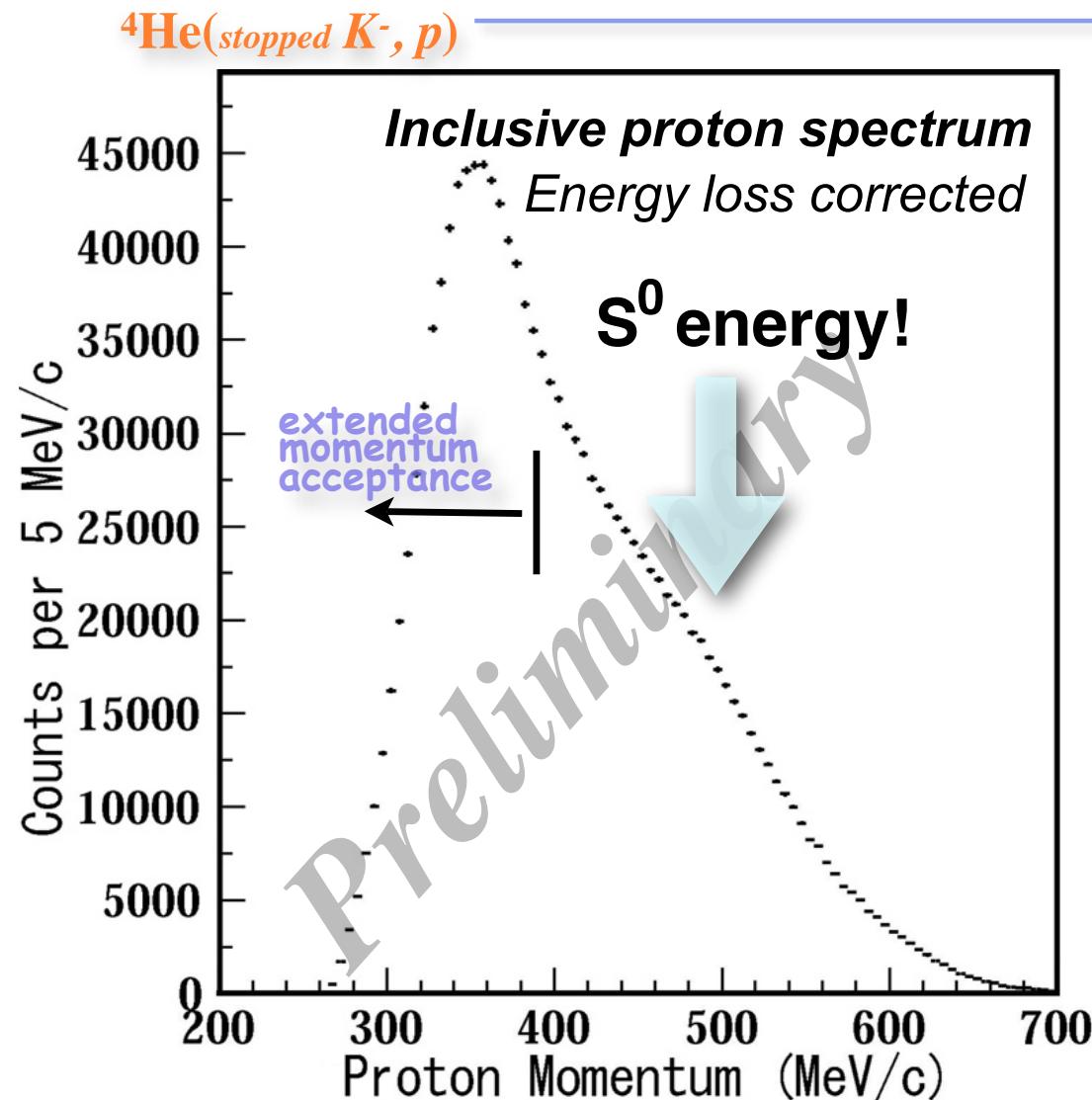
**TOF counter**  
p: TOF path ~1.6m  
n: TOF path > 2m

${}^4\text{He}(K_{\text{stop}}, p)$  inclusive measurement:  $(\textcolor{red}{K} \times \textcolor{magenta}{TOF}_{\text{charged}})$

# E549/E570 Experimental Setup - II



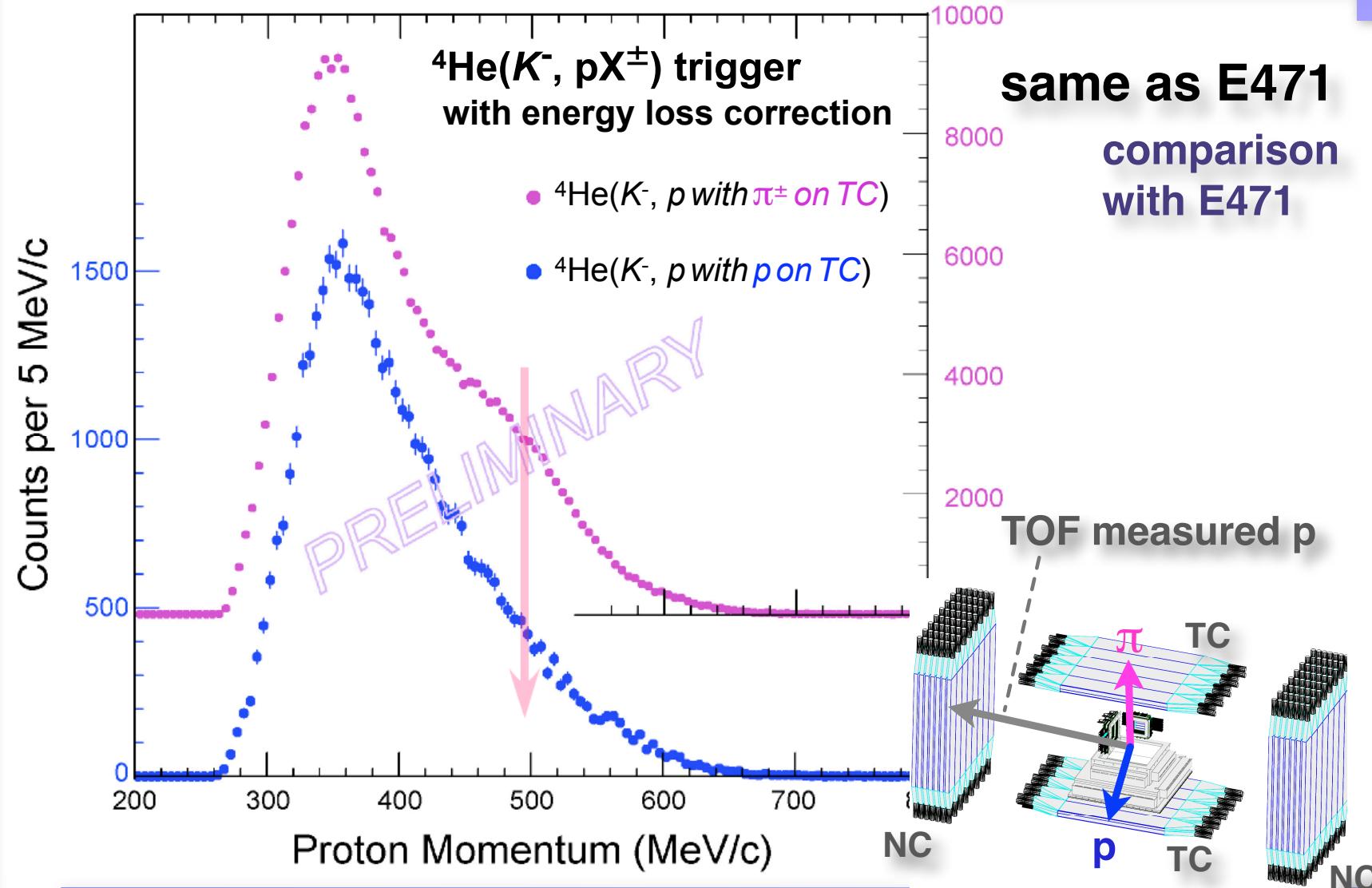
# ${}^4\text{He}(\text{stopped } K^-, p)$ proton inclusive spectrum



*compared to E471*

- higher redundancies
- higher statistics
- better resolution
- inclusive for proton
- wider mom. acceptance

# Proton spectrum by requesting $X^\pm$ on TC

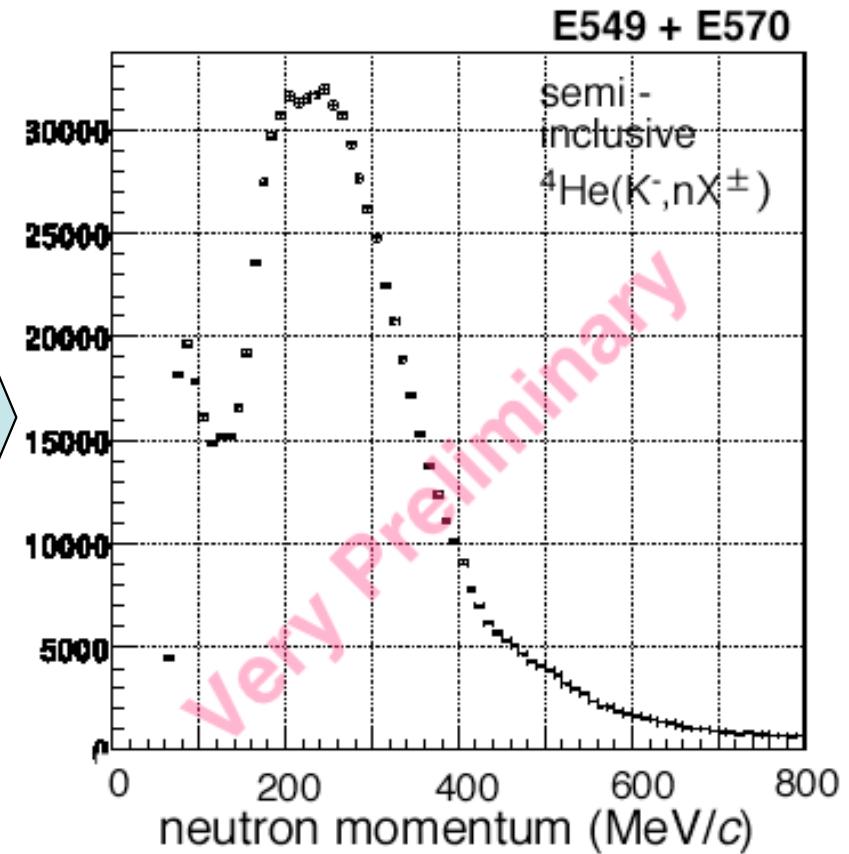
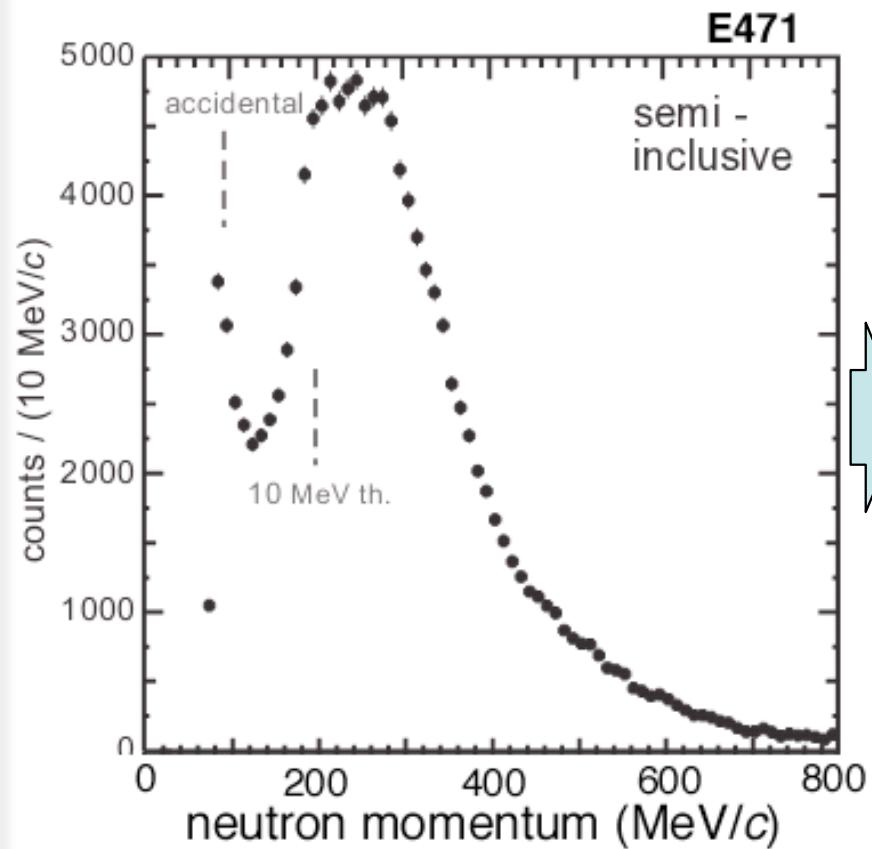


# Neutron spectrum

**No narrow peak in semi-inclusive spectrum**

(~20MeV)

~ 6 times higher statistics  
~30% better resolution



# Why E471 gave Peak in proton spectrum?

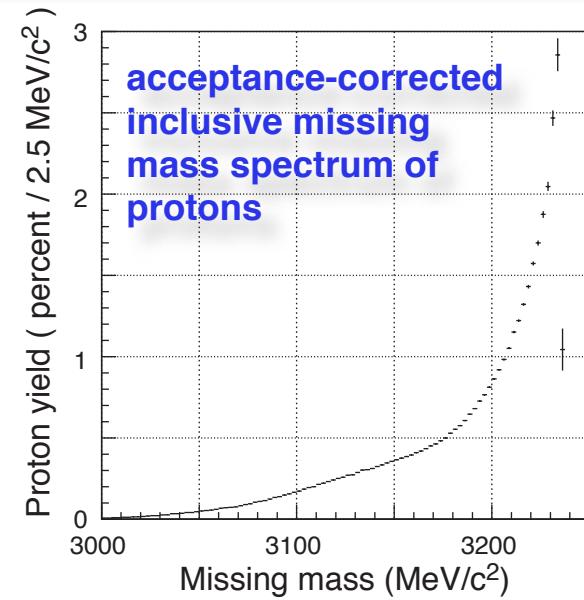
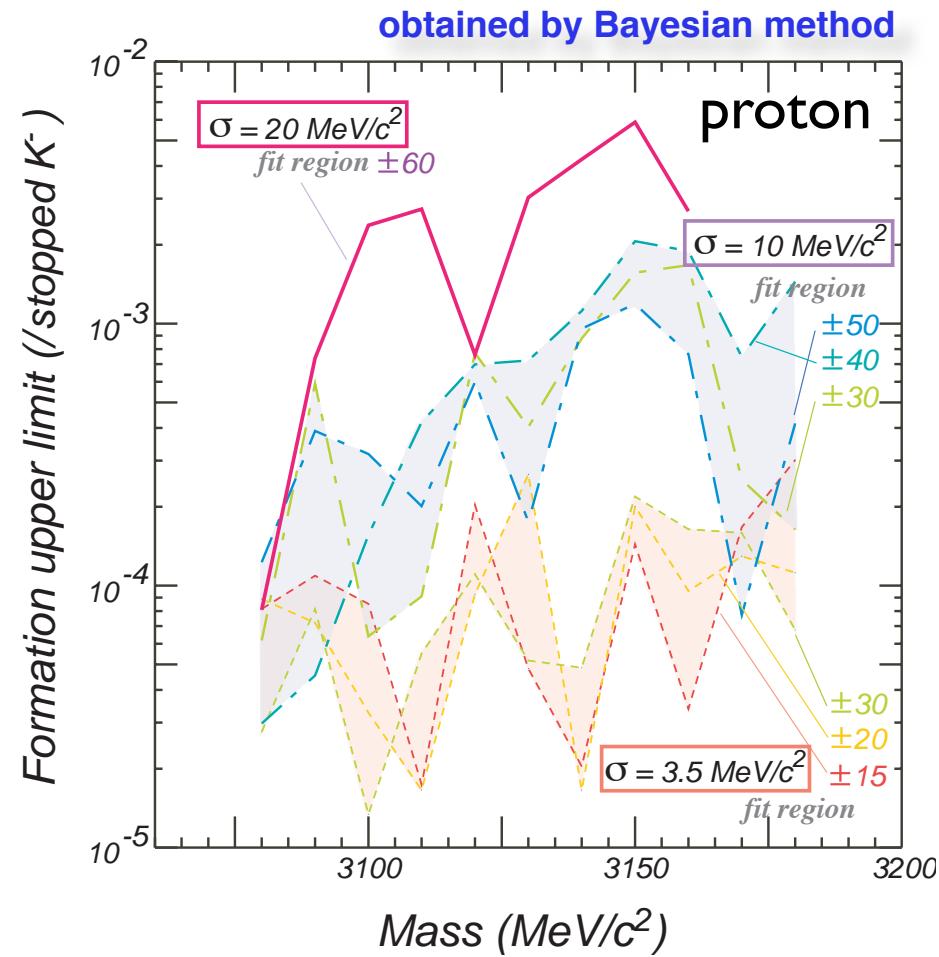
*already presented at ...*

ECT\* / HYP / JSPS / YKIS / KEK PS-PAC

1. Peak in **proton** spectrum is likely an experimental artifact  
*due to PMT time response for huge pulses*
2. E471 data re-analysis is impossible
3. No such effect is expected in **neutron** spectrum



# Upper limit of peak formation yield



$\Gamma \sim 46 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\lesssim 10^{-2}$
$\Gamma \sim 23 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\lesssim 10^{-3}$
$\Gamma \sim 10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\lesssim 10^{-4}$

## Narrow structure is excluded

Although...

1. Do not have sensitivity for wider structure

*poor S/N for stopped K reaction*

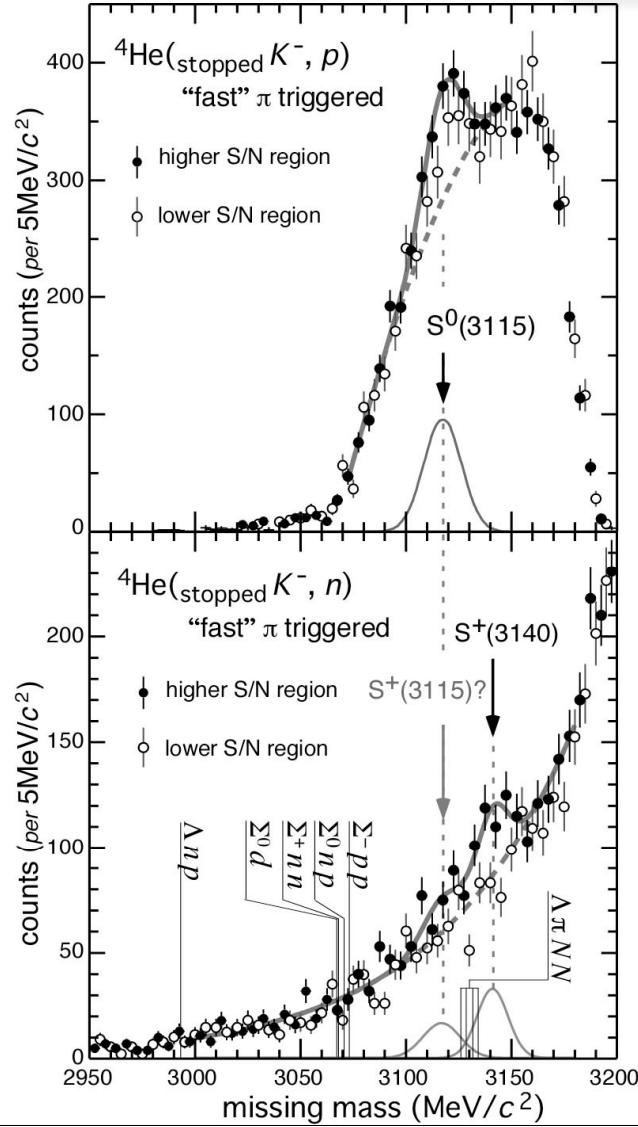


2. Study with decay particles recorded on TC

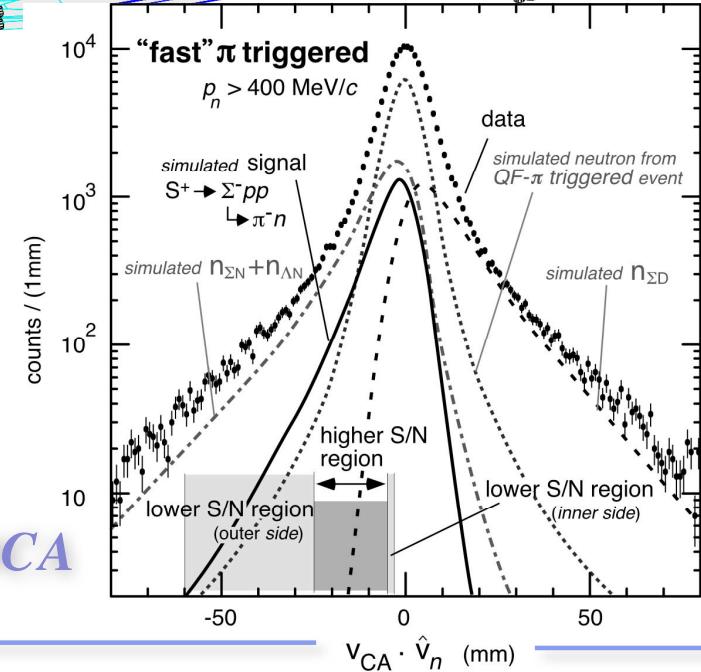
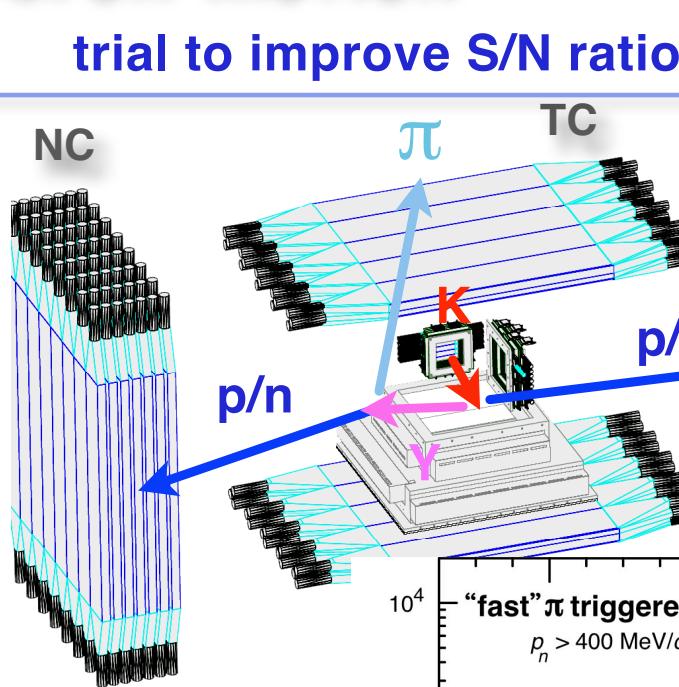
*in progress...*

# Analysis with hyperon motion

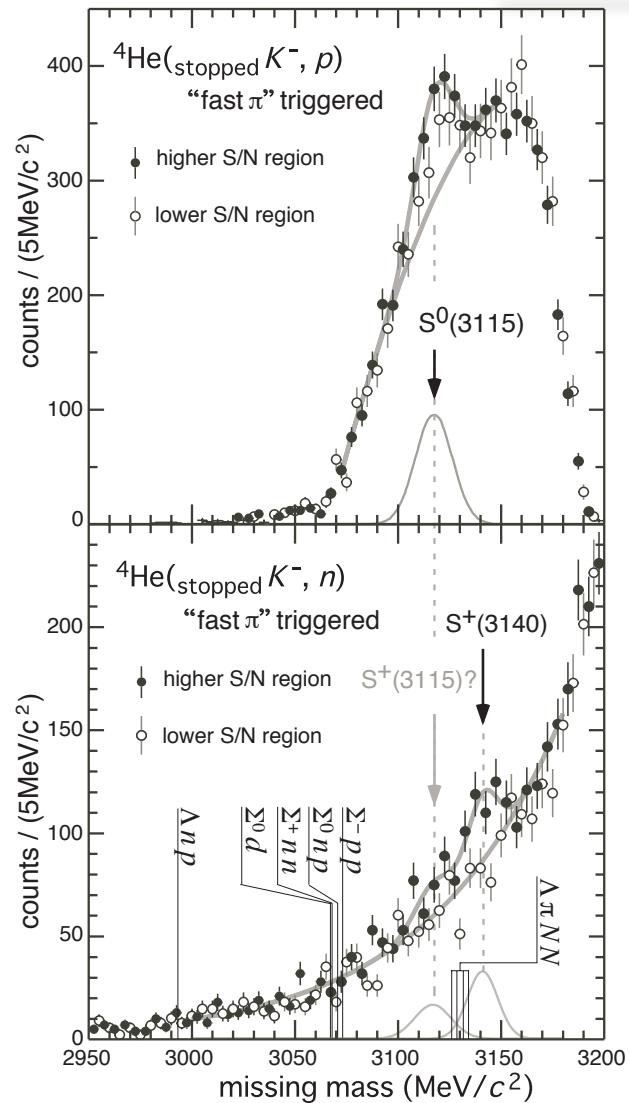
trial to improve S/N ratio



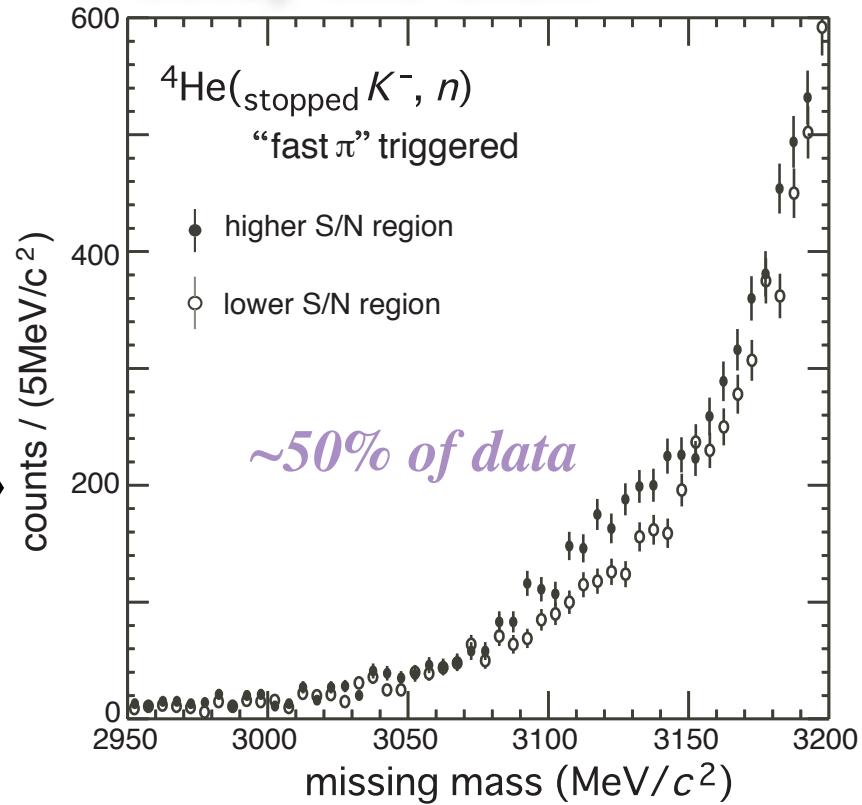
$$v_{CA} \cdot \hat{v}_N \sim \text{signed DCA}$$



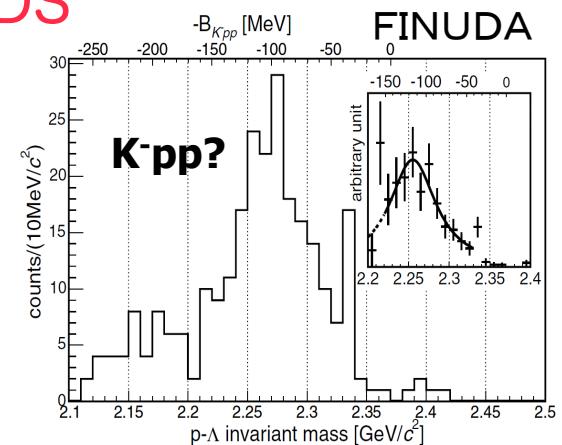
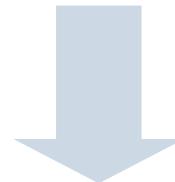
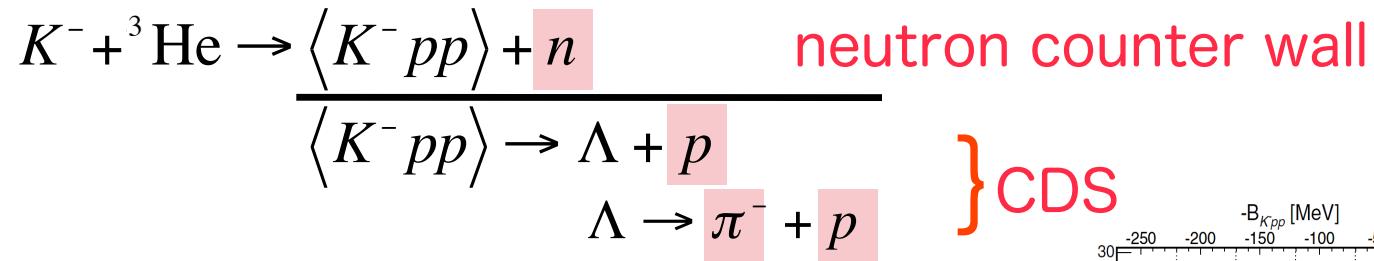
# Analysis with hyperon motion - II



neutron spectrum of  
side-band analysis  
with  $\Sigma$ -backward  
decay-like event



# Perfect Exp. @ J-PARC



- 1. In-flight method**  
better S/N suppress QF-KNN background!
- 2. Exclusive**  
detect both formation and decay
- 3. Most fundamental system**  
avoid complex spectral structure

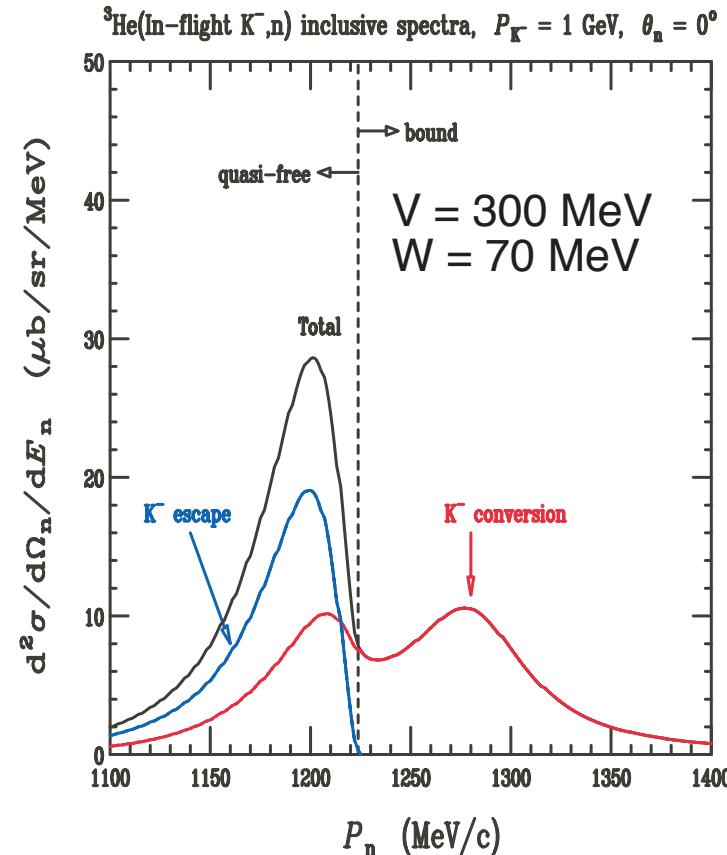
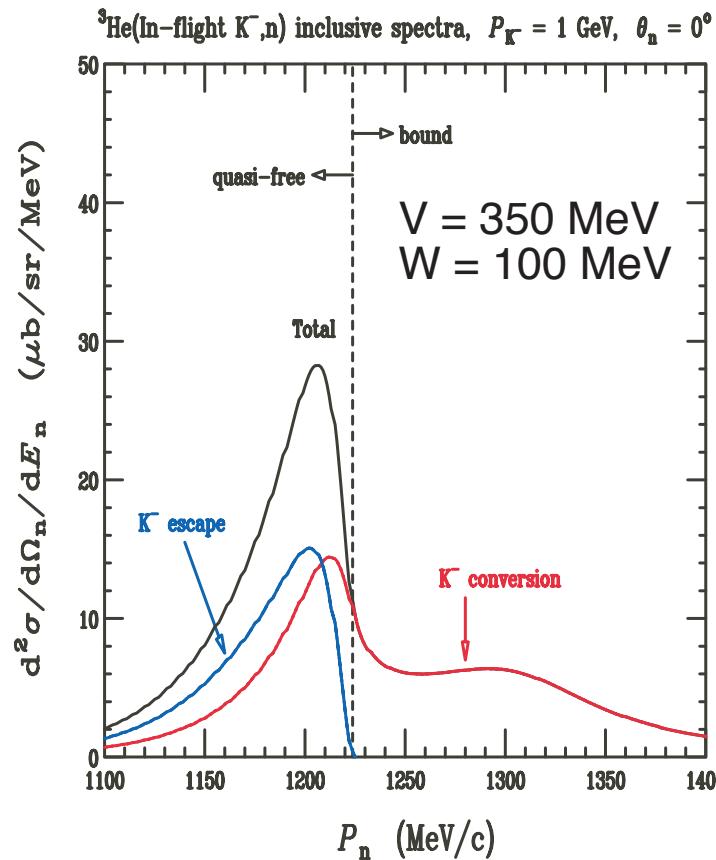
# Recent theoretical progress

	method	B.E.	$\Gamma$
Akaishi, Yamazaki PLB535 (2002) 70	ATMS	48 MeV	61 MeV
K. Swe Mynt, Akaishi APFB05	Gaussian base Rearrangement-channel		
Ivanov, Kinle, Marton, Widmann nucl-th/0512037	Field theoretic approach	115 MeV	28 MeV
Dote, Weise YKIS06	AMD		
Ikeda, Sato HYP06	Faddeev	55 MeV	40 MeV
Arai, Yasui, Oka JPS06-2	$\Lambda^* N$ model	87 MeV	
Shevchenko, Gal, Mares nucl-th/0610022	Faddeev	55-70 MeV	95-110 MeV

Kaon will be bound but wider in width

# DWIA based spectral function

Koike & Harada



Signal is well separated from QF channel

## *Items to be addressed : answer*

**requested by previous PAC-report**

- Relation with E549/E570 result**

- wider ( $\gtrsim 40$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>) structure is not excluded*
- side-band S/N comparison gives enhancement*
- stopped-K method: large background contamination*

- Any change in strategy?**

- K-pp is the simplest system (cf. FINUDA data)*
- “background-free” spectroscopy*  
*(formation & missing-mass)*
- no change in strategy for the search*

*Thank you!*



**SPARE**

# TOF calibration with stopped $K^+$ events

$\bar{u}^{}_4He(K^+_{stop}, X^\pm)$  reaction

mono-chromatic ( $1/\beta$ )

$\mu^+ (K^+_{\mu 2} : K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu, 63.43\%)$

$\pi^+ (K^+_{\pi 2} : K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0, 21.13\%)$

$e^+ (K^+_{e 3} : K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu, 4.87\%)$

$1/\beta$  分解能

$\sigma \sim 0.020$  ( $K_{\mu 2}$  peak width)

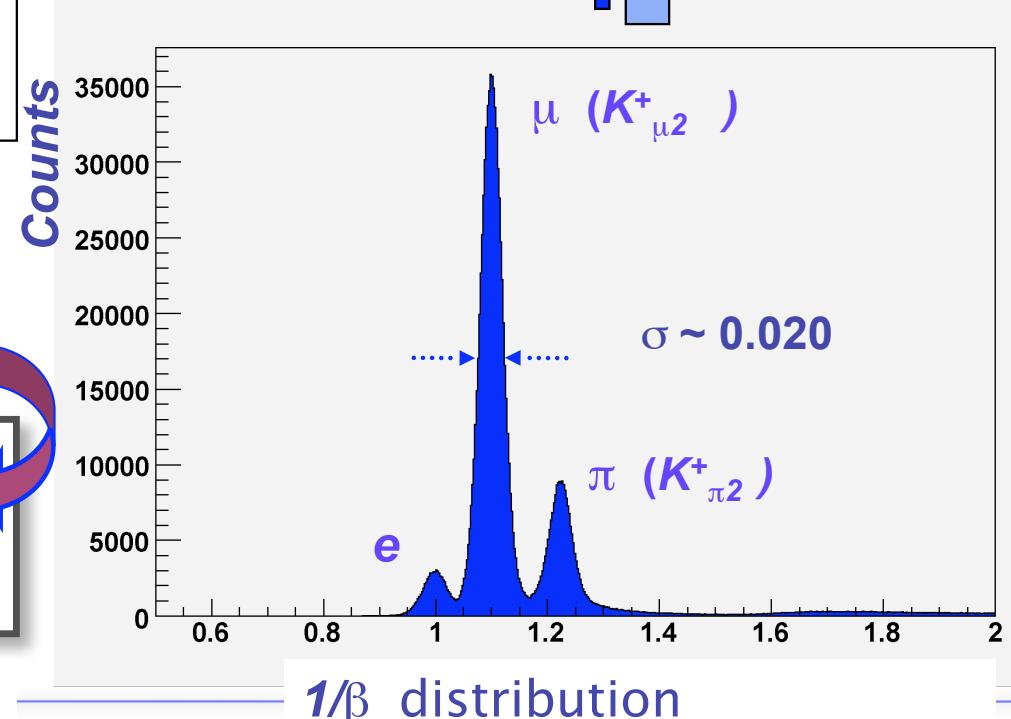
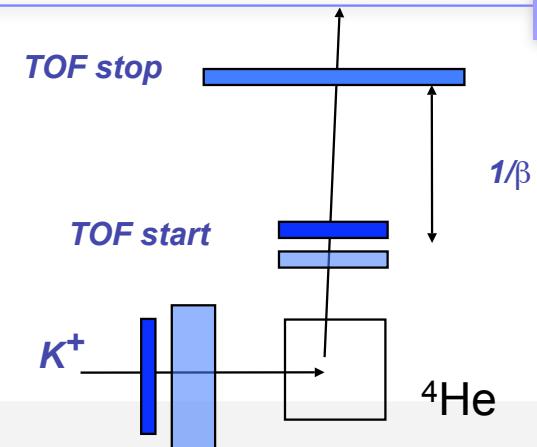
For proton...

Missing mass resolution

$\sigma \sim 3.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

@Mass of  $S^0$

Twice improved

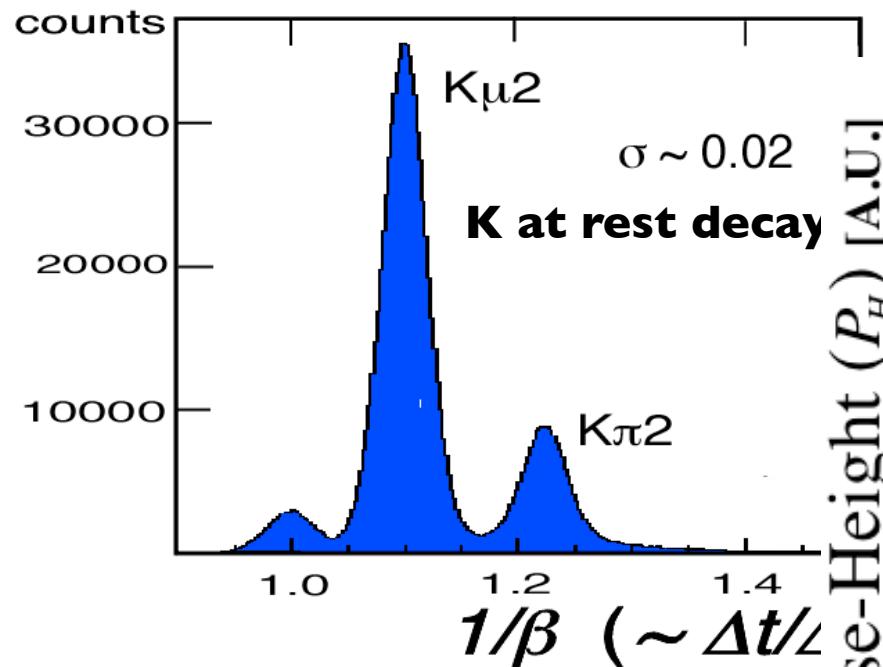


**Why E471 gives Peak  
in proton spectrum?**

# Why narrow peak in E471?

## TOF analysis procedure

How actual signal from PMT looks like ...

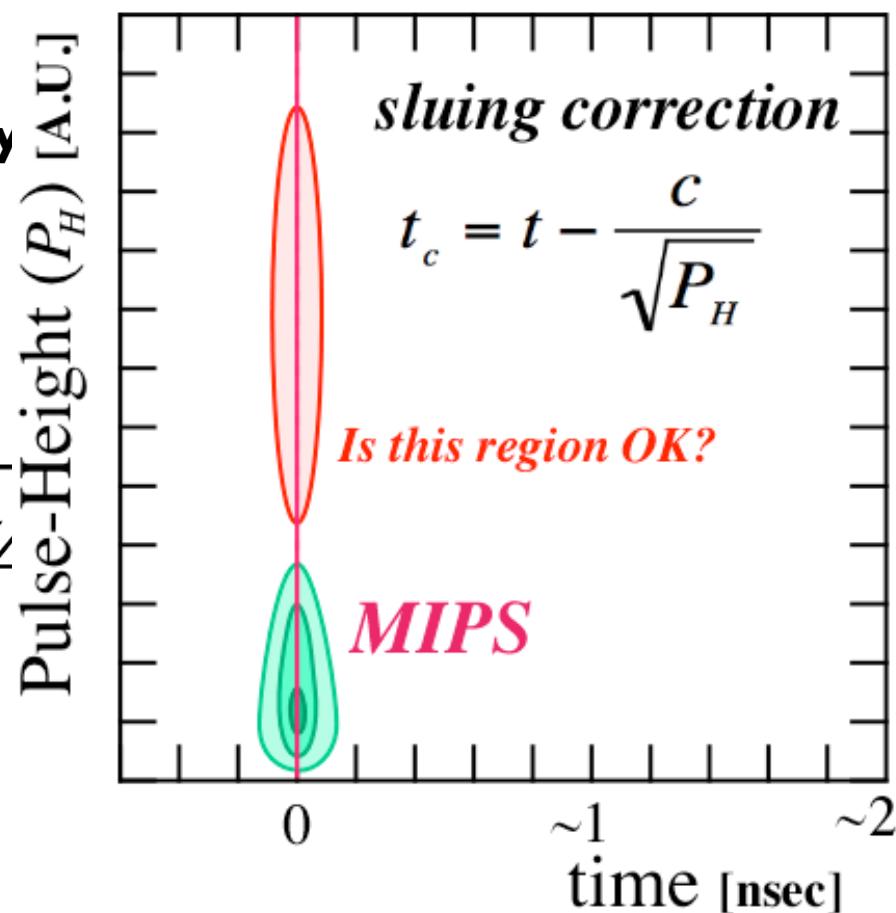


**Slewing correction**

*not applied!*

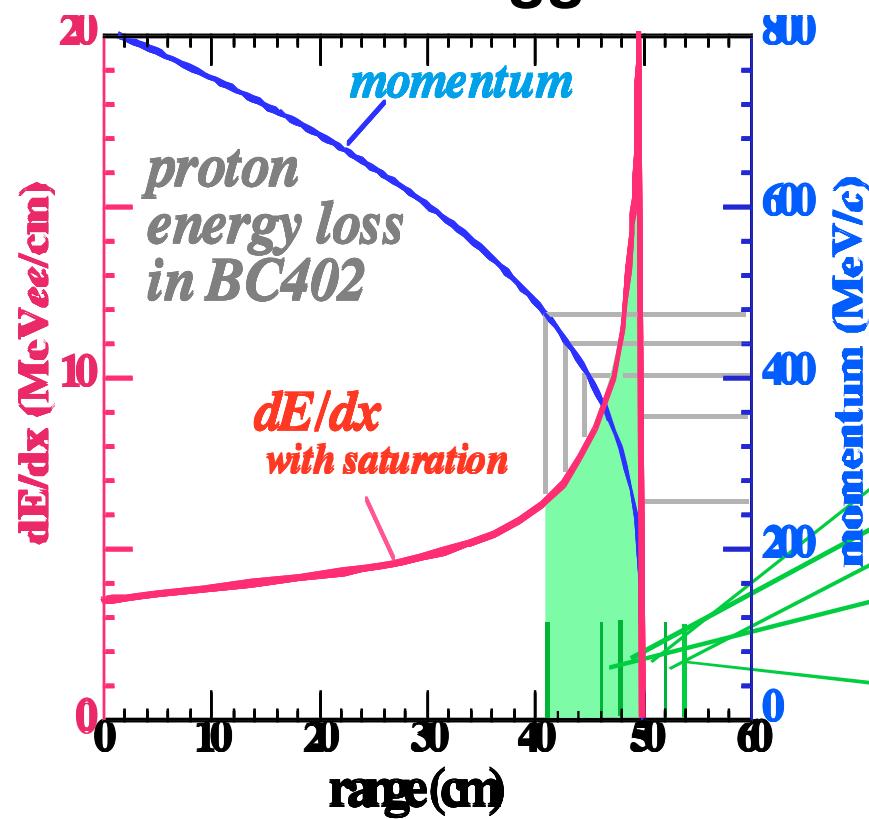
**Very nice resolution  
achieved!**

**Question is :**

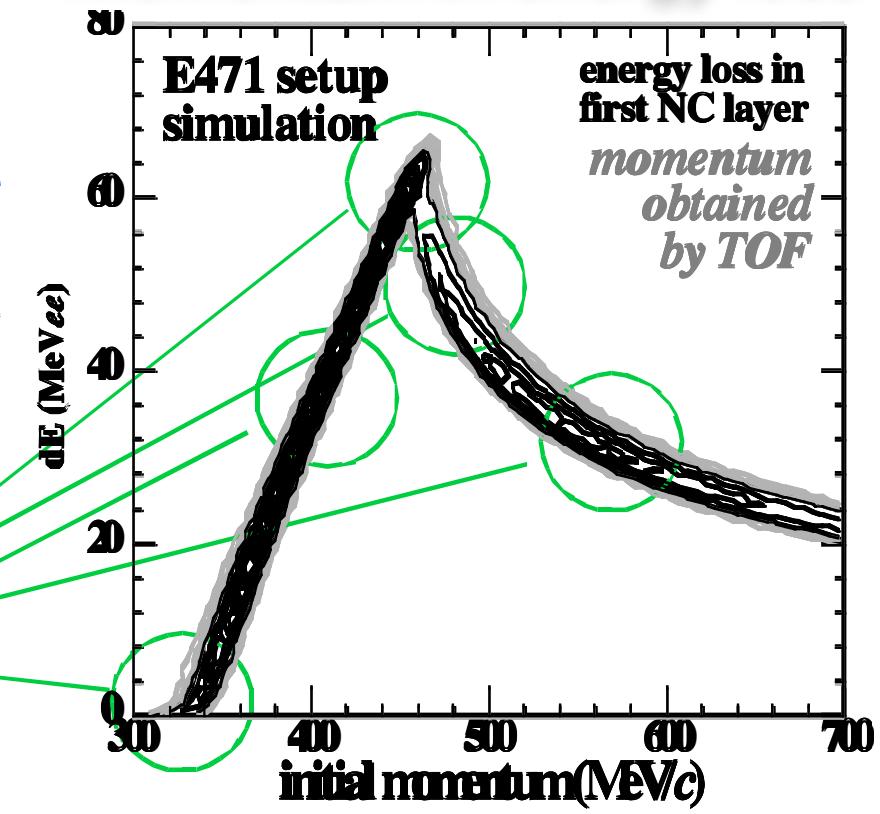


# Why narrow peak in E471?

*What happens when viewed by a counter*  
**Bragg curve**



cusp structure produced  
as a function of proton  
momentum in energy loss

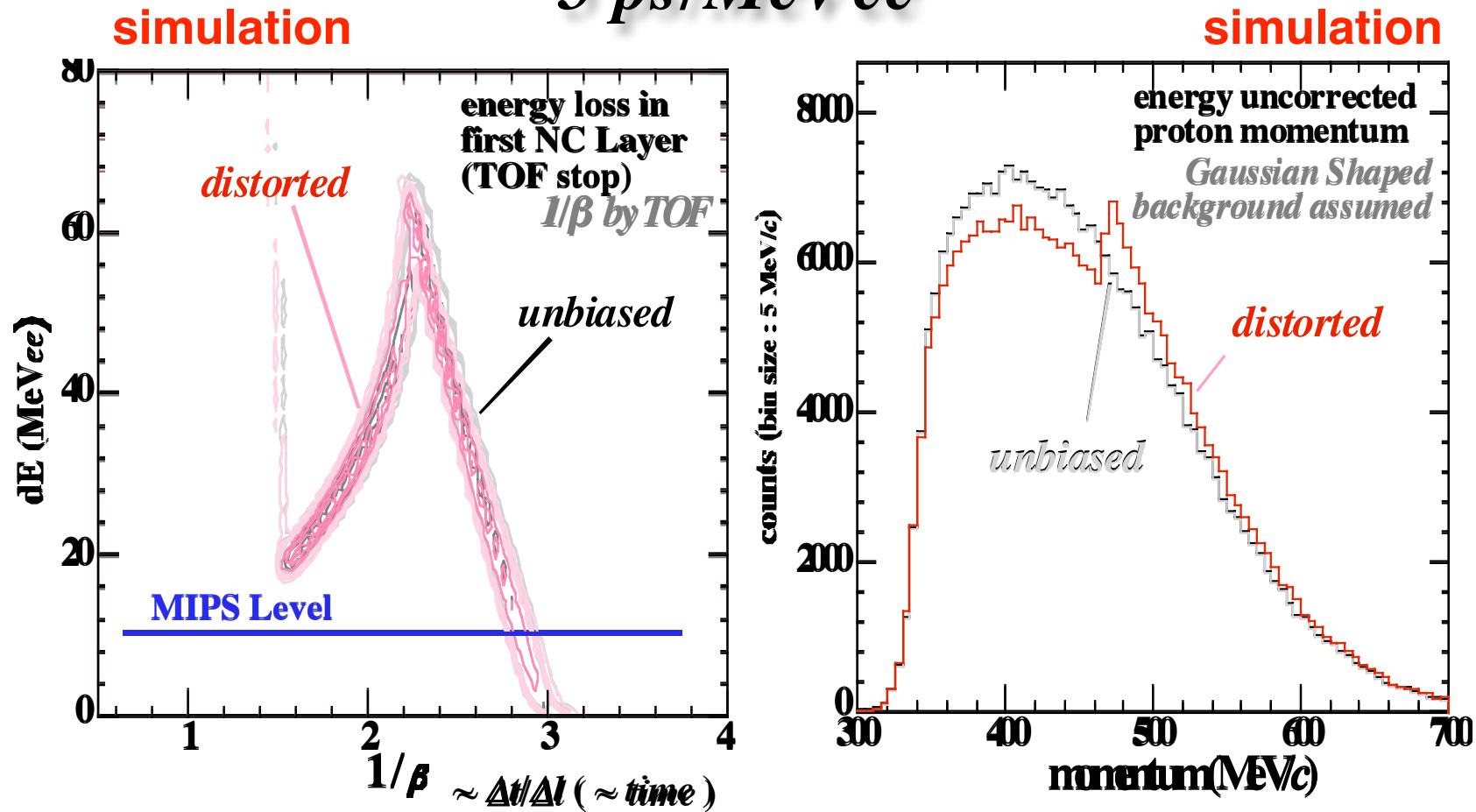


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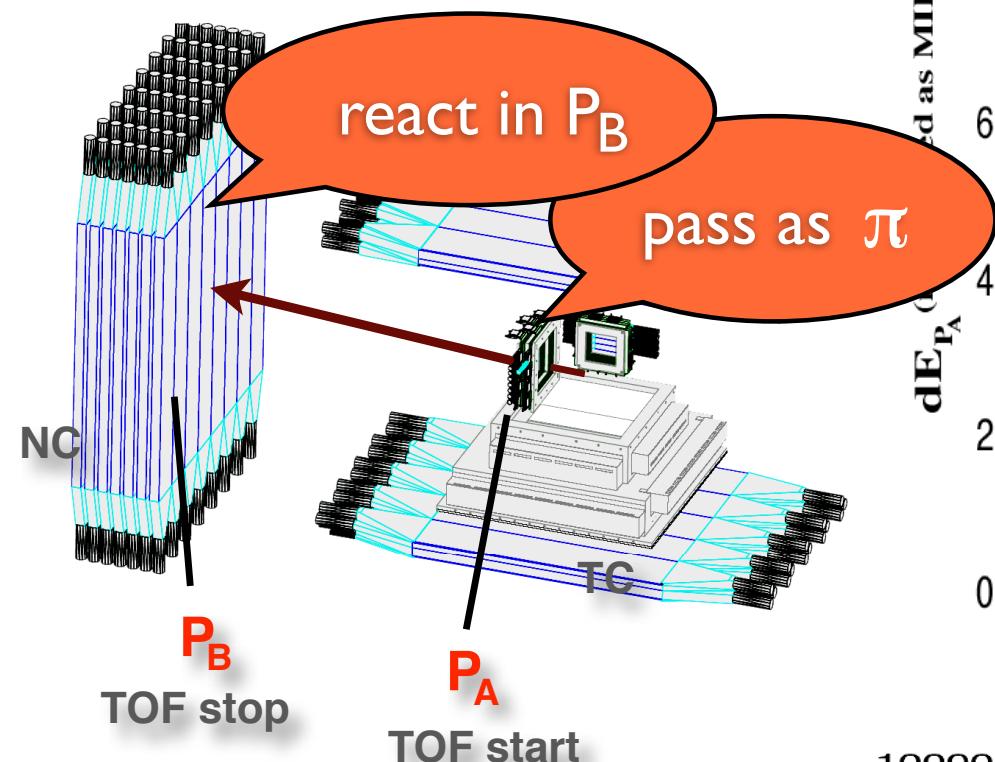
What happens if time correction is slightly imperfect?

*Assuming distortion as small as*

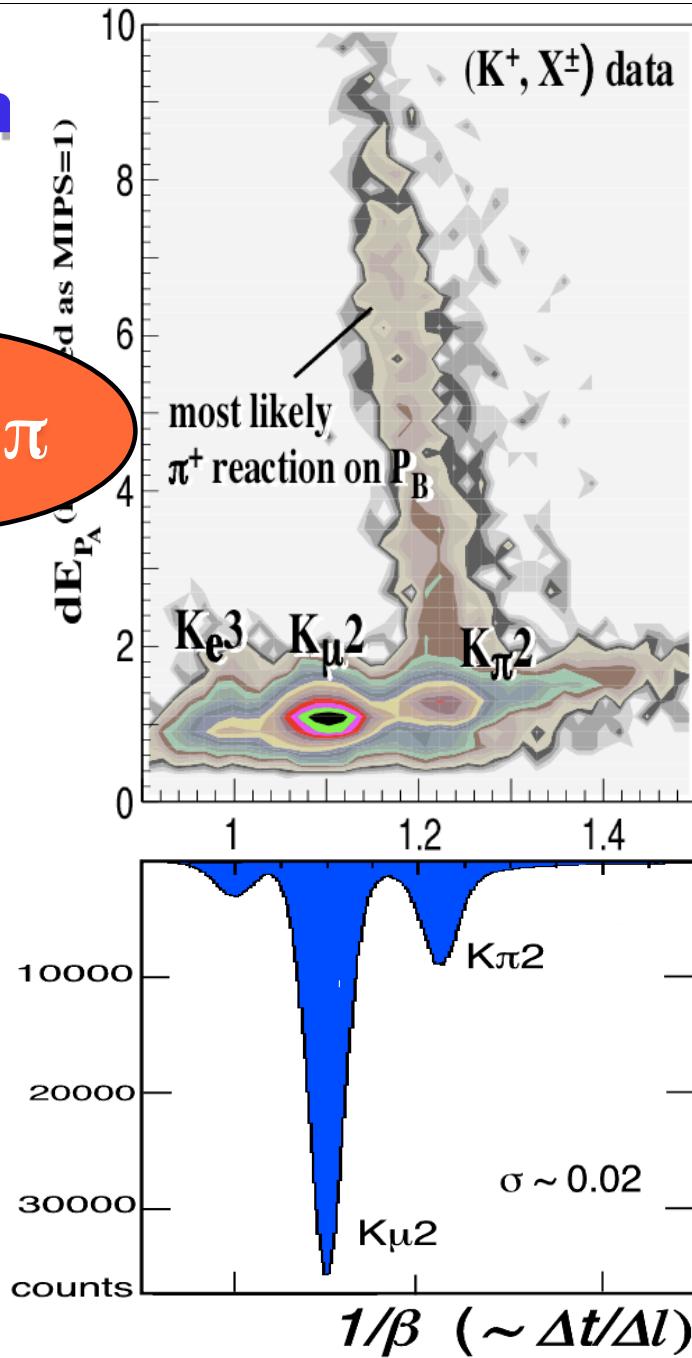
*5 ps/MeVee*



## Why narrow peak in



data available only  
in E549/E570

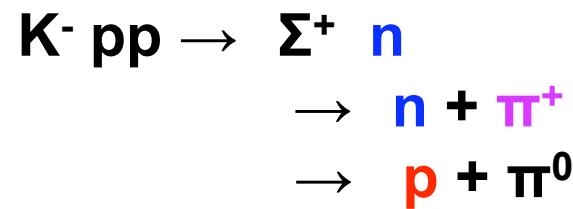


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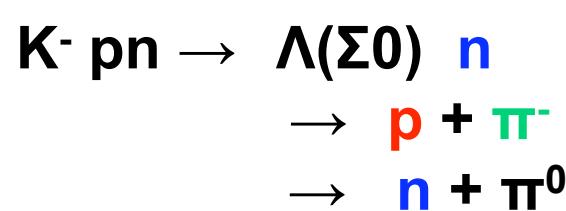
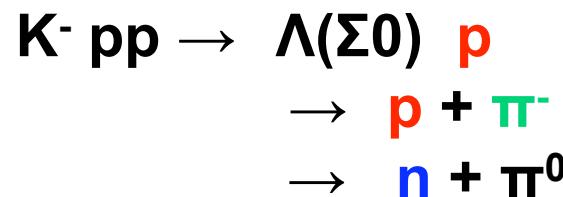


1. Peak in **proton** spectrum is most likely experimental bias
2. E471 data re-analysis is impossible!
3. No such effect is expected in **neutron** spectrum

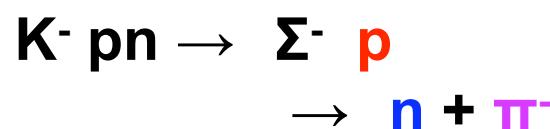
# **Decay particle study**



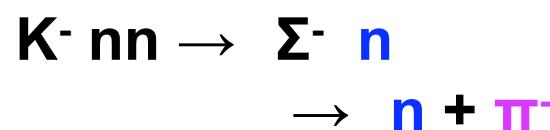
$\Sigma^+ N \sim 1\%$



$\Lambda N \sim 12\%$



$\Sigma^- N \sim 4\%$



**How to calibrate  
the neutron detector?**

## Absolute momentum scale calibration for Neutron counter

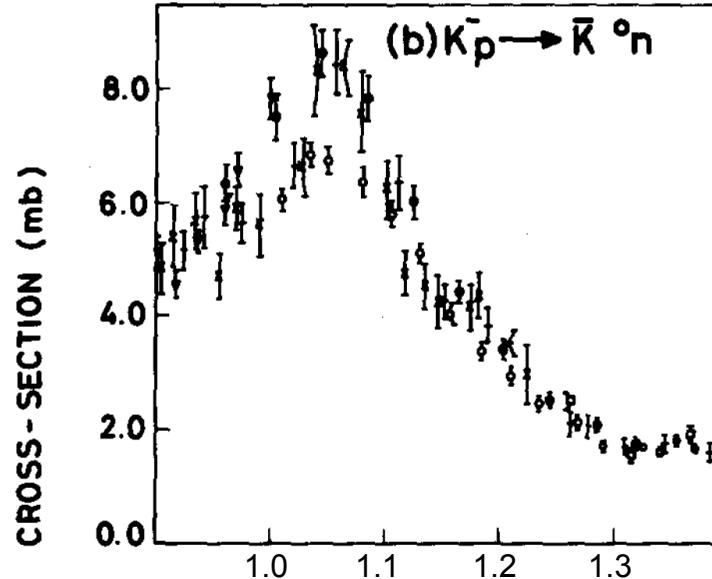
Charge exchange reaction,  $p(K^-, n) K_S^0$ ,  
will be used. ( w/ CH<sub>2</sub> target )

Large cross section with  
1 GeV/c momentum K<sup>-</sup> beam.

~ 6 mb

Known:

- incident K<sup>-</sup> beam momentum
- K<sub>S</sub><sup>0</sup> momentum measured by CDC



Nucl. Phys. B105(1976)189

Reconstruct expect neutron momentum:

from K<sub>0</sub> in CDC + incident K<sup>-</sup> beam momentum

Expected neutron momentum

compare

Measured neutron momentum

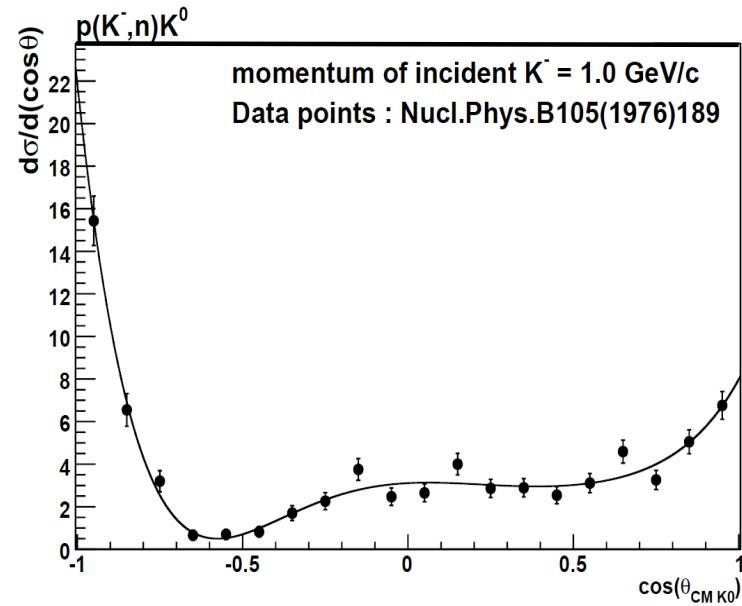
## $p(K^-,n), K_S^0$ process in simulation

Differential cross section of the process :

Parameters given in  
Nucl. Phys. B105(1976) 189 are used.

  
E15 detector simulation  
( GEANT4 base)

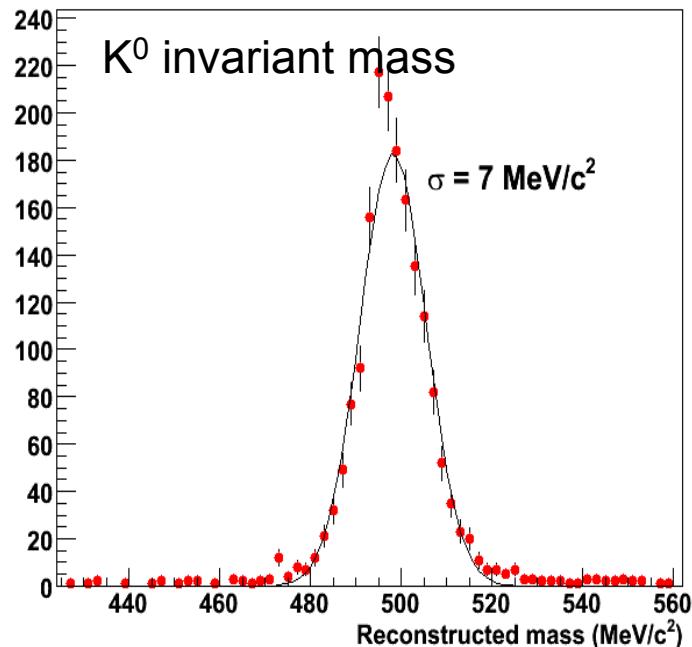
Expected number of interactions per hour



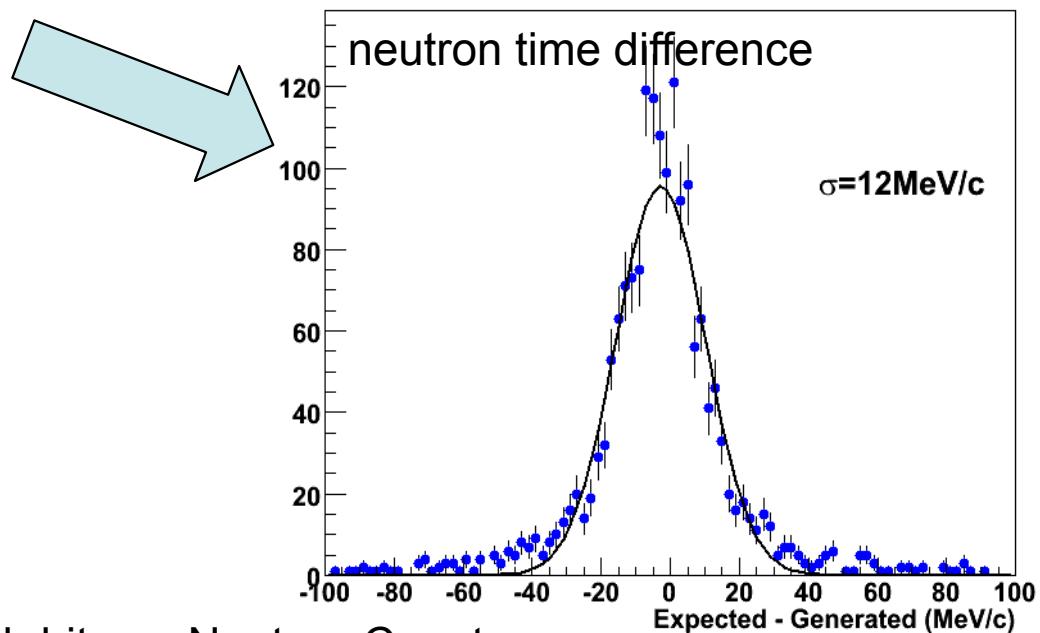
- Designed spill length of J-PARC PS @30 GeV operation 3.64s
- Number of spills per hour 989 spills
- Beam intensity 0.8Mk/spill
- Total cross section of the process,  $p(K^-,n), K_S^0$ , 6 mb
- $\text{CH}_2$  target 1g/cm<sup>2</sup>

  
Expected number of interaction =  $4.1 \times 10^5$  interaction per hour

## $K_S^0$ reconstruction



Calculate expected neutron momentum from reconstructed  $K_S^0$  momentum and compared with generated “true” neutron momentum



Expected number of events with  
 $K_S^0$  reconstructed in CDC and with hits on Neutron Counter  
( Neutron Counter efficiency = 30%; assumption )

$$4.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ event/interaction} = 1.8 \times 10^3 \text{ events/hour}$$