



# EXOTIC MESONS FROM COMPASS TO **A000BER**

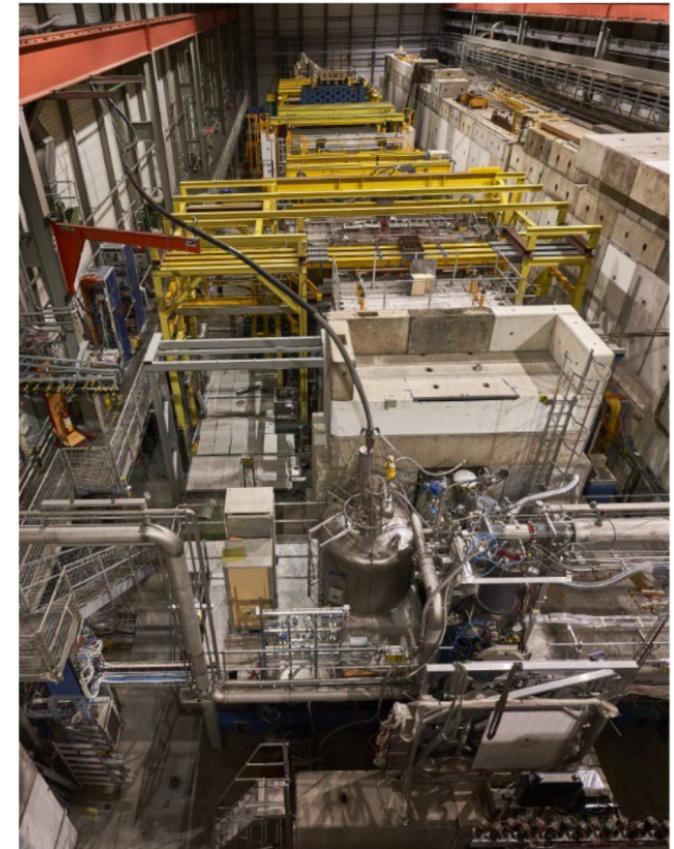
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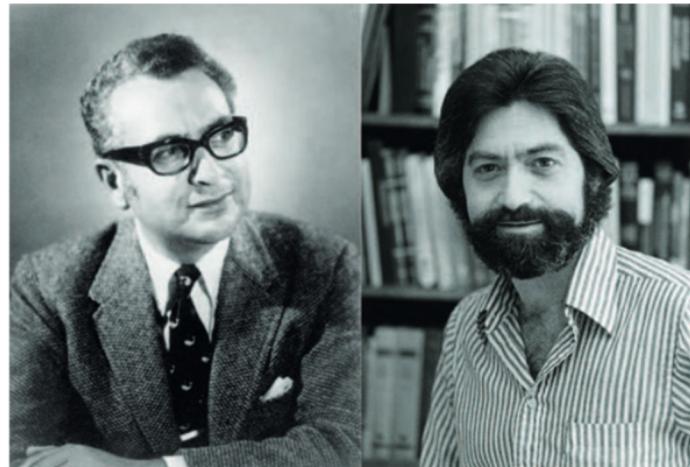
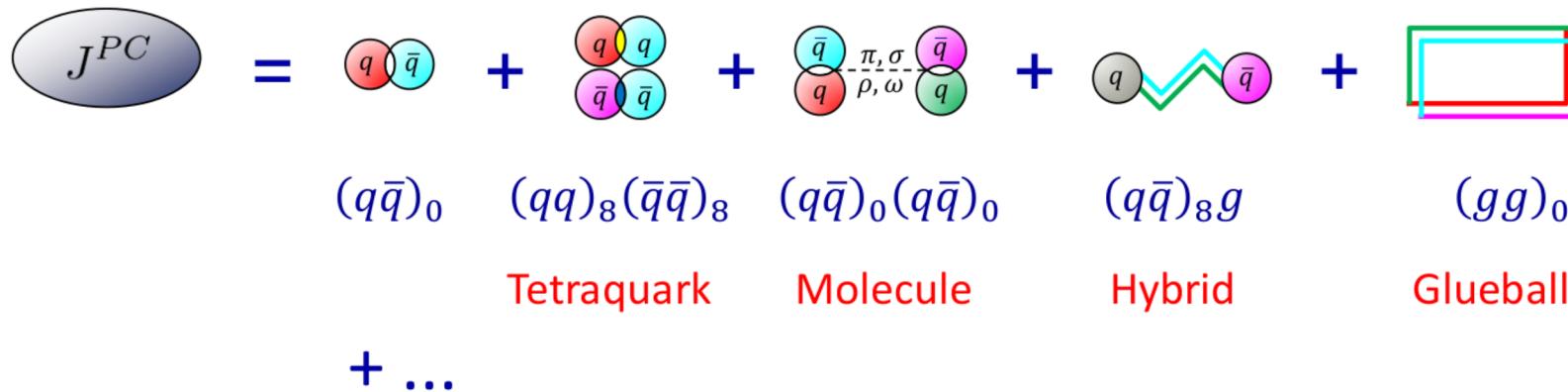
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Apparatus for Meson and Baryon  
Experimental Research



# EXOTIC STATES

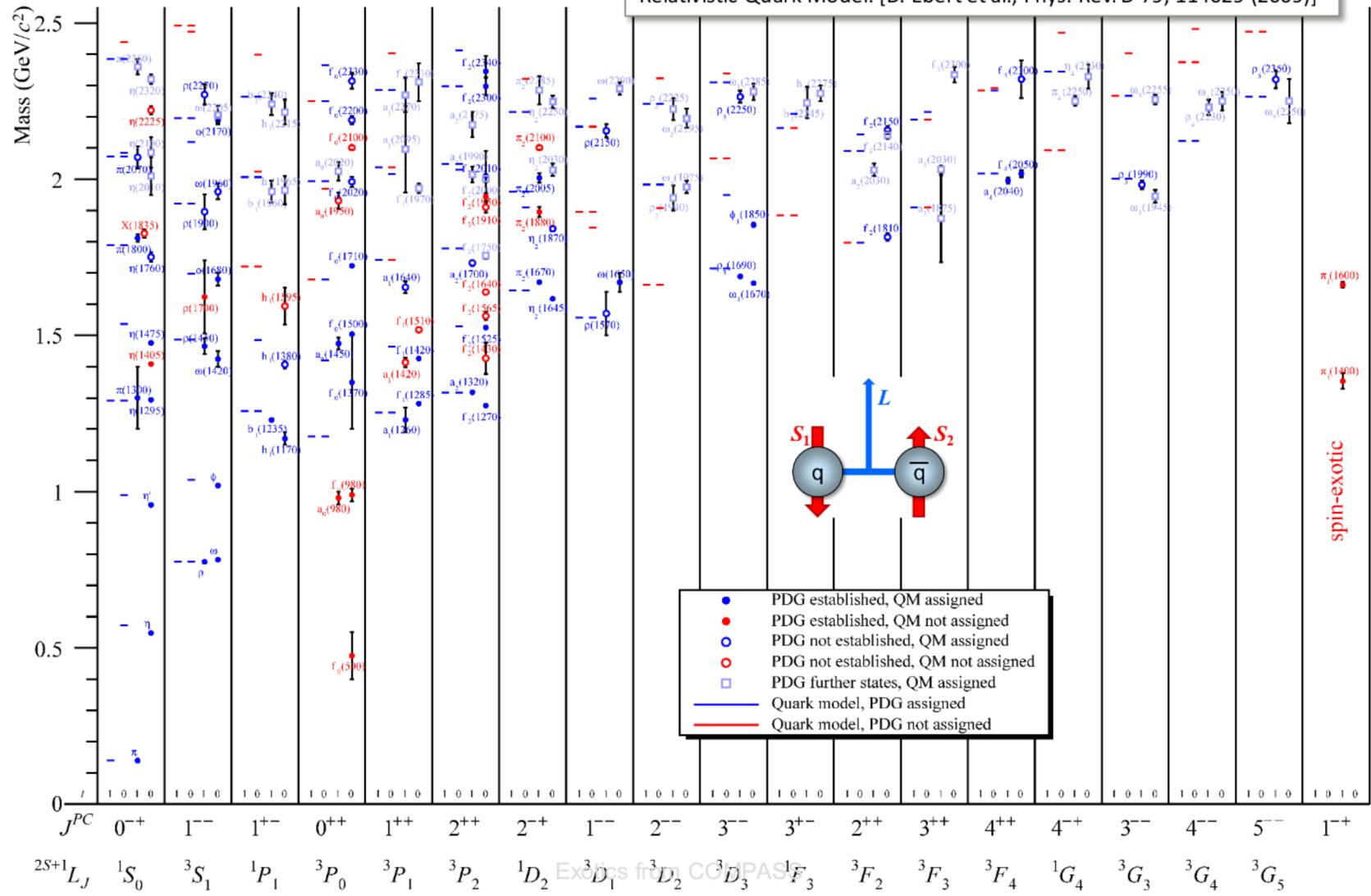


Where are they?

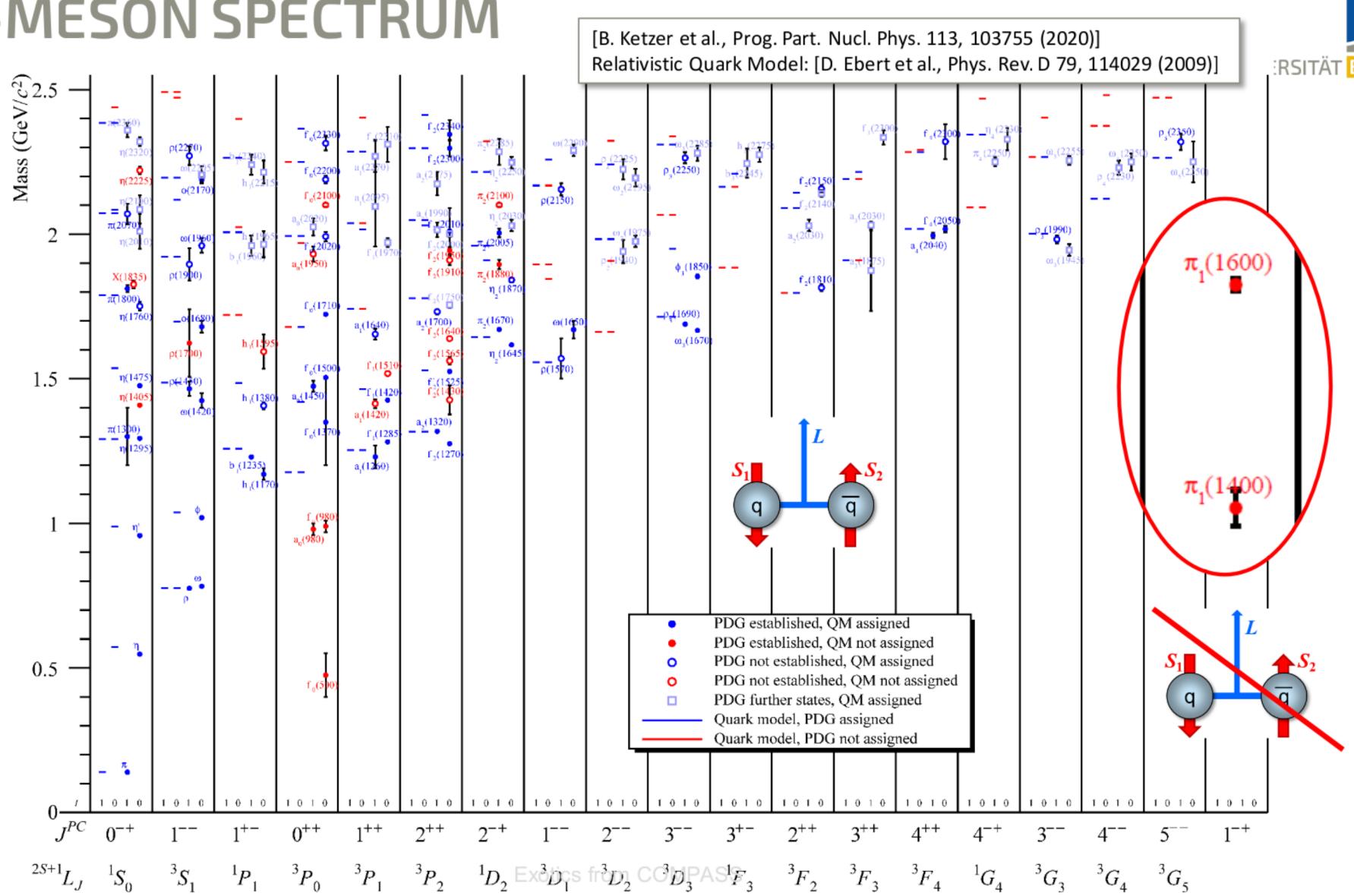
How to identify them?

- Spin-exotic:  $J^{PC} = 0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, \dots$
- Supernumerary states
- Flavor-exotic:  $|Q|, |I_3|, |S|, |C| \geq 2$
- Comparison with theory: models, lattice

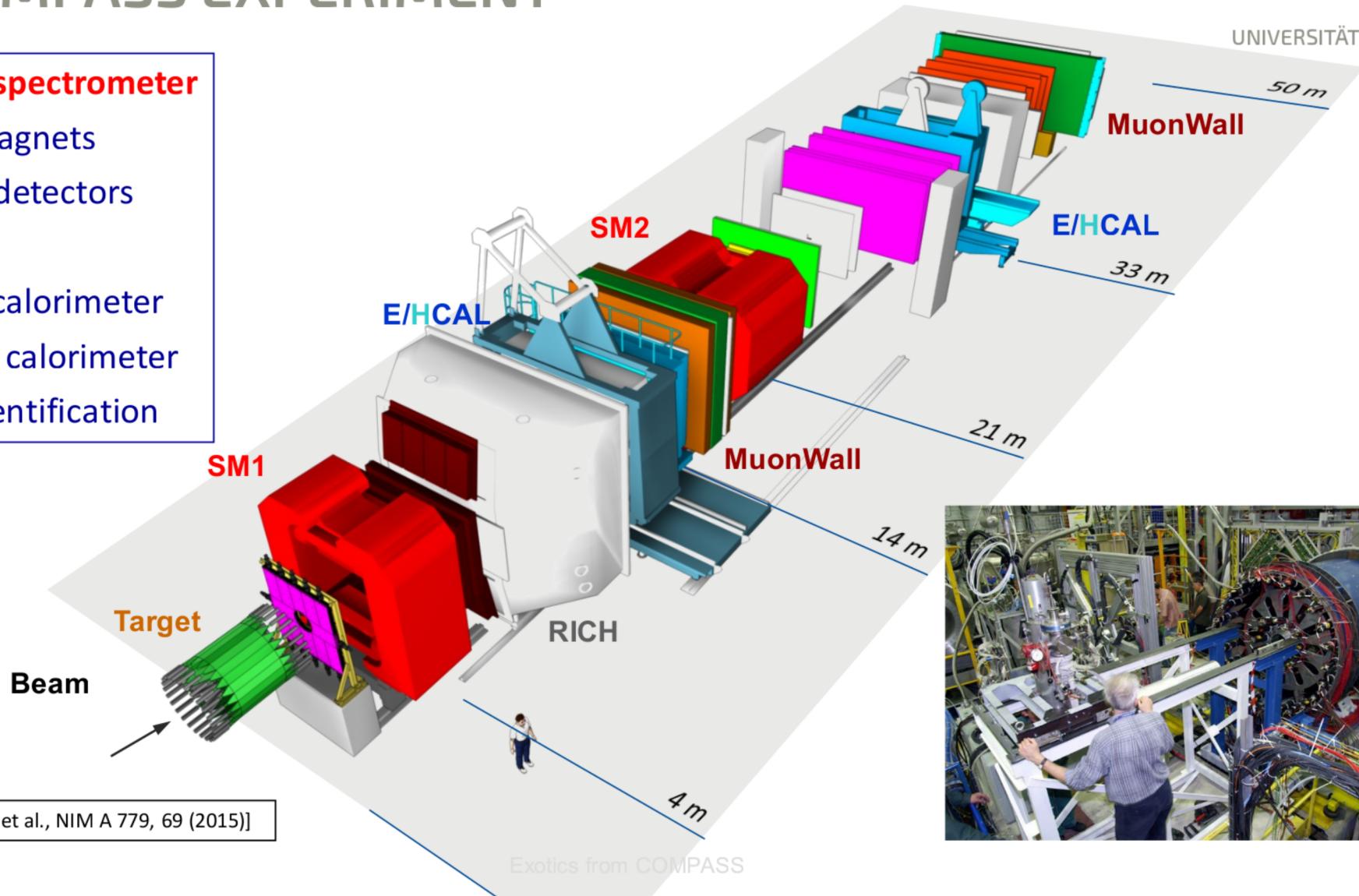
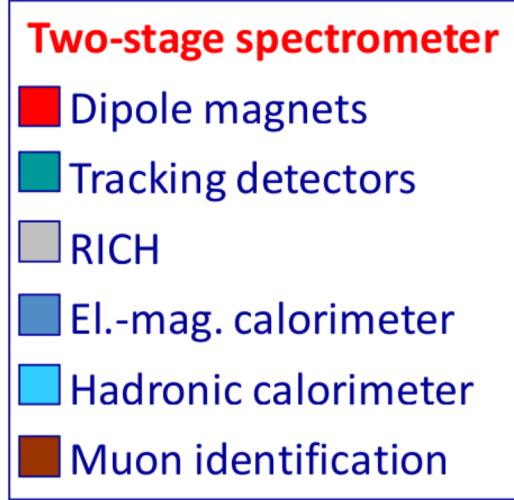
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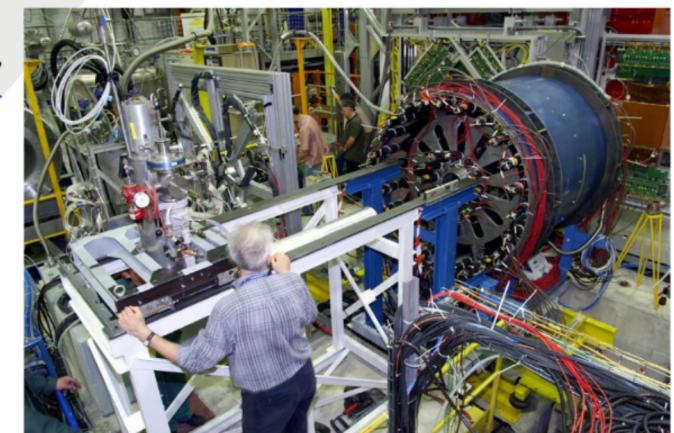
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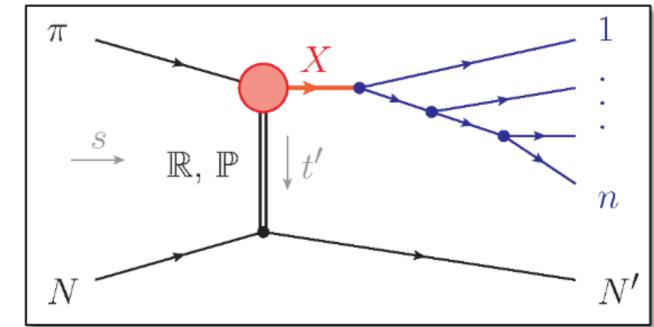
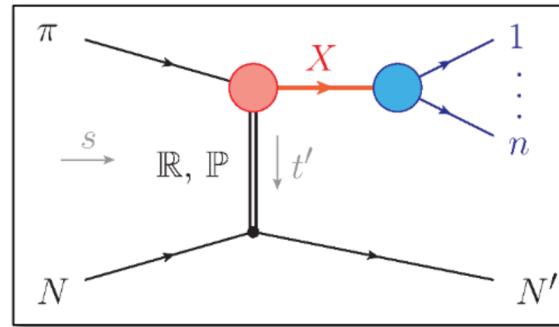
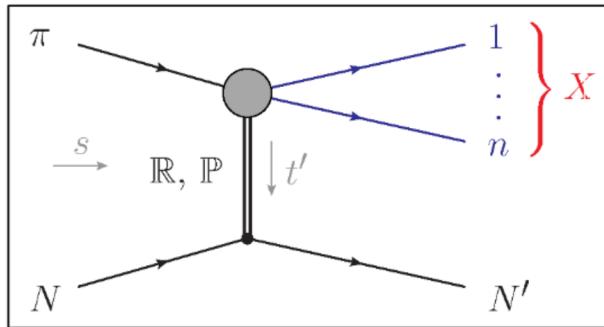
# THE COMPASS EXPERIMENT



[COMPASS, P. Abbon et al., NIM A 779, 69 (2015)]



# PARTIAL-WAVE ANALYSIS

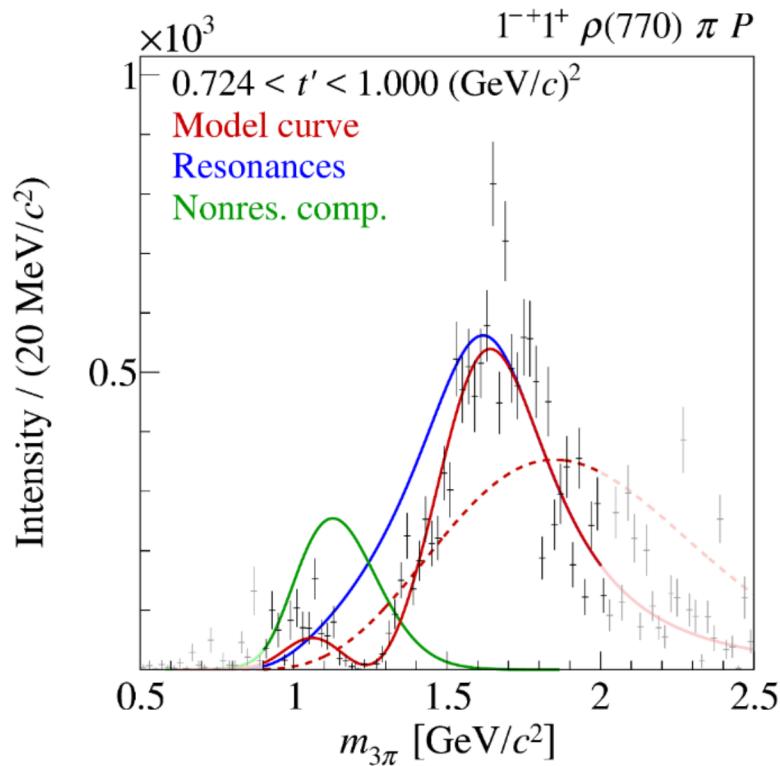


PWA performed in two steps:

1. Partial-wave decomposition in small bins of  $m_X$  and  $t'$ 
  - makes no assumptions on resonance content of partial wave
  - assumes that **production** and **decay** of  $X$  factorize
  - decay into multi-body final state is described by sequence of 2-body decays (isobars)
  - extended max. likelihood fit, takes into account acceptance of the apparatus
  
2. Resonance-model fit of spin-density matrix elements  $\rho_{ij}(m_X, t') := \mathcal{T}_i(m_X, t') \mathcal{T}_j^*(m_X, t')$ 
  - determine resonance parameters
  - use only subset of SDM

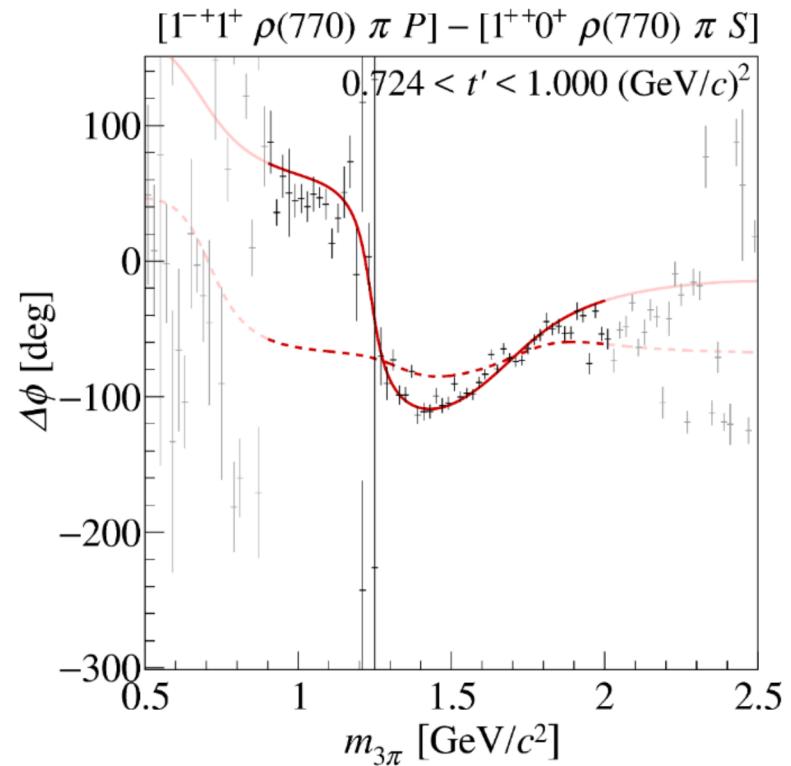
$$\mathcal{I}(\tau_n; m_X, t') = \left| \sum_i^{N_{\text{waves}}} \mathcal{T}_i(m_X, t') \Psi_i(\tau_n; m_X) \right|^2$$

# $3\pi$ FINAL STATE – $1^{-+}$ PARTIAL WAVE



Bad description of data without  $1^{-+}$  resonance  
 $\Rightarrow \pi_1(1600)$  needed to describe data

[M. Aghasyan et al. (COMPASS), Phys. Rev. D 98, 092003 (2018)]



$M_0 = 1600^{+110}_{-60} \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 
 $\Gamma_0 = 580^{+100}_{-230} \text{ MeV}/c^2$

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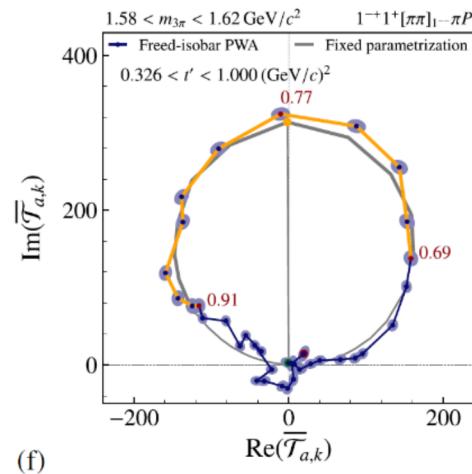
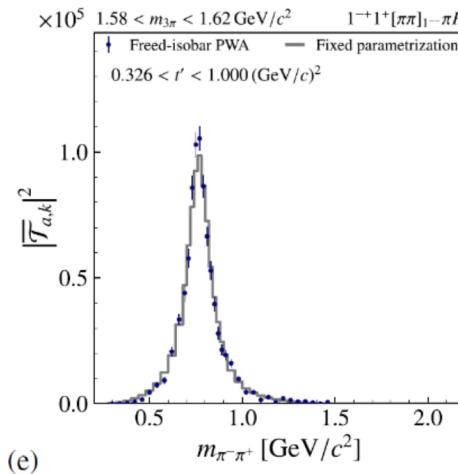
Model bias due to fixed isobar parameterization?

⇒ Freed-isobar technique

[F. Krinner et al., PRD 97 (2018) 114008]

- replace fixed  $\pi^-\pi^+$  amplitudes for  $L = 0,1,2$  by step-like functions in small bins of  $m_{\pi\pi}$

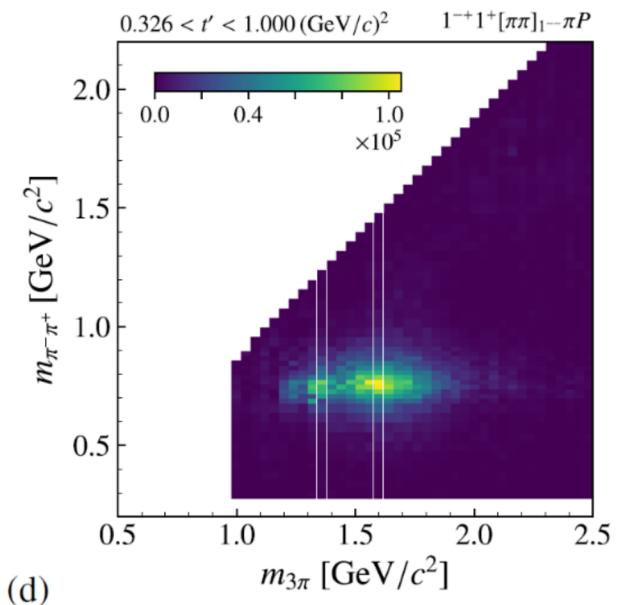
⇒ model-independent isobar amplitudes



⇒ confirms decay of  $\pi_1(1600)$  to  $\rho\pi$

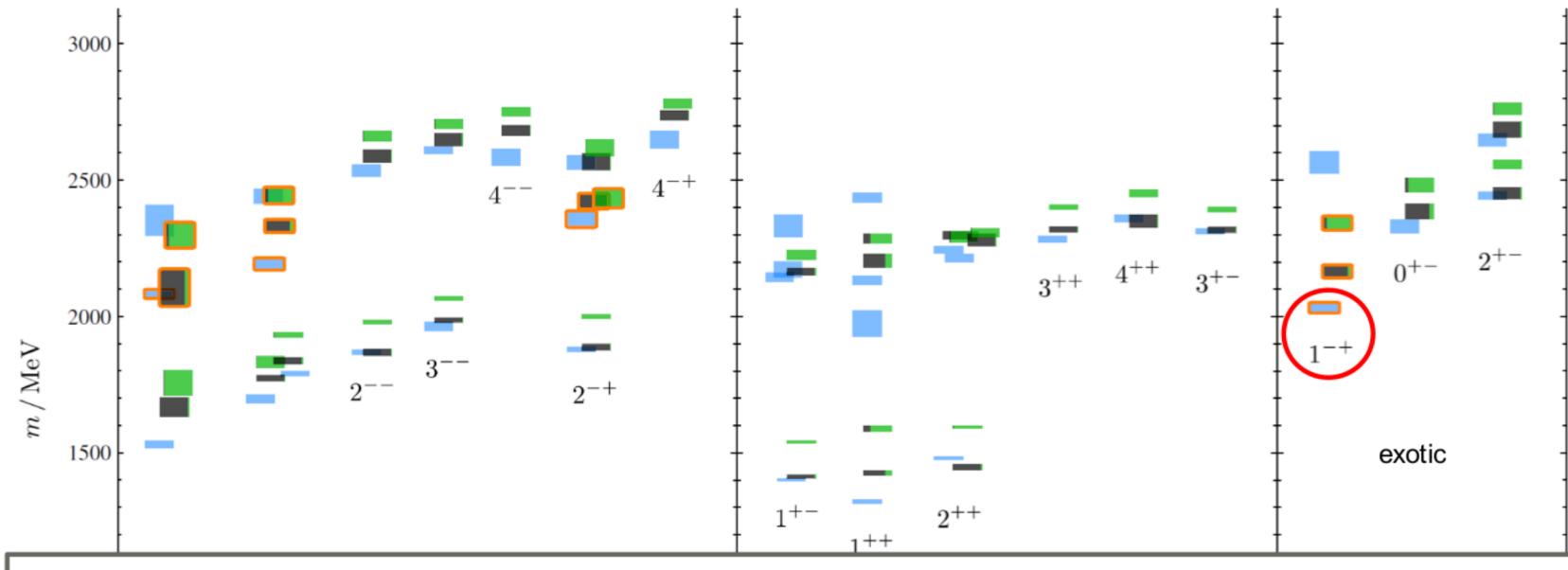
⇒ results consistent with those using fixed isobar parameterizations

⇒ reconciles apparent contradictions of previous analyses as analysis artefacts



[COMPASS, G.D. Alexeev et al., Phys. Rev. D 105, 012005 (2022)]

# HYBRIDS: LATTICE QCD



## Hybrids:

- excitation of gluonic degrees of freedom
- angular momentum in flux tube
- hybrids also predicted by models



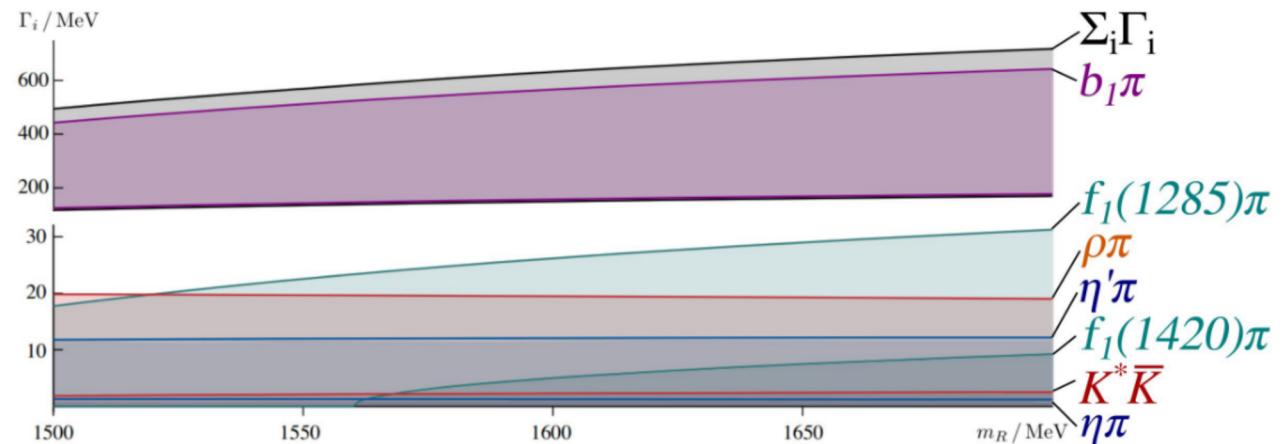
[J. Dudek et al., Hadron Spectrum Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 88, 094505 (2013)]

# HYBRID $\pi_1$ DECAYS

## Lattice-QCD:

- hadronic decays of lightest exotic resonance
- SU(3) flavor symmetry
- $m_\pi \sim 700$  MeV
- scattering amplitudes for 8 coupled channels
- analytical continuation to complex plane
- crude extrapolation to physical point

[A.J. Woss, et al., PRD 103 (2021) 054502]



## Models:

- Partial widths in MeV

Model	$b_1\pi$	$f_1\pi$	$\rho\pi$	$\eta\pi$	$\eta'\pi$	$\eta(1295)\pi$	Reference
Flux Tube, ${}^3P_0$	170	60	5 - 20	0 - 10	0 – 10		[Isgur (1985), Close (1995)]
Flux Tube, IKP $m=1.6$ GeV/c $^2$	24	5	9			2	[Isgur (1985)]
Flux Tube, PSS $m=1.6$ GeV/c $^2$	59	14	8			1	[Page (1999)]
L-QCD $m=2.0$ GeV/c $^2$	66	15					[McNeil, Michael (2006)]

# FINAL STATES STUDIED AT COMPASS

- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \omega \pi^- \pi^0 + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \eta + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \eta + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \eta' + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- f_1(1285) + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow K_s^0 K_s^0 \pi^- + p \checkmark$
- $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^- K_s^0 + p \checkmark$
- $K^- p \rightarrow K^- \pi^- \pi^+ + p \checkmark$
- $K^- p \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^- + p \checkmark$
- $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{p} + p \checkmark$

P. Haas, Tue 14:25

J. Beckers, Thu 14:00

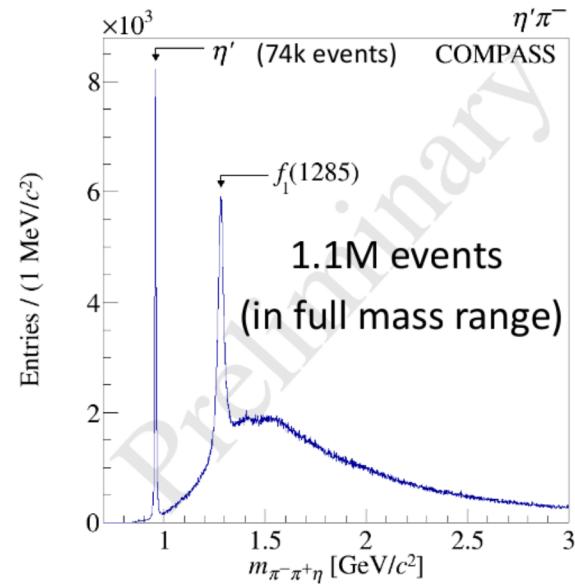
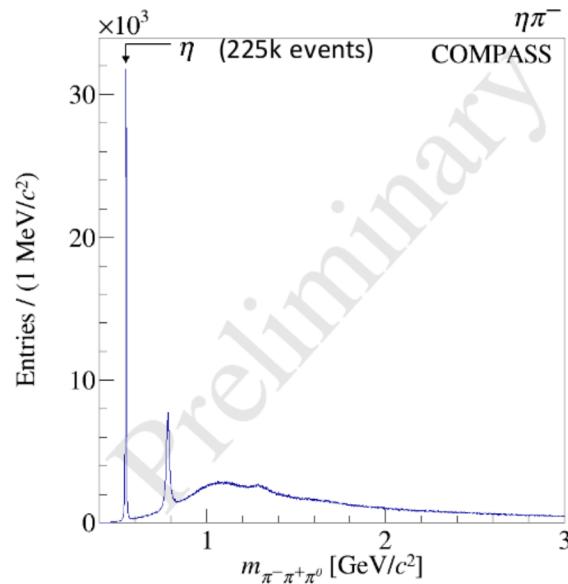
S. Wallner, Thu 14:00

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- $\pi^- \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ \checkmark$
  - $\pi^- \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \checkmark$
  - $\pi^- \gamma^* \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \checkmark$  D. Ecker, Thu 17:20
  - $K^- \gamma^* \rightarrow K^- \pi^0 \checkmark$
- $b_1 \pi$
- $f_1(1285)\pi$
- $\rho\pi$
- $\eta'\pi$
- $f_1(1420)\pi$
- $K^* \bar{K}$
- $\eta\pi$

# $\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\gamma\gamma$ FINAL STATE

⇒ access to  $\eta\pi, \eta'\pi, f_1(1285)\pi$ , depending on  $\gamma\gamma$  invariant mass

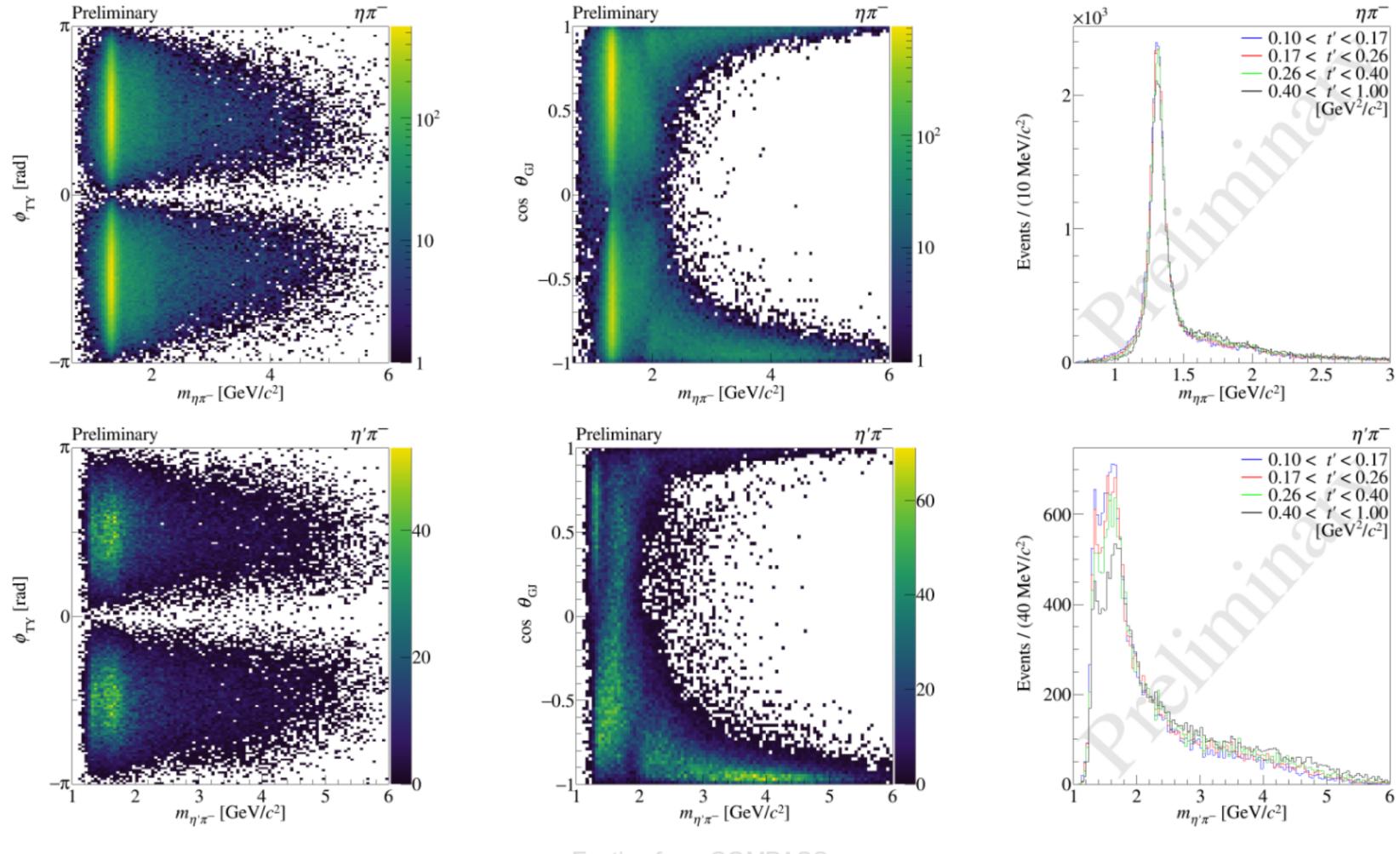


- new data production: improved shower reconstruction from calorimeter
- include full data set for the first time
- about 2× more data than previously published for  $\eta\pi, \eta'\pi$
- perform PWA in bins of  $t'$  and  $m_X$

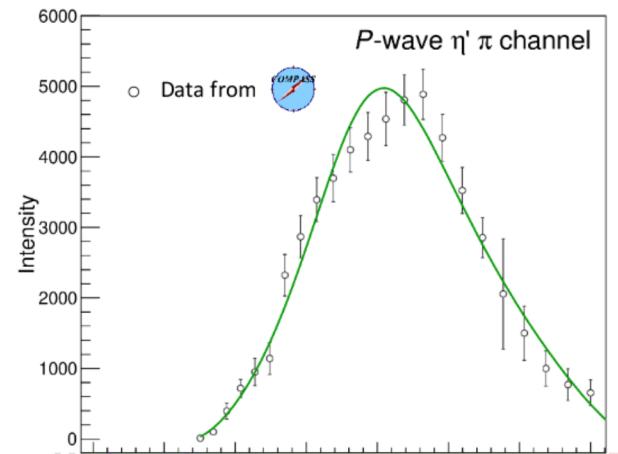
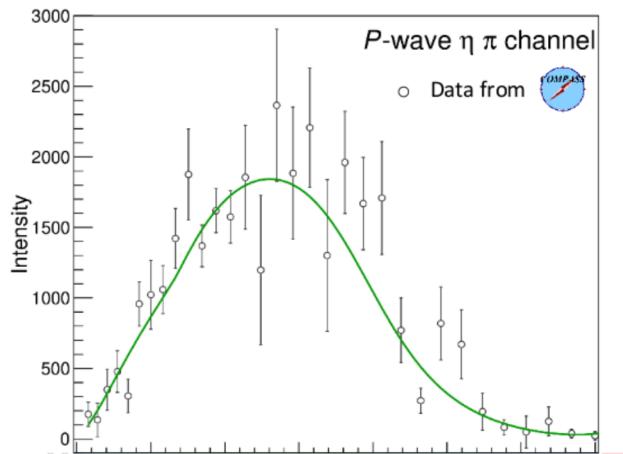
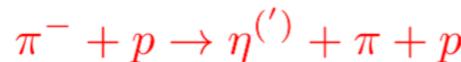
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# $\eta\pi, \eta'\pi$ FINAL STATES

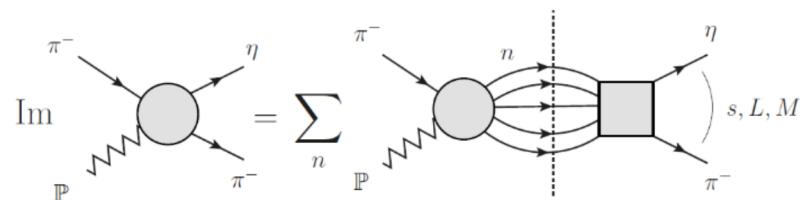


# TWO EXOTIC $\pi_1$ MESONS?



Model based on S-matrix theory

- Analyticity
- Unitarity



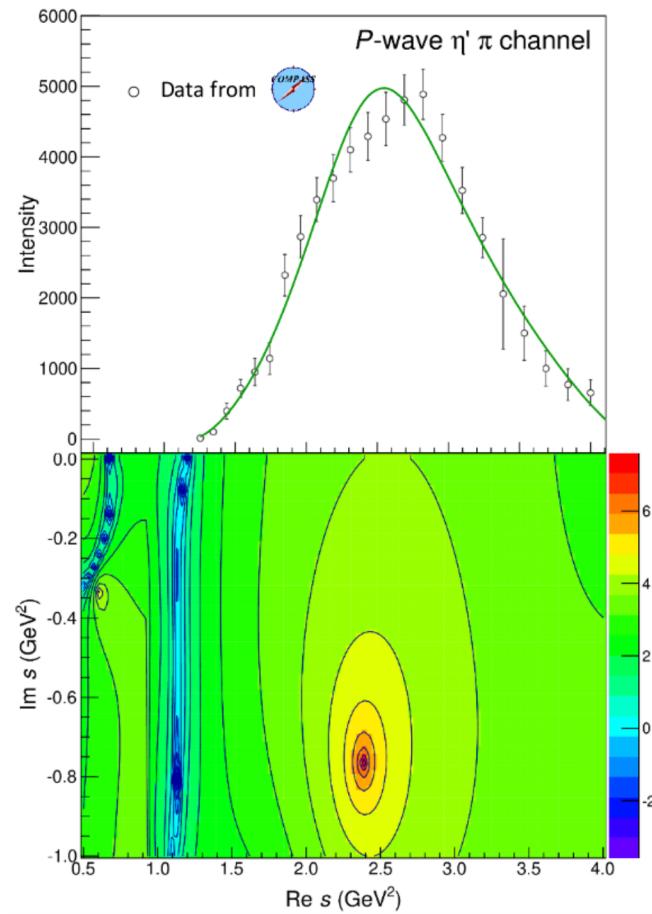
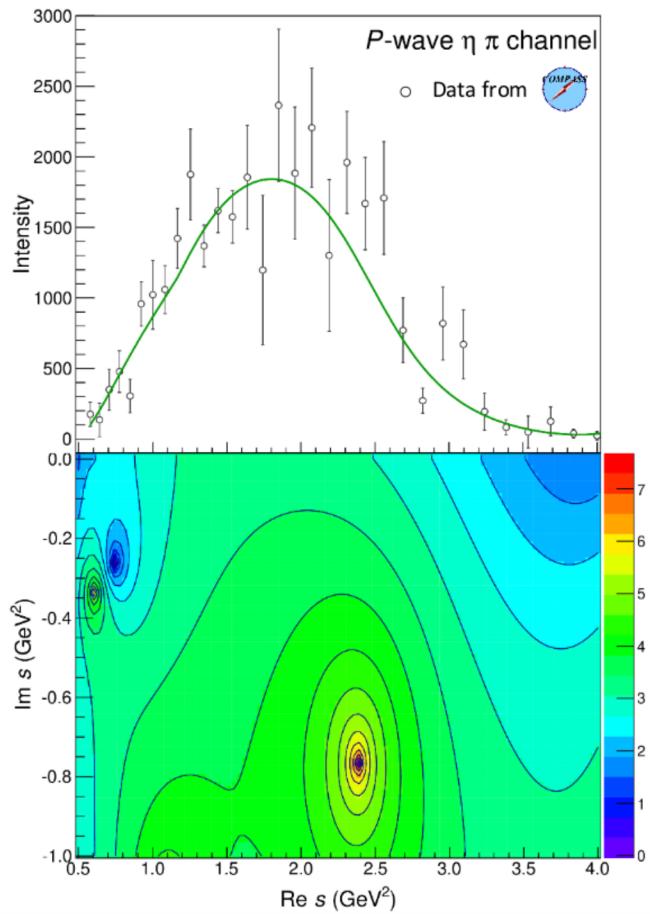
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[A. Rodas, BK, et al. (JPAC), Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 042002 (2019)]

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$$\pi^- + p \rightarrow \eta^{(')} + \pi + p$$



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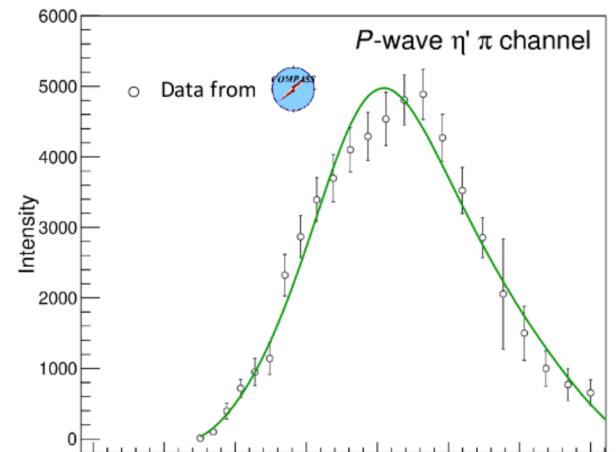
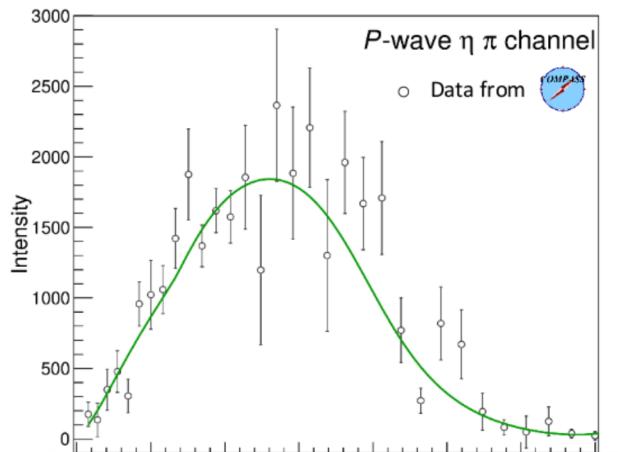
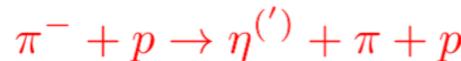
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# TWO EXOTIC $\pi_1$ MESONS?



- only a single pole needed to describe both peaks
- consistent with  $\pi_1(1600)$

Poles	Mass (MeV)	Width (MeV)
$a_2(1320)$	$1306.0 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.3$	$114.4 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.0$
$a'_2(1700)$	$1722 \pm 15 \pm 67$	$247 \pm 17 \pm 63$
$\pi_1$	$1564 \pm 24 \pm 86$	$492 \pm 54 \pm 102$

first coupled-channel extraction of resonance pole of a hybrid candidate

Also compatible with  $\bar{p}p$  and  $\pi\pi$  scattering data [B. Kopf et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 12, 1056 (2021)]

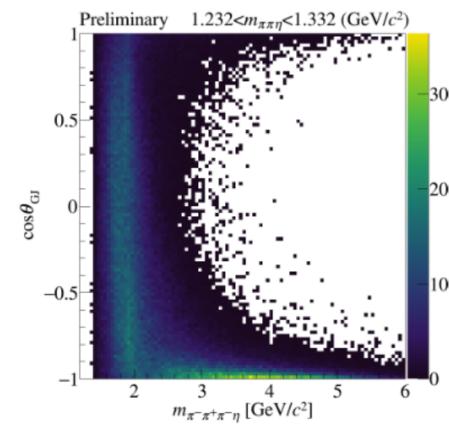
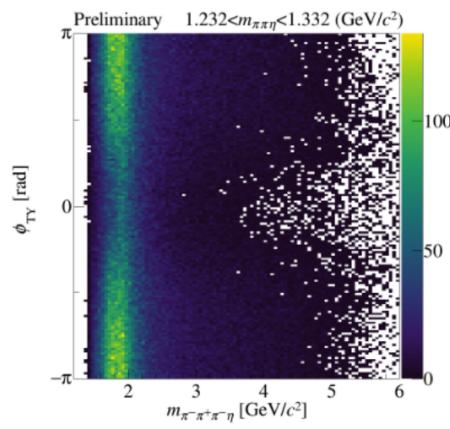
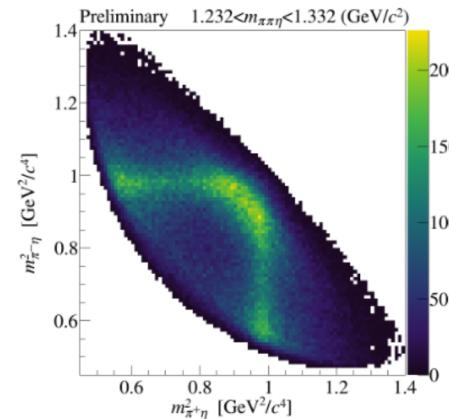
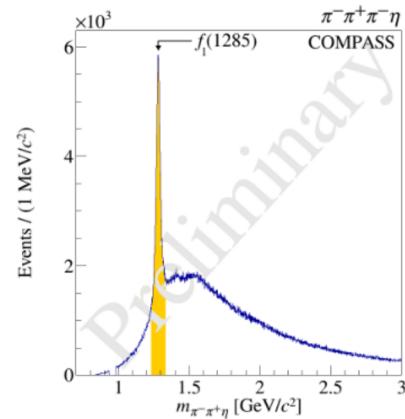
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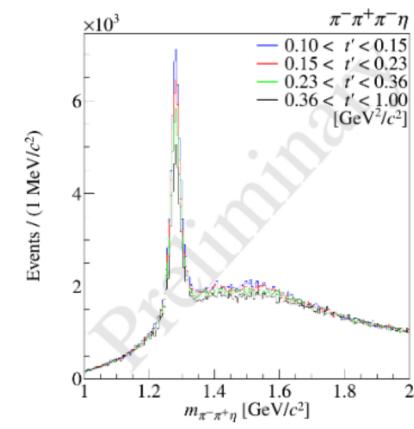
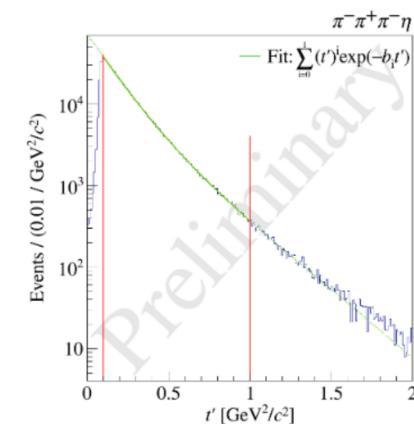
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# $f_1\pi$ FINAL STATE

Dominant decay:  $f_1 \rightarrow a_0(980)\pi$



$t'$  dependence

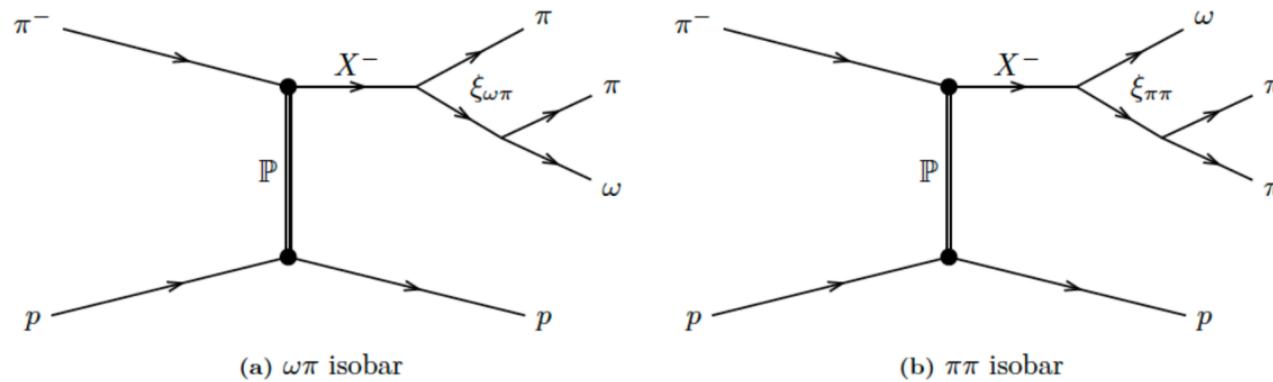


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# $b_1\pi$ FINAL STATE

$\pi^-\pi^+\pi^- 4\gamma$  final states  $\Rightarrow$  access to  $b_1\pi \rightarrow \omega\pi\pi$



- new data production: improved shower reconstruction from calorimeter
- full COMPASS data set
- 720 k exclusive events of  $\pi^-\pi^0\omega(782)$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  largest data sample world-wide: 5  $\times$  more data than BNL E852
  - $\Rightarrow$  perform fit in 4 bins in  $t'$   $\times$  57 bins in  $m_X$

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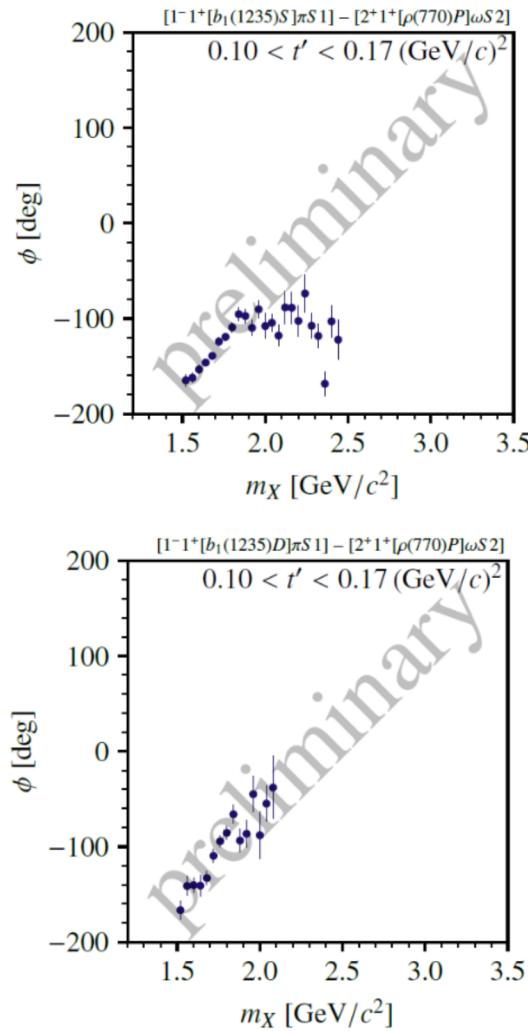
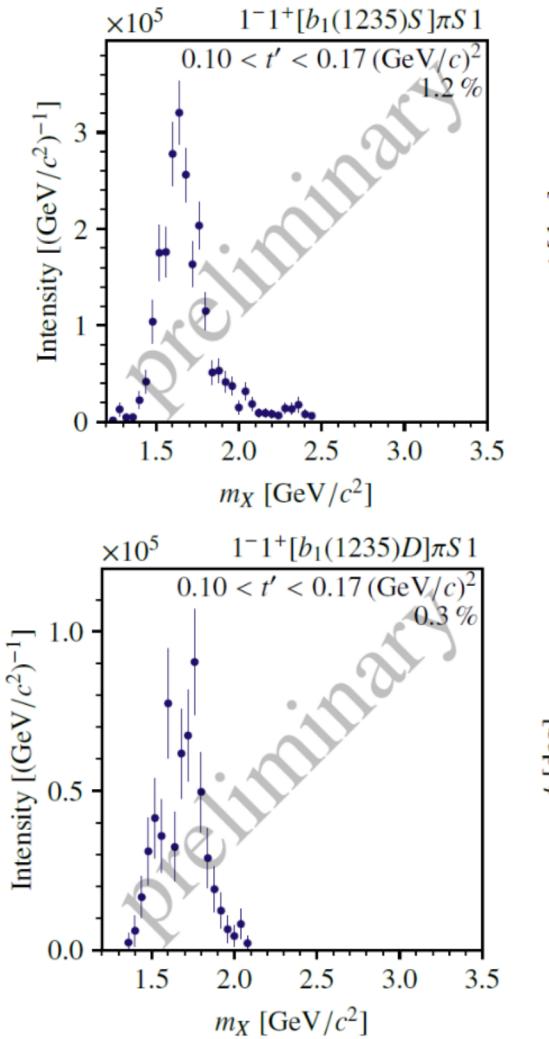
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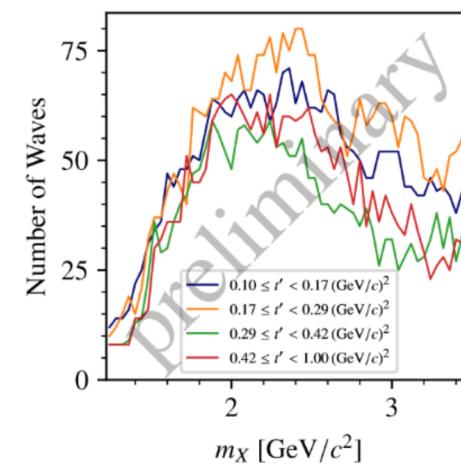
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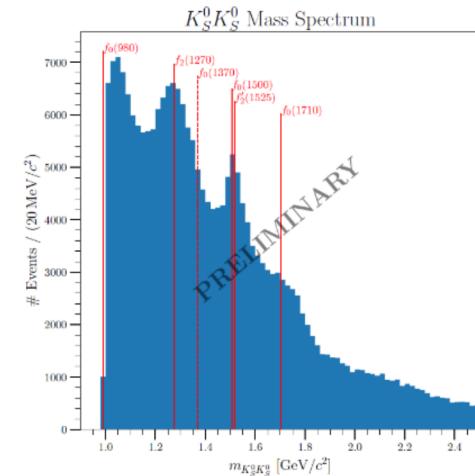
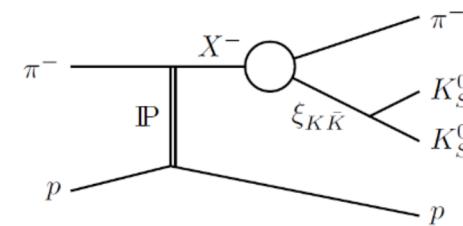
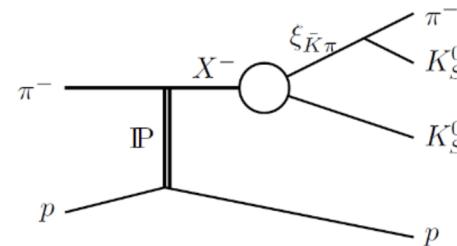
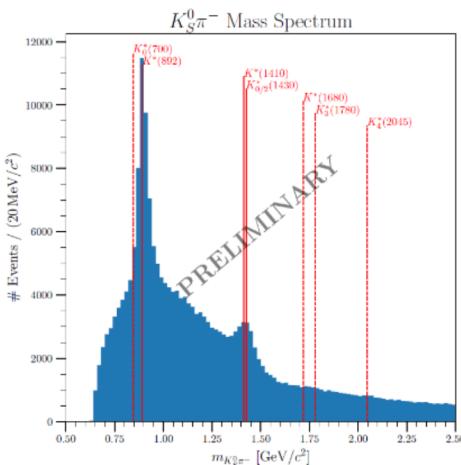


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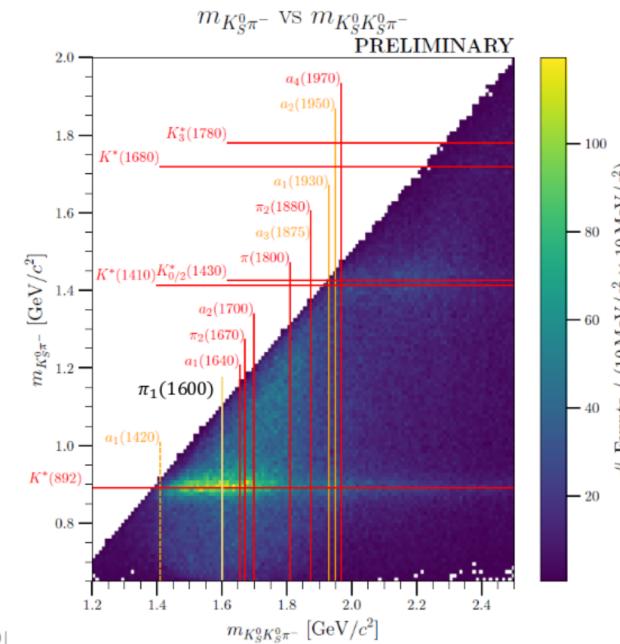
- PWA: select about 70 waves from a pool of 893 waves (+ flat), depending on  $t'$  and  $m_X$
- Clear signal in spin-exotic  $1^-+$   $b_1\pi$   $S$  and  $D$ -waves at  $1.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- BNL E852: second state  $\pi_1$  (2015)



# $K_S^0 K_S^0 \pi$ FINAL STATE



- COMPASS full data set: 244k events
- All  $a_J, \pi_J$  states accessible
- Spin-exotic  $\pi_1(1600)$  expected to decay to  $K^* \bar{K}$
- Search for  $a_1(1420)$
- $K_S^0$  identified by secondary vertex:  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- Identification of  $X \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi$  limited at low masses due to RICH constraints



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# HYBRID $\pi_1$ MULTIPLET

So far:

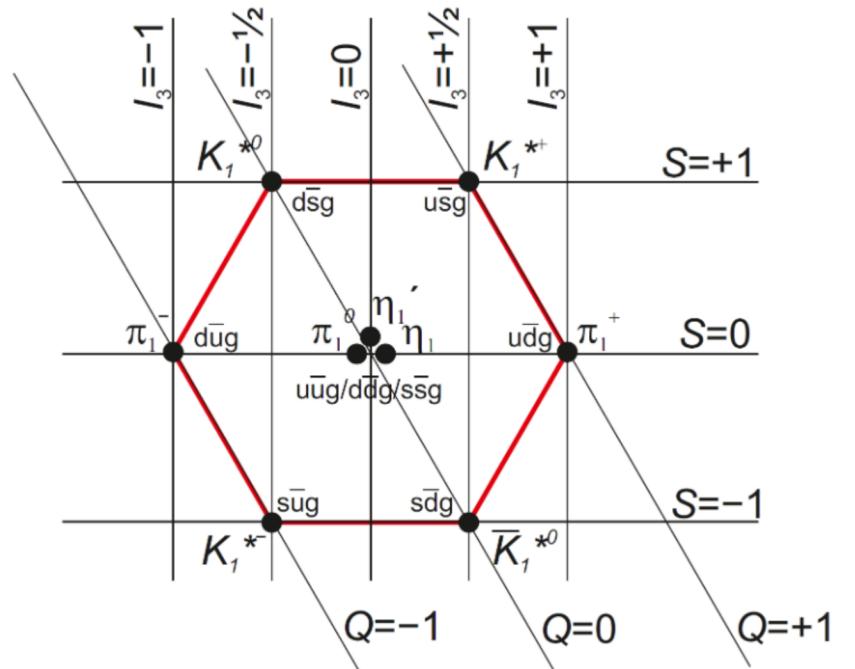
- resonant nature of only one member of the  $1^{-+}$  multiplet confirmed
- branching fractions to dominant decay channels will be extracted

Need to:

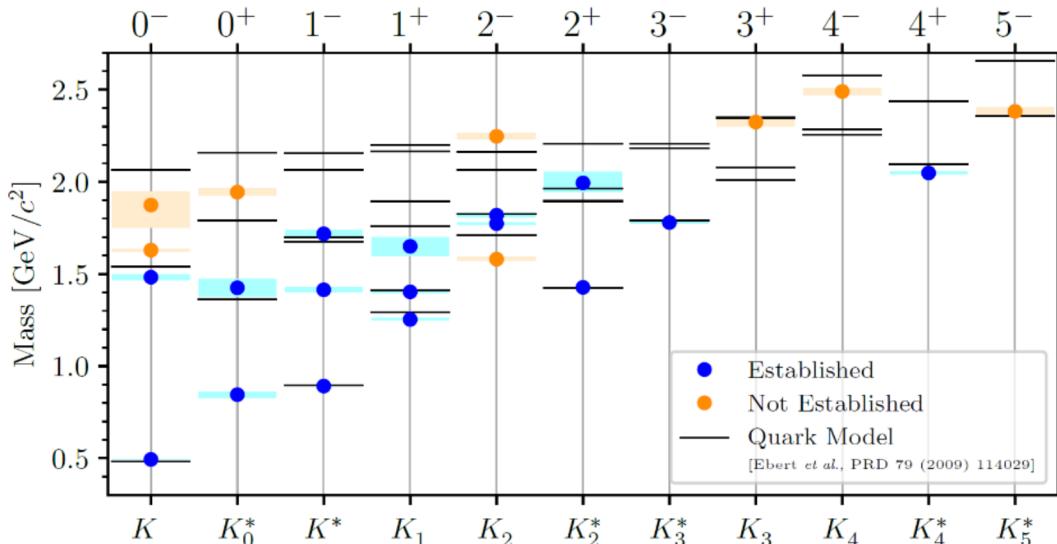
- observe other members
- including ones with strangeness
- BES III
- AMBER

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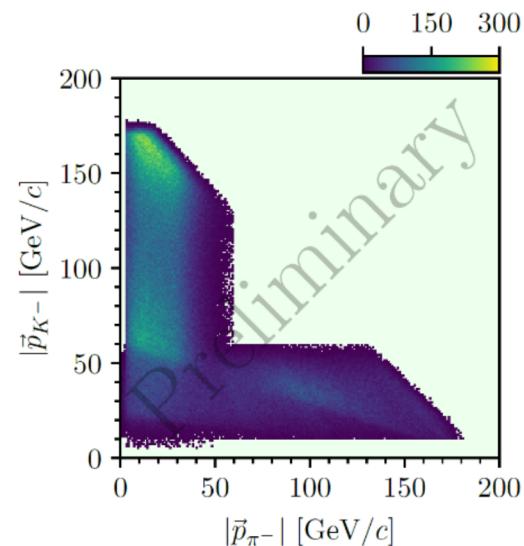
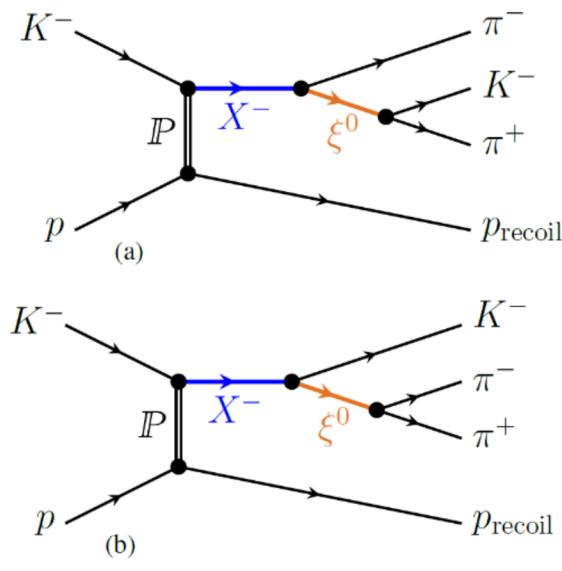
# STRANGE MESONS



- 25 kaon states listed by PDG ( $M < 3.1 \text{ GeV}$ ), 9 of those need confirmation
- many predicted quark-model states still missing
- most measurements performed more than 30 years ago

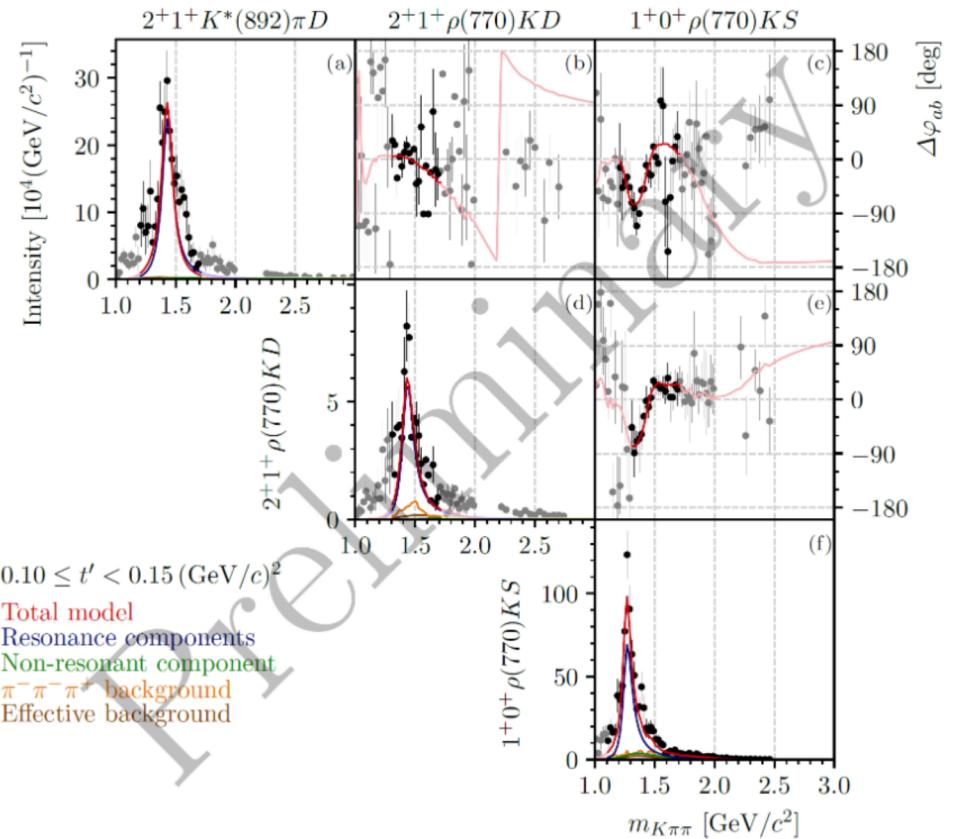
## COMPASS:

- $h^-$  beam has  $\sim 2.4\%$  admixture of  $K^-$
- tagged by CEDAR detectors
- final state  $K^-\pi^-\pi^+$ : 720 k events  
⇒ access to all kaon states:  $K_J, K_J^*$
- limited by PID in RICH



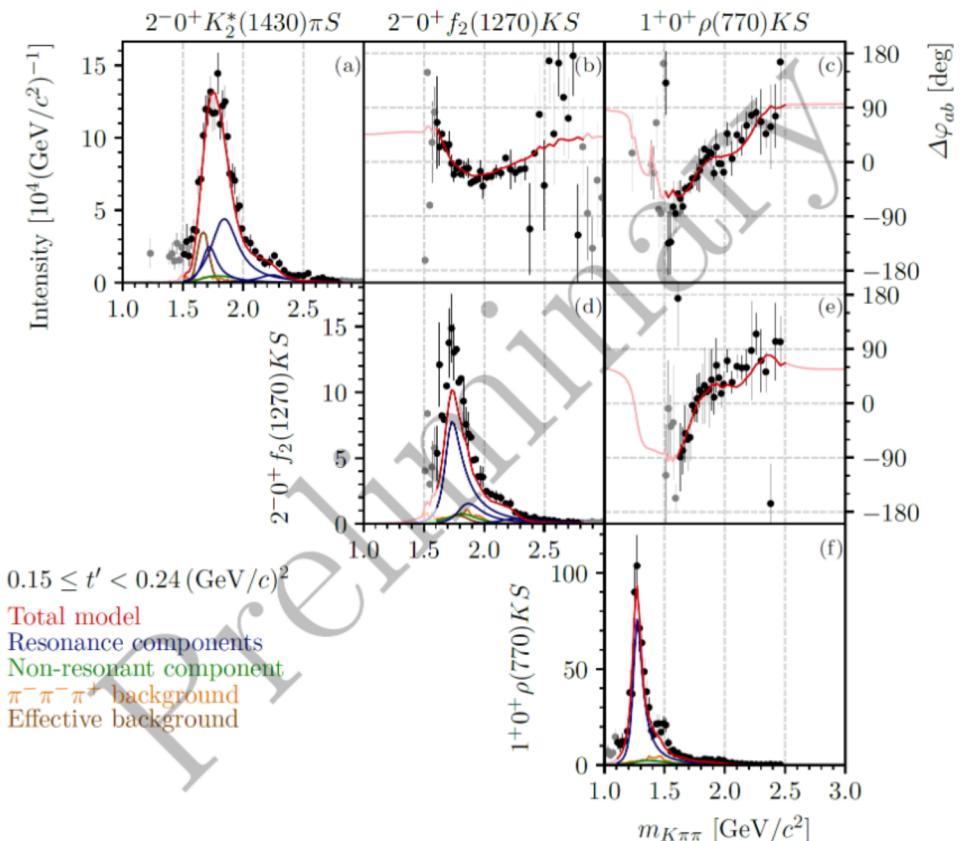
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- $J^P = 2^+$ : clear  $K_2^*(1430)$  signal in  $K^*(892)\pi$  and  $\rho K D$ -waves



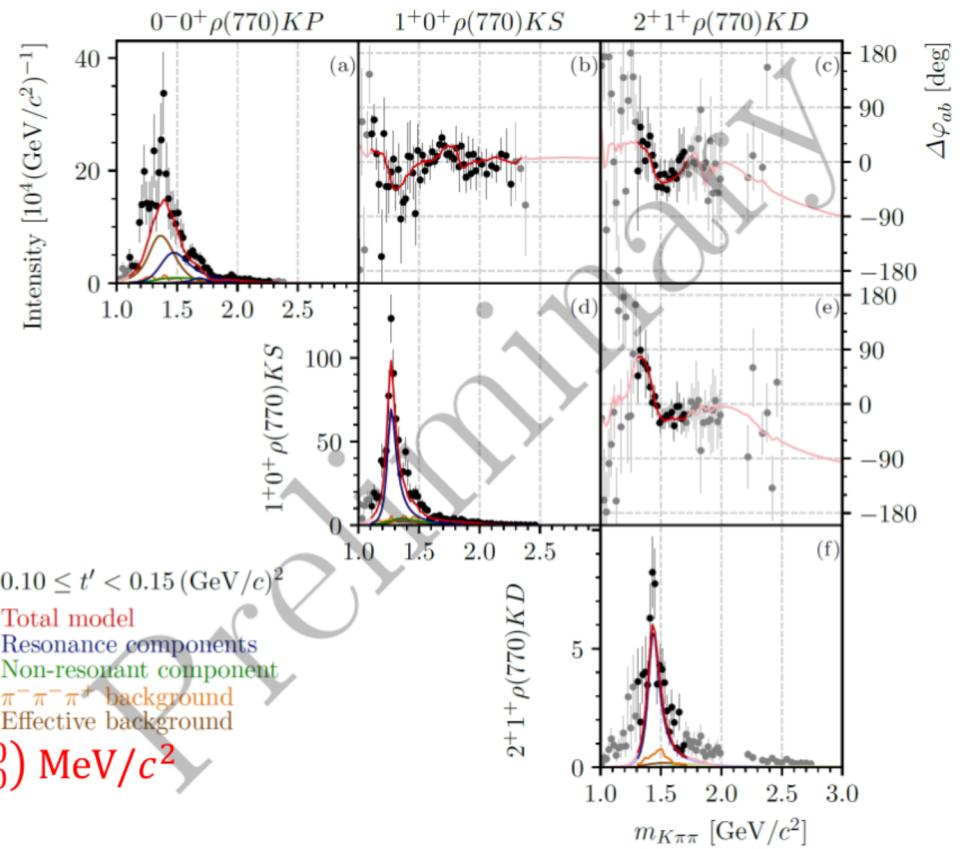
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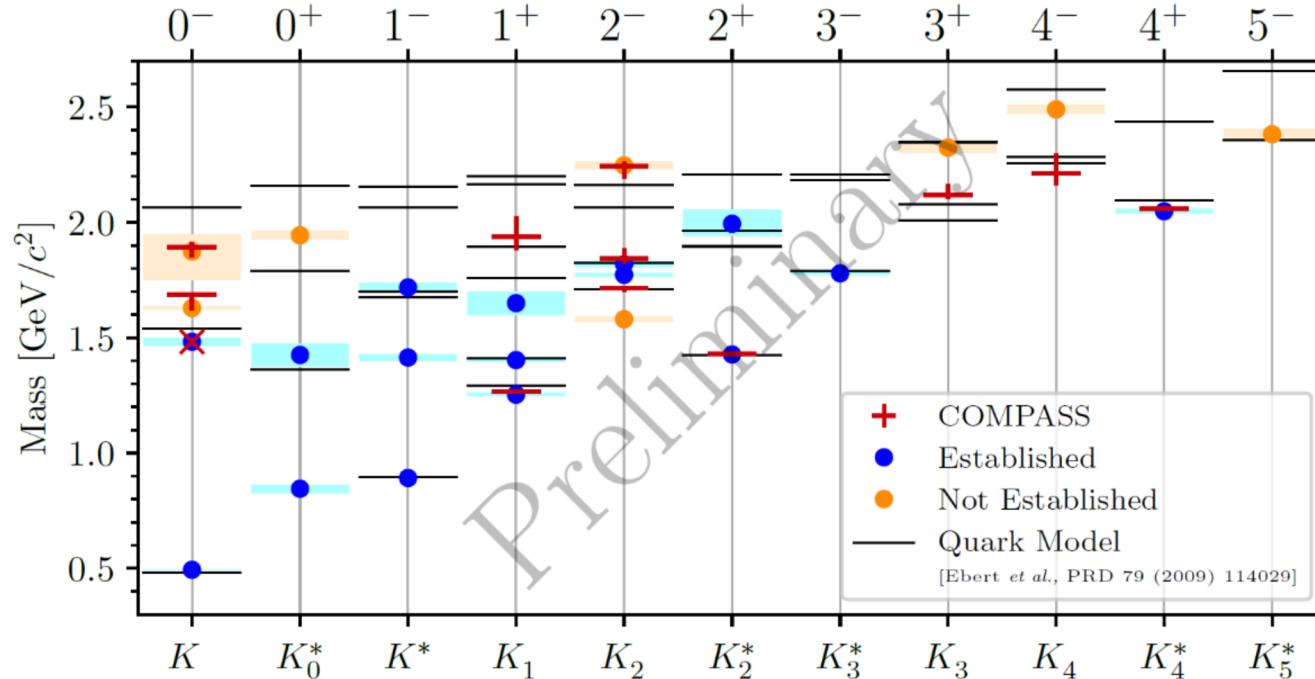


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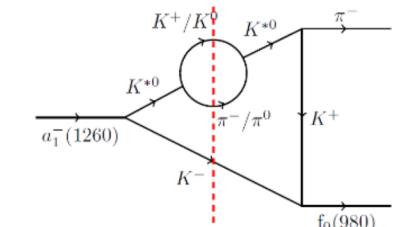
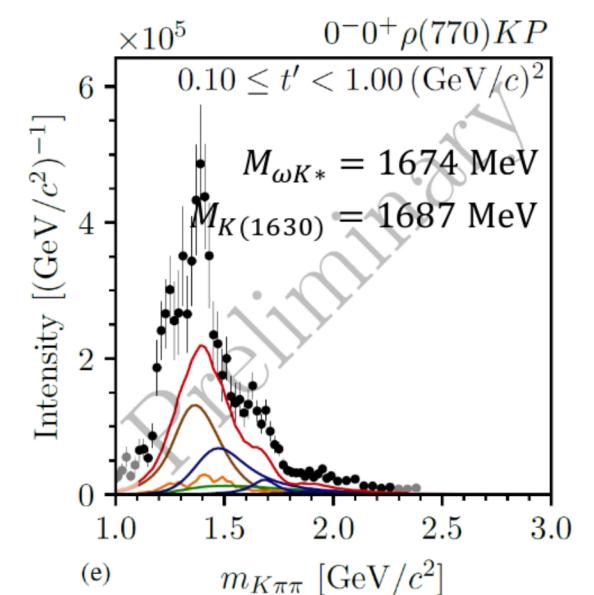
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⇒ fix parameters to PDG
  - stable peak and clear phase motion at 1.7 GeV  
⇒  $K(1630)$  signal, significance  $8.3\sigma$   
⇒  $m = (1687 \pm 10^{+2}_{-67}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ,  $\Gamma = (140 \pm 20^{+50}_{-50}) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
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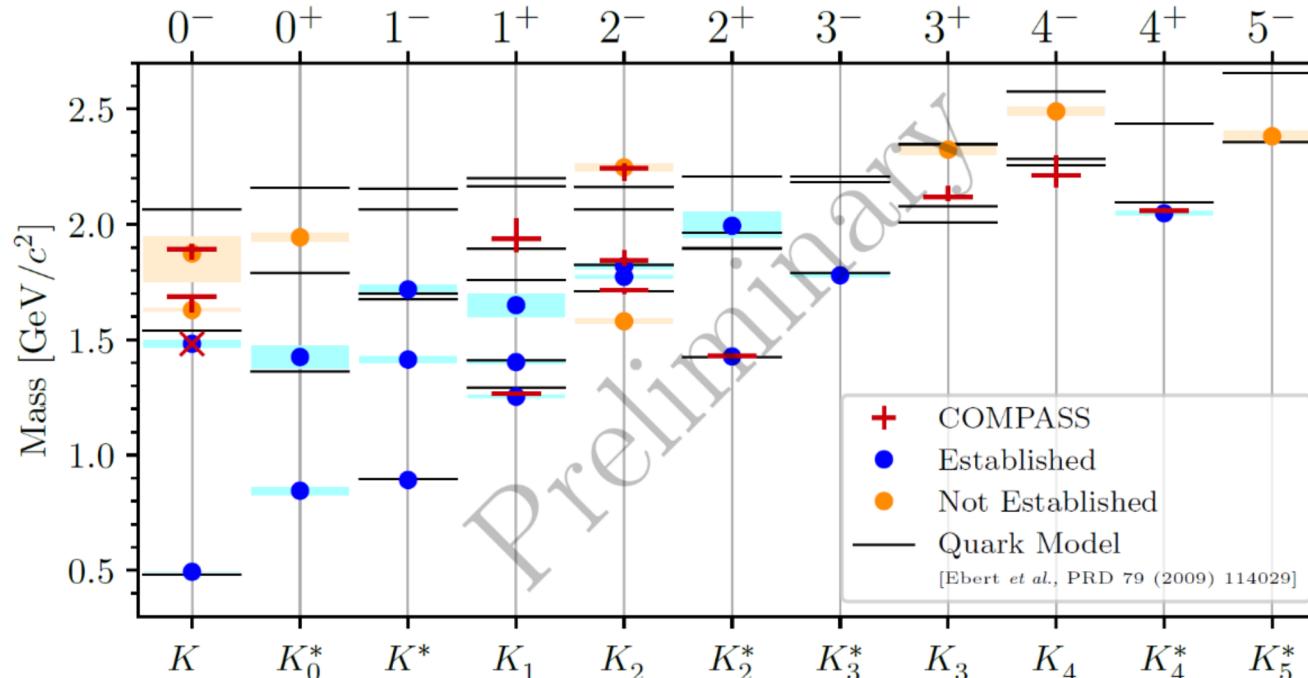
- 11 strange mesons found in COMPASS data  $\Rightarrow$  results to be published soon
- evidence for 3 excited  $K$  states
- quark model only predicts 2:  $K(1460)$ ,  $K(1830)$ ?
- $K(1630)$  supernumerary  $\Rightarrow$  candidate for exotic strange meson



Triangle singularity (?)

[COMPASS, M.G. Alexeev et al., PRL 127, 082501 (2021)]

# SUMMARY OF KAON SPECTRUM



## Requirements:

- High intensity of K in secondary beam  
⇒ Beam studies ongoing (RF and conventional)
- High-efficiency / high-purity beam particle identification
- Final-state PID at higher momenta (depending on beam momentum)
- Full solid-angle coverage for photons / electrons

## Goal for AMBER:

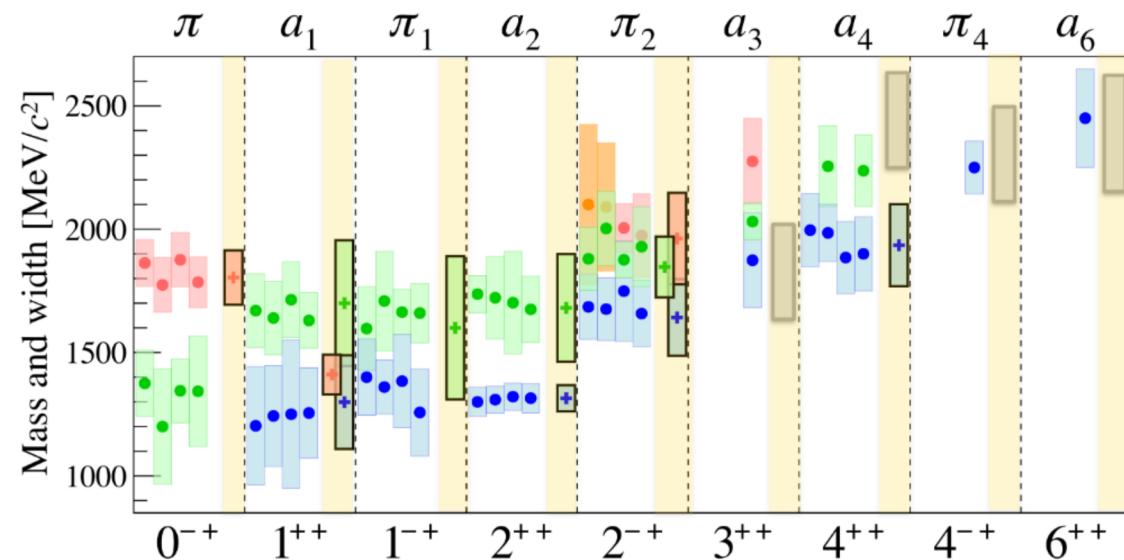
$10 - 20 \times 10^6$  exclusive  $K^- \pi^- \pi^+$  events

Talk by O. Denisov: Fri 14:00

- ⇒ Monte-Carlo simulation campaign ongoing
- ⇒ Proposal to be submitted to SPSC in 2024
- ⇒ Additional ideas and collaborators welcome!

# CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

- QCD in the strong coupling regime still far from being understood
- Pattern of exotic hadron states not yet clear
- COMPASS has unique data set on diffractive production of light mesons  $\Rightarrow$  gives access to all  $\pi_J, a_J$  states in wide mass range



- AMBER:
  - Phase I started: PbarX measurement ongoing
  - will perform precision spectroscopy of  $K_J$  and  $K_J^*$  states in Phase II