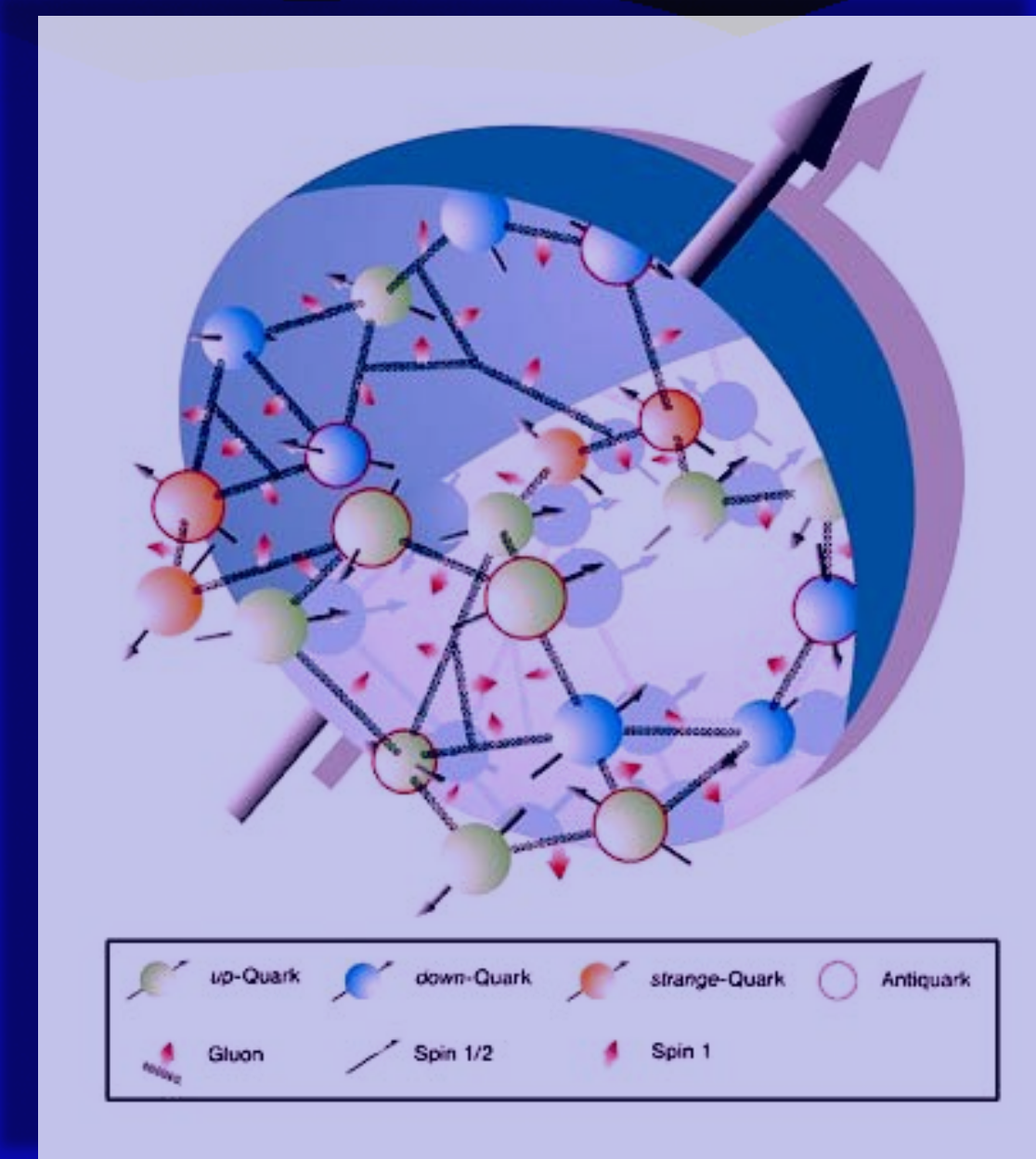
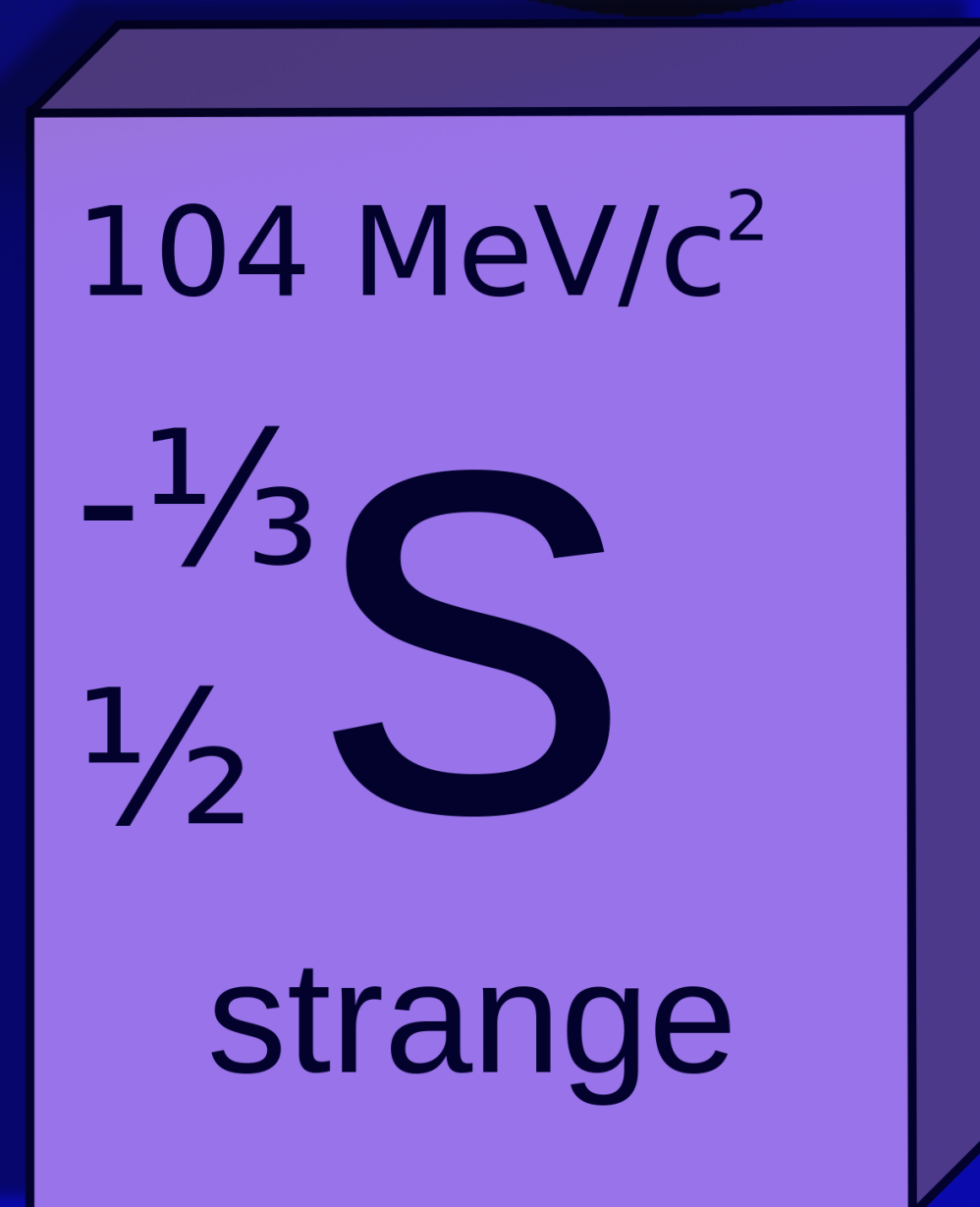


# Elucidating Strangeness with Electromagnetic Probes



# QCD Puzzles

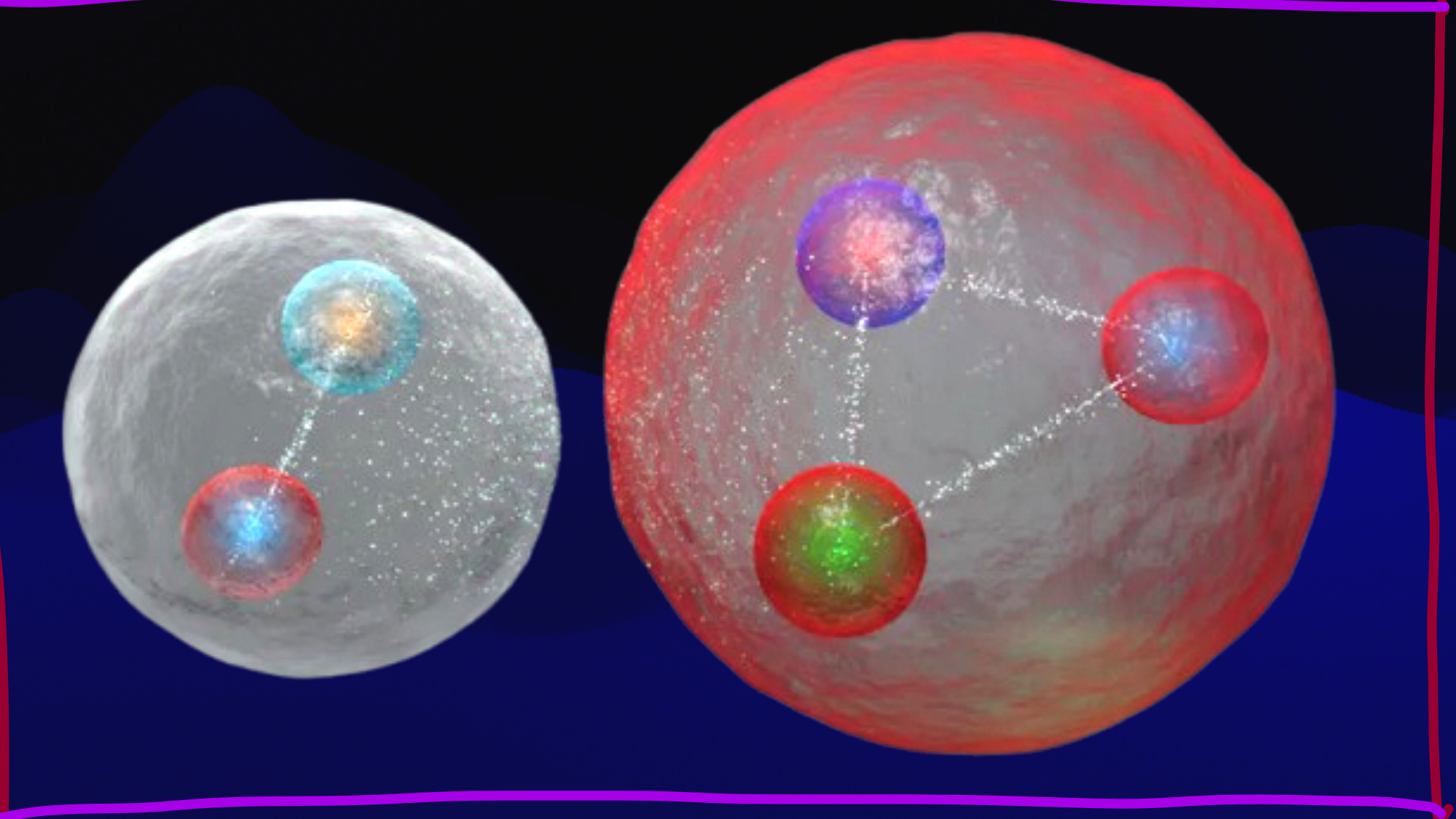
ISGUR & CAPSTICK (1986)

TABLE VIII. The  $\Xi$  and  $\Omega$  baryons below 2400 and 2500 MeV, respectively.

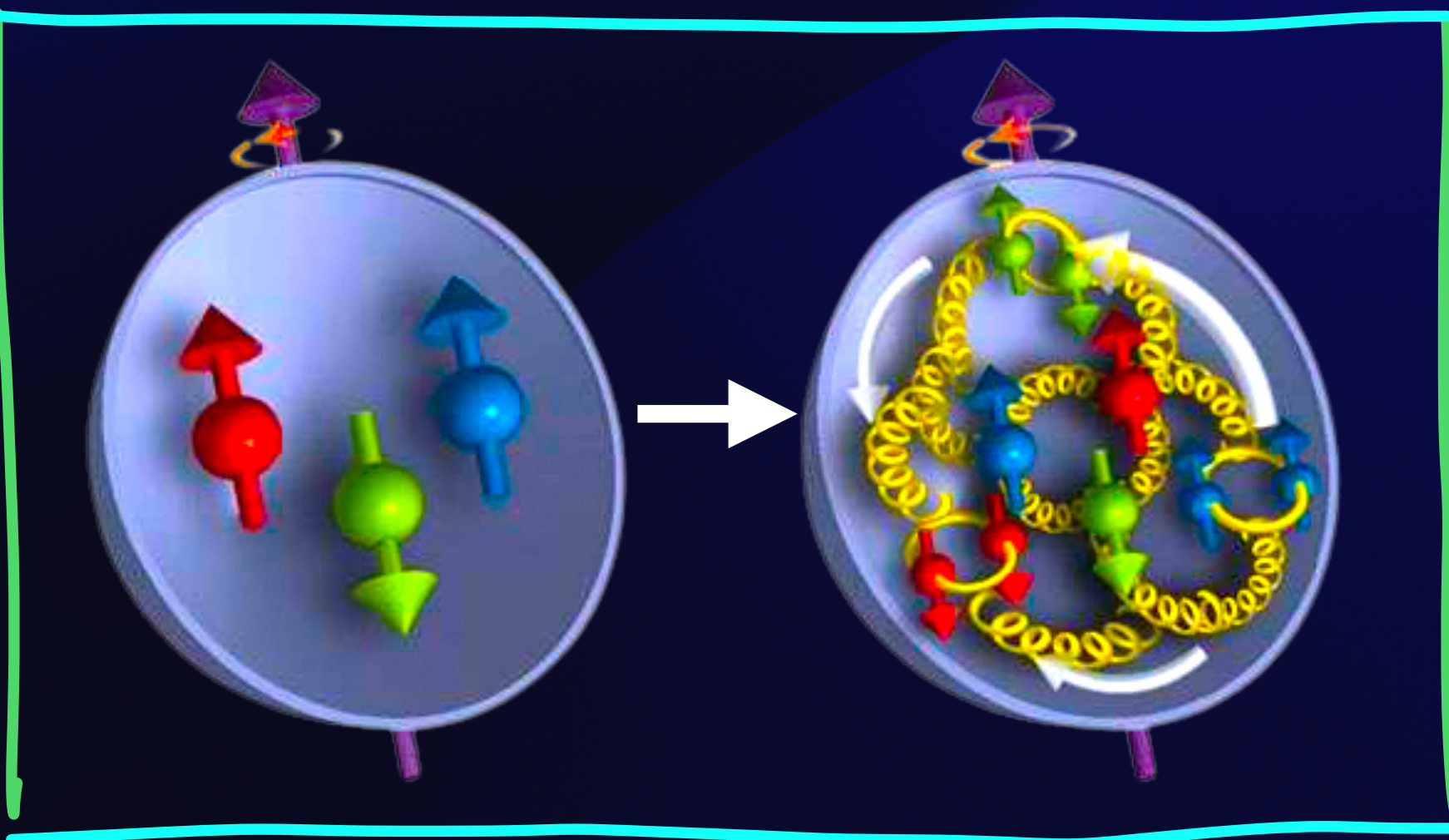
State, $J^P$	Predicted masses (MeV)								
$\Xi \frac{1}{2}^+$	1305								
$\Xi \frac{3}{2}^+$	1505								
$\Xi \frac{1}{2}^-$	1755	1810	1835	2225	2285	2300	2320	2380	
$\Xi \frac{3}{2}^-$	1785	1880	1895	2240	2305	2330	2340	2385	
$\Xi \frac{5}{2}^-$	1900	2345	2350	2385					
$\Xi \frac{7}{2}^-$	2355								
$\Xi \frac{1}{2}^+$	1840	2040	2100	2130	2150	2230	2345		
$\Xi \frac{3}{2}^+$	2045	2065	2115	2165	2170	2210	2230	2275	
$\Xi \frac{5}{2}^+$	2045	2165	2230	2230	2240				
$\Xi \frac{7}{2}^+$	2180	2240							

44 STATES PREDICTED ...

MESON-BARYON MOLECULES



RELATIVIZED QUARK MODEL

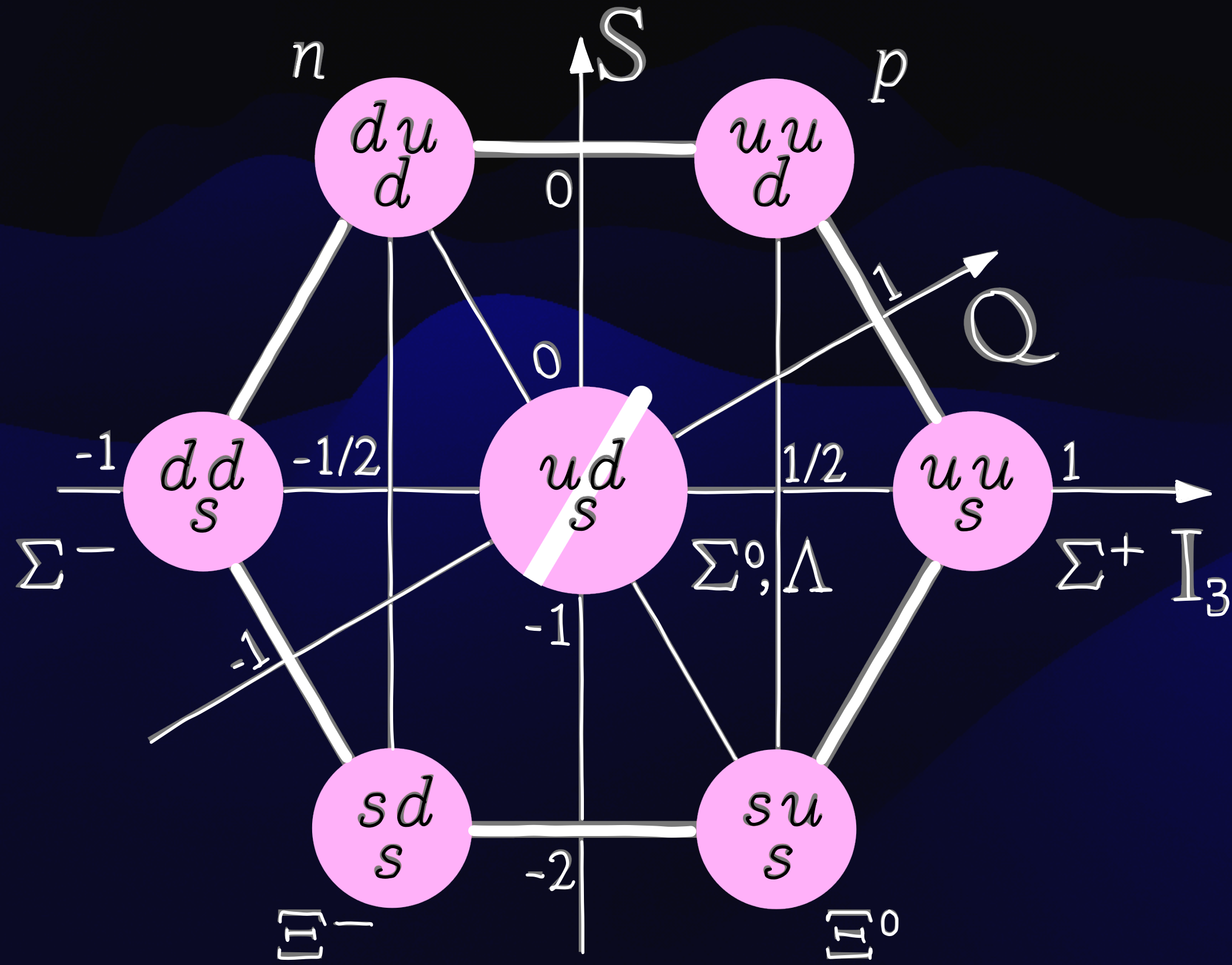


DO WE ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND BARYONS?

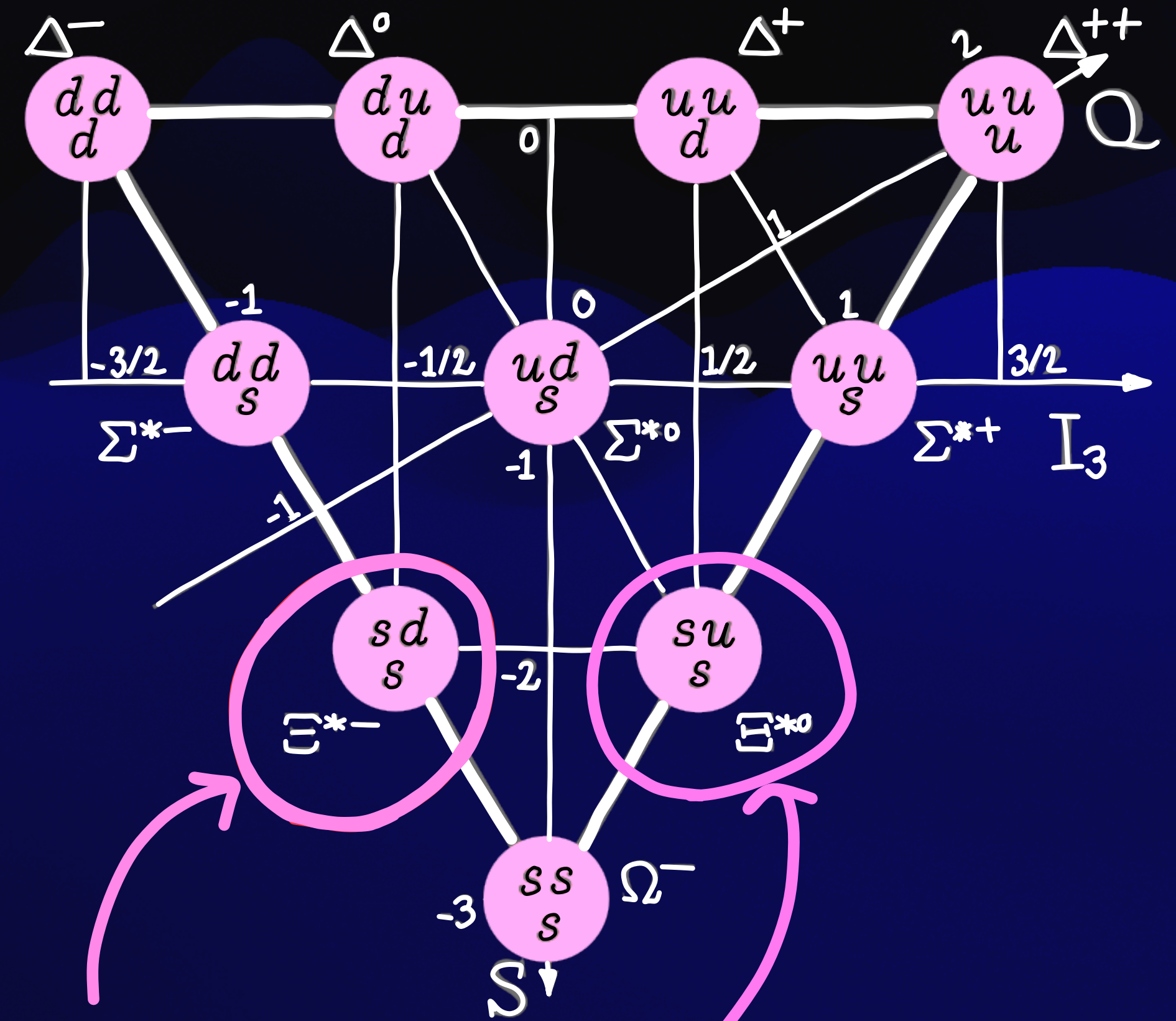


# Baryons

## OCTET



## DECUPLET



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CASCADES

# The Missing States

well established

Current Particle	Current Status	Previous Mass	Previous Status	Mass from MPS (MeV)
$\Xi(1318)$	****	1320	****	$1320 \pm 6$
$\Xi(1530)$	****	1530	****	$1541 \pm 12$
$\Xi(1620)$	*	1630	**	
$\Xi(1690)$	** <i>*</i>	1680	**	
$\Xi(1820)$	***	1820	***	$1822 \pm 6$
$\Xi(1950)$	** <i>*</i>	1940	**	
$\Xi(2030)$	***	2030	***	$2022 \pm 7$
$\Xi(2120)$	*	2120	*	
$\Xi(2250)$	** <i>*</i>	2250	*	$2214 \pm 5$
$\Xi(2370)$	**	2370	**	$2356 \pm 10$
$\Xi(2500)$	*	2500	**	$2505 \pm 10$

NOW

1981

Only 6 states established.

Not much progress in the last 4 decades

# Missing Quantum Numbers & Branching Ratios

$\Xi(1690)$

$$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(??)$$

Mass  $m = 1690 \pm 10$  MeV [c]

Full width  $\Gamma < 30$  MeV

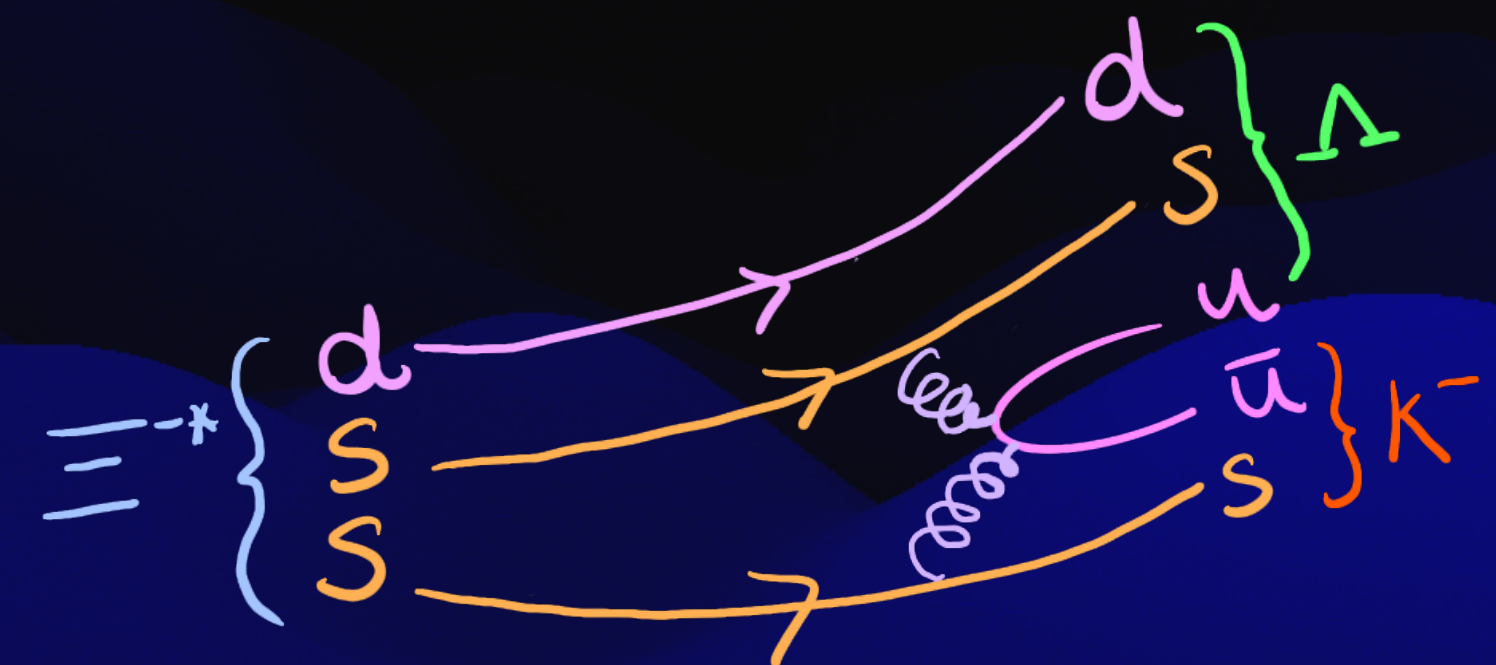
$\Xi(1690)$  DECAY MODES

$\Xi(1690)$ DECAY MODES	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	$p$ (MeV/c)
$\Lambda \bar{K}$	seen	240
$\Sigma \bar{K}$	seen	70
$\Xi \pi$	seen	311
$\Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	possibly seen	213

Missing

FROM PDG

## POSSIBLE DECAY MODES

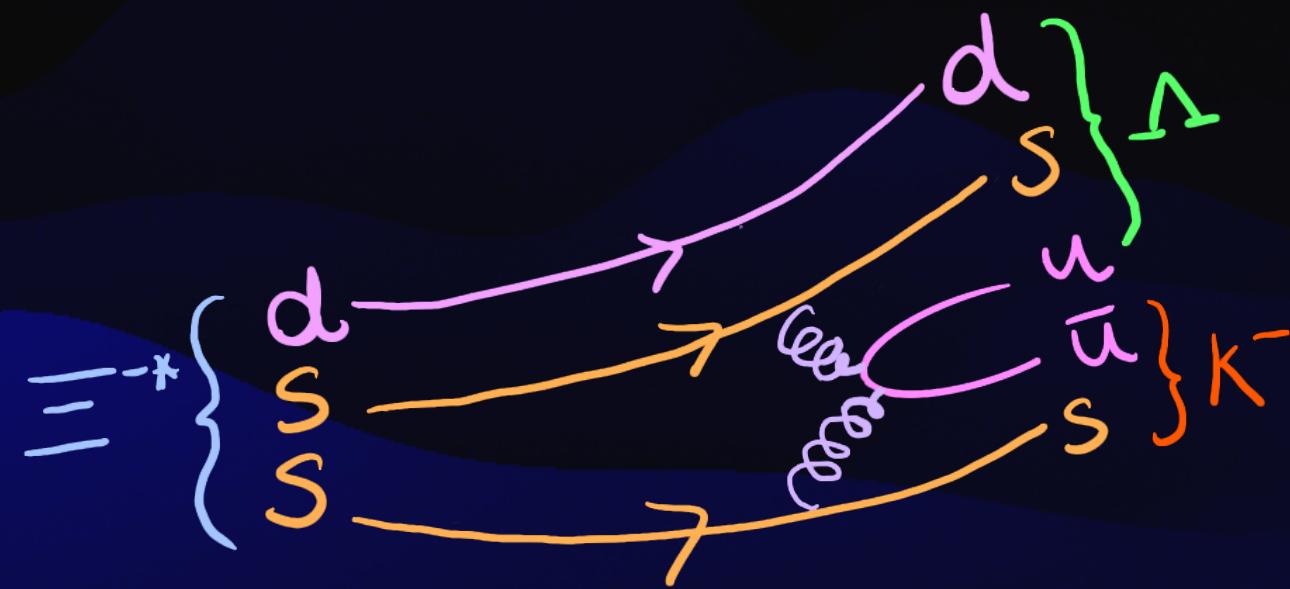


final quark composition is the same!

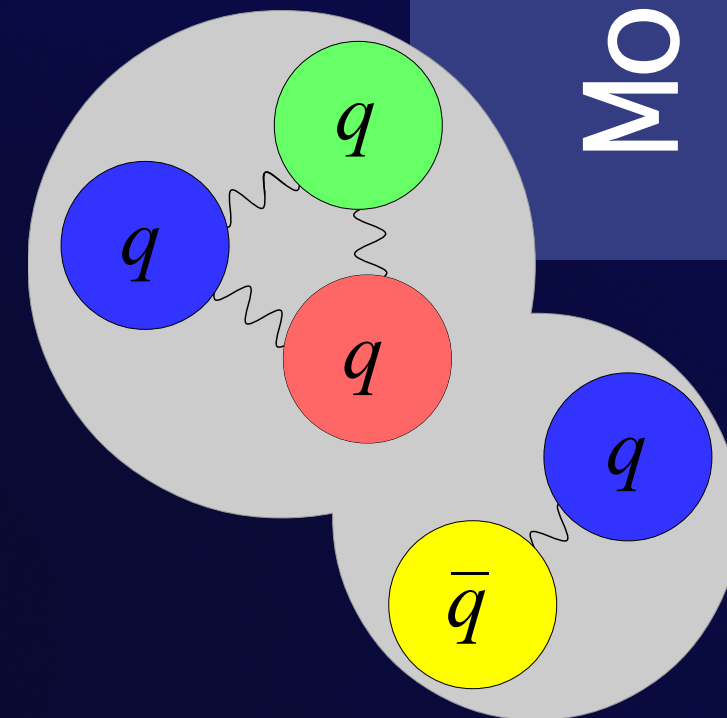


# Theoretical Controversies

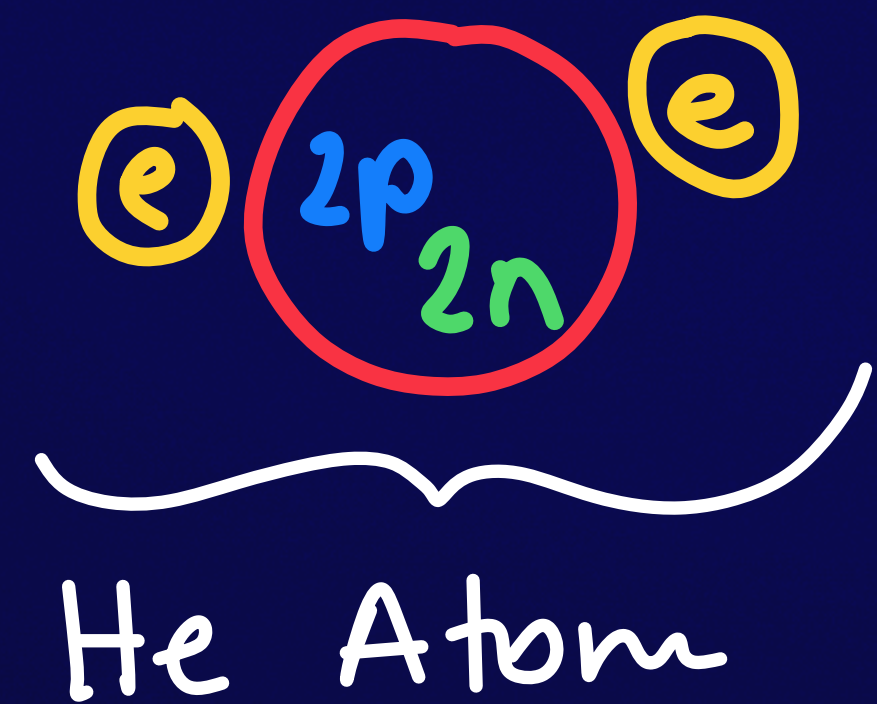
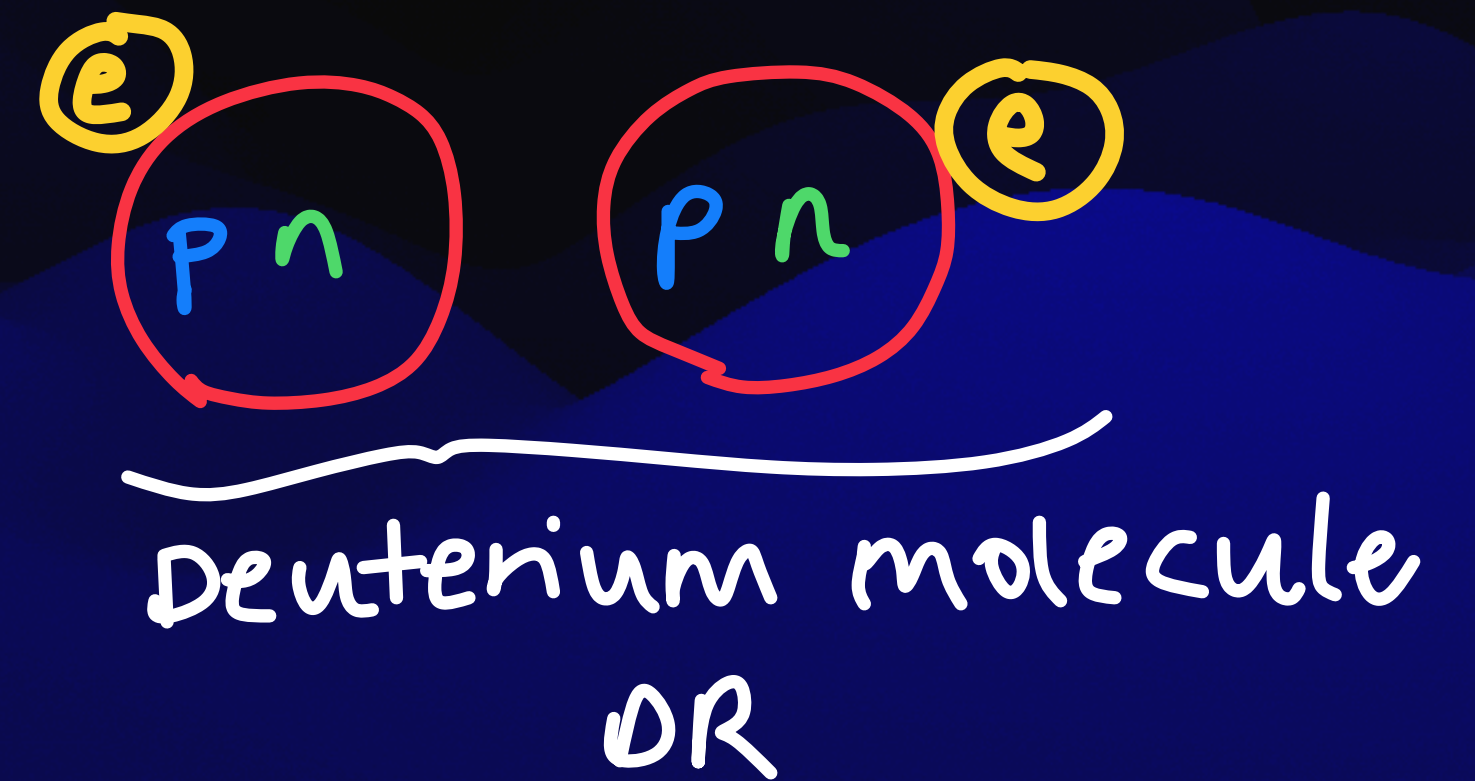
3q state



Molecular state



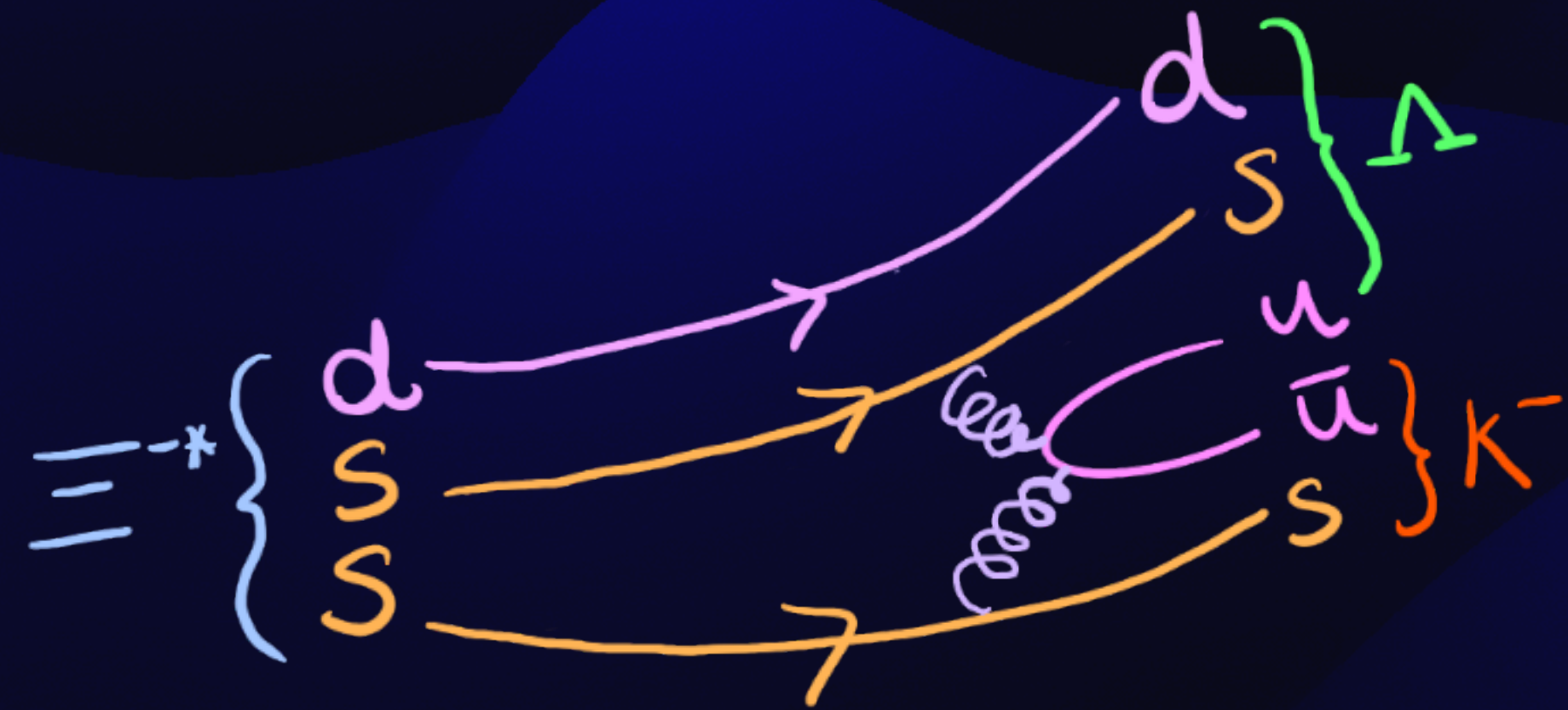
EXAMPLE:



# SU(3) Clebsch-Gordan Coefficients

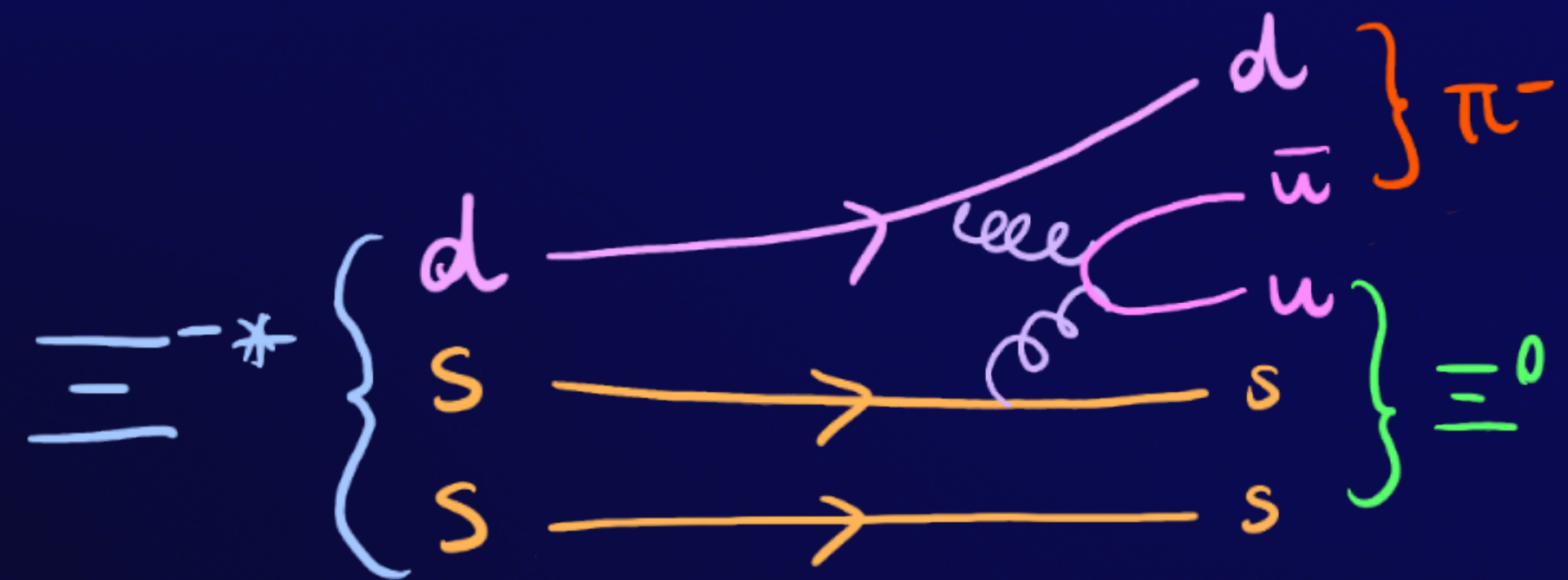
FROM DECOUPLET:

$$|\Xi^*\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|\Xi\pi\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|\Sigma\bar{K}\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|\Xi\eta\rangle - \frac{1}{2}|\Lambda\bar{K}\rangle$$

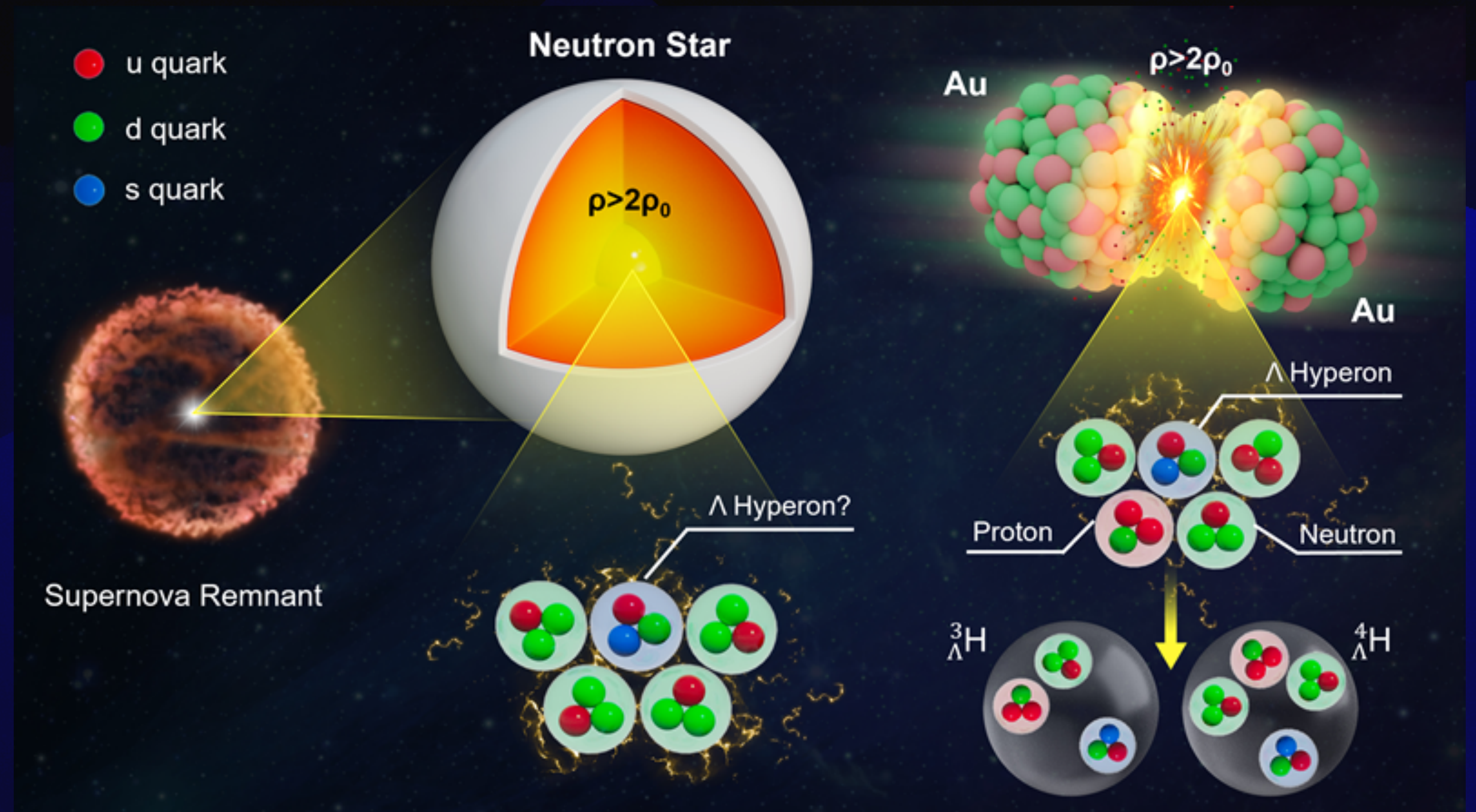


FROM OCTET:

$$|\Xi^*\rangle = \frac{1}{2}|\Xi\pi\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|\Sigma\bar{K}\rangle - \frac{1}{2}|\Xi\eta\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|\Lambda\bar{K}\rangle$$

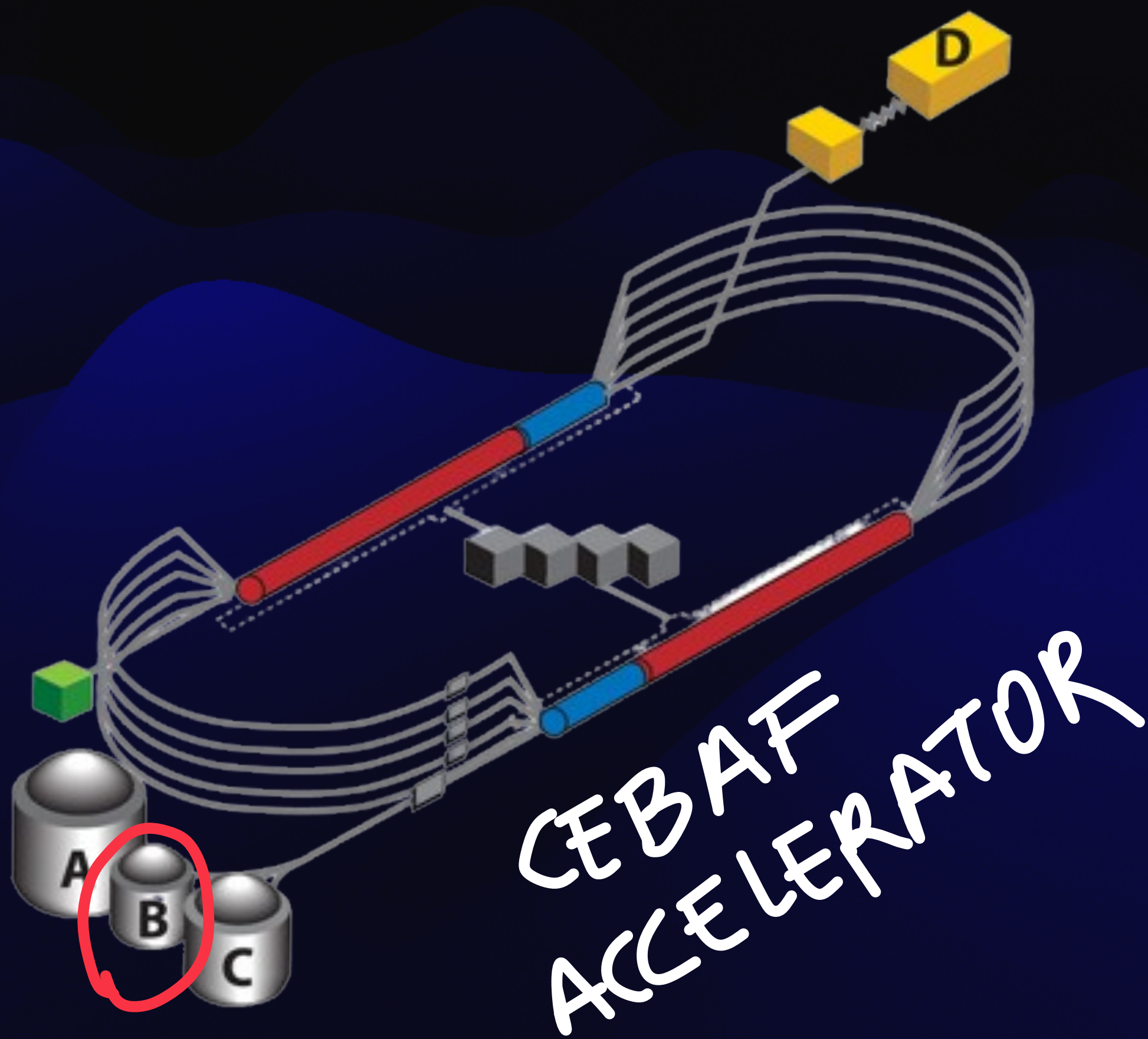


# The Hyperon Puzzle

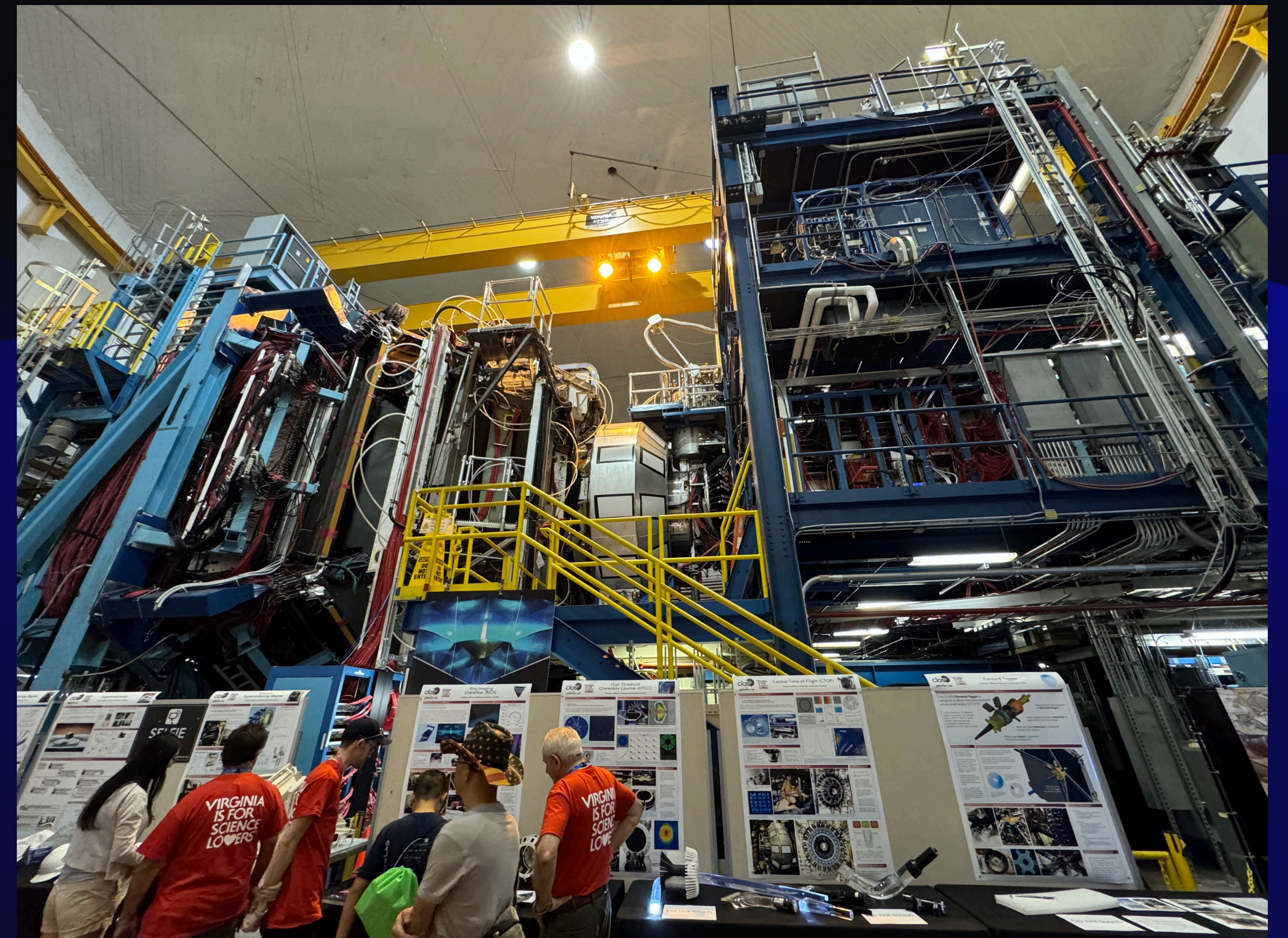
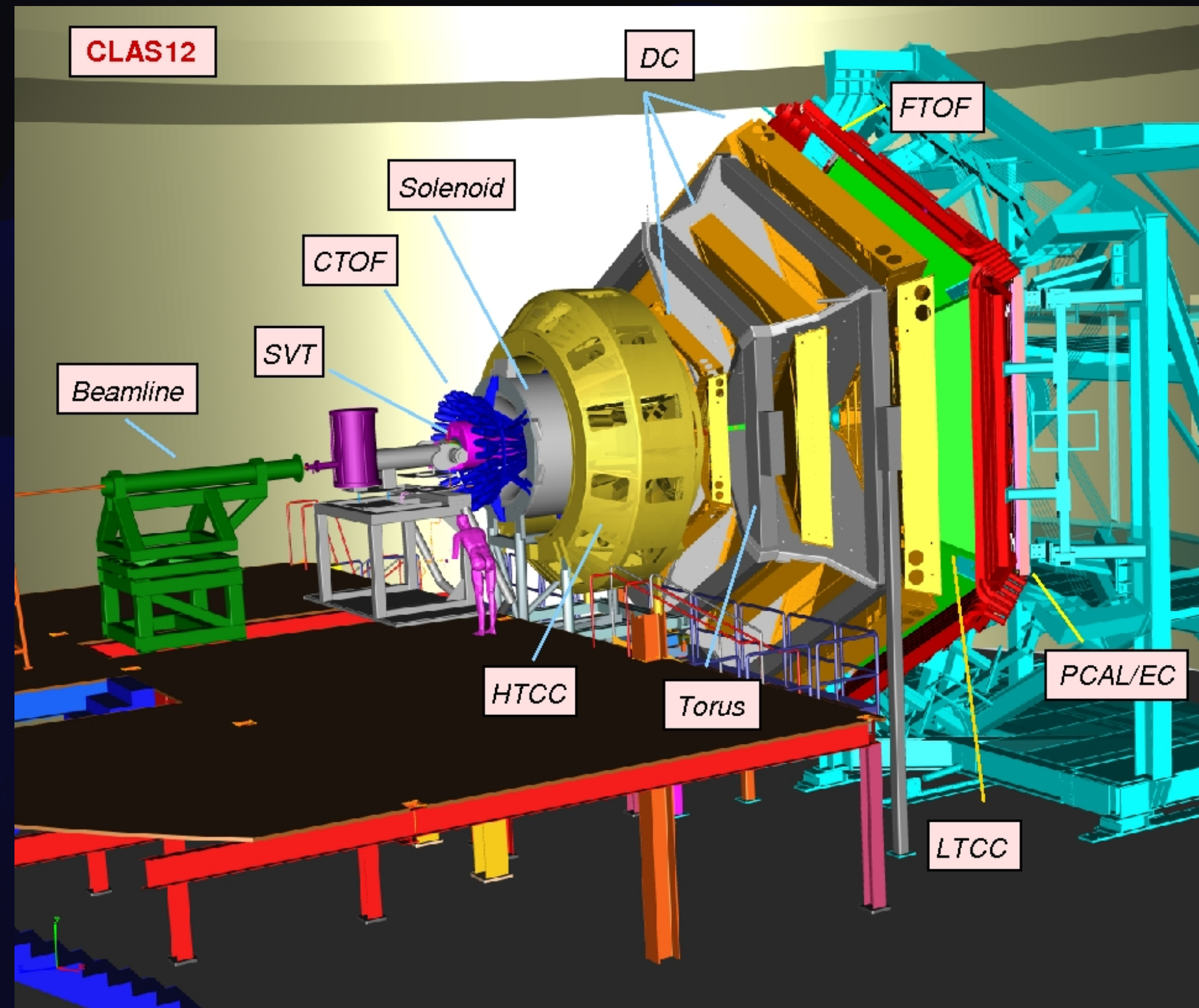




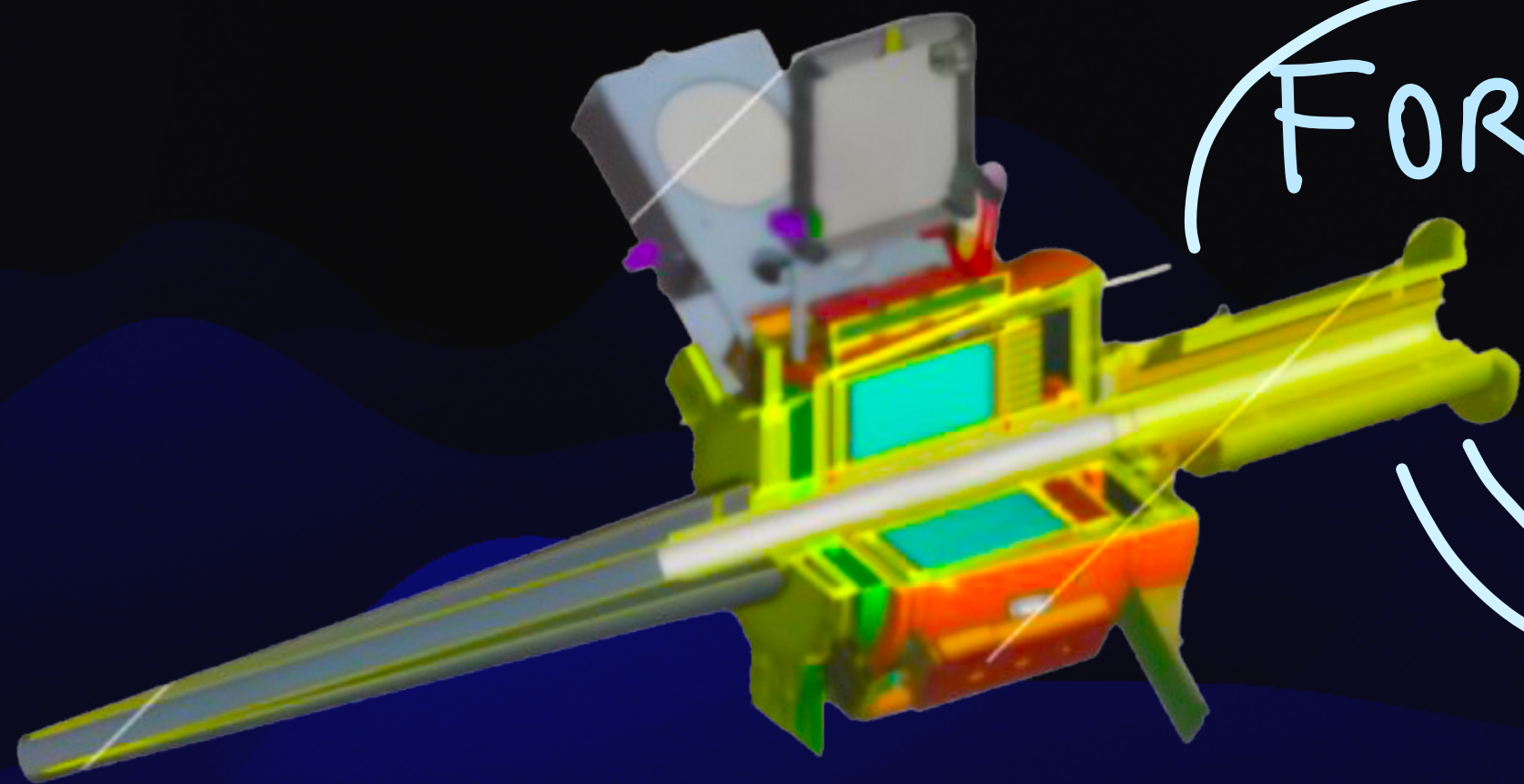
# Jefferson Lab



# CLAS12

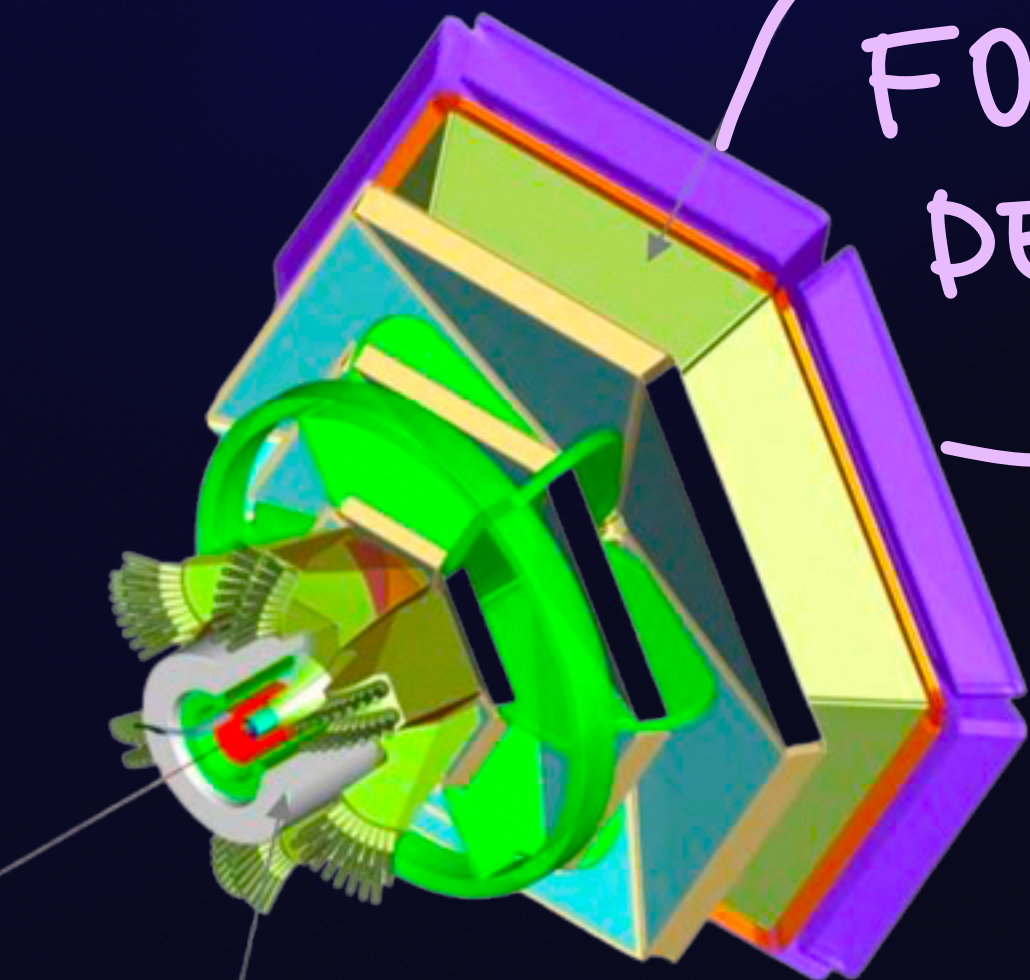


# Forward Detector vs Forward Tagger



FORWARD TAGGER

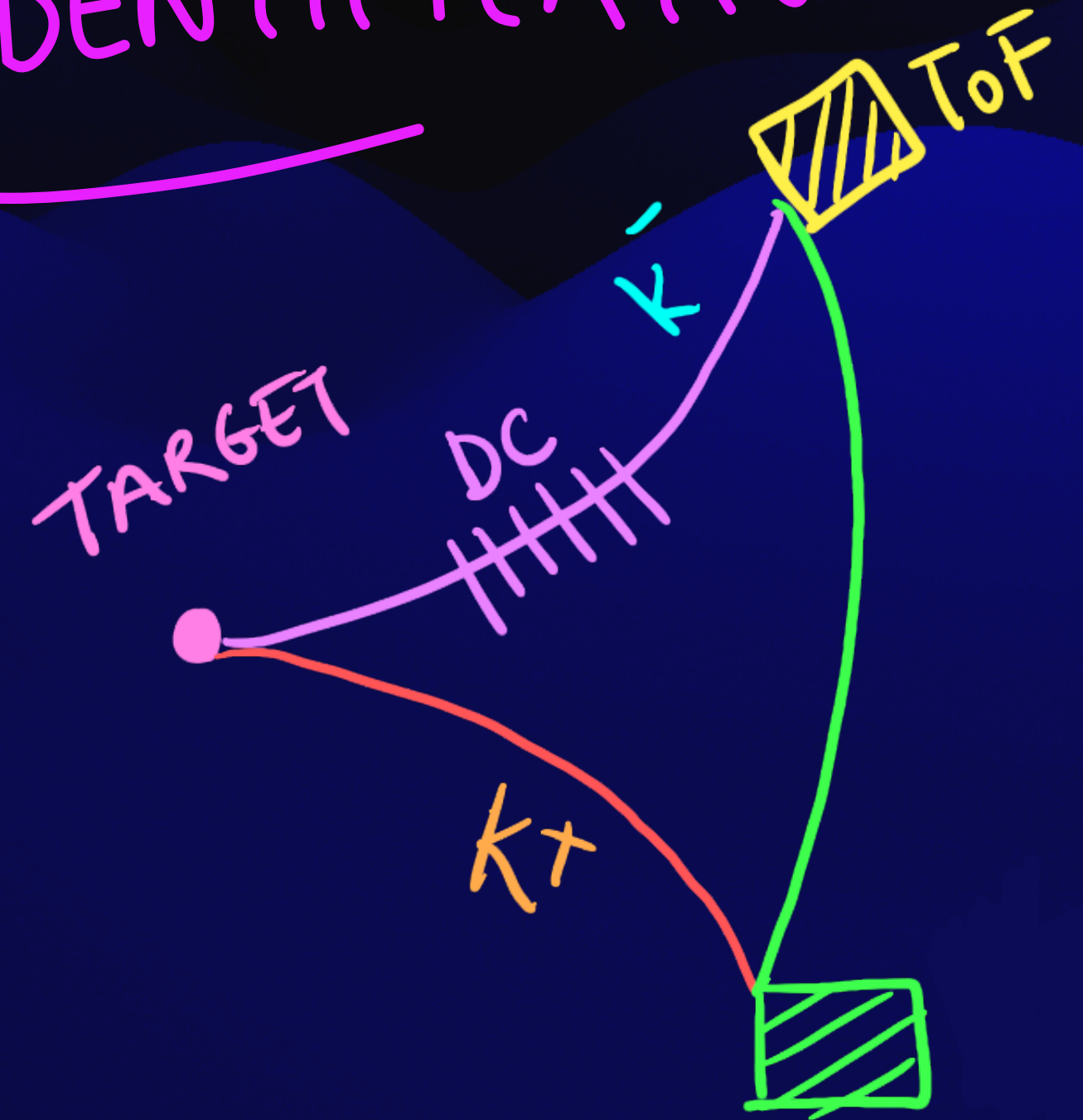
- Angular range:  $2.5^\circ < \theta < 4.5^\circ$
- Quasi-real photo-production
- calorimeter



FORWARD DETECTOR

- Angular range:  $5^\circ < \theta < 35^\circ$
- Higher  $q^2$  values
- magnetic spectroscopy

PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION



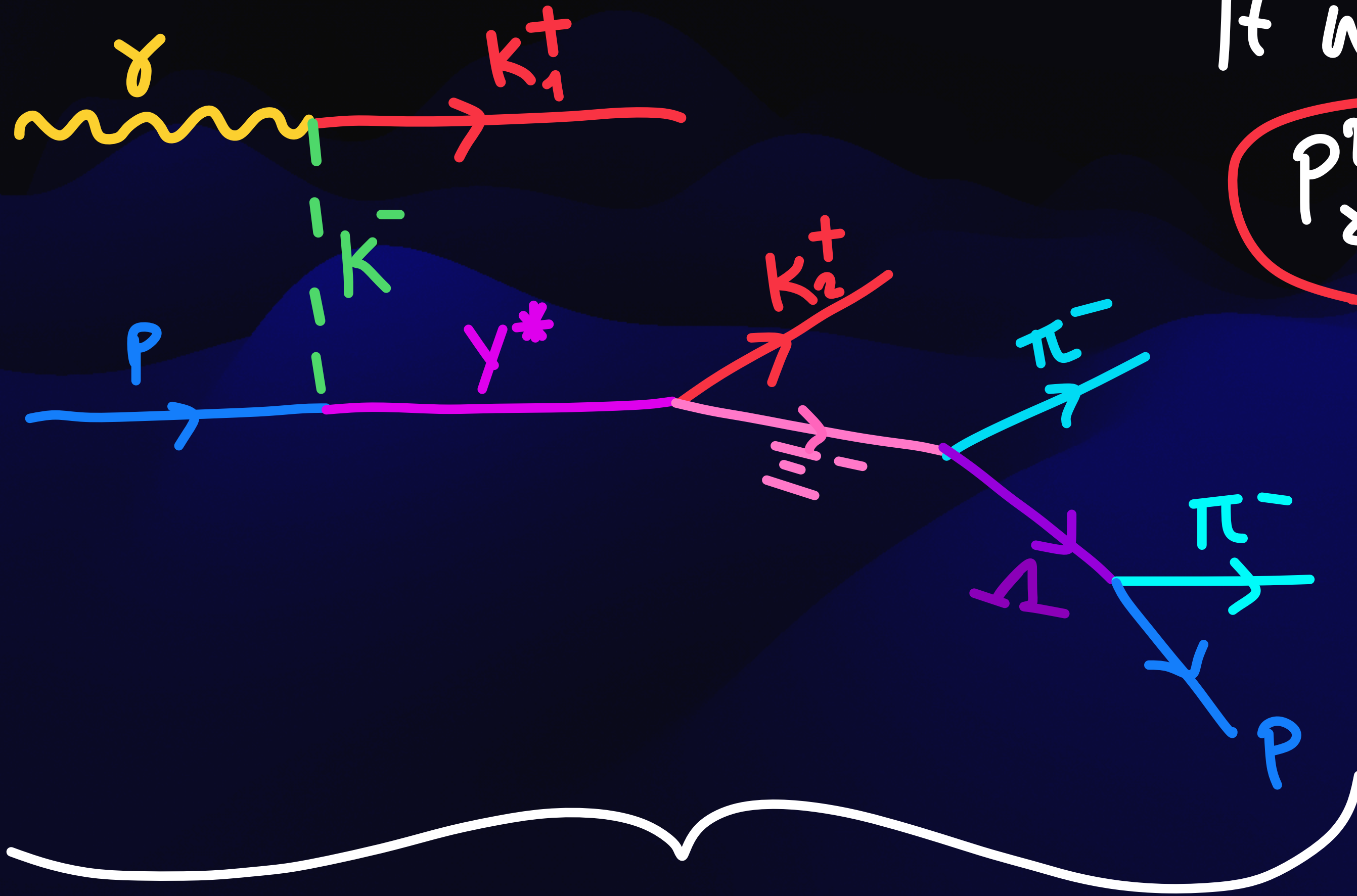
# Cascades & Missing Mass

If we want to see the  $\Xi^-$  :

$$P_\gamma + P_p = P_{K_1^+} + P_{K_2^+} + P_{\Xi^-}$$

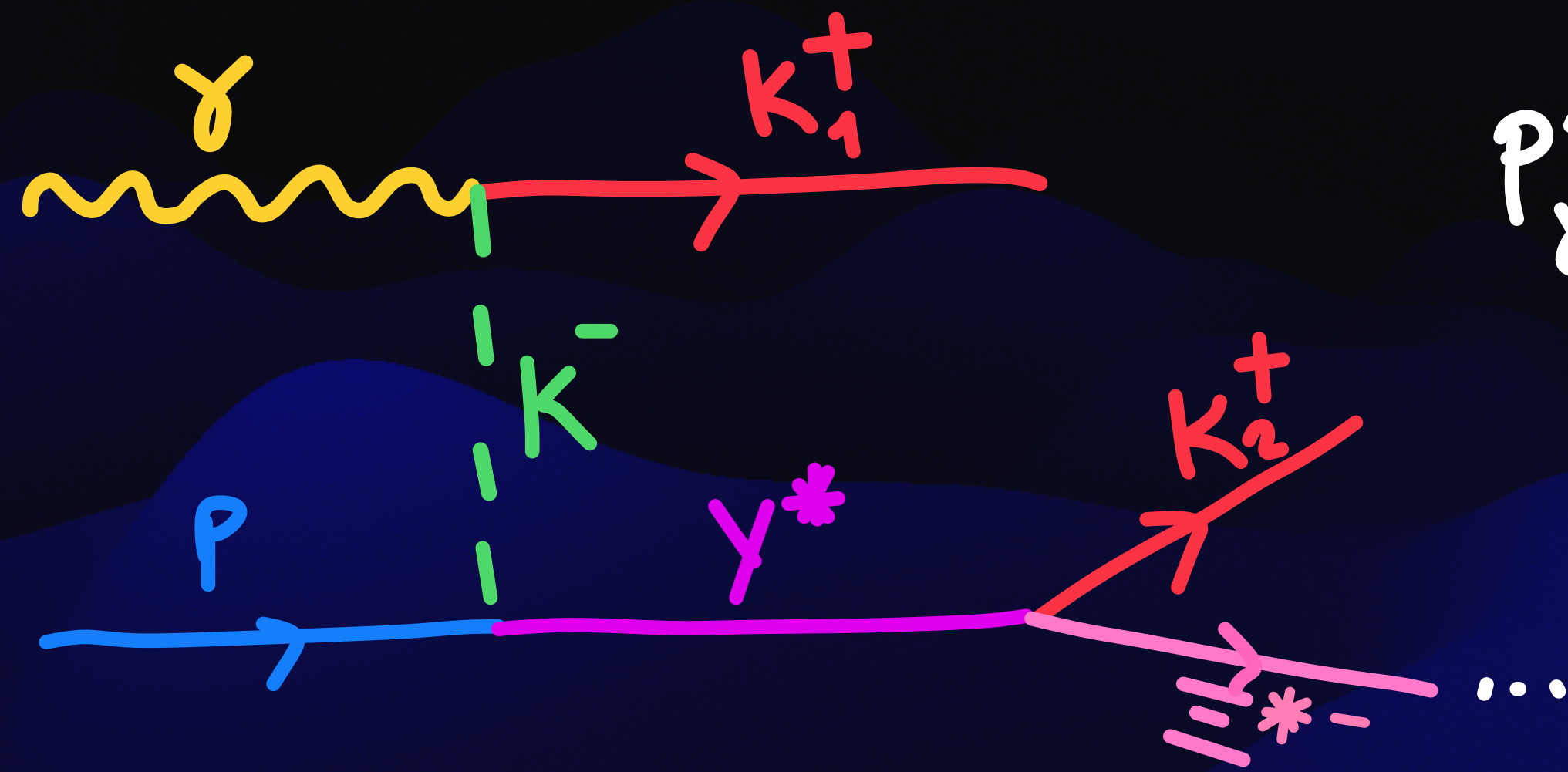
FOUR MOMENTUM CONSERVATION

$$P_{\Xi^-} = P_\gamma + P_p - P_{K_1^+} - P_{K_2^+}$$



GROUND STATE CASCADE

# Cascades & Missing Mass

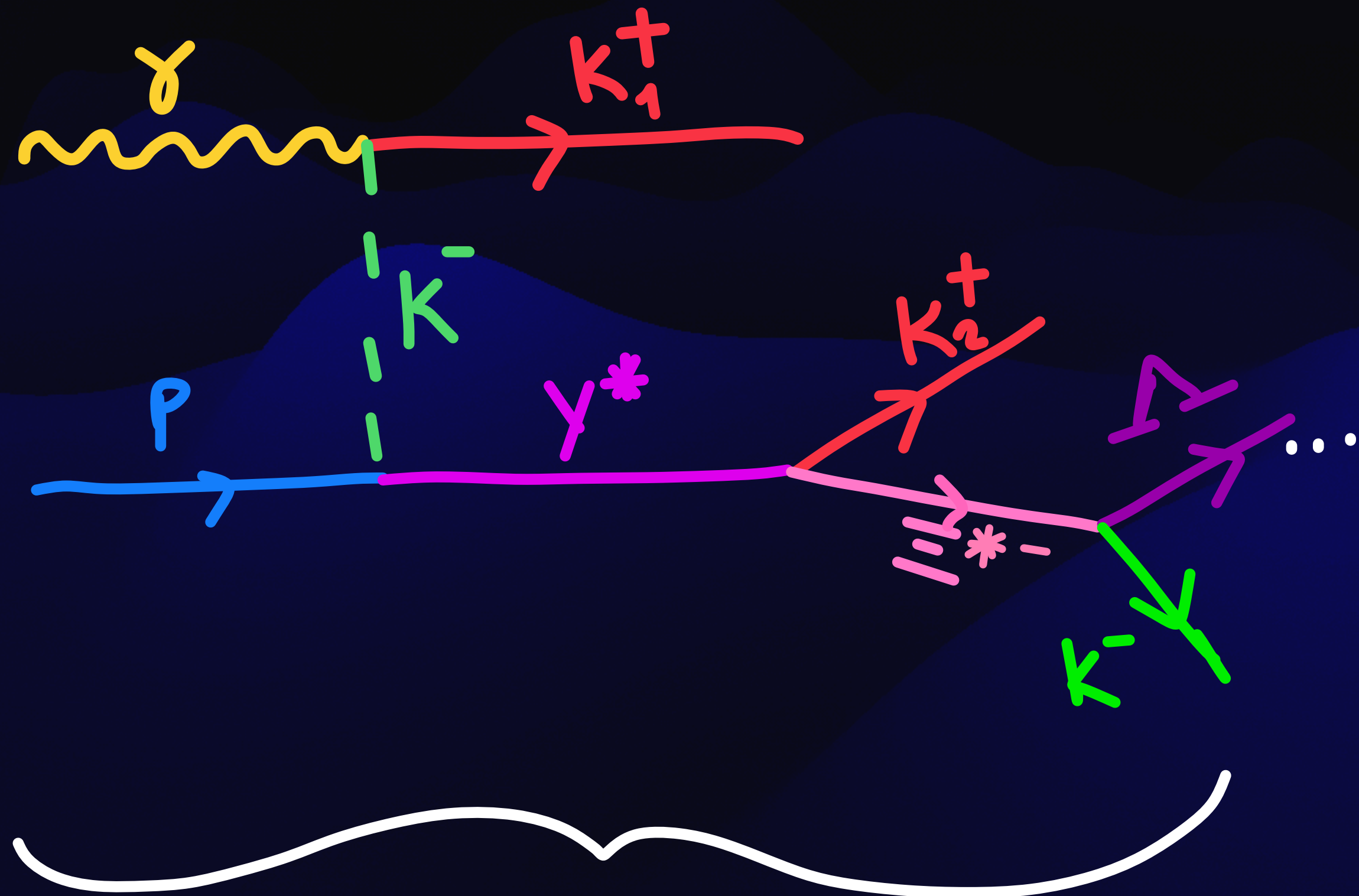


$$p_{\gamma}^{\mu} + p_p^{\mu} = p_{k_1^+}^{\mu} + p_{k_2^+}^{\mu} + p_{k^*}^{\mu}$$

$$p_{k^*}^{\mu} = p_{\gamma}^{\mu} + p_p^{\mu} - p_{k_1^+}^{\mu} - p_{k_2^+}^{\mu}$$

EXCITED CASCADE

# Cascades & Missing Mass



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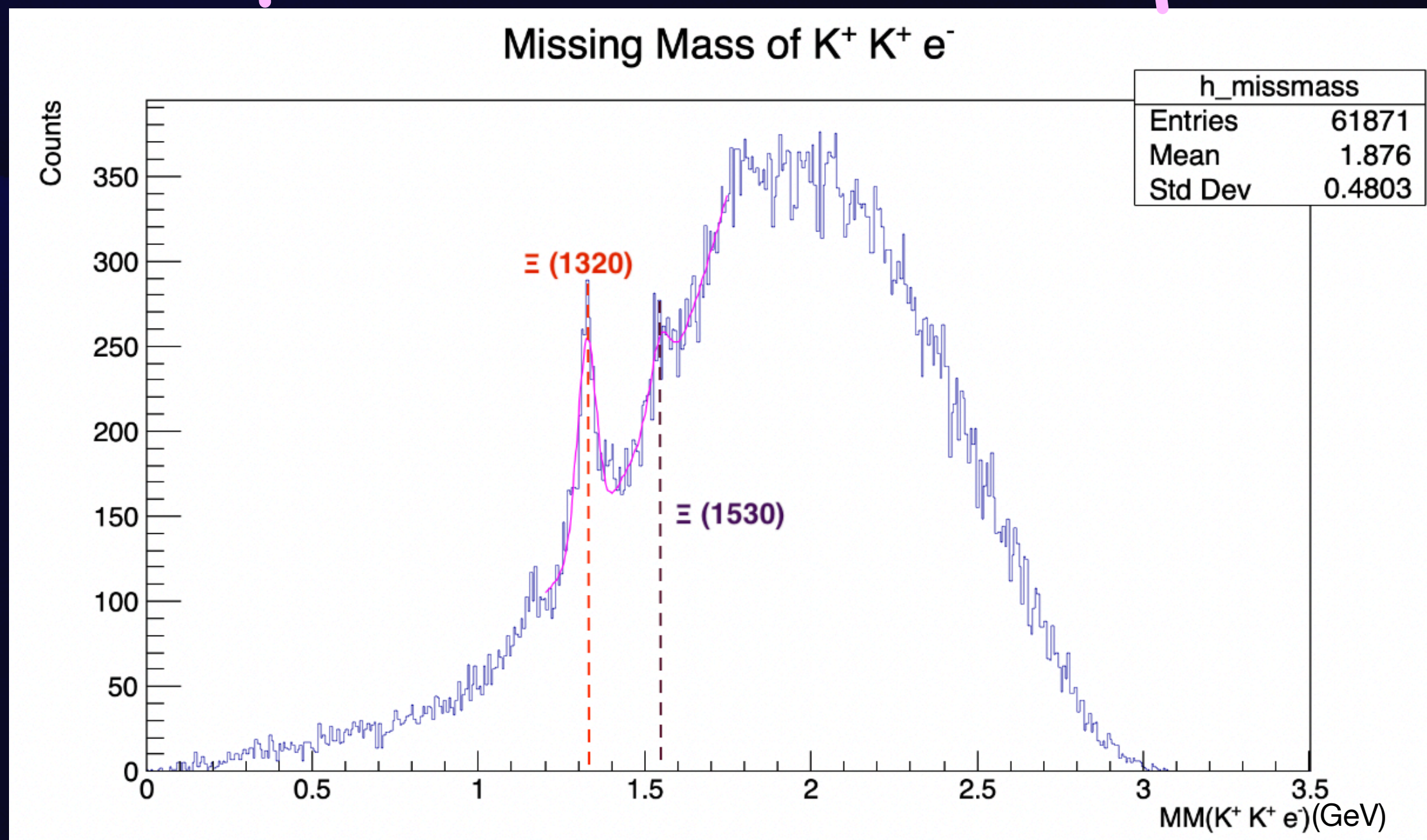
$$P_{\gamma}^{\Lambda} + P_p^{\Lambda} = P_{K_1^+}^{\Lambda} + P_{K_2^+}^{\Lambda} + P_{K^-}^{\Lambda} + P_{\Lambda}^{\Lambda}$$

$$P_{\Lambda}^{\Lambda} = P_{\gamma}^{\Lambda} + P_p^{\Lambda} - P_{K_1^+}^{\Lambda} - P_{K_2^+}^{\Lambda} - P_{K^-}^{\Lambda}$$

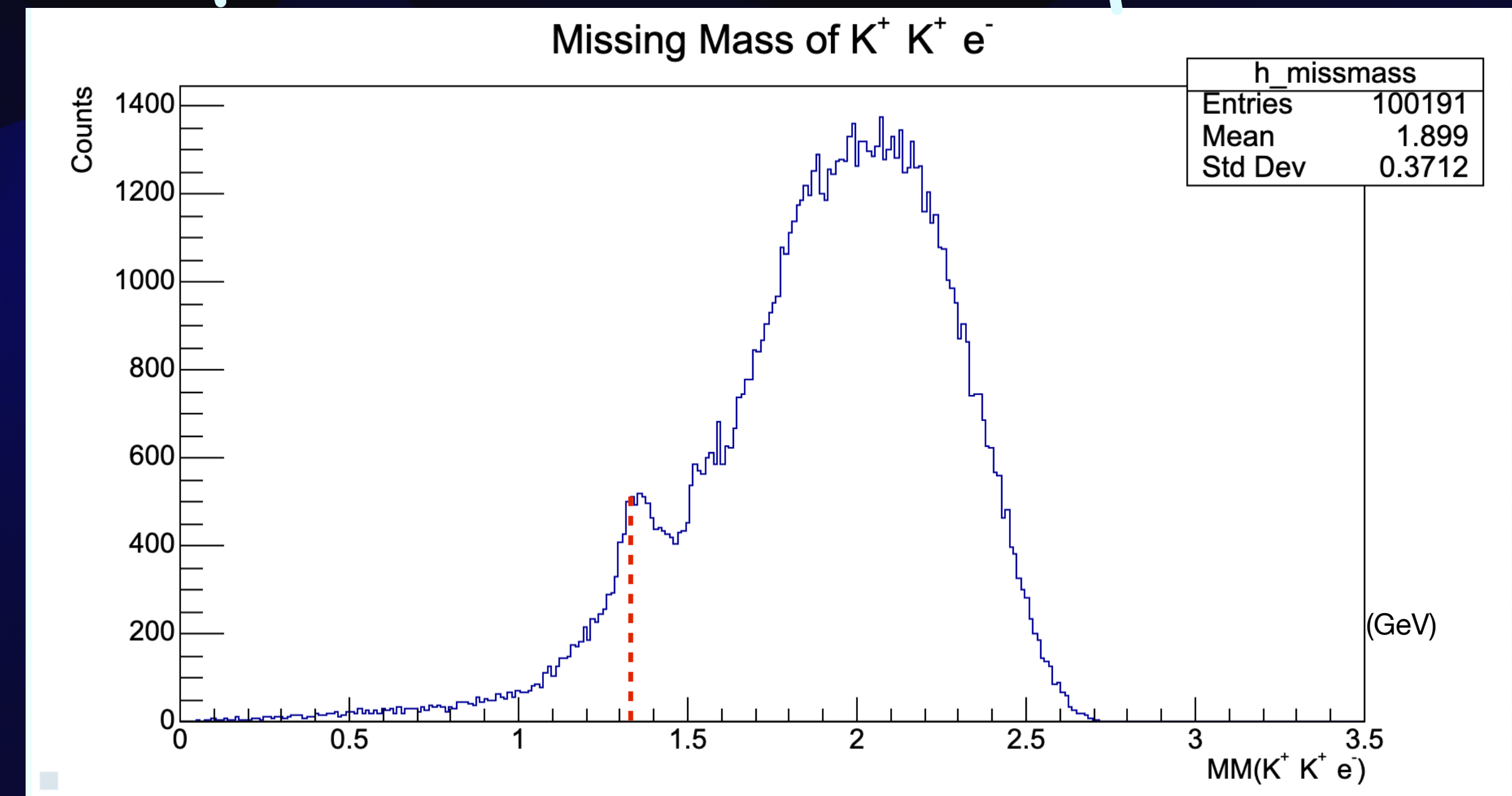
observe a  $\Lambda$  peak in the spectrum

# Data Analysis

FORWARD DETECTOR



FORWARD TAGGER



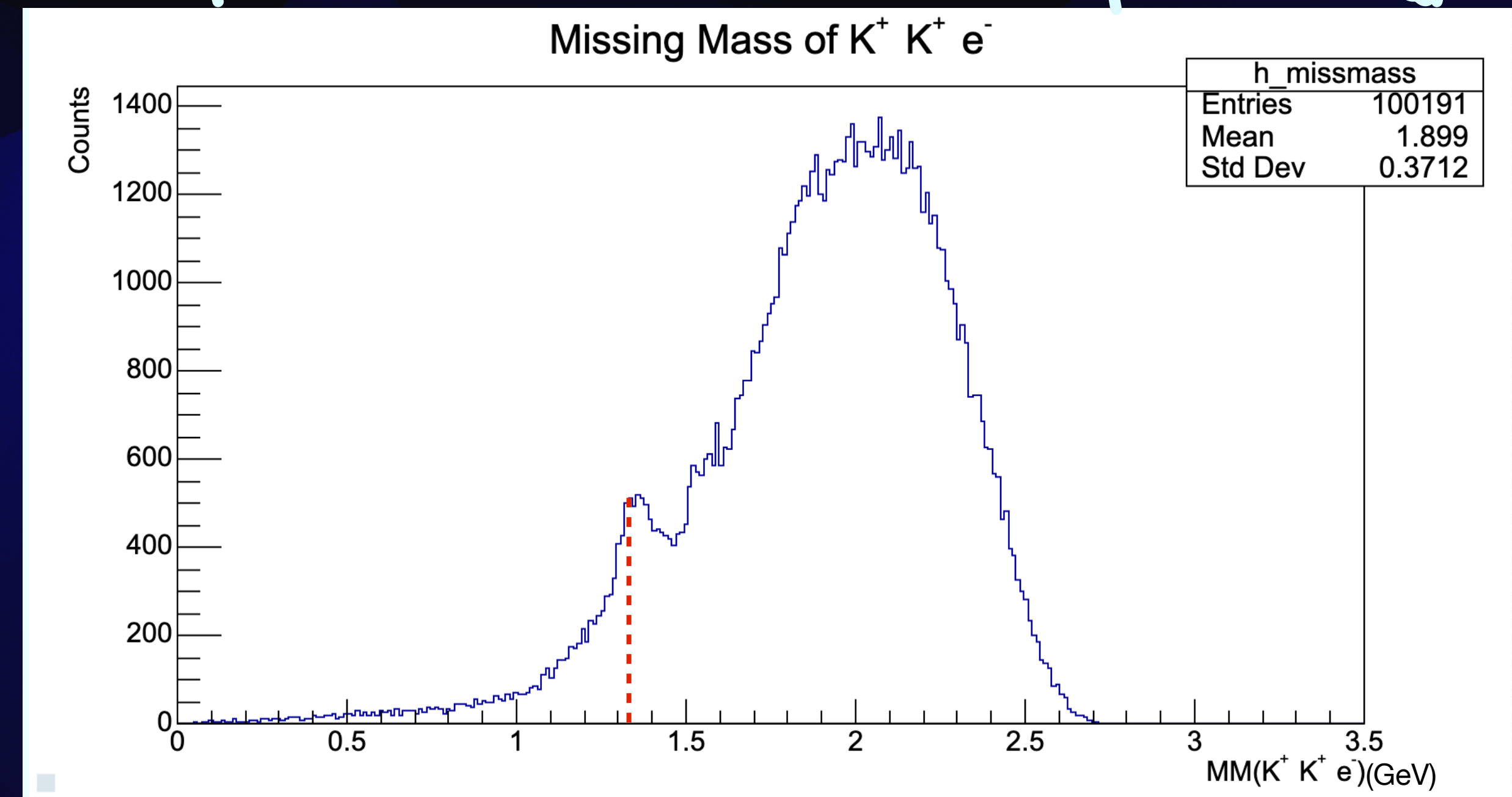
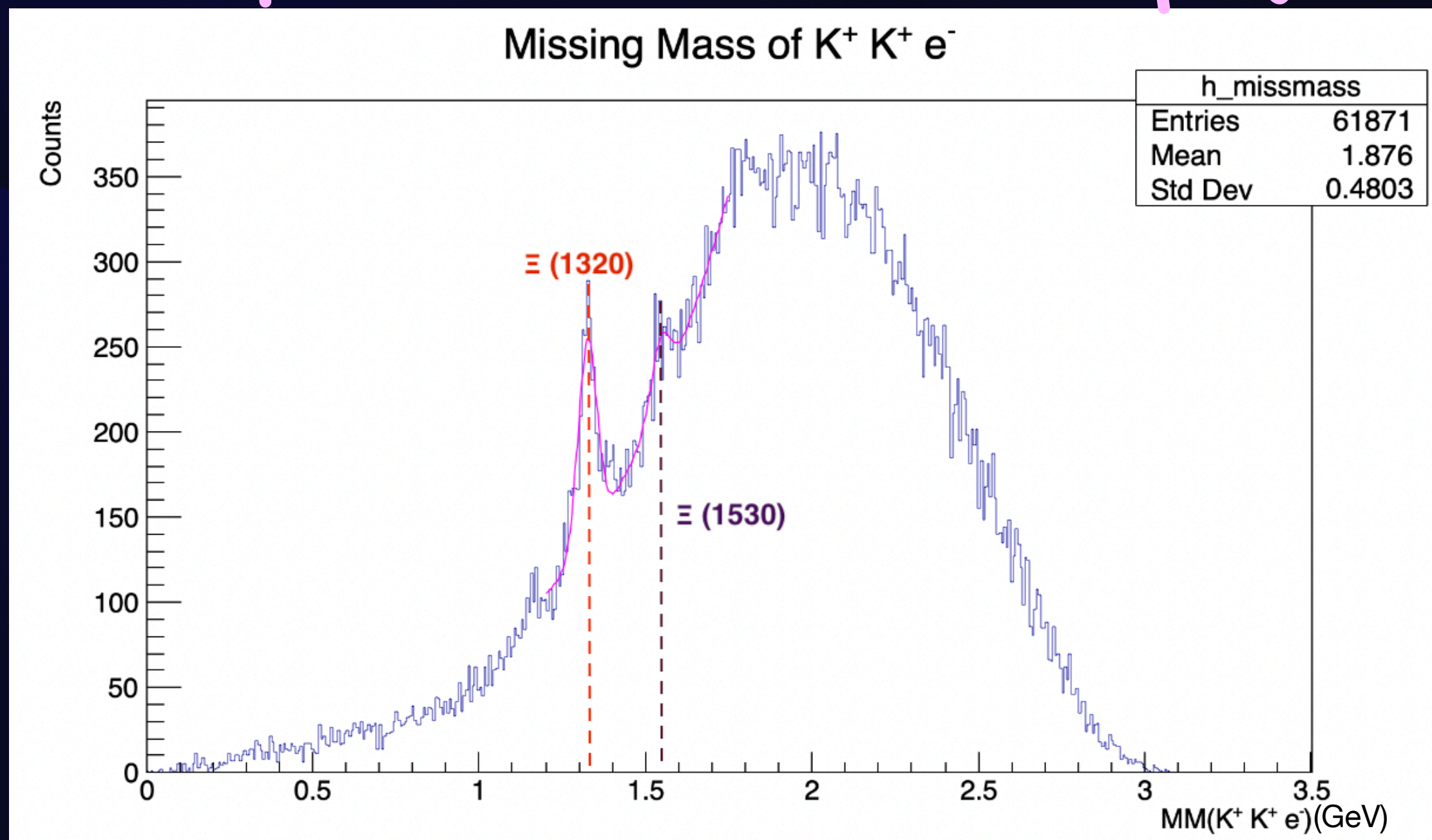
# Data Analysis

FORWARD DETECTOR

Better Resolution

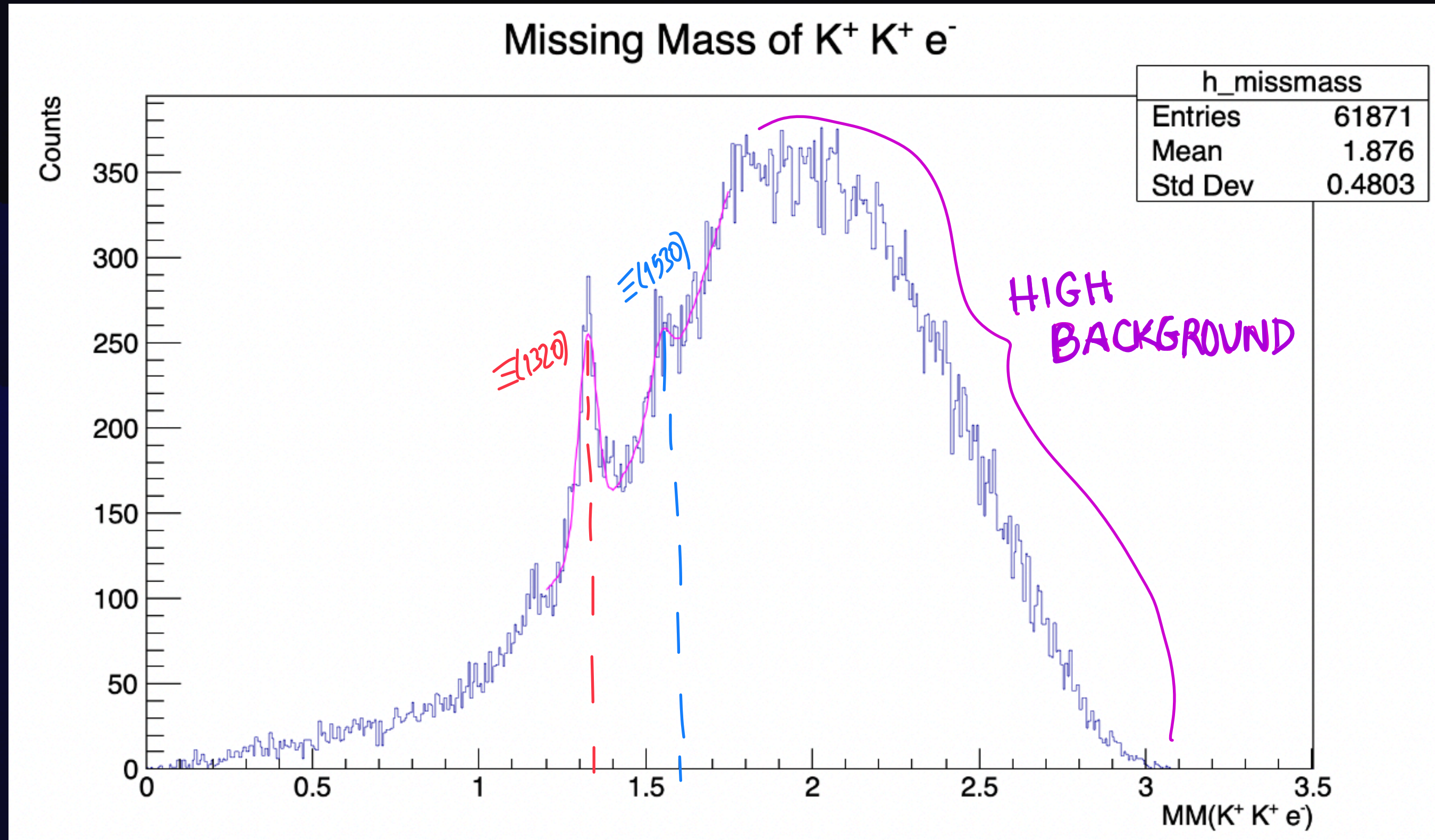
FORWARD TAGGER

More data



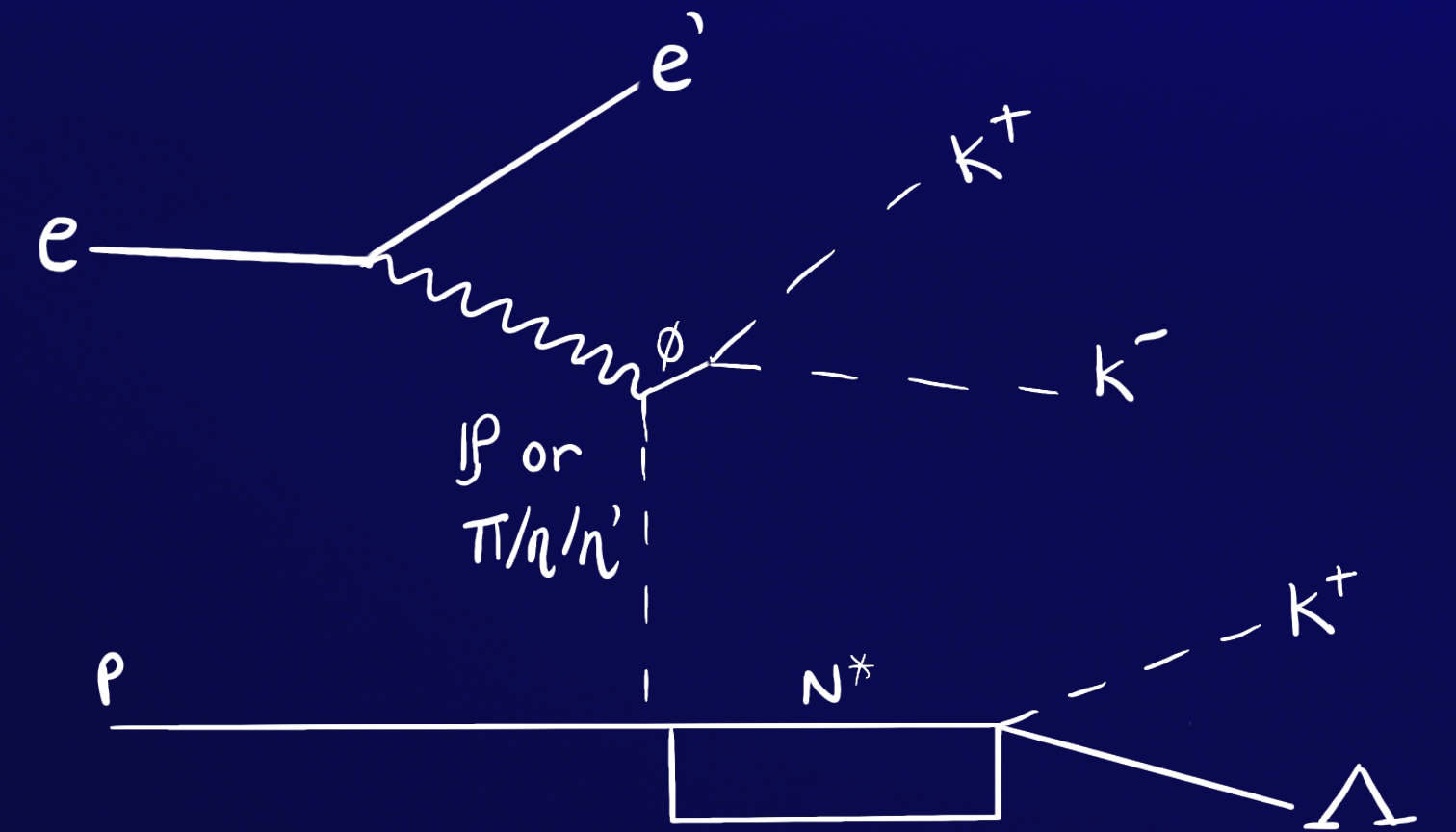


# Data Analysis



WHY HIGH BACKGROUND?

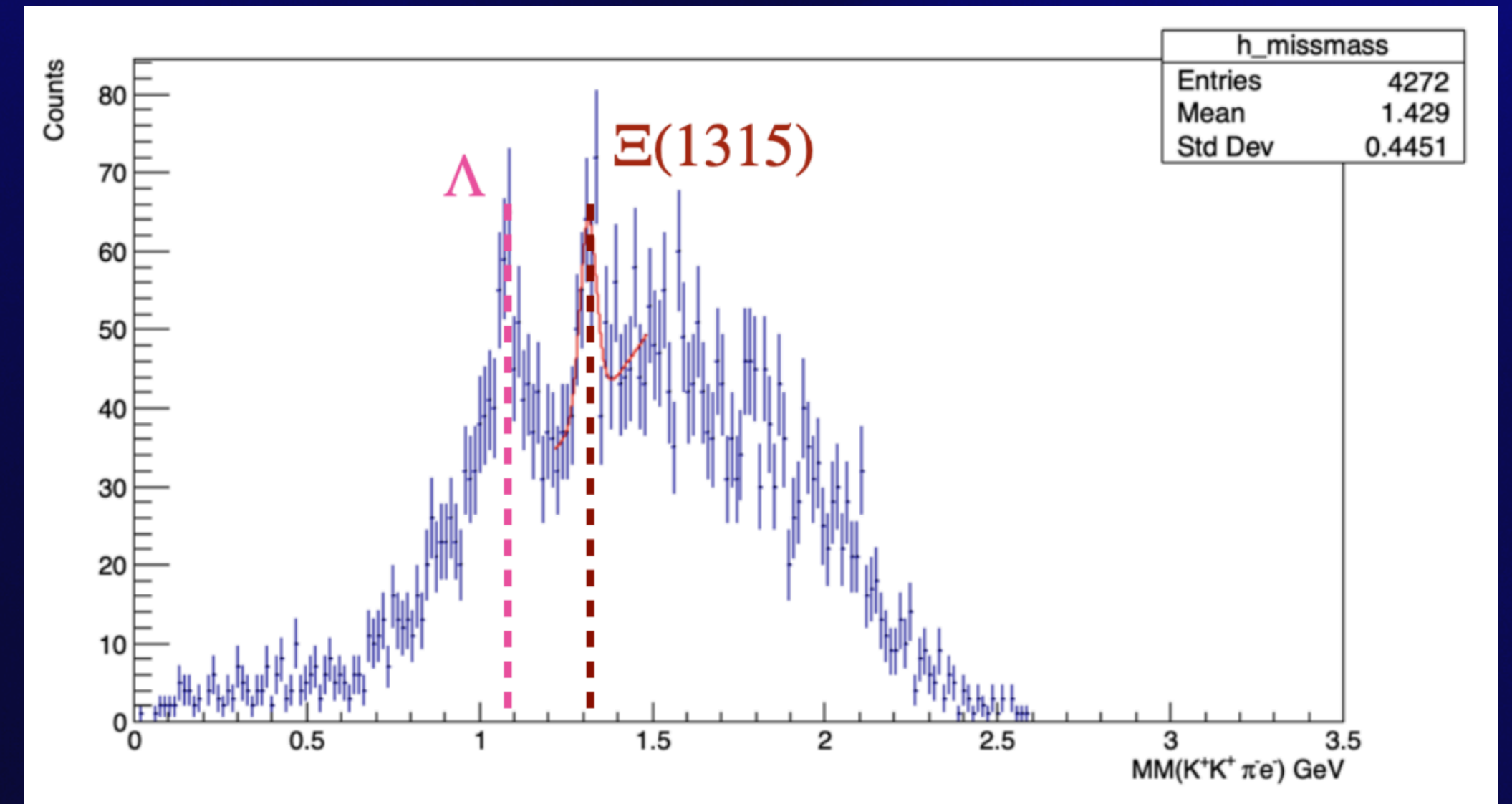
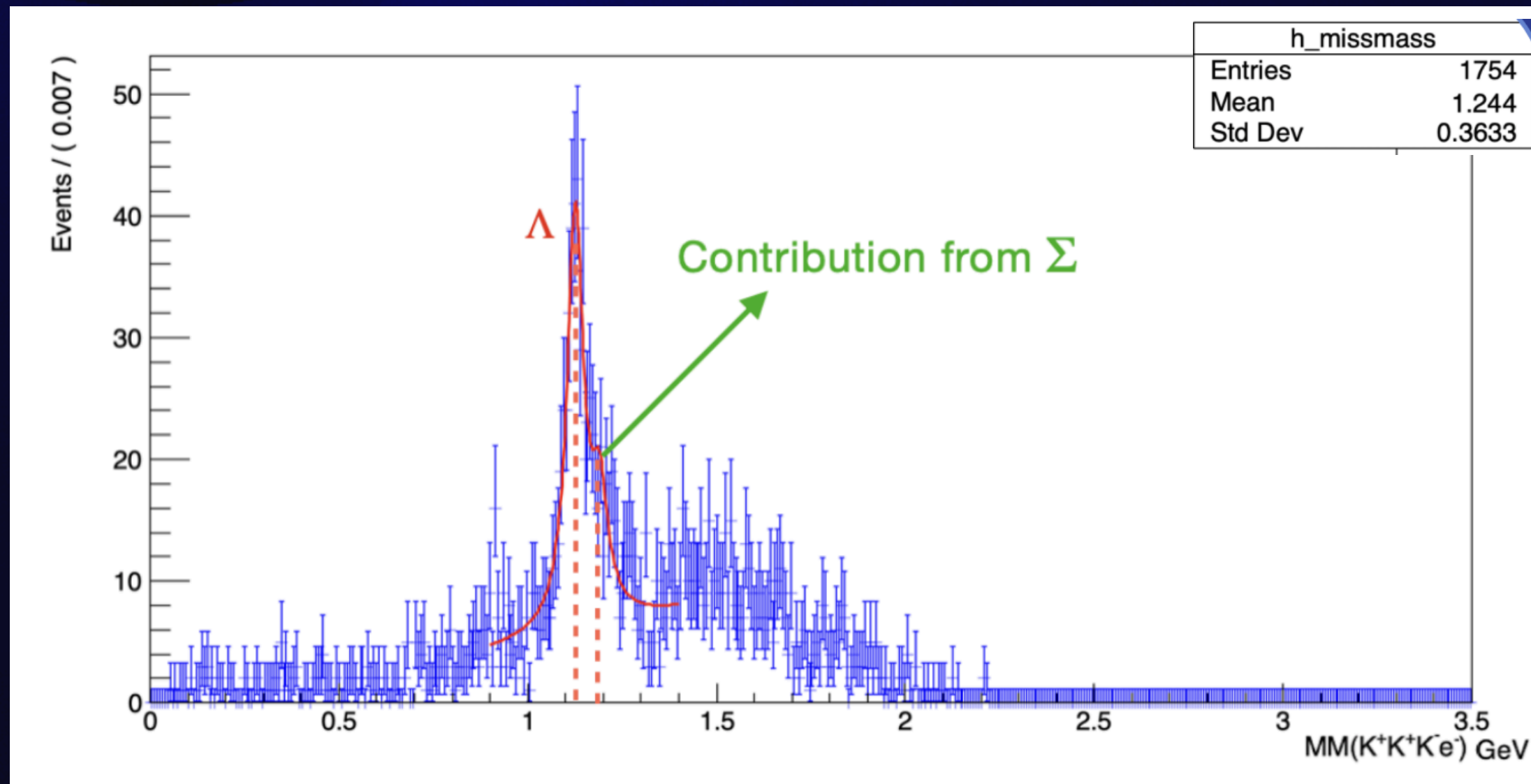
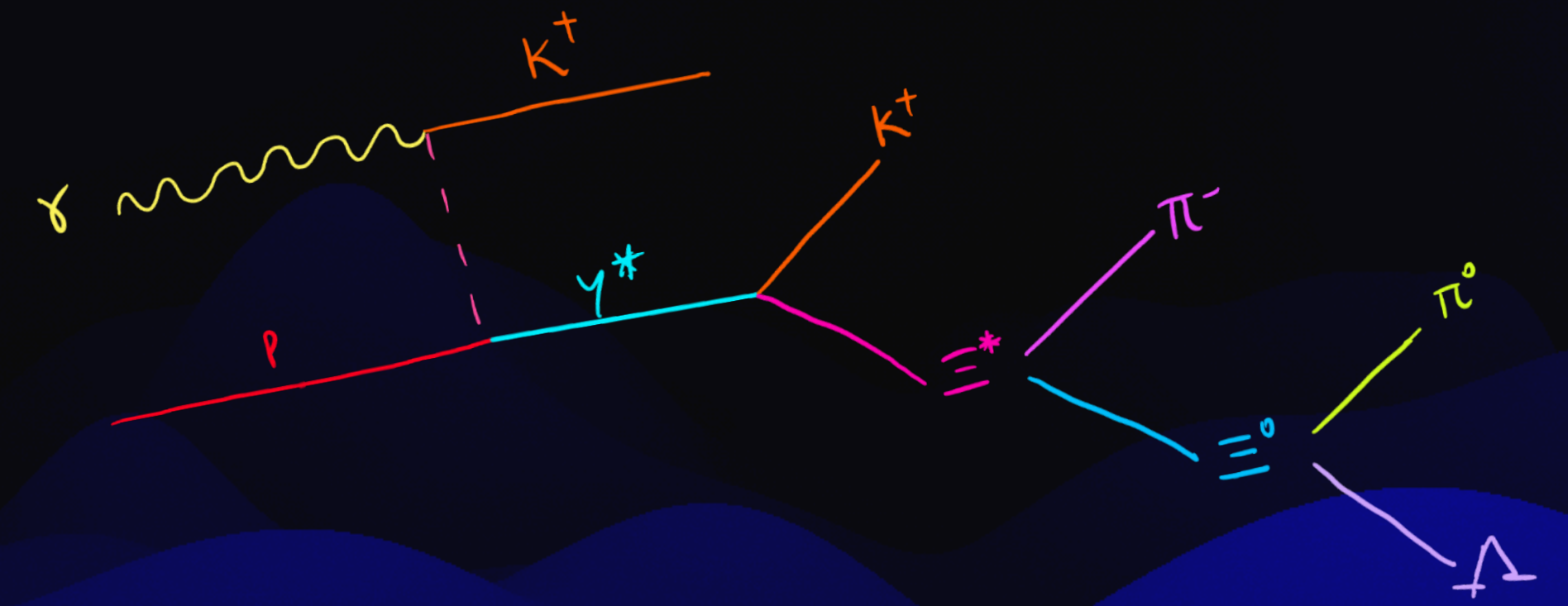
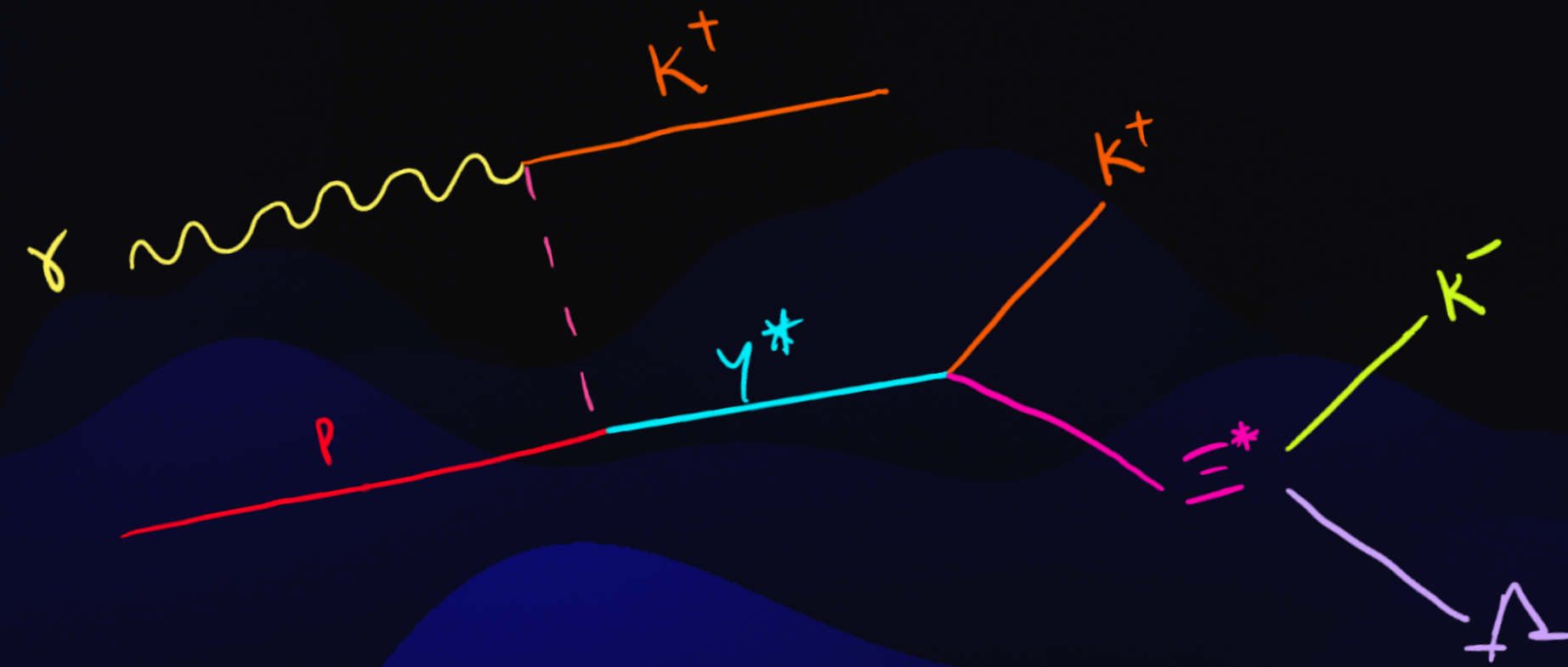
1. Kaon/pion misidentification
2. Out of time particles
3. other processes involving  $2 K^+$



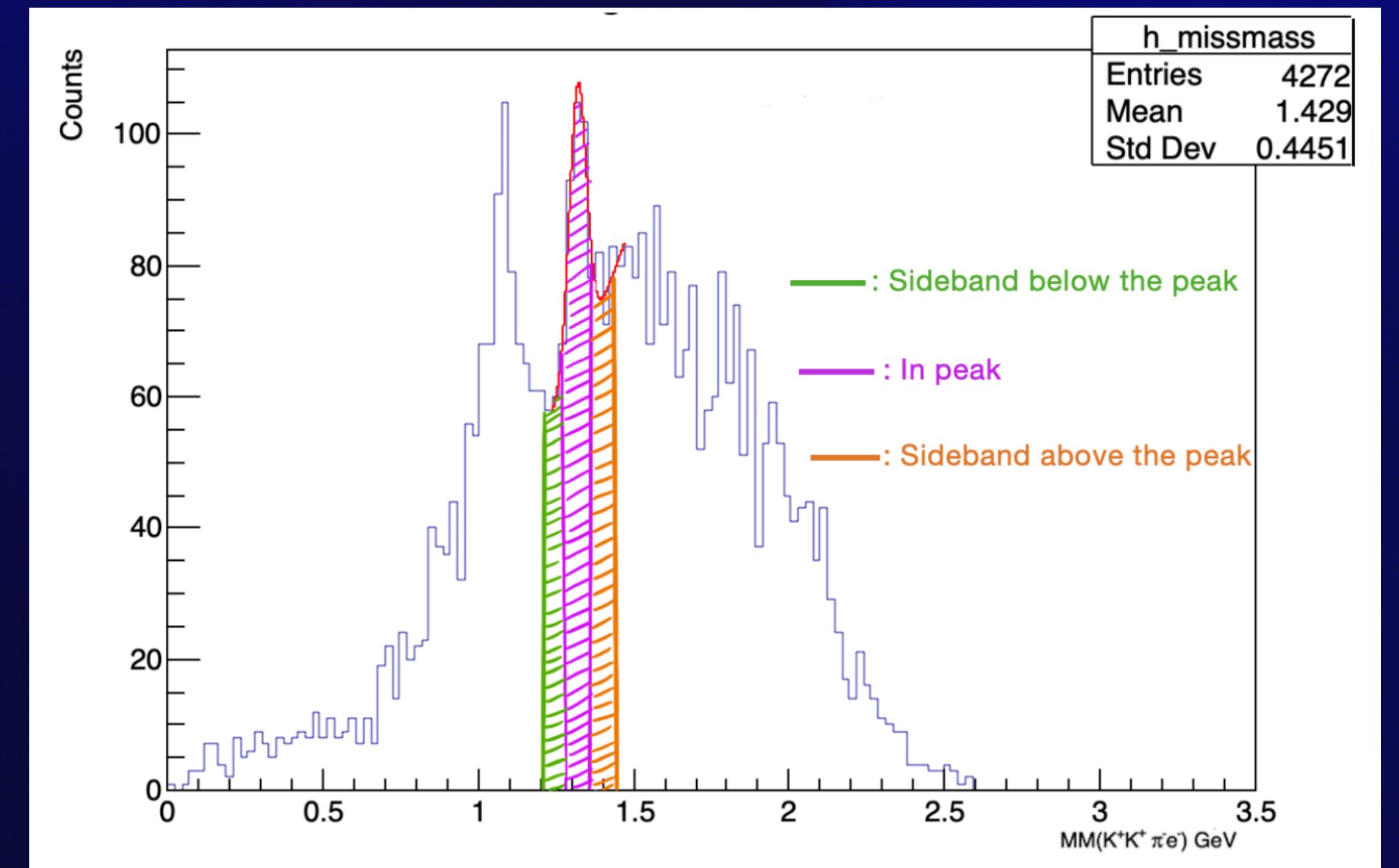
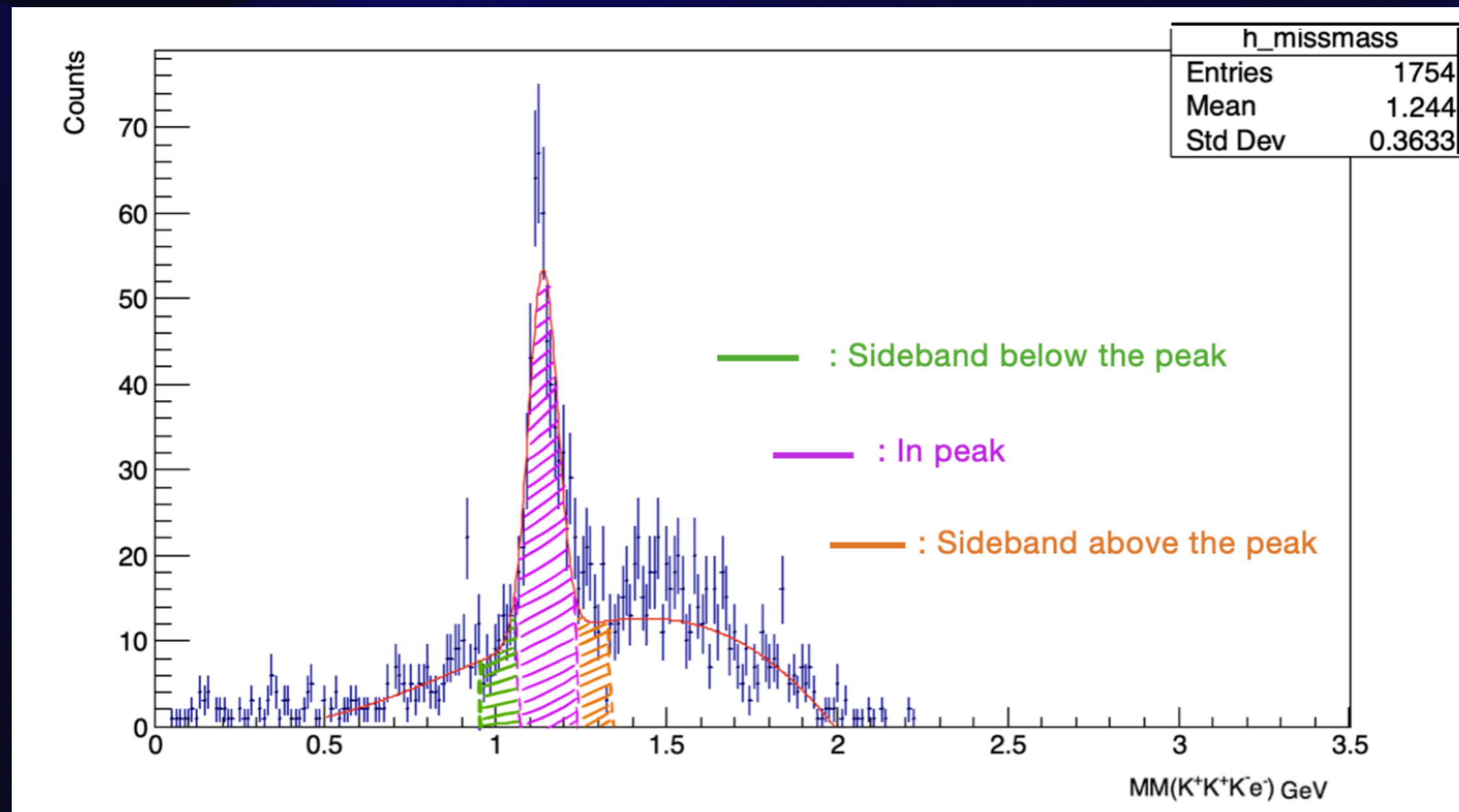
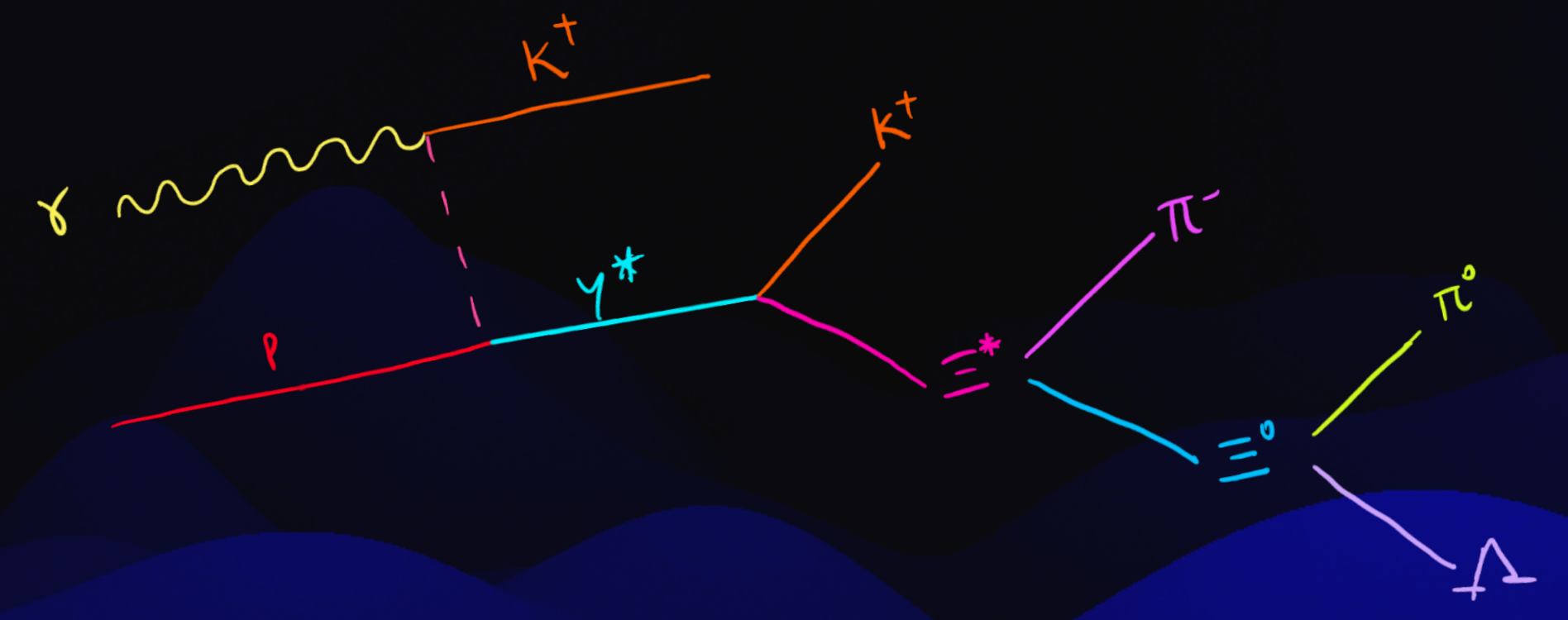
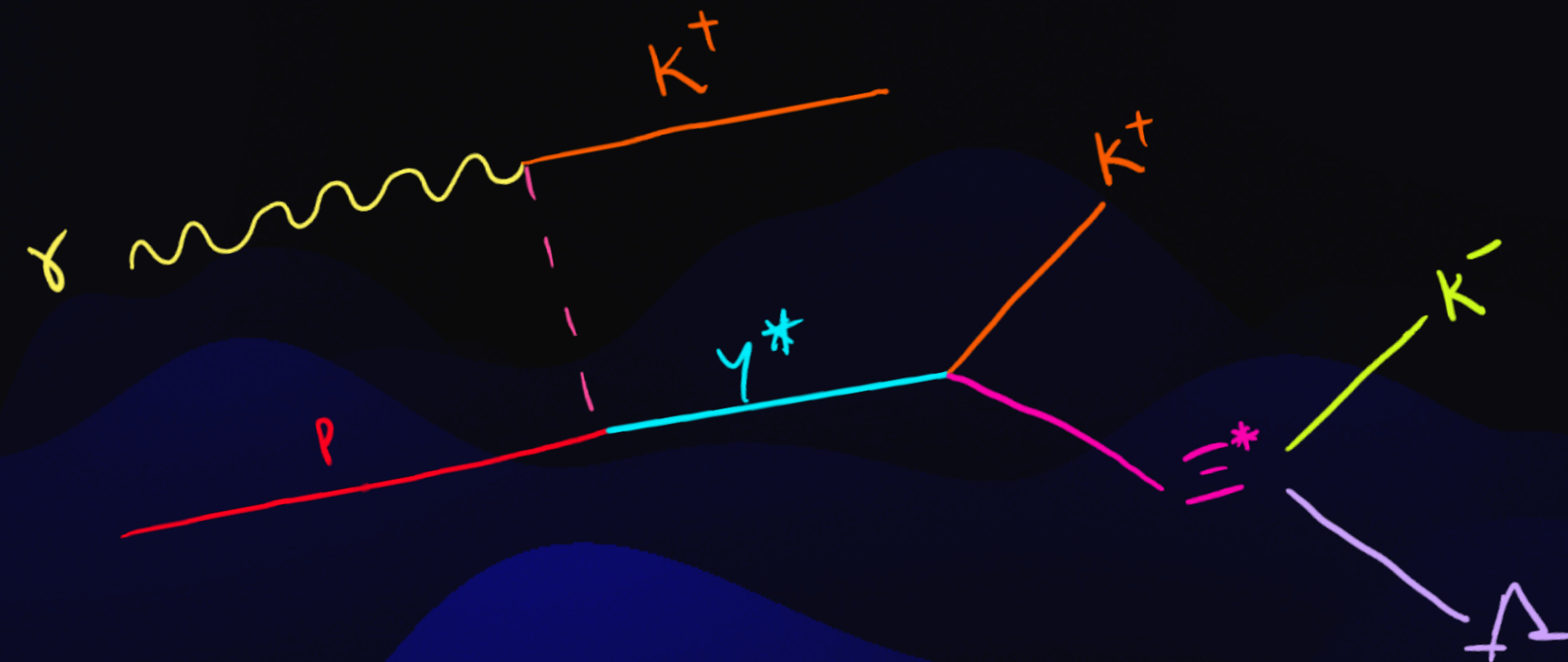
# Background Subtraction Methods

METHOD	PROS	CONS
Sideband Subtraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simple to understand</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• signal/bg overlap</li><li>• problems with dependent variables</li></ul>
$\mathcal{S}$ -Weights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• straightforward to implement using building package</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• problems with dependent variables</li></ul>
$\mathcal{P}$ -Weights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accounts for dependencies between different variables</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Needs large statistics</li><li>• bg being propagated through</li></ul>
Mixed Event Technique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• can generate a smooth bg with large statistics</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assumes accidental bg</li></ul>

# Sideband Subtraction



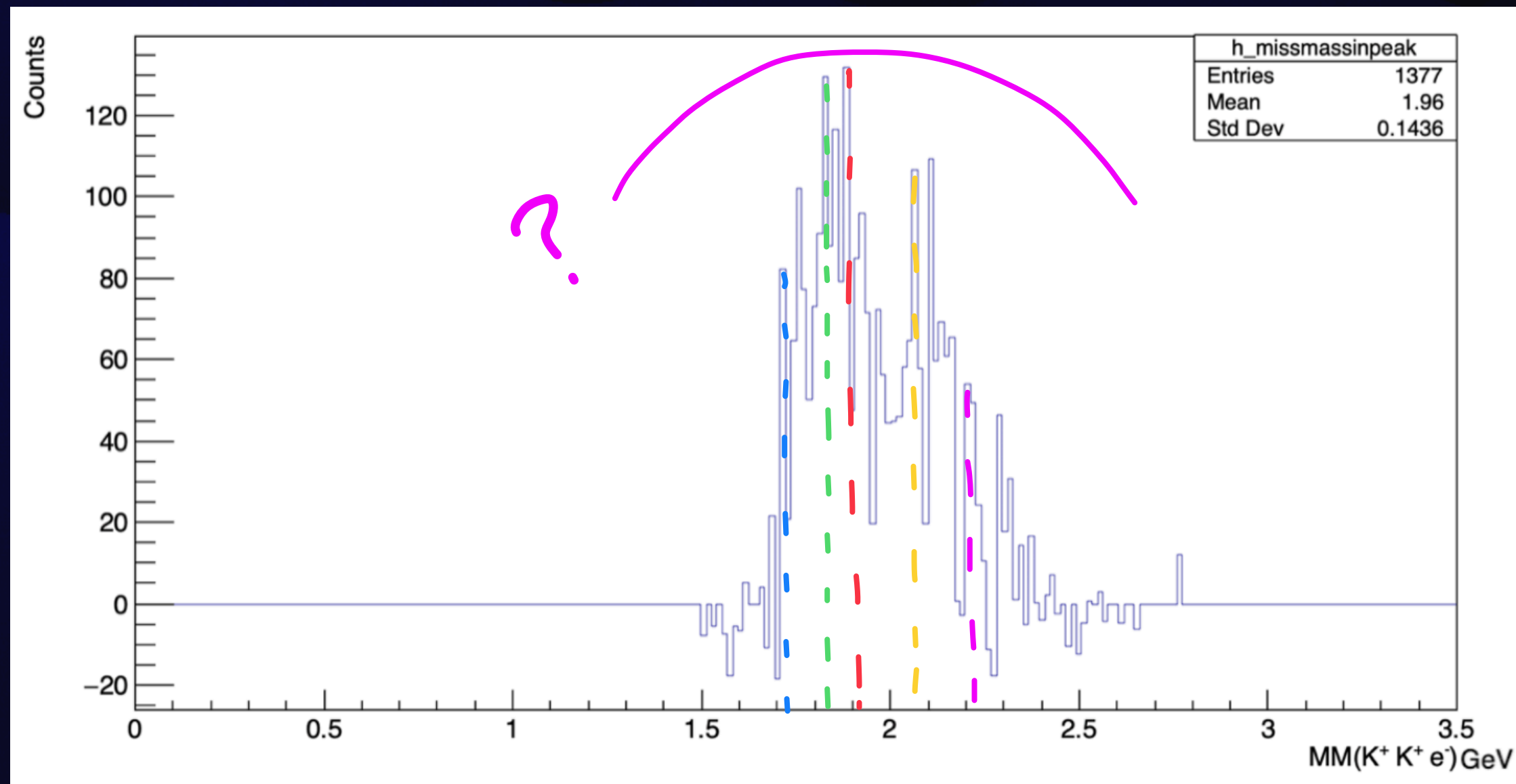
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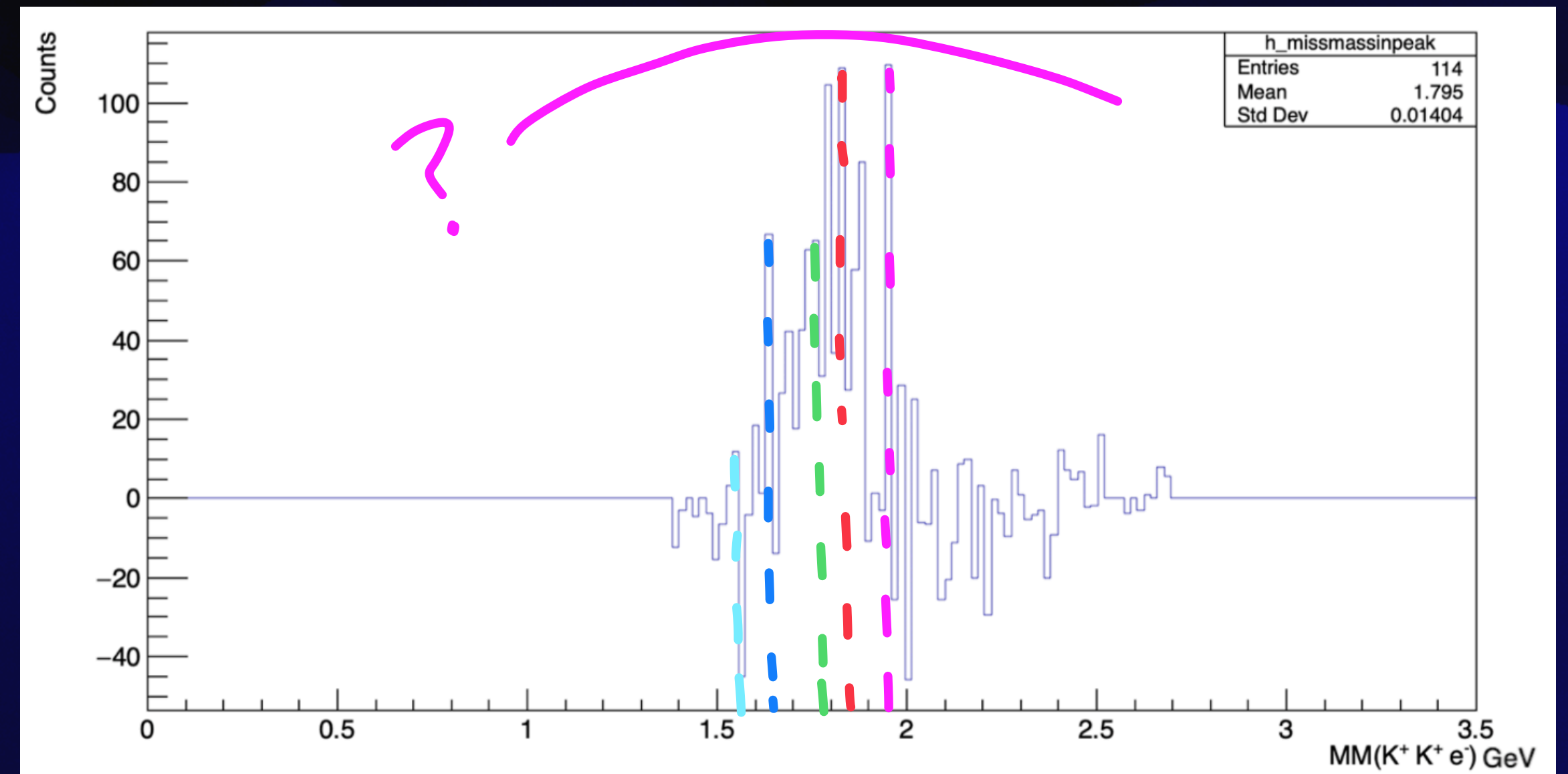
# Sideband Subtraction

Sideband subtracted plots of  $MM(K^+K^+e^-)$

$MM(K^+K^+e^-)_{K^-}$



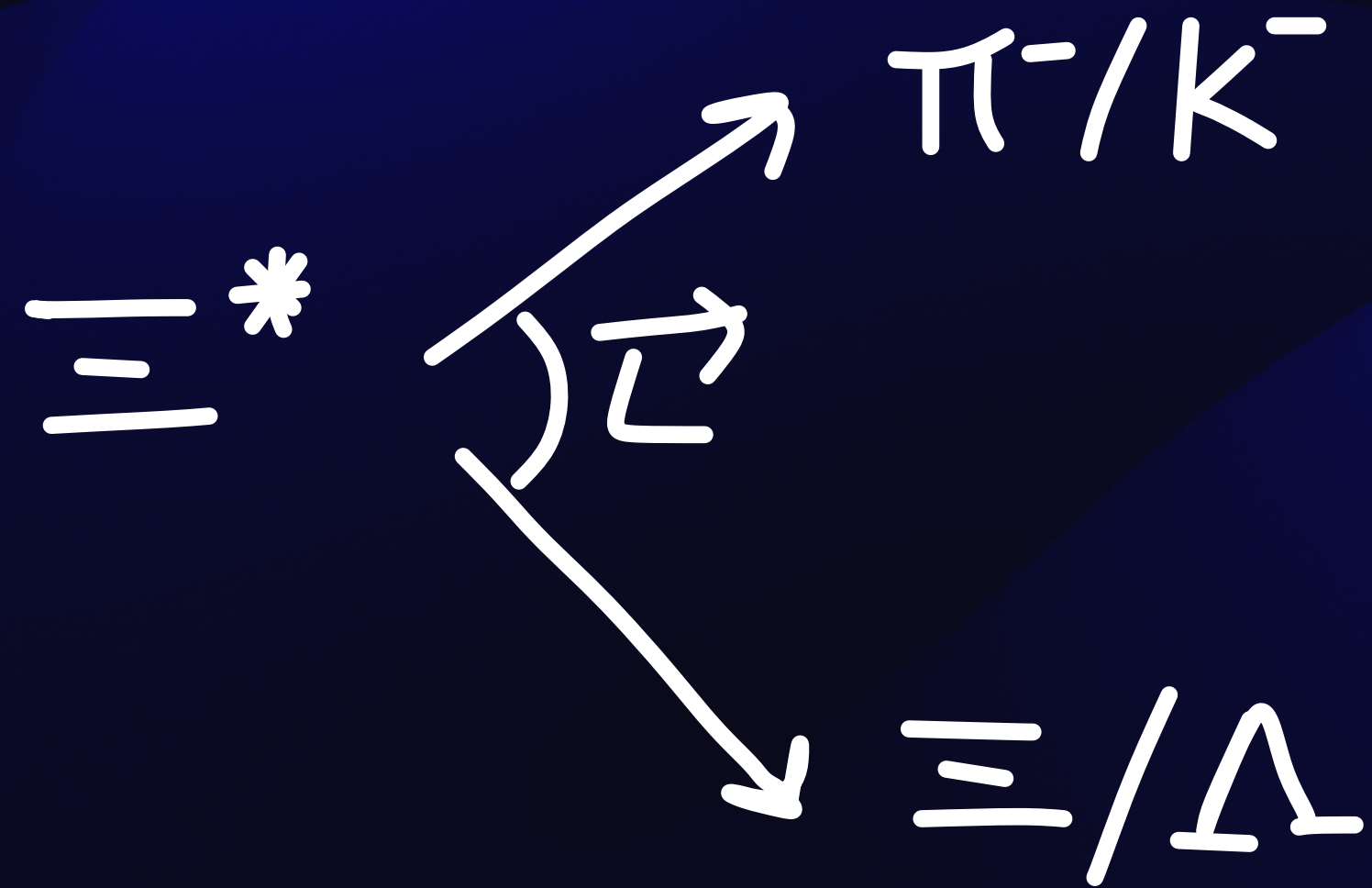
$MM(K^+K^+e^-)_{\pi^-}$



Covering full range of  $\Xi^*$  masses!

# Towards Quantum Numbers

Looking at angular coverage of  $k^-$  &  $\pi^-$ :



$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

$$P = (-1)^L P_{\equiv} P_{\pi} = (-1)^L (-1) (+1)$$

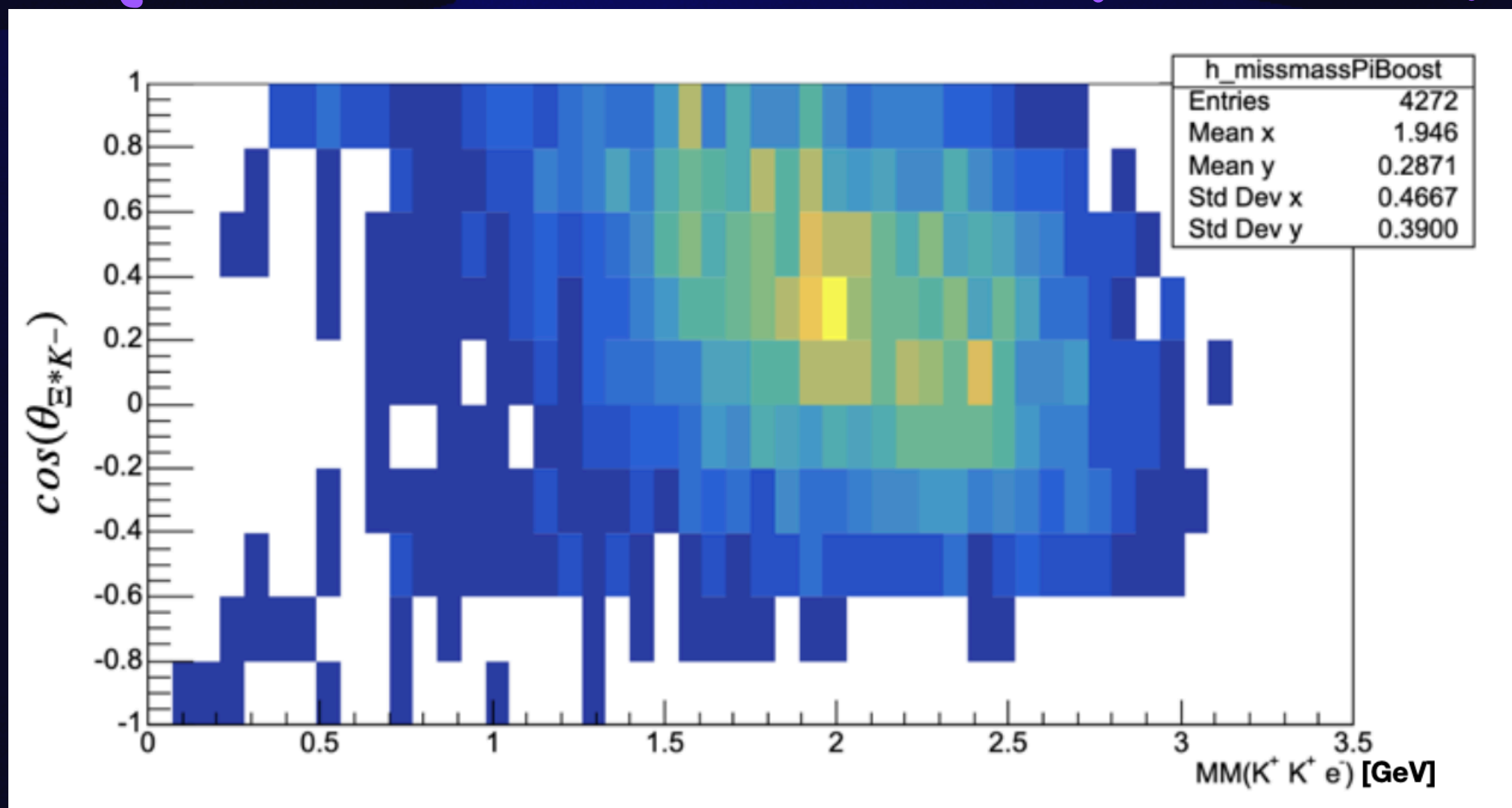
$$J^P = (L+S_{\equiv})^{(-1)^{L+1}}$$

# Towards Quantum Numbers

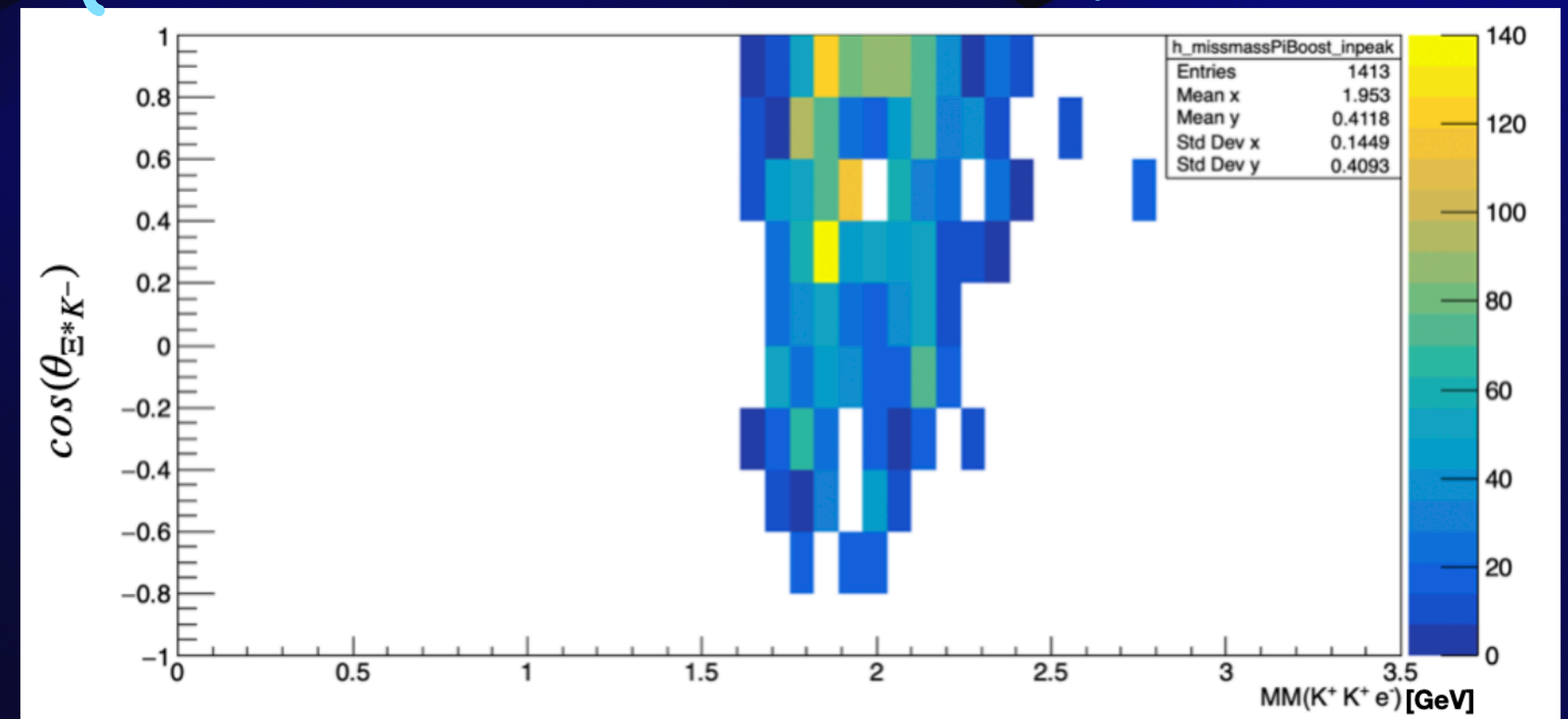
$K^-$  channel



Before Sideband Subtraction

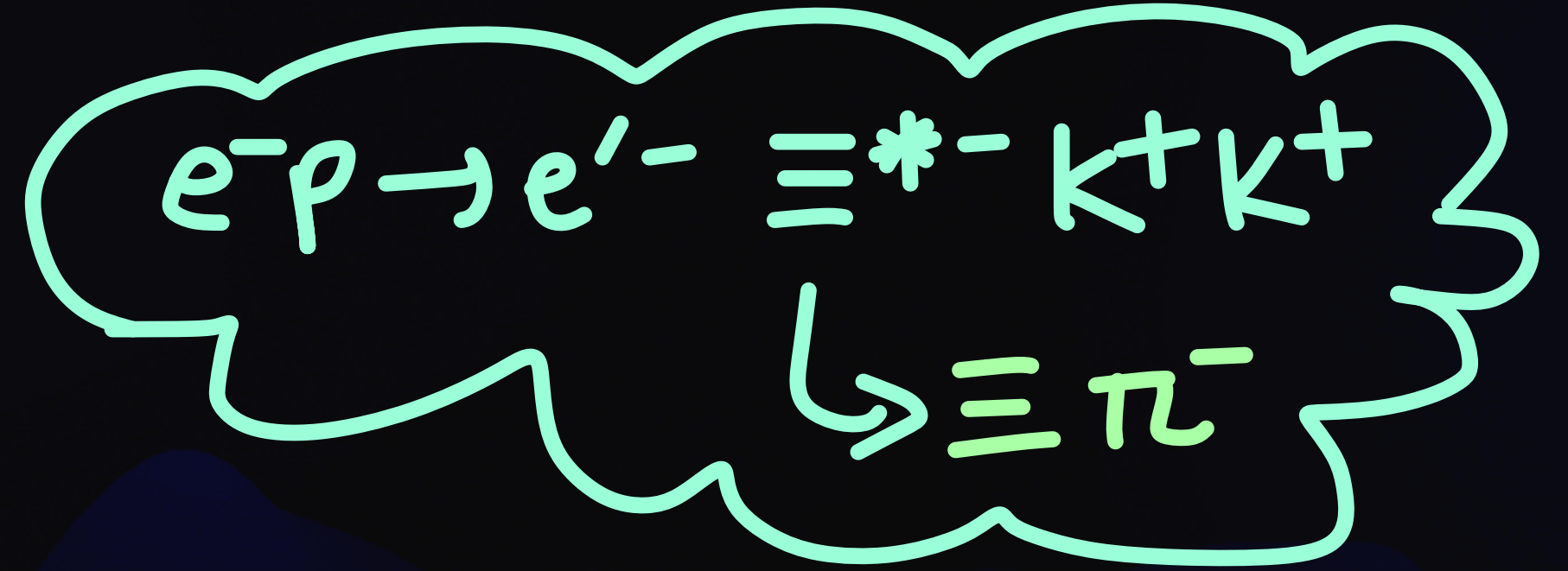


After sideband subtraction

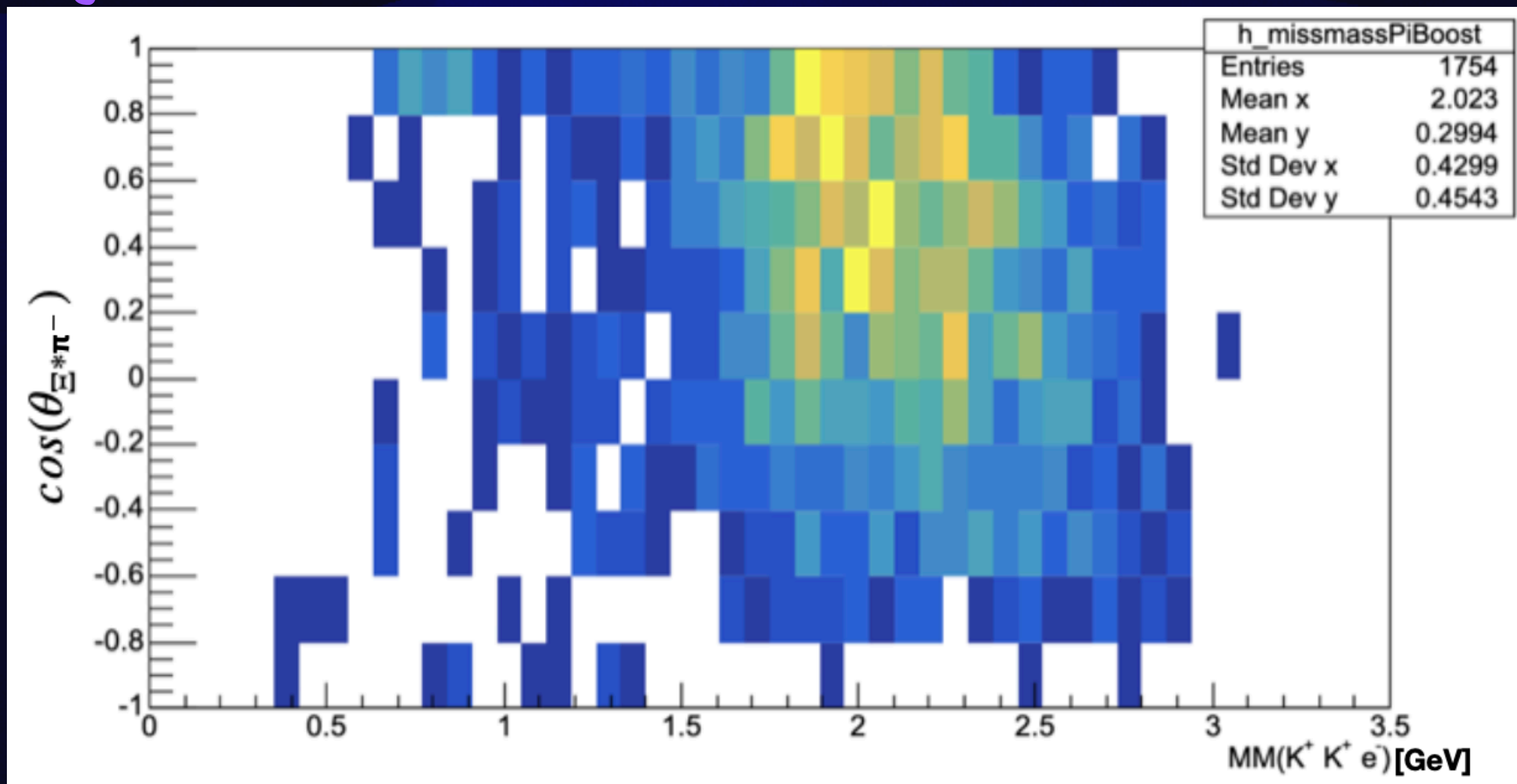


# Towards Quantum Numbers

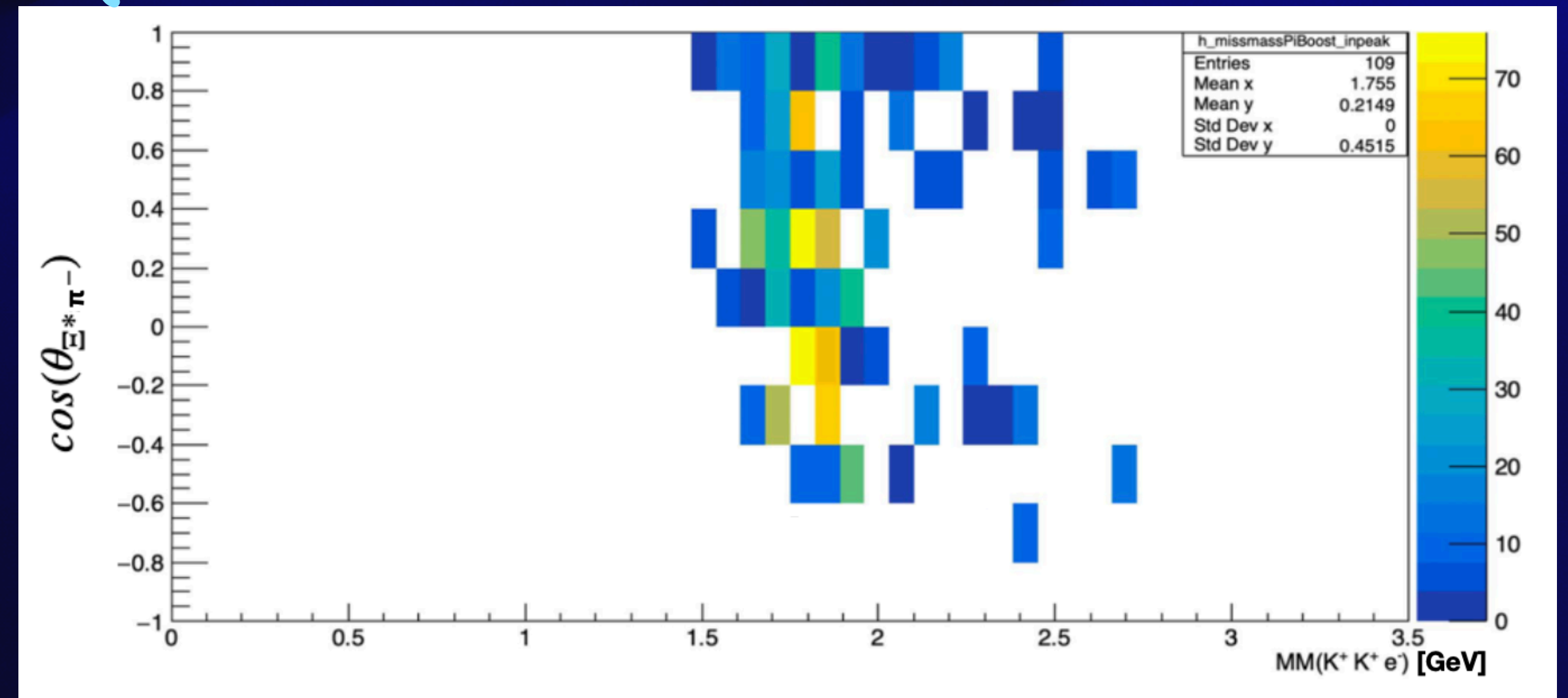
$\pi^-$  channel



Before Sideband Subtraction



After sideband subtraction





# Mixed Events Technique

Mixing yields from different events  $\rightarrow$  uncorrelated

can model accidentals  $\leftarrow$

## NORMAL ORDER

Event 1  $e + k_1^+ + k_2^+$

$\vdots$

Event n  $e + k_1^+ + k_2^+$

SCRAMBLE ORDER OF  $k_2$

## MIXED EVENTS

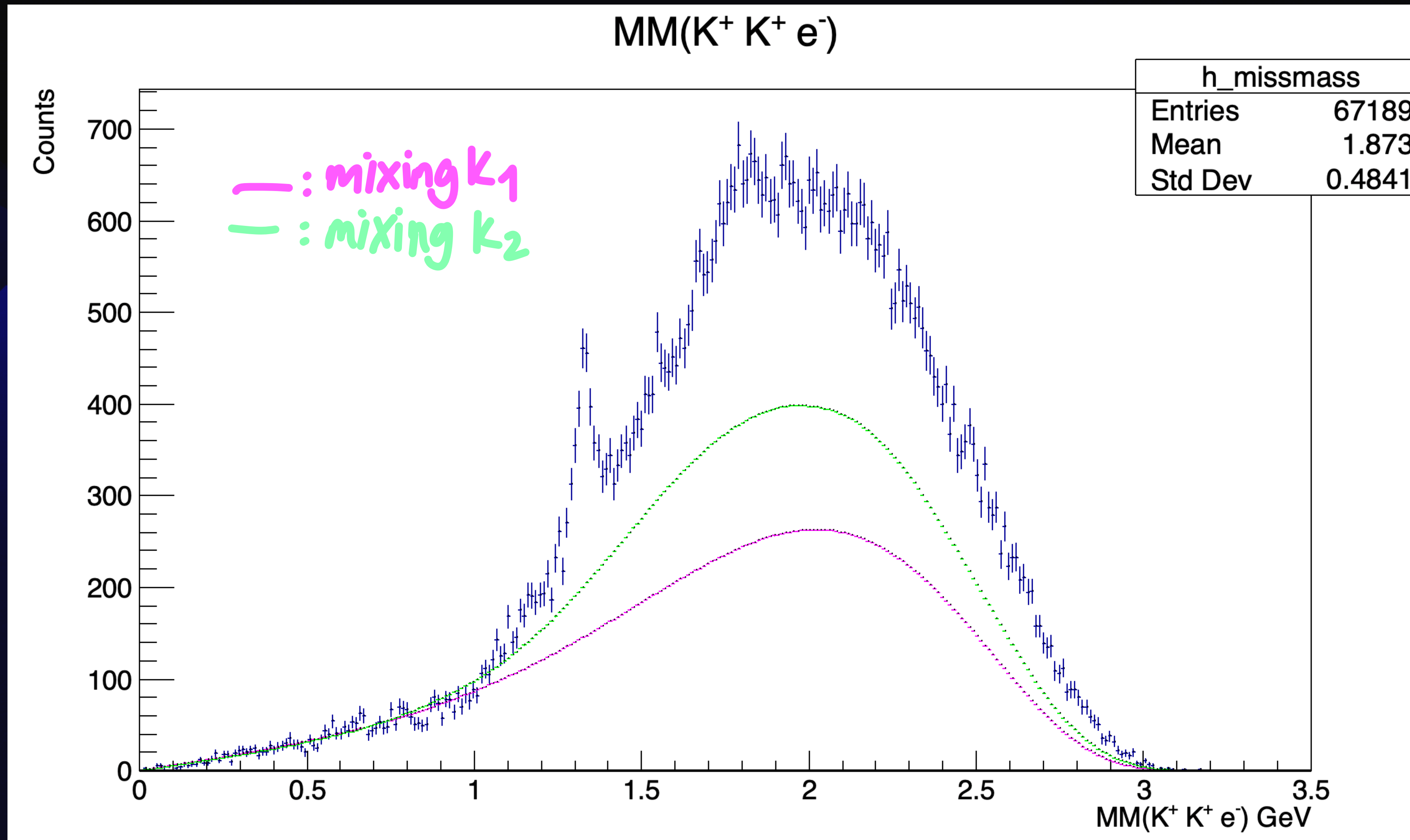
Event 1  $e + k_1^+ + \text{Event 7 } k_2^+$

Event 2  $e + k_1^+ + \text{Event 5 } k_2^+$

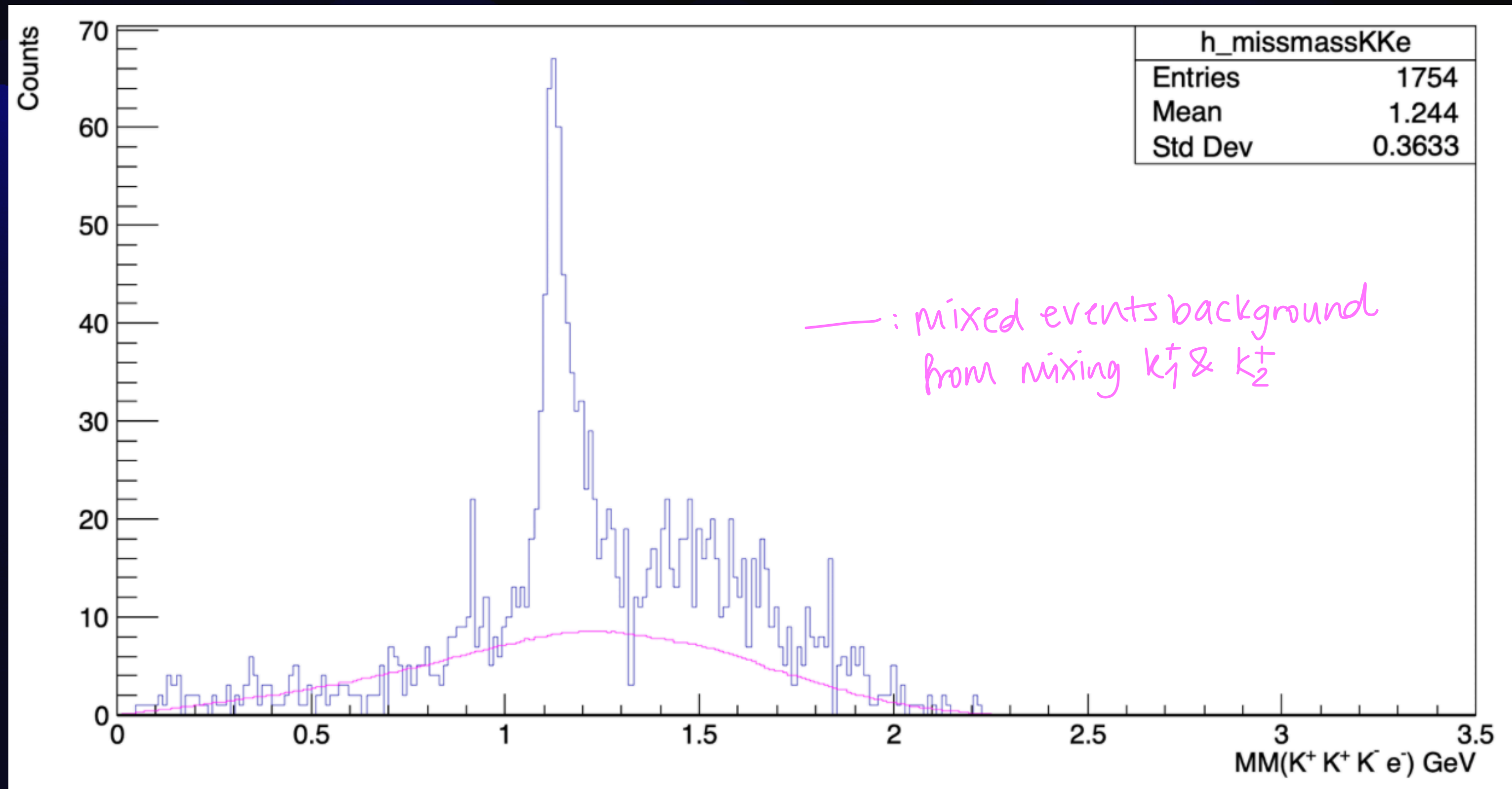
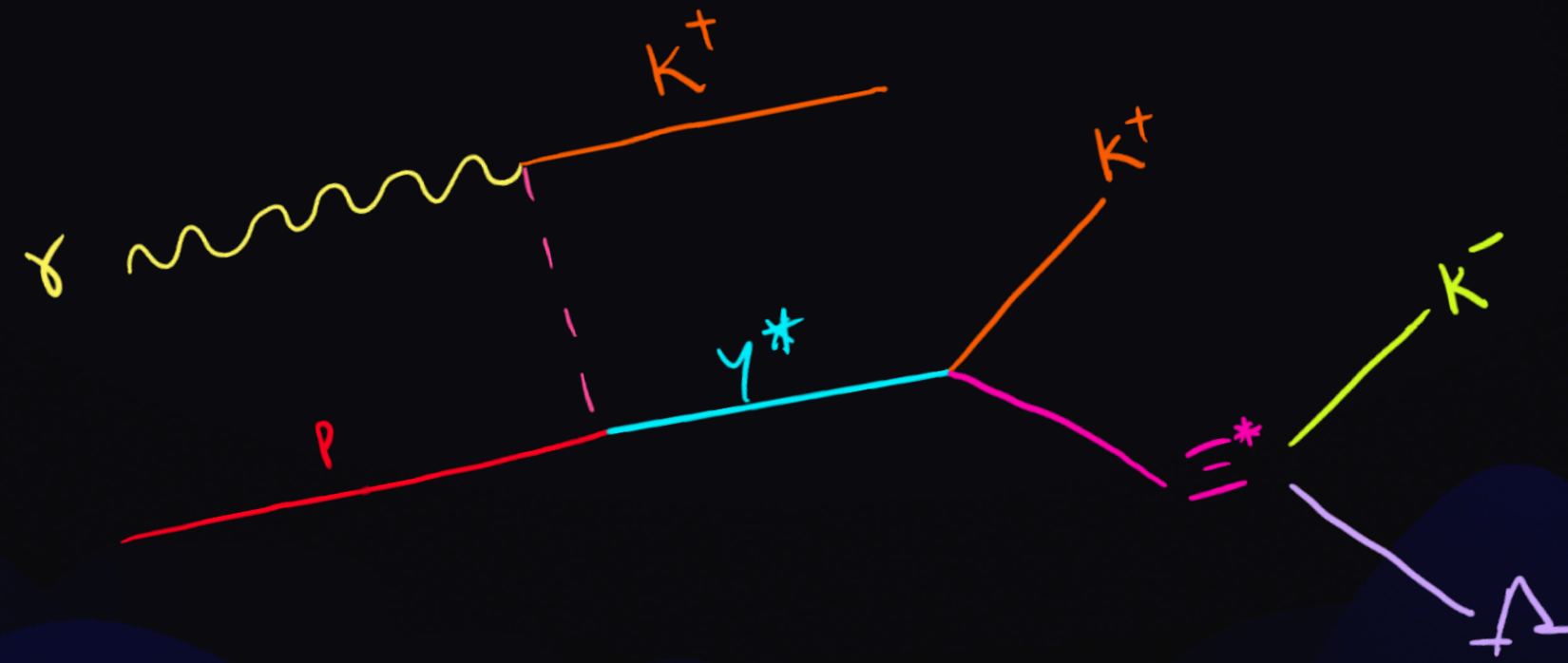
Event 3  $e + k_1^+ + \text{Event 1 } k_2^+$

$\vdots$

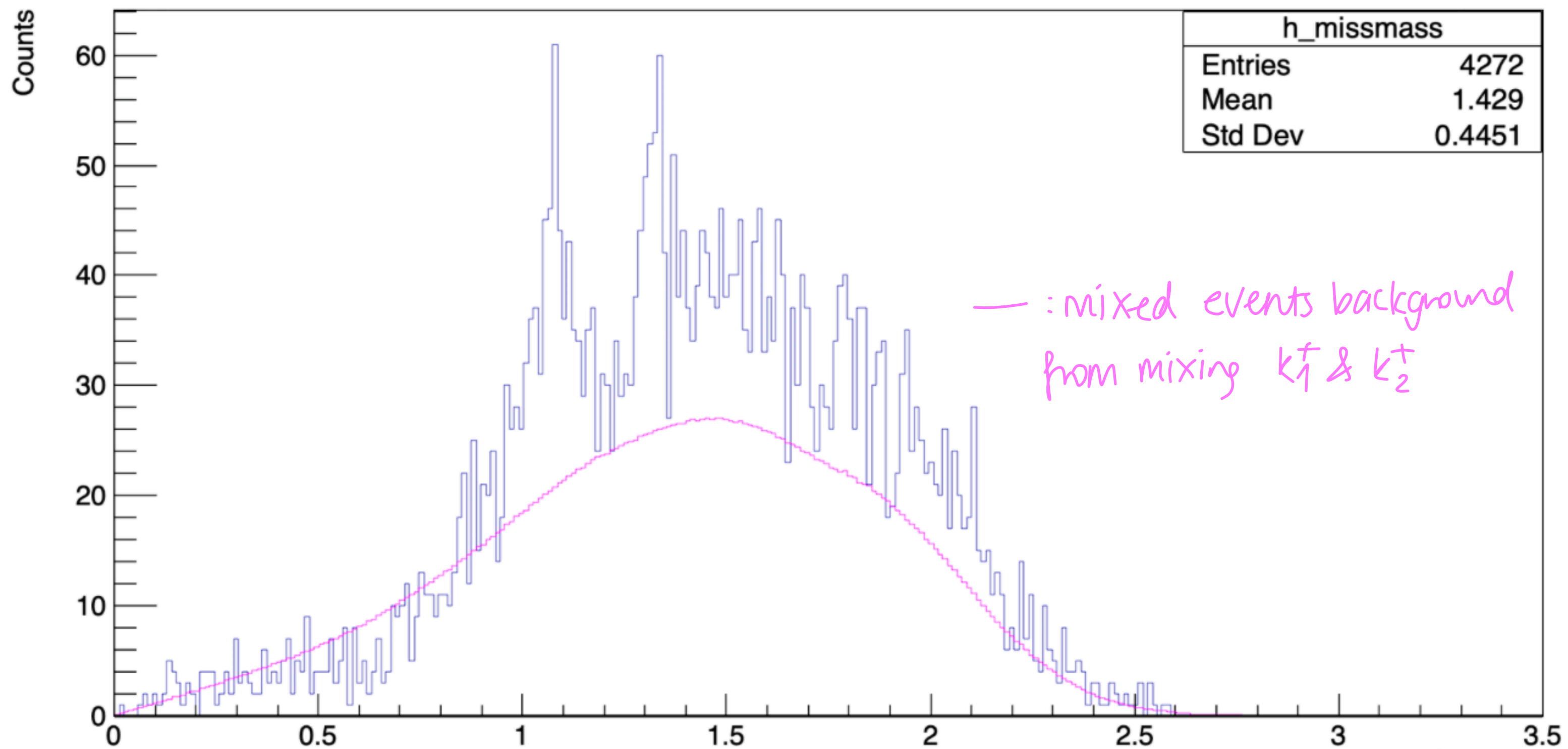
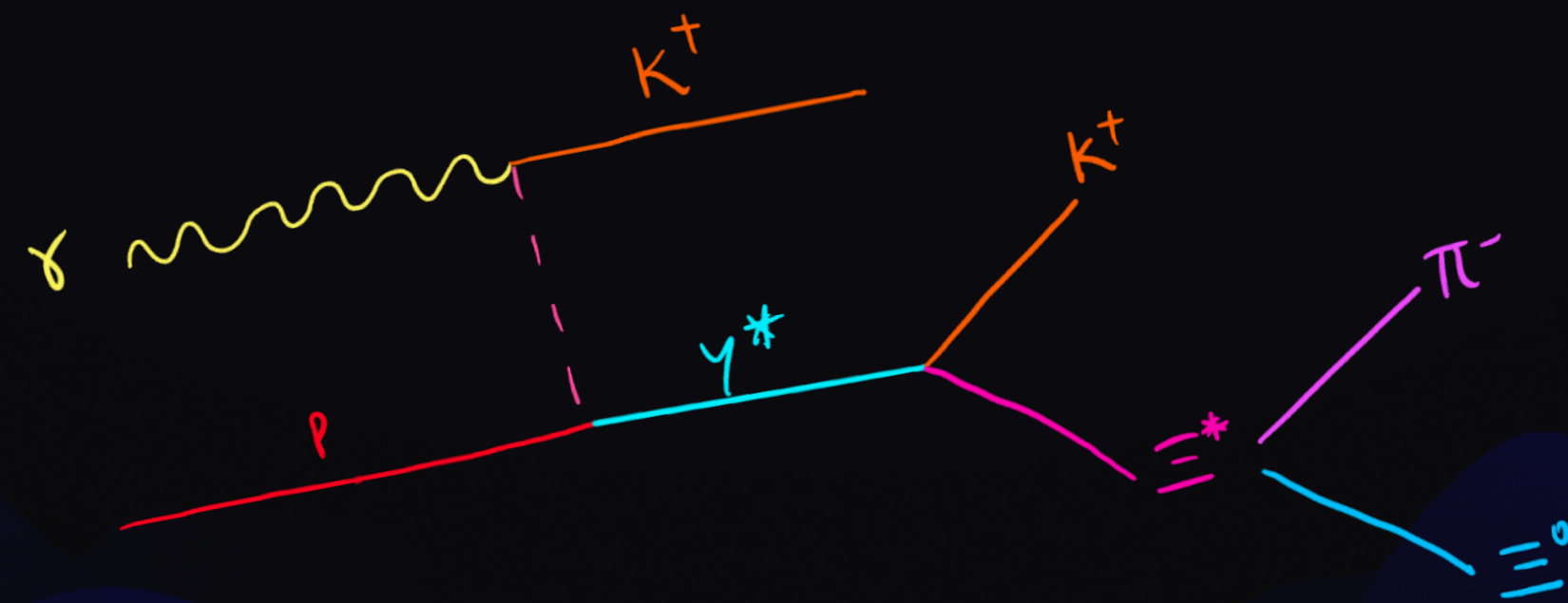
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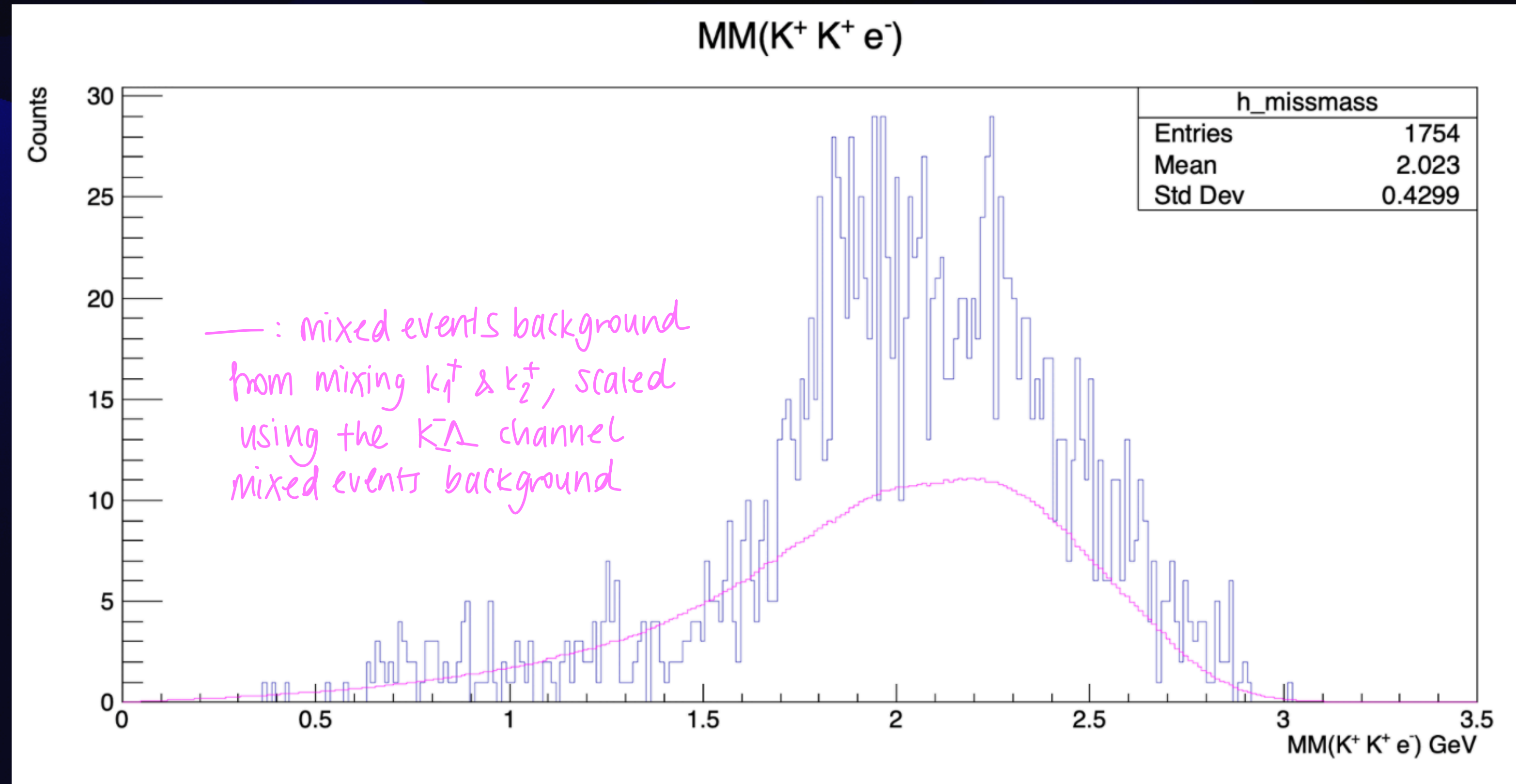


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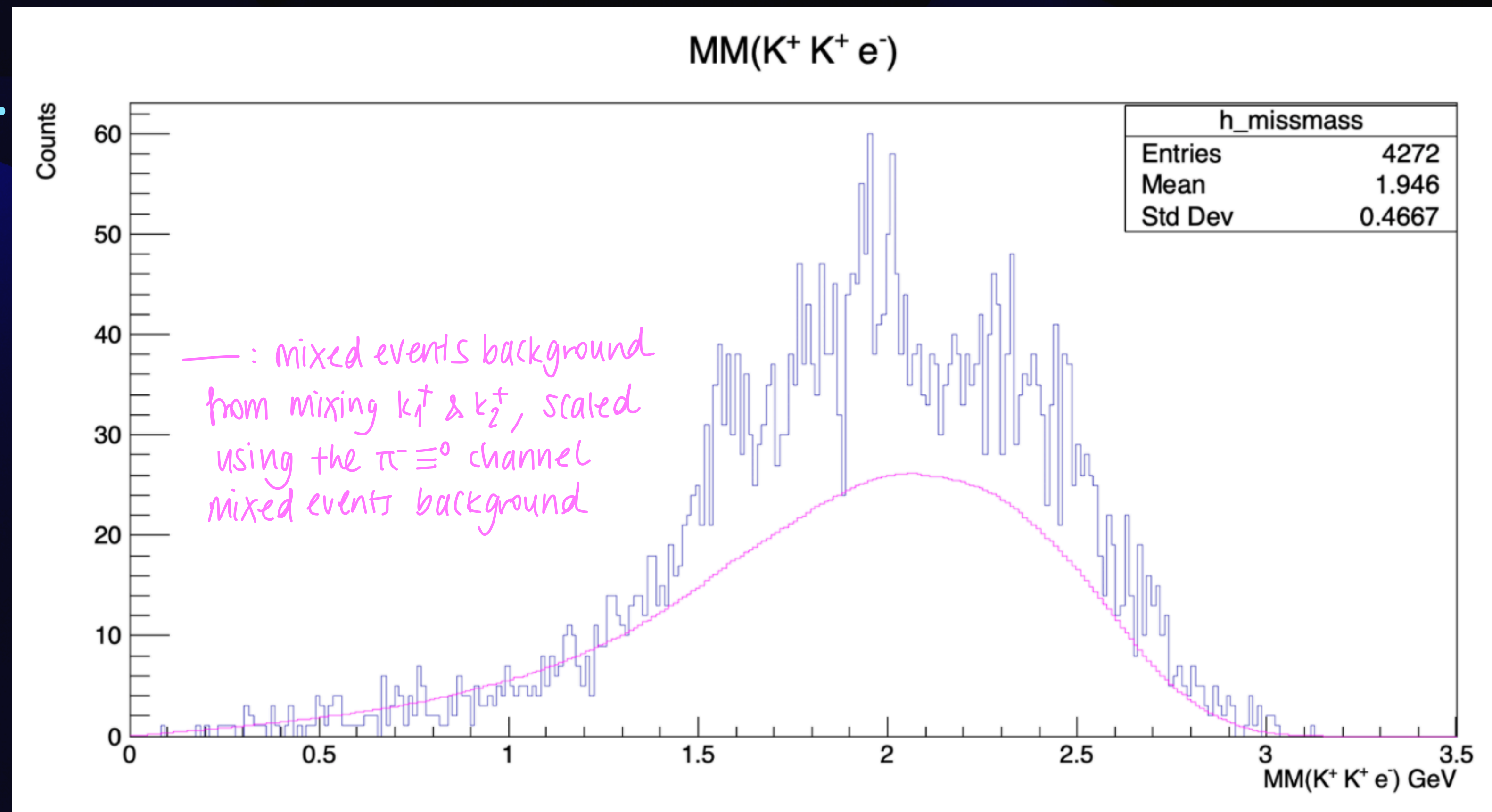
# Mixed Events Technique

with  $K^-$  condition ...



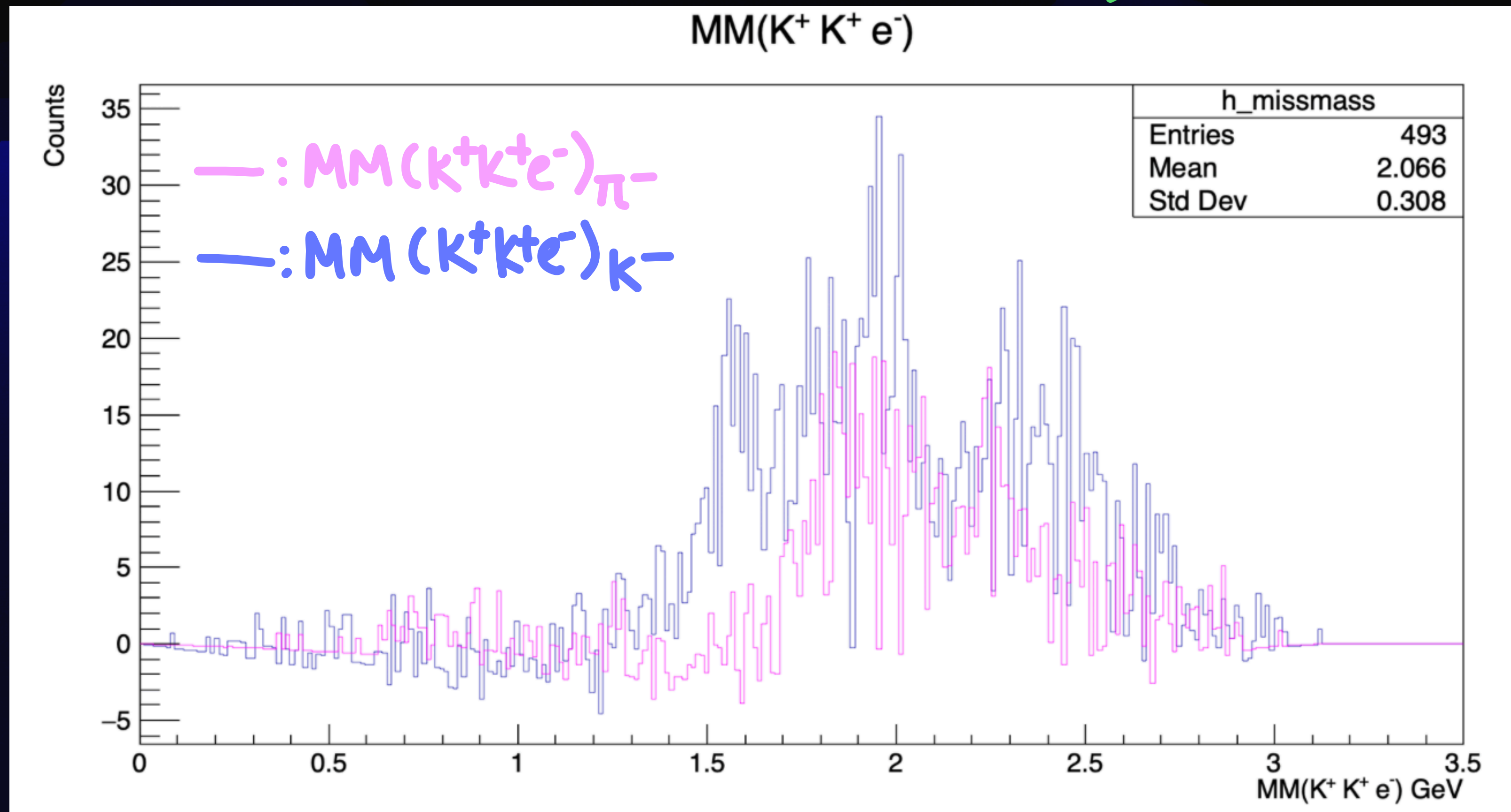
# Mixed Events Technique

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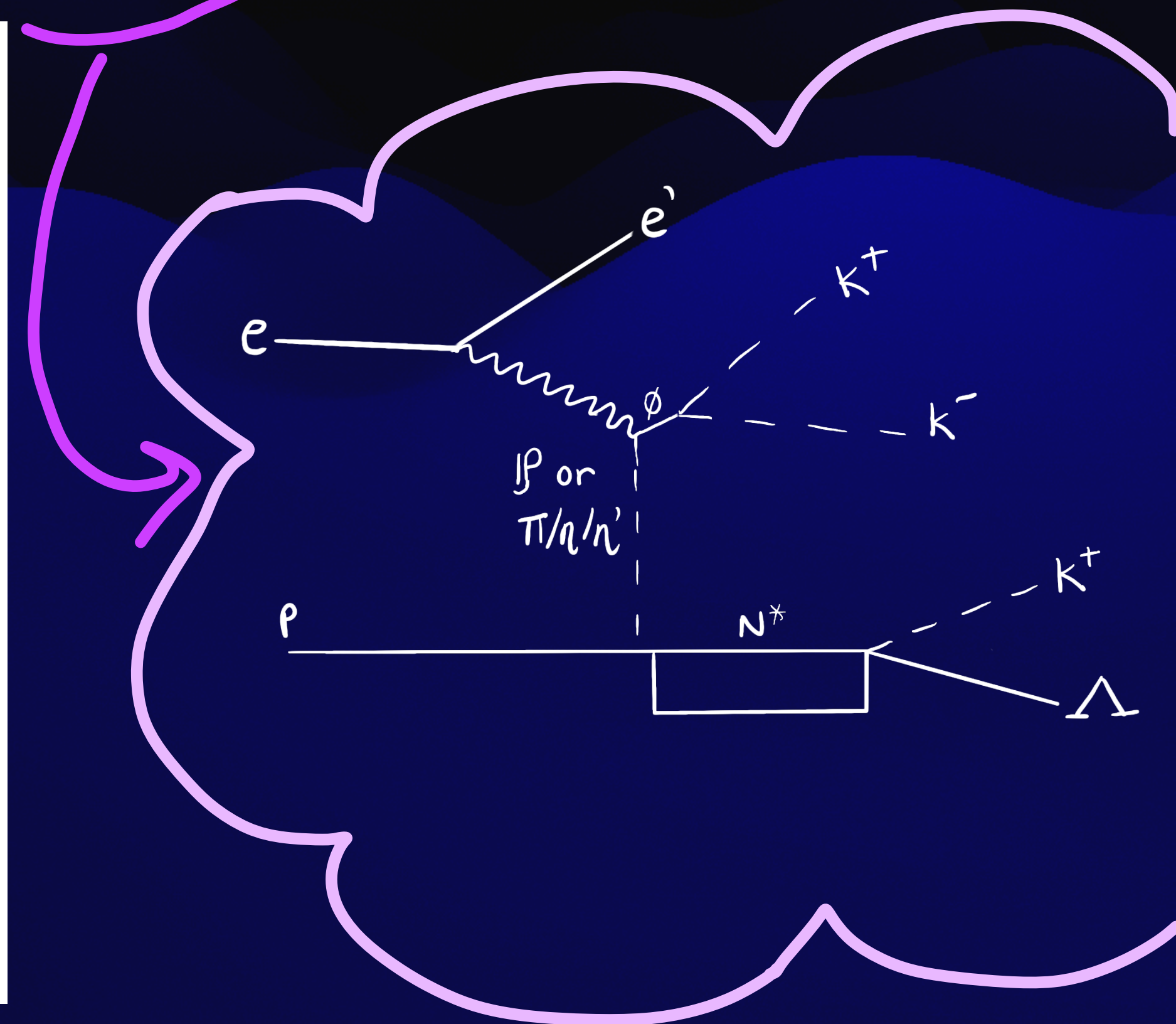
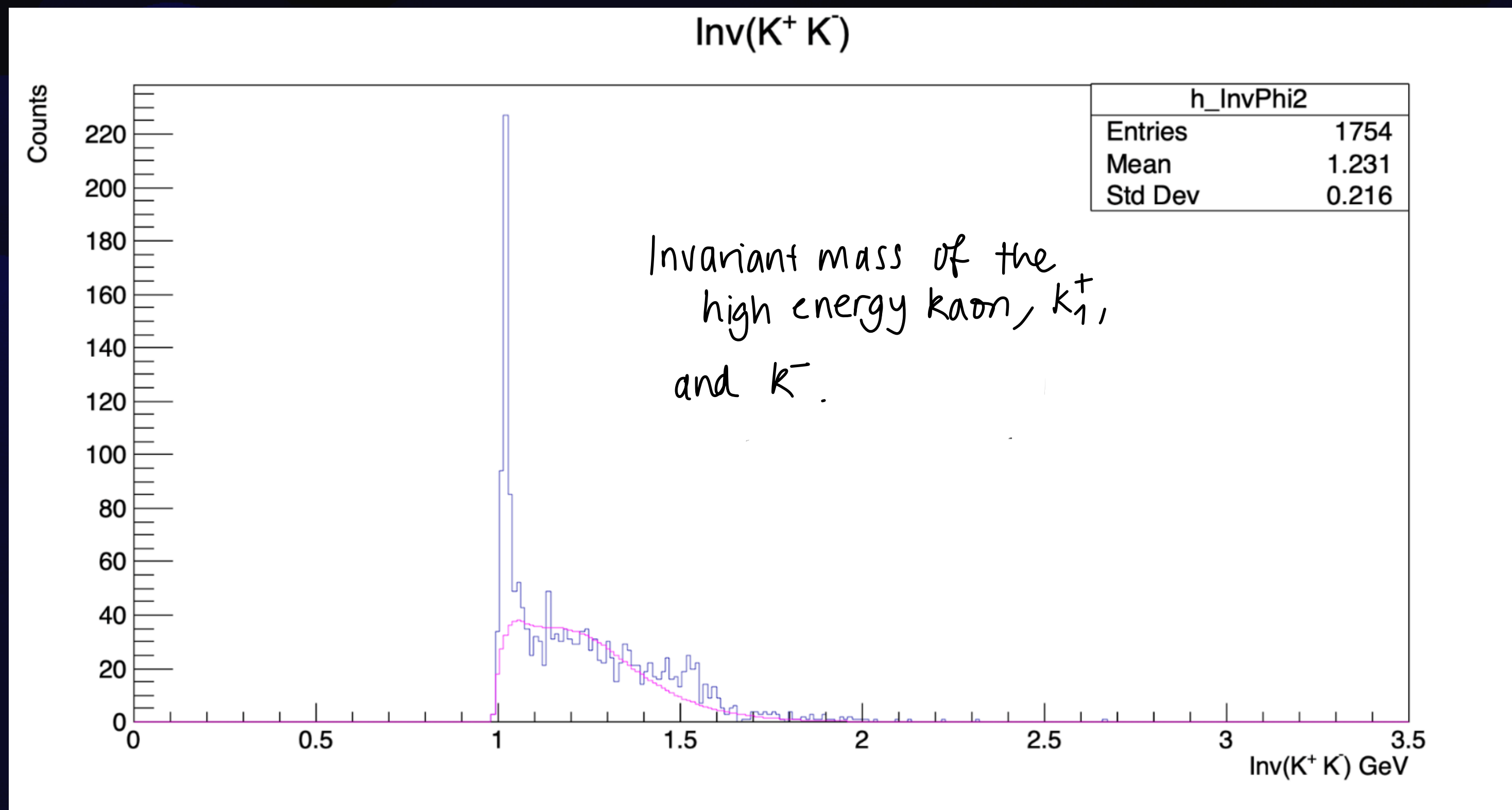
# Mixed Events Technique

An idea of the branching ratios



# Mixed Events Technique

## RECONSTRUCTING THE BACKGROUND

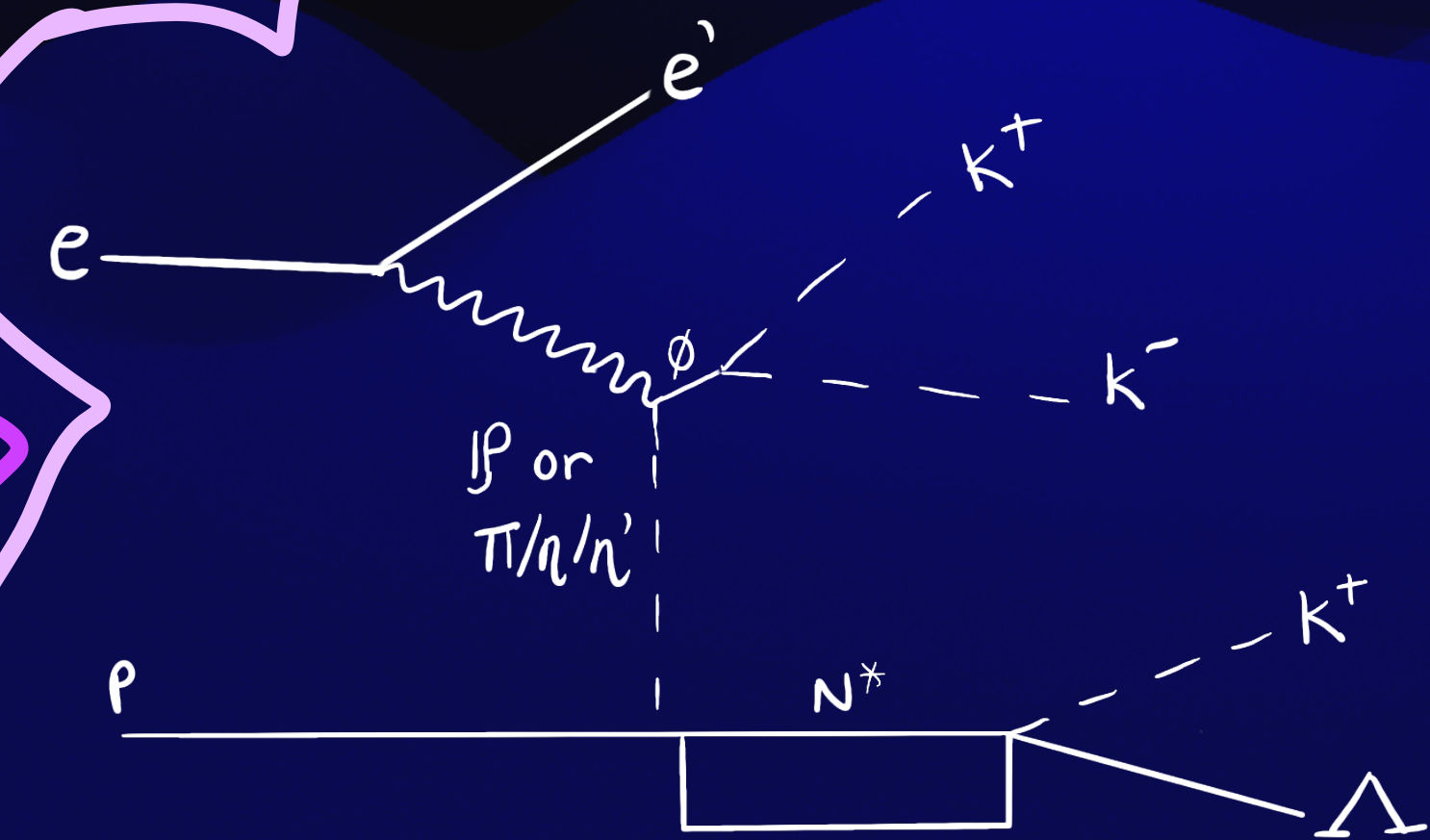
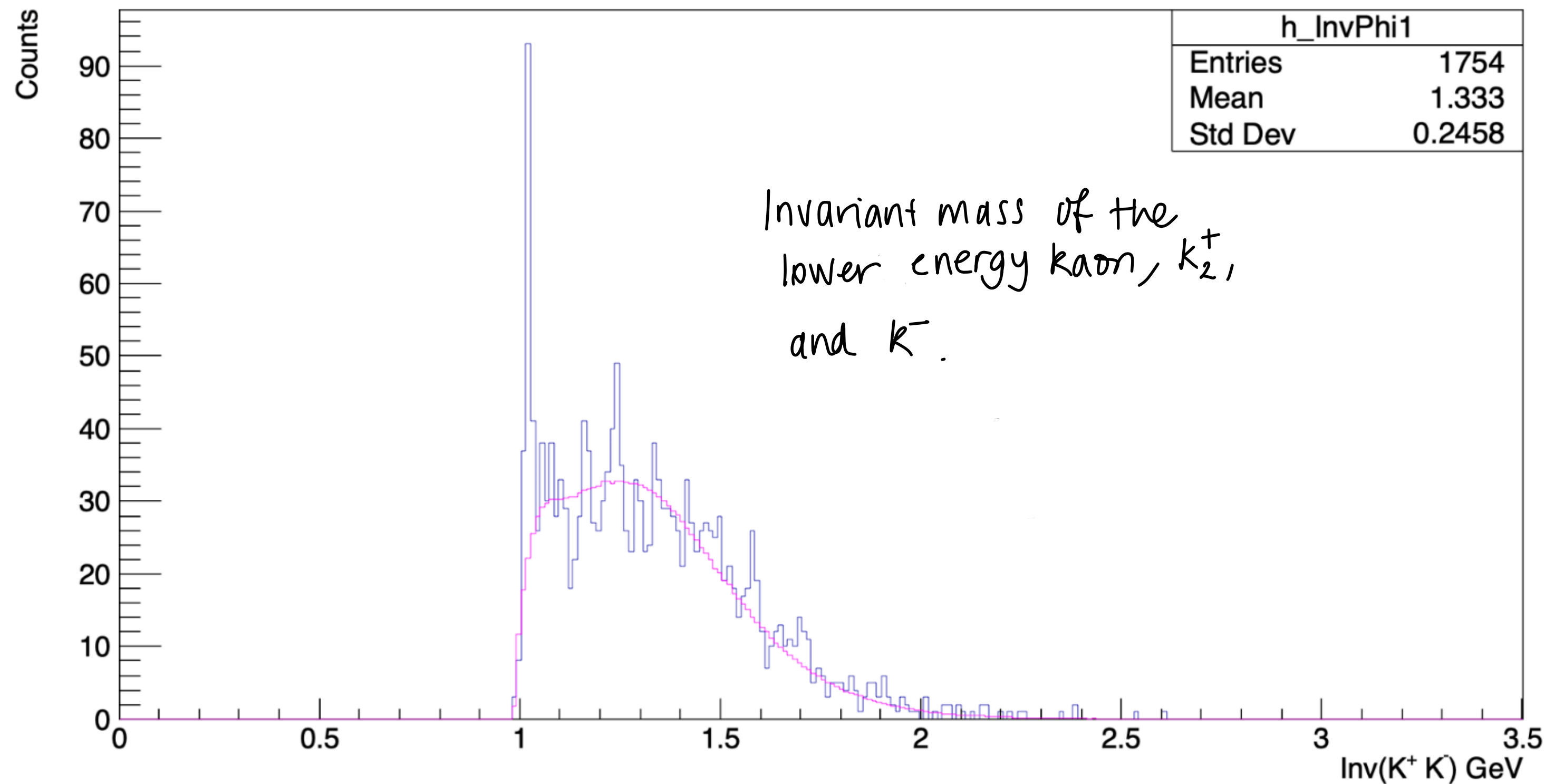




# Mixed Events Technique

RECONSTRUCTING THE BACKGROUND

Inv( $K^+ K^-$ )



104 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
 $-\frac{1}{3}$  **S**  
 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 strange

# CONCLUSIONS

104 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
 $-\frac{1}{3}$  **S**  
 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 strange

1. Promising new results - First measurement in electro-production
2. More statistics to come
3. Quantum number & branching ratio determination
4. Probing internal structure of cascades?

