

# Kaon Spectroscopy at COMPASS

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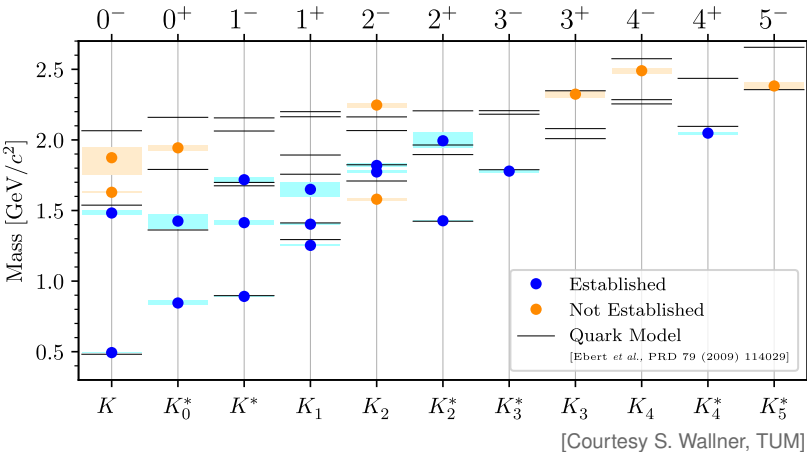
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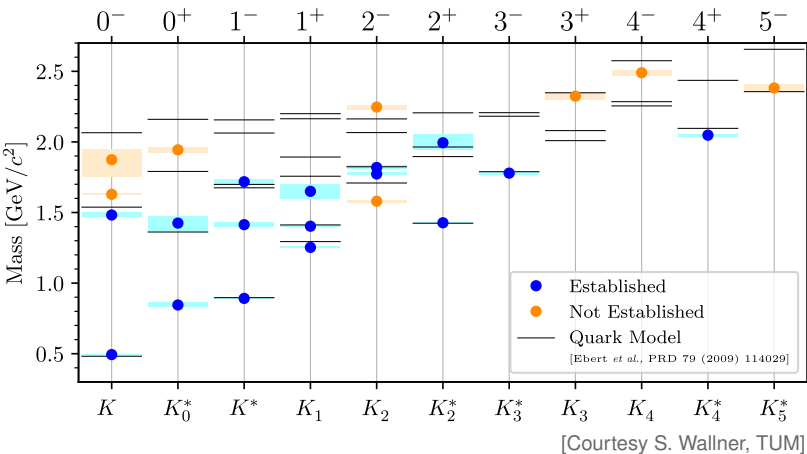
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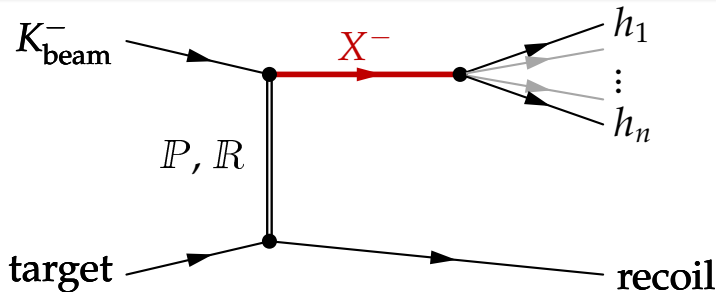
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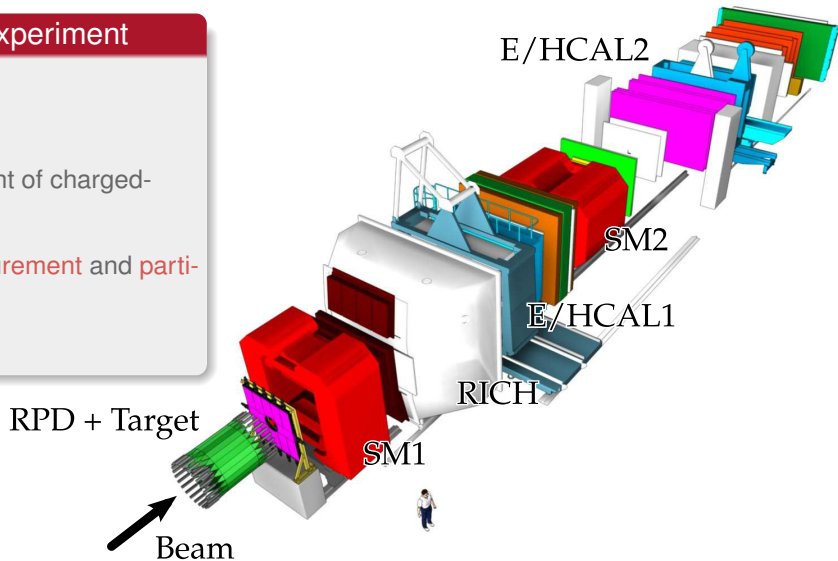
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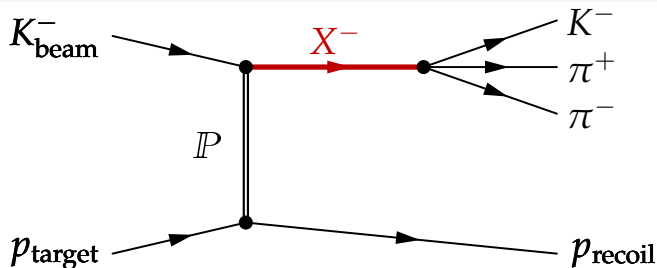


- 190 GeV/c **kaon beam** on stationary proton or nuclear target
- Triggering on target recoil ensures **elastic scattering at target vertex**
- **Highly excited states** prefer to decay into multi-body hadronic final states
- **Various final states** measurable
- $n$ -body **final state strongly boosted**  $\implies$  forward spectrometer

## Multi-purpose fixed-target experiment

- Beam-particle ID (CEDARs)
- Two-stage spectrometer
- High-precision measurement of charged-particle trajectories
- Detectors for energy measurement and particle identification
- 1 PB of data per year





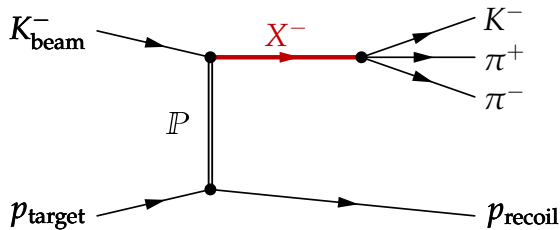
- All kaon states (except  $J^P = 0^+$ ) can appear as intermediate states  $X^-$
- Study several decay modes over wide mass range in single analysis, e.g.
  - $X^- \rightarrow \rho(770) K^-, f_2(1270) K^-, \dots$
  - $X^- \rightarrow K^*(892) \pi^-, K_2^*(1430) \pi^-, \dots$
- Strange partner process to  $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ + p$ 
  - Studied in great detail at COMPASS

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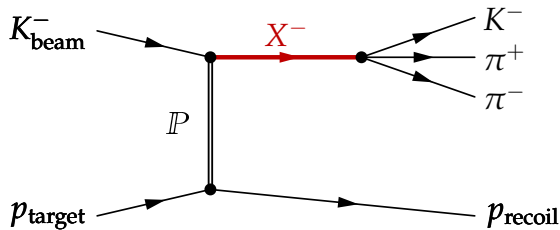
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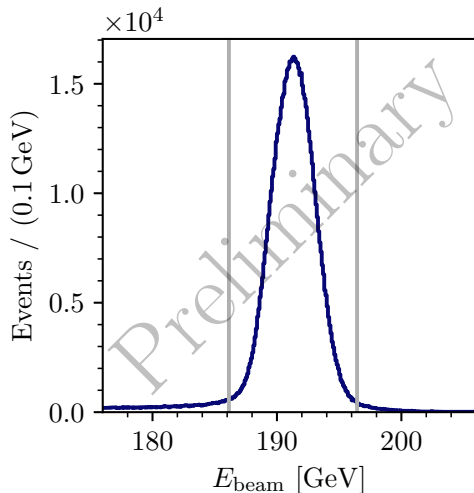
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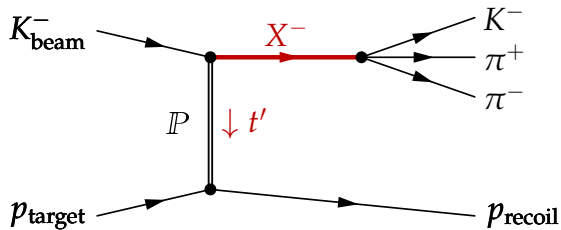


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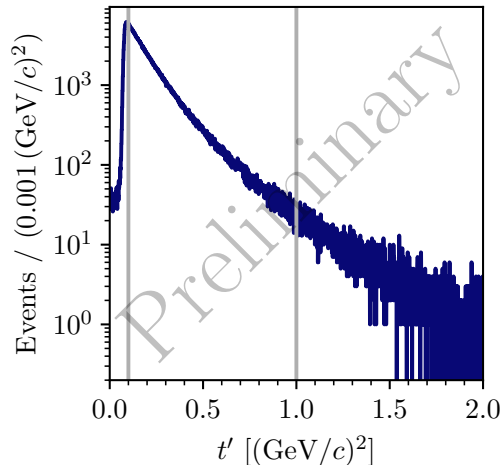


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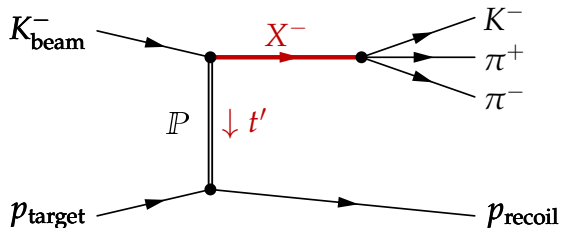


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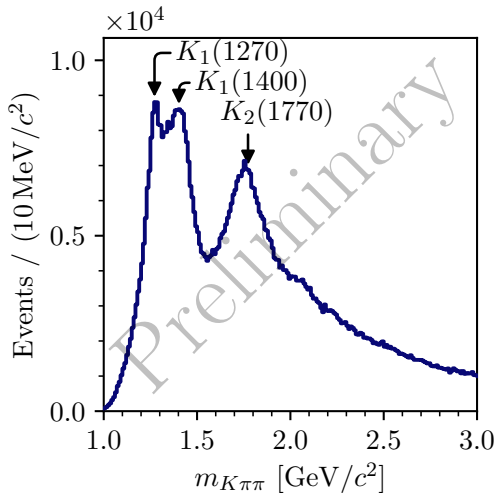


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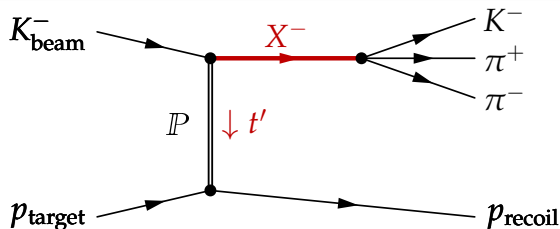


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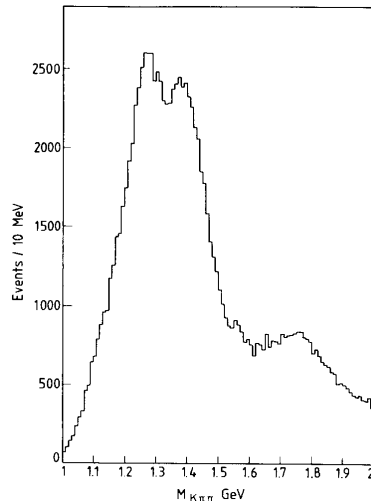
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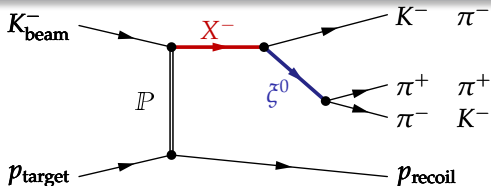
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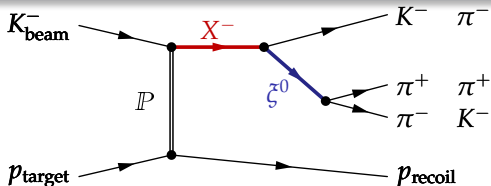
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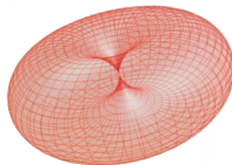
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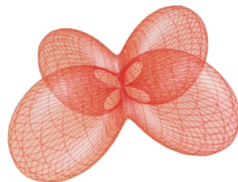


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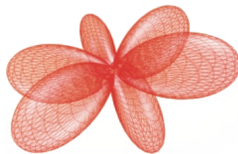
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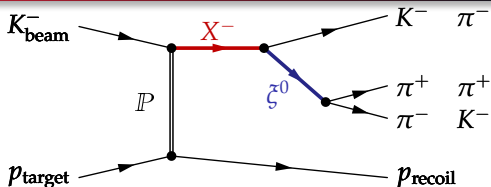


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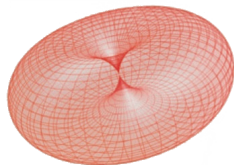
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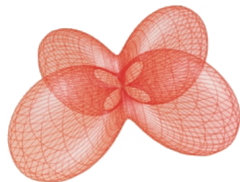


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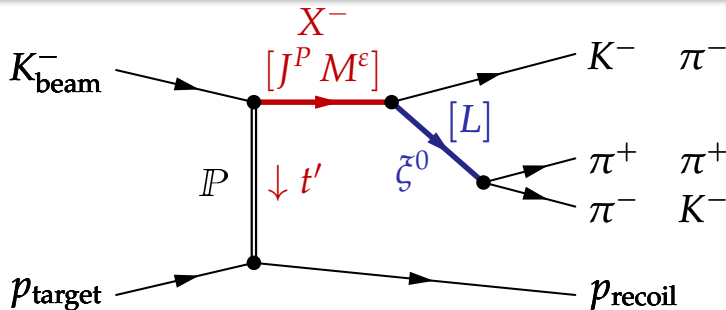
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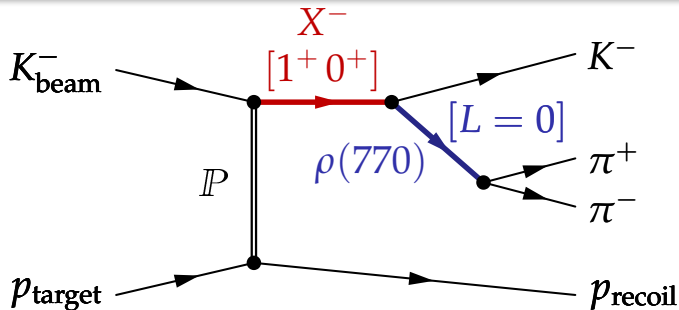


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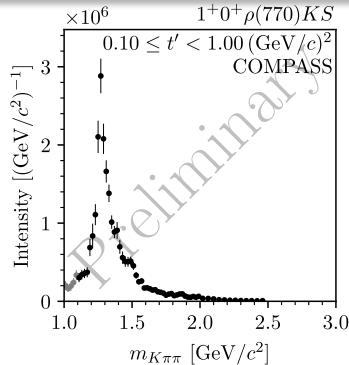
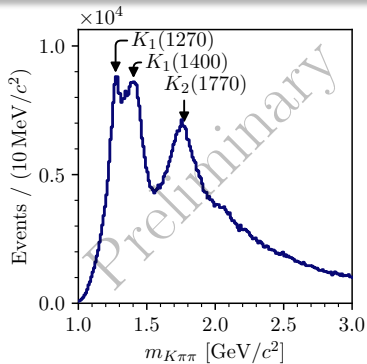


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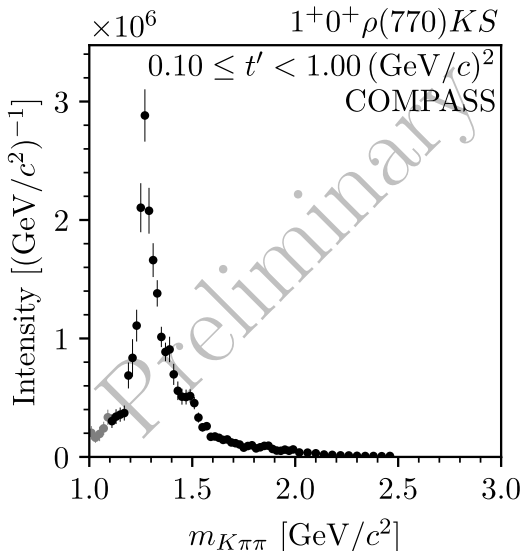


- Fit PWA model to data in  $(m_{K\pi\pi}, t')$  cells  $\implies$  partial-wave amplitudes in each cell
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- Uncertainties estimated by bootstrapping
- Verified method by performing detailed Monte Carlo input-output studies

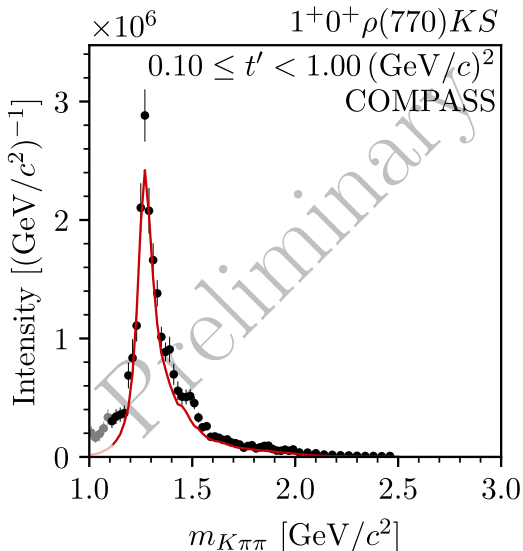
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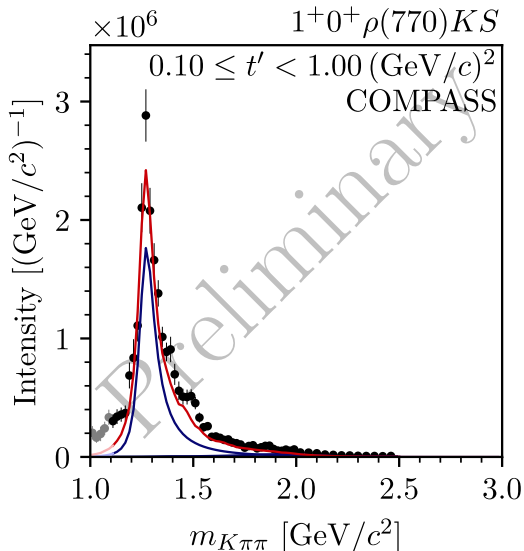
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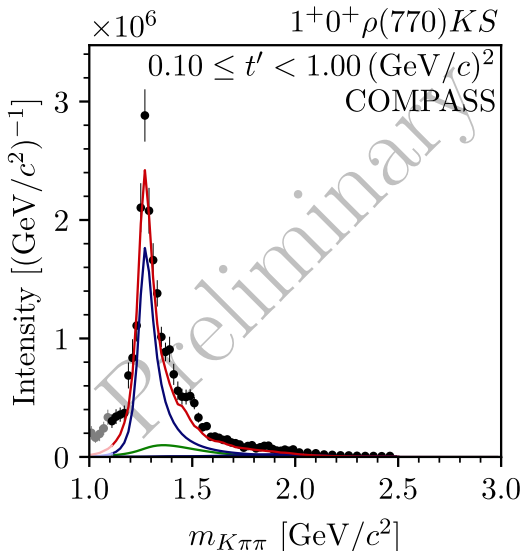
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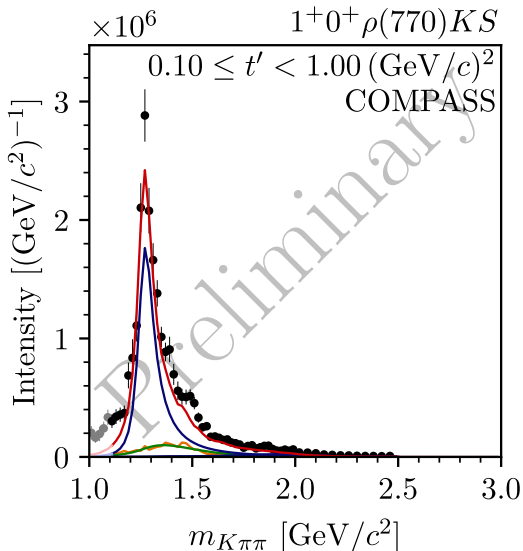
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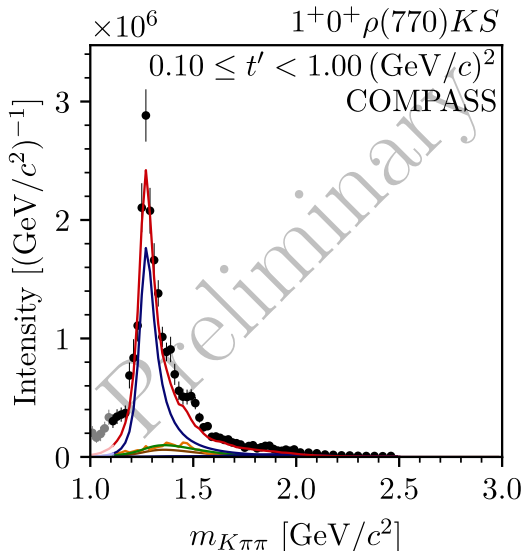




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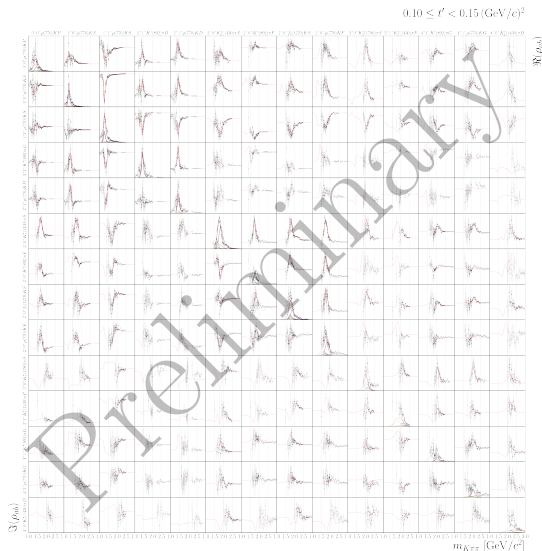
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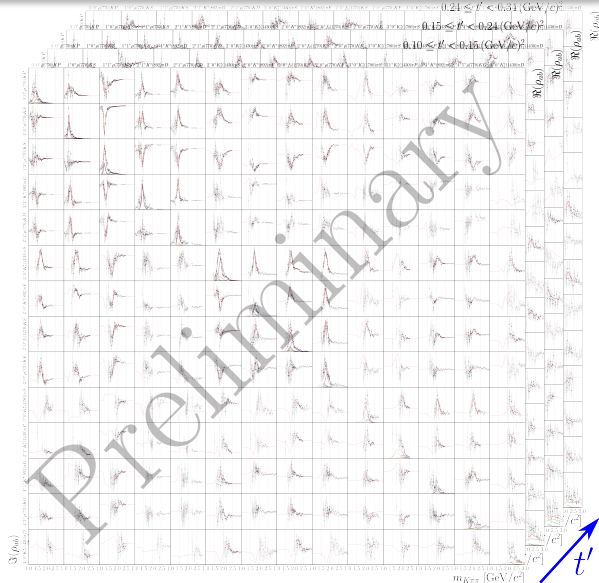


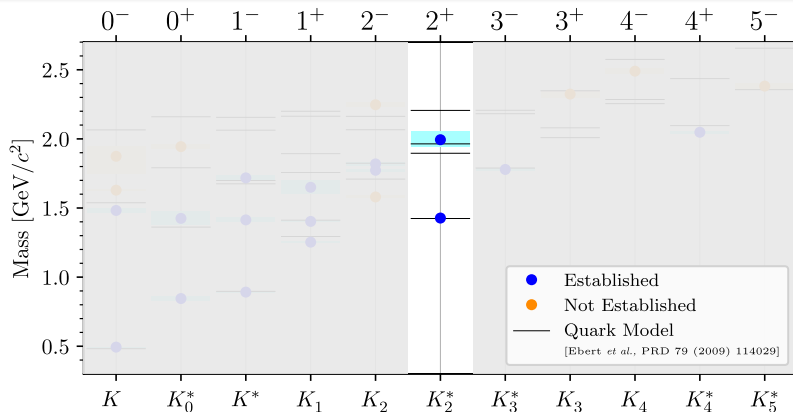
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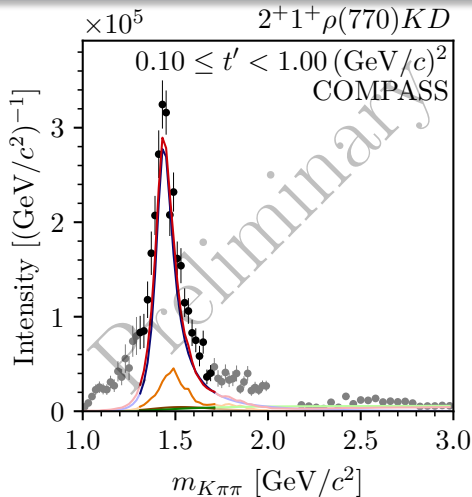
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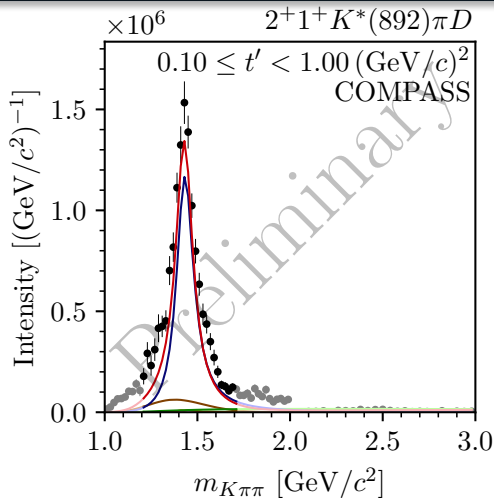
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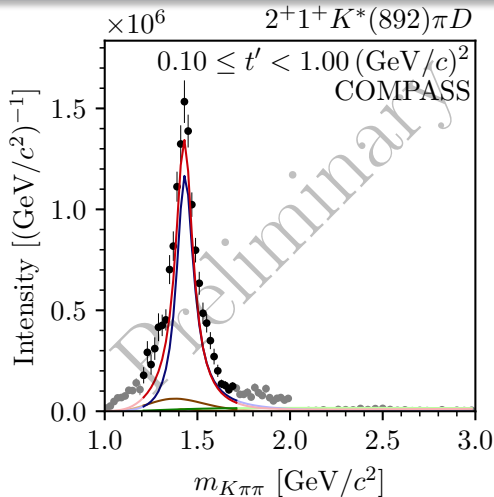
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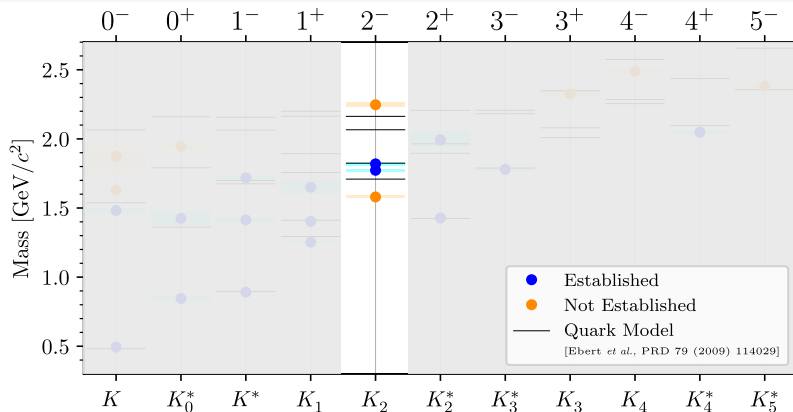
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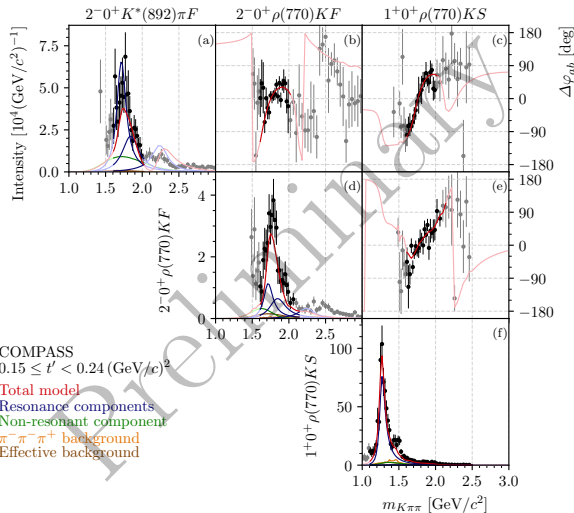


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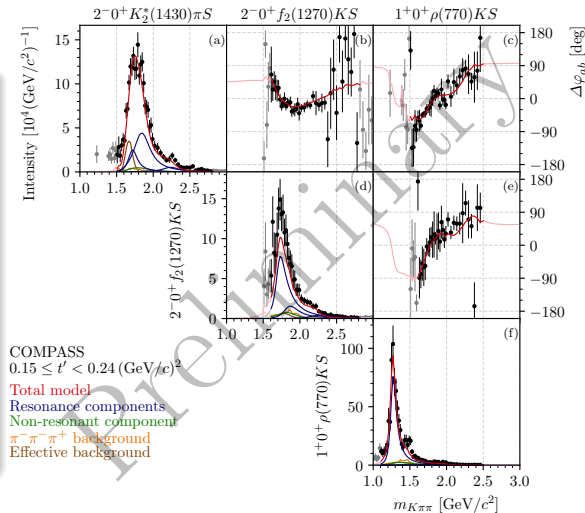
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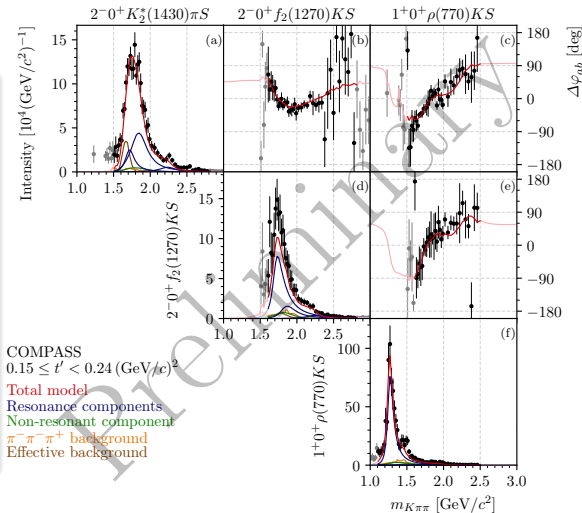
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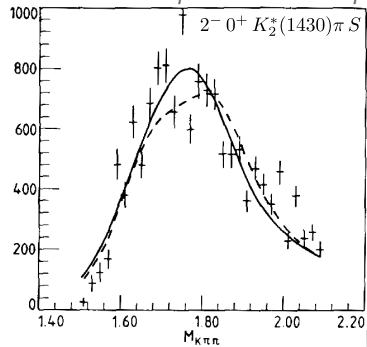
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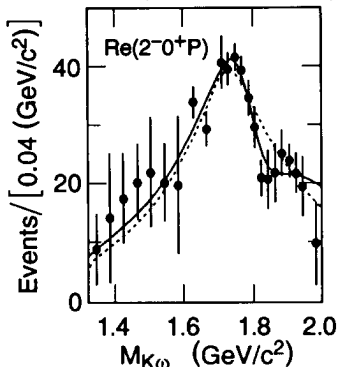
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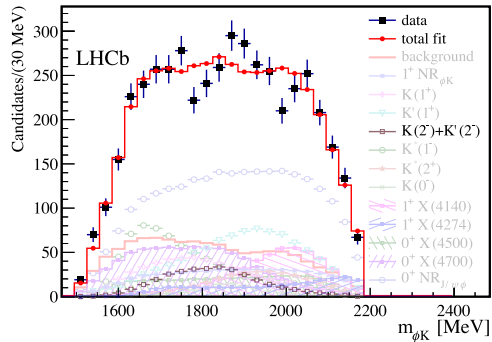
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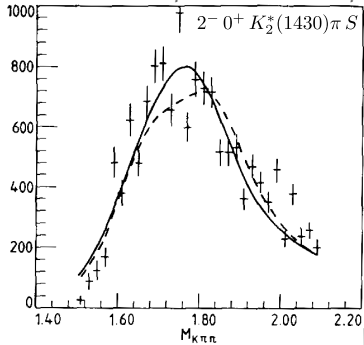
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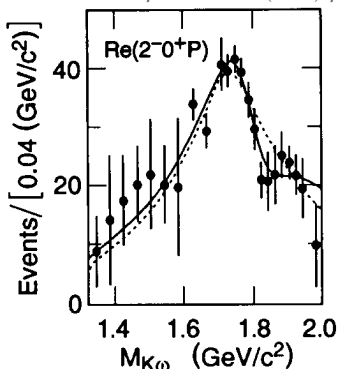
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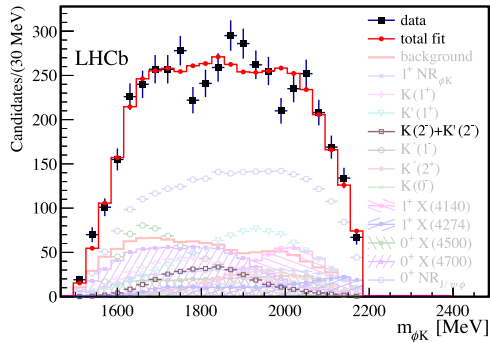
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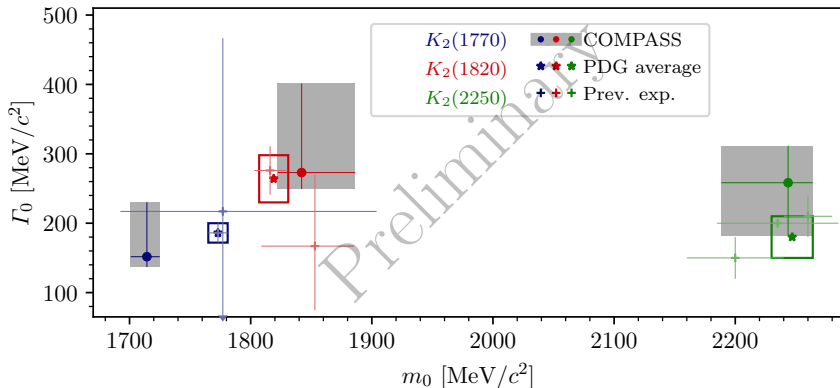


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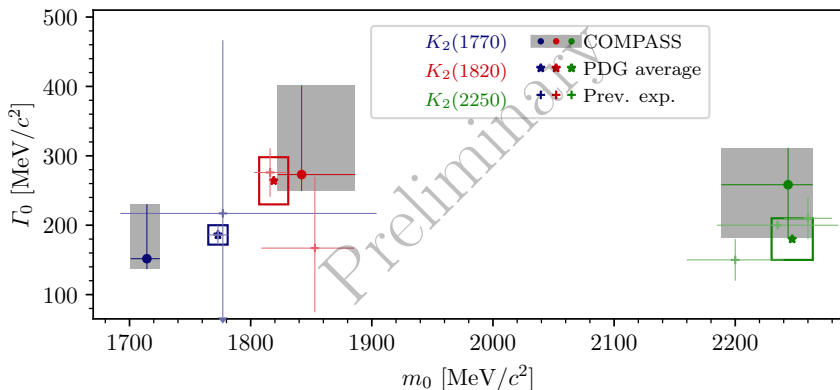
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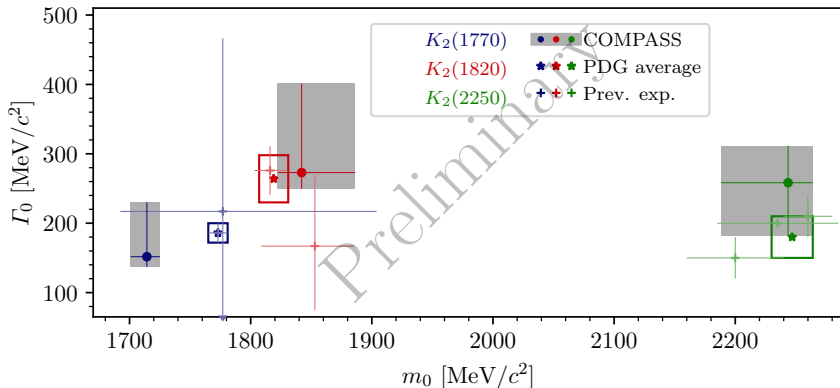
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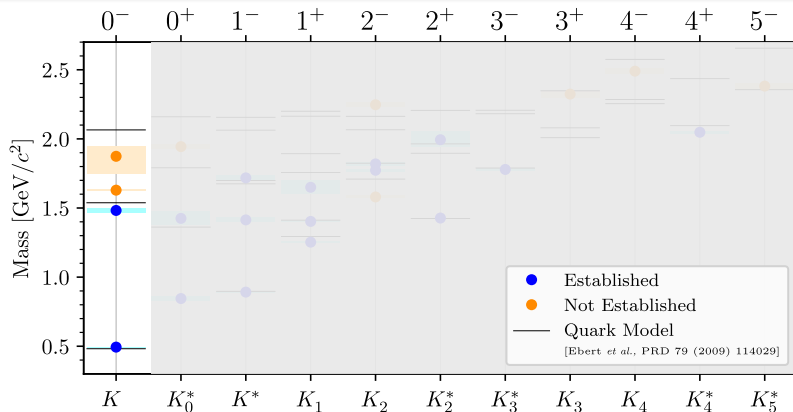
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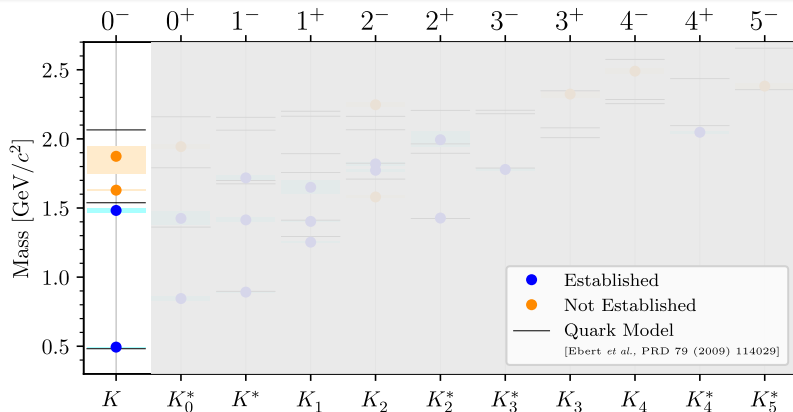




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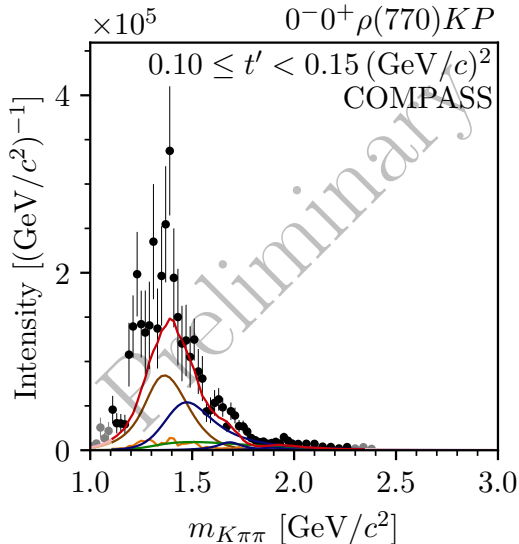
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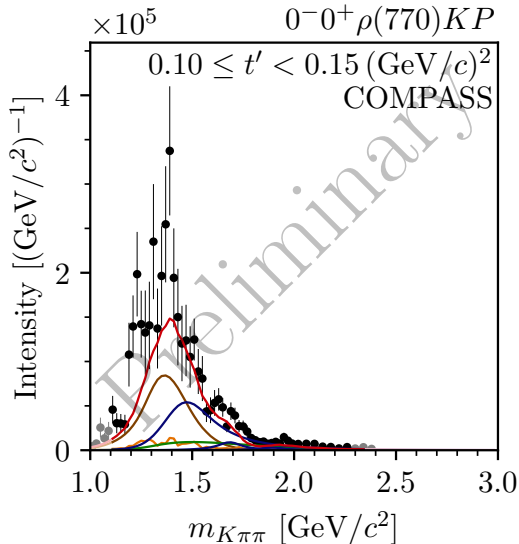
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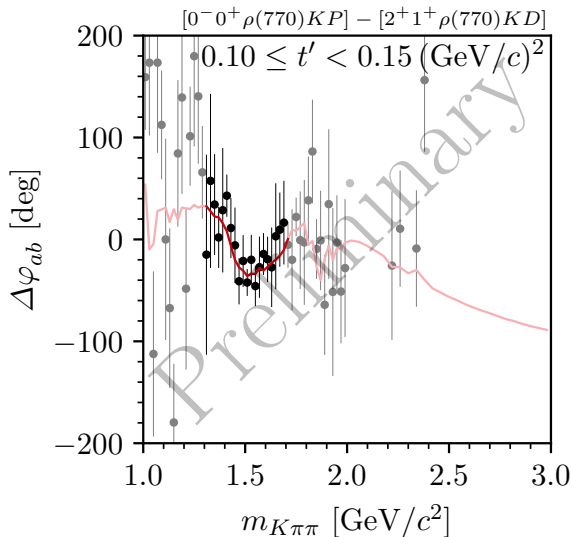
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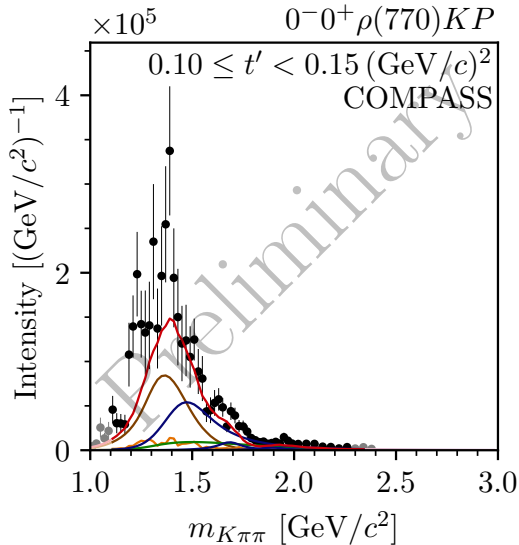
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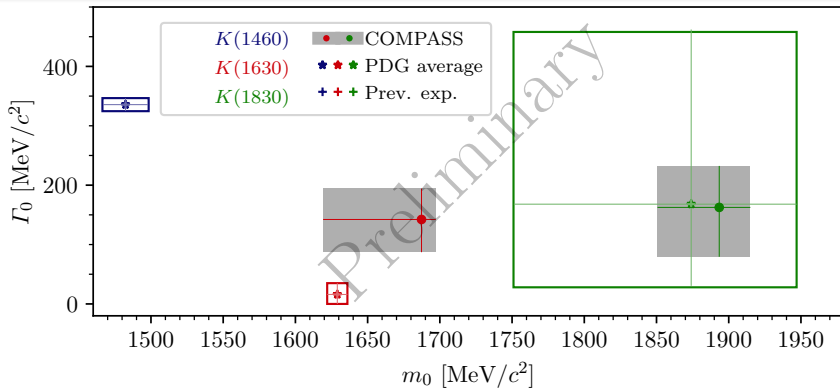


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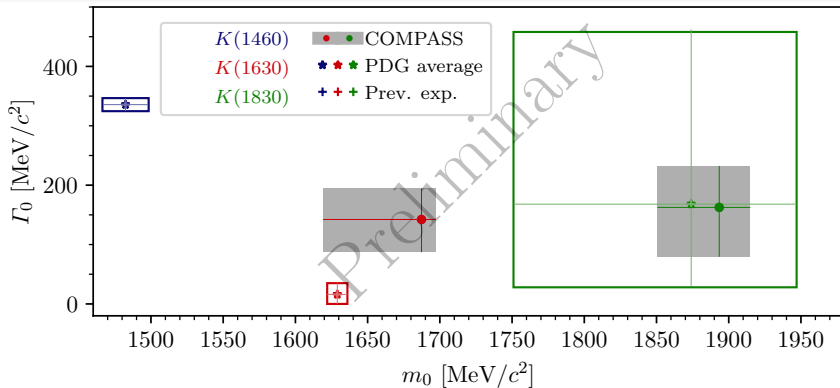


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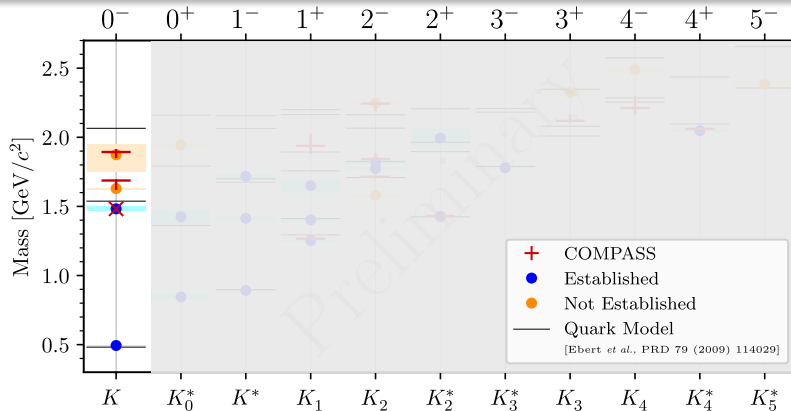
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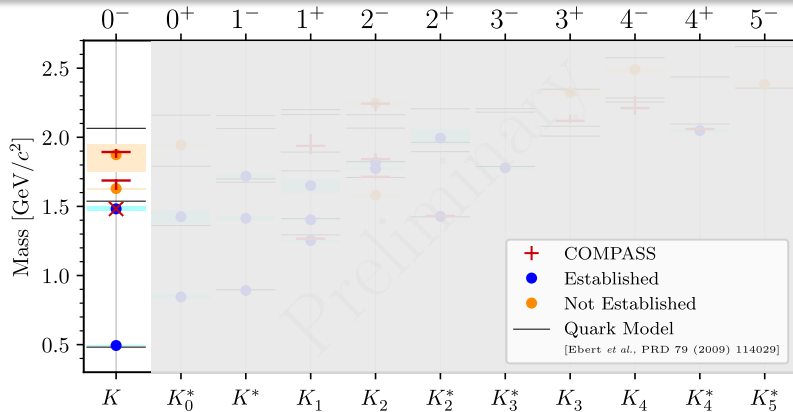
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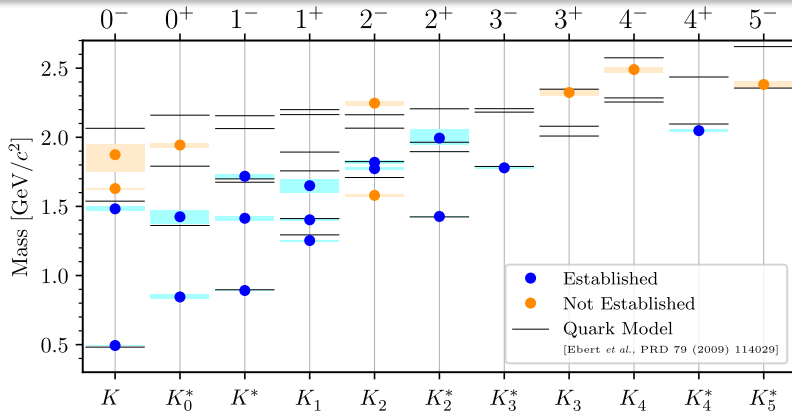
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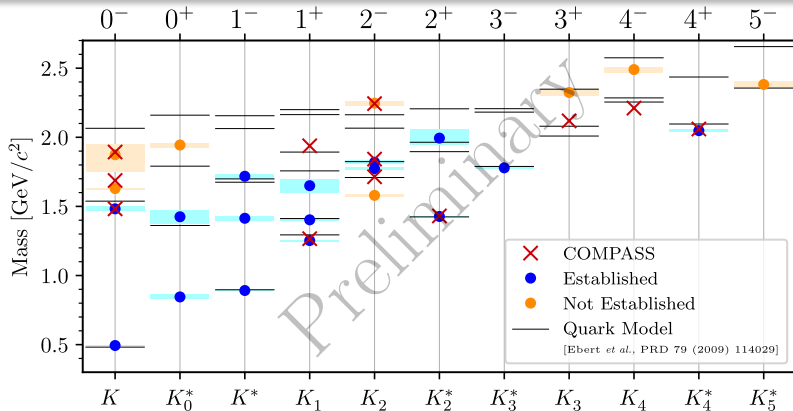
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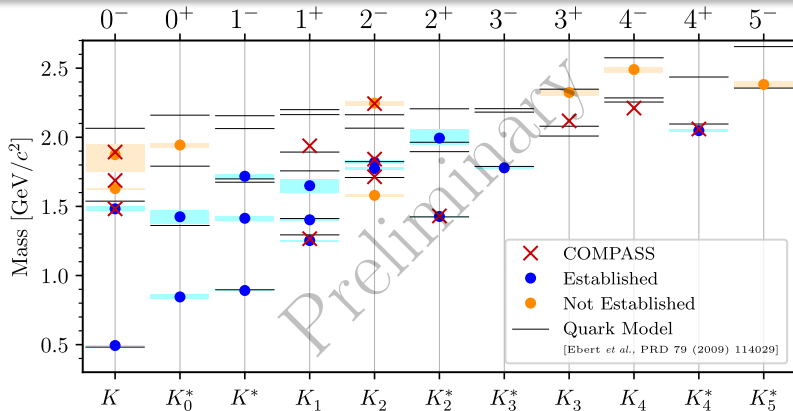
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## COMPASS

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## Planned experiment: AMBER at CERN

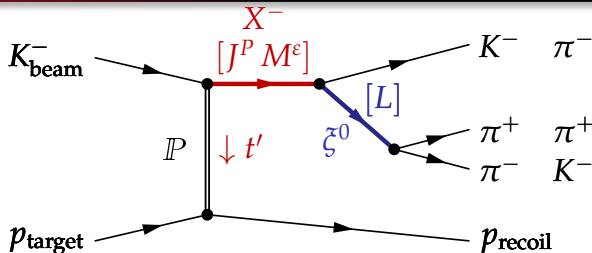
- Proposal for high-precision strange-meson spectroscopy
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## Part II

# Backup Slides

5 PWA model

6 Resonance parameters



- Sum of partial-wave amplitudes

- Wave set:

- Spin  $J \leq 7$
- Orbital angular momentum  $L \leq 7$
- Positive naturality of the exchange particle

- 12 isobar resonances:

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