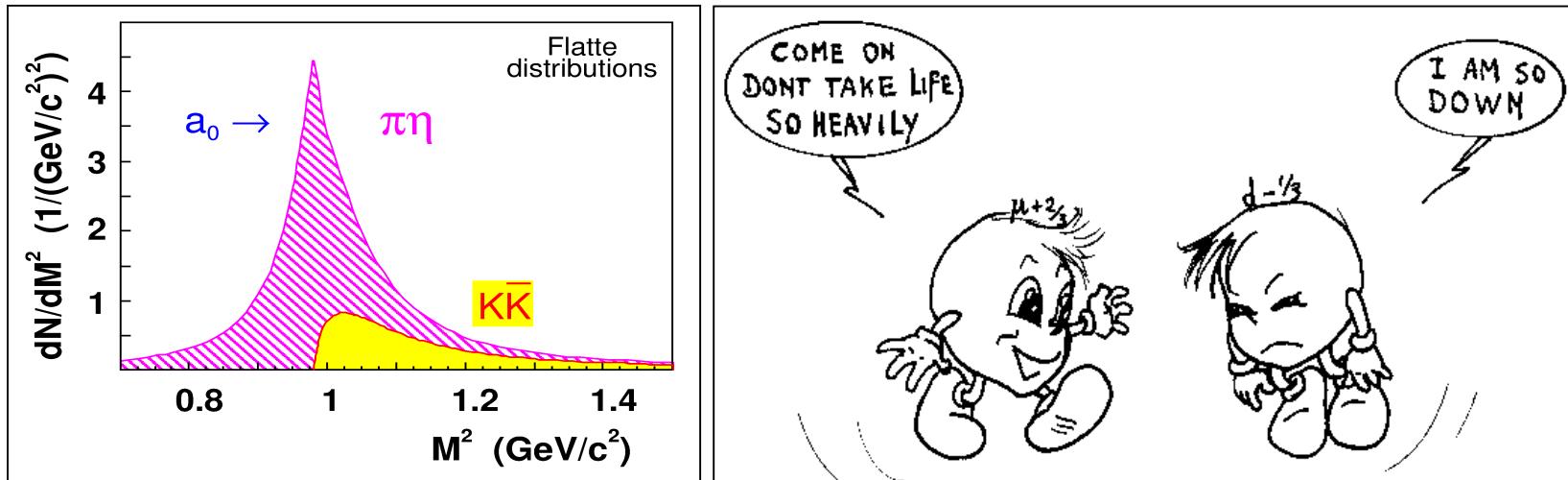




Isospin breaking a_0 - f_0 mixing

... a tool to investigate (not only!) the structure of the light scalar mesons

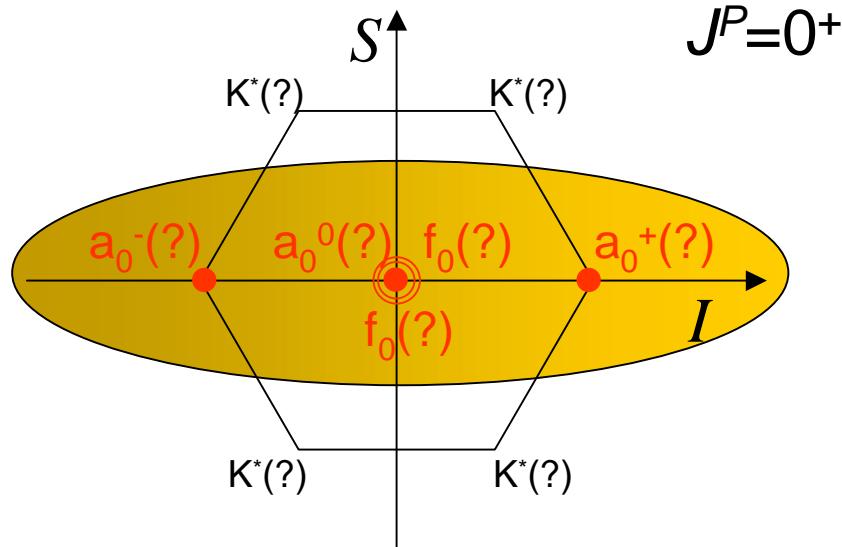


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The light scalar resonances

Nonet of light scalar mesons



Possible candidates

A table listing possible candidates for the scalar mesons, categorized into two groups based on experimental data from COSY.

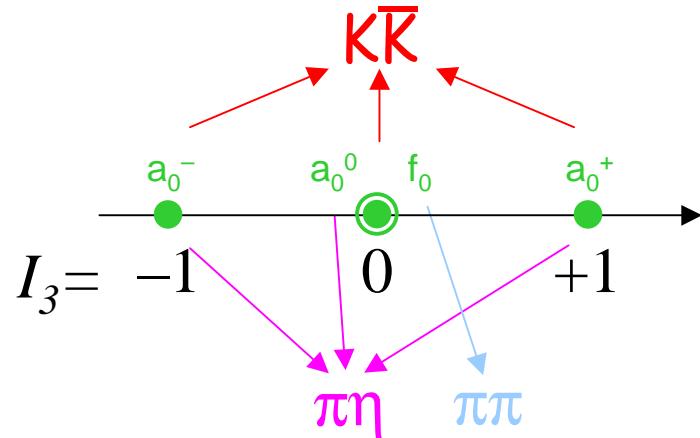
$f_0(500)$ (" σ ")	9 states
$\kappa(800)$	
$f_0(980)$	
$a_0(980)$	
$f_0(1370)$	10 states
$K_0^*(1430)$	
$a_0(1450)$	
$f_0(1500)$	
$f_0(1710)$	

Nature of these states??

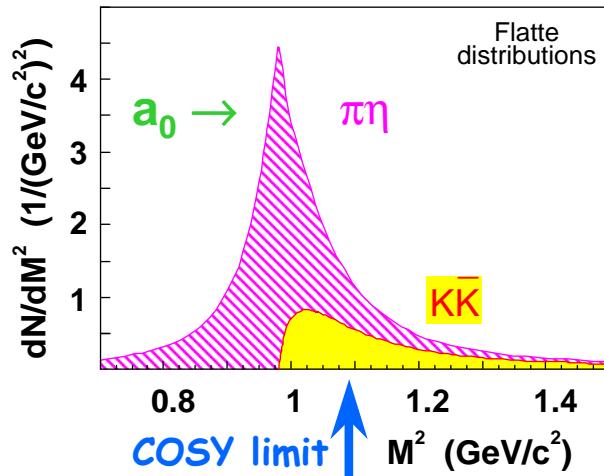
„Genuine“ $q\bar{q}$
4-quark states
 $K\bar{K}$ molecules



Observables?



$m = (984.7 \pm 1.2) \text{ MeV}/c^2$	("average")	a_0
$\Gamma = (50 \dots 100) \text{ MeV}/c^2$	("estimate")	
$\Gamma(KK/\pi\eta) = (0.183 \pm 0.024)$	("seen"/"dominant")	
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$m = (980 \pm 10) \text{ MeV}/c^2$	("estimate")	f_0
$\Gamma = (40 \dots 100) \text{ MeV}/c^2$	("estimate")	
$\Gamma(KK/\pi\pi) = \dots$	("seen"/"dominant")	



- Observables at COSY (yet unknown):
- Mass distributions
 - Branching ratios to KK and $\pi\eta/\pi\pi$
 - (Differential) production cross sections
 - Isospin ratios (e.g. pn vs. pp reactions)
 - a_0 - f_0 mixing
 - Polarization observables



The Accelerator: COSY-Jülich



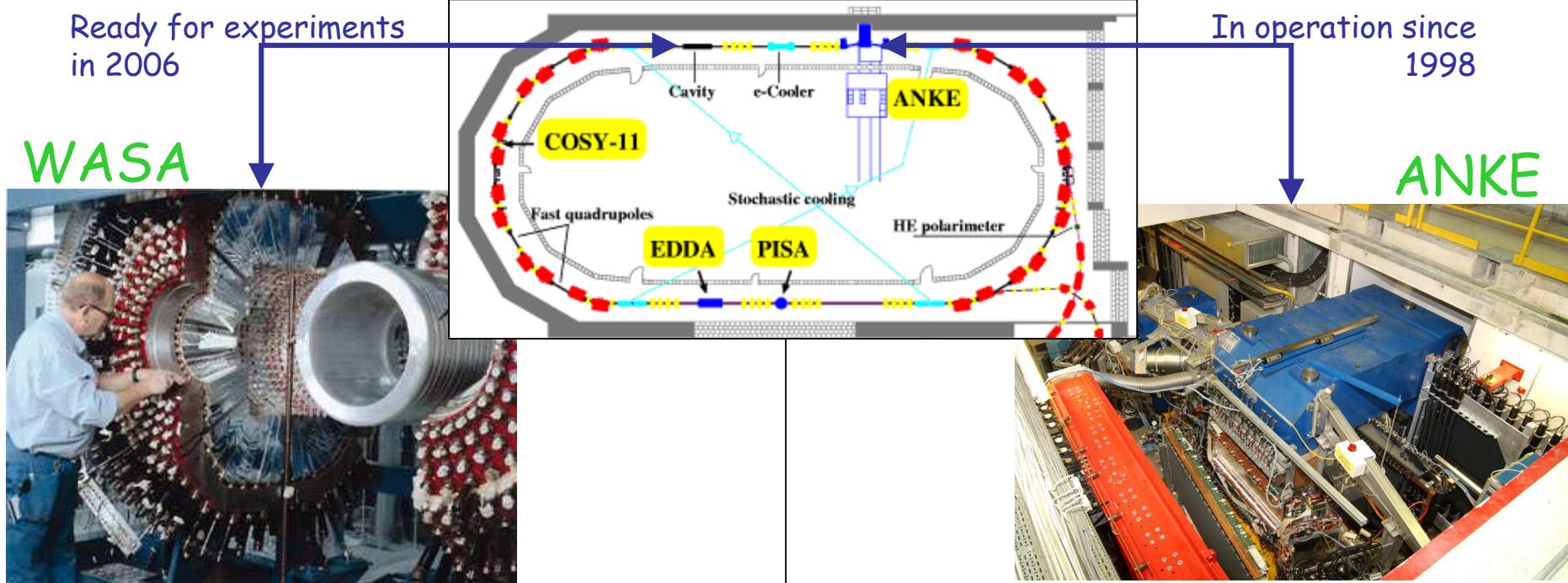
COSY (Cooler Synchroton) at FZ-Jülich:

- (polarized) p & d beams
- phase-space cooling
 - electron & stochastic cooling
- $p = 0.30 - 3.70 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - $\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{pp} \ X \ (\text{m}_X \leq 1.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$
 - $\text{dd} \rightarrow \alpha \ X \ (\text{m}_X \leq 1.03 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$
 - $\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{pK}^+ \text{Y}^* \ (\text{m}_{\text{Y}^*} \leq 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$
- internal & extracted beams

The detectors: ANKE & WASA



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- currently at CELSIUS (Uppsala)
- nearly 4π coverage
- charged and neutral particle i.d.
- frozen pellet target ($\mathcal{L} \sim \text{few} \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)

- forward spectrometer (small acceptance)
- optimized for K^+/K^- detection
- cluster jet target ($\mathcal{L} \sim \text{few} \cdot 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)



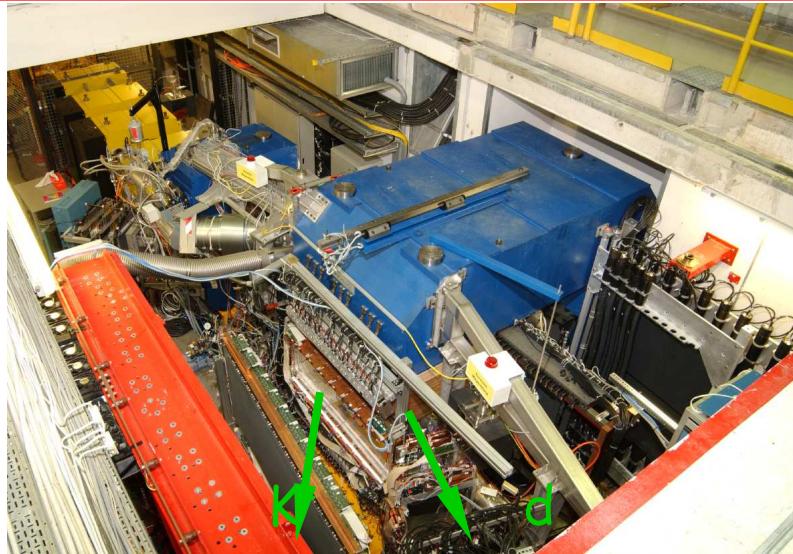
The $a_0/f_0(980)$ at COSY

Reaction	Where?	Result	Goal
$pp \rightarrow pp K^+K^-$	COSY-11 ANKE	a_0^0/f_0 contribution??	
$pp \rightarrow d K^+\bar{K}^0$ $\rightarrow d \pi^+\eta$	ANKE WASA	a_0^+ channel dominates	First „simple“ experiment for WASA (≥ 2006)
$pn \rightarrow d K^+K^-$ $\rightarrow d \pi^0\eta$	ANKE WASA	(Feb. 2004)	Angular asymmetries a_0 - f_0 mixing
$pd \rightarrow {}^3He K^+K^-$ $\rightarrow {}^3H K^+\bar{K}^0$	MOMO	a_0^0/f_0 contribution??	
$dd \rightarrow {}^4He K^+K^-$ $\rightarrow {}^4He \pi^0\eta$	ANKE WASA	Winter '04/05?	Isospin violation a_0 - f_0 mixing



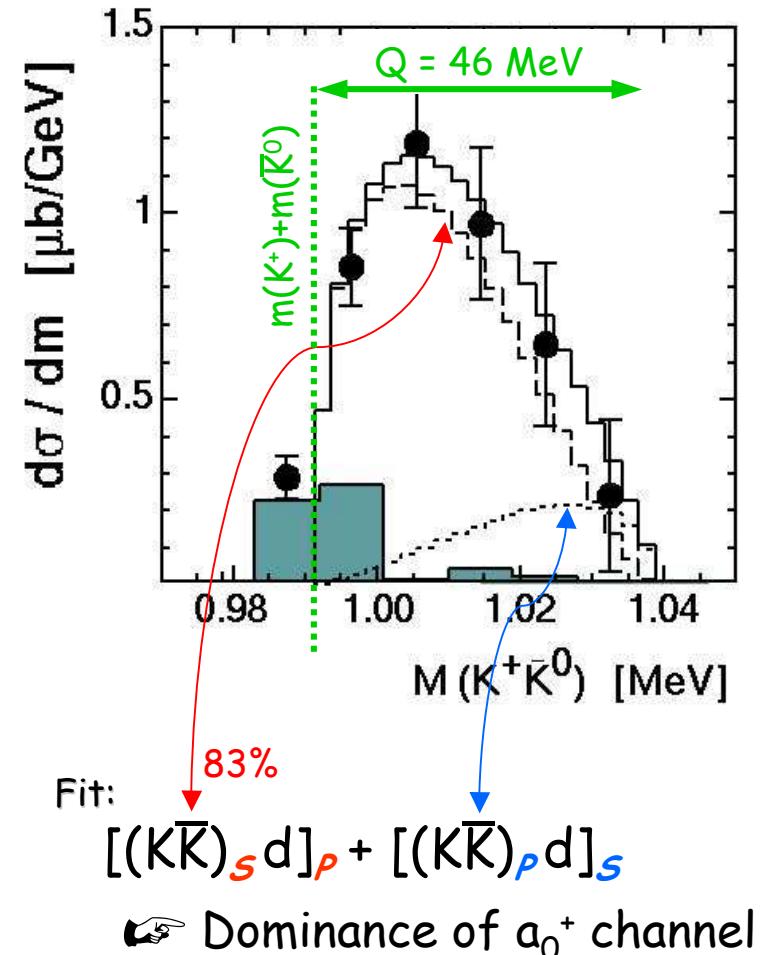
$p(2.65 \text{ GeV})p \rightarrow dK^+\bar{K}^0$ at ANKE

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- K^+d coincidence measurement
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- Identification of $pp \rightarrow dK^+\bar{K}^0$ events via dK^+ missing mass

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(pp \rightarrow dK^+\bar{K}^0) = (38 \pm 2_{\text{stat}} \pm 14_{\text{sys}}) \text{ nb}$$



a_0 - f_0 mixing in $dd \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} \pi^0 \eta$

⇒ Direct production of a_0^0 in $dd \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} a_0^0 (\rightarrow \pi^0 \eta)$
is forbidden if isospin is conserved

⇒ Dominant channel

$$dd \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} f_0(I=0) \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} a_0^0(I=1) \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} \pi^0 \eta ??$$

⇒ Similar to $dd \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} \pi^0$ experiment @IUCF →

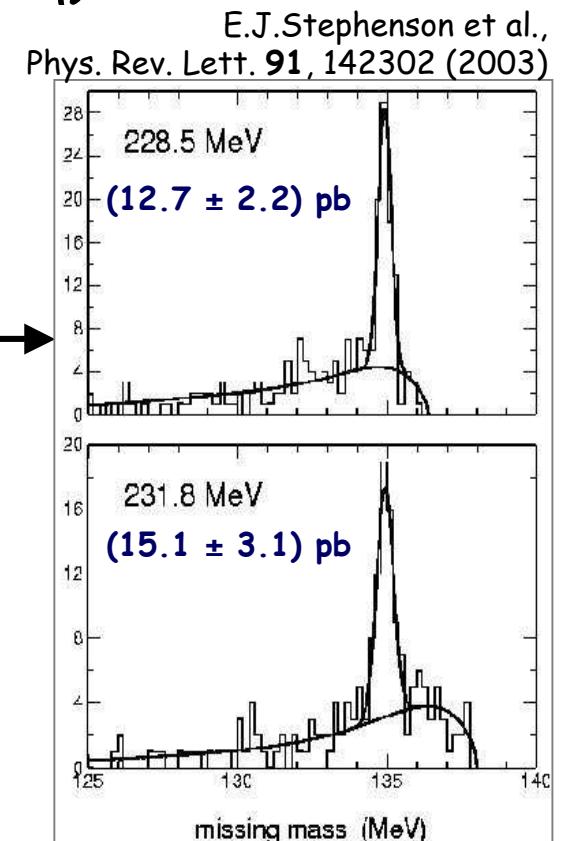
⇒ Strength of a_0 - f_0 mixing unknown

- Probably larger than π^0 - η mixing
- Close & Kirk: mixing intensity = $8 \pm 3\%$ (data from WA102)
but critizised by Achasov & Kiselev, Oller

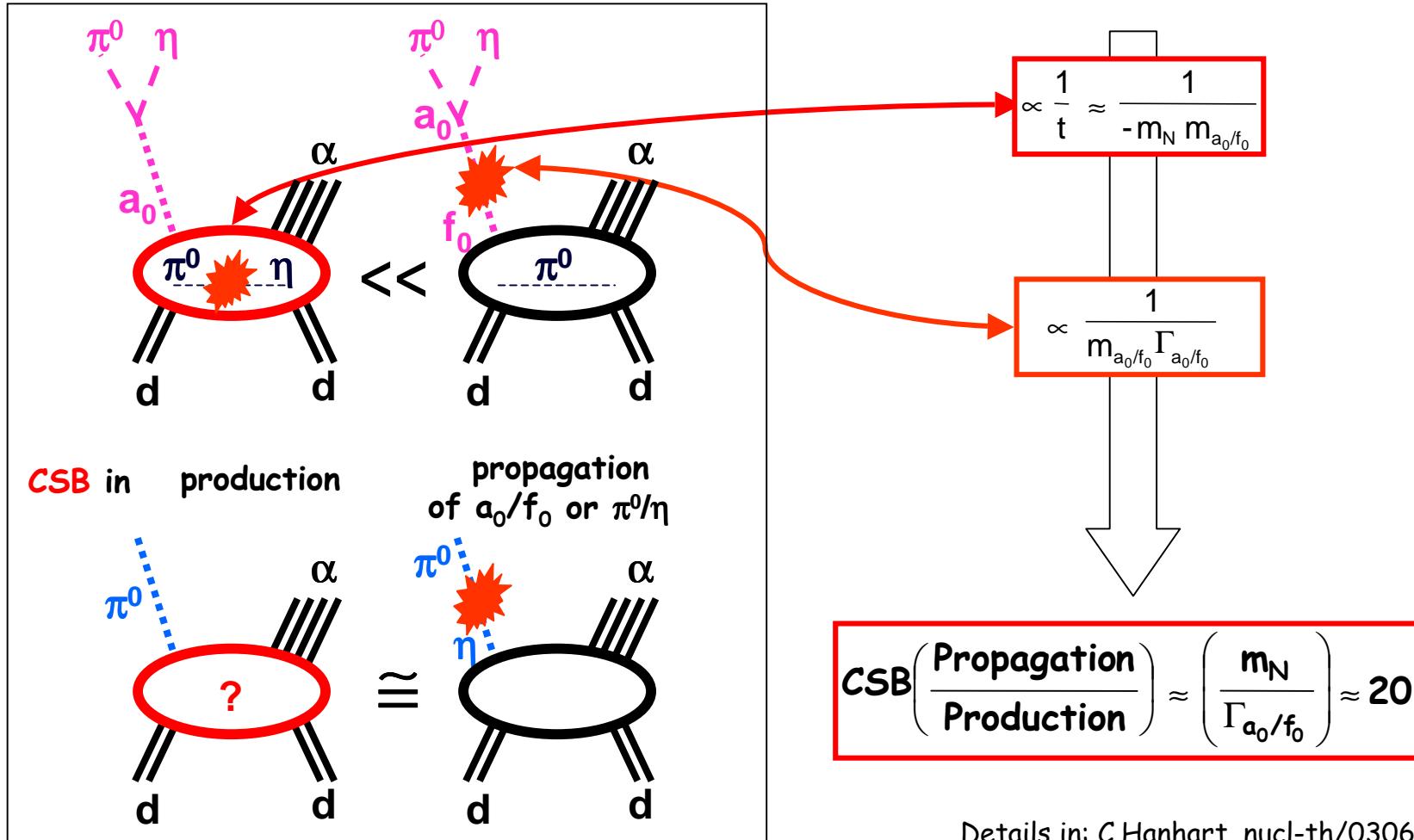
⇒ $dd \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} X$ cross section unknown

- Our estimate: $\sigma(dd \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} a_0^0) \sim (50 \dots 200) \text{ pb}$
- Pilot measurement: $dd \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} a_0^0/f_0 \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} K^+ K^-$

ANKE



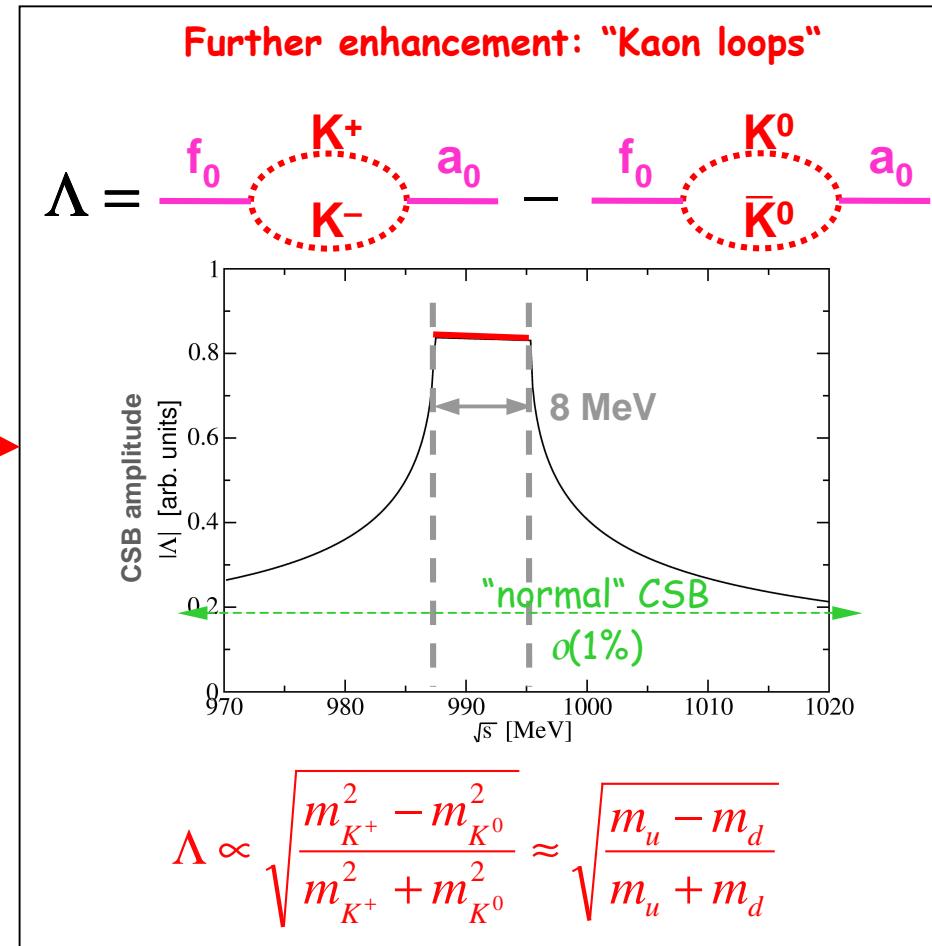
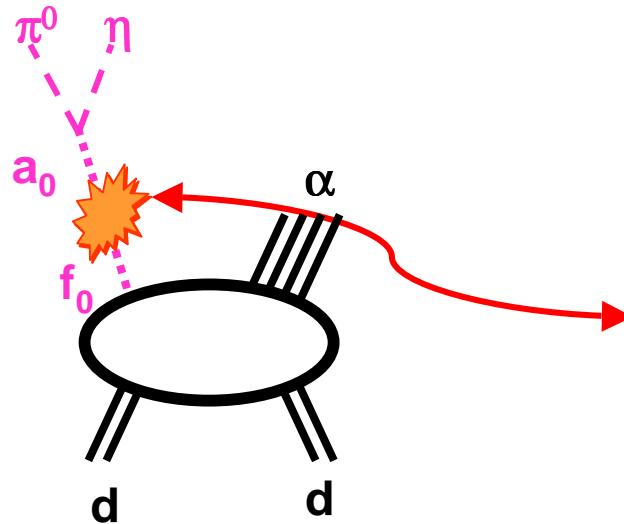
$dd \rightarrow \alpha (\pi^0\eta)$ vs. $dd \rightarrow \alpha \pi^0$



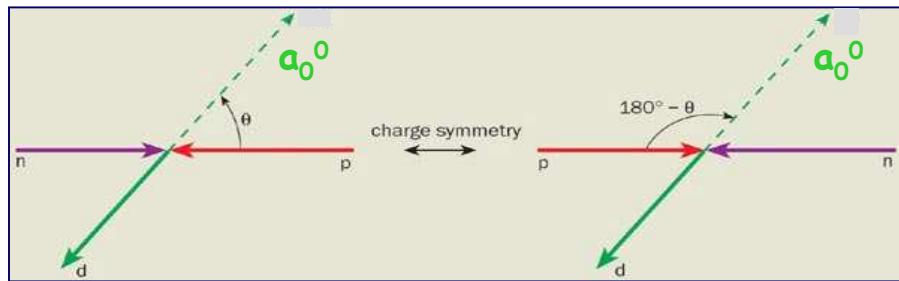
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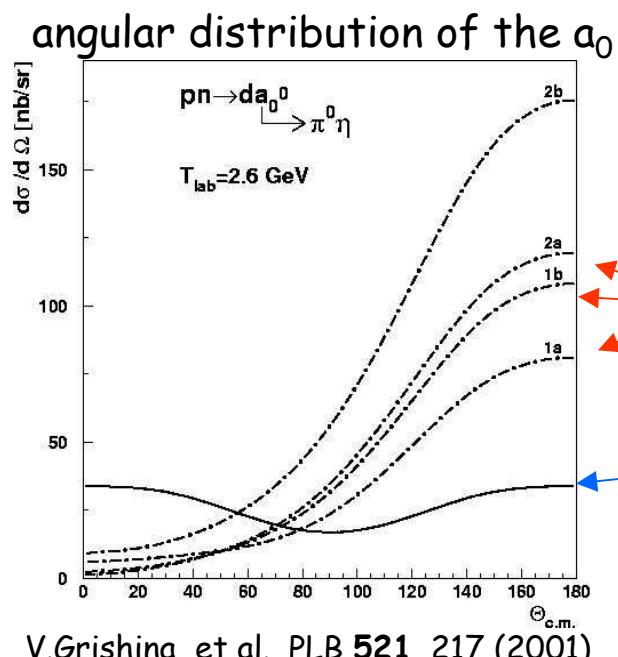
More a_0 - f_0 mixing ...



a_0/f_0 mixing in pn interactions



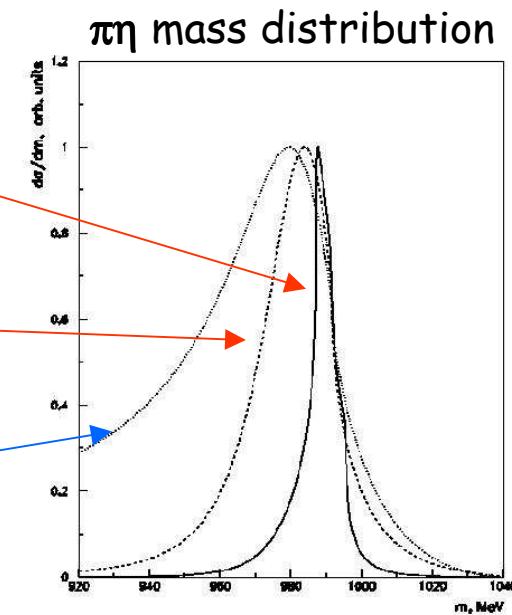
☞ Look, e.g., for angular asymmetries around 90° in $pn \rightarrow d + \text{Meson}$ reactions



V.Grishina et al., PLB 521, 217 (2001)



Kaon loops
„direct“
 a_0 - f_0 or π - η
mixing
no mixing



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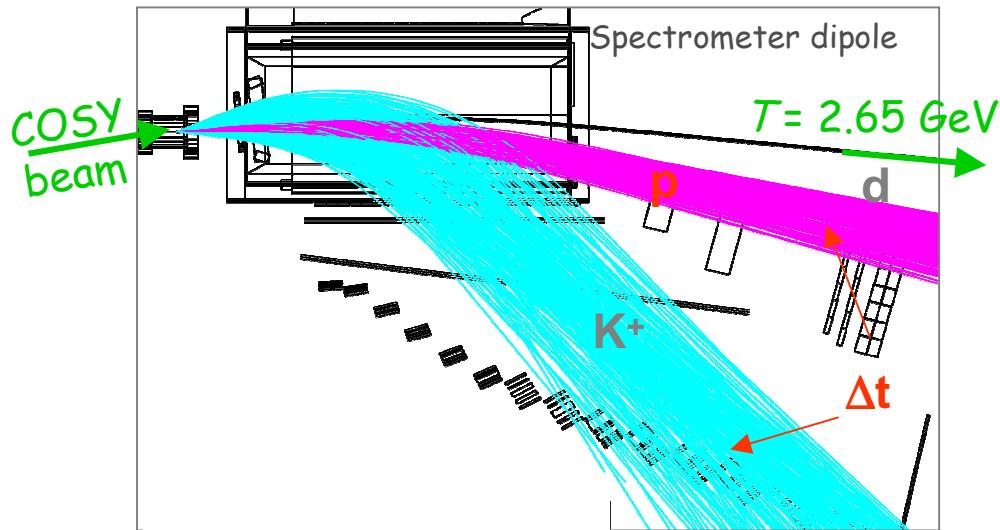
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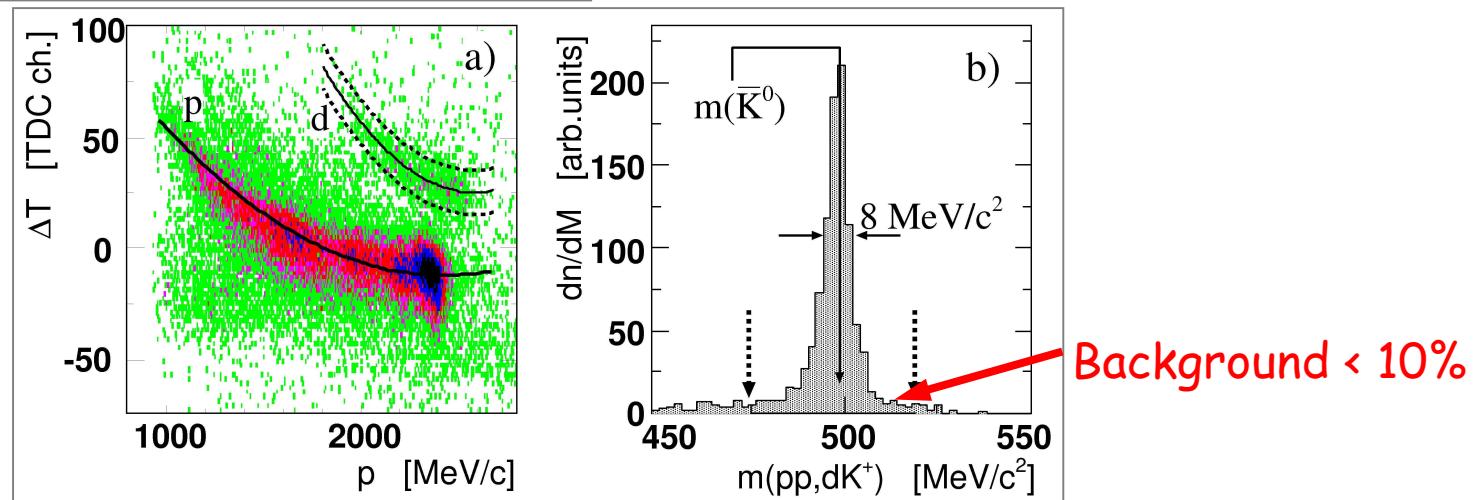


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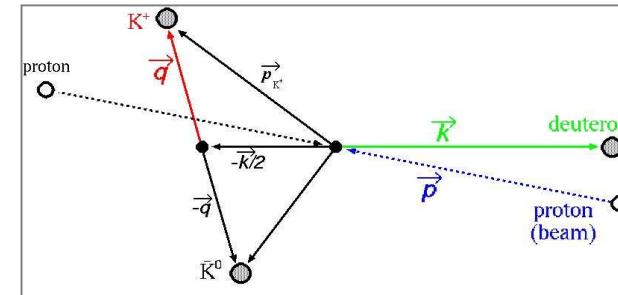
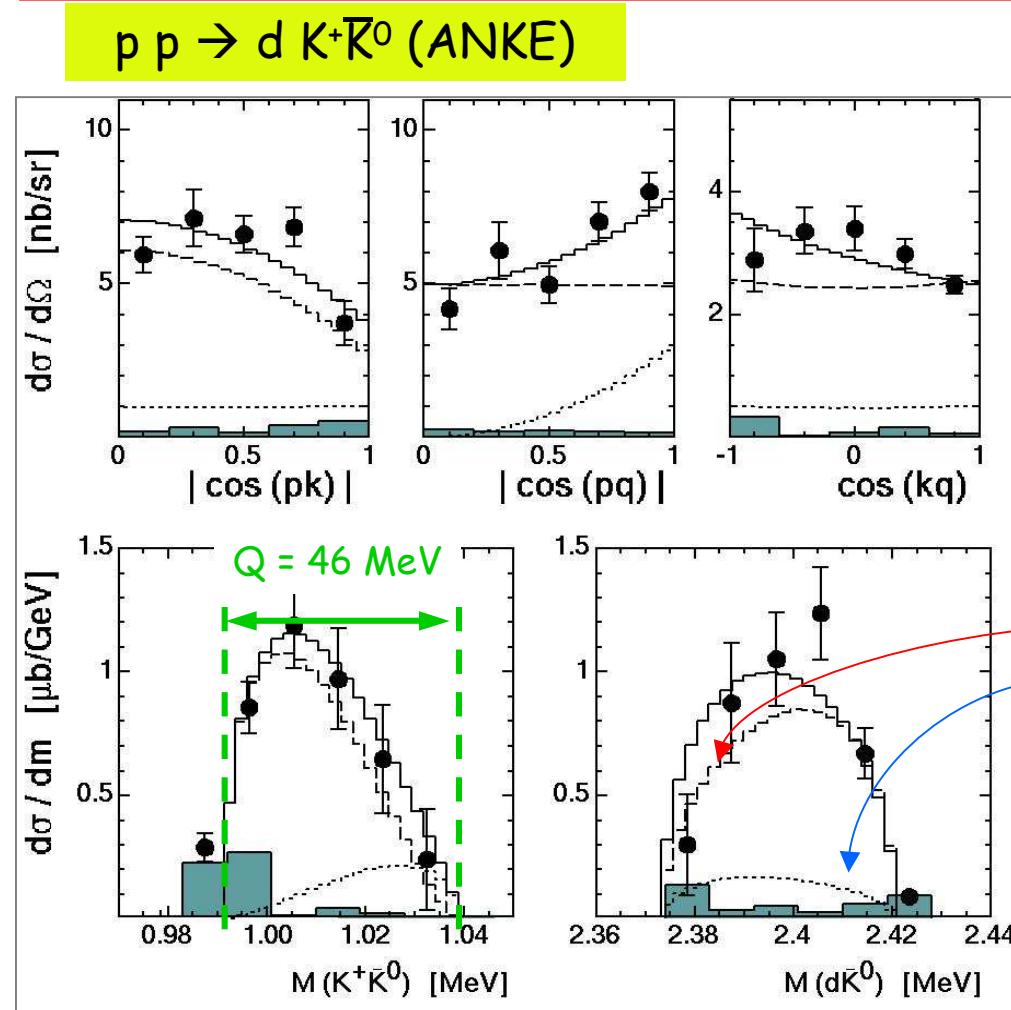
I.d. of $pp \rightarrow dK^+\bar{K}^0$ events @ ANKE



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First Results on the a_0^+



Fit:
 $[(K\bar{K})_P d]_S + [(K\bar{K})_S d]_P$

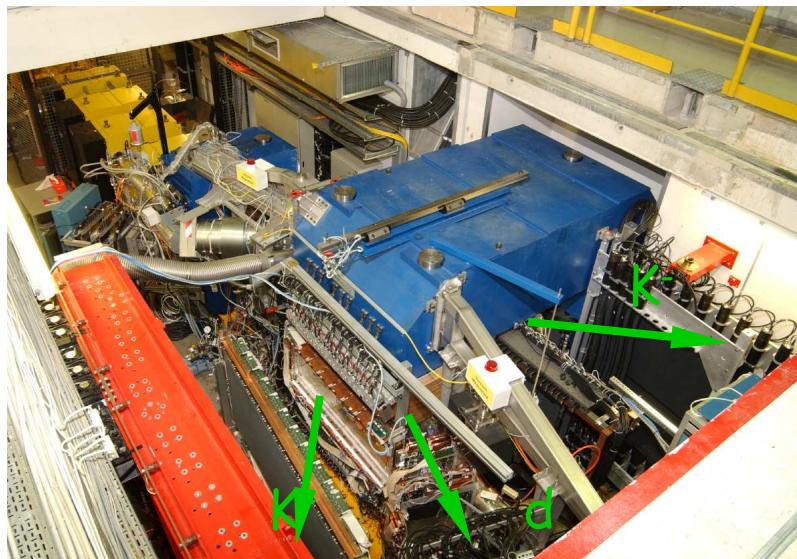
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow da_0^+ \rightarrow dK^+ \bar{K}^0) = 83\% \cdot \sigma_{tot}$

$\sigma_{tot}(pp \rightarrow dK^+ \bar{K}^0) = (38 \pm 2_{stat} \pm 14_{sys}) \text{ nb}$

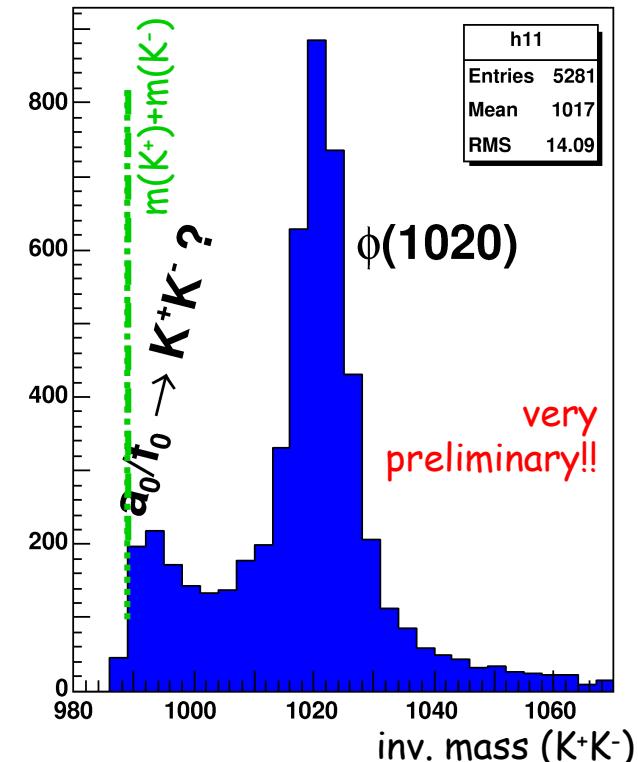
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$p(2.65 \text{ GeV})n \rightarrow dK^+K^-$ at ANKE



- D_2 as an effective neutron target
- $K^+ K^- d$ coincidence measurement
- unobserved spectator proton



- ☞ First data on ϕ -meson production on neutrons
- ☞ Narrow a_0^0/f_0 signal at small K^+K^- masses??

