



# The Photoproduction of Excited Strange Mesons in

$$\gamma p \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$$

With CLAS at Jefferson Lab

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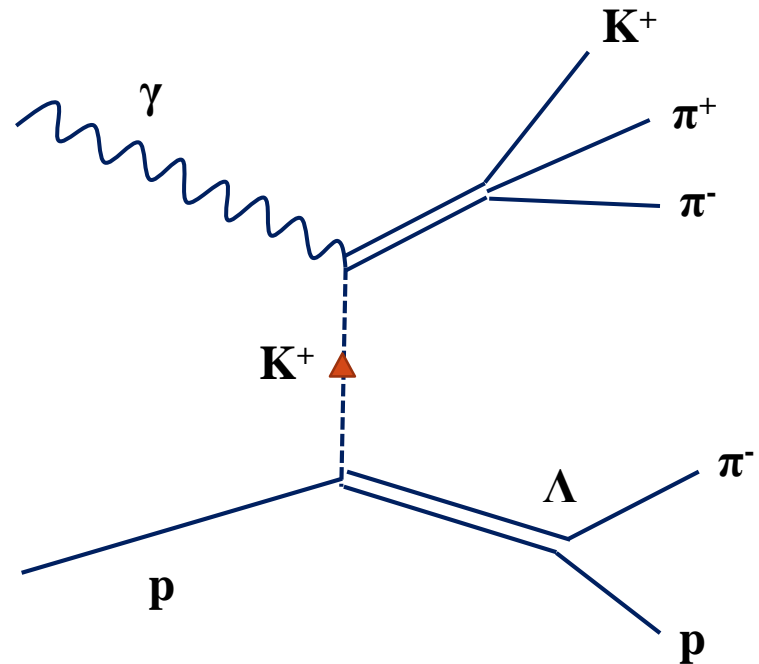
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# Overview

- Analysis
- Summary & Future Plans

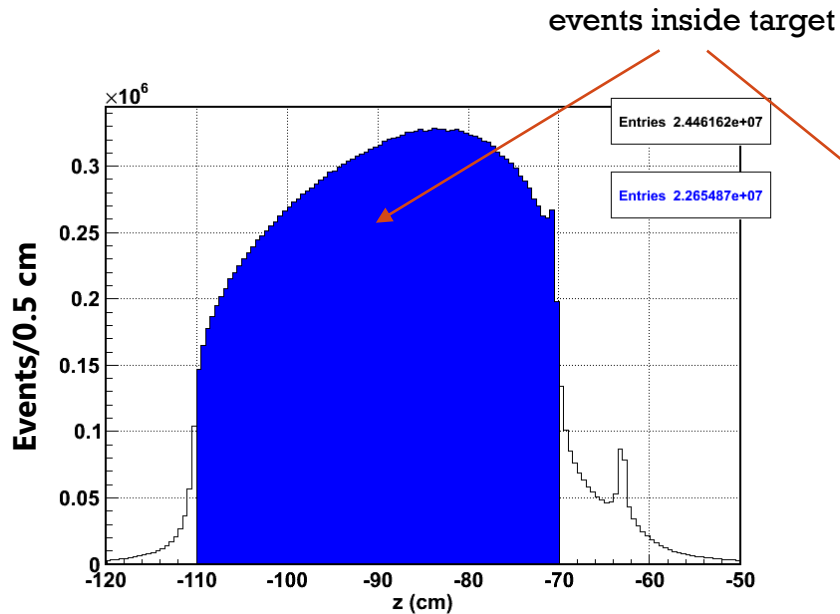


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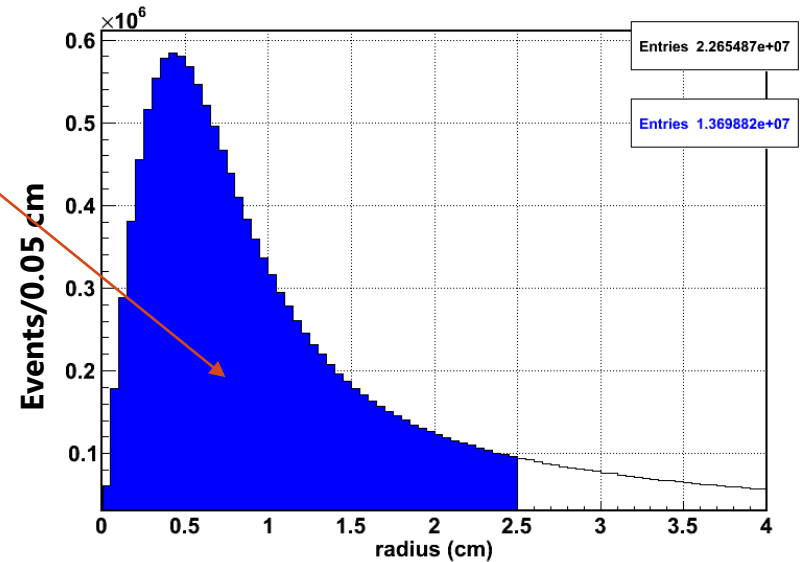
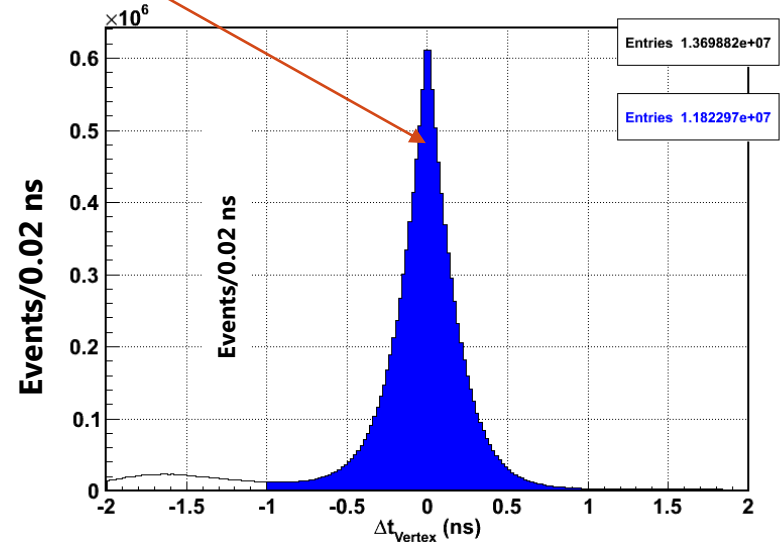
- 4 charged particles are selected : Proton,  $K^+$ ,  $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$
- Initial topology:  $\gamma p \rightarrow p K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  [Missing Particle]

$$P_{Miss} = (P_{\gamma} + P_{Target}) - (P_{K^+} + P_P + P_{\pi^+} + P_{\pi^-})$$

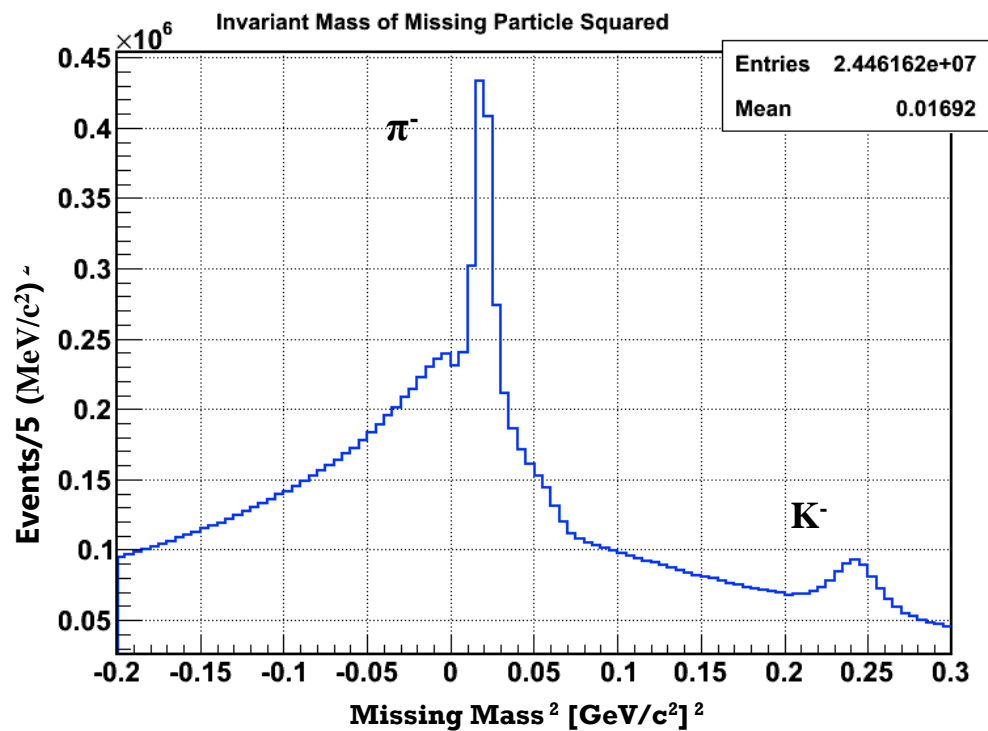
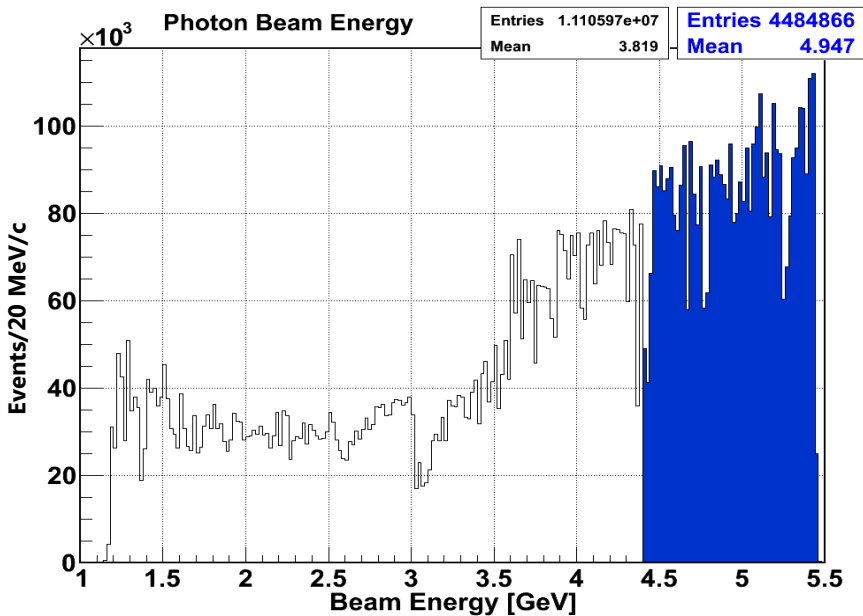
- About 24 million events with the above topology.



events within vertex timing

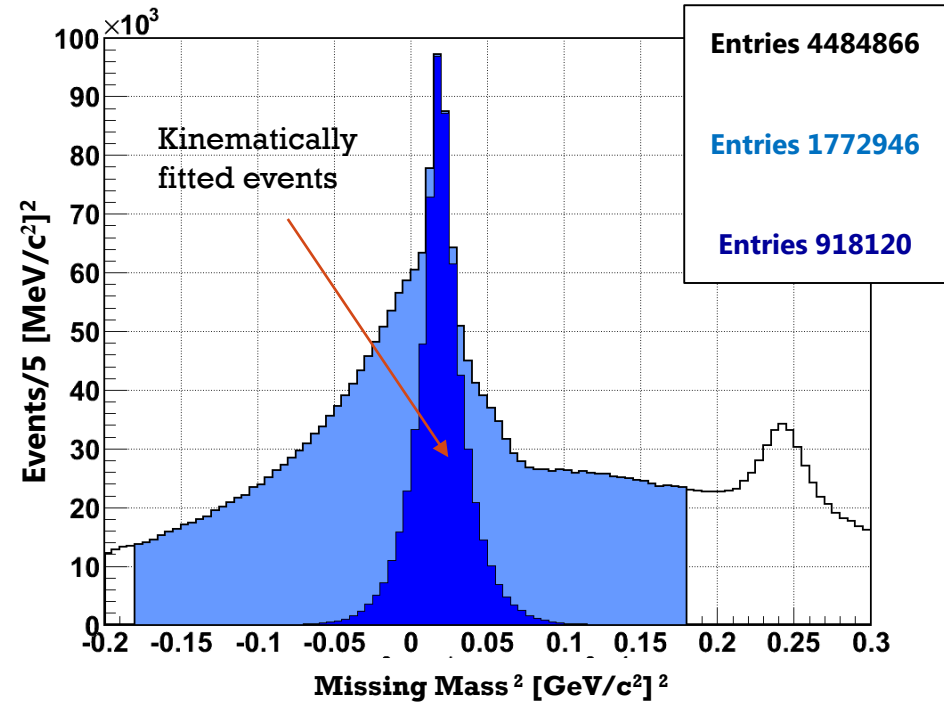
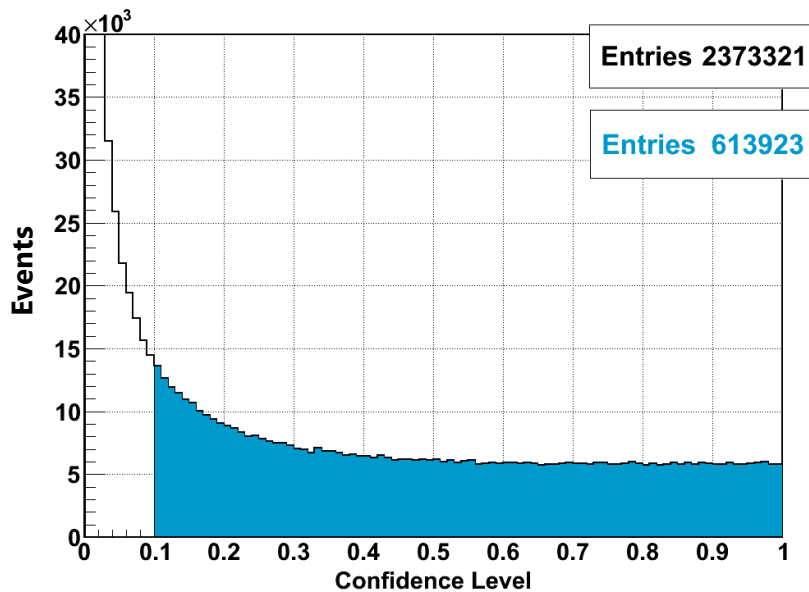


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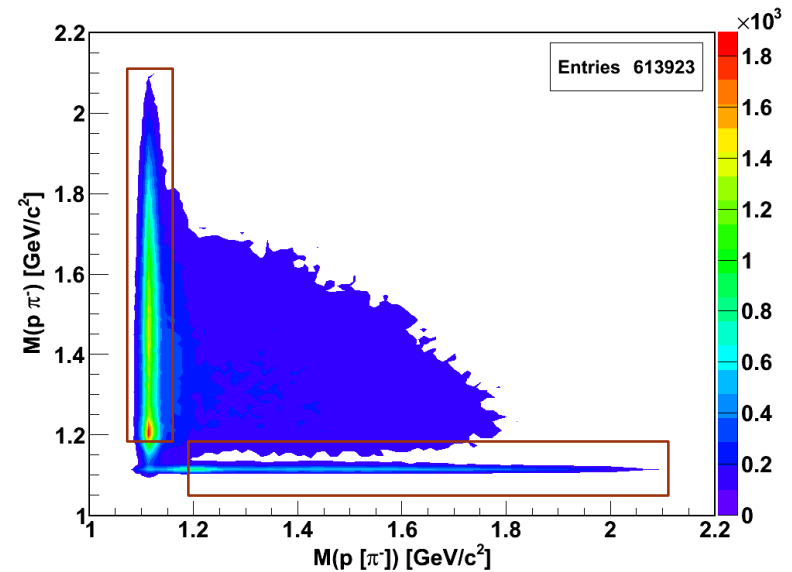
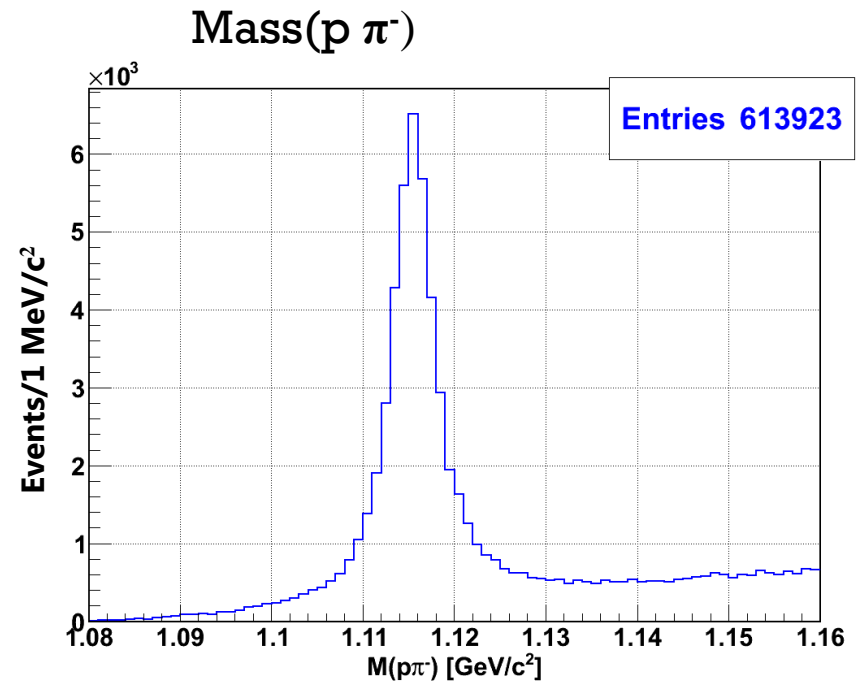
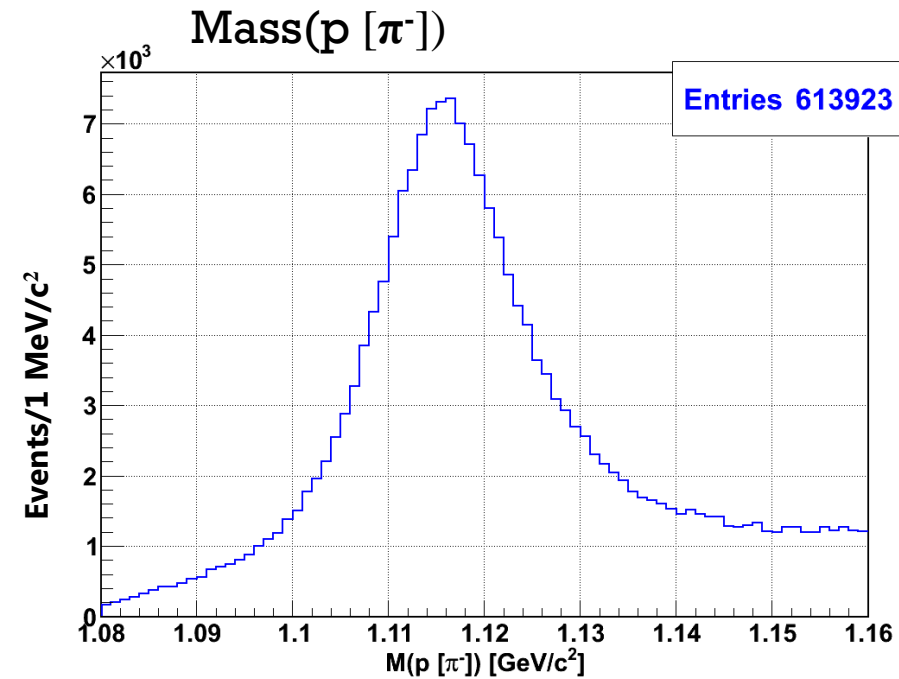
# Kinematic Fitting

- Other cuts include particle beta cuts.



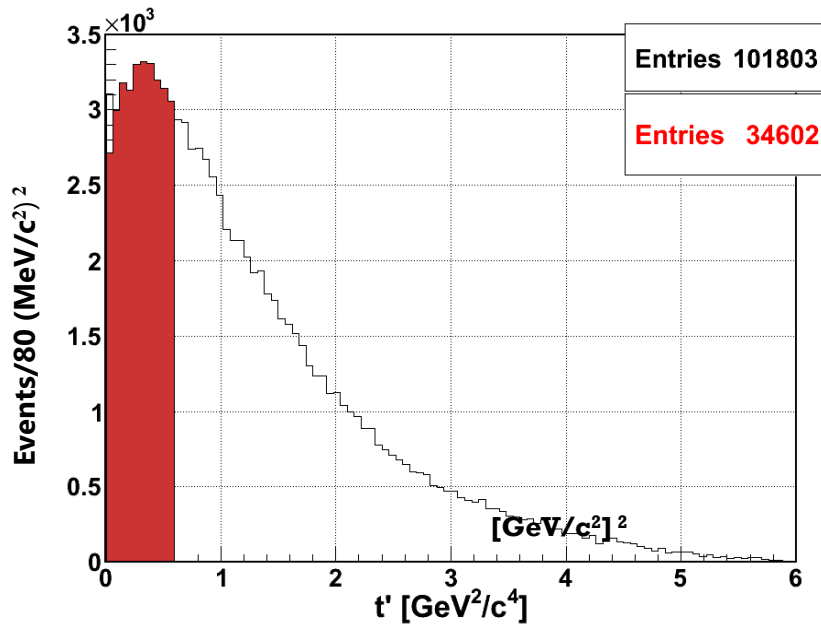
## Lambda Mode

$\Lambda$  decays into  $p [\pi^-]$  or  $p \pi^-$

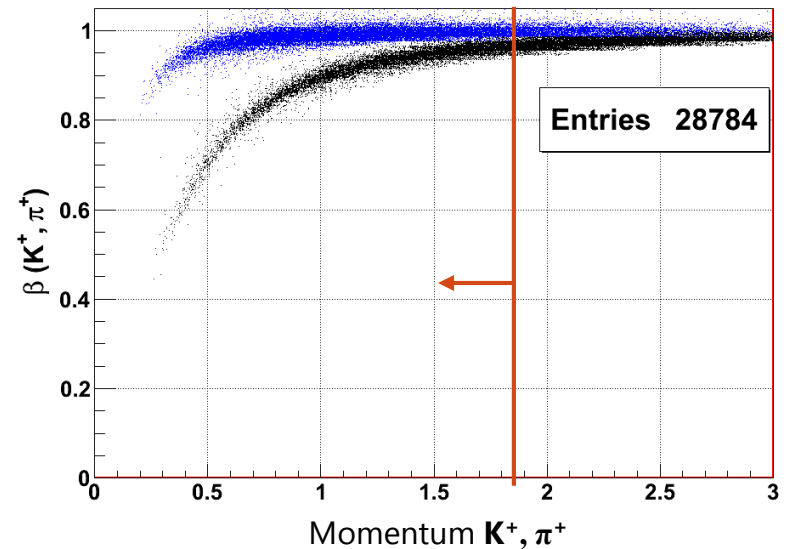
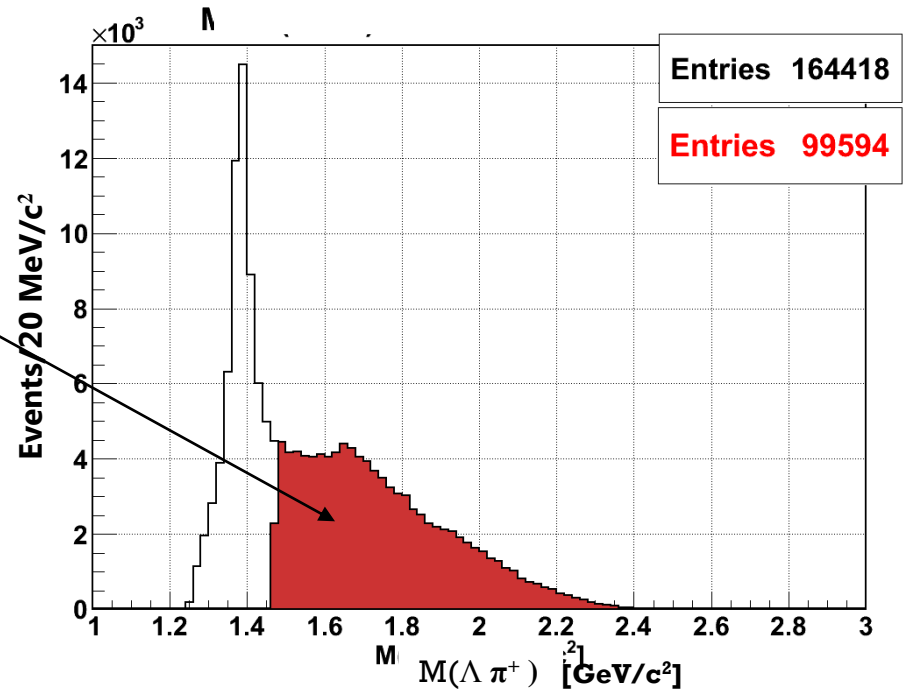


# Background Reduction

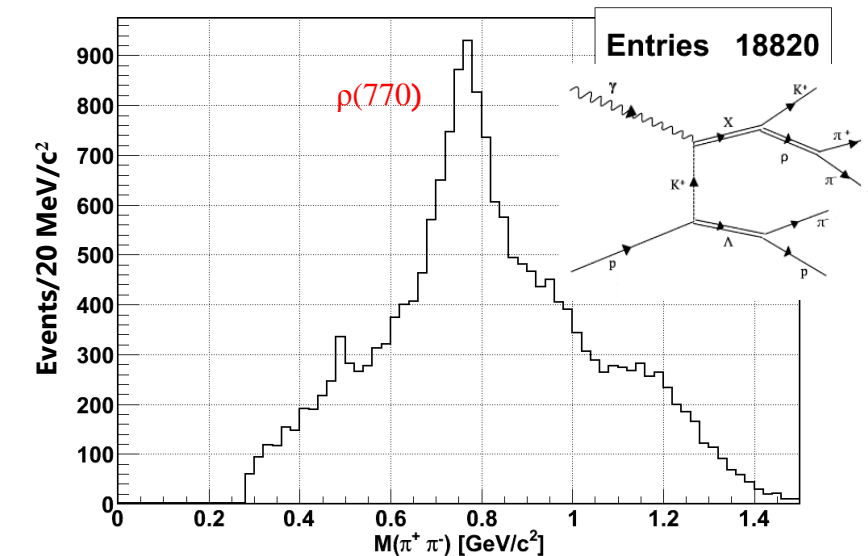
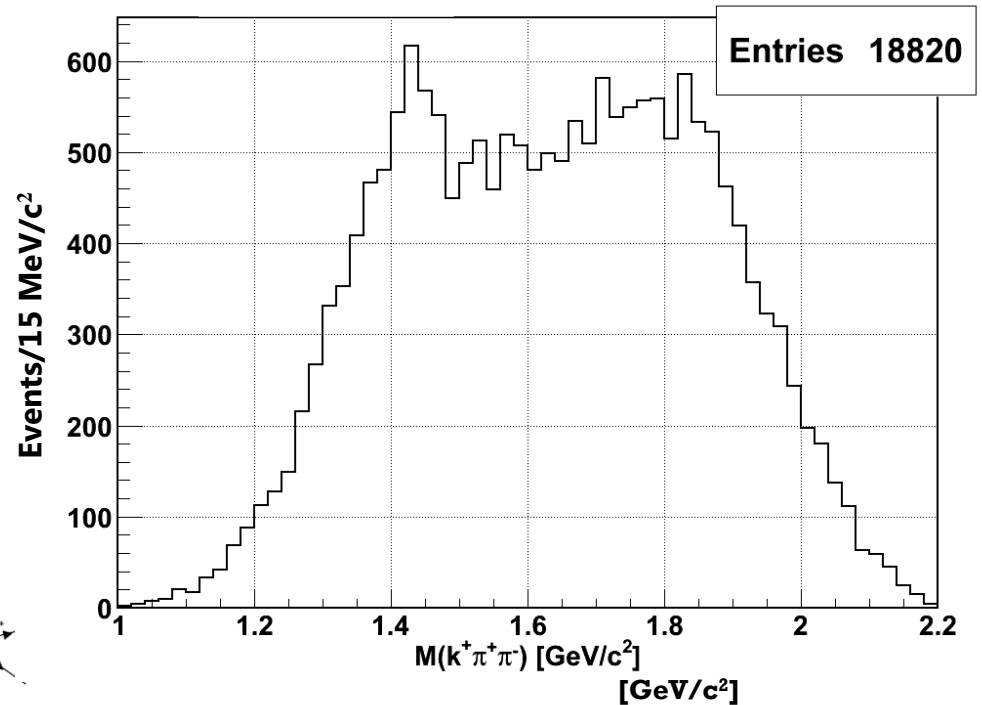
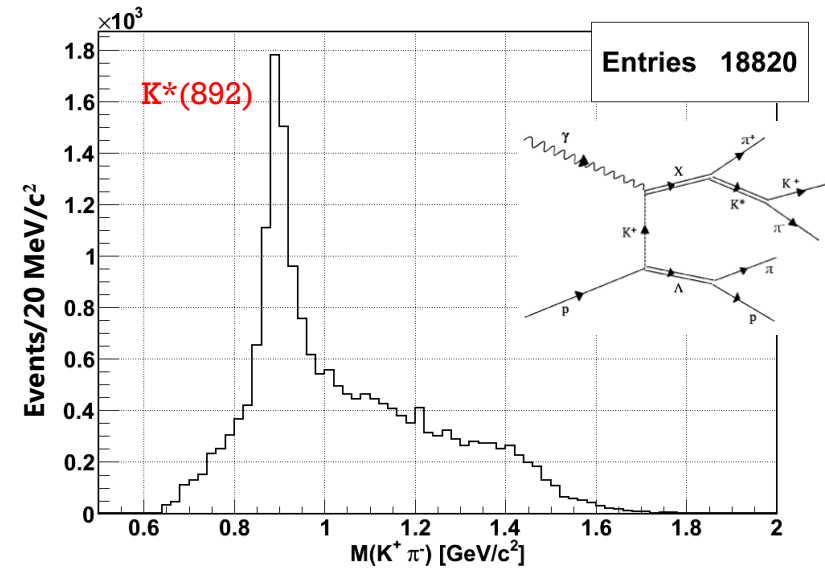
$\Sigma(1385)$  Background Eliminated



Only Events below the  $K/\pi$  separation threshold are chosen.

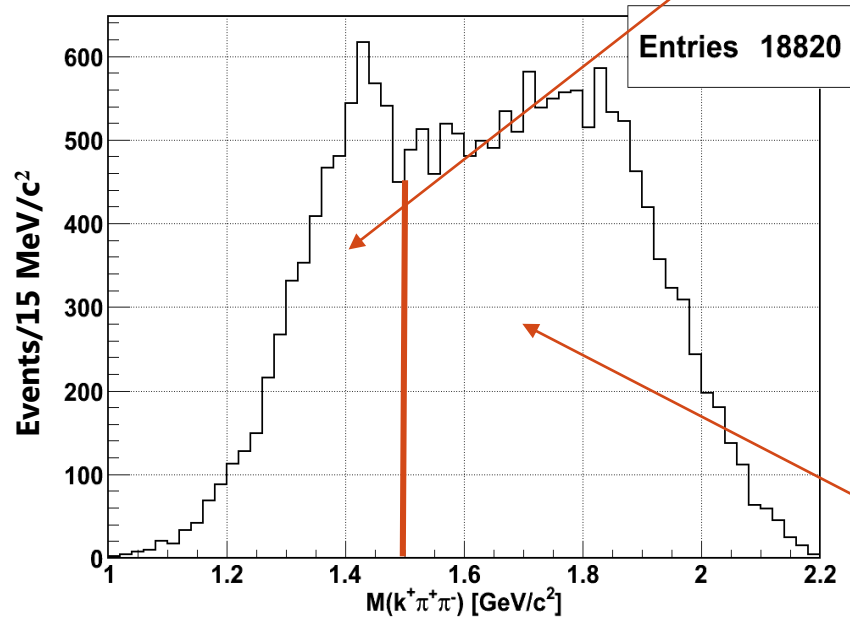


# Final Features

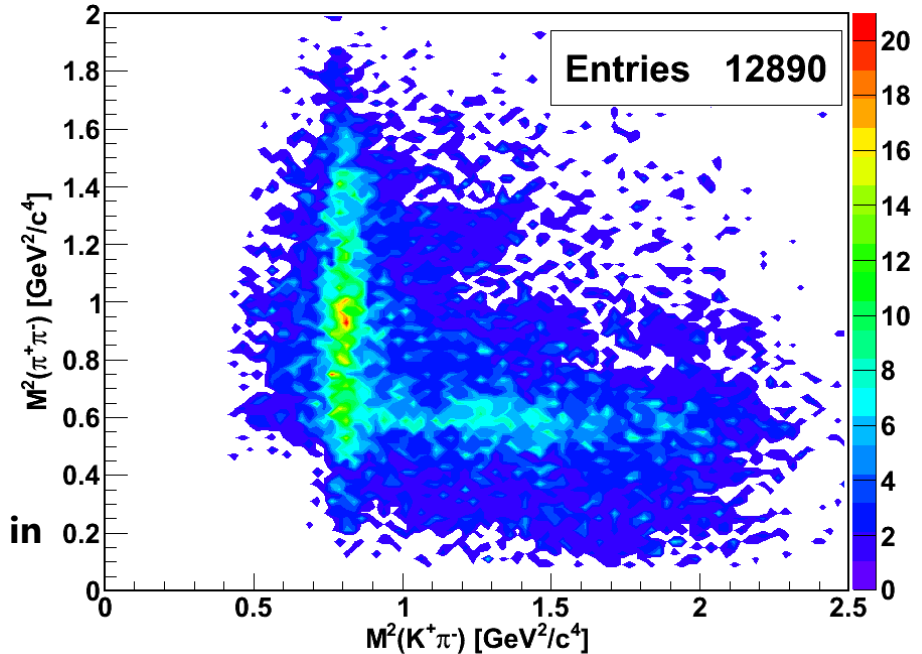
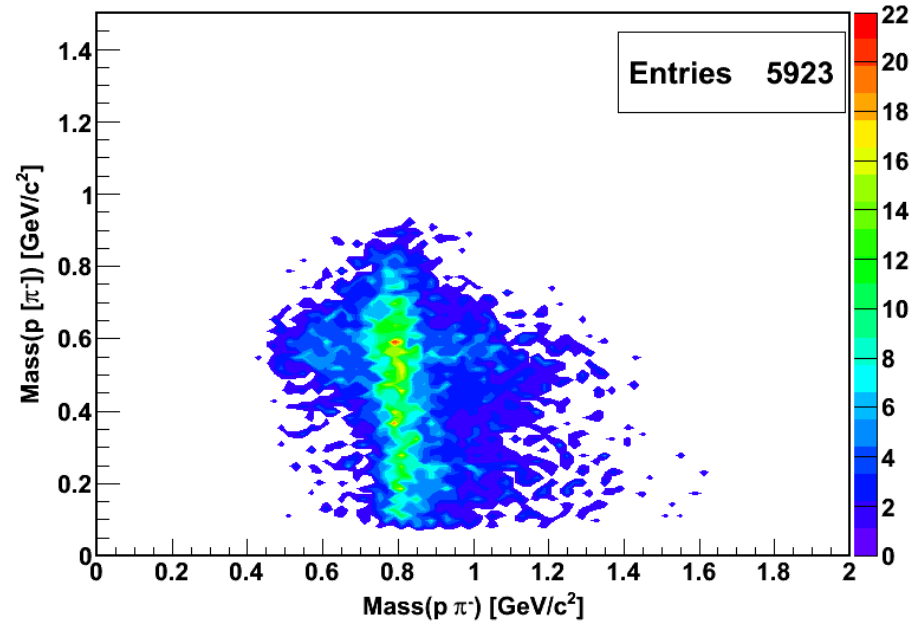


## Final Features

$K^*(892) \pi^+$  decay mode is dominant in the low Mass Region

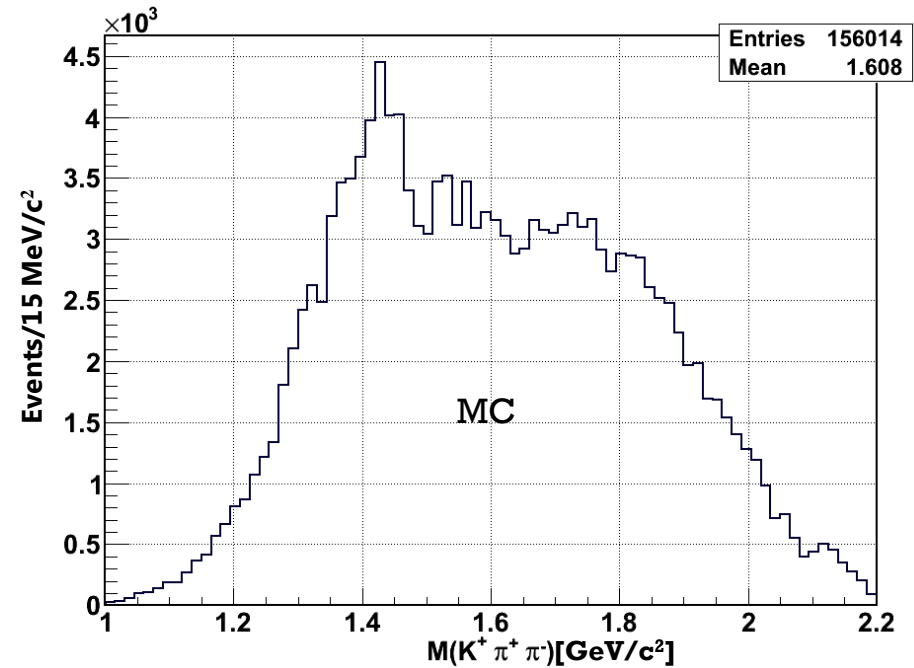
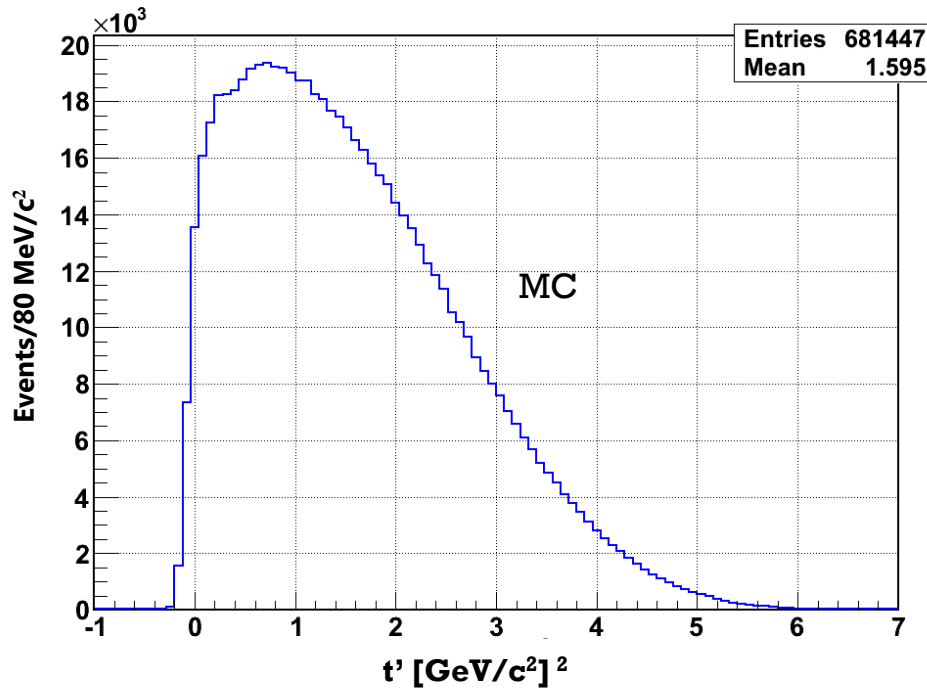


$\rho K^+$  decay mode is more significant in the high mass region



# Montecarlo Events Simulation

- Generate  $K\pi\pi$  phase space similar to data.
- Events are generated in  $K\pi\pi$  such that the accepted events are 10 times the data in every bin.



# Partial Wave Analysis

- A mass independent partial wave analysis was performed using an event based likelihood fit.
- Montecarlo events are used to determine the normalization integrals.

Minimize likelihood function to get production amplitudes

$$\log \mathcal{L} = \sum_i^n \log \left[ \sum_{k \in \alpha \alpha'} \epsilon^k V_\alpha \epsilon^k V_\alpha^* \epsilon A_\alpha(\tau_i) \epsilon A_\alpha^*(\tau_i) \right] - n \left[ \sum_{k \in \alpha \alpha'} \epsilon^k V_\alpha \epsilon^k V_\alpha^* \epsilon \Psi_{\alpha \alpha'}^a \right]$$

Normalization integrals from the accepted MC

- Eigen State for 1+1+S waves  
 $|1111\rangle = 1/\sqrt{2} (|111\rangle + |1-11\rangle)$

Calculate decay Amplitudes using the isobar model

$$\mathcal{I}(\tau) = \sum_{k \in \alpha \alpha'} \epsilon^k V_\alpha^* \epsilon^k V_\alpha \epsilon A_\alpha^*(\tau) \epsilon A_\alpha(\tau)$$

Eigen states in the reflectivity basis

$$|\epsilon, a, m\rangle = [|a, m\rangle + \epsilon P(-1)^{J-m} |a, -m\rangle] \Theta(m)$$

where

$$\Theta(m) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \text{if } m > 0$$

$$\Theta(m) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{if } m = 0$$

$$\Theta(m) = 0, \quad \text{if } m < 0$$

$$\epsilon \Psi_{\alpha \alpha'}^r = \frac{1}{n_r} \sum_i^{n_r} \epsilon A_\alpha(\tau_i) \epsilon A_\alpha^*(\tau_i)$$

$$\epsilon \Psi_{\alpha \alpha'}^a = \frac{1}{n_a} \sum_i^{n_a} \epsilon A_\alpha(\tau_i) \epsilon A_\alpha^*(\tau_i)$$



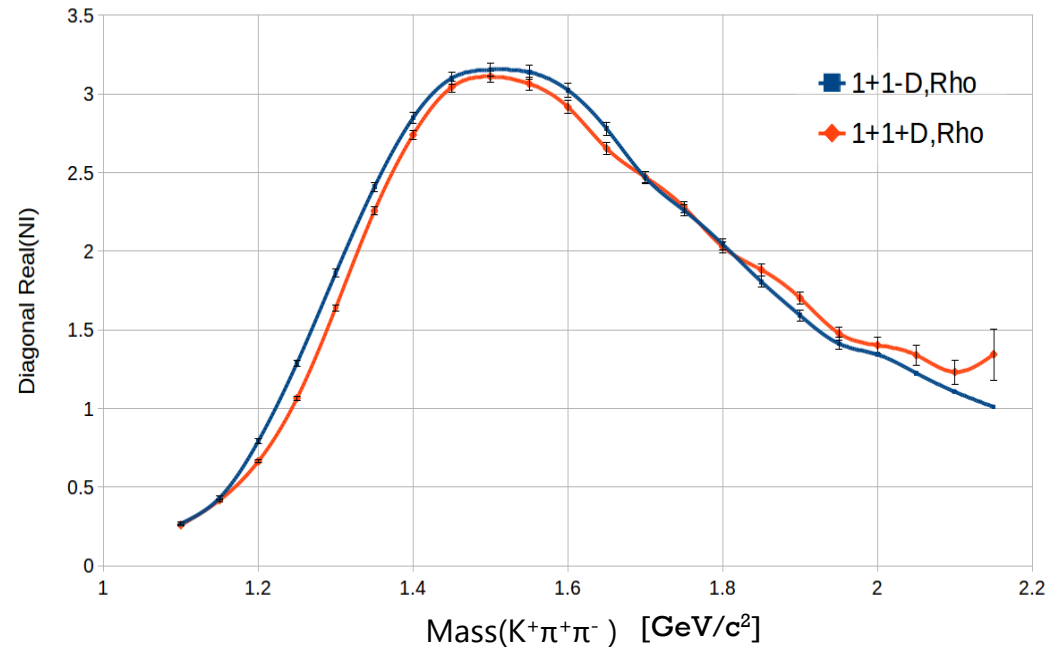
## Normalization Integrals

$$\Psi = \int A_{\alpha}(\tau_i) A_{\alpha}^*(\tau_i) \eta(\tau_i) d\tau_i$$

- A Study of the dependence of the decay amplitudes on the ( $K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ ) mass

AccNI 1+D,Rho VS Mass(KPiPi)

- Mass independent fit
- Data is binned in 100 MeV bins, then shifted by 50 MeV
- 19 waves included in the fit
- Flat background included in the fit
- Rank 1 Spin density matrix



# PWA Results

**$K^*(1410)$**

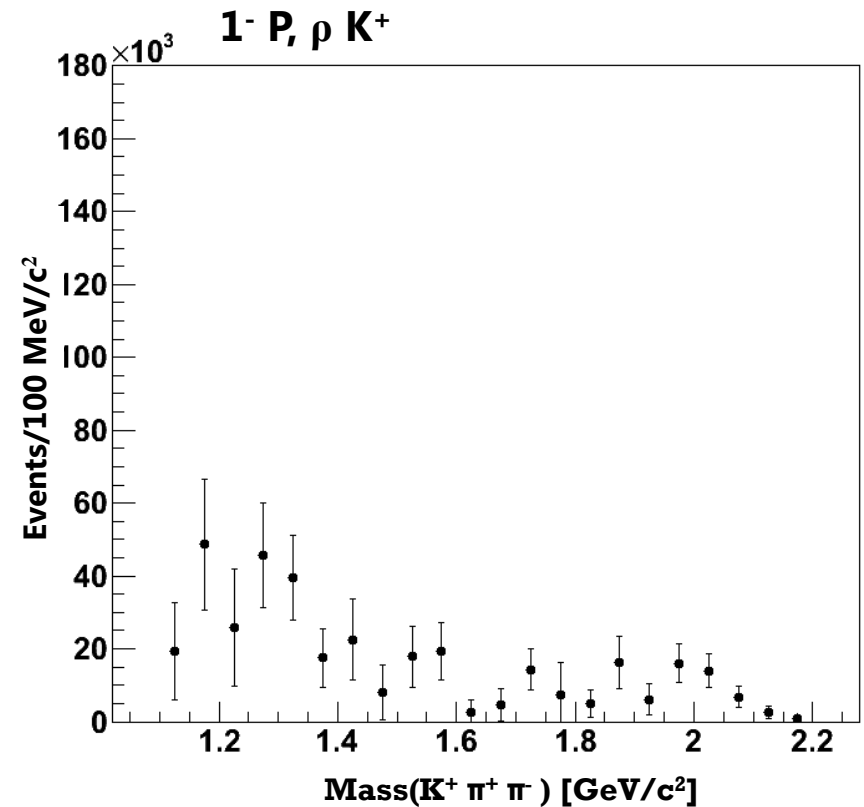
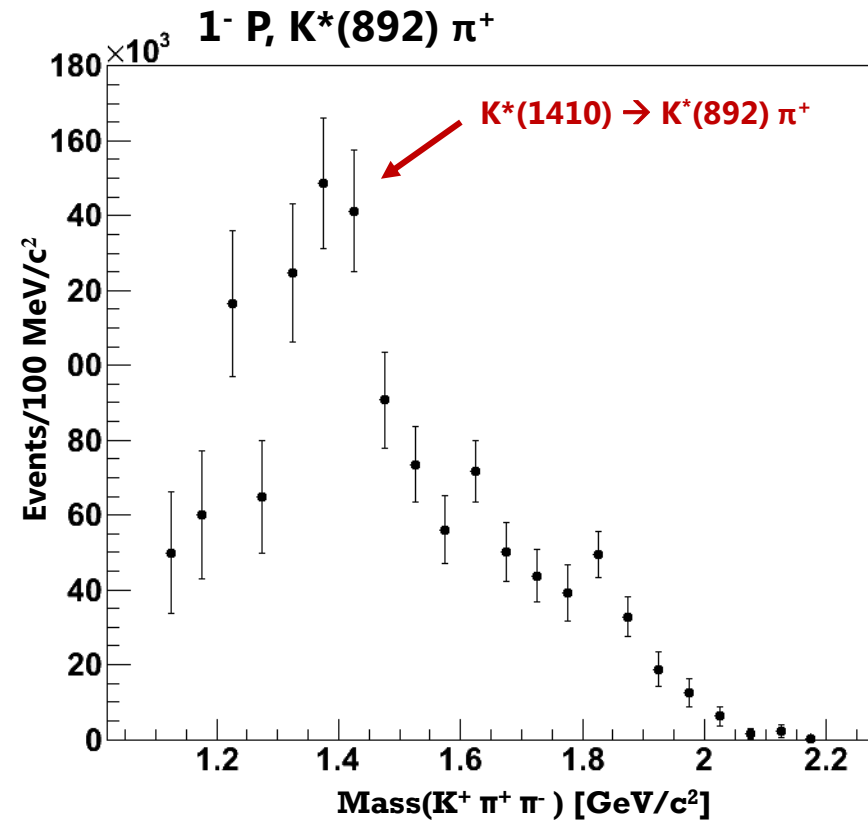
$$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(1^-)$$

**1- P**

Mass  $m = 1414 \pm 15$  MeV ( $S = 1.3$ )

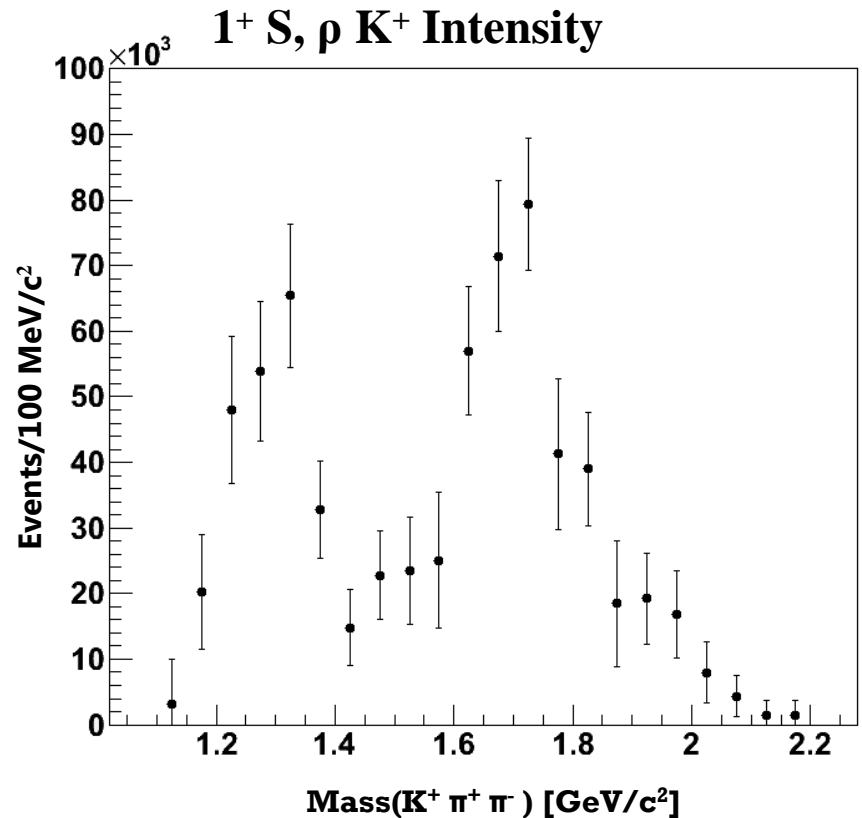
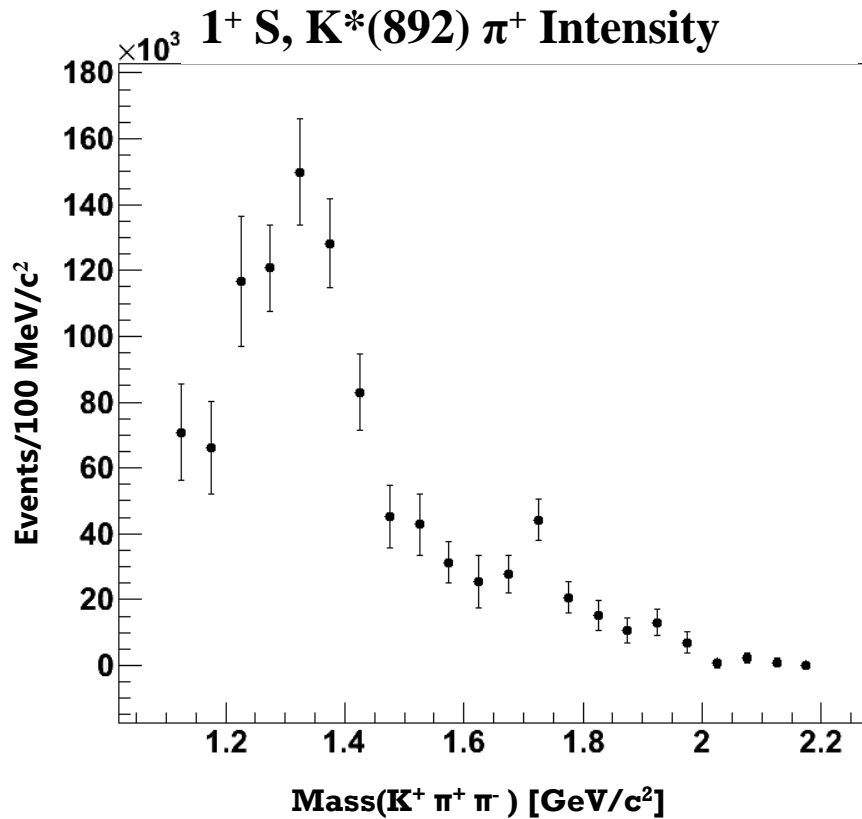
Full width  $\Gamma = 232 \pm 21$  MeV ( $S = 1.1$ )

| $K^*(1410)$ DECAY MODES | Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ ) | Confidence level | $\rho$<br>(MeV/c) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| $K^*(892)\pi$           | > 40 %                         | 95%              | 410               |
| $K\pi$                  | ( $6.6 \pm 1.3$ ) %            |                  | 612               |
| $K\rho$                 | < 7 %                          | 95%              | 305               |
| $\gamma K^0$            | seen                           |                  | 619               |



## PWA Results

# 1<sup>+</sup> S



**K<sub>1</sub>(1270)**

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

Mass  $m = 1272 \pm 7$  MeV [ $u$ ]

Full width  $\Gamma = 90 \pm 20$  MeV [ $u$ ]

The K<sub>1</sub>(1650), reported but not confirmed

- Mass: 1600-1900 MeV

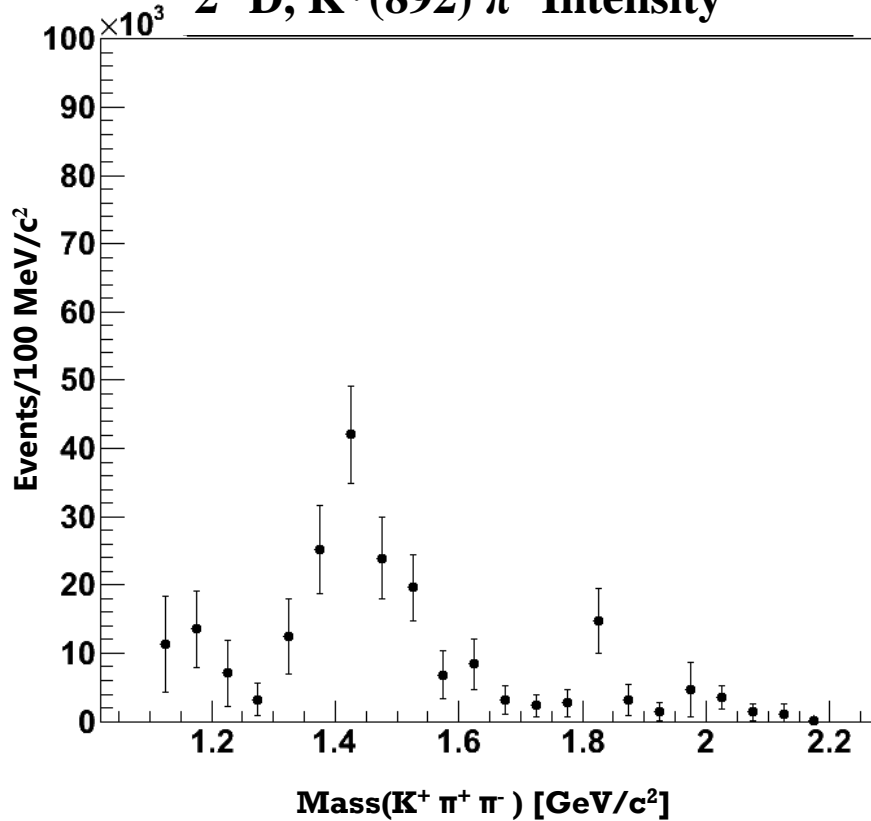
- Width: 150 – 250 MeV

- Reported decay modes: K π π , KΦ

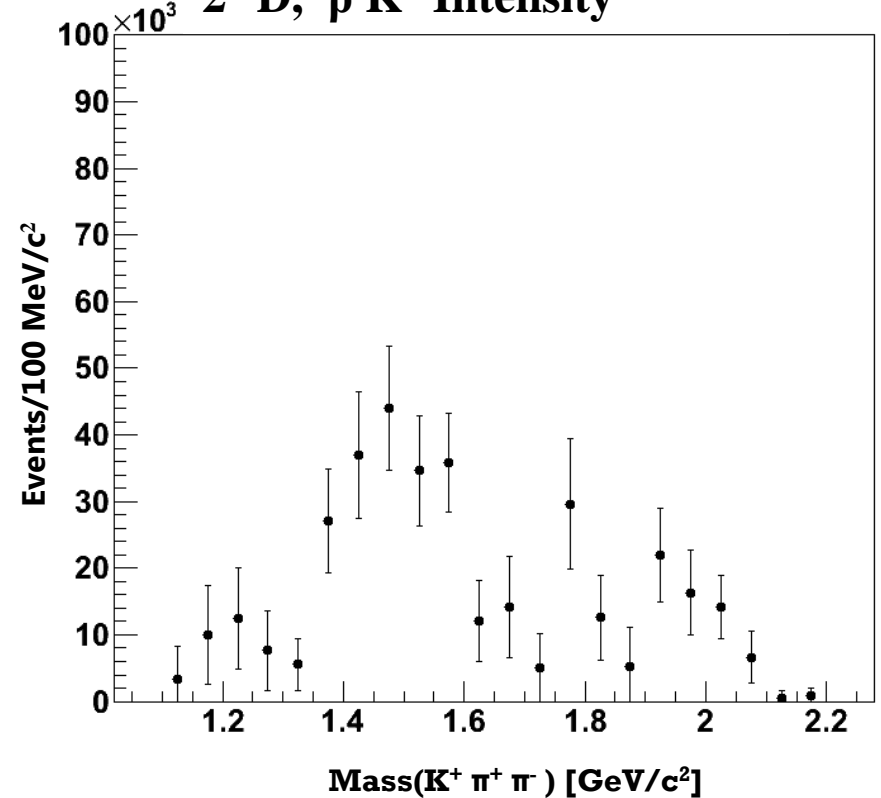


## PWA Results

### 2<sup>+</sup> D, K\*(892) π<sup>+</sup> Intensity



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**K<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>(1430)**

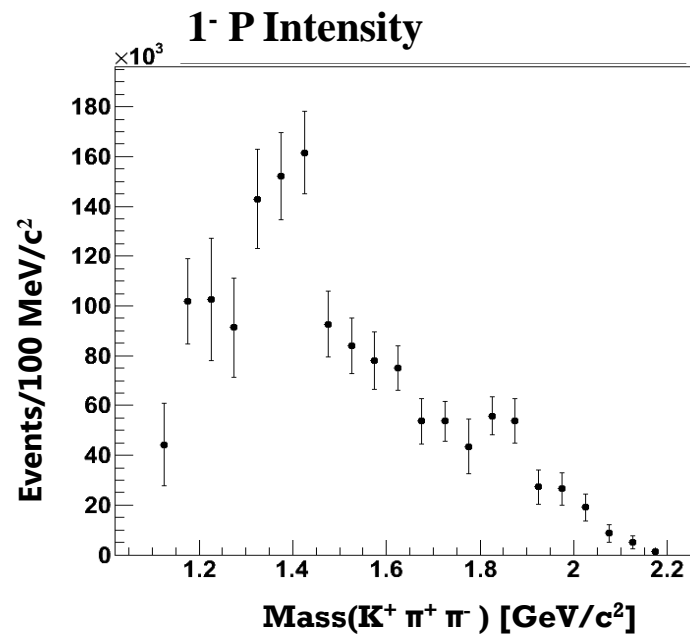
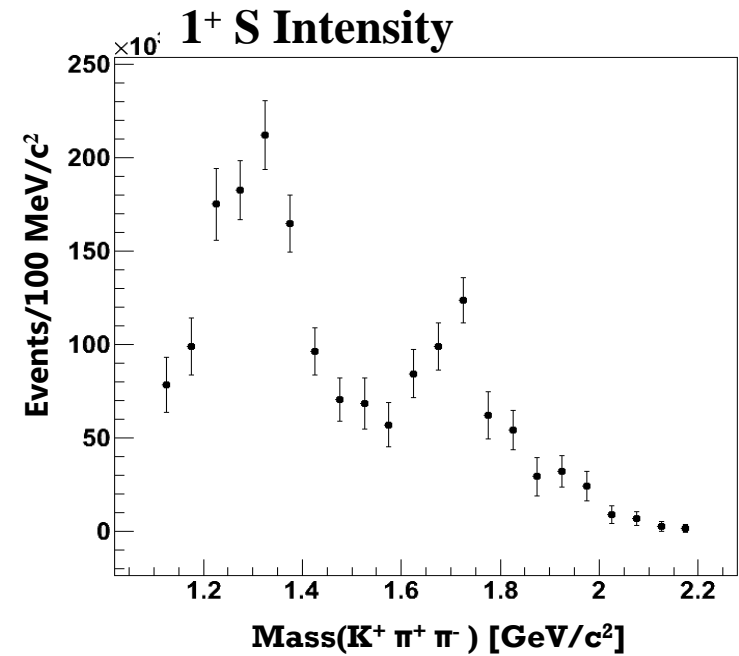
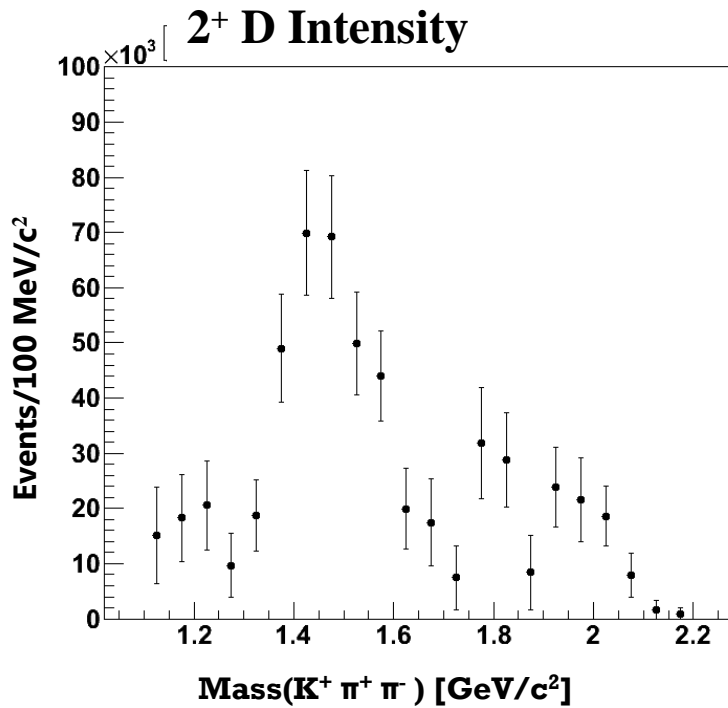
$$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(2^+)$$

| <b>K<sub>2</sub><sup>*</sup>(1430) DECAY MODES</b> | Fraction (Γ <sub>i</sub> /Γ) | Scale factor/<br>Confidence level | <i>p</i><br>(MeV/c) |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>K</i> π   | (49.9 ± 1.2) %               |                                   | 619                 |
| K*(892) π  | (24.7 ± 1.5) %               |                                   | 419                 |
| K*(892) π π  | (13.4 ± 2.2) %               |                                   | 372                 |
| <i>K</i> ρ   | ( 8.7 ± 0.8) %               | S=1.2                             | 318                 |

K<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>(1430)<sup>±</sup> mass *m* = 1425.6 ± 1.5 MeV (S = 1.1)  
 K<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>(1430)<sup>0</sup> mass *m* = 1432.4 ± 1.3 MeV  
 K<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>(1430)<sup>±</sup> full width Γ = 98.5 ± 2.7 MeV (S = 1.1)  
 K<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>(1430)<sup>0</sup> full width Γ = 109 ± 5 MeV (S = 1.9)



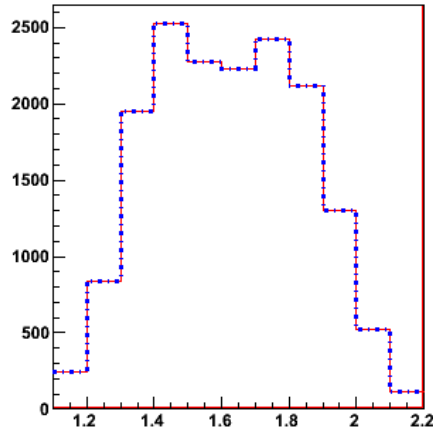
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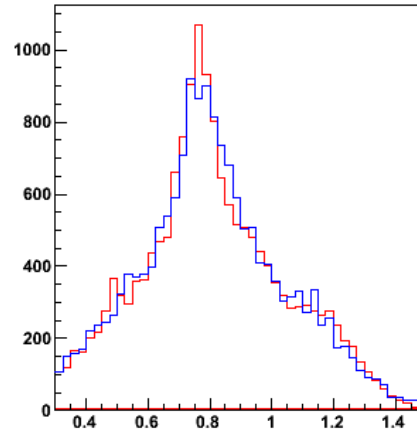
# PWA Results – Predicted Distributions

$$W_{i,\alpha} = V_{\alpha}^* V_{\alpha} A_{i,\alpha}^* A_{i,\alpha}$$

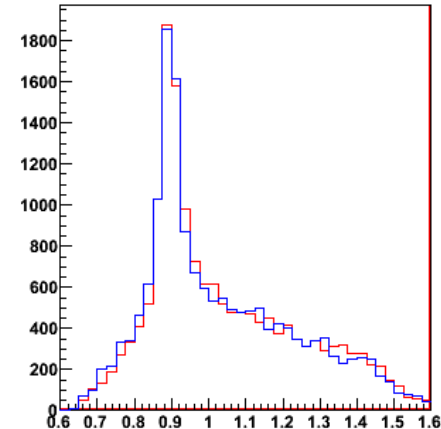
$M(K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)$



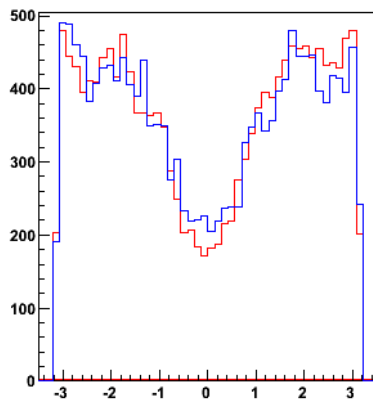
$M(\pi^+ \pi^-)$



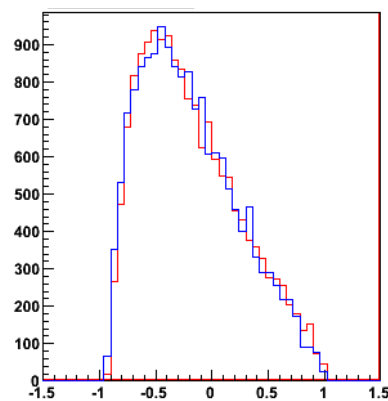
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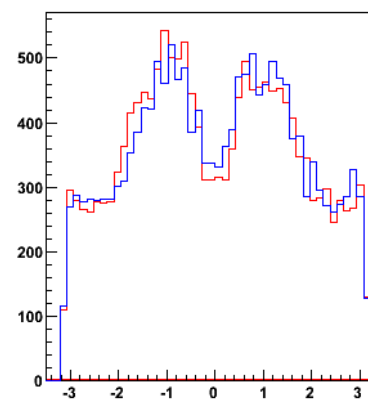
$\phi_{GJ}$  of  $K^+ \pi^-$



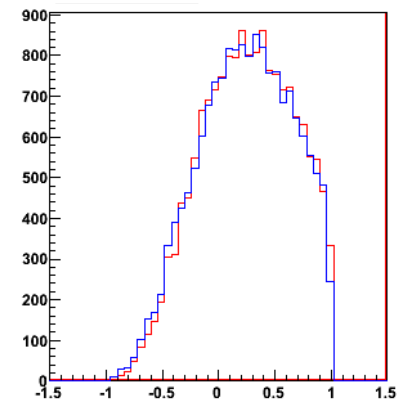
$\text{Cos}(\theta_{GJ})$  of  $K^+ \pi^-$



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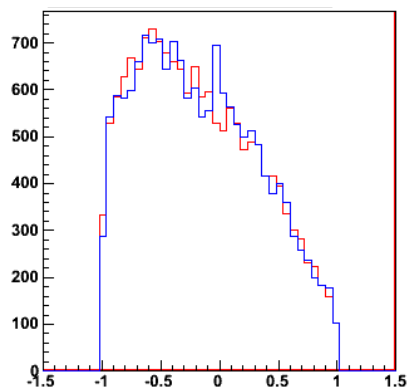


$\text{Cos}(\theta_{GJ})$  of  $\pi^+ \pi^-$

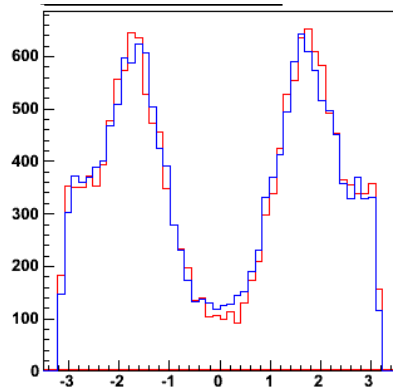


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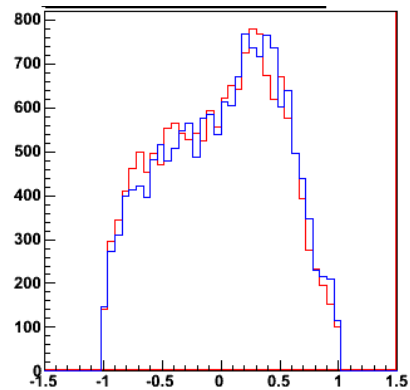
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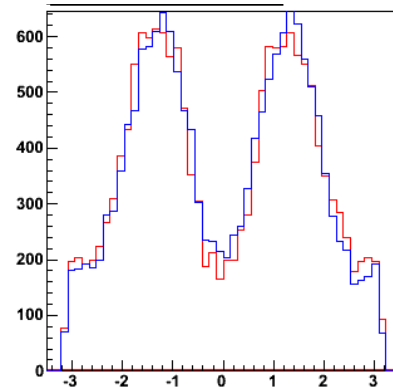
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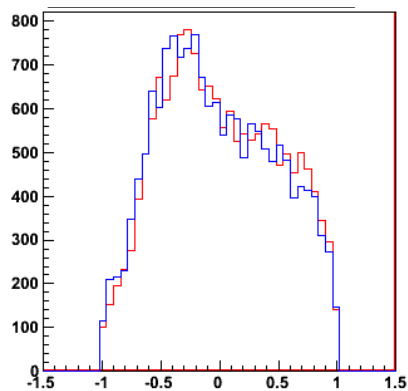
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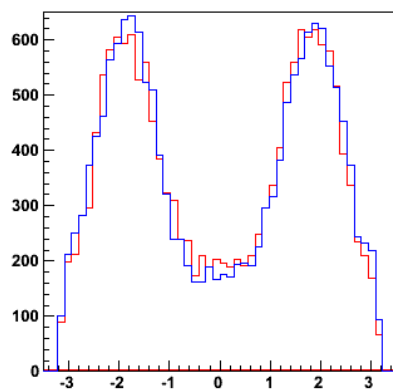
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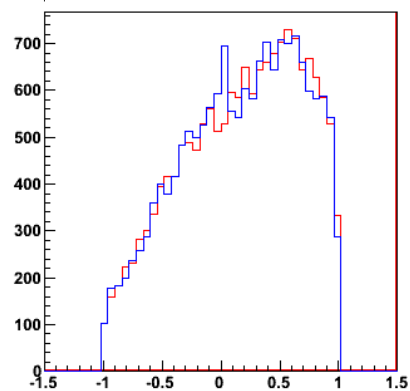
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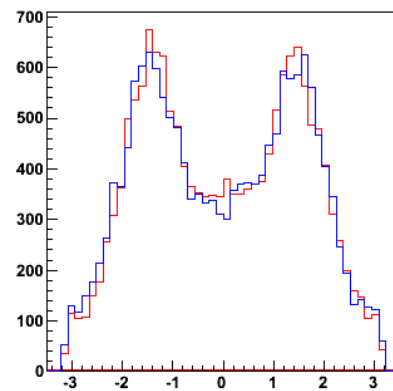
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$\phi_H$  of  $\pi^-$



## Summary

- Over 18,800 events of the type  $\gamma p \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  have been acquired in a search for photoproduction of excited strange mesons.
- Largest  $(\Lambda K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)$  photoproduction dataset to date.
- Two dominating decay modes observed in the  $K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  system:  $K^*(892) \pi^+$  and  $\rho K^+$ .
- A mass independent partial wave analysis was performed.
- Preliminary results for  $J^P = 1^-$  are consistent with a  $K^*(1410)$  decaying dominantly to a  $K^*(892) \pi$  relative to  $\rho K$  in agreement with known observations.
- Other features include the  $1^+$  consistent with a  $K_1(1270)$  and significant enhancement in the  $2^+$  wave



**BACKUP SLIDES →**



# Motivation

➤ Most Excited strange states have been hadroproduced, few are photoproduced

| $n^{2s+1}\ell_J$ | $J^{PC}$ | $l = 1$<br>$u\bar{d}, \bar{u}d, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(d\bar{d} - u\bar{u})$ | $l = \frac{1}{2}$<br>$u\bar{s}, d\bar{s}; \bar{d}s, -\bar{u}s$ | $l = 0$<br>$f'$ | $l = 0$<br>$f$   |
|------------------|----------|--|--|-----------------|------------------|
| $1^1S_0$         | $0^{-+}$ | $\pi$  | $K$  | $\eta$          | $\eta'(958)$     |
| $1^3S_1$         | $1^{--}$ | $\rho(770)$  | $K^*(892)$   | $\phi(1020)$    | $\omega(782)$    |
| $1^1P_1$         | $1^{+-}$ | $b_1(1235)$  | $K_{1B}^\dagger$   | $h_1(1380)$     | $h_1(1170)$      |
| $1^3P_0$         | $0^{++}$ | $a_0(1450)$  | $K_0^*(1430)$  | $f_0(1710)$     | $f_0(1370)$      |
| $1^3P_1$         | $1^{++}$ | $a_1(1260)$  | $K_{1A}^\dagger$   | $f_1(1420)$     | $f_1(1285)$      |
| $1^3P_2$         | $2^{++}$ | $a_2(1320)$  | $K_2^*(1430)$  | $f_2'(1525)$    | $f_2(1270)$      |
| $1^1D_2$         | $2^{-+}$ | $\pi_2(1670)$  | $K_2(1770)^\dagger$  | $\eta_2(1870)$  | $\eta_2(1645)$   |
| $1^3D_1$         | $1^{--}$ | $\rho(1700)$   | $K^*(1680)$  |                 | $\omega(1650)$   |
| $1^3D_2$         | $2^{--}$ |  | $K_2(1820)$  |                 |                  |
| $1^3D_3$         | $3^{--}$ | $\rho_3(1690)$   | $K_3^*(1780)$  | $\phi_3(1850)$  | $\omega_3(1670)$ |
| $1^3F_4$         | $4^{++}$ | $a_4(2040)$  | $K_4^*(2045)$  |                 | $f_4(2050)$      |
| $1^3G_5$         | $5^{--}$ | $\rho_5(2350)$   |  |                 |                  |
| $1^3H_6$         | $6^{++}$ | $a_6(2450)$  |  |                 | $f_6(2510)$      |
| $2^1S_0$         | $0^{-+}$ | $\pi(1300)$  | $K(1460)$  | $\eta(1475)$    | $\eta(1295)$     |
| $2^3S_1$         | $1^{--}$ | $\rho(1450)$   | $K^*(1410)$  | $\phi(1680)$    | $\omega(1420)$   |

<sup>†</sup> The  $1^{+-}$  and  $2^{-+}$  isospin  $\frac{1}{2}$  states mix. In particular, the  $K_{1A}$  and  $K_{1B}$  are nearly equal ( $45^\circ$ ) mixtures of the  $K_{11}(1270)$  and  $K_{11}(1400)$ .  
The physical vector mesons listed under  $1^3D_1$  and  $2^3S_1$  may be mixtures of  $1^3D_1$  and  $2^3S_1$ , or even have hybrid components.



# Motivation

- Most of the available  $K\pi\pi$  data is produced with a Kaon beam incident on a proton target (COMPASS, ACCMOR ..)

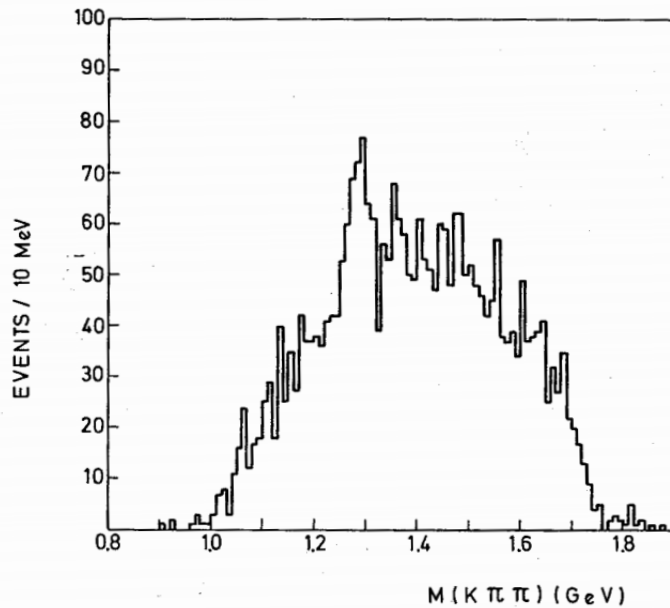
A PARTIAL WAVE ANALYSIS OF THE  $(K\pi\pi)$  SYSTEM IN THE REACTION

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow (K^+ \pi^- \pi^0) \Lambda \text{ AT } 3.95 \text{ GeV/c}$$

CERN-Collège de France-Madrid-Stockholm Collaboration

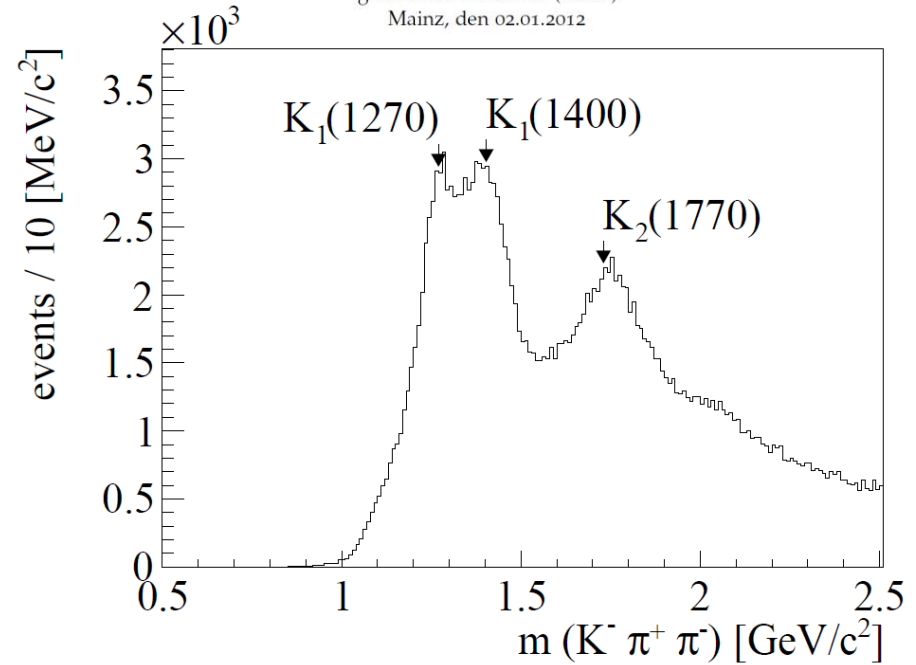
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$$\pi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda^0 K^+ \pi^- \pi^0$$



ANALYSIS OF DIFFRACTIVE DISSOCIATION OF  $K^-$  INTO  $K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$   
ON A LIQUID HYDROGEN TARGET AT THE COMPASS  
SPECTROMETER

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**Our dataset is the first photoproduction dataset to study a  $(K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)$  system produced off a  $\Lambda$**

