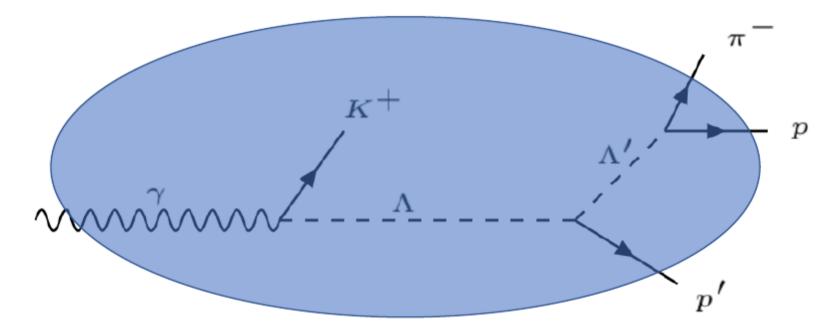
Update on Lambda-Nucleon Scattering with g12

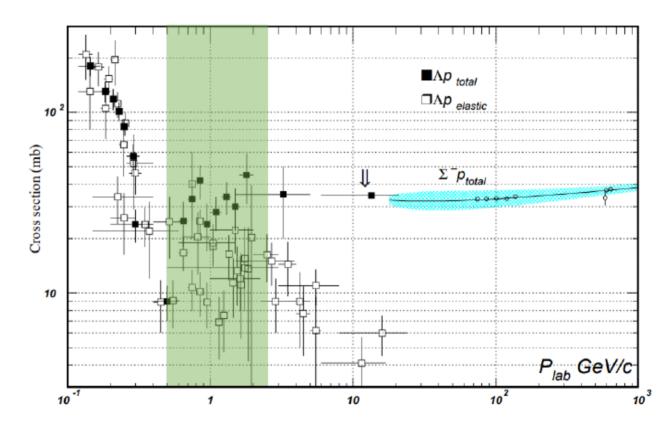
#### Reaction



- $p, p', \pi^-$  detected
- $\Lambda p'$  scatter elastically

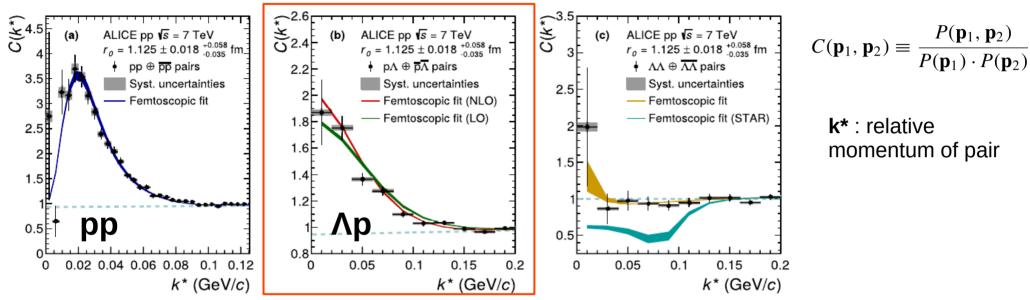
# Motivation

- Currently very little data for AN scattering compared to other elastic scattering processes (NN, KN or πN).
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- AN scattering is important to understand the interior of neutron stars. (Haidenbauer and Meissner, PRC 72, 044005 (2005).)



C. Patrignani et al. (Particle Data Group), Chin. Phys. C, 40, 100001 (2016) and 2017 update.

# Motivation: RHIC Data



S. Acharya et al. (ALICE Collaboration), Phys Rev C, 99, 024001 (2019).

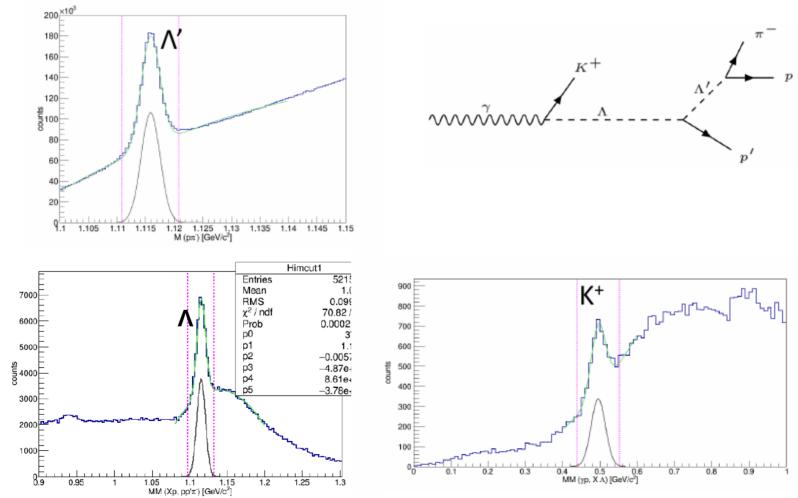
- Correlation function relies on the cross section of  $\Lambda p$
- Our analysis will help improve these results

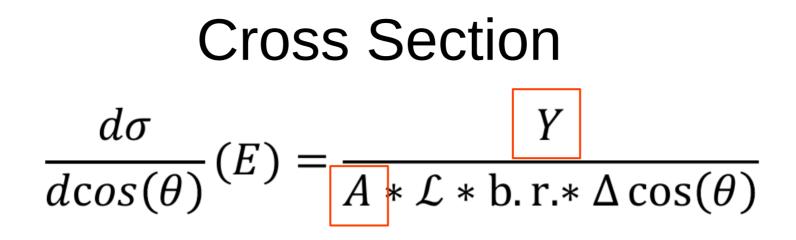
#### **Procedure Analysis**

$$\gamma p \to K^+ \Lambda$$
$$\longrightarrow \Lambda p \to \Lambda' p' \to p' p \pi^-$$

- Data from g12
- Reconstruct the  $\Lambda$ ' mass:  $M(\Lambda) = M(p\pi)$
- Reconstruct incident  $\Lambda$
- Identify K<sup>+</sup> by missing mass

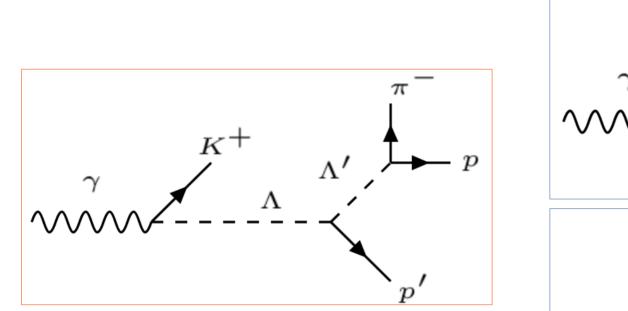
#### Data

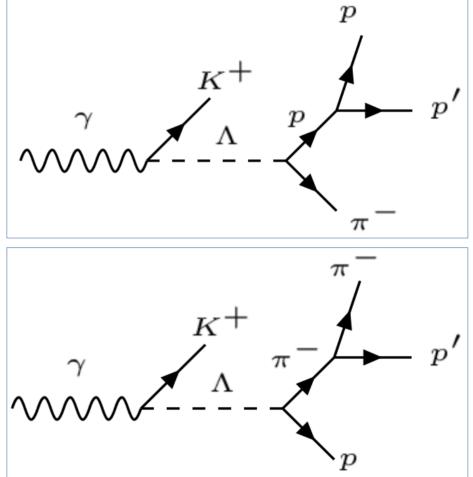


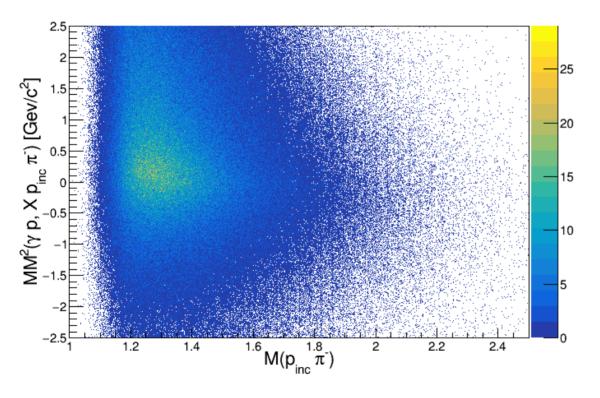


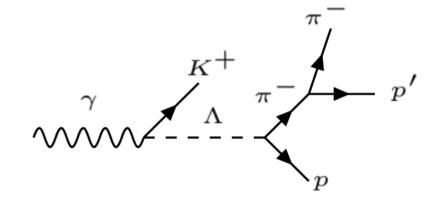
Y: Yield A: Acceptance  $\mathcal{L}$ : Luminosity b.r: Branching ratio (for  $p\pi^-$ )

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos(\theta)}(E)$ : Energy dependent cross section

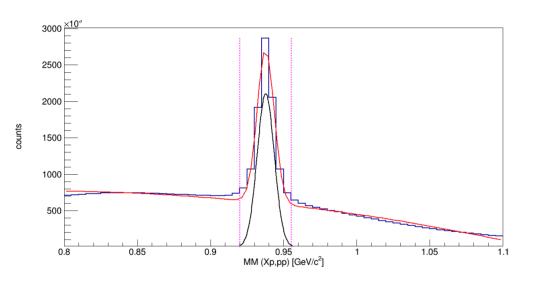




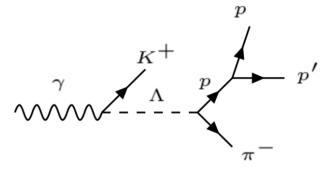


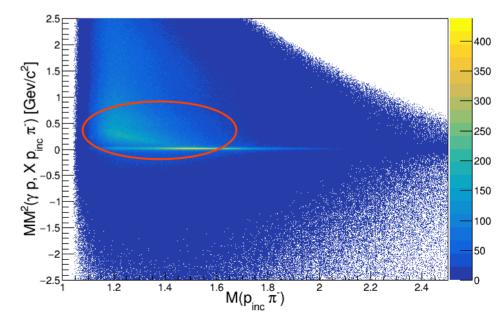


Events need to be removed for incident p events but not for incident  $\pi^{\text{-}}$ 



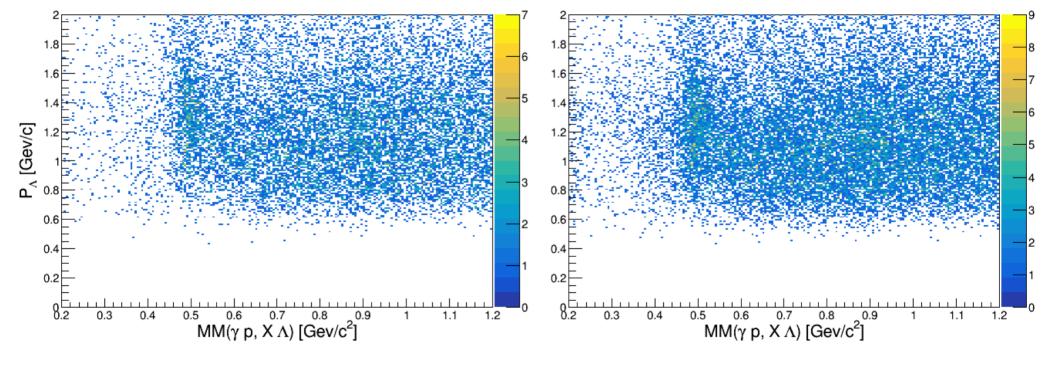
Events need to be removed for incident p events but not for incident  $\pi^{-}$ 





Cuts around incident p and  $\pi^{-}$ 

No cuts around incident p and  $\pi^{-}$ 

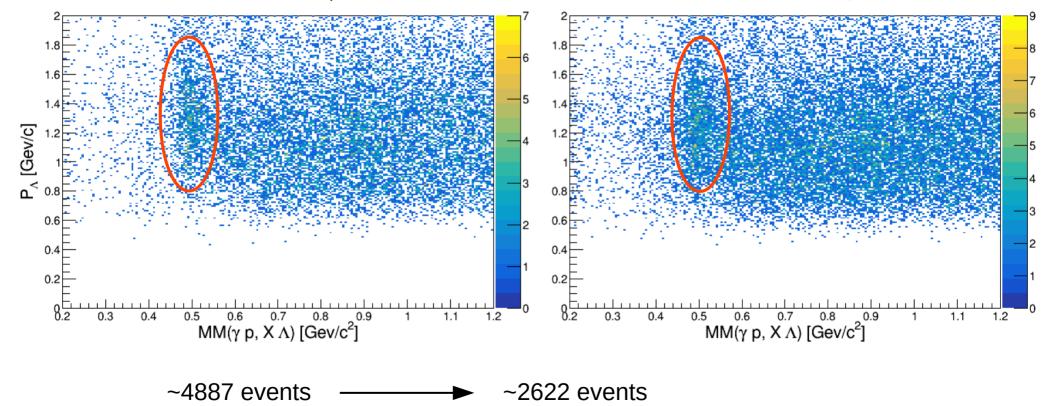


Now

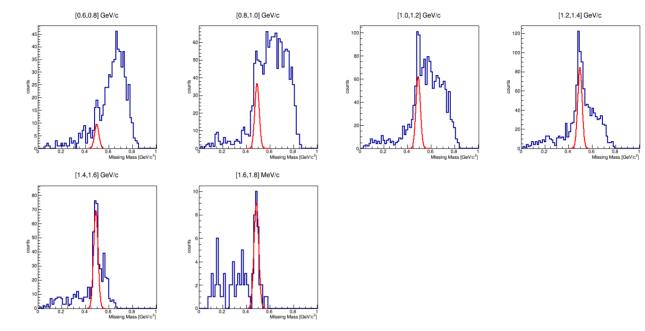
**Previous** 

Cuts around incident p and  $\pi^-$ 

No cuts around incident p and  $\pi^{-}$ 

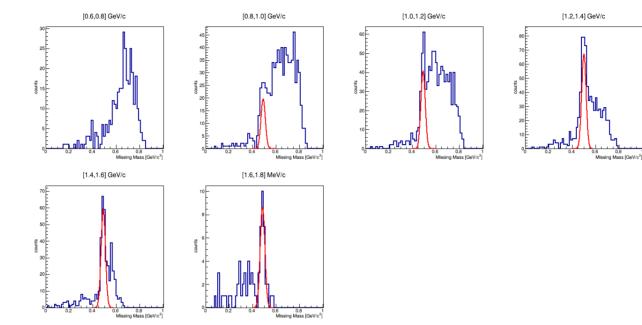


#### **Previous Yields**



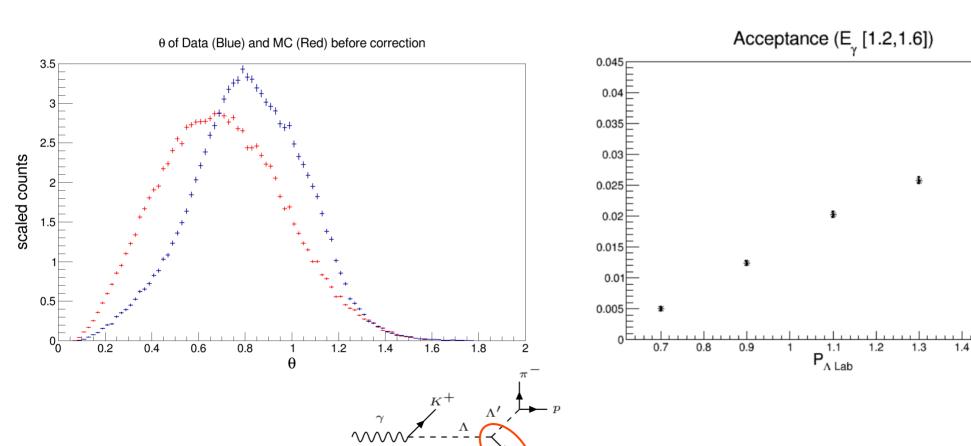
• Clear peaks for each momentum bin

## New Yields



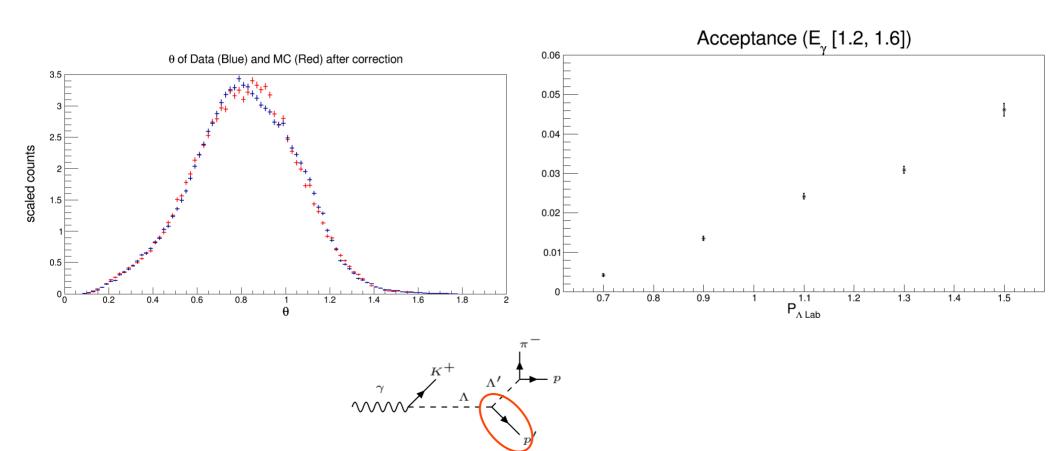
• Note that we lose a yield for momentum bin [0.6, 0.8]

#### **Update on Acceptance**



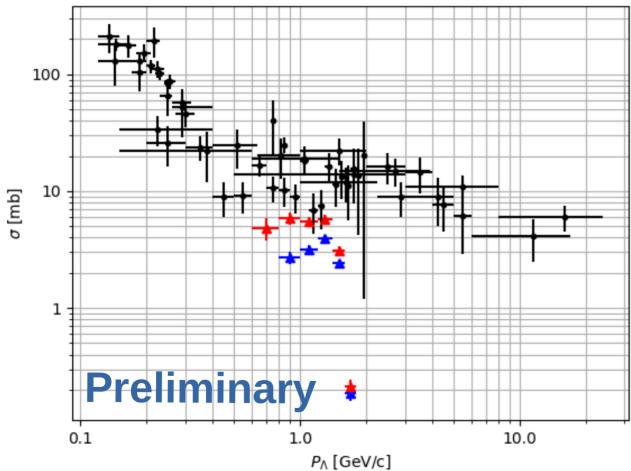
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#### **Update on Acceptance**



#### Results

Cross Section Compared to Existing Data

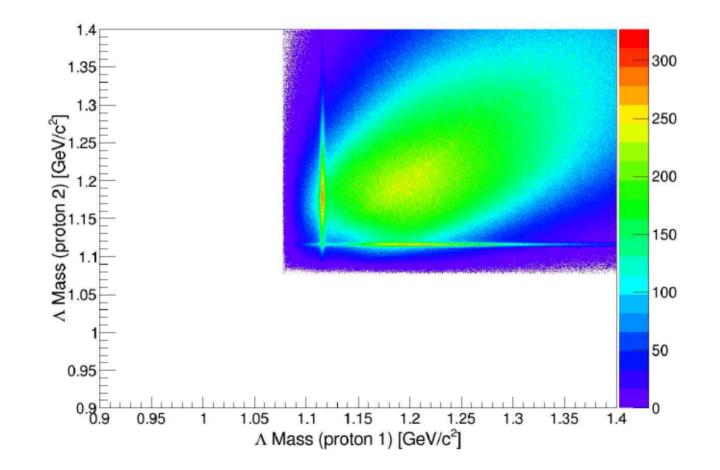


**Red: Previous Results** 

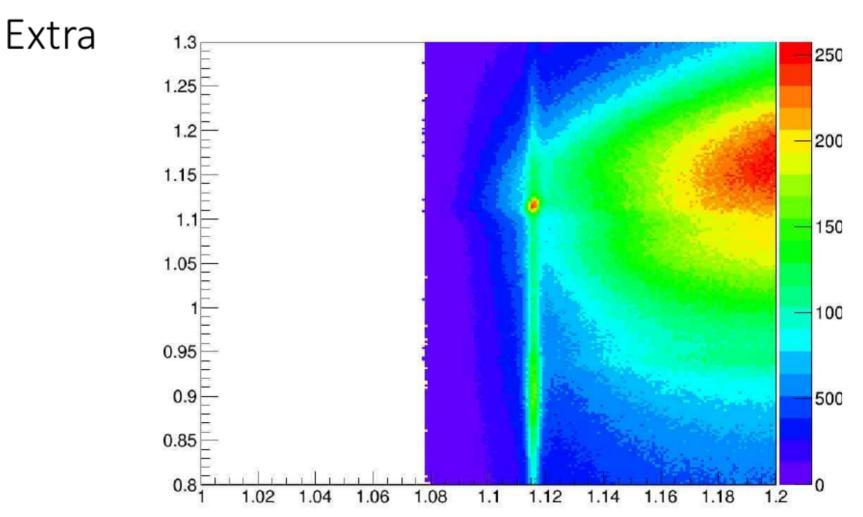
Blue: Current results

#### Questions

# Proton Identification (EXTRA)

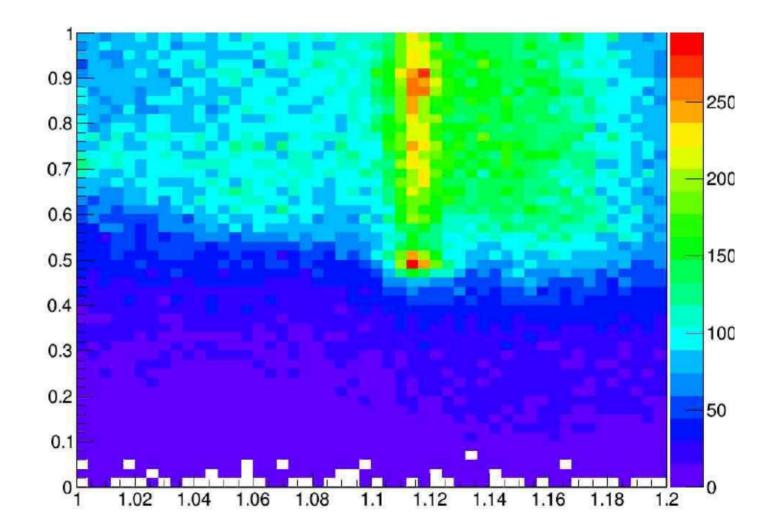


Incident Mass vs. Lambda Mass

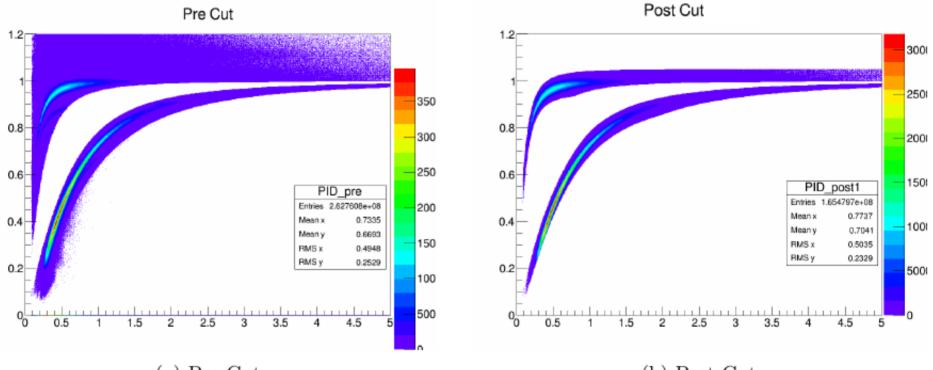


#### Missing Mass vs. Incident Mass

Extra



# PID Cuts (EXTRA)



(a) Pre Cut

(b) Post Cut