A detailed wireframe model of the HADES detector, showing the complex arrangement of particle detectors and beamlines. The model is rendered in a light gray wireframe style, highlighting the intricate geometry of the experimental setup.

Investigation of the Σ^0 Production Mechanism in $p(3.5 \text{ GeV})+p$ Collisions

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A Motivation



Investigation of the Σ^0 Production Mechanism in $p(3.5 \text{ GeV})+p$ collisions at HADES experiment

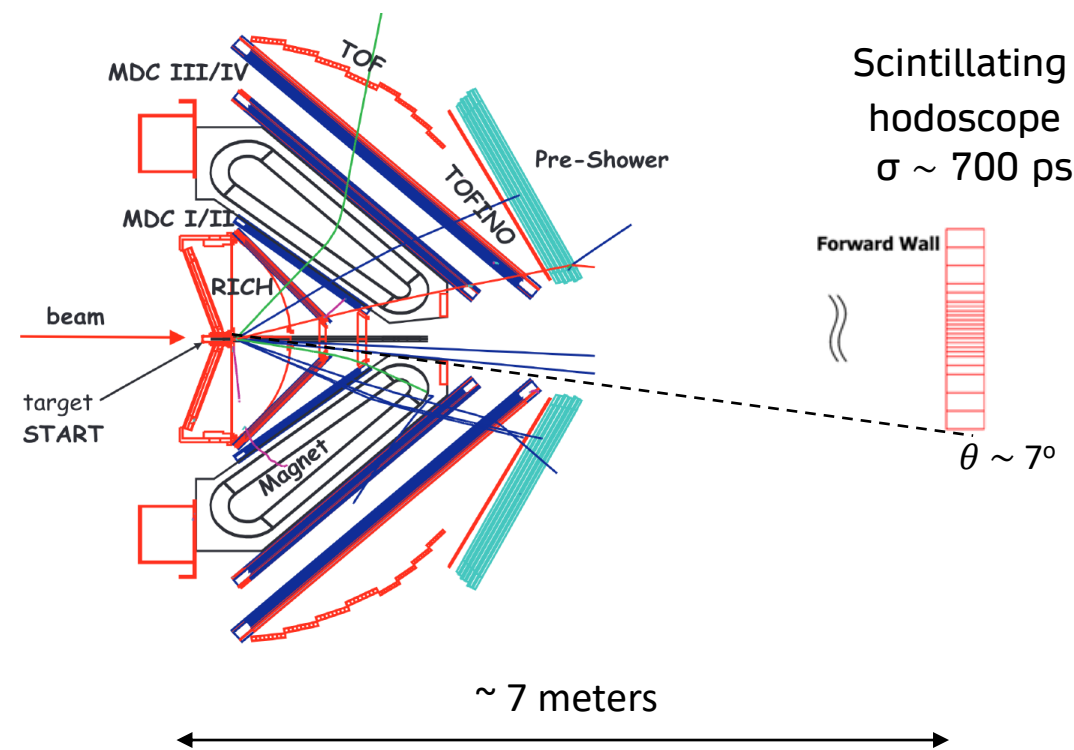
- Study of hyperon production serves as a tool to study QCD at the confinement scale
- Hyperon production mechanism is poorly understood near threshold
- There are few measurements for Σ^0 compared to Λ hyperon production

- Focus on the **exclusive reaction**
 $p(3.5\text{GeV})+p \rightarrow p + K^+ + \Sigma^0$

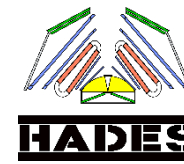
$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$ (BR~100%) and $\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$ (BR~64%)



High Acceptance Di-Electron Spectrometer HADES



Particle Identification (PID)

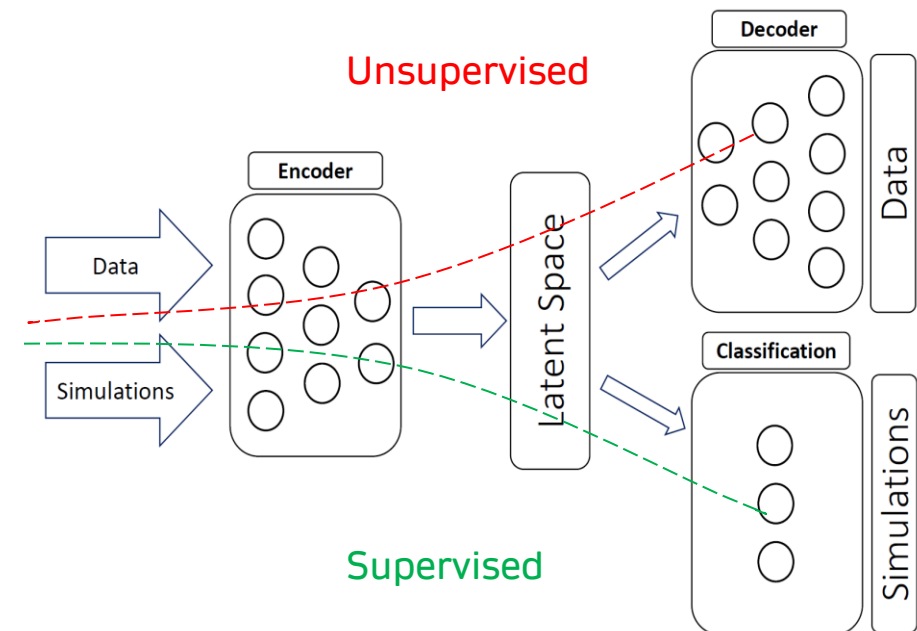


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- π^- is identified as any **negative** charged track that is **uncorrelated** to a ring in RICH
- Statement of the task: identify the type of the charged tracks (p , K^+ , π^+)
- PID was performed based on **Deep Learning (DL)** techniques
- A neural network is trained using a **semi-supervised** technique on *simulations* and *data*
- Training features: **momentum components, energy loss and time of flight.**
- Inspired by the **M2 model*** Dropout were used to quantify the **network uncertainty**[§]



Particle	Accuracy %
p	98 %
K^+	76 %
π^+	92 %

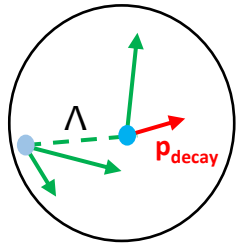
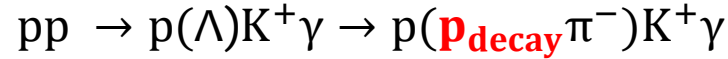


* Durk P Kingma et al. "Semi-supervised Learning with Deep Generative Models"

§ W. Esmail, Deep learning for track finding and the reconstruction of excited hyperons in proton induced reactions, PhD Thesis, 2021

Λ Reconstruction

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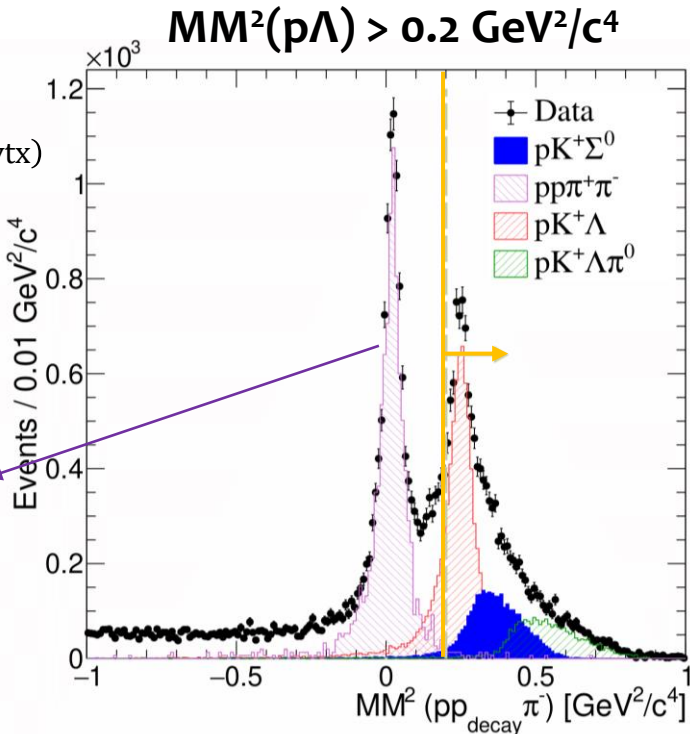


Topological Cuts

- $d(p, \pi^-) < 10 \text{ mm}$
- $d(p, \text{pvtx}) < d(\pi^-, \text{pvtx})$
- $d(\Lambda, \text{pvtx}) < 6 \text{ mm}$

Spectrometer data-set

All particles within HADES acceptance



Wall data-set

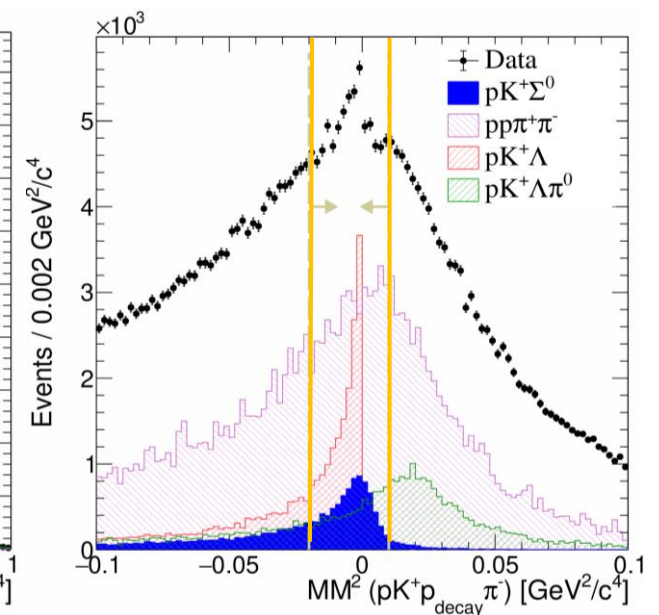
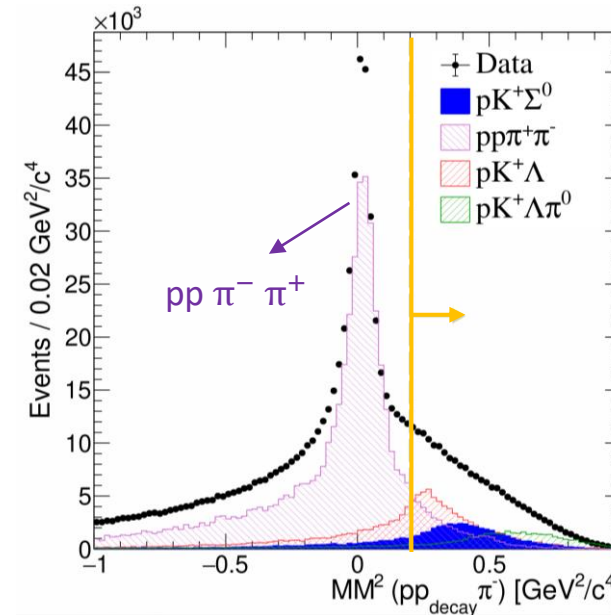
3 particles within HADES acceptance ($p K^+ \pi^-$)

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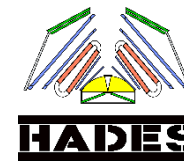
1 hit in the Forward Wall ($\mathbf{p}_{\text{decay}}$)

$MM^2(p\Lambda) > 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$

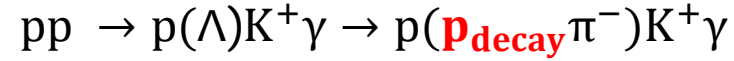
$-0.02 < MM^2(pK+\Lambda) < 0.01$



Λ Reconstruction

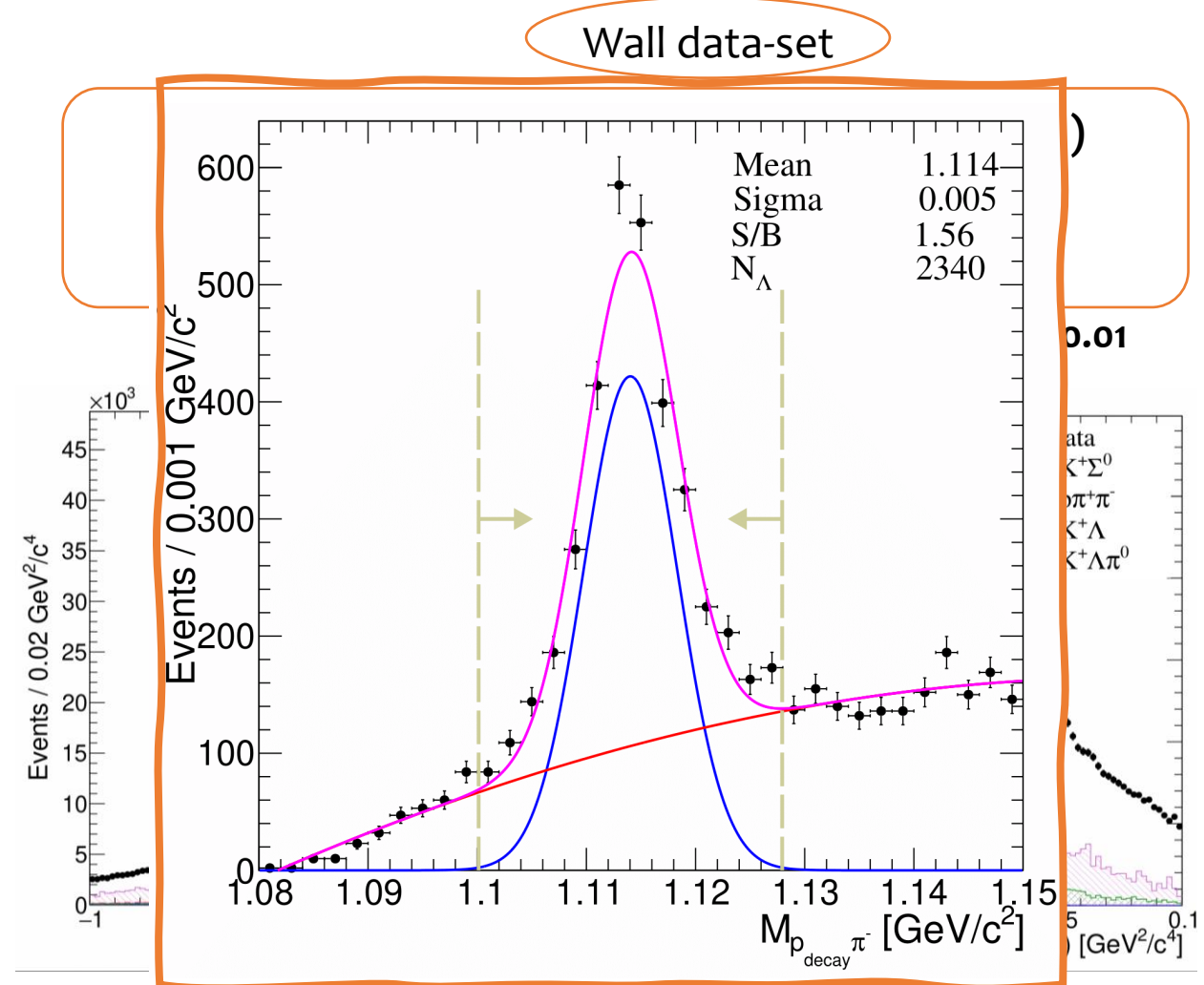
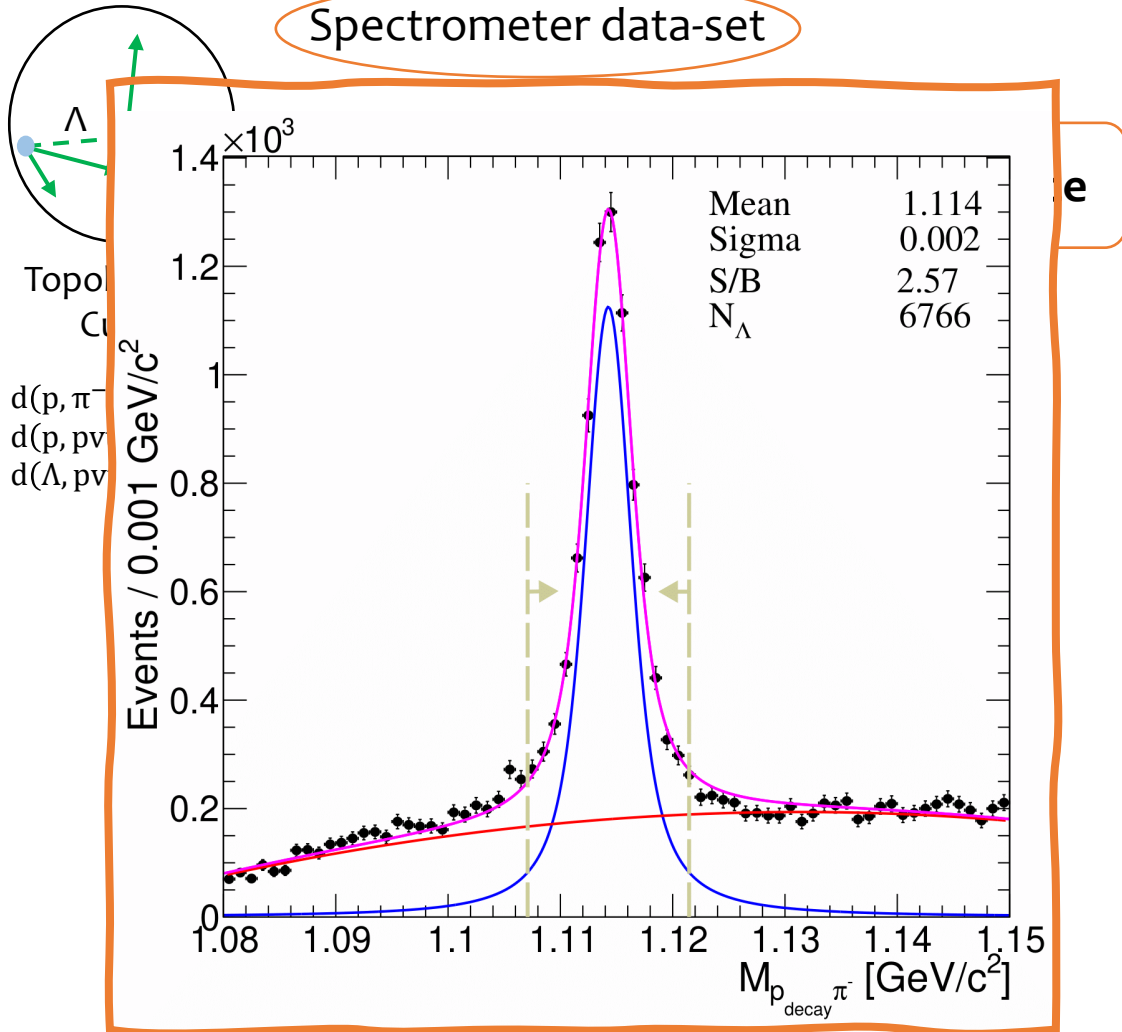


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Spectrometer data-set

Wall data-set



Kinematic Refit



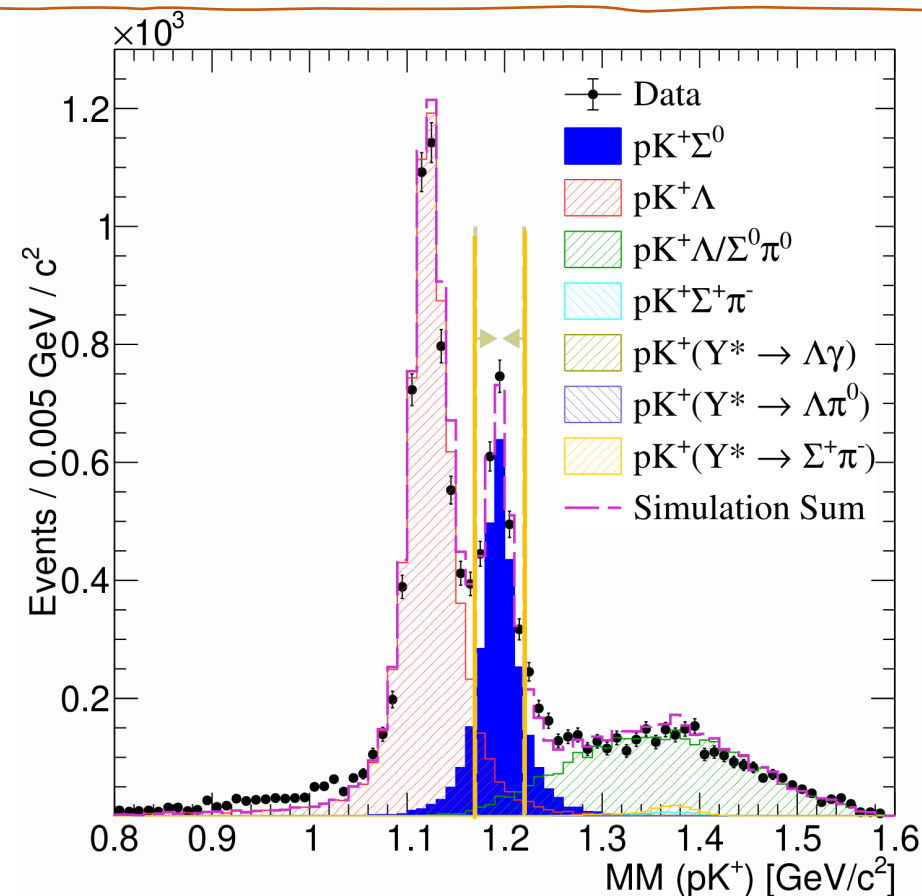
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1. **IM** $pp \rightarrow pK^+ \Lambda \gamma \rightarrow pK^+ p\pi^- \gamma$ $M_\Lambda = 1.115683 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\chi^2 = (y - \eta)^T V^{-1} (y - \eta) \approx \text{minimum}$
2. **MM** $pp \rightarrow pK^+ \Lambda \gamma \rightarrow pK^+ p\pi^- \gamma$ $M_\gamma = 0 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $f(\eta, \xi) = 0$

- Events with $P(\chi^2) > 0.01$ were selected

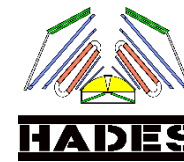
$$1.170 < MM(pK^+) [\text{GeV}/c^2] < 1.220$$

- 2613 Σ s: 58% HADES
42% Wall
- The signal purity $\sim 81\%$
- Background: $pK^+ \Lambda \sim 14\%$
 $pK^+ \Lambda \pi^0 \sim 5\%$



Physics Results

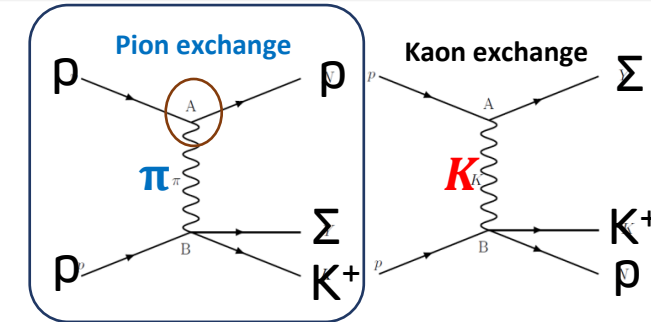
Angular Distributions: CMS Frame



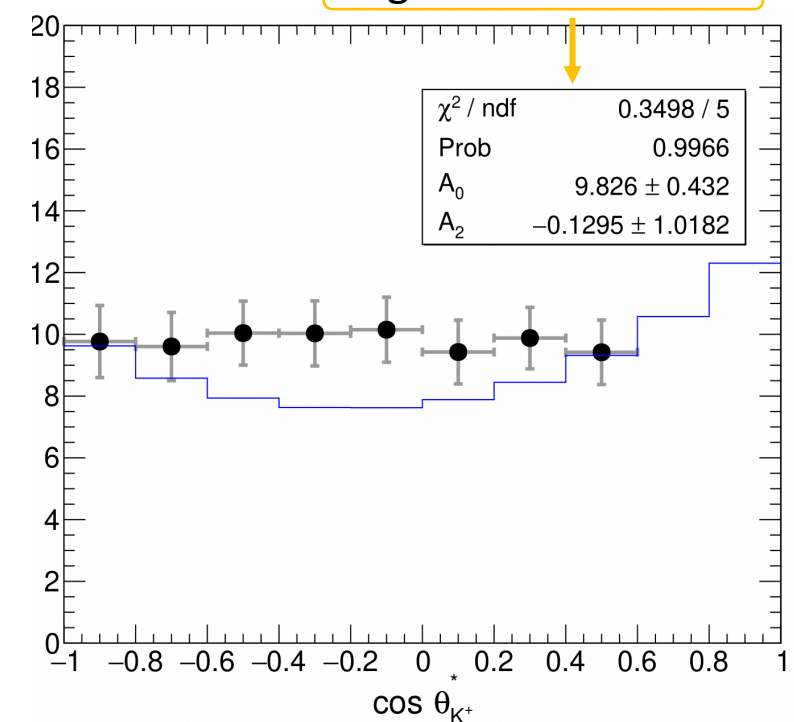
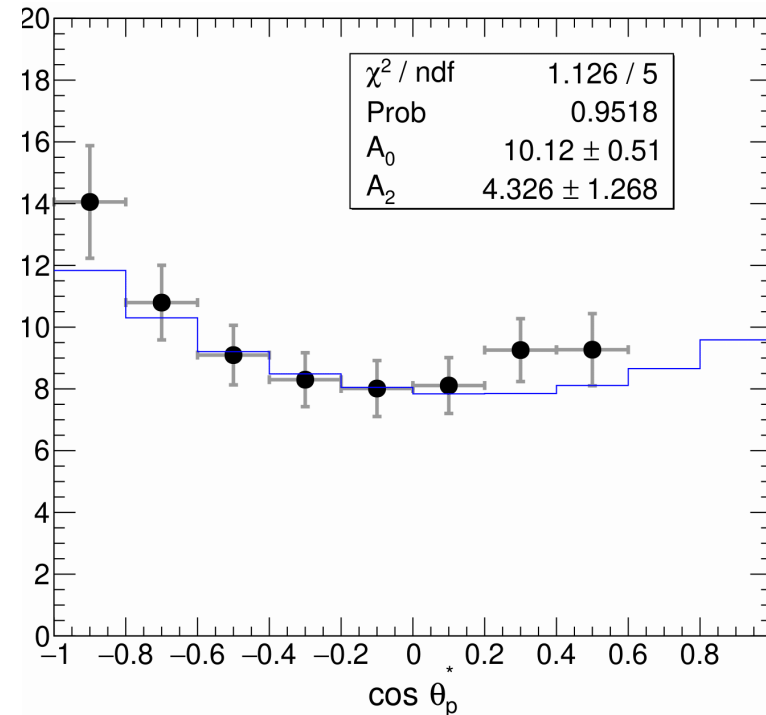
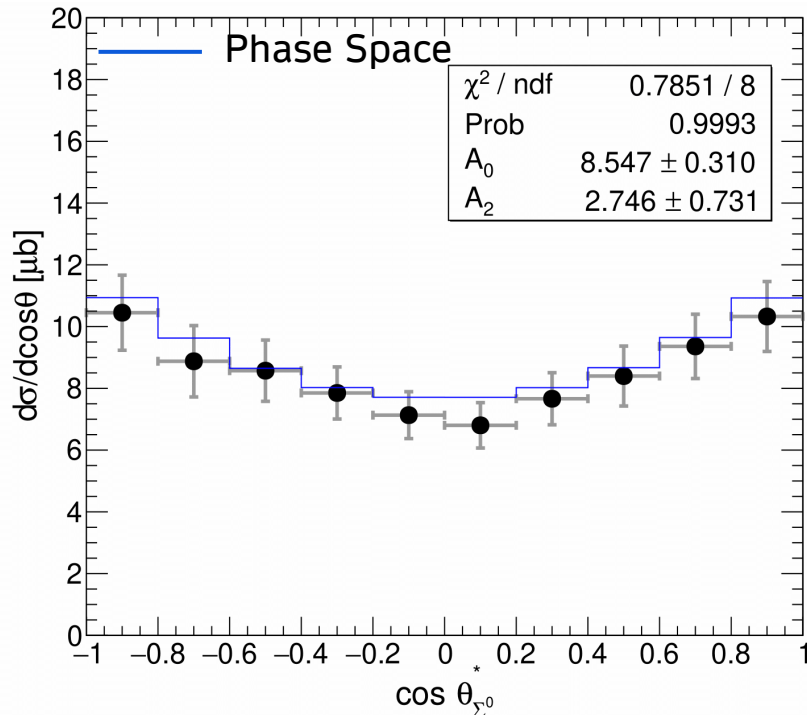
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- CMS provides information on the exchange boson properties
- An anisotropy observed in the Σ^0 and p distributions
- An indication of a **pion exchange** mechanism

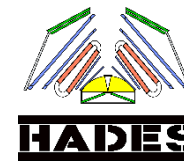
$pK^+\Sigma^0$



Legendre Parameters



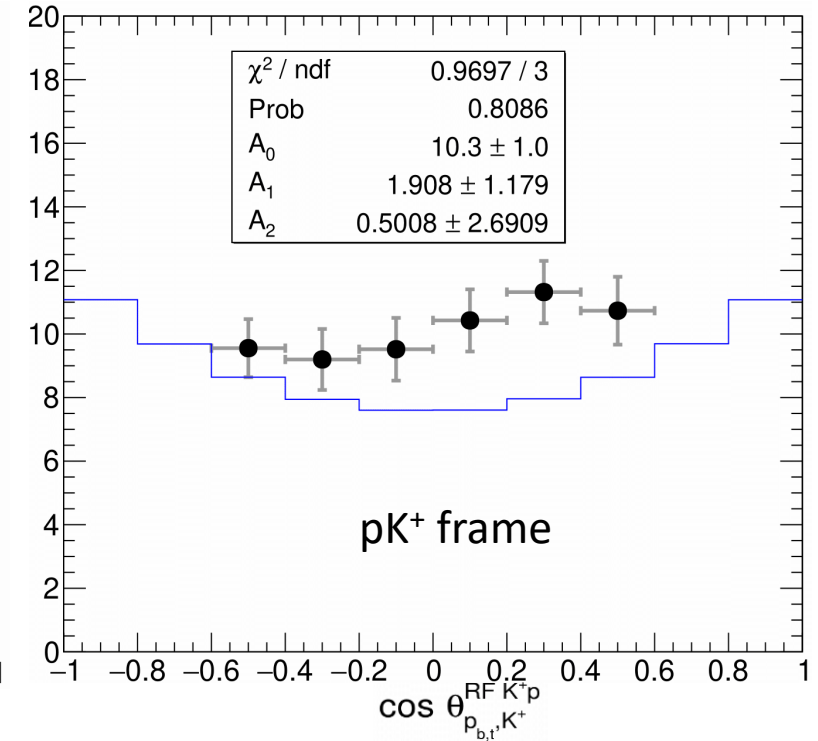
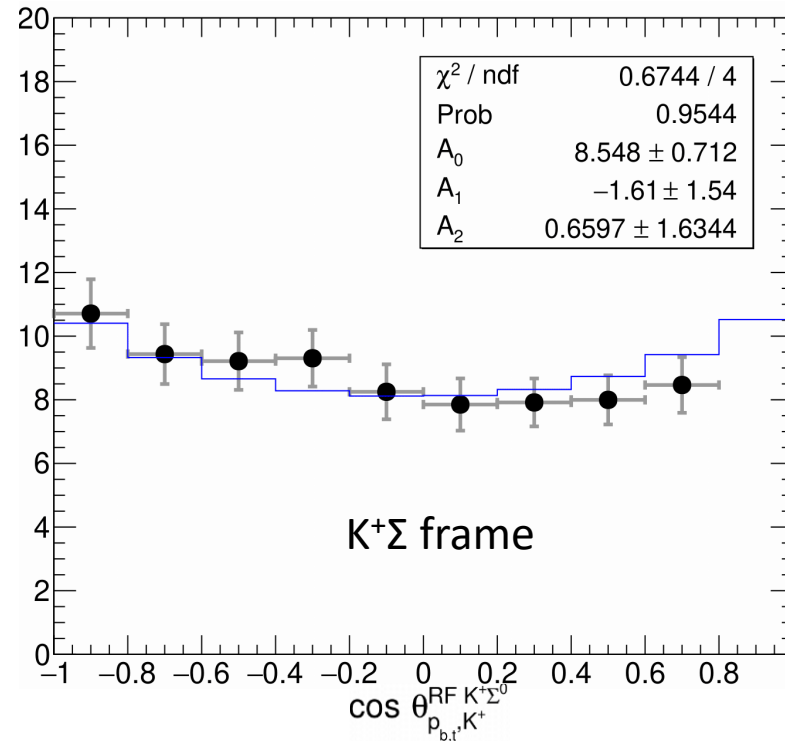
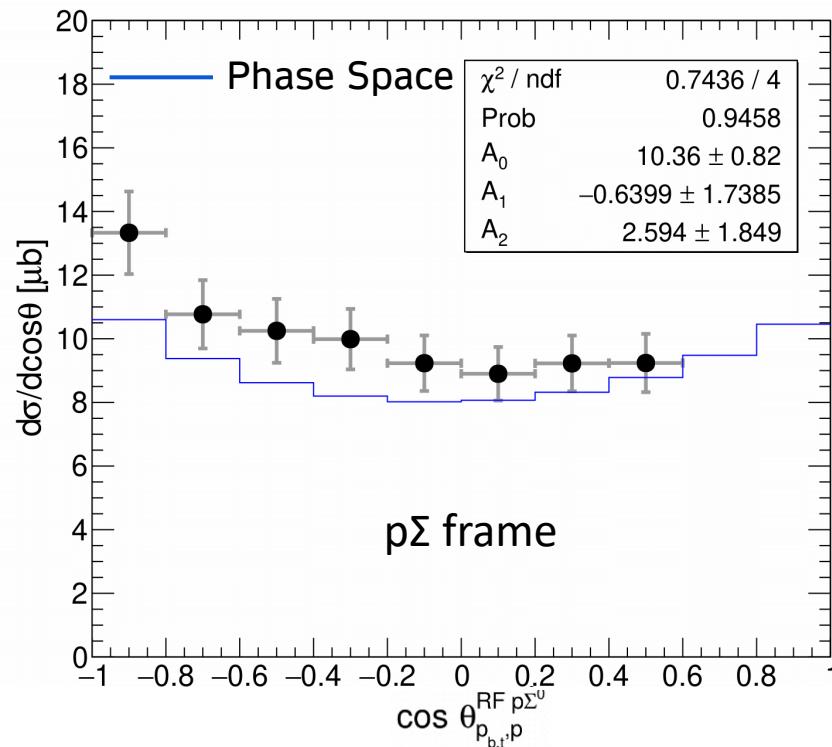
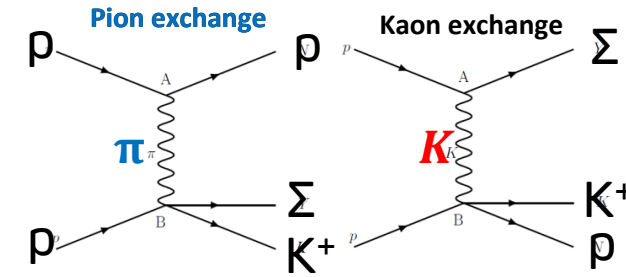
Angular Distributions: Gottfried-Jackson Frames



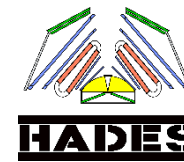
Investigation of the Σ^0 Production Mechanism in $p(3.5 \text{ GeV})+p$ collisions at HADES experiment

- Gottfried-Jackson frames provides information on the exchange boson properties and intermediate resonances
- An anisotropy observed in the $\Sigma^0 p$ distribution
- Asymmetry in the $K^+ \Sigma$ distribution (resonances)

$pK^+ \Sigma^0$



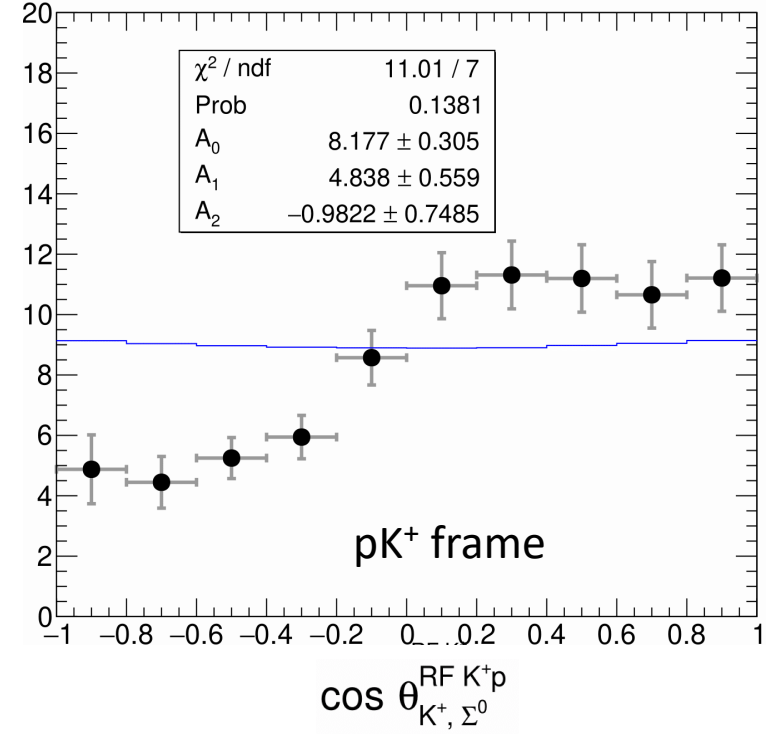
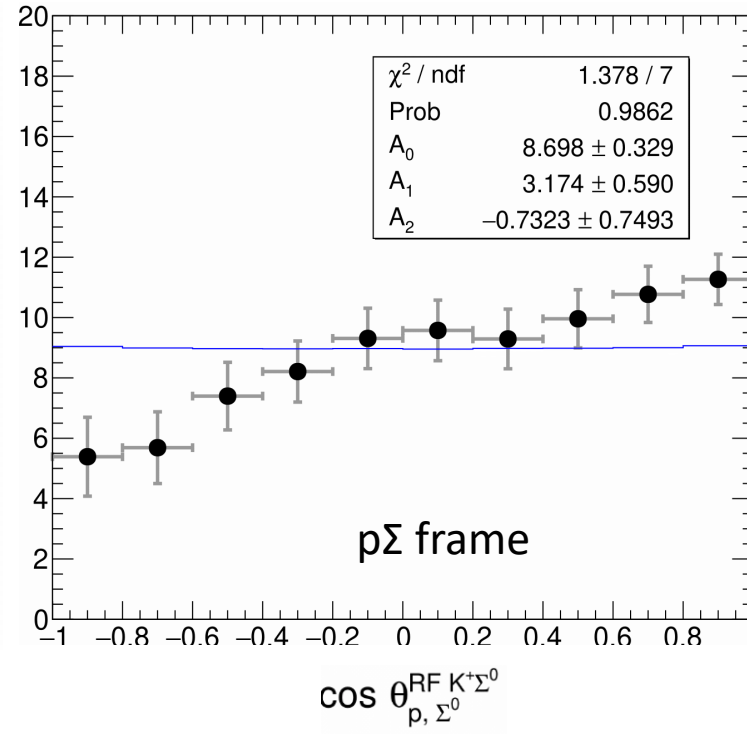
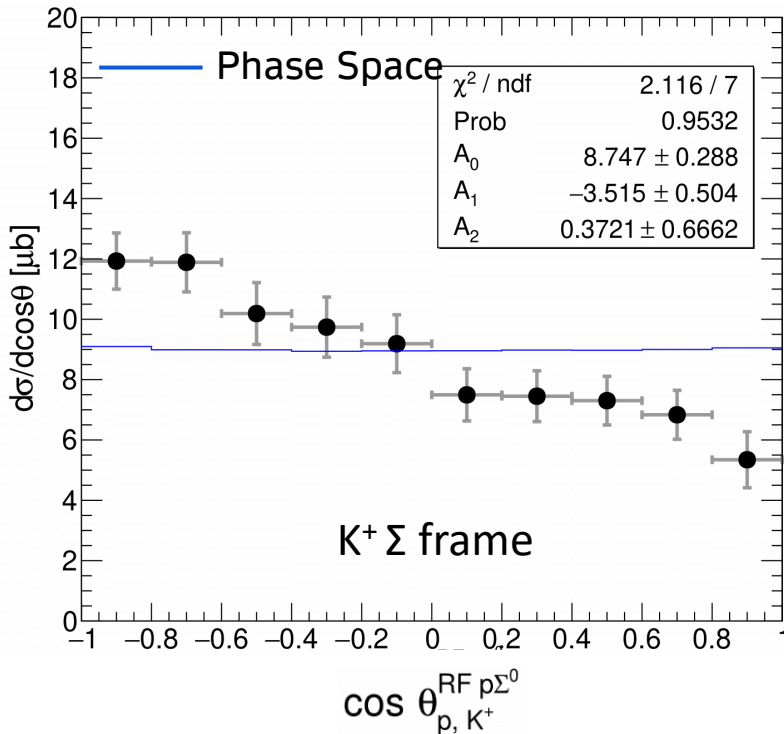
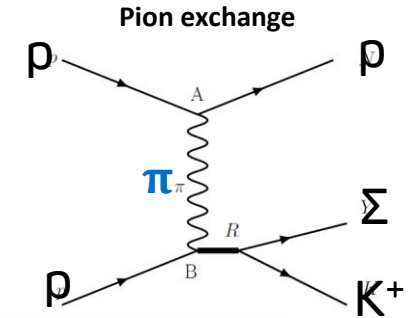
Angular Distributions: Helicity Frames



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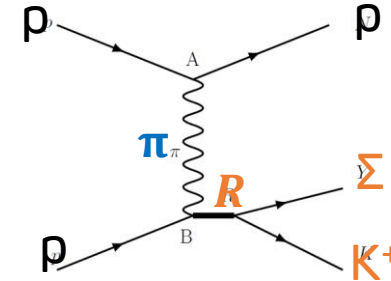
- Helicity frames are “projections” of the Dalitz plot
- Isotropic distribution is an indication of phase space production

$pK^+\Sigma^0$



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- **Partial Wave Analysis (PWA)** was performed in order to estimate resonant contributions
- PWA aims to determine the transition amplitude
- Tool used: **Bonn-Gatchina PWA** (log-likelihood minimization)



Helicity Frames Revisited: PWA solution provides a good description of angular distributions

- Nucleon resonances involved are:

$N^*(1710)$ ($J^P = 1/2^+$), $N^*(1900)$ ($J^P = 3/2^+$) and $\Delta^*(1900)$ ($J^P = 1/2^-$)

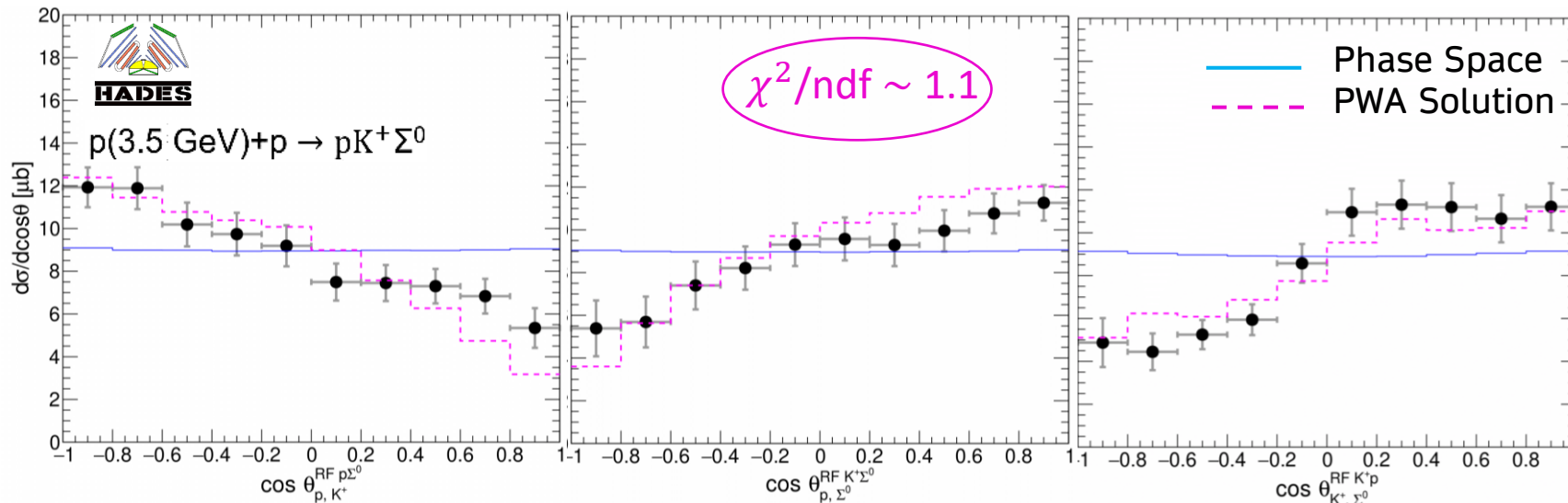


➤ Eight resonances:

$N^*(1710)$, $N^*(1875)$, $N^*(1880)$,
 $N^*(1895)$, $N^*(1900)$, $\Delta^*(1900)$,
 $\Delta^*(1910)$ and $\Delta^*(1920)$

➤ Eight non-resonant contributions:

1S_0 , 3P_0 , 3P_1 , 3P_2 , 1D_2 , 3F_2 , 3F_3 and 3F_4

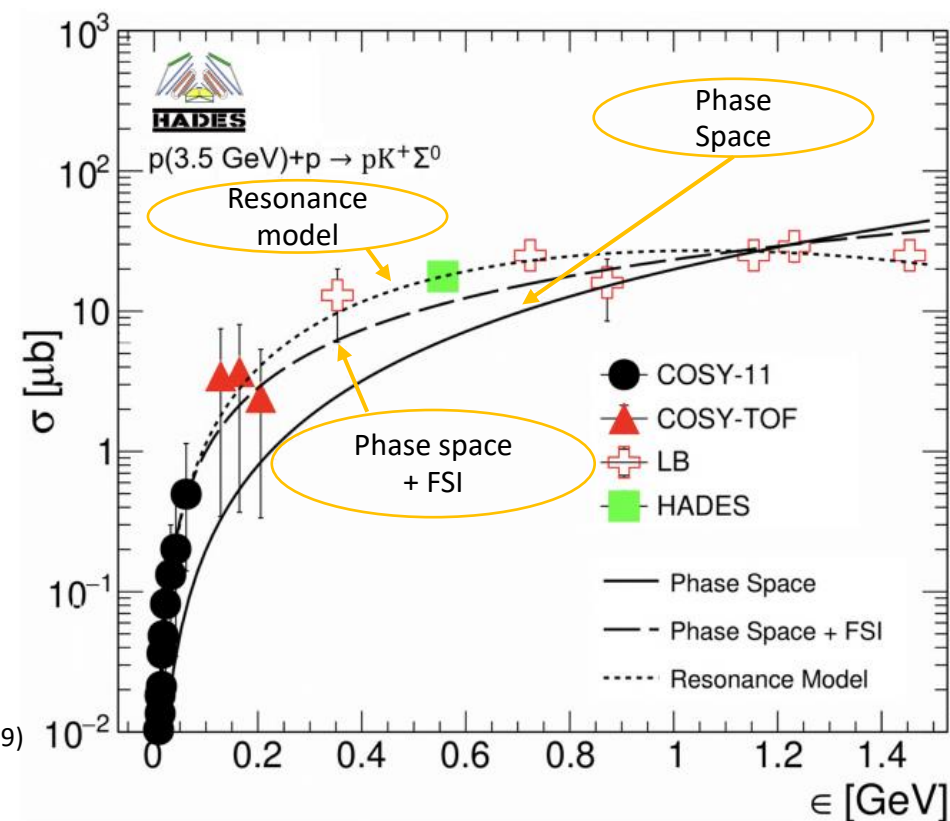
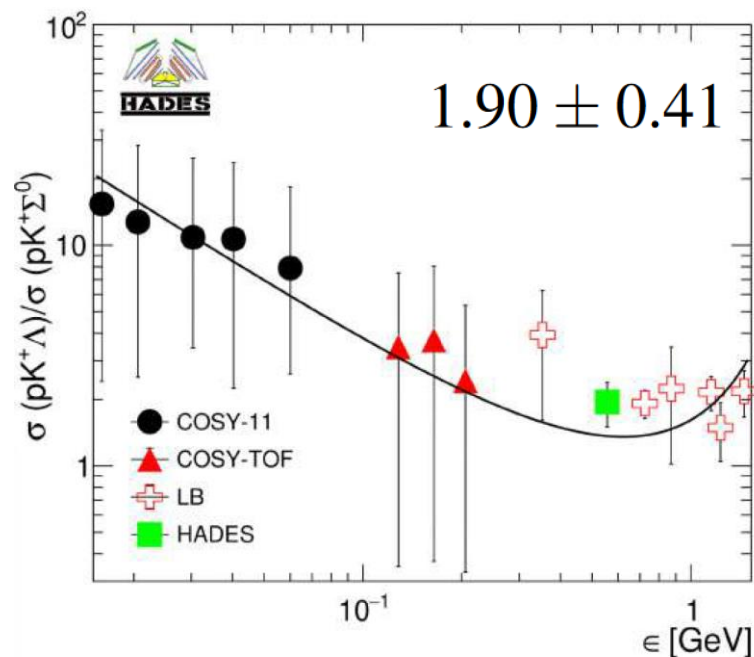


Production Cross Section

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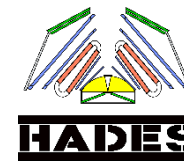
- The cross section is obtained by integrating the yield of the Σ^0 CMS angular distribution

$$\sigma(pK^+\Sigma^0) = 17.7 \pm 1.7(\text{stat}) \pm 1.6(\text{syst}) \mu\text{b}$$



- Resonance model study of kaon production in baryon-baryon reactions for heavy-ion collisions, K. Tsushima, *Phys. Rev. C* 59 (1999)
- Comparison of the near-threshold production of η - and K-mesons in proton-proton collisions, G. Fäldt *Zeitschrift für Physik A Hadrons and Nuclei* 357, (1997)
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Summary

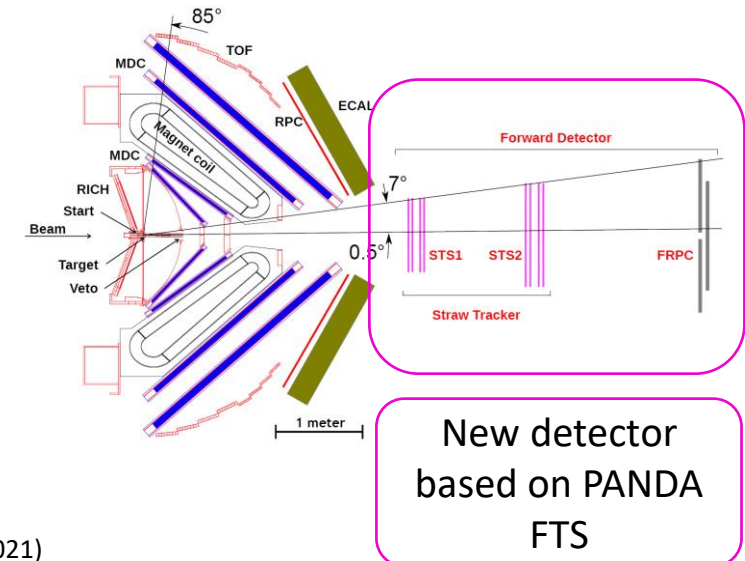


HADES Collaboration, Investigation of the Σ^0 Production Mechanism in $p(3.5 \text{ GeV})+p$ collisions, *arXiv:2301.11766 [nucl-ex]*

- Investigation of the Σ^0 production mechanism in $p(3.5 \text{ GeV})+p$ collisions
- Phase space description is not sufficient
- Dominance of pion exchange mechanism
- Resonances with mass around **1.710** GeV/c^2 and **1.900** GeV/c^2 are preferred by the PWA fit
- Due to limited statistics, there is a significant uncertainty to the relative contributions of the different resonances

- **Upgraded HADES setup ($p(4.5 \text{ GeV})+p$ Feb 2022 beam time)**
- **The photon is measured in ECAL**
- **Analysis of real and virtual photon decays is in progress**

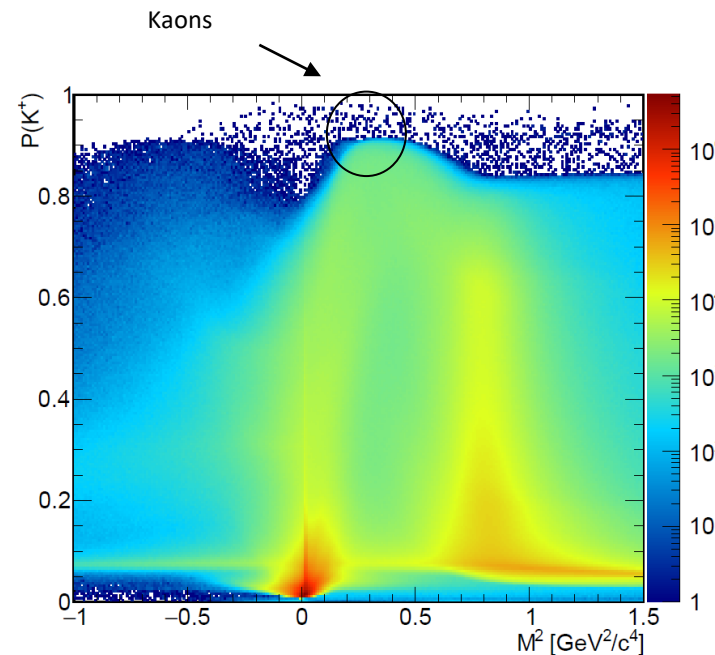
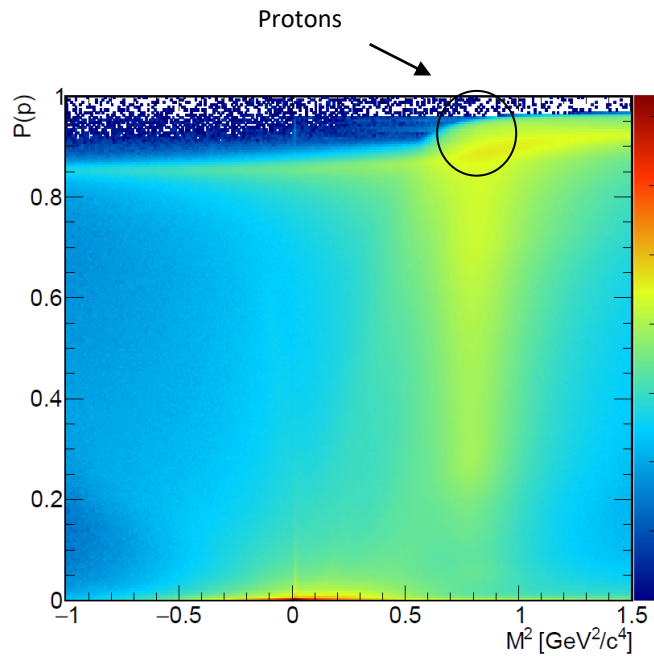
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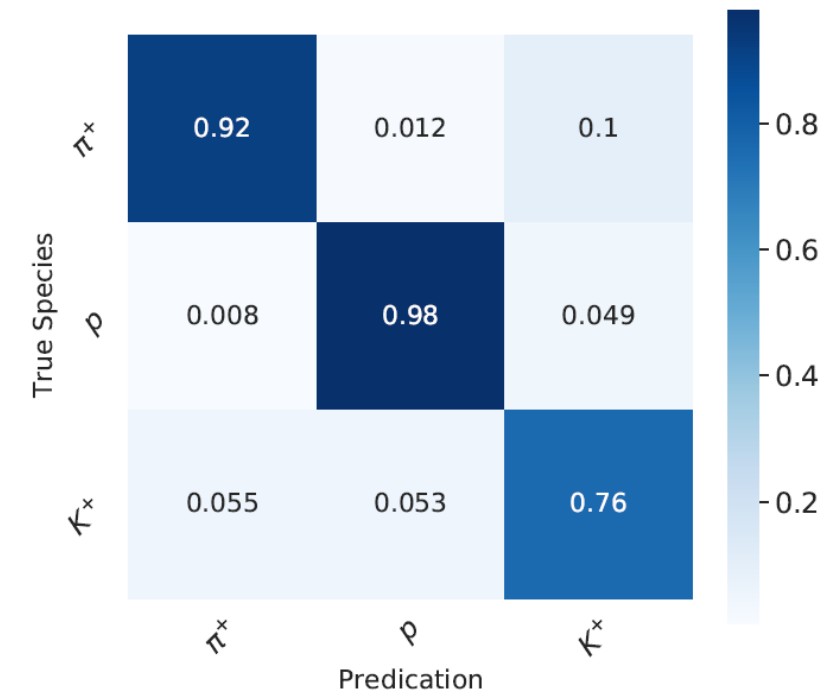
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- Training Features: $p_i(\text{GeV}/c)$, $dE/dx(\text{a.u.})$, $\text{TOF}(\text{ns})$, $d_{\text{META}}(\text{m})$

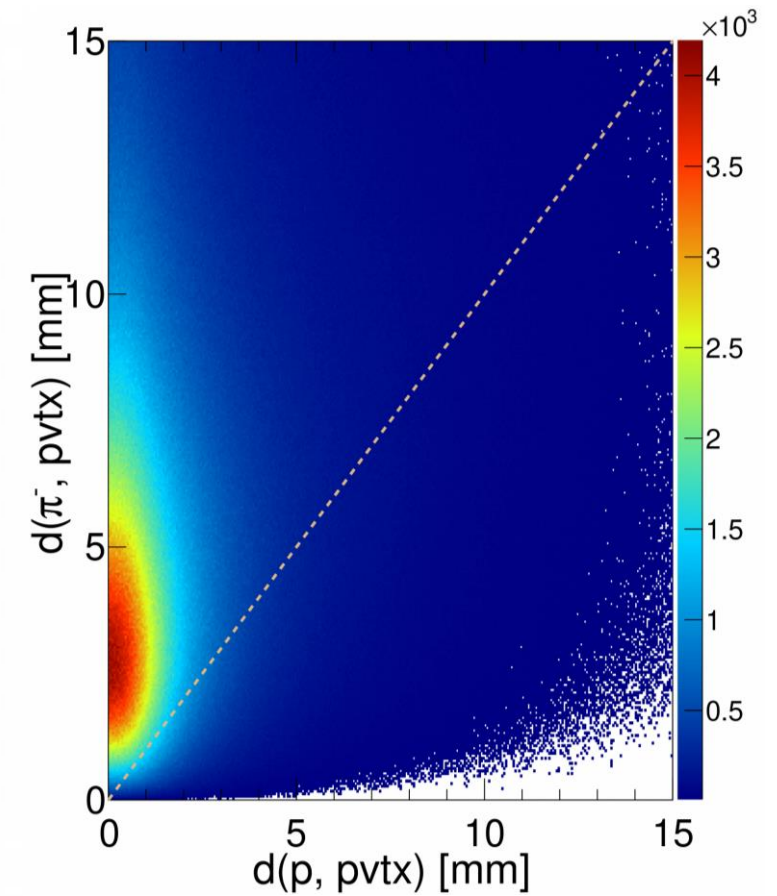
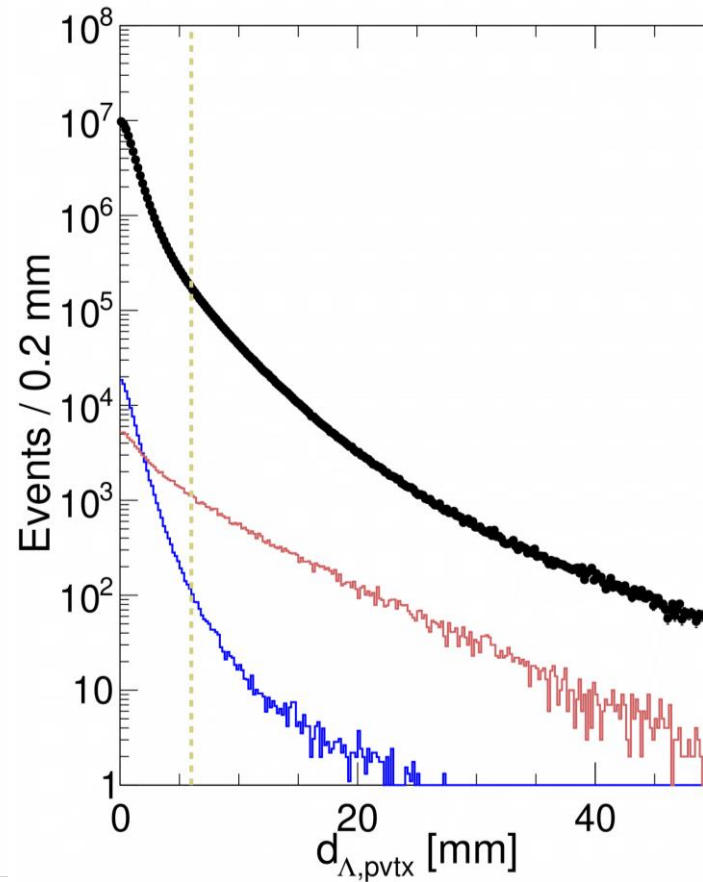
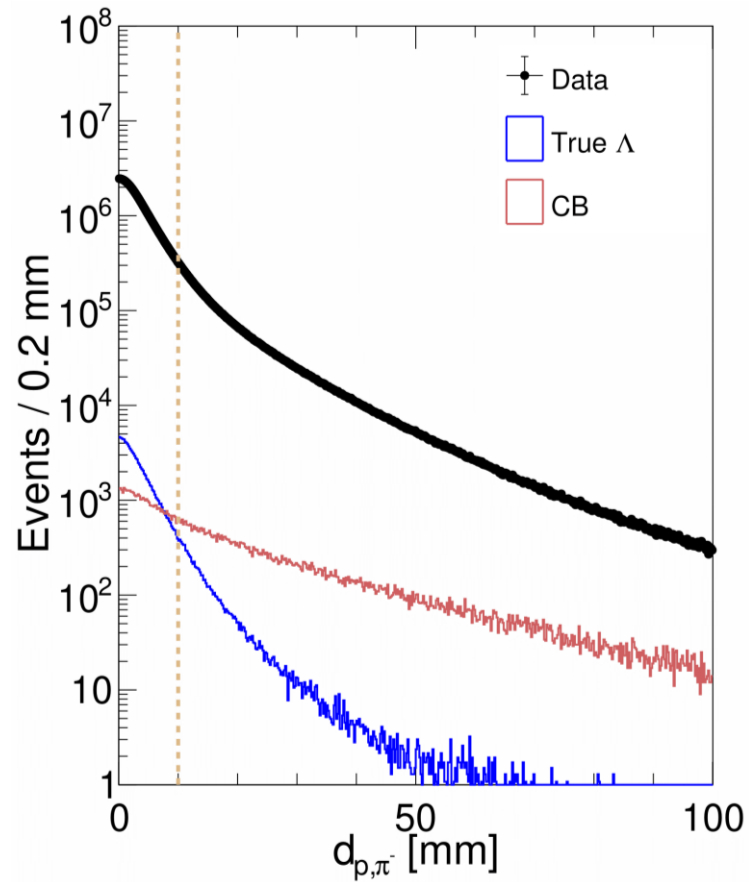
Performance evaluated on real data



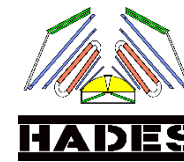
Confusion Matrix (Simulations)



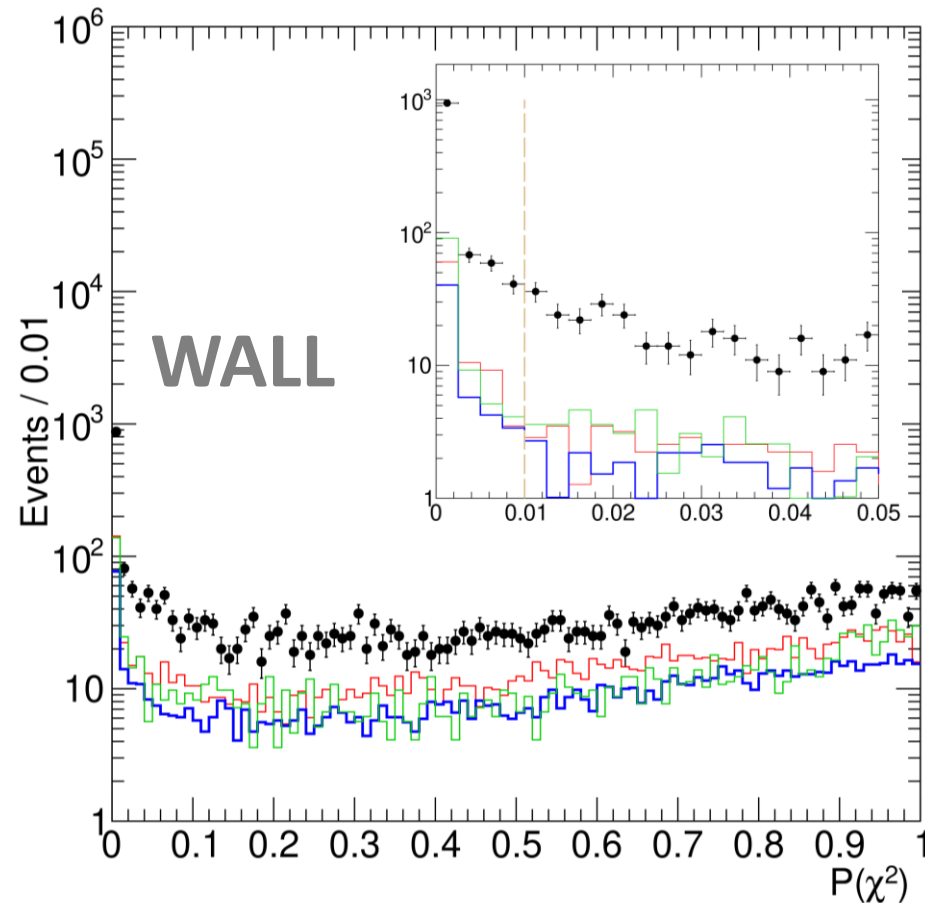
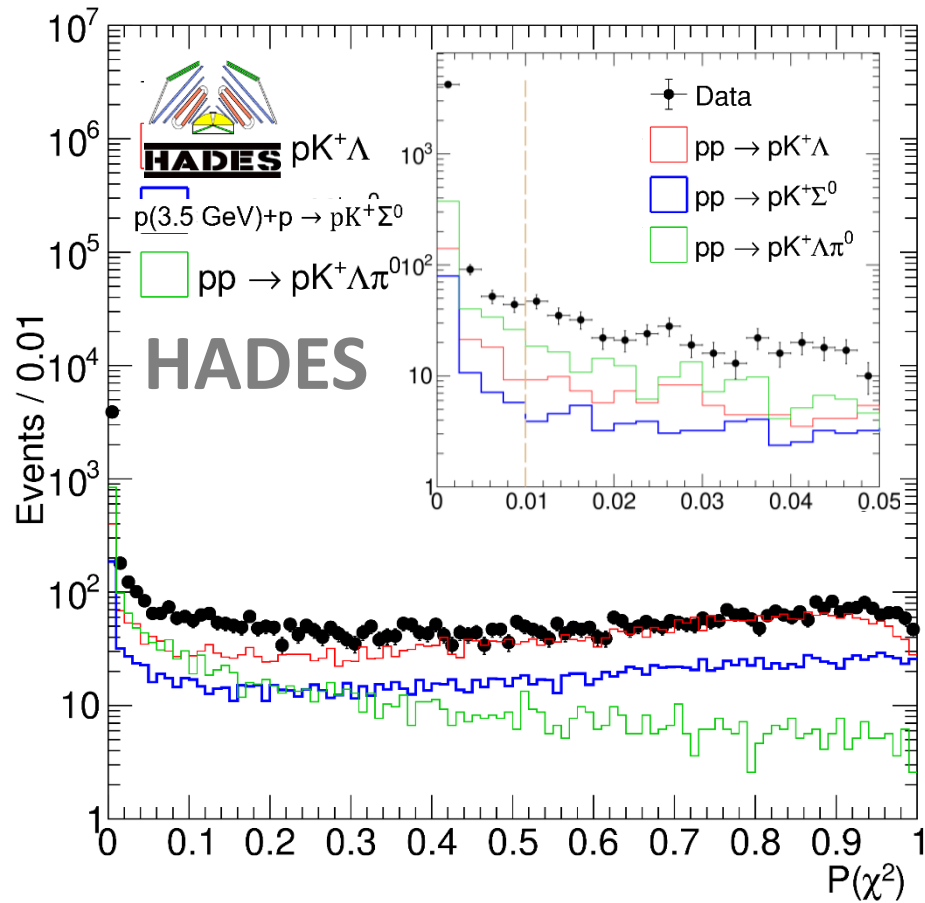
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Backups: Kinematic Refit



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1. Center of Mass CMS Frame:

- The beam and target proton have identical momenta in opposite directions

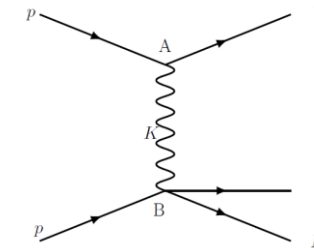
2. Gottfried Jackson G-F Frame:

- $\theta_{pB}^{\text{G-F}}$ is the polar angle between the final state particle B and the initial proton as measured in the rest frame of particles A and B

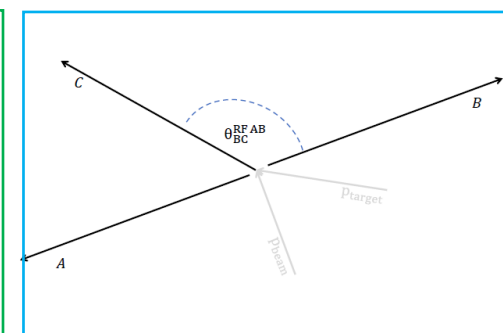
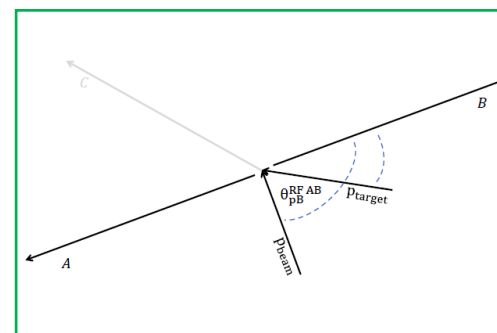
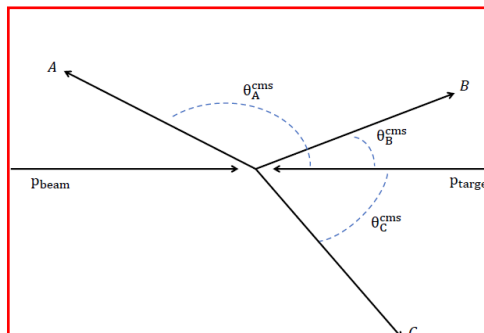
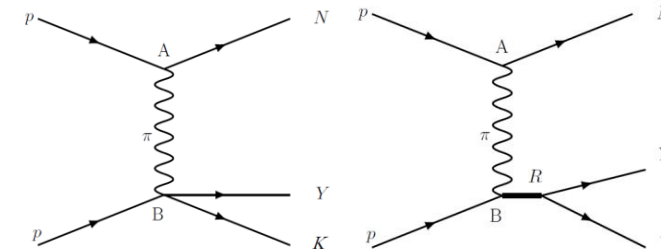
3. Helicity Frame:

- Defined similar to the G-F angle, but the angle with respect to the third produced particle is used

Kaon exchange



Pion exchange



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- Experimental distributions are represented by binned histograms

$$M = RT$$

- **R** is the **detector response** and **T** is the **true distribution**
- **R** now is represented as a *matrix*

$$R_{ij} = P(\text{reconstructed in bin } i \mid \text{generated in bin } j)$$

- **Correction** or data unfolding means to **invert** the **response matrix**
- **Inversion** is done via the Singular Value Decomposition **SVD** implemented using **RooUnfold framework**
- Since there are background events, a **purity matrix** is defined as

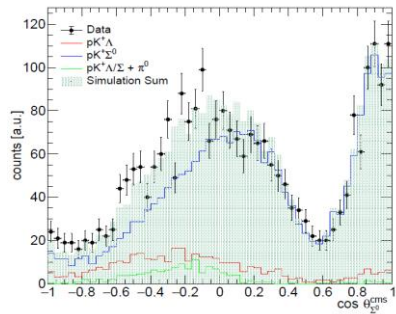
$$P_{bin} = \frac{n(pK^+\Sigma^0)}{n(pK^+\Lambda) + n(pK^+\Sigma^0) + n(pK^+\Lambda\pi^0)}$$

Backups: Efficiency Corrections

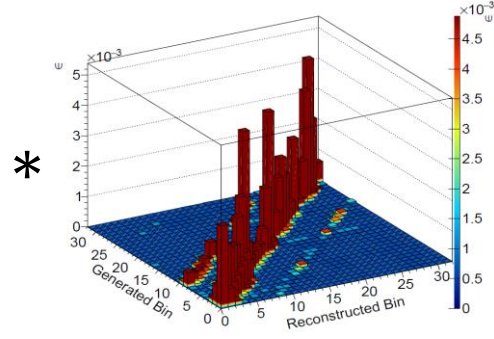
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- Example: Correction of the Σ^0 CMS angular distribution
- 2D correction in $\cos\theta_{\Sigma^0}^{\text{cms}}$ and $p_{\Sigma^0}^{\text{cms}}$
- The corrected number of Σ^0 events are transformed into a cross section by normalizing to elastic collisions at the same beam energy

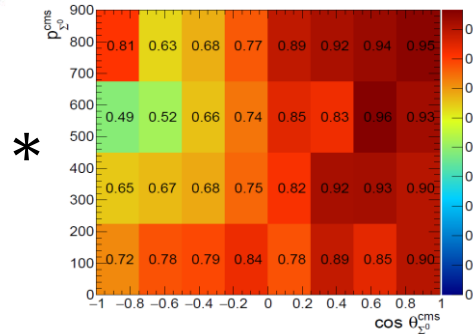
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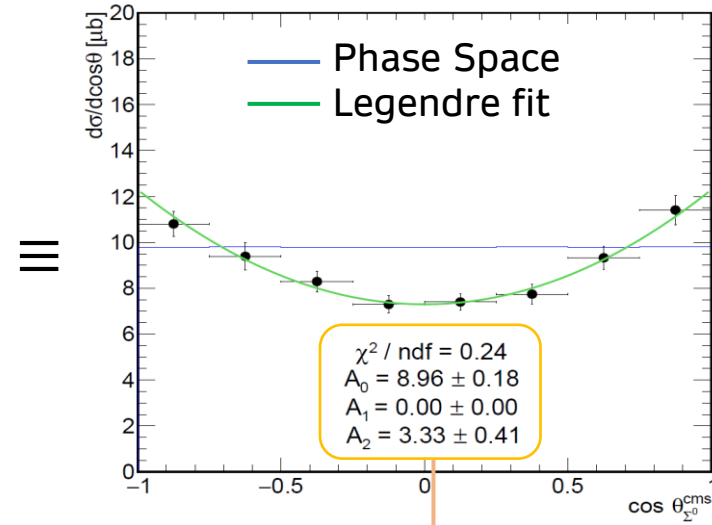
The measured distribution
M



Inverse of the response matrix
R⁻¹



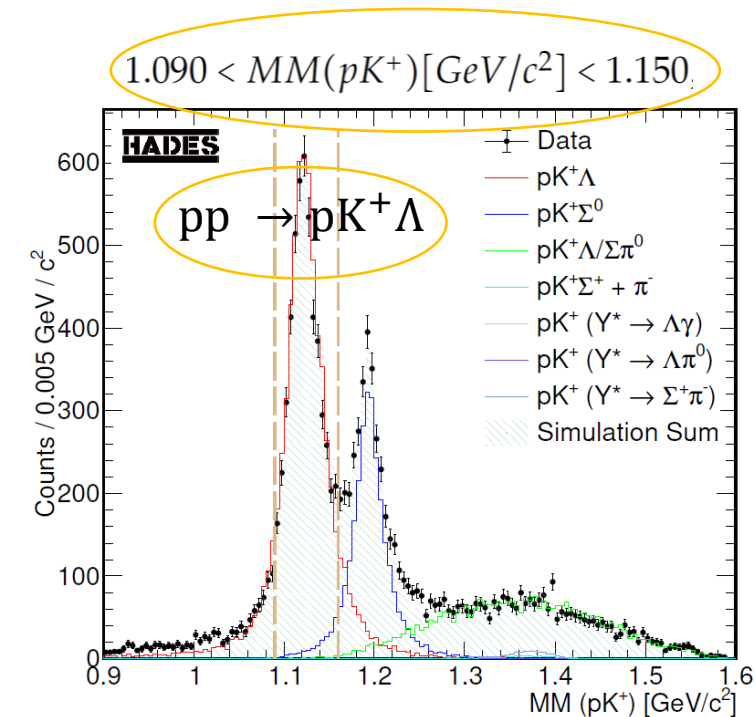
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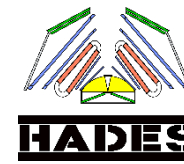
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- **Partial Wave Analysis (PWA)** was performed in order to estimate resonant contributions
- PWA aims to determine the transition amplitude $A_{tr}^\alpha(s) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_3\sqrt{s})e^{i\alpha_2}$
- Tool used: Bonn-Gatchina PWA (log-likelihood minimization)
- Eight **resonances** + eight **non-resonant** contributions ($^1S_0, ^3P_0, ^3P_1, ^3P_2, ^1D_2, ^3F_2, ^3F_3$ and 3F_4)
- Resonance masses and widths were fixed to the PDG values
- PWA is first applied to **pp** \rightarrow **pK⁺ Λ**
- Solution No. 8/1 from * including :
(N*(1650), N*(1710), N*(1720) and N*(1900))
- An estimate of **pp** \rightarrow **pK⁺ Λ** within the signal region is \sim **290** events



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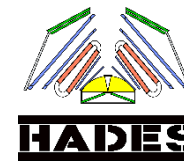


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Resonance	Mass [GeV/c ²]	Width [GeV/c ²]	J ^P
N*(1710)	1.710	0.140	$\frac{1}{2}^+$
N*(1875)	1.875	0.200	$\frac{3}{2}^-$
N*(1880)	1.880	0.300	$\frac{1}{2}^+$
N*(1895)	1.895	0.120	$\frac{1}{2}^-$
N*(1900)	1.920	0.200	$\frac{3}{2}^+$
$\Delta^*(1900)$	1.860	0.250	$\frac{1}{2}^-$
$\Delta^*(1910)$	1.900	0.300	$\frac{1}{2}^+$
$\Delta^*(1920)$	1.920	0.300	$\frac{3}{2}^+$

Solution No.	Initial State	Partial Wave Contributions	\mathcal{L}
1	$^1S_0, ^1D_2,$ $^3P_0, ^3P_1,$ $^3P_2, ^3F_2$	pK ⁺ Σ^0 \approx 41% N*(1710) \approx 23% N*(1900) \approx 17% $\Delta^*(1900)$ \approx 19%	-333
2	$^1S_0, ^1D_2$	pK ⁺ Σ^0 \approx 27% N*(1710) \approx 22% N*(1900) \approx 9% $\Delta^*(1900)$ \approx 42%	-184
3	$^1S_0, ^1D_2,$ $^3P_0, ^3P_1,$ 3P_2	pK ⁺ Σ^0 \approx 63% N*(1710) \approx 18% N*(1900) \approx 18% $\Delta^*(1900)$ \approx 2%	-182
4	$^1S_0, ^1D_2,$ $^3P_0, ^3P_1,$ $^3P_2, ^3F_2$	pK ⁺ Σ^0 \approx 33% N*(1710) \approx 27% N*(1880) \approx 40%	-151
5	1S_0	pK ⁺ Σ^0 \approx 17% N*(1710) \approx 79% $\Delta^*(1900)$ \approx 5%	-123

Backups: Treiman-Yang Angle



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For a **pure pion exchange**
the Treiman-Yang angle measured in the
 $K^+\Sigma^0$ rest frame
is expected to be an **isotropic distribution**

