



# **The Photoproduction of Excited Strange Mesons in**

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

**With CLAS at Jefferson Lab**

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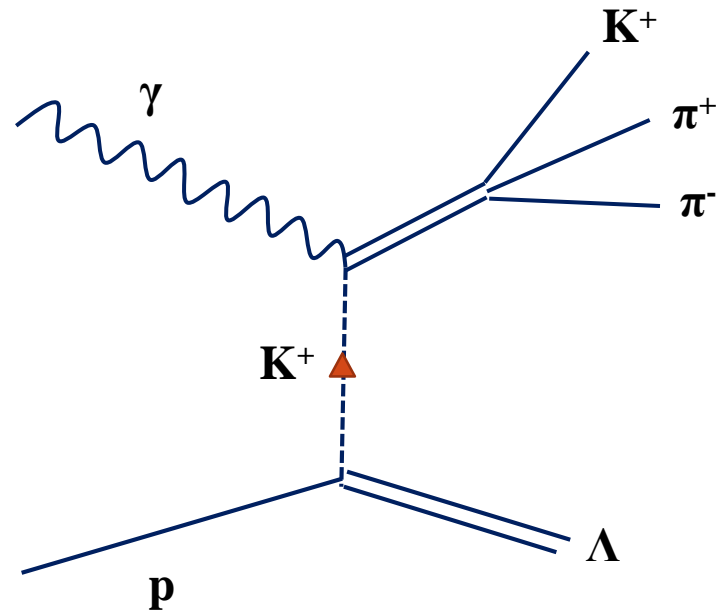
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# Motivation

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

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

<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 ..)

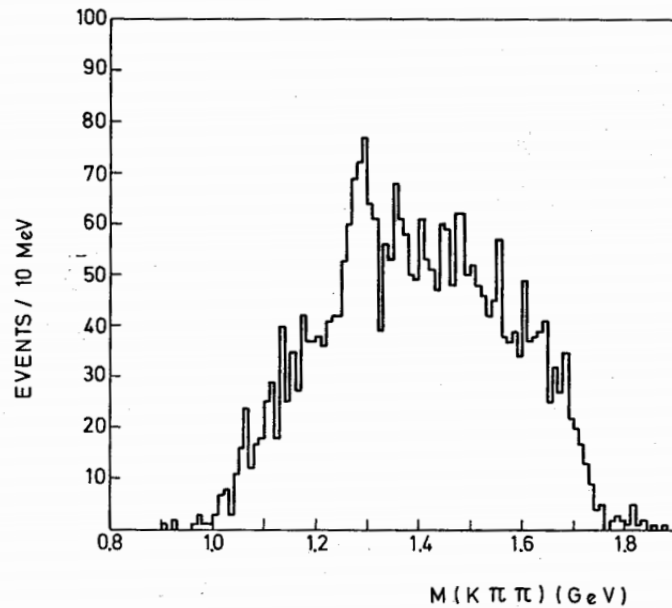
A PARTIAL WAVE ANALYSIS OF THE  $(K\pi\pi)$  SYSTEM IN THE REACTION

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

CERN-Collège de France-Madrid-Stockholm Collaboration

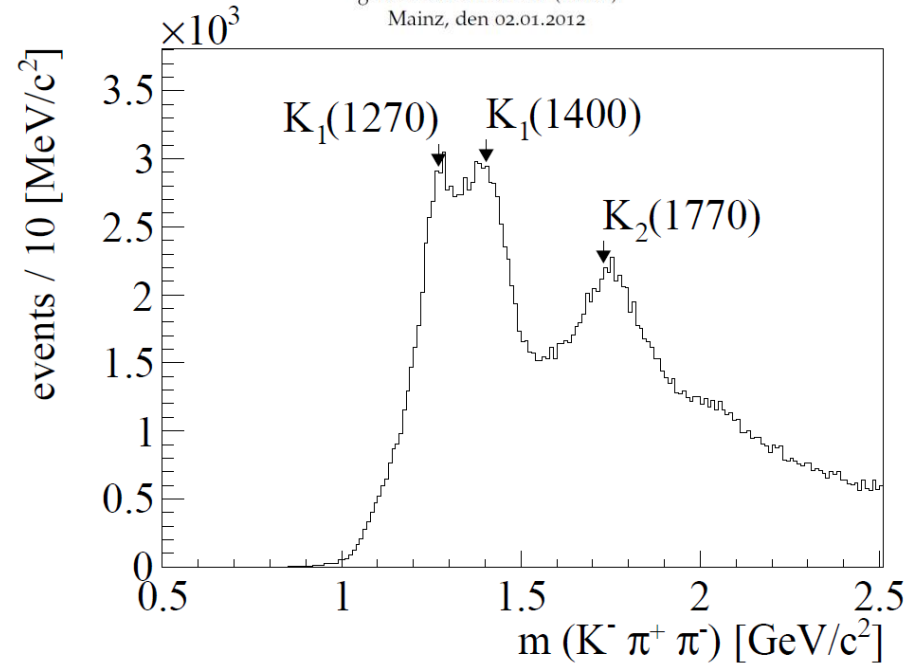
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$$\pi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda^0 K^+ \pi^- \pi^0$$



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

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Mainz, den 02.01.2012

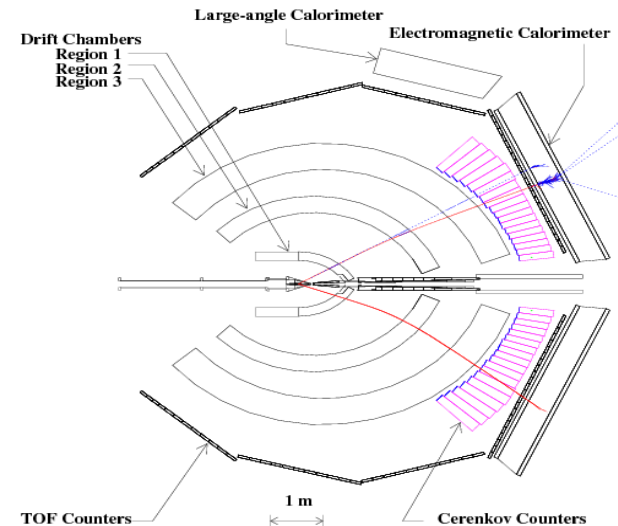
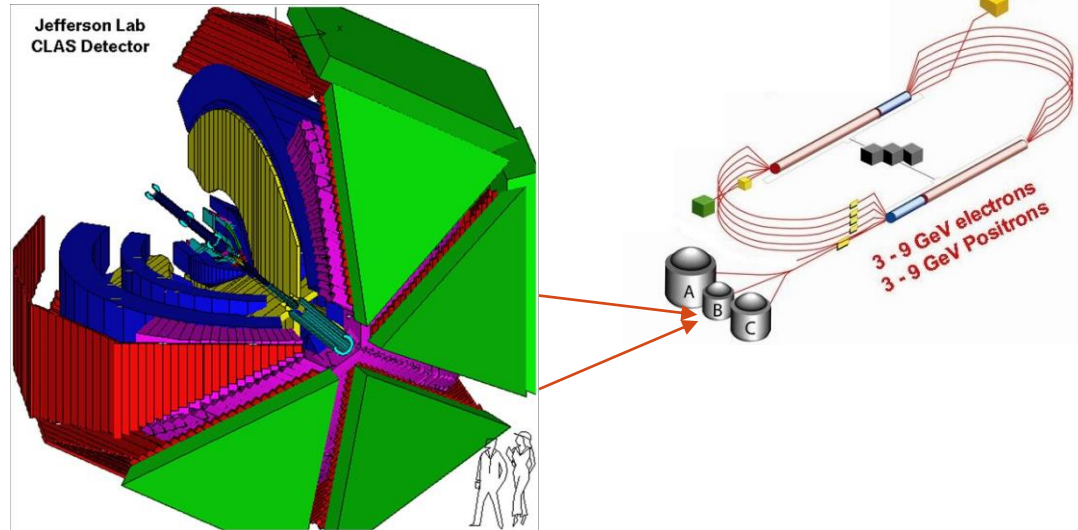


**Our dataset is the first photoproduction dataset to study a  $(K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)$  system produced off a  $\Lambda$**



# CLAS g12 Experiment

- CEBAF (Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility) hosted at Jefferson Lab, delivers up to 5.5 GeV photon beam to 4 halls simultaneously.
- CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS) hosted in hall B.
- g12 experiment primarily approved for the ongoing search for exotic mesons.
- Up to 5.5 GeV photon beam incident on Liquid hydrogen target.
- 26.2 billion triggers (68 Pb-1, 126 TB) of various topologies.

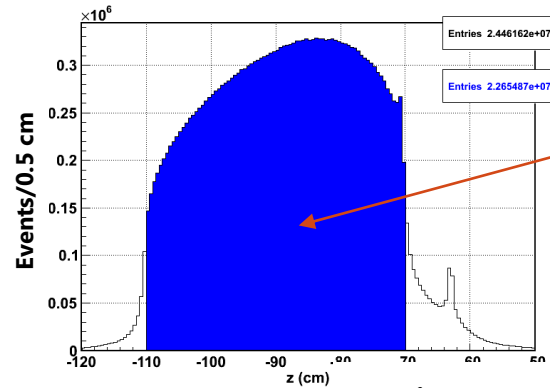


# Data Selection

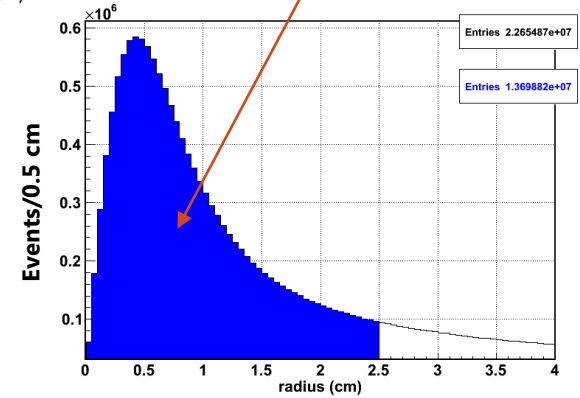
- 4 charged particles are selected : Proton,  $K^+$ ,  $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$
- Initial topology:  $\gamma p \rightarrow p K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  [Missing Particle]

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

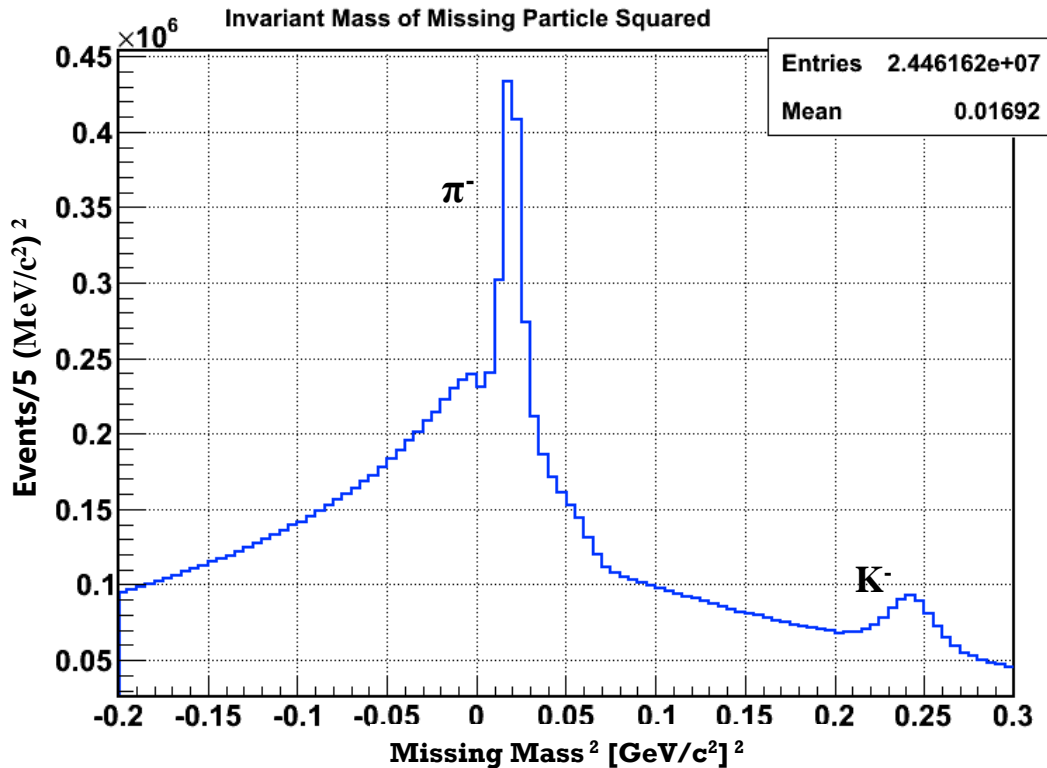
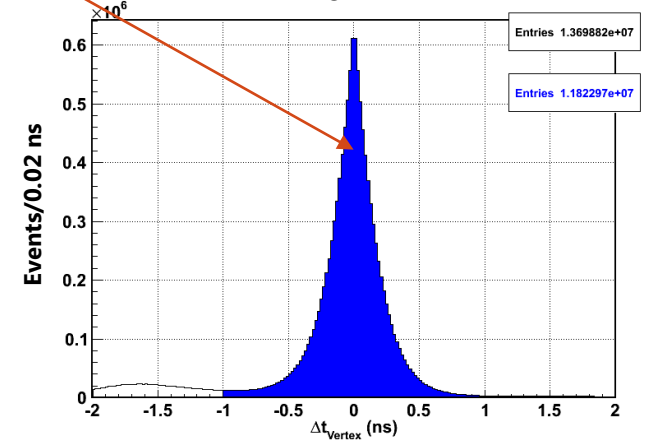
- About 24 million events with the above topology.



events inside target

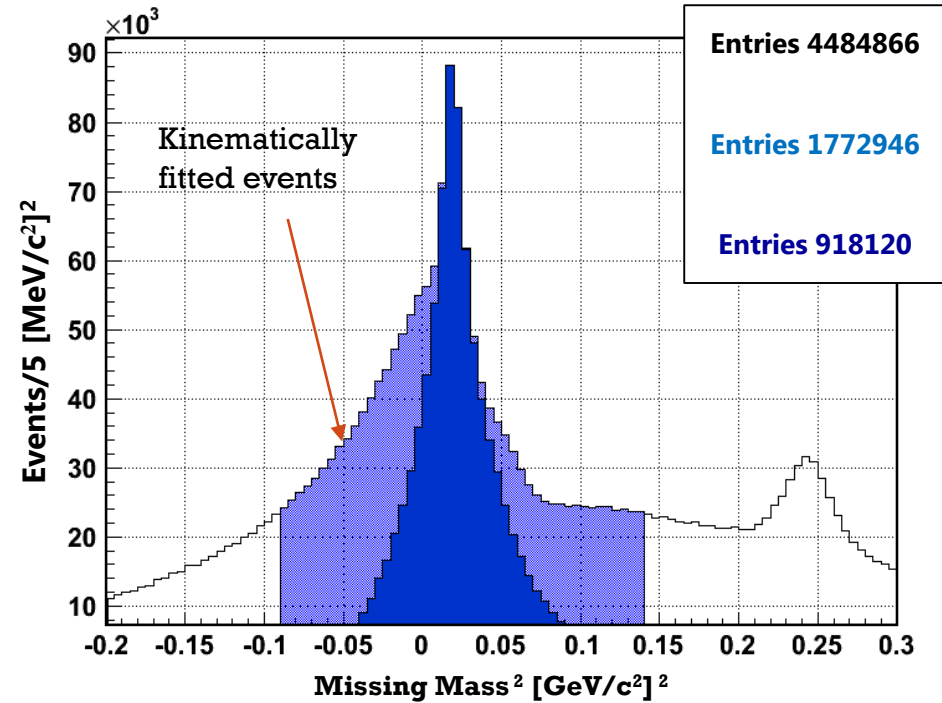
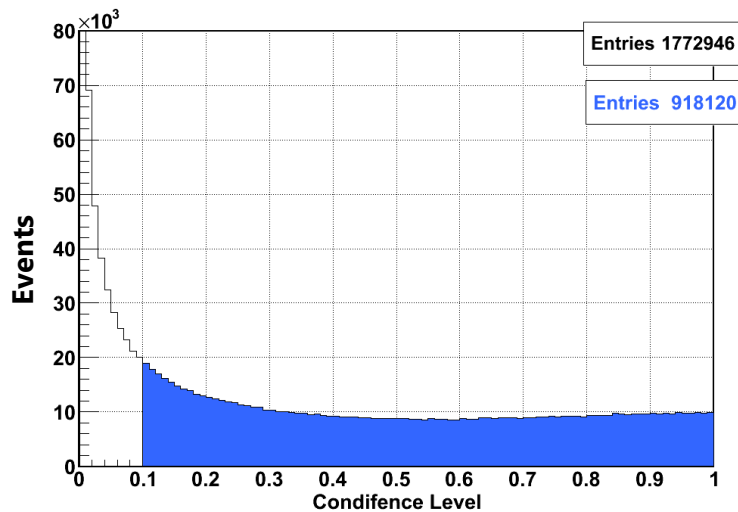
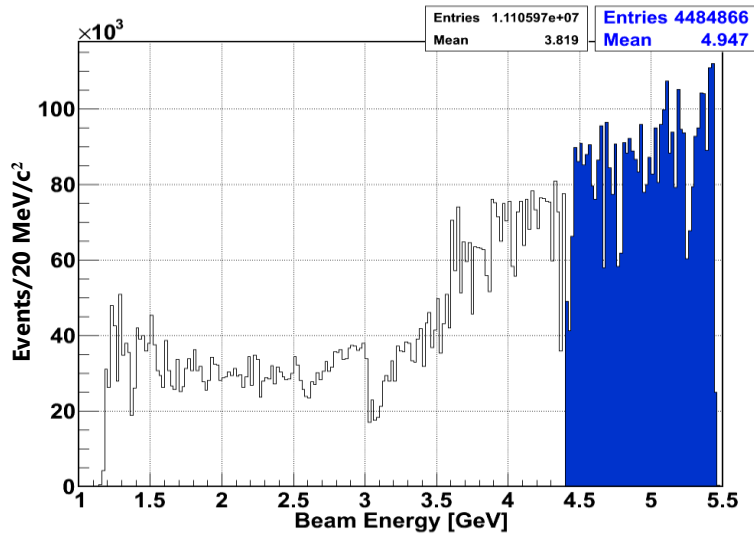


events within vertex timing



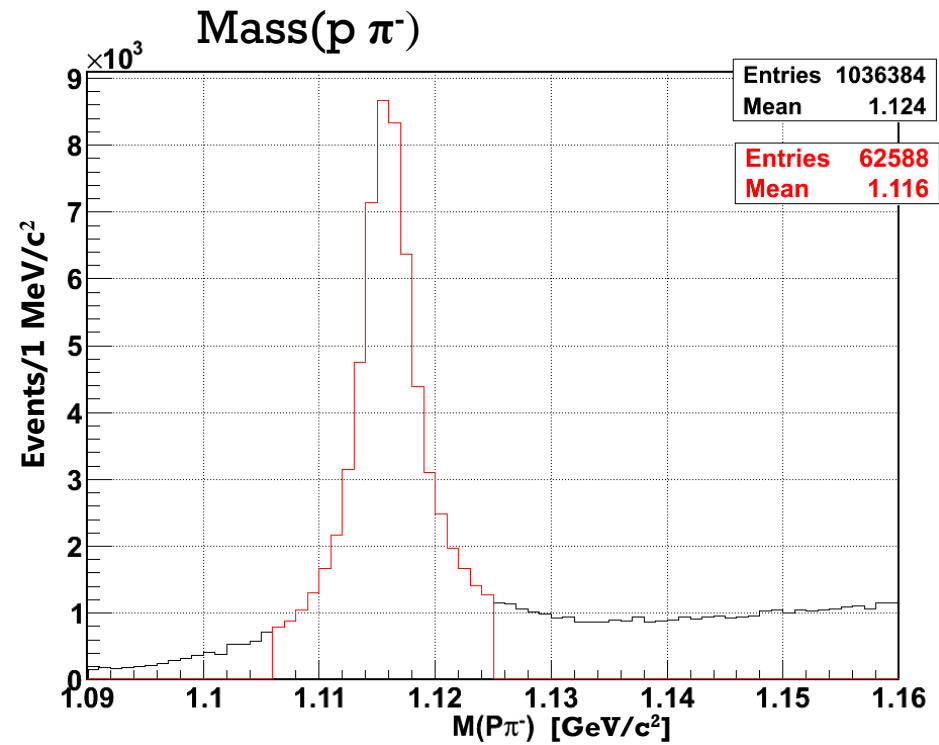
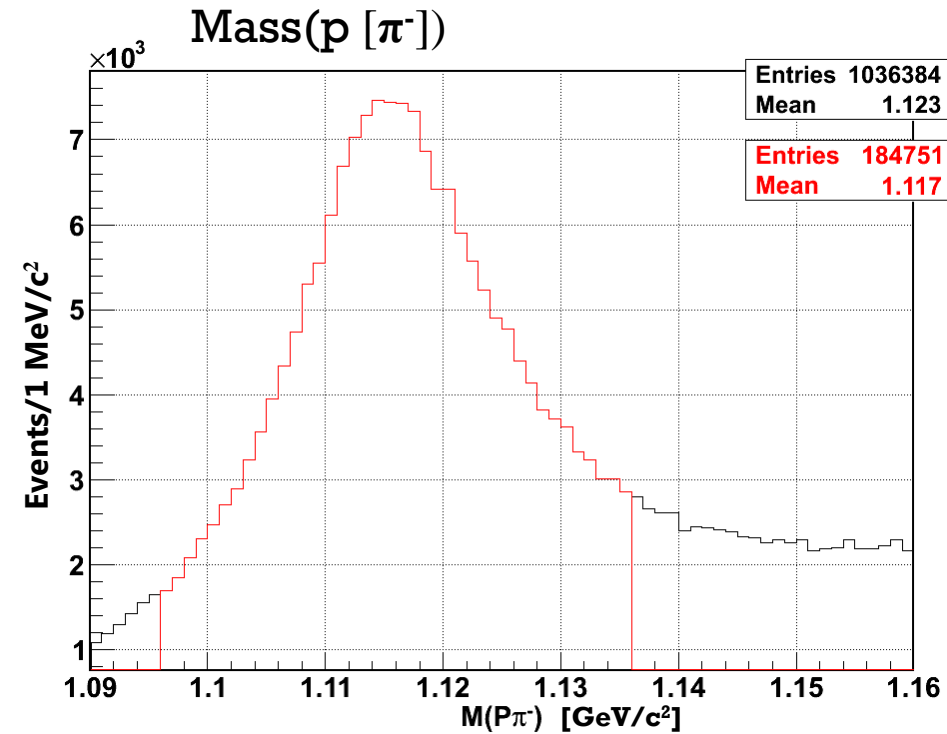
# Kinematic Fitting

- Other cuts include particle beta cuts.



## Lambda Mode

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



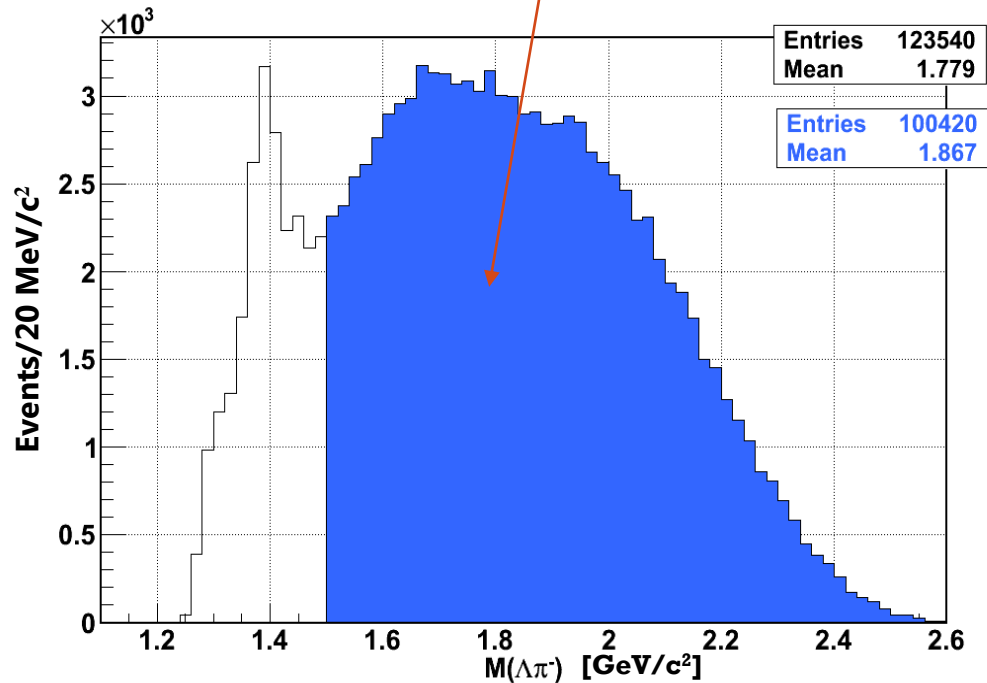
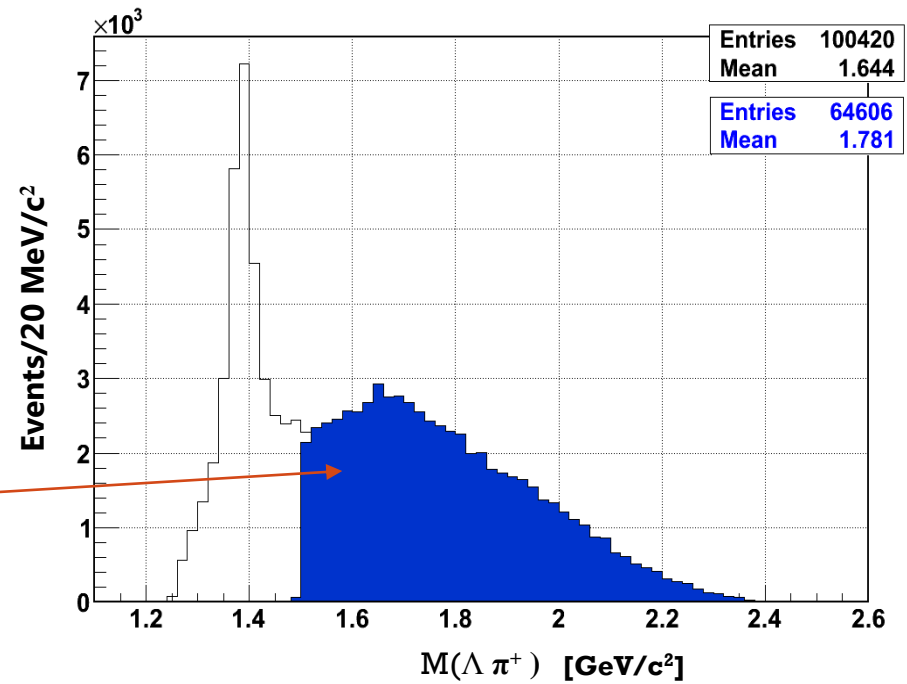
Future plans include kinematically constraining the  $\Lambda$  invariant mass





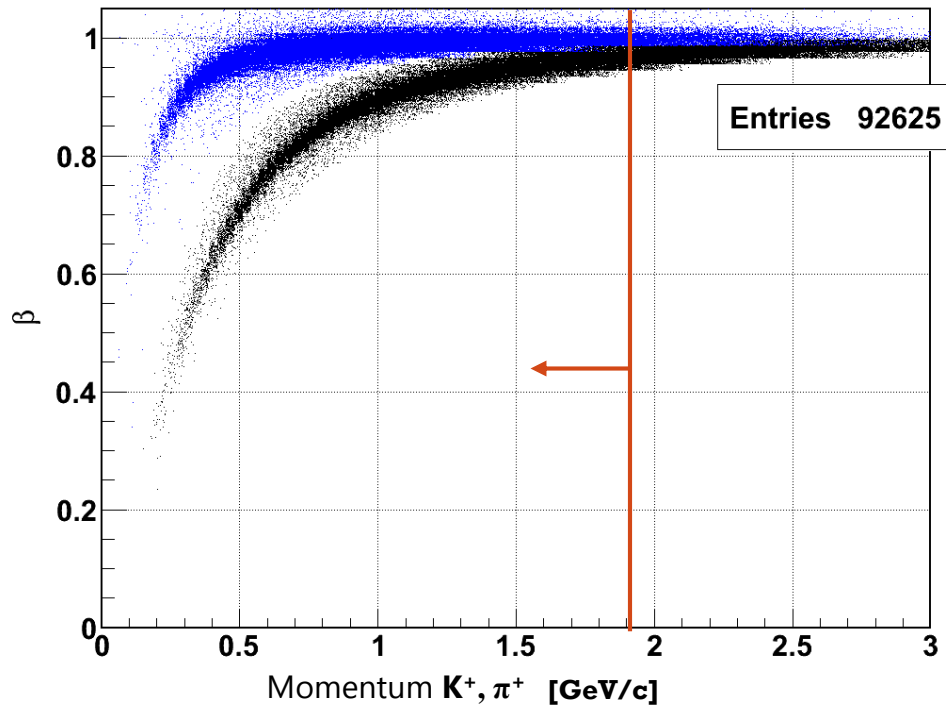
## Background Reduction

$\Sigma(1385)$  Background Eliminated

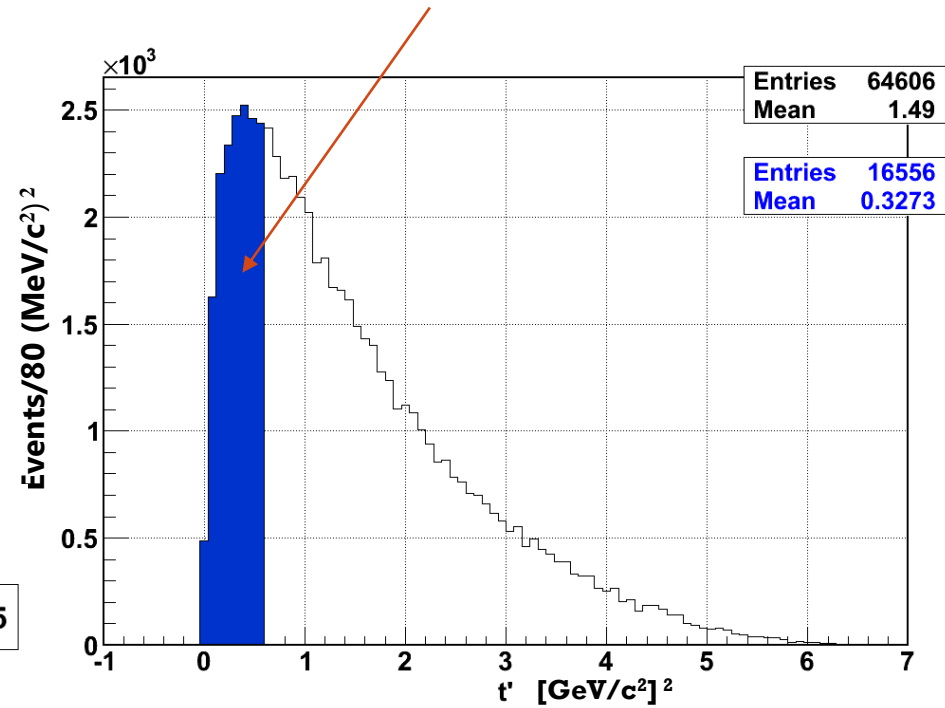


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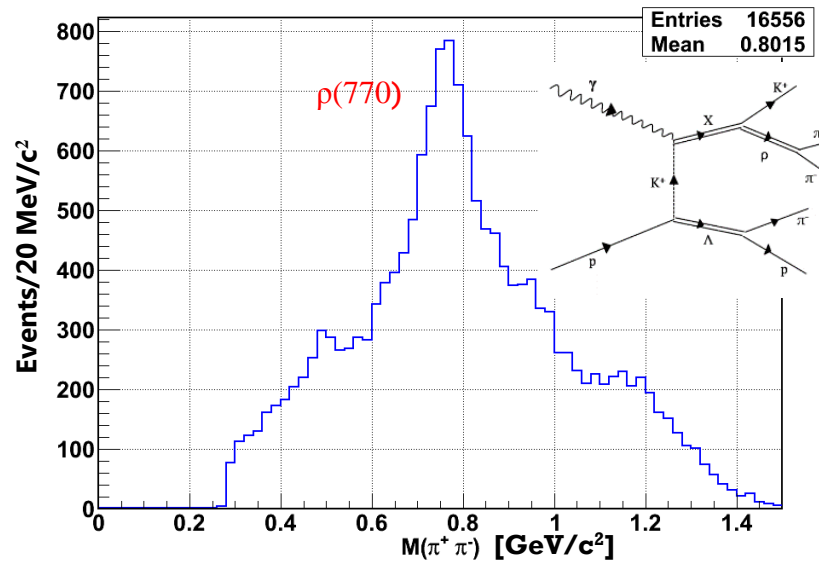
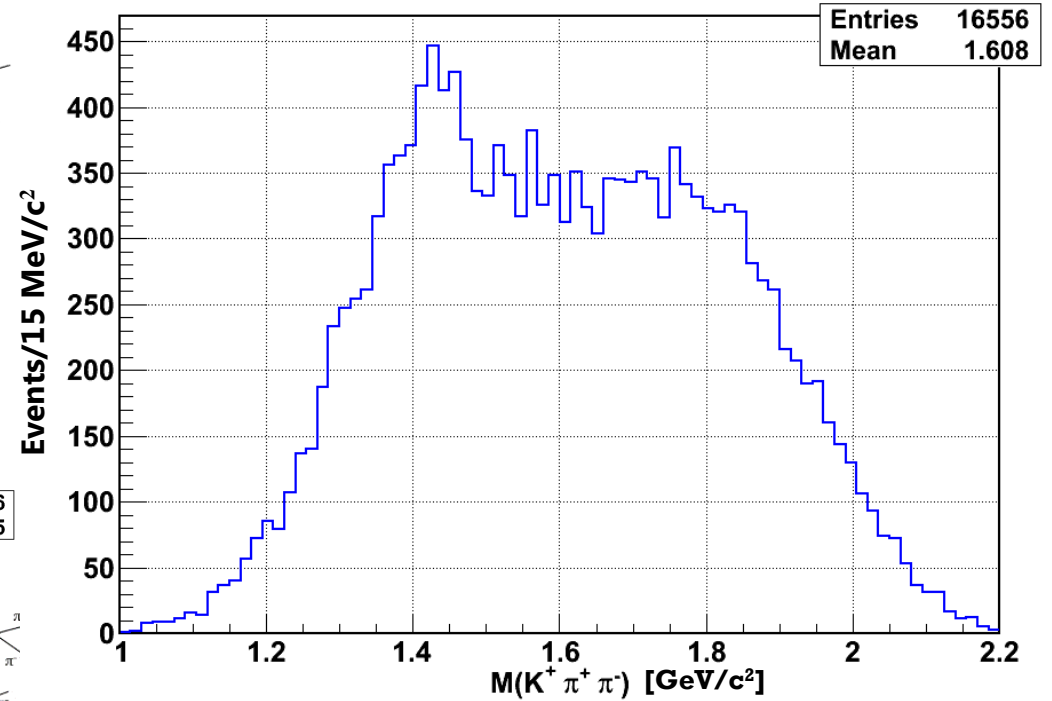
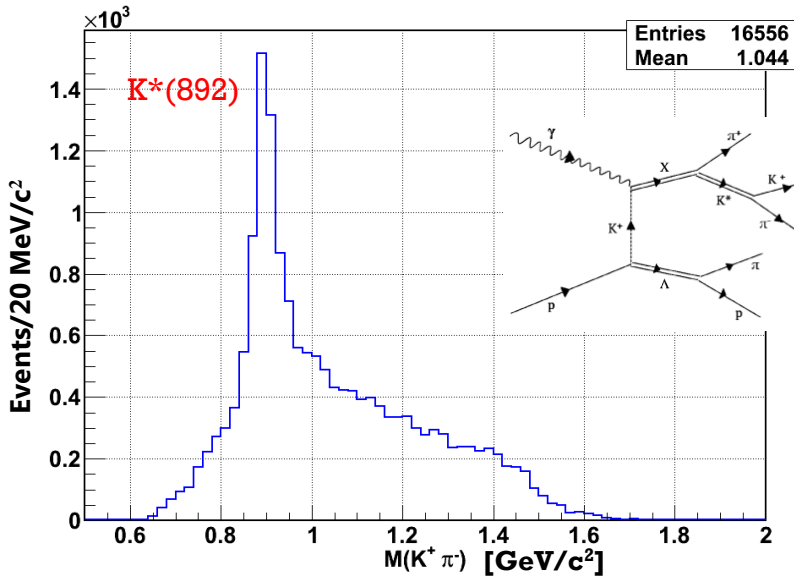
Only Events below the K/ $\pi$  separation threshold are chosen.



Low  $t'$  cut to enhance peripheral production

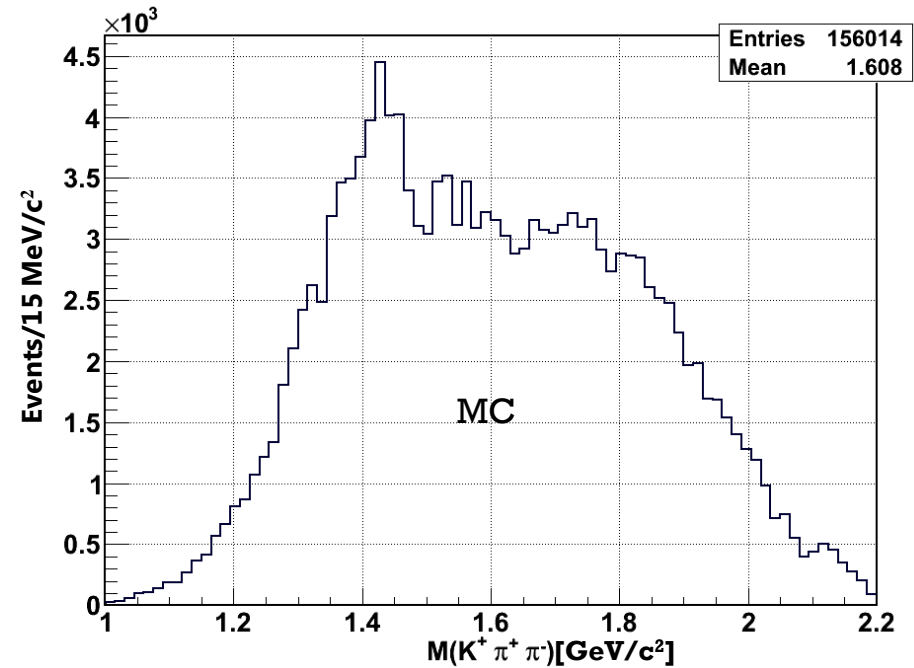
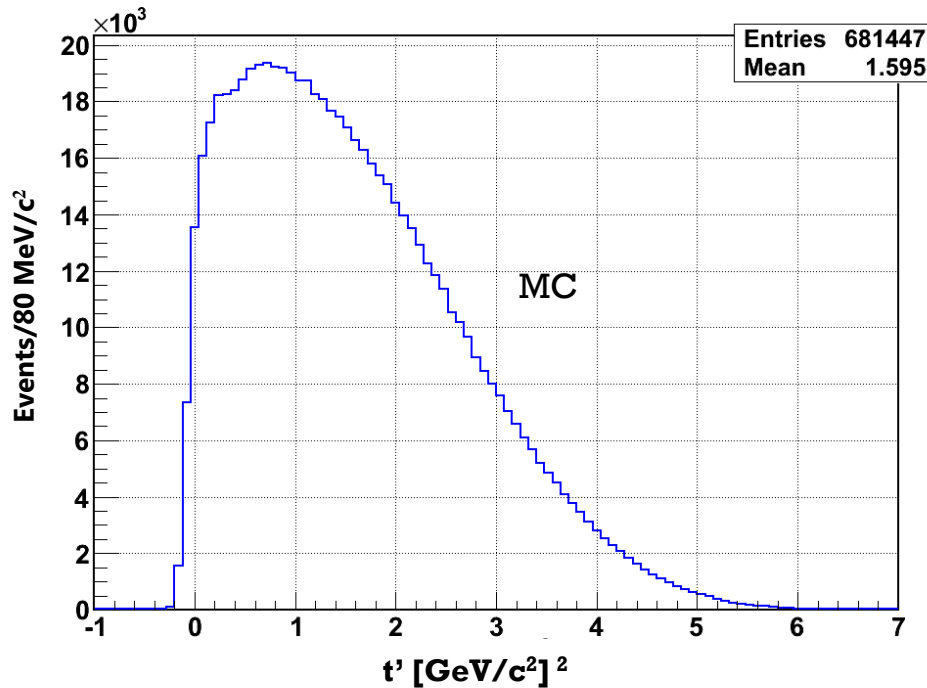


# Final Features



# 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

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

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

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

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

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



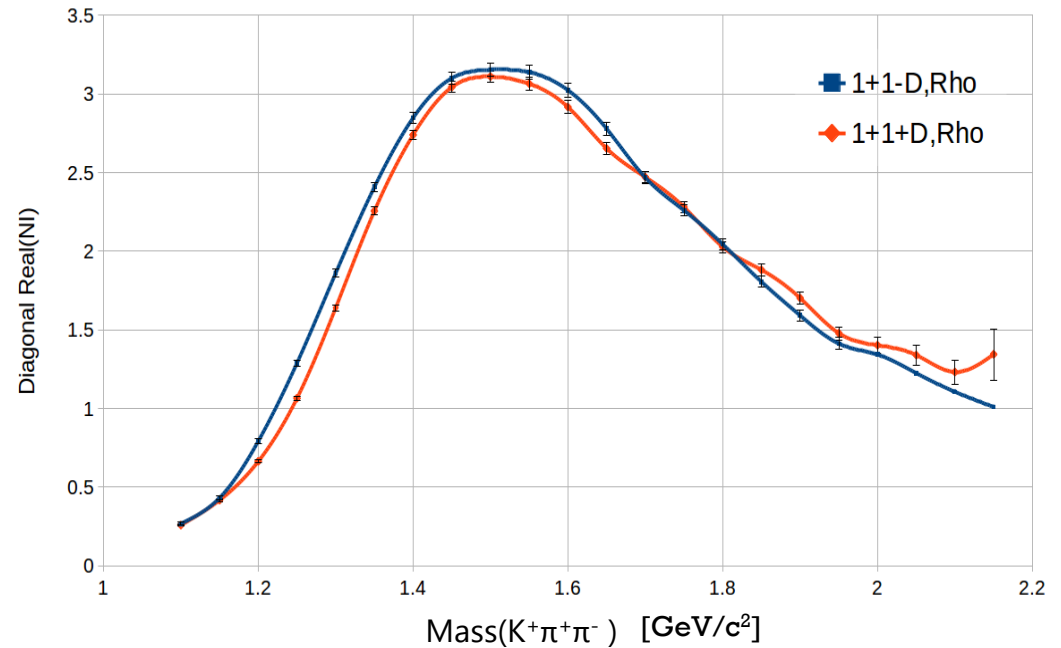
## Normalization Integrals

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

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

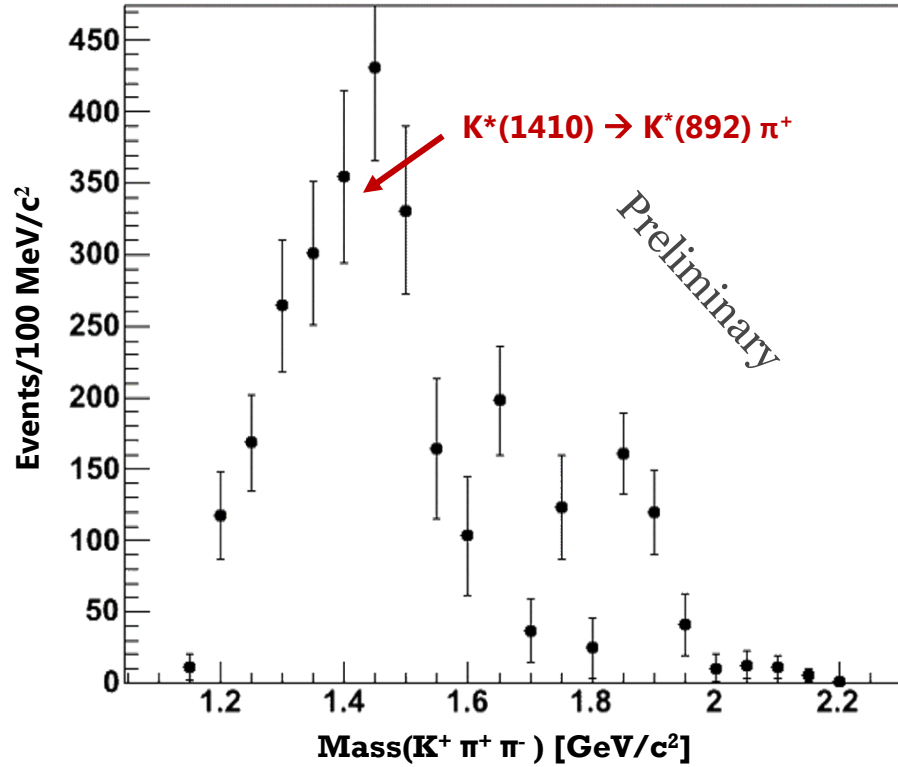
AccNI 1+D,Rho VS Mass(KPiPi)

- 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

**1<sup>-</sup> P , K\*(892) π<sup>+</sup>**



**K\*(1410)**

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

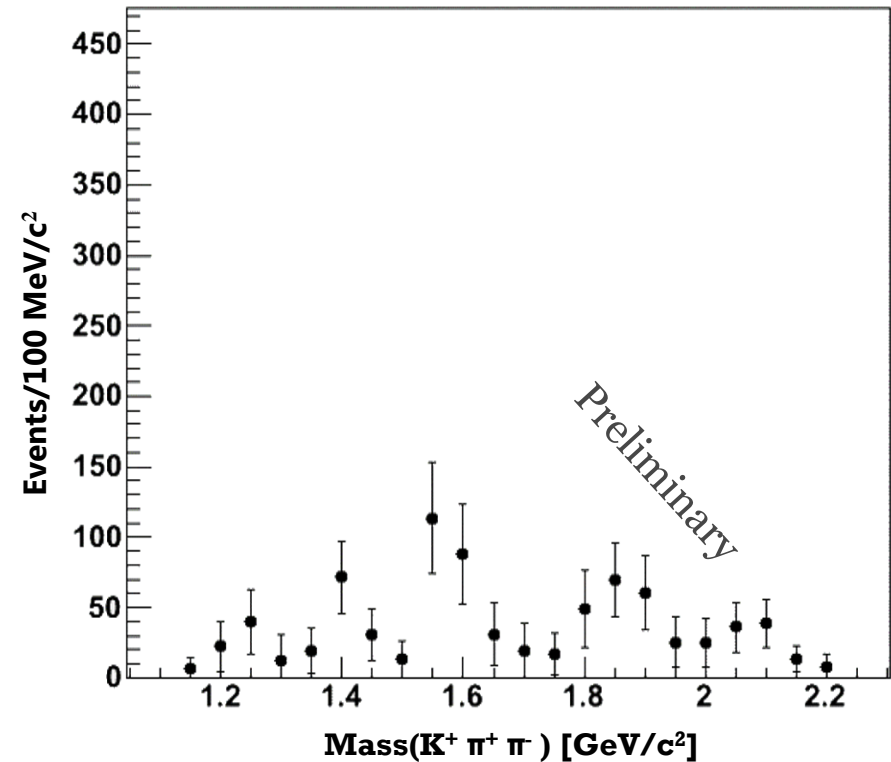
**1<sup>-</sup> P**

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

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

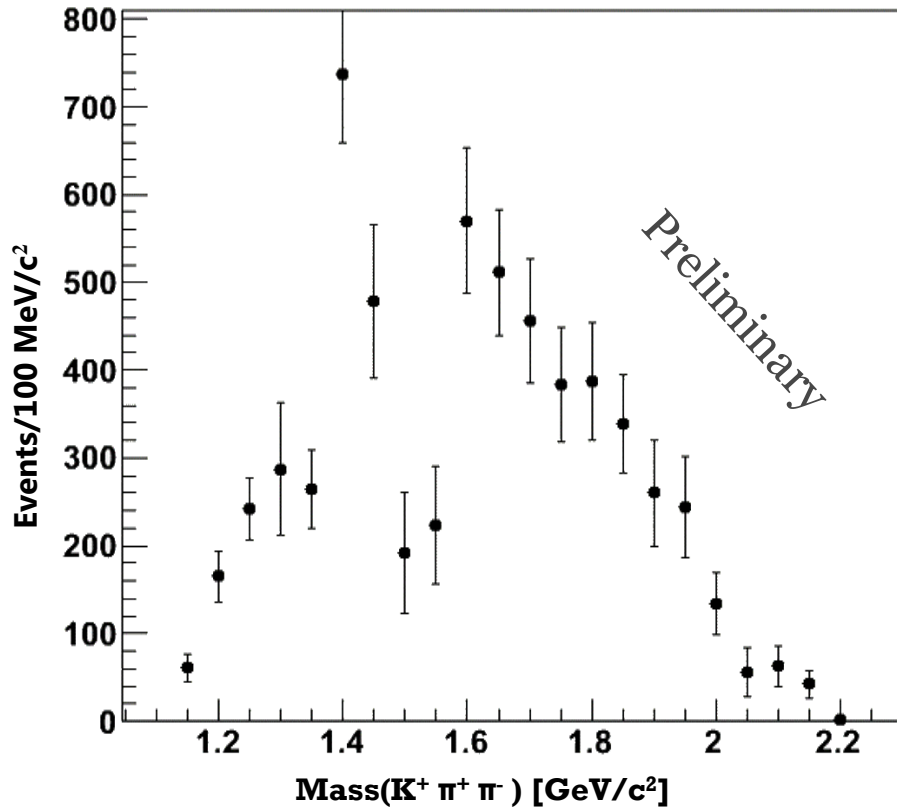
K*(1410) DECAY MODES	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	Confidence level	<sup>P</sup> (MeV/c)
K*(892) π	> 40 %	95%	410
K π	( 6.6 ± 1.3 ) %		612
K ρ	< 7 %	95%	305
γ K <sup>0</sup>	seen		619

**1<sup>-</sup> P , ρ K<sup>+</sup>**



## PWA Results

### $1^+$ , $K^*(892) \pi^+$ Intensity



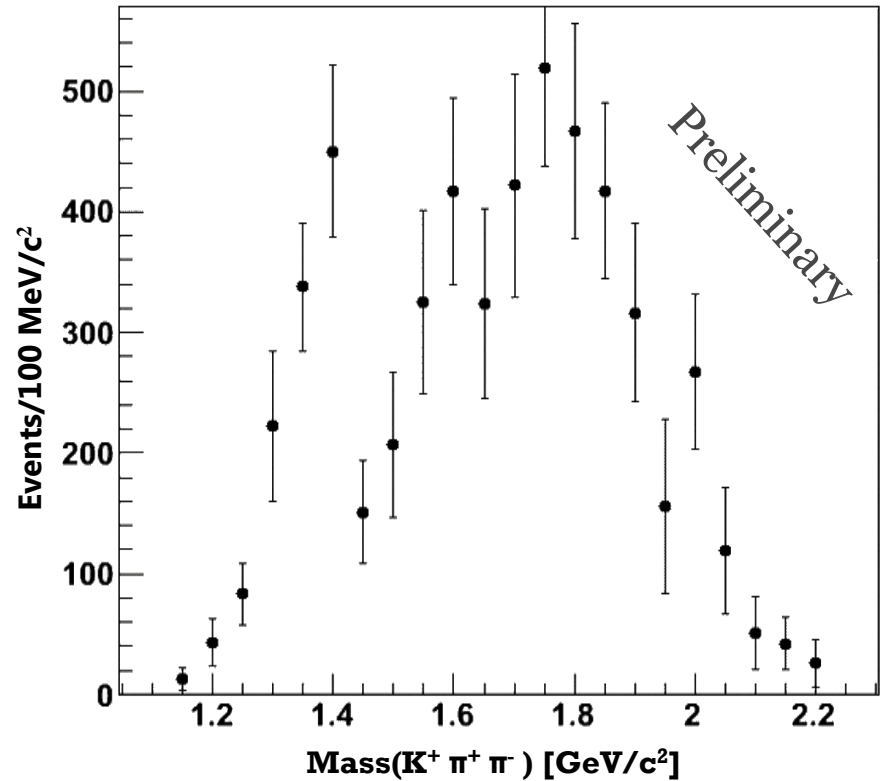
**$K_1(1400)$**

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

Mass  $m = 1403 \pm 7$  MeV

Full width  $\Gamma = 174 \pm 13$  MeV ( $S = 1.6$ )

### $1^+$ , $\rho K^+$ Intensity



The  $K_1(1650)$ , reported but not confirmed

- Mass: 1600-1900 MeV

- Width: 150 – 250 MeV

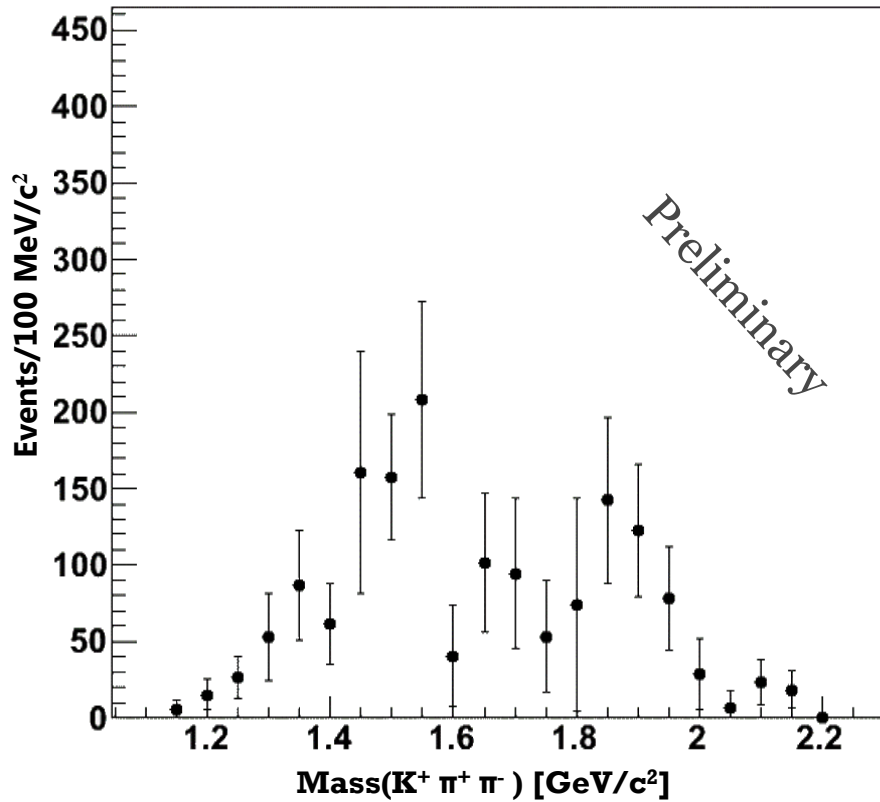
- Reported decay modes:  $K \pi \pi$ ,  $K\Phi$





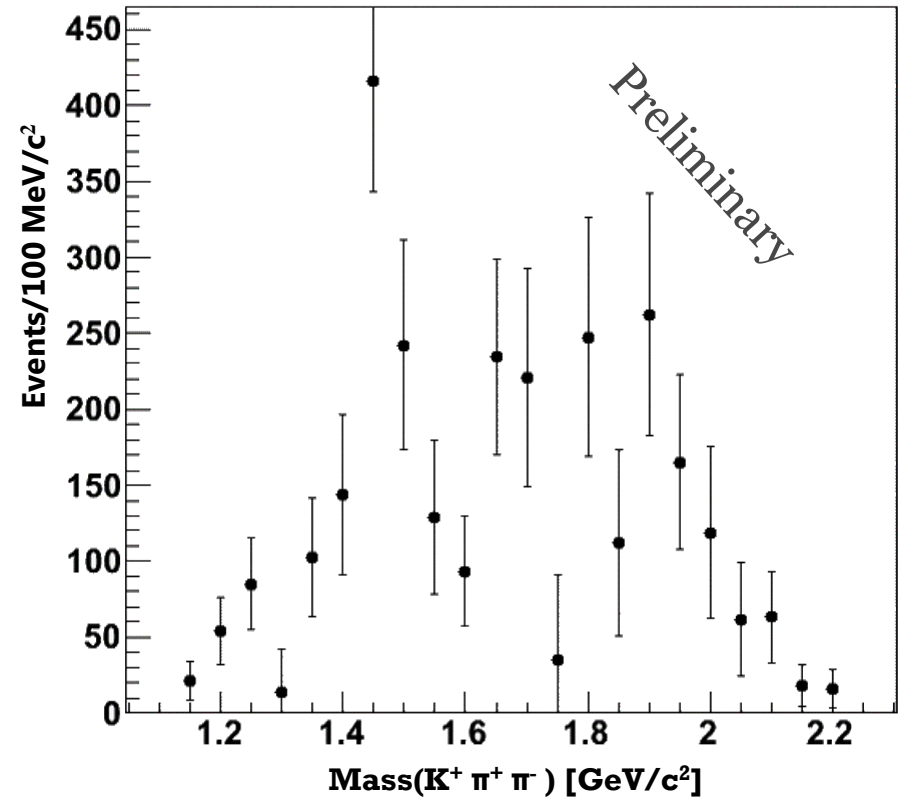
# PWA Results

$2^+$ ,  $K^*(892) \pi^+$  Intensity



$2^+$ ,  $\rho K^+$  Intensity

$2^+$  D



$K_2^*(1430)$

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

- $K_2^*(1430)^\pm$  mass  $m = 1425.6 \pm 1.5$  MeV ( $S = 1.1$ )
- $K_2^*(1430)^0$  mass  $m = 1432.4 \pm 1.3$  MeV
- $K_2^*(1430)^\pm$  full width  $\Gamma = 98.5 \pm 2.7$  MeV ( $S = 1.1$ )
- $K_2^*(1430)^0$  full width  $\Gamma = 109 \pm 5$  MeV ( $S = 1.9$ )



## Summary

- Over 16,500 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 of the PWA results are still under investigation.

