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Properties of the $\Lambda(1405)$ Measured at CLAS

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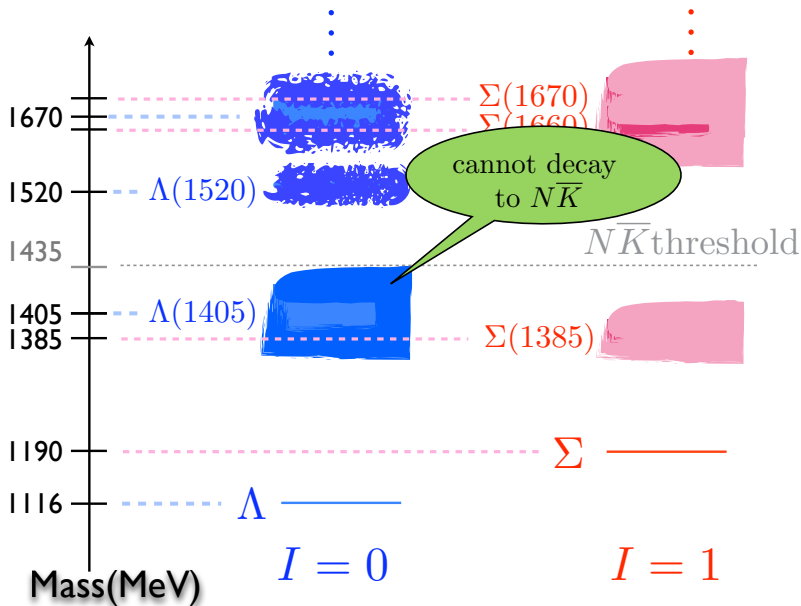
What is the $\Lambda(1405)$?

- **** resonance just below $N\bar{K}$ threshold (~ 1435 MeV)
- $I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$ [**experimentally unconfirmed until now**]
- Decays exclusively to $(\Sigma\pi)^0$
- Past experiments have found **the lineshape** (= invariant $\Sigma\pi$ mass distribution) is distorted from a simple Breit-Wigner form

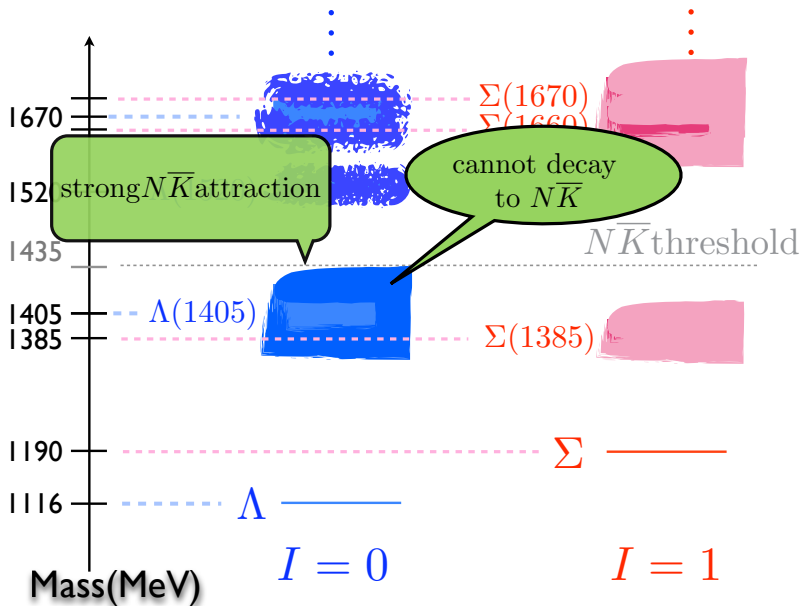
MAIN QUESTION:

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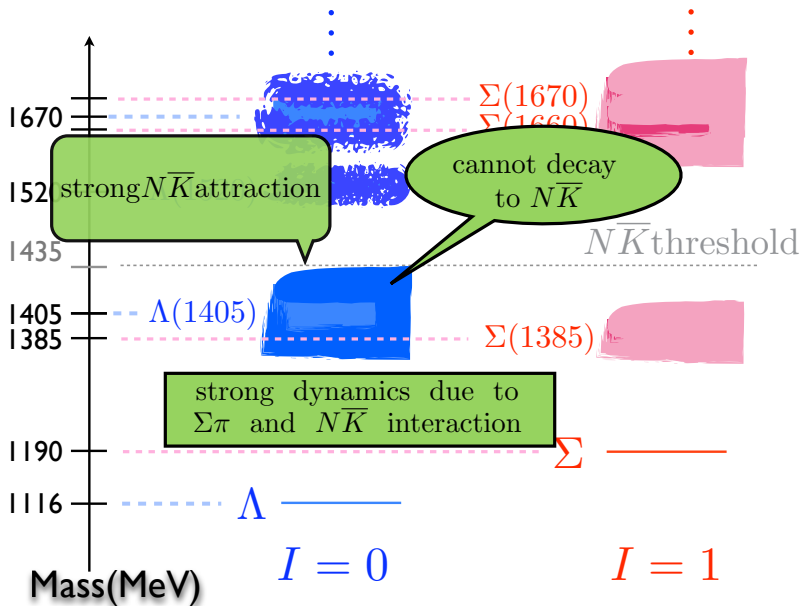
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The Lineshape of the $\Lambda(1405)$

- Several theories exist on the nature of the distorted lineshape
- **All** theories agree that there is a strong coupling between the
 - ▶ $\Sigma\pi$ channel (below $N\bar{K}$ threshold)
 - ▶ $N\bar{K}$ channel (above $N\bar{K}$ threshold)
- Various theories:
 - ▶ “normal” qqq -baryon resonance (the constituent quark model has difficulty with $\Lambda(1405)$ mass)
 - ▶ unstable bound state of $N\bar{K}$ (promoted by Dalitz and others)
 - ▶ deeply bound state of $N\bar{K}$
 - ▶ $qqqq\bar{q}$
 - ▶ **dynamically generated resonance** in **unitary coupled channel approach**

Coupled Channel Chiral Unitary Theory

CHIRAL THEORY

Effective chiral Lagrangian describes the interactions of the ground state baryons and mesons.

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COUPLED CHANNELS

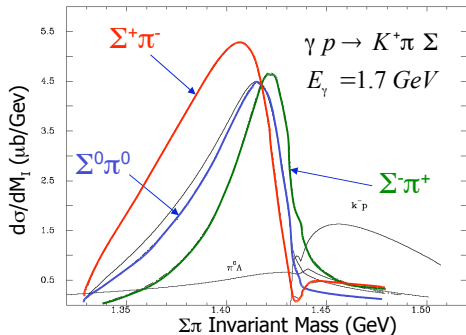
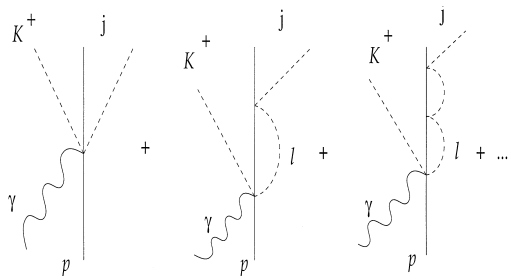
Exact unitarity is enforced amongst the coupled channels

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- Many predictions on hadrons have been given by E. Oset and others

Chiral Unitary Coupled Channel Approach

dynamically generate $\Lambda(1405)$
based on chiral unitary model



J. C. Nacher et al., Phys. Lett. B455, 55 (1999)

Difference in Lineshape

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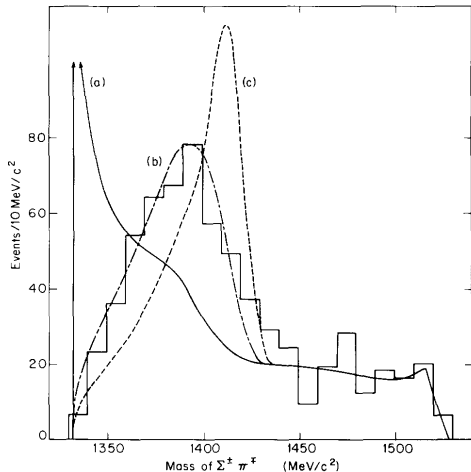
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- Difference in lineshapes is due to interference of isospin terms in calculation ($T^{(1)}$ represents amplitude of isospin I term)
- Distortion of the lineshape is connected to underlying QCD amplitudes that generate the $\Lambda(1405)$
- This analysis will measure **all three** $\Sigma\pi$ channels

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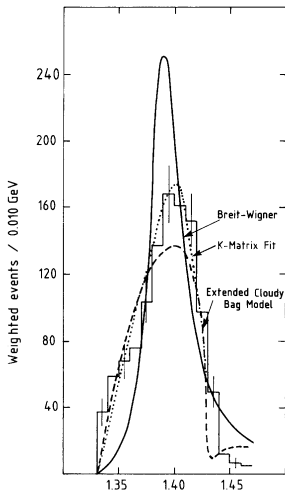
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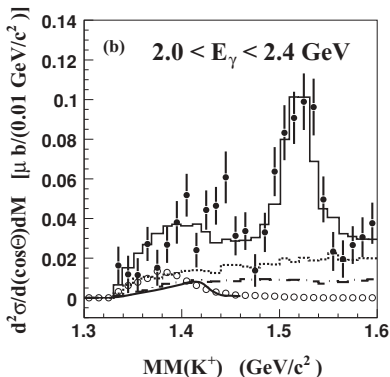
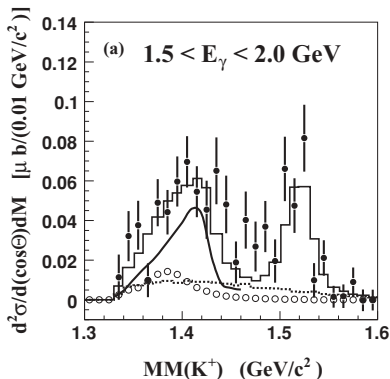
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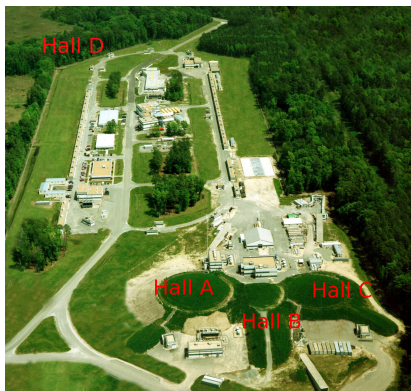
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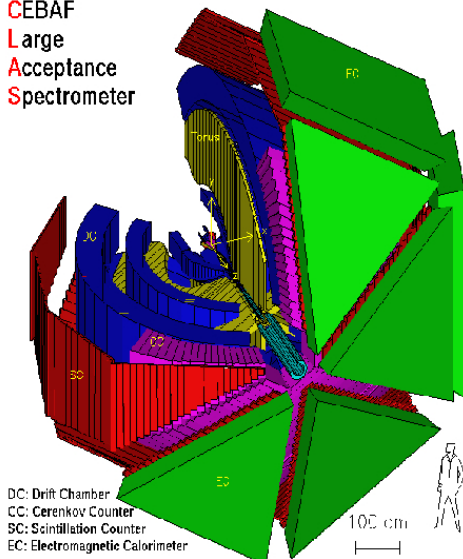
- Jefferson Lab (JLab) located in Newport News, VA
- CEBAF (Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility) gives 2 ns timing electron beam up to 6 GeV
- Halls A, B, C (+ D: upcoming)
- Hall B = CLAS (CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer) collaboration



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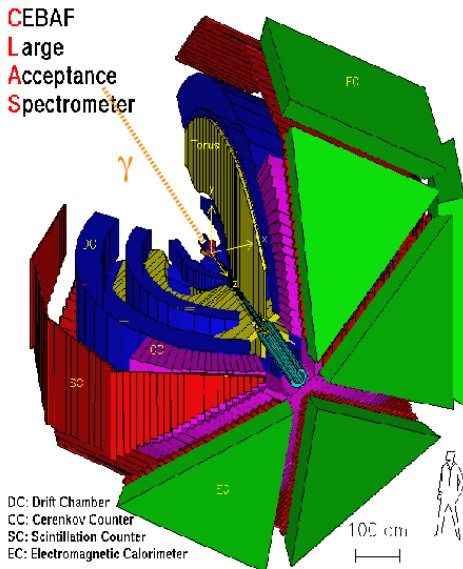
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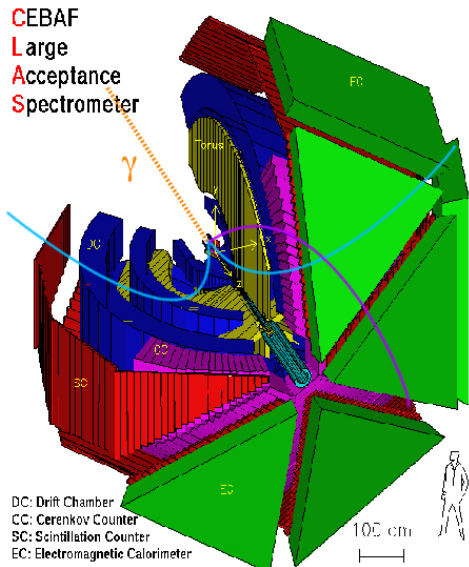
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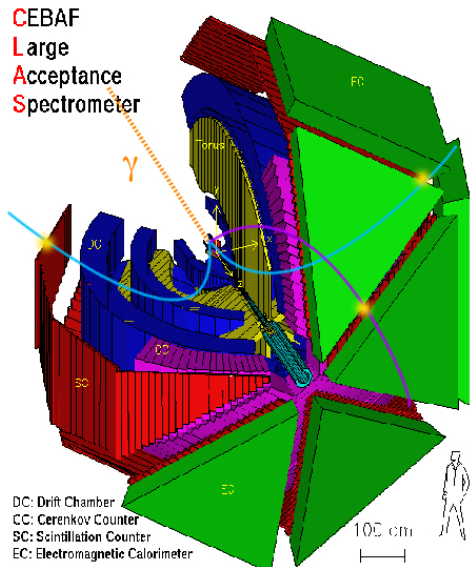
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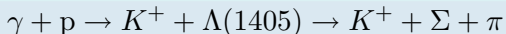


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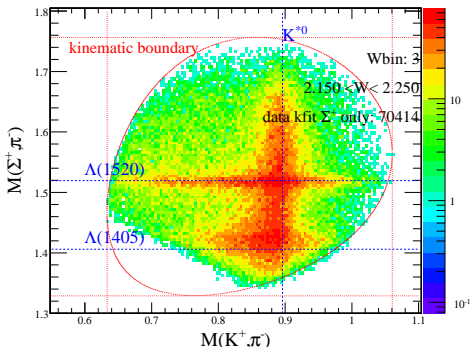


- Final state of interest is K^+, Σ, π
- $\Sigma\pi$ resonances: $\Sigma(1385)$, $\Lambda(1405)$, $\Lambda(1520)$
- $K^+\pi$ resonance: K^* when $\pi = \pi^+$ or π^0
- besides the $K^+\Sigma\pi$ state, we will also detect the $K^+\Lambda\pi$ state
 - ▶ Resonance of $\Lambda\pi$ will be $\Sigma(1385)$
 - ▶ Resonance of $K^+\pi$ will be K^*
- Background channels:
 - ▶ $\Sigma(1385)$ – close in mass, large width (~ 35 MeV)
 - ▶ K^* – overlap in 3-body phase space plot of K^+, Σ, π

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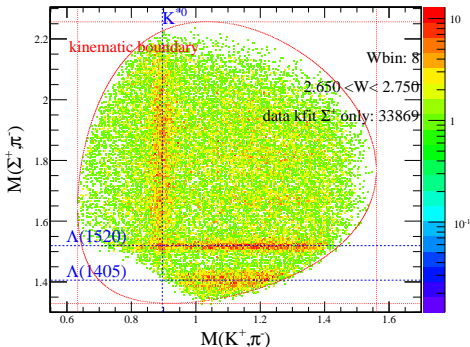
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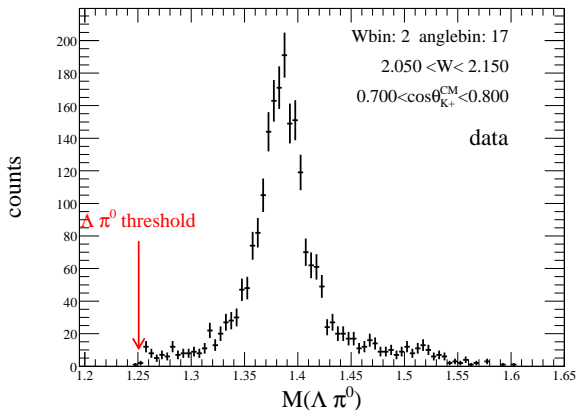
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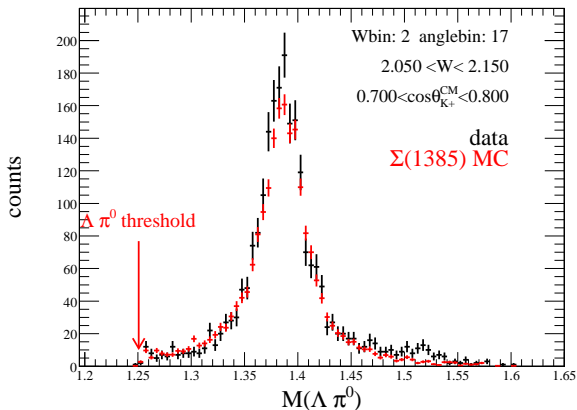
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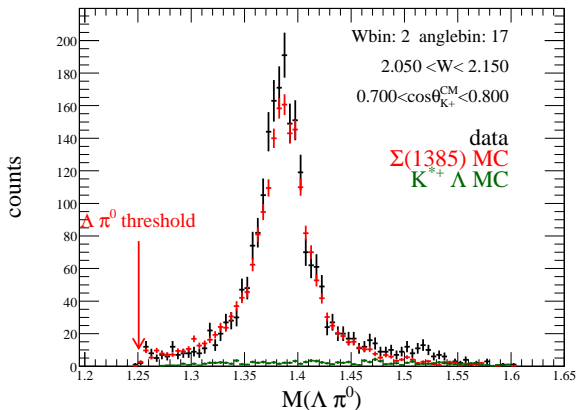
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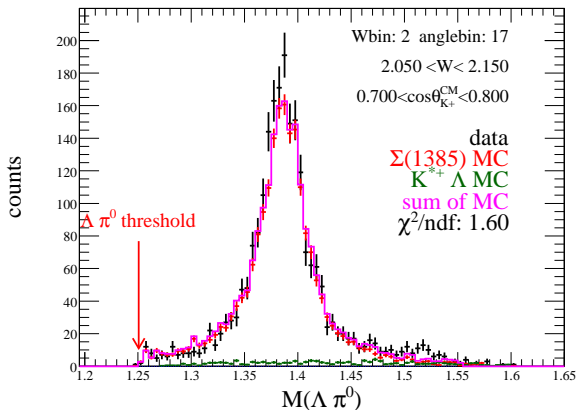
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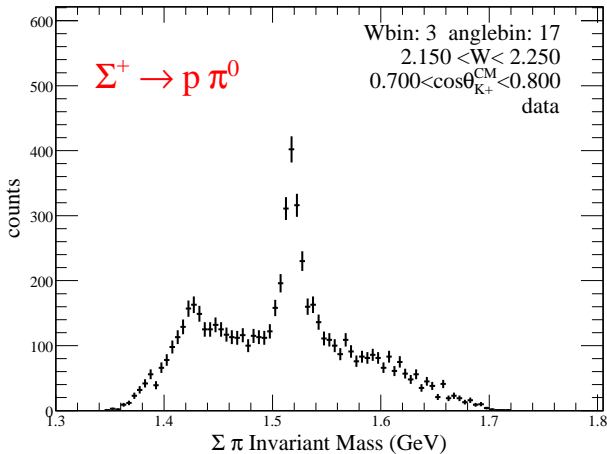
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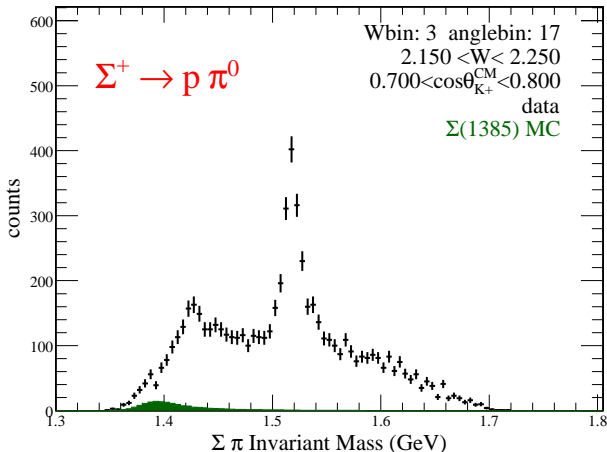
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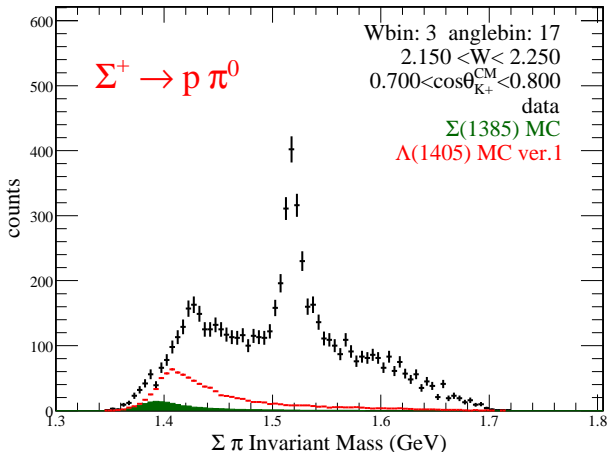
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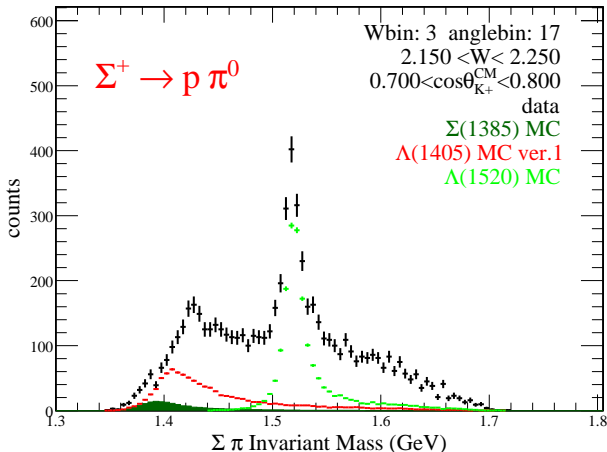
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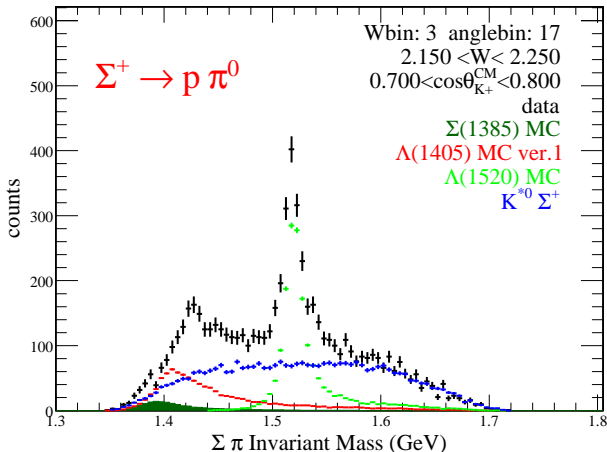
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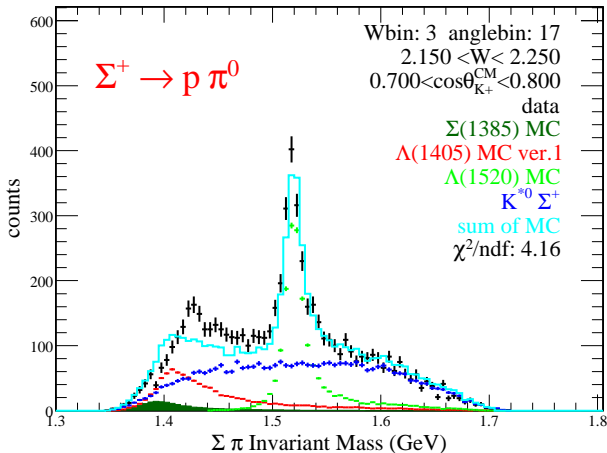
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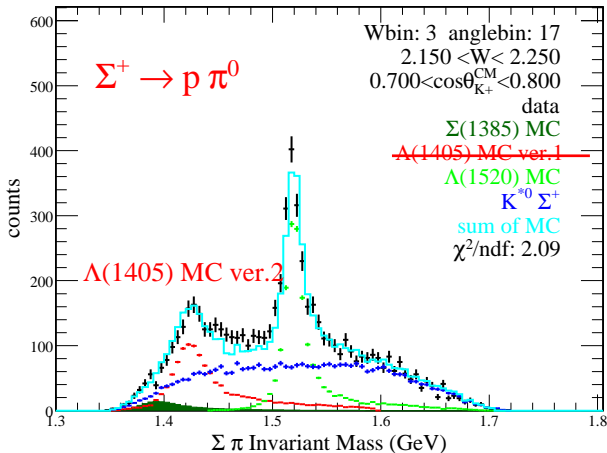
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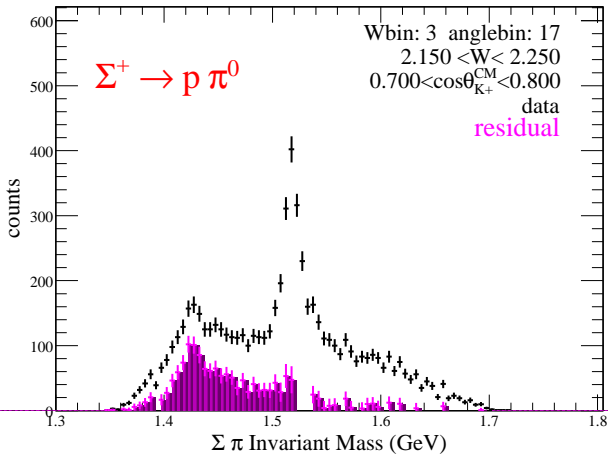
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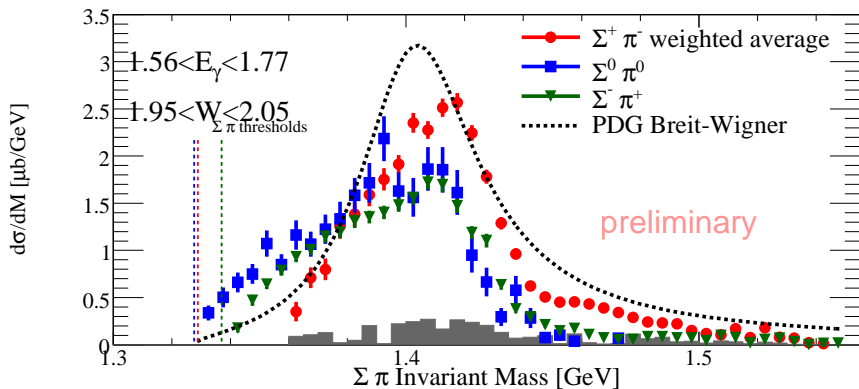
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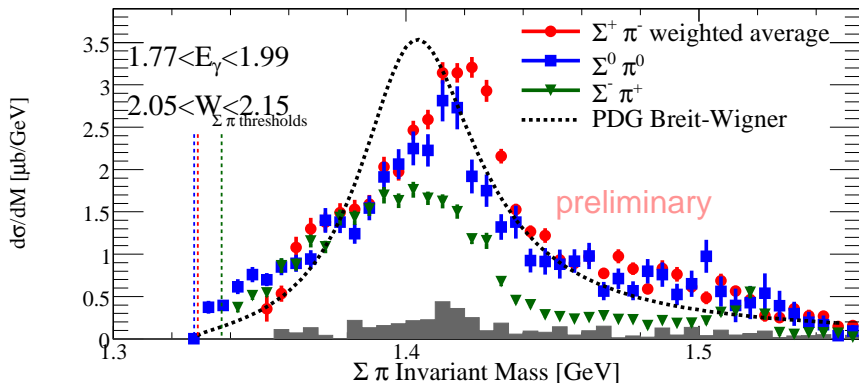
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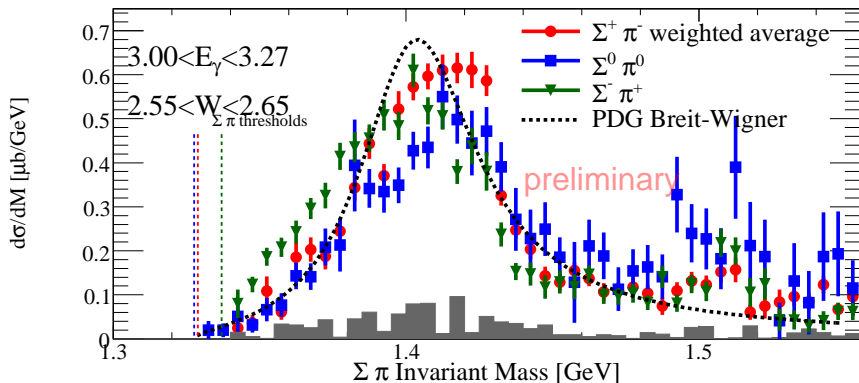
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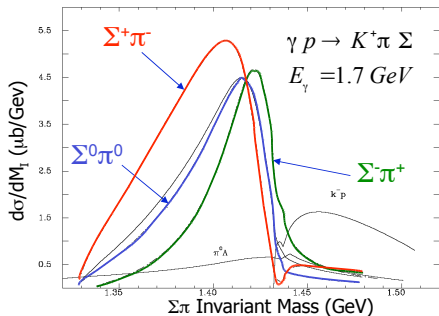
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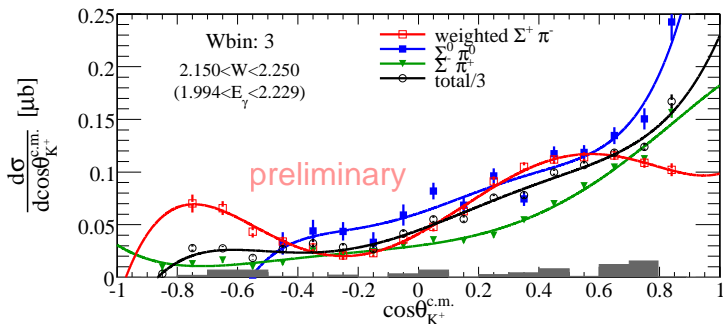


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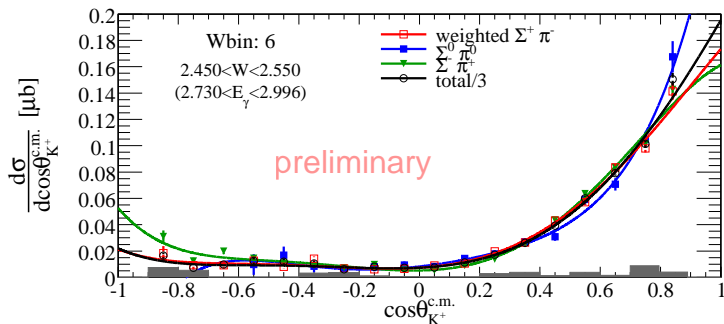
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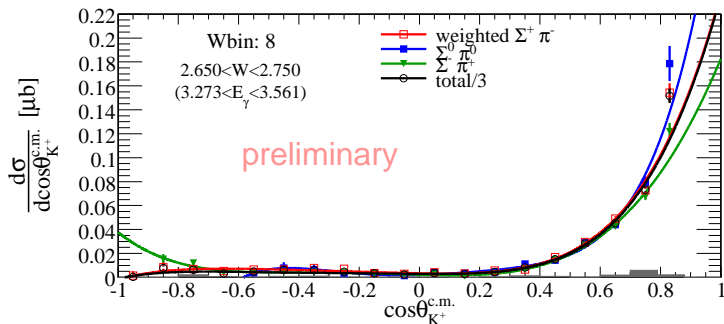
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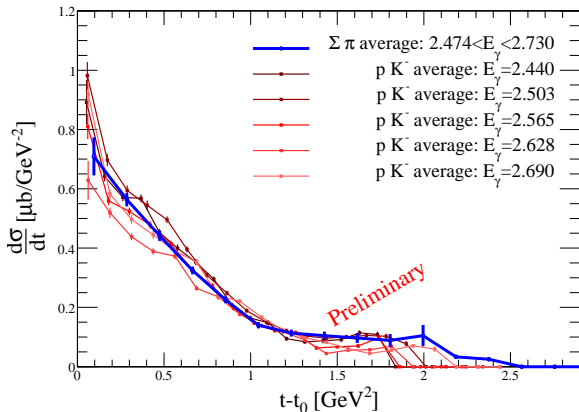
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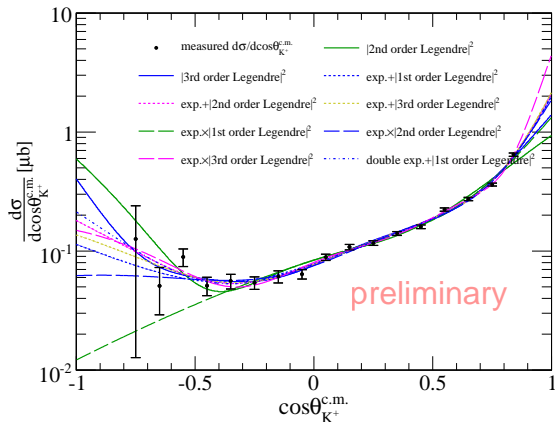
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- binning is in $t - t_{\min}$
- good agreement with pK^- channel from CLAS (unpublished)
— data provided by R. de Vita *et al.* (INFN Genova)

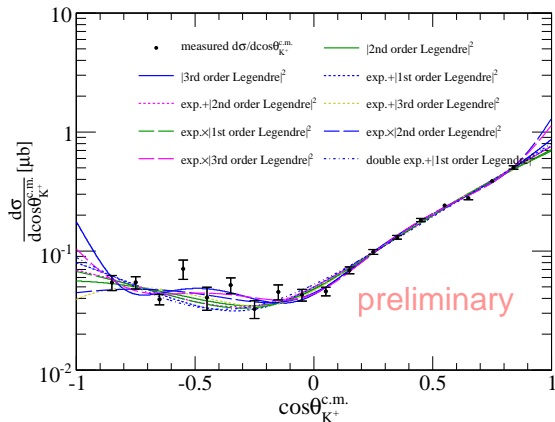
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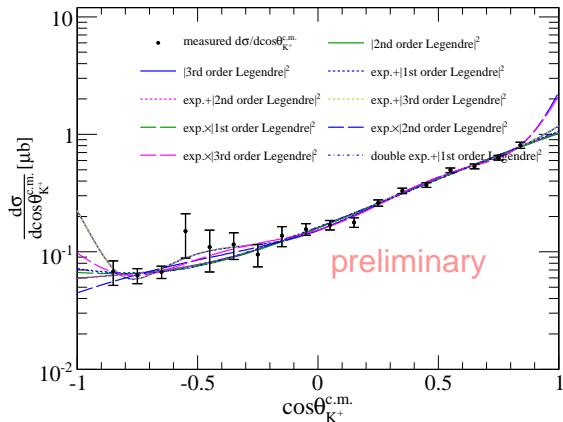
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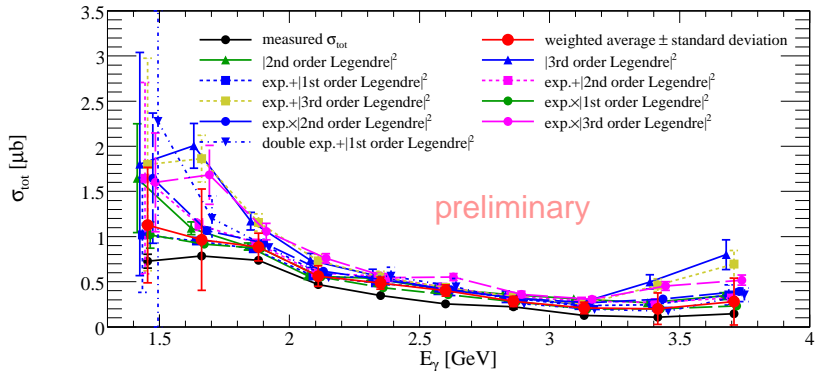
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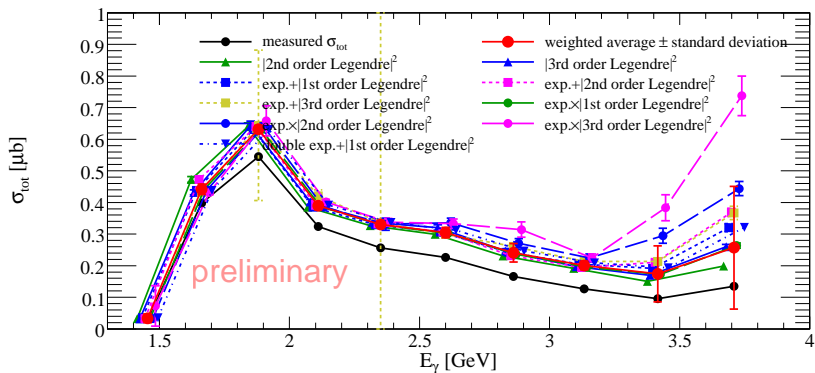
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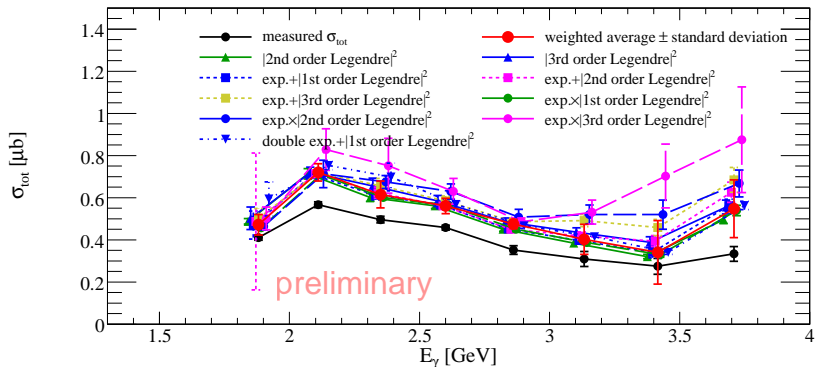
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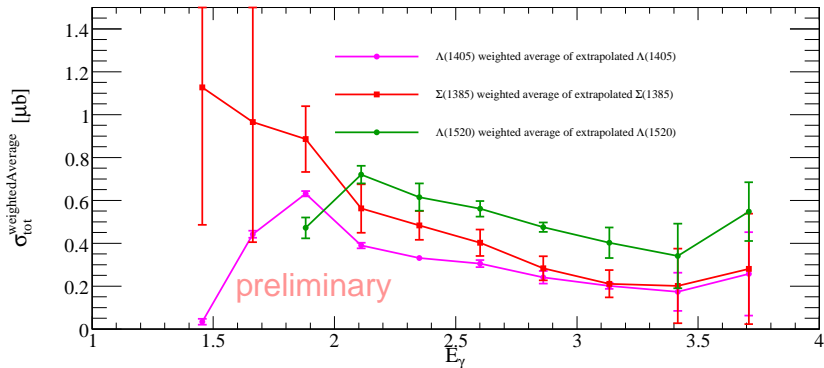
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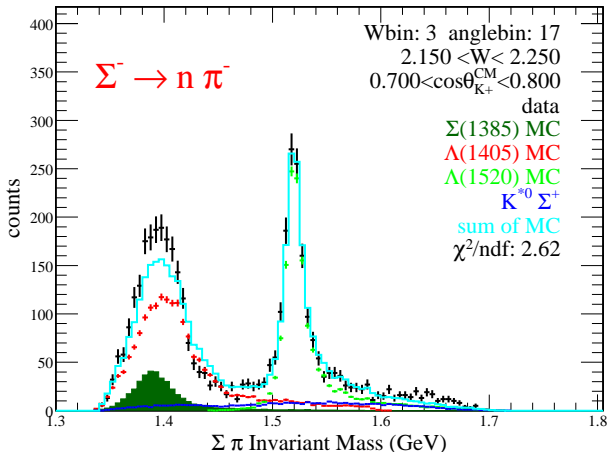
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Conclusion

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- Strong hints of “dynamical” nature
- **Difference in lineshapes** observed
 - ▶ Strong effects of *both* isospin $I = 0$ and $I = 1$
 - ▶ Hints of dynamical nature of $\Lambda(1405)$?
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- **Difference in $d\sigma/d\cos\theta_{K^+}^{c.m.}$ behavior** observed
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 - ▶ Cross sections for $\Sigma(1385)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$ also measured
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 - ▶ $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$
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 - ▶ Falloff of lineshape at $N\bar{K}$ threshold also supports $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$

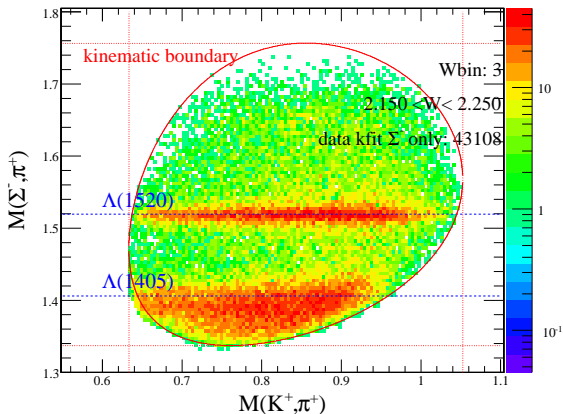
Fit to Lineshape With MC Templates



example:
1 energy and angle
bin out of ~ 150

- subtract off $\Sigma(1385)$, $\Lambda(1520)$, $K^+ \Sigma^- \pi^+$ phase space
- assigned the remaining contribution to the $\Lambda(1405)$

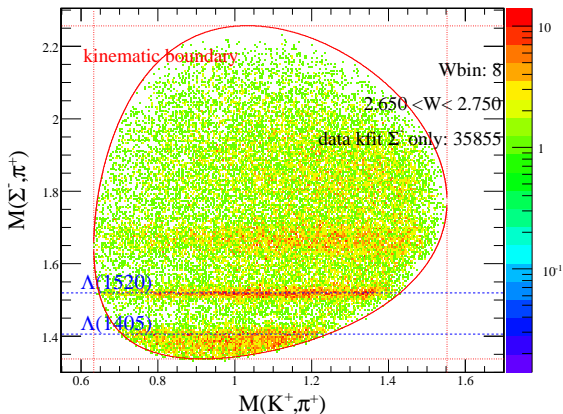
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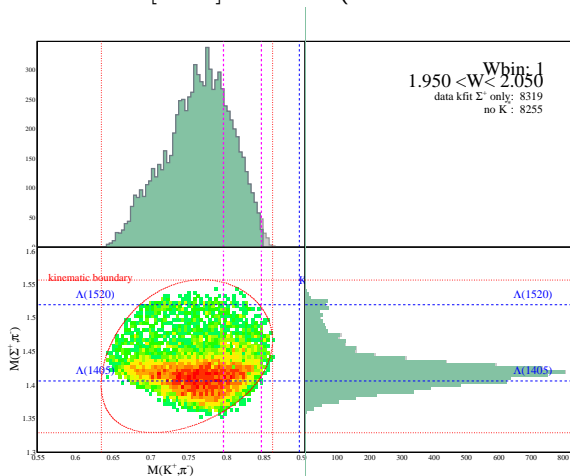


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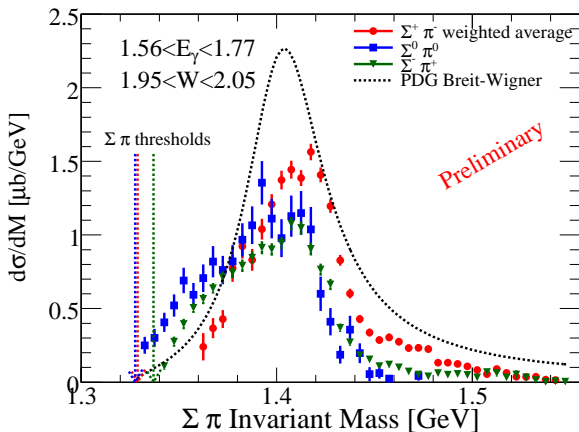
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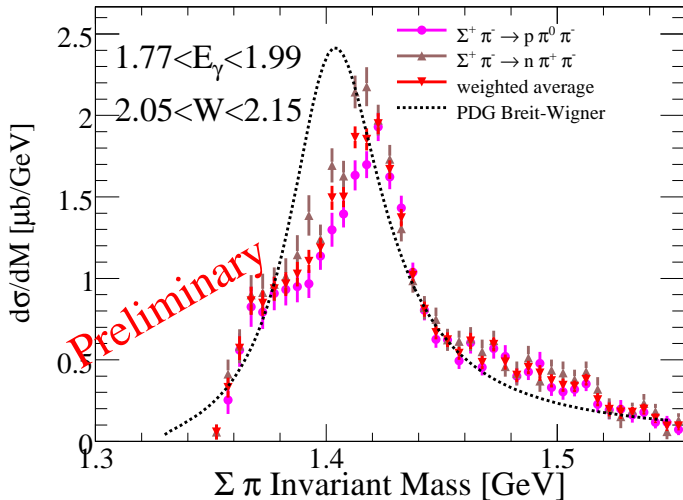
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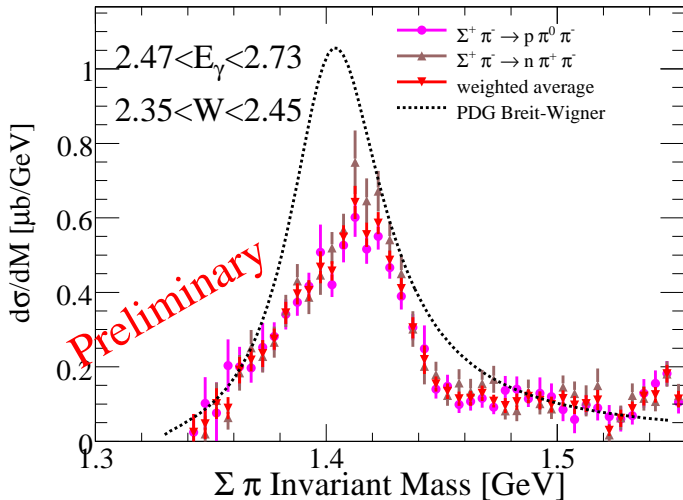


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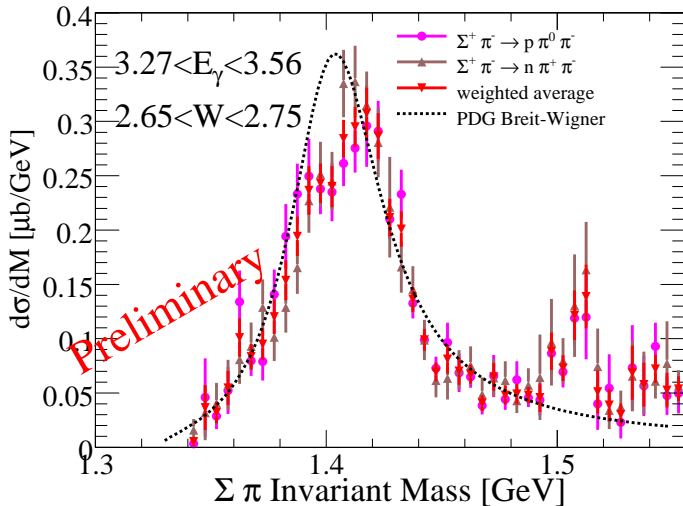
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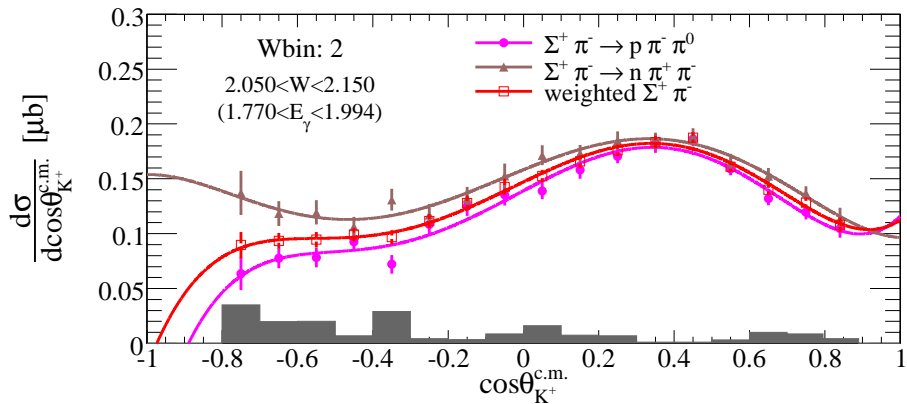
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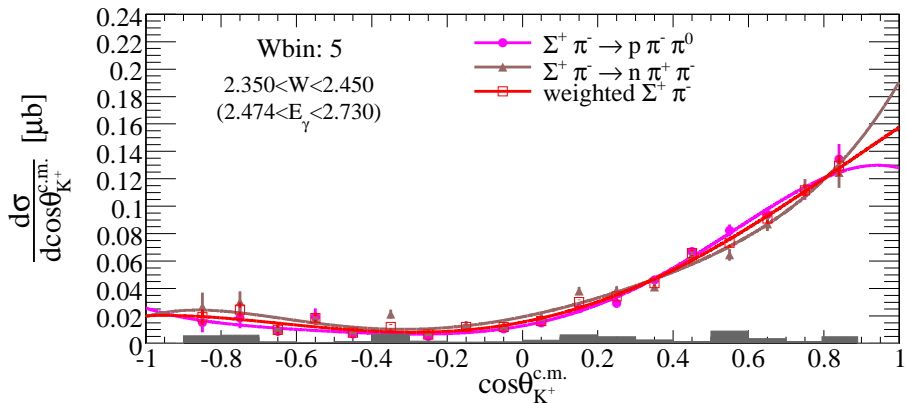
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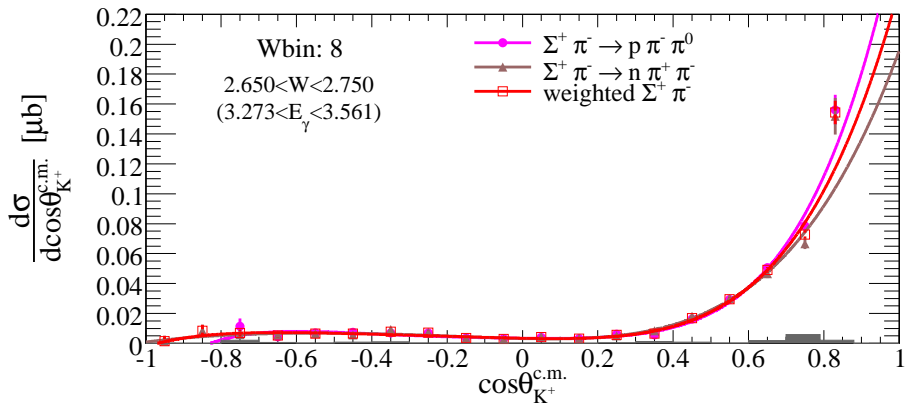
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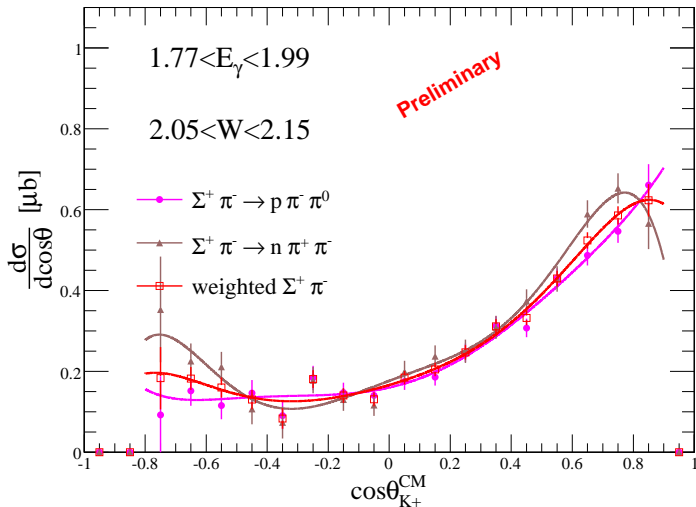
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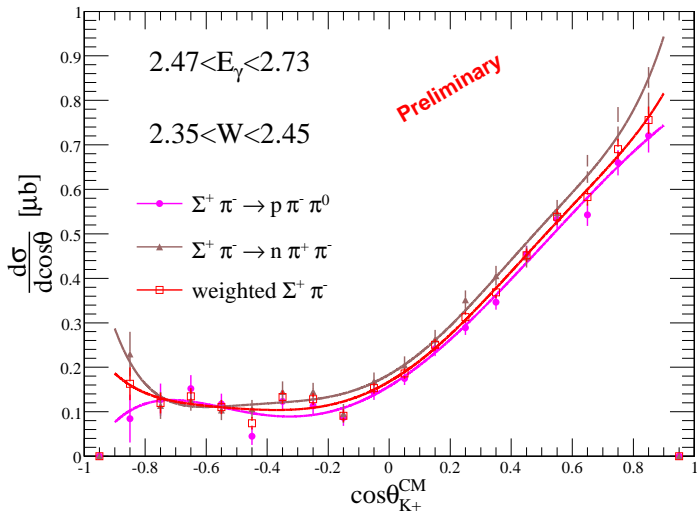
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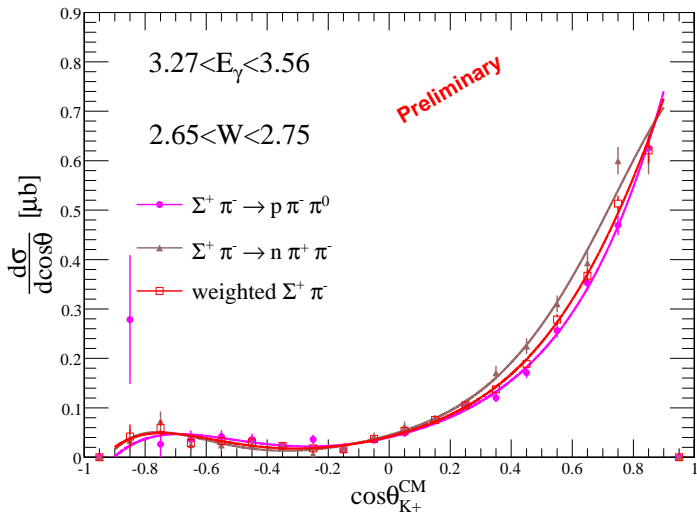
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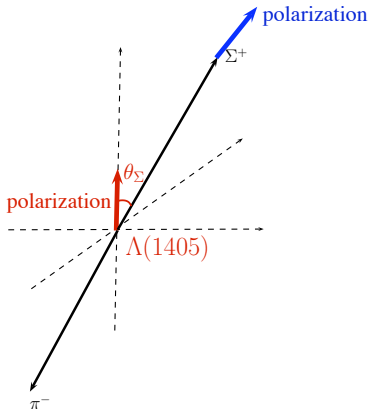
6 SPIN AND PARITY

J^P of $\Lambda(1405)$

no previous **direct experimental evidence** for the spin and parity
(PDG **assumes** $1/2^-$) "Note on the $\Lambda(1405)$ " 1998 PDG, R.H. Dalitz

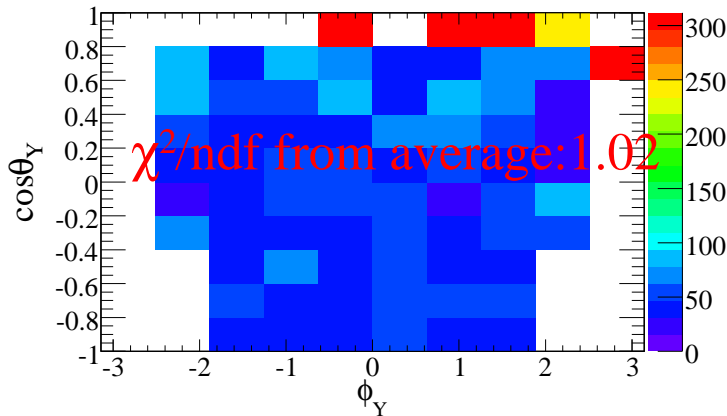
How do we measure these quantities?

- **spin** – measure distribution into $\Sigma\pi$
 - ▶ flat distribution is best evidence possible for $J = 1/2$
- **parity** – measure polarization of Σ from $\Lambda(1405)$
 - ▶ Polarization direction as a function of Σ decay angle will be determined by J^P of $\Lambda(1405)$



Determination of Spin

Fit to $\Sigma\pi$ distribution is FLAT

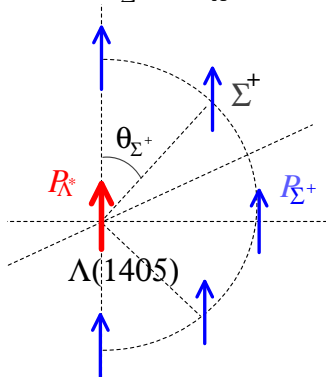


- consistent with $J = 1/2$
- fits to higher moments may be necessary

s-wave, p-wave Scenario

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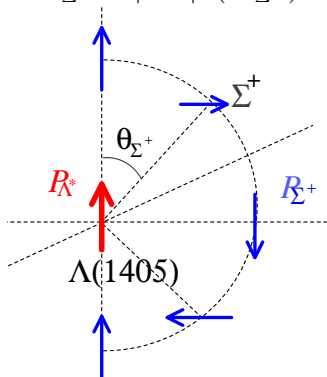
$$\vec{P}_{\Sigma^+} = \vec{P}_{\Lambda^*}$$



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$L = 1$ (p-wave)

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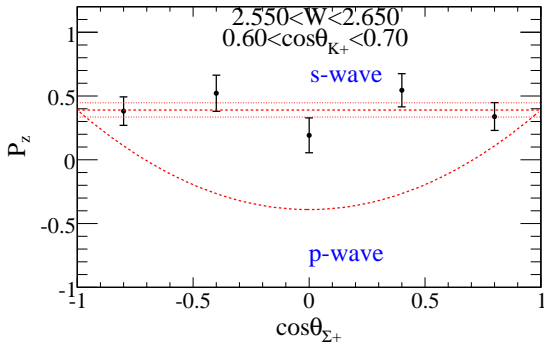


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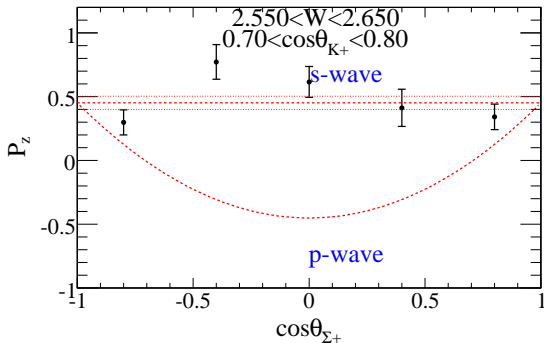
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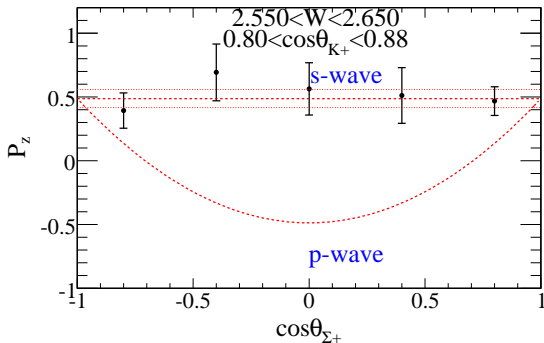
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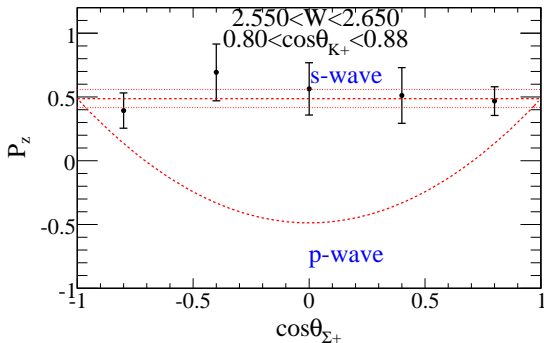
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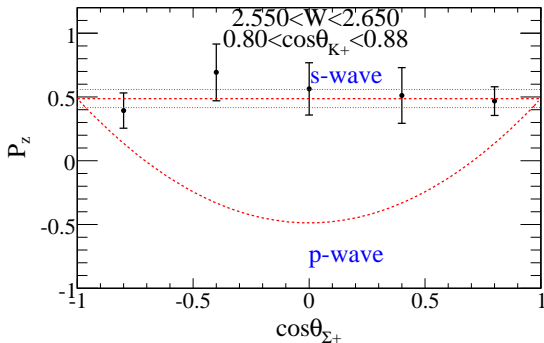


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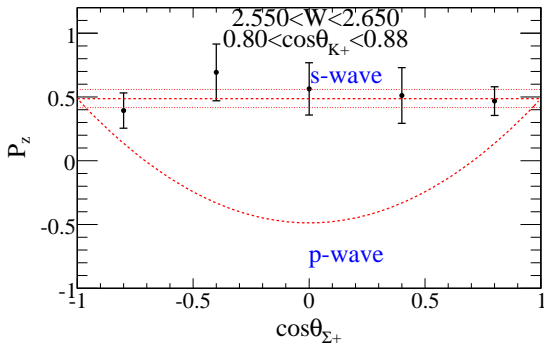
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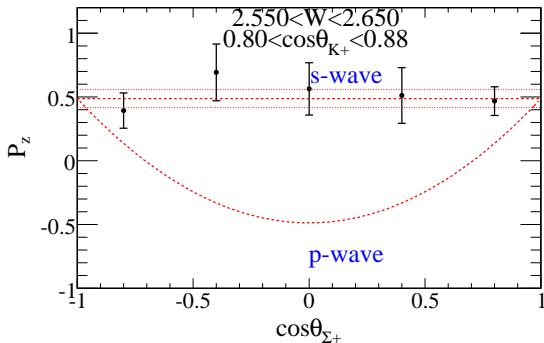
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