

# Pentaquark Searches with H1 at HERA

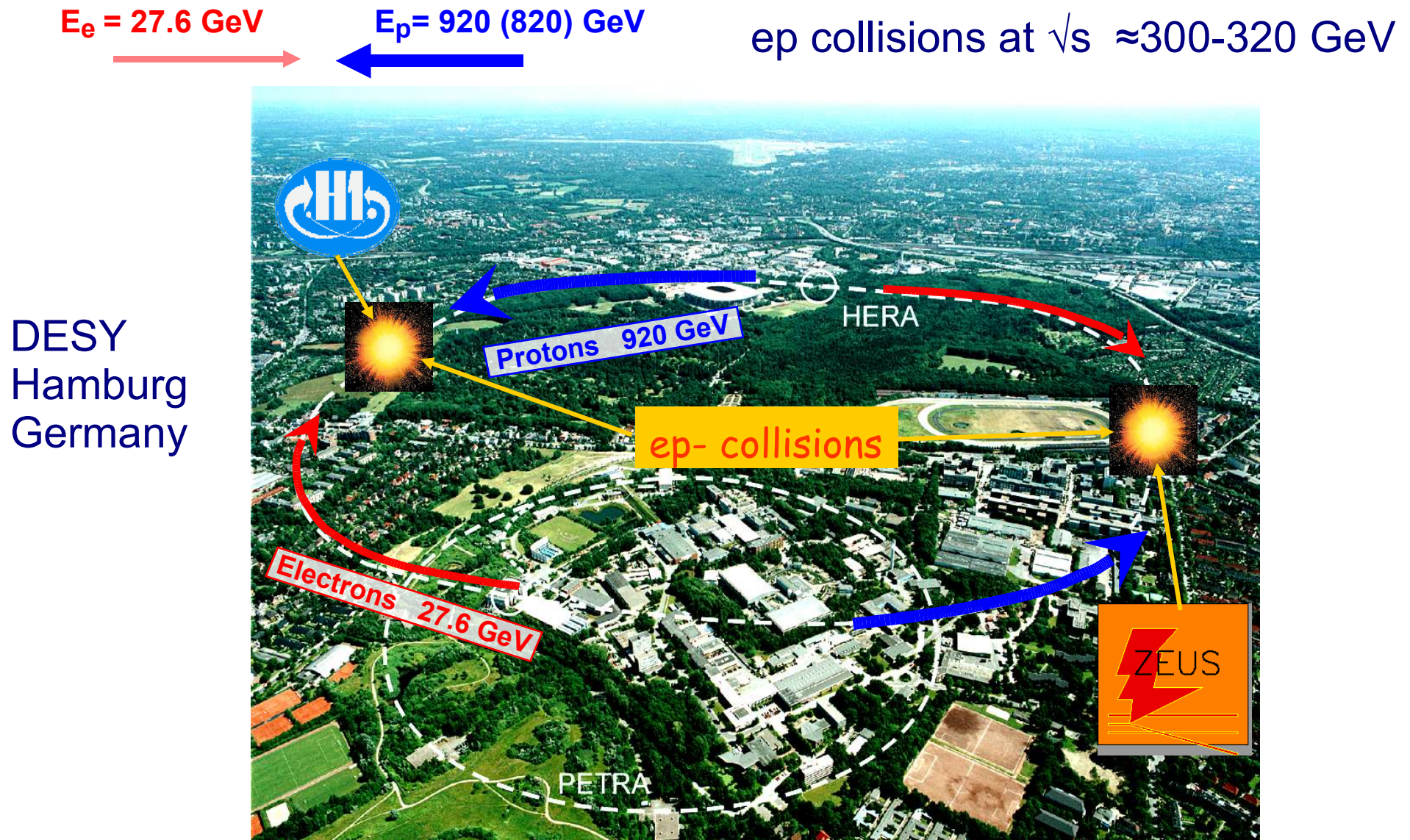
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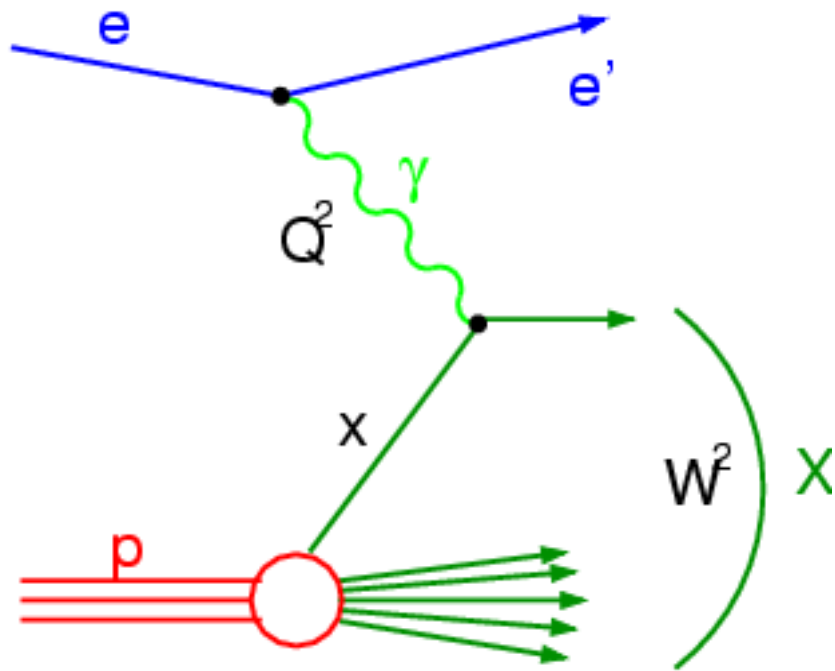
## Outline:

- **HERA and H1**
- **Search for Strange Pentaquark**
- **Search for Charm Pentaquark**

# The HERA accelerator



# Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) kinematics



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$E_p = 920 \text{ (820) GeV}$

$\sqrt{s} \approx 300\text{-}320 \text{ GeV}$

## DIS kinematics:

pairs of Lorentz invariants:

- 4-momentum transfer squared

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

- **Bjorken scaling variable:** fraction of proton momentum carried by quark

$$x = Q^2 / (2 q P)$$

- inelasticity  $y = qP/kP$

- mass squared of the hadronic system

$$W^2 = (P + q)^2$$

## Kinematic regimes:

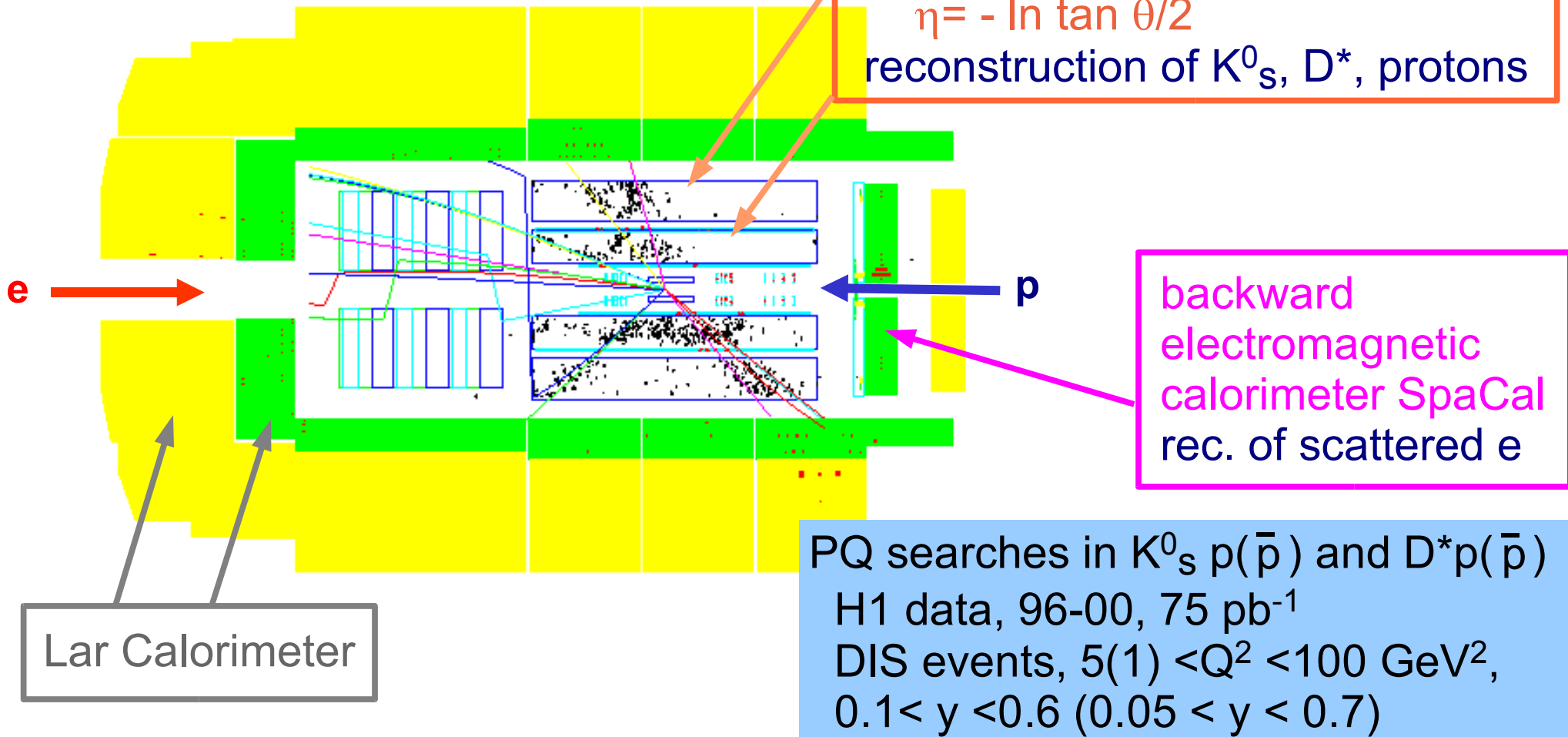
- $Q^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ : **DIS** **scattered e in detector**
- $Q^2 \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ : **Photoproduction,  $\gamma p$**  **scattered e in beampipe**

# H1 detector at HERA

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# Strange Pentaquark Search

# $K^0_S$ reconstruction

## $K^0_S$ selection

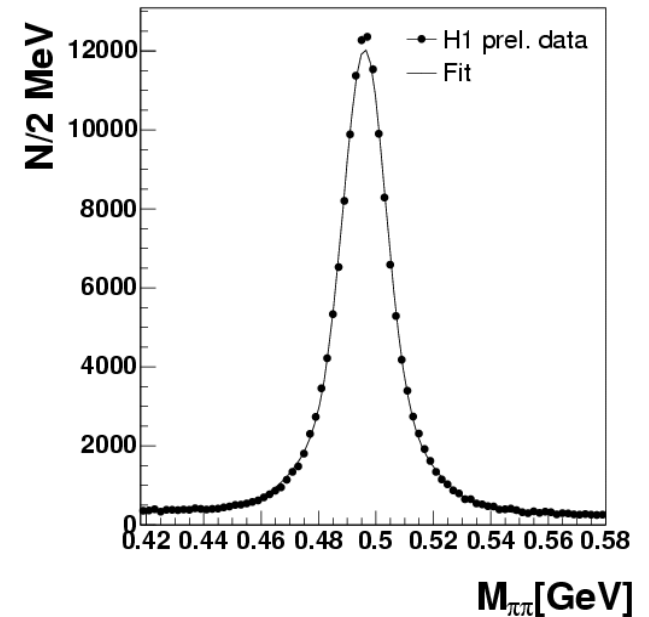
secondary vertices : combinations  
of oppositely charged tracks  
 $p_T(K^0_S) > 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 1.5$

remove combinatorial  
background and contaminations  
from  $\Lambda$  decays, photon conversions



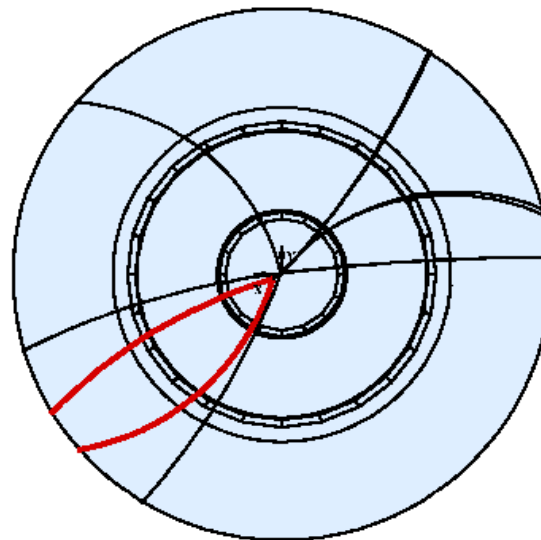
## Inclusive $K^0_S$ signal

$$Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$$



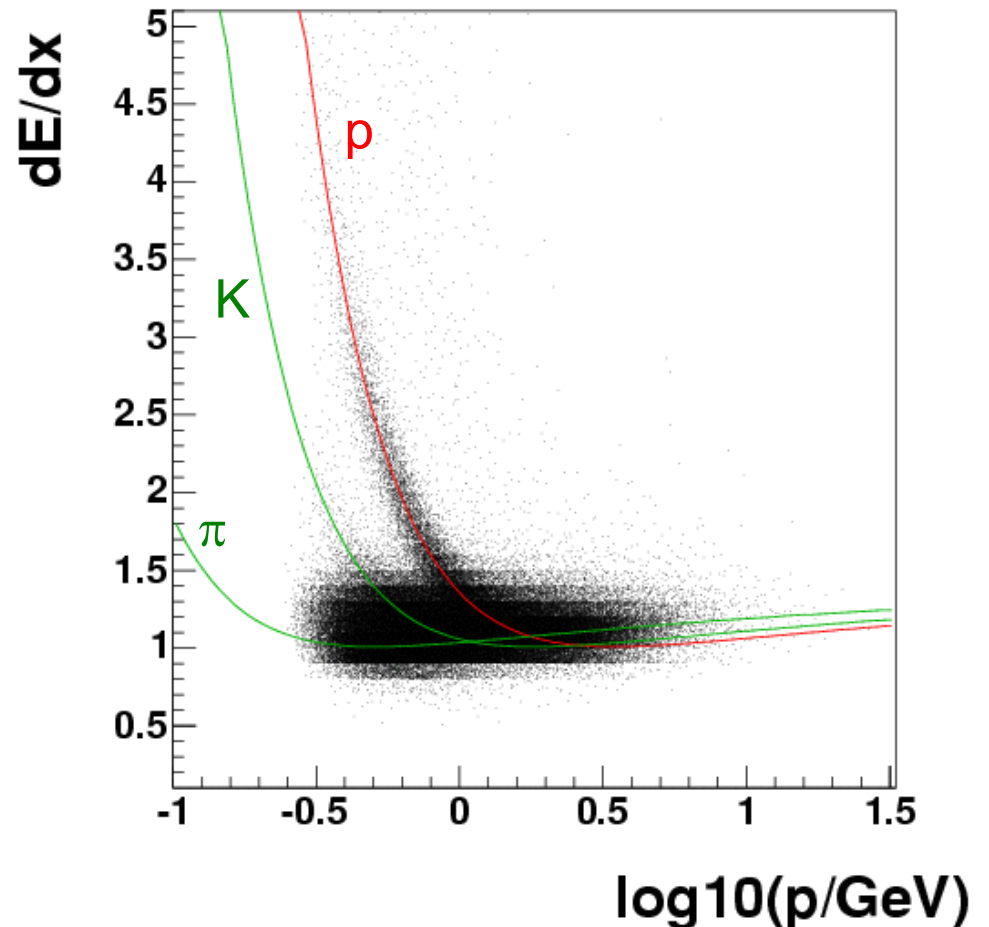
$$N(K^0_S) \approx 140\,000$$

$K^0_S$  in the central  
jet chamber



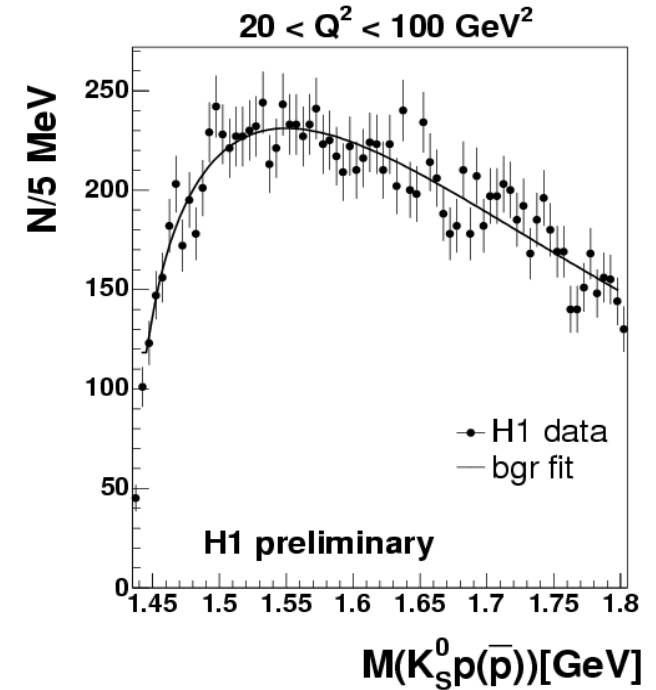
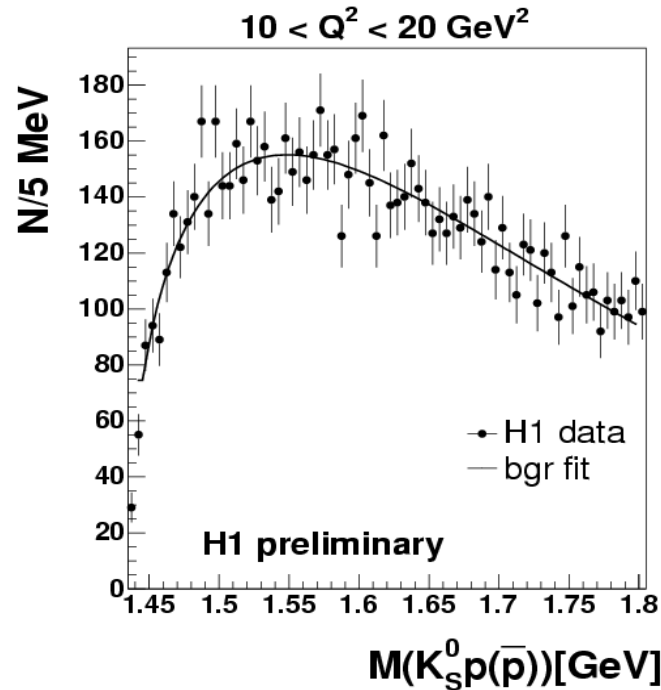
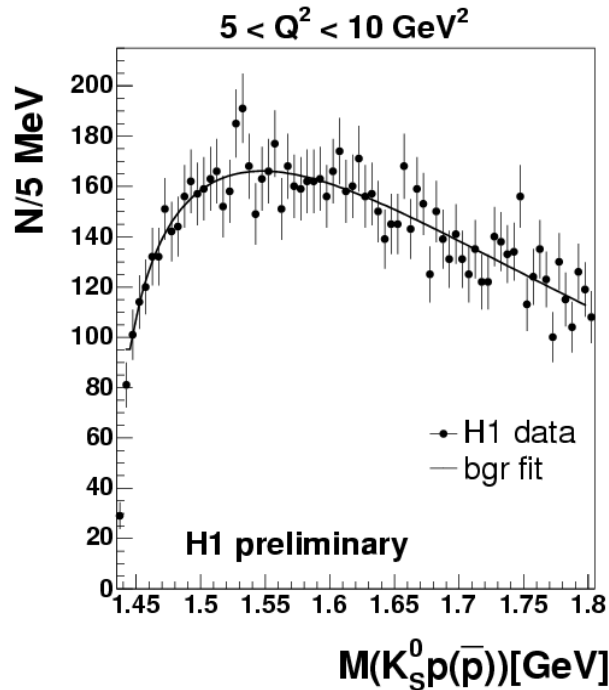
# Proton selection via energy loss $dE/dx$

- resolution for minimal ionizing particles  $\sim 8\%$
- most probable  $dE/dx$ :  
phenomen. parameterisation  
(Bethe Bloch)
- use likelihoods for separation of  
protons and  $\pi$   
large momentum range
- average proton efficiency  $\sim 90\%$
- $\pi$ -suppression probability  
86%  
96 % at low momenta ( $p < 1.5$  GeV)



# Invariant $K_S^0 p(\bar{p})$ mass

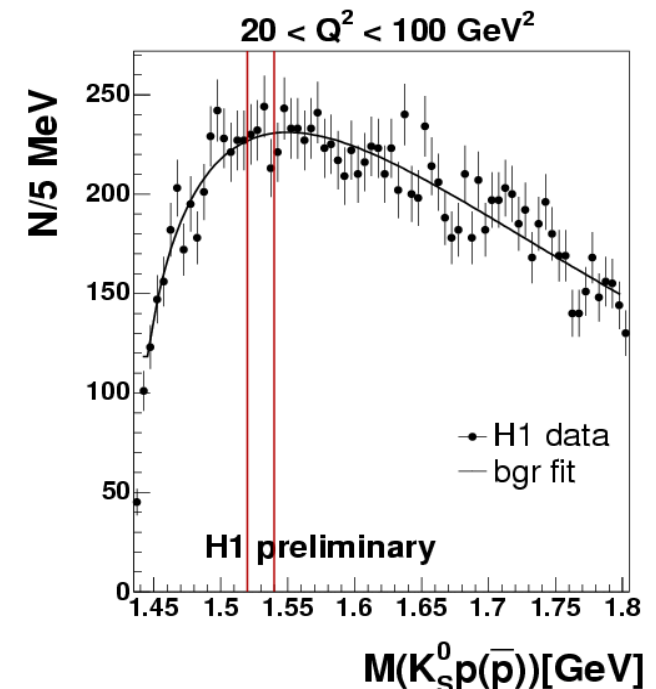
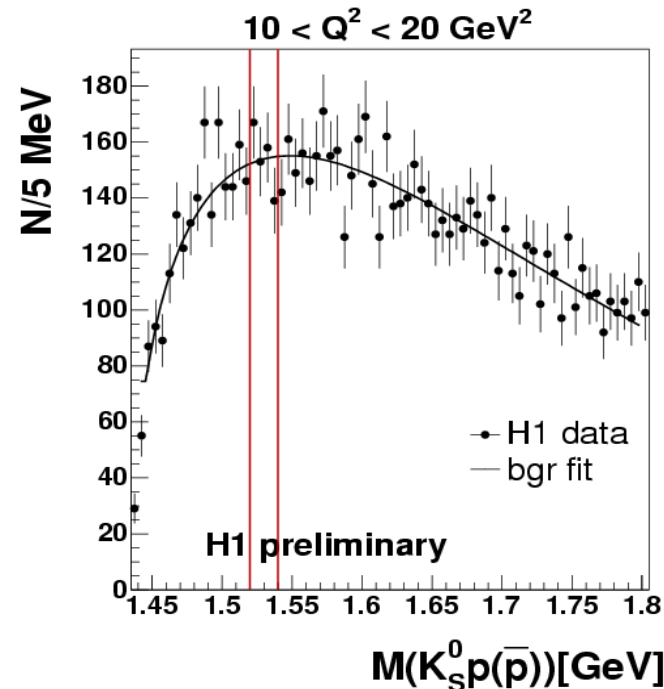
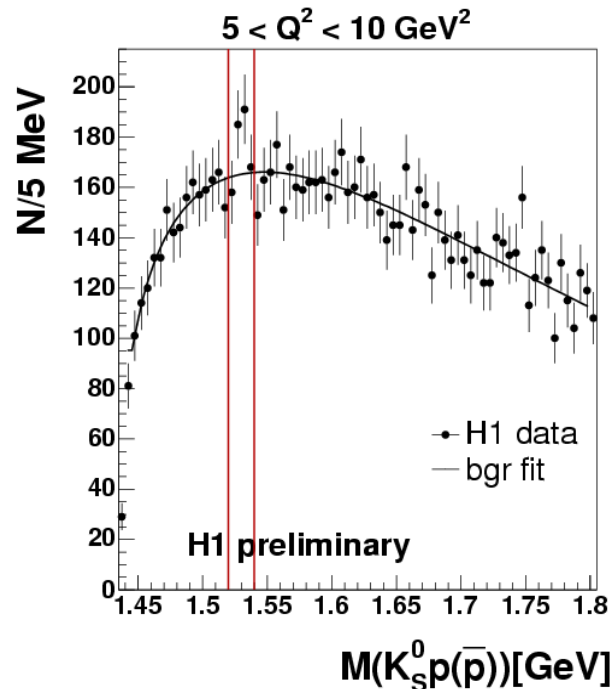
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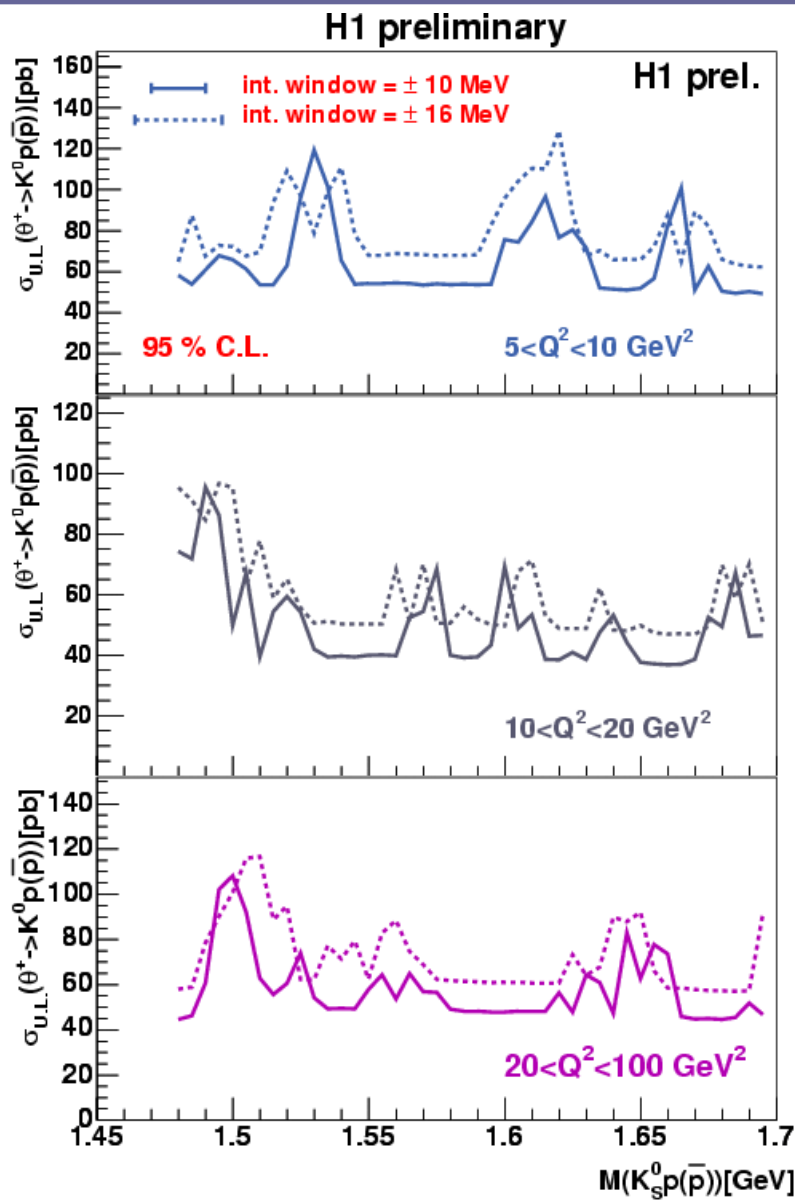
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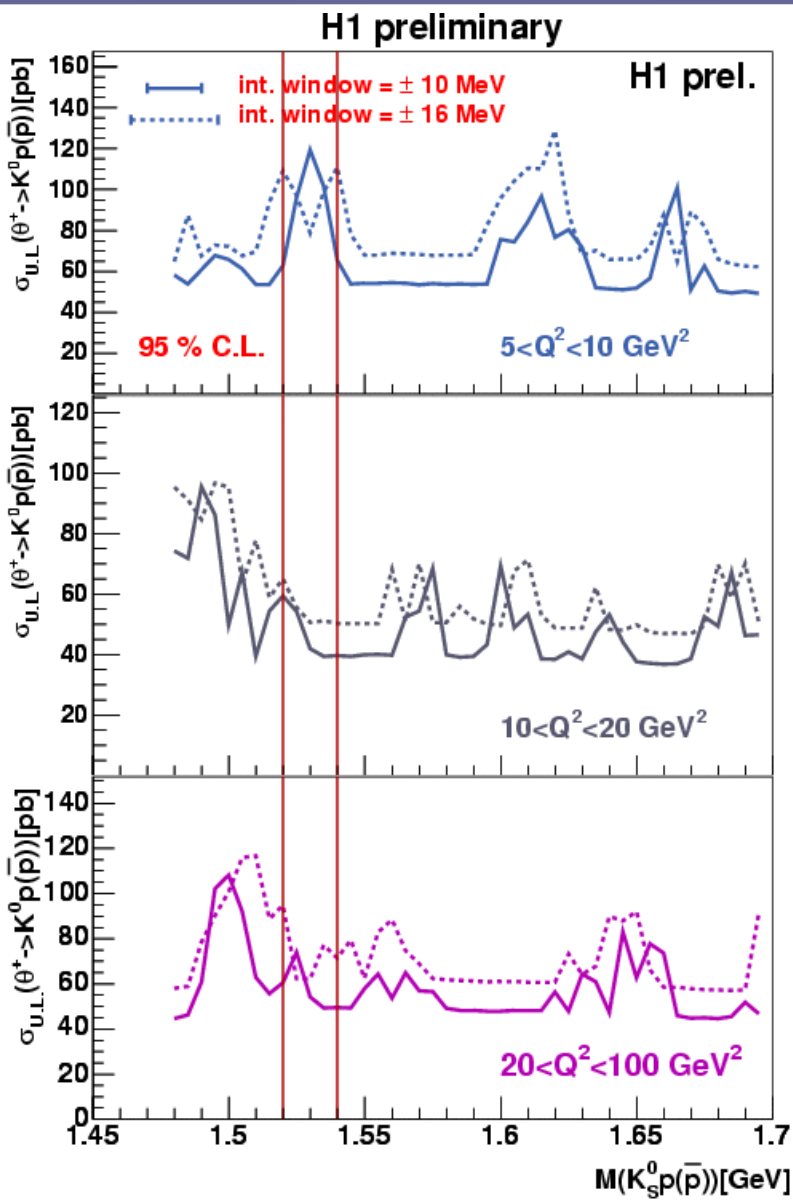
no significant signal in the interesting mass range 1.52 to 1.54 GeV

# Upper Limit (95%C.L.) on $\sigma(ep \rightarrow e\theta X \rightarrow eK^0 p(\bar{p})X)$



- 95 % upper limits extracted
- background subtraction in integration window  $M \pm 10$  MeV,  $\pm 16$  MeV  
corr. to  $2\sigma$  assuming a resolution of 5(8) MeV
- scan  $M$  in the range 1.48 to 1.7 GeV
- **Signal Monte Carlo**
- RAPGAP 3.1  
change decay properties of  $\Sigma^*$   
to  $M=1.52(1.54)$ ,  $\sigma=0$
- detector resolution  $\sim 5$  MeV
- acceptance  $\varepsilon \approx 5 \%$

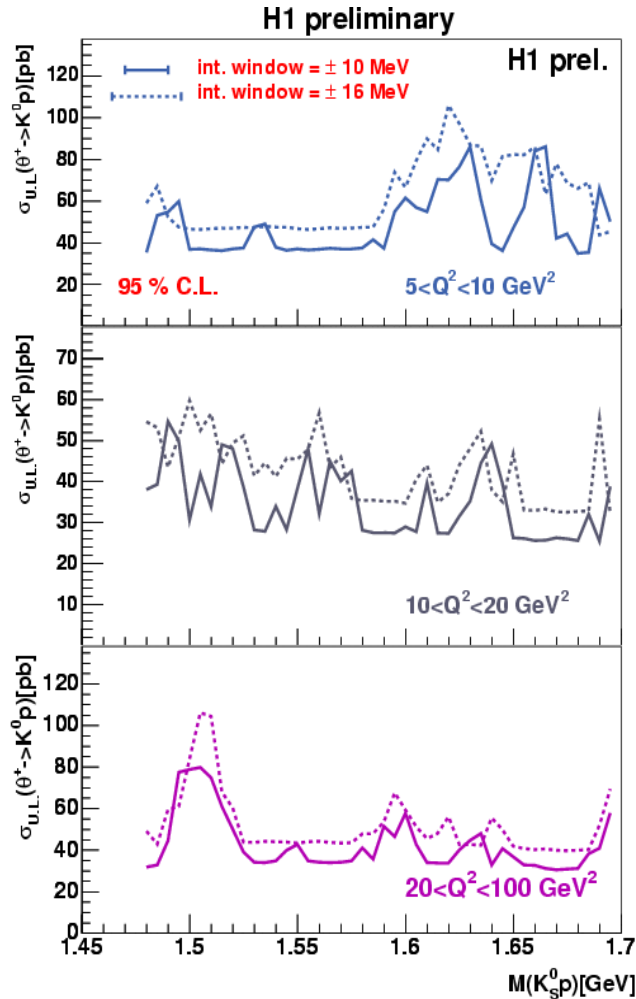
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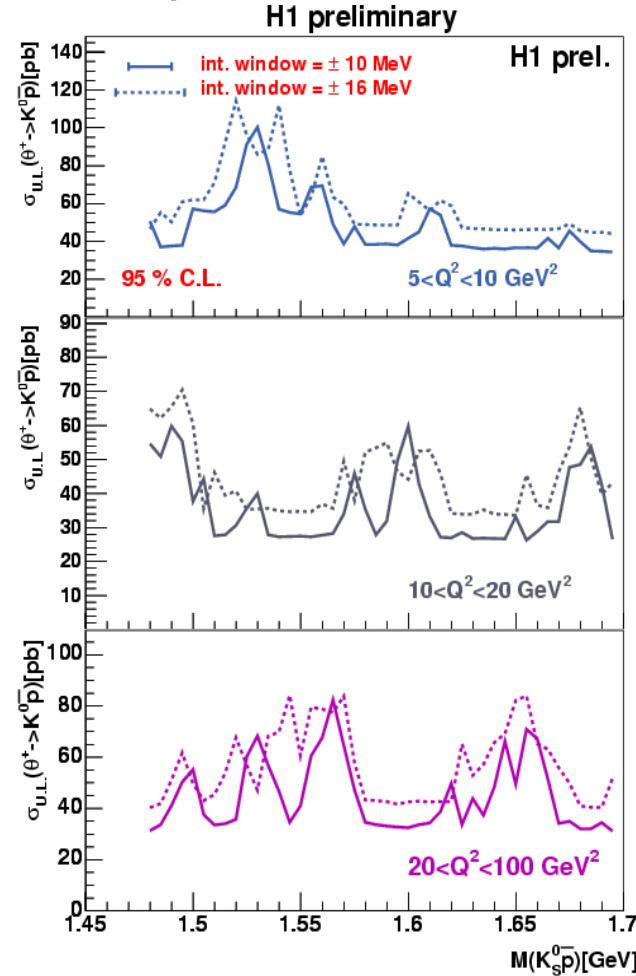
- $5 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $0.1 < y < 0.6$
- visible range :  
 $p_T(K_s^0 p) > 0.5$ ,  $|\eta(K_s^0 p)| < 1.5$
- different fluctuations in  $Q^2$  bins
- 95% C.L. upper limit on cross section  
 $\sigma_{U.L.}(ep \rightarrow e \theta X \rightarrow e K^0 p(\bar{p}) X) \sim 40\text{-}120 \text{ pb}$

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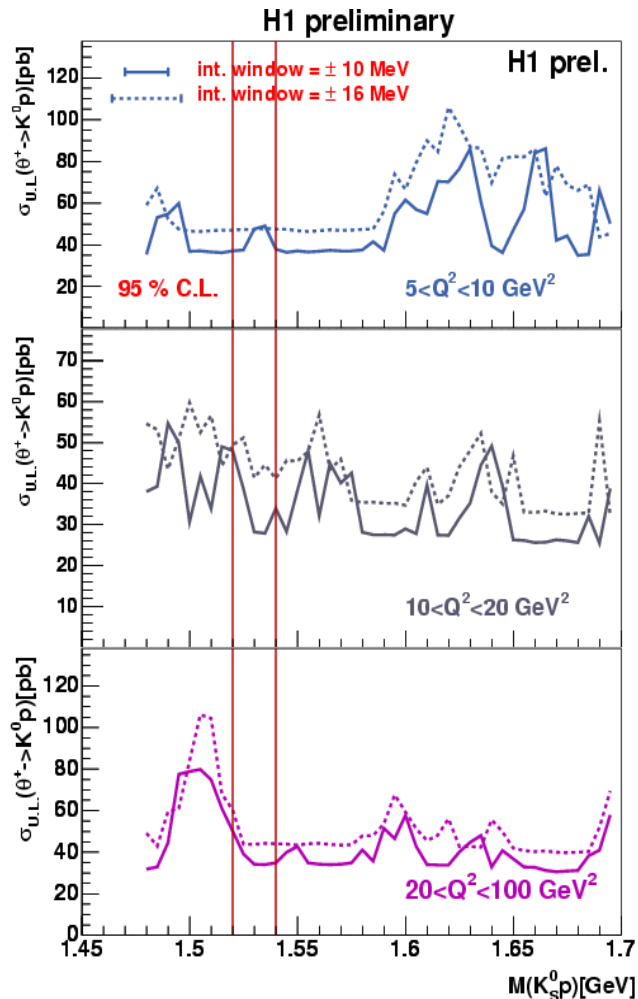
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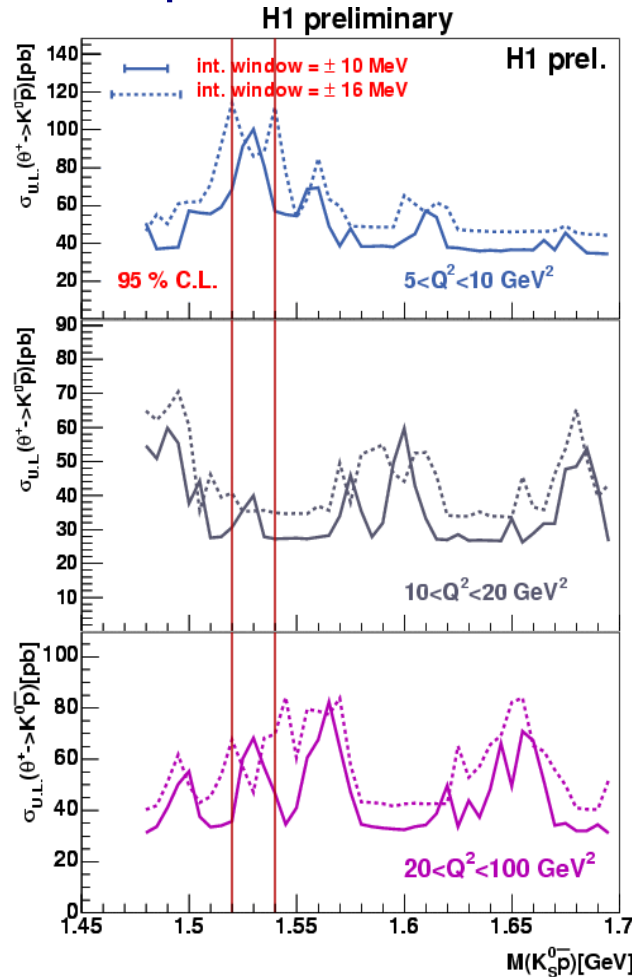
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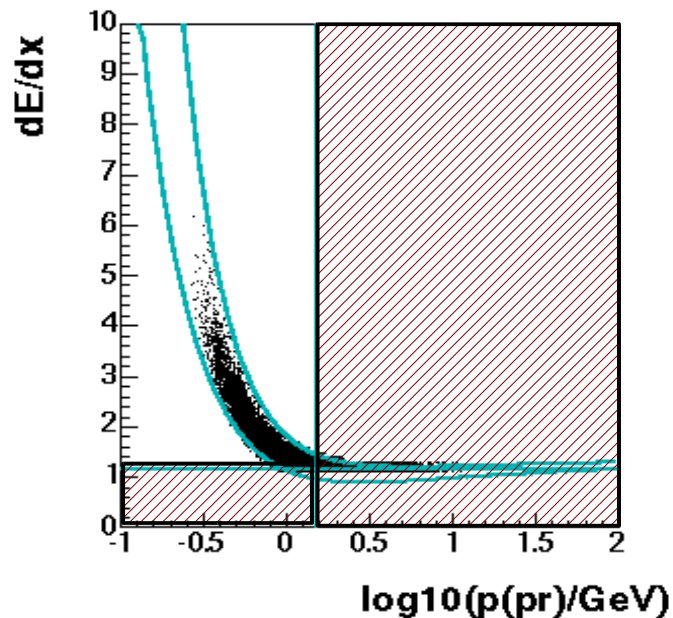
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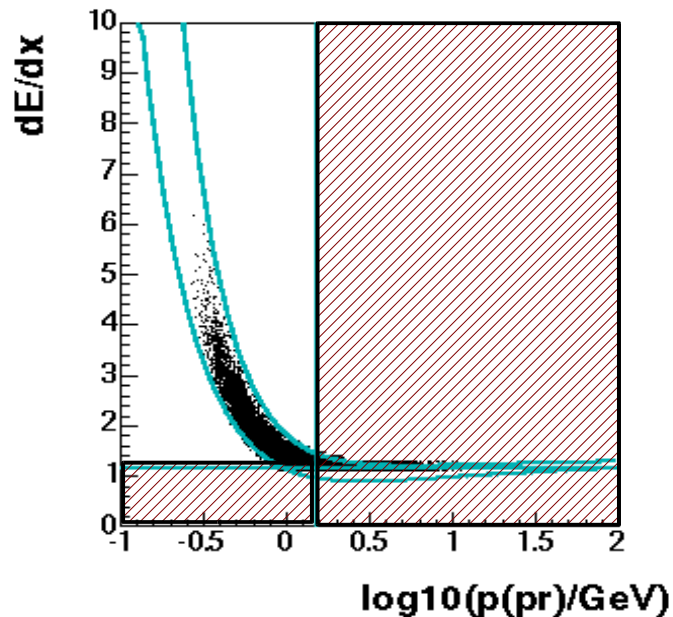
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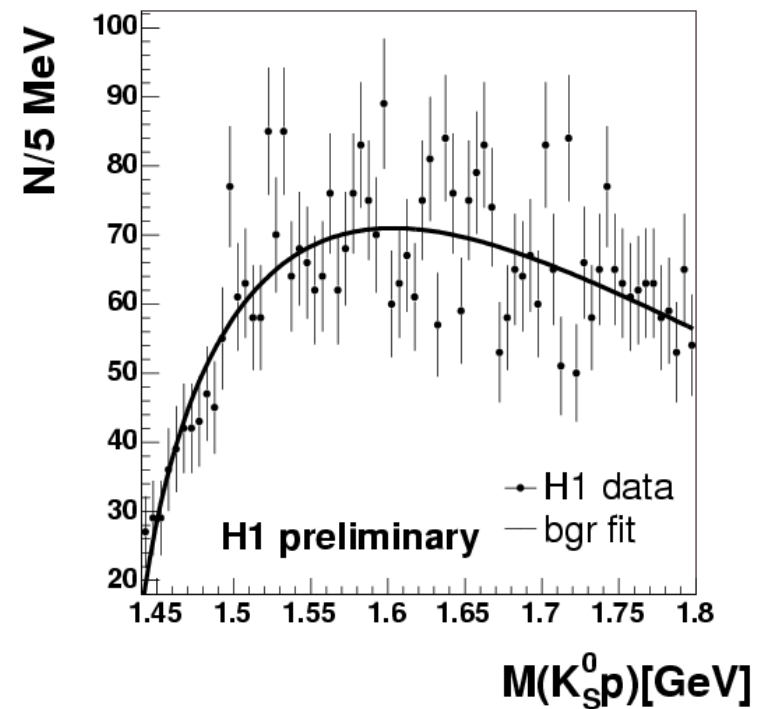
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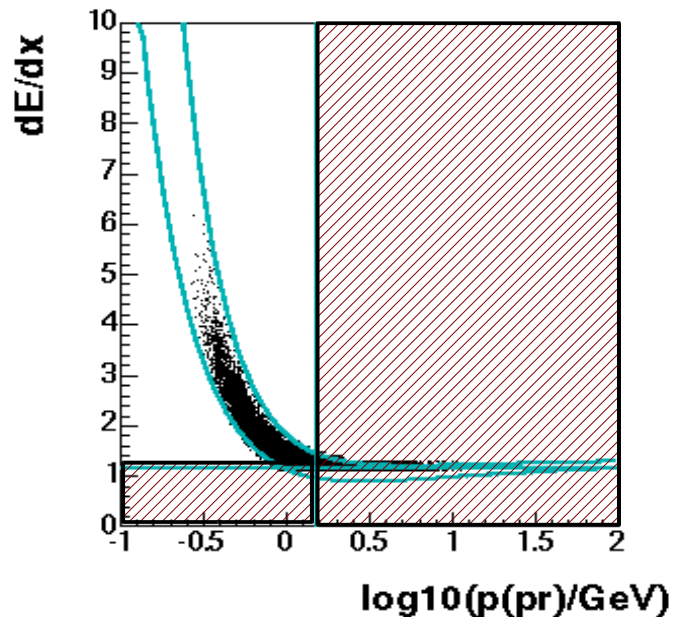
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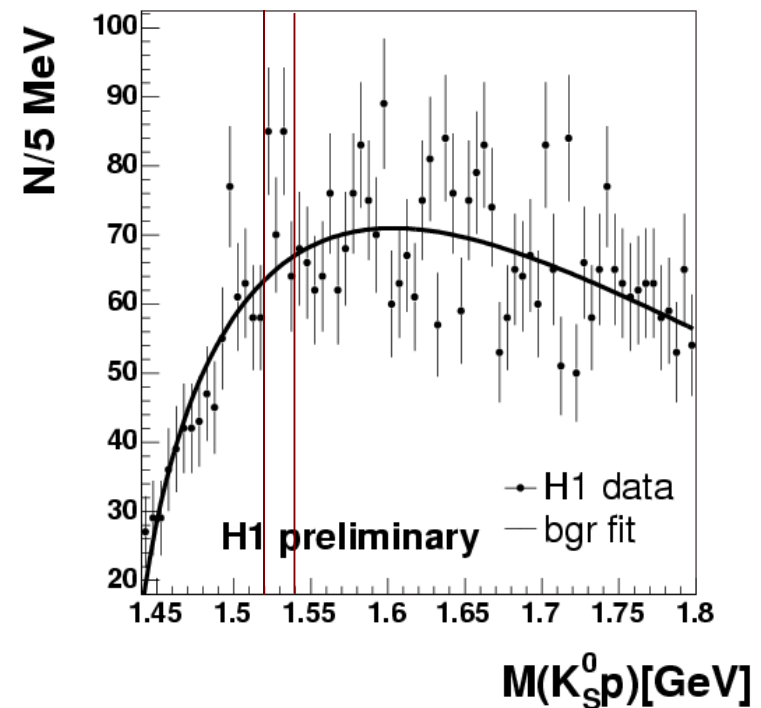
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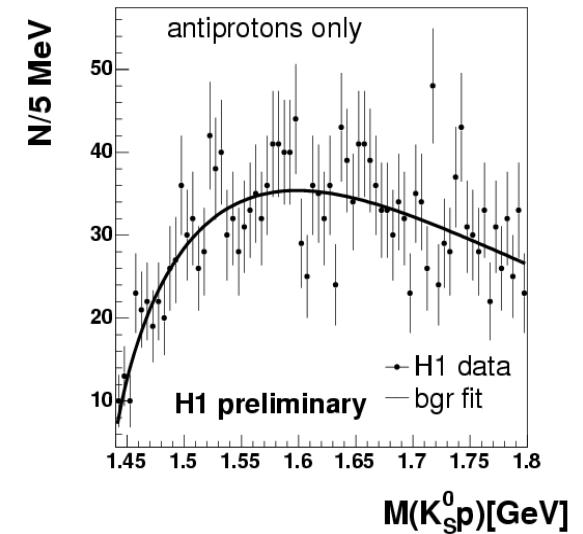
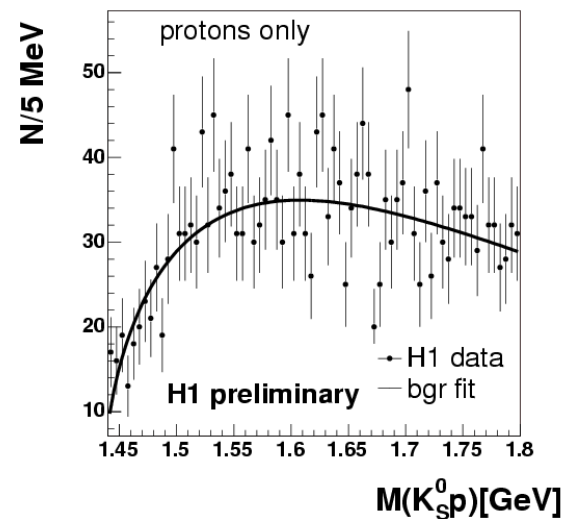
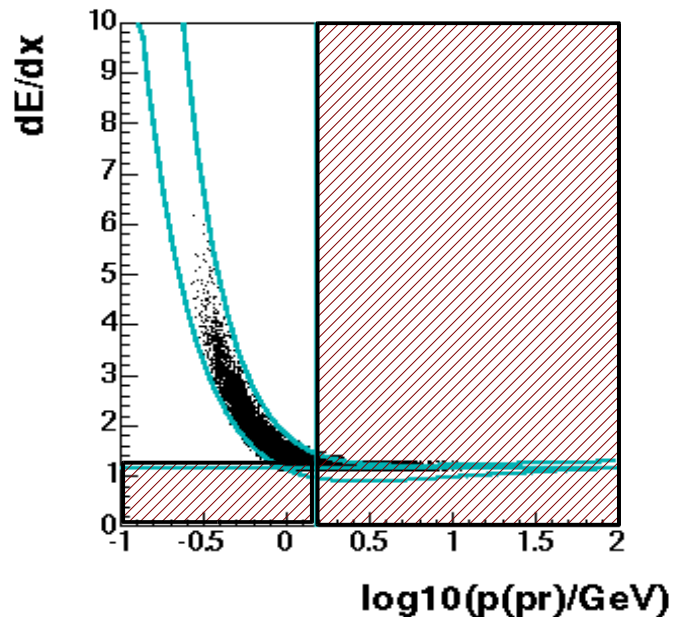
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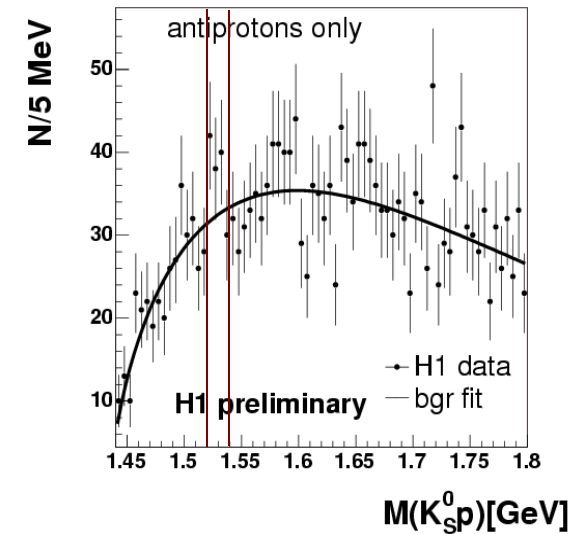
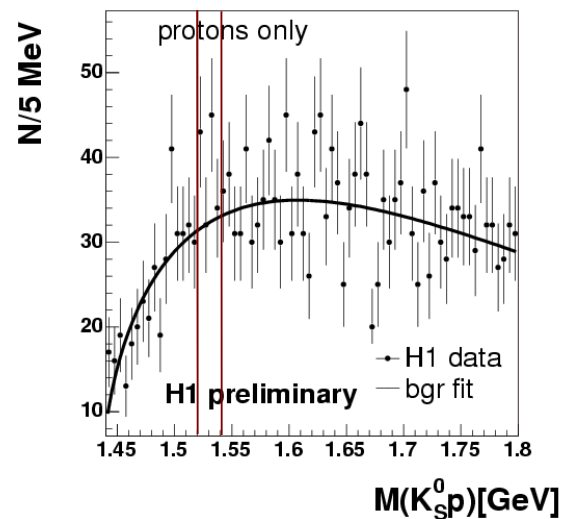
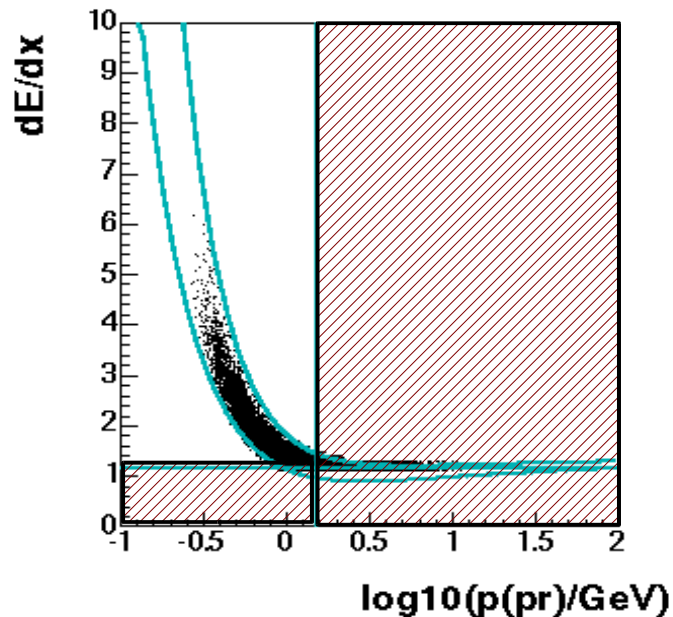
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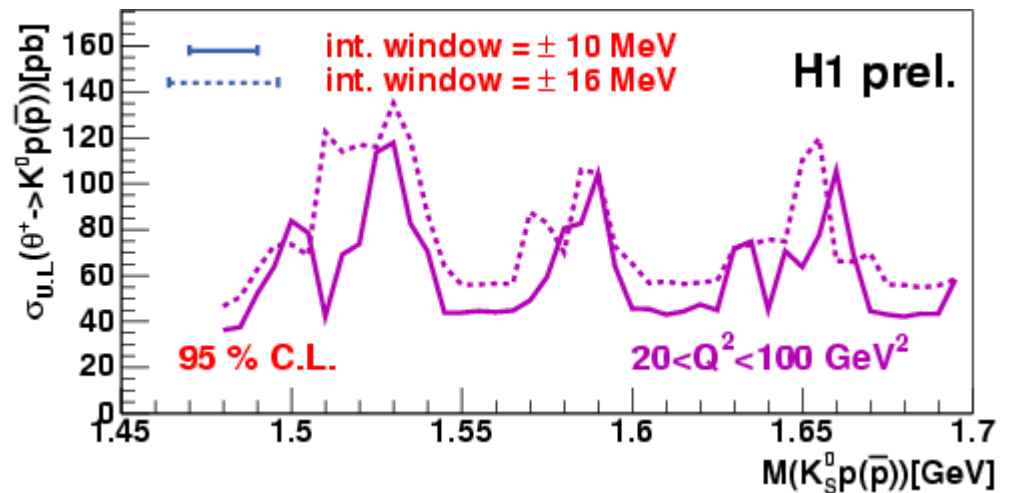
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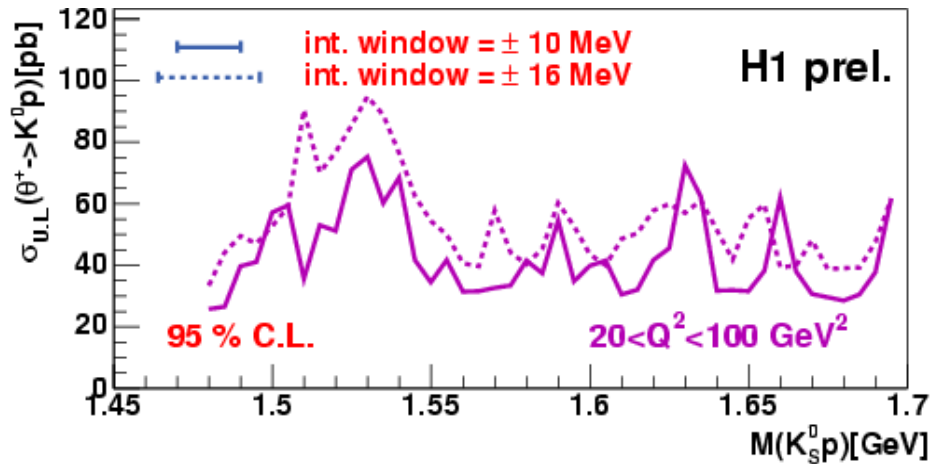


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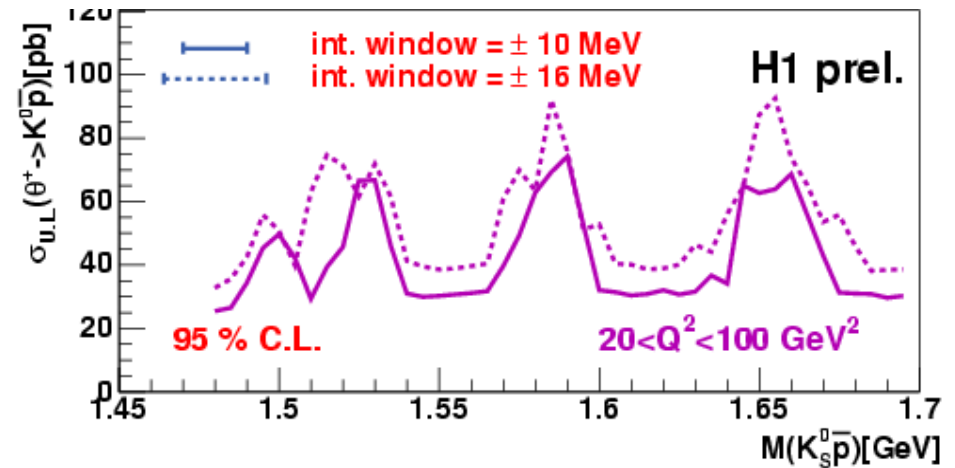
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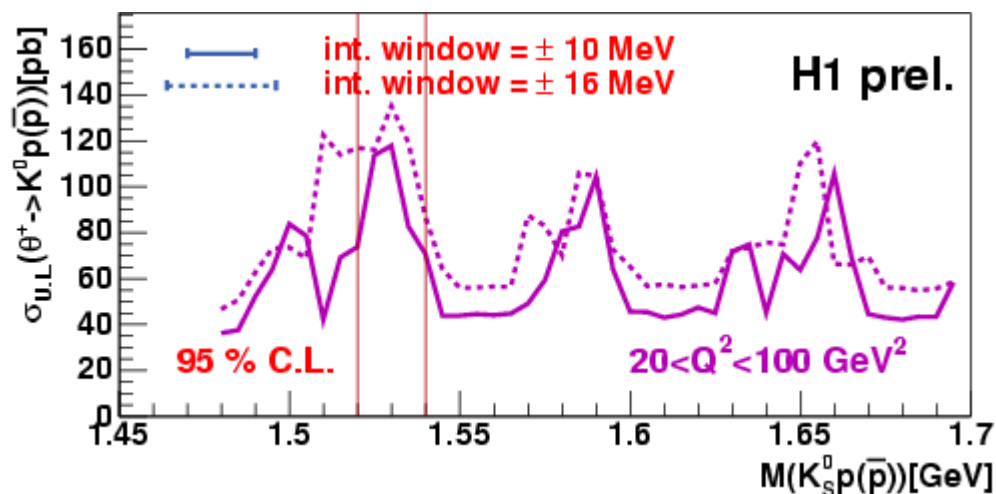
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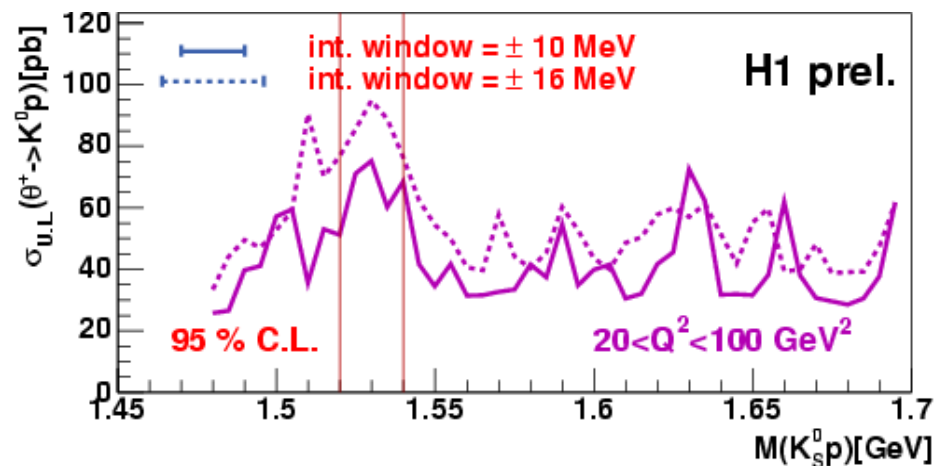
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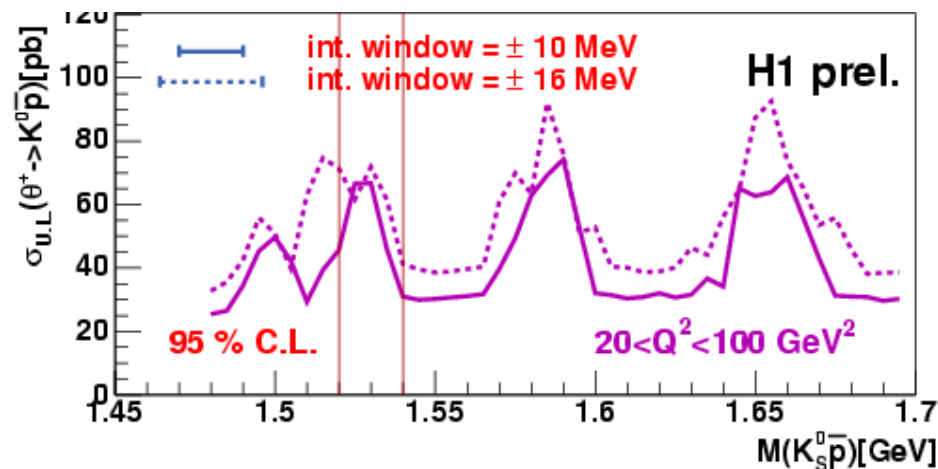
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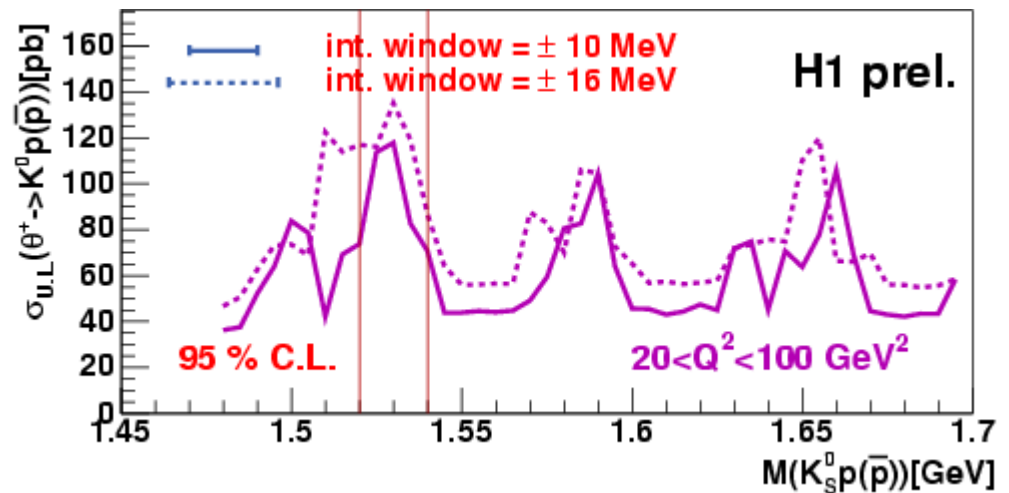
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ZEUS observation:

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$\sigma(ep \rightarrow e + X \rightarrow e K^0 p X) = 125 \pm 27 \text{ (stat)} + 36 - 28 \text{ (syst.) pb (prel.)}$

$\sigma_{U.L.} \sim 100 \text{ pb}$  not in contradiction with ZEUS measured cross section

\* at  $M = 1.522 \text{ GeV}$  assuming a resolution of 5 (8) MeV  
 $\sigma_{U.L.} = 89.6 \text{ ( } 116.3 \text{ ) pb}$

# Summary on strange PQ Search

## Strange PQ Search:

- no significant signal for a baryonic resonance decaying to  $K^0_s p(\bar{p})$  observed
- 95% C.L. upper limit  $\sigma_{U.L.}(ep \rightarrow \theta X \rightarrow K^0_s p(\bar{p})X)$  in different  $Q^2$  ranges  
visible range:  $p_T(K^0_s p) > 0.5$ ,  $|\eta(K^0_s p)| < 1.5$  varies 40 -120 pb  
for  $M = 1.48 - 1.7$  GeV
- similar selection and phase space as for the ZEUS analysis
  - no significant signal observed
  - upper limit does not exclude preliminary ZEUS cross section

# Charm Pentaquark Search

- inspired by observation of the strange pentaquark with quark content  $uudd\bar{s}$
- possible existence of strange pentaquark implies that a heavy pentaquark ( $uudd\bar{c}$ ) could also exist
- mass of charm pentaquark  $> M(D^{*\pm}) + M(p) = 2.948 \text{ GeV}$   
decay to  $D^{*\pm} p$  possible

# D\* signal

Golden decay channel:



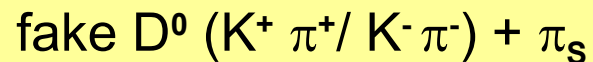
low branching ratio, but clean signal

- apply “mass difference method”:

$$\Delta M(D^*) = M(K \pi \pi_s) - M(K\pi)$$

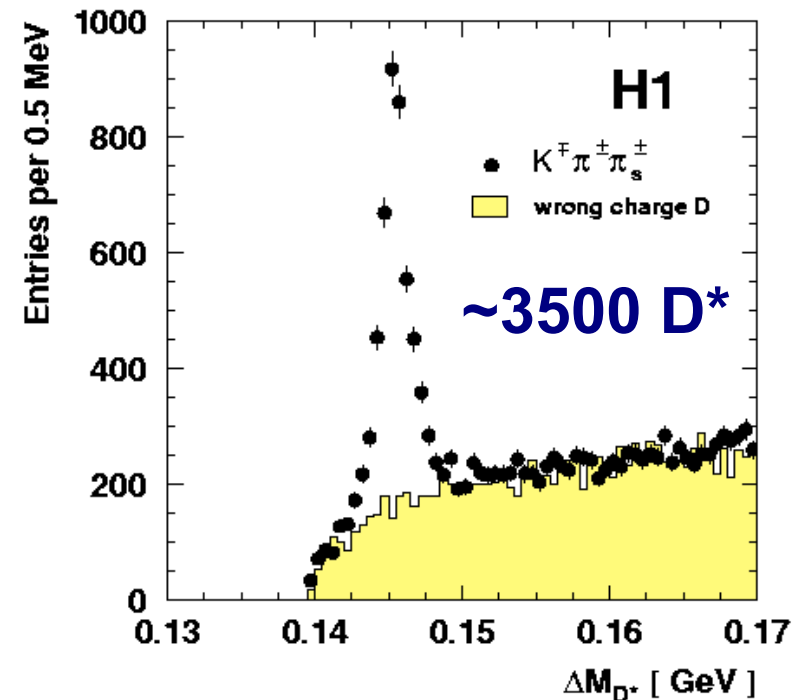
- Estimate combinatorial bgr (non charm): replace  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$  by 2 same charge tracks

“wrong charge D” :



**DIS events:**

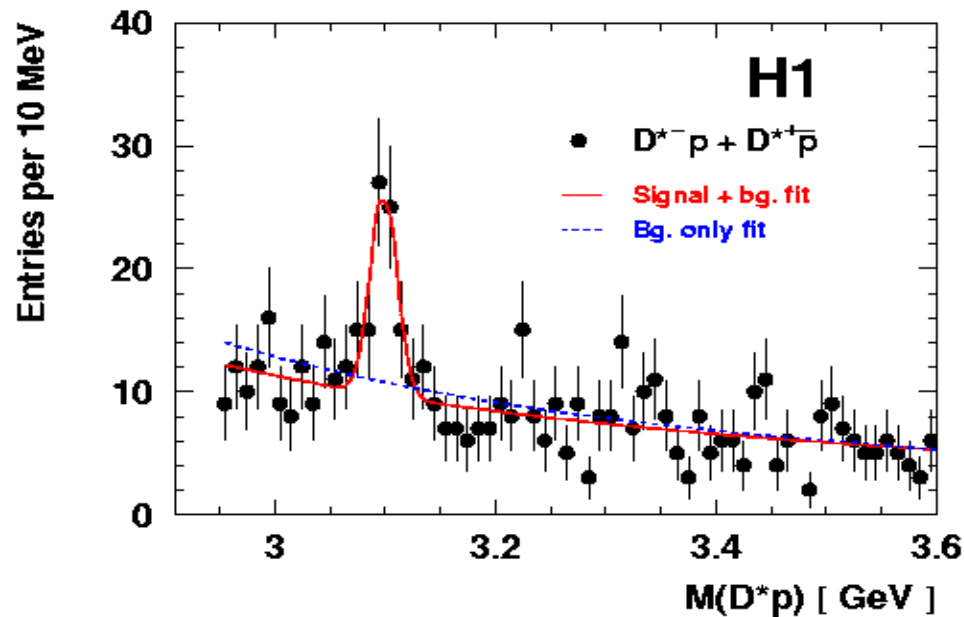
- 96-00 data, Lumi 75 pb<sup>-1</sup>
- scattered electron in calorimeter
- $1 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $0.05 < y < 0.7$



combine reconstructed **D\*** mesons and **protons** (from dE/dx)



# D\* $\bar{p}$ invariant mass distribution



mass difference  
$$M(D^*p) = m(K\pi\pi\pi) - m(K\pi\pi) + M_{\text{PDG}}(D^*)$$

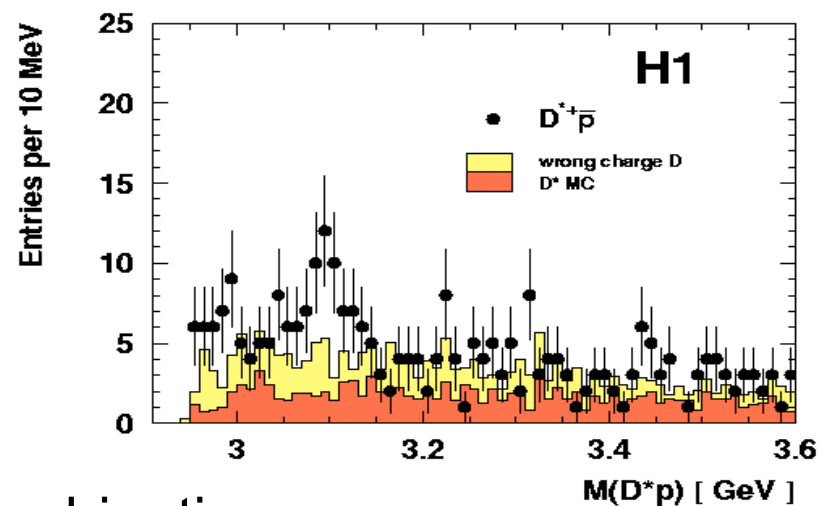
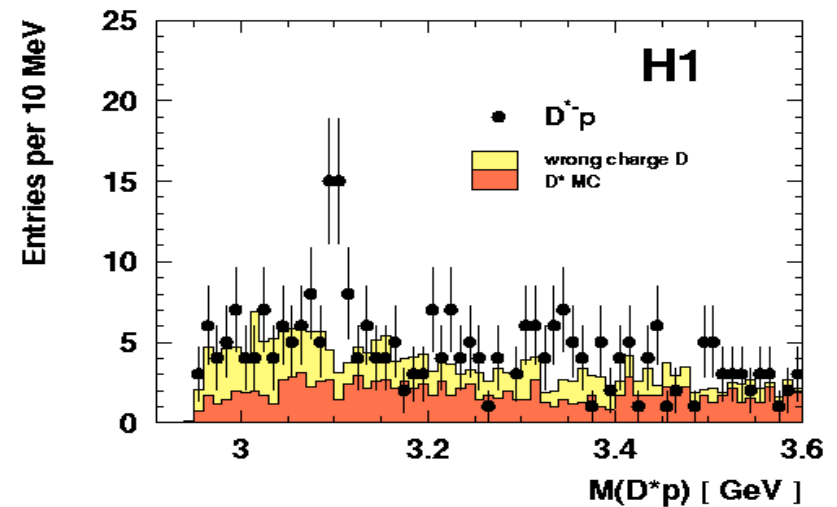
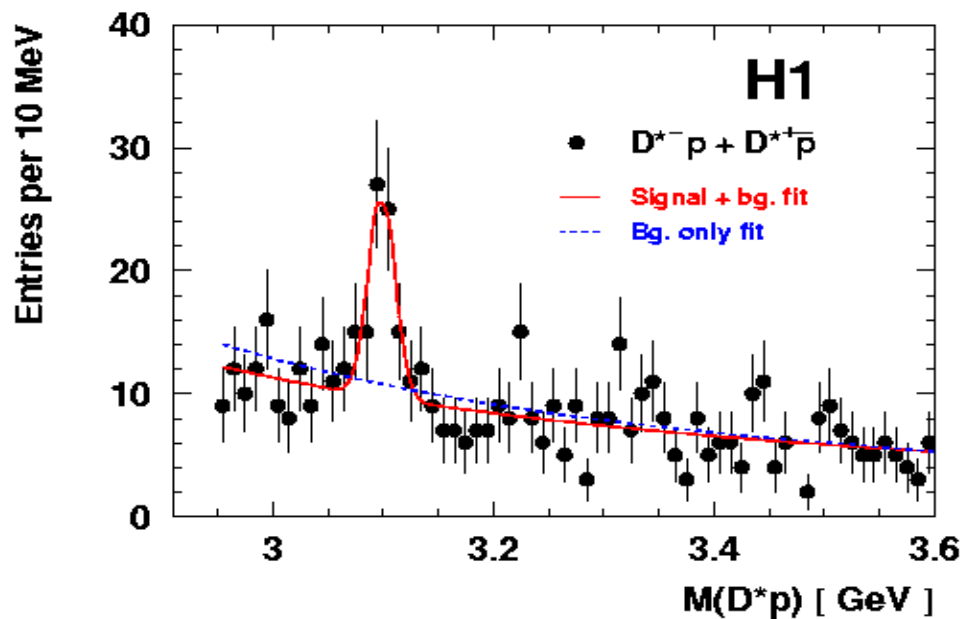
**narrow resonance at  $M=3099\pm 3(\text{stat.}) \pm 5(\text{syst.})$  MeV**

$50.6\pm 11.2$  events

width:  $12\pm 3$  MeV (consistent with exp. resolution)

background fluctuation probability:  $4 * 10^{-8}$  (Poisson) ( $5.4 \sigma$  Gauss)

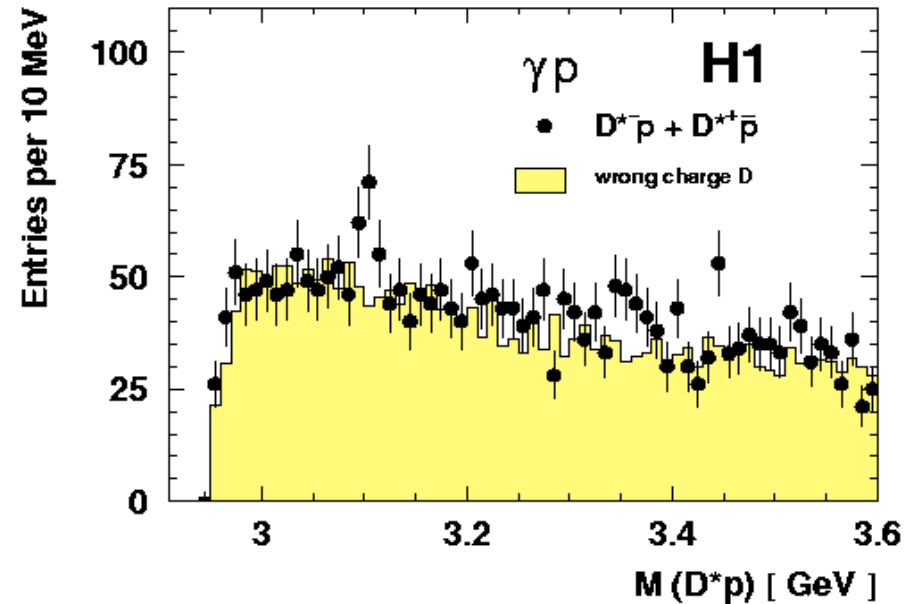
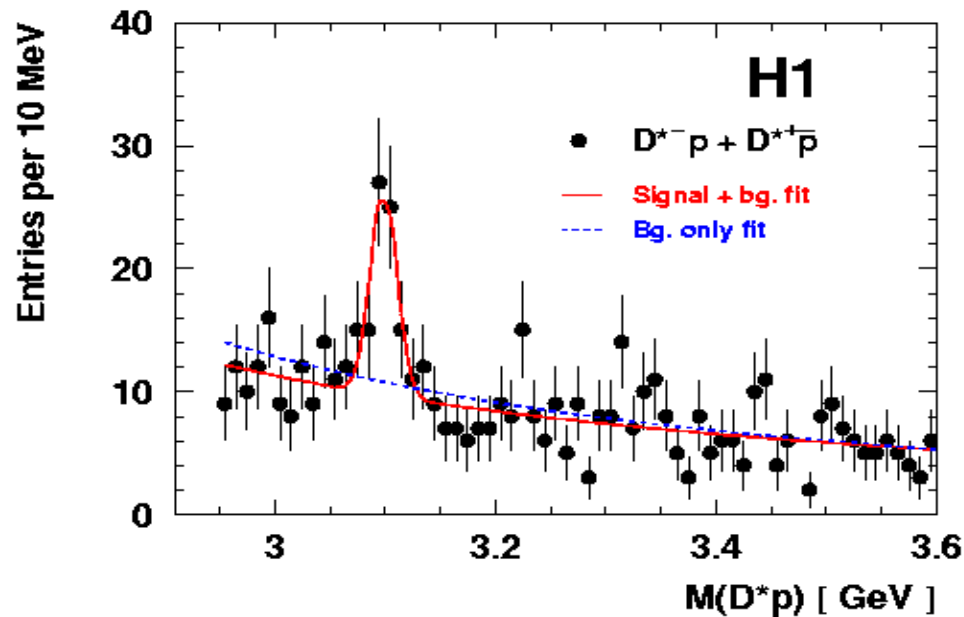
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Signal visible in both charges  
 $D^{*-}p$  and in  $D^{*+}\bar{p}$   
with similar strength and  
compatible mass

No signal seen in like sign  $D^{*-}\bar{p}$  or  $D^{*+}p$  combinations

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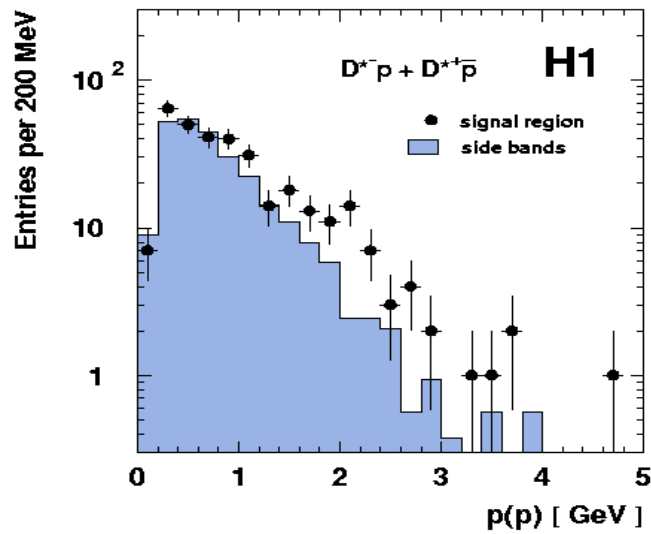


- all events visually scanned – no anomalies observed
- several kinematic and reflection tests performed: D\* $\bar{p}$ (3100) passed all tests

Signal at 3.1 GeV is present also in independent photoproduction ( $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ ) sample ( $\sim 4900 D^*$ )

# D\* $\bar{p}$ invariant mass at high proton momenta

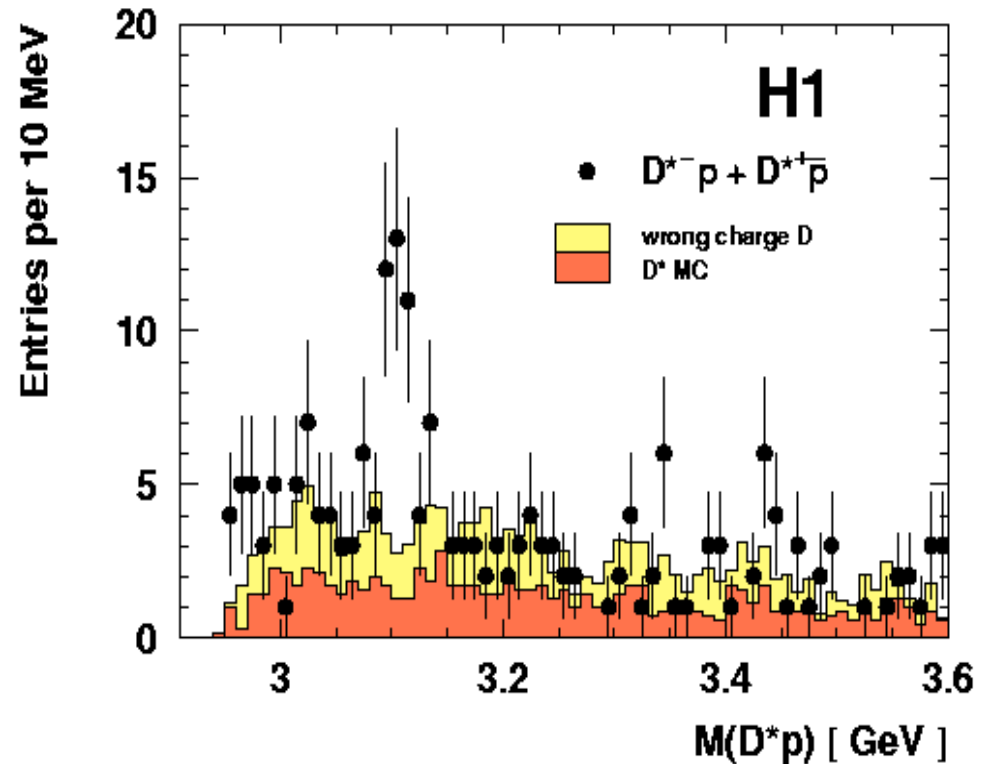
momentum distribution of  
proton candidates :  
(no proton identification via dE/dx)



proton momentum spectrum harder  
for signal region than for sidebands

at high momenta: better S/B

D\* $\bar{p}$  combinations for  $p(p) > 2 \text{ GeV}$   
(no proton identification via dE/dx) :



prominent signal is visible  
without dE/dx selection

# Acceptance corrected Ratio $R_{\text{cor}}(D^*p(3100)/D^*)$

Kinematic region:  $1 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2, 0.05 < y < 0.7$

1.) in the visible  $D^*p$  range:  $pt(D^*p) > 1.5 \text{ GeV}, -1.5 < \eta(D^*p) < 1.0$   
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95% upper limit from ZEUS for DIS :  $< 0.59 \%$   
(0.51 % both  $D^0$  decay channels)

in different phase space:  $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2, y_e < 0.95$   
 $pt(D^*) > 1.35 \text{ GeV}, |\eta(D^*p)| < 1.6,$   
 $pt(D^*)/\Sigma E_t^{\theta > 10} > 0.12$

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 $D^*$ ,  $D^*p$  selection, veto for  $D_1 D_2$ , background shape,  $dE/dx$ -measurement,  
Variation of  $D^*p(3100)$  fragmentation and pseudo-rapidity  $\eta$

# Acceptance corrected Ratio $R_{\text{cor}}(D^*p(3100)/D^*)$

- Kinematic region:  $1 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2, 0.05 < y < 0.7$
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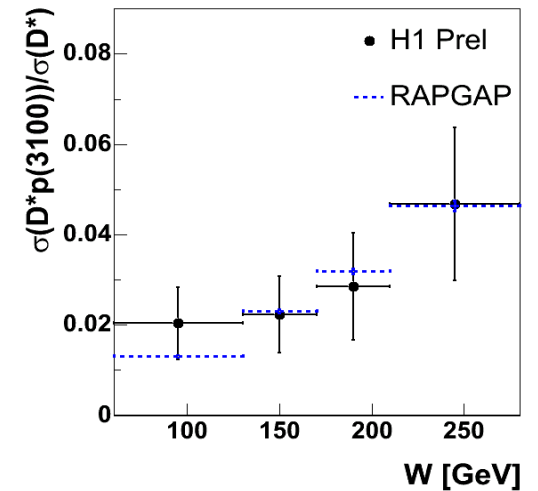
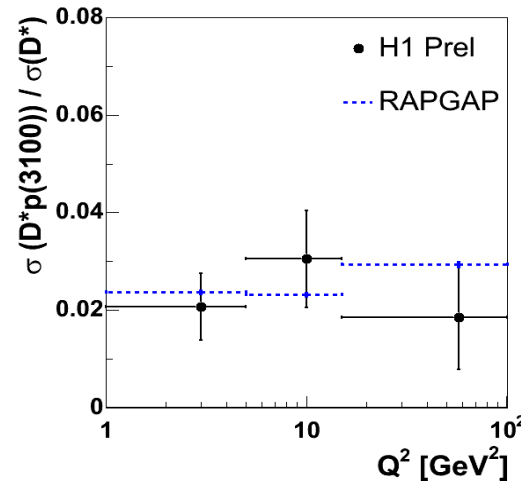
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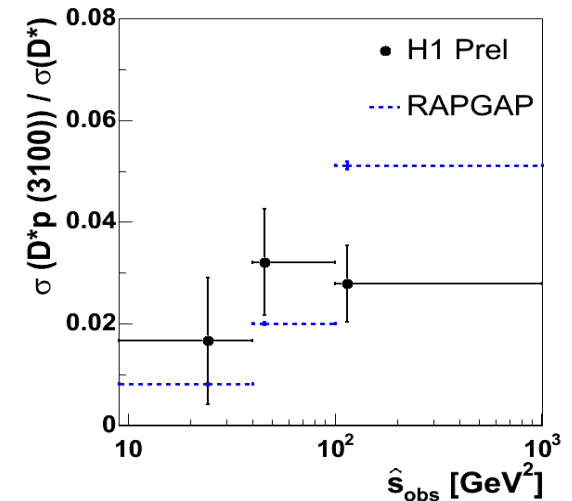
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# $\sigma(D^*p(3100))/\sigma(D^*)$ as function of event kinematics

MC (for correction and comparison)  
 RAPGAP 3.1 with naïve PQ  
 production by modification of mass  
 and decay of D1(2420) and D2(2460)



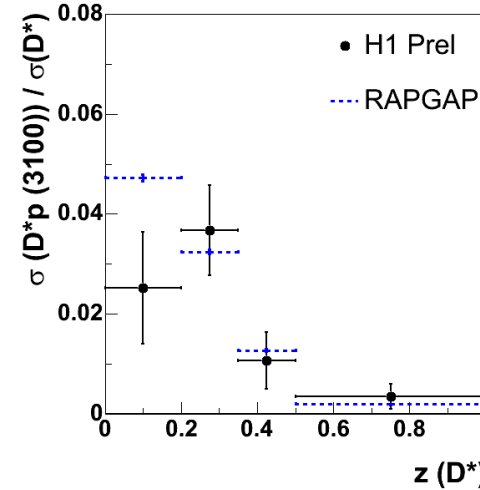
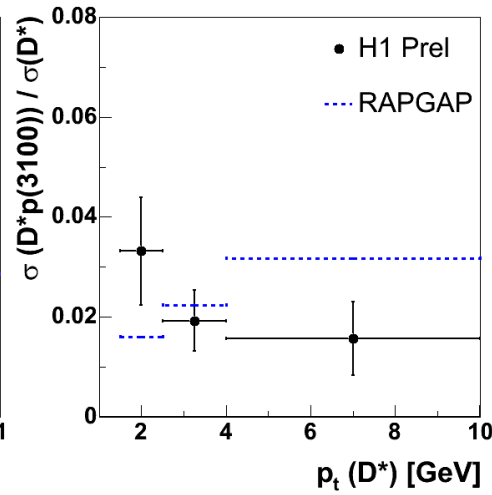
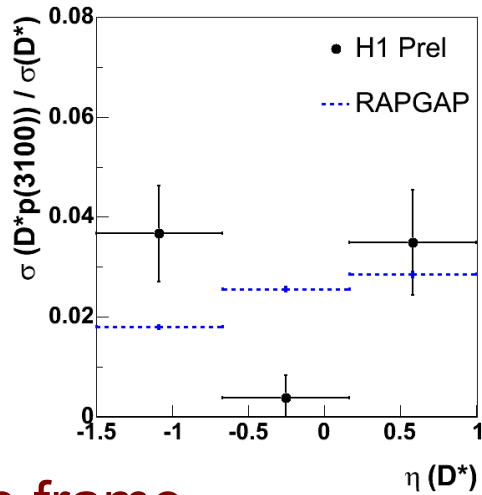
- $W$  and  $Q^2$  distributions well described by MC
- different behaviour of  $\hat{s}_{obs}$  for data and MC



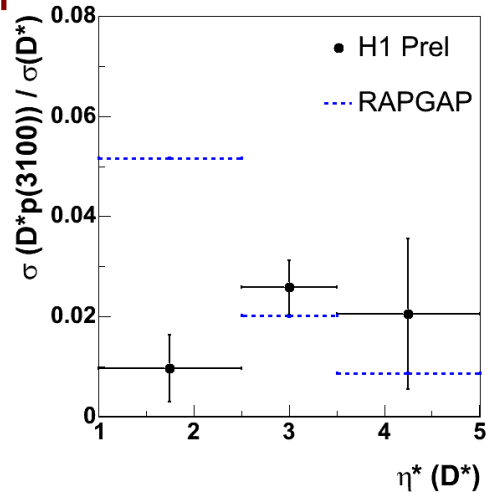
$\hat{s}$ : invariant mass  
 of  $c\bar{c}$  system

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## Lab frame



## $\gamma p$ frame



Compared to inclusive  $D^*$  production  
 $D^*$  from  $D^*p(3100)$  decays are ...

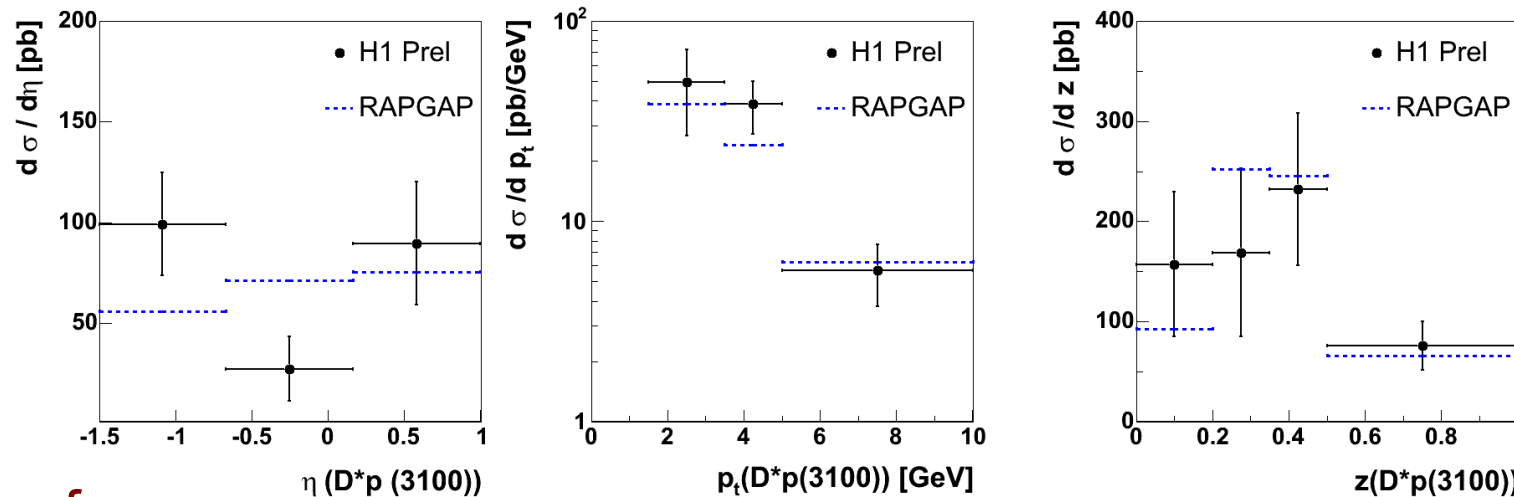
- suppressed in the central  $\eta$  region in the lab frame
- softer in  $p_T(D^*)$  and  $z(D^*)$
- suppressed at low  $\eta^*$  in the  $\gamma p$  frame

simple MC does not describe data

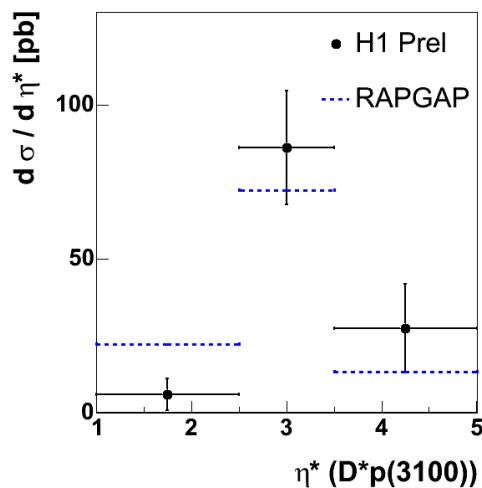


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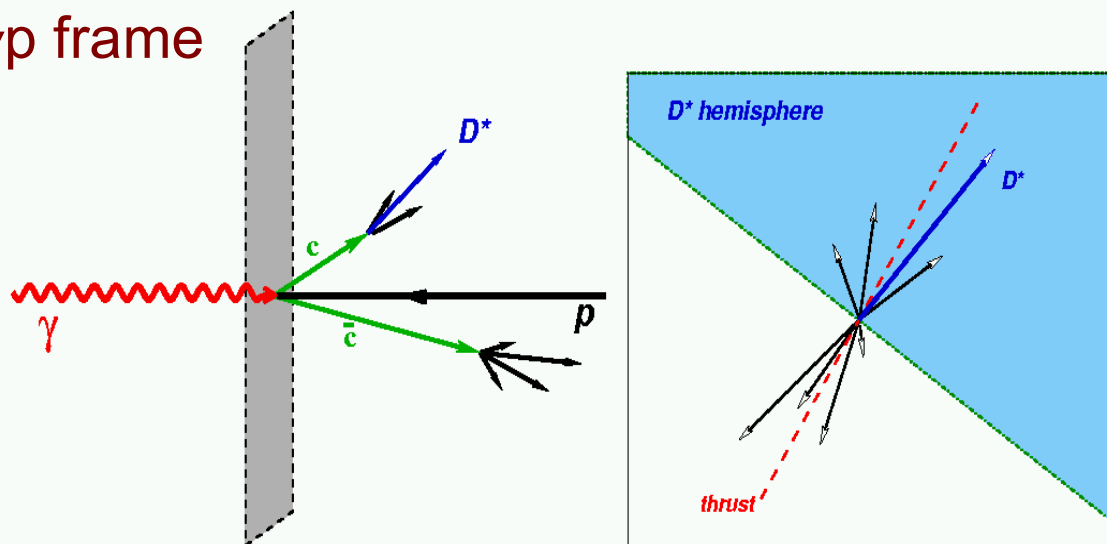
$D^*p$  production is ...

- suppressed in the central  $\eta$  region in the lab frame
- close to photon direction in  $\eta^*$  in the  $\gamma p$  frame

these features are not described by simple MC while  $p_T$  and  $z$  distribution are reasonably well described

# Fragmentation functions of $D^*p(3100)$ and $D^*$

$\gamma p$  frame

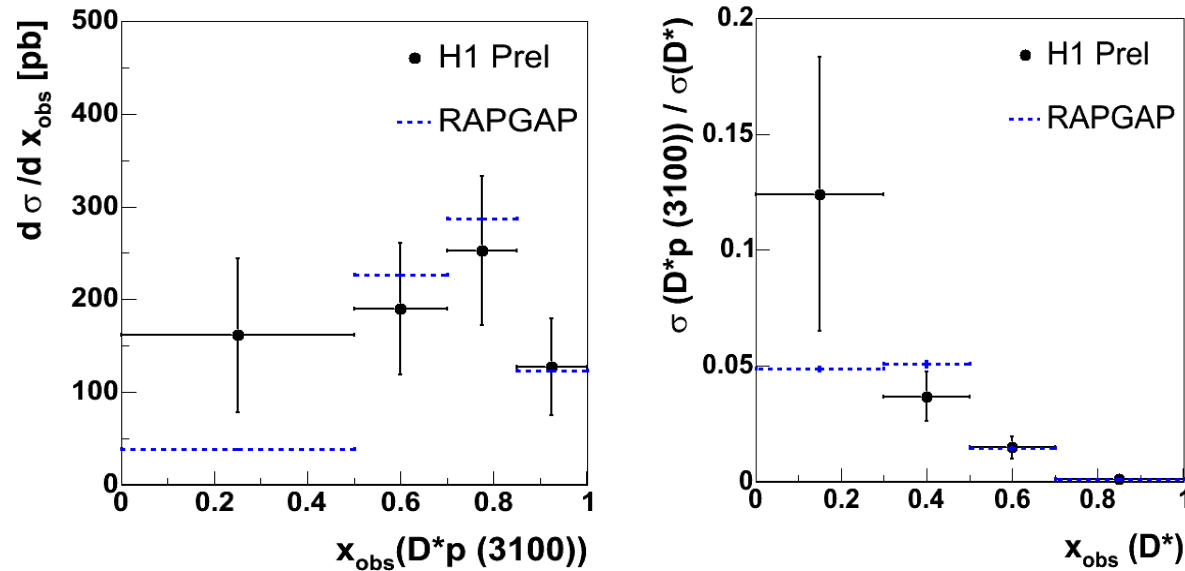


$$x_{\text{obs}}(D^*p, D^*) = \frac{(E-p_z)_{\text{lab}}(D^*p, D^*)}{\sum_{\text{hemi}} (E-p_z)_{\text{lab}}}$$

- projection of all particles into plane perpendicular to  $\gamma$  direction
- 2 hemispheres defined by  $D^*$  direction

$D^*$  hemisphere  $\leftrightarrow$  c-quark  
(including QCD effects)

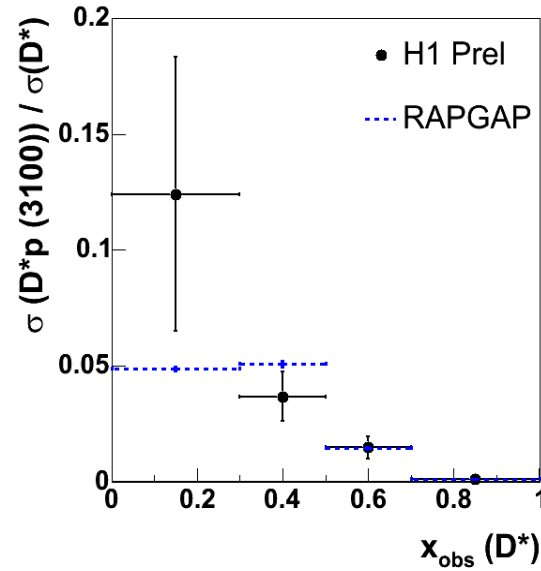
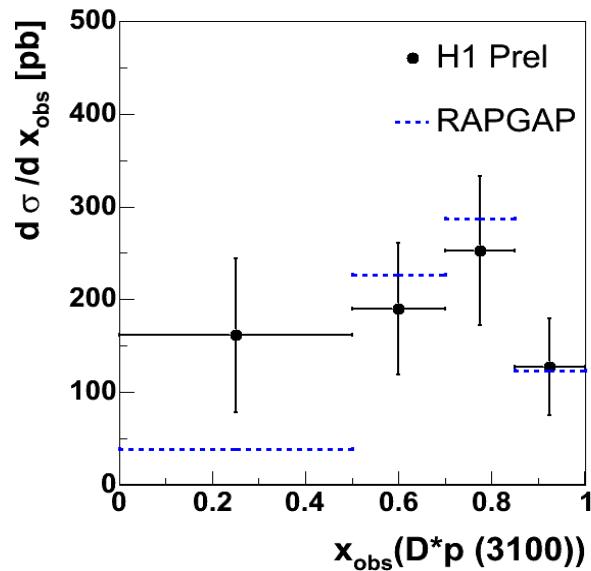
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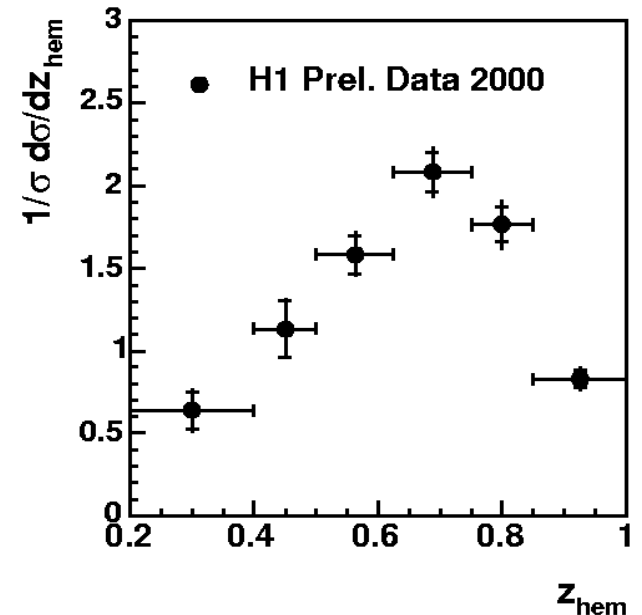
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for comparison:  
fragmentation function  
of inclusive  $D^*$ :



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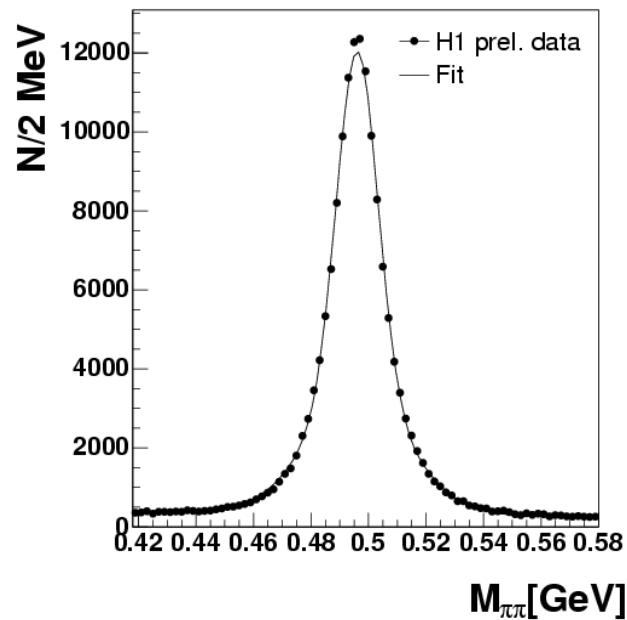
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phase space studies of this signal show
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 $D^*p(3100)$  fragmentation is hard and similar to charmed hadrons  
 $D^*$  from  $D^*p(3100)$  have softer fragmentation functions than inclusive  $D^*$
- higher statistics at HERA II data will help to resolve current discrepancy between H1 and ZEUS results

# Backup Slides

## Strange PQ Search

# $K^0_s$ Signal

$Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$



Result from fit: (bgr function + 2 gaussians)

$N = 142505 \pm 430$

$M = 496.08 \pm 0.03 \text{ MeV}$

$\sigma_1 = 7.06 \pm 0.07 \text{ MeV}$

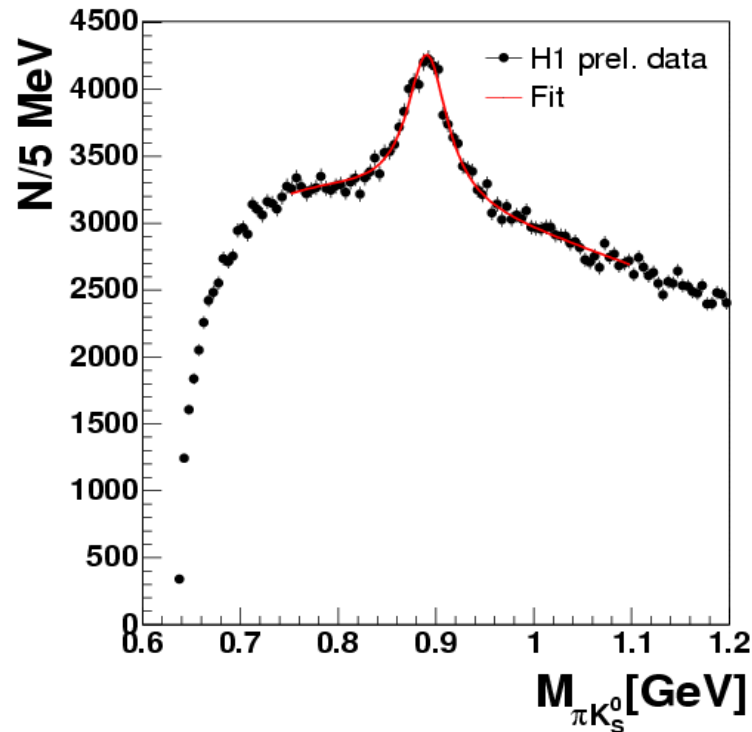
$\sigma_2 = 17.47 \pm 0.02 \text{ MeV}$



# Invariant $K_S^0 \pi$ mass

- combine  $K_S^0$  with primary tracks
- no dE/dx requirement

## $K^*$ signal



**result from fit:** (conv. B.W. and gaussian)

$$M = 891 \pm 1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{(PDG } M = 891.66 \pm 0.26 \text{ MeV)}$$

$$N = 18939 \pm 844 \text{ (stat.)}$$

$$\Gamma = 50.8 \text{ MeV (fixed)}$$

$$\text{(PDG } \Gamma = 50.8 \pm 0.9 \text{ MeV)}$$

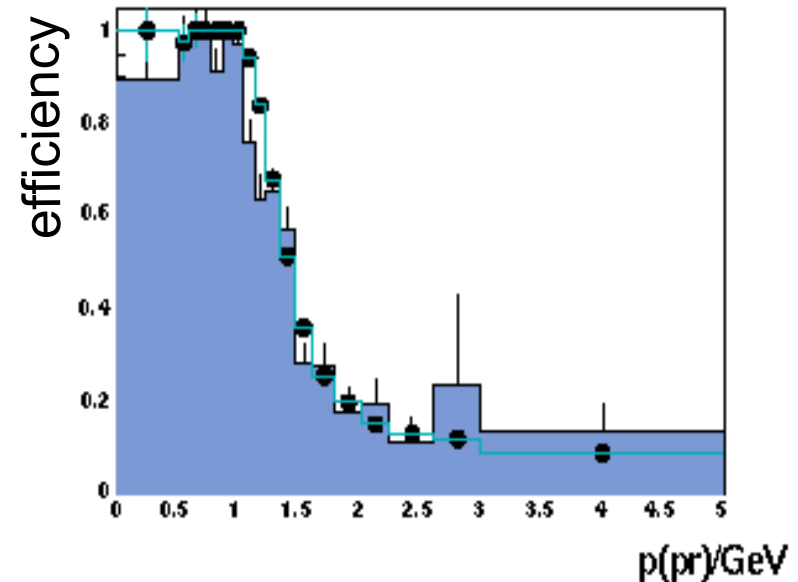
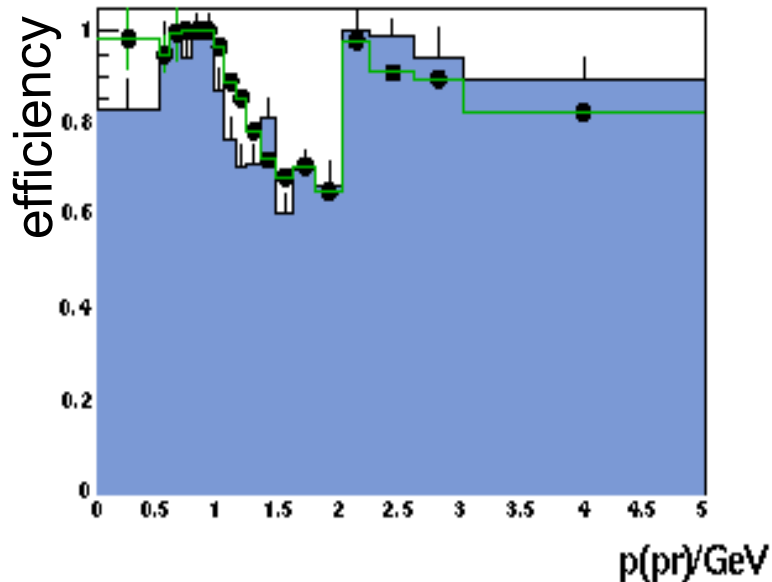
$$\sigma = 7.79 \pm 2.34 \text{ MeV}$$

mass and width  
agree with expectations

# Proton selection efficiency

- momentum dependent cut on Likelihoods
- $p \leq 2\text{GeV}$  :  $>25\text{hits}$ ,  $\text{LH}>30\%$
- $p > 2\text{GeV}$  :  $>15\text{ hits}$ ,  $\text{LH}>10\%$

- like ZEUS - bands
- without cut  $p(\text{pr})<1.5$



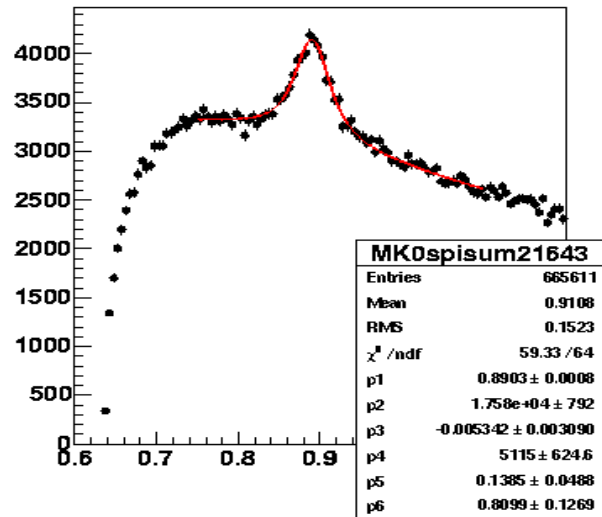
$dE/dx$  efficiency described by MC within  $\sim 5\%$   
possible differences in  $p_t$  and  $\eta$  distribution of protons from  $\Lambda$  or  $\theta^+$   
contribution to systematic uncertainty:  $\pm 10\%$

# Proton selection efficiency

- $N(K^*)$  before and after  $dE/dx$  selection:  
 20975  $\pm$  841  $K^*$  and 3064  $\pm$  207  $K^*$   
 14 % of pions survive  $dE/dx$  cut
- $N(K^*)$  before and after low momentum  $dE/dx$  selection,  
 $p(\text{pr}) < 1.5$  GeV:  
 17581  $\pm$  792  $K^*$       681  $\pm$  131  $K^*$   
 3.8% of pions survive  $dE/dx$  cut

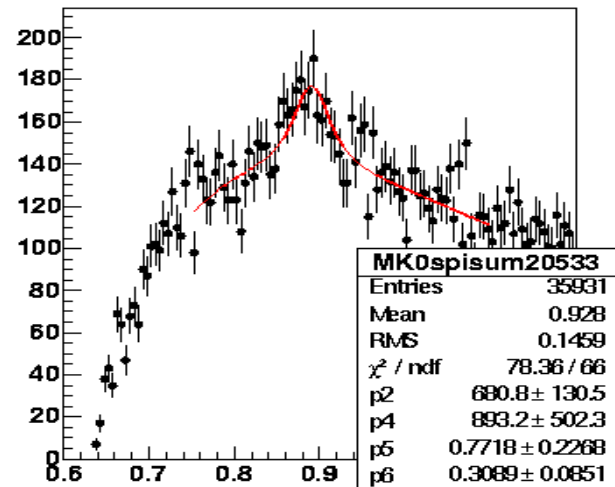
Invariant  $M(K^0_s\pi)$  ,  $p(\text{pr}) < 1.5$  GeV before and after  $dE/dx$  selection:

MK0spisum Q2>2,ST,no dEdx,ppr<1.5



$M(K^0_s\pi)/\text{GeV}$

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$M(K^0_s\pi)/\text{GeV}$

# Limit Extraction

- **Fitting procedure:** 3 different hypothesis

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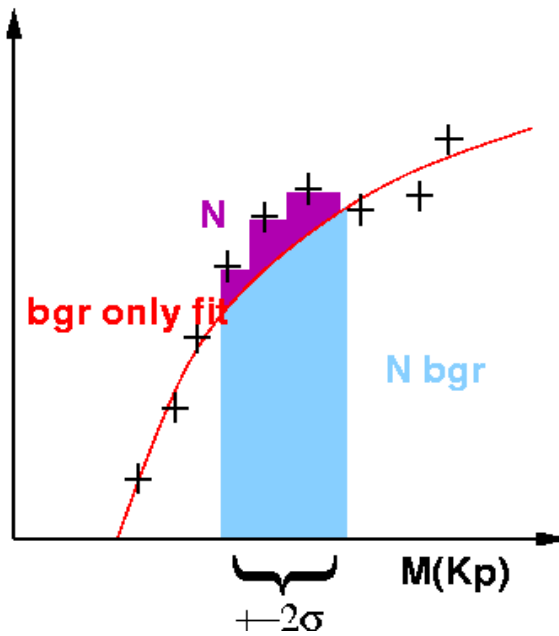
- upper limit on  $N(\theta^+)$  (95% C.L.) :

$$( \max(N - N_{\text{bgr}}, 0) + 1.64 * \sqrt{N} ) / 0.95$$

95% C.L.

extrapol  
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# Extracting Upper Limits on $\theta^+$ production



- fit background
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  - 2) exclude signal region from fit
  - 3) bgr + gaussian signal
- background subtraction in integration window  
 $M \pm 10 \text{ MeV}, \pm 16 \text{ MeV}$   
 corr. to  $2\sigma$  assuming a resolution of 5(8) MeV
- scan  $M$  in the range 1.48 to 1.7 GeV  
 upper limit on  $N(\theta^+)$  (95% C.L.) :  

$$(\max(N - N_{\text{bgr}}, 0) + 1.64 * \sqrt{N}) / 0.95$$

$$\sigma_{\text{U.L.}}(\theta^+ \rightarrow K^0 p) = \frac{N_{\text{u.l.}}(\theta^+ \rightarrow K^0_s p)}{\text{BR} * \epsilon * L}$$

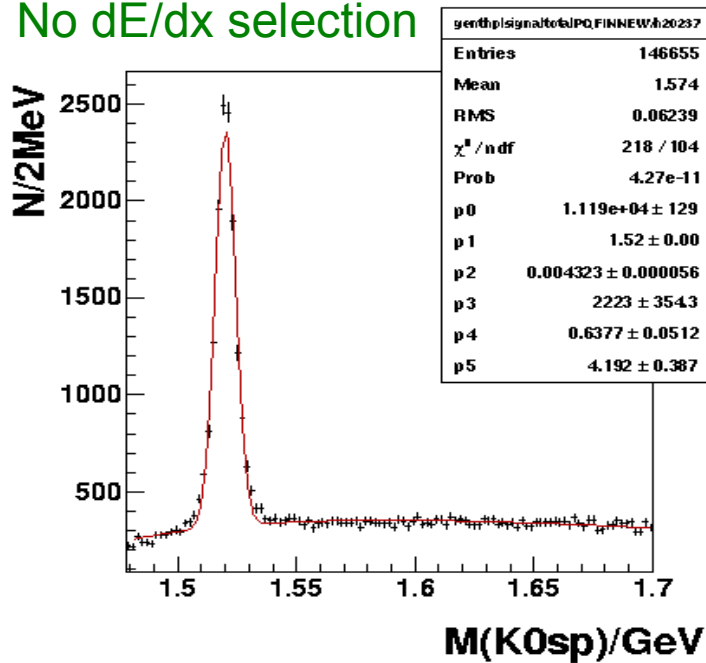
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- $\text{BR}(K^0_s \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) * \text{BR}(K^0 \rightarrow K^0_s) = 0.343$
- $L = 75 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

# Detector resolution estimated from Signal MC

No dE/dx selection



RAPGAP3.1

changed decay properties of  $\Sigma^*$

$\theta^+ \rightarrow K^0_s p$  at  $M=1540$  MeV and  $M=1520$  MeV

Fit Result:  $M=1520$  MeV

Fit Result:  $M=1540$  MeV

$M=1519.5 \pm 0.1$  MeV

$M=1539.7 \pm 0.1$  MeV

$\sigma=4.323 \pm 0.056$  MeV

$\sigma=4.839 \pm 0.084$  MeV

- detector resolution  $\sim 5$  MeV

Acceptances (before proton ID) :

	$5 < Q^2 < 10$	$10 < Q^2 < 20$	$20 < Q^2 < 100$ GeV <sup>2</sup>
$M=1520$	6.52 %	7.82 %	7.3%
$M=1540$	6.77 %	7.9 %	7.64%

( contribution to systematic error 3% )

# Systematic uncertainties

## Different fit methods

- bgr function only, full mass range
- bgr function, exclude signal region  $M \pm 2\sigma$
- fit bgr + signal (fixed width)

Differences small  $\sim 2\%$   
always use most  
conservative

## averaging weights

- average weight in Q2 bins (from fit)

+ - 4%

## dE/dx

- efficiency described within 5%

+ - 10 %

## Triggerefficiencies S2/S61 (corrected by using MC)

- discrepancy of up to 8%

+ - 8%

## Tracking

- single tracks: 1.8% uncertainty, 3 tracks  $\sim 6\%$

+ - 6%

## e reconstruction

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+ - 10%

## Model dependece

- difference between signal MC  $M=1520$  and  $M=1540$

+ - 3%

## Lumi

+ - 1.5 %

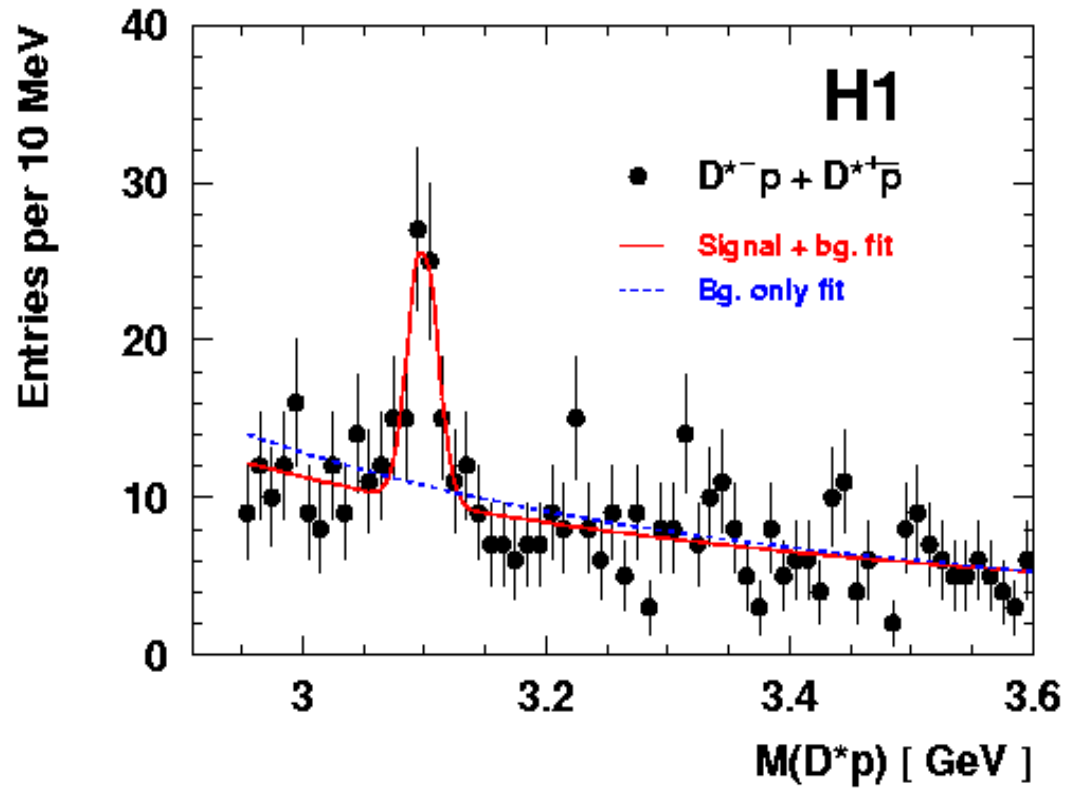
**Total increase upper limit by 18.1 %**

## ...more Backup Slides

### Charm PQ Search



# Details of fit



Charges	M[MeV]	[MeV]	$N_s$
$D^{*-}p + D^{*+}\bar{p}$	$3099 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 3$	$50.6 \pm 11.2$
$D^{*-}p$	$3102 \pm 3$	$9 \pm 3$	$25.8 \pm 7.1$
$D^{*+}\bar{p}$	$3096 \pm 6$	$13 \pm 6$	$23.4 \pm 8.6$

# All Checks (I)

## check events

- signal events scanned visually: **no anomalies**
- double entries ?
  - 1.) Within  $\pm 24$  MeV around peak: **1 double entry**
  - 2.) All  $M(D^*p) < 3.6$  GeV: **1.12 entries / event**

## signal from $D^*, p$ ?

- backward  $D^*$  analysis: **signal region  $D^*$  rich**
- well identified protons ( $p < 1.2$ , hard  $dE/dx$ ): **signal there**  
average norm. likelihood in signal region  $\langle L_p \rangle = 0.92$

## physics in signal and bgr region?

- physics on/off resonance: **proton spectrum harder on resonance**

## peak stable?

- signal present in **subsamples** (in  $Q^2$ ,  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $p_t$ , data taking period)
- variations of binning and selection: mass, width stable
- signal present in photoproduction

# All Checks (II)

signal from bgr or from  $D^*$ , protons?

- wrong charge D bgr instead of real  $D^*$ : **no peak**
- $D^*$  sidebands instead of  $\Delta M(D^*)$  signal window: **no peak**
- K,  $\pi$  selected (via  $dE/dx$ ) instead of protons (p-mass assigned): **no peak**
- $K\pi$  combinations with masses above region where charm contributes: **no peak**

check reflections

- reflections from possible signal in  $D^*K$  ( $D^*p$ ) mass distribution?  
protons assigned K,  $\pi$  mass: **no peak**
- reflections from  $D_1^0$ ,  $D_2^{0*}$ : **expected contribution (MC): 4 evts ( $\pm 24\text{MeV}$ )**
- signal due to  $D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 \gamma \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$ ? **no** ( $e^+e^-$  misidentified as  $\pi$  and proton)
- possible peak structure in all possible mass combinations with all possible mass hypotheses of the particles making the  $D^*$  and the  $D^*p$  system to search for real or fake resonances, e.g.  $\Lambda$ ,  $^0\Delta$ ,  $^{++}\Delta_s^0$ ,  $K^2$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $f$  **no enhancements found**
- possible peak structures in all possible mass correlations among the proton candidate and the remaining charged particles of the event with all possible mass assignments to search for real or fake peaks **no enhancements found**

## All Checks (III)

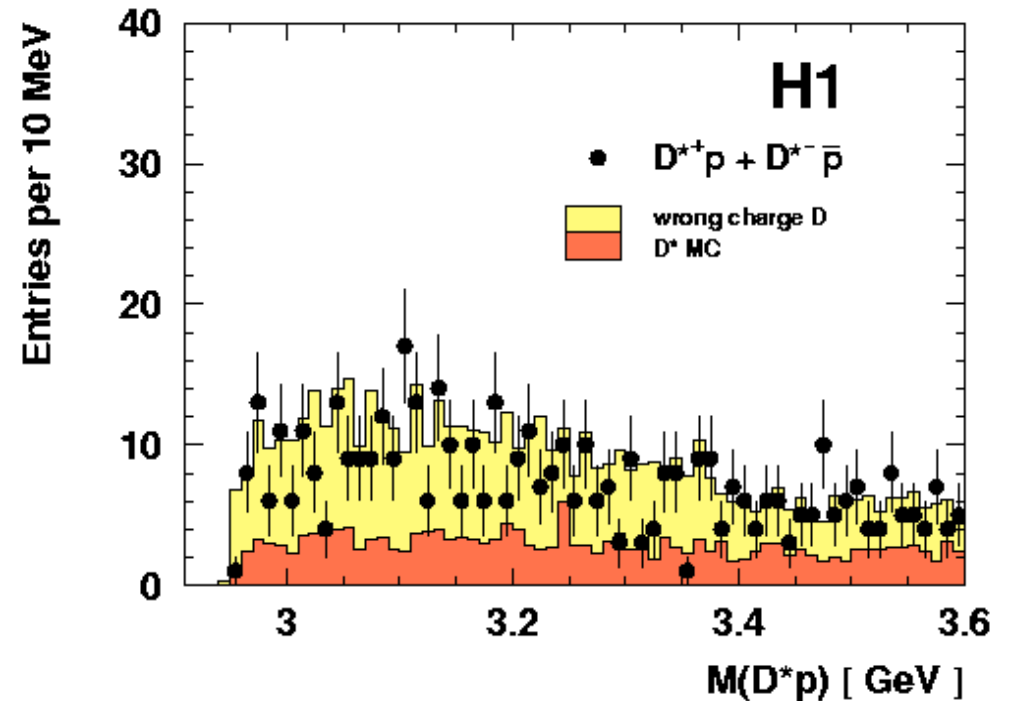
studies of  $D^*p$  and associated  $K^0$ s or  $\Lambda$

- $D^*p$  and  $K^0$ s selected. If at least 1 common track required (in  $D^*p$  mass region):  
no indication of  $K^0$ s signal
- select  $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^-$  (and c.c.) and search for  $\Lambda$  (or anti $\Lambda$ ) with appropriate quark content: no  $\Lambda$  signal left in  $dm(D^*)$  window
- Select  $\Lambda$  signal region and study  $M(Kp\Lambda)$  or  $M(D^*p)$ :  $D^*p$  signal not faked by  $\Lambda$

# Signal visible also in like sign $D^*p$ ?

data consistent with background estimation

No significant peak in like sign  $D^*p$



charm and non-charm bgr:

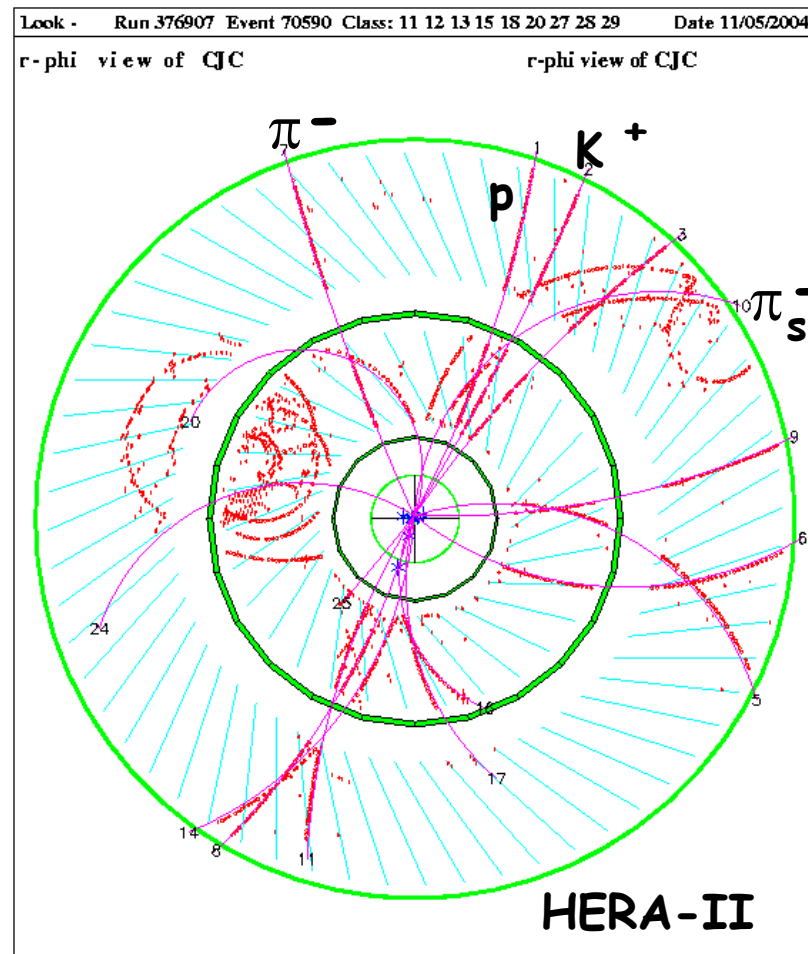
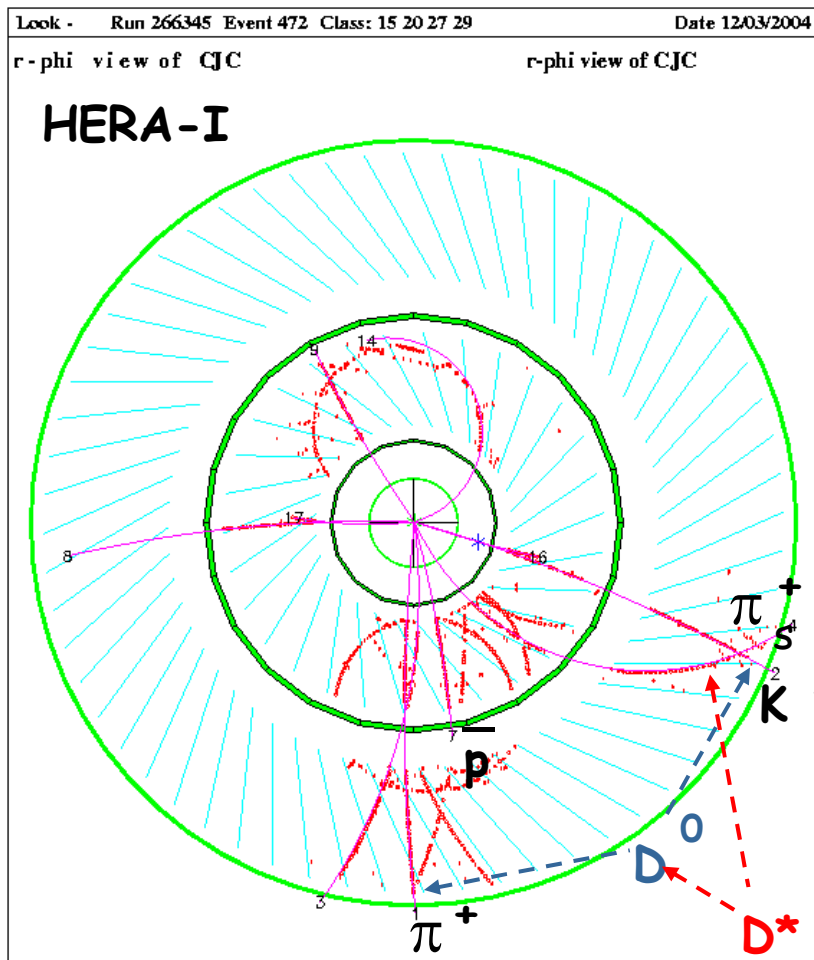
- no enhancement in  $D^*$  Monte Carlo
- no enhancement in wrong charge D

**No!**

Background well described by  $D^*$  MC and "wrong charge D" from data

# Signal faked by reconstruction problem?

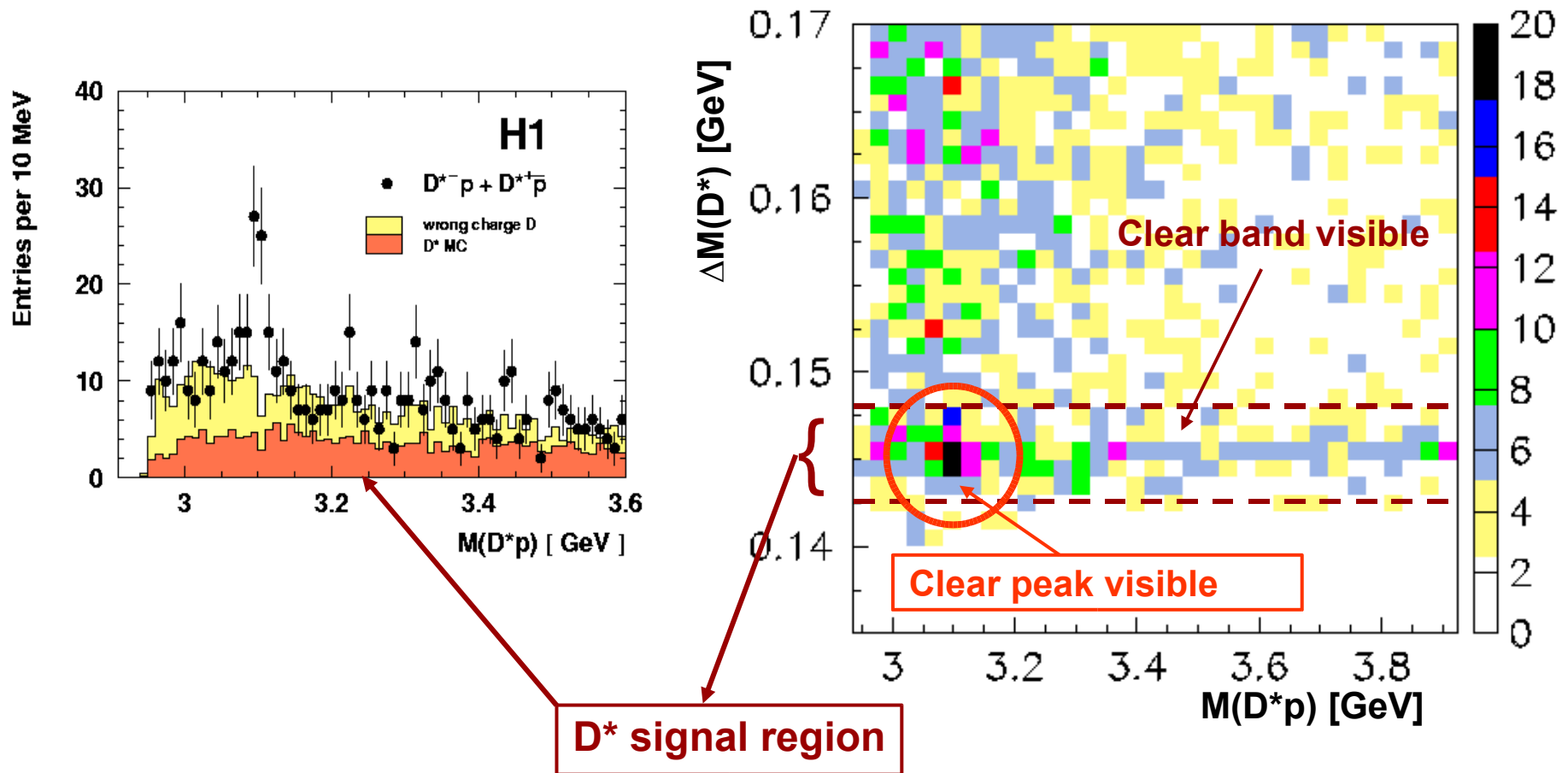
Typical  $D^*p$  candidates:



All signal events visually scanned – no anomalies

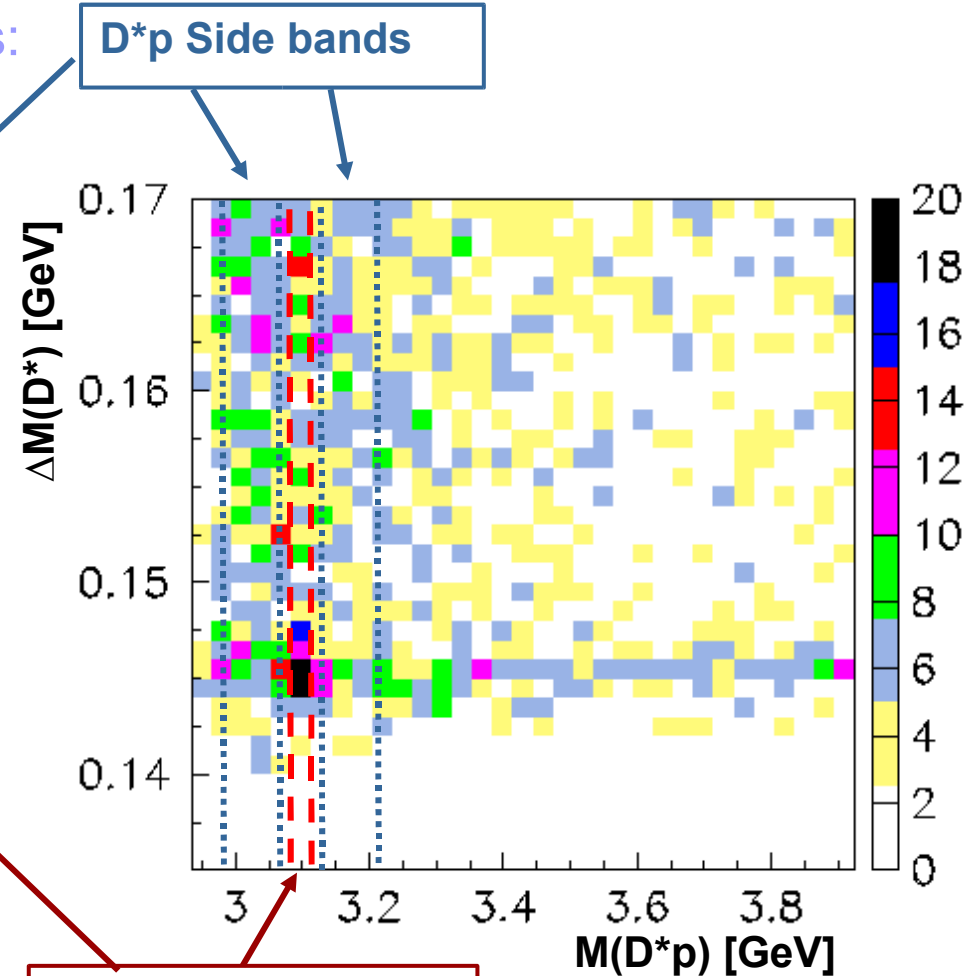
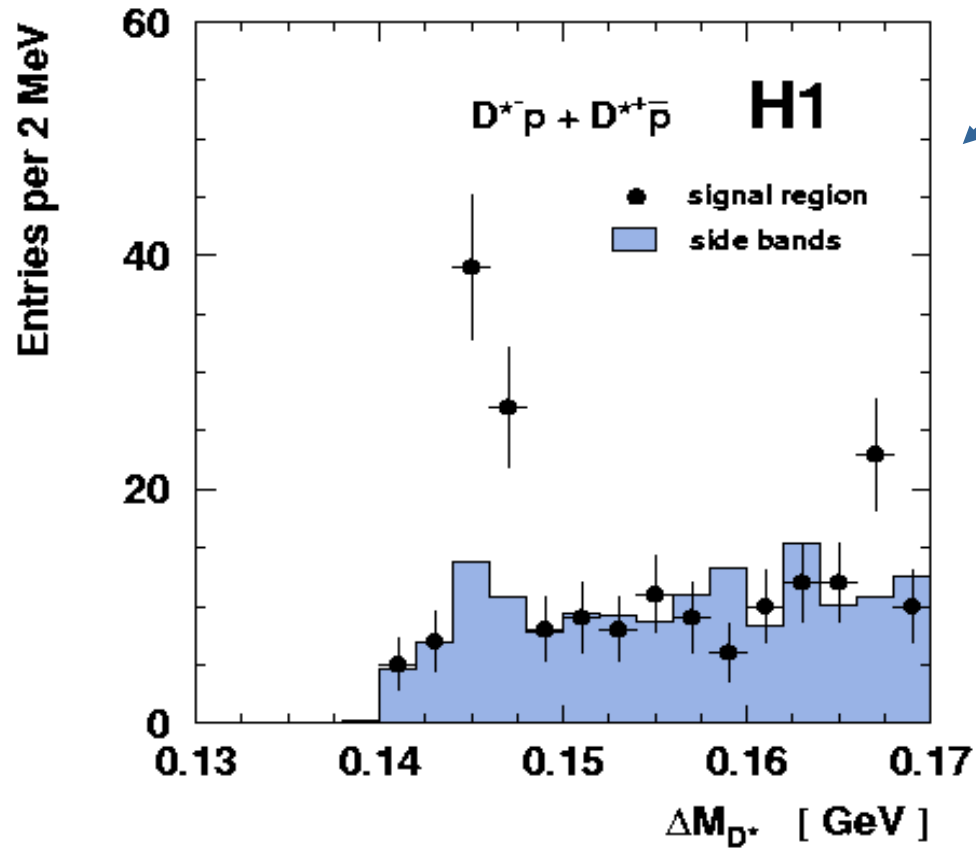
**No!**

# Does Resonance come from $D^*$ ?



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$\Delta M(D^*)$  in  $D^*p$  – signal region and sidebands:



Side band scaled to the width of the signal window in  $M(D^*p)$   
no further normalization!

**D\* $p$  signal region**

**D\* $p$  signal region is richer in  $D^*$  than sidebands**

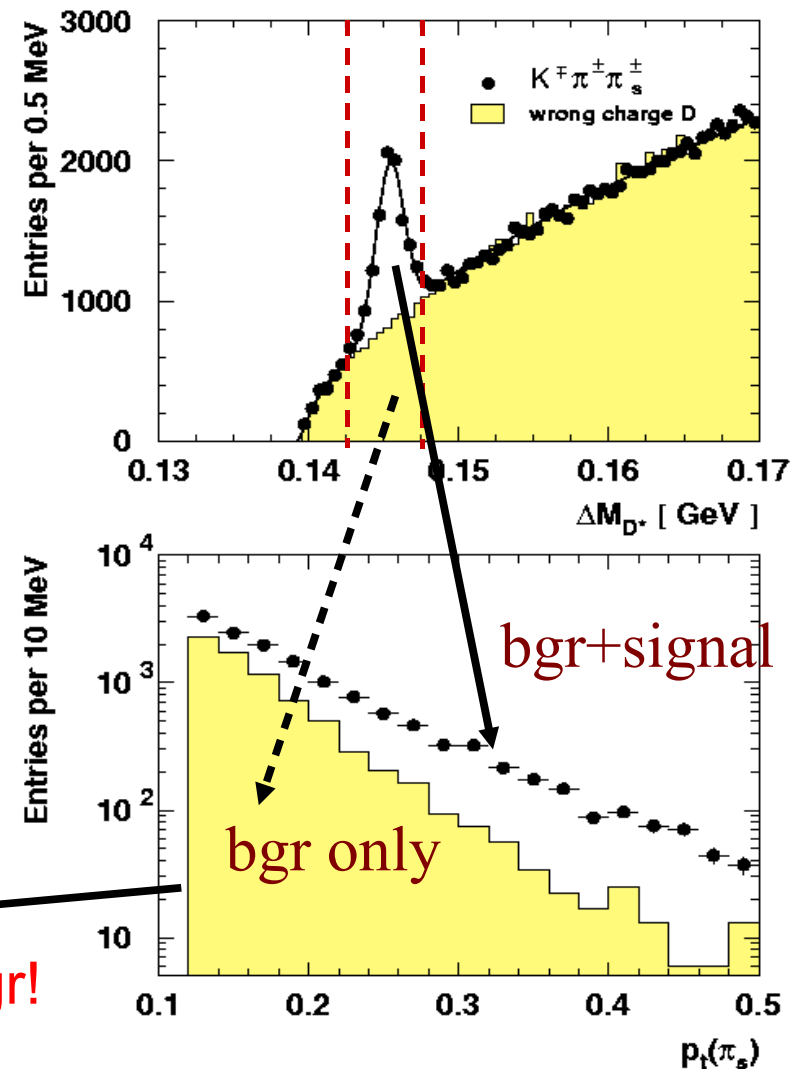
**Yes!**



# on and off resonance kinematics of $D^*$

- single charged particles:  
momentum spectrum steeply falling!  
preserved in combinatorial bgr
- Particles from decay:
  - Lorentzboost
  - particles may be emitted in direction of flight

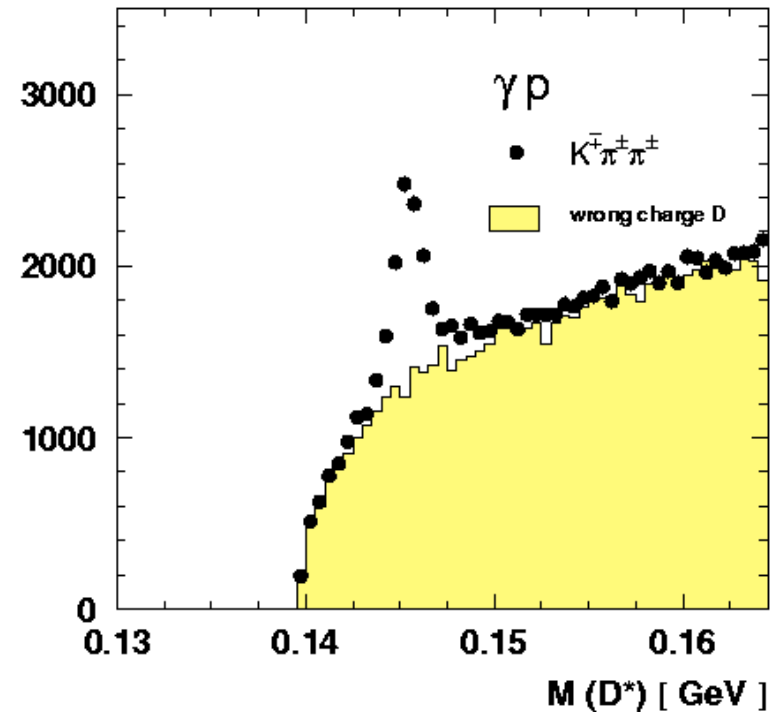
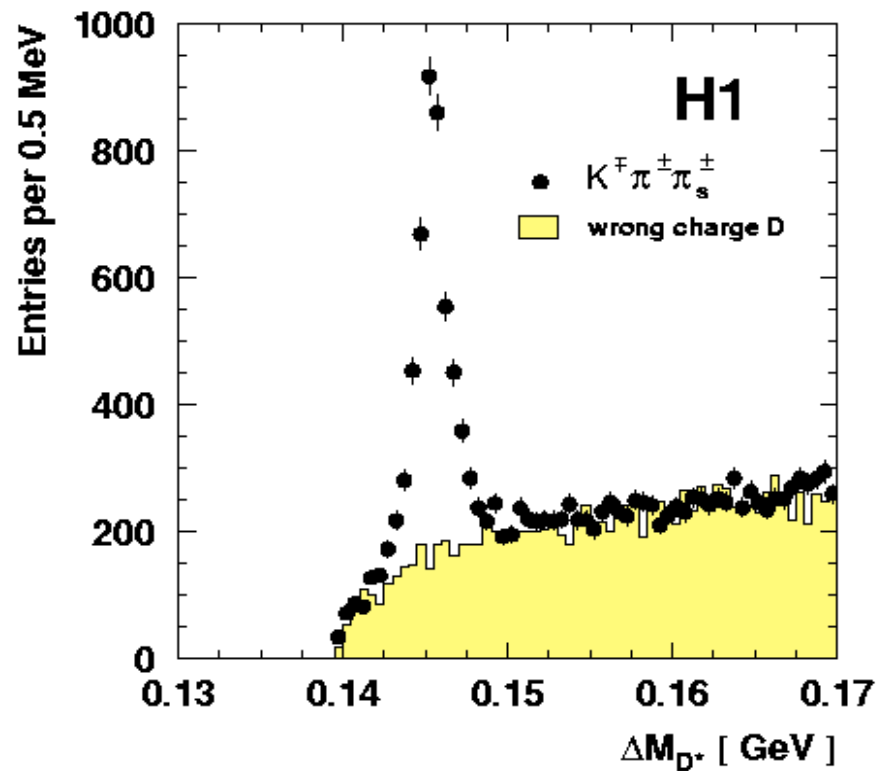
example:  $\pi_S$  from  $D^*$  (looser selection)



Harder momentum spectrum expected for particles from decay

Check assumption using  $D^*$ :  
 $\pi_S$  momentum spectrum  
harder for  $D^*$  than for wrong charge D bgr!

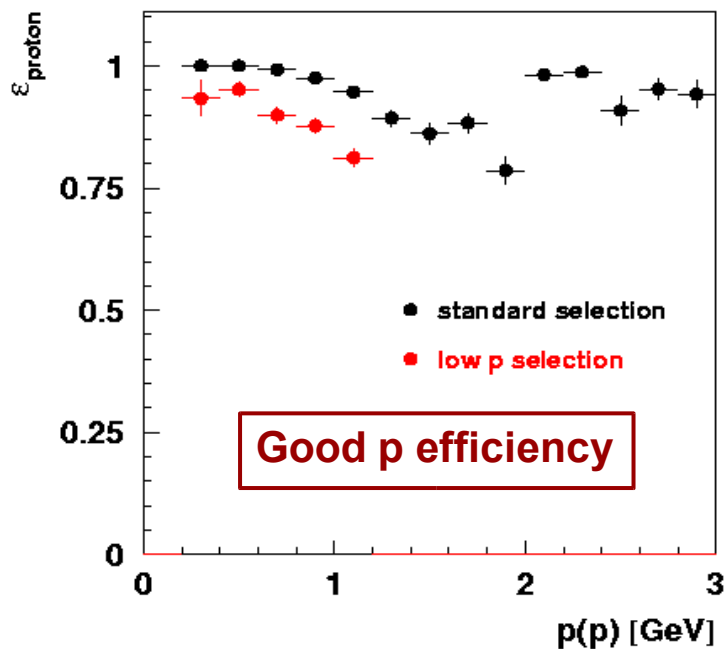
# D\* signal in DIS and photoproduction



- DIS cleaner signal
- photoproduction: supporting evidence

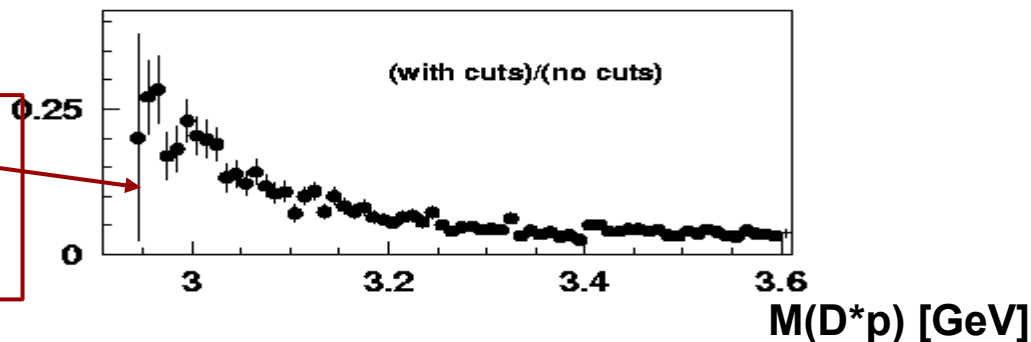
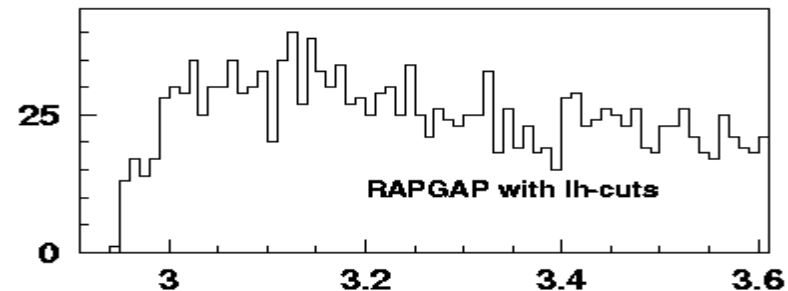
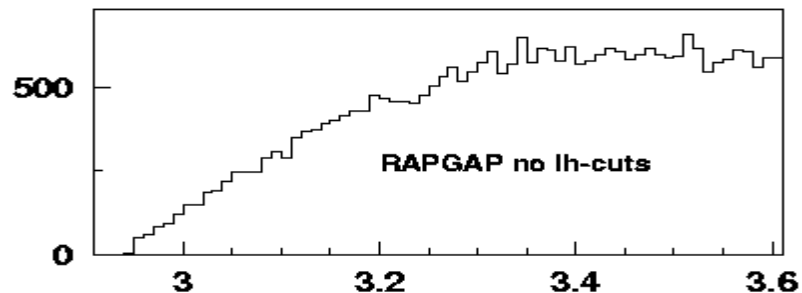
# Acceptance effects?

## Proton efficiency



Smooth variation with  $M(D^*p)$   
 Shape reflects opening of  
 phase space

## “Pion survival probability”

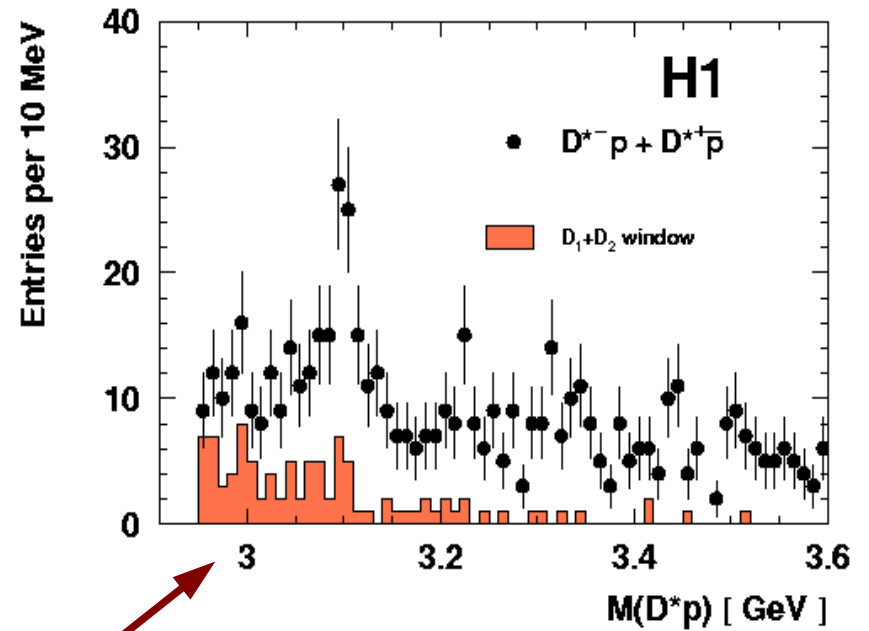
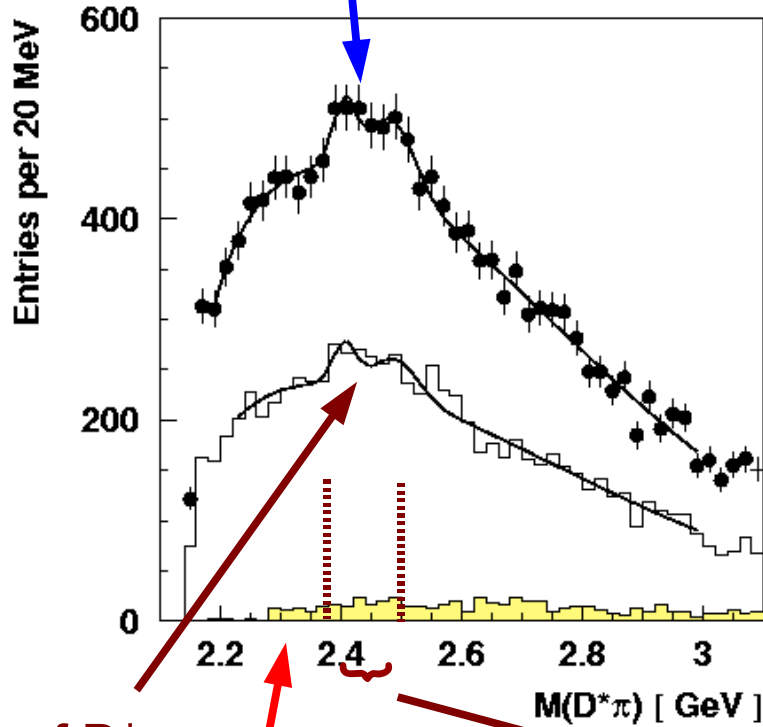


$$M(D^*p) = m(K\pi\pi p) - m(K\pi\pi) + M_{PDG}(D^*)$$

# Reflections from decays to $D^*\pi$ ?

loose  $D^*$  cuts  
 $\pi$  selection

$D_1^0, D_2^{0*} \rightarrow D^*\pi$



$D^*$  cuts of  $D^*p$   
 $\pi$  selection

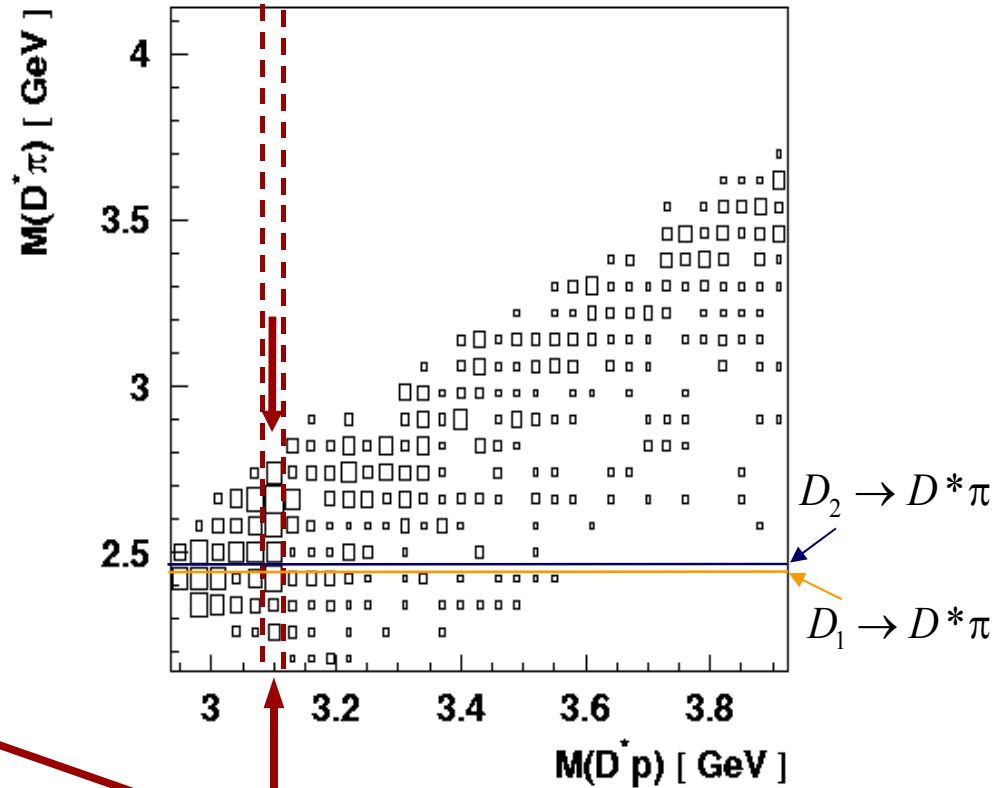
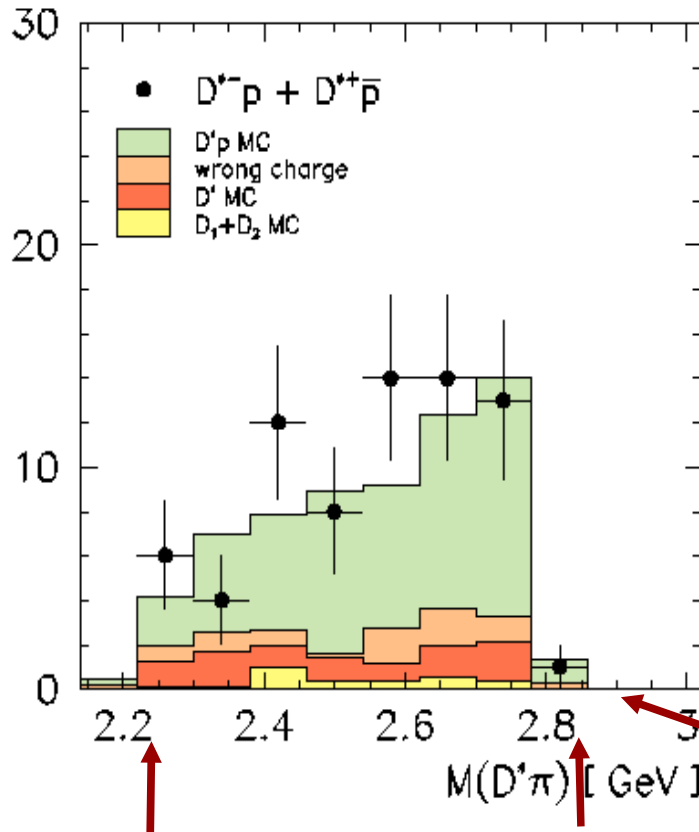
$D^*$  cuts of  $D^*p$   
 proton selection

$D_1, D_2$  window

Expect 3.5 decays ( $D_1^0, D_2^{0*} \rightarrow D^*\pi$ ) in  $D^*p$  signal

# Reflections from decays to $D^*\pi$ ?

$$D_1^0, D_2^{0*} \rightarrow D^*\pi$$



go to the  $D^*p$  signal region

Signal for  $X \rightarrow D^*p$ : available phase space in  $D^*\pi$  completely used

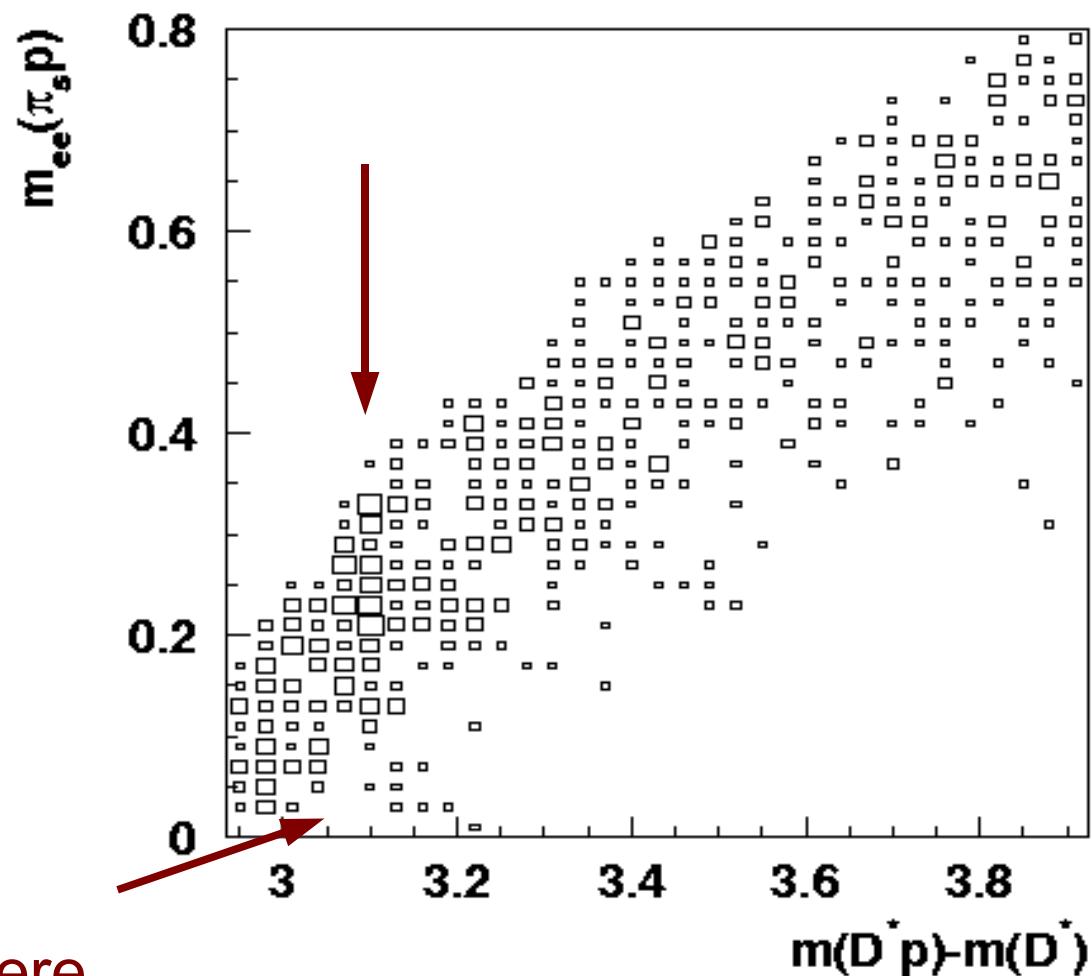
Within  $\pm 24$  MeV around  $D^*p$  signal: 4 events from  $D_1^0, D_2^{0*}$  expected

# Could signal be due to decay $D^{0*} \rightarrow D^0 \gamma$ ?

$D^{0*} \rightarrow D^0 \gamma \rightarrow D^0 e^+ e^-$   
electrons

- asymmetric in energy
- misidentified as proton and  $\pi_s$  ?

No accumulation at small  $m_{ee}$   
in  $D^*p$  signal region or elsewhere



# Systematic error for $R_{\text{cor}}(D^*p(3100)/D^*)$ in visible $D^*$ region

Relative systematic errors:

$\Delta m(D^*)$ window 1.5 MeV instead of 2.5 MeV	- 9 %
Fit with our background model instead of $(M(D^*p)-M(D^*))^\alpha$	- 12 %
$z(D^*) > 0.1$ instead of $z(D^*) > 0.2$	- 21 %
Exclude $D_1, D_2$ signal region by $ m(D^*\pi)-2.45  > 50$ MeV	+ 18 %
Uncertainty in $dE/dx$	$\pm 10$ %
Re-weighting of $D^*p$ fragmentation function	- 5 %
Re-weighting of $\eta(D^*p)$ distribution	- 3 %

Total  
- 28 + 21 %

Total systematic error : -0.45+0.33%

# Systematic error for $\sigma(D^*p)/\sigma(D^*)$ for full $D^*$ region

Relative systematic errors:

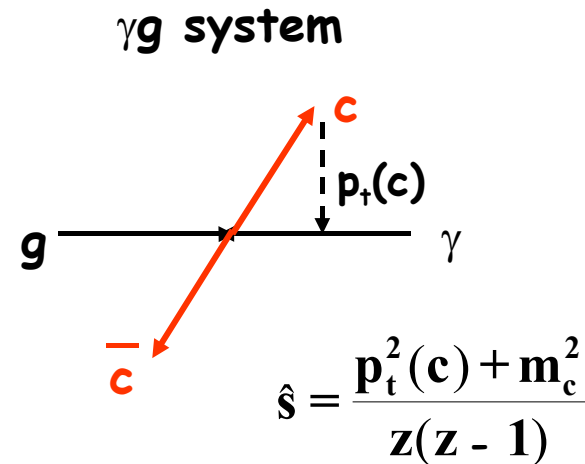
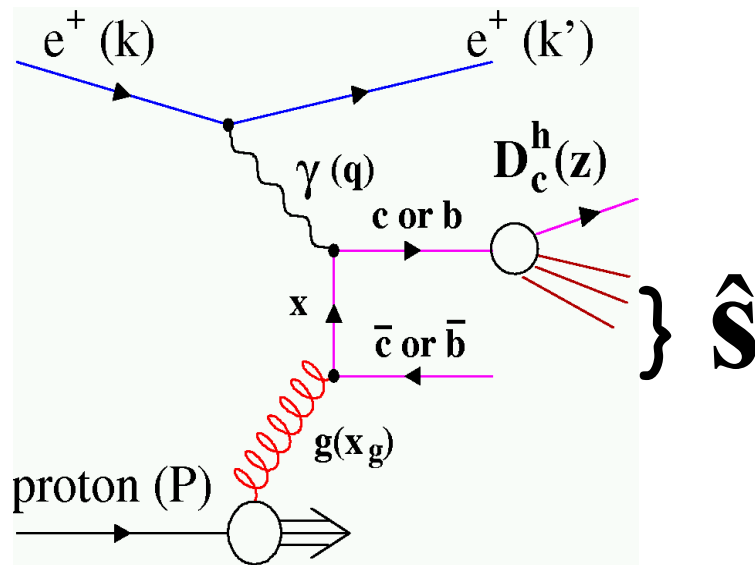
$\Delta m(D^*)$ window 1.5 MeV instead of 2.5 MeV	- 10 %
Fit with our background model instead of $(M(D^*p)-M(D^*))^\alpha$	- 14 %
$z(D^*) > 0.1$ instead of $z(D^*) > 0.2$	- 8 %
Exclude $D_1, D_2$ signal region by $ m(D^*\pi) - 2.45  > 50$ MeV	+ 17 %
Selection with $x_{\text{obs}}(D^*p)$ instead of $z(D^*)$	- 15 %
Uncertainty in $dE/dx$	$\pm 10$ %
Re-weighting of $D^*p$ fragmentation function (*)	+ 28 %
Re-weighting of $\eta(D^*p)$ distribution	- 4 %
Total	- 26 + 34 %

Total systematic error : -0.64+0.85%

**(\*) if the  $x_{\text{obs}}(D^*p)$  cut is used instead of the  $z(D^*)$  cut the systematic uncertainty due to fragmentation reduces to 11%**



# Acceptance corrected $D^*p/D^*$ yield ratio: definition of shat

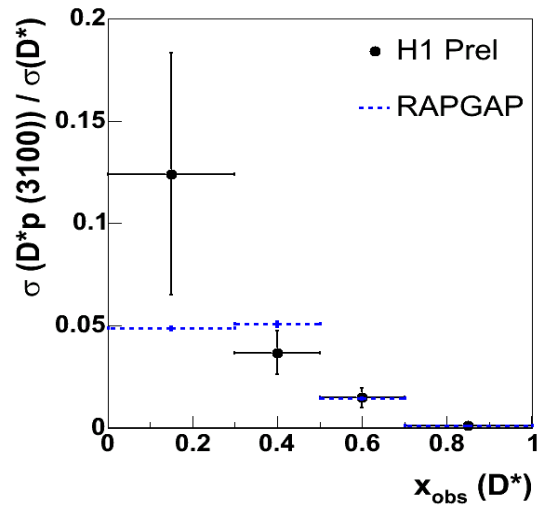


But: we observe charmed hadrons instead of quarks  
 Normal procedure: Replace quantities of c-quark by those of  $D^*$   
 We measure also fragmentation variable  $x_{obs}$  --> we can do better :

$$\hat{s} = \frac{p_t^2(D^*)/x_{obs}(D^*) + m_c^2 x_{obs}(D^*)}{z(D^*)(z(D^*)/x_{obs}(D^*) - 1)}$$

Reconstruction of shat: purity: 74-81% ( 65-92% ) with  $D^*$  (and  $\Theta_c$ ) MC  
 stability: 74-82 % ( 65-93% )

# Remarks on $\sigma(D^*p)/\sigma(D^*)(x_{\text{obs}})$



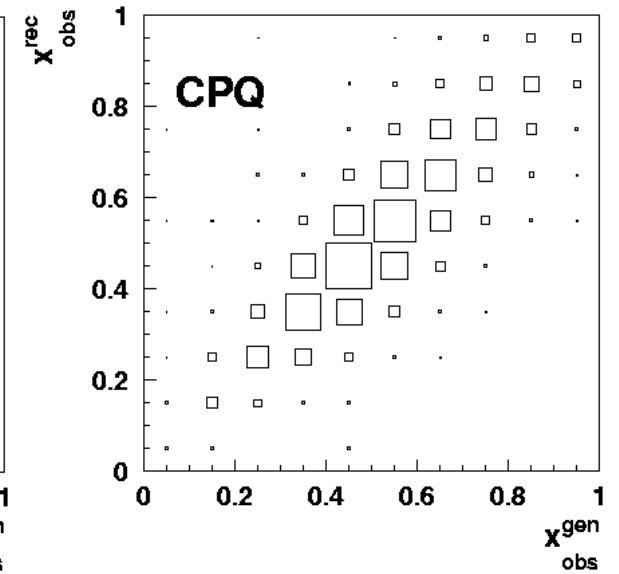
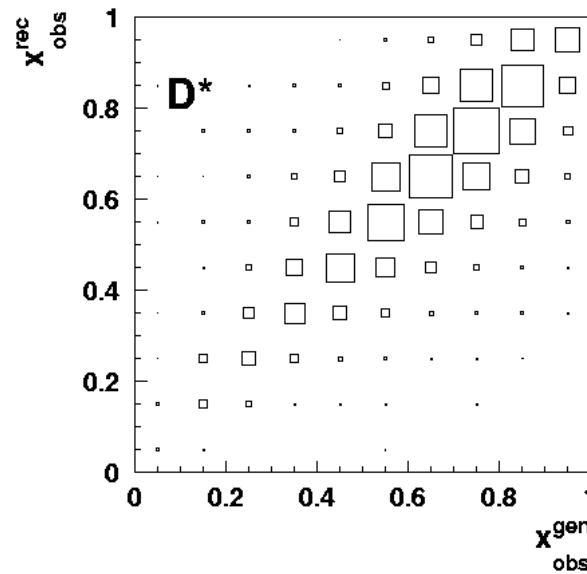
$x_{\text{obs}}(D^*)$  very soft !

for  $x_{\text{obs}}(D^*) > 0.5$ :

$$\sigma(D^*p)/\sigma(D^*) = 1.08 \pm 0.31\%$$

for  $x_{\text{obs}}(D^*) > 0.7$ :

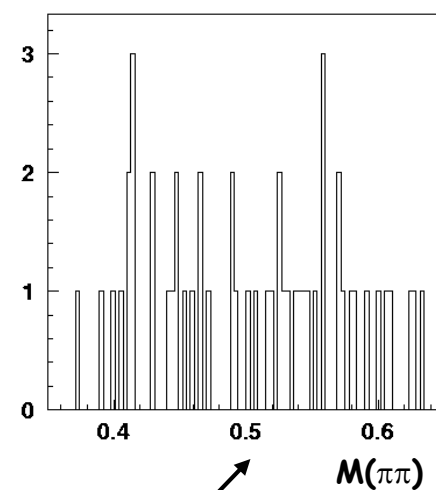
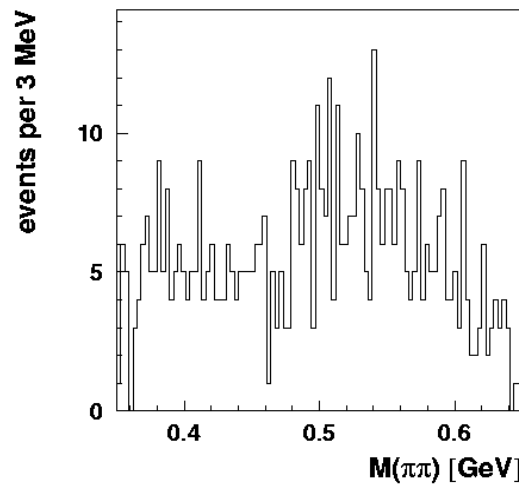
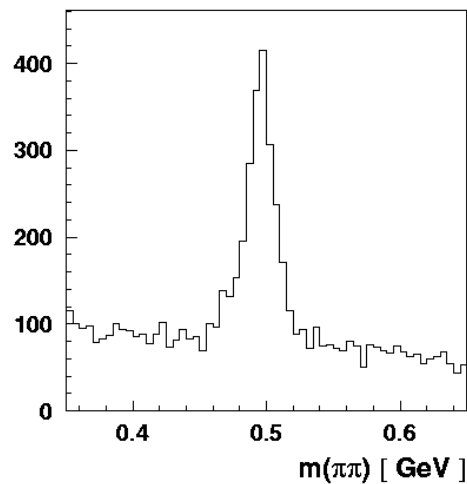
$$\sigma(D^*p)/\sigma(D^*) = 0.17 \pm 0.13\%$$



# Investigation of $D^*p$ and associated $K^0$ 's

selection of  $D^*$  DIS-events ( $dm < 170\text{MeV}$ , right and wrong charge combi.) with  $V^0$  candidates

At least on track in common



No obvious  $K^0$  signal

$D^*p$  signal region

No indication for a  $K^0$  signal