



Meson - Spectroscopy with with COMPASS at CERN

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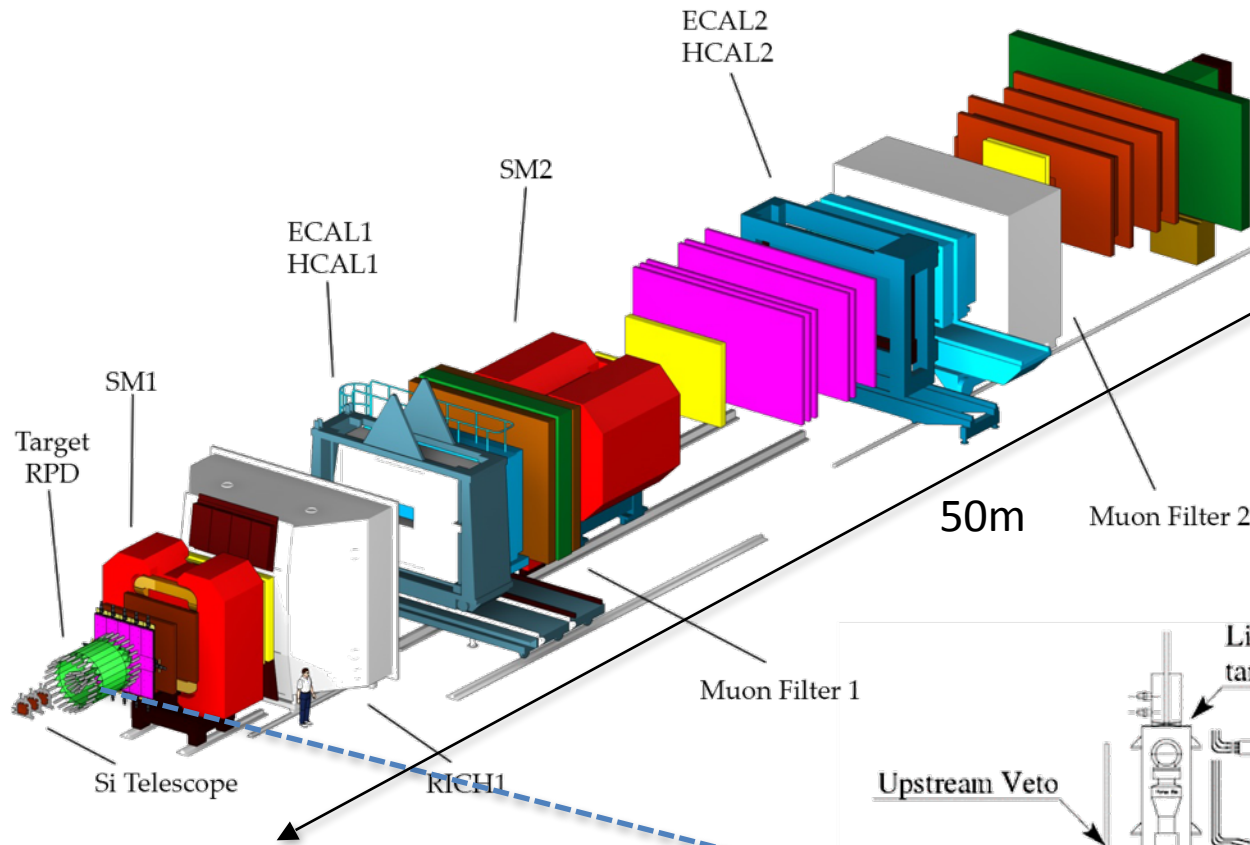
Brief Overview



COMPASS performs physics with p , K , π beams

Examples will be given on

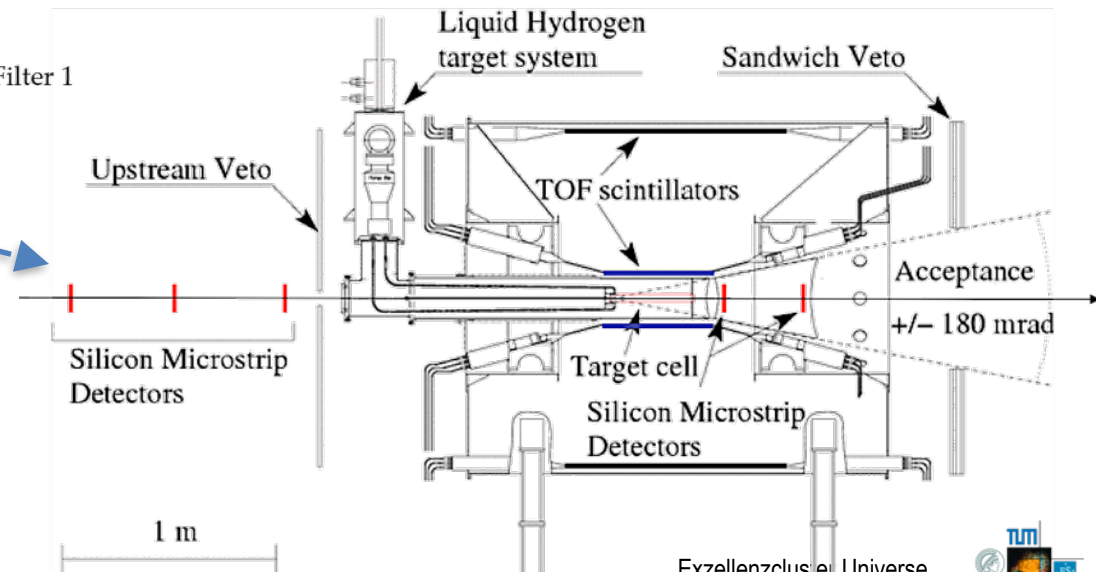
- Diffraction with π into 3π (this talk)
- Spectroscopy in strong interaction
 - Introduction
 - Identification method (PWA)
 - results for a_J and π_J states
- *New insights* into production/decay dynamics
- Conclusions



CERN SPS

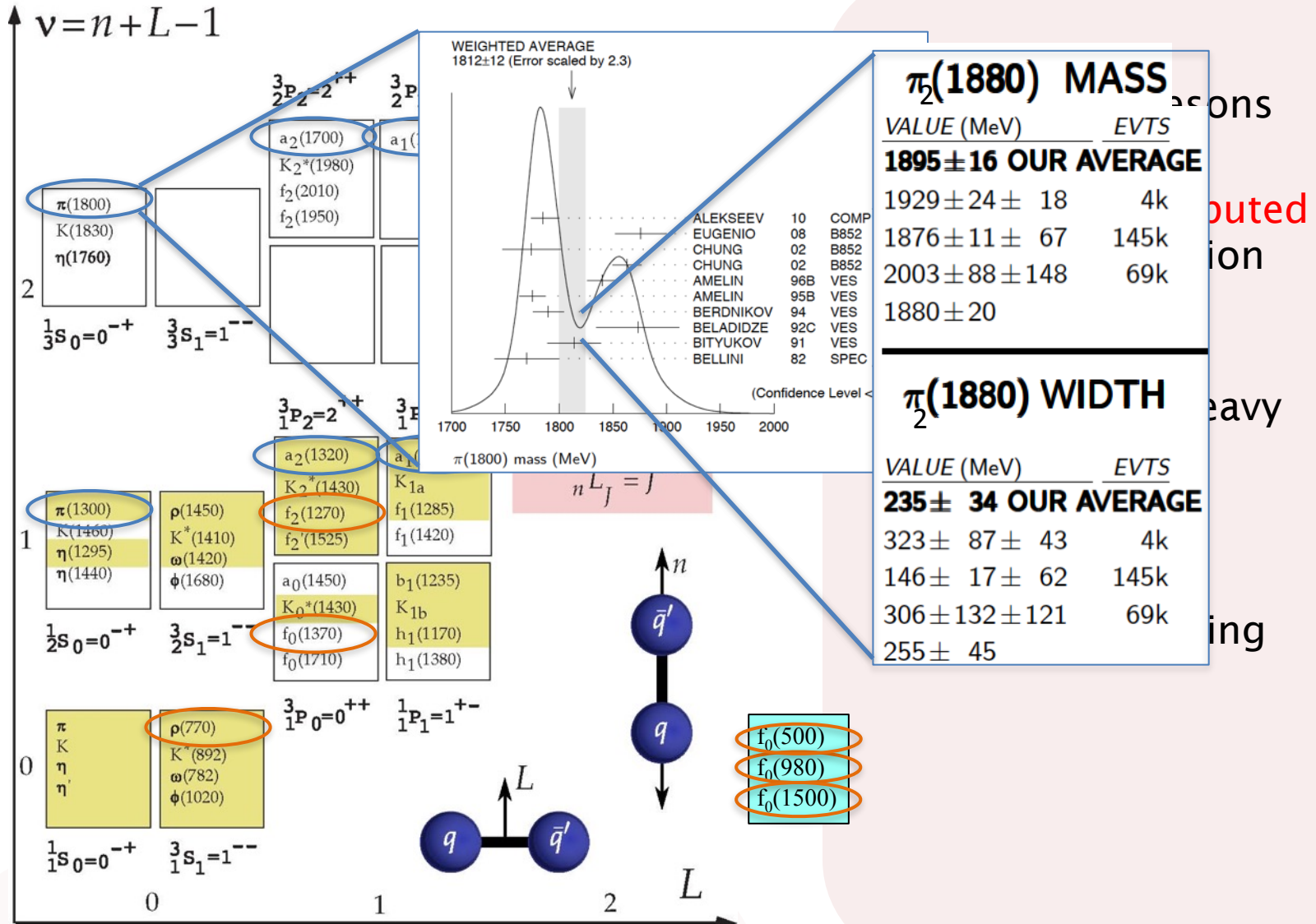
Hadron beam:

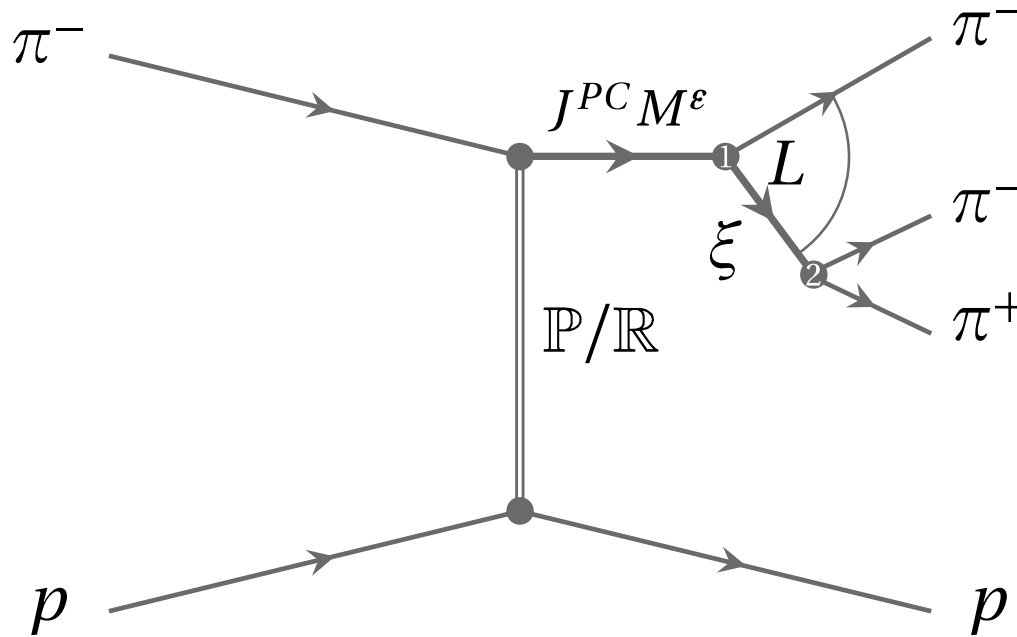
- 190 GeV/c π , K, ρ
- $5 \cdot 10^7$ particles/SPS-spill
- 60 days data taking 2008
- **Trigger:** RPD hit, beam veto



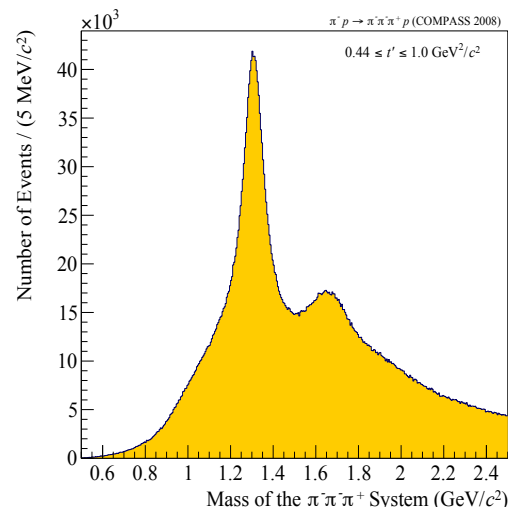
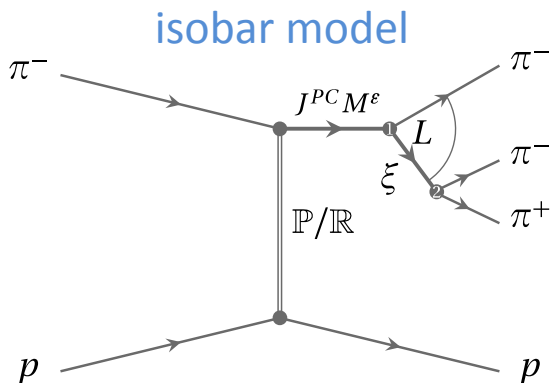
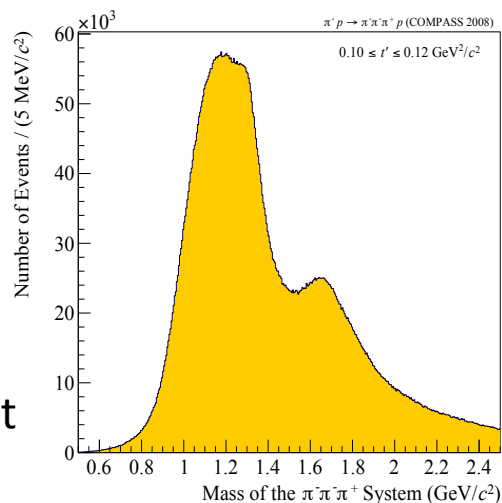


Constituent Quarks and Mesons

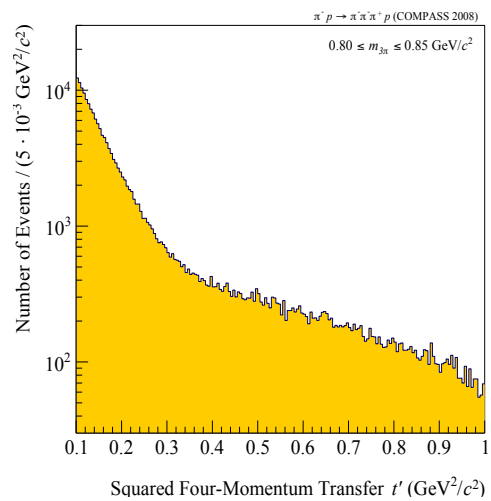




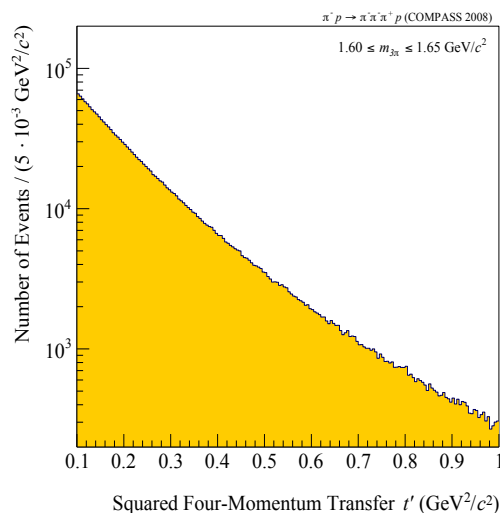
Example: production of 3π



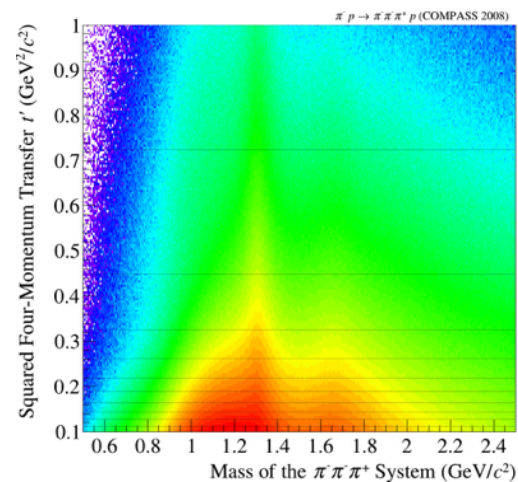
high t



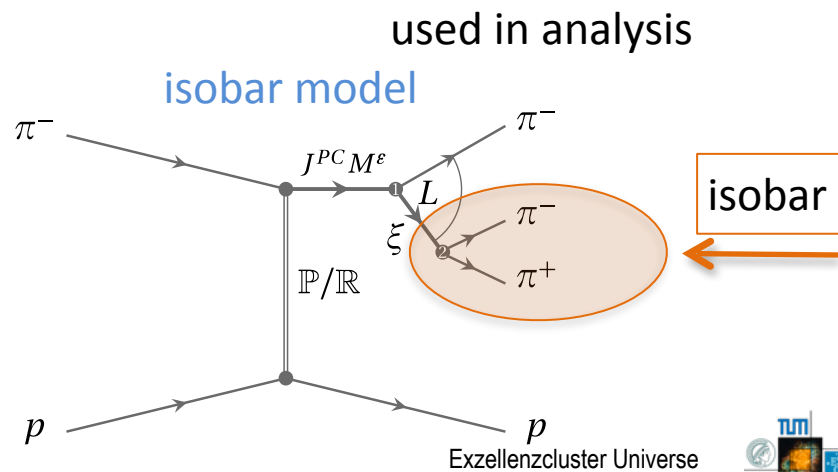
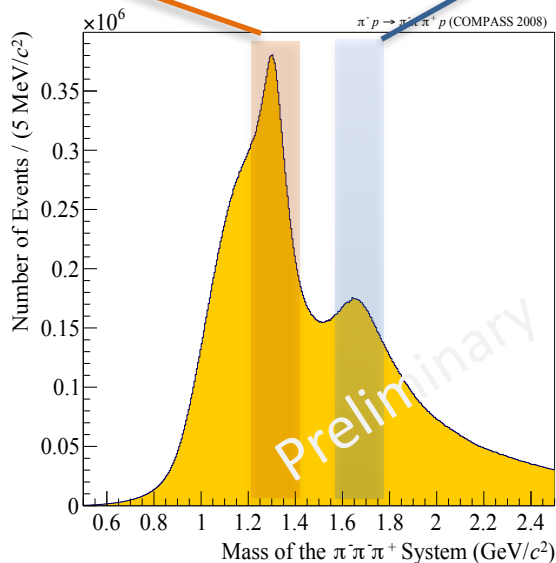
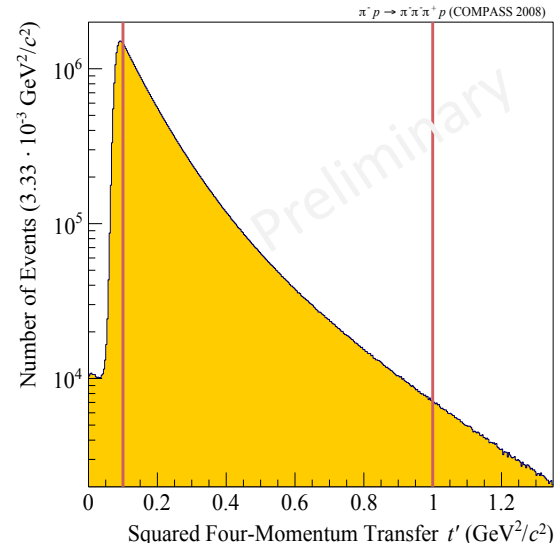
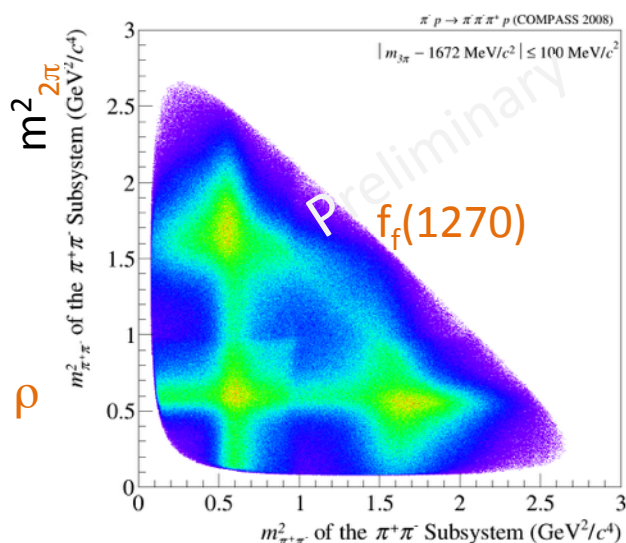
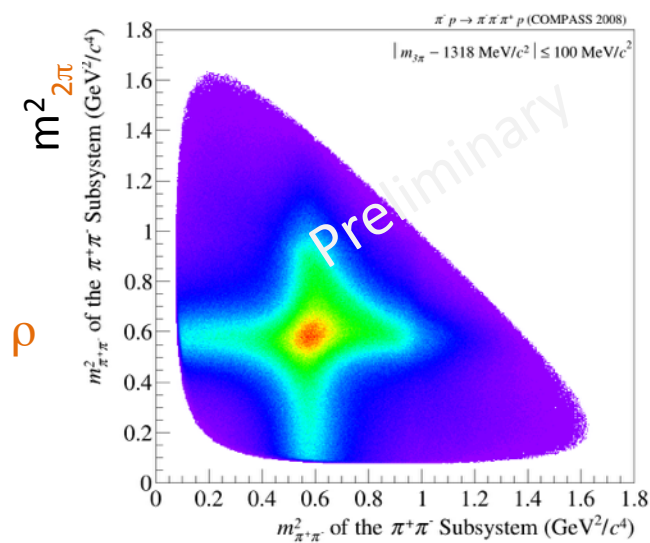
$0.8 < m_{3\pi} < 0.85$



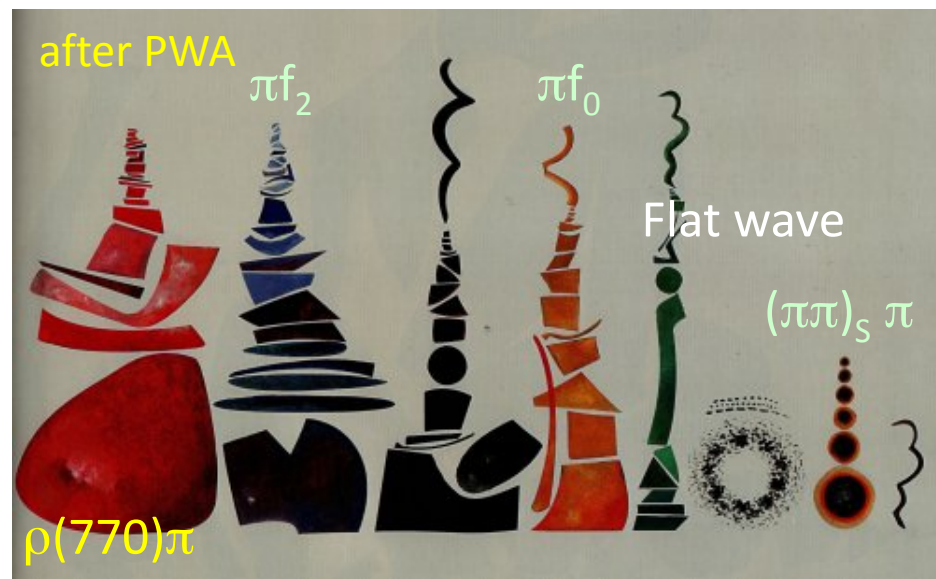
$1.6 < m_{3\pi} < 1.65$



grid of t used
 $\Delta m: 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



inspired by M. Pennington





Partial wave analysis



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Describe population in 5-dimensional phase space in $\pi\pi\pi$ by model

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step 1



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- Describe spin density matrix (submatrix) by model containing resonances and non-resonant contributions connecting all mass bins
- Determine resonance parameters

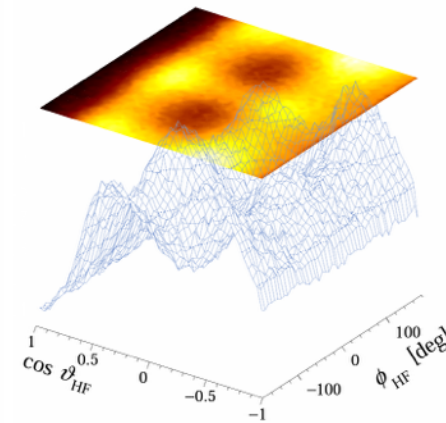
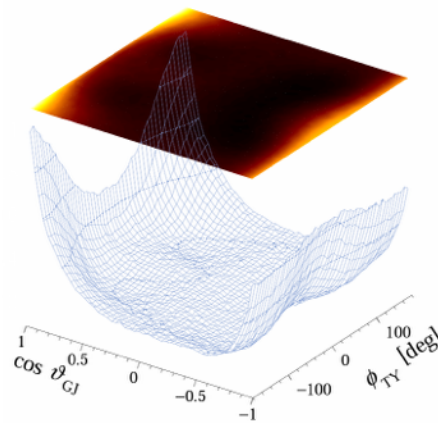
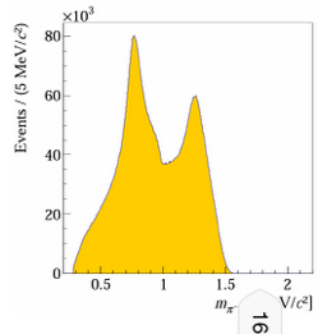
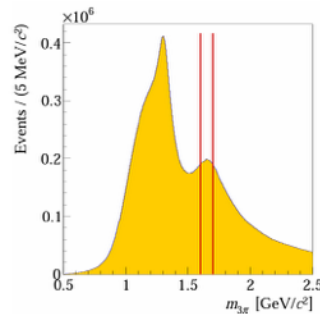
Use helicity amplitudes :

5-dimensional phase space:

mass of 3π

2 angles in 3π rest frame

2 angles in isobar rest frame



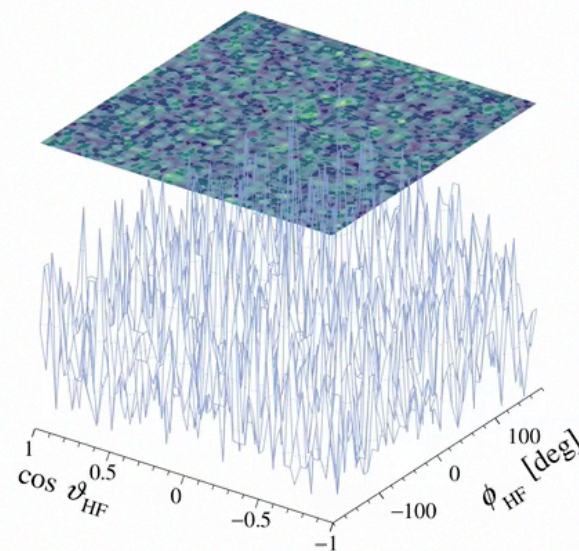
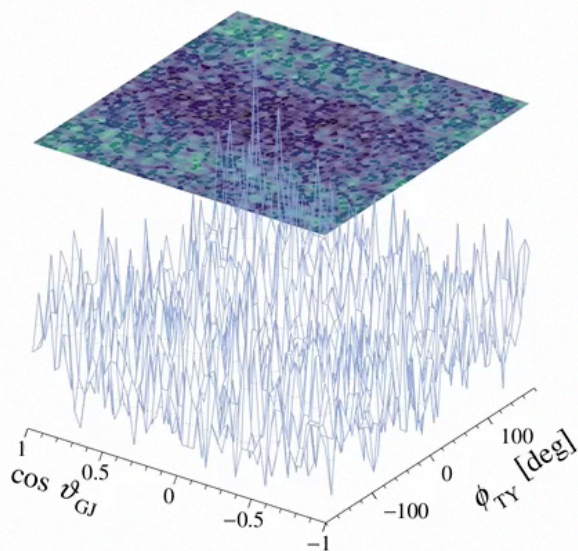
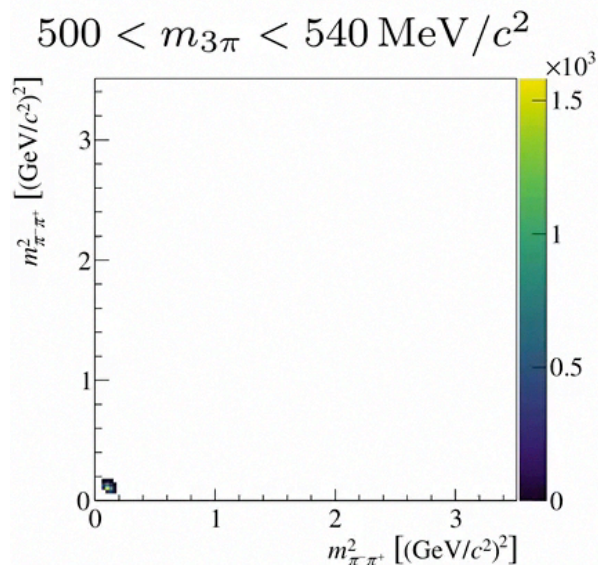
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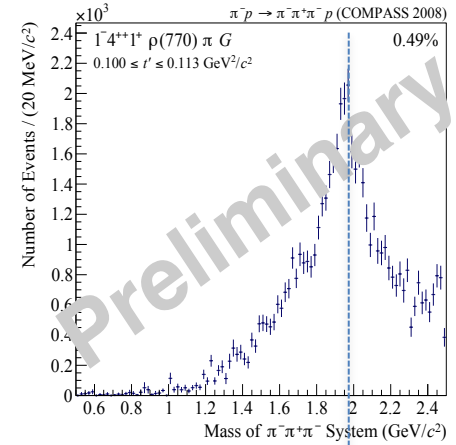
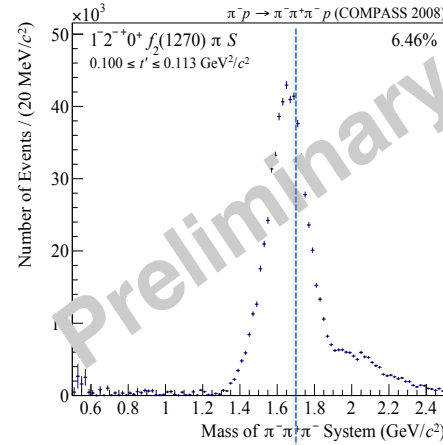
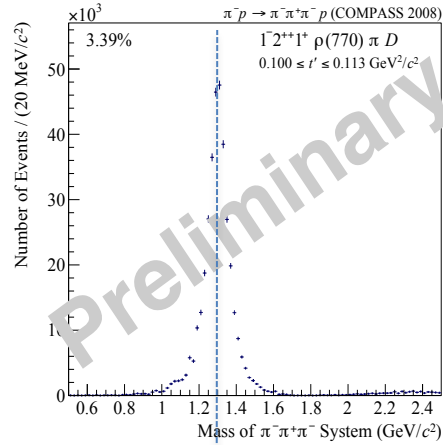
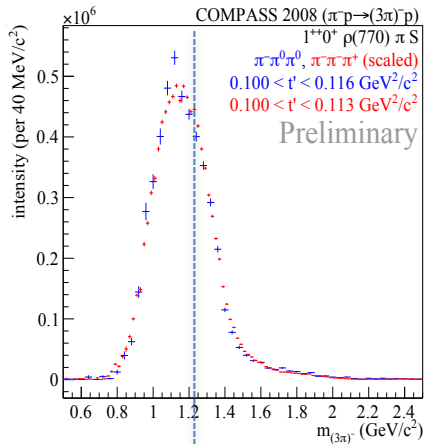
Dalitz plot

2 angles in 3π rest frame

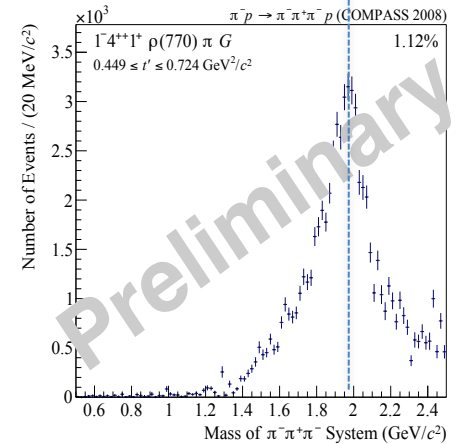
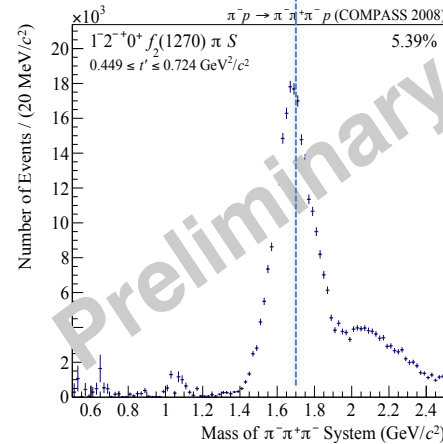
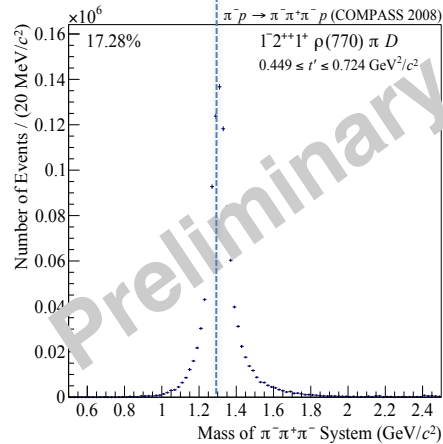
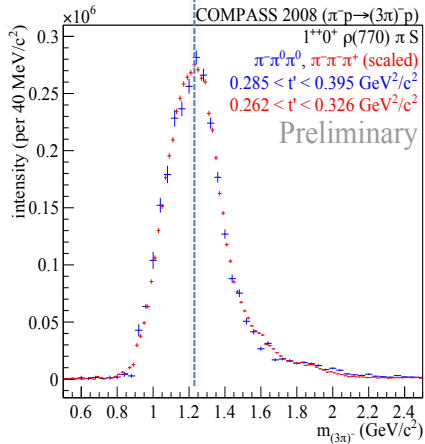
2 angles in isobar rest frame



low t



high t



$1^{++}0^+ \rho \pi S$

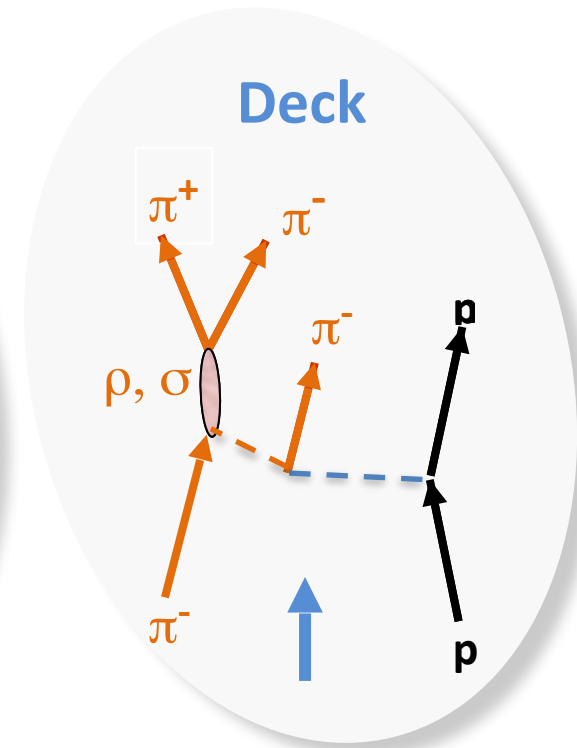
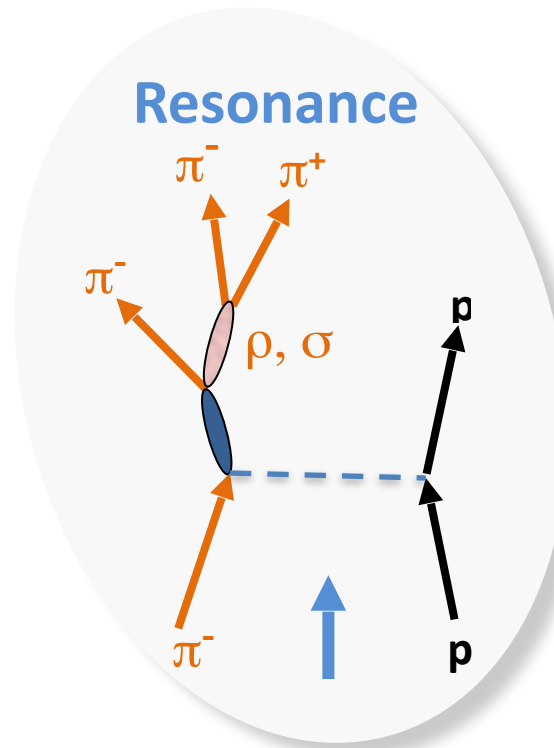
$2^{++}1^+ \rho \pi D$

$2^{-+}0^+ f_2 \pi S$

$4^{++}1^+ \rho \pi G$

Describe the results obtained independently in different mass bins by a model

- select **physics contributions**
- fit to **spin density matrix** (not only to simple mass spectra)
- use 14 waves (out of all 88 waves)
 - 722 **free parameters**
 - 76505 **data points**



Two types of contributions

Find the Resonances

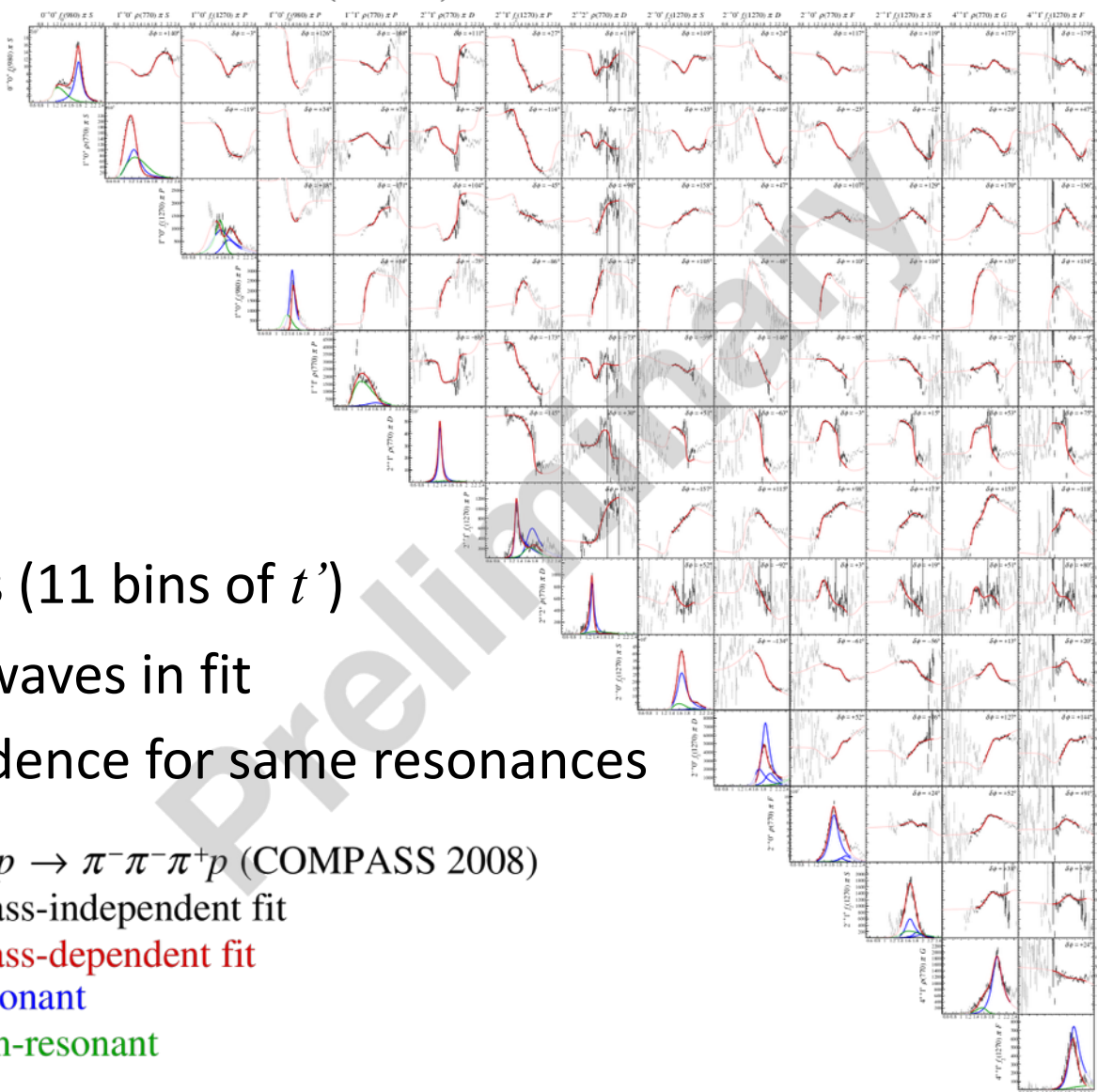
Reference wave



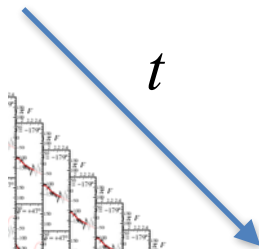
Intensity / (20 MeV/c²)

$0.100 < t' < 0.113$ (GeV/c)²

$m_{3\pi}$ [GeV/c²]



$\Delta\phi - \delta\phi$ [deg]



- 11 matrices (11 bins of t')
- use 14/88 waves in fit
- fix t -dependence for same resonances

$\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ p$ (COMPASS 2008)

Mass-independent fit

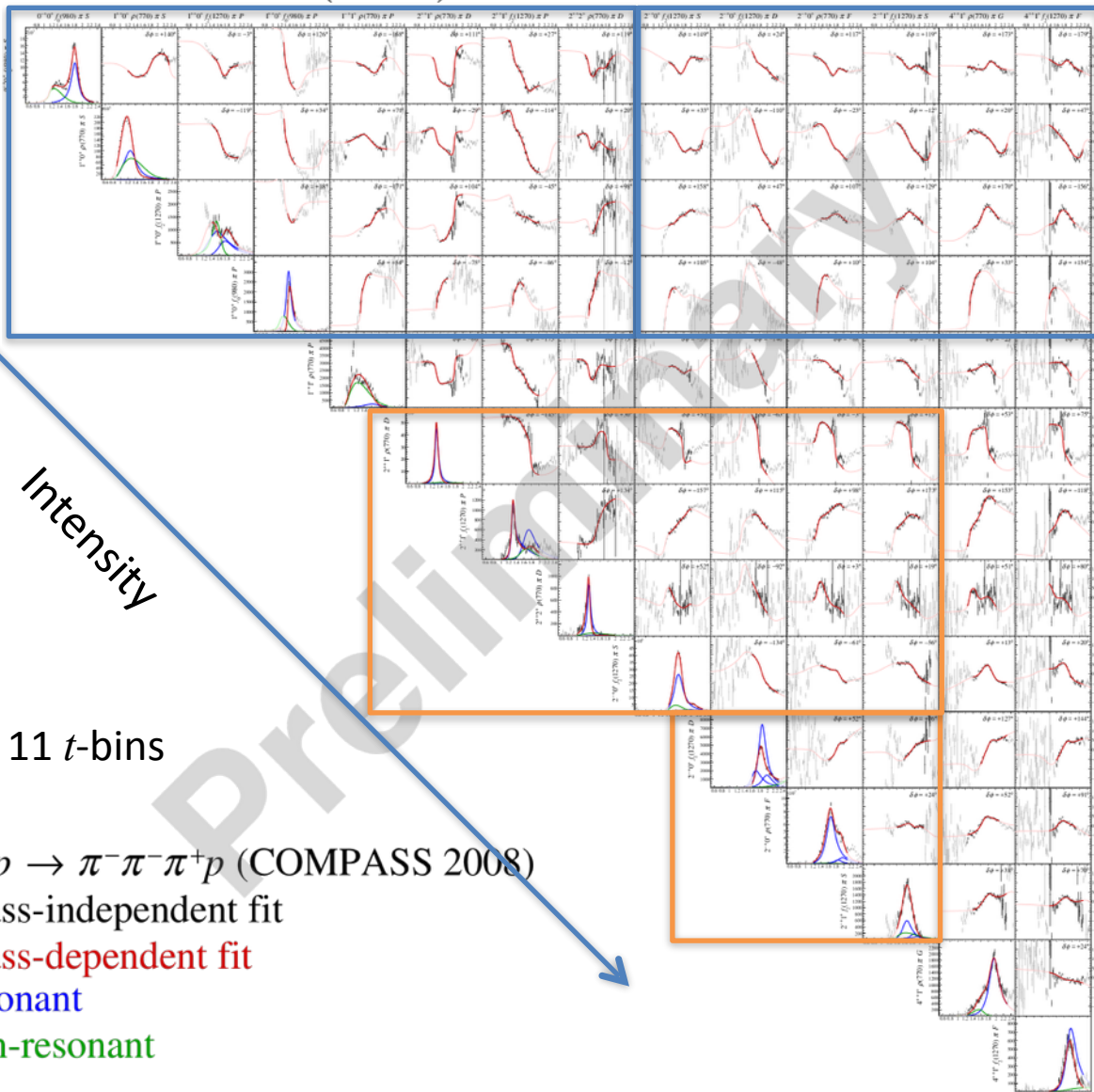
Mass-dependent fit

resonant

non-resonant

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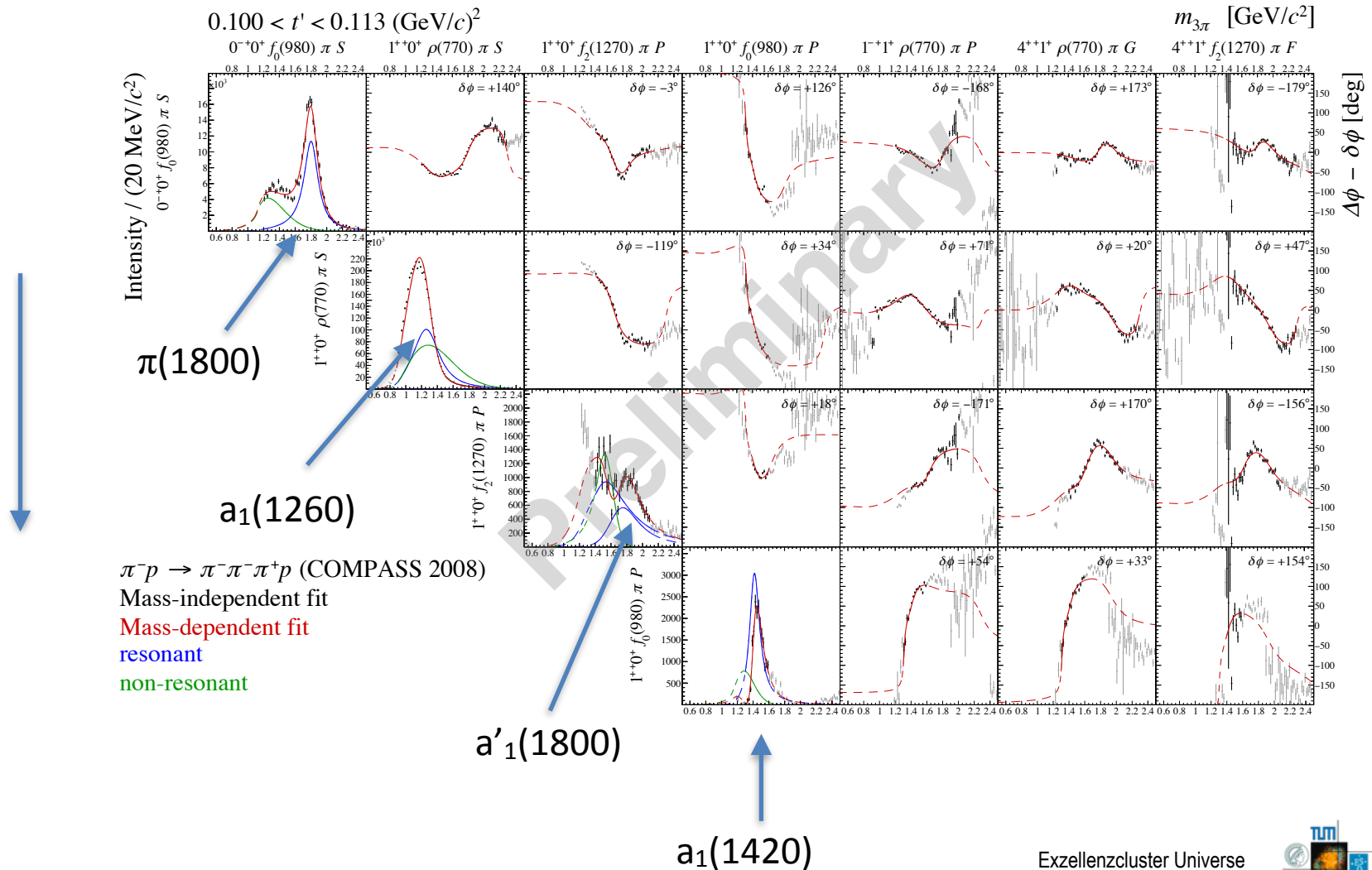
$\Delta\phi - \delta\phi \text{ [deg]}$

Interferometry

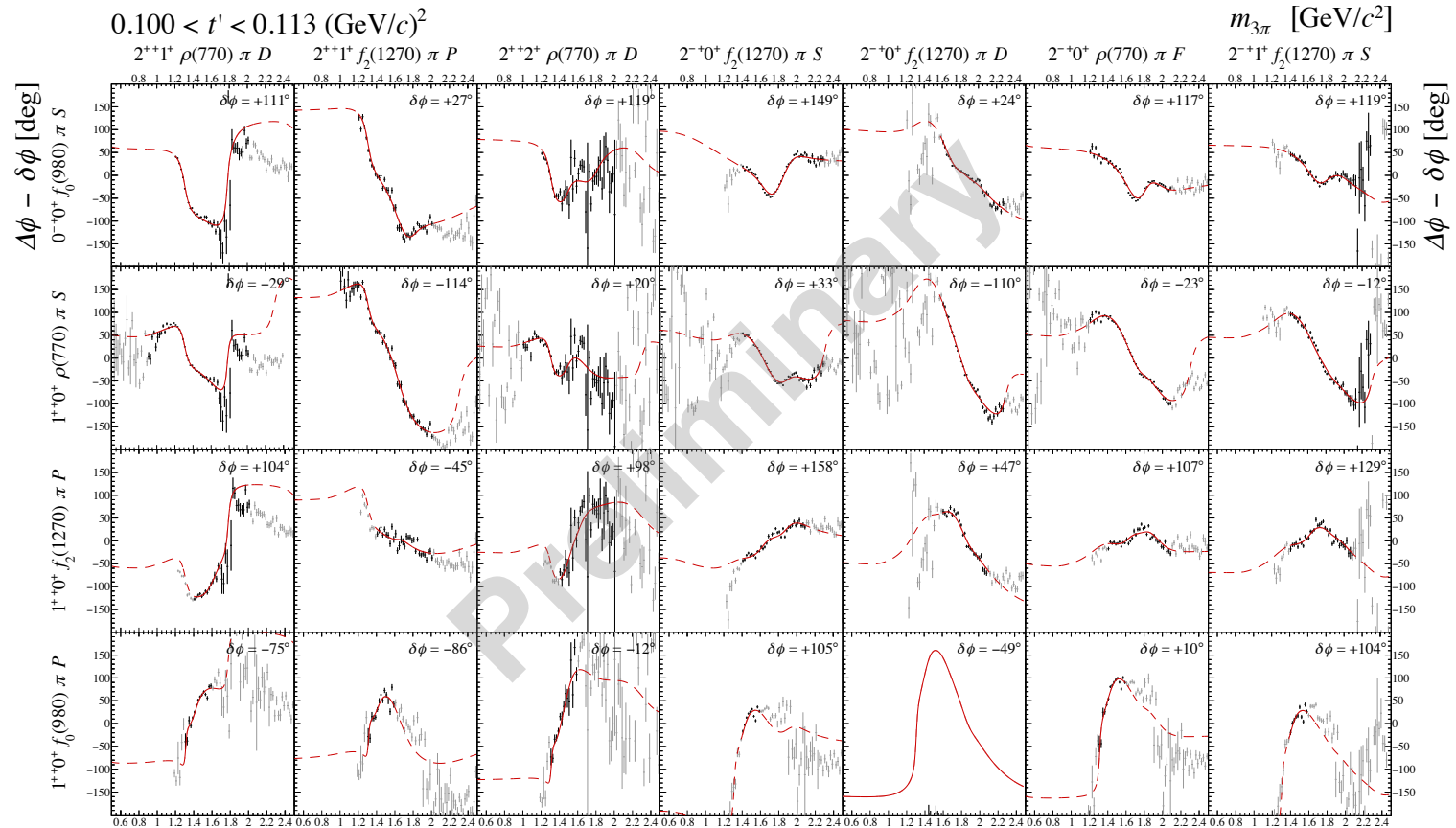
simultaneous fit in 11 t -bins

- $\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+ p$ (COMPASS 2008)
- Mass-independent fit
- Mass-dependent fit
- resonant
- non-resonant

- Axialvector mesons: 1^{++}



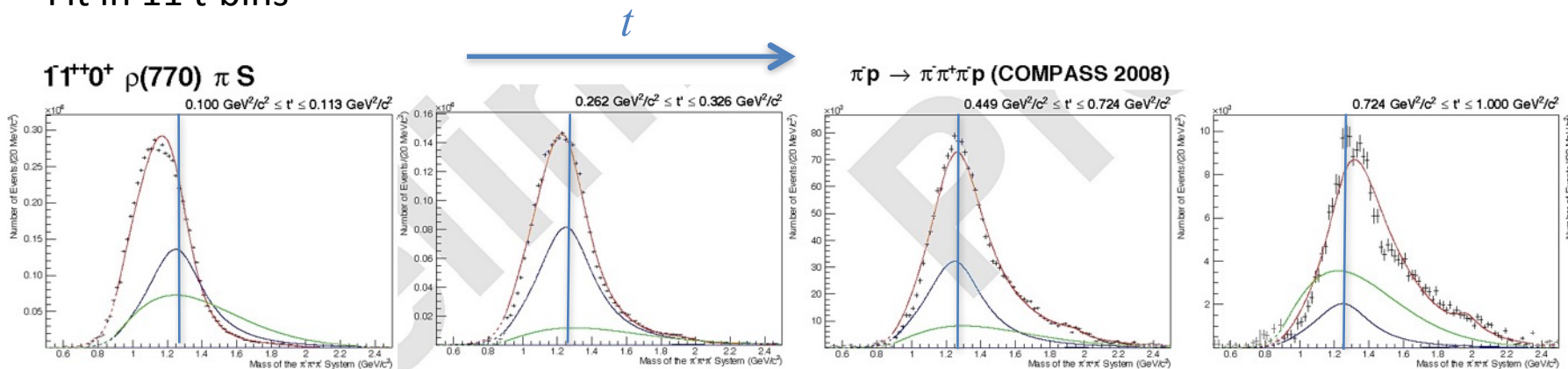
- Phases axialvector mesons: 1^{++}



$$1^{++}0^+ \rho \pi S$$

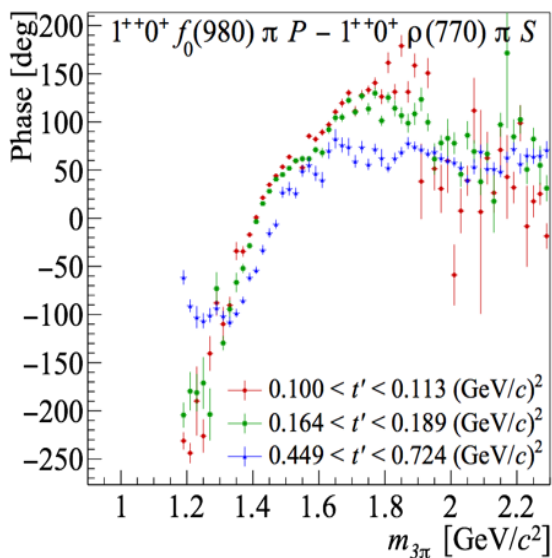
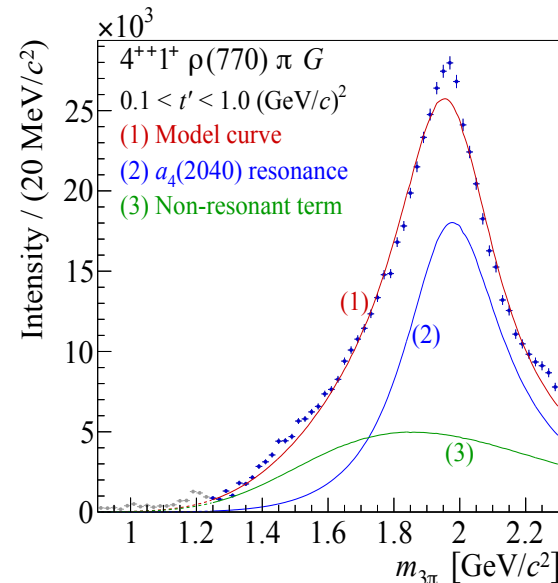
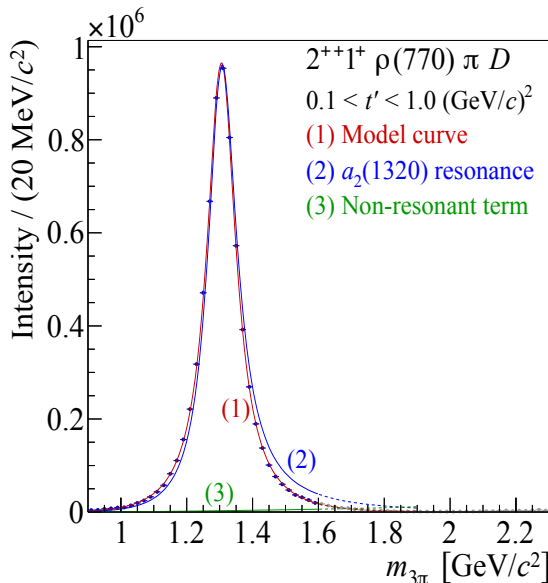
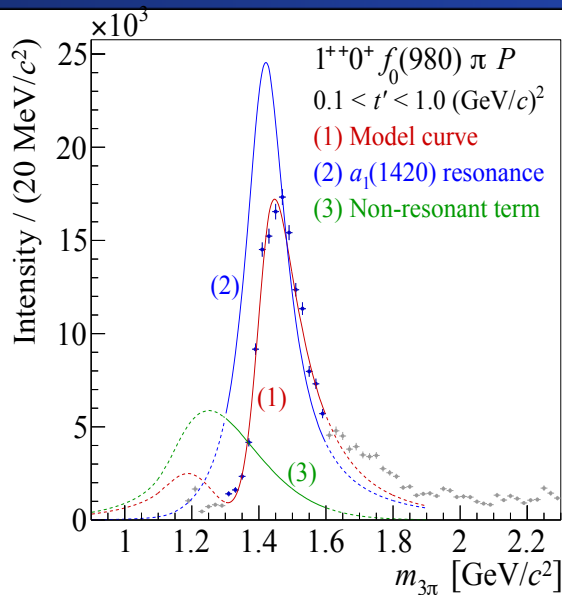
$$J^{PC} M^{\epsilon} [isobar] \pi L$$

Fit in 11 t-bins



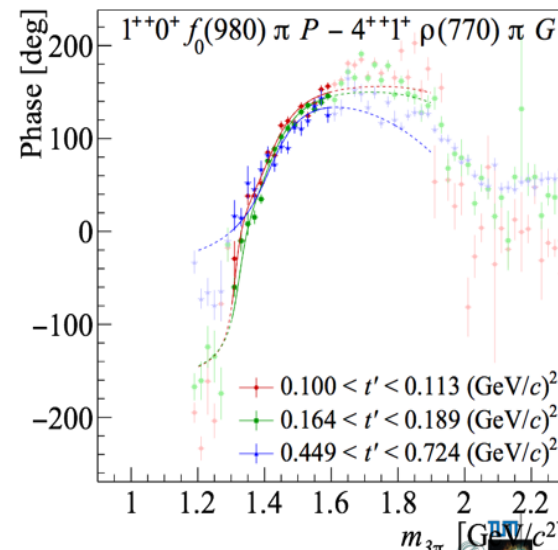
Strongly t -dependent
spectral shape around $a_1(1260)$

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Interference of non-resonant
with $a_1(1260)$



Observation:

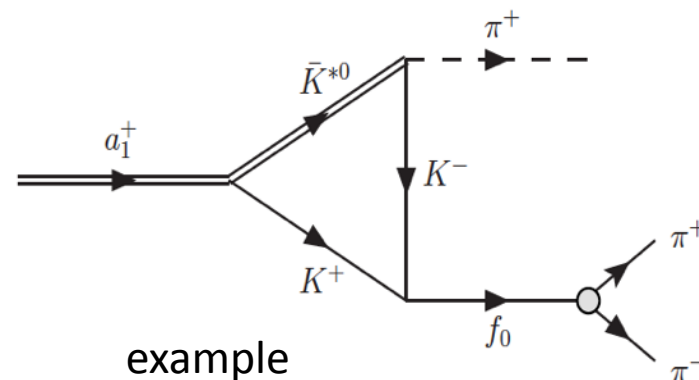
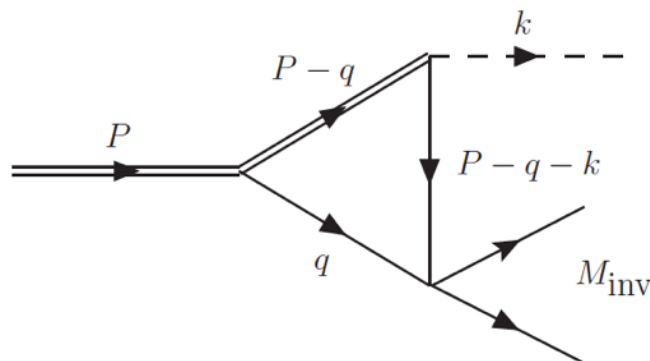
- Decay only : $[f_0(980)] \pi P$
- *Mass* : $1413 \pm 15 \pm 13 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- *Width* : $157 \pm 8 \pm 23 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



Various explanations proposed for interpretation:

– Dynamics

- Interference of $a_1(1260)$ with Deck amplitude ($\Delta\phi = 180^\circ$ shifted by 100 MeV) (Berger et al.)
- triangular anomaly coupling $a_1(1260) \rightarrow KK^* \rightarrow KK\pi$ and $KK \leftrightarrow f_0(980)$ ($\Delta\phi = 90^\circ$) (Mikhasenko et al.)
- triangular anomaly : $a_1(1260) \rightarrow f_0(980)\pi$ decay shows up 200 MeV above $M(a_1(1260))$ (Aceti et al.)
- Requires same t dependence for $a_1(1260)$ and $a_1(1420)$

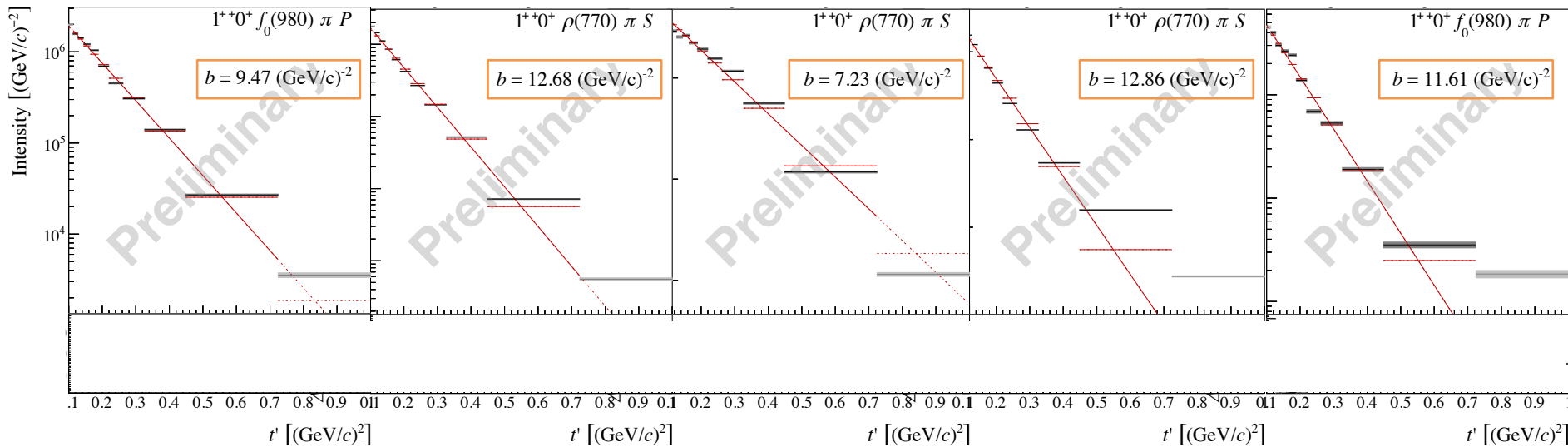


$a_1(1420)$

$a_1(1260)$

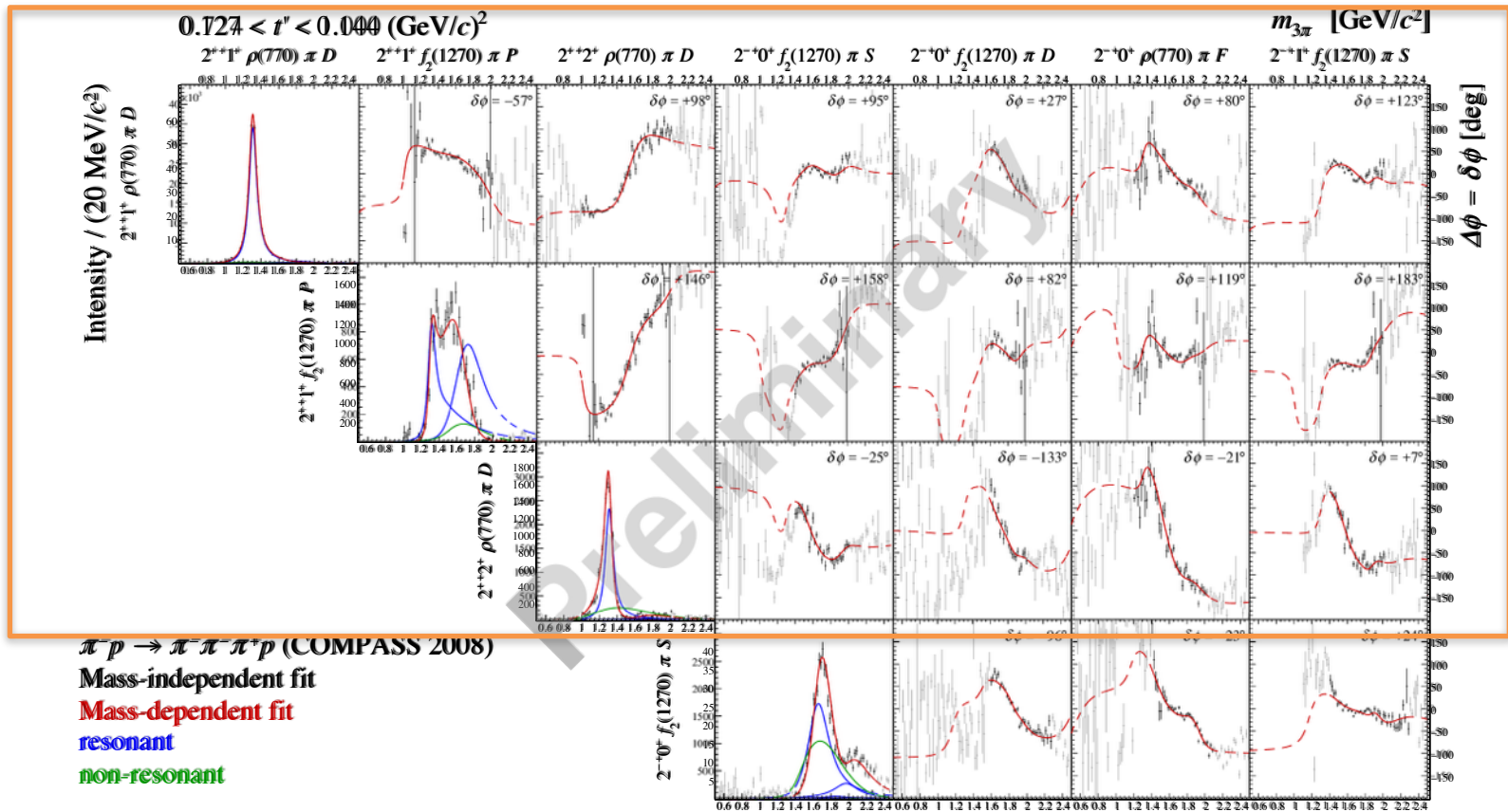
$a_1(1640)$

non-resonant



- $a_1(1260)$ has **larger slope** for t distribution than $a_1(1420)$
- $a_1(1260)$ slope **consistent to non-resonant** contributions
-but : **separation** $a_1(1260)$ and non-resonant contribution difficult

- Axialvector mesons: 2^{++}



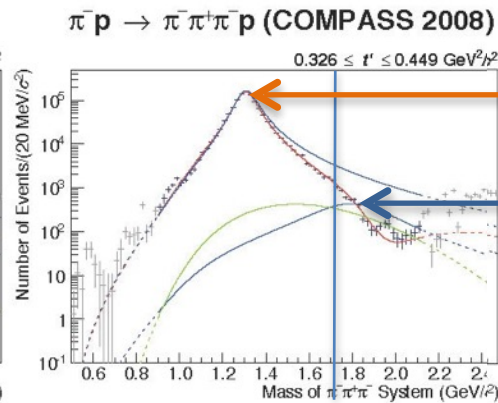
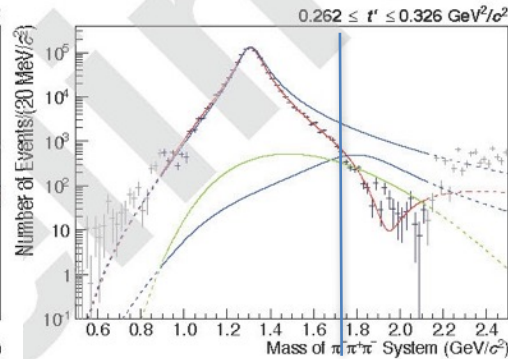
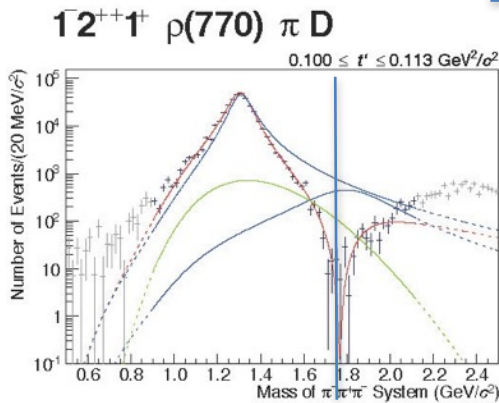
low t

high t

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t

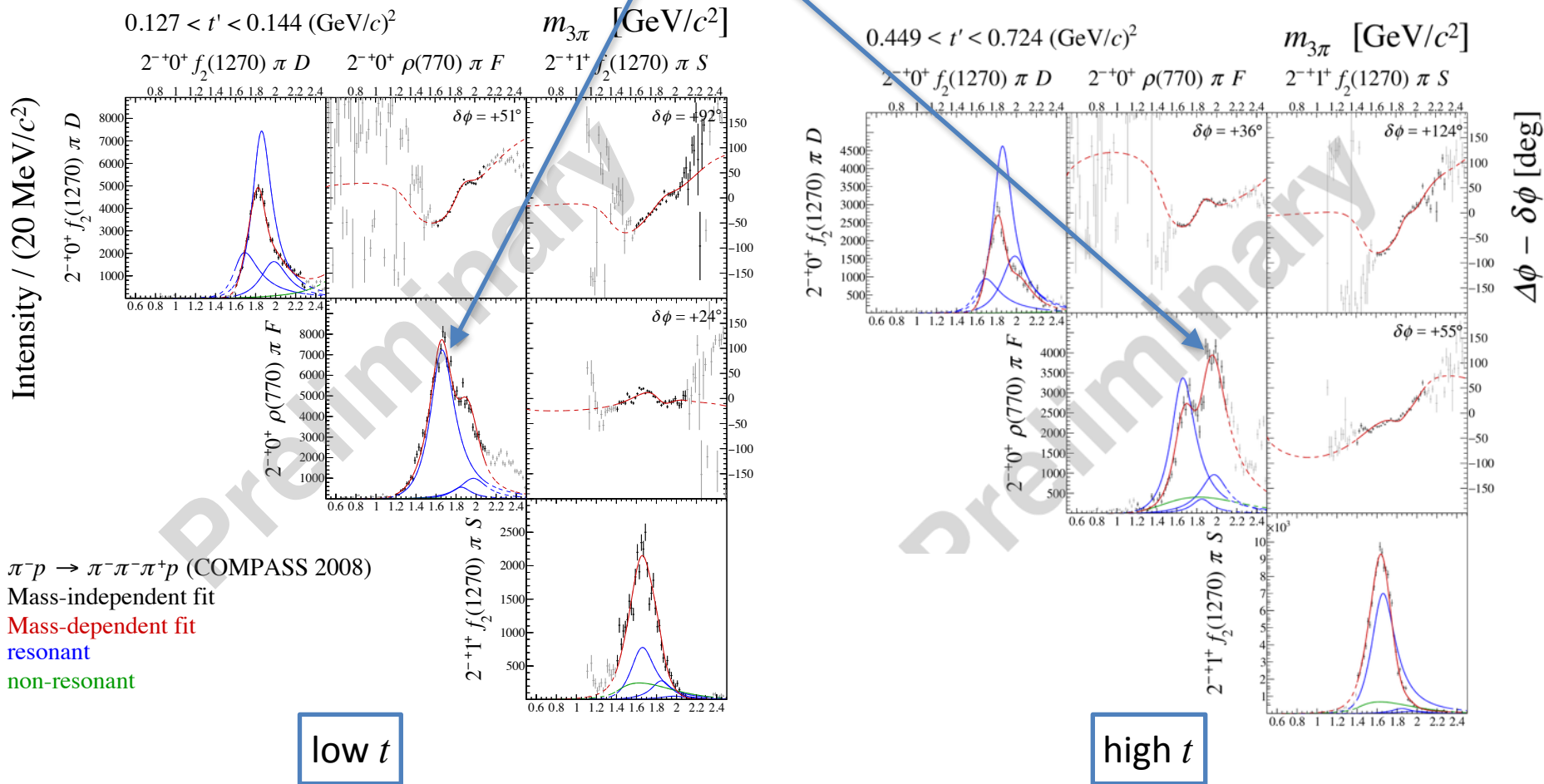


$a_2(1320)$

a_2'

Strongly t -dependent
interference effects
 a_2'

- Pseudoscalar mesons: 2^{-+}



$\pi_2(1670)$

$\pi_2(1880)$

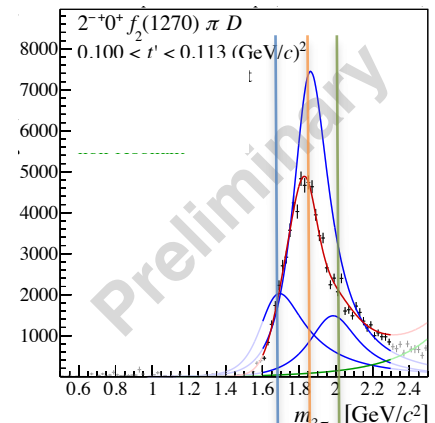
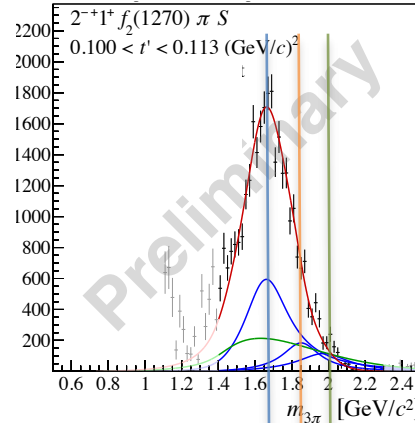
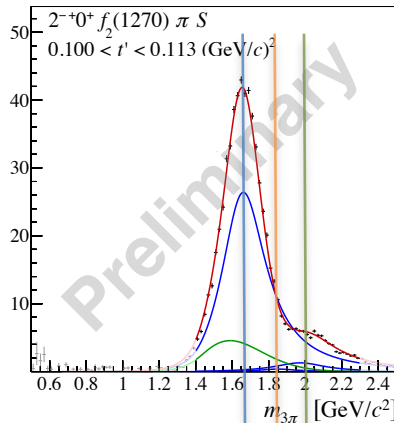
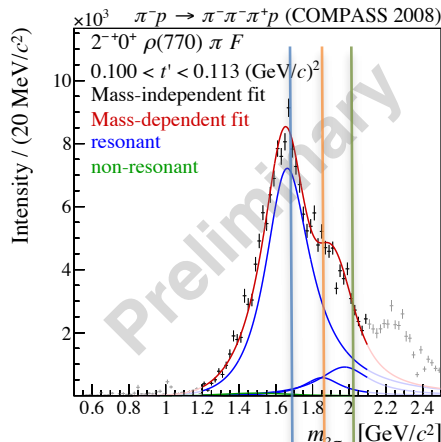
$\pi_2(2005)$

$m = 0$

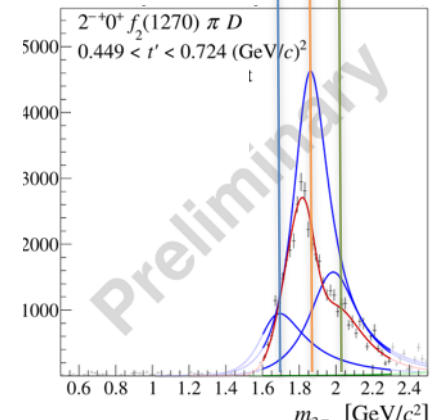
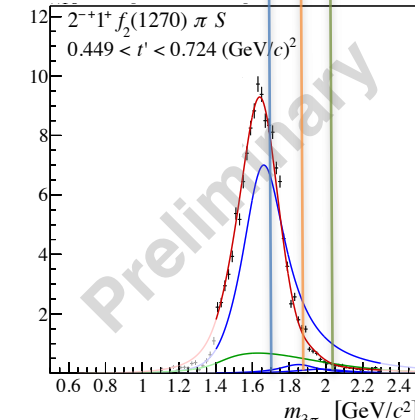
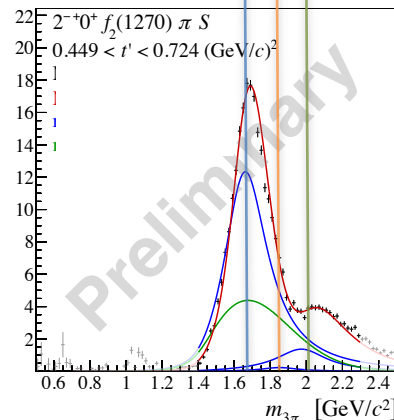
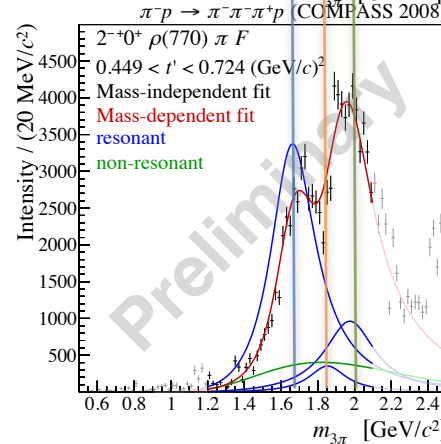
$m = 0$

$m = 1$

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low t'



high t'

- very different production/decay characteristics

$\pi_2(1670)$

$\pi_2(1880)$

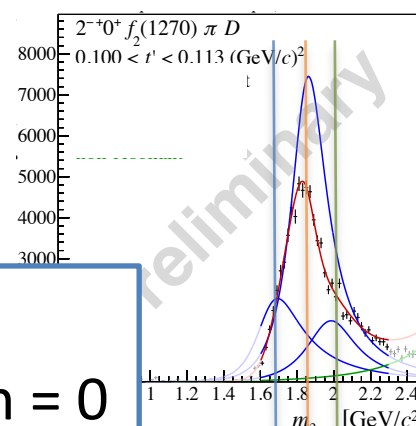
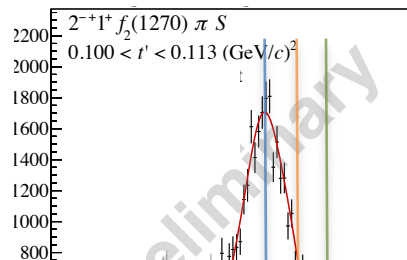
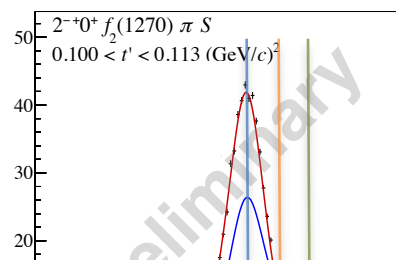
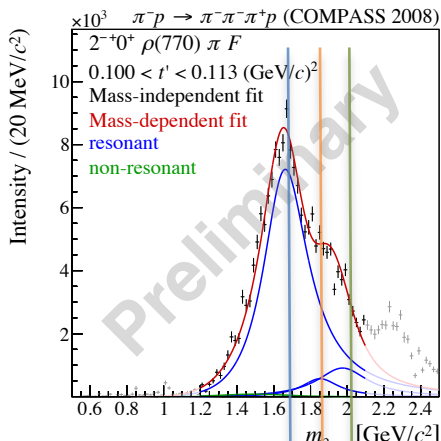
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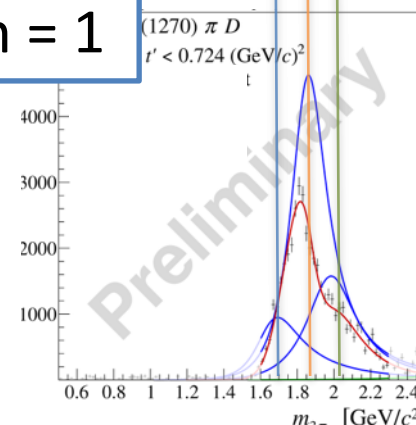
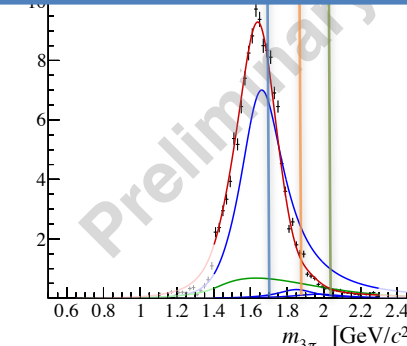
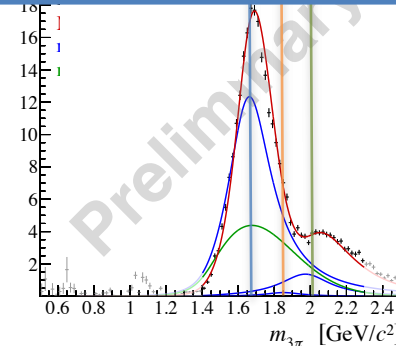
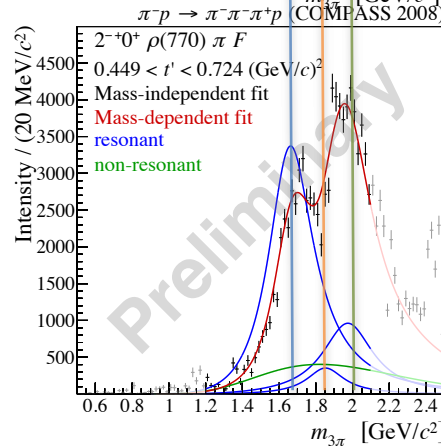
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$m = 0$



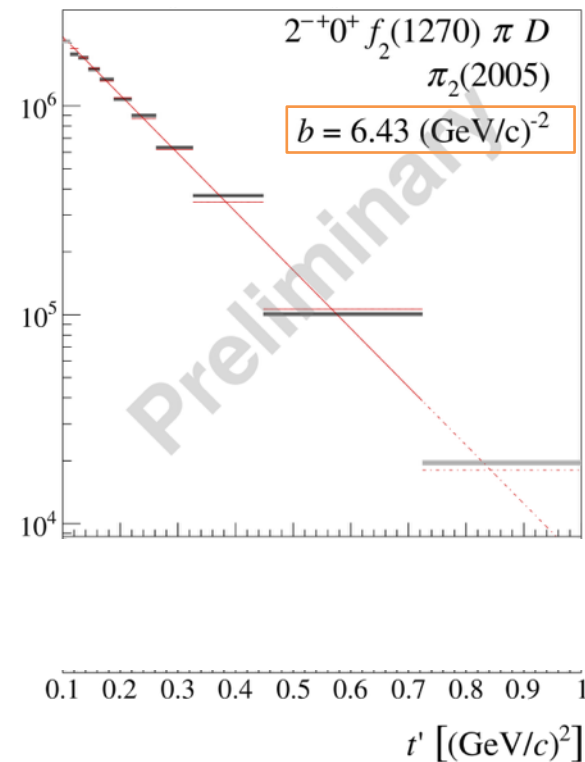
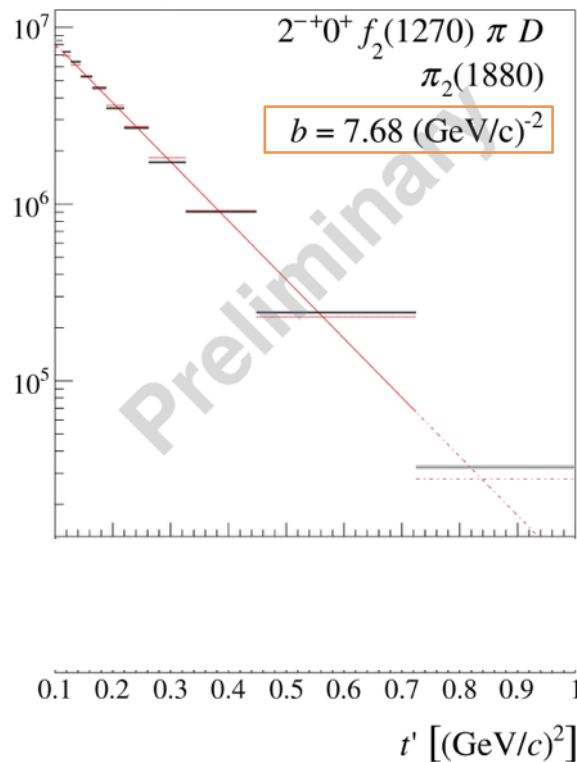
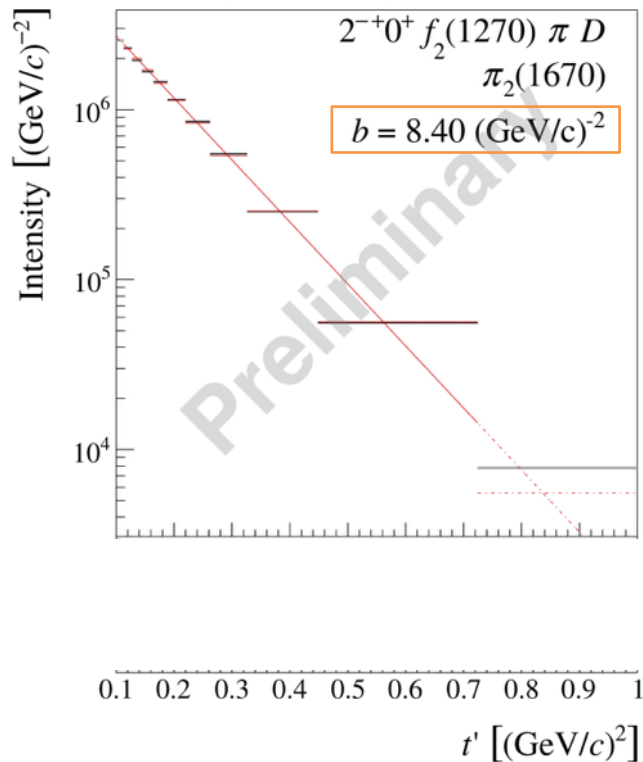
low t'

$\pi_2(1670)$ prefers S-wave decay
 $\pi_2(1880)$ prefers D-wave decay $m = 0$
 $\pi_2(2005)$ produced with $m = 1$



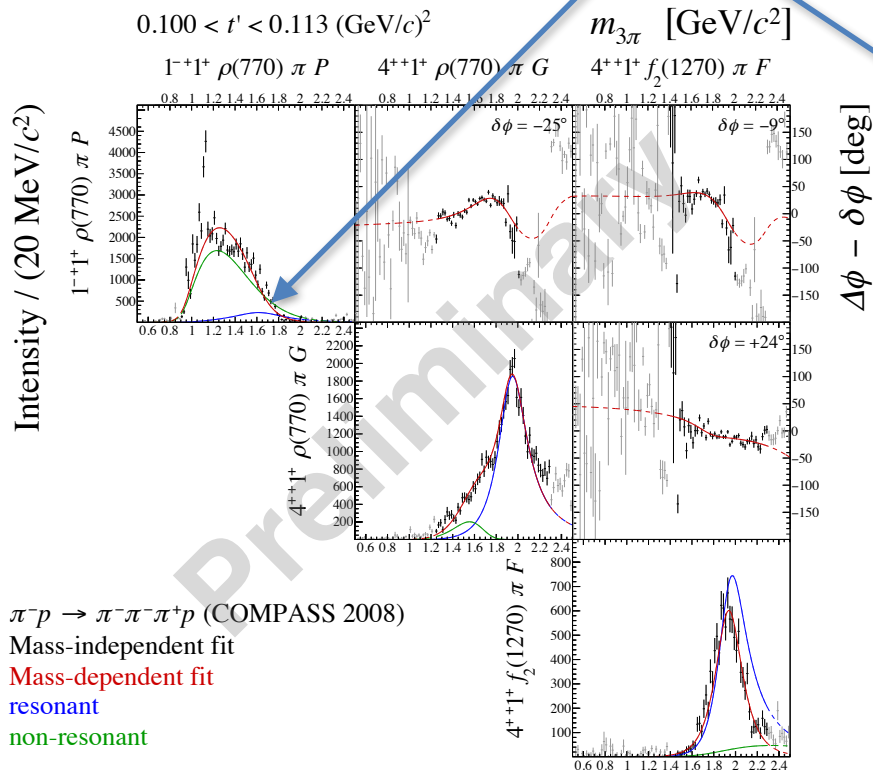
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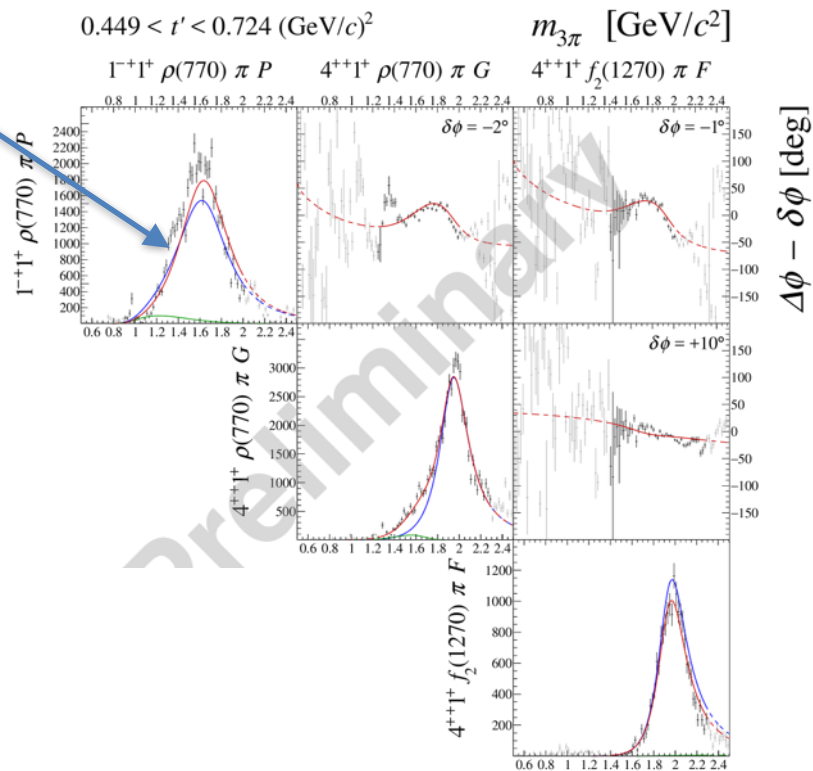


Background: $b = (13.5 \text{ GeV}/c)^{-2}$

- Exotic mesons: 1^{-+}

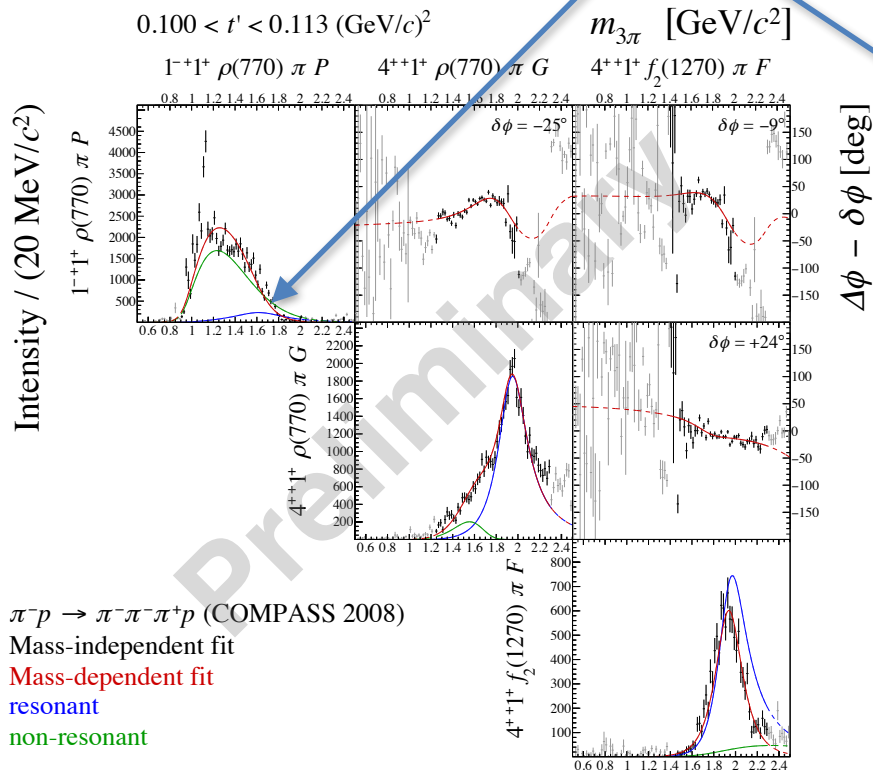


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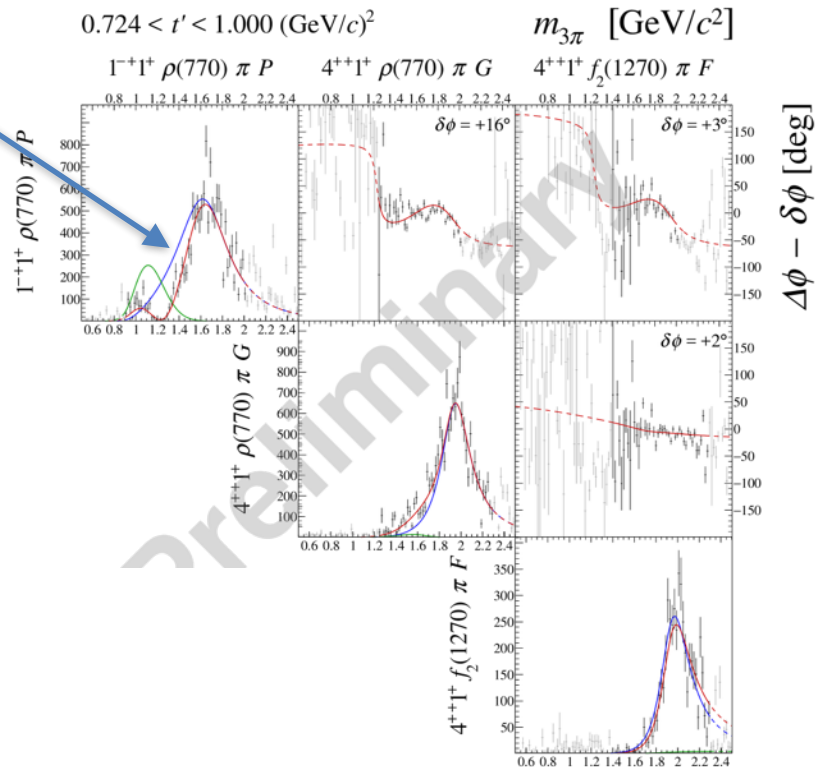


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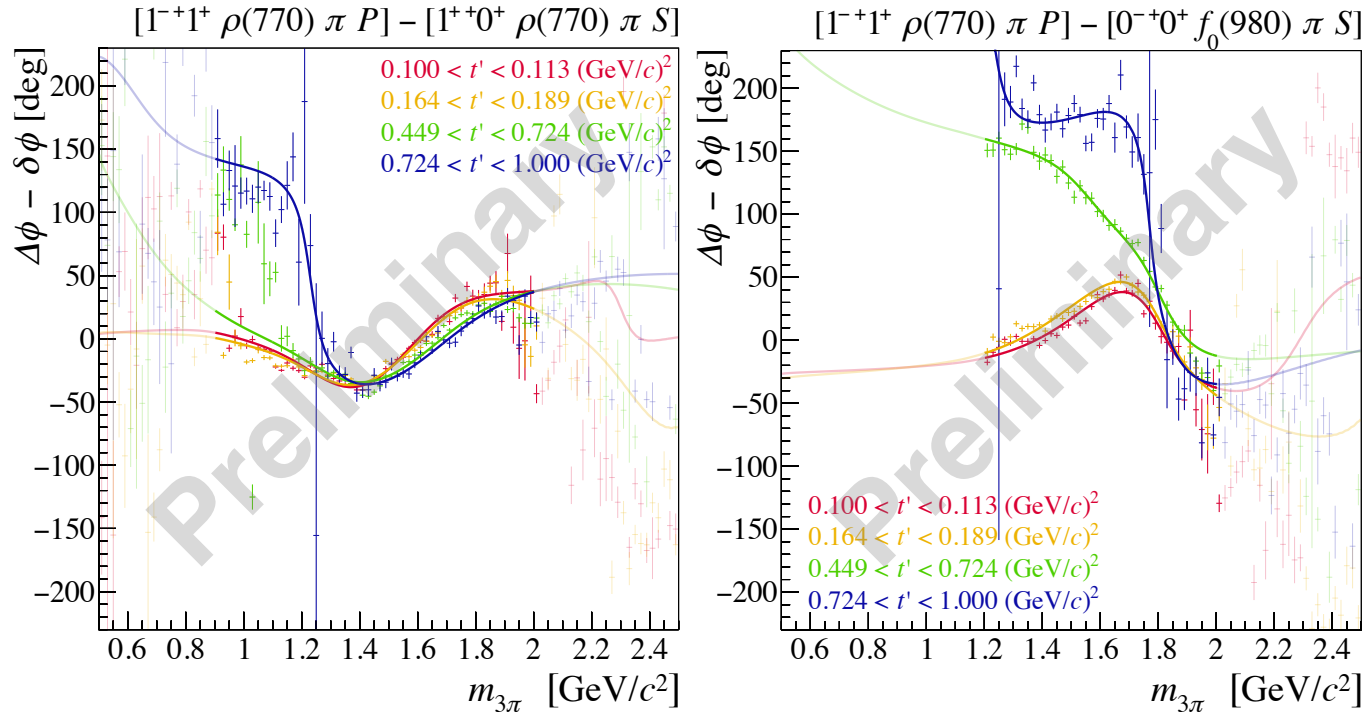


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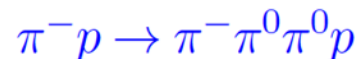
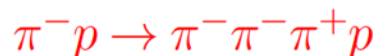
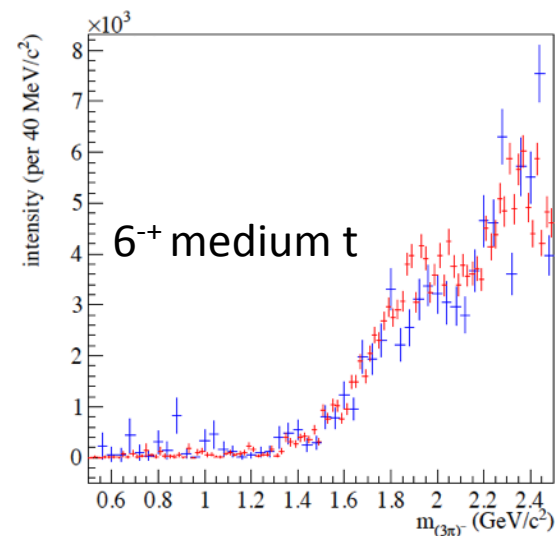
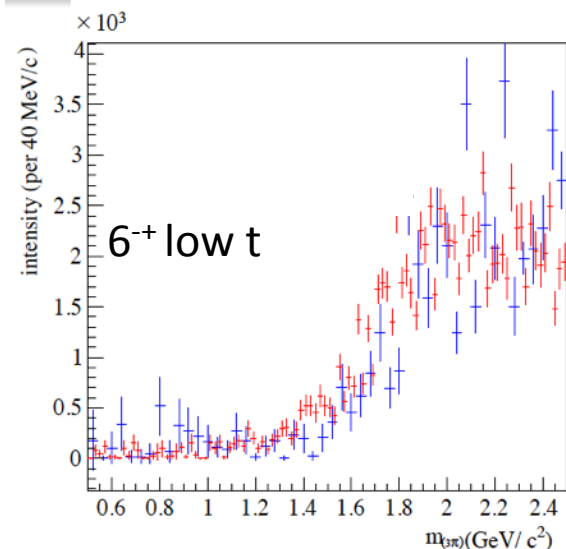


6⁻⁺Deck Simulations - Data

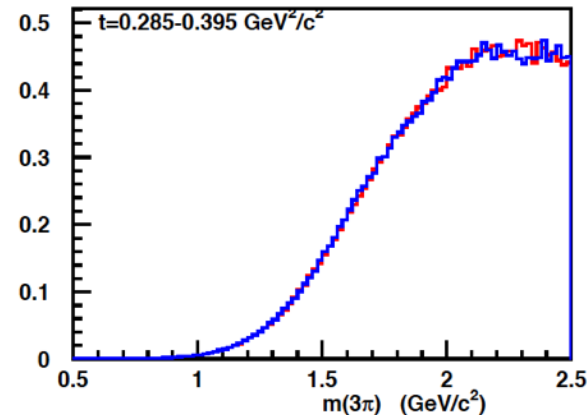
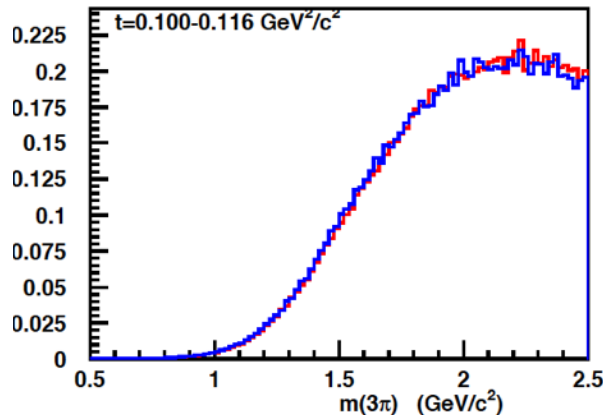


- wave w/o resonance
- compare final states

Data



Deck MC

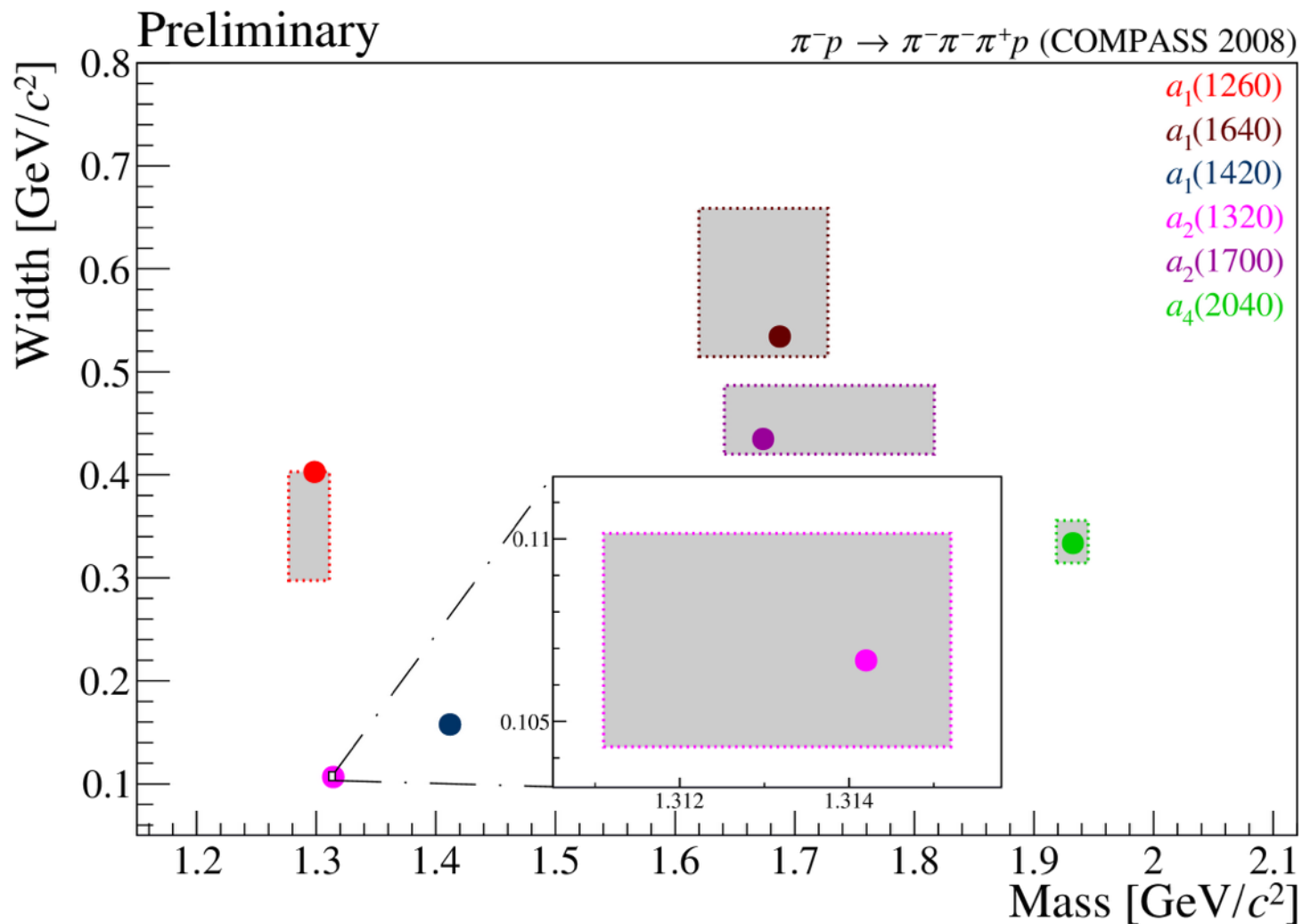


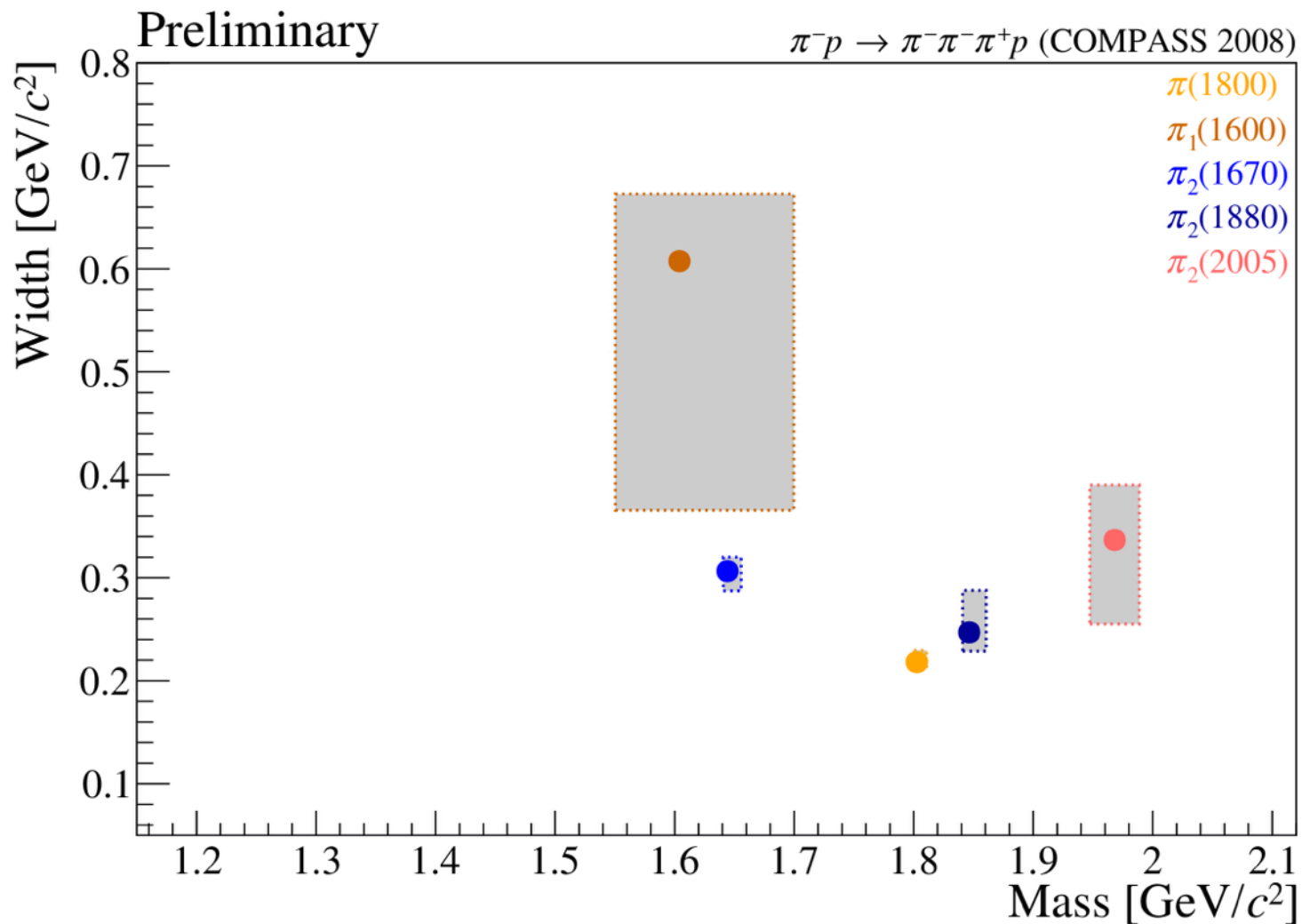


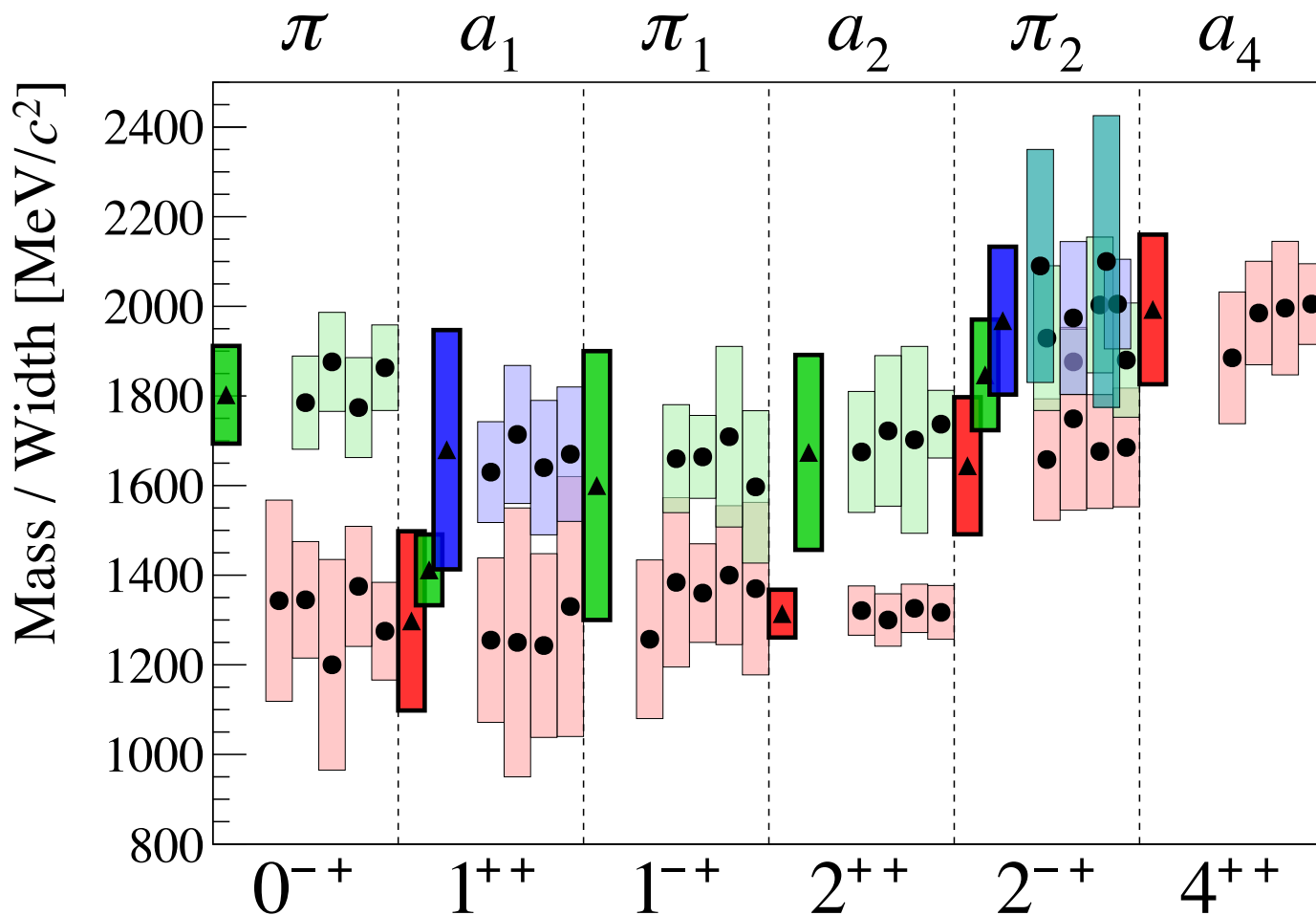
Systematic Studies



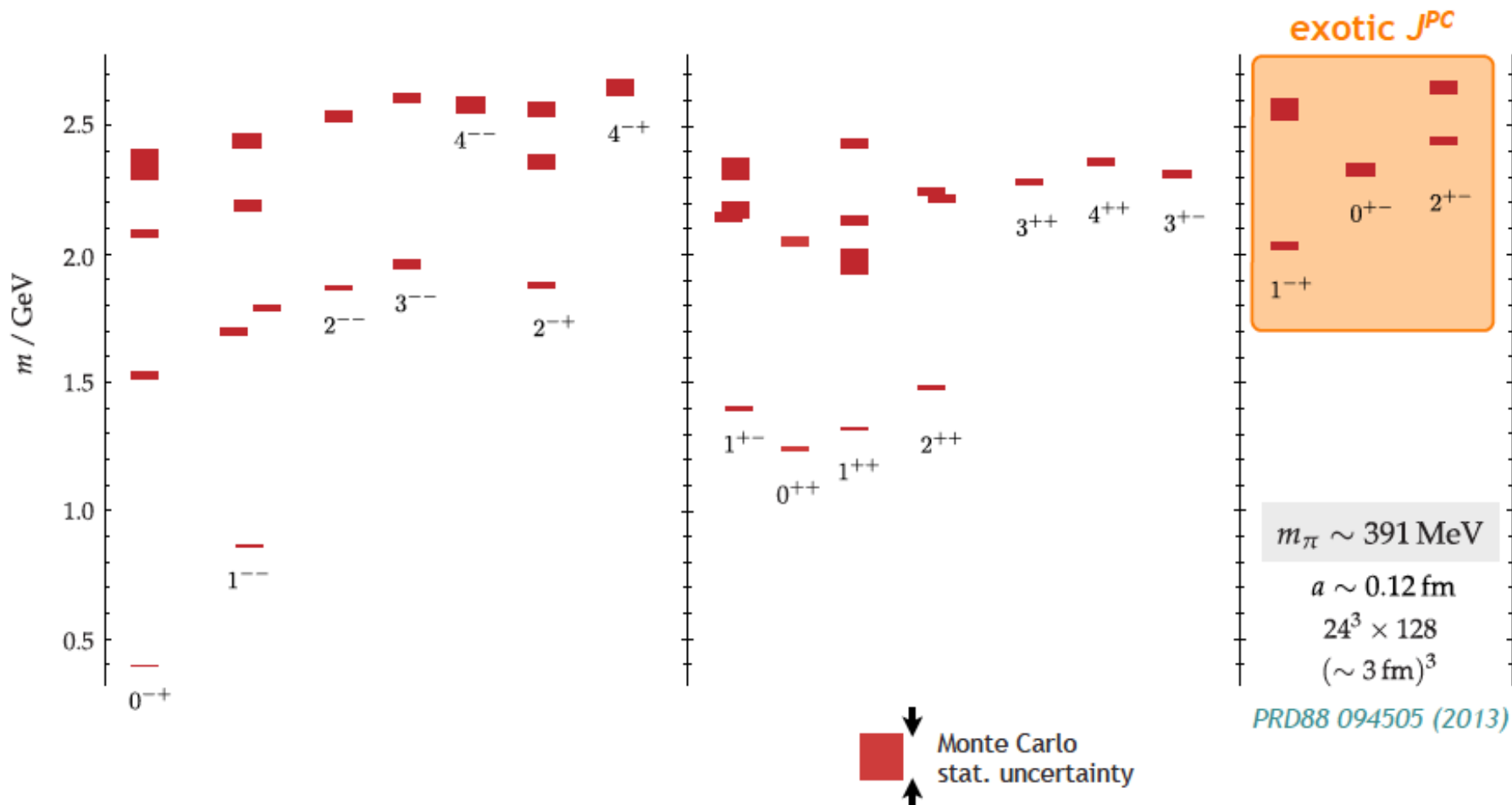
- Largest set of systematic studies done ever
 - Omitting waves
 - Modification of resonance models
 - Variation of NR parametrization (analytical function vs. Deck MC)
 - Modified χ^2 use of correlation in spin-density matrix
 - alternating fit order of 700 parameters
- Biggest influence on
 - $a_1(1260)$, $a_2(1700)$, $\pi_1(1600)$
 - strong correlation $a_1(1260)$ - $\pi_1(1600)$ resonance parameters found





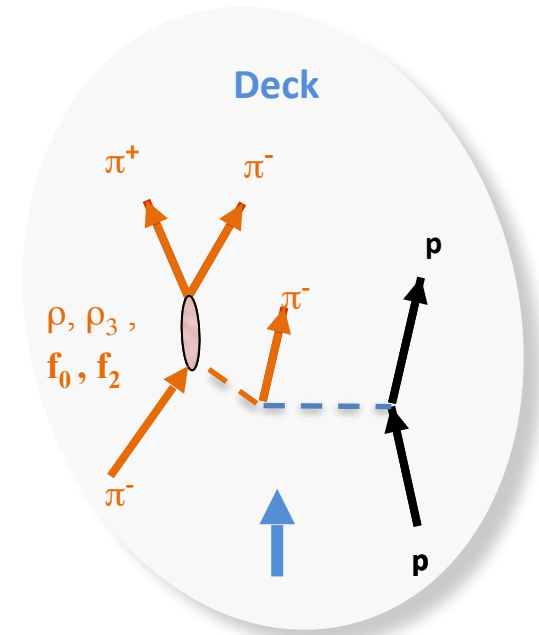
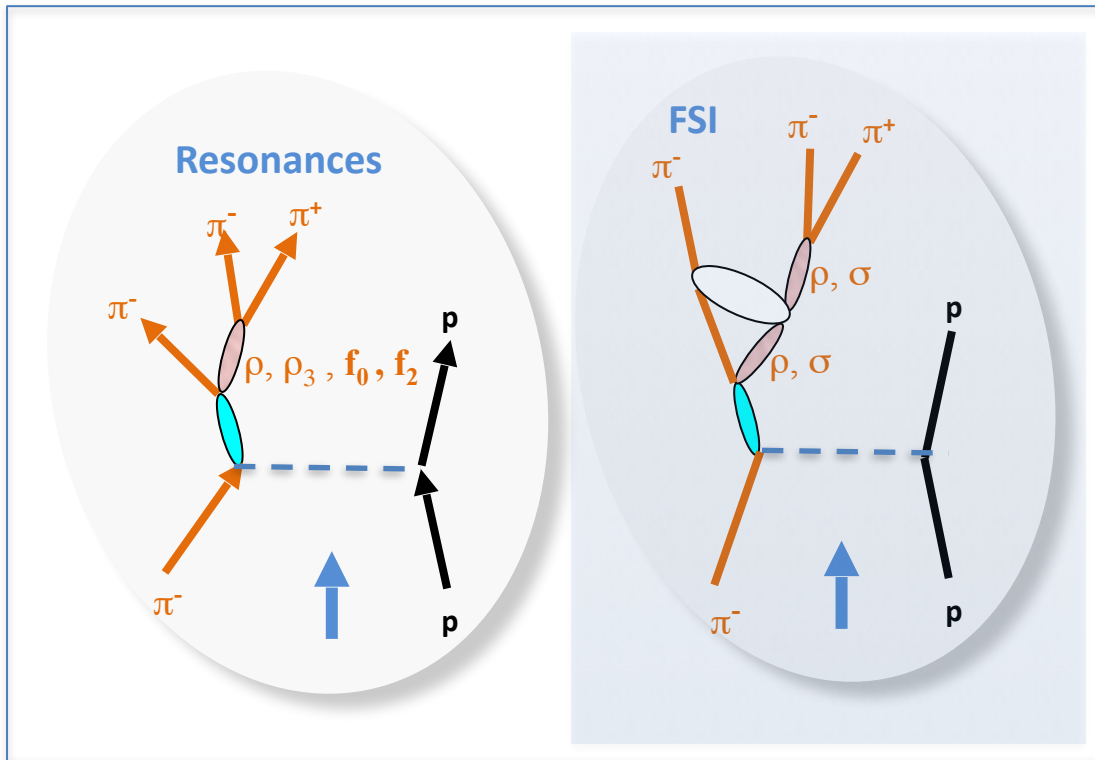


- COMPASS provides consistent analysis and realistic uncertainties

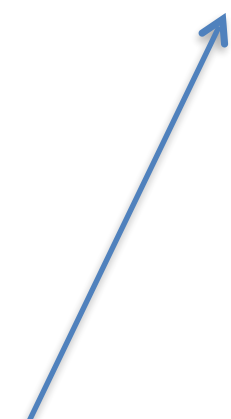


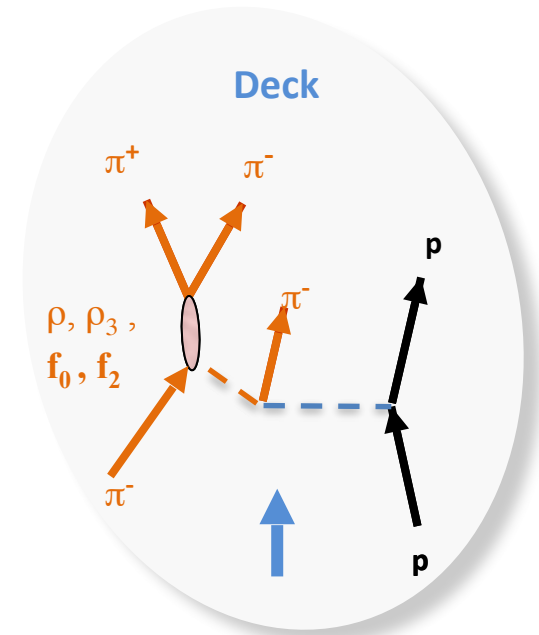
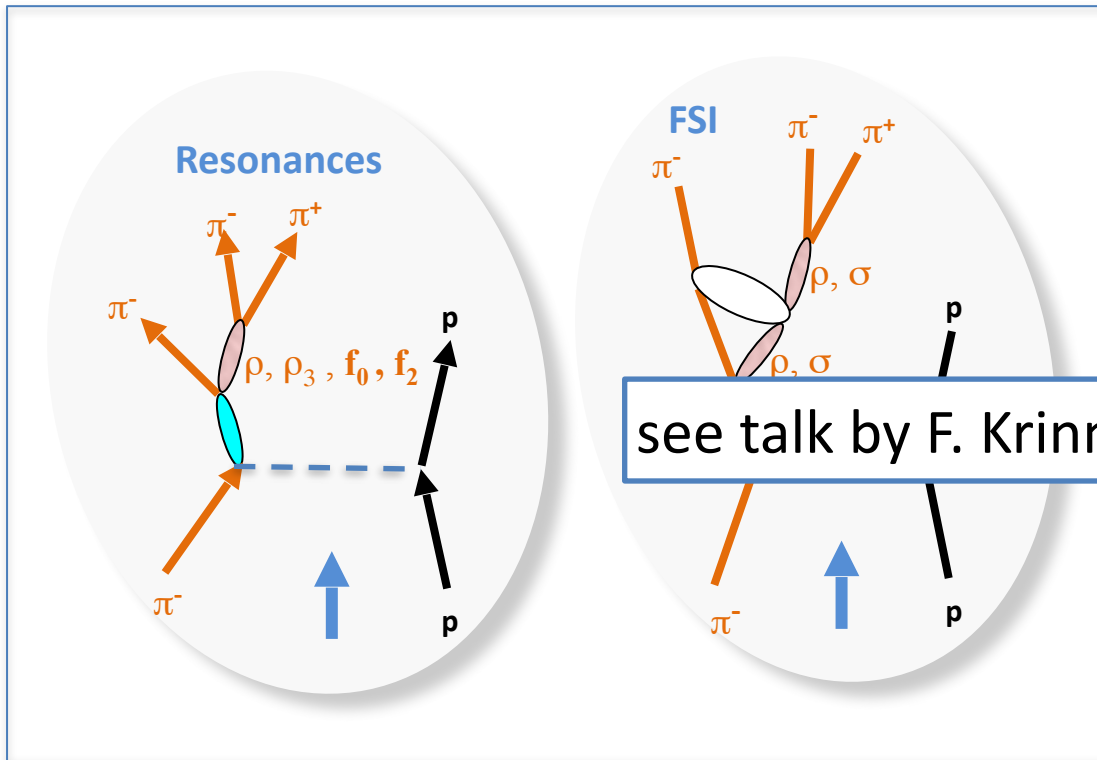
- We have solved a puzzle – but were the building blocks correct ?



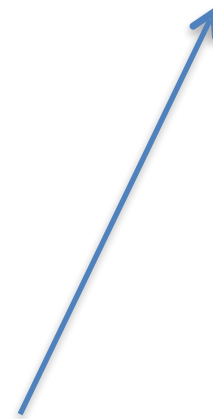


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- For each J^{PC} and mass-bin in 3π :
 - determine composition and shapes of 2π isobars
 - complex couplings
 - non-resonant contributions (via t -dependence)



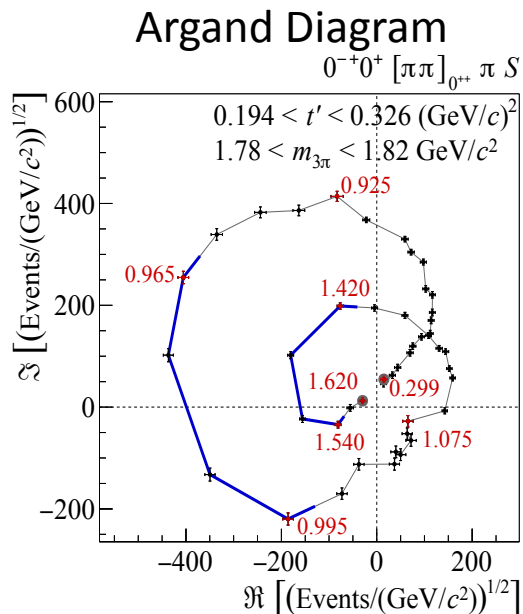
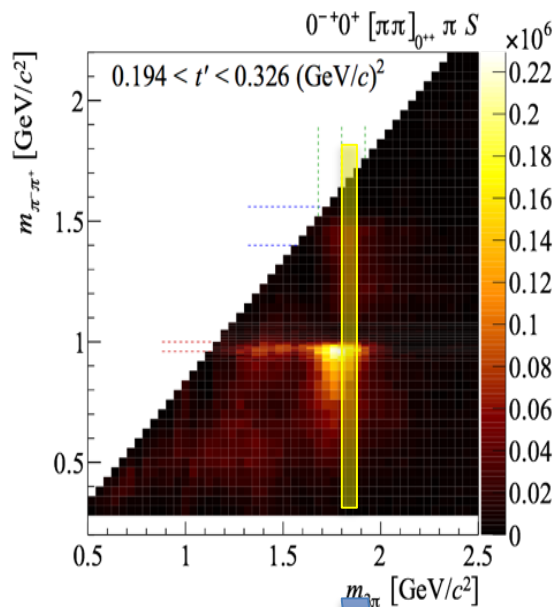


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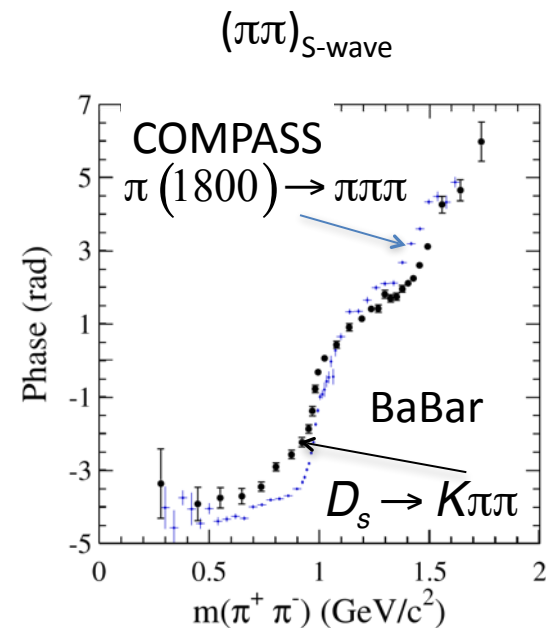
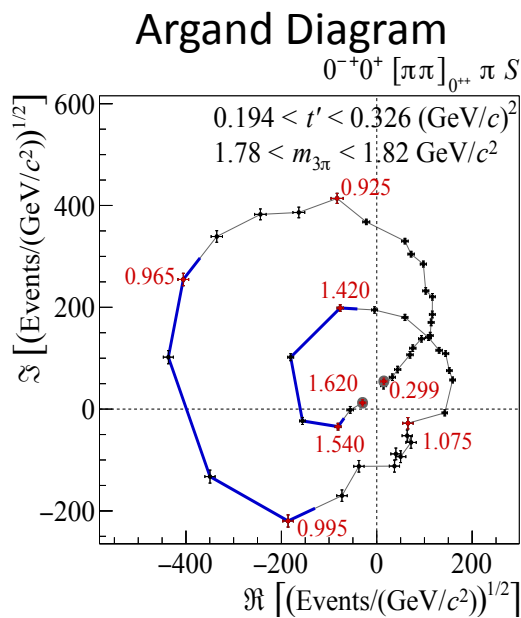
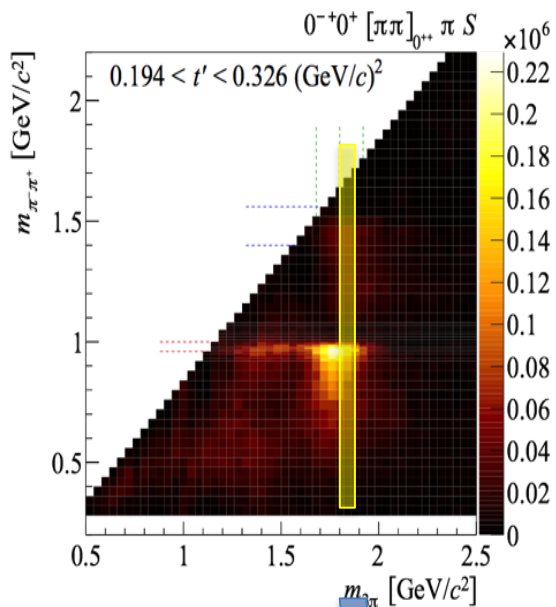
Here: 2π S-wave intermediate state



Perform **de-isobaring** of analysis extract 2π from data
 „model independent“ (HQ decay language)

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$(\pi\pi)_{S\text{-wave}}$ Similar for weak and strong decays !!
Subtle differences will tell us more



Ongoing Projects



Ongoing **theory support** allows to address challenging tasks

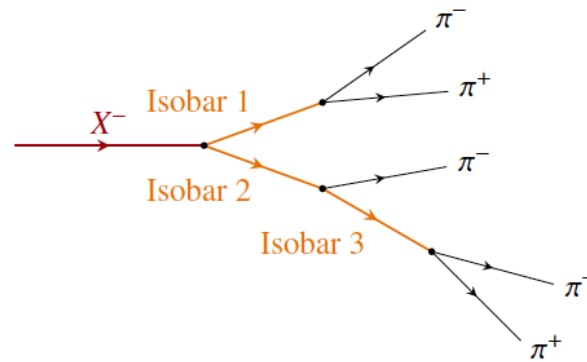
- Fit to $\pi\pi$ S-wave using known scattering amplitudes
 - Known up to $1.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - Combine with knowledge about higher mass scalars
- Include more 3π J^{PC} in freed- isobar analysis
- Includes more 2π J^{PC} in freed- isobar analysis
- Fit to spin-density matrix without BW
 - Use K-matrix parametrisation with analytical function and poles
 - Extract **pole parameters**
- Joint fit of $\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ and $\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$ data



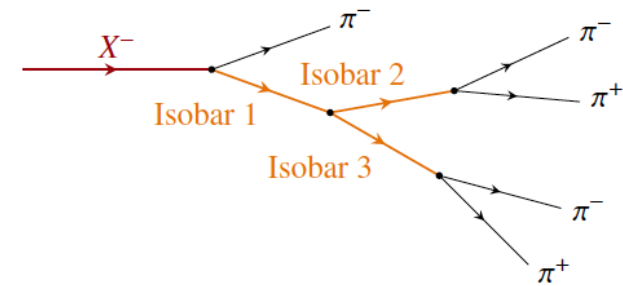
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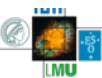
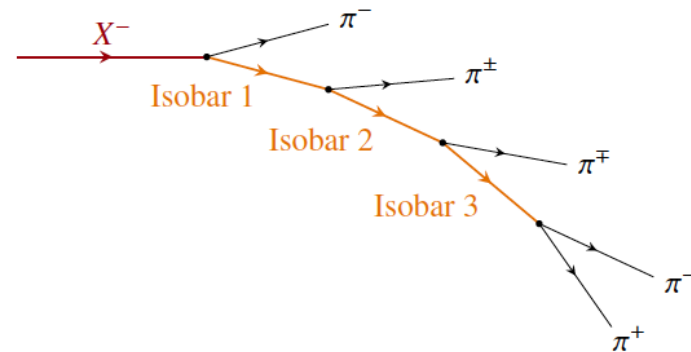
- Isobar model for 5π
- about 1500 possible amplitudes ($L < 3$)



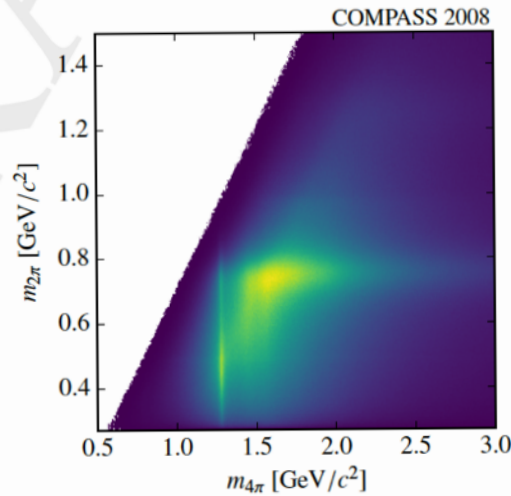
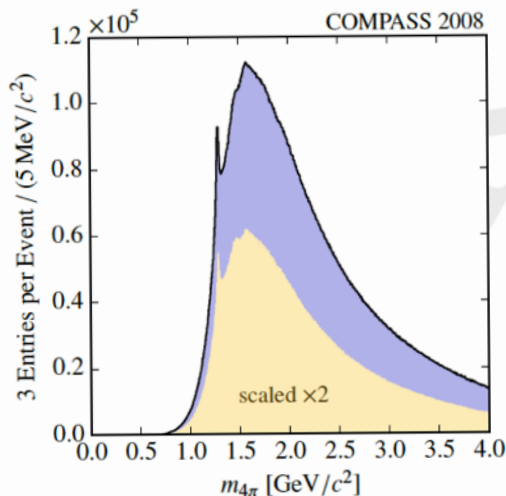
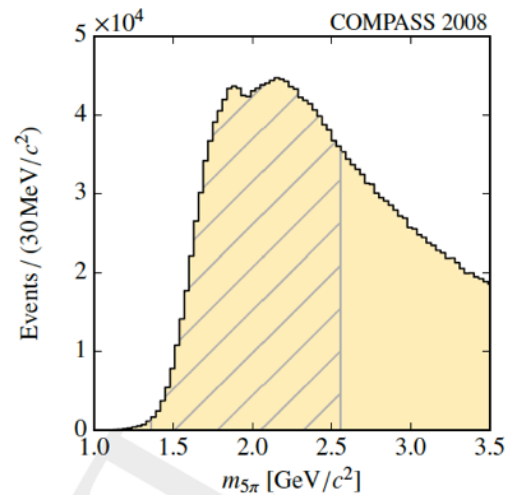
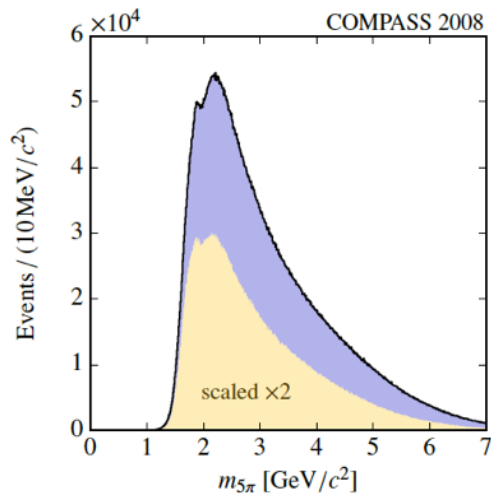
(a)



(b)



- Access high mass resonances - investigate heavy isobars



- select low t ($0.1 < t < 0.15$)
little non-exclusive bkgd.
- consider only small values $L < 3$



5π Final State



Status

- Develop method to select most significant amplitudes
- Problems
 - Selection must be smooth across all mass bins
 - High sensitivity to isobar parametrization
 - Phase information much reduced
 - Many similarities to $\eta\pi\pi$

Using **new** “2D” fit method to perform PWA in $m_{3\pi}$ and t :

- Find **new iso-vector** state $a_1(1420)$
 - $M_{a_1(1420)} = 1412-1422 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, $\Gamma_{a_1(1420)} = 130-150 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 - (exclusive) decay into $f_0(980)\pi$ in relative P-wave
 - **Nature of $a_1(1420)$?**
- Determine resonance parameters from **largest ever fit to spin density matrix**
 - Coherent determination of **a_J** and **π_J** states
 - Largely consistent parameters with previous experiments
 - Reveal systematic uncertainties
 - existences of **$\pi_1(1600)$ required**



- Developed **new method** to establish shape of isobar-spectrum
 - **first application**: $[\pi\pi]_S^*$
 - Strongly depends on $m_{3\pi}$ and on J^{PC} of mother wave
 - Reveals information on **scalar isobars** (measure phases in decays)
 - Extend to full isobar-free analysis (ongoing)
 - Iterative (bootstrapping) approach does not work !
 - Artifacts !! can be removed by proper treatment (work in progress)
 - Applications to heavy meson decays
- **Kaon beam** data analysis started

Open Path to Dalitz-plot analysis using PWA
from PWA identified states

Needs high statistics !!