

# Most recent $\Xi^*$ bump hunt and $\Xi(1530)$ cross section

# Reaction

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where

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and

$$\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$$

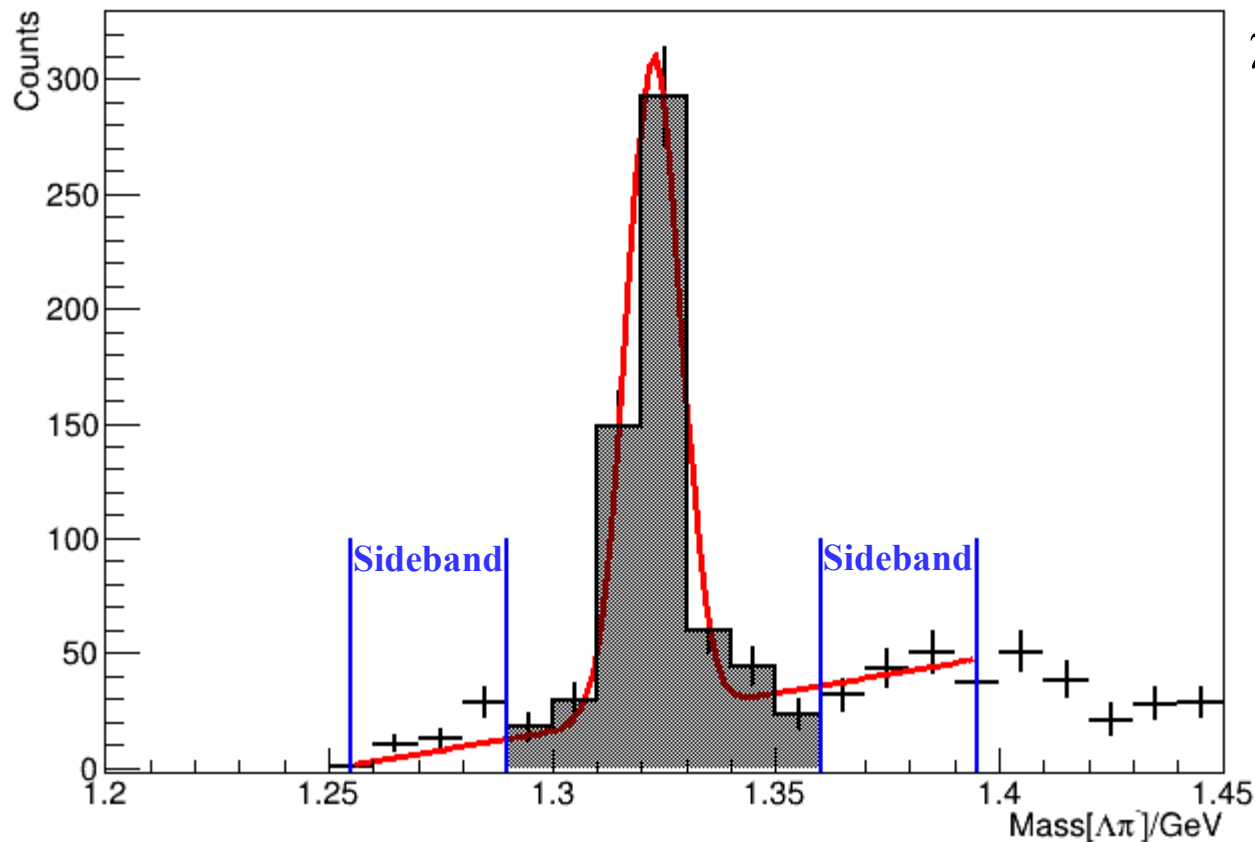
# Determination of $\Xi$ track-length significance and confidence level cut

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma p &\rightarrow K^+ K^+ \Xi^{*-}, \\ \Xi^{*-} &\rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^0, \\ &\quad \Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi\end{aligned}$$

Early study using best photon and no accidental subtraction found that the best value for fractional uncertainty in the yield ( $\sigma_Y/Y$ ) of the ground state cascade was:

- $CL > 10^{-6}$
- $\Xi$  track-length significance  $> 4$

# Invariant mass of $\Lambda\pi^-$



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$$\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$$

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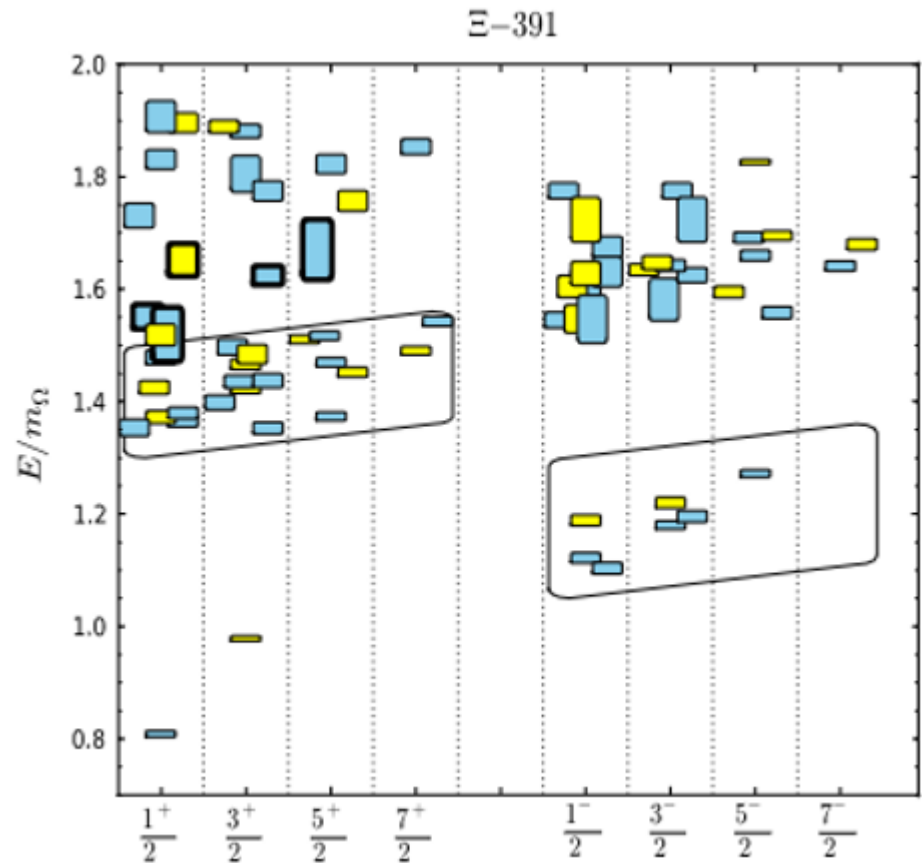
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Flow of the bump hunt slides will be very similar to shown in past

# LQCD for $\Xi$ states [1]

- Pion mass at 391 MeV
- Yellow: flavor decuplet
- Blue: flavor octet
- Slanted boxes contain the low lying states that have quantum numbers consistent with quark model calculations

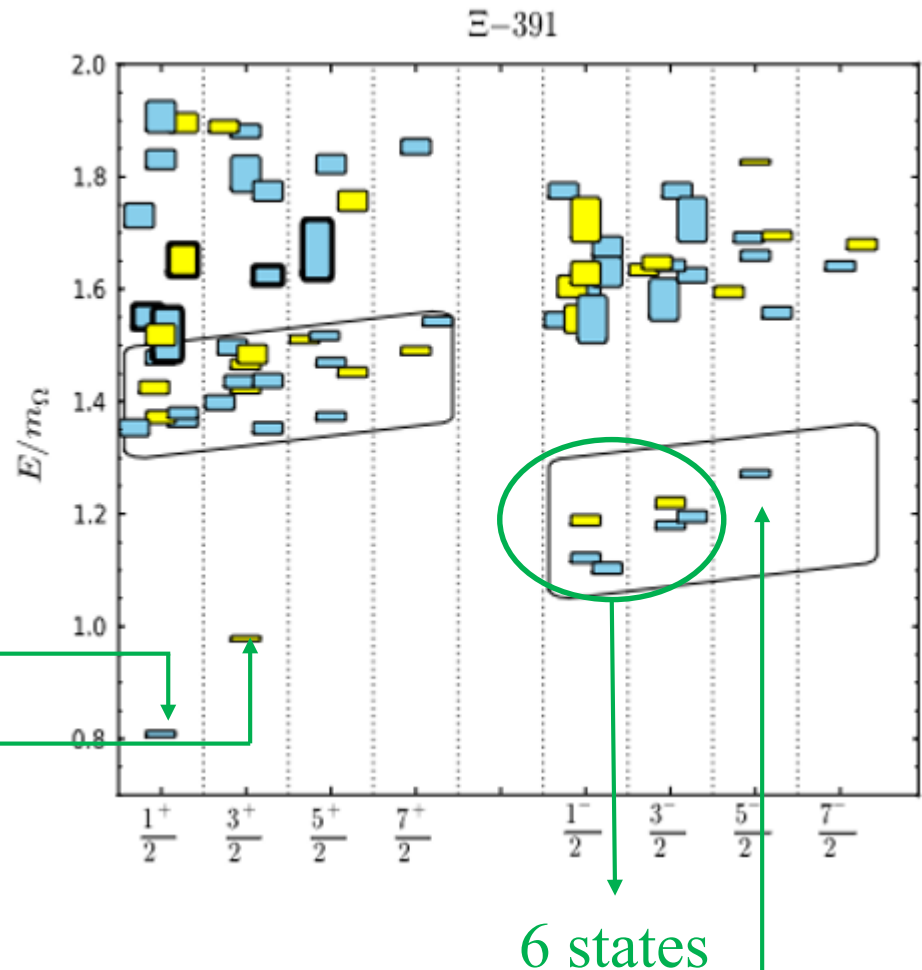


# LQCD compared to PDG

- Assuming  $\Xi(2030)$  belongs in the boxed region of lowest mass, then  $J = 5/2$ 
  - Implies there are a total of 8 states expected below the mass of the  $\Xi(2030)$
  - Missing 2 PDG states w/mass below  $\Xi(2030)$  in order to be compatible with LQCD

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4 states

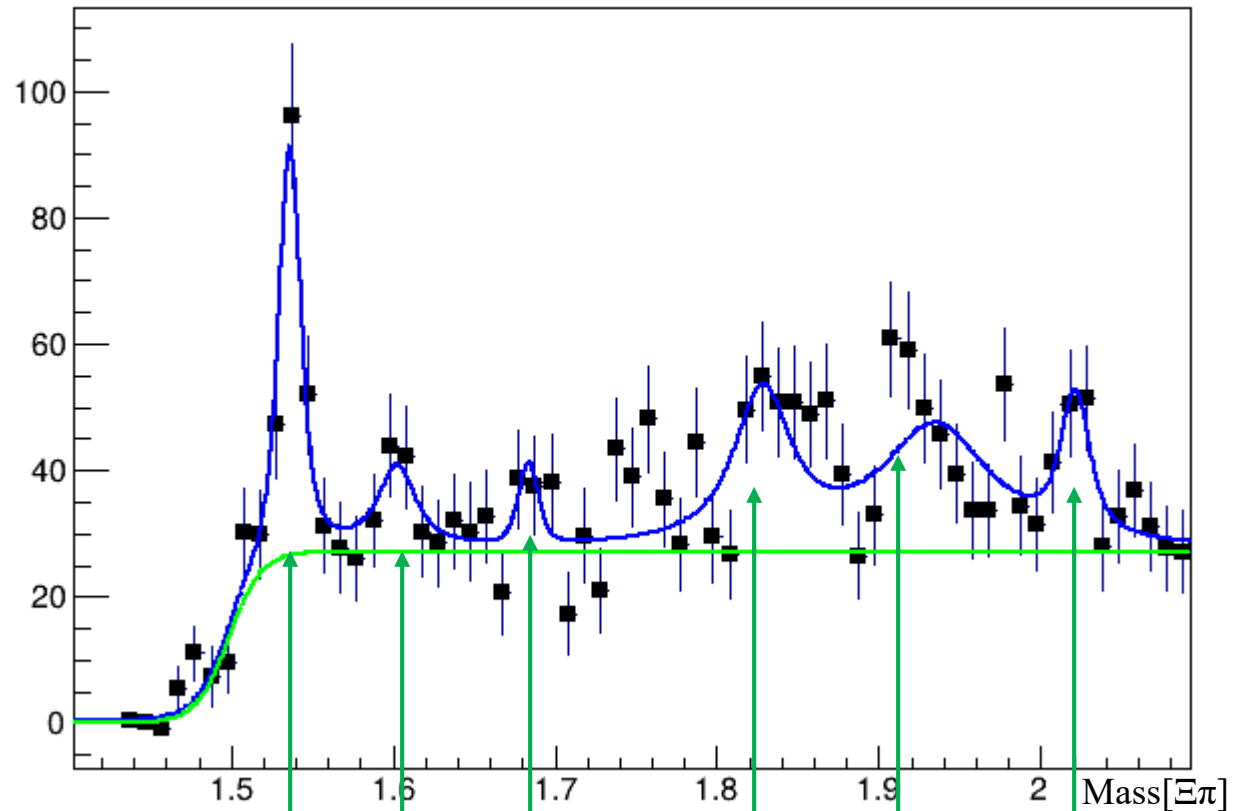




# Bump Hunt 2026 V2

- Voigtians with background = sigmoid\*constant
- $\sigma$  smear range = 5-15 MeV (single par)
- Centers and widths of each  $\Xi$  allowed to vary within PDG limits
- No PDG guidance on range of center for two-star  $\Xi(1620)$ . We allowed  $\pm 20$  MeV.

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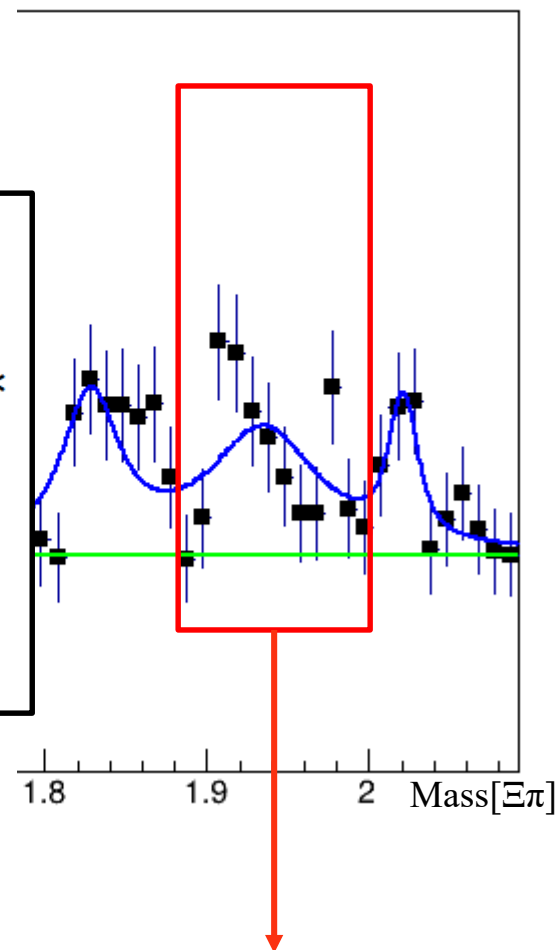
Citation: S. Navas *et al.* (Particle Data Group), Phys. Rev. D **110**, 030001 (2024) and 2025 update

$\Xi(1950)$

$$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(??) \quad \text{Status: } ***$$

We list here everything reported between 1875 and 2000 MeV. The accumulated evidence for a  $\Xi$  near 1950 MeV seems strong enough to include a  $\Xi(1950)$  in the main Baryon Table, but not much can be said about its properties. In fact, there may be more than one  $\Xi$  near this mass.

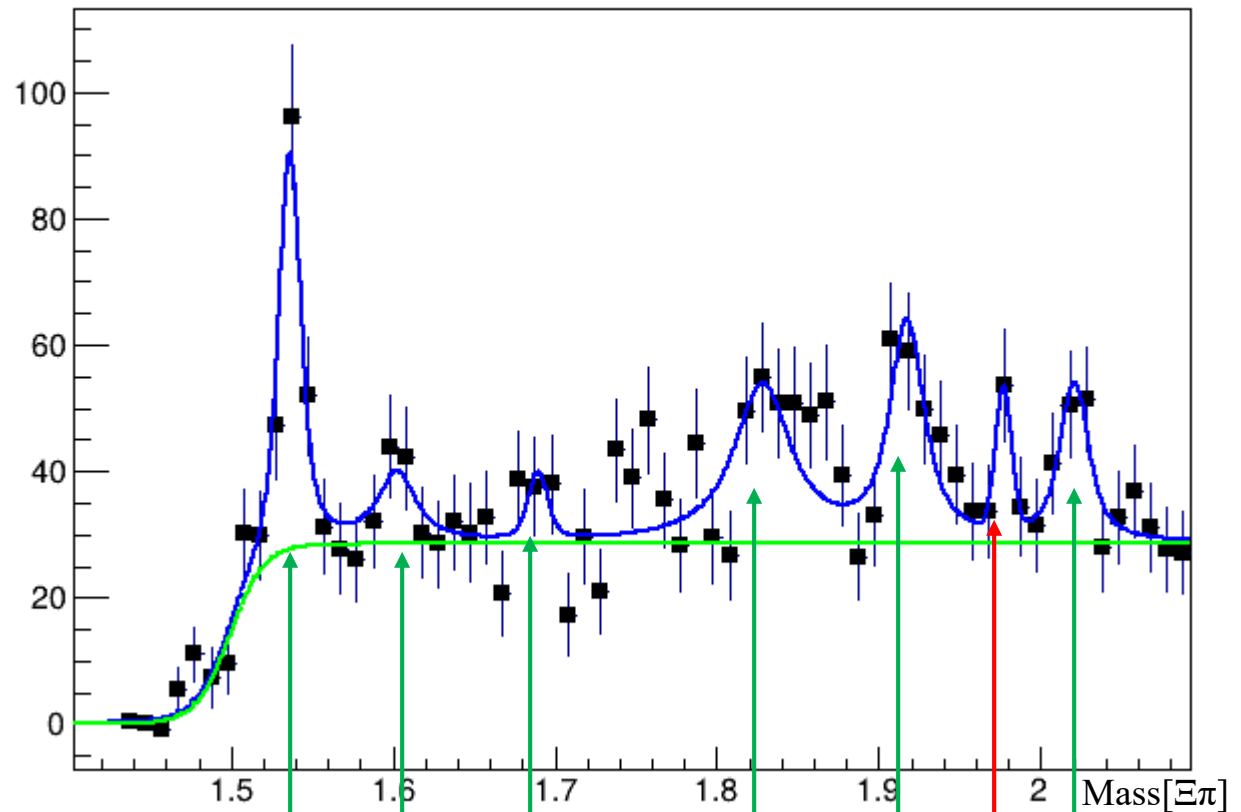
Lets try putting an extra bump in and letting fit parameters for original peak loose



Looks like a mess ☹

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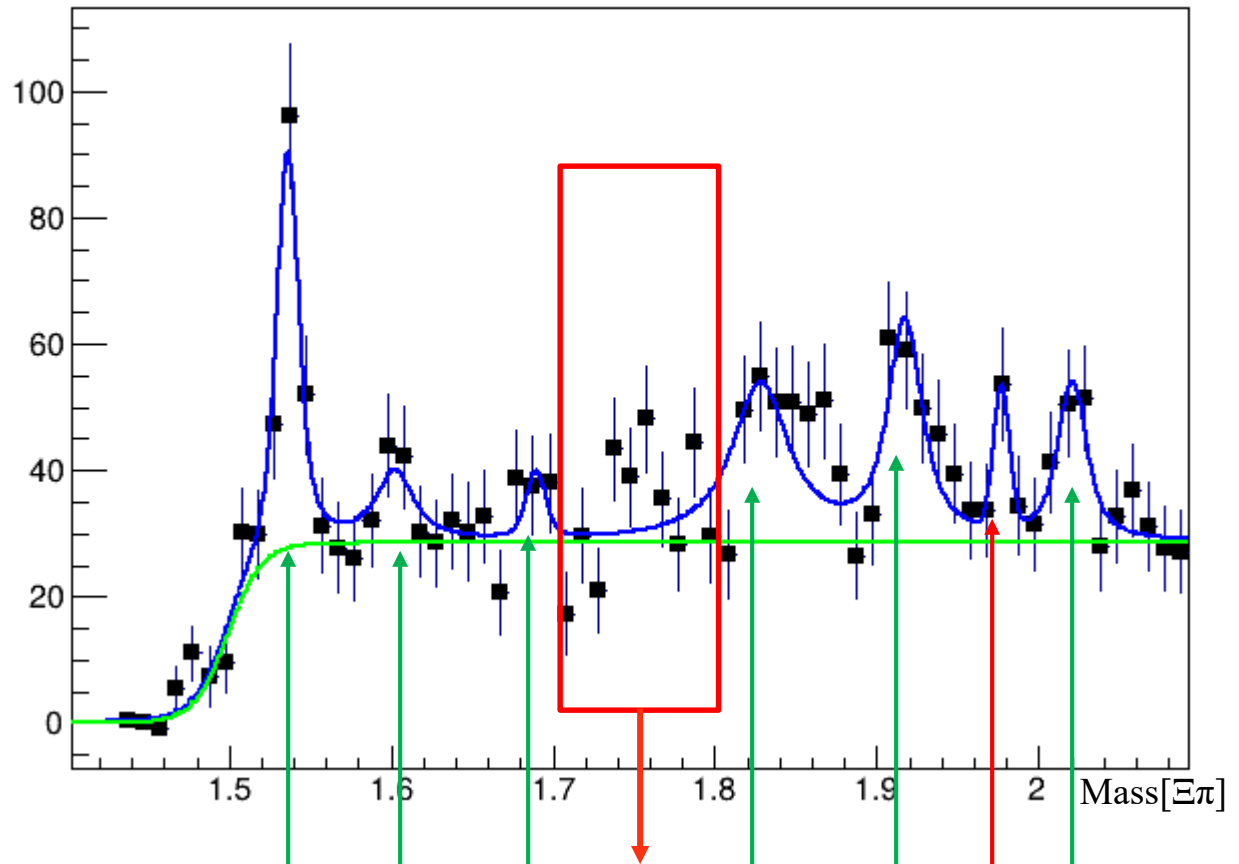
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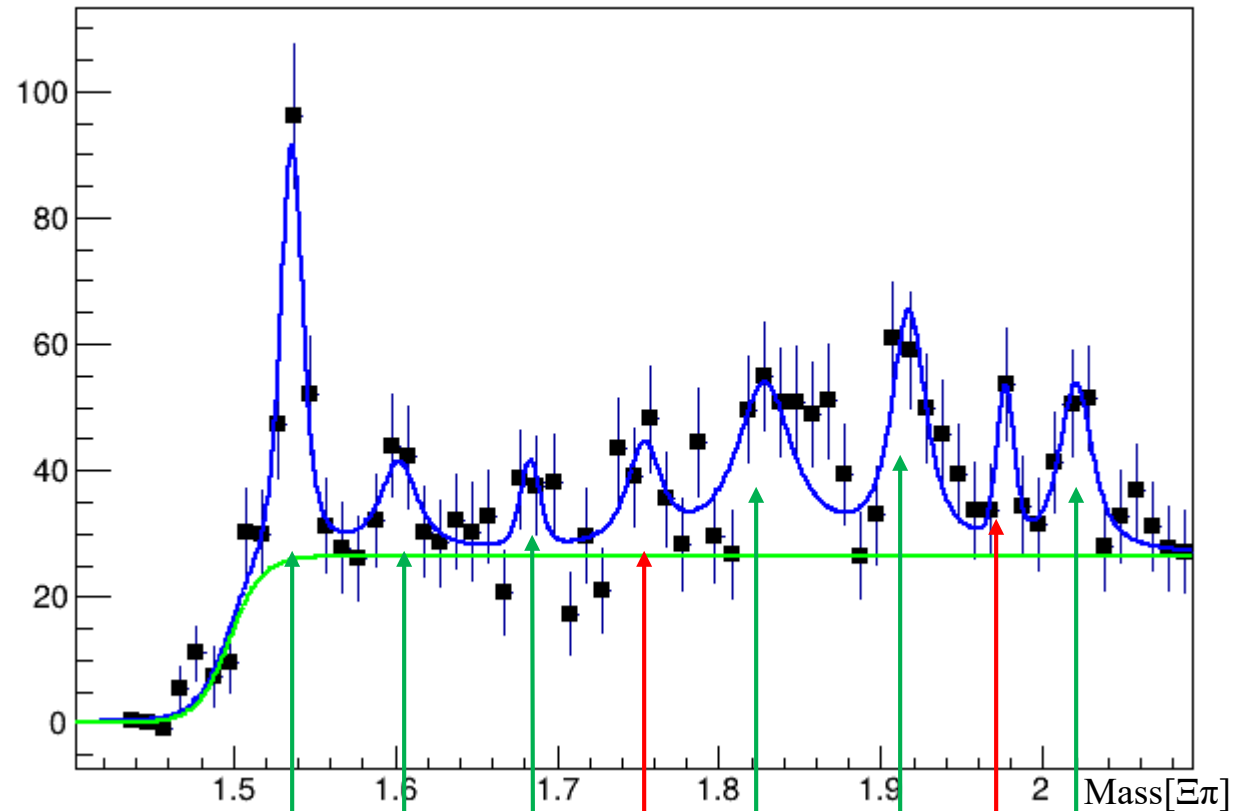
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In practice:

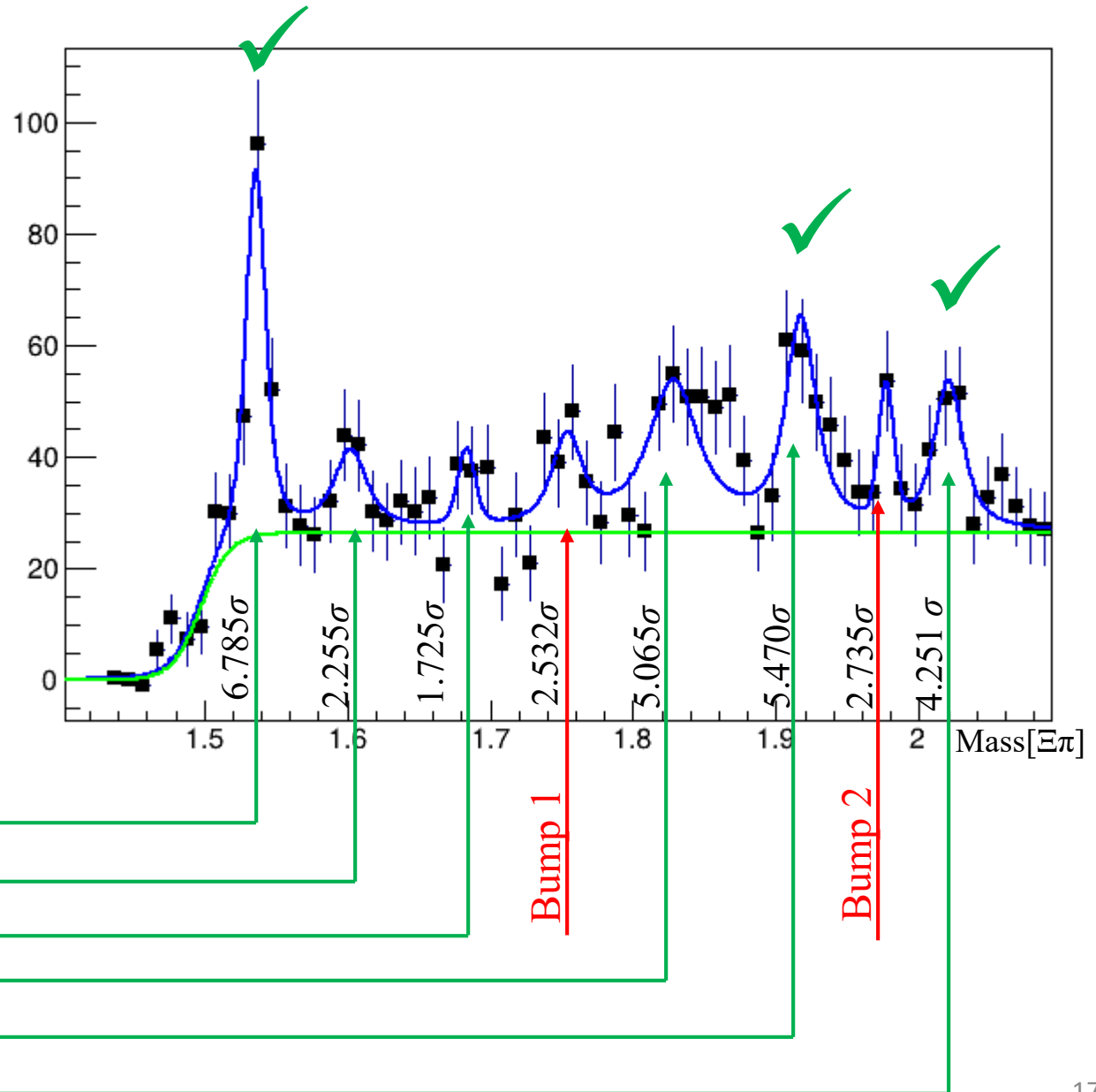
- Make full fit with parameter of interest (amplitude of bump) locked to 0 to obtain  $\chi^2_{(\text{no bump})}$
- Make full fit with parameter of interest allowed to vary to obtain  $\chi^2_{(\text{bump})}$
- Create  $\chi^2 = \chi^2_{(\text{no bump})} - \chi^2_{(\text{bump})}$  and
- Take  $\text{sqrt}(\chi^2)$  as number of standard deviations for that bump



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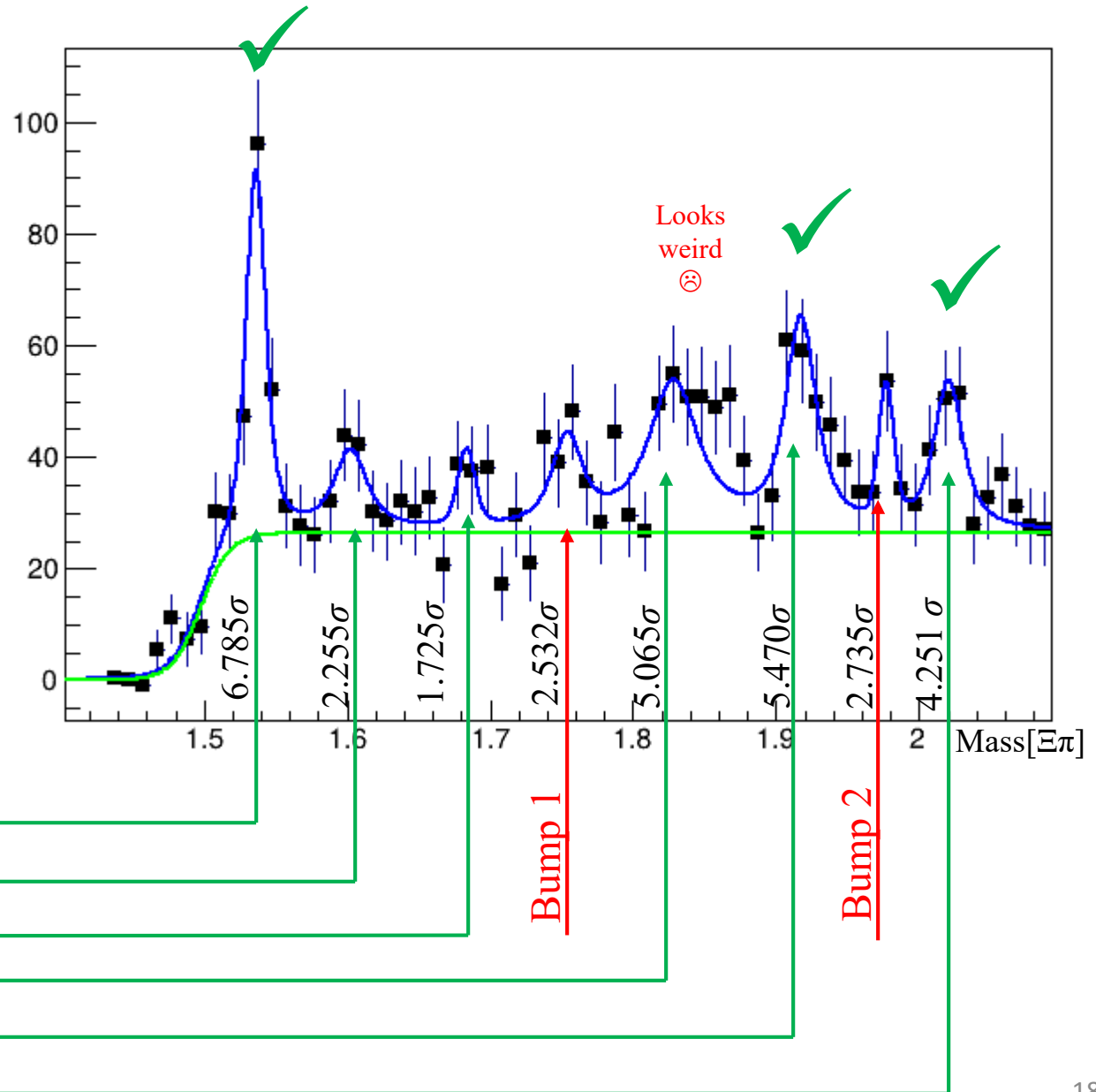


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# How to determine how many additional events needed to achieve a particular $z$

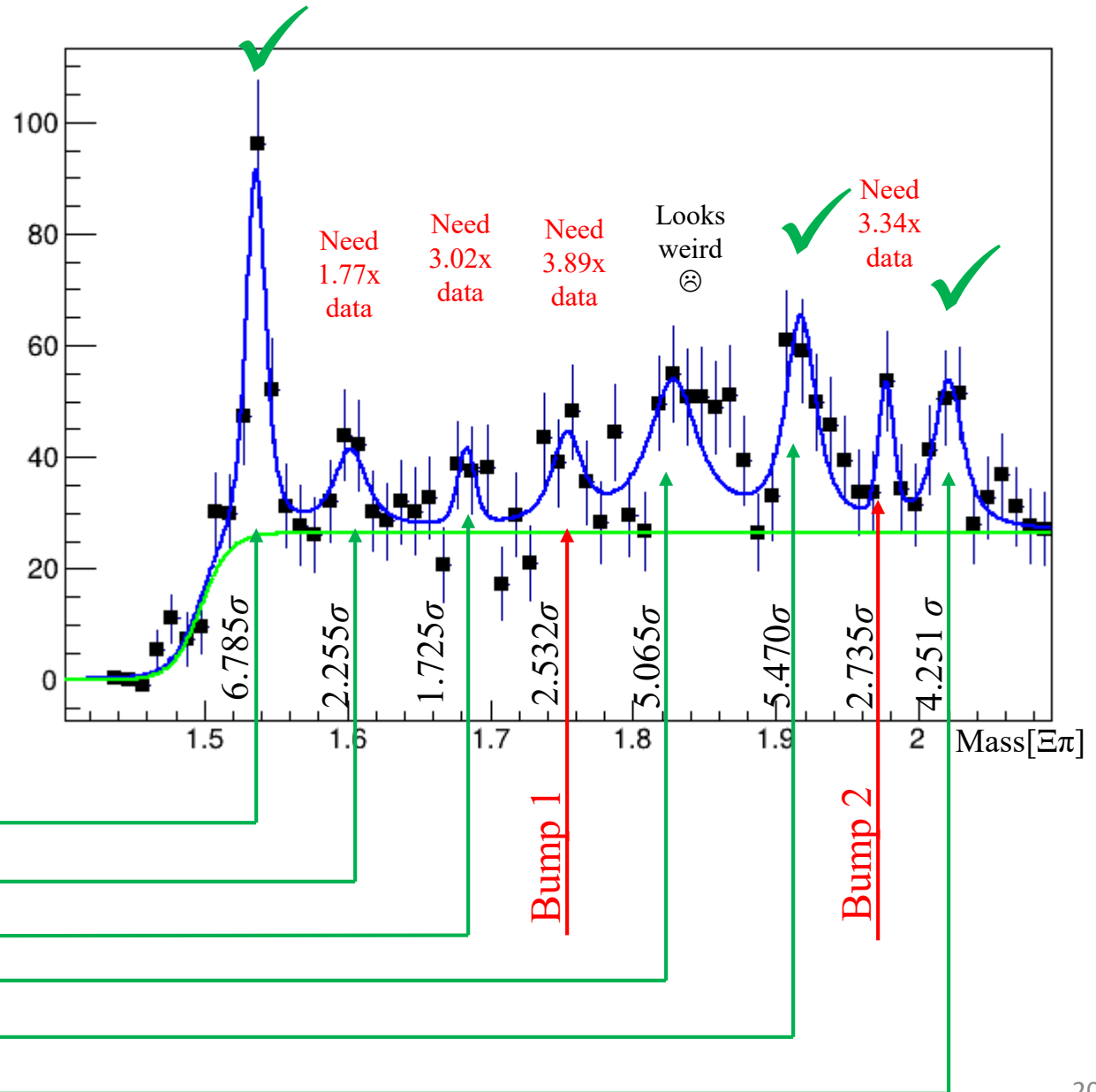
- Simply assume that the standard deviation will scale as  $\sqrt{N}$ , where  $N$  = number of events
  - $N_{\text{target}}/N_{\text{current}} = (z_{\text{target}}/z_{\text{current}})^2$

For example, to get from  $z_{\text{current}} = 2.352$  to  $z_{\text{target}} = 5$  we would need  $N_{\text{target}}/N_{\text{current}} = (5/2.352)^2 = 3.890$  (or  $N_{\text{target}} = 3.890 \times N_{\text{current}}$ )

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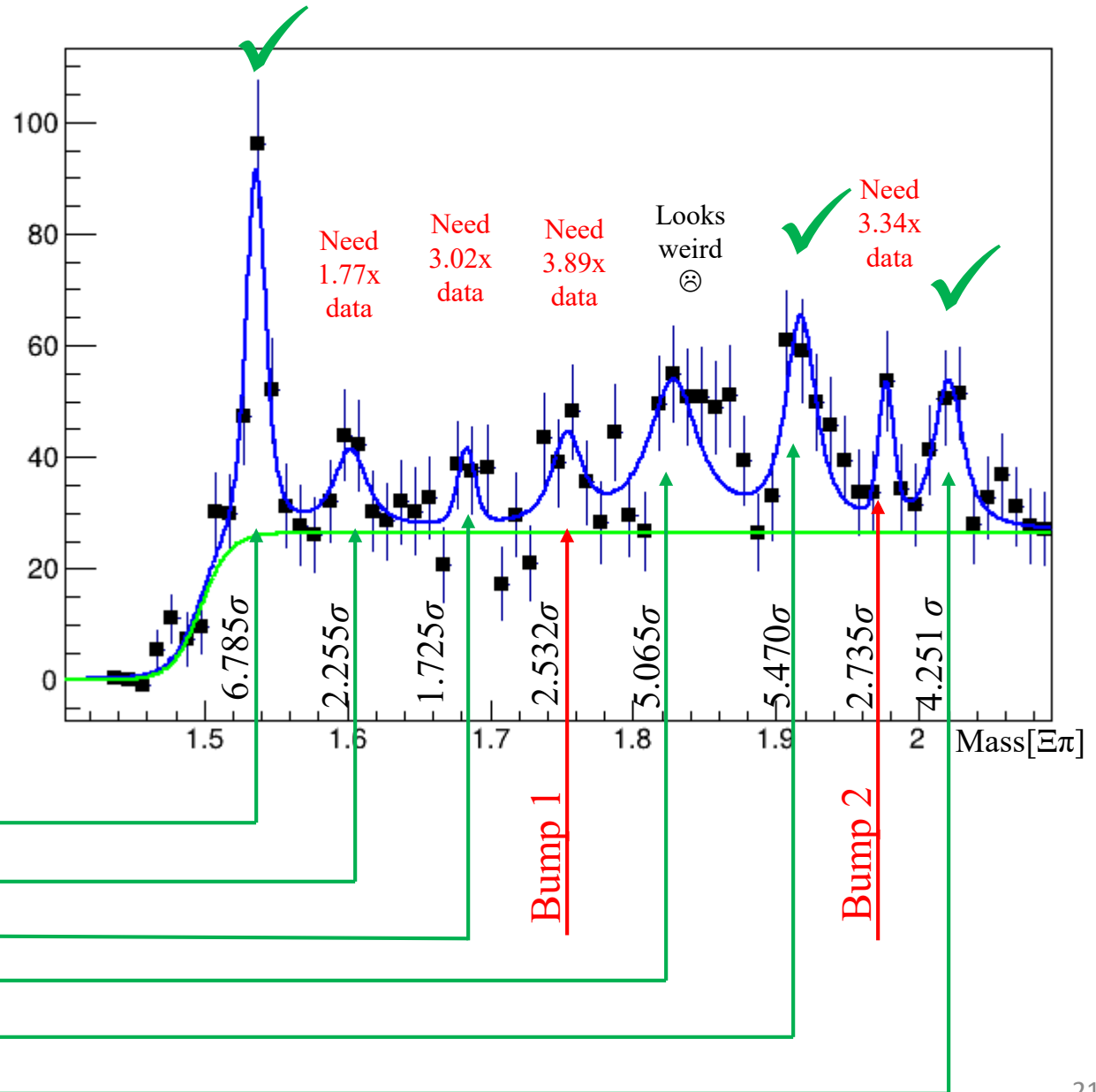


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|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <a href="#">Spring 2016 Dataset Summary</a>            | 10391 - 11663 | <a href="#">@is_production</a> and <a href="#">@status_approved</a>                                               | 8.4 - 9.0                 | 2.0 ("Golden period" runs 11366-11555)       | 14.6 (All runs)                                     |                                                                      |                           |
| <a href="#">Spring 2017 Dataset Summary</a>            | 30274 - 31057 | <a href="#">@is_production</a> and <a href="#">@status_approved</a>                                               | 8.2 - 8.8                 | 21.8                                         | 53.1                                                | 74.7                                                                 | 17.4%                     |
| <a href="#">Spring 2018 Dataset Summary</a>            | 40856 - 42559 | <a href="#">@is_2018production</a> and <a href="#">@status_approved</a>                                           | 8.2 - 8.8                 | 63.0                                         | 152.7                                               | 223.8                                                                | 50.4%                     |
| <a href="#">Fall 2018 Dataset Summary</a>              | 50685 - 51768 | <a href="#">@is_2018production</a> and <a href="#">@status_approved</a> and <a href="#">beam_on_current&gt;49</a> | 8.2 - 8.8                 | 40.1                                         | 98.1                                                | 141.1                                                                | 32.1%                     |
| <b>GlueX phase 1 Summary</b>                           | 2017-2018     |                                                                                                                   | 8.2 - 8.8                 | <b>125.0</b>                                 |                                                     | <b>439.6</b>                                                         |                           |
| <a href="#">Fall 2018 Dataset Summary</a> "low energy" | 51384 - 51457 | <a href="#">@is_2018production</a> and <a href="#">@status_approved</a> and <a href="#">beam_on_current&lt;49</a> | 6.2 - 7.0                 | -                                            | 1.1 ( $E_\gamma = 3-5.5$ GeV)                       |                                                                      |                           |

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2017+2018 → 439 pb<sup>-1</sup>

# GlueX Phase-II Dataset Summary

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|---------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Spring 2020 Dataset Summary</a> | 71350-73266   | <a href="#">@is_dirc_production</a> and <a href="#">@status_approved</a> | 8.0 - 8.6                 | 132.4                                        | 321.2                                          | 386.2                                                           |
| <a href="#">Spring 2023 Dataset Summary</a> | 120297-121207 | <a href="#">@is_dirc_production</a> and <a href="#">@status_approved</a> | 8.0 - 8.6                 | 59.2                                         | 154.1                                          | 175.7                                                           |
| <a href="#">Spring 2025 Dataset Summary</a> | 131593-139999 | <a href="#">@is_dirc_production</a> and <a href="#">@status_approved</a> | 8.3 - 8.9                 |                                              |                                                |                                                                 |

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$$2020+2023 \rightarrow (386+175)\text{pb}^{-1} = 561 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

- 2020+2023 : 102 PAC days, 561 pb<sup>-1</sup>
- 2025 : 75 PAC days,  $(75/102)*561 \text{ pb}^{-1} = 412 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- 2026 : 40 PAC days,  $(40/102)*561 \text{ pb}^{-1} = 220 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

Estimates in red box

# Estimated int. luminosity for phaseIII

GlueX-III has 200 PAC days at double the rate of glueX-II (220 PAC days)

Estimated integrated luminosity for GlueX-III:

$$= (\text{GlueX-II integrated luminosity}) * (200/220) * 2$$

$$= (561+412+220)\text{pb}^{-1} * (200/220) * 2 = 2170 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$



# Ratio of [total expected] to [used so far]

- Run sets used so far: 2017, 2018, 2020, 2023
- Integrated luminosity of used so far:  $(439+561)\text{pb}^{-1} = 1000 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- Expected integrated luminosity remaining:  $(412+220+2170) \text{ pb}^{-1} = 2802 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- $[\text{Total expected}]/[\text{used so far}] \sim 3800 \text{ pb}^{-1} \text{ OR } 3.8\text{x}[\text{used thus far}]$

## Roughly

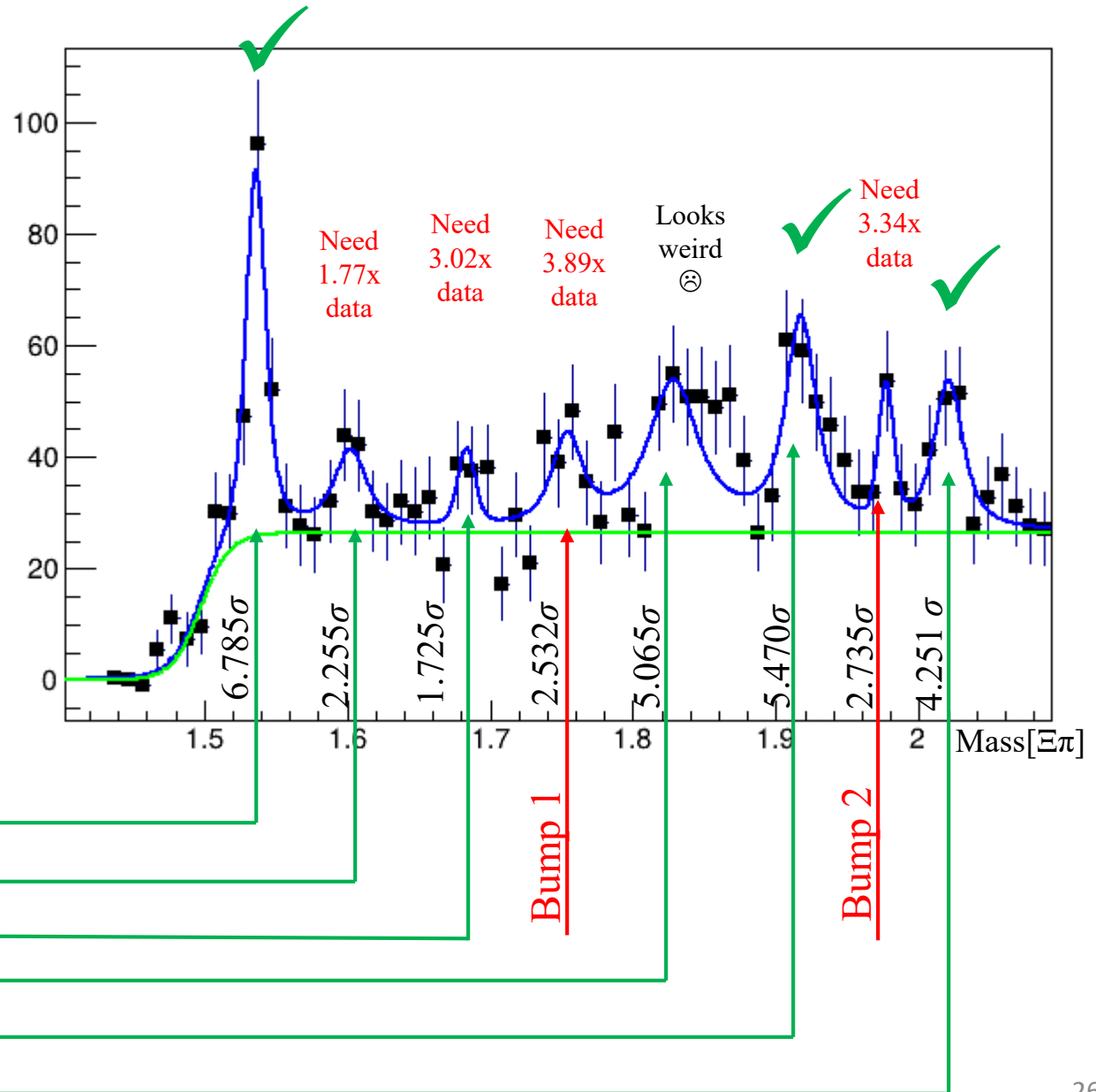
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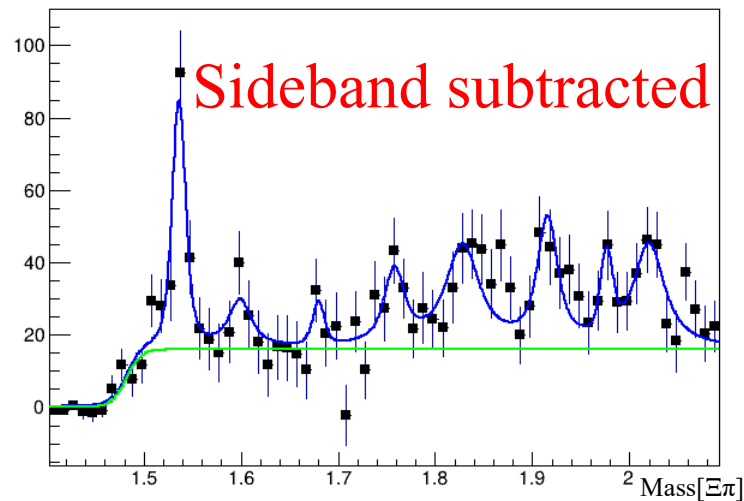
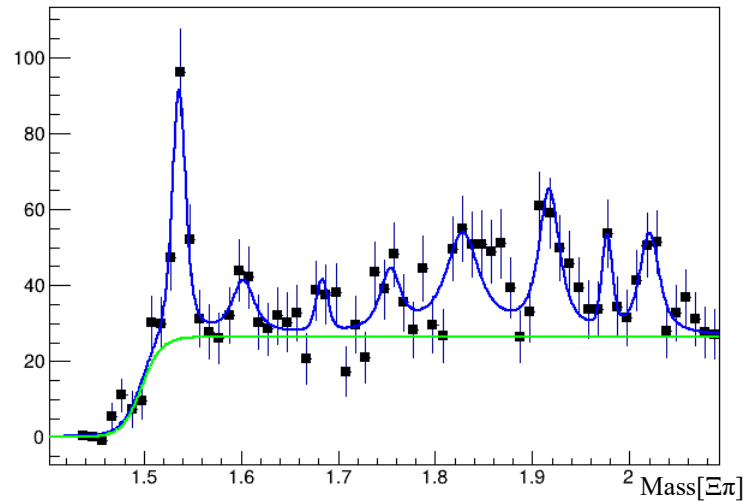
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- Expect about 3.8x current data shown here by end of GlueX-III

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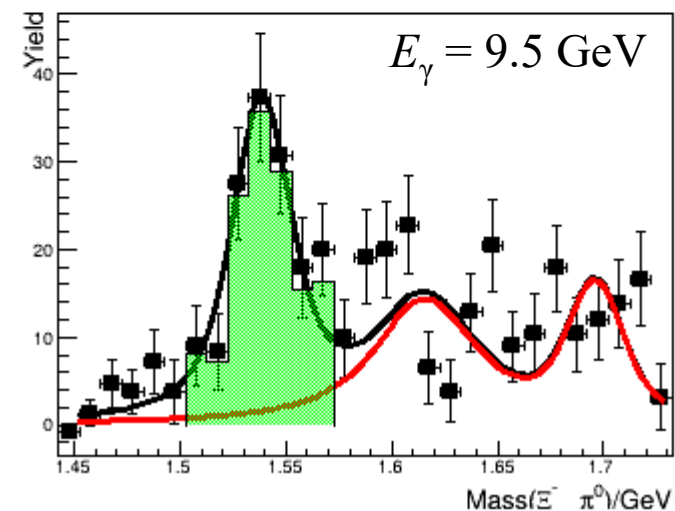
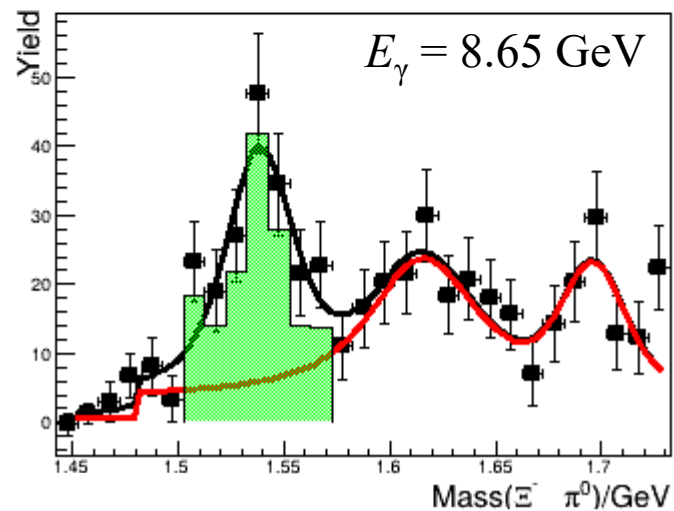
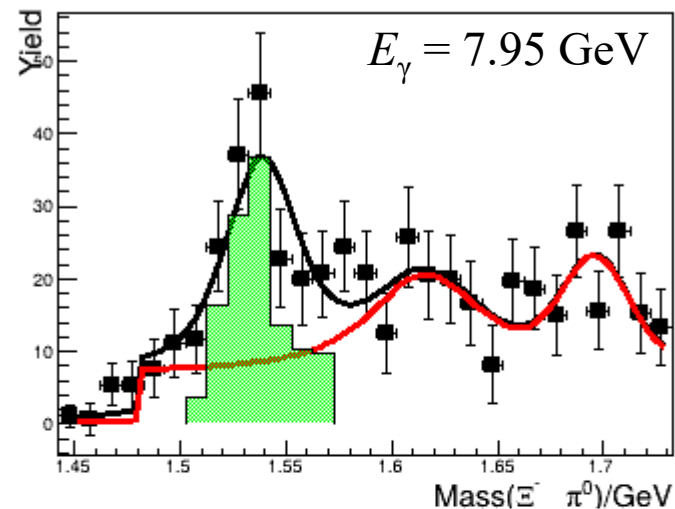
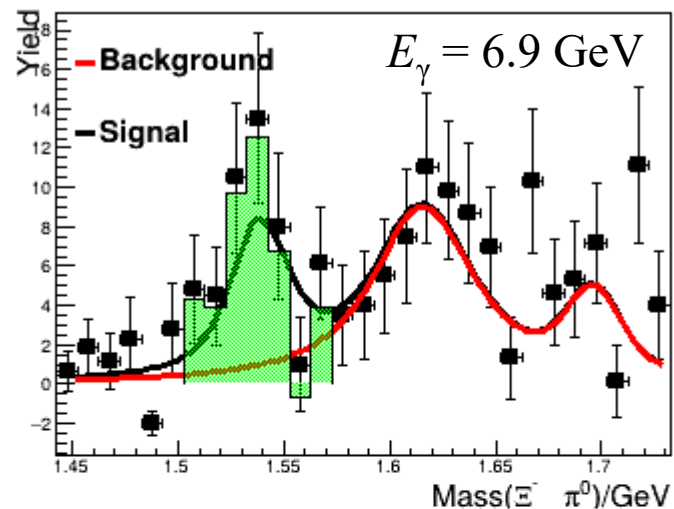


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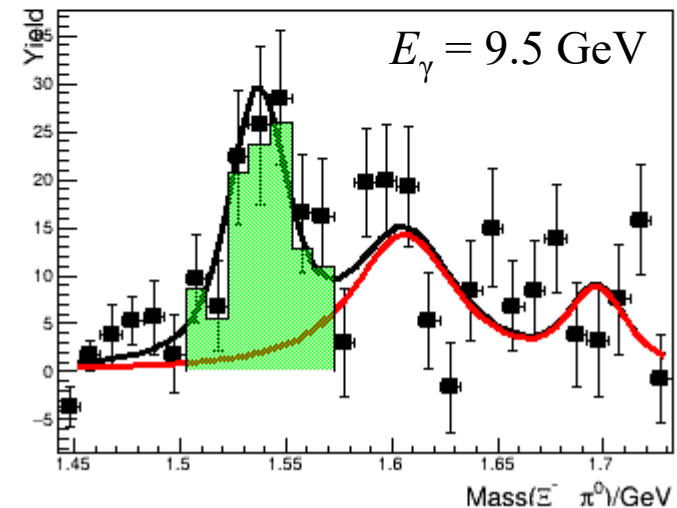
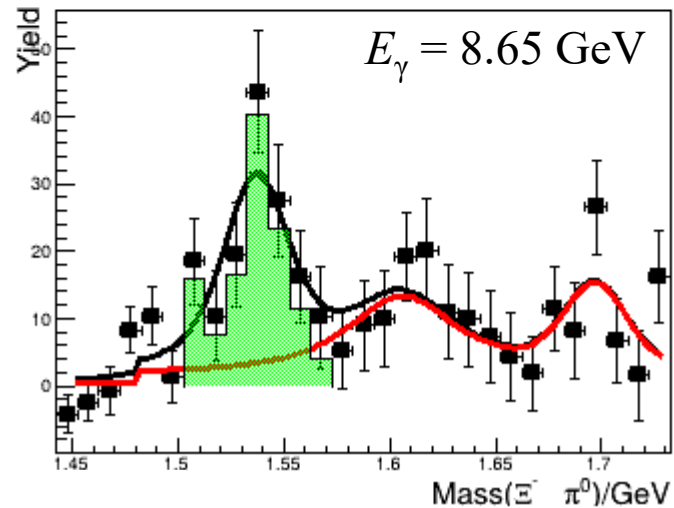
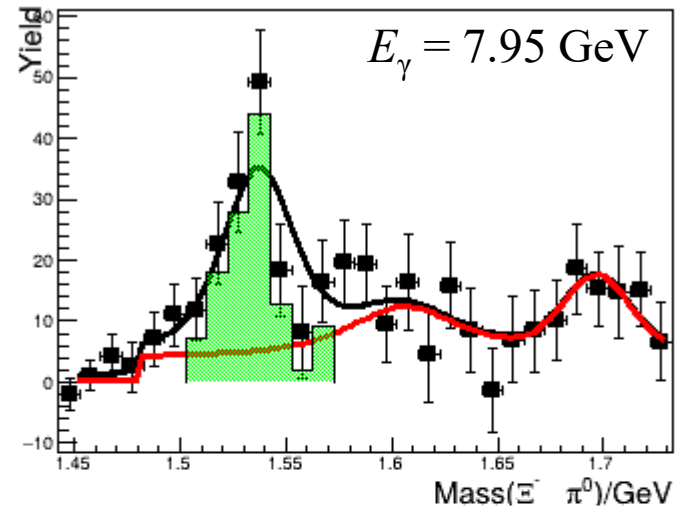
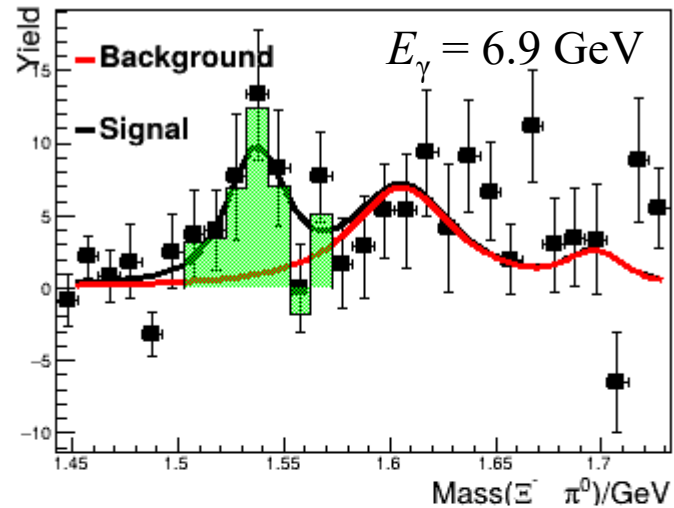


Preliminary cross section of  
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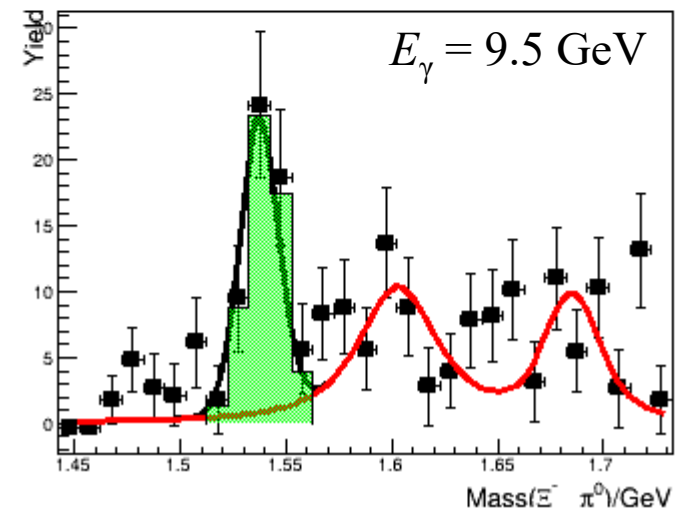
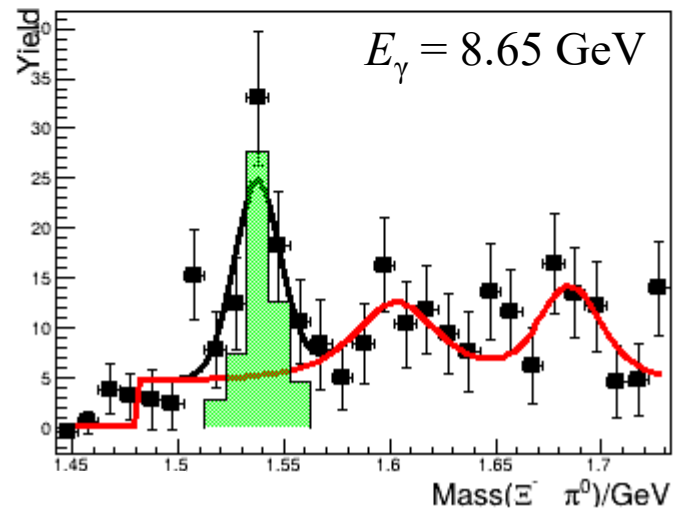
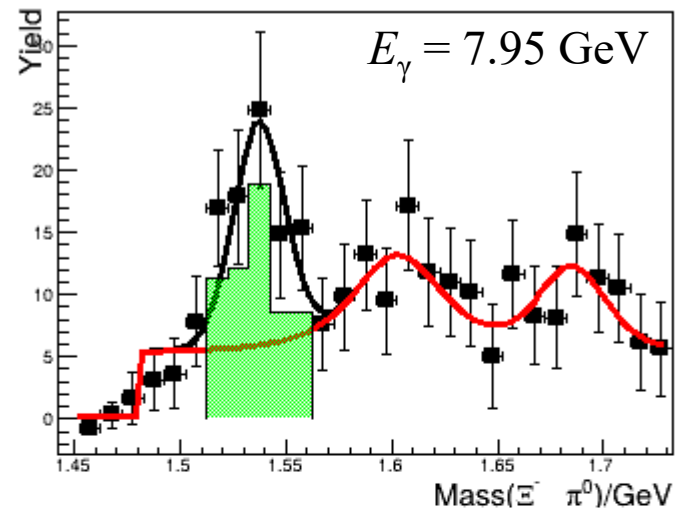
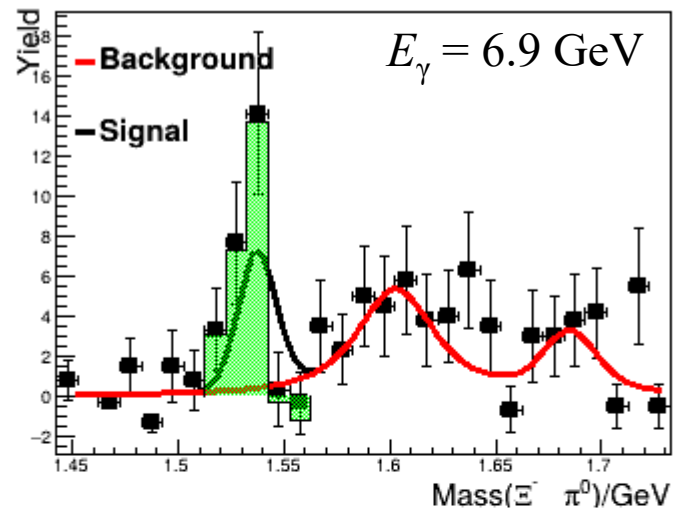
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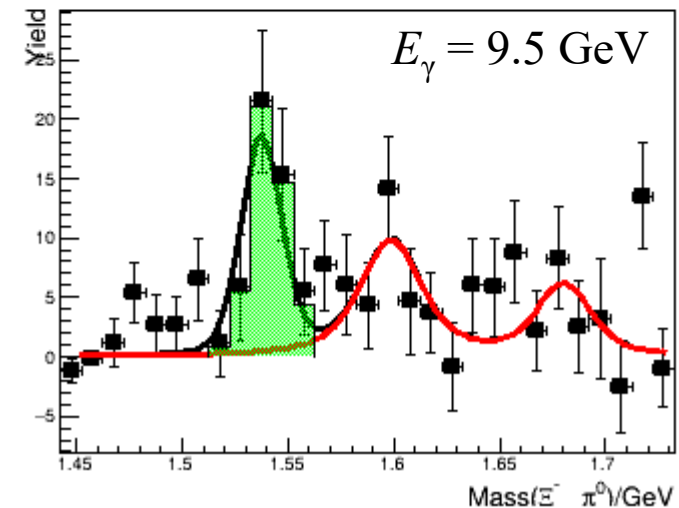
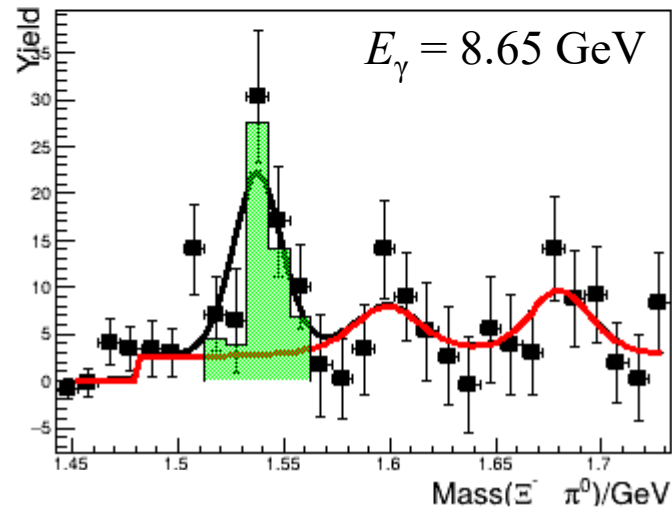
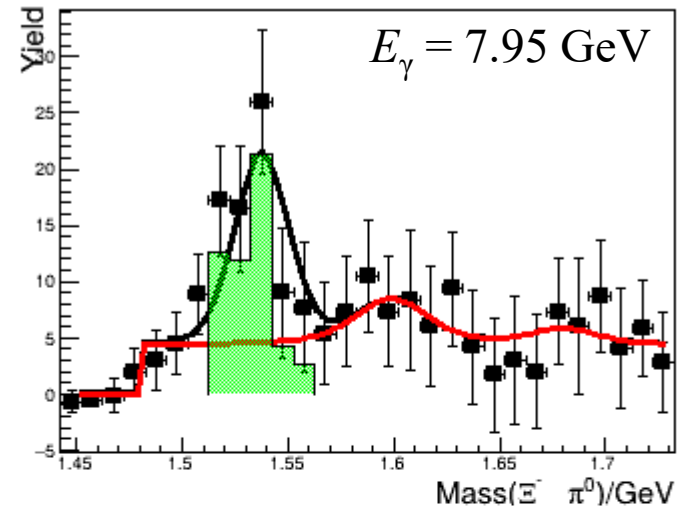
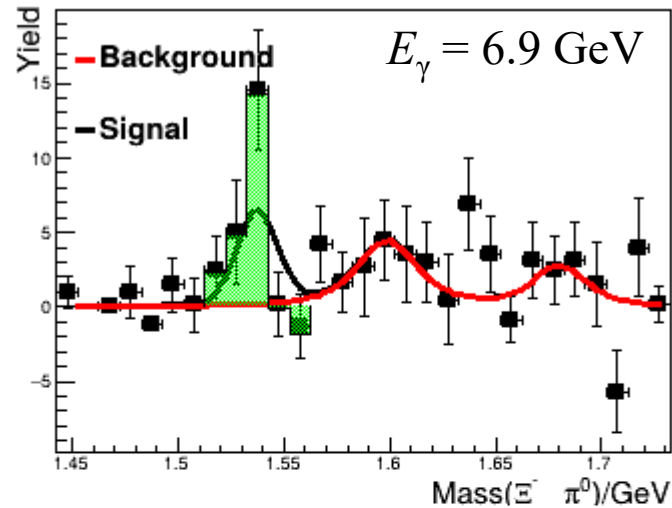
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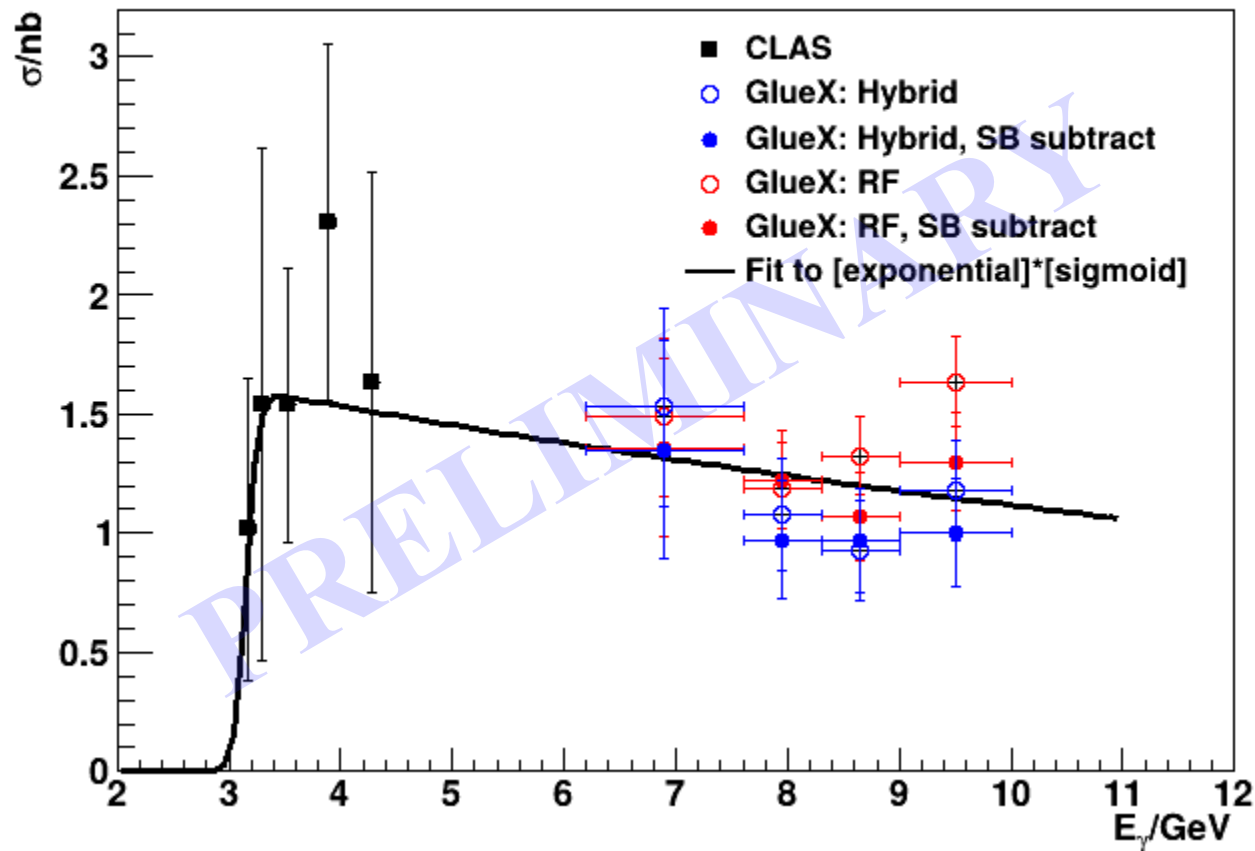


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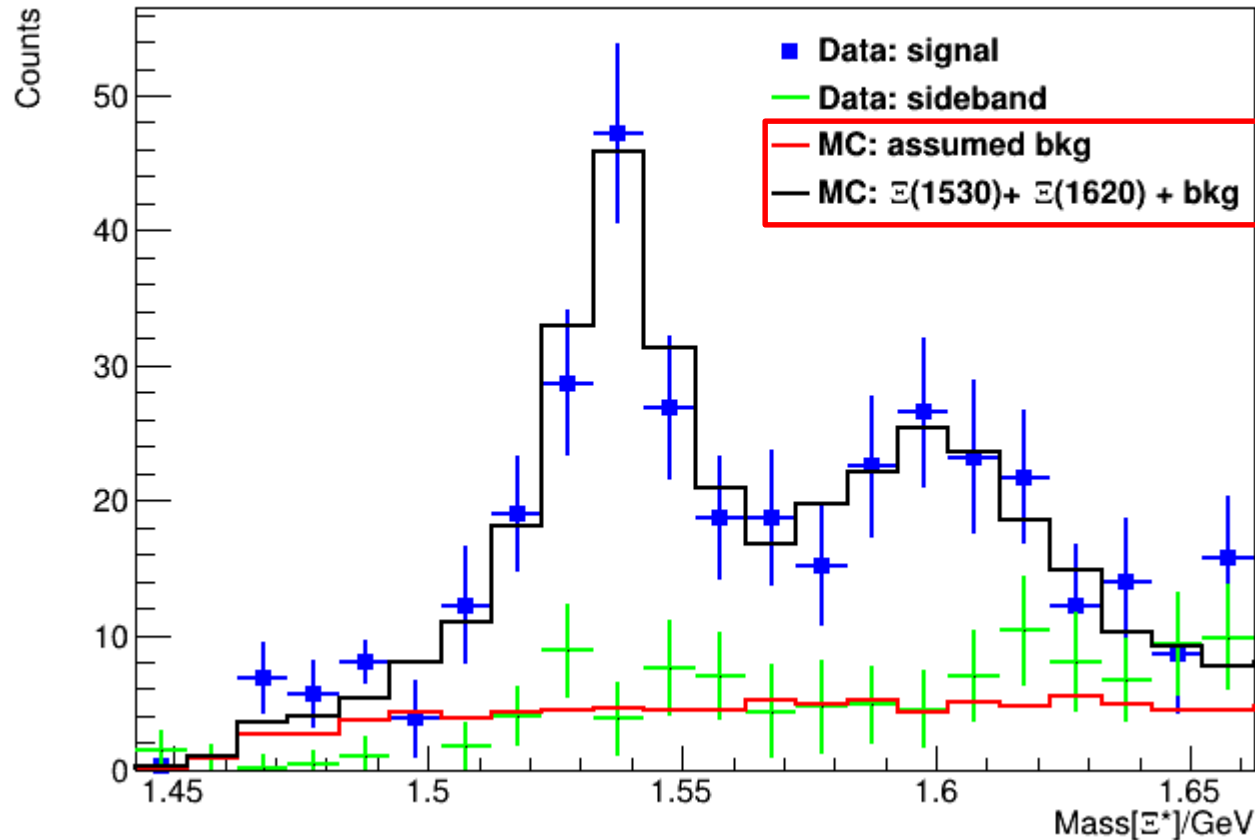
# $E^-(1530)$ total cross section for binned $E_\gamma$ with fit to [exponential]\*[sigmoid]



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Looks reasonable ☺

The  $\Xi(1620)$  generation set to:

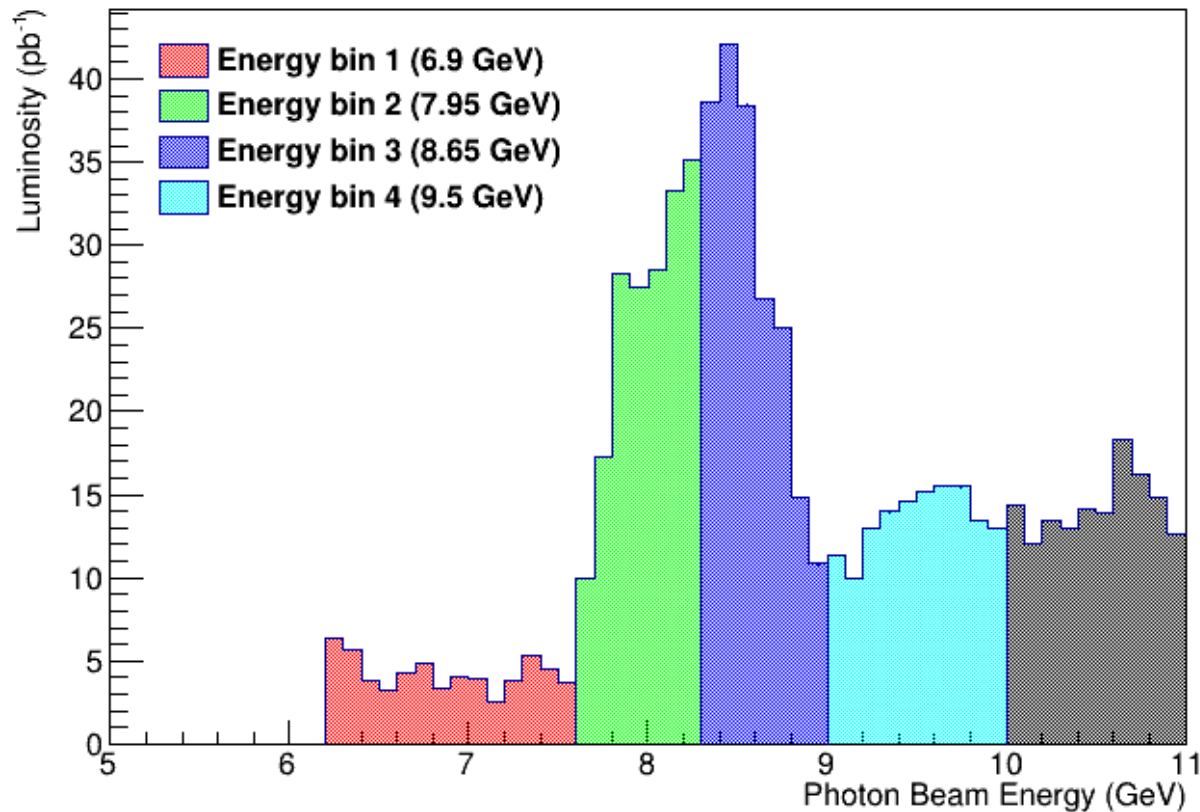
- Center = 1600 MeV
- Width = 30 MeV

# Energy Binning

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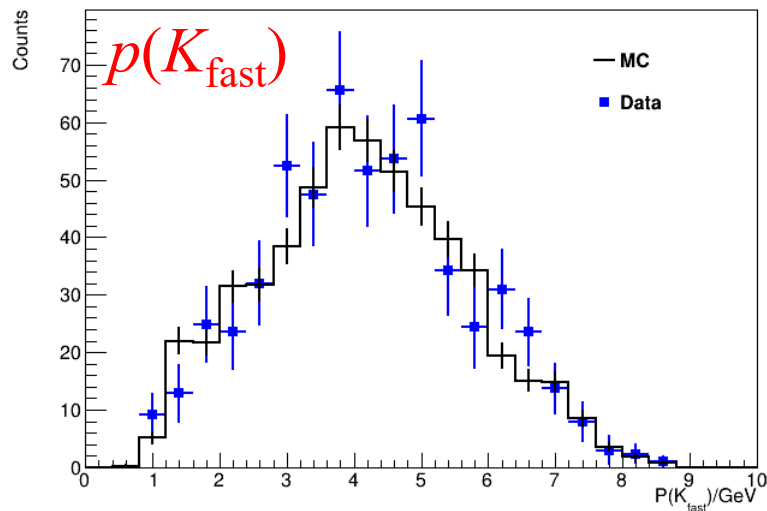
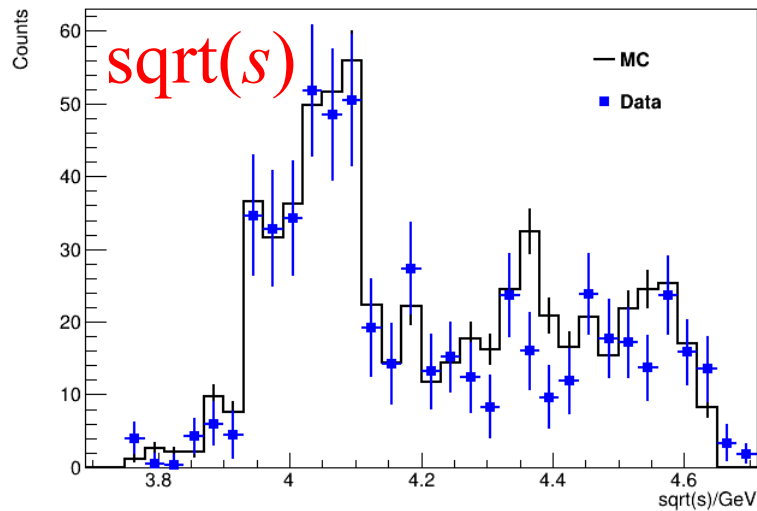
Energy bins:

- $6.2 \text{ GeV} < E_\gamma < 7.6 \text{ GeV}$
- $7.6 \text{ GeV} < E_\gamma < 8.3 \text{ GeV}$
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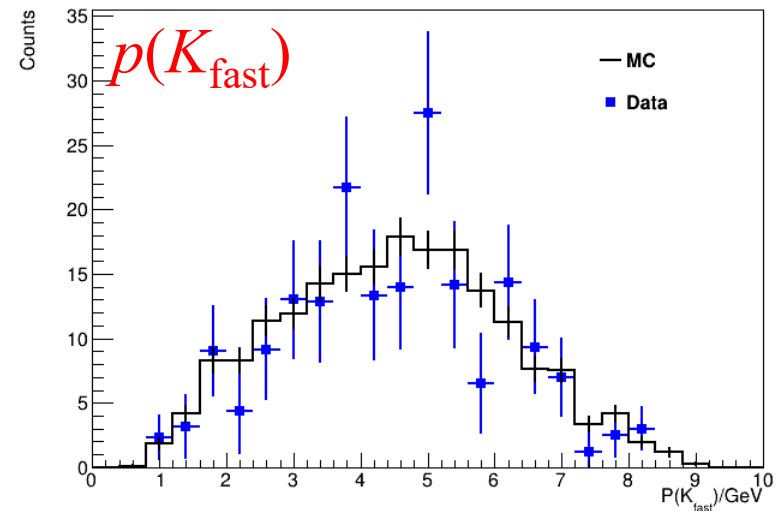
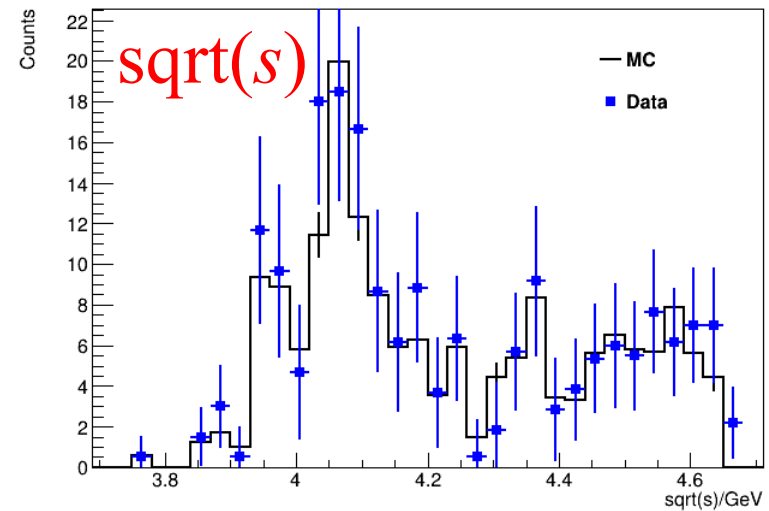


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## General reaction

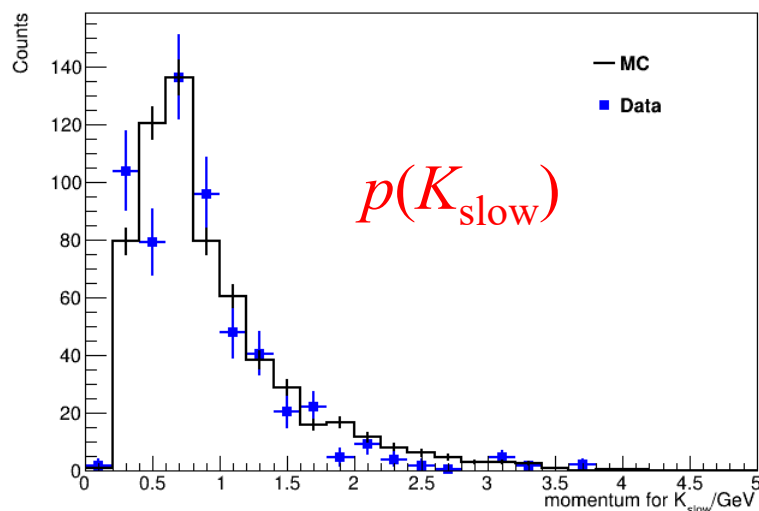
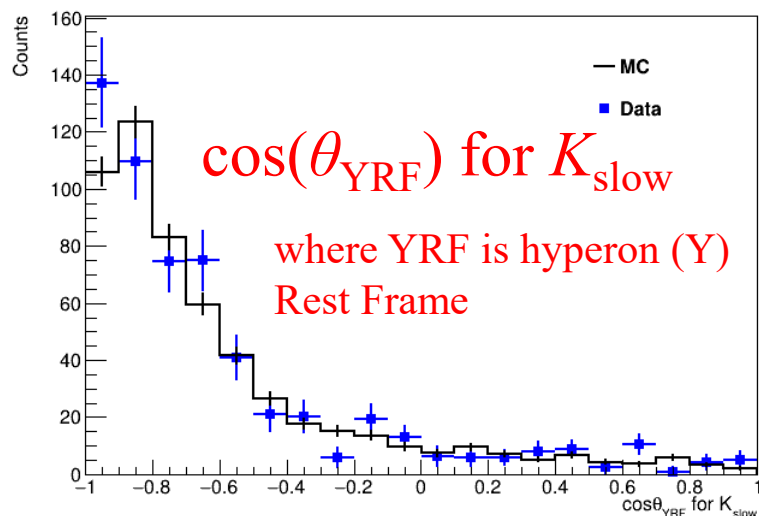


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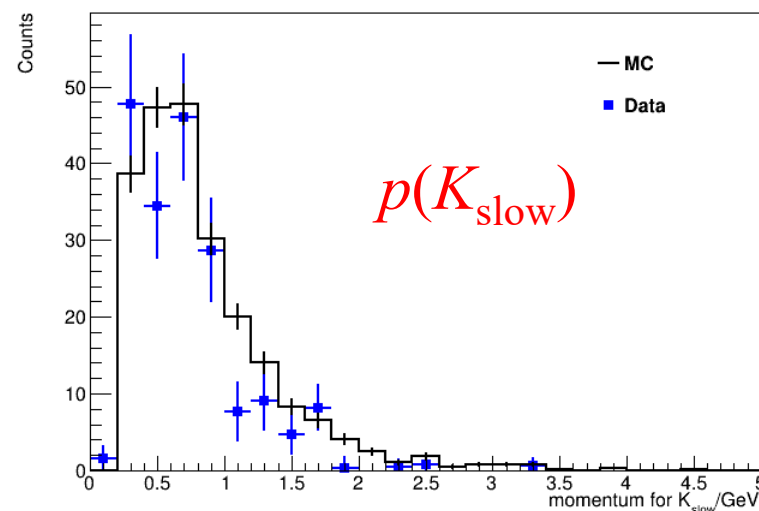
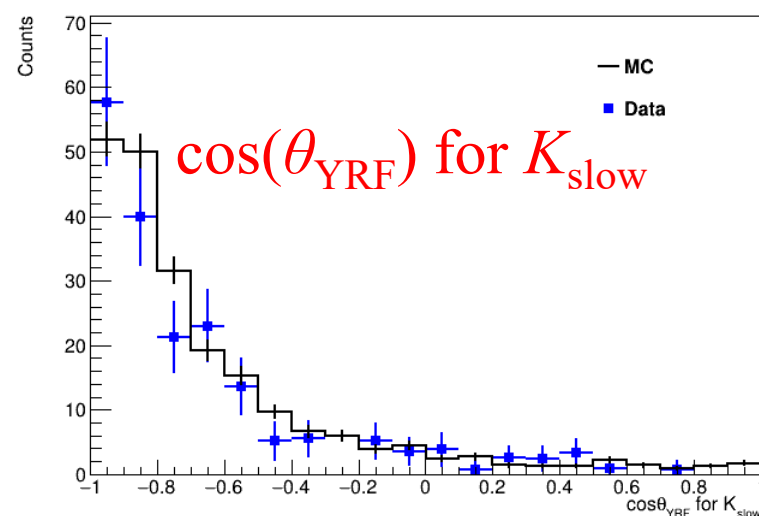


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## General reaction

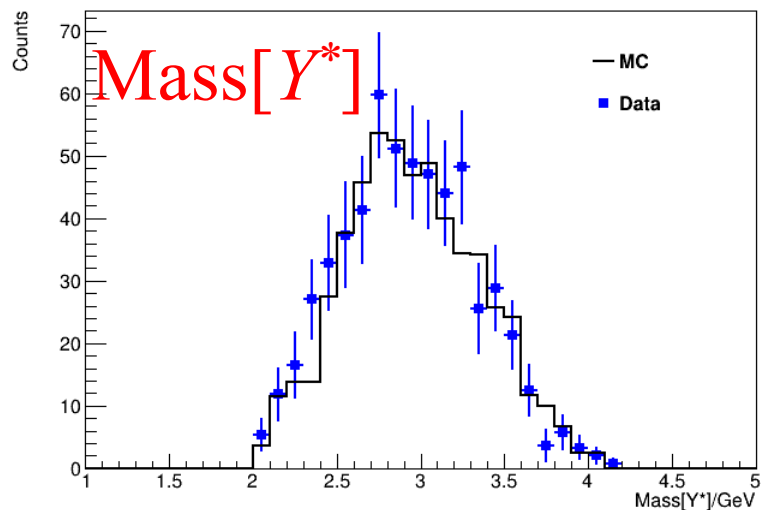
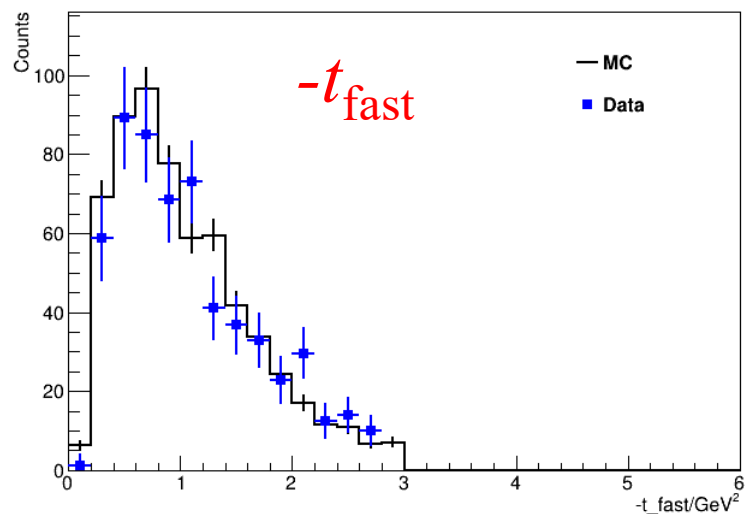


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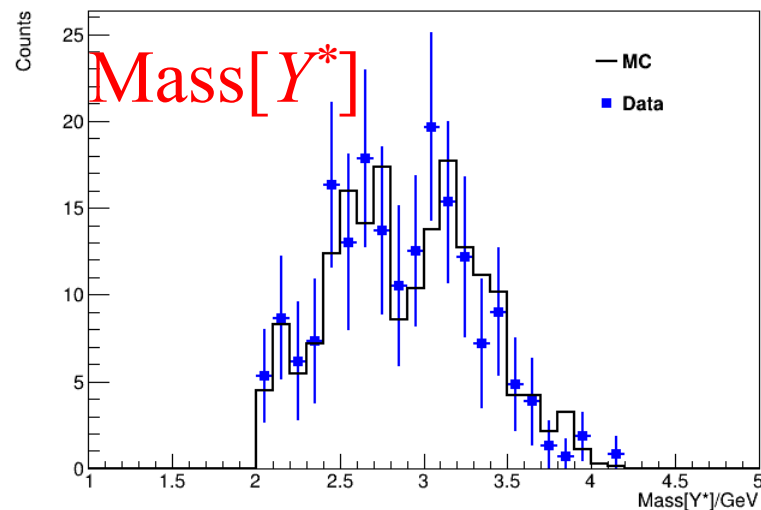
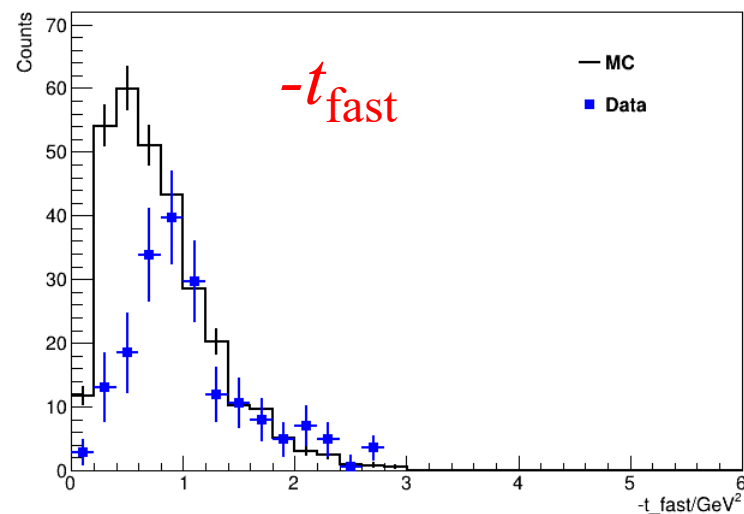


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## General reaction



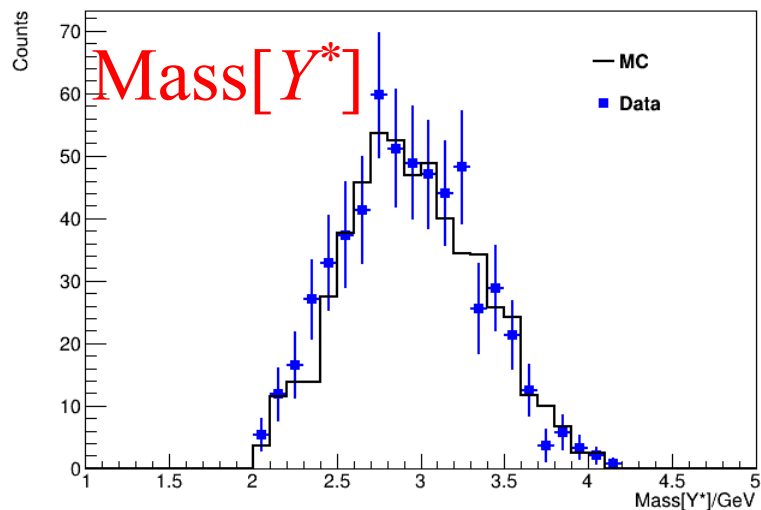
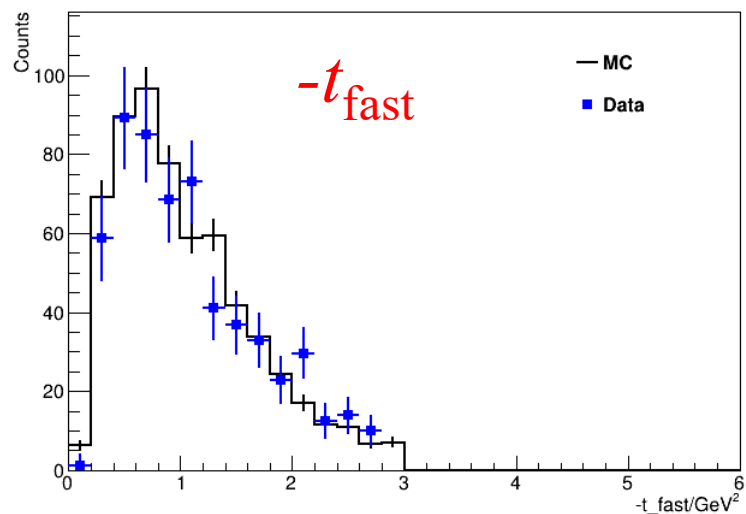
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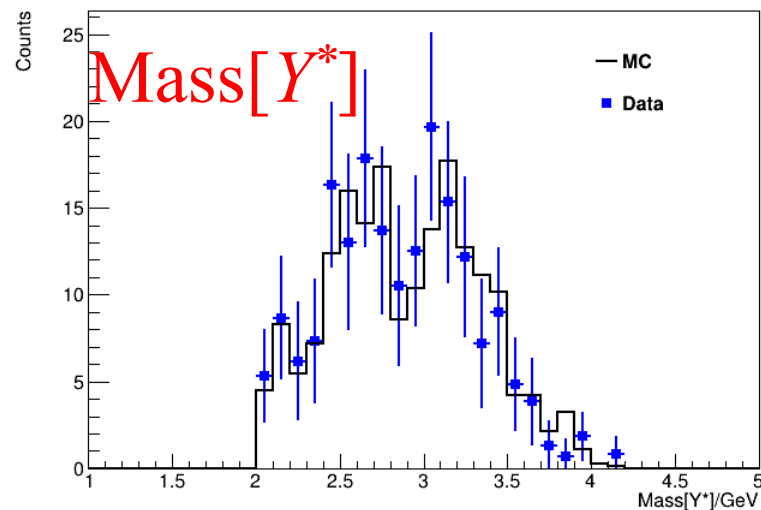
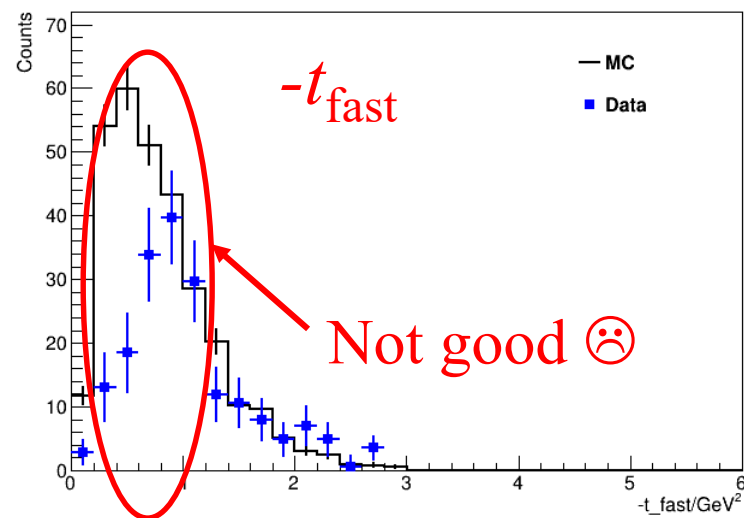


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## General reaction

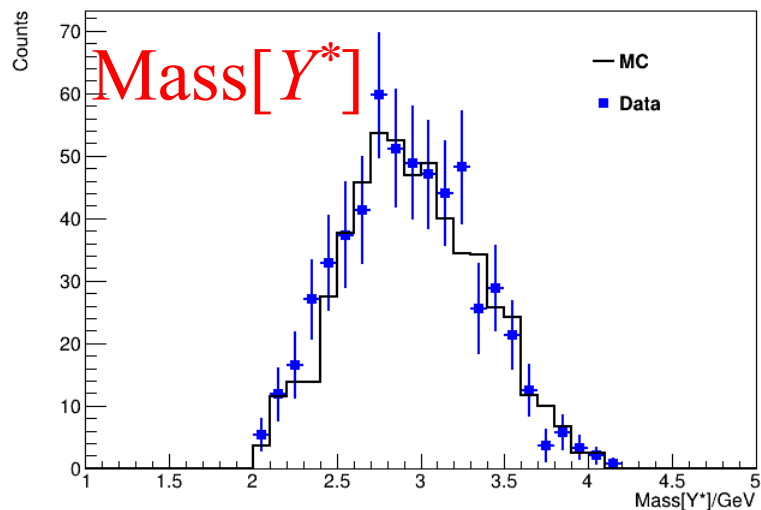
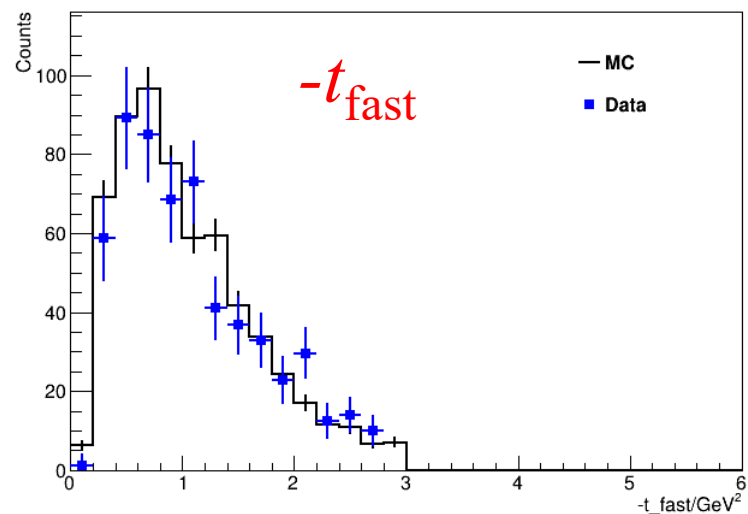


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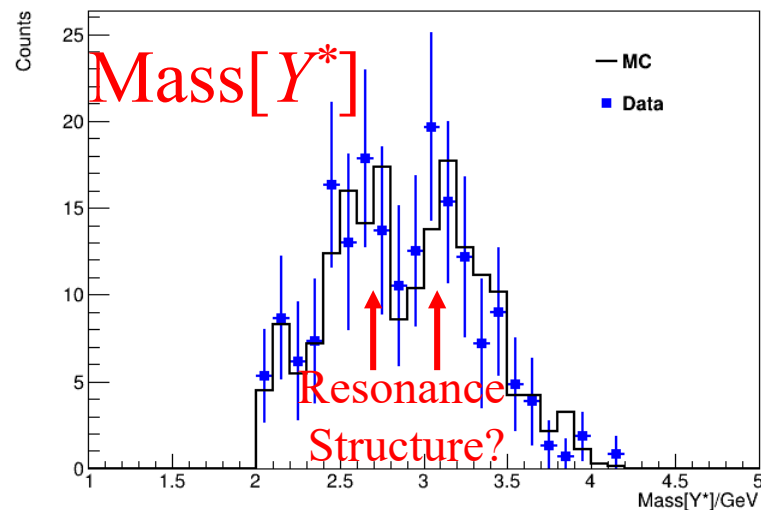
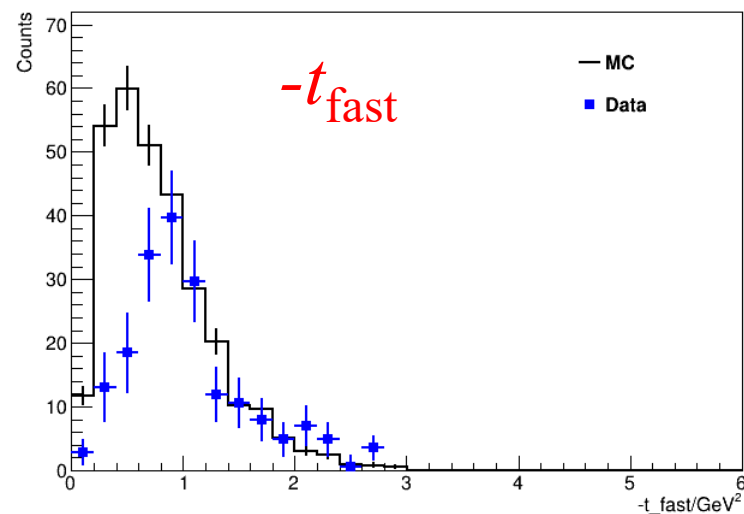


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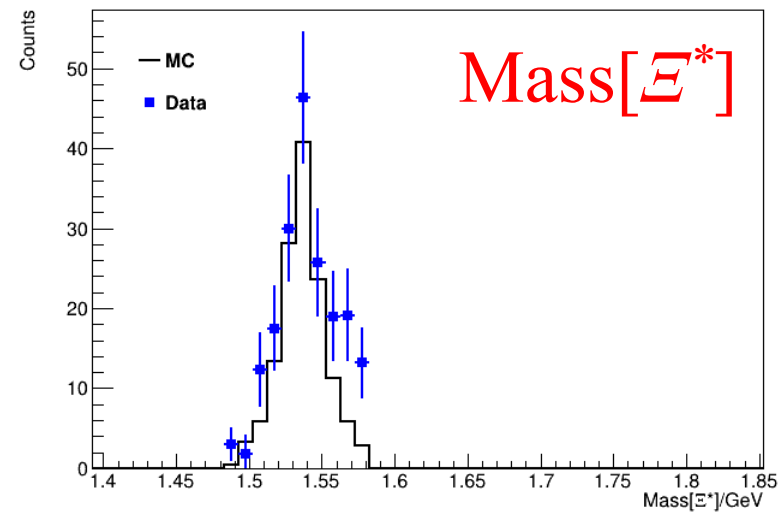
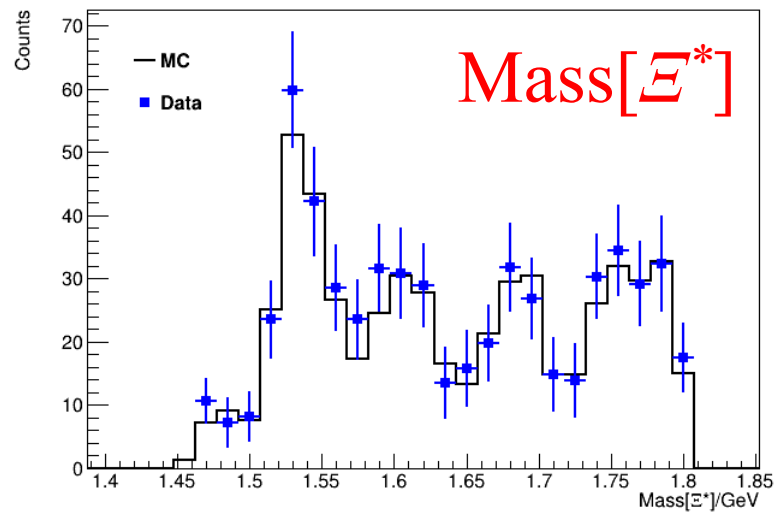
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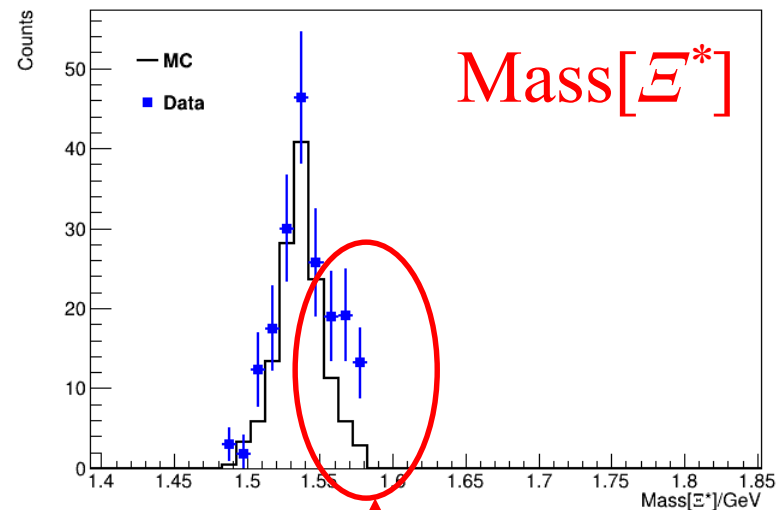
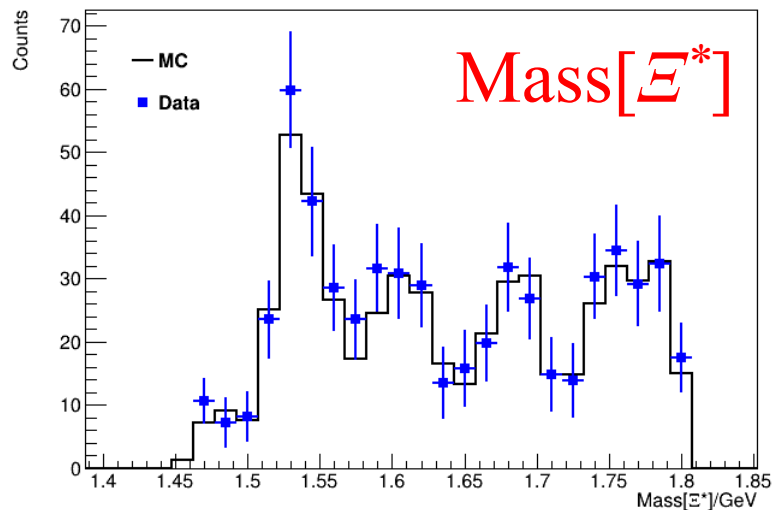
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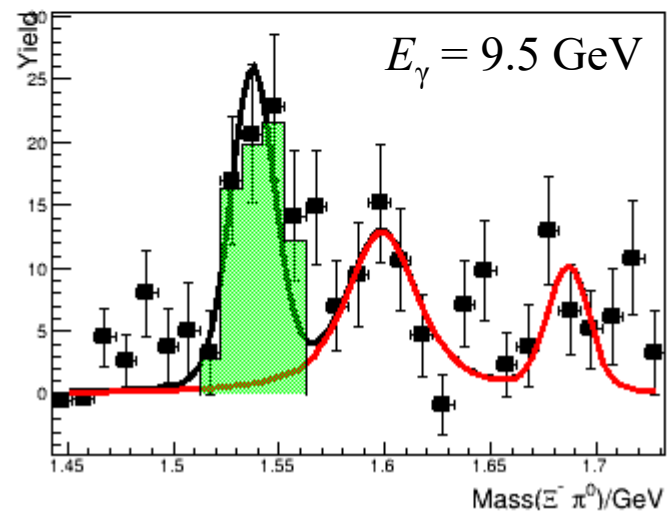
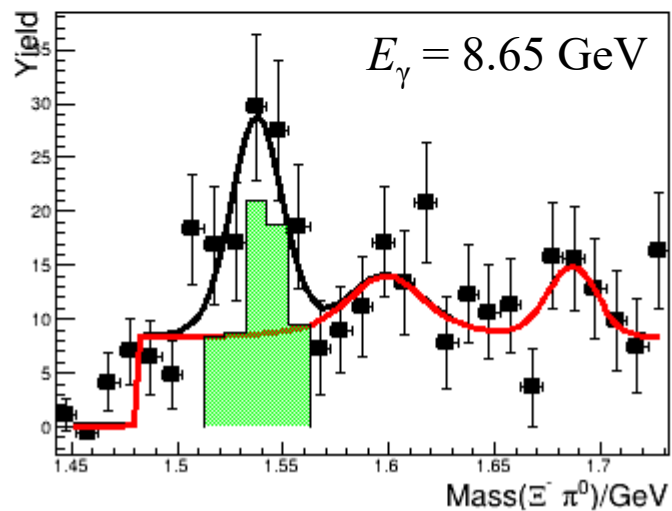
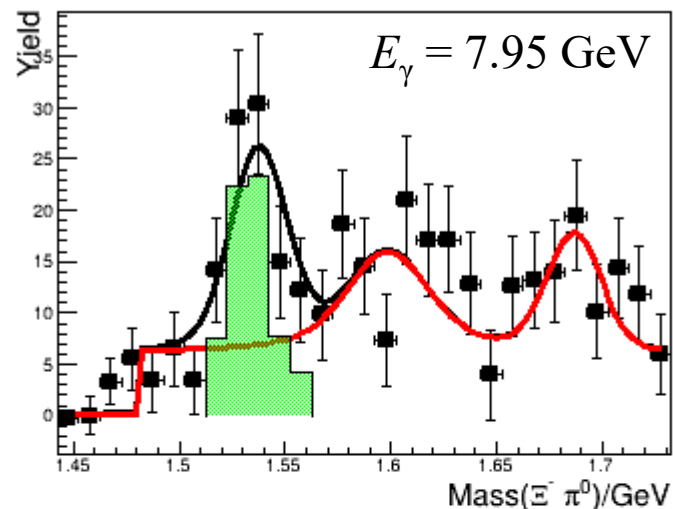
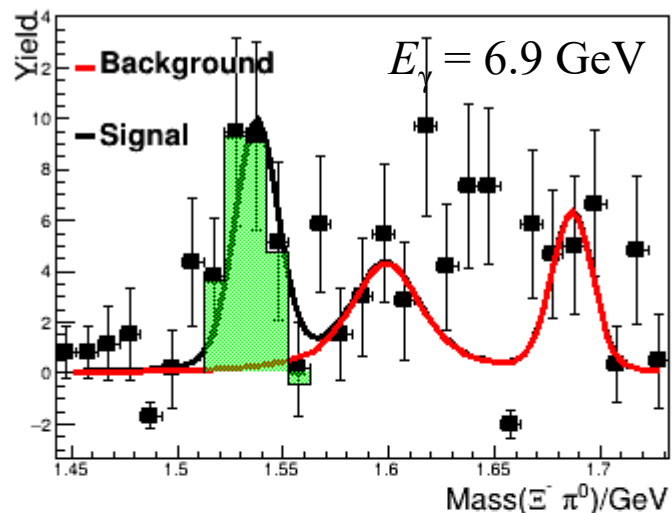


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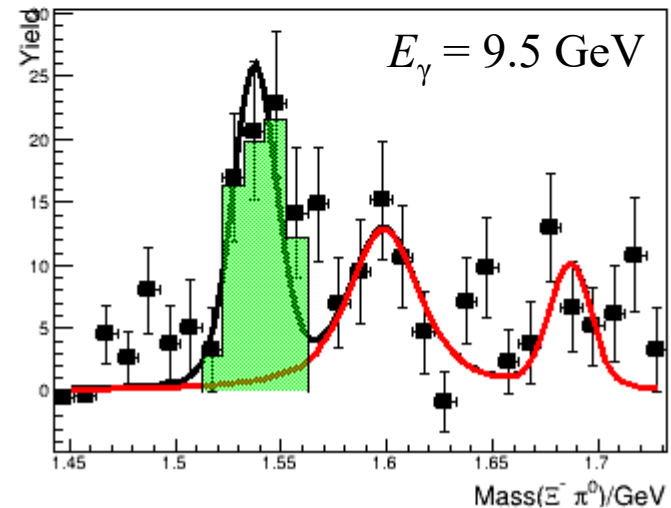
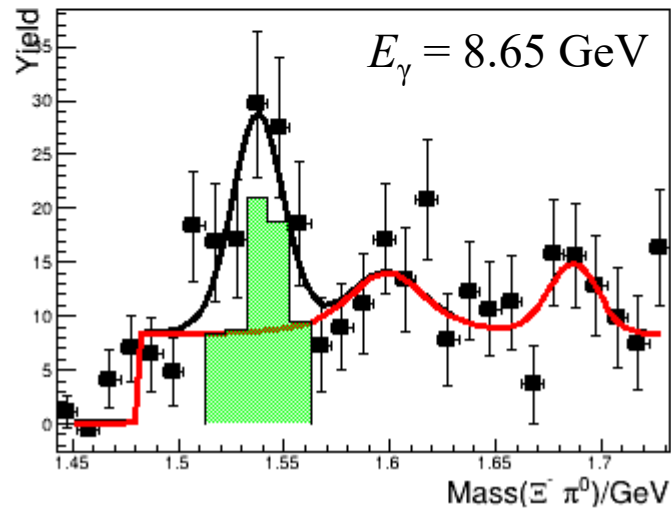
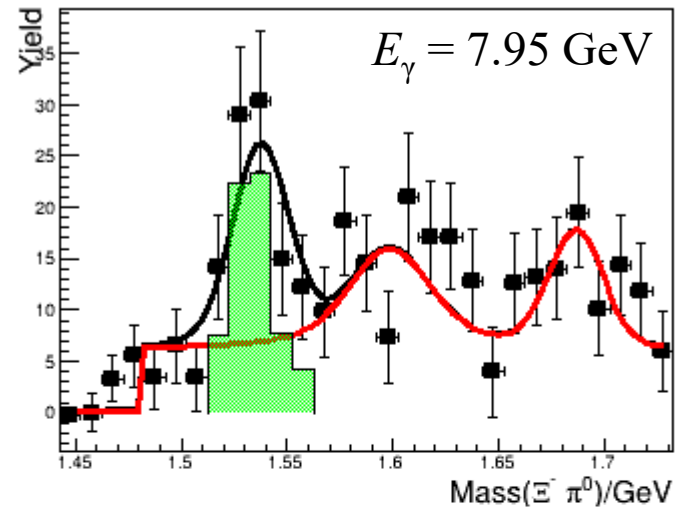
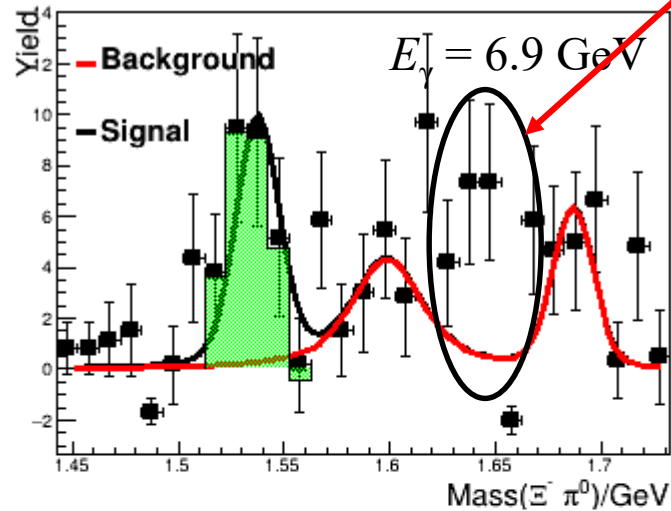
Need background estimate  
to make better comparison

# RF accidental subtraction

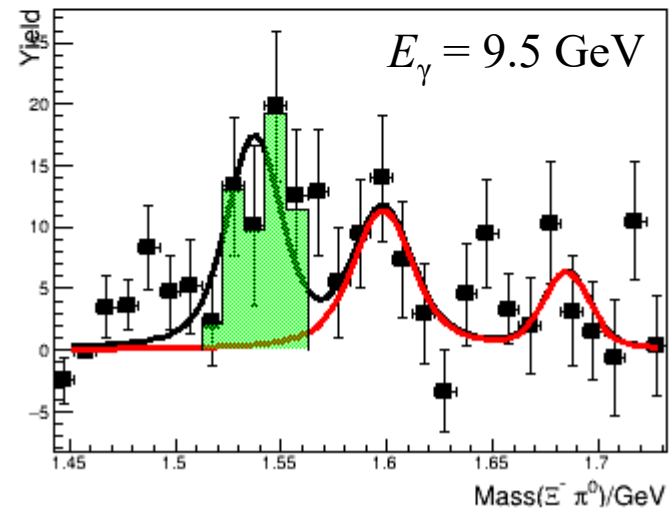
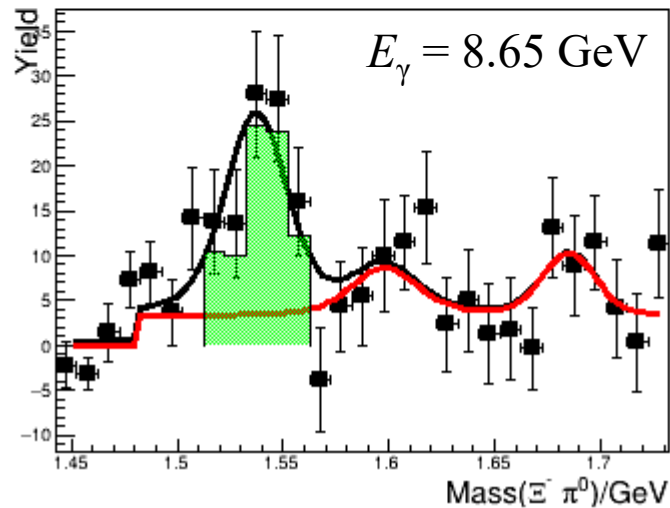
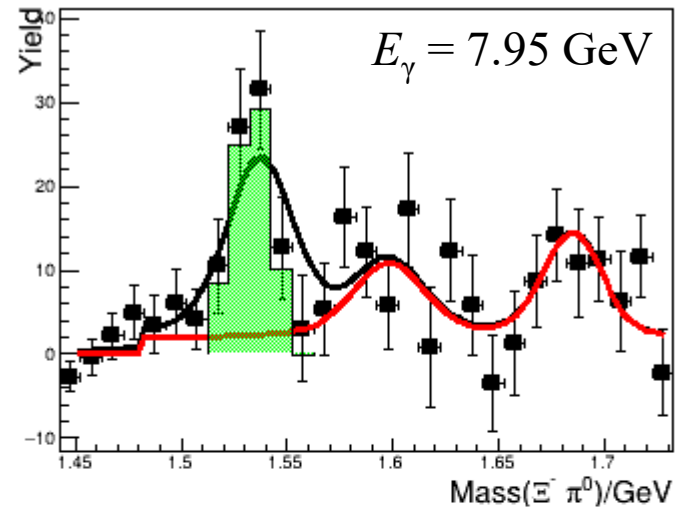
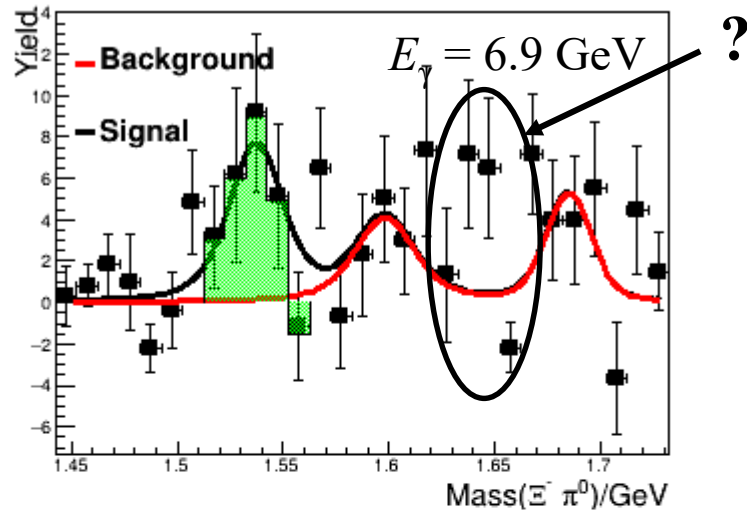


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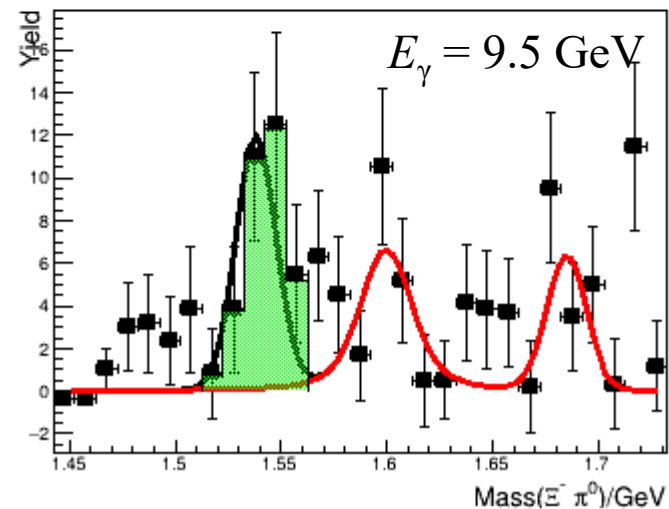
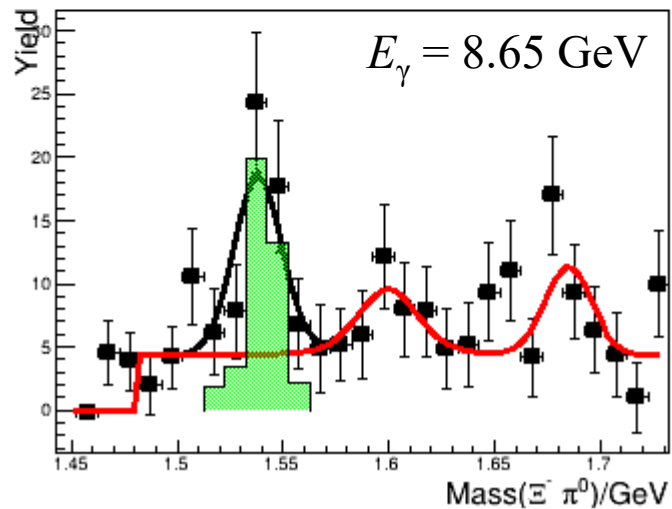
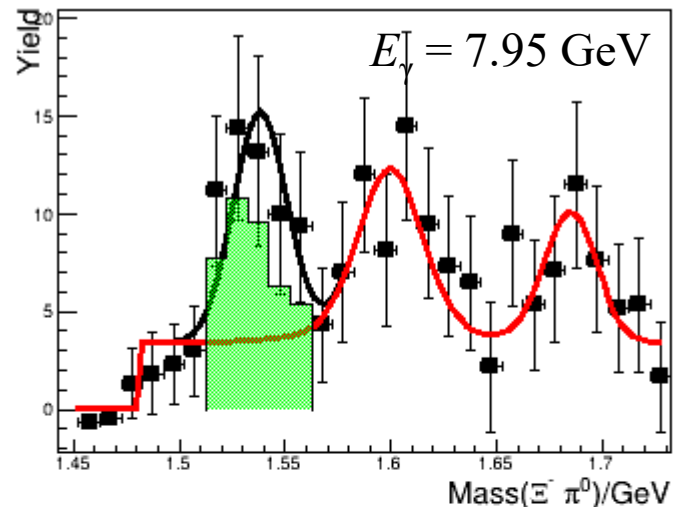
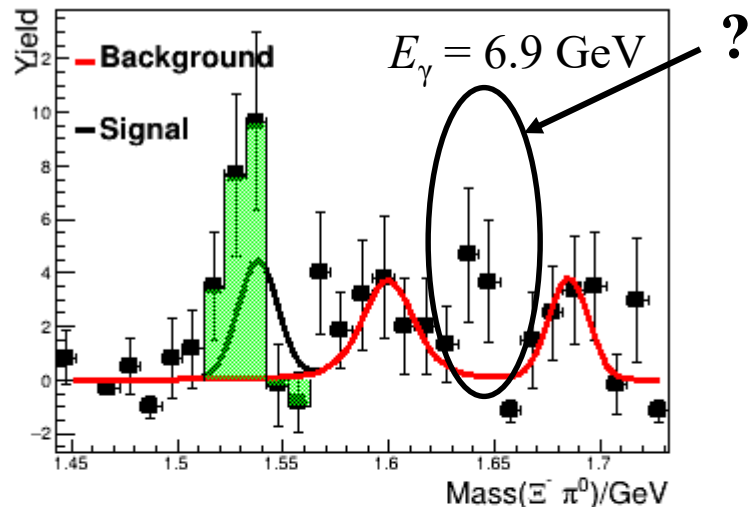
Ugly bump feature at  $\sim 1.64$  GeV



# RF accidental subtraction + sideband subtraction

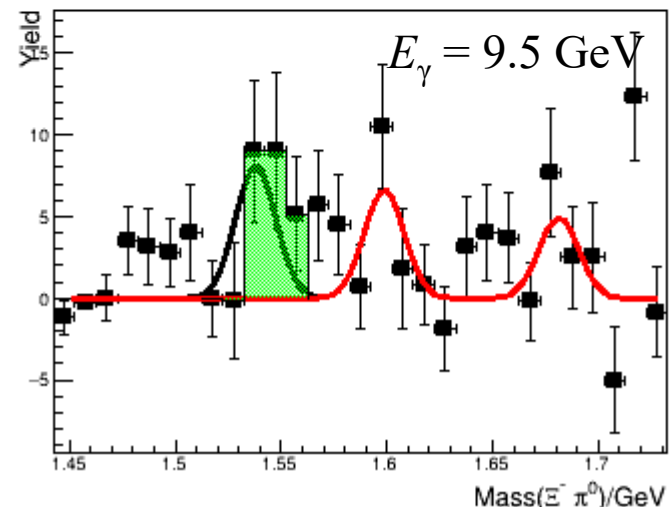
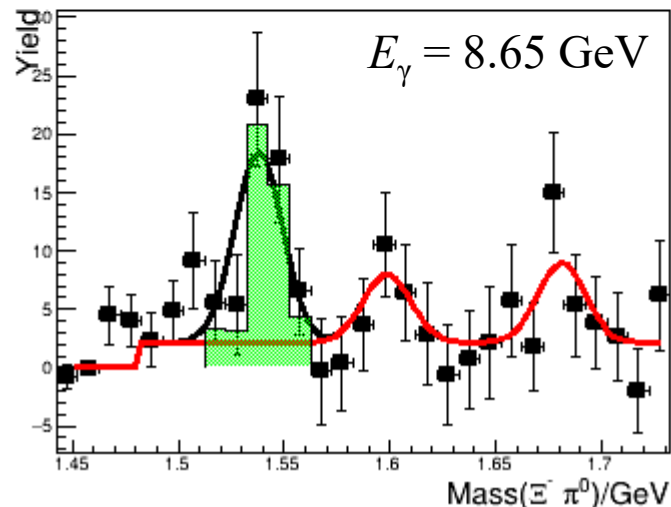
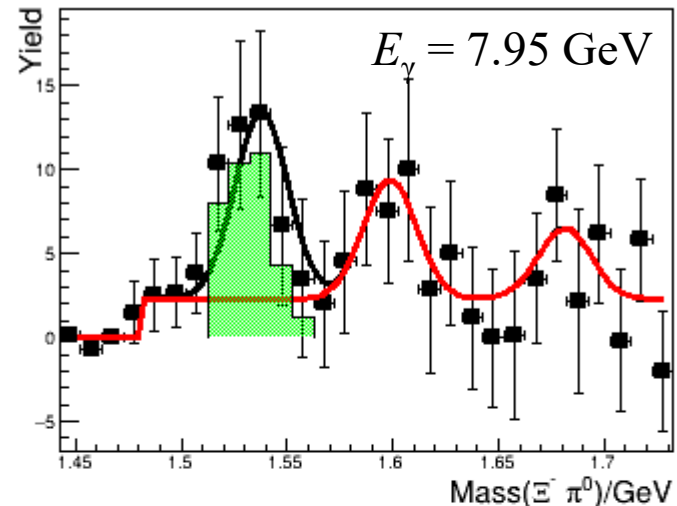
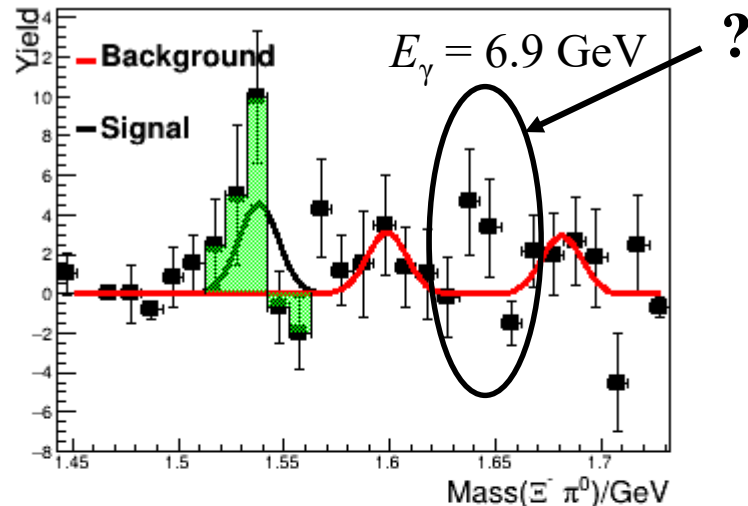


# Hybrid accidental subtraction





# Hybrid accidental subtraction + sideband subtraction



# $E^-(1530)$ total cross section for binned $E_\gamma$ with fit to [exponential]\*[sigmoid]

