

# Decays into $\pi^+\pi^-$ of the $f_0(1370)$ scalar glueball candidate in pp central exclusive production experiments

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## STAR low $l-tl$ data + general features of CEP exps.:

clear evidence of  $f_0(1370)$  existence from decays into  $\pi^+\pi^-$  in pp CEP  
continuum may stop before 1100 MeV ("red dragon" split) at low  $l-tl$   
high  $\sqrt{s}$  low  $l-tl$  enhances  $0^{++}$  depresses  $2^{++}$  production

status of scalar glueball search

pp CEP evolution

$\Phi$ ,  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $l-tl$  dependences

STAR data

open problems after assessment of independent existence of  $f_0(1370)$

outlook

references to experimental and theoretical work in

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# Conclusions of 2013 Ochs review on glueballs

## TOPICAL REVIEW

### The status of glueballs

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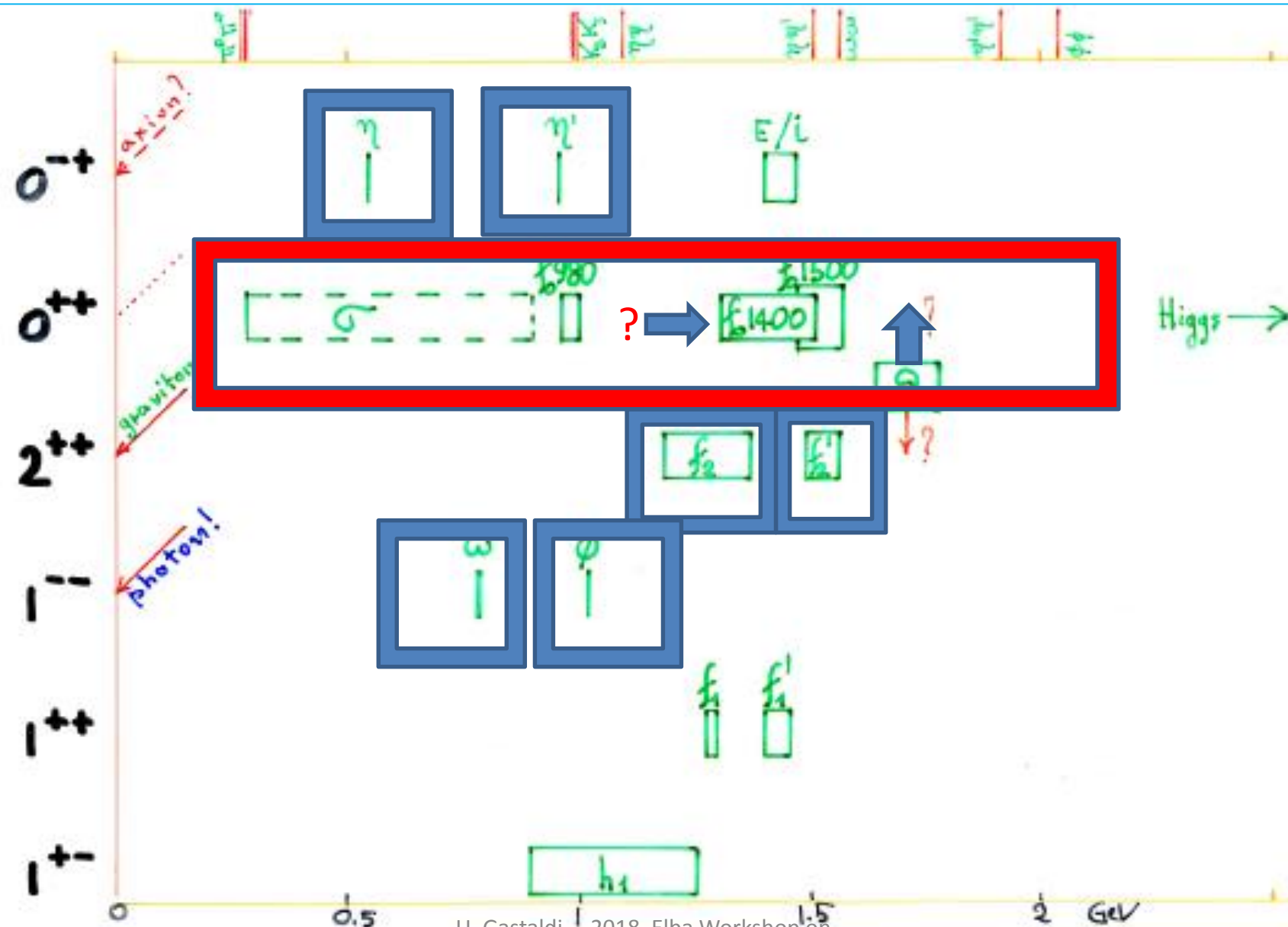
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# Scalar mesons and glueballs

$\sigma$ ,  $f_0(980)$ ,  $f_0(1370)$ ,  $f_0(1500)$ ,  $f_0(1710)$

too many candidates for 2 places in scalar mesons nonet  
several scenarios envisaged

$\sigma + f_0(1370) =$  “red dragon” gluonium ?? continuum ??

$\sigma$  and  $f_0(980)$  the two isoscalar scalars of  $0^{++}$  nonet  
and 2 of the other 3 radial excitations??

$\sigma$  with large  $gg$  content ??

$f_0(980)$   $q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$  tetraquark state ??  $KK\bar{q}q$  molecule ??

3 of the high mass  $0^{++}$  from mixing of  $0^{++}$   $gg$  and 2  $q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$  ??

Essential to assess independent existence of  $f_0(1370)$  meson and  
confirm mass, width and decay BR measured in  $p\bar{p}$  at rest exps.

**$f_0(1710)$  [t]**

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# $f_0(1370)$ cinderella $0^{++}$ scalar isoscalar meson of PDG

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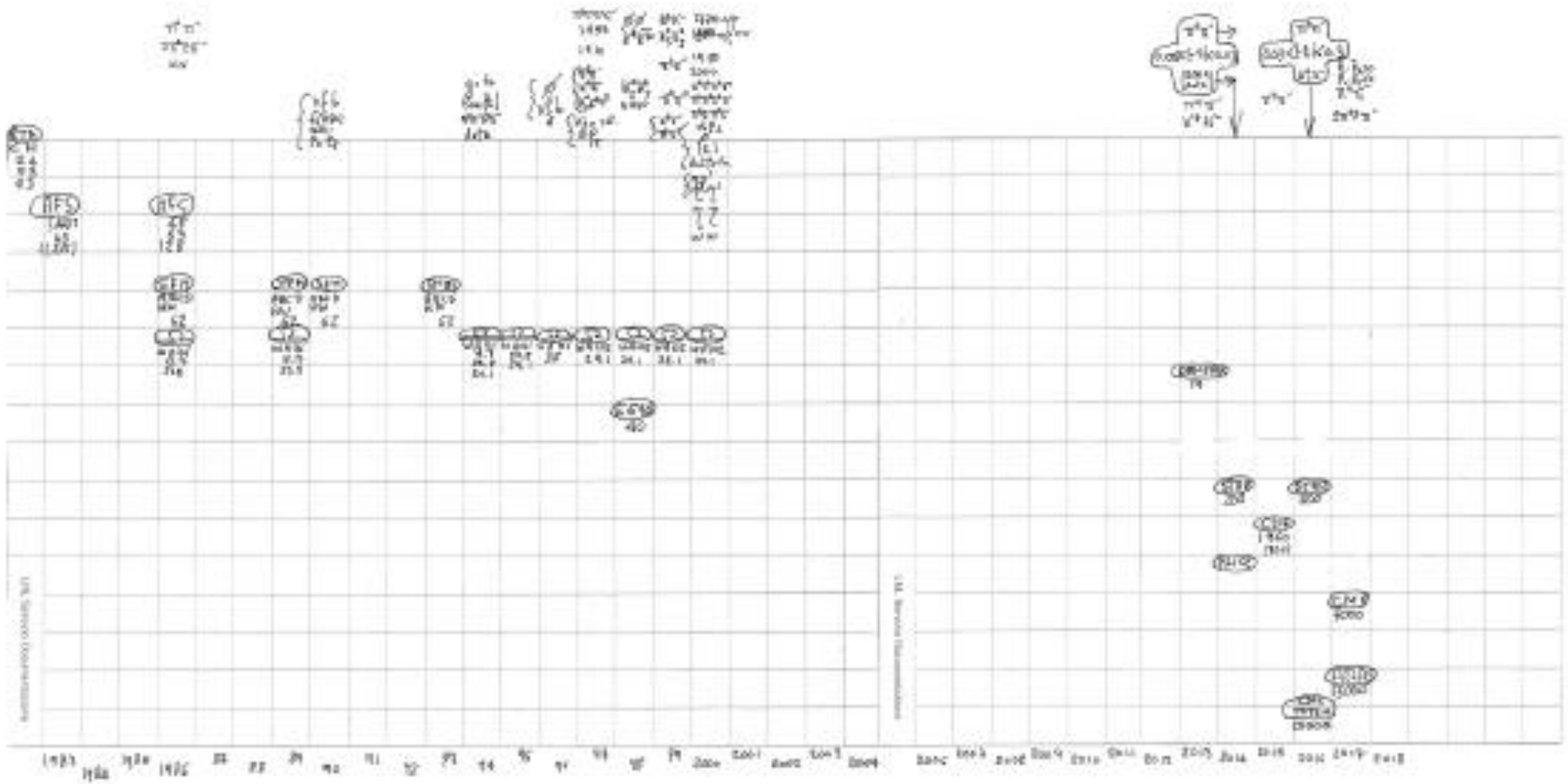
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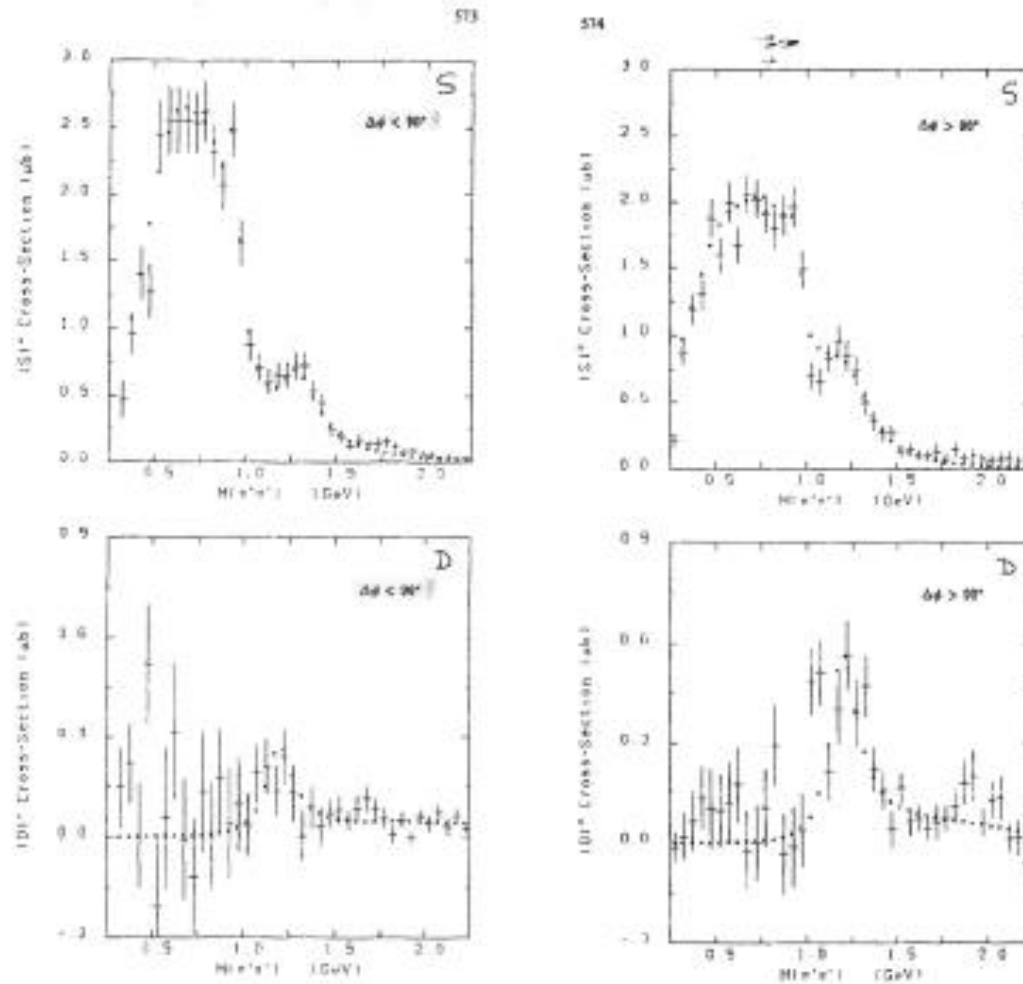
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# 35 years of CEP



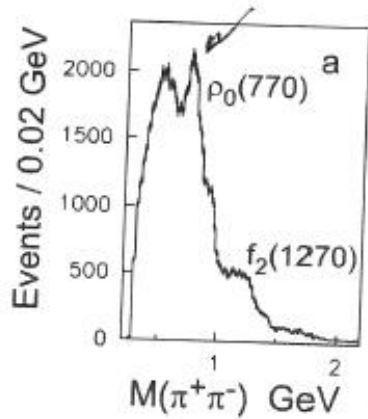
dependence on the angle  $\phi$  between the scattering planes of the two protons  
 ABCDHW Collab. at SFM



**Fig. 8:** Dependence on the angle  $\phi$  between the scattering planes of the two protons in pp CEP measured at SFM (from [38])

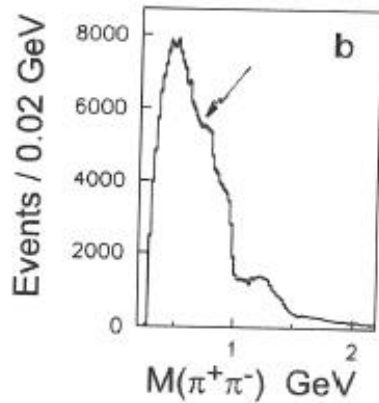
# $\sqrt{s}$ effect

$\sqrt{s} = 12.7 \text{ GeV}$



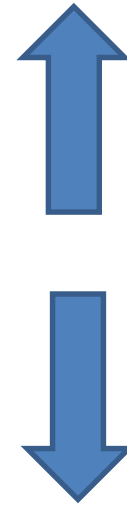
WA76

$\sqrt{s} = 29 \text{ GeV}$



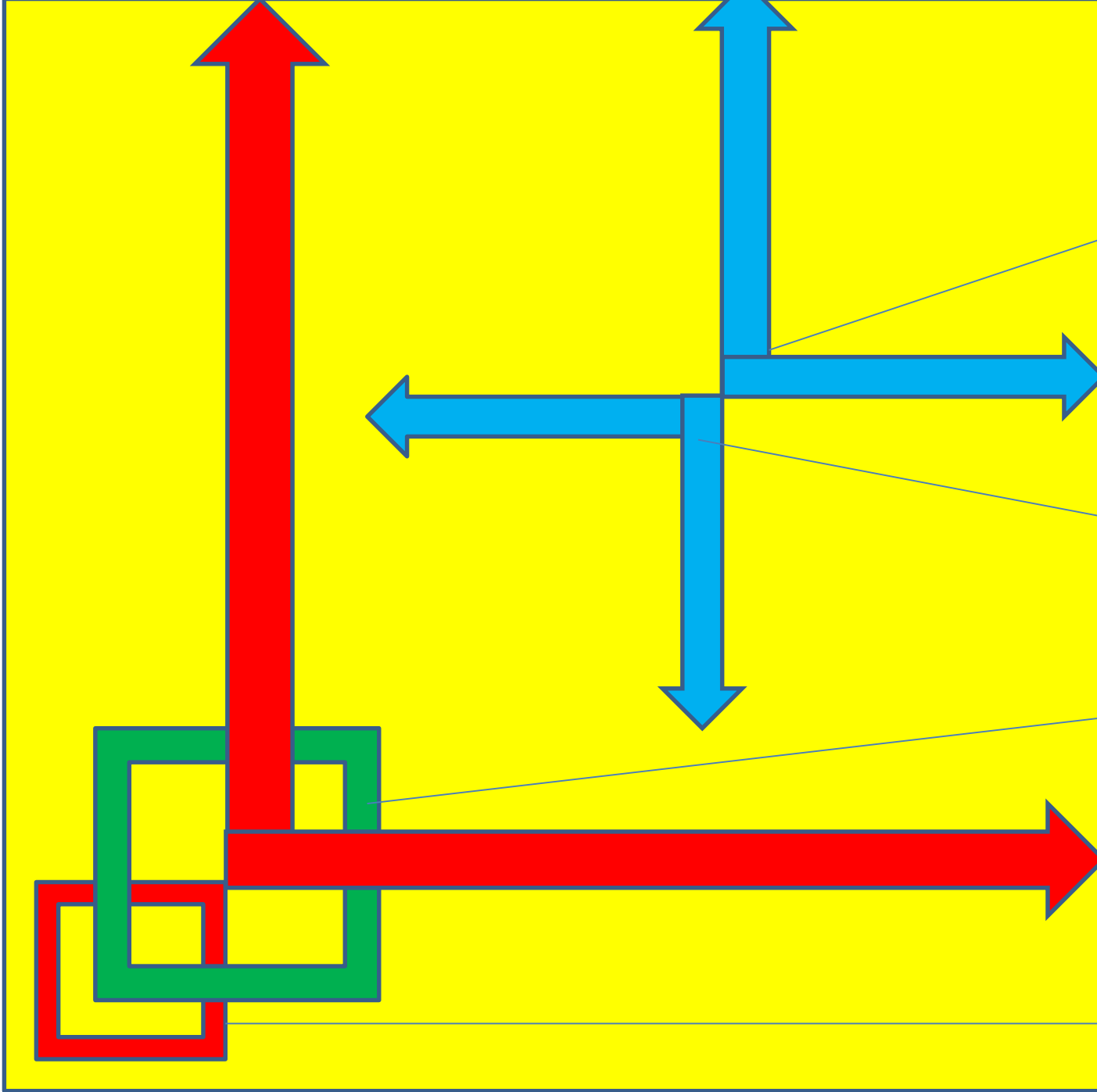
$\sqrt{s}$

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Increasing cms  $\sqrt{s}$  energy  $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$  and other non  $0^{++}, 2^{++}$  meson production in CEP is depressed





**WA91 29 GeV**  
 **$0.15 < |t|$**

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**AFS at ISR 63 GeV**  
 **$0.01 < |t| < 0.06 \text{ GeV}^2$**

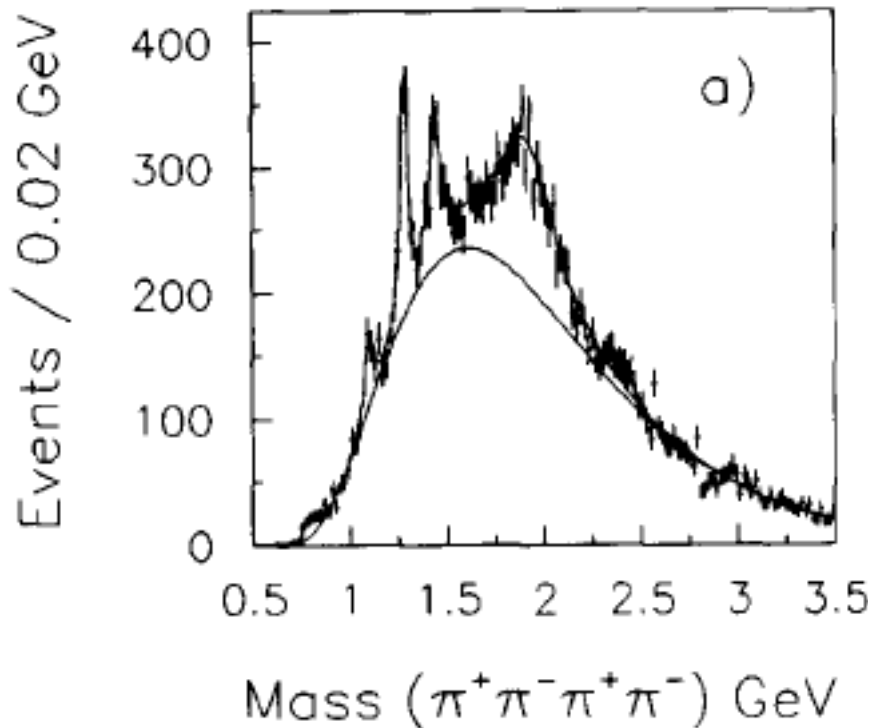
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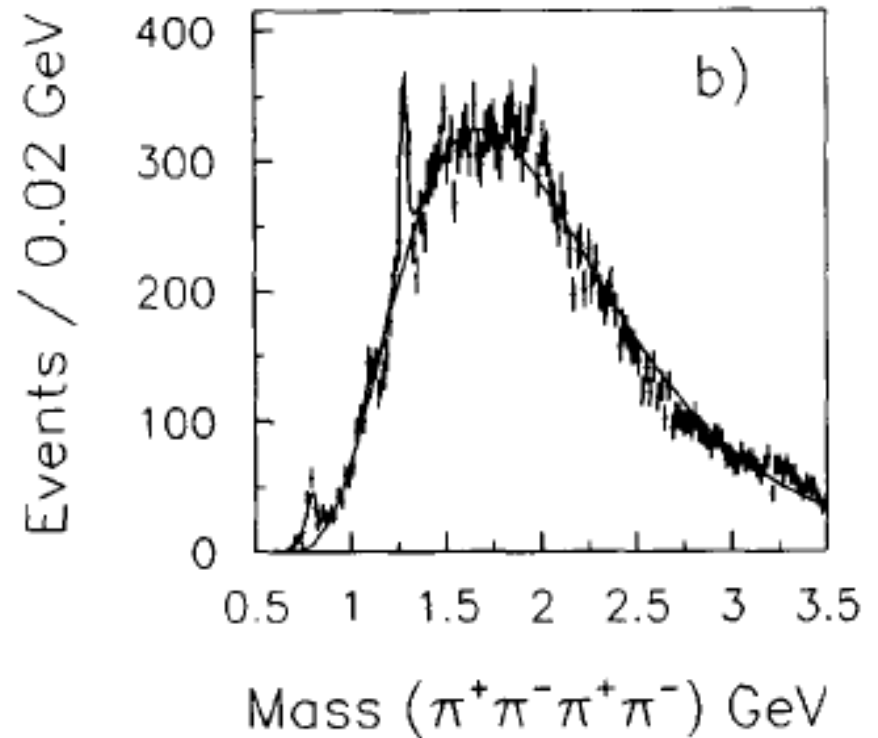
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## WA91

$I-tl < 0.15$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

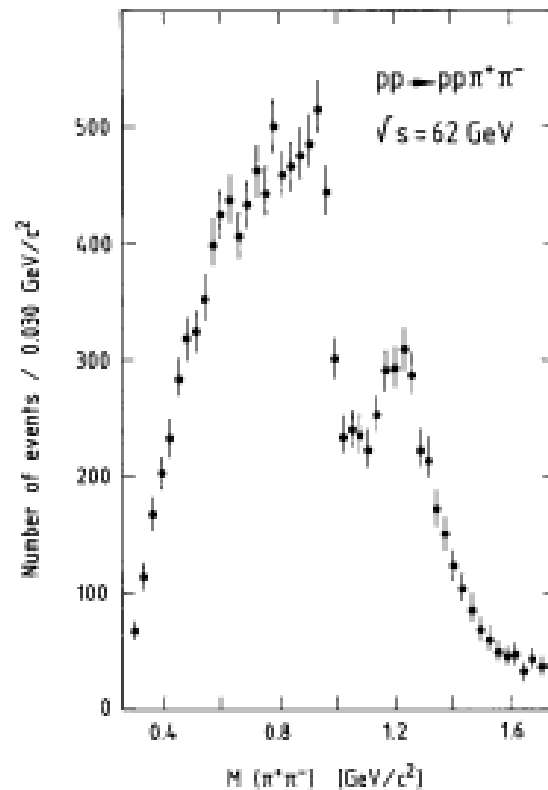
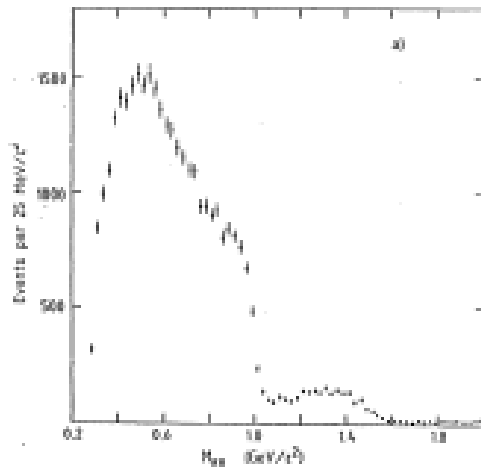


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effect of  $l-tl$  cut at same  $\sqrt{s} = 63$  GeV

AFS  
 $0.015 < |l-tl| < 0.045$



ABCDHW at SFM  
 $|l-tl| > 0.08$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

Fig. 6:  $\pi^+\pi^-$  mass plot in pp CEP data at AFS (left plate, from [35]) and at SFM (right plate, from [37]).

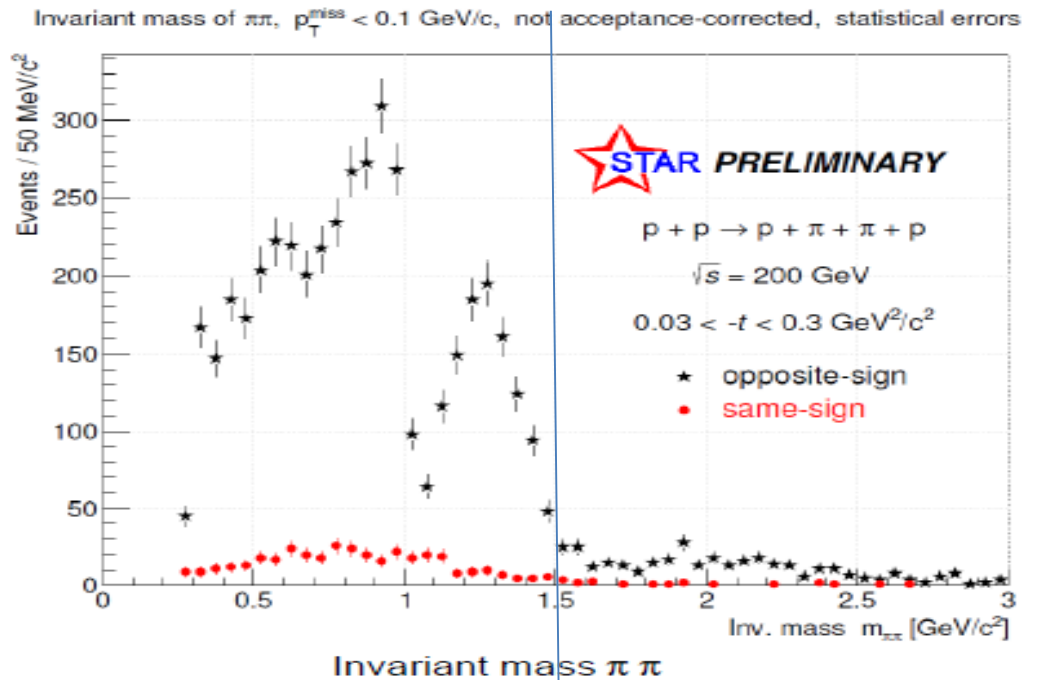


# STAR data

2015 run

$|-t| > 0.03 \text{ GeV}^2$

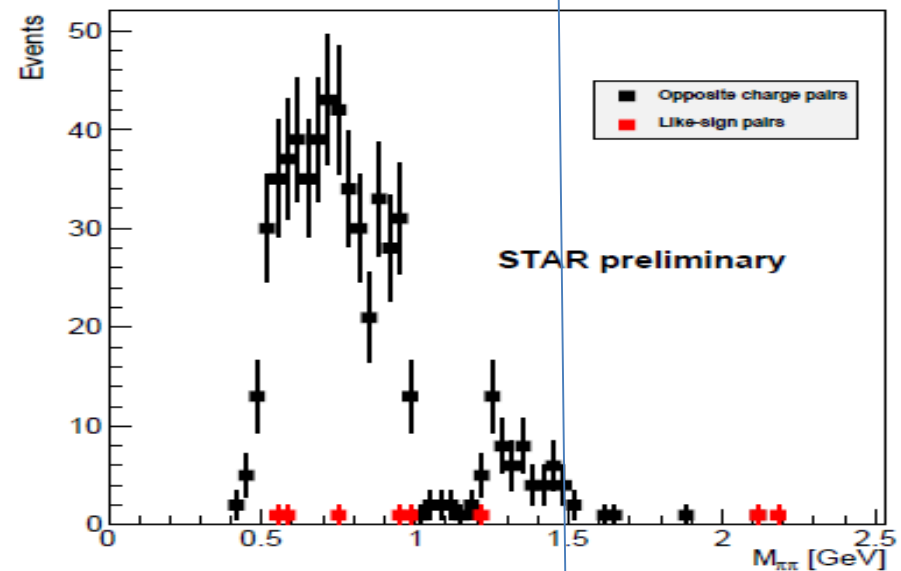
200 GeV



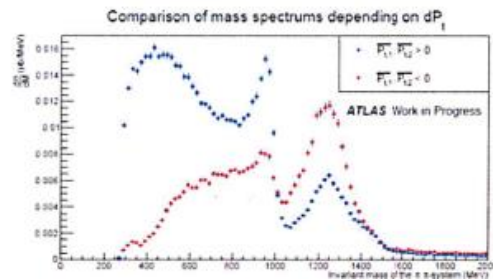
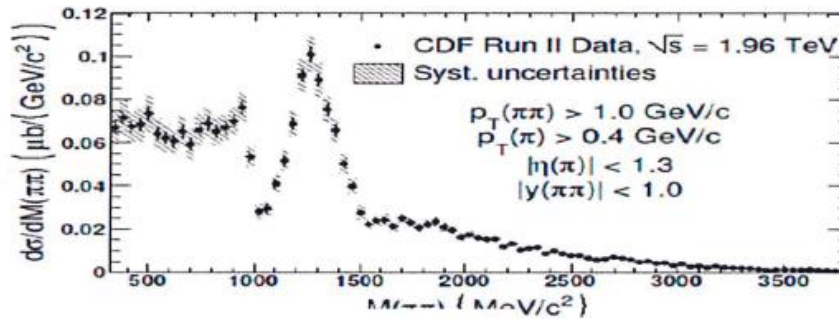
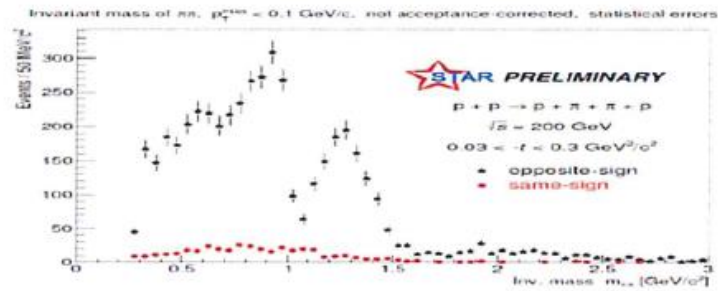
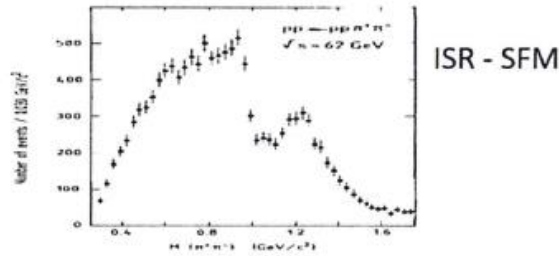
2012 run

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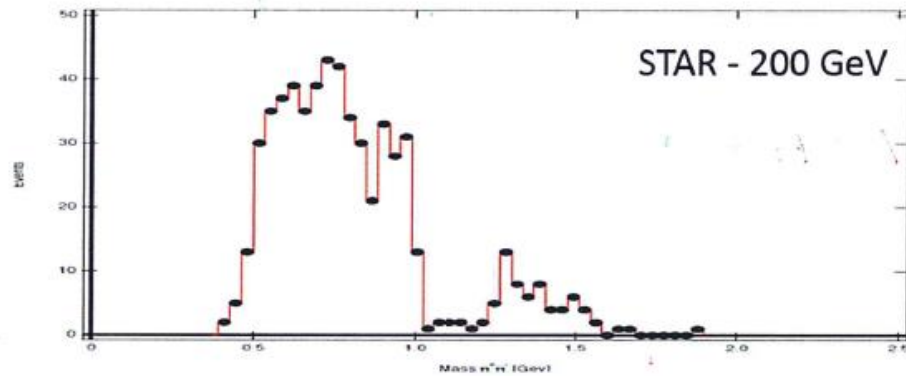
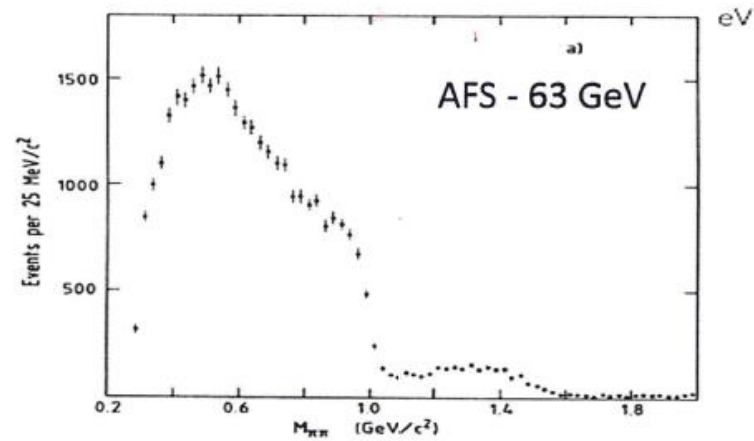
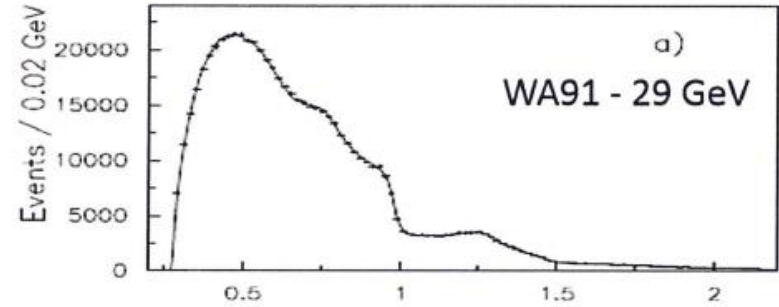
200 GeV



# high $l-tl$ window data

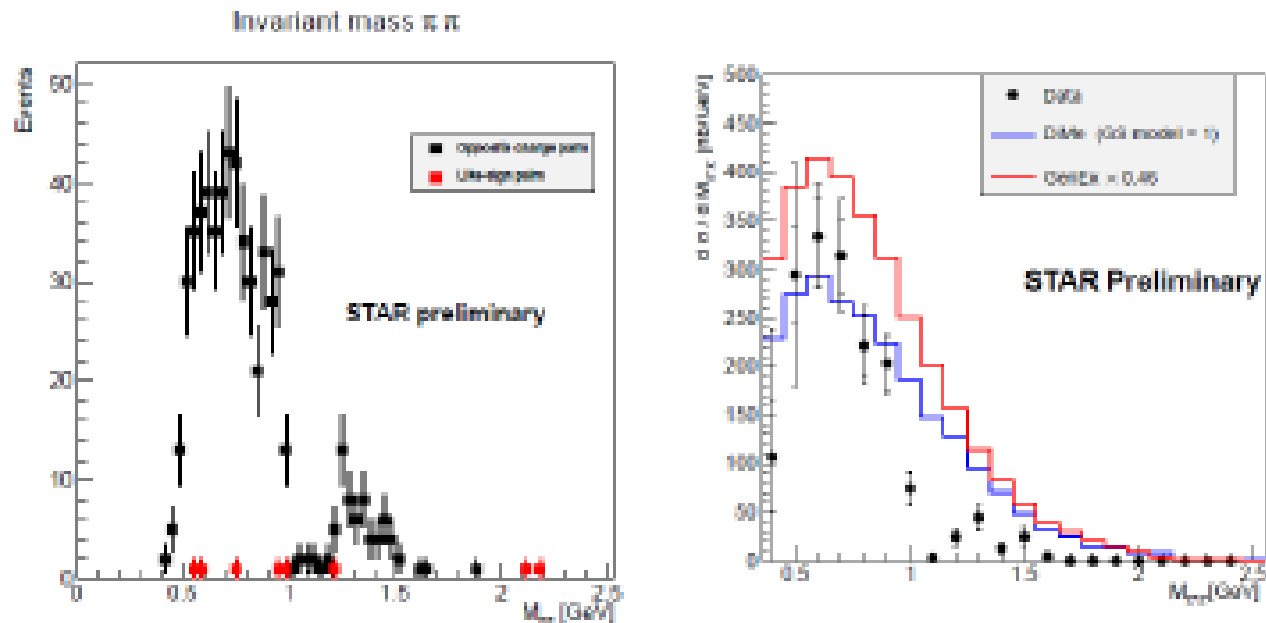


# low $l$ - $t$ window data



# STAR low $|t_1|, |t_2|$ data

$0.003 < |t_1|, |t_2| < 0.03 \text{ GeV}^2$



**Fig. 9:**  $\pi^+\pi^-$  mass plot of STAR pp CEP data for the 2009 run with  $0.003 < |t_1|, |t_2| < 0.03 \text{ GeV}^2$  kinematic coverage of both scattered protons: raw data left plate (from [67]), acceptance corrected data (right plate from [68]).

# 1972 and 1975 predictions of existence of glueballs

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## Current Algebra: Quarks and What Else?

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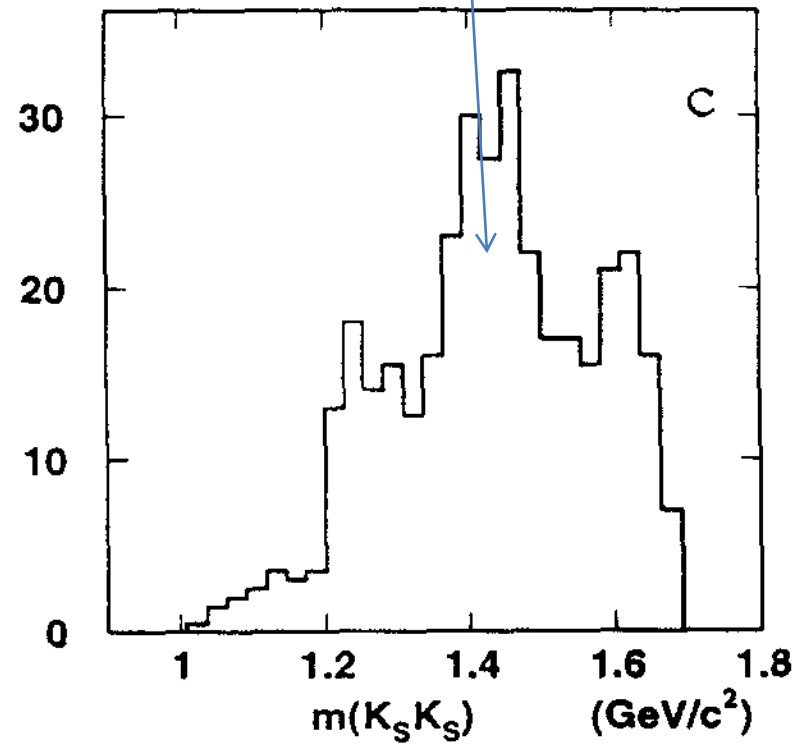
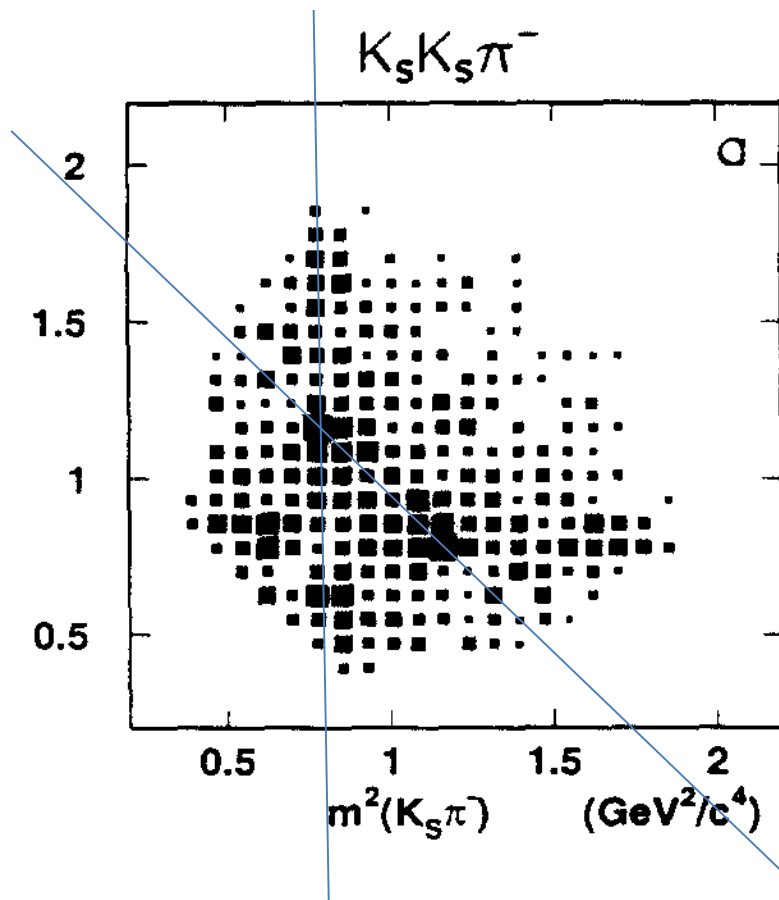
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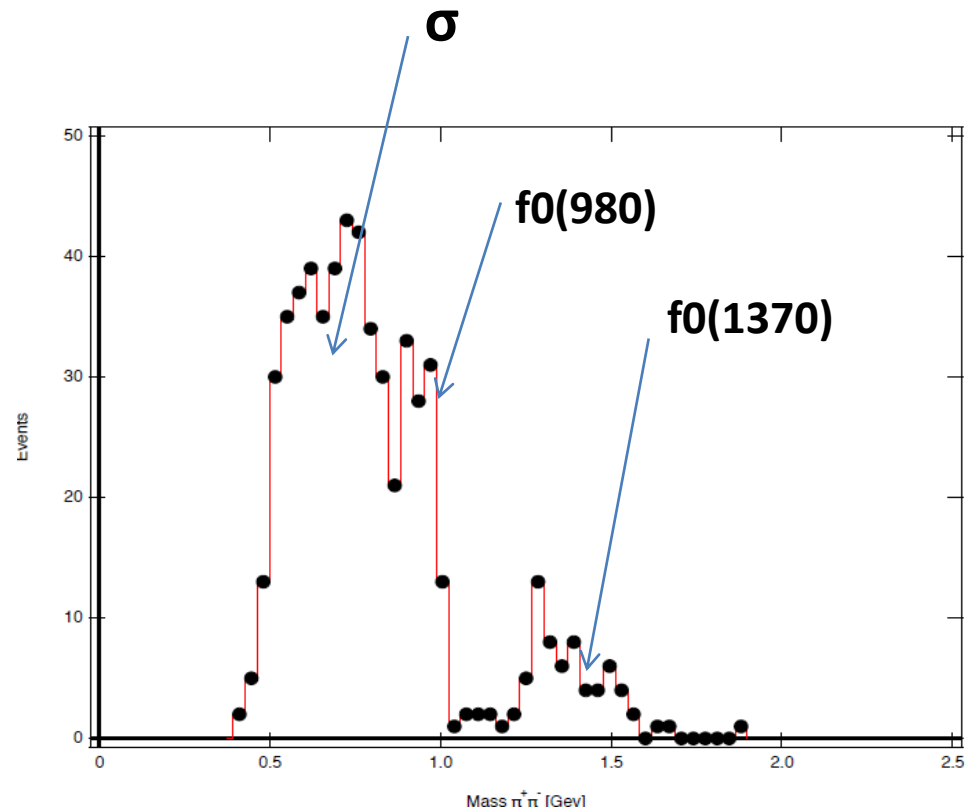
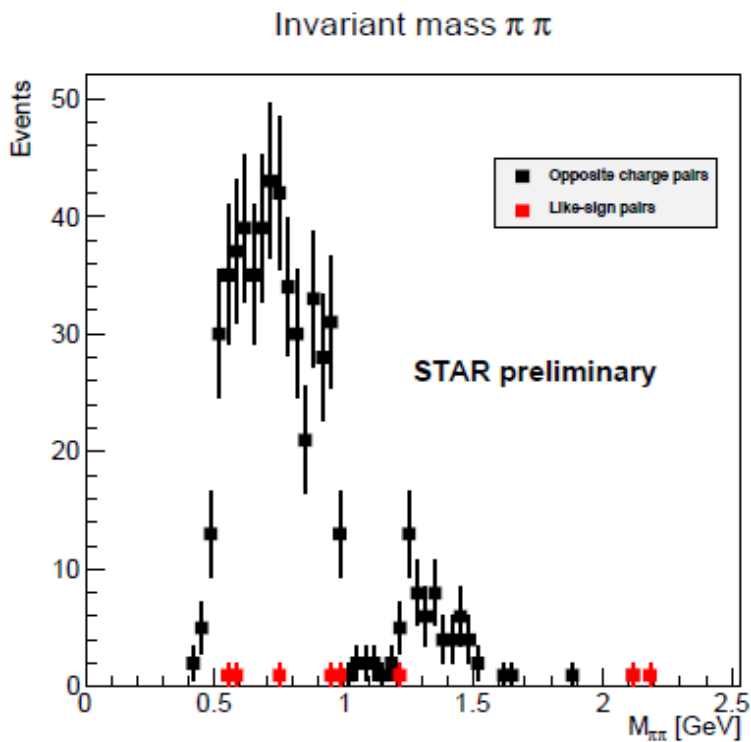




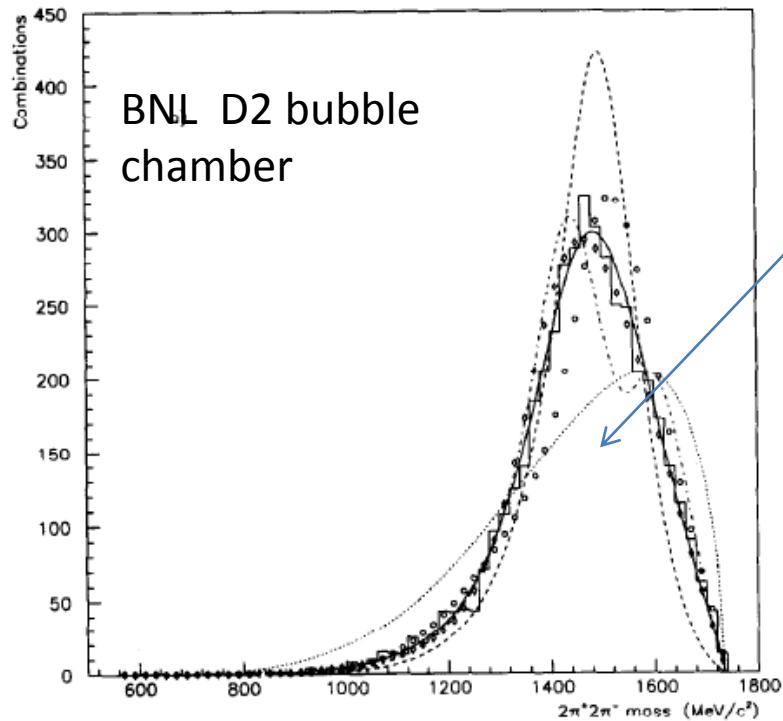
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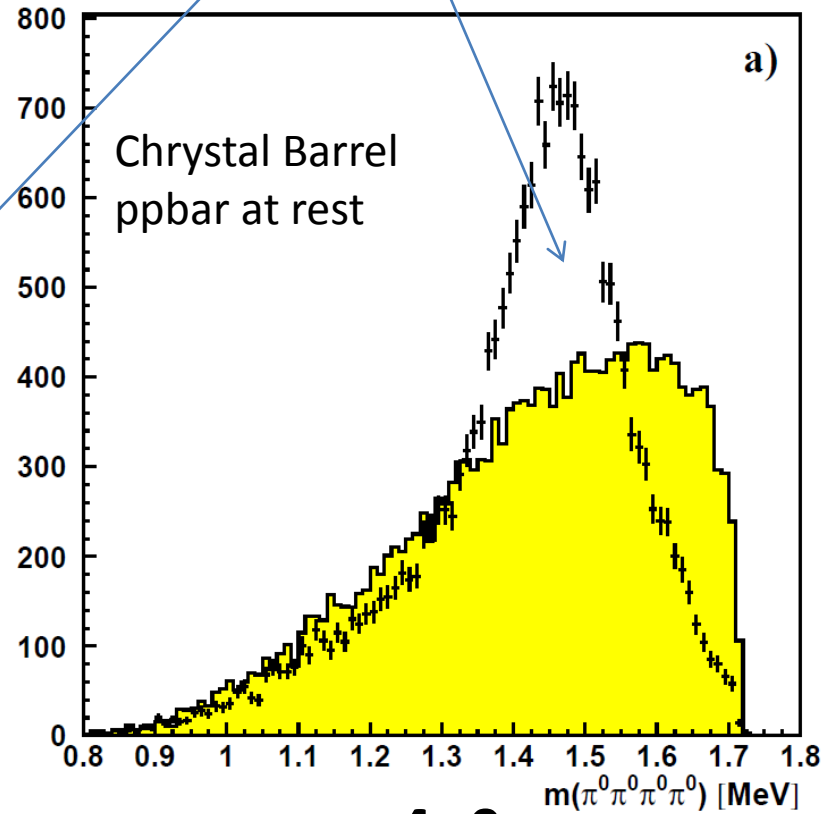
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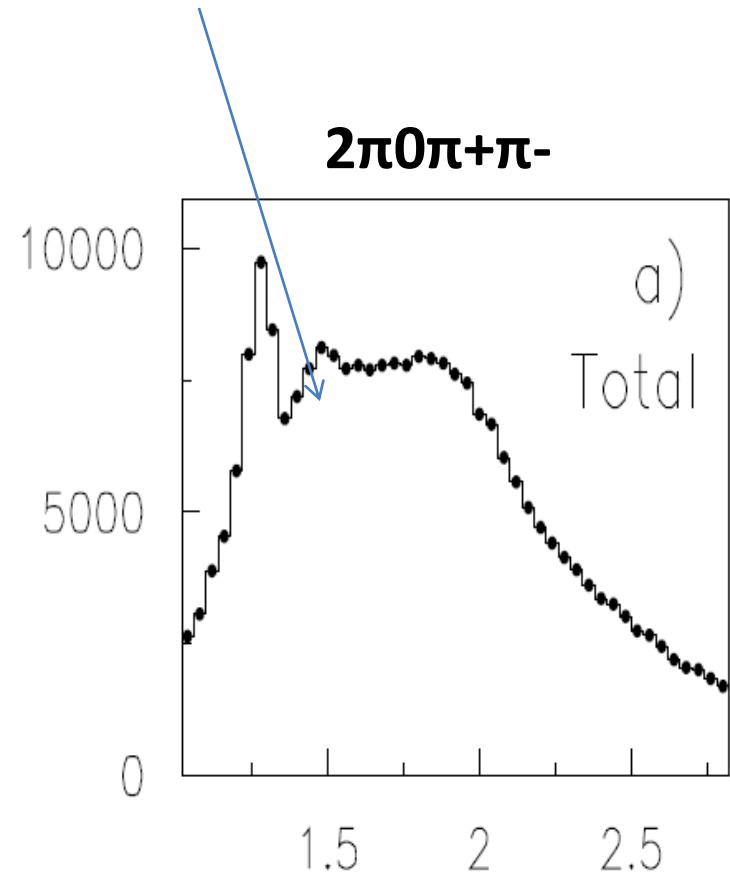
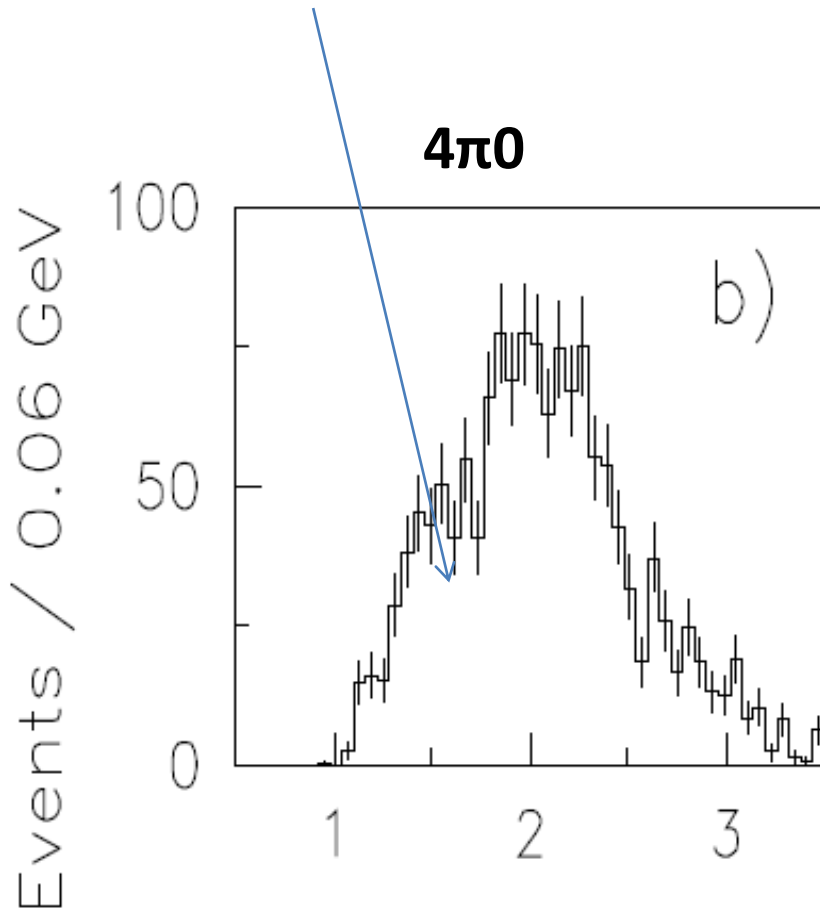


$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$



$4\pi^0$

# WA102 pp CEP of $4\pi^0$ and $2\pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$

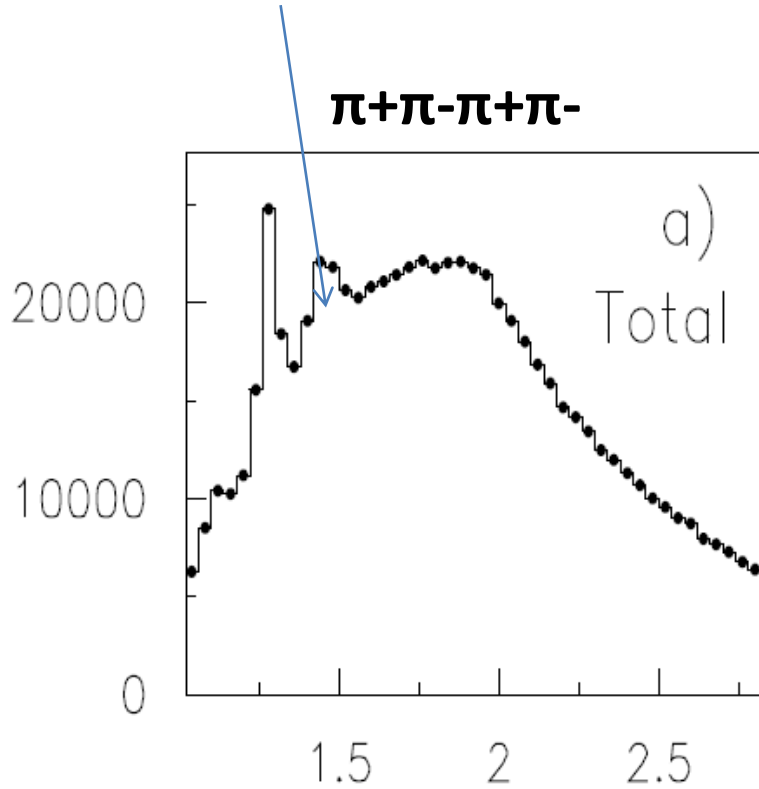


$M(\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0)$  GeV

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$M(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0)$

# WA102 pp CEP of $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$



# total and partial decay widths of $f_0(1370)$ and $f_0(1500)$

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**Table 4.** Partial widths  $\Gamma_i$  (in MeV) of  $f_0(1370)$  and  $f_0(1500)$  for decays into two pseudoscalar particles and into four pions assuming that all decay modes are observed. The error of the total width is included in the errors for the partial widths. The pseudoscalar branching ratios to calculate the partial widths are taken from [30–32]

	$\Gamma_{tot}$	$\sigma\sigma$ $\pi\pi$	$\rho\rho$ $\eta\eta$	$\pi(1300)\pi$ $\eta\eta'$	$a_1\pi$ $K\bar{K}$
$f_0(1370)$	$275 \pm 55$	$120.5 \pm 45.2$ $21.7 \pm 9.9$	$62.2 \pm 28.8$ $0.41 \pm 0.27$	$41.6 \pm 22.0$	$14.1 \pm 7.2$ $(7.9 \pm 2.7) \text{ to } (21.2 \pm 7.2)$
$f_0(1500)$	$130 \pm 30$	$18.6 \pm 12.5$ $44.1 \pm 15.3$	$8.9 \pm 8.2$ $3.4 \pm 1.2$	$35.5 \pm 29.2$ $2.9 \pm 1.0$	$8.6 \pm 6.6$ $8.1 \pm 2.8$

Too low by  
factor >2.5

# Crystal Barrel and WA102 data on $f_0(1370)$ and $f_0(1500)$

**Table 3.** Partial widths  $\Gamma_i$  (in MeV) of  $f_0(1370)$  and  $f_0(1500)$  (from [35]),  $\Gamma_{tot}(f_0(1370)) = 275 \pm 55$  MeV,  $\Gamma_{tot}(f_0(1500)) = 130 \pm 30$  MeV.  $\sigma$  is used as an shortcut for the  $\pi\pi$ -S wave.

	$\sigma\sigma$ $\pi\pi$	$\rho\rho$ $\eta\eta$	$\pi(1300)\pi$ $\eta\eta'$	$a_1\pi$ KK
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## Central production (data from WA102)

Not only the Crystal Barrel, but also the WA102 experiment has investigated the decay of scalar resonances into two pseudoscalar particles and into  $4\pi$  [36]. The relative decay rates found by WA102 for the  $f_0(1370)$ , the  $f_0(1500)$ , and the  $f_0(1710)$  are as follows [29]:

	$\pi\pi$	KK	$\eta\eta$	$\eta\eta'$	$4\pi$
$f_0(1370)$	1	$0.46 \pm 0.19$	$0.18 \pm 0.07$	-	$34.0^{+22}_0$
$f_0(1500)$	1	$0.33 \pm 0.07$	$0.18 \pm 0.03$	$0.096 \pm 0.026$	$1.36 \pm 0.15$
$f_0(1710)$	1	$5.0 \pm 0.7$	$2.4 \pm 0.6$	$< 0.18$	$< 5.4$

## conflicting results

Crystal Barrel and BC :  $\sigma\sigma$  dominant decay of  $f_0(1370)$

$\rho\rho$  decay 2 times less intense

WA 102 :

$\rho\rho$  dominant decay of  $f_0(1370)$

$\sigma\sigma$  decay < 25% of  $\rho\rho$  decay

# conclusions and prospects

**f0(1370) existence established**

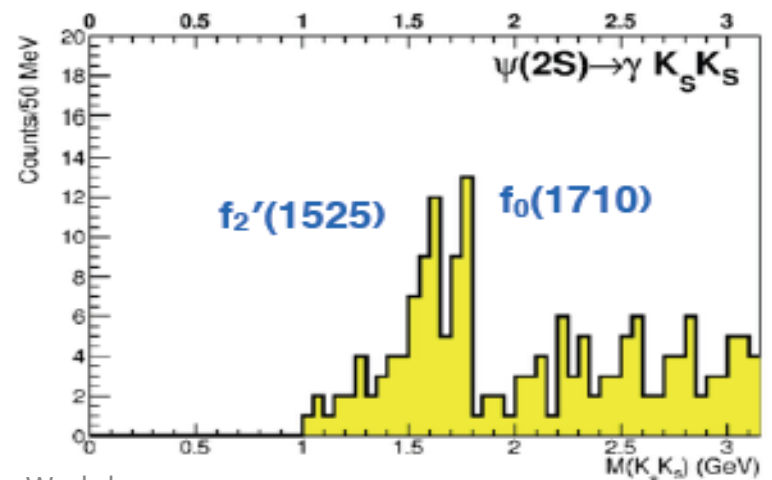
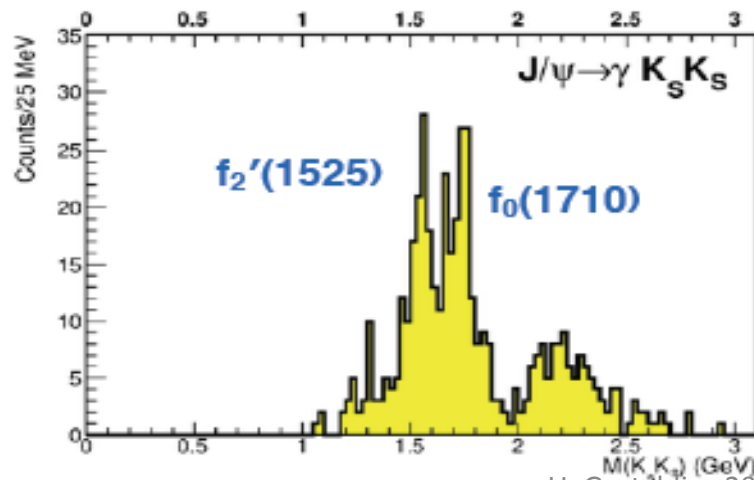
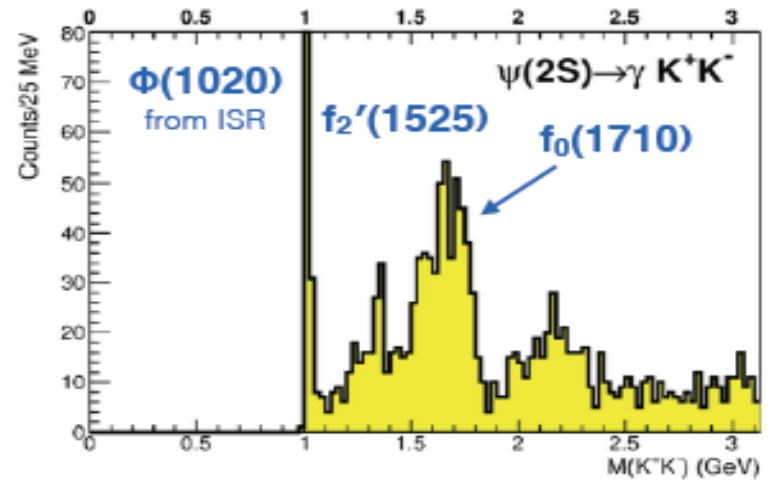
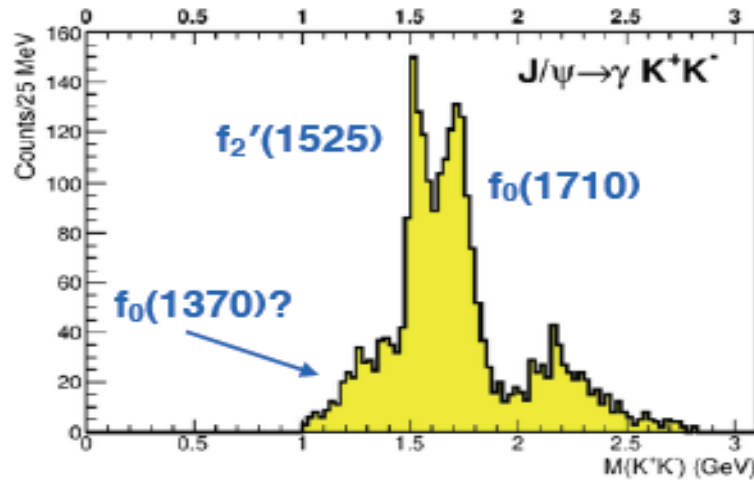
**measure precisely BR(KKbar)/ BR( $\pi\pi$ ), BR( $\sigma$ )/ BR( $\pi\pi$ ), BR( $\rho\rho$ )/ BR( $\pi\pi$ ) of decays of f0(1370) and f0(1500) to identify scalar gluonium ground state**

**go to very low  $|\mathbf{t}|$  at LHC to get pure spectra of  $0^{++}$  scalar mesons and glueball in pp CEP (roman pot detectors essential)**



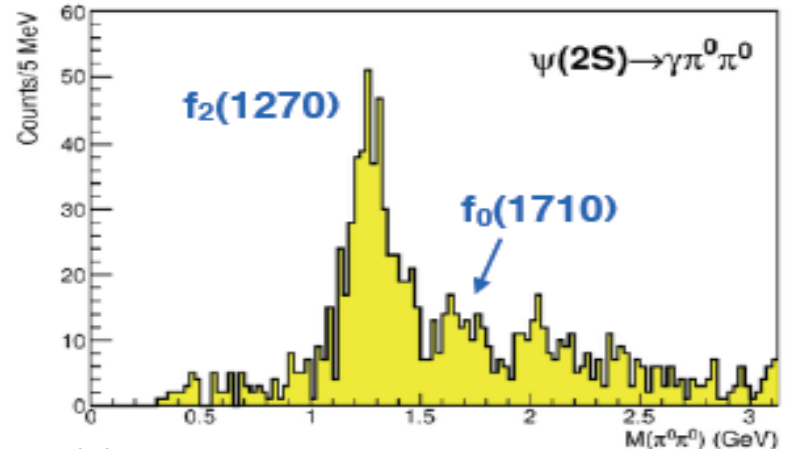
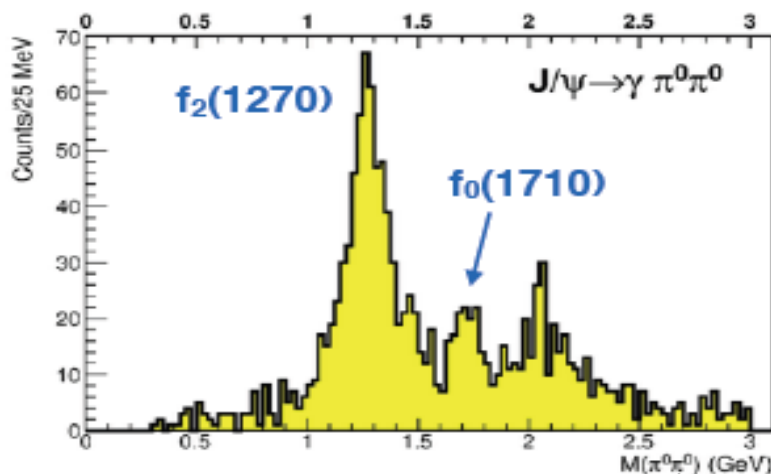
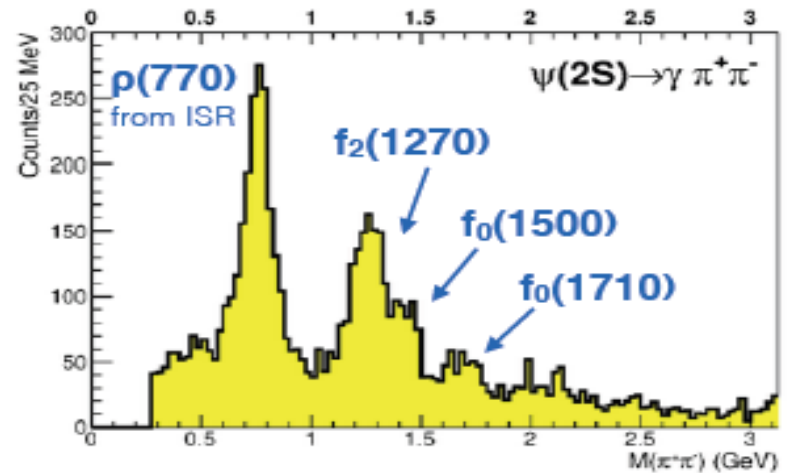
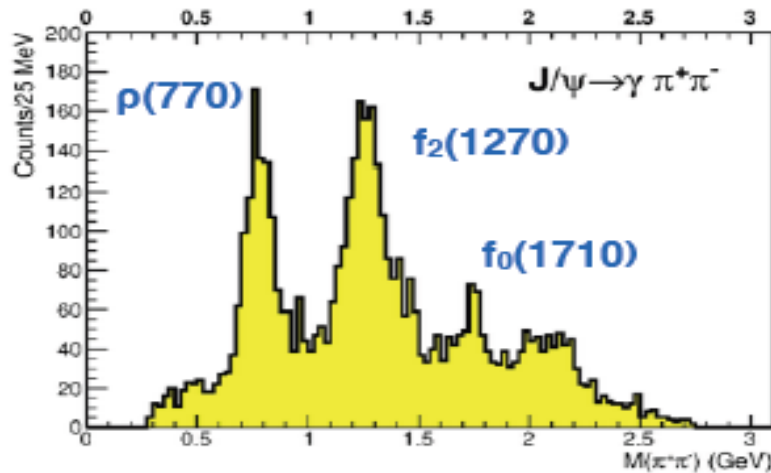
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## KK Mass Spectra

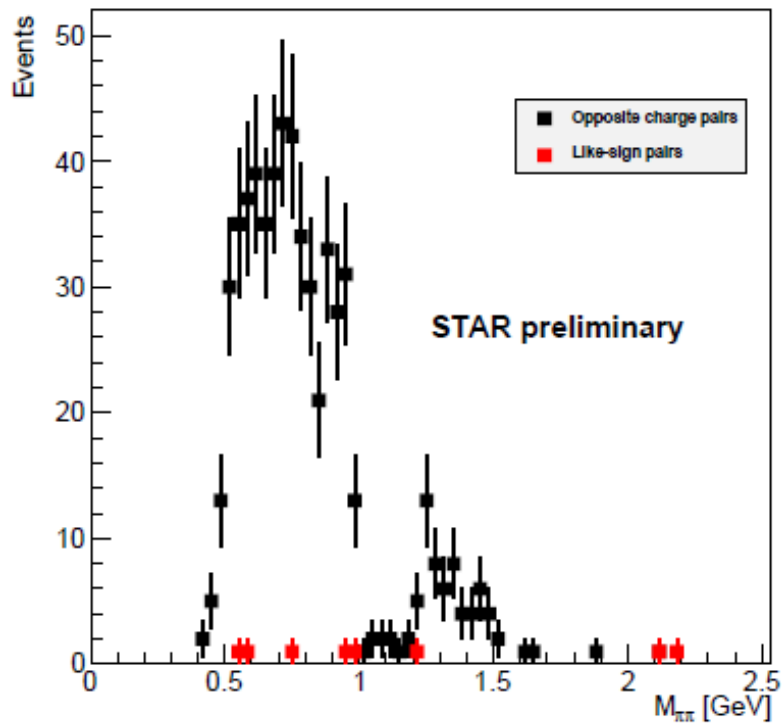


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## $\pi\pi$ Mass Spectra



### Invariant mass $\pi\pi$



Invariant mass of  $\pi\pi$ ,  $p_T^{miss} < 0.1$  GeV/c, not acceptance-corrected, statistical errors

