Exclusive Central Meson Production in Proton Antiproton Collisions at the Tevatron at $\sqrt{s}$ = 1960 GeV and 900 GeV

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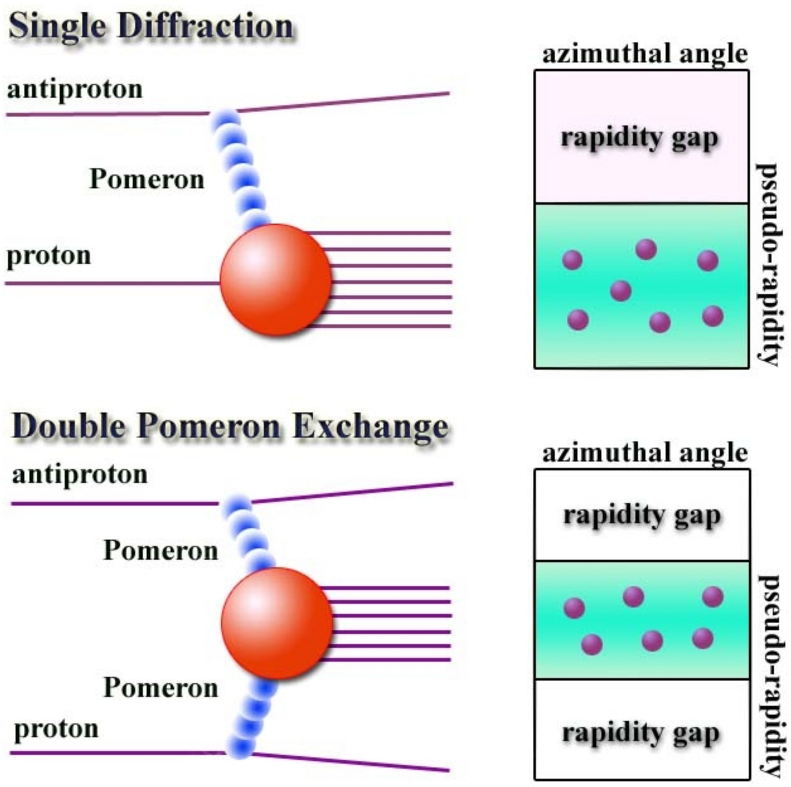
Physics Motivation
Double Pomeron Exchange (DPE)



Pomeron:

- Carrier of 4-momentum between protons
- Strongly interacting color singlet combination of gluons and quarks
- Quantum numbers of vacuum
- LO: P = *gg*

Analysis

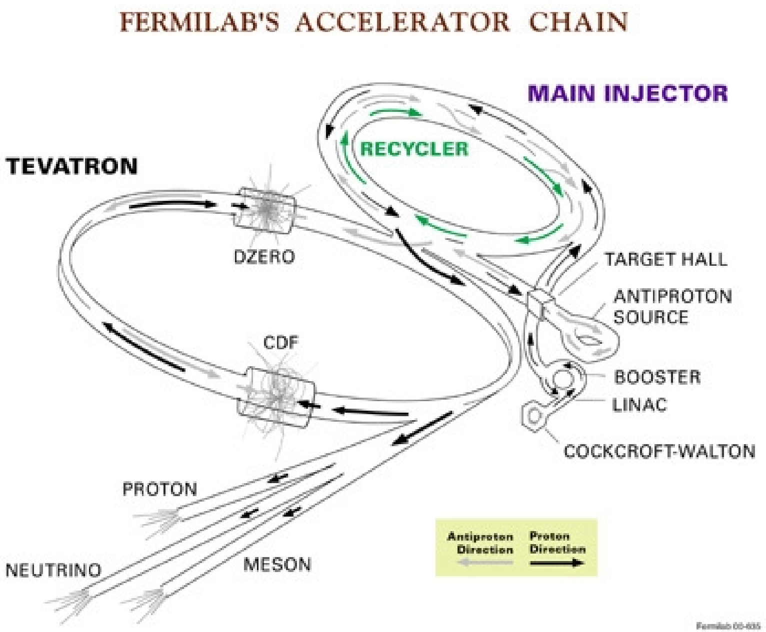
GXG reaction

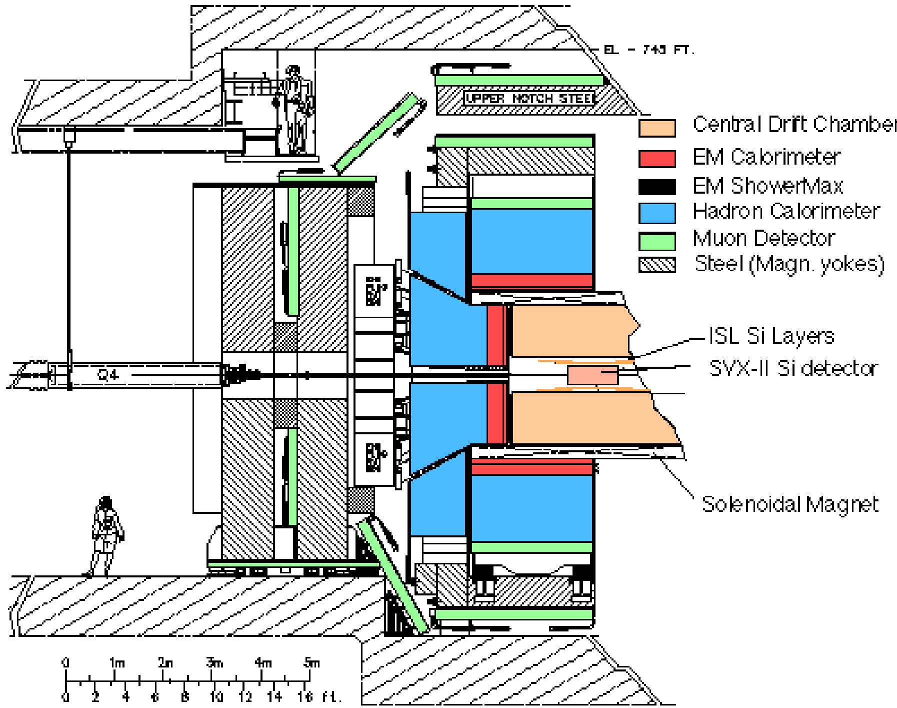
$\bar{p} + p \rightarrow \bar{p}\,(*) + GAP + X + GAP + p\,(*)$

- **X** (in this study)**:**
- hadron pair mostly $\pi^+ \pi^-$
- central $|y(\pi^+ \pi^-)| < 1.0$
- between rapidity gaps $\Delta\eta > 4.6$
- Q = S = 0, C = +1, J = 0 or 2, I=0

Expected to be dominated by DPE in the t-channel!

Collider Detector at Fermilab





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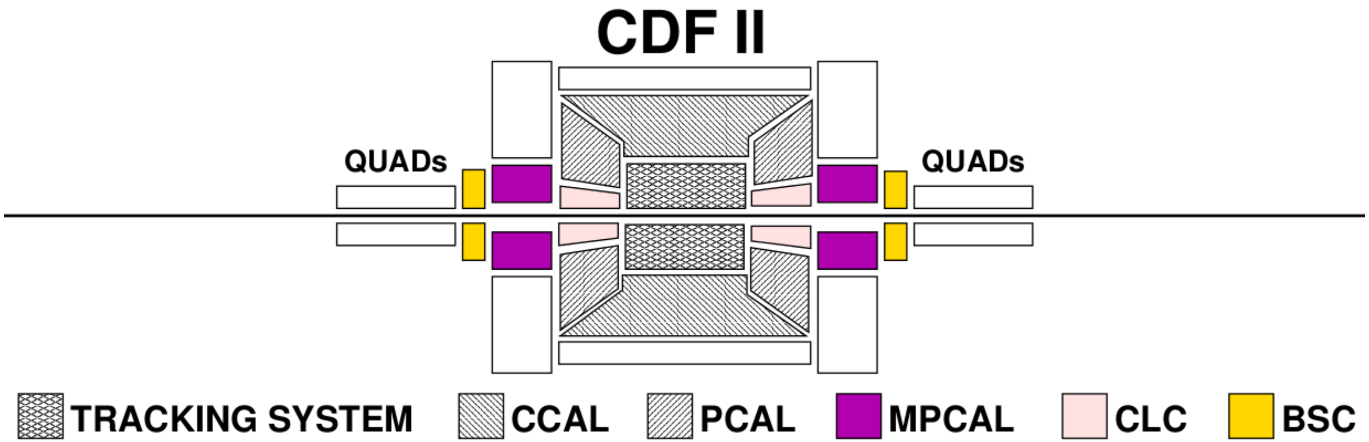


- We do not detect outgoing protons
- Forward detectors in veto

- BSC – Beam Shower Counters
- CLC – Cherenkov Luminosity Counters
- PCAL – Plug Calorimeter

We require all detectors, $|\eta| < 5.9$, to be empty except for two tracks

Central Hadronic State Analysis
Candidates selection

Trigger requirement:

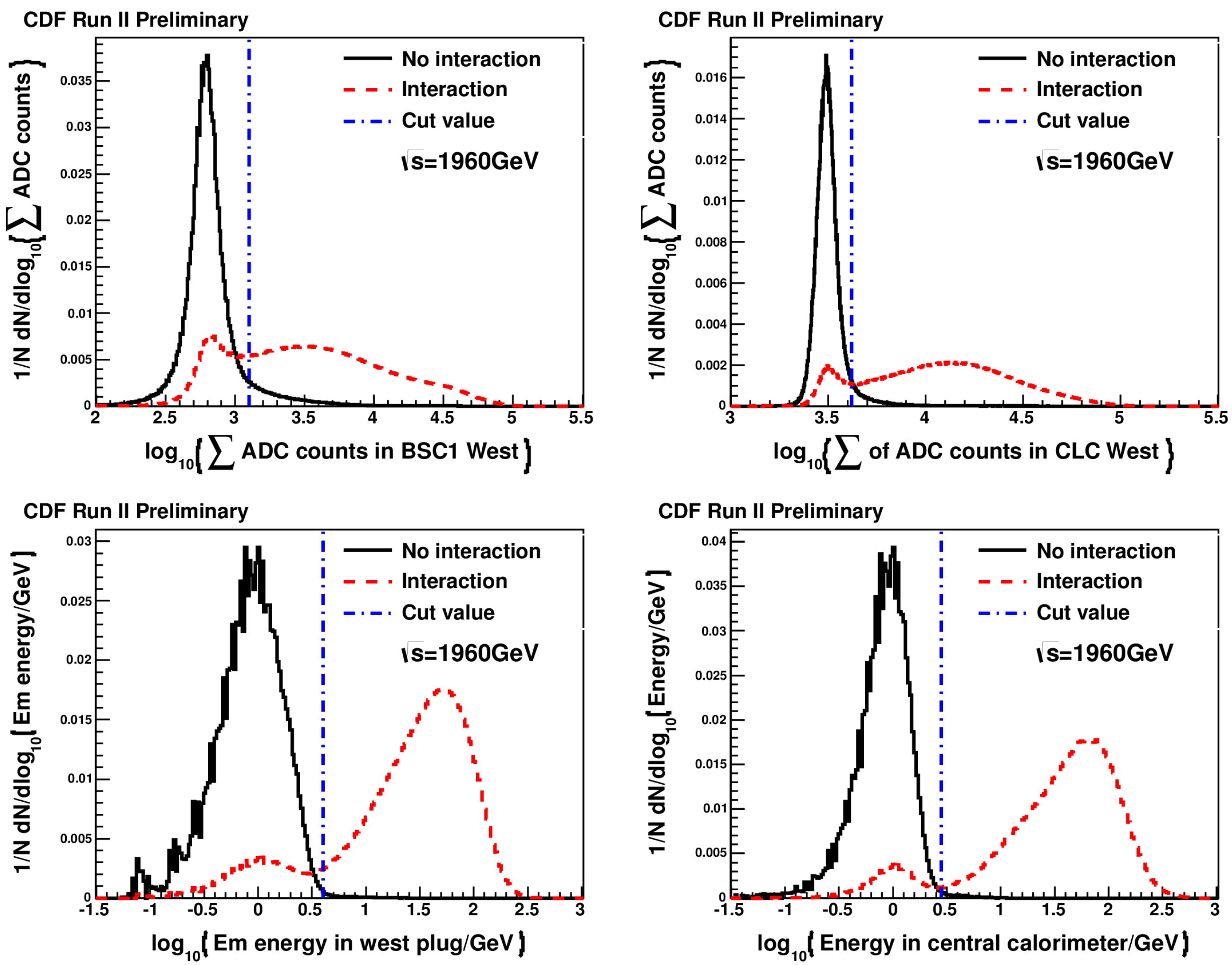
- 2 central (|η|<1.3) towers with E_t > 0.5 GeV
- PCAL (2.11<|η|<3.64) in veto
- CLC (3.75<|η|<4.75) in veto
- BSC1 (5.4<|η|<5.9) in veto

Gap cuts:

To determine noise levels in subdetectors we divide zero-bias sample from same periods into two sub-samples:

No Interaction:	Interaction:
• No tracks and • No CLC hits and • No muon stubs	At least one • Track or • CLC hit or • Muon stub

Exclusivity cuts



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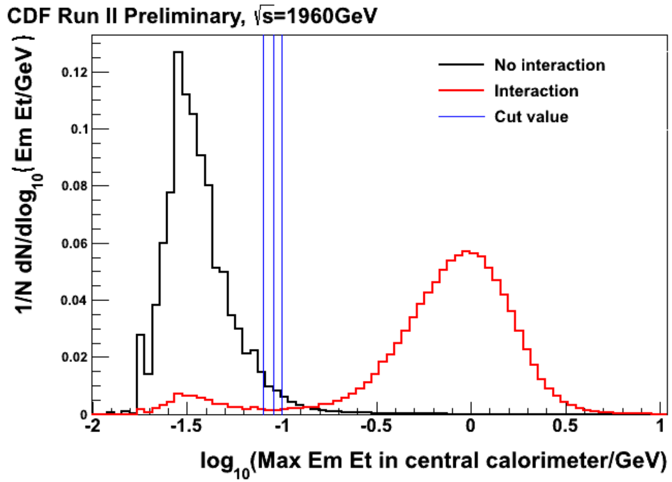
Exclusive 2 tracks:

→ Similar technique in region of central calorimeter

→ excluding cones of R=0.3 around each track extrapolation.

$$R = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2}$$



The "hottest" EM tower must be less than 90 MeV

Additional cuts:

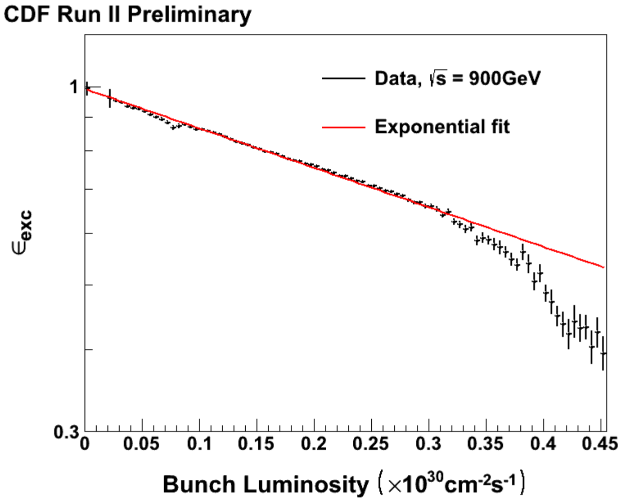
- quality of tracks
- cosmic ray rejection
- 2 oppositely charged tracks

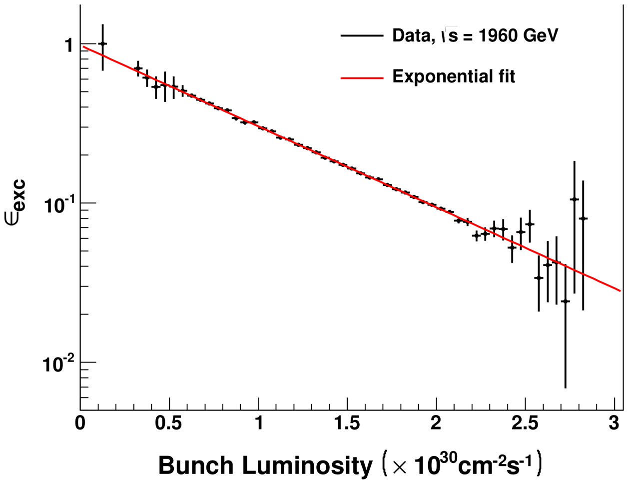
Effective exclusive luminosity

- Determination of efficiency of having no-pileup using zero-bias sample.

  We measure ratio of empty events (all detectors on noise level) to all events.

- Exponential drop with bunch luminosity.
- Slope corresponds to total detected inelastic cross section.





	1960 GeV	900 GeV
σ_{obs} ($\|\eta\|<5.9$)	55.9(4) mb	65.8(4) mb
L_{eff}	1.15/pb	0.059/pb

Higher dissociation masses allowed at 1960 GeV

Central Hadronic State Analysis
Acceptance and cut efficiency

Model independent analysis

Kinematic cuts:

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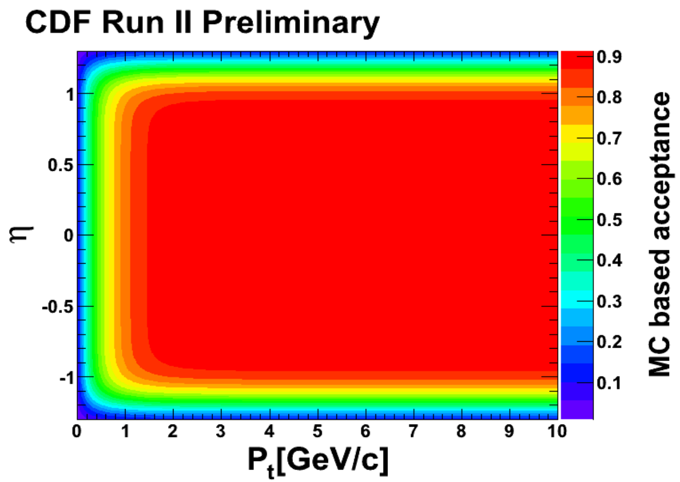

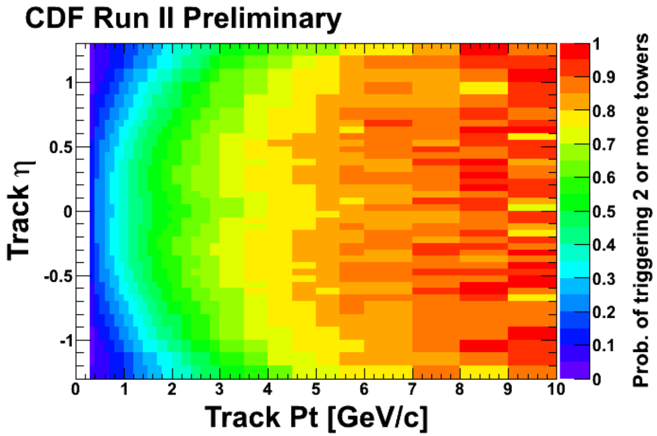

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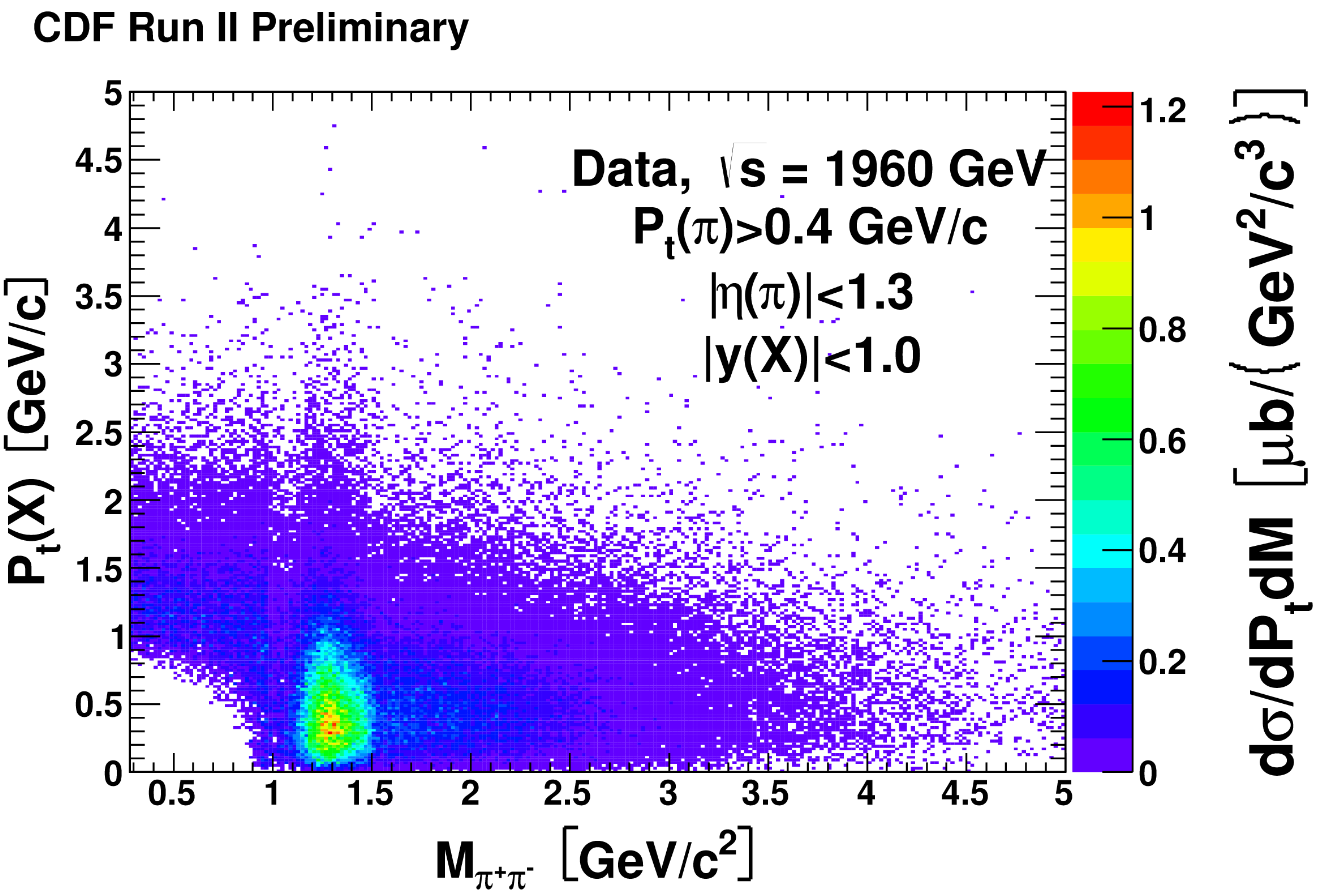
$M(\pi^+\pi^-)$ vs $P_t(X)$ for 1960 GeV



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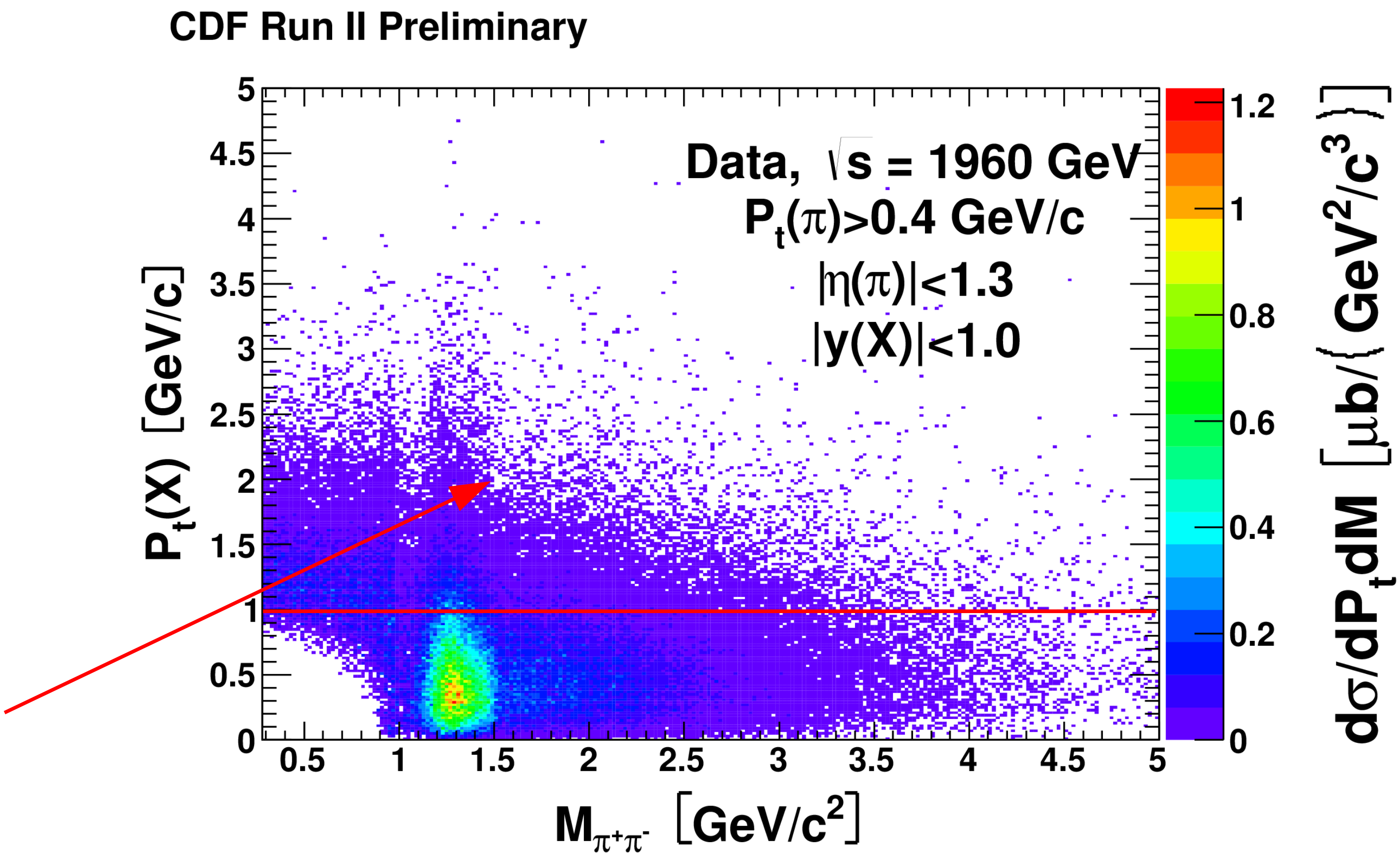

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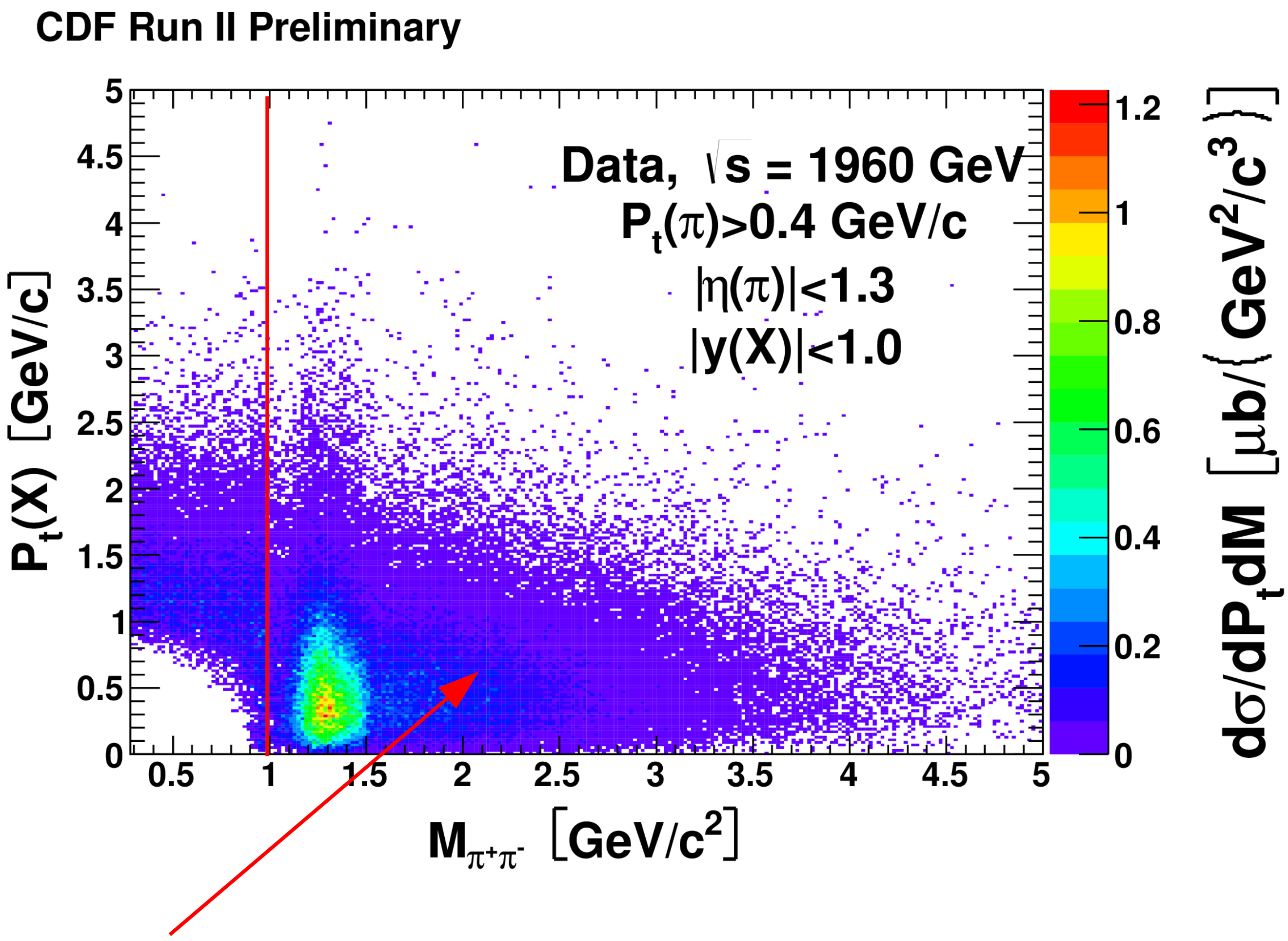

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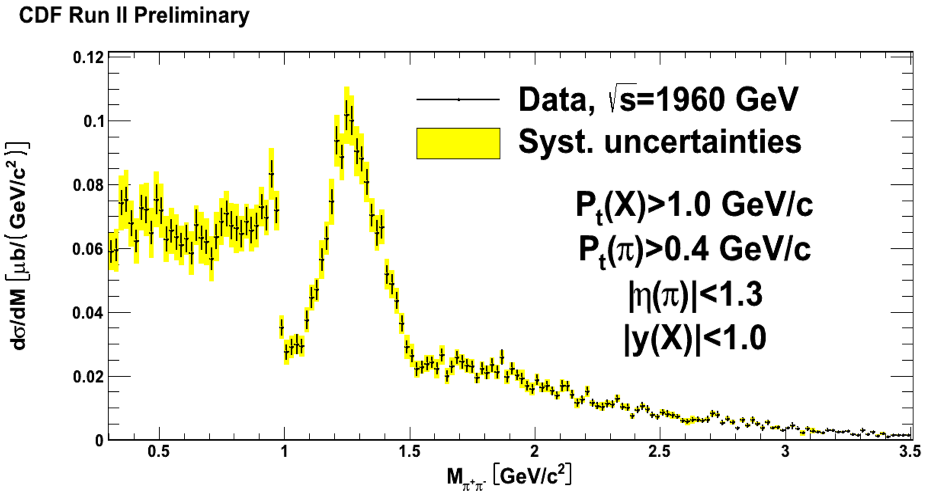

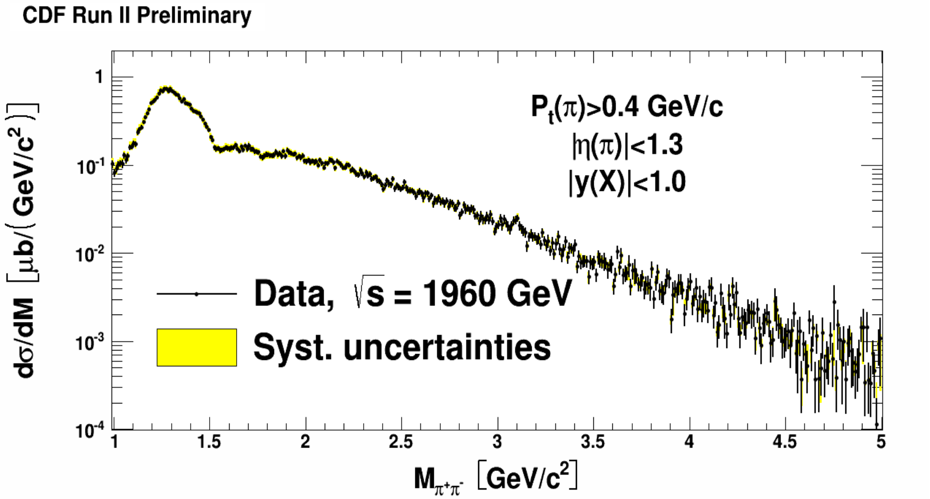

→ Broad continuum below 1 GeV/c^2

→ Cusp at 1 GeV/c^2

→ Resonant enhancement around 1.0 – 1.5 GeV/c^2 dominated by $f_2(1270)$

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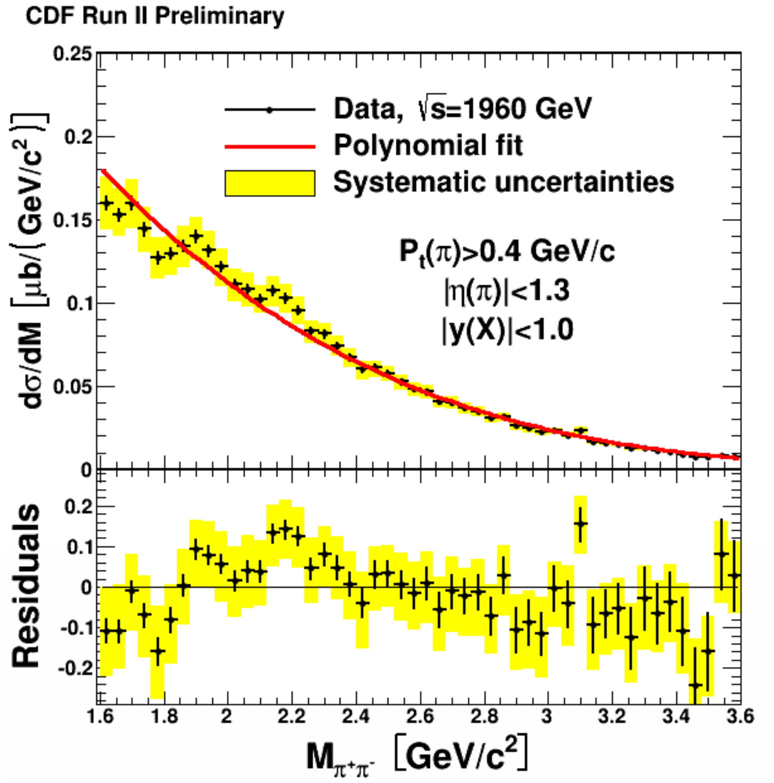
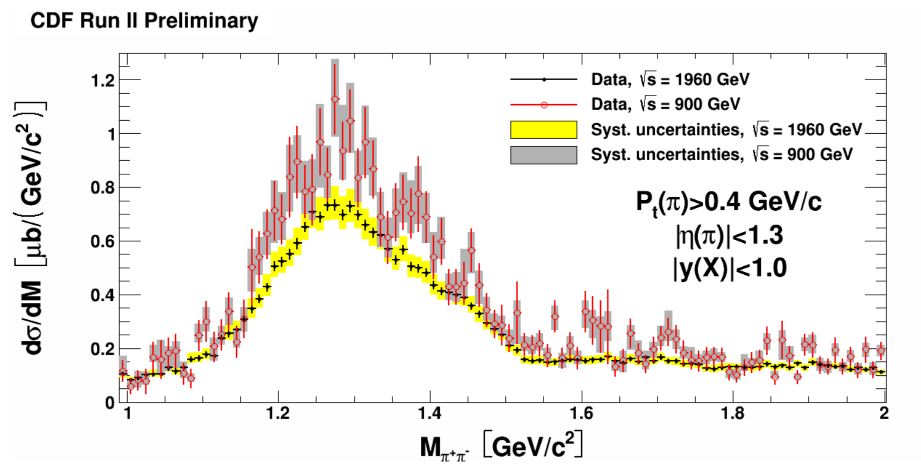
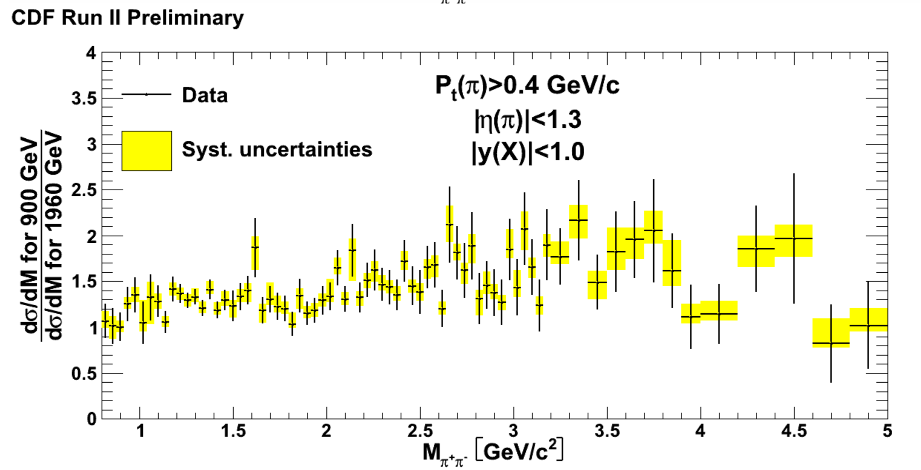
$M(\pi^+\pi^-)$ for 1960 GeV and 900 GeV





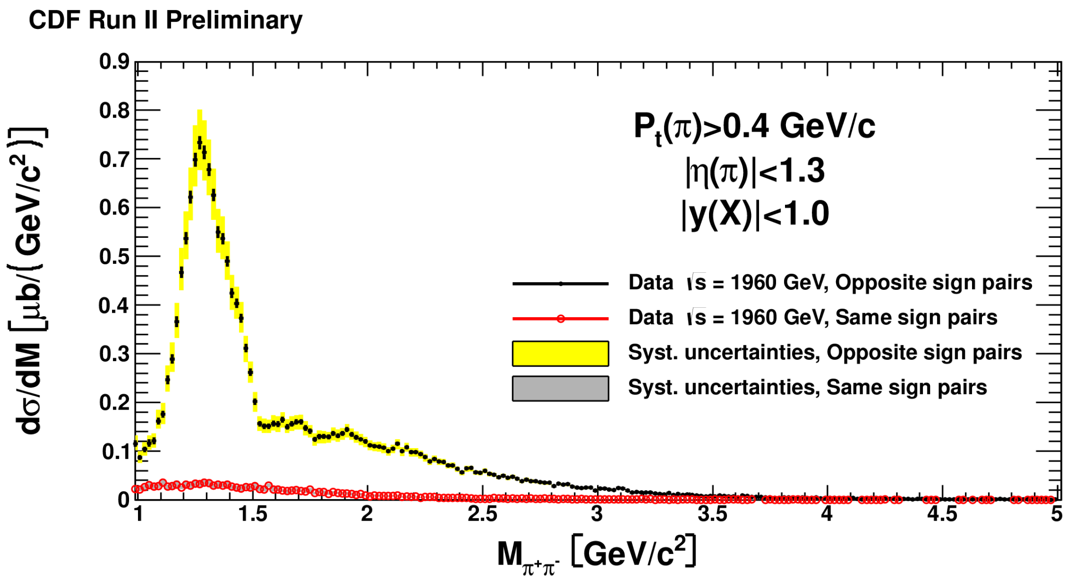


Non-exclusive background

Same sign sample

- The events with two same charge tracks
  6.1% - 900 GeV and 7.1% - 1960 GeV
- Sign of non-exclusive background
- 4-track events with two missed tracks:

→ below the P_t -threshold or in calorimeter crack or very forward



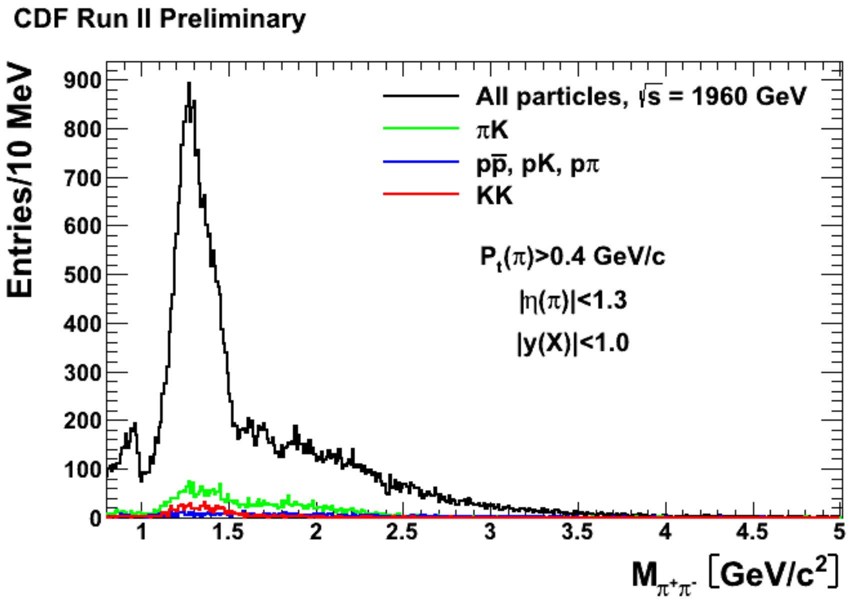
Conclusions

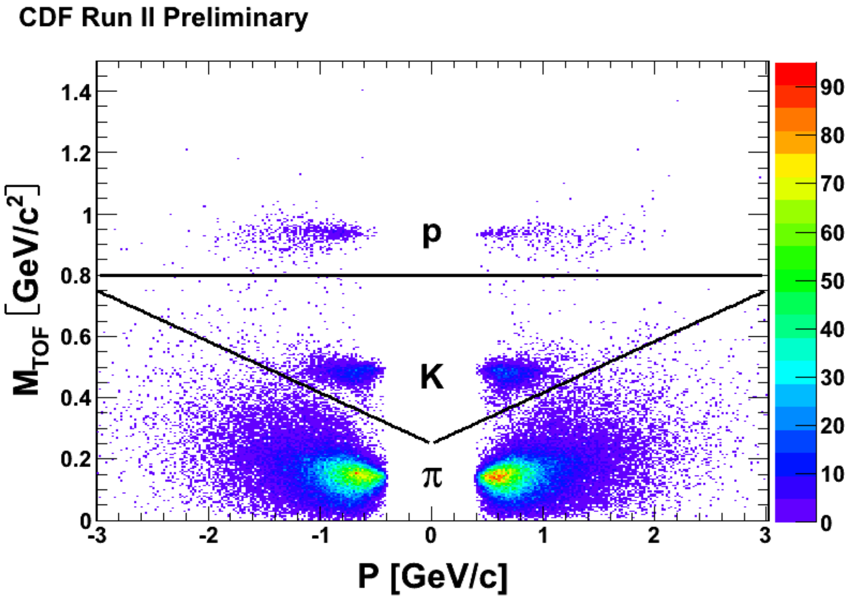
- **We have measured $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs between large rapidity gaps at the Tevatron, which should be dominated by double pomeron exchange.**
- **Contribution of non-$\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs background and non-exclusive background is small - subtraction of this background in progress.**
- **We do not see a ρ(770), confirming that photoproduction and ρ-exchange, are negligible.**
- **The mass spectra show several structures:**
  - Broad continuum below 1 GeV/c^2,
  - Sharp drop at 1 GeV/c^2
  - Resonant enhancement around 1.0 – 1.5 GeV/c^2.
- **This is the only measurement from the Tevatron, and has much higher statistics than preliminary data from the LHC experiments.**

MIND THE GAP

Backup slides

Non-ππ background





Acceptance calculation

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Trigger efficiency

1. Sample of min-bias data, good quality isolated (no other tracks in cone with R=0.4) tracks.

2. Checking how often they fired 0, 1, 2 or more trigger towers (>= 4 bits) in 3x3 box around track extrapolation.

3. Trigger efficiency composed from those 3 probability distributions (which are functions of P_t and η)

Trigger efficiency

Probability of triggering 2 or more towers in the central detector by two independent tracks „a” and „b”:

$\varepsilon = P_2(a)+P_1(a)*[P_1(b)+P_2(b)]+P_0(a)*P_2(b)$

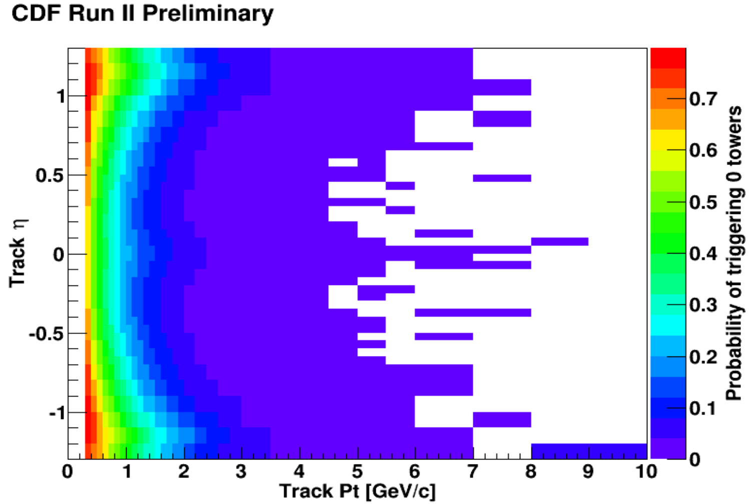
	P_2b	P_1b	P_0b
P_2a	X	X	X
P_1a	X	X	
P_0a	X		

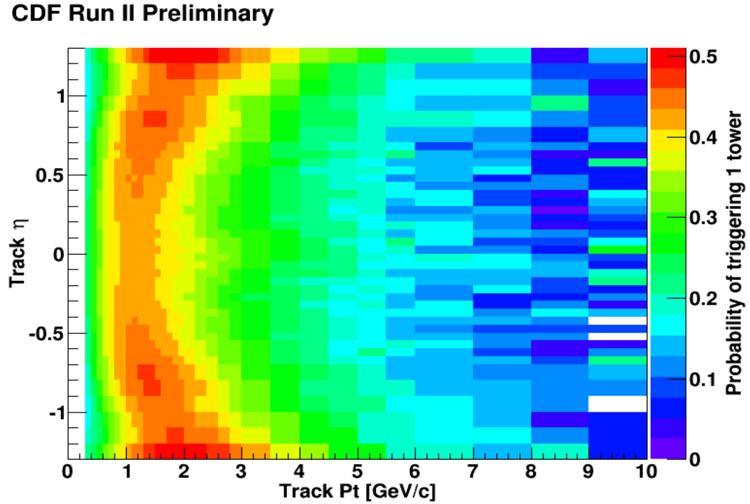
P_0 – probability of triggering no towers

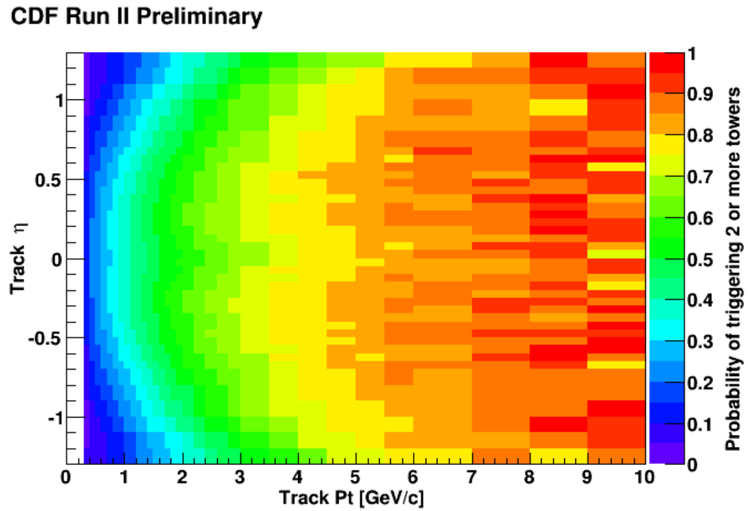
P_1 – probability of triggering one tower

P_2 – probability of triggering two or more towers

Trigger efficiency





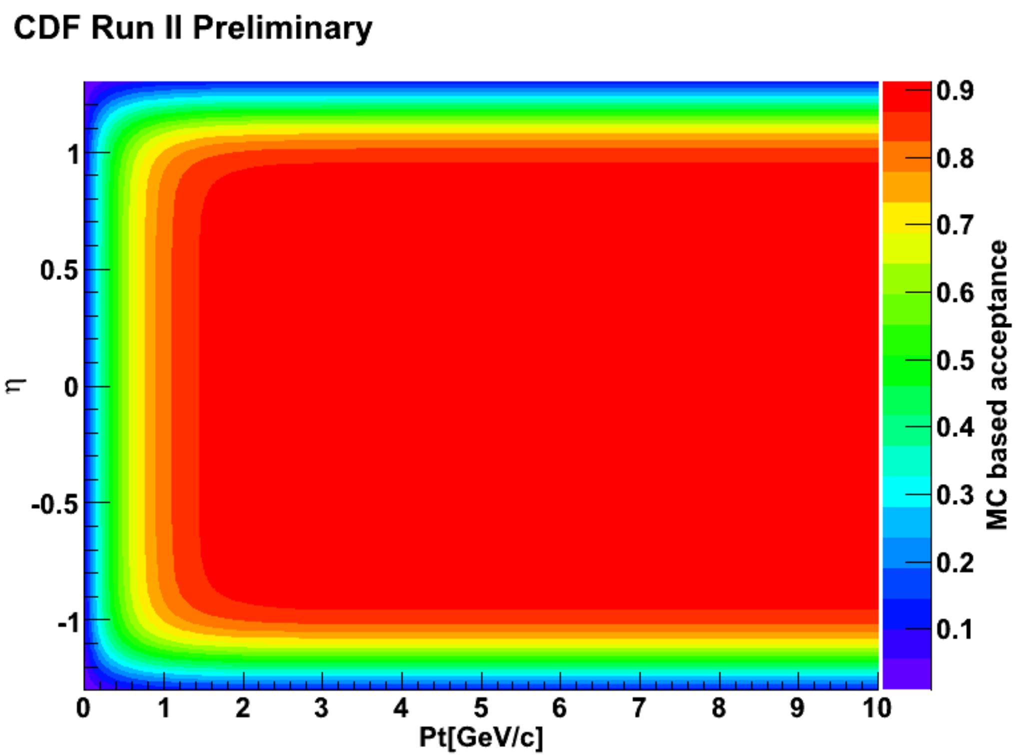


Single track acceptance

1. Single pion generation, flat in phi

2. Acceptance as a function of Pt(track) and eta

- Probability that track will be reconstructed at all
- Probability that track will pass all single track quality cuts



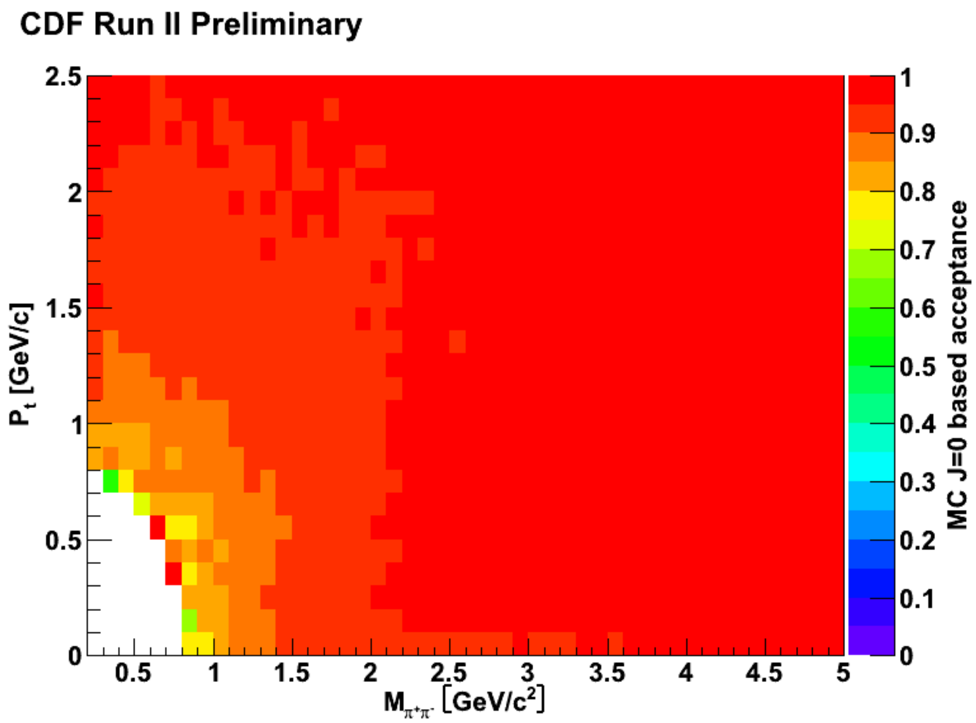
2 tracks cuts acceptance

Cuts:

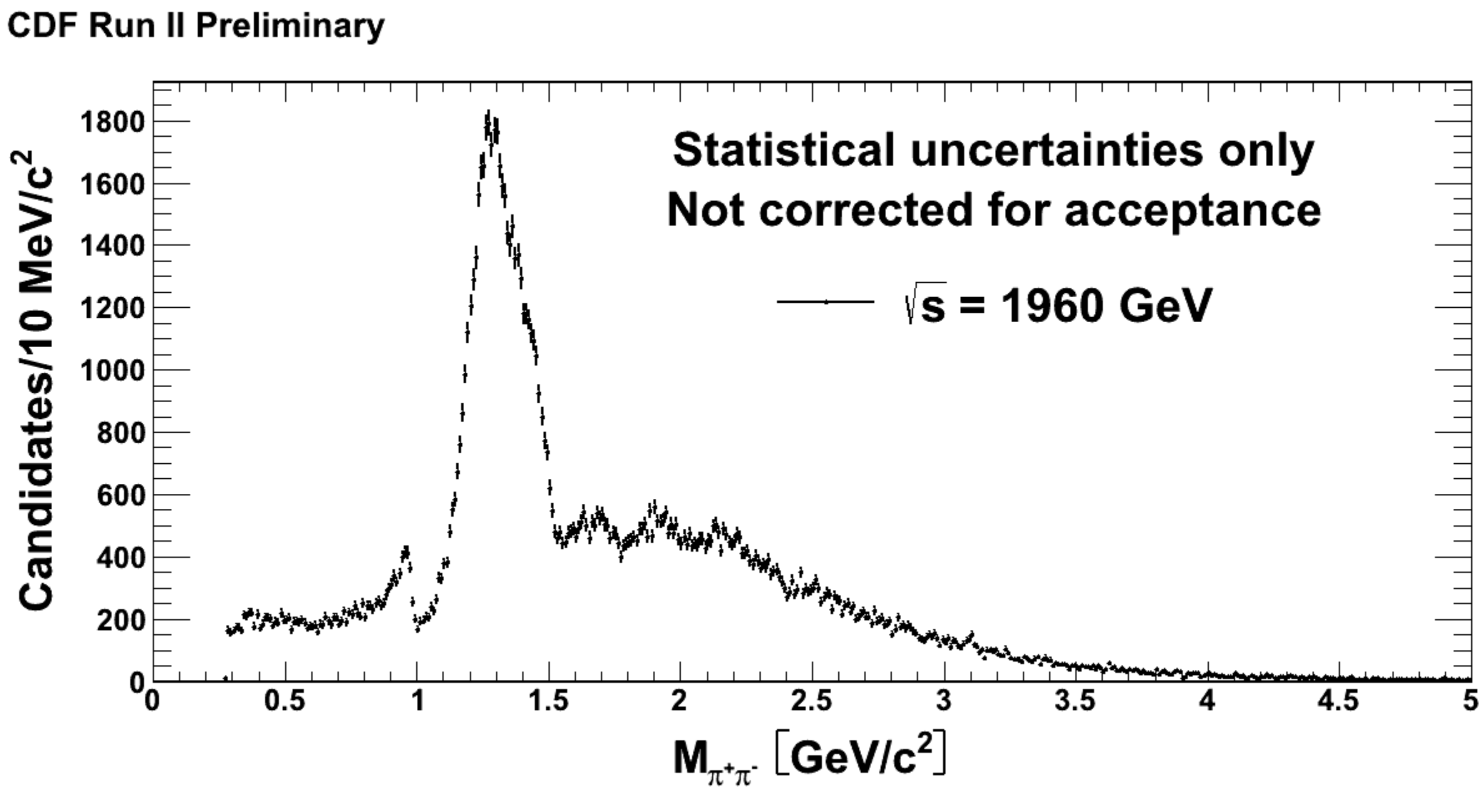
- 3D opening angle
- y of central state
- Separation
- ΔZ_0

Based on J=0 phase space model

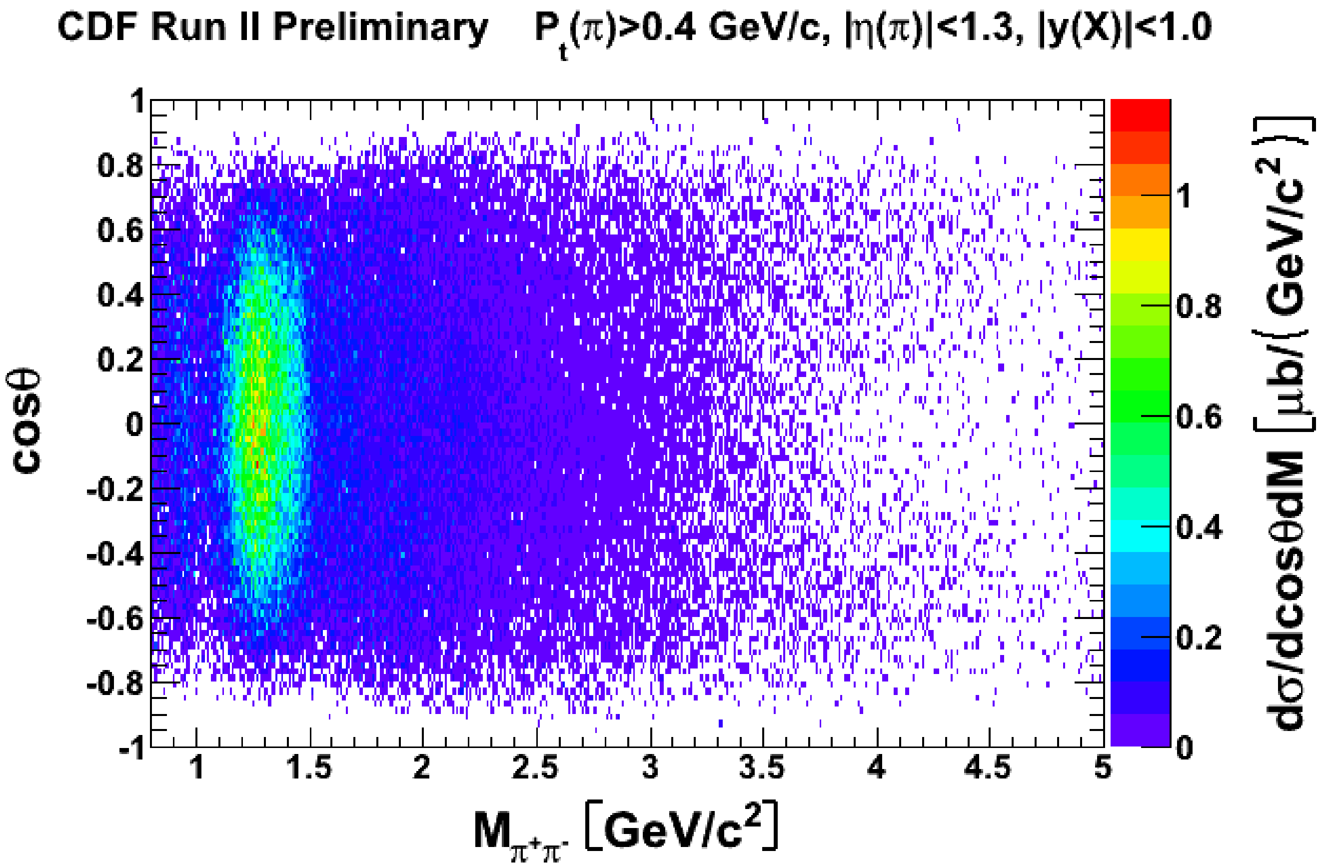
All previous cuts applied before



Invariant mass distribution



Partial wave analysis



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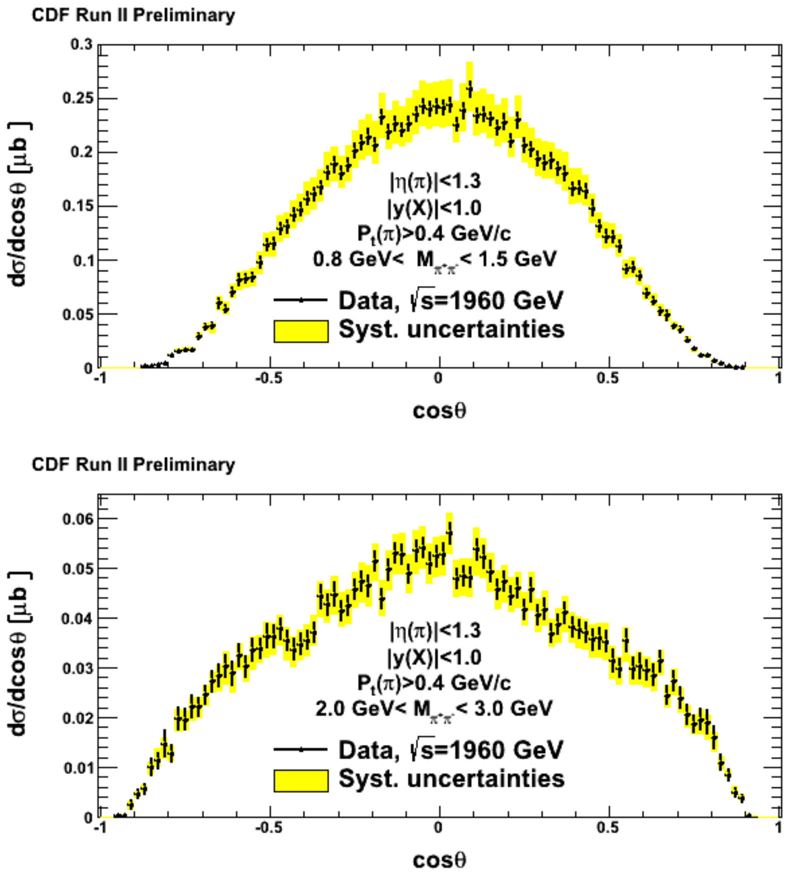

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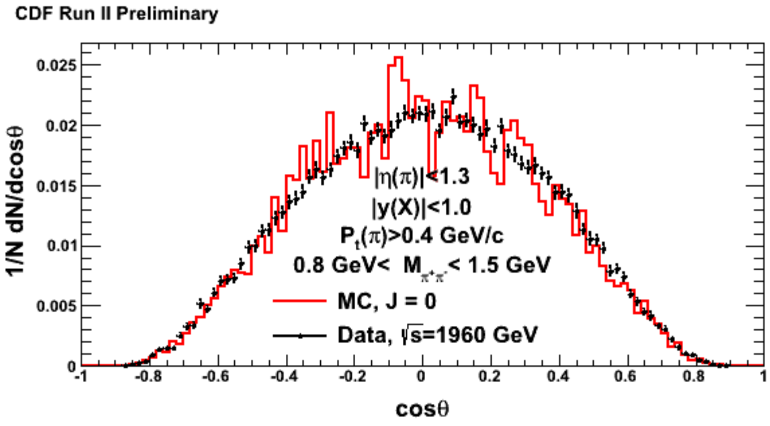

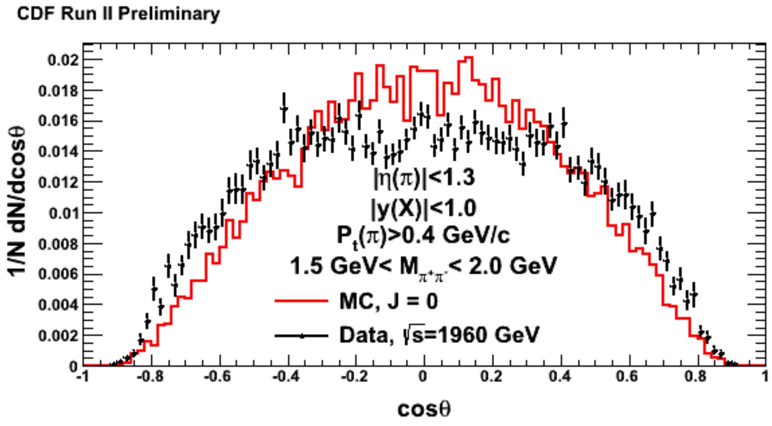

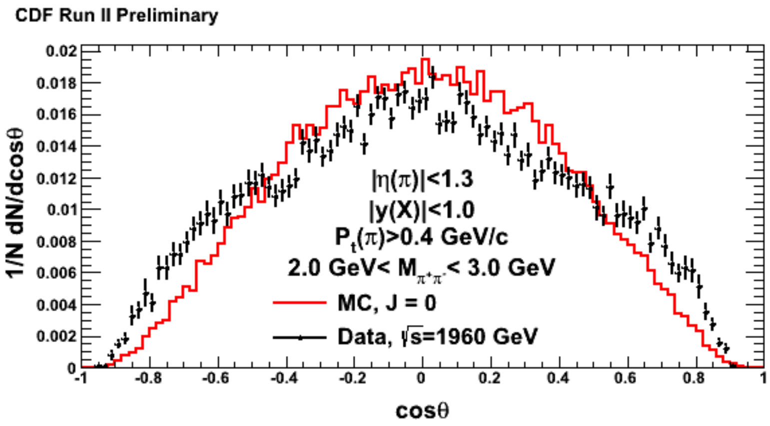

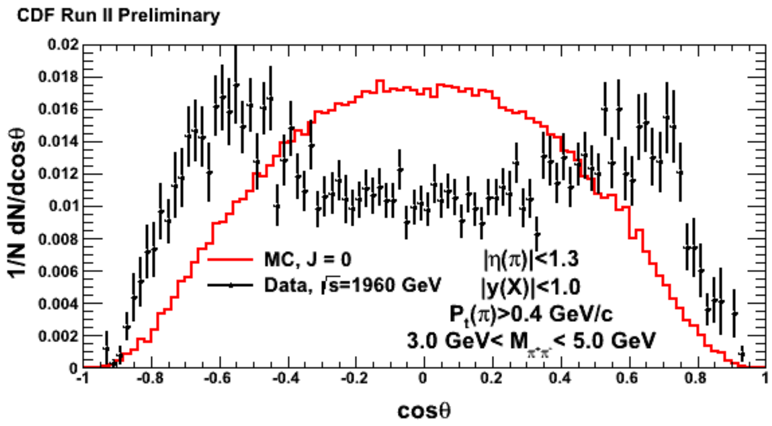

Partial wave analysis

Comparison of data/MC s-wave cos(θ) distributions

H0 : cos(θ) distribuants for data and s-wave MC are the same (in mass bins)

- H1 : not H0.
- Test type: Smirnow
- Test statistics: λ Kolmogorov

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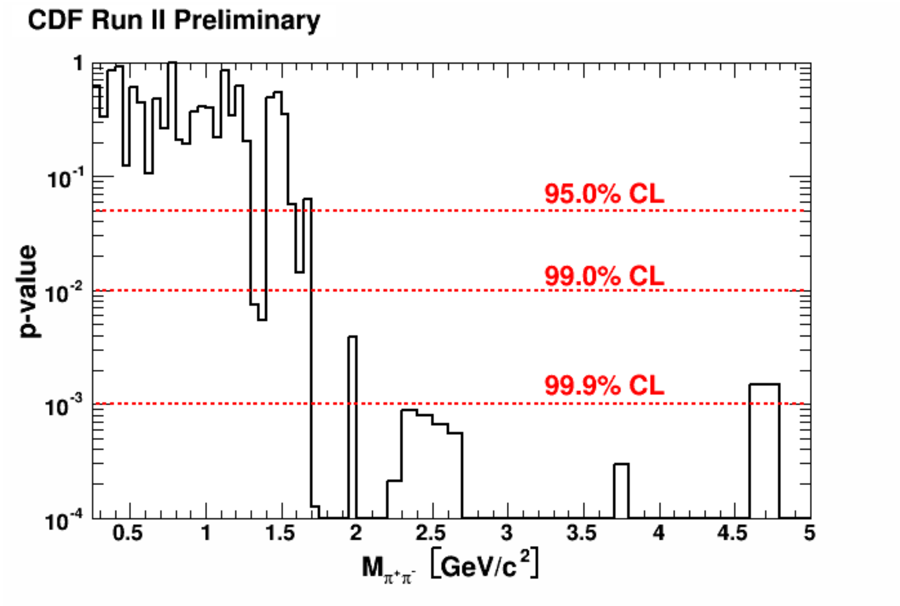

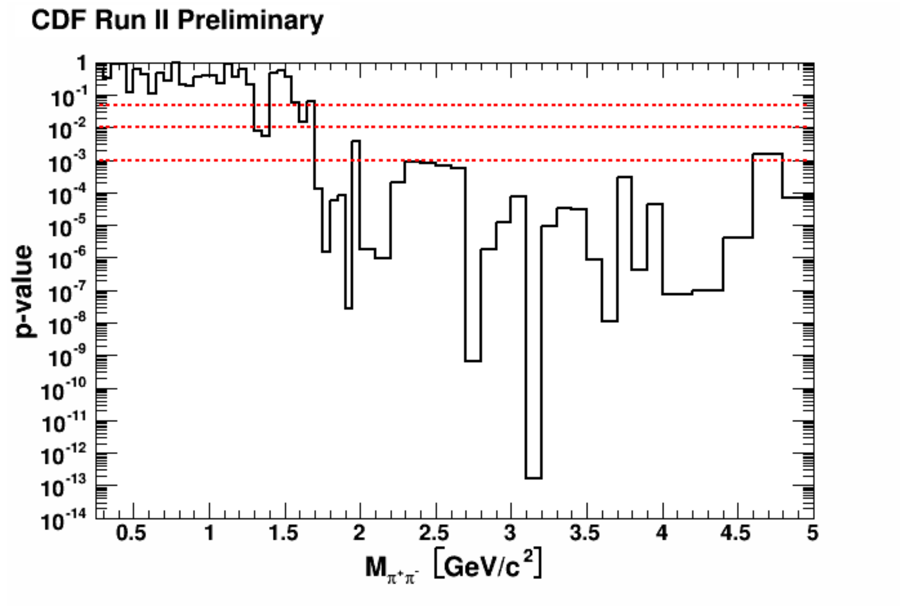

If p-value is smaller then 0.05 we reject the H0 (s = 0) in favour of H1 on the 95% CL
If p-value is greater then 0.05 we cannot reject the null hypothesis H0 (s = 0) on the 95% CL