

## Heavy flavor production at HERA-B

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# Outline and physics motivation

## Heavy Flavor production at HERA-B

### ■ $J/\psi$ inclusive production

- kinematical distributions, polarization
- $A$ -dependence

### ■ heavier charmonium states

- $\psi'$  /  $J/\psi$  production ratios
- fraction of  $J/\psi$ 's from  $\chi_c$  and  $b$  decays

### ■ Hidden beauty production $\Upsilon(1-3S)$

### ■ Open charm

- production ratios and  $A$ -dependence

Test of QCD predictions

results in the negative  $x_F$  range

few results for  $J/\psi$ - $\psi(2S)$  polarization

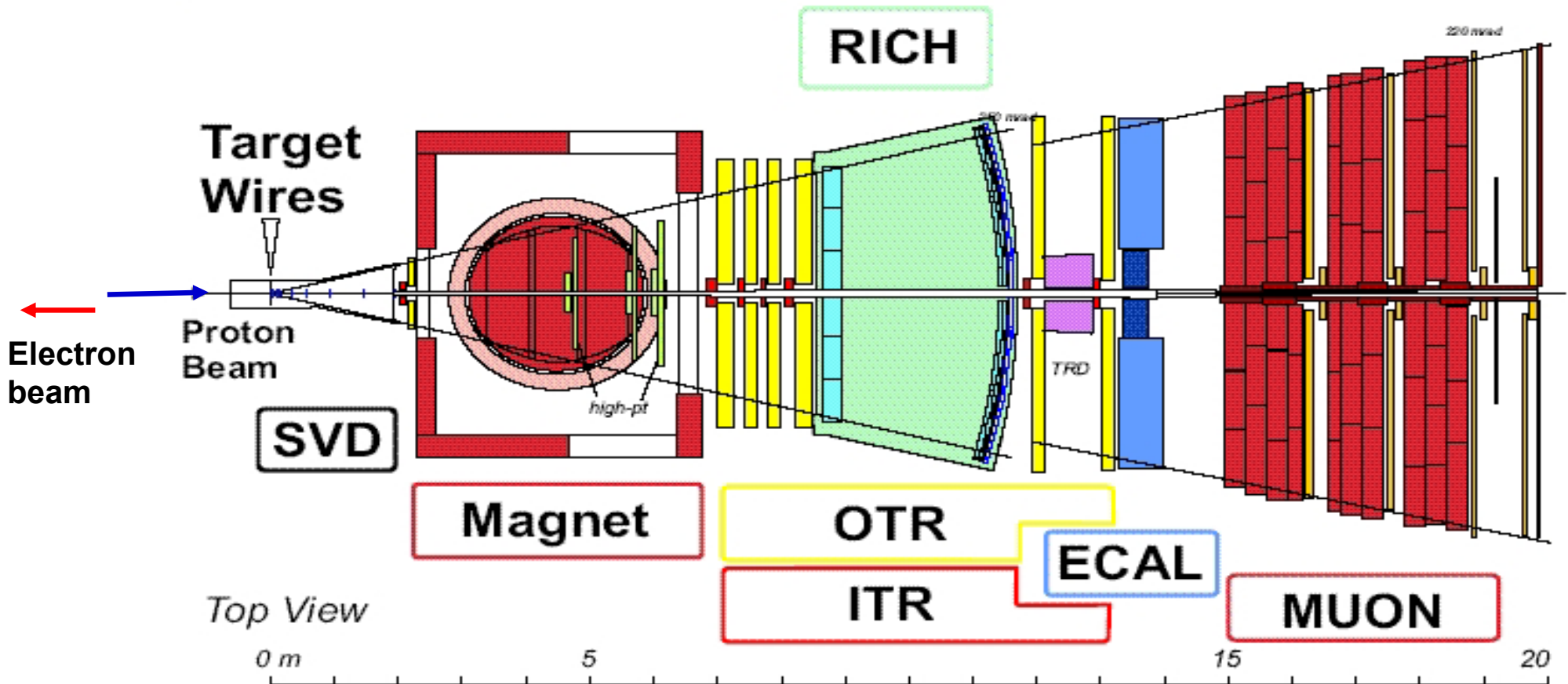
Investigation of nuclear effects

$\sigma(b\bar{b})$  and  $R(\chi_c/J/\psi)$   
few results with poor compatibility

$\sigma(\Upsilon)$ : testing ground for theoretical models

## Conclusions

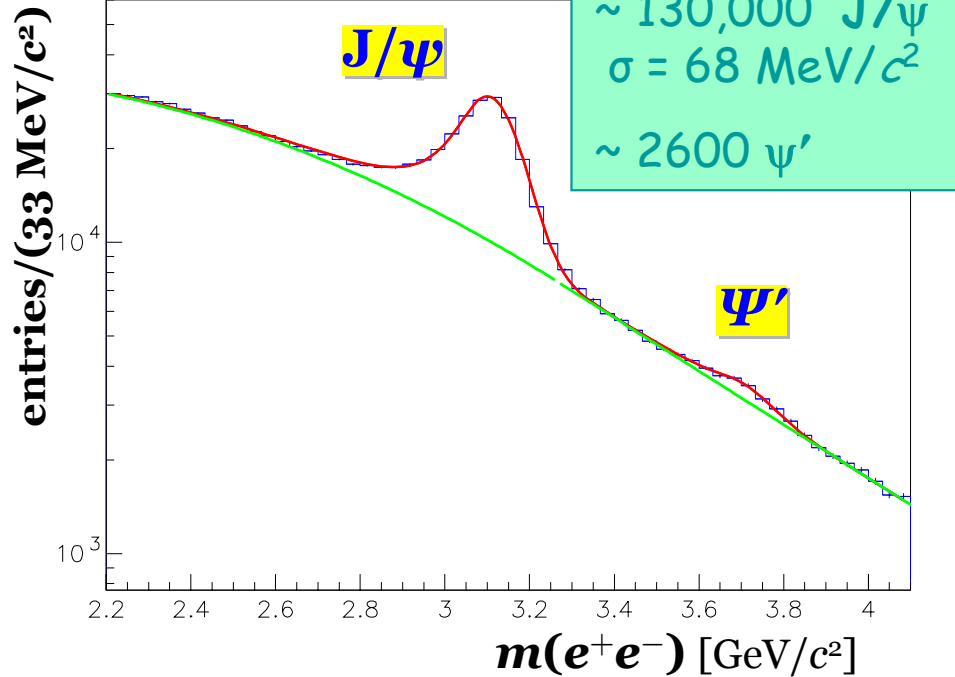
# The HERA-B detector



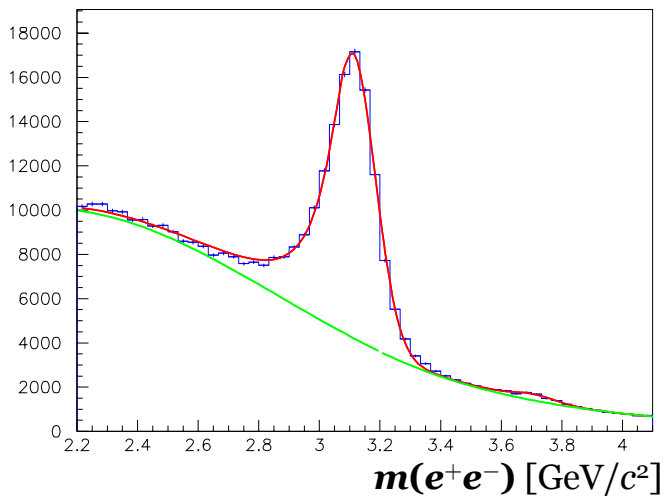
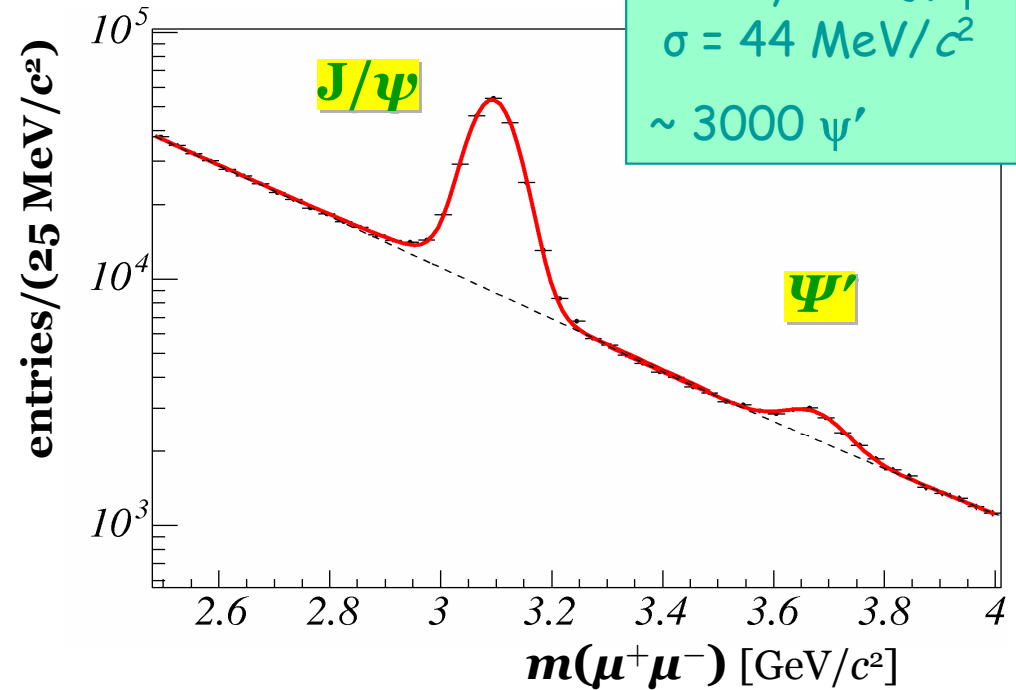
- Fixed target detector at HERA (DESY) — IR  $\sim 5$  MHz
- 920 GeV/c proton beam ( $\sqrt{s} = 41.6$  GeV)
- Di-lepton trigger ( $e^+e^-$  and  $\mu^+\mu^-$ )
- High angular coverage (15-220 mrad in bending plane)
- High resolution spectrometer — very good particle ID for (e,  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$ , K, p)

# J/ψ and ψ' signals

$e^+e^-$



$\mu^+\mu^-$

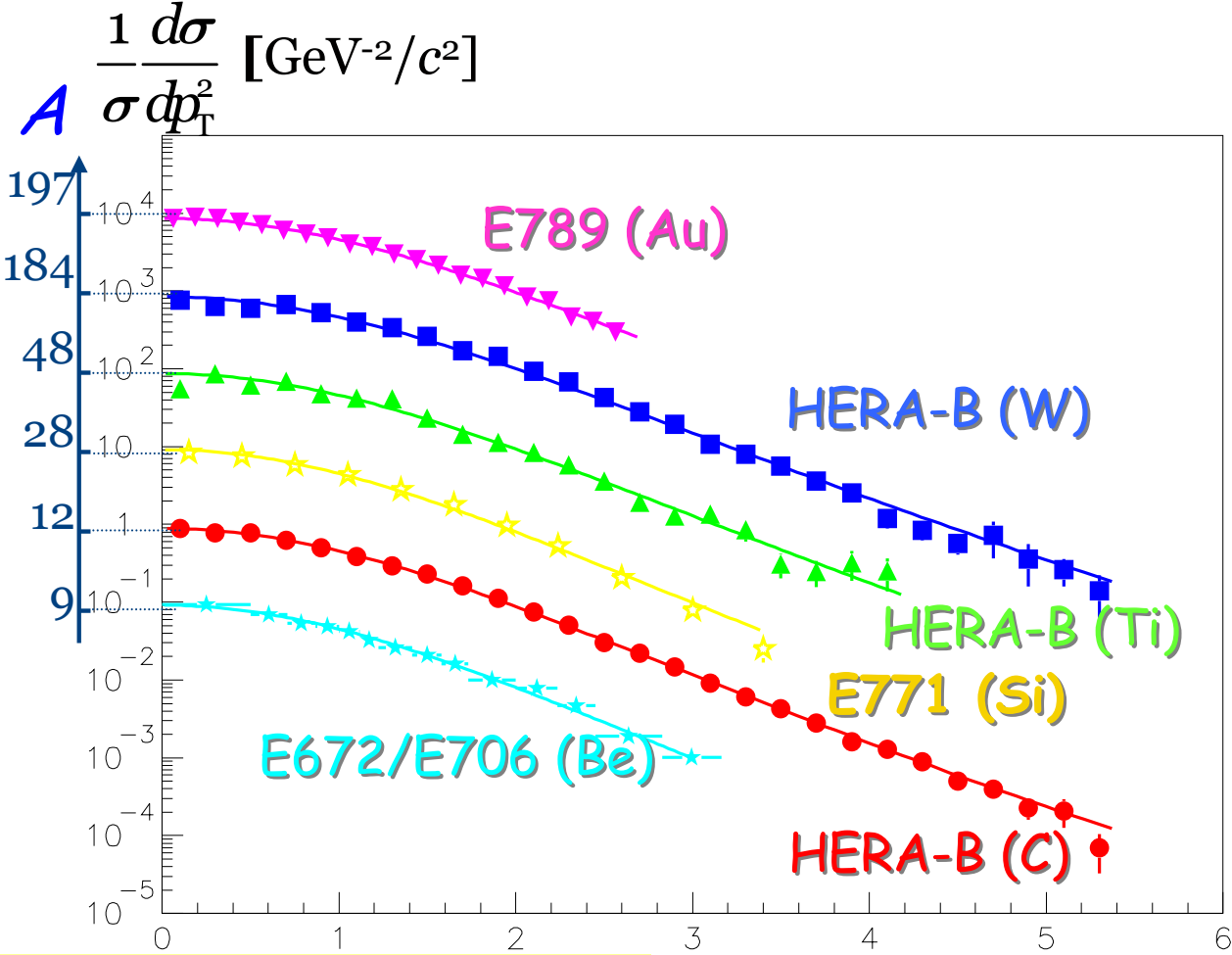


**All charmonium analyses performed in both di-lepton decay channels**

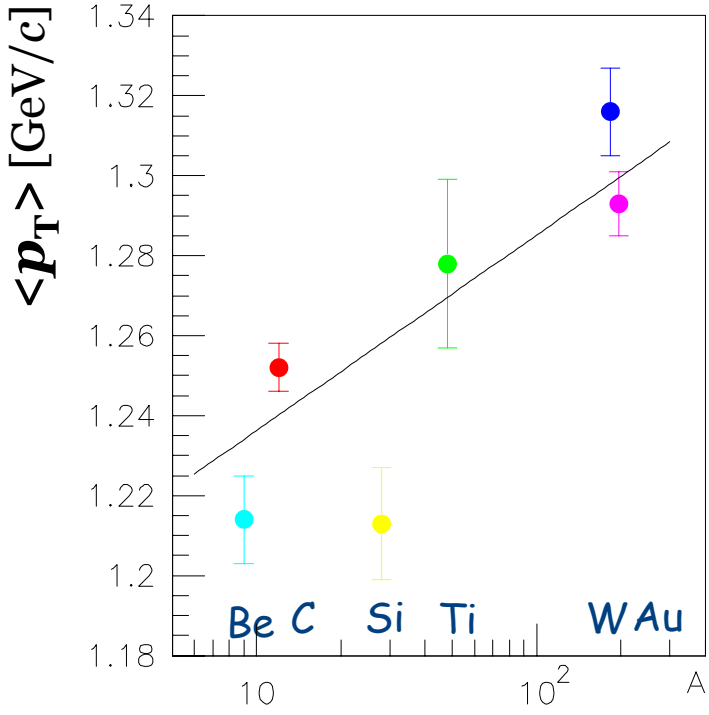
For most analyses in electron channel selected sample with a strong PID (at least 1BR cluster) → 90 K J/ψ

# J/ψ production: p<sub>T</sub> distribution

**preliminary data** (electron channel), compared with p-A results (√s=38.8 GeV)  
 agreement with muon channel in all distributions



$\langle p_T \rangle$  grows logarithmically with A:

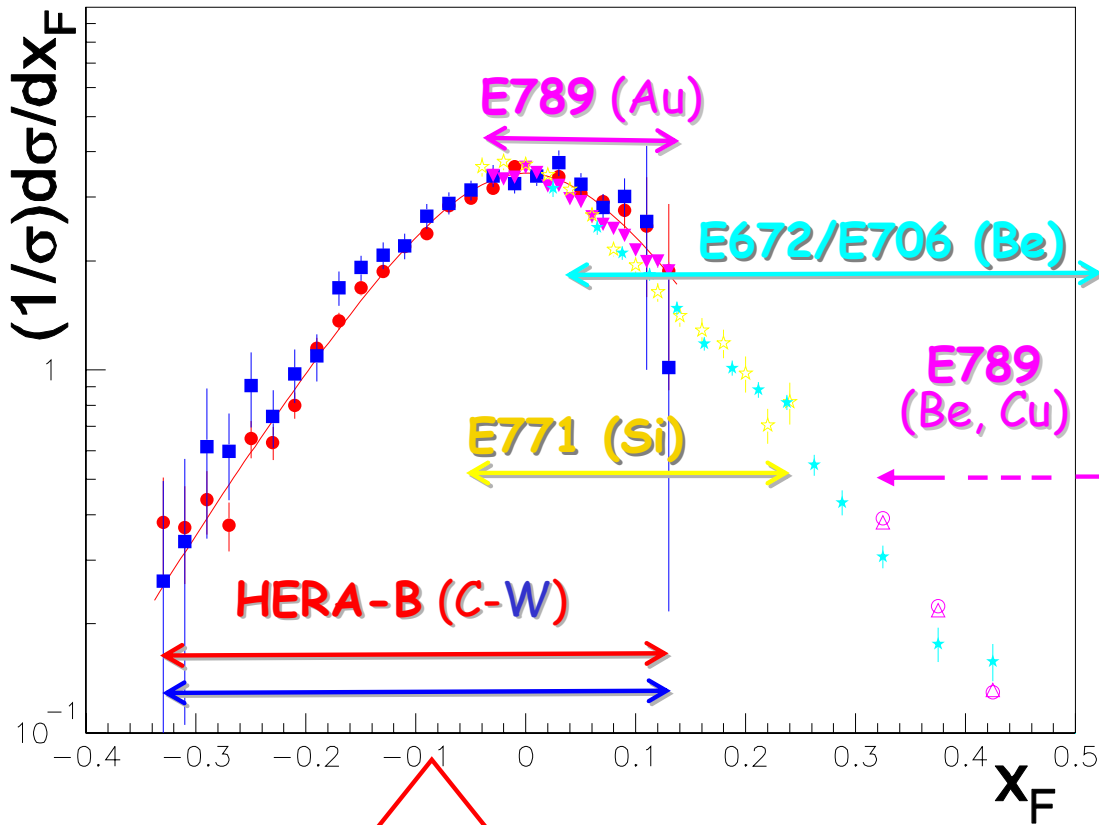


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2} \propto \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{35\pi}{256} \cdot \frac{p_T}{\langle p_T \rangle} \right)^2 \right]^{-6}$$

$$\frac{d\langle p_T \rangle}{d \ln A} = 0.021 \pm 0.003$$

# J/ψ production: $x_F$ distribution

Preliminary data ( $e^+e^-$  sample), compared with p-A results at 38.8 GeV

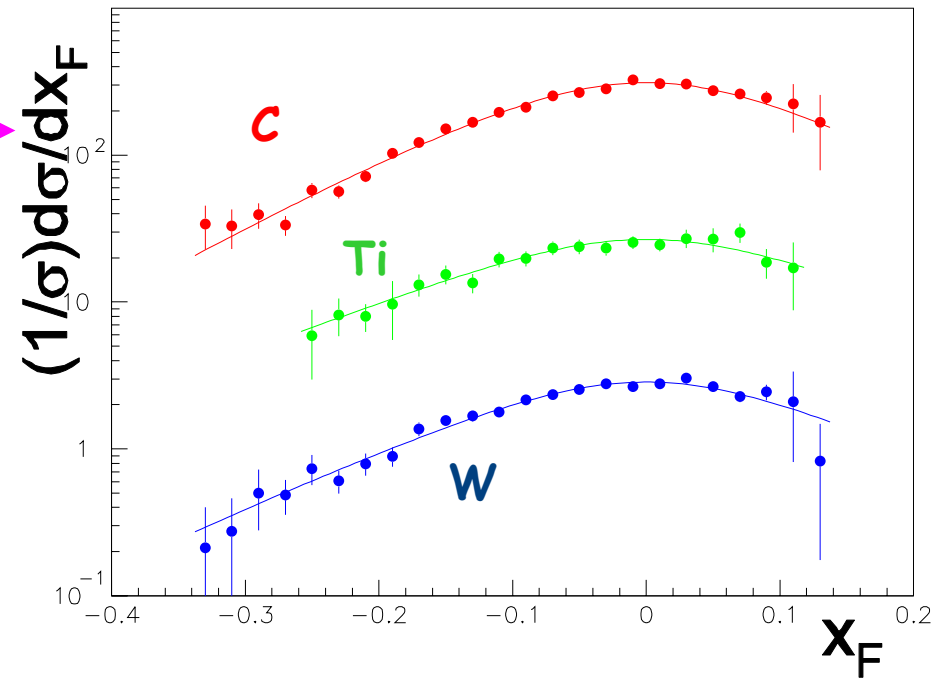


first data produced  
at negative  $x_F$   
 $K \in [5:6]$

fitting curves:

$$d\sigma/dx_F \propto [(1-x_1)(1-x_2)]^{\kappa} / (x_1+x_2)$$

$$\text{with } x_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{x_F^2 + 4m_{J/\psi}^2/s} \pm x_F \right)$$



# A dependence of J/ψ production

Parameterization of cross section:

$$\sigma_{pA} = \sigma_{pN} \cdot A^\alpha; \quad \sigma = N / (\epsilon \cdot L)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pA} / dx_F}{d\sigma_{pN} / dx_F} = A^{\alpha(x_F)}$$

Determine  $\alpha$  from two different targets: C (A=12) and W (A=183.8)

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\ln(A_W / A_C)} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{N_W L_C \epsilon_C}{N_C L_W \epsilon_W} \right)$$

$x_F < 0$ : charmonium state formed inside the target nucleus

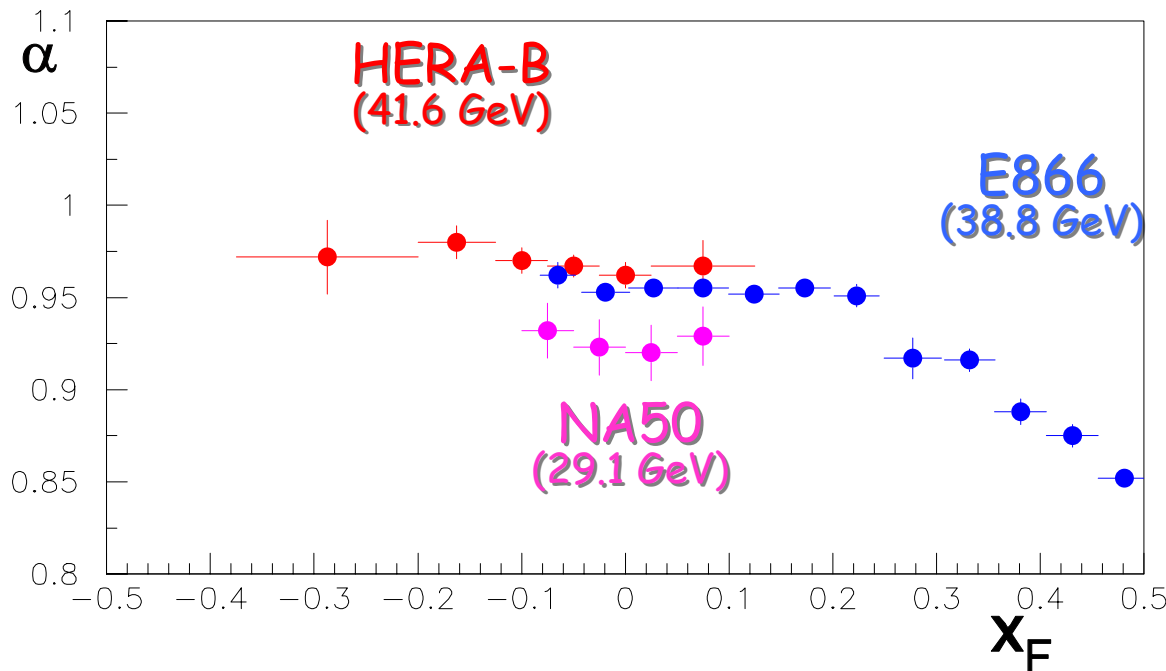


Study of initial and final state effects

→ distinguish between different models

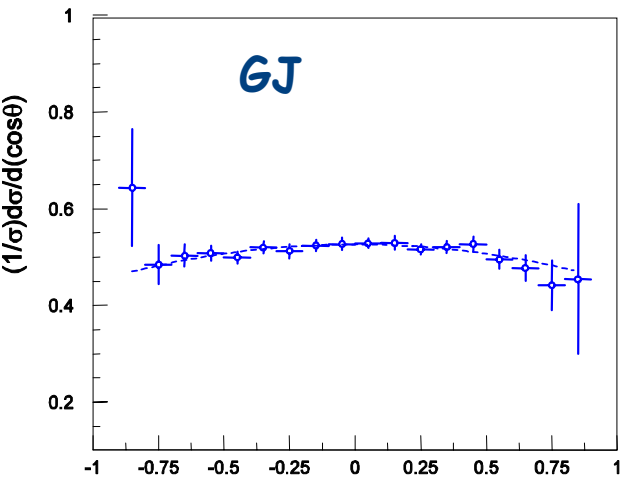
better agreement with E866 than with NA50 (energy dependence?)

$x_F \sim$  constant, small suppression



# J/ψ polarization

Measured in different reference system (CS, GJ, HCM) and wrt  $p_T$  and  $x_F$

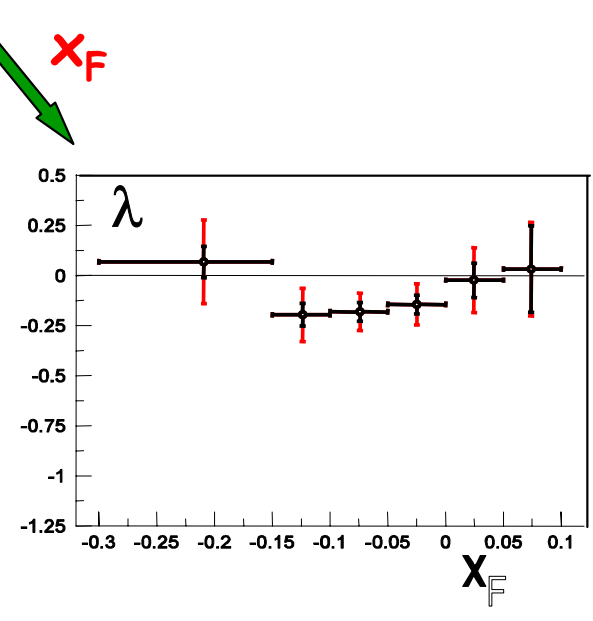
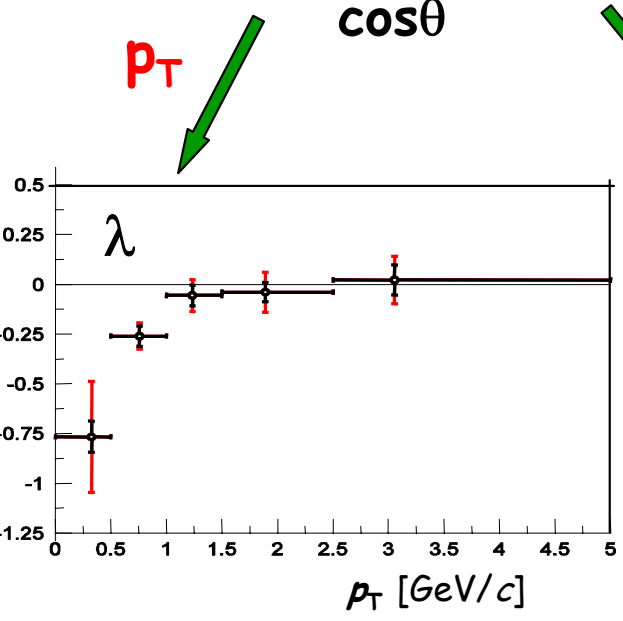


$d\sigma/d\cos\theta \propto 1 + \lambda \cos^2\theta$

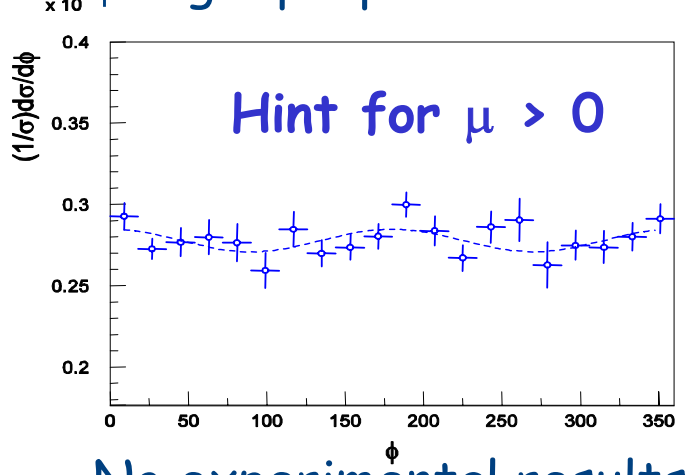
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$d\sigma/d\phi \propto 1 + \mu \cos 2\phi$   
 $\phi$  angle perpendicular to  $\theta$



Also studied by CDF but at larger  $p_T$

No experimental results  
 $\rightarrow$  important to study also  $\phi$   
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# $\psi' / J/\psi$ production ratio

$\epsilon \rightarrow$  efficiency  
 $Br \rightarrow$  branch ratio

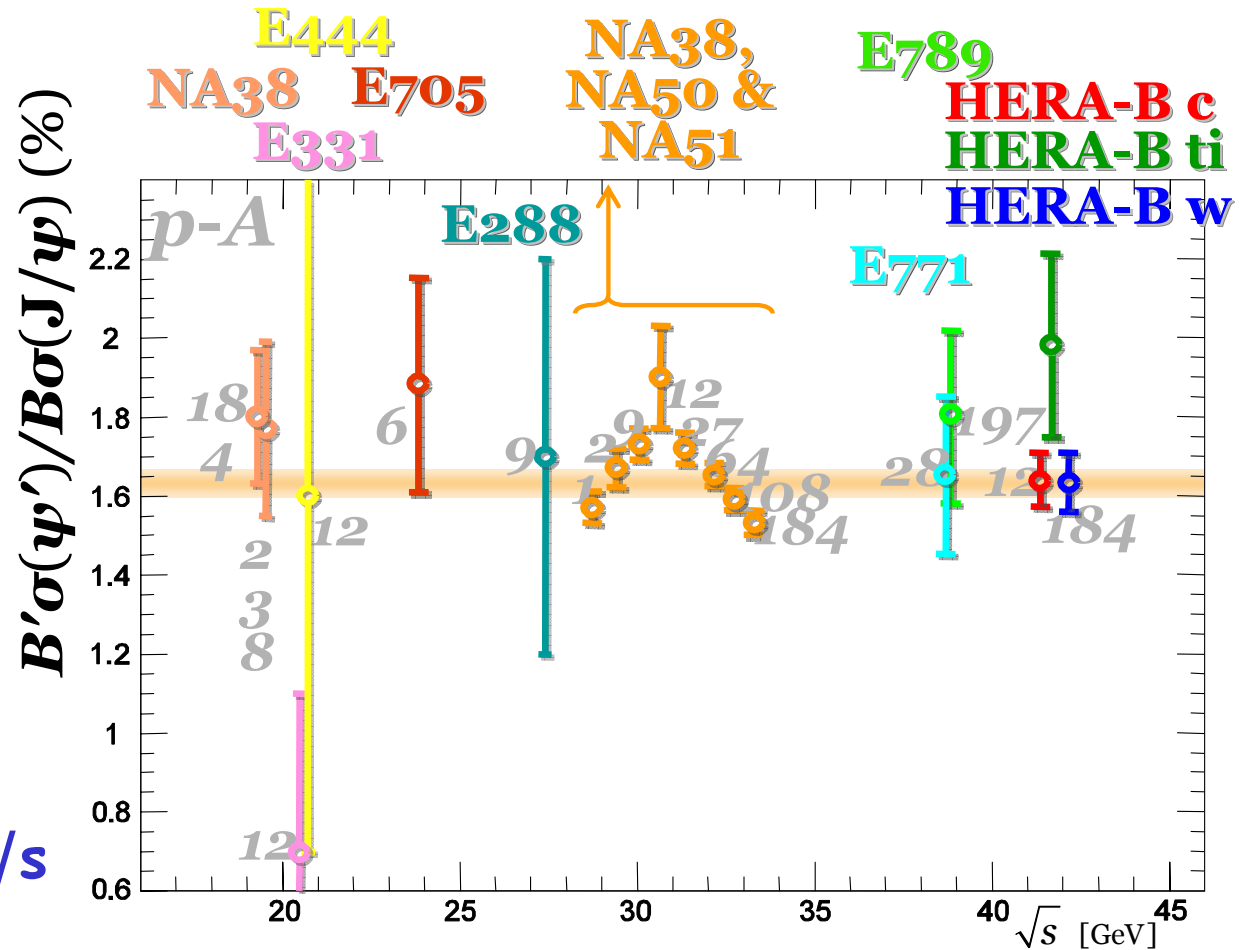
Measurement of

$$\rho(\psi') = \frac{Br(\psi' \rightarrow l^+ l^-) \cdot \sigma(\psi')}{Br(J/\psi \rightarrow l^+ l^-) \cdot \sigma(J/\psi)} = \frac{N_{\psi'} \cdot \epsilon_{J/\psi}}{N_{J/\psi} \cdot \epsilon_{\psi'}}$$

= { (1.63 ± 0.07)% C  
 (1.99 ± 0.24)% Ti  
 (1.62 ± 0.10)% W

Competitive measurements

No dependence wrt A and  $\sqrt{s}$



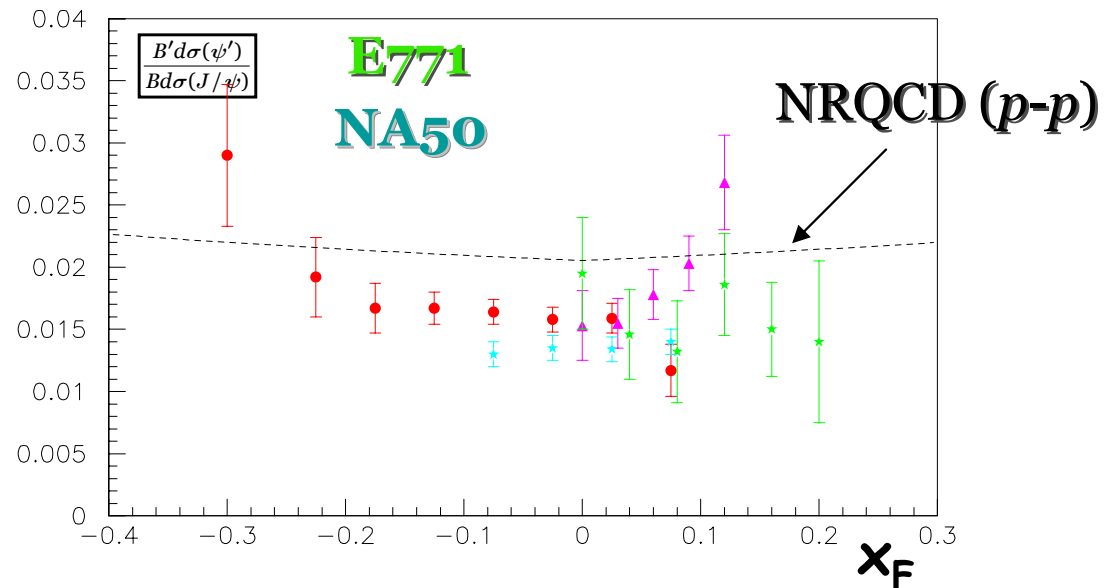
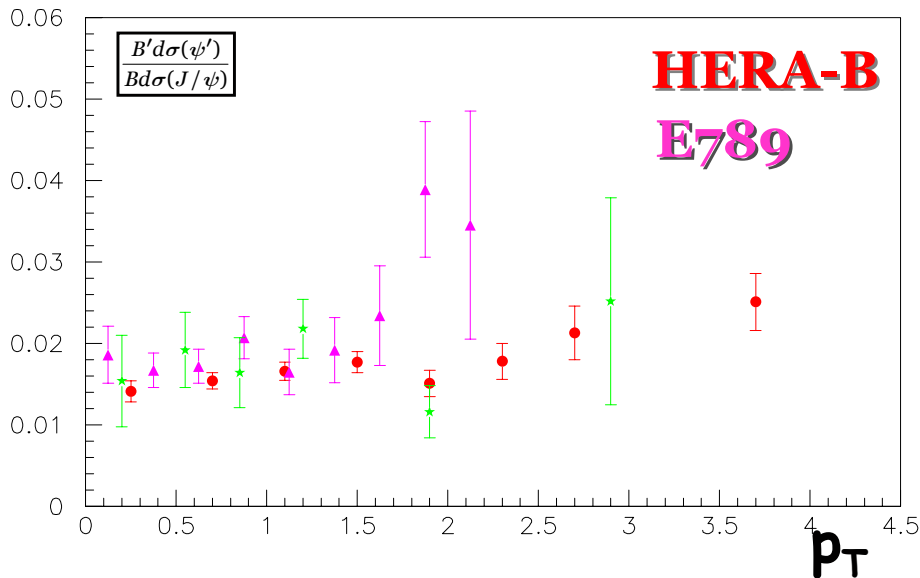
# $\Psi'$ production ratio: $p_T$ and $x_F$ distributions

fraction of  $J/\psi$  from  $\psi'$ :  $R_{\psi'} = \rho_{\psi'} \times \frac{B_{J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-}}{B_{\psi' \rightarrow l^+l^-}} \cdot B_{\psi' \rightarrow \begin{cases} J/\psi \pi^+\pi^- \\ J/\psi \pi^0\pi^0 \\ J/\psi \eta \\ J/\psi \pi^0 \end{cases}} = (7.0 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.4_{BRs})\%$

constraint on the double ratio (test of lepton universality)

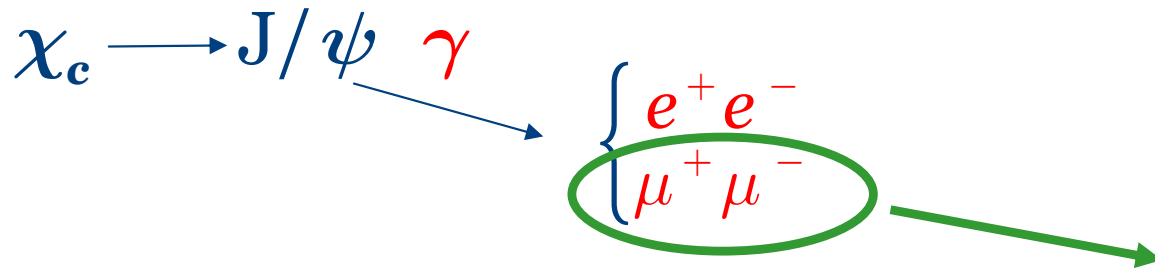
$$\rho_{\psi'}^{e^+e^-} / \rho_{\psi'}^{\mu^+\mu^-} = \frac{B_{\psi' \rightarrow e^+e^-}}{B_{J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-}} \bigg/ \frac{B_{\psi' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-}}{B_{J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-}} = 1.00 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.04$$

current PDG avg.:  $1.03 \pm 0.12$



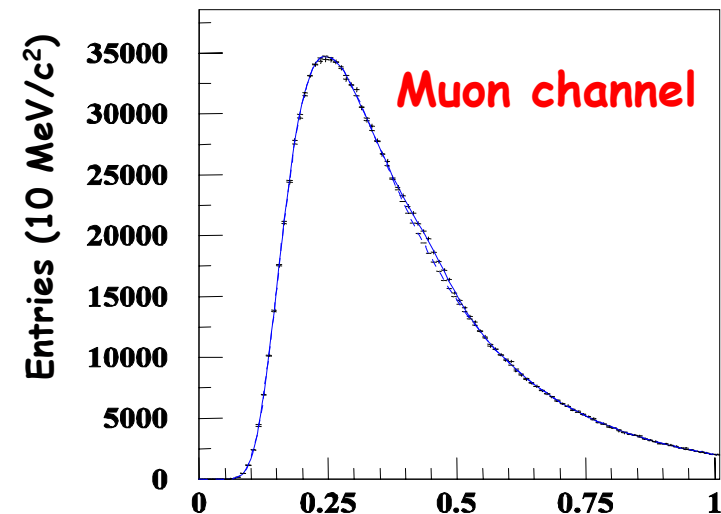
HERA-B measurements extend the range of the previous results with comparable or better precision

# $\chi_c$ to $J/\psi$ production ratio



$$R_{\chi_c} = \frac{\sum \sigma(\chi_{c(i)} \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma)}{\sigma_{\text{INCL}}(J/\psi)} = \frac{N(\chi_c)}{N(J/\psi)} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{J/\psi}}{\epsilon_{\chi \rightarrow J/\psi} \cdot \epsilon_\gamma}$$

background: mixed events

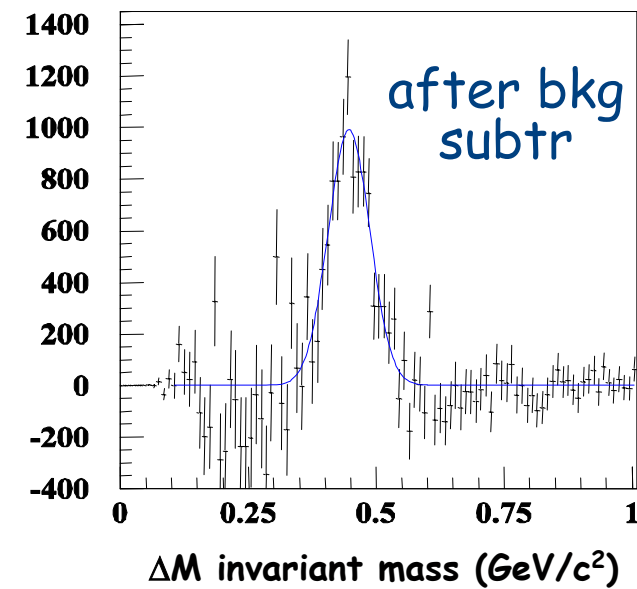


Result already published from the 2000 data

$370 \pm 74$   $\chi_c$ 's ( $\mu\mu + e^+e^-$ ):

$R(\chi_c) = 0.32 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$

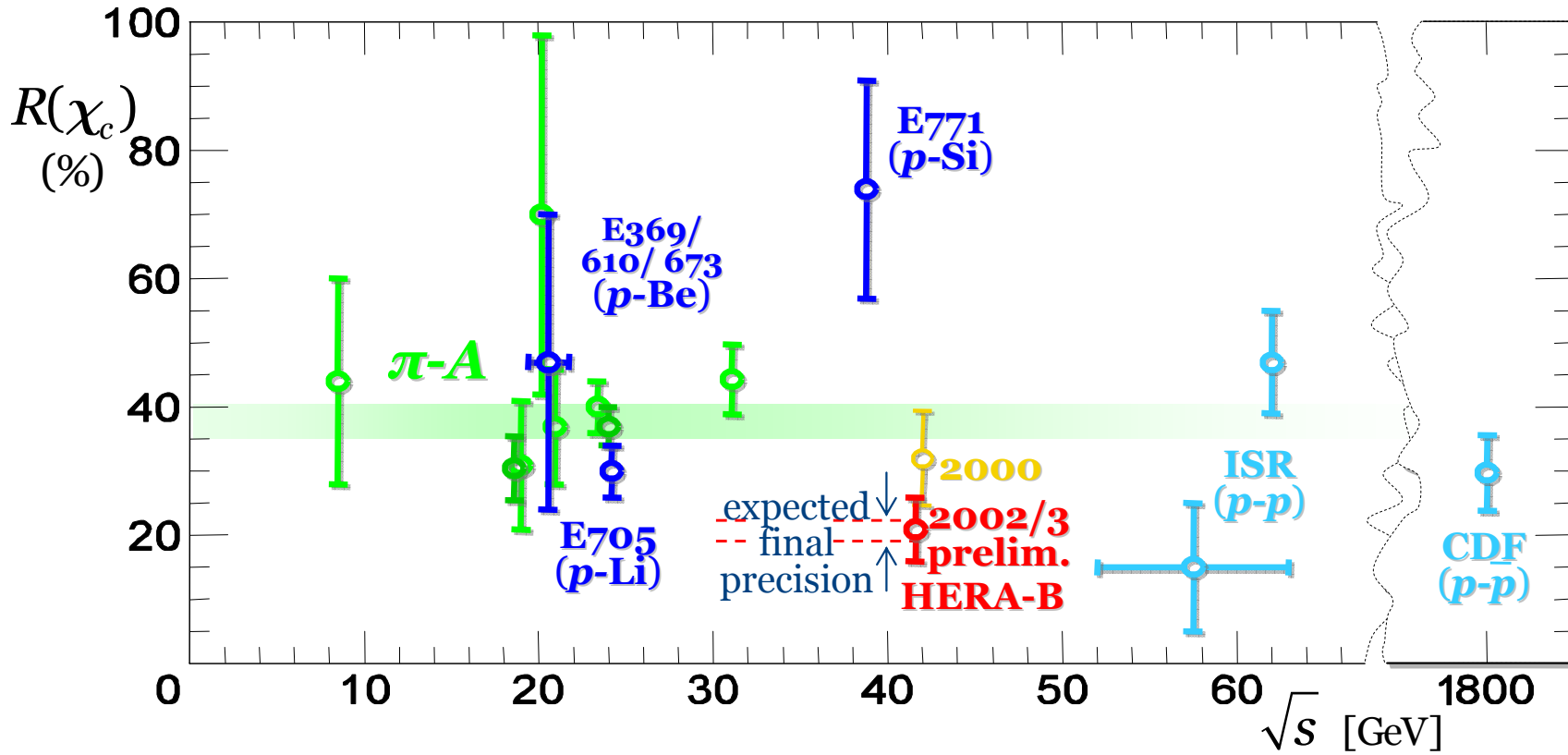
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**Preliminary: 2002/3 data**  
 $10080 \pm 740$   $\chi_c$ 's ( $\mu\mu$ )  $5870 \pm 660$   $\chi_c$ 's ( $e^+e^-$ )  
 (the largest ever analyzed)

*Fraction of  $J/\psi$  from  $\chi_c \rightarrow R(\chi_c) = 0.21 \pm 0.05$*

# $R_{\chi_c}$ experimental situation



Not clear experimental panorama

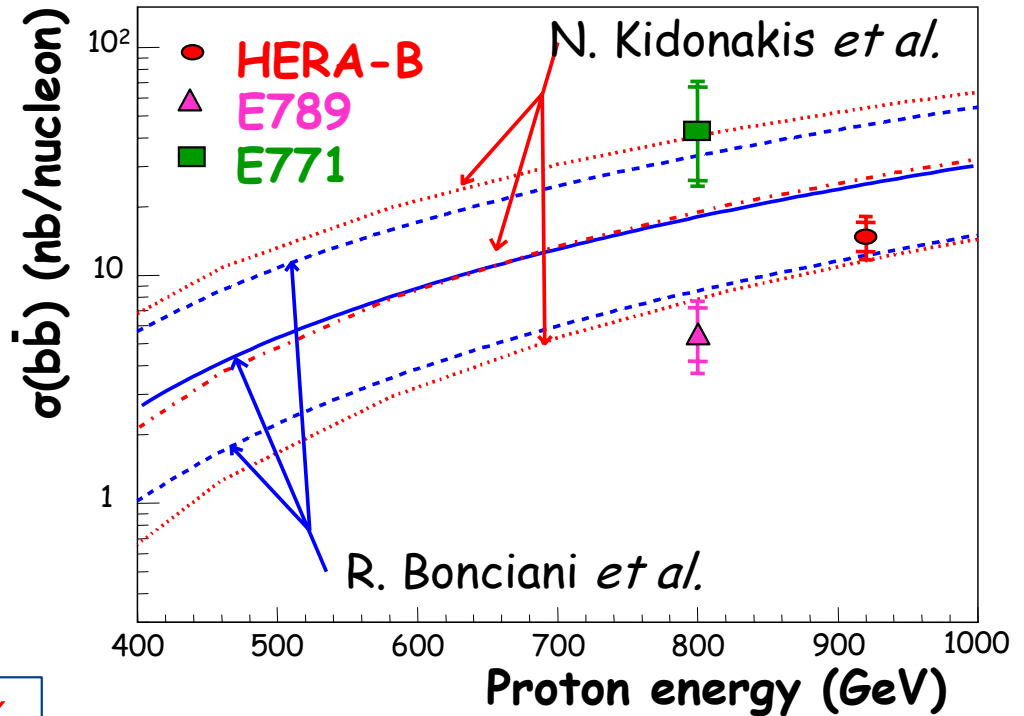
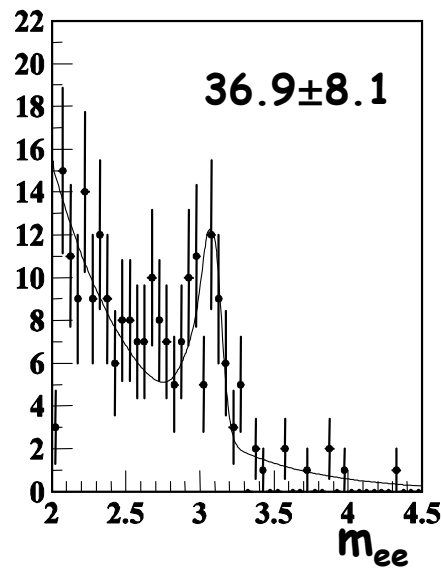
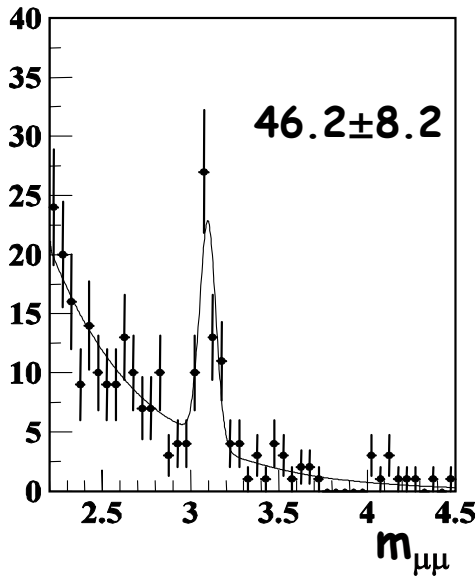
# Open beauty production



$$R_{\Delta\sigma} = \frac{\sigma_{b\bar{b}}}{\sigma_{J/\psi}} = \frac{n_B}{n_{J/\psi}} \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon_R \cdot \epsilon_B^{\Delta z} \cdot Br(b\bar{b} \rightarrow J/\psi X)}$$

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$R_{\Delta\sigma} = 0.032 \pm 0.005_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.004_{\text{syst}}$   
 $\sigma(b\bar{b}) = 14.9 \pm 2.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.4_{\text{syst}} \text{ nb/nucleon}$



$(21 \pm 5)\%$

$(7.0 \pm 0.4)\%$

$(0.065 \pm 0.011)\%$

$$\sigma_{\text{DIR}}^{J/\psi} = \sigma_{\text{TOT}}^{J/\psi} \left[ 1 - R \left[ \chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi \right] - R \left[ \psi' \rightarrow J/\psi \right] - R \left[ b \rightarrow J/\psi \right] - \dots \right]$$

$\sigma_{pN}^{J/\psi} [41.6 \text{ GeV}] = (663 \pm 74_{\text{stat}} \pm 46_{\text{syst}}) \text{ nb/nucl}$

extracted from MB

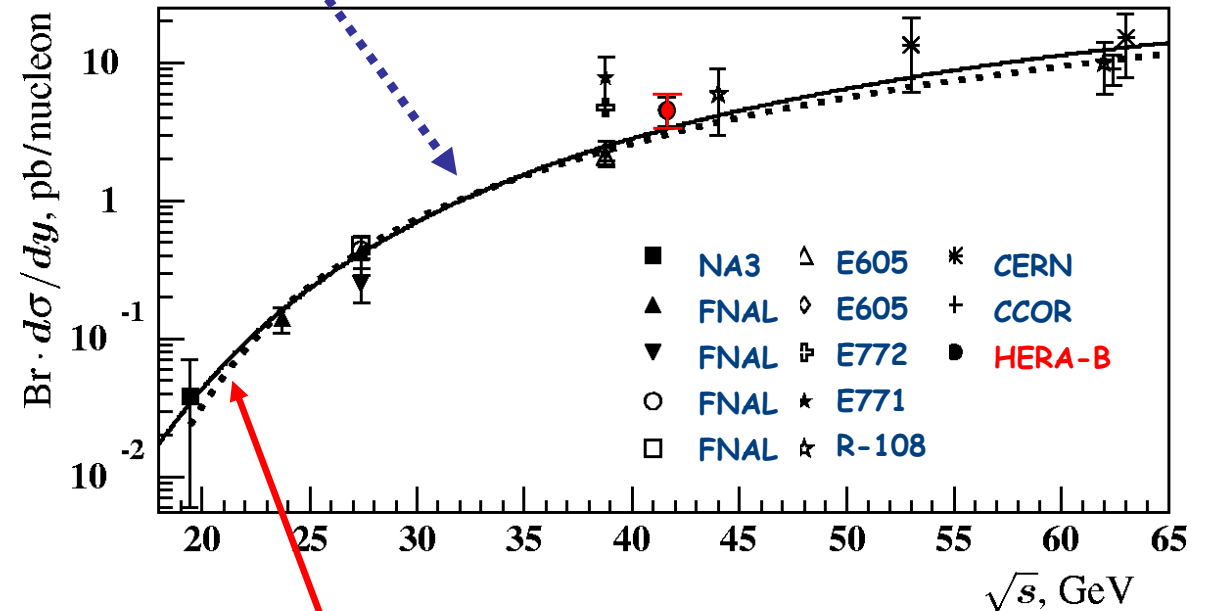
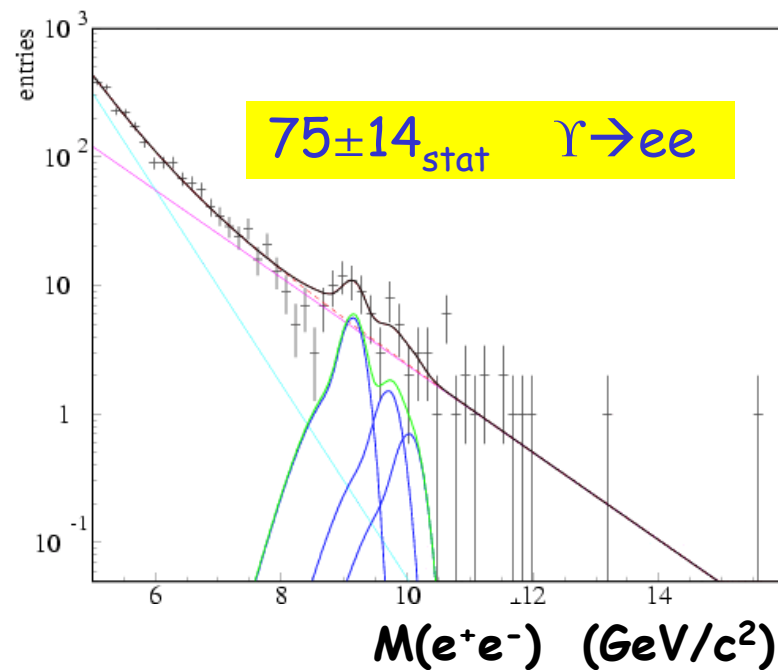
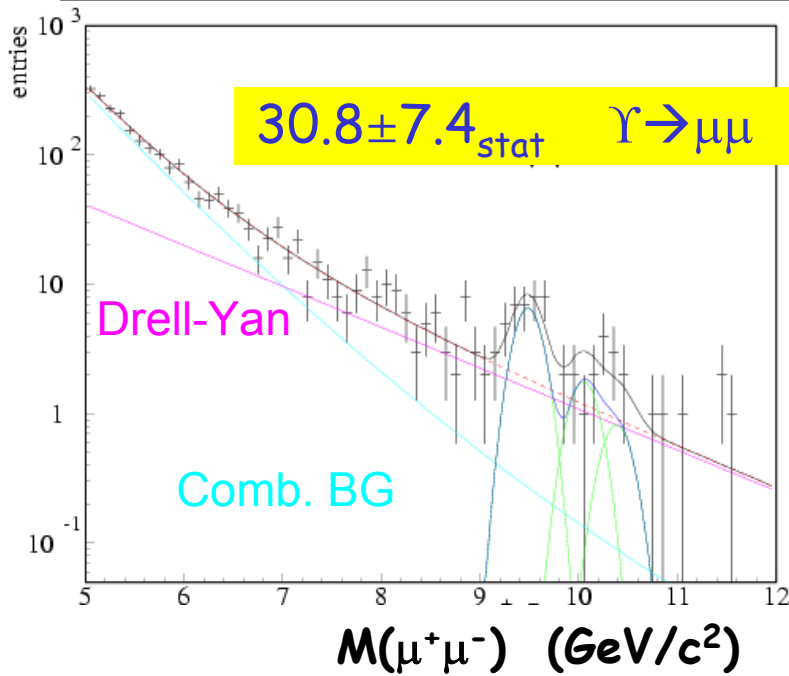
# Hidden beauty production

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$$pN \rightarrow \Upsilon + X, \quad \Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-, e^+e^-$$

$$\frac{Br(Y \rightarrow l^+l^-) \cdot \frac{d\sigma}{dy}(Y)|_{y=0}}{Br(J/\Psi \rightarrow l^+l^-) \cdot \sigma_{J/\Psi}} = \frac{n_Y}{n_{J/\Psi}} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon^{J/\Psi}}{\varepsilon^Y} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta y_{eff}}$$

NLO calculation inside CEM (hep-ph/0311048)

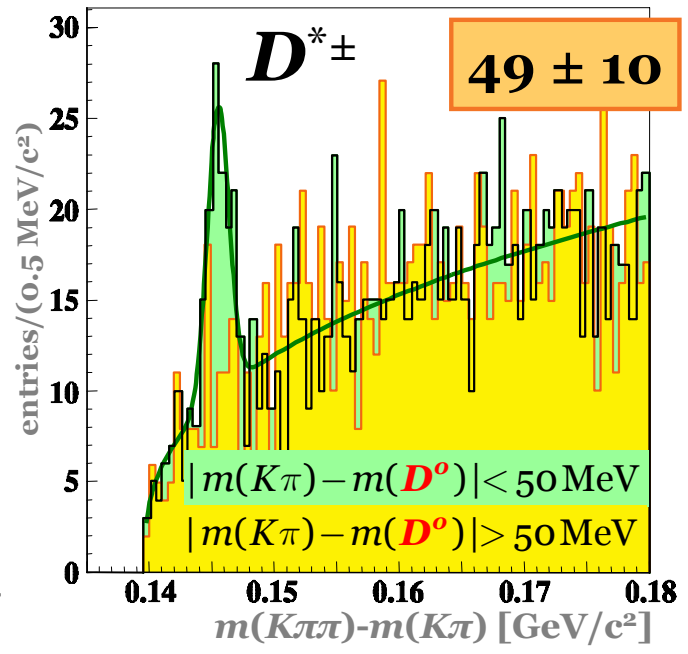
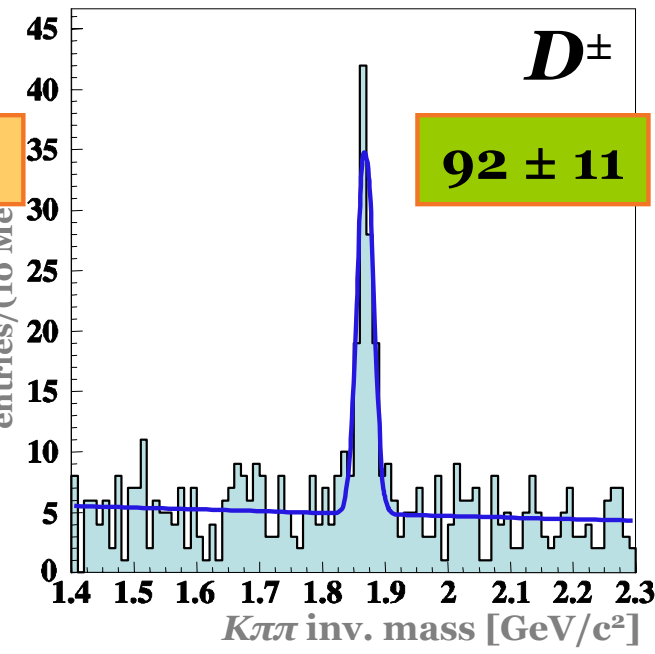
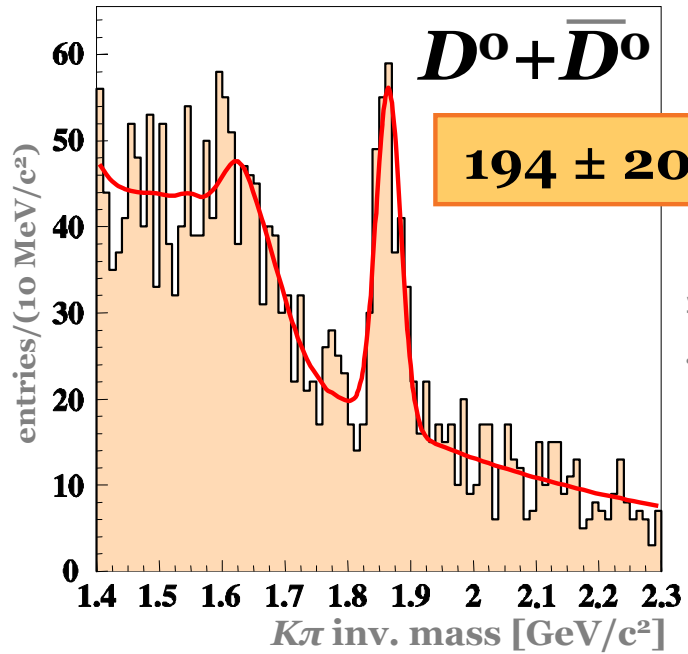
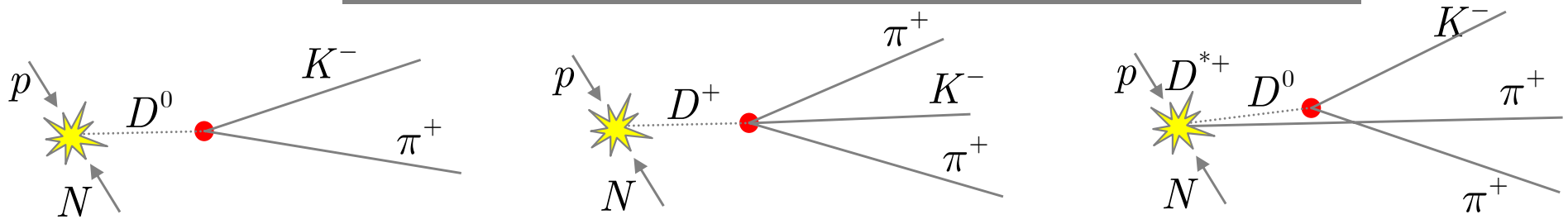


$$Br \times \frac{d\sigma_Y}{dy} \Big|_{y=0}(\sqrt{s}) = \sigma_o \exp\left(-\frac{m_o}{\sqrt{s}}\right)$$

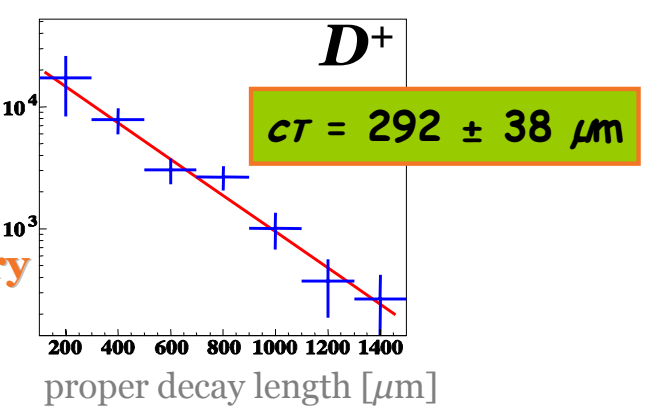
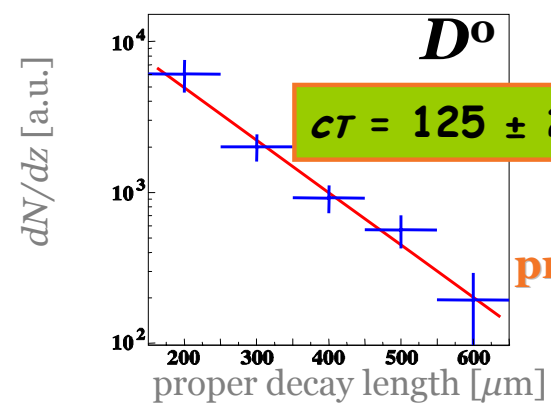
Craigie parametrization

# Open charm production: signals

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agreement with PDG values



preliminary

# Open charm production: cross sections

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For Isospin symmetry and feeddown BRs, expected

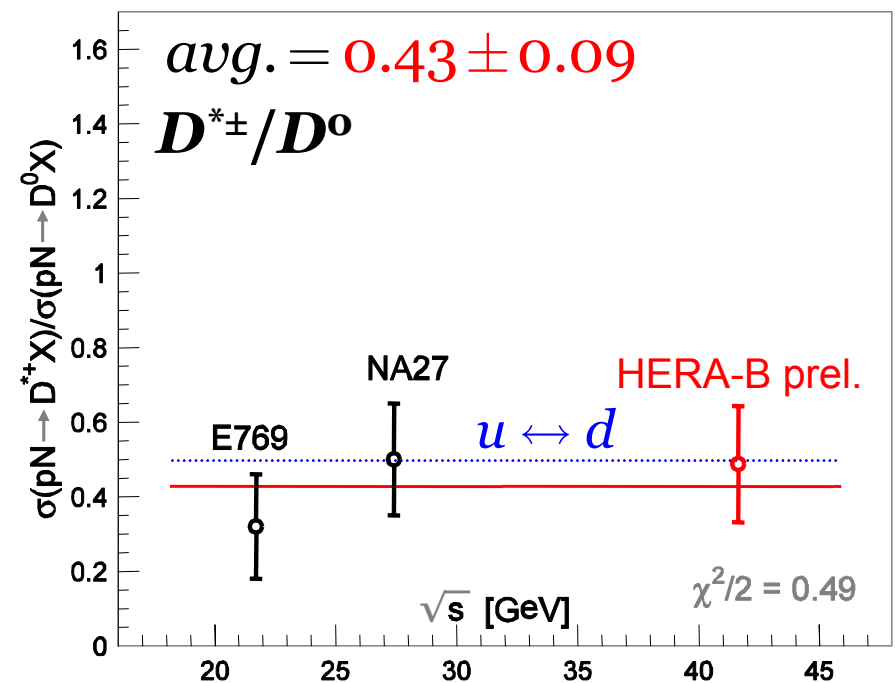
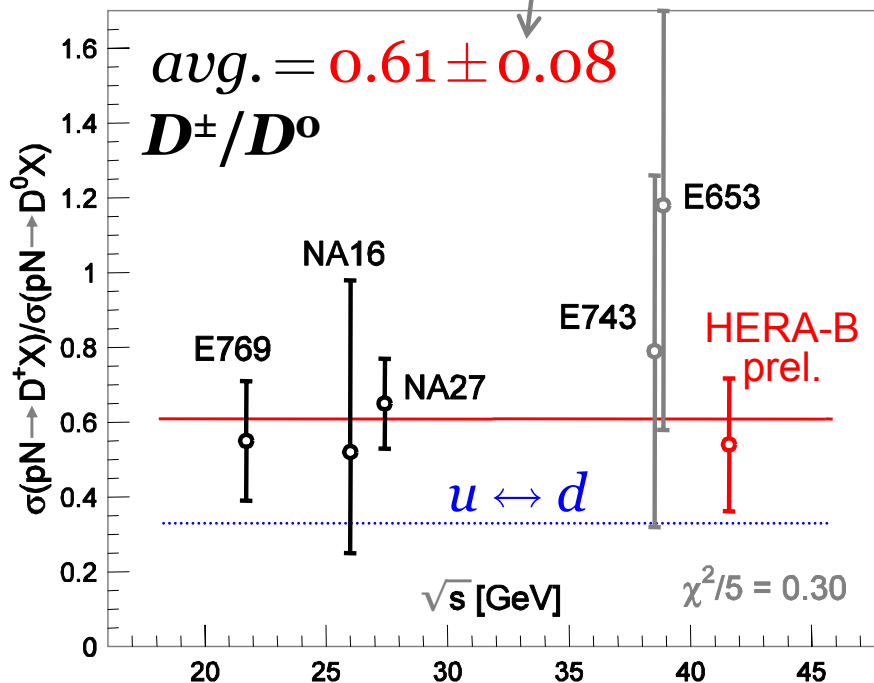
preliminary	$-0.1 < x_F < 0.05$	full $x_F$ range
$\sigma(D^0)$ [ $\mu\text{b}/\text{nucl}$ ]	$21.4 \pm 3.2 \pm 3.6$	$56.3 \pm 8.5 \pm 9.5$
$\sigma(D^+)$ [ $\mu\text{b}/\text{nucl}$ ]	$11.5 \pm 1.7 \pm 2.2$	$30.2 \pm 4.5 \pm 5.8$
$\sigma(D^{*+})$ [ $\mu\text{b}/\text{nucl}$ ]	$10.0 \pm 1.9 \pm 1.4$	$27.8 \pm 5.2 \pm 3.9$
$\sigma(D^+)/\sigma(D^0)$	$0.54 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.14$	
$\sigma(D^{*+})/\sigma(D^0)$	$0.49 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.10$	

$$\sigma_{\text{INCL}}(D^\pm)/\sigma_{\text{INCL}}(D^0) = 0.326 \pm 0.003$$

violated by  $1.87 \pm .25$

$$\sigma_{\text{INCL}}(D^{*\pm})/\sigma_{\text{INCL}}(D^0) = 0.497 \pm 0.001$$

Important test for QCD

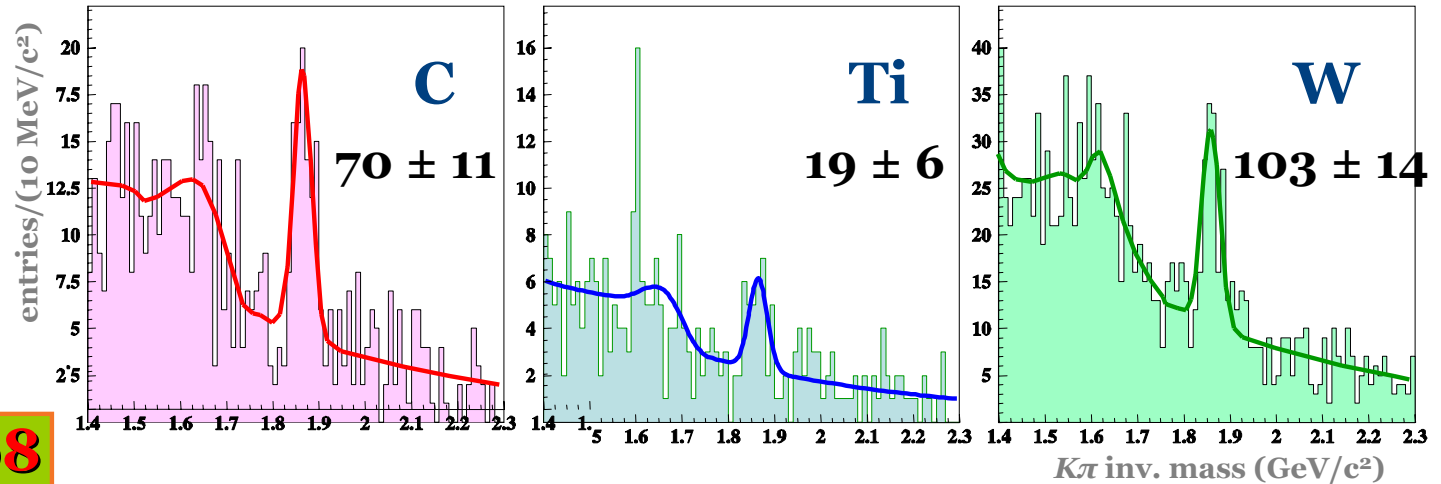




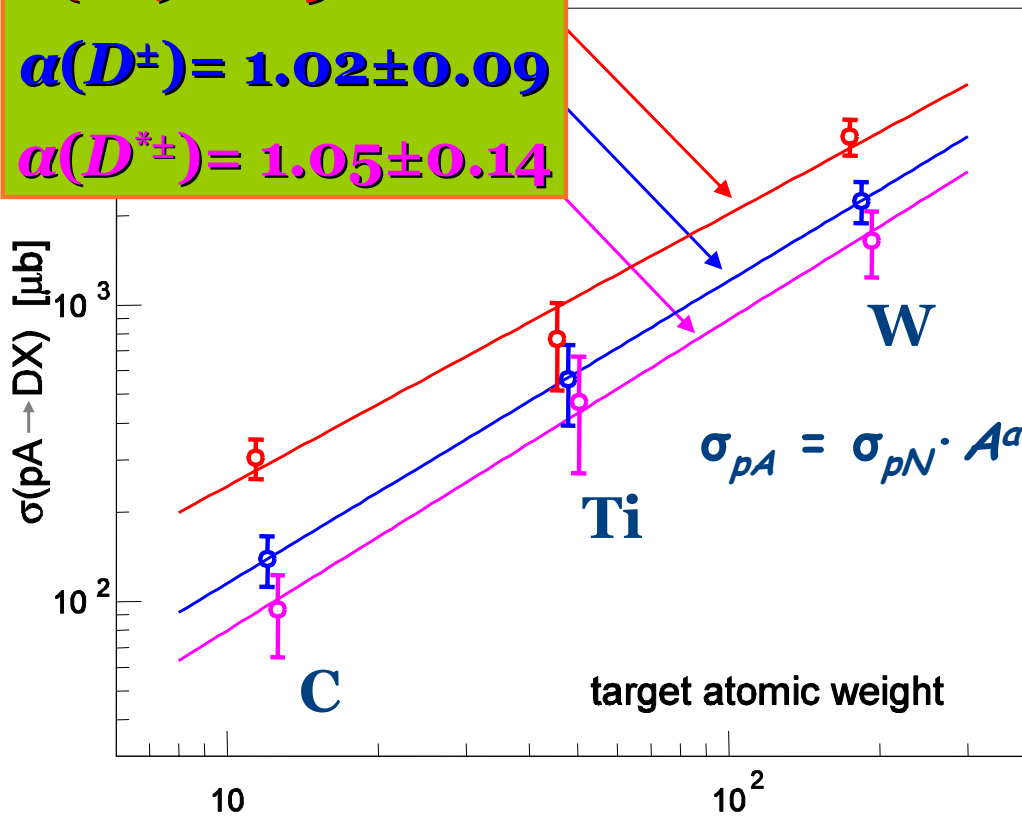
# Open charm production: A dependence

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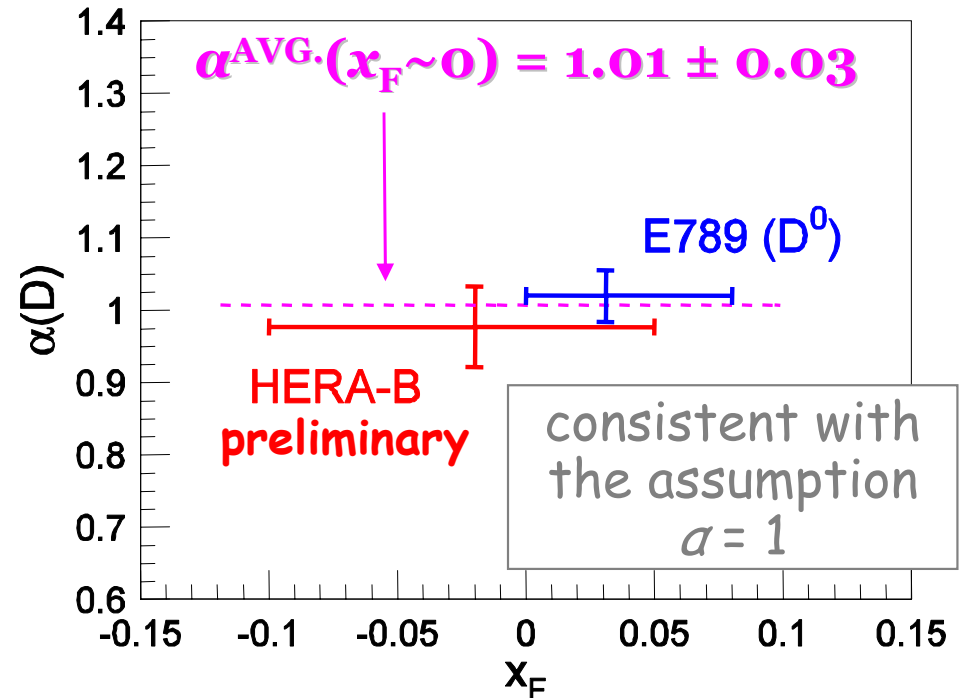
mass spectra  
by target material  
(e.g. for  $D^0$ ):



$\alpha(D^0) = 0.92 \pm 0.08$   
 $\alpha(D^\pm) = 1.02 \pm 0.09$   
 $\alpha(D^{*\pm}) = 1.05 \pm 0.14$



experimental panorama

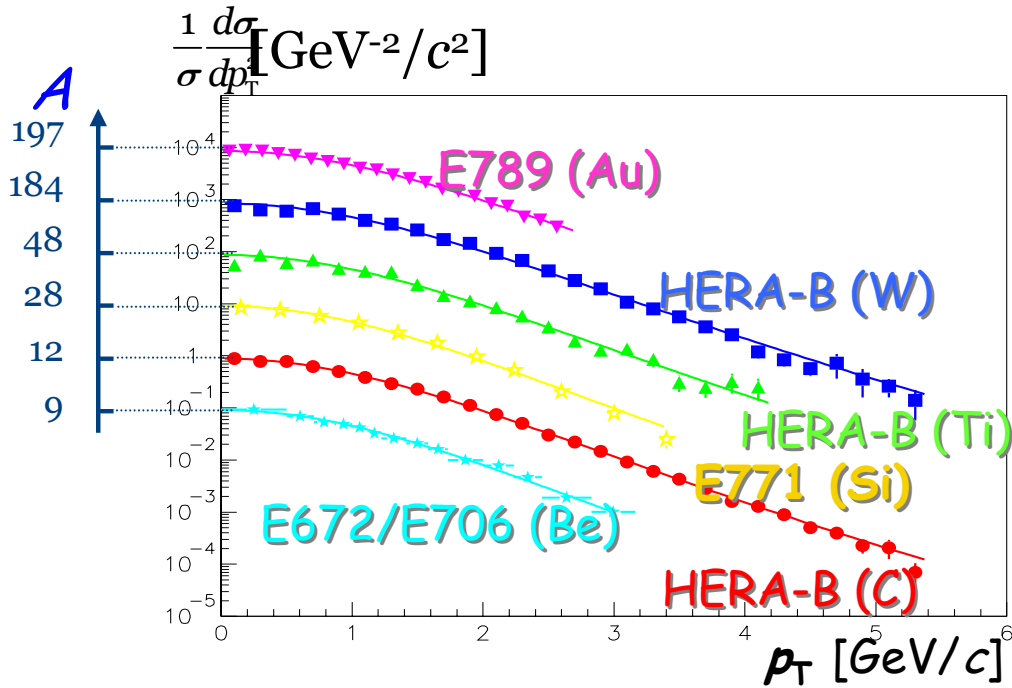


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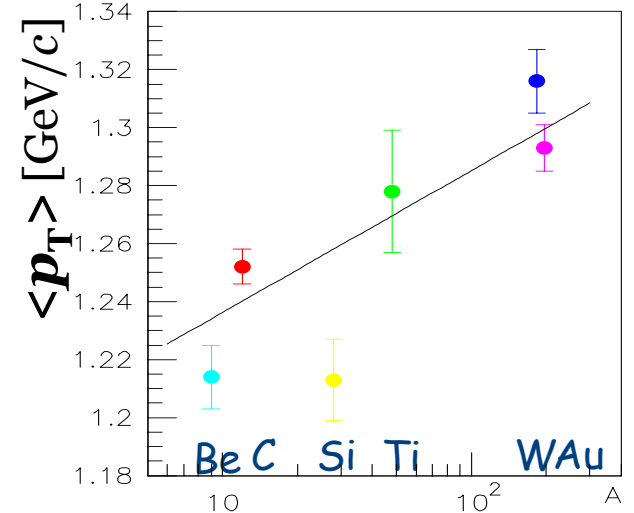
- Many physics topics addressed by HERA-B
- Detector
  - Large acceptance and good PID
- High statistics, clean signals
- Study on heavy flavor production
  - Detailed charmonium studies
    - wide kinematical coverage ( $p_T, x_F$ )
    - Two decay channels
    - Feeddown to  $J/\psi$
    - Nuclear effects
  - Open charm cross sections
  - Open and hidden beauty production
- Extension of the previous experimental panorama

# Summary slides

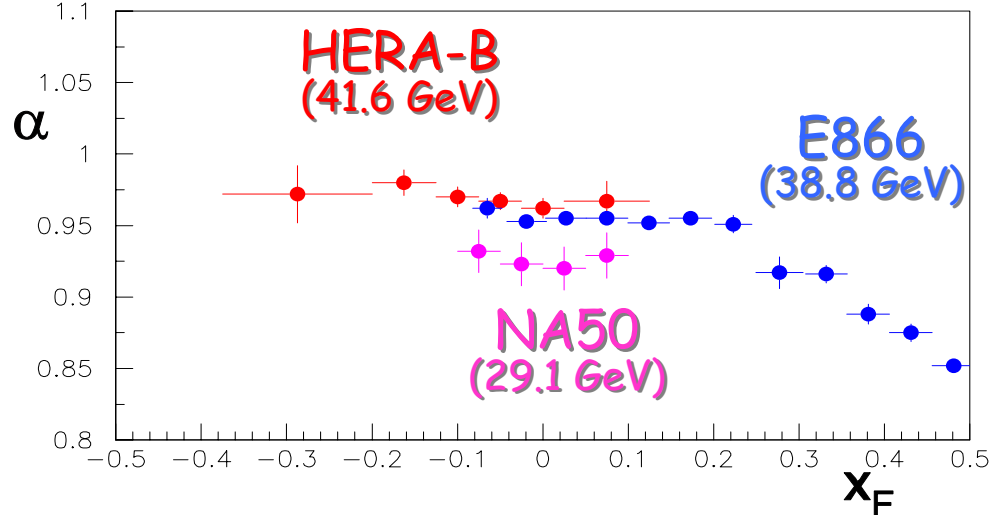
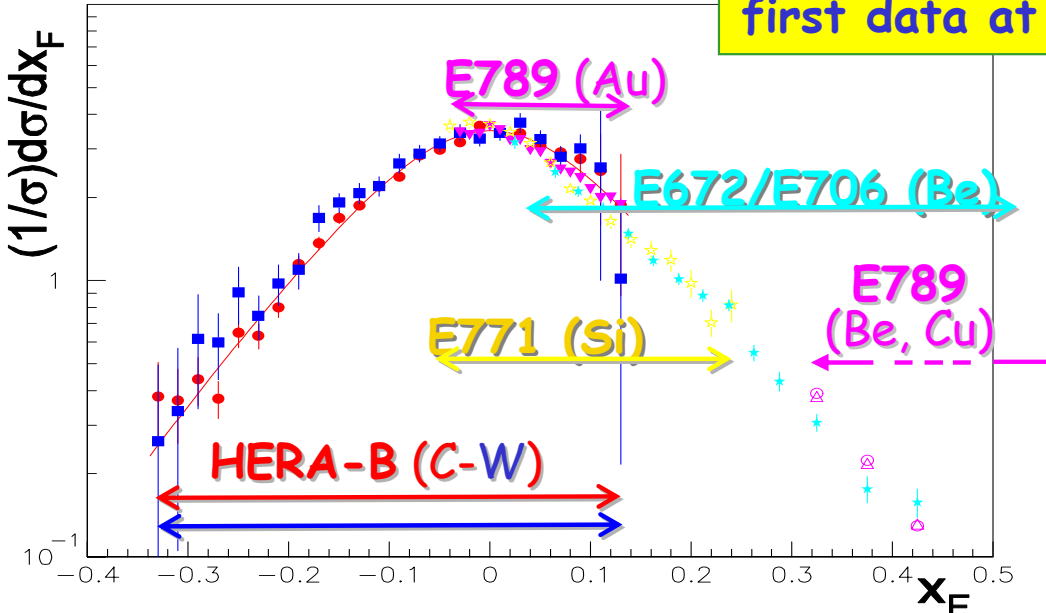
# J/ψ production distributions and nuclear effects



$\langle p_T \rangle$  grows with  $\log A$ :

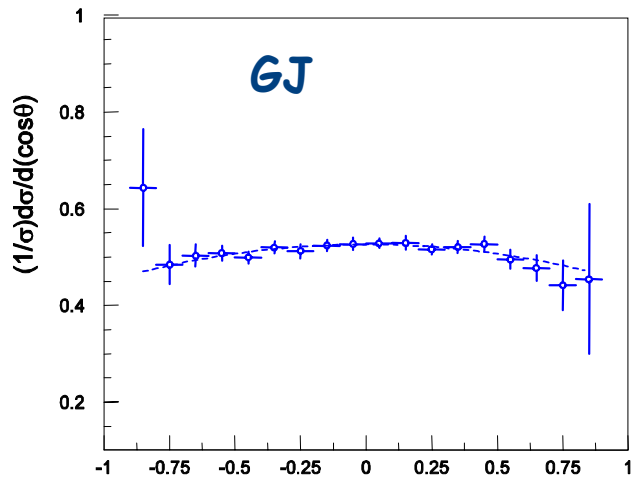


first data at negative  $x_F$   $K \in [5:6]$



# J/ψ polarization

Measured in different reference system (CS, GJ, HCM) and wrt  $p_T$  and  $x_F$

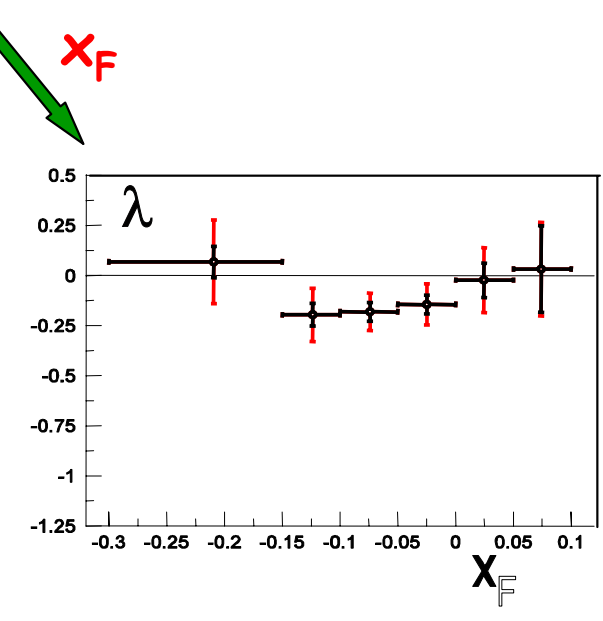
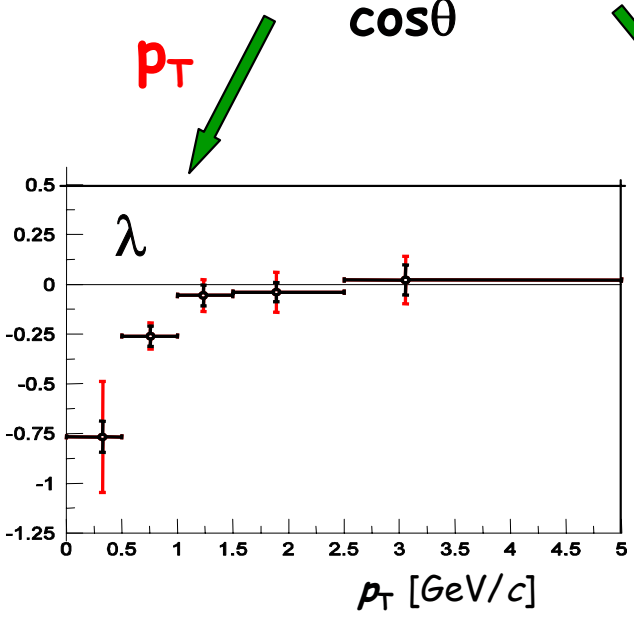


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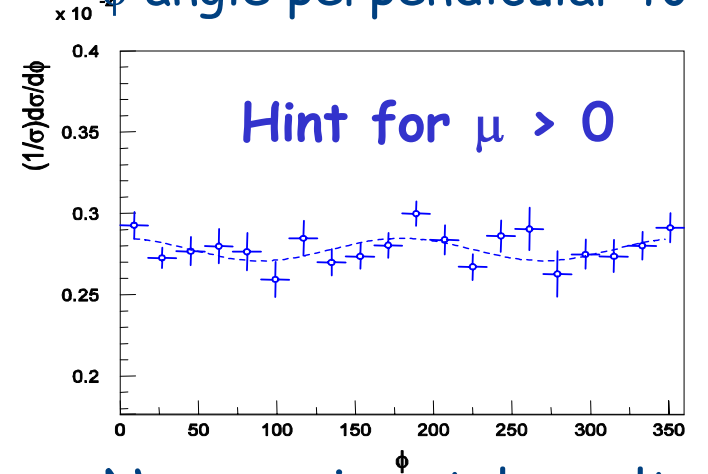
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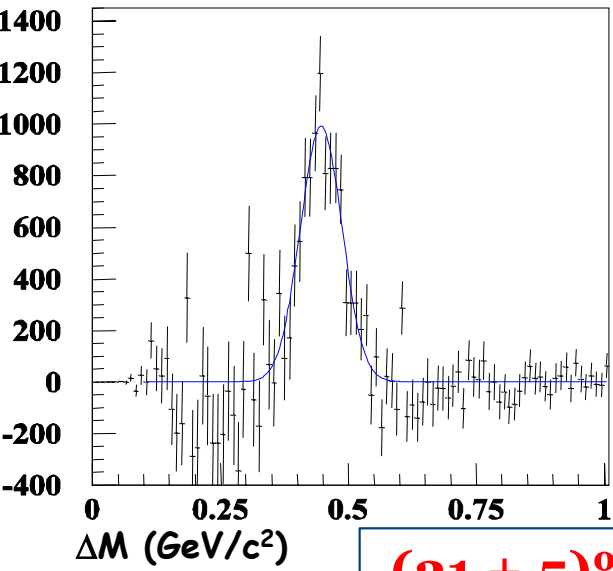


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# Feddown to J/ψ



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(with J/ψ  $\rightarrow$   $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $e^+e^-$ )

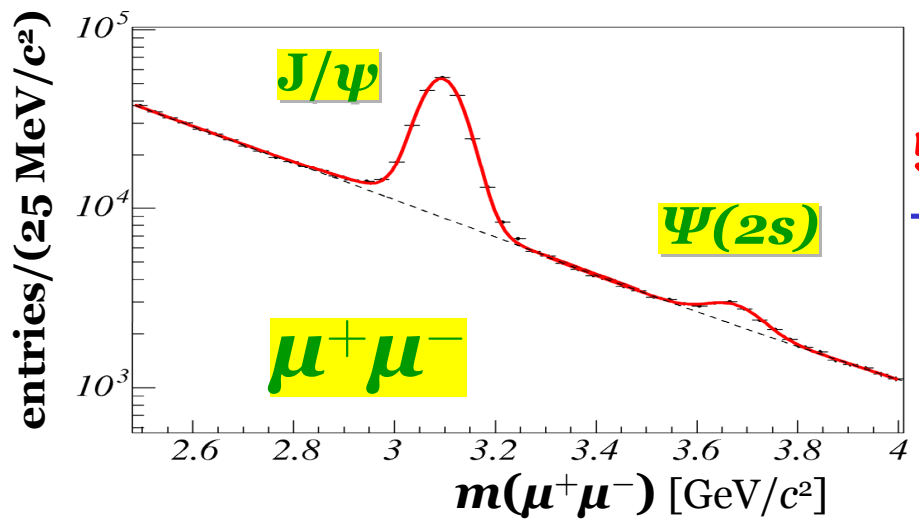
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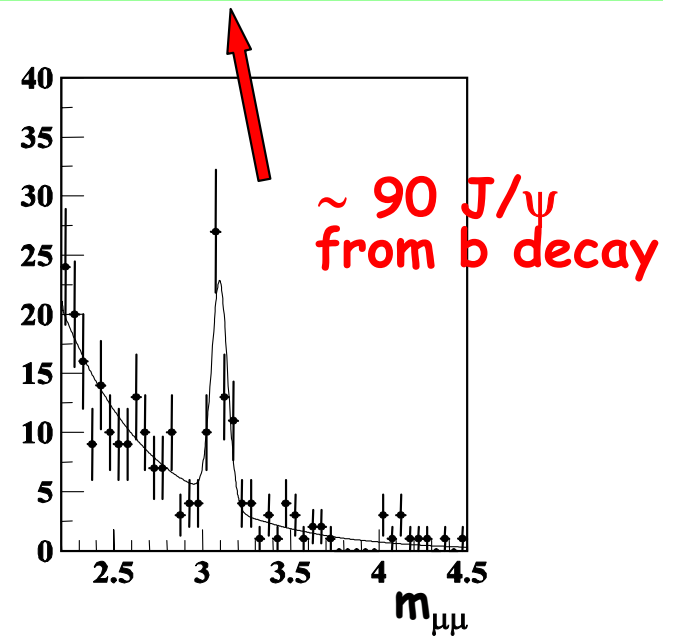
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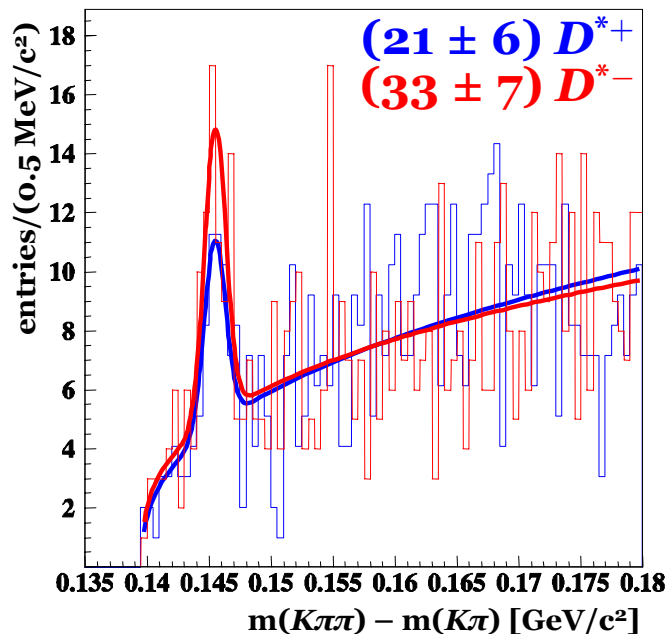


5.5K  $\psi(2S)$   
 $\rightarrow$   $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $e^+e^-$



# Spare slides

# Preliminary results on particle-antiparticle asymmetry



“Leading-Particle” asymmetries:

$$a_{LP} = \frac{\sigma_{LP} - \sigma_{nonLP}}{\sigma_{LP} + \sigma_{nonLP}}$$

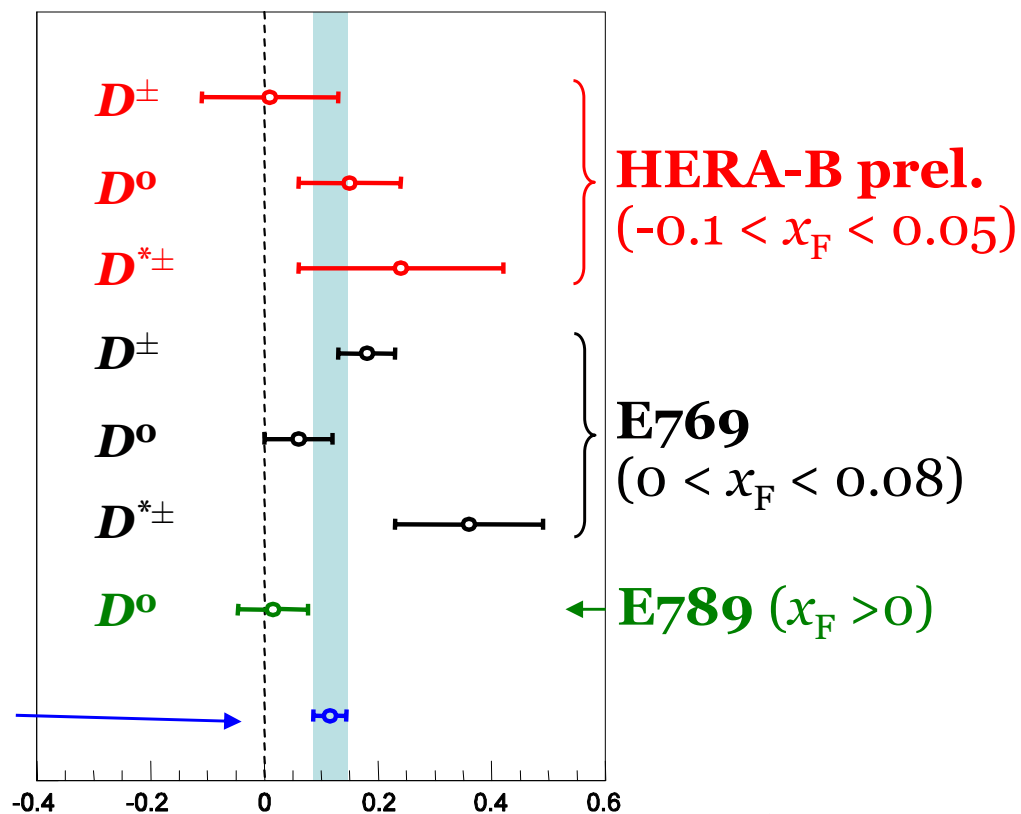
LP: has a light quark in common with the beam particle

*p* beam: LP=antiparticle

	<i>Asymm.</i>
$D^\pm$	$0.01 \pm 0.12$
$D^0$	$0.15 \pm 0.09$
$D^{*\pm}$	$0.24 \pm 0.18$

pQCD:  $a_{LP} = 0$  at LO and  $\ll 1$  at NLO

*p*-A “average”  
 $0.12 \pm 0.03$





# J/ψ cross section: signals

$$\sigma_{J/\psi}^{(A)} = \frac{N_{J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^- / \mu^+\mu^-}^{(A)}}{Br(J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^- / \mu^+\mu^-) \cdot \mathcal{L}^{(A)} \cdot \epsilon^{(A)}}$$

for each target material  
(A = 12 [C], 48 [Ti], 184 [W])

N → number of J/ψ

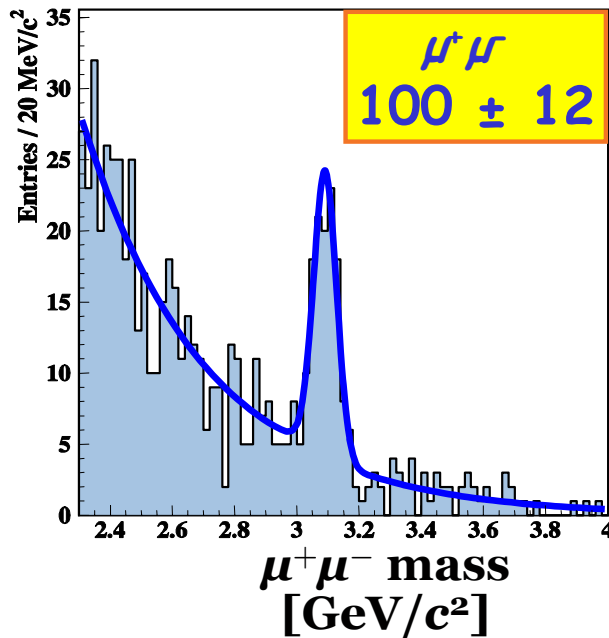
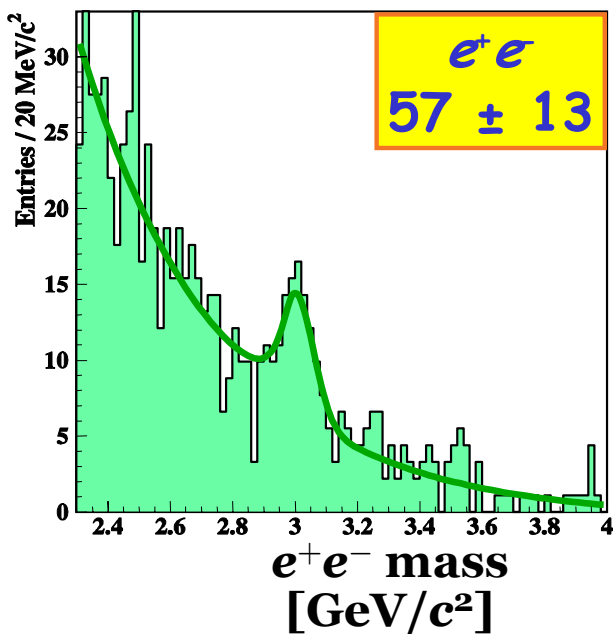
ε → efficiency

ℒ → Luminosity

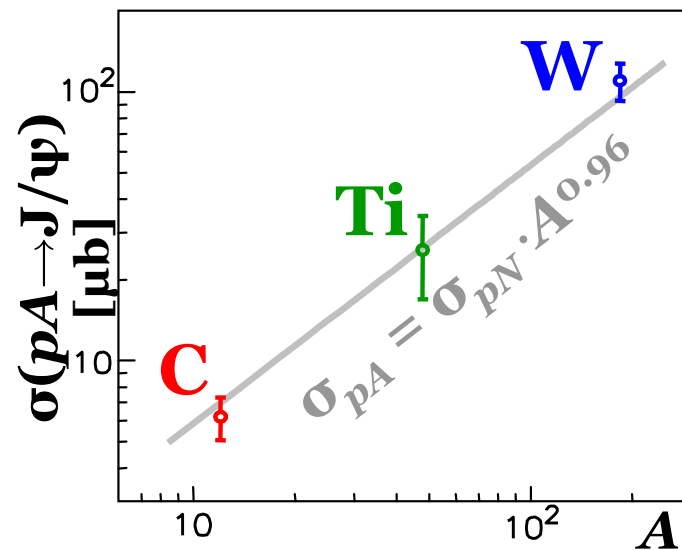
BR → branching ratio

***inclusive***  
**measurement**

used MB data to minimize  
trigger systematics

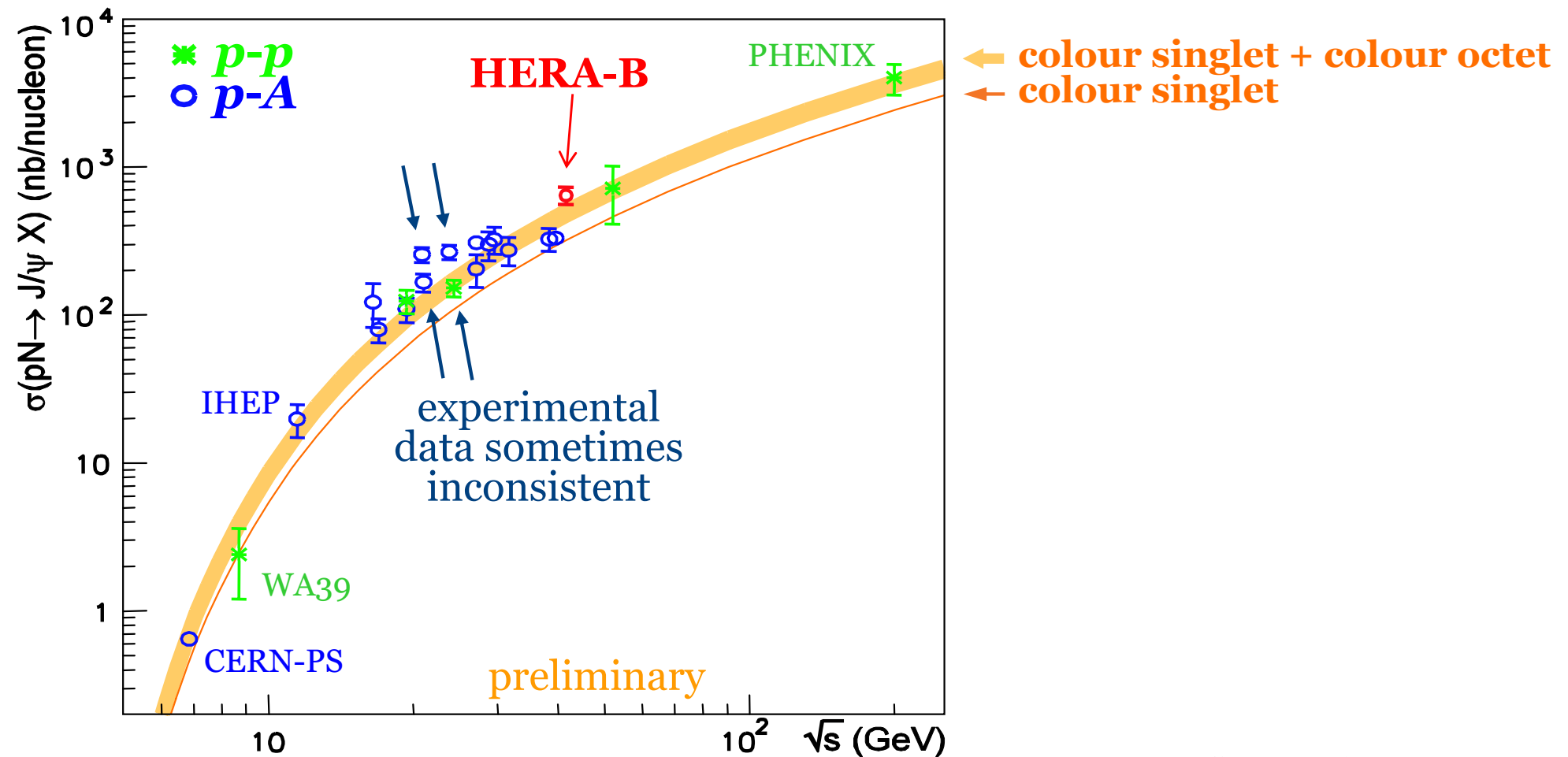


$$\sigma_{pN}(J/\psi) = (663 \pm 74_{\text{stat}} \pm 46_{\text{syst}}) \text{ nb/nucl}$$



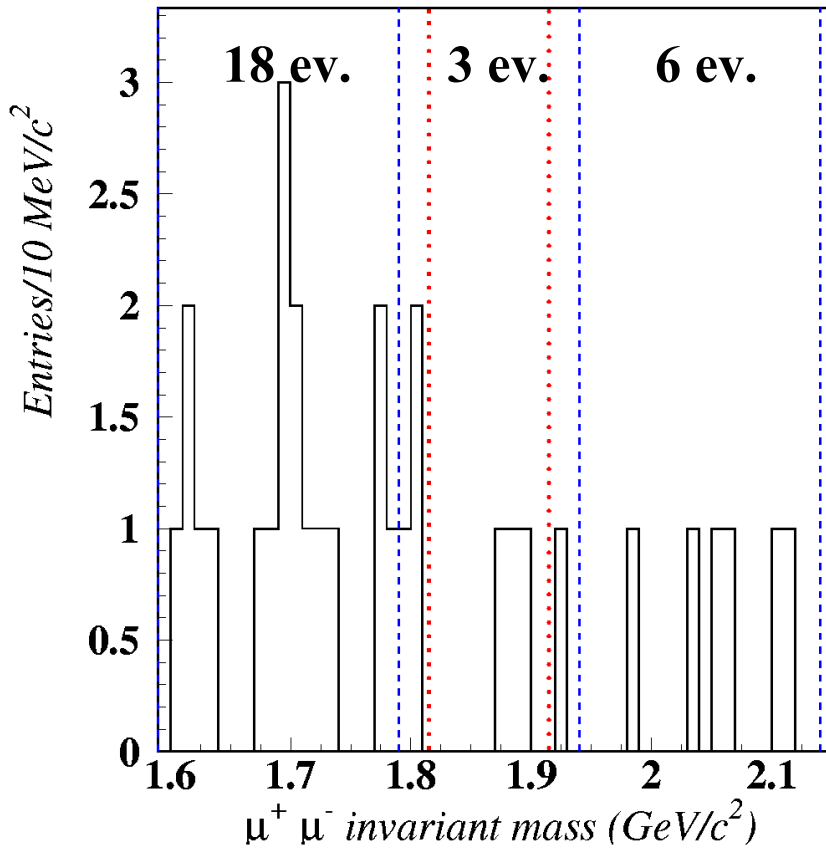
# J/ψ cross section: experiments and theory

- $\sigma_{pN}$  and  $\sigma_{pp}$  results with  $\sqrt{s}$  from 6.8 to 200 GeV
- all measurements corrected for the same updated BRs and  $A$ -dep. parameter
- theoretical curve: fit to J/ψ measurements +  $\psi'$  cross sections and  $\psi'/\psi$  production ratios (29 results in all) in the context of NLO NRQCD (F. Maltoni)



# $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

expected BR for Standard Model  $\sim 10^{-19}$   
supersymmetric model enhances to  $\sim 10^{-7}$



Upper limit on the branching ratio:

$$BR(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (90\% cl)}$$

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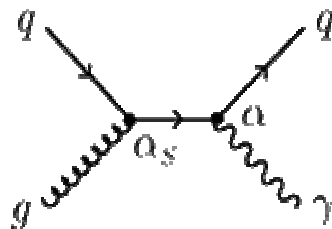
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Previous limit:

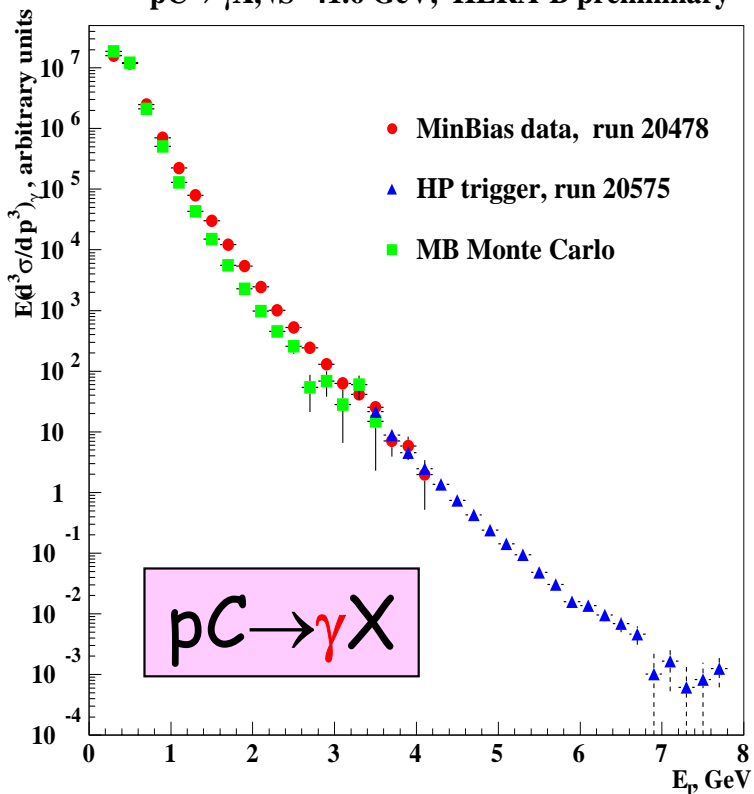
$$CDF: BR(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$$

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**Direct  $\gamma$  production:**  
 dominant process  $gq \rightarrow \gamma q$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Unique sensitivity to  
 gluon density function



$pC \rightarrow \gamma X, \sqrt{S}=41.6$  GeV, HERA-B preliminary



$pC \rightarrow \gamma X$

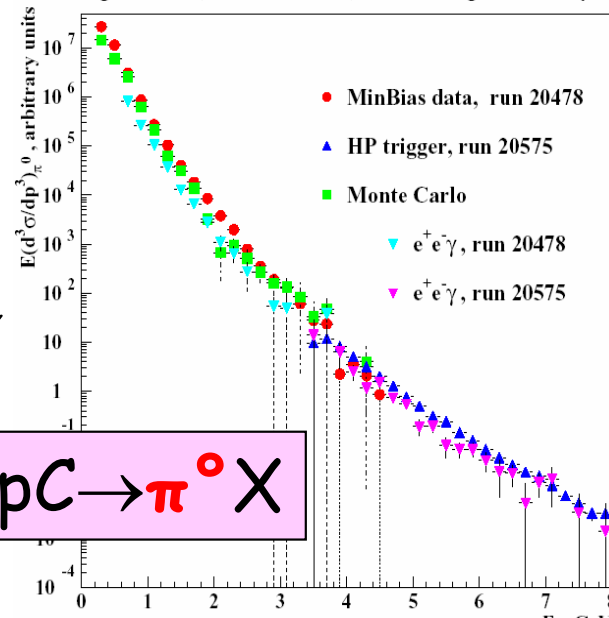
(normalization still arbitrary)

Main bkg sources, also important to test QCD

**HERA-B:**

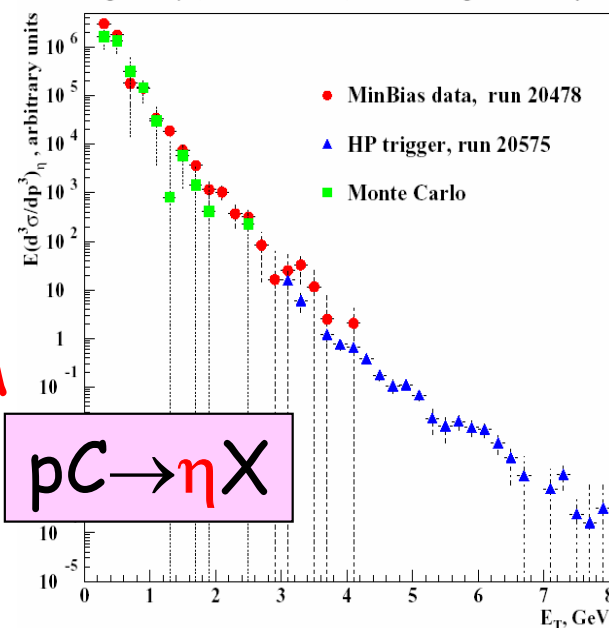
- Widest rapidity range
- Large  $p_T$  range
- Highest energy for  $pA$
- Ongoing analysis on heavier materials

$pC \rightarrow \pi^0 X, \sqrt{S}=41.6$  GeV, HERA-B preliminary



$pC \rightarrow \pi^0 X$

$pC \rightarrow \eta X, \sqrt{S}=41.6$  GeV, HERA-B preliminary



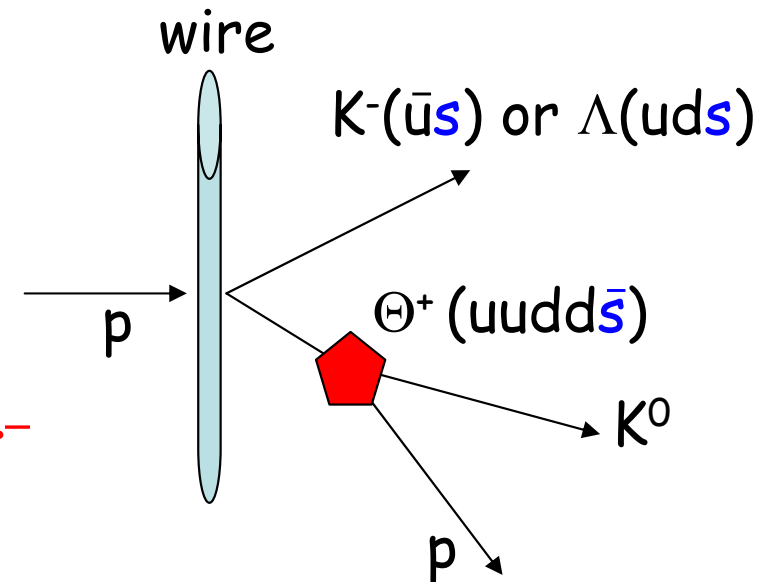
$pC \rightarrow \eta X$

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## Possible pentaquark states

$\Theta^+(1530, uudd\bar{s}) \rightarrow pK^0$  (or  $nK^+$ )

$\Xi^{--}(ddss\bar{u}) \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^-$  (or  $\Sigma^- K^-) \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- \pi^-$   
and charge c.

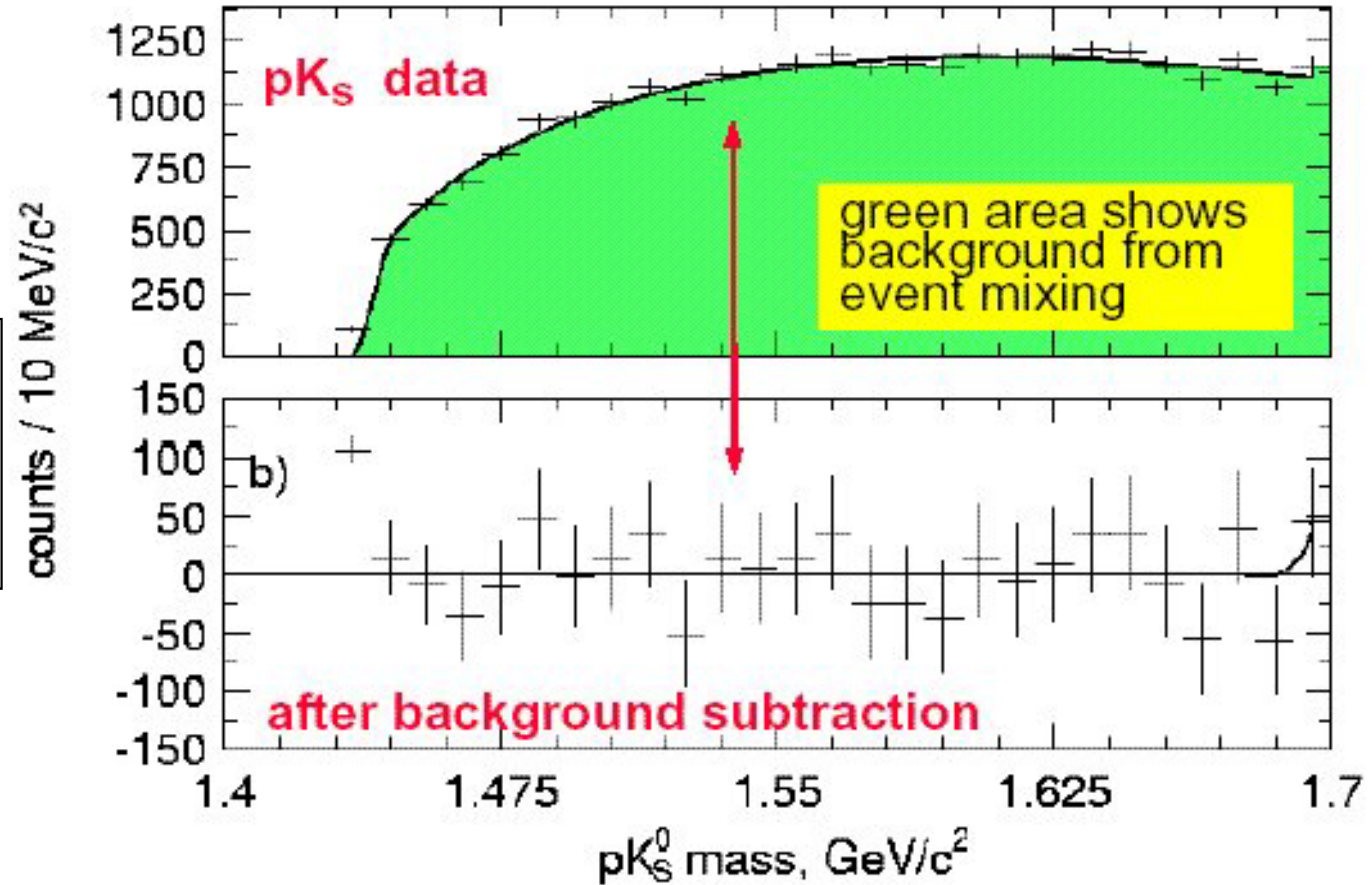


Use the full MB data sample (~210M evts, 3 nuclear targets C, Ti, W) to:

- search for the reported pentaquark signals
- provide upper limits on particle yield ratios (vs  $\Lambda(1520)$  and  $\Xi^0(1530)$ )
- possibly determine physical quantities (width, spin, parity, charge) of pentaquarks for different final states ( $p-K^0$ ,  $\Xi-\pi$ )

# Pentaquark search $\Theta^+ \rightarrow pK^0$

sensitivity in  
 $BR \cdot (d\sigma/dx_f)$   
 $\sim 5 \mu\text{b}/\text{nucleon}$

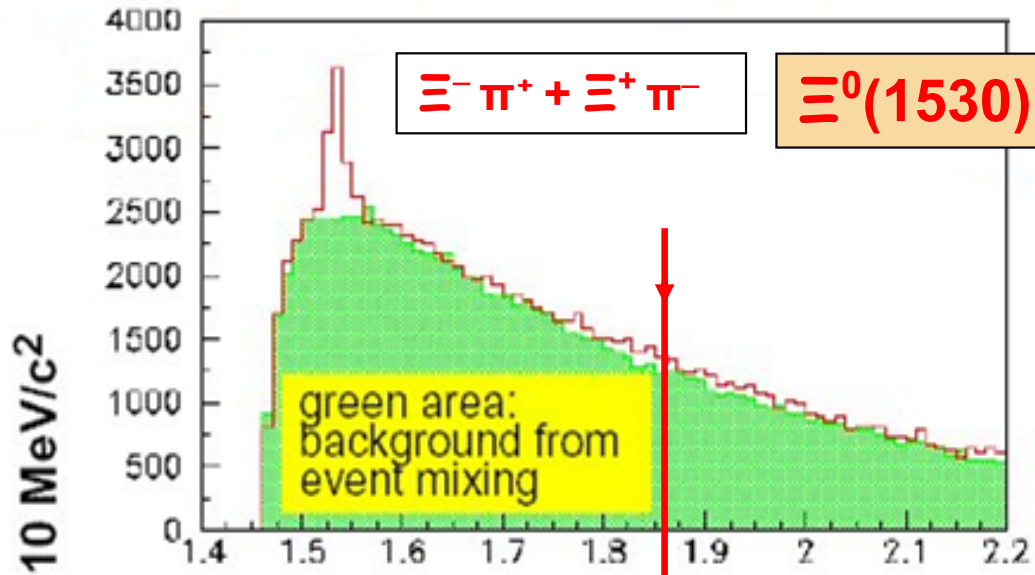


- No evidence of signals where expected ( $\sim 1530 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ )
- Upper limit on particle yield ratio:
 

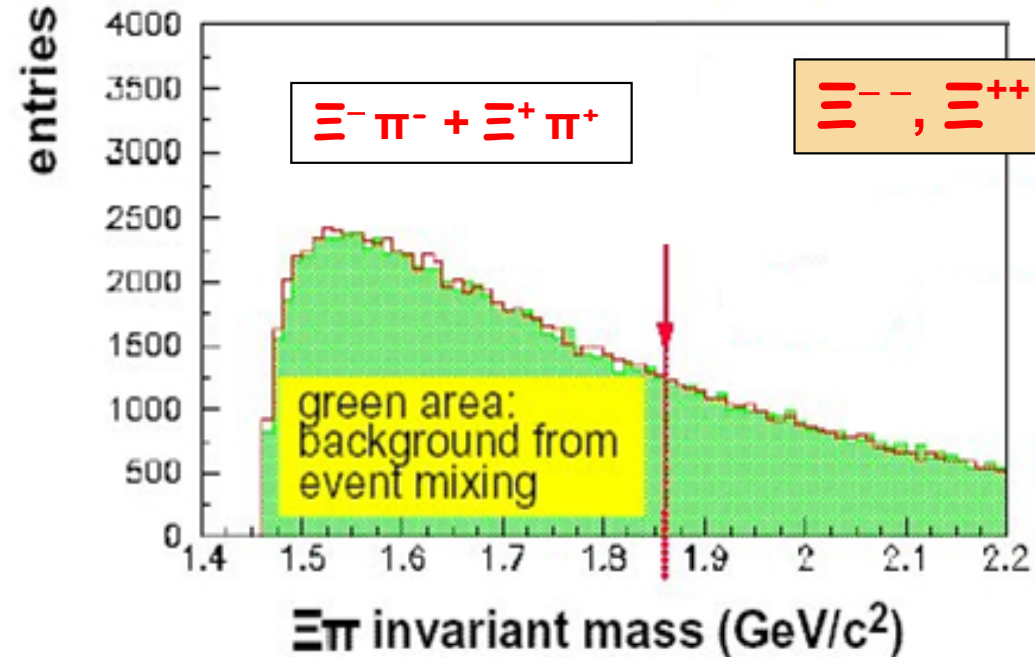
$\Theta^+/\Lambda_{1520} < 0.02$ at 95% C.L.	}	assuming $BR(\Theta^+ \rightarrow pK_S) = 0.25$
(Hermes: $\sim 1.6 \div 3.5$ )		
- Upper Limit on  $\frac{Bd\sigma}{dy} \Big|_{y \sim 0}$  is 3.7 (2.5)  $\mu\text{b}/\text{nucl}$  for  $\Theta^+$  ( $\Xi^{--}$ )

# Pentaquark search $\Xi^{--}(\Xi^{++}) \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^- (\Xi^+ \pi^+)$

(31)



Good  $\Xi^0(1530)$  reconstruction



- No evidence of  $\Xi^{--}, \Xi^{++}$  around  $1862 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Upper limits (95% cl):
  - $\Xi^{--}(1862) / \Xi^0(1530) < 0.077$
  - $\Xi^{++}(1862) / \Xi^0(1530) < 0.058$