Cascade Update  $\Xi^{-}(1530)$ Cross Section Update

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## Outline

- Review of Cuts
- Confidence Level Study
- *t*-slope matching
- Cross Section



#### Cuts on Data

• Exclude events where both Kaons come from start timer or NULL events

• Above a confidence level of .0001

• Invariant mass of  $\Lambda\pi^-$  (note  $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$ ) between 1.31-1.34 GeV/ $c^2$ 



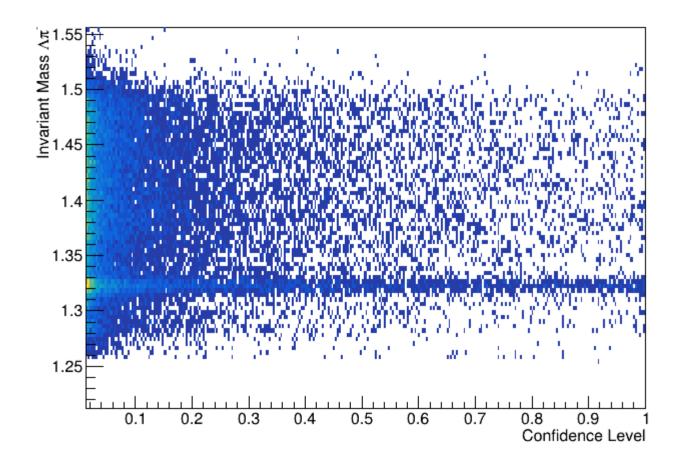
### Decay Chain

# $\gamma p \rightarrow K^{+} K^{+} \Xi^{-*} (1530)$ $\Xi^{-*} (1530) \rightarrow \Xi^{-} \pi^{0}$ $\Xi^{-} \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^{-}$

- The  $\Lambda$  and  $\pi^0$  are Kinfit
- Data comes from Spring 18



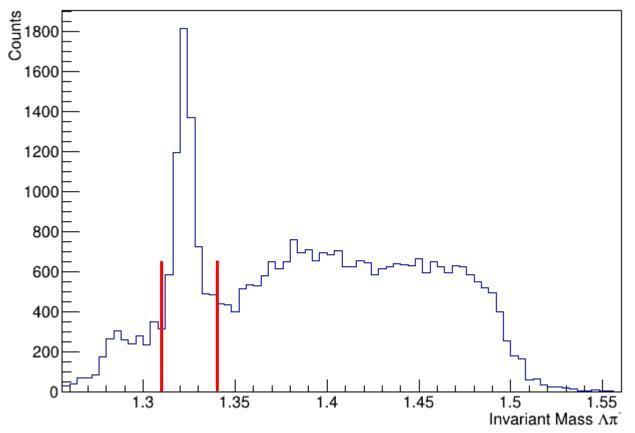
## Confidence Level Cut



- There is a bound state signal around the mass of the cascade
- I selected events with a CL cut above  $10^{-4}\,$



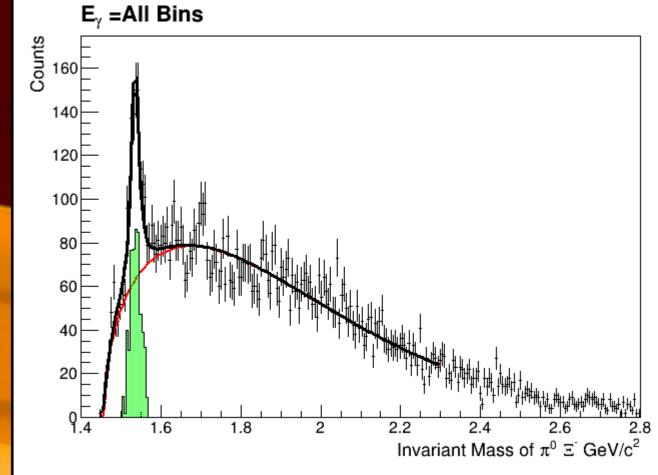
## Cascade Mass Cut



- The cascade mass, with a detector cut and confidence level cut produced the following plot.
- I made a mass cut from 1.31-1.34 GeV/ $c^2$

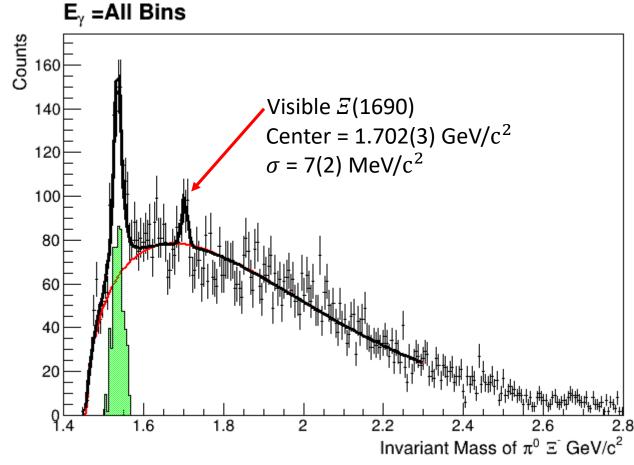


## Invariant Mass of Excited Cascade

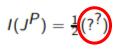


Yield = 556.9 +/-44.7 Center = 1.536(1) GeV/ $c^2$ Width = 13(1) MeV/ $c^2$ 

## Invariant Mass of Excited Cascade



#### *Ξ*(1690)



Mass  $m = 1690 \pm 10$  MeV <sup>[c]</sup> Full width  $\Gamma < 30$  MeV

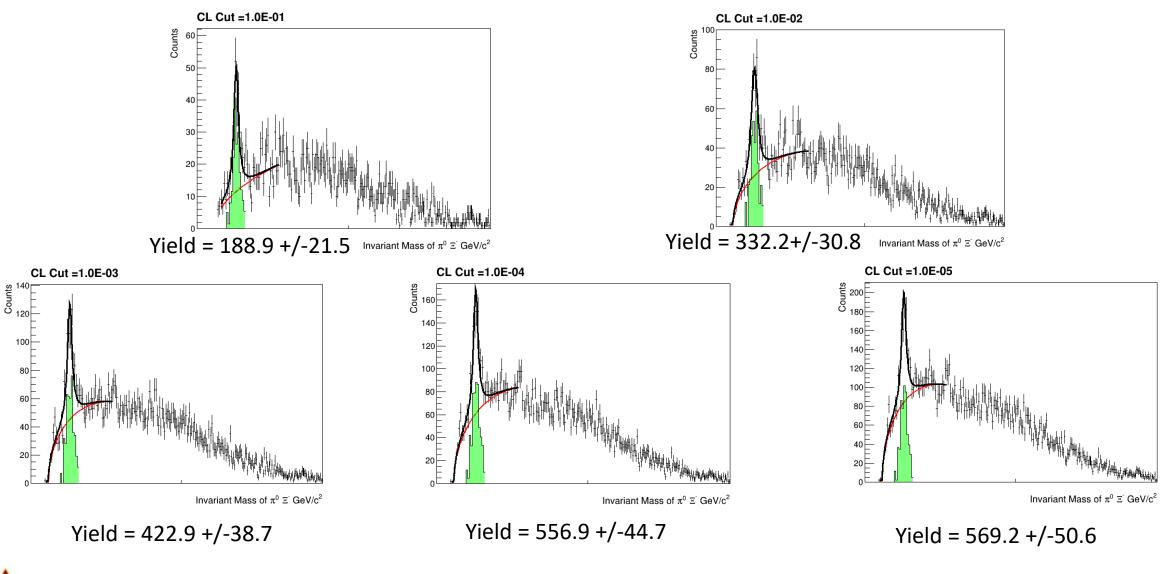
E(1690) DECAY MODES	Fraction $(\Gamma_i/\Gamma)$	p (MeV/c)
ΛK	seen	240
$\Sigma \overline{K}$	seen	70
$\equiv \pi$	seen	311
$\Xi^{-}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$	possibly seen	213

#### CL Study

- The CL cut needs to minimize the error in the yield improving the error in my final cross section measurement. Therefore I defined a figure of merit (FOM) as the ratio of error in the signal yield over the signal yield:  $\sigma_{\gamma}/Y$
- The CL cut used in the analysis is determined by CL interval that minimizes the FOM

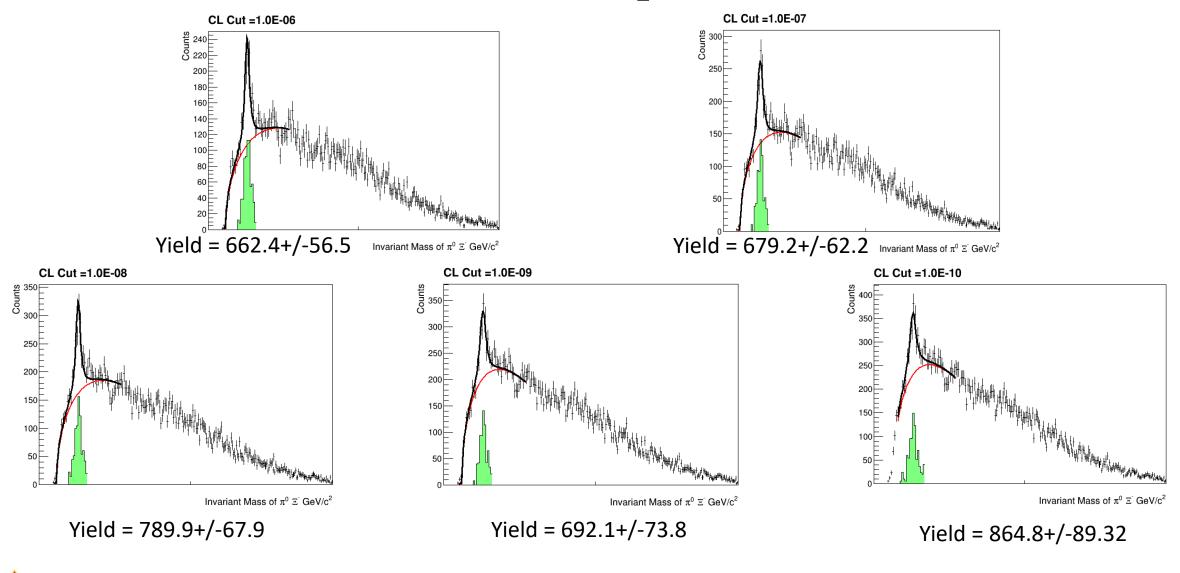


#### Excited Cascade Mass Spectrum (Slide 1 of 2)



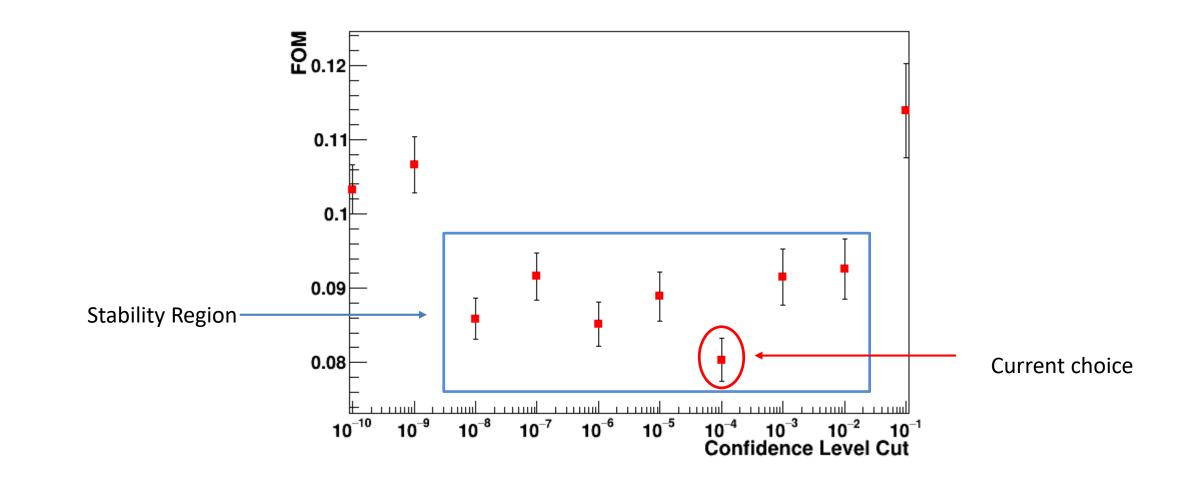


#### Excited Cascade Mass Spectrum (Slide 2 of 2)





#### CL Study





## *t*-slope generation

• Theoretical Calculations done by Nakayama, Oh and Haberzettl proposed the cascade/excited cascade are produced by a two-step process:

$$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ Y^*$$
$$Y^* \rightarrow K^+ \Xi^{-*}$$

Direct production of the *Ξ*<sup>-\*</sup> would be OZI suppressed with two strange- antistrange pairs at the production vertex. Therefore, I defined *t* as:

$$t = \left(P_{\gamma} - P_{K^+}\right)^2$$



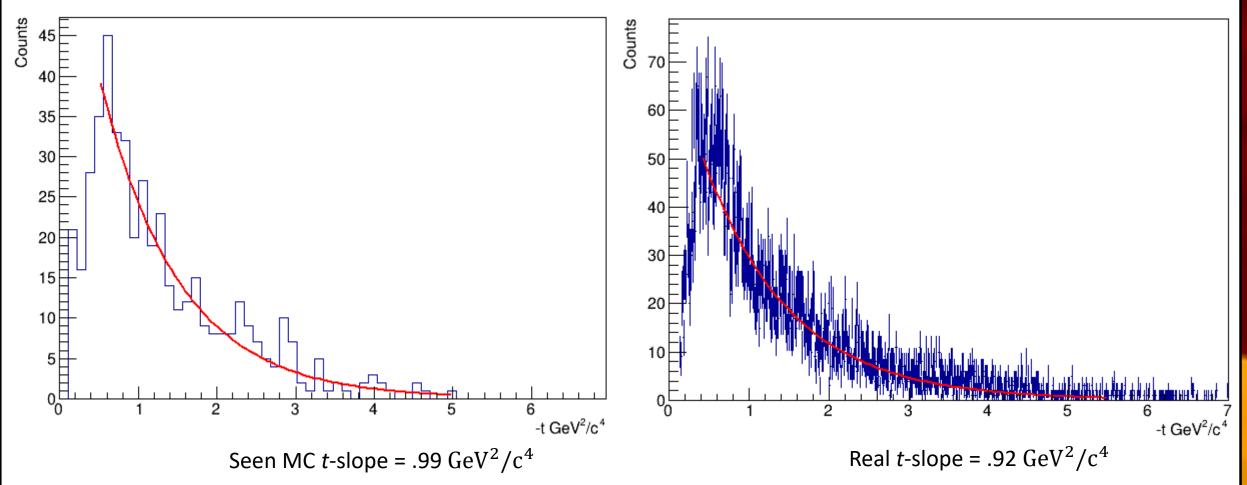
#### MC Generation

Assuming : 
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto e^{-bt}$$

- 3.6 million events generated
- Using Genr8
- Initially setting the *t*-slope to be  $b = 1.1 \text{ c}^4/\text{GeV}^2$

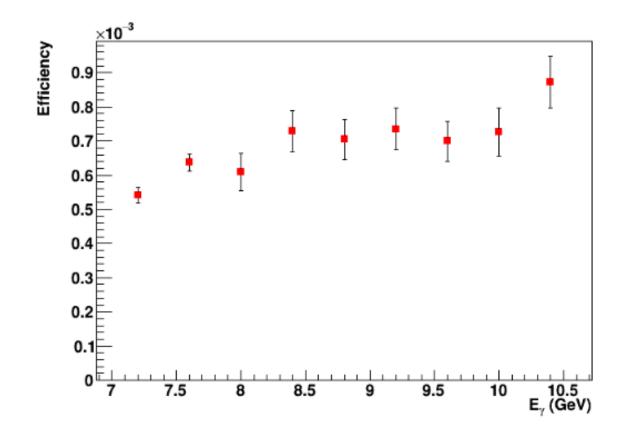


*t*-slope: MC and real



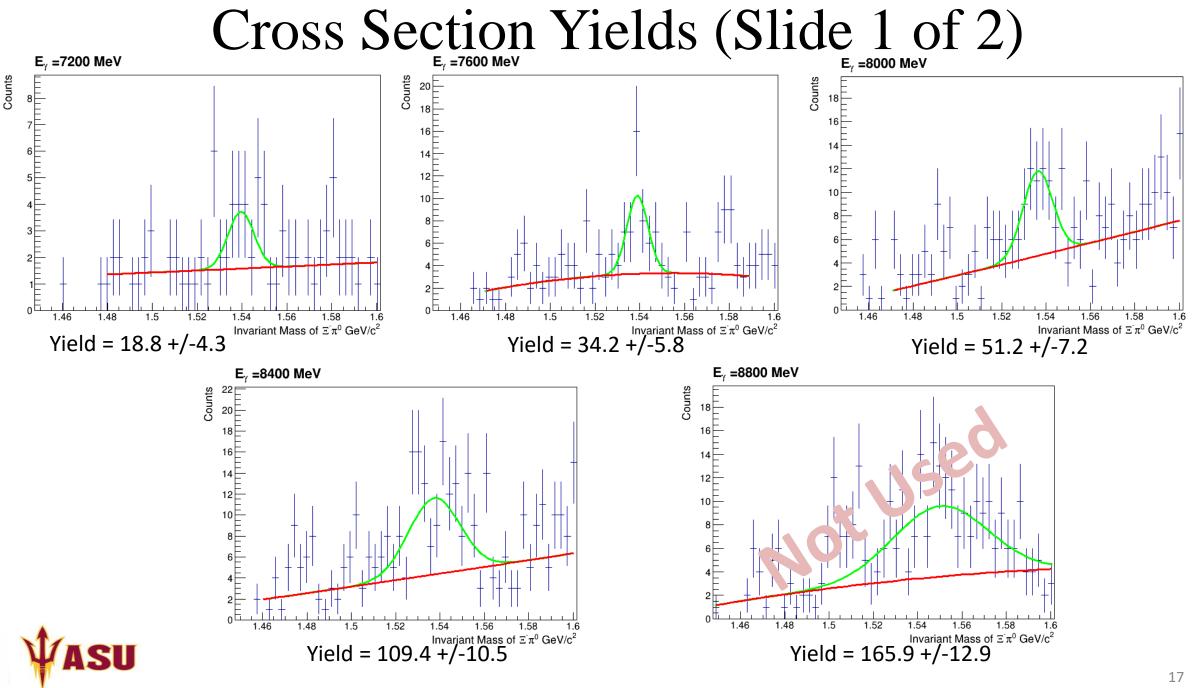
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## Efficiency vs Beam energy

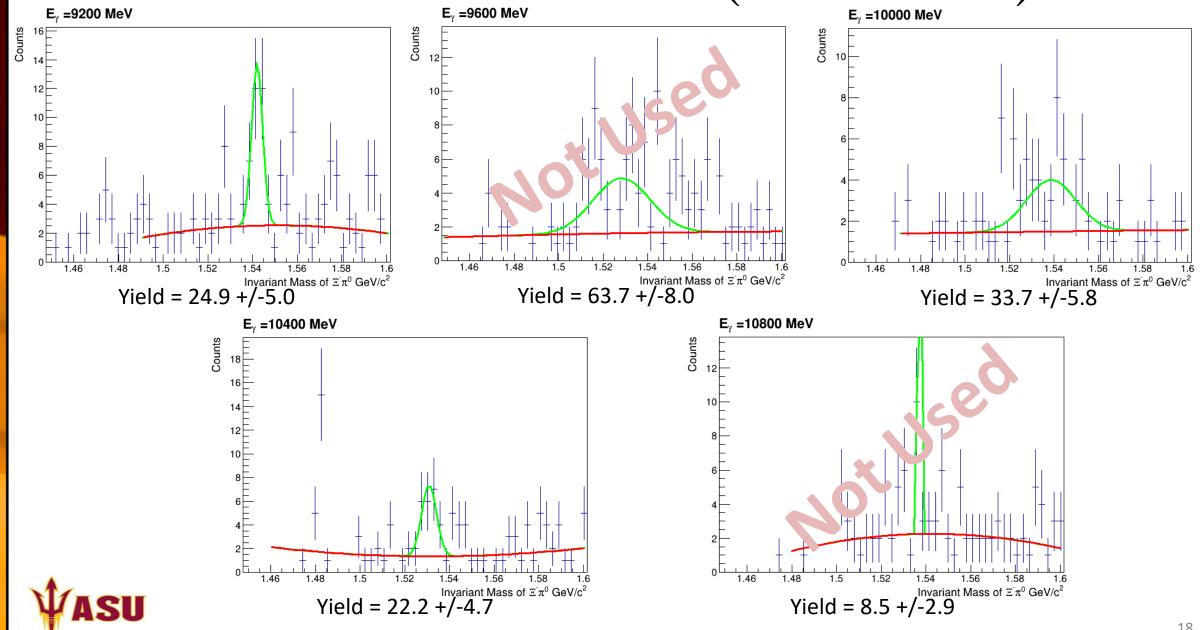


- The next step is to extract yields in 400 MeV wide beam energy bins from 7.0 – 11.0 GeV for a cross section measurement.
- Fits use a Gaussian for the signal and second order polynomial for the background.

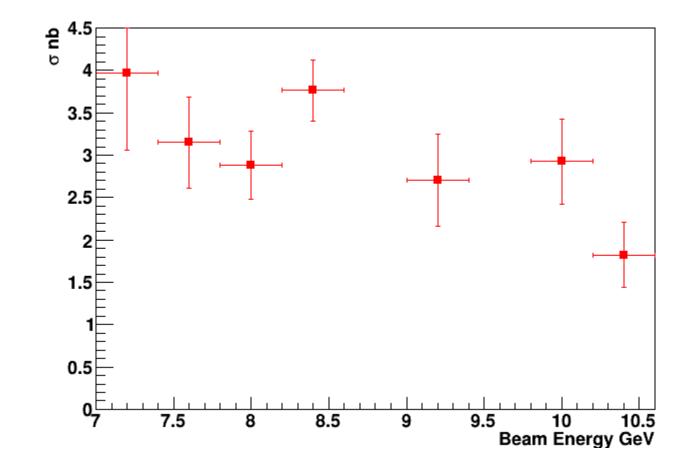




## Cross Section Yields (Slide 1 of 2)



## **Cross Section**



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## Next Steps

• Cross section in *t* 

• Investigate efficiency corrected yields in terms of confidence level

• Look into other Decay Modes

Increase Statistics

