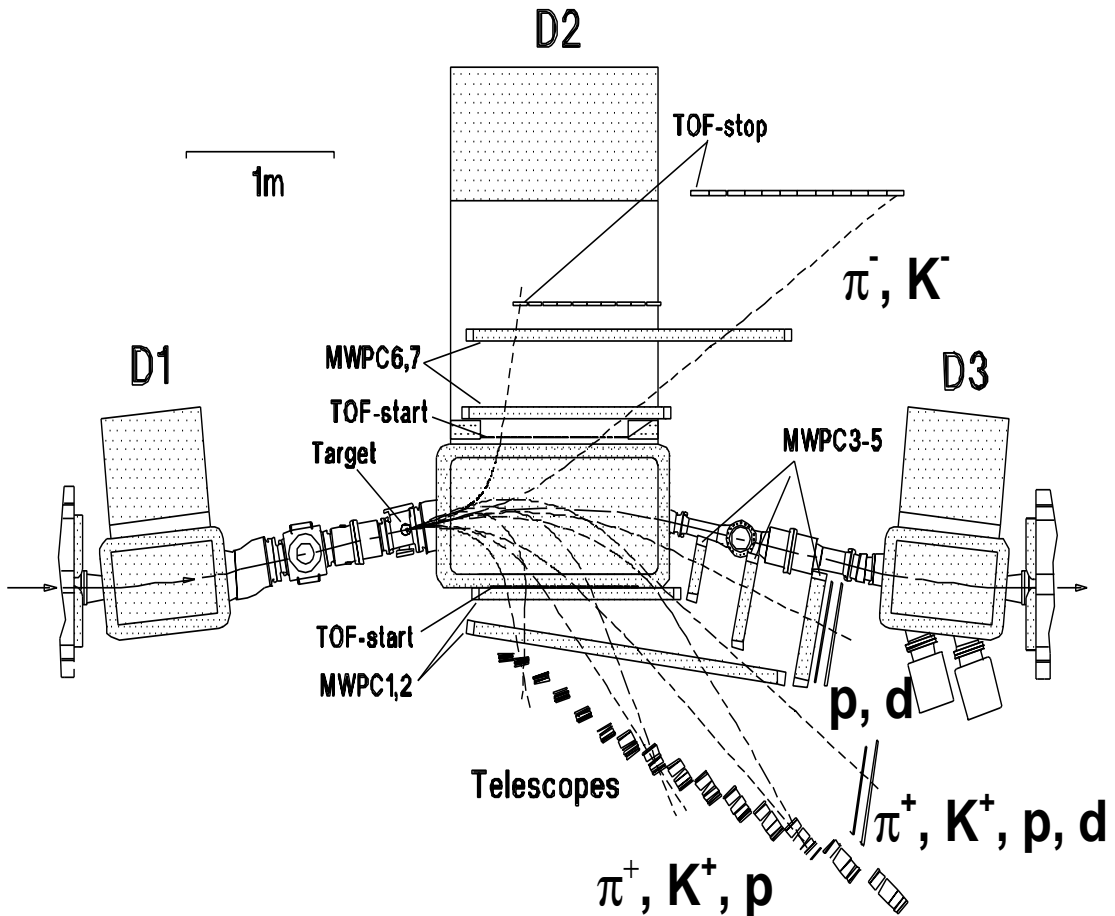


$(\Lambda p)$  masses from  
 $pp \rightarrow K^+ p \Lambda(1116)$  reaction

*V.Koptev PNPI*



Three possibilities to study  $(\Lambda p)$  system in the reaction  $pp \rightarrow pK^+\Lambda$  at ANKE:

1.  $K^+$  mesons are detected in telescopes and Side Wall (pages 2–8),
2.  $K^+$  mesons are detected in Forward Detector, new for ANKE (pages 9–15),
3.  $K^+$  mesons are **not** detected as it has been done during the pentaquark studies (pages 16–37).

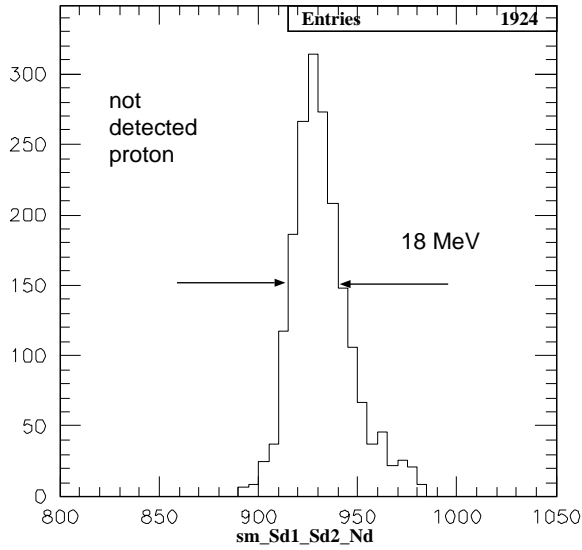
## Kaons are in telescopes and Side Wall

3-fold coincidences are sufficient to make a conclusion about the ANKE possibility to study low  $\Lambda p$  mass region. Two possibilities can be considered.

1.  $K^+\pi^-p$  coincidences when one of the protons is detected either in telescopes and Side Wall or in Forward Detector. Another proton (as  $M_{miss}(K^+\pi^-p)$ ) and  $\Lambda(1116)$  (as  $M_{inv}(\pi^-p)$ ) are selected from kinematics. January 2004 data ( $T_p = 2.65$  GeV, fast trigger  $K^+\&Nd$ ) are used in this analysis. Data measured at  $T_p = 2.83$  GeV in February 2002 and in March 2005 were analysed about 2 years ago and gave the same answer.
2.  $K^+pp$  correlation when  $\pi^-$  (as  $M_{miss}(K^+pp)$ ) and  $\Lambda_{Sd}(1116)$  or  $\Lambda_{Fd}(1116)$  (as  $M_{miss}(K^+p_{Sd})$  or  $M_{miss}(K^+p_{Fd})$ ) were selected from kinematics. Only data from February 2002 can be used for this analysis (fast trigger:  $K^+\&Fd$ )

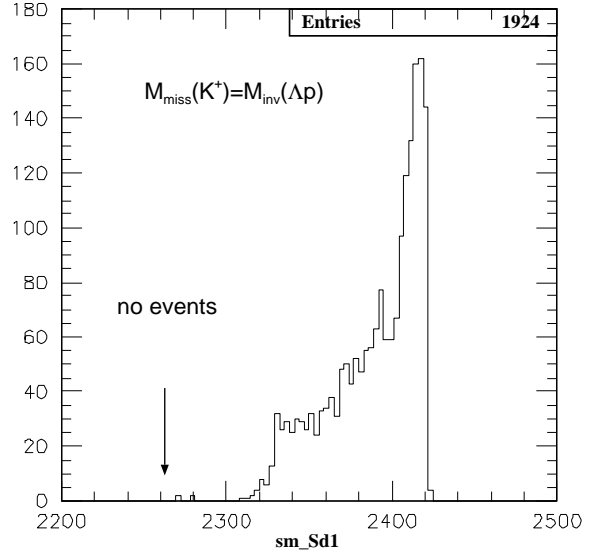
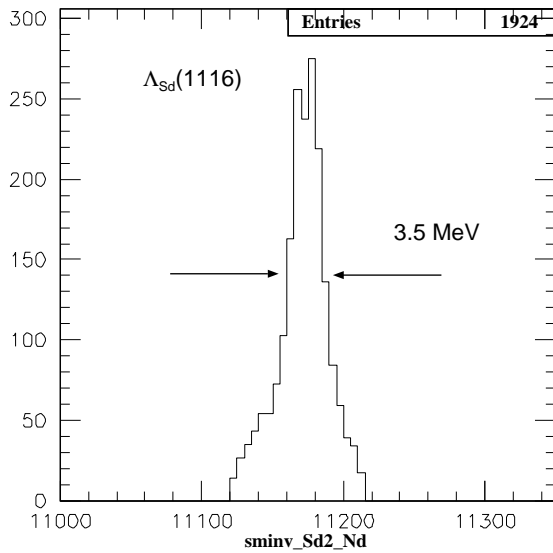
pp-K+.P.PI- (X=P)

jan04.kaSD-pSD-ND.tapes8-23.Lsd1112-1121.Mp890-980



Momentum by Runge Kutta

Sd1 Particle(Tel.4-15 SW.1-4) =Kaon  
 Sd2 Particle =Proton  
 Nd Particle =Pi minus  
 Target=Proton  
 Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3463



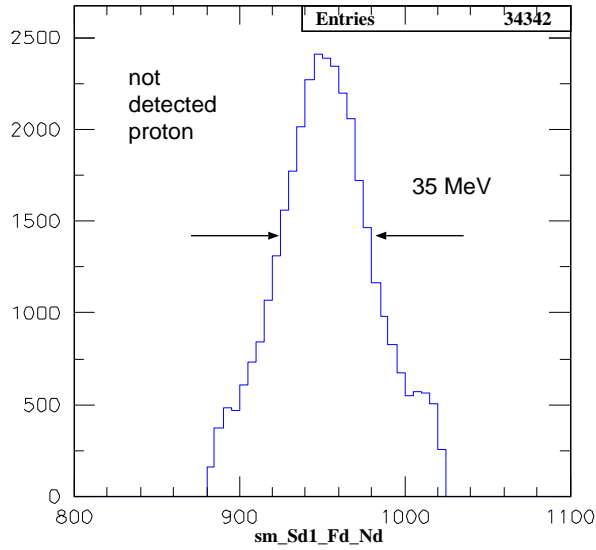
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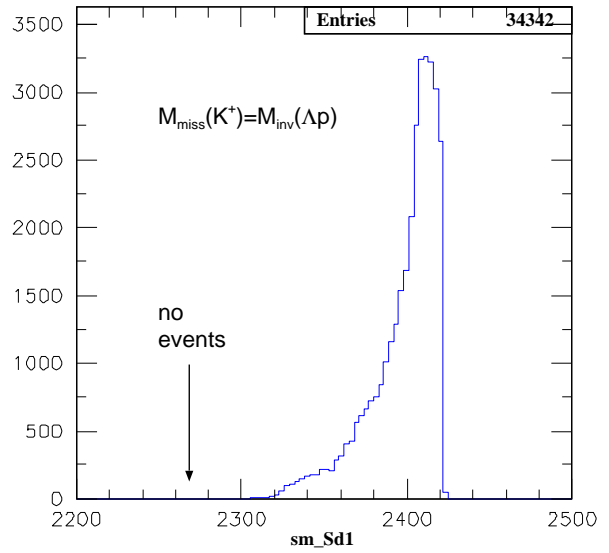
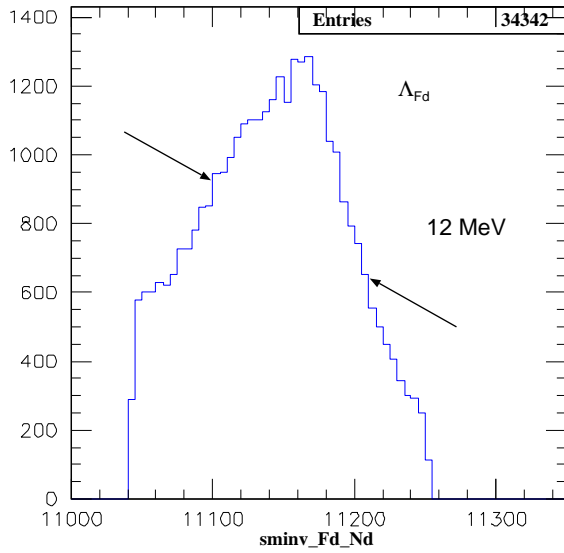
Data from January 2004. Fast trigger  $K^+$ &Nd. One proton is in Telescopes and Side Wall. Not detected second proton and  $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- p_{Sd}$  are reconstructed from kinematics. No events in the low  $\Lambda p$  mass region.

pp-K+.P.PI- (X=P)

jan04.kaSD-ND-FD.tapes8-23.Lfd1104-1125.Mp880-1020



Momentum by Runge Kutta  
 Fd Particle=Proton  
 Sd1 Particle(Tel.4-15 SW.1-4) =Kaon  
  
 Nd Particle =Pi minus  
 Target=Proton  
 Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3463



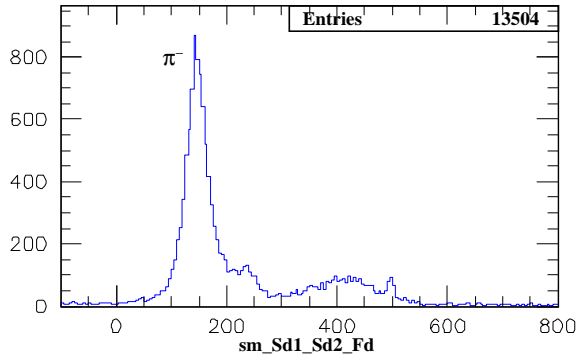
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 ONOFF-nd-CorrMX

vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 2 0  
 nTrigger = 2 2 -1

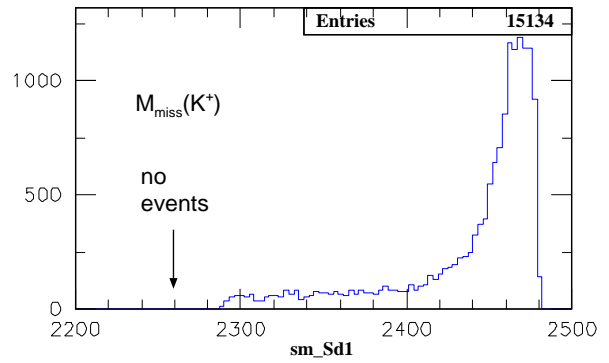
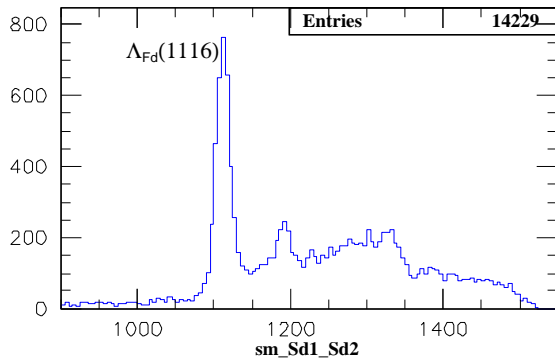
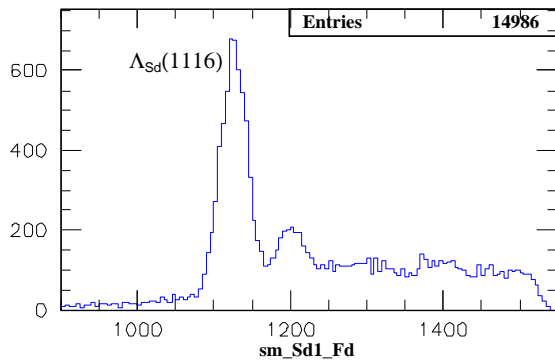
Data from January 2004. Fast trigger  $K^+$ &Nd.  $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- p_{Fd}$  and not detected another proton are reconstructed from kinematics. No events in the low  $\Lambda p$  mass region.

pp-K+.P.P (X=PI-)

Run4468-710\_ka-TEI20-SW25.MWPC-p.SW1-ka.SW2-MWPC.Fd-MWPC.trg1.no-cuts



Momentum by Runge Kutta  
 Fd Particle=Proton  
 Sd1 Particle(Tel.1-15 SW.1-6) =Kaon  
 Sd2 Particle =Proton  
  
 Target=Proton  
 Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



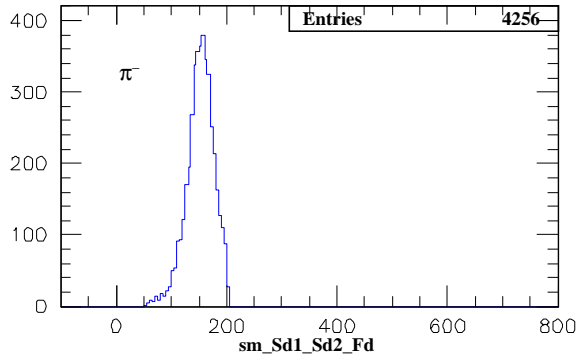
Trigger = 2 2 0 0 2 0 -1 1 3 1 2 0 1 2  
 ONOFF-nd-CorrMX

vTrigger = 1 1 0 0 1 2 0  
 nTrigger = -1 -1 -1

Data from February 2002. Fast trigger  $K^+$ &Fd. One proton is in Fd, another proton in Telescopes and Side Wall,  $\pi^-$  mesons are in Nd. From kinematics  $\pi^-$  ( $M_{miss}(K^+p_{Sd}p_{Fd})$ ),  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  as  $M_{miss}(K^+p_{Fd})$  and  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  as  $M_{miss}(K^+p_{Sd})$  are reconstructed. This is a raw analysis: without cuts on  $\pi^-$ ,  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  and  $\Lambda_{Fd}$ . No events in the low  $\Lambda p$  mass region.

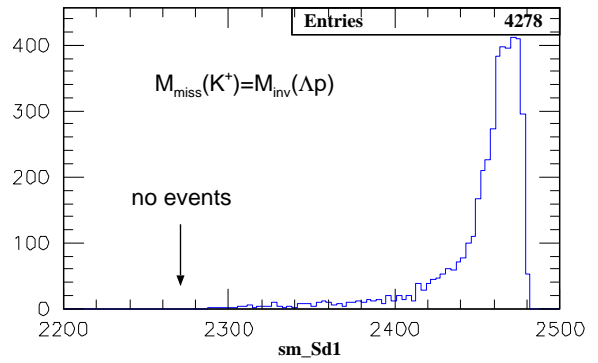
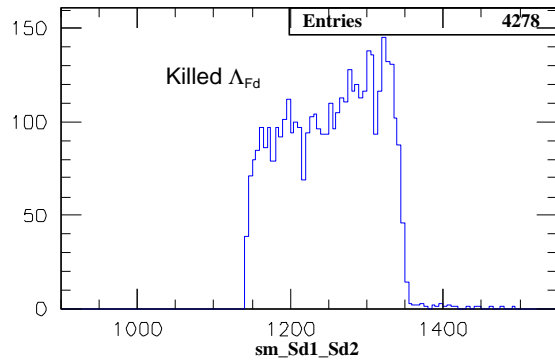
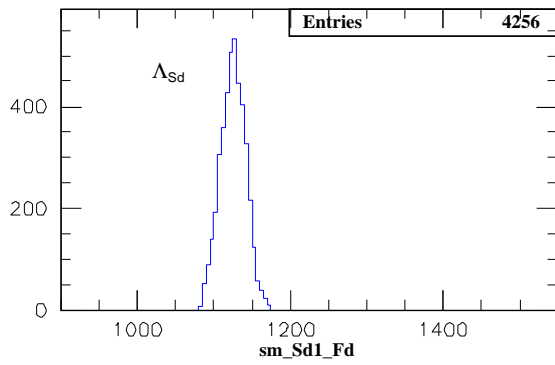
**pp-K+.P.P (X=PI-)**

**Run4468-710\_ka-TEI20-SW25.MWPC-p.SW1-ka.SW2-MWPC.Fd-MWPC.trg1.Lsd-cut**



**Momentum by Runge Kutta**  
**Fd Particle=Proton**  
**Sd1 Particle(Tel.1-15 SW.1-6) =Kaon**  
**Sd2 Particle =Proton**

**Target=Proton**  
**Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650**



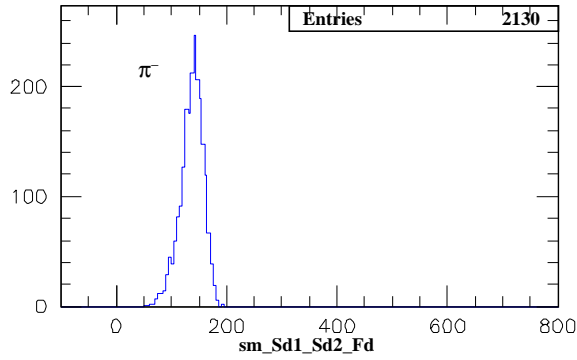
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**ONOFF-nd-CorrMX**

**vTrigger = 1 1 0 0 1 2 0**  
**nTrigger = -1 -1 -1**

After  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  and  $\pi^-$  selection for data shown on page 5.

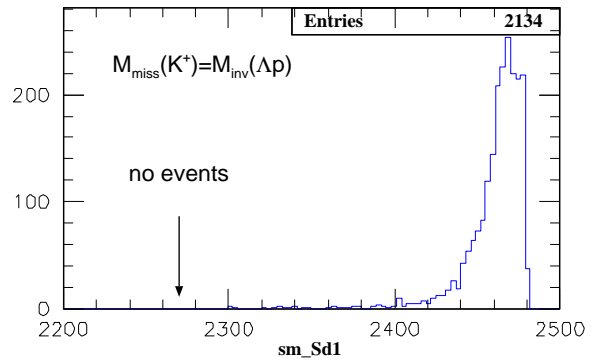
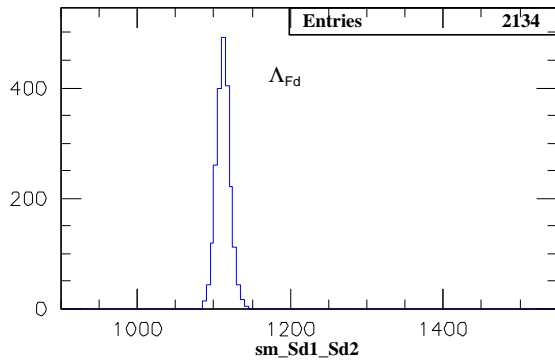
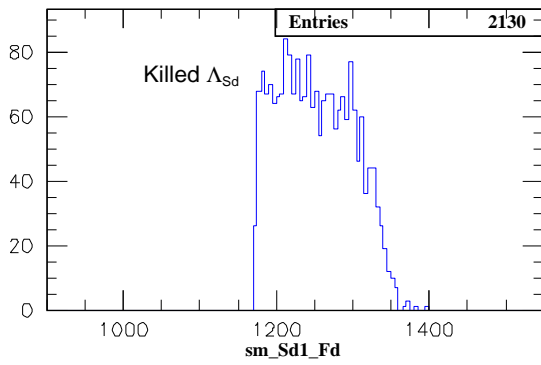
**pp-K+.P.P (X=PI-)**

**Run4468-710\_ka-TEI20-SW25.MWPC-p.SW1-ka.SW2-MWPC.Fd-MWPC.trg1.Lfd-cut**



**Momentum by Runge Kutta**  
**Fd Particle=Proton**  
**Sd1 Particle(Tel.1-15 SW.1-6) =Kaon**  
**Sd2 Particle =Proton**

**Target=Proton**  
**Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650**



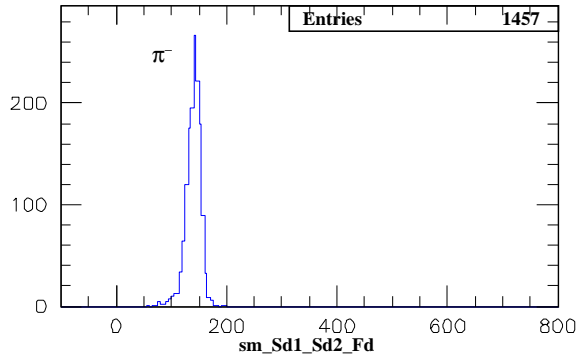
**Trigger = 2 2 0 0 2 0 -1 1 3 1 2 0 1 2**  
**ONOFF-nd-CorrMX**

**vTrigger = 1 1 0 0 1 2 0**  
**nTrigger = -1 -1 -1**

After  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  and  $\pi^-$  selection for data shown on page 5.

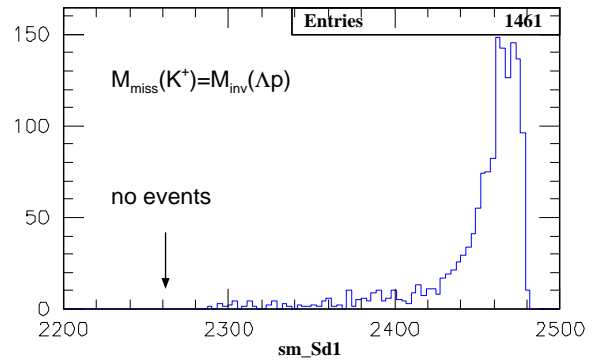
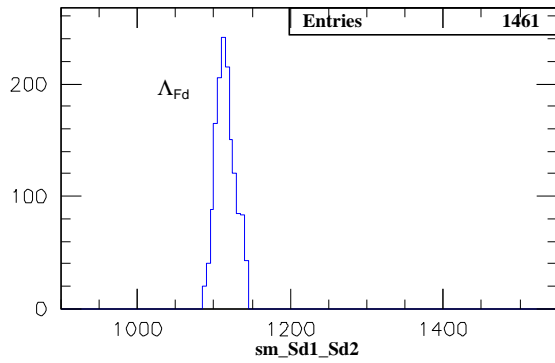
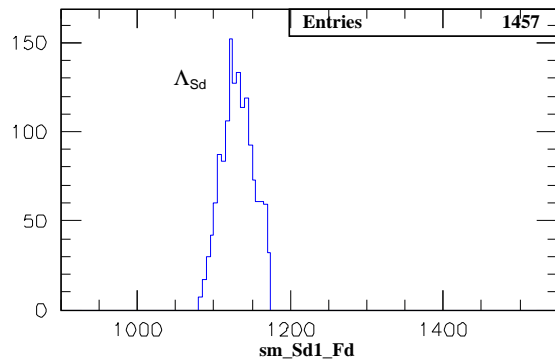
**pp-K+.P.P (X=PI-)**

**Run4468-710\_ka-TEI20-SW25.MWPC-p.SW1-ka.SW2-MWPC.Fd-MWPC.trg1.Lsd-lfd-cuts**



**Momentum by Runge Kutta**  
**Fd Particle=Proton**  
**Sd1 Particle(Tel.1-15 SW.1-6) =Kaon**  
**Sd2 Particle =Proton**

**Target=Proton**  
**Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650**



**Trigger = 2 2 0 0 2 0 -1 1 3 1 2 0 1 2**  
**ONOFF-nd-CorrMX**

**vTrigger = 1 1 0 0 1 2 0**  
**nTrigger = -1 -1 -1**

After crossed over  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  and  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  selection from data shown on page 5.

**Conclusions** from results shown on pages 2–8: if  $K^+$ -mesons are detected in Telescopes and Side Wall, then the low  $\Lambda p$  mass region ( $2250 \pm 100$  MeV) is not observable at ANKE.

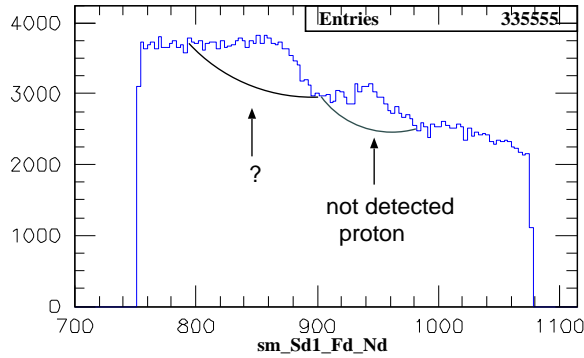


## Kaons are in Forard detector

3-fold coincidences must be used: Sd&Fd&Nd with kaons in Fd, protons in Telescopes and Side Wall and  $\pi^-$  in Nd. Since  $\Delta t_{K+p}$  between the target and Fd hoposcope is about 0.9 – 1.0 ns, the TOF (Nd-Fd) can be used to separate (at least partly) kaons from protons in Fd. In the frame of this analysis it was naively considered that all the particles in Fd are kaon. There were kinematically selected either  $\Lambda_{Sd} \rightarrow \pi^- p_{Sd}$  or  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  from  $M_{miss}(K^+ p_{Sd})$  and the second proton from  $M_{miss}(K^+ \pi^- p_{Sd})$ . For this analysis only six runs (9276, 9277, 9278, 9279, 9283, 9287) can be used. These were calibration runs measured during 6.5 hours in March 2005 with open trigger in Sd.

pp-PI-P.P.(X=K+)

runs9276-87.SD-p.kaon-in-FD.Mp750-1076.Vert15



Momentum by Runge Kutta

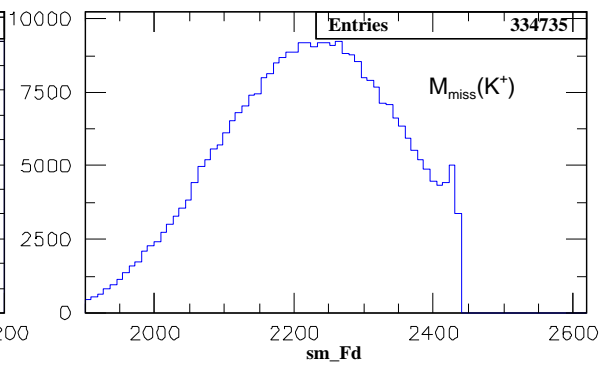
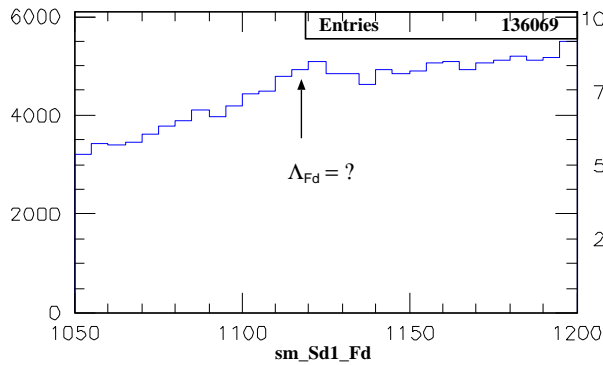
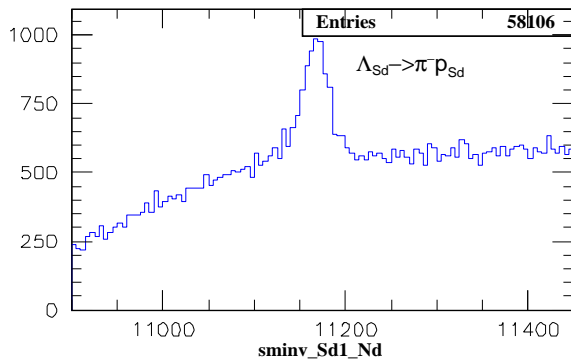
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Sd1 Particle =Proton

Nd Particle =Pi minus

Target=Proton

Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



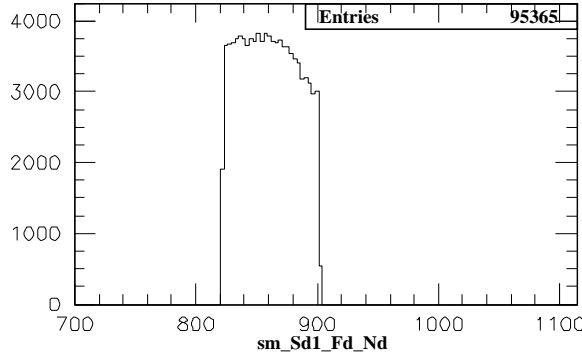
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ONOFF-nd-CorrMX

vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 2 1  
nTrigger = 2 2 -1

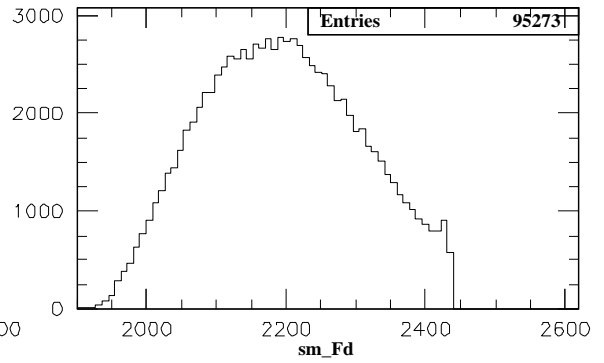
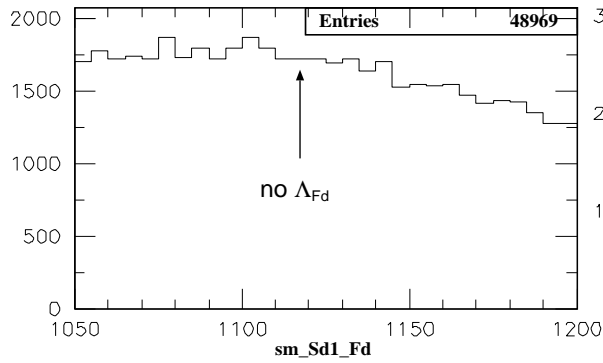
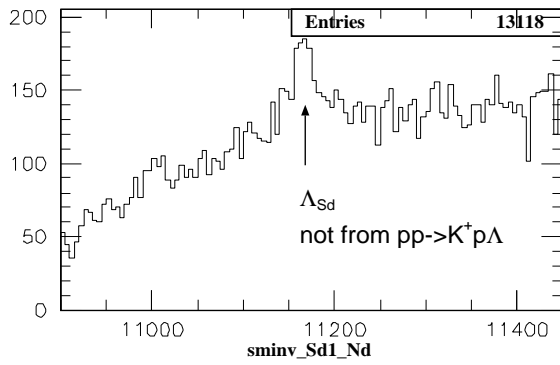
A strong  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  peak is seen in  $M_{inv}(\pi^- p_{Sd})$  after a mild cut on  $M_{miss}(K^+ \pi^- p_{Sd})$ . A hint on  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  is also seen in  $M_{miss}(K^+ p_{Sd})$ . Looks like, two peaks are seen in  $M_{miss}(K^+ \pi^- p_{Sd})$ : one of them corresponds to not detected protons from  $pp \rightarrow pK^+ \Lambda$ , the second peak is???

pp-PI-P.P.(X=K+)

runs9276-87.SD-p.kaon-in-FD.Mp820-900.Vert15



Momentum by Runge Kutta  
 Fd Particle=Kaon  
 Sd1 Particle =Proton  
  
 Nd Particle =Pi minus  
 Target=Proton  
 Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



Trigger = 2 2 0 0 0 2 0 3 1 3 1 2 0 1 1  
 ONOFF-nd-CorrMX

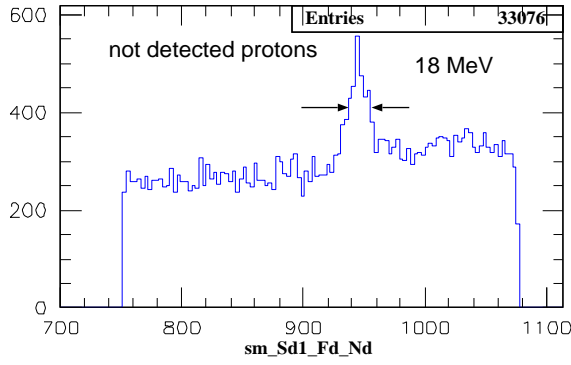
vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 2 1  
 nTrigger = 2 2 -1

The mass region of the second enhancement is selected ( $M_{miss}(K^+\pi^-p_{Sd}) = 860 \pm 40$  MeV):

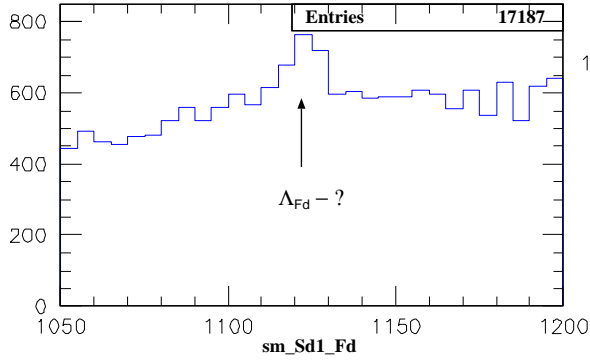
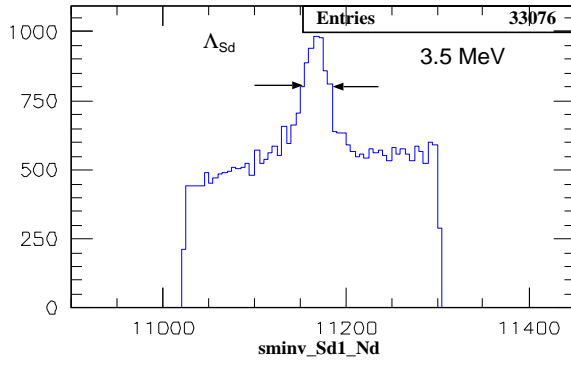
1. no indications on  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  peak in  $M_{miss}(K^+p_{Fd})$ ,
2.  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  peak is still seen in  $M_{inv}(\pi^-p_{Sd})$ . It is not from  $pp \rightarrow K^+p\Lambda$  but from  $pp \rightarrow pK^+\Lambda(n\pi)$  or  $pp \rightarrow pK^+\Sigma(n\pi)$  reactions because the invariant mass distribution are not dependent on kinematics of reactions.

pp-K+.P.PI-(X=P)

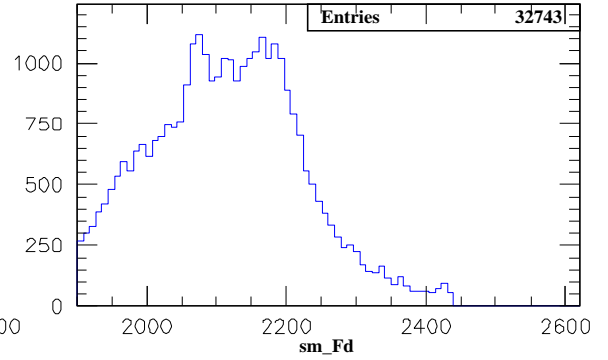
runs9276-87.SD-p.kaon-in-FD.Mp750-1075.Vert15.Lsd1102-1130



Momentum by Runge Kutta  
 Fd Particle=Kaon  
 Sd1 Particle =Proton  
 Nd Particle =Pi minus  
 Target=Proton  
 Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



Trigger = 2 2 0 0 0 2 0 3 1 3 1 2 0 1 1  
 ONOFF-nd-CorrMX

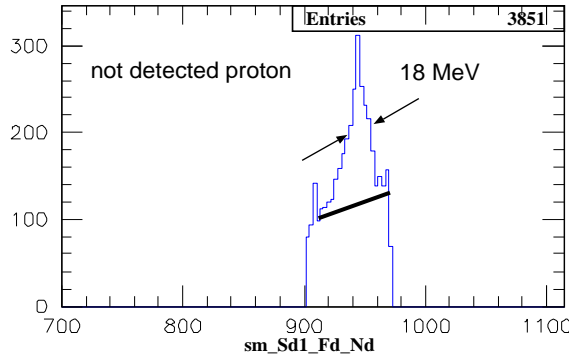


vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 2 1  
 nTrigger = 2 2 -1

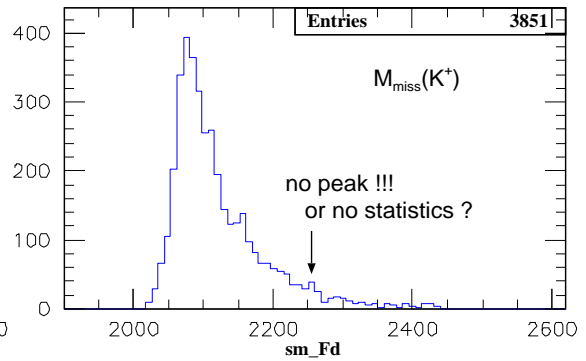
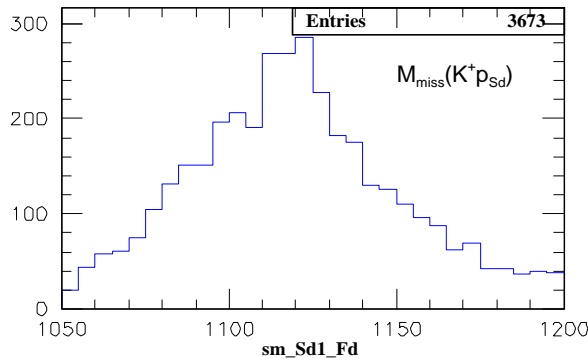
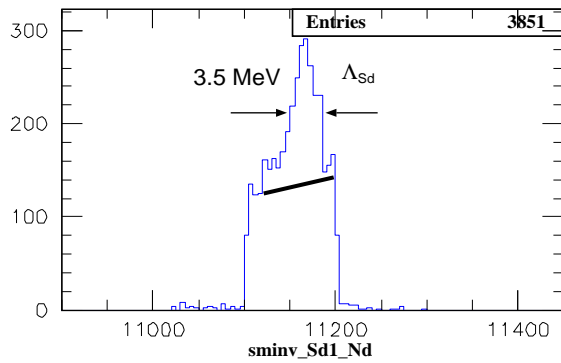
Mild  $M_{inv}(\pi^- p_{Sd}) = 1116 \pm 13$  MeV cut kills the second peak. Selected:  $N_{\Lambda(Sd)} \approx 2990$  events,  $N_p \approx 1300$  events. Not detected protons are selected according to kinematics of  $pp \rightarrow K^+ p \Lambda$  reaction.  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  is selected as  $M_{inv}(\pi^- p_{Sd})$  independent on the reaction. The large  $N_{\Lambda(Sd)} - N_p$  difference confirms the presence of large physics background from  $pp \rightarrow K^+ p \Lambda(n\pi)$  or  $pp \rightarrow K^+ p \Sigma$  reactions.

pp-K+.P.PI-(X=P)

runs9276-87.SD-p.kaon-in-FD.Mp900-970.Vert15.Lsd1110-1120



Momentum by Runge Kutta  
 Fd Particle=Kaon  
 Sd1 Particle =Proton  
  
 Nd Particle =Pi minus  
 Target=Proton  
 Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



Trigger = 2 2 0 0 2 0 3 1 3 1 2 0 1 1  
 ONOFF-nd-CorrMX

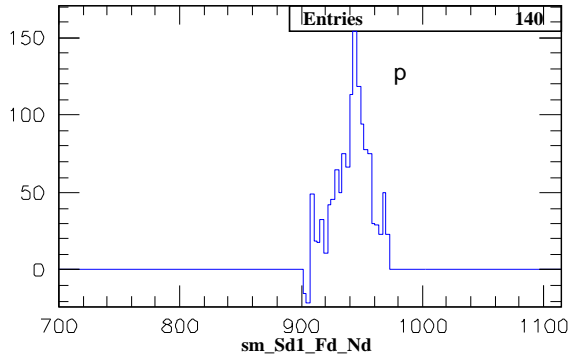
vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 2 1  
 nTrigger = 2 2 -1

Strong cut on  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  ( $1115 \pm 5$  MeV):

1.  $M_{miss}(K^+p_{Sd})$  shows a broad peak but (unhappily) with maximum at around 1116 MeV.
2.  $M_{miss}(K^+)$  does not show a significant peak at 2250 MeV. Statistics must be increased (?).
3. Narrow peaks of notdetected protons ( $N_p \approx 800$  events) and of  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  ( $N_{\Lambda_{Sd}} \approx 900$  events) with nearly equal number of events. Seems it is mostly  $pp \rightarrow K^+p\Lambda$ .
4. High background under the peak is connected with  $K^+$  missidentification in Fd. TOF( $\pi^-K^+$ ) must be used to reduce these background.

pp-K+.P.PI.-(X=P)

runs9276-87.SD-p.kaon-in-FD.Mp900-970.Vert15.Lsd1110-1120



Momentum by Runge Kutta

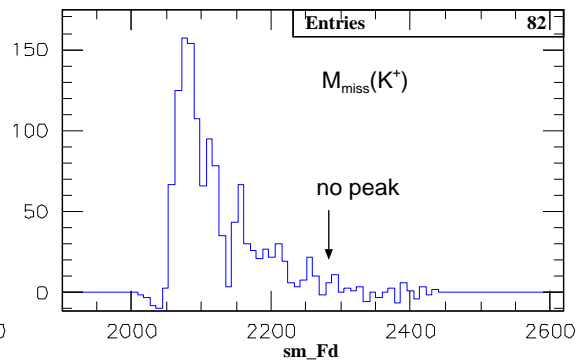
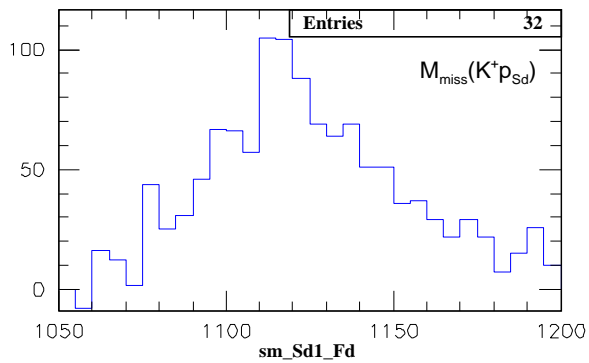
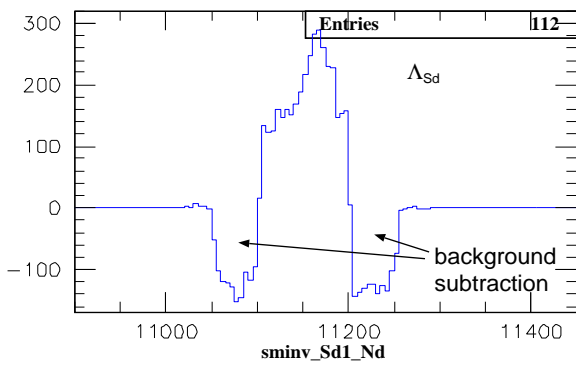
Fd Particle=Kaon

Sd1 Particle =Proton

Nd Particle =Pi minus

Target=Proton

Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



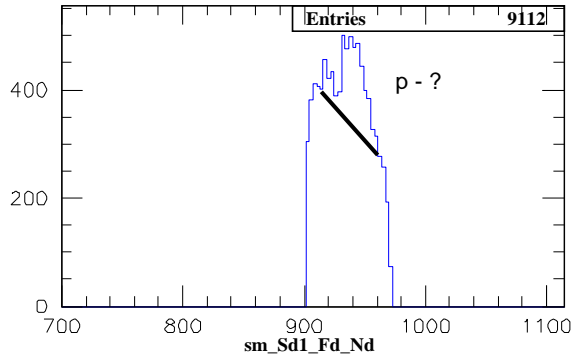
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nTrigger = 2 2 -1

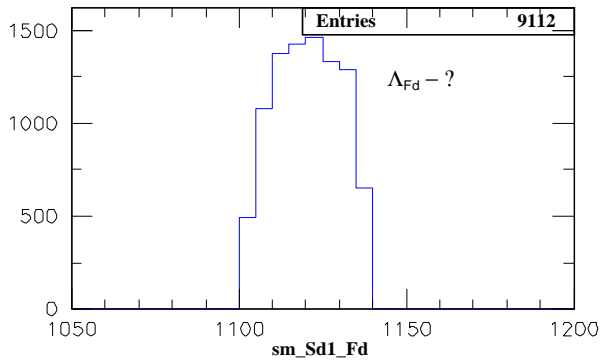
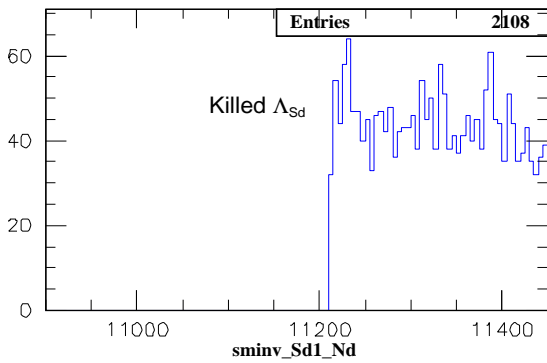
If the background under proton and  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  peaks is connected with  $K^+$  missi-  
dentification then this way of the background subtraction is reasonable.

pp-K+.P.PI.-(X=P)

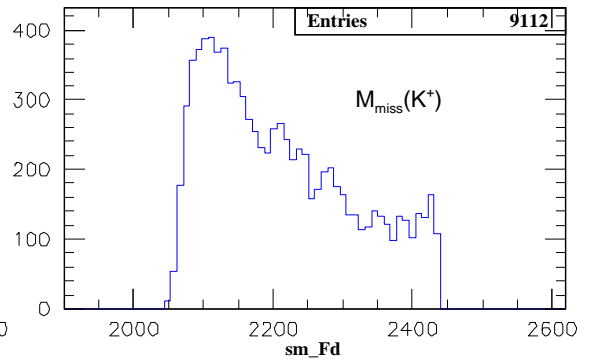
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Momentum by Runge Kutta  
 Fd Particle=Kaon  
 Sd1 Particle =Proton  
  
 Nd Particle =Pi minus  
 Target=Proton  
 Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



Trigger = 2 2 0 0 2 0 3 1 3 1 2 0 1 1  
 ONOFF-nd-CorrMX



vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 2 1  
 nTrigger = 2 2 -1

Strong  $M_{miss}(K^+p_{Sd})$  cut in the mass region of  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  from  $pp \rightarrow K^+p\Lambda$ . A proton peak (?) of about 800 events is seen in the  $M_{miss}(K^+\pi^-p_{Sd})$  with the 10 times higher background and not clear conclusion about  $M_{miss}(K^+)$ . May be the background can be reduced applying kaon identification from TOF( $\pi^-K^+$ ) distributions.

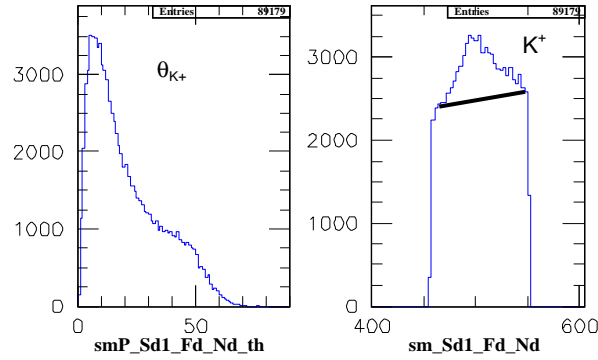
## Kaons are not detected

3-fold  $p_{Sd} \& p_{Fd} \& \pi^-$  correlations are selected from 6 calibration runs measured in March 2005.  $\Lambda_{Sd} \rightarrow \pi^- p_{Sd}$  or  $\Lambda_{Fd} \rightarrow \pi^- p_{Fd}$  are selected from  $M_{inv}(\pi^- p_{Sd})$  or  $M_{inv}(\pi^- p_{Fd})$  distribution.  $K^+$ -mesons are kinematically selected from  $M_{miss}(p_{Fd} p_{Sd} \pi^-)$ . An information about  $M(p\Lambda)$  is obtained from  $M_{inv}(p_{Fd} p_{Sd} \pi^-)$  distribution. Very important that in this method one can see (page 9) the complete kaon momentum spectrum ( $100 \leq |\vec{p}_{K^+}| \leq 1900$  MeV/c), rather large kaon angular acceptance ( $\theta_{K^+} \leq 60^\circ$ ) and both backward and forward kaons in CM ( $-1.0 \leq \cos \theta_{K^+}^* \leq 1.0$ ). Disadvantage: very high background under the  $K^+$  peak in  $M_{miss}(\pi^- p_{Sd} p_{Fd})$ . This is the physics background coming from multipion production reactions  $pp \rightarrow pp(n\pi)$ . The only way to reduce this background is to improve  $M_{miss}(\pi^- p_{Sd} p_{Fd})$  resolution.



pp-PI-P.P (X=K+)

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Momentum by Runge Kutta

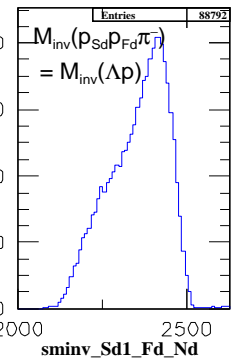
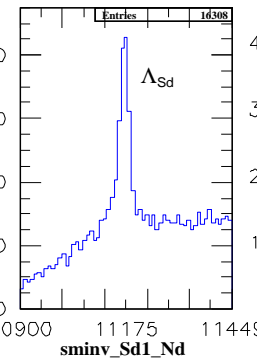
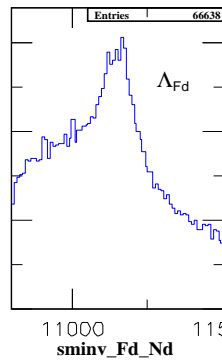
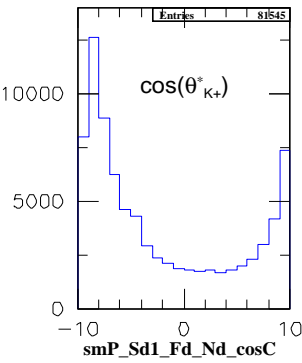
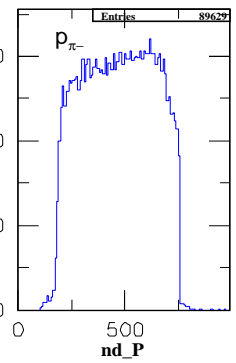
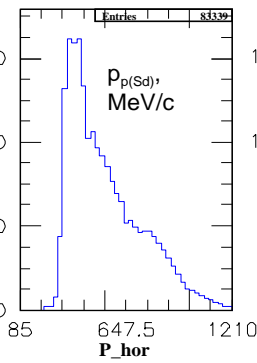
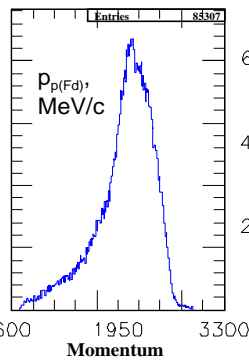
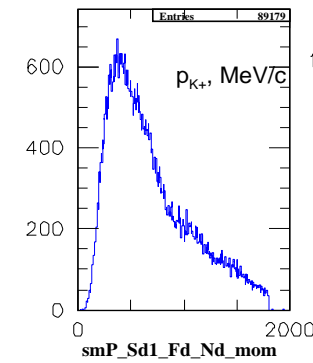
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Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



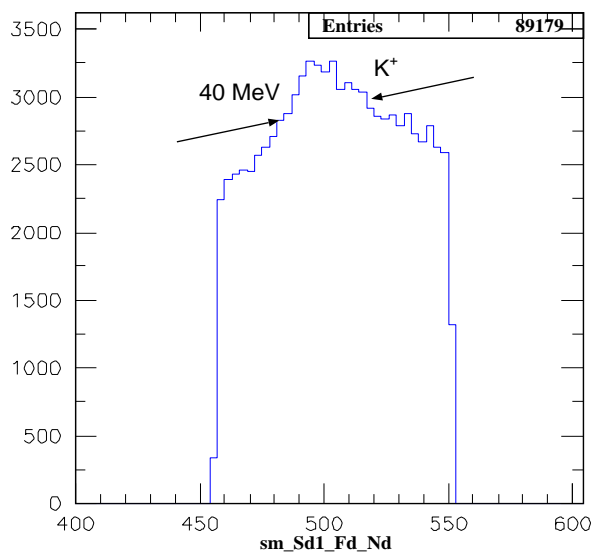
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vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 2 0 2 1  
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March 2005 data measured at 2.85 GeV during calibration runs. In Telescopes and Side Wall open trigger was used: practically uncorrelated  $\pi^+$  or  $K^+$  or  $p$ . For this analysis only  $p$  were selected on correlation with  $p$  in Fd and  $\pi^-$  in Nd. In  $M_{miss}(p_{Sd}p_{Fd}\pi^-)$  a broad peak of  $K^+$  from  $pp \rightarrow K^+p\Lambda$  is seen as well as both  $\Lambda_{Sd} \rightarrow \pi^-p_{Sd}$  and  $\Lambda_{Fd} \rightarrow \pi^-p_{Fd}$ .

pp-PI-.P.P.(X=K+)

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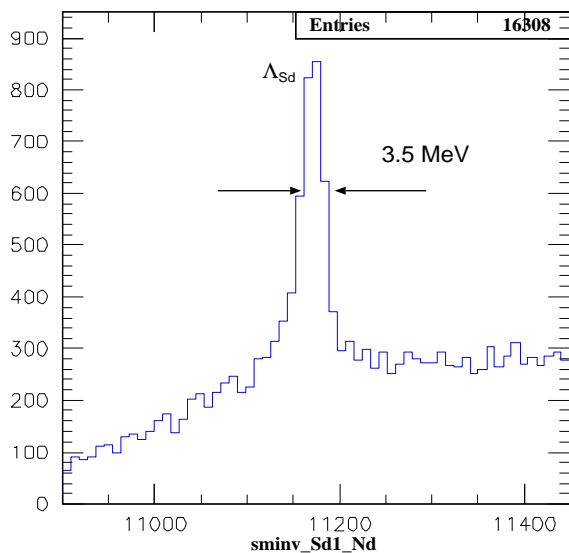
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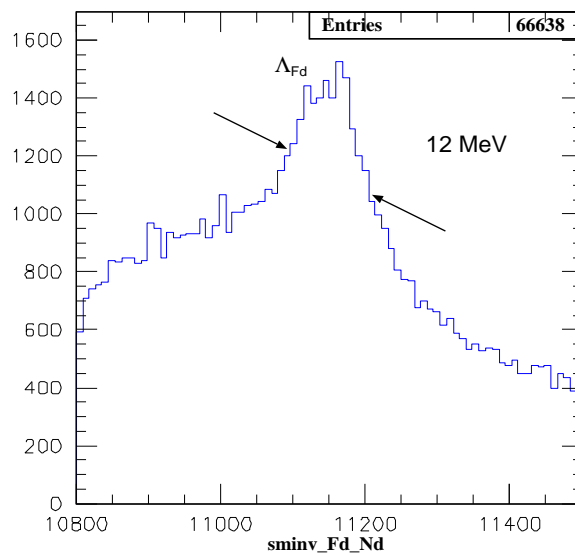
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Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



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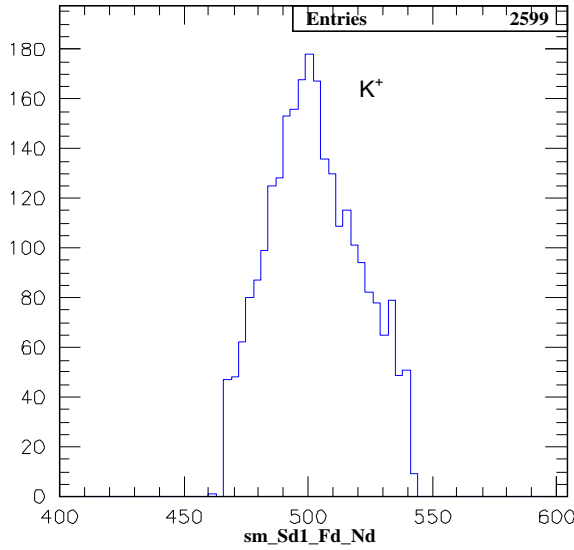


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Fraction of spectra from previous page.

pp-PI-P.P.(X=K+)

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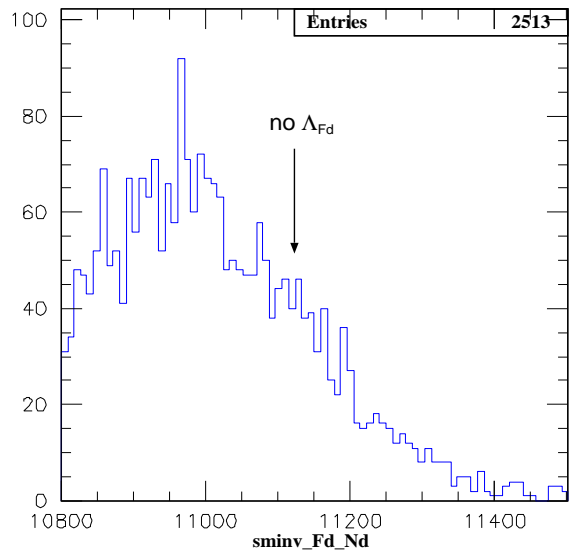
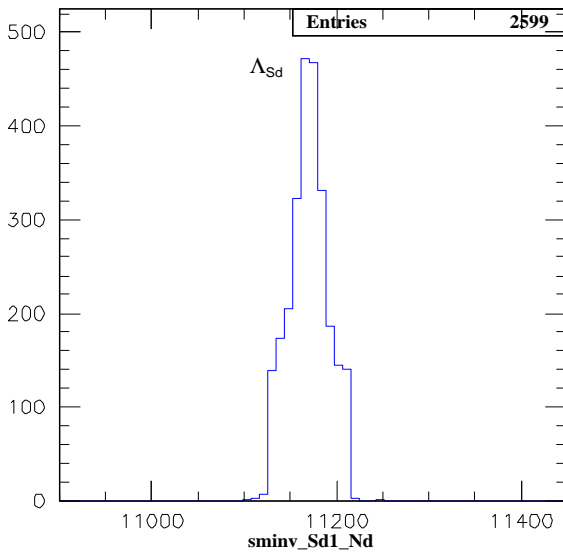
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Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



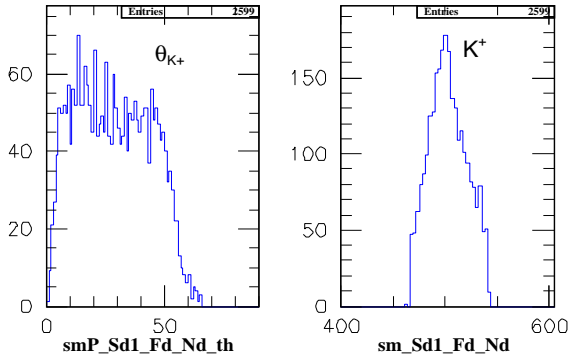
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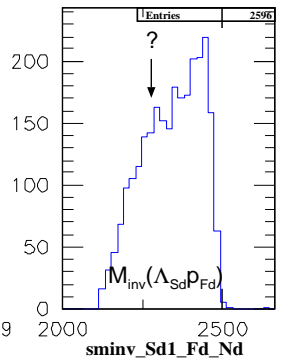
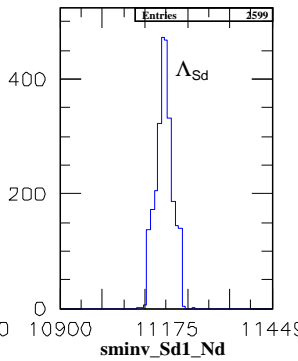
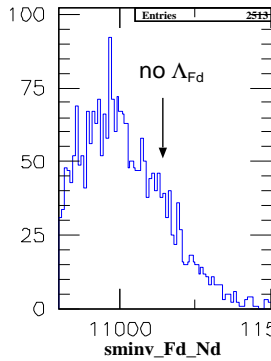
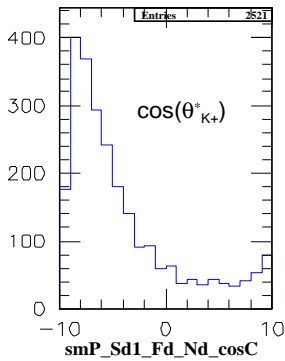
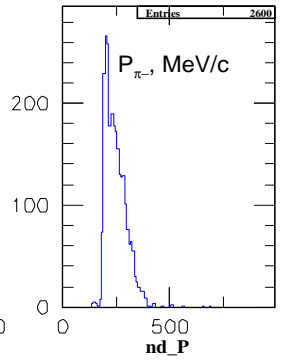
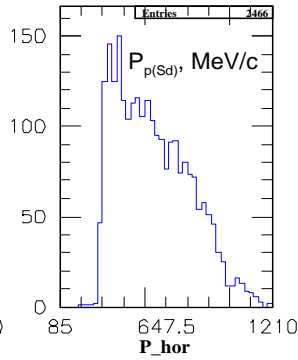
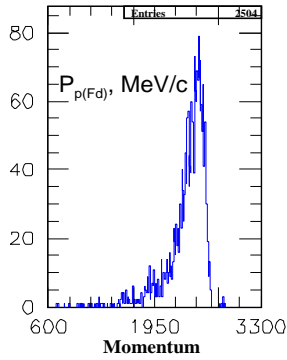
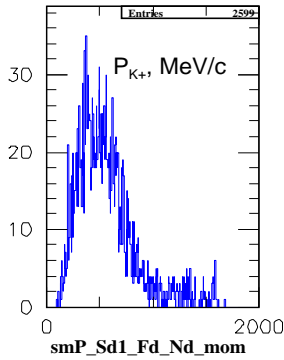
After  $K^+$  and  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  selection there is practically no  $\Lambda_{Fd}$ . Background is about 40%. The only way to reduce it is to improve  $M_{miss}(p_{Sd}p_{Fd}\pi^-)$  resolution.

pp-PI-.P.P (X=K+)

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Momentum by Runge Kutta  
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 Nd Particle =Pi minus  
 Target=Proton  
 Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



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 ONOFF-nd-CorrMX

vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 2 0 2 1  
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$M(K^+) = 497 \pm 42$  MeV.  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  selection ( $M(\Lambda_{Sd}) = 1116 \pm 4$  MeV) provides flat angular ( $\theta_{K^+} = 0-60^\circ$ ) and rather narrow momentum ( $|\vec{p}_{K^+}| \leq 1000$  MeV/c) distributions of  $K^+$ -mesons mostly CM backward ( $\cos\theta_{K^+}^* \leq 0$ ).  $\pi^-$ -mesons have low momenta ( $|\vec{p}_{\pi^-}| \leq 400$  MeV/c).

pp-PI-P.P (X=K<sup>+</sup>)

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Momentum by Runge Kutta

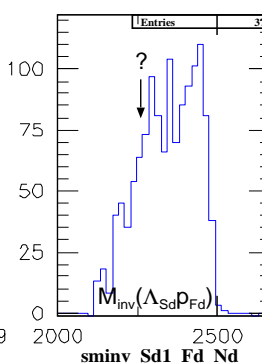
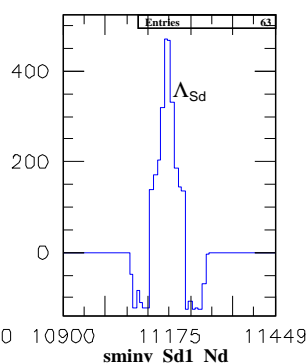
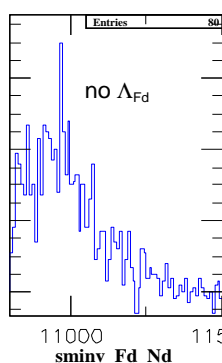
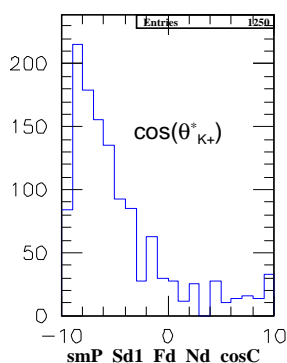
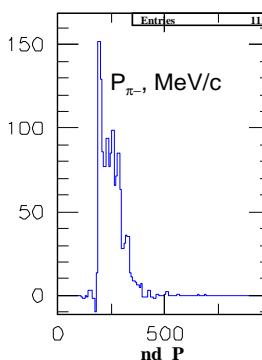
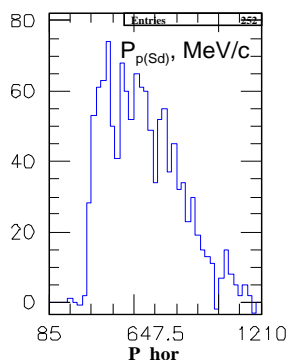
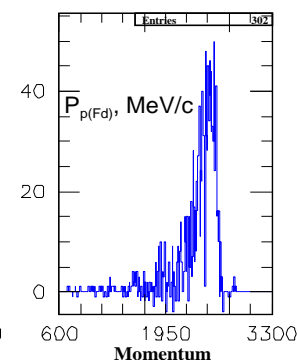
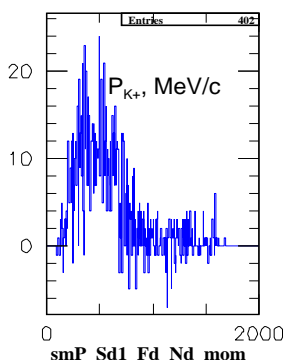
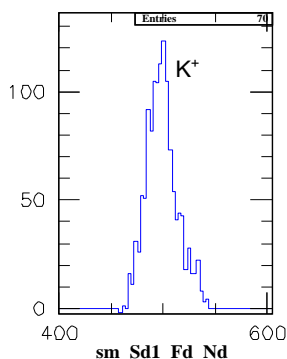
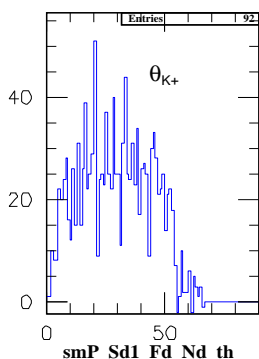
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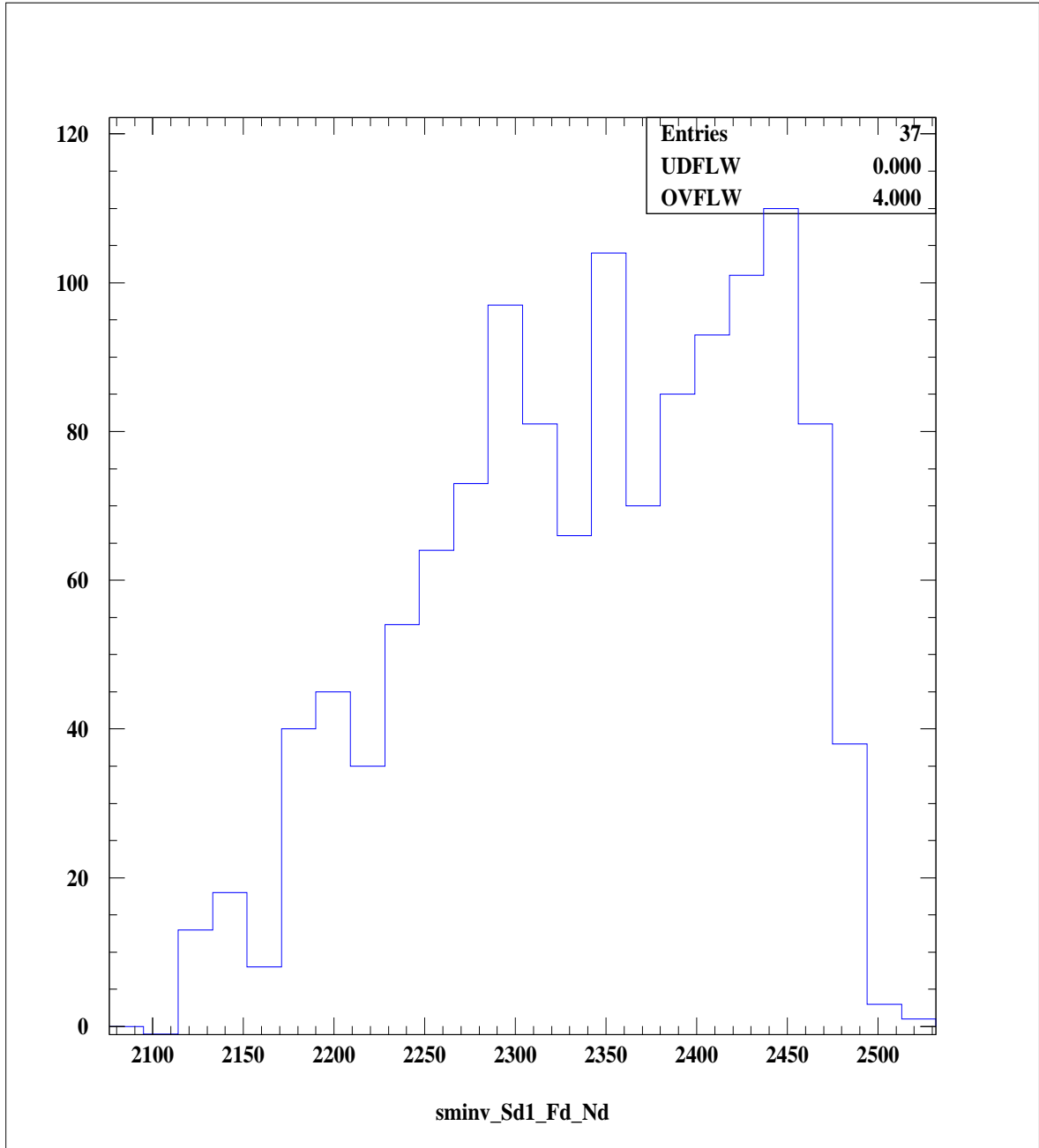
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ONOFF-nd-CorrMX

vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 2 0 2 1  
nTrigger = 2 2 -1

$M(K^+) = 497 \pm 42$  MeV. After  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  background subtraction practically clean  $K^+$  peak is seen.  $M(\Lambda_{Sd}, p_{Fd})$  spectrum is shown on the next page.



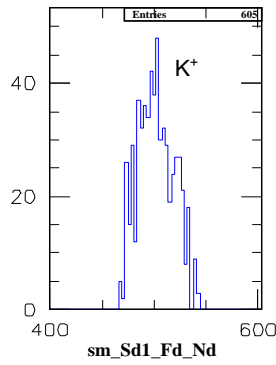
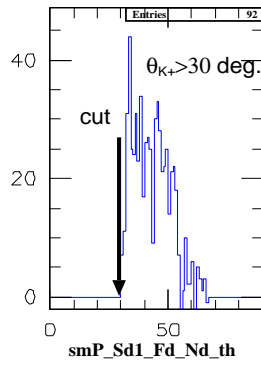
$$M(\Lambda_{Sd}, p_{Fd}) = M_{inv}(p_{Sd}, p_{Fd}\pi^-)$$

Low statistics but seems nothing is at 2260 MeV?

pp-PI-.P.P (X=K+)

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Momentum by Runge Kutta

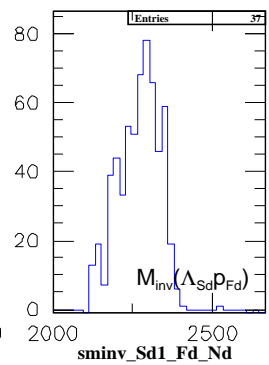
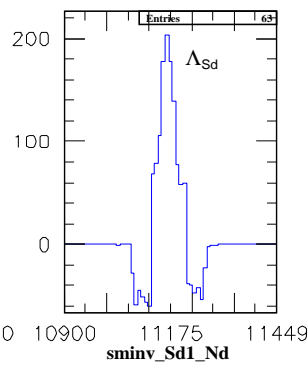
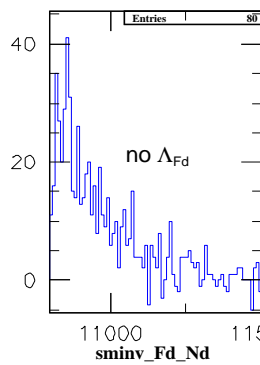
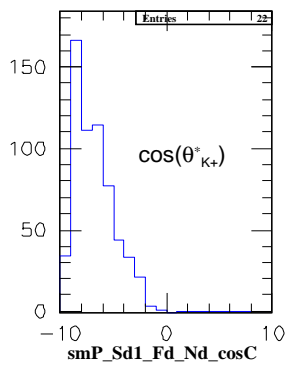
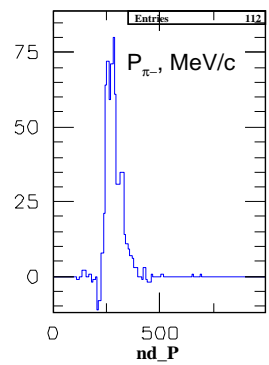
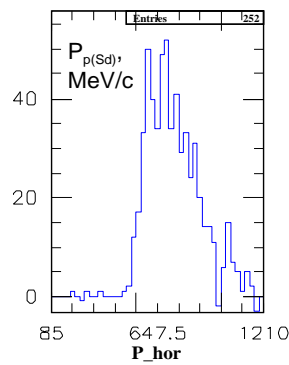
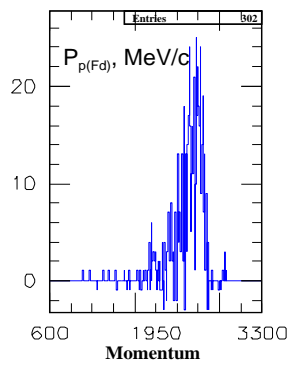
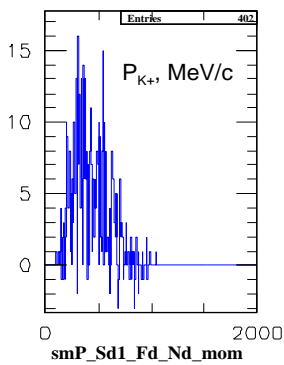
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Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



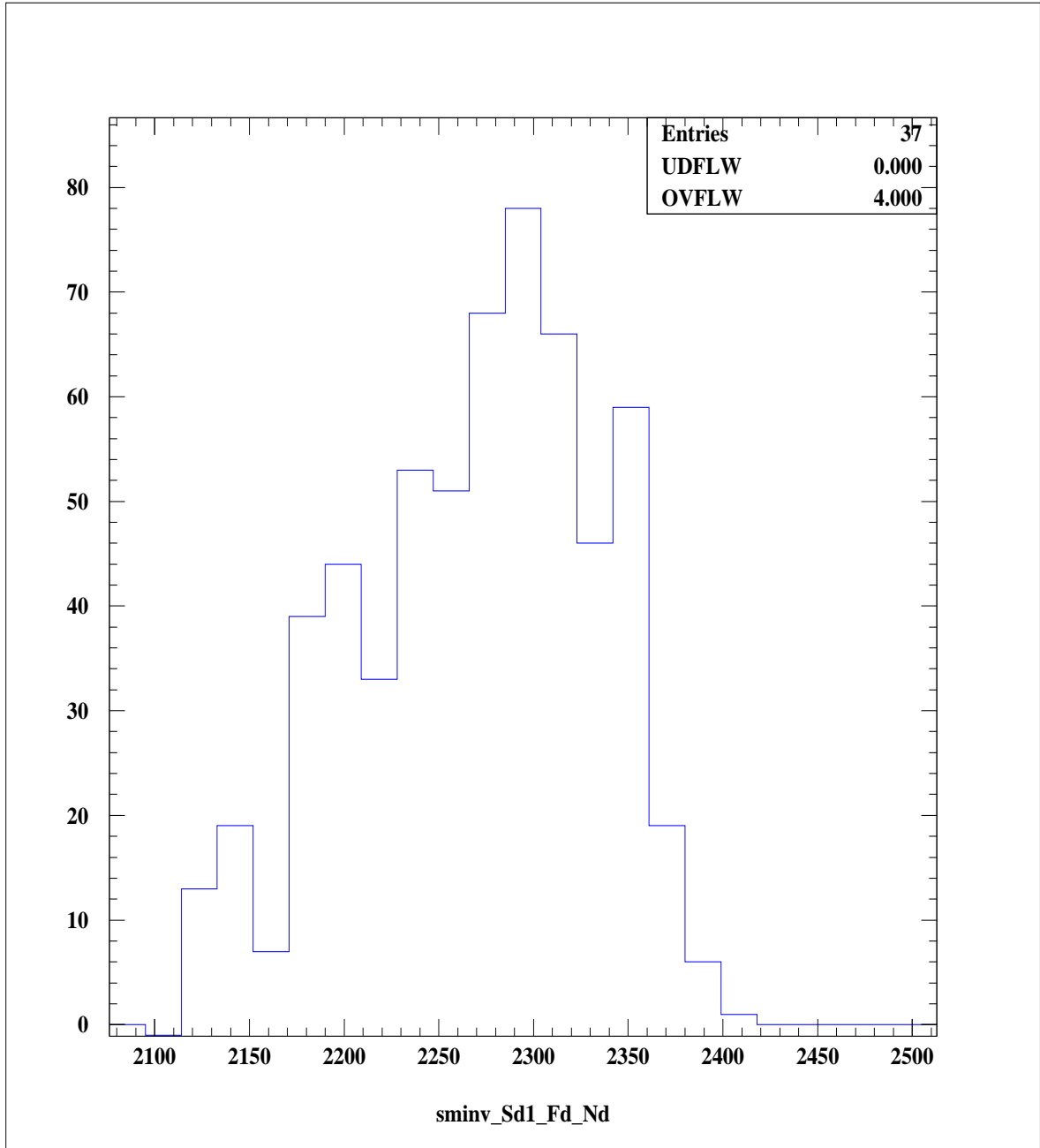
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Selected kaons with  $\theta_{K^+} > 30$  deg.



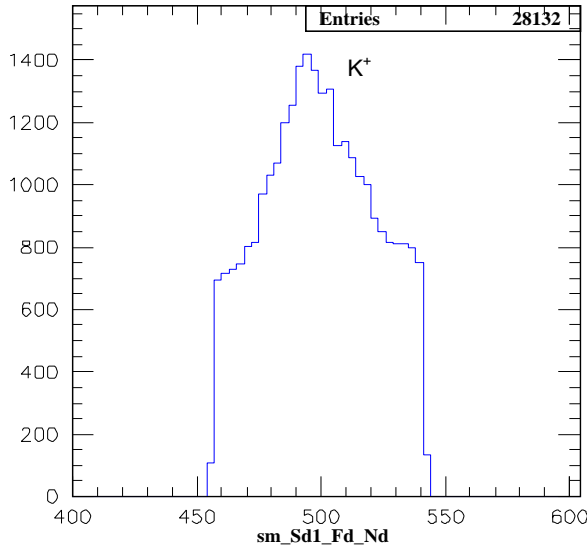
$M(\Lambda_{Sd}, p_{Fd}) = M_{inv}(p_{Sd}, p_{Fd}\pi^-)$  Cuts  $M(K^+) = 497 \pm 42$  MeV,  $\theta_{K^+} > 30$  deg.,  
 $M(\Lambda_{Sd}) = 1116 \pm 4$  MeV.

As it is seen, selecting larger  $K^+$ -mesons angles one makes  $M(\Lambda_{Sd}, p_{Fd})$  narrower with the maximum shifting to low masses!!!



pp-PI-.P.P.(X=K+)

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Momentum by Runge Kutta

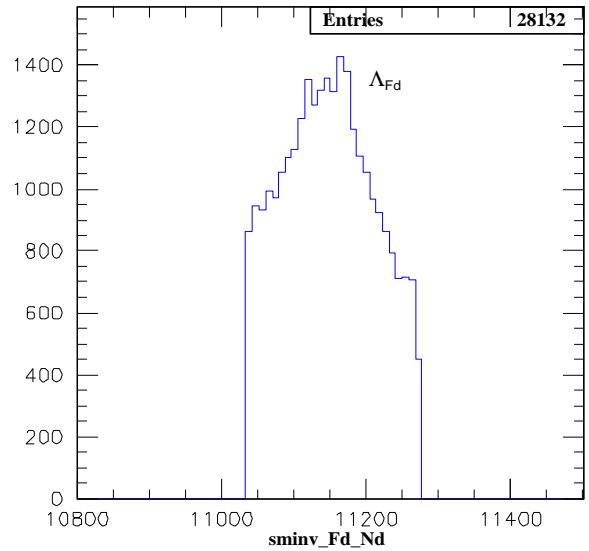
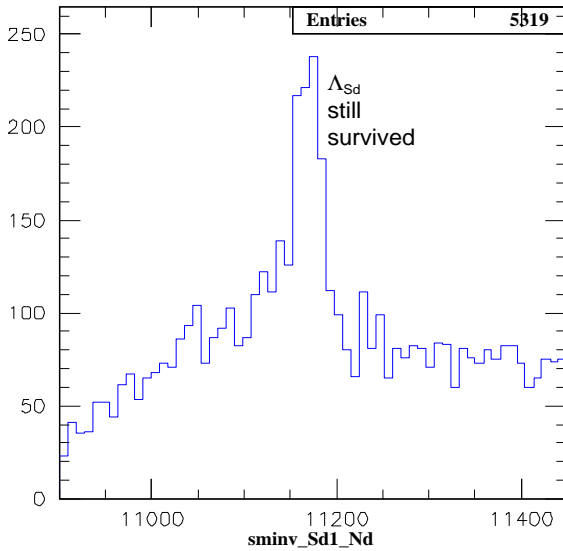
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Proton Beam Momentum, MeV/c= 3650



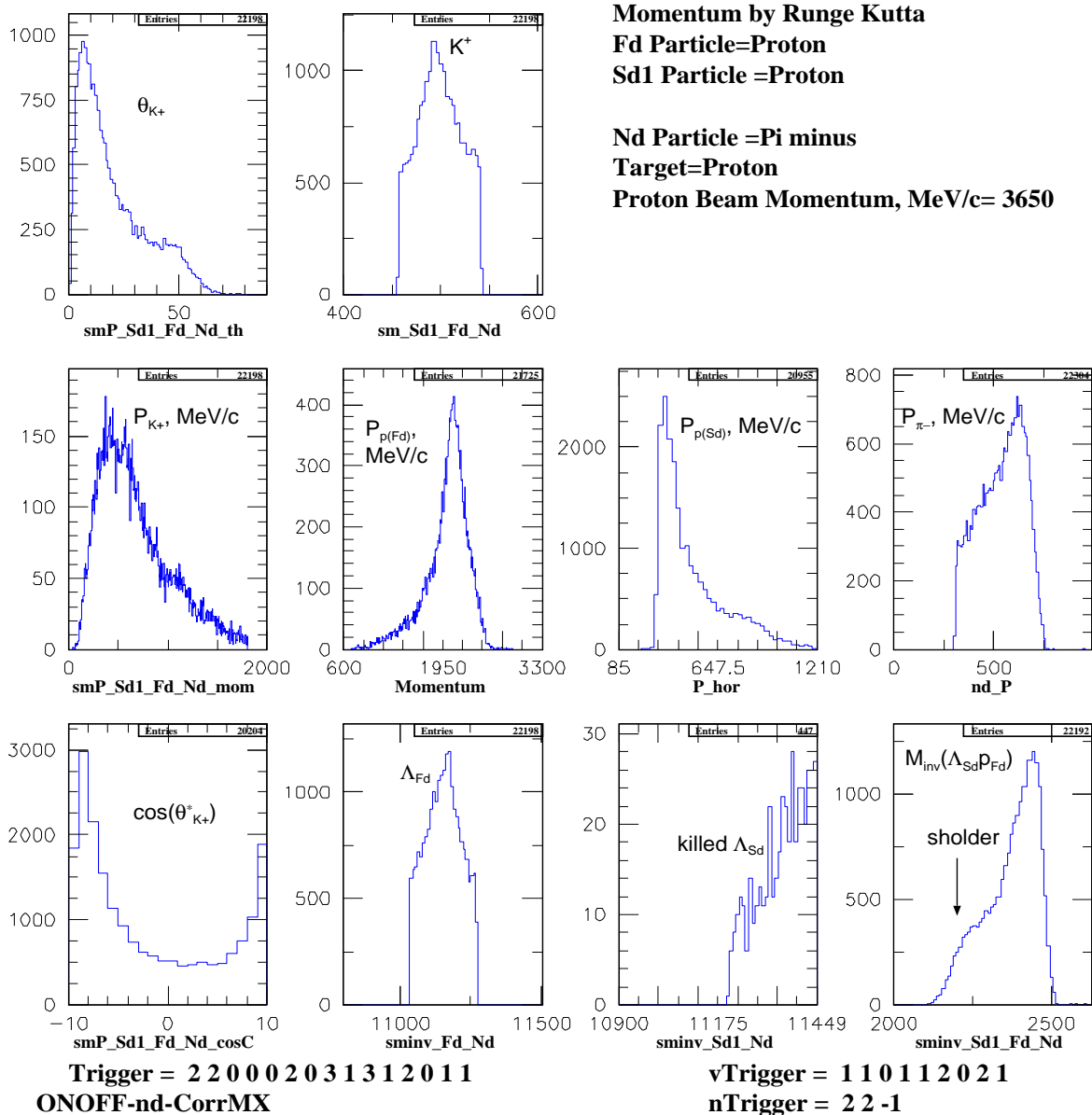
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vTrigger = 1 1 0 1 1 2 0 2 1  
nTrigger = 2 2 -1

$M(K^+) = 497 \pm 42$  MeV,  $M_{inv}(p_{Fd}\pi^-) = 1115 \pm 12$  MeV.  $M(\Lambda_{Fd})$ -peak is 3 times wider than  $M(\Lambda_{Sd})$ -peak. This is the reason why for  $M(\Lambda_{Fd})$ -cuts the background under the kaon peak is larger (see page 20). Wider ( $\Lambda_{Fd}, \Lambda_{Sd}$ ) crossed over region makes survived  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  peak rather strong after  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  selection.

pp-PI-.P.P (X=K+)

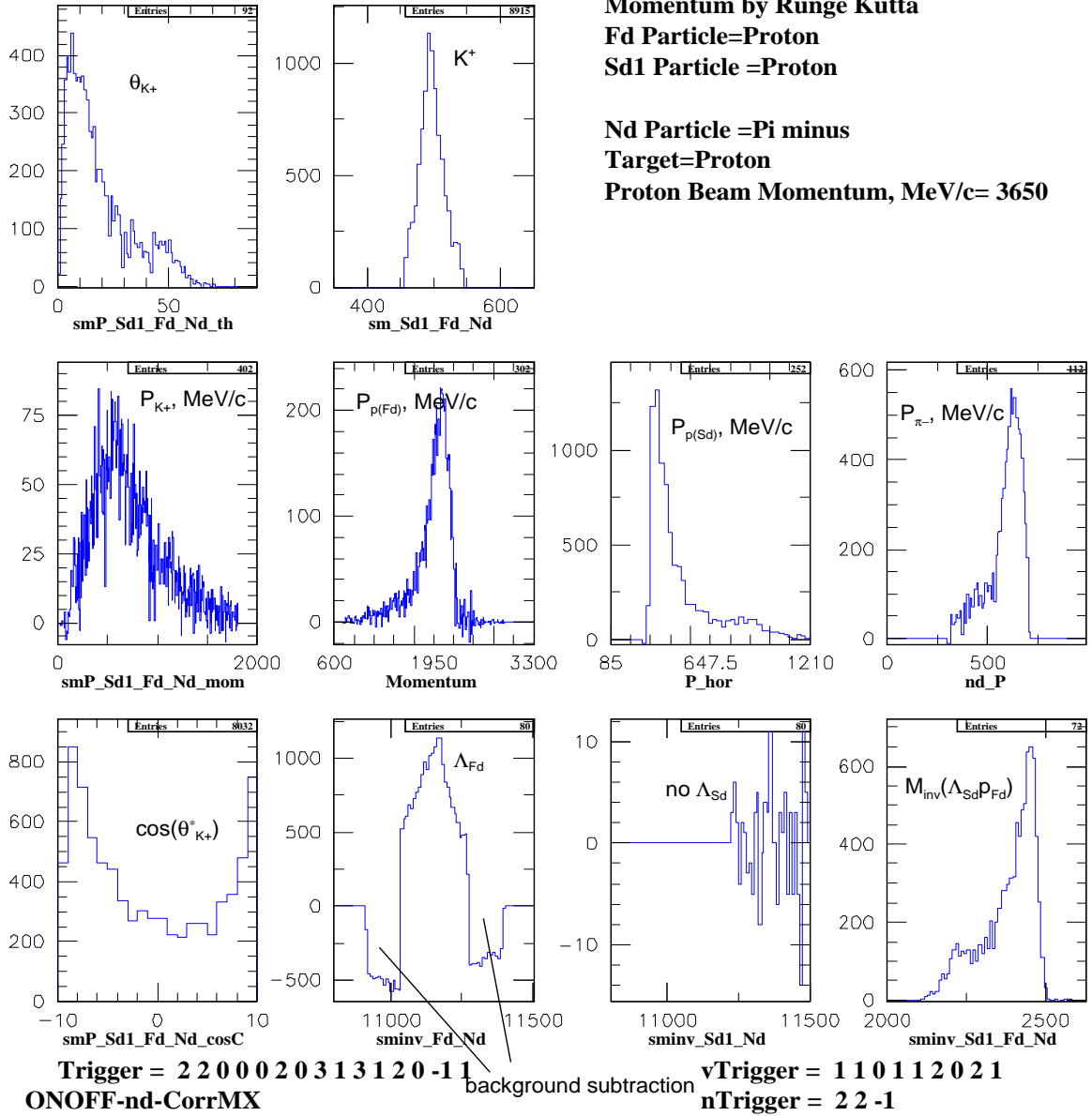
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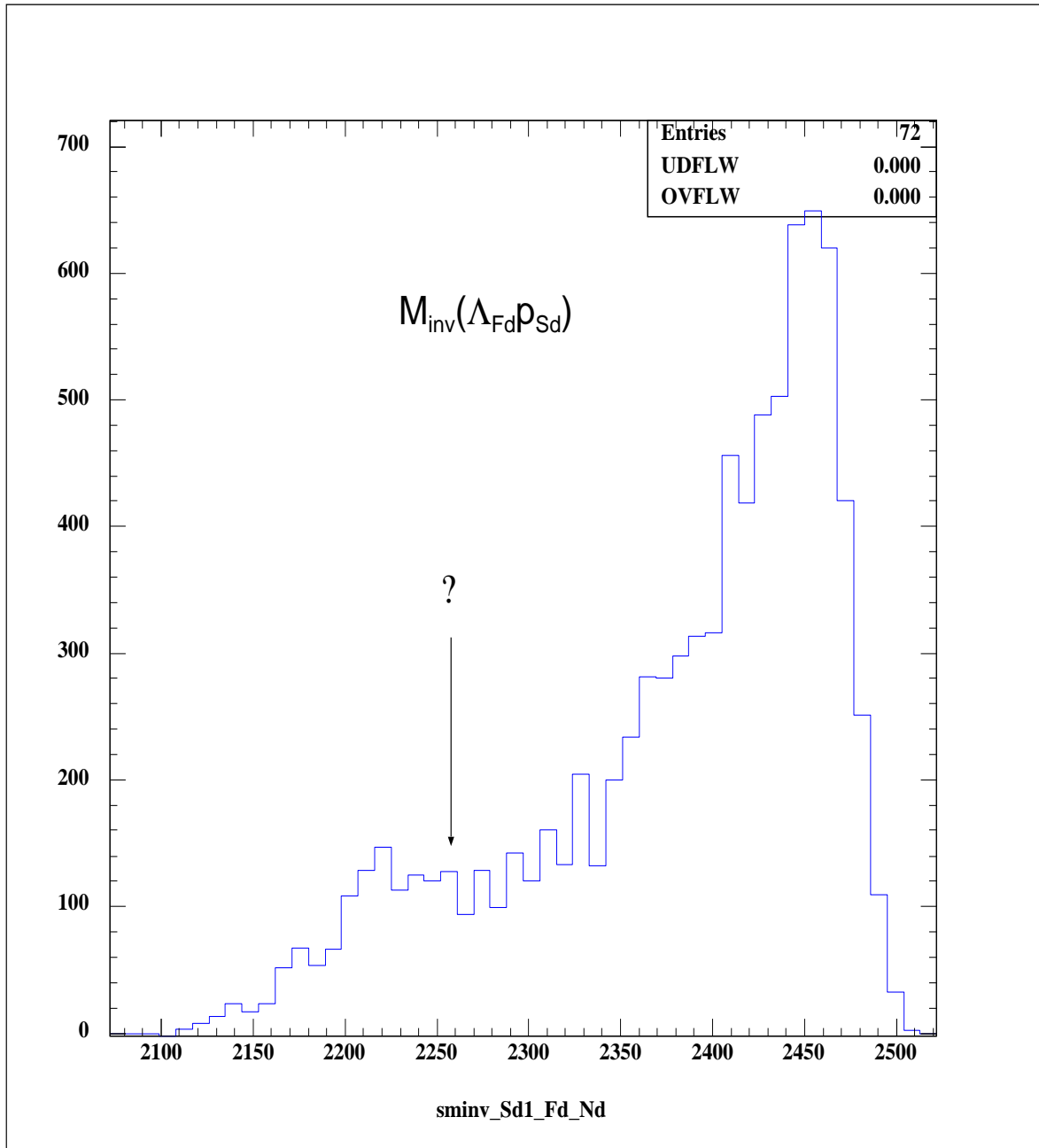
$M(K^+) = 497 \pm 42$  MeV,  $M_{inv}(p_{Fd}\pi^-) = 1115 \pm 12$  MeV and additional cuts:  
 $|\vec{p}_{\pi^-}| > 300$  MeV/c and  $M_{inv}(p_{Sd}\pi^-) > 1120$  MeV.  
 A sholder is seen in  $M_{inv}(p_{Sd}p_{Fd}\pi^-)$  at 2250 MeV.

pp-PI-.P.P (X=K+)

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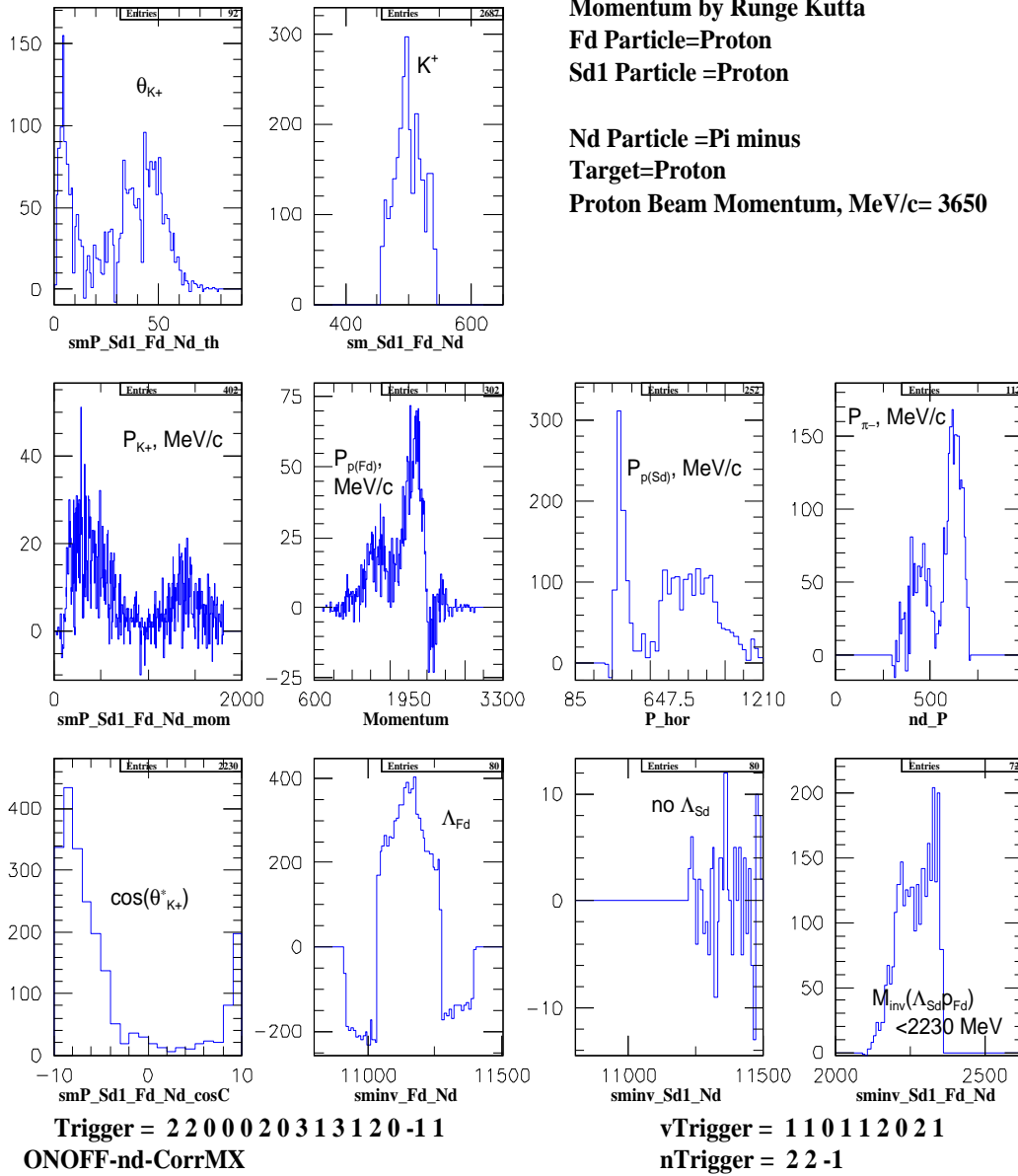
After the  $\Lambda_{Fd}$ -background subtraction (compare with page 27) the background under the kaon peak is practically killed.  
 $M(\Lambda_{Fd}, p_{Fd}) = M_{inv}(p_{Sd}, p_{Fd}\pi^-)$  is shown on the next page.



$M(\Lambda_{Fd}, p_{Sd}) = M_{inv}(p_{Sd}, p_{Fd}\pi^-)$ .  
 Cuts:  $M(K^+) = 497 \pm 42$  MeV,  $M_{inv}(p_{Fd}\pi^-) = 1115 \pm 12$  MeV,  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  is killed,  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  — background is subtracted.  
 Is it really a wide peak in the  $(\Lambda_{Fd}, p_{Sd})$ -mass region or is it a game of not quite correctly subtracted background?? Must not be excluded also that a correct model of  $K^+$ -production in  $pp \rightarrow K^+p\Lambda$  reaction gives the same result without any additional  $(p\Lambda)$ -resonant productions.

pp-PI-P.P (X=K+)

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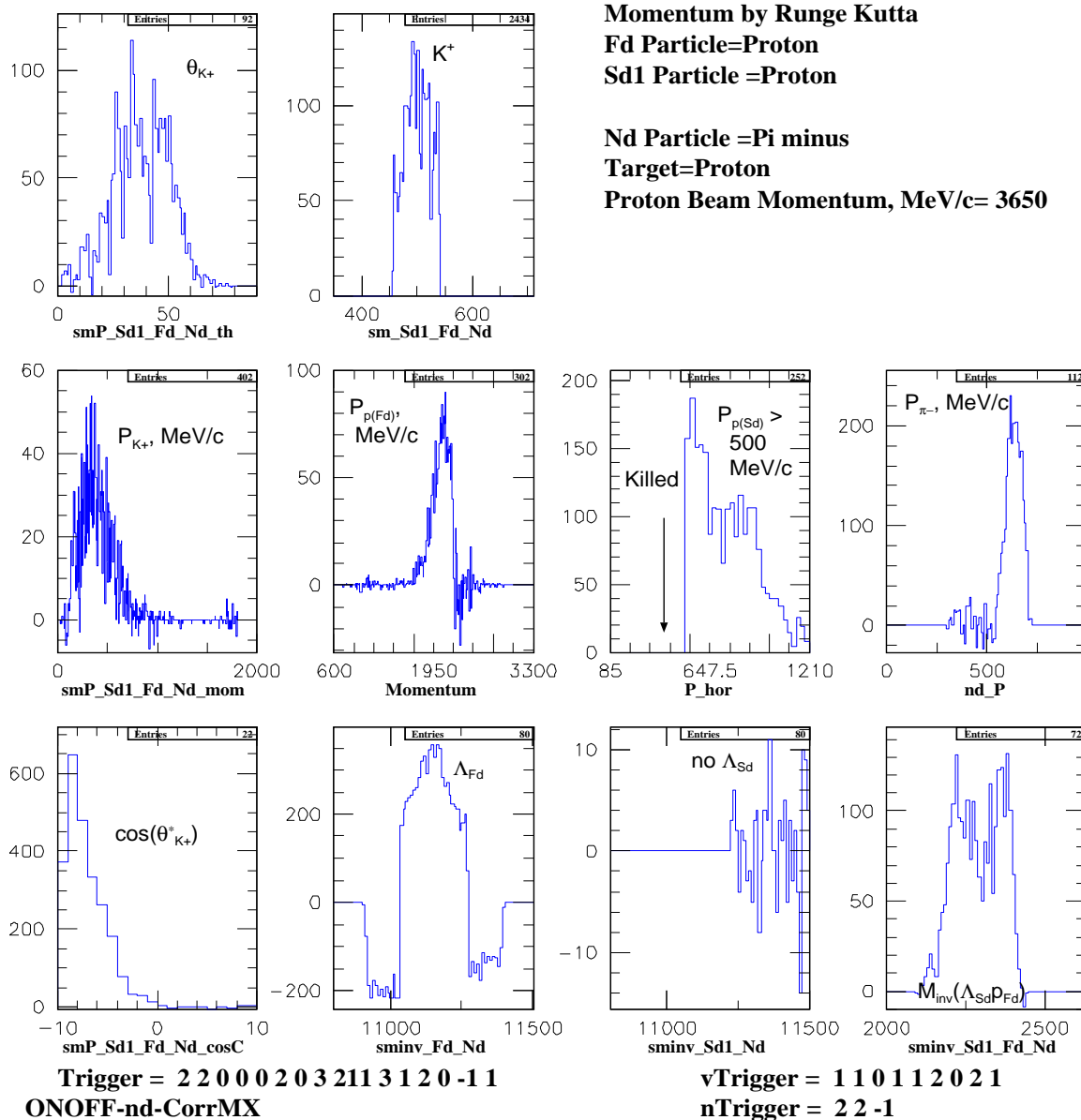


In addition to the criteria used before (see page 28) the low  $M(\Lambda_{Fd}, p_{Sd})$  region is selected as  $M_{inv}(p_{Fd}p_{Sd}\pi^-) \leq 2350$  MeV.

**Conclusion:** to enrich the low ( $p\Lambda$ )-mass region is quite sufficient to select kaons at large angles ( $\theta_{K^+} > 20$  deg.) or to select high momenta of Sd-protons  $|\vec{p}_{p_{Sd}}| > 500$  MeV/c.

pp-PI-.P.P (X=K+)

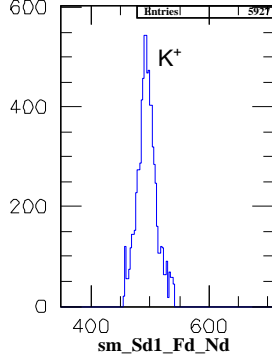
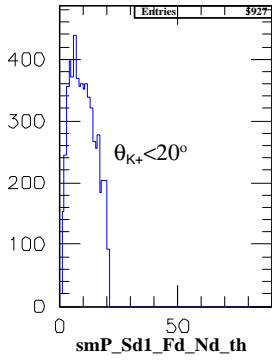
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In addition to the criteria shown on the page 28 the high moments Sd protons are selected:  $|\vec{p}_{psd}| > 500 \text{ MeV}/c$ .  
 In March 2005 only 4 sidewall counters were used. The peak in  $M_{inv}(p_{Fd}p_{Sd}\pi^-) = M(\Lambda_{Fd}p_{Sd})$  will be stronger if SW5 and SW6 counter are used in the future.

pp-PI-.P.P (X=K+)

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Momentum by Runge Kutta

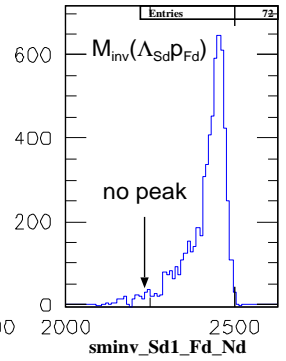
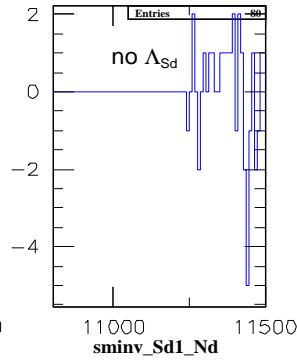
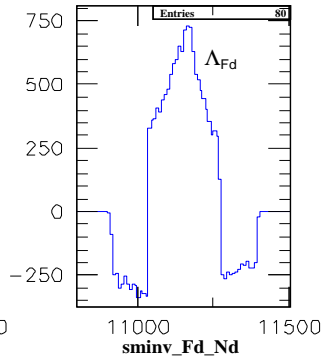
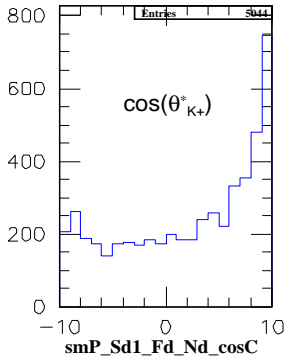
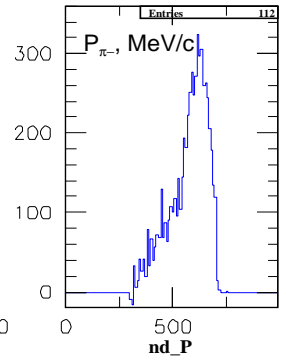
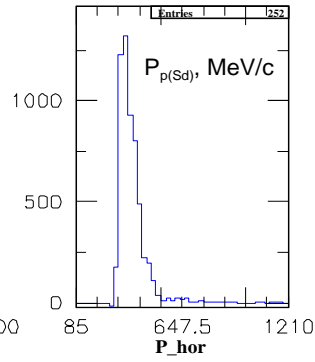
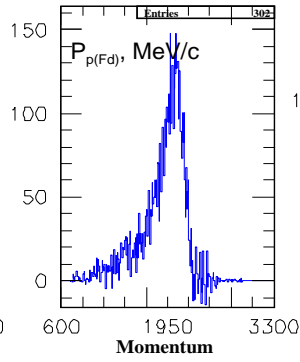
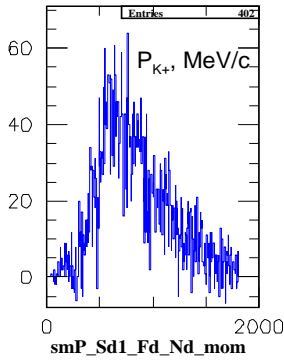
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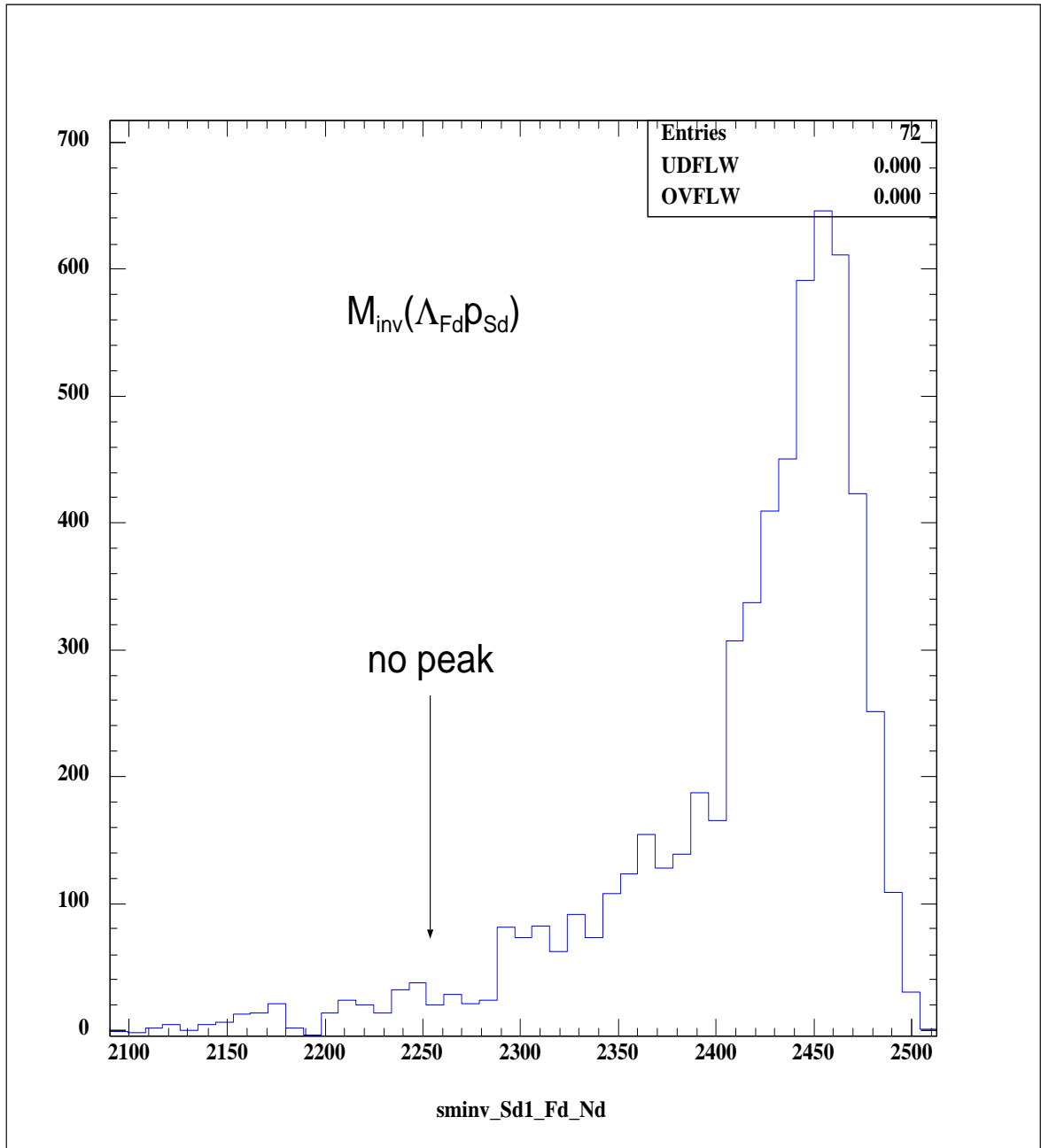
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Kaons with  $\theta_{K^+} < 20$  deg. are selected. This is the condition of the case when kaons are detected in Telescopes and SW (page 2–8). The enhancement at 2250 MeV disappeared in  $M_{inv}(p_{Fd}p_{Sd}\pi^-)$ , see next page.

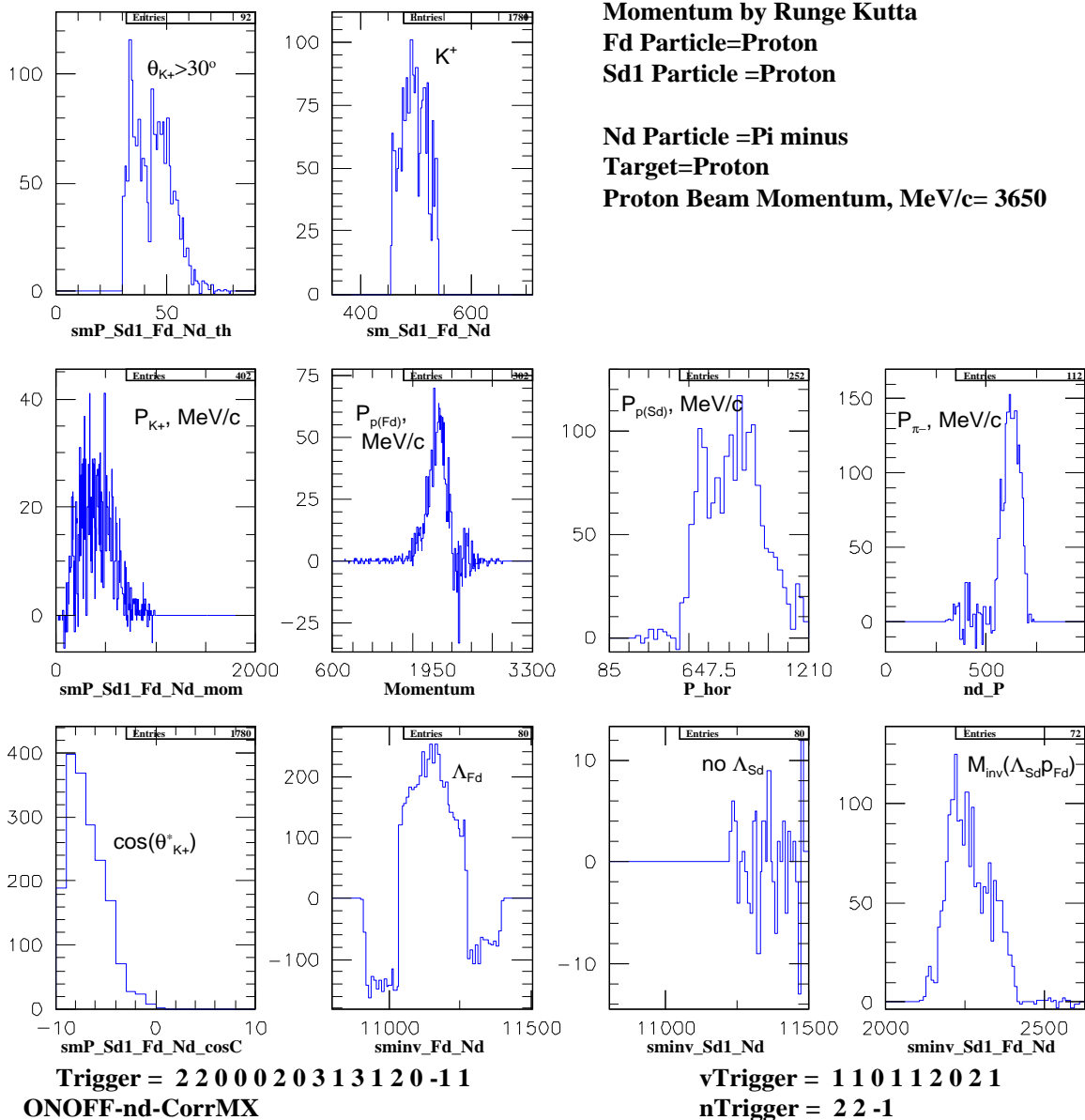


$M(K^+) = 497 \pm 42$  MeV,  $M_{inv}(p_{Fd} \pi^-) = 1115 \pm 12$  MeV.  $\Lambda_{Sd}$  - are killed,  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  - background is subtracted,  $\theta_{K^+} < 20$  deg.

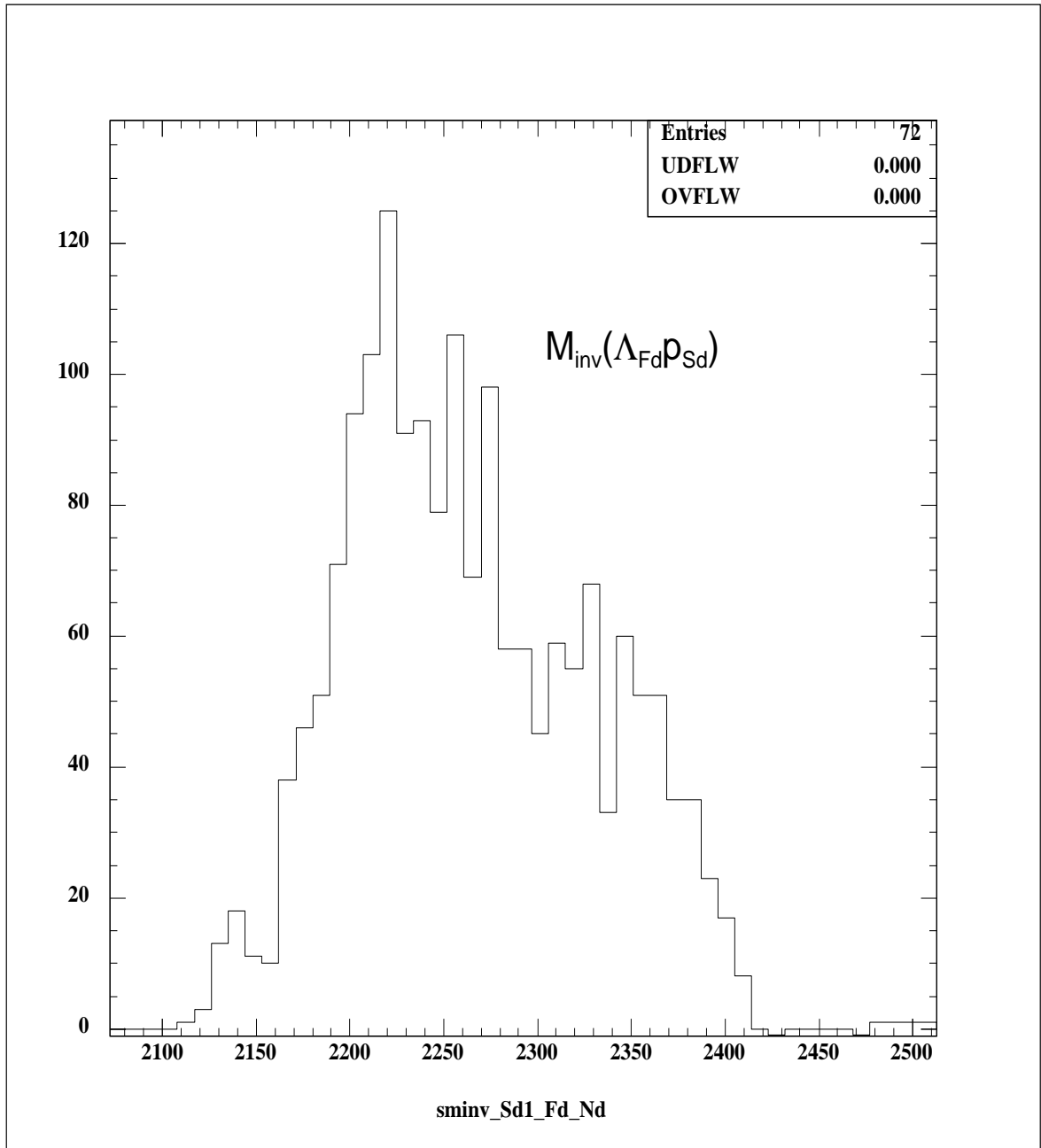


pp-PI-P.P (X=K+)

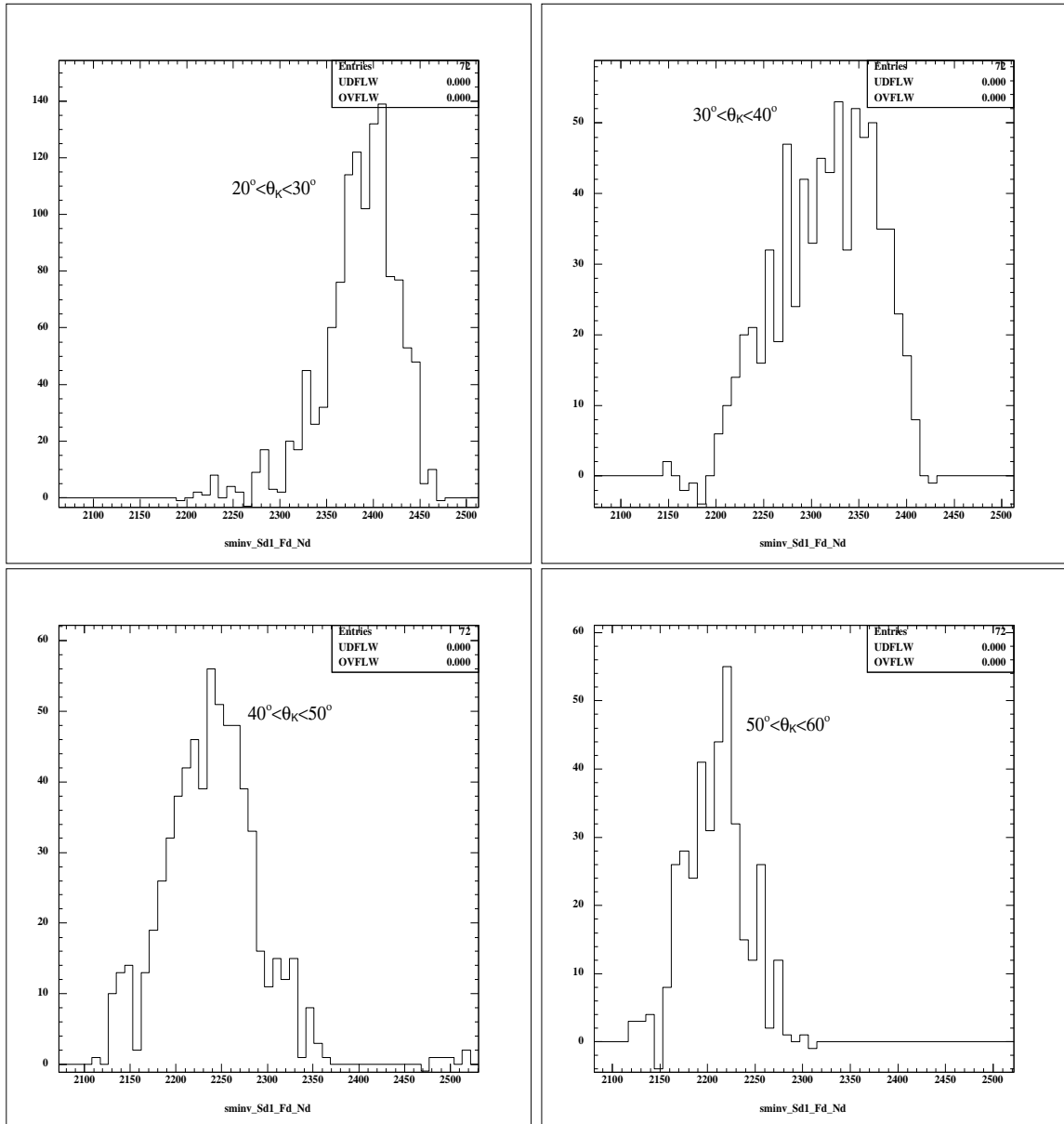
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Kaon at large angles are selected  $\theta_{K^+} > 30$  deg.  $\rightarrow$  strong peak at 2250 MeV in  $M(\Lambda_{Fd}, p_{Sd}) = M_{inv}(p_{Sd}p_{Fd}\pi^-)$ , see next page.



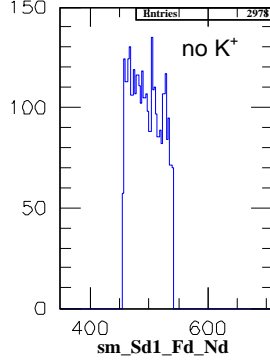
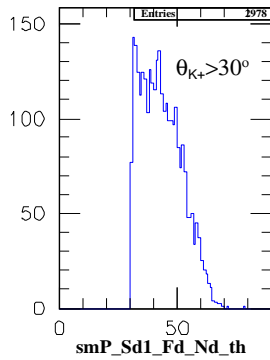
$\theta_{K^+} > 30$  deg.



Making different angular cut for  $K^+$ -mesons it is possible to have a peak of any width and at any mass in maximum!!!

pp-PI-.P.P (X=K+)

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Momentum by Runge Kutta

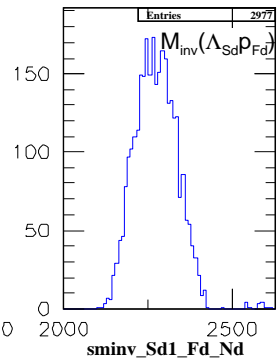
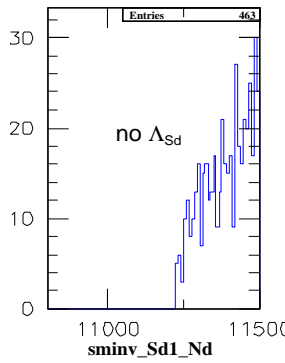
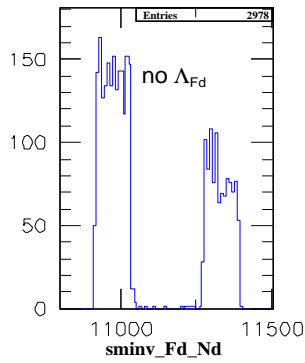
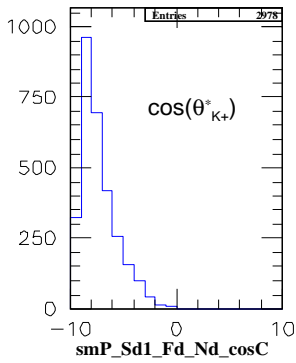
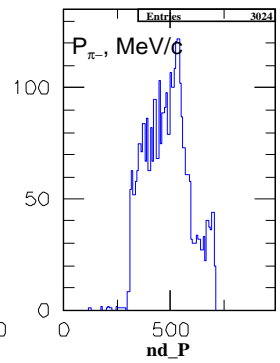
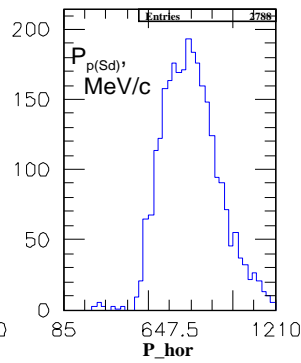
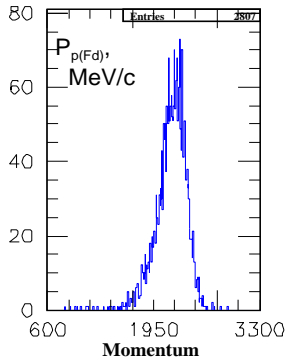
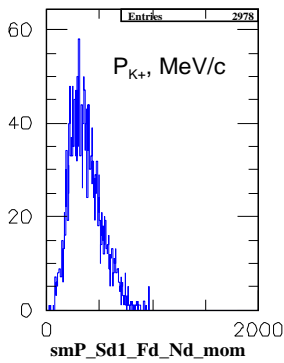
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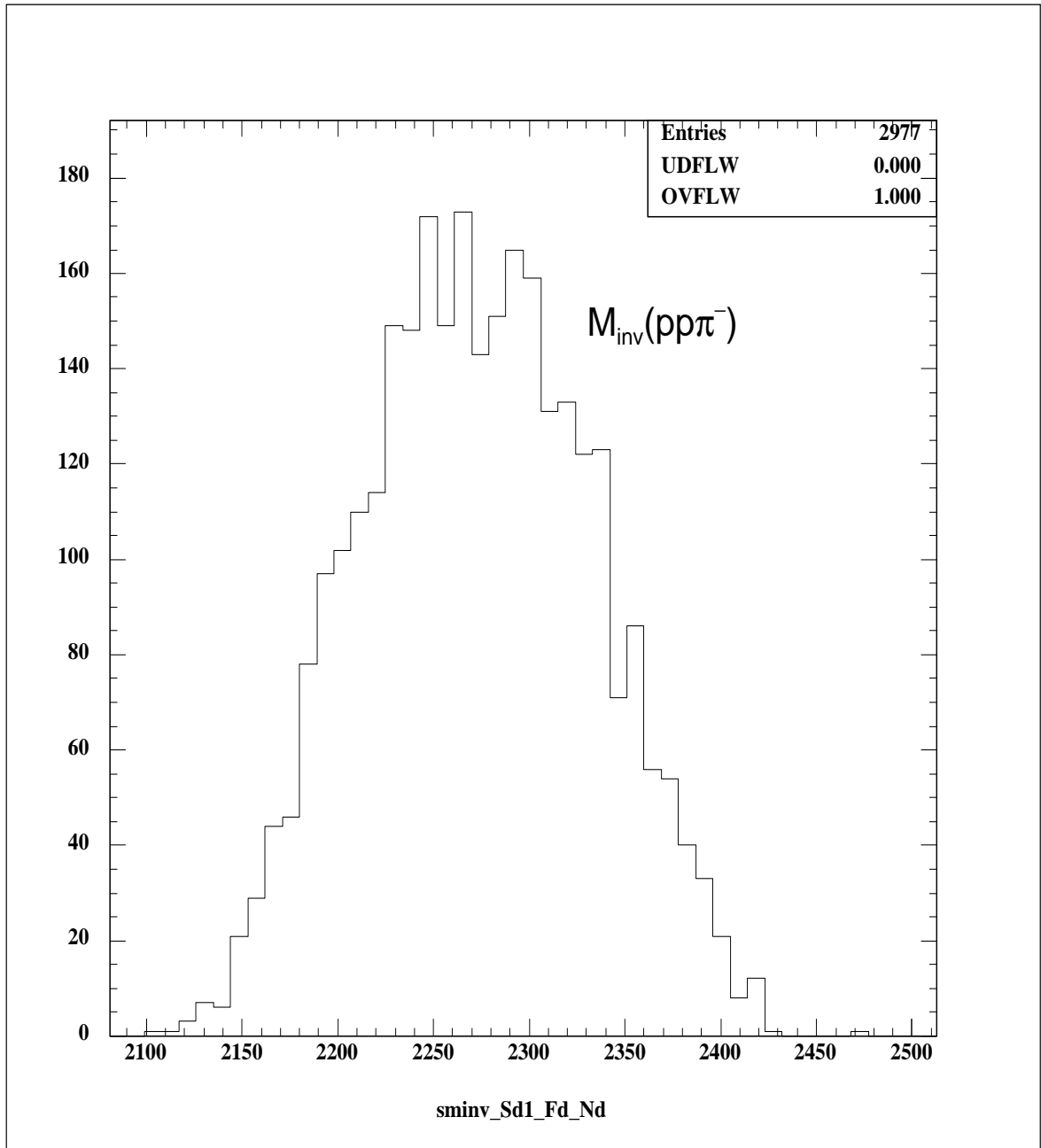
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Let's take the events, which were used for  $\Lambda_{Fd}$  background subtraction, and select "as if kaons" at large angles  $\theta_{K^+} > 30$  deg. No kaons, no  $\Lambda_{Fd}$ ,  $\Lambda_{Sd}$ , but a strong peak is seen in  $M_{inv}(pp\pi^-)$  at 2260 MeV with the width of about 100 MeV. Looks like the DISTO result. See next page.



No kaons, no  $\Lambda_{Fd}$ ,  $\Lambda_{Sd}$ . Peak  $M_{inv}(pp\pi^-) = 2260$  MeV,  $\Delta M \approx 100$  MeV (FWHM).

## Conclusion

1. Detection of  $K^+$ -meson is useless to study low  $(\Lambda p)$ -mass region at ANKE.
2. Without kaon detection ( $pp\pi^-$  coincidences) the complete  $(\Lambda p)$ -mass region can be seen but:
  - huge physics background,
  - not clear how correct is the procedure of this background subtraction,
  - any angular or momentum cuts are very dangerous, because a proper peak in  $M_{miss}(\Lambda p)$  can be obtained even from background events.
3. More interesting is kaon detection in FD if the non physics background can be killed applying TOF( $\pi^- K^+$ ) to separate kaons from protons in FD.