



# ECT\* workshop: Opportunities with JLab Energy and Luminosity Upgrade

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## Exploring the 3D structure of nucleon resonances based on transition GPD measurements at JLAB and JLAB20+

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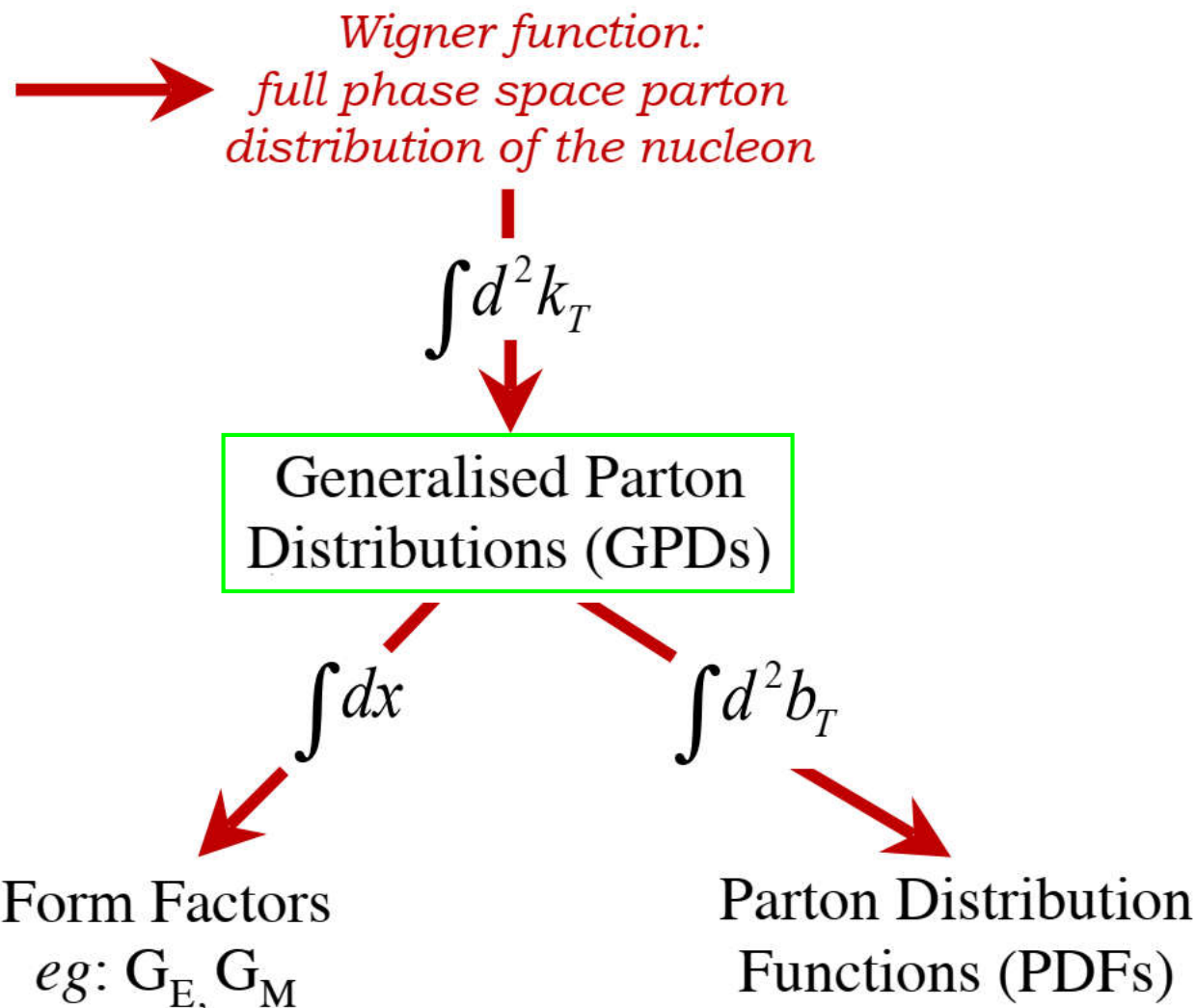
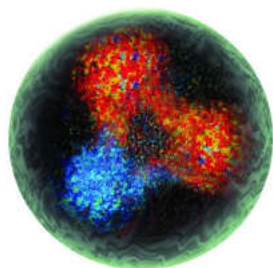
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## 3-Dimensional Imaging of Quarks and Gluons



# Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

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3-D nucleon images in the transverse coordinate and longitudinal momentum space

4 chiral even and 4 chiral odd GPDs

- Indirect access to mechanical properties of the nucleon

$$\int x H(x, \xi, t) dx = \underset{\text{mass}}{M_2(t)} + \frac{4}{5} \xi^2 d_1(t) \leftarrow \text{pressure and shear forces}$$

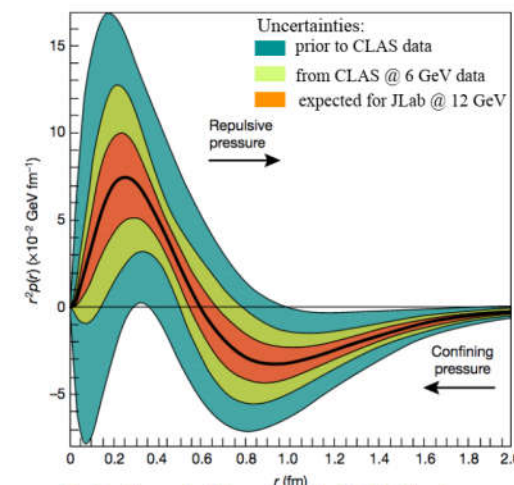
- Additional physics content encoded in chiral odd GPDs

$$\kappa_T^u = \int dx \bar{E}_T^u(x, \xi, t=0) \quad \delta_T^u = \int dx H_T^u(x, \xi, t=0)$$

$\bar{E}_T$  is related to the protons anomalous tensor magnetic moment

$H_T$  is related to the protons tensor charge

		quark pol.			
		N/q	U	L	T
nucleon pol.	U	H			$\bar{E}_T$
	L		$\tilde{H}$		$\tilde{E}_T$
	T	E	$\tilde{E}$		$H_T, \tilde{H}_T$

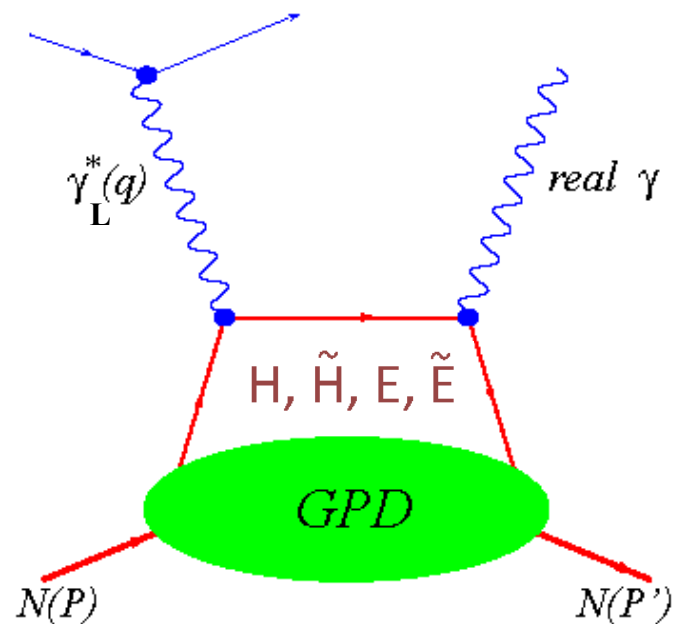
$$\bar{E}_T = 2\tilde{H}_T + E_T$$


V. Burkert, L. Elouadrhiri, F.-X. Girod, *Nature* **557**, 396-399 (2018)

K. Kumericki, *Nature* **570**, E1-E2 (2019)

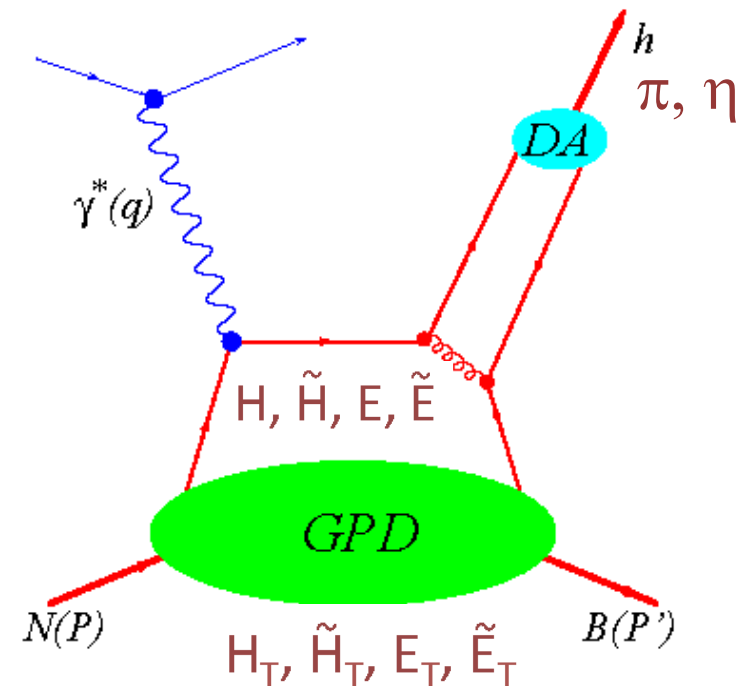
## Study GPDs: Deeply Virtual Exclusive Processes

### Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)



- + Clean process
- Only sensitive to chiral even GPDs

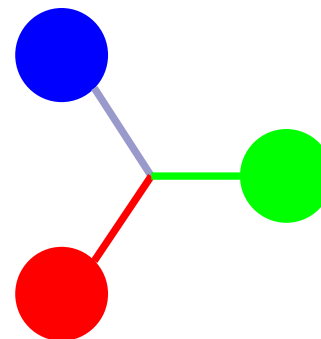
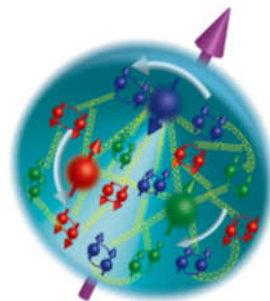
### Deeply Virtual Meson Production (DVMP)



- + Enables Flavour decomposition of GPDs
- + Access to transversity degrees of freedom described by chiral-odd GPDs

# From the ground state nucleon to resonances

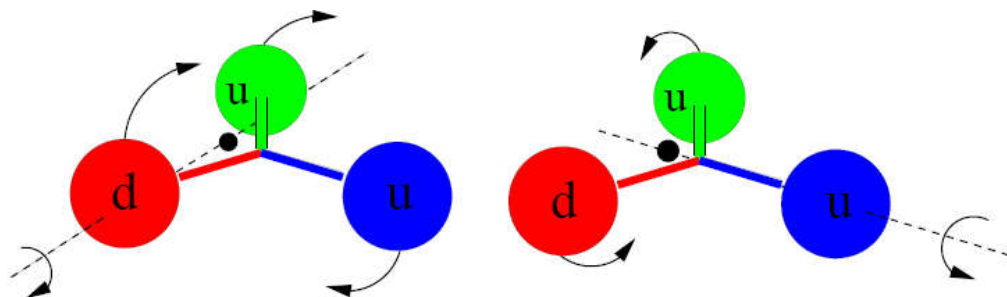
Ground state nucleon:  
(proton, neutron)



Nucleon resonances:

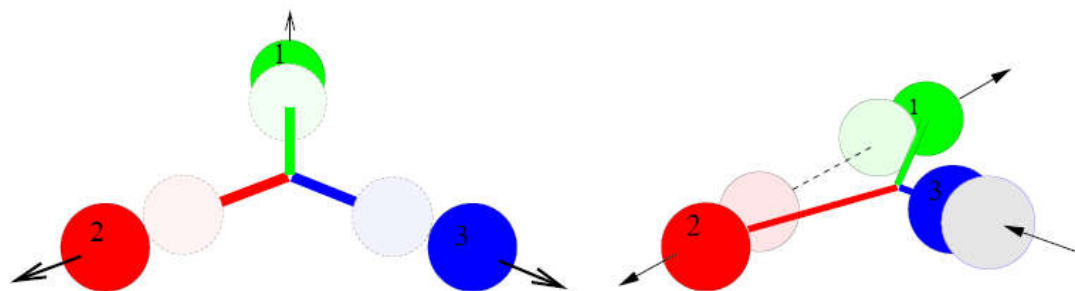
➤ Orbital excitations

i.e N(1535)



➤ Radial excitations

i.e N(1440)



## From classical GPD to transition GPDs

**Past:** Extensive studies of transition form factors (**2D picture** of transv. position)

**But:** How does the excitation affect the **3D structure** of the Nucleon?

→ Pressure distributions, tensor charge, ... of resonances?

→ Information encoded in **transition GPDs**

→ More difficult theoretical description due to additional degrees of freedom

**Simplest case:**  $N \rightarrow \Delta$  transition

→ **16 transition GPDs**

- 8 helicity non-flip transition GPDs (twist 2)
- 8 helicity flip transition GPDs (twist 3)

## Transition GPDs in the twist-2 sector

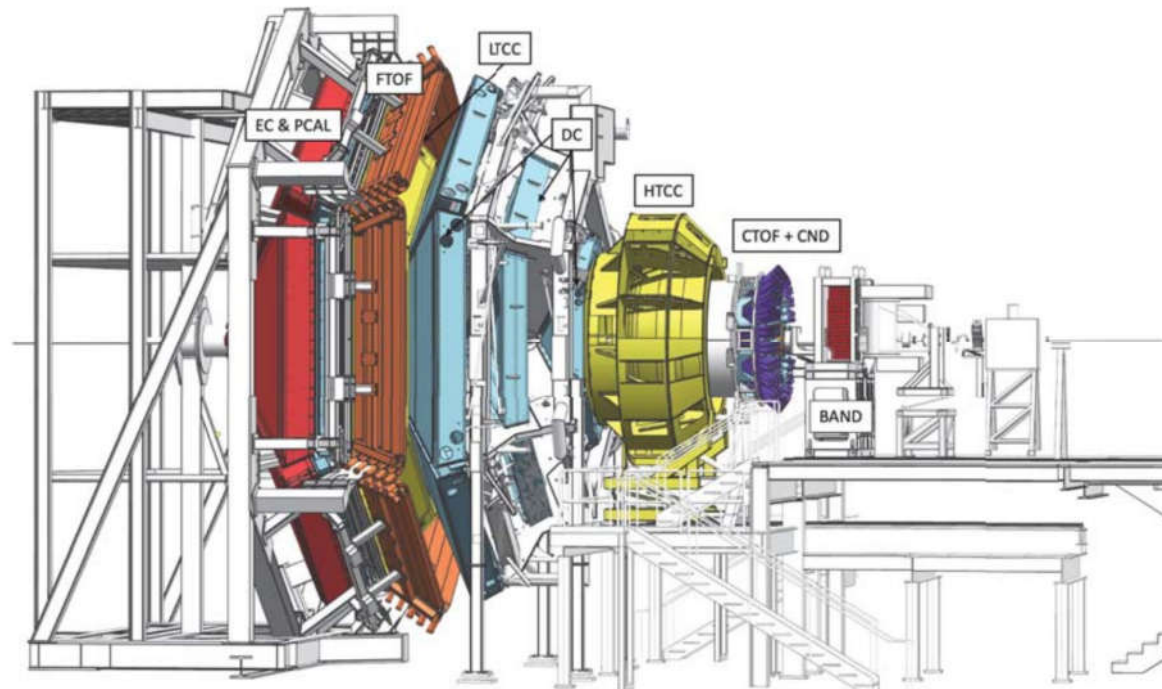
**N→Δ transition:** 8 twist-2 helicity non-flip transition GPDs

unpolarized:		polarized:	
$\int_{-1}^1 dx H_M(x; \xi; t) = 2G_M^*(t)$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Jones-Scardone EM FF} \\ \text{for the N} \rightarrow \text{transition} \end{array} \right\}$	$\int_{-1}^1 dx C_1(x; \xi; t) = 2C_5^A(t)$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Adler form factors} \end{array} \right\}$
$\int_{-1}^1 dx H_E(x; \xi; t) = 2G_E^*(t)$		$\int_{-1}^1 dx C_2(x; \xi; t) = 2C_6^A(t)$	
$\int_{-1}^1 dx H_C(x; \xi; t) = 2G_C^*(t)$		$\int_{-1}^1 dx C_3(x; \xi; t) = 2C_3^A(t)$	
$\int_{-1}^1 dx H_4(x; \xi; t) = 0$		$\int_{-1}^1 dx C_4(x; \xi; t) = 2C_4^A(t)$	

- 3 of them are dominating in the large  $N_C$  limit
- Connection to proton-proton GPDs via symmetry considerations
- ➔ Description of leading twist effects / longitudinal virtual photons



## CLAS12 Experimental Setup in Hall B at JLAB



V. Burkert et al., Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 959 (2020) 163419

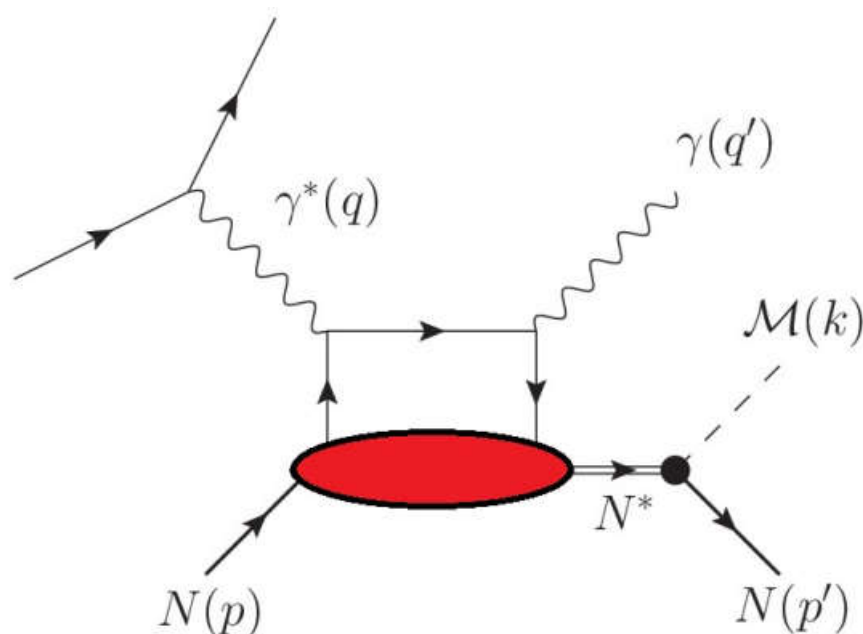
- Data of this talk was recorded with CLAS12 during fall 2018 and spring 2019
- 10.6 / 10.2 GeV  $e^-$  beam → ~87 % average polarization → liquid  $H_2$  target
- Analysed data ~ 35 % of the approved RG-A beam time



## Experimental Access to Transition GPDs (twist 2)

**Experimental access:** Non diagonal DVCS process

$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow N^* \gamma \rightarrow N \text{ meson } \gamma$$



**factorisation for:**  $-t/Q^2$  small,  $x_B$  fixed

**Two final states have been studied:**

$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow N^* \gamma \rightarrow p \pi^0 \gamma \rightarrow p \gamma \gamma \gamma$$

$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow N^* \gamma \rightarrow n \pi^+ \gamma$$

➔ Exclusivity cuts were applied for event selection

➔ Kinematic cuts:

$$W > 2 \text{ GeV} \quad Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad y < 0.8$$

$$-t < 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad E_{\gamma\text{-DVCS}} > 2 \text{ GeV}$$

# First Theoretical Description of the $\Delta$ Region

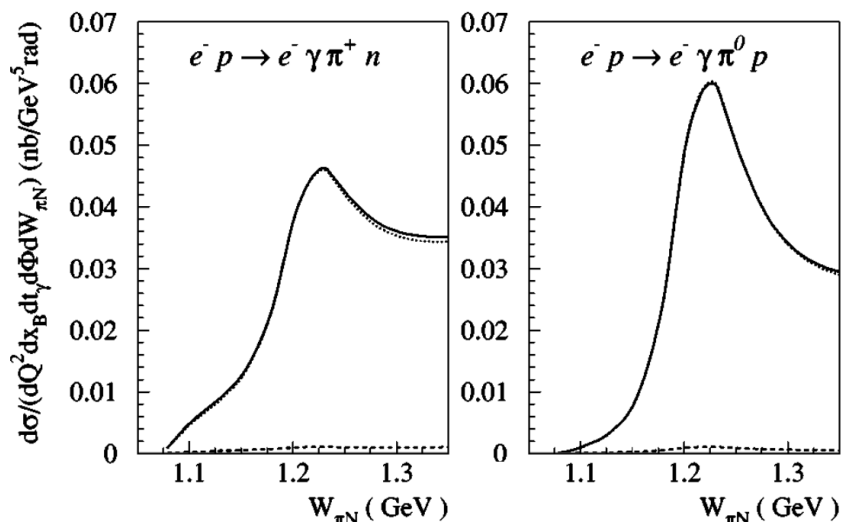
P. A. M Guichon, L. Mosse, M. Vanderhaeghen, Phys. Rev. D68 (2003) 034018

$E_e = 6 \text{ GeV}$

$Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

$x_B = 0.3$

$t_Y = -0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

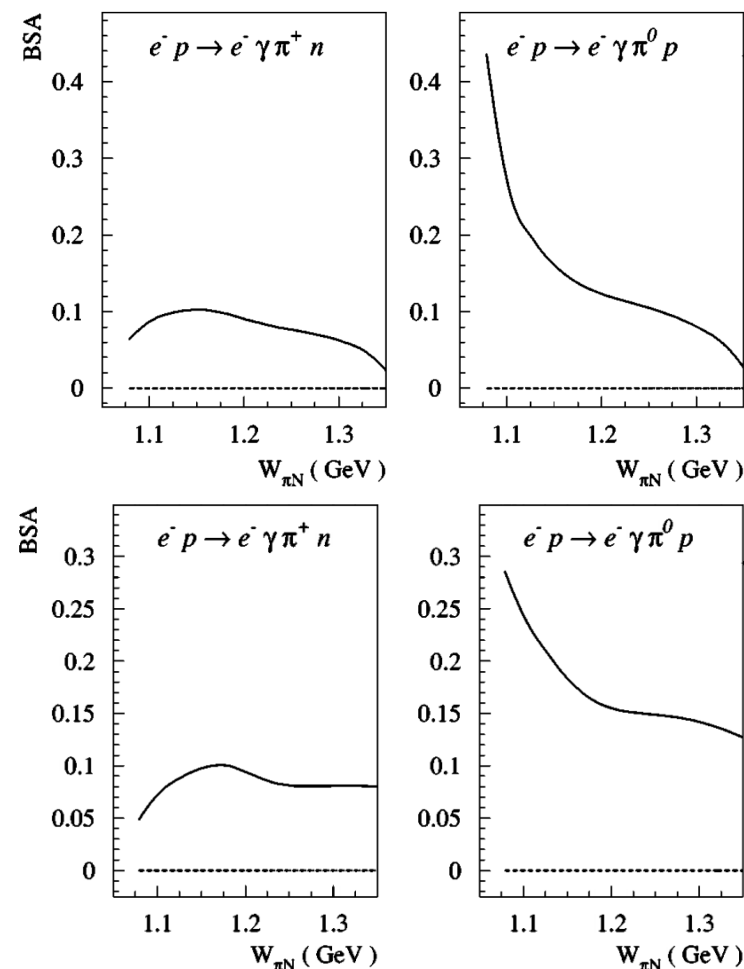
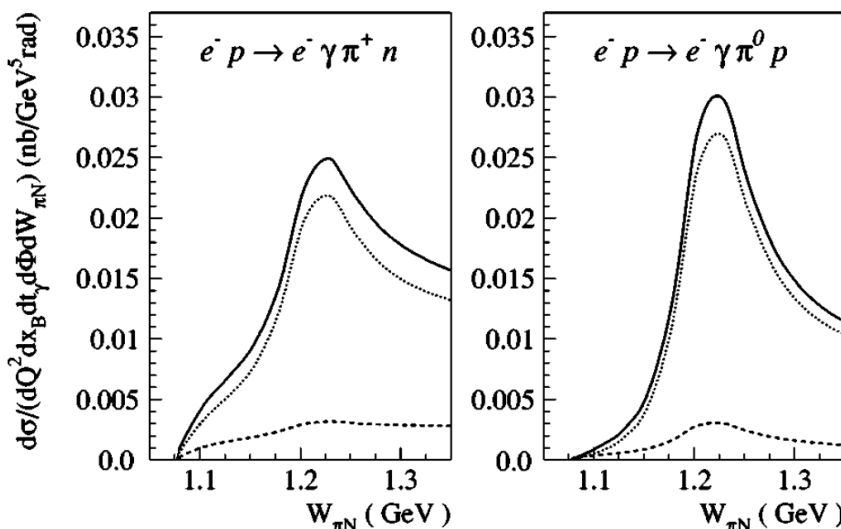


$E_e = 27 \text{ GeV}$

$Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

$x_B = 0.15$

$t_Y = -0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$



---  $\Delta$ -DVCS ..... BH

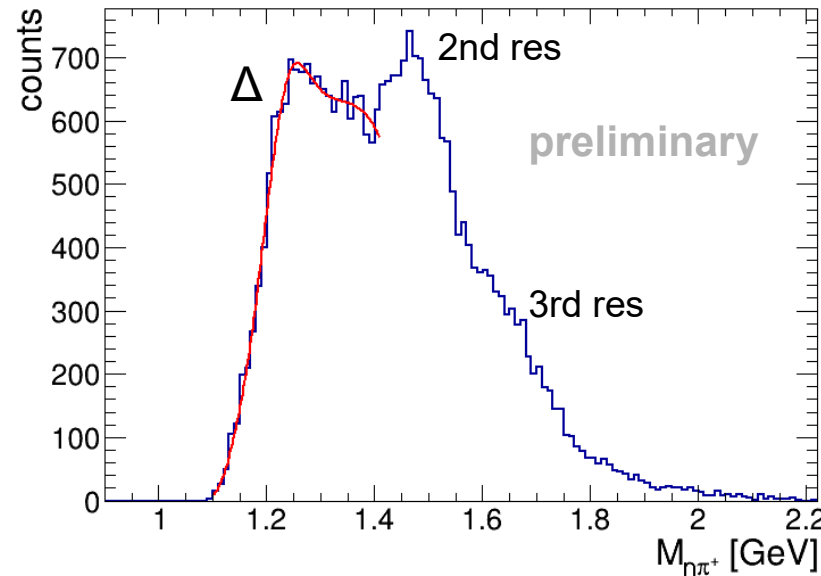
# Resonance Mass Spectrum for $N^* \rightarrow n\pi^+$

$e n \pi^+ \gamma$

$\langle Q^2 \rangle = 2.3 \text{ GeV}^2$

$\langle x_B \rangle = 0.25$

$Q^2$  dependence:

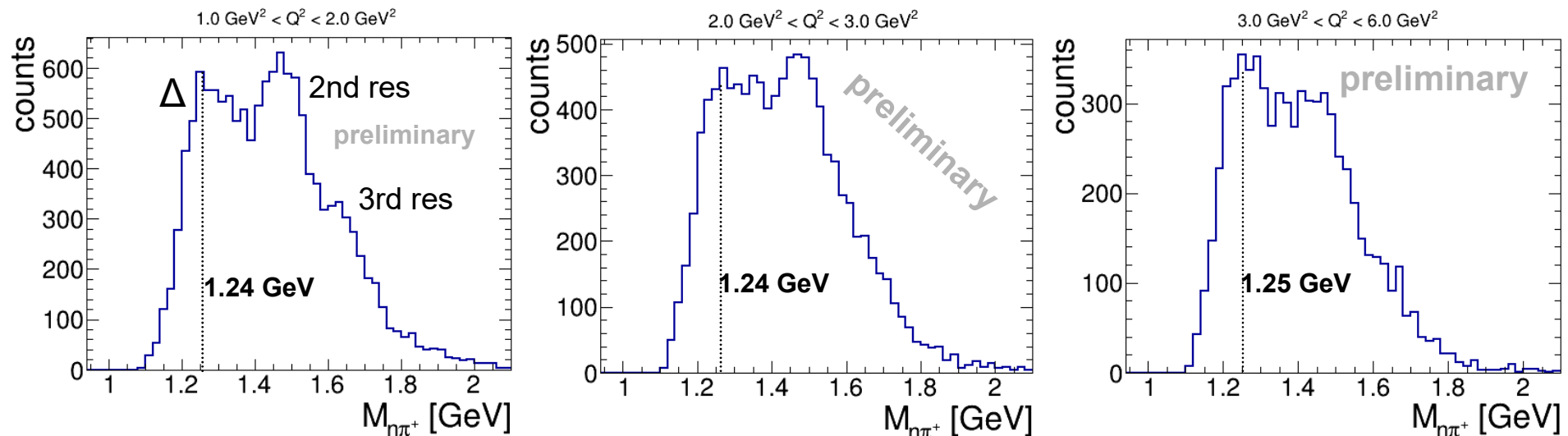


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**$\Delta$ -fit:** Breit-Wigner  
+ polyn. backgr.

$\mu = 1.235 \text{ GeV}$

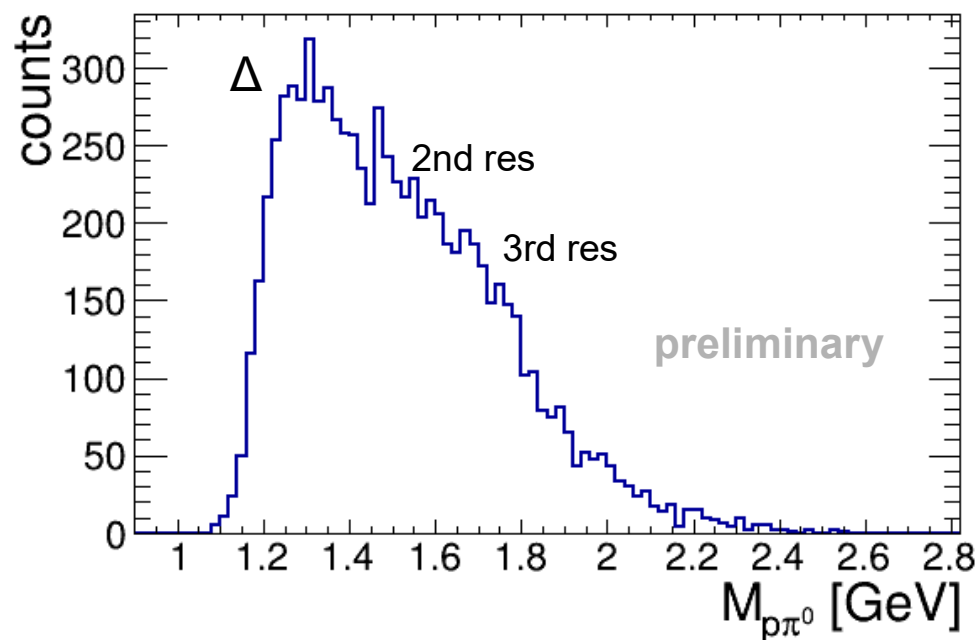
$\Gamma = 0.15 \text{ GeV}$



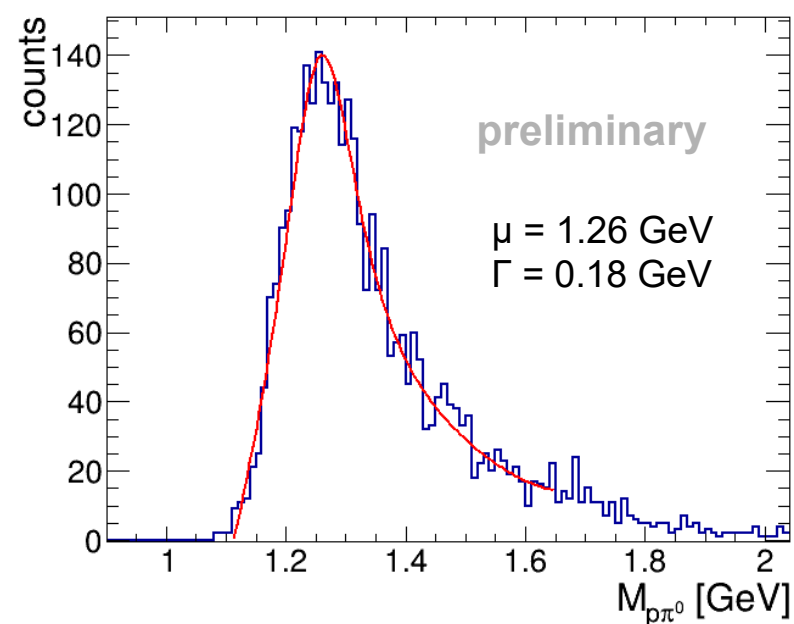
# Resonance Mass Spectrum for $N^* \rightarrow p\pi^0$

$e p \pi^0 \gamma$

full spectrum, no cuts

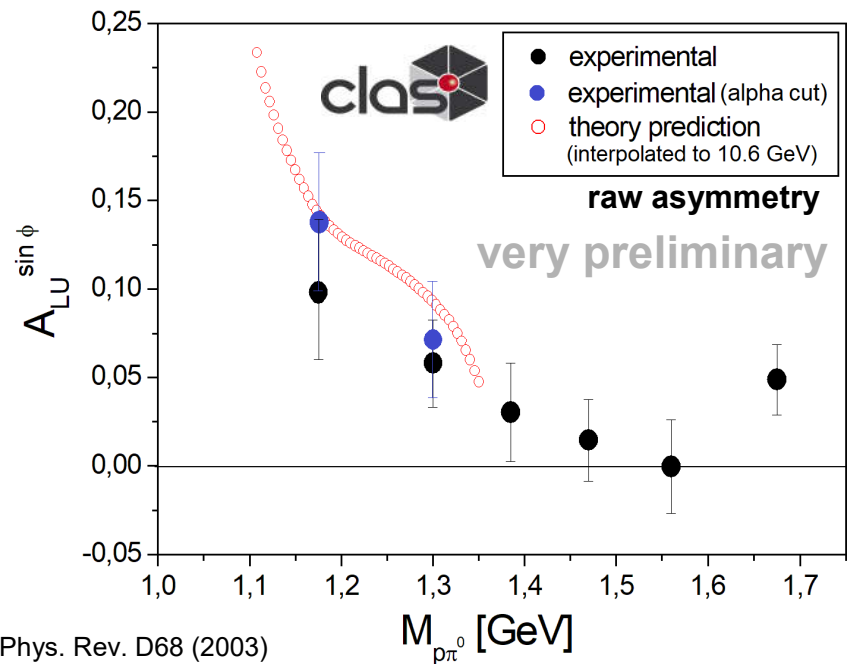
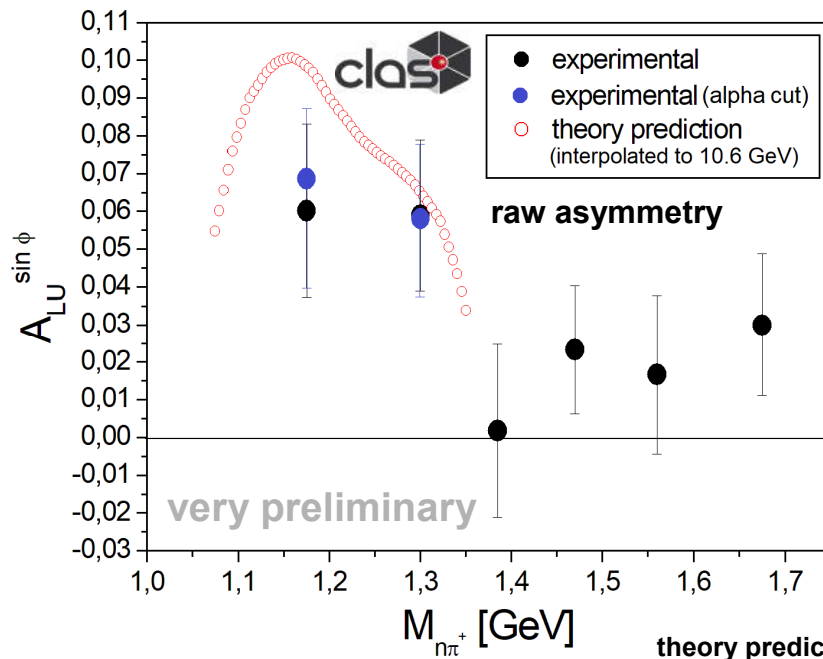
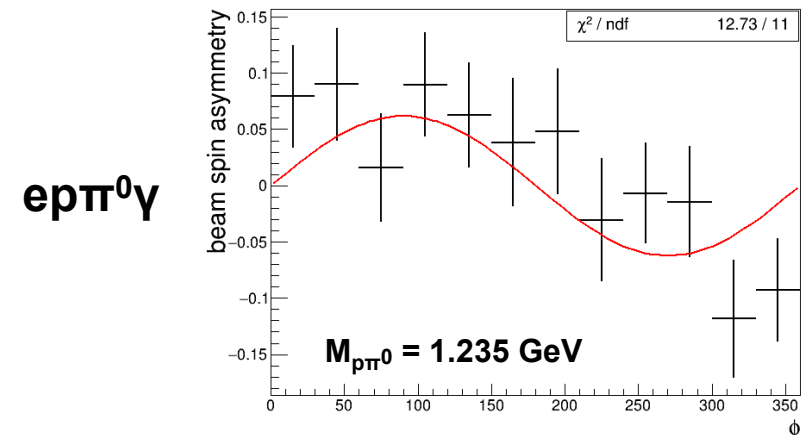
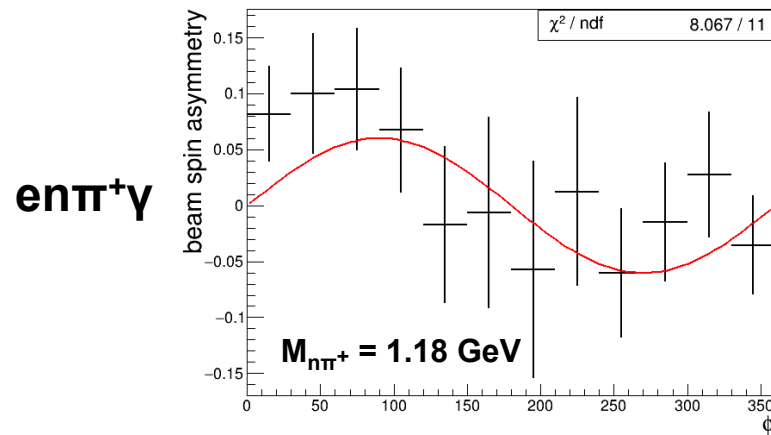


cut on the pion long. momentum fraction  $\alpha$

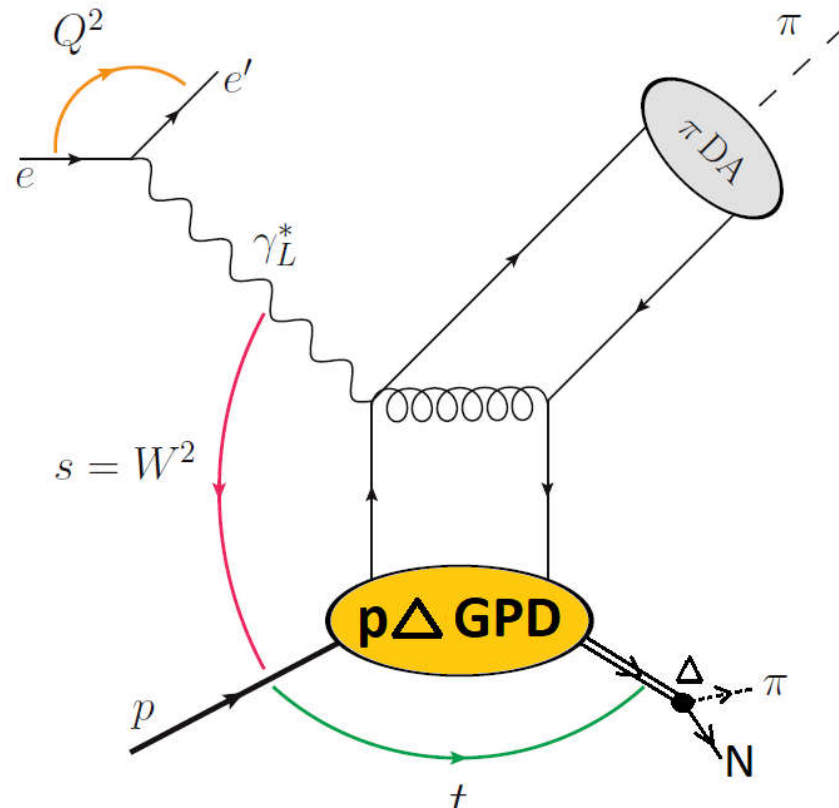


# Raw Beam Spin Asymmetries

$$A = \frac{1}{P} \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} \approx A_{LU}^{\sin \phi} \sin \phi$$



## The non-diagonal DVMP processes



**Factorisation expected for:**

$-t / Q^2 \ll 1$  and  $Q^2 > M_{\Delta}^2$ ,  $x_B$  fixed

$$ep \rightarrow e\Delta^0\pi^+ \rightarrow e(p\pi^-)\pi^+ \\ \rightarrow e(n\pi^0)\pi^+$$

$$ep \rightarrow e\Delta^+\pi^0 \rightarrow e(n\pi^+)\pi^0 \\ \rightarrow e(p\pi^0)\pi^0$$

$$ep \rightarrow e\Delta^{++}\pi^- \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$$

**8 helicity non-flip trans. GPDs**

**+**

**8 helicity flip trans. GPDs**

→ Needed for twist-3 sector

→ No publications exist so far



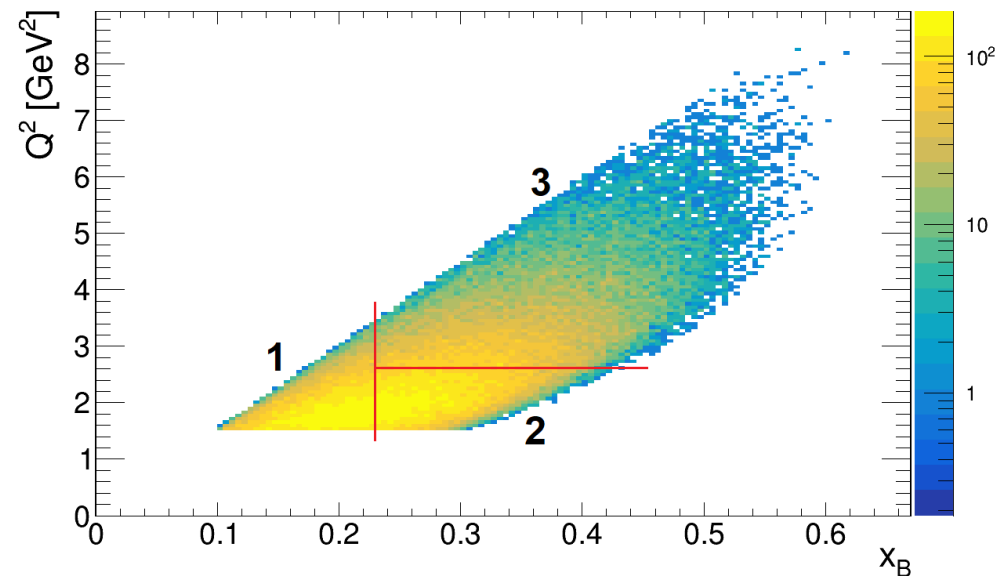
## Hard exclusive $\pi^-\Delta^{++}$ production

$$ep \rightarrow e\Delta^{++}\pi^- \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$$

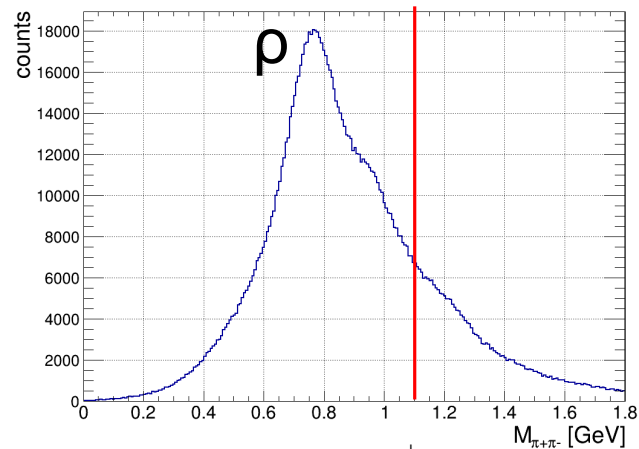
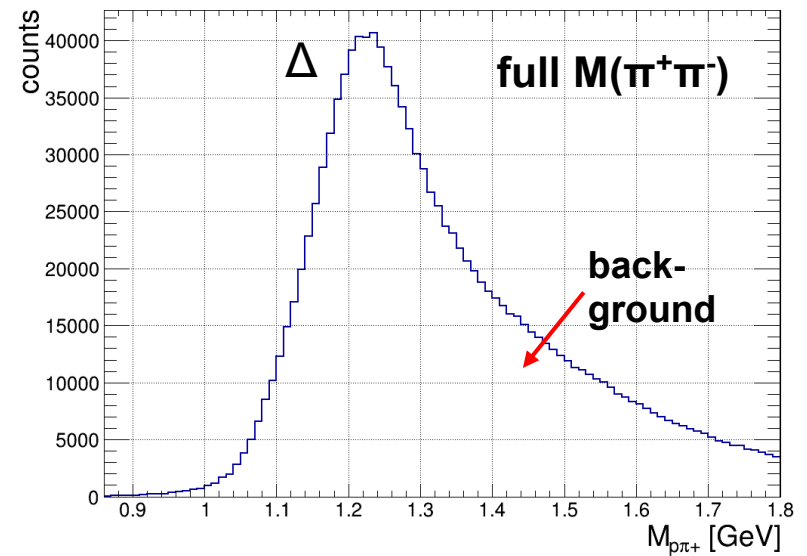
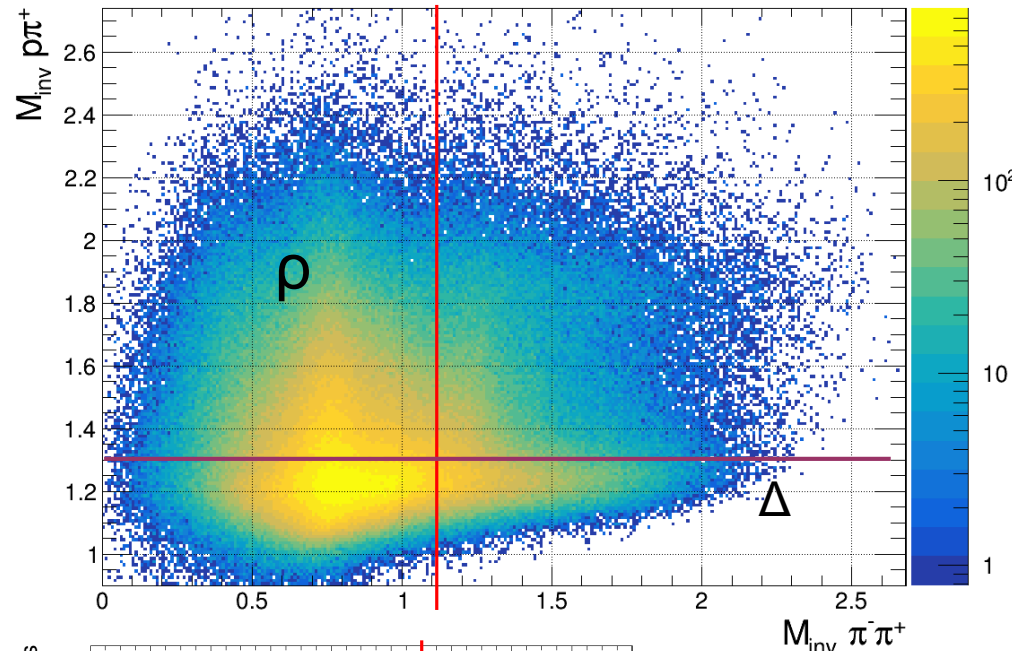
### Kinematic cuts:

$$Q^2 > 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad W > 2 \text{ GeV} \quad y < 0.75$$

$$-t < 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2 \text{ (forward region)}$$

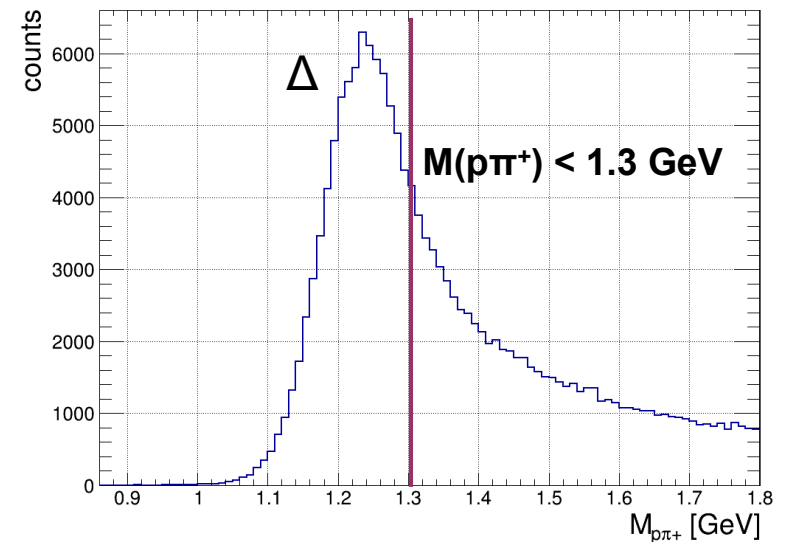


# Event Selection and Background Rejection



$M(\pi^+\pi^-) > 1.1 \text{ GeV}$

$\rho$  contamination  
< 0.8 %



$ep \rightarrow ep\rho \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$

# Monte Carlo Simulations

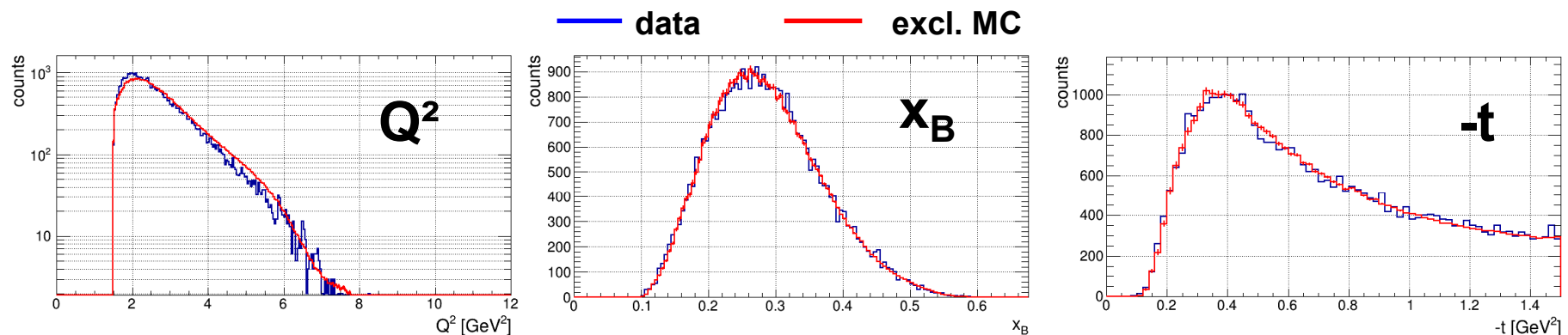
## 2 MC samples have been used:

### a) Semi-inclusive DIS MC

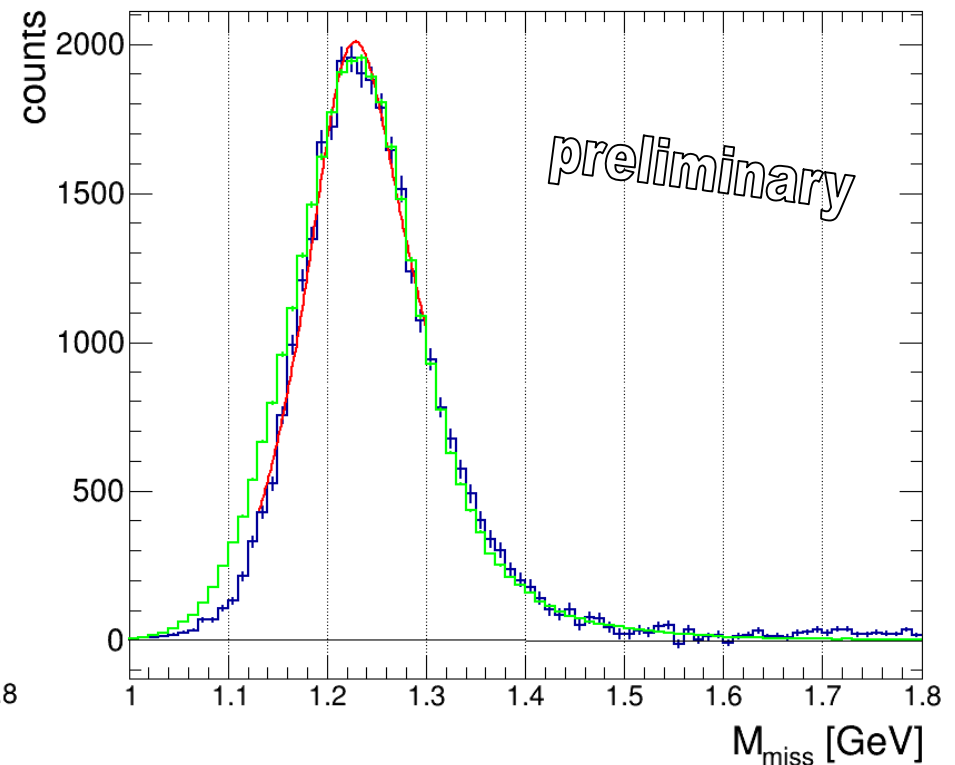
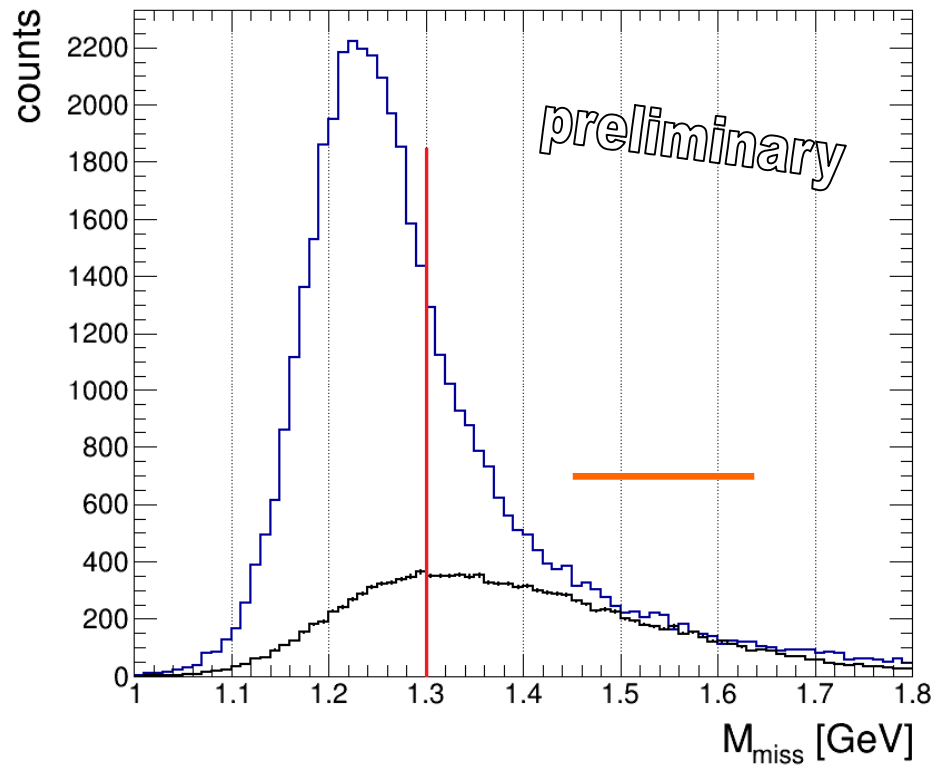
- Does not contain the  $\pi^-\Delta^{++}$  production in „forward“ kinematics
- Contains nonres. background as well as  $\rho$  production and other potential BG channels
- Used to estimate background shape and contaminations

### b) Exclusive $\pi^-\Delta^{++}$ MC

- Phase space simulation with a weight added to match experimental data
- $\Delta$  peak with PDG mass and FWHM
- Both MCs are processed through the full simulation and reconstruction chain



# Event Selection and Background Estimate



— experimental data

— SIDIS MC (same cuts)

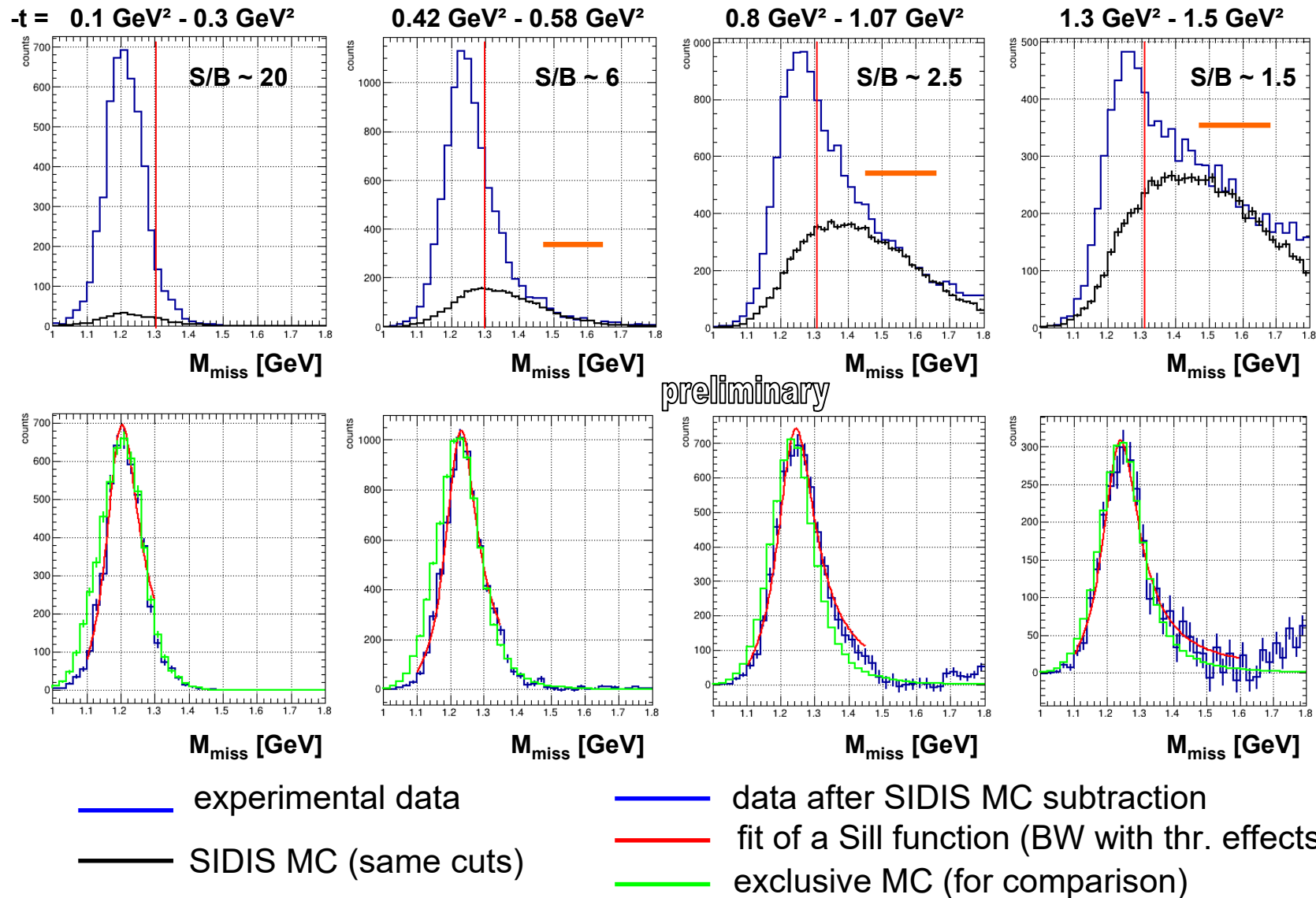
— data after SIDIS MC subtraction

— fit of a Sill function (BW with thr. effects)

— exclusive MC (for comparison)

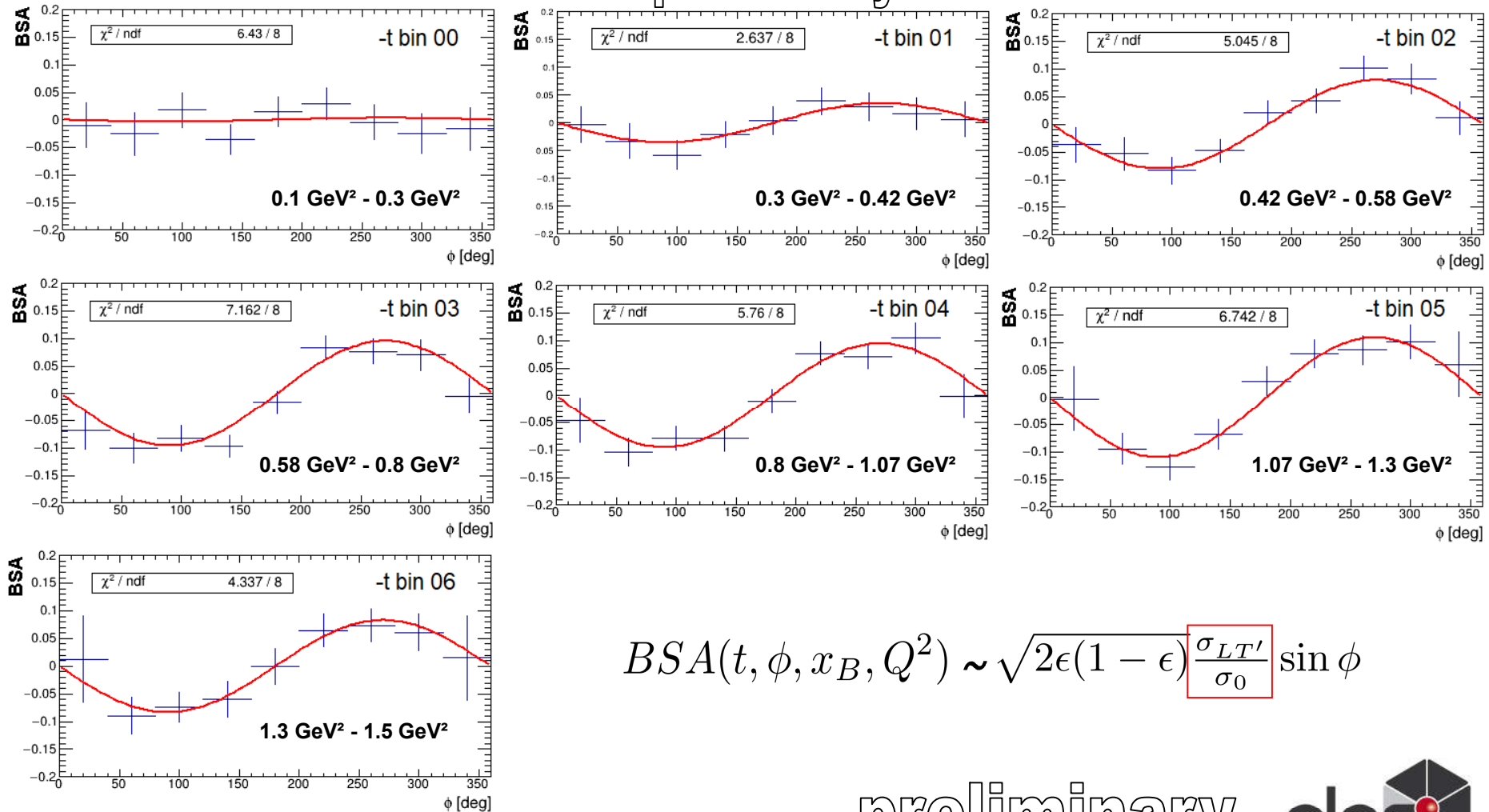
Background: 98 – 99 % non-resonant events

# Event Selection and Background Estimate



# Resulting Beam Spin Asymmetries ( $Q^2$ - $x_B$ integrated)

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$$BSA(t, \phi, x_B, Q^2) \sim \sqrt{2\epsilon(1 - \epsilon)} \frac{\sigma_{LT'}}{\sigma_0} \sin \phi$$

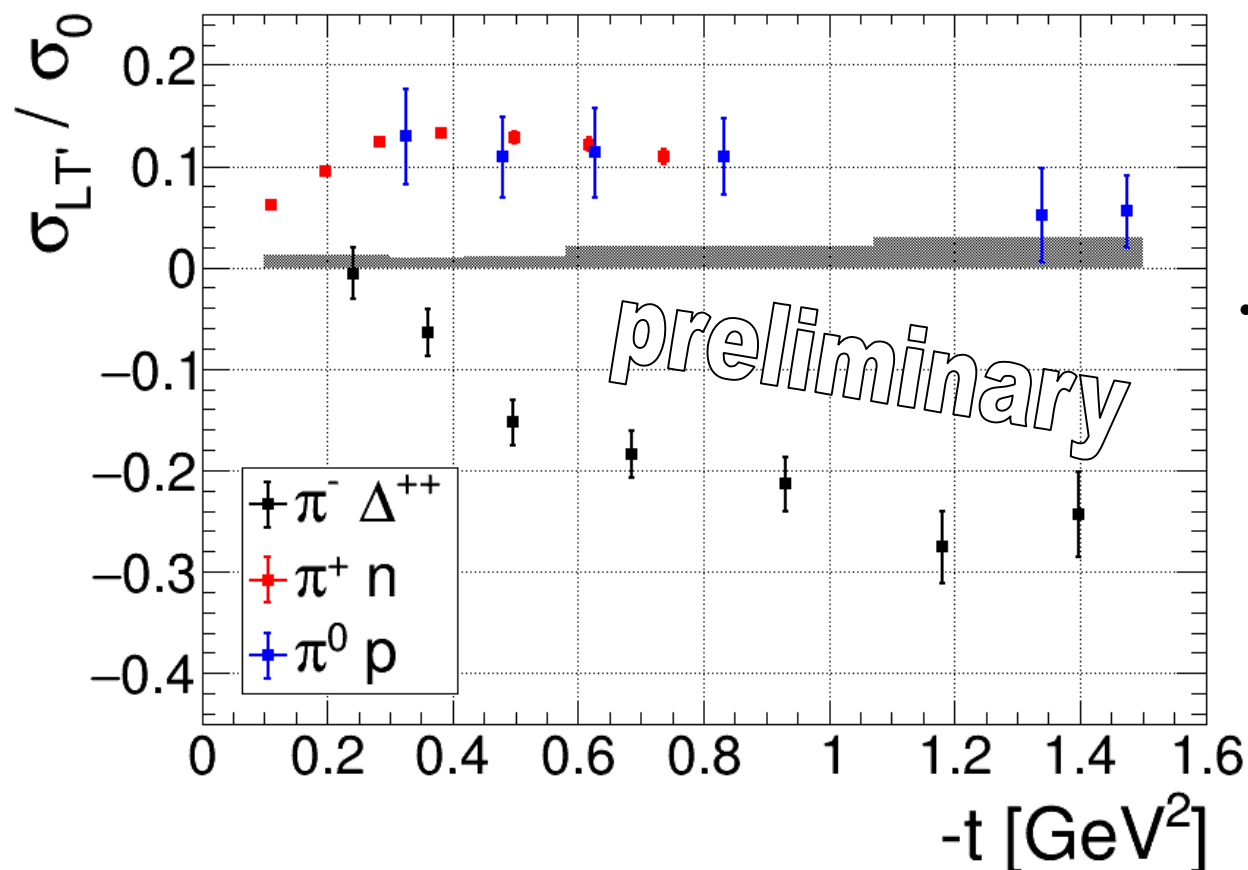
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## $Q^2 - x_B$ Integrated Result

$$\langle Q^2 \rangle = 2.48 \text{ GeV}^2, \langle x_B \rangle = 0.27$$



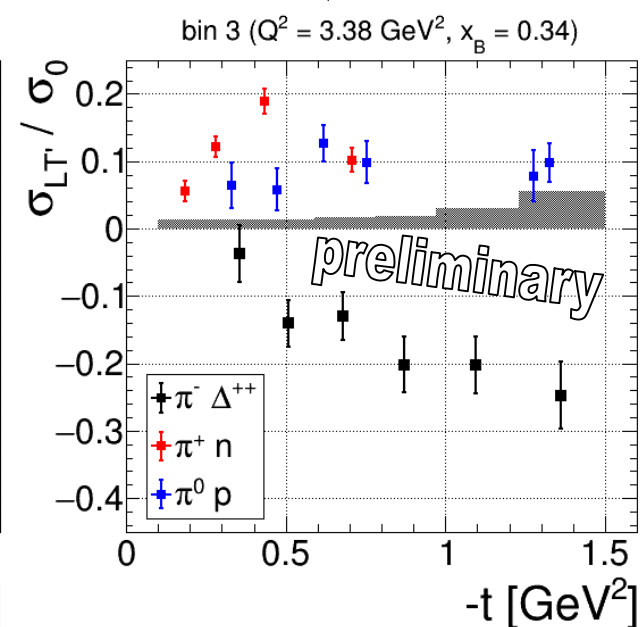
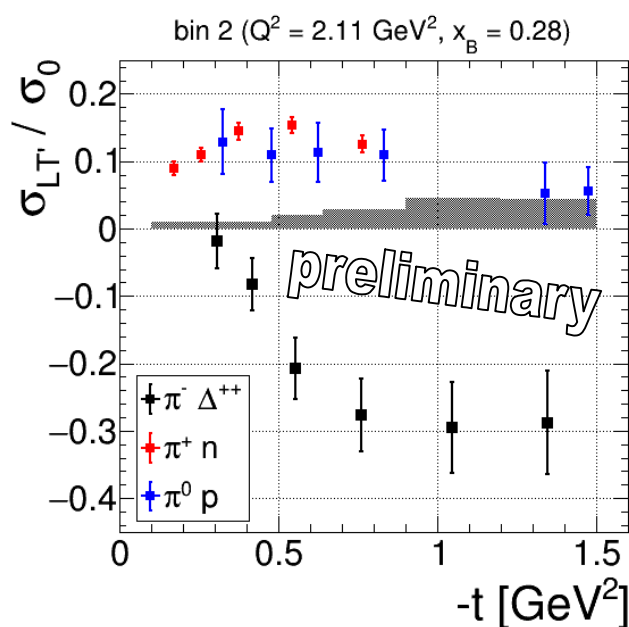
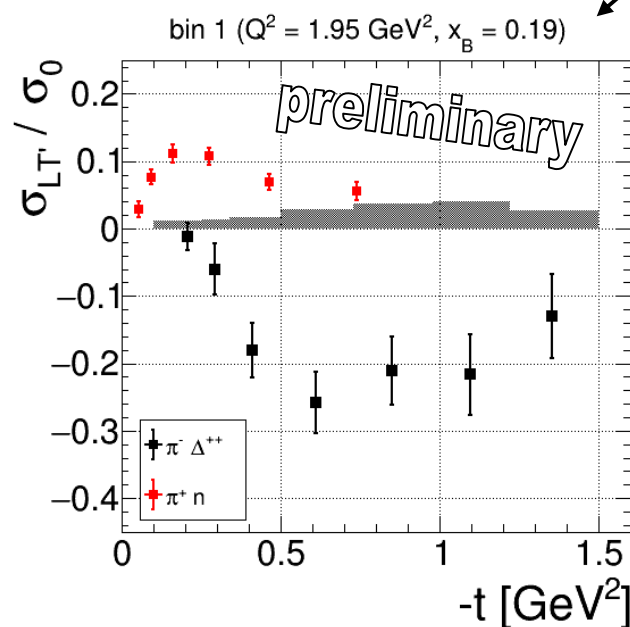
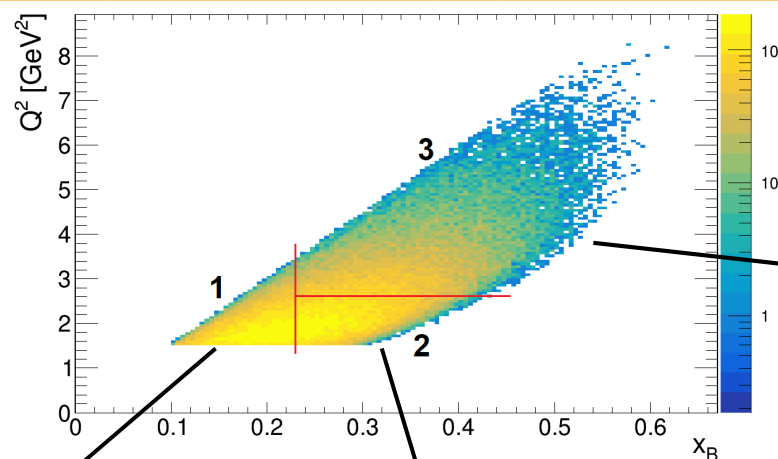
- The contribution of the non-resonant background has been subtracted

Different sources of systematic uncertainty have been studied:  
 beam polarisation, background subtraction, fiducial volume, extraction method,  
 acceptance, bin migration, radiative effects

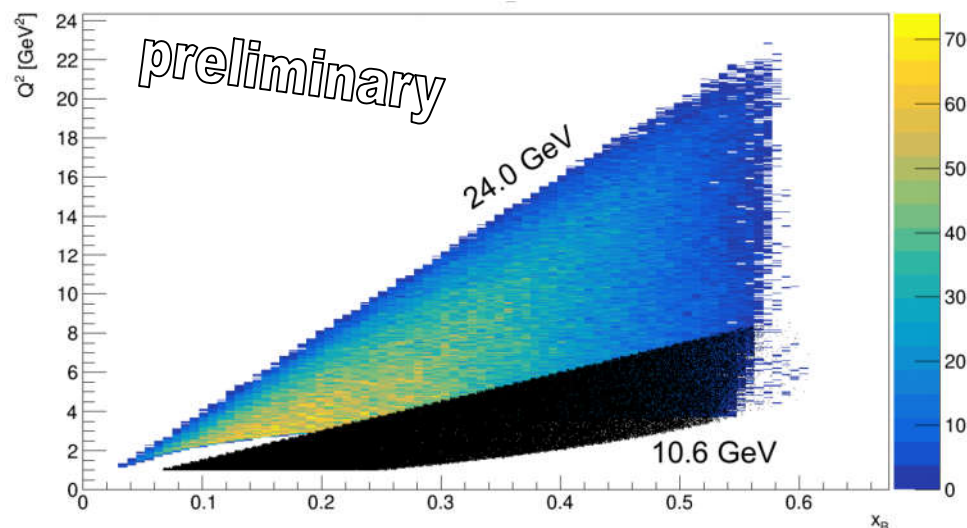
# Multidimensional Results



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## Perspectives for a 24 GeV JLAB upgrade



$$ep \rightarrow e\Delta^{++}\pi^{-} \rightarrow ep\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$$

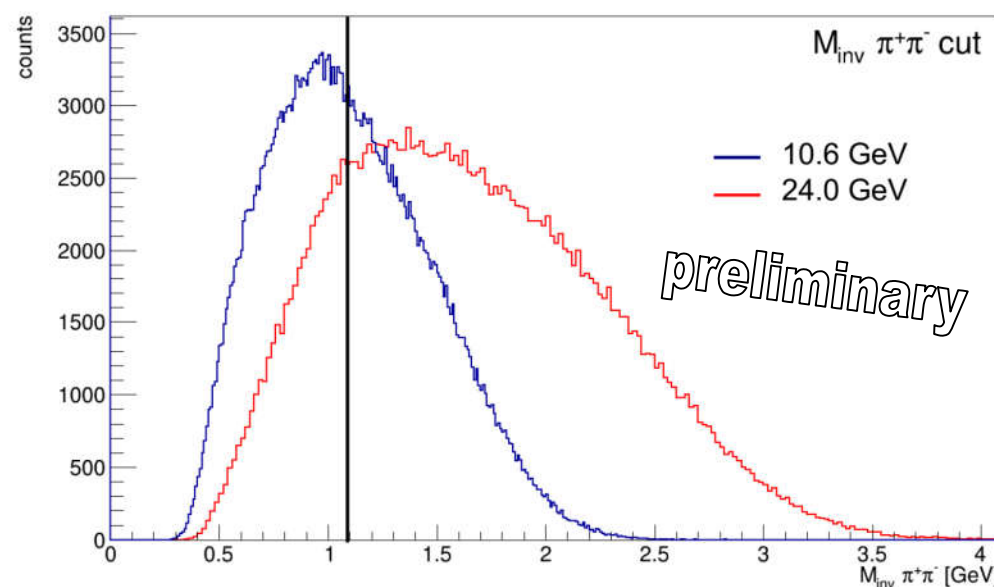
**Extended  $Q^2$  range**

**→ Advantage for factorisation**

- Similar for non-diagonal DVCS

Better signal / background separation

**→ Higher efficiency**



## Conclusion and Outlook

- Transition GPDs can help us to better understand the 3D structure of resonances and the excitation process itself.
- Non-diagonal DVCS and hard exclusive  $\pi\Delta^{++}$  production can be well measured with CLAS12
- The extracted  $\pi\Delta^{++}$  BSA is a potential first „clean“ observable sensitive to p- $\Delta$  transition GPDs
- Theory predictions are so far only available for twist-2 transition GPDs  
→ Extension of the framework to the twist-3 sector is in progress
- A JLAB energy and luminosity upgrade will help to significantly improve these measurements and the extraction of transition GPDs