

Dalitz Plot Analysis of $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$ with GlueX Data

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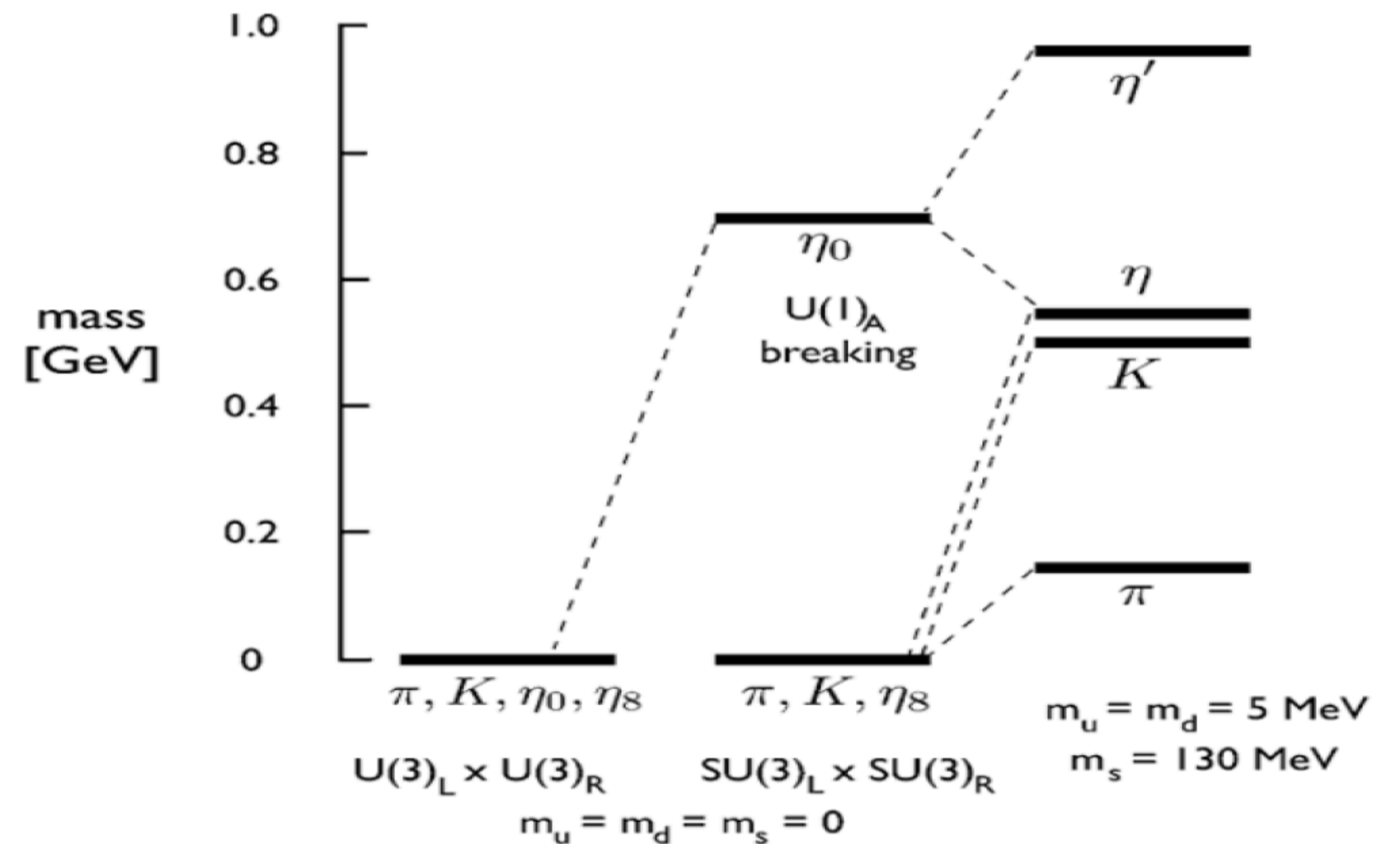
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Motivation for $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$

- The chiral perturbation theory represents the appropriate theoretical framework to investigate low-energy hadronic physics of light meson decays.
- $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi \pi$ decay is a good **test for extensions** of $SU(3) \times SU(3)$ Chiral Perturbation Theory (ChPT) [J. Bijnens]

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD}(q, \bar{q}, g) \rightarrow \text{Effective theory} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{ChPT}(\pi, K, \eta)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ChPT} = \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_6 + \dots$$



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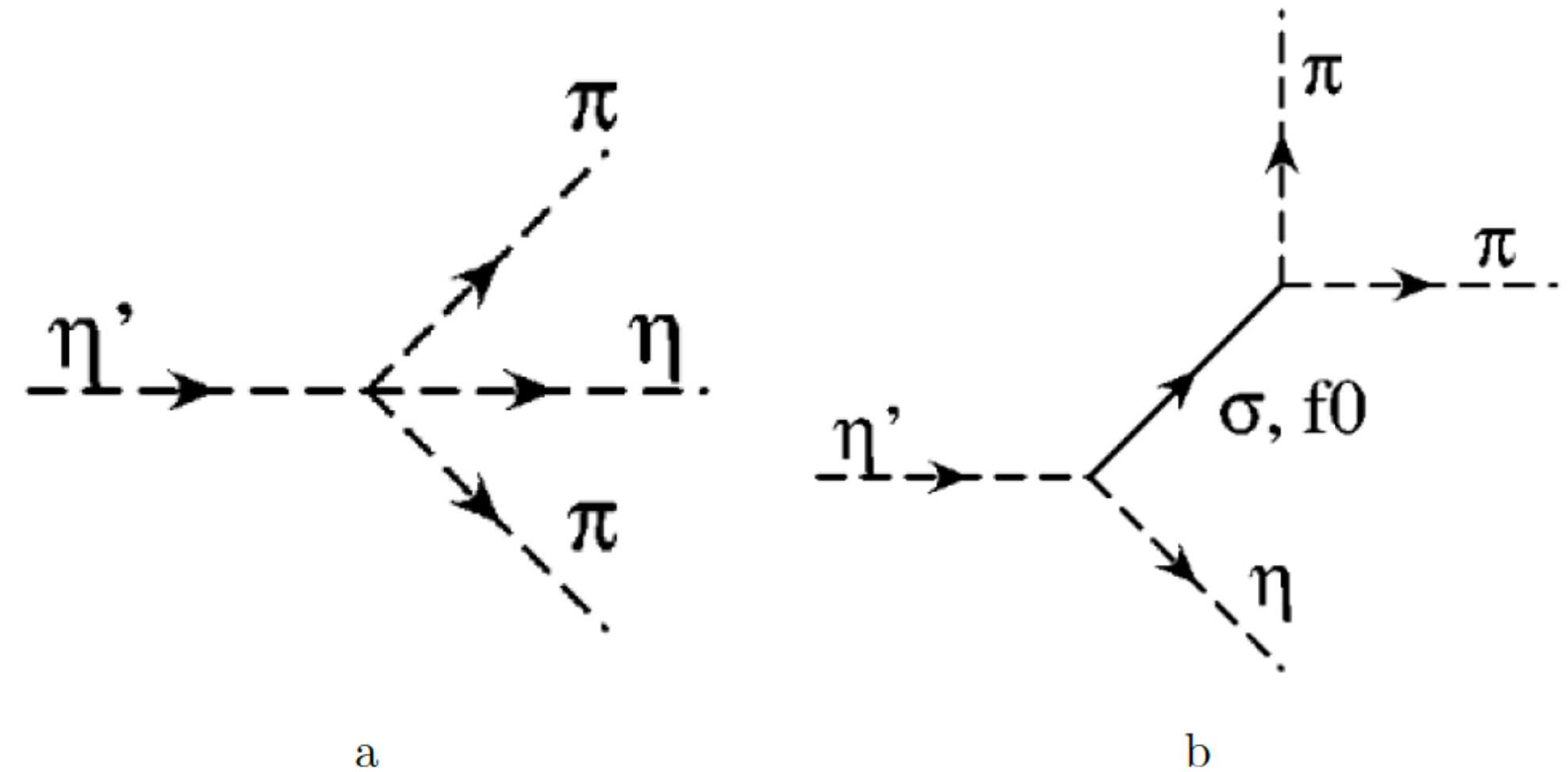
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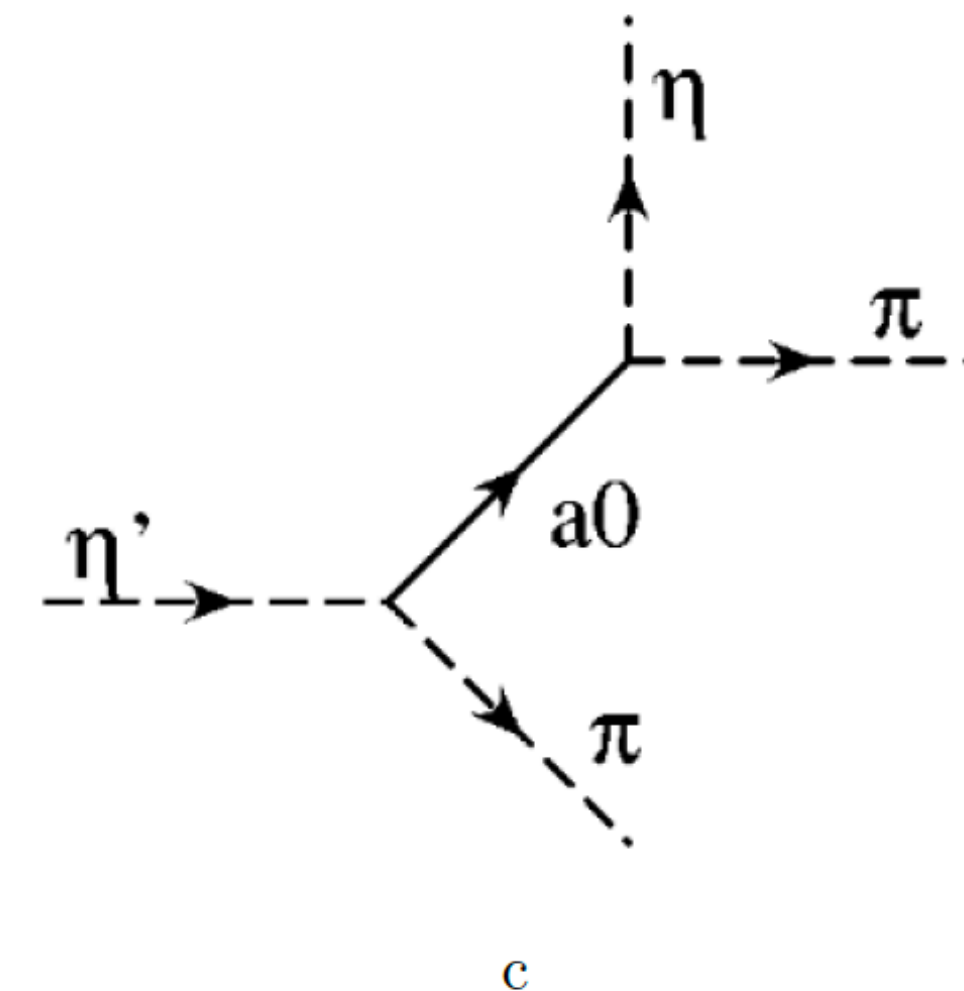
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[B. Borasoy, R. Nissler]



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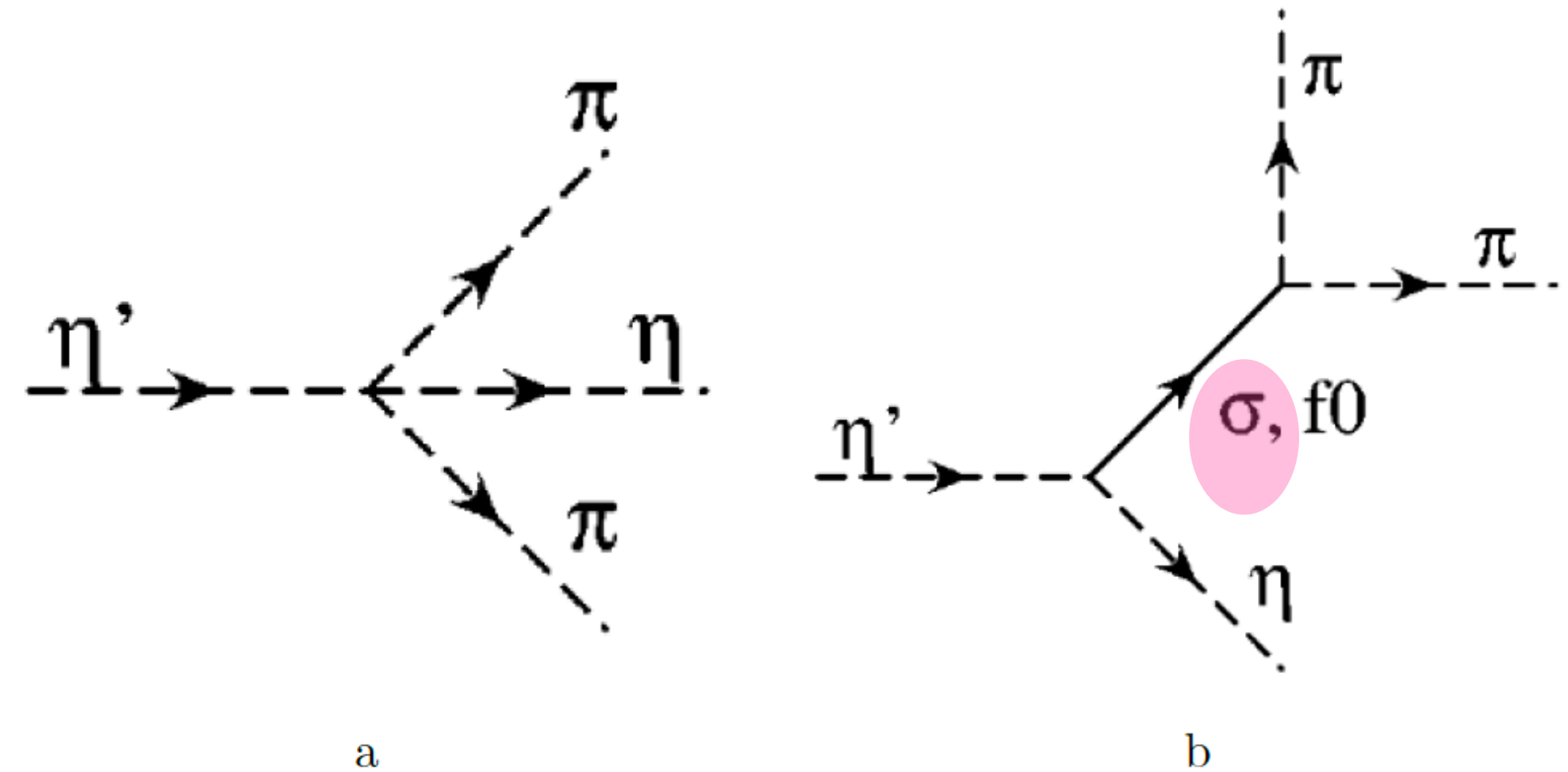
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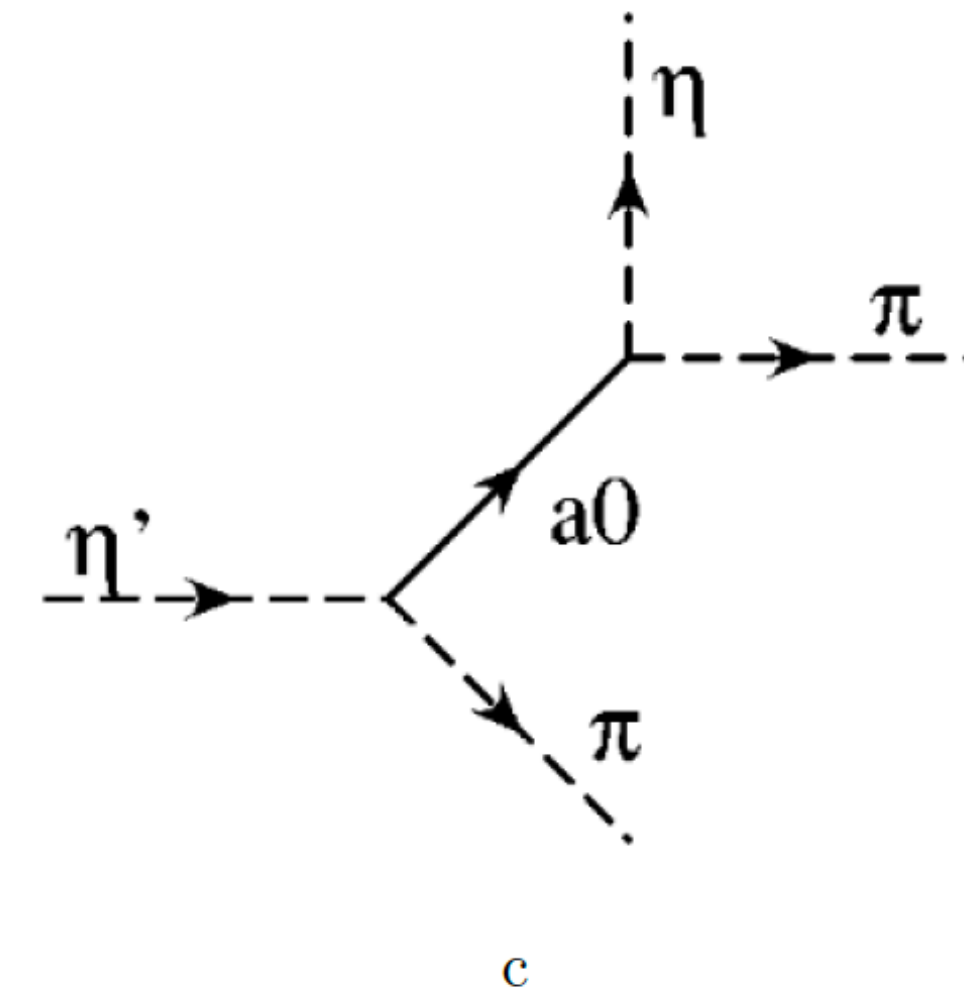
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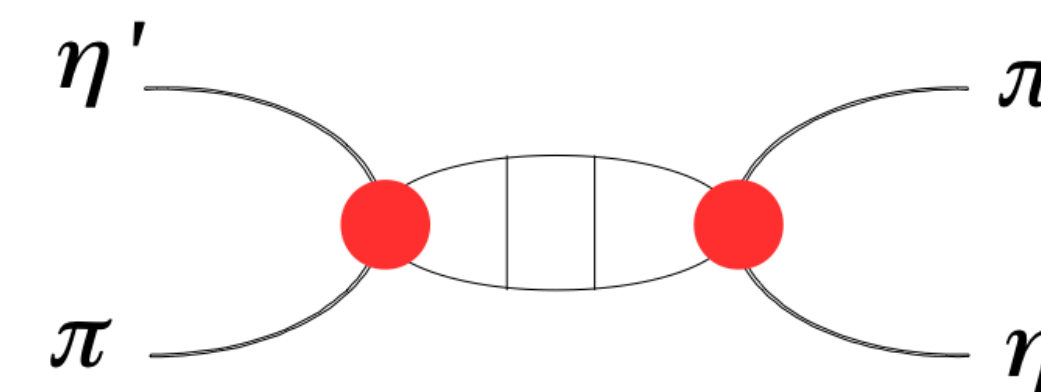
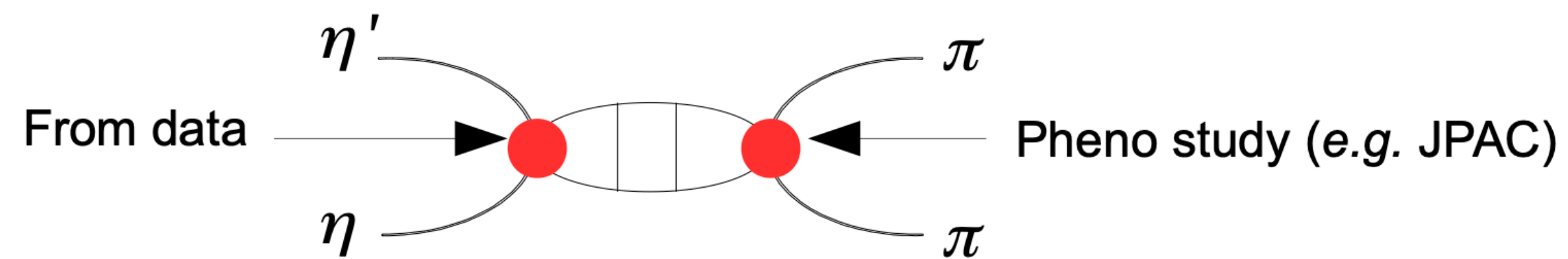


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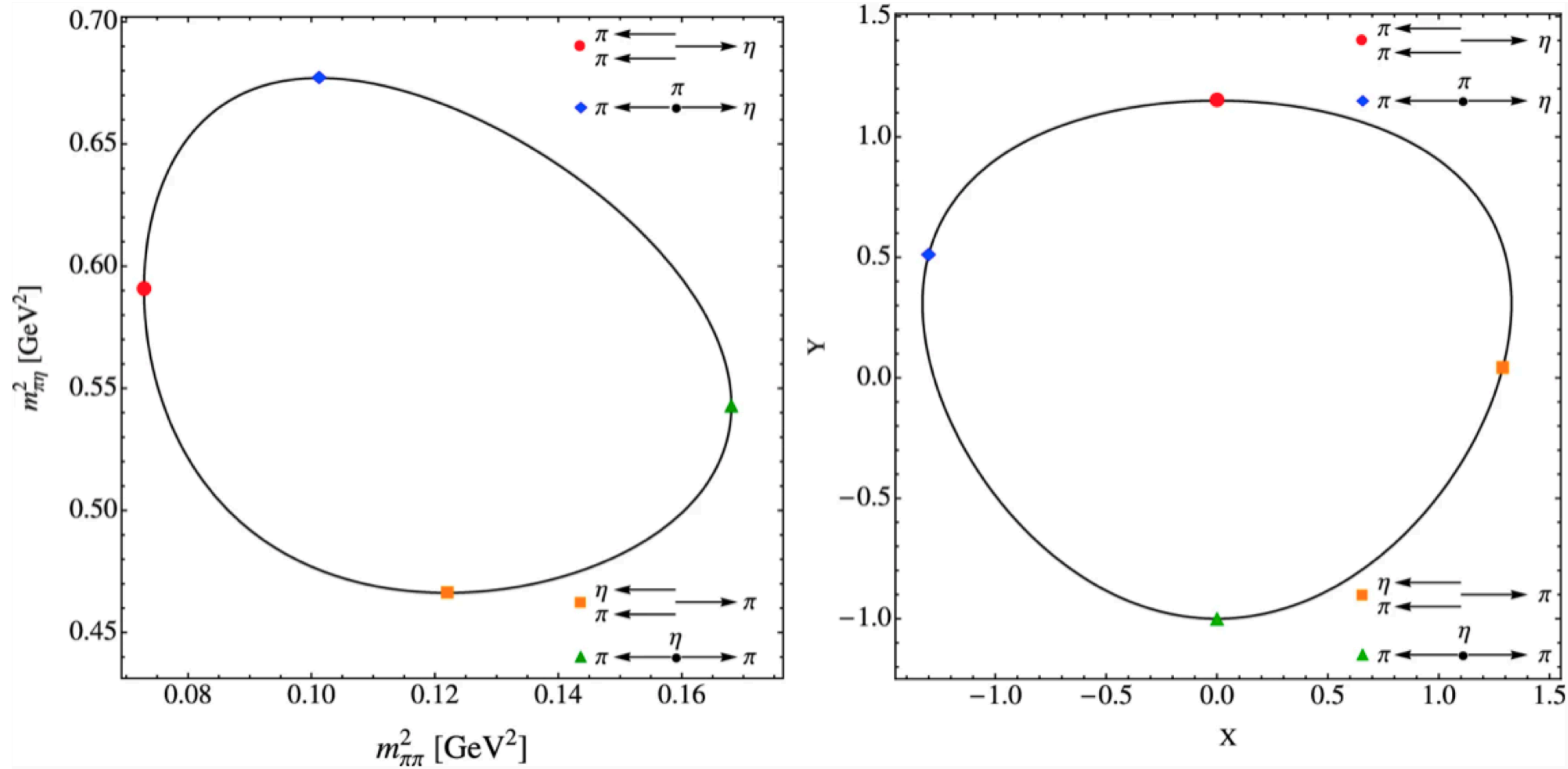
- Opportunity to constrain $\eta\pi$ scattering
 - Dispersive analysis of the decay amplitude [Bastian Kubis et al.]:



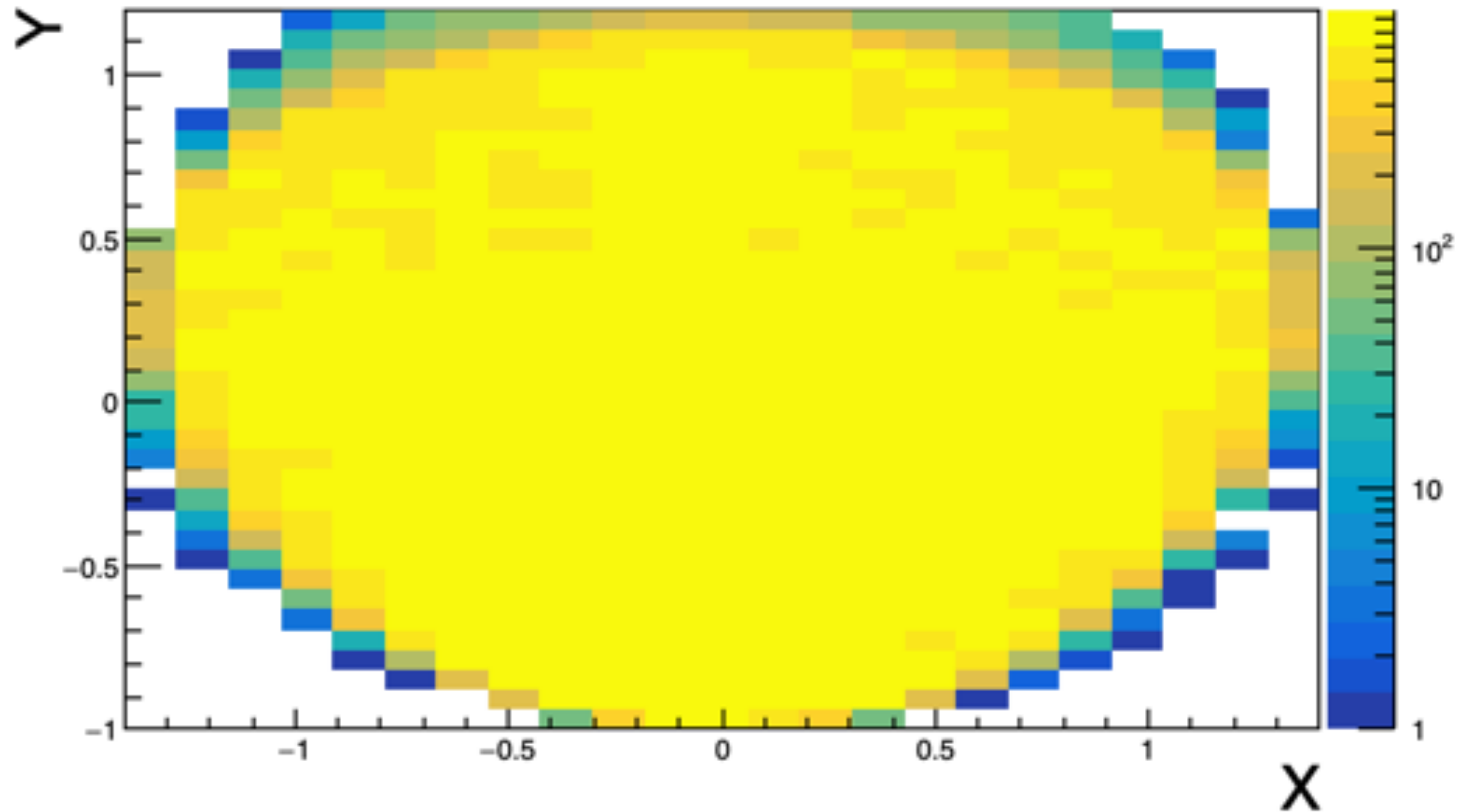
Dalitz plot boundaries

$$X = \frac{\sqrt{3}(T_{\pi^+} - T_{\pi^-})}{Q}$$

$$Y = \frac{(m_\eta + 2m_\pi)}{m_\pi} \cdot \frac{T_\eta}{Q} - 1.$$



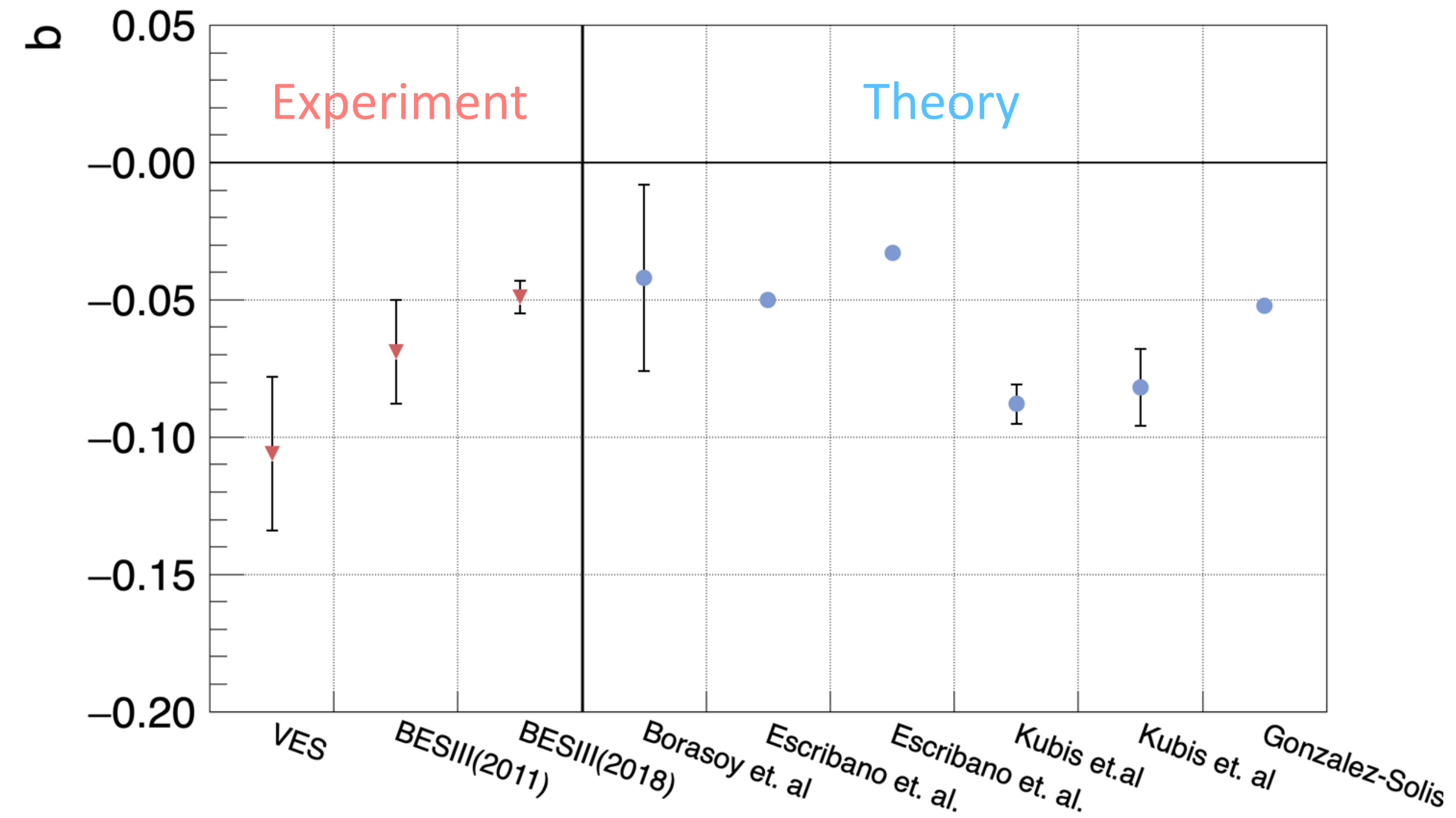
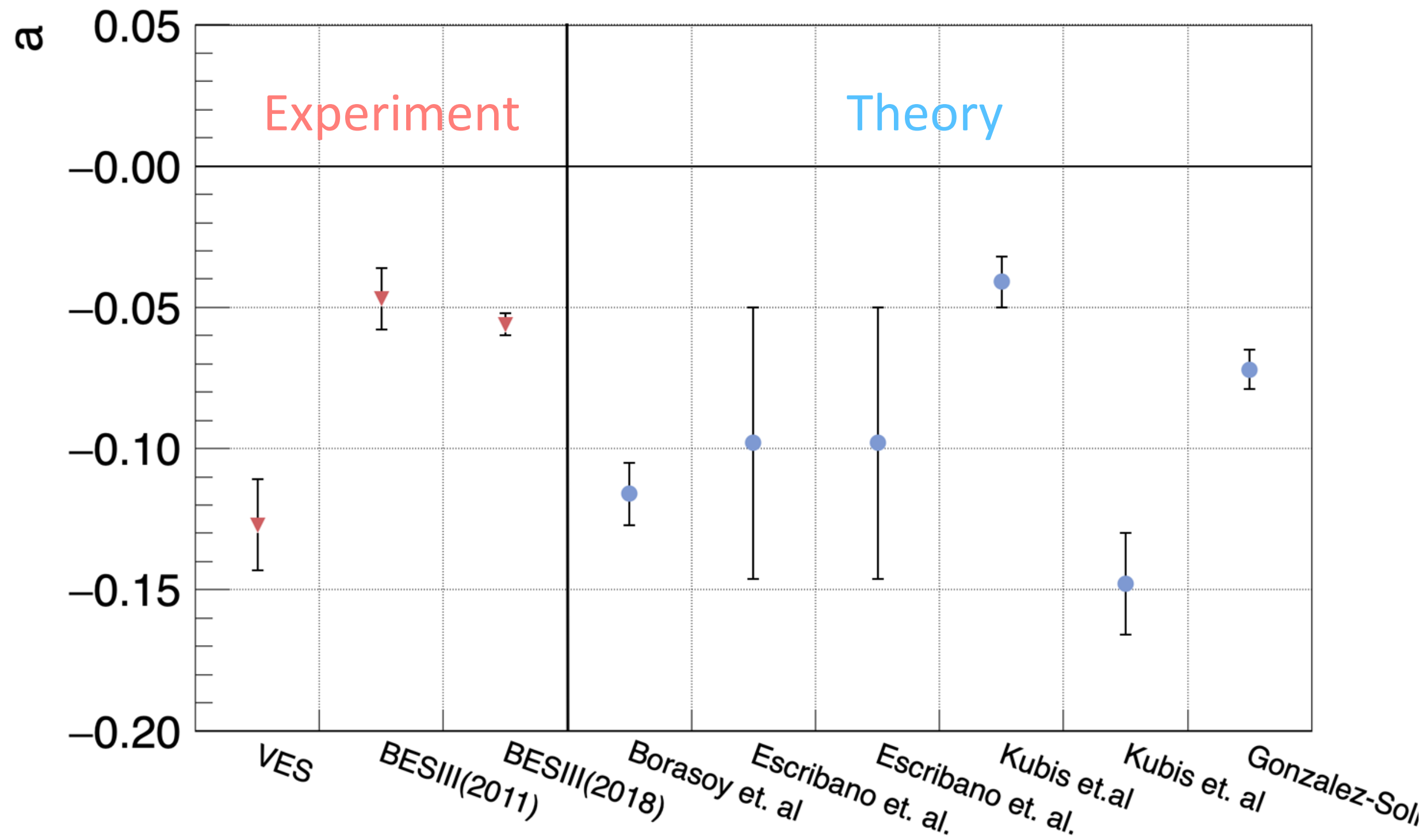
Parametrization of the Dalitz Plot



$$f(X, Y) = M^2 = A(1 + aY + bY^2 + cX + dX^2)$$

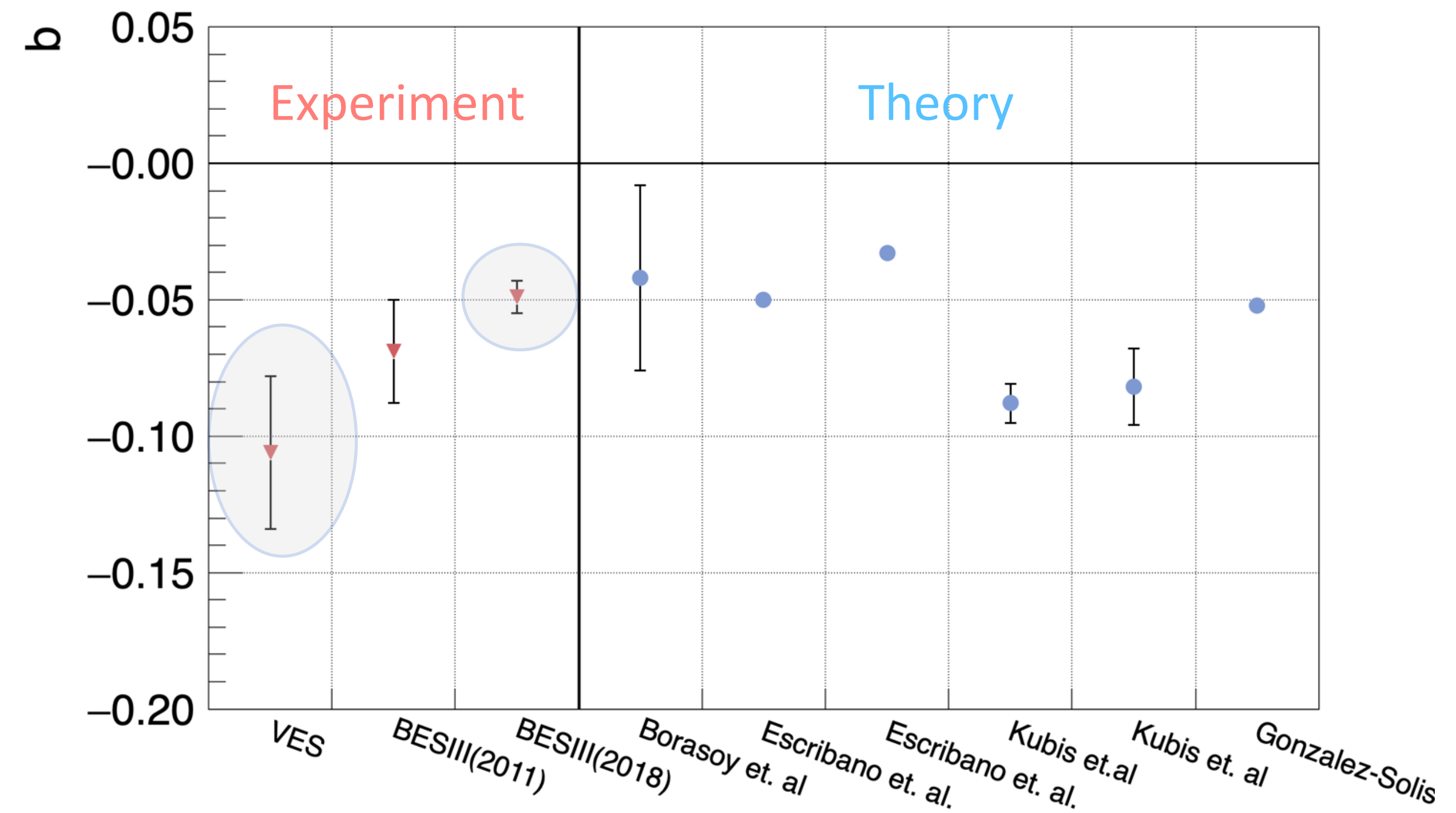
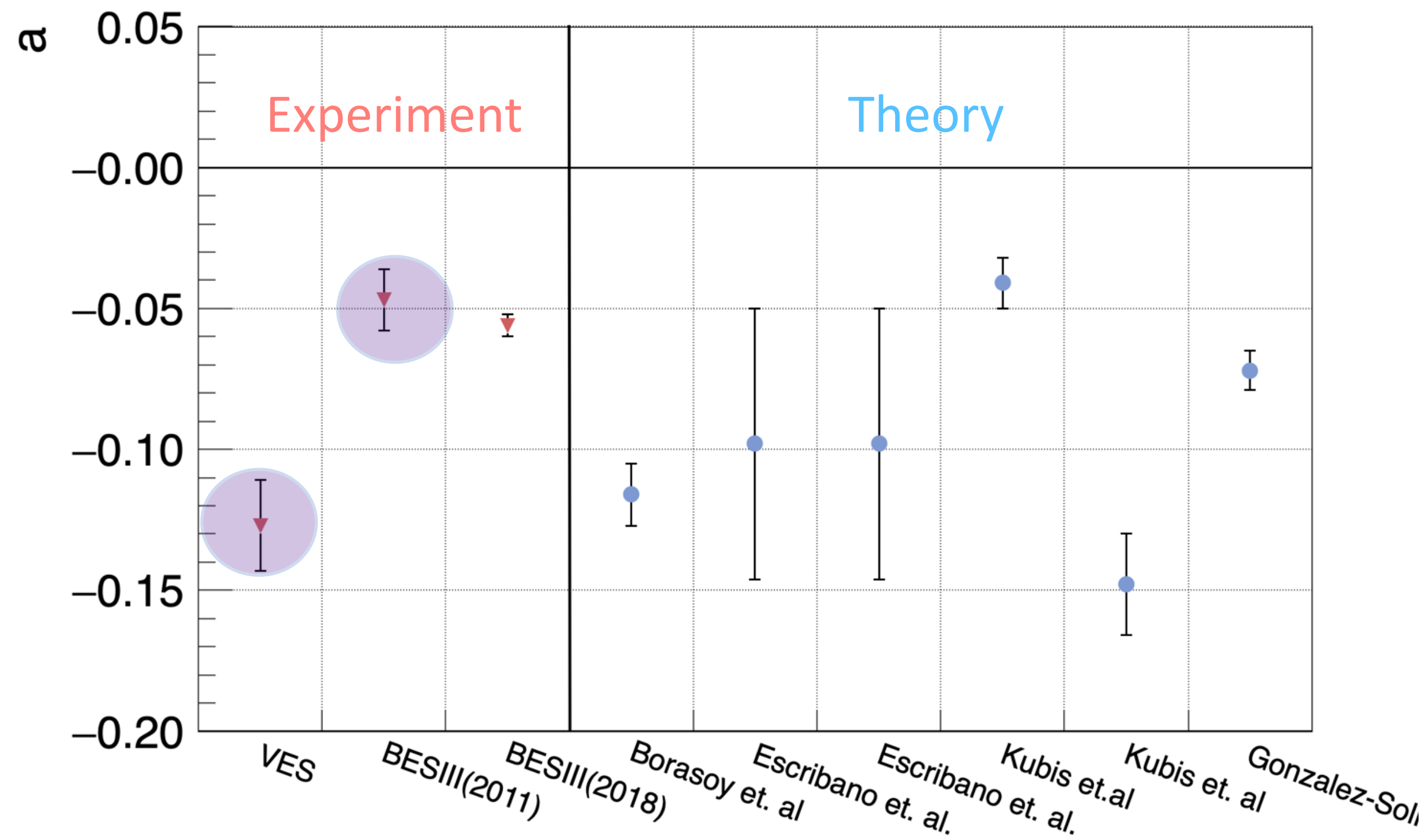
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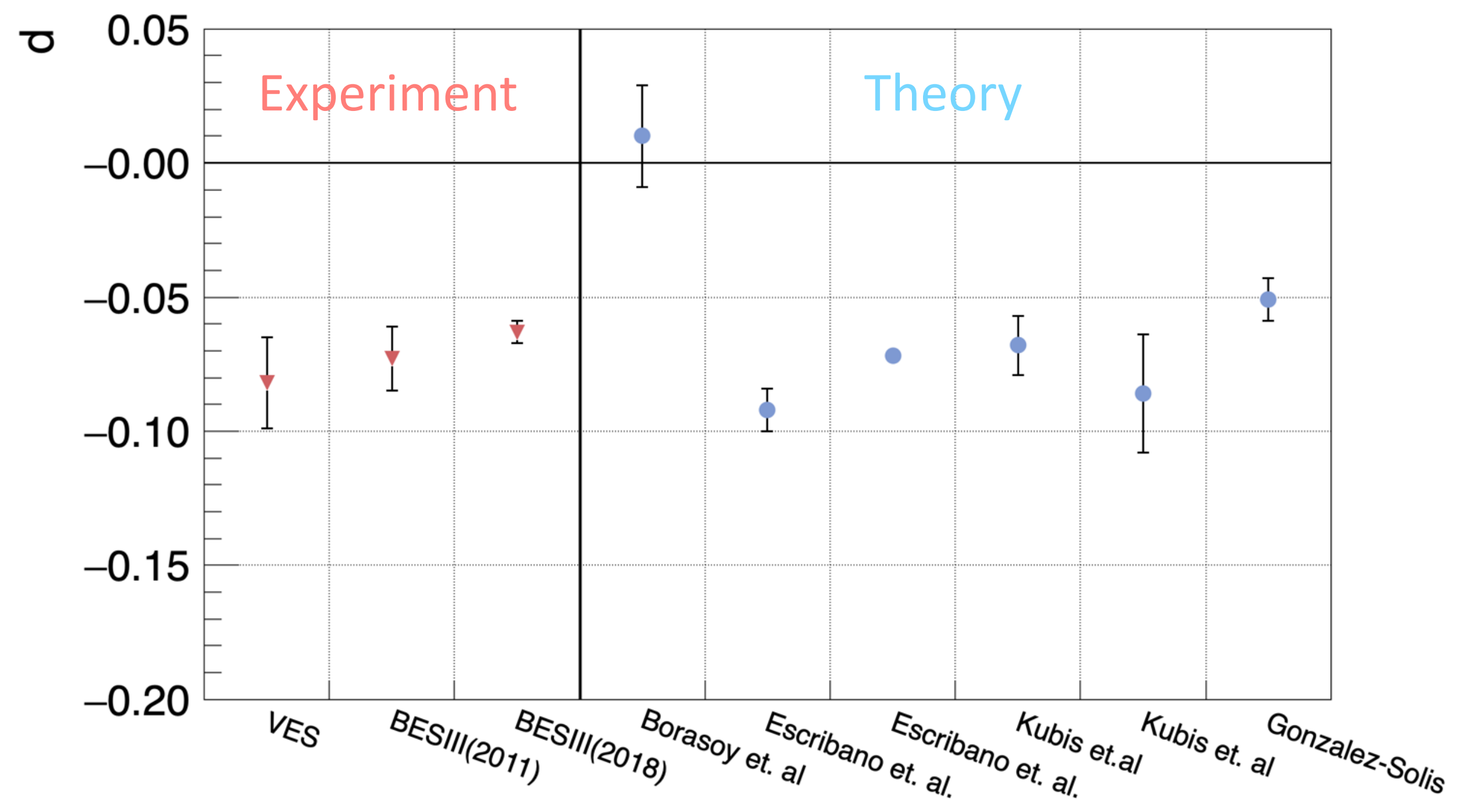
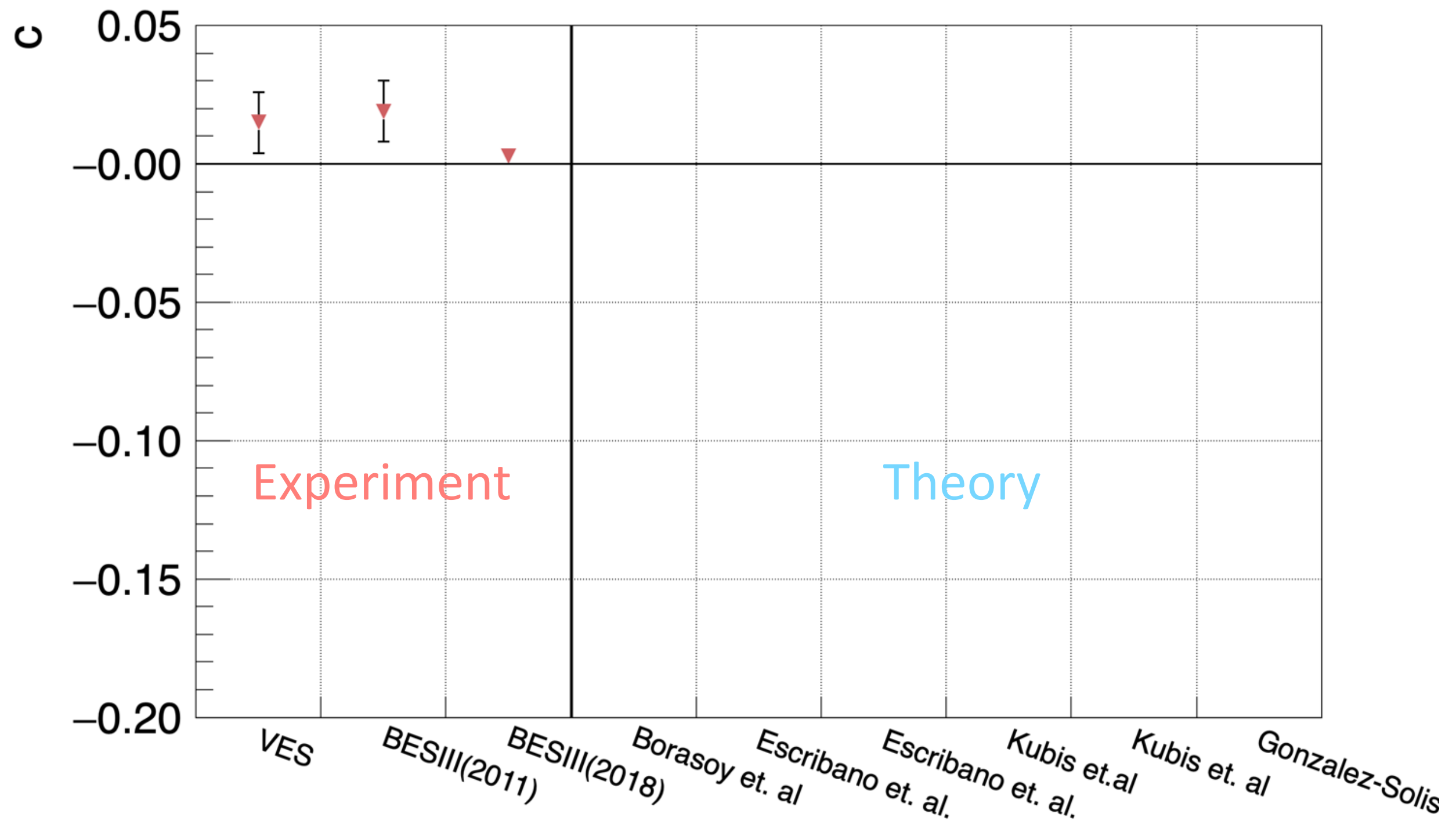


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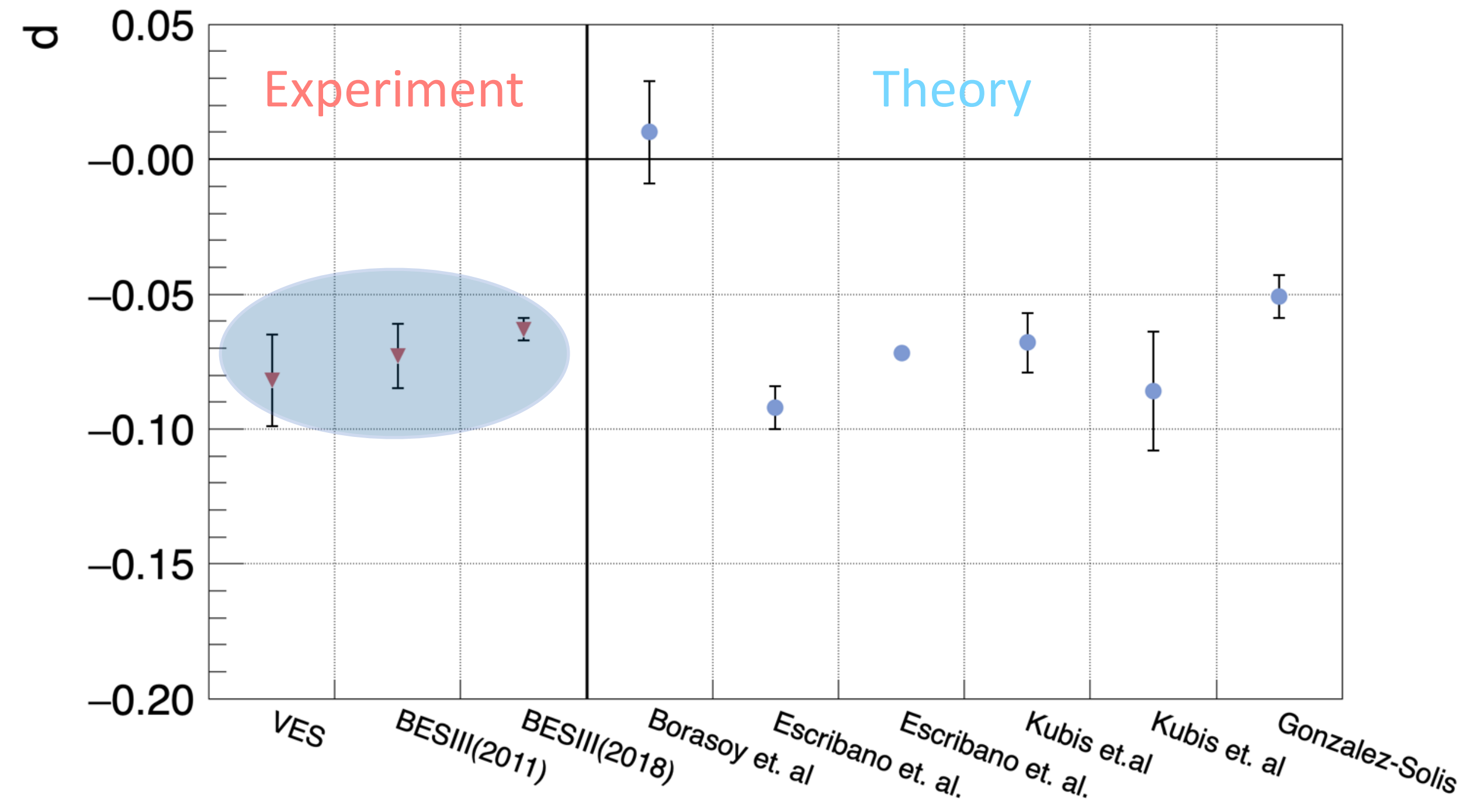
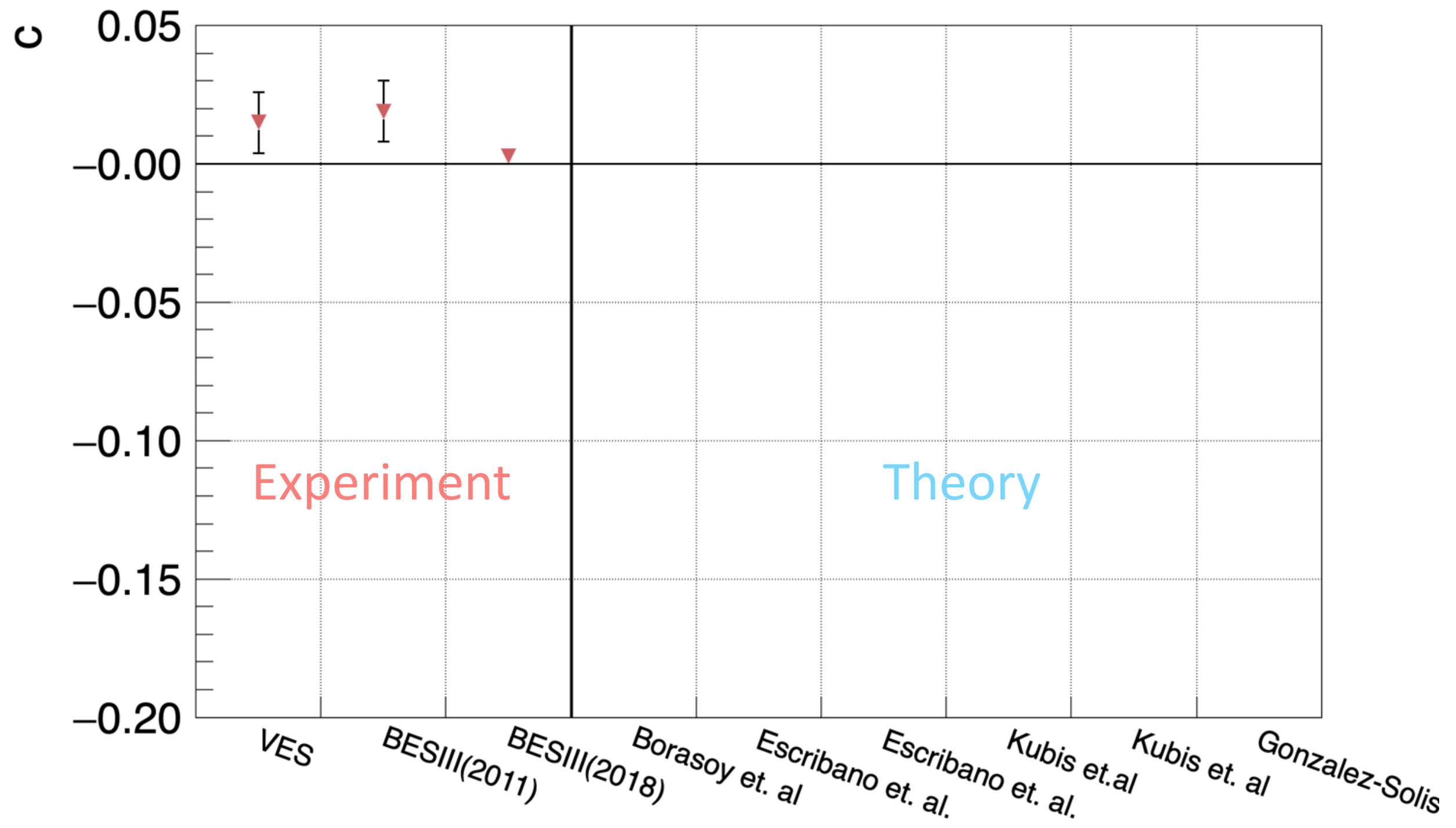
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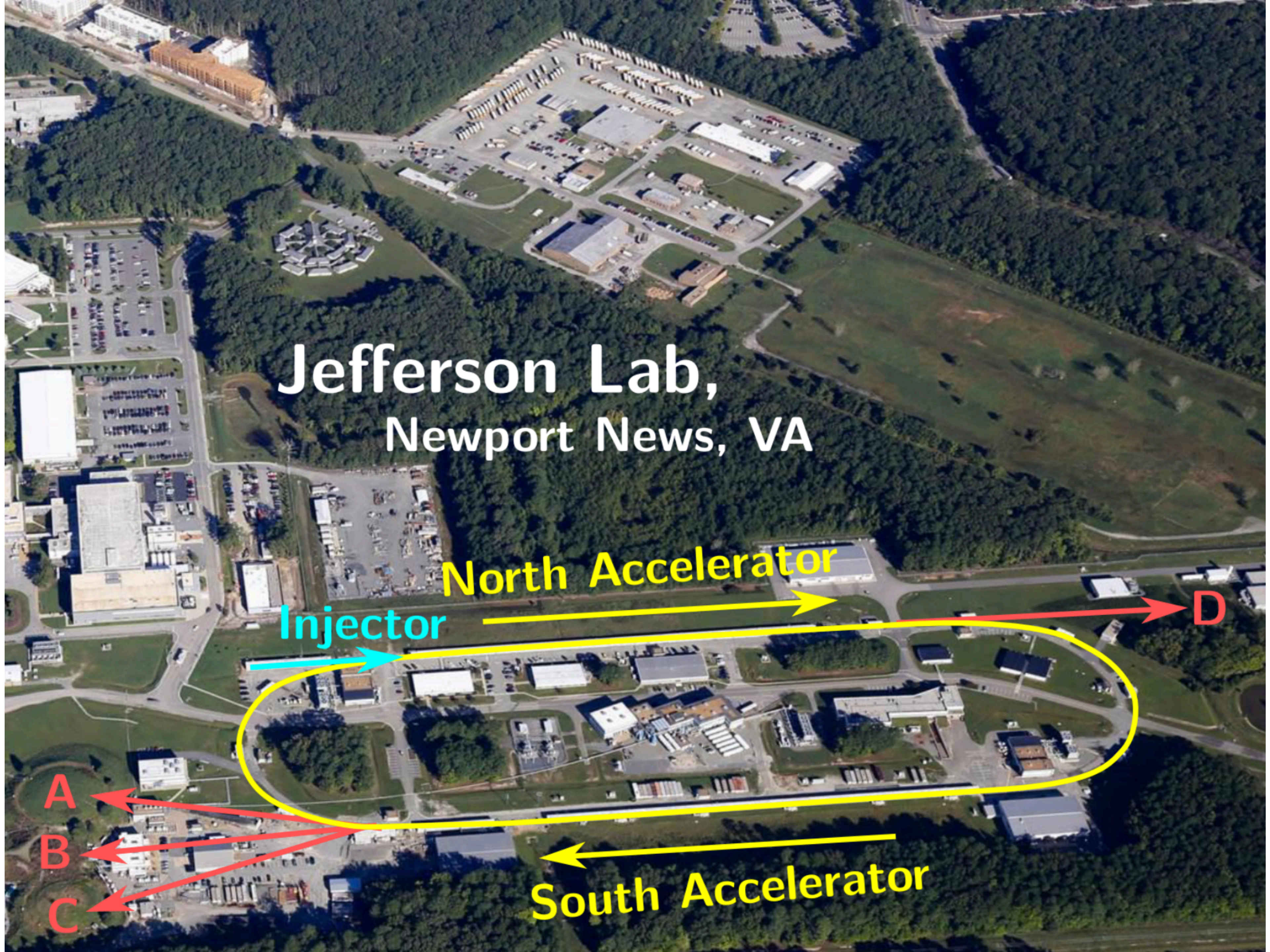


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North Accelerator

Injector

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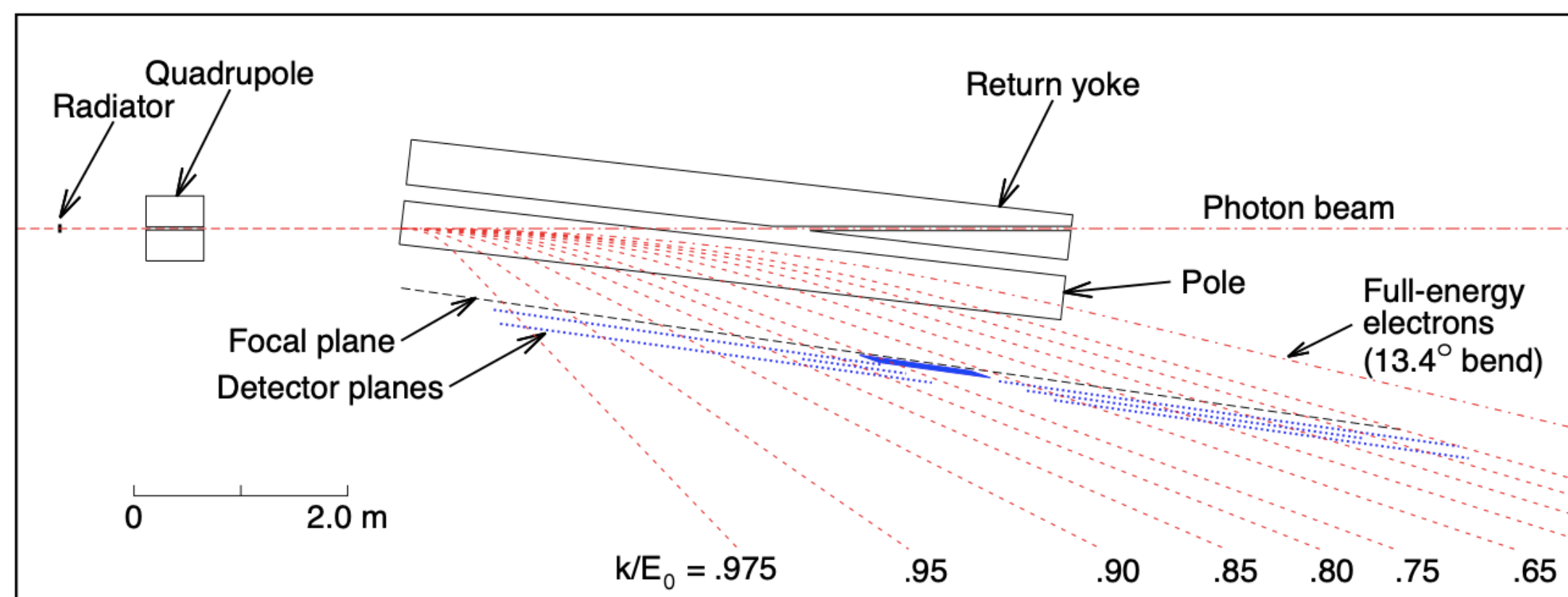
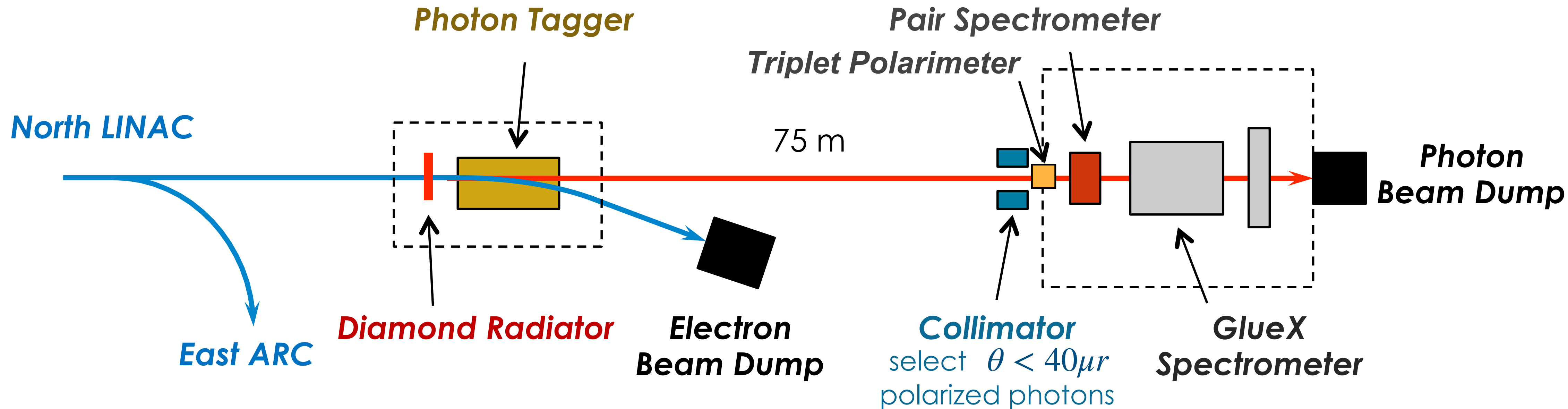
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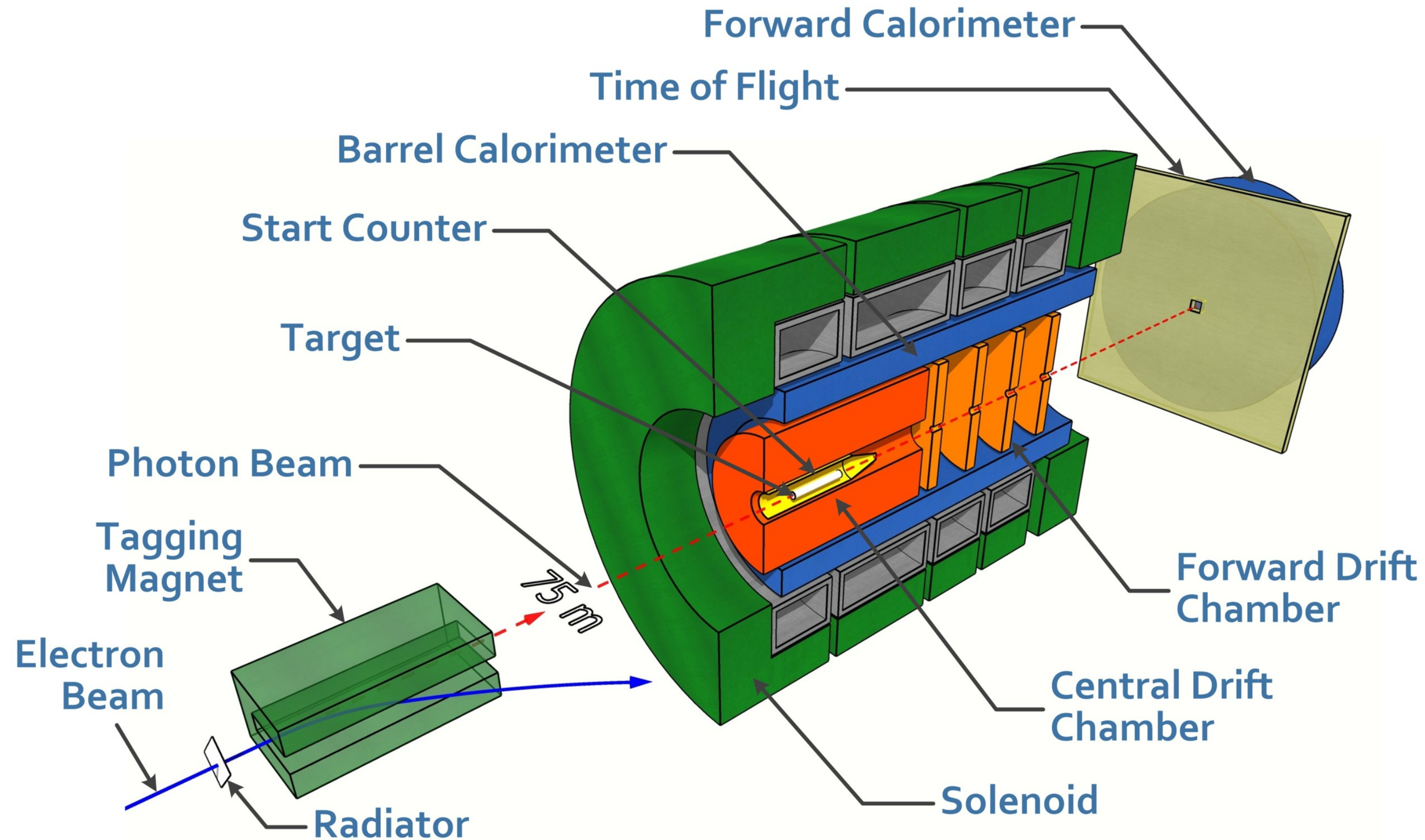
South Accelerator

GlueX Experiment



- Coherent Bremsstrahlung of 12 GeV electron beam on $50\mu m$ radiator
- Beam energy tagged with a precision of $E_\gamma < 25$ MeV

GlueX Spectrometer



◆ Hermetic detector

◆ Exclusive reaction

Phase	Run Period	Luminosity
GlueX-I	2017-2018	439.6 pb ⁻¹
GlueX-II	2020-2025?	386.2 pb ⁻¹ (2020)

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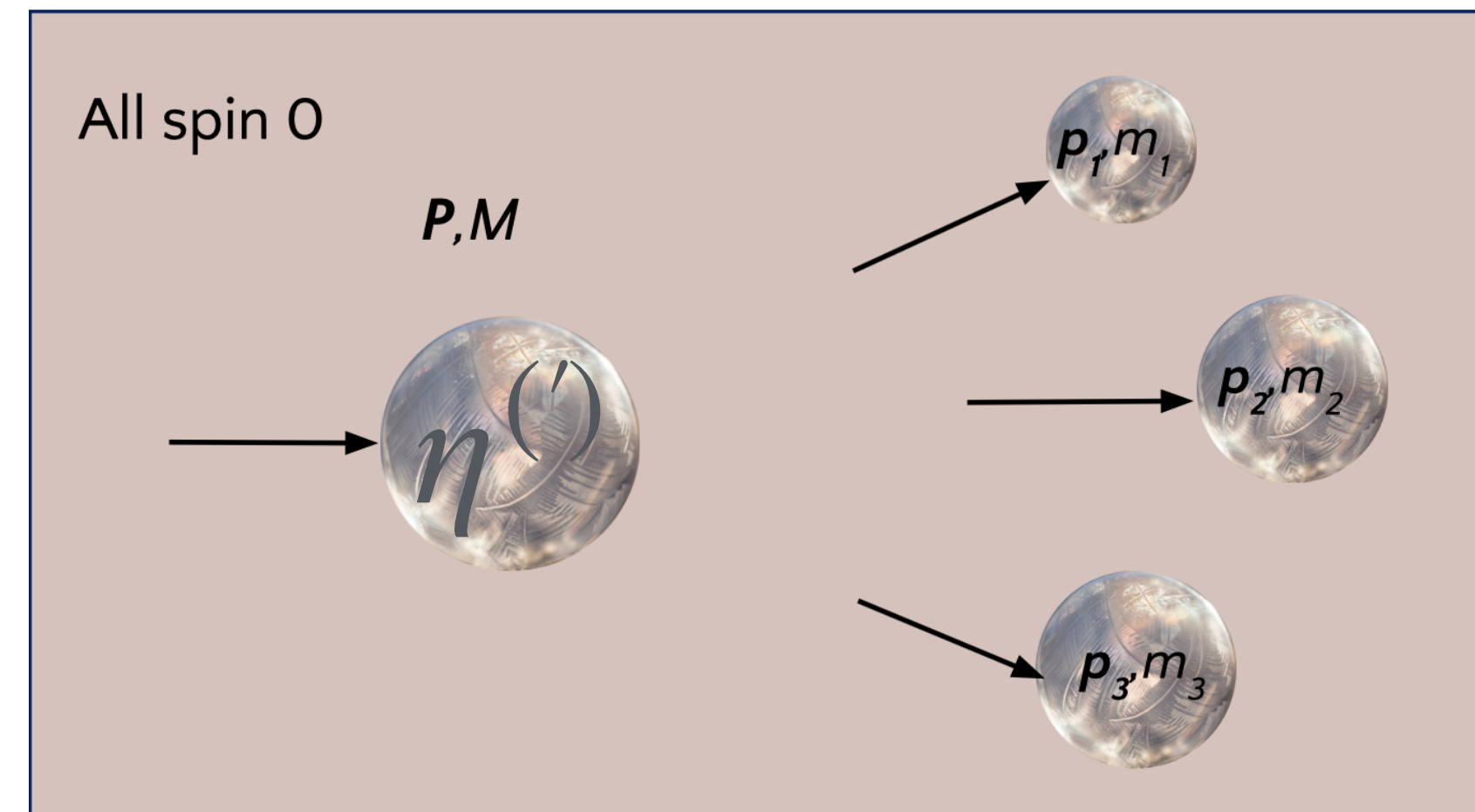
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- Hyperon studies
- N^*

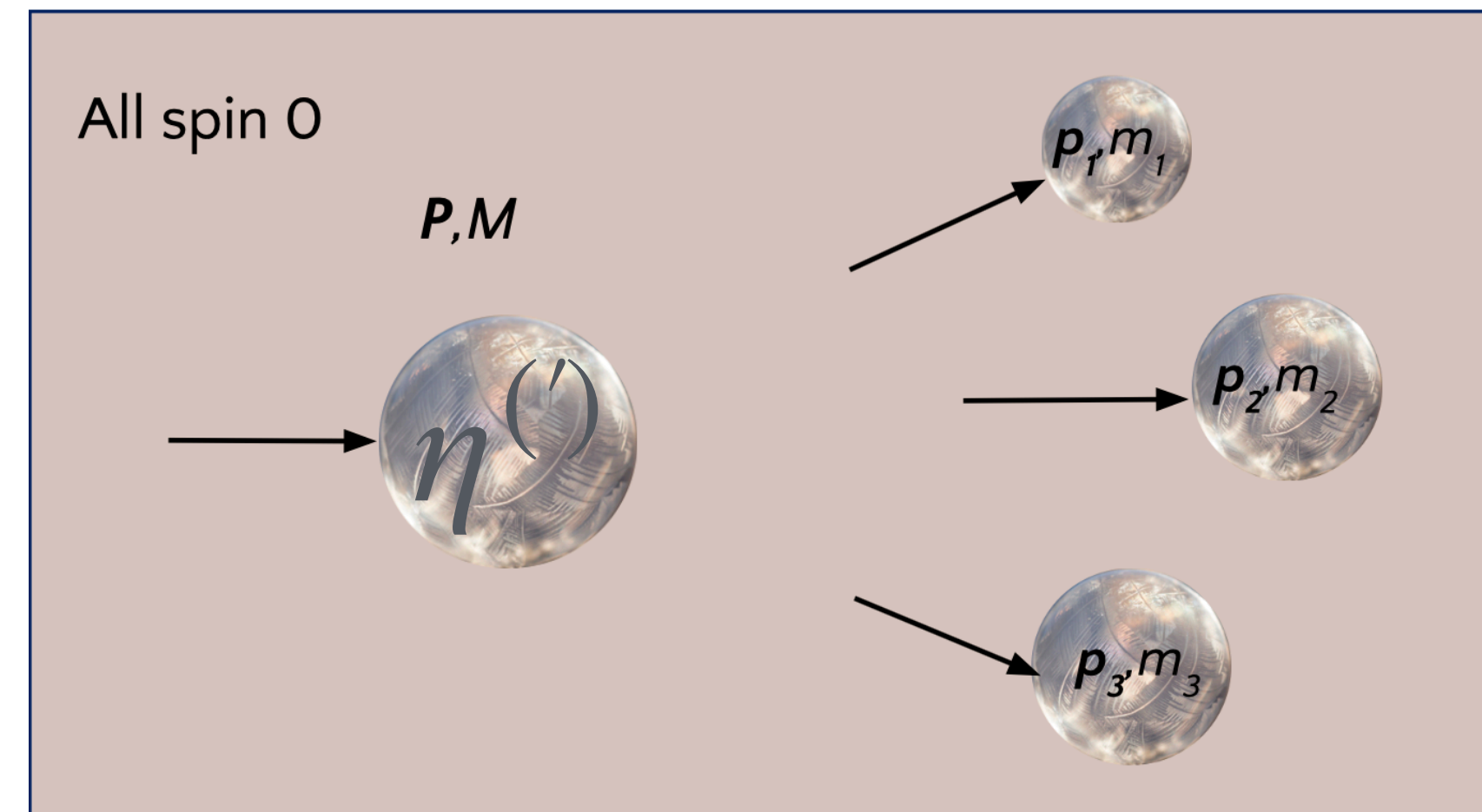
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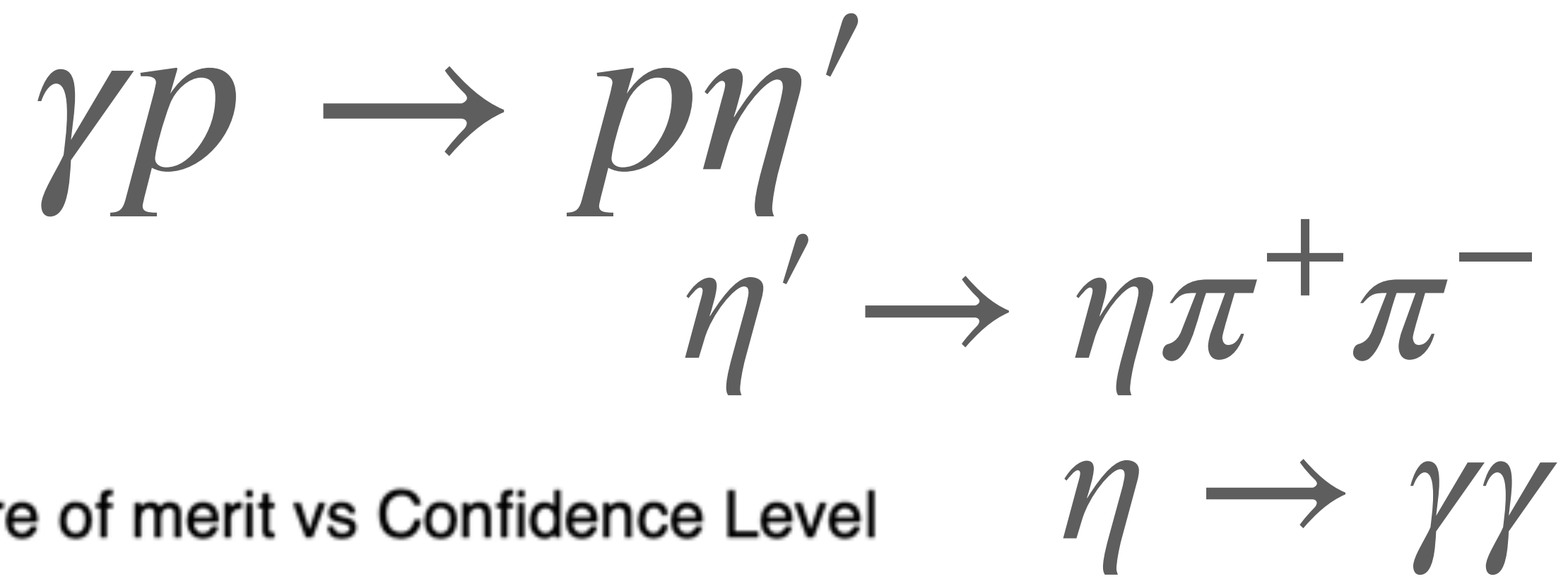
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Confidence level cut

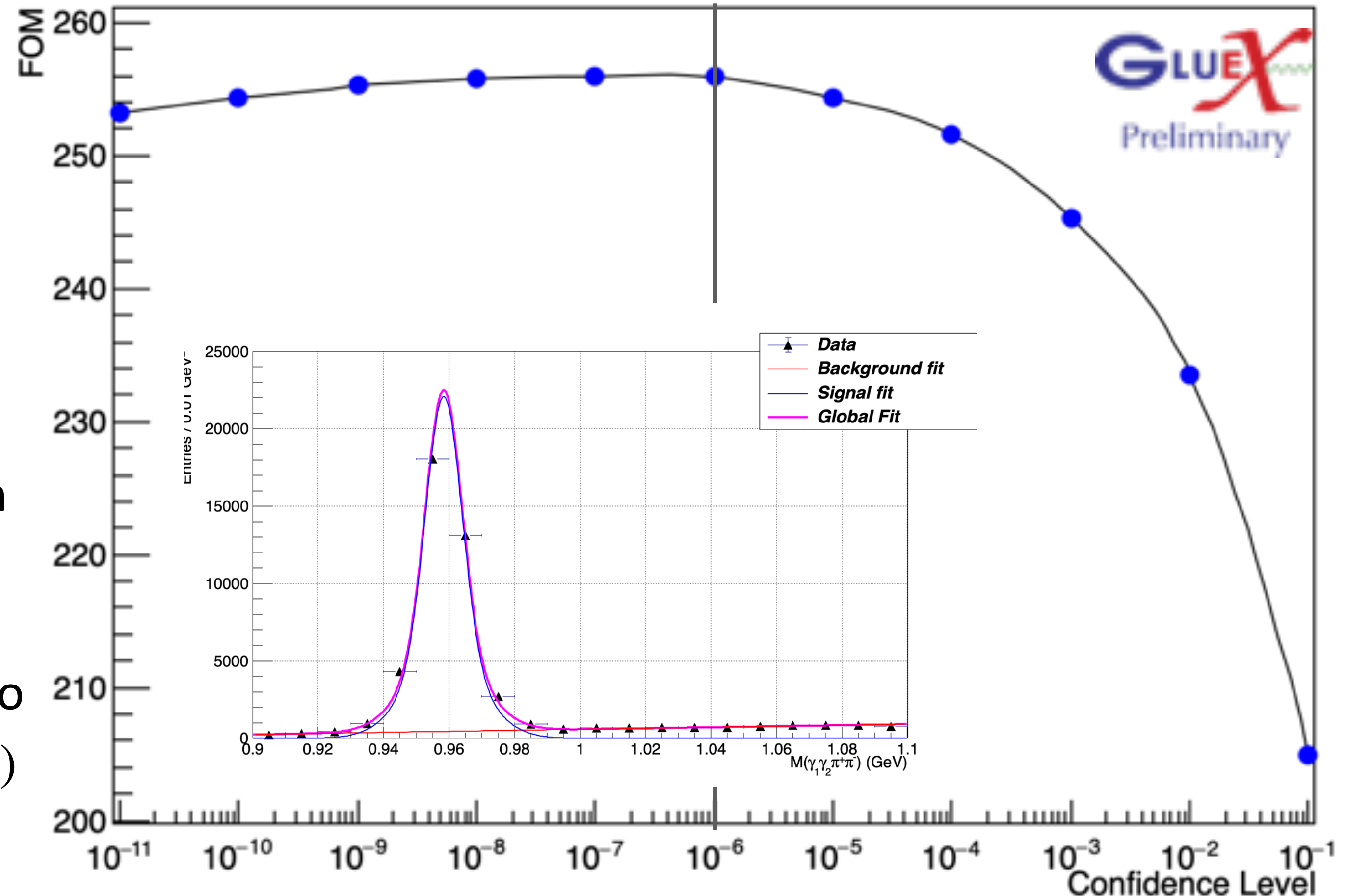


$$FOM = \frac{S}{\sqrt{S+B}}$$

Signal fraction within 3σ is $\sim 97.2\%$

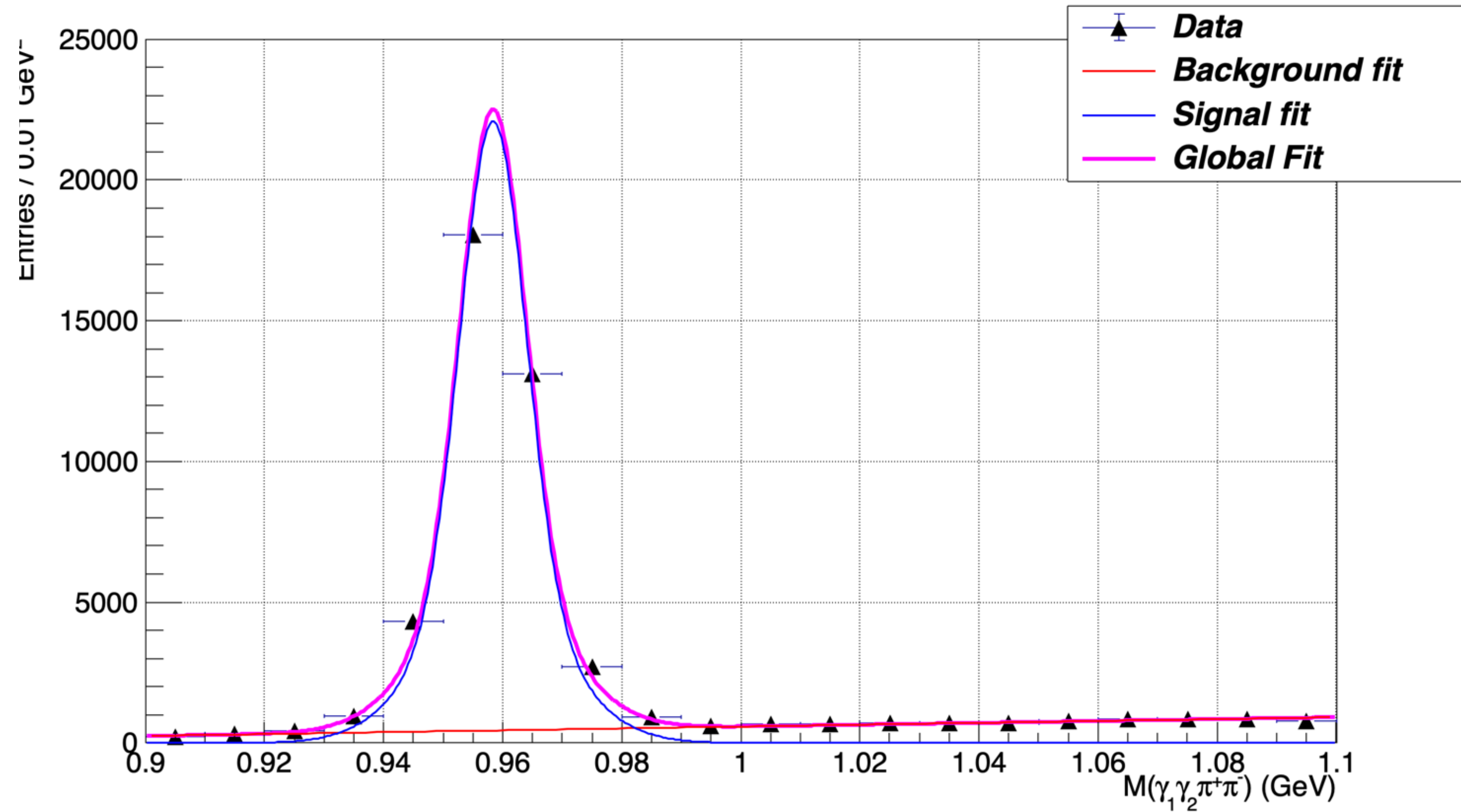
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Figure of merit vs Confidence Level



Yield Estimate

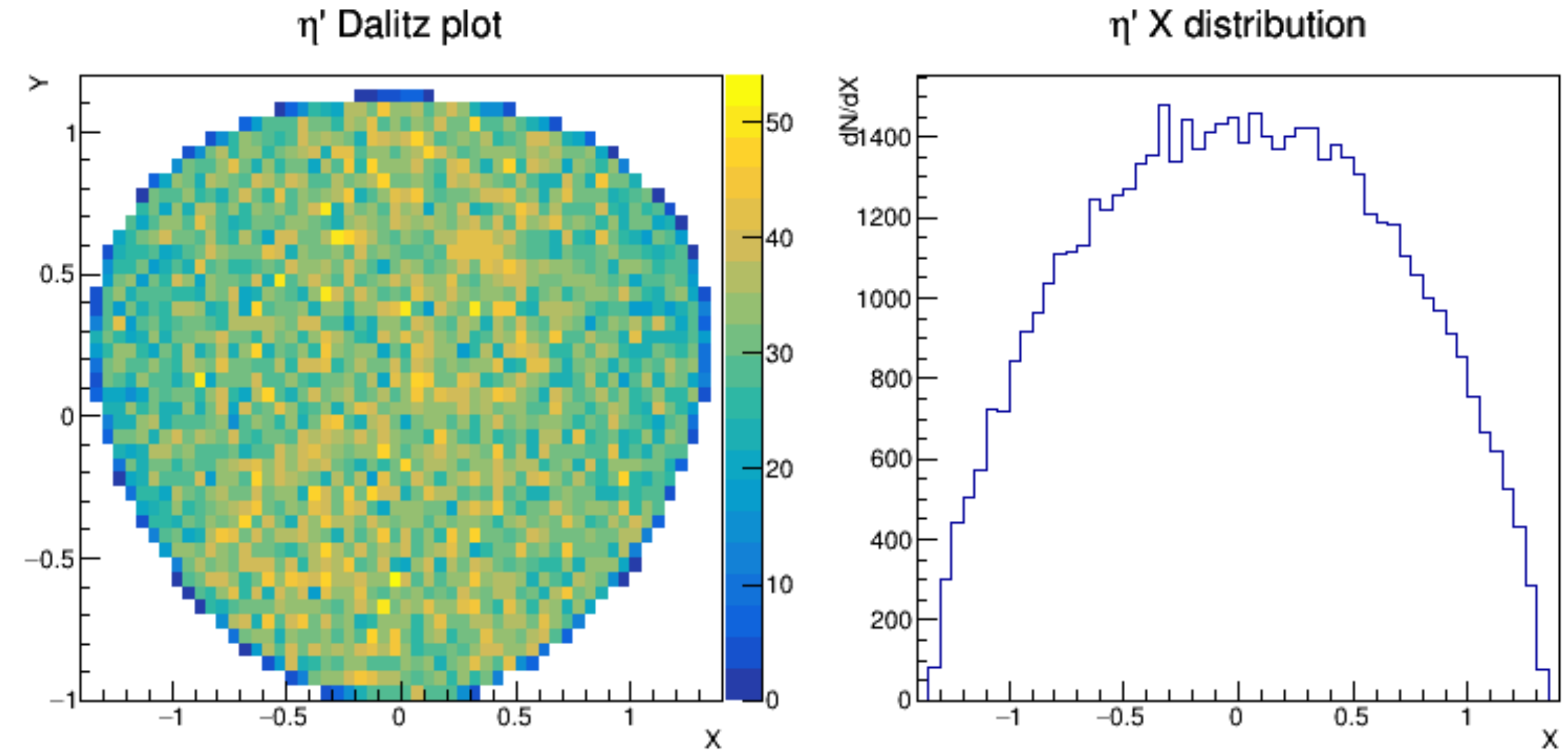
Experiment	yield ($\times 10^4$)
VES 2007	0.86
BESIII (2011)	4.4
BESIII (2018)	35.1
GlueX-I	13.6
GlueX-II	$3 \times \text{GlueX-I}$



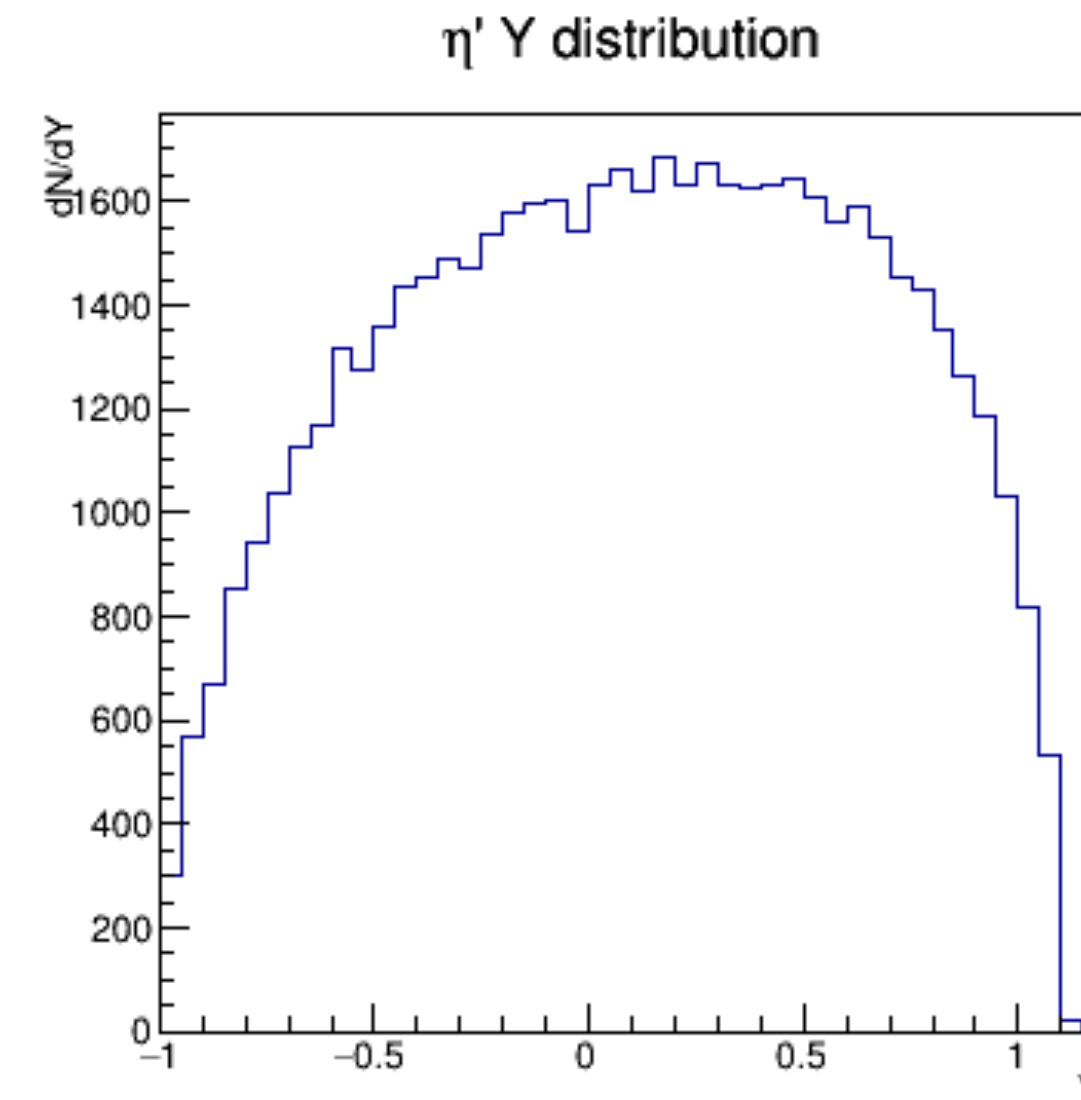
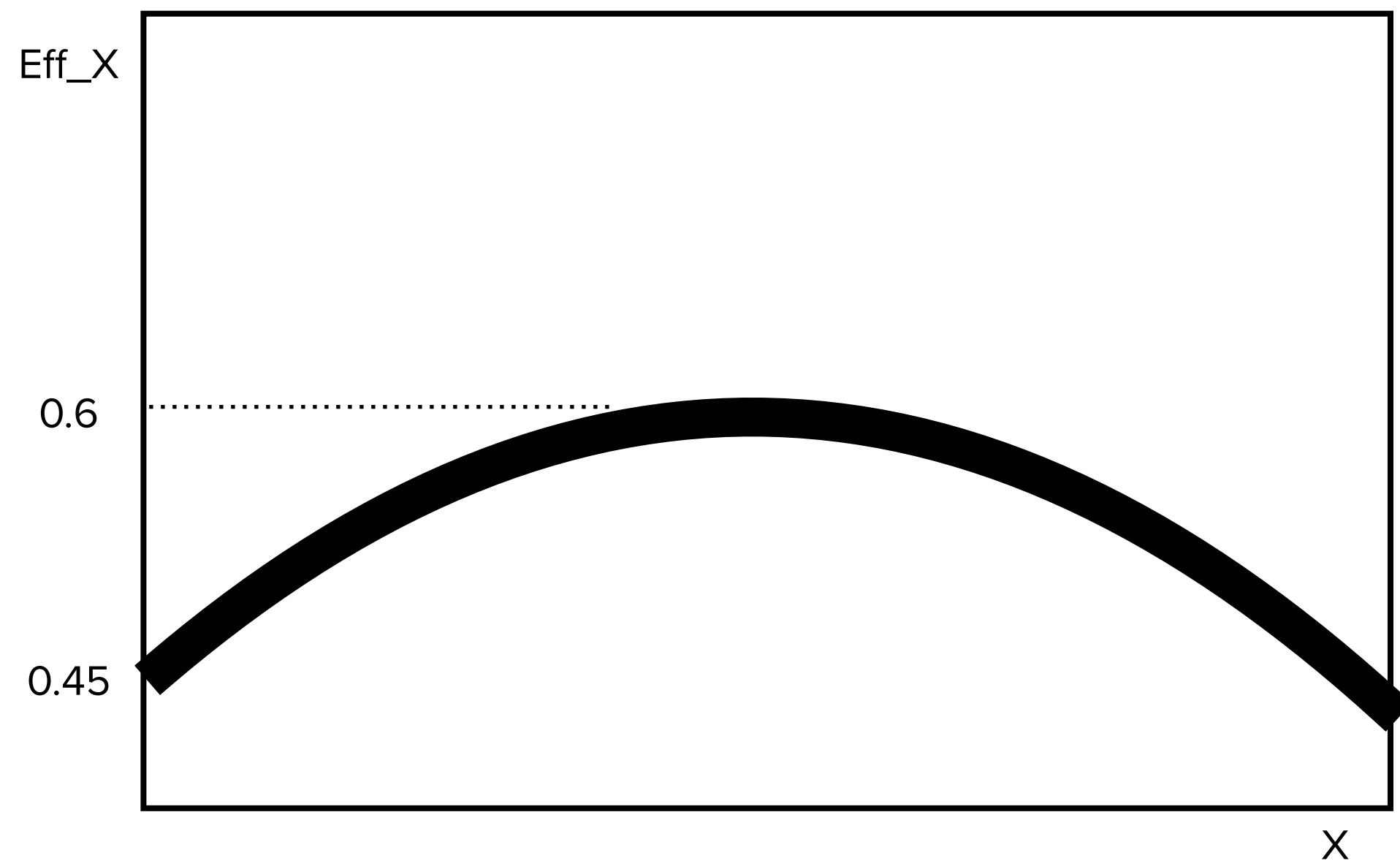
I/O Studies: Naïve acceptance

- Using AmpTools
 - Maximum likelihood event by event fitter
 - Generates pseudodata for validity and bias studies

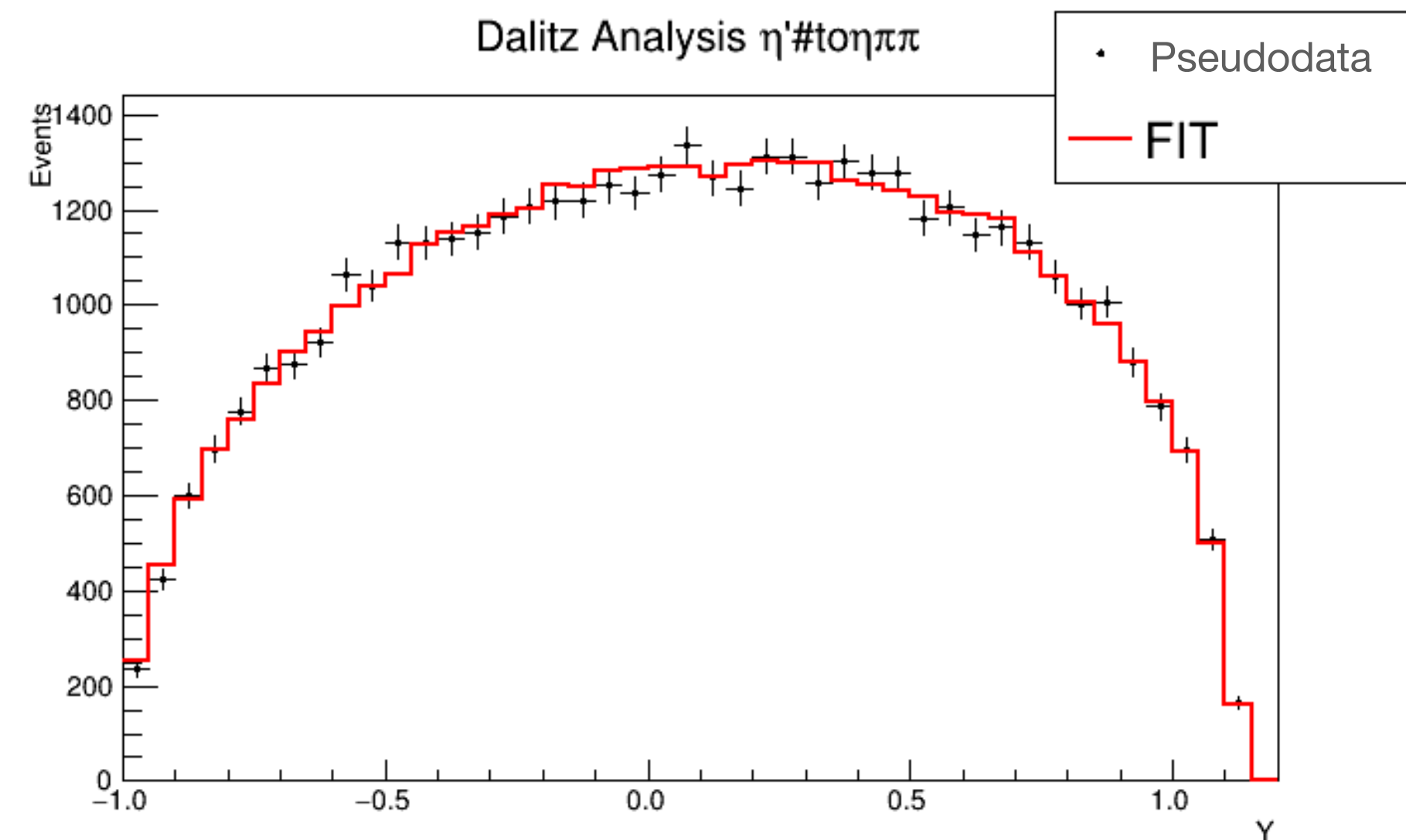
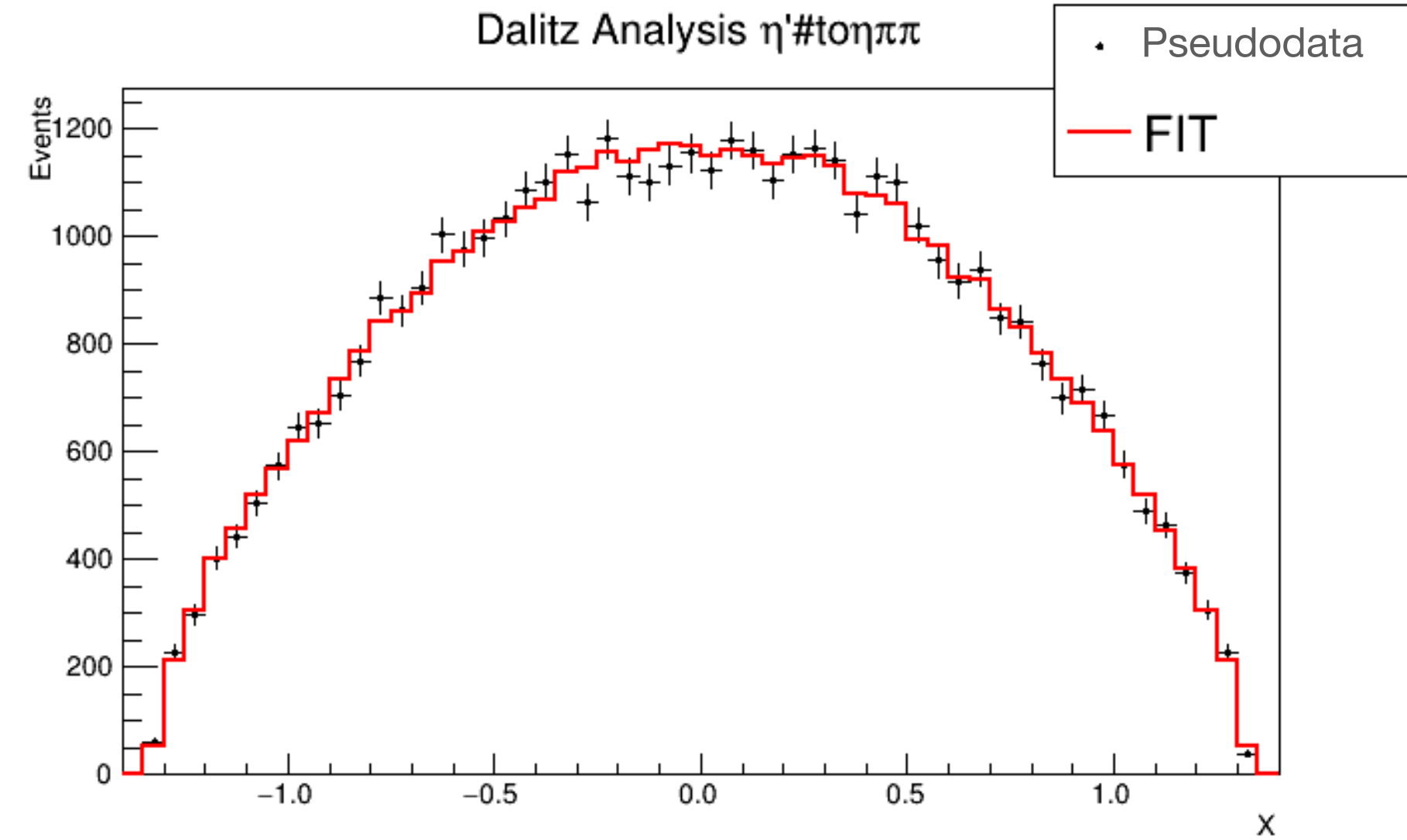
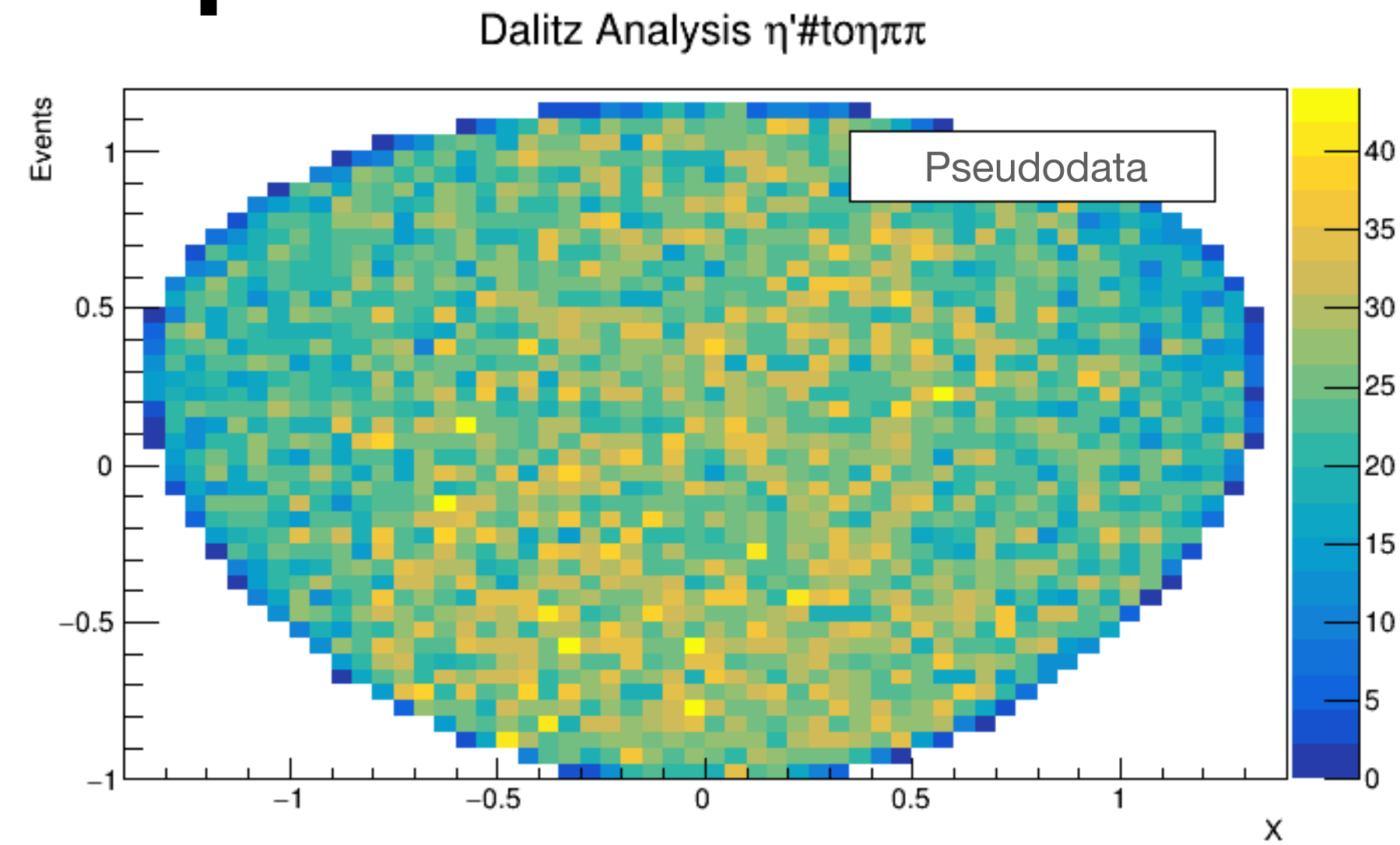
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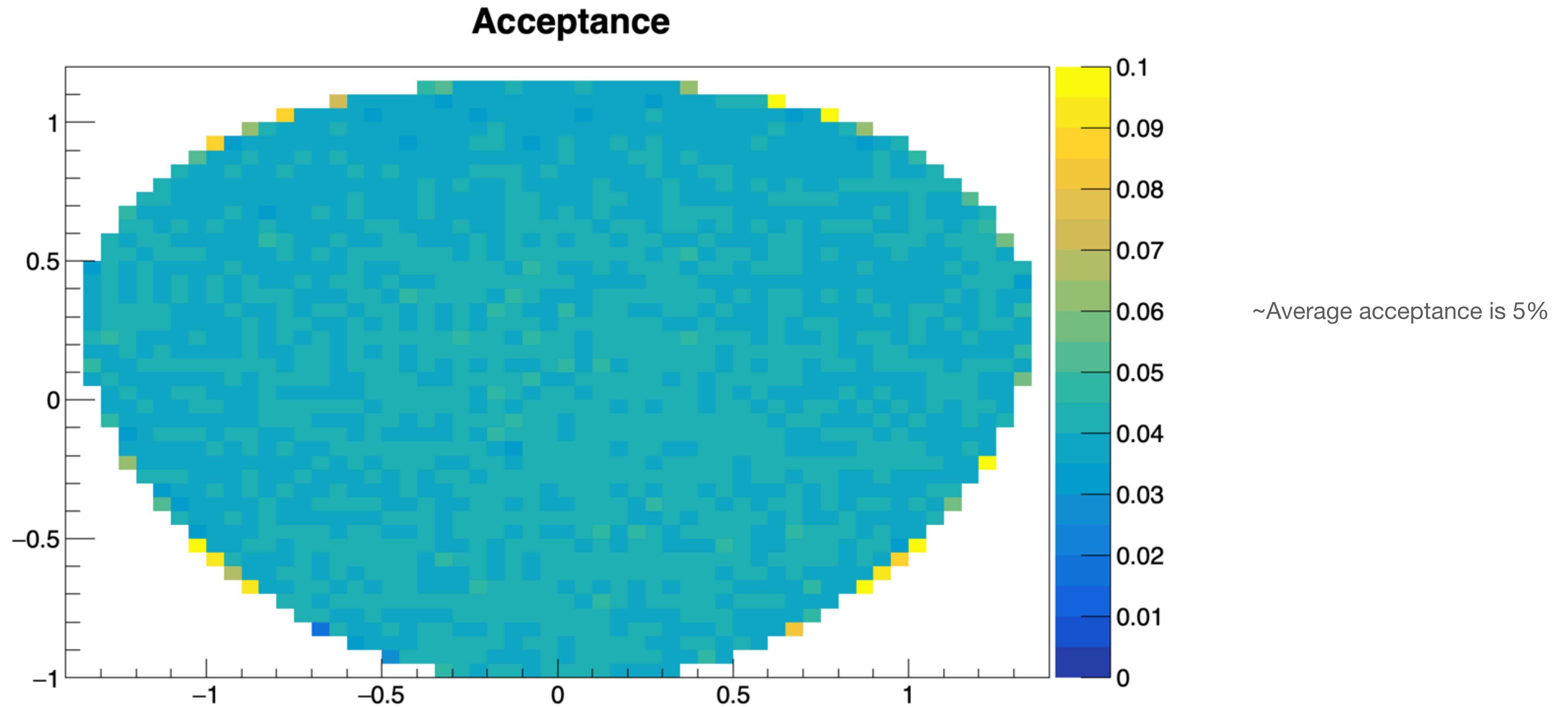
- pseudodata generated with BESIII (2018) results
- Toy Acceptance
- no background
- 100k generated MC events

Fit comparison

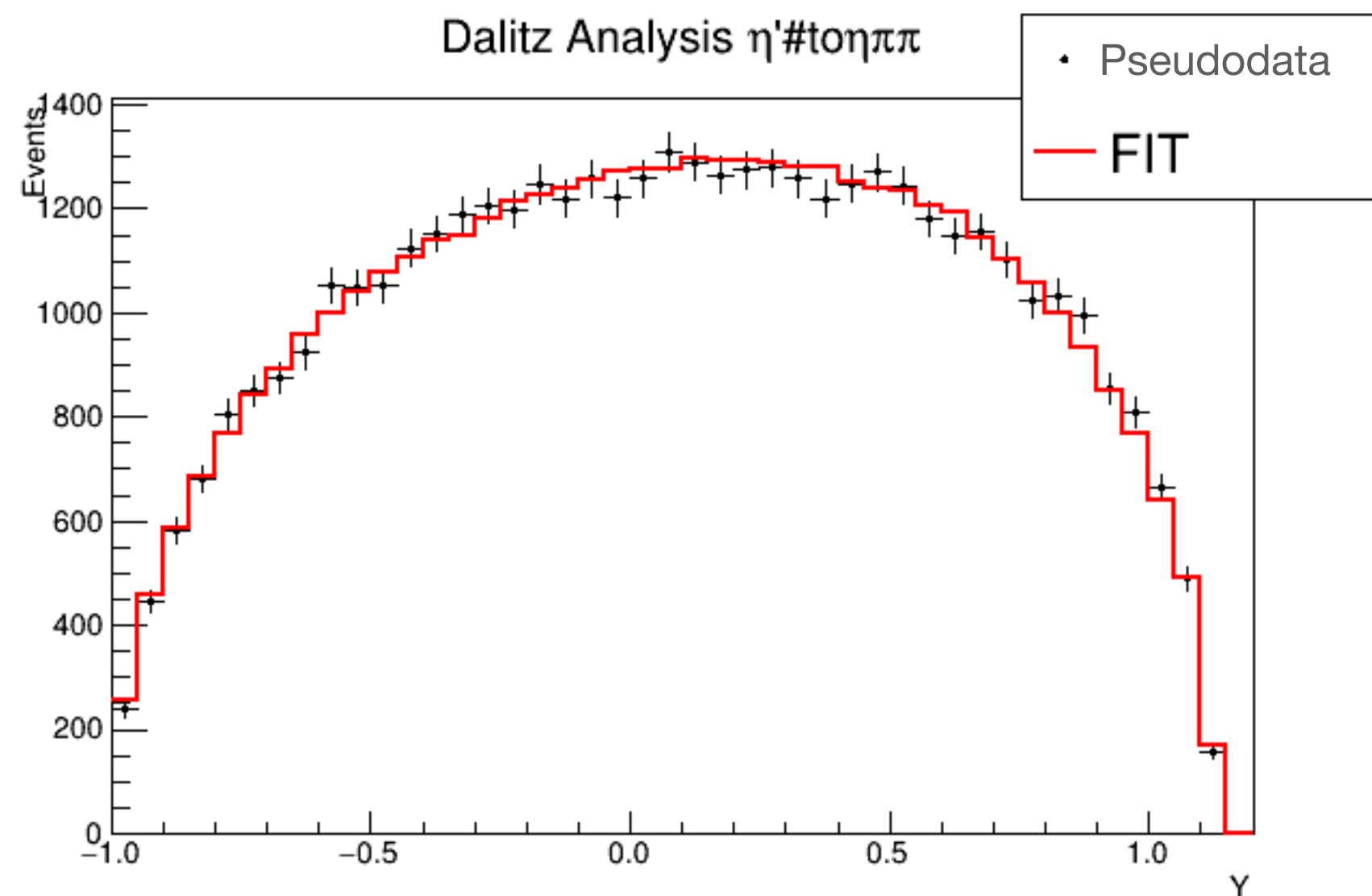
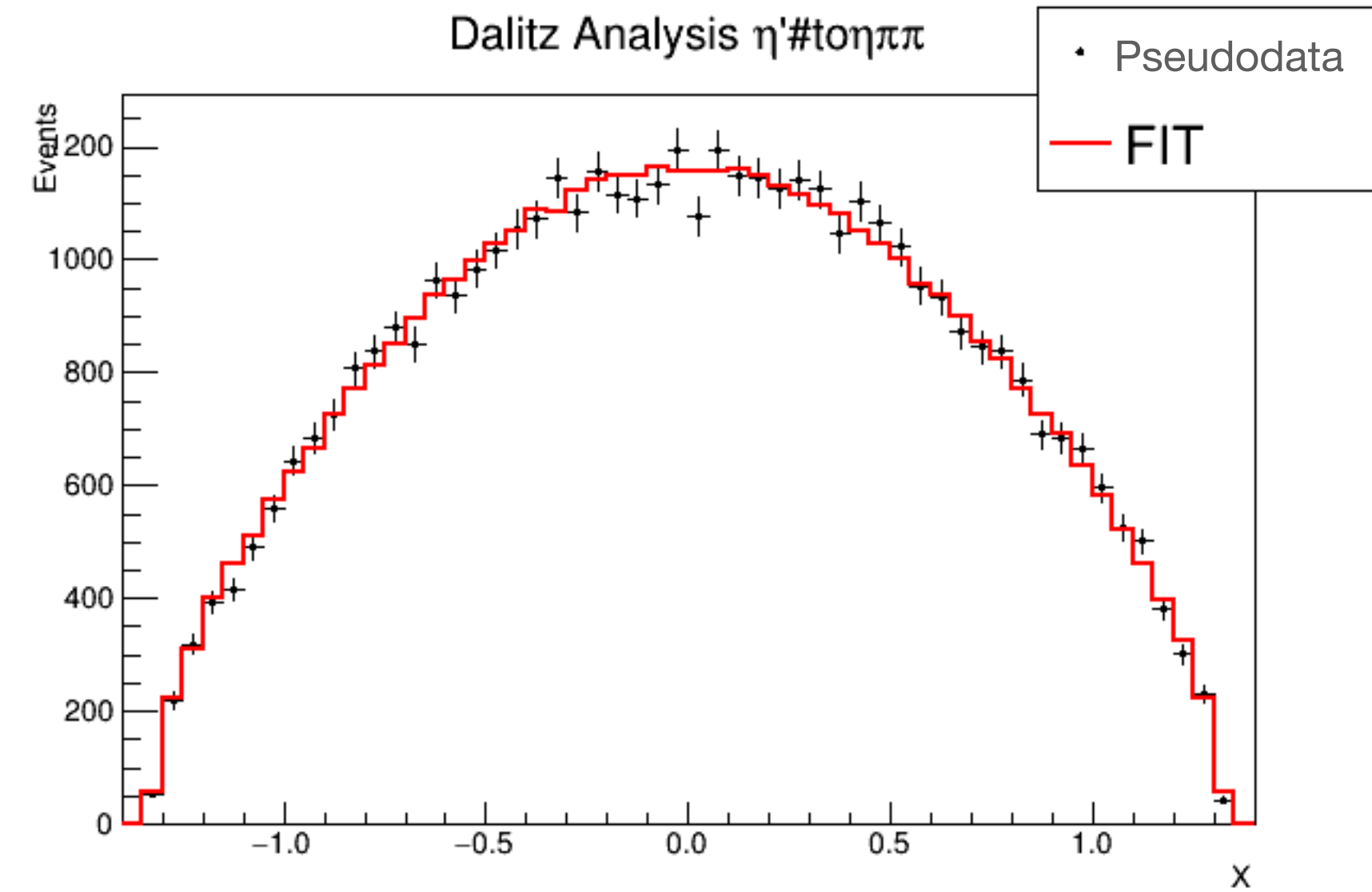
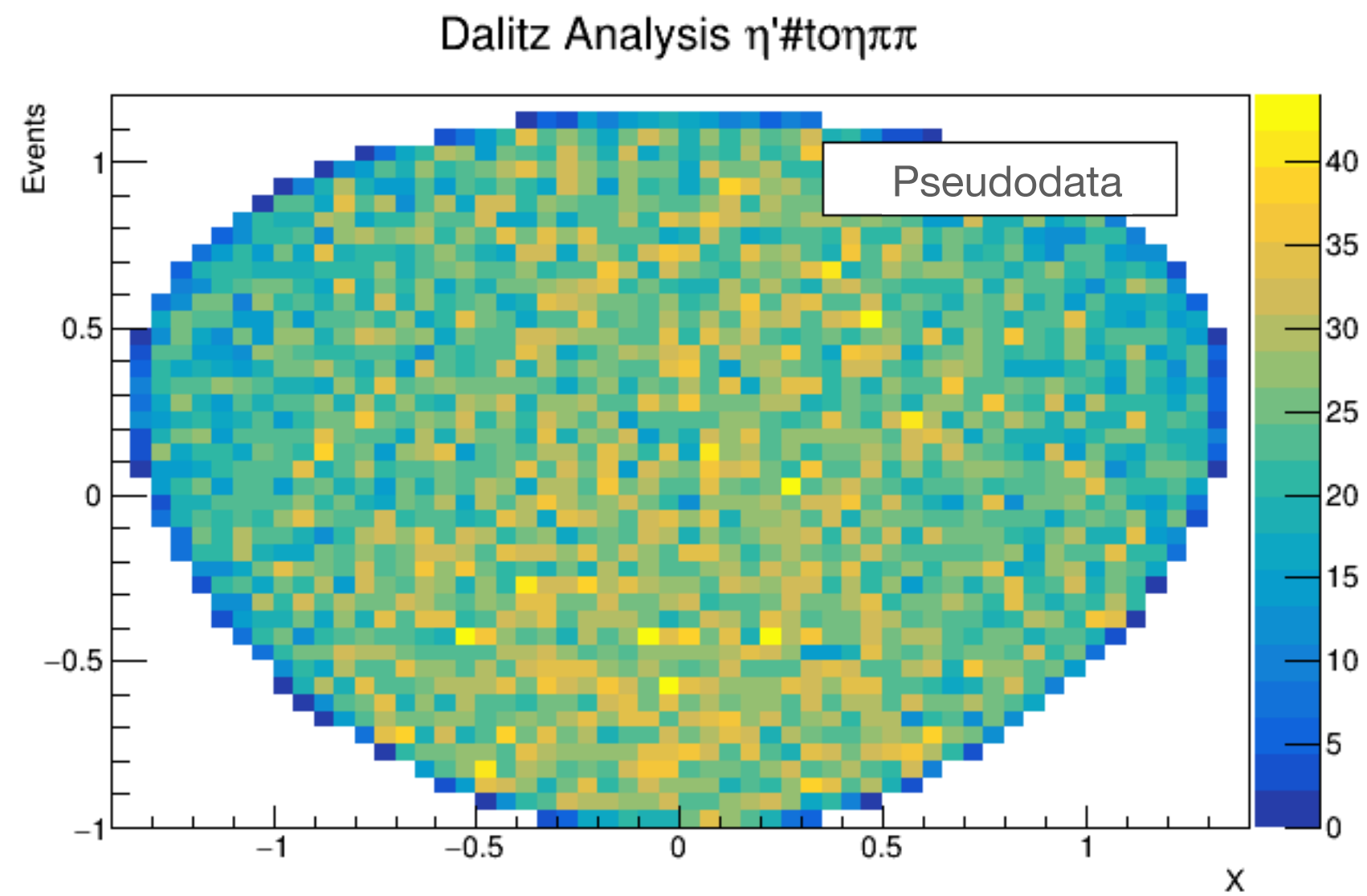
Minuit uncertainties

	BESIII (2018)	my Fit
a	$-5.60 \times 10^{-2} \pm 4.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$-5.22 \times 10^{-2} \pm 4.9 \times 10^{-3}$
b	$-4.9 \times 10^{-2} \pm 6.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$-4.6 \times 10^{-2} \pm 9.4 \times 10^{-3}$
c	$2.7 \times 10^{-3} \pm 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-3} \pm 3.61 \times 10^{-3}$
d	$-6.3 \times 10^{-2} \pm 4.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$-6.69 \times 10^{-2} \pm 9.4 \times 10^{-3}$

Real Acceptance:



Real acceptance



- pseudodata generated with BESIII (2018) results
- Real acceptance: Laget model for the production.
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b	$-4.9 \times 10^{-2} \pm 6.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$-4.53 \times 10^{-2} \pm 8.4 \times 10^{-3}$
c	$2.7 \times 10^{-3} \pm 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.41 \times 10^{-4} \pm 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$
d	$-6.3 \times 10^{-2} \pm 4.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$-5.84 \times 10^{-2} \pm 8.8 \times 10^{-3}$

Previous experiments

GAMS 2000

U70

Charge exchange:

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow \eta' n \quad 0.54 \times 10^4$$

VES

Charge exchange:

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow \eta' n \quad 1.4 \times 10^4$$

Diffractive:

$$\pi^- N \rightarrow \eta' \pi^- N \quad 0.7 \times 10^4$$

[Phys. Lett. B **651**, 22\(2007\)](#)

$$\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \pi^0$$

GAMS 4 π

U70

Charge exchange:

$$\pi^- p \rightarrow \eta' n \quad 1.5 \times 10^4$$

[Phys. At. Nucl. **72**, 231 \(2009\)](#)

A2 Collaboration

MAMI

Photoproduced:

$$\gamma p \rightarrow p \eta' \quad 12.3 \times 10^4$$

[PRD**98**, 012001\(2018\)](#)

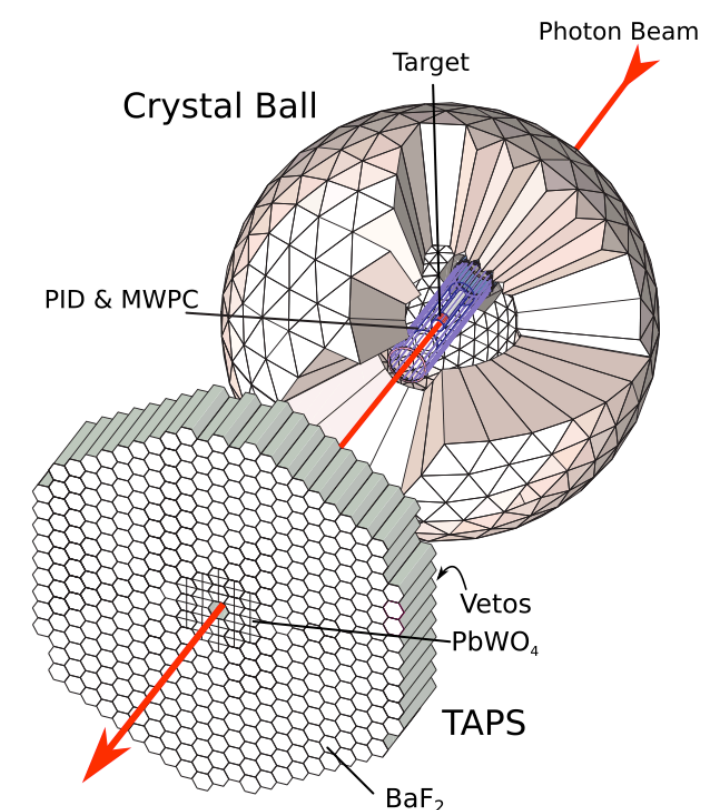
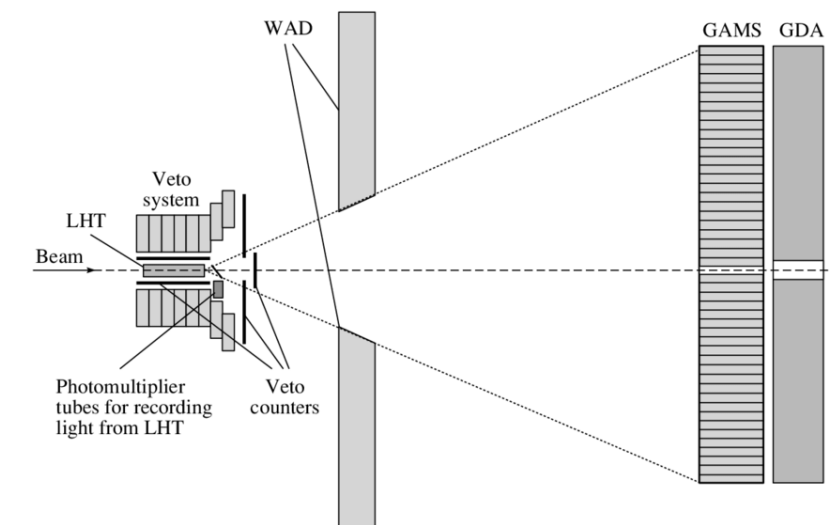
BESIII

BEPC II

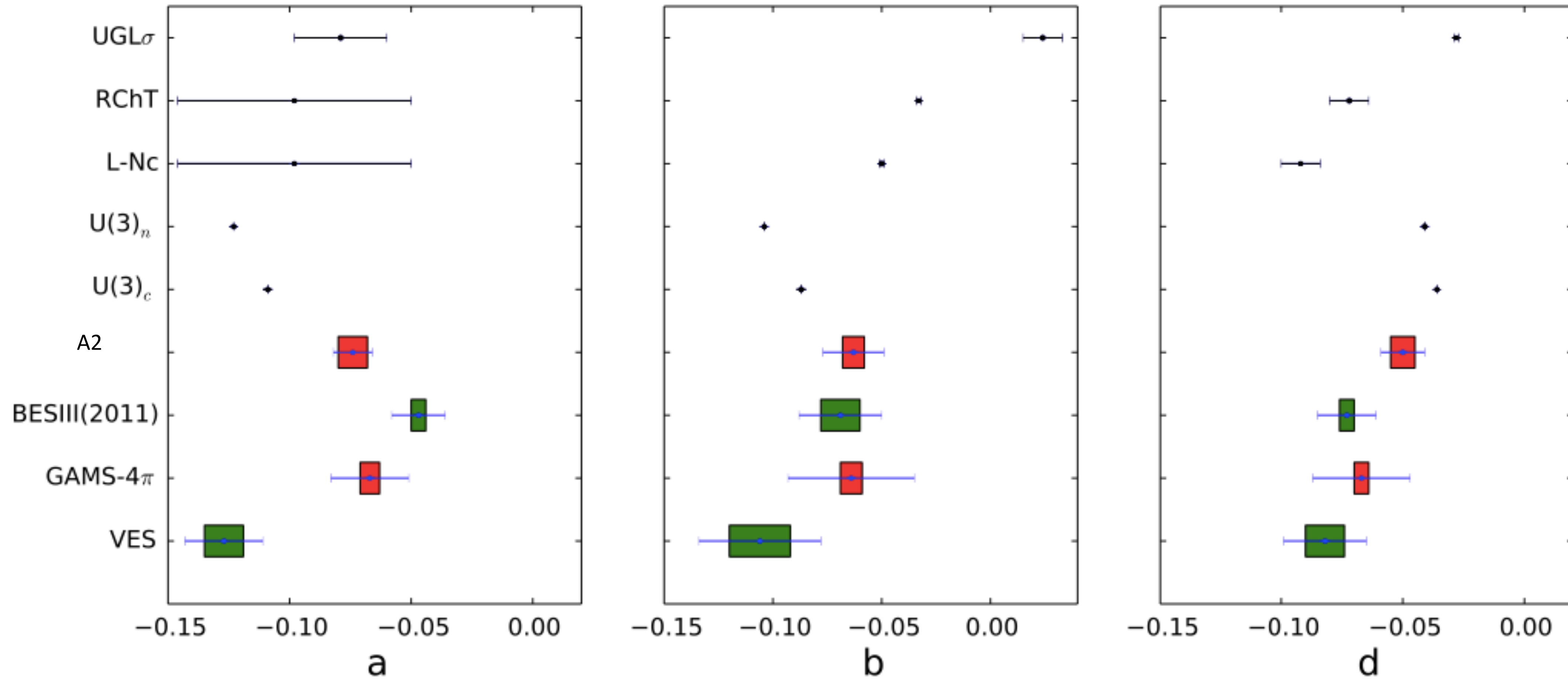
$$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \eta' \quad 5.63 \times 10^4$$

Background level < 1%

[PRD**97**, 012001 \(2018\)](#)

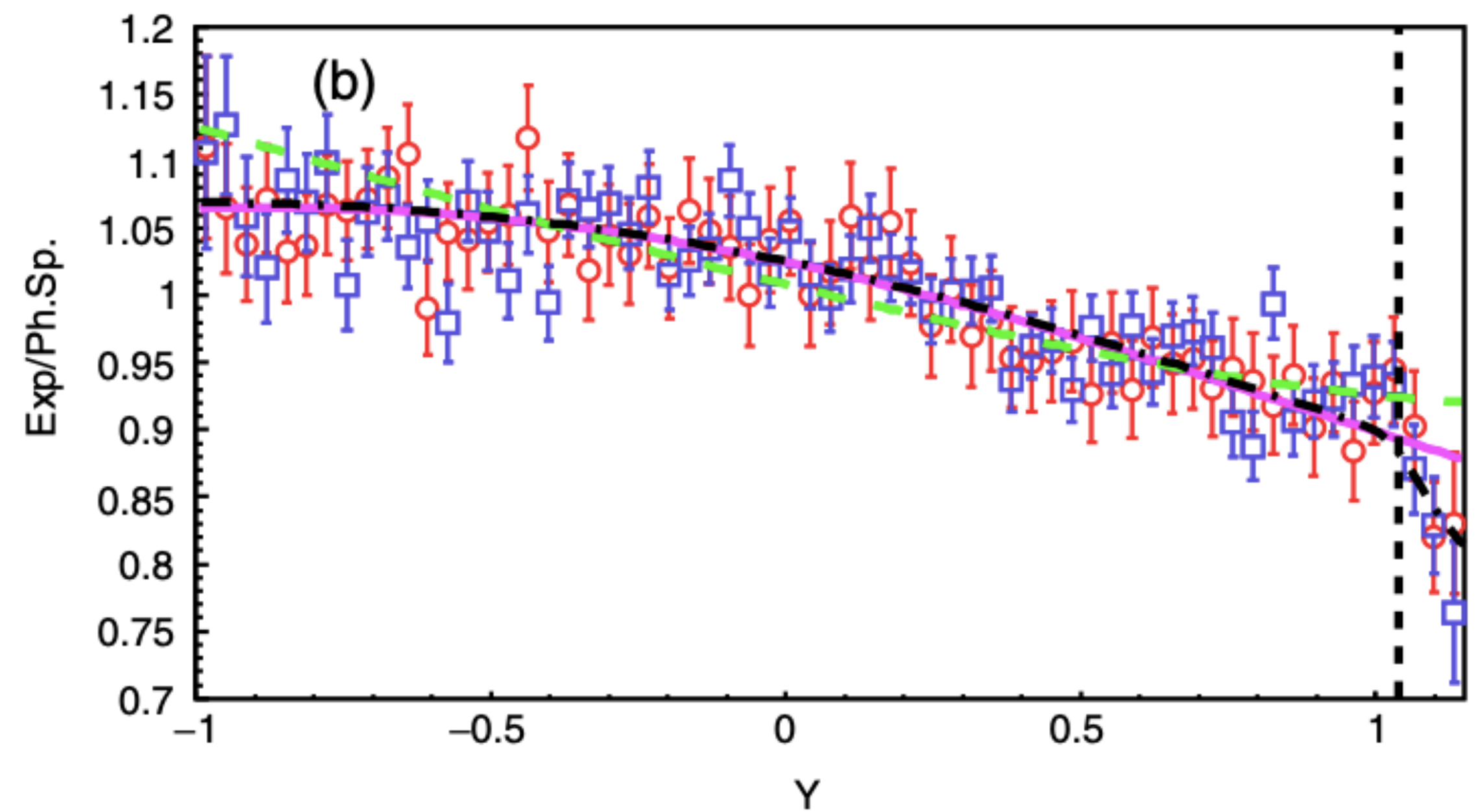
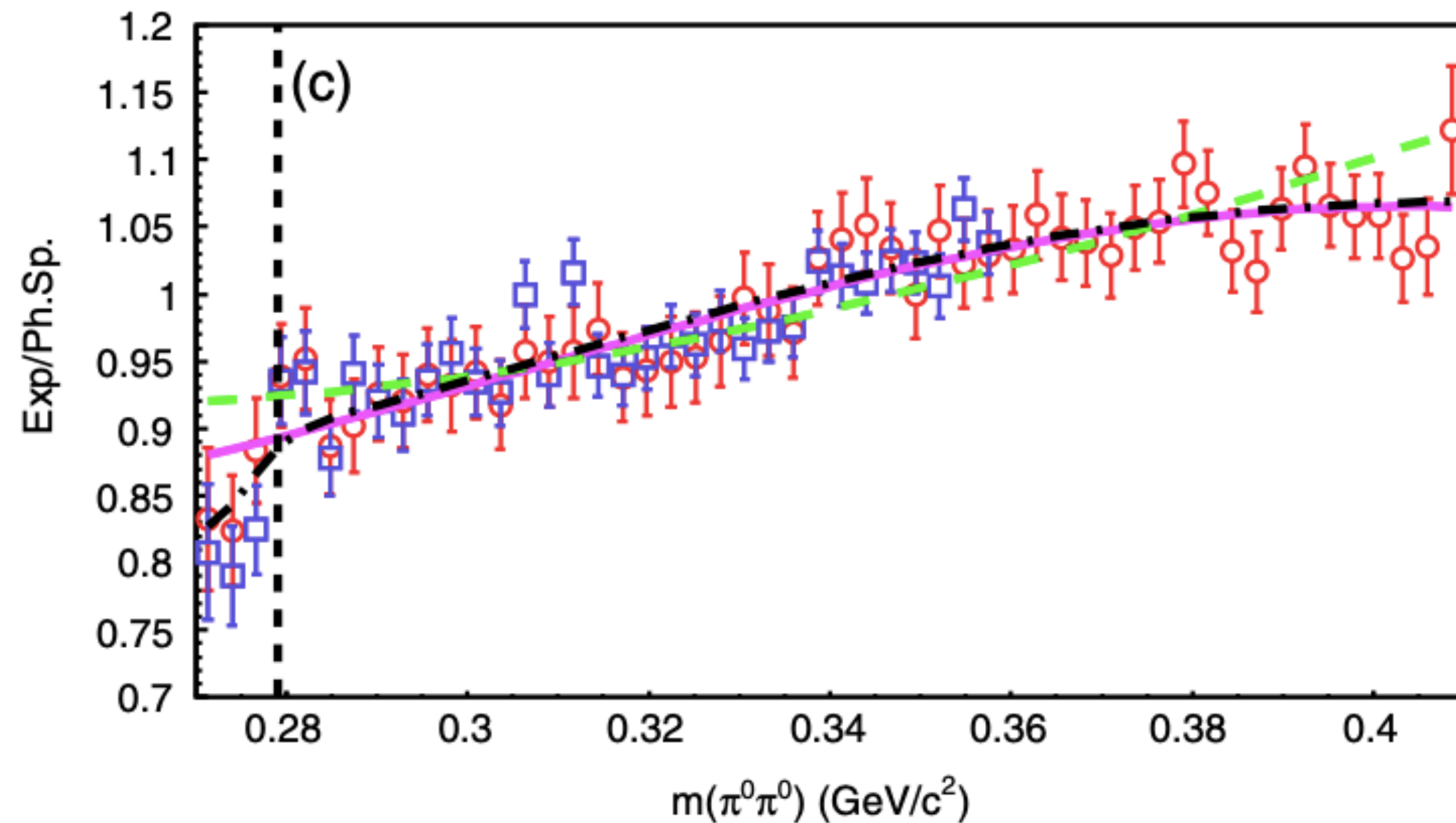


Dalitz Parameters from theory and previous measurements



[From PRD98, 012001\(2018\)](#)

Cusp results from A2 collaboration



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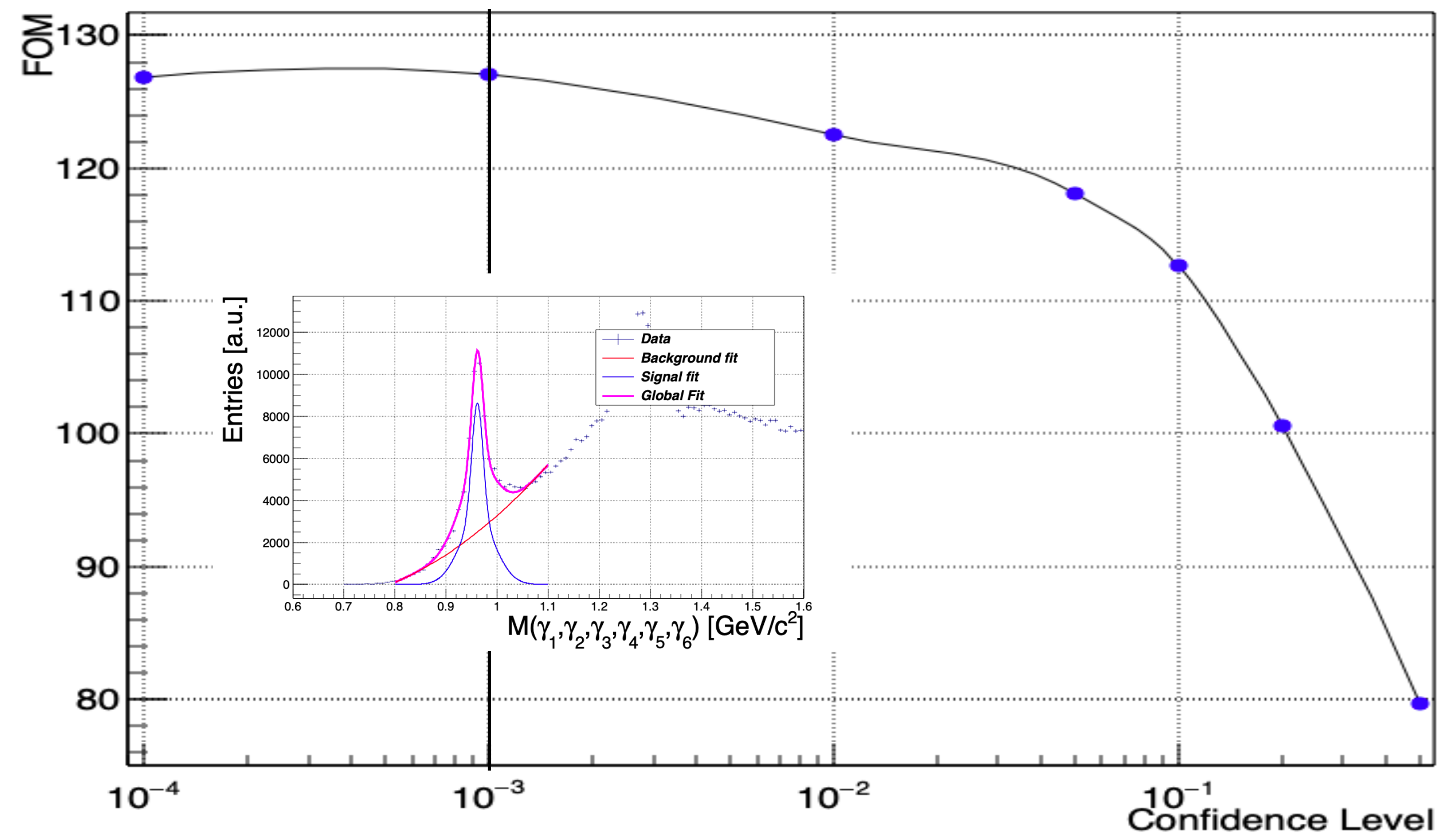
Results shown in the A2 paper. Ratio of the experimental distribution to their normalized MC Phase space. The data points represent two independent analyses presented in the paper. The vertical lines show the position of the mass of two charged pions. **Green** and **magenta** lines represent the results fit with two different parametrizations and **black** fit result with NREFT amplitude.

Optimizing $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\pi^0$ selection at GlueX

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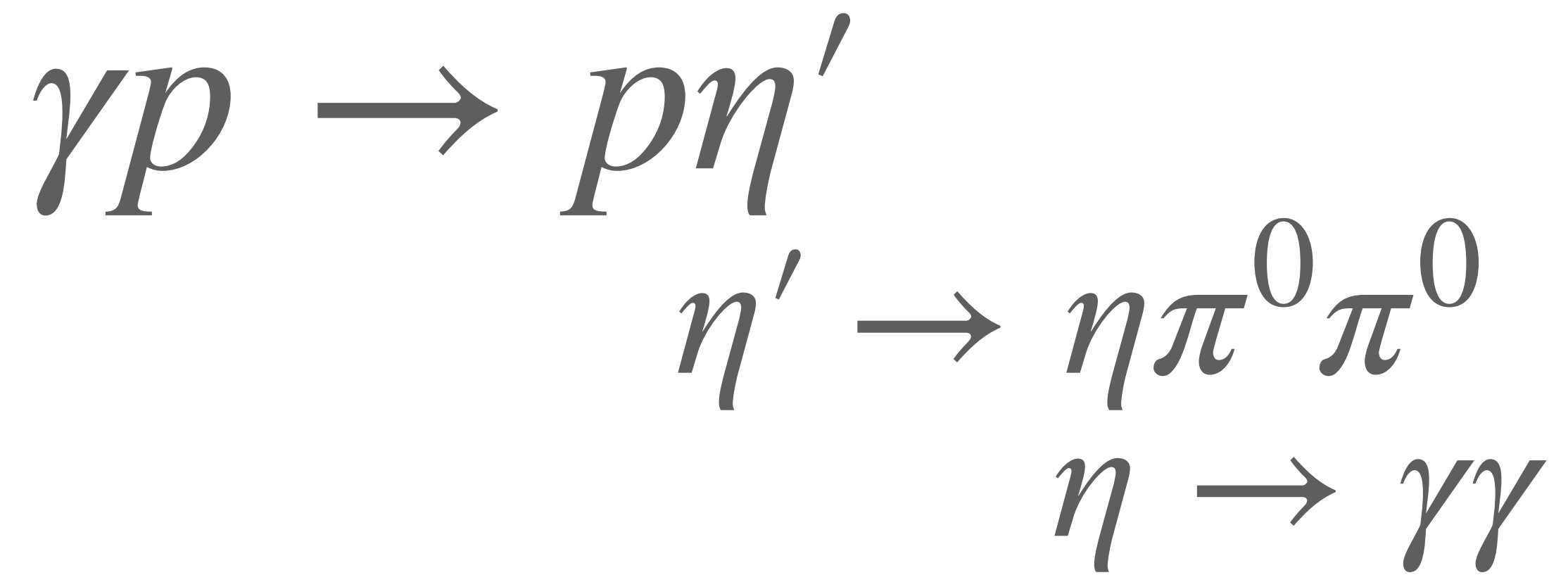
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- Background estimated through fits to invariant mass distribution $M(6\gamma)$

Figure of merit vs Confidence Level



Yield comparison

Experiment	Yield ($\times 10^4$)
GAMS200	0.54
GAMS	1.5
VES	2.1
BESIII(2018)	5.63
A2	12.3
GlueX-I (Our estimate)	$\sim 10^*$
GlueX-II	$3 \times \text{GlueX-I}$



Conclusion

- We have done a feasibility study for the Dalitz plot analysis of the charged decay $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$.
- We have done a yield estimation for the neutral decay of $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\pi^0$.
- Our estimate of the yield from all GlueX- I indicates a competitive dataset with previous experiments.
- Different production processes make different systematics, this makes interesting the comparison of GlueX low energy photoproduction to the J/ψ decay at BESIII.
- Working on rejecting backgrounds.

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<http://gluex.org/thanks>



Backup

Selection

$$\gamma p \rightarrow p \eta'$$

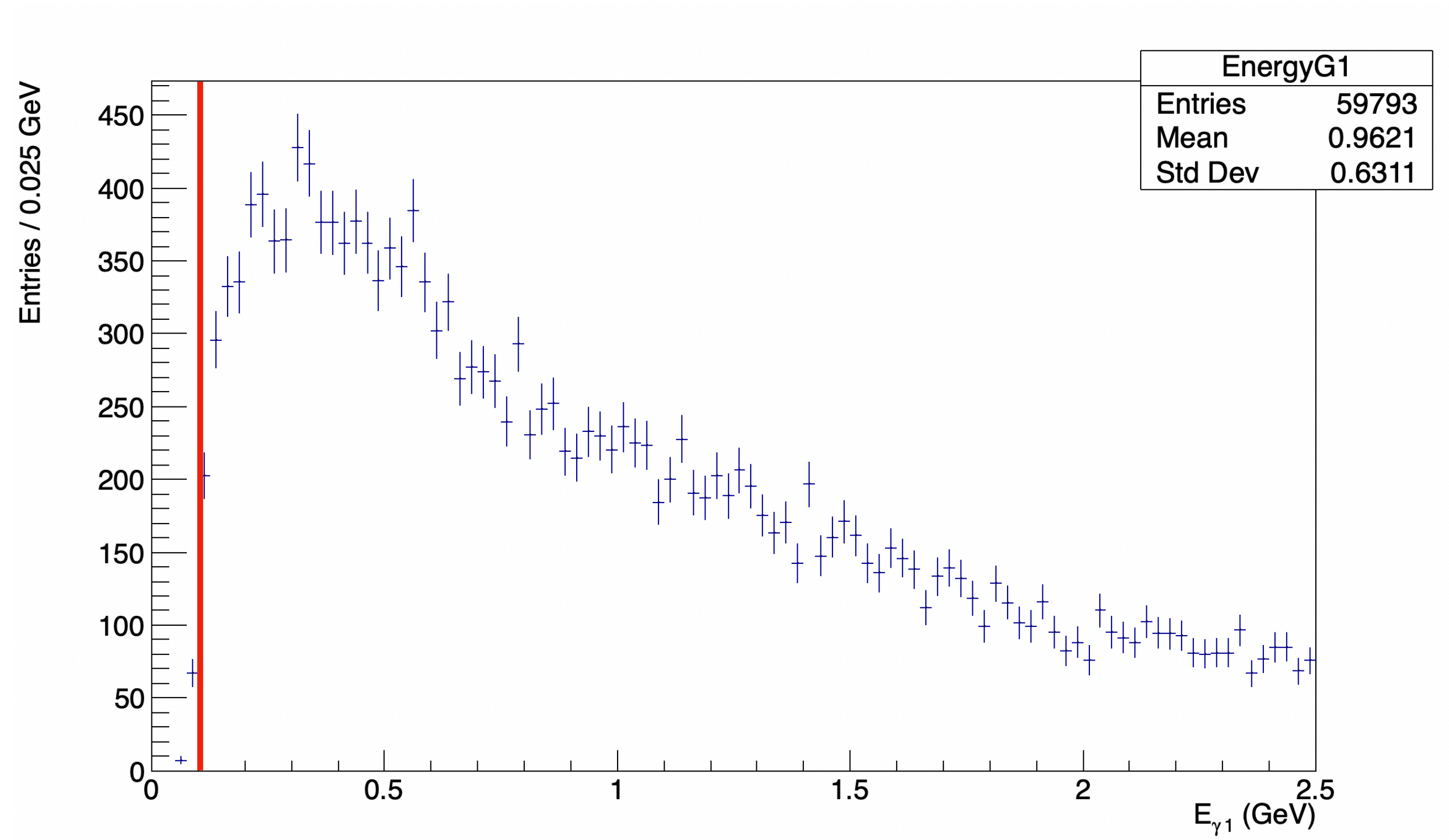
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$$\eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$

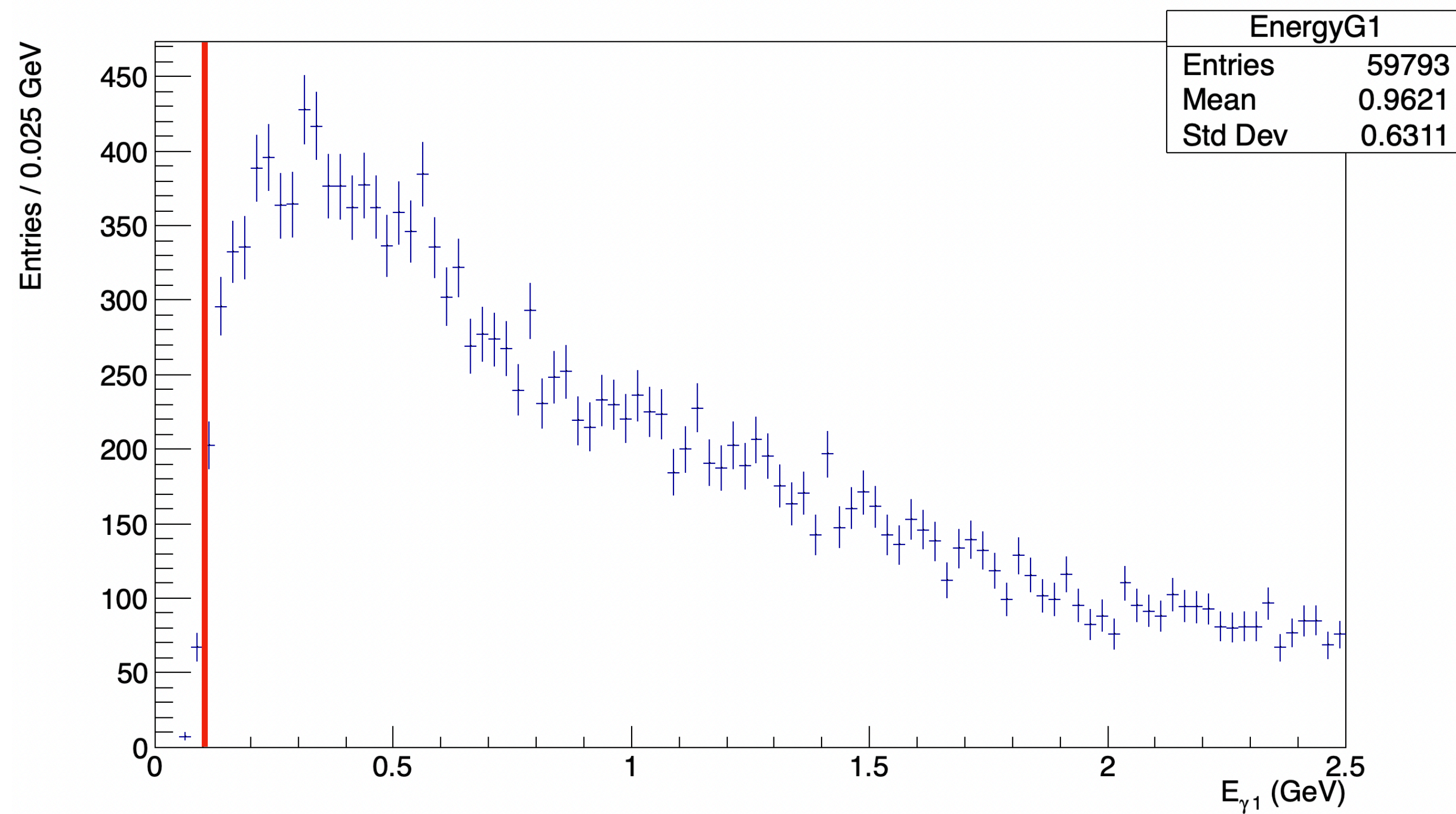
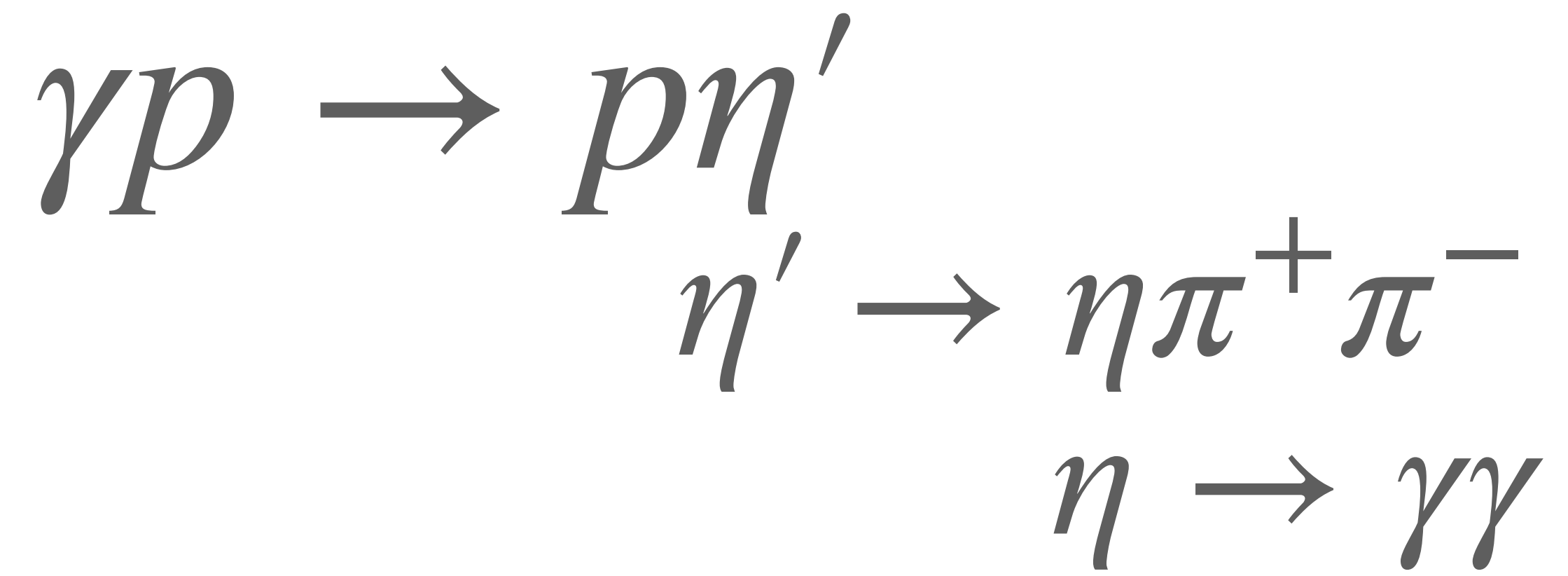
cuts	value
Photon energy	$E_\gamma > 0.1 \text{ GeV}$
BCAL/FCAL fiducial cut	$\theta_\gamma \leq 10.3^\circ, \theta_\gamma \geq 11.9^\circ$
Proton minimum momentum	$ \vec{p}_p > 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$
proton, pion PID	standard CDC dE/dx cut
vertex	$52 \text{ cm} \leq Z \leq 78 \text{ cm}$
Kin fit Likelihood	$> 10^{-6}$
missing mass	$Abs(M_X) < 0.05 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

- 2017: ver 55
- m_η constrained
- pippimeta__B4

Event Selection

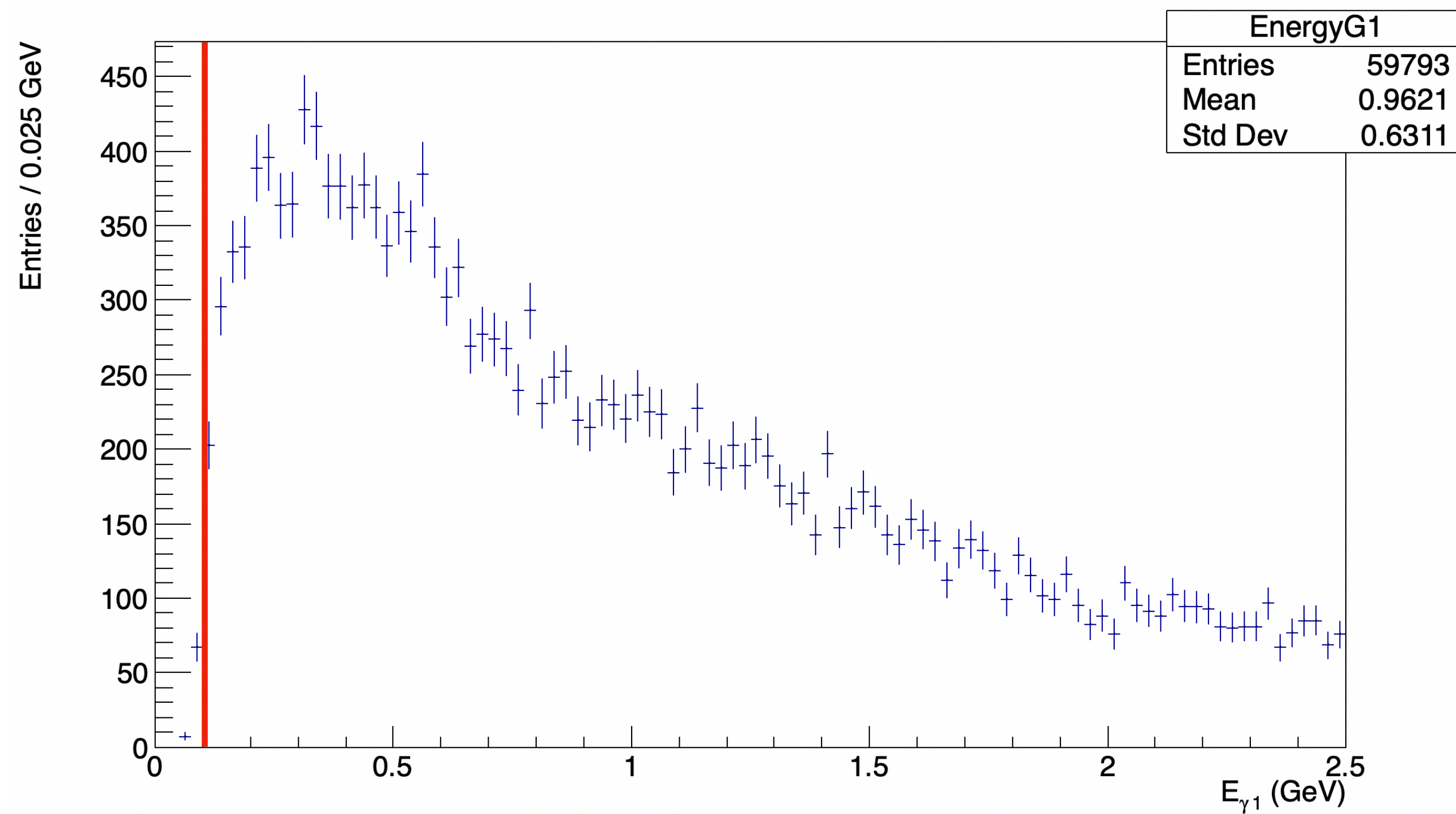
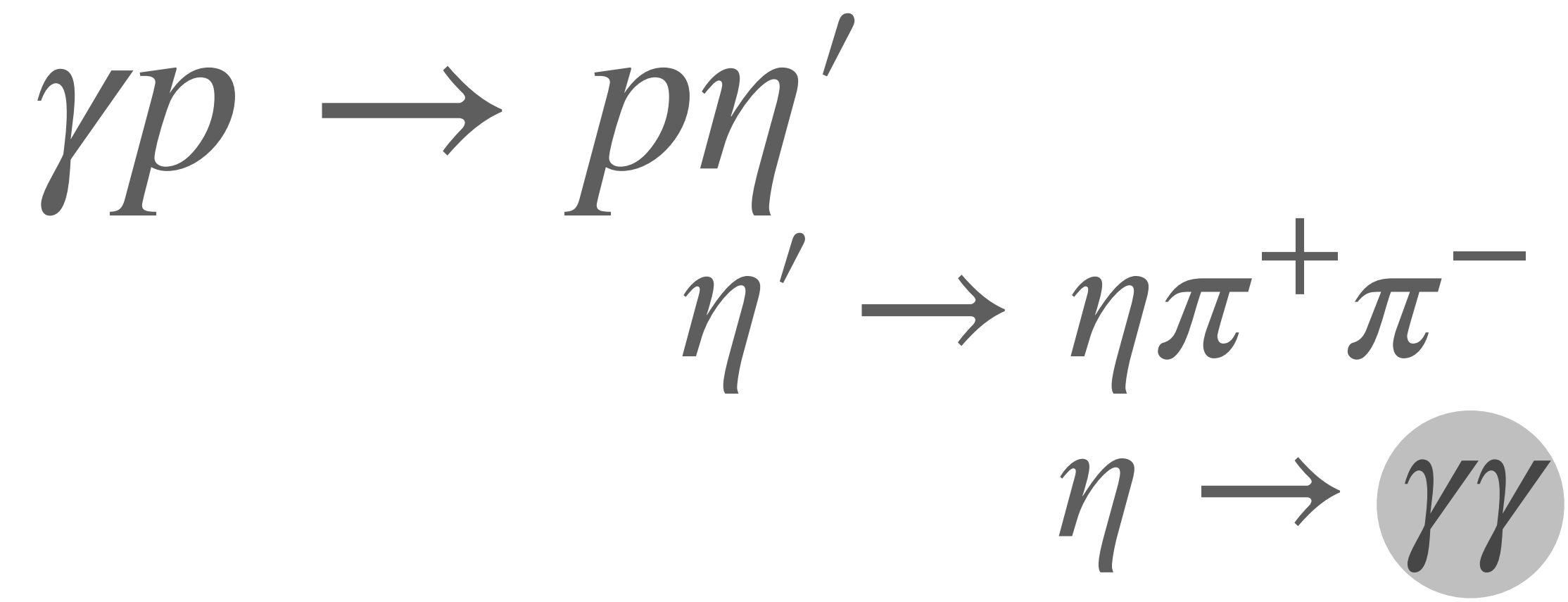


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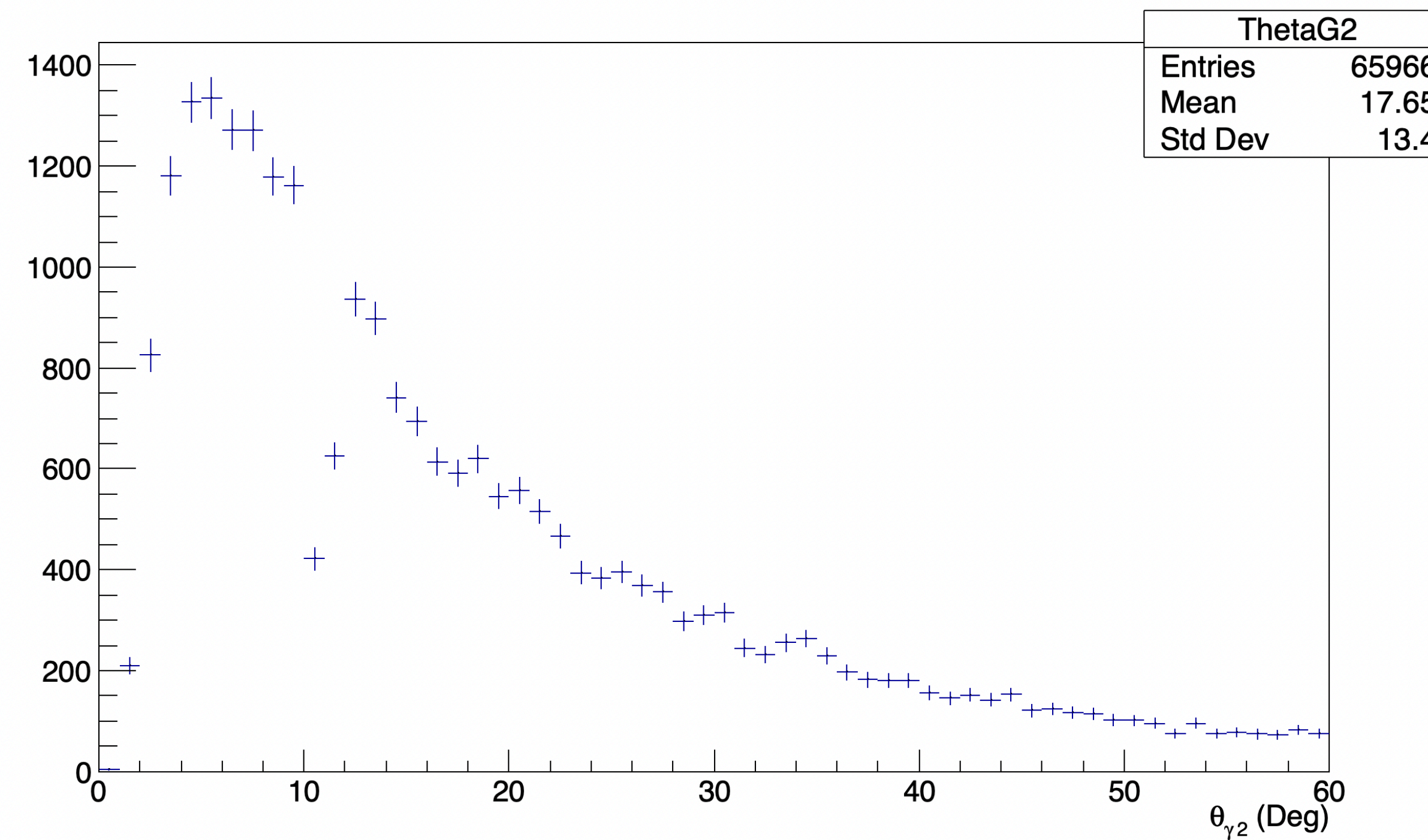
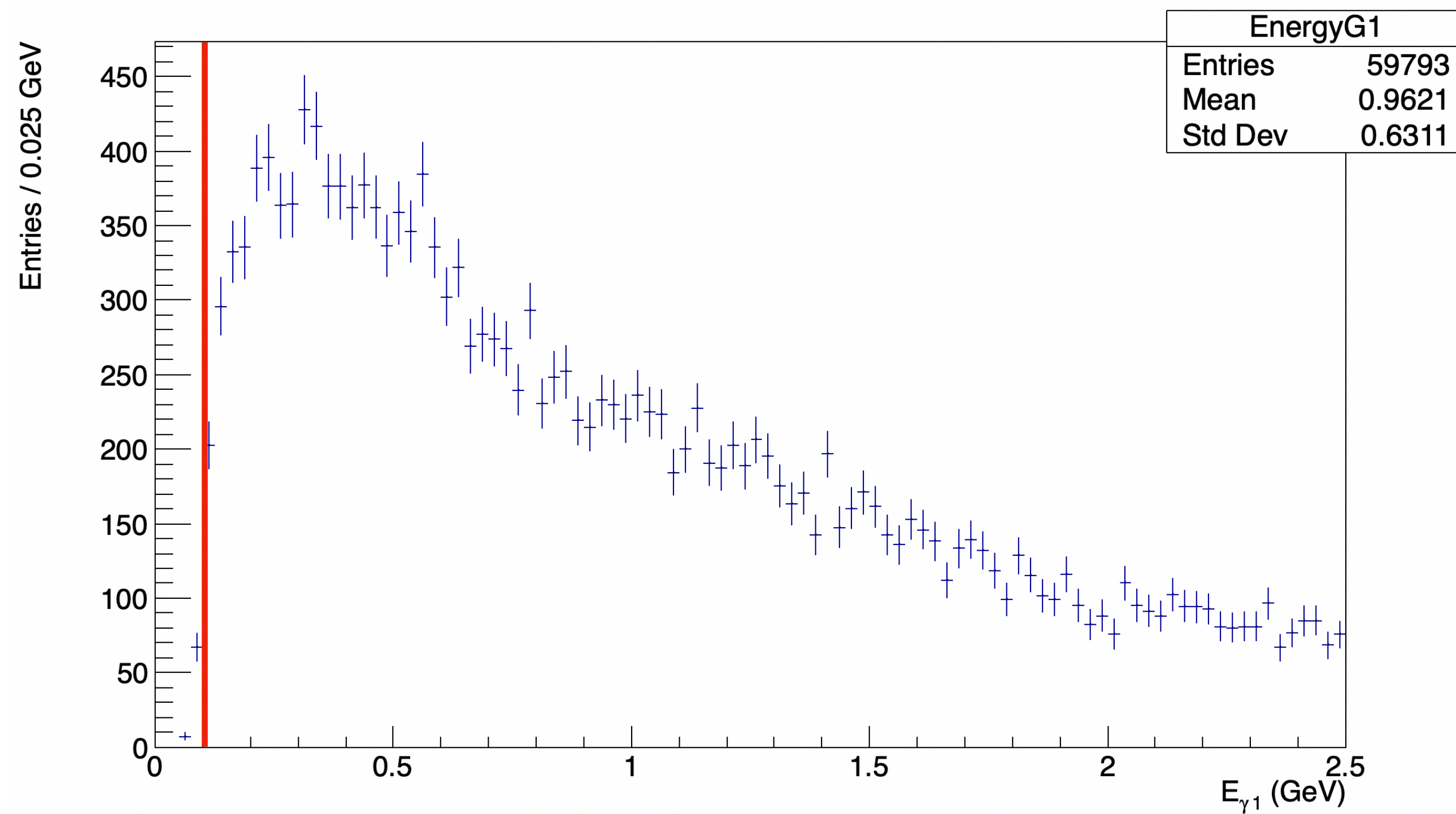
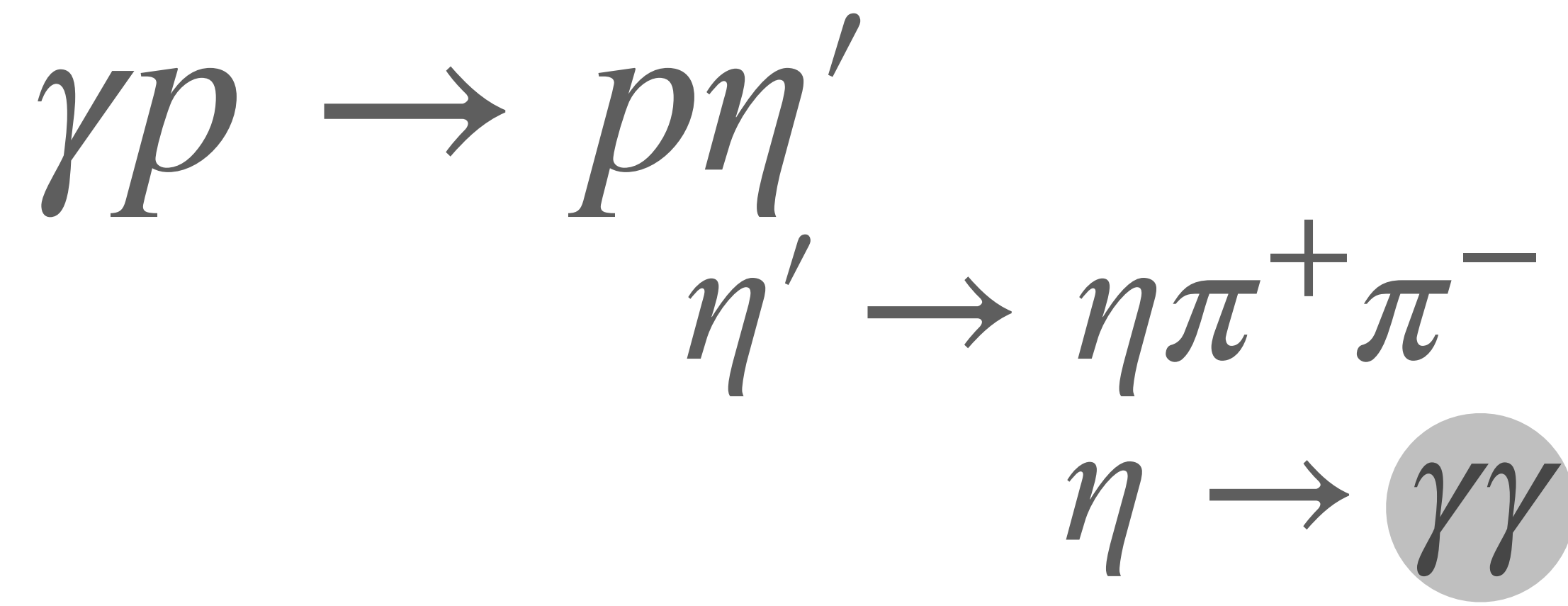
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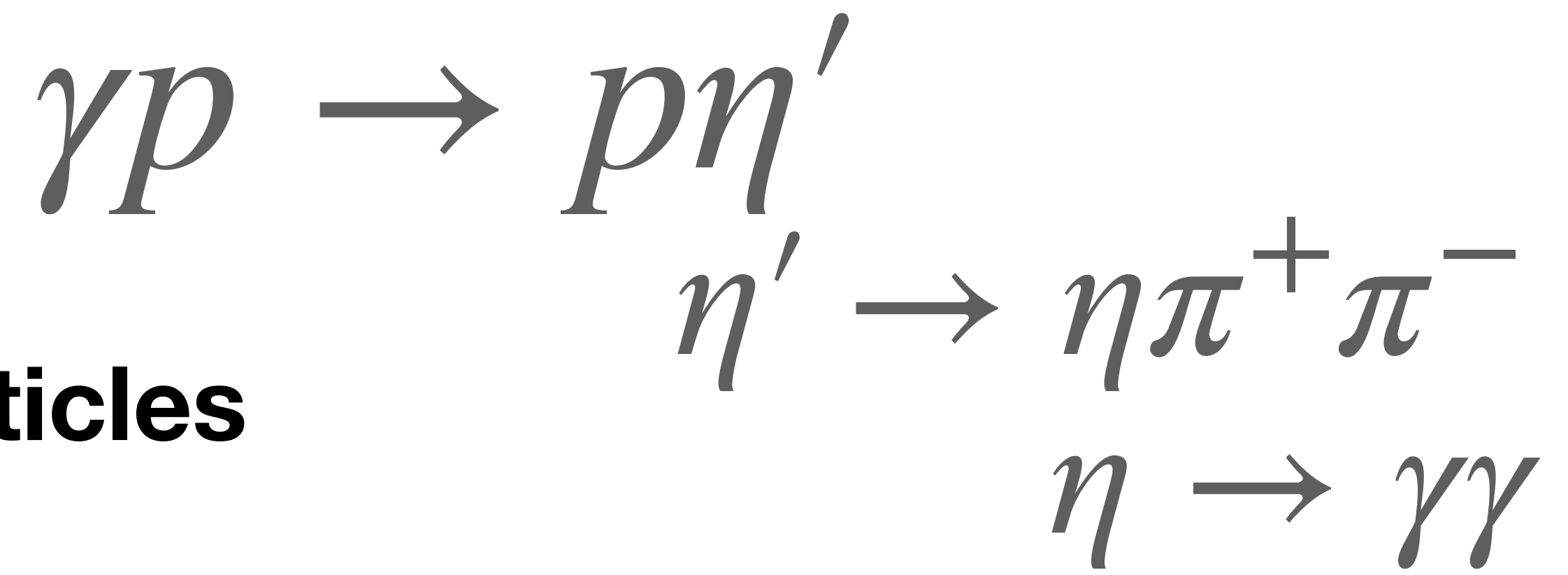
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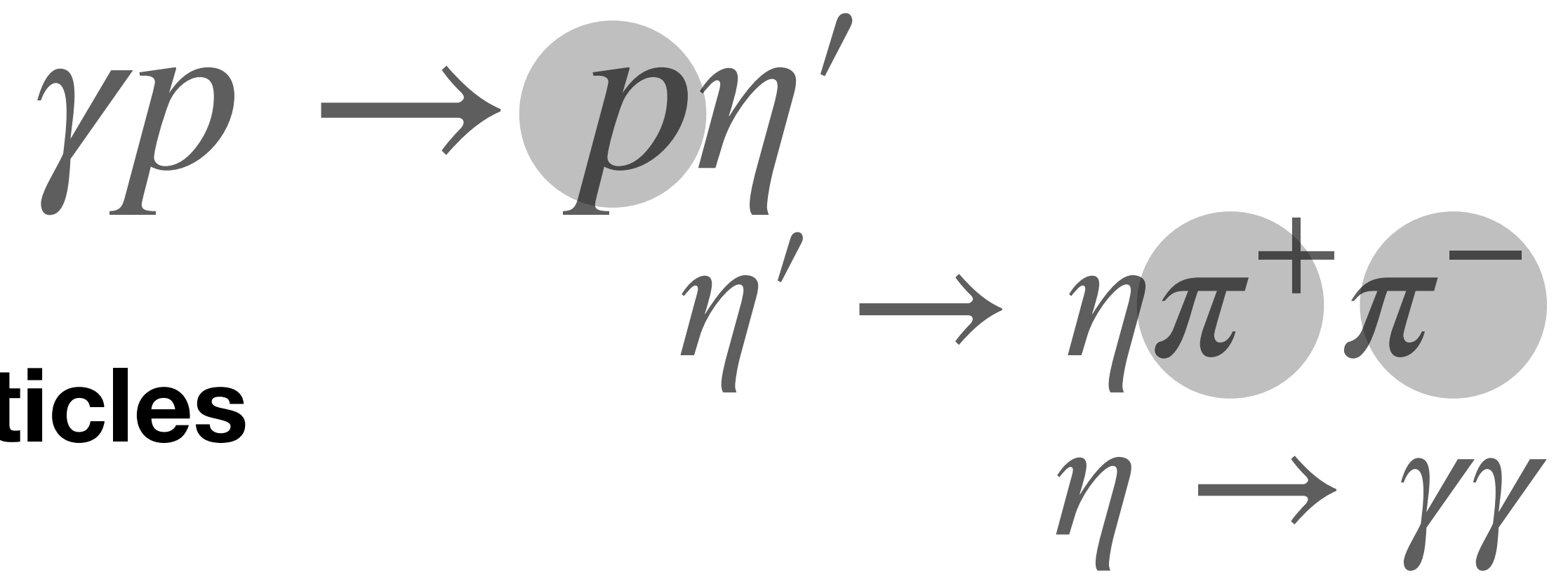
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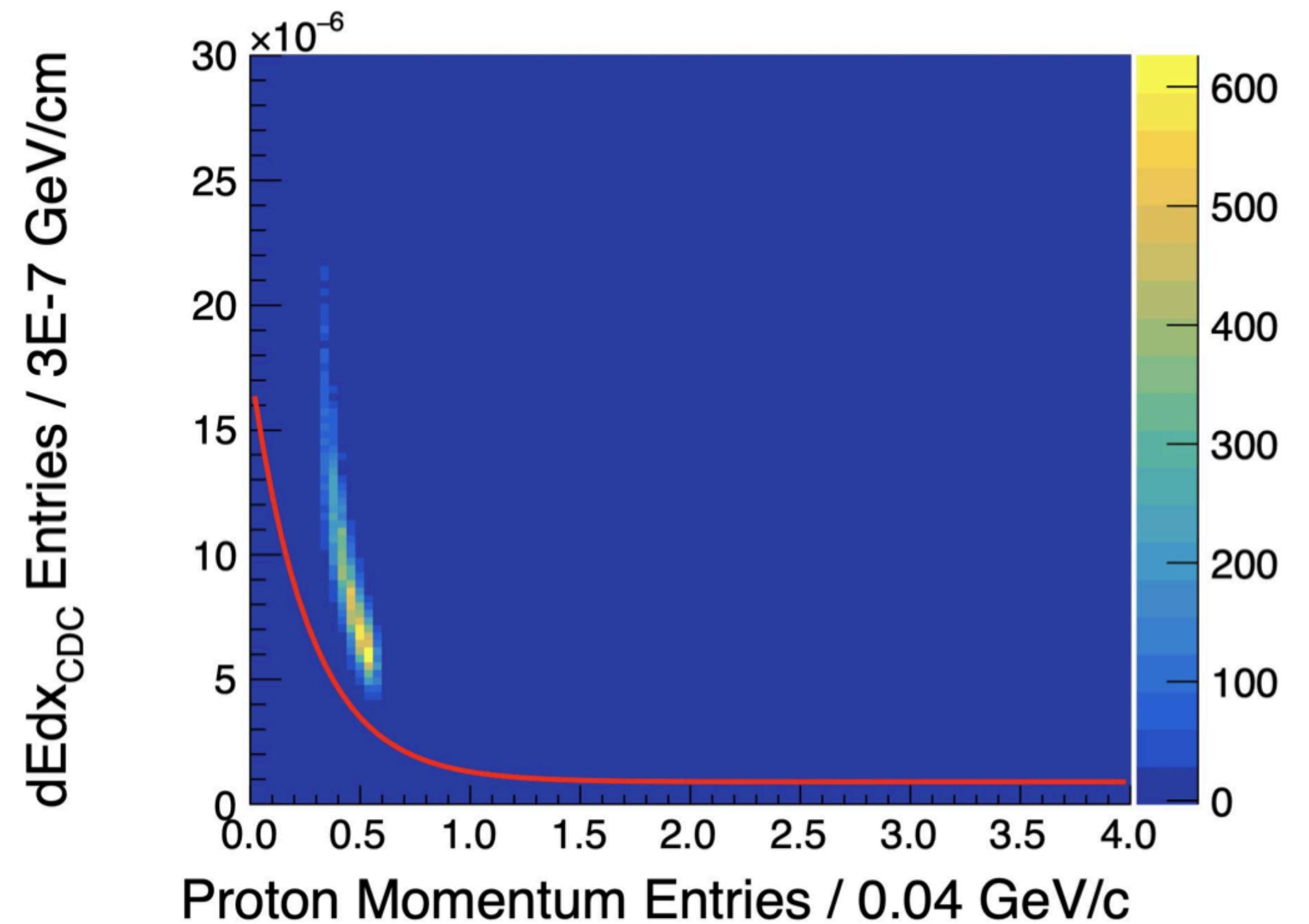
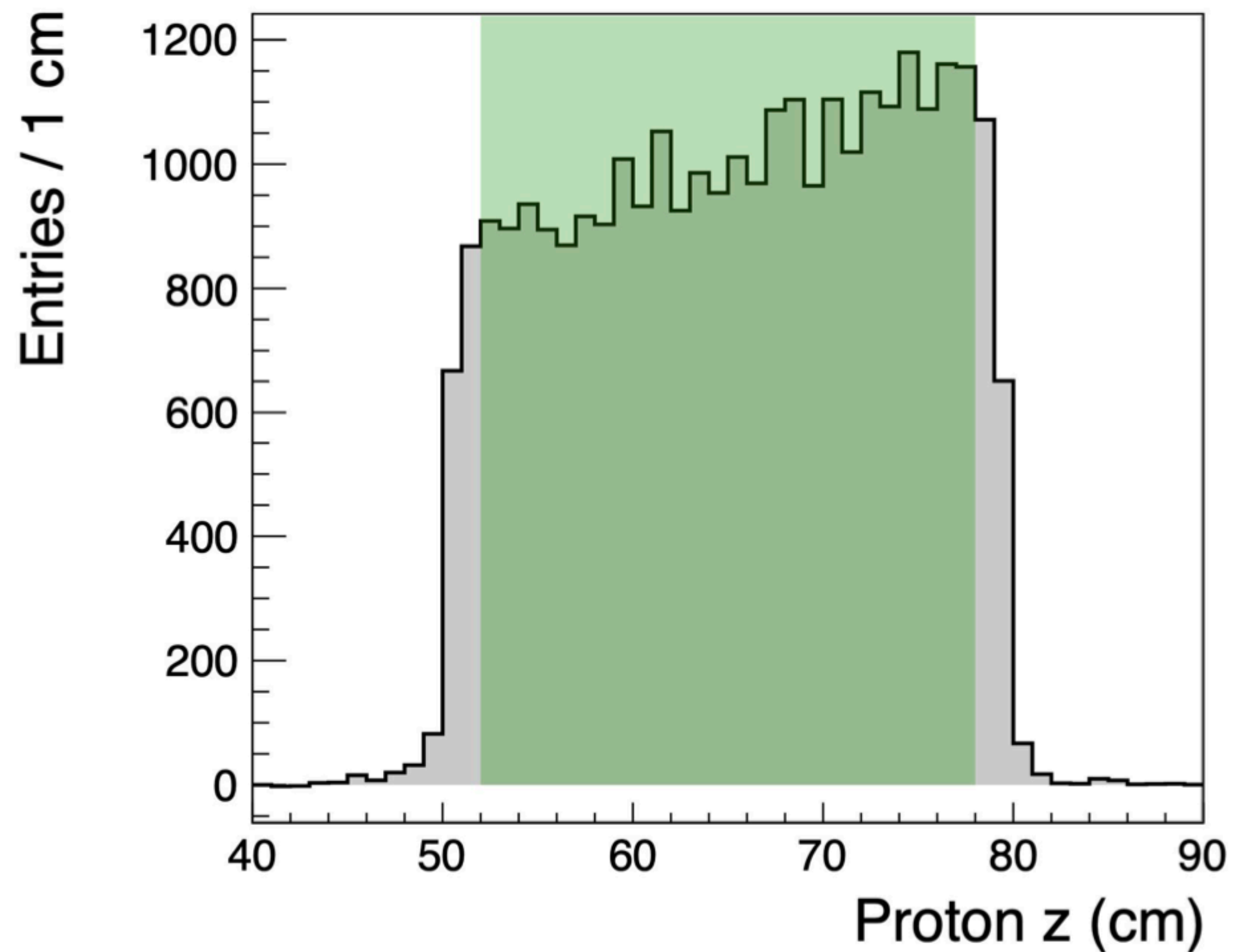
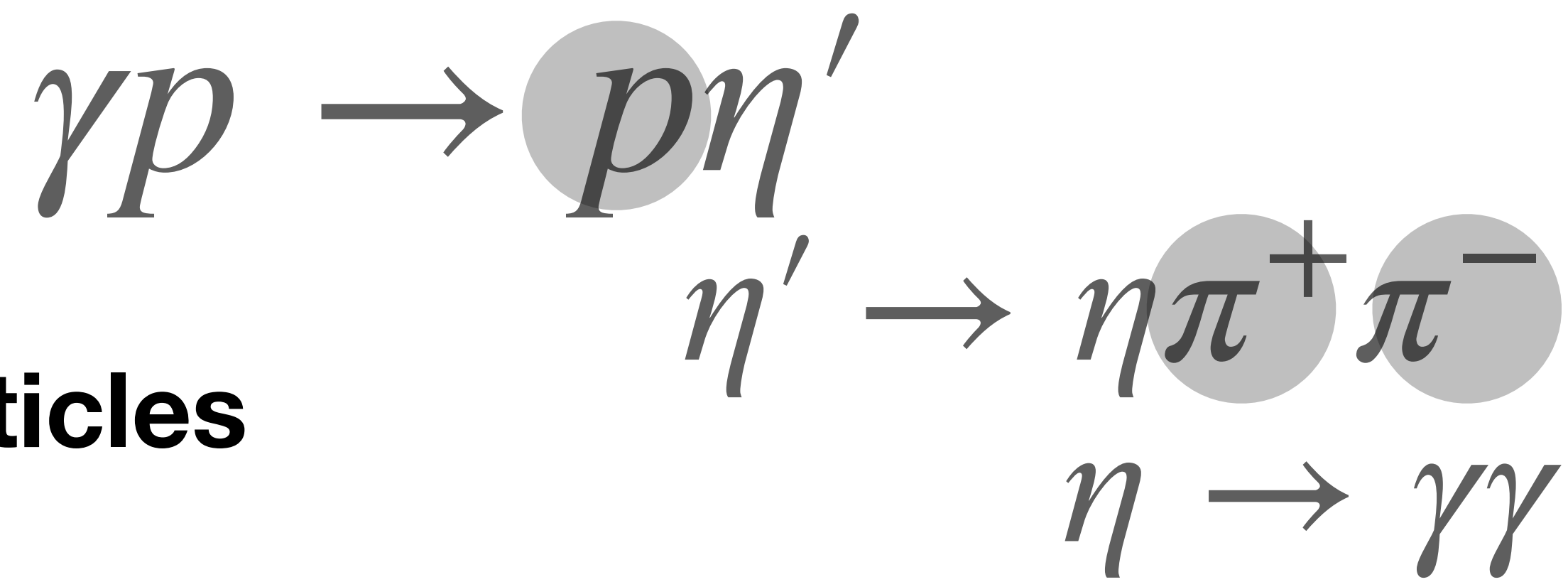
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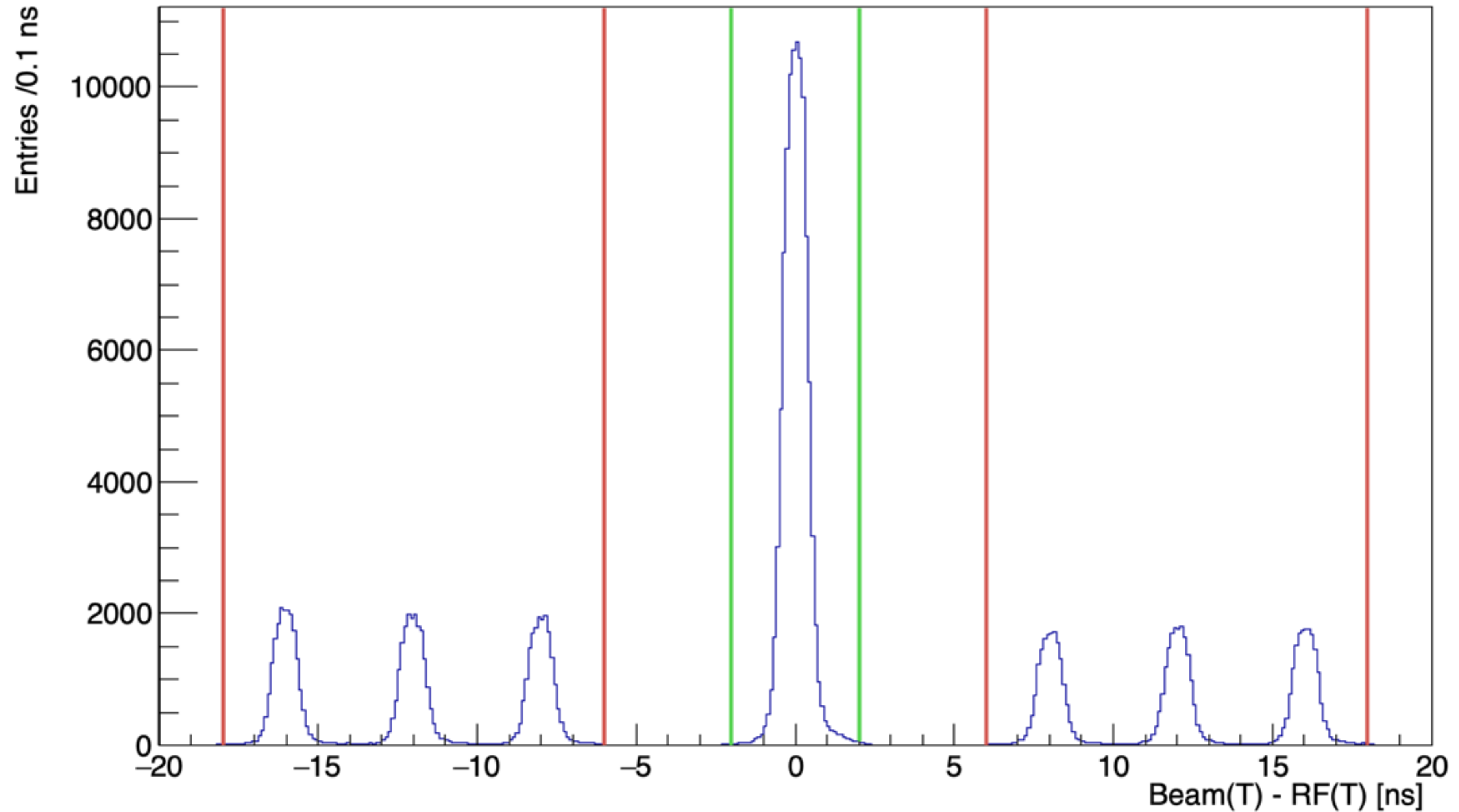
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Event Selection

Right incoming photon

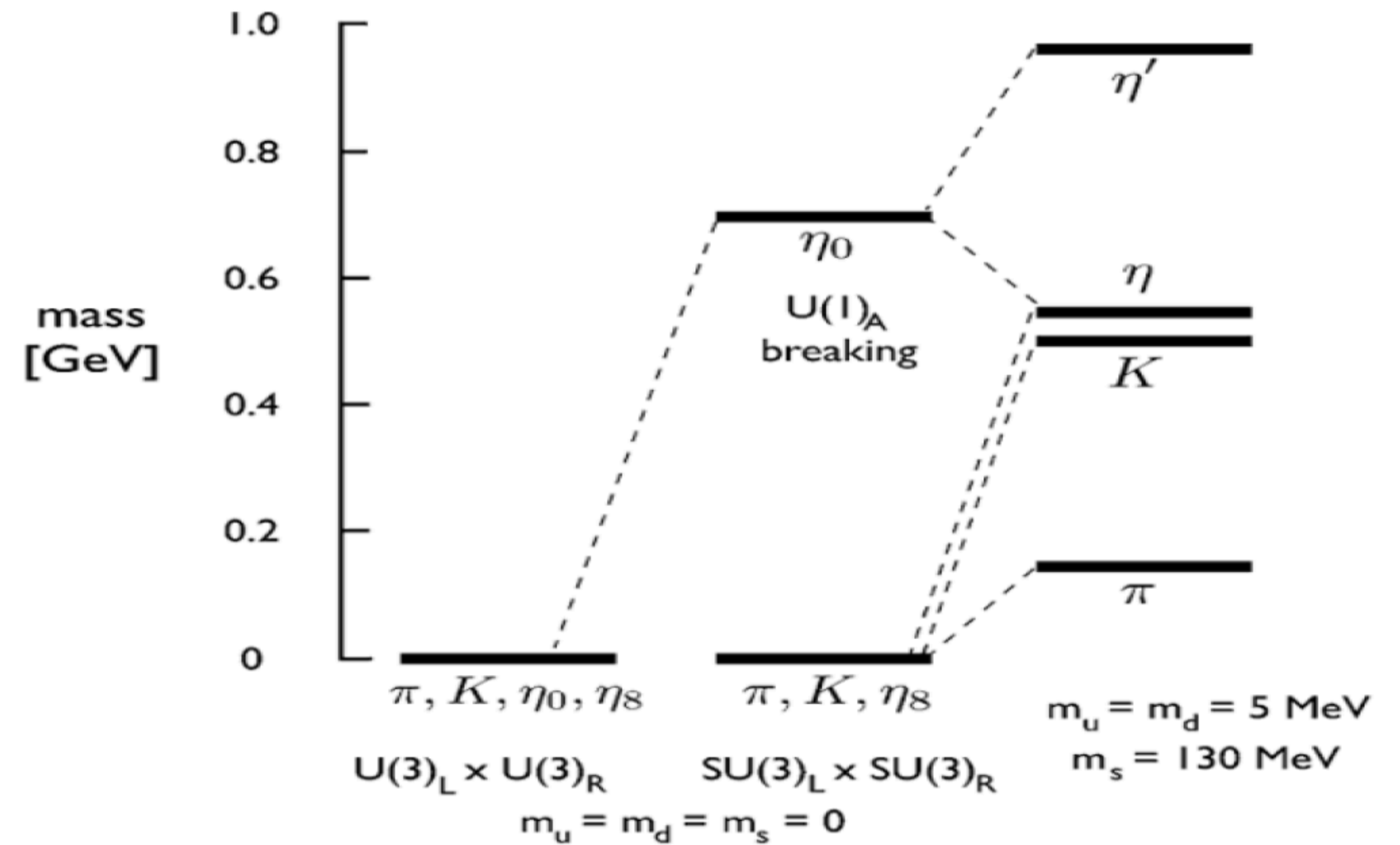


Theory

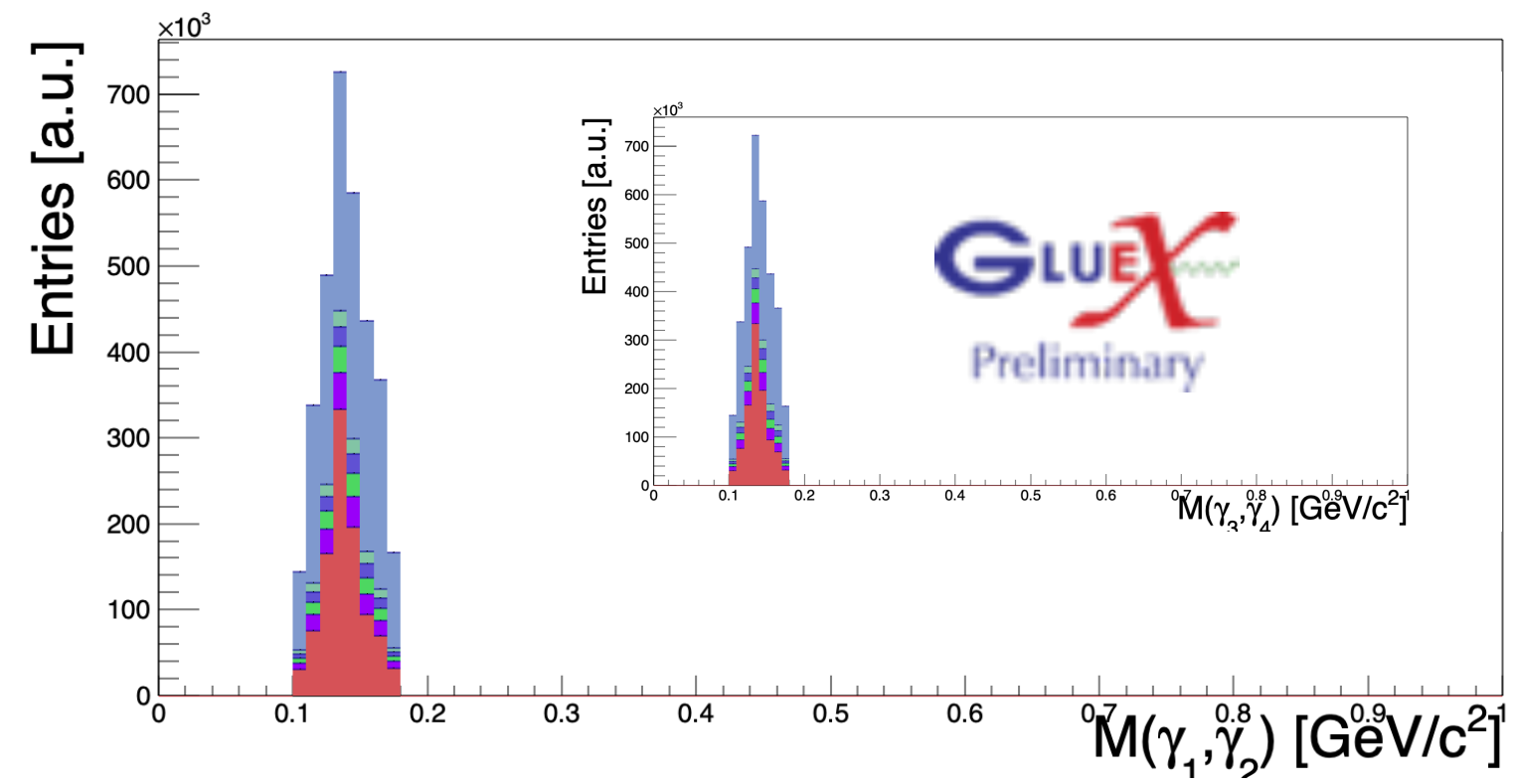
Chiral Perturbation Theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD}(q, \bar{q}, g) \rightarrow \text{Effective theory} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{ChPT}(\pi, K, \eta)$$

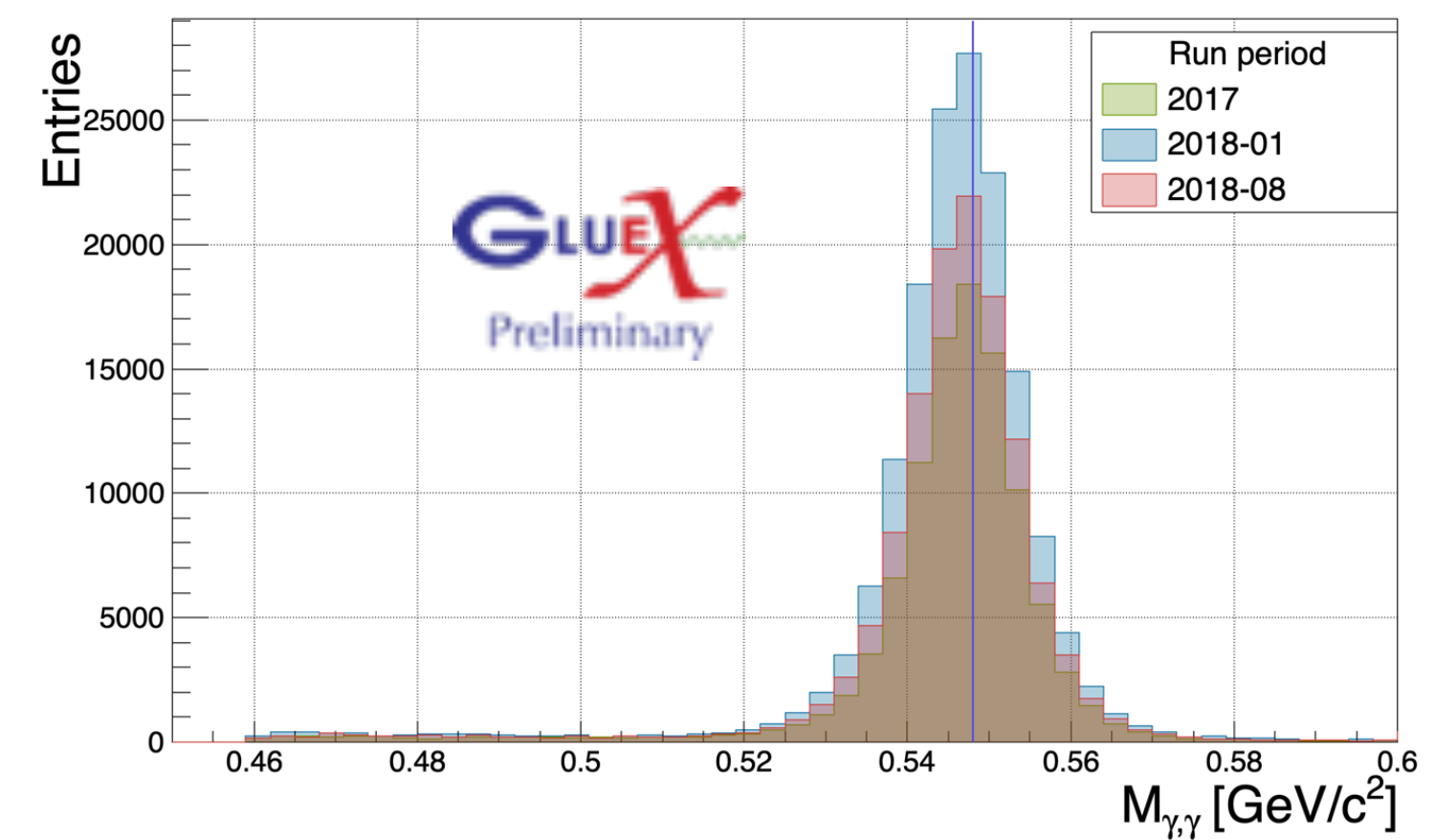
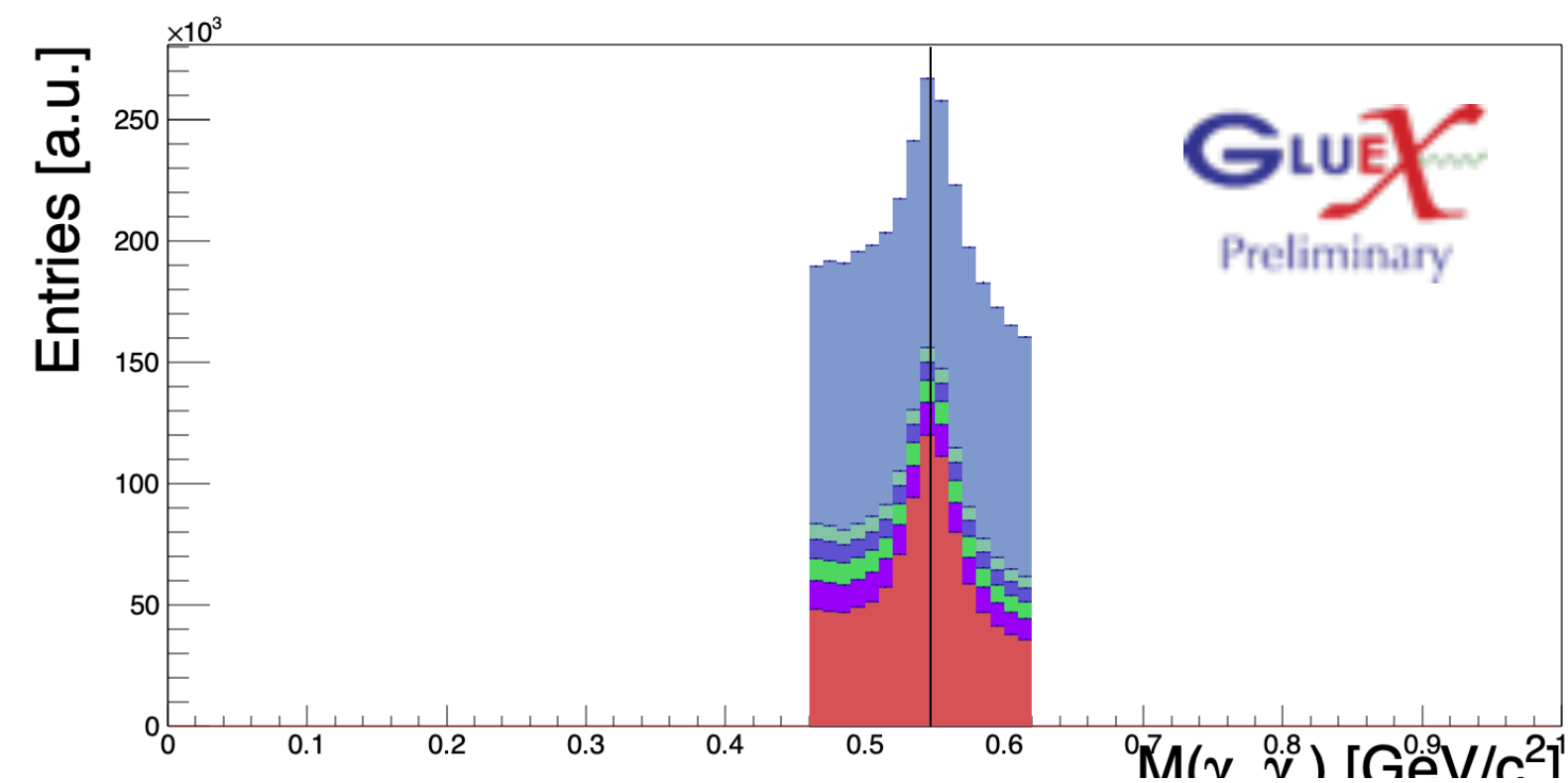
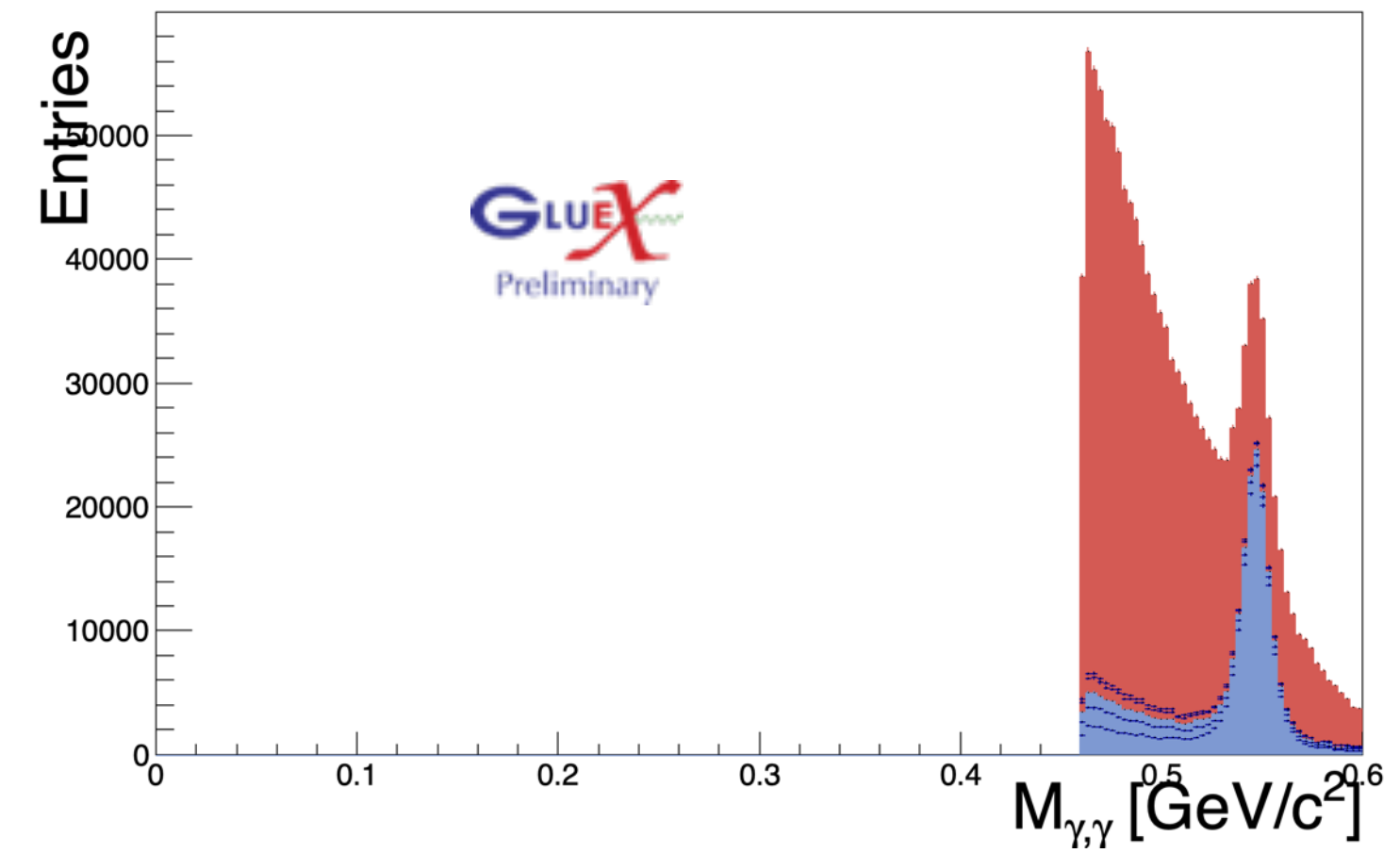
$$\mathcal{L}_{ChPT} = \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_6 + \dots$$



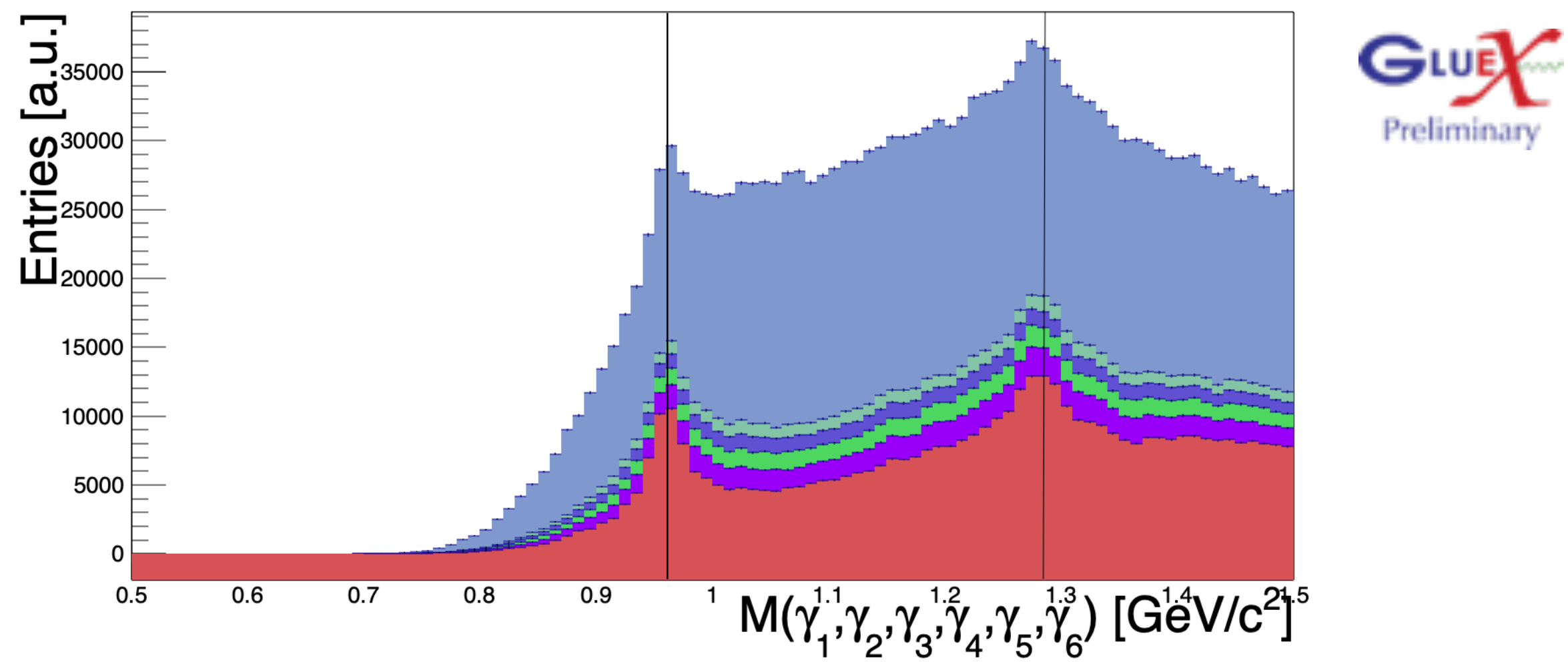
Invariant mass of intermediate particles



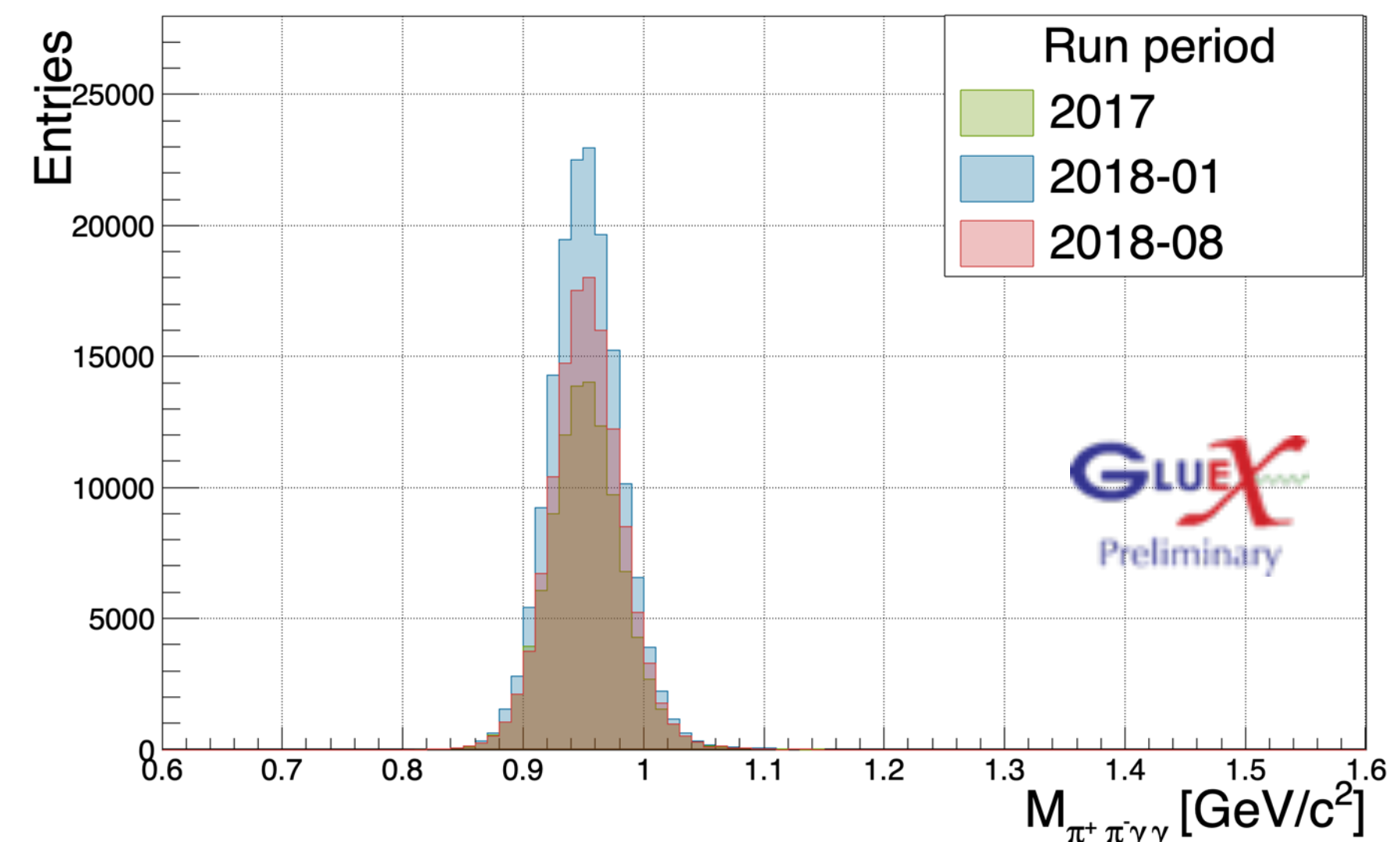
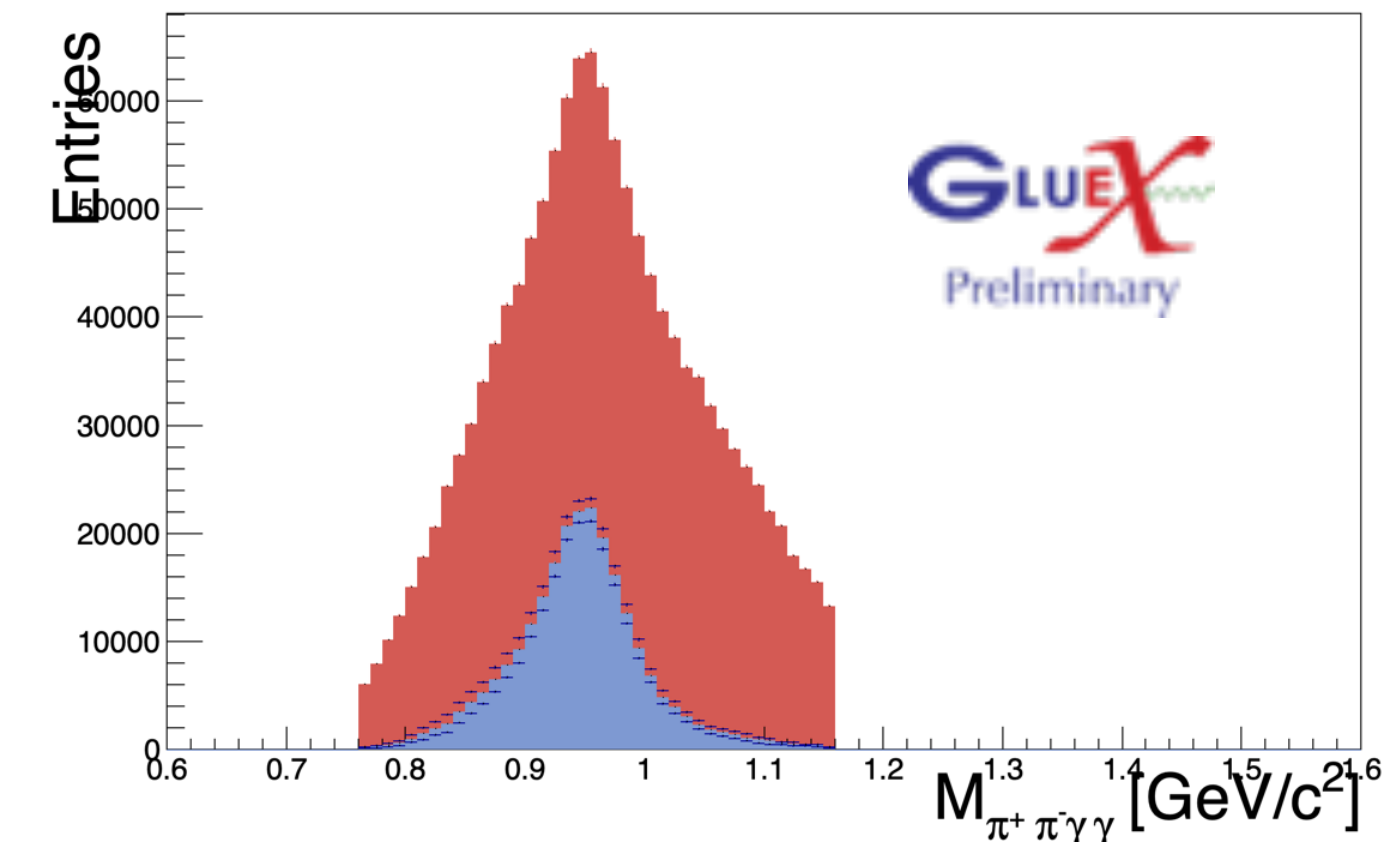
CHARGED DECAY: $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$



Invariant mass of η'

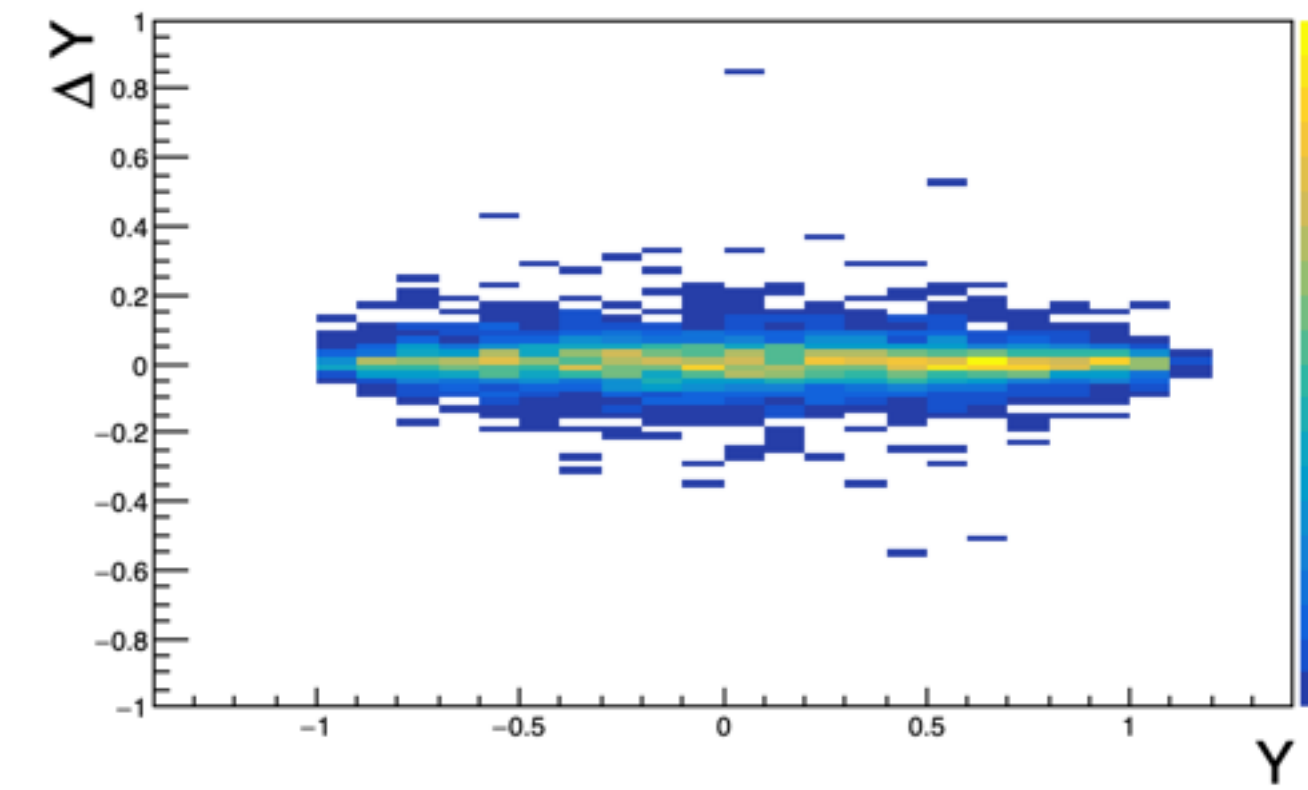
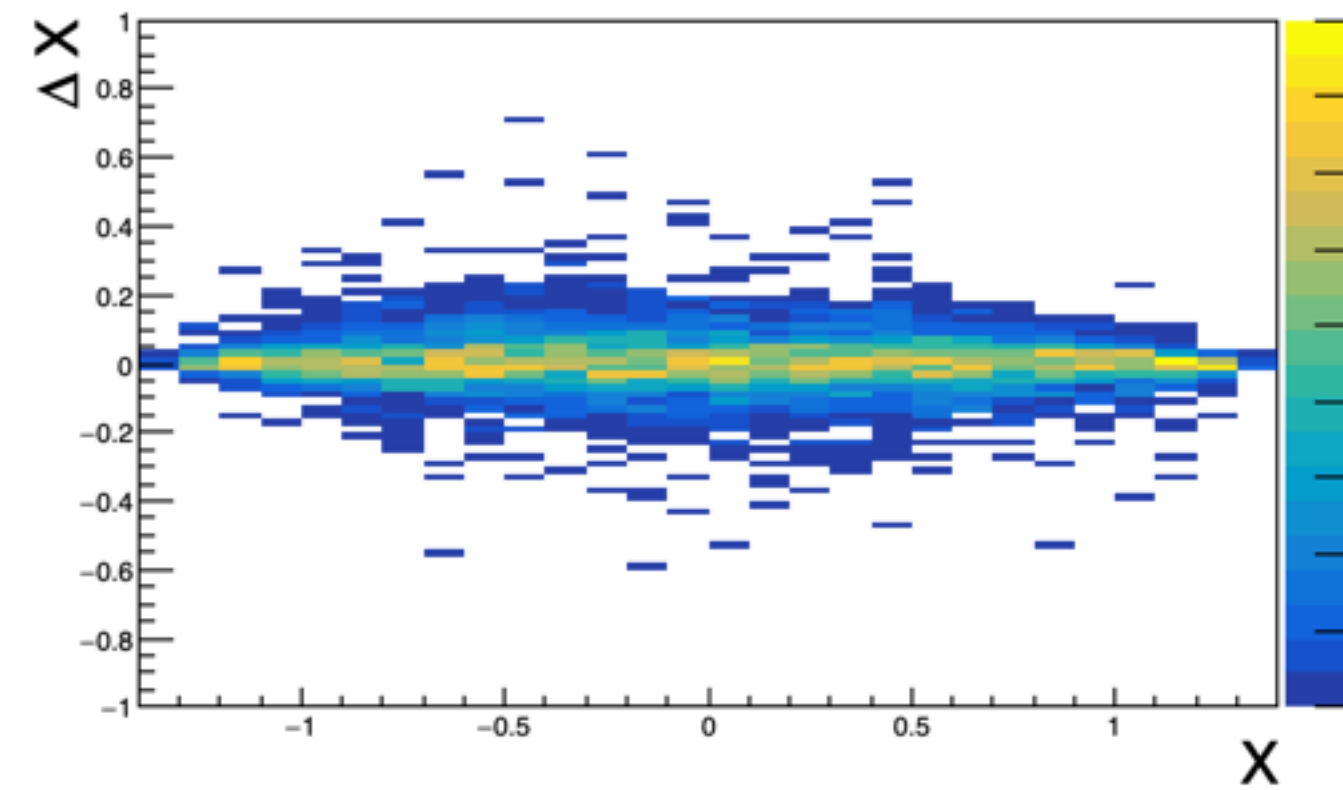
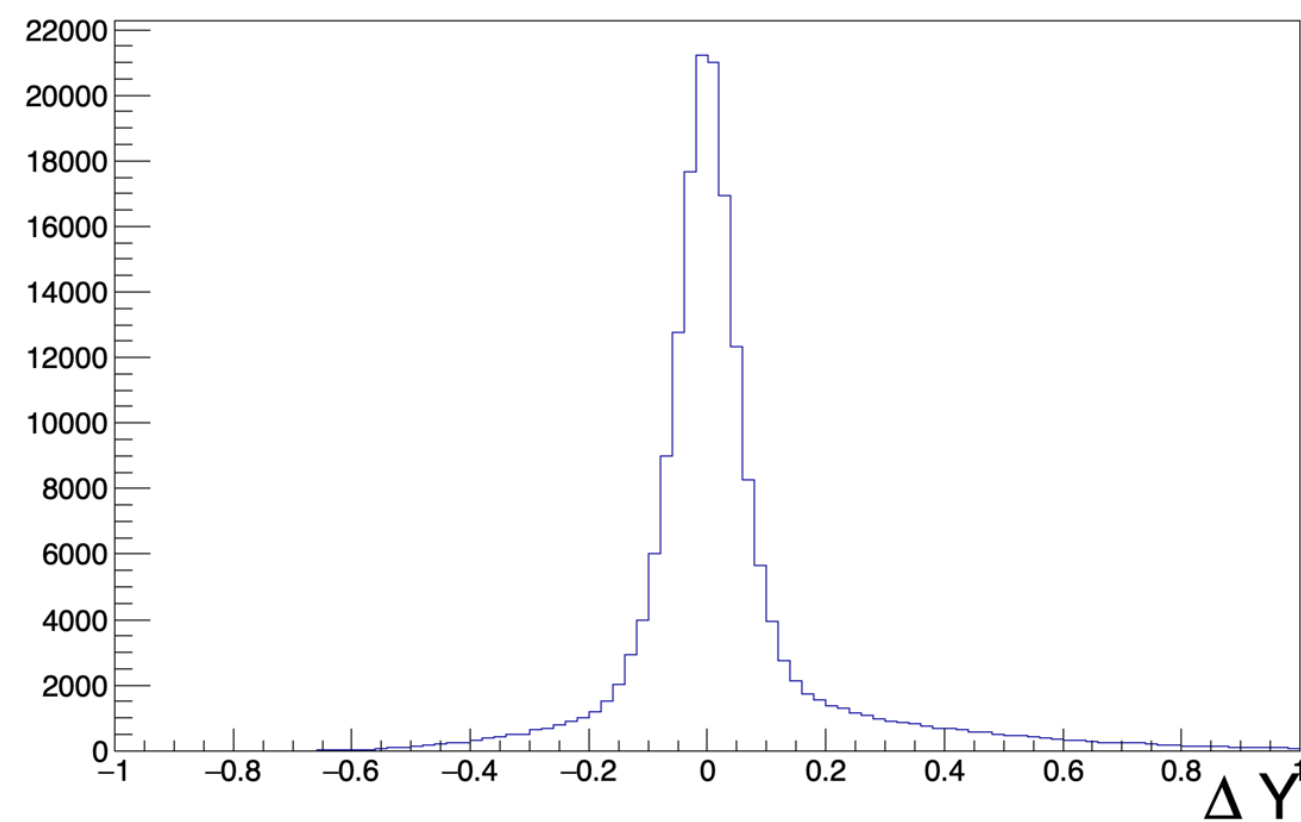
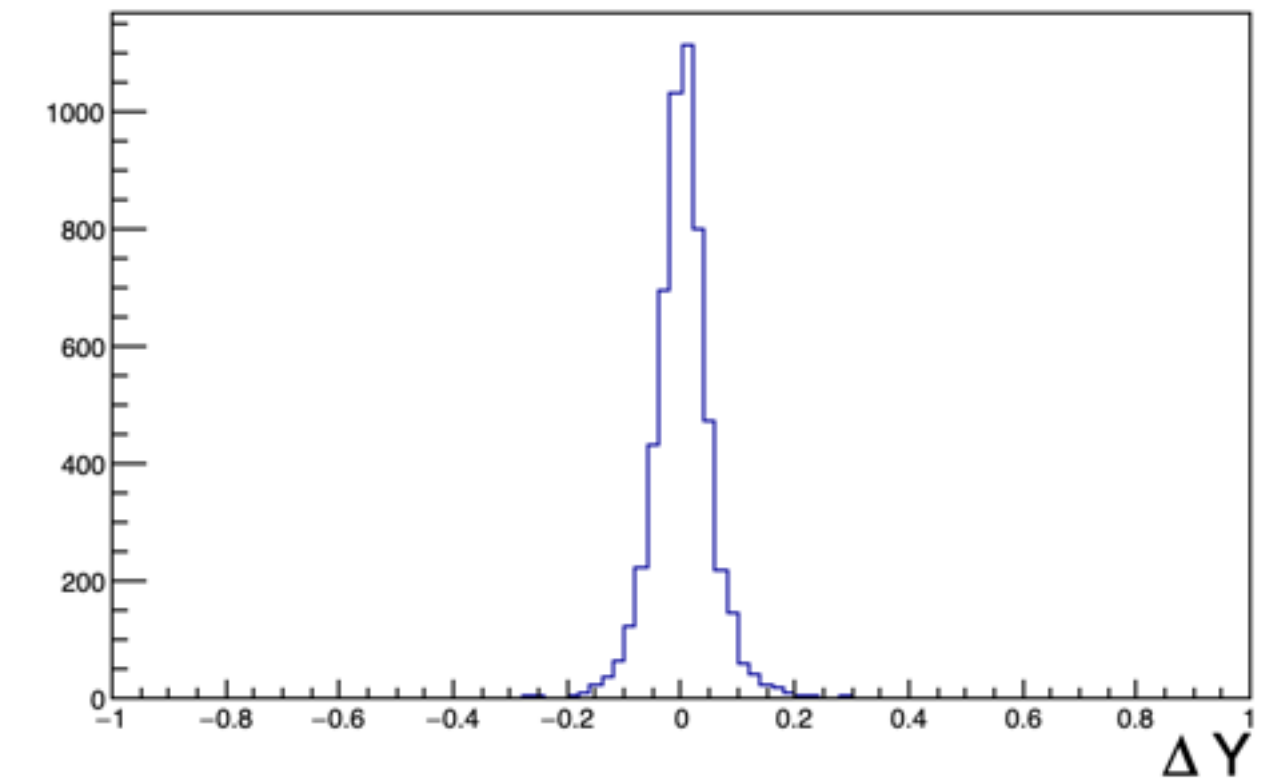
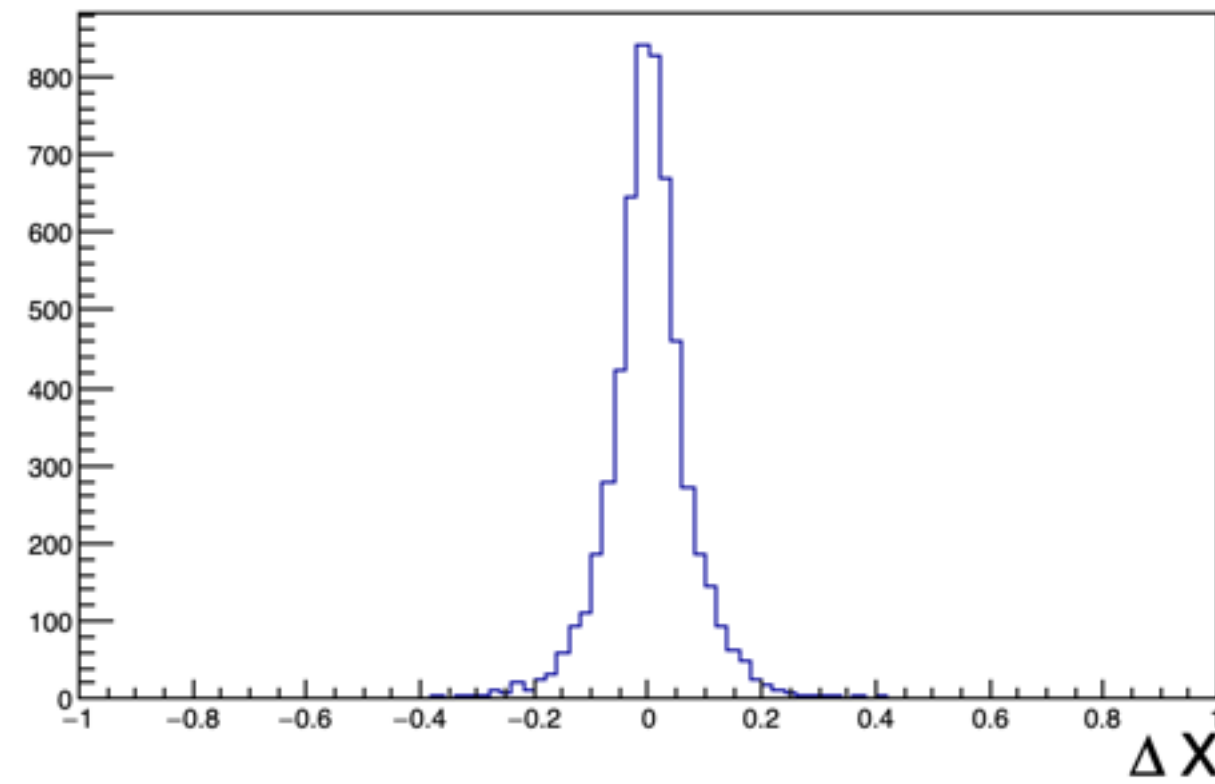
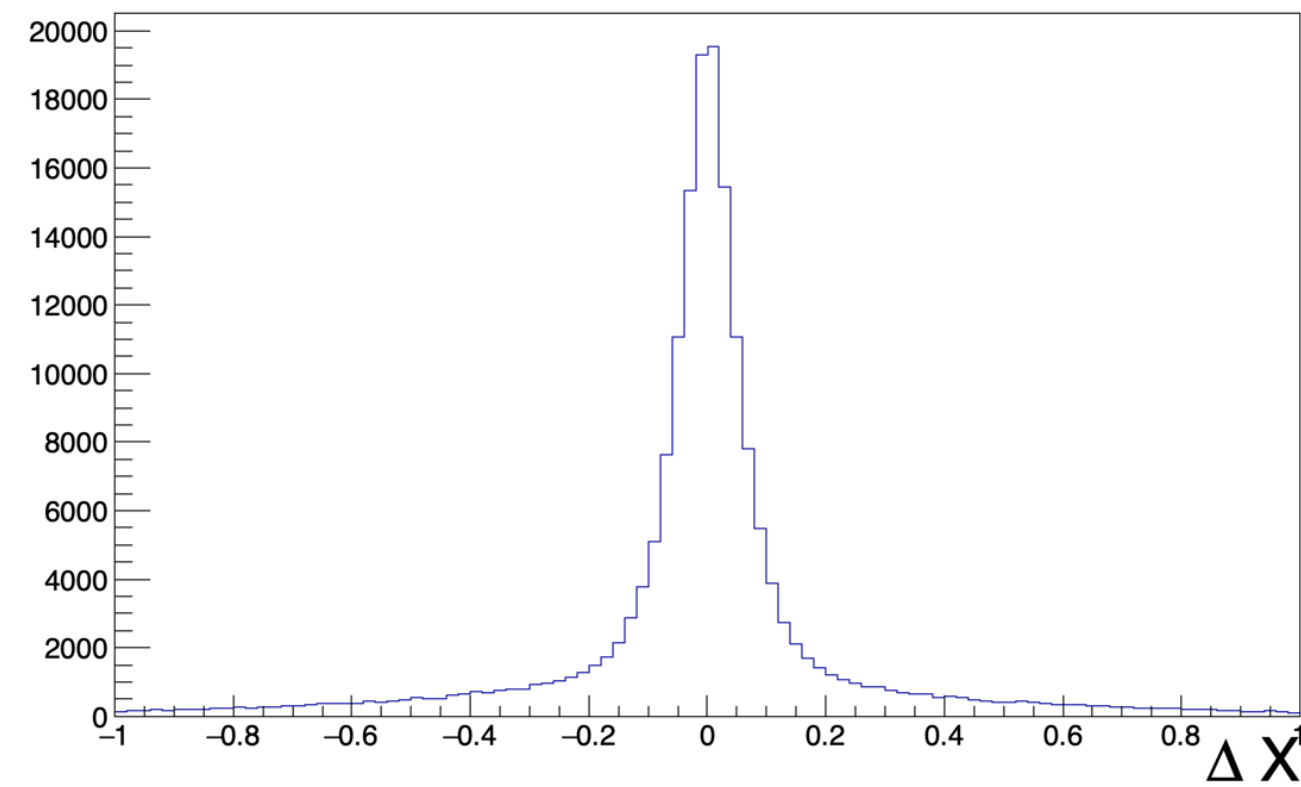


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MC: binning

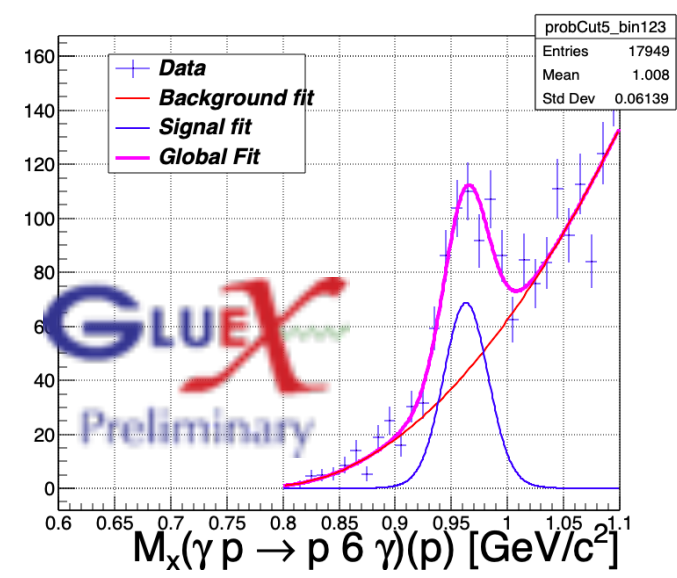
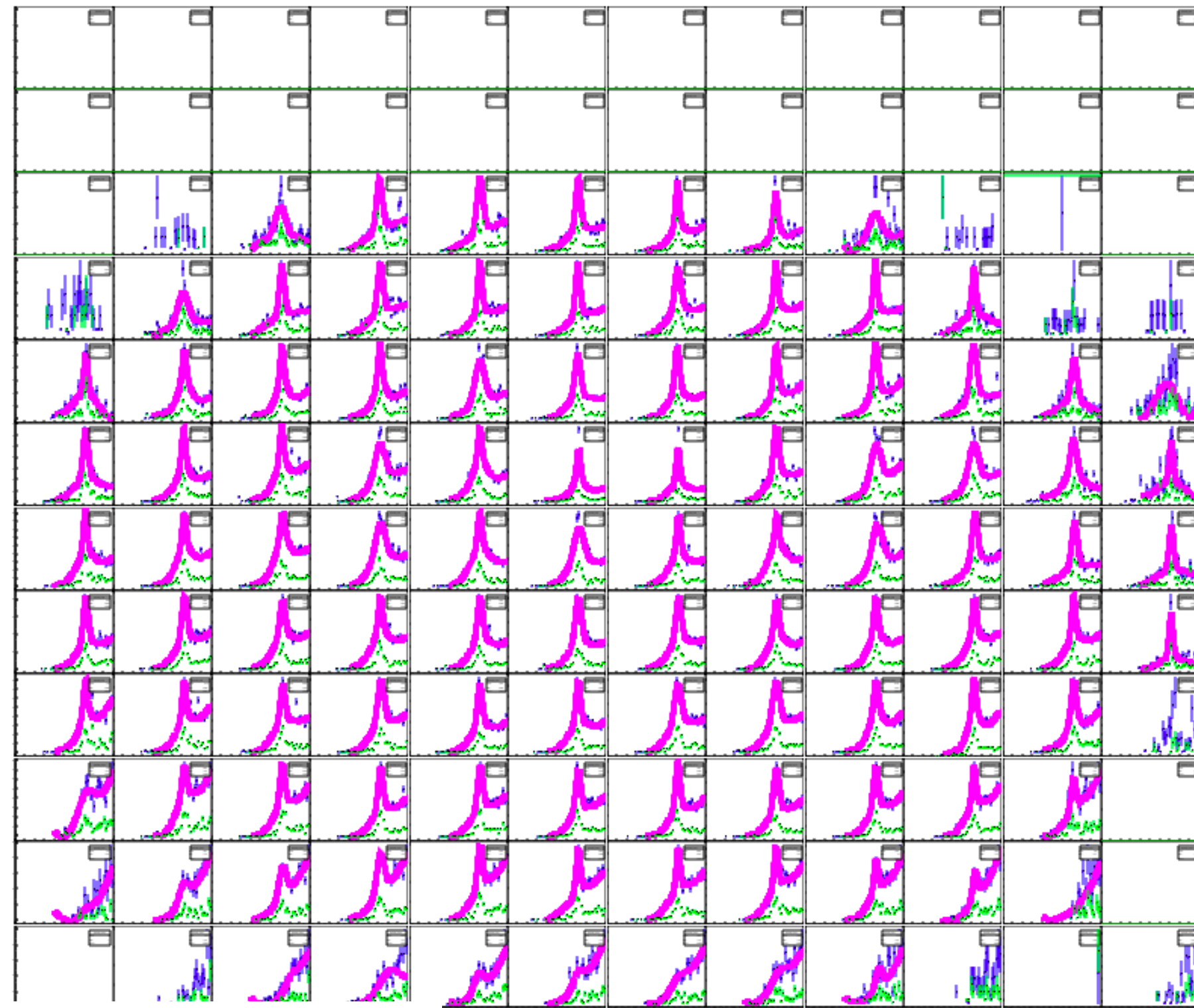
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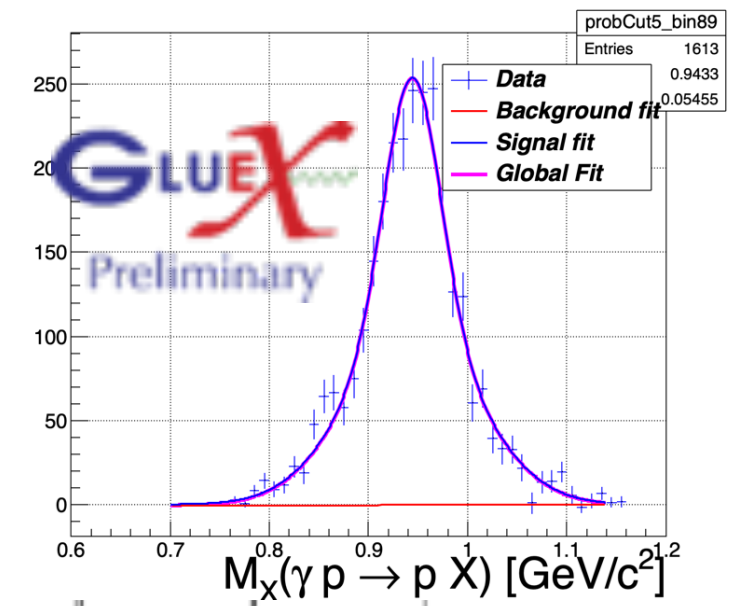
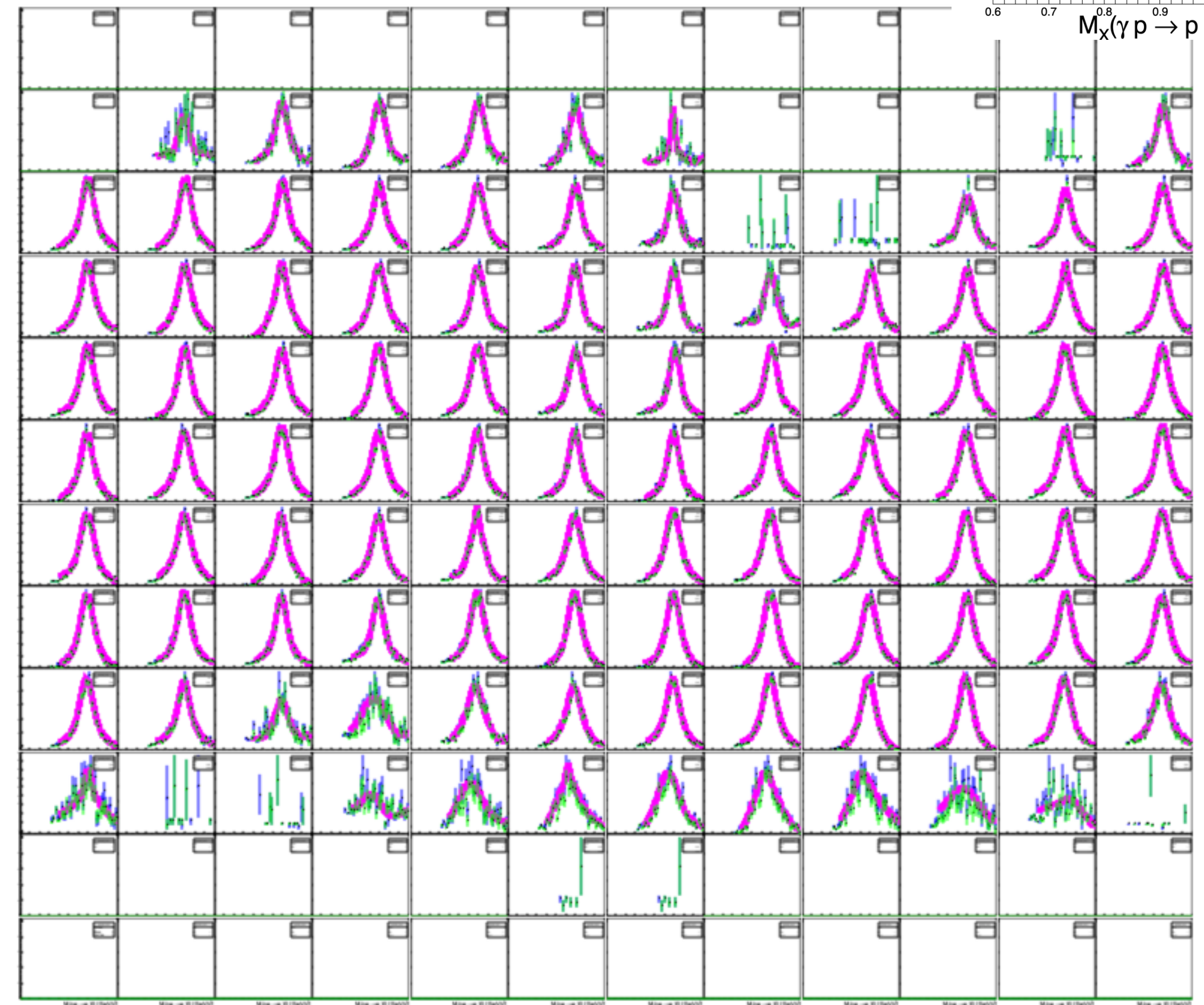
$\sigma = 0.06$ Binning $\sim 3\sigma \rightarrow 12$ bins

Background Subtraction

NEUTRAL DECAY: $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^0\pi^0$



CHARGED DECAY: $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$



Signal events vs Confidence Level

