



**ECT\*-APCTP joint workshop: Exploring  
resonance structure with transition GPDs**

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**Perspectives for the  
measurement of the  
 $N \rightarrow N^*$  DVCS process  
with CLAS12 at JLAB**

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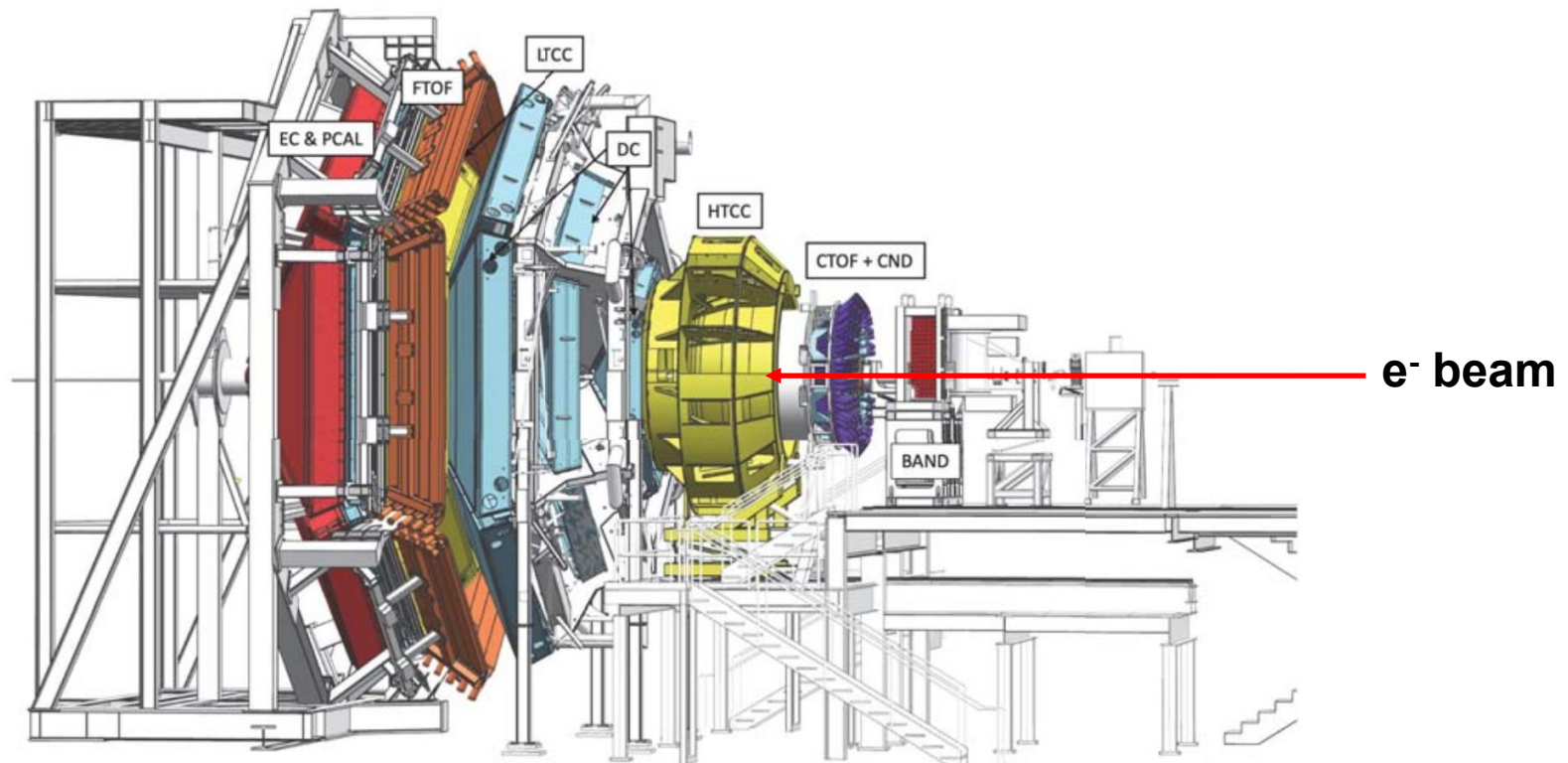
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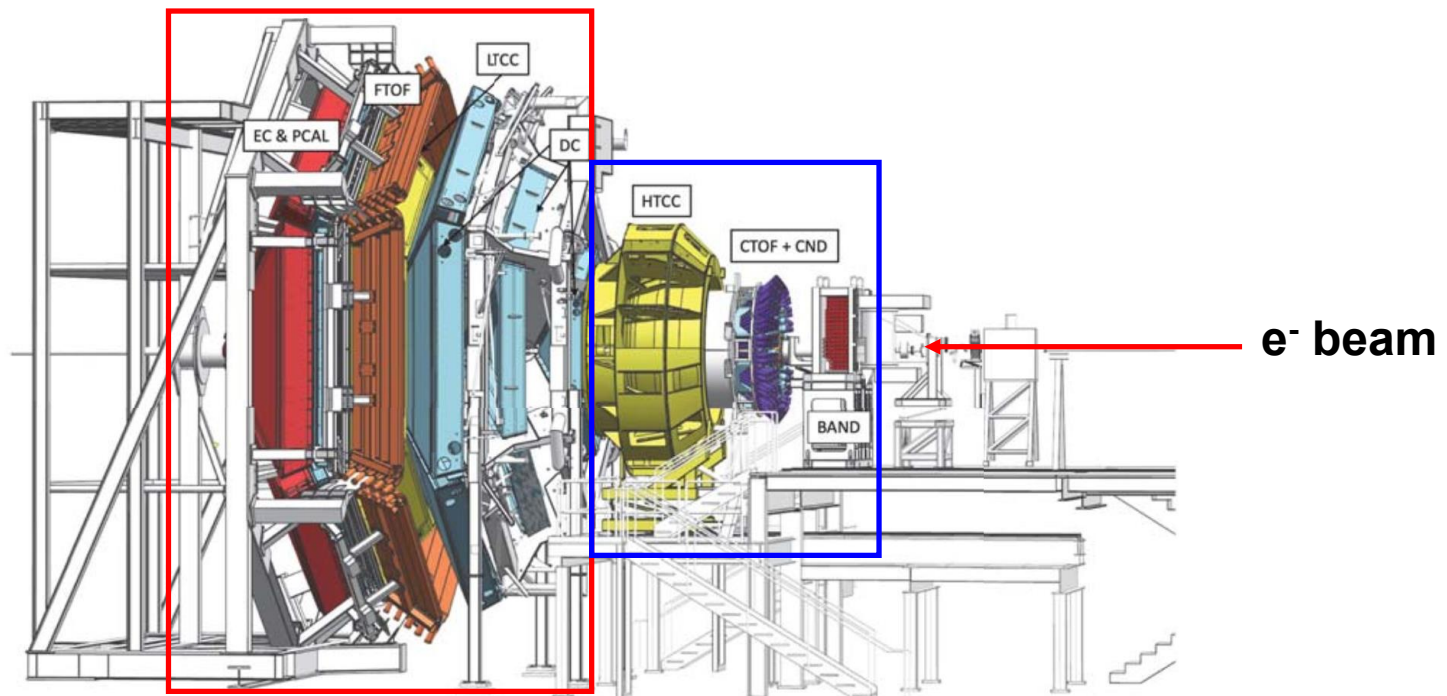


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→ 10.2 - 10.6 GeV  $e^-$  beam      → ~87 % average polarization

→ liquid  $H_2$  target (RG-A) + Deuterium target (RG-B) + polarized targets

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**Forward tagger ( $2.5^\circ < \theta < 4.5^\circ$ ):** Calorimeter, hodoscope and tracker

**Forward detector:**

- 6 sector torus magnet with drift chamber system for tracking  $5^\circ < \theta < 35^\circ$
- FTOF and Cherenkov detectors for PID
- Calorimeter for neutrals and  $e^-$  PID

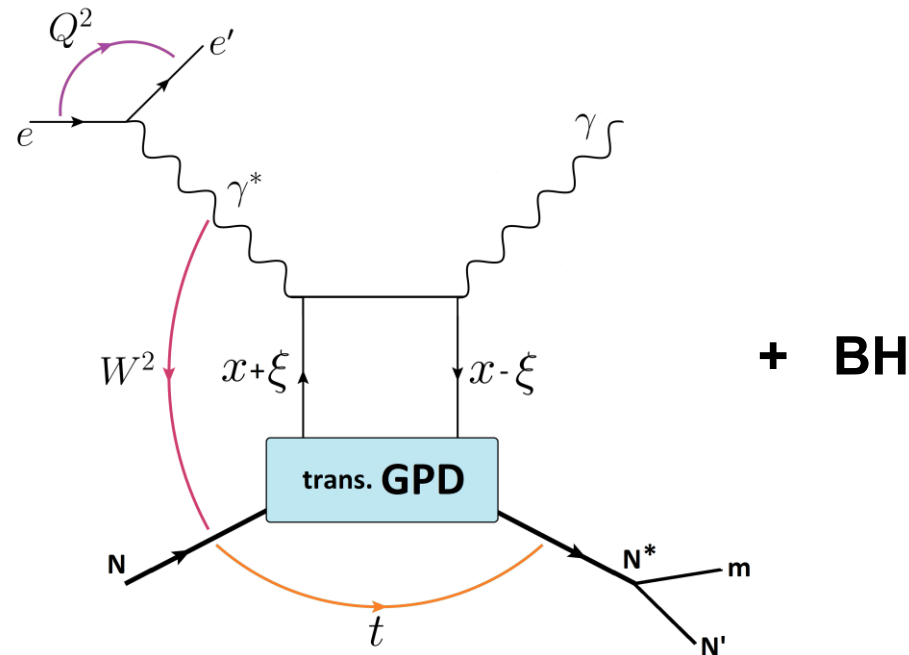
**Central detector:**

- Solenoid magnet with tracking system  $35^\circ < \theta < 135^\circ$
- CTOF for PID and CND for neutron detection

## The $N \rightarrow N^*$ DVCS process

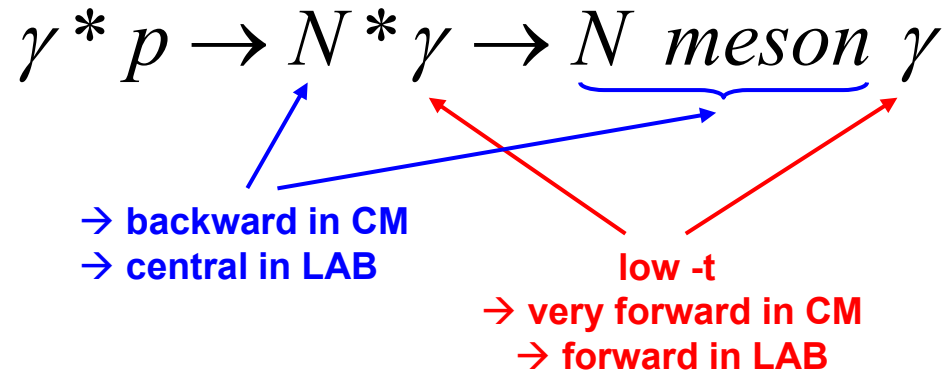
$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow N^* \gamma \rightarrow N \text{ meson } \gamma$$

factorisation for:  $-t/Q^2$  small,  $x_B$  fixed,  $Q^2 > M_{N^*}^2$



- Access to the helicity non-flip (twist-2) transition GPDs
- Detailed models for CLAS12 kinematics became available recently (see Marcs and Kirills talks)

# Expected distributions and studied reactions



→ With the CLAS12 resolutions, **we need to detect all particles** to identify the process



All particles can be detected  
with CLAS12

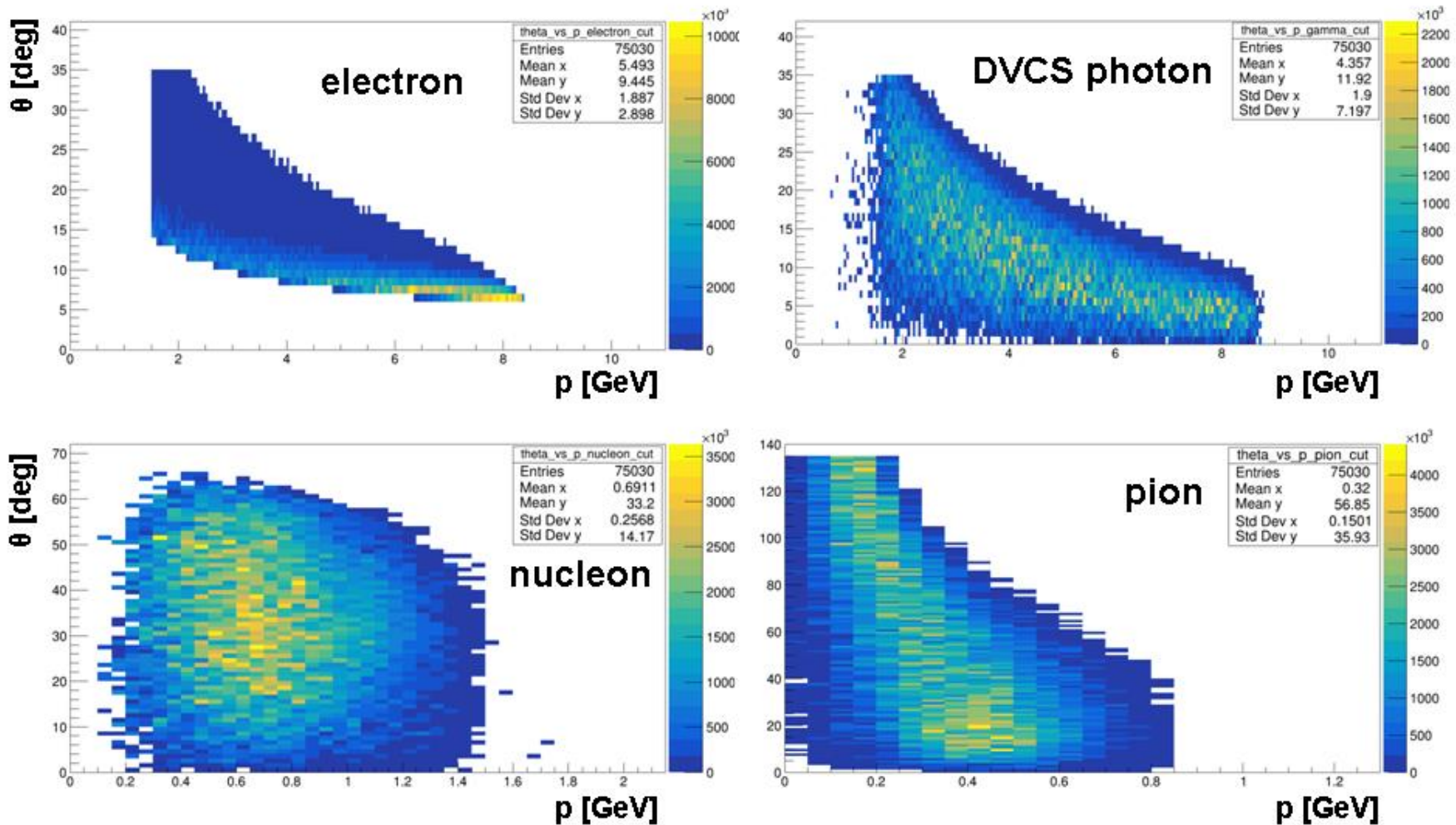


Hard to measure, since  $\gamma$ s from  $\pi^0$   
are mostly  $> 35^\circ \rightarrow$  No EMC in CD

# MC simulation of $p \rightarrow \Delta^+$ DVCS

→ Realistic simulation with  $\Delta$  mass distribution and DVCS cross section

generated data:

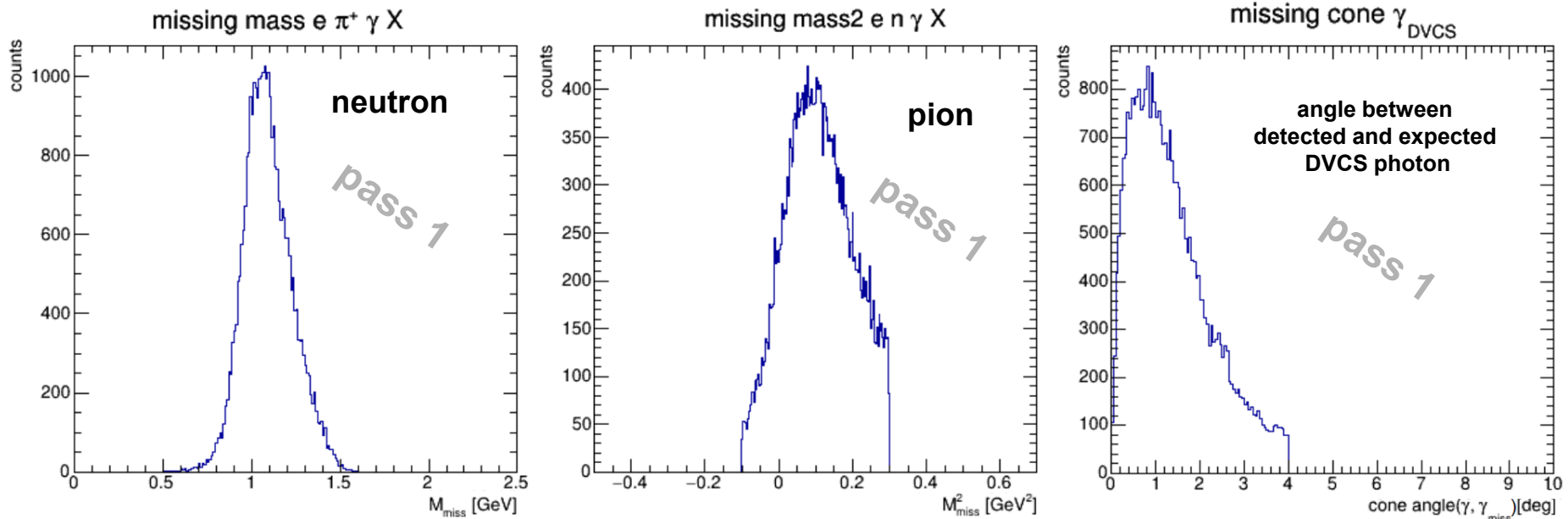




# Exp data: Identification of exclusive $N \rightarrow N^*$ DVCS events

- A series of exclusivity cuts has been applied for event selection

Some examples for exclusive events:

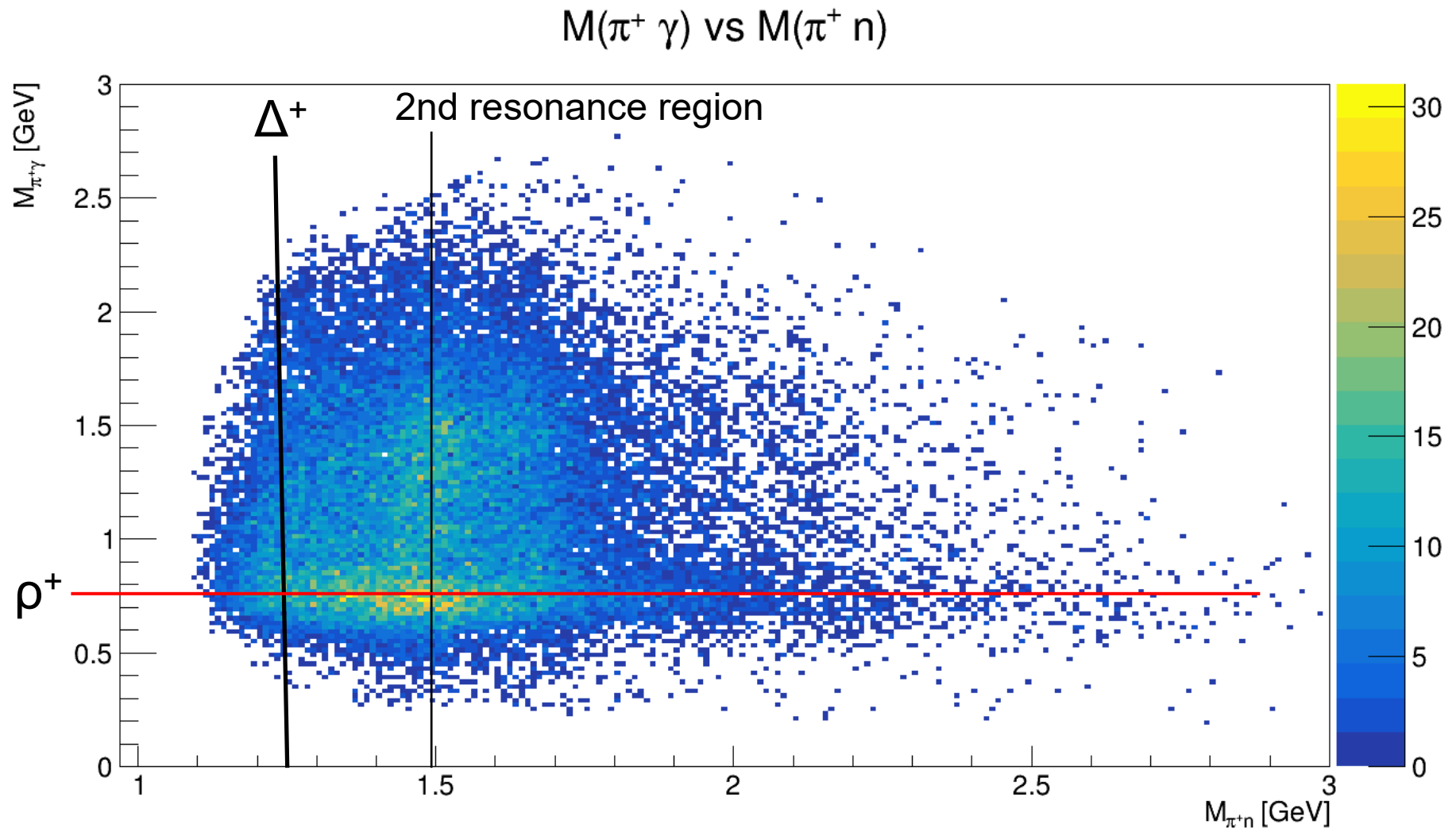


→ pass 1 data: CD no aligned ...

## Kinematic cuts:

$$W > 2 \text{ GeV} \quad Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad y < 0.8 \quad -t < 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad E_{\gamma\text{-DVCS}} > 2 \text{ GeV}$$

# Non-resonant background in the exclusive sample



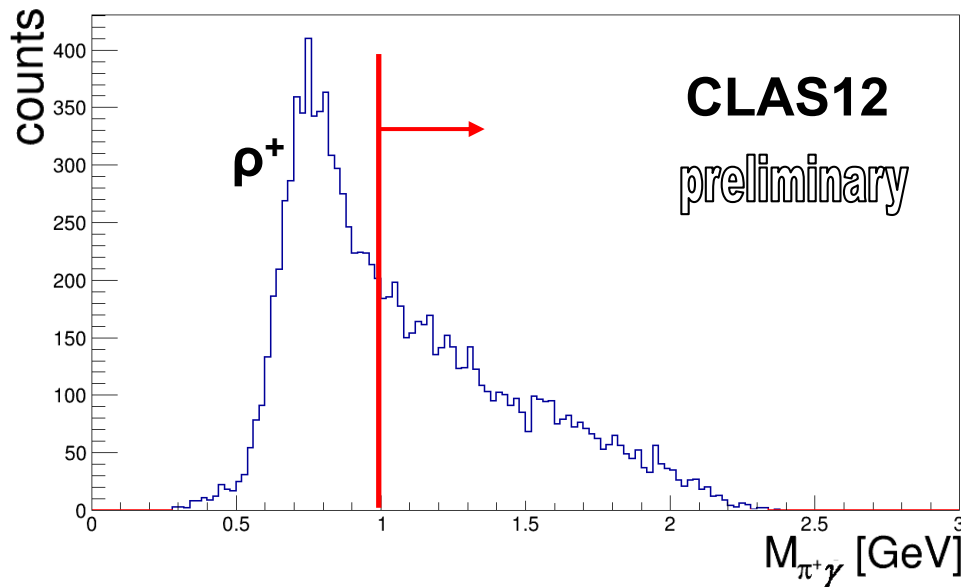


# Suppression of the $\rho^+$ background

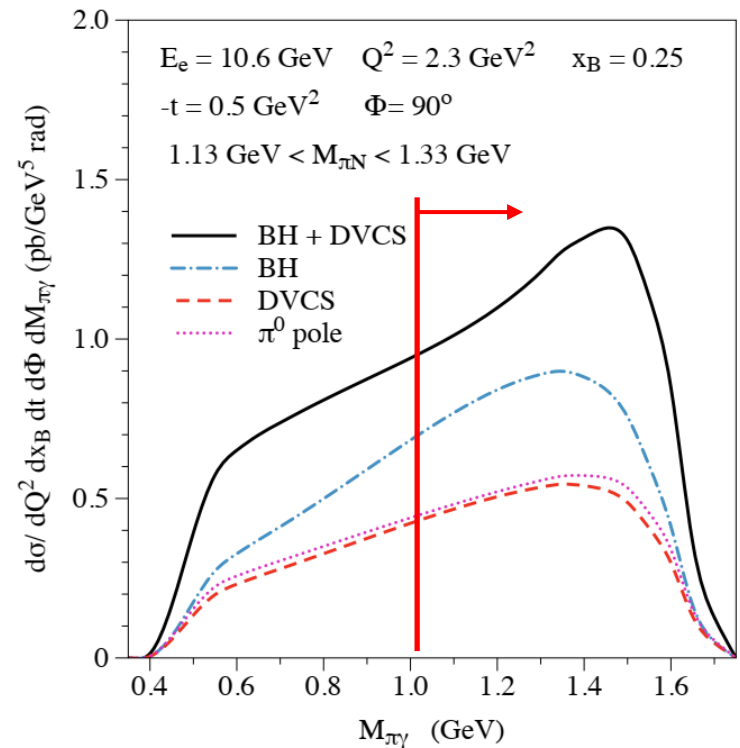
$$e p \rightarrow e' \Delta^+ \gamma \rightarrow e' n \pi^+ \gamma$$

- Dominant background from  $\rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma$

$M(\pi^+ \gamma)$  for  $1.13 \text{ GeV} < M(\pi^+ n) < 1.33 \text{ GeV}$



## $\rho \rightarrow \Delta^+$ DVCS and BH

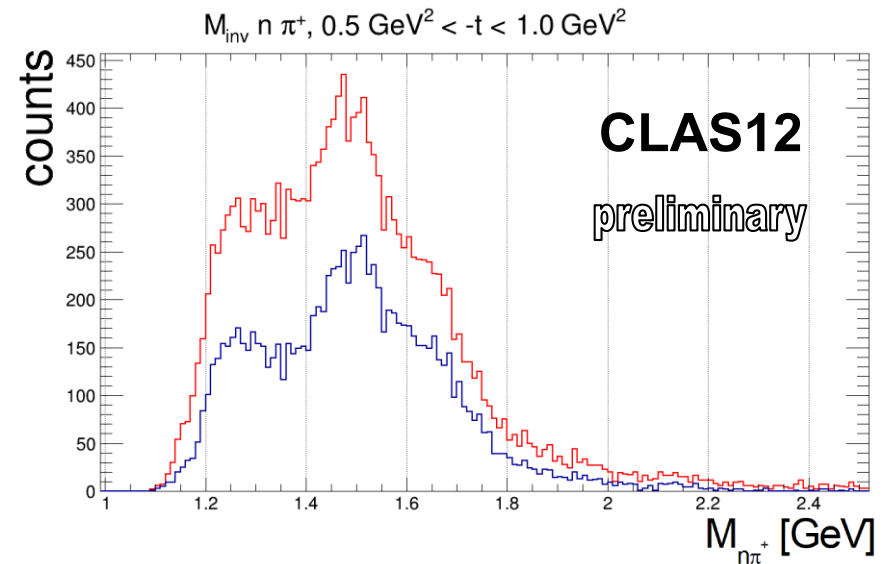
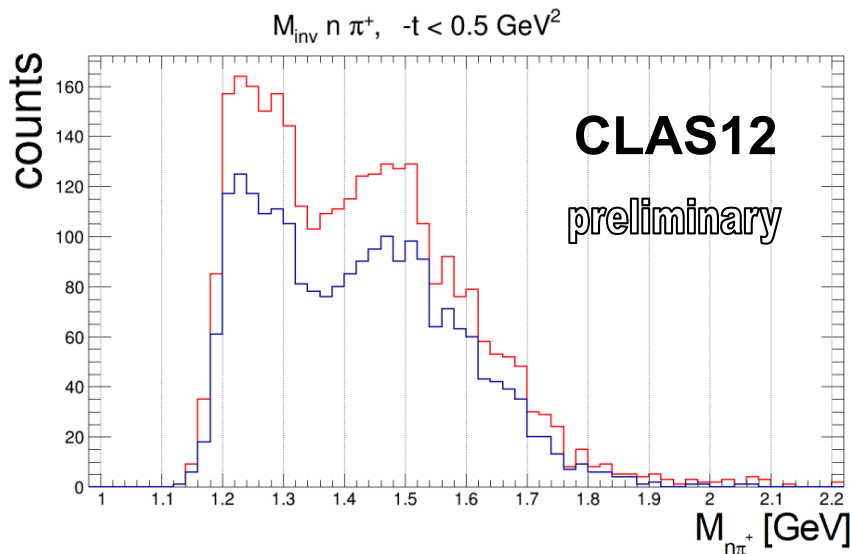


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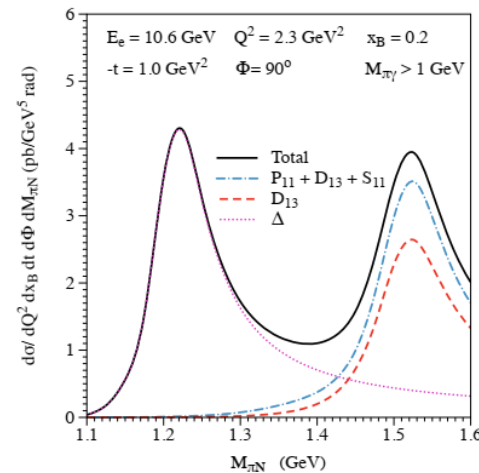
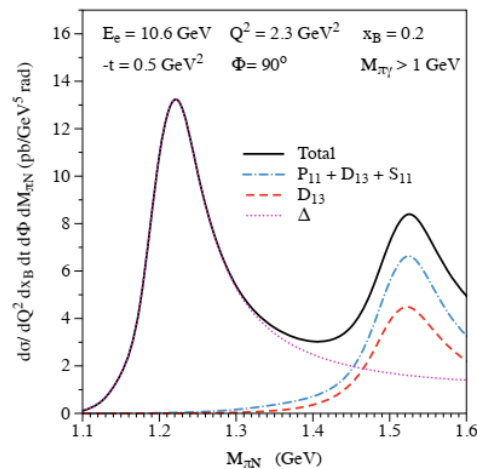
# Resonance spectra

$$e p \rightarrow e' \Delta^+ \gamma \rightarrow e' n \pi^+ \gamma$$

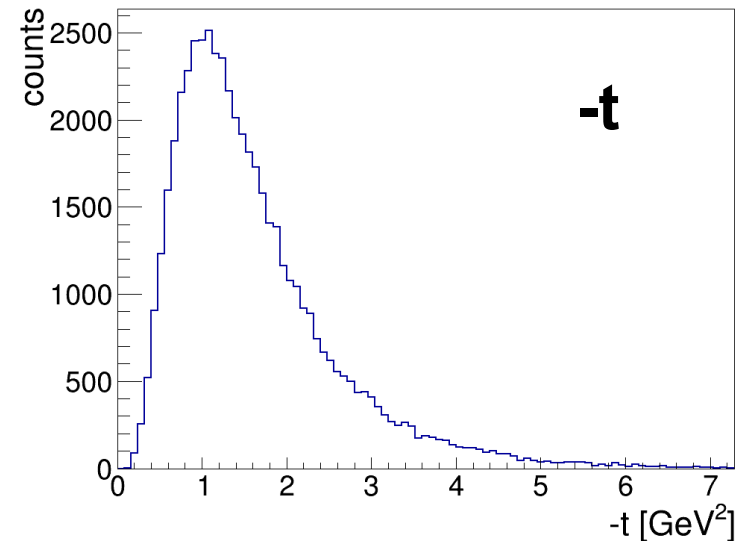
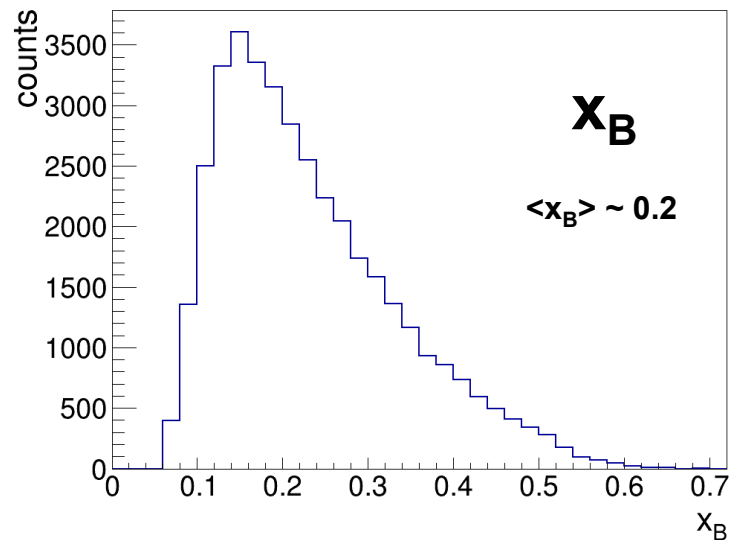
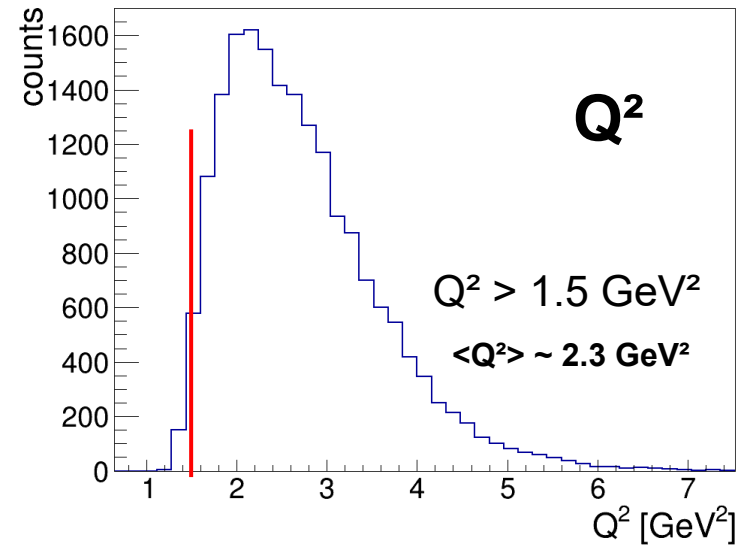
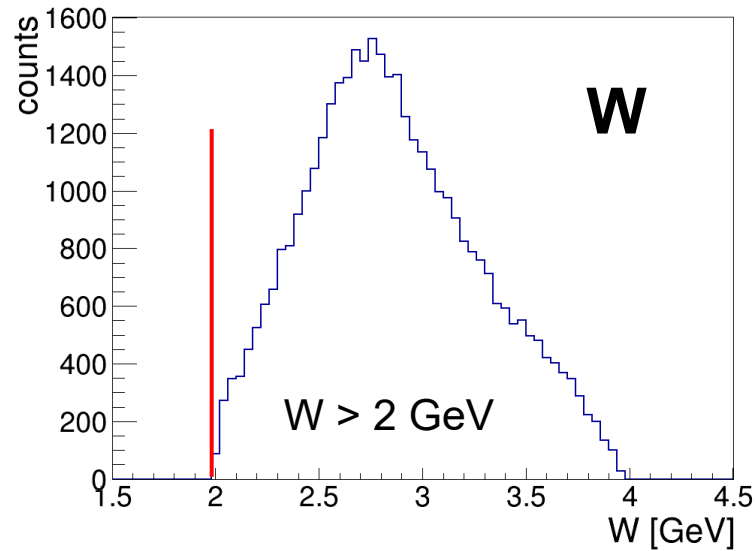
— raw —  $M(\pi^+\gamma) > 1.0 \text{ GeV}$



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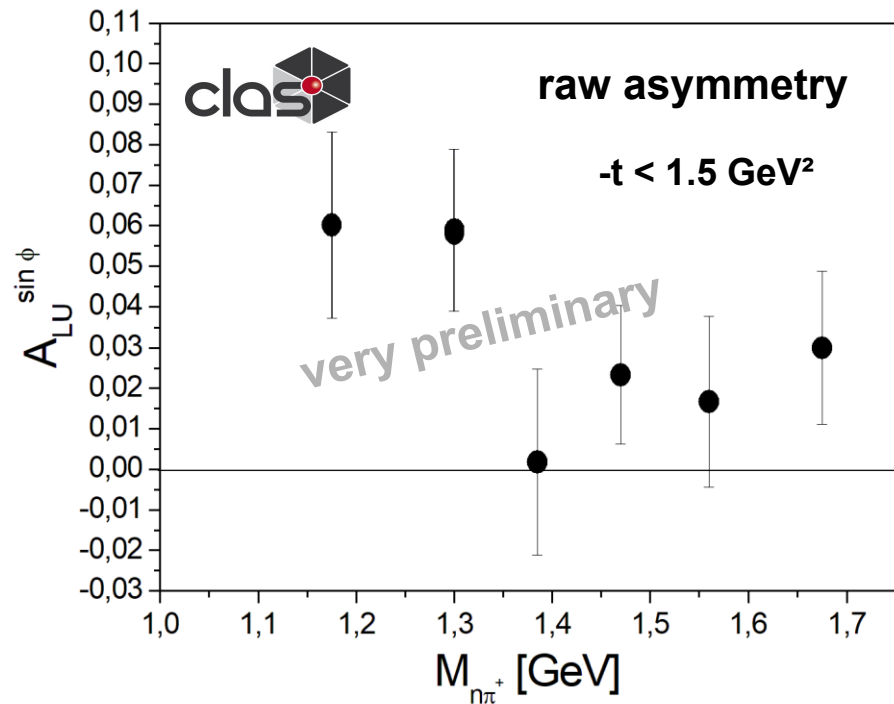
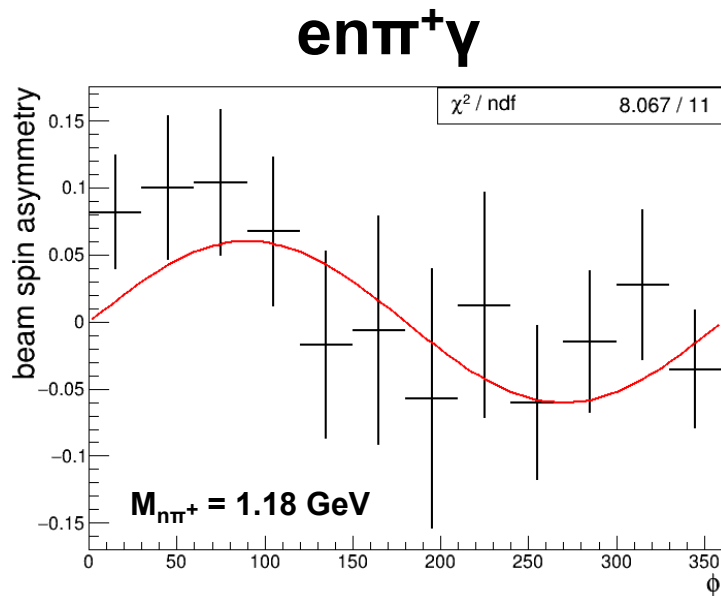


# Accessible kinematics



# A first look on raw BSA based on pass 1

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

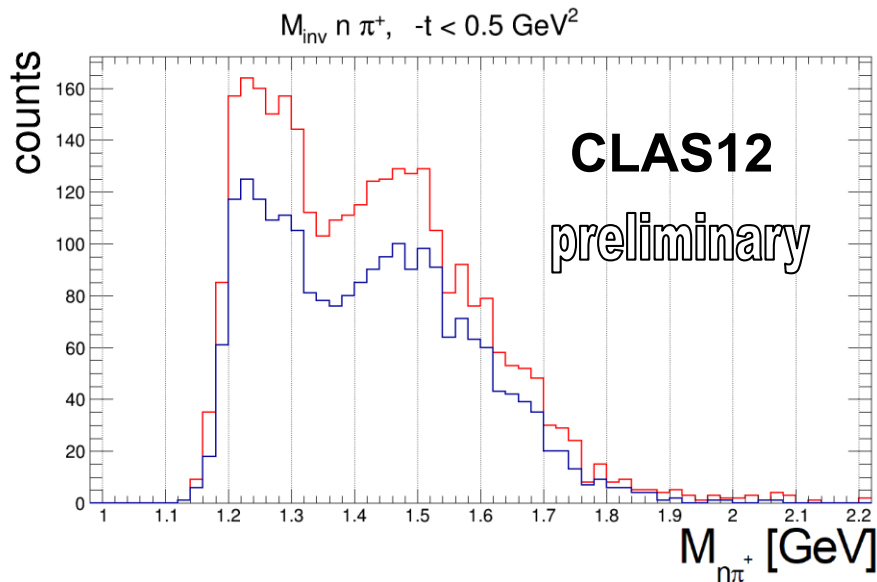


- Raw asymmetry (no backgrounds considered ...)
- Background subtracted asymmetries will be released for pass 2 (this fall)
- So far results from pilot studies look very promising and are in agreement with theory

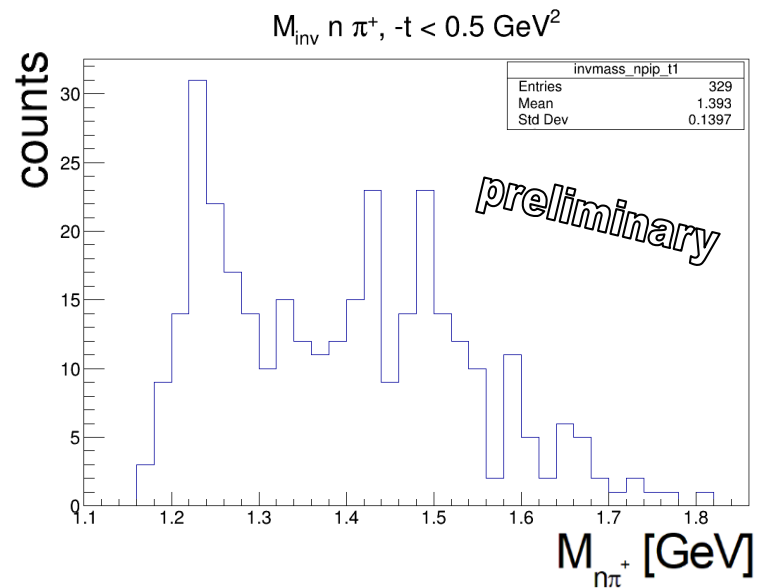
# Resonance spectra: pass 1 vs pass 2

$$e p \rightarrow e' \Delta^+ \gamma \rightarrow e' n \pi^+ \gamma$$

pass 1

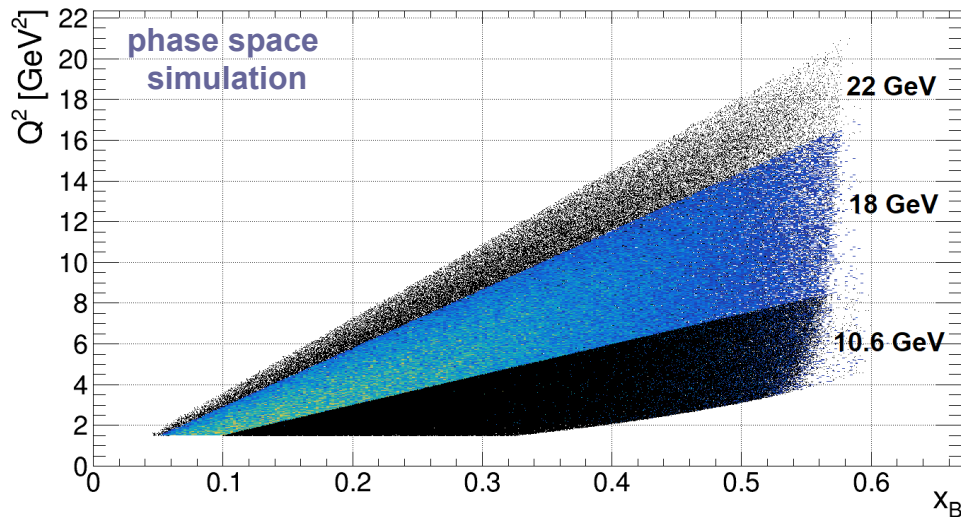


pass 2 (small fraction)



- Improved resolution
- Increased efficiency (statistics)
- Cooking of the full dataset is ongoing

# Perspectives for a 22 GeV JLAB upgrade



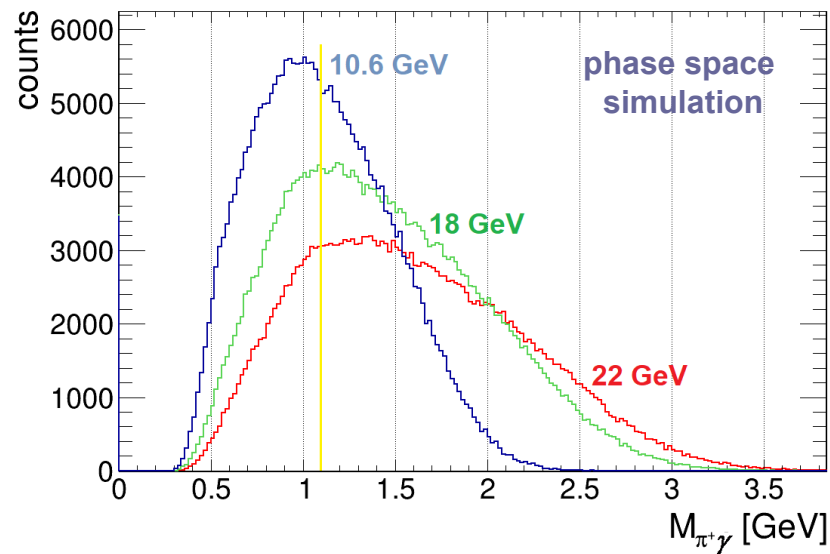
$$ep \rightarrow e \Delta^+ \gamma \rightarrow e n \pi^+ \gamma$$

Extended  $Q^2$  range

→ Advantage for factorisation

Better signal / background separation

→ Higher efficiency



## Conclusion and Outlook

- $N \rightarrow N^*$  DVCS can be well measured with CLAS12
- BSAs from the  $N \rightarrow N^*$  DVCS process will be published based on RG-A pass 2
- The feasibility of cross section measurements is under investigation (precise models and MC needed)
- Background from  $e p \rightarrow e' \Delta^+ \pi^0 \rightarrow e' (n \pi^+) (\gamma \gamma)$  is under investigation (suppression / subtraction)
- A JLAB energy and luminosity upgrade will help to significantly improve these measurements and the extraction of transition GPDs
- Potential studies with COMPASS / AMBER are under investigation