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A Multidimensional Study of Hard Exclusive π^+ BSA in the GPD Regime

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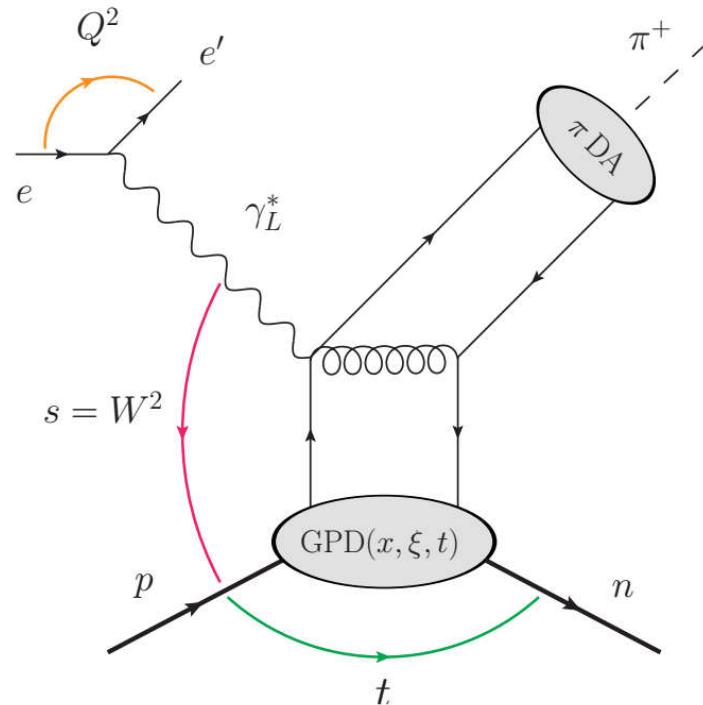
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Motivation

$$ep \rightarrow en\pi^+$$

$t / Q^2 \ll 1$: GPD based description



π^+ in forward region

Goldstein, Hernandez, Liuti
Phys. Rev. D 84, 034007 (2011)

Goloskokov, Kroll
Eur. Phys. J. A. 47: 112 (2011)

N/q	U	L	T
U	H		\bar{E}_T
L		\tilde{H}	\tilde{E}_T
T	\tilde{E}	\tilde{E}	H_T, \tilde{H}_T

4 chiral even GPDs
4 chiral odd GPDs

$$\delta_T^u = \int dx H_T^u(x, \xi, t=0)$$

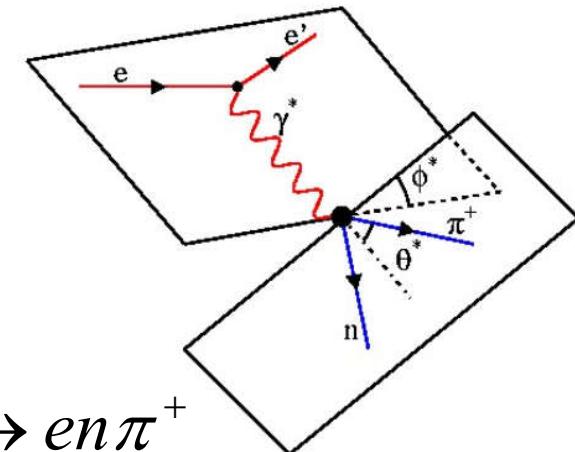
$$\delta_T^d = \int dx H_T^d(x, \xi, t=0)$$

**H_T is related to
the protons
tensor charge**

Hard Exclusive π^+ Electroproduction and BSA

Cross section (longitudinally pol. beam and unpol. target):

$$2\pi \frac{d^2\sigma}{dt d\phi} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \epsilon \cdot \cos(2\phi) \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \\ + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cdot \cos(\phi) \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \\ + h \cdot \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \cdot \sin(\phi) \boxed{\frac{d\sigma_{LT'}}{dt}}$$



$$\sigma = \sigma_0 (1 + A_{UU}^{\cos(2\phi)} \cos(2\phi) + A_{UU}^{\cos(\phi)} \cos(\phi) + h A_{LU}^{\sin(\phi)} \sin(\phi))$$

→ $BSA(t, \phi, x_B, Q^2) = \frac{d\sigma^+ - d\sigma^-}{d\sigma^+ + d\sigma^-} = \frac{A_{LU}^{\sin \phi} \sin \phi}{1 + A_{UU}^{\cos \phi} \cos \phi + A_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi} \cos 2\phi}$

→ $A_{LU}^{\sin \phi} = \frac{\sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \sigma_{LT'}}{\sigma_T + \epsilon \sigma_L}$

Theoretical Interpretation

$$A_{LU}^{\sin \phi} = \frac{\sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \boxed{\sigma_{LT'}}}{\sigma_T + \epsilon\sigma_L}$$

$$\sigma_{LT'} \sim \xi \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} \frac{\sqrt{-t'}}{2m} \operatorname{Im} \left[\langle \underline{\bar{E}_{T-eff}} \rangle^* \langle \tilde{H}_{eff} \rangle + \langle \underline{H_{T-eff}} \rangle^* \langle \tilde{E}_{eff} \rangle \right]$$

→ $\sigma_{LT'}$ is a product of chiral-odd and chiral-even GPDs

$$\sigma_L \sim \left\{ (1 - \xi^2) |\langle \tilde{H} \rangle|^2 - 2\xi^2 \operatorname{Re} [\langle \tilde{H} \rangle^* \langle \tilde{E} \rangle] - \frac{t'}{4m^2} \xi^2 |\langle \tilde{E} \rangle|^2 \right\}$$

$$\sigma_T \sim \left[(1 - \xi^2) |\langle H_T \rangle|^2 - \frac{t'}{8m^2} |\langle \bar{E}_T \rangle|^2 \right]$$

$$\tilde{E}_{eff} = \tilde{E} + \text{pole term}$$

$$\bar{E}_T \sim F_u - F_d$$

$$|\pi^0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle] \quad |\pi^+\rangle = |u\bar{d}\rangle$$

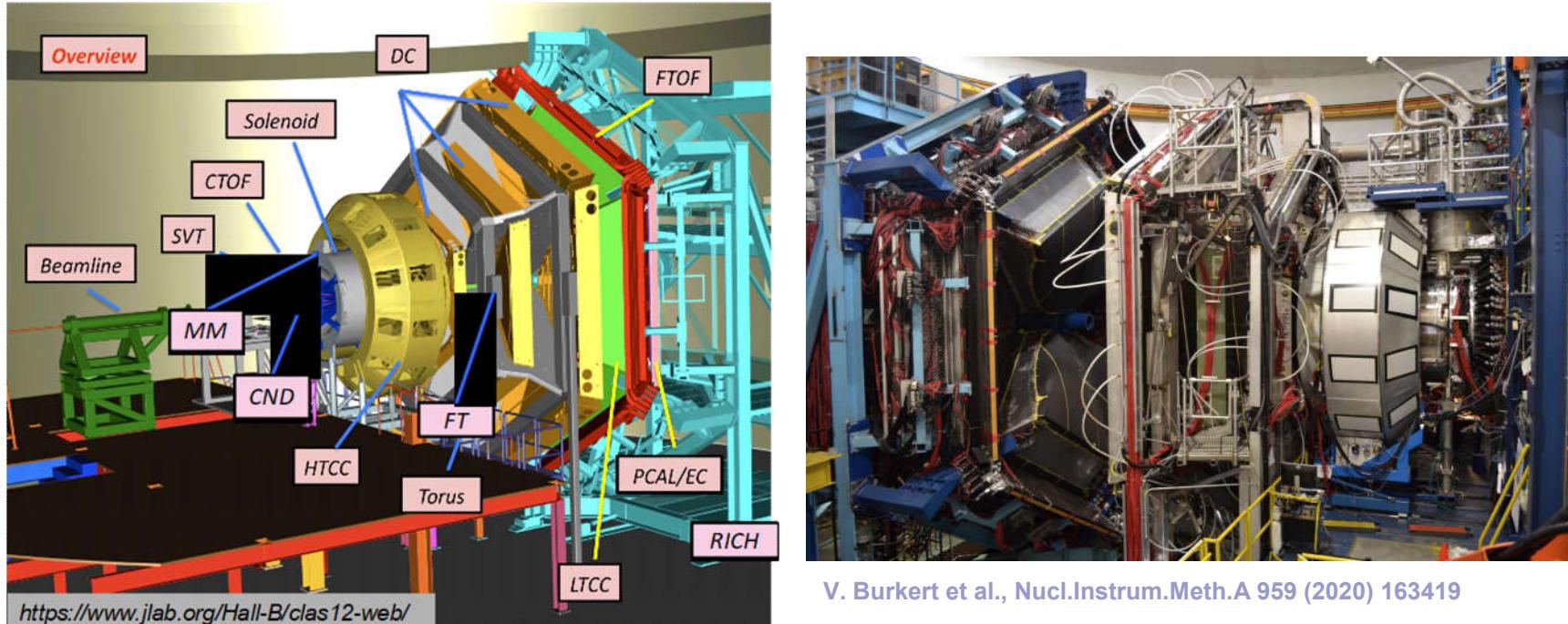
→ Chiral odd GPDs are significantly amplified by the pion pole term in $\sigma_{LT'}$

→ Polarized π^+ observables show an increased sensitivity to chiral-odd GPDs

exclusive π^+ : $\sigma_{LT'} \sim \operatorname{Im}[\langle H_T \rangle^* \langle \tilde{E} \rangle]$

Goal: Improve the extraction of H_T [$\pi^0 \rightarrow$ dominated by \bar{E}_T]

CLAS12 Experimental Setup in Hall B



- ➔ Data recorded with CLAS12 during fall of 2018
- ➔ 10.6 GeV electron beam ➔ 87 % average polarization ➔ liquid H₂ target
 - ➔ Inbending and outbending torus field configuration
- ➔ Analysed data ~ 20 % of the approved RG-A beam time

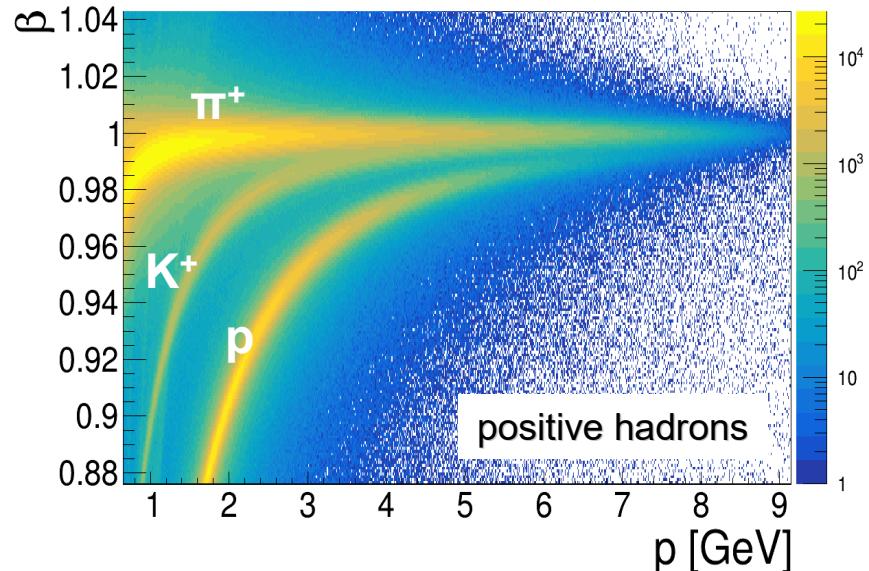
Particle ID and Kinematic Cuts

Electron ID

- eventbuilder PID
- PCAL and DC fiducial cuts
- PID refinements (see RG-A note)

π^+ ID

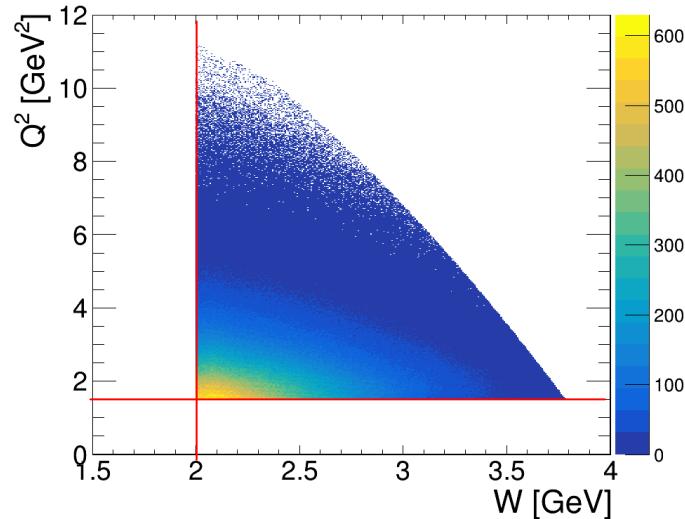
- eventbuilder PID
- DC fiducial cuts
- Δv_z cut and $|X_{pid}^2| < 2.64$ (3σ)



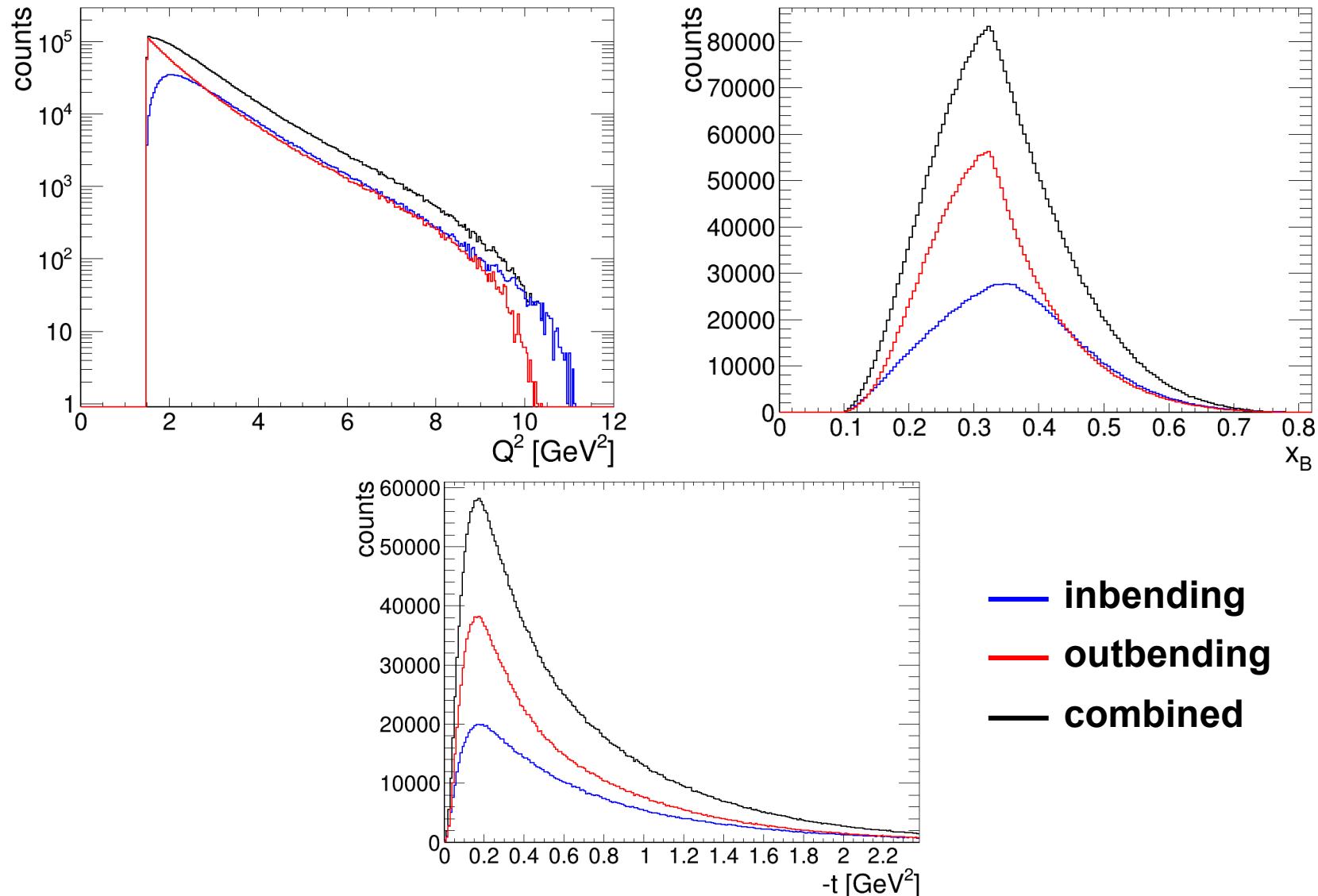
Kinematic cuts:

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

- event by event: $t > t_{min} + \sigma(t_{min})$
- Particles only detected in the FD



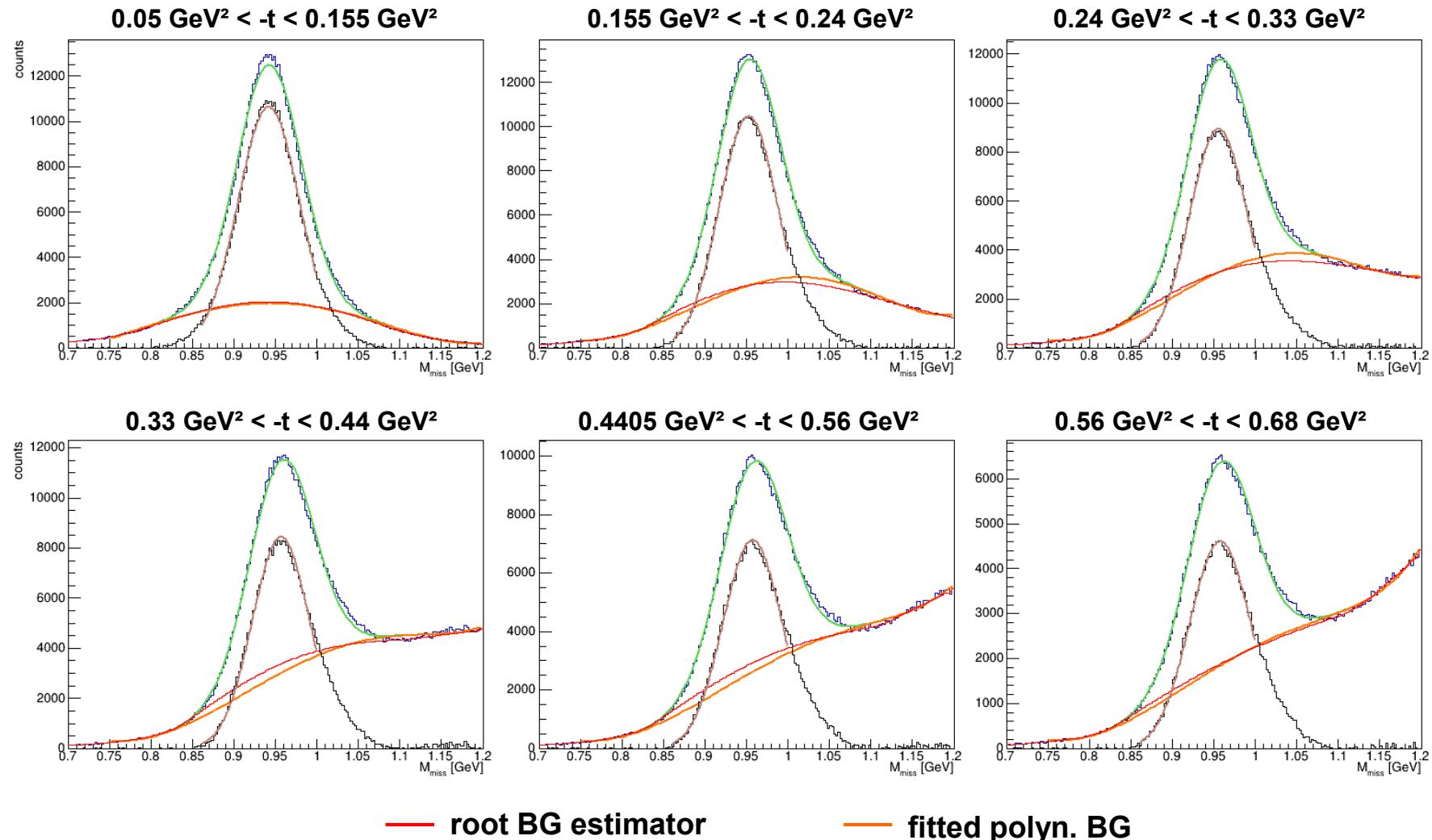
Kinematic Coverage and Torus Field Settings



Exclusive Events: Missing Neutron Mass

Topology: $e\pi^+X$

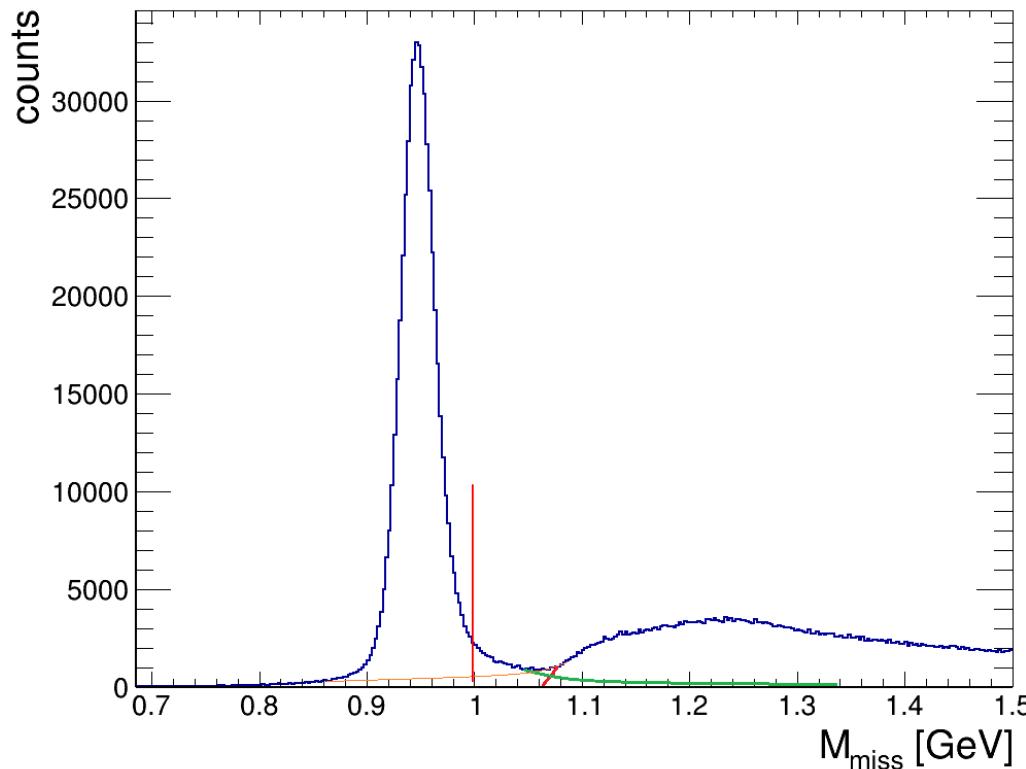
plots are integrated over $Q^2 > 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ and x_B



Background Treatment

- Background is increasing with $-t$
- Background has to be subtracted

SIDIS MC (clasdis):

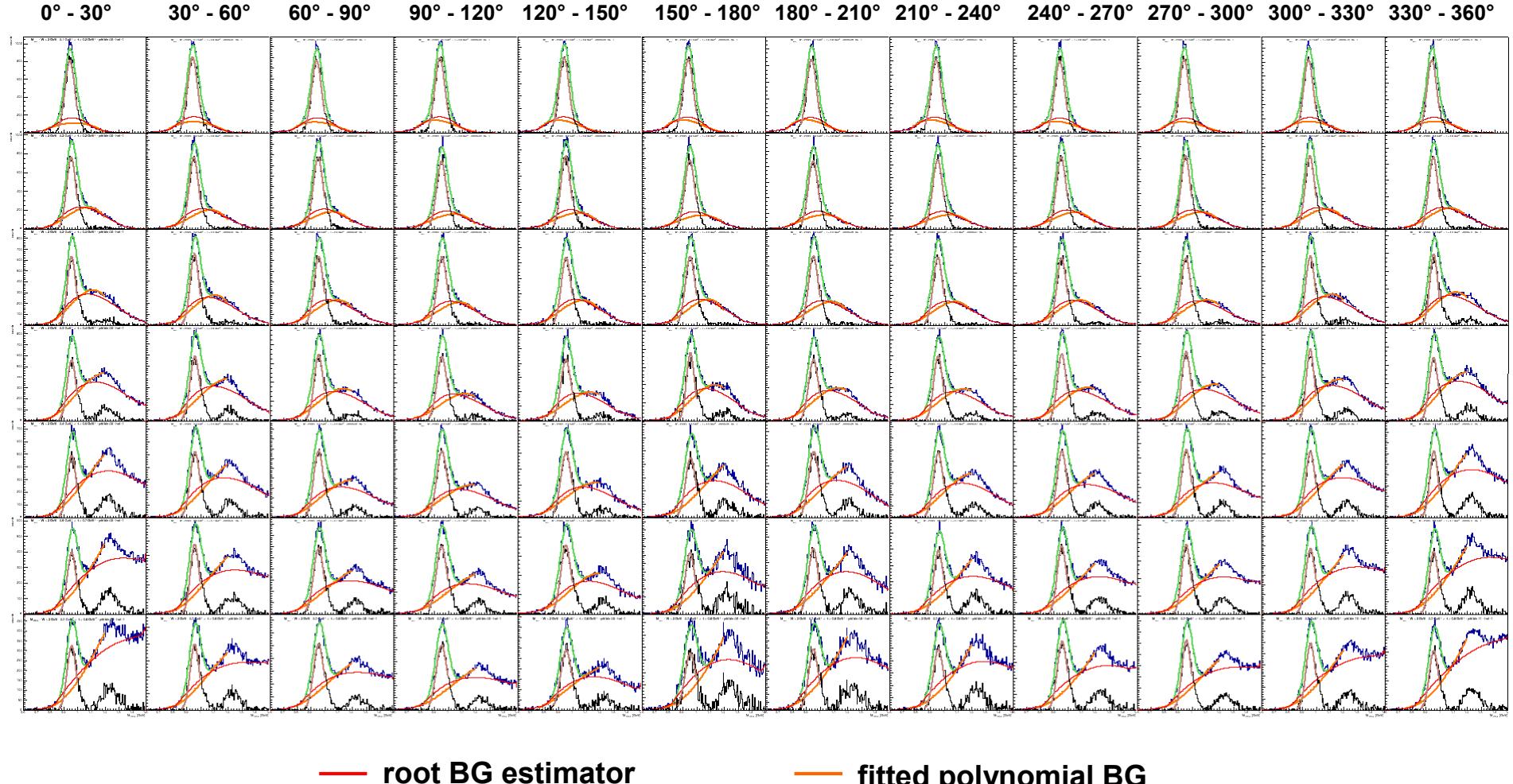


- ➔ Background does not originate from the SIDIS region
- ➔ A sideband subtraction may lead to a wrong result
- ➔ **A bin by bin background subtraction** has to be performed!
- ➔ Plot the missing neutron peak in each φ and $-t$ bin for each helicity state

Bin by Bin Background Subtraction

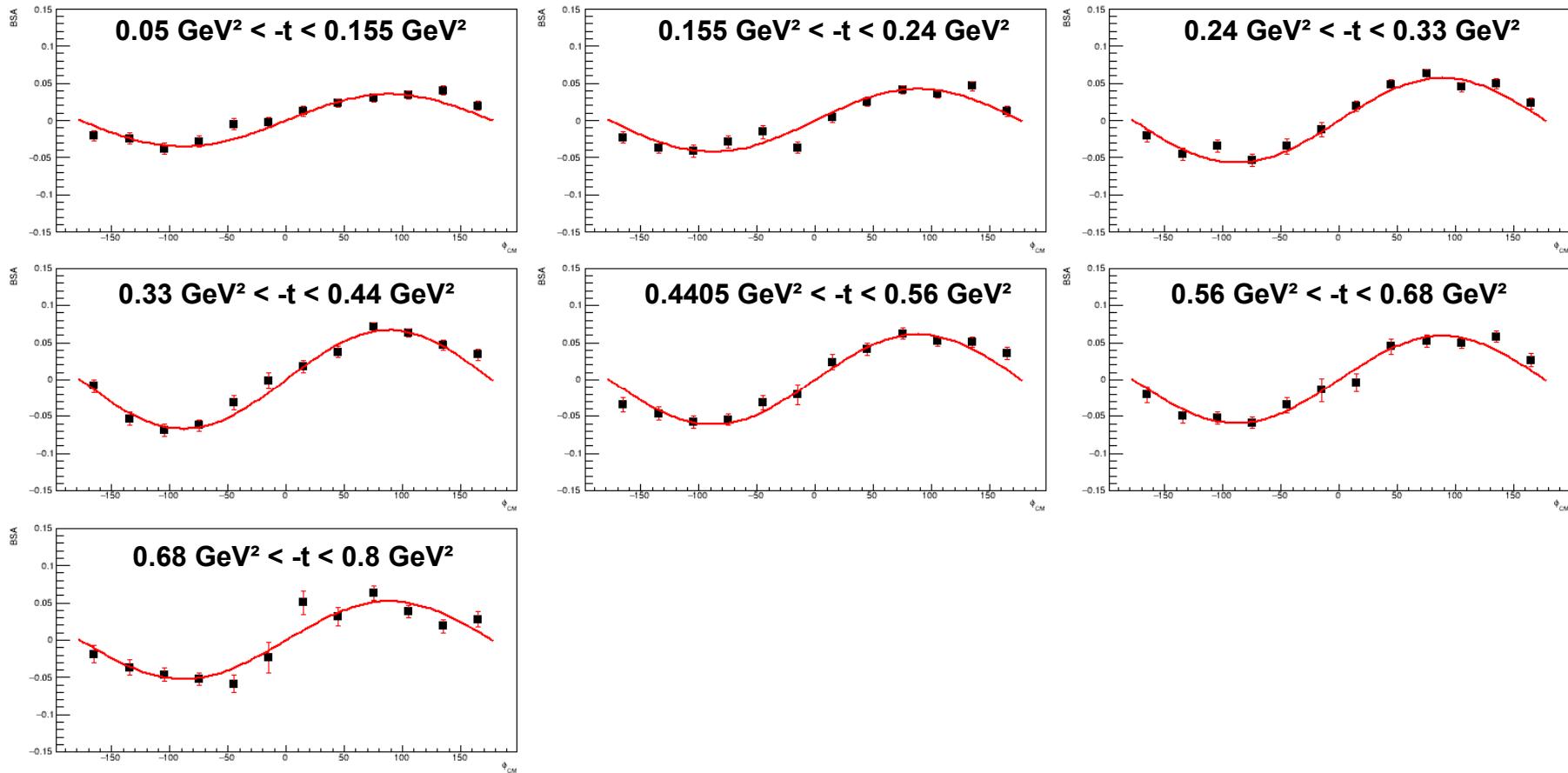
-t from 0.05 GeV² to 0.8 GeV²

integrated over Q² > 1.5 GeV² and x_B



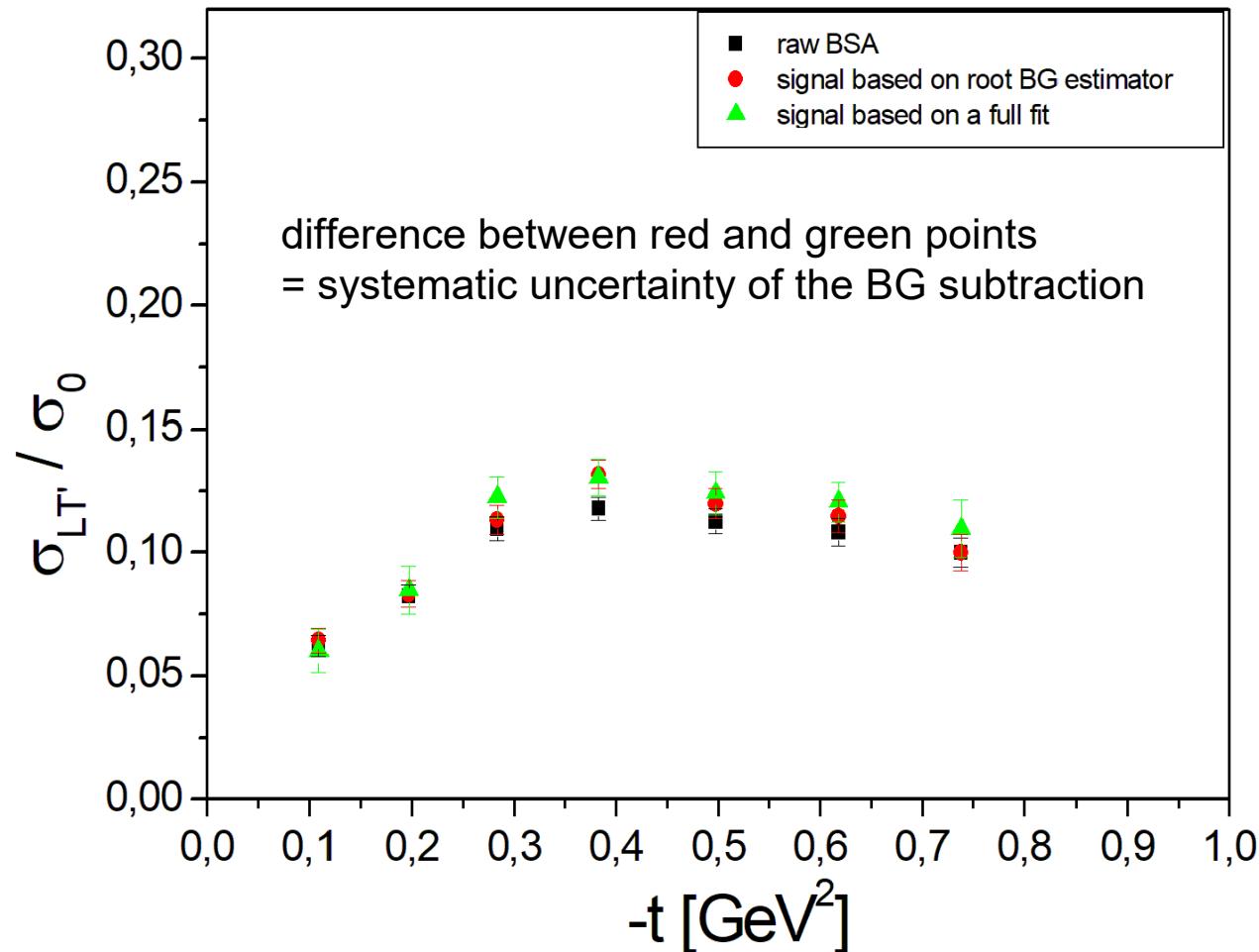
Resulting Signal BSA

integrated over $Q^2 > 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ and x_B

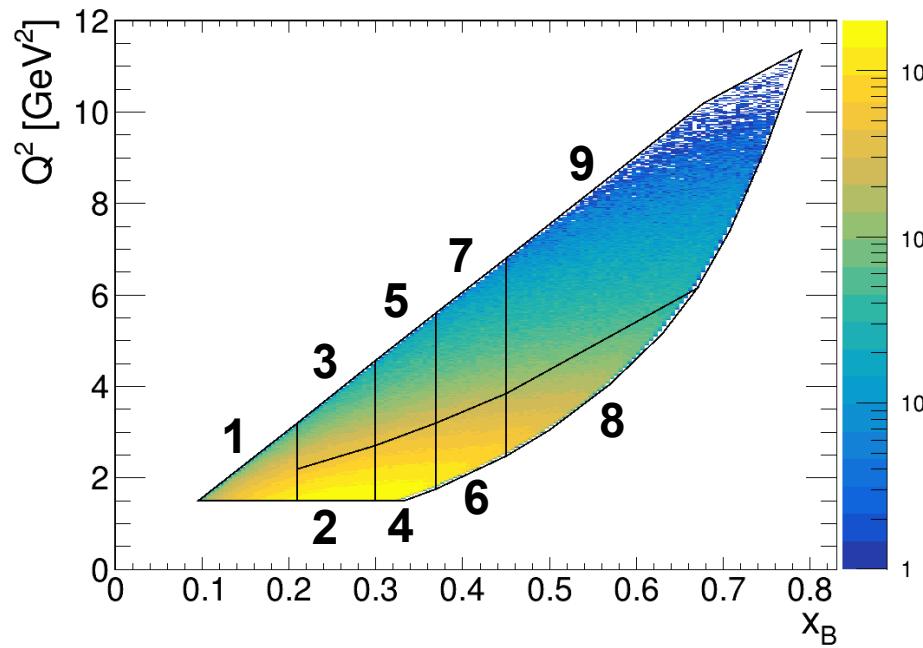


Effect of the Background Subtraction on the Final Result

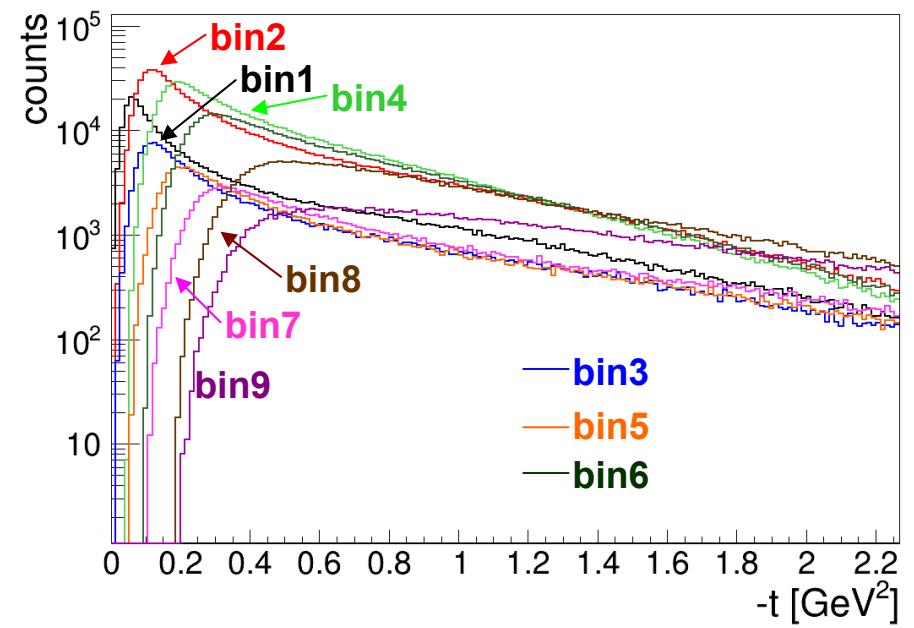
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A Multidimensional Binning



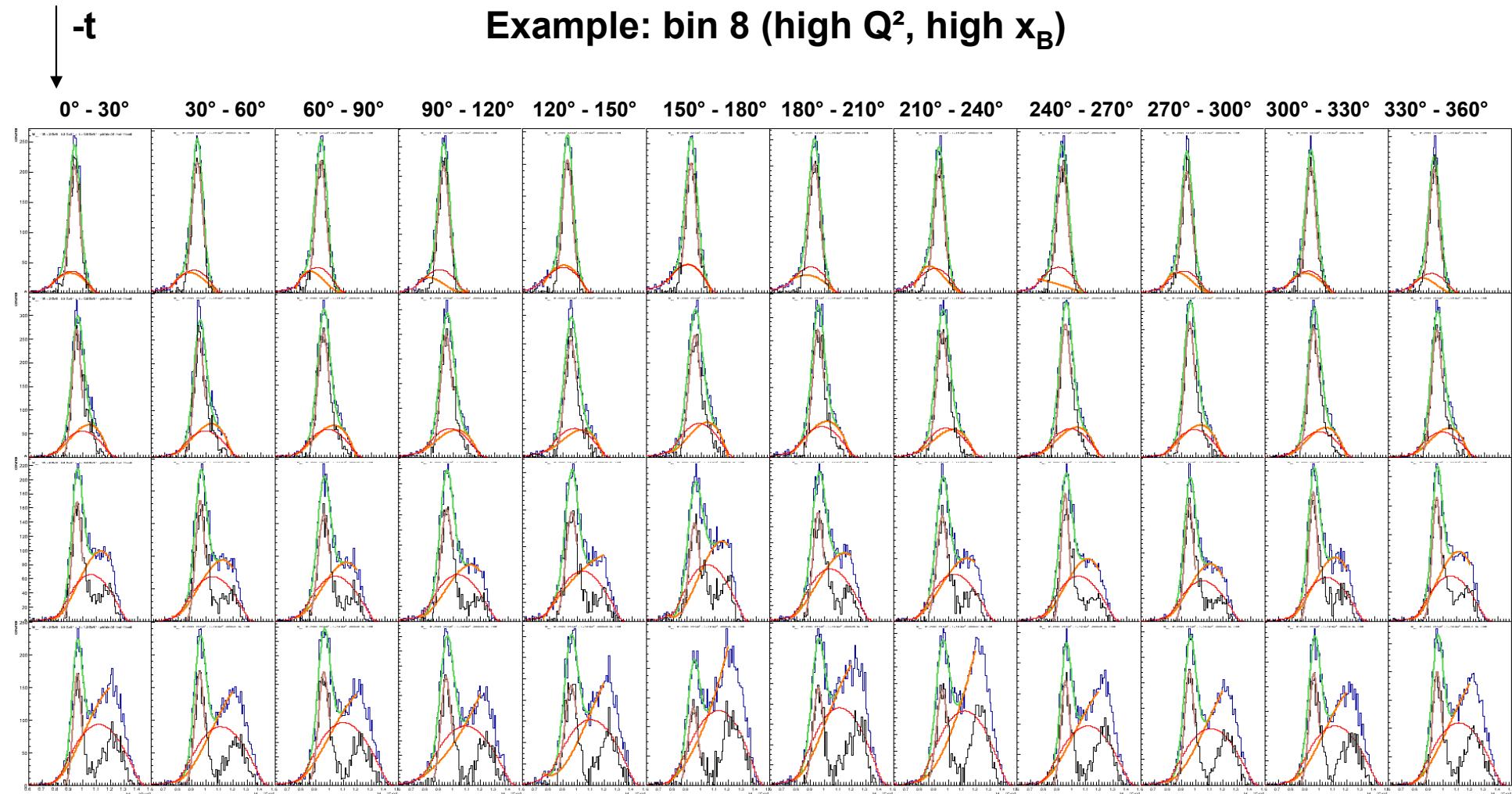
9 bins in $Q^2 - x_B$



4 – 6 bins in $-t < 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ (1.2 GeV^2)

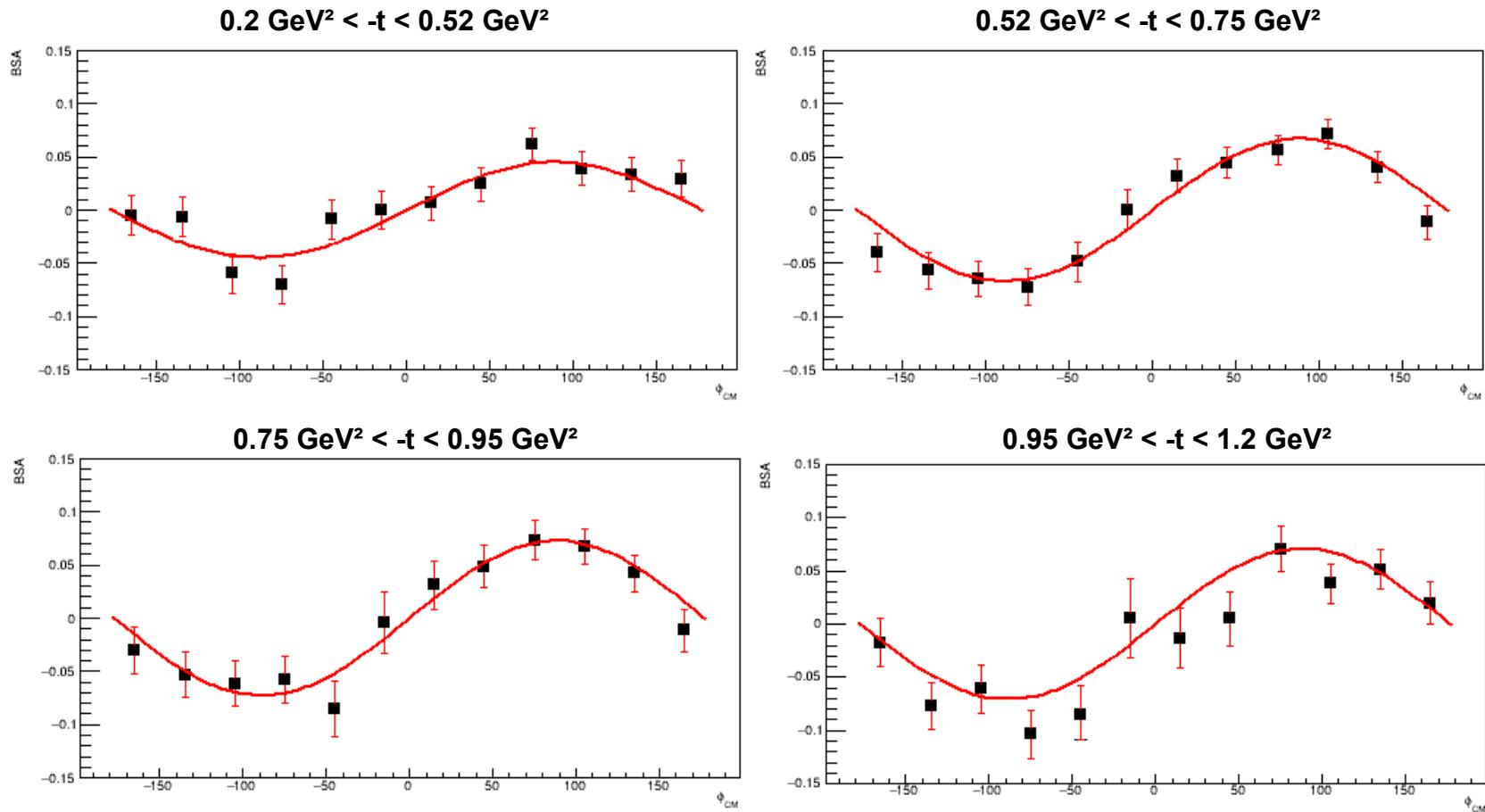
Bin by Bin Background Subtraction

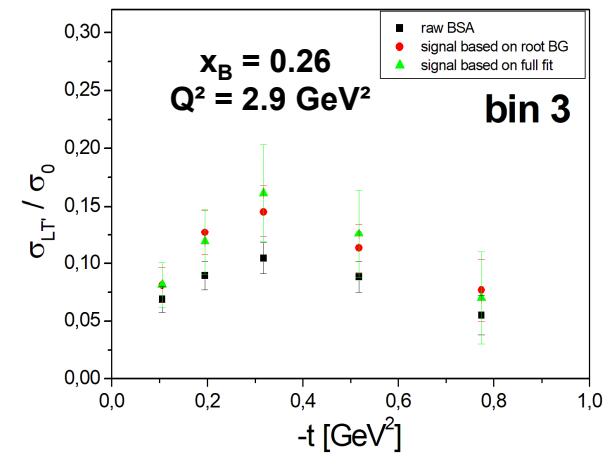
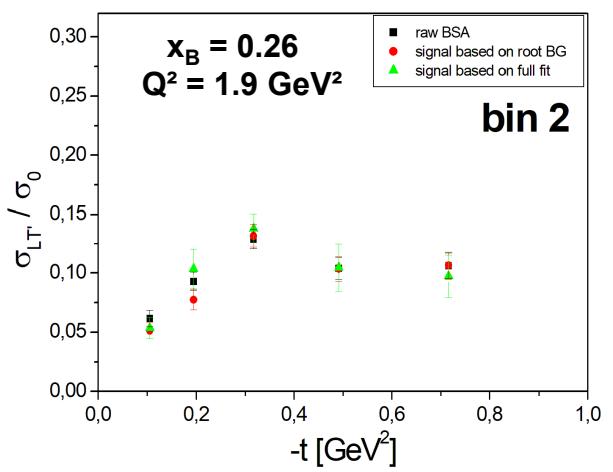
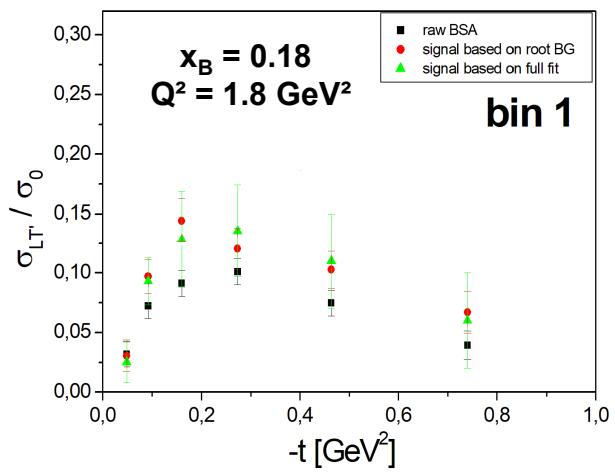
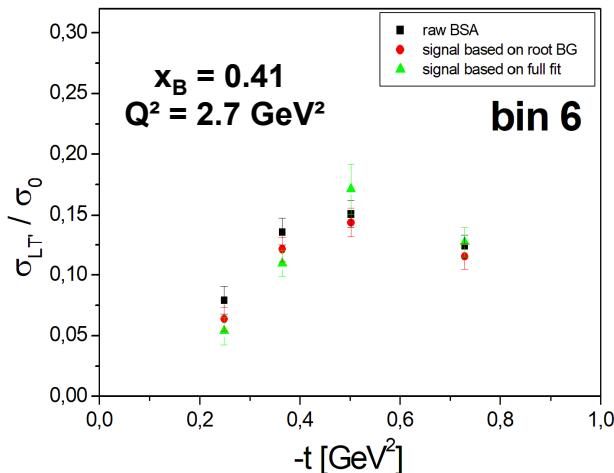
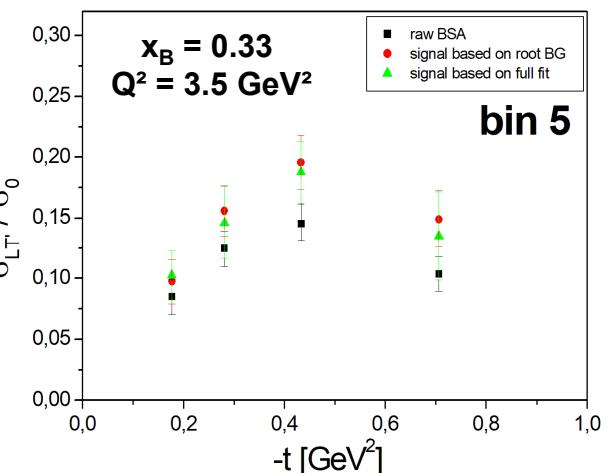
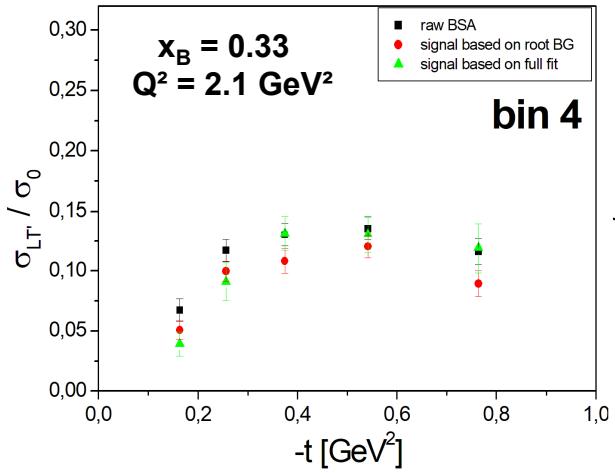
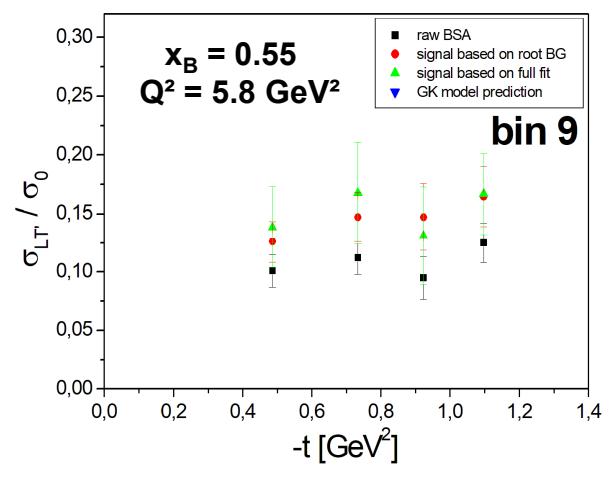
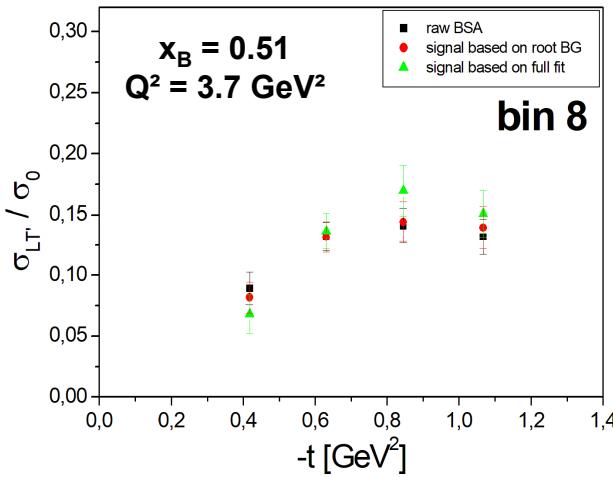
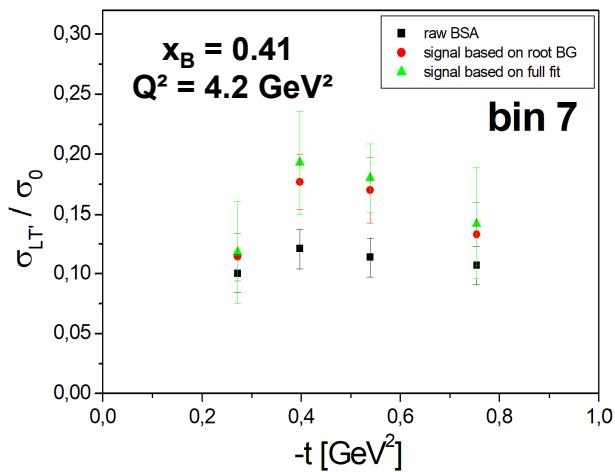
- A bin by bin fit of the signal shape has been performed for each Q^2 , x_B , $-t$ and Φ bin in each helicity state



Resulting Signal BSA

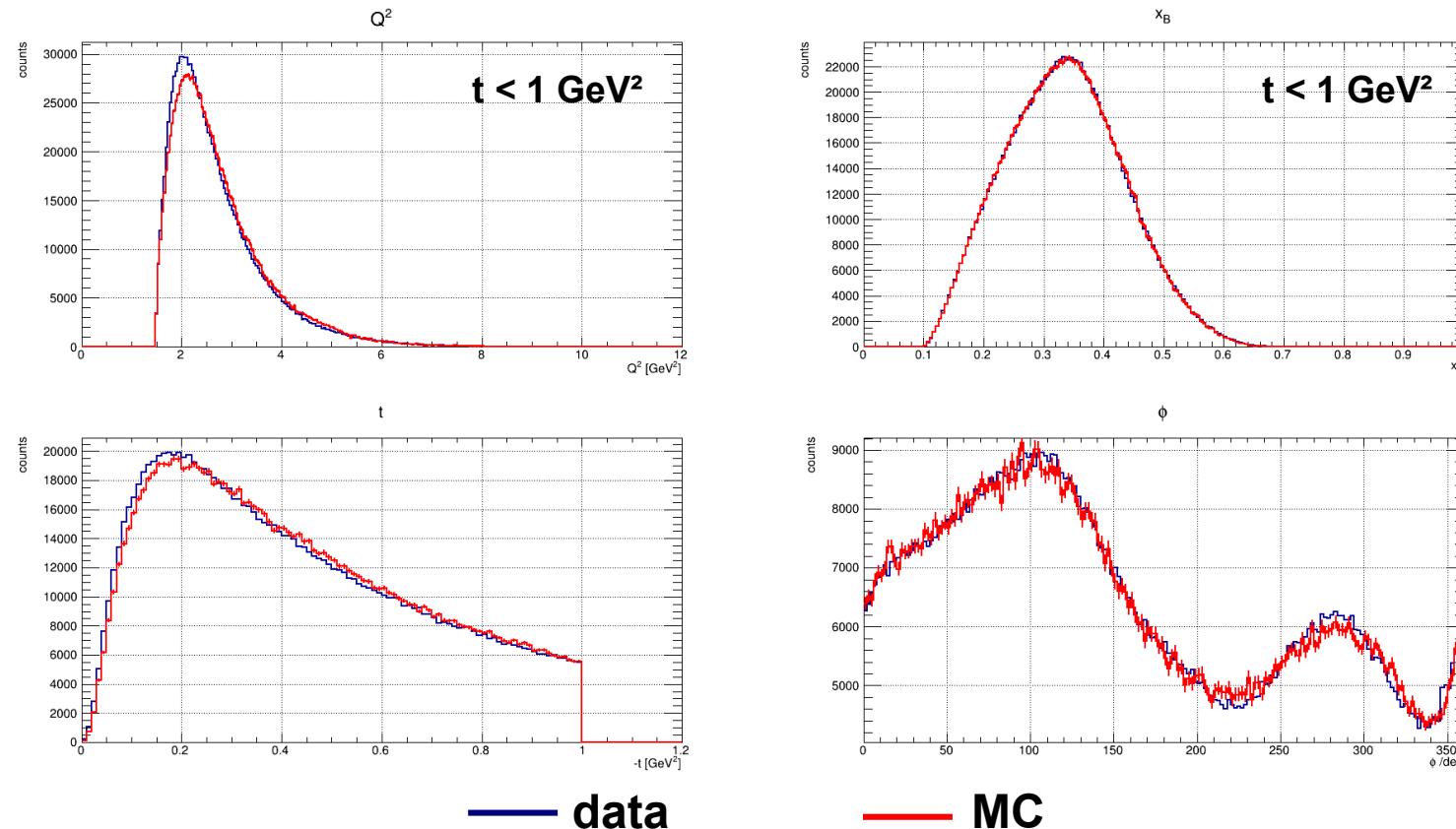
Example: bin 8 (high Q^2 , high x_B)





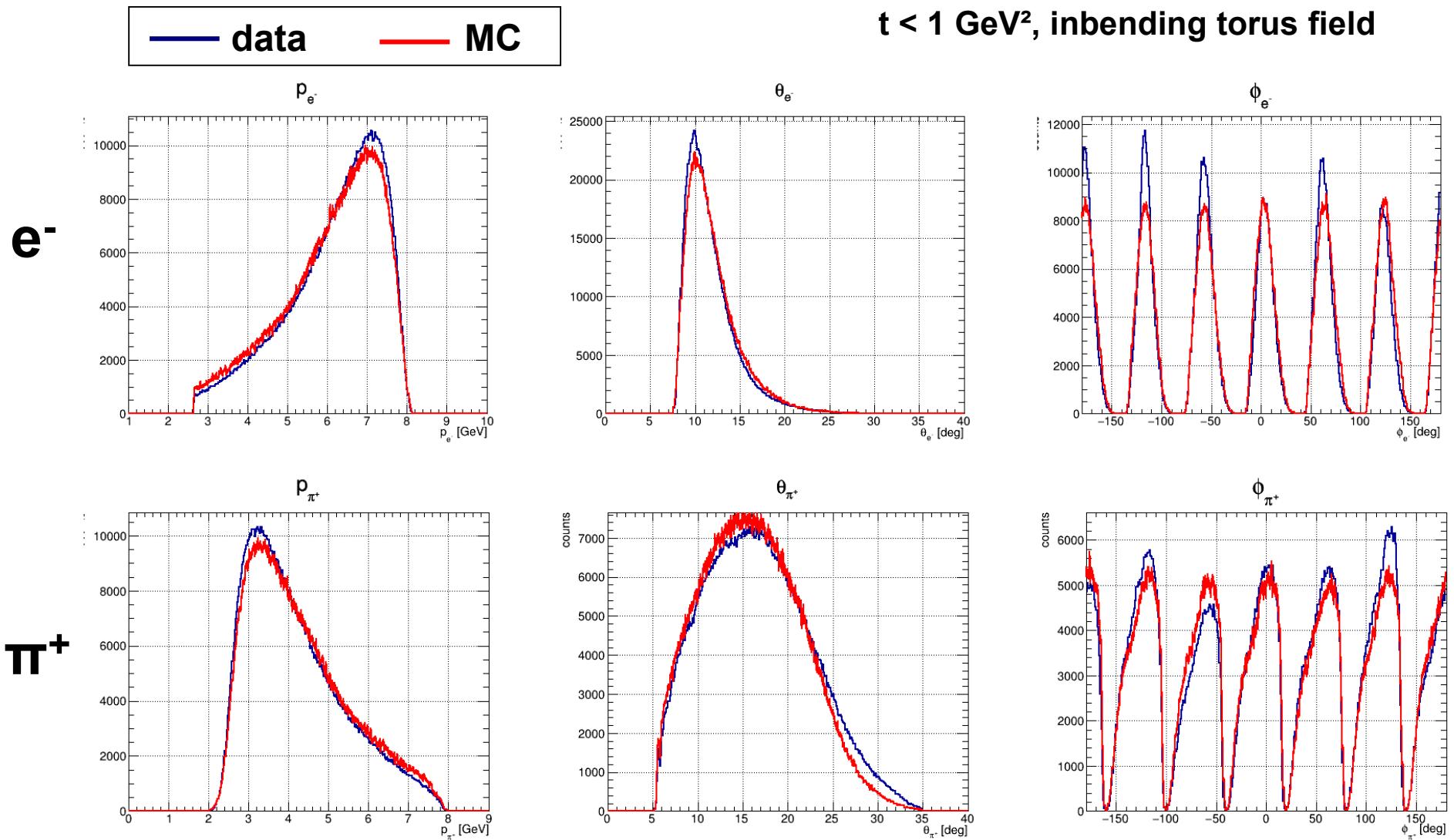
Monte Carlo Studies

- A dedicated eventgenerator (aaorad / aanorad) is available
 - Generates exclusive π^+ events
 - Contains latest GPD parametrisations
 - A weight based on Q^2 , x_B , t and ϕ is applied to improve the data - MC agreement



inbending

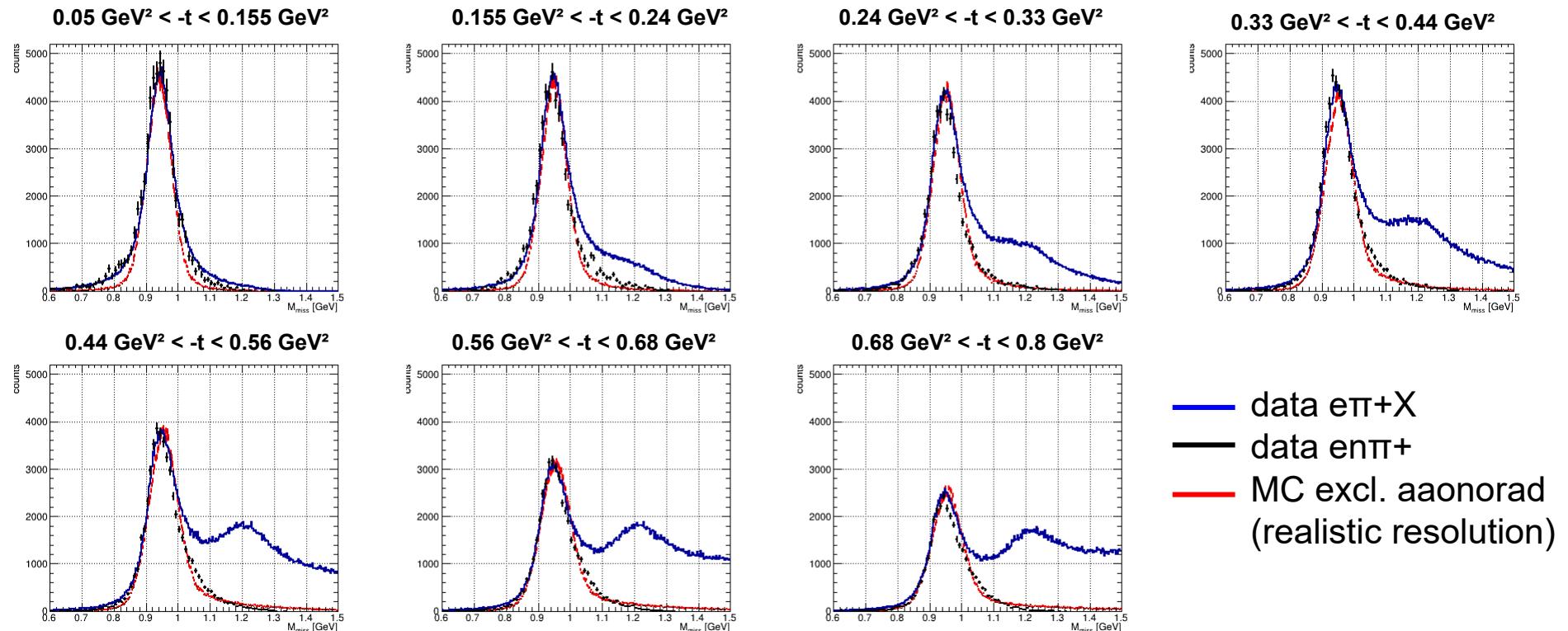
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Data MC Comparison

→ A realistic resolution has been introduced to the reconstructed events

Missing neutron peak for different $-t$ bins:



→ ~ 43 M generated events are needed to match the data

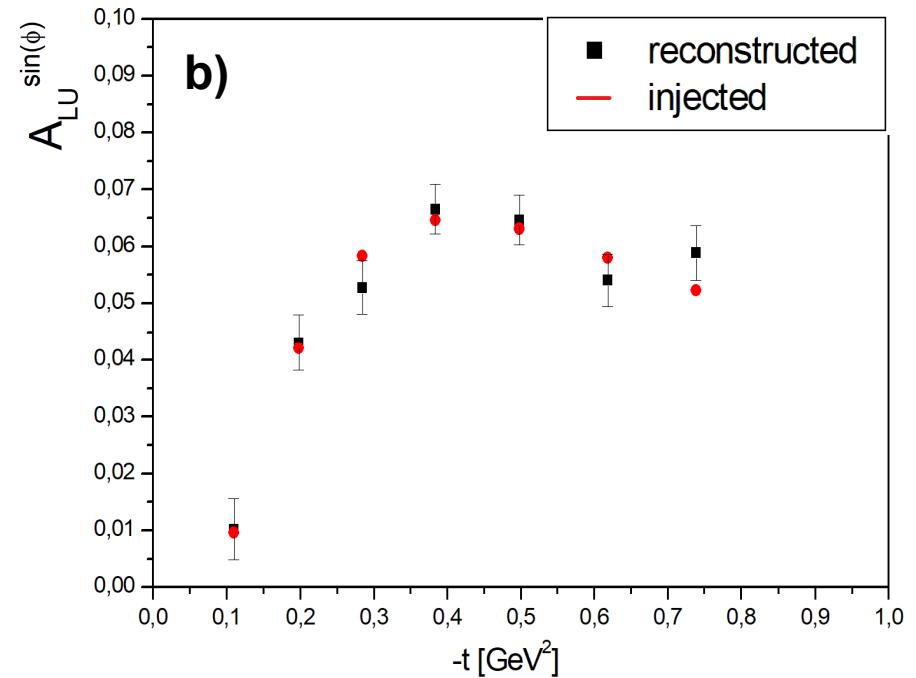
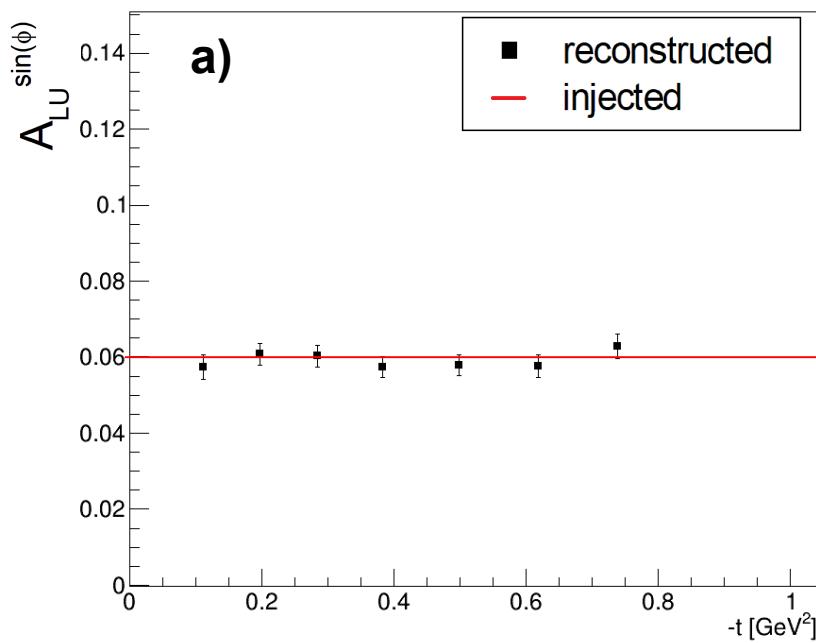
→ ~ 400 - 500 M events are currently in production

Sources of Systematic Uncertainties

- **Uncertainty of the beam polarization**
 - 3 % scale uncertainty
- **Effect of the choice of fiducial cuts**
- **Effect of the extraction method and higher order moments**
- **Background subtraction and exclusivity cuts**
 - Difference between the two background subtraction methods
 - Further background:
 - a) random coincidences
 - b) wrong PID
 - c) charge sysmmetric background (well reduced by $y < 0.75$ cut)
 - Should be all taken care by the bin by bin background subtraction
- **Radiative effects**
 - Radiative effects cause migration from the exclusive region to the SIDIS region
 - Small effect on selected events due to a tight cut on the missing mass
 - SIDIS: 3 % have been assumed → For exclusive << 3 %

Systematic Uncertainties: Acceptance Effects

- Implemented asymmetry: a) $A_{LU}^{\sin\phi} = 0.06$ ($\sigma_{LT}/\sigma_0 \sim 0.1$)
 b) $A_{LU}^{\sin\phi}(t)$ with typical t dependence

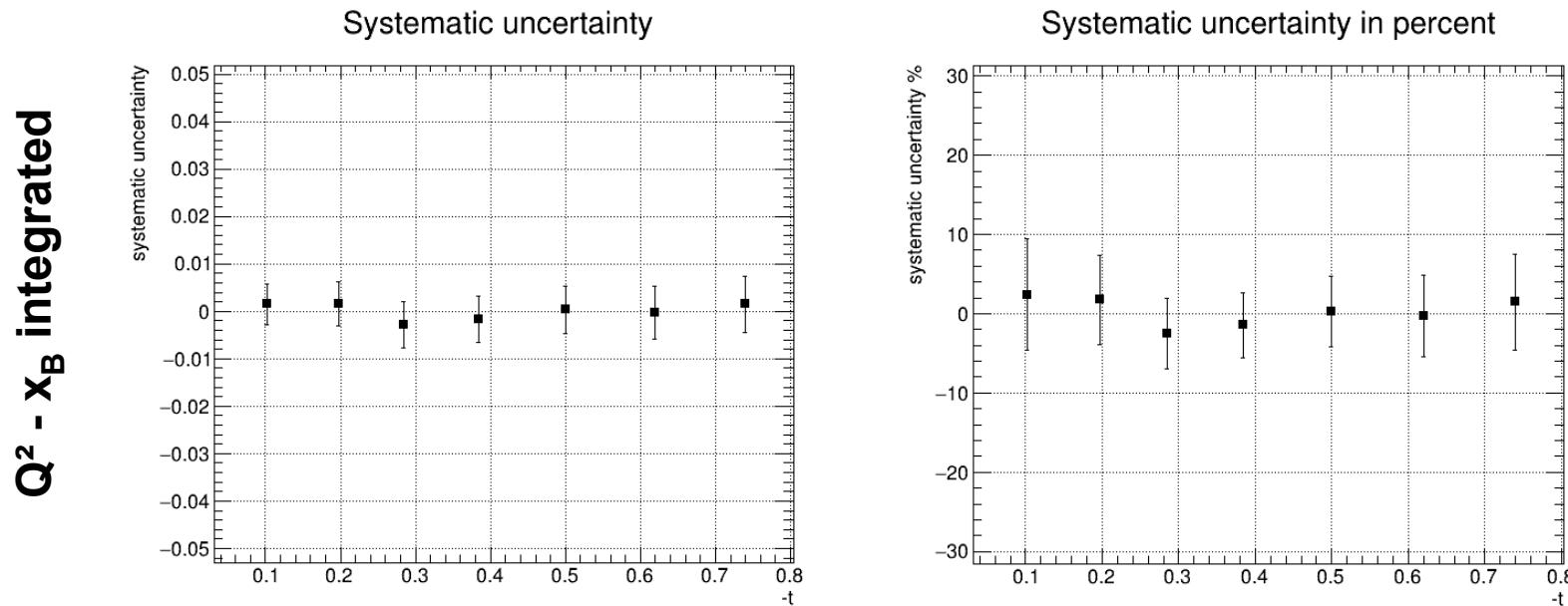


- Study has been done for each multidimensional bin
 → **Difference between the reconstructed and implemented value is used as a systematic uncertainty**

Systematic Uncertainties: Bin Migration

$$\Delta A_i = (1 - \sum_{n=1}^3 f_{i+n} - \sum_{n=1}^3 f_{i-n}) A_i + \sum_{n=1}^3 f_{i-n} A_{i-n} + \sum_{n=1}^3 f_{i+n} A_{i-n} - A_i$$

A_i is the asymmetry in bin i and f_{i+n} the contamination



→ Study has been done for each multidimensional bin

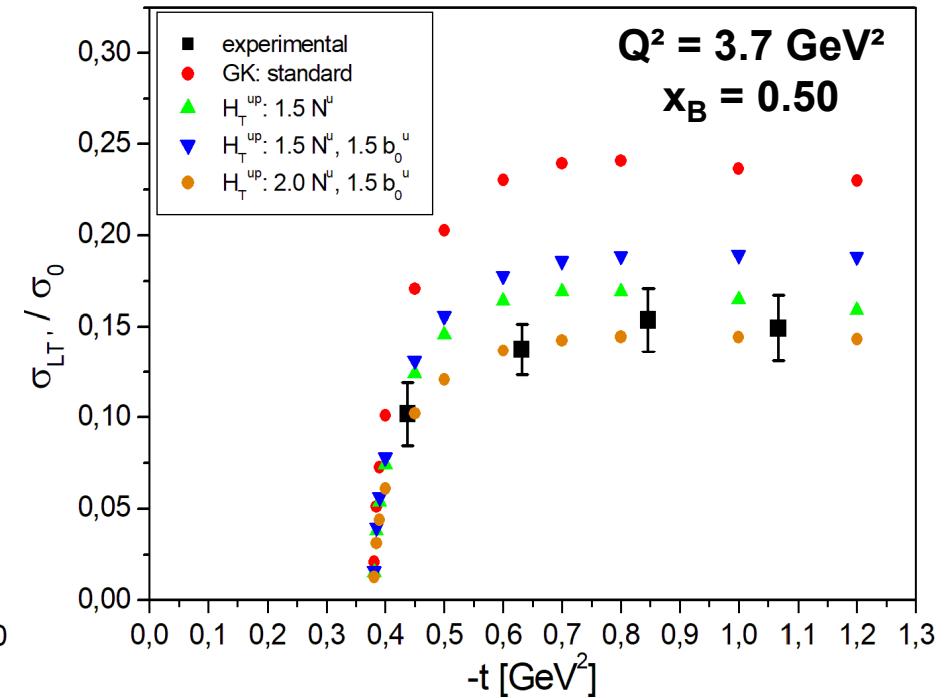
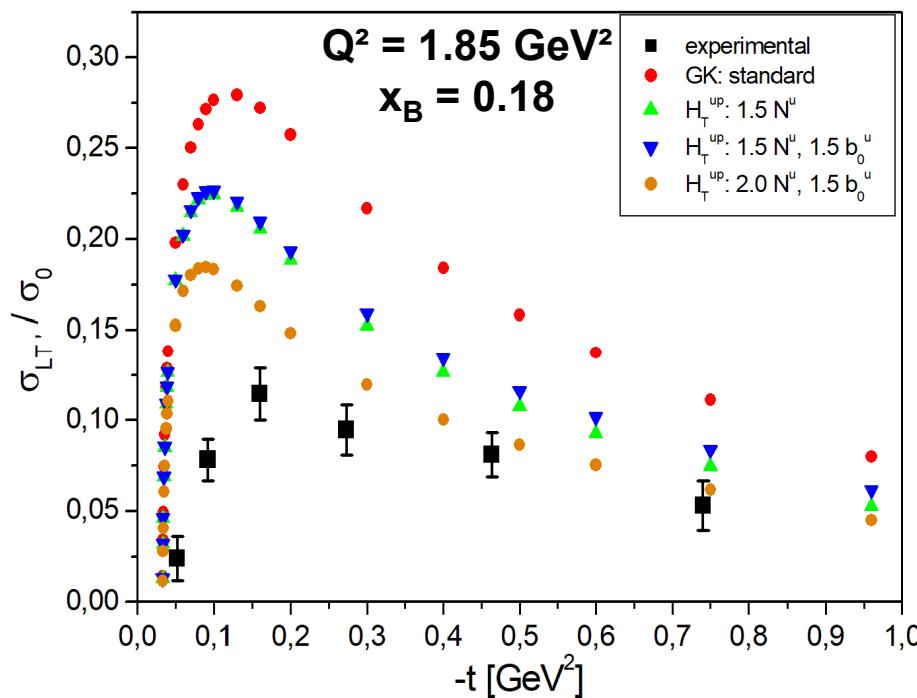
Comparison to Theory Predictions (GK Model)

$$\sigma_{LT'} \sim Im \left[< \bar{E}_T >^* < \tilde{H} > + < H_T >^* < \tilde{E} > \right]$$

For π^+ : $\sigma_{LT'} \sim Im [< H_T >^* < \tilde{E} >]$

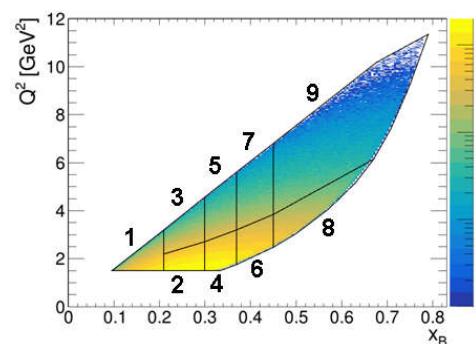
$$H_T^u = N^u \cdot e^{b_0^u \cdot t} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^6 c_i^u \cdot VE(x, i, \delta^u + \alpha^u \cdot t)$$

$$H_T^d = N^d \cdot e^{b_0^d \cdot t} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^6 c_i^d \cdot VE(x, i, \delta^d + \alpha^d \cdot t)$$

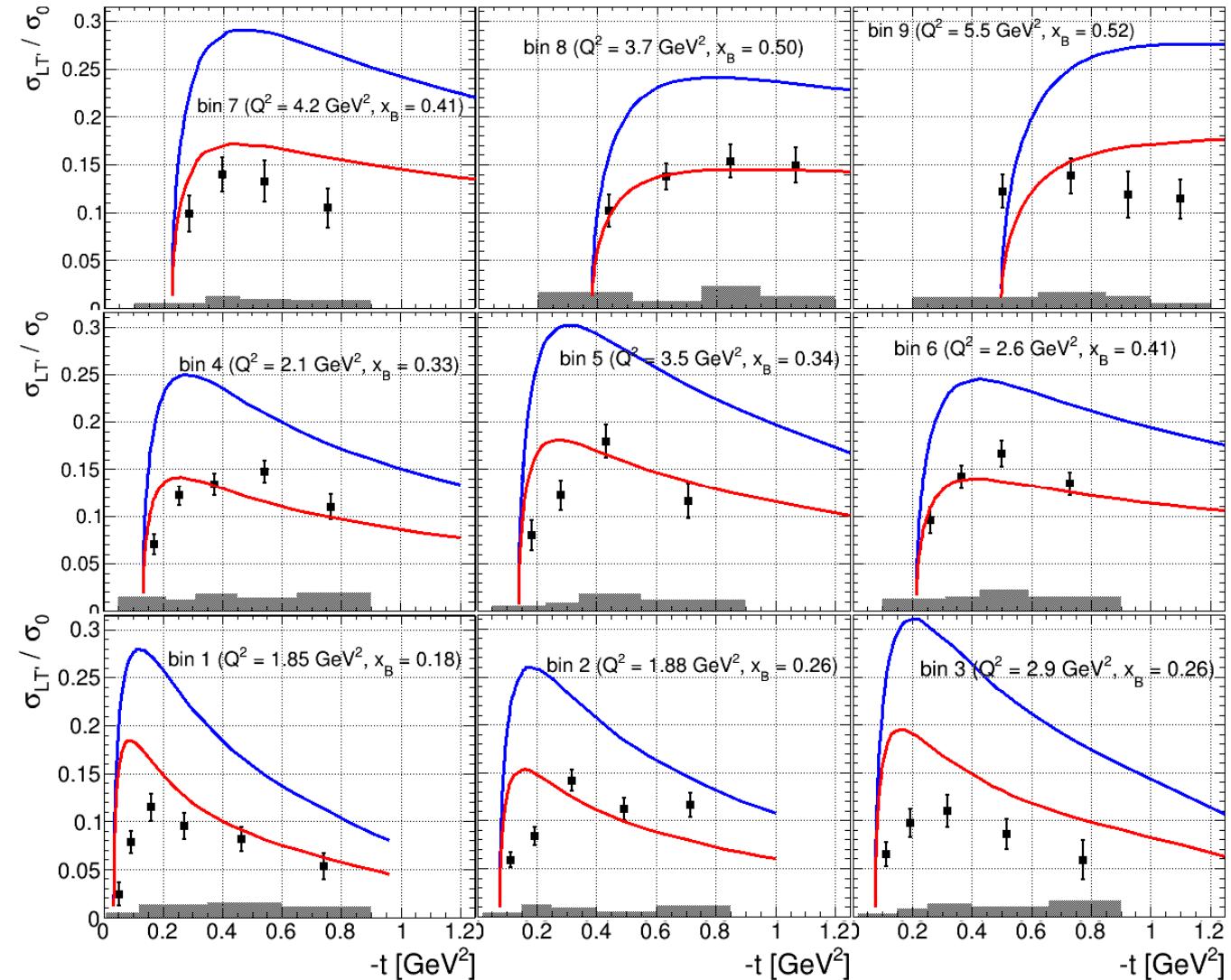


Final Plots

preliminary



- GK model
(original H_T)
- GK model
(optimized H_T)



Conclusion and Outlook

- Hard exclusive π^+ BSA in the GPD regime ($-t < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$) can be well extracted from CLAS12 RG-A data using only the FD.
- The background shape is understood and based on a bin by bin fit, the background subtraction is well under control.
- A dedicated eventgenerator (aaorad/aaonorad) is available.
- MC: ~ 500 Million MC are currently in production ($\sim 50\text{M}$ already produced).
- All methods for systematic studies are ready.
- Theory calculations based on the GK model are available.
- Momentum correction will be finalized.
- Analysis note is in preparation.