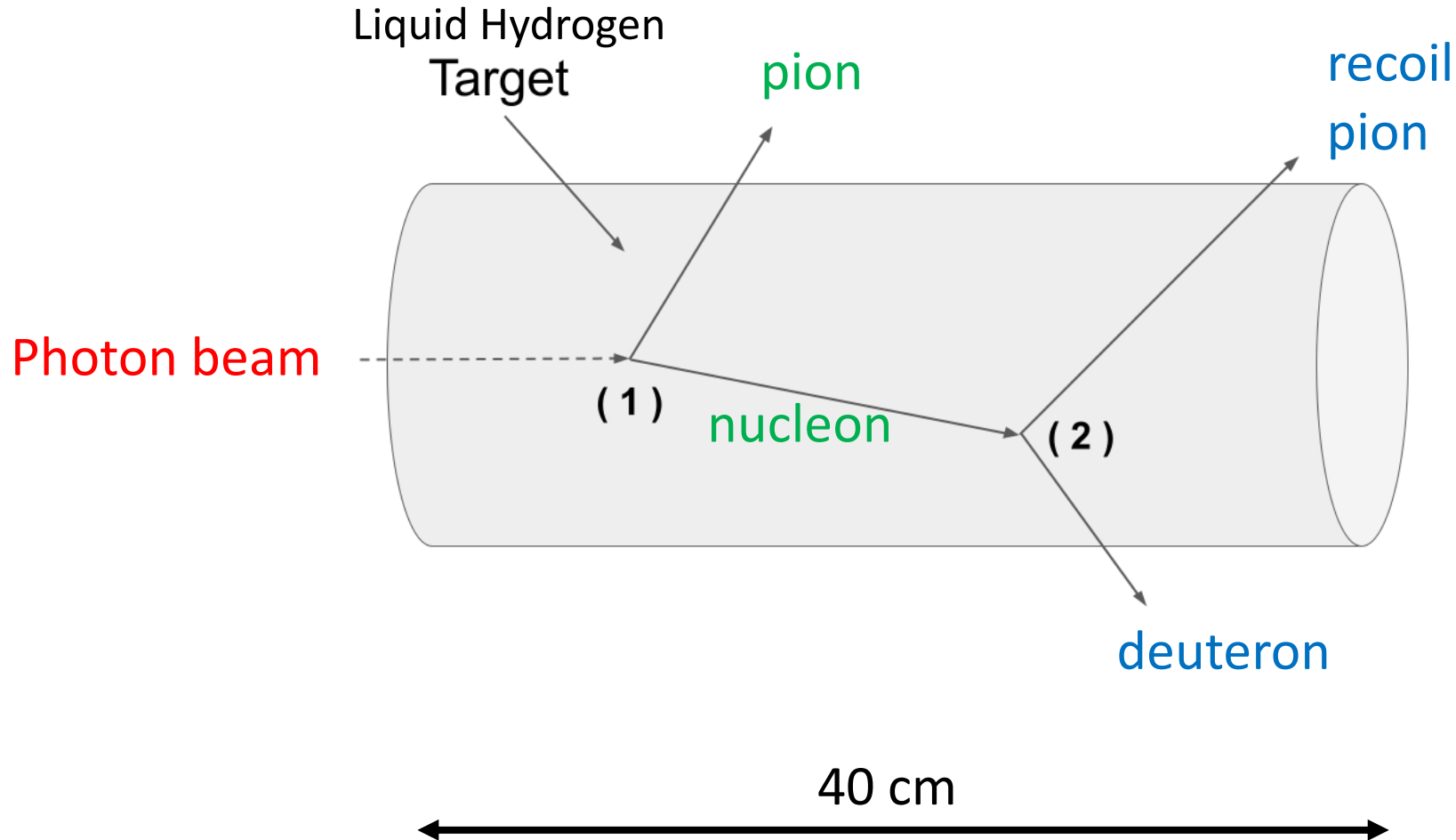


# Secondary scattering analysis using g11 data

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# The Reaction to be measured at CLAS



# Overview

- What is already known:

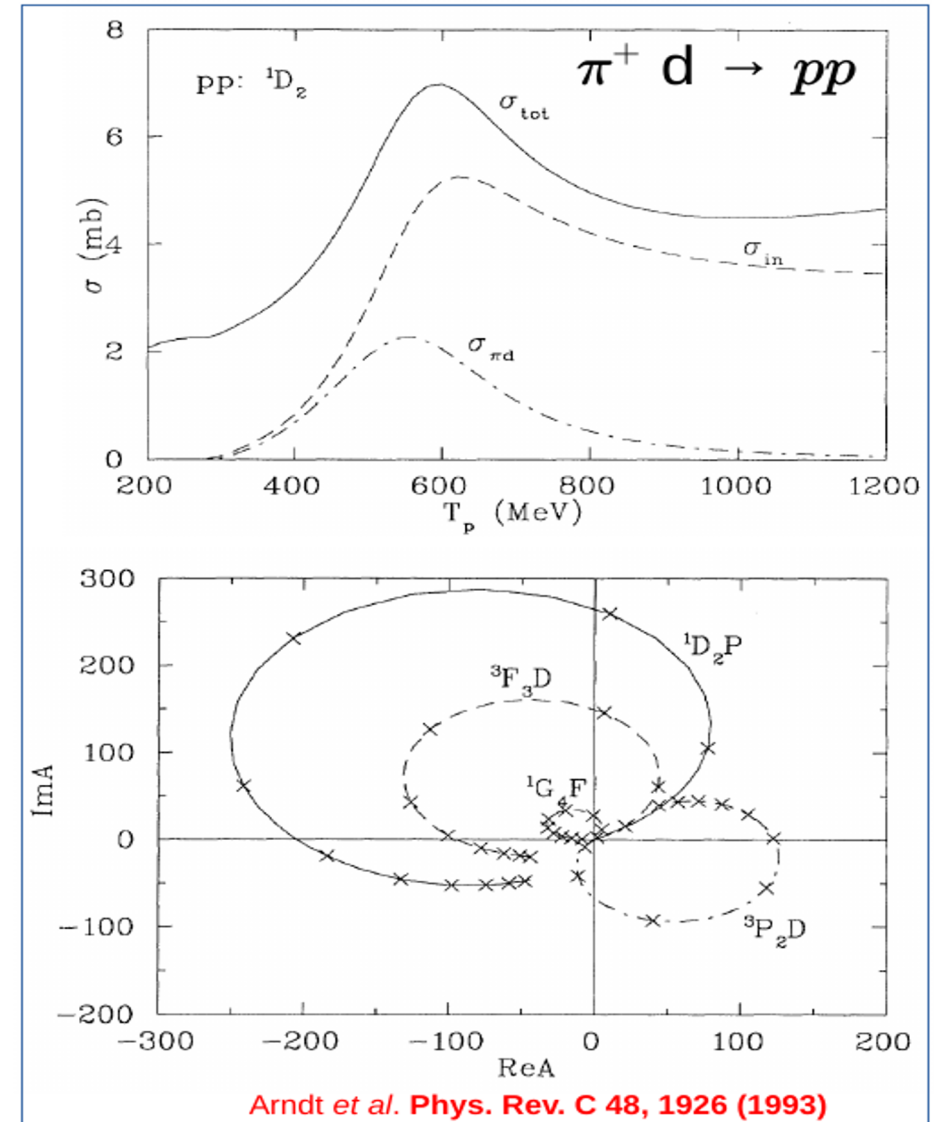
- The reaction  $pp \rightarrow d\pi^+$  reaction (and its inverse) cross sections are known.
- A **resonance** with mass about **2150 MeV** extracted from PWA ( $^1D_2, l=1$ ).
  - See SAID group PWA in Phys. Rev. C 56, 635 (1997) and references therein.
- This resonance is close to the combined  $N\Delta$  mass ( $\sim 2170$  MeV).
- Other data (WASA@COSY) see a higher-mass resonance near  $\Delta\Delta$  mass.
- These resonances were predicted in 1964 by F.J. Dyson and N-H Xuong.

- What is not known:

- The reaction  $np \rightarrow d\pi^0$  reaction is poorly known (but related by isospin).
- **What is the interference of the  $^1D_2$  resonance with quasifree  $N\Delta$  production?**

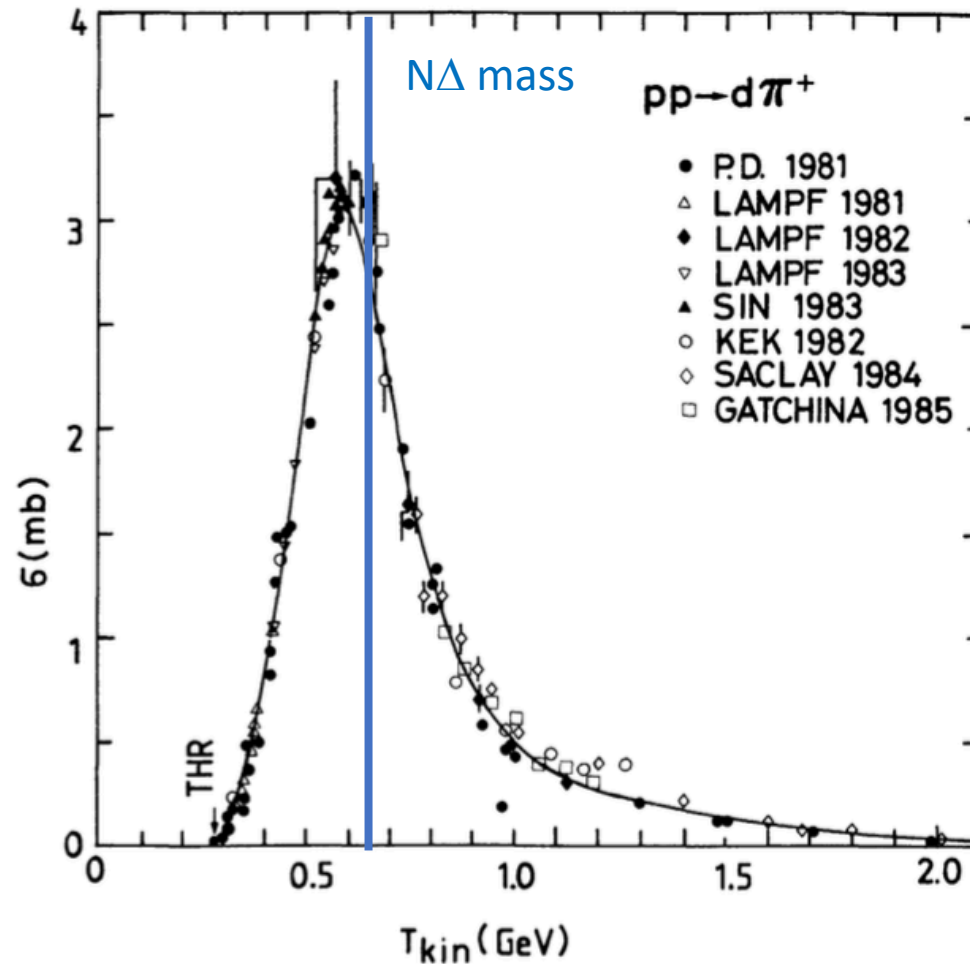
# $\pi^+d$ Scattering

- Partial Wave Analysis.
- Prominent “resonance pole” seen in the SAID analysis.
- $^1D_2$  wave in pp dibaryon system
- Pole mass and width:  $2148 - i 63$  MeV.



# Previous data: $pp \rightarrow d \pi^+$

Plot from: J. Bystricky et al., J. Physique 48 (1987) 1901.



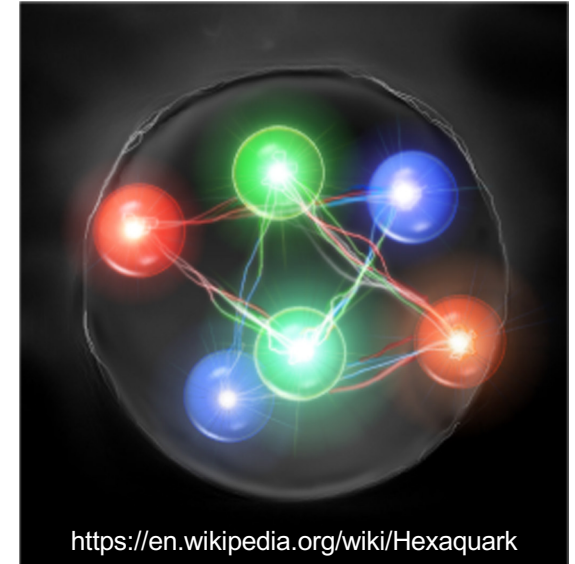
Data from a variety of facilities, shown by the legend.

Peak at  $T_{kin} = 0.55$  GeV  
Convert to  $W = 2.137$  GeV

Full width ( $\Gamma$ ) = 100 MeV

# Dibaryons

- Dibaryon: Particle with baryon number  $B = 2$ .
- Composed of six valence quarks
  - Six quarks in a bag.
- Theoretically expected and long sought resonances.



dibaryon	$I$	$S$	SU(3)	legend	mass
$\mathcal{D}_{01}$	0	1	$\overline{10}$	deuteron	$A$
$\mathcal{D}_{10}$	1	0	<b>27</b>	$nn$	$A$
$\mathcal{D}_{12}$	1	2	<b>27</b>	$N\Delta$	$A + 6B$
$\mathcal{D}_{21}$	2	1	<b>35</b>	$N\Delta$	$A + 6B$
$\mathcal{D}_{03}$	0	3	$\overline{10}$	$\Delta\Delta$	$A + 10B$
$\mathcal{D}_{30}$	3	0	<b>28</b>	$\Delta\Delta$	$A + 10B$

Freeman J. Dyson and Nguyen-Huu Xuong  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 13, 815 – Published 28 December 1964

- Dyson-Xuong mass formula:
  - $M_{N\Delta} \approx 2160 \text{ MeV}$
  - $M_{\Delta\Delta} \approx 2350 \text{ MeV}$
- A. Gal, H Garcilazo, “3-body model calculations of  $N\Delta$  and  $\Delta\Delta$  dibaryon resonances” Nucl. Phys. A 928 (2014) 73-88
- H. Clement, “On the History of Dibaryons and their Final Observation”, Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 93 (2017) 195-242

# Why remeasure this at CLAS?

- To demonstrate a new technique: secondary scattering
  - First vertex: photoproduction of hadrons (well-known cross sections)
    - Using liquid hydrogen (LH2) or liquid deuterium (LD2) targets
  - Second vertex: hadron-nucleon scattering
  - We can measure various hadron-proton reactions at CLAS!
    - For example:  $\Lambda$ -p elastic scattering, which is poorly known.
- First, we must show we can reproduce a known cross section
  - If this works, we can apply it to other reactions.
    - Another example:  $\pi p \rightarrow \pi\pi p$  which is also poorly known.

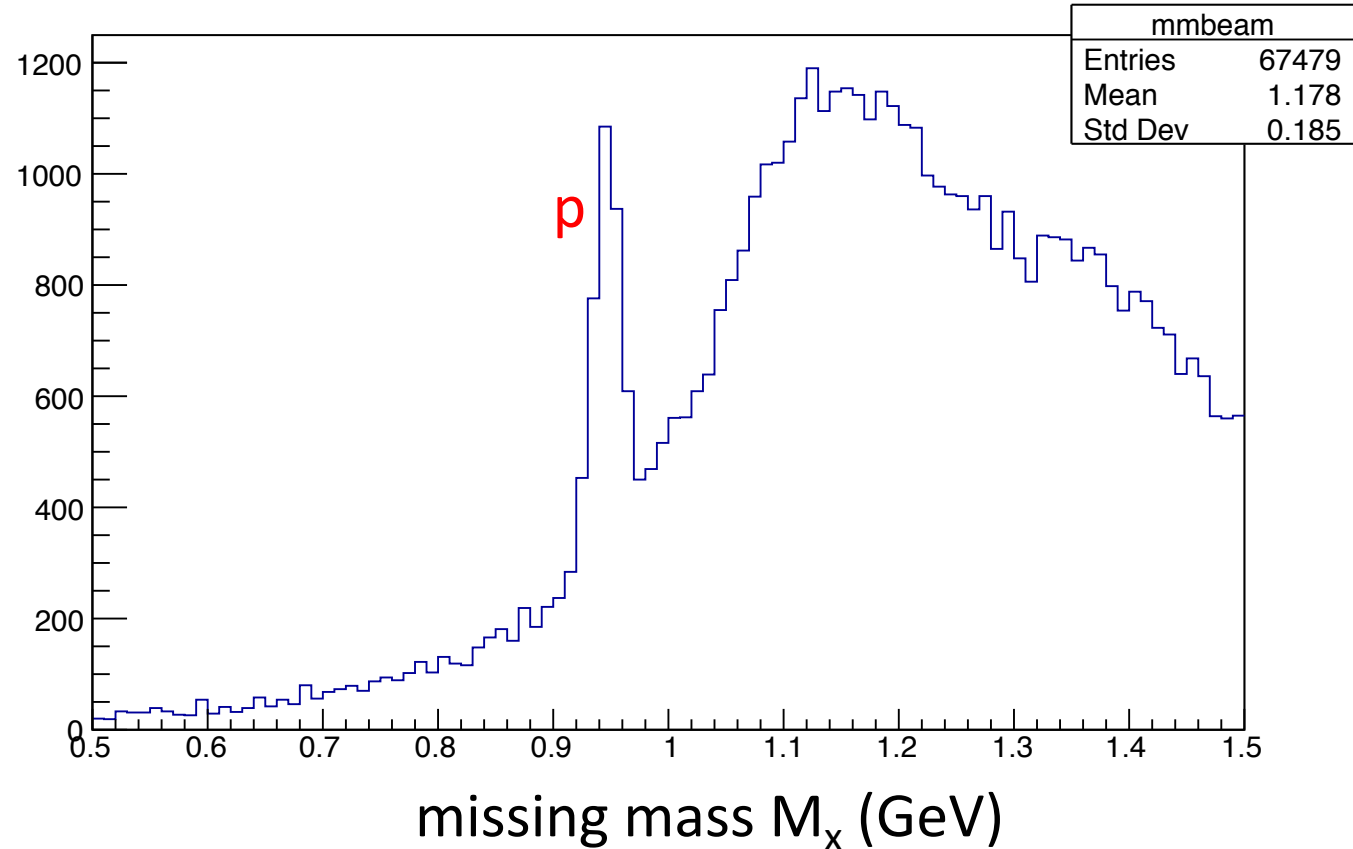
# What do we measure?

- Incident beam/target: GeV photons on 40-cm LH2 target
- Detected particles: coincidence of  $\pi^+$  and deuteron.
  - At first, this sounds ridiculous:  $\gamma p \rightarrow d \pi^+$  violates: baryon #, charge conserv.
- **Two-step process:**
  - Step 1: produce a neutron:  $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p$
  - Step 2: proton re-scatters:  $pp \rightarrow d \pi^+$
- Do this with missing masses (in reverse order):
  - Step 2: proton 4-vector from  $MM(Xp, d\pi^+)$  for  $X = \text{proton mass}$ .
  - Step 1: pion 4-vector from  $MM(\gamma p, pX)$  for  $X = \text{pion mass}$ .



Now look for  $Xp \rightarrow d\pi^+$  ( $X=p$ )

$MM(Xp, d\pi^+)$

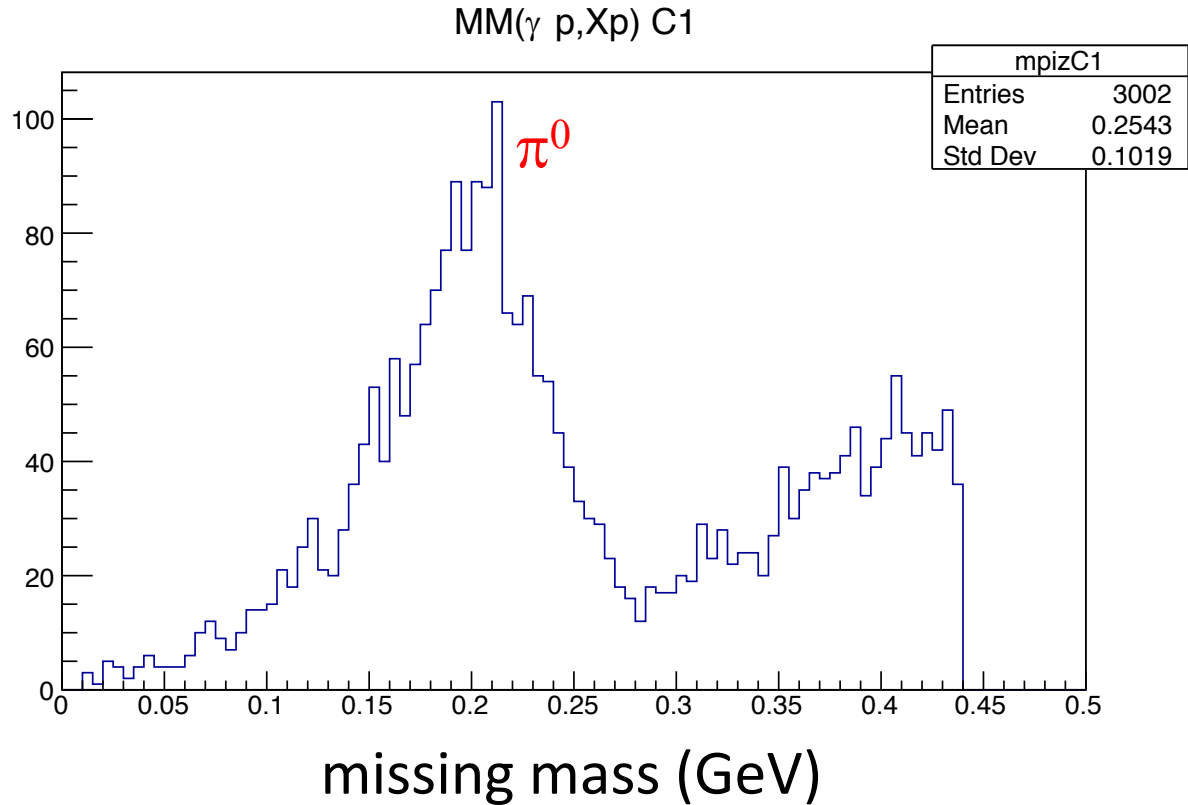


Clear peak at the proton mass. Lots of background, but most of it can be removed with kinematical cuts.

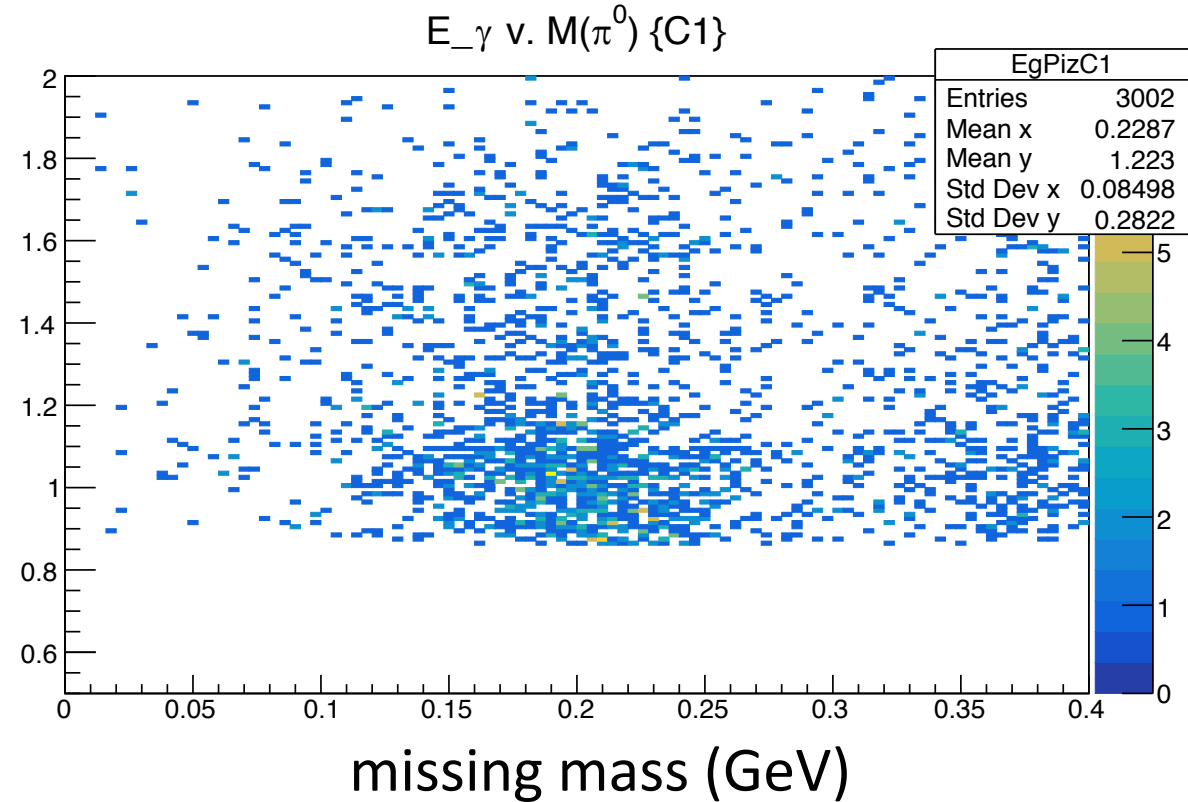
# Analysis Details

- Skim conditions:
  - Standard particle ID: select d and  $\pi^+$ , with  $|\text{MM}(\gamma pp, d\pi^+) - m_{\pi^0}| < 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ .
  - keep up to 3 photons within 2.5 ns of "trigger time" (stored by EVNT).
- Analysis conditions:
  - $\text{MM}^2(\gamma pp, d\pi^+) > -0.1 \text{ GeV}$  (removes much background)
  - Cut on missing nucleon peak (vertex 1):  $|\text{MM}(\gamma p, \pi) - m_N| < 0.06 \text{ GeV}$ .
  - z-vertex within the target volume (both d and  $\pi^+$ )
  - nucleon momentum (between vertex 1 & 2)  $> 0.75 \text{ GeV}/c$  (threshold for  $d\pi$ )
- Binning:
  - $0.9 < E_\gamma < 1.5 \text{ GeV}$  (CM energy, W, from threshold to above resonance)
  - steps of 0.05 GeV for incident nucleon momentum from 0.9 to 1.35 GeV/c.

# Cut on proton: look for $\pi^0$ in Missing Mass



Pion mass comes out high (energy-loss).



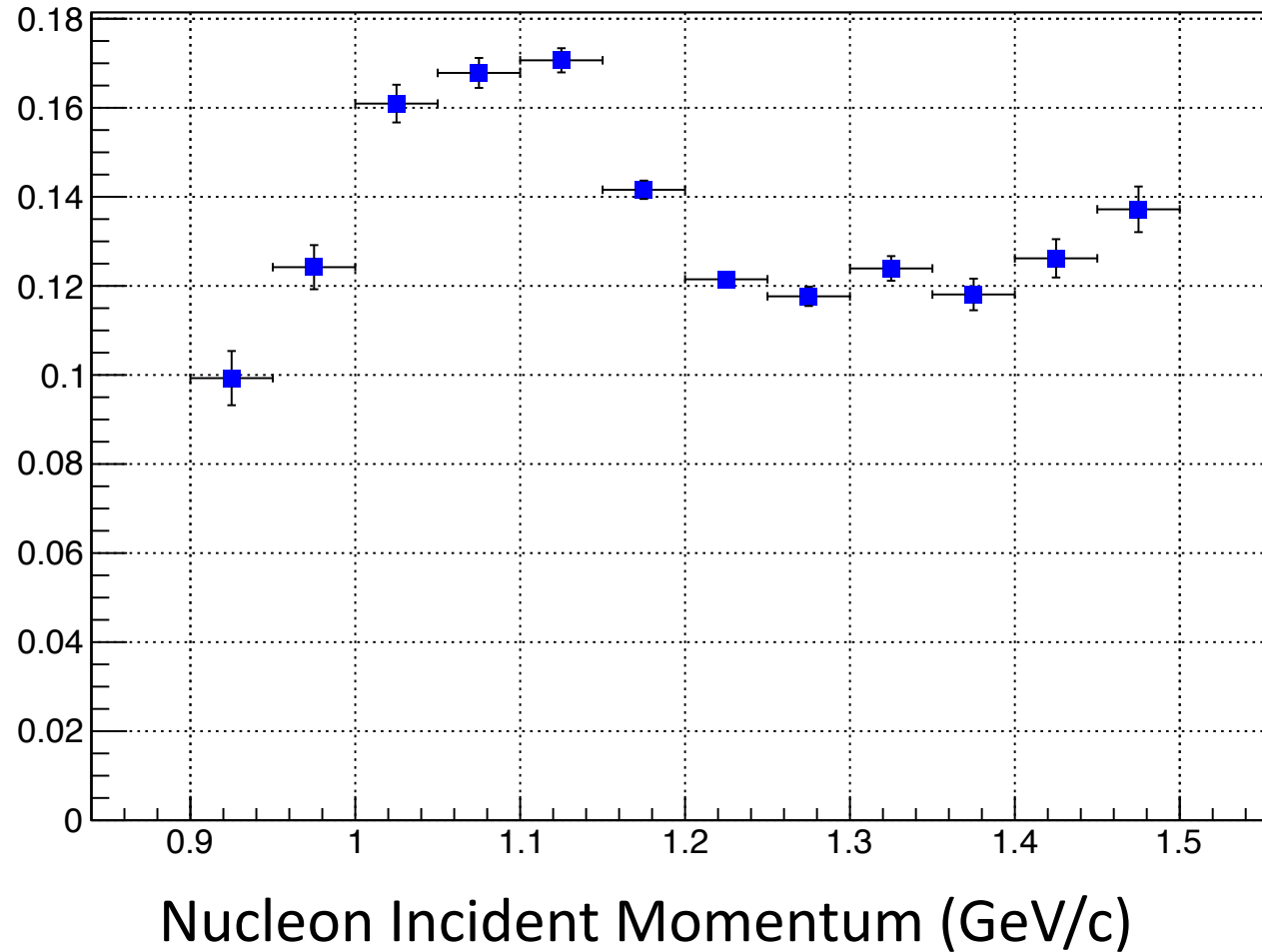
Most of the events in range of  $E_\gamma = 0.9-1.1$  GeV

# Cross section calculation

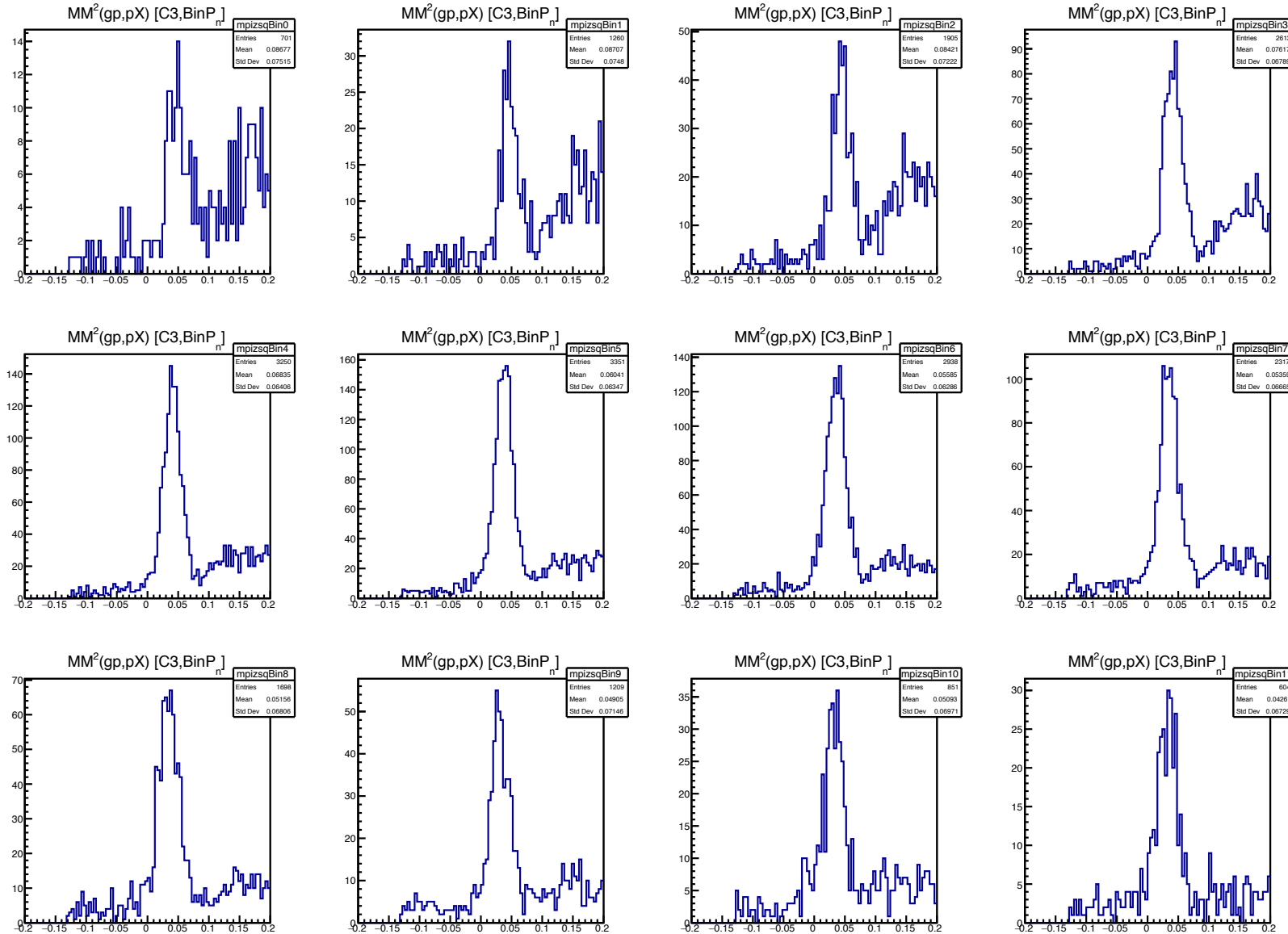
- **Step 1: calculate the proton “beam” flux (or luminosity)**
  - This is not trivial but can be done using simulations.
- **Step 2: get the detector acceptance**
  - A two-vertex generator was coded (N. Zachariou) specially for this.
  - The GSIM code, based on CERN’s geant, is well documented for CLAS.
  - The hardware trigger and run-time conditions are also simulated.
- **Step 3: get the counts for a specific beam-momentum bin**
  - For now, restrict photon beam energy to  $0.9 < E_\gamma < 1.1$  GeV.
  - Take bins in proton-momentum, *e.g.*,  $1.00 < p_{\text{prot}} < 1.05$  GeV/c.
- **Step 4: calculate!**

# MC acceptance $pp \rightarrow d\pi^+$ : Event gen. by Nick Z.

Acceptance for  $pp \rightarrow d\pi^+$

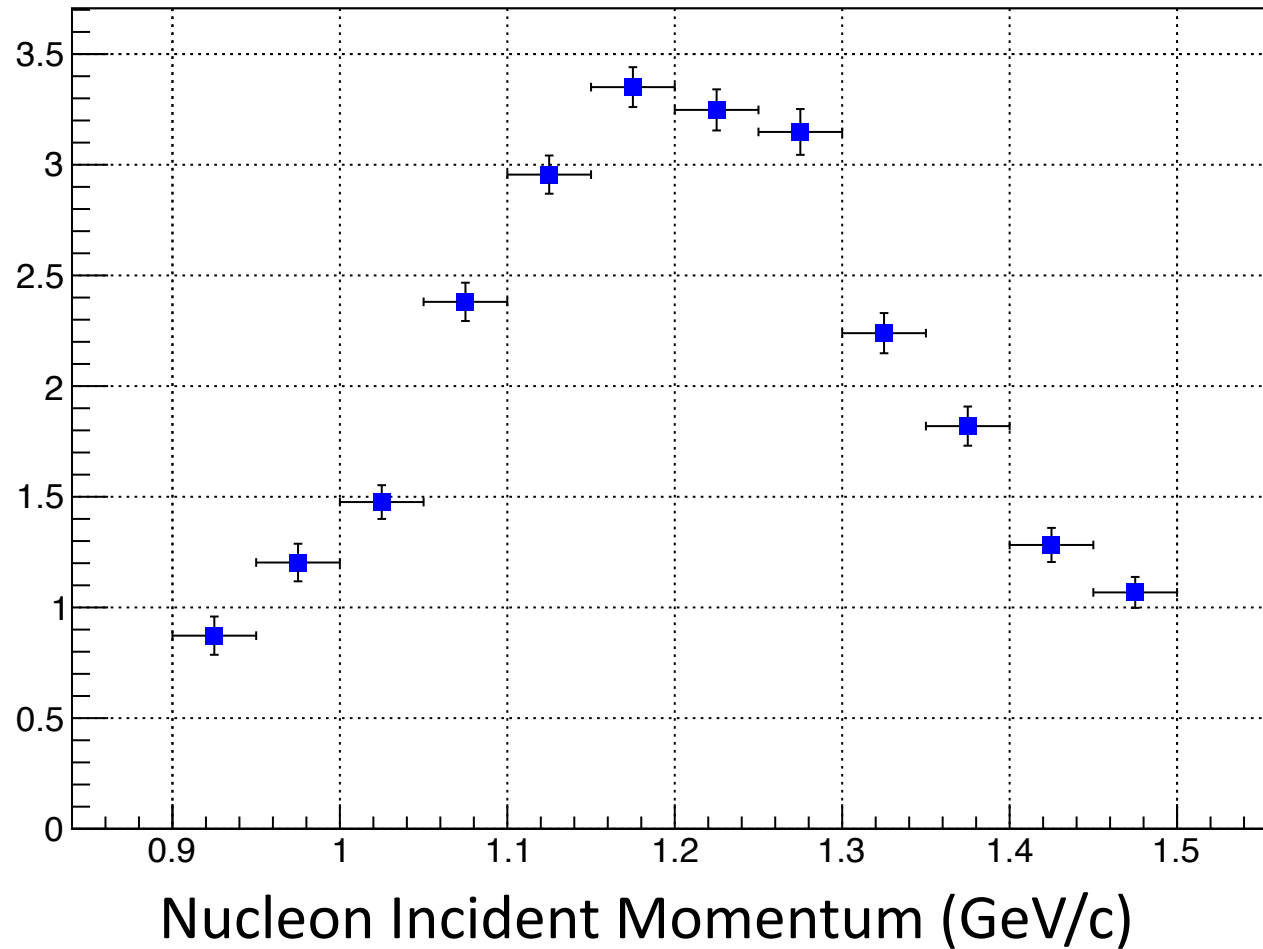


# Data: peak yield (all runs, $E_\gamma$ 0.9-1.5), $pp \rightarrow dpi$

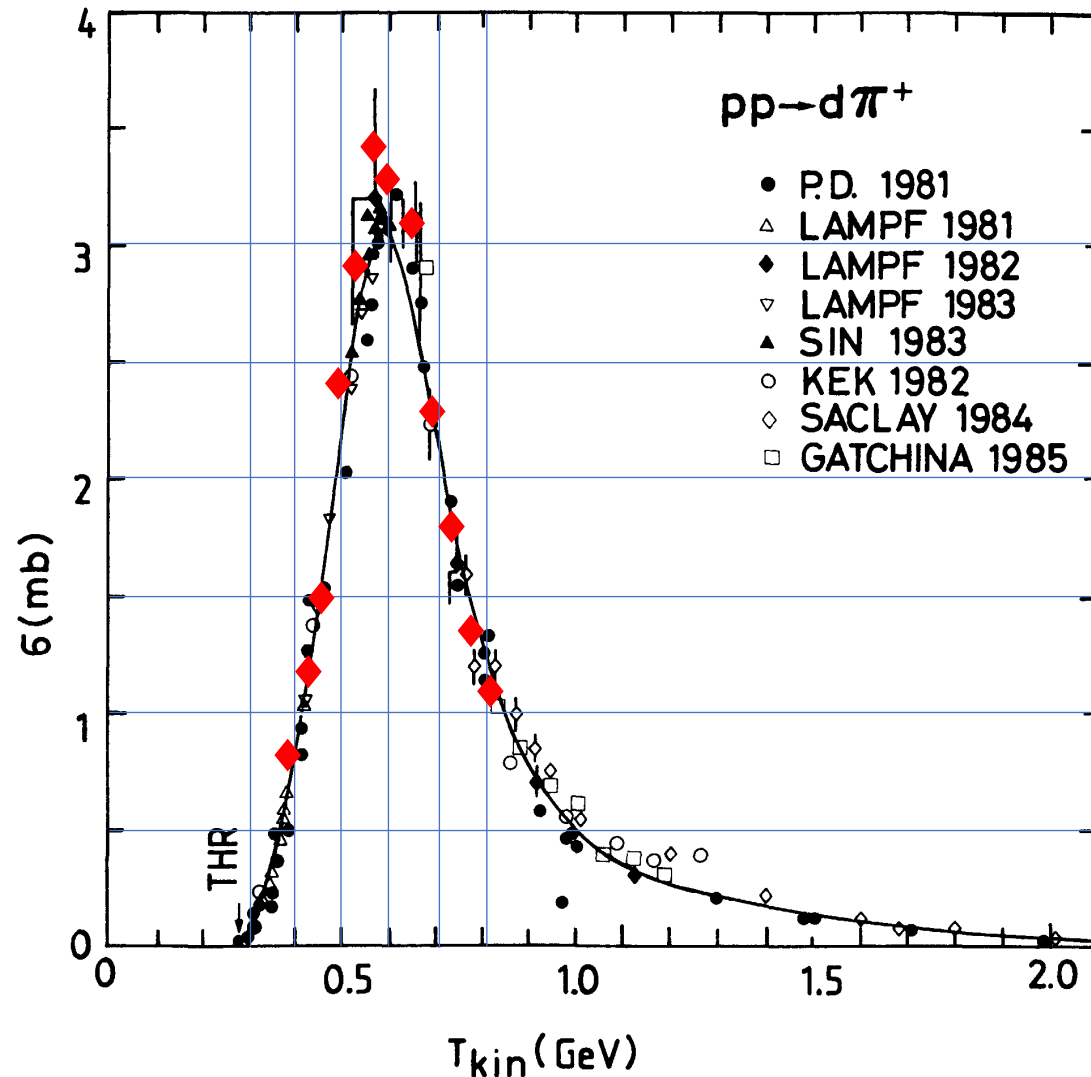


# Cross sections: $pp \rightarrow d\pi^+$ (statistical error bars)

Cross Sections for  $pp \rightarrow d\pi^+$



# Preliminary results (red diamonds):



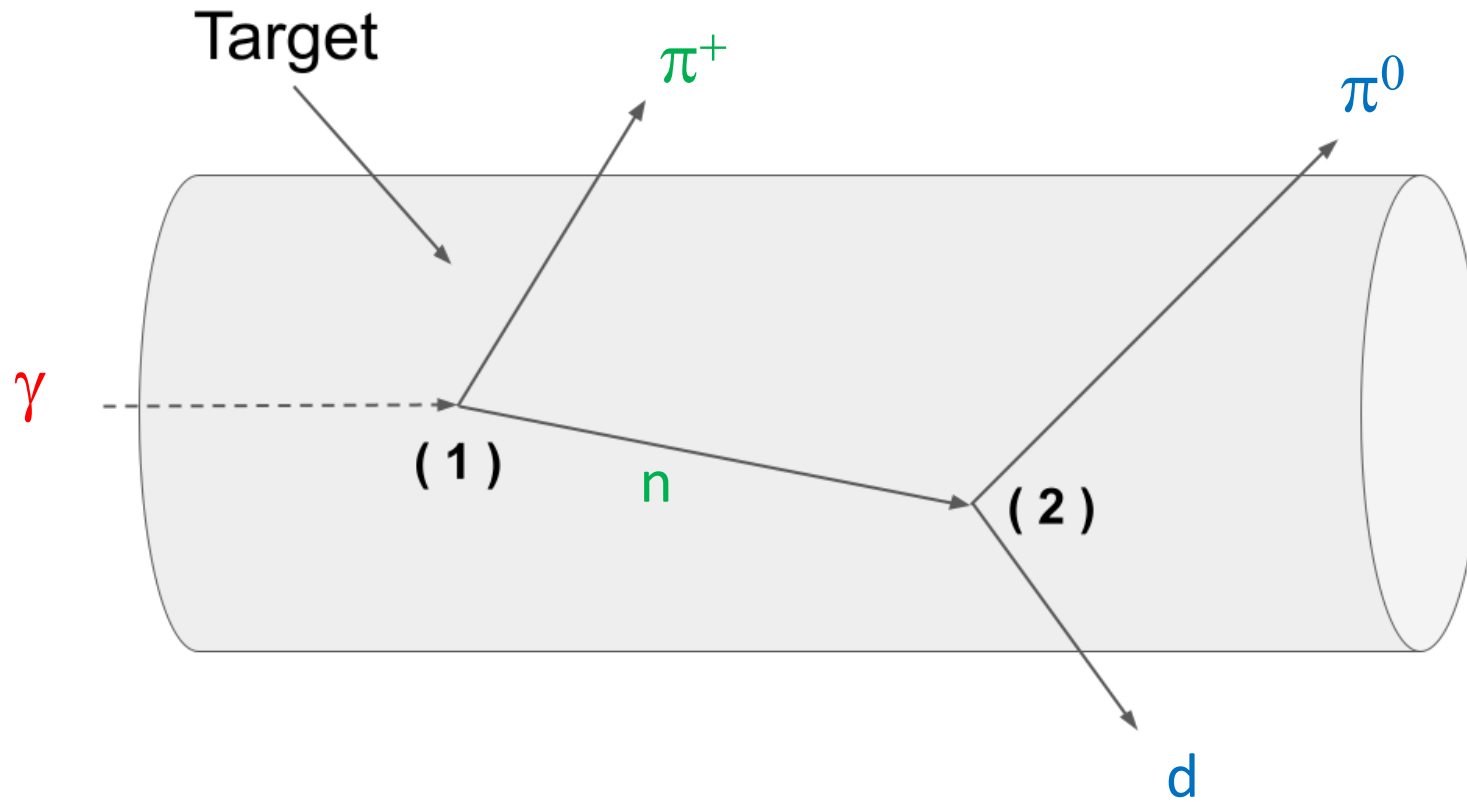
Note: statistical errors are about the size of the points.

Systematic uncertainties are of the order of 10%, mainly due to the global normalization uncertainty.

Points at higher beam energy can be extracted, given time.



Bonus: get  $np \rightarrow d\pi^0$  for free!



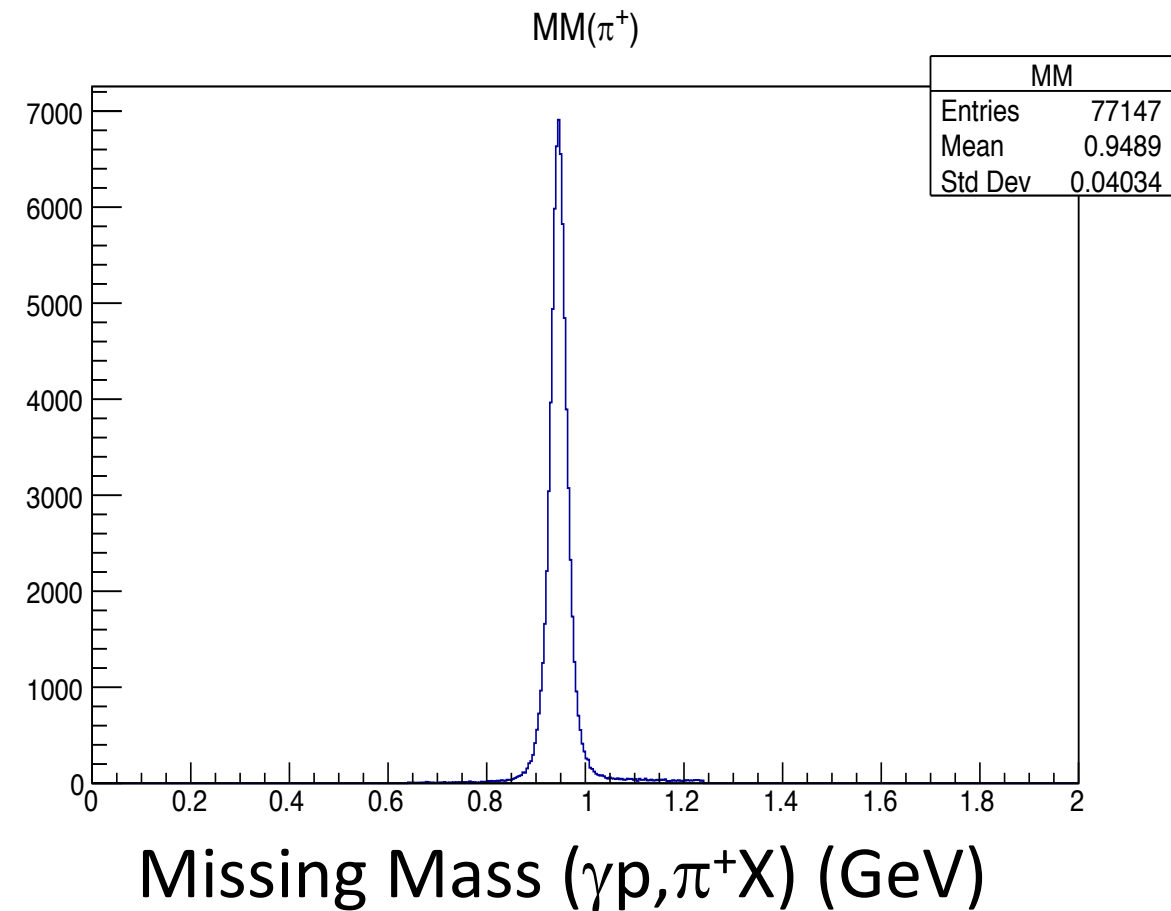
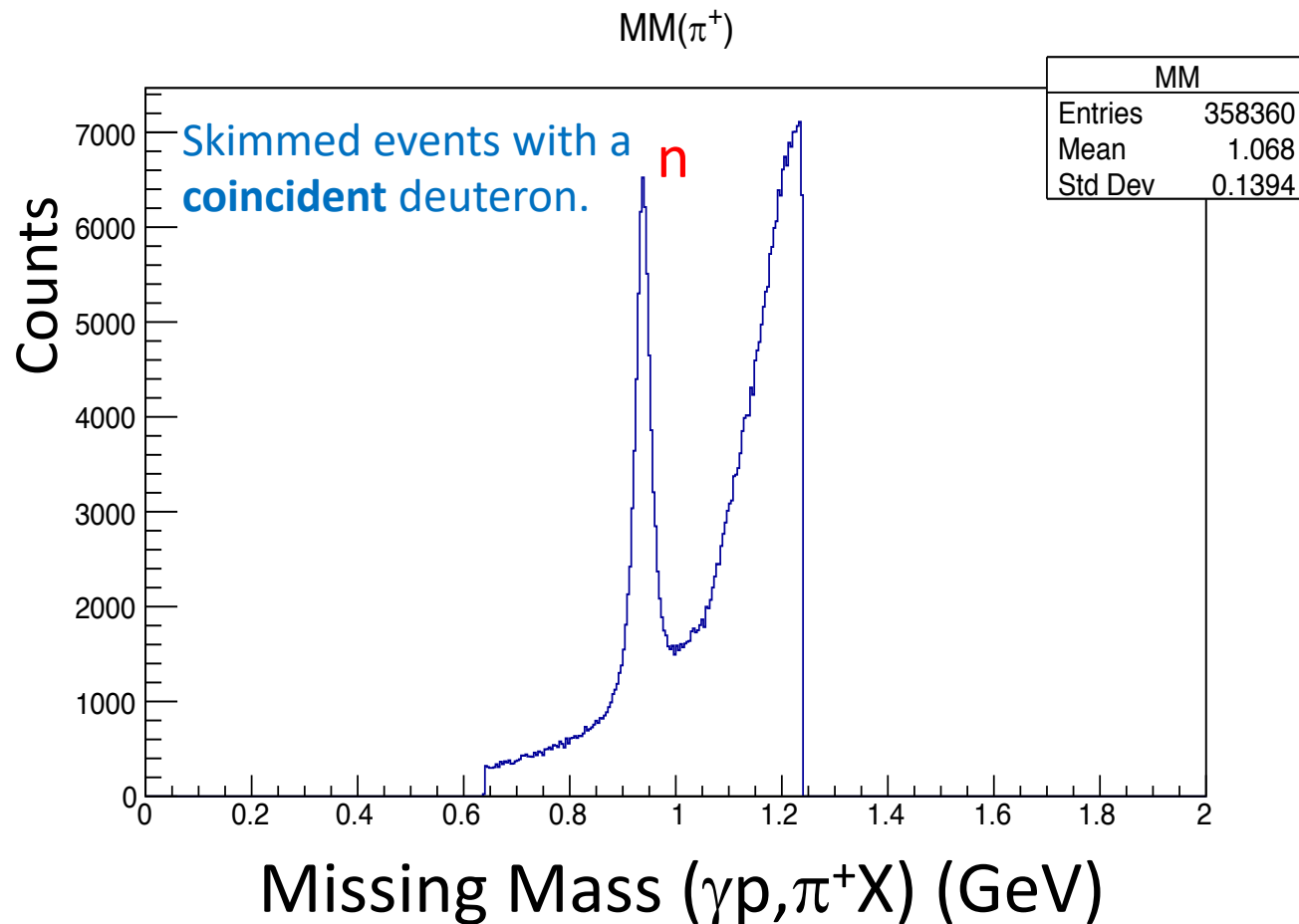
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- Two-step process:
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- Do this using missing masses:
  - Step 1: neutron 4-vector from  $MM(\gamma p, \pi^+ X)$  for  $X = \text{neutron mass}$ .
  - Step 2:  $\pi^0$  4-vector from  $MM(np, dX)$  for  $X = \text{pion mass}$ .

# Step 1: Missing mass of $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$ .

G11 data: lots of background!

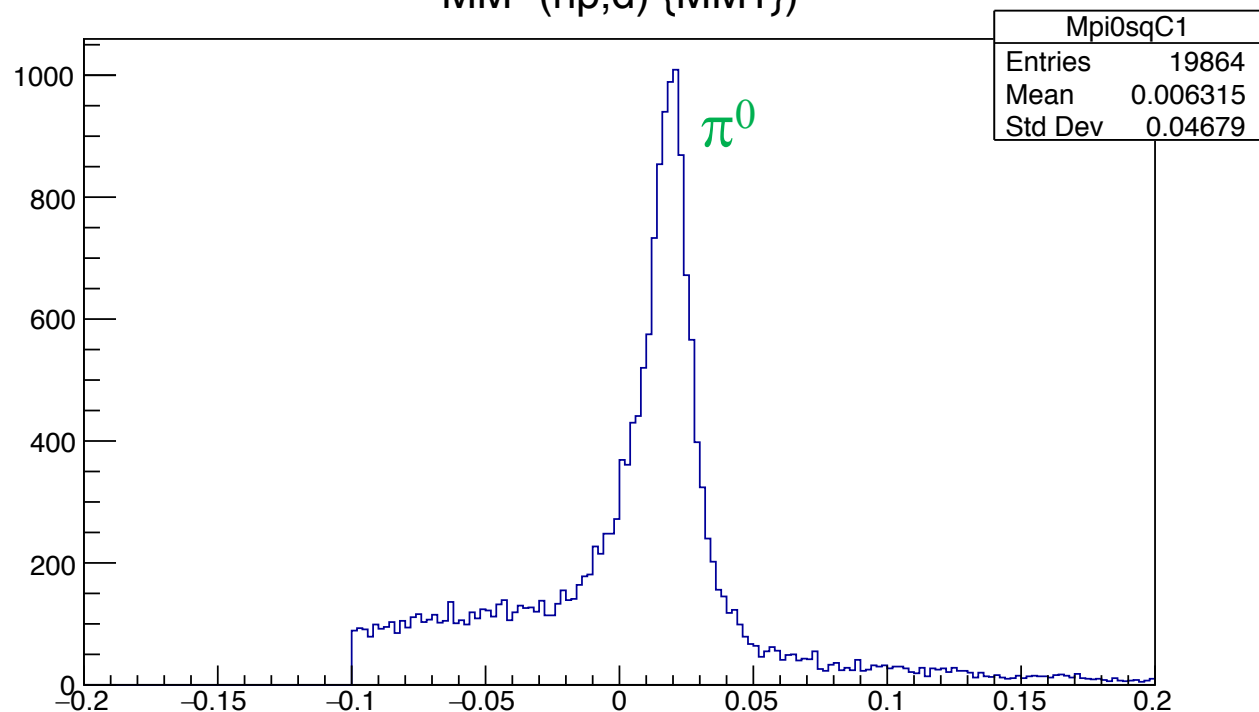
MC using N.Z.'s event generator



# Step 2: Missing mass of $np \rightarrow d \pi^0$ .

g11: after kinematical cuts

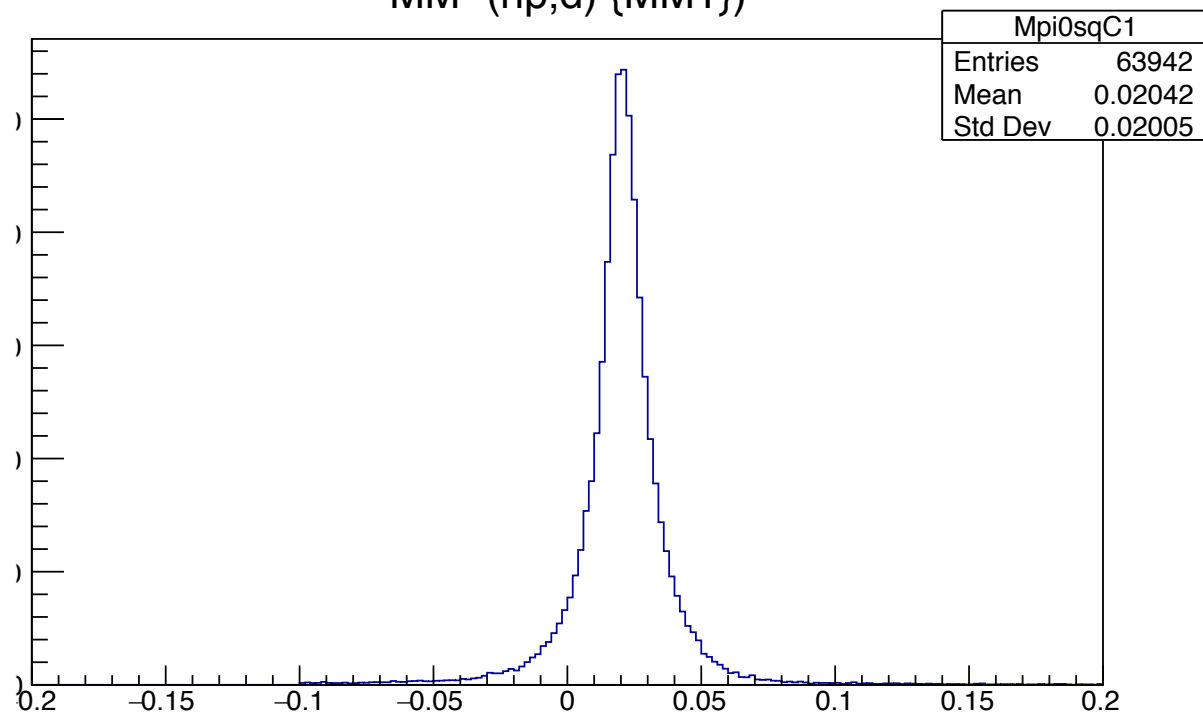
$MM^2 (np,d) \{MM1\}$



Missing Mass Squared (np,dX) (GeV<sup>2</sup>)

MC: ~17% loss of events

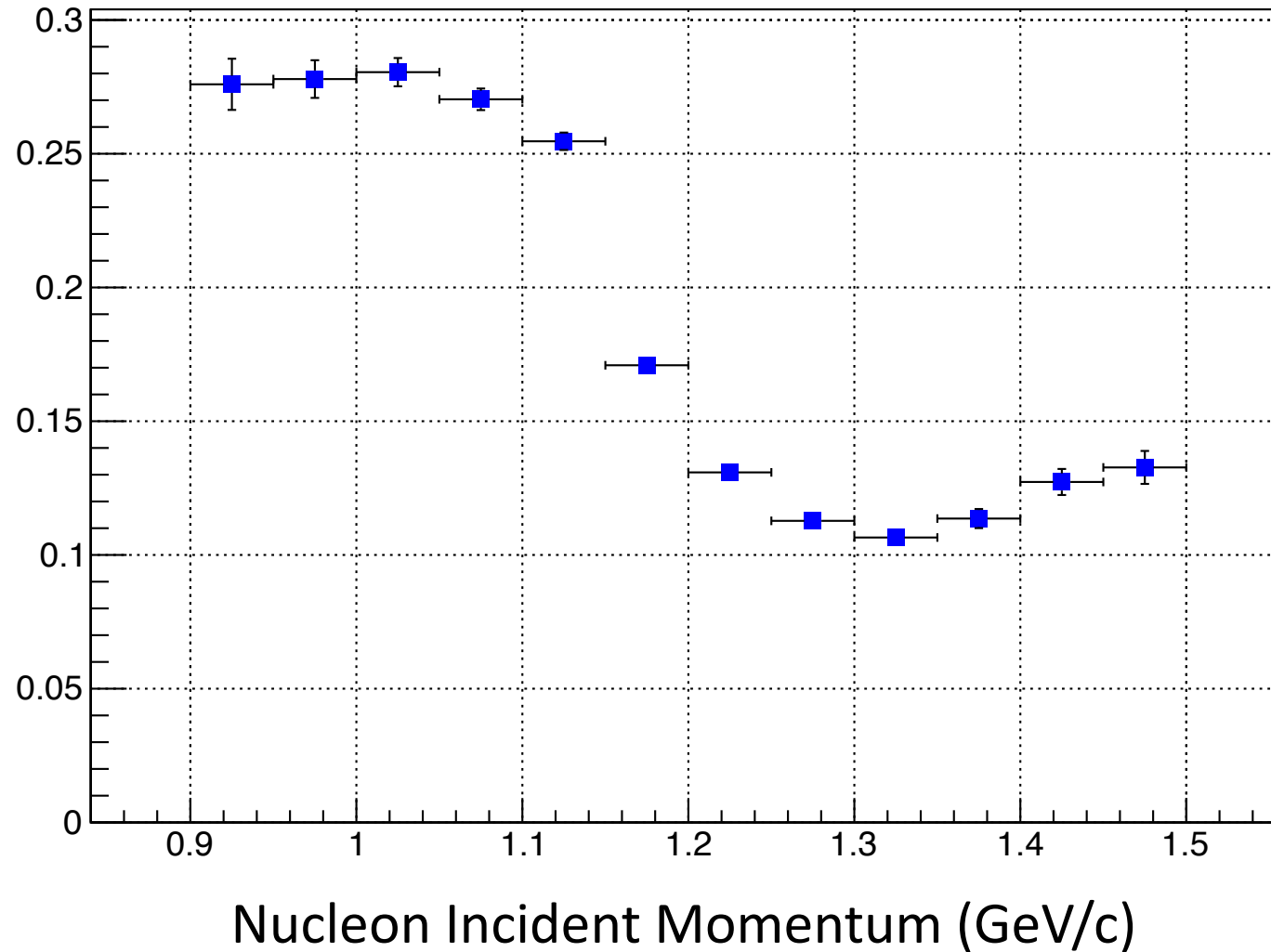
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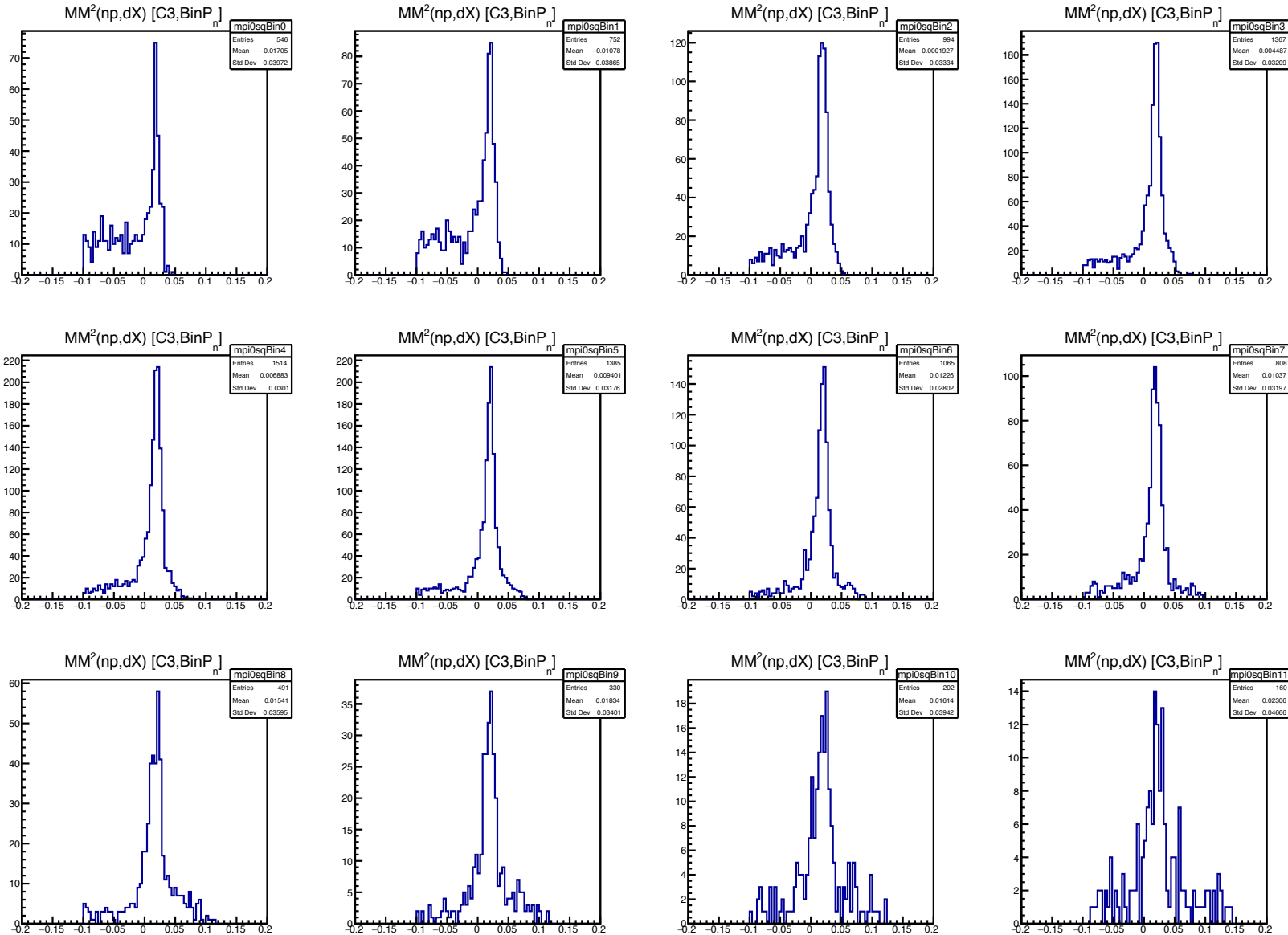
Missing Mass Squared (np,dX) (GeV<sup>2</sup>)

# Acceptance: event generator by Nick Z.

CLAS Acceptance for  $np \rightarrow d \pi^0$

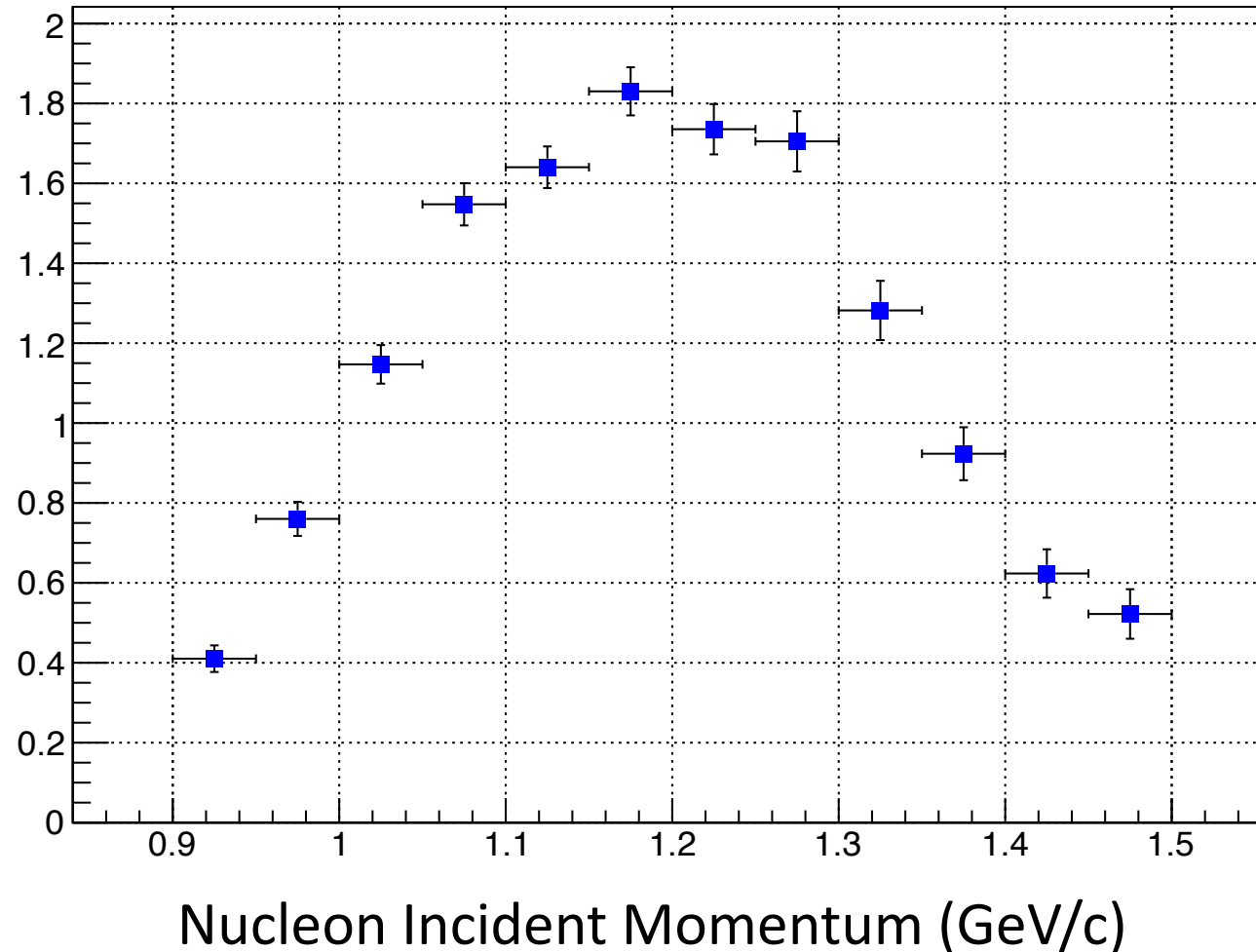


# Data: peak yield (all runs, $E_\gamma$ 0.9-1.5), np->dpi

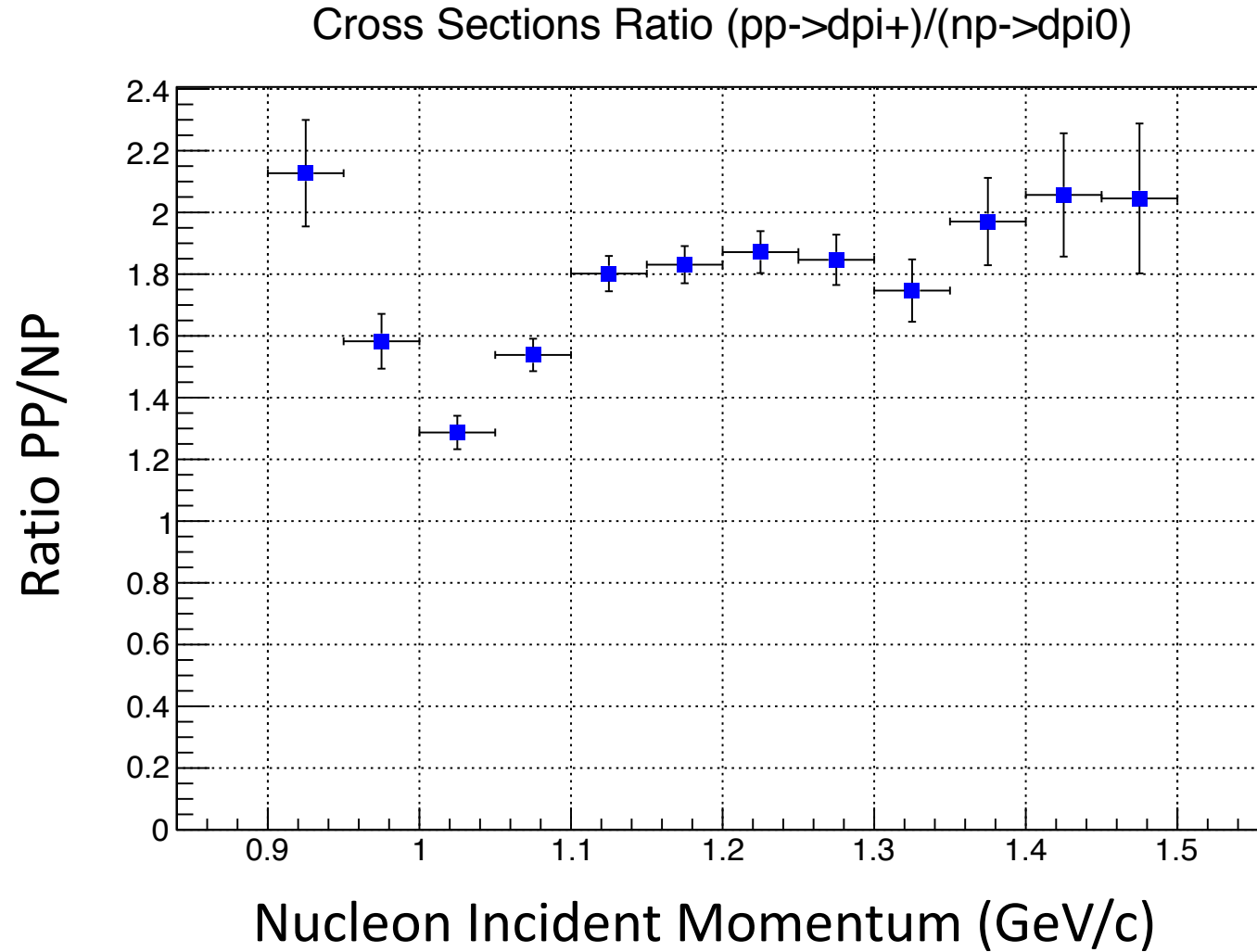


# Cross sections: $np \rightarrow d\pi^0$ (statistical error bars)

Cross Sections for  $np \rightarrow d\pi^0$



# Ratio of cross sections (preliminary)





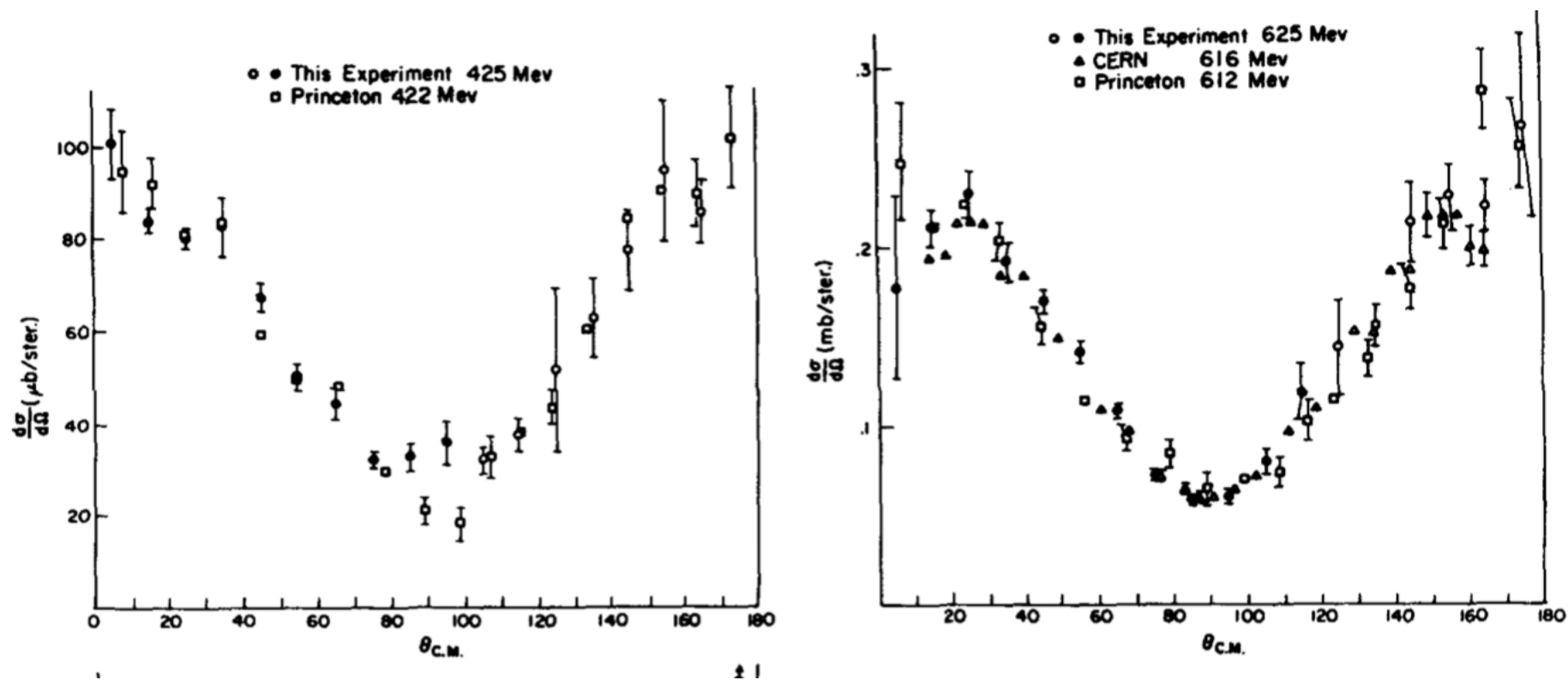
# Summary

- These results are still preliminary!
  - Systematic uncertainties are still being evaluated.
- This new technique gives cross sections that **agree with world data**.
  - This give confidence that we can measure other hadron-beam reactions.
  - One advantage here: **both  $pp \rightarrow d\pi^+$  and  $np \rightarrow d\pi^0$  in the same data set**.
- The expected ratio (charge independence) of  $(pp \rightarrow d\pi^+) / (np \rightarrow d\pi^0) = 2$ .
  - Assumes no isospin-breaking in the interference of resonance & background.
  - Note: only a single absolute cross section for  $np \rightarrow d\pi^0$  in the past.
    - Ref.: V.B. Fliagin, et al., JEPT 35, 592 (1959). All other papers assume isospin symmetry.
  - Our preliminary results give a lower ratio, especially just above threshold.

Backup

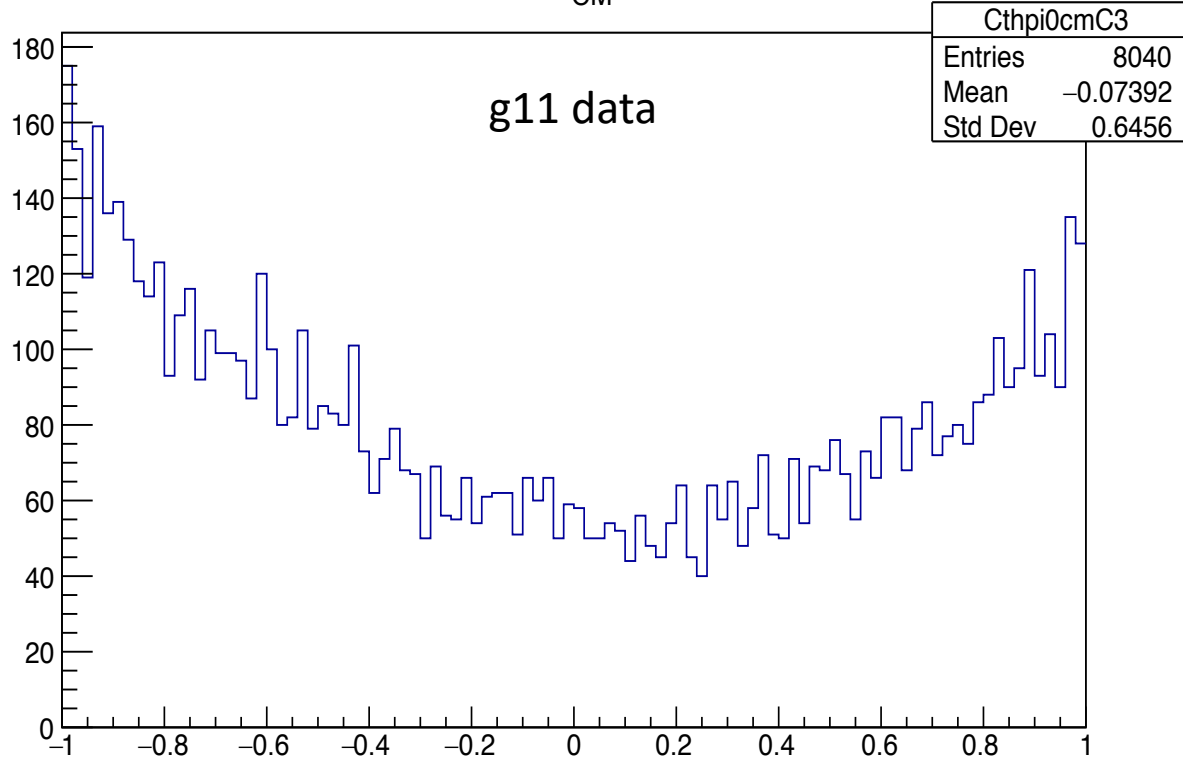
ISOSPIN INVARIANCE IN THE REACTION  $n+p \rightarrow \pi^0+d^*$ 

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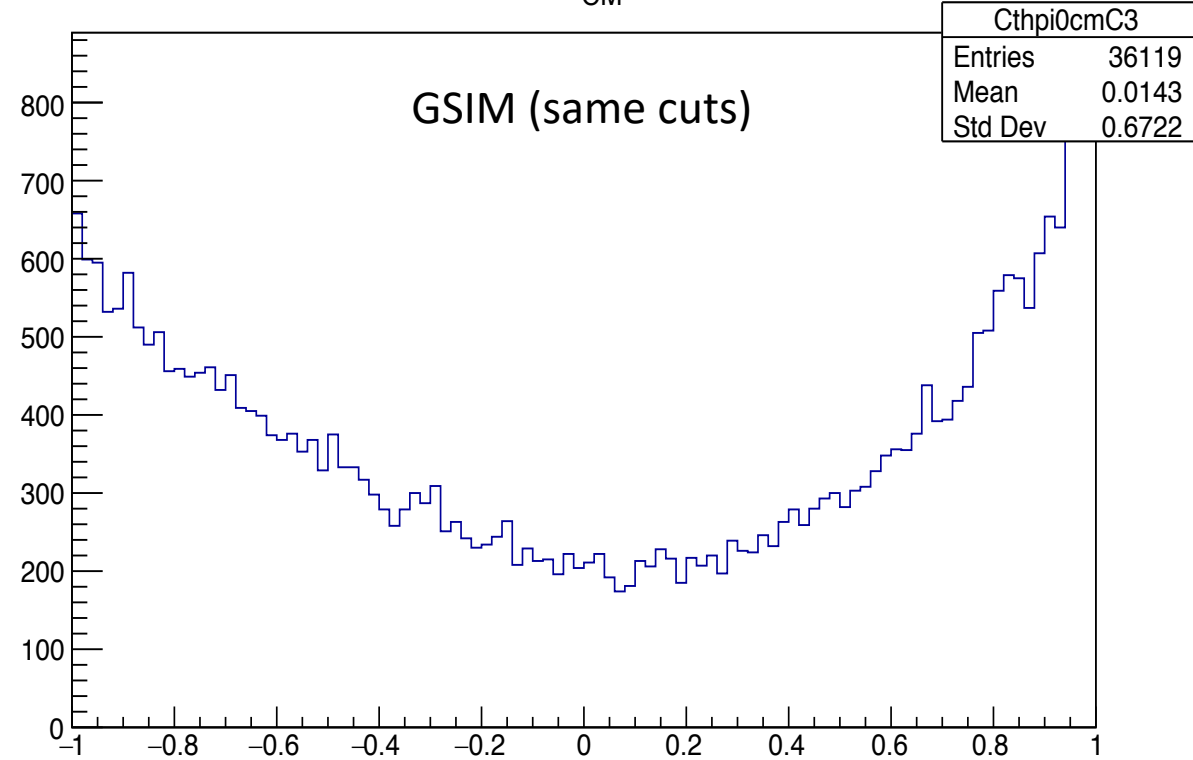
# Angular Distributions: $np \rightarrow d \pi^0$

$\text{Cos}(\theta_{\text{CM}}) \pi^0$



$\text{Cos}(\theta_{\pi^0})_{\text{CM}}$

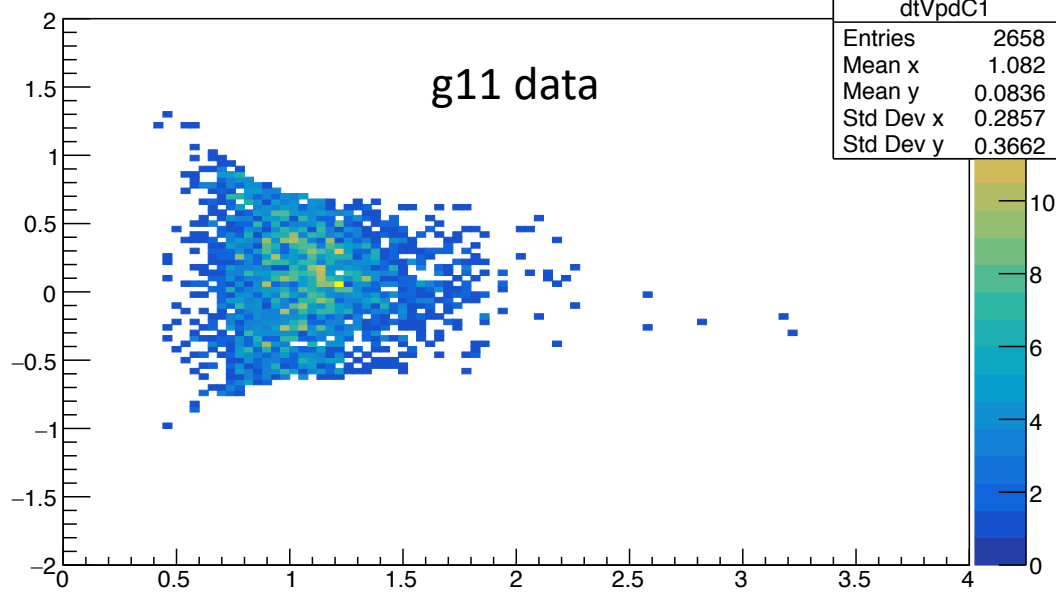
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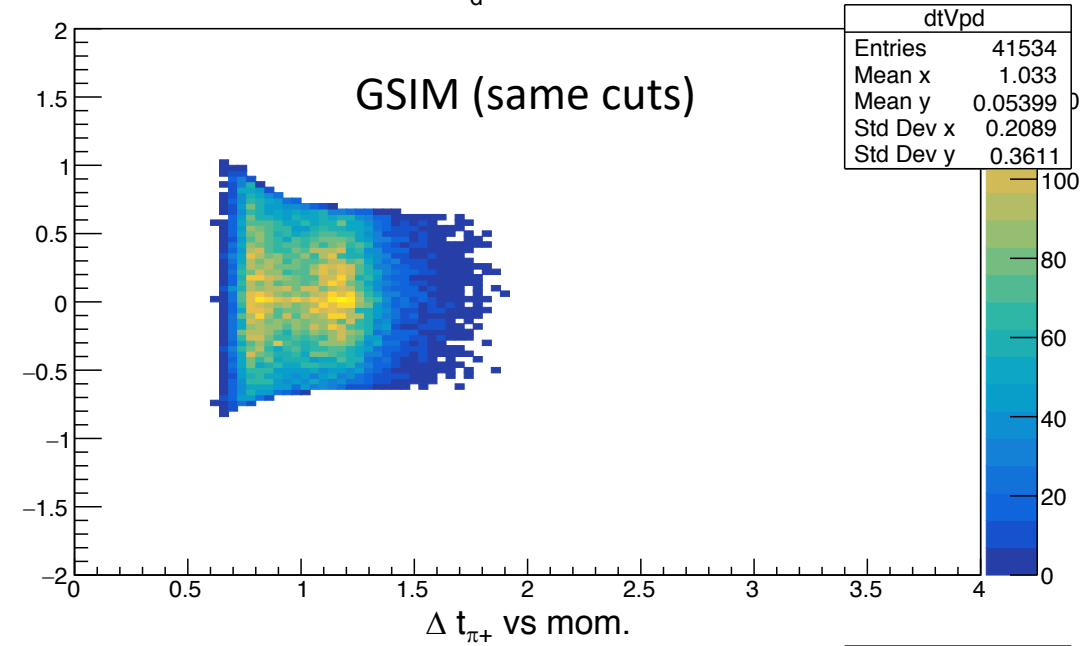
$\text{Cos}(\theta_{\pi^0})_{\text{CM}}$

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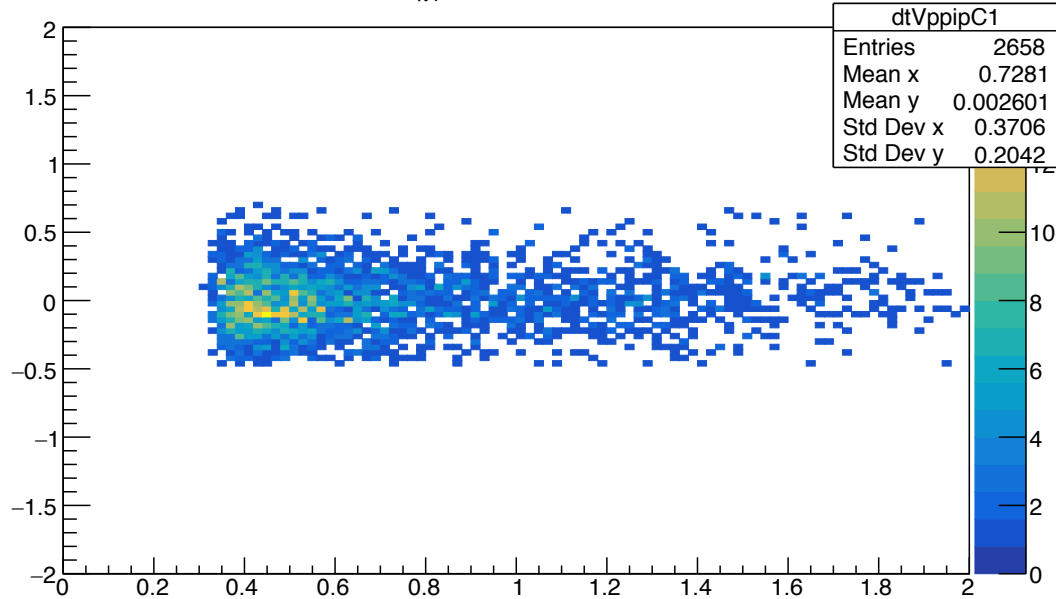
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