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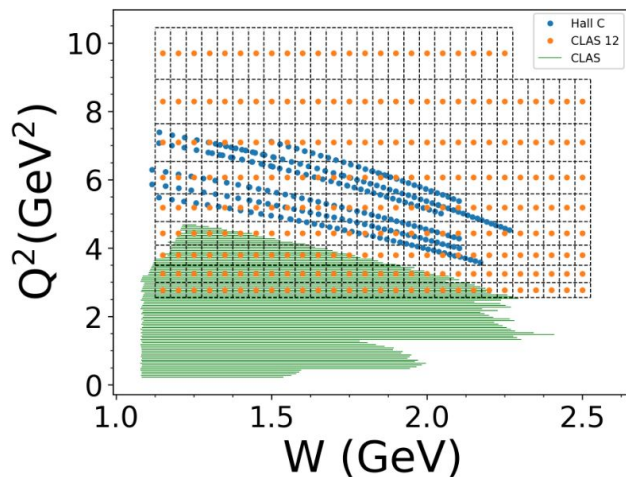
# Estimation of contributions from single pion electroproduction channel on a proton to inclusive observables

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# Contributions from $N\pi$ Channels to $(e,e'X)$ Observables- Physics Motivation

Kinematics coverage for  $(e,e'X)$  cross sections measured at Jlab in the resonance region



A unique opportunity to assess, from the experimental results, the contributions of exclusive meson electroproduction channels to  $(e,e'X)$  observables.

- Measurements at JLab provided information on  $(e,e'X)$  observables within the range of  $W < 2.5$  GeV for  $Q^2 < 10.0$  GeV<sup>2</sup>.
- Experiments with CLAS (M. Osipenko et al., Phys. Rev. D67, 092001 (2003)) and CLAS12 (V. Klimenko et al., accepted by PRC e-print: 2501-14996[hep-ex]) delivered results on  $(e,e'X)$  cross sections in each  $Q^2$  bin within the  $W$ -range from the  $\pi$ -threshold to less than 2.5 GeV, thanks to the large detector acceptances.
- Most of the results on exclusive meson electroproduction in the resonance region have been obtained using the CLAS detector and are available in the CLAS Physics DB (<https://clas.sinp.msu.ru/cgi-bin/jlab/db.cgi>).

# Observable

$$F_2 (Q^2, W) = \frac{KW}{4\pi^2\alpha} \frac{2x}{1 + \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2}} (\sigma_t (Q^2, W) + \sigma_l (Q^2, W))$$

$$\sigma_u = \sigma_t + \varepsilon\sigma_l$$

$$R_{lt} = \frac{\sigma_l}{\sigma_t}$$

Reaction channel	Data source	Quantity
$e + p \rightarrow e' + X$	CLAS DB	$F_2$
$e + p \rightarrow e' + \pi^0 + p$		$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma_v}}{d\Omega_\pi}$
$e + p \rightarrow e' + \pi^+ + n$		$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma_v}}{d\Omega_\pi}$

$$K = \frac{W^2 - M_p^2}{2M_p} \quad \nu = \frac{W^2 - M_p^2 + Q^2}{2M_p} \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{2M_p\nu}$$

## Evaluation of $\sigma_u$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma v}}{d\Omega_\pi} = \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{tt}}{d\Omega_\pi} \cdot \cos 2\varphi + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \frac{d\sigma_{lt}}{d\Omega_\pi} \cdot \cos \varphi$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi} = \frac{d\sigma_t}{d\Omega_\pi} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_l}{d\Omega_\pi}$$

$\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi}$ ,  $\frac{d\sigma_t}{d\Omega_\pi}$ ,  $\frac{d\sigma_l}{d\Omega_\pi}$ ,  $\frac{d\sigma_{lt}}{d\Omega_\pi}$ ,  $\frac{d\sigma_{tt}}{d\Omega_\pi}$  – unpolarized, transverse, longitudinal,

longitudinal-transverse, transverse-transverse components

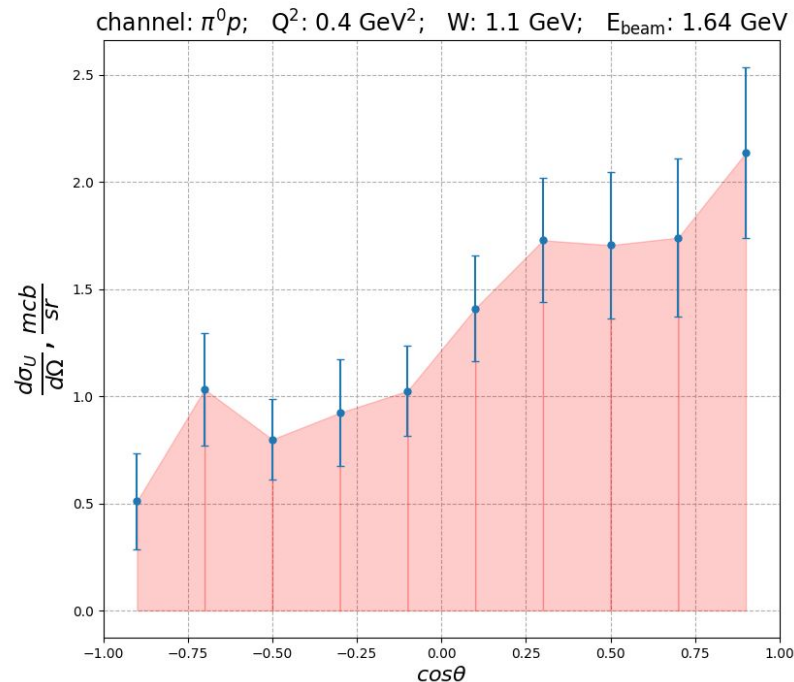
# Evaluation of $\sigma_u$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma v}}{d\Omega_{\pi}} = A + B \cdot \cos 2\varphi + C \cdot \cos \varphi$$

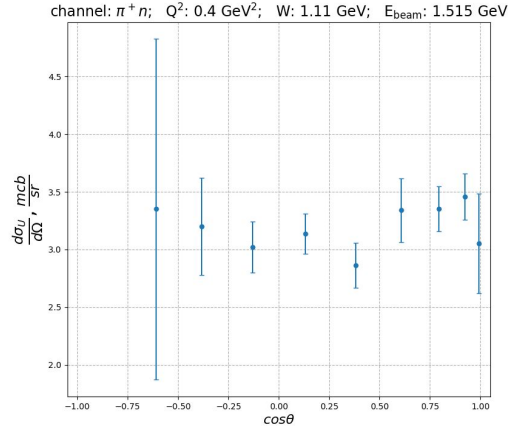
$$A = \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_{\pi}} \quad \sigma_u = 2\pi \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} \sin \theta d\theta \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_{\pi}}$$

$$(\sigma_u)_{\text{error}} = \sigma_u \cdot \left( \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_{\pi}} \right)_{\text{mean relative error}}$$

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_{\pi}} \right)_{\text{mean relative error}} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left( \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_{\pi}} \right)_i^{\text{error}} / \left( \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_{\pi}} \right)_i \right]$$

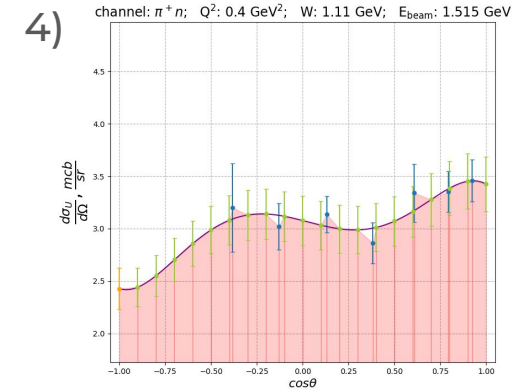
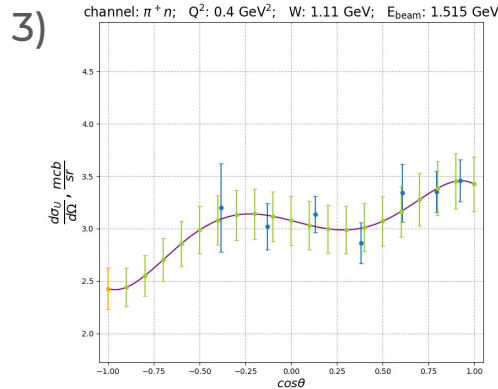
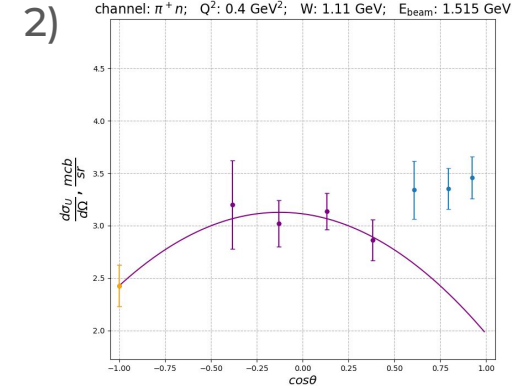
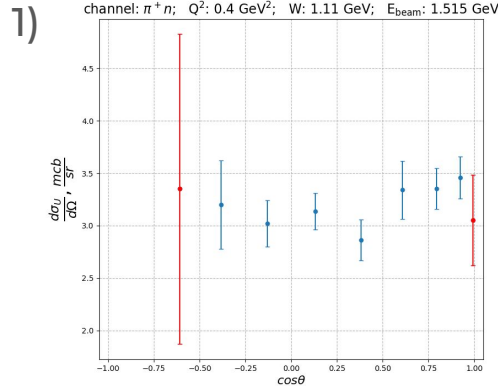


# Evaluation of $\sigma_u : \pi^+ n$ channel case



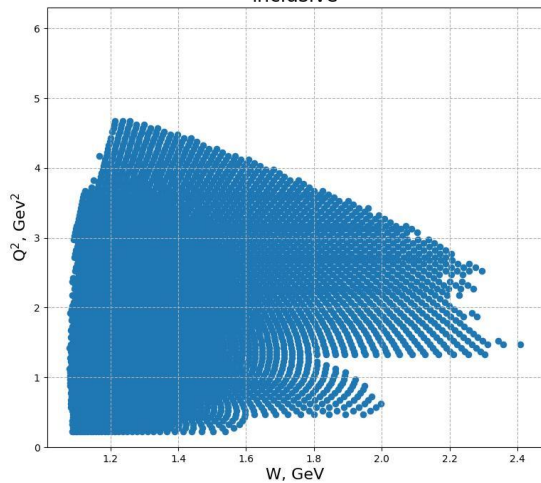
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Solution: extrapolation of data by Legendre polynomials

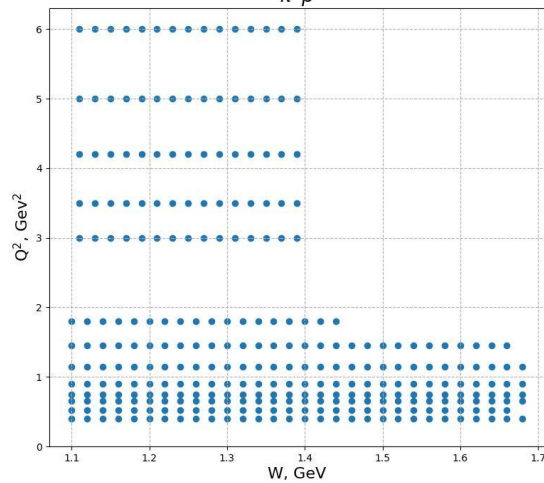


# Data Maps

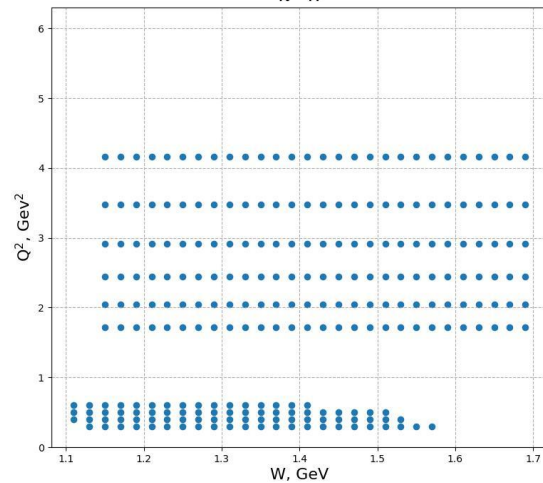
inclusive



$\pi^0 p$



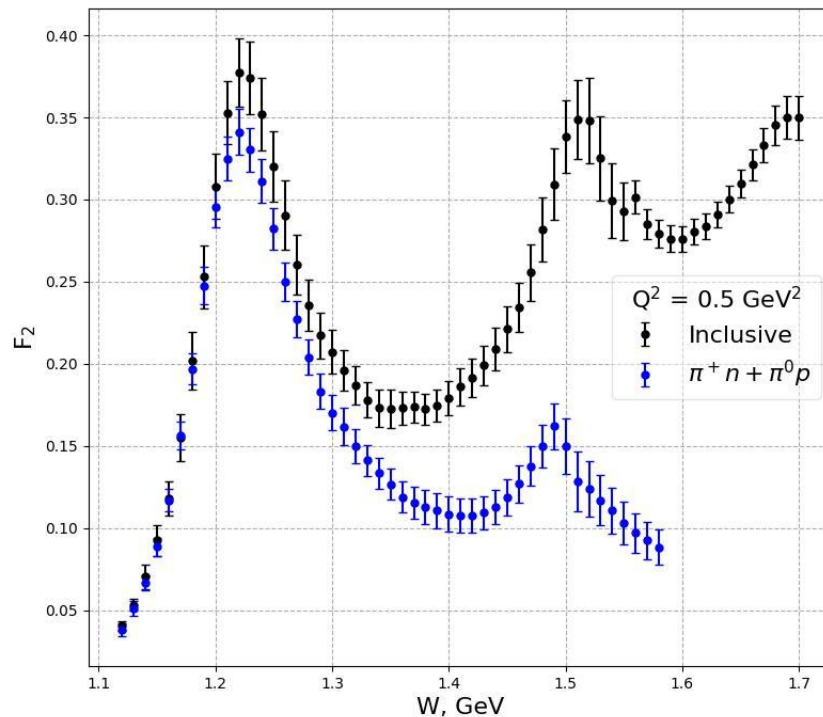
$\pi^+ n$



We will interpolate the data onto a common data grid using classical **linear** interpolation.

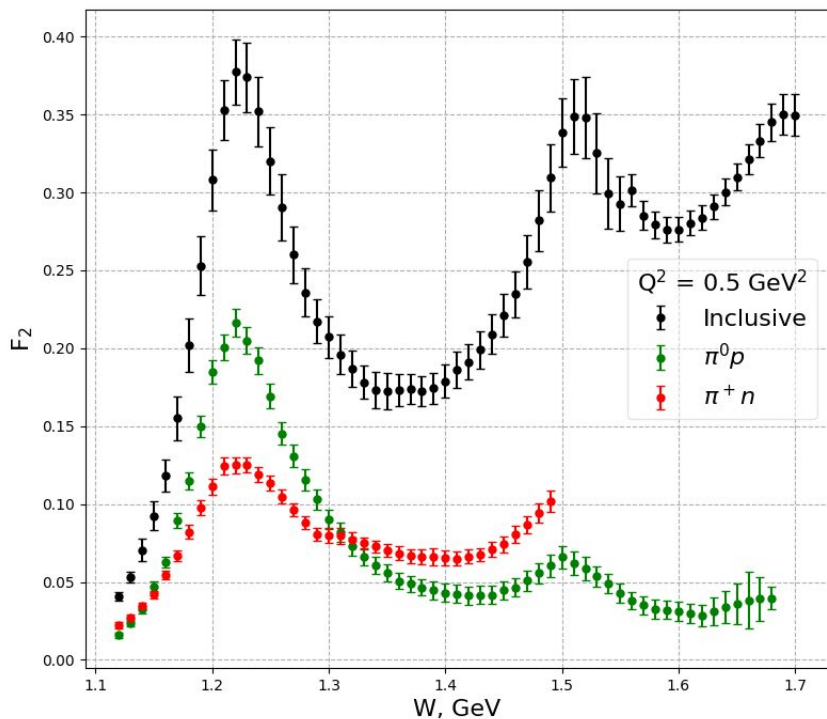
# The dependence of $F_2$ on a $W$ at $Q^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

- The inclusive  $F_2$  is completely determined by the contributions of  $N\pi$  channels in the 1st resonance region.
- The relative contributions of  $N\pi$  channels decreases when moving to the second resonance region as  $N\pi\pi$  channels are open.



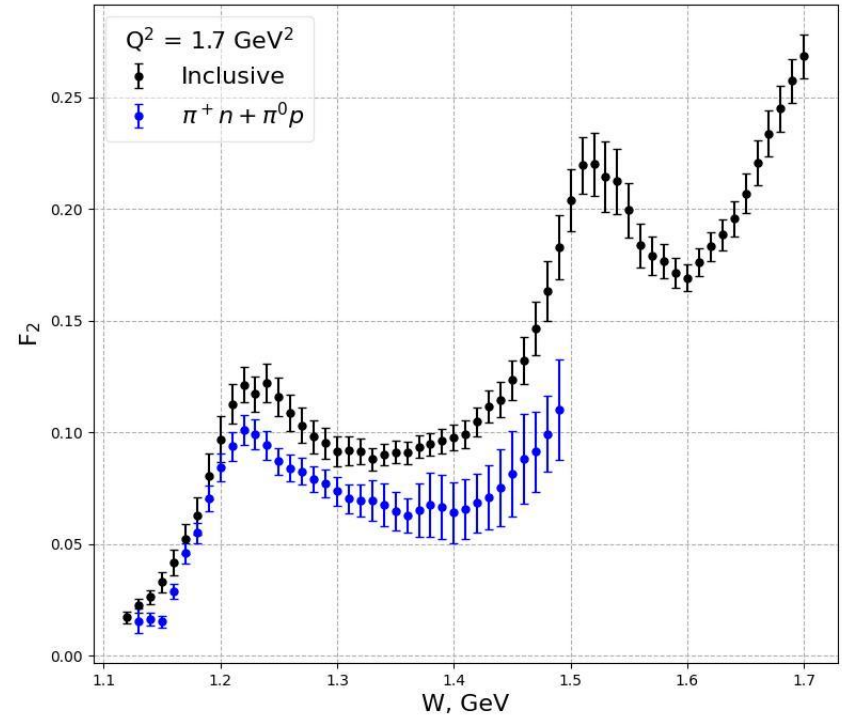
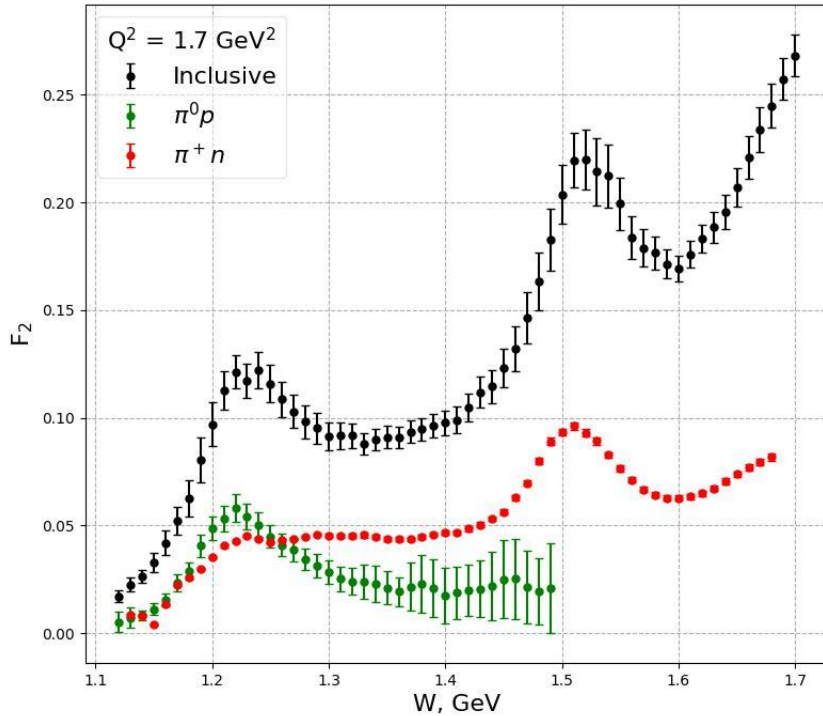


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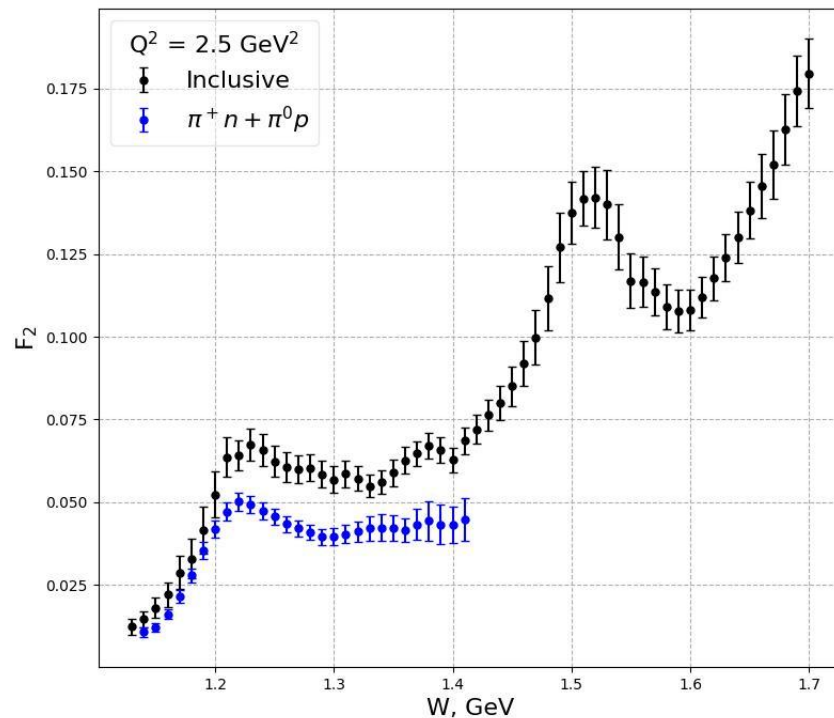
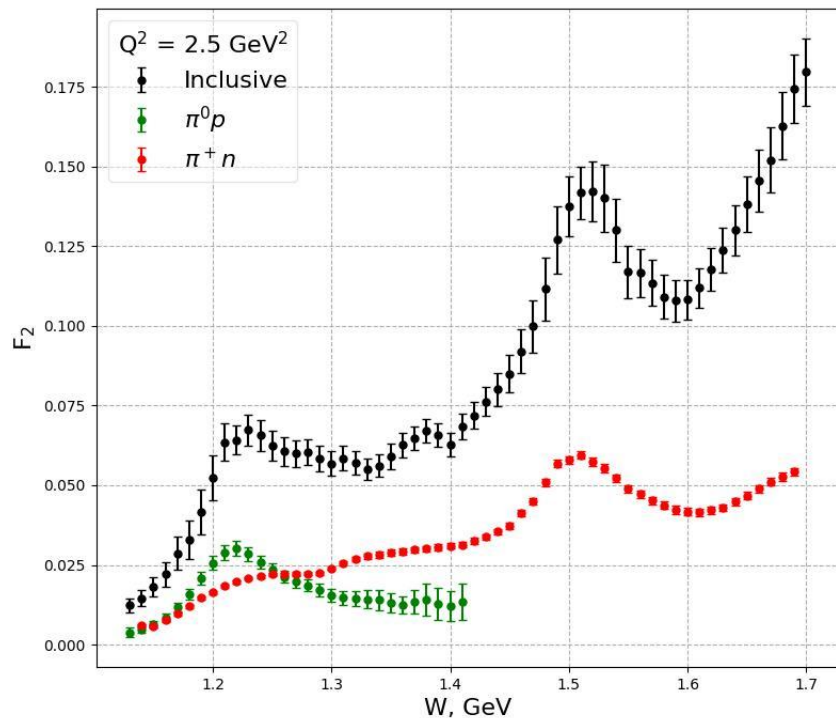


- The contribution of the  $\pi^0 p$  channel dominates the contribution of the  $\pi^+ n$  channel in the 1st resonance region. This is because the decay amplitude of the  $\Delta(1232)\frac{3}{2}^+$  resonance with isospin 3/2 to the  $\pi^0 p$  final state is greater than the decay amplitude to the  $\pi^+ n$  final state according to the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients.
- The situation changes in the 2nd resonance region as it is defined by the  $N(1440)\frac{1}{2}^+$ ,  $N(1520)\frac{3}{2}^-$  and  $N(1535)\frac{1}{2}^-$  resonances with isospin 1/2.

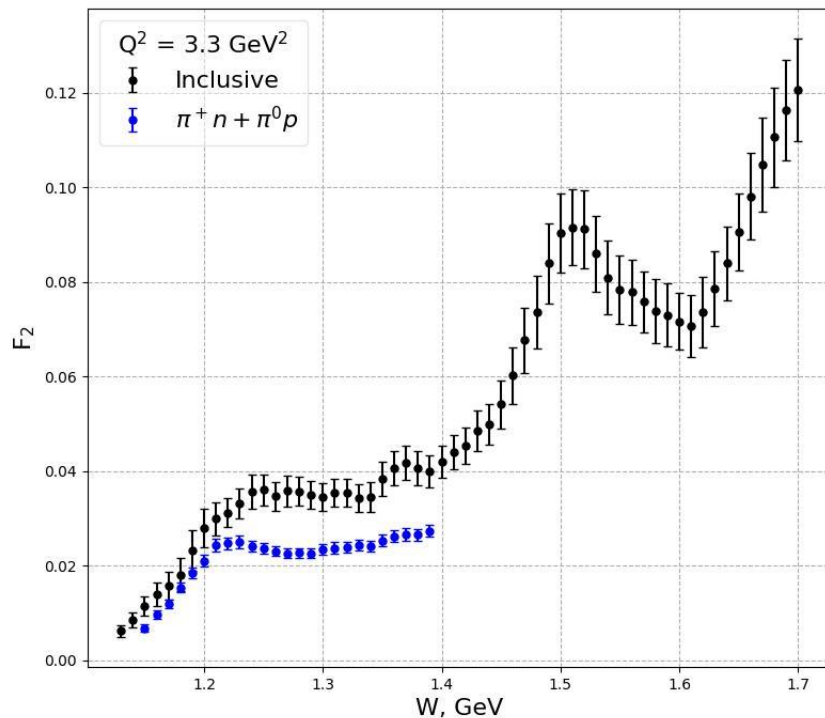
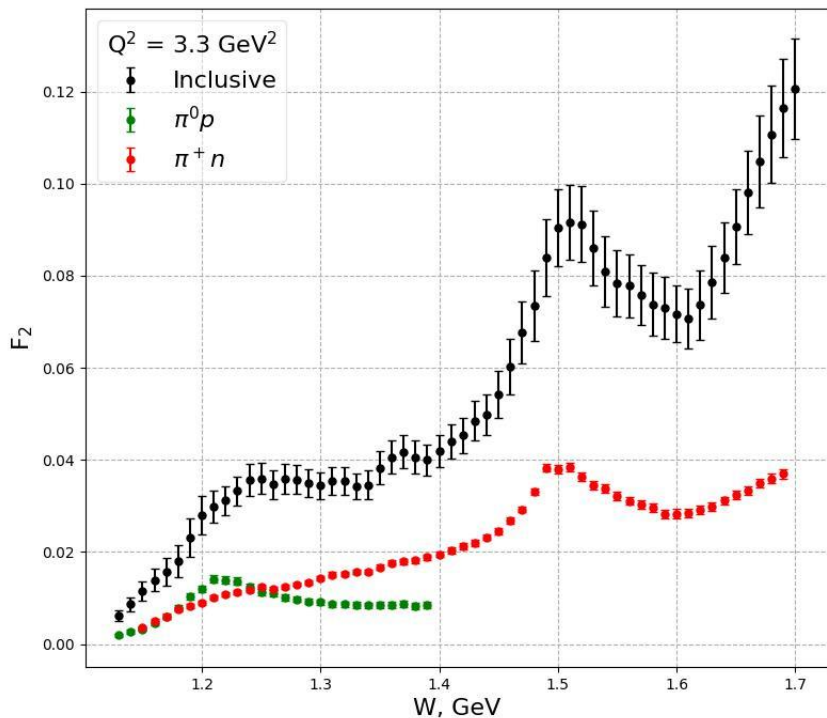
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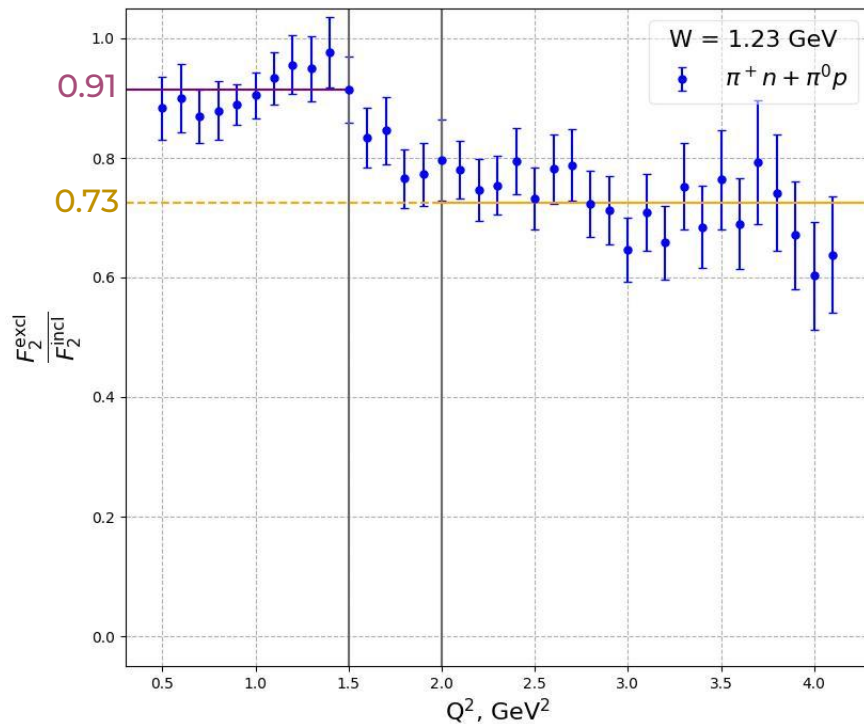
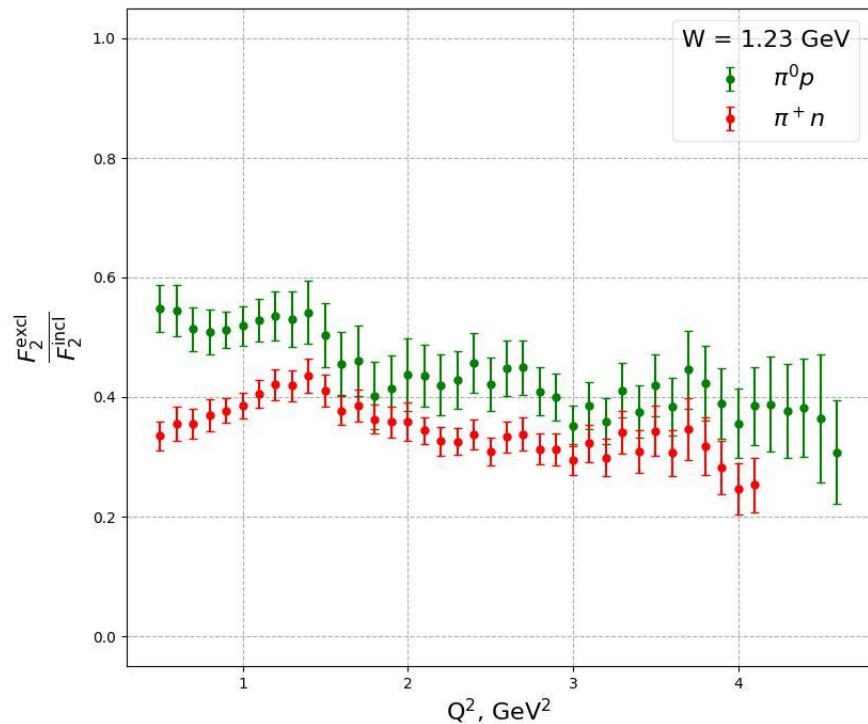
# The dependence of $F_2$ on a $W$ at $Q^2 = 2.5 \text{ GeV}^2$



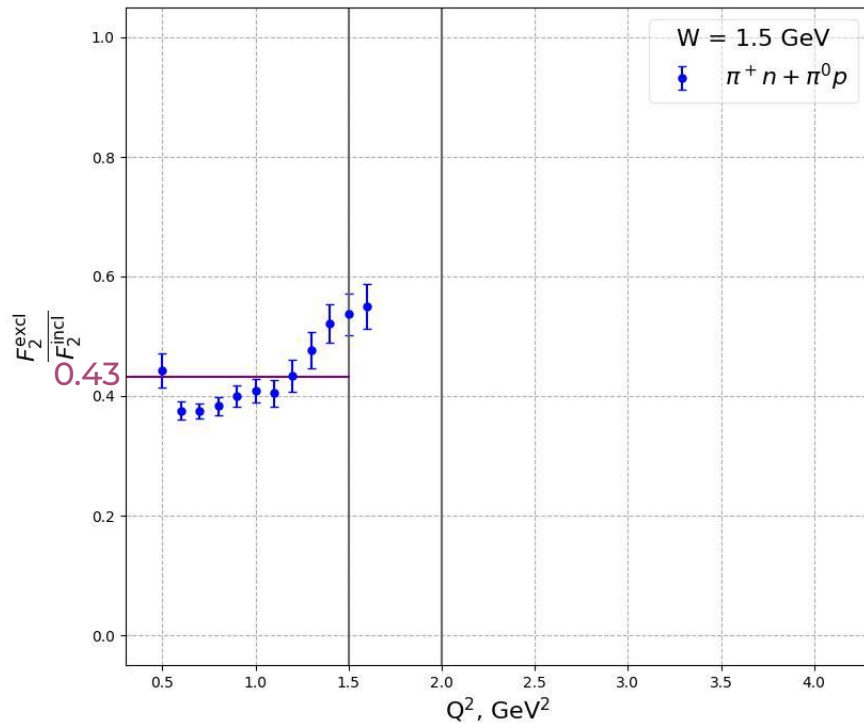
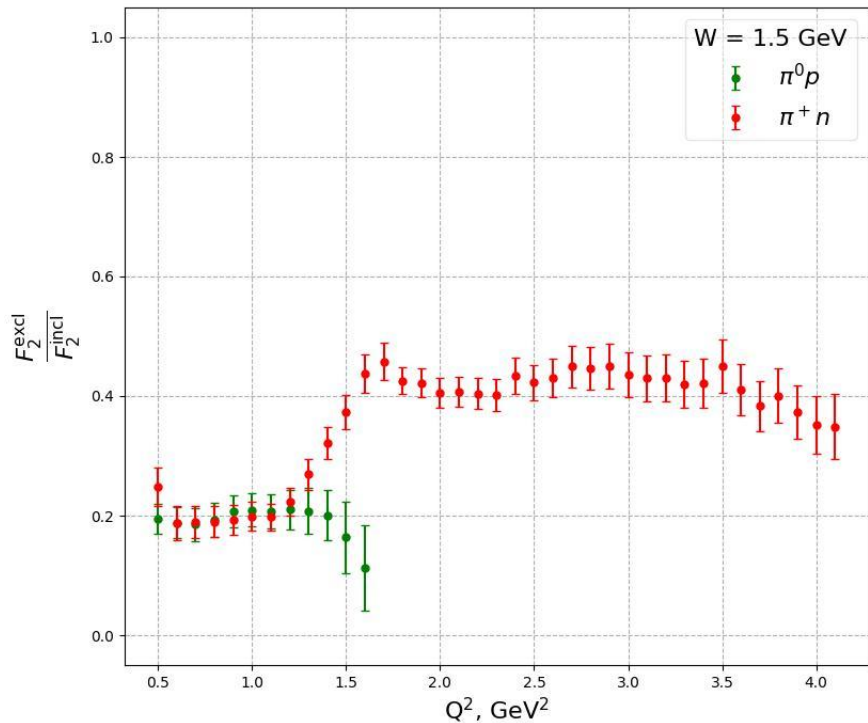
# The dependence of $F_2$ on a $W$ at $Q^2 = 3.3 \text{ GeV}^2$



# Multiplicity



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# Conclusion

- For the first time, the contributions from the exclusive  $\pi^0 p$  and  $\pi^+ n$  channels to the inclusive structure function  $F_2$  have become available from the experimental results measured with CLAS.
- Below the  $N\pi\pi$  threshold, the contribution from the sum of the  $\pi^0 p$  and  $\pi^+ n$  channel is consistent with the measured inclusive structure function  $F_2$ . It is a compelling evidence for the reliable extraction of the  $N\pi$  cross section from the experimental data measured with CLAS.
- The results on the multiplicity for the  $\pi^0 p$  and  $\pi^+ n$  channels have become available, and they show evidence for a transition, presumably from a complex interplay between quark core and meson-baryon cloud at  $Q^2 < 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$  to a dominant contribution from quark core at  $Q^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ , confirming observations made previously in studies of excited nucleon state structure.





# Evaluation of $\sigma_t$ and $\sigma_l$

$$\sigma_u = \sigma_t + \varepsilon \sigma_l - \text{unpolarized cross section}$$

$$\varepsilon = \left( 1 + 2 \left( 1 + \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2} \right) tg^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} \right)^{-1} - \text{polarization of a virtual photon}$$

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(P_{e'} - P_e)^2 - \text{virtuality of photon}$$

$$W = \sqrt{(q + P_p)^2} - \text{invariant mass of the final hadronic system}$$

$$\nu = \frac{W^2 - M_p^2 + Q^2}{2M_p} \quad tg^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} = \frac{Q^2}{4E_{beam}(E_{beam} - \nu) - Q^2}$$

# Evaluation of $\sigma_t$ and $\sigma_l$

$\sigma_u = \sigma_t + \varepsilon\sigma_l$  – unpolarized cross section

$$R_{lt} = \frac{\sigma_l}{\sigma_t} \qquad \sigma_t = \frac{\sigma_u}{1 + \varepsilon R_{lt}} \qquad \sigma_l = \frac{R_{lt}\sigma_u}{1 + \varepsilon R_{lt}}$$

$$R_{lt} = \begin{cases} \frac{(1-x)^3}{(1-x_{th})^3} \left[ \frac{0.041\xi_{th}}{\zeta} + \frac{0.592}{Q^2} - \frac{0.331}{0.09+Q^4} \right] & W < 2.5 \text{ GeV}, \\ \frac{0.041\xi}{\zeta} + \frac{0.592}{Q^2} - \frac{0.331}{0.09+Q^4} & W > 2.5 \text{ GeV} \end{cases}$$

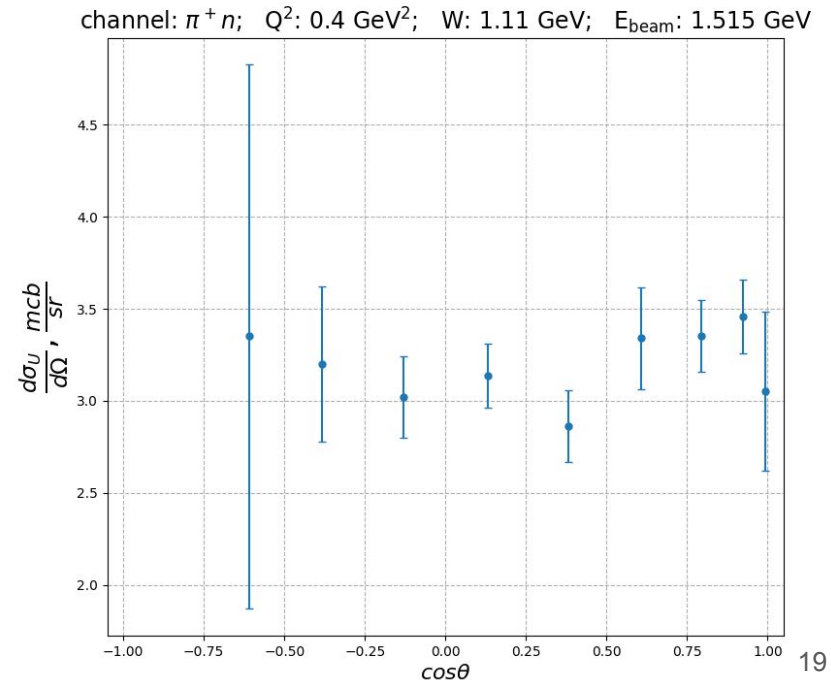
$$\zeta = \log \frac{Q^2}{0.04} \quad \xi = 1 + 12 \cdot \frac{Q^2}{1+Q^2} \cdot \frac{0.015625}{0.015625+x^2} \quad \xi_{th} = \xi(W=2.5) \quad x_{th} = x(W=2.5) \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{2M_p\nu}$$

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## $\pi^+ n$ channel case

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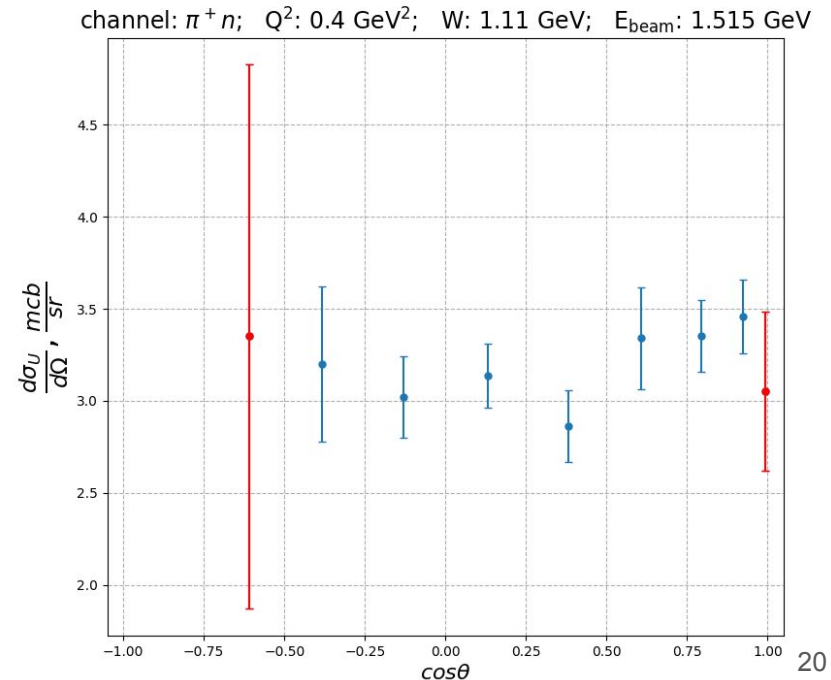
1st step: remove points with large errors

Criterion for removing  $i$  point:

$$\frac{\delta_i}{\delta_{i+1}} > 2 \text{ or } \frac{\delta_i}{\delta_{i-1}} > 2$$

$\delta_i$  – error of  $i$  point

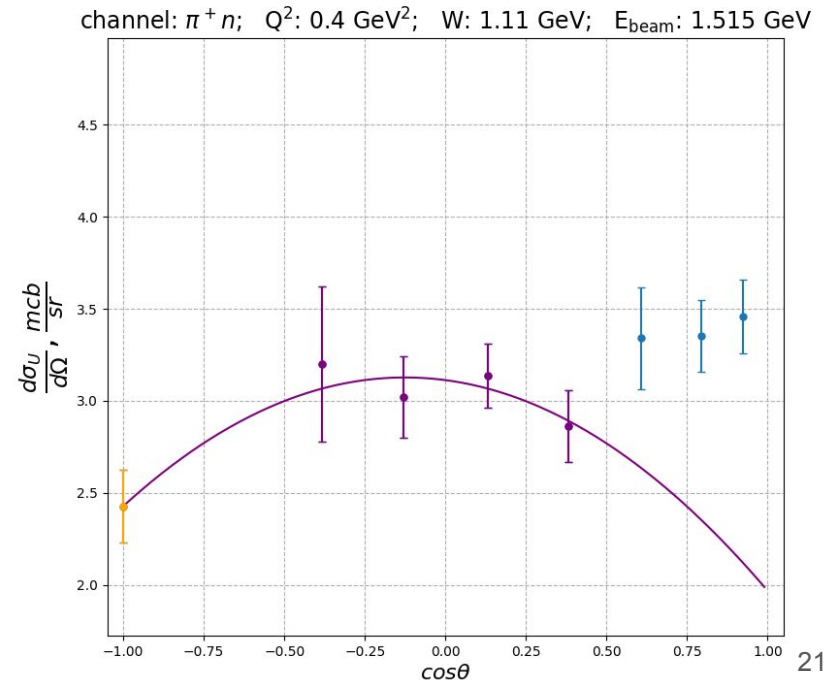
The data points to be removed on the graph are marked in **red**.



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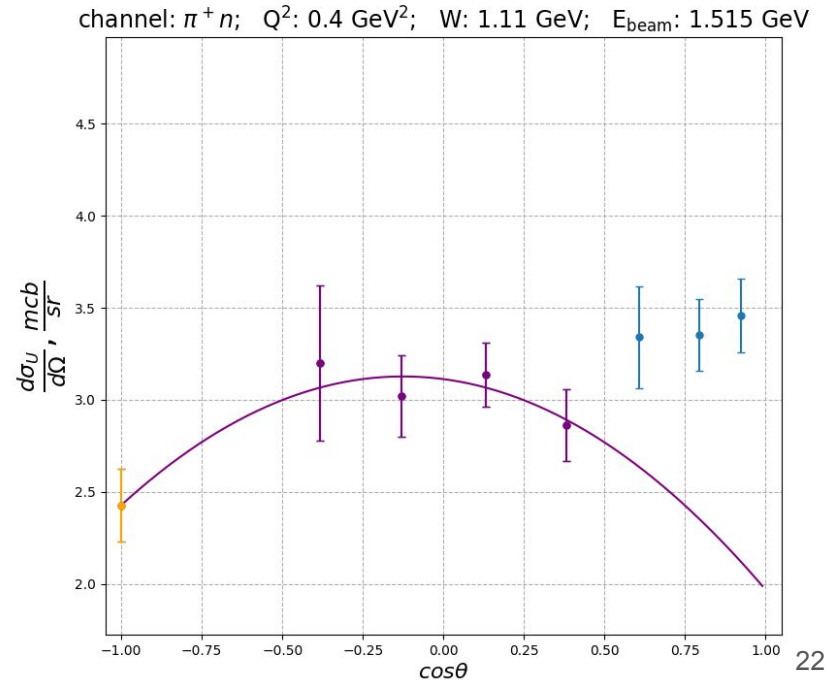
2nd step: extrapolate the data by at least 4 points corresponding to the minimum values of  $\cos \theta$  (marked in **purple**) to a point with  $\cos \theta = -1$  (marked in **yellow**) using Legendre polynomials of the 2nd degree, if possible and all values are greater than 0.



# Evaluation of $\sigma_u$ $\pi^+ n$ channel case

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi}\right)_{\text{extrap. error}} = \left(\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi}\right)_{\text{extrap.}} \cdot \left(\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi}\right)_{\text{mean relative error}}$$

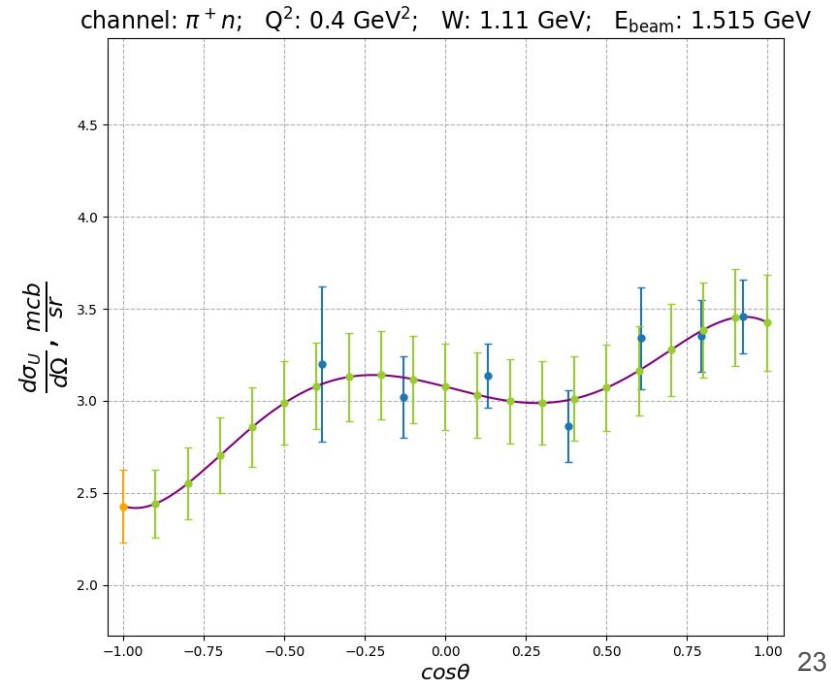
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi}\right)_{\text{mean relative error}} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left(\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi}\right)_i^{\text{error}} / \left(\frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi}\right)_i \right]$$



# Evaluation of $\sigma_u$

## $\pi^+ n$ channel case

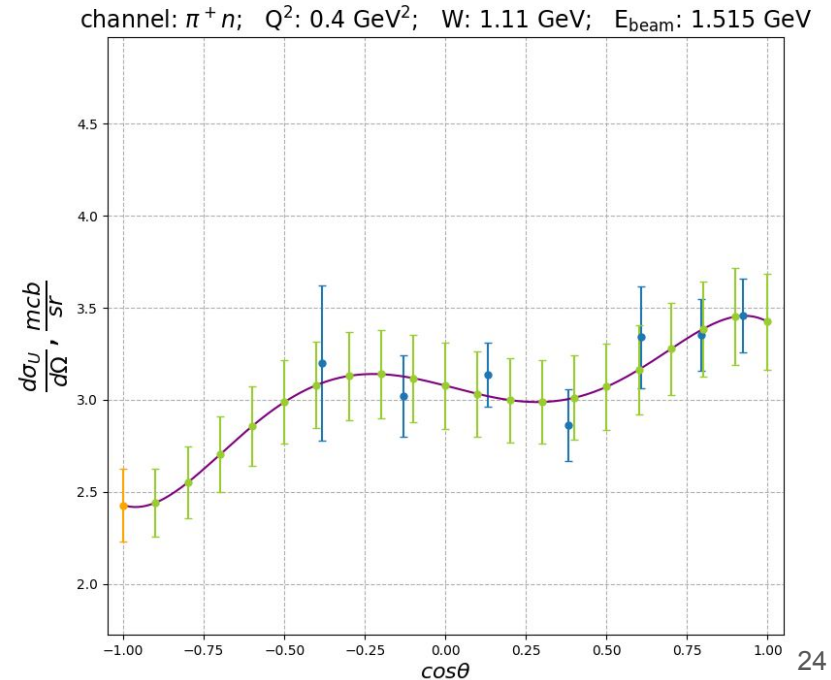
3rd step: interpolate data (on the **blue** points and **yellow** point) with higher degree Legendre polynomials (5th degree or less) to  $\cos \theta$  fill the points with increments of 0.1 (marked in **green**), if possible and all values are greater than 0.



# Evaluation of $\sigma_u$ $\pi^+ n$ channel case

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi} \right)_{\text{interp. error } i} = \left( \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi} \right)_{\text{interp. } i} \cdot \left( \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi} \right)_{\text{mean relative error}}$$

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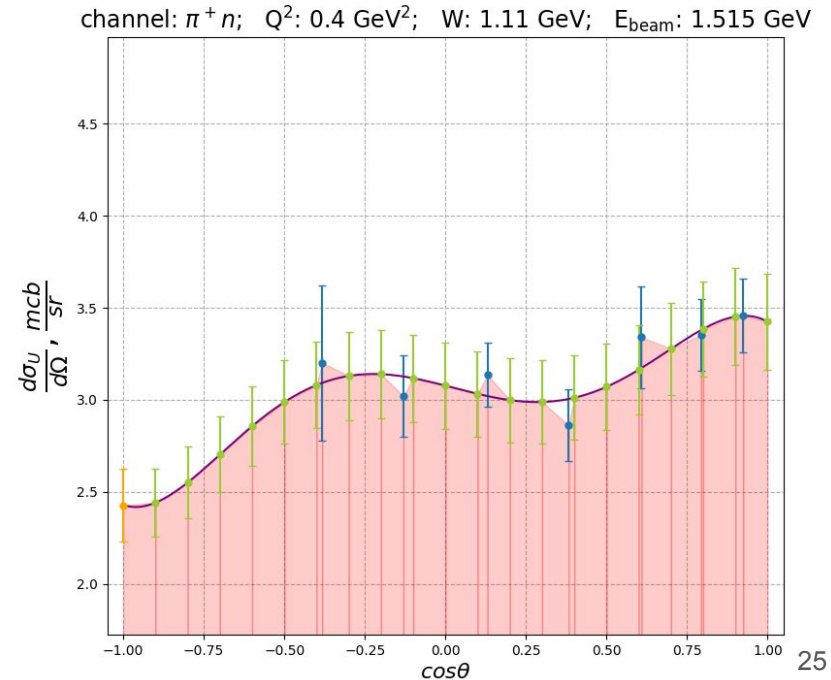
## $\pi^+ n$ channel case

4th step: now we can get

$$\sigma_u = 2\pi \int_{\theta_{\min}}^{\theta_{\max}} \sin \theta d\theta \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi}$$

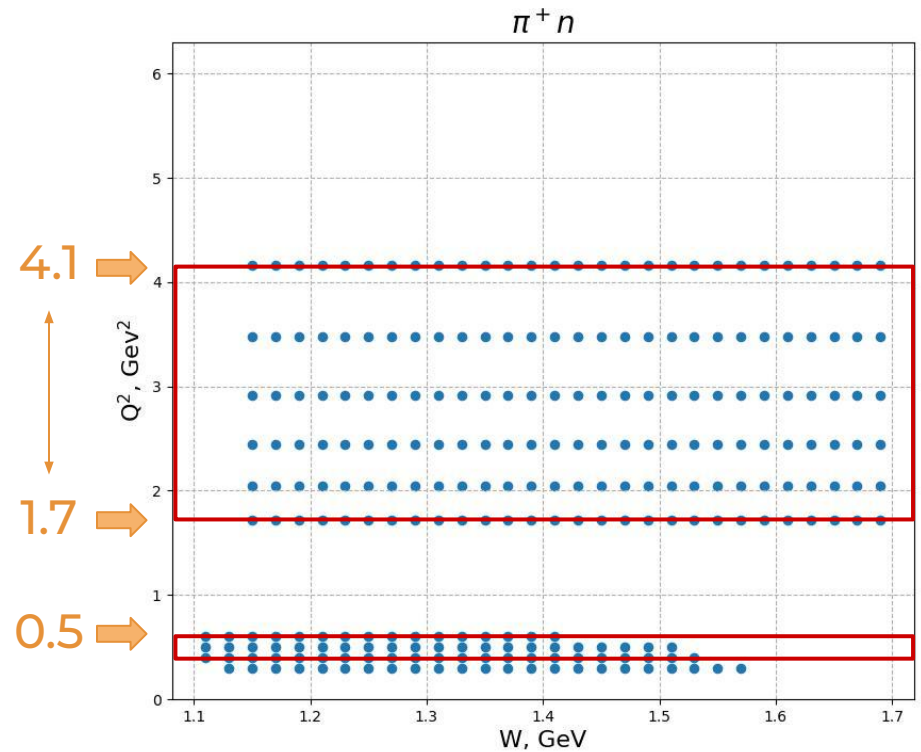
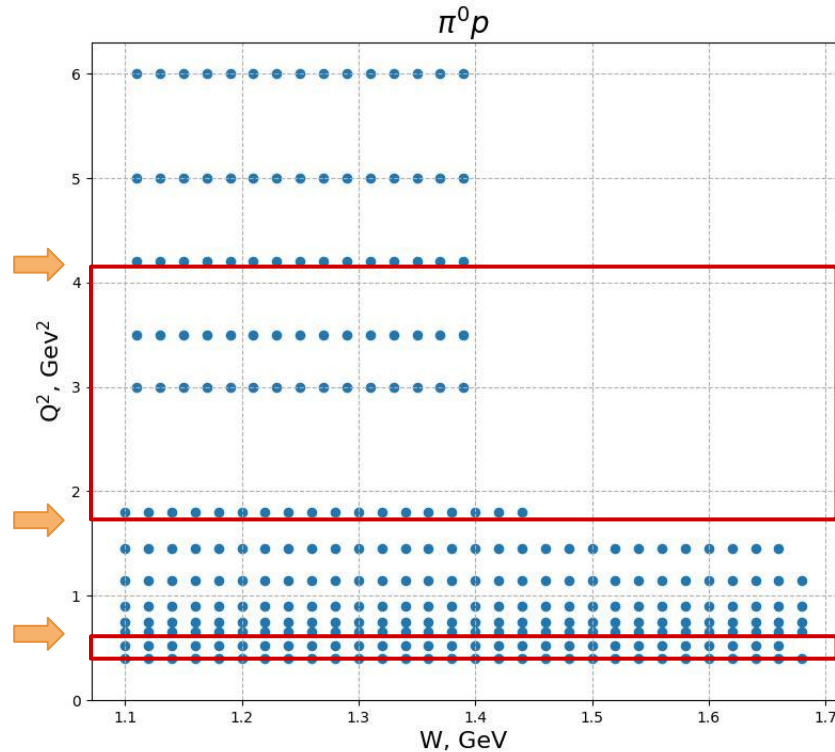
$$(\sigma_u)_{\text{error}} = \sigma_u \cdot \left( \frac{d\sigma_u}{d\Omega_\pi} \right)_{\text{mean relative error}}$$

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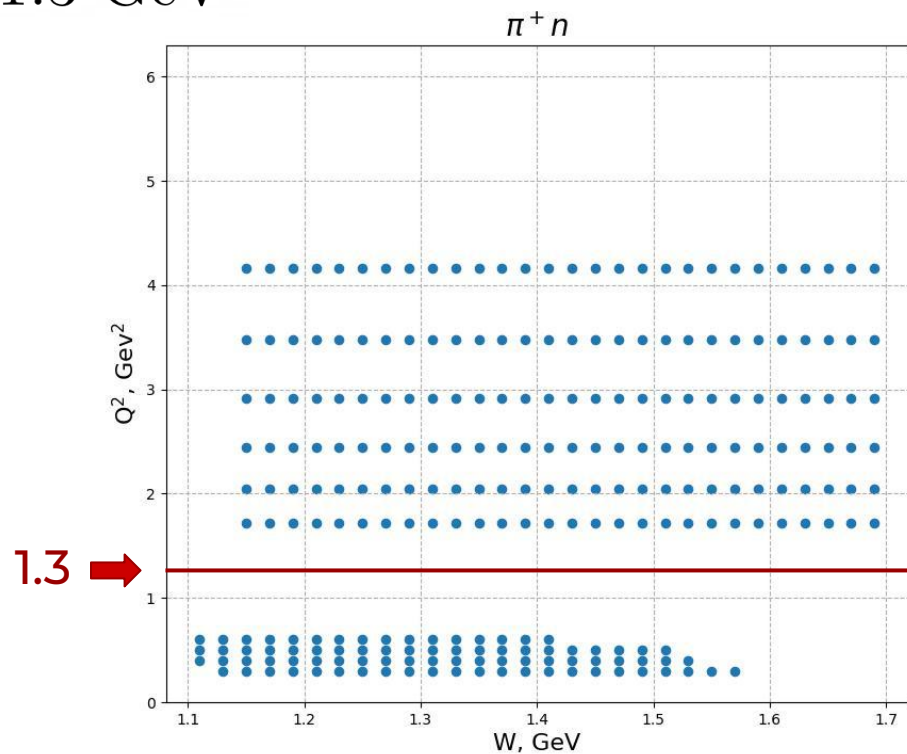
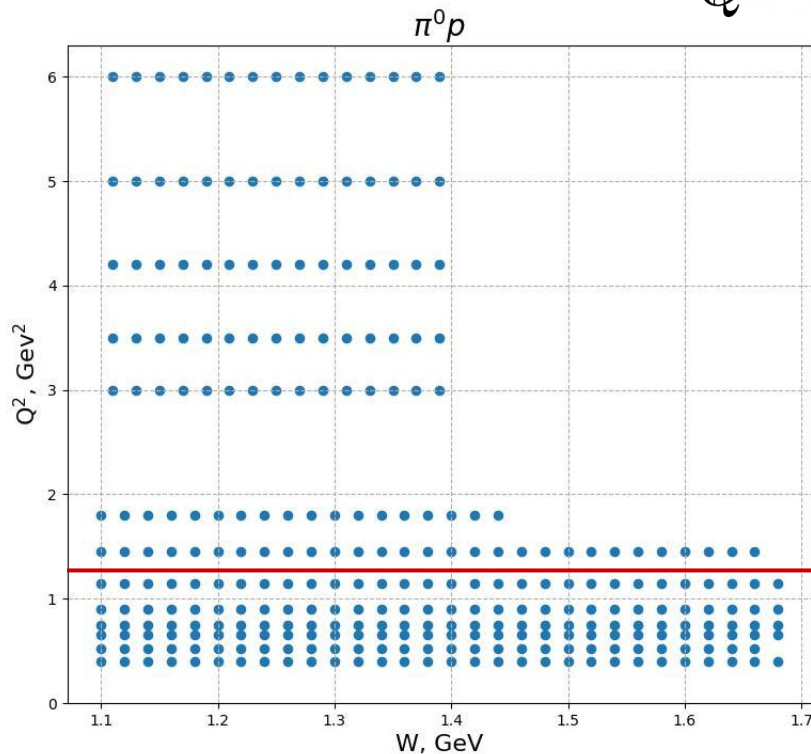
## Areas of correct linear interpolation



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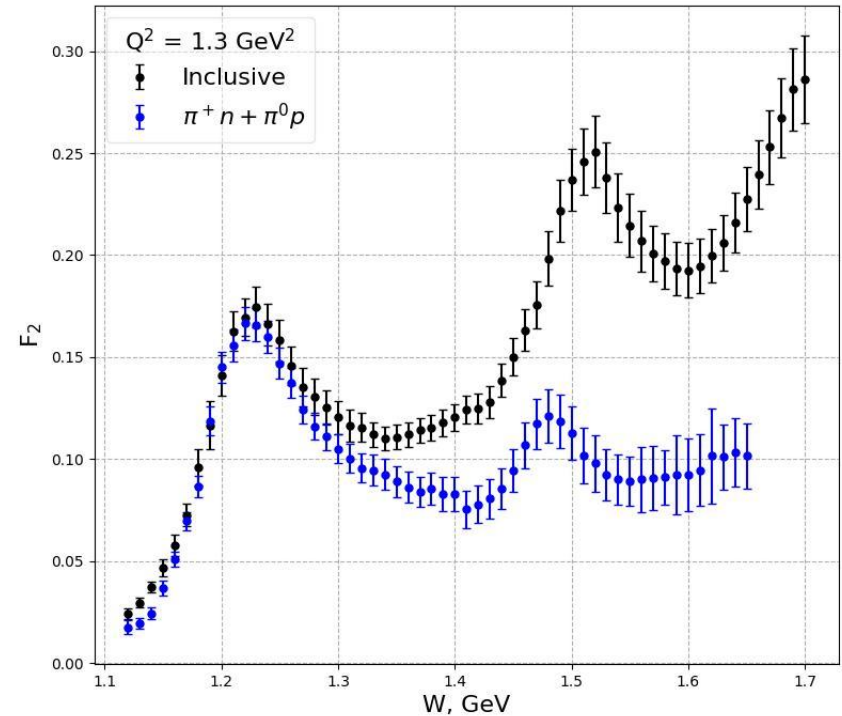
Example of incorrect linear interpolation at

$$Q^2 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}^2$$

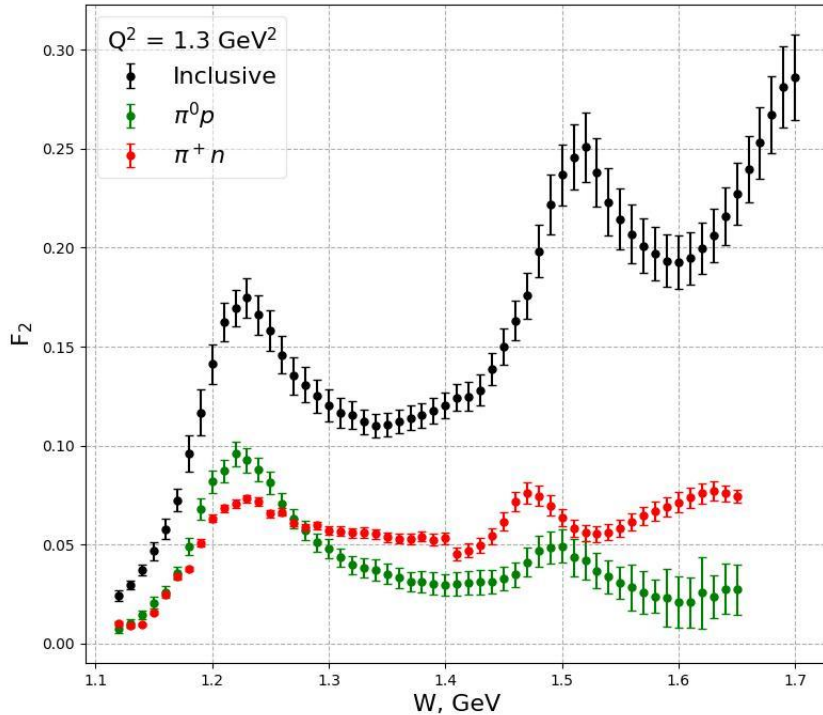


# The dependence of $F_2$ on a $W$ at $Q^2 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}^2$

- We can notice a significant shift of the peak of the 2nd resonance region towards lower  $W$ .

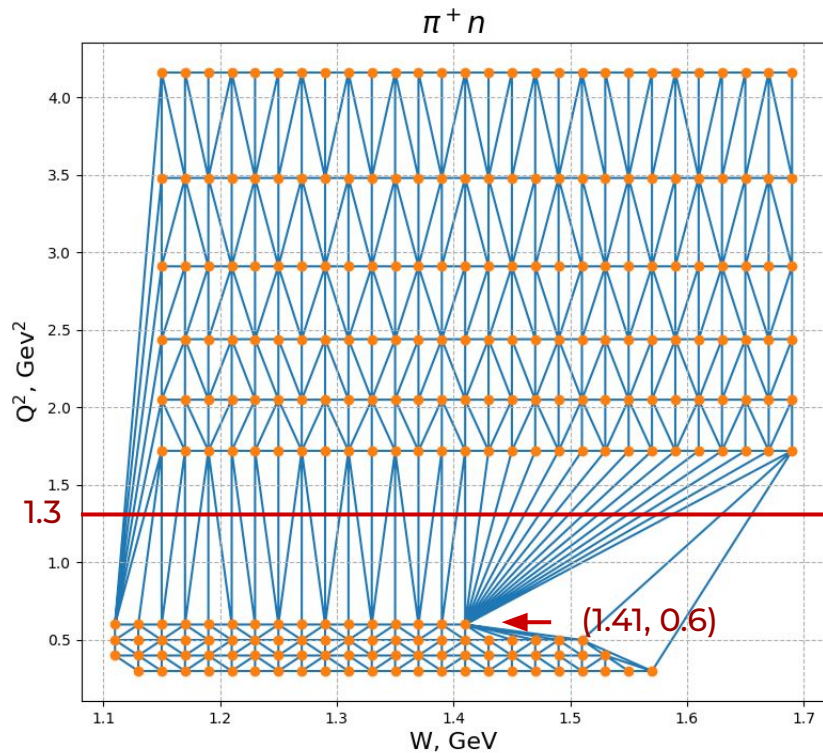


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- The problem is incorrect linear interpolation of  $\pi^+$  channel data.

# Delaunay triangulation and determination of barycentric coordinates



- Linear interpolation of a function of two variables is achieved using the Delaunay triangulation (shown in the graph) and determination of barycentric coordinates.
- The available data have a distribution such that in the region  $0.5 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 1.7 \text{ GeV}^2$  we have a bias of the  $F_2$  interpolation values towards smaller  $W$  in the range  $1.41 \text{ GeV} < W < 1.65^* \text{ GeV}$  due to point  $(W, Q^2) = (1.41, 0.6)$ .

\* depends on  $Q^2$

# Delaunay triangulation

- Connects points into triangles such that no point lies inside the circumcircle of any triangle.
- Maximizes minimum angles in triangles, avoiding overly skewed shapes.

# Barycentric coordinates

- For a triangle ABC any interior point P can be expressed as:

$$P = uA + vB + wC \quad \text{with} \quad u + v + w = 1$$

- Coordinates correspond to area ratios:

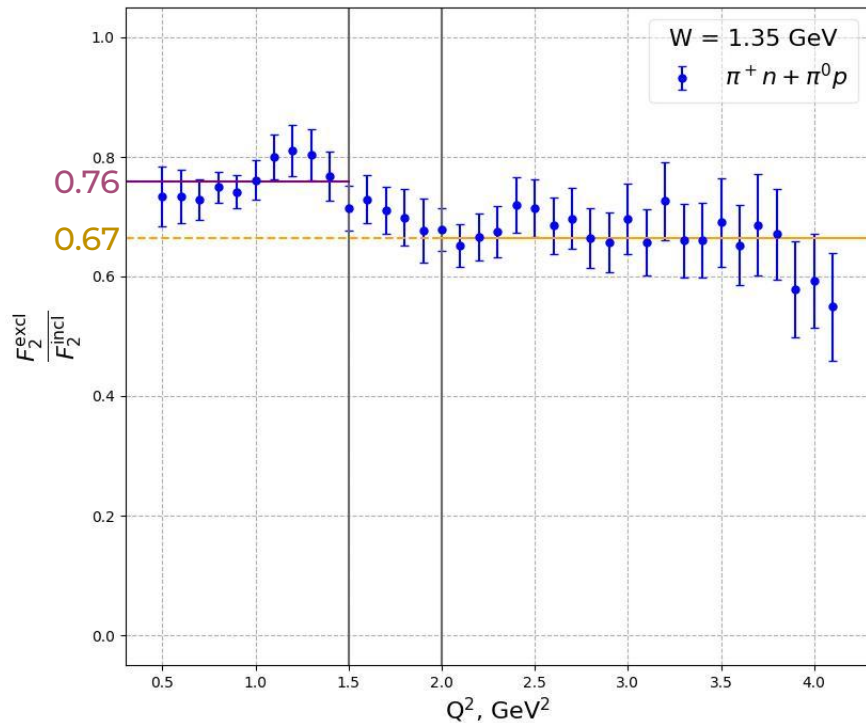
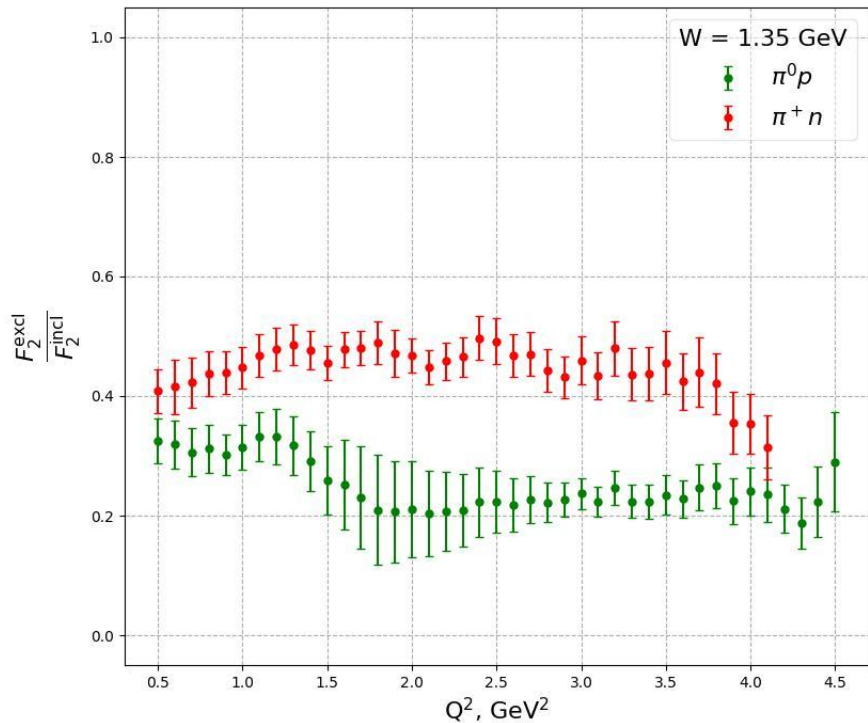
$$u = \text{Area}(BCP)/\text{Area}(ABC), \quad v = \text{Area}(CAP)/\text{Area}(ABC), \quad w = 1 - u - v$$

- For function values  $V_A, V_B, V_C$  at vertices:

$$VP = uV_A + vV_B + wV_C$$



# Multiplicity



# Multiplicity errors

In general, if we have values  $x_i$  with their errors  $\sigma_{x_i}$

$$f = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\sigma_f = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \cdot \sigma^2(x_i) \right]}$$

# Multiplicity errors

$$f = \frac{F_2^{\pi^+ n(\pi^0 p)}}{F_2^{inclusive}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_f &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{F_2^{inclusive}}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma^2\left(F_2^{\pi^+ n(\pi^0 p)}\right) + \left(-\frac{F_2^{\pi^+ n(\pi^0 p)}}{(F_2^{inclusive})^2}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma^2\left(F_2^{inclusive}\right)} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\left(F_2^{inclusive} \cdot \sigma\left(F_2^{\pi^+ n(\pi^0 p)}\right)\right)^2 + \left(F_2^{\pi^+ n(\pi^0 p)} \cdot \sigma\left(F_2^{inclusive}\right)\right)^2}}{(F_2^{inclusive})^2}\end{aligned}$$

# Multiplicity errors

$$f = \frac{F_2^{\pi^+n} + F_2^{\pi^0p}}{F_2^{inclusive}}$$

$$\sigma_f = \sqrt{\left(\frac{F_2^{\pi^0p}}{F_2^{inclusive}}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma^2(F_2^{\pi^+n}) + \left(\frac{F_2^{\pi^+n}}{F_2^{inclusive}}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma^2(F_2^{\pi^0p}) + \left(-\frac{F_2^{\pi^+n} + F_2^{\pi^0p}}{(F_2^{inclusive})^2}\right)^2 \cdot \sigma^2(F_2^{inclusive})}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\left(F_2^{\pi^0p} \cdot F_2^{inclusive} \cdot \sigma(F_2^{\pi^+n})\right)^2 + \left(F_2^{\pi^+n} \cdot F_2^{inclusive} \cdot \sigma(F_2^{\pi^0p})\right)^2 + \left((F_2^{\pi^+n} + F_2^{\pi^0p}) \cdot \sigma(F_2^{inclusive})\right)^2}}{(F_2^{inclusive})^2}$$