



# Inelastic Background study

$$Q^2=8.54\text{GeV}^2$$

--GEP-3 collaboration

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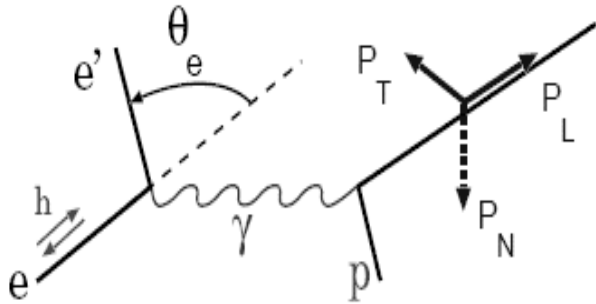


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# Introduction

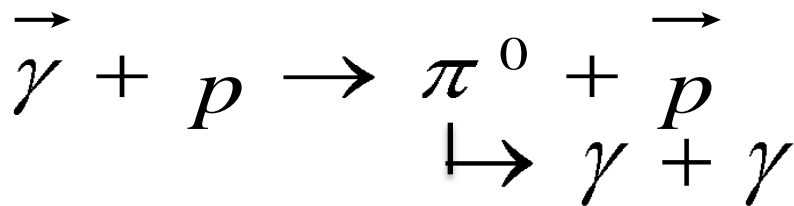
GEp interested reaction:  $\vec{e} + p \rightarrow e' + \vec{p}$



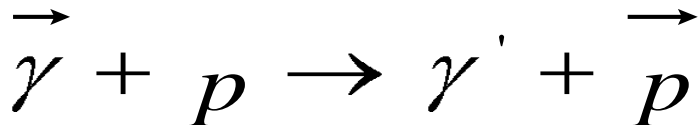
Elastic cuts: {  
**HMS ~ BigCal correlation**  
**HMS momentum**  
**Missing Energy**  
**Target walls**

## What's in the background?

With the coincidence trigger of BigCal and HMS, we eliminated most of the other reaction. Reactions may pass our trigger are photon production reactions, like



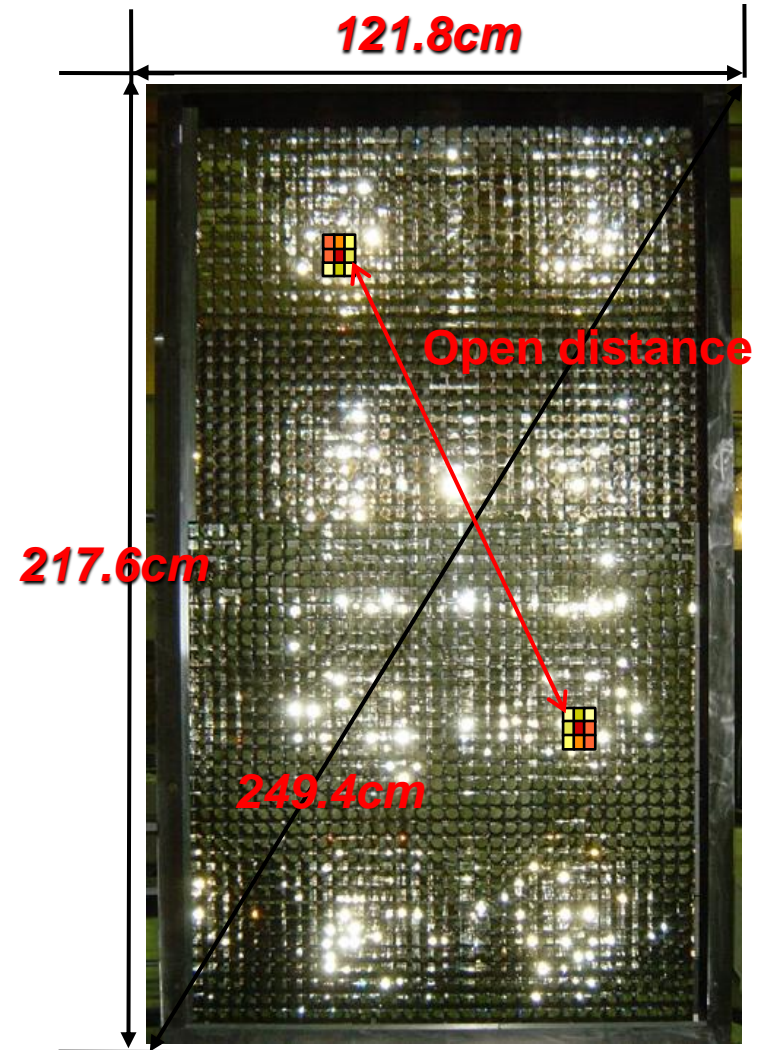
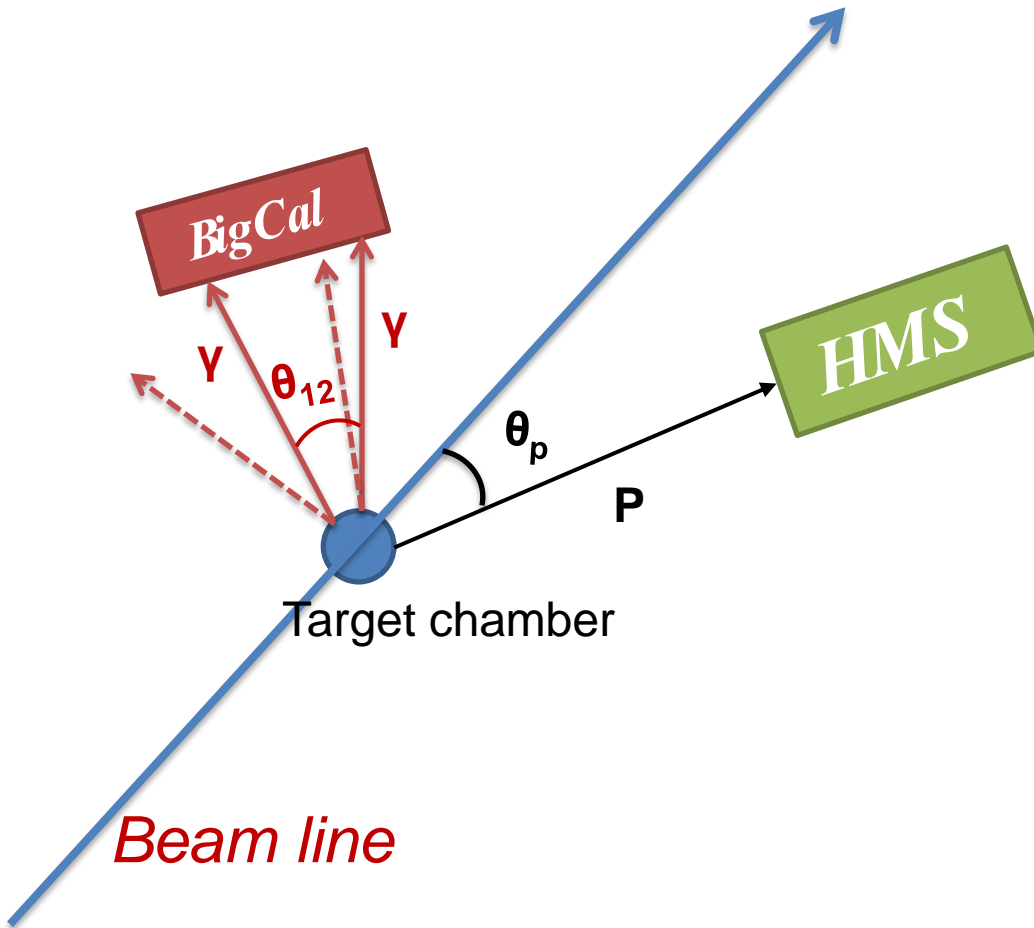
Most of events will **NOT** pass  
the **HMS ~ BigCal correlation cut**



Cross section **much smaller** than the  
 $\pi^0$  production  
Will pass all the correlation cuts

# $\pi^0$ events identification at BigCal

- Kinematics of  $\pi^0$  production

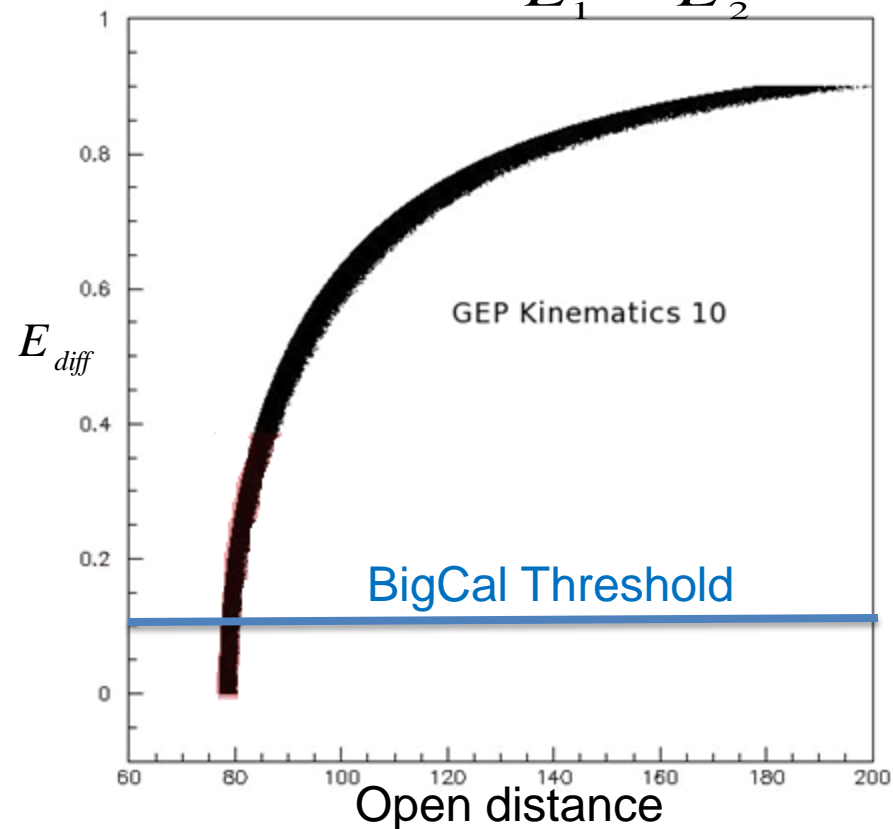


# Simulation and data comparison

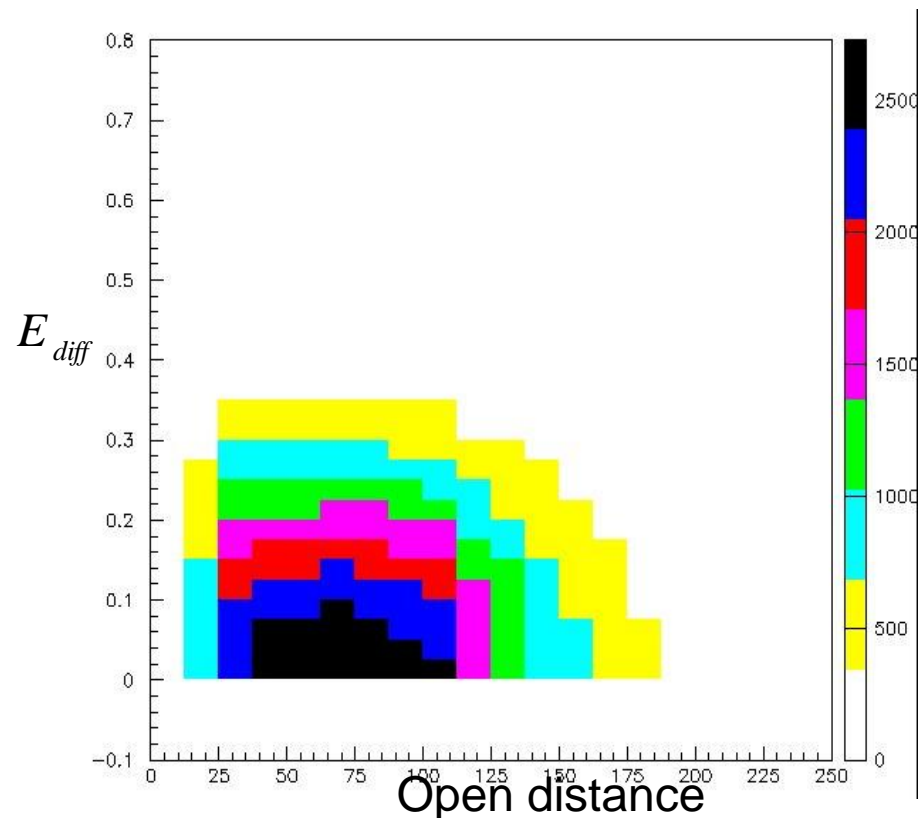
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Simulation of  $\pi^0$  decay on BigCal  
(assuming  $\pi^0$  energy is the same  
as elastic electron)

$$E_{diff} = \frac{|E_1 - E_2|}{E_1 + E_2}$$



Data of two clusters found on BigCal  
( Threshold was set high and  
rejected most of large  $E_{diff}$  events)



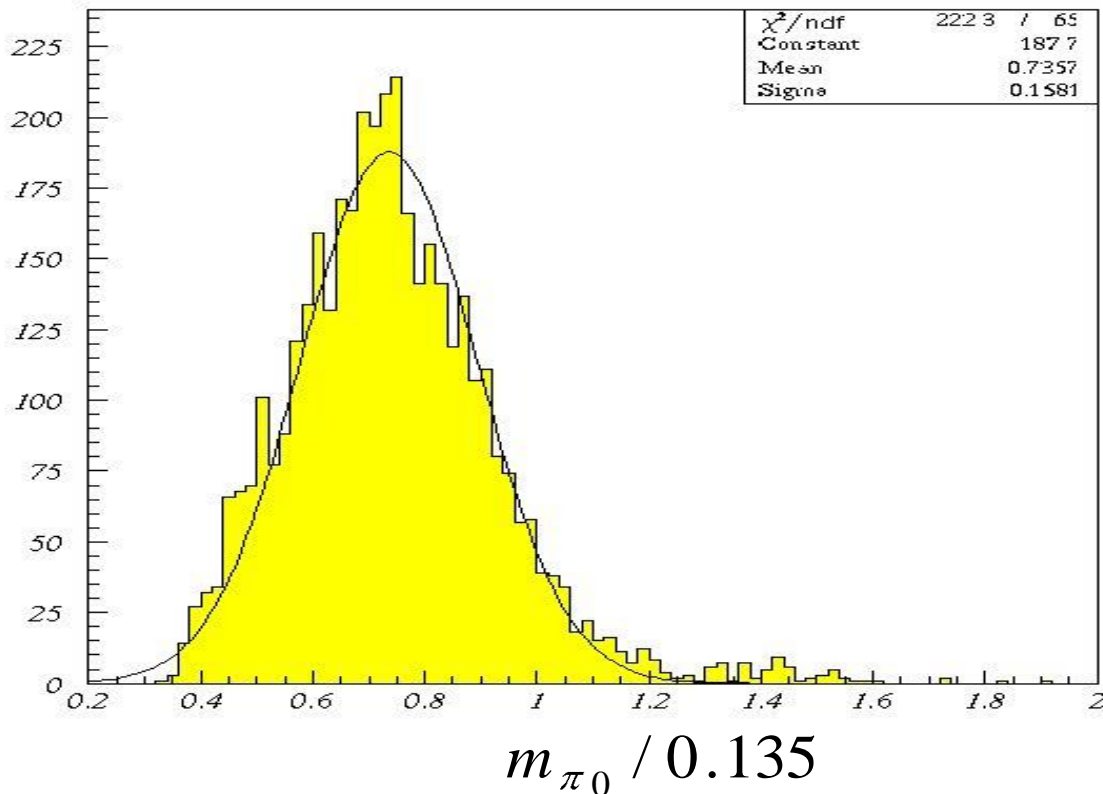
# $\pi^0$ events identification at BigCal

$\pi^0$  mass reconstruction:

$$m_{\pi^0} = \sqrt{2E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos(\theta_{12}))}$$

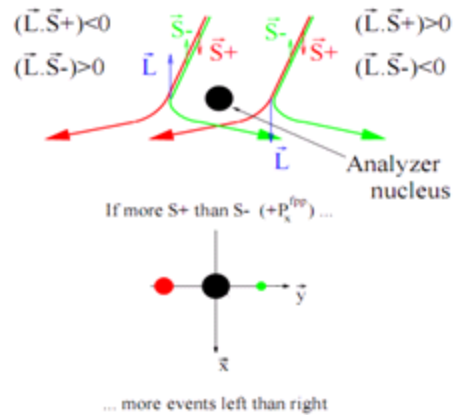
The gain and energy resolution of BigCal calculated by  $\pi^0$  are almost the same as using elastic electron.

Within the BigCal acceptance we can identify two photons decayed from  $\pi^0$  only at  $Q^2=8.54\text{GeV}^2$  and  $Q^2=2.5\text{GeV}^2$ (lowest  $\epsilon$ )



# Asymmetry at FPP

$f^\pm(\theta, \varphi)$  is the azimuthally distribution with two beam helicity state;



$$f(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{N^+(\theta, \varphi) - N^-(\theta, \varphi)}{N^+(\theta, \varphi) + N^-(\theta, \varphi)}$$

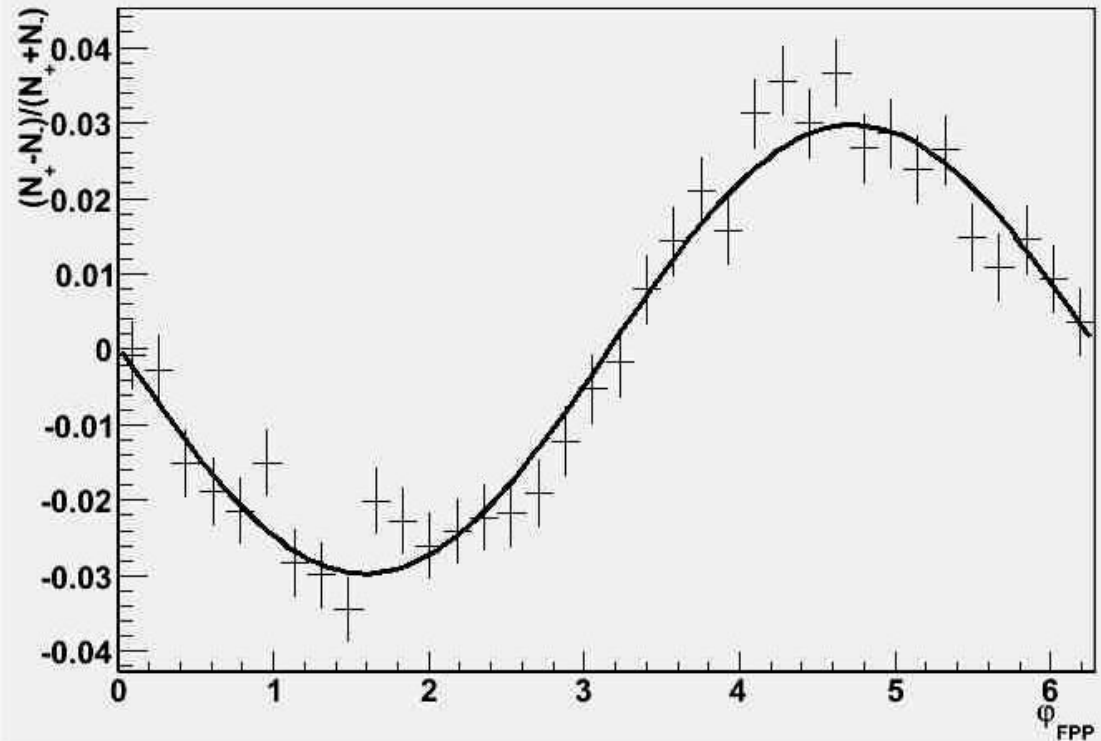
Part of elastic events of  $8.5\text{GeV}^2$

Fit function:

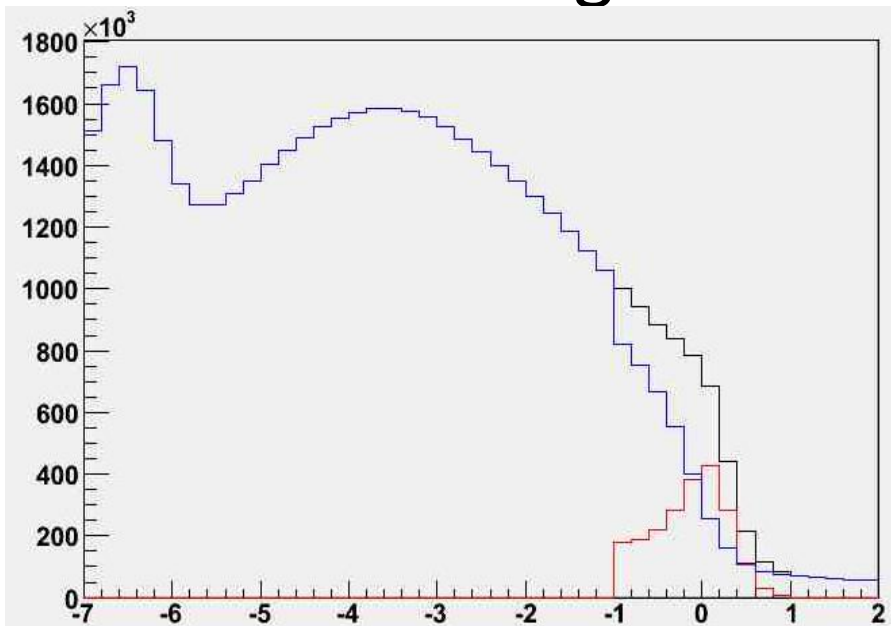
$$f(\varphi) = p_1 \sin(\varphi) + p_2 \cos(\varphi)$$

$$p_1 \propto A_y p_x^{fpp}$$

$$p_2 \propto A_y p_y^{fpp}$$



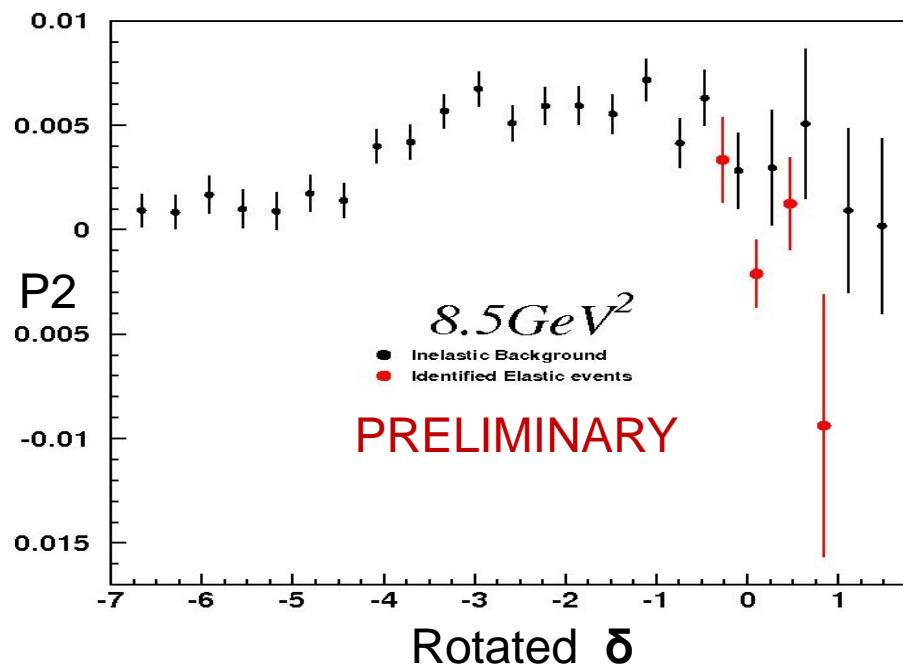
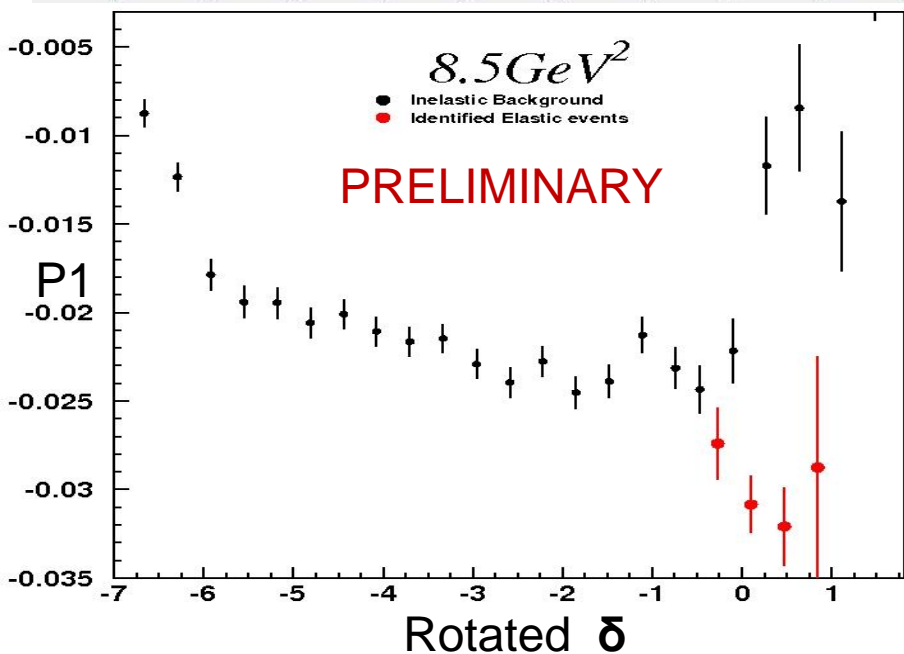
# Inelastic background correction at $Q^2=8.54\text{GeV}^2$



One of most important data point of GEp3 and also the worst point to identify elastic events. Applied e-p elastic cut( $2.5\sigma$ ) and plot the  $\delta \sim \theta_{\text{HMS}}$  correlation cut.

**Black** all the events  
**Blue** inelastic events  
**Red** elastic events

Separate background and elastic events into groups and fit the asymmetry at FPP. Plots of fitting parameter P1 and P2





# Inelastic background correction at $Q^2=8.54\text{GeV}^2$

Estimated about 10% background under elastic peak, corrected the P1 and P2 with formulas:

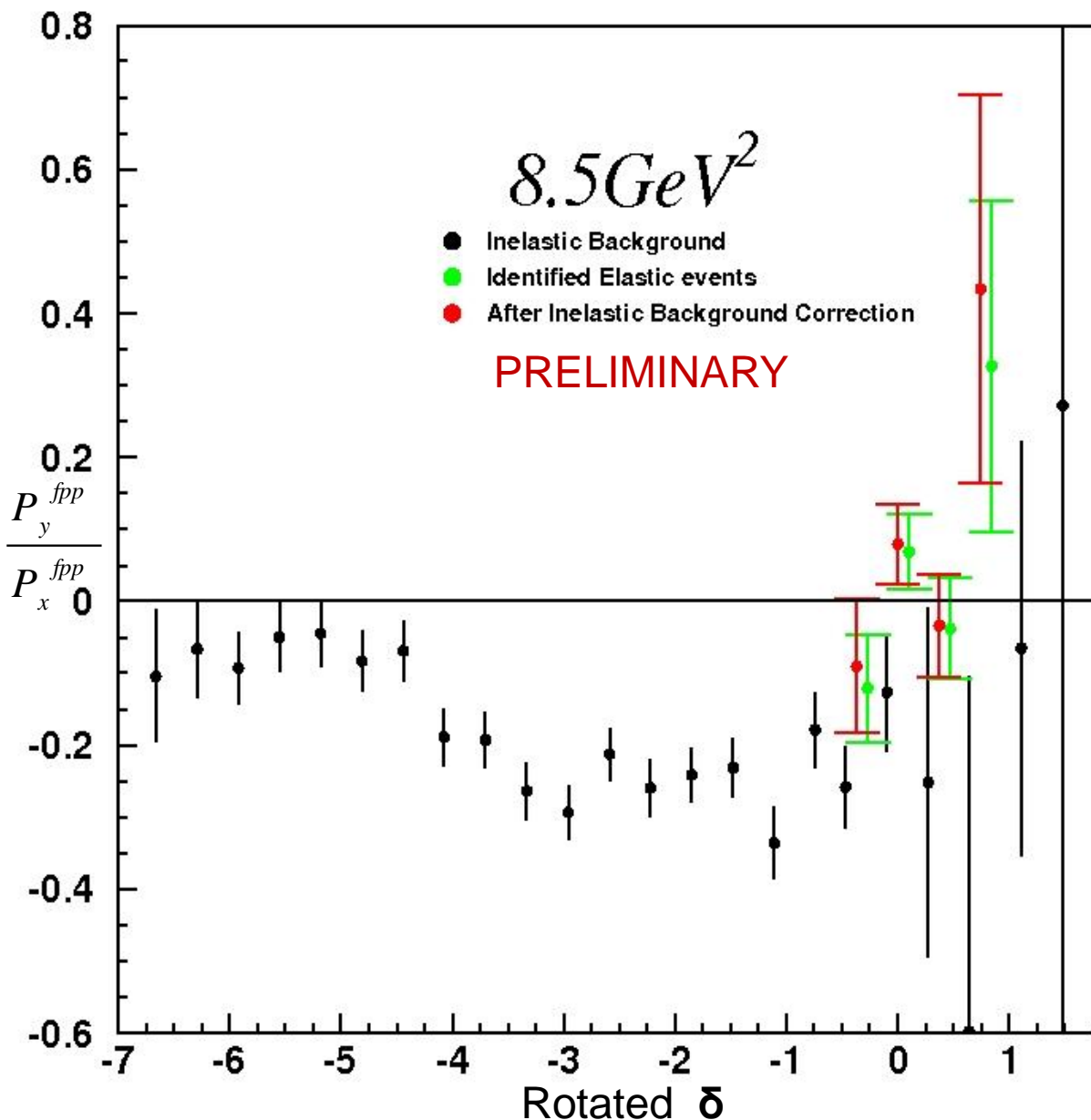
$$P_{1m} = (1 - x)P_{1el} + xP_{1inel}$$

$$P_{2m} = (1 - x)P_{2el} + xP_{2inel}$$

X- ratio of background/elastic  
 $P_m$ -identified elastic polarization

And plot the P2/P1.

The correction of background is important to reconstruct the polarization of elastic events at  $Q^2=8.54\text{GeV}^2$

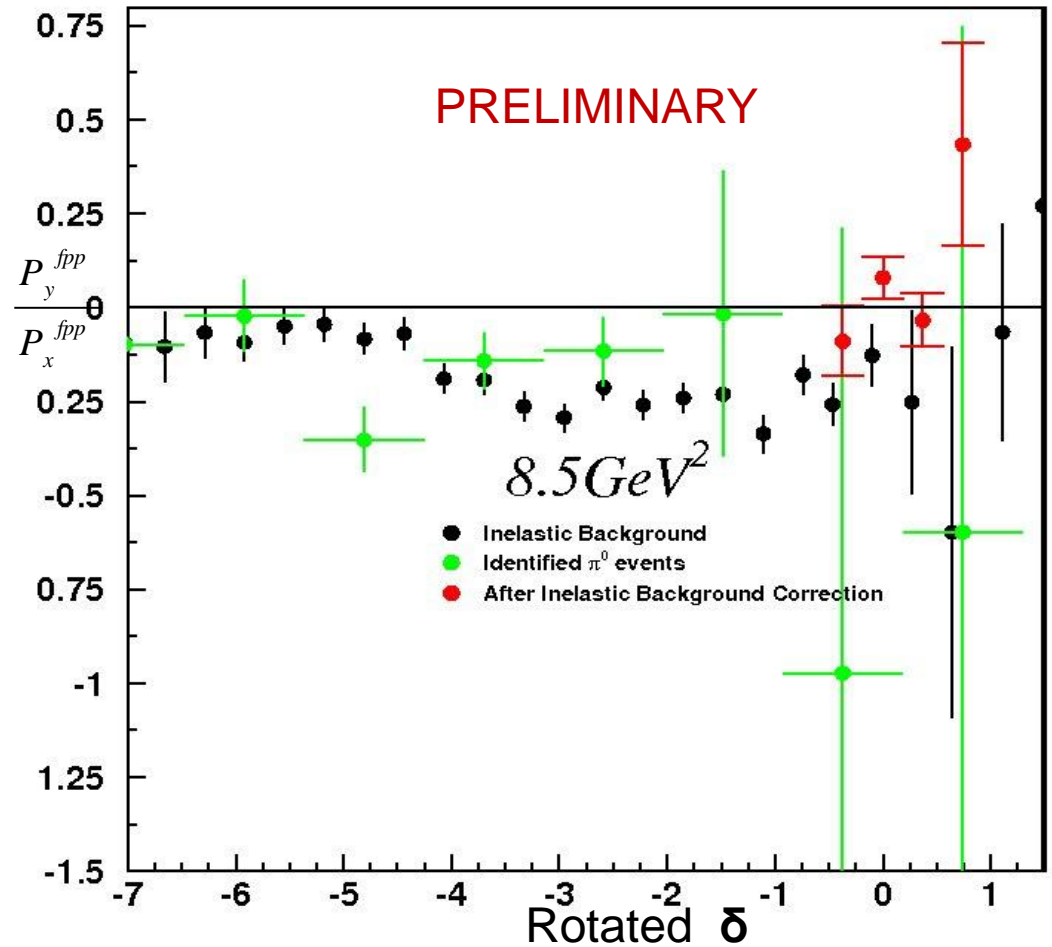
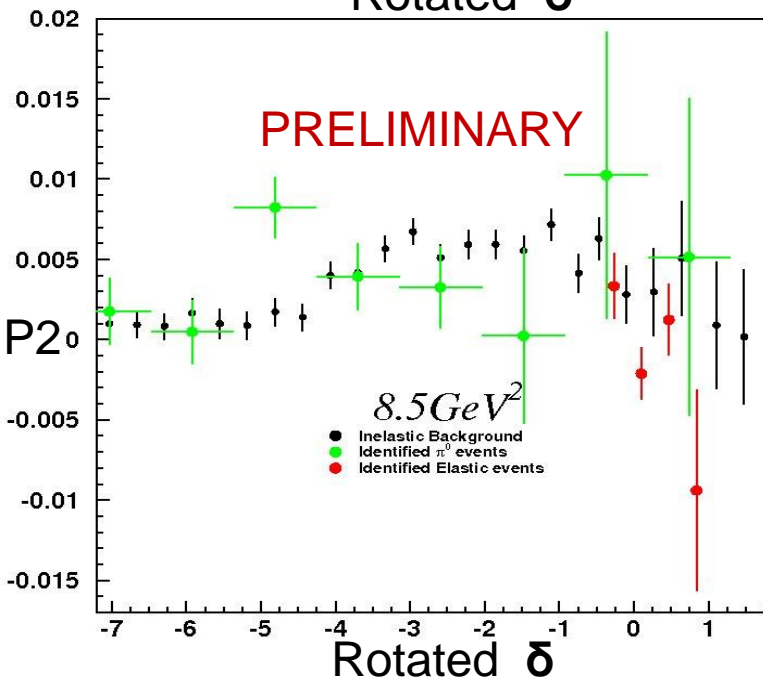
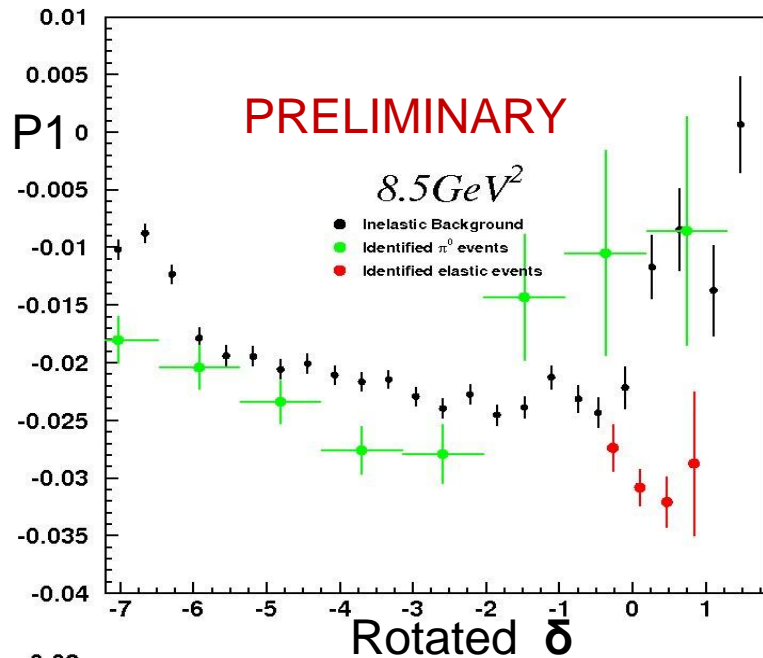


# FPP asymmetry when identifying $\pi^0$ events at

## BigCal

With BigCal  $\pi^0$  cuts, plot the  $\delta \sim \theta_{\text{HMS}}$  correlation cut.

The  $\pi^0$  production has similar trend to background. Need SIMC simulation to confirm the results.

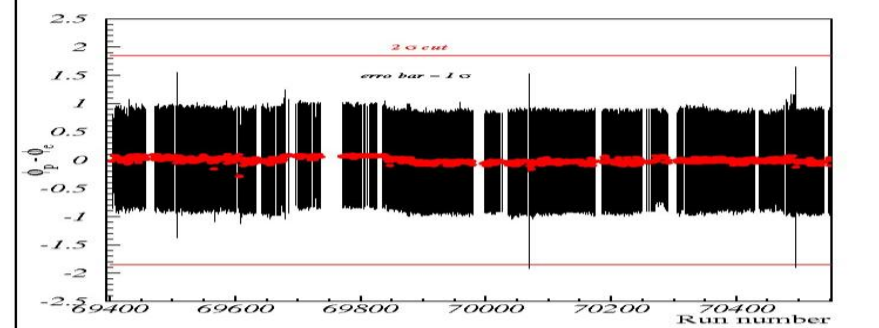
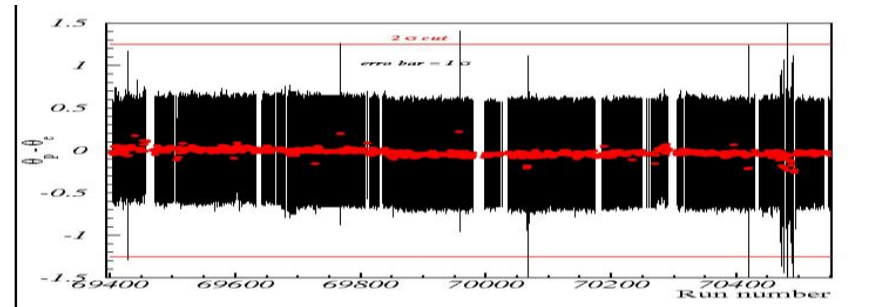
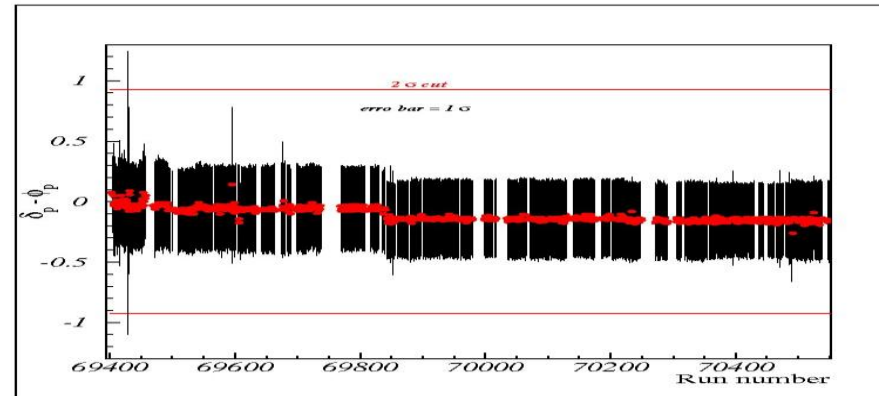
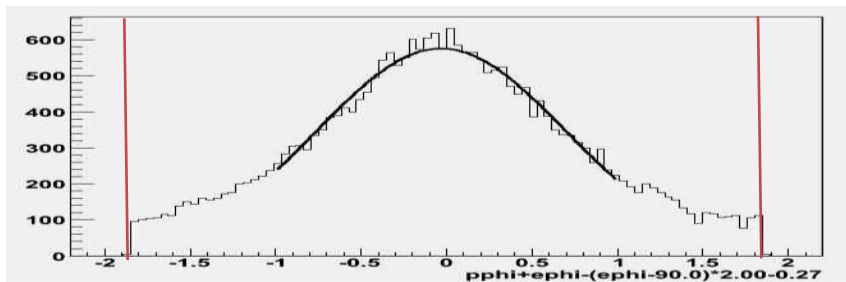
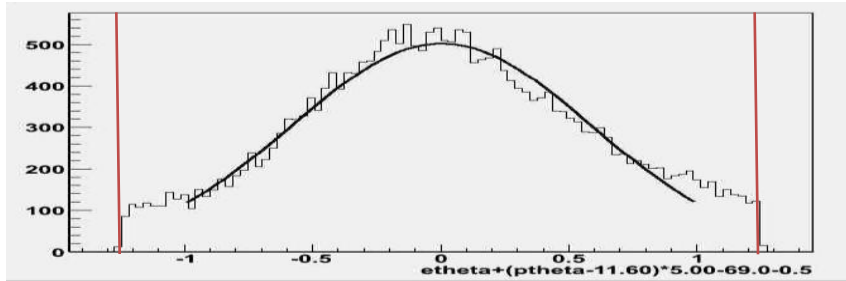
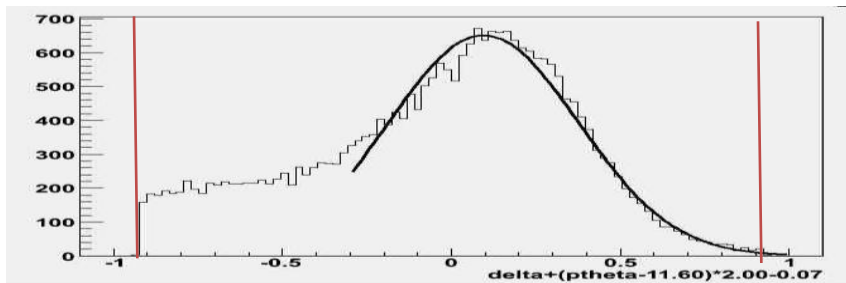


# Conclusion

- The asymmetry of inelastic background is different to the elastic events.
- The correction of inelastic contribution under elastic peak is important.
- Clearly identified  $\pi^0$  production reaction has similar asymmetry to the inelastic background.
- Need SIMC simulation to understand the  $\pi^0$  production contribution in inelastic background.

# Inelastic background correction at $Q^2=8.54\text{GeV}^2$

- The most important data point of GEp3 and the worst case for elastic events selection.
- Stabilization of cuts:



Count	202
Mean	-2.7
Std	2.8

