



## Beam Spin Asymmetry measurement of Exclusive $\varphi$ production off the neutron in RGB

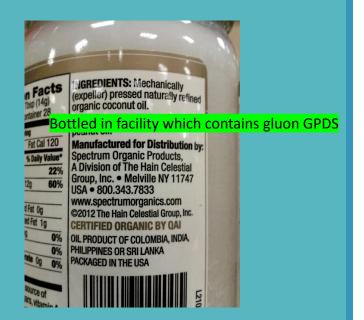
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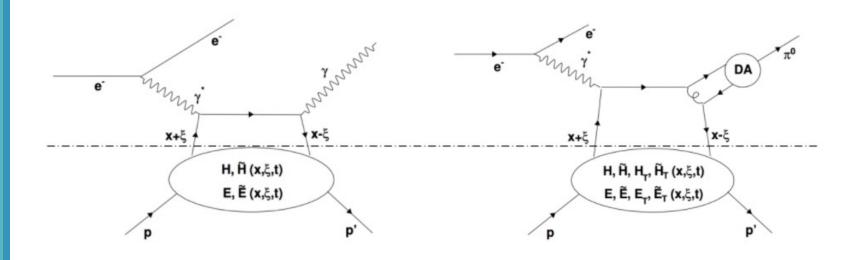
### Overview

- Physics motivation for analysis of excluisve phi meson
- Basics of analysis run group, event selection etc
- Basic calibration and quality cuts
- Deep-dive into exclusivity cut with comparison to RGA and RGB proton
- $\circ \varphi$  signal under present schematic
- A different method to do this analysis
- Summary

# Accessing GPDs in spin ½ particle

- For each flavor of quarks, there are 8 GPDs each giving access to a specific combination of interplay between quark polorization and nucleon helicity.





Chiral even GPDs: (helicity of the parton is conserved)

	Nucleon Helicity	
	conserving	non-conserving
unpolarized GPD	Н	E
polarized GPD	Ĥ	Ē

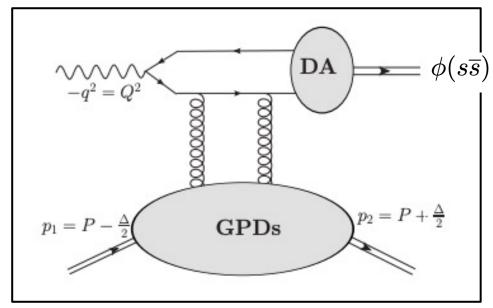
+ Chiral-odd GPDs:

(helicity of the parton can flip)

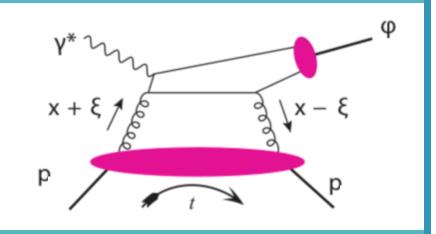
Chiral even GPDs

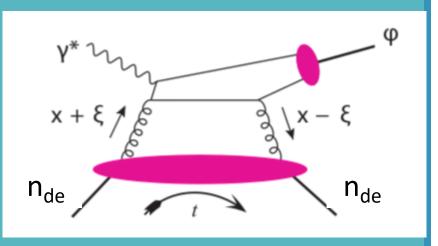
	Meson	Flavor
	$\pi^+$	$\Delta u - \Delta d$
$\mathcal{H}_{T}$ , $\mathcal{E}_{T}$	π <b>0</b>	$2\Delta u + \Delta d$
	η	$2\Delta u - \Delta d + 2\Delta s$

## Accessing GPDs in spin ½ particle



JLab-12 plans to carry out an extensive program of "3D nucleon imaging" with exclusive and semi-inclusive processes. DVCS and elastic nucleon form factors are sensitive mostly/only to the valence quark degrees of freedom [1]. The proposed  $\phi$  electroproduction experiment offers a unique way to access the spatial distribution of gluonic degrees of freedom and thus provides a crucial missing piece in the nucleon imaging program.





### Why study $\varphi$ off the neutron?

As the  $\phi$  accesses the gluon channel, we expect any measurement of this to be similar to that of proton. It would be a good validation check

If we are sentive to differences, that makes this an even more interesting channel to study.

Additional benefits could be comparing RGB and RGA channel to understand final state interactions in heavy meson production

## Analysis basics and run group

- $\circ$  Using RG-B data set to study  $\varphi$  production off of neutron
- Looking for exclusive phi production using the

$$\phi 
ightarrow K^+K^-$$

 $\circ$  Final state particles are : scattered electron, scattered neutron, decay products of  $\varphi$ 

decay channel	branching fraction
$K^+K^-$	48.9%
$K_L^0 K_S^0$	34.2%
$\rho \pi + \pi^{+} \pi^{-} \pi^{0}$	15.32%

Data Run Selection

Spring 2019 - Inbending (250-hipofiles)

Fall 2019 - Outbending (108-hipofiles)

Spring 2020 - Inbending (182-hipofiles)

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Exactly one electron, one K+, one K- and at least one neutral particles

Exactly one electron, one K+, one K- and any number of neutral particles

Single, first Particle from the event bank

Combinatorial Method with just neutron

Combinatorial method with all particles

Best neutron is picked by looping over all the neutrons and picking the one that minimizes the missing mass in this exclusive event

electrons are all in FD

neutron, K+, K - in FD ~45%

neutron FD, K+, K - in CD ~14%

neutron FD, K+, K in FD or CD ~23.23%

Rest

TO DO: Looking at phase space distribution using a generator

## Electron

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neutron

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GeV
cone angle formed by
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kaon +

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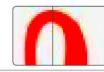
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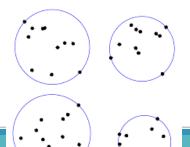
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**Vertex Cut** 



**Miniball Algorithm** 



Looks for radius of the smallest sphere that encompasses all N points

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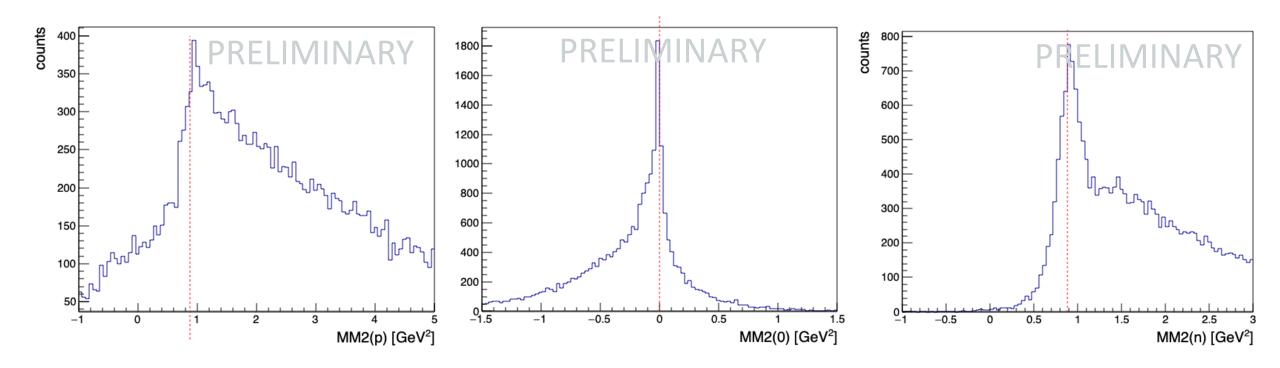
Missing Mass full event

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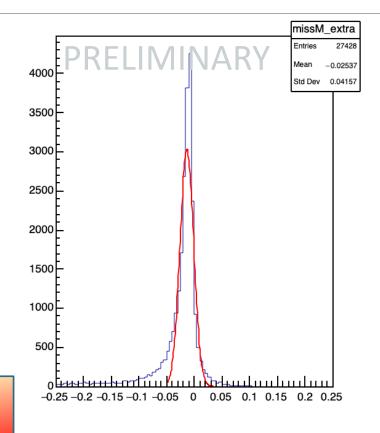
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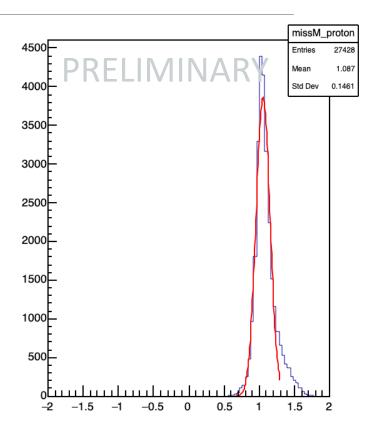
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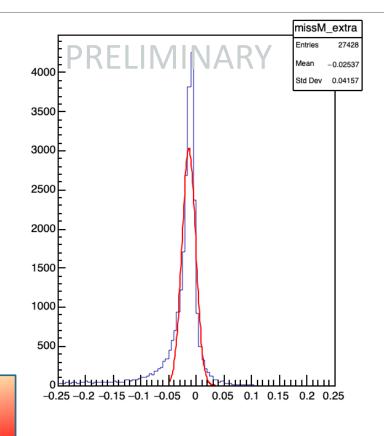
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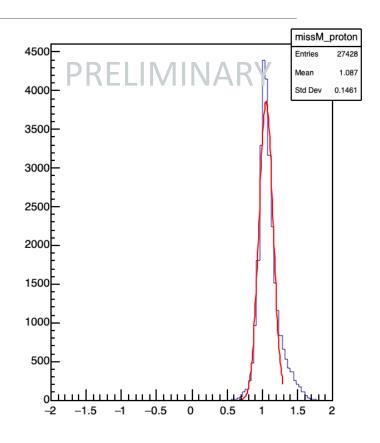
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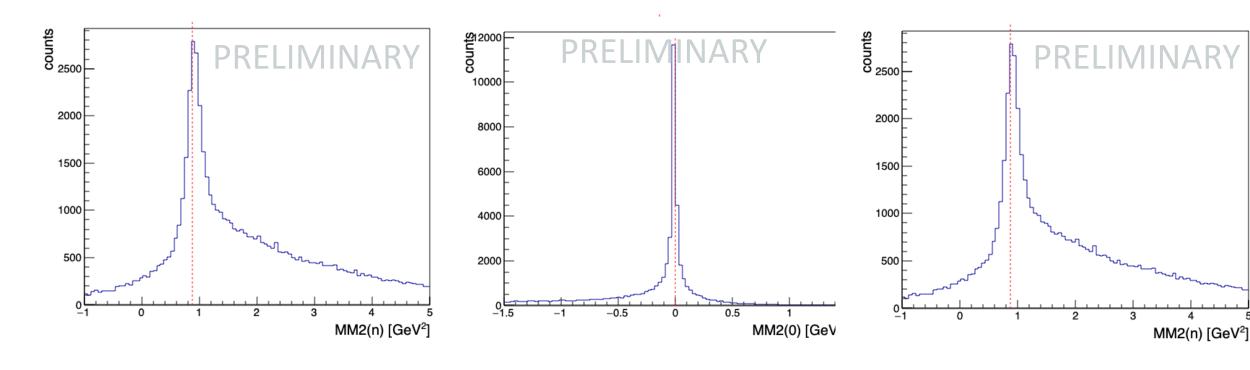
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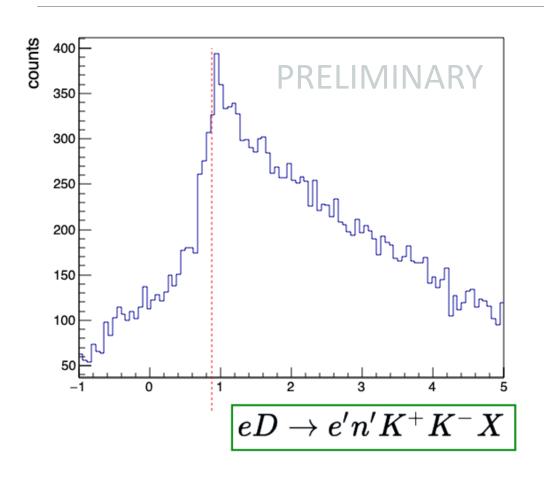
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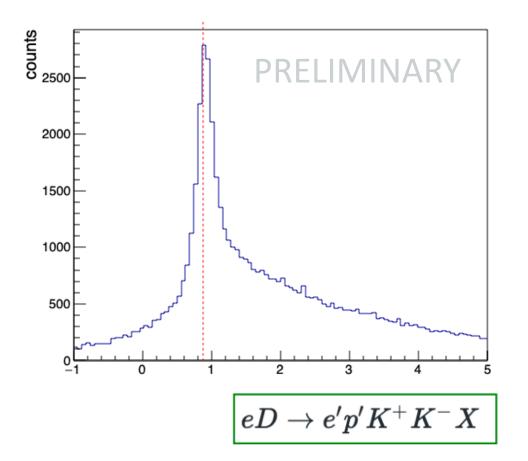
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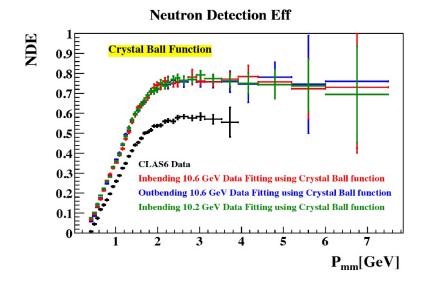


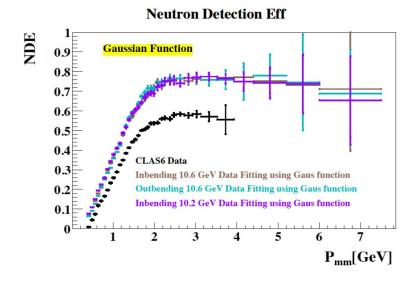


#### Neutron identification studies (ongoing) from Lamya Basheen

At really low momenutm, the neutron does not punch through enough for its detection to be reliable.
Unfortunately most of my statistics is below 1.5GeV

### NDE Results from Fitting with background

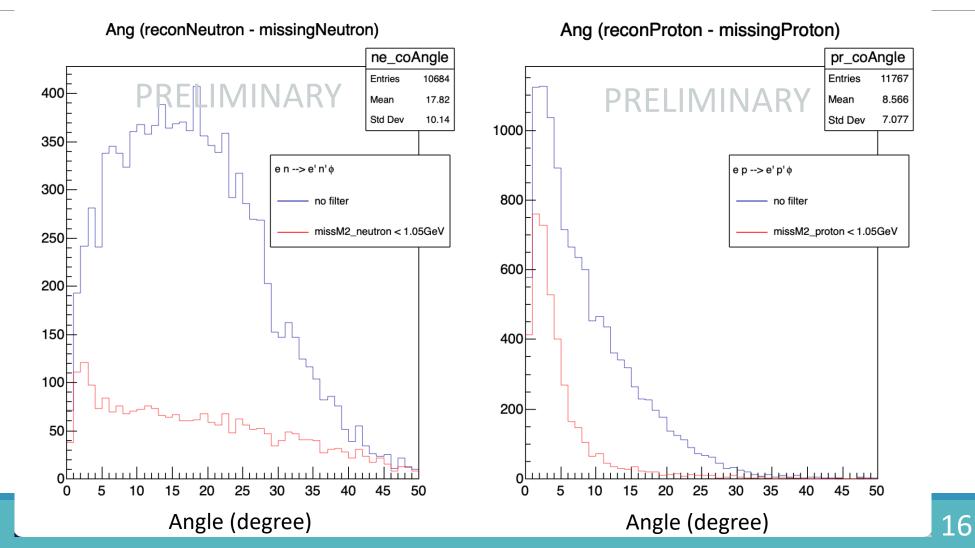




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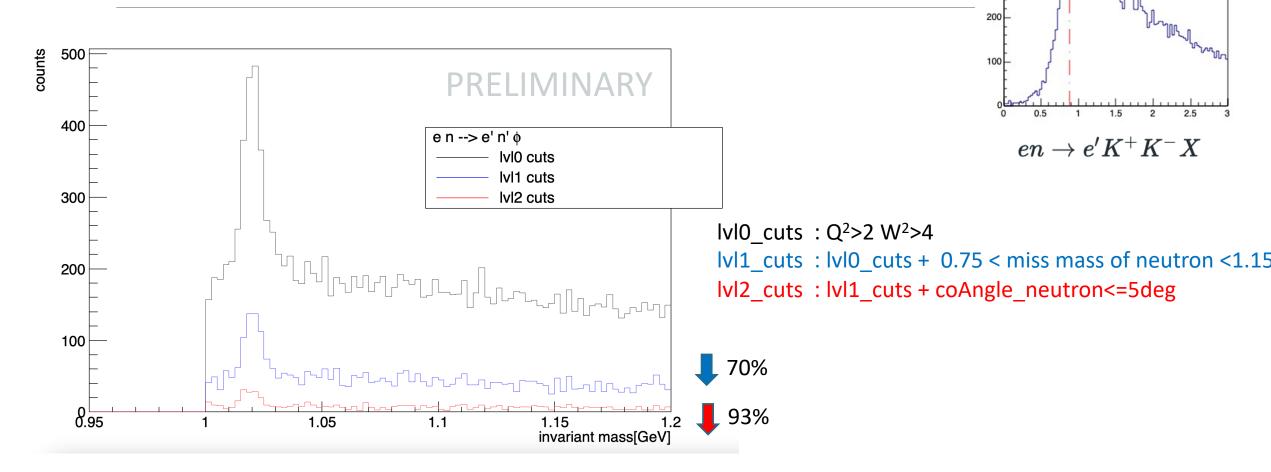
## Angle between missing nucleon and reconstructed nucleon

35% statistics





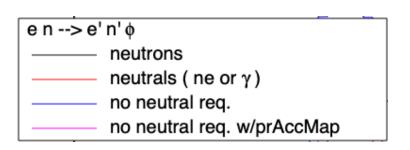
## $oldsymbol{arphi}$ meson signal – neutron target

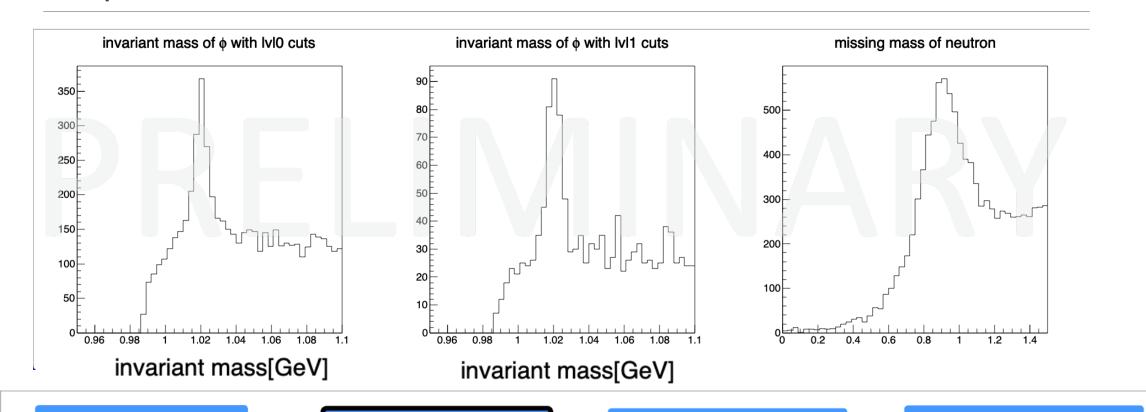


## Summary #1 – the end?

- Studying  $\phi$  is a very interesiting channel giving us access to the gluon GPDs of nucleons
- there are minor improvements that can be done to the analysis such as correction to kaon momentum
- the major difficulty for this analysis is he low momentum of neutrons in the forward detector which makes their reconstruction difficult
- This, combined with the limited cross-section of  $\varphi$  meson production, results in a small signal that can hinder obtaining accurate beam-spin asymmetry (BSA) measurements.

## How about loosening the requirements on neutron?



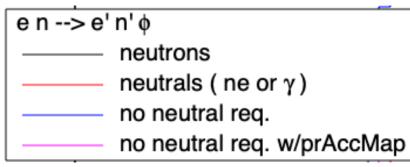


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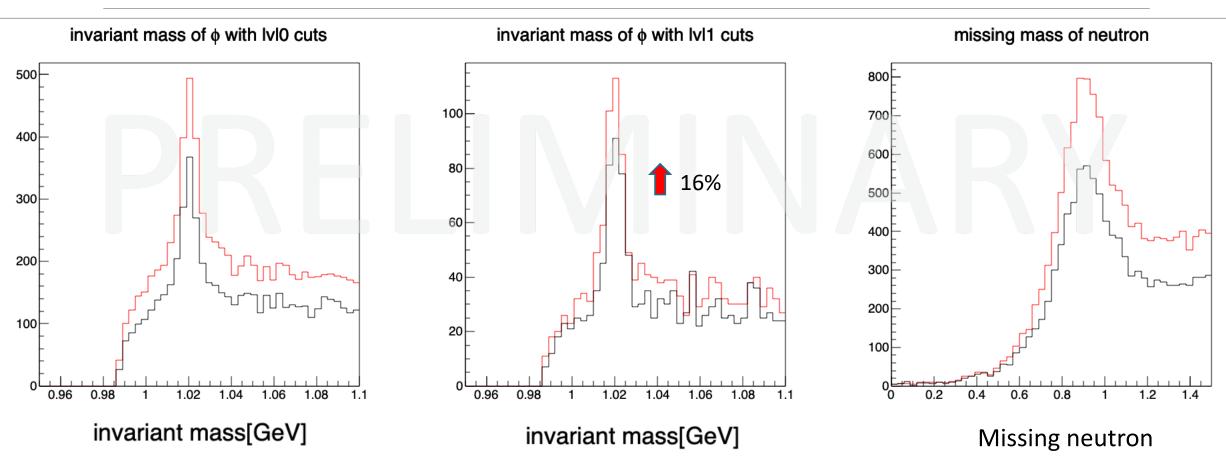
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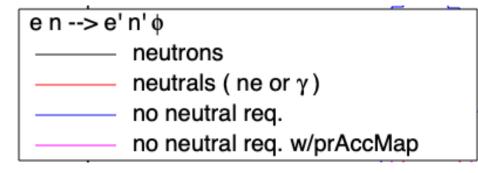
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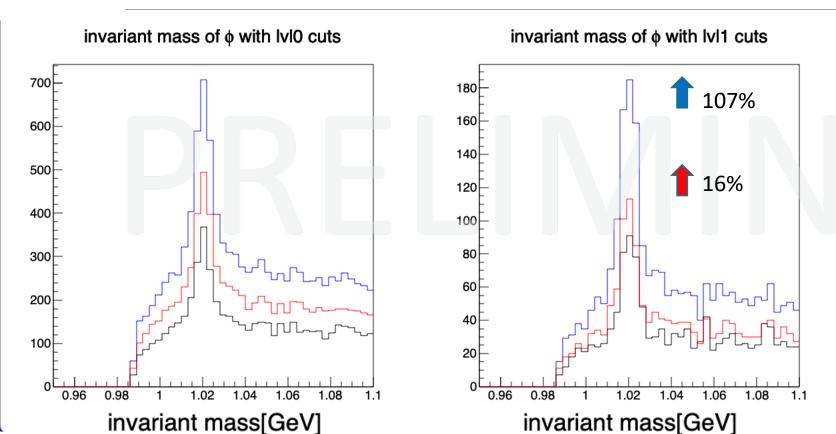
## Looking at neutrons + photon

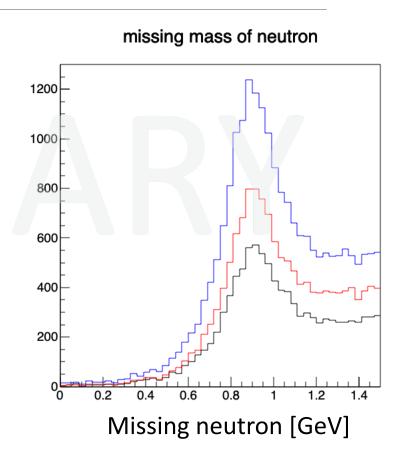


35% statistics

## No Req. on neutral particle.







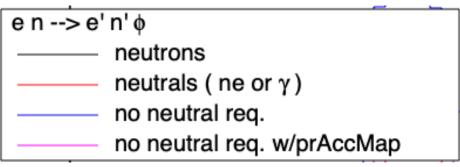
1) protons which are outside acceptance

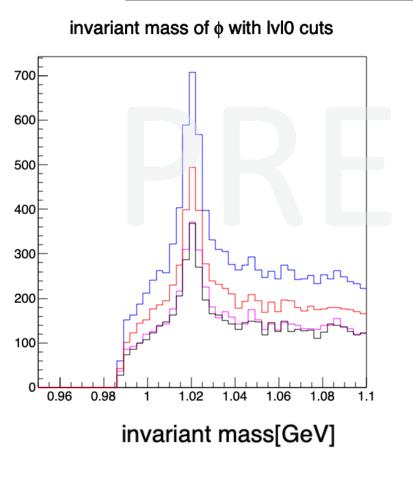
But ofc, ignoring events which has reconstructed proton.

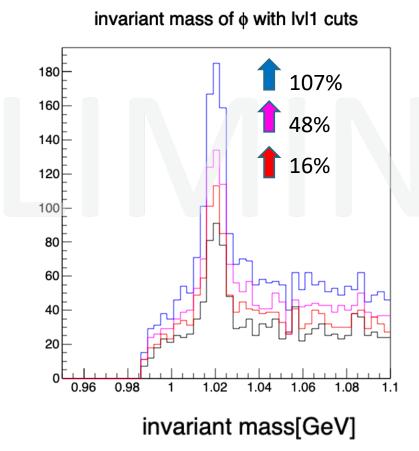
There are two issues with this

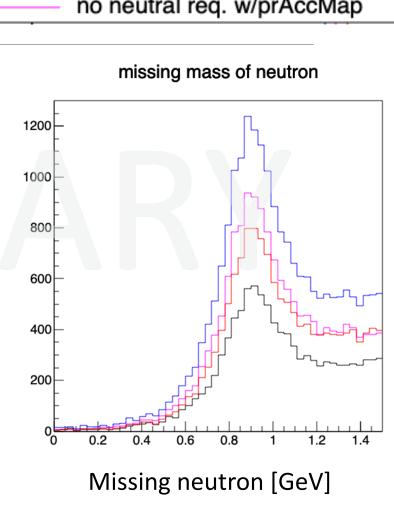
2) proton within acceptance, but not vet reconstructed.

## No Req. on Neutral particle + proton acceptance map









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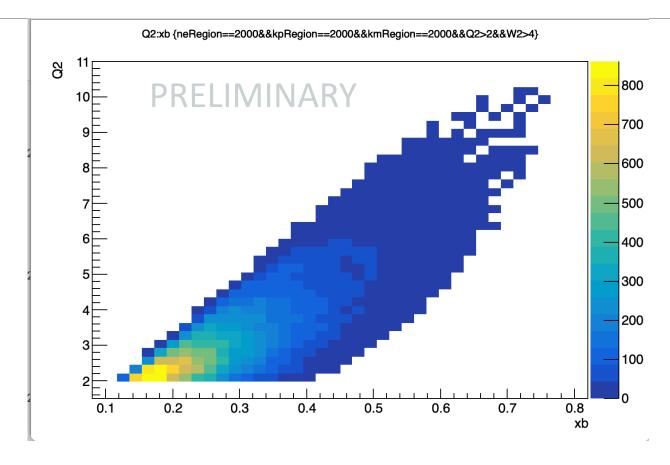


### Summary 2 : All isn't lost, yet.

- Maybe this analysis can be done even without requiring a neutron
- This will present with some challenges in understading and constraining contamination from the proton channel
- Studying small sample of Pass 2 indicates a significant improvement in statistics in this channel..
- We may not get a finely binned BSA measurement. But with some effort, it might be possible to see a very small signal
- Nevertheless, this effort will be written up and submitted as an analysis note within collaboration for future reference.

## Backup

### Q2 vs XB



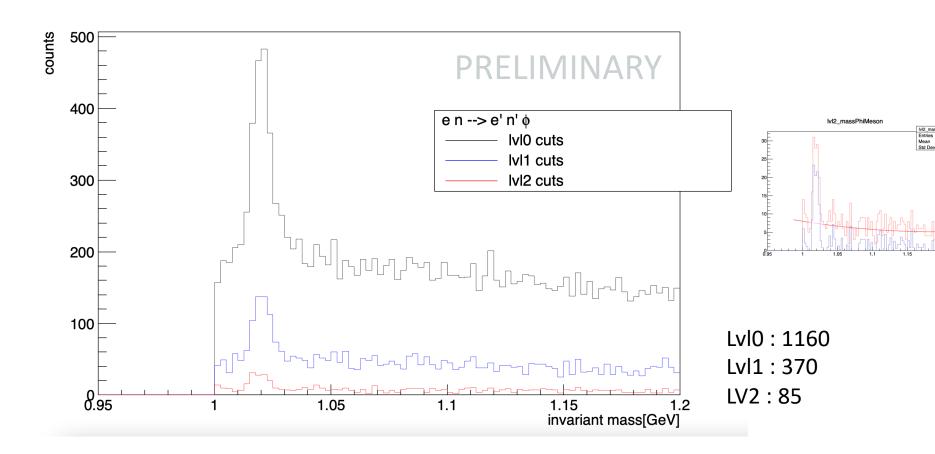


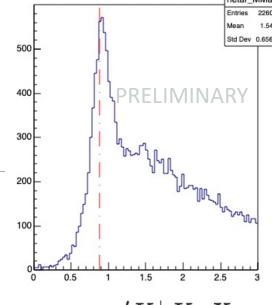
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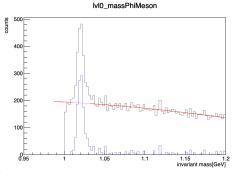
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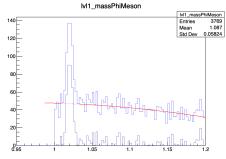
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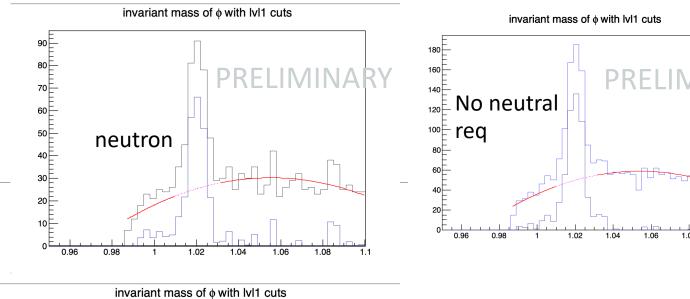


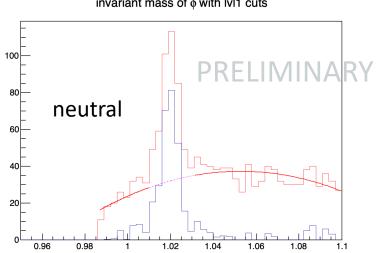
1) neutrons: 235.97

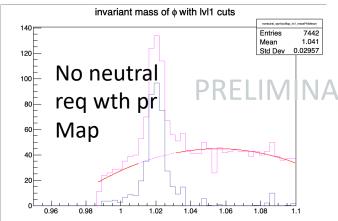
2) neutrals: 273

3) no neutral req: 487

4) no neutral req with proton map: 349

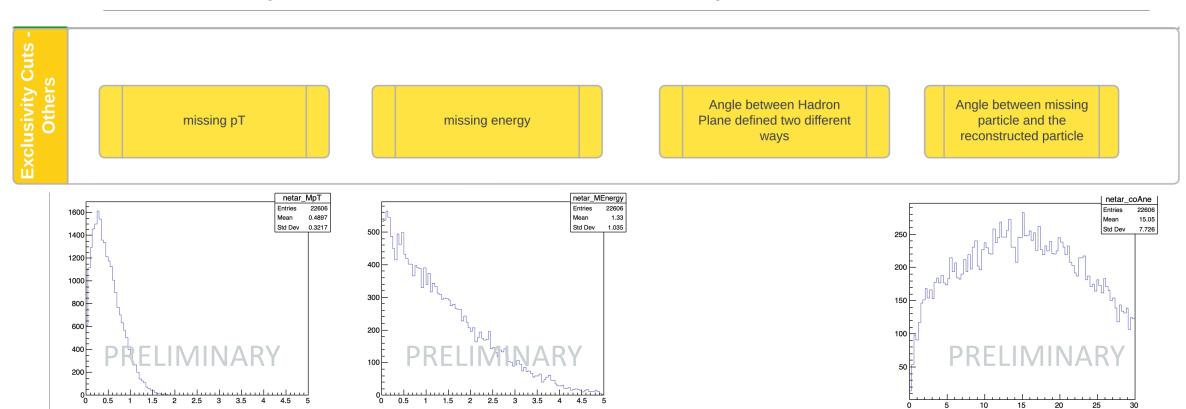


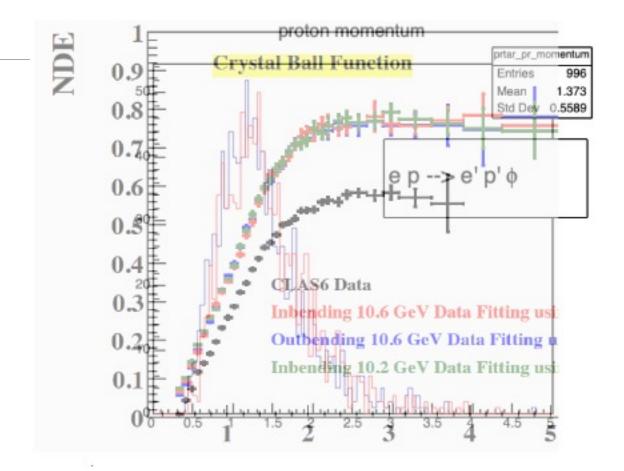






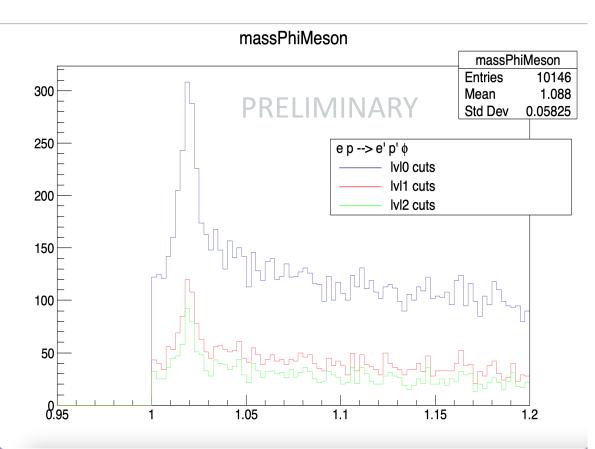
## Other possible exclusivity cuts

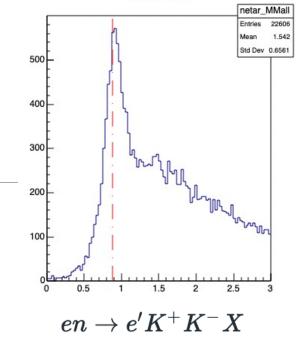






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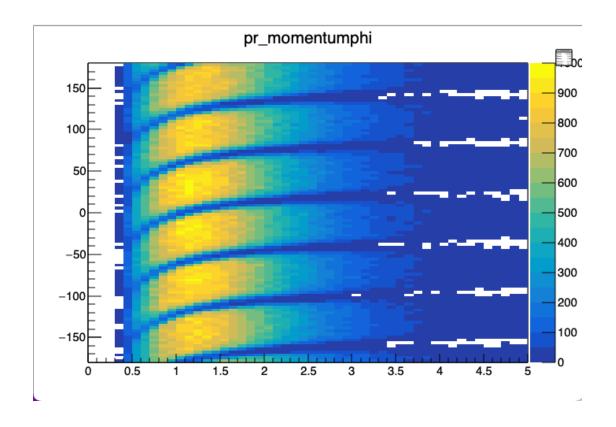
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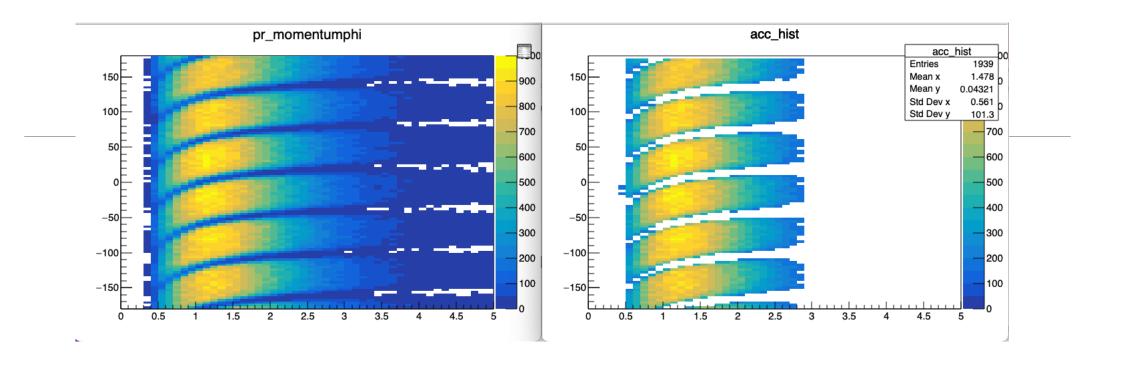
### Simulation of proton to get acceptance map

I can't just look at all filled bins and call that within acceptance. Needed an edge cut.

Option 1 : FitSliceX, and 5sigma away from it...

Option2: Look at each phi bin, look for a minimum value and cut certain value above the minimum value





Now created a boolean function which takes in particular momentum and phi and sees if that bin is filled or not.

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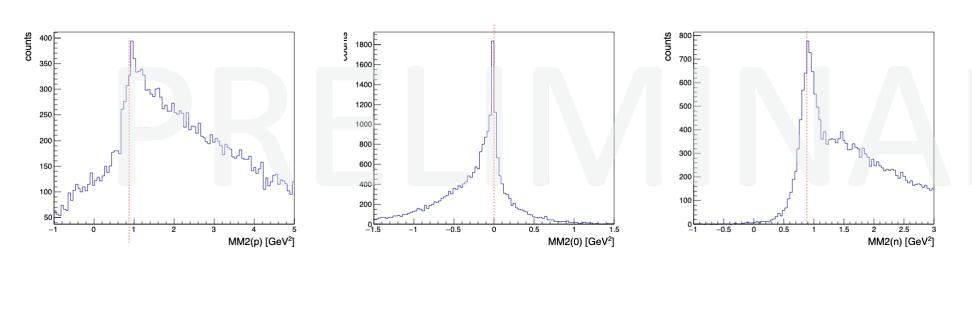
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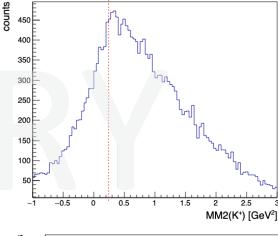
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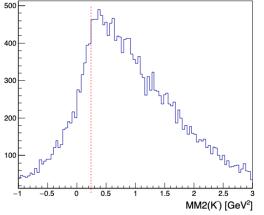
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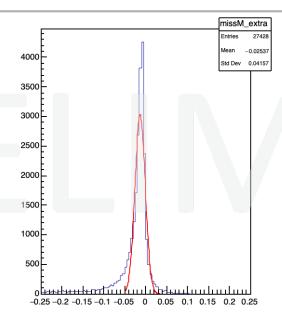
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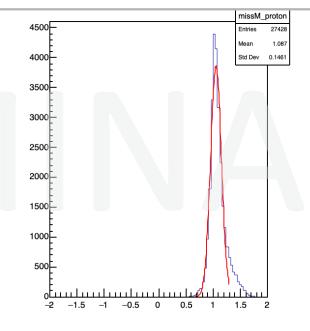
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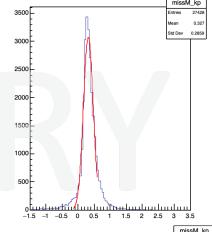
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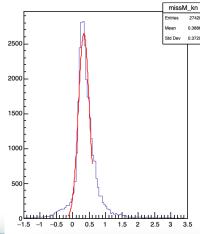
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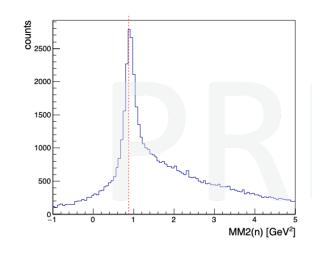
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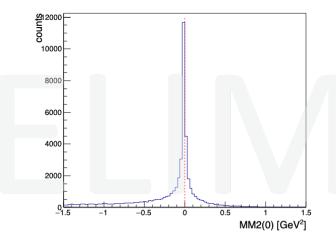
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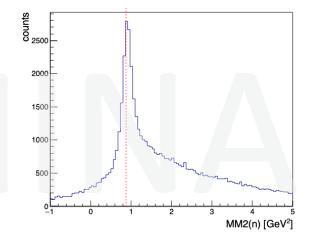
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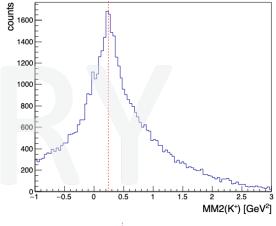
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