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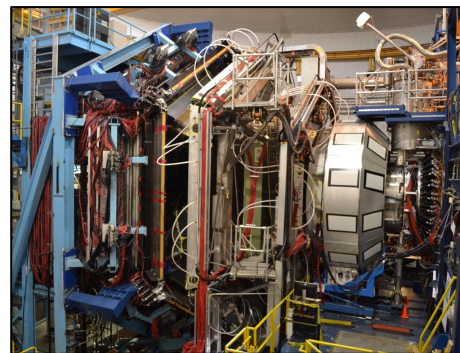
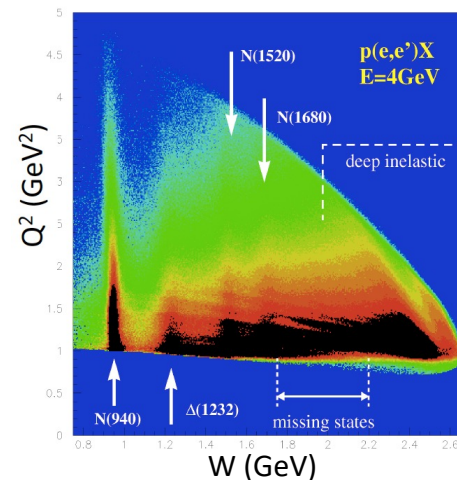
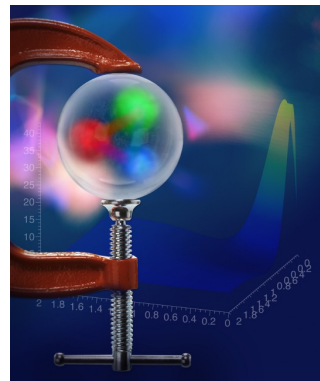
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Outline

- **RGK**: an experimental program dedicated to **Quark-Gluon Confinement and Strong QCD**
- Latest RGK results overview:
 - **Beam-Recoil Transferred Polarization**
 - **Recoil Hyperon Polarization**
 - **Extraction of KY Differential Cross Sections And Separated Structure Functions**
- Summary and Outlook

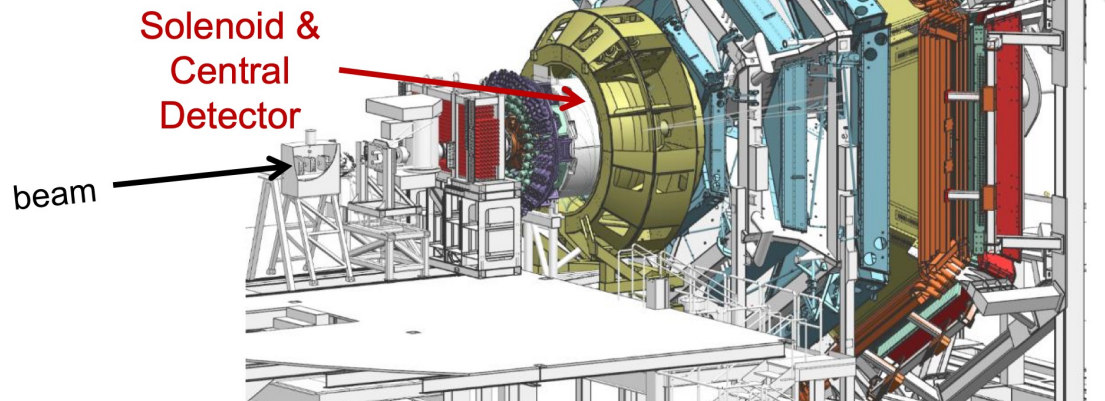


CLAS12

Beam

- 85% longitudinally pol. electrons
- Max. luminosity: $10^{35} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- Energies: up to $\sim 10.6 \text{ GeV}$

Torus & Forward Detector



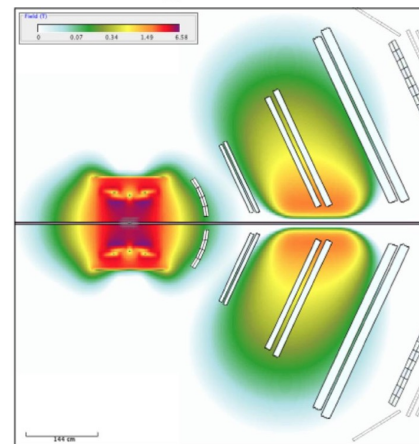
[V.D. Burkert et al., Nucl. Inst. and Meth. A 959, 163419 (2020)]

Ideal instrument to study exclusive meson electroproduction
in the nucleon resonance region

Targets (org. by Run Groups)

- Proton (RG-A/K)
- Deuteron (RG-B)
- Nuclei (RG-M/D/E)
- Long. pol. NH_3/ND_3 (RG-C)

Magnetic Field



RGK @ CLAS12

Run Group Proposal (RG K) “Color Confinement and Strong QCD”:

Search for Hybrid Baryons (qqqg)

KY Electroproduction for the N* study

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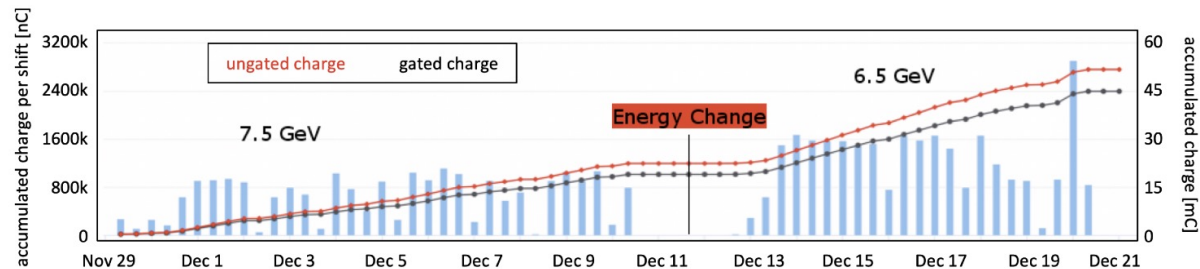
RUN CONDITIONS	
Torus Current	100% (3375 A) - negative out-bending
Solenoid	-100 %
FT	ON @ 7.5 GeV -> OFF @ 6.5 GeV and 8.5 GeV
Beam/Target	Polarized electrons, un-polarized LH ₂ target
Luminosity	• $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ @ 7.5 GeV $\sim 0.87 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ @ 6.5 GeV $0.87 \cdot 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ @ 6.4 GeV $10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ @ 8.5 GeV FULL LUMINOSITY

Fall 2018: EVENTS **15.6 G**

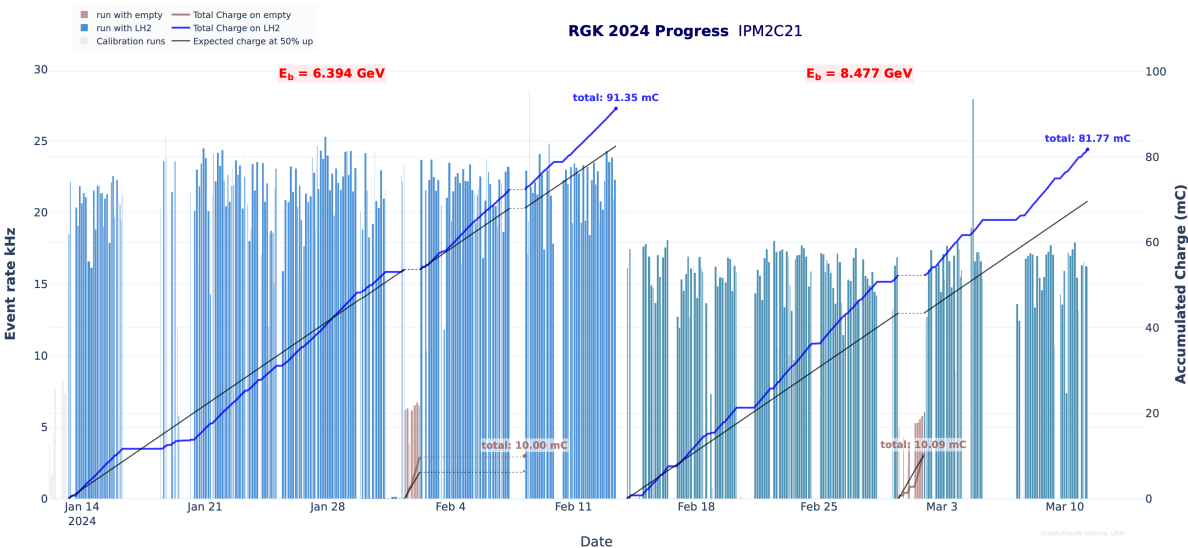
Spring 2024: EVENTS **60 G** (Statistics increased by a factor 4)

50% of the total

Collected Charge: 2018 vs. 2024



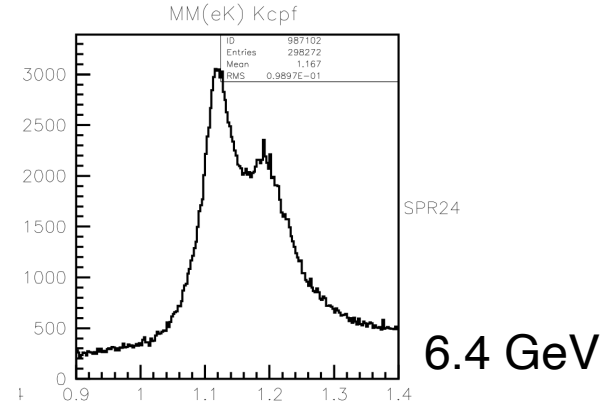
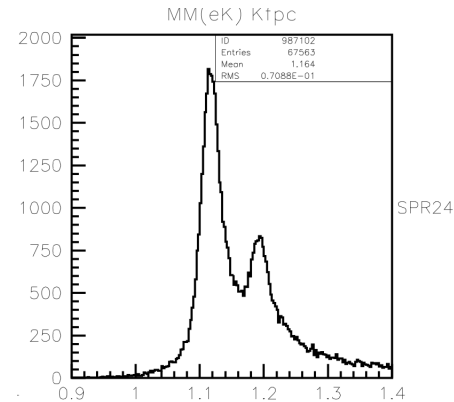
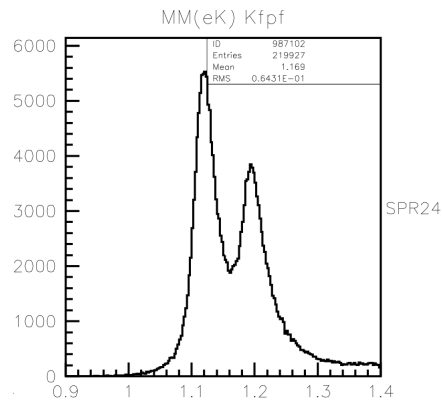
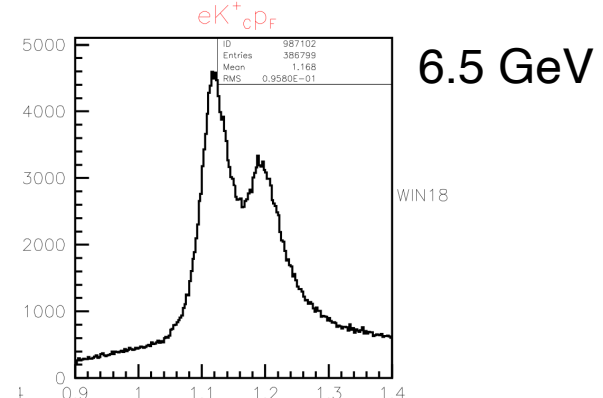
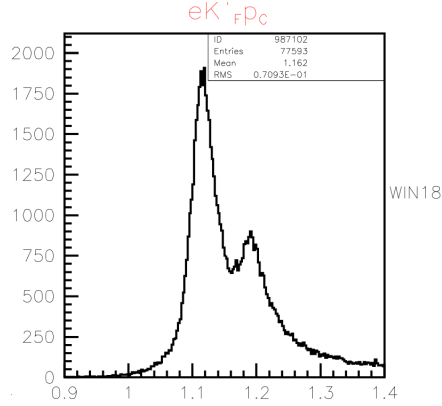
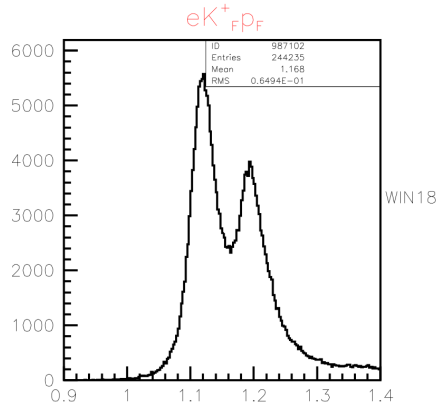
The total collected charge is $Q \approx 45$ mC



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The total collected charge is $Q \approx 91 + 81$ mC

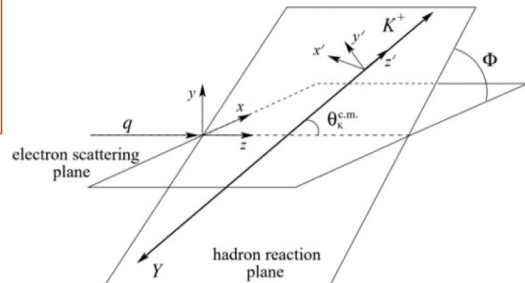
KY Resolution: 2018 vs. 2024



Courtesy of
Dan Carman

Beam-Recoil Transferred Polarization in K^+Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon Resonance Region with CLAS12

D.S. Carman, A. D'Angelo, L. Lanza, V. Mokeev (CLAS Collaboration), "Beam-Recoil Transferred Polarization in K^+Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon Resonance Region with CLAS12", Phys. Rev. C 105, 065201 (2022)



Analysis of CLAS12 RG-K data from Fall 2018

- 6.535 GeV and 7.546 GeV electrons on LH_2 target
- Extract beam-recoil transferred polarization from longitudinally polarized beam electron to final state hyperon vs. Q^2 , W , $\cos \theta_{\nu}^{\text{c.m.}}$

$$A = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} = \nu_Y \alpha_{\Lambda} P_b P_Y' \cos \theta_p^{RF}$$

P' = transferred polarization

(x', y', z')

P^0 = recoil polarization

$$\begin{aligned} P_{x'}' &= K_I \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} R_{TT}^{x'0}, \\ P_{y'}' &= 0 \\ P_{z'}' &= K_I \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} R_{TT}^{z'0}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{x'}^0 &= 0 \\ P_{y'}^0 &= K_I (R_T^{y'0} + \epsilon R_L^{y'0}) \\ P_{z'}^0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 105, 065201 (2022)

Beam-recoil transferred polarization in K^+Y electroproduction in the nucleon resonance region with CLAS12

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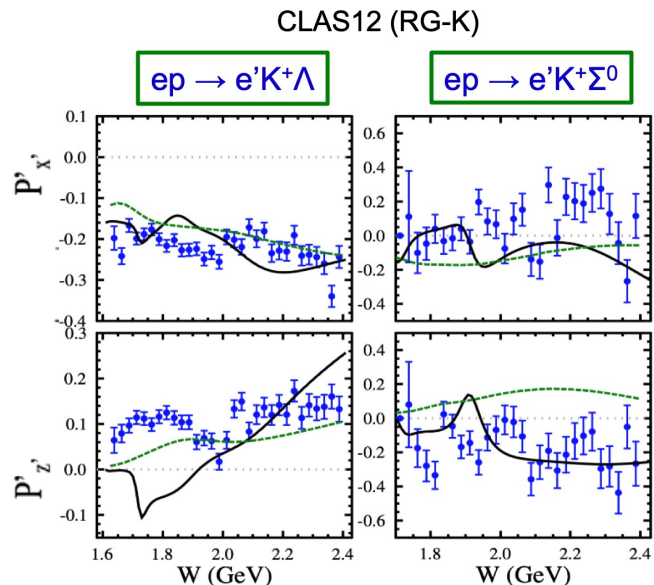
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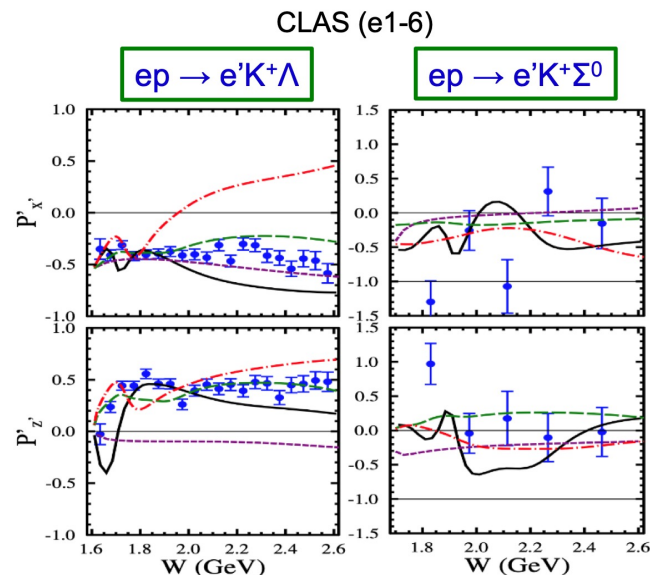
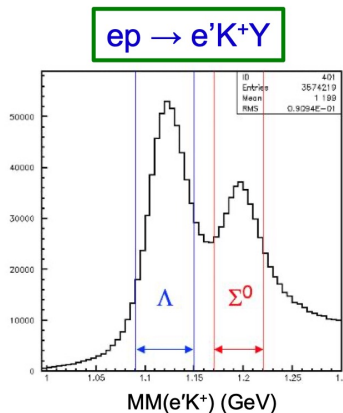
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K⁺Y Transferred Polarization CLAS12 vs. CLAS



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KAON-MAID
RPR



[D.S. Carman et al., Phys. Rev. C 79, 065205 (2009)]

Mart/Bennhold
RPR-1

RPR-2
Regge

World data set will get extended
by orders of magnitude

Recoil Polarization in K^+Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon Resonance Region with CLAS12

- **RG-K Λ and Σ^0 recoil polarization analysis by D. Carman, A. D'Angelo, L. Lanza, V. Mokeev:** WG approval
- **Paper** currently under Collaboration-Wide Review
- **This work aims at extending the available data** from CLAS to provide more complete input to available reaction models to **improve our understanding of strong QCD in the non-perturbative domain.**

KY channels: $e + p \rightarrow e' + K^+ + Y$ where $Y = \Lambda, \Sigma^0$

Yield Integral

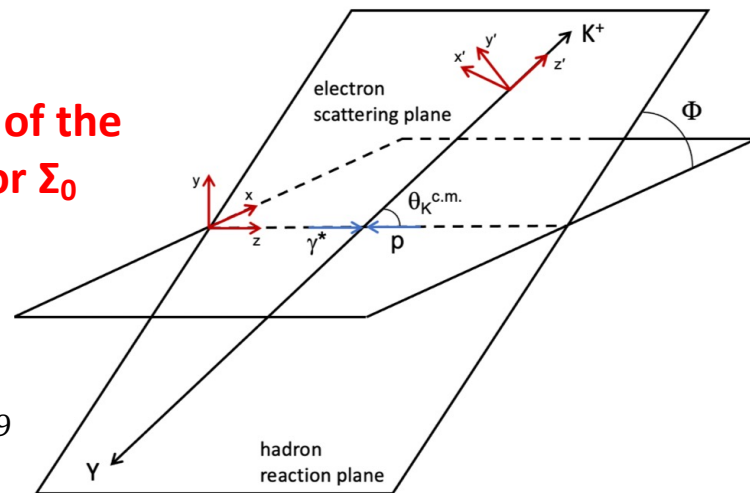
$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta_p^{RF}} = N_0 (1 + \nu_Y \alpha P_Y \cos \theta_p^{RF})$$

angular distribution of the decay p in the Y decay frame

$\nu_Y = 1, -0.256$ (Λ, Σ^0)
Dilution factor

$\alpha = 0.747 \pm 0.009$
 Λ weak decay asymmetry parameter

polarization of the parent Λ or Σ_0



Recoil Polarization in K^+Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon Resonance Region with CLAS12

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta_p^{RF}} = N_0 (1 + \nu_Y \alpha P_Y \cos \theta_p^{RF})$$

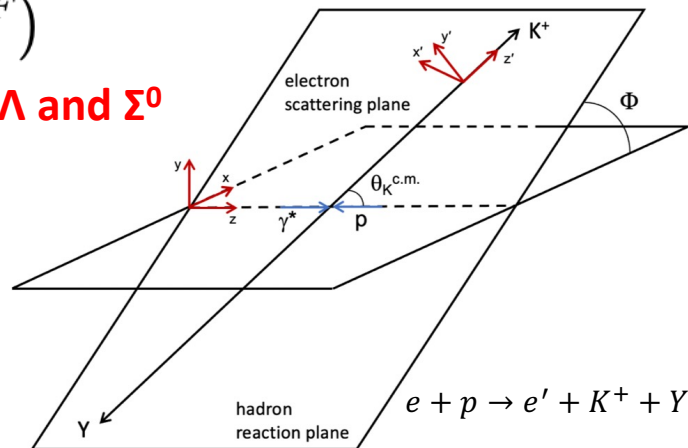
Recoil polarization for Λ and Σ^0

Yield in the
forward angle
range,
i.e. $\cos \theta_{RFp} > 0$

$$N_F = \int_0^1 N_0 (1 + \nu_Y \alpha P_Y \cos \theta_p^{RF}) d \cos \theta_p^{RF} = N_0 + N_0 \cdot \frac{\nu_Y \alpha P_Y}{2}$$

Yield in the
backward angle
range,
i.e. $\cos \theta_{RFp} < 0$

$$N_B = \int_{-1}^0 N_0 (1 + \nu_Y \alpha P_Y \cos \theta_p^{RF}) d \cos \theta_p^{RF} = N_0 - N_0 \cdot \frac{\nu_Y \alpha P_Y}{2}$$



Recoil polarization for Λ and Σ^0

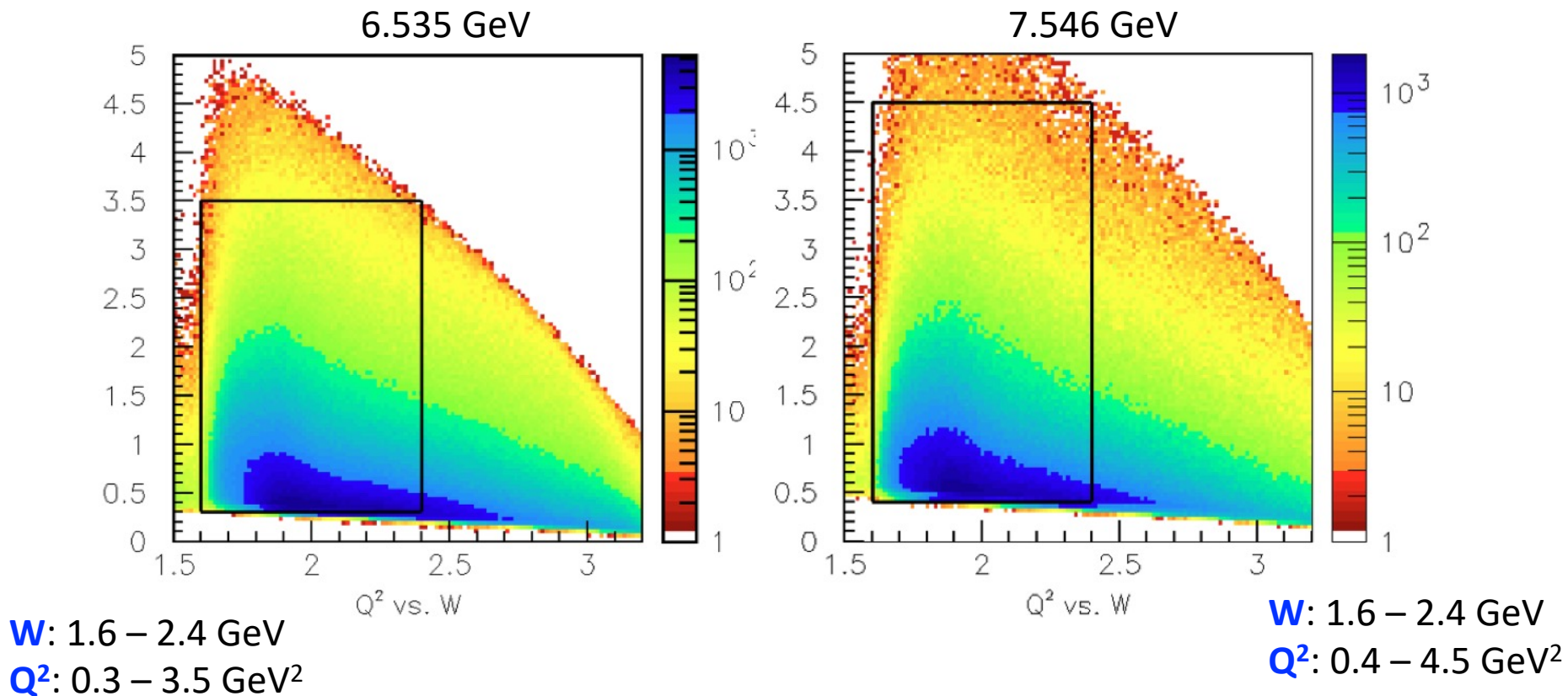
$$A_{FB} = \frac{\frac{N_F}{A_F} - \frac{N_B}{A_B}}{\frac{N_F}{A_F} + \frac{N_B}{A_B}} = \frac{\nu_Y \alpha P_Y}{2}$$

Forward-backward
yield asymmetry

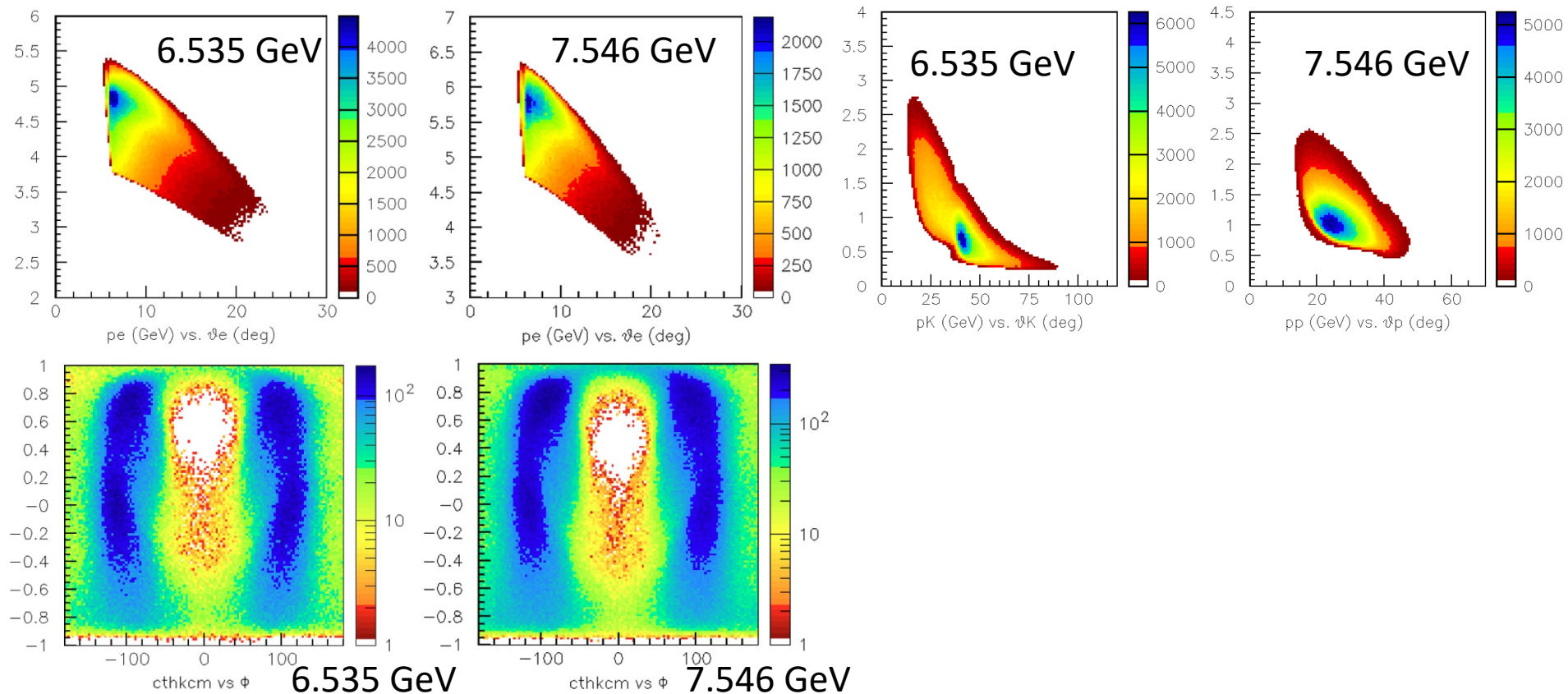
Sensitivity to the
detector acceptance $\Rightarrow$ Acceptance
Correction

$$A_{F,B} = \frac{N_{F,B}^{REC}}{N_{F,B}^{MC}}$$

K^+Y Induced Polarization in the Nucleon Resonance Region



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Analysis Cuts Overview

Electron

Cut	Value
Track Status	$2000 \leq \text{abs}(\text{STATUS}) < 4000$
Event Builder PID	11
p_e	$[1.0:p_{\text{beam}}]$ GeV
TOF_e	$[21:26]$ ns
v_z	$[-10:2]$ cm
ECAL Sampling Fraction	$\pm 3.5\sigma$
ECAL Fiducial Cut	7 cm edge cut on U, V, W
π^- contamination	$E_{ECin}/p_{e'} < -0.84 * E_{PCAL}/p_{e'} + 0.17$
DC Fiducial Cuts	on

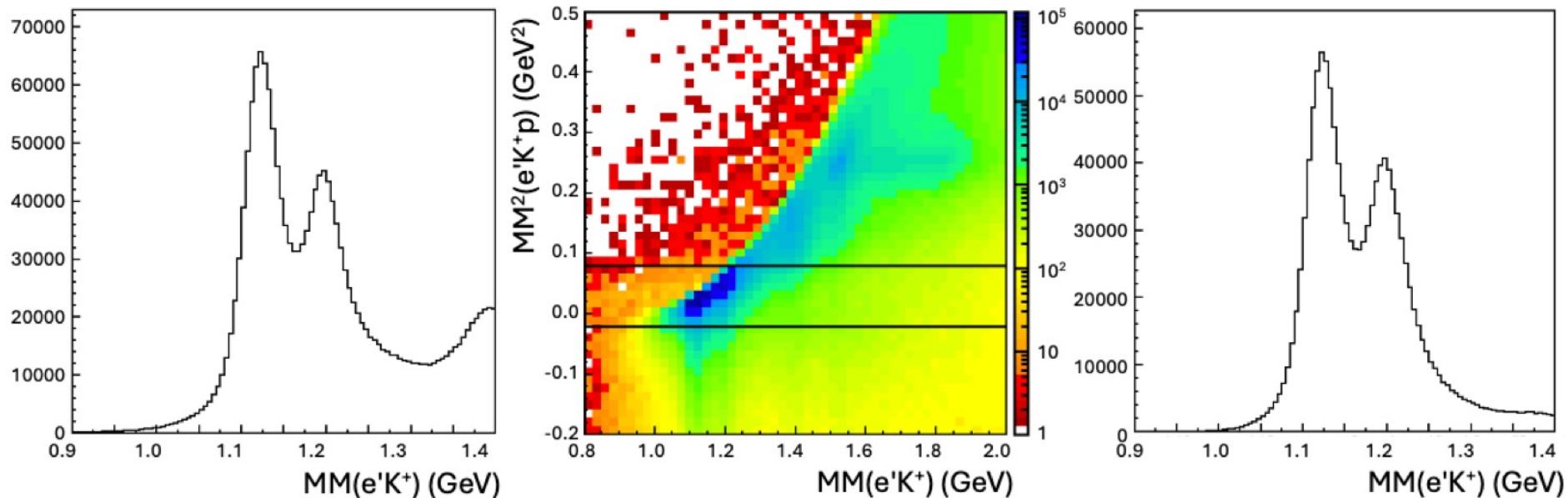
Hadron FD

Cut	Value
Track status	$2000 \leq \text{STATUS} < 4000$
q	$\neq 0$
p_h	$[0.4:5.0]$ GeV
β_h	$[0.4:1.1]$
Event Builder PID	$\pm 211, \pm 321, \text{ or } \pm 2212$
TOF_h	$[20:55]$ ns ($q > 0$)
v_z	$[-10:2]$ cm (K^+ candidates)
DC Fiducial Cuts	on
$\theta_{K^+}^{max}$ Cut	40°

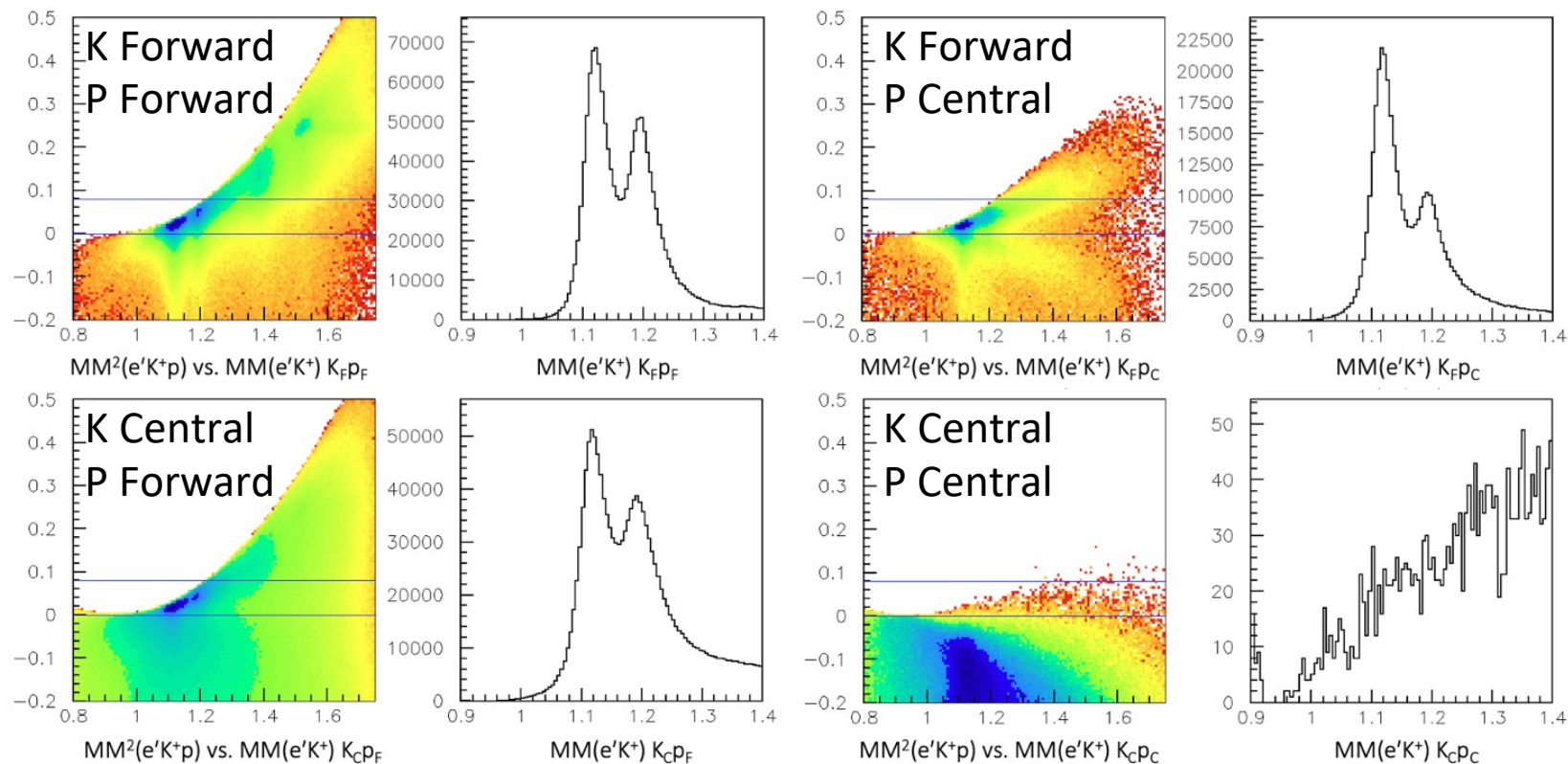
Hadron CD

Cut	Value
Track status	$ \text{STATUS} \geq 4000$
q	$\neq 0$
p_h	$[0.2:1.5]$ GeV
β_h	$[0.2:1.1]$
Event Builder PID	$\pm 211, \pm 321, \text{ or } \pm 2212$
TOF_h	$[0.5:4.0]$ ns
v_z	$[-10:2]$ cm (K^+ candidates)
$\theta_{K^+}^{min}/\theta_{K^+}^{max}$ Cuts	$35^\circ/95^\circ$

K^+Y Induced Polarization: $MM^2(e'K^+p)$ vs. $MM(e'K^+)$ Cut



MM²(e'K⁺p) vs. MM(e'K⁺) Cut, Topologies



Yields Extraction: Kinematic Bins

Once the exclusive final state $e'K^+p$ events were selected, the events were divided in **kinematic bins** of

- Q^2 , photon virtuality
- W , invariant mass of $K^+\Lambda$
- $\cos\vartheta_{c.m.}^K$
- $\cos\vartheta_{RF}^p > 0$ and $\cos\vartheta_{RF}^p < 0$

and the **number of Λ events was extracted in each bin from a fit of the $MM(e'K^+)$ spectrum.**

Dependence	Range	Bin Size
Q^2	$Q_{min}^2 - 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$	0.1 GeV^2
	1.5 - 2.5 GeV^2	0.2 GeV^2
	2.5 - 3.1 GeV^2	0.3 GeV^2
	3.1 - 3.5 GeV^2	0.4 GeV^2
	3.5 - 4.5 GeV^2	1.0 GeV^2
W	$W_{min} - 2.4 \text{ GeV}$	25 MeV
$\cos\theta_K^{c.m.}$	$-1 \rightarrow 1$	0.08

Yields Extraction: Acceptance Correction

Acceptance-corrected yields were calculated for each kinematic bin and P_0 was extracted by employing

$$A_{FB} = \frac{\frac{N_F}{A_F} - \frac{N_B}{A_B}}{\frac{N_F}{A_F} + \frac{N_B}{A_B}} = \frac{\nu_Y \alpha P_Y}{2}$$

genKYandOnePion event generator was employed for $K^+\Lambda$ and $K^+\Sigma^0$ generated events

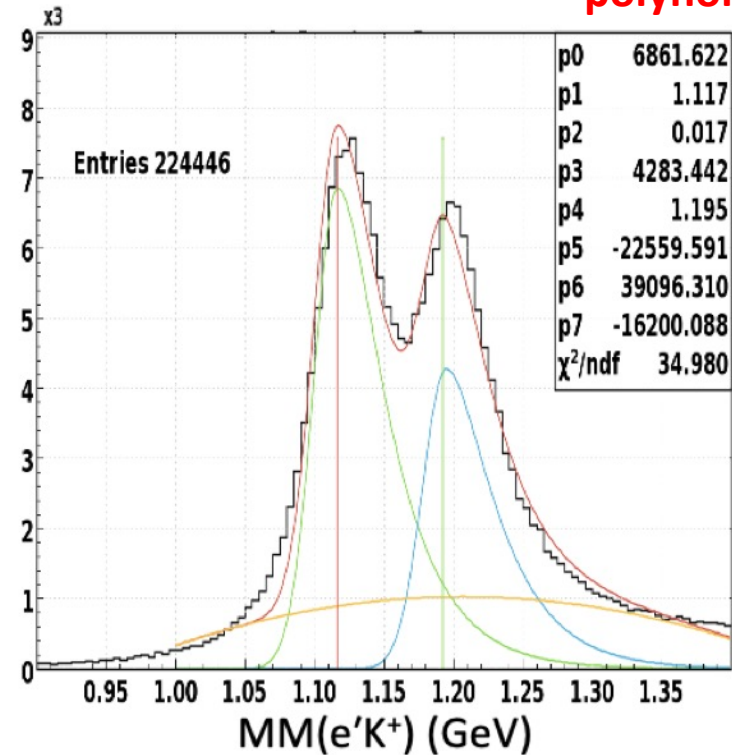
$$A_F = \frac{N_F^{REC}}{N_F^{MC}}$$

$$A_B = \frac{N_B^{REC}}{N_B^{MC}}$$

Dependence	Range	Bin Size
Q^2	$Q_{min}^2 - 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$	0.1 GeV^2
	1.5 - 2.5 GeV^2	0.2 GeV^2
	2.5 - 3.1 GeV^2	0.3 GeV^2
	3.1 - 3.5 GeV^2	0.4 GeV^2
	3.5 - 4.5 GeV^2	1.0 GeV^2
W	$W_{min} - 2.4 \text{ GeV}$	25 MeV
$\cos \theta_K^{c.m.}$	-1 $\rightarrow$ 1	0.08

Yields Extraction: Fitting Procedure

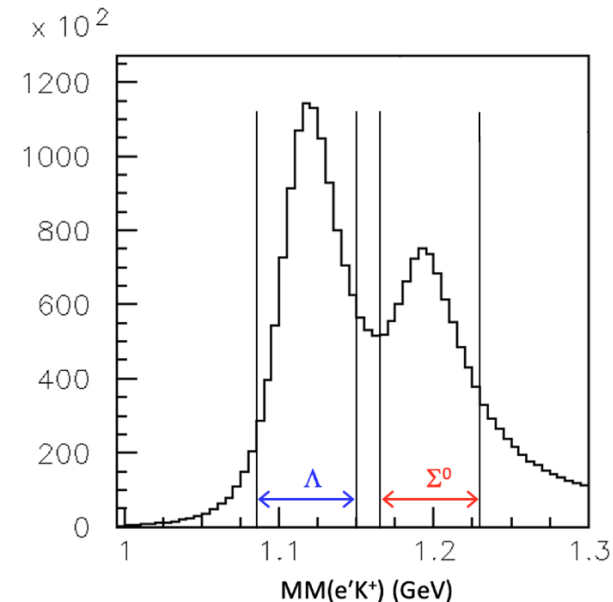
Two **half-Gaussian/half-Landau** functions for the Λ and Σ^0 hyperons and a **second-order polynomial** to model the background.



Gaussian : Low mass side of the hyperon peaks is dominated by the detector resolution

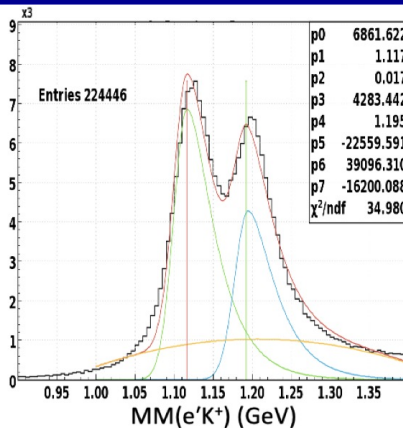
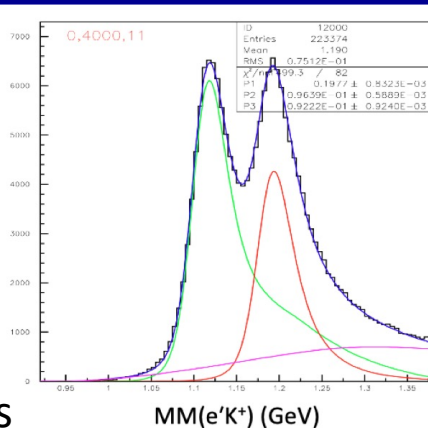
Landau: High mass side of the peaks includes a radiative tail

Background: multi-pion events dominated by $e p \rightarrow e' p \pi^+ \pi^-$, where the π^+ is misidentified by CLAS12 as a K^+

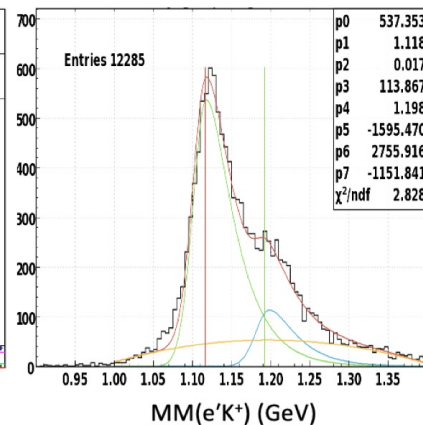
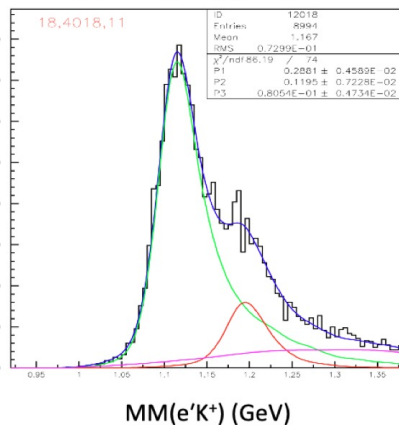


Fitting Procedure: Comparison

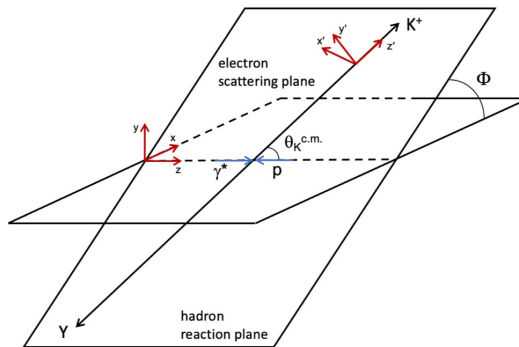
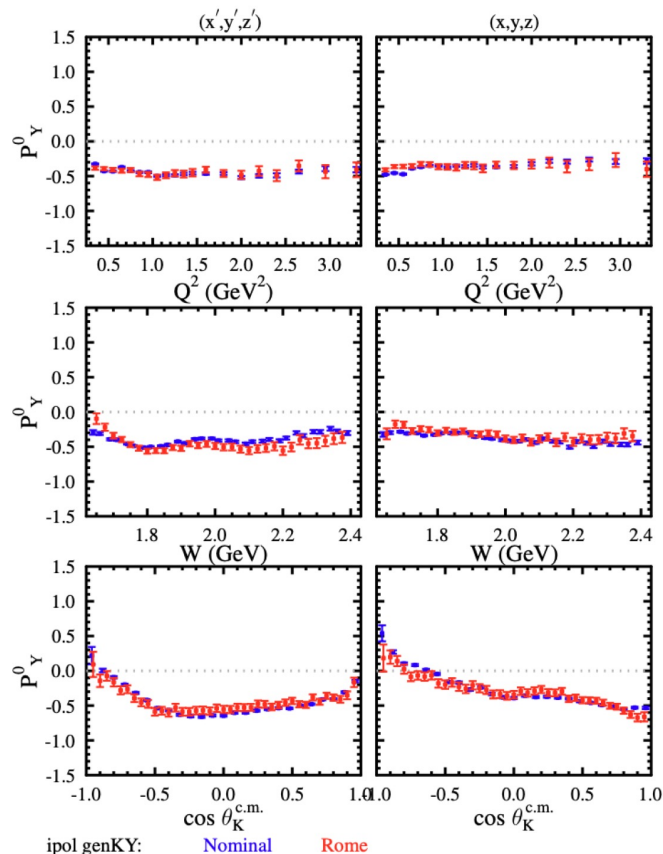
Λ and Σ^0 MC templates



Fitting Function



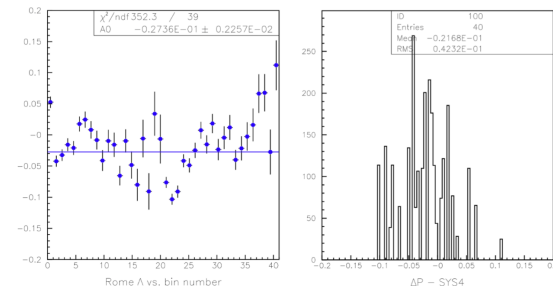
K⁺Y Induced Polarization CLAS12: Independent Analyses Match



$\mathcal{P}^U(x', y', z')$
 $\mathcal{P}^U$ = recoil polarization

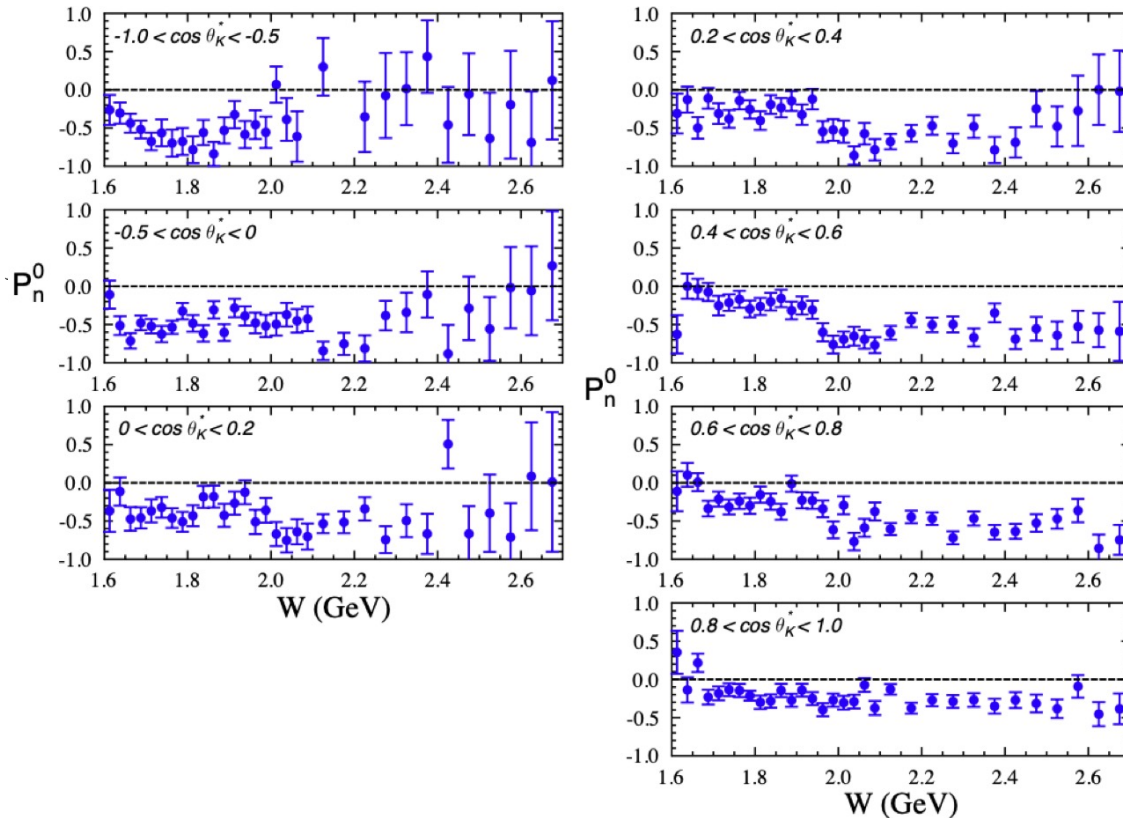
$\mathcal{P}_{x'}^0$	0
$\mathcal{P}_{y'}^0$	$K_I(R_T^{y'0} + \epsilon R_L^{y'0})$
$\mathcal{P}_{z'}^0$	0

Agreement between
independent approaches
 support final results



$$\Delta P^0 = -0.027, \text{RMS} = 0.042$$

K⁺Y Induced Polarization: Previous Results from CLAS e1f



A recoil polarization in the ep reaction was **first measured from the CLAS e1f** experiment using a 5.479 GeV electron beam

Kinematic range:

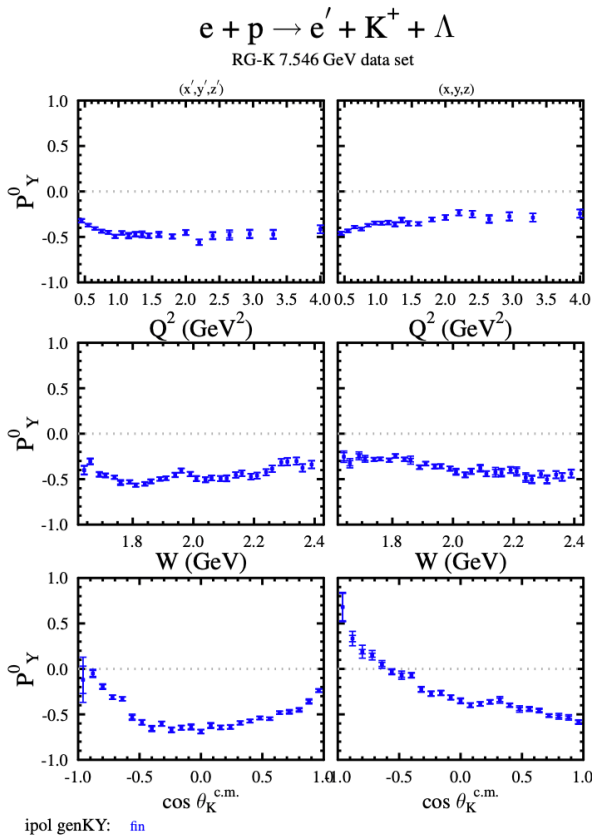
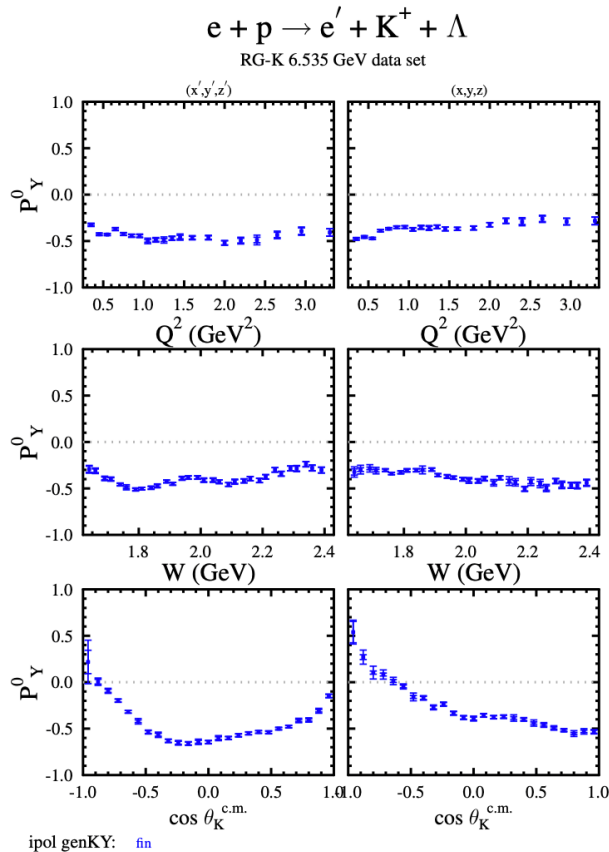
Q^2 : 0.8–3.5 GeV²

W : 1.6–2.7 GeV.

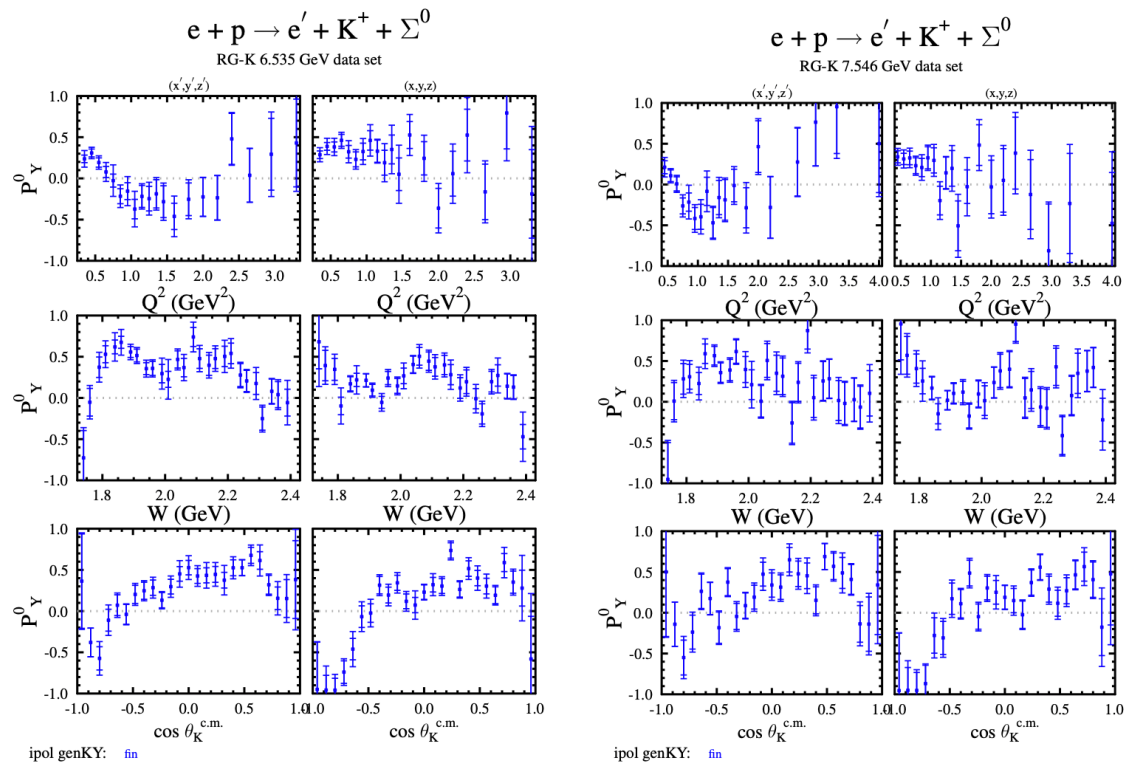
Due to limited statistics the polarization was provided in **coarse bins** in W and $\cos \theta_{c.m.}^K$, integrated over Q^2

RGK data have ~ 5 times the statistics compared to e1f

K⁺Y Induced Polarization CLAS12: Λ



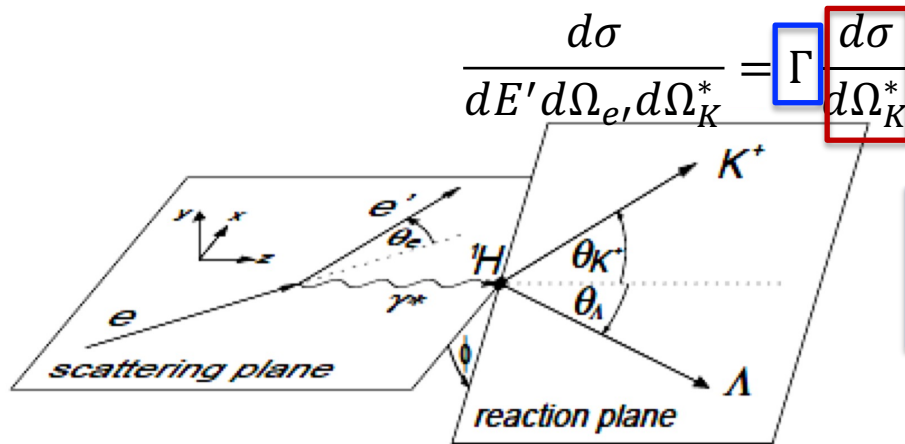
K⁺Y Induced Polarization CLAS12: Σ^0



The data included here for the recoil polarization of the Σ^0 in the exclusive $e'K^+\Sigma^0$ final state represent the **first time this observable has become available in electroproduction.**

Separation of Cross Sections Into Structure Functions

Five-fold differential cross section separates in **virtual photon flux** and **virtual photoproduction**



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE' d\Omega_{e'} d\Omega_K^*} = \Gamma \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_K^*}$$

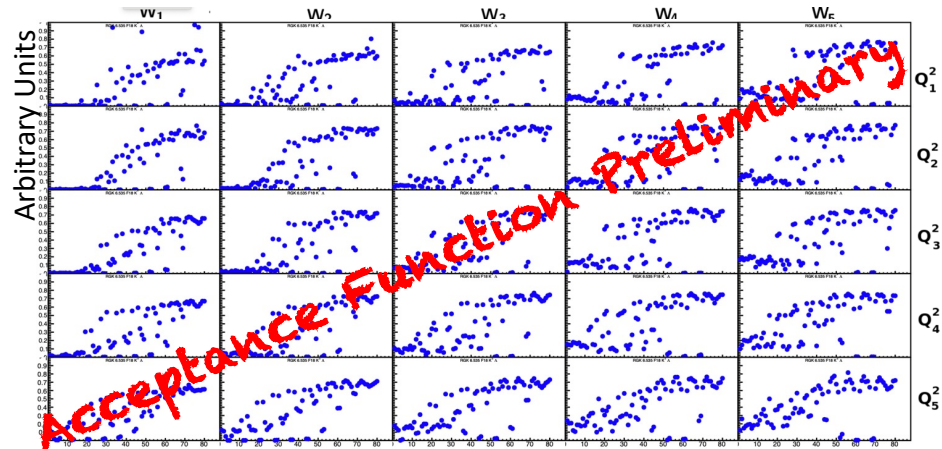
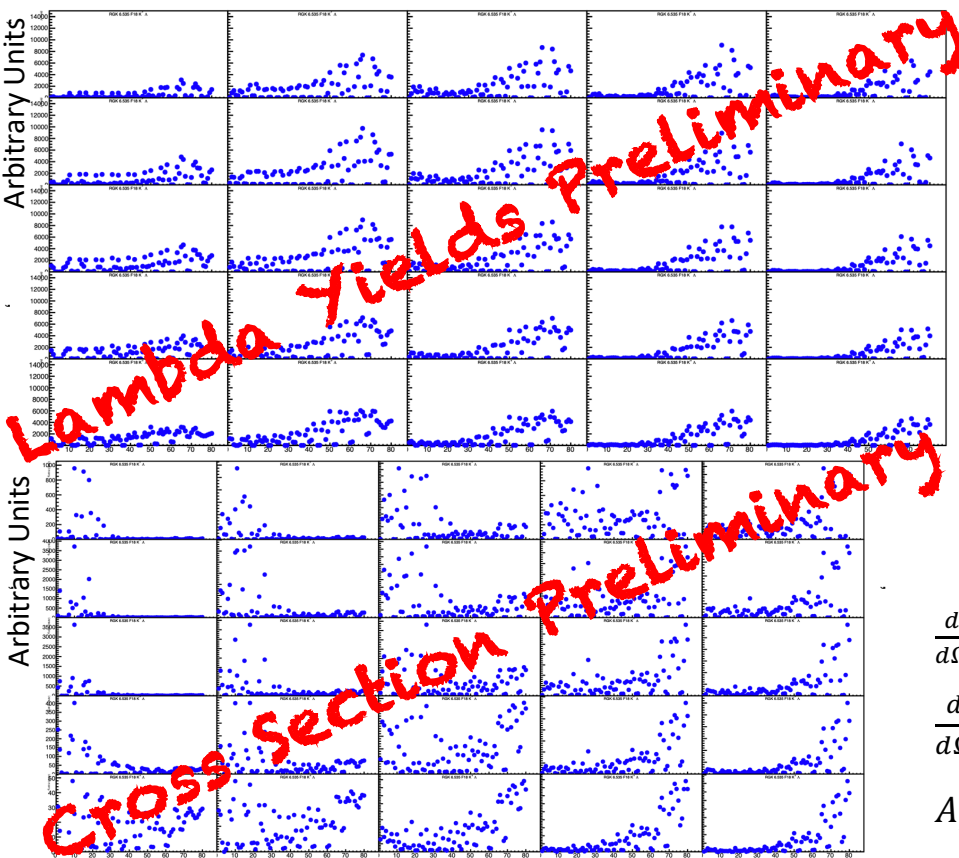
$$\Gamma = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{W}{ME_b^2} \cdot \frac{W^2 - M^2}{MQ^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_K^*} = \sigma_T + \varepsilon\sigma_L + \varepsilon\sigma_{TT}\cos 2\varphi + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)}\sigma_{LT}\cos\varphi + h\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)}\sigma_{LT'}\sin\varphi$$

Photon degree-of-polarization: $\varepsilon = (1 + 2 \frac{|\vec{q}|^2}{Q^2} \tan^2 \vartheta/2)^{-1}$

Helicity of incoming electron: h

Separation of Cross Sections Into Structure Functions



Λ yields binned in kinematic variables:

$$Q^2, W, \cos\vartheta_{c.m.}^K, \Phi, h$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_K^*} = \sigma_T + \varepsilon\sigma_L + \varepsilon\sigma_{TT}\cos 2\varphi + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)}\sigma_{LT}\cos\varphi \quad \text{helicity integrated}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_K^*} = A + B\cos\varphi + C\cos 2\varphi \quad \text{Structure Functions obtained via a fit}$$

$$A_{LT'} = \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)}\sigma_{LT'}\sin\Phi}{\sigma_0} \quad \sigma_{LT'} - \text{helicity sensitive, extracted via a fit}$$

Summary and Outlook

- The study of N^* states is one of the **crucial topics** of the CLAS and CLAS12 physics programs:
 - CLAS has produced a huge amount of data up to $Q^2 < 5 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - CLAS12 was designed to extend these studies for $0.05 < Q^2 < 12 \text{ GeV}^2$
- The first results of the CLAS12 N^* program have been obtained with the analysis of KY polarization transfer data from the RGK Fall 2018 Run
 - The RGK dataset is 5x larger than the available KY world data in the resonance region
 - Only 10% of expected statistics has been analyzed.
- On going analyses:
 - First paper on KY electroproduction has been published on PRC
 - Other analyses based on the existing RG-K data are in progress:
 - i) The paper "Recoil Polarization in K^+Y Electroproduction in the Nucleon Resonance Region with CLAS12" is now undergoing Collaboration-wide review (target journal PRC)
 - ii) A new analysis concerning the Extraction of KY Differential Cross Sections And Separated Structure Functions is ongoing- JLab (D. Carman, V. Mokeev)/Roma Tor Vergata (A. D'Angelo, L. Lanza + new Ph.D student C. Ammendola) group
 - More data have been collected in Spring 2024

Stay tuned for further updates...