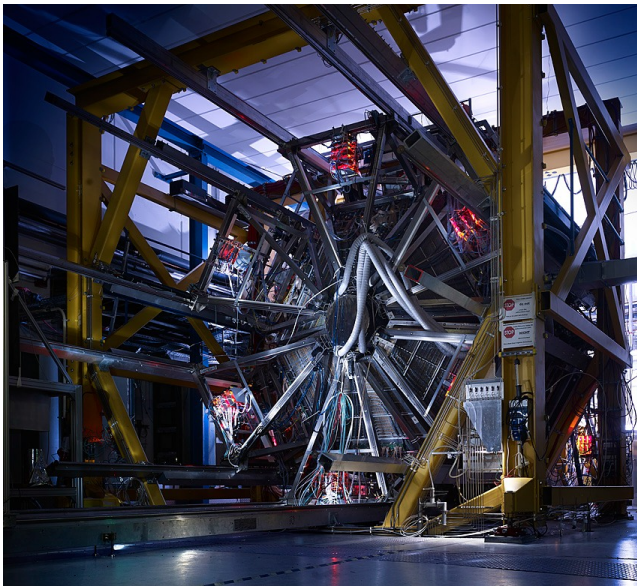
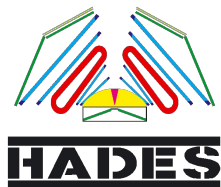


# Studies of Baryon Transition Form Factors with HADES



## OUTLINE:

- 1) Motivations of the HADES experiment.
- 2) Electromagnetic structure of baryons.
- 3) Results on baryon time-like transition form factors from proton- and pion-induced reactions.
- 4) Studies of hyperons transition form factors.
- 5) Summary and outlook.



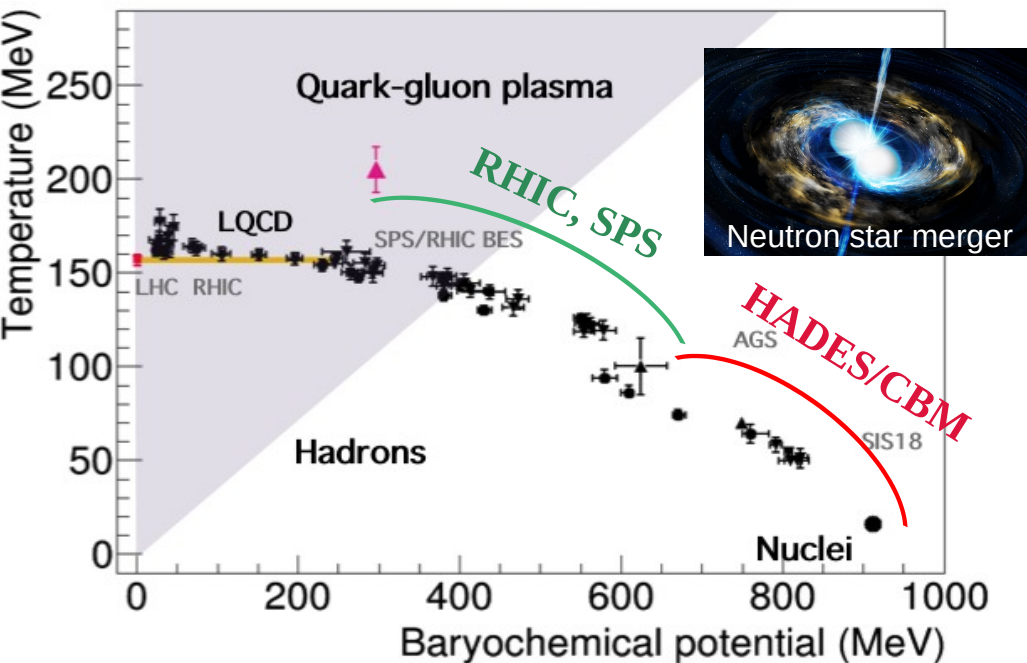
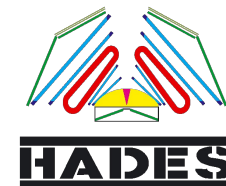
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# Motivations



- Baryon dominated matter
- Similar conditions as expected in neutron star mergers

*HADES, Nature Phys. 15, 10, 1040 (2019)*

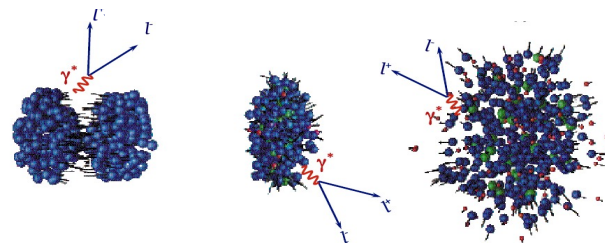
- Hadron properties in hot and dense nuclear matter
- Electromagnetic structure of hadrons
- Role of vector mesons, baryonic resonances, hyperons
- Complementary to SPS, RHIC,...



A+A: 1-3A GeV  
 $\sqrt{s}=2-2.4$  GeV

## Di-leptons ( $\gamma^* \rightarrow l^+l^-$ )

- carry information of each step of a collision
- immediately decouple from the strong interaction
- encode information on matter properties

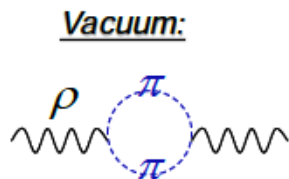
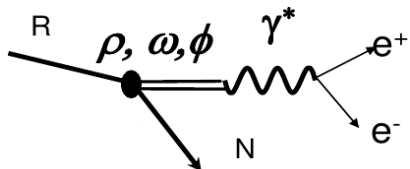




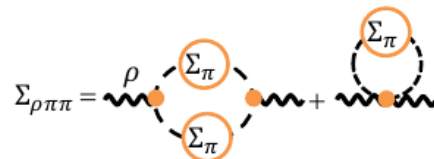
# Motivations

## HI & elementary collisions

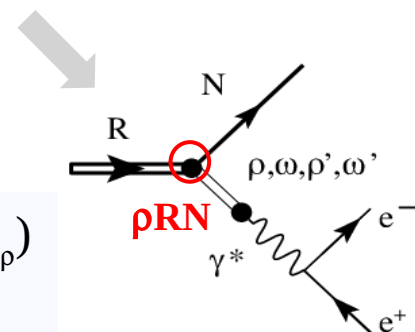
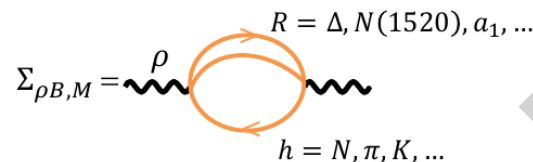
→ important role of vector mesons



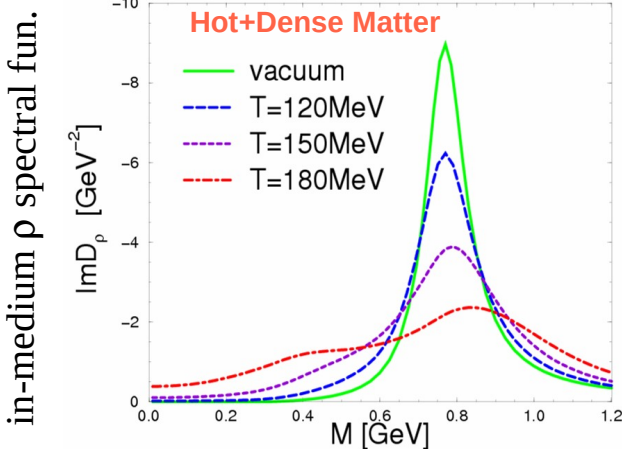
Nuclear matter: additional terms ( $\rho$  self-energies)



→ important role of barionic resonances  $\Delta$ ,  $N^*$



### $\rho$ broadening



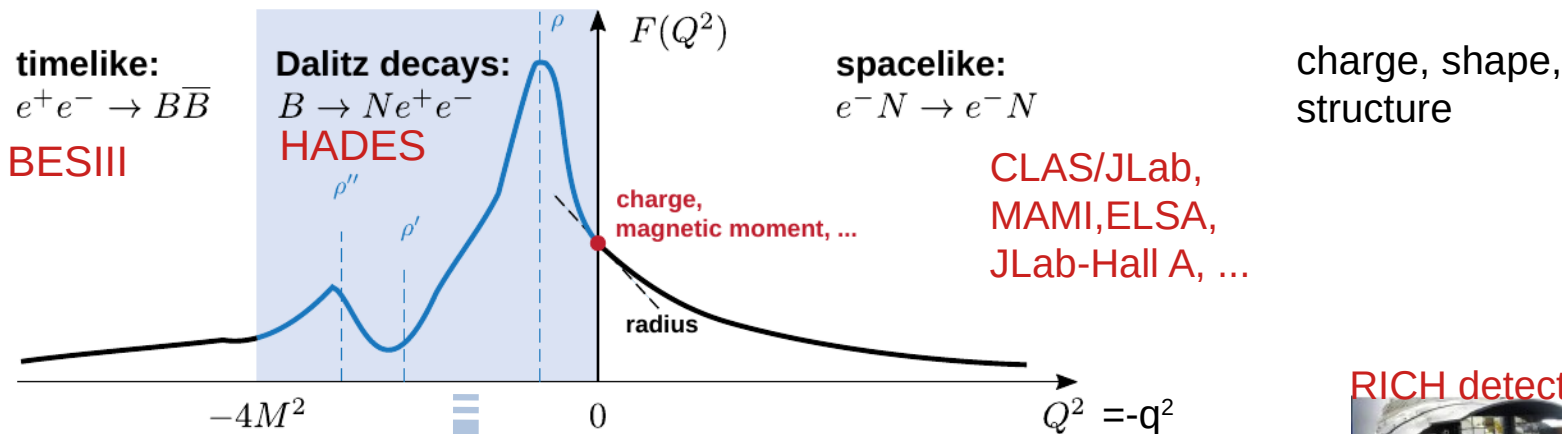
➤ in-medium spectral function ( $\text{Im}D_\rho$ ) depends on  $\rho$ RN coupling studied in  $N^* (\Delta) \rightarrow N e^+ e^-$  Dalitz decays

➤ dedicated HADES hadron physics program to study Dalitz decays in NN and  $\pi$ N collisions

R. Rapp, J. Wambach, *Eur. Phys. J. A* 6, 415 (1999)



# Electromagnetic structure of baryons



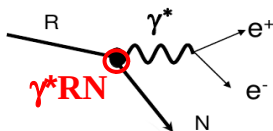
M. I. Krivoruchenko et. al  
*Annals Phys.* 296, 299 (2002)

$$q^2 = M_{inv}^2(e^+e^-) = M_{\gamma^*}^2 > 0$$

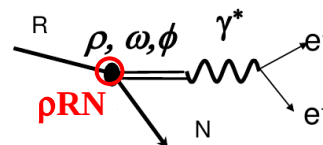
$$\frac{d\Gamma(\Delta \rightarrow Ne^+e^-)}{dq^2} = f(m_\Delta, q^2) \left( |G_M^2(q^2)| + 3|G_E^2(q^2)| + \frac{q^2}{2m_\Delta^2} |G_C^2(q^2)| \right)$$

**QED:** transition of point-like particles

$G_{M/E/C}$ :  $R \rightarrow N\gamma^*$  transition Form-Factors ( $A_{1/2}, A_{3/2}, S_{1/2}$ )  
internal structure of hadrons (**various models**)



**Vector Meson Dominance Model**



**important role of vector mesons:**  
 $J^{PC} = 1^- (\gamma^*)$



# Dalitz decays of baryon resonances

## Vector Meson Dominance Models (VMD)

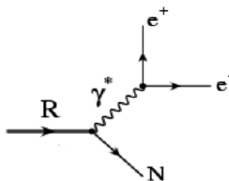
hadrons  $\longleftrightarrow$  photons

**Meson** Dalitz decays: (Crystal Ball/TAPS, A2, Na60 data), many theoretical studies

**Baryons** Dalitz decays: (Hades), most of the calculations of eTFF are based on VMD

### → QED “point-like”

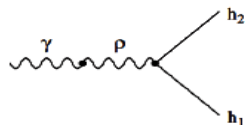
$R$ - $\gamma^*$  vertex



*M. Zetenyi et al.,  
PRC 67, 044002 (2003)*

### → strict VMD (VMD2)

- $N\rho$  coupling
- used in HI transport models

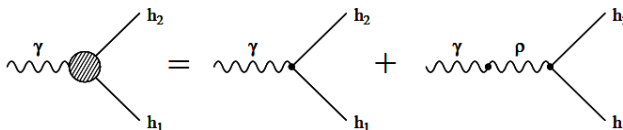


$$\Gamma_{\rho}^{VDM2} = \left(\frac{M_0}{M}\right)^3 \Gamma_{\rho}^0$$

*Sakurai, Phys. Rev 22 (1969) 981*  
*M. I. Krivoruchenko et al.,  
Ann. Phys. 296, 299 (2002)*

### → 2-component VMD (VMD1)

- $N\rho$  and  $N\gamma$  couplings
- used in calculations of in-medium spectral functions



$$\Gamma_{\rho}^{VDM1} = \left(\frac{M}{M_0}\right) \Gamma_{\rho}^0$$

*Kroll, Lee & Zumino  
Phys. Rev. 157, 1376 (1967)*



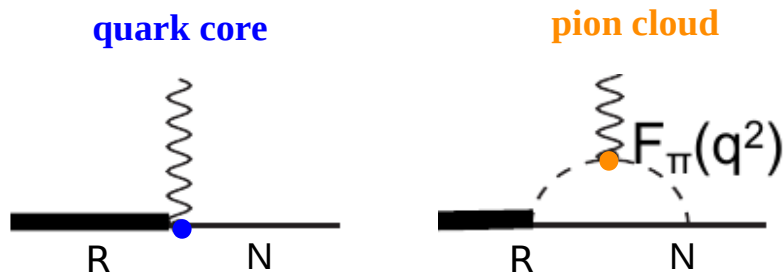
# etFF of baryons: models

## Covariant quark model +VMD

T. Pena & G. Ramalho

Review: *Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* 136 (2024) 104097

→ N- $\Delta(1232)$ , N-N\*(1520), N-N\*(1535)



**quark FF's** - are used to describe the quark e.m. current and they are parametrized based on VMD ( $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\phi$  vector meson poles)

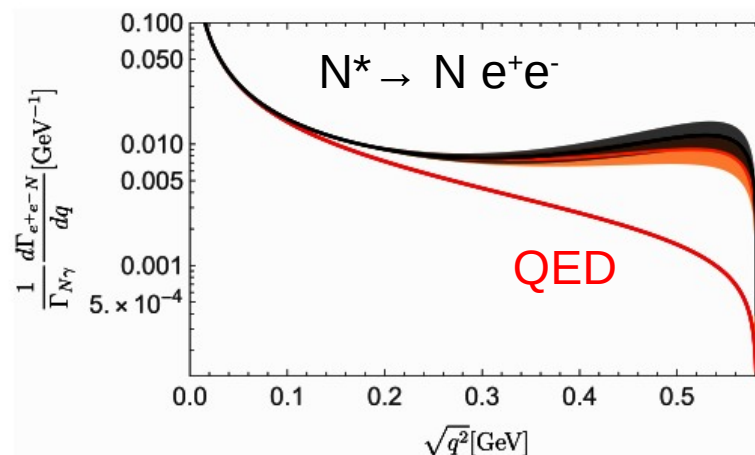
**pion FF** – pion electromagnetic FF (VMD)

## Dispersion theory

S. Leupold et al.

*arXiv:2401.17756* (2024)

- form factors are analytic functions in the complex plane
- partial-wave amplitudes for reactions/decays must be **unitary** and **analytic** (dispersion relations)
- **model-independent tool**





# etFF of baryons: models

## Two-component Lagrangian model

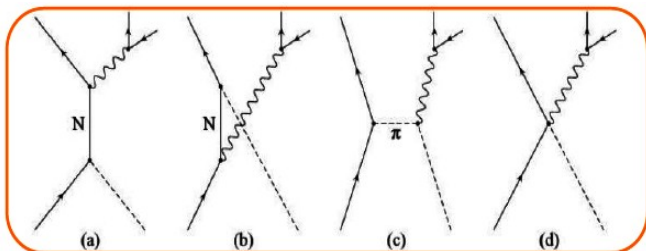
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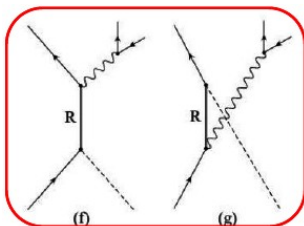
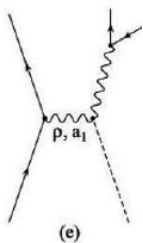
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microscopic calculations of  $\pi N \rightarrow Ne+e-$

### Born terms



### baryon resonances



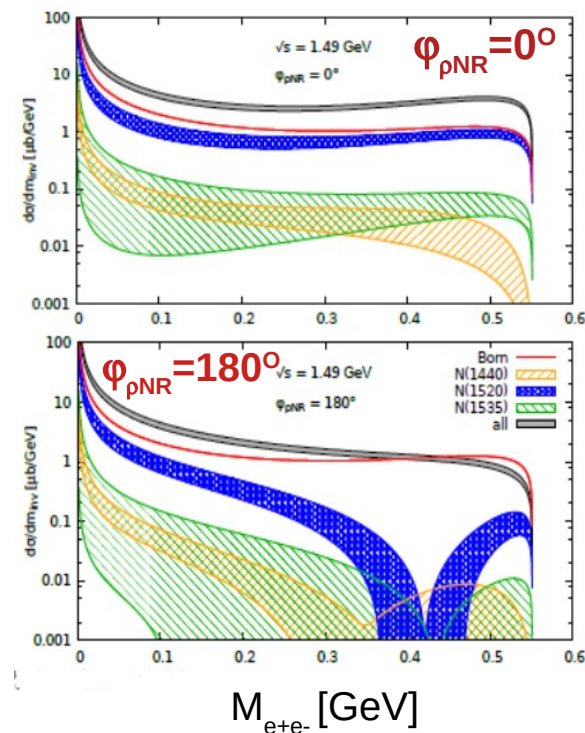
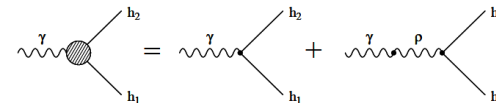
$N^*(1440)$

$N^*(1520)$

$N^*(1535)$

Shape and yield sensitive to the interference between the  $\gamma$  and  $\rho$  contributions

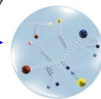
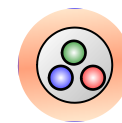
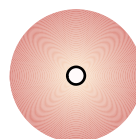
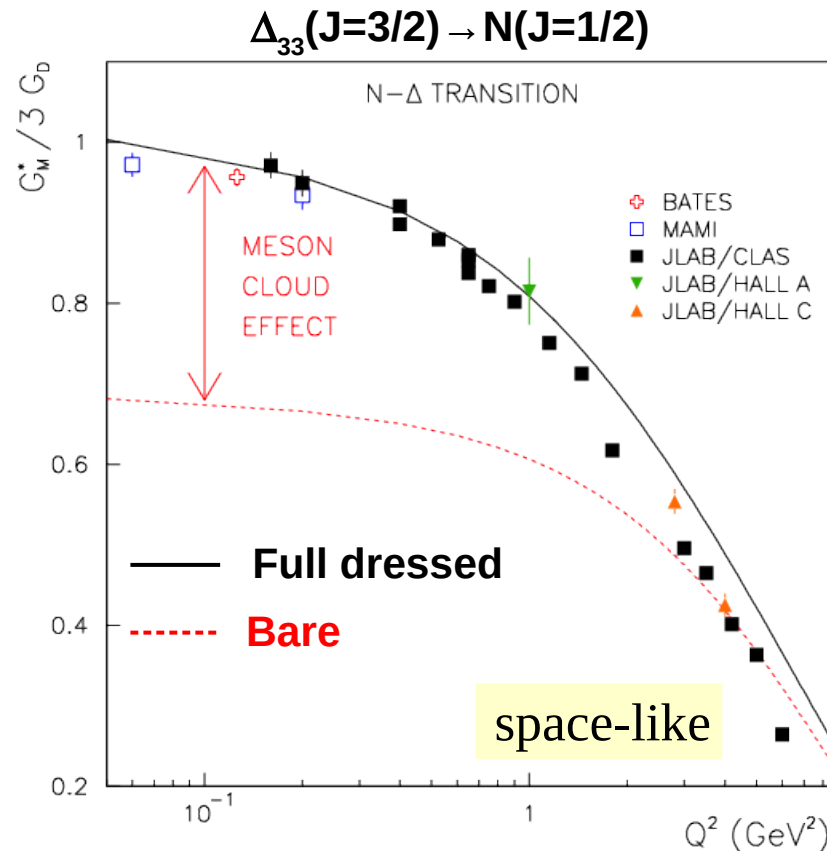
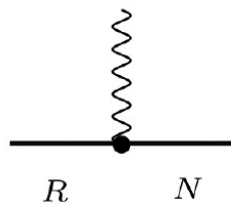
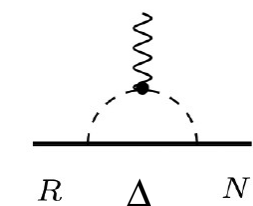
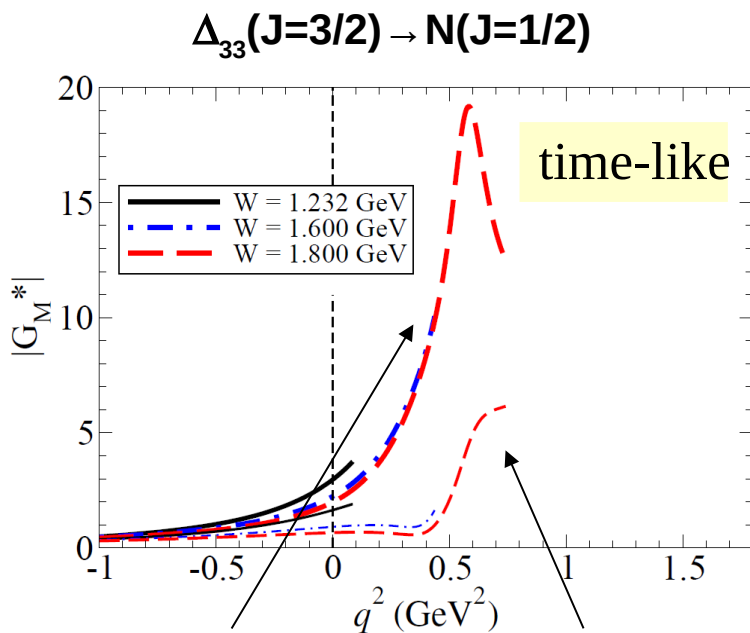
## 2-component VMD:





# Meson cloud effect

G. Ramalho, T. Peña  
Phys. Rev. D 93, 033004 (2016)



dressed quark core  
+dense meson clouds

small meson cloud  
dressed quark core dominates

I. G. Aznauryan and V. D. Burkert,  
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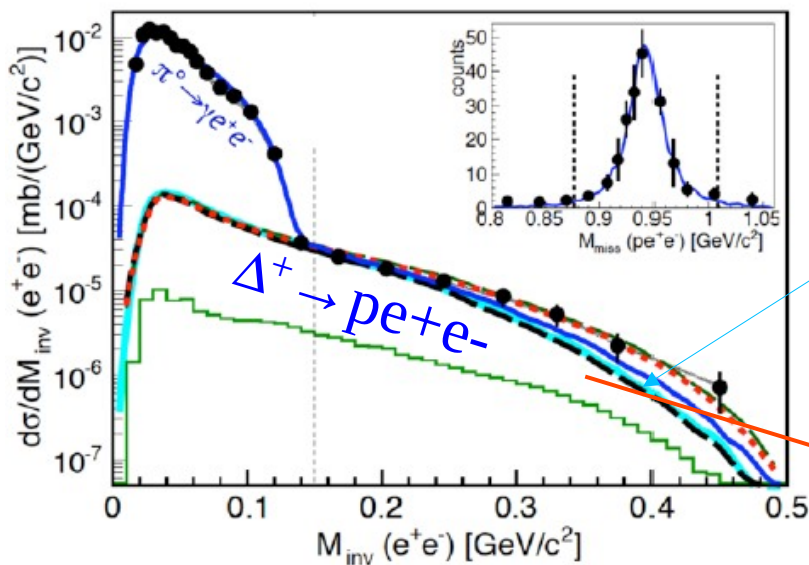


# $\Delta$ (1232) resonance - **exclusive** $pe^+e^-$ analysis

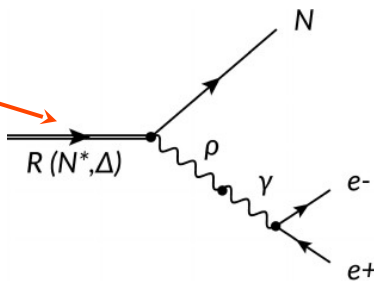
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## $pp \rightarrow ppe^+e^-$ @1.25 GeV

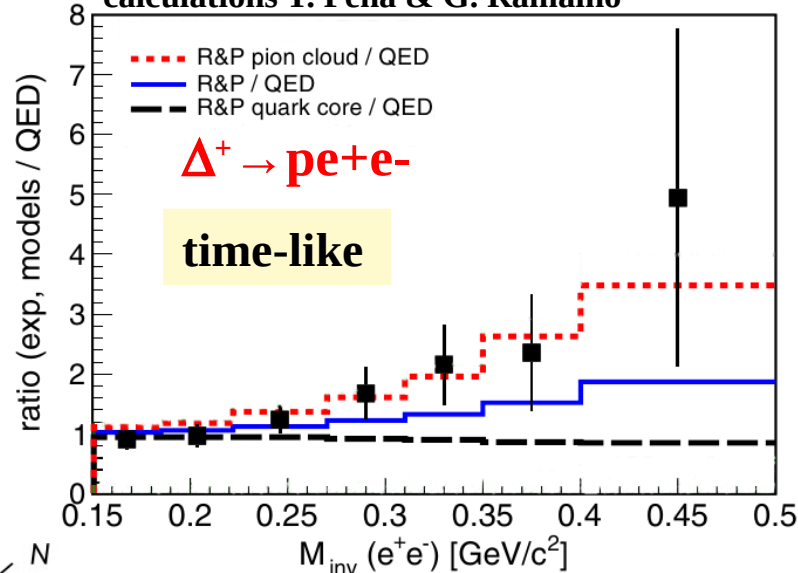
- energy below  $\eta$  production threshold
- cross sections for  $\Delta^+$  ( $p\pi^+$ ,  $p\pi^0$ ) from PWA



QED



calculations T. Pena & G. Ramalho



$\Delta(1232) 3/2^+$

$I(J^P) = \frac{3}{2}(\frac{3}{2}^+)$

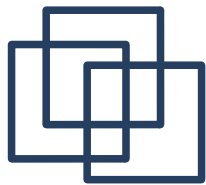
Re(pole position) = 1209 to 1211 ( $\approx 1210$ ) MeV  
 $-2\text{Im}(\text{pole position}) = 98$  to  $102$  ( $\approx 100$ ) MeV  
 Breit-Wigner mass (mixed charges) = 1209 MeV  
 Breit-Wigner full width (mixed charges) = 100 MeV

$\Delta(1232)$  DECAY MODES

Mode	Branching Fraction	Width (MeV)
$N\pi$	99.4	229
$N\gamma$	0.55-0.65 %	259
$N\gamma$ , helicity=1/2	0.11-0.13 %	259
$N\gamma$ , helicity=3/2		259
$pe^+e^-$	$(4.2 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5}$	259

$$\frac{d\Gamma(\Delta \rightarrow Ne^+e^-)}{dq^2} = f(m_\Delta, q^2) \left( |G_M^2(q^2)| + 3|G_E^2(q^2)| + \frac{q^2}{2m_\Delta^2} |G_C^2(q^2)| \right)$$

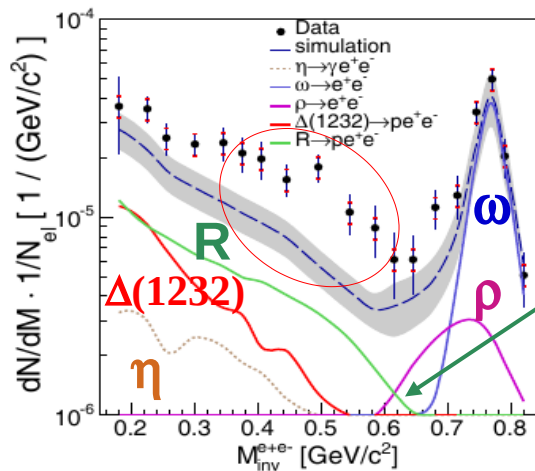
effective eTFF



# Dalitz decay studies of heavier baryons

HADES: EPJ A50, 82 (2014)

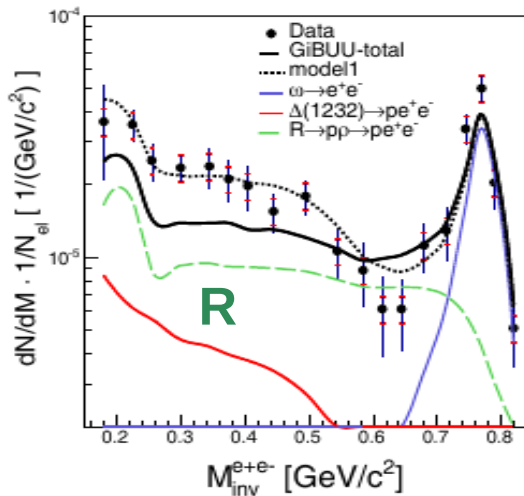
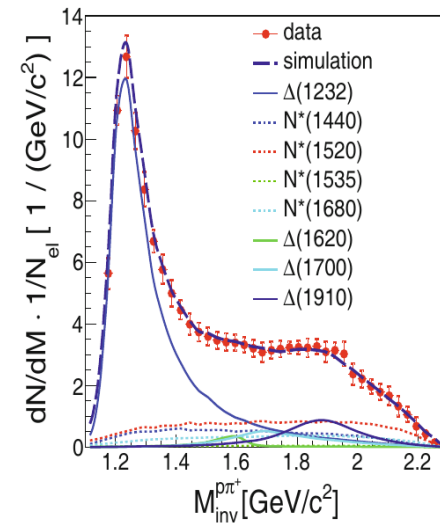
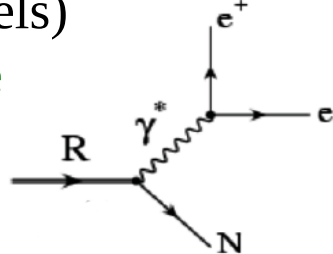
## $pp \rightarrow ppe^+e^- @ 3.5 \text{ GeV}$



Dalitz decays of **point-like** baryonic resonances (constrained by  $pp\pi^0$  and  $p\pi^+$  channels)

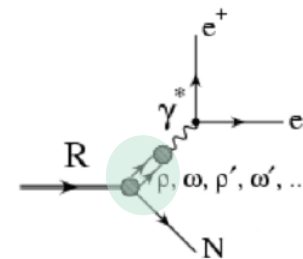
**QED reference**

$R \rightarrow pe+e-$



- comparison to GiBUU transport model with a 2-step process:

$R \rightarrow pp \rightarrow pe+e-$



**model 1** = GiBUU, but with modified cross sections (HADES simul. )

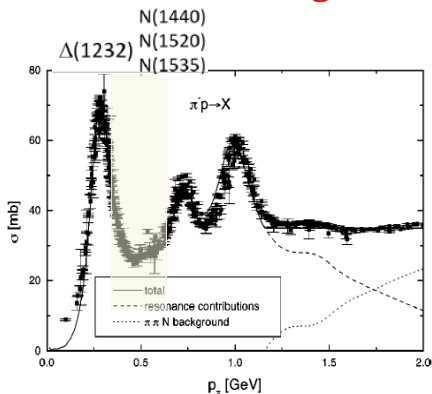


# Pion beam facility @ GSI

## $2\pi$ production in $\pi p$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 1.46 - 1.55 \text{ GeV}$

HADES: *Phys. Rev. C* 102, 024001, (2020)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> resonance region



→ more details: see talk by Ahmed Foda

- secondary pion beam (0.65-0.8 GeV/c)
- **PE**  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$  and **C** targets

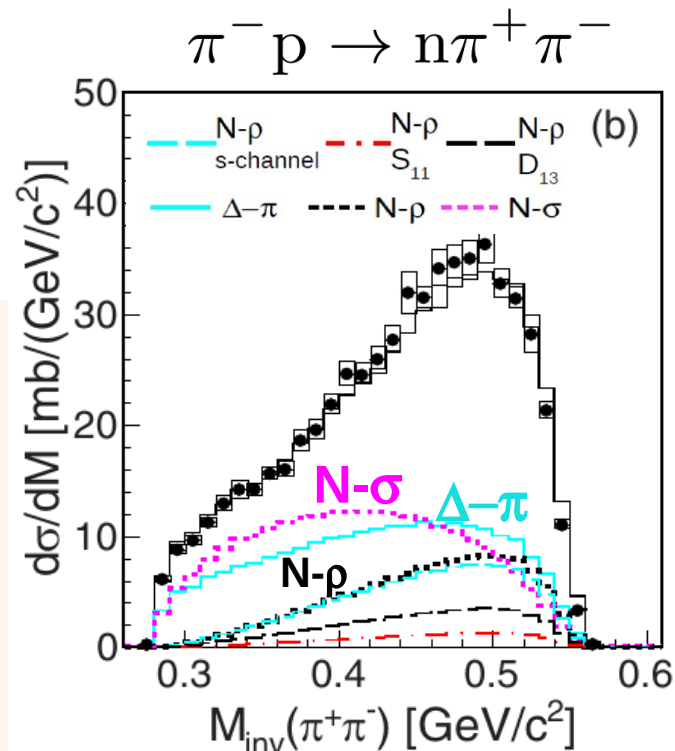
### Bn-Ga PWA:

[pwa.hisp.uni-bonn.de](http://pwa.hisp.uni-bonn.de)

→ cross section for  $N^*(1520)$ ,  $N^*(1535)$  ( $n\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $p\pi^-\pi^0$ ) from PWA

**$\rho$  meson production:**  
s-channel  $D_{13}$  ( $N^*(1520)$  3/2-)

- $N(1520) \rightarrow N\rho$  BR=12.2 +/- 2 %
- $N(1535) \rightarrow N\rho$  BR=3.2 +/- 0.6 %



reference  $\rho$  mass spectrum  
for  $e^+e^-$  analysis

Reaction	Observable	W (GeV)	
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 p$	DCS, Tot	1.2-1.9	MAMI
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 p$	E	1.2-1.9	MAMI
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 p$	DCS, Tot	1.4-2.38	CB-ELSA
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 p$	$P, H$	1.45-1.65	CB-ELSA
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 p$	$T, P_x, P_y$	1.45-2.28	CB-ELSA
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 p$	$P_x, P_x^c, P_x^s$ (4D)	1.45-1.8	CB-ELSA
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 p$	$P_y, P_y^c, P_y^s$ (4D)	1.45-1.8	CB-ELSA
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- p$	DCS	1.7-2.3	CLAS
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- p$	$I^c, I^s$	1.74-2.08	CLAS
$\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 n$	DCS	1.29-1.55	Crystal Ball
$\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- n$	DCS	1.45-1.55	HADES
$\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^- p$	DCS	1.45-1.55	HADES

unique data set

8 new entries: branching ratios

of  $N(1440)$ ,  $N(1535)$ ,  $N(1520)$  to  $2\pi$  channels ( $\Delta\pi$ ,  $N\rho$ ,  $N\sigma$ )



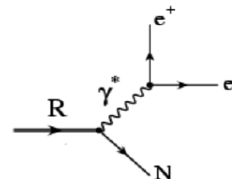
# Inclusive $e^+e^-$ cross sections

HADES Coll. arXiv:2309.13357 [nucl-ex]

$e^+e^-$  cocktail @  $\sqrt{s} = 1.49 \text{ GeV}$

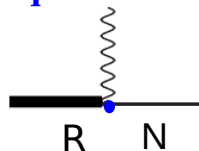
- quasi-free treatment of  $\pi$ -C interaction

→ QED reference

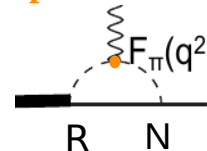


→ eTFF R&P: baryon Dalitz decay ( $N^*(1520)$ ,  $N^*(1535)$ )

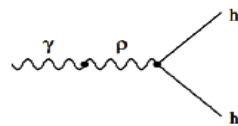
quark core



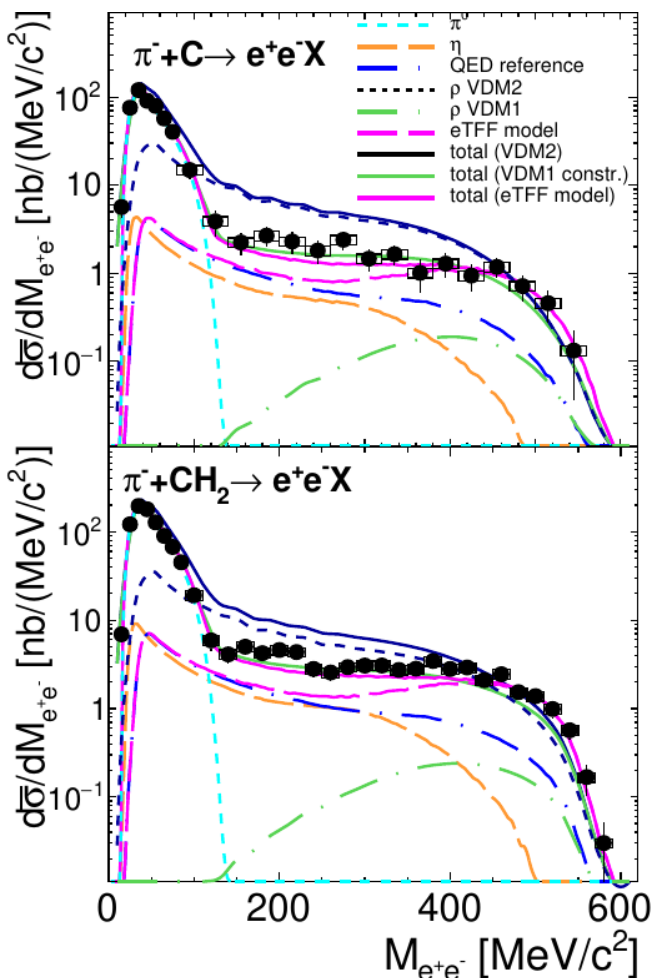
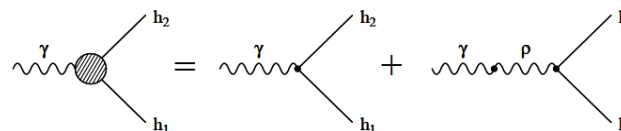
pion cloud



→ VMD2



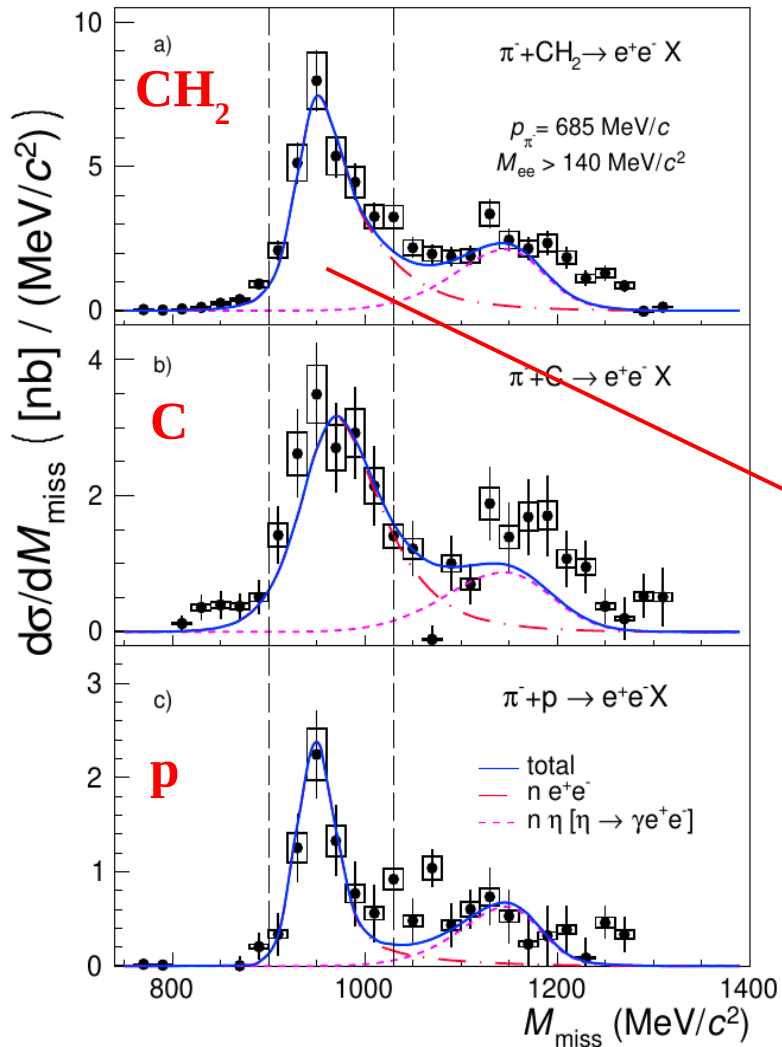
→ VMD1



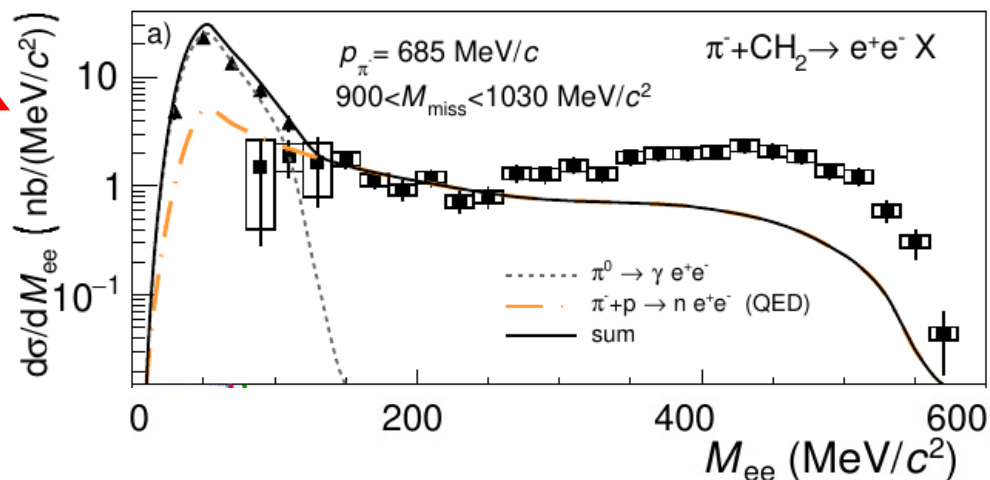


# Selection of quasi-free $\pi^- p \rightarrow n e^+ e^-$

HADES Coll. arXiv:2205.15914 [nucl-ex]



- cut on  $\text{inv} M_{e^+ e^-} > 140 \text{ MeV}$  ( $\pi^0$  removed)
- selection of  $\pi^- p \rightarrow n e^+ e^-$  exclusive channel using **missing mass cut** ( $\eta$  removed)



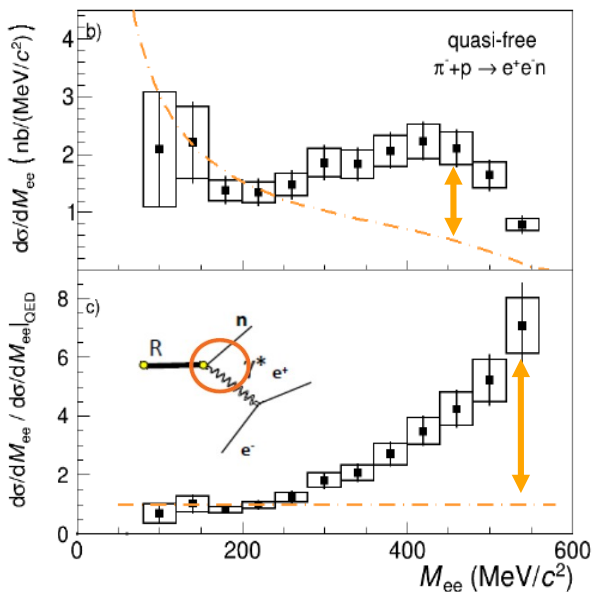


# Effective time-like transition form factor

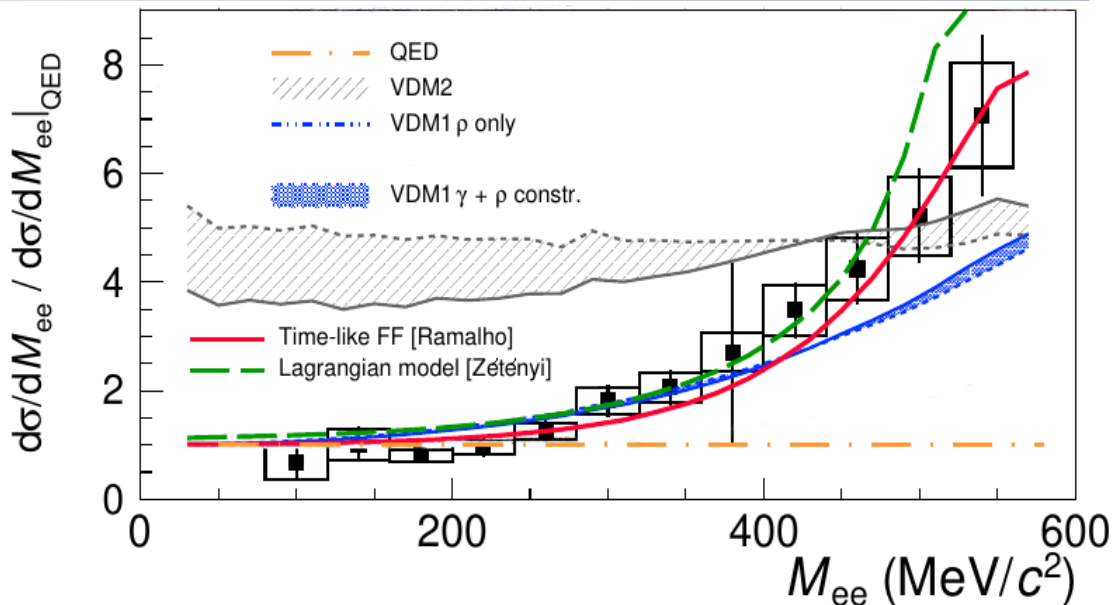
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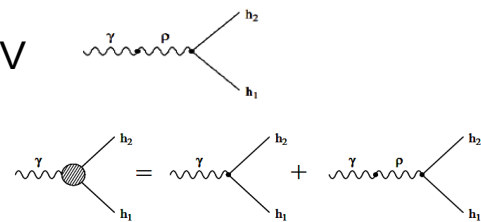
## excess over point-like QED



- $M_{ee} < 200$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup> data consistent with **QED**
- strong excess at large  $M_{ee}$  (up to factor 5)



- **VMD2** (*strict* VMD) overestimates data below 400 MeV (used in HI transport models)
- **2-component VMD (VMD1)** gives reasonable description
- **Lagrangian model** – very promising
- **Time-like FF** - dominant pion cloud contribution (pion emFF)





# Virtual photon polarization

*E. Speranza et al. Phys. Lett. B764, 282 (2017)*

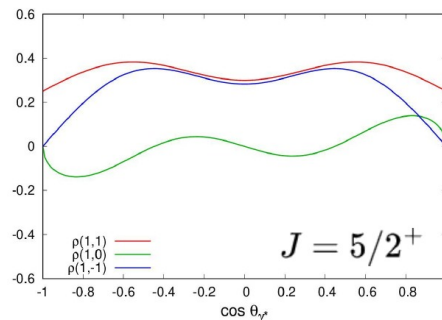
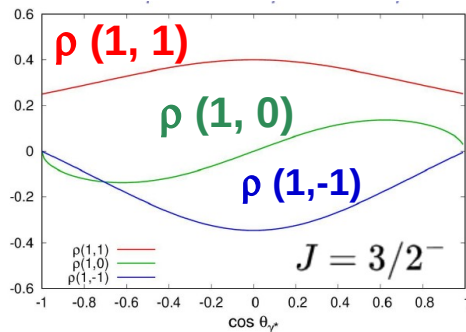
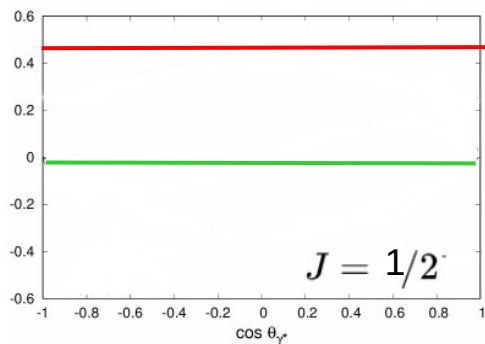
angular distribution of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  polarization of  $\gamma^*$   $\rightarrow$  spin density matrix elements ( $\rho_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ )

$$\pi N \rightarrow N\gamma^* \rightarrow Ne^+e^- \quad \frac{d^3\sigma}{dM_{ee}d\Omega_{\gamma^*}d\Omega_e} \sim |A|^2 = \frac{e^2}{Q^4} \sum_{\Lambda\Lambda'} \rho_{\Lambda\Lambda'}^{(H)} \rho_{\Lambda\Lambda'}^{(dec)} \quad \text{QED: } \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

$R \rightarrow N + \gamma^*$

Angular distribution of the lepton pair:

$$|A|^2 \propto 8k^2 [1 - \rho_{11} + (3\rho_{11} - 1) \cos^2 \Theta + \sqrt{2} \text{Re} \rho_{10} \sin 2\Theta \cos \phi + \text{Re} \rho_{1-1} \sin^2 \Theta \cos 2\phi]$$



- $\rightarrow \rho_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  depends on  $\gamma^*$  polarization
- $\rightarrow \rho_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  are combination of  $G_E, G_M, G_C$
- $\rightarrow$  **the angular distribution is sensitive to  $J^P$  of the resonance**
- $\rightarrow$  can be obtain from fit to the experimental angular distribution

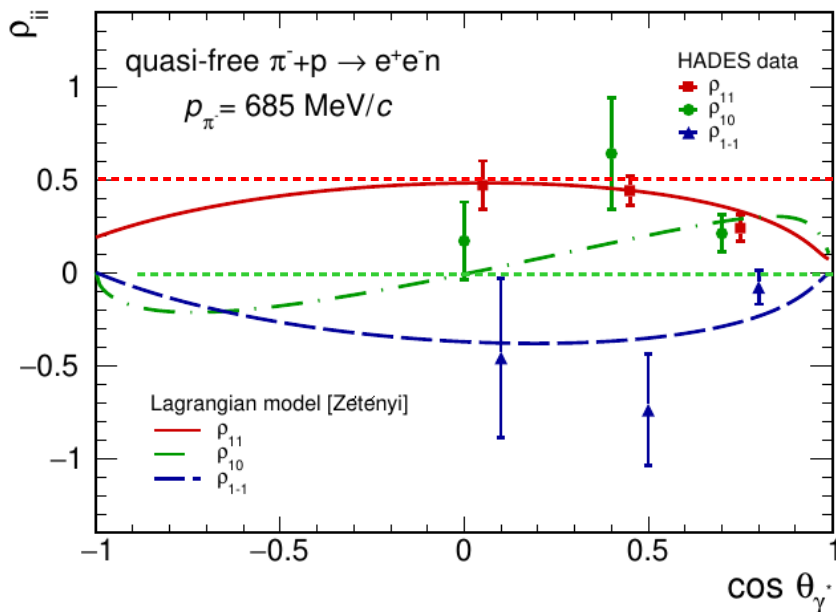


# Virtual photon polarization

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$$|A|^2 \propto 8k^2 [1 - \rho_{11} + (3\rho_{11} - 1) \cos^2 \Theta + \sqrt{2} \text{Re} \rho_{10} \sin 2\Theta \cos \phi + \text{Re} \rho_{1-1} \sin^2 \Theta \cos 2\phi]$$

- SDME  $\rho_{11}$ ,  $\rho_{10}$ ,  $\rho_{1-1}$  extracted from experiment taking into account acceptance and efficiency (A. Sarantsev) in 3 bins in  $\cos\theta_\gamma^*$



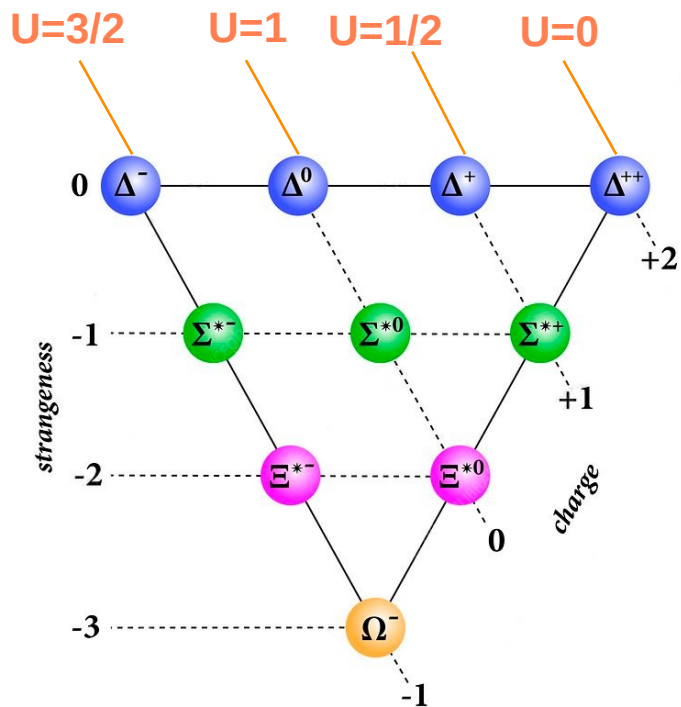
- $\rho_{11} = 0.5$ ,  $\rho_{10} = 0$  for transverse polarization (real photon)
- we see angular dependence  
 => contribution from a virtual photon  
 => contributions of spins larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$ :  
 N(1520) resonance
- **more precise data needed !**





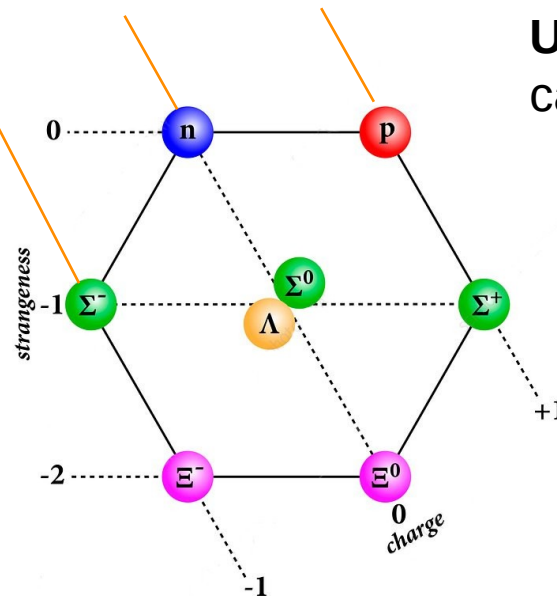
# etFF of hyperons

$J^P=3/2^+$  decuplet



$J^P=1/2^+$  octet

$U=1/2$   $U=0;U=1$   $U=1/2$



SU(3) flavour sym.

U-spin states carry same charge

flavour partners

- Transitions **decuplet**  $\rightarrow$  **octet** with conserved U-spin are allowed in SU(3)
- $\Sigma^*(1385) \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma^*$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $\Delta(1232) \rightarrow N \gamma^*$
- $\Lambda(1520) \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma^*$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $N^*(1520) \rightarrow N \gamma^*$

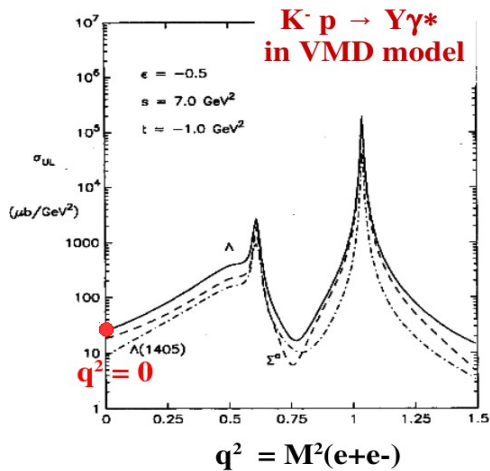
strange vs non-strange baryons

G. Ramalho, K. Tsushima  
Phys. Rev. D 87, 093011 (2013)



# etFF of hyperons model predictions for the Dalitz decay

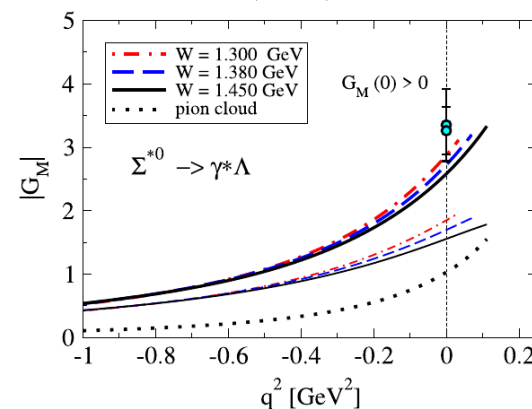
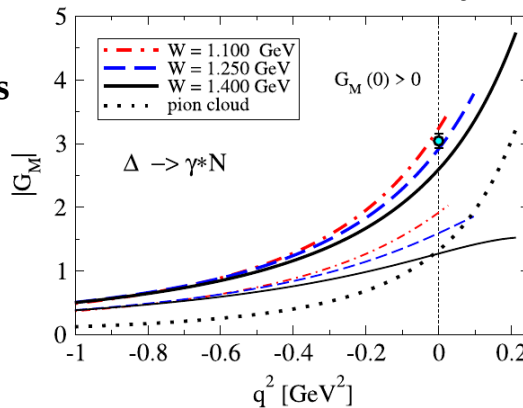
R. Williams et. al. PRC48, 1381 (1993)



**VMD:**  
large effect  
of vector mesons  
predicted

## covariant spectator quark model ( $\Sigma^*$ , $\Xi^*$ )

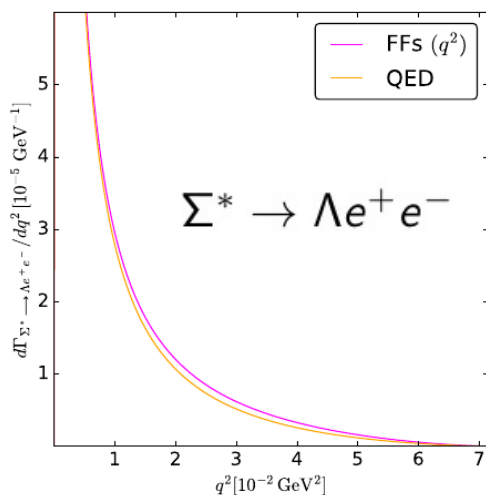
G. Ramalho, *Phys. Rev. D* 102, 054016 (2020)



## Dispersion theory

N. Salone, S. Leupold  
*Eur. Phys. J. A* 57, 183 (2021)

O. Junker, S. Leupold et al.  
*Phys. Rev. C* 101, 015206 (2020)

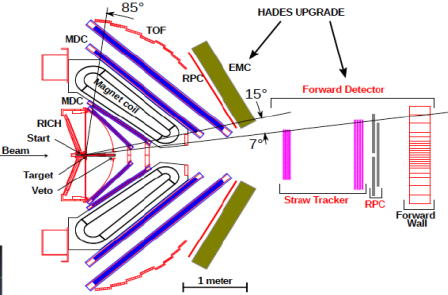


- pion cloud contribution
- kaon cloud contrib. ?

# Hyperons @ HADES

## pp @ 4.5 GeV

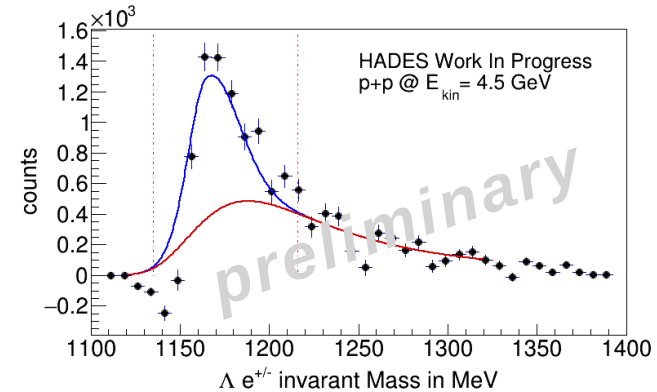
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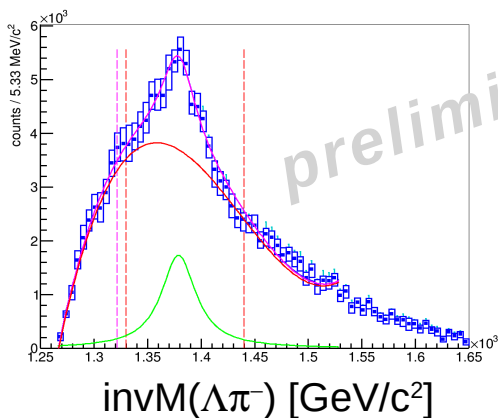
### February 2022: beam time at SIS18 FAIR-Phase0

- $\Lambda(1405)$ ,  $\Lambda(1520)$ ,  $\Sigma$  production cross sec., decays,...
- $\Sigma$ ,  $\Lambda(1405)$ ,  $\Lambda(1520)$  **Dalitz decays** → attempt to measure upper limits of branching ratios (obtained luminosity  $L \sim 6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )
- the BR important information for future measurement @CBM and other hyperon factories
- information on hyperon structure, role of pion/kaon cloud

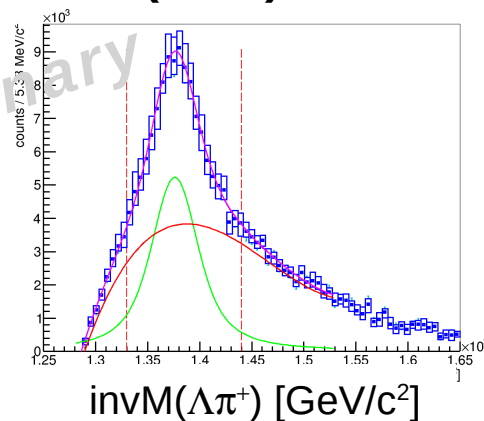
$\Sigma^0(1192) \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma^*$  Dalitz decay



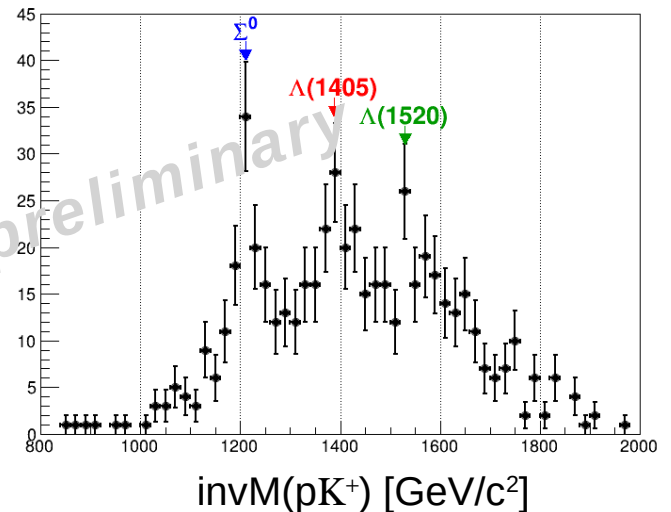
$\Sigma^{*-}(1385) \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$



$\Sigma^{*+}(1385) \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+$



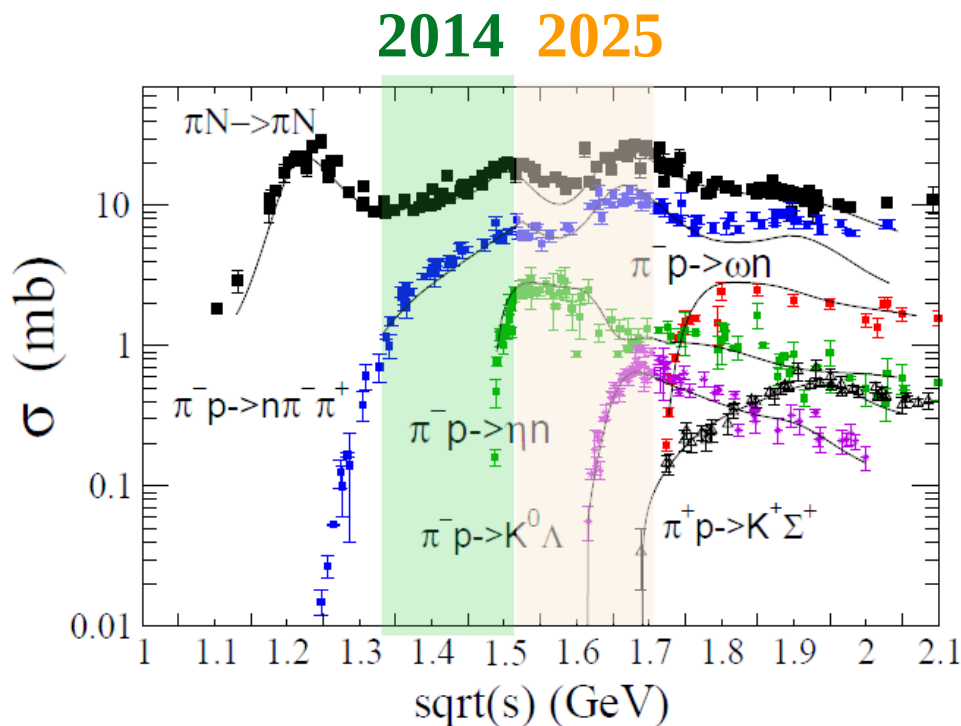
exclusive study of  $pp \rightarrow pK^+ \Lambda(1405) (\rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0)$





# OUTLOOK

## HADES Physics Program with Pion Beams explore the 3<sup>rd</sup> resonance region $\sqrt{s} = 1.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



### CBM@ SIS100 pp @ 30 GeV

- prod. cross sec. higher than at SIS18:  
 $\sigma(\Sigma^*, \Lambda^*) \sim 1 \text{ mb}$
- much higher luminosity

Beam energy scan **2025**:  
continuation and extension  
to 3<sup>rd</sup> resonance region

### 1) Baryon-meson couplings:

- $\pi\pi N$ ,  $\omega n$ ,  $\eta n$ ,  $K^0 \Lambda$ ,  $K^0 \Sigma$ , ...  
including neutral mesons (ECAL),
- $\rho R$  couplings S31(1620),  
D33(1700), P13(1720),...

### 2) Hyperon polarization: $\Lambda$ , $\Sigma$

### 3) Exotic states:

- the lowest glueballs, 4q systems,  
hybrids, bound states of mesons:  
 $f_0(500)$ ,  $f_0(980)$ ,  $a_0(980)$ ,  $f_0(1370)$ ,...
- unknown region of  $\text{inv}M(\pi\pi) \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$   
very precise data needed!



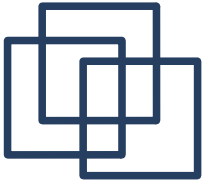
## Summary

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- **HADES & pion beam** is an unique tool to understand in details **baryon- $\rho$  couplings**:
  - significant off-shell contribution originating from  $N(1520)D_{13}$  shown by combined PWA ( $D_{13}(1520)$  coupling to  $\rho$ -N: 12+/-2 %),
  - improved knowledge of baryon resonances- meson ( $\rho$ ) couplings (new BR measurements),
  - very new information on electromagnetic baryon transitions in the time-like region,
- First test of Vector Dominance Model below  $2\pi$  threshold and time-like electromagnetic transition form factor models
  - important inputs for medium effects of  $\rho$  meson calculations
- Studies of etFF of hyperons in pp@ 4.5 GeV.
- Proposal for pion beam experiment in 2025 in the third resonance region.
- Studies of hyperon structure @CBM.

**Thank You for Your Attention !**

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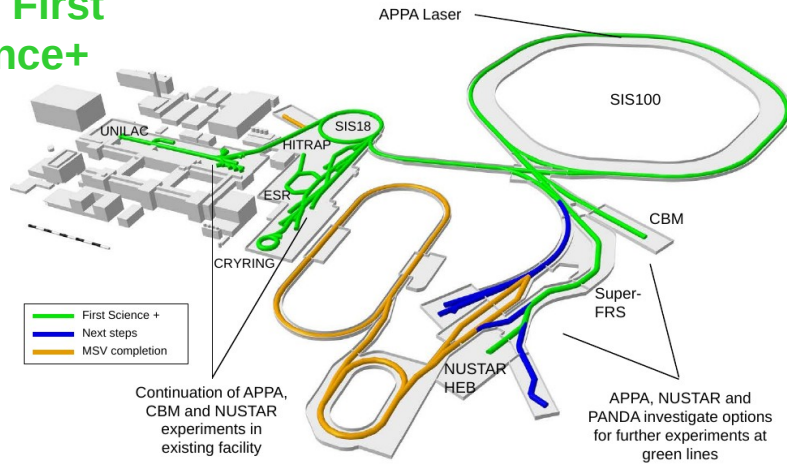


# HADES - High Acceptance DiElectron Spectrometer

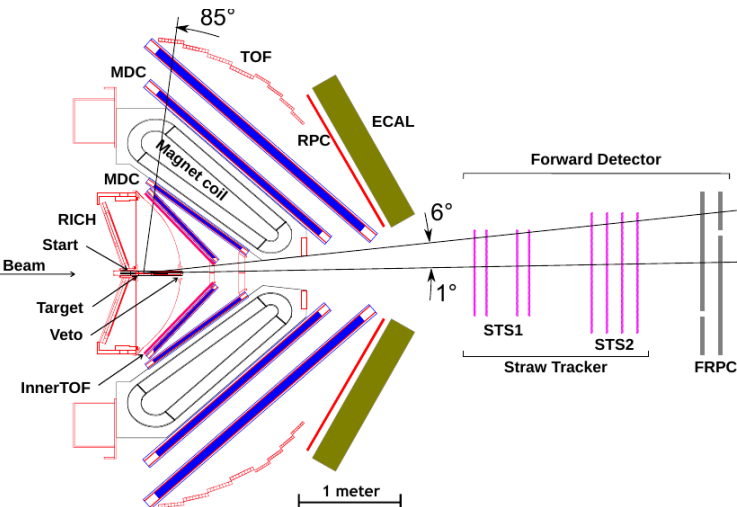


GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung

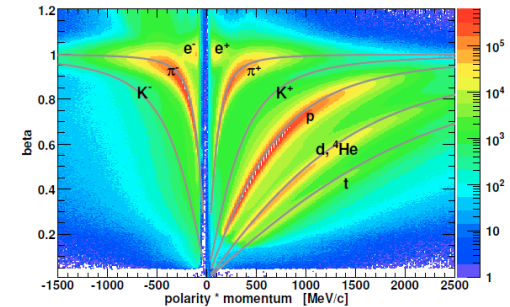
FAIR First Science+

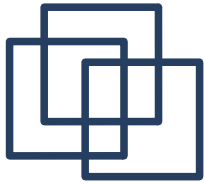


- ✓ SIS18 beams: protons (1-4.5GeV), nuclei (1-2AGeV), pions (0.4-2 GeV) secondary beam
- ✓ Spectrometer with  $\Delta M/M \sim 2\%$  at  $\rho/\omega$
- ✓ PID ( $\pi/p/K$ ): ToF (TOF/RPC, T0 detector), tracking (dE/dx)
- ✓ momenta, angles: MDC+ magnetic field
- ✓  $e^+, e^-$ : RICH
- ✓ neutral particles: ECAL
- ✓ full azimuthal, polar angles  $18^\circ - 85^\circ$
- ✓  $e^+e^-$  pair acceptance  $\sim 0.35$



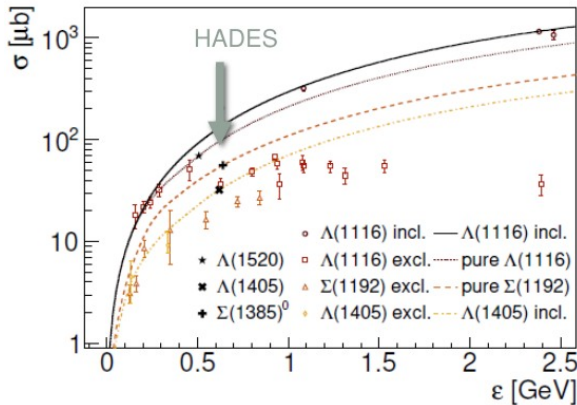
- FAIR - Phase0 upgrade:**
- ECAL (2017-2021)
  - RICH (2018)
  - Forward Detector (2021)
  - iTOF (2021)
  - START - LGAD





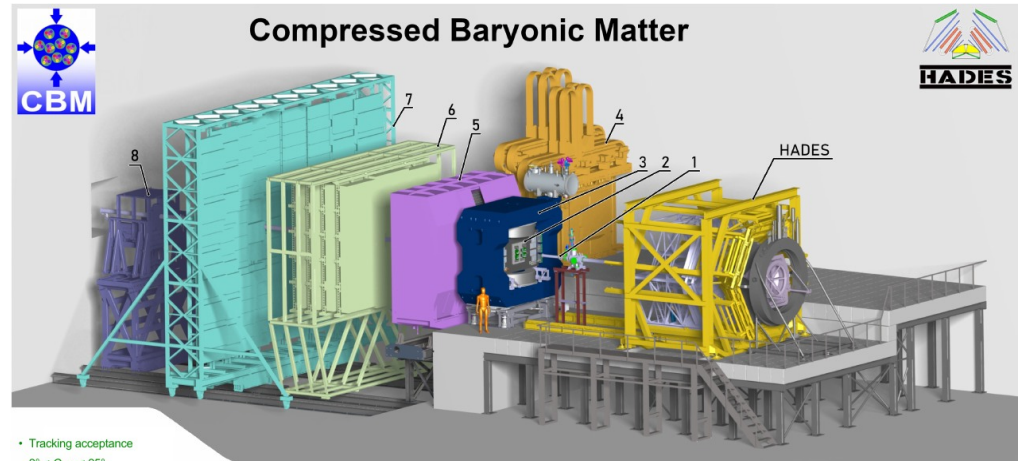
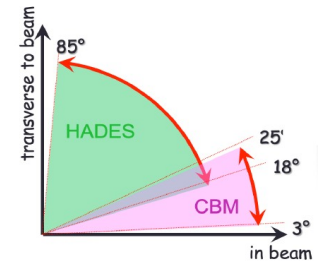
## proton-CBM

- structure and spectroscopy of hadrons (hyperons)
- mass distribution of barionic resonances with strange and charm content
- strangeness and charm production
- intrinsic charm in the proton



## CBM@ SIS100 pp @ 30 GeV

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- much higher luminosity

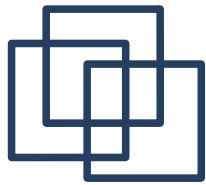


- Tracking acceptance  $2^\circ < \Theta_{lab} < 25^\circ$
- Free streaming readout
- Front-end connectivity up to  $R_{ex} = 10$  MHz
- Software-based event selection

- 1: Time-Zero Detector & Beam Diagnostics
- 2: Silicon Tracking System / Micro Vertex Detector
- 3: Superconducting Dipole Magnet
- 4: Muon Chambers

- 5: Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector
- 6: Transition Radiation Detector
- 7: Time of Flight Detector
- 8: Forward Spectator Detector



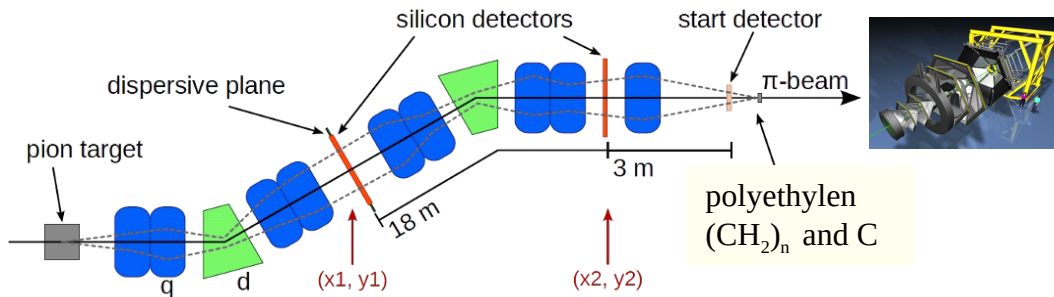


# Pion beam facility @ GSI

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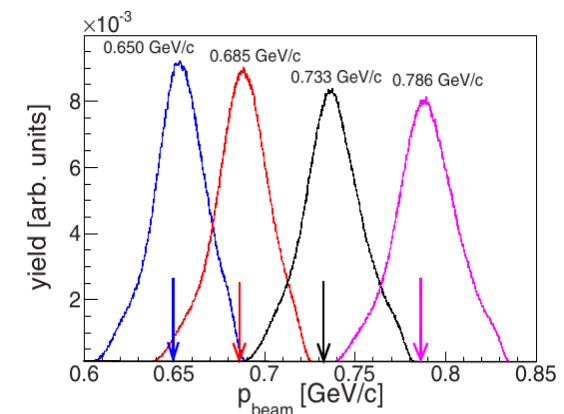
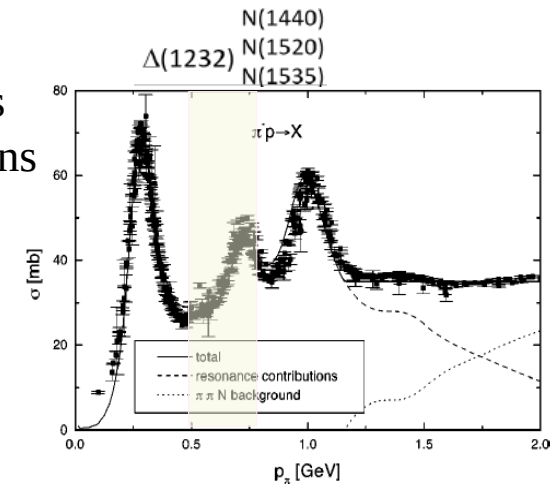


- **selectivity:** production of resonance with given mass in s-channel
- **2-pion channels:**  $\pi p \rightarrow n\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $\pi p \rightarrow p\pi^-\pi^0$  ( $\sqrt{s} = 1.46 - 1.55 \text{ GeV}$ )
  - complete the very scarce pion beam data base for hadronic couplings
- **dilepton channel**  $R \rightarrow Ne+e^-$ , **never** measured in pion induced reactions
  - time-like electromagnetic structure of baryons



- reaction **N+Be**,  $8-10 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ N}_2$  ions/spill (4s)
- secondary  $\pi^-$  with **I**  $\sim 2-3 \cdot 10^5/s$
- $p = 650, \mathbf{685}, 733, 786$  (+/- 1) MeV/c
- **PE**  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$  and **C** targets

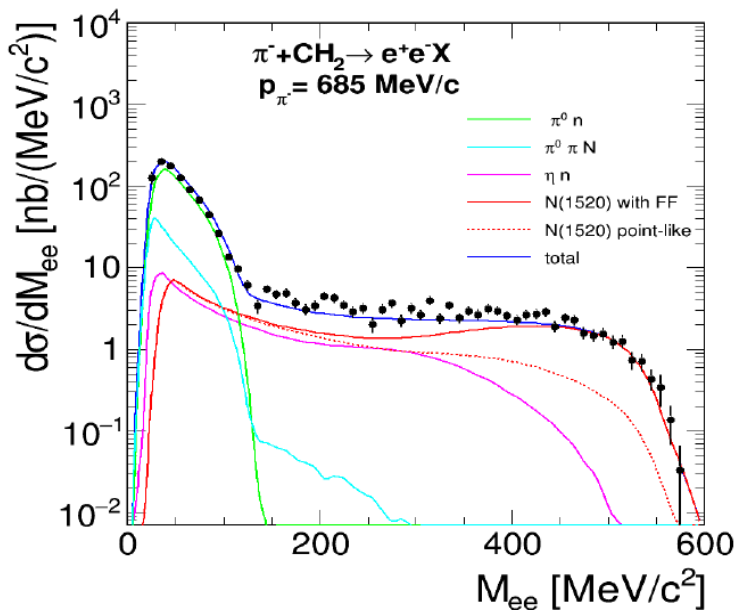
## 2<sup>nd</sup> resonance region





# Inclusive e+e- cocktail

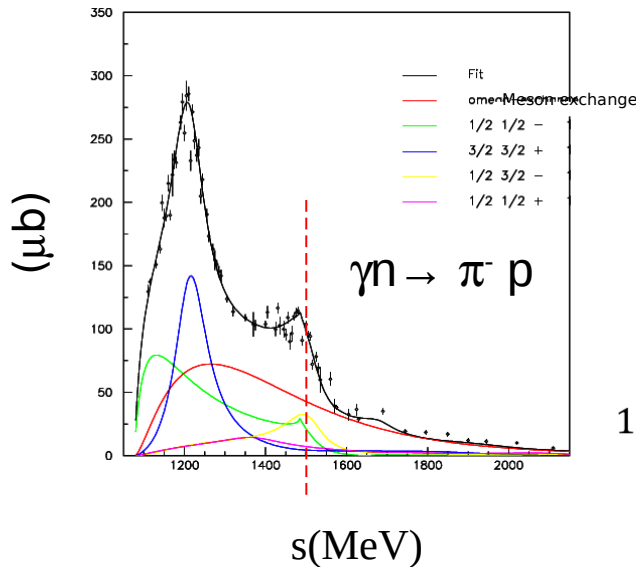
## Fixing cocktail ingredients



$\pi^- p \rightarrow n \pi^0$  [9 mb] (SAID)  
 $\pi^- p \rightarrow n \pi^0 \pi^0$  [1.9 mb] (L.-B.)  
 $\pi^- p \rightarrow p \pi^0 \pi^-$  [4.0 mb] (L.-B.)  
 $\pi^- p \rightarrow n \eta$  [0.83 mb]

**Dalitz Decay BR**  
 $\pi^0$ : 0.012  
 $\eta$ : 0.006

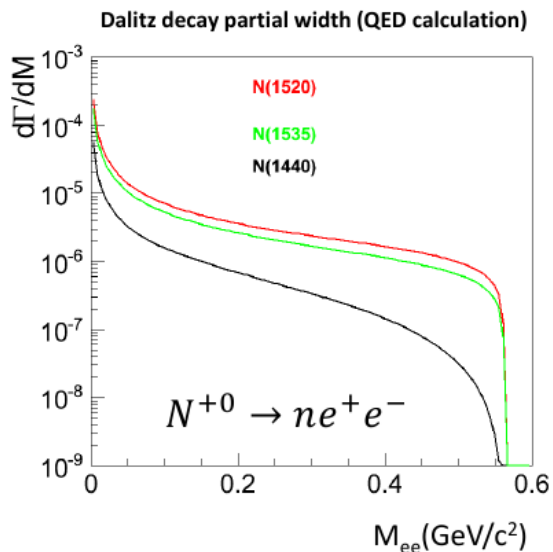
Arndt et al., PRC72 (2005) 045202



Bonn-Gatchina PWA

$N(1520)$  to  $\pi p \rightarrow \gamma n$ : 21%  
 $N(1535)$  to  $\pi p \rightarrow \gamma n$ : 15%

$$\sigma(\pi^- p \rightarrow n e^+ e^-) \sim 1.35 \alpha \sigma(\pi^- p \rightarrow n \gamma) = 2 \mu\text{b}$$

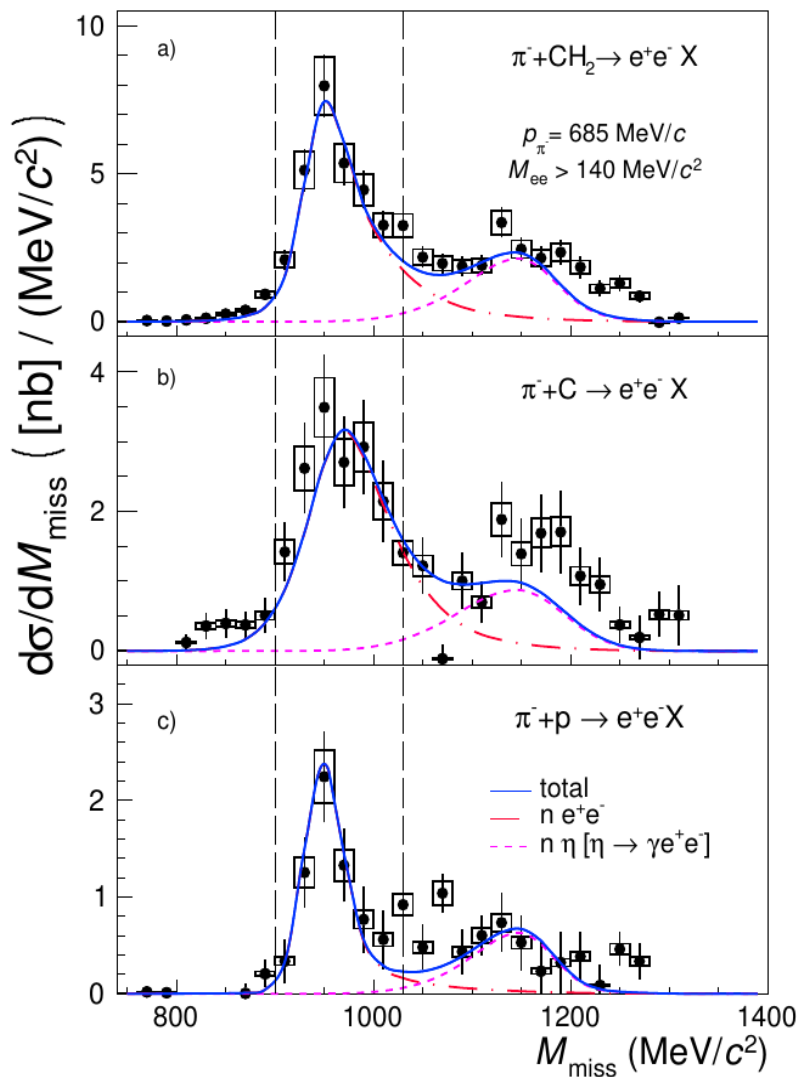


input for  $\pi p \rightarrow \gamma^*(e^+ e^-) n$   
 QED Dalitz decay contribution



# Selection of quasi-free $\pi^- p \rightarrow ne+e^-$

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- cut on  $\text{inv}M_{e^+e^-} > 140 \text{ MeV}$  (above  $\pi^0$  mass)
- missing mass cut on  $M_{\text{miss}}$  ( $\eta$  removed)

- $\pi^- \text{C}$  simulations using Pluto (qfs participant-spectator model)
- production cross sec. on C for:  $\pi^0, \eta, \rho, \gamma$  deduced from the scaling:  $R_{C/H} = \sigma_C / \sigma_H$

- $\text{CH}_2$  target:

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{ee}} \right)_{\text{CH}_2} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{ee}} \right)_C + 2 \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{ee}} \right)_H$$