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Search for CP Violation in Ξ and Λ Hyperon Decays with the Hyper CP Spectrometer at Fermilab

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Hyper CP Experiment

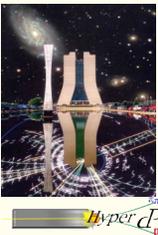
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Why Search for CP Violation in Hyperon Decays?



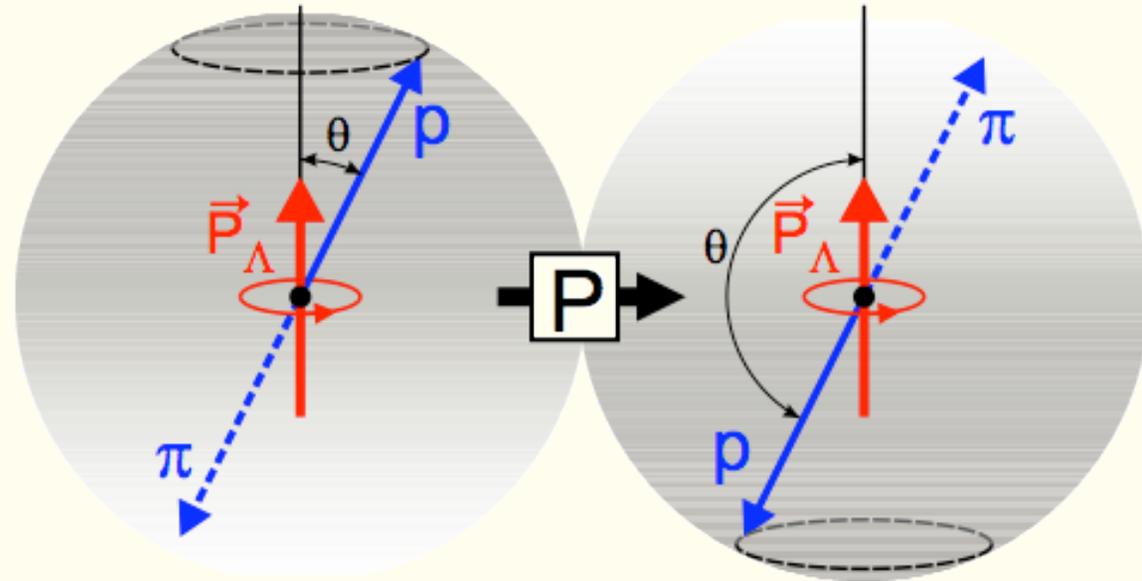
- After 40 years of intense effort, we still know little about CP violation
 - Its origin remains a mystery
 - There is little hard evidence that it is explained by the standard model
- The importance of CP violation to our understanding of particle physics, and indeed the universe, cannot be overstated
- Many scenarios for new physics produce large CP asymmetries in hyperon decays: up to $O(10^{-2})$
- Hyperons are experimentally accessible
 - No new accelerators needed
 - Experimental apparatus is *relatively* modest in scope and cost

Non-leptonic Hyperon Decay Dynamics



- Primarily two-body modes
- Daughter particle decay distributions are anisotropic
- Proceed into parity conserving (P-wave) and parity violating (S-wave) final states with amplitudes P and S respectively
- Slope of the baryon $\cos\theta$ distribution given by $\alpha_P P_P$
- Magnitude of the parity violation (α) can be large

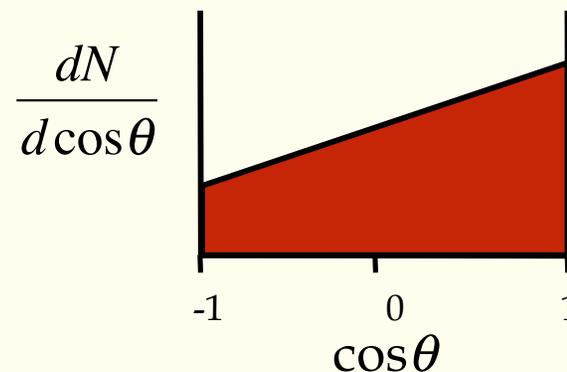
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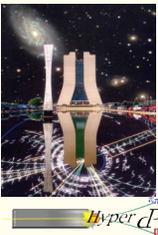
Anisotropic proton decay distribution

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slope = $\alpha_\Lambda P_\Lambda$

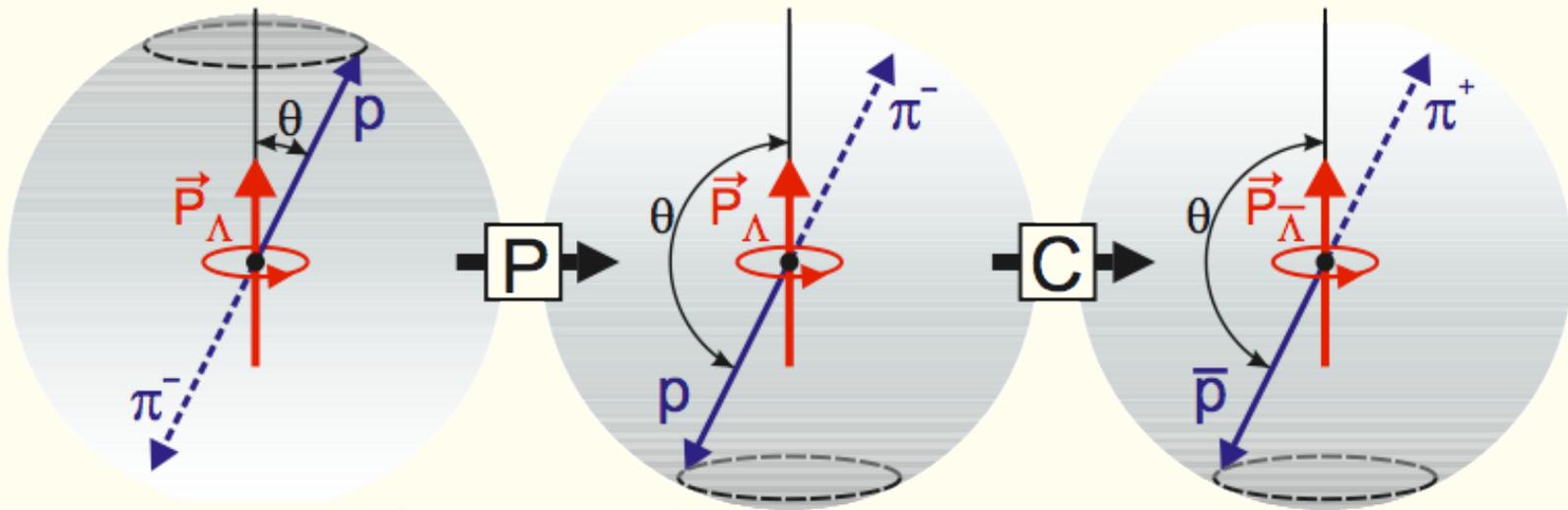


CP Violation in Hyperon Decays



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The daughter baryon preferentially decays in the direction of the parent particle's spin.



If CP is conserved:

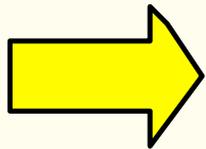
$$\alpha_\Lambda = -\alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}$$

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$$\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+$$

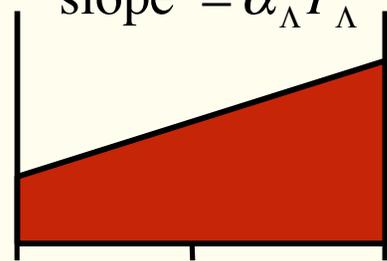
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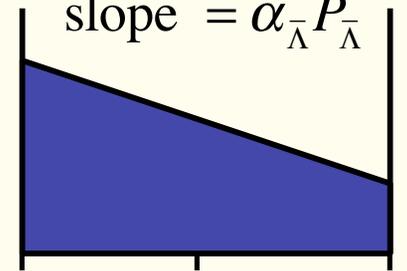
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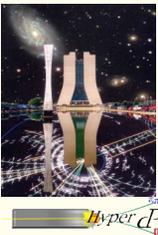
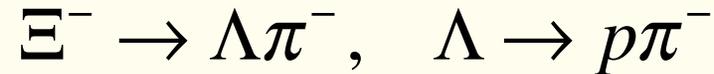


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Polarization of Λ samples must be known

Hyperon Polarization



Daughter Λ baryon is polarized:

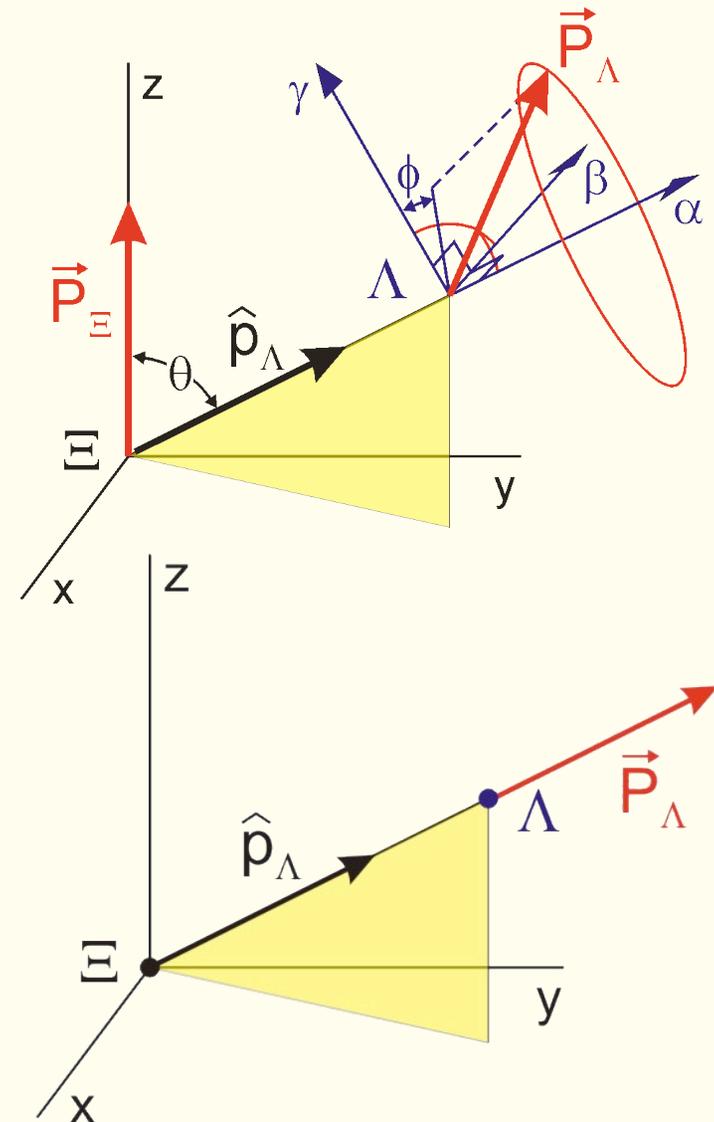
\Rightarrow If parent Ξ hyperon is **polarized**

$$\vec{P}_\Lambda = \frac{(\alpha_\Xi + \vec{P}_\Xi \cdot \hat{p}_\Lambda) \hat{p}_\Lambda + \beta_\Xi (\vec{P}_\Xi \times \hat{p}_\Lambda) + \gamma_\Xi (\hat{p}_\Lambda \times (\vec{P}_\Xi \times \hat{p}_\Lambda))}{1 + \alpha_\Xi \vec{P}_\Xi \cdot \hat{p}_\Lambda}$$

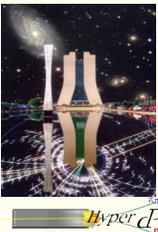
$$\alpha = \frac{2\text{Re}(S^*P)}{|S|^2 + |P|^2} \quad \beta = \frac{2\text{Im}(S^*P)}{|S|^2 + |P|^2} \quad \gamma = \frac{|S|^2 - |P|^2}{|S|^2 + |P|^2}$$

\Rightarrow If parent Ξ hyperon is **unpolarized**

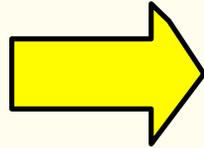
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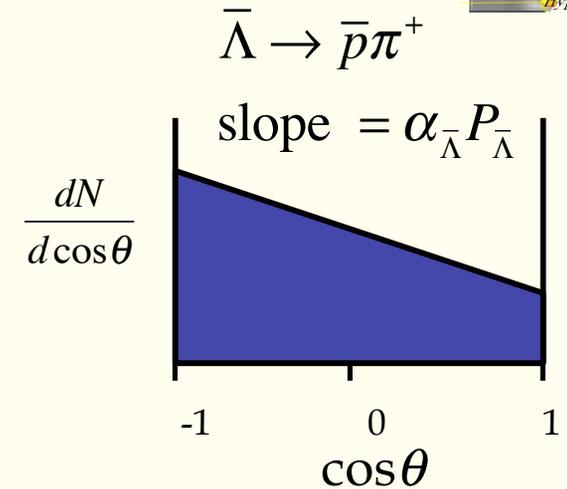
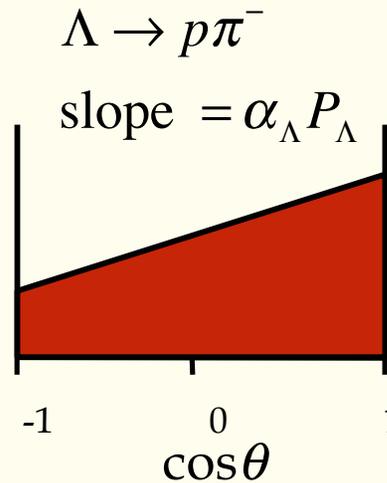
CP Signatures in Hyperon Decays



$$A = \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}$$



$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta}$$



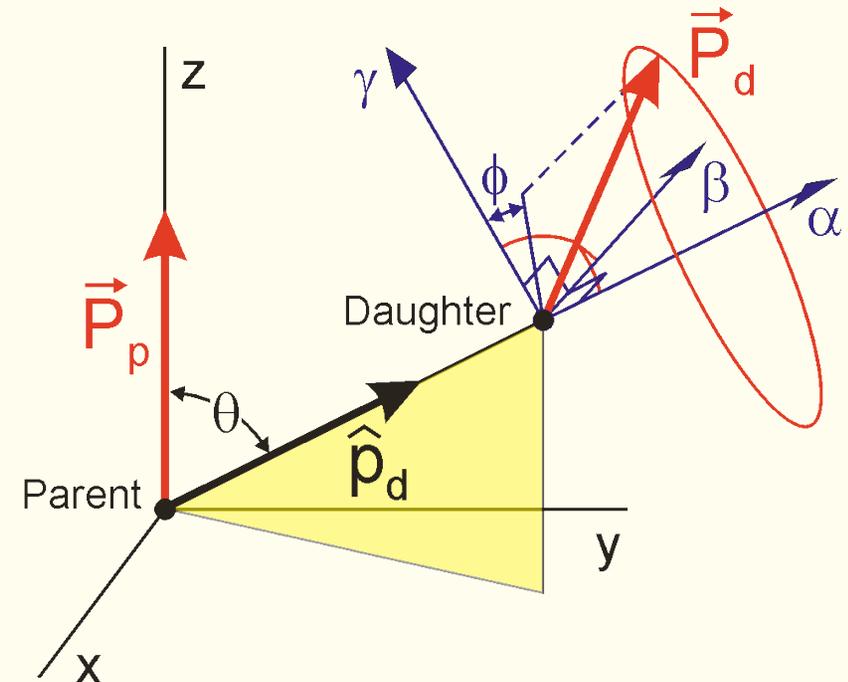
- Need parent hyperons with known polarization.

$$B = \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\beta - \bar{\beta}}$$

Most precisely known:

$$\beta_{\Xi} = -0.037 \pm 0.015$$

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Decay rate asymmetry:

$$\Delta = \frac{\Gamma - \bar{\Gamma}}{\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma}}$$

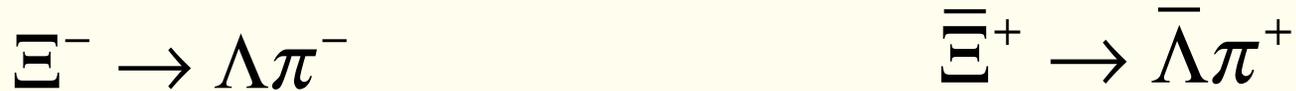
- Expected to be very small
- Difficult to measure absolute number of events

$A \Rightarrow$ Only parameter currently accessible by experiment

HyperCP method for Producing Λ s of Known Polarization



We produce Λ s of known polarization through unpolarized Ξ decays. Targeting at zero degrees insures that our Ξ s are produced unpolarized



If the Ξ is produced unpolarized then the Λ is produced in a helicity state

$$\vec{P}_\Lambda = \underbrace{\alpha_\Xi \hat{p}_\Lambda}$$

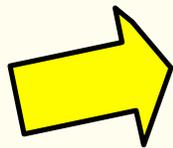
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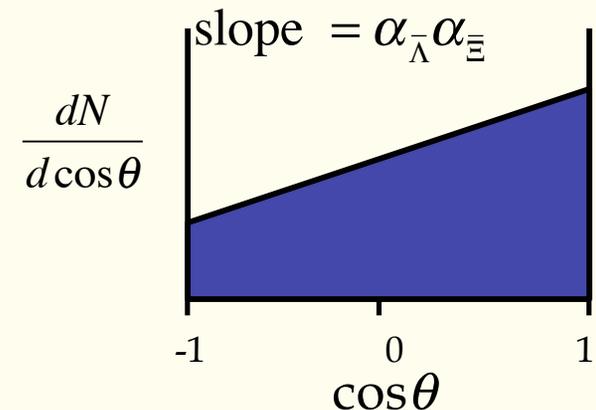
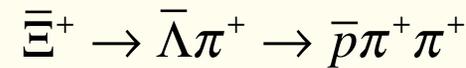
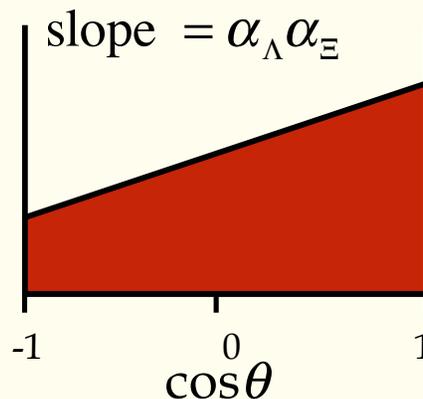
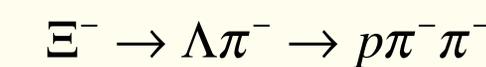
$$\frac{dN(\bar{p})}{d \cos \theta} = \frac{N_0}{2} (1 + \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} P_{\bar{\Lambda}} \cos \theta)$$

If CP is good the slopes of the proton and antiproton $\cos \theta$ distributions are identical

$$\alpha_\Xi \alpha_\Lambda = \alpha_{\bar{\Xi}} \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}$$



$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta}$



Sensitivity to CP in both Ξ and Λ decays



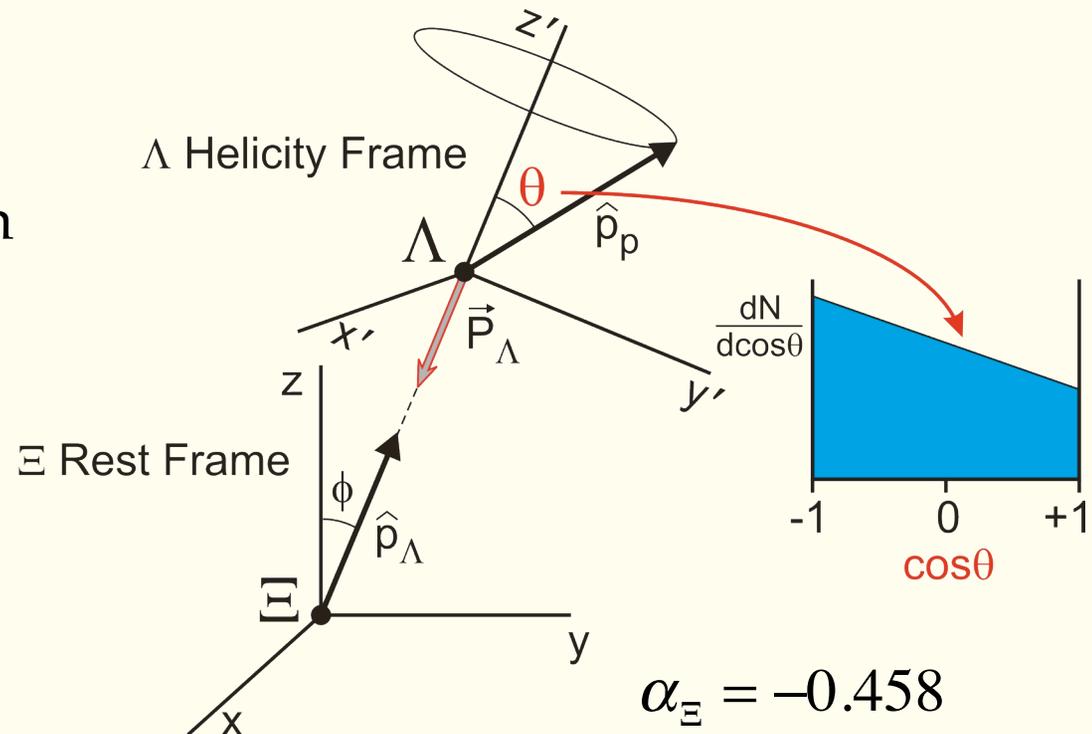
From the $\cos\theta$ distributions we seek to extract the asymmetry $A_{\Xi\Lambda}$

$$A_{\Xi\Lambda} = \frac{\alpha_{\Xi}\alpha_{\Lambda} - \alpha_{\Xi}\alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}}{\alpha_{\Xi}\alpha_{\Lambda} + \alpha_{\Xi}\alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}} \approx A_{\Lambda} + A_{\Xi}$$

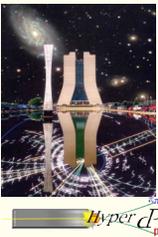
where,

$$\begin{cases} A_{\Xi} = \frac{\alpha_{\Xi} + \alpha_{\bar{\Xi}}}{\alpha_{\Xi} - \alpha_{\bar{\Xi}}} \\ A_{\Lambda} = \frac{\alpha_{\Lambda} + \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}}{\alpha_{\Lambda} - \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}} \end{cases}$$

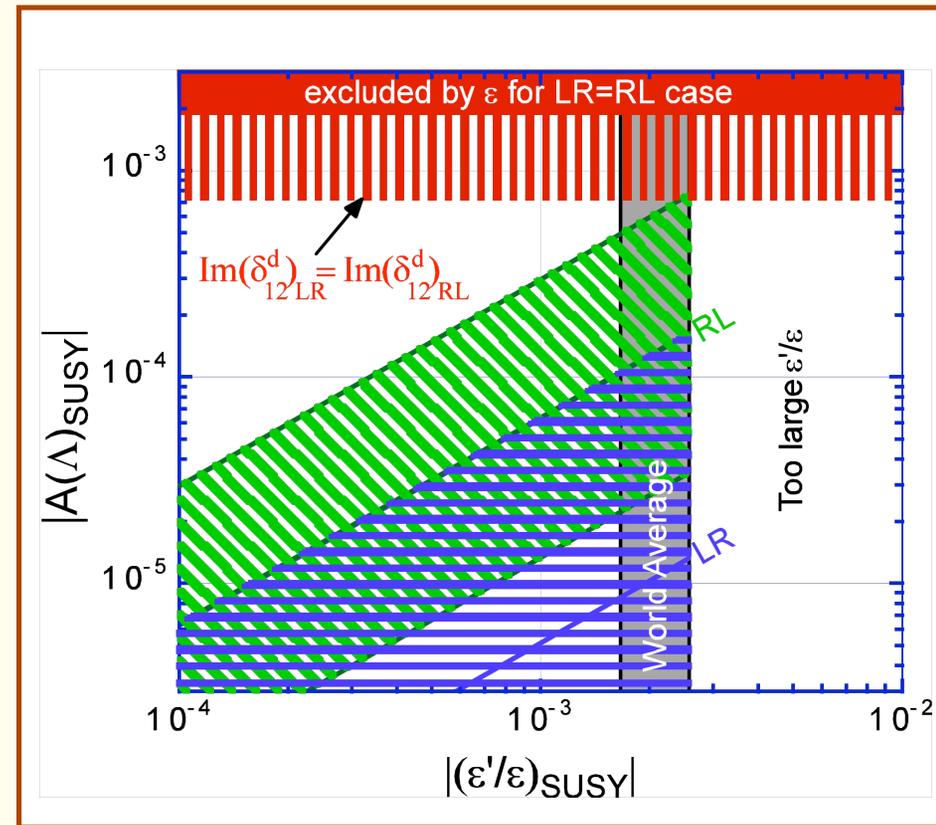
The slope is measured in the Λ rest frame where the orientation of the polar axis is defined by the Λ momentum in the Ξ rest frame



Theoretical Predictions for A



- SM Predictions are small
 - SM model predictions have fallen steadily since 1991.
 - Recently: $|A_{\Xi} + A_{\Lambda}| \leq 0.5 \times 10^{-4}$ (Tandean & Valencia 2003)
- BSM theories allow for larger asymmetries
 - Tandean (2004) shows that the upper bound on $A_{\Xi} + A_{\Lambda}$ from ϵ'/ϵ and ϵ measurements is $O(10^{-2})$
 - Some SUSY models which do not generate ϵ'/ϵ can lead to A_{Λ} of $O(10^{-3})$



He, Pakvasa, Valencia 2000

Any CP-violation signal will almost certainly be evidence of new physics

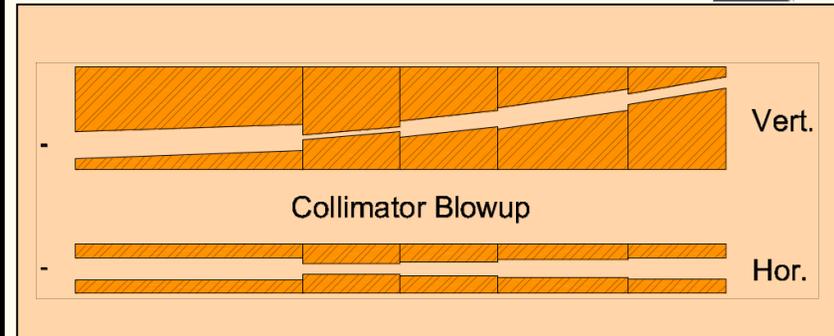
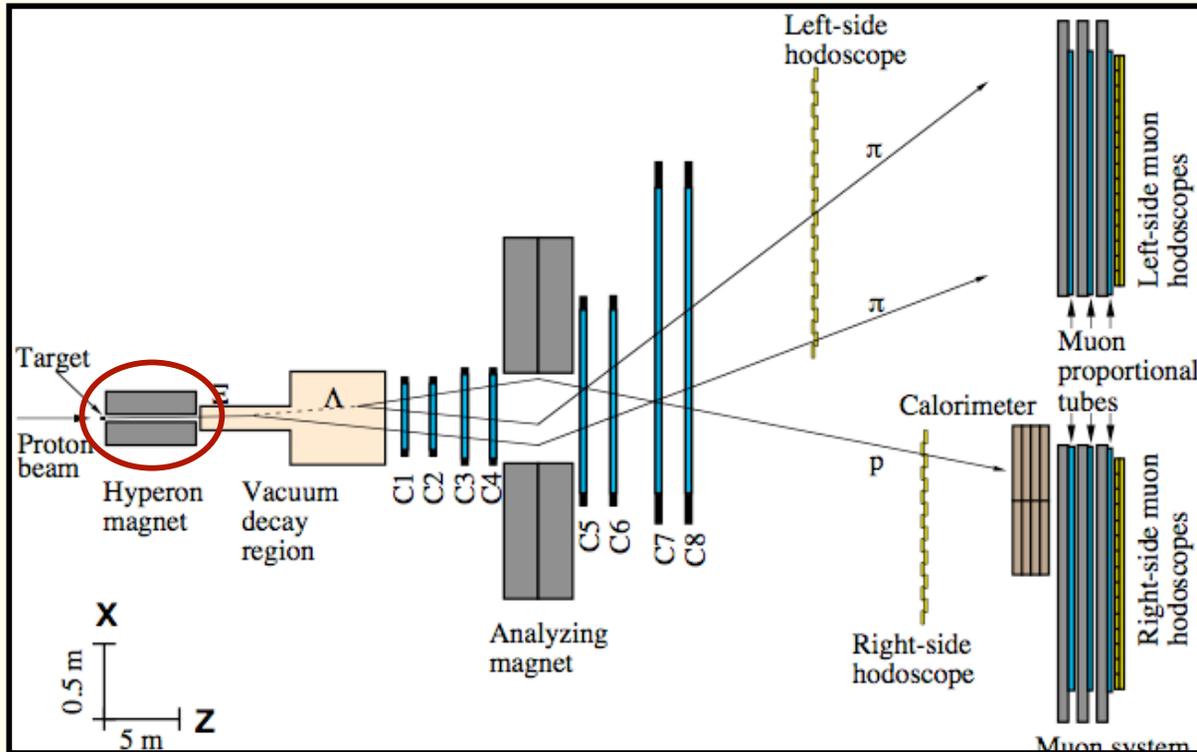
Previous Measurements



Experiment	Method	A_Λ
R608 at ISR	$pp \rightarrow \Lambda X, p\bar{p} \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} X$	-0.02 ± 0.14
DM2 at Orsay	$e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\Psi \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	0.01 ± 0.10
PS185 at LEAR	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	-0.013 ± 0.022
Experiment	Method	$A_{\Xi\Lambda}$
E756	$\Xi \rightarrow \Lambda\pi \rightarrow p\pi\pi$	0.012 ± 0.014
HyperCP	$\Xi \rightarrow \Lambda\pi \rightarrow p\pi\pi$	0.00000 ± 0.00067

The HyperCP Experiment

Designed for CP Violation Searches



Charged Hyperon Beam

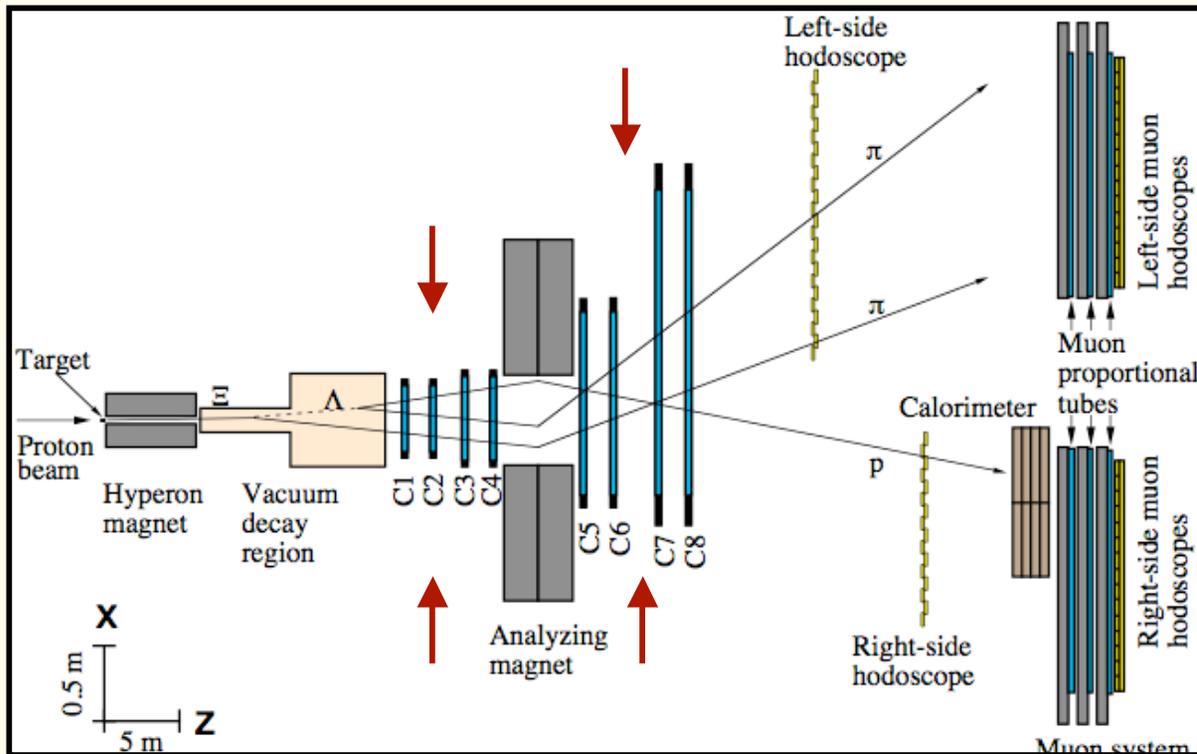
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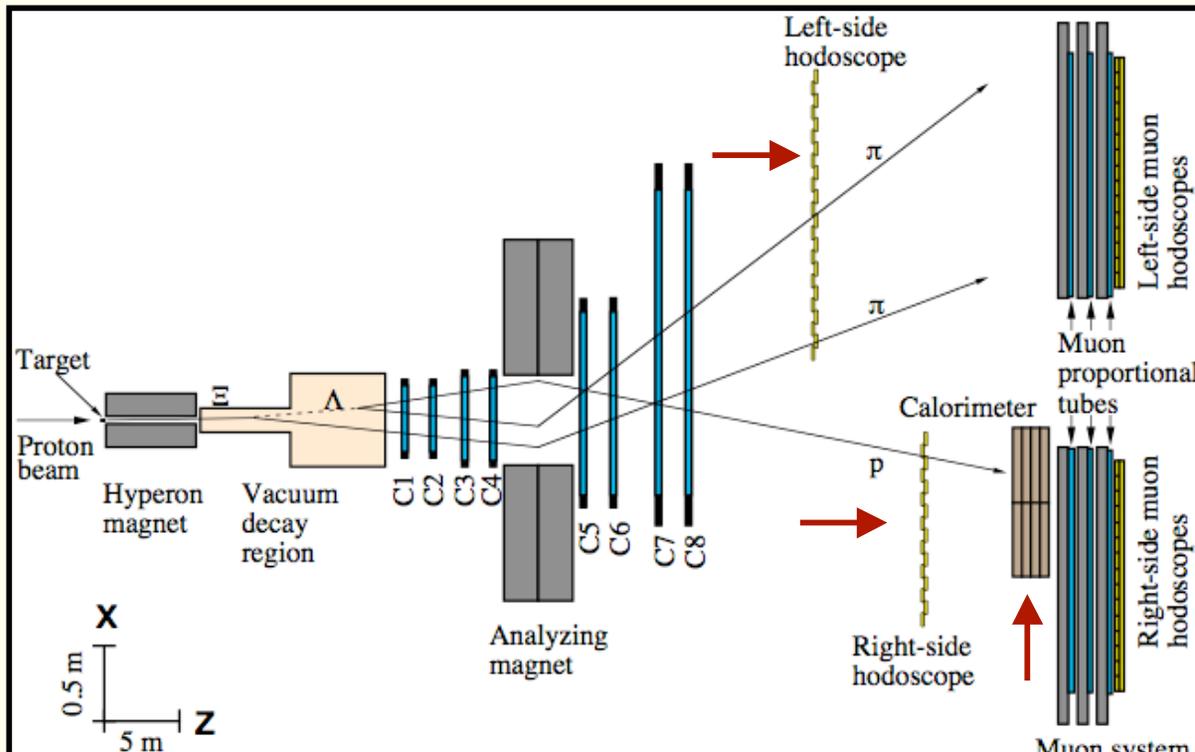
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Spectrometer Specifications

- 8 narrow pitch MWPCs
- Simple Ξ trigger
 - Two hodoscopes
 - Fast calorimeter
- 100k events/s to tape

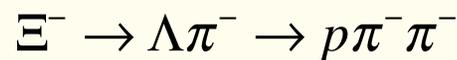
Extracting the CP Asymmetry



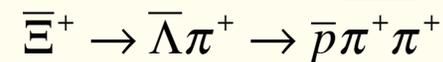
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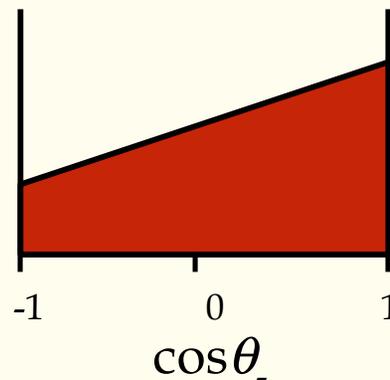


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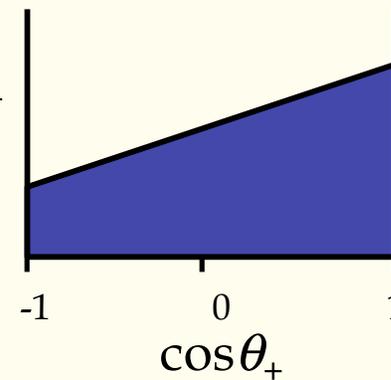


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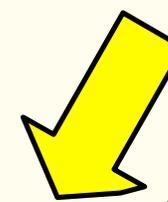
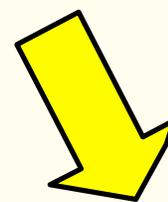
- We fit the ratio to

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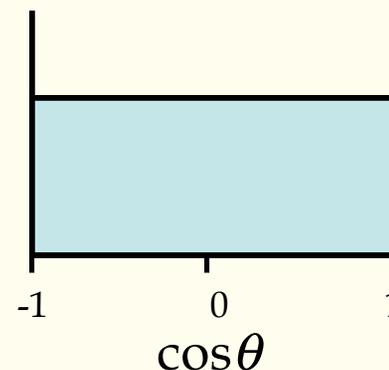
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Ratio

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta}$$



good CP

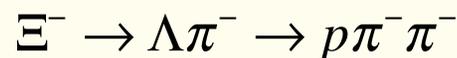
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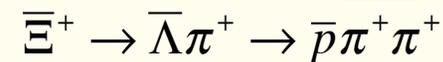
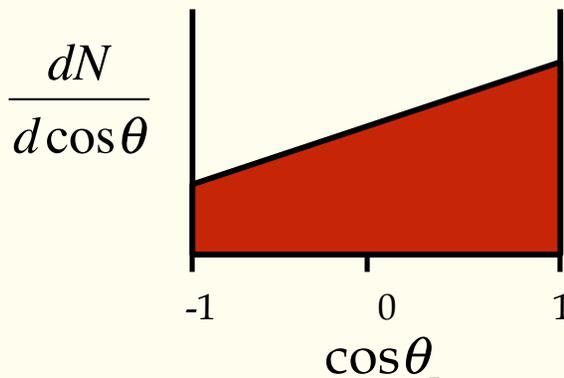
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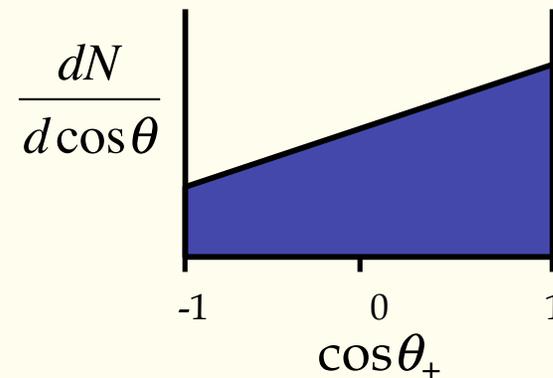
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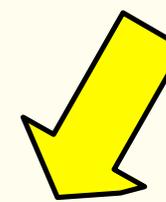
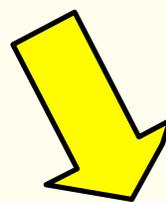
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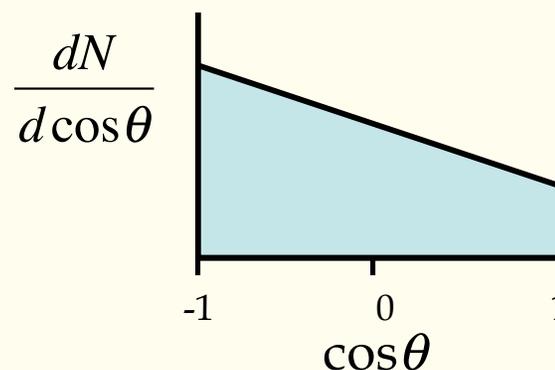
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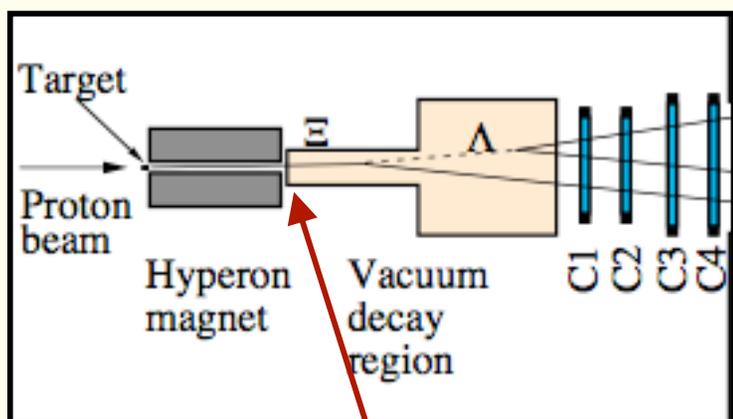


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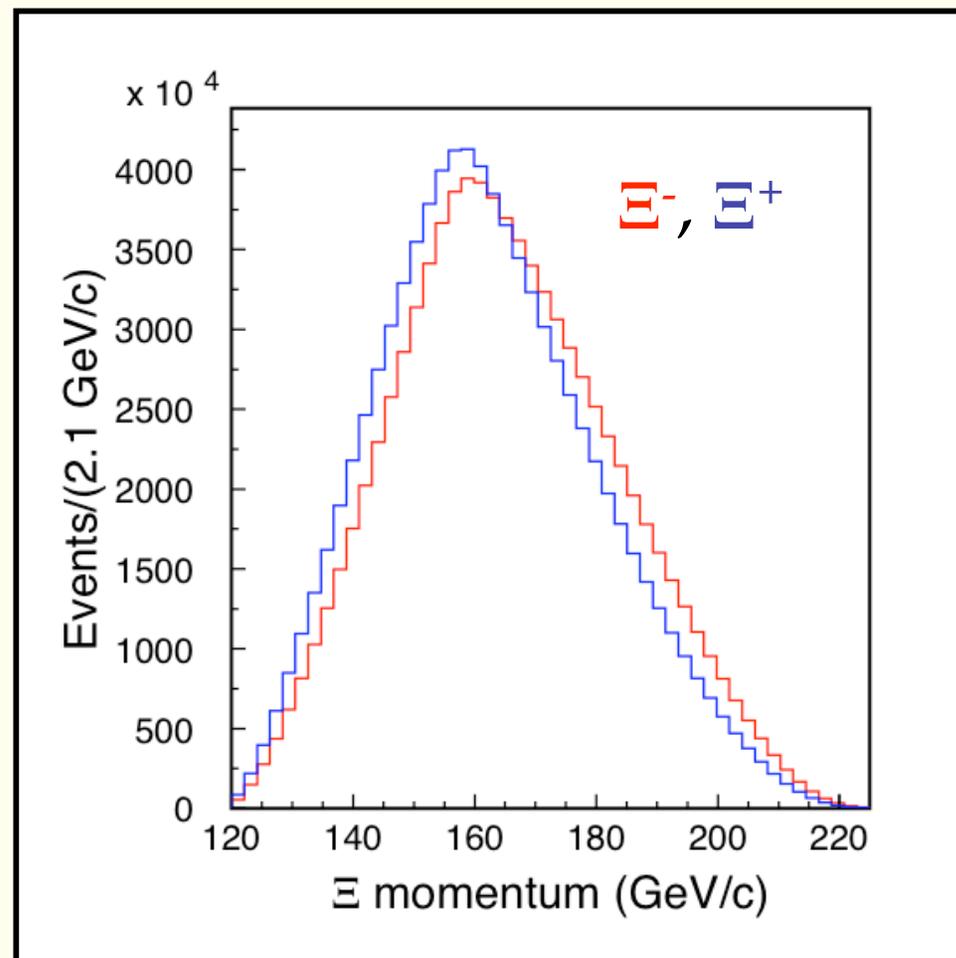


Problem: Acceptance for Ξ^- and Ξ^+ decays not equal due to different production dynamics

Solution: Weight the reconstructed Ξ^- and Ξ^+ position and momentum distributions and force them to be identical



Ξ^- & Ξ^+ distributions weighted at the exit of the Hyperon Magnet



50 Bins for Ξ momentum

50 bins for Ξ y position and slope

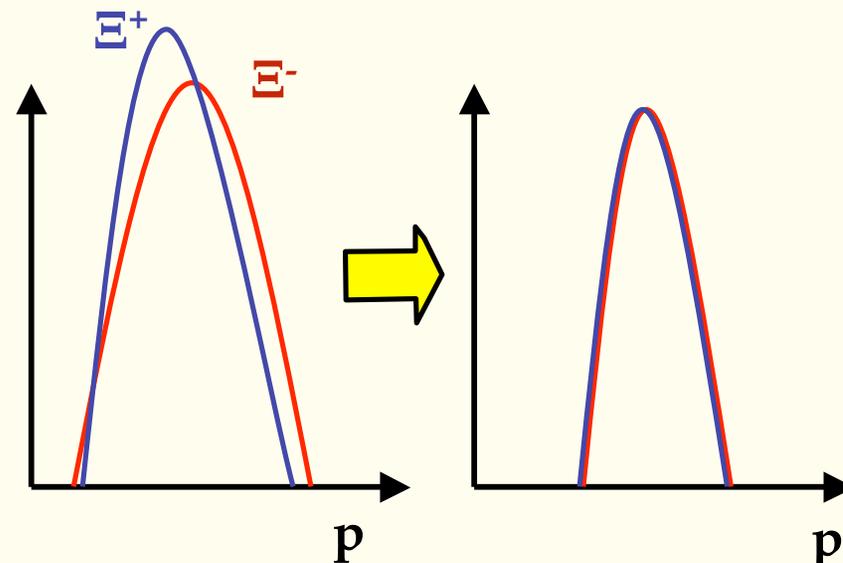
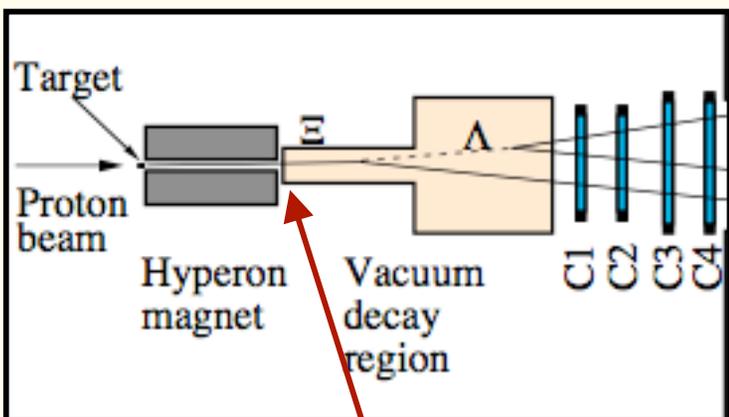
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Weighted parameters:

Variable	# Cells	Cell Size
Ξ momentum	50	2.1 GeV/c
y position at collimator	50	0.026 cm
y slope at collimator	50	0.16 mrad
x position at collimator	20	0.105 cm
x slope at collimator	20	0.20 mrad

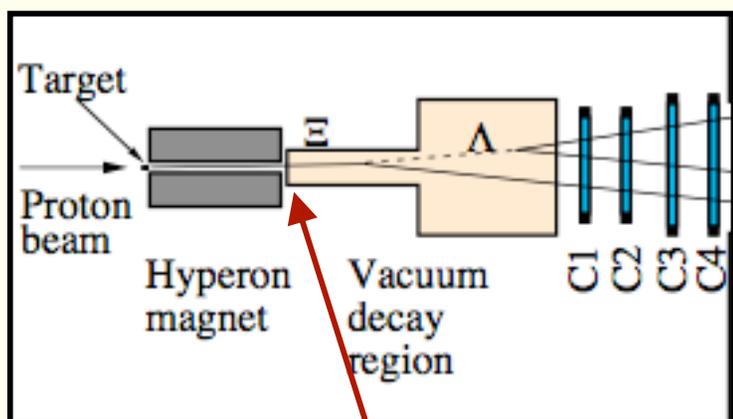
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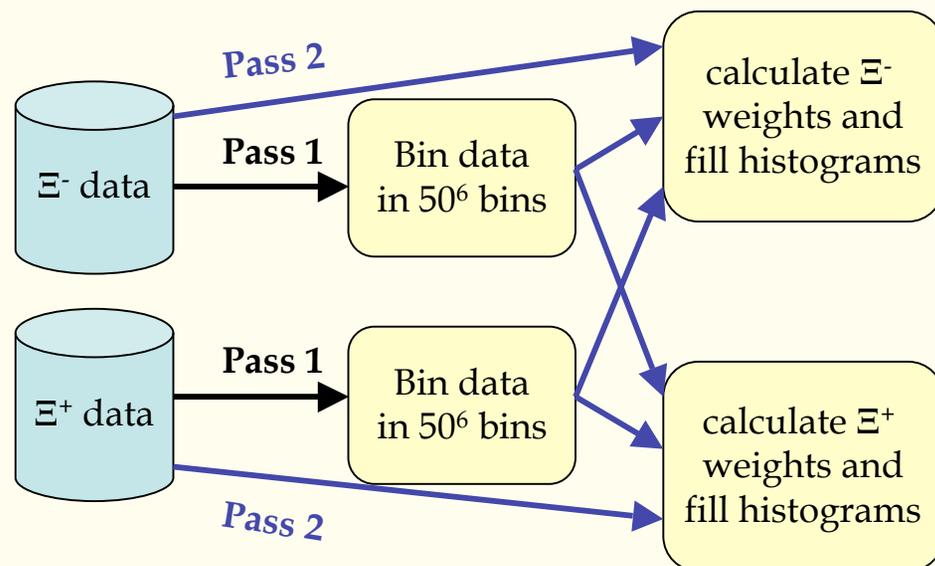
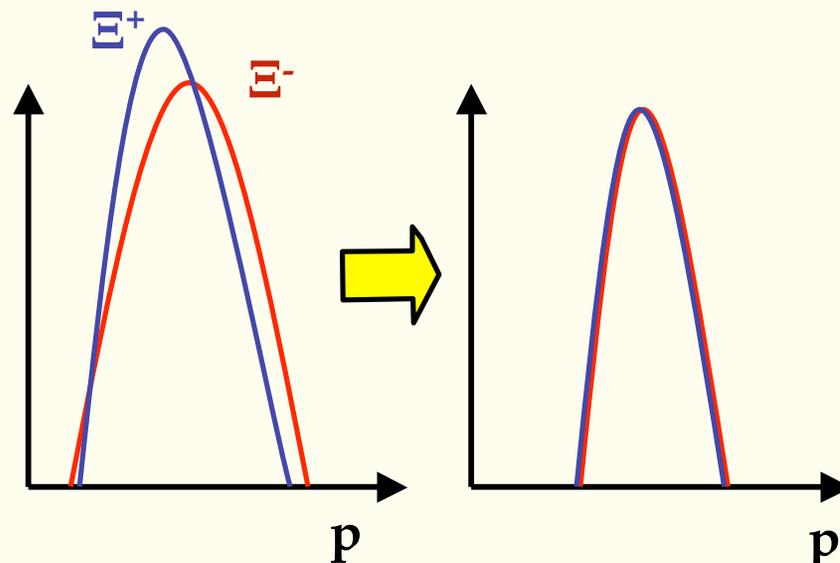


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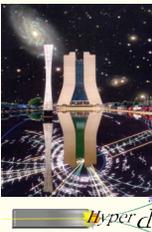
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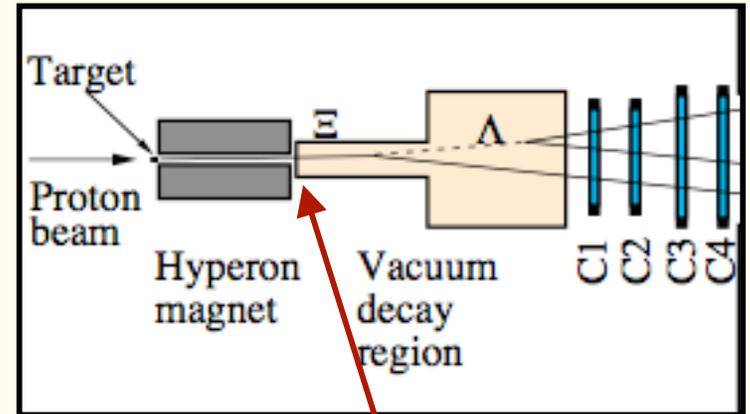
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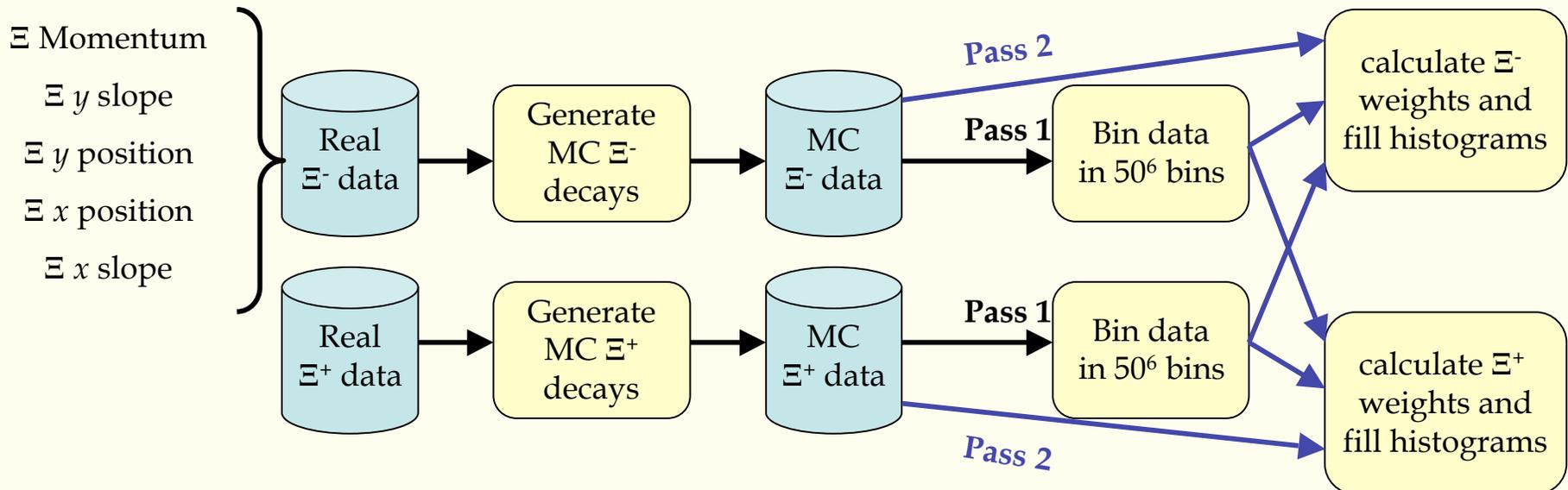
Problem: How to generate 10 billion decays?

Solution: Use a “hybrid” MC

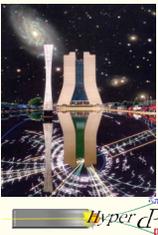
- Use Ξ^- & Ξ^+ data to seed the simulation
- Start simulation at the collimator exit



Real Ξ^- & Ξ^+ distributions from the collimator exit used to seed the simulation



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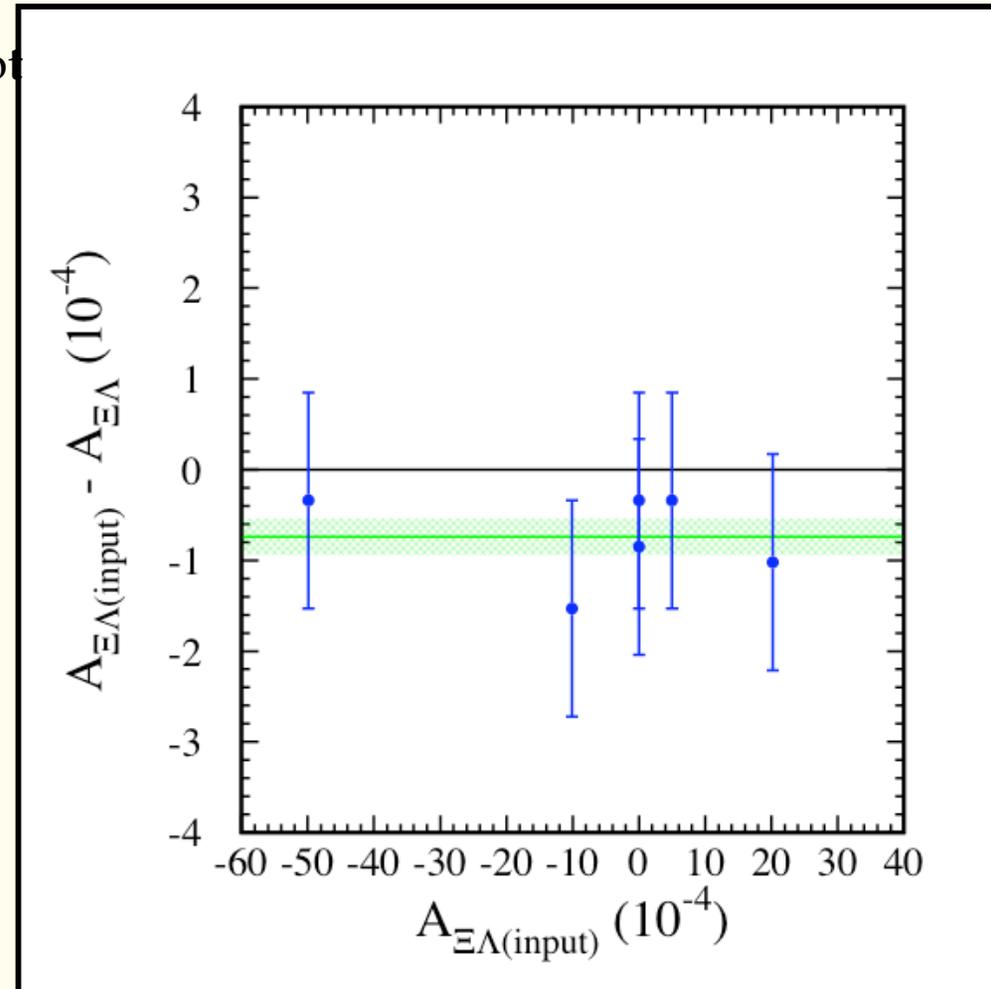
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- Start simulation at the collimator exit

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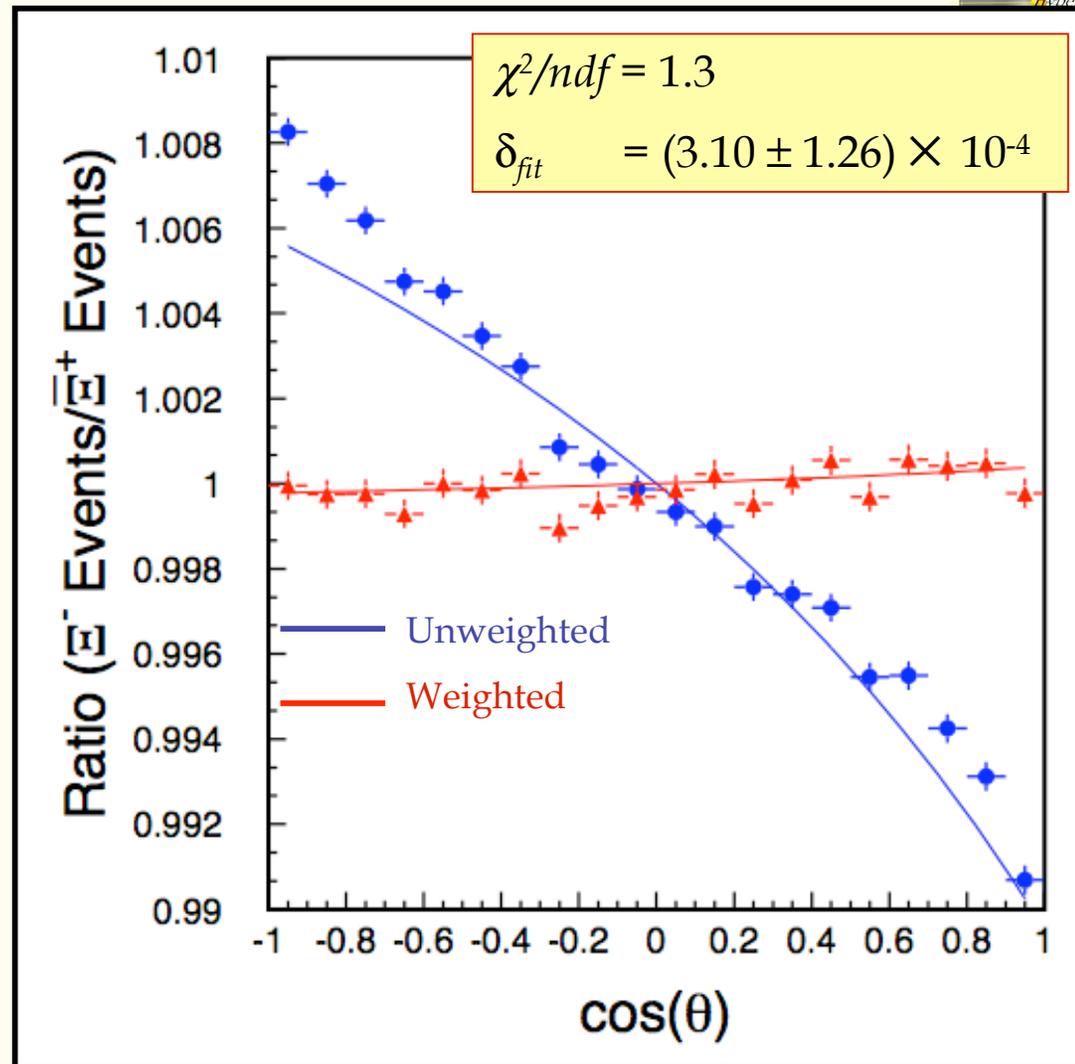
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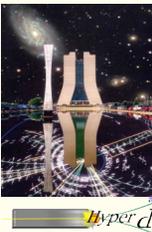
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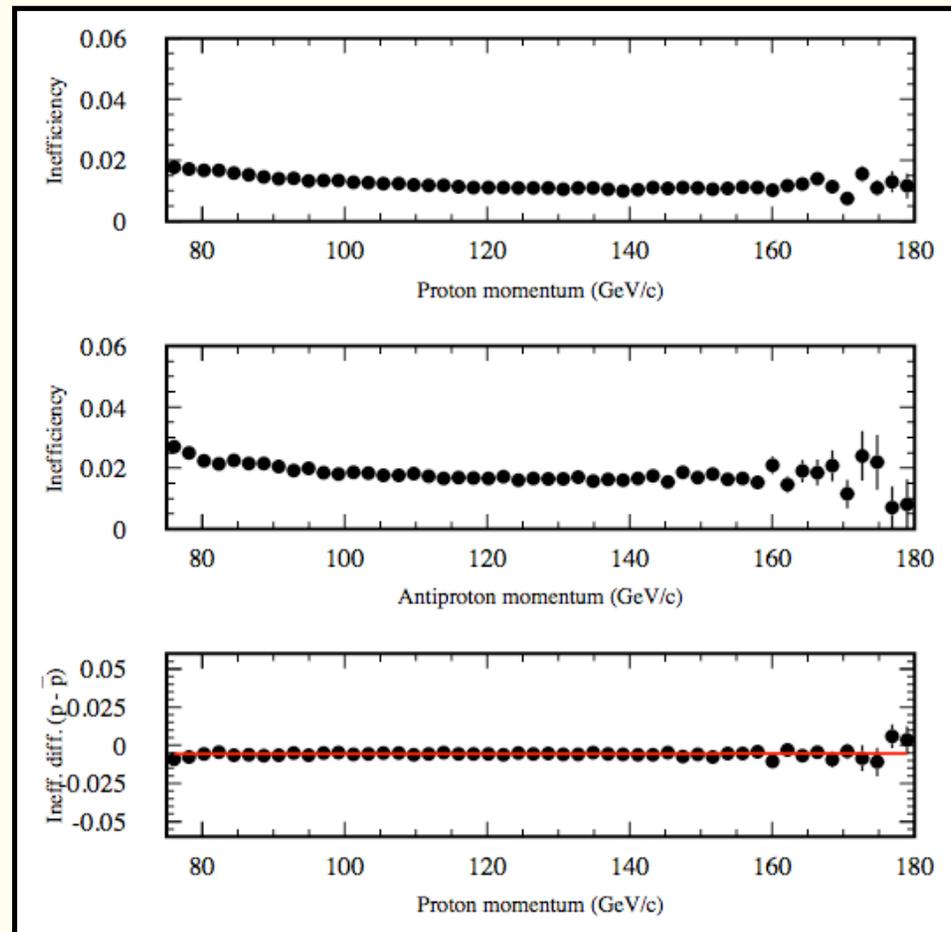
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Calorimeter inefficiency difference



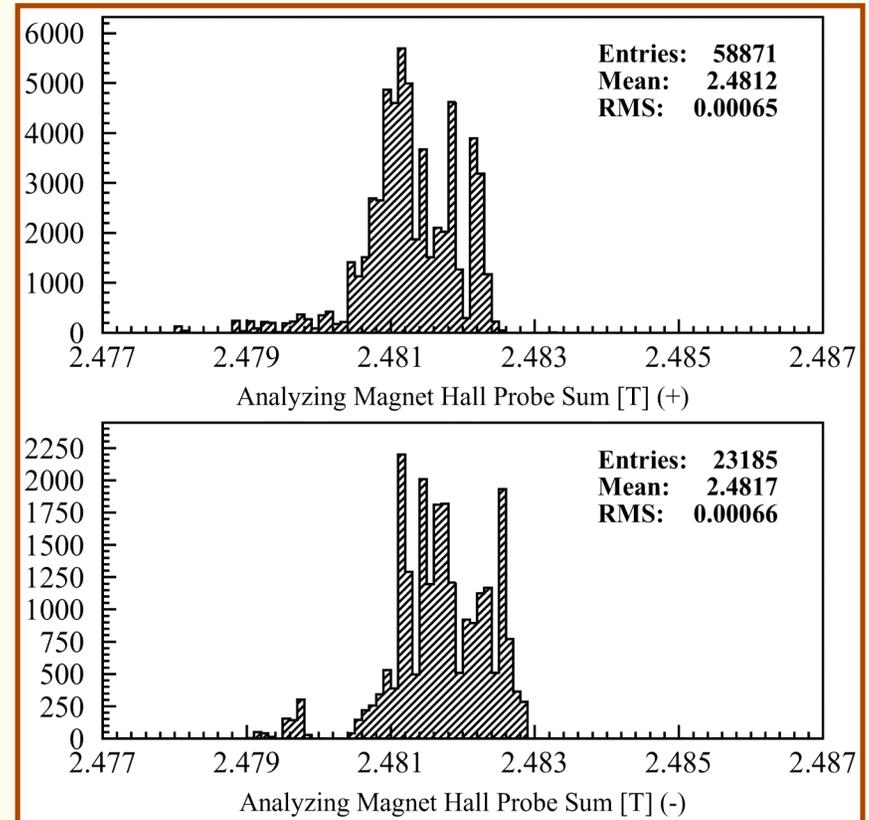
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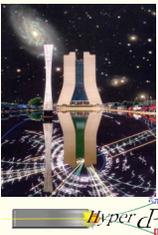
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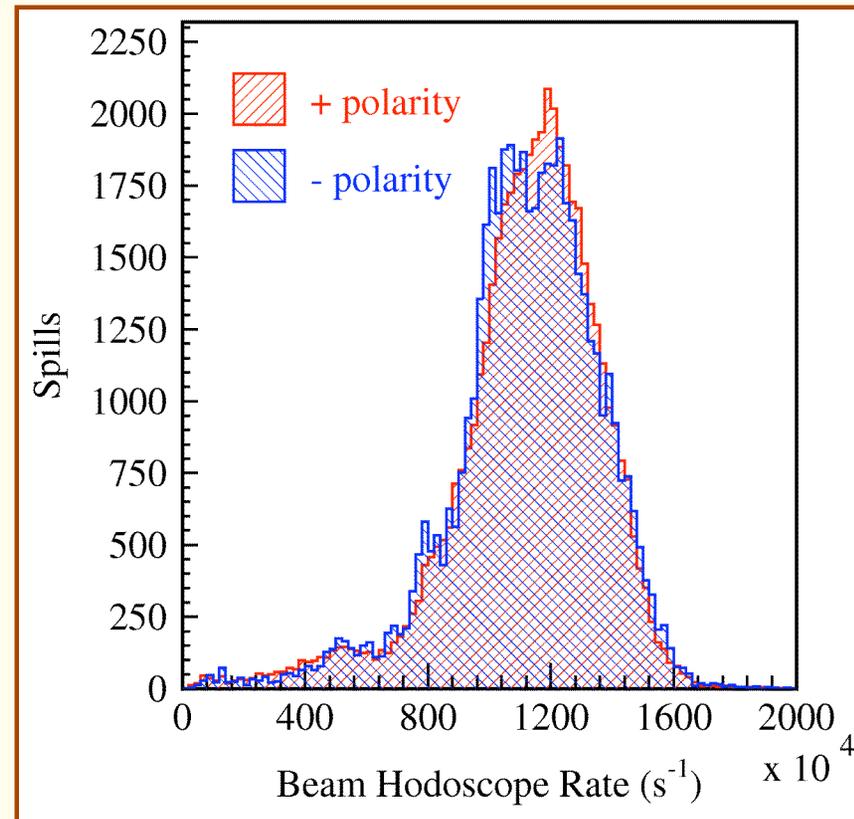
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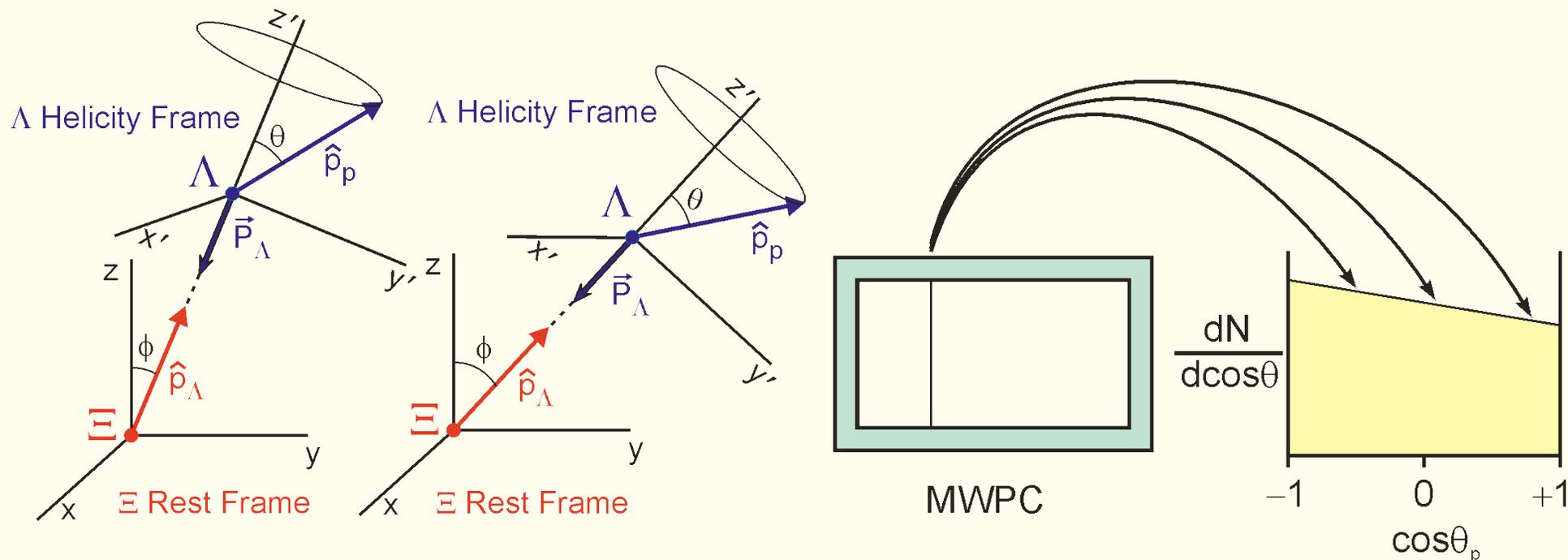


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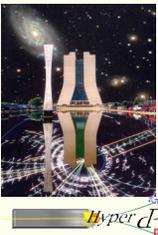


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Systematic Uncertainties



Systematic	Method	$\delta A_{\Xi\Lambda}$ (10^{-4})	
Calorimeter inefficiency uncertainty	Data	0.9	
Earth's magnetic field	HMC	0.9	← Upper limit
Particle/antiparticle interaction differences	MC	0.9	← Upper limit
Analyzing Magnets field uncertainties	Data	0.7	
Validation of analysis technique	HMC	0.7	
Hodoscope inefficiency correction	Data	TBD (<0.7)	← Upper limit
MWPC inefficiency uncertainty	HMC	0.4	
Momentum bin size	0.4	0.4	
Error on $\alpha_{\Xi}\alpha_{\Lambda}$	Data	0.007	
Background subtraction uncertainty	Data	0.003	
Total:	Preliminary		2.1

All estimates are preliminary. Some are upper limits and are likely to be reduced while others may increase as additional studies are performed

Background Subtracted Asymmetry (Preliminary)



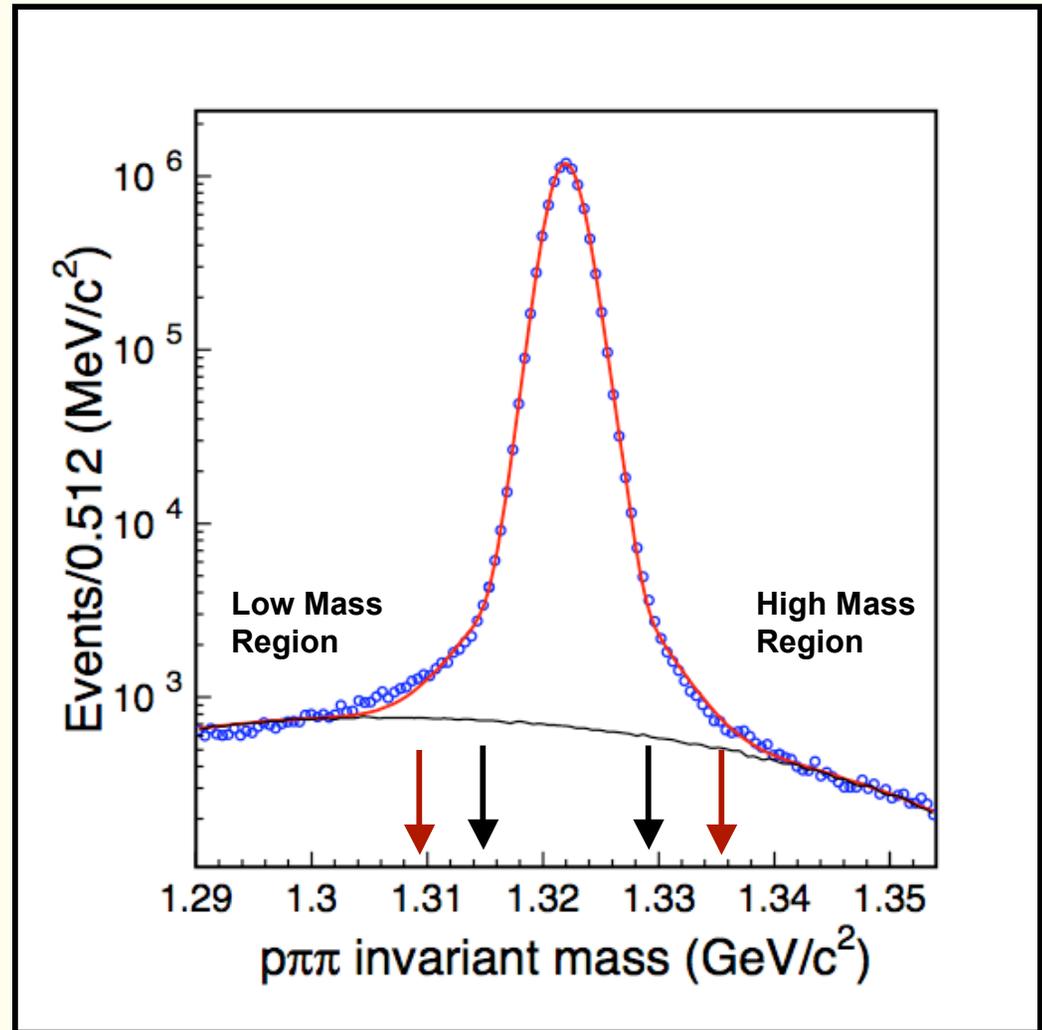
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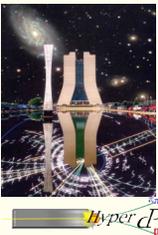
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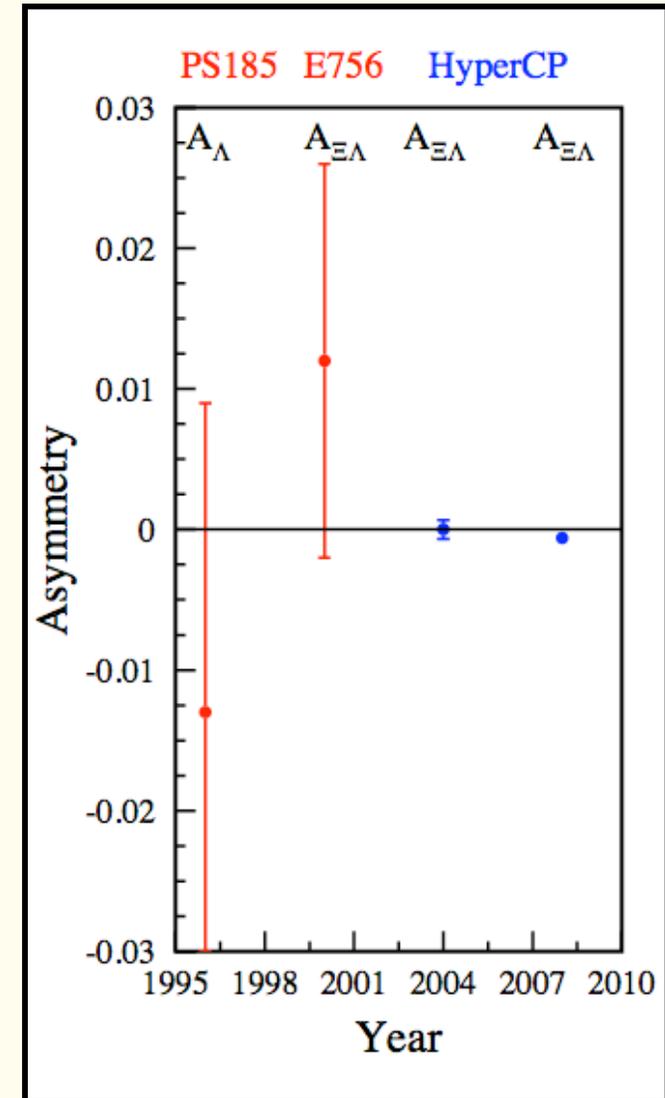


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Conclusions

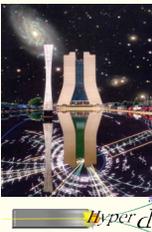


- Using the largest sample of hyperon decays ever amassed by a particle physics experiment, the HyperCP collaboration is making precision searches for CP violation from exotic sources
- We measured the CP observable $A_{\Xi\Lambda}$ and present a new preliminary result with greater precision
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(with a 15% of data)
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(Preliminary with all data)
- HyperCP measurements are over 40X more precise than results from other experiments



Backup Slides

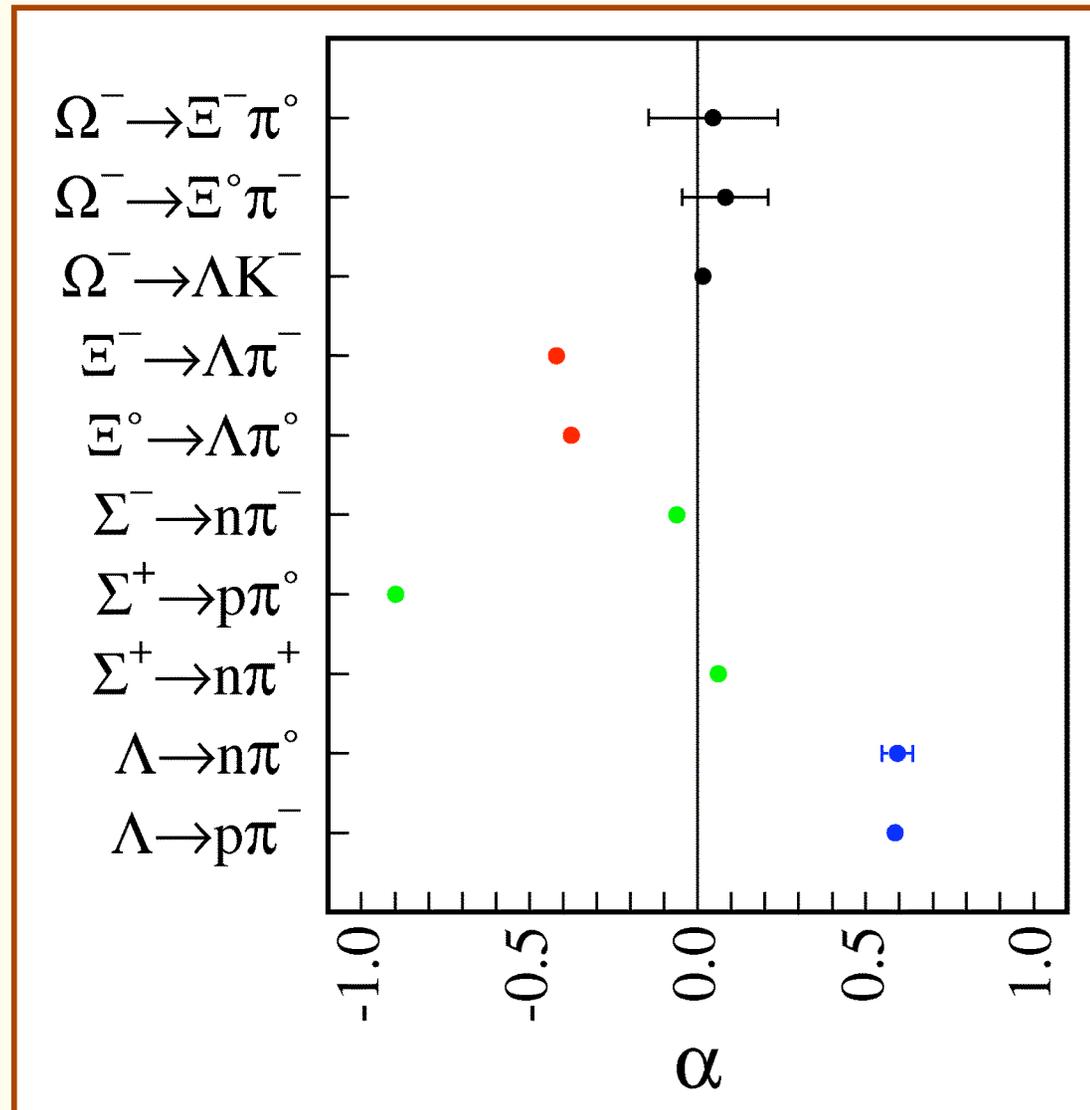
Non-leptonic Hyperon Decay Dynamics



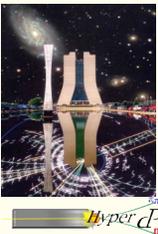
- Primarily two-body modes
- Daughter particle decay distributions are anisotropic
- Proceed into parity conserving (P-wave) and parity violating (S-wave) final states with amplitudes P and S respectively
- Slope of the baryon $\cos\theta$ distribution given by $\alpha_p P_p$
- Magnitude of the parity violation (α) can be large

Anisotropic proton decay distribution

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{N_0}{2} (1 + \alpha_\Lambda P_\Lambda \cos\theta)$$



Phenomenology of CP Violation in Hyperon Decays



- CP violation is manifestly direct with $\Delta S = 1$
- Three ingredients are necessary to get a non zero asymmetry
 - 1) At least two channels in the final state: S- and P-wave amplitudes
 - 2) The CP violating weak phases must be different for the two channels
 - 3) There must be unequal final state strong phase shifts

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- Asymmetry greatly reduced by small strong phase shifts

- $p\pi$ phase shift measured to $\sim 1^\circ$

$$\Lambda \begin{cases} \delta_P = -1.1 \pm 1.0^\circ \\ \delta_S = 6.0 \pm 1.0^\circ \end{cases}$$

- $\Lambda\pi$ phase shift measured by HyperCP

$$\Xi \begin{cases} \delta_P = -2.7^\circ \\ \delta_S = -18.7^\circ \end{cases}_{1965} = \begin{cases} -1^\circ \\ 0^\circ \end{cases} \text{recent } \chi^{PT}$$

HyperCP Measurement

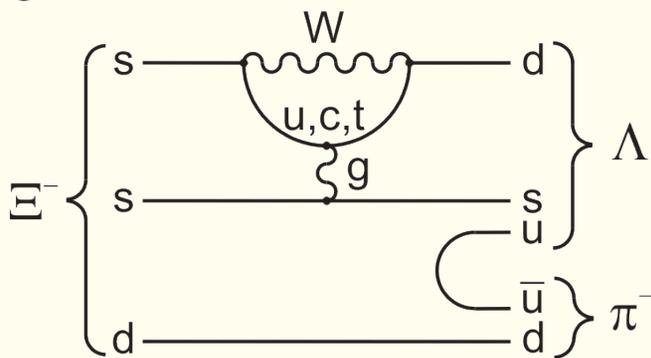
$$\delta_P - \delta_S = (4.6 \pm 1.8)^\circ$$

Comparison of A_{Ξ} , A_{Λ} with ε'/ε



A_{Ξ}, A_{Λ}

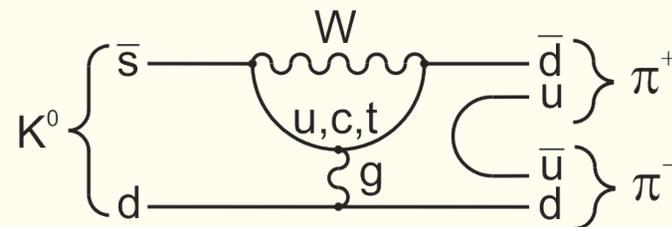
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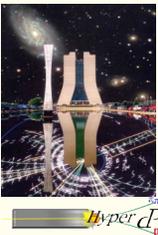
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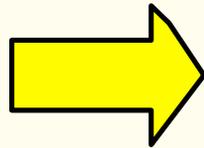
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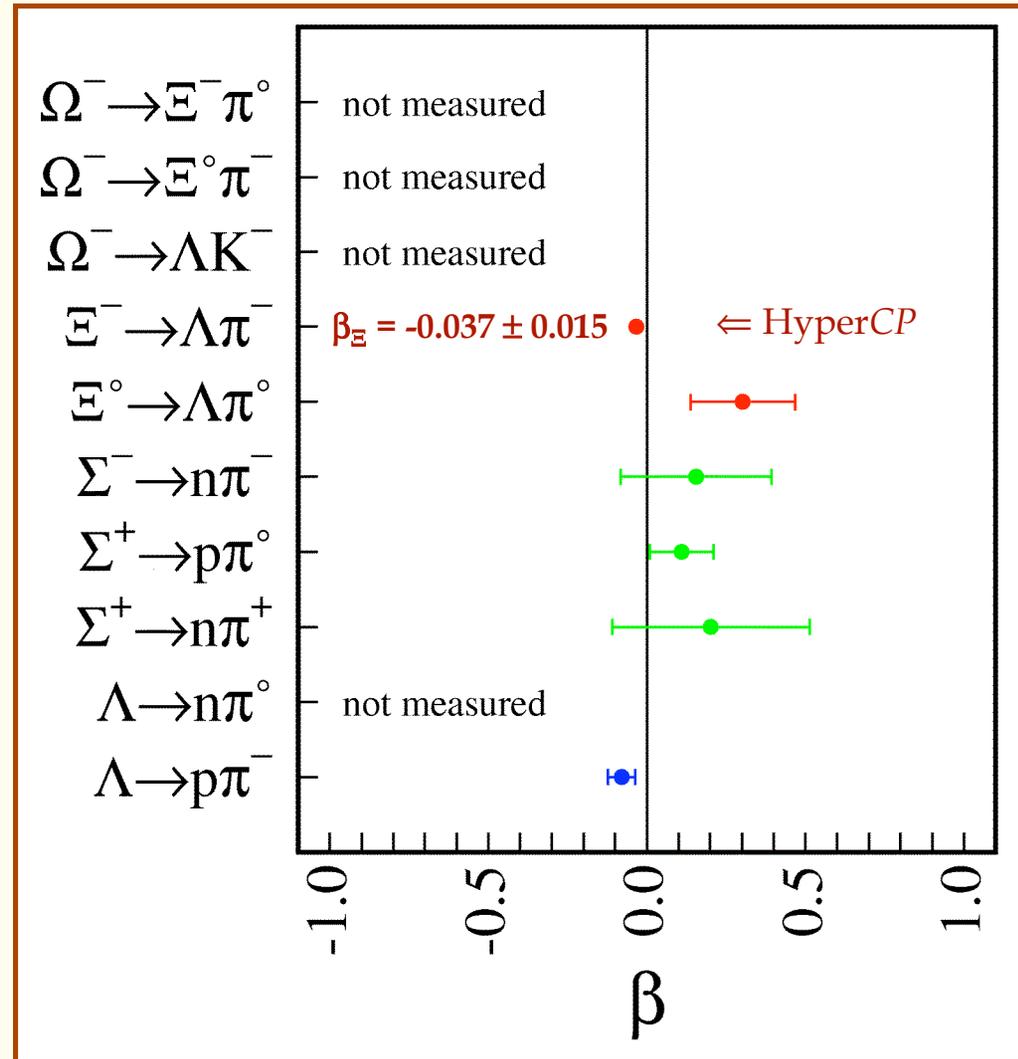
$$A = \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}$$

- Need parent hyperons with known polarization.

$$B = \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\beta - \bar{\beta}}$$



- Expected to be larger than A
- Difficult experimentally to measure:
 - Need to measure polarization of daughter from polarized parent
 - β is very small

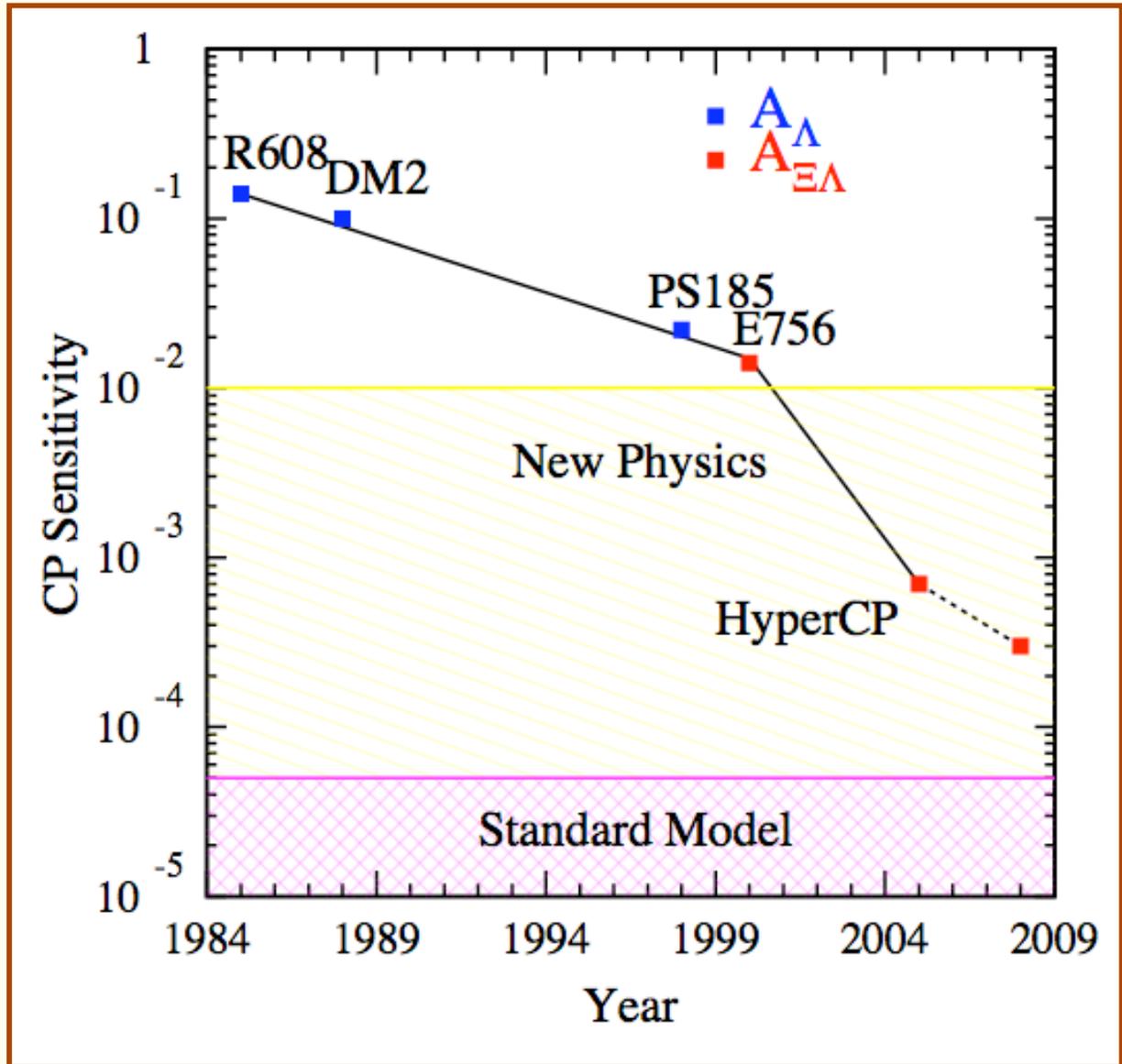


Previous Measurements



None of the pre-HyperCP experiments had the sensitivity to test theory

HyperCP probes well into regions where BSM theories predict nonzero asymmetries

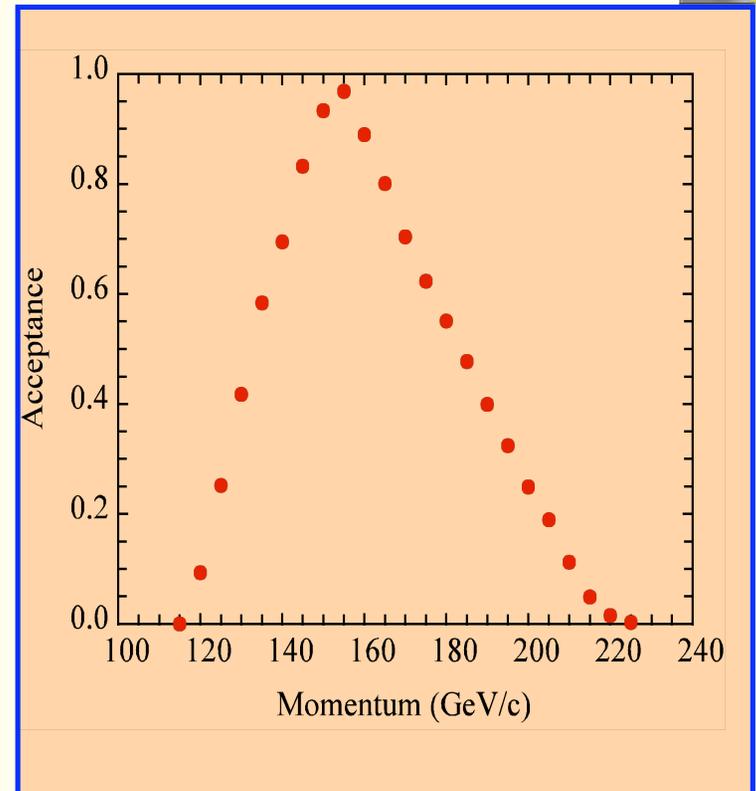
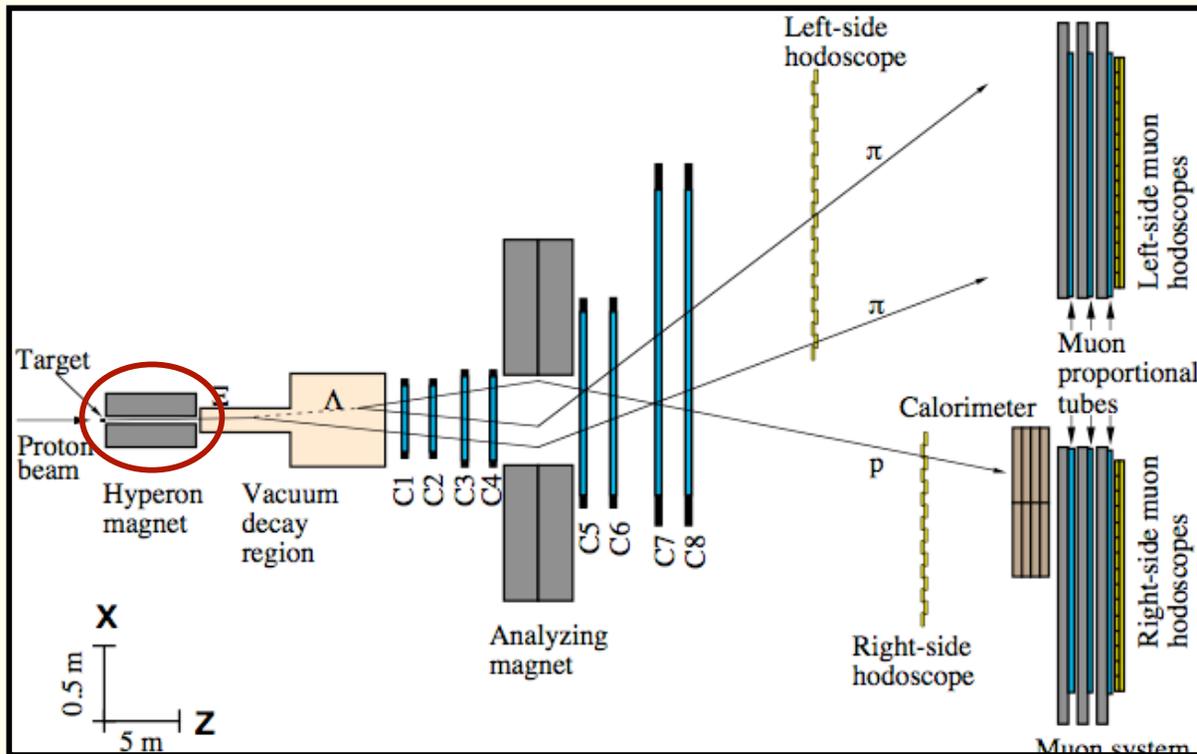


The HyperCP Experiment

Designed for CP Violation Searches



HyperCP



Charged Hyperon Beam

- 800 GeV/c protons on 2 mm x 2 mm target
- Secondary beam: 167 GeV/c
- Alternate -/+ beam polarity

HyperCP Yields

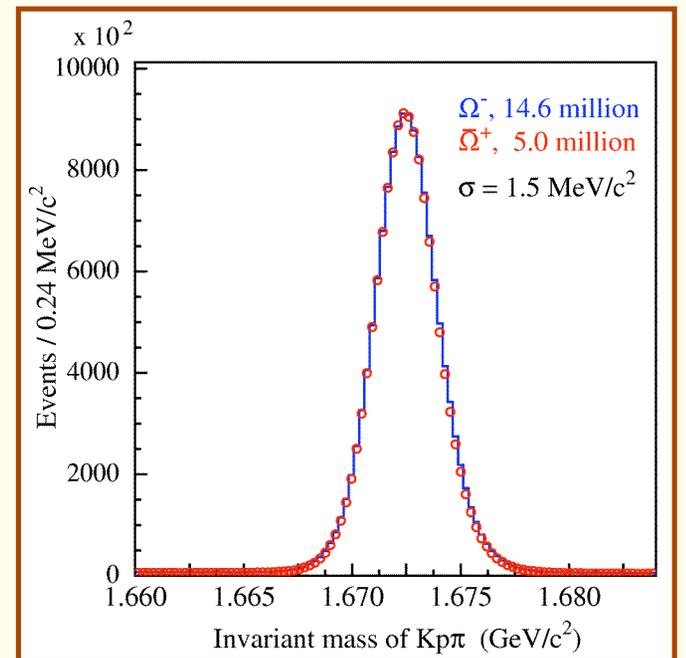
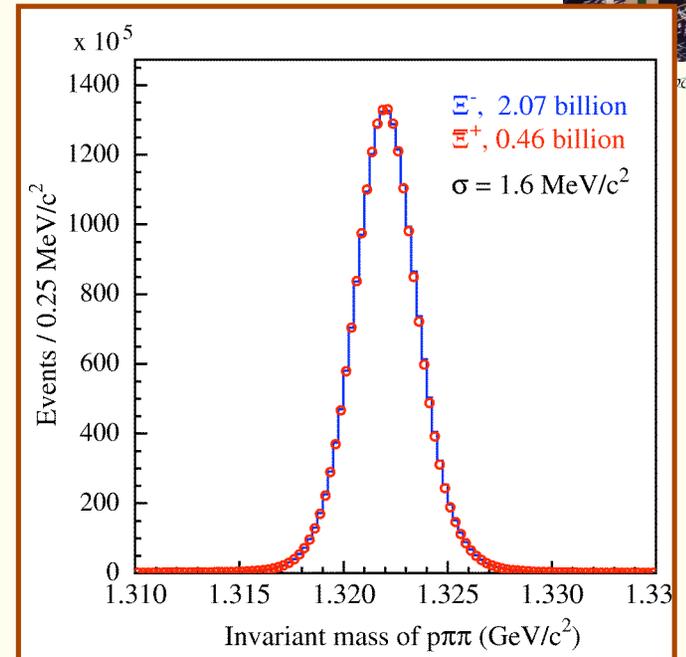


- In 12 months of data taking HyperCP recorded one of the largest event samples ever
 - 231 billion events
 - 29,401 tapes
 - 120 TB
- Entire WWW as of end of data taking ~5 TB

Reconstructed Events

Channeled beam polarity

Type	+	-	Total
$\Xi \rightarrow \Lambda\pi$	458×10^6	2032×10^6	2490×10^6
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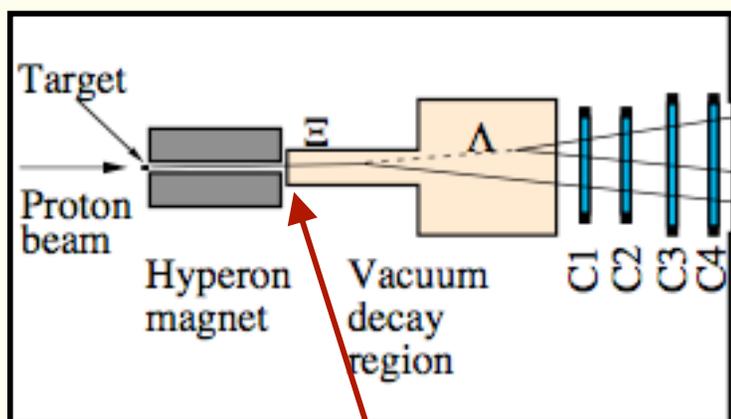


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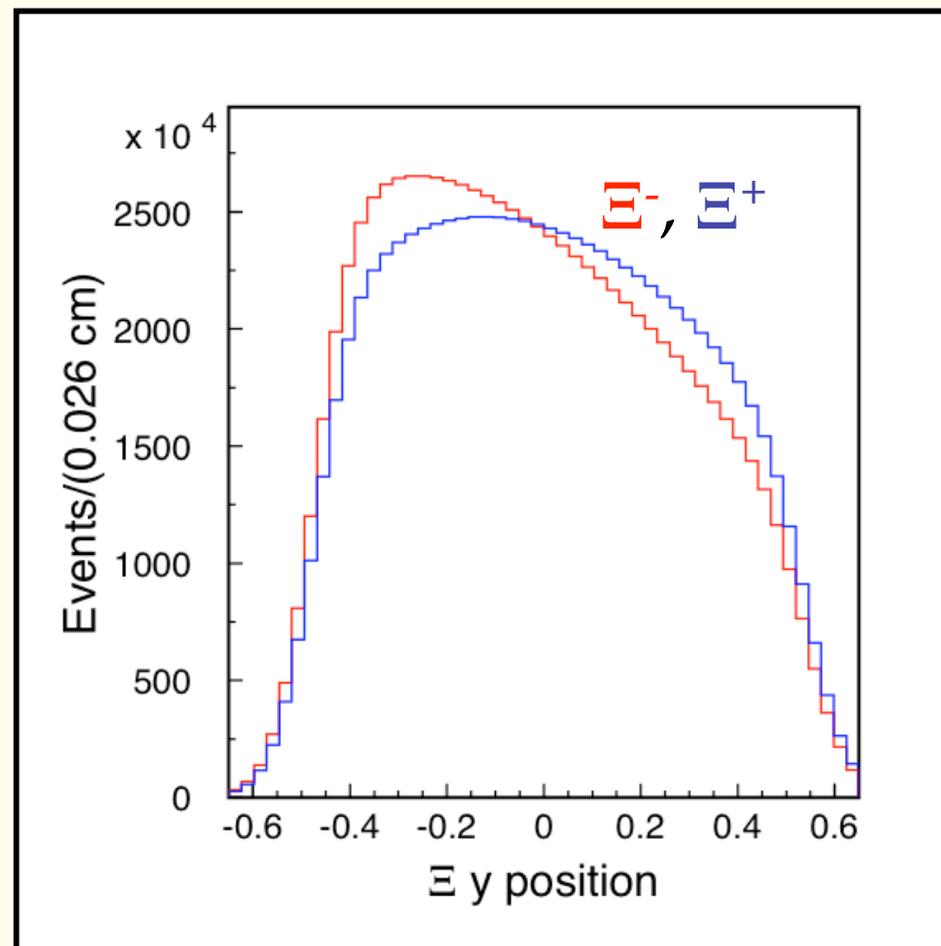


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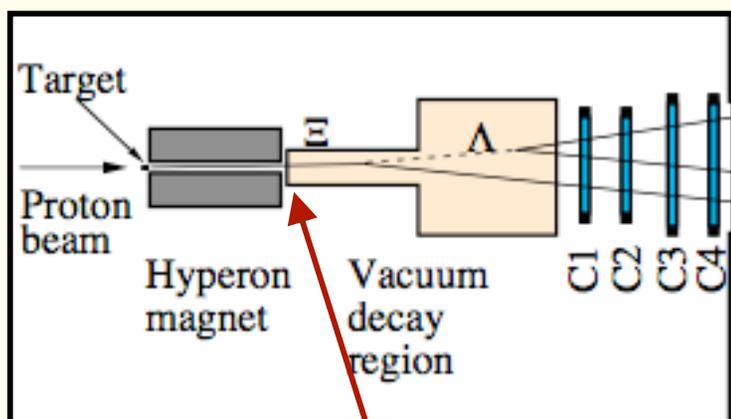
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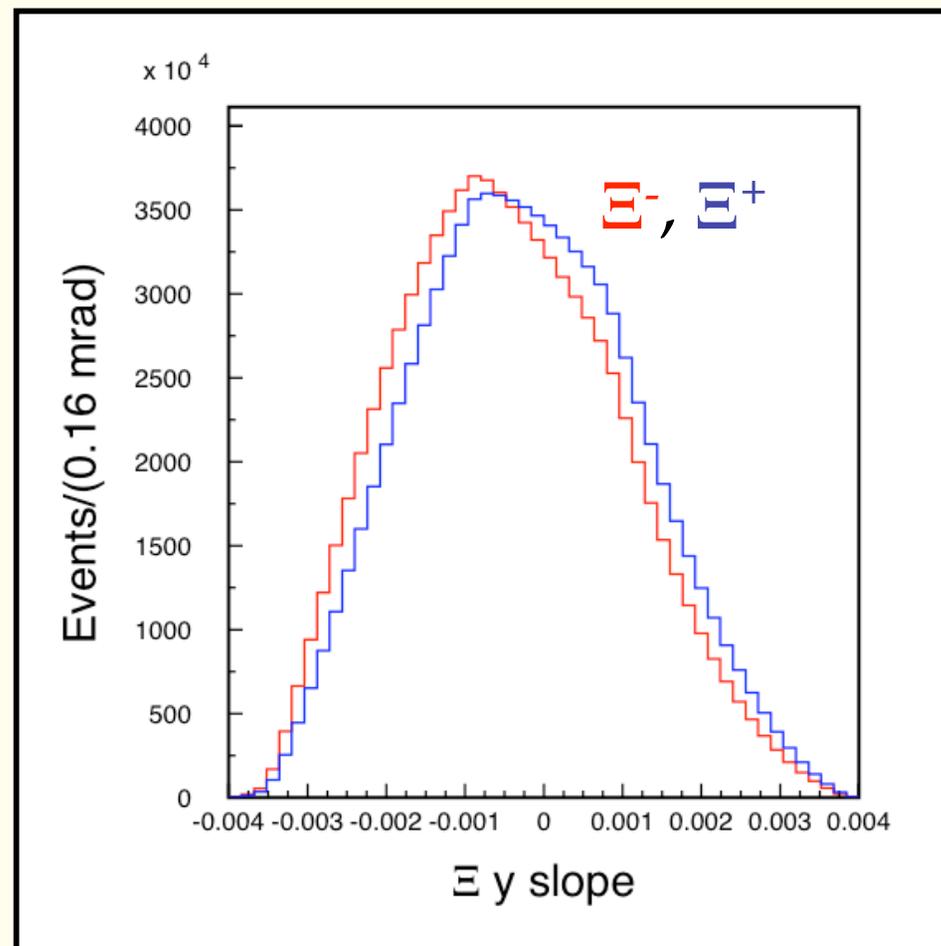


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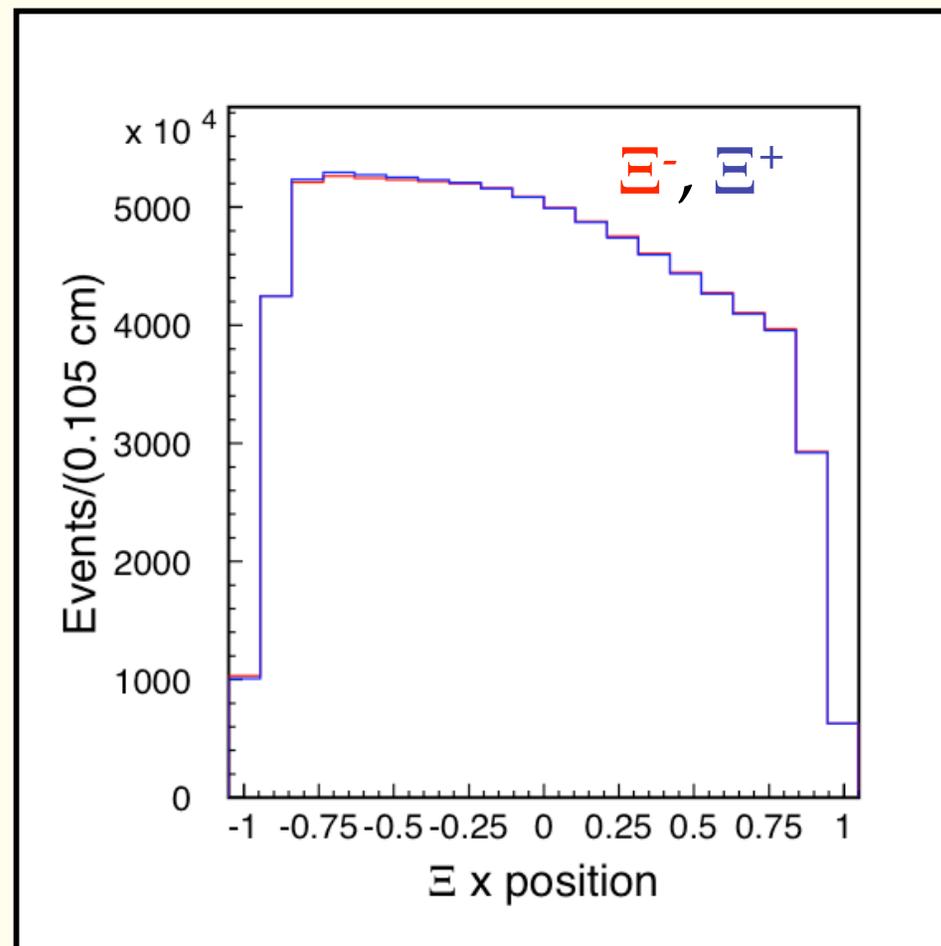
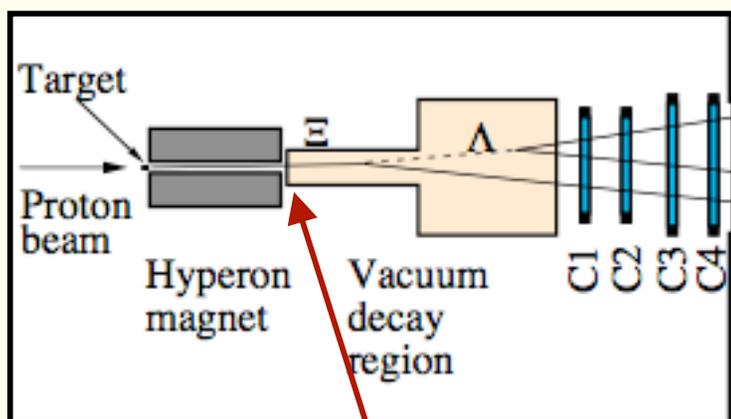
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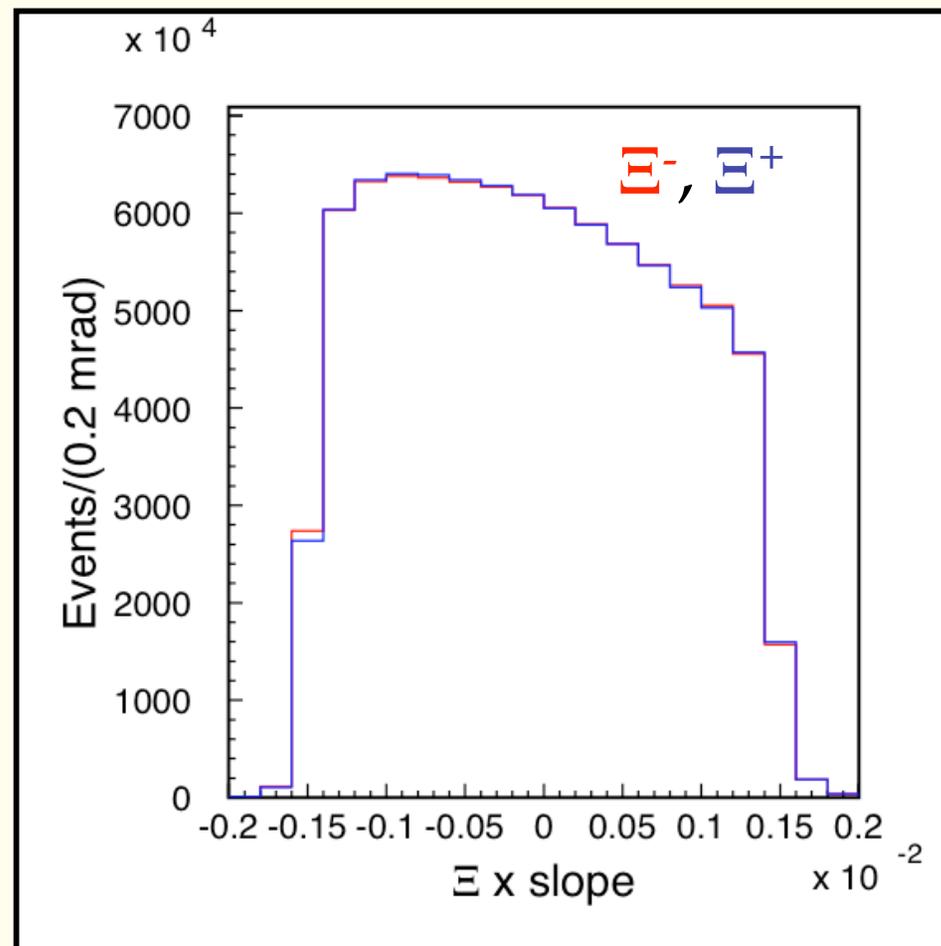
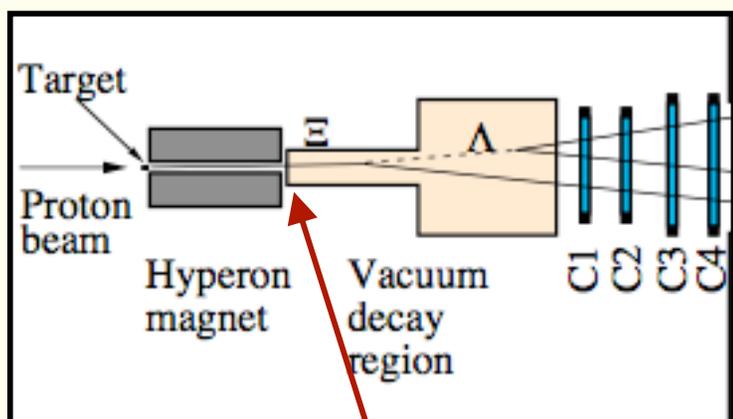
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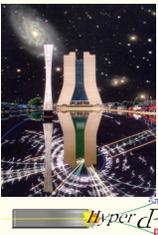
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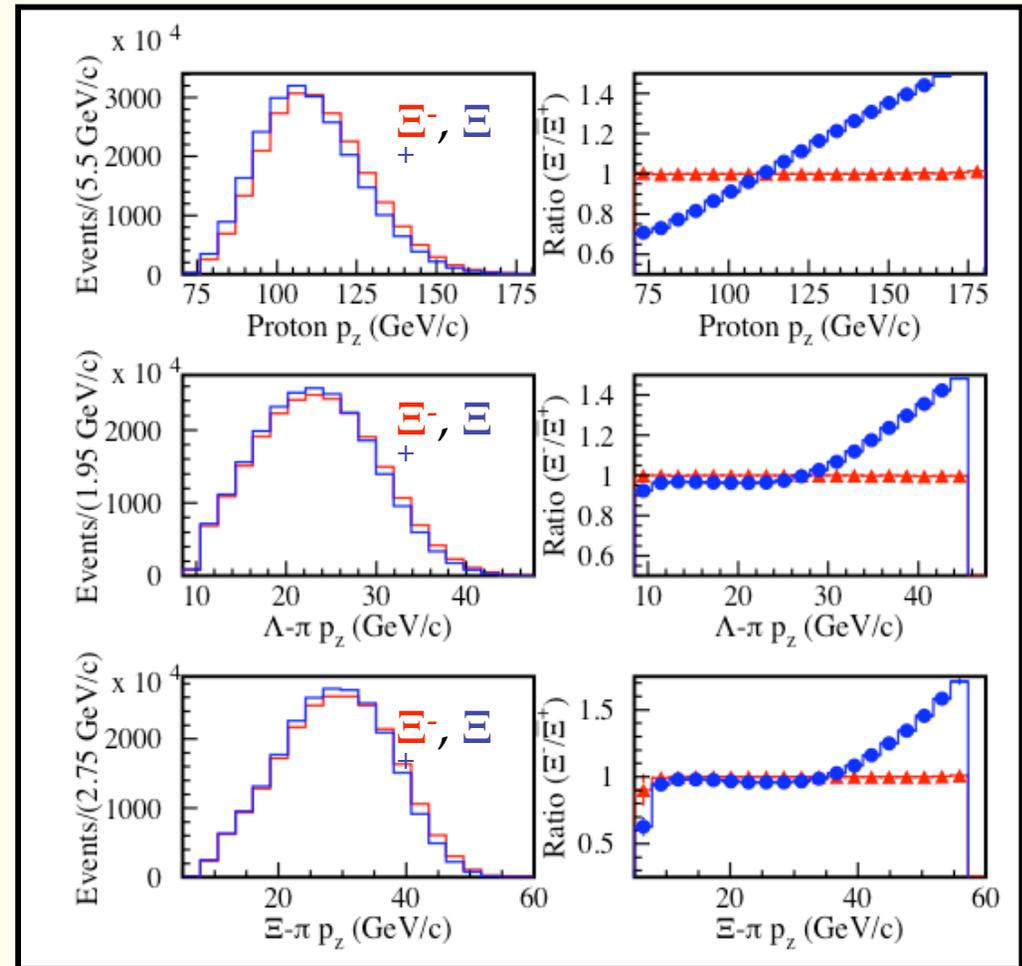
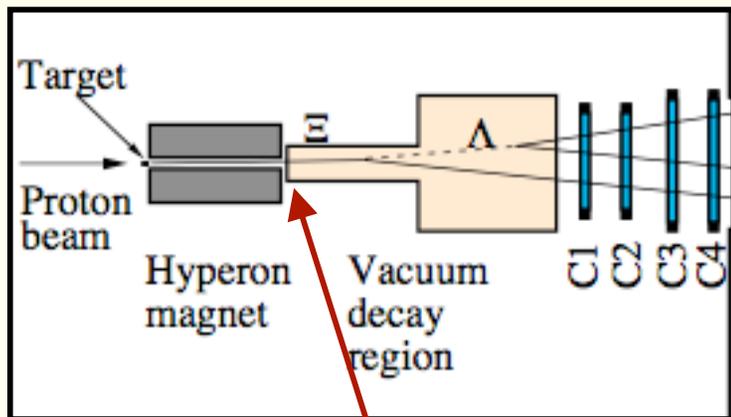
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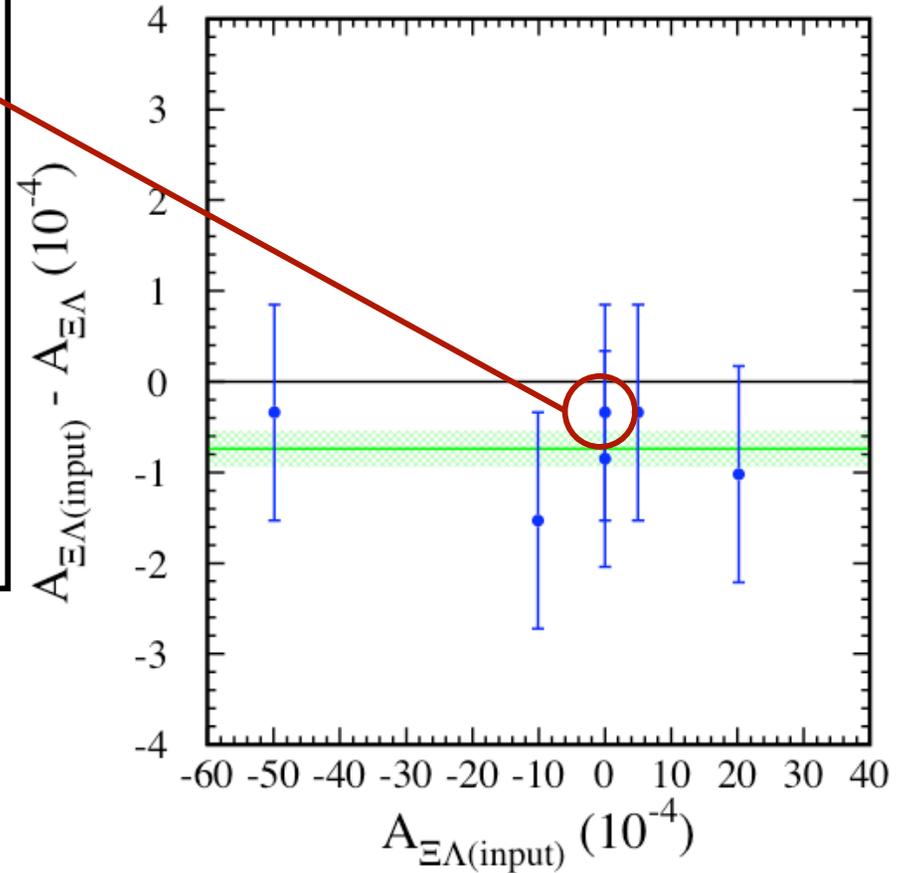
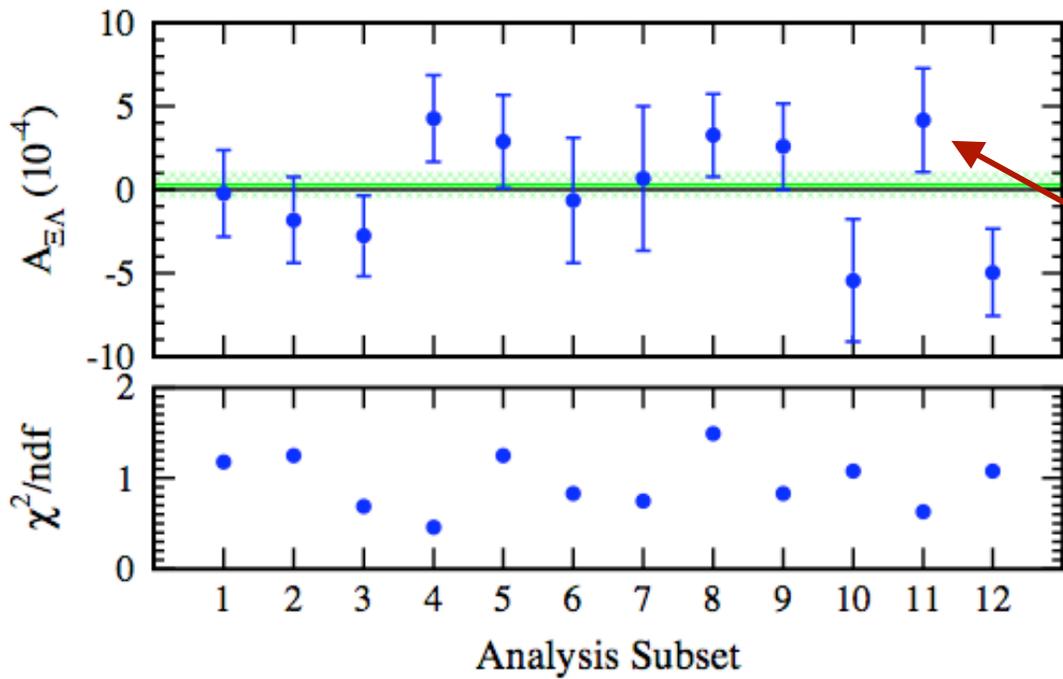
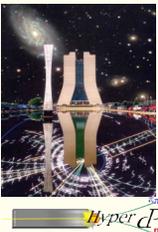
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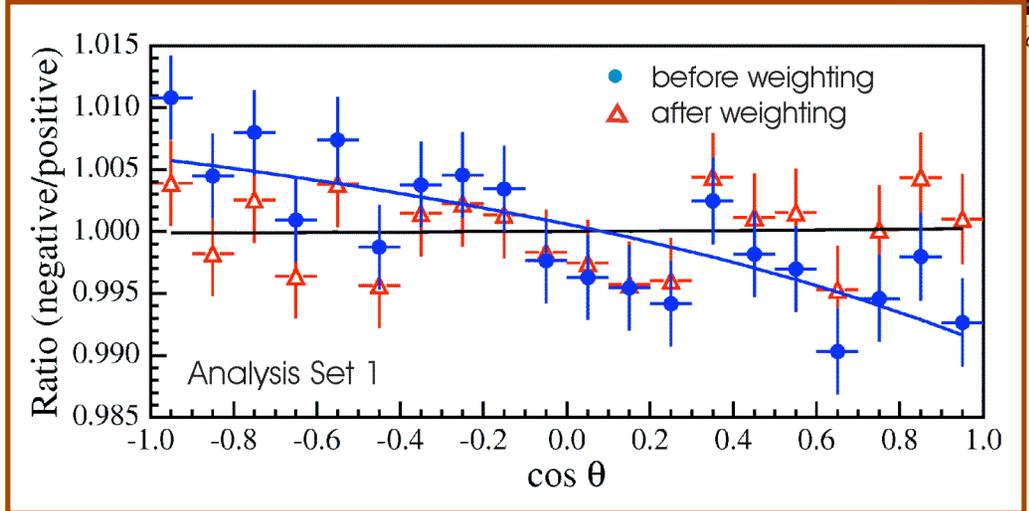
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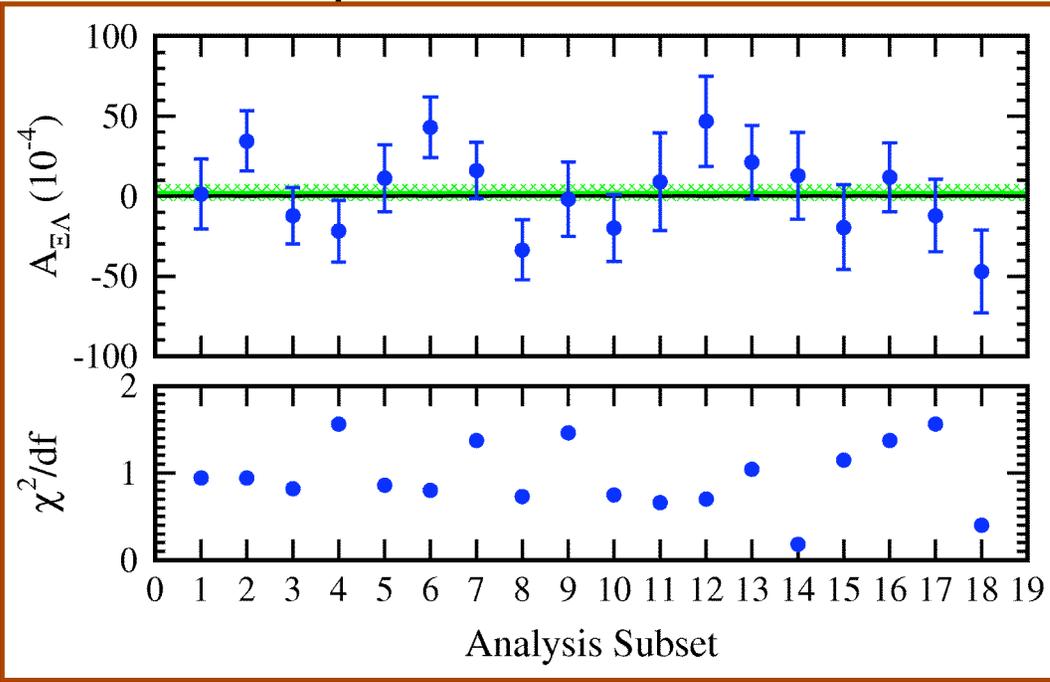
15% Sample Result



- Data broken up into 18 Analysis Sets of roughly equal size, each with + and - polarity data
- ~10% of data sample: 119 million Ξ^- , 42 million Ξ^+
- No acceptance corrections



Typical $\cos\theta$ ratio fit from Analysis Set 1



Raw (non-background subtracted) CP asymmetry $A_{\Xi\Lambda}$ from all 18 Analysis Sets

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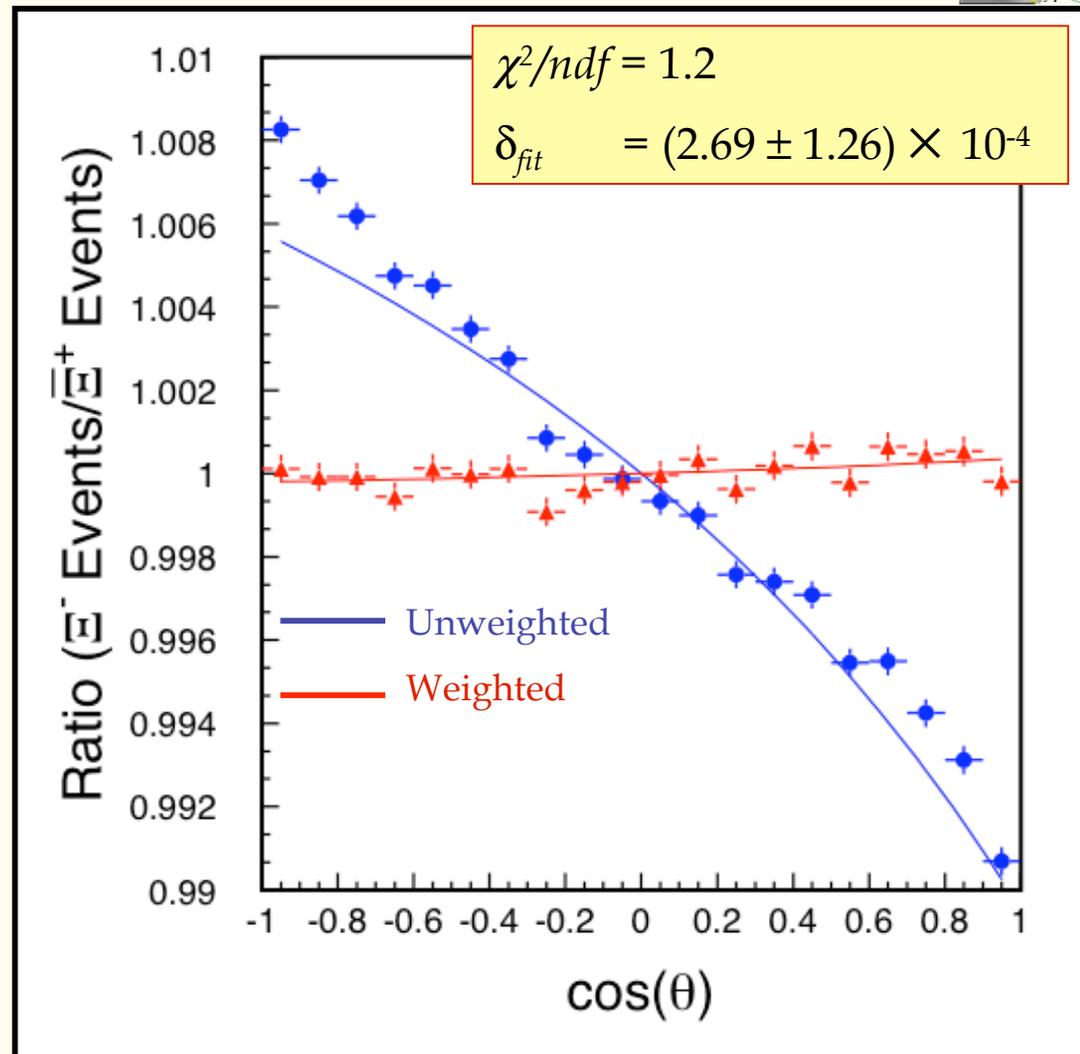
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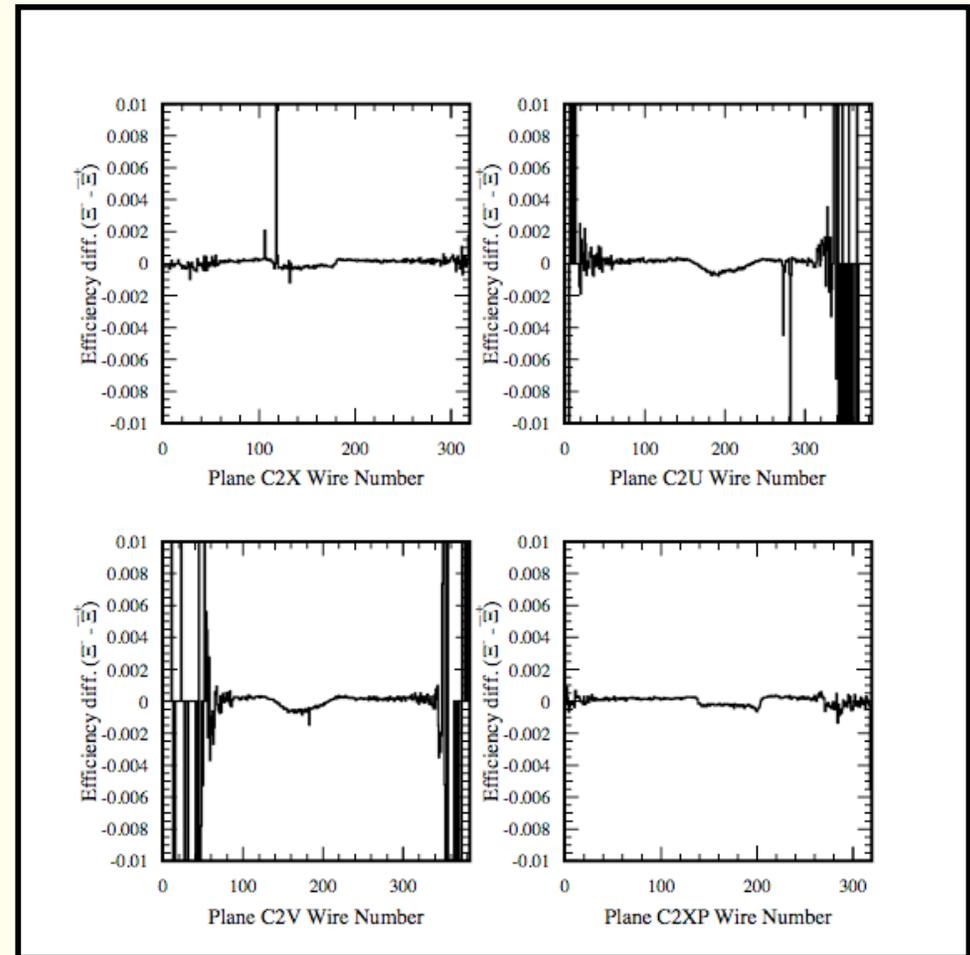
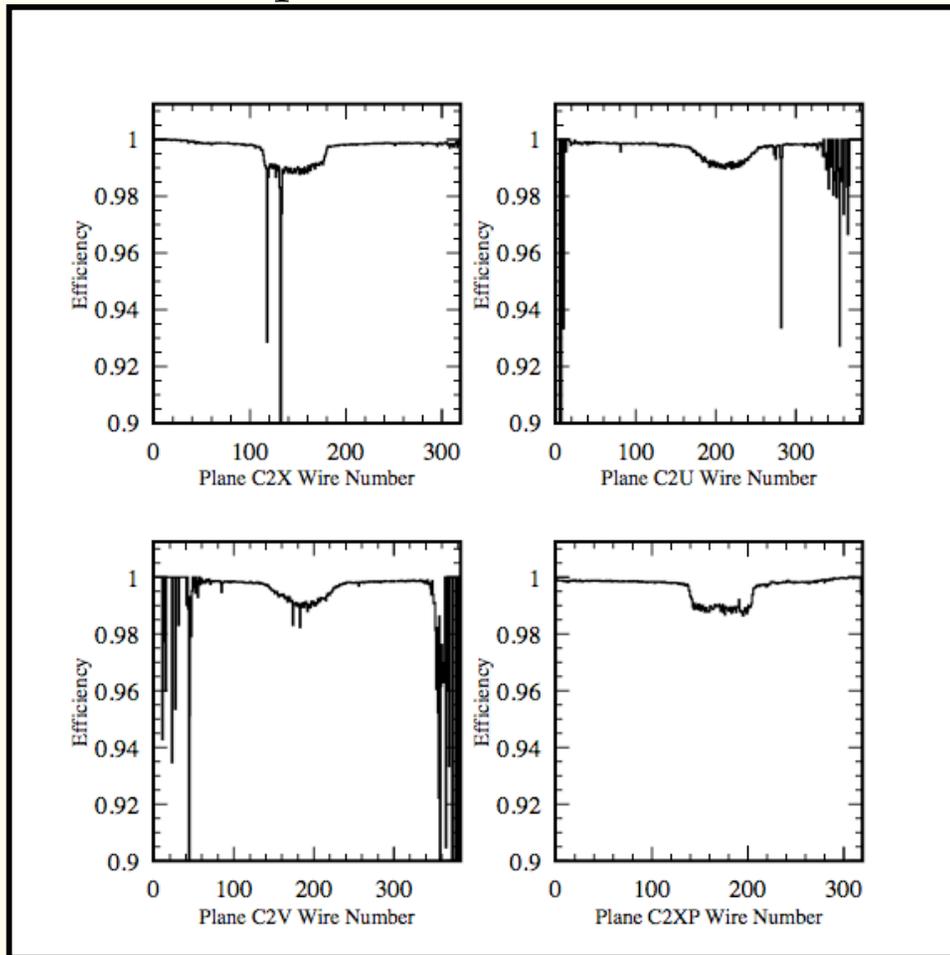
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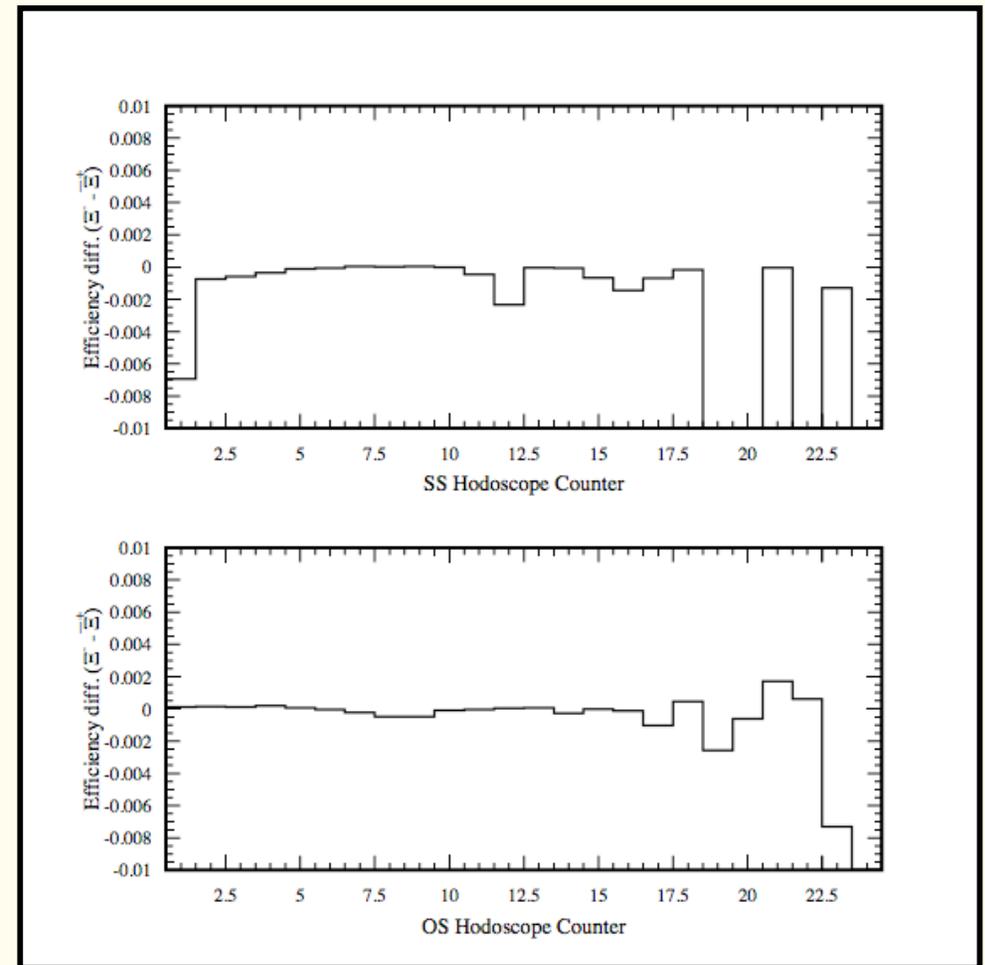
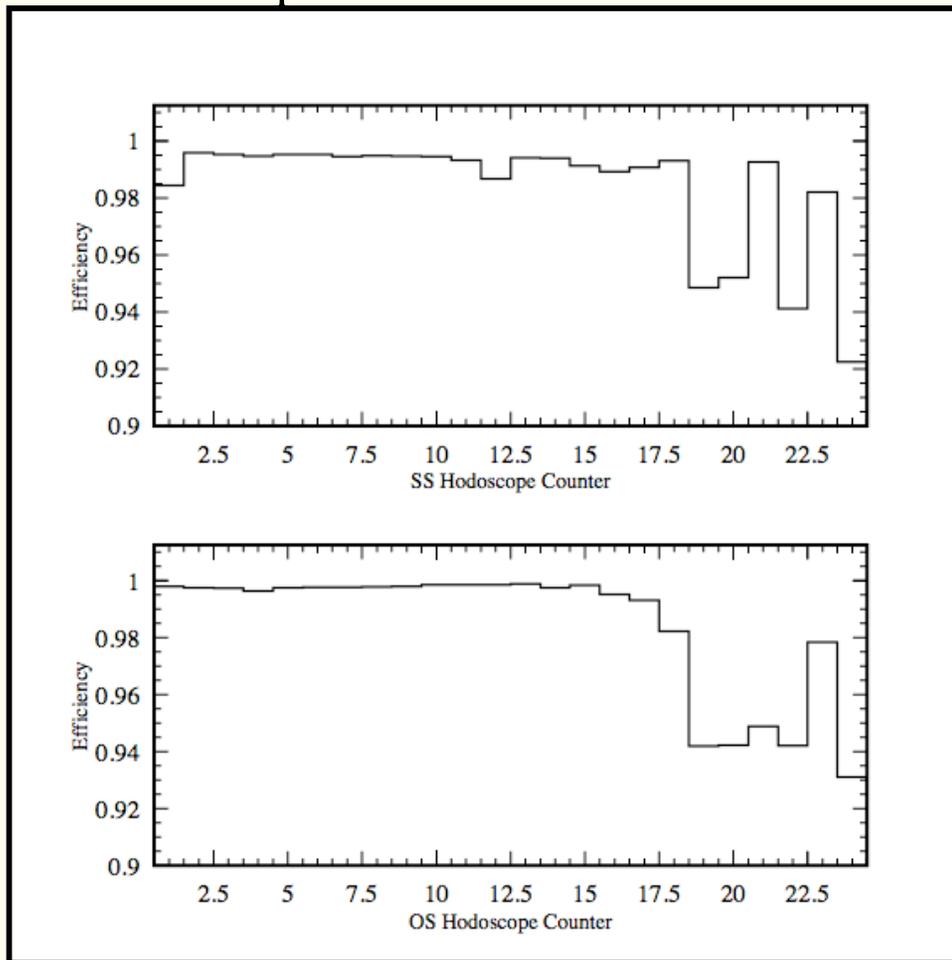


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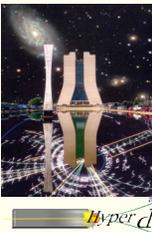


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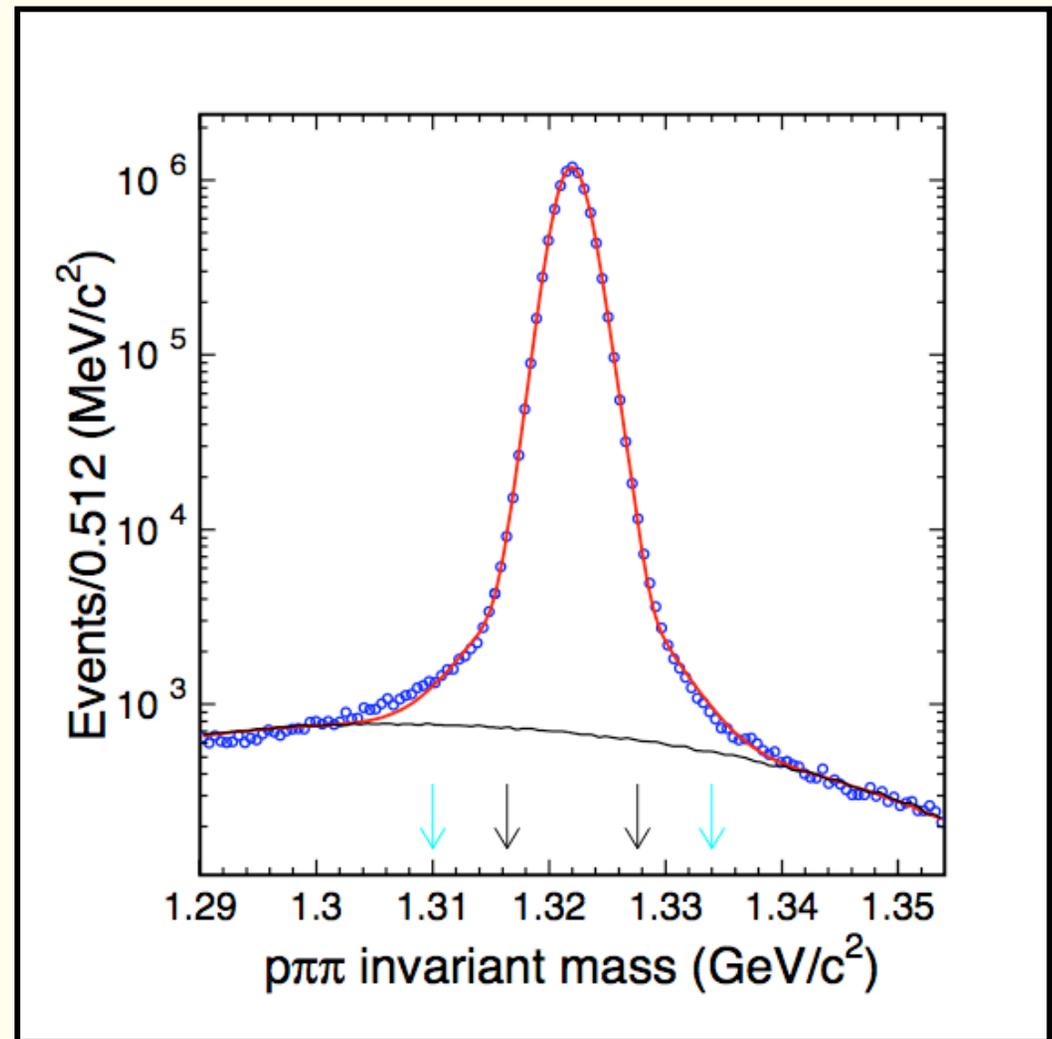
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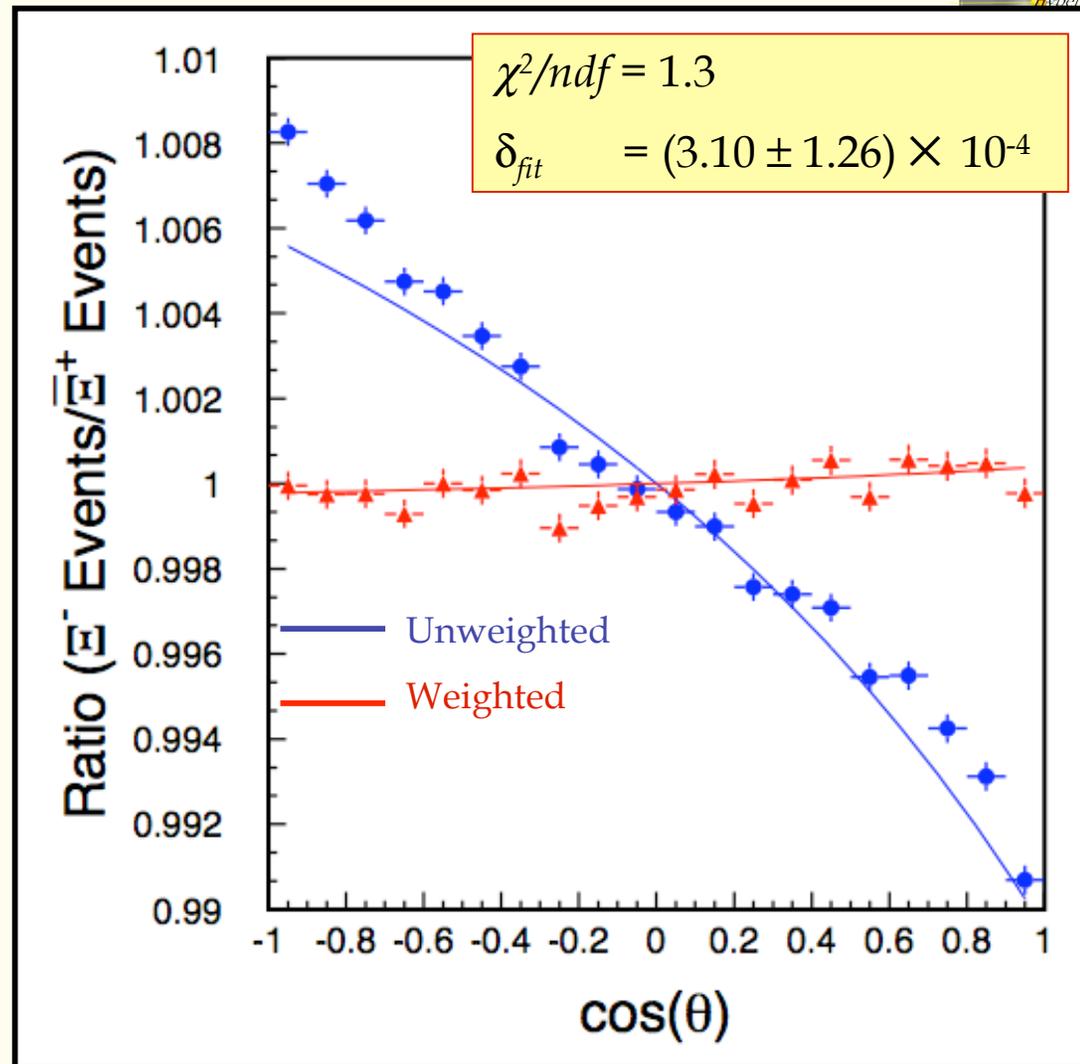
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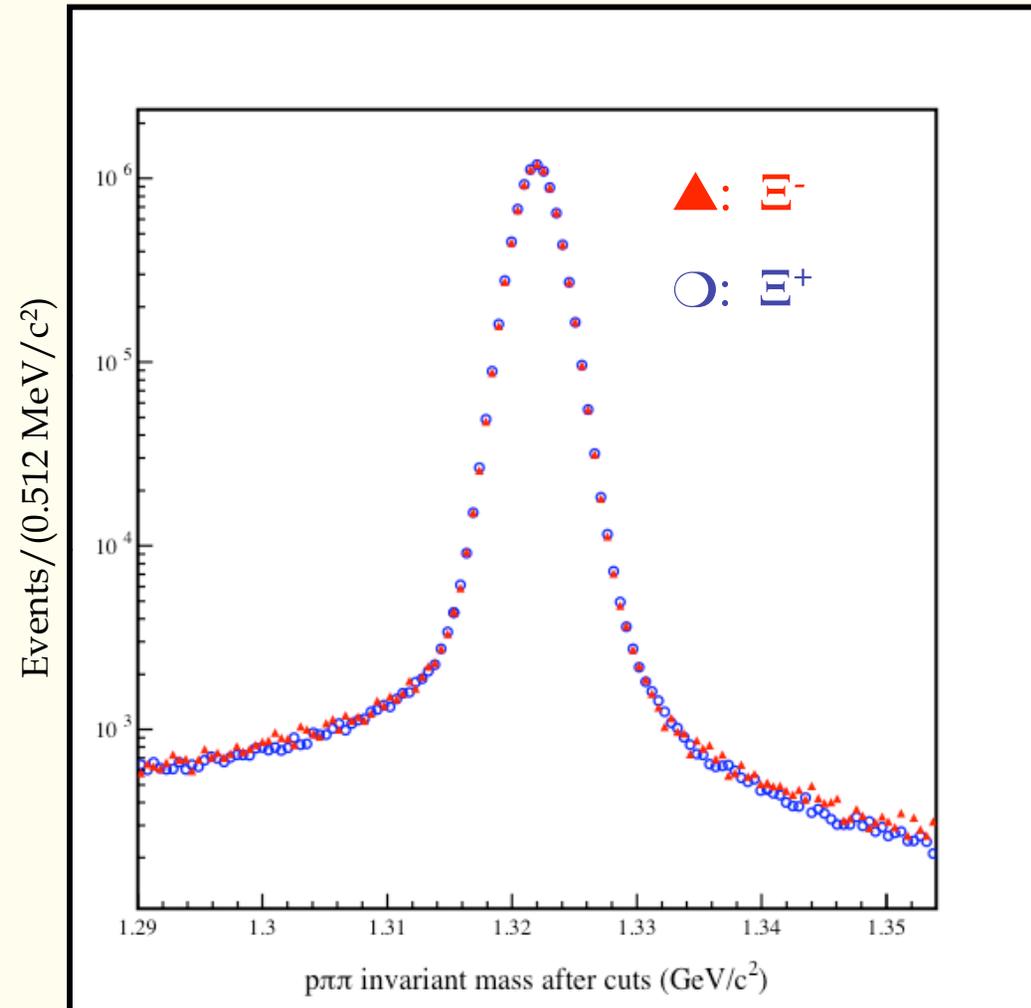
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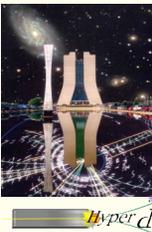
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Corrected Asymmetry (Preliminary)



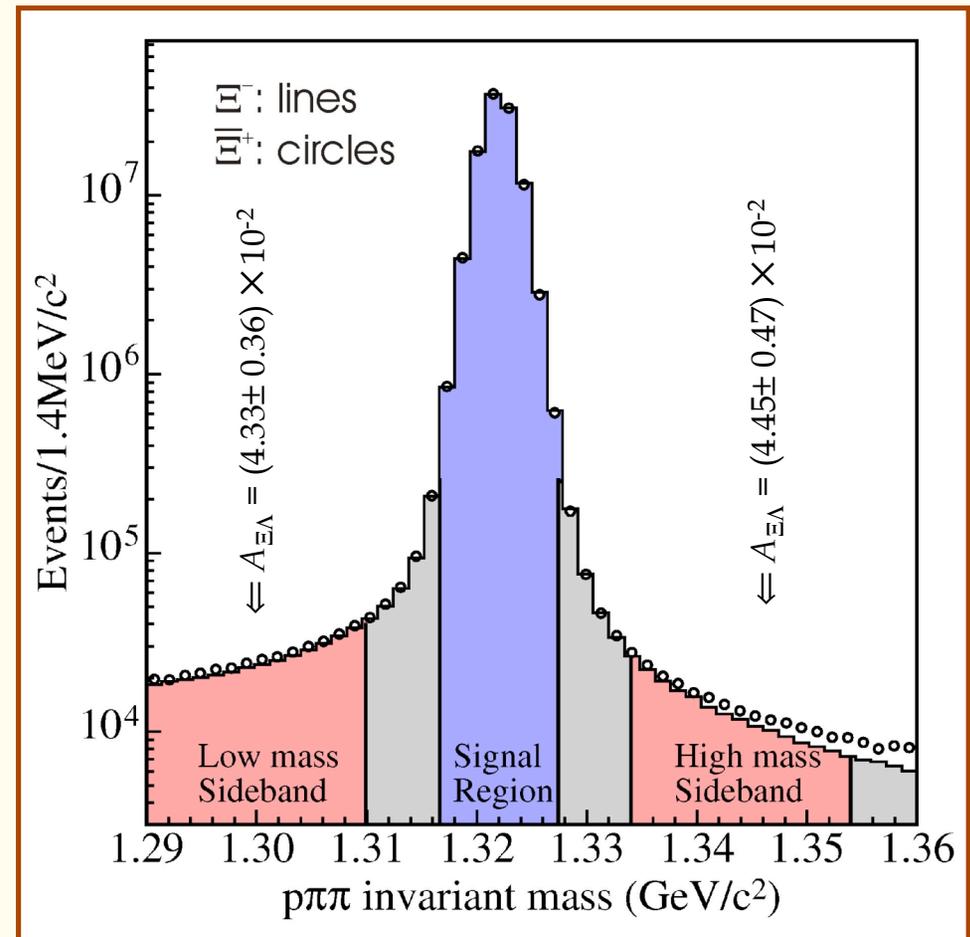
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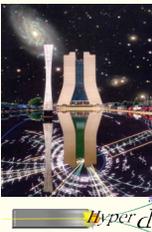
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Background Subtracted Asymmetry (Preliminary)



Corrections to the base result

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- 2) Background subtraction

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