

Student Update



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New Timing Calibration procedure

Recent developments in timing calibration with 4-loop calibration script found at `$SBS_REPLAY/scripts/hodo/TOFcal_consolidated.C`

- Loop 1: Internal alignment process for the HODO
- Loop 2: RF offsets calculation
- Loop 3: HODO walk correction slope fitting, propagation delay, t0 offsets, BBCAL + HCAL + GRINCH internal alignment
- Loop 4: BBSH + BBPS + HCAL alignment with HODO

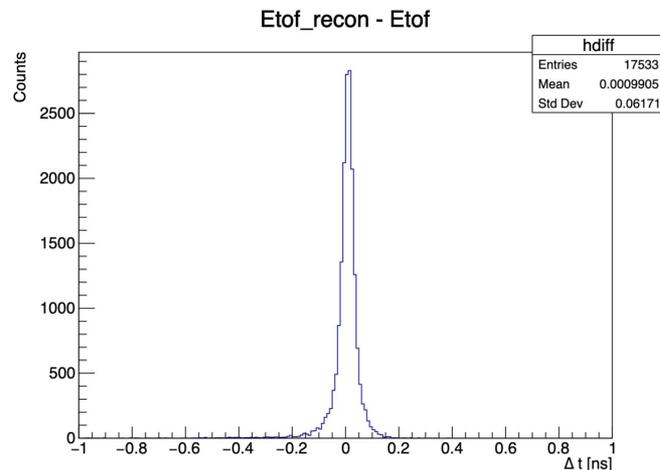
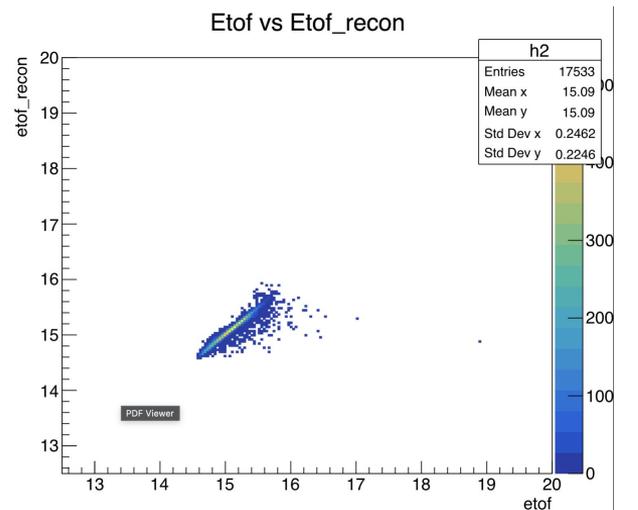
These steps have been covered in more detail in the previous talk by Jacob Koenemann.

eTOF parameters from simulations

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# Average TOF to hodoscope based on BigBite magnet distance
bb.etof_avg =      15.166667

bb.etof_parameters =
-0.13668806  0 0 0 0
 0.48458878  1 0 0 0
 0.47258724  2 0 0 0
 3.6057646   0 1 0 0
-2.809251    1 1 0 0
-0.003843348 0 2 0 0
-0.37526358 0 0 1 0
 0.22021169  1 0 1 0
 7.8344044   0 1 1 0
 2.9741023   0 0 2 0
-8.9750598   0 0 0 1
 6.8907392   1 0 0 1
-3.6159035   0 1 0 1
-20.528454   0 0 1 1
 14.826173   0 0 0 2
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-3.1371739e-15 1 0 0 1
-1.024823e-16  0 1 0 1
-4.2525319e-15 0 0 1 0
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```

- Electron ToF variations within BB acceptance
- Replay new data with the corrected electron ToF parameters

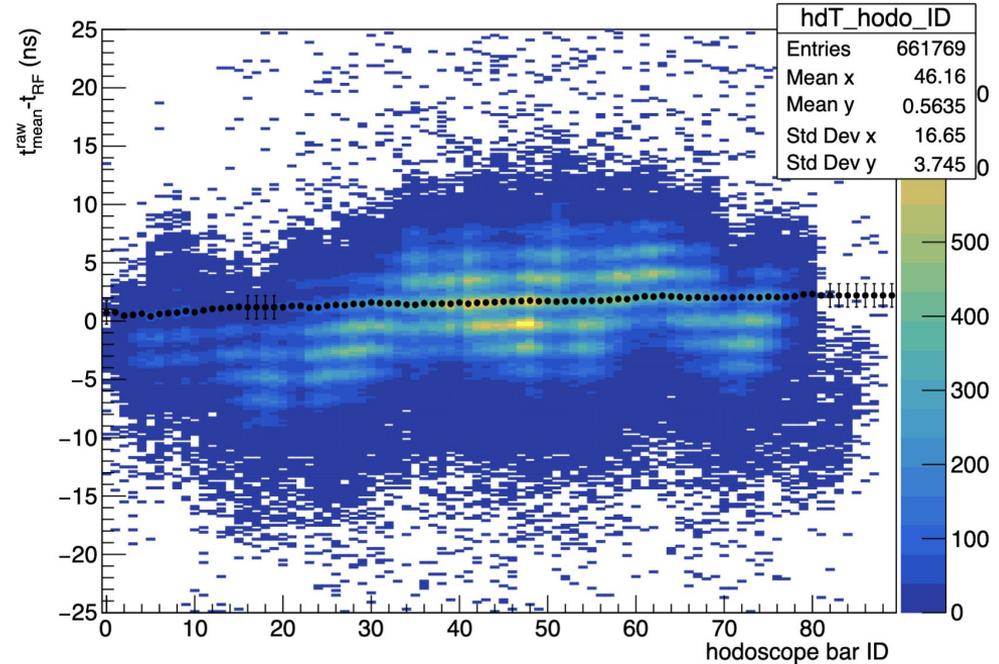


Calibration with LH2 data

Calibration using H2 analyzer data

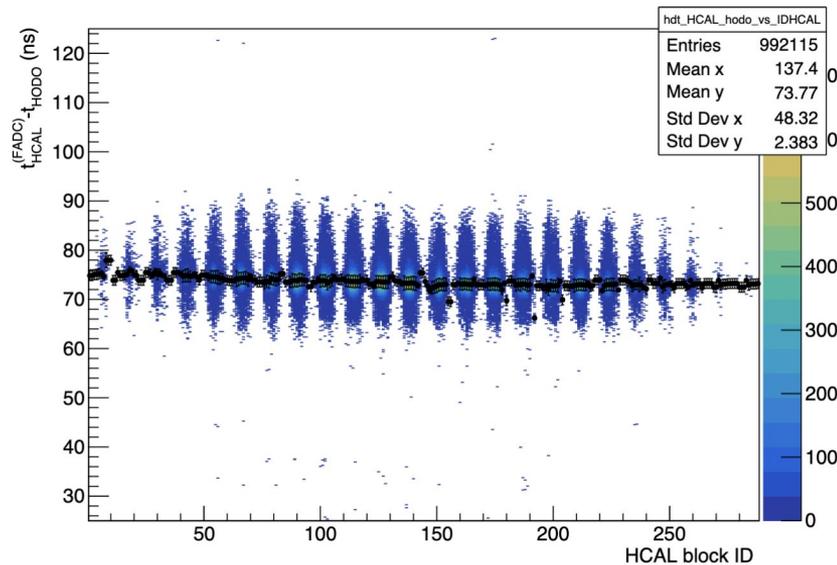
Cuts used during calibration

- $\text{sbs.hcal.nclus} > 0$
- $\text{bb.ps.e} > 0.2$
- $\text{abs}(\text{bb.etot_over_p}[0] - 1.) < 0.3$
- $\text{abs}(\text{bb.tr.vz}[0]) < 0.08$
- $\text{abs}(\text{sbs.hcal.atimeblk} - \text{bb.hodotdc.clus.tfinal}[0] - 101) < 10$
- $\text{sbs.hcal.e} > 0.02$
- $0.4 < W2 < 1.6$
- $\text{dxsigma} \ 0.08$
- $\text{dysigma} \ 0.06$

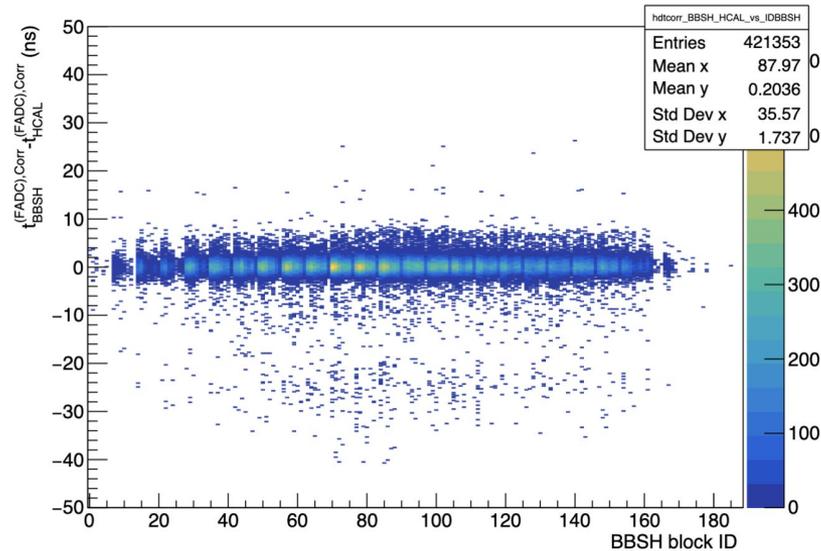


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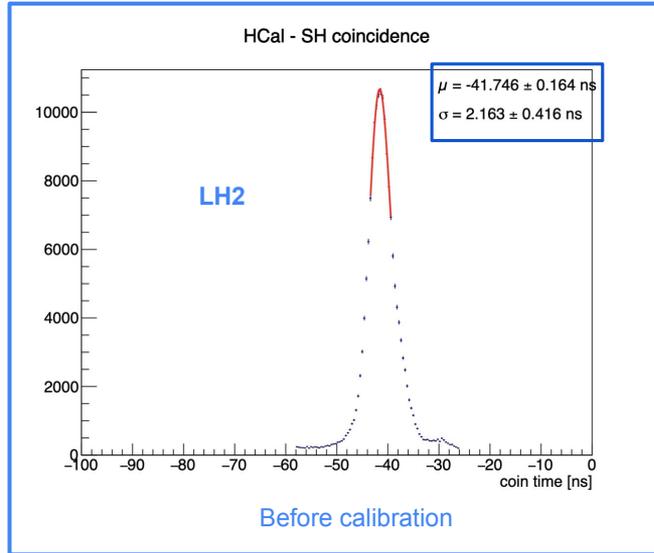
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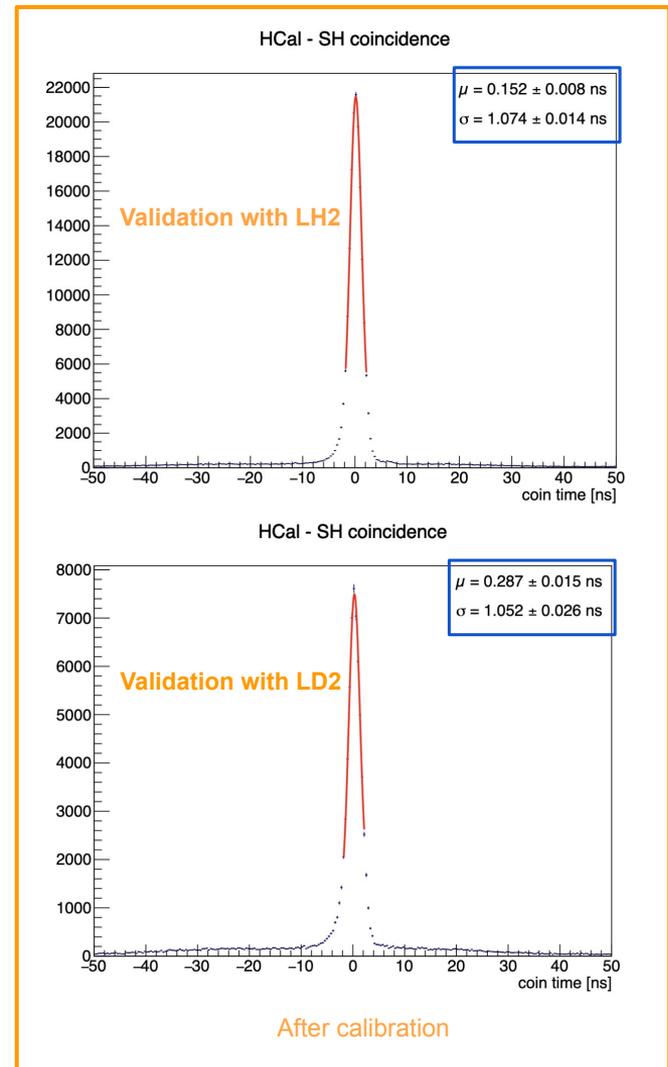
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New replay results using calibrated offsets

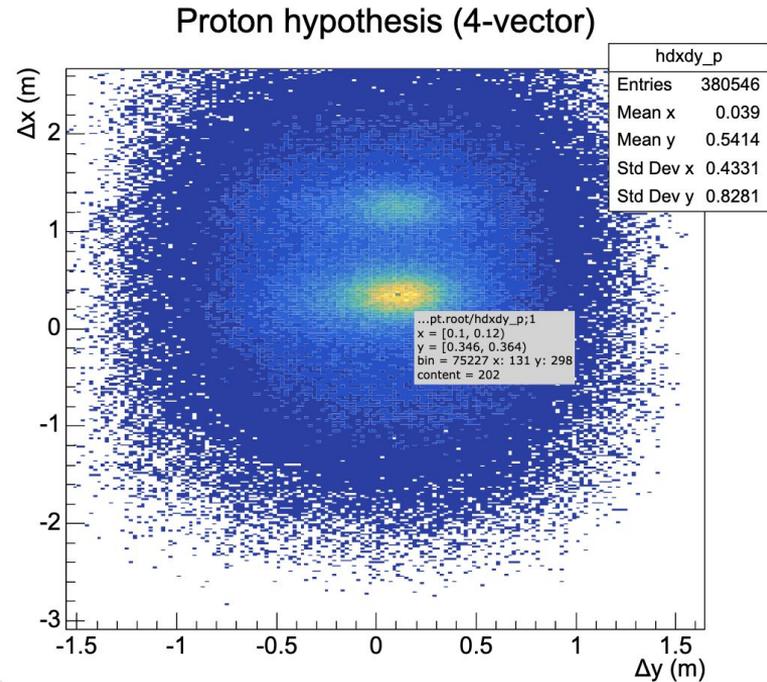
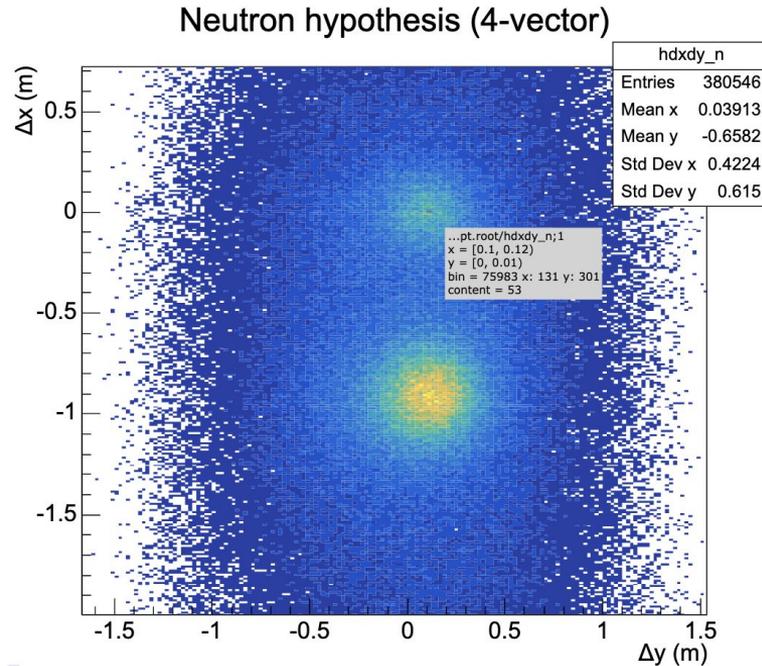


Cuts used for QA plots

- $\text{bb.tr.n} \leq 0$
- $0.6 < W2 < 1.2$
- $\text{abs}(\text{bb.tr.vz}[0]) < 0.08$
- $\text{bb.ps.e} > 0.2$

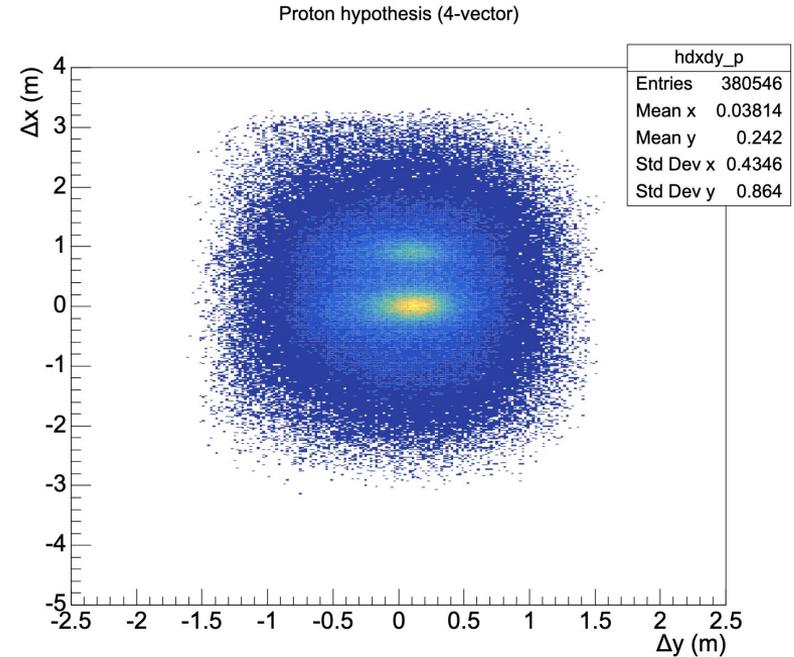
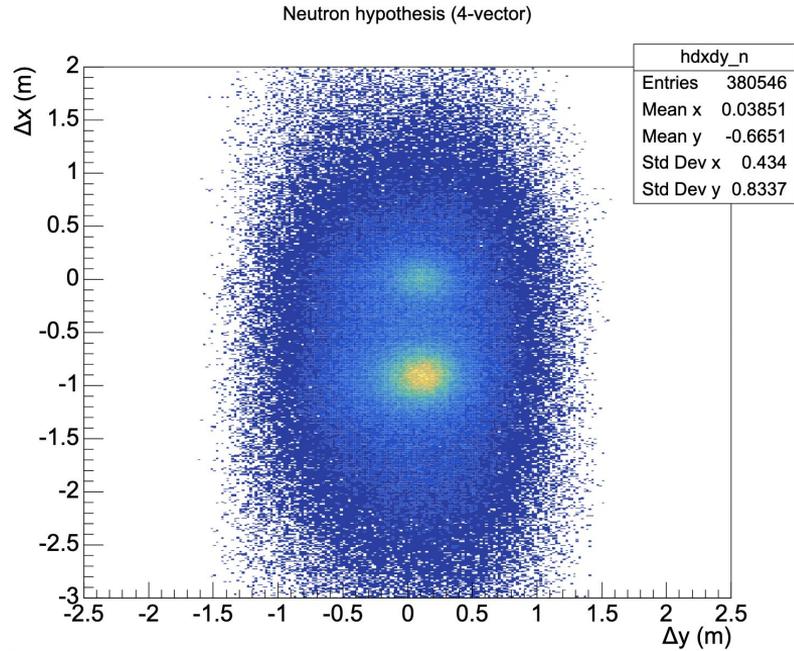


Over corrections for the proton deflection



- right side plot shows the dx-dy distributions with proton bending corrections using a 1.71T SBS magnet max field (this was the value during GMn)
- clear overcorrection for the magnet bending, max field is too high
- back of the envelope calculation done for sbs max field assuming a uniform SBS magnetic field

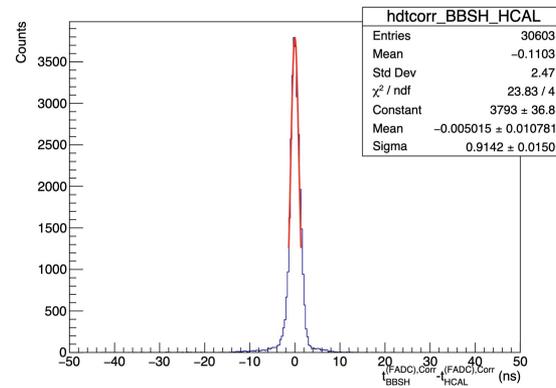
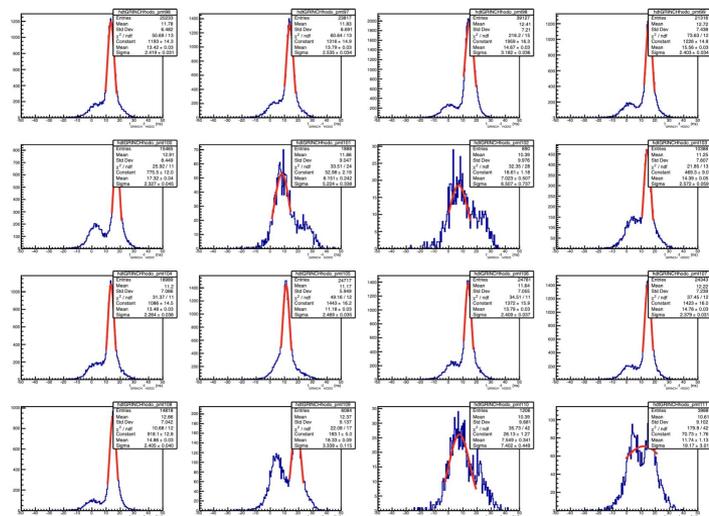
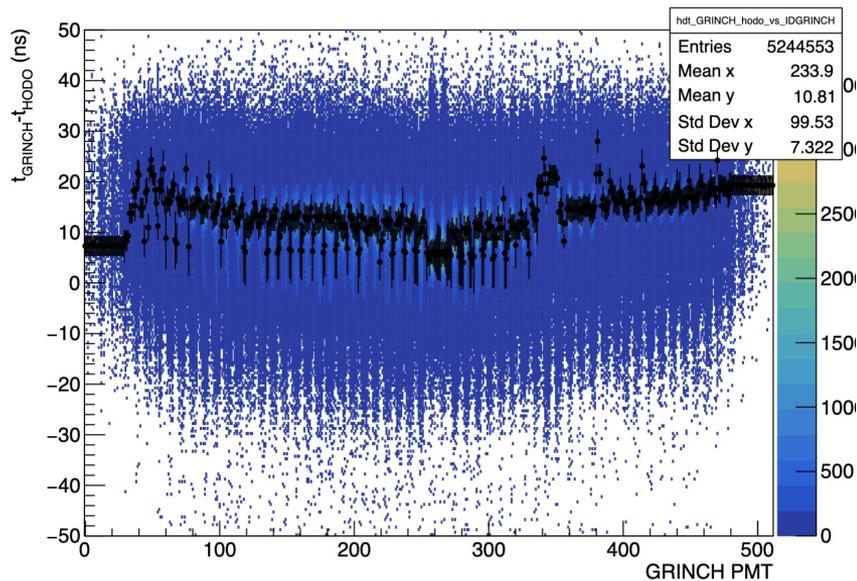
After back of the envelope calculations for SBS max field



- better proton bending approximations with new SBS max field value
- corrected SBS max field value = 1.266T

**Calibration with newest version of calibration scripts
LD2 data**

Results and misbehaviour in GRINCH



- Work is in progress for improving this
- Possible fixes include using lower current data for calibrations and using closely chosen cuts

Spin Precession and Polarization Transfer

Asymmetry and Likelihood Function

Given polarization of the recoiling nucleon at the target $P = (P_x, P_y, P_z)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 N^\pm(P, S) = N_0^\pm \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} & \left[1 + (a_1 \pm hA_y \sum_{j=x,z} S_{yj} P_j + A_y S_{yy} P_y) \cos \phi \right. \\
 & + (b_1 \mp hA_y \sum_{j=x,z} S_{xj} P_j - A_y S_{xy} P_y) \sin \phi \\
 & \left. + a_2 \cos 2\phi + b_2 \sin 2\phi + \dots \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

The likelihood function of the target polarizations is generated by taking the product of +- asymmetry over all events

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(P) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{event}}} \frac{1}{2\pi} & \left[1 + (a_1 + h\epsilon_i A_y^{(i)} \sum_{j=x,z} S_{yj}^{(i)} P_j + A_y^{(i)} S_{yy}^{(i)} P_y) \cos \phi_i \right. \\
 & + (b_1 - h\epsilon_i A_y^{(i)} \sum_{j=x,z} S_{xj}^{(i)} P_j - A_y^{(i)} S_{xy}^{(i)} P_y) \sin \phi_i \\
 & \left. + a_2 \cos 2\phi_i + b_2 \sin 2\phi_i + \dots \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Extraction of Polarizations at the Target

Maximizing the logarithm of the likelihood function gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{event}}} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_x^{(i)} (1 - \lambda_0^{(i)}) \\ \lambda_y^{(i)} (1 - \lambda_0^{(i)}) \\ \lambda_z^{(i)} (1 - \lambda_0^{(i)}) \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{event}}} \begin{pmatrix} (\lambda_x^{(i)})^2 & \lambda_x^{(i)} \lambda_y^{(i)} & \lambda_x^{(i)} \lambda_z^{(i)} \\ \lambda_y^{(i)} \lambda_x^{(i)} & (\lambda_y^{(i)})^2 & \lambda_y^{(i)} \lambda_z^{(i)} \\ \lambda_z^{(i)} \lambda_x^{(i)} & \lambda_z^{(i)} \lambda_y^{(i)} & (\lambda_z^{(i)})^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix}$$

where,

$$\lambda_0^{(i)} \equiv a_1 \cos \phi_i + b_1 \sin \phi_i + a_2 \cos 2\phi_i + b_2 \sin 2\phi_i + \dots$$

$$\lambda_x^{(i)} \equiv h \epsilon_i A_y^{(i)} S_{yx}^{(i)} \cos \phi_i - S_{xx}^{(i)} \sin \phi_i$$

$$\lambda_y^{(i)} \equiv A_y^{(i)} S_{yy}^{(i)} \cos \phi_i - S_{xy}^{(i)} \sin \phi_i$$

$$\lambda_z^{(i)} \equiv h \epsilon_i A_y^{(i)} S_{yz}^{(i)} \cos \phi_i - S_{xz}^{(i)} \sin \phi_i$$

Now we need to obtain the Spin Transport Matrix, Analyzing Power and False Asymmetry terms

Spin Transport Matrix

$$S = R_2 M R_1$$

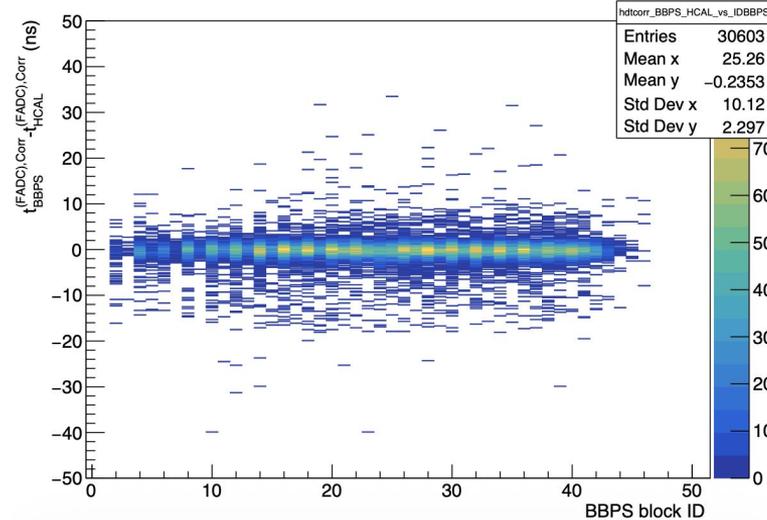
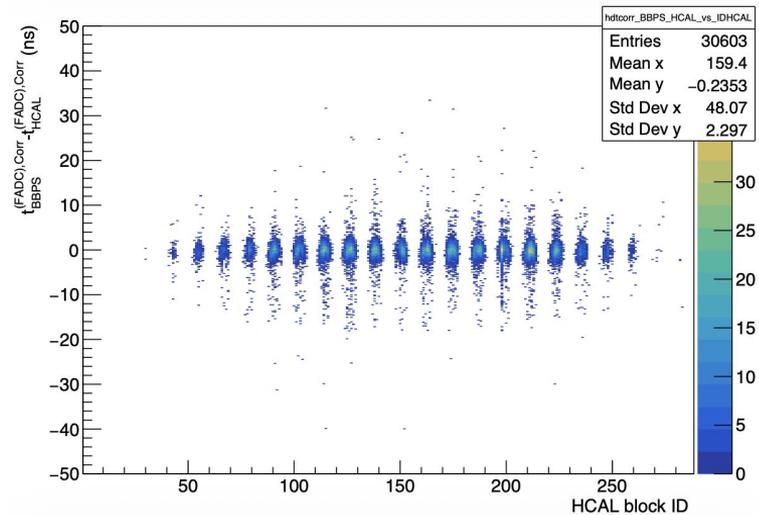
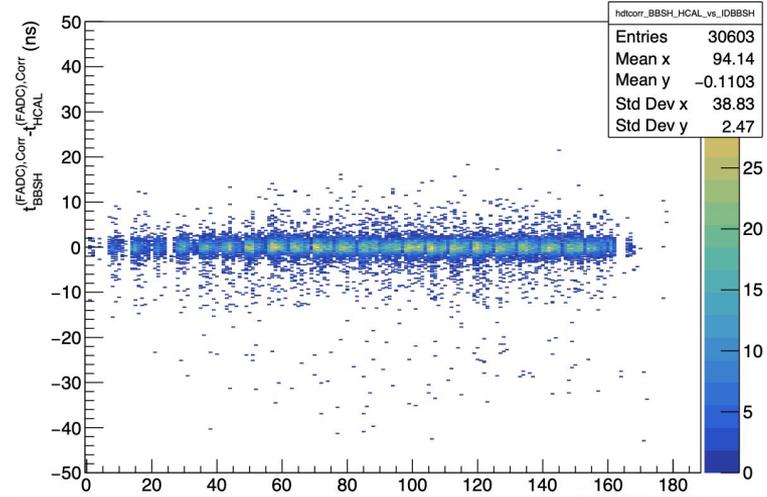
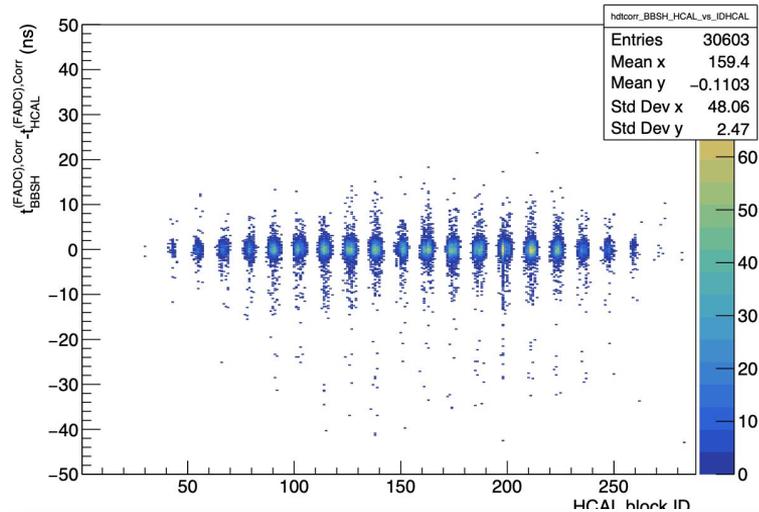
- M_{ij} : the matrix element coupling the i^{th} component of the spin at the focal plane to the j^{th} component of the spin at the target
- R_1 : reaction plane coordinates to transport coordinates
- R_2 : transport coordinates to comoving coordinates (of the particle at the polarimeter)

$$M_{ij}(x_{\text{tar}}, y_{\text{tar}}, x'_{\text{tar}}, y'_{\text{tar}}, \delta) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu, \nu=0}^{\alpha+\beta+\lambda+\mu+\nu \leq 5} C_{ij}^{\alpha\beta\lambda\mu\nu} x_{\text{tar}}^{\alpha} y_{\text{tar}}^{\beta} x'_{\text{tar}}{}^{\lambda} y'_{\text{tar}}{}^{\mu} \delta^{\nu}$$

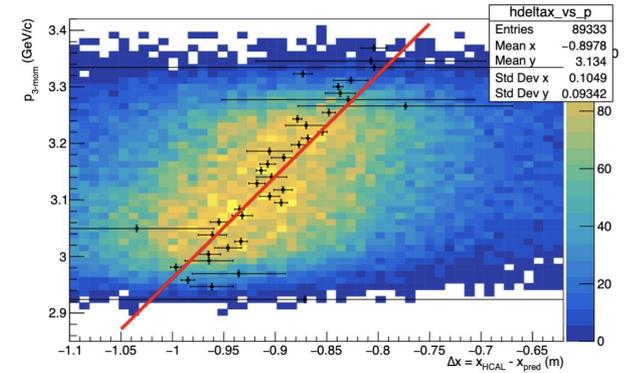
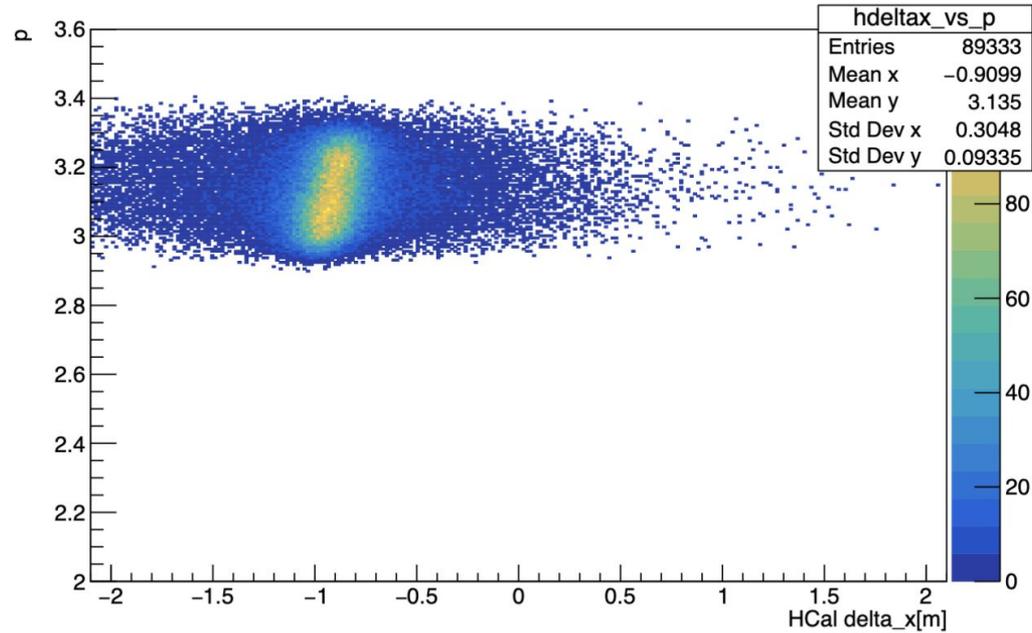
- the generation of the coefficients used for this matrix element requires accurate inputs from simulation of the spin precession through SBS magnet
- unfortunately, GEANT-4 (therefore G4SBS) itself does not include an accurate methodology to calculate spin precession for the neutron as it does for the proton
- David Hamilton is developing local branch in GEANT-4 that facilitates this and that will be used for this exercise

Thank You!

Backups



Finding dx at the central proton momentum



$P_{central} \sim 3.13 \text{ GeV/c}$
 $dx \sim -0.915 \text{ m}$

sbsfield_temp = pp_etheta/0.299792458/Radius



$$D_{gap} = \frac{48 \times 2.54}{100}$$

$$D_{gap} = 1.219$$

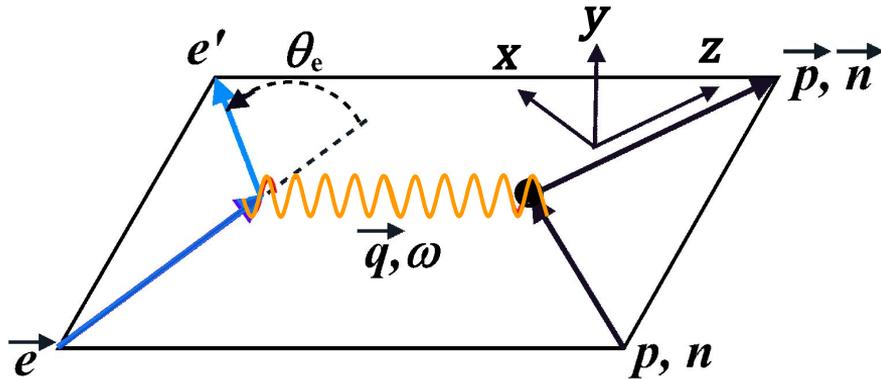
$$D = (d_{total}) - (d_{abc} + D_{gap})$$
$$= 9.0 - (2.25 + 1.219)$$

$$D = 5.531$$

$$① \quad R \sin \theta = D_{gap} \rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{D_{gap}}{R}$$

$$② \quad R - R \cos \theta = dx - D \tan \theta$$

- The unpolarized target is struck with the polarized electron beam
- The transferred polarization to the recoiling neutron can be parameterized using the Sachs FFs as follows
- The x component below denotes the transverse polarization and the z component denotes the longitudinal polarization of the recoiling neutron



$$P_x = -hP_e \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2} G_E G_M}{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2 (1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2})}$$

$$P_y = 0$$

$$P_z = hP_e \frac{2\tau \sqrt{1+\tau + (1+\tau)^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2} G_M^2}{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2 (1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2})}$$

- The ratio of the transferred polarization will be a direct measurement of the neutron FF ratio (while cancelling many of the systematic errors)

$$\frac{P_x}{P_z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau + \tau(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}}} \cdot \frac{G_E}{G_M}$$

$$P_x^* = A_y^{eff} P_e P_x$$

$$P_y^* = A_y^{eff} P_e P_z \sin \chi$$

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$N^\pm(P, S)$: Yield for \pm beam helicity

h : Beam polarization

A_y : Analyzing power

P_j : Polarization components ($j = x, z$)

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$$L(P) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{event}}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[1 + (a_1 + h \epsilon_i A_y^{(i)} \sum_{j=x,z} S_{yj}^{(i)} P_j + A_y^{(i)} S_{yy}^{(i)} P_y) \cos \phi_i \right. \\ \left. + (b_1 - h \epsilon_i A_y^{(i)} \sum_{j=x,z} S_{xj}^{(i)} P_j - A_y^{(i)} S_{xy}^{(i)} P_y) \sin \phi_i \right. \\ \left. + a_2 \cos 2\phi_i + b_2 \sin 2\phi_i + \dots \right].$$

ϵ_i

A_y : Analyzing power

S : Spin rotation (3x3 matrix)

ϕ_j : Azimuthal scattering angle

R₁ Rotation

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix}_{\text{transport}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{t}_x & \hat{n}_x & \hat{l}_x \\ \hat{t}_y & \hat{n}_y & \hat{l}_y \\ \hat{t}_z & \hat{n}_z & \hat{l}_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_t \\ P_n \\ P_l \end{pmatrix}.$$

where

$$\mathbf{k} = (0, \sin \Theta_{\text{SBS}}, \cos \Theta_{\text{SBS}}),$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x_{\text{tar}}'^2 + y_{\text{tar}}'^2}} (x_{\text{tar}}', y_{\text{tar}}', 1).$$

$$\hat{\ell} \equiv \hat{\mathbf{q}}, a$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} \equiv \frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}} \times \hat{\mathbf{k}}}{|\hat{\mathbf{q}} \times \hat{\mathbf{k}}|},$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{t}} \equiv \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \hat{\ell}.$$

R₂ Rotation

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_x^{\text{fpp}} \\ P_y^{\text{fpp}} \\ P_z^{\text{fpp}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_x & \hat{y}_x & \hat{z}_x \\ \hat{x}_y & \hat{y}_y & \hat{z}_y \\ \hat{x}_z & \hat{y}_z & \hat{z}_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix}_{\text{transport}} .$$

where

$$\hat{z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + x'_{\text{fp}}{}^2 + y'_{\text{fp}}{}^2}} \begin{pmatrix} x'_{\text{fp}} \\ y'_{\text{fp}} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{y} = \frac{\hat{z} \times \hat{x}_{\text{transport}}}{|\hat{z} \times \hat{x}_{\text{transport}}|}$$

$$\hat{x} = \hat{y} \times \hat{z}$$