

# Polarization observables in double pion photo-production with circularly polarized photons off transversely polarized protons( g9b-FROST)

*CLAS Collaboration Meeting*

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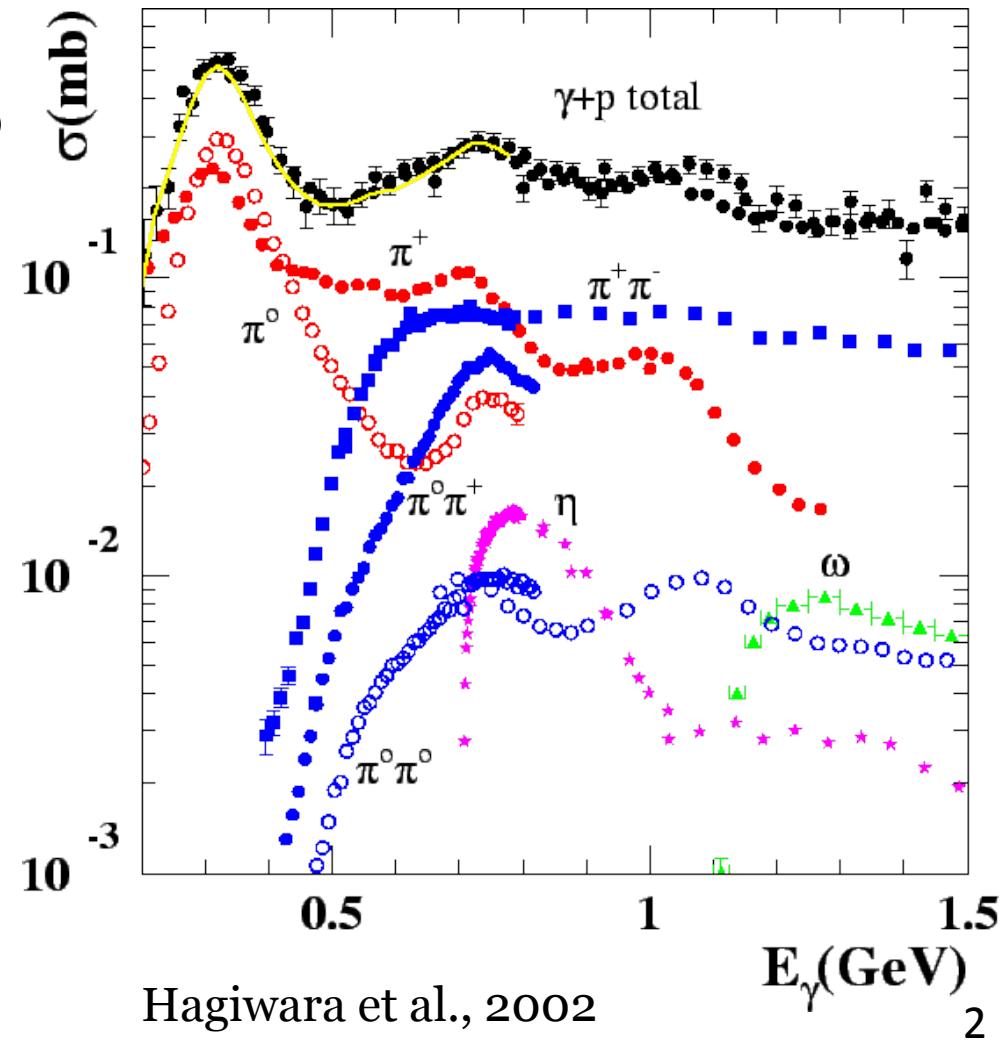
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# Outline

- g9b (FROST) Experiment
- Analysis
- Preliminary Results
- Outlook

# Why $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$ ?

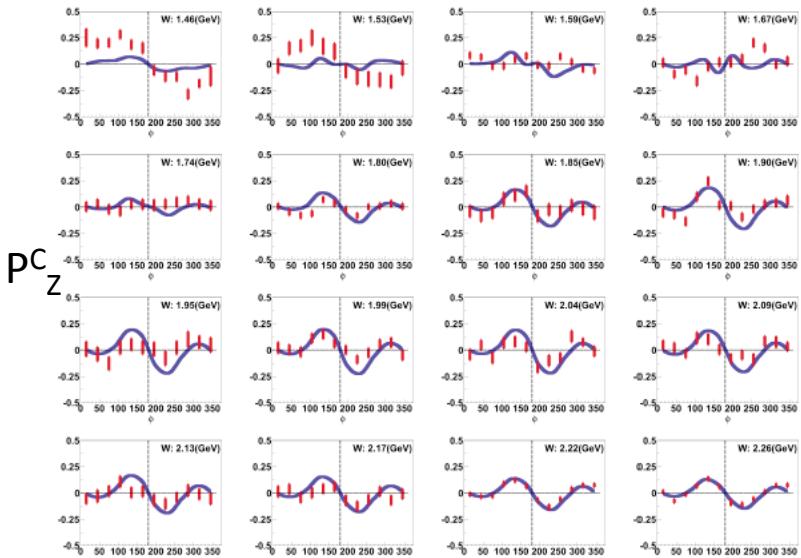
- Biggest contribution to the photo-production cross section at higher energies
- Brings additional information to what single pion photo-production could provide



Hagiwara et al., 2002



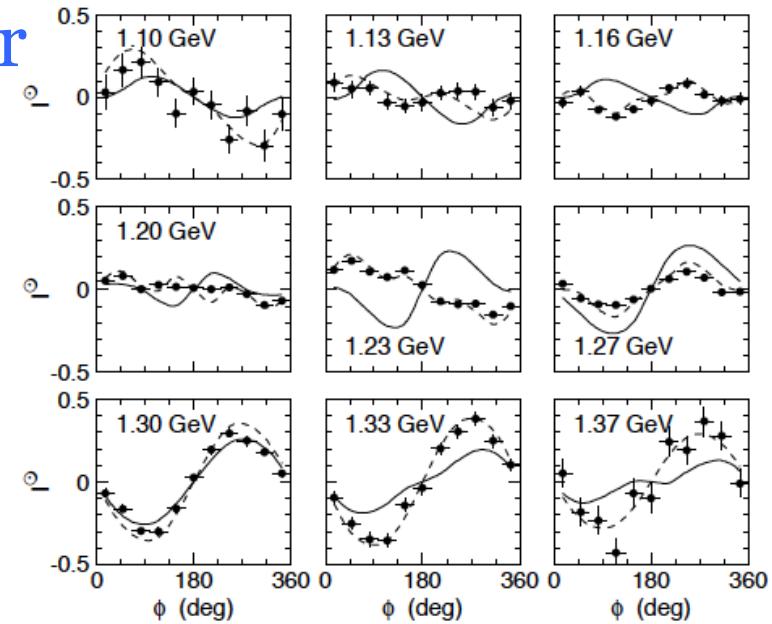
# Previous and Current Studies for Double Pion Photo-production



[Yuqing Mao, USC]

JLab Projects  
(USC and FSU)

Target



[Strauch, 2005]

Beam

	unpolarized	circular	linear	
unpolarized	$I_0$	$I^\odot$	$I^s, I^c$	g1c g8 g9
longitudinal	$P_z$	$P_z^\odot$	$P_z^c, P_z^s$	
transversal	$P_x, P_y$	$P_x^\odot, P_y^\odot$	$P_x^c, P_y^c, P_x^s, P_y^s$	

# Polarization Observables

$$I_0 = |\mathcal{M}_1^-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_1^+|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_2^-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_2^+|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_3^-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_3^+|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_4^-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_4^+|^2$$

$$I_0 P_x = 2\Re(\mathcal{M}_1^- \mathcal{M}_3^{-*} + \mathcal{M}_1^+ \mathcal{M}_3^{+*} + \mathcal{M}_2^- \mathcal{M}_4^{-*} + \mathcal{M}_2^+ \mathcal{M}_4^{+*})$$

$$I_0 P_y = -2\Im(\mathcal{M}_1^- \mathcal{M}_3^{-*} + \mathcal{M}_1^+ \mathcal{M}_3^{+*} + \mathcal{M}_2^- \mathcal{M}_4^{-*} + \mathcal{M}_2^+ \mathcal{M}_4^{+*})$$

$$I_0 I^\odot = -|\mathcal{M}_1^-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_1^+|^2 - |\mathcal{M}_2^-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_2^+|^2 - |\mathcal{M}_3^-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_3^+|^2 - |\mathcal{M}_4^-|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_4^+|^2$$

$$I_0 P_x^\odot = 2\Re(-\mathcal{M}_1^- \mathcal{M}_3^{-*} + \mathcal{M}_1^+ \mathcal{M}_3^{+*} - \mathcal{M}_2^- \mathcal{M}_4^{-*} + \mathcal{M}_2^+ \mathcal{M}_4^{+*})$$

$$I_0 P_y^\odot = 2\Im(-\mathcal{M}_1^- \mathcal{M}_3^{-*} - \mathcal{M}_1^+ \mathcal{M}_3^{+*} + \mathcal{M}_2^- \mathcal{M}_4^{-*} - \mathcal{M}_2^+ \mathcal{M}_4^{+*})$$

[W. Roberts and T. Oed, 2005]

Reaction rate for  $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$  with circularly polarized photons off transversely polarized protons is written:

$$\rho_f I = I_0 [(1 + \vec{\Lambda}_i \cdot \vec{P}_i) + \delta_\odot (I^\odot + \vec{\Lambda}_i \cdot \vec{P}_i^\odot)] \quad i = x, y$$

$\rho_f$  - spin density matrix of the recoiling nucleon

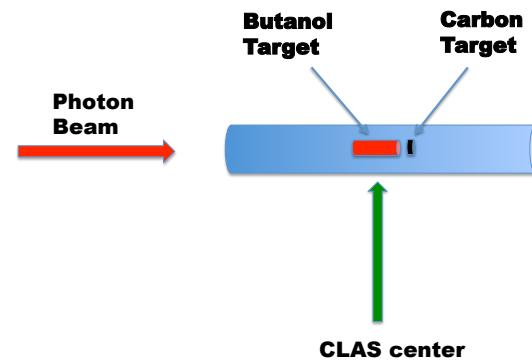
# g9b( FROST) experiment

**Electron beam:** - longitudinally polarized;  $\bar{P}_e = 87\%$   
- beam energy: 3081.73 MeV

**Photon beam:** - circularly polarized

## Targets:

- FROzen Spin Target (FROST) = transversely polarized butanol ( $C_4H_9OH$ ) L=5 cm, d=1.5 cm
- Carbon target – L = 0.15 cm



## CLAS Detector

## g9b circularly polarized data

Run range	Events	Beam energy	Target polarization
62207 - 62289	723.1 M	3081.73 MeV	83% - 80% positive
62298 - 62372	894.9 M	3081.73 MeV	86% - 80% negative
62374 - 62464	1129.7 M	3081.73 MeV	79% - 75% positive
62504 - 62604	1307.1 M	3081.73 MeV	81% - 76% negative
62609 - 62704	972.6 M	3081.73 MeV	85% - 79% positive

The target polarization was flipped to allow a cancellation of the CLAS acceptance in the asymmetry calculations.

## Reaction Selection



Final State Composition: 2 positive charges and 1 negative charge

Topology 1:  $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-(X)$  nothing missing

Topology 2:  $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-(X)$  p missing

Topology 3:  $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\pi^+(X)$   $\pi^-$  missing

Topology 4:  $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\pi^-(X)$   $\pi^+$  missing

## Background Determination

Butanol Target ( $C_4H_9OH$ ) - 10 free protons and 64 bound nucleons

Carbon Target - 12 bound nucleons( no free protons)

The missing mass technique is used to reconstruct the missing particle:

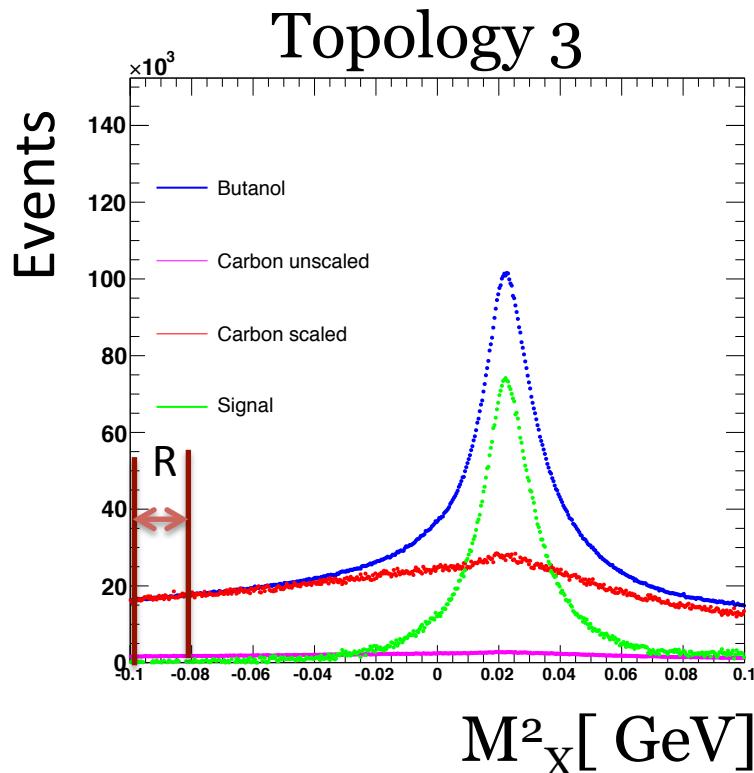
$$\vec{\gamma} \vec{p} \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^- (X)$$

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$$M_X = \sqrt{(E_\gamma + m_p - E_p - E_{\pi^+} - E_{\pi^-})^2 - |\vec{p}_\gamma - \vec{p}_p - \vec{p}_{\pi^+} - \vec{p}_{\pi^-}|^2}$$

# Two background subtraction methods

## 1) Integrated Method



Scale factor =  
Number of butanol events in R range divided by the number of carbon events in R range

Scale factor = 10.18

Signal = Butanol – Scale factor x Unscaled carbon

## 2) Event-based background subtraction

Q-factor = an event-based quality factor equal to the probability for one given event to come from a signal distribution

$$Q = \frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{Signal} + \text{Background}}$$

Step 1 – Pre-bin data in the center-of-mass energy W.

Step 2 - Calculate the distance measure between one event  $a$  and any other random event  $b$  from our data set

$$D_{a,b}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^5 \left( \frac{\Gamma_i^a - \Gamma_i^b}{\Delta_i} \right)^2 \quad \Gamma_i = \Phi^*, \cos \Theta_{CM}, \cos \Theta^*, m_{\pi^+\pi^-}, m_{p\pi^+}$$

Step 3 - For each event  $a$  ( called seed event), we select 5,000 kinematically nearest neighbors, which will be butanol, respectively carbon events

## 2) Event-based background subtraction (continuation)

Step 4 – Fit carbon and butanol distributions using  $\chi^2$ -minimization technique and extract the parameters needed to determine Q value

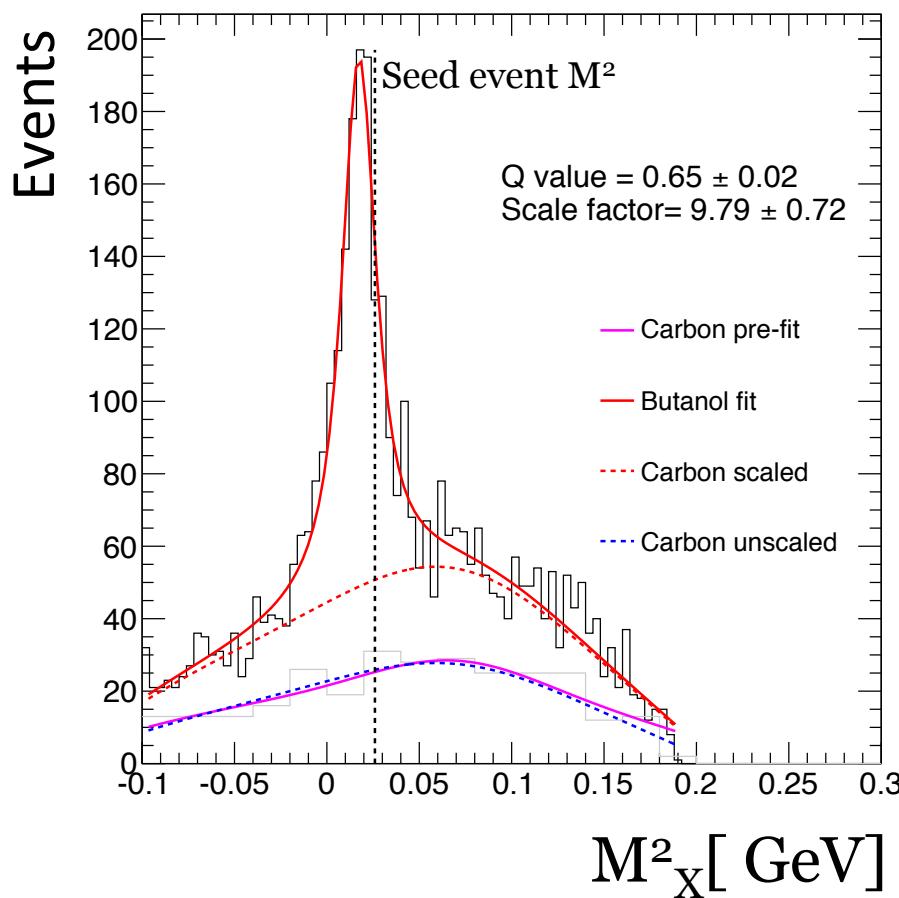
Carbon function = Gaussian + 2<sup>nd</sup> order Polynomial

Butanol function = Voigt( peak ) + Scale Factor x (Gaussian + 2<sup>nd</sup> order Polynomial)

Step 5 – After the fit is completed, the resulted fit parameters will be used calculate the Q value, by evaluating the butanol and carbon functions at the seed event position.

## 2) Event-based background subtraction (continuation)

Example: 5,000 nearest neighbors distribution for topology 3



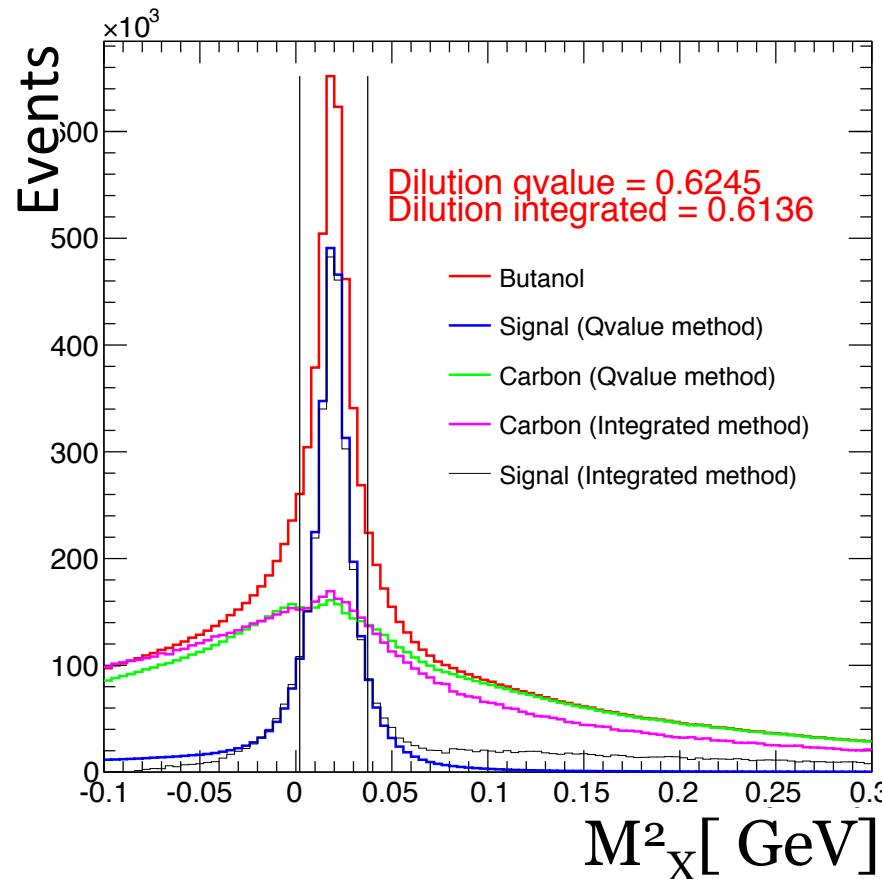
$$Q = \frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{Signal} + \text{Background}}$$

Q value is determined:

$$Q = \frac{145 - 51}{145} = 0.65$$

## Two methods of background subtraction comparison

Topology 3:  $\vec{\gamma}\vec{p} \rightarrow p\pi^+(X)$

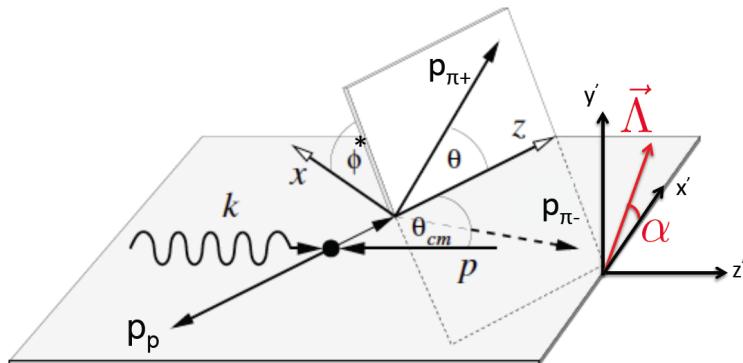


$$d = \frac{\text{free - proton events}}{\text{butanol events}}$$

Data is integrated over all kinematic variables!

There is a good match between the two methods within 2-sigma range of the signal !

# Observables extraction: Moment Method



The acceptance of the detector for the two polarization directions:

$$A(\alpha) = a_0 + a_1 \cdot \cos \alpha + b_1 \cdot \sin \alpha + a_2 \cdot \cos 2\alpha + b_2 \cdot \sin 2\alpha$$

$$A(\alpha + \pi) = a_0 - a_1 \cdot \cos \alpha - b_1 \cdot \sin \alpha + a_2 \cdot \cos 2\alpha + b_2 \cdot \sin 2\alpha$$

The total yield for the reaction of this analysis is:

$$Y = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} Y_{unpol} A(\alpha) (1 + \bar{\Lambda} P_x \cos \alpha + \bar{\Lambda} P_y \sin \alpha + \delta_{\odot} (I^{\odot} + \bar{\Lambda} P_x^{\odot} \cos \alpha + \bar{\Lambda} P_y^{\odot} \sin \alpha)) d\alpha$$

Different moments related to the two target polarization directions(  $0^\circ, 180^\circ$ ) and two helicity states(  $+, -$ ) of the photon beam are used to write the expressions for the polarization observables:  $I^\odot, P_x, P_y, P_x^\odot, P_y^\odot$

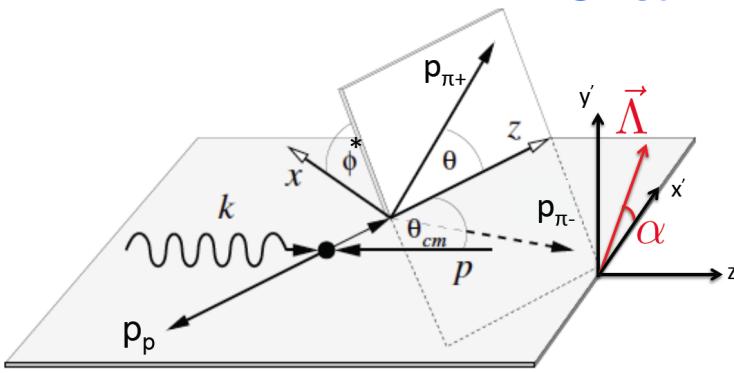
For example, the beam-helicity asymmetry is given by:

$$I^\odot = \frac{\bar{\Lambda}^{180}(Y^{+0} - Y^{-0}) + \bar{\Lambda}^0(Y^{+180} - Y^{-180})}{\delta_\odot(\bar{\Lambda}^{180}Y^0 + \bar{\Lambda}^0Y^{180})}$$

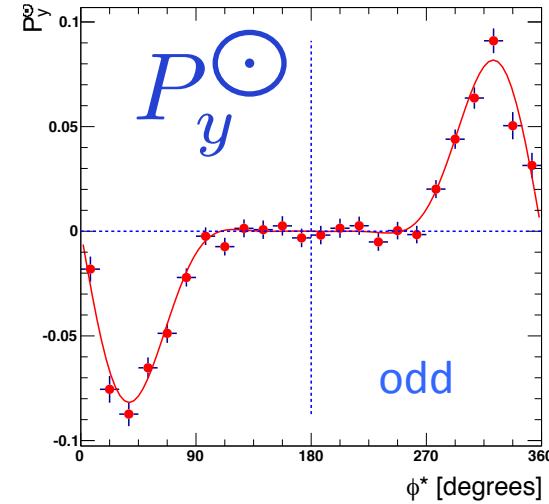
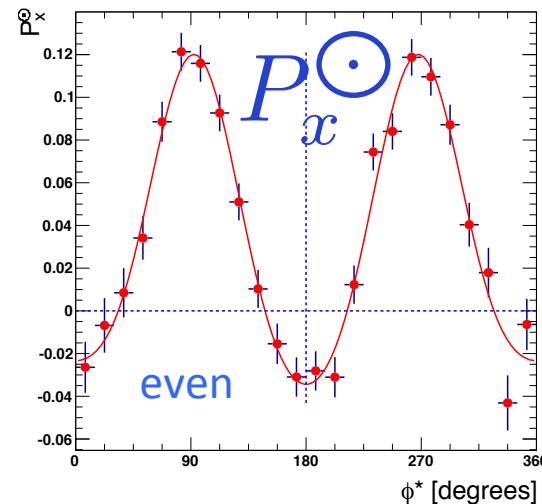
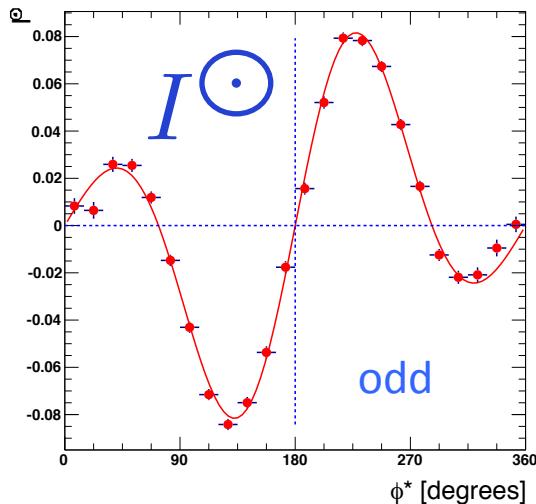
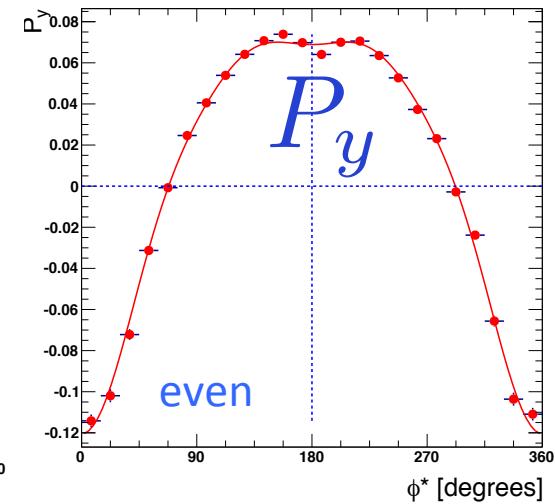
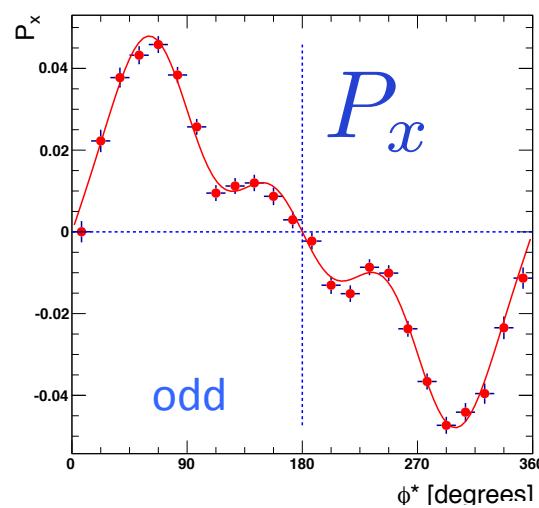
All the final expressions correct for the acceptance effects and for the fact that the target polarization is slightly different for different run groups.

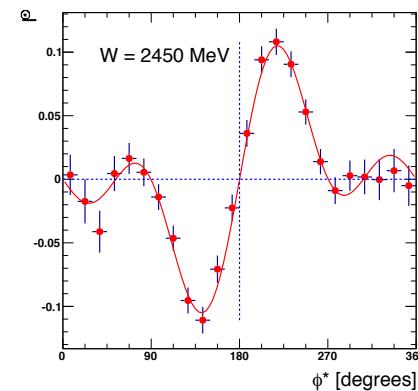
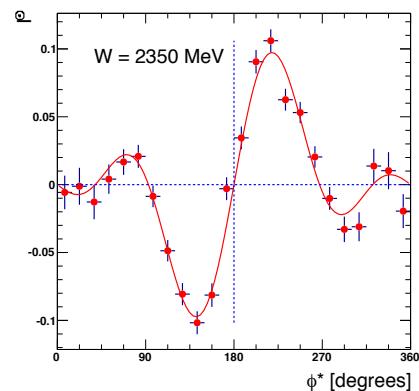
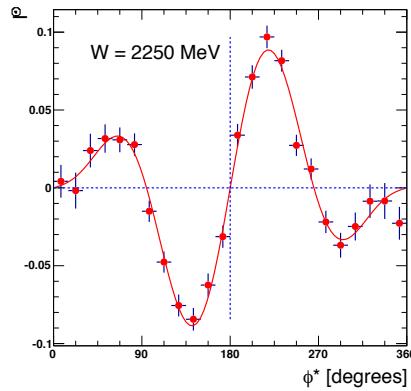
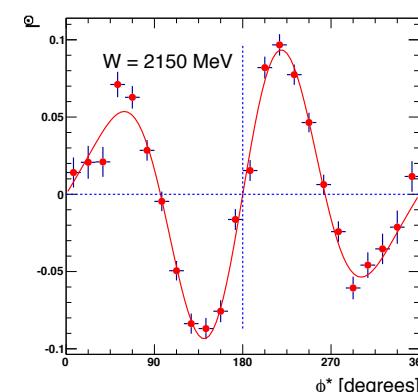
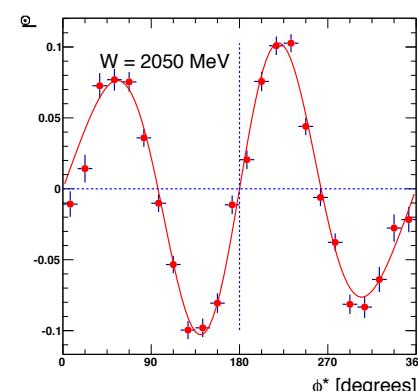
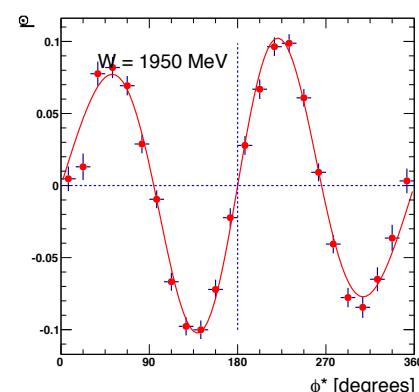
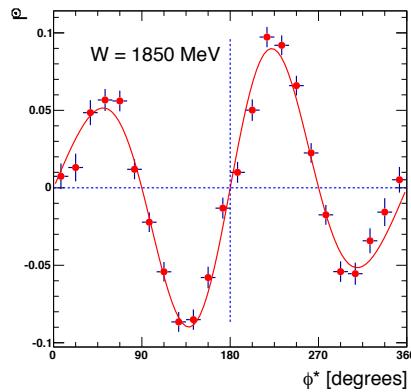
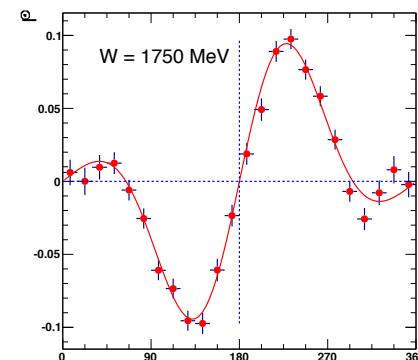
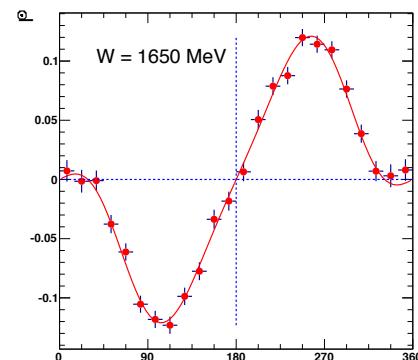
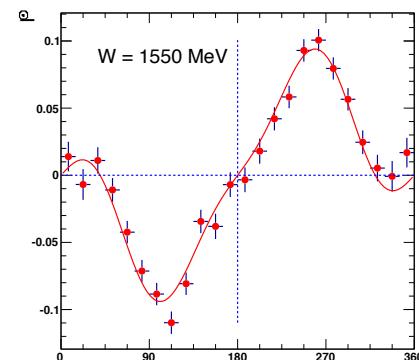
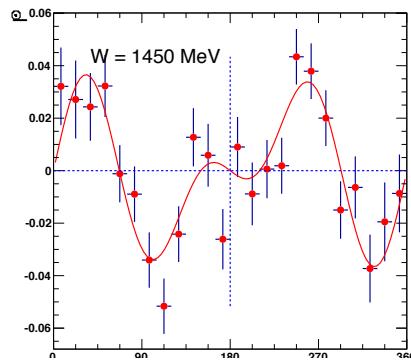


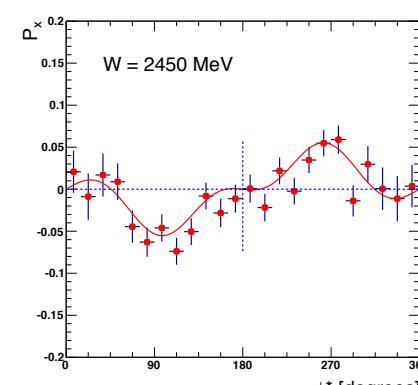
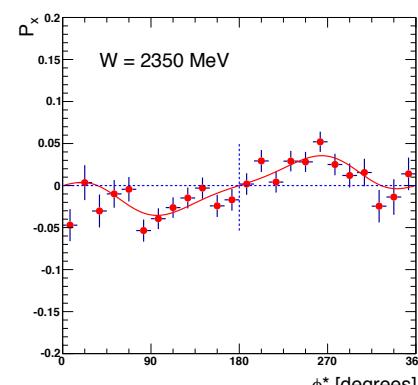
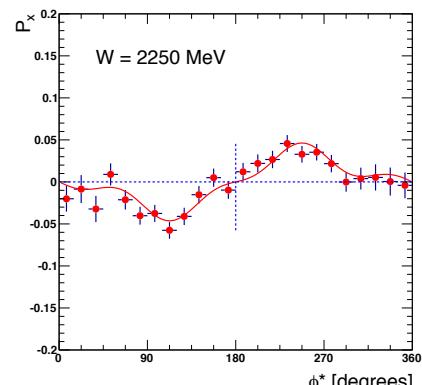
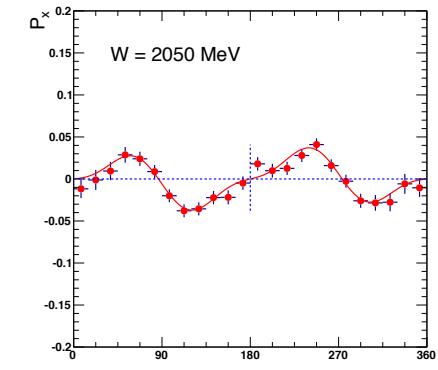
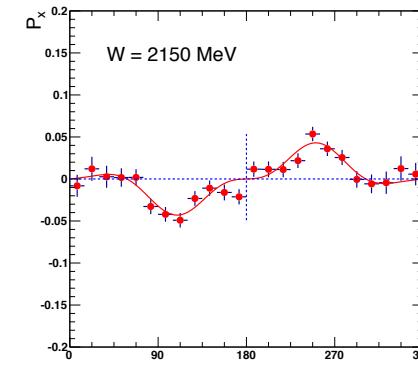
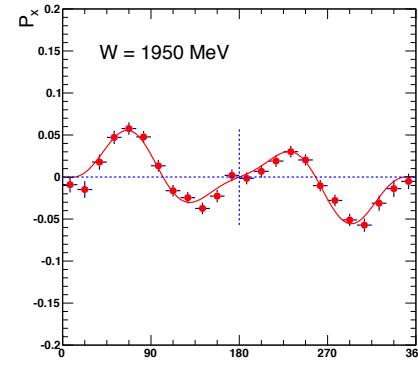
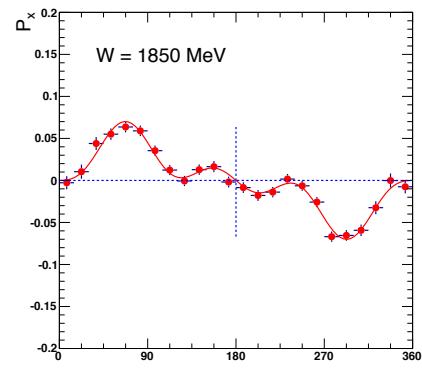
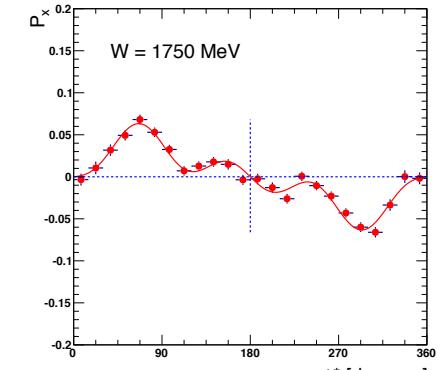
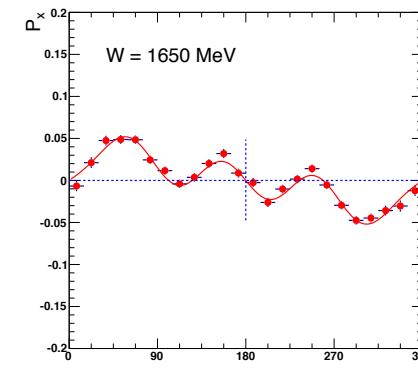
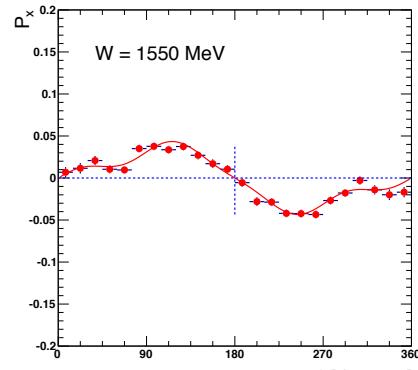
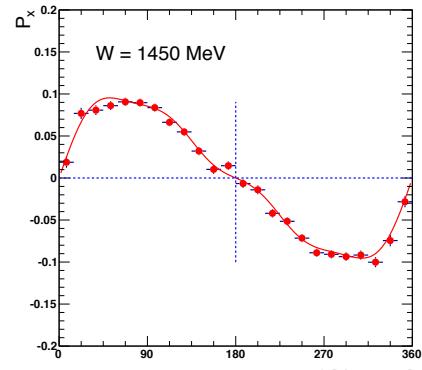
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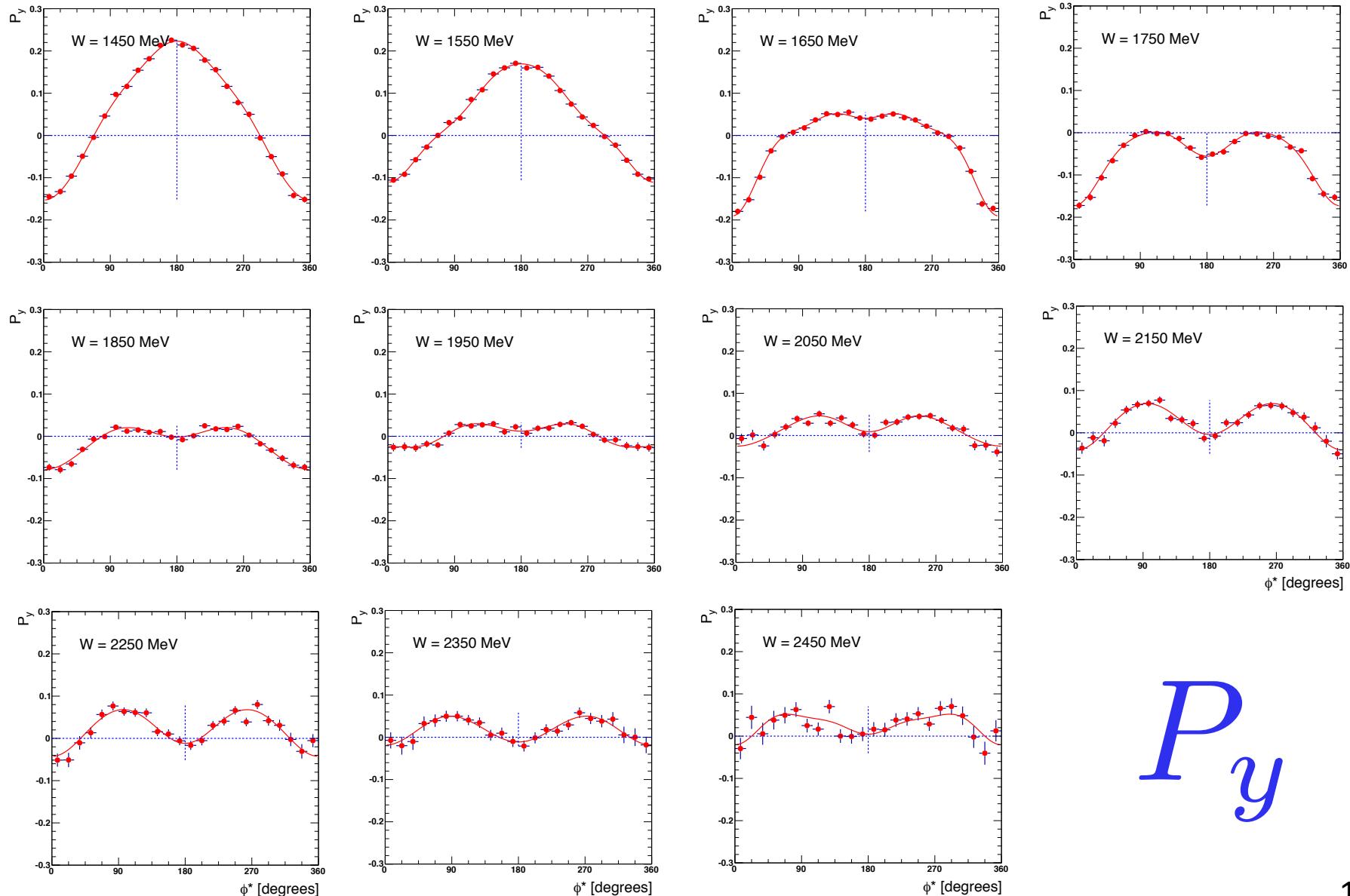
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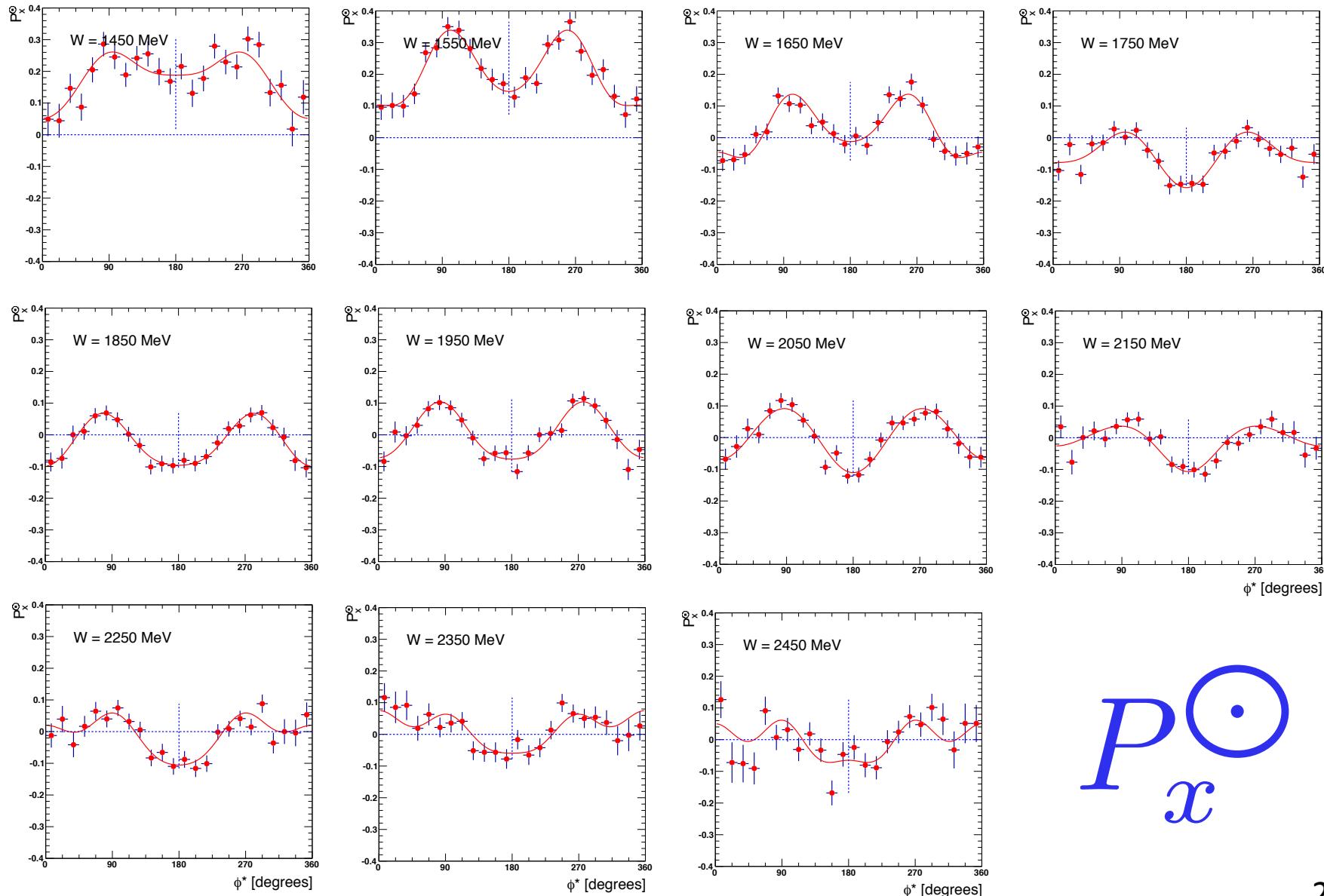




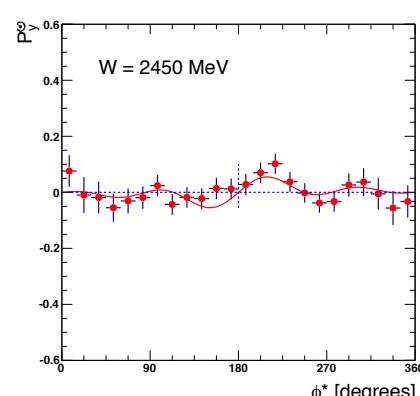
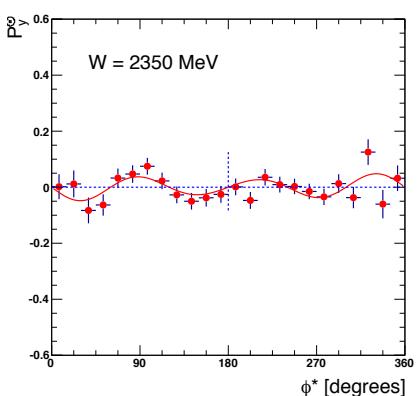
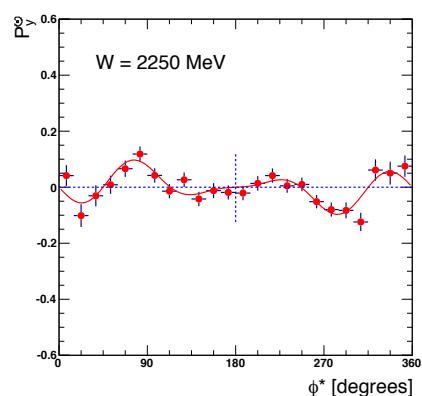
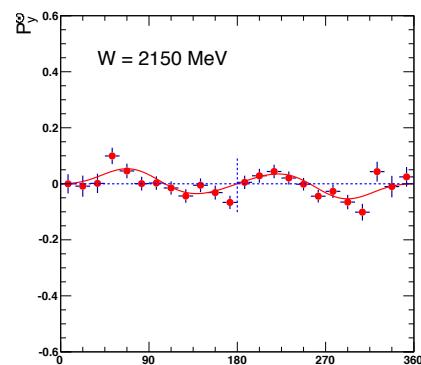
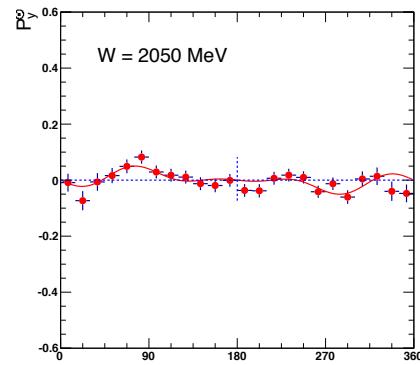
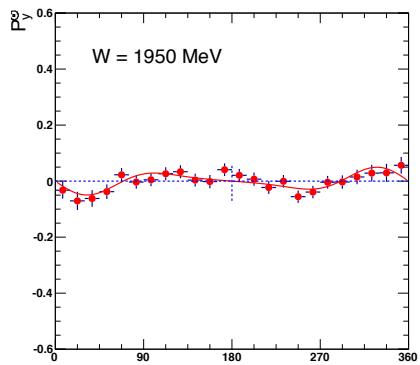
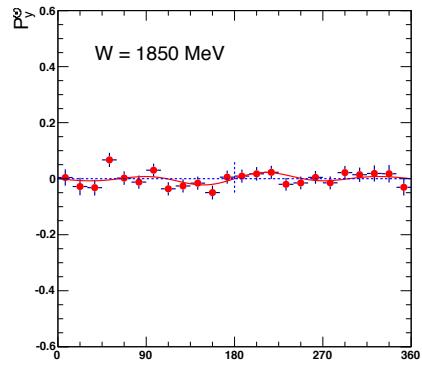
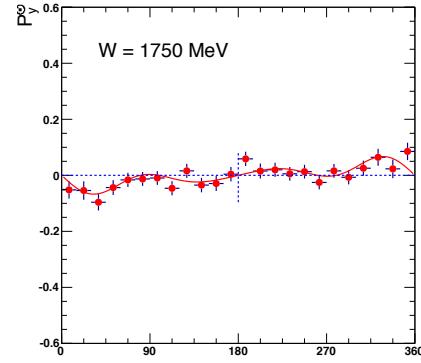
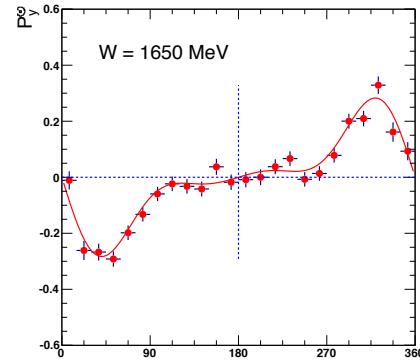
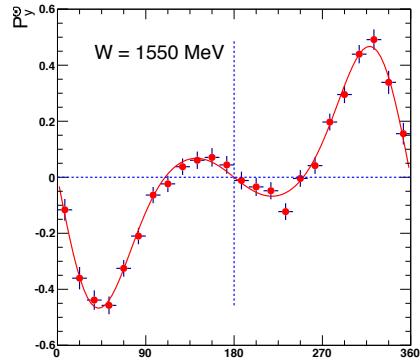
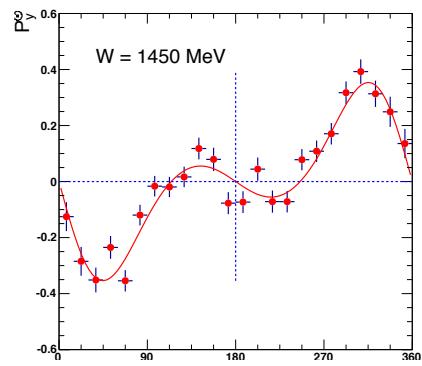
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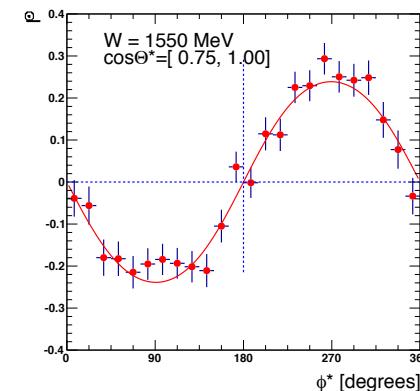
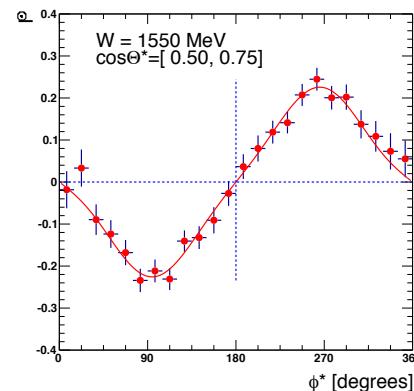
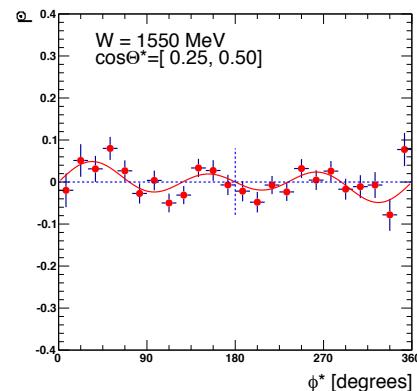
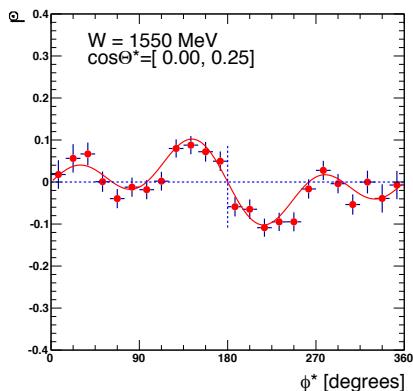
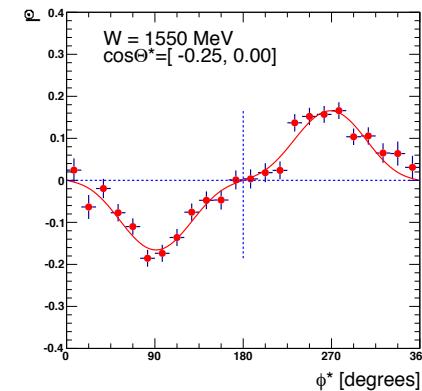
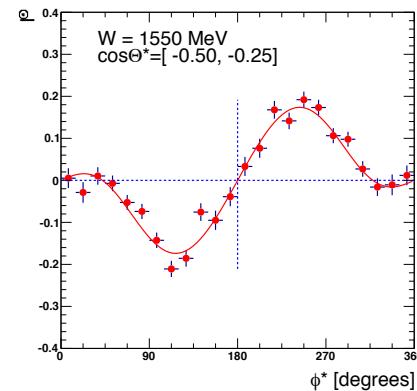
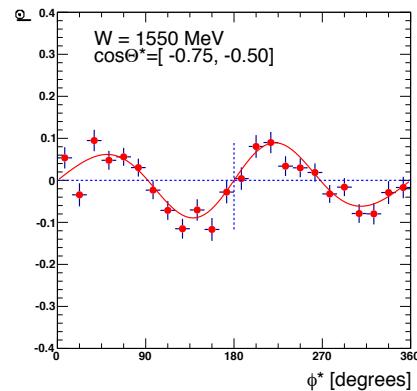
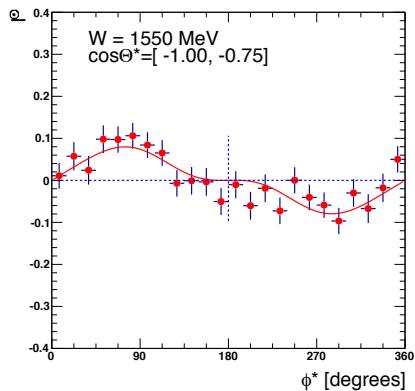


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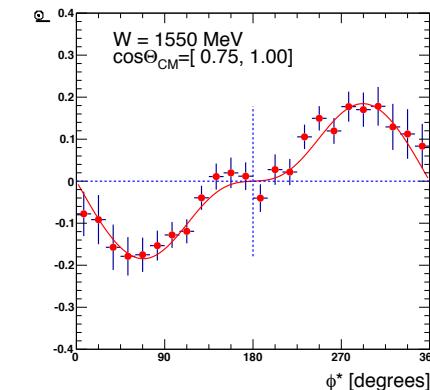
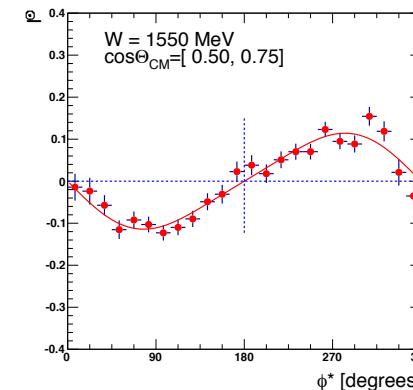
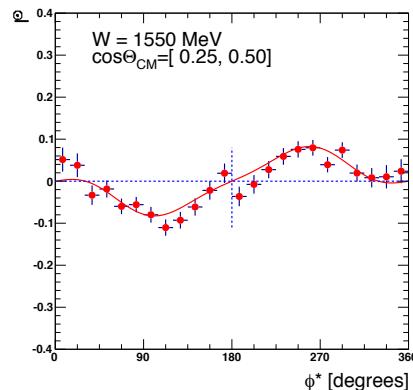
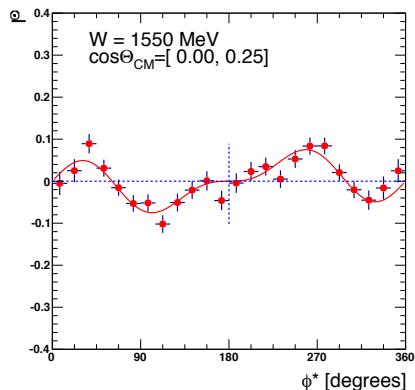
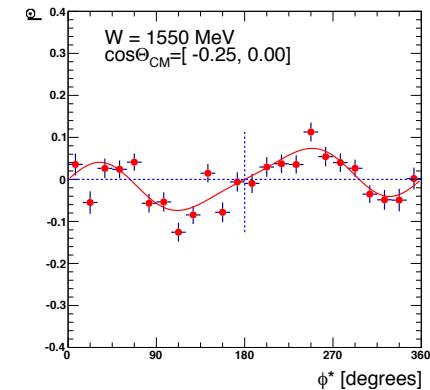
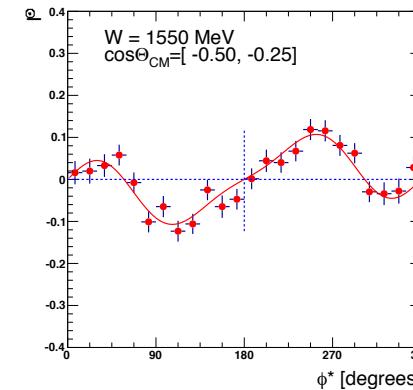
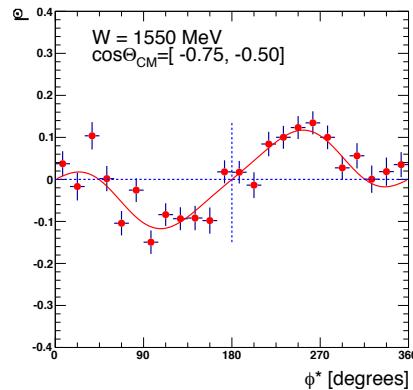
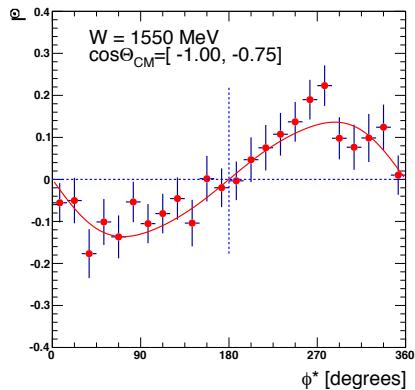
$I$

$W=1550 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\cos\theta^*=[-1,1]$



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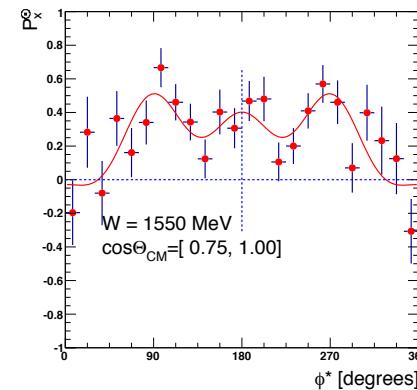
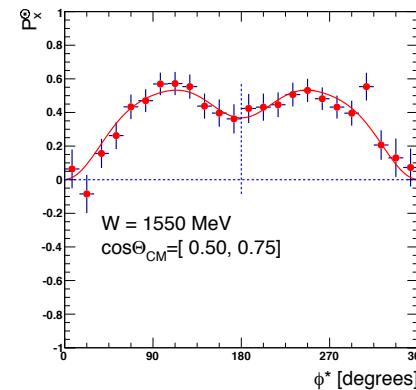
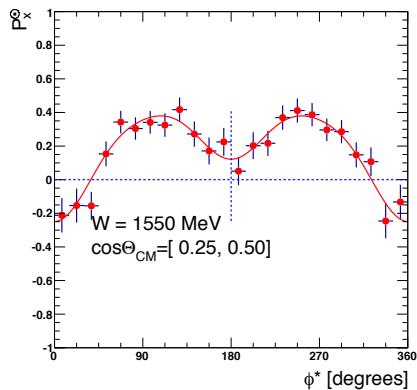
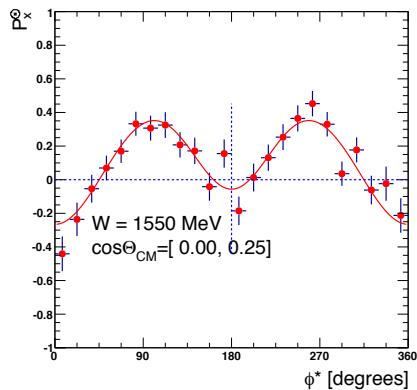
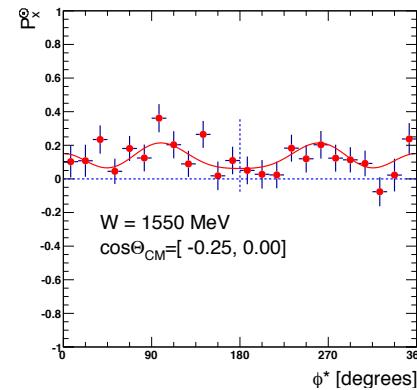
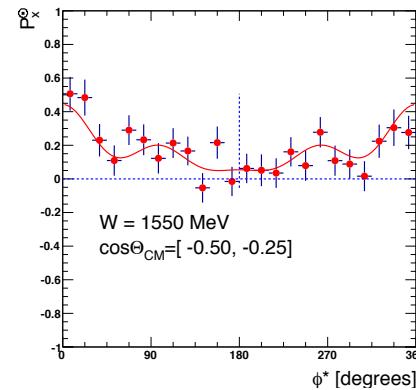
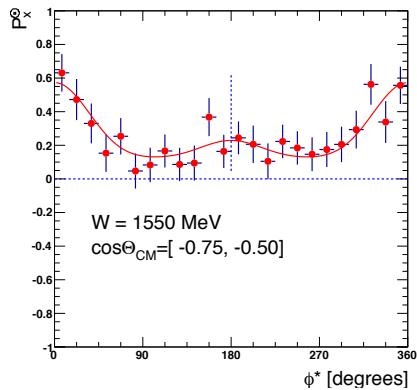
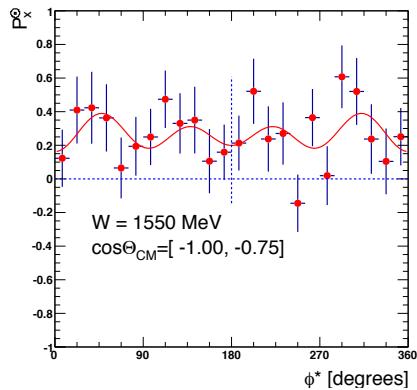
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$P_x^{\odot}$

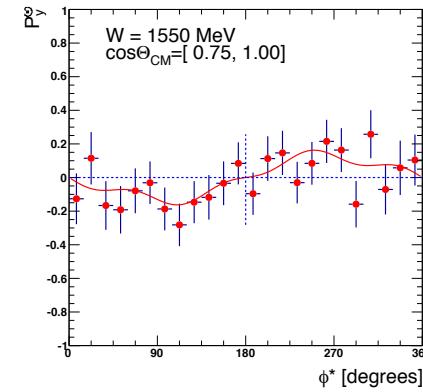
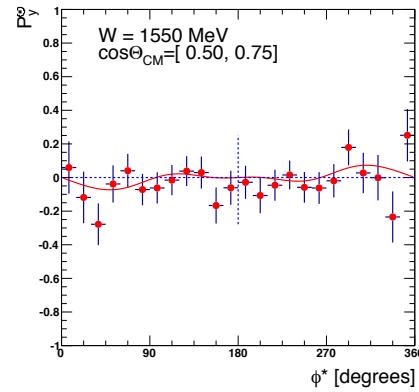
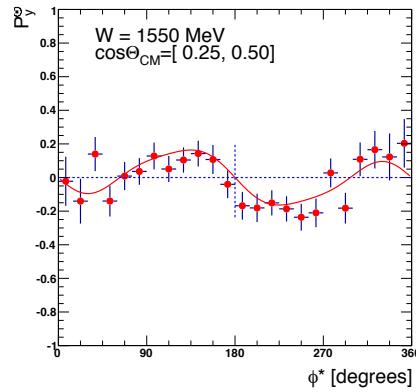
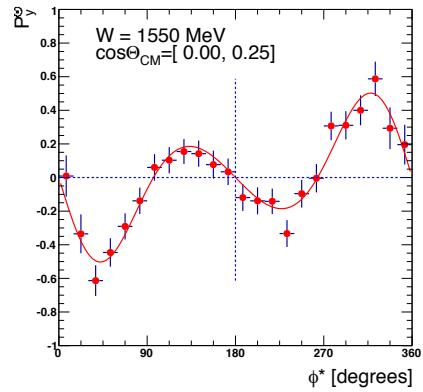
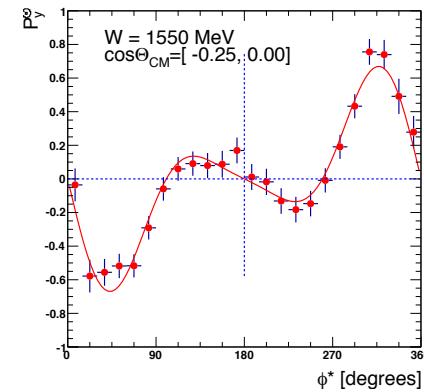
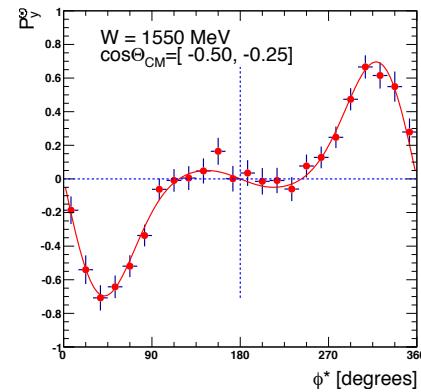
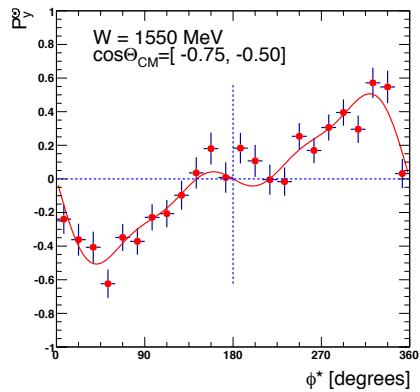
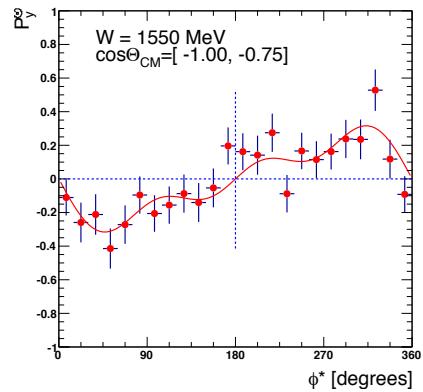
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$P_y$

$W=1550 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\cos\theta^*=[-1,1]$



# Outlook

- overview of the methods used to analyze  $\vec{\gamma} \vec{p} \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-$  with circularly polarized photon beam off transversely polarized protons and to extract the polarization observables:  
 $I^\odot, P_x, P_y, P_x^\odot, P_y^\odot$
- preliminary results were shown
- next step: binning data in different ways and compare with the models, getting the systematic uncertainties



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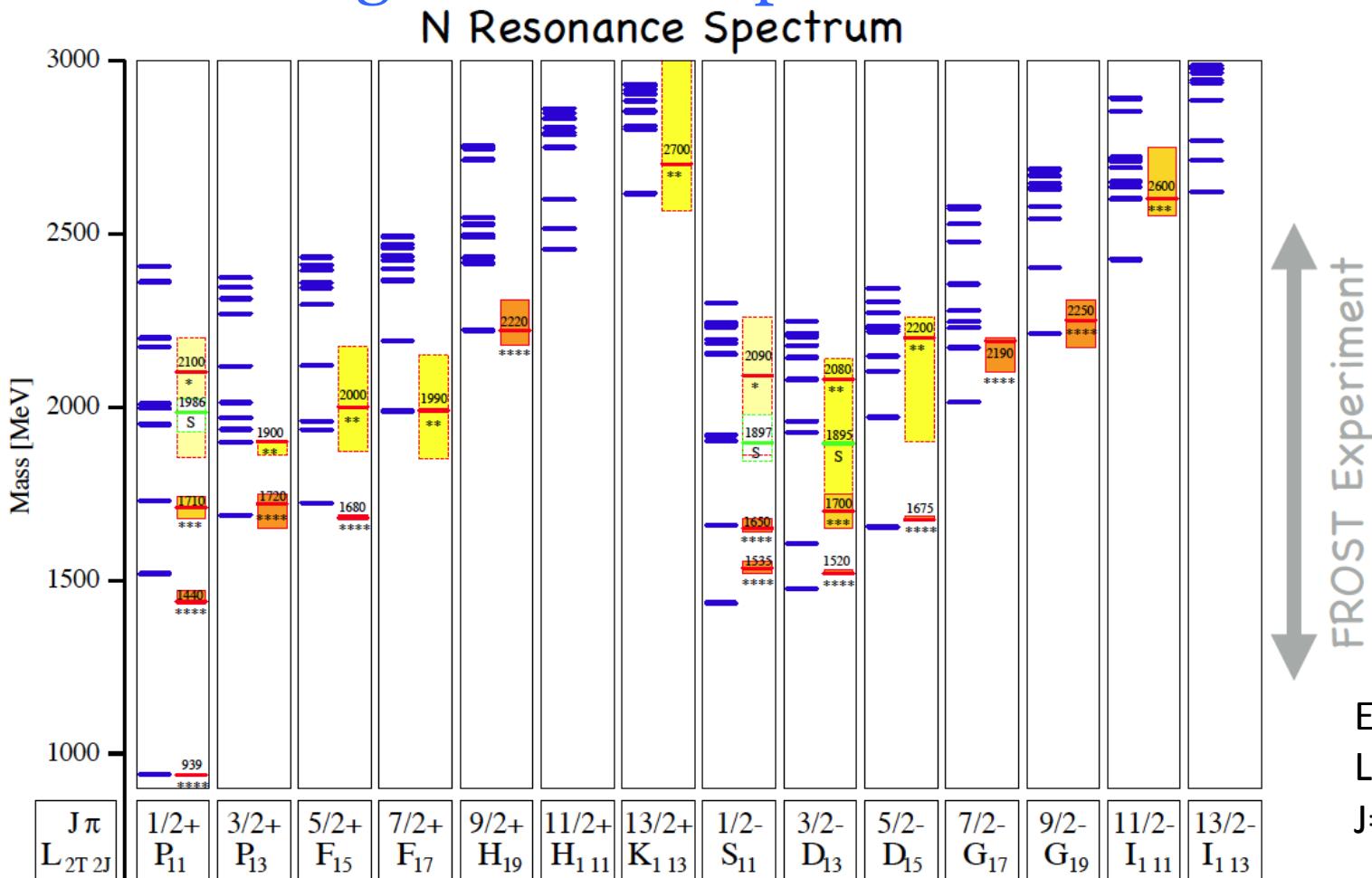
# EXTRA SLIDES



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## “Missing resonance” problem

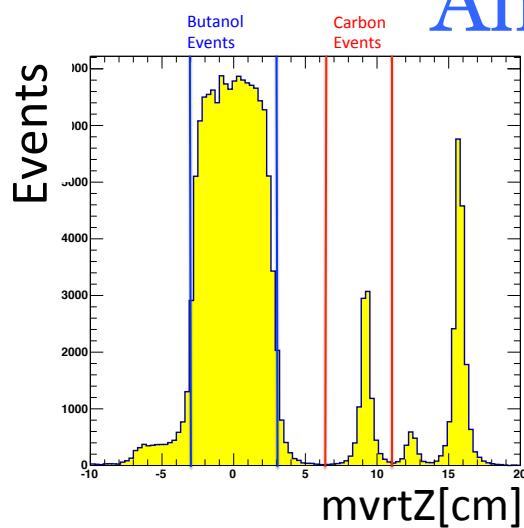


Example:  $P_{11}$   
 $L = 1, T = 1/2,$   
 $J = 1/2, \pi = +1$

L – orbital angular momentum of nucleon-pion pair  
T – isospin, J – total angular momentum,



# Analysis: Event Pre-selection



Butanol events:  $-3 \text{ cm} < mvrtZ < +3\text{cm}$

Carbon events:  $+6\text{cm} < mvrtZ < +11\text{cm}$

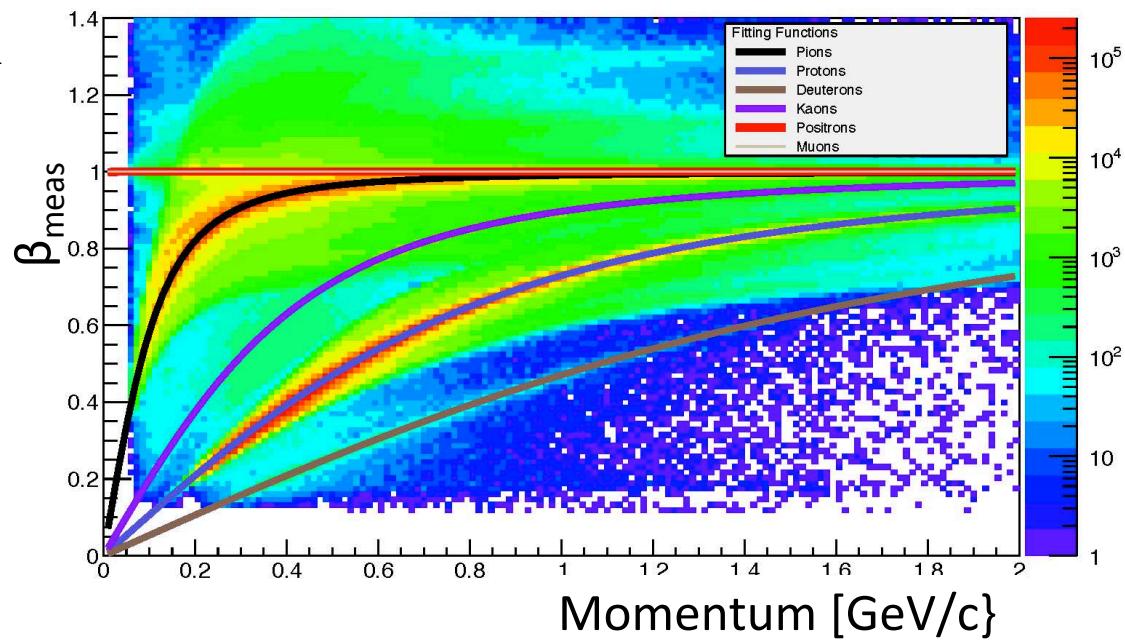
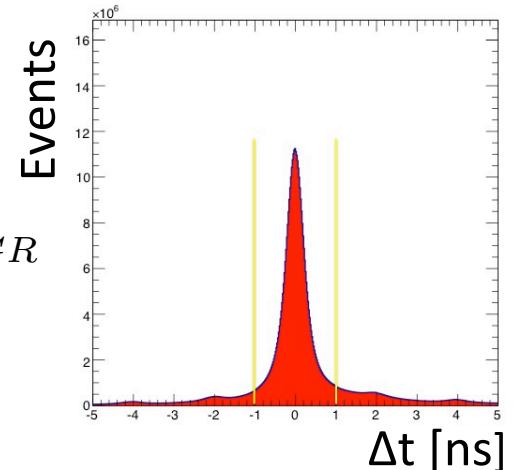
$$\beta_{calc} = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}$$

$$\Delta\beta = \beta_{meas} - \beta_{calc}$$

## Photon selection

$$\Delta t = t_{CLAS} - t_{TAGR}$$

$$|\Delta t| < 1 \text{ ns}$$



The moments for the two target polarization directions(  $0^\circ, 180^\circ$ ) are:

$$Y^0, Y^{180}, Y_{\sin \alpha}^0, Y_{\sin \alpha}^{180}, Y_{\cos \alpha}^0, Y_{\cos \alpha}^{180}, Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^0, Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^{180}, Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^0, Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^{180}$$

After adding and subtracting different combinations of these yields we get:

$$P_x = 2 \frac{[(Y^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0) - (Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)](Y_{\cos \alpha}^0 + Y_{\cos \alpha}^{180}) - (Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)(Y_{\sin \alpha}^0 + Y_{\sin \alpha}^{180})}{(Y^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)^2 - (Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^0 \Lambda^{180} + Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^{180} \Lambda^0)^2 - (Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)^2}$$

$$P_y = 2 \frac{[(Y^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0) + (Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)](Y_{\sin \alpha}^0 + Y_{\sin \alpha}^{180}) - (Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)(Y_{\cos \alpha}^0 + Y_{\cos \alpha}^{180})}{(Y^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)^2 - (Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^0 \Lambda^{180} + Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^{180} \Lambda^0)^2 - (Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)^2}$$

$$P_x^\odot = 2 \frac{(\bar{\Lambda}^{180} Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^0 + \bar{\Lambda}^0 Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^{180})(Y_{\sin \alpha}^{+0} - Y_{\sin \alpha}^{-0} + Y_{\sin \alpha}^{+180} - Y_{\sin \alpha}^{-180}) - [(Y^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0) - (Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)](Y_{\cos \alpha}^{+0} - Y_{\cos \alpha}^{-0} + Y_{\cos \alpha}^{+180} - Y_{\cos \alpha}^{-180})}{\delta_\odot [(\bar{\Lambda}^{180} Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^0 + \bar{\Lambda}^0 Y_{\sin 2\alpha}^{180})^2 - (Y^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)^2 + (Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^0 \bar{\Lambda}^{180} + Y_{\cos 2\alpha}^{180} \bar{\Lambda}^0)^2]}$$

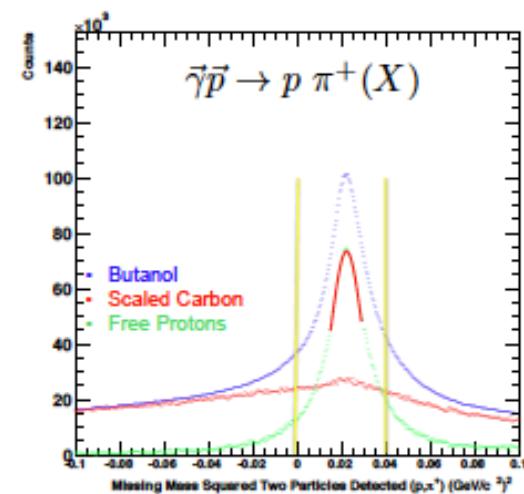
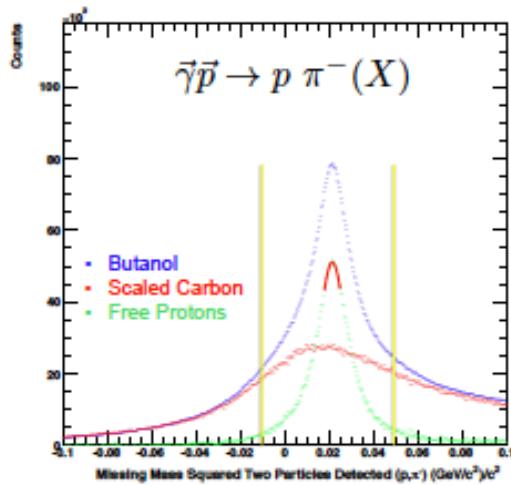
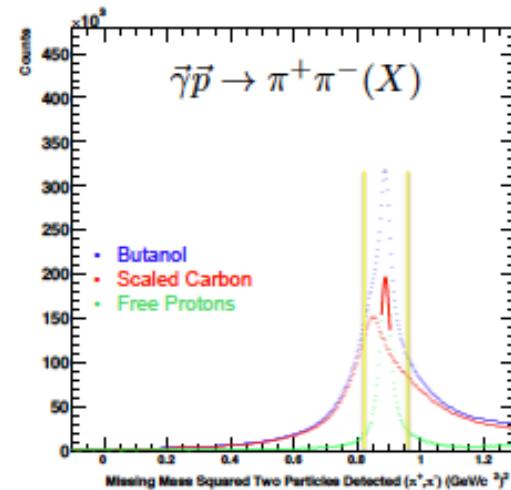
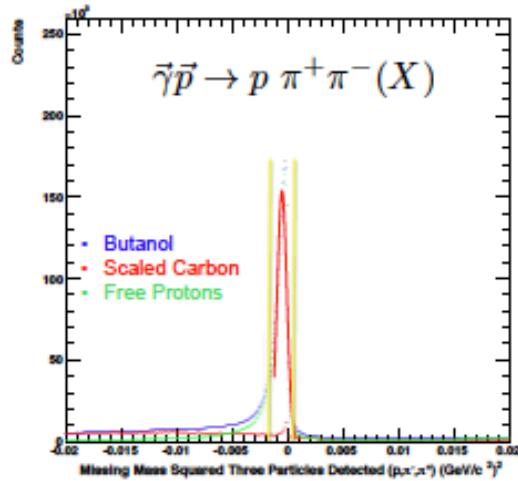
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Run range	Date range	Events	Beam energy	Beam current	Live time	Helicity freq.	H.W.P	Phi_FG	Target pol.
62207 - 62289	3/19 - 3/23	723.1 M	3081.73 MeV	11.9 nA	0.82	240 Hz (octets)	1	90	83% - 80% (+ +)
62298 - 62372	3/24 - 3/30	894.9 M	3081.73 MeV	13.4 nA	0.83	240 Hz (octets)	1	90	86% - 80% (- +)
62374 - 62464	3/30 - 4/05	1129.7 M	3081.73 MeV	13.4 nA	0.78	240 Hz (octets) or 30 Hz (pairs, quartets) <sup>1</sup>	0	90	79% - 75% (+ +)
62504 - 62604	4/07 - 4/13	1307.1 M	3081.73 MeV	13.6 nA	0.83	240 Hz (octets)	0	90	81% - 76% (+ -)
62609 - 62704	4/13 - 4/19	972.6 M	3081.73 MeV	13.5 nA	0.83	240 Hz (octets) or 30 Hz (quartets) <sup>2</sup>	0 or 1 <sup>3</sup>	90	85% - 79% (- -)

Target polarization: (NMR\_sign Holding\_magnet\_sign) e.g. (+ +) and (- -) means pos.sign; (+ -) and (- +) means neg.sign



## Missing Mass Squared Distributions

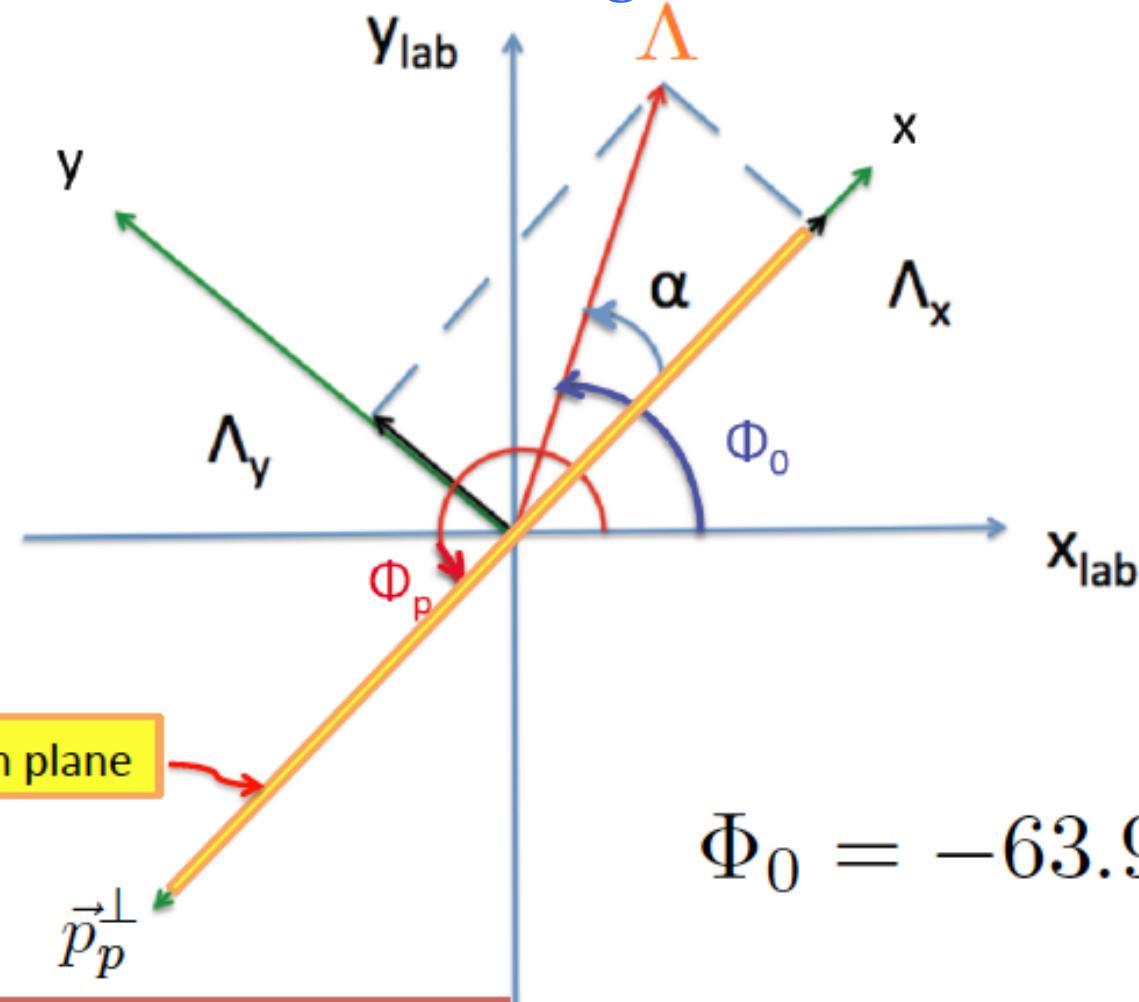


## Observables odd/even behavior fit check

$$F_{even} = a_0 + a_1 \cos(\Phi^*) + a_2 \cos(2\Phi^*) + a_3 \cos(3\Phi^*) + a_4 \cos(4\Phi^*)$$

$$F_{odd} = b_1 \sin(\Phi^*) + b_2 \sin(2\Phi^*) + b_3 \sin(3\Phi^*) + b_4 \sin(4\Phi^*)$$

## Target polarization orientation angle



$$\Phi_0 = -63.9^\circ, 116.1^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 180^\circ - \Phi_p^{\text{lab}} + \Phi_0$$