Determination of the Polarization Observables C_x , C_z , and P_y for Final-State Interactions in the reaction $\gamma d \to K^+ \Lambda n$

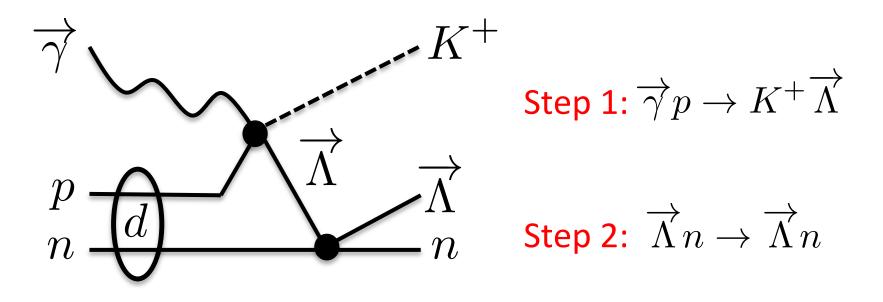
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Objective of This Work

To determine polarization observables C_x , C_z , and P_y for the final-state interactions in the reaction $\overrightarrow{\gamma} d \rightarrow K^+ \overrightarrow{\Lambda} n$.



Study dynamics of An scattering

Outline

- Introduction: Why is the Λn dynamics important?
- Experimental Facility: Beam source and the detection system
- Data Analysis: Selection of the reaction and of yields
- Results: One-fold and two-fold differential estimates of the observables
- Discussion: What have we learned?
- Summary

Introduction

The Strong Interaction

The coupling constant in QCD, α_s , depends on the scale of the strong interaction.

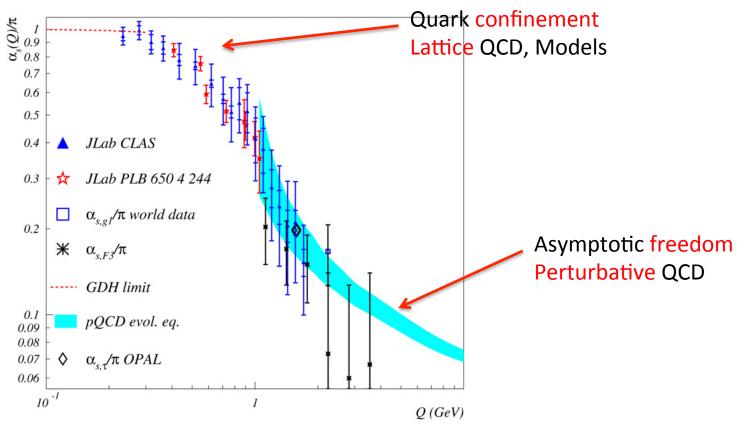
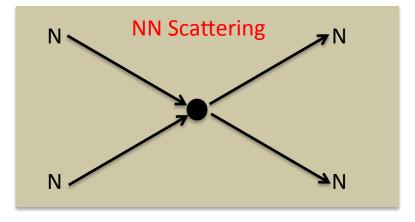
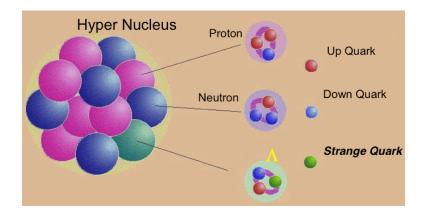


Figure from: A. Deur et al., Physics Letters B 665, 349(2008).

The Baryon-Baryon Interaction

Examples of low-energy phenomena



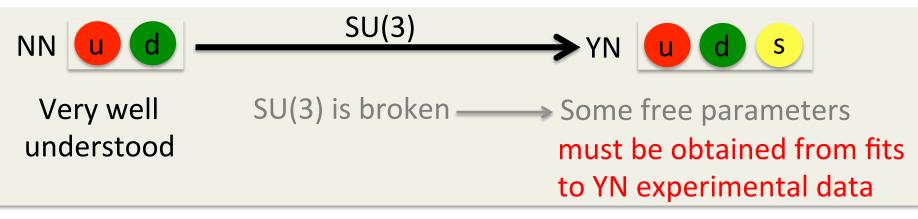


- Many low-energy phenomena can be described in terms of baryon-baryon interaction considering baryons to be elementary particles.
- Baryon-Baryon Interactions:
 - Nucleon-nucleon interaction
 - Hyperon-nucleon interaction
 - Hyperon-hyperon interaction
- If baryons are non-relativistic, baryonbaryon interactions can be described by potentials.

The Hyperon-Nucleon Interaction

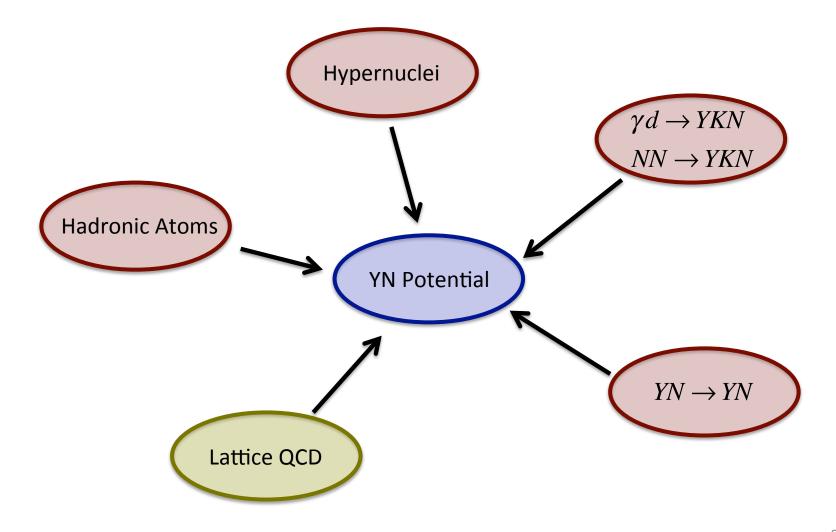
The understanding of both hyperon-nucleon (YN) and nucleon-nucleon (NN) potentials is necessary to have a comprehensive picture of the strong interaction.

- Composition of dense nuclear matter (neutron stars interior).
- Many-body calculations of hypernuclei.

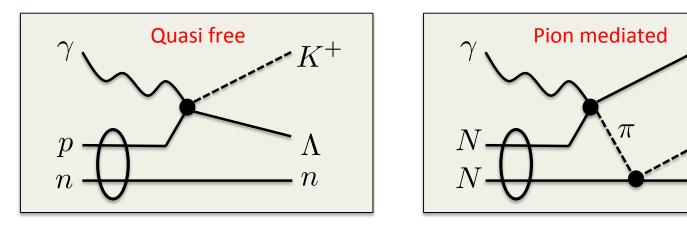


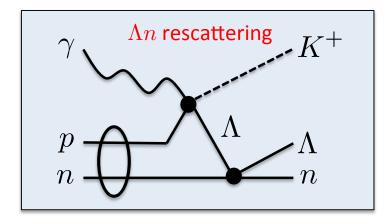
YN potential models: Meson-exchange models, Chiral effective field theory.

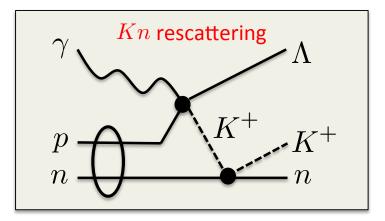
How to Constrain Hyperon-Nucleon Potentials



Dynamics of $\overrightarrow{\gamma} d \to K^+ \overrightarrow{\Lambda} n$







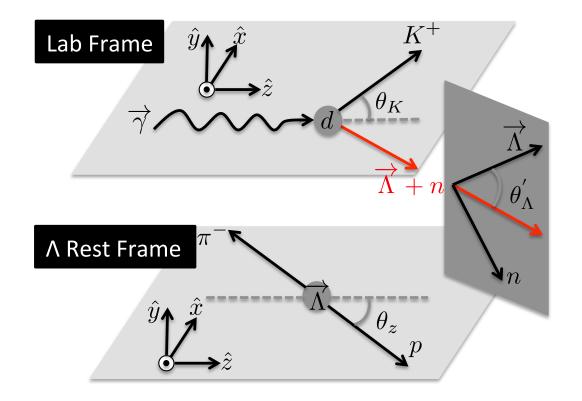
 Λn elastic scattering \rightarrow constraints on YN potentials through model interpretation of observables.

Definition of Experimental Observables

General polarized differential cross section for hyperon photoproduction off the nucleon.

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\pm}}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_0} (1 \pm \alpha P_{circ} C_x \cos \theta_x \pm \alpha P_{circ} C_z \cos \theta_z + \alpha P_y \cos \theta_y)$$

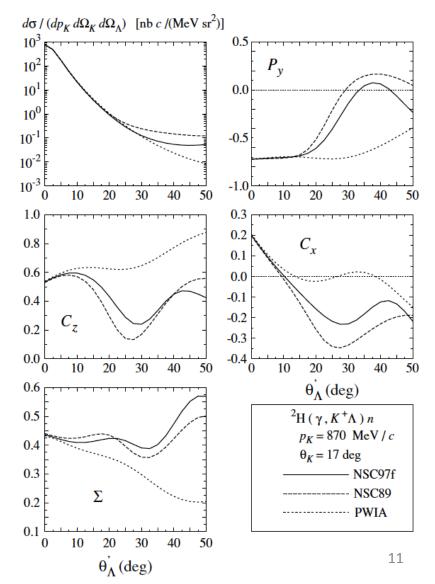
A self-analyzing power: $\alpha = 0.642 \pm 0.013$



Theoretical Studies of $\overrightarrow{\gamma} d \to K^+ \overrightarrow{\Lambda} n$

- Calculations exist for single and double polarization observables as well as the cross section.
- Two YN potentials, Nijmegen NSC97f and NSC89, lead to very different predictions of polarization observables at some kinematics.
- Advantage: NSC97f and NSC89 both reproduce the binding energy of the hypertriton.
- Exclusive hyperon photoproduction off the deuteron can place unique constraints on YN potential parameters

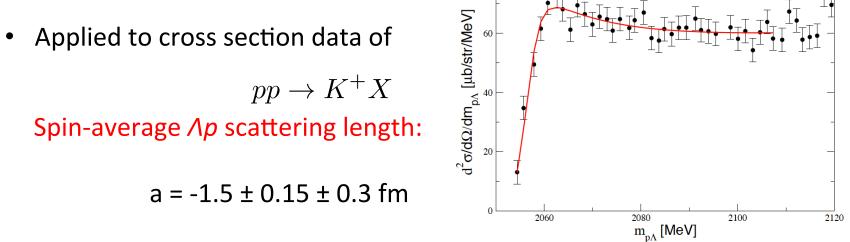




Theoretical Studies of $\overrightarrow{\gamma} d \to K^+ \overrightarrow{\Lambda} n$

Dispersion Integral Method

Allows to extract a spin-average YN scattering length from *An* invariant mass distributions.



- Similar uncertainties expected for analysis of photoproduction data.
- *Ap* scattering length by ESC-model:

 $a_{1s0} = -2.20 \pm 1.10 \text{ fm}; a_{3s1} = -1.75 \pm 0.10 \text{ fm}$

Figure from: A. Gasparyan et al., Phys. Rev. C 69, 034006(2004).

Experimental Facility

The Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF)



- Simultaneously provides electron beams to halls A, B, and C
- Polarization: Up to 85%
- Energy: Up to 6 GeV
- Currently: 12 GeV upgrade has been completed and a new hall
 D is in service

The Hall-B Photon Tagger

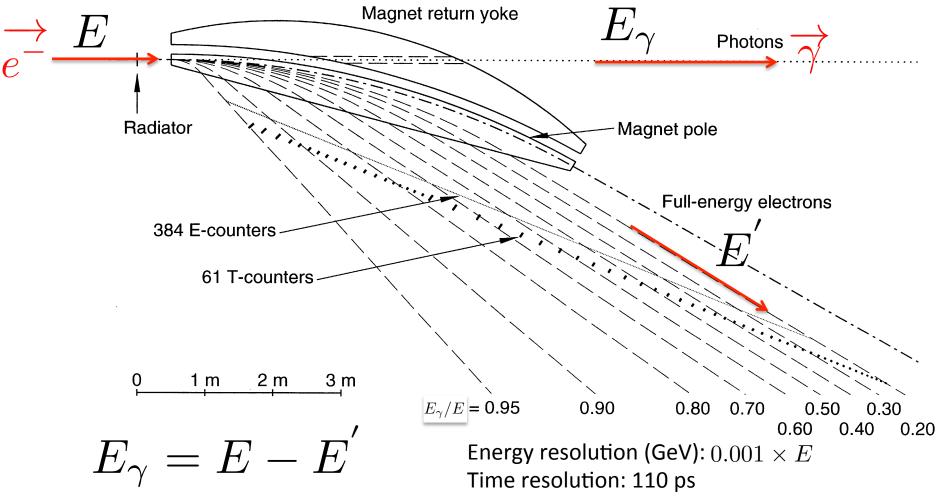
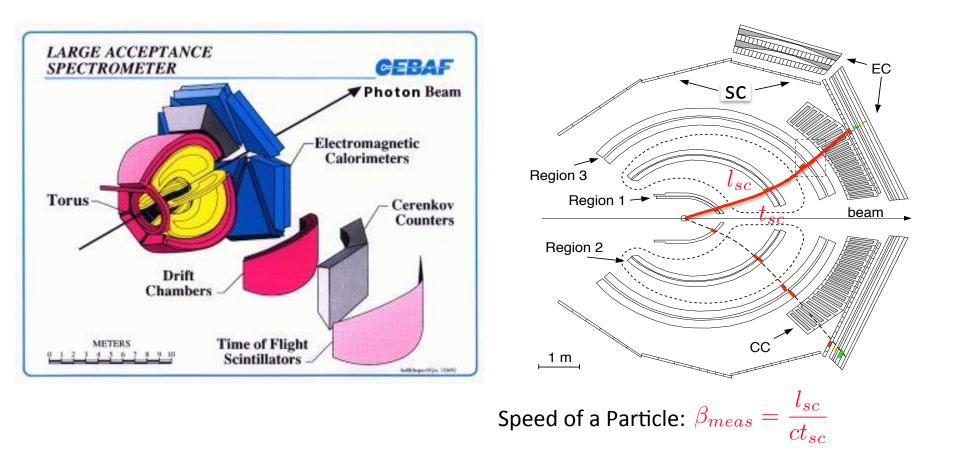


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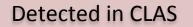
The CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS)



The E06-103 Experiment (g13)

- Circularly polarized photon beam (g13a)
- E_e = 1.987 GeV; 2.649 GeV
- Electron beam polarization: [77%, 85%]
- Photon beam polarization: [27%, 80%]
- Target: LD₂, unpolarized, 40-cm long

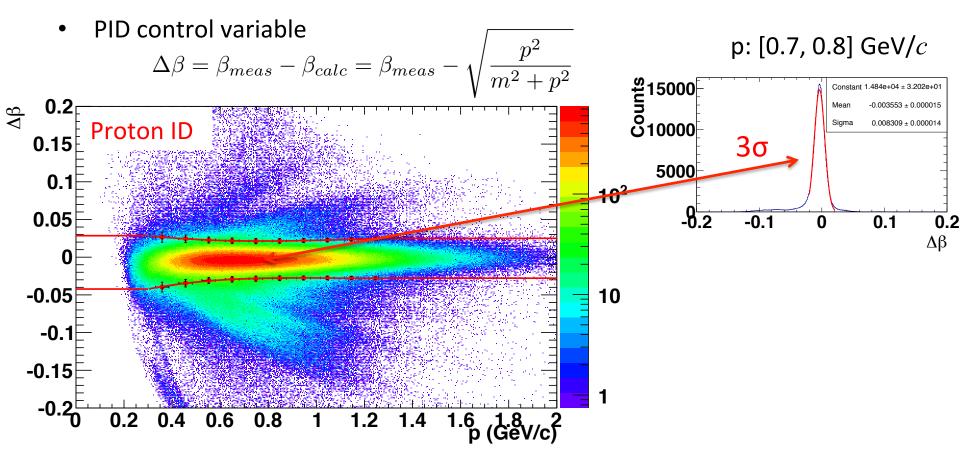
$$\overrightarrow{\gamma}d \to \overrightarrow{K^+} \overrightarrow{\Lambda}n$$
$$\downarrow p\pi^-$$



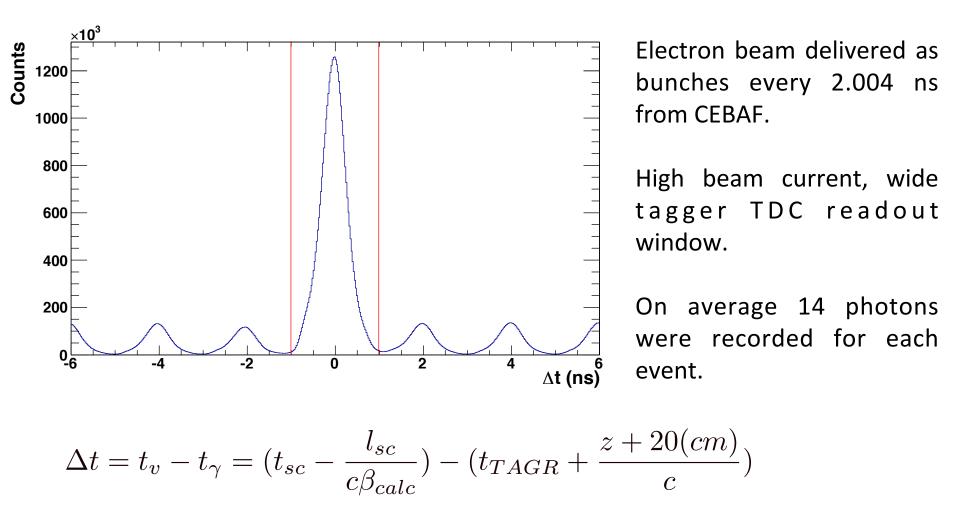
Data Analysis

Particle Identification (PID)

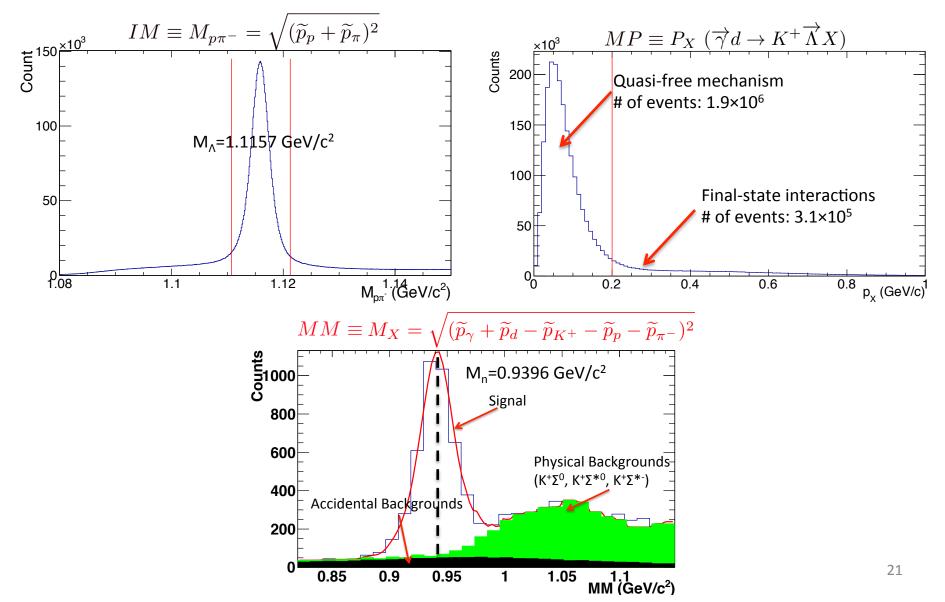
• Events with two positively-charged and one negatively-charged particles were selected for analysis of $\overrightarrow{\gamma}d \rightarrow K^+ \overrightarrow{\Lambda}n$.



Photon Selection



Extraction of Final-State Interaction Events



Results

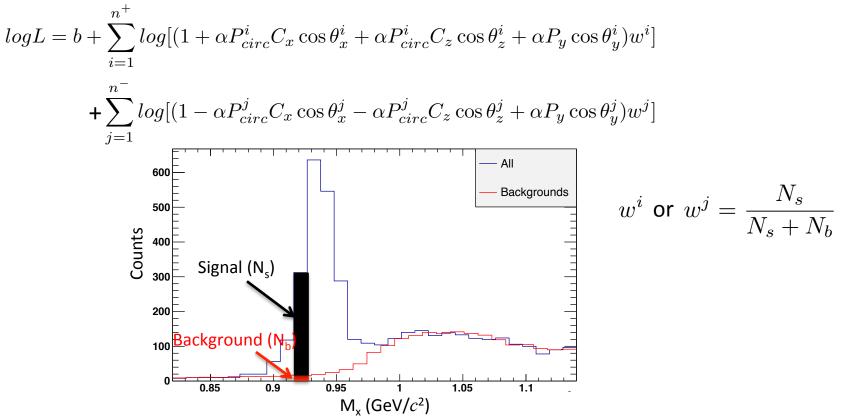
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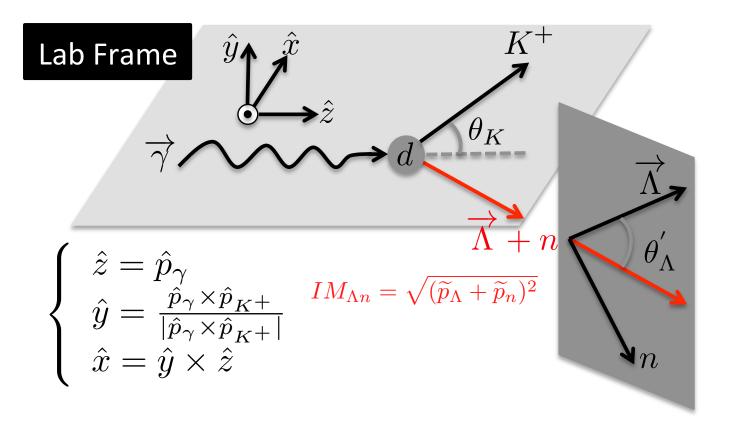
$$L_i = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_0} (1 \pm \alpha P_{circ}^i C_x \cos \theta_x^i \pm \alpha P_{circ}^i C_z \cos \theta_z^i + \alpha P_y \cos \theta_y^i)$$

Total likelihood is the product of the likelihoods for all individual events:

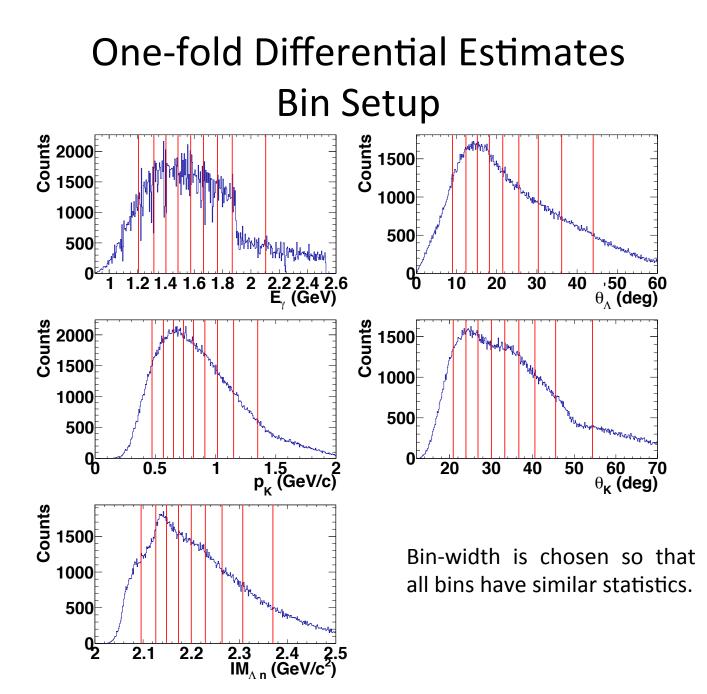


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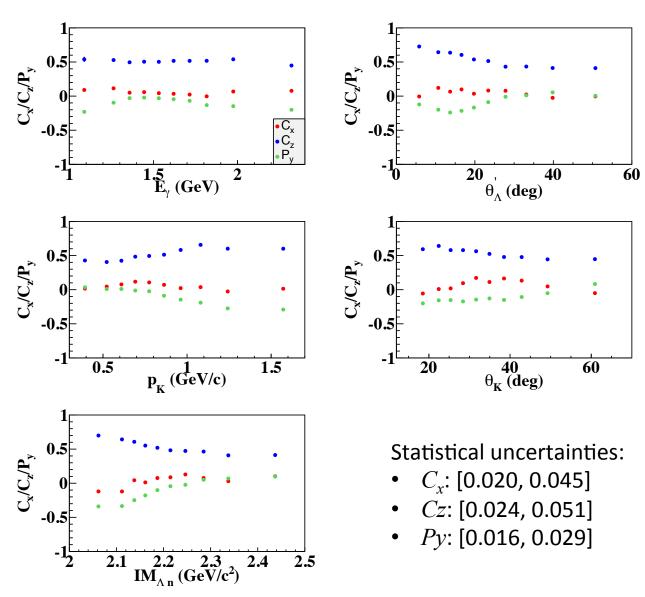
Axis Convention



Data are binned in E_{γ} , θ'_{A} , p_{K} , θ_{K} , and IM_{An} .

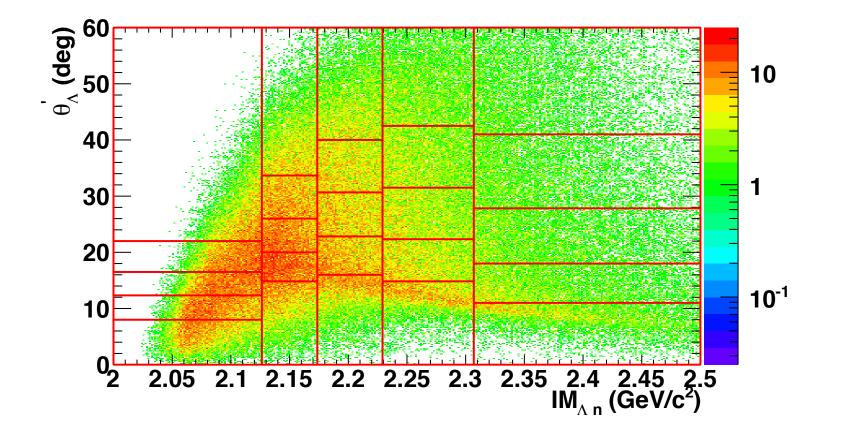


One-fold Differential Estimates

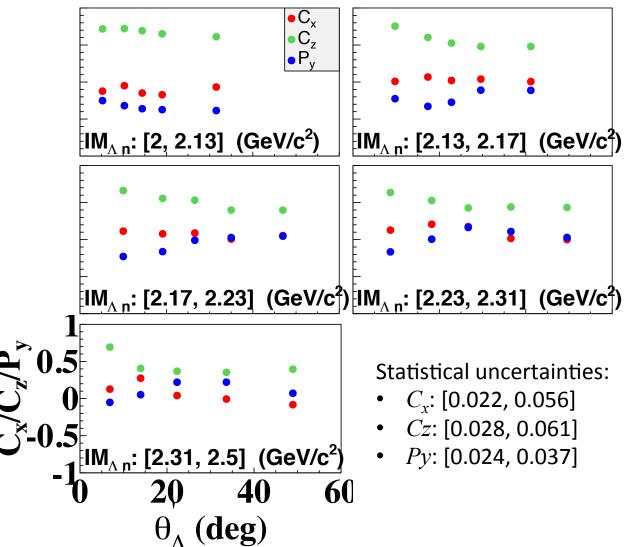


- Overall, C_x is small and varies around 0, Cz varies between 0.4 and 0.8, and Py varies between -0.4 and 0.1.
- The observables have a weaker dependence on E_{γ} than on other kinematics variables.

Two-fold differential estimates Bin Setup in IM_{An} and θ'_{A}



Two-fold differential estimates $C_x(IM_{An}, \theta'_A), C_z(IM_{An}, \theta'_A), \text{ and } P_y(IM_{An}, \theta'_A)$

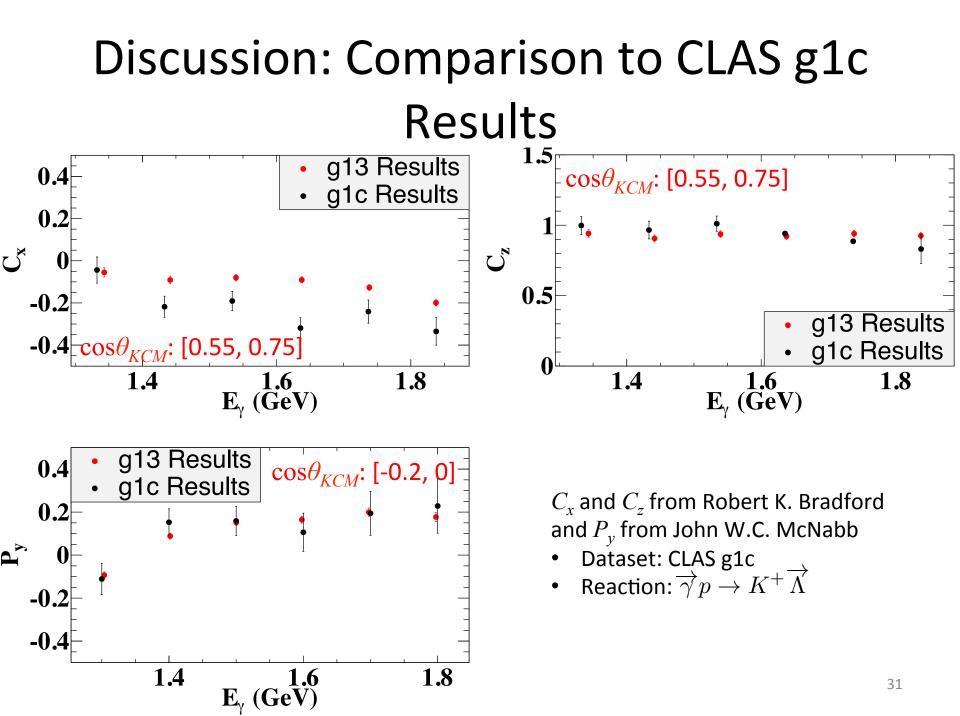


- C_x is small and varies around 0.
- Overall, Cz decreases as θ'_A increases.
- Py shows different variation tendency as θ'_A increases for different IM_{An} bins.

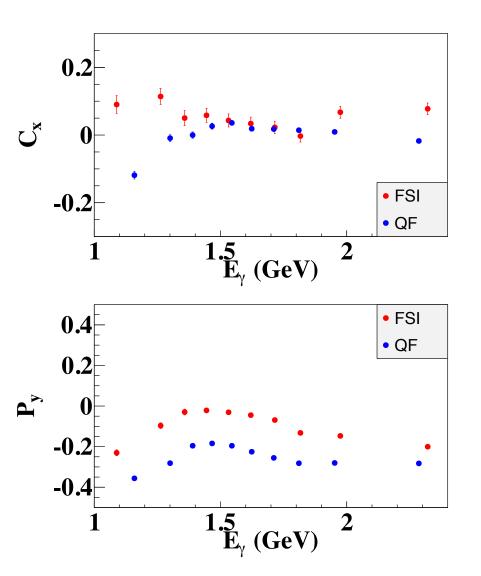
Systematic Uncertainties

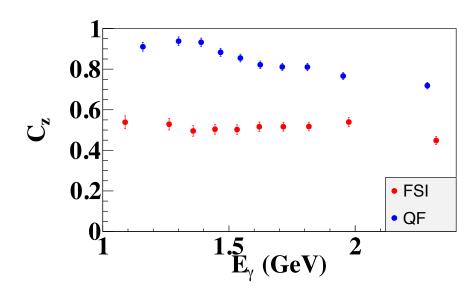
Source	C_x	C_z	P_y
CLAS Acceptance	5.5%	0.3%	3.5%
Fiducial Cut	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Photon Polarization	4.1%	4.1%	0%
PID	2.7%	2.7.%	0.2%
Vertex Cut	1.4%	0%	0.1%
Photon Selection	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
IM Cut	1.4%	0.7%	0.3%
MP Cut	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%
MM Cut	1.6%	3.2%	2.1%
Λ Self-analyzing Power	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Total	8.1%	6.2%	4.6%

Discussion



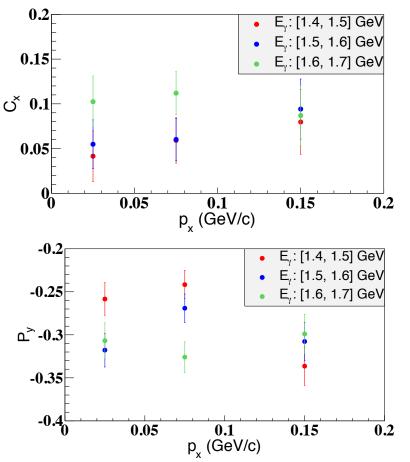
Comparison Between QF and FSI



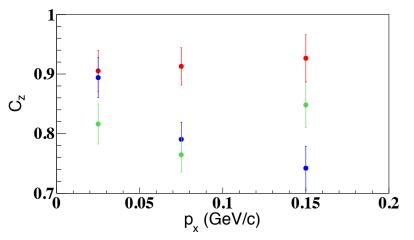


- *Cx*: At lower photon energy, there is a big difference between QF and FSI. At higher photon energy, the differences are small.
- *Cz*: QF values are close to 1, and are systematically larger than FSI.
- Py: FSI values are larger than QF values for all E_{γ} .

Effect of Missing Momentum Cut

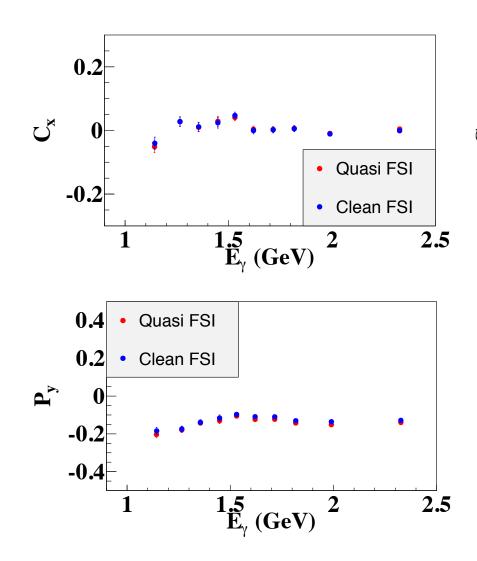


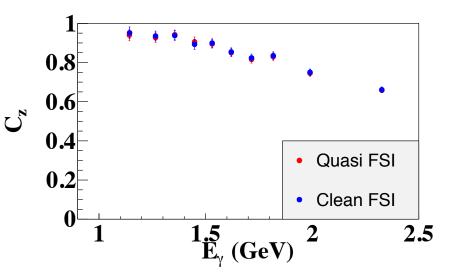
 $\cos\theta_{KCM}$: [0.15, 0.35]



The missing momentum is cut within different ranges are not overlapping: 0 - 0.05 GeV/c, 0.05 - 0.1 GeV/c, and 0.1 - 0.2 GeV/c.

Effect of the Quasi-free Mechanism

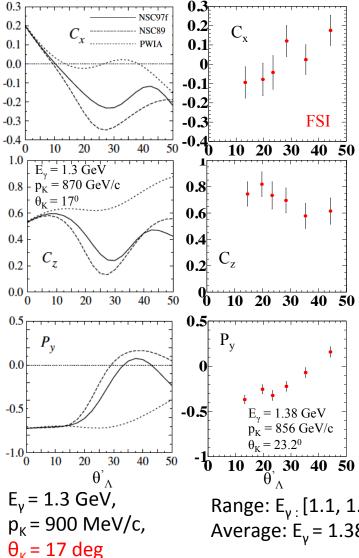




- Observables are extracted from two simulated samples:
 - Sample 1: Clean final-state-interaction events
 - Sample 2: Sample 1 plus a small sample of quasi-free events
- Sample 2 is smeared with 12% of the quasi-free mechanism

Theoretical Predictions and Data

K. Miyagawa et al., Phys. Rev. C 74, 034002 (2006).

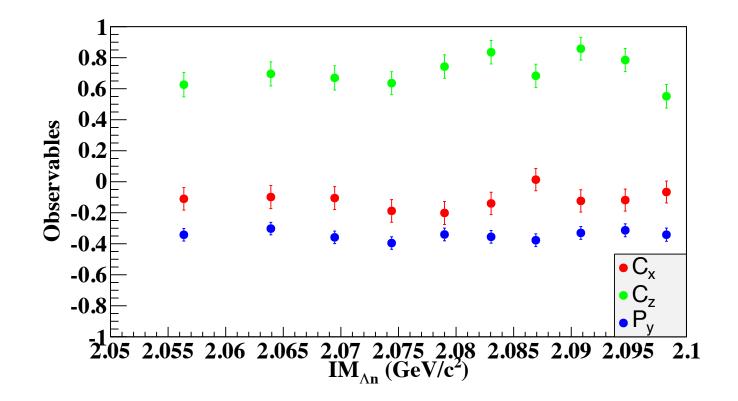


- Due to limited statistics, in a small range of kinematics, the background subtraction method is not applicable, and yields are extracted by means of a missing-mass cut.
- Four-fold differential estimates can be obtained with reasonable statistical uncertainties.
- Qualitative comparison of general features only
 - Data: FSI, Model: QF+FSI

$$\theta_{K,Data} > \theta_{K,Model}$$

Range: E_{γ} : [1.1, 1.5] GeV, p_{K} : [700, 1150] MeV/c, θ_{K} : [14, 27] deg Average: E_{γ} = 1.38 GeV, p_{K} = 856 MeV/c, θ_{K} = 23.2 deg

Data for An Scattering Length Determination



Offer an opportunity to extract a spin-average An scattering length using Gasparyan's method.

Contribution of QF in FSI Sample

Cut (GeV/c)	δ	f	p_{FSI}^{lost}
0.20	1.27%	31.39%	10.19%
0.25	1.86%	18.78%	15.09%
0.30	2.53%	11.83%	20.85%
0.35	3.26%	7.85%	27.44%
0.40	4.04%	4.94%	32.69%

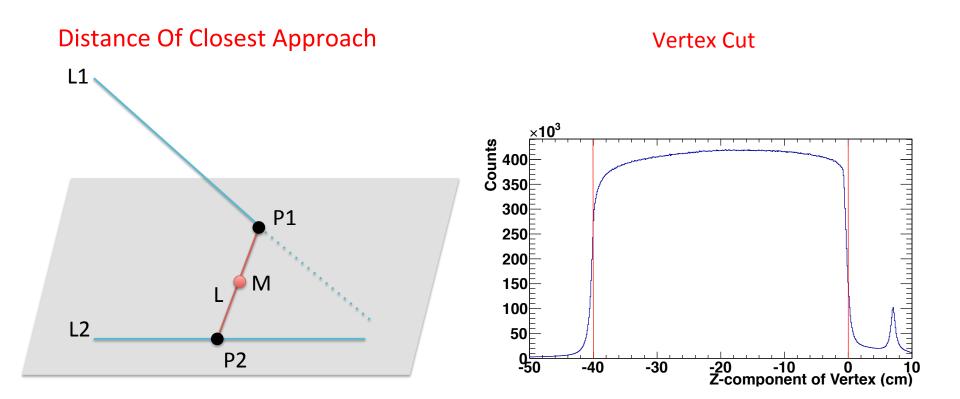
 δ : FSI contribution for data sample with missing momentum less than cut point. f: QF contribution for data sample with missing momentum larger than cut point. p_{FSI}^{lost} : How much percent of FSI events will be lost after applying missing momentum cut.

Summary

- First estimates for the polarization observables C_x , C_z , and P_y for the finalstate interactions in $\overrightarrow{\gamma} d \rightarrow K^+ \overrightarrow{\Lambda} n$ were determined.
- One-fold, two-fold, and four-fold differential estimates were obtained.
- FSI and QF were separated, and the corresponding observables were extracted.
- Effect of FSI on the observables were studied.
- Data points of this work will be used to constrain free parameters of YN potentials and to extract a spin-average value of An scattering length.

Backup Slides

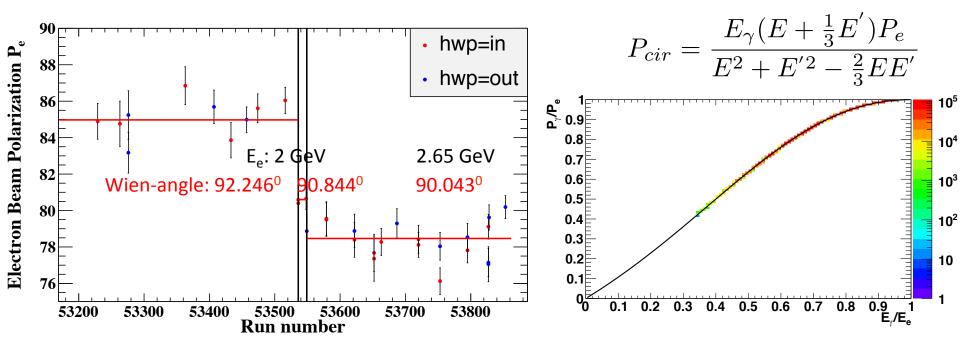
Data Analysis: Vertex Determination



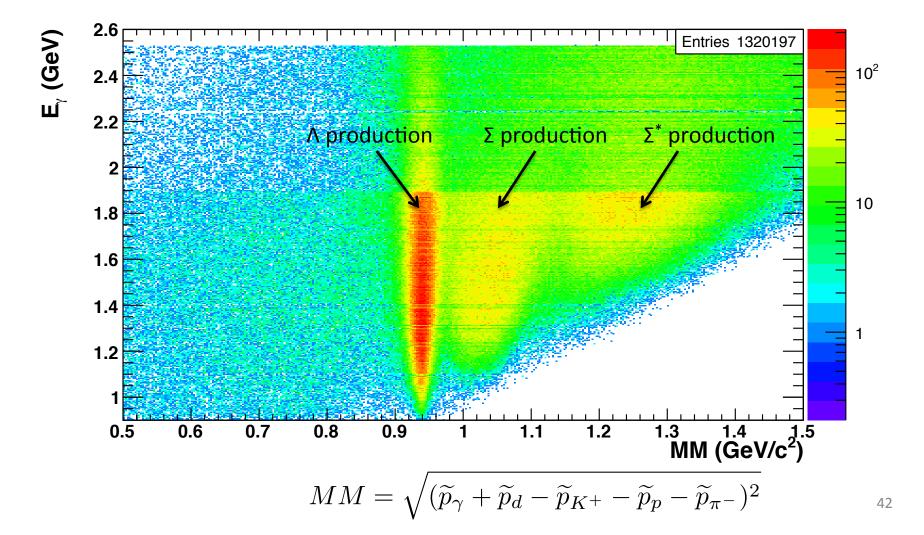
Data Analysis: Photon Polarization

The electron polarization for some special runs were measured by the M ϕ ller polarimeter.

The polarization of the photon beam was calculated using the Maximon and Olson relation



Background Subtraction: $E_{\gamma} vs MM$



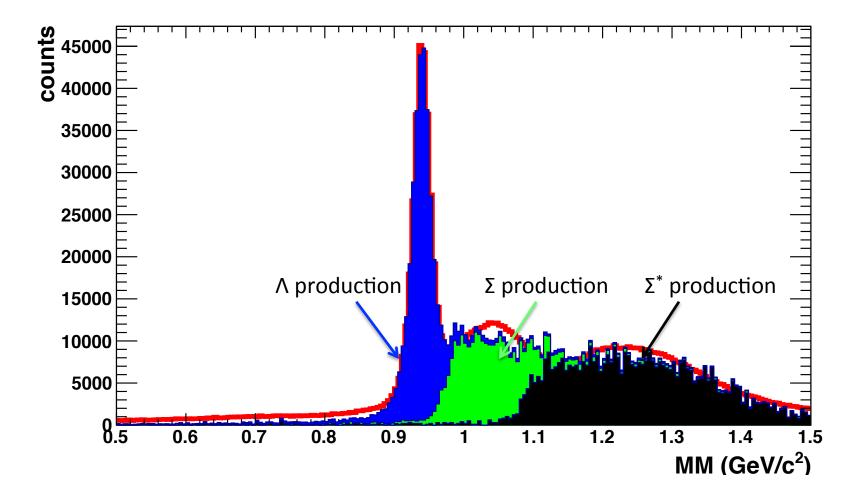
Background Subtraction: Procedure of Simulation

• Generator for different channels

Channel	First step	Second step
Quasi-free for signal	$\gamma p \to K^+ \Lambda$	n is spectator
π^0 mediated for signal	$\gamma n \to \pi^0 n$	$\pi^0 p \to K^+ \Lambda$
π^+ mediated for signal	$\gamma p \to \pi^+ n$	$\pi^+ n \to K^+ \Lambda$
Kn re-scattering for signal	$\gamma p \to K^+ \Lambda$	$K^+n \to K^+n$
An re-scattering for signal	$\gamma p \to K^+ \Lambda$	$\Lambda n \to \Lambda n$
Σ n re-scattering for Σ production	$\gamma p \to K^+ \Sigma$	$\Sigma n \to \Sigma n$
Quasi-free for Σ production	$\gamma p \to K^+ \Sigma$	$\Sigma o \Lambda \gamma$
Quasi-free for Σ^{*0} production	$\gamma p \to K^+ \Sigma^{*0}$	$\Sigma^{*0} \to \Lambda \pi$
Quasi-free for Σ^{*-} production	$\gamma n \to K^+ \Sigma^{*-}$	$\Sigma^{*-} \to \Lambda \pi^-$

- Raw data after generated data processed through GSIM
- Skimmed data after filtering raw data

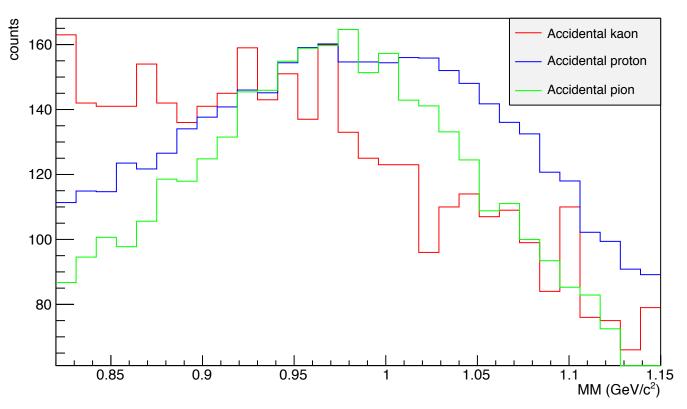
Background Subtraction: Comparison Between Simulated and Real Data

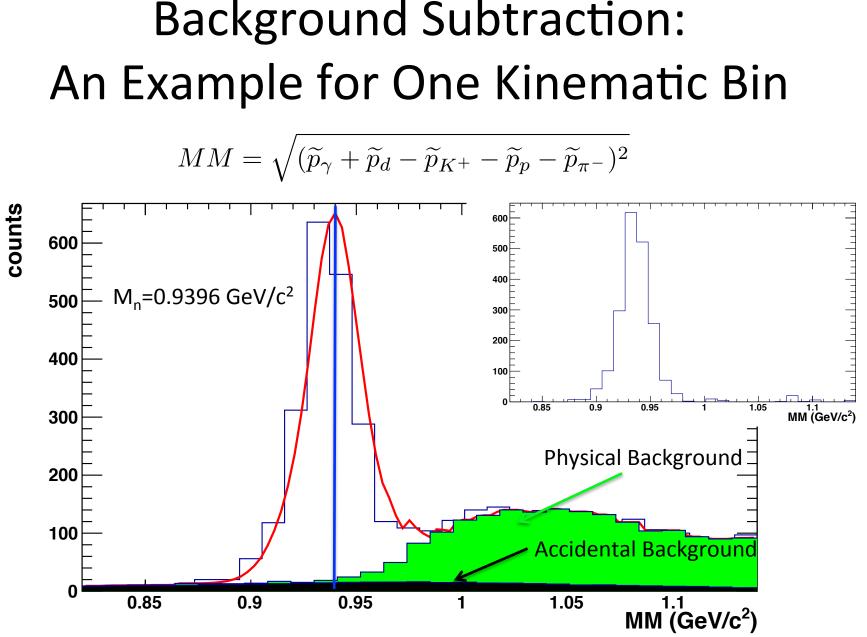


Background Subtraction: Distribution of Accidental Events

MM for different accidental tracks: Accidental kaon: $\sqrt{(\tilde{p}_{\gamma} + \tilde{p}_d - \tilde{p}_{K_{acc}} - \tilde{p}_p - \tilde{p}_{\pi^-})^2}$ Accidental proton: $\sqrt{(\tilde{p}_{\gamma} + \tilde{p}_d - \tilde{p}_K - \tilde{p}_{p_{acc}} - \tilde{p}_{\pi^-})^2}$ Accidental pion: $\sqrt{(\tilde{p}_{\gamma} + \tilde{p}_d - \tilde{p}_K - \tilde{p}_p - \tilde{p}_{\pi^-_{acc}})^2}$

- The accidental track was produced randomly to replace the corresponding track of our reaction, such as kaon, proton and pion.
- The missing mass was then recalculated using the information of the accidental track.





Extraction of C_x , C_z , and P_v

• The maximum likelihood method was used to extract the observables.

Probability density function defined from the polarized cross section:

$$L_i = c^{+,-} (1 \pm \alpha P_{circ} C_x \cos \theta_x \pm \alpha P_{circ} C_z \cos \theta_z + \alpha P_y \cos \theta_y)$$

Total likelihood is the product of the likelihoods for all individual events:

- The maximum likelihood method has advantages compared to binned methods.
 - Simultaneous extraction of polarization observables.
 - Reliable extraction even with a small number of events.
 - Bias is negligibly small, while bias of observables extracted from a binned method is much larger.

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$$log L = b + \sum_{i=1}^{n^{+}} log[(1 + \alpha P_{circ}^{i}C_{x}\cos\theta_{x}^{i} + \alpha P_{circ}^{i}C_{z}\cos\theta_{z}^{i} + \alpha P_{y}\cos\theta_{y}^{i})w^{i}]$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n^{-}} log[(1 - \alpha P_{circ}^{j}C_{x}\cos\theta_{x}^{j} - \alpha P_{circ}^{j}C_{z}\cos\theta_{z}^{j} + \alpha P_{y}\cos\theta_{y}^{j})w^{j}]$$

$$= \int_{0}^{0} \int_{0}^{0$$

Observable-Extraction Methods

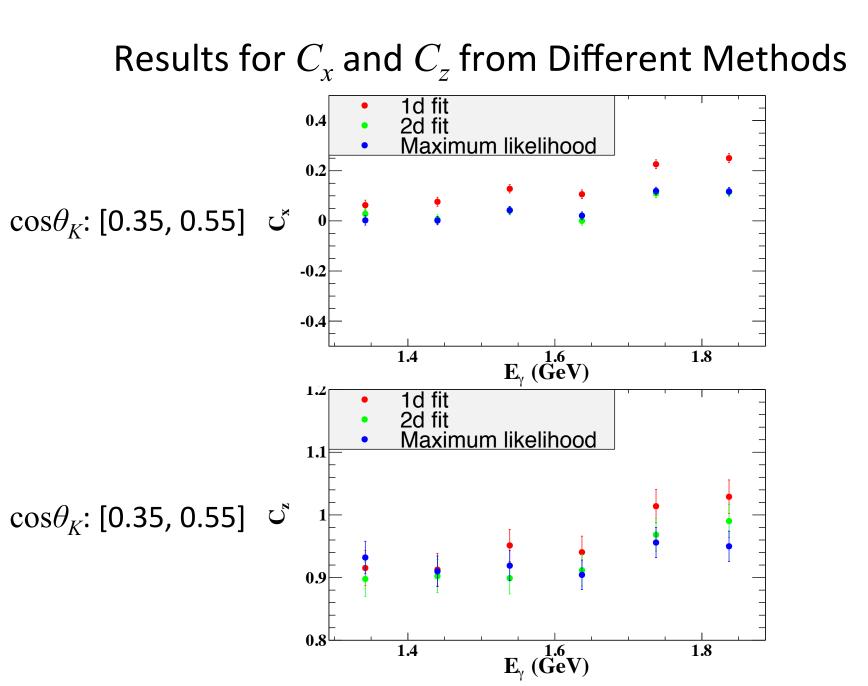
• One-dimensional fit:

$$Asym = \frac{Y^+ - Y^-}{Y^+ + Y^-} = \frac{\int \int \frac{d\sigma^+}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta_y) d(\cos\theta_{z/x}) - \int \int \frac{d\sigma^-}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta_y) d(\cos\theta_{z/x})}{\int \int \frac{d\sigma^+}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta_y) d(\cos\theta_{z/x}) + \int \int \frac{d\sigma^-}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta_y) d(\cos\theta_{z/x})} = \alpha P_{circ} C_{x/z} \cos\theta_{x/z}$$

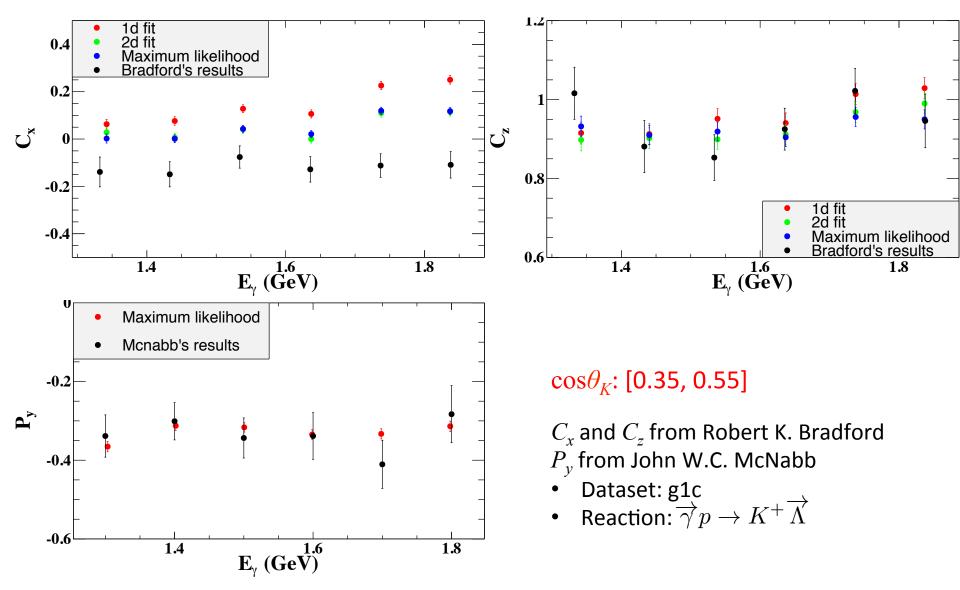
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• Maximum likelihood Method: $PDF = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{|unpol} (1 \pm \alpha P_{circ}C_x \cos \theta_x \pm \alpha P_{circ}C_z \cos \theta_z + \alpha P_y \cos \theta_y)$



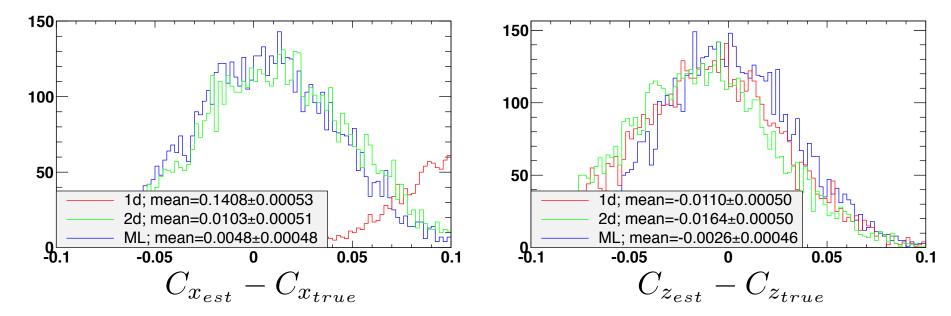
Comparison With g1c Results



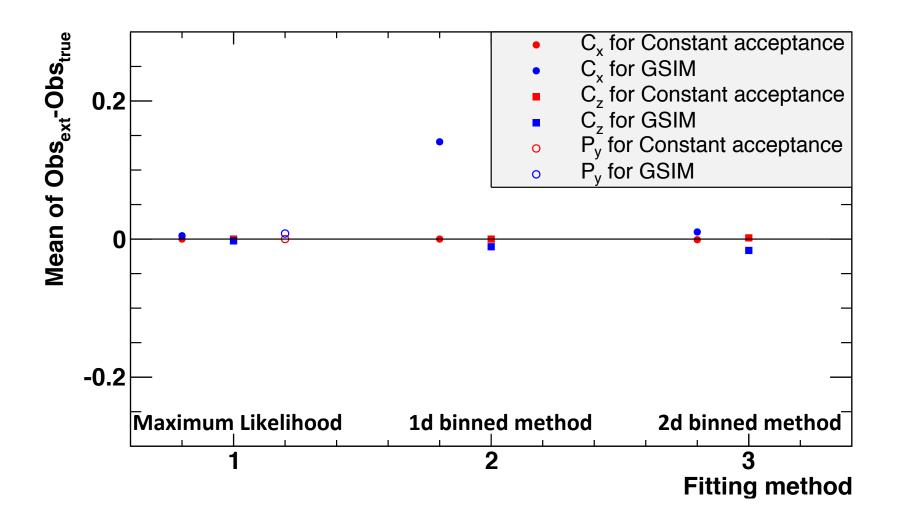
Simulation Study to Understand Different Methods

A study was used to evaluate potential bias of the maximum likelihood method and the binned methods.

- 6000 different experiments, with 10⁶ events in each experiment, were generated according to the differential polarized cross section with realistic values of C_x , C_z , and P_y for $\overrightarrow{\gamma} p \rightarrow K^+ \overrightarrow{\Lambda}$.
- Generated data were processed through GSIM and gpp.
- After raw data were skimmed, the observables were extracted using the maximum likelihood method and the binned methods.

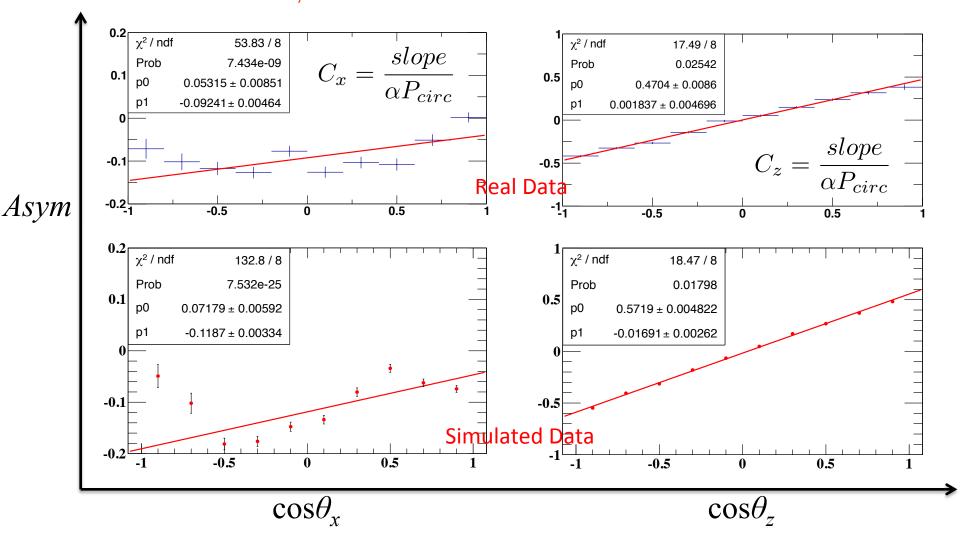


Simulation Study to Compare Different Methods



Examples of 1D Fit

 E_{γ} : [1.5875, 1.6875] GeV and $\cos \theta_{K}$: [0.35, 0.55]



Why is the Bias Small for C_z from 1D Fit?

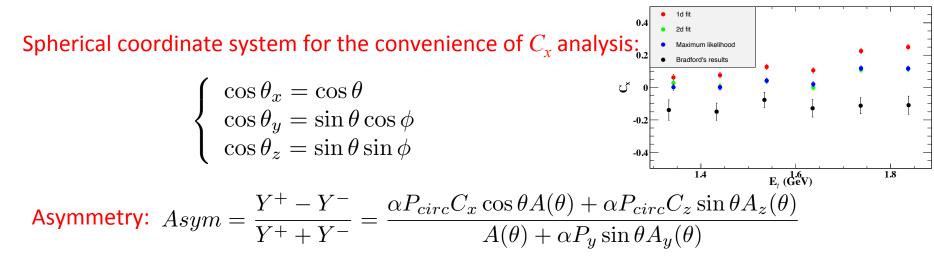
In the spherical coordinate system:

$$\begin{cases} \cos \theta_x = \sin \theta \cos \phi & \cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z = 1\\ \cos \theta_y = \sin \theta \sin \phi & \theta_z = \cos \theta & \theta_x, \theta_y, \text{ and } \theta_z \text{ are not independent.} \end{cases}$$

Event yield: $Y^{\pm}(\theta, \phi) = N_{\gamma}^{\pm} N_T \sigma^{\pm}(\theta, \phi) A(\theta, \phi)$ Integral over ϕ : $Y^{\pm}(\theta) = c(A(\theta) \pm \alpha P_{circ}C_x \sin \theta A_x(\theta) \pm \alpha P_{circ}C_z \cos \theta A(\theta) + \alpha P_y \sin \theta A_y(\theta))$ $A(\theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} A(\theta, \phi) d\phi; A_x(\theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} A(\theta, \phi) \cos \phi d\phi; A_y(\theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} A(\theta, \phi) \sin \phi d\phi$ $A_x(\theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} A(\theta, \phi) \cos \phi d\phi < \int_0^{2\pi} A(\theta, \phi) |\cos \phi| d\phi < |\cos \phi|_{max} \int_0^{2\pi} A(\theta, \phi) d\phi = \int_0^{2\pi} A(\theta, \phi) d\phi = A(\theta)$ Asymmetry: $Asym = \frac{Y^+ - Y^-}{Y^+ + Y^-} = \frac{\alpha P_{circ}C_x \sin \theta A_x(\theta) + \alpha P_{circ}C_z \cos \theta A(\theta)}{A(\theta) + \alpha P_y \sin \theta A_y(\theta)}$ Generally, $|C_x| << |C_z|, |P_y| < |C_z|$

Therefore, $Asym \approx \alpha P_{circ}C_z \cos \theta_z$

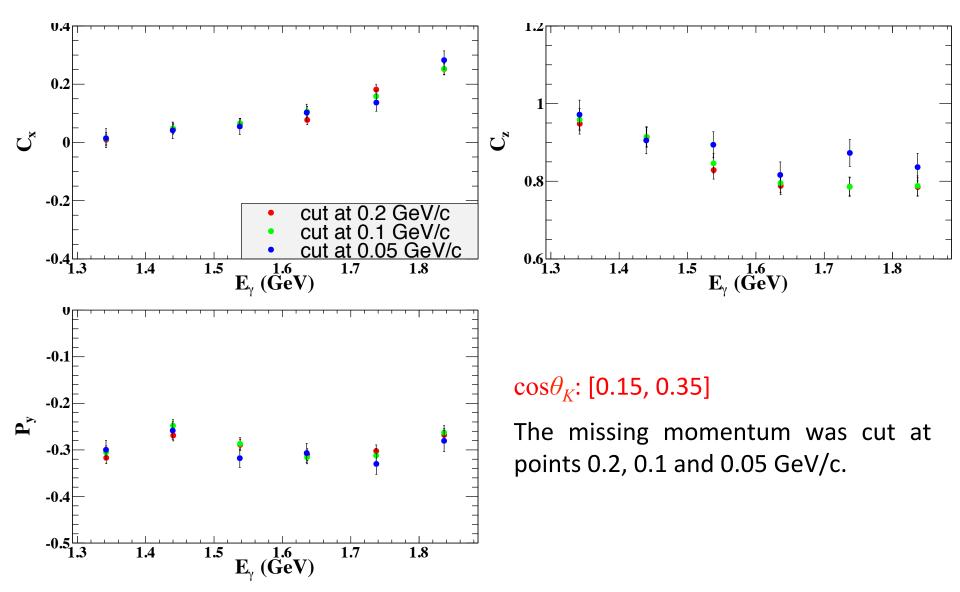
Why is the Bias Large for C_x from 1D Fit?



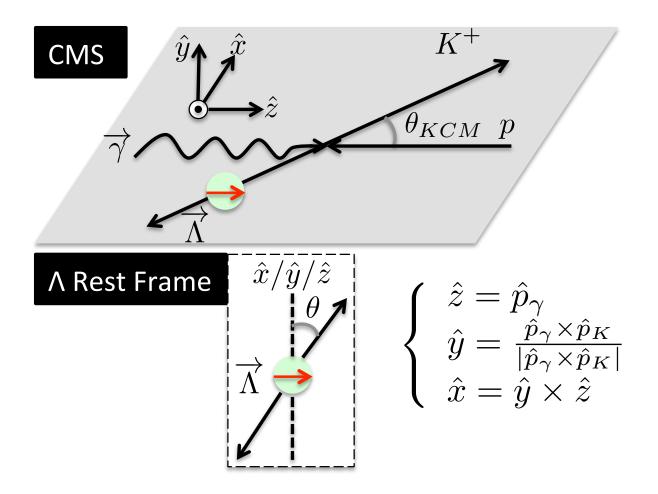
In general, C_x is small relative to C_z and P_y , so C_z and P_y terms do not cancel. Therefore, the asymmetry for C_x is not a linear function of $\cos\theta_x$.

- The effect of acceptance cannot be ignored in 1D fit, especially for C_x .
- The situation with P_{y} is somewhat in-between C_{x} and C_{z} if it's extracted by 1D fit.
- 2D fitting can reduce the effect of the acceptance to some extent.

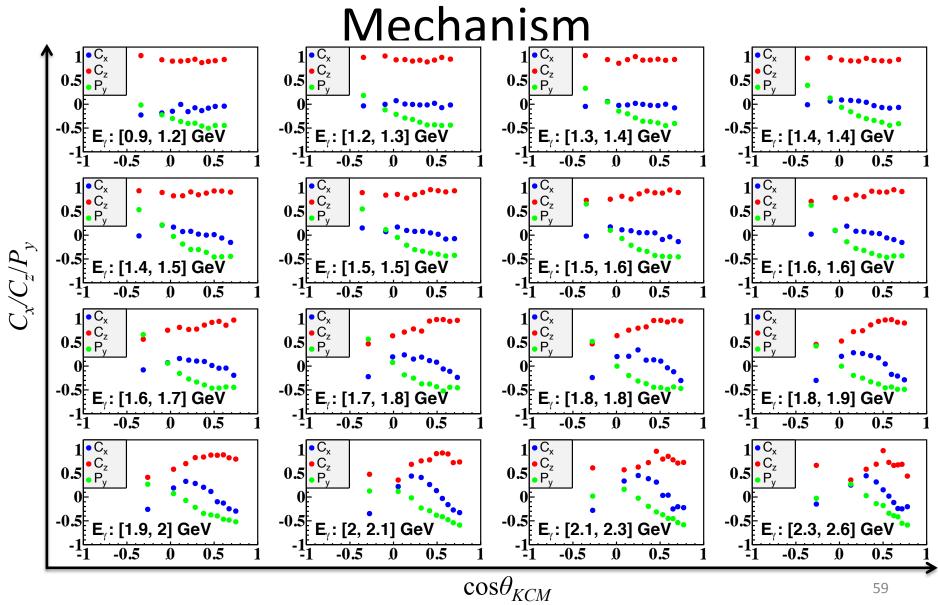
Effect of Missing Momentum Cut



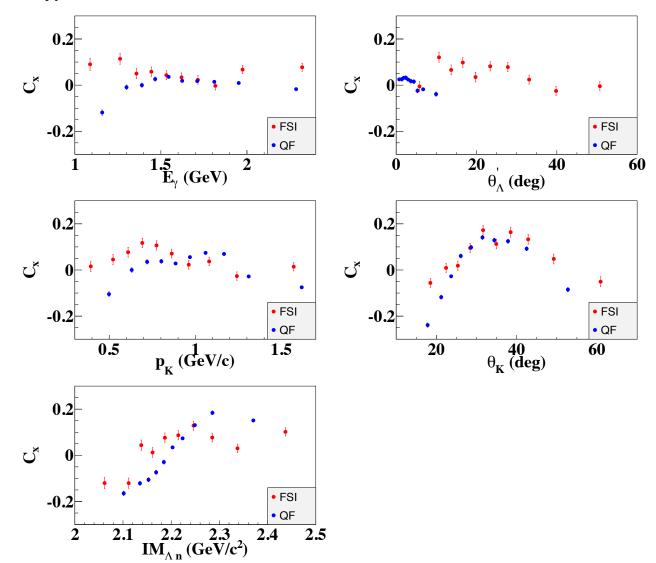
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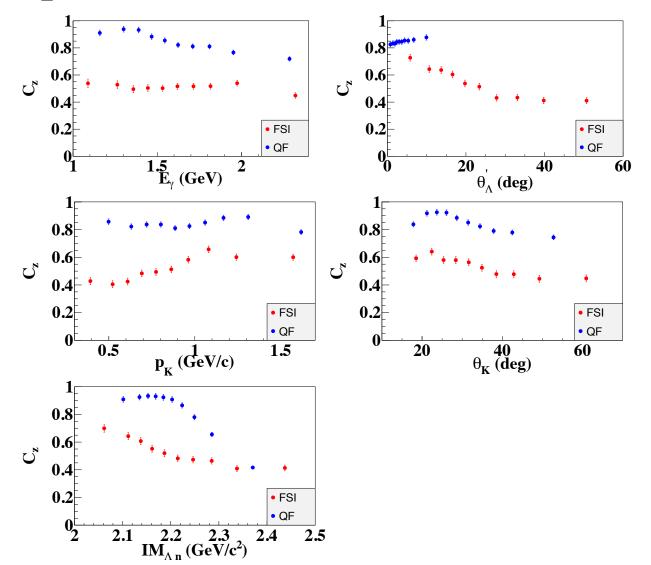
Results: Results for the Quasi-free



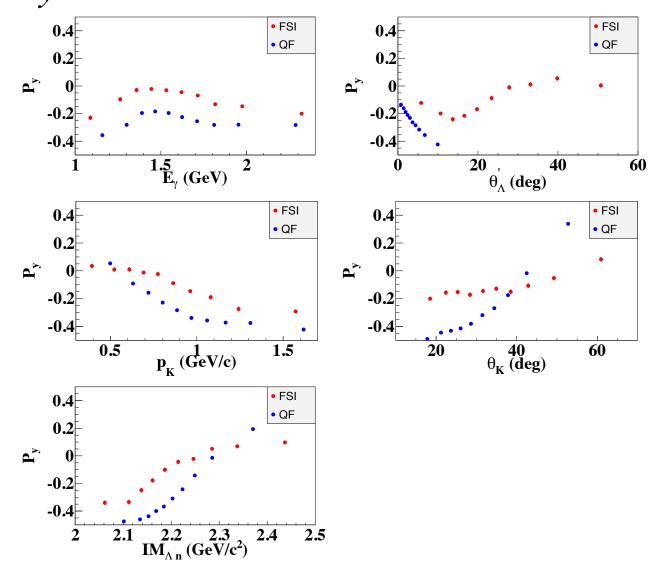
Results: One-fold Differential Estimate of C_x for the Final-State Interactions

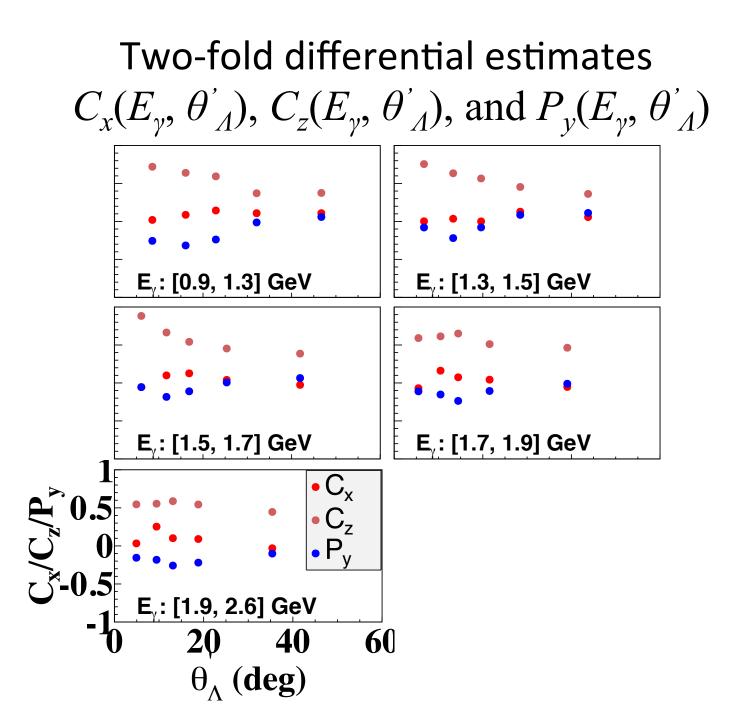


Results: One-fold Differential Estimate of C_z for the Final-State Interactions

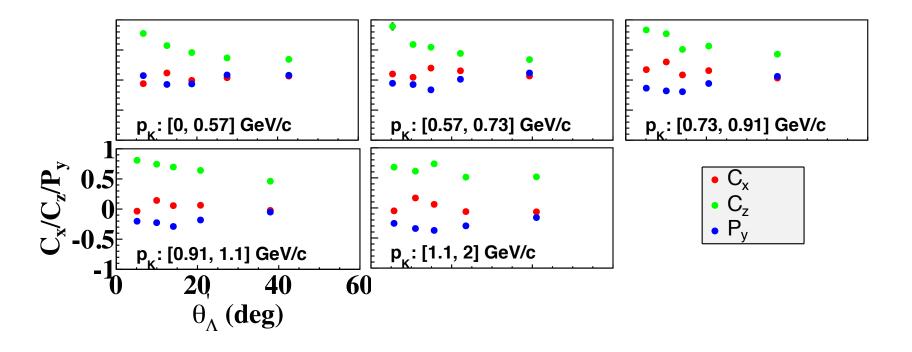


Results: One-fold Differential Estimate of P_v for the Final-State Interactions

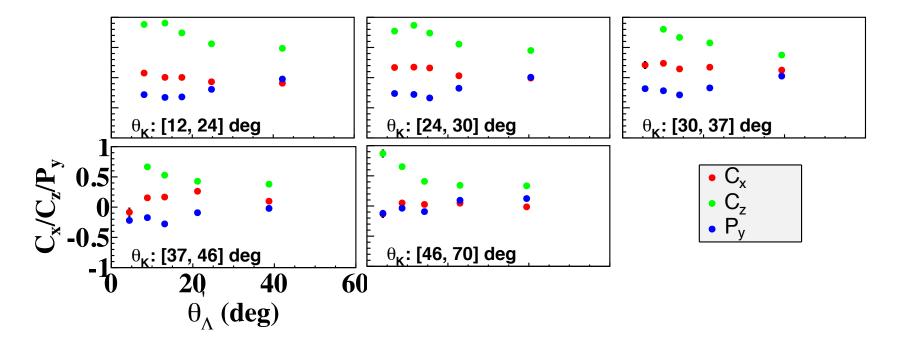




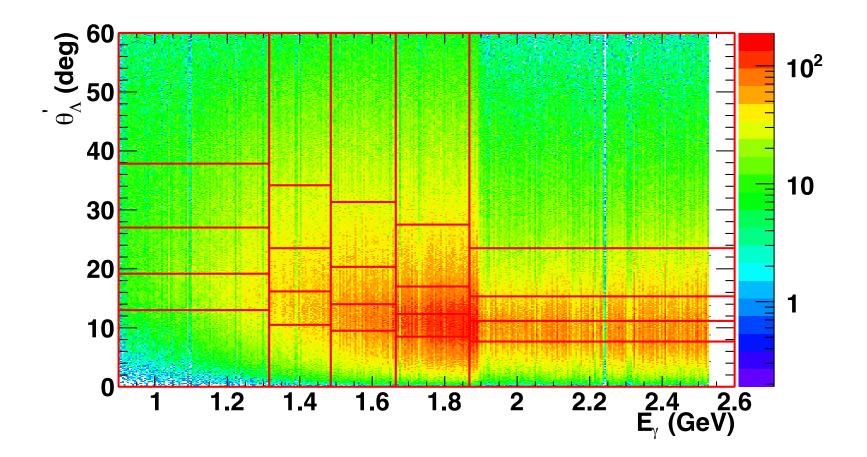
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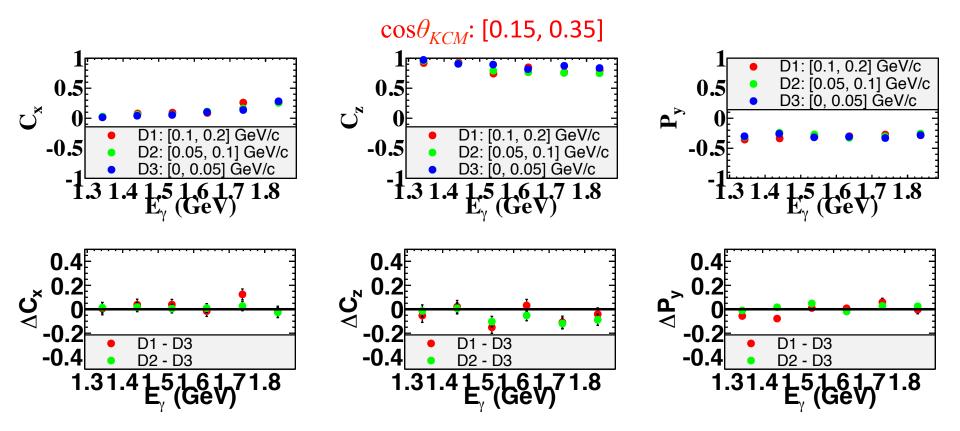
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Results: Two-fold differential estimates Bin Setup in E_{γ} and θ'_{A}



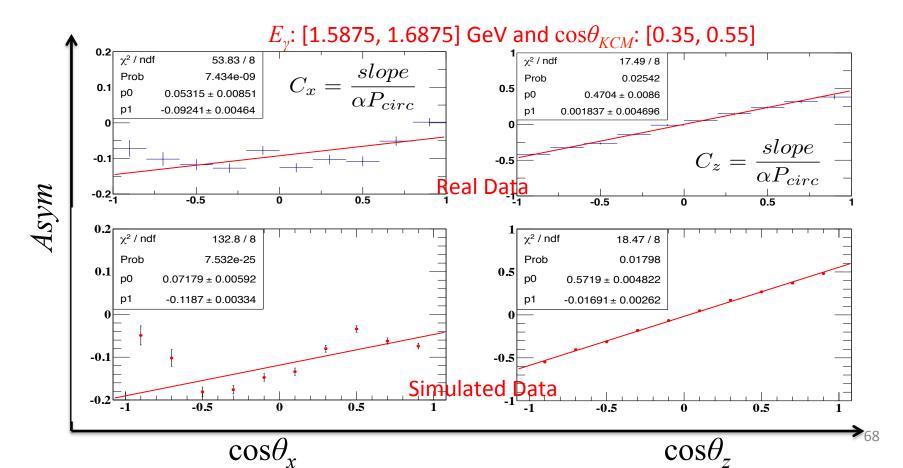
Discussion: Effect of Missing Momentum Cut



The missing momentum is cut within different ranges: 0.2 - 0.1 GeV/*c*, 0.05 - 0.1 GeV/*c*, and 0 - 0.05 GeV/*c*.

Discussion: Examples of 1D Fit

$$Asym = \frac{Y^+ - Y^-}{Y^+ + Y^-} = \frac{\int \int \frac{d\sigma^+}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta_y) d(\cos\theta_{z/x}) - \int \int \frac{d\sigma^-}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta_y) d(\cos\theta_{z/x})}{\int \int \frac{d\sigma^+}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta_y) d(\cos\theta_{z/x}) + \int \int \frac{d\sigma^-}{d\Omega} d(\cos\theta_y) d(\cos\theta_{z/x})} = \alpha P_{circ} C_{x/z} \cos\theta_{x/z}$$



Statistical Uncertainties

A study by simulations is used to test if statistical uncertainties of the observables extracted by a computer program are reliable.

