Studies of Λn Interaction Through Polarization Observables for Final-State Interactions in $\gamma d \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda n$

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Introduction

YN interaction not well known

- not all free parameters of the YN potential can be obtained from the NN potential via flavor SU(3) symmetry
- example: large uncertainties of YN scattering lengths:

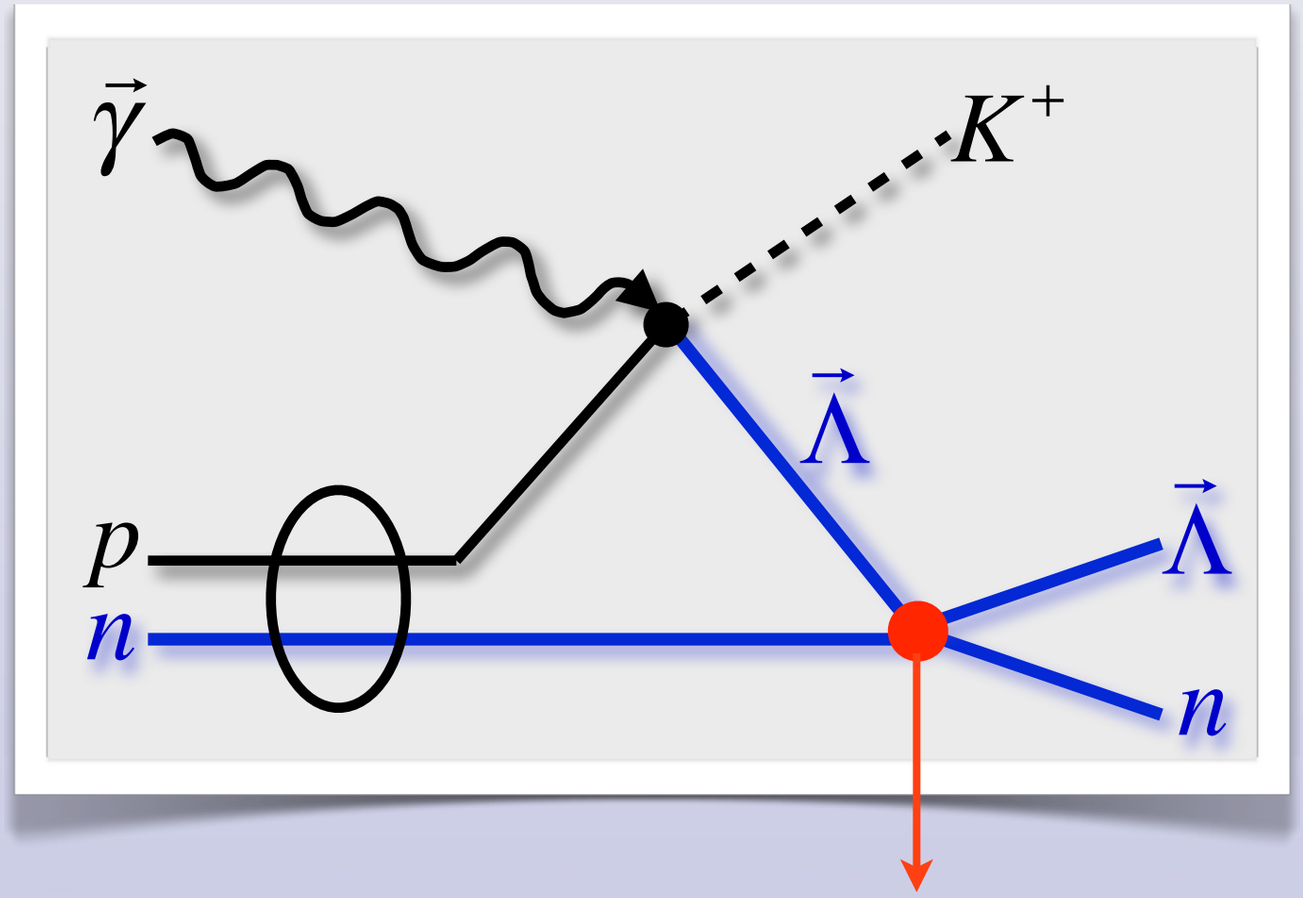
  $a(^1S_0)$ = –0.7 – –2.6 fm,

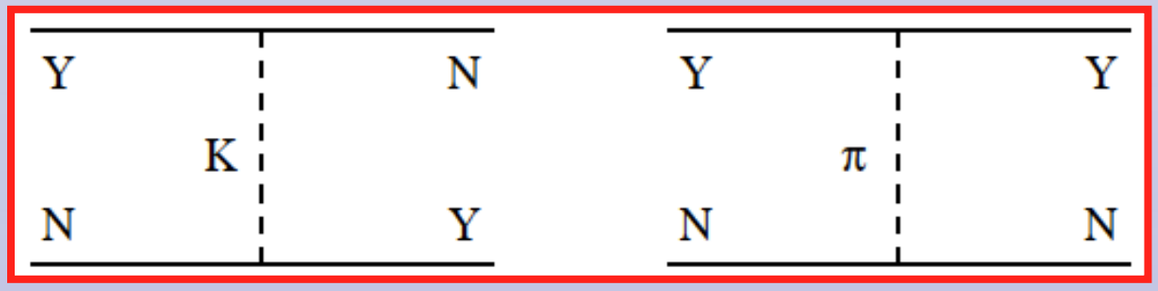
  $a(^3S_1)$ = –1.7 – 2.15 fm
- YN elastic scattering database poor
- alternative approaches:
  - hypernuclear spectroscopy
  - studies of FSI in production reactions:

$$\gamma d \to K^+ \Lambda n \qquad pp \to K^+ \Lambda p$$

$$\gamma d \to K^0 \Lambda p$$

YN Interaction and Exclusive Hyperon Photoproduction off Deuteron





Nucleus used as a laboratory

- Hyperon Beam produced in first step
- Hyperons scatter off neutrons in a second step

Theoretical Studies

- Observables sensitive to YN potentials at certain kinematics at a level of ~10% (K. Miyagawa et al., Phys. Rev. C **74**, 034002 (2006); A. Salam et al., Phys. Rev. C **74**, 044004 (2006); H. Yamamura et al., Phys. Rev. C **61**, 014001 (1999))
- Spin-averaged scattering length can be extracted from data close to threshold (A. Gasparian et al., Phys. Rev. C 69, 034006 (2004))

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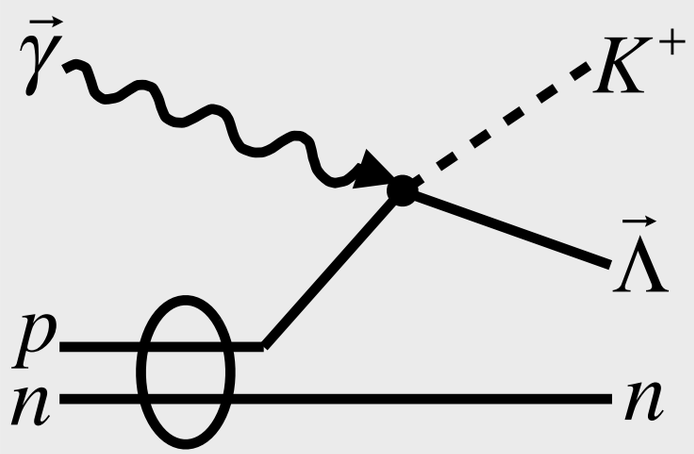
Background Mechanisms

Quasi-Free



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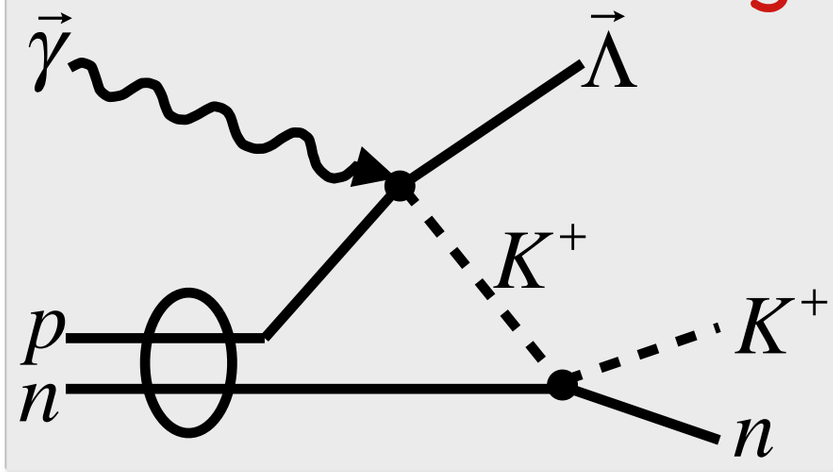

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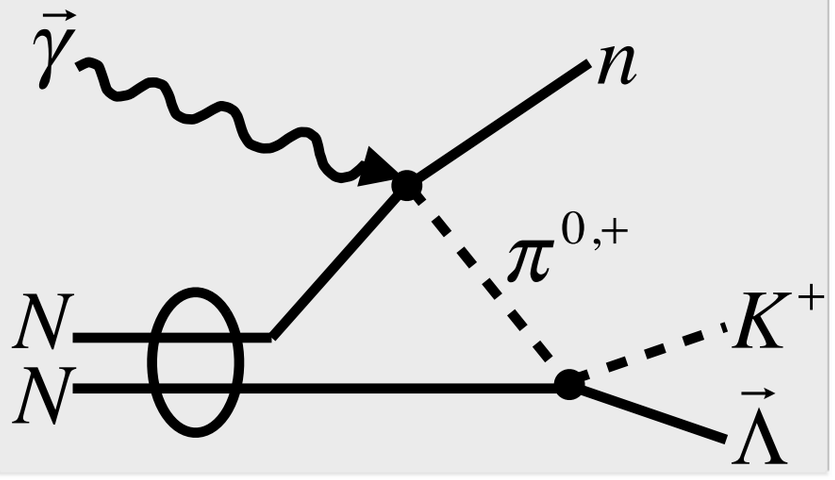

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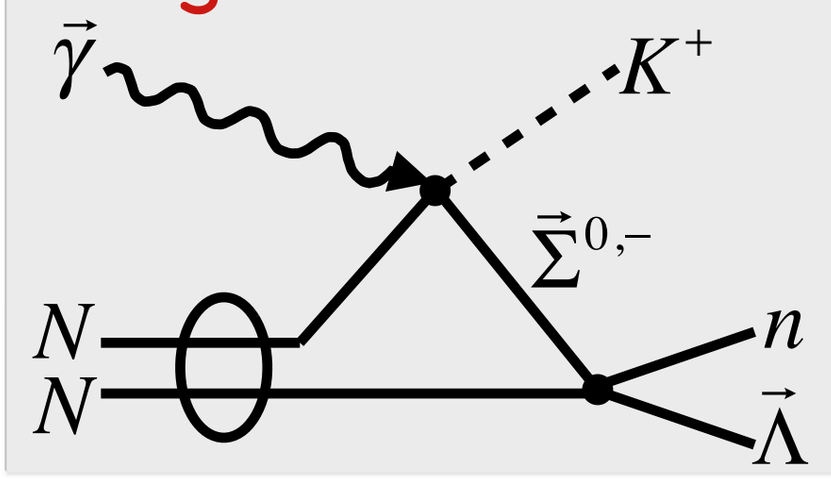

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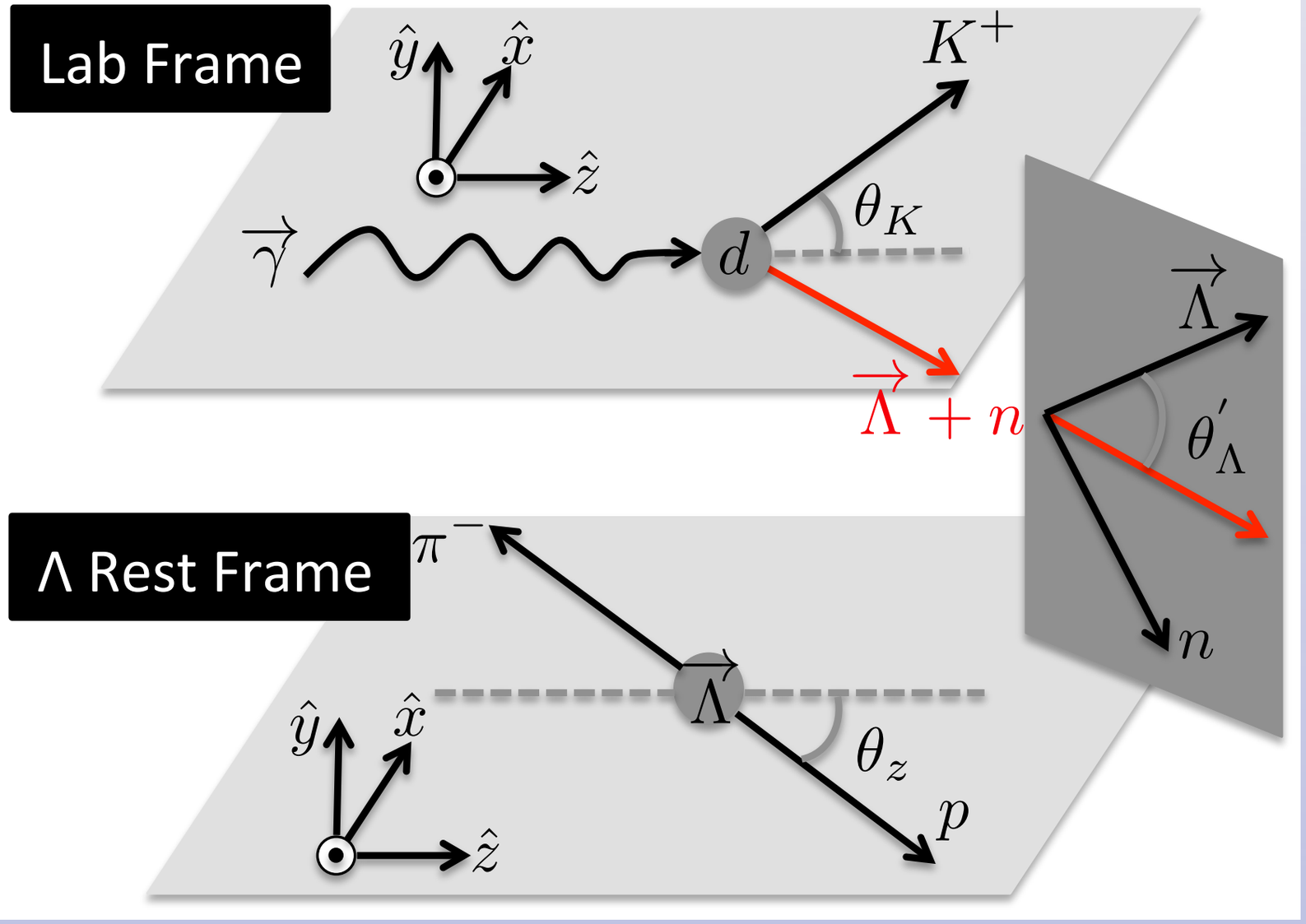

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Λ self-analysing power:

$\alpha = 0.642 \pm 0.013$

Relevant Kinematic Variables:

- From $\Lambda n \to \Lambda n$: θ_Λ', $W_{\Lambda n} \equiv IM_{\Lambda n}$
- From $\gamma p \to K^+\Lambda$: E_γ, p_K, θ_K

$\Sigma(E_\gamma, p_K, \theta_K, \theta_\Lambda', W_{\Lambda n})$

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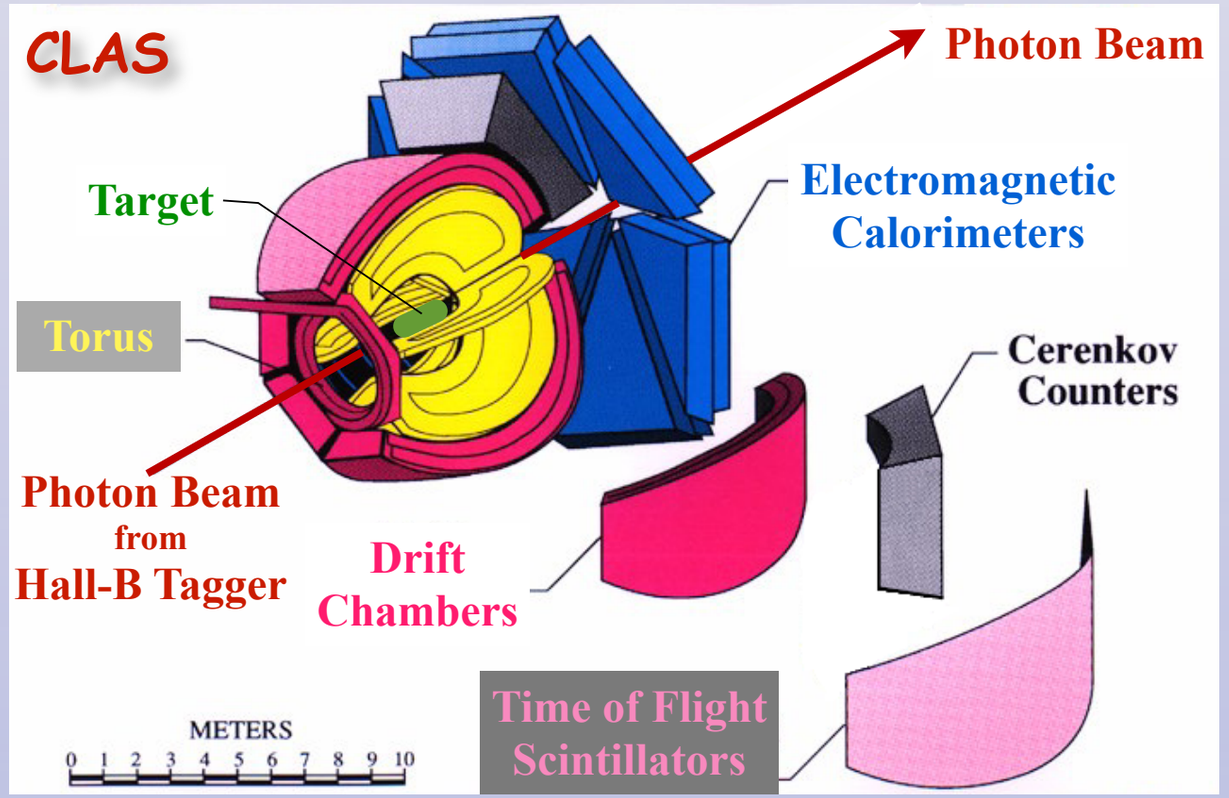

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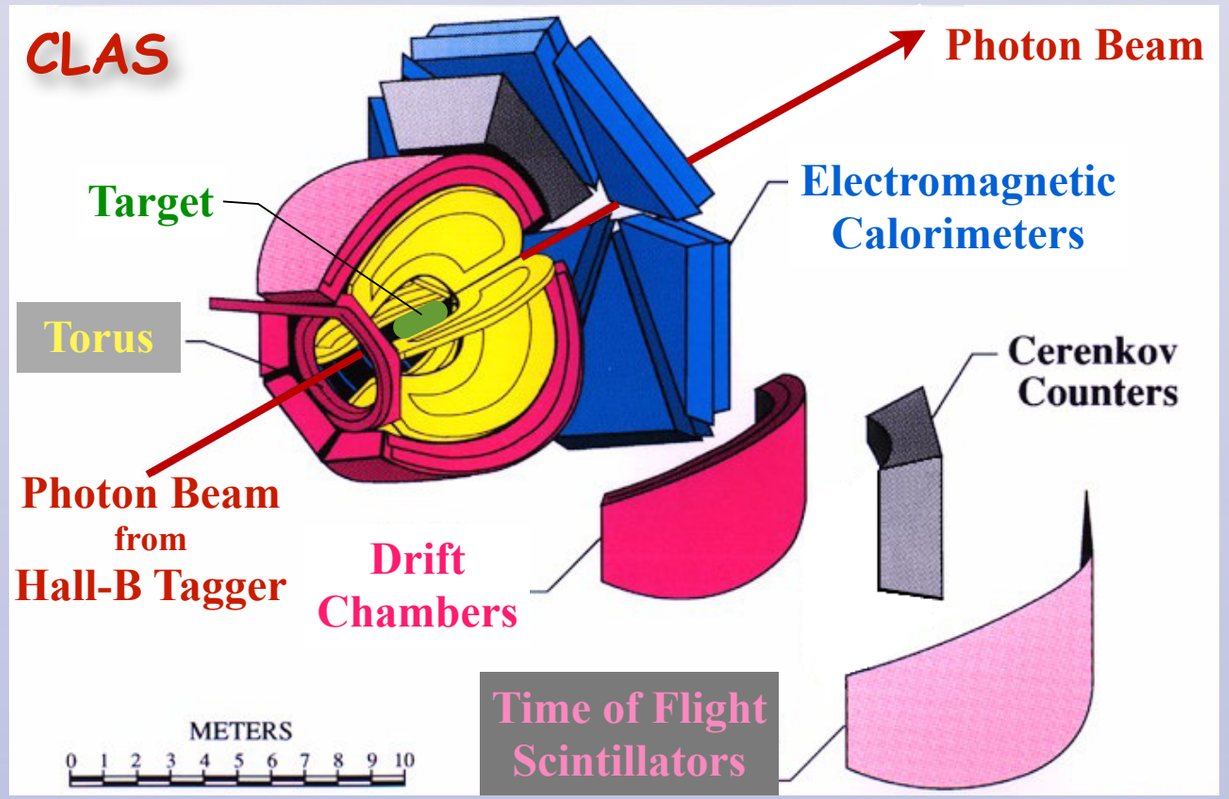

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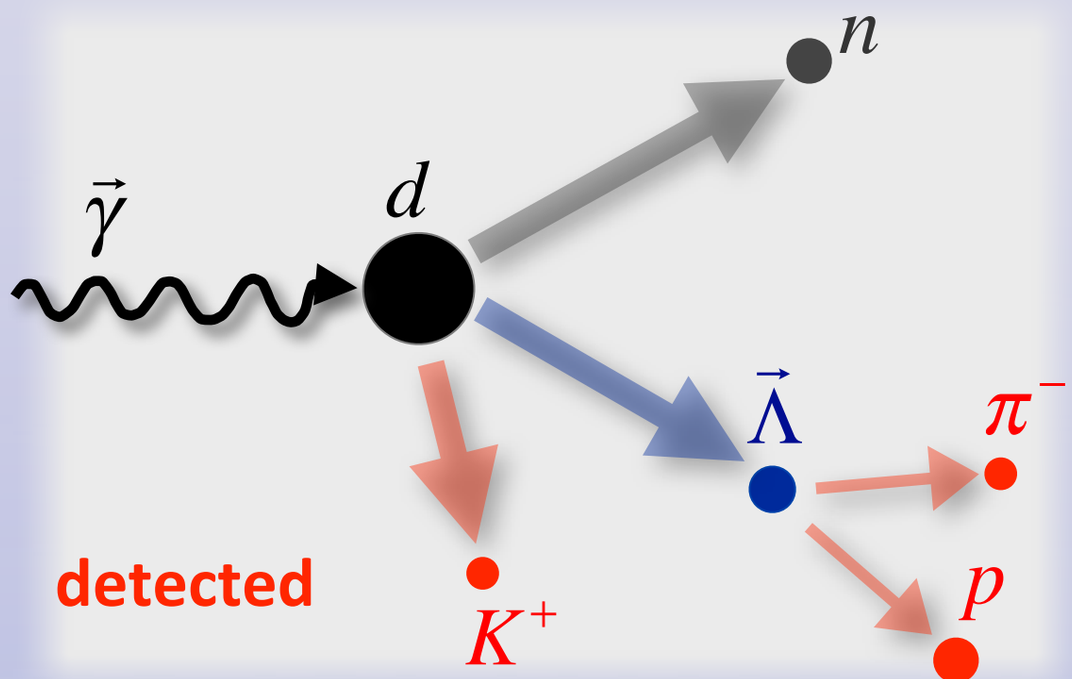

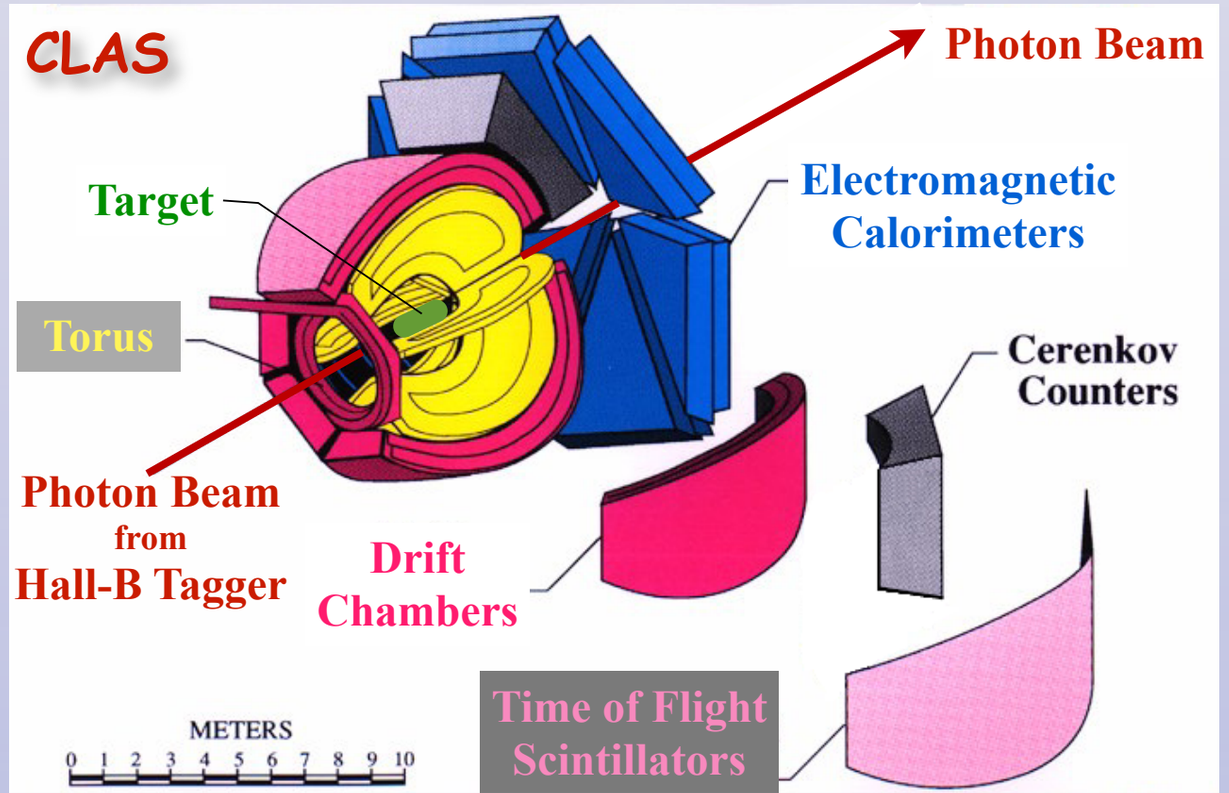

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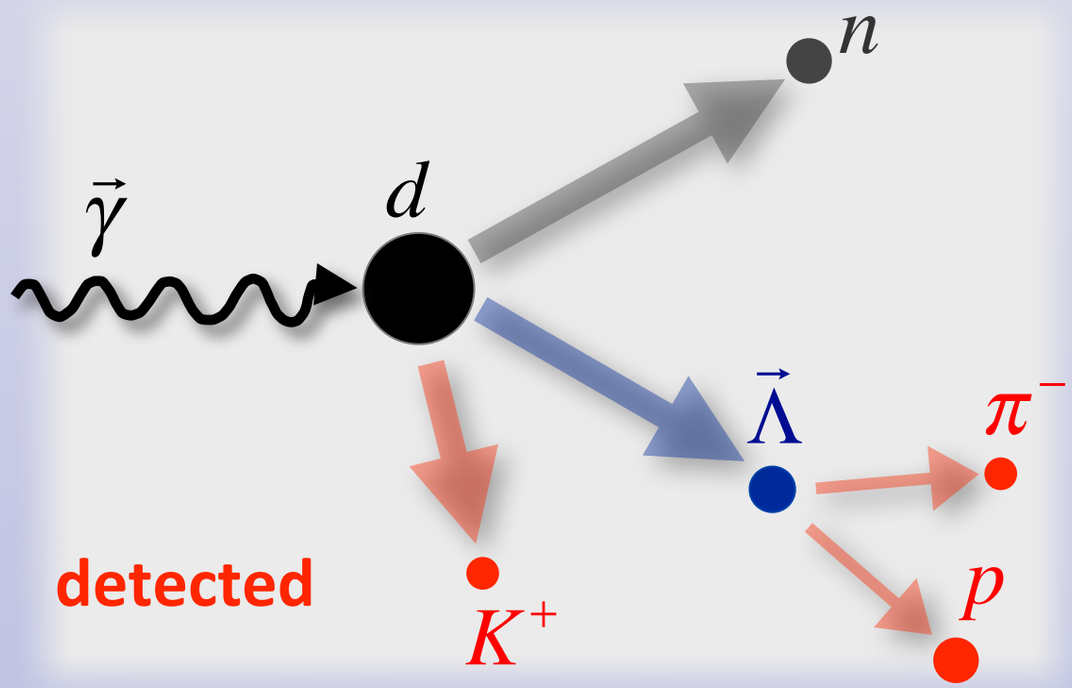

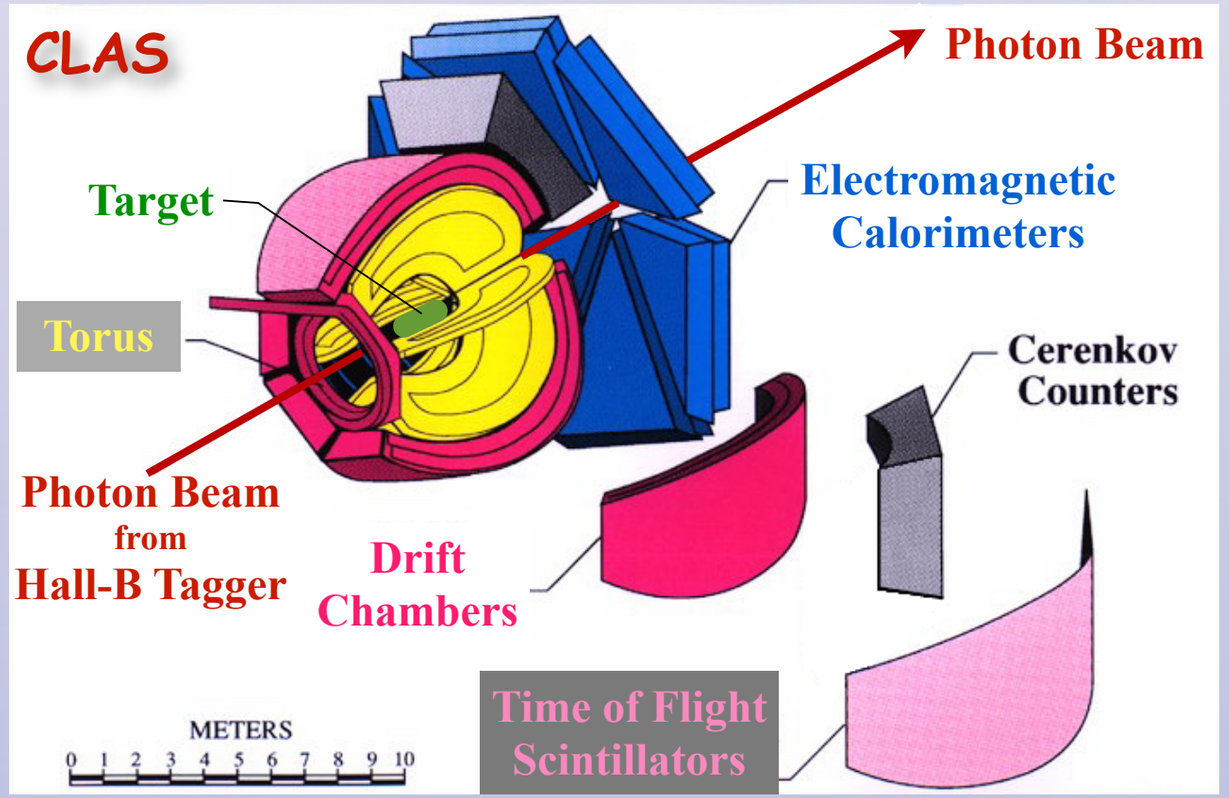

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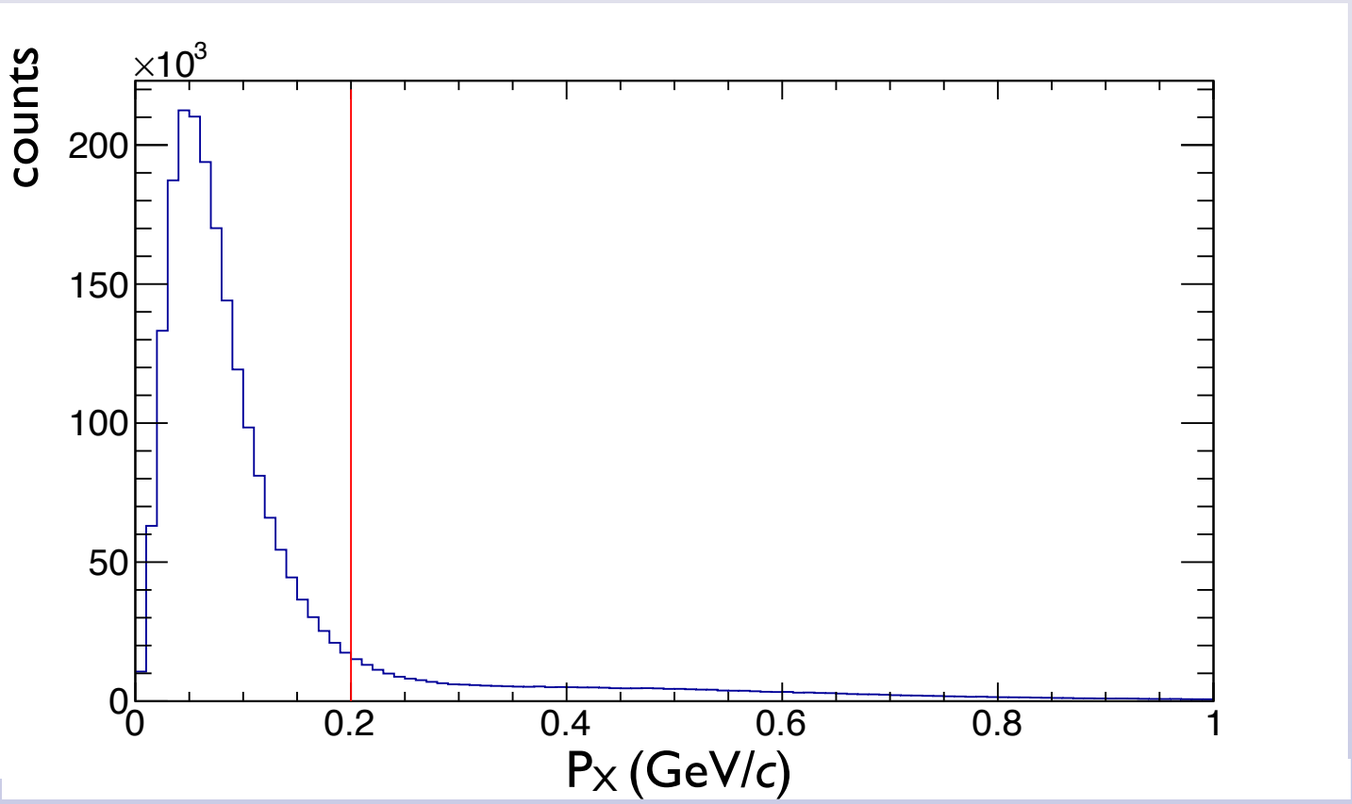

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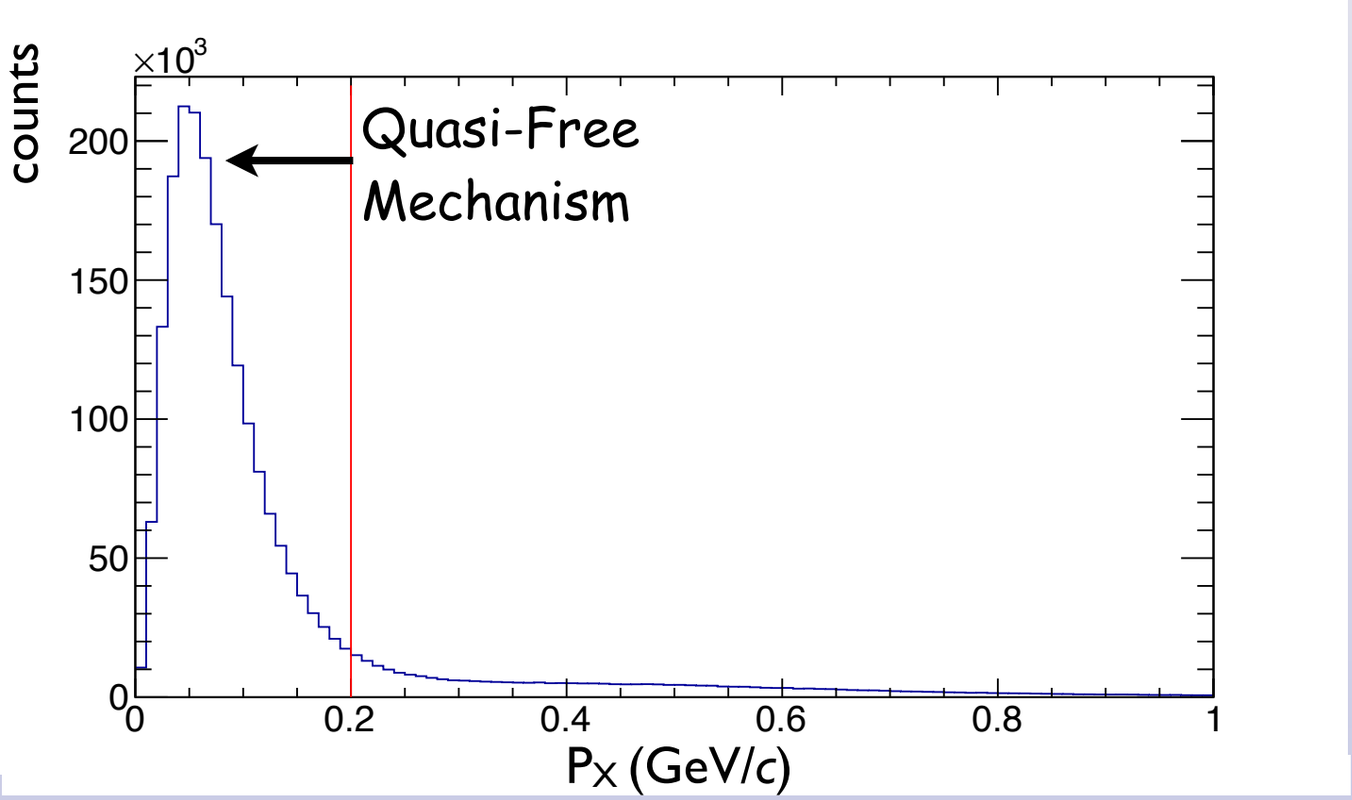

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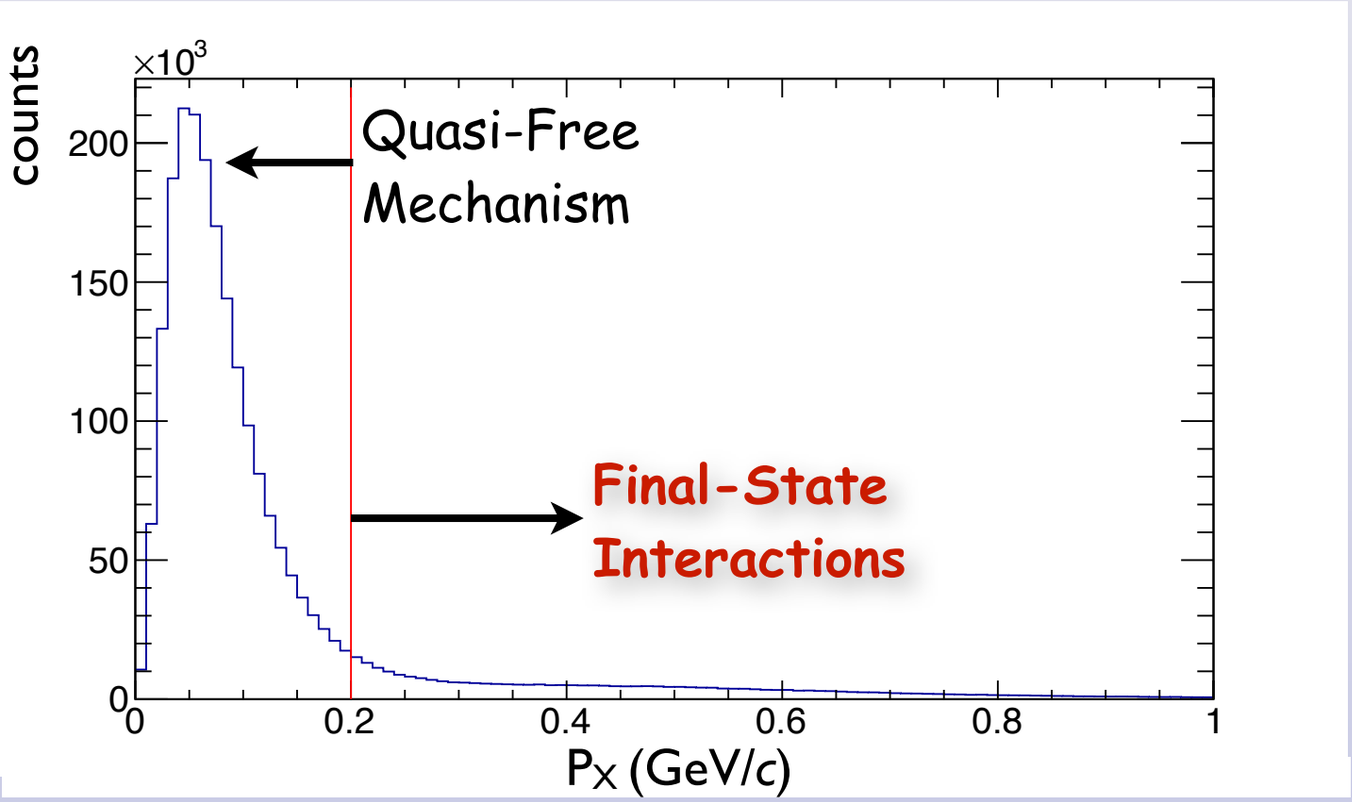

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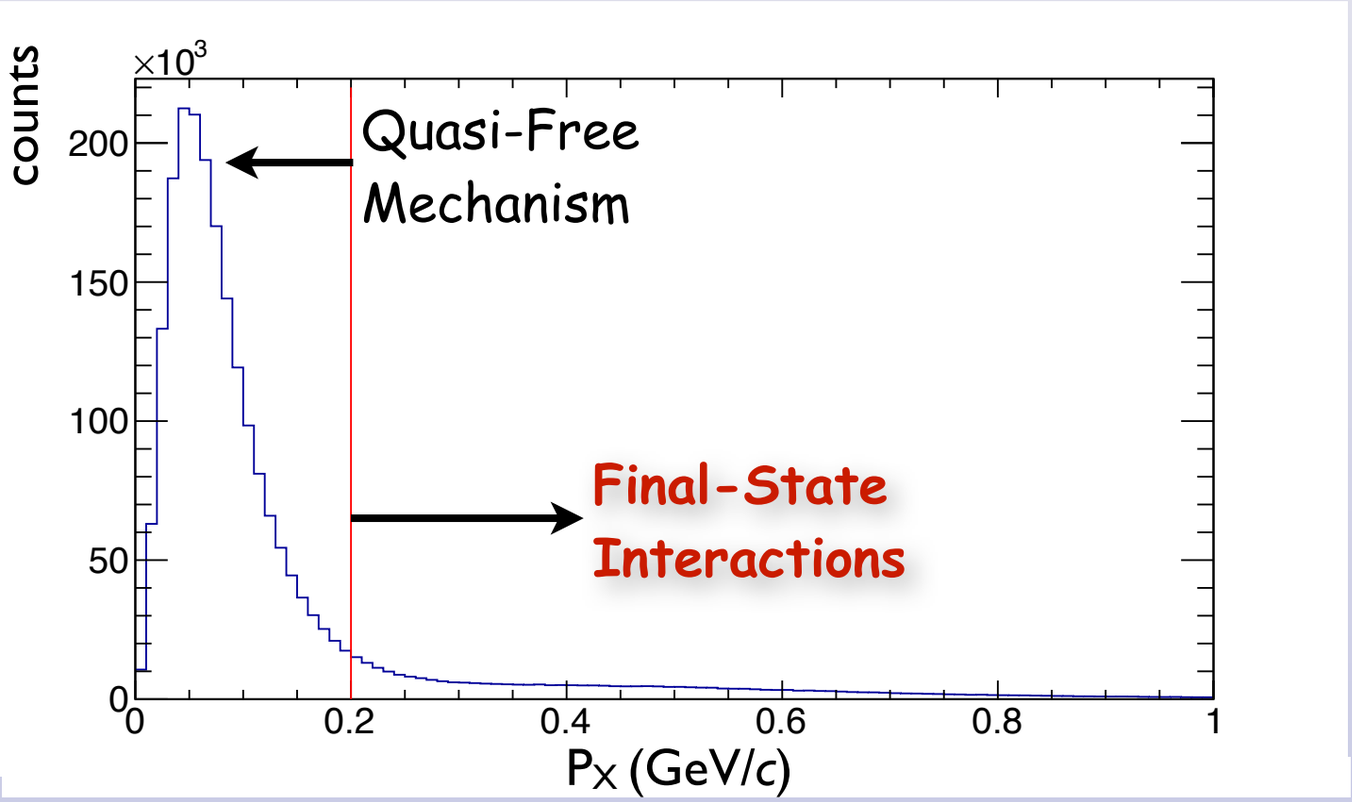

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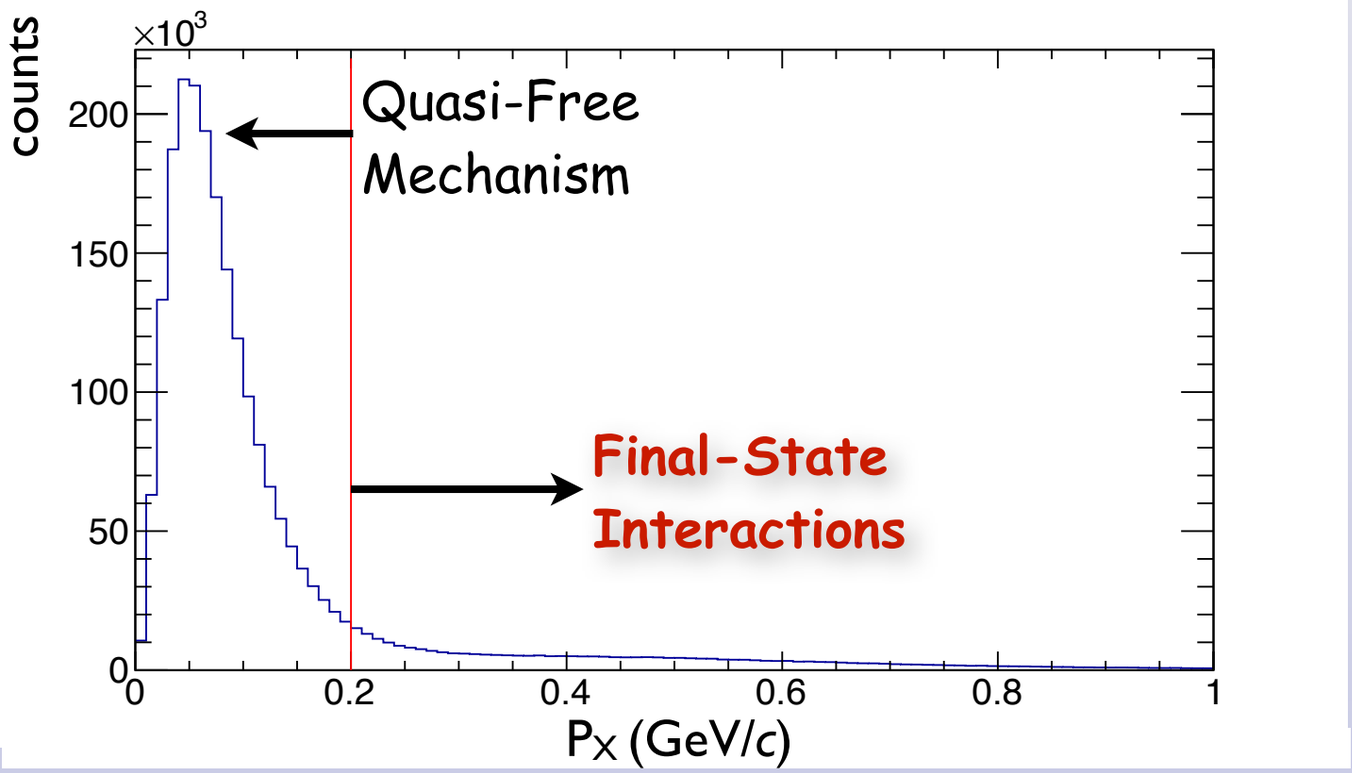

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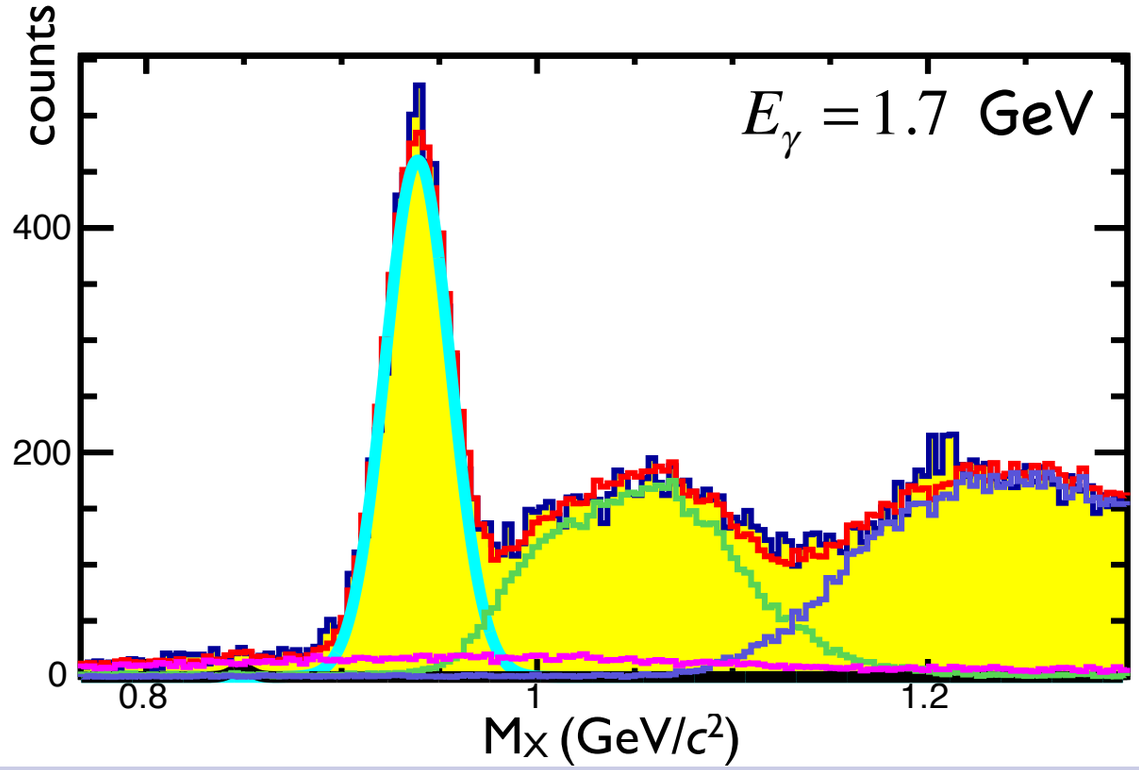

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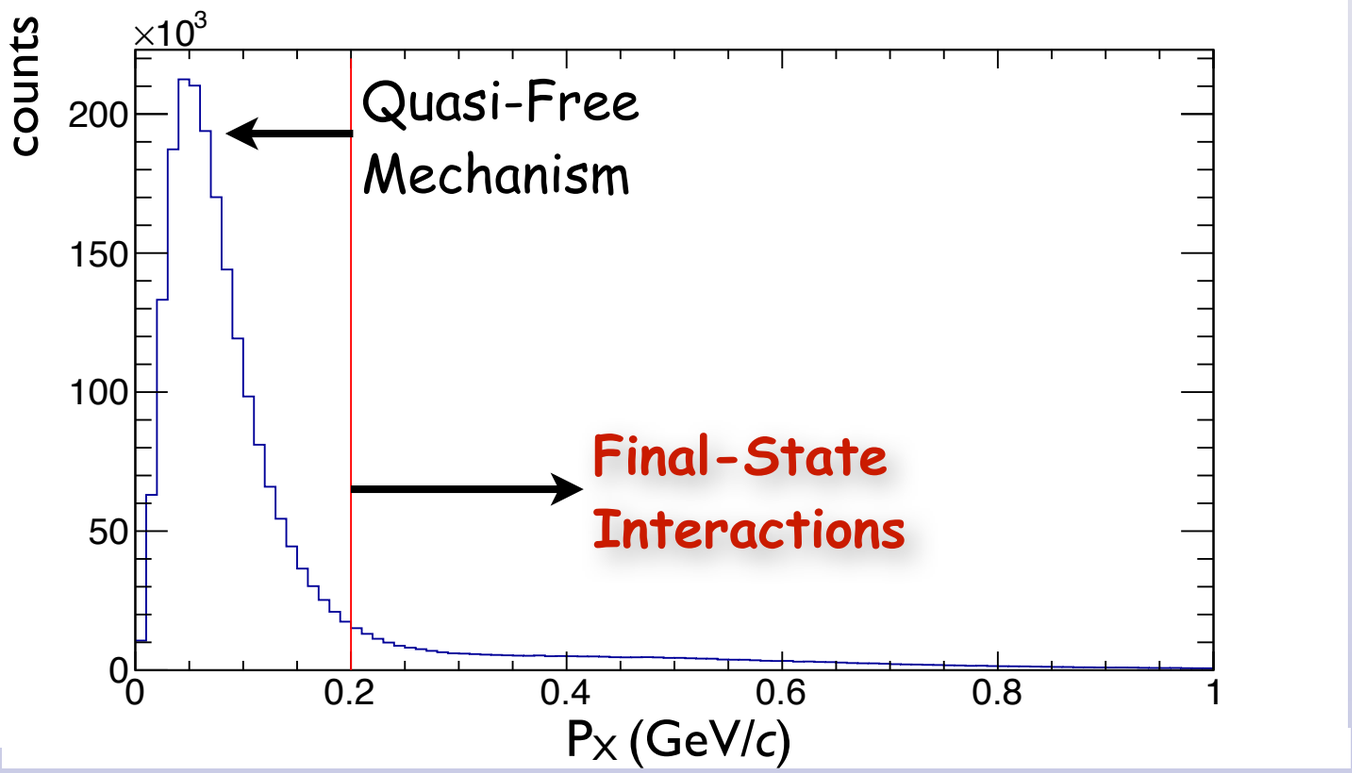

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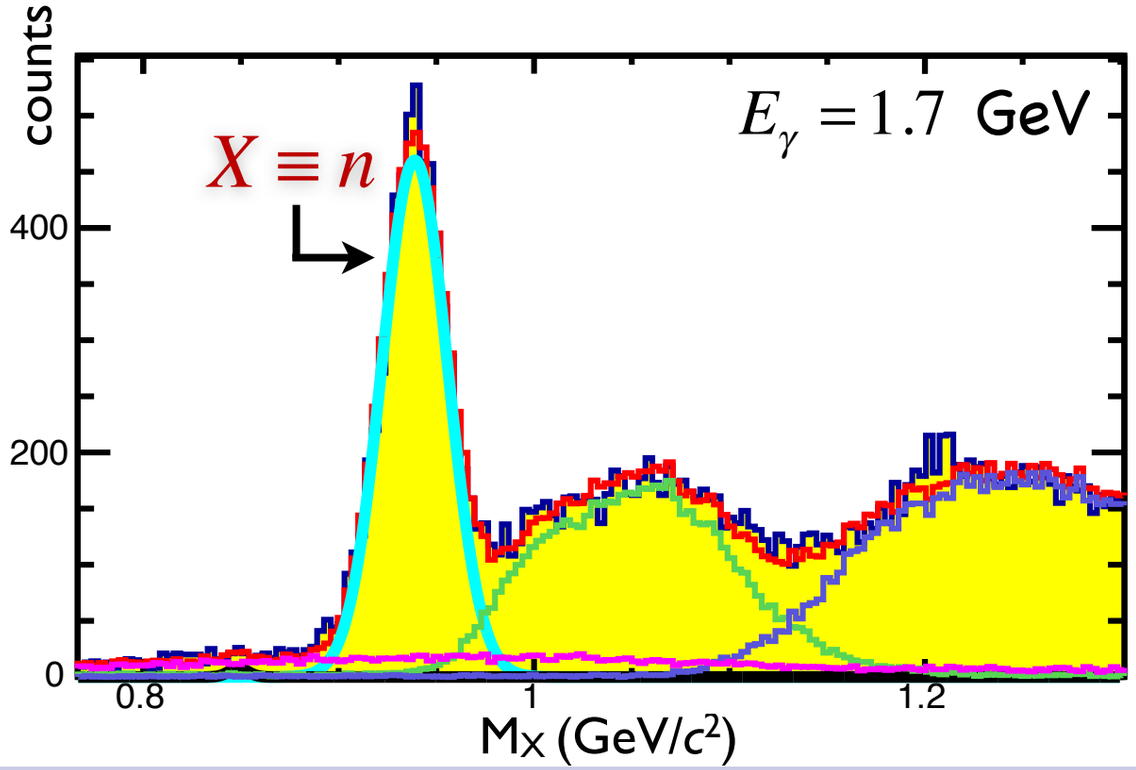

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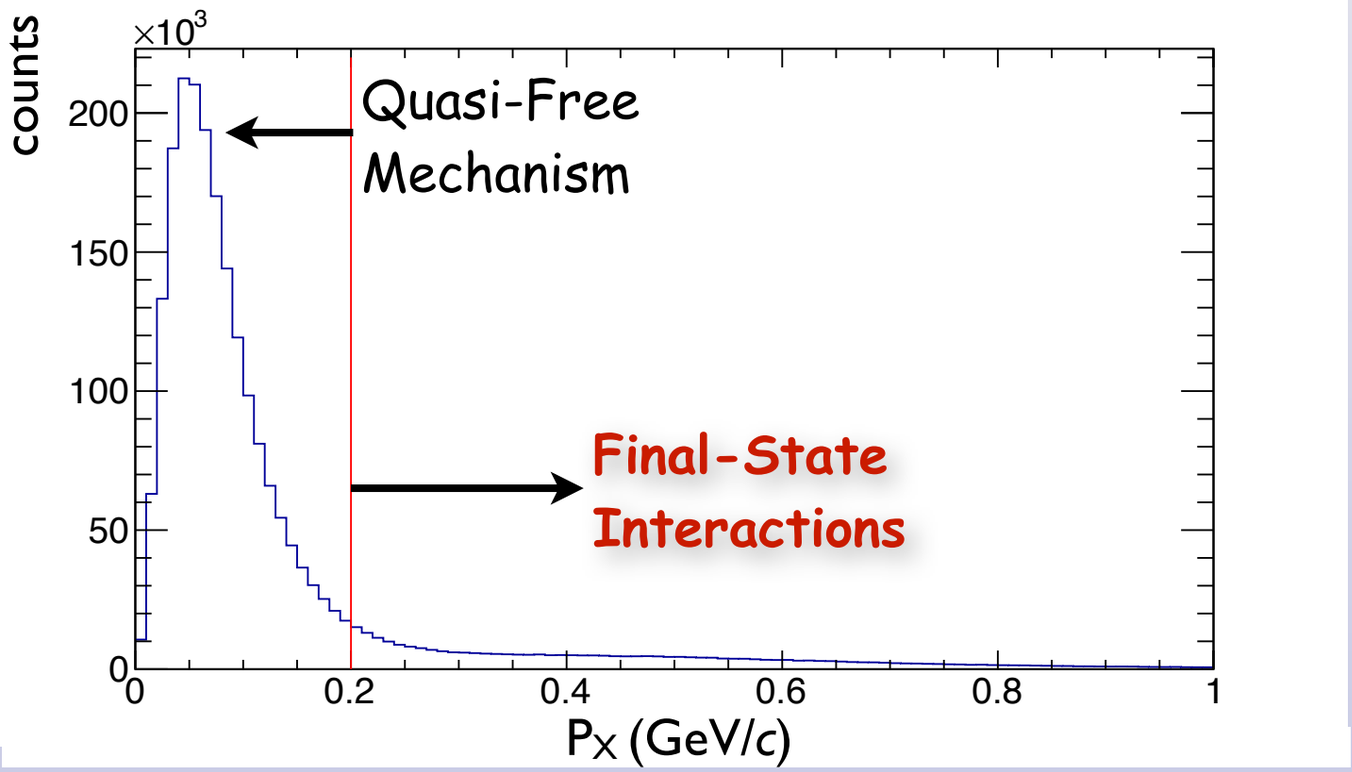

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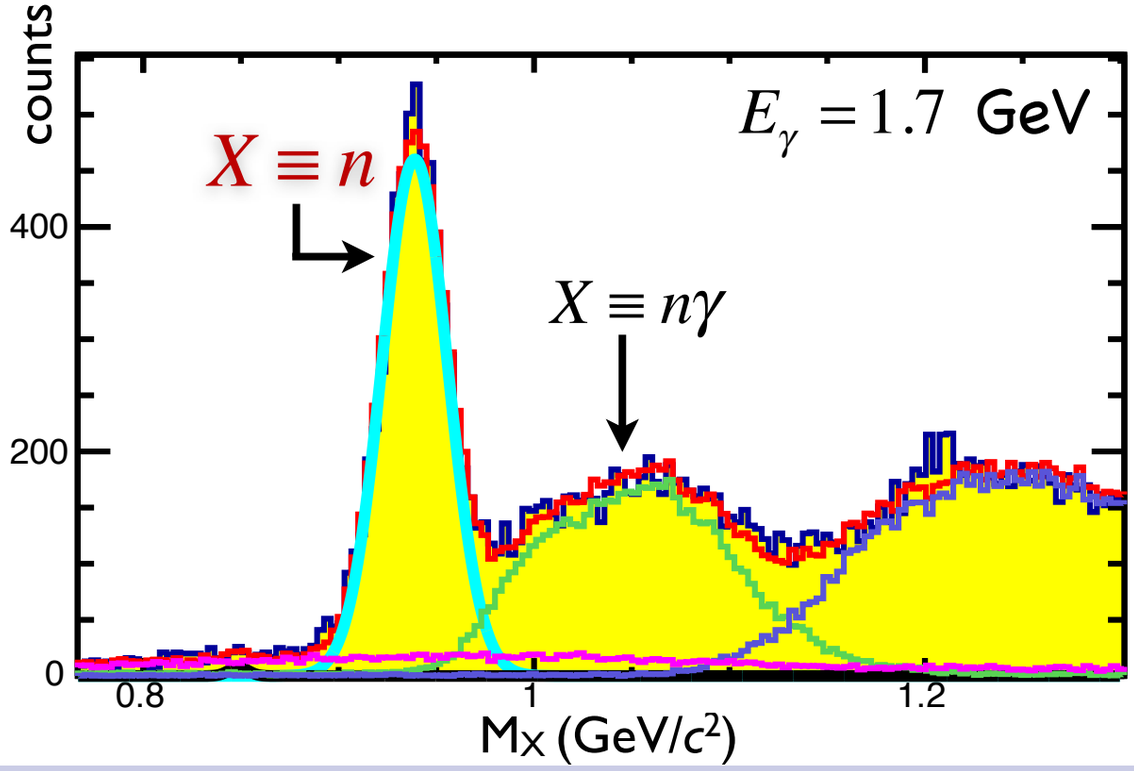

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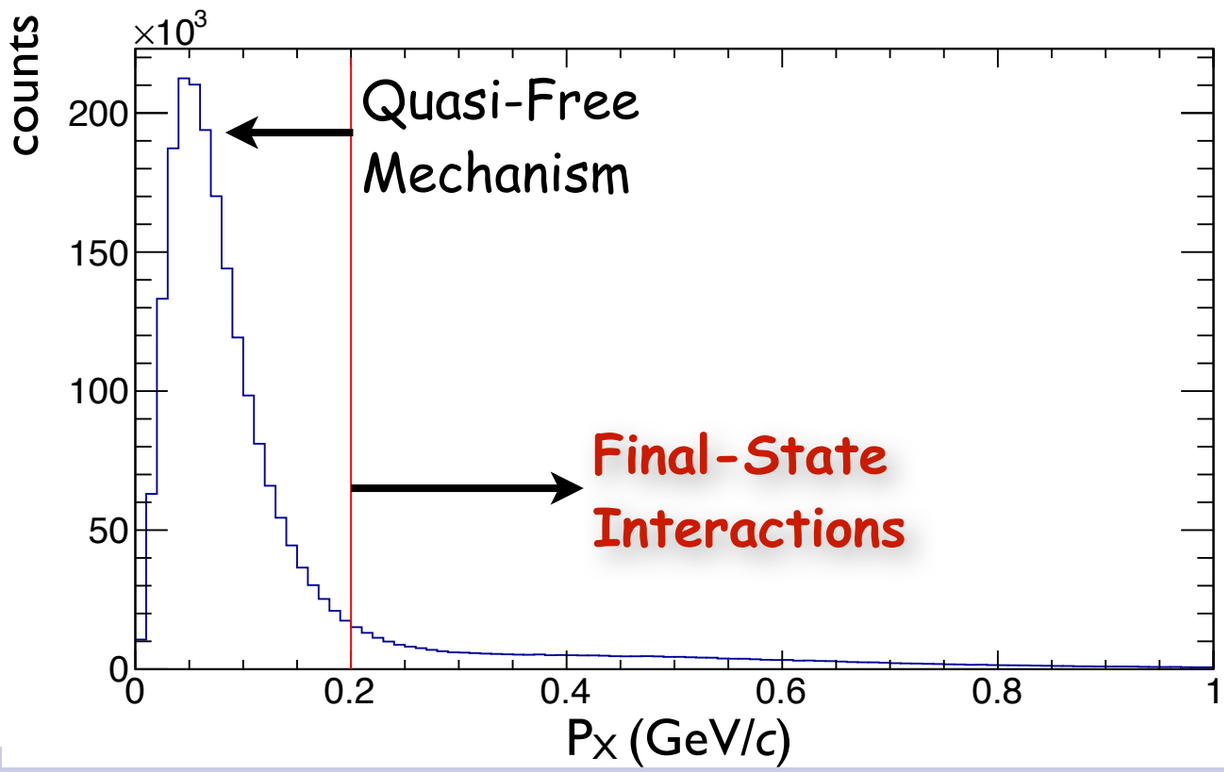

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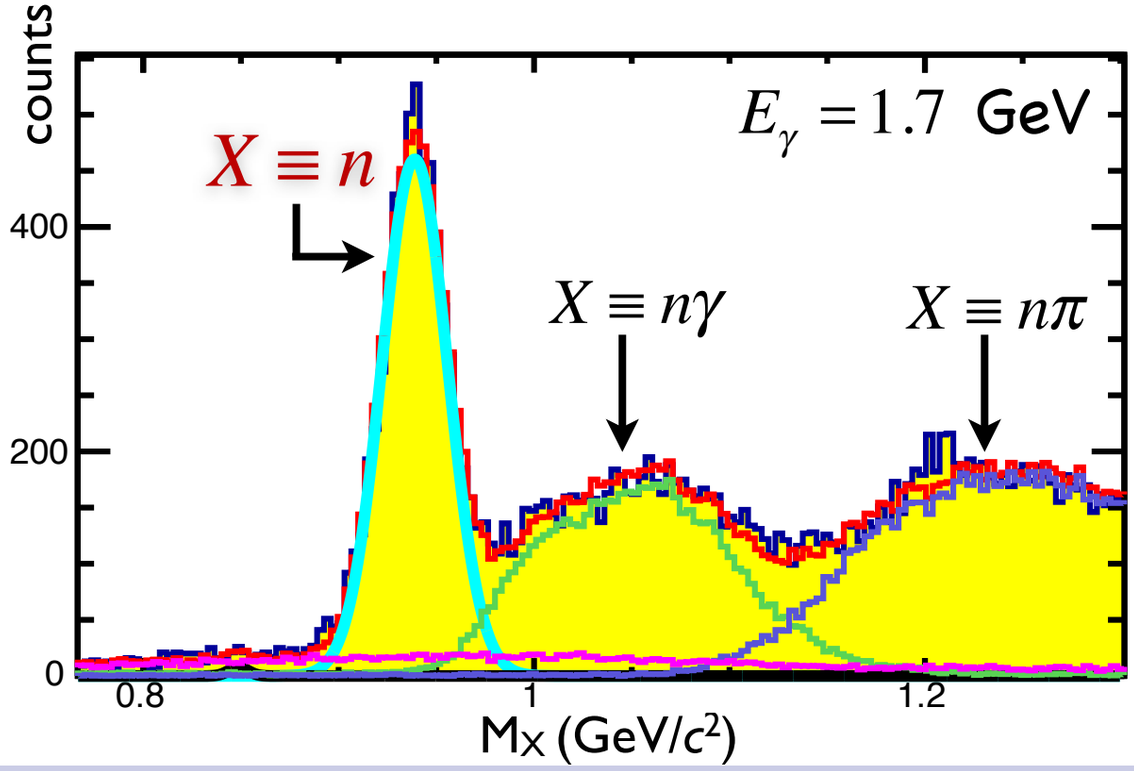

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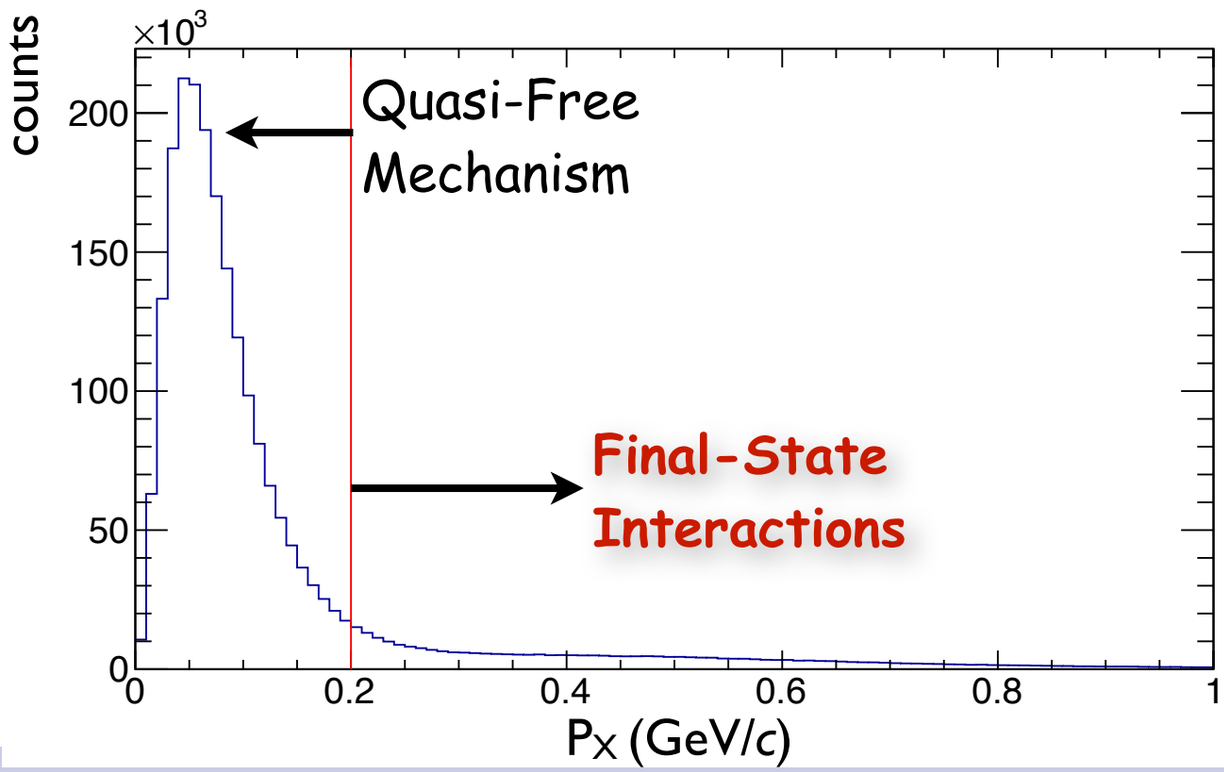

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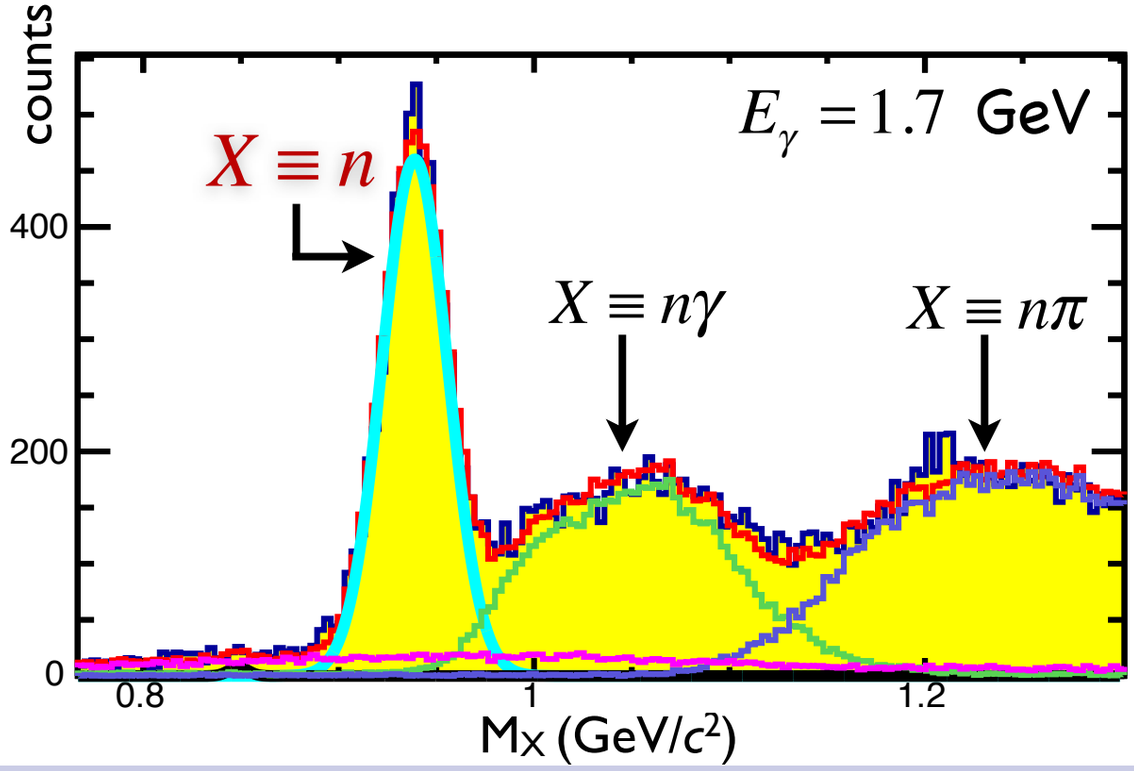

Removal of physics background based on realistic simulation of reactions, detector, and accidentals, followed by histogram or event-by-event fits for each kinematic bin.

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Exclusive Hyperon Photoproduction off Deuteron

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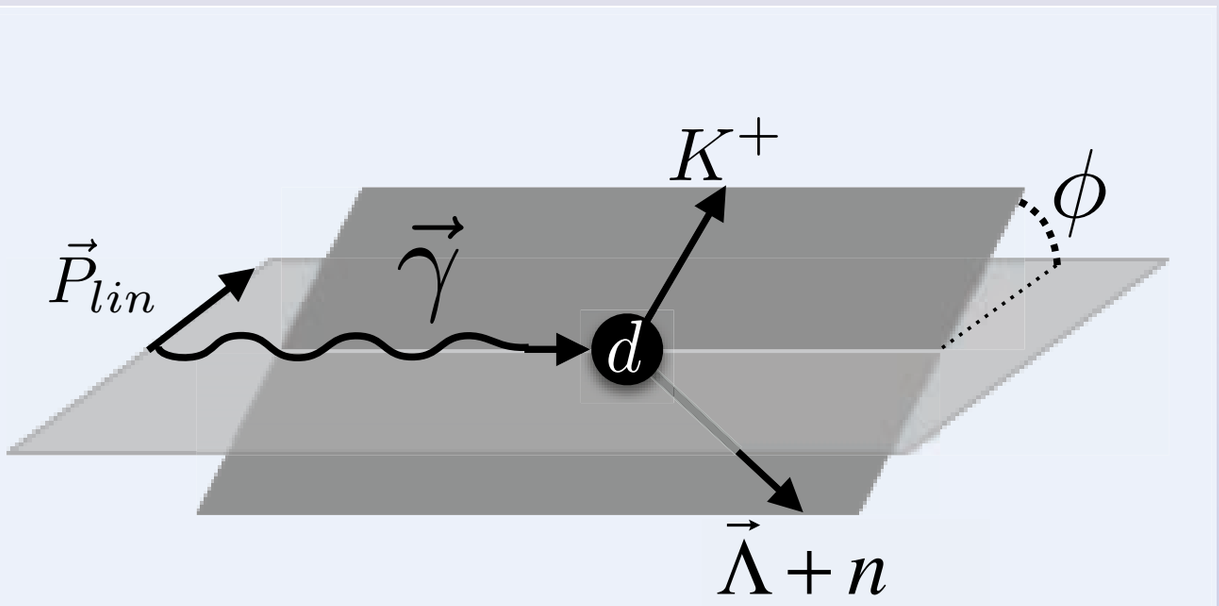

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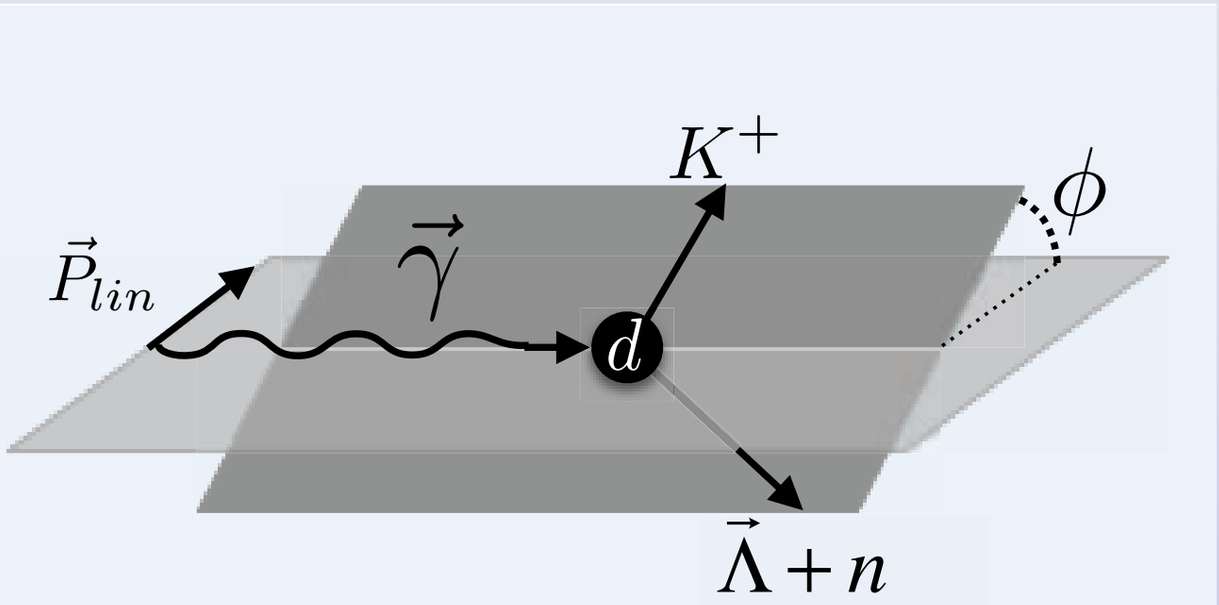

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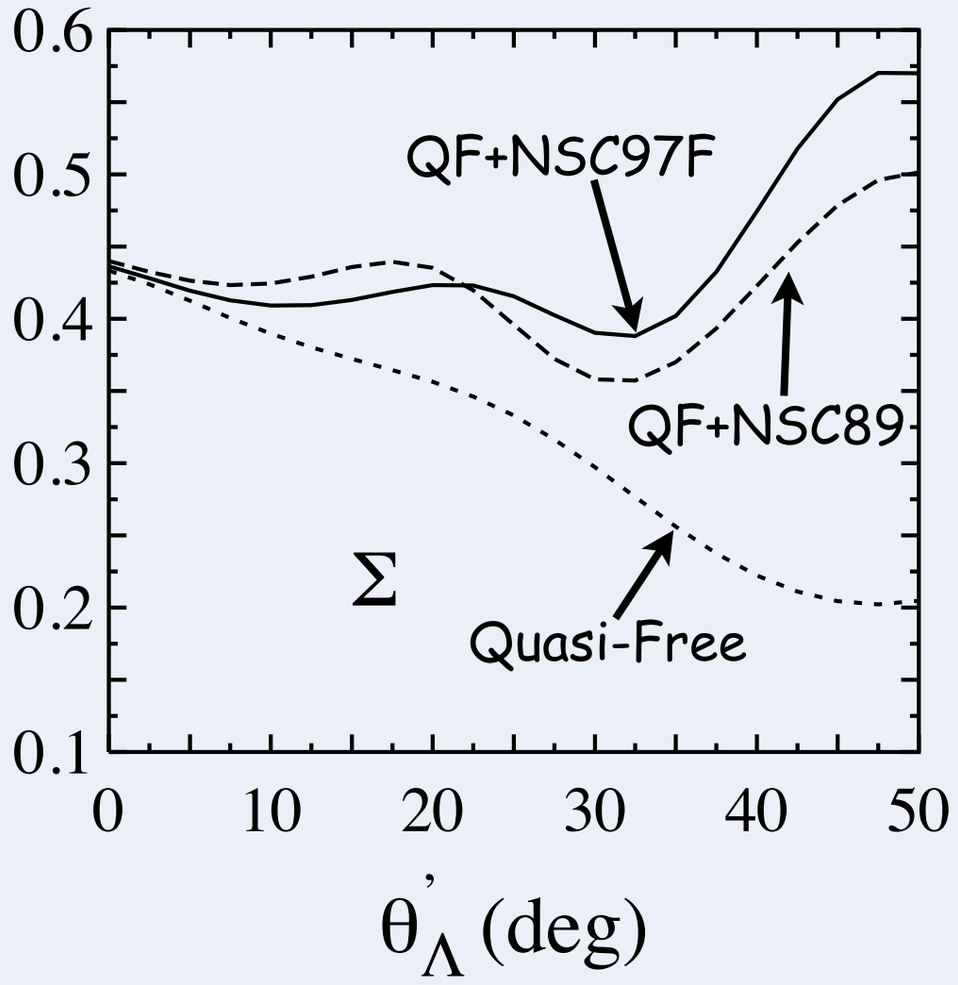

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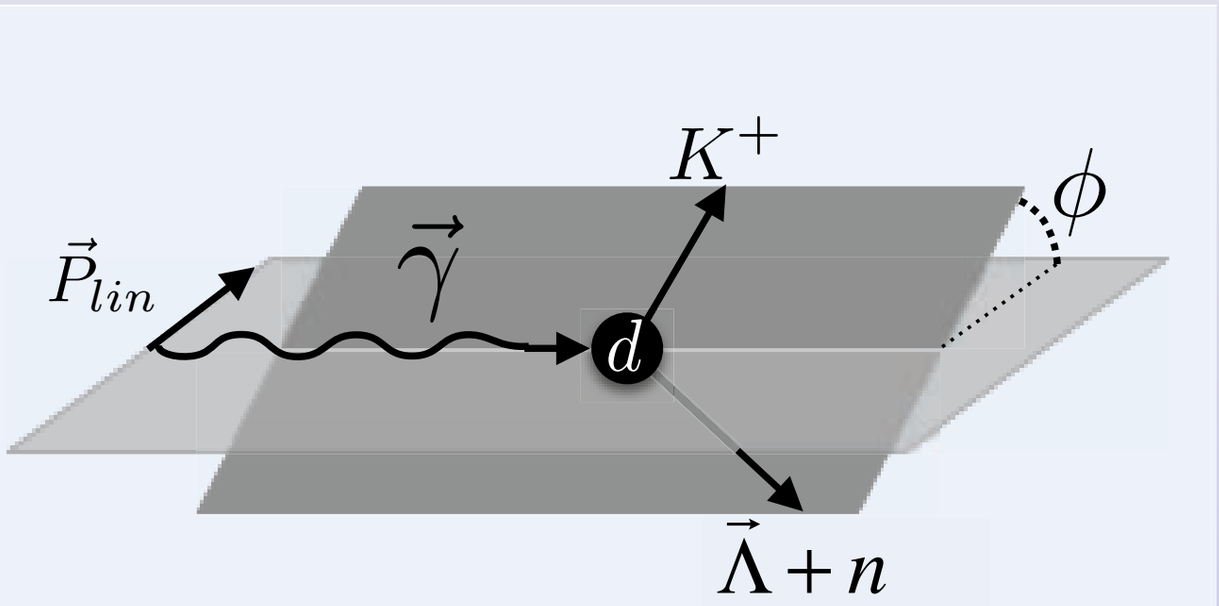

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- Single-polarization observable, i.e. smallest statistical uncertainties
- For the $K^+\Lambda n$ final state, ϕ is not uniquely defined: ϕ_K, ϕ_Λ, ϕ_n, $\phi_{K\Lambda}$, $\phi_{\Lambda n}$, ϕ_{Kn}
- Observable can be used as a probe for dominance of various FSI mechanisms

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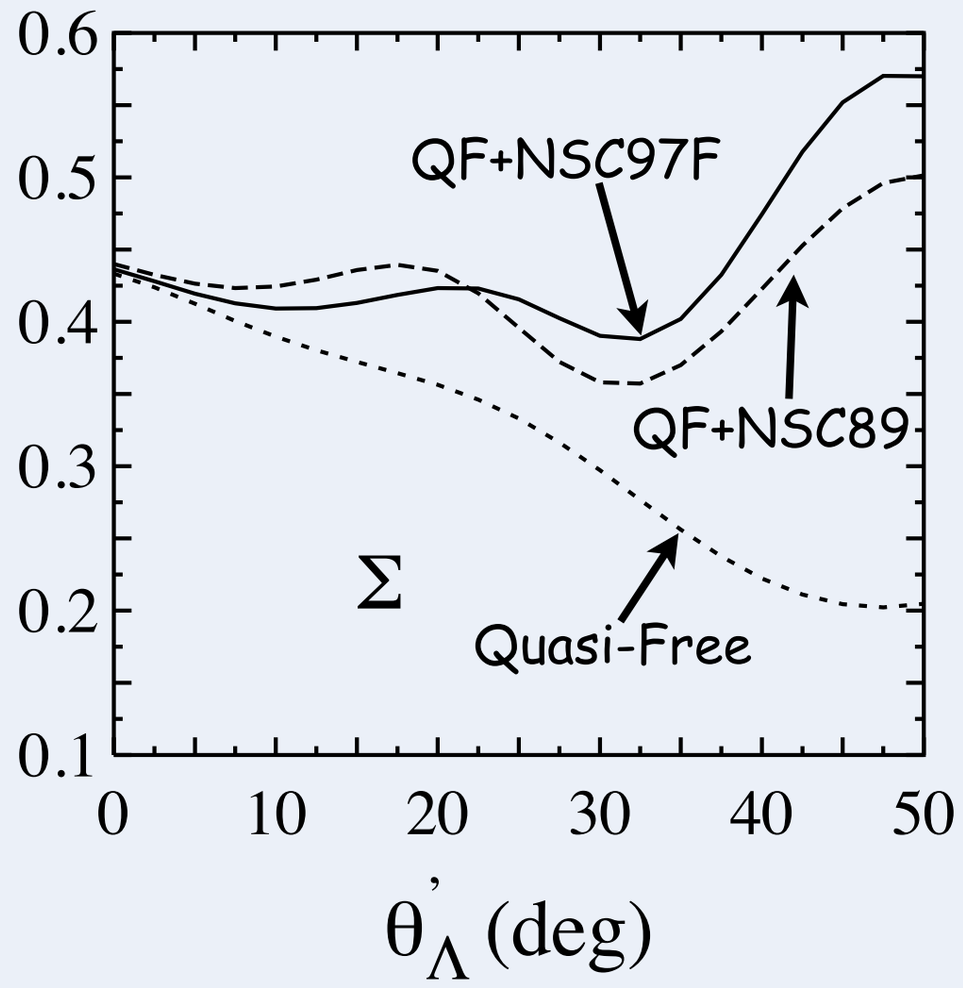

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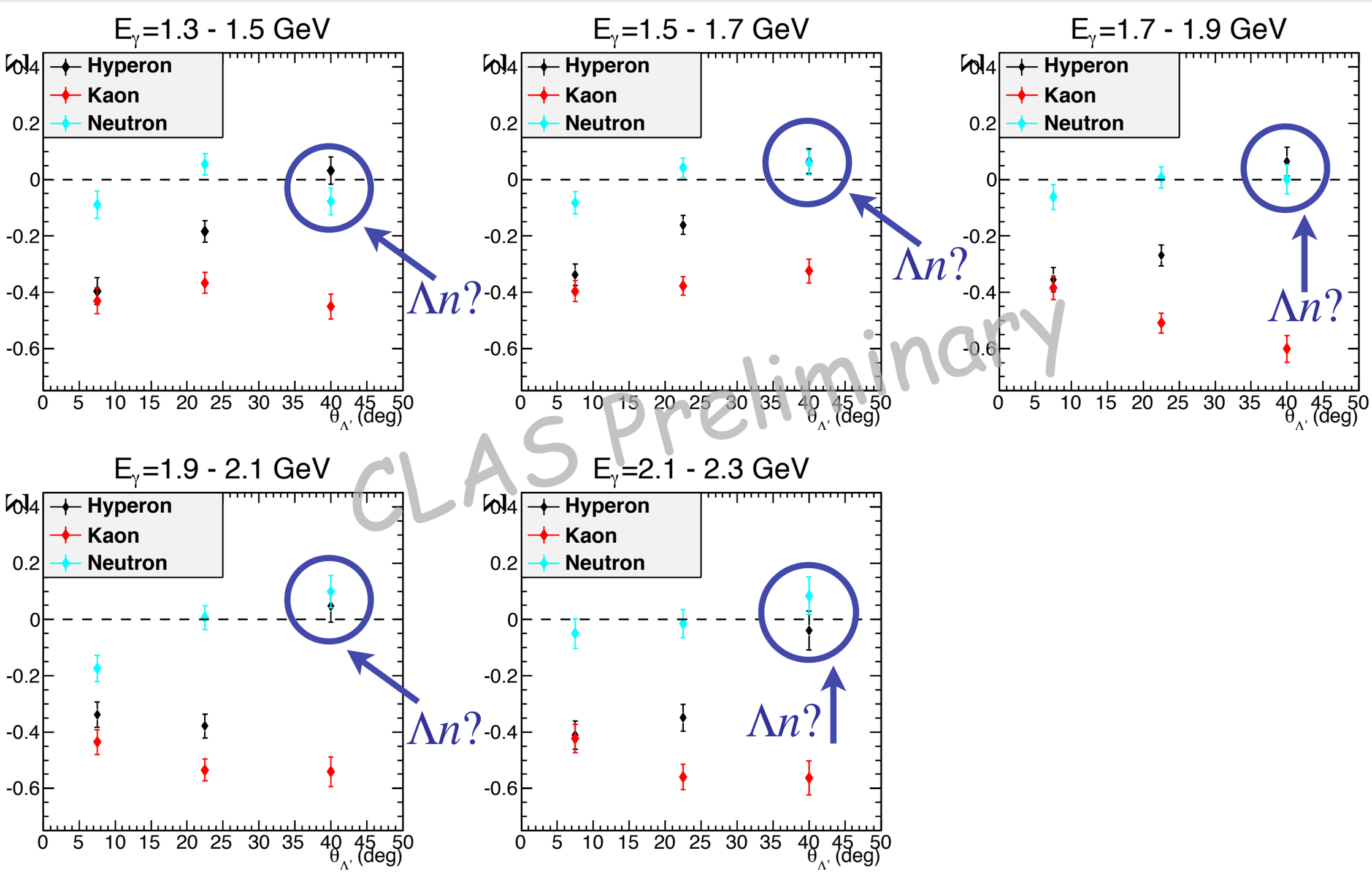

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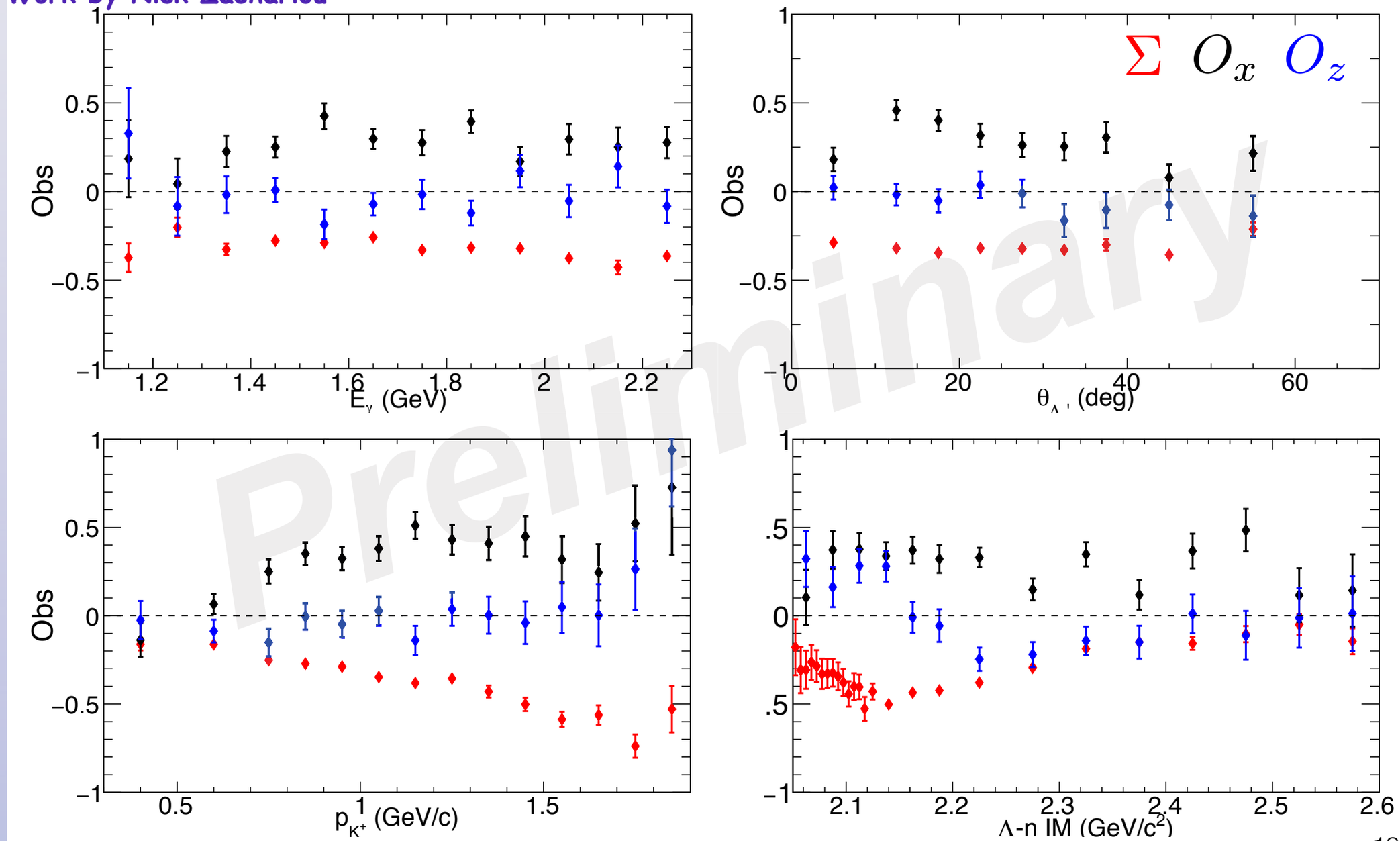

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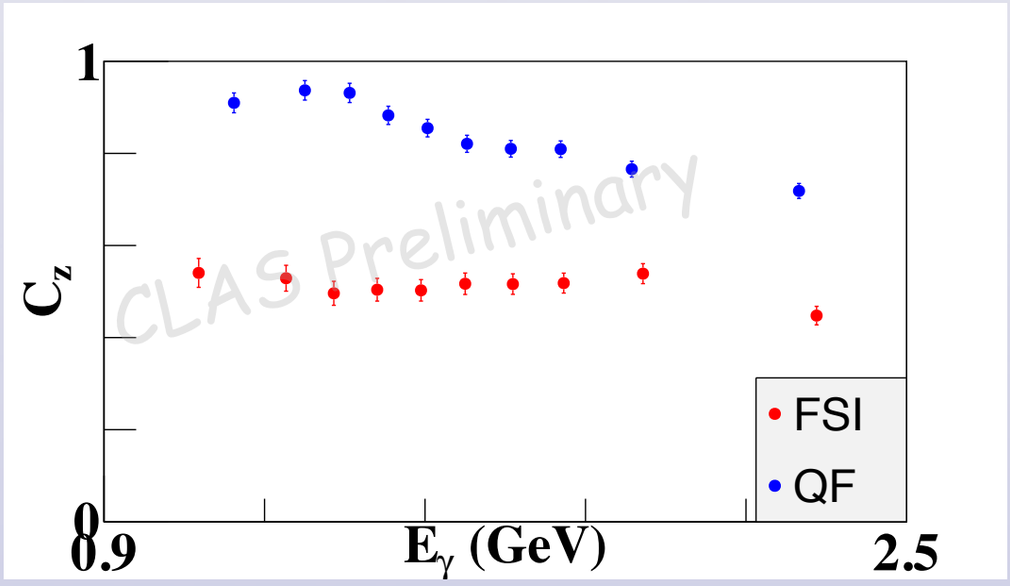

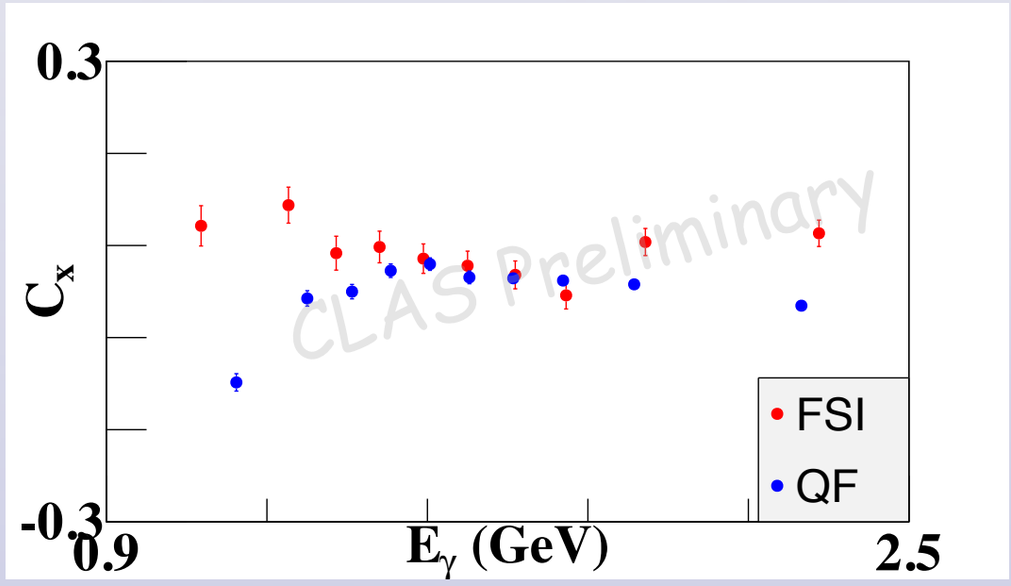

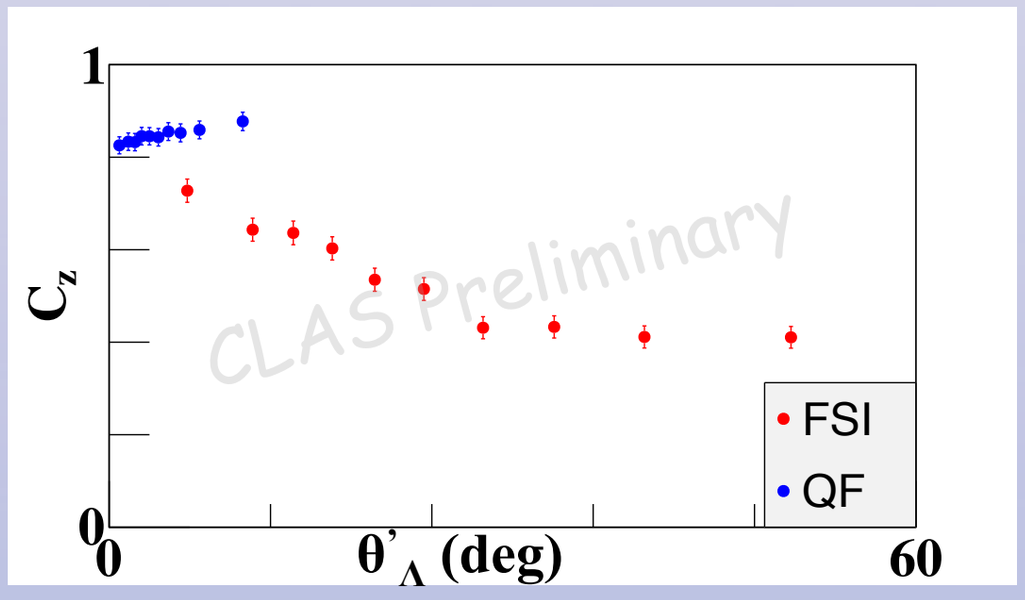

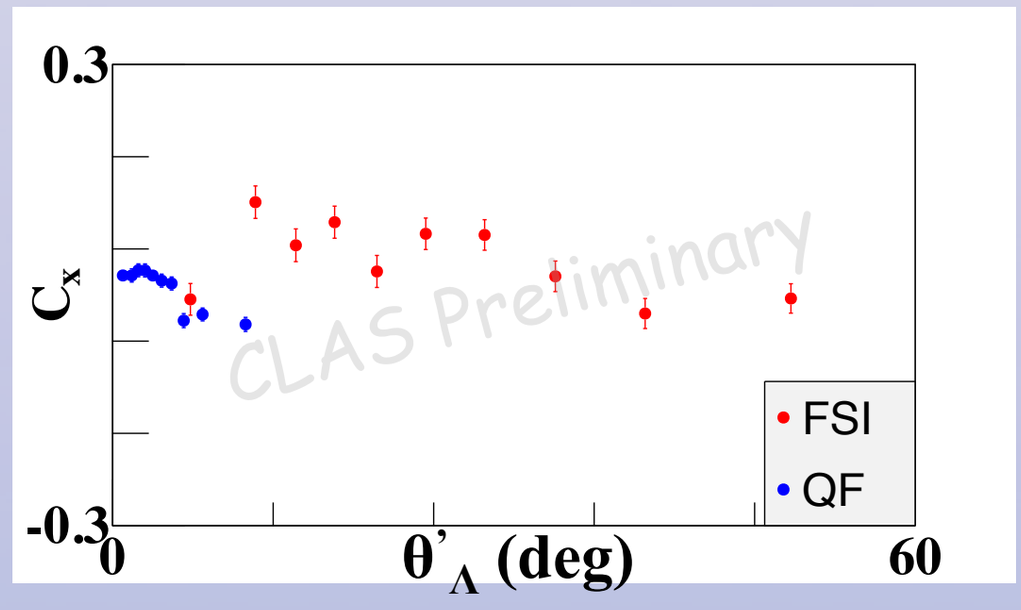

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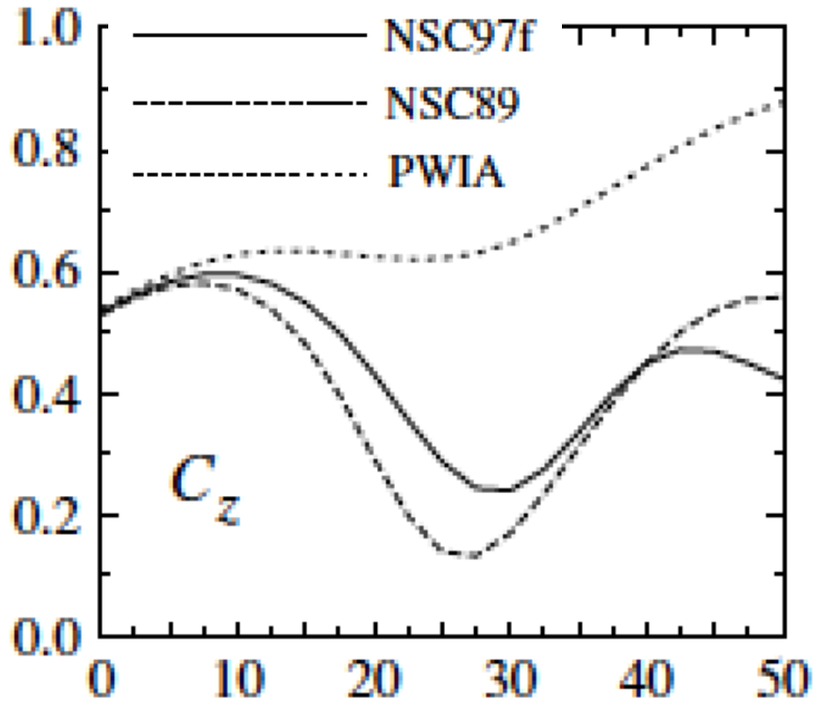

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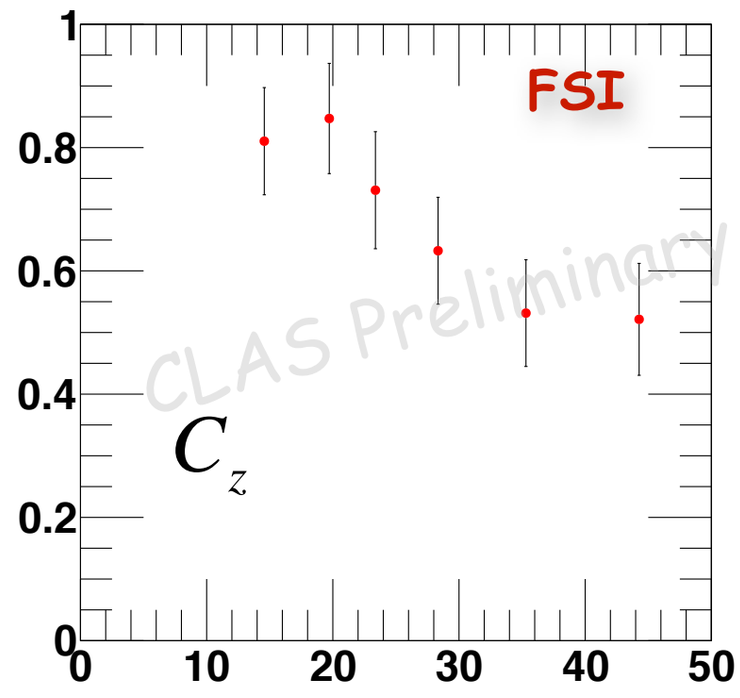

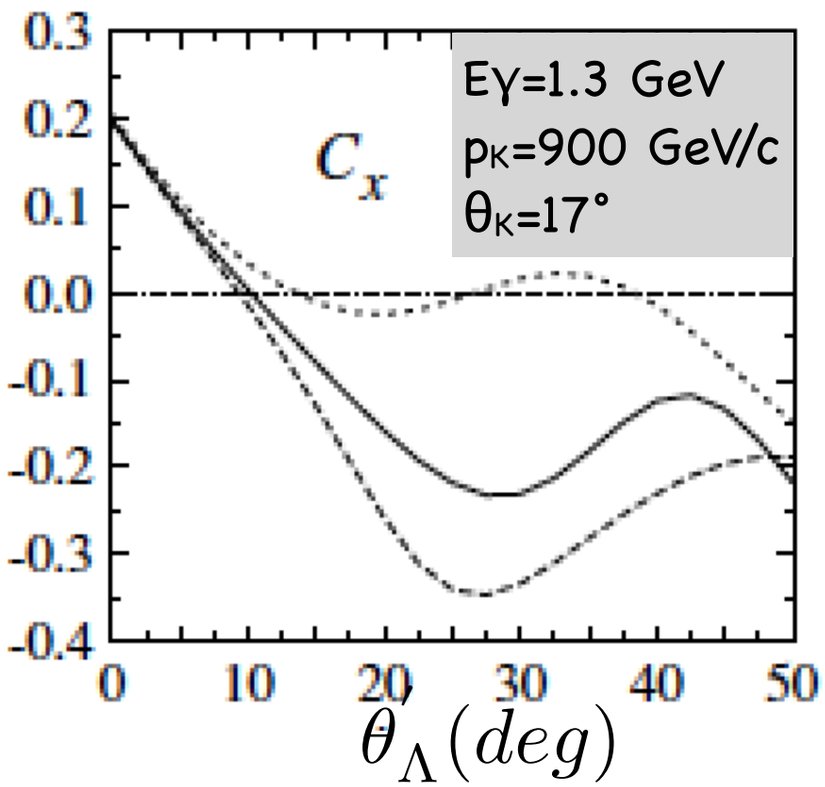

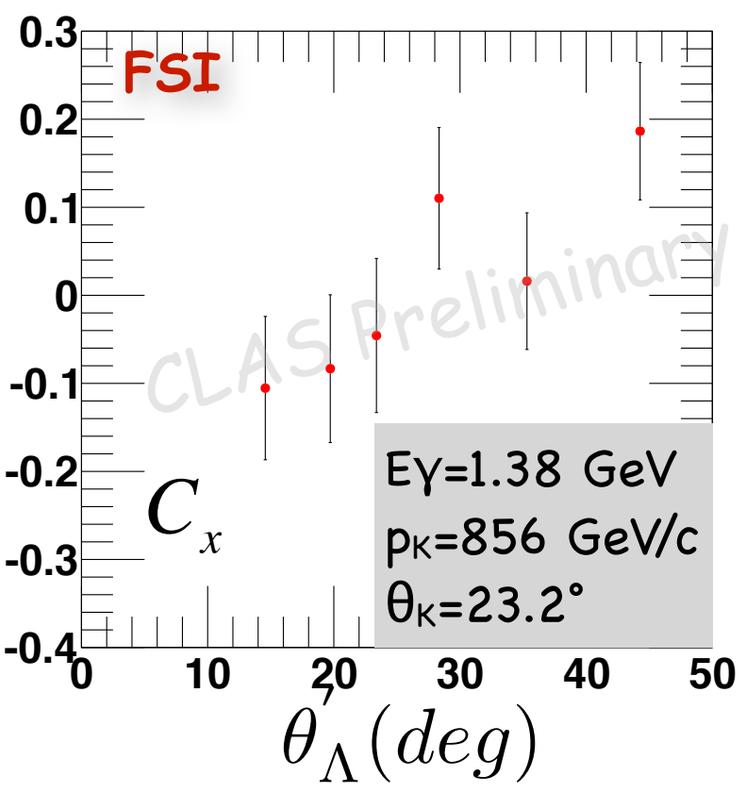

Model Comparison: Perspectives

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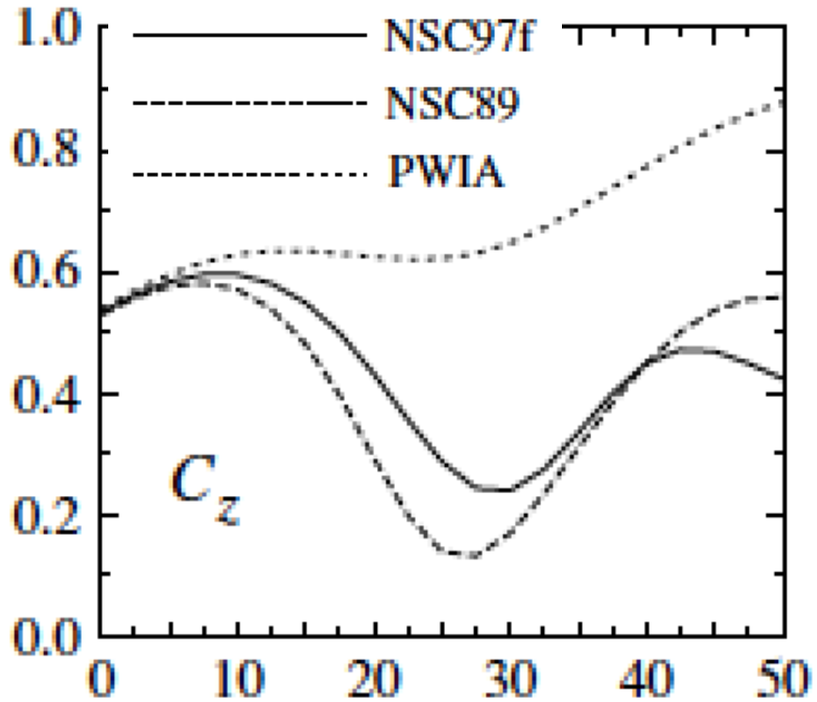

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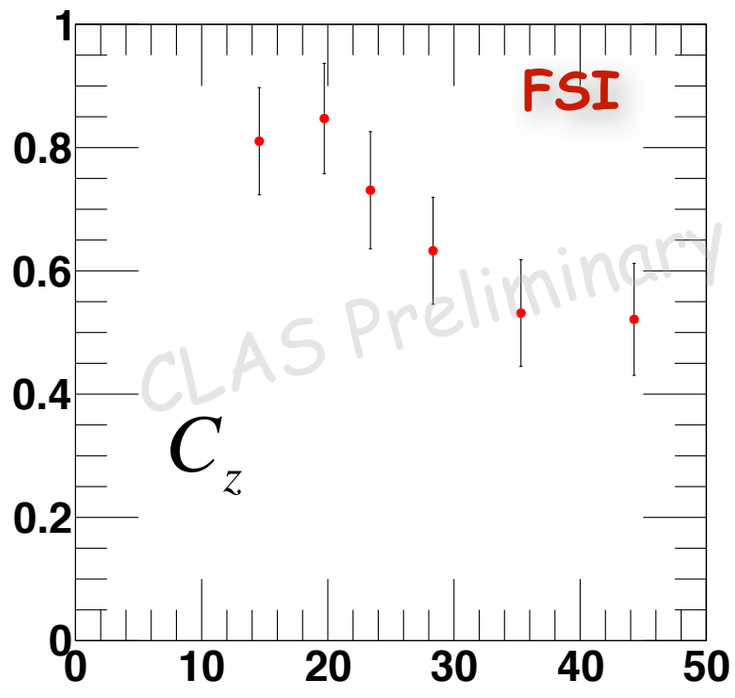
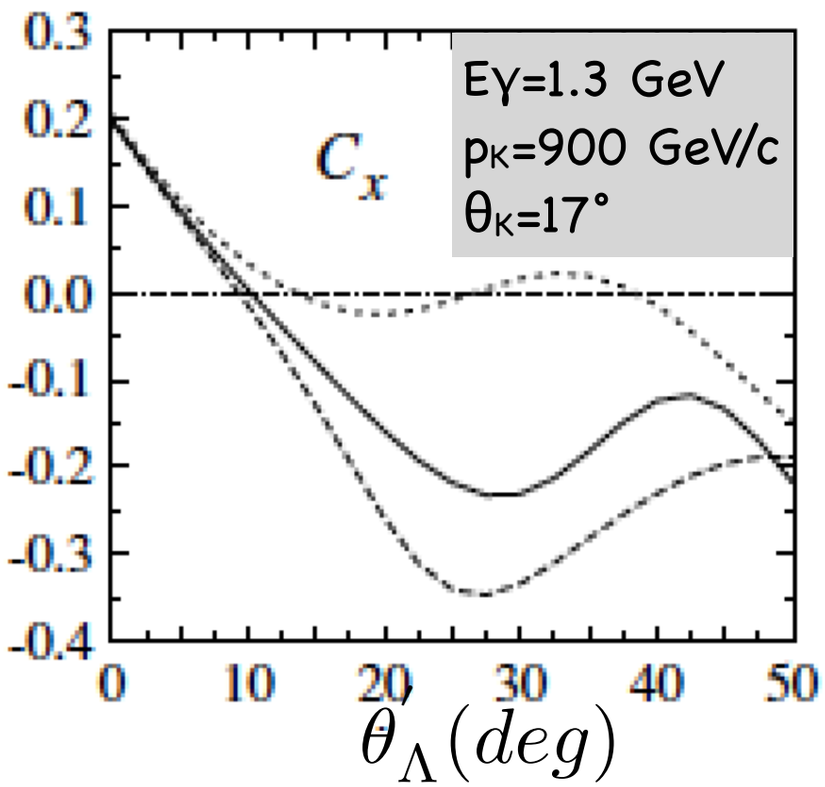
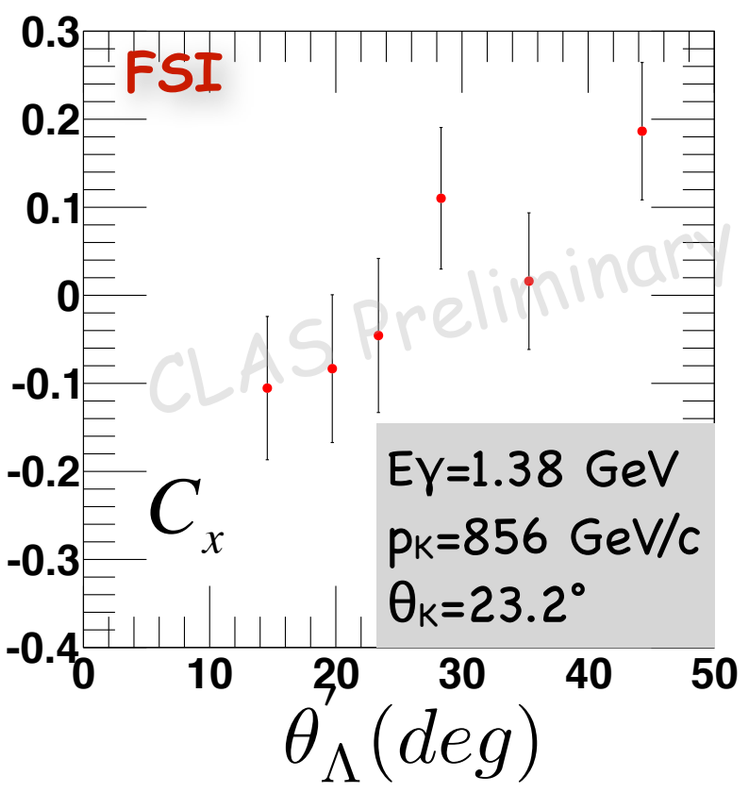
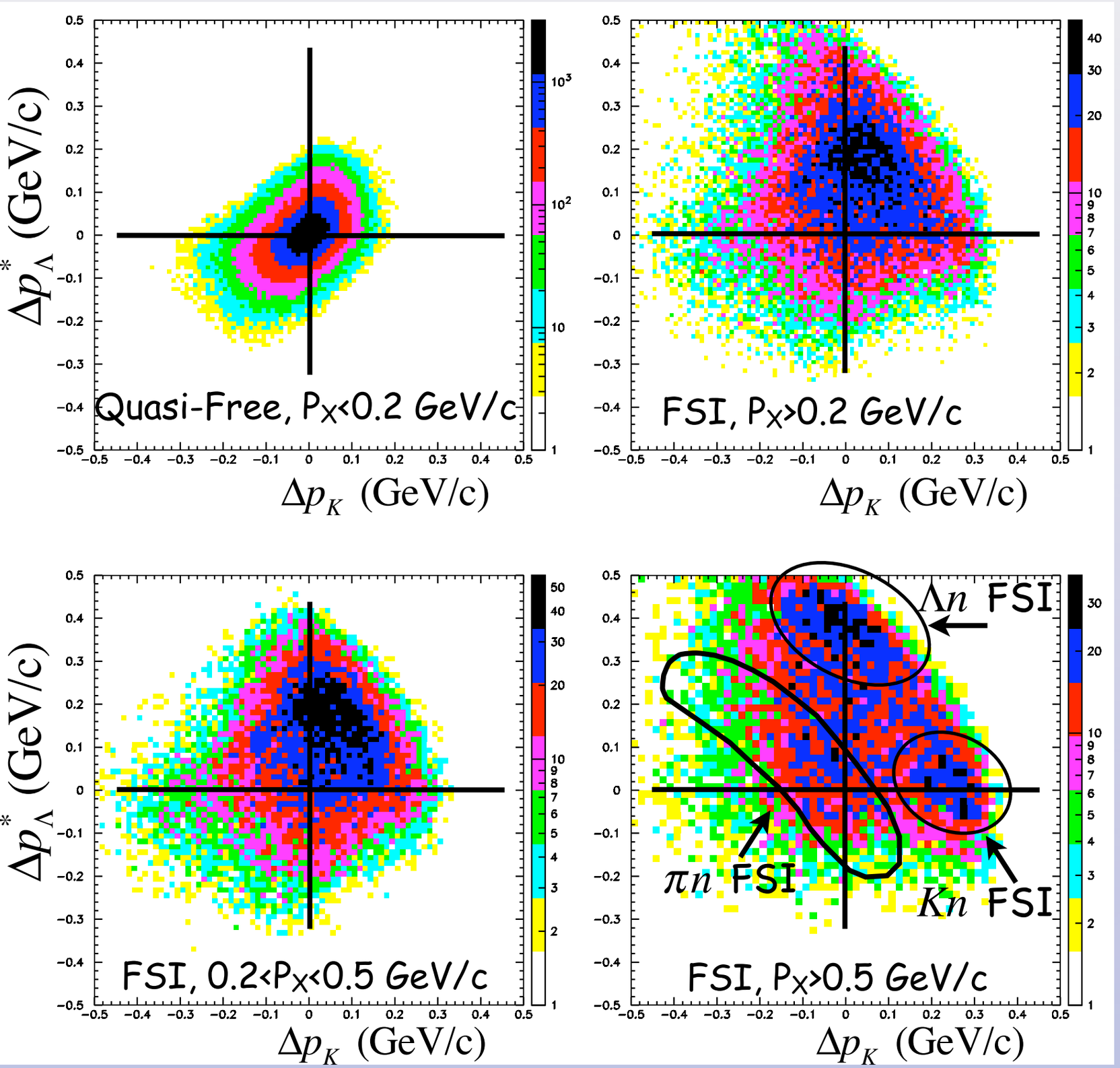






- one-, ..., four-fold differential observables will be extracted
- experimental observables are integrated over the CLAS acceptance
- direct comparison with models is not trivial
  - collaboration with theorists
  - use the model as event generator and process through CLAS simulation
  - provide a sample of FSI events that can be binned in any way

Suppression of Background Mechanisms



Assumption: The sequential 2→2 scatterings occur on a nucleon at rest

Strategy: Test if the 3-vector of each particle obeys 2-body kinematics at first step:

$$\gamma p \to K^+ \Lambda$$

$$\Delta p^*_\Lambda = p^{CM-K\Lambda}_{\Lambda,meas} - p^{CM-K\Lambda}_{\Lambda,2body}$$

$$p^{CM-K\Lambda}_{\Lambda,2body} = F(E_\gamma, m_p, m_\Lambda, m_K)$$

$$\gamma p \to K^+ \Lambda$$

$$\Delta p_K = p^{LS}_{K,meas} - p^{LS}_{K,2body}$$

$$p^{LS}_{K,2body} = F(E_\gamma, \theta^{LS}_{meas})$$

Summary

First estimates of a large set of polarization observables for FSI in the reaction $\gamma d \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda n$ have been obtained from JLab g13 experiment.

- One-, two-, three-, and four-fold differential estimates can be obtained with adequate statistical uncertainty.
- Beam-spin asymmetry provides indication that $\Lambda n \rightarrow \Lambda n$ mechanism may be dominant at large θ_Λ'.
- Beam-spin asymmetry can be binned sufficiently fine at low $W_{\Lambda n}$ to be suitable for extraction of the Λn scattering length.
- Extraction of helicity asymmetries and Λ induced polarization is underway.
- Data have sufficient coverage and statistical significance to impact YN.
- Work in progress on data interpretation (YN interaction).

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