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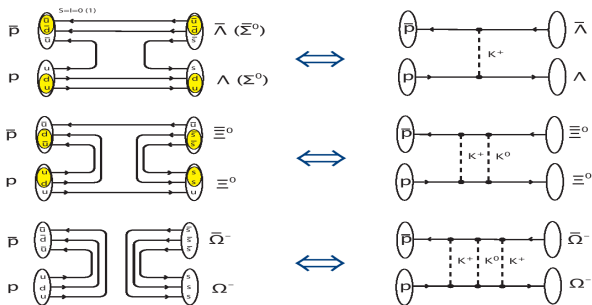
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$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{Y}Y$

What are the relevant degrees of freedom to describe a process?
Quarks and gluons or hadronic degrees of freedom?



PANDA (1.5-15 GeV) is in the transition regime between the two descriptions.



Hyperon Spin Variables

Hyperons decay with a parity violating weak decay to a spin 1/2 baryon and a spin 0 meson $\Rightarrow L = 0, 1$ ($L = 1, 2$ for Ω). Decay asymmetry parameters

$$\alpha = \frac{2\text{Re}(A_S^* A_P)}{|A_S|^2 + |A_P|^2}, \quad \beta = \frac{2\text{Im}(A_S^* A_P)}{|A_S|^2 + |A_P|^2}, \quad \gamma = \frac{|A_S|^2 - |A_P|^2}{|A_S|^2 + |A_P|^2} \quad (1)$$

Polarisation P is given from angular distribution

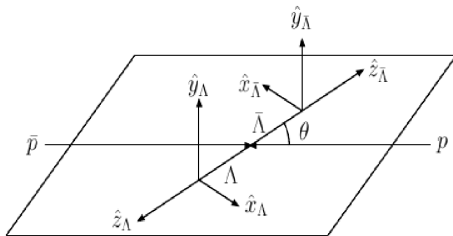
$$I(\cos \Theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \alpha P \cos \Theta) \quad (2)$$

In $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{Y}Y$ spin correlations are also be measured. For $\bar{\Lambda}\Lambda$ this relates to how the spins of the $\bar{s}s$ pair are correlated.

(β and γ appears in the angular distribution of the decay of the daughter particle)



Definition of the Hyperon Rest System



The hyperon rest systems are defined to make maximum use of C and P invariance

$$I_{\bar{p}p}(\Theta_{\bar{\Lambda}}, \hat{k}_{\bar{p}}, \hat{k}_p) = \frac{I_0}{64\pi^3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ +P_y(\bar{\alpha}\hat{k}_{\bar{p}y} + \alpha\hat{k}_{py}) \\ +C_{xx}\bar{\alpha}\alpha\hat{k}_{\bar{p}x}\hat{k}_{px} \\ +C_{yy}\bar{\alpha}\alpha\hat{k}_{\bar{p}y}\hat{k}_{py} \\ +C_{zz}\bar{\alpha}\alpha\hat{k}_{\bar{p}z}\hat{k}_{pz} \\ +C_{xz}\bar{\alpha}\alpha\hat{k}_{\bar{p}x}\hat{k}_{pz} \\ +C_{zx}\bar{\alpha}\alpha\hat{k}_{\bar{p}z}\hat{k}_{px} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$



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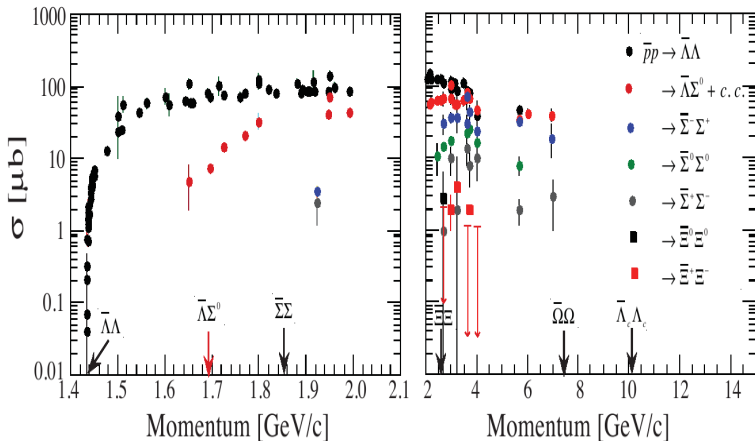
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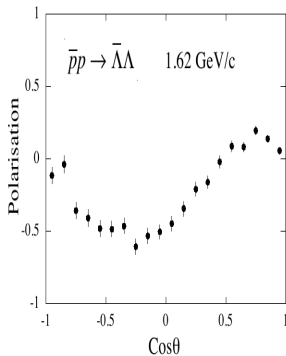
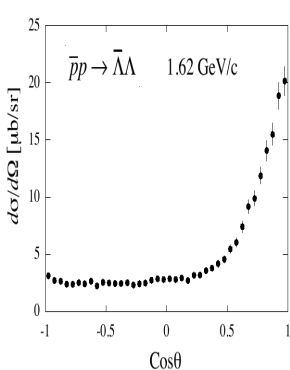
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Data from PS185 at LEAR

Largest amount of data, $\sim 40k$ events, from PS185 experiment at LEAR.





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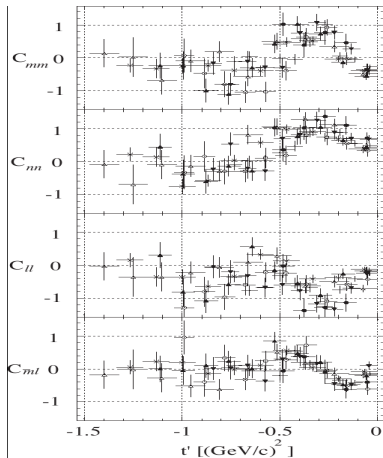
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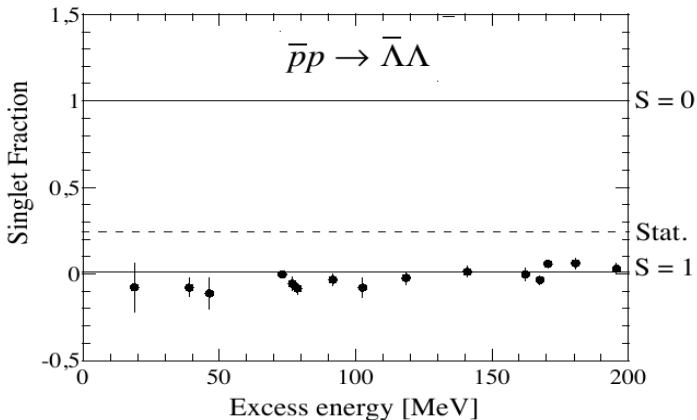
Spin Correlations





Singlet Fraction

$$SF = \frac{1}{4}(1 + C_{xx} - C_{yy} + C_{zz}) \quad (4)$$



$\bar{\Lambda}\Lambda$ (and consequently the $\bar{s}s$) are always produced with parallel spins.



CP Violation Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \frac{\Gamma - \bar{\Gamma}}{\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma}} \\ A &= \frac{\Gamma\alpha + \bar{\Gamma}\bar{\alpha}}{\Gamma\alpha - \bar{\Gamma}\bar{\alpha}} \approx \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} \\ B &= \frac{\Gamma\beta + \bar{\Gamma}\bar{\beta}}{\Gamma\beta - \bar{\Gamma}\bar{\beta}} \approx \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\beta - \bar{\beta}} \\ B' &= \frac{\Gamma\beta + \bar{\Gamma}\bar{\beta}}{\Gamma\alpha - \bar{\Gamma}\bar{\alpha}} \approx \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Theoretical estimate $A \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ and

$$0.1O(B) \approx O(B') \approx 10O(A) \approx 100O(D) \tag{6}$$

Experimental limits: $A_{\Lambda} = 0.013 \pm 0.021$ (PDG average),
 $A_{\Xi} = (0.0 \pm 5.1 \pm 4.4) \cdot 10^{-4}$ (HYCP, 158M events, p Cu,
800 GeV).

No experimental limits on B_{Ξ} and B'_{Ξ}



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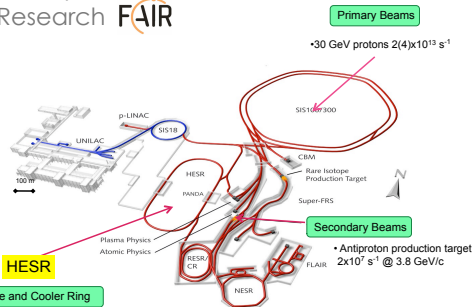
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Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research FAIR



Primary Beams

•30 GeV protons $2(4)\times 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$

SIS100/300



p-LINAC

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SIS100

HESR

Storage and Cooler Ring

• 10^{11} stored and cooled 1.5 - 14.5 GeV/c
antiprotons

High resolution mode

• $\delta p/p < 2 \times 10^{-5}$ (electron cooling)
• Luminosity = $2 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Secondary Beams

• Antiproton production target
 $2 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ @ 3.8 GeV/c

Plasma Physics
Atomic Physics

CBM

Rare Isotope
Production Target

Super-FRS

RESR/CR

FLAIR

NESR

High luminosity mode

• Luminosity = $2 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
• $\delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$ (stochastic cooling)



PANDA Detector

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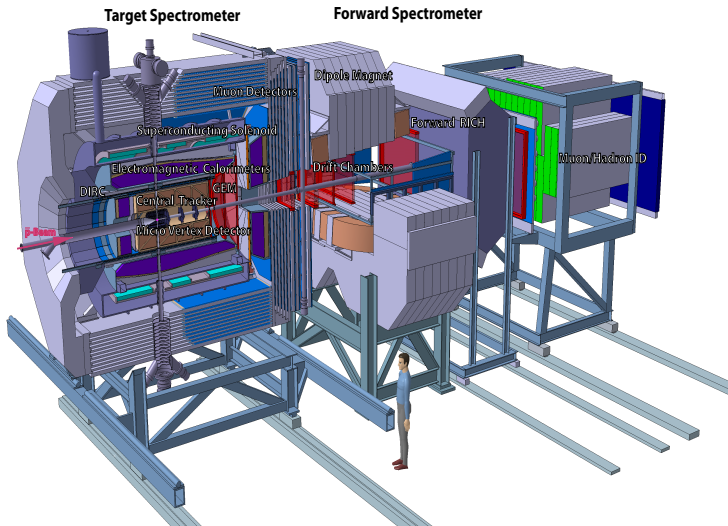
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New for PANDA

- Very large increase in statistics for Λ and Σ hyperons and possibility to measure at higher beam momenta
- Opens up new channels: Ξ , Ω , Λ_c , ...
- Increase in statistics for CP violation measurements and access to the unmeasured (more sensitive parameters) B_{Ξ} and B'_{Ξ}



Hyperon Properties

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Hyperon	Quarks	Mass [MeV c^2]	τ [cm]	Main decay	B [%]	α_γ
Λ	uds	1116	8.0	$p\pi^-$	64	+0.64
Σ^+	uus	1189	2.4	$p\pi^0$	52	-0.98
Σ^0	uds	1193	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$\Lambda\gamma$	100	-
Σ^-	dds	1197	2.4	$n\pi^-$	100	-0.07
Ξ^0	uss	1315	8.7	$\Lambda\pi^0$	99	-0.41
Ξ^-	dss	1321	4.9	$\Lambda\pi^-$	100	-0.46
Ω^-	sss	1672	2.5	ΛK^-	68	-0.03
Λ_c^+	udc	2286	$6.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\Lambda\pi^+$	1	-0.91(15)
Σ_c^{++}	uuc	2454		$\Lambda_c^+\pi^+$	100	
Σ_c^+	udc	2453		$\Lambda_c^+\pi^0$	100	
Σ_c^0	ddc	2454		$\Lambda_c^+\pi^-$	100	
Ξ_c^+	usc	2468	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	seen	
Ξ_c^0	dsc	2471	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\Xi^- \pi^+$	seen	-0.6(4)
Ω_c^0	ssc	2697	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\Omega^- \pi^+$	seen	



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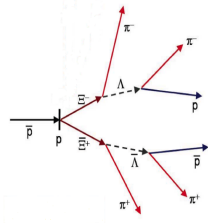
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- Reconstruction efficiency between 14 and 24%, depending on beam momentum
- Between 100 and 1000 reconstructable events/s
- Polarisation and spin correlations reconstructable
- Most severe background problem is to separate Λ from Σ^0

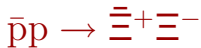


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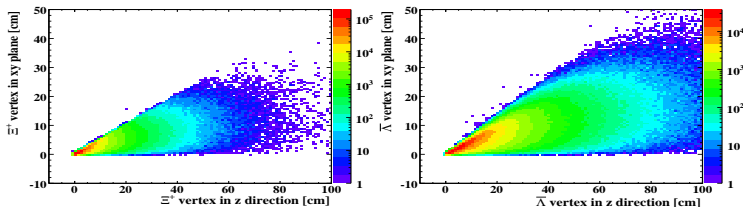
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- Only existing data from old bubble chamber experiments
- Ξ^-/Ξ^+ bent by magnetic field, must be corrected for
- Differential cross section not known, isotropic used for simulations
- Four displaced vertices \rightarrow low background
- Daughter Λ also decays weakly \rightarrow more parameters reconstructable



- Simulations at 4 GeV/c beam momentum
- Reconstruction efficiency $\sim 17\% \rightarrow \sim 30$ reconstructable events/s
- Background from $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^-(1385)\Sigma^+(1385)$ investigated. Background/Signal smaller than $2 \cdot 10^{-4}$



Decay vertices of $\bar{\Xi}^+$ and $\bar{\Lambda}$.



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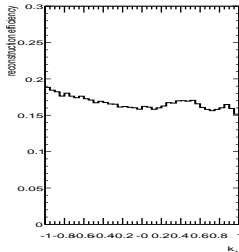
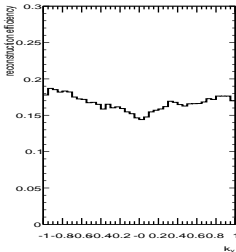
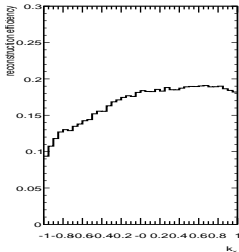
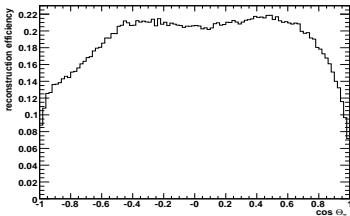
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Reconstruction Efficiency Depending on Production and Decay Angles



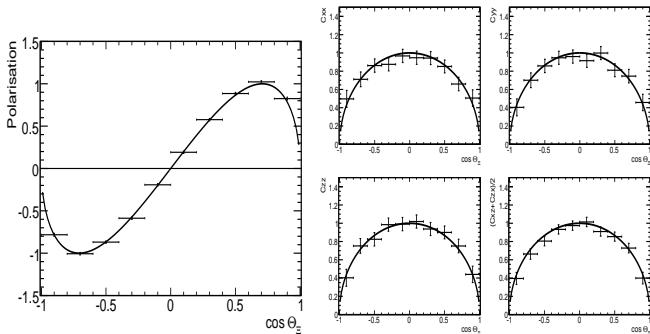


Ξ^-/Ξ^+ Spin Variables

Spin variables can be calculated from averages of the reconstructed decay angles (\hat{k}). The acceptance depends on the angle in the hyperon decay \Rightarrow need to use MC based acceptance functions

$$P_y = \frac{3}{\alpha} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{k_{y,n}}{A(k_{y,n})}, \quad C_{ij} = \frac{9}{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\bar{k}_{i,n}k_{j,n}}{A(\bar{k}_{i,n}, k_{j,n})} \quad (7)$$

Reconstructed spin variables from 350000 reconstructed events.
($P = \sin 2\Theta$, $C_{ij} = \sin \Theta$ as input)





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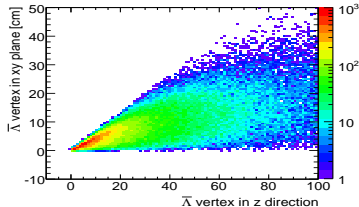
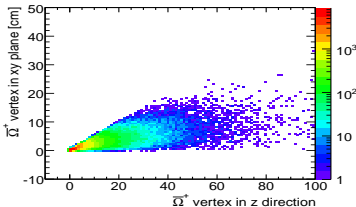
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$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{\Omega}^+\Omega^-$$

- Differential cross section not known, isotropic used for simulations
- Cross section estimate ~ 2 nb, branching ratio for $\Omega \rightarrow \Lambda K \sim 68\%$
- Simulations at 12 GeV/c beam momentum
- Reconstruction efficiency $\sim 30\% \rightarrow \sim 80$ reconstructable events/hour
- Acceptance for all production angles of $\bar{\Omega}^+$



Decay vertices of $\bar{\Omega}^+$ and $\bar{\Lambda}$.



Density Matrix of Ω

spin 3/2 particle \rightarrow 15 polarisation parameters r instead of only the vector polarisation as for spin 1/2

Parity invariance \rightarrow 8 are equal to zero

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \sqrt{3}r_0^2 & i\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}r_{-1}^1 - \sqrt{3}r_1^2 & \sqrt{3}r_2^2 - i\sqrt{3}r_{-2}^3 & -i\sqrt{6}r_{-3}^3 \\ -i\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}r_{-1}^1 - \sqrt{3}r_1^2 & 1 - \sqrt{3}r_0^2 & i2\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}r_{-1}^1 + i3\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}r_{-1}^3 & \sqrt{3}r_2^2 + i\sqrt{3}r_{-2}^3 \\ \sqrt{3}r_2^2 + i\sqrt{3}r_{-2}^3 & -i2\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}r_{-1}^1 - i3\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}r_{-1}^3 & 1 - \sqrt{3}r_0^2 & i\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}r_{-1}^1 + \sqrt{3}r_1^2 \\ i\sqrt{6}r_{-3}^3 & \sqrt{3}r_2^2 - i\sqrt{3}r_{-2}^3 & -i\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}r_{-1}^1 + \sqrt{3}r_1^2 & 1 + \sqrt{3}r_0^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Degree of polarisation = $\sqrt{\sum r^2}$

Compare spin 1/2

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{I} + \vec{P} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + P_z & P_x + iP_y \\ P_x - iP_y & 1 - P_z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & iP_y \\ -iP_y & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$



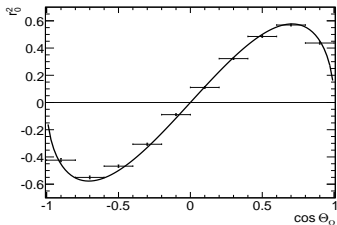
Polarisation of Ω

Angular distribution of $\Omega \rightarrow \Lambda K$ ($\alpha \approx 0$)

$$I(\Theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (3 \cos^2 \Theta - 1) r_0^2 - \frac{3}{2} (\sin^2 \Theta \cos 2\phi r_1^2 - \sin 2\Theta \cos \phi r_2^2) \right) \quad (10)$$

Angular distribution of $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$

$$I(\Theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(1 + \alpha_\Lambda \sin \Theta (16\sqrt{15} r_{-1}^1 + 15\sqrt{10} r_{-1}^3) (\beta_1 \cos \phi + \gamma_1 \sin \phi) \right) \quad (11)$$



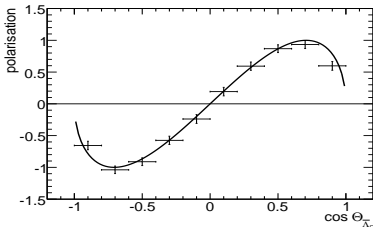
Reconstructed r_0^2 from
30000 events.

$r_0^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin 2\Theta$ as input



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- Threshold momentum 10.2 GeV/c, simulations at 12 GeV/c
- Differential cross section not known, isotropic used for simulations
- Acceptance for all production angles of $\bar{\Lambda}_c^-$
- Cross section $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{b}$, branching ratio for $\Lambda_c \rightarrow p\pi \sim 1\%$
- Reconstruction efficiency $\sim 35\% \rightarrow \sim 25$ reconstructable events/day
- Background from Σ resonances, not investigated yet
- Large asymmetry parameter $\alpha = -0.91$, polarisation reasonably well reconstructed from a few thousand events (3500)





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Other Charmed Hyperons

- Ξ_c^0 and Ω_c^0 in principle also accessible
- Threshold momentum 12.0 and 14.6 GeV/c
- Assumption: Cross sections reduced by factors $\alpha_s^2 = 1/25$ and $\alpha_s^4 = 1/625$
- Branching ratios not known
- Ξ_c^0 maybe possible, Ω_c^0 probably not



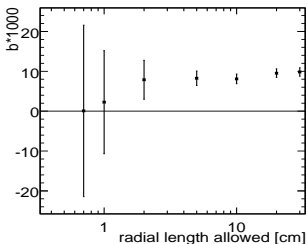
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CP violation parameters can be measured by detecting if the decay particles go up or down with respect to the hyperon production plane

$$b = \frac{N_{+-} - N_{-+}}{N} = \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{4} \quad (12)$$

Experimental considerations:

- Uncertainty $\propto P\sqrt{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}}$, choose right angular interval
- Only use events where the hyperons decay in the vacuum of the beam pipe to avoid depolarisation in material
- Use events close to beam axis to make acceptance symmetric

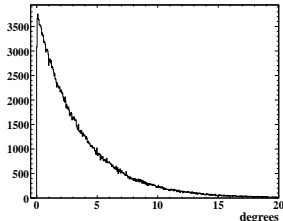




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$$\frac{d\bar{\Sigma}}{d\tau} = - \left[\frac{1}{\gamma + 1} \left(\bar{u} \times \frac{d\bar{u}}{d\tau} \right) + \frac{ge}{2m} \bar{B}_{(0)} \right] \times \bar{\Sigma} \quad (13)$$

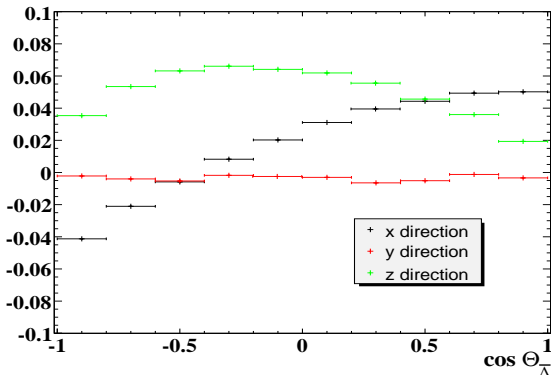
Uncharged hyperon: construct the coordinate system \hat{B}_0 , $\hat{B}_0 \times \hat{\Sigma}$, $(\hat{B}_0 \times \hat{\Sigma}) \times \hat{B}_0$.



The precession angle of the Λ polarisation vector at 4 GeV/c.



Effect on the Reconstruction of Polarisation



The difference in calculated polarisation using the Λ rest system at production and a rest system which has been rotated in the same way as the polarisation vector.
Spin correlations are not affected.



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- High statistics for the lighter hyperons, low background in general
- Many observables for Ξ^- and Ω^- can be measured for the first time: differential cross section, polarisation, spin correlations, CP violation parameters, ...
- Charmed hyperons: Λ_c^+ is possible to study, maybe Ξ_c^0 and probably not Ω_c^0
- A small effect from the strong magnetic field affecting the hyperon spins, for the uncharged hyperons this can be corrected for