

“Time-reversal and the neutron”

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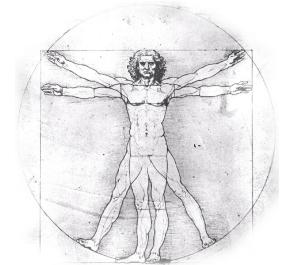
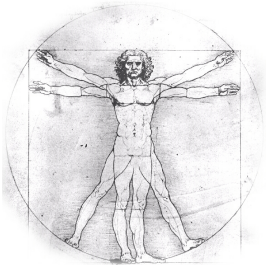
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Motivations/observables

Neutron decay: the D coefficient

Relation to neutron EDM

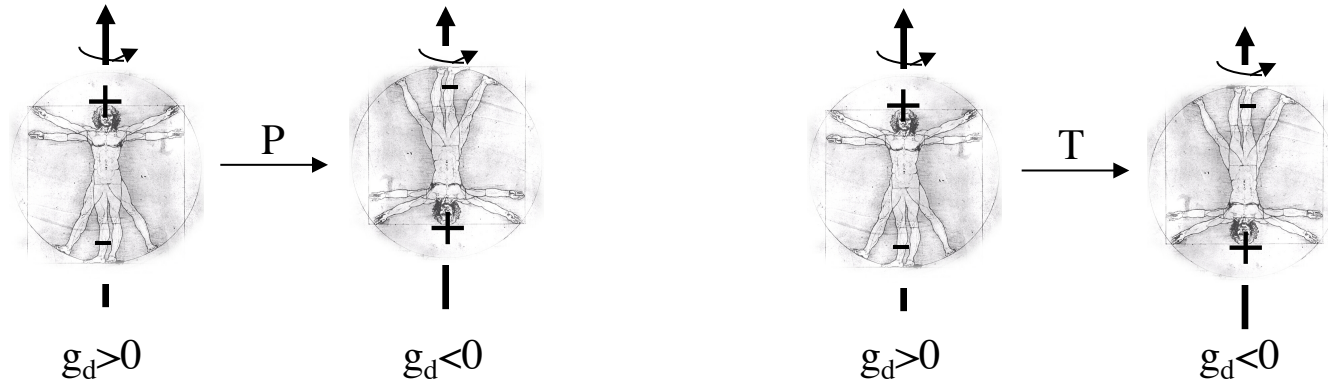
emiT-II Results



Observables – T-violating

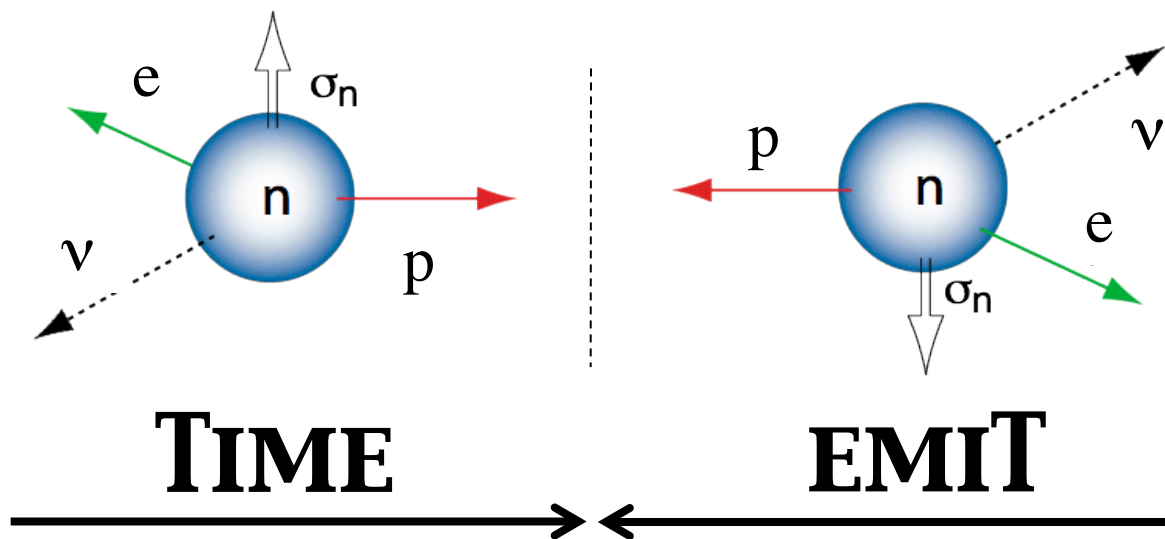
EDMs

PT



Decay correlations $D\vec{J}_n \cdot (\vec{p}_p \times \vec{p}_e)$
 $n \rightarrow pe\bar{\nu}$

PT

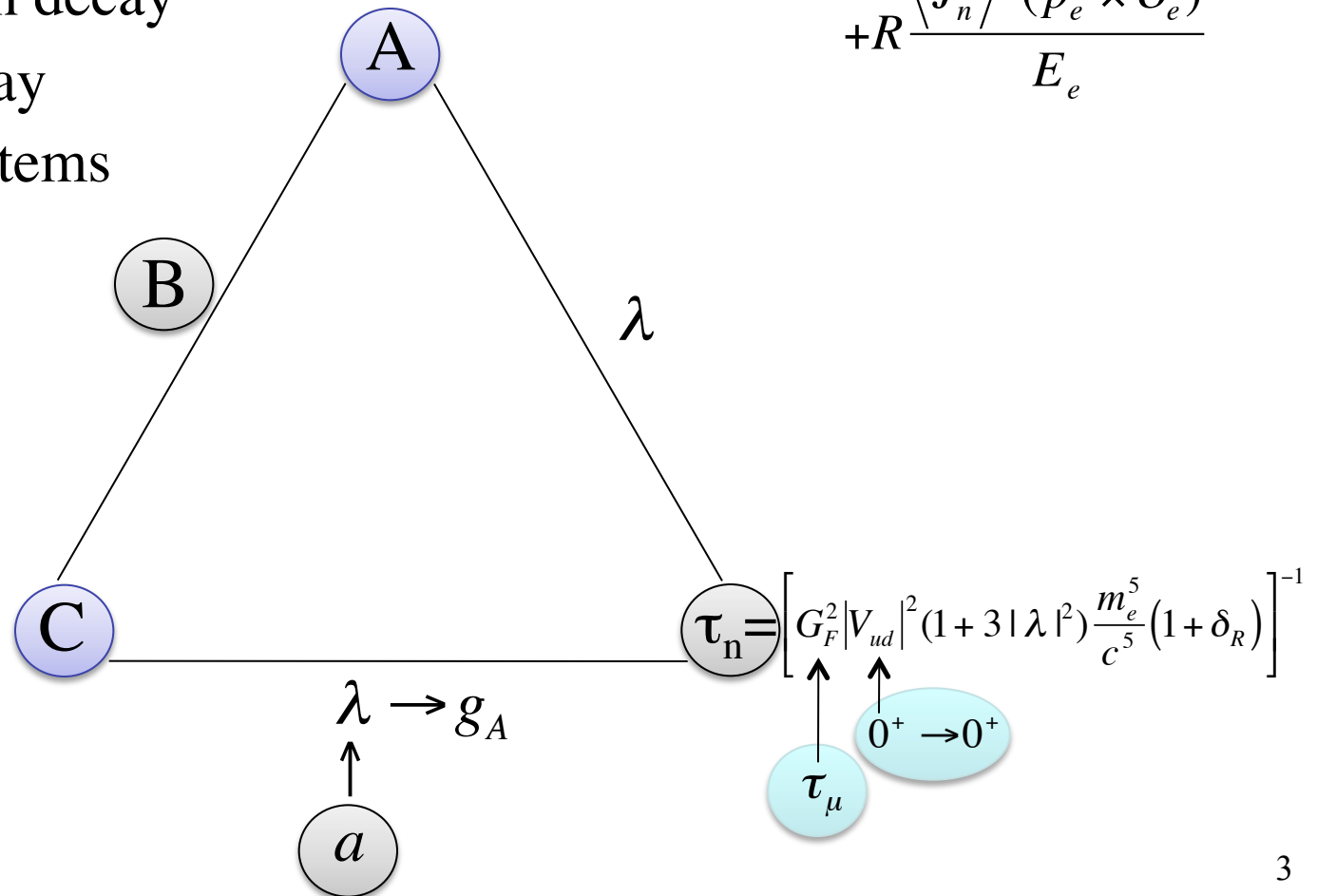


Neutron Decay

Two parameters but many observables

$$\frac{d^5\Gamma}{dE_e d\Omega_e d\Omega_\nu} = G(E_e) \left(1 + a \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + b \frac{m_e}{E_e} + A \frac{\langle \vec{J}_n \rangle \cdot \vec{p}_e}{E_e} + B \frac{\langle \vec{J}_n \rangle \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D \frac{\langle \vec{J}_n \rangle \cdot (\vec{p}_e \times \vec{p}_\nu)}{E_e E_\nu} \right) + R \frac{\langle \vec{J}_n \rangle \cdot (\vec{p}_e \times \vec{\sigma}_e)}{E_e}$$

- Polarized neutron decay
- Unpolarized decay
- Input – other systems



Correlation coefficients in neutron decay

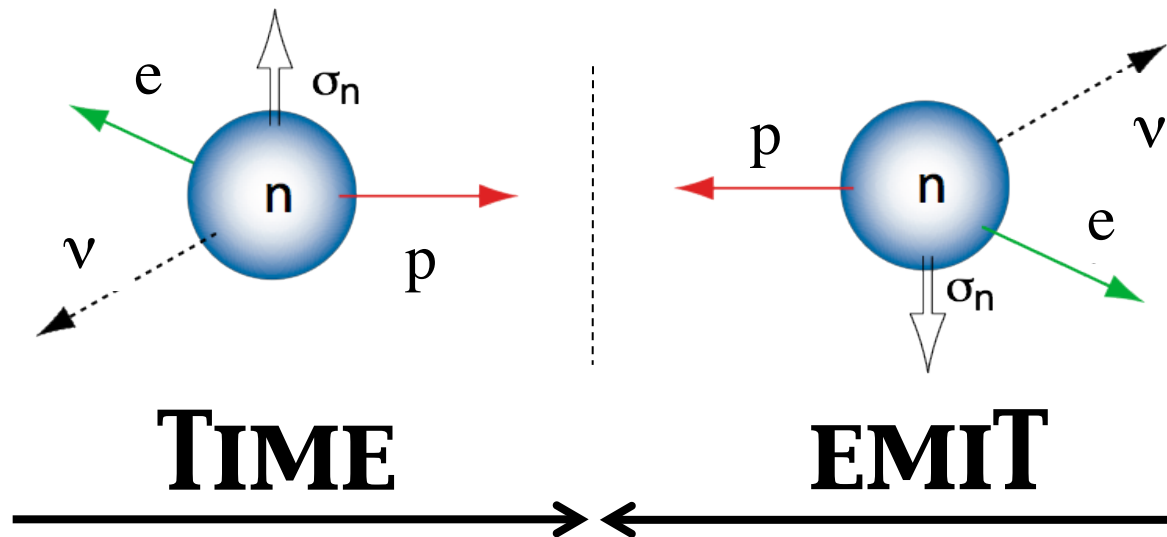
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		% error	Ref	SM (tree level)	$\frac{1}{\alpha} \partial\alpha/\partial\lambda $
λ	-1.2694 ± 0.0028	0.2	PDG		
a	-0.103 ± 0.004	3.9	PDG	$\frac{1 - \lambda ^2}{1 + 3 \lambda ^2}$	2.8
A	-0.1187 ± 0.0008	0.7	W.A.	$-2 \frac{ \lambda ^2 + \text{Re}(\lambda)}{1 + 3 \lambda ^2}$	3.2
B	0.9807 ± 0.0030	0.3	PDG	$+2 \frac{ \lambda ^2 - \text{Re}(\lambda)}{1 + 3 \lambda ^2}$	0.08
C	-0.2377 ± 0.0036	1.1	PERKEOII-B	$C = 4 \frac{\text{Re}(\lambda)}{1 + 3 \lambda ^2}$	0.52
D	TBA	-	emiT-II	$2 \frac{\text{Im}(\lambda)}{1 + 3 \lambda ^2}$	

Time reversal vs motion reversal

Experiment does not reverse time, but observable $D\vec{J}_n \cdot (\vec{p}_p \times \vec{p}_e)$ includes T and Final State Interactions: $D = D_T + D_{FSI}$

$$D_{FSI} \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$$

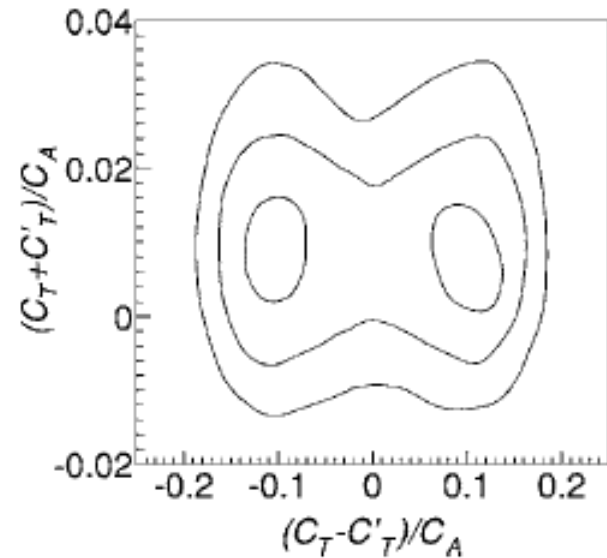
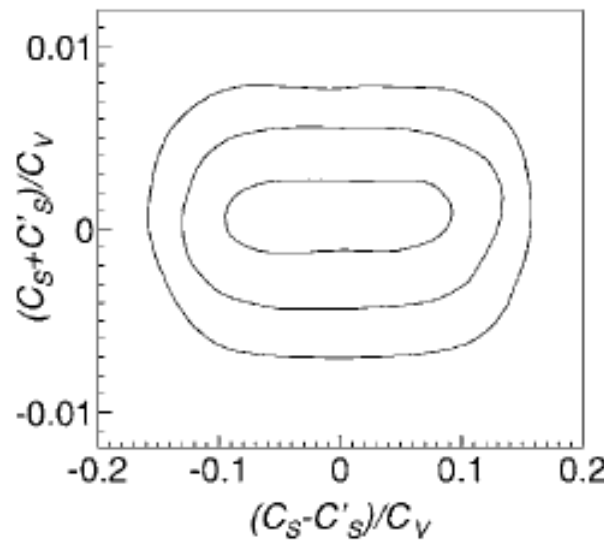


Beyond SM Physics

$$D_T \approx \frac{1}{1+3|\lambda|^2} \left\{ -2 \frac{\text{Im}(C_V C_A^*)}{|C_V|^2} + \frac{\text{Im}(C_S C_T^* + C'_S C_T^*)}{|C_V|^2} + \frac{\alpha m}{p_e} \left(\lambda^* \frac{\text{Re}(C_T + C'_T)}{C_A^*} + \lambda \frac{\text{Re}(C_S + C'_S)}{C_V^*} \right) \right\}$$

$$2 \frac{\text{Im}(\lambda)}{1+3|\lambda|^2}$$

$$\frac{C_A}{C_V} = |\lambda| e^{i\varphi_{AV}}$$



$|C_S/C_V| < 0.067$ and $|C_T/C_A| < 0.081$ (95% c.l.)

N. Severijns et al. RMP, **78** p991 (2006)

$$\text{Models: } D_T = \sum_{\text{sources}} D_{\text{source}}$$

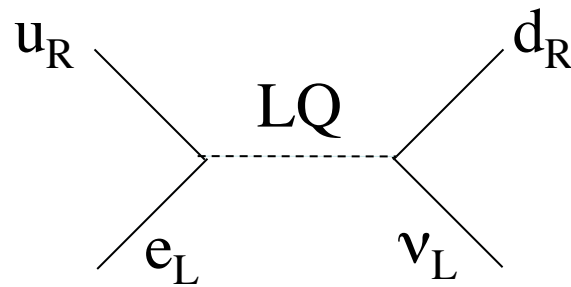
$$\Gamma \propto \left| \underbrace{A_{PT}}_{\text{EDM}} + A_{PT} + A_{PT} \right|^2 \sim \Gamma_{PT} + \frac{A_{PT}}{A_{PT}} \sin \varphi_{PT} + \frac{A_{PT}}{A_{PT}} \sin \varphi_{PT} + \dots$$

Model	Contribution to D	Constrained by
CKM	10^{-12}	Mixing
θ_{QCD}	2×10^{-15}	EDMs (n, ^{199}Hg)
Left-right symmetry	$10^{-7}-10^{-5}$	W_L limits (B)+EDMs
Non-SM Fermions	$10^{-7}-10^{-5}$	Direct production+EDMs
Charged Higgs SUSY	$10^{-7}-10^{-6}$	
4-fermion/leptoquark	$<10^{-4}$	Ng/Tulin (nEDM)

$$D_{\text{FSI}} \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$$

Relationship to EDM (4 quark operator)

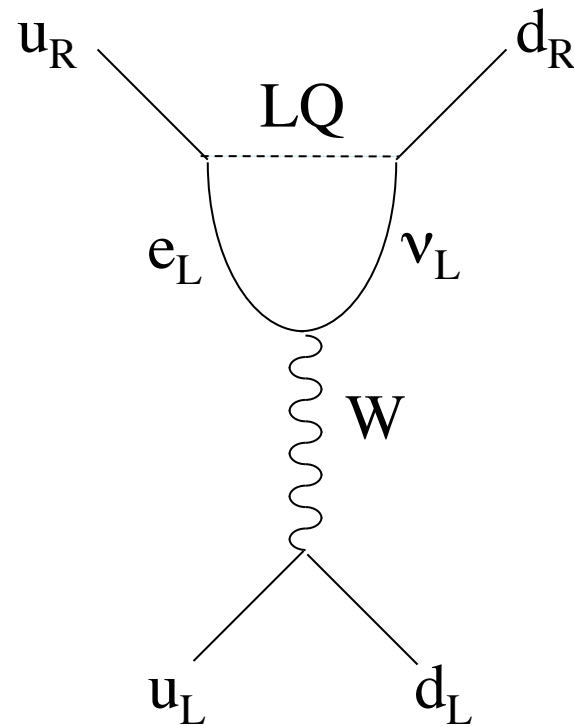
(Ng & Tulin: PRD **85** 033001 '12)



nDecay

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EDM

History of D measurements

ϕ_{AV} , PHASE OF g_A RELATIVE TO g_V

Time reversal invariance requires this to be 0 or 180° . This is related to D given in the next data block and $\lambda \equiv g_A/g_V$ by $\sin(\phi_{AV}) = D(1+3\lambda^2)/2\lambda$; this assumes that g_A and g_V are real.

VALUE ($^\circ$)	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
180.06 ± 0.07 OUR AVERAGE			
180.04 ± 0.09	SOLDNER	04	CNTR Cold n , polarized
180.08 ± 0.13	LISING	00	CNTR Polarized >93%
179.71 ± 0.39	EROZOLIM...	78	CNTR Cold n , polarized
180.35 ± 0.43	EROZOLIM...	74	CNTR Cold n , polarized
180.14 ± 0.22	STEINBERG	74	CNTR Cold n , polarized
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •			
181.1 ± 1.3	⁴³ KROPF	74	RVUE n decay
⁴³ KROPF 74 reviews all data through 1972.			

TRIPLE CORRELATION COEFFICIENT D

These are measurements of the component of n spin perpendicular to the decay plane in β decay. Should be zero if T invariance is not violated.

VALUE (units 10^{-4})	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
-4 ± 6 OUR AVERAGE			
$-2.8 \pm 6.4 \pm 3.0$	SOLDNER	04	CNTR Cold n , polarized
$-6 \pm 12 \pm 5$	LISING	00	CNTR Polarized >93%
$+22 \pm 30$	EROZOLIM...	78	CNTR Cold n , polarized
-27 ± 50	⁴⁴ EROZOLIM...	74	CNTR Cold n , polarized
-11 ± 17	STEINBERG	74	CNTR Cold n , polarized
⁴⁴ EROZOLIMSKII 78 says asymmetric proton losses and nonuniform beam polarization may give a systematic error up to 30×10^{-4} , thus increasing the EROZOLIMSKII 74 error to 50×10^{-4} . STEINBERG 74 and STEINBERG 76 estimate these systematic errors to be insignificant in their experiment.			

Emit-I: $D = (-6 \pm 12(\text{stat.}) \pm 5(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-4}$ *Phys. Rev. C* **62** 055501 (2000)

TRINE: $D = (-2.8 \pm 7.1) \times 10^{-4}$ T. Soldner et al. *Phys. Lett.* **B** 581 (2004)

¹⁹Ne: $D = (1 \pm 6) \times 10^{-4}$ F. Calaprice, in *Hyperfine Interactions* (1985)

A New Limit on Time-Reversal-Invariance Violation in Beta Decay: Results of the emiT-II Experiment

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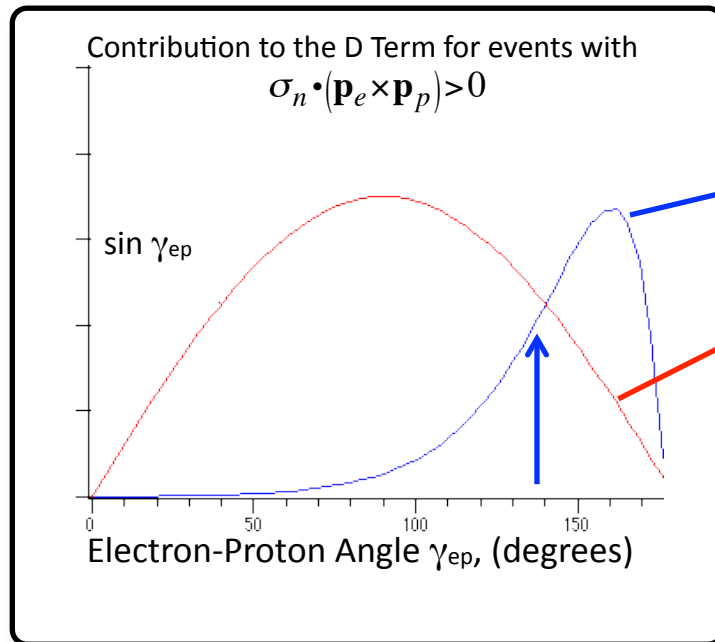
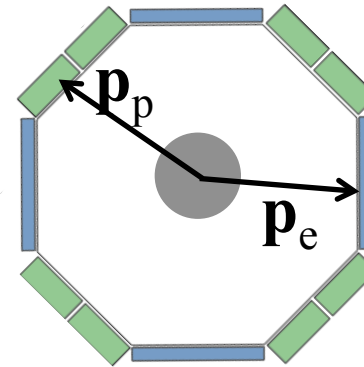
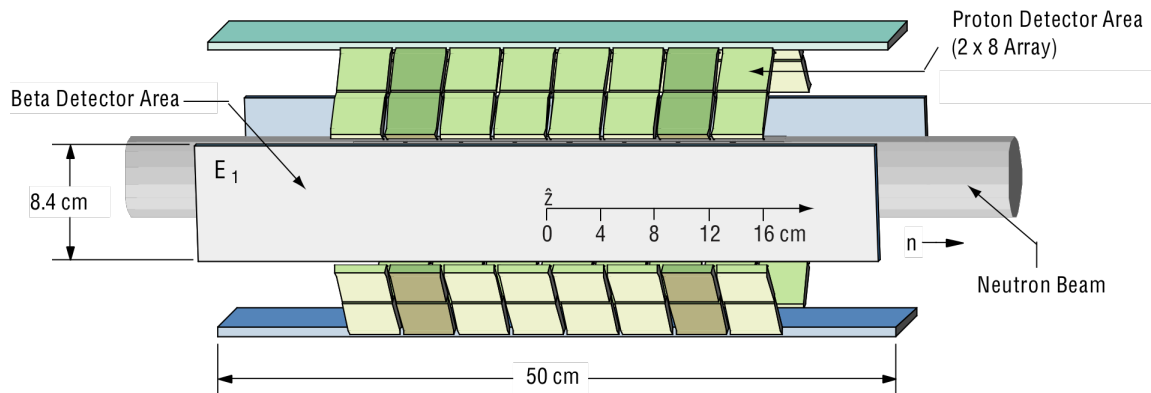
NEW RESULT: $D = [-0.94 \pm 1.89(\text{STAT}) \pm 0.97(\text{SYS})] \times 10^{-4}$ (arXiv:1205.6588)

$$\varphi_{AV} = 180.012 \pm 0.028 \quad \frac{g_A}{g_V} = |\lambda| e^{i\varphi_{AV}}$$

Work supported in part by NIST and grants from the DOE and NSF

emiT: 8-fold symmetry

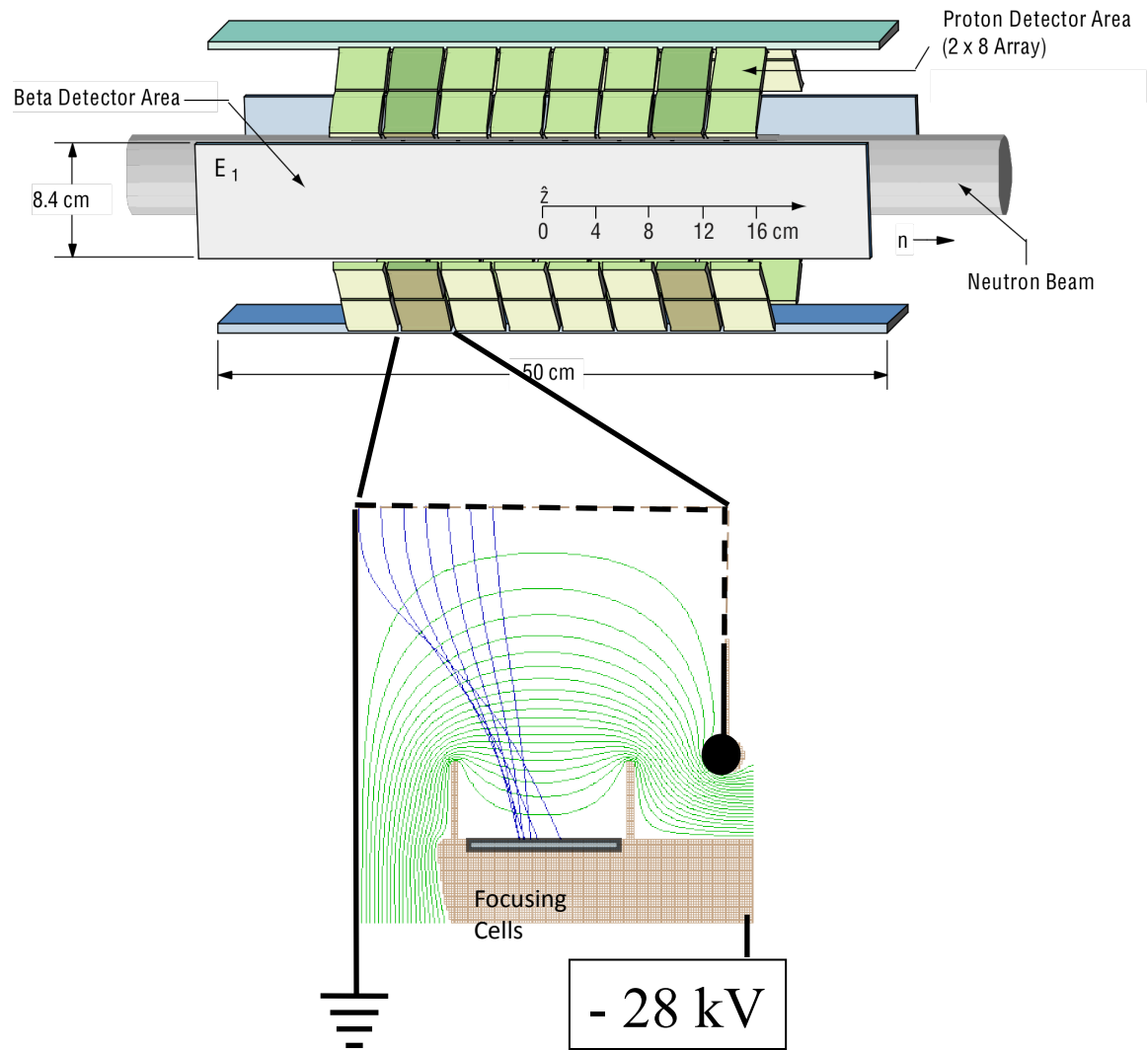
64 proton SBDs/4 β scintillators



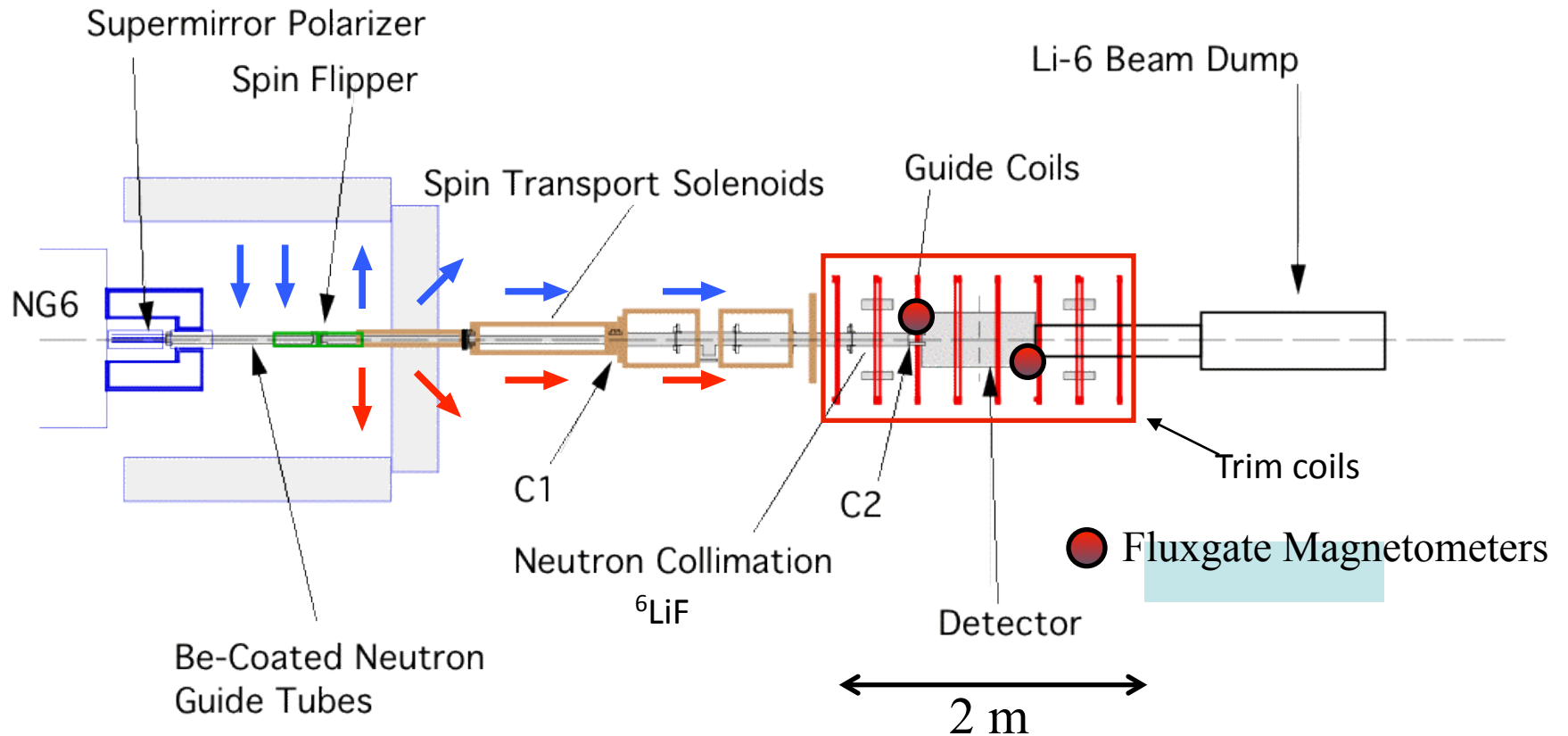
$$D\vec{J}_n \cdot (\vec{p}_p \times \vec{p}_e)$$

- Proton-electron momenta anticorrelated
- Coincidence rate favors 180°
 - $\sin\theta_{ep}$ favors 90°
 - FOM ($1/\sigma^2$) 9x improved at 135°
- Symmetrical, segmented detector:
 - Minimize sensitivity to A and B
 - Investigate nonuniformities
 - Study systematic effects

emiT proton detection

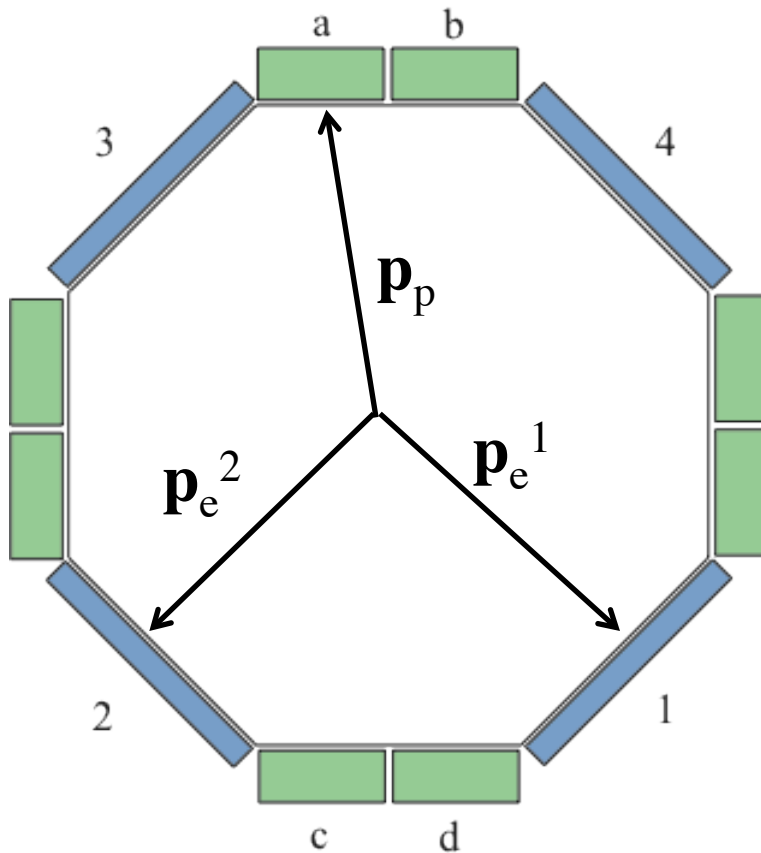


Neutron Beam and Spin transport



- High neutron flux ($1.7 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at “C2”) (fission chamber)
- $560 \mu\text{T}$ guide field, monitored during run
- Beam profile measured at 3 positions via Dysprosium foil activation
- Polarization determined with supermirror-analyzer
 $P > 91\%$ (for $f=1$, $P=A$) (95%) $f=95 \pm 5\%$ (calculated)

Measurement Principle



 Proton Detector

 Electron Detector

Spin-flip asymmetry

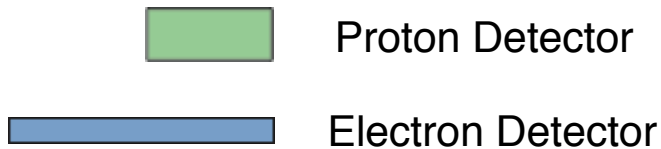
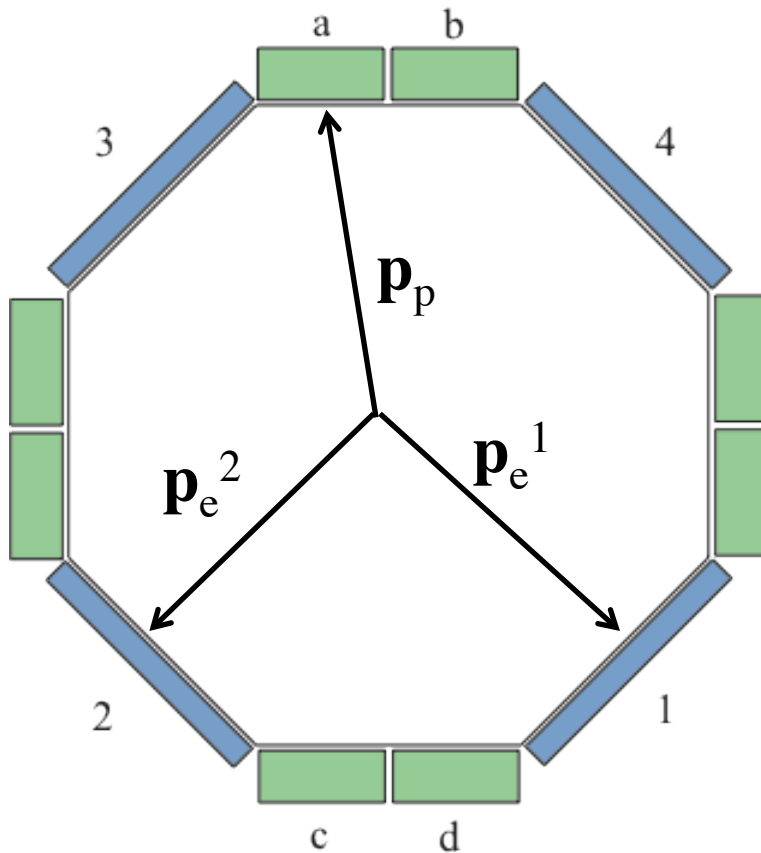
$$w^{p_i e_j} = \frac{N_+^{p_i e_j} - N_-^{p_i e_j}}{N_+^{p_i e_j} + N_-^{p_i e_j}}$$

Combine w 's

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$$v^{p_i} = PD \hat{z} \cdot \left(\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_D^{p_i e_R} - \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_D^{p_i e_L} \right)$$

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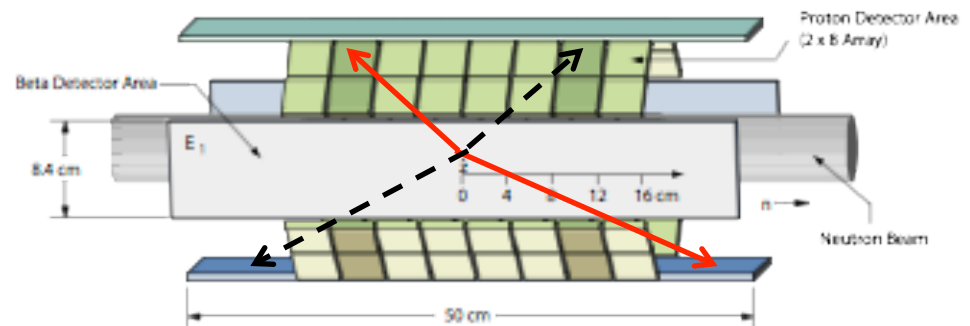
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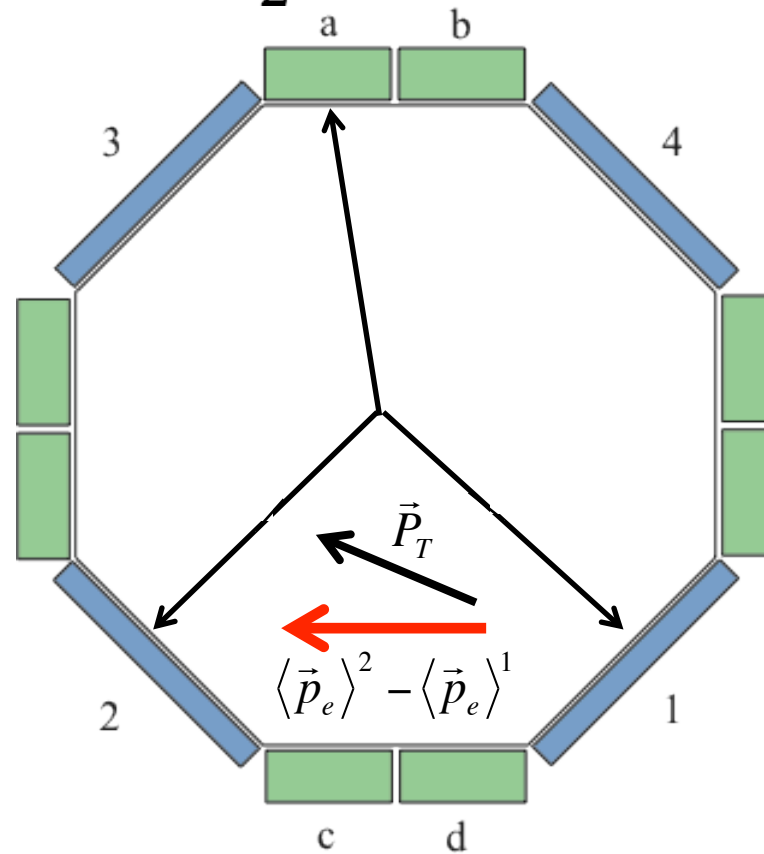
$$+ A \hat{z} \cdot \Delta \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} + B \hat{z} \cdot \Delta \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_e}$$



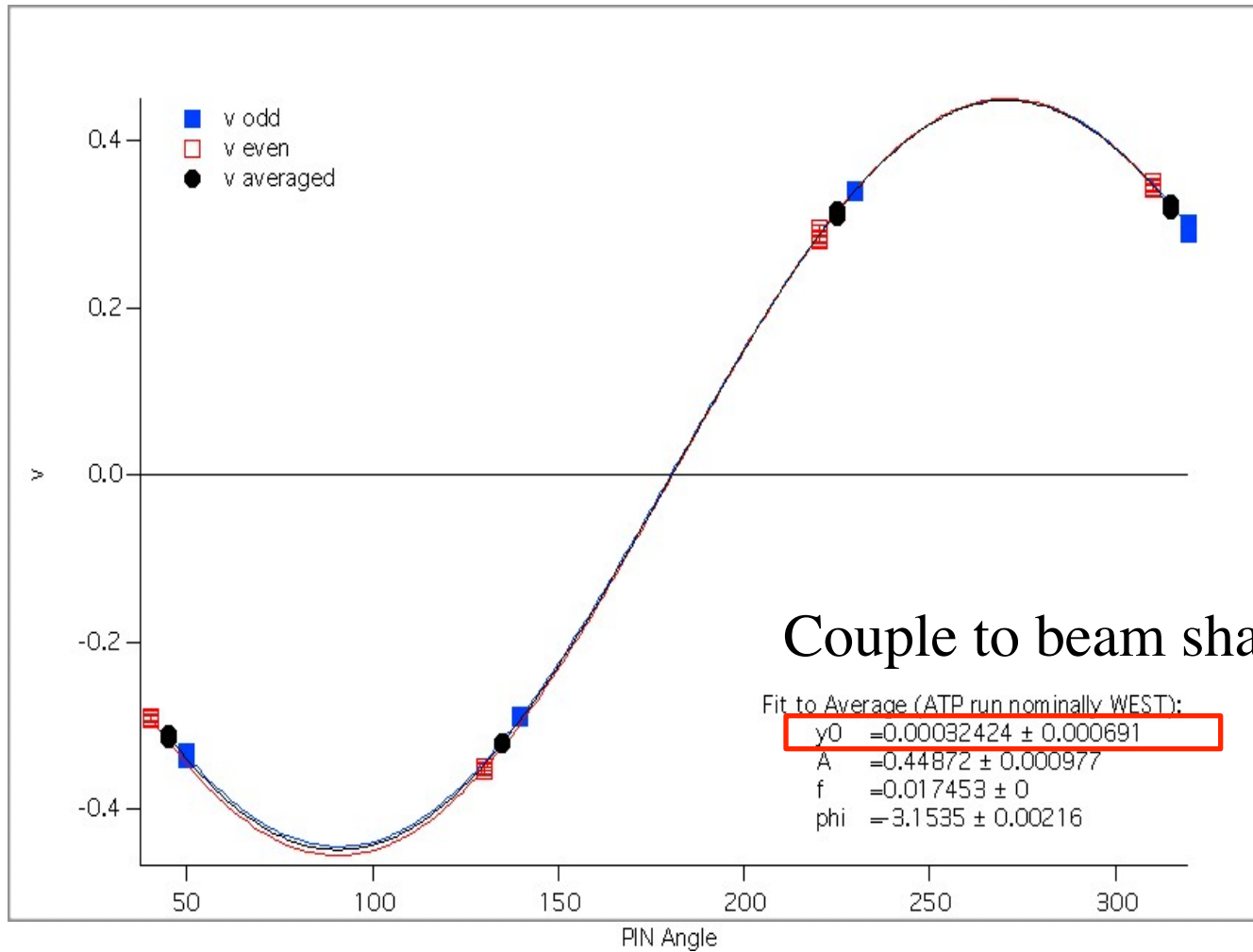
Transverse Polarization (5 mR guide field misalignment)

$$w^{p_i e_j} \approx \mathbf{P} \cdot \left(A \int \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} - B \int \frac{\vec{p}_{vj}}{E_e} + D \int \frac{(\vec{p}_p \times \vec{p}_e)}{E_e E_v} \right)$$

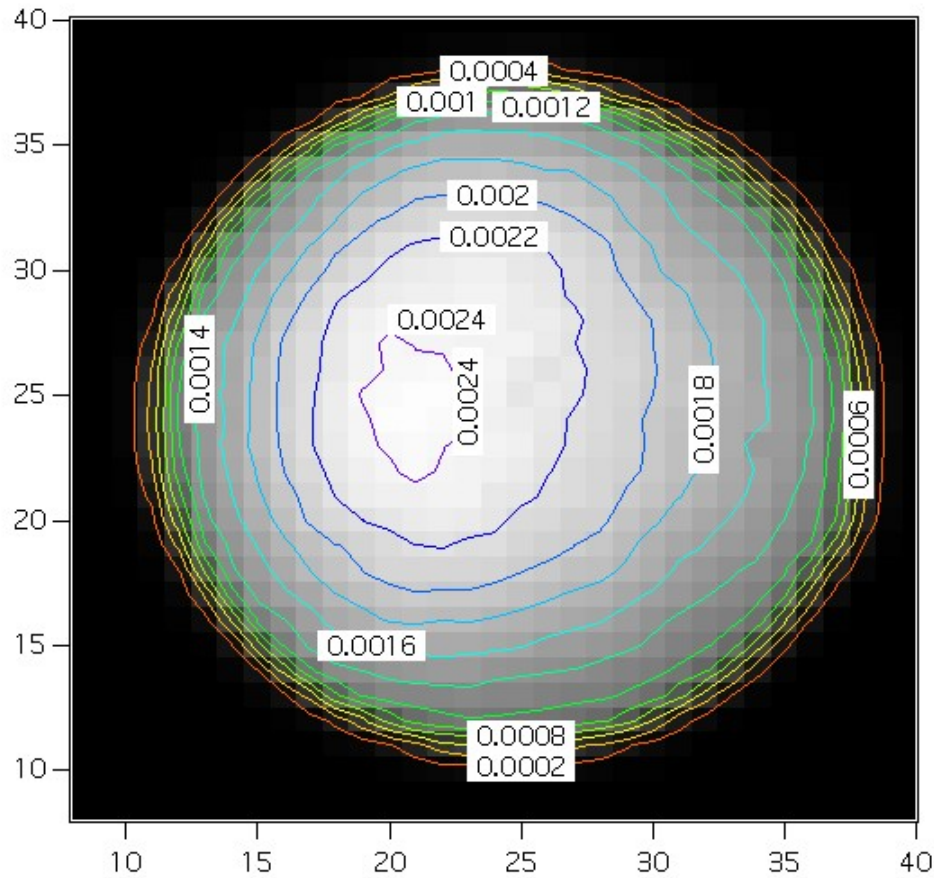
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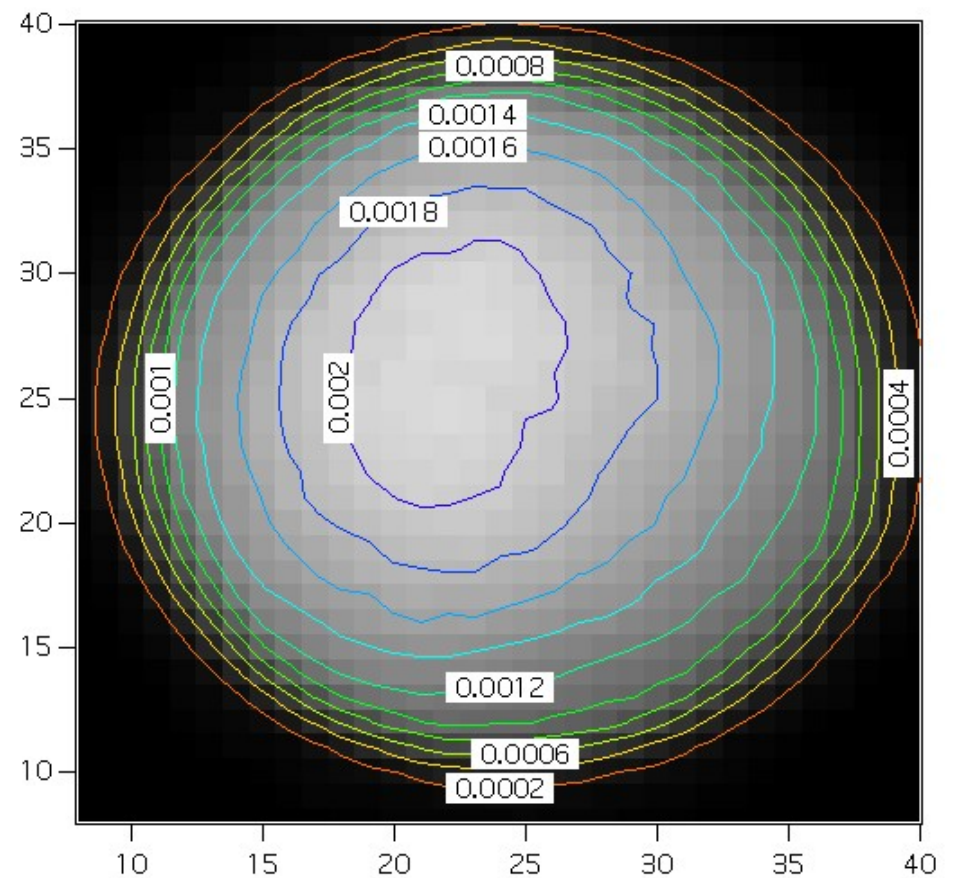
Transverse Polarization Calibration Run



Beam profiles

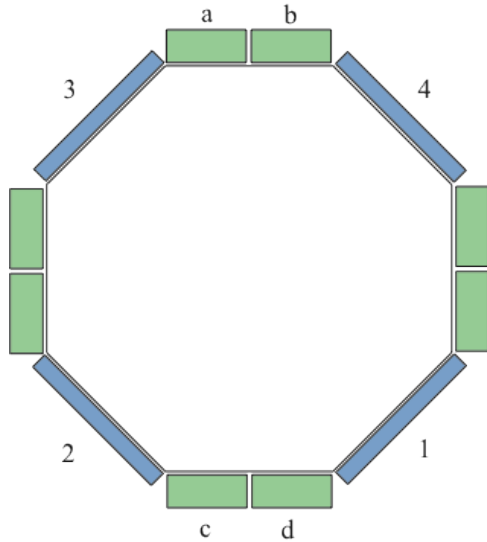


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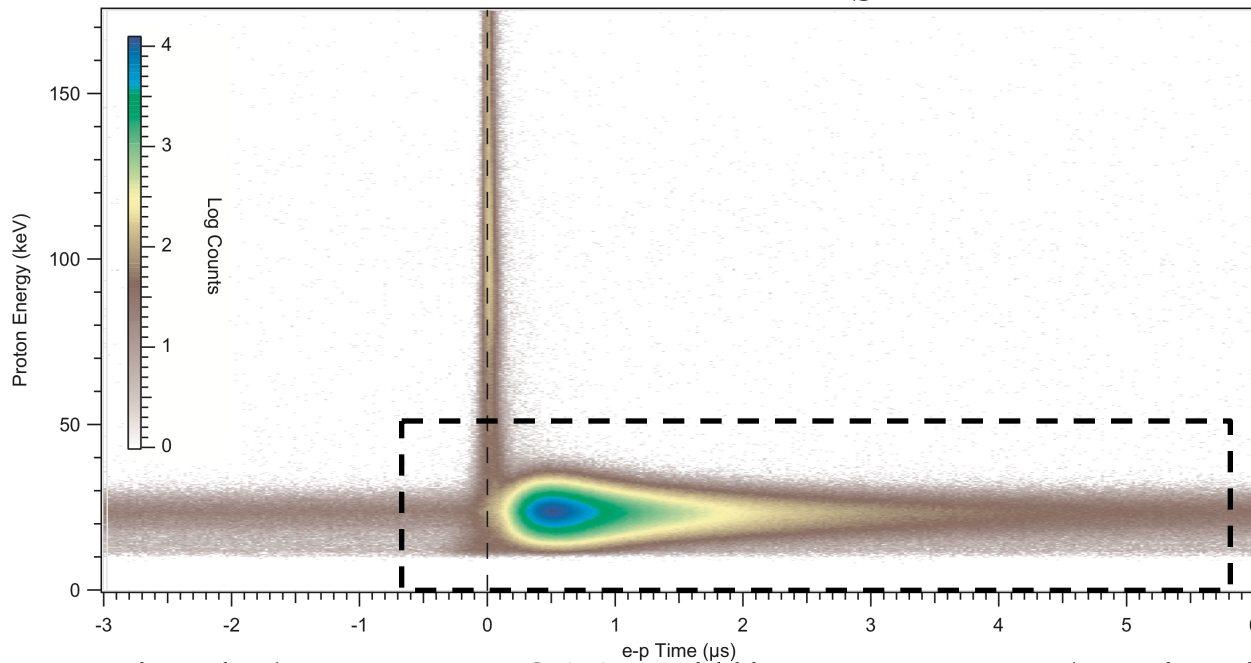
Downstream

Proton-electron coincidences



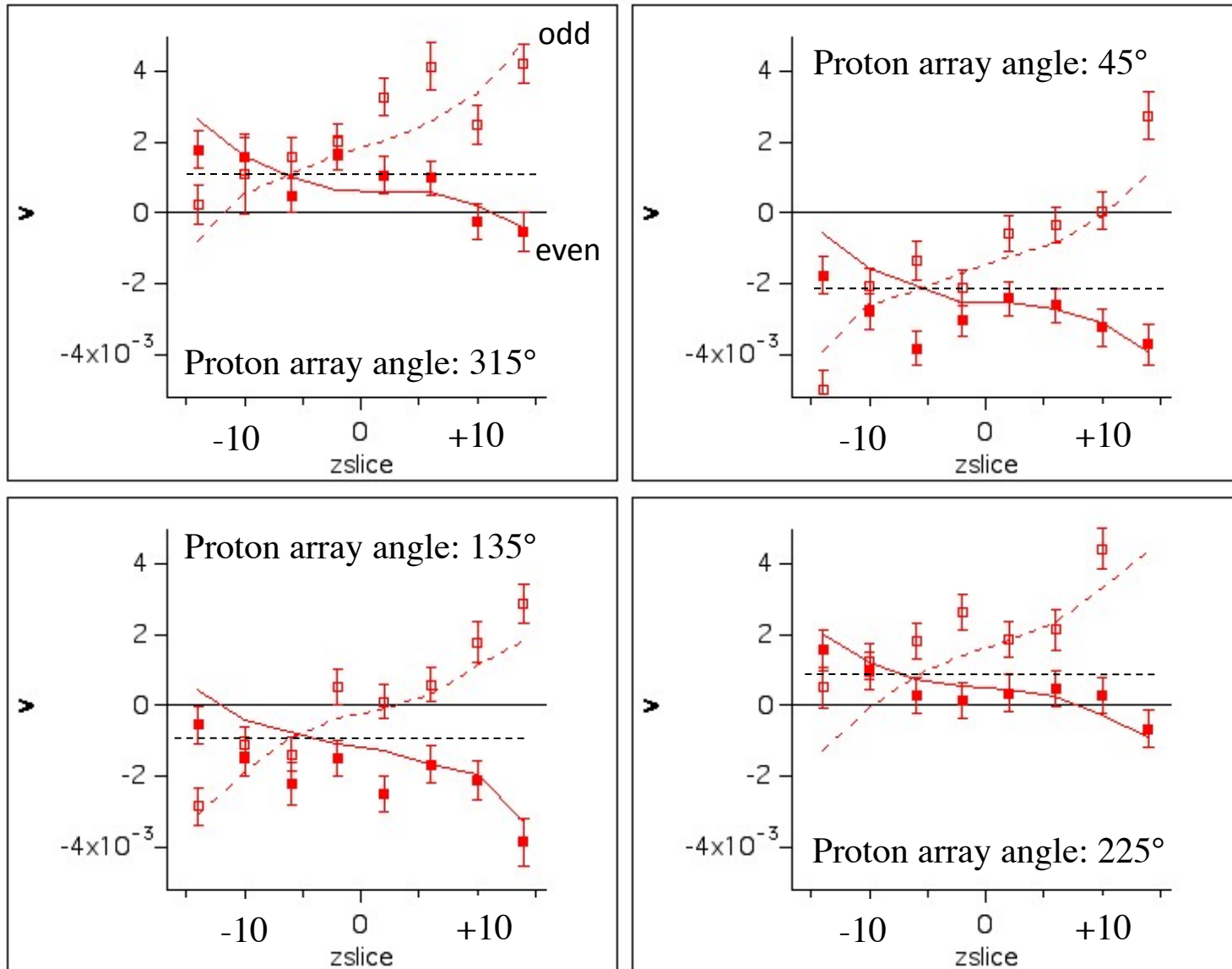
Rates

- 3 Hz singles per proton surface barrier detectors
- 100 Hz singles per beta plastic scintillators
- 25 Hz average total coincidence rate
- BR determined by pre-prompt events: $S/B = 30/1$

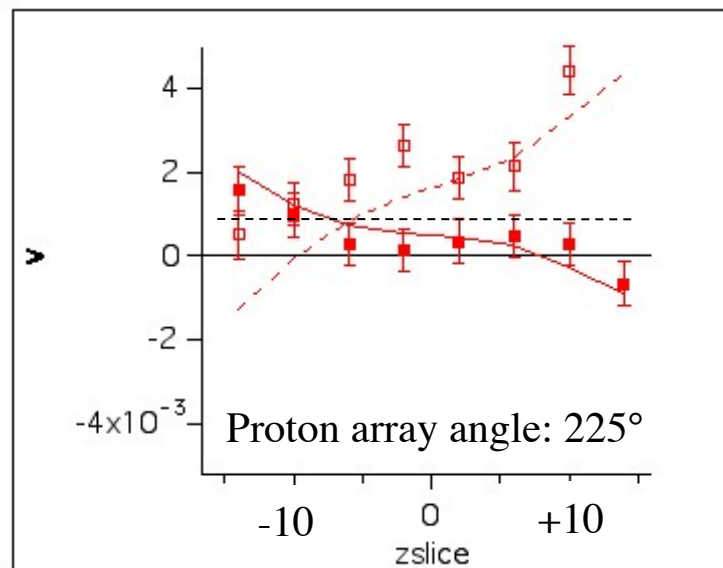
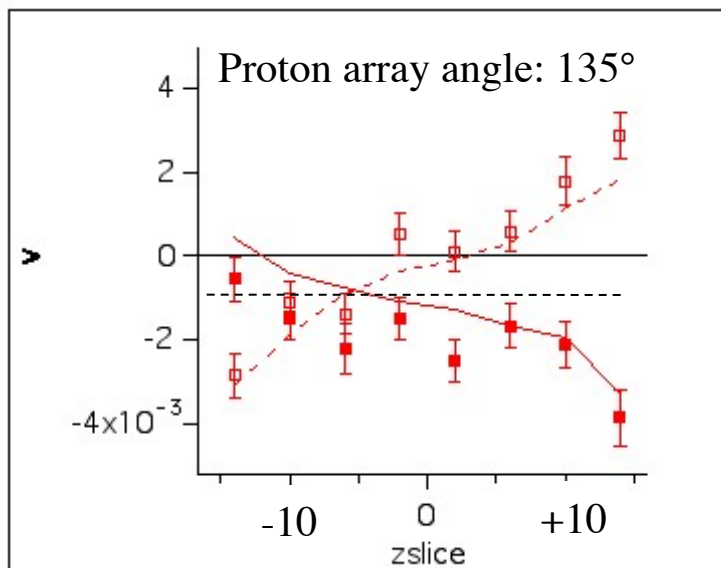
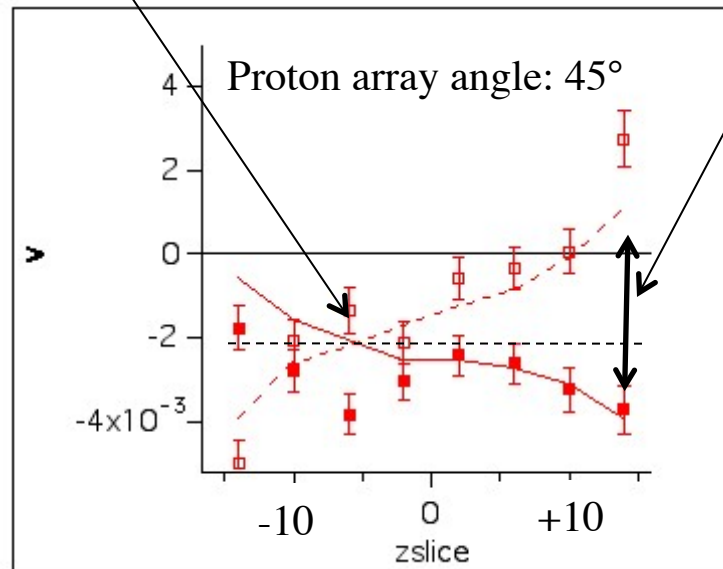
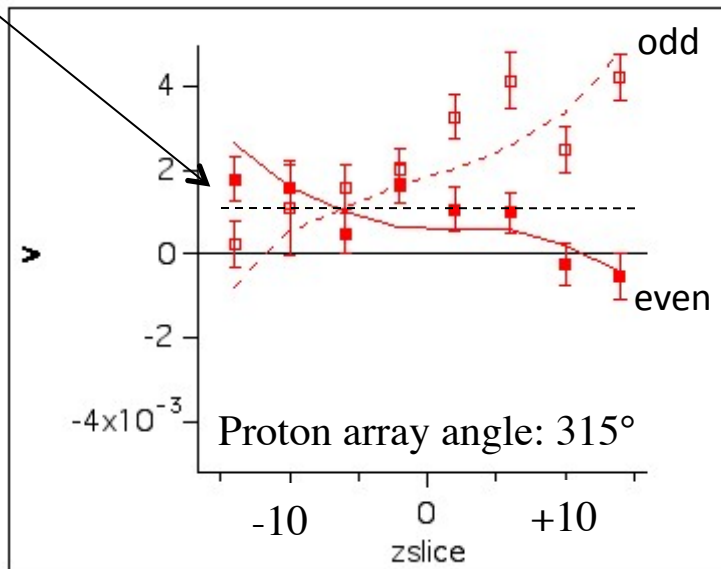


Final data set \sim 300 million accepted coincidence events.

$$v^{p_i} = \frac{1}{2}(w^{p_i R} - w^{p_i L}) \approx A\hat{z} \cdot \left(\left\langle \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} \right\rangle^R - \left\langle \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} \right\rangle^L \right) \quad \text{For } D=0$$



Transverse polarization, beam expansion, and **B**



Corrections (10^{-4})

All studies completed while data were still “blind”

Source	Correction	Uncertainty	
BR asymmetry	-0.07	0.070	
BR subtraction	0.03	0.09	
Electron Backscattering	0.20	0.08	
Proton Backscattering	upper limit	0.03	
Beta threshold uniformity	0.04	0.10	
Proton threshold effect	-0.29	0.41	←
Beam Expansion/ B -field	-1.50	0.40	←
Pol uniformity	upper limit	0.10	
Asymmetric-beam/Trans. Pol (ATP)	-0.07	0.72	←
ATP twist	upper limit	0.24	
Spin correlated flux	<1e-6	0.00	
Spin correlated polarization ^a	<1e-6	0.00	
Polarization (95±5%)	Included in \tilde{D}	0.04	
K_D (0.378±0.019)	Included in \tilde{D}	0.05	
Total	-1.66	0.097	

^a Includes spin-flip time, cycle asymmetry, and flux variation.

emiT II Result

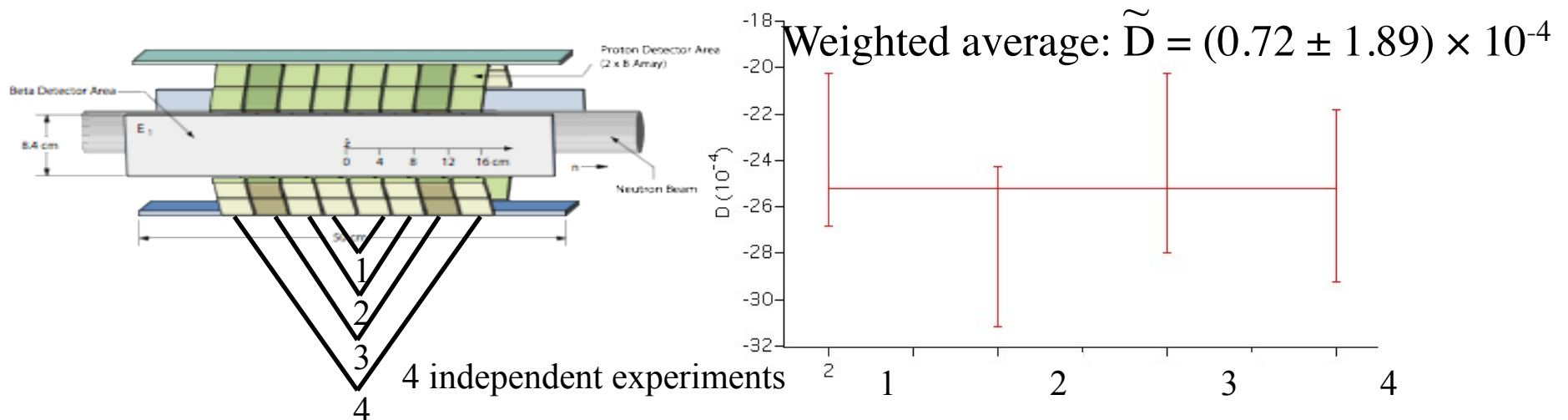
Blind analysis: $w^{p_i e_j} = \frac{N_+^{p_i e_j} - N_-^{p_i e_j}}{N_+^{p_i e_j} + N_-^{p_i e_j}} + \mathcal{B} \hat{z} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_D^{p_i e_j}$

↑
hidden offset

$$v^{p_i} = \frac{1}{2} (w^{p_i R} - w^{p_i L})$$

$$\bar{v} \approx \bar{K}_D P \tilde{D} \rightarrow D \quad (\text{with corrections})$$

$$\bar{K}_D = 0.378 = \hat{z} \cdot (\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_D^{p_i e_R} - \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_D^{p_i e_L})$$

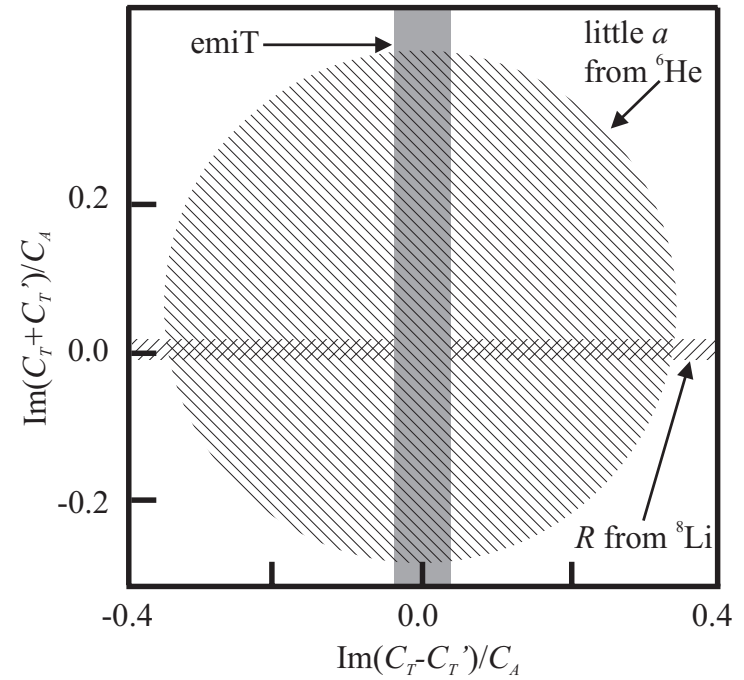
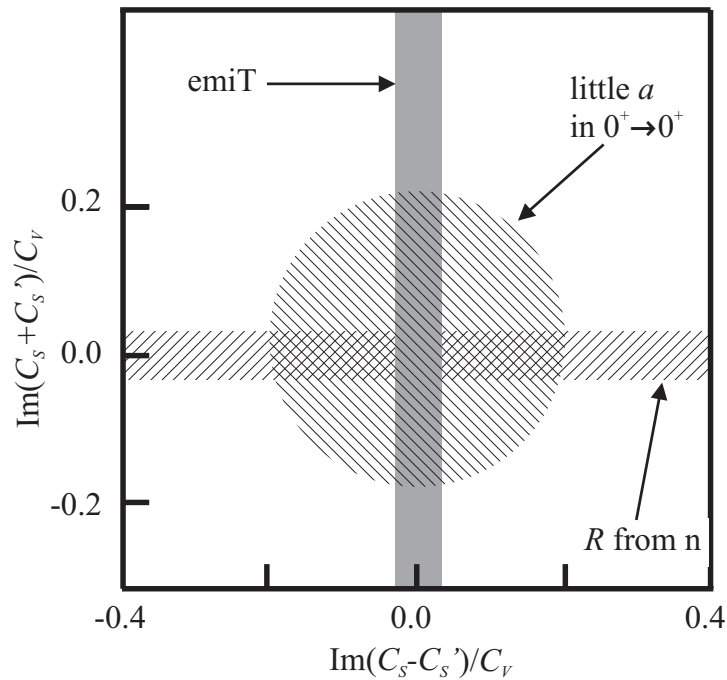


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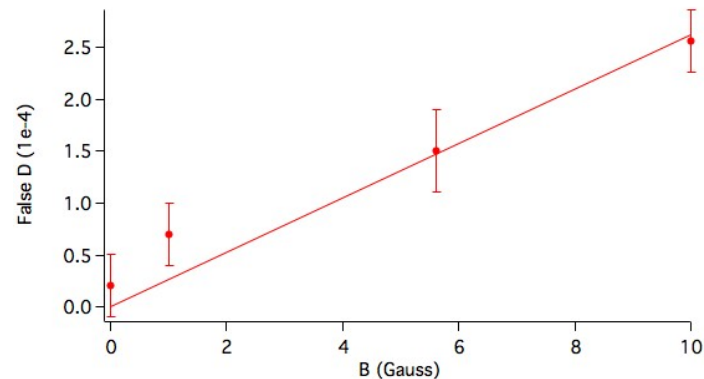
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$$\phi_{AV} = 180.012^\circ \pm 0.028^\circ$$



Improvements

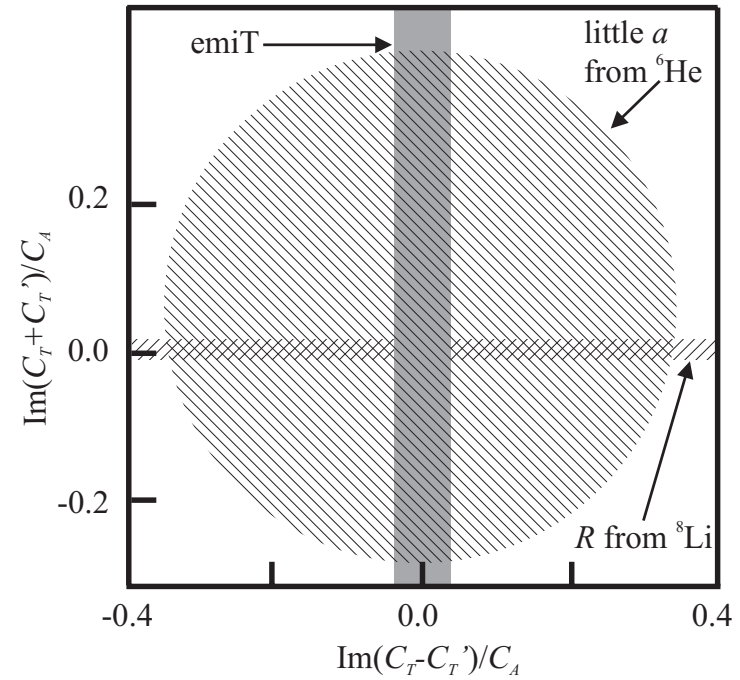
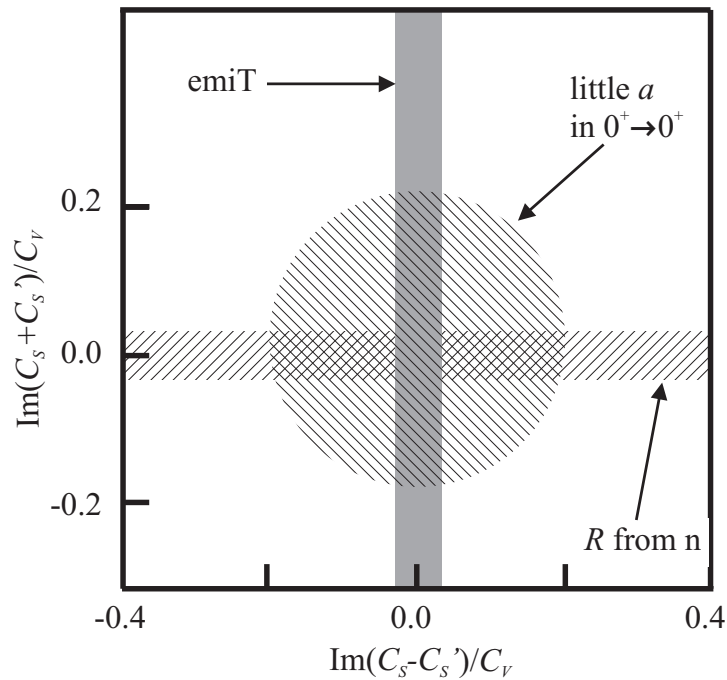
- Major systematics
 - Beam expansion/magnetic field: reduce field
 - ATP error also limited by beam shape
 - AFP spin flipper
 - ^3He Polarizer ★★
 - Proton threshold requires detector/electronics
- NIST-NGC beam line could provide factor 10 increase in neutron decay rate



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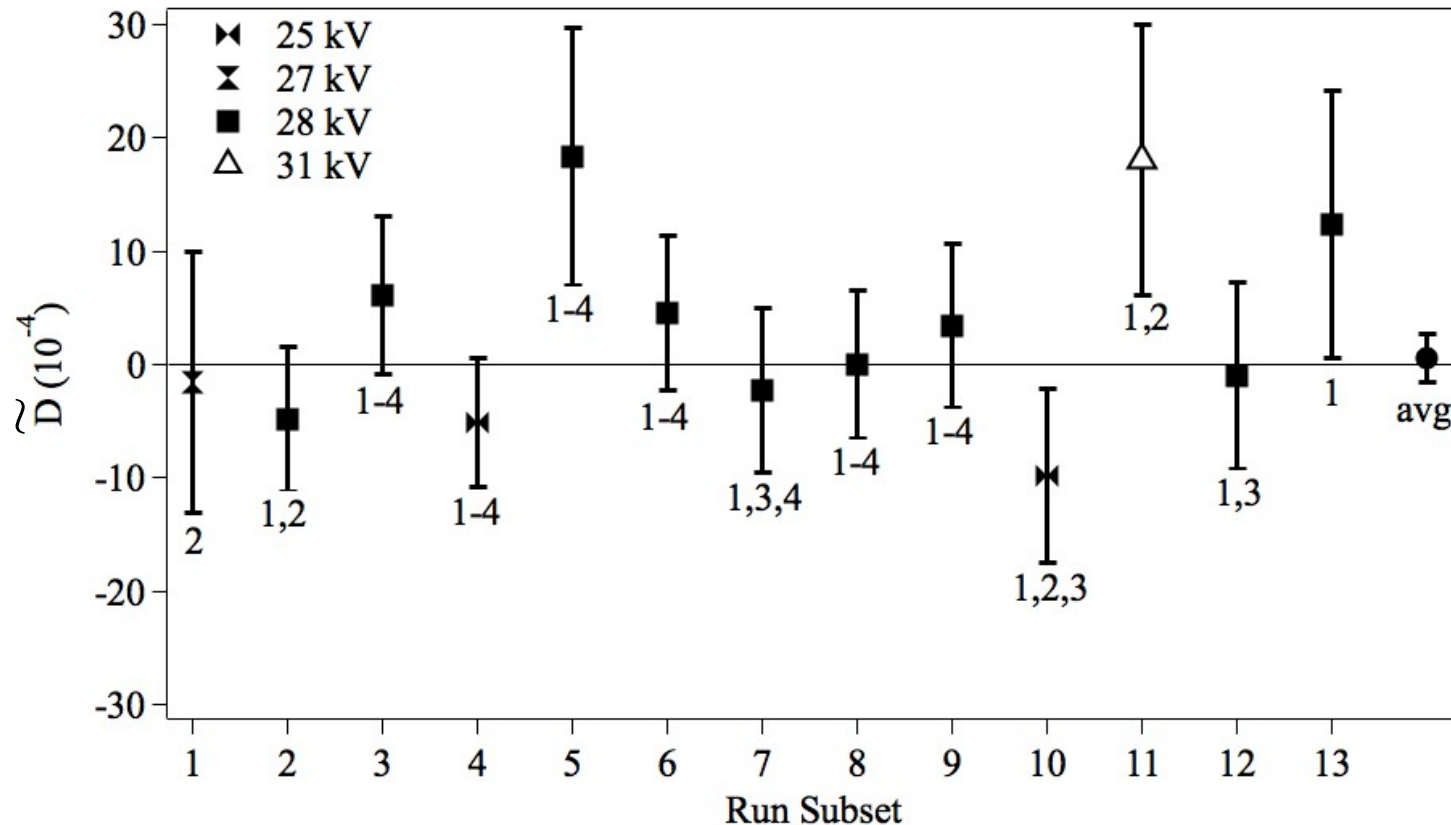


THANK YOU!

Extra Slides

Cuts suggest proton HV dependence

Results for $\sim D$ by run subset



No correlation (constant D): $\chi^2=10.4/12$ df.

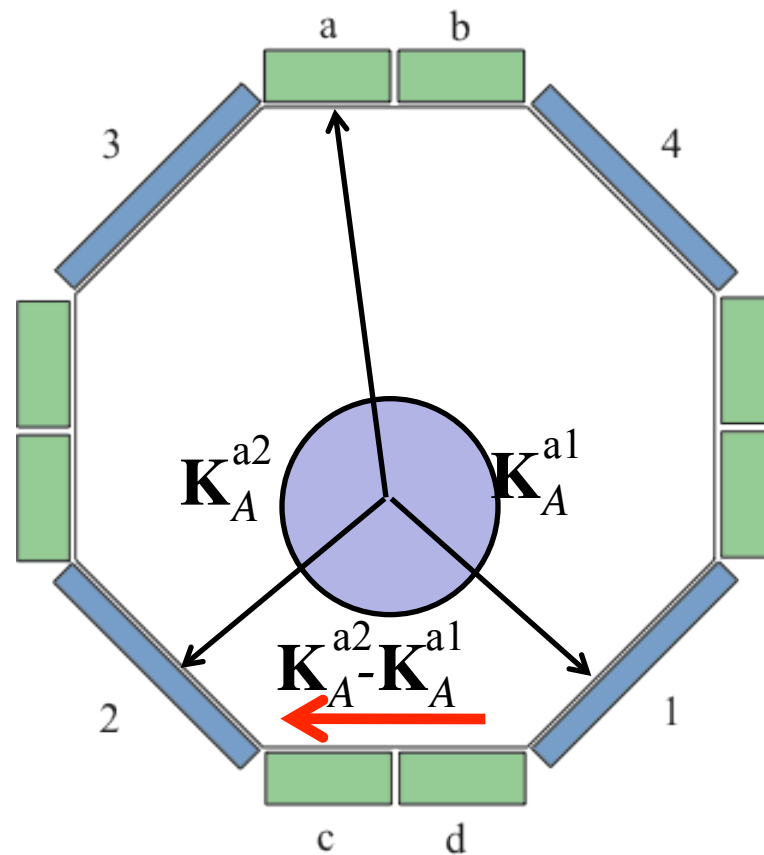
Correlation with HV: $\chi^2=5.6/11$ df (2.1 sigma)

- Conclude it's accidental correlation

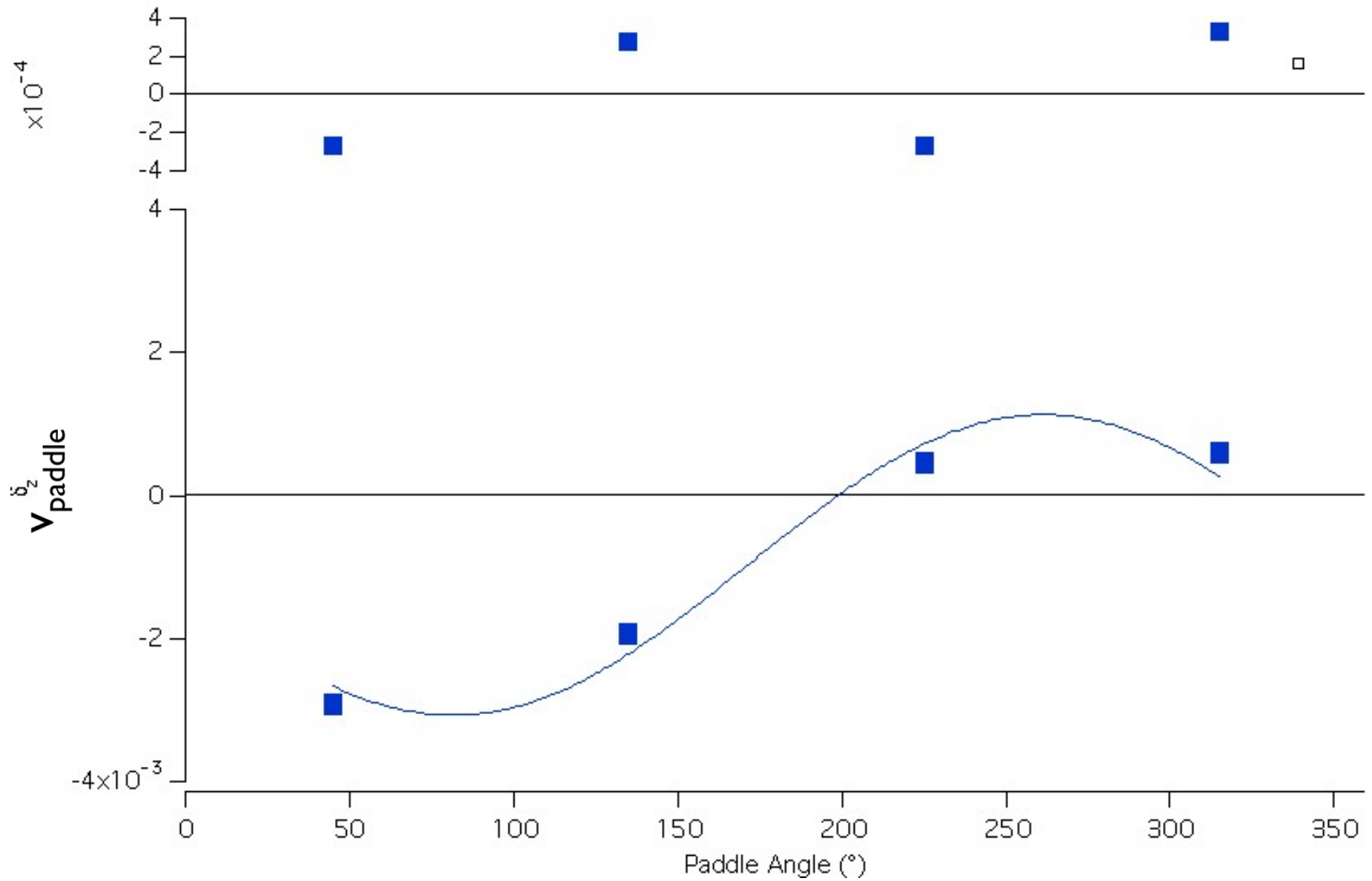
Asymmetry beam/Transverse Polarization (ATP)

$$w^{p_i e_j} \approx \mathbf{P} \cdot \left(A \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_A^{p_i e_j} + B \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_B^{p_i e_j} + D \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_D^{p_i e_j} \right)$$

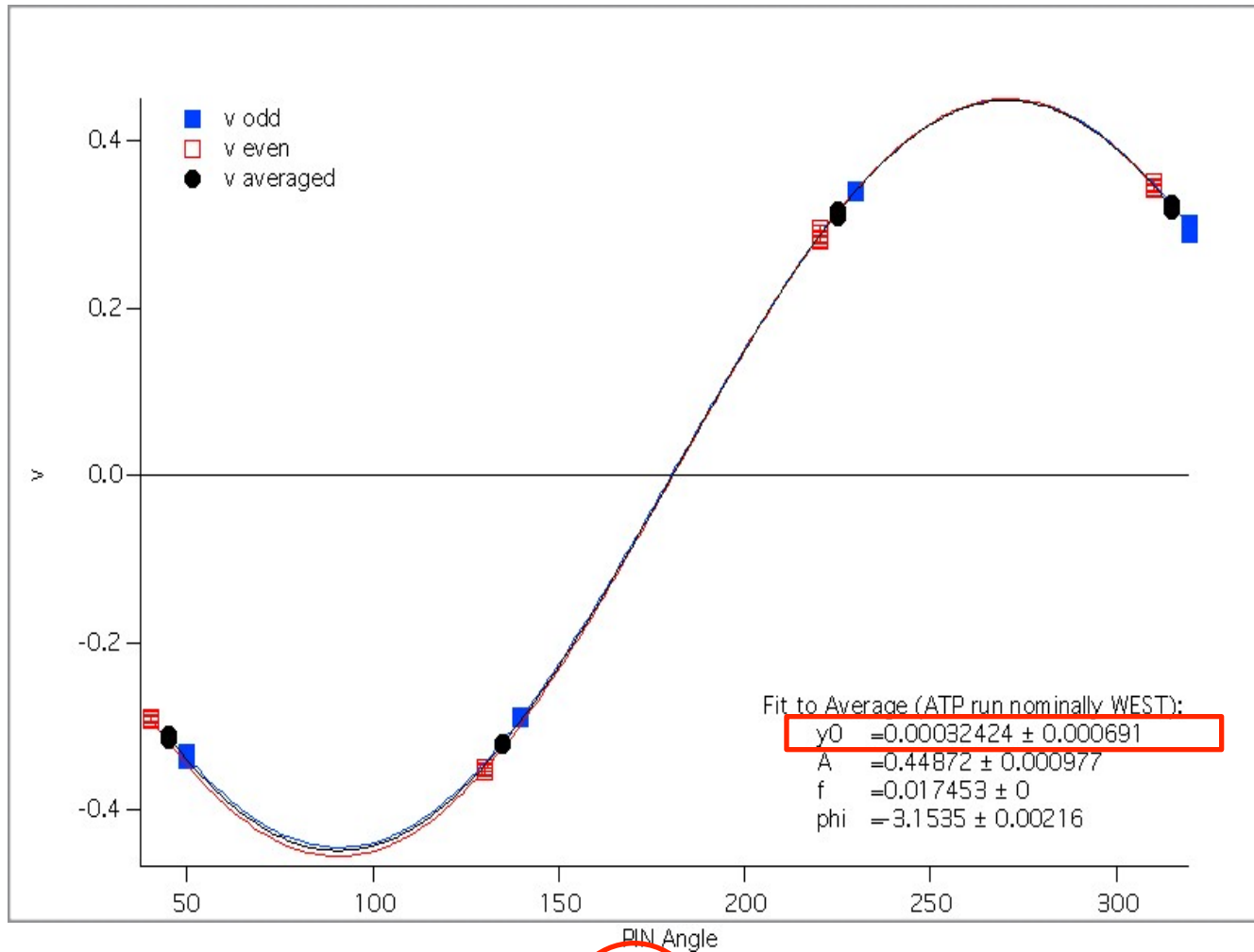
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Transverse Polarization



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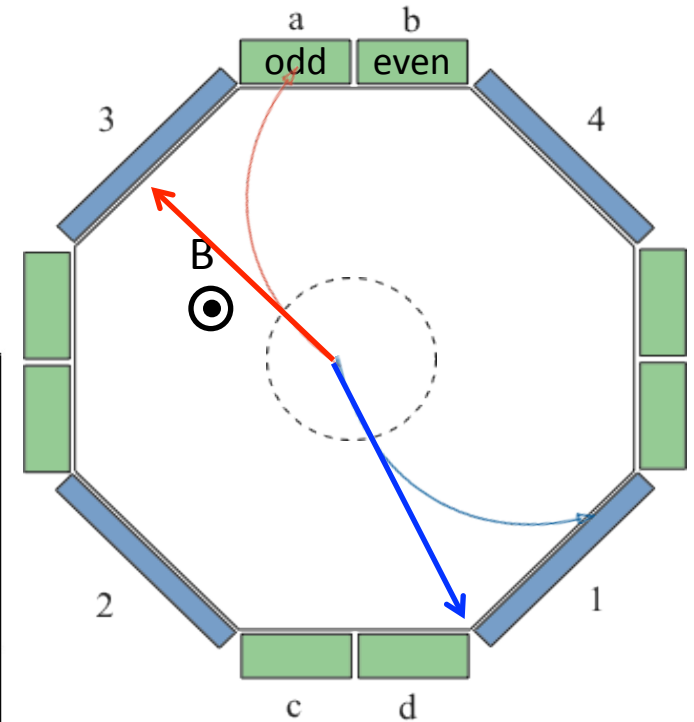
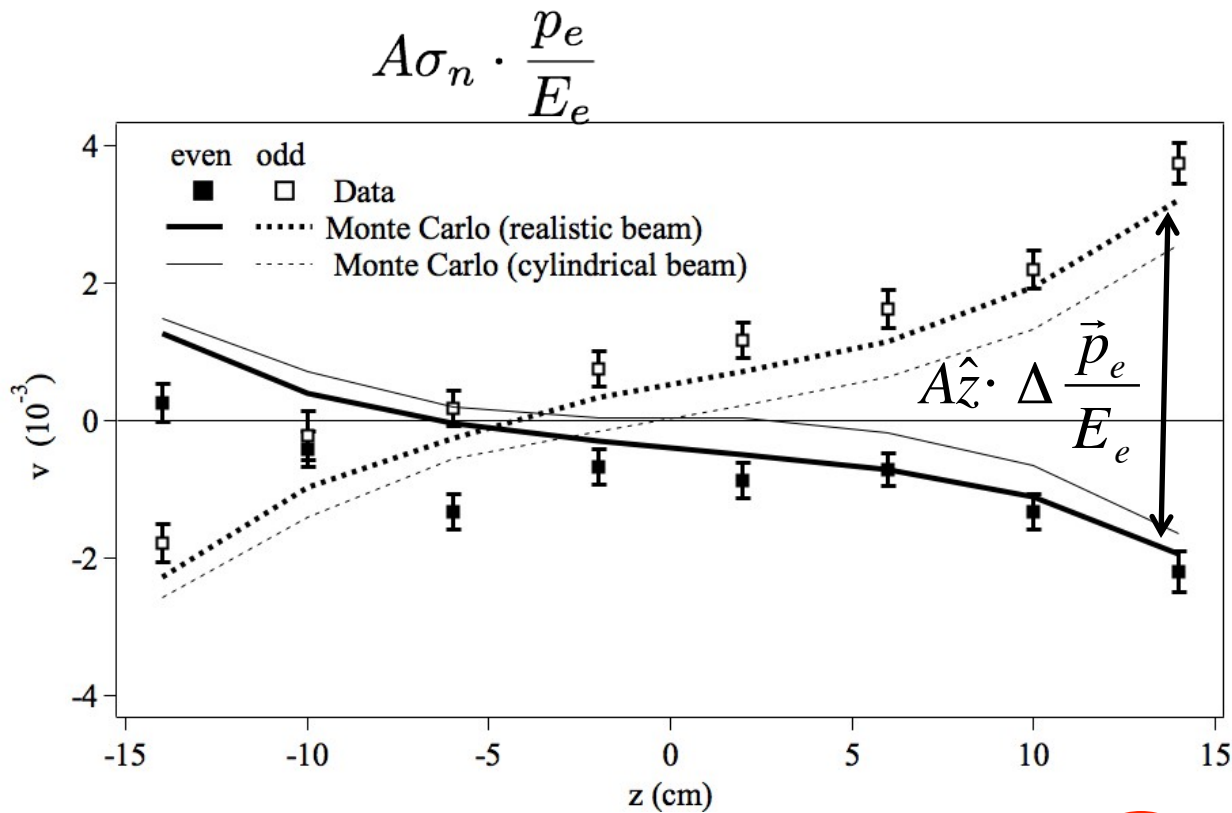


ATP correction: $(-0.07 \pm 0.72) \times 10^{-4}$ ($\theta_P \sim 5$ mrad)

Polarization direction uncertainty

Beam Expansion Effect

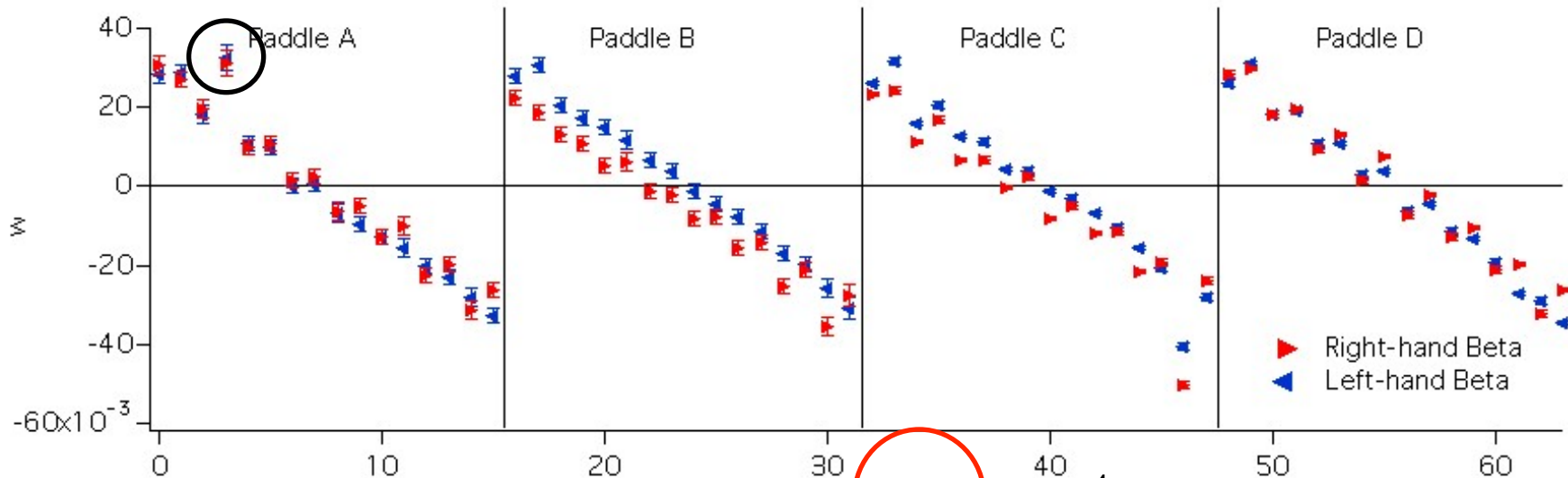
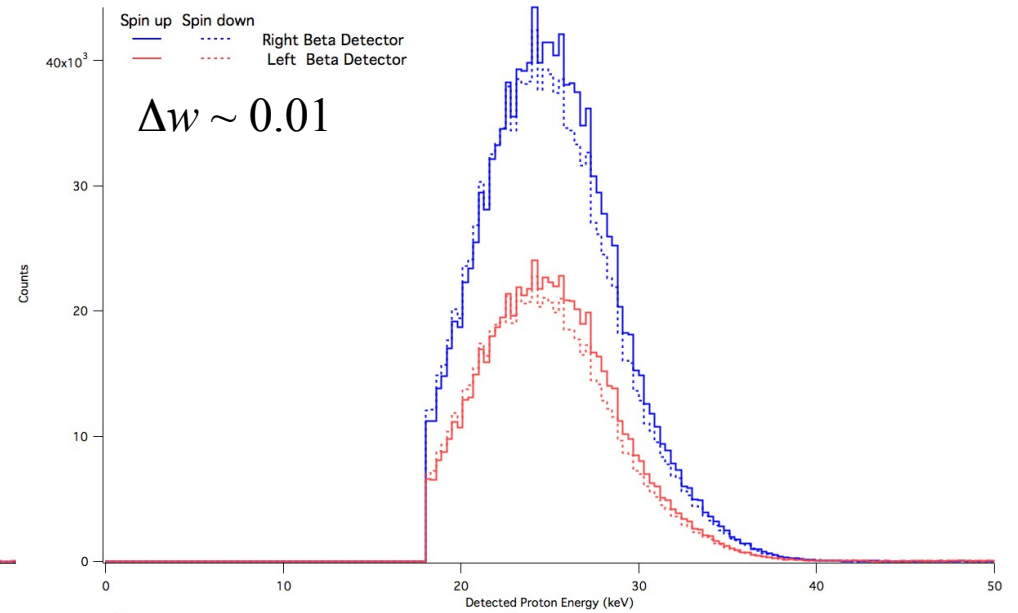
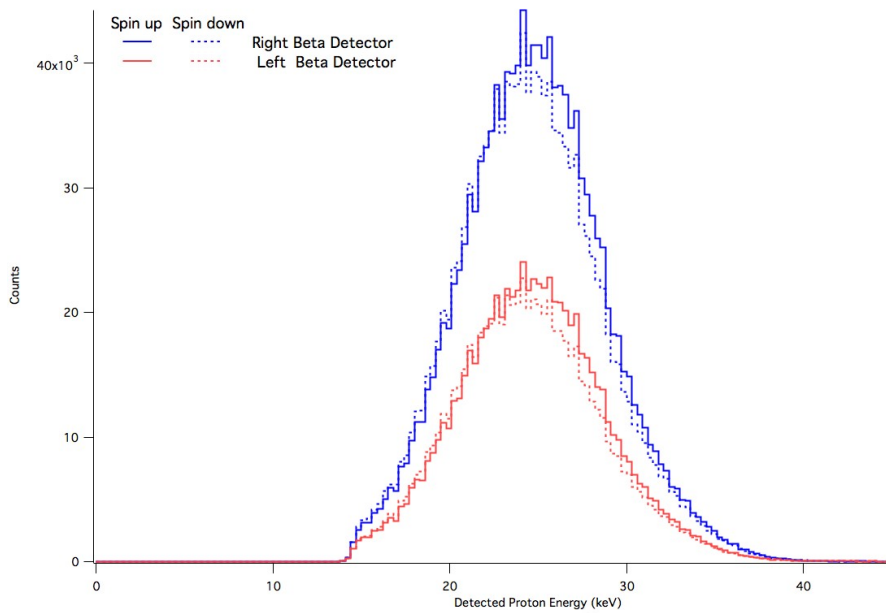
Magnetic field changes e-p angular acceptance.
Expansion changes average.



Correction from Monte Carlo: $(-1.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$

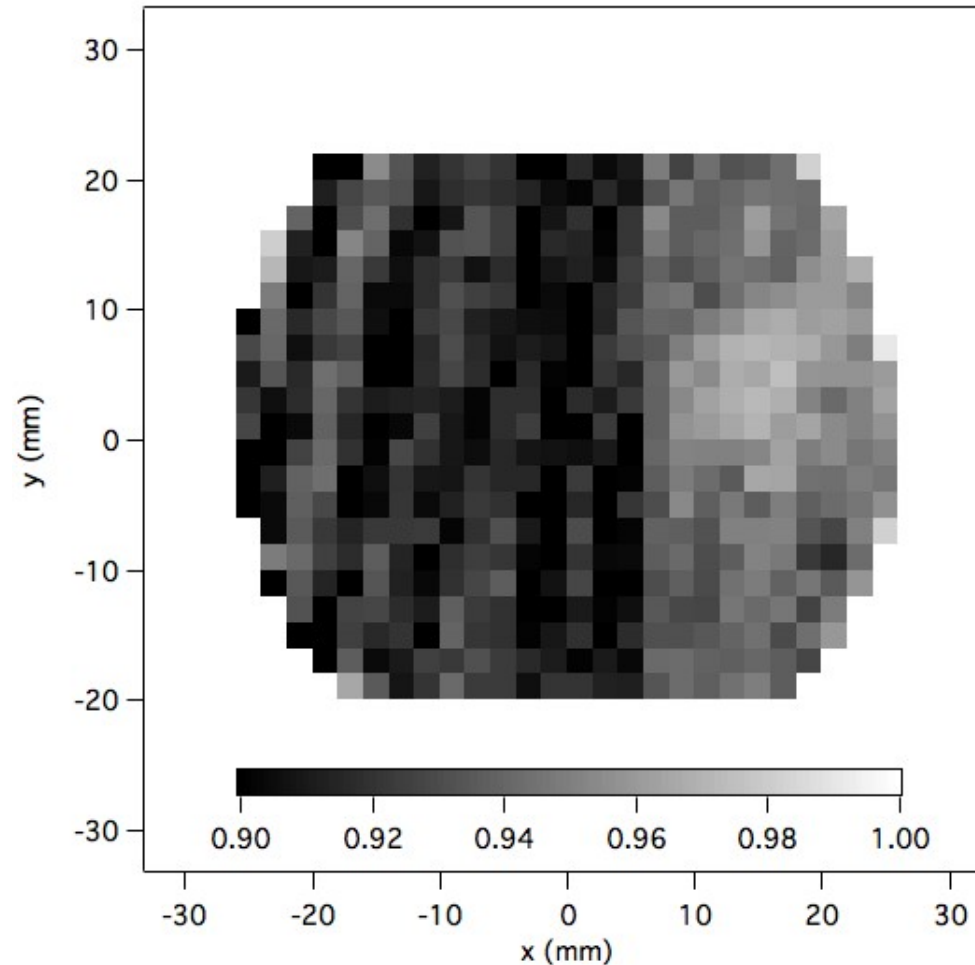
uncertain beam shape, etc.

Proton threshold effect



Largely Cancels in ν - correction: $(-0.29 \pm 0.41) \times 10^{-4}$ (MC and fits to spectra) threshold variations, etc.

Polarization map (flipping ratio: PfA)



$P > 91\%$ (for $f=1$, $P=A$) (95% c.l.)
 $f = 95 \pm 5\%$ (calculated)