



Study of Hyperon polarization at BESIII

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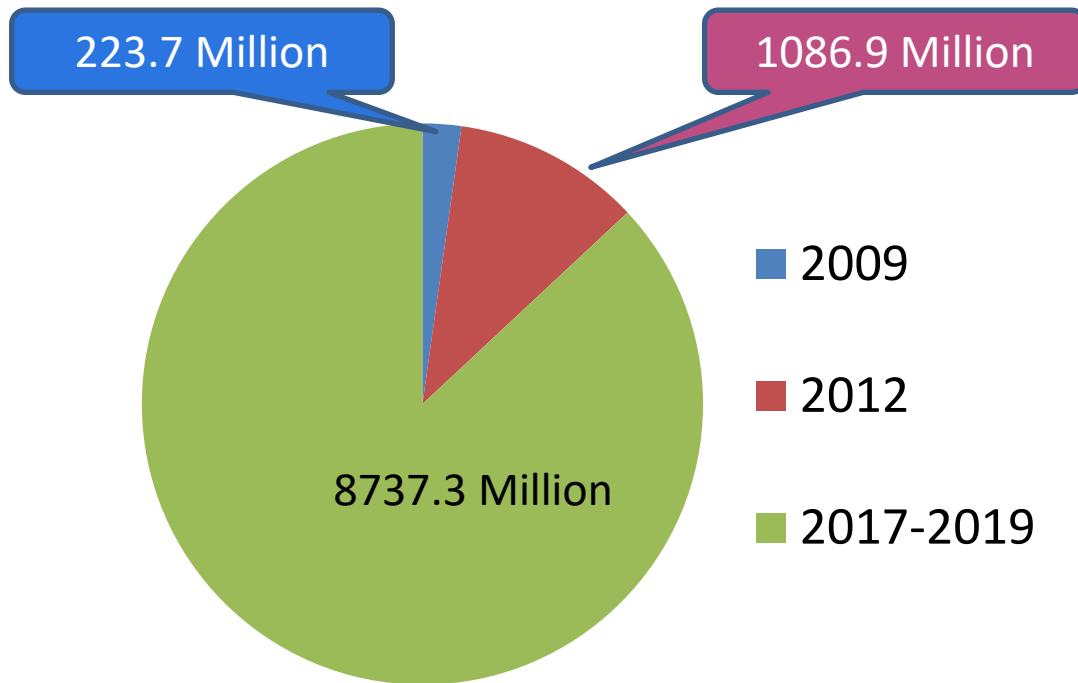
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BESIII $J/\psi, \psi'$ data sets



The analysis based on
2009+2012 J/ψ data:

~ 1.31 billion decays

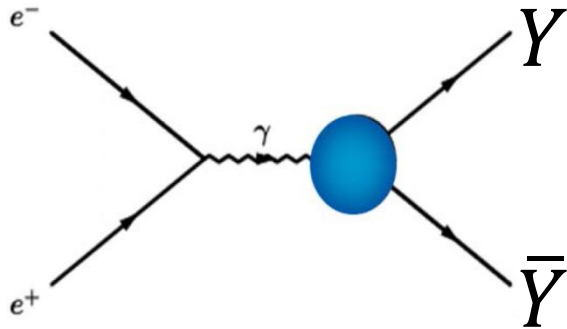
J/ψ : Total 10.047 billion J/ψ decays

ψ' : 448 million decays

Continuum: 12/fb ($\sqrt{s} > 3.8$ GeV)

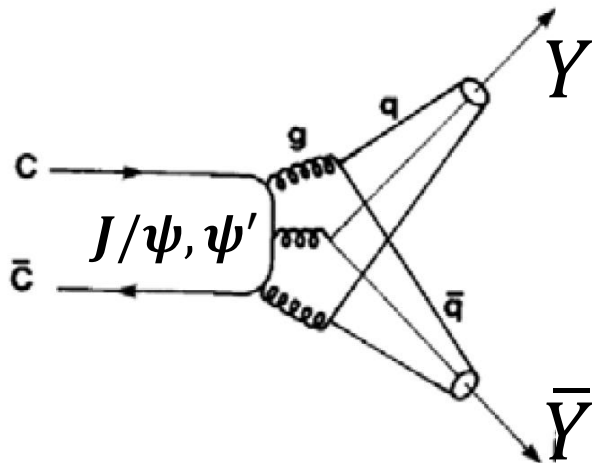
Hyperon pair production at BESIII

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \Sigma\bar{\Sigma}, \Xi\bar{\Xi}, \Omega\bar{\Omega}, \Lambda_c^+\bar{\Lambda}_c^-,$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 2.0 \sim 4.6$ GeV, or update for $\Lambda_c^+\bar{\Sigma}_c^-, \Sigma_c\bar{\Sigma}_c$



- Threshold enhancement
- Form factor
- Excited hyperon
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- $J/\psi, \psi' \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \Sigma\bar{\Sigma}, \Xi\bar{\Xi}, \Omega\bar{\Omega}$

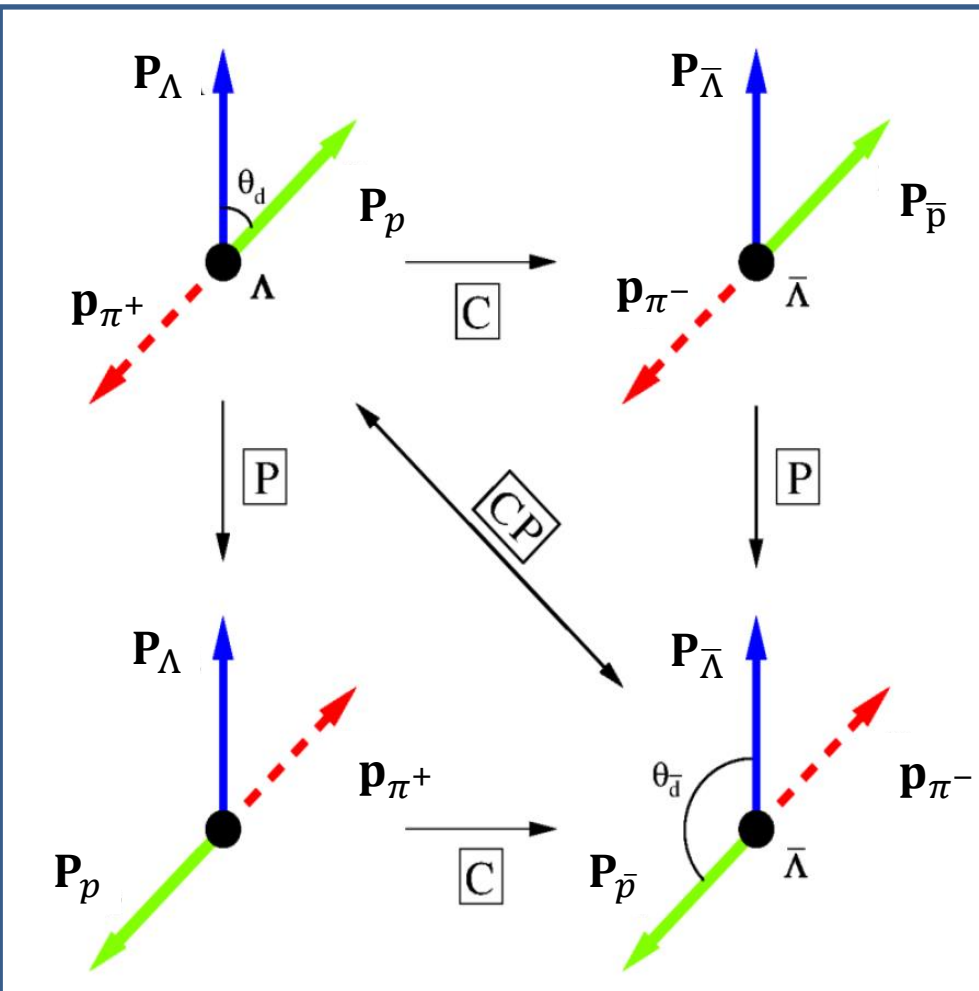


10 billion J/ψ :

16.1×10^6	$\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$
12.0×10^6	$\Xi^0\bar{\Xi}^0$
12.9×10^6	$\Sigma^0\bar{\Sigma}^0$
8.6×10^6	$\Xi^-\bar{\Xi}^+$

- **Hyperon polarization**
- CP test
- Semileptonic decay
- Radiative decay
- Rare decay

C,P- transformation in $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$



$$\alpha = \frac{|B_+|^2 - |B_-|^2}{|B_+|^2 + |B_-|^2},$$

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{|\bar{B}_+|^2 - |\bar{B}_-|^2}{|\bar{B}_+|^2 + |\bar{B}_-|^2}$$

CP invariance :

$$\bar{B}_{-\lambda_p} = \eta_\Lambda \eta_p \eta_\pi (-1)^{s_\Lambda - s_p - s_\pi} B_{\lambda_p}$$

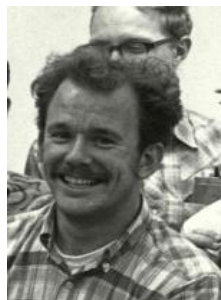
$$= -B_{\lambda_p}$$

$$\alpha = -\bar{\alpha}$$

CP odd-variable:

$$\Delta = \frac{\Gamma - \bar{\Gamma}}{\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma}}, A = \frac{\alpha + \bar{\alpha}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}, B = \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\beta - \bar{\beta}}, B' = \frac{\beta + \bar{\beta}}{\alpha - \bar{\alpha}}$$

Ancient history



Phys. Rev. Lett. 24, 843 (1970)

ASYMMETRY PARAMETER FOR $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi^0 \dagger^*$

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The asymmetry parameter α_0 for $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi^0$ has been measured relative to α_- by comparing the neutron distribution with the proton distribution from the decay $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-$ for polarized Λ^0 hyperons. A sample of 4760 neutron decay events and 8500 proton decay events gave $\alpha_0/\alpha_- = 1.000 \pm 0.068$ in good agreement with the $|\Delta I| = \frac{1}{2}$ rule.



Phys. Rev. Lett. 24, 165 (1970)

PROTON POLARIZATION IN $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\pi^0 \dagger^*$

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The polarization of protons from the decay of polarized Σ^+ hyperons has been measured by scattering the protons in a carbon-plate spark chamber. A sample of 1335 useful scatters gave $\alpha_0 = -0.98 \pm 0.05$ and $\varphi_0 = 22^\circ \pm 9^\circ$, where $\tan \varphi_0 = \beta_0/\gamma_0$. Using the data on $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \pi\pi^+$ and $\Sigma^- \rightarrow \pi\pi^-$ and fitting to the $|\Delta I| = \frac{1}{2}$ rule gave $\chi^2 = 0.3$ for 2 degrees of freedom.

Phys. Rev. 184, 1663 (1969)

Final-State Interactions in Nonleptonic Hyperon Decay

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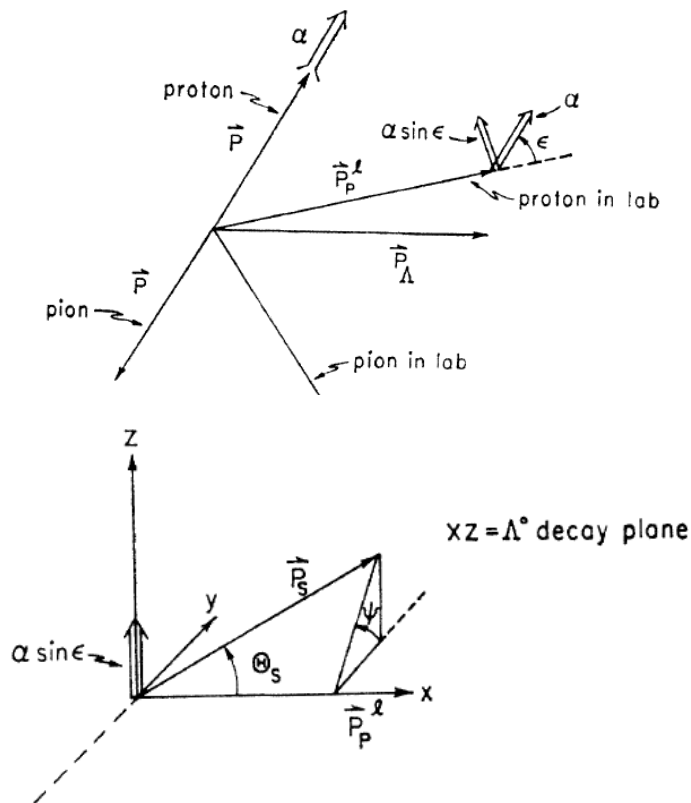


We discuss the consequences of including the final-state interactions in the analysis of Λ^0 , Σ , and Ξ nonleptonic decays. Emphasis is on the role that the final-state interactions play in tests for T invariance, in tests of the $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$ rule (including the resolution of sign ambiguities), and in the determination of the decay amplitudes for these processes.

Most earlier measurement on α

- CNTR exp., $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \Lambda + K^0$
- Unpolarized $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$
- Proton polarization measured with carbon-plate spark chamber

Phys.Rev. 129 (1963) 1795-1807



$$W(\psi) = 1 + \alpha S \sin \epsilon \cos \psi$$

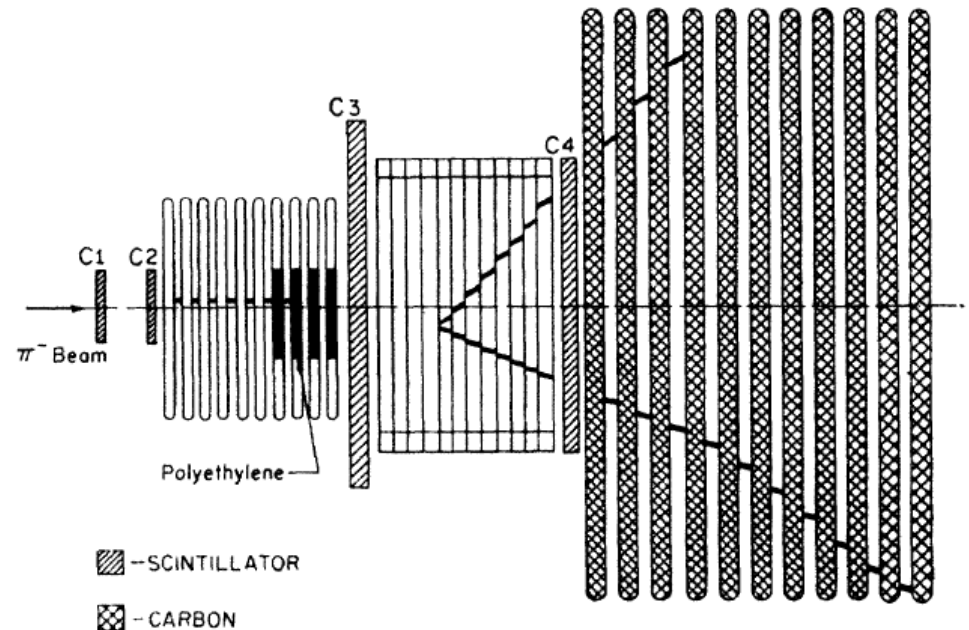


FIG. 1. Schematic diagram showing arrangement of apparatus. An example of an event has been sketched in.

$$\alpha = - \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\langle S \rangle \langle \sin \epsilon \rangle} \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-},$$

1156 events

$$\langle S \rangle = 0.565$$

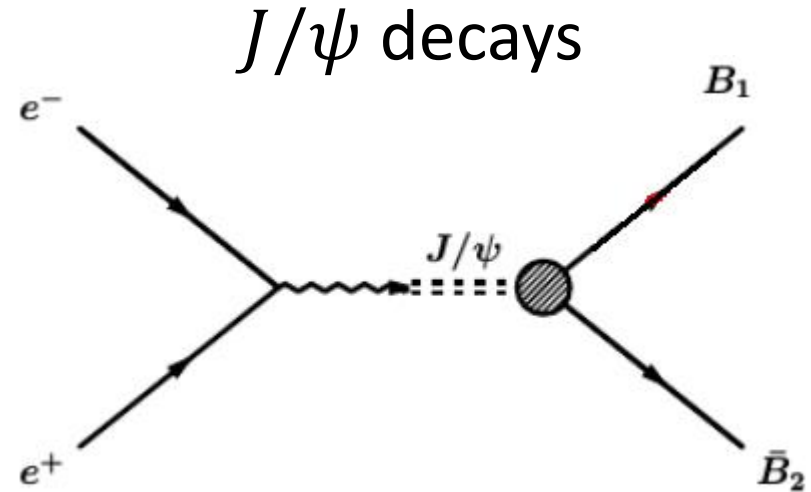
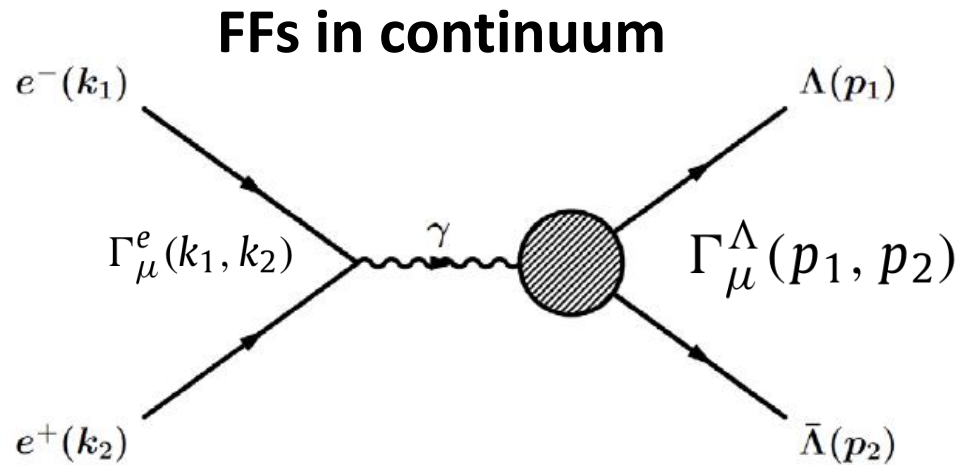
$$\langle \sin \epsilon \rangle = 0.84,$$

$$\alpha = 0.62.$$

Role of polarization physics

- Probing of spin degree freedom
 - Test the dynamic of SM and low energy hadron interaction
 - Existant exp. : RHIC, Jlab, GRAAL, CERN and DESY
 - Spin observable, spin-dependent structure function and parton distribution
 - Spin crisis at eighties
- BEPCII/BESIII, unpolarized beam, inaccessible polarization of final state by BESIII
 - Polarized beam for post-BEPCII options, CPV in tau decay, Hyperon weak decay,.....
 - Useful tool: transverse polarization of hyperon, spontaneous production at e^+e^- collision
 - $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ decay plays important role in particle physics

Transverse polarization (TP) of baryons in e^+e^- collisions



Time likespin $\frac{1}{2}$ baryon FFs:

Dubnickova, Dubnicka, Rekalo

Nuovo Cim. A109 (1996) 241

W. Lu, et.al., Phys.Lett., B368, 261 (1996)

Gakh, Tomasi-Gustafsson Nucl.Phys. A771 (2006) 169

Czyz, Grzelinska, Kuhn PRD75 (2007) 074026

Fäldt EPJ A51 (2015) 74; EPJ A52 (2016) 141

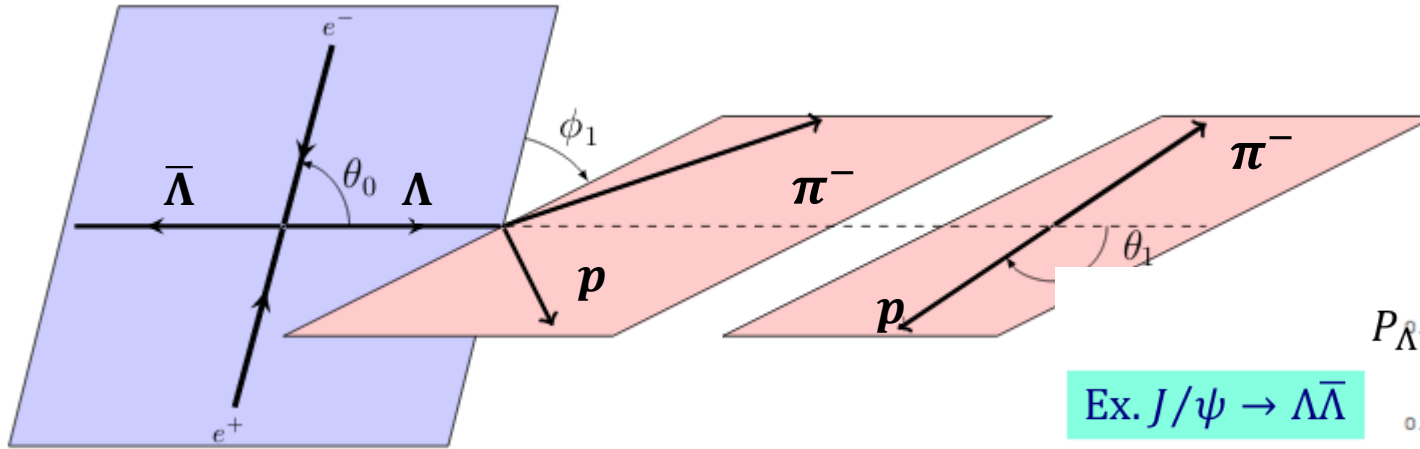
Fäldt, G. & Kupsc, A, Phys. Lett. B 772 (2017) 16

$$\Gamma_{\mu}^e(k_1, k_2) = -ie_{\psi} \gamma_{\mu}$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu}^{\Lambda}(p_1, p_2) =$$

$$-ie_g \left[G_M^{\psi} \gamma_{\mu} - \frac{2M}{Q^2} (G_M^{\psi} - G_E^{\psi}) Q_{\mu} \right]$$

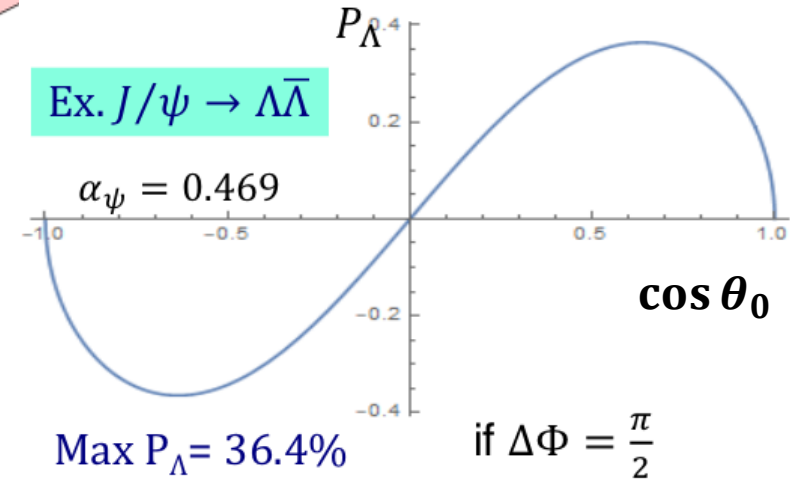
Transverse polarization of baryons in e^+e^- collisions



Unpolarized e^+e^- beam $\rightarrow$
transverse polarization baryon

$$P_Y = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2 \cos^2 \theta_0} \sin \theta_0}{1 + \alpha_\psi \cos^2 \theta_0} \sin(\Delta\Phi)$$

P_Y along $\mathbf{k}_{e^+} \times \mathbf{p}_\Lambda$

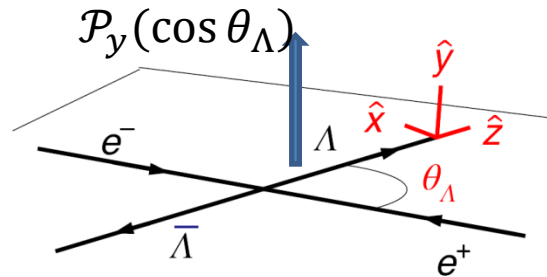


Observation of Λ polarization and entanglement in

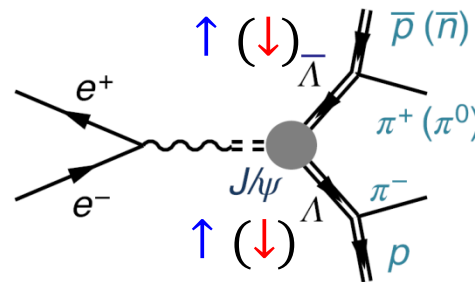


$$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$$

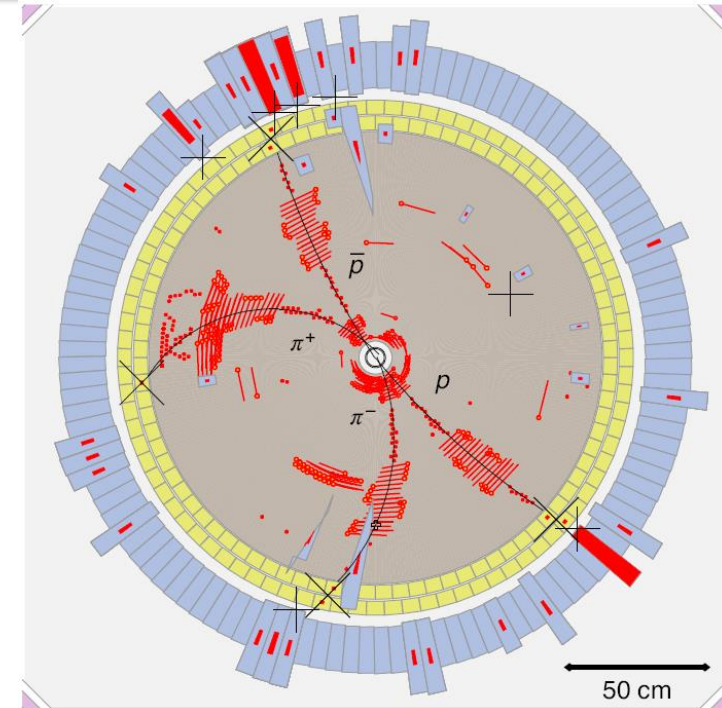
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Helicity system



Spin entanglement



Event display in BESIII detector

➤ Joint angular distribution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(\xi; \alpha_\psi, \Delta\Phi, \alpha_-, \alpha_+) \\ = 1 + \alpha_\psi \cos^2 \theta_\Lambda + \alpha_- \alpha_+ \sin^2 \theta_\Lambda (n_{1,x} n_{2,x} - \alpha_\psi n_{1,y} n_{2,y}) \\ + (\cos^2 \theta_\Lambda + \alpha_\psi) n_{1,z} n_{2,z} \quad \text{Entanglement term} \\ + \alpha_- \alpha_+ \sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2} \cos(\Delta\Phi) \sin \theta_\Lambda \cos \theta_\Lambda (n_{1,x} n_{2,z} + n_{1,z} n_{2,x}) \\ + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2} \sin(\Delta\Phi) \sin \theta_\Lambda \cos \theta_\Lambda (\alpha_- n_{1,y} + \alpha_+ n_{2,y}) \end{aligned}$$

Transverse polarization

➤ Transverse polarization

$$P_y(\cos \theta_\Lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2} \sin(\Delta\Phi) \cos \theta_\Lambda \sin \theta_\Lambda}{1 + \alpha_\psi \cos^2 \theta_\Lambda}$$

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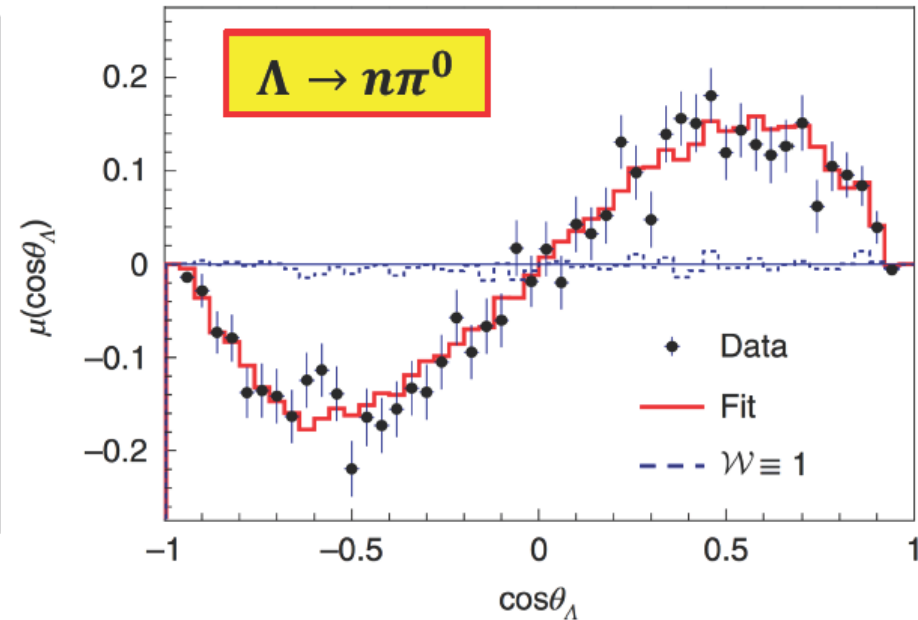
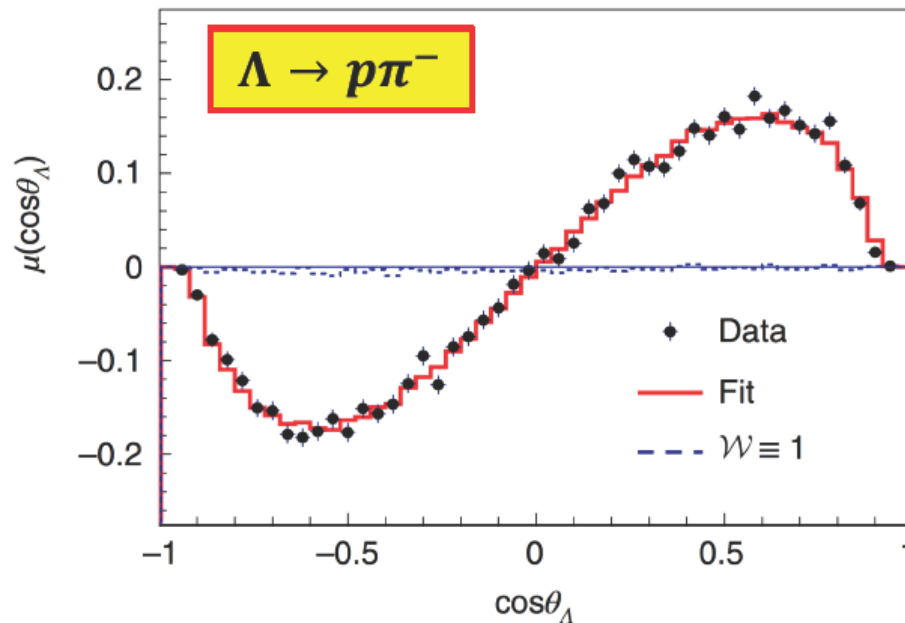


$$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$$

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J/ψ data sample: 1.31×10^9

➤ Observation of $\Lambda / \bar{\Lambda}$ transverse polarization



- spin observable

$$\mu(\cos\theta_\Lambda) = \frac{m}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} (n_{1,y}^{(i)} - n_{2,y}^{(i)})$$

- Maximum $\Lambda / \bar{\Lambda}$ polarization: $\sim 25\%$
- Net polarization vanishing

Observation of Λ polarization and entanglement in



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First observation of the
 $\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda}$ transverse
polarization

Table 1 | Summary of the results

Parameters	This work	Previous results
α_ψ	$0.461 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.007$	0.469 ± 0.027 (ref. ¹⁴)
$\Delta\Phi$	$42.4 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.5^\circ$	-
α_-	$0.750 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.004$	0.642 ± 0.013 (ref. ⁶)
α_+	$-0.758 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.007$	-0.71 ± 0.08 (ref. ⁶)
$\bar{\alpha}_0$	$-0.692 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.006$	-
A_{CP}	$-0.006 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.007$	0.006 ± 0.021 (ref. ⁶)
$\bar{\alpha}_0/\alpha_+$	$0.913 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.012$	-

Higher than PDG value 17%,
deviation with sig. $> 5\sigma$

CP odd observable:

$$A_{CP} = \frac{\alpha_\Lambda - \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}}{\alpha_\Lambda + \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}}}$$

Test selection rule $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$

- Verification $\alpha_\Lambda/\alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} : J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^- \bar{\Xi}^+ \rightarrow (\Lambda \pi^-)(\bar{\Lambda} \pi^+)$
- Transverse polarization allows to improve CP test precision over previous measurements.
- Standard model precision $A_{CP} \sim 10^{-4}$.

Observation of Λ polarization and entanglement in



$$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$$

α_- **FOR** $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
$0.750 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.004$	420k	ABLIKIM 2018AG	BES3	J/ψ to $\Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
0.584 ± 0.046	8500	ASTBURY 1975	SPEC	
0.649 ± 0.023	10325	CLELAND 1972	OSPK	
0.67 ± 0.06	3520	DAUBER 1969	HBC	From Ξ decay
0.645 ± 0.017	10130	OVERSETH 1967	OSPK	Λ from $\pi^- p$
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α_+ **FOR** $\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+$

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• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
$-0.755 \pm 0.083 \pm 0.063$	$\approx 8.7k$	ABLIKIM 2010	BES	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$
-0.63 ± 0.13	770	TIXIER 1988	DM2	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$

Where does the TP come from?

❑ From the e^+/e^- beam ?

✗ No, BEPC beams unpolarized

❑ From the e^+/e^- natural polarization when circulating in the BEPCII storage ring ?

✗ Sokolov-Ternov effects: 4.3 hrs @ ψ' peak, but beam lifetime ~ 2.0 hrs

❑ From the J/ψ spin transfer ?

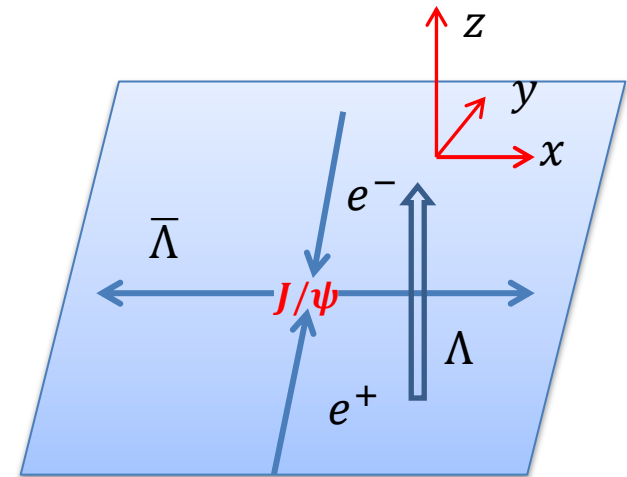
✓ Yes, it does from the J/ψ tensor polarization

J/ψ polarization: $\mathcal{P}_z = 0$, $T_{zz} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$

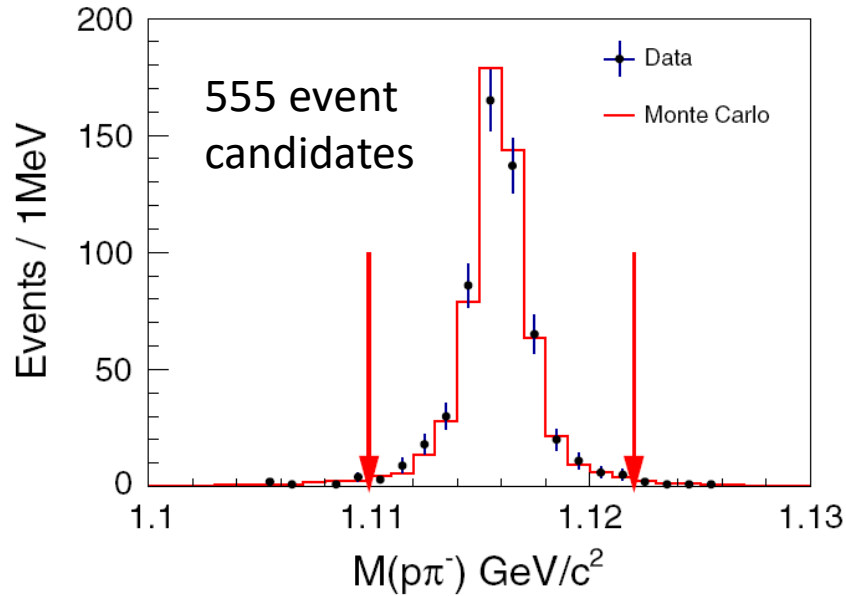
Λ transverse polarization:

$$\mathcal{P}_y = \sqrt{6} \frac{T_{zz} \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \Delta \sqrt{1 - \alpha_\psi^2}}{1 + \alpha_\psi \left[\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} T_{zz} (1 + 3 \cos 2\theta) \right]}$$

$\mathcal{P}_y$ manifest if $\sin \Delta \neq 0$



$\Lambda / \bar{\Lambda}$ polarization in continuum production



data set: 2.396 GeV, $L=66.9 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

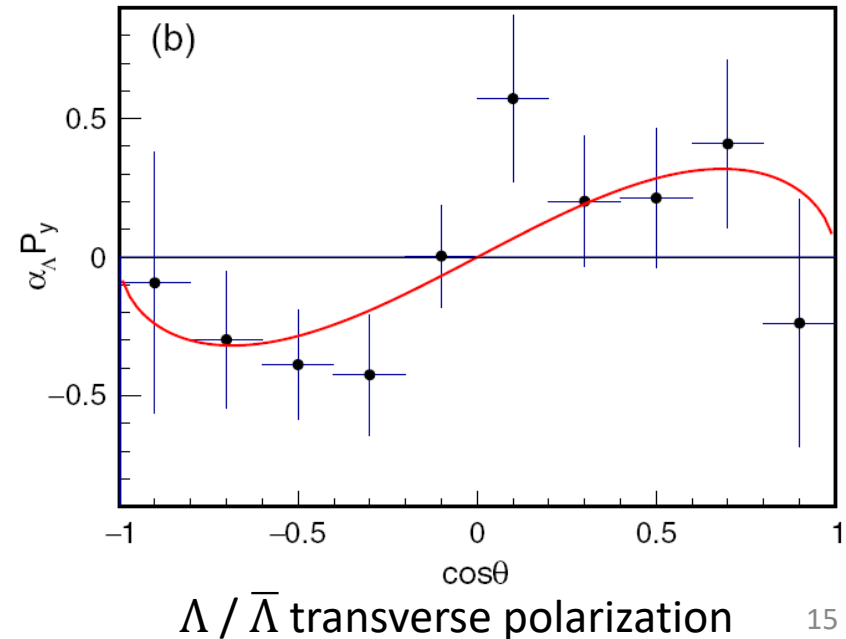
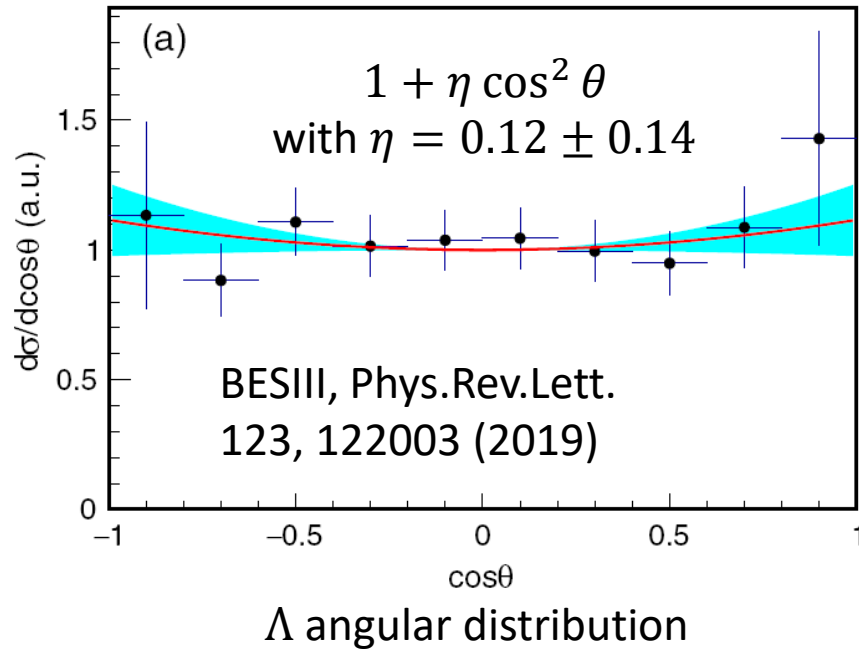
$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$$

555 candidate events

$\Delta\Phi = 37^\circ \pm 12^\circ(\text{stat}) \pm 6^\circ(\text{syst})$

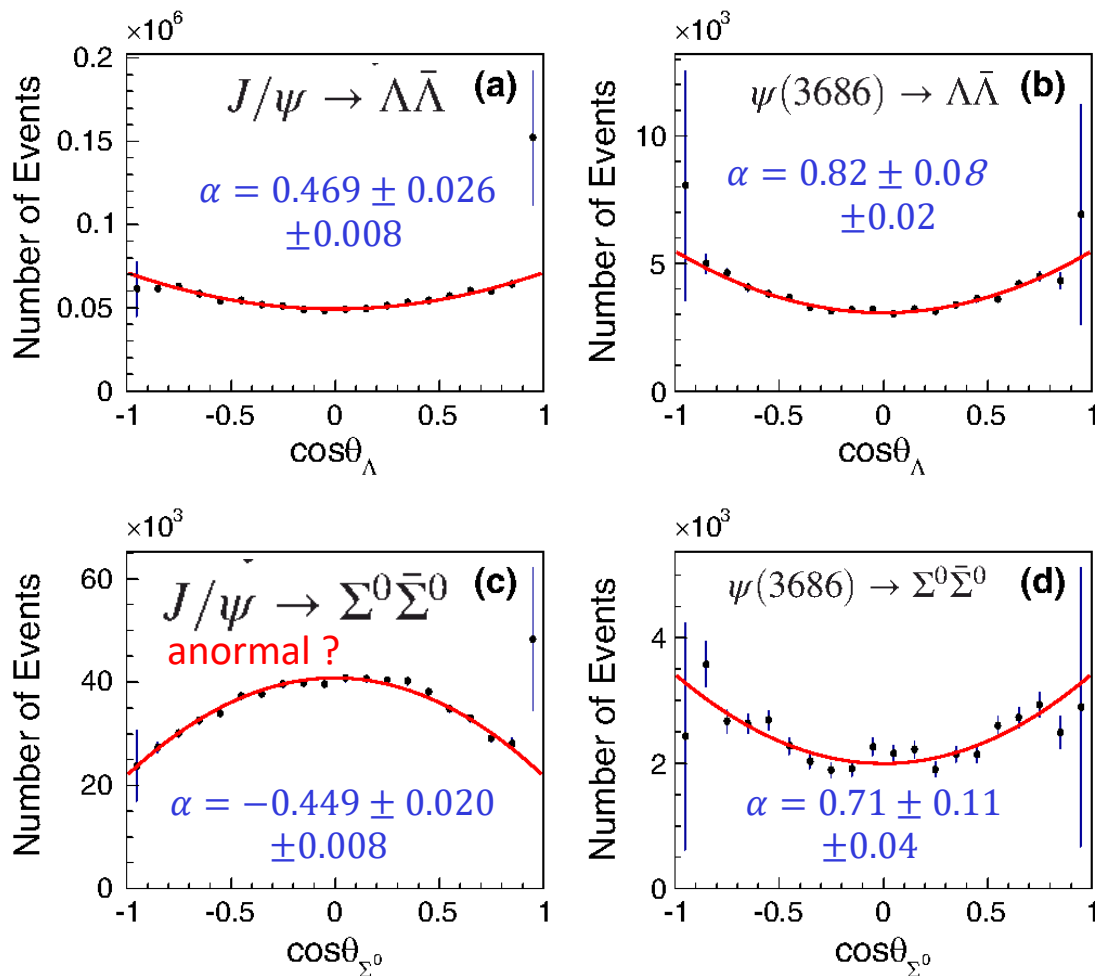
Maximum polarization degree is $\sim 30\%$

$$P_y = \frac{\sqrt{1-\eta^2} \sin\theta \cos\theta}{1+\eta\cos^2\theta} \sin(\Delta\Phi).$$



Polarization puzzle in charmonium decays

Angular distribution: $\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta} \propto (1 + \alpha \cos^2 \theta)$



Branching ratios

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda})}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda})} = (20.43 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.58)\%$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(\psi(3686) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \bar{\Sigma}^0)}{\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \bar{\Sigma}^0)} = (20.96 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.92)\%$$

Angular distribution

$$\alpha = \frac{|H_{\uparrow\downarrow}|^2 - 2|H_{\uparrow\uparrow}|^2}{|H_{\uparrow\downarrow}|^2 + 2|H_{\uparrow\uparrow}|^2}$$

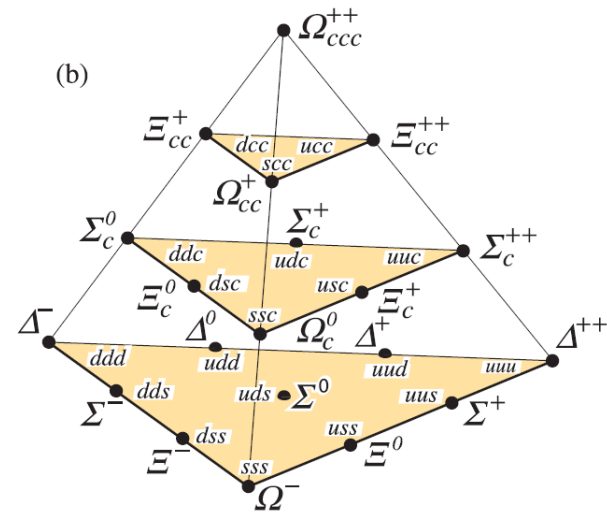
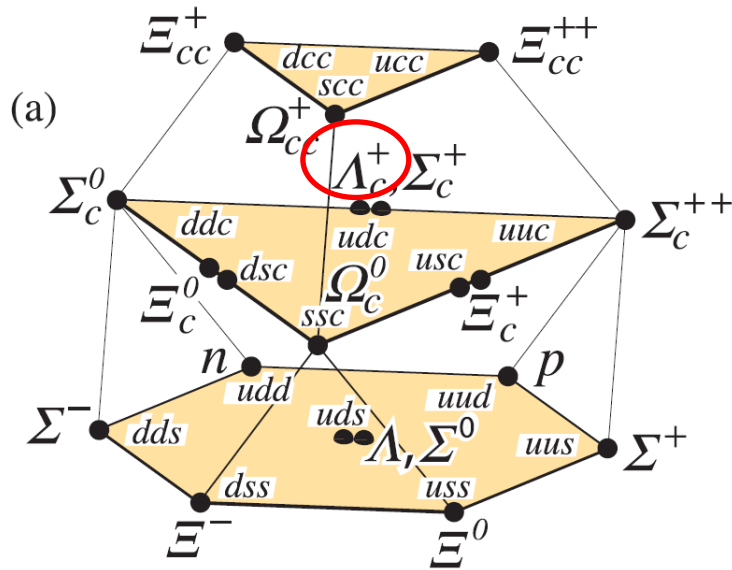
Helicity selection rule

$$|H_{\uparrow\uparrow}|/|H_{\uparrow\downarrow}| \sim 0$$

Measurements:

$$|H_{\uparrow\uparrow}|/|H_{\uparrow\downarrow}| = \begin{aligned} &\sim 1.3 (J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \bar{\Sigma}^0) \\ &\sim 0.08 (\psi' \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \bar{\Sigma}^0) \end{aligned}$$

Λ_c spin and decay asymmetry parameter



$$\Lambda_c^+$$

udc

$$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^+) \text{ Status: } ****$$

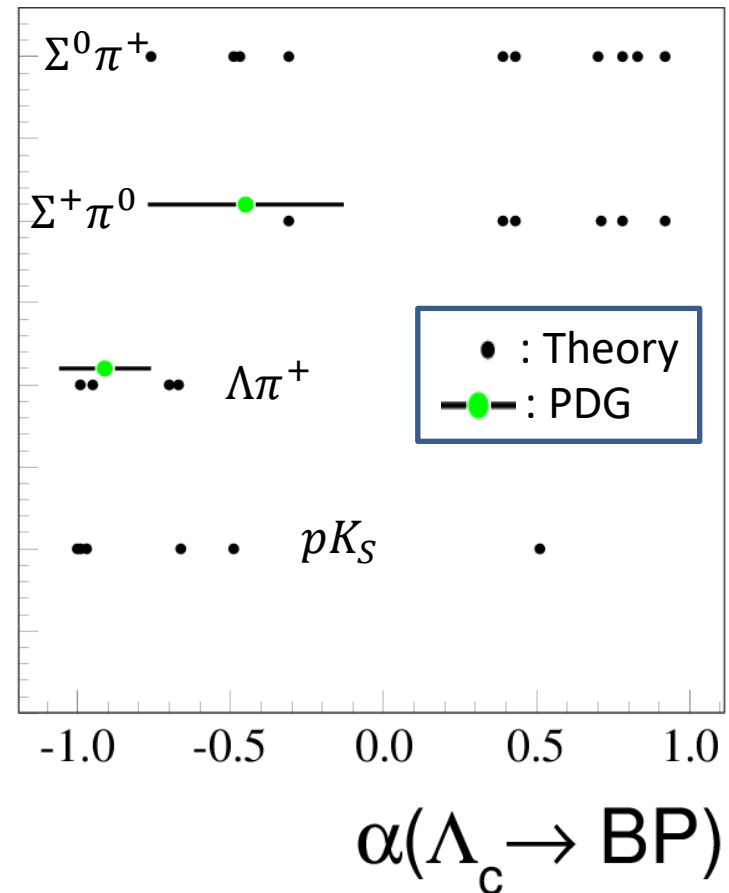
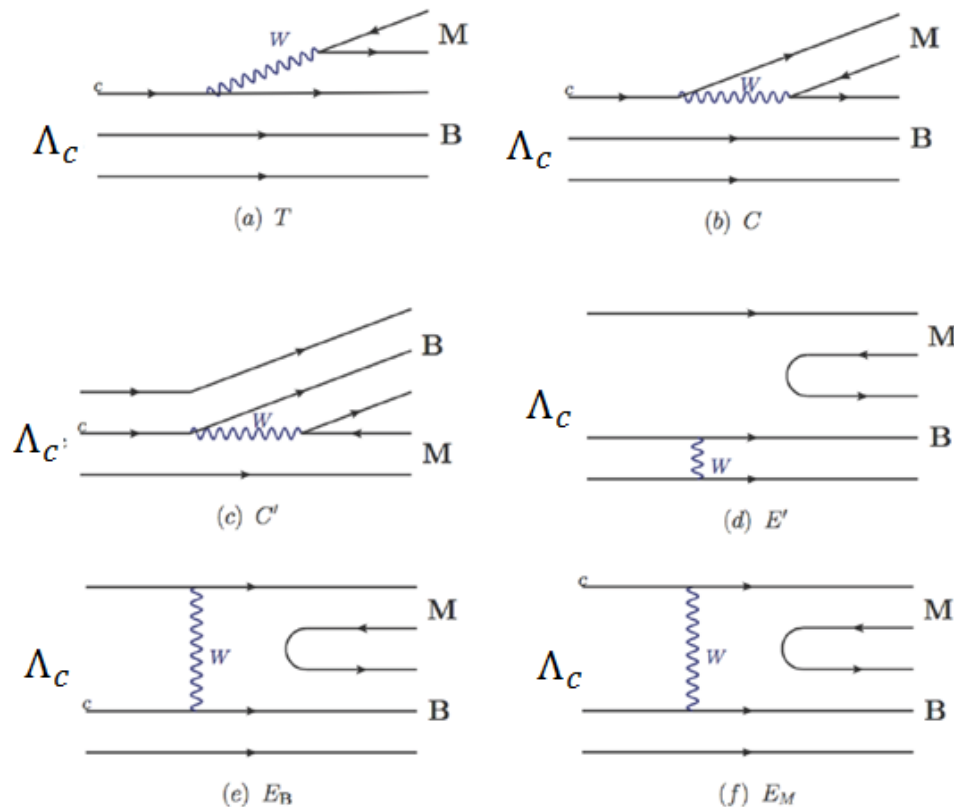
The parity of the Λ_c^+ is defined to be positive (as are the parities of the proton, neutron, and Λ). The quark content is udc . Results of an analysis of $pK^-\pi^+$ decays (JEZABEK 92) are consistent with $J = 1/2$. Nobody doubts that the spin is indeed $1/2$.

We have omitted some results that have been superseded by later experiments. The omitted results may be found in earlier editions.

Predictions on Λ_c asymmetry parameters

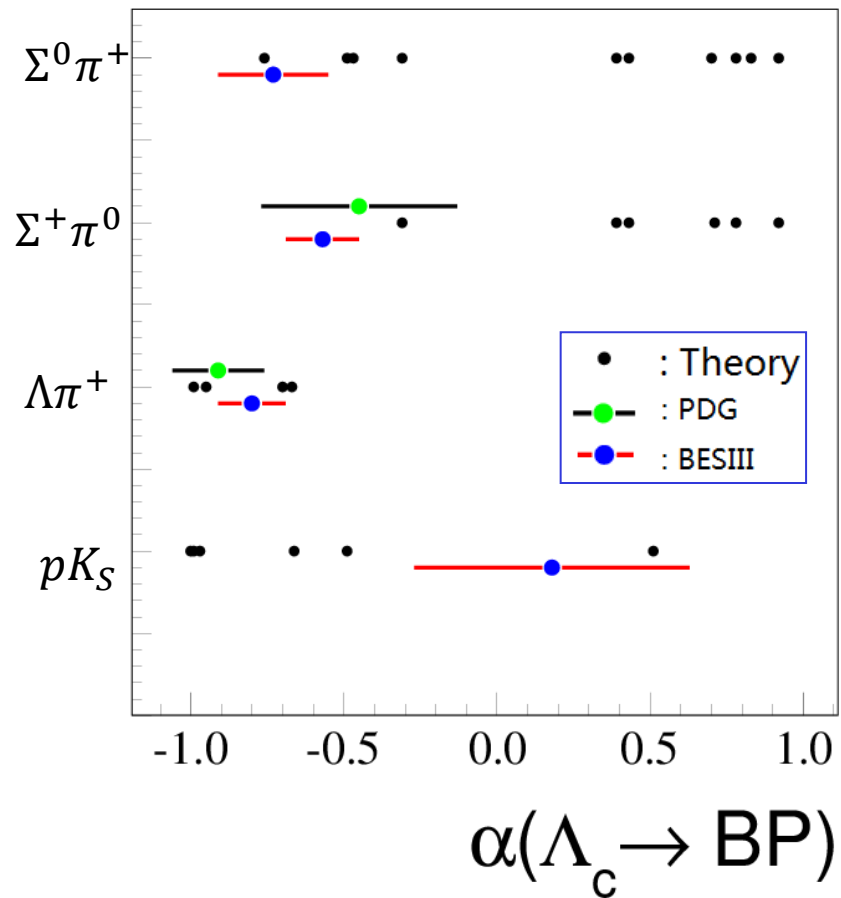
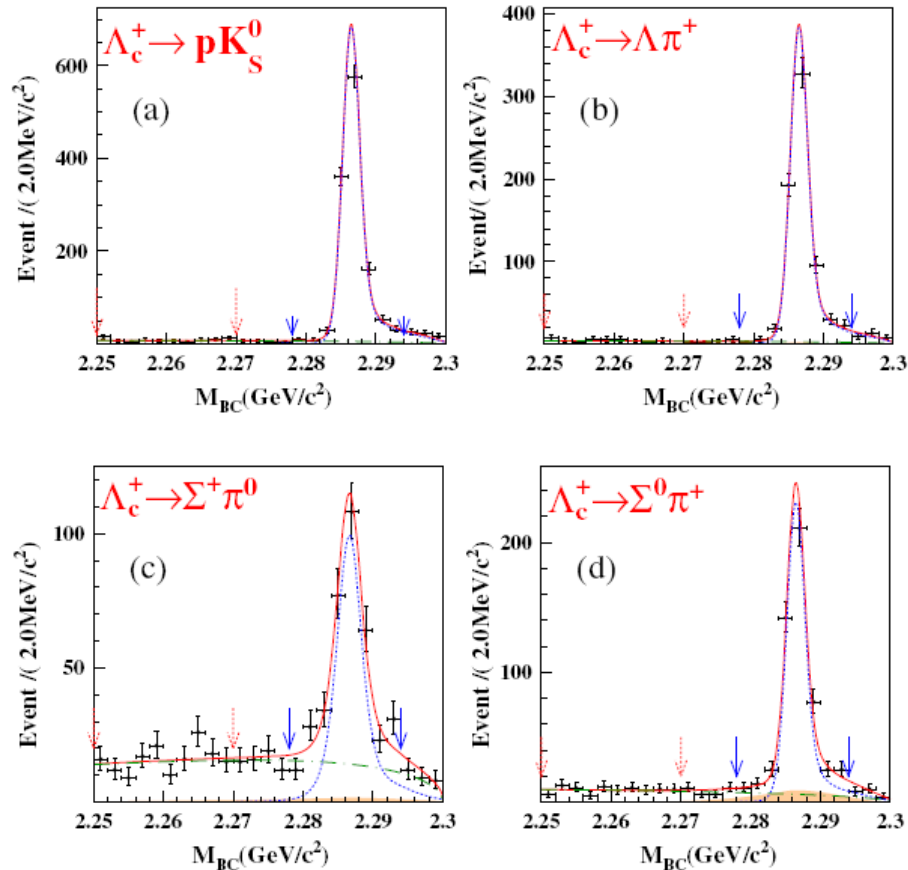
- W -exchange complicate $\Lambda_c \rightarrow B M$

$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow BP$ decay asymmetry



Λ_c decay asymmetry parameter

- $L = 567\text{pb}^{-1}$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 4.6$ GeV with single tag



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- Significance for Λ_c transverse polarization: 2.1σ

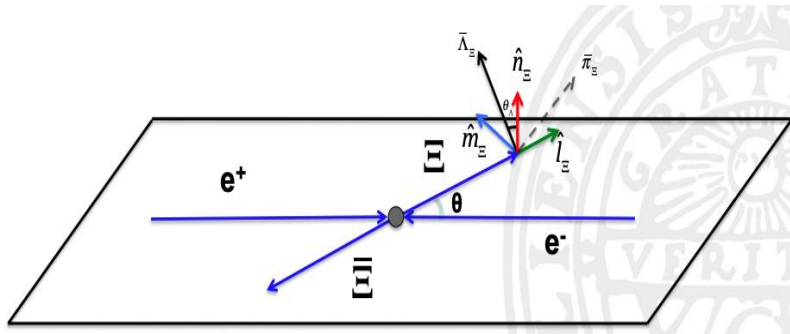
CPV with $J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^- (\Lambda \pi^-) \bar{\Xi}^+ (\Lambda \pi^+) + \text{c.c.}$

Disadvantages

complicated topology: 9-dimensions

$\theta_{\Xi}, \theta_{\Lambda}, \phi_{\Lambda}, \theta_{\bar{\Lambda}}, \phi_{\bar{\Lambda}}, \theta_p, \phi_p, \theta_{\bar{p}}, \phi_{\bar{p}}$

72 terms, 8 parameters to determine



Advantages:

- $\Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$ polarizations are measurable via their parity-violating $p\pi^-$ ($p\pi^+$) decays;
- β_- and β_0 parameters can be determined.
- Preliminary results indicate that the Ξ s are even more polarized than the Λ s.

Low rate compared to $\Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$

1.3B J/ψ : 420K $\Lambda(p\pi^-)\bar{\Lambda}(\bar{p}\pi^+)$ evts

61K $\Xi(\Lambda\pi^-)\Xi(\Lambda\pi^-)$

Ongoing polarization analyses at BESIII

- $J/\psi, \psi' \rightarrow \Sigma^- \bar{\Sigma}^+$
- $J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^- \bar{\Xi}^+$ (Ξ, Λ asymmetry par., CP test)
- $\psi' \rightarrow \Omega^- \bar{\Omega}^+$ (polarization analysis)
- $\eta_c \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$ (QM nonlocality & reality)
- $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$
 - $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+, \Sigma^+ \pi^0, \Sigma^0 \pi^+, p K_S$, to be improved
 - Λ_c spin
- future charmed baryon program
 - Update $\sqrt{s}$ up to 4.9 GeV
 - Approved $\sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ data taking around $\Lambda_c \bar{\Lambda}_c$ threshold

Summary

- $\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda}$ transverse polarization significantly observed at BESIII in J/ψ or continuum processes
- BESIII 10 billion J/ψ data provides us chances to access hyperon physics.
- Extension study to charmed hyperon are ongoing.
- Polarized beam in the future super-tau charm facility (STCF) help to improve the precision.

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Previous Measurements

2018 PDG list

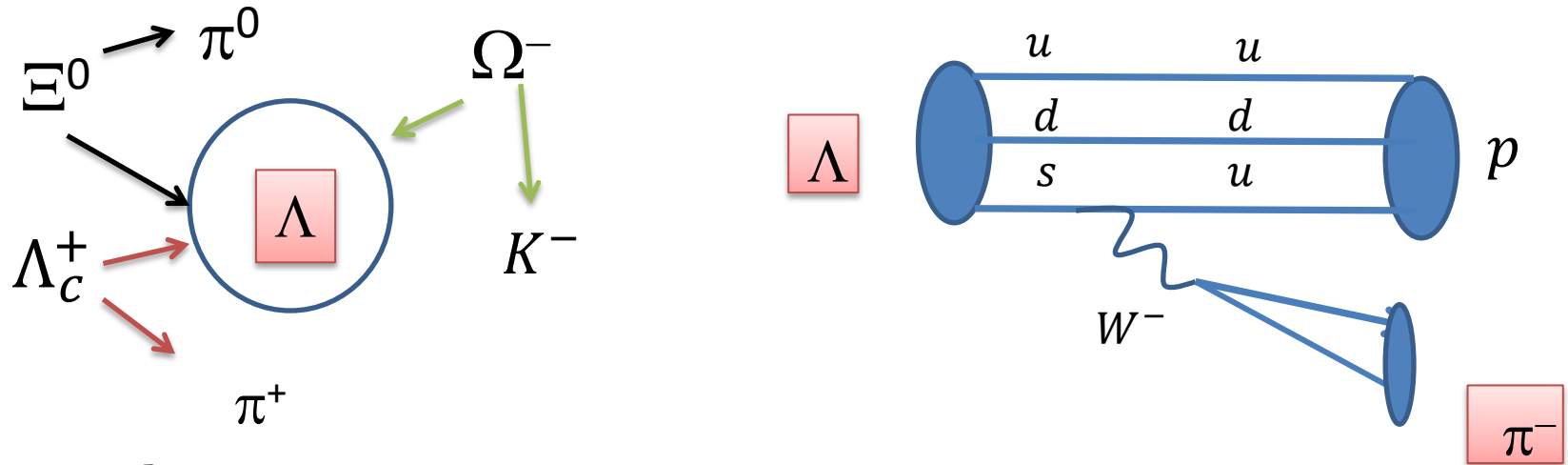
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$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ as polarimeter



$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha_\Lambda \vec{P} \cdot \hat{q}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha_\Lambda P_\Lambda \cos\theta_p)$$

Lee-Yang parameters:

$$\alpha = \frac{2 \operatorname{Re}(S^* P)}{|S|^2 + |P|^2}, \quad \beta = \frac{2 \operatorname{Im}(S^* P)}{|S|^2 + |P|^2}, \quad \gamma = \frac{|S|^2 - |P|^2}{|S|^2 + |P|^2}$$

Note: $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$

PDG2018: $\alpha_\Lambda = 0.642 \pm 0.013, \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} = -0.71 \pm 0.08$