# Measuring the Target Asymmetry in $p\pi^0\eta$ Photoproduction

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### Polarization Observables (November 2007 Beamtime)

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Circularly Polarized Photons, Longitudinally Polarized Target

#### **Polarization Observables possible**

(Two Mesons in the final state)

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_{i}} = \frac{\partial \sigma_{0}}{\partial x_{i}} (1 + \Lambda_{z} P_{z} + \delta_{\odot} I^{\odot} + \delta_{\odot} \Lambda_{z} E)$$

Ultimate Goal  $\Rightarrow$  E First Attempt  $\Rightarrow$   $P_z$ 

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# Calculating $P_z$

After Solving for  $P_z$ : ( $\Rightarrow$  means Positive Target Polarization)

$$\longrightarrow P_{z}(x_{i}) = \frac{1}{2 \Lambda_{z}} \frac{\frac{\partial \sigma_{\Rightarrow}}{\partial x_{i}} - \frac{\partial \sigma_{\Leftarrow}}{\partial x_{i}}}{\frac{\partial \sigma_{\Rightarrow}}{\partial x_{i}} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{\Leftarrow}}{\partial x_{i}}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{N_{\Rightarrow}}{\Lambda_{z}} \frac{1}{Flux_{\Rightarrow}} - \frac{N_{\Leftarrow}}{\Lambda_{z}}}{\frac{N_{\Rightarrow}}{Flux_{\Rightarrow}} + \frac{N_{\Leftarrow}}{Flux_{\Leftarrow}}}$$
Need

- Number of Reconstructed  $p\pi^0\eta$  events under each polarization.
- Photon Flux under each polarization.
- Target Polarization for each event.

Only binning in CM Energy (Integrating over all other Kinematic Variables)

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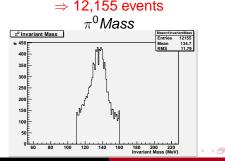
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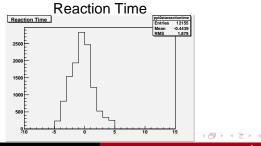
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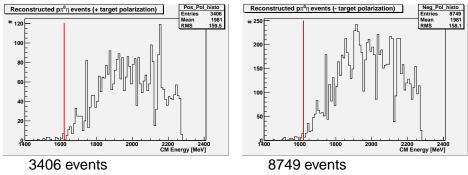
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# Reconstructed $p\pi^0\eta$ Events

#### Positive Target Polarization $(N_{\Rightarrow})$

#### Negative Target Polarization ( $N_{\leftarrow}$ )



 $p\pi^0\eta$  Threshold  $\approx$  1620 MeV (red line)

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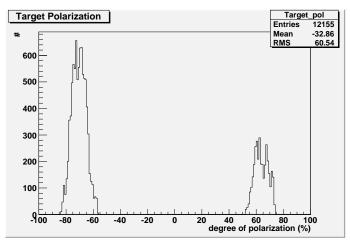
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### **Target Polarization**



Unequal Beamtime from each Target Polarization Setting

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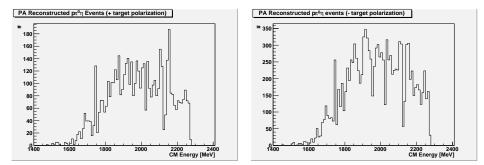
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# Polarization Adjusted Reconstructed $p\pi^0\eta$ Events

#### Positive Target Polarization $\left(\frac{N}{\Lambda \Rightarrow}\right)$

#### Negative Target Polarization $\left(\frac{N_{\pm}}{\Lambda_{\mp}}\right)$



Histograms filled with each event divided by its degree of polarization.

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### Photon Flux Quick Fix

#### **Need a Normalization Factor**

Perfect world  $\rightarrow$  Photon Flux. My World  $\rightarrow$  Total Events Recorded.

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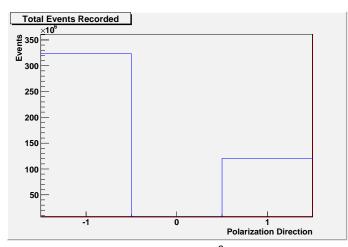
Dominated by 2 body final state reactions and unpolarized events (unpolarized nucleons).

Largely invariant to change in target polarization.

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#### **Total Events Recorded**



Positive Polarization  $1.20 \times 10^8$  events recorded Negative Polarization  $3.23 \times 10^8$  events recorded

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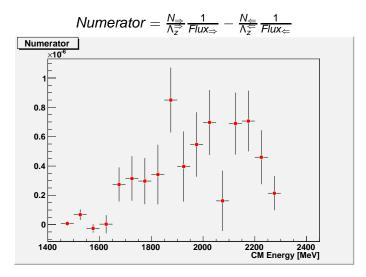
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### Numerator



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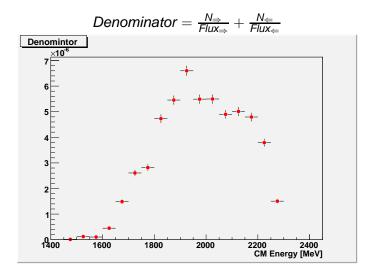
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### Denominator



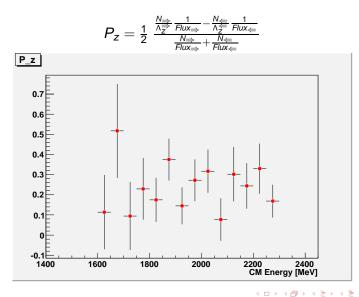
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## Work to be done

- Include the Correct Photon Flux
- Improve the Reconstruction Efficiency
- Include the Summer? 2009 Data
- Include Acceptance and Efficiency Effects
- Incorporate Beam Polarization to Calculate the Helicity Difference (E)

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