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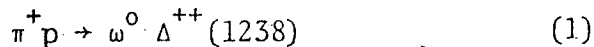
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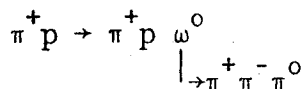
We present preliminary results on the reaction



at 2.3 and 2.67 GeV/c. The data is from some 450 000 exposures of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory 25-inch hydrogen bubble chamber which yielded about 16 000 four-prong events at 2.3 GeV/c and about 37 000 at 2.67 GeV/c. The events were measured on the Flying Spot Digitizer (FSD) and processed through the FOG-CLOUDY-FAIR system. Kinematic ambiguities were resolved on the basis of the automatic ionization measurements available from the FSD.<sup>1</sup> Events satisfying the 1-c hypothesis



were additionally constrained to the 2-c hypothesis



$\omega^0$  events were chosen by the criterion

$$\chi^2(2c) - \chi^2(1c) \leq 10$$

For "double"  $\omega^0$  events, the combination with the smallest  $\chi^2(2c)$  was selected.

Figure 1 shows the  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  invariant mass distributions. The unshaded part of the histogram represents the number of  $\omega^0$  events selected in each mass region. Fig. 1 also shows the mass distributions of the  $\pi^+p$  combinations recoiling off the  $\omega^0$ . The dotted curve represents our estimate of the background under the  $\Delta^{++}$  peak and was used in the determination of the  $\omega^0 \Delta^{++}$  cross section. The  $\Delta^{++}$  mass band is defined as  $1.16 \text{ GeV} \leq M(p\pi^+) \leq 1.28 \text{ GeV}$ . The above criteria for  $\omega^0$  and  $\Delta^{++}$  yield 1692 events at 2.3 and 3497 at 2.67 GeV/c.

We determine the total cross section for reaction (1) to be  $.72 \pm .10 \text{ mb}$  at 2.3 GeV/c and  $.81 \pm .08 \text{ mb}$  at 2.67 GeV/c. The differential cross sections are shown in Fig. 2. While the Regge Pole model is most easily tested in reactions where only a single trajectory is exchanged in the t-channel, the absence<sup>2</sup> of a dip near  $t = -.5$  in the differential cross section for reaction (2) indicates that both natural ( $\rho$ ) and unnatural (B) parity trajectories are exchanged.

Several attempts have been made<sup>3,4,5</sup> to extract these exchange contributions for reaction (2). For example, the asymptotic relation  $\rho_{1-1} = -\rho_{11}$  should be satisfied at the value of  $t$  where the  $\rho$  exchange contribution vanishes or, more practically, the combination  $\sigma_1^+ \equiv \rho_{11} + \rho_{1-1}$  should exhibit a minimum. In a like manner  $\sigma_1^- \equiv \rho_{11} - \rho_{1-1}$  and  $\rho_{00}$  measure the B exchange contribution. These combinations of spin density matrix elements together with  $\sigma_1^+ \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$  and  $\rho_{00} \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$  are shown in Figs. 1-3. Several indications of dips in these combinations have been given in Refs. 3-5. Some structure is also seen in this experiment,

although this is always more pronounced at 2.67 GeV/c than at 2.3 GeV/c.

In particular, at 2.67 GeV/c we see evidence for a dip in

$\rho_{00}$ ,  $\rho_{00} \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$  and  $\sigma_1^-$  near  $t = -0.8$  as reported in Ref. 4. The natural parity combinations  $\sigma_1^+$  and  $\sigma_1^+ \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$  show evidence for a dip near  $t = -0.6$  though this evidence is rather weak. Such evidence was also reported in Ref. 5 at a somewhat larger  $t$  value. The interpretation of the combinations  $\rho_{11} \pm \rho_{1-1}$  is complicated by the fact that  $\rho_{1-1}$  fluctuates about zero, possibly causing the fluctuations observed in  $\sigma_1^+$  between  $t = -0.8$  and  $t = -1.0$ . A dip in  $\rho_{00}$  is observed near  $t = -0.3$  as was reported in Ref. 5.

Thews<sup>6</sup> has proposed a test for the exchange of a single trajectory.

For reaction (2) the inequality

$$\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1} \leq \frac{|\rho_{1-1}|}{\rho_{11}} \leq 1 \quad ; \quad x = \cos \theta_t$$

must be satisfied. We show the results of this test in Fig. 4 and note that for most values of  $t$  the points lie outside the limits indicating the presence of both natural and unnatural parity exchanges.

In the Quark model of Bialas and Zalewski,<sup>7</sup> the additivity of quark-quark amplitudes, with no other assumption, gives the following relation between the decay density matrix elements of  $\omega$  and  $\Delta$ :

$$\rho_{11} + \rho_{1-1} = \frac{4}{3} \rho_{\frac{3}{2} \frac{3}{2}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \operatorname{Re} (\rho_{\frac{3}{2} \frac{-1}{2}})$$

The good agreement of this relation is shown in Fig. 5.

With additional assumptions of the quark-quark amplitude that  $\langle + - | - + \rangle = \langle - + | + - \rangle$  we have the following relation

$$\rho_{11} = \frac{4}{3} \rho_{\frac{3}{2} \frac{3}{2}} \quad ; \quad \rho_{1-1} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \operatorname{Re} \left( \rho_{\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}} \right) \quad \operatorname{Re} (\rho_{10}) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} \operatorname{Re} \left( \rho_{\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

These relations are frame dependent. Figs. 6 and 7 show these relations in the s and t channel helicity frames (i.e. helicity and Jackson frames, respectively). Excellent agreement is again demonstrated.

The further assumption that  $\langle ++ | -- \rangle = \langle -- | ++ \rangle$  implies that  $\operatorname{Re}(\rho_{10}) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \left( \rho_{\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2}} \right) = 0$ . Fig. 8 demonstrates that these relations do not agree with the experiment.

We have shown here the excellent agreement of the first two classes of relations at this low energy experiment. It was, however, pointed out by Maor<sup>8</sup> that the same relations can be obtained at the small t region by Regge theory if one assumes (1) the factorization of the Regge residue; (2) the dipole coupling of the natural parity exchange at the  $\Delta$  vertex; and (3) the non-spin flip of the unnatural parity exchange.



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FIGURE CAPTIONS

Fig. 1.  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  mass distributions and mass distribution of  $\pi^+p$  combinations at 2.3 and 2.67 GeV/c. The unshaded portion of the  $M(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$  histogram represents the number of events selected as  $\omega^0$ 's. The dotted curves on the  $M(\pi^+p)$  distributions are three-body phase space normalized to the number of events above 1.35 GeV.

Fig. 2.  $d\sigma/dt$  and  $\rho_{00} d\sigma/dt$  for  $\pi^+p \rightarrow \omega^0 \Delta^{++}$  at 2.3 and 2.67 GeV/c.

Fig. 3. Spin density matrix elements in the Jackson frame for  $\pi^+p \rightarrow \omega^0 \Delta^{++}$  at 2.3 and 2.67 GeV/c.

Fig. 4. Combinations  $\rho_{11} \pm \rho_{1-1}$  and  $\rho_{11} + \rho_{1-1} d\sigma/dt$  for  $\pi^+p \rightarrow \omega^0 \Delta^{++}$  at 2.3 and 2.67 GeV/c.

Fig. 5. Ratio  $|\rho_{1-1}| / \rho_{11}$  together with upper and lower bounds discussed in text.

Fig. 6. Comparison of  $\rho_{11} + \rho_{1-1}$  of the  $\omega$  decay with  $\frac{4}{3} \rho_{\frac{3}{2}\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \operatorname{Re} \left( \rho_{\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}} \right)$  of the  $\Delta$  decay for 2.30 and 2.67 BeV/c.

Fig. 7. Helicity frame comparison of  $\rho_{11}$  with  $\frac{4}{3} \rho_{\frac{3}{2}\frac{3}{2}}$ ,  $\rho_{1,-1}$  with  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \operatorname{Re} \left( \rho_{\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}} \right)$  and  $\operatorname{Re} (\rho_{10})$  with  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} \operatorname{Re} \left( \rho_{\frac{3}{2}\frac{1}{2}} \right)$ .

Fig. 8. Jackson frame comparison of  $\rho_{11}$  with  $\frac{4}{3} \rho_{\frac{3}{2}\frac{3}{2}}$ ,  $\rho_{1-1}$  with  $\frac{4}{3} \operatorname{Re} \left( \rho_{\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}} \right)$  and  $\operatorname{Re} (\rho_{10})$  with  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} \operatorname{Re} \left( \rho_{\frac{3}{2}\frac{1}{2}} \right)$ .

Fig. 9. Comparison of quantities  $\text{Re}(\rho_{10})$  and  $\text{Re}\left(\rho_{\frac{3}{2}\frac{1}{2}}\right)$  with 0 in both Jackson and helicity frames.

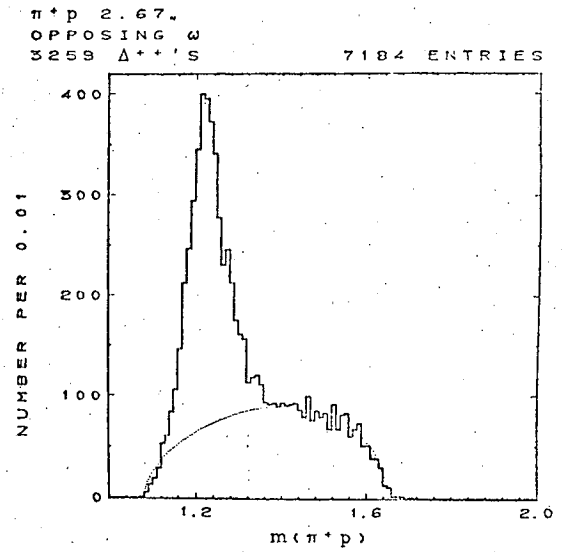
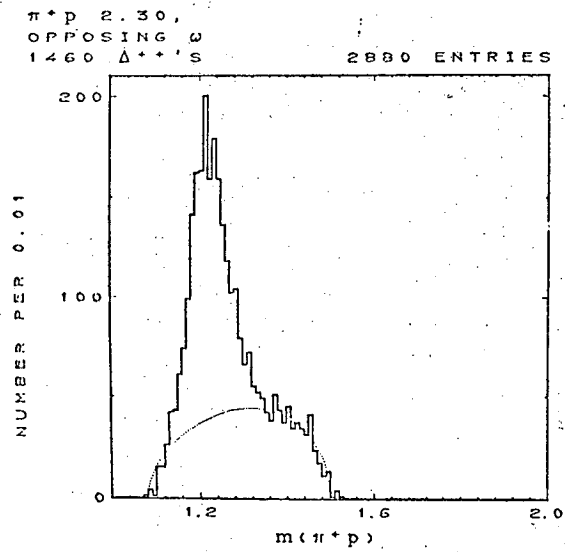
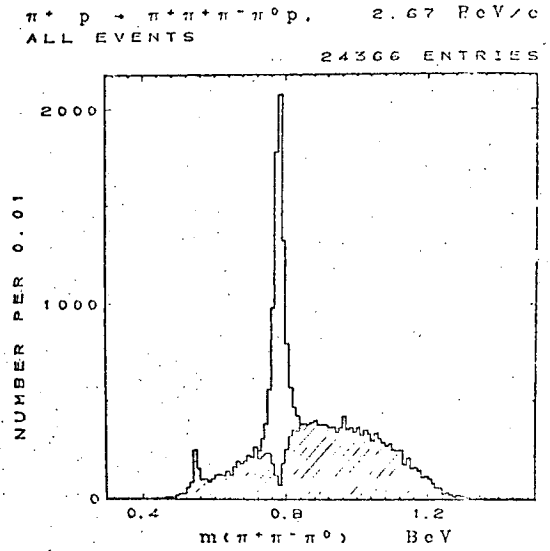
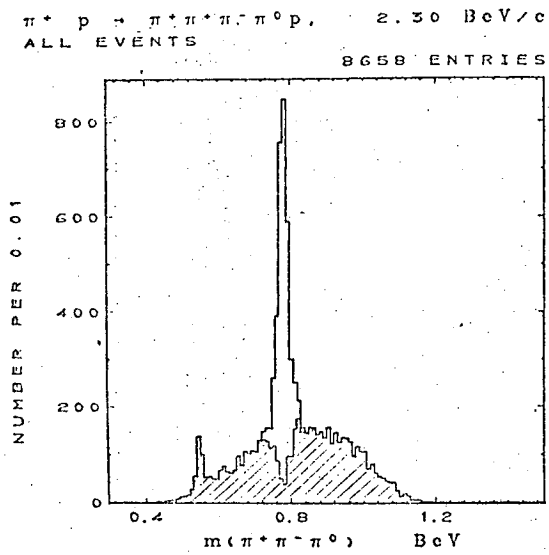


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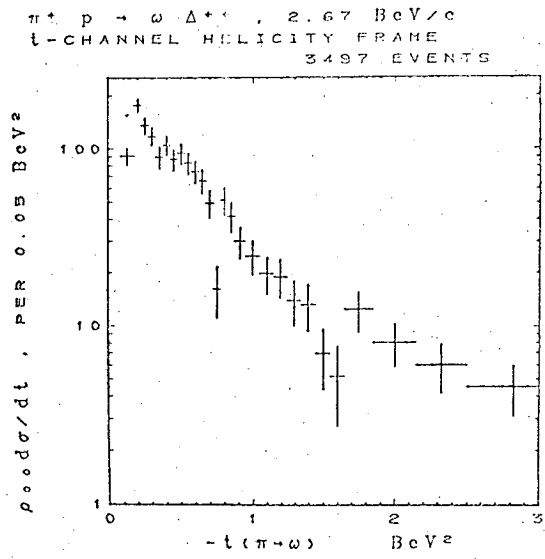
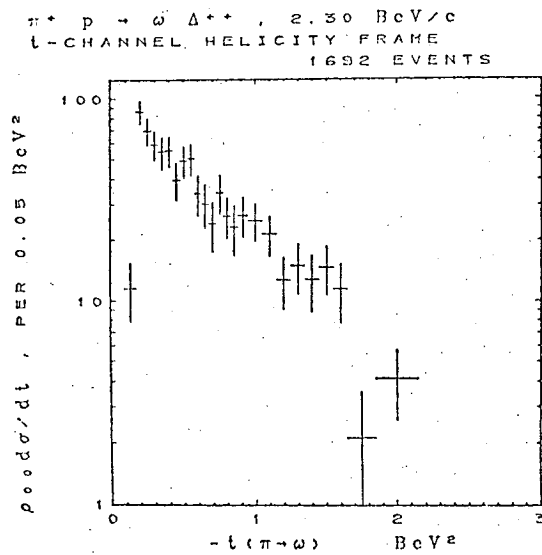
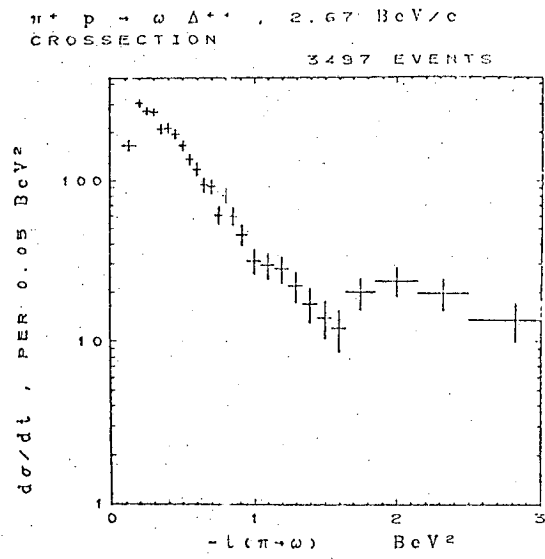
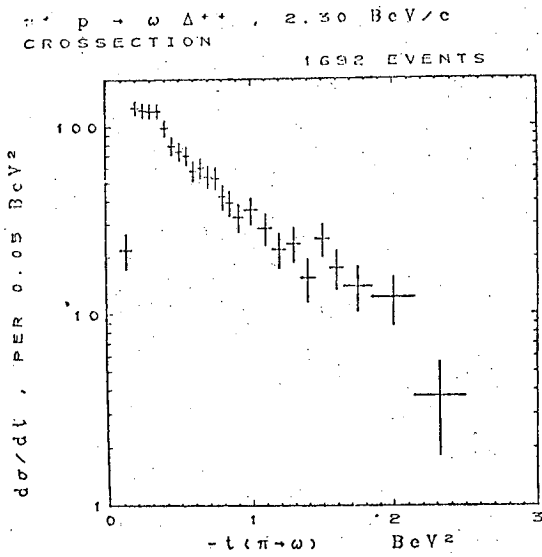
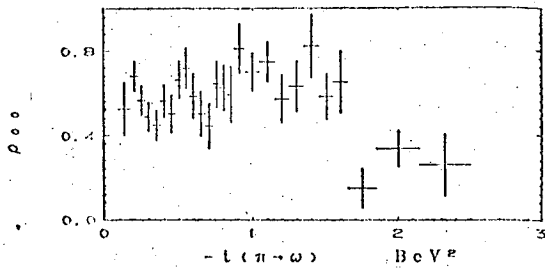
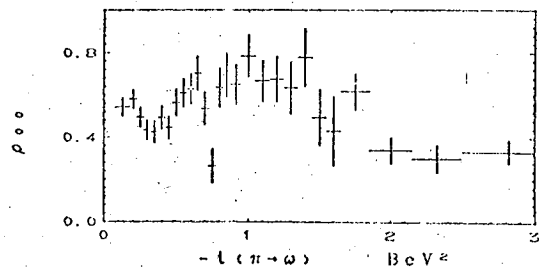


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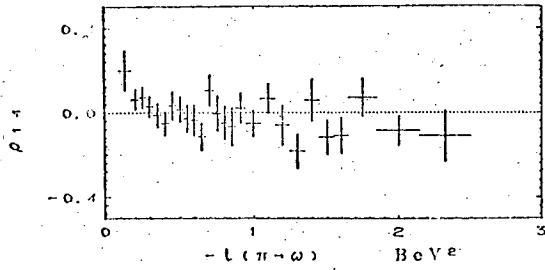
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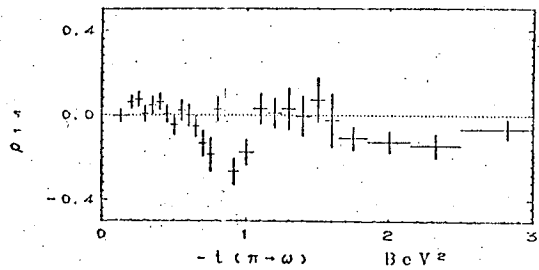
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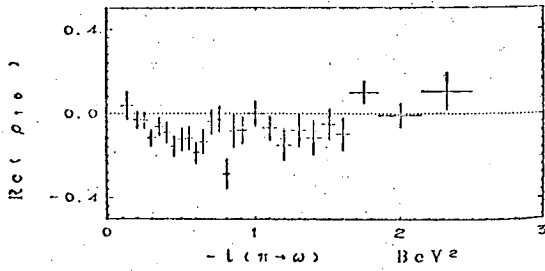
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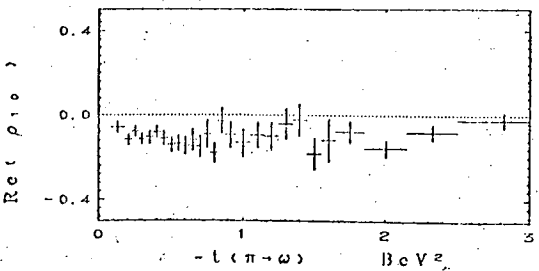
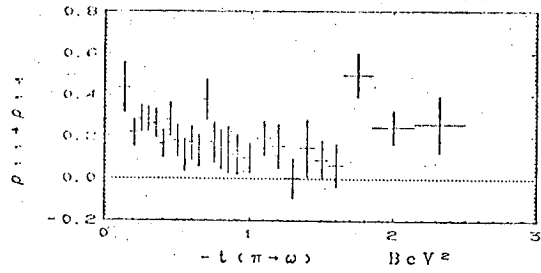
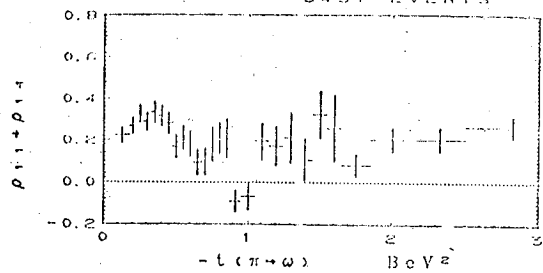


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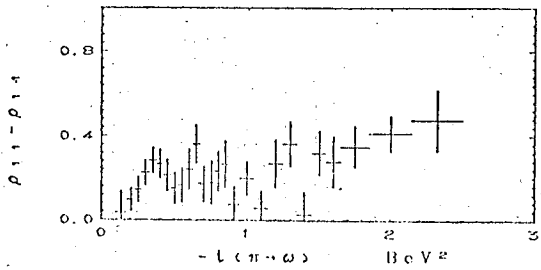
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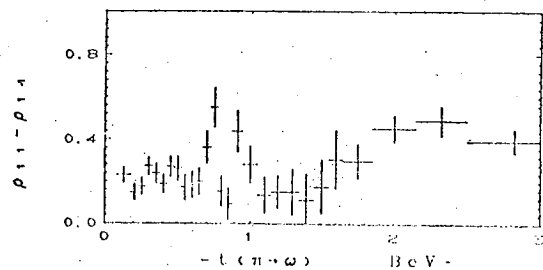
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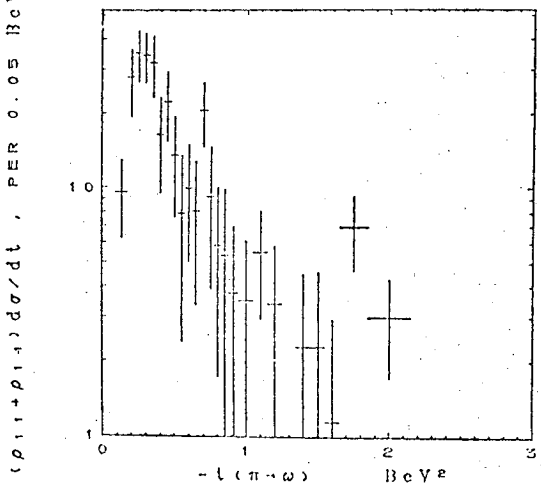
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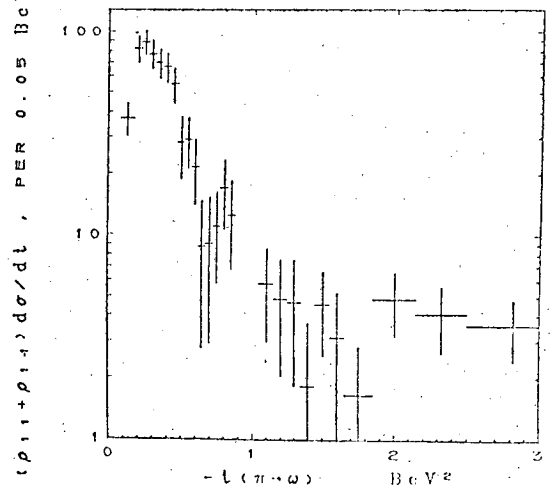
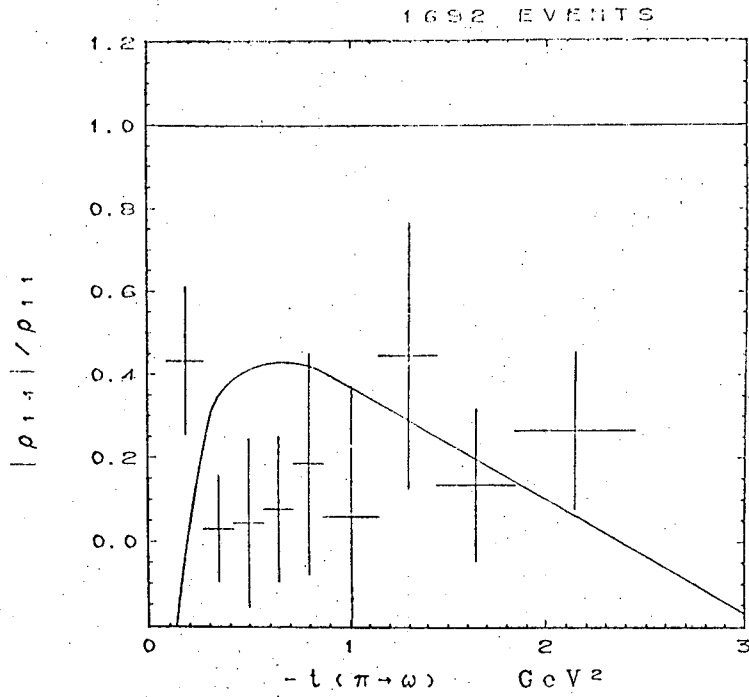


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$\pi^+ p \rightarrow \omega \Delta^{++}$   
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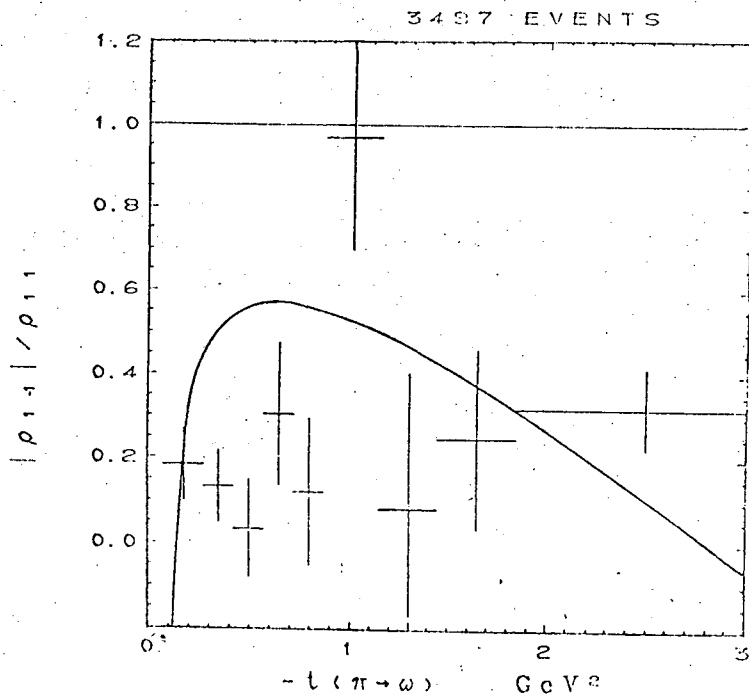


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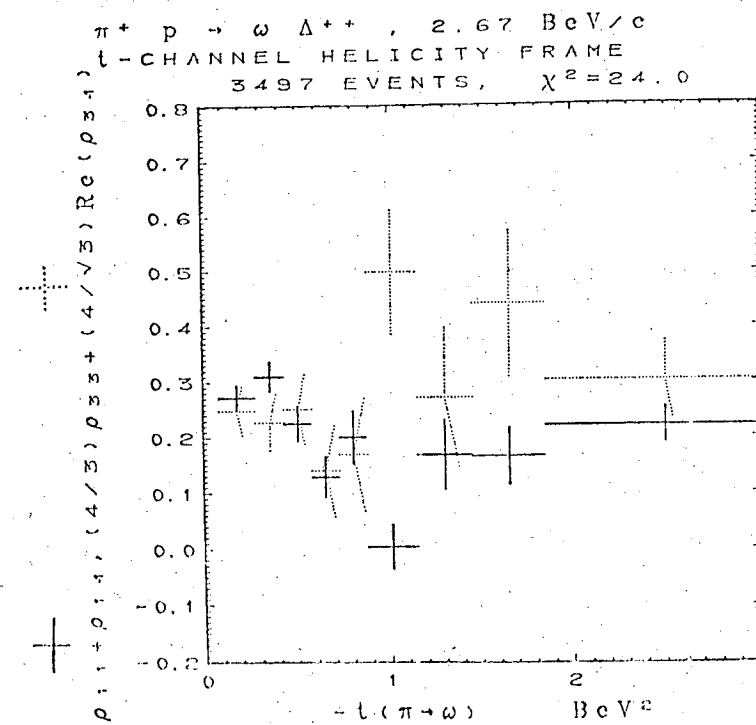
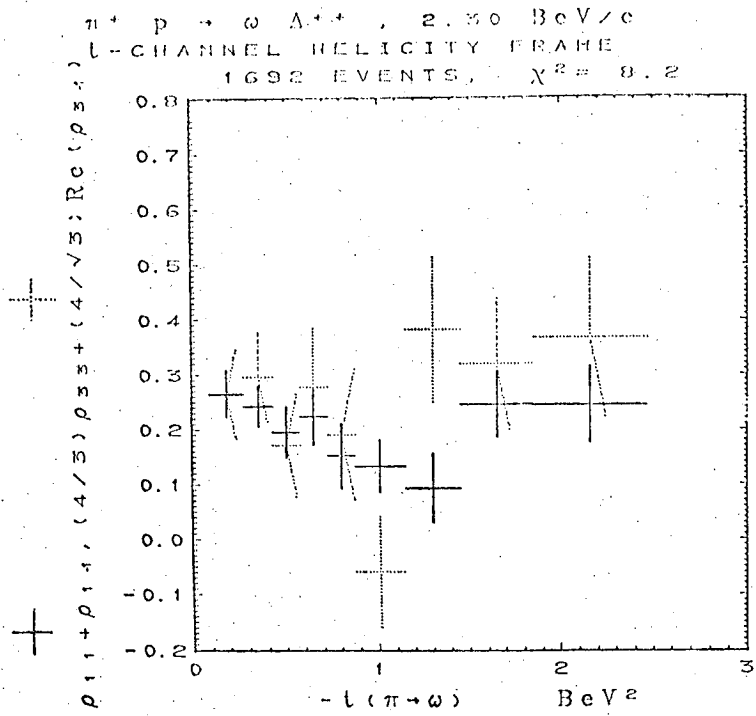
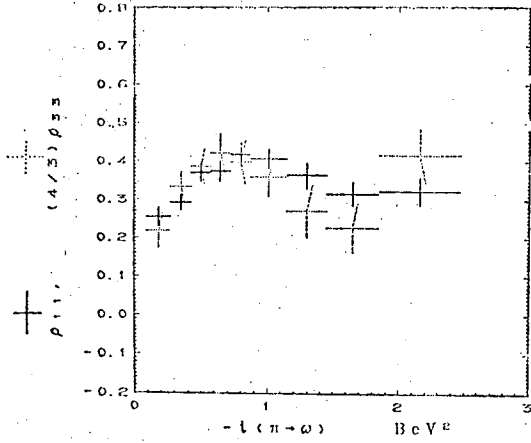
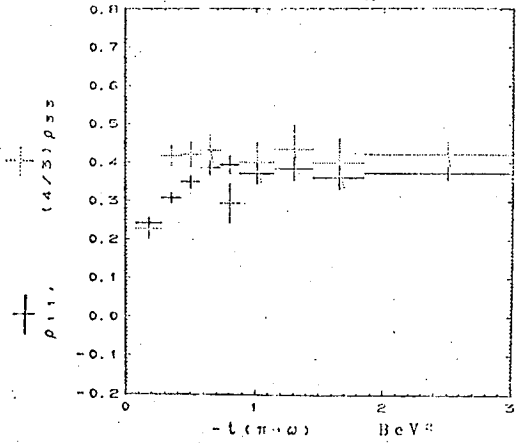


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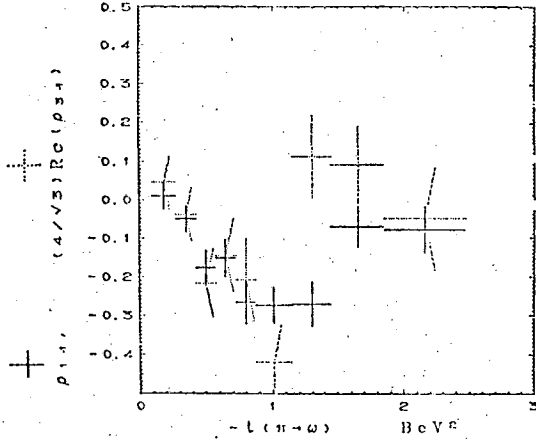
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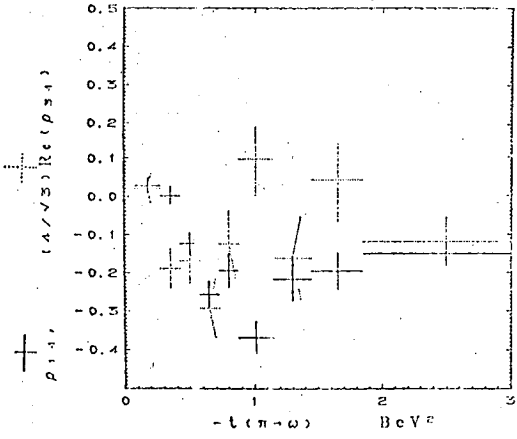
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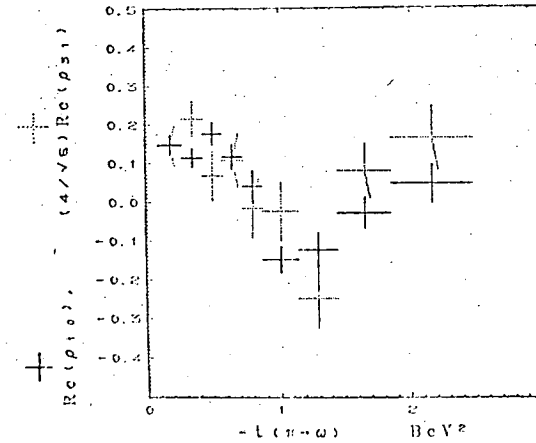
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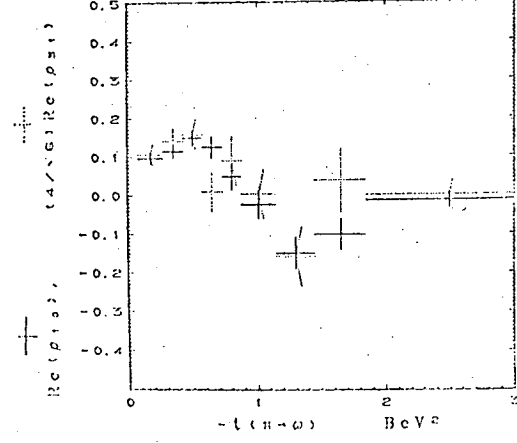


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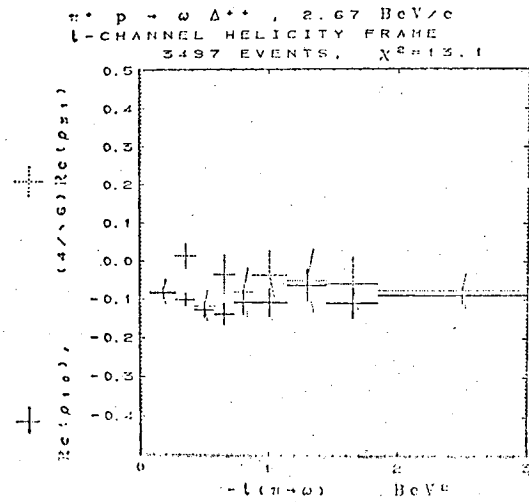
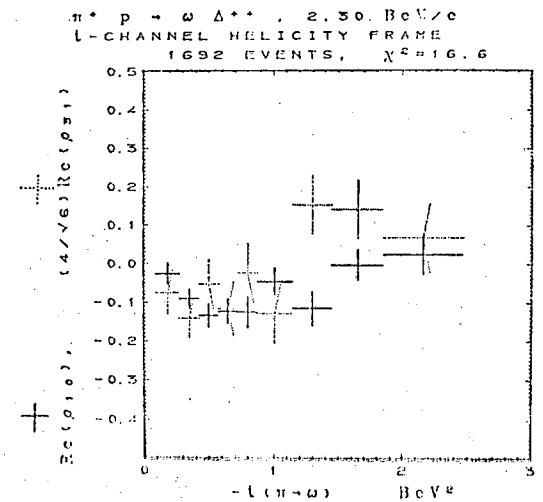
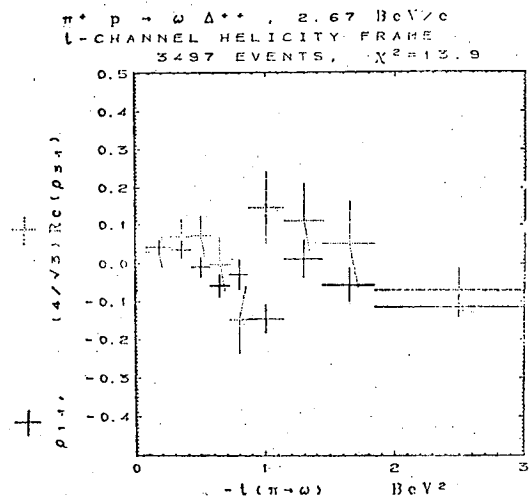
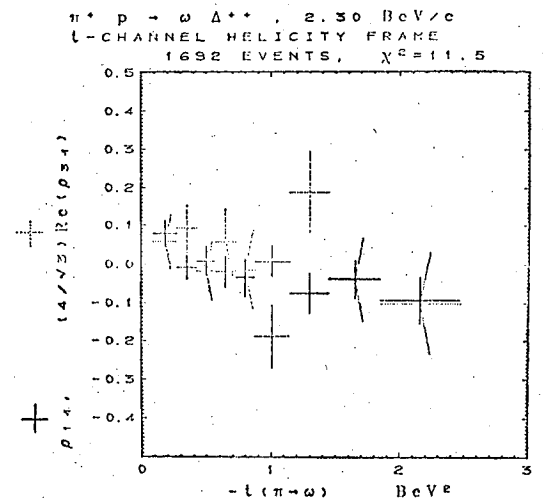
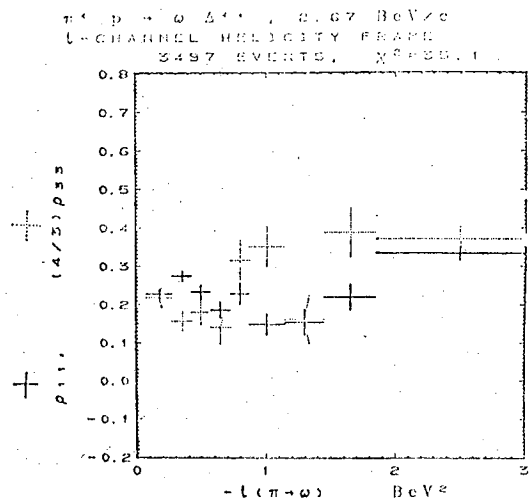
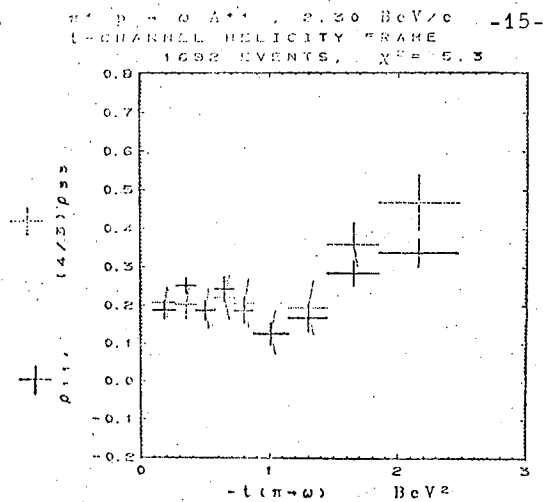


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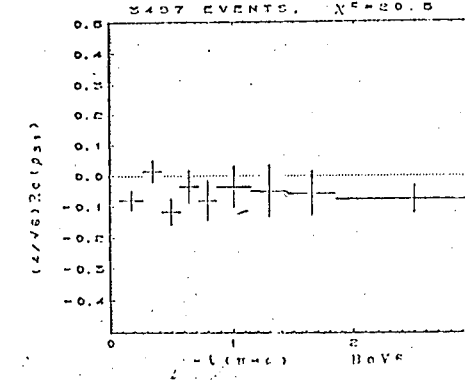
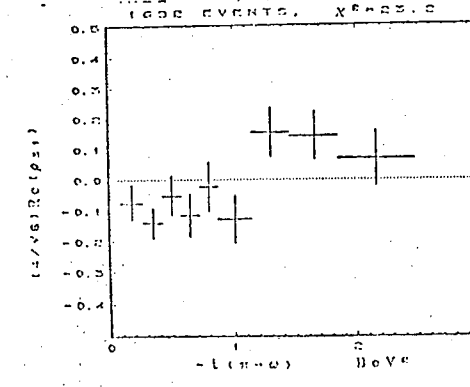
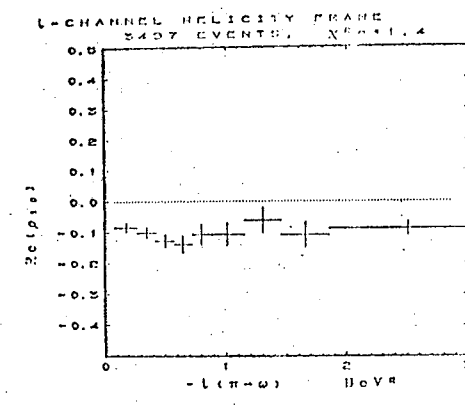
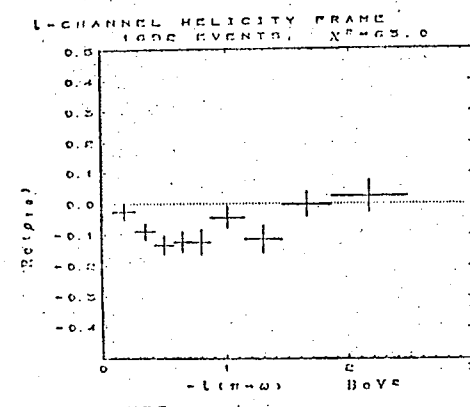
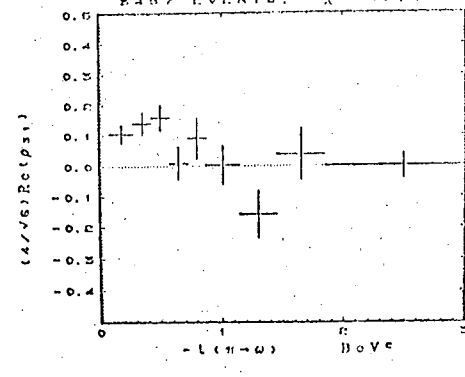
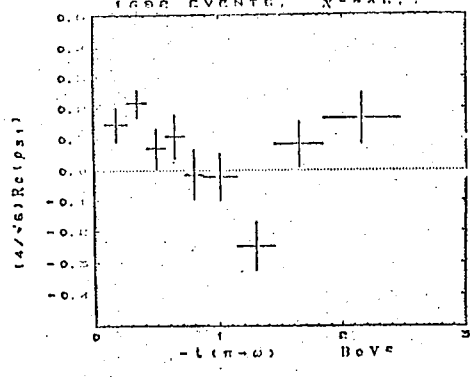
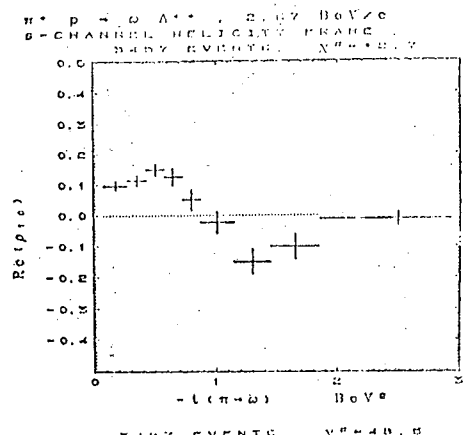
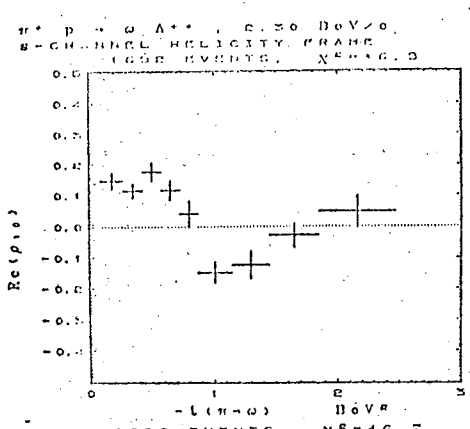


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