Carbon: Pion-proton events (2.1 MLN events analysed)



Quasi-elastic scattering on bound proton (Elastic scattering ideally should have Total CMS energy of 1498 MeV and missing mass zero)

Particle identification on mass spectrum

Carbon : $\pi^+\pi^-$ events (2.1 MLN events analysed)



di-pion events from Carbon target (no clear peak at missing neutron mass visible- expected for pion-proton reaction)

PolyEthylene: Pion-proton events (also ~2.1 MLN events)



- very clear signal from proton-pion elastic scattering
- ~ 40% more (total) yield as compared to carbon target
- Background can be almost completely isolated by cuts on inv. Mass & missing. Mass (see coresponding plots on slide 1)

PolyEthylene: $\pi^+\pi^-$ events (also ~2.1 MLN events)



- very clear signal from π p -> π π + n reaction (missing of neutron)
- ~ 100% more (total) yield as compared to carbon target
- Background can be reduced by cut on missing. mass (dashed histograms shows resp.missing mass from carbon run (slide2) **normalized** to the numer of collected events ~35% in window around missing neutron mass) -
- resolution can be improved by pion momentum reconstruction, detector calibration(?)