

CRADLE++ Tests 2

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Simulation Wu Experiment

Consider atoms of ^{60}Co in a thermal bath and in the presence of a magnetic field in the -z direction.

Model each nuclei as independent 11 state system (each of the values of m_j)

$$Z = \sum_{m_j=-5}^5 e^{\frac{m_j \mu_N ({}^{60}\text{Co}) B}{5k_b T}} \rightarrow P(m_j) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{\frac{m_j \mu_N ({}^{60}\text{Co}) B}{5k_b T}}$$

From here polarisation and alignment in Z direction (P_z and \mathcal{A}_z) can be computed

$$P_z = \frac{1}{J} \langle m_j \rangle = \sum_{m_j=-5}^5 \frac{m_j P(m_j)}{5} \quad \mathcal{A}_z = \frac{3 \left\langle m_j^2 \right\rangle - J(J+1)}{J(2J-1)}$$

which leads to non-zero A polarisation.

Simulation Wu Experiment

Implementation:

- ▶ $N = 200000$ atoms
- ▶ $|z_e| > \cos 15^\circ$
- ▶ Realistic value of $\mu_N(^{60}\text{Co})$
- ▶ 1 sim for each T , with its P_z and \mathcal{A}_z

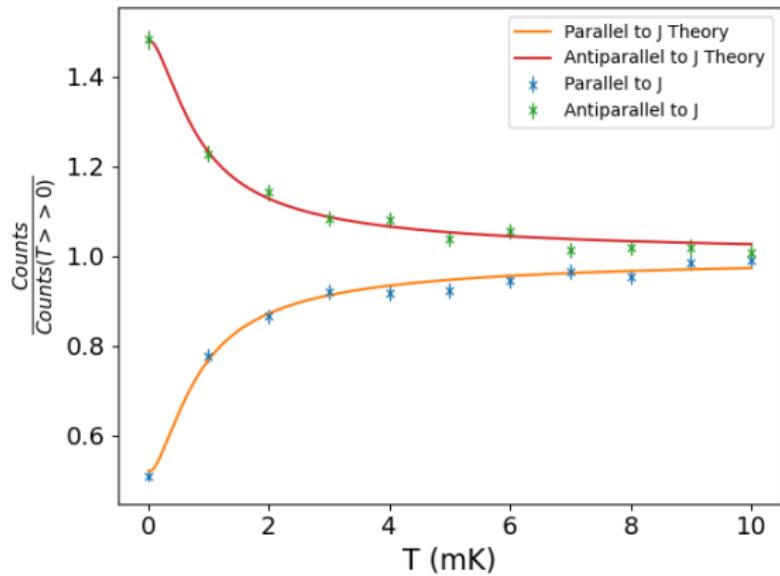


Figure: Simulation of the 1957 Wu experiment using $N = 200000$ ^{60}Co nuclei for each T

Gamow-Teller Decay: ^{60}Co

Properties of $^{60}\text{Co}(5^+) \rightarrow ^{60}\text{Ni}(4^+)$

- $Q = 317.06$ keV (good for testing, $\langle \beta_e \rangle = 0.68$, $\langle \gamma_e^{-1} \rangle = 0.72$, $\langle \alpha Z \gamma_e^{-1} \rangle = 0.15$)
- $J_f = J_i - 1 \rightarrow \lambda_{J_i, J_f} = \Lambda_{J_i, J_f} = 1$
- 2 γ almost always ($5^+ \rightarrow 2^+$ only 1 γ)

Many cases to consider, though for realism: keep $C_A = C'_A = \text{cte}(= 1)$.

- $C_T = C'_T = 0$ (Standard Model)
- $C_T = C'_T$ pure real (and large)
- $C_T = C'_T$ pure imaginary
- $C_T = -C'_T$, either real or imaginary

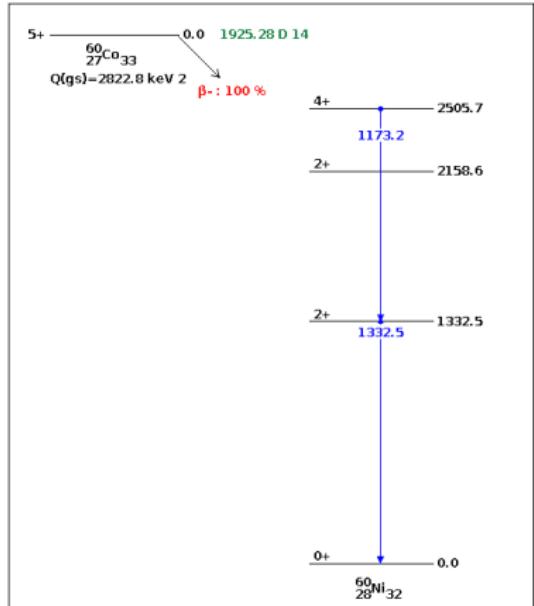


Figure: Decay Scheme of ^{60}Co into ^{60}Ni featuring the only decay of interest

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Numerical evaluation

Use that distributions in z_e , z_ν , $\cos \theta_{e,\nu} \equiv z_{e,\nu}$ and ϕ are known if $F \geq 0$ for all orientations of $\mathbf{p}_e, \mathbf{p}_\nu$ (\mathbf{J} fixed).

$$f_1(z_e) = \frac{1 + \langle b\gamma_e^{-1} \rangle + \langle A\beta_e \rangle z_e}{2(1 + \langle b\gamma_e^{-1} \rangle)}$$

$$f_2(z_\nu) = \frac{1 + \langle b\gamma_e^{-1} \rangle + \langle B \rangle z_\nu}{2(1 + \langle b\gamma_e^{-1} \rangle)}$$

$$f_3(z_{e,\nu}) = \frac{1 + \langle b\gamma_e^{-1} \rangle + \langle a\beta_e \rangle z_{e,\nu}}{2(1 + \langle b\gamma_e^{-1} \rangle)}$$

$$f_4(\phi) = \frac{1 + \langle b\gamma_e^{-1} \rangle + \langle (a + \frac{c}{3})\beta_e \rangle \frac{\pi^2}{16} \cos \phi + \langle D\beta_e \rangle \frac{\pi^2}{16} \sin \phi}{2\pi(1 + \langle b\gamma_e^{-1} \rangle)}$$

Averages computed numerically using $f(E)$ from the simulation data itself (avoid computing the Fermi function myself)

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Numerical verification

From distributions:

- ▶ Compute difference $\Delta_{i,j} = f_j(x_i) - f_{j,\text{th}}(x_i)$ for each point x_i in each distribution f_j
- ▶ Use $\sigma_{i,j} = \sqrt{f_j(x_i)}$ as uncertainty
- ▶ Compute residuals as:

$$\text{Res}_{i,j} = \frac{\Delta_{i,j}}{\sigma_{i,j}} \rightarrow \chi_j^2 = \sum_i \text{Res}_{i,j}^2$$

- ▶ Verify $\chi_j^2 \approx \#\{x_i\}$ and residuals mostly between -2 and 2.

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Standard Model

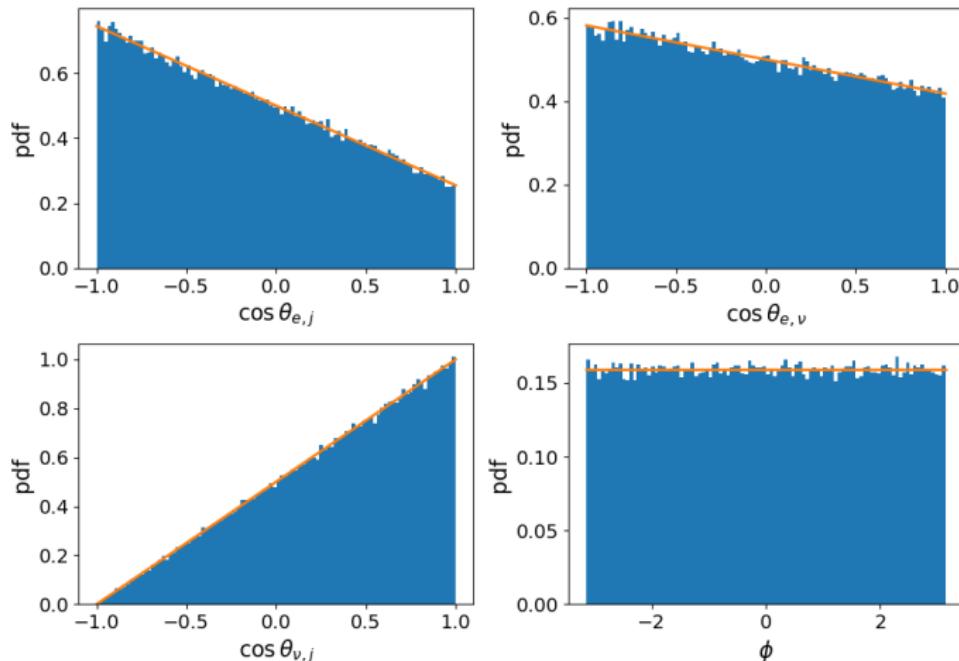


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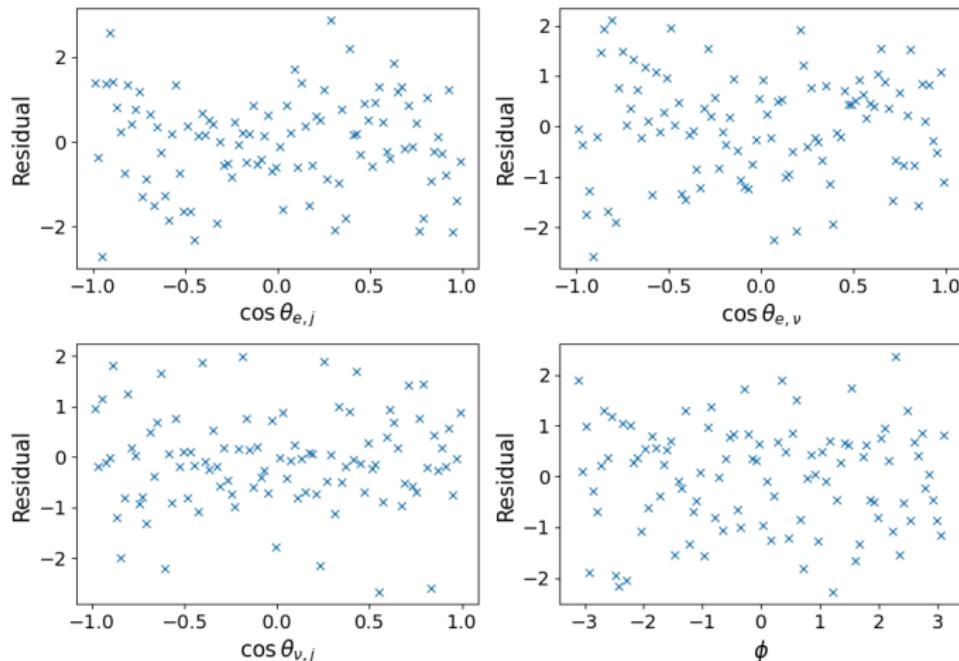


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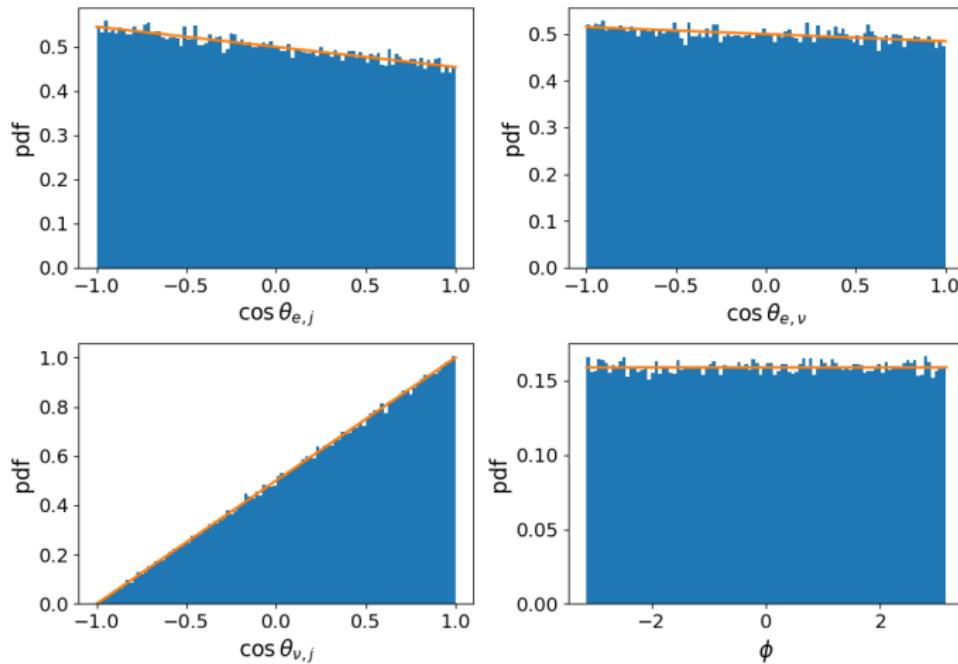


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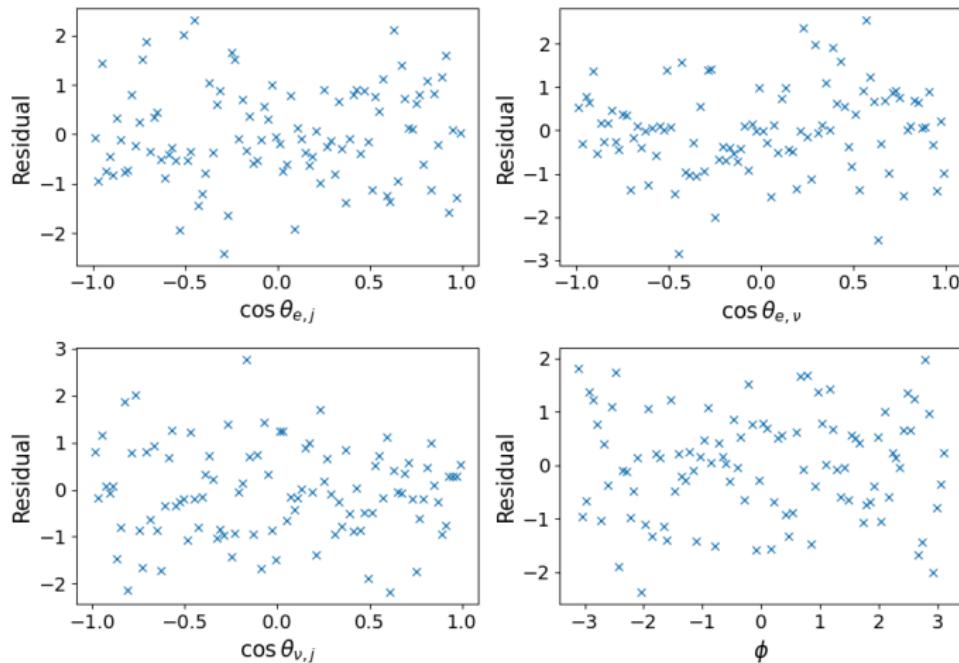


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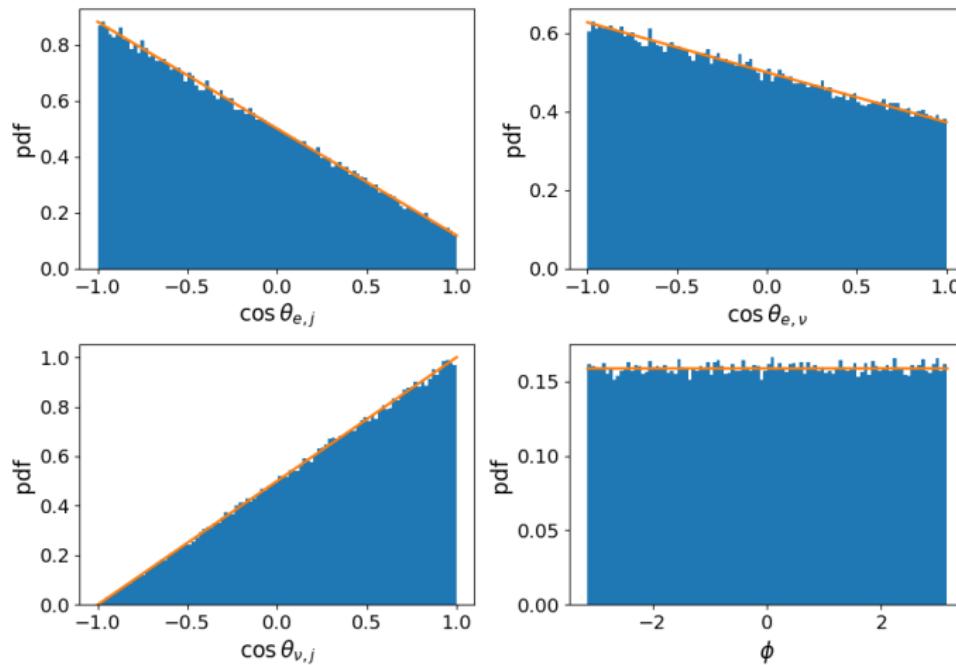


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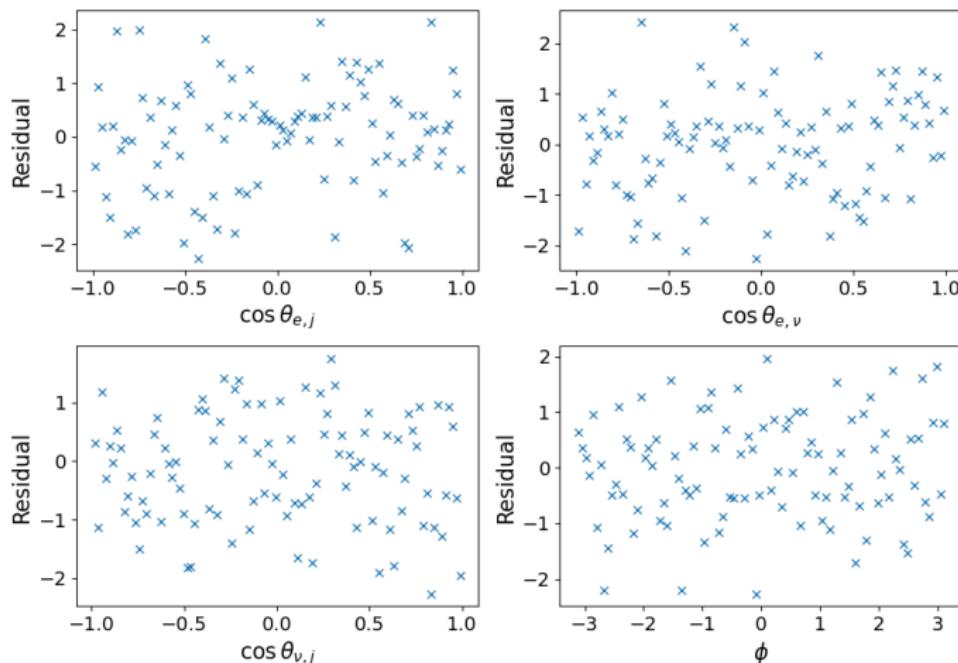


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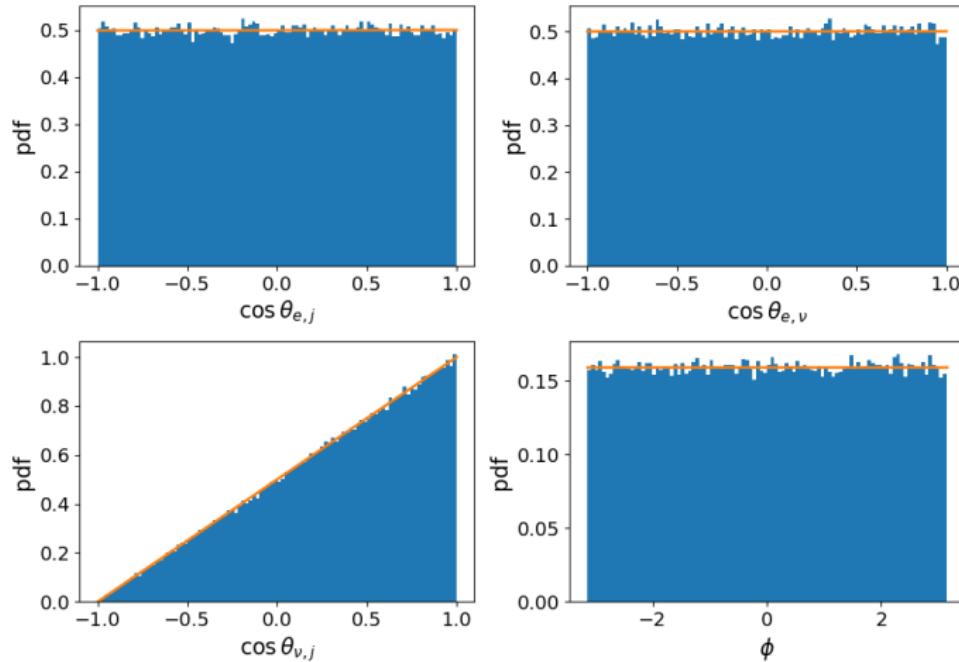


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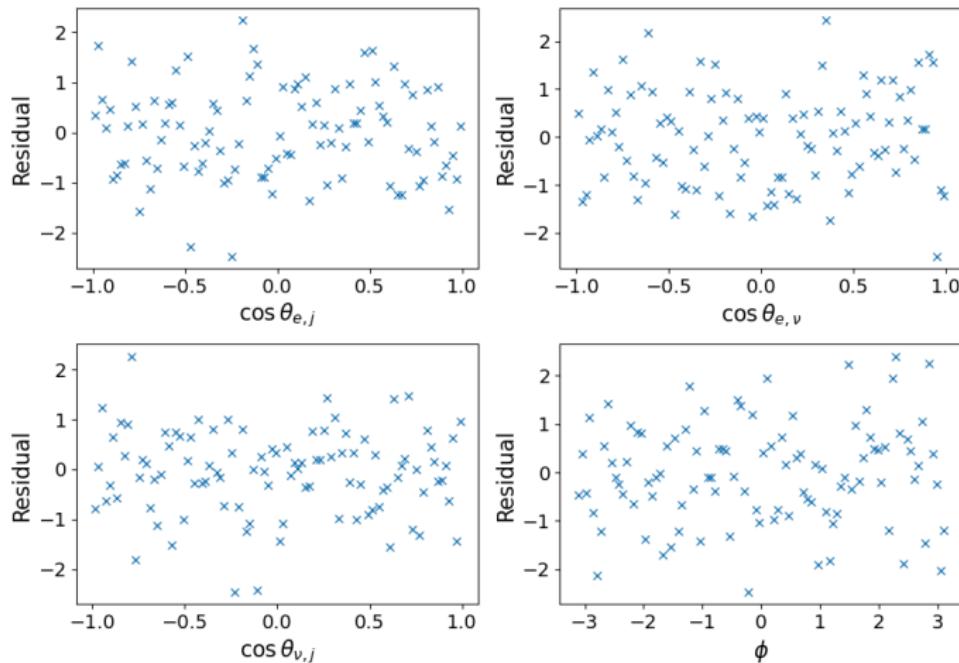


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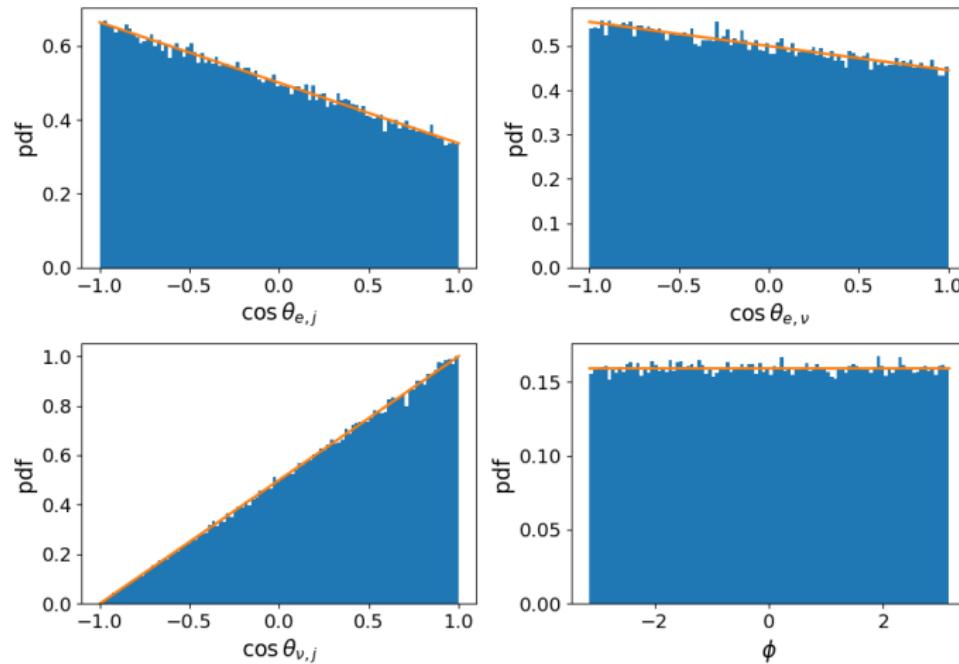


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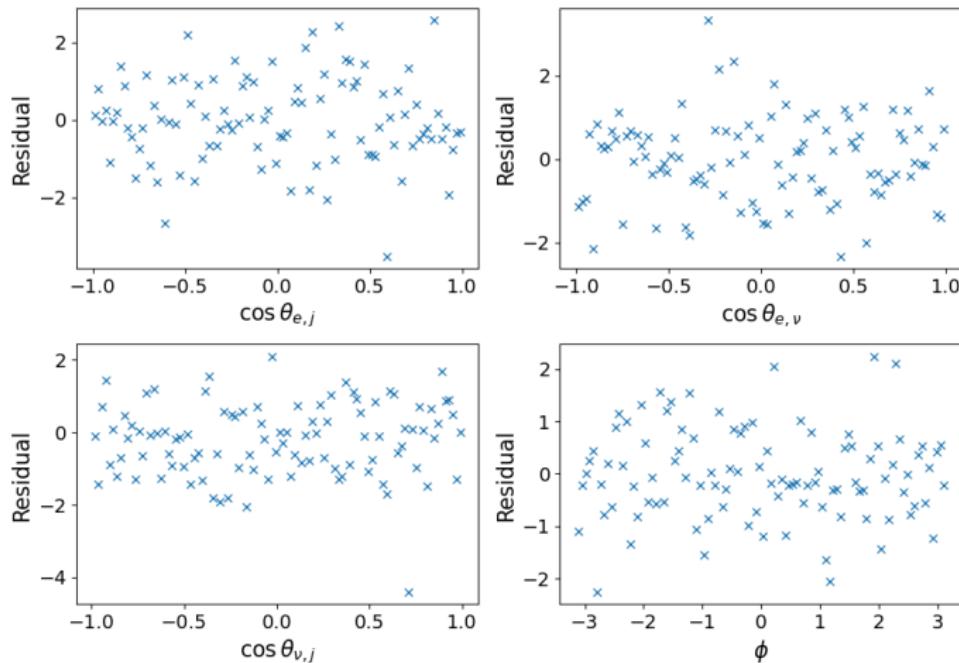


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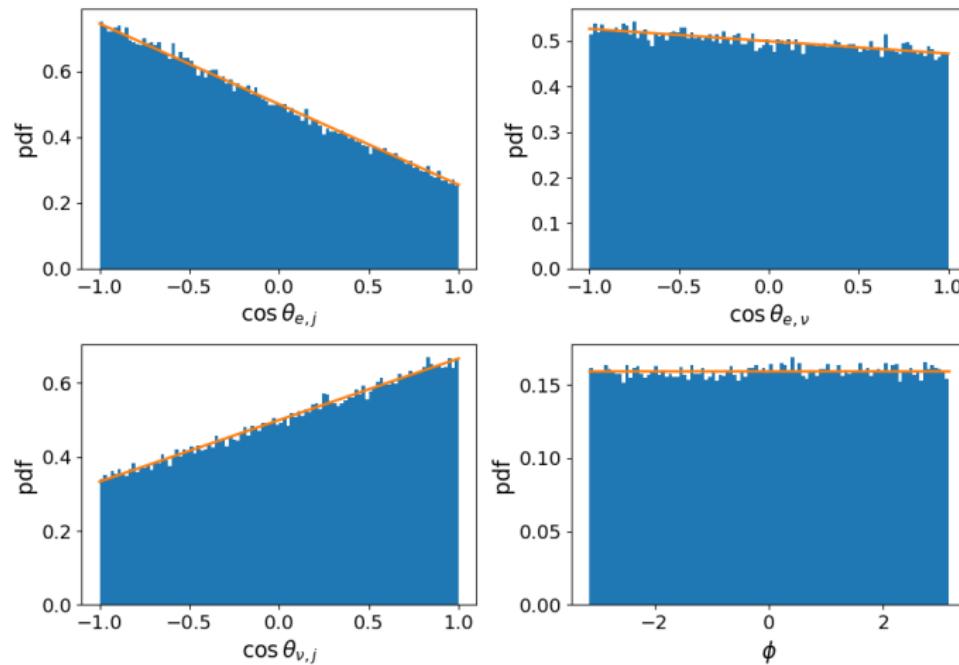


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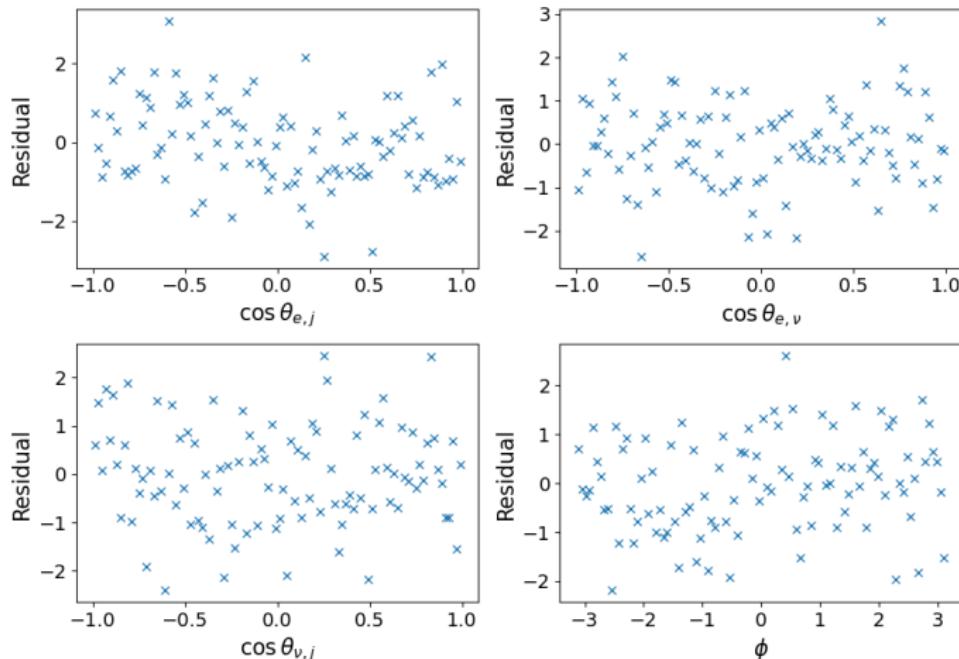


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Summary

We present here the χ^2 values.

	$\chi^2(z_e)$	$\chi^2(z_\nu)$	$\chi^2(z_{e,\nu})$	$\chi^2(\phi)$
SM	1.253	0.864	1.047	1.026
$\text{Re}(C_T) > 0$	0.915	0.915	0.944	0.936
$\text{Re}(C_T) < 0$	1.000	0.856	0.982	0.859
$\text{Im}(C_T) > 0$	0.826	0.696	0.959	1.066
$\text{Im}(C_T) < 0$	1.208	1.051	1.030	0.739
$C_T + C'_T = 0$	1.149	1.051	0.905	0.915

Table: Values of $\chi^2/100$ for each distribution for each of the tests performed. The first one is the Standard Model values, rows 2 to 5 correspond to tests where $C_T = C'_T$ and the last one features $C_T = -C'_T$. For all tests $M_{GT} = 1$, $C_A = C'_A = 1.2754$ and $|C_T| = |C'_T| = 1/\sqrt{2}$

Mixed Decays: ^{39}Ca

Now we consider a mixed β^+ decay: $^{39}\text{Ca} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^+ \rightarrow {}^{39}\text{K} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^+$

Properties:

- $Q = 5502.5$ keV (actually inconvenient, $\langle \gamma_e^{-1} \rangle = 0.2$ and $\alpha Z = 0.14$)
- No γ produced

First, do tests with 2 non-zero coupling for pairs with $N = 10^6$ decays. Shown those with non-zero correlations A, B and D that are not present in a Gamow-Teller decay. We use $|M_{GT} C_i| = |M_F C_i| = 1$ for convenience

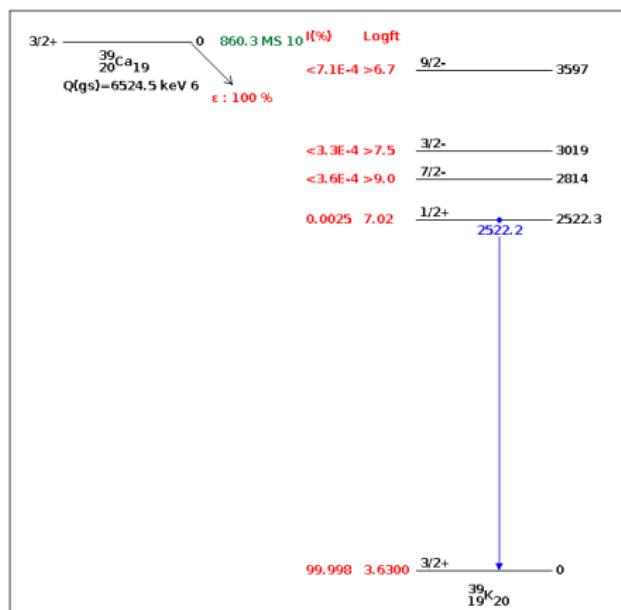


Figure: Decay Scheme of ^{39}Ca into ^{39}K .

Mixed Decay: ^{39}Ca

Imaginary $C_S C_T$

Non zero D proportional to $\langle \beta_e \rangle$

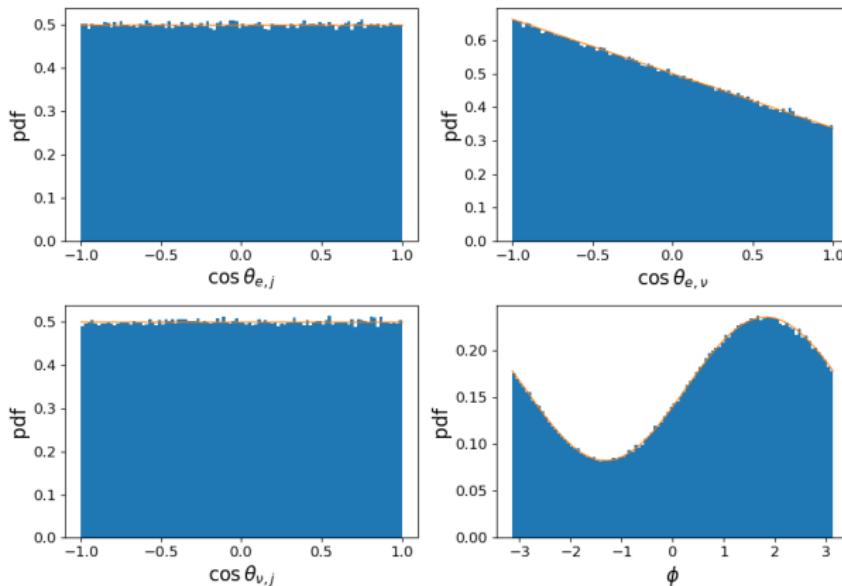


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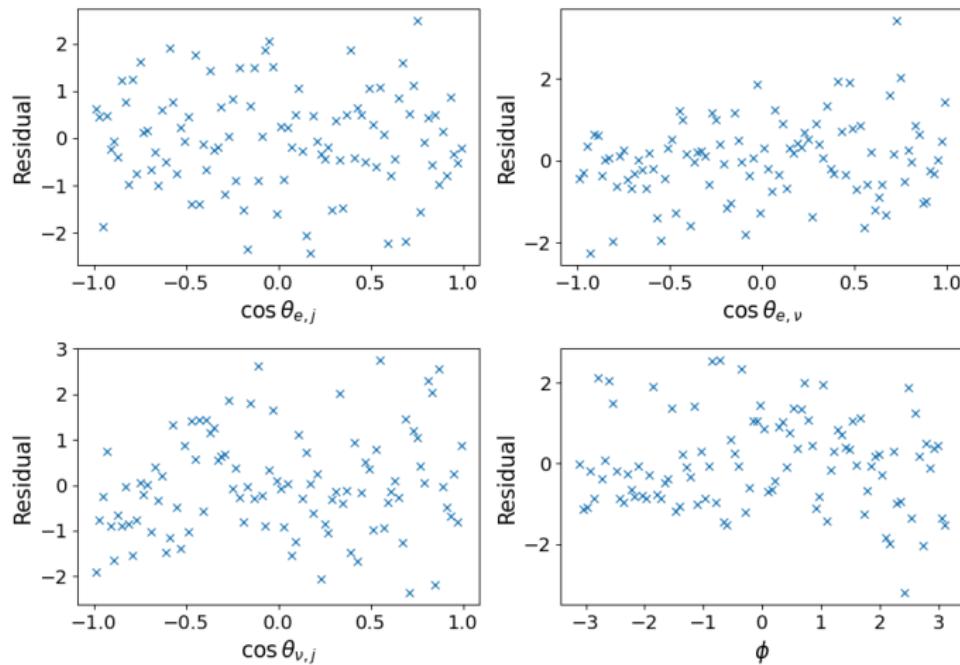


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Real $C_S C'_T$

Non zero $A > 0, B < 0$ proportional to $\langle \beta_e \rangle$

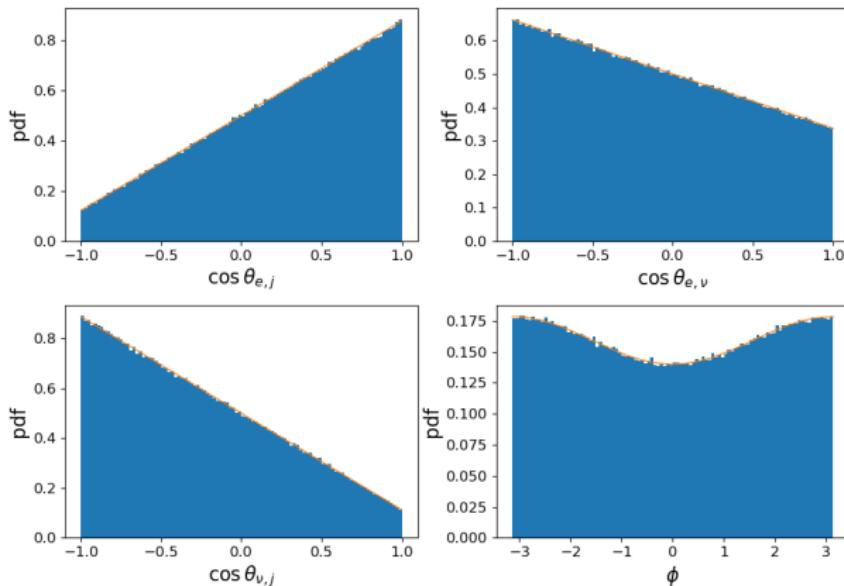


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Real $C_S C'_T$

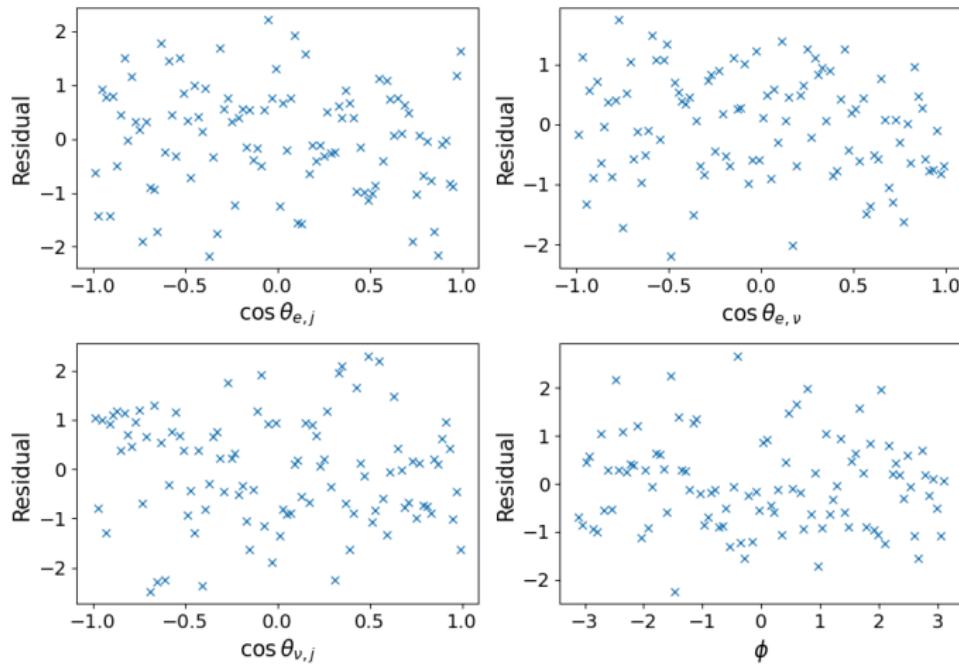


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Real $C_S C_A$

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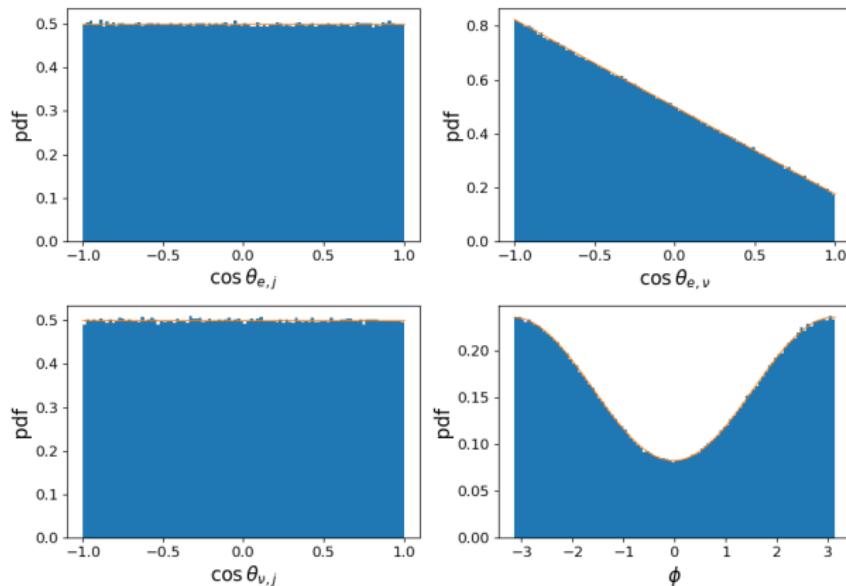


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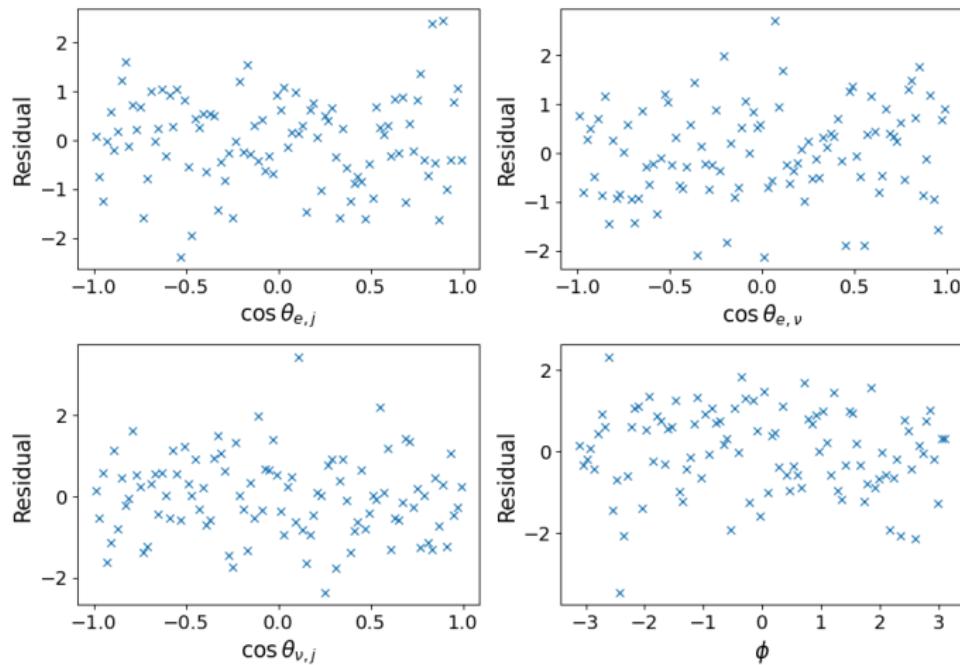


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Real $C_S C_A$: D Component

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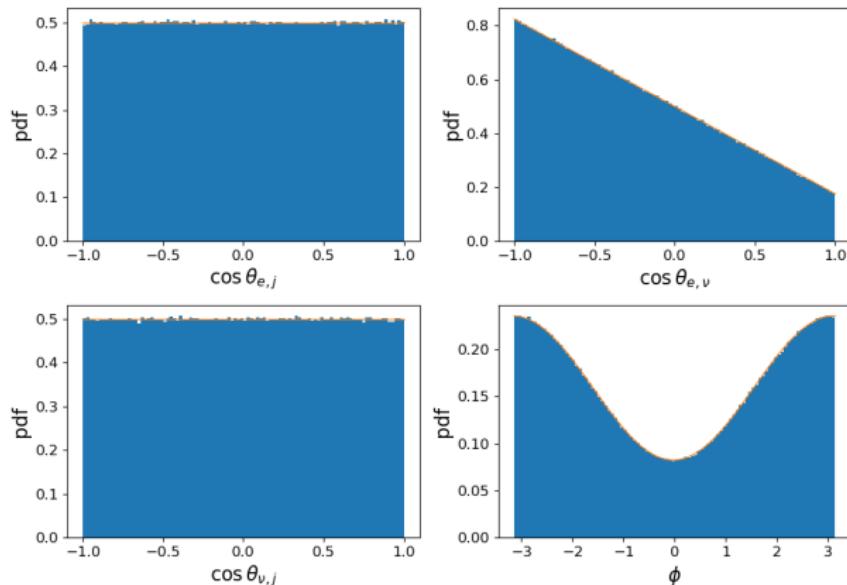


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$$f_4(\phi) \propto \left(a + \frac{c}{3}\right) \langle\beta_e\rangle \frac{\pi^2}{16} \cos \phi + \langle D\beta_e \rangle \frac{\pi^2}{16} \sin \phi + 1$$

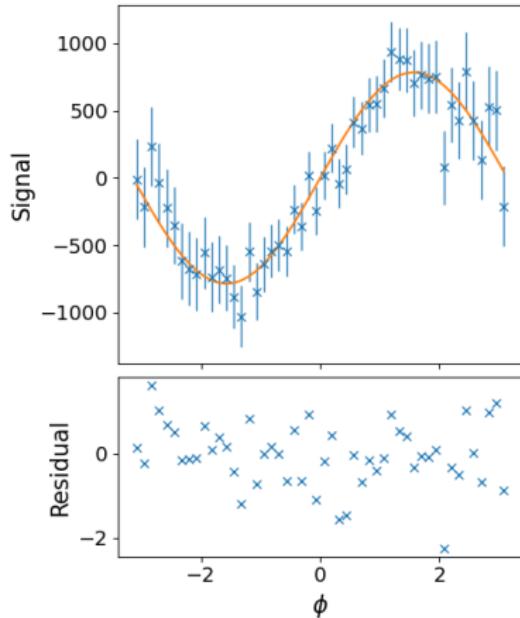


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Non zero $B > 0$ proportional to $\langle \gamma_e^{-1} \rangle$

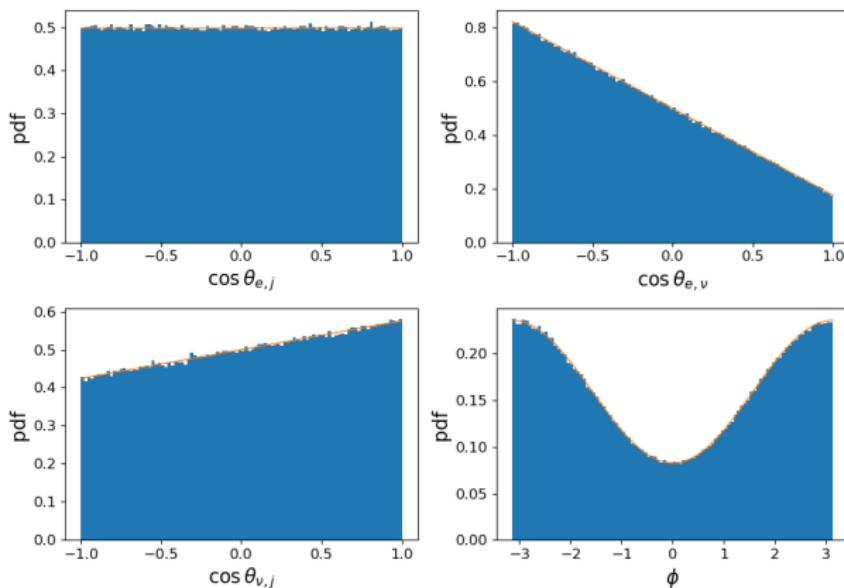


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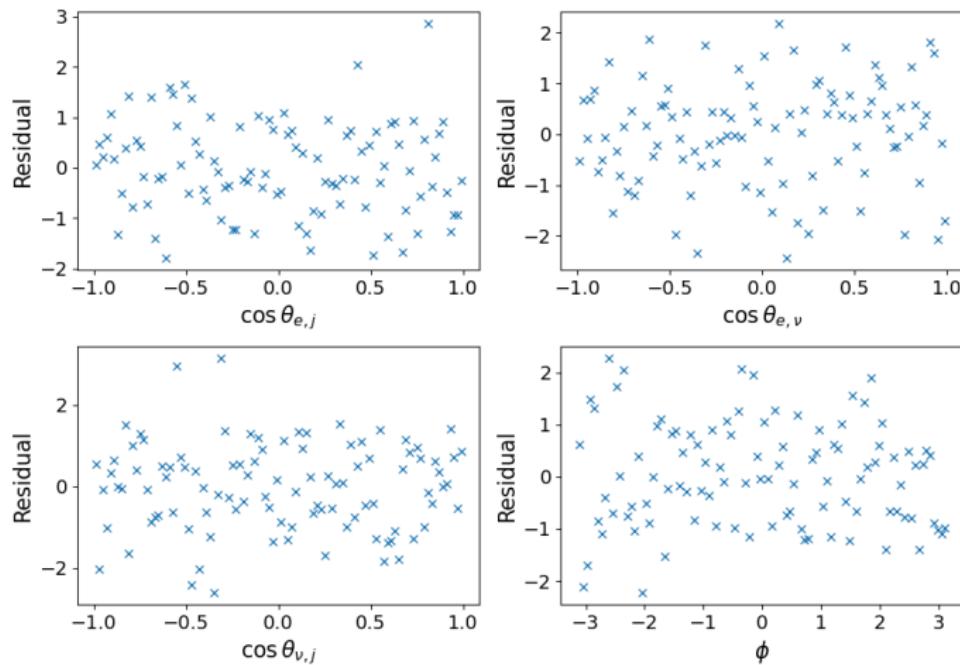


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Imaginary $C_S C'_A$

Non zero $A < 0$ proportional to $\langle \alpha Z \gamma_e^{-1} \rangle$: hard to see

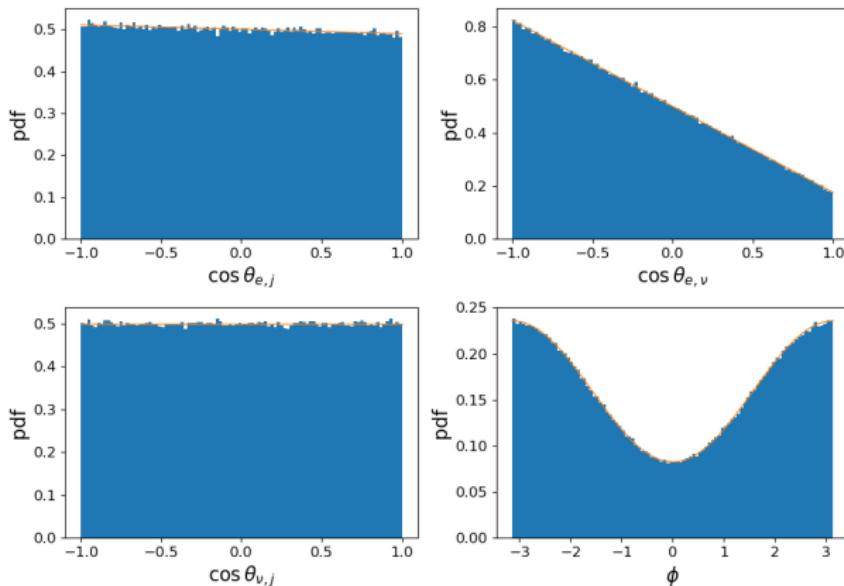


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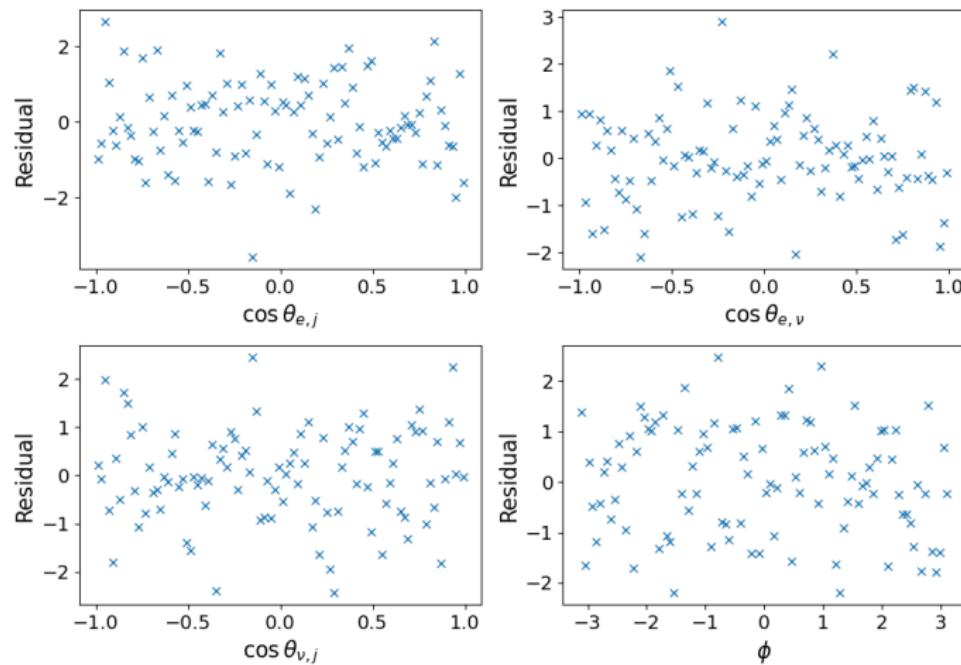


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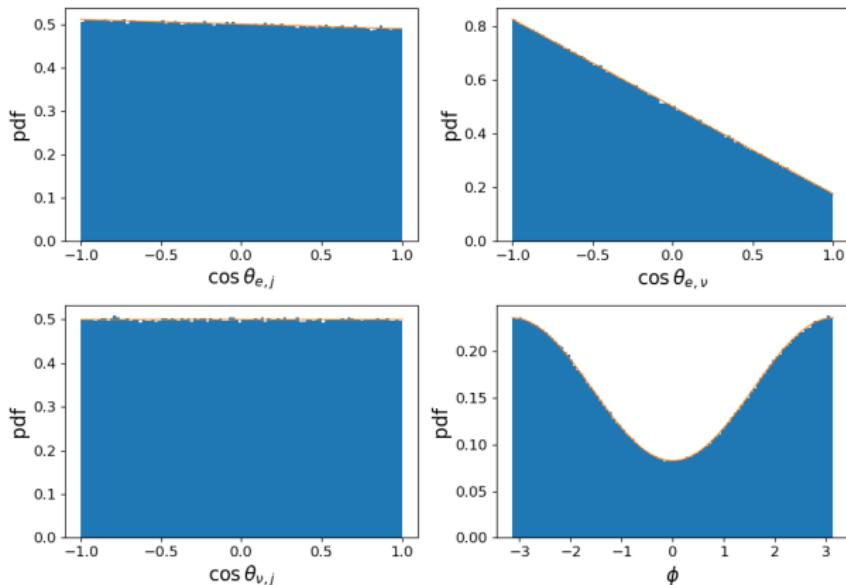


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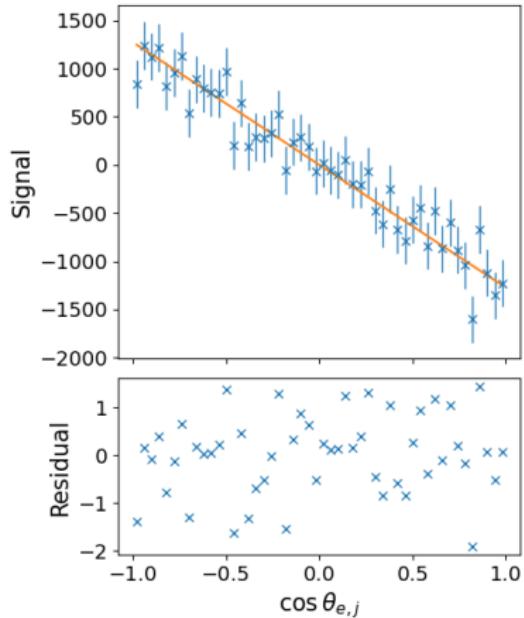


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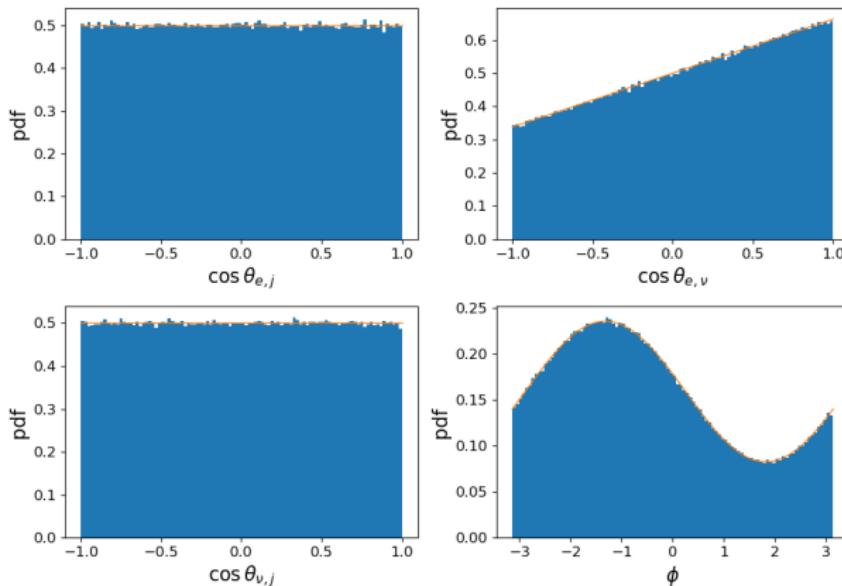


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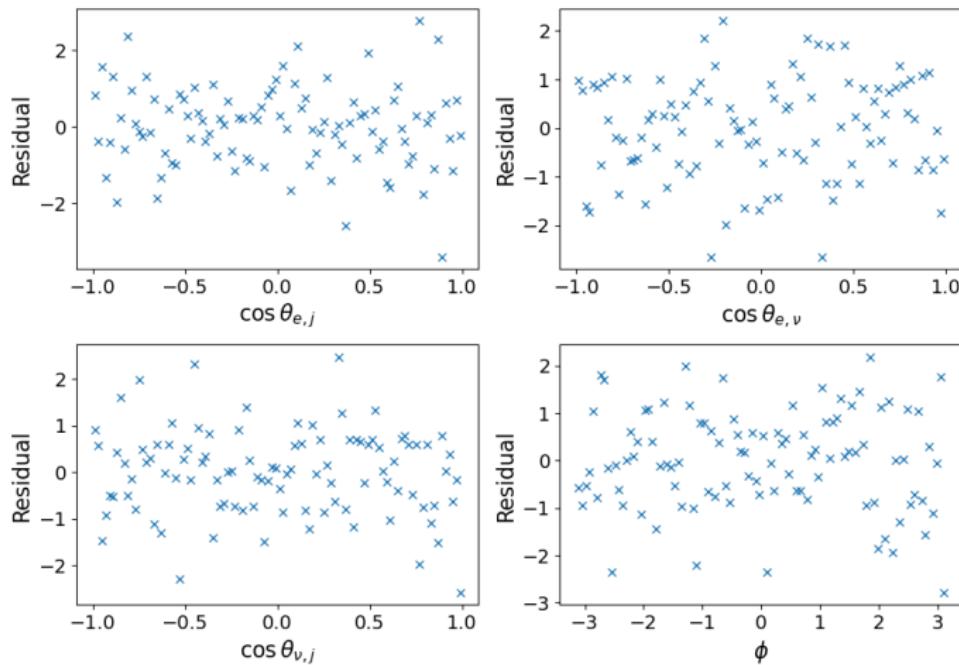


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Mixed Decay: ^{39}Ca

Real $C_V C_A'$

Non-zero $A, B < 0$ proportional to $\langle \beta_e \rangle$

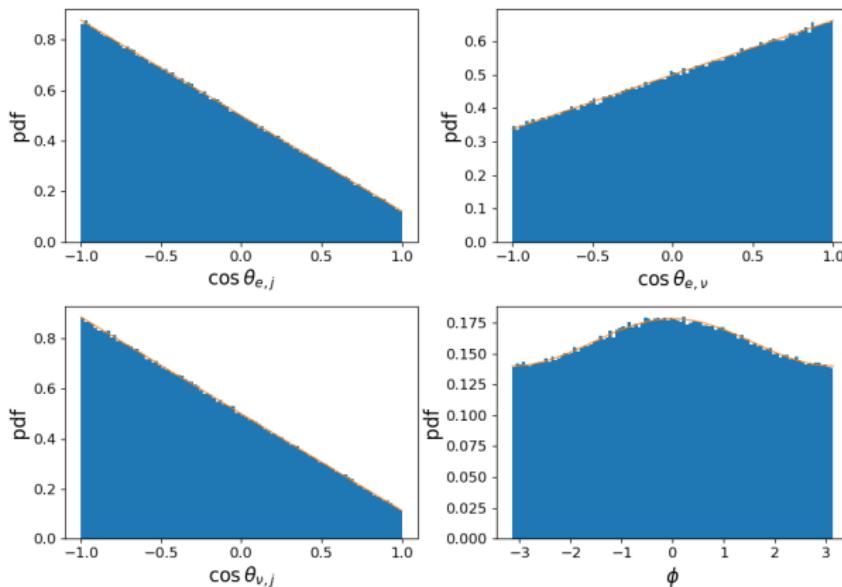


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Real $C_V C'_A$

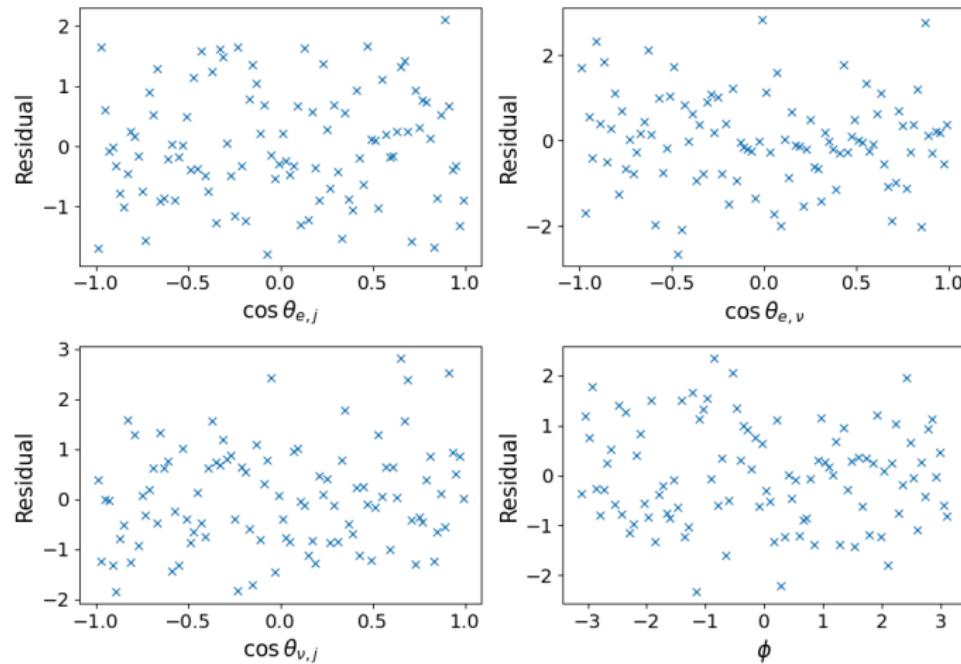


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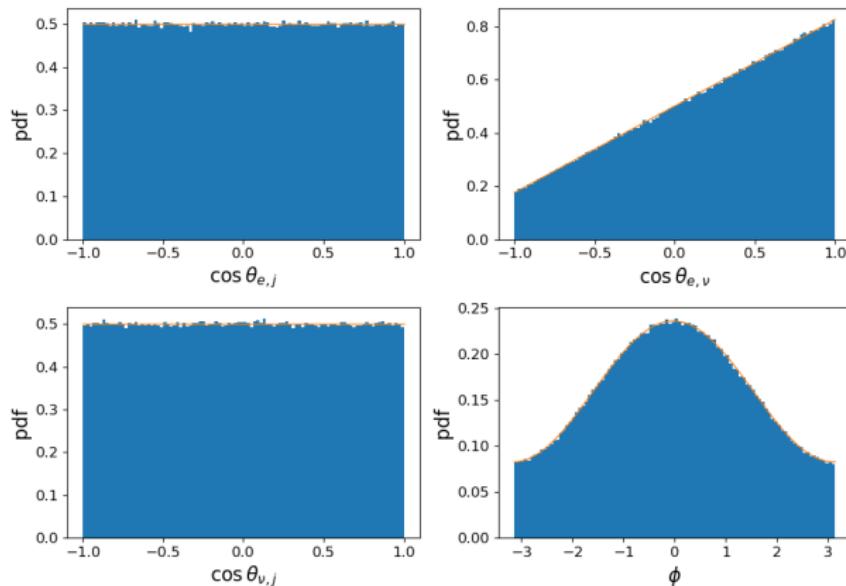


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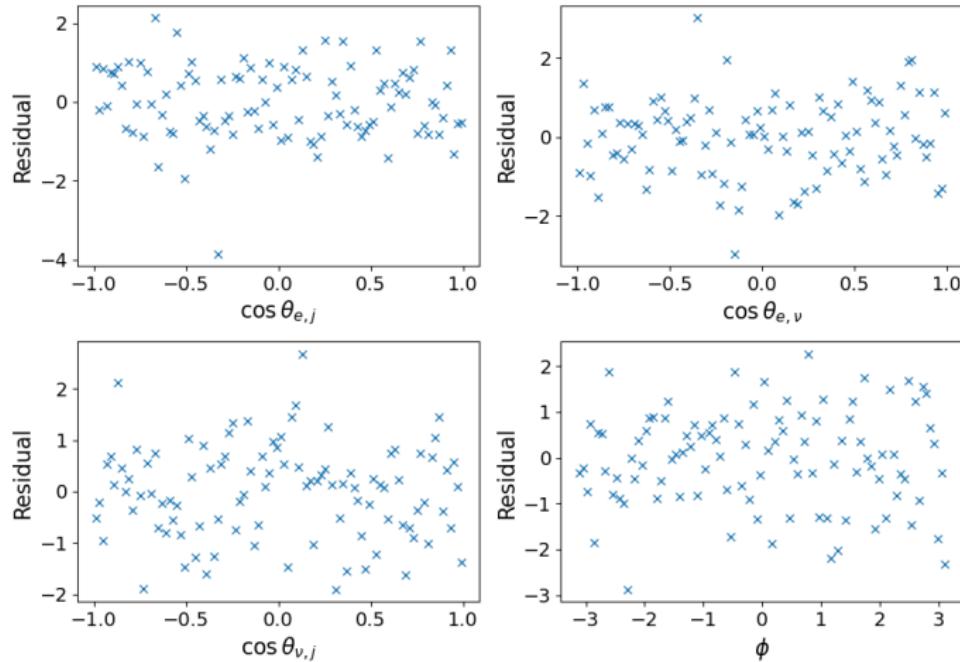


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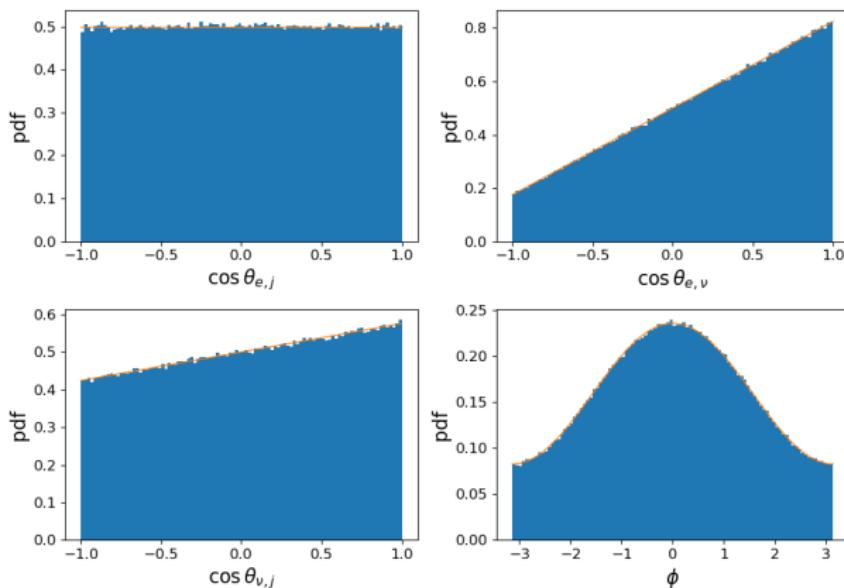


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Real $C_V C'_T$

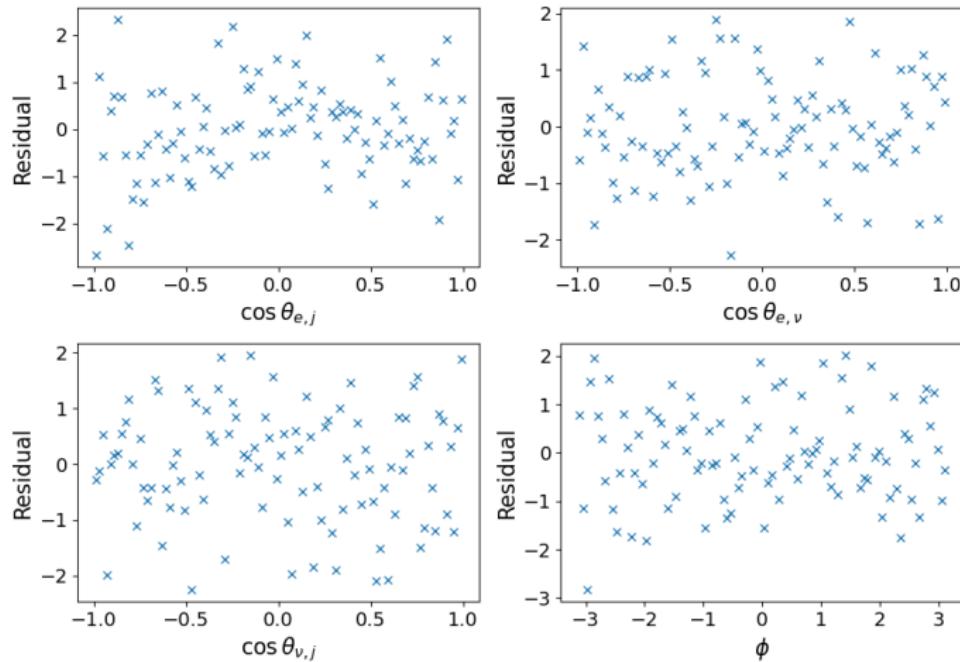


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Mixed Decay: ^{39}Ca

Imaginary $C_V C'_T$

Non-zero $A < 0$ proportional to $\langle \alpha Z \gamma_e^{-1} \rangle$: hard to see

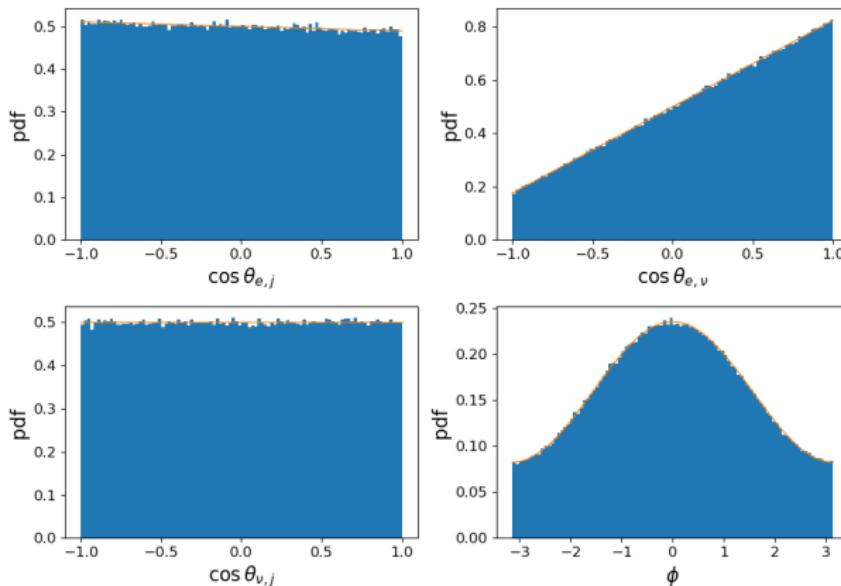


Figure: Distribution of various relevant angles, z_e , z_ν , $z_{e,\nu}$ and ϕ , each with a well-known distribution, and the theoretical value for $M_F C_V = 0.6 - 0.8i$, $M_G C'_T = 0.8 + 0.6i$ and rest of couplings 0

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Imaginary $C_V C'_T$

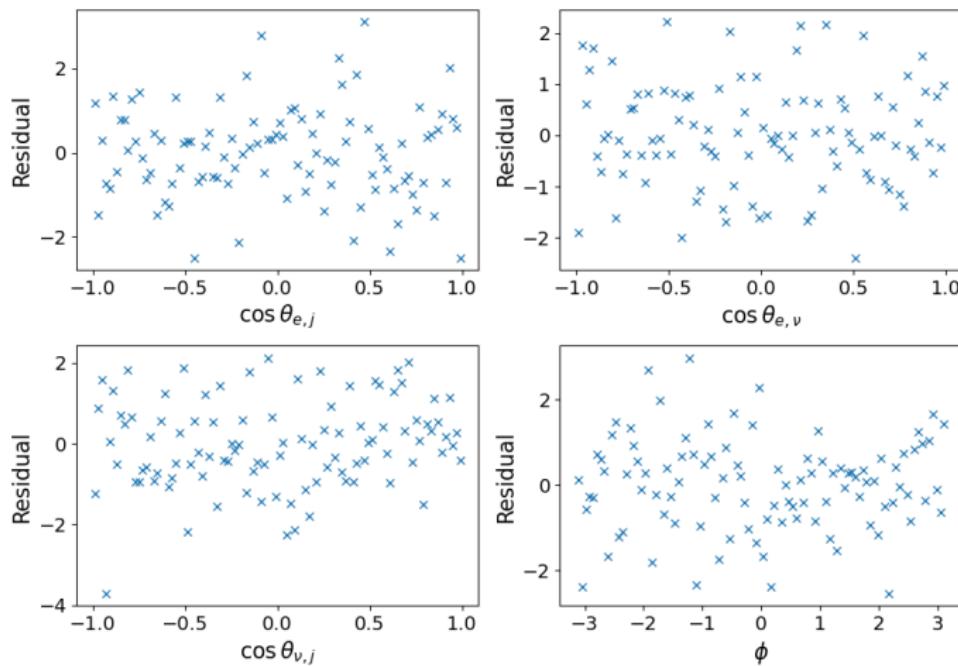


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Summary

Table: Values of $\chi^2/100$ for each distribution for each of the tests

	$\chi^2(z_e)$	$\chi^2(z_\nu)$	$\chi^2(z_{e,\nu})$	$\chi^2(\phi)$
Re $C_S C'_S$	1.409	1.207	0.840	1.111
Im $C_S C'_S$	0.997	1.109	0.981	1.229
Im $C_S C_T$	1.117	1.219	0.924	1.256
Re $C_S C'_T$	0.975	1.185	0.727	0.908
Re $C_S C_A$	0.820	0.951	0.877	1.057
Re $C_S C'_A$	0.822	1.127	1.046	0.963
Im $C_S C'_A$	1.162	0.905	0.869	1.133
Re $C'_S C_T$	0.891	1.086	0.974	1.003
Im $C'_S C'_T$	0.930	1.179	1.360	1.268
Re $C'_S C'_A$	0.895	0.873	0.893	1.225
Im $C'_S C_A$	1.024	0.898	0.844	0.908
Im $C'_S C_A$	1.121	0.912	0.972	0.733
Re $C_T C'_T$	1.301	1.069	0.966	1.130
Im $C_T C'_T$	1.015	1.087	0.981	1.051

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Summary

$\text{Re } C_T C_V$	0.843	0.801	0.952	1.096
$\text{Re } C_T C'_V$	0.942	0.911	0.947	1.262
$\text{Im } C_T C'_V$	0.832	0.809	1.093	0.877
$\text{Re } C'_T C'_V$	0.833	0.882	1.107	1.118
$\text{Re } C'_T C_V$	0.933	0.997	0.757	0.962
$\text{Im } C'_T C_V$	1.163	1.169	1.017	1.147
$\text{Re } C_T C'_A$	0.724	0.832	1.062	1.026
$\text{Im } C_T C'_A$	1.181	1.243	1.001	0.711
$\text{Re } C_V C'_V$	0.947	0.962	0.957	1.092
$\text{Im } C_V C'_V$	0.980	1.304	0.930	1.124
$\text{Re } C_A C'_A$	1.089	0.834	0.963	1.239
$\text{Im } C_A C'_A$	0.965	1.019	0.841	0.954
$\text{Re } C_V C'_A$	0.848	0.992	1.147	0.988
$\text{Im } C_V C_A$	1.097	0.817	1.043	1.058
	$\chi^2(z_e)$	$\chi^2(z_\nu)$	$\chi^2(z_{e,\nu})$	$\chi^2(\phi)$

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Non-zero D cases

Imaginary $C_V C_A$

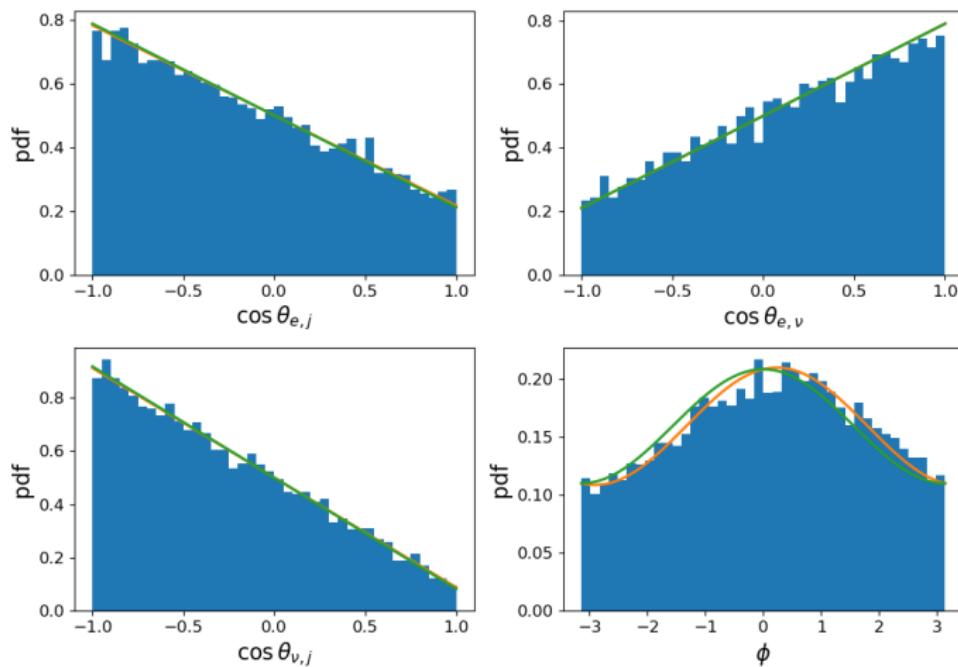


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Imaginary $C_V C_A$

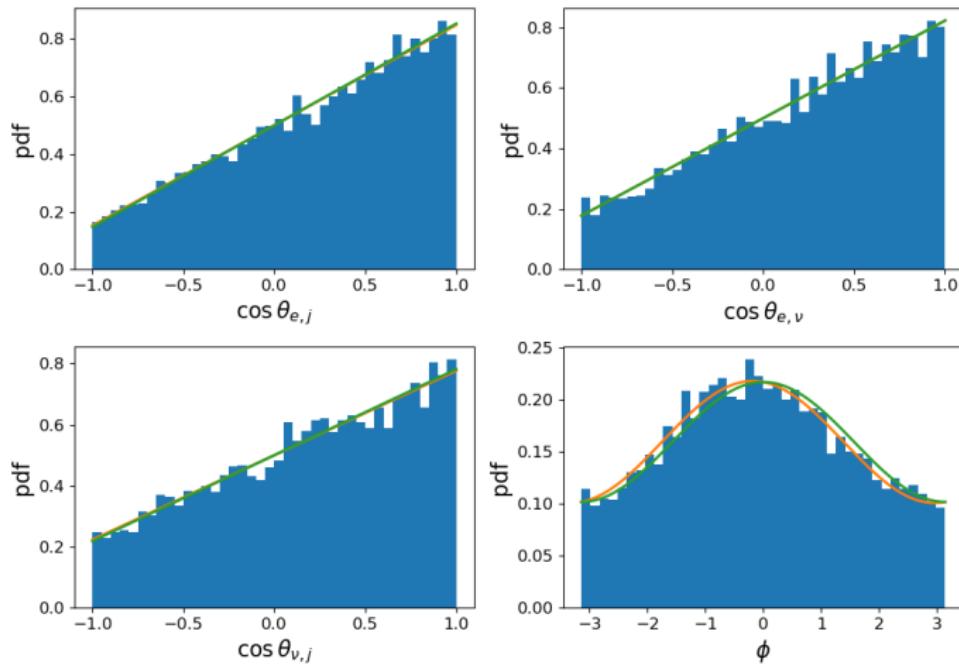


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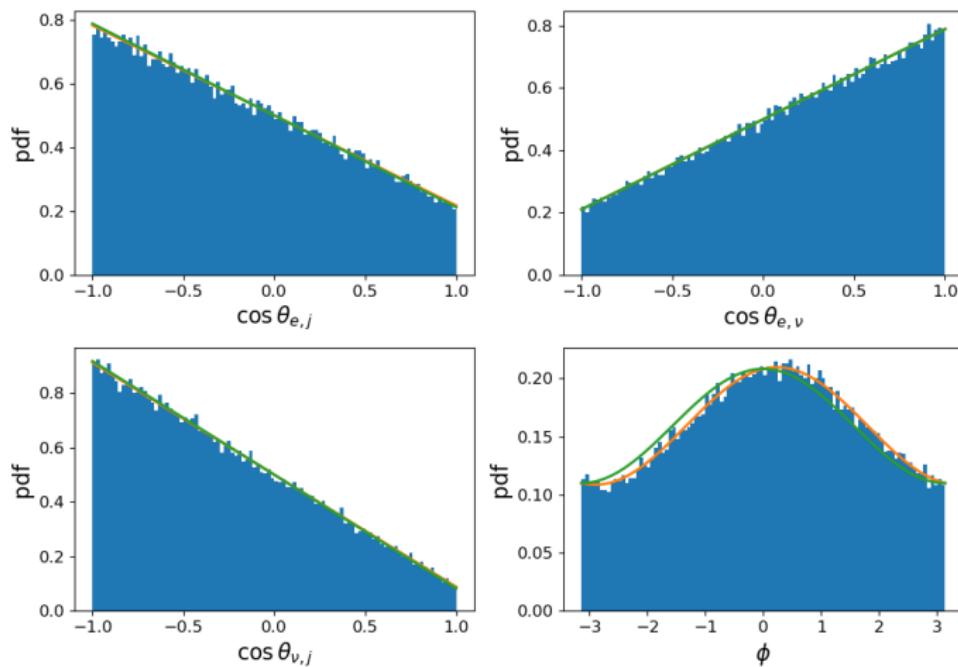


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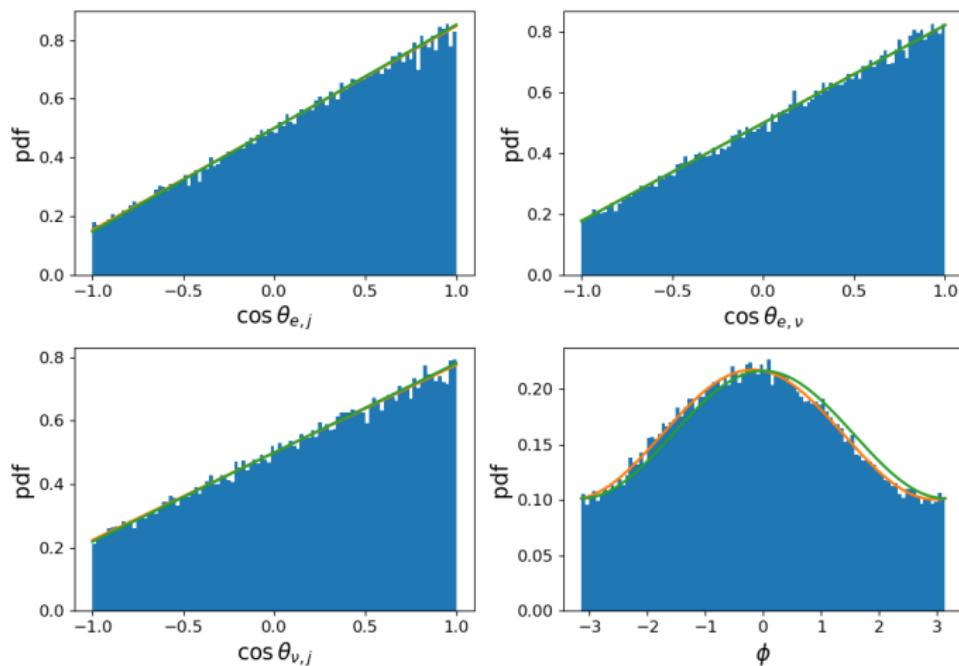


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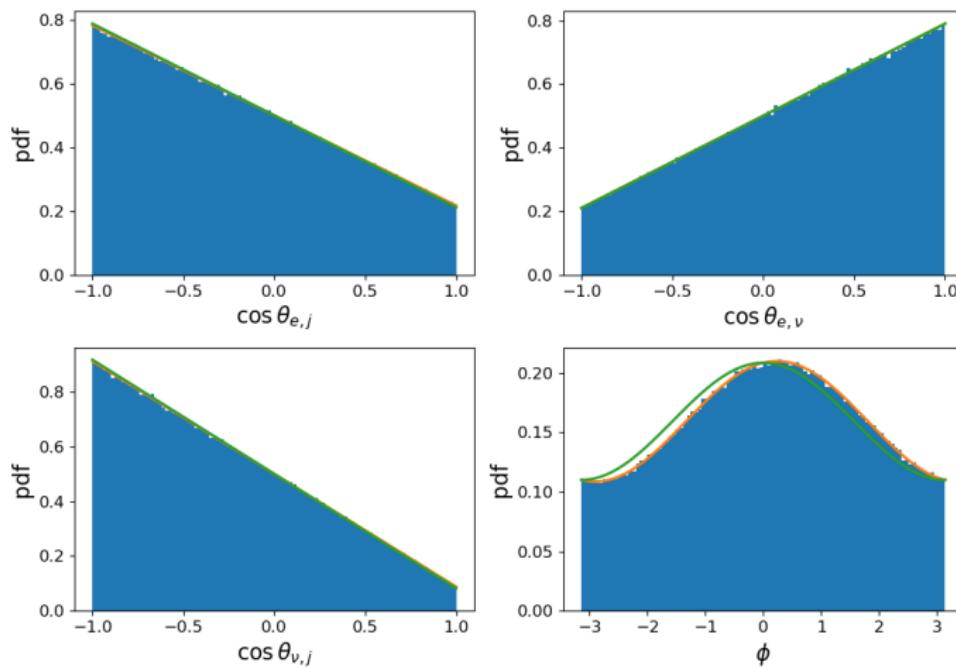


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Imaginary $C_V C_A$

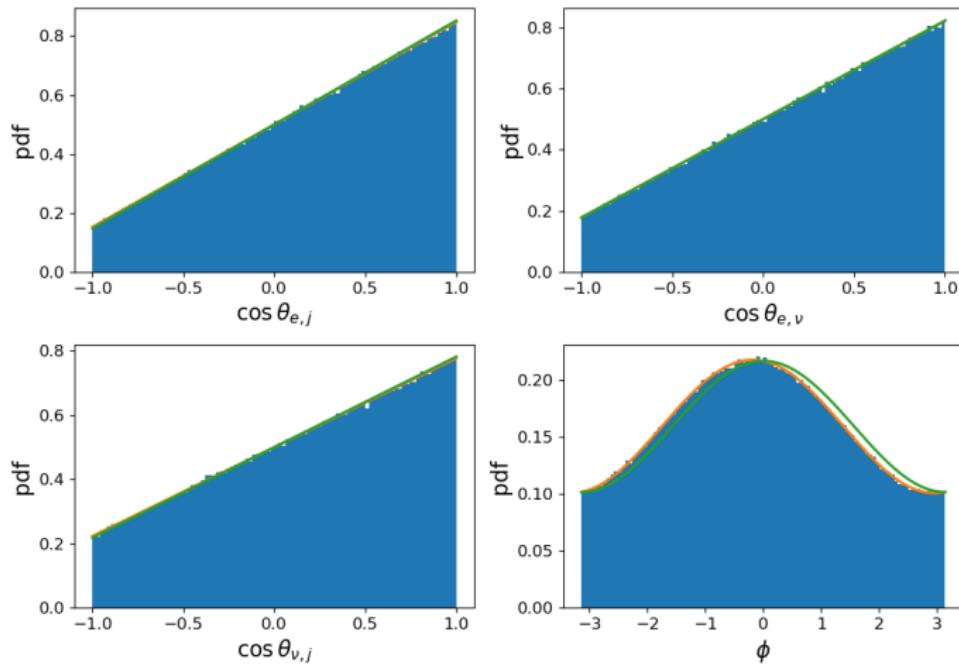


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Imaginary $C_V C_A$

For theory: using $|C_V| = |C_A| = 1$ and θ the angle between C_V and C_A

$$D \langle \beta_e \rangle = \frac{4M_{GT} \sin \theta \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}}{2 + 2|M_{GT}|^2} \langle \beta_e \rangle$$

For experiment: noting $b = 0$, we can relate $N(\phi > 0)$ and $N(\phi < 0)$ to the distribution

$$\frac{N(\phi > 0)}{N} = \int_0^\pi f_4(\phi) = \int_0^\pi \frac{1 + \left\langle \left(a + \frac{c}{3}\right) \beta_e \right\rangle \frac{\pi^2}{16} \cos \phi + \langle D\beta_e \rangle \frac{\pi^2}{16} \sin \phi}{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{N(\phi > 0)}{N} = \frac{1}{2} + D \langle \beta_e \rangle \frac{\pi}{16}$$

So, with analogous computation for $N(\phi > 0)/N$,

$$D \langle \beta_e \rangle = \frac{N(\phi > 0) - N(\phi < 0)}{N(\phi > 0) + N(\phi < 0)} \frac{8}{\pi}$$

Imaginary $C_V C_A$

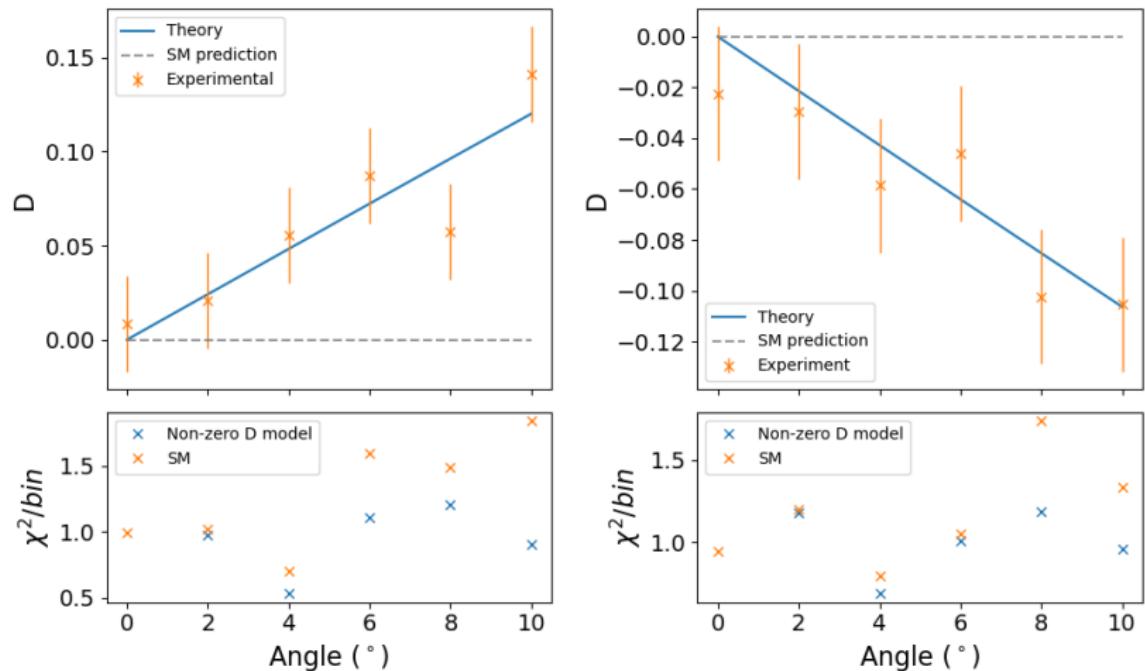


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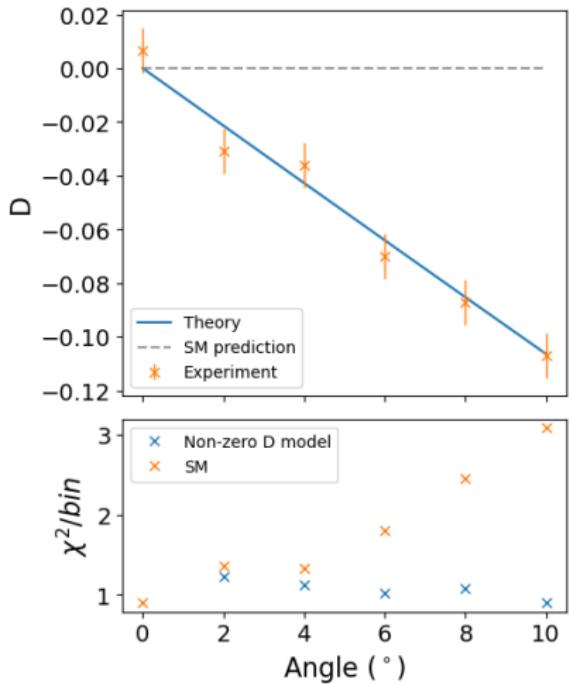
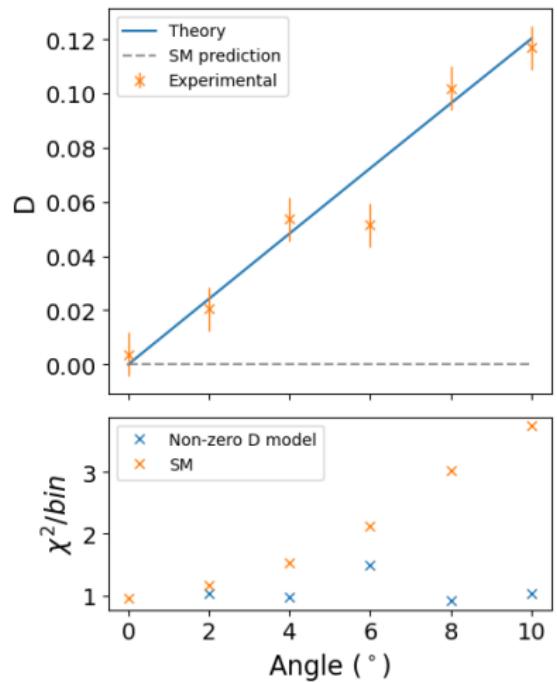


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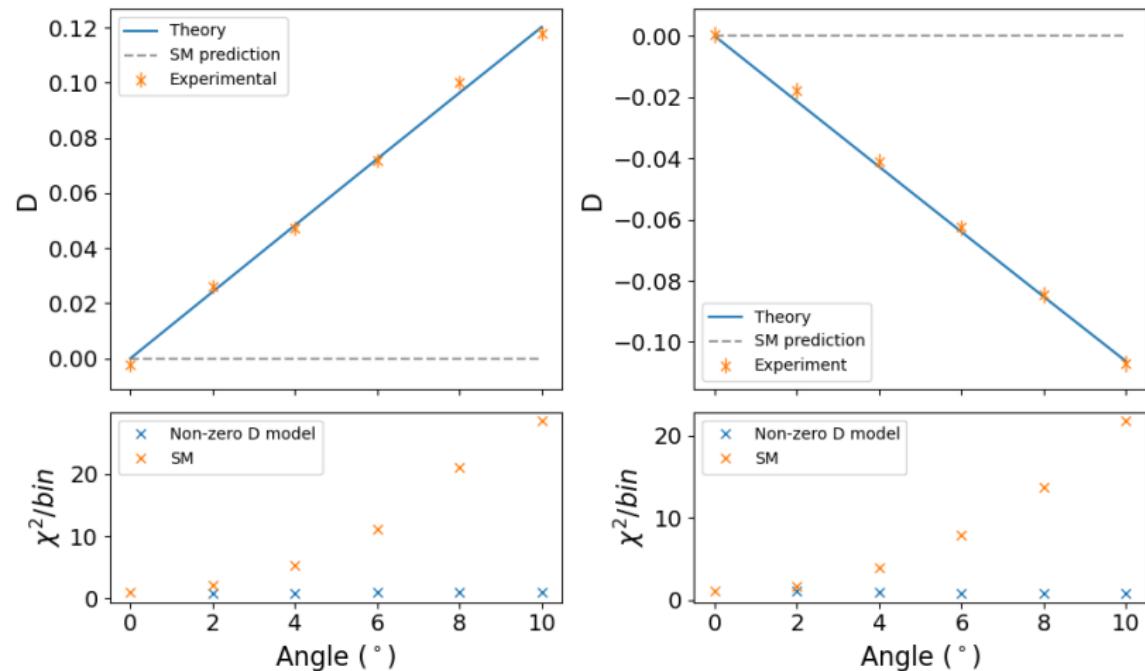


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Imaginary $C_S C_T$

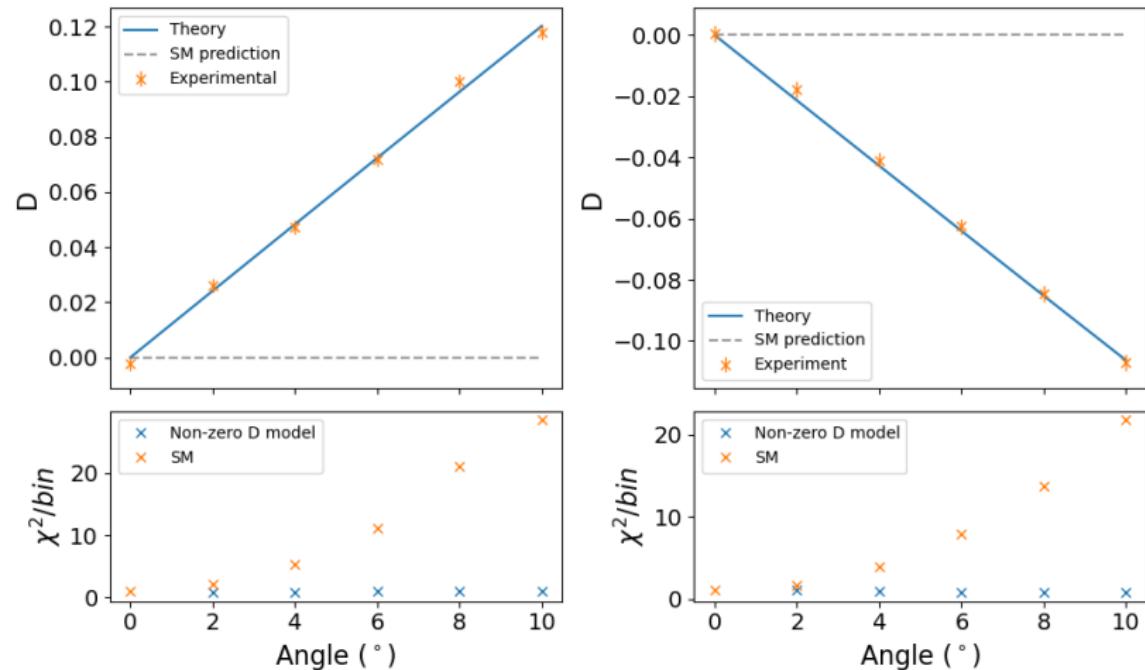


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