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HIGH ENERGY NUCLEAR PHYSICS IN CHINA

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Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer at HIAF

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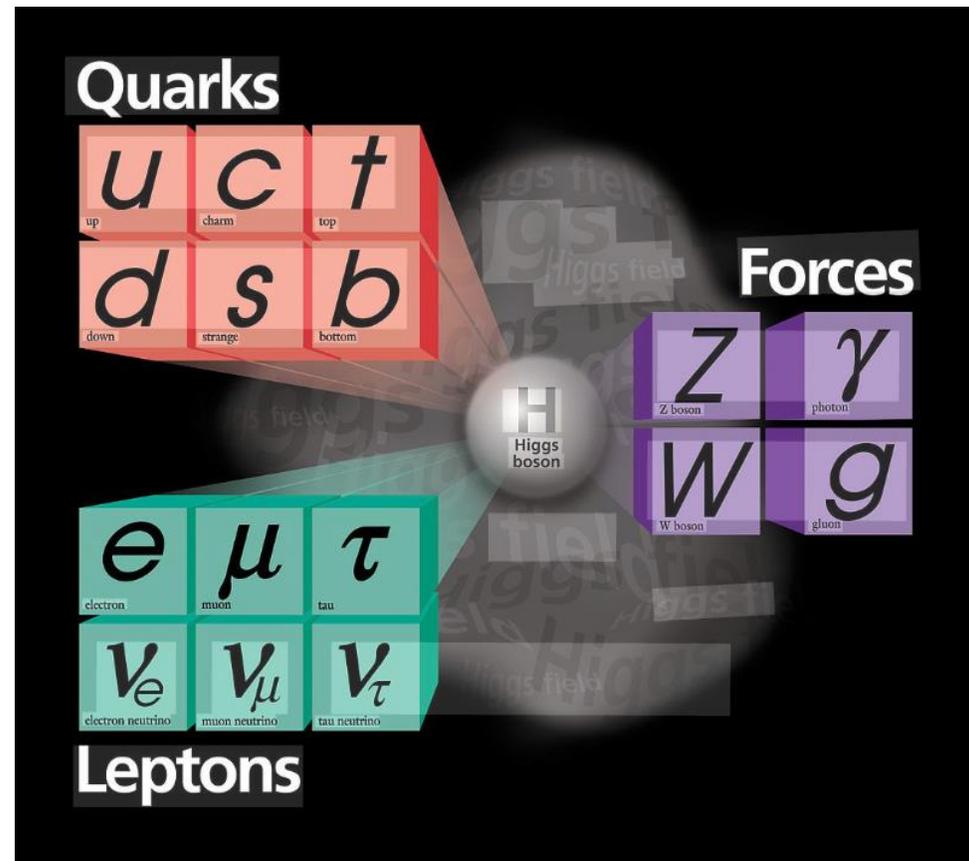
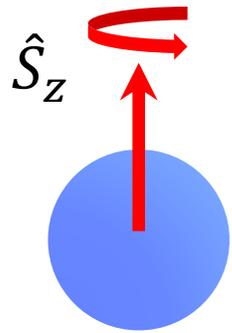
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- Summary and Outlook

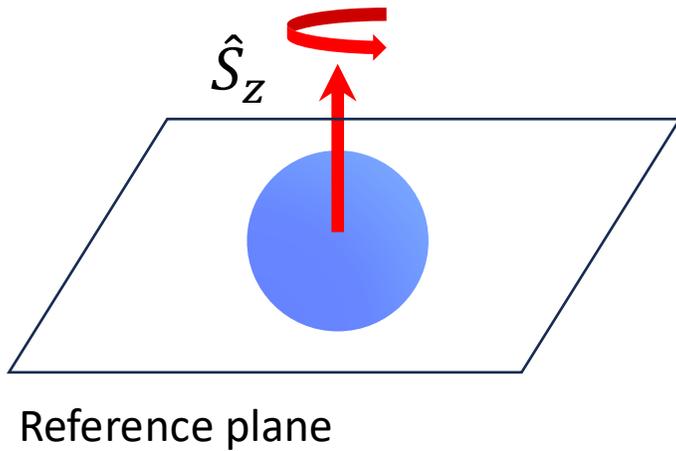
Spin and its polarization

Spin: fundamental degree of freedom for element particles, an intrinsic property of all quantum particles



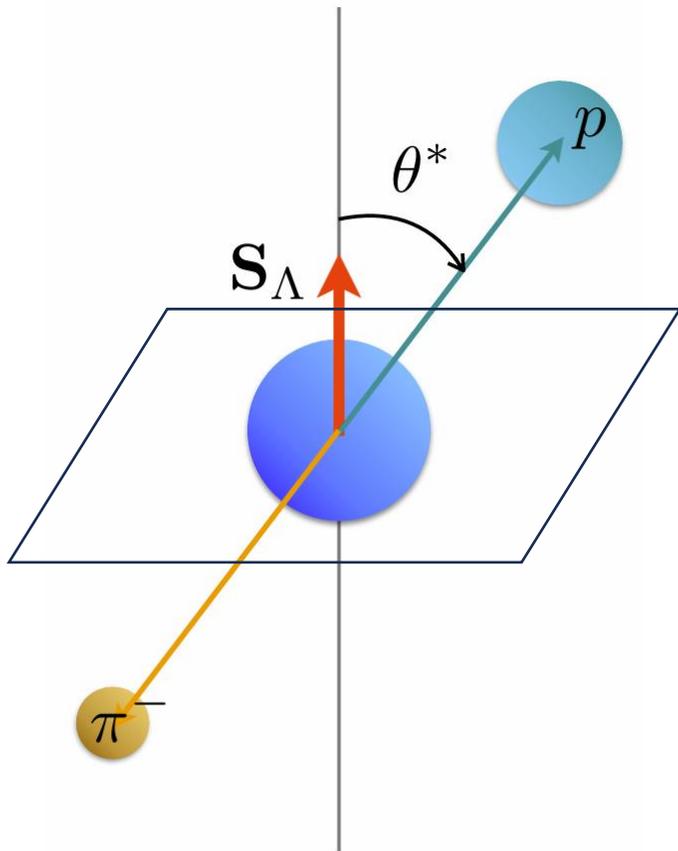
Spin and its polarization

Polarization: spin of particles in a system is aligned in a preferred direction.



Measurement of polarization

Λ^0 serves as **its own spin analyzer** through the decay $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p + \pi^-$



Decay channel: $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$

branch ratio: $64.1 \pm 0.5\%$

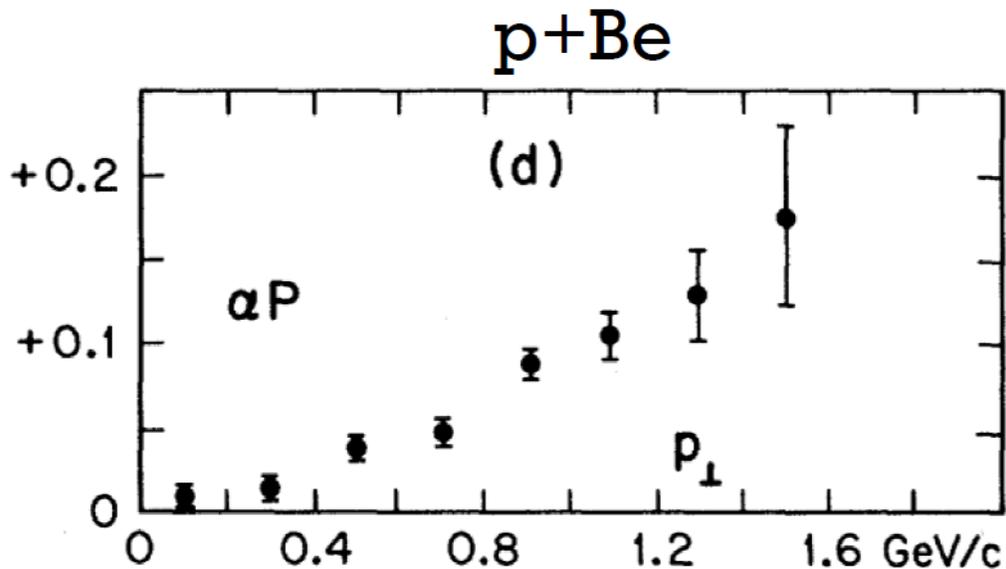
parity violating weak decay

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} \propto \mathcal{A} (1 + \alpha_\Lambda P_\Lambda \cos \theta^*)$$

decay parameter: $\alpha_\Lambda = 0.748 \pm 0.007$

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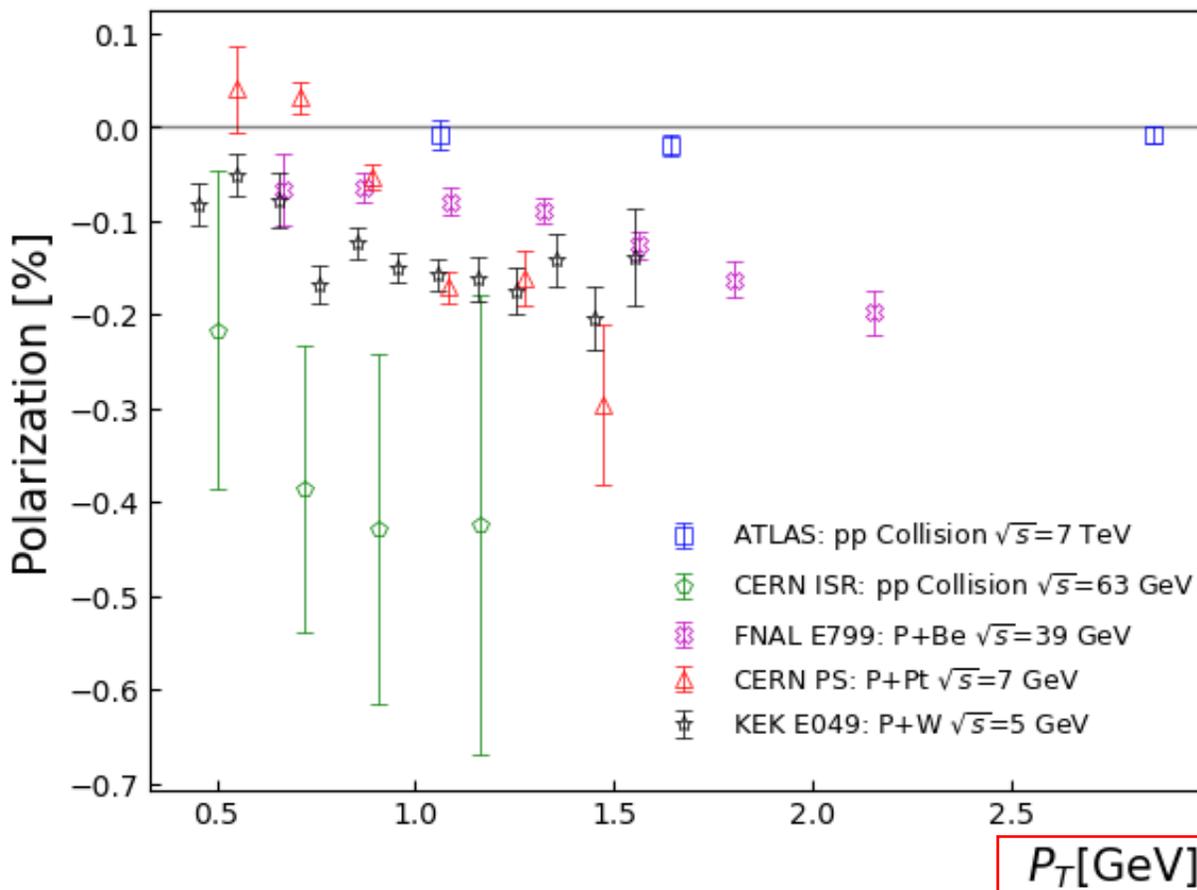
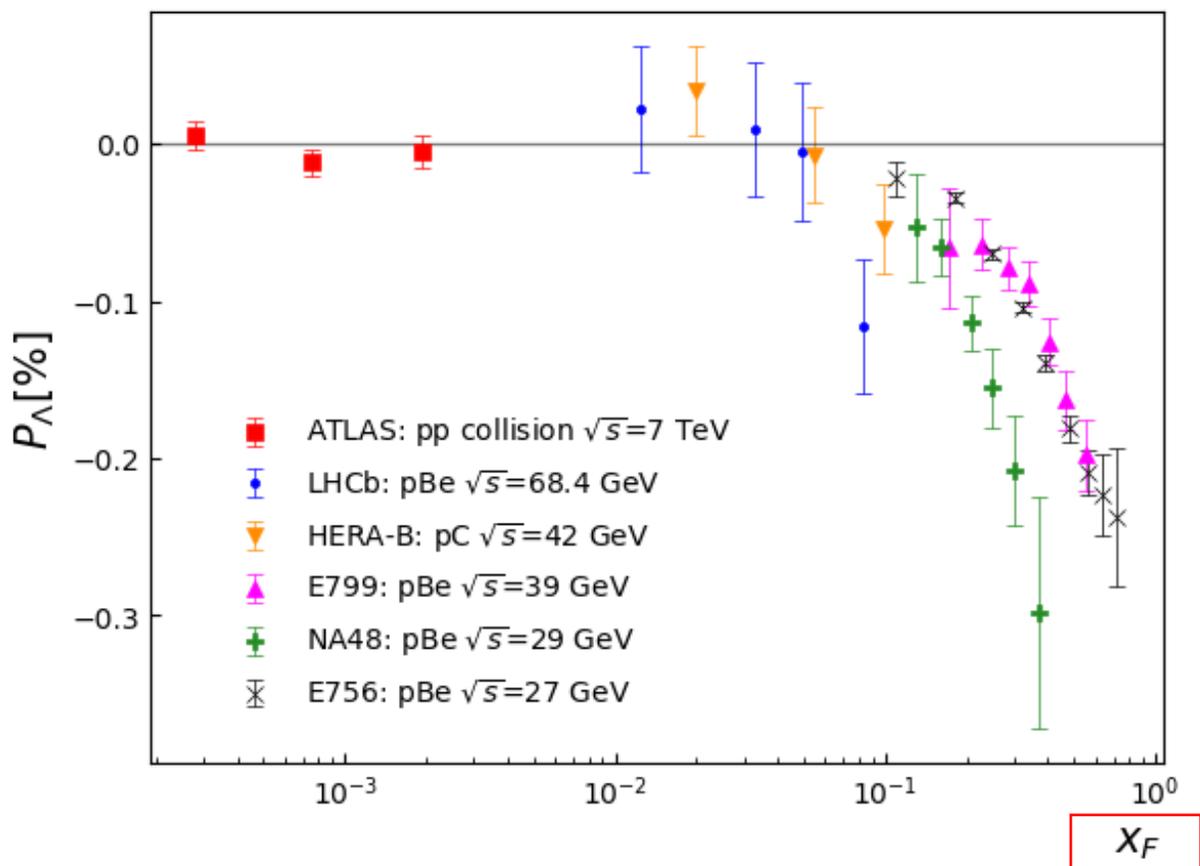
First observation of Λ^0 polarization in the 1970's



G.Bunce, *et al.*: Phys.Rev.Lett. 36, 1113-1116 (1976)

- Hyperons can be produced polarized in collisions of **unpolarized particles**
- Discovered at Fermilab in the 1970's in **$p + \text{Be}$** collisions: **300 GeV protons on Beryllium**

Λ^0 polarization measurements

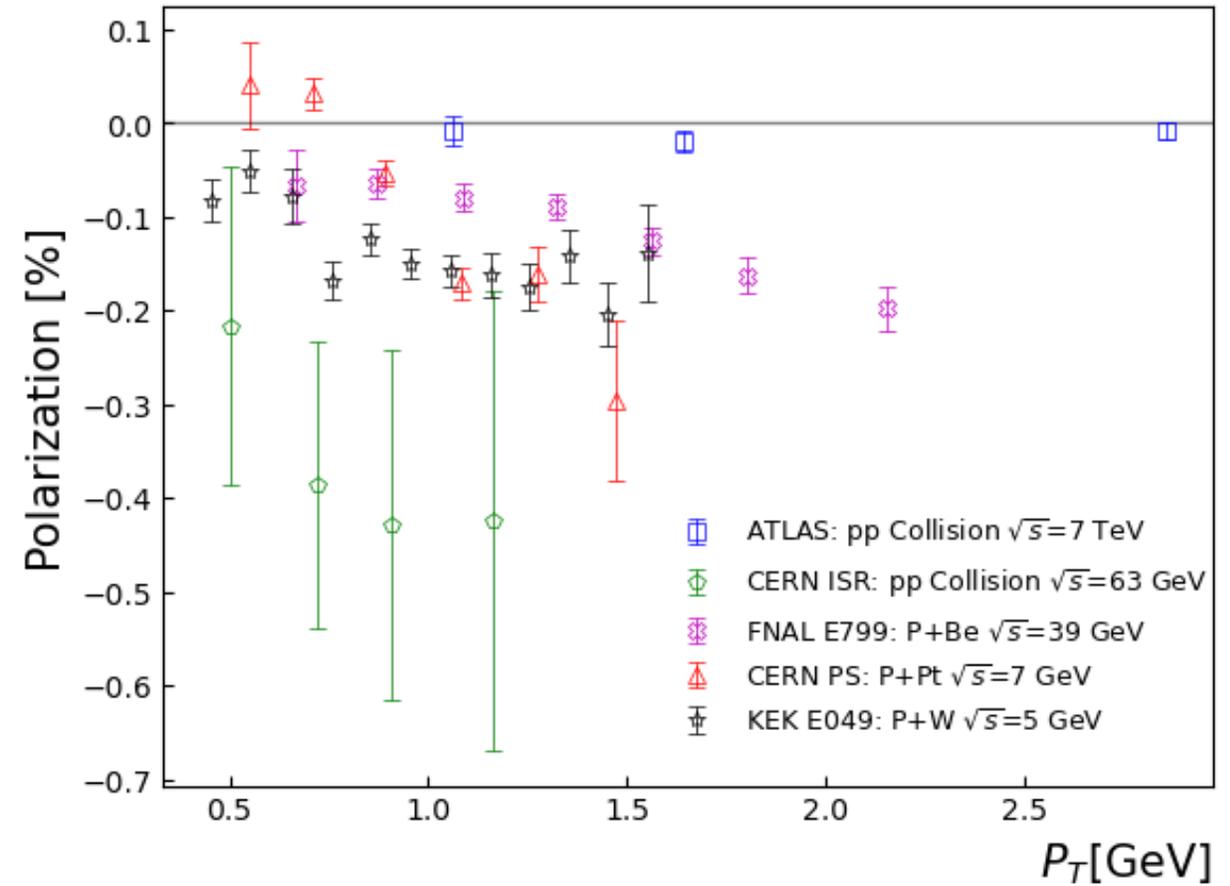
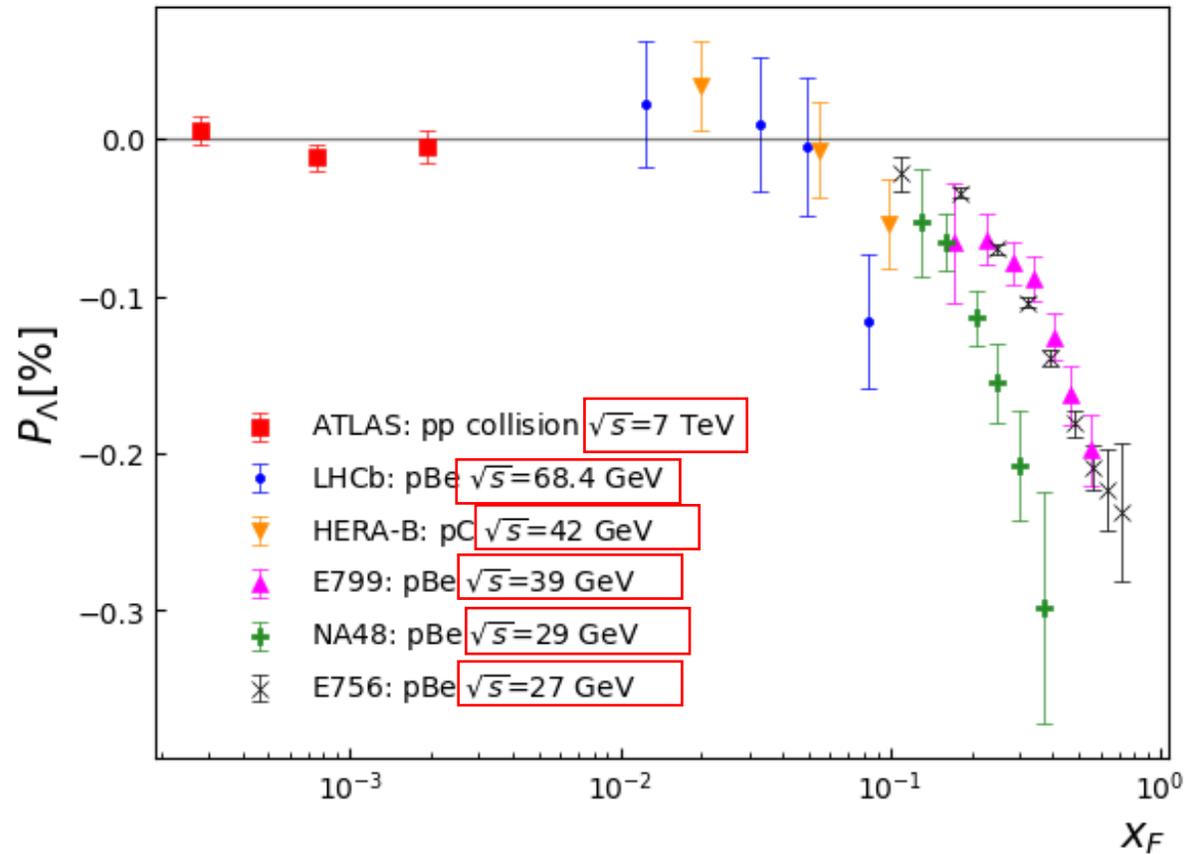


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[Phys.Rev.Lett. 41 (1978) 1689]

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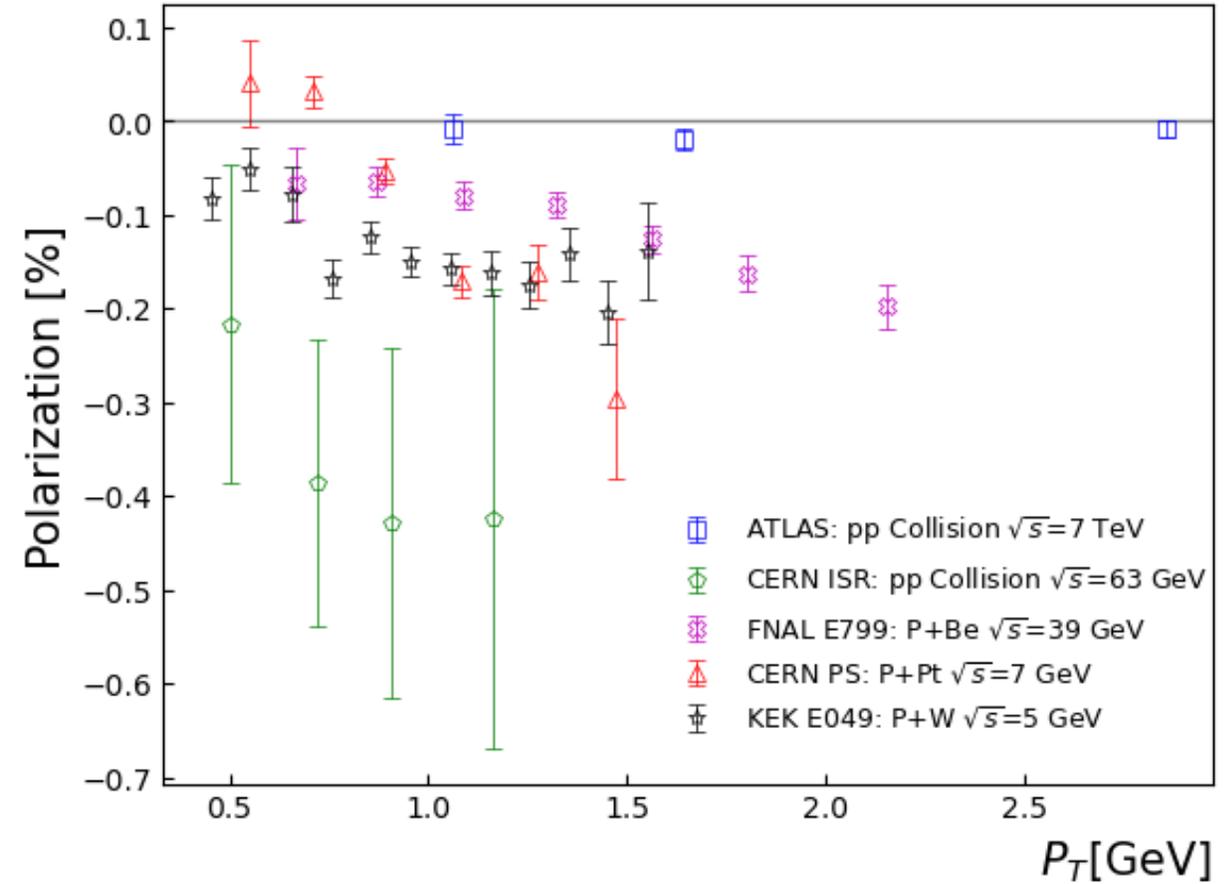
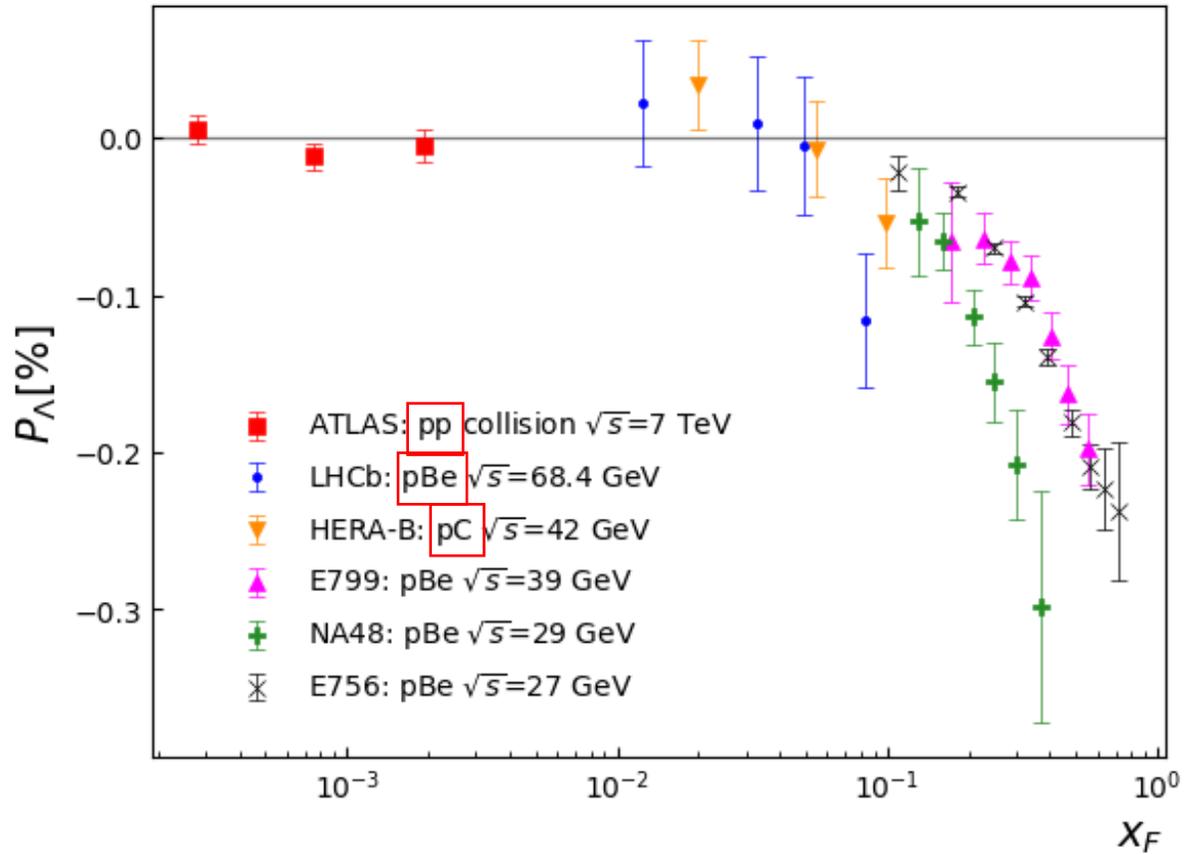


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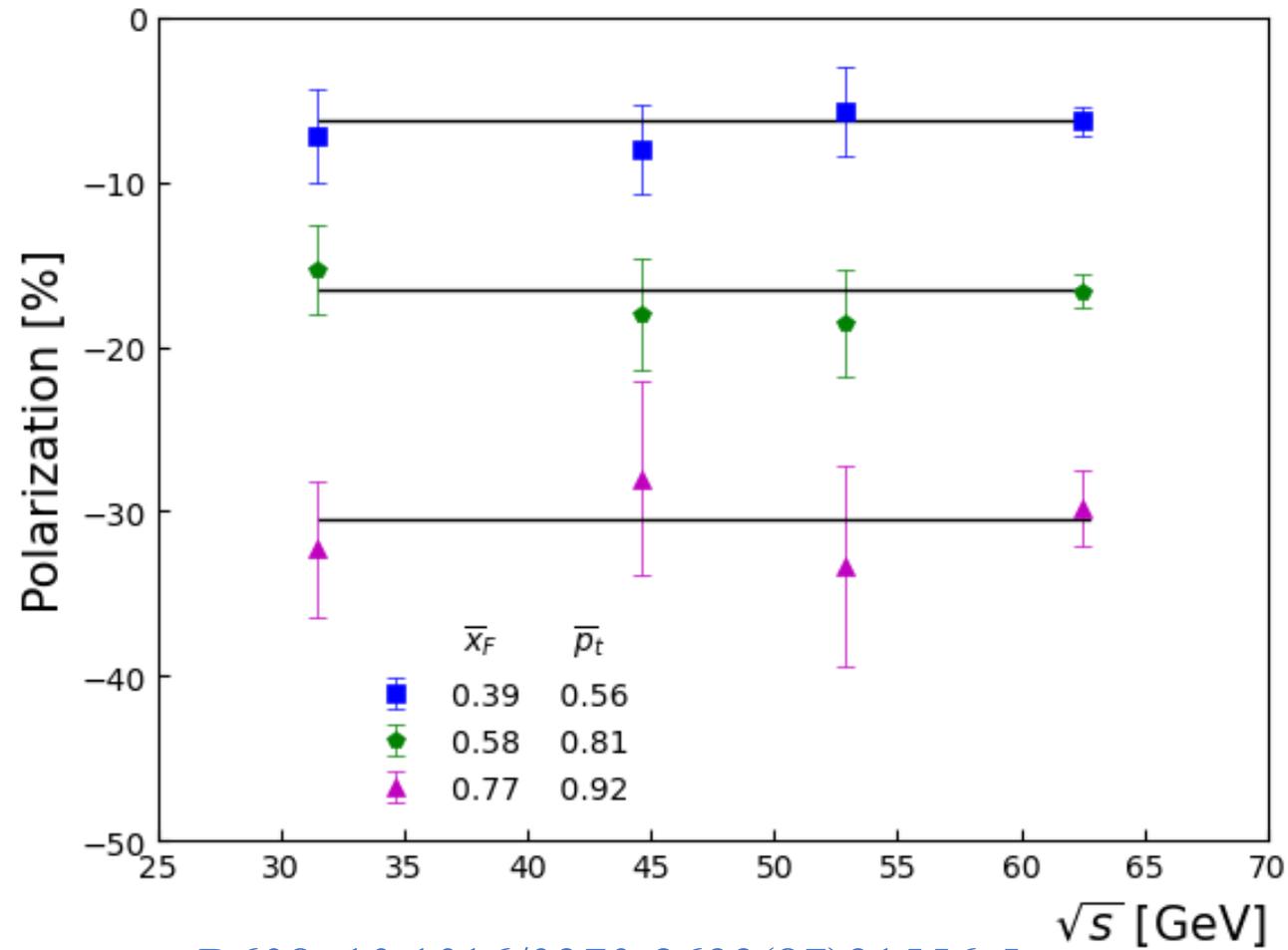


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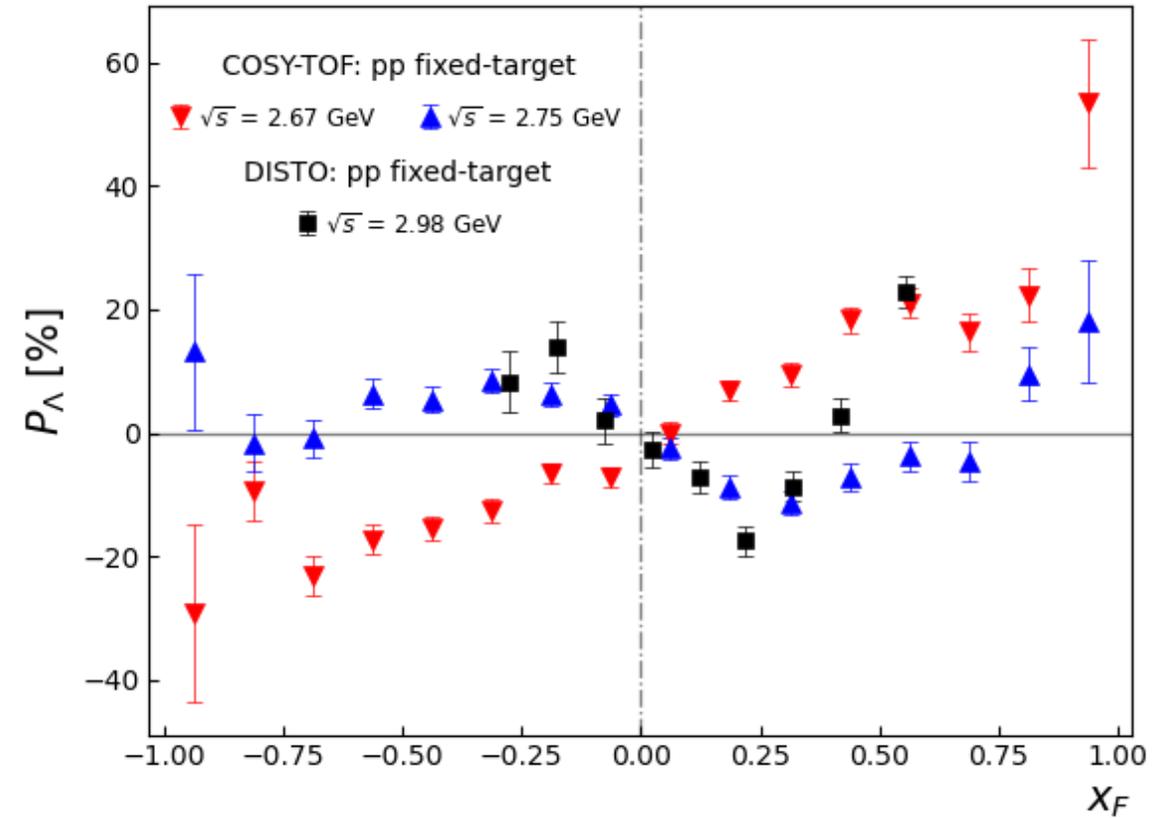
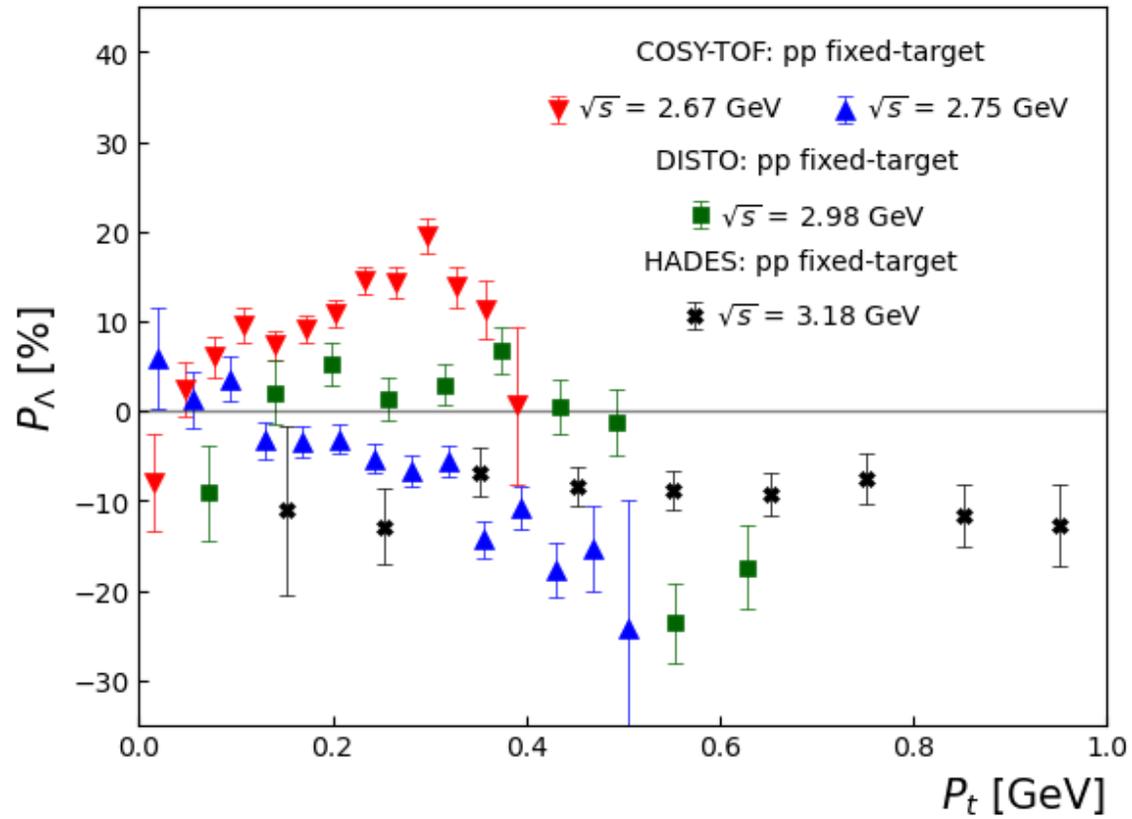
“Scaling” of Λ^0 polarization ?



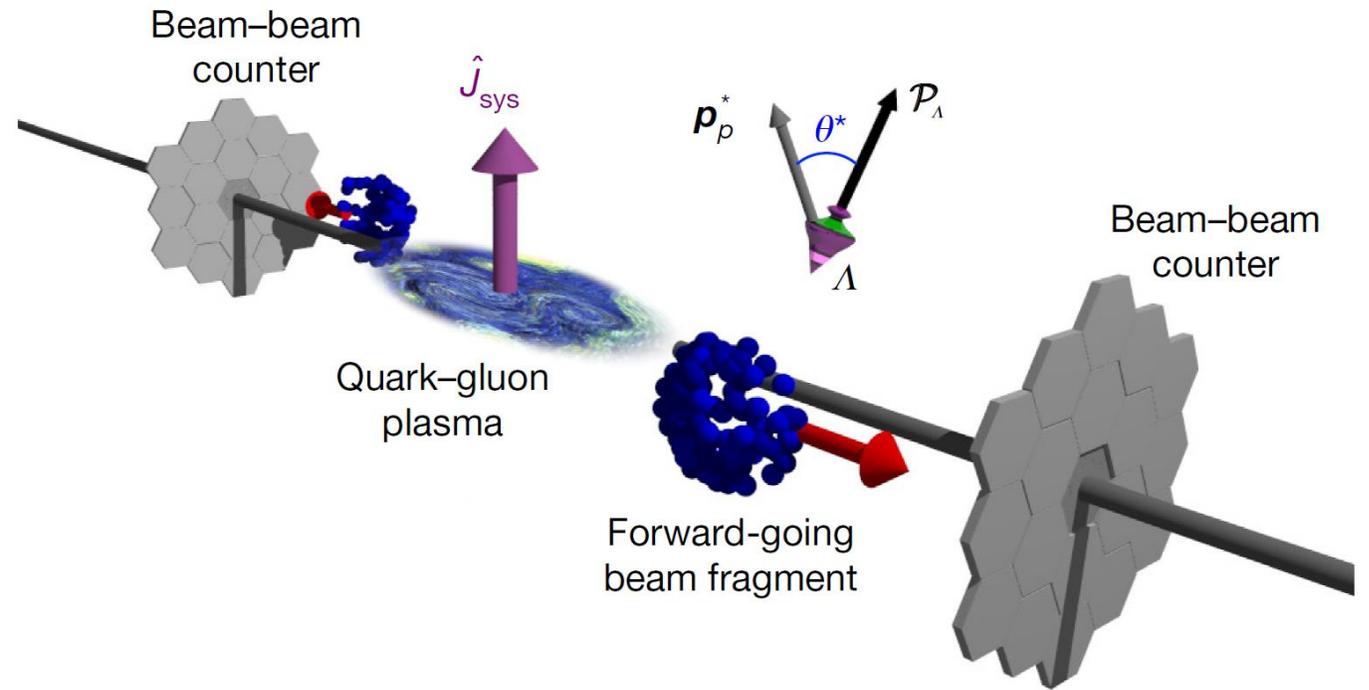
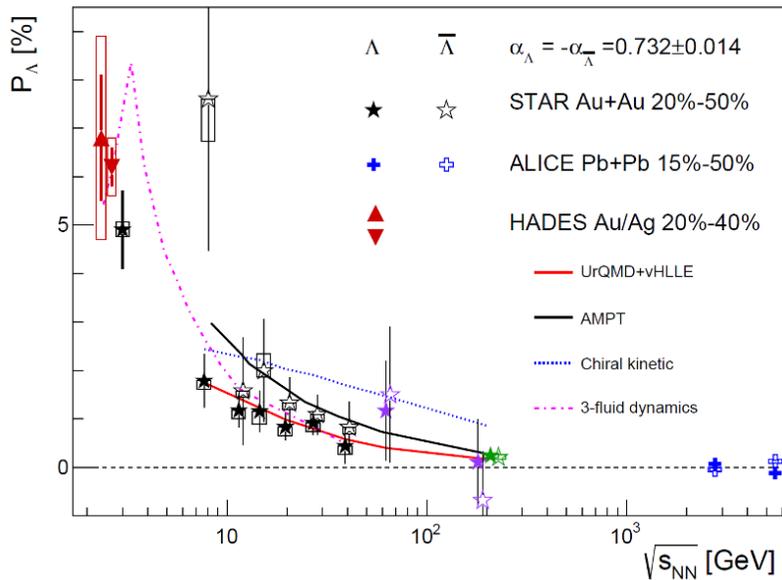
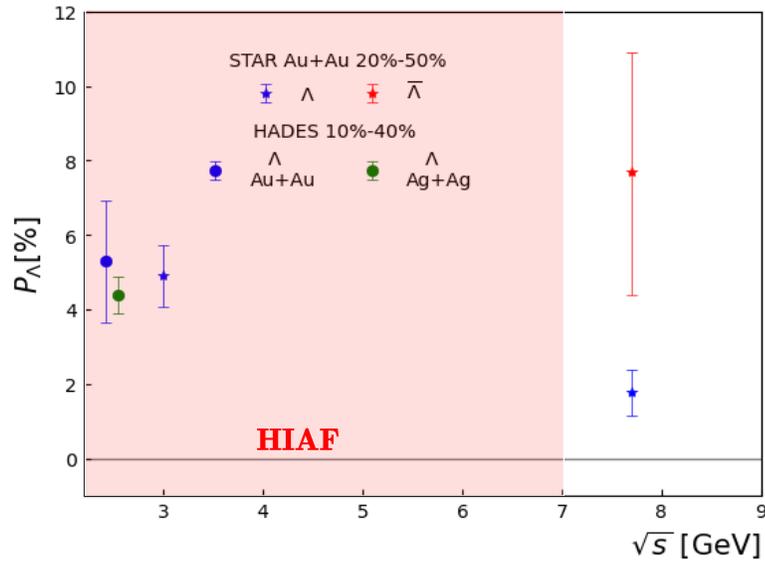
R608: [10.1016/0370-2693\(87\)91556-5](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1016/0370-2693(87)91556-5)

pQCD predicts that the polarization will be decreasing as energy increases

Puzzle in low energy collisions



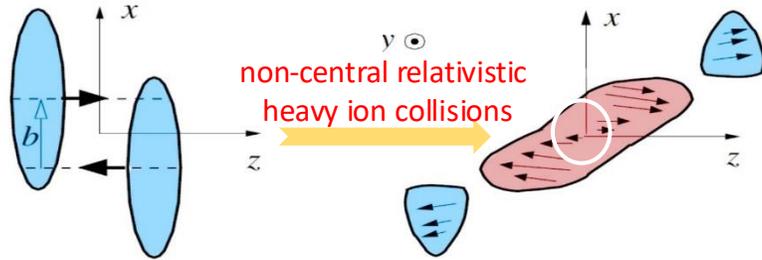
What's more? with A-A



In non-central heavy-ion collisions, large initial orbital angular momentum is transferred to the medium, inducing particle spin alignment known as **global polarization**.

One has to take into account the production mechanism

- across energy region and collision system

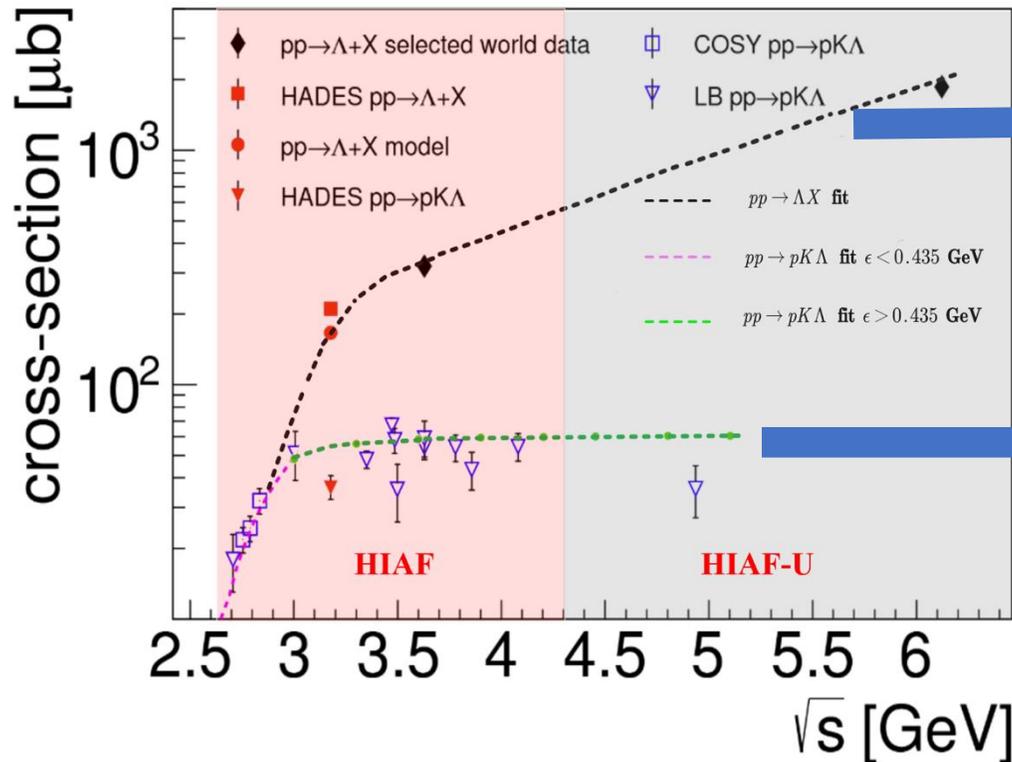


① $AA \rightarrow \Lambda X$

Global polarization

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Jian-Hua Gao, Shou-Wan Chen, Wei-tian Deng, Zuo-Tang Liang, Qun Wang, Xin-Nian Wang, PRC 77, 044902 (2008).

pp $\rightarrow \Lambda + X$: comparison to world data



② $pp(A) \rightarrow \Lambda X$

polarization through hadronization

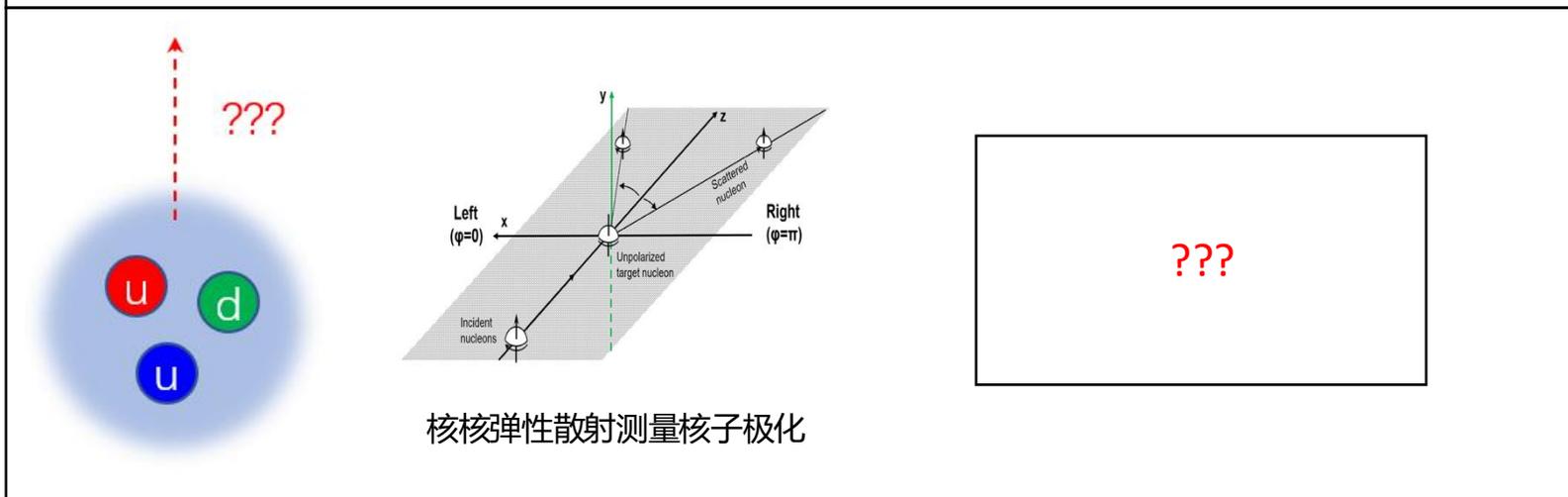
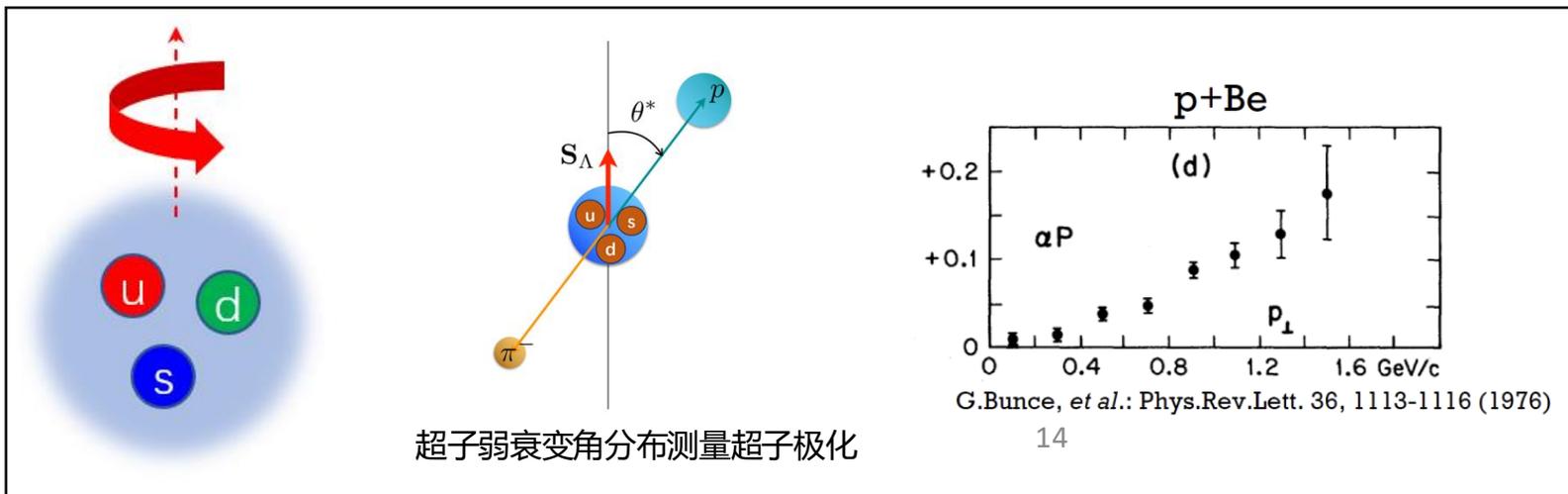
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H. Dong and Zuo-tang Liang, PRD 70, 014019 (2004); PRD 72, 033006 (2005).

③ $pp \rightarrow pK \Lambda$

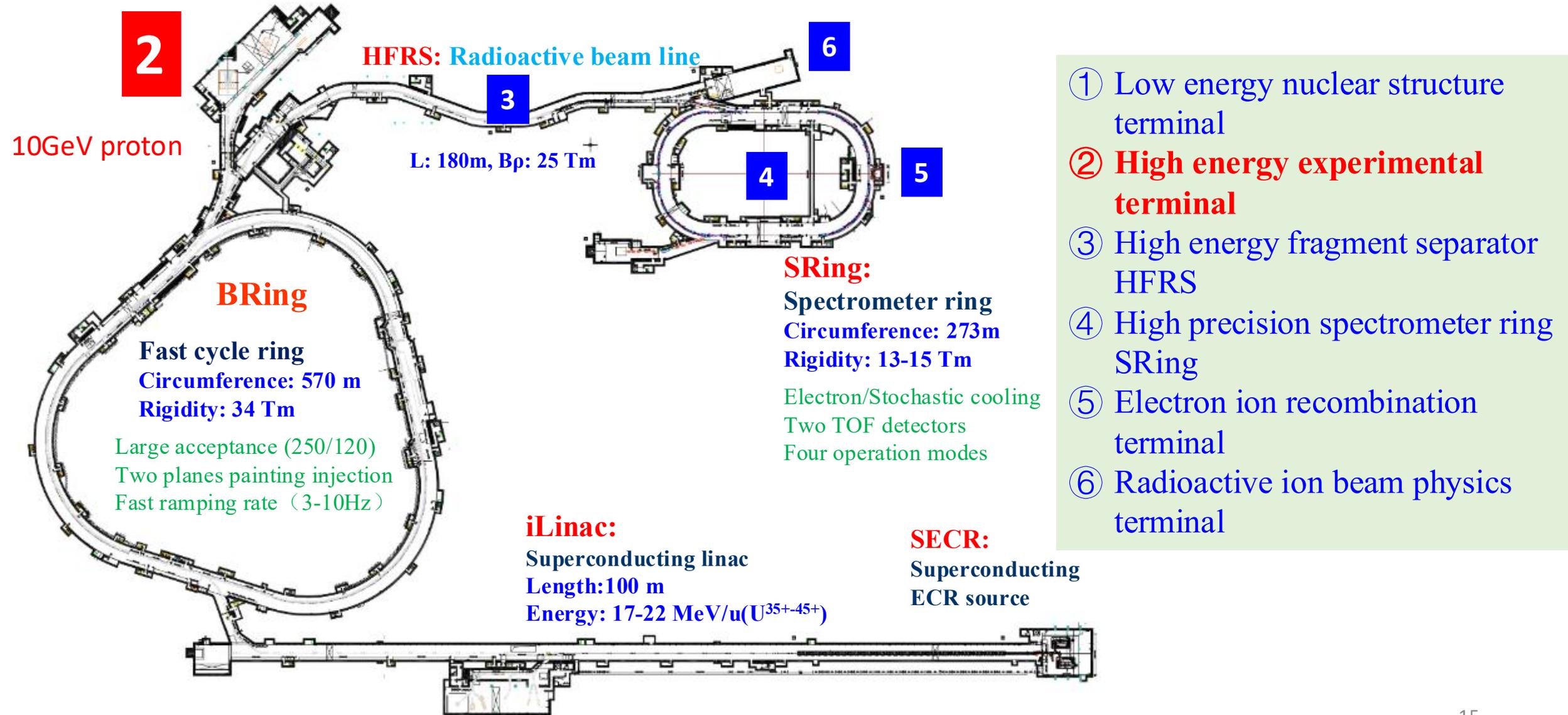
Λ polarization in exclusive processes

R. Machleidt, K. Holinde and C. Elster, Phys. Rept. 149, 1 (1987).
B. C. Liu, B. S. Zou, PRL 96, 042002 (2006).

An interesting question: Is proton polarized as well?



High Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF)



- ① Low energy nuclear structure terminal
- ② **High energy experimental terminal**
- ③ High energy fragment separator HFRS
- ④ High precision spectrometer ring SRing
- ⑤ Electron ion recombination terminal
- ⑥ Radioactive ion beam physics terminal

Budget ~3 billion CNY (including civil construction), start from Dec. 2018, installation finished in Sept. 2025, located in Huizhou.

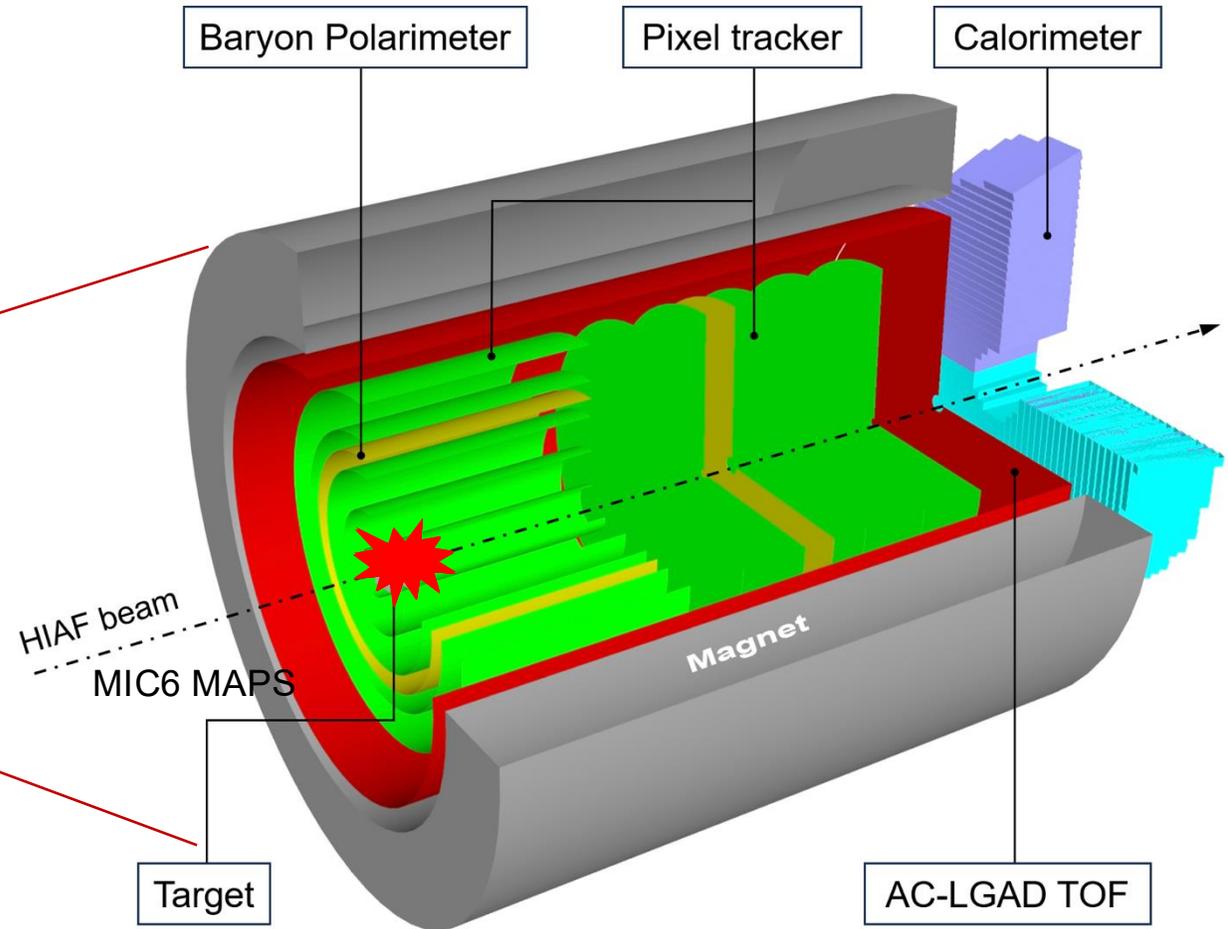
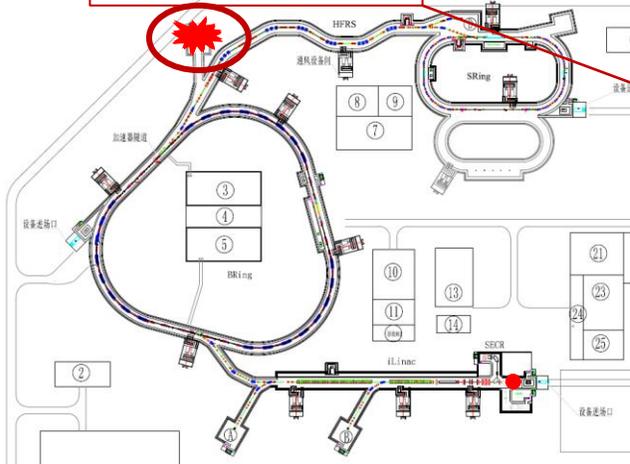


Hyperon Nucleon Spectrometer (H-NS)

proton beam up to 9.3 GeV
ion beam up to 4.25 GeV/u

- p + p
- p + A
- A + A

High Energy
Nuclear Physics
Terminal



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Aiqiang Guo's talk

HIAF beam parameters

Ion	Intensity (ppp)	Kine_Energy (GeV/u)
$^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$	2.0×10^{11}	0.84
$^{238}\text{U}^{76+}$	5.0×10^{10}	2.5
$^{129}\text{Xe}^{27+}$	3.6×10^{11}	1.4
$^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$	5.0×10^{11}	1.7
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{12+}$	7.0×10^{11}	2.3
$^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$	8.0×10^{11}	2.6
p	5.0×10^{12}	9.3

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研究所	装置	重复频率	离子种类	设计流强	达到流强
BNL	AGS Booster	/	Au^{32+}	/	5×10^9
CERN	LEIR	/	Pb^{54+}	/	9×10^8
JINR	NICA	/	Au^{32+}	4×10^9	/
GSI	SIS18	2.7Hz	U^{28+}	1.0×10^{11}	3×10^{10}
FAIR	SIS100	2.7Hz	U^{28+}	$(1.0-2.0) \times 10^{11}$	/
IMP	HIAF-BRing	3-5Hz	U^{45+}	2.0×10^{11}	/
IMP	HIAF-SRing	/	U^{45+}	1.0×10^{12}	/

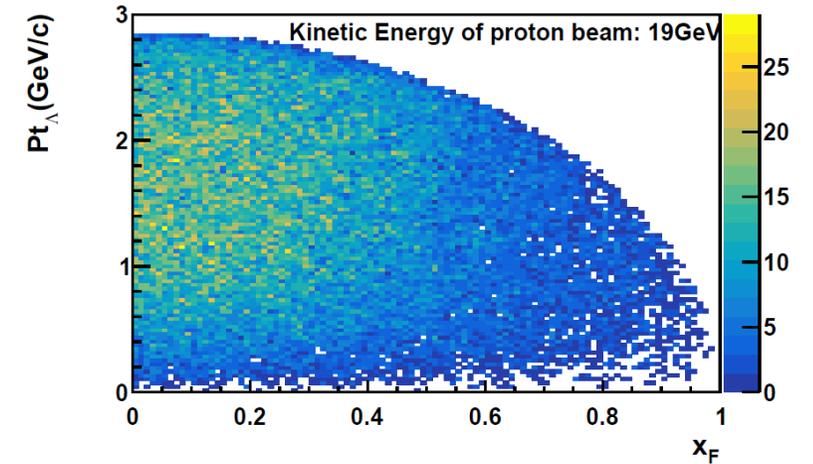
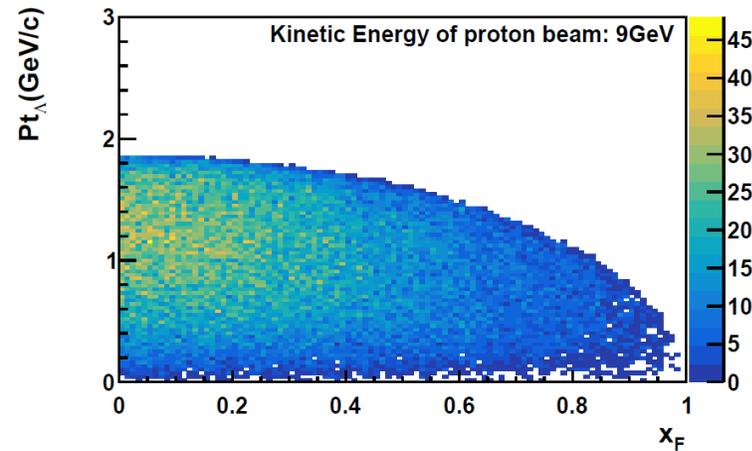
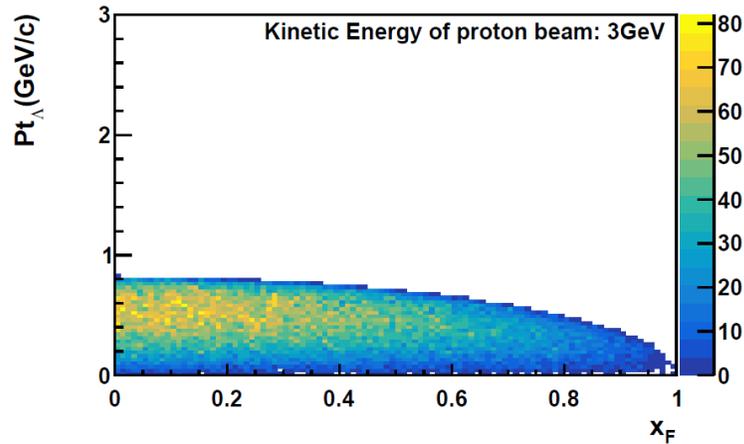
1.7

2.3

2.6

9.3

HIAF kinematics coverage



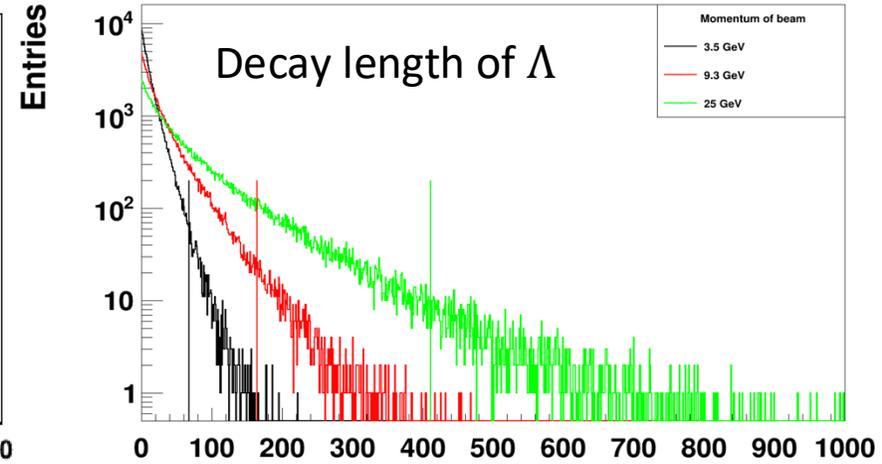
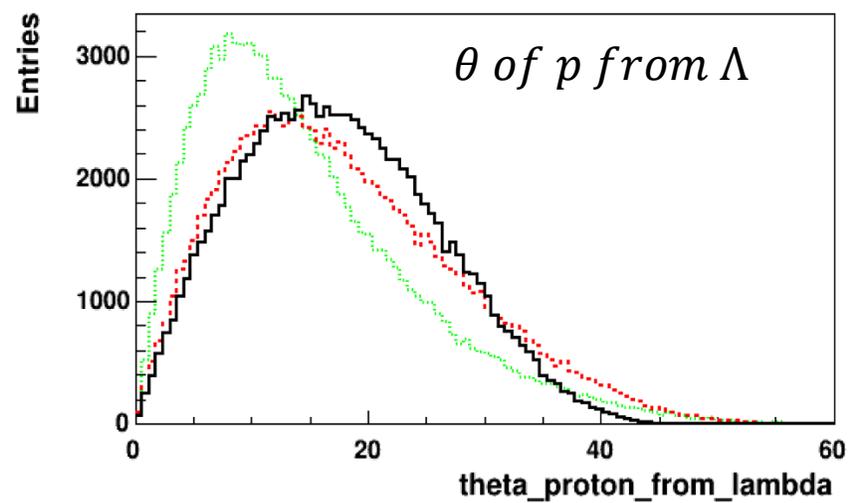
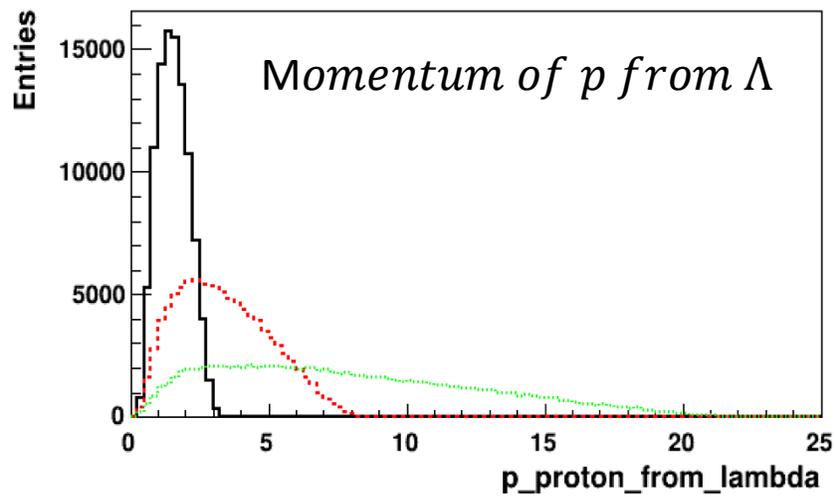
3 GeV \rightarrow 9 GeV \rightarrow 20 GeV

Allow for a multi-dimensional mapping of the Λ^0 polarization and production

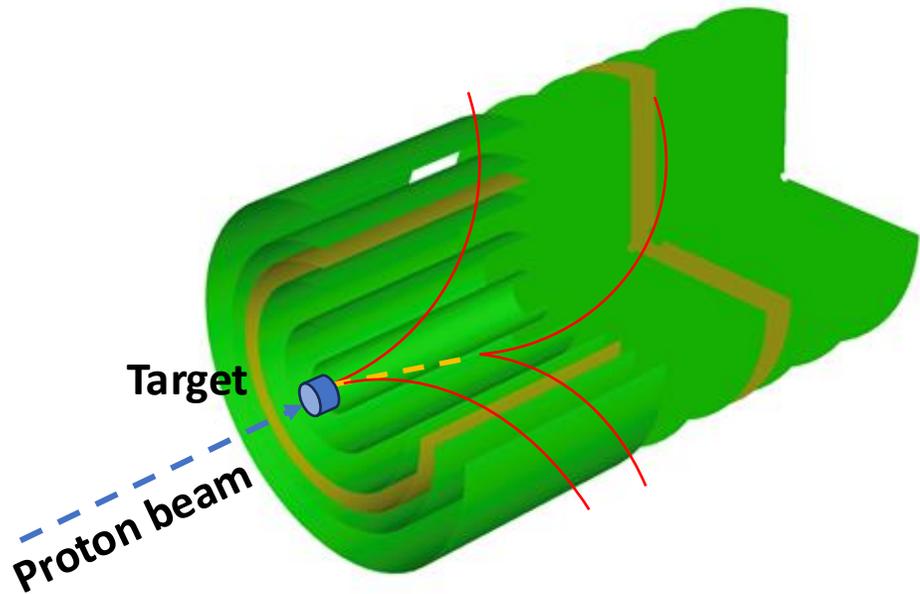
- Beam energy scan
- $p \rightarrow p$, $p \rightarrow A$, $A \rightarrow A$ data taking

The challenge

All the momentum, angular distributions and the Λ decay length are beam energy-dependent



The conceptual design of H-NS detector



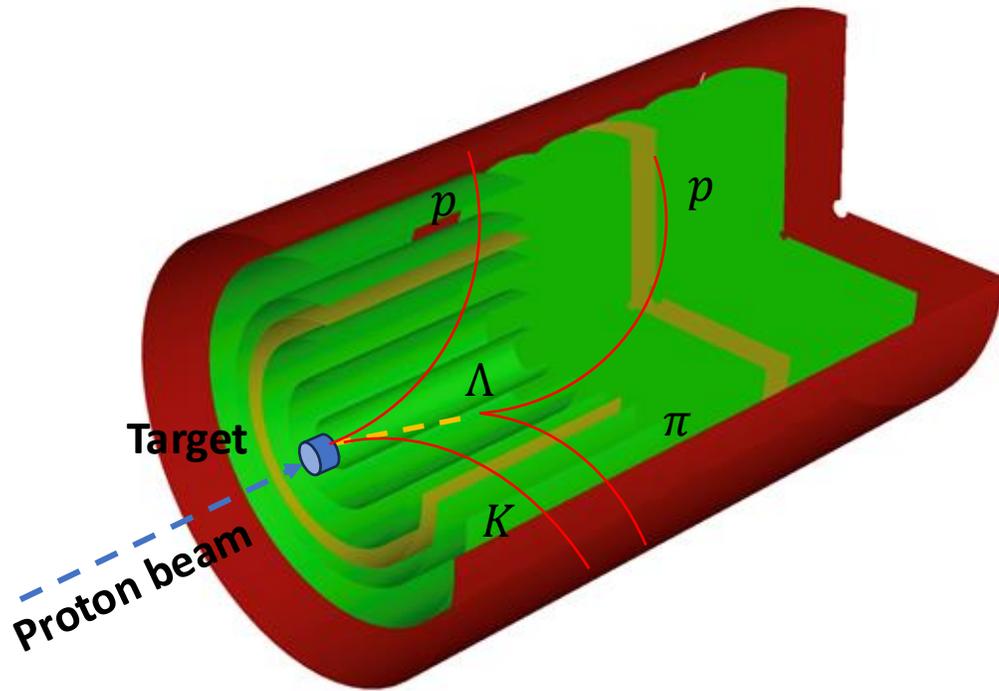
➤ Good tracking/vertexing detector:

- Good granularity
 - Compact design $\sim 0.5\text{m}$ in radius
 - Measure the vertex precisely
- Low material
 - **Vertex** resolution is crucial for BG suppression
 - Good **angular resolution** is the key requirement for proton polarization measurement
- Fast
 - Handle the event rate $\sim 1\text{MHz}$

➤ Tech. choice:

- MAPS
 - Pixel size: 30 micron
 - Material budget: 0.4 % X/X_0
 - Integration time: 5-10 μs

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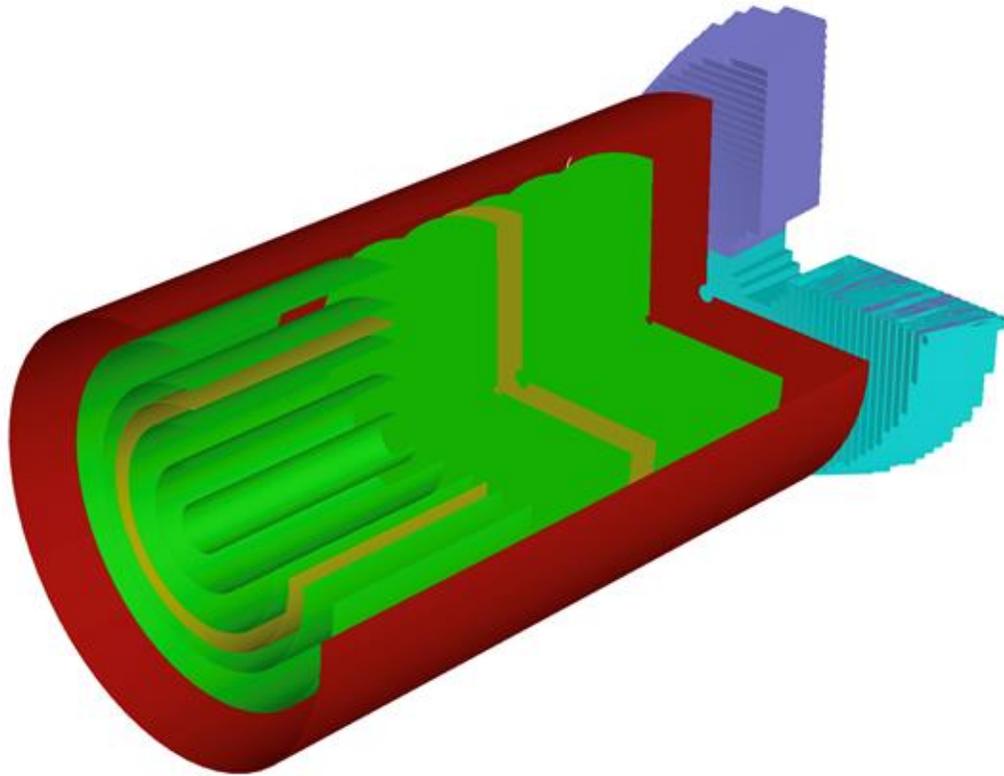
➤ PID:

- Compact design
- Wide range of momentum coverage
 - K, π separation ($\sim 3\sigma$) up to 2 GeV/c .
 - K, p separation ($\sim 3\sigma$) up to 5 GeV/c

➤ Tech. choice:

- LGAD
 - Time resolution: 20~30 ps
 - Spatial resolution: ~ 100 micron

The conceptual design of H-NS detector



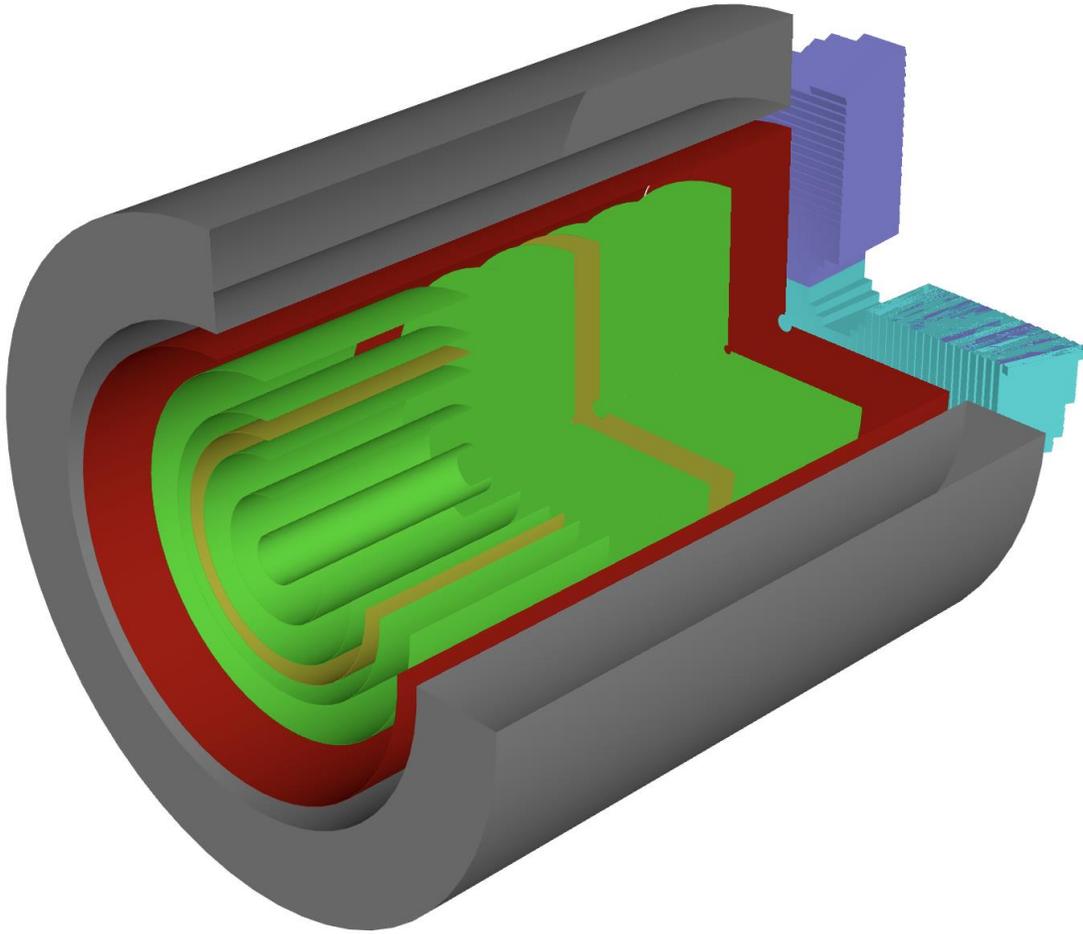
➤ **Calorimeter for Σ , Ξ rec.:**

- Good spatial and energy resolution
- Fast
- Radiation hardness

➤ **Tech. choice:**

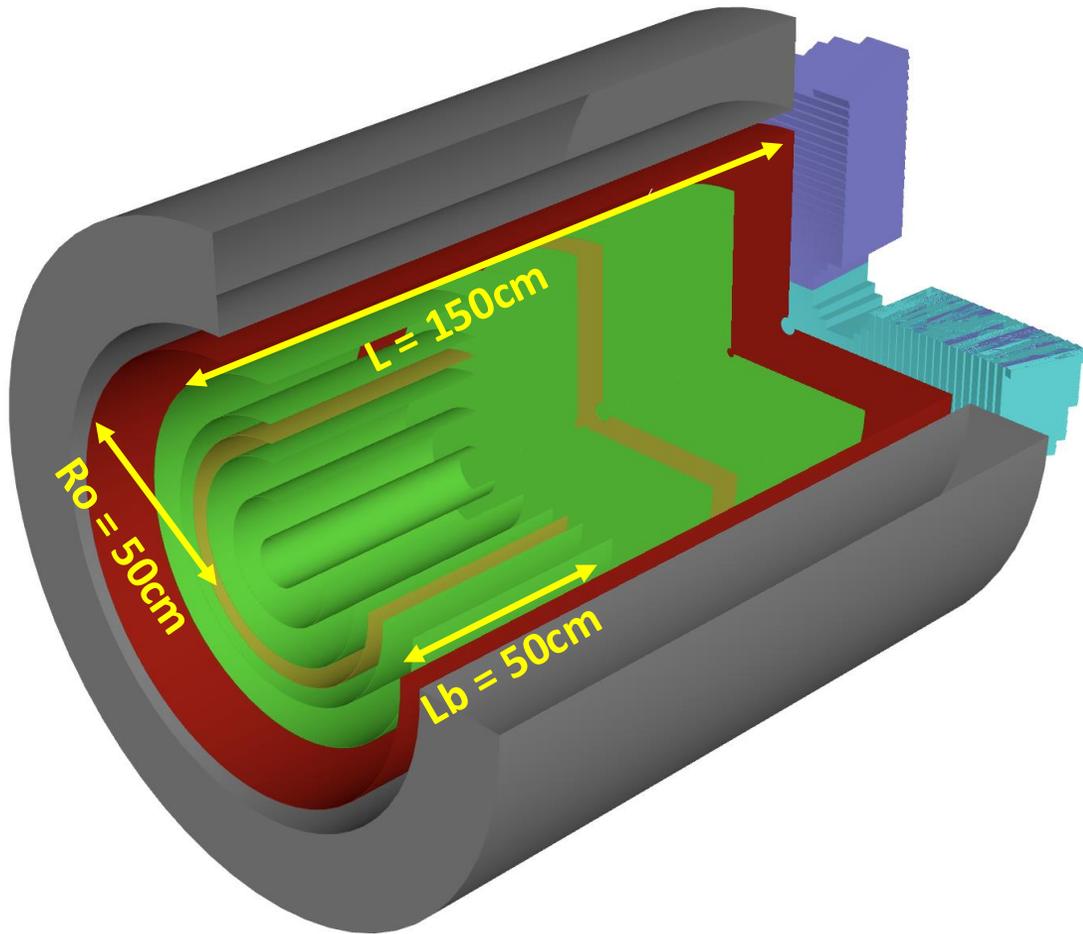
- PbWO₄ crystal
 - Energy resolution: $3\%/\sqrt{E}$
 - Spatial resolution: $3\text{mm}/\sqrt{E}$ (20X20 mm)
- Dual readout sampling type calorimeter
 - Energy resolution: $5\%/\sqrt{E}$

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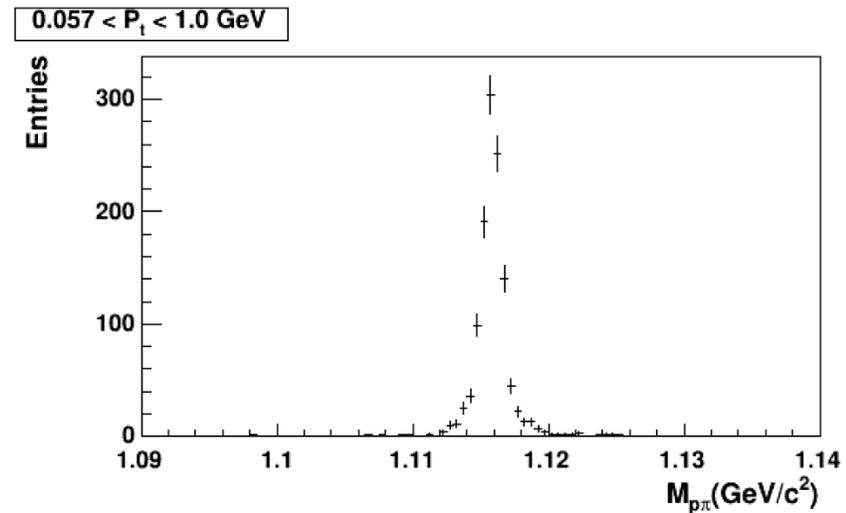
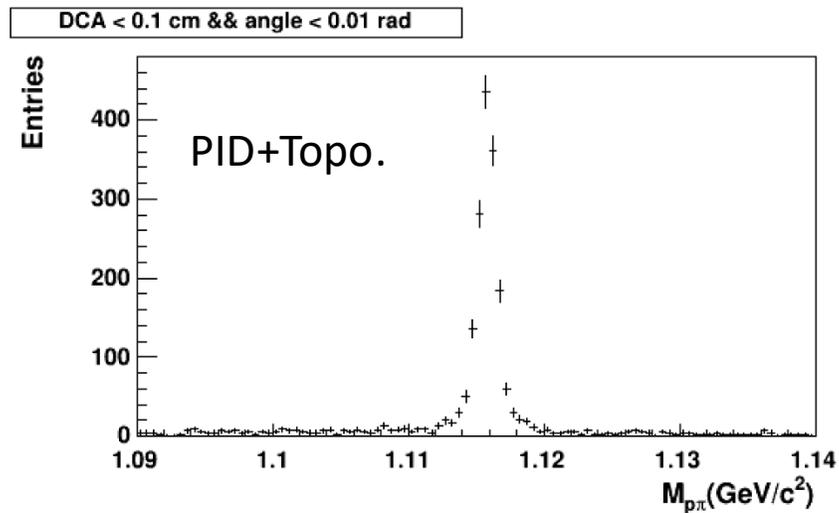
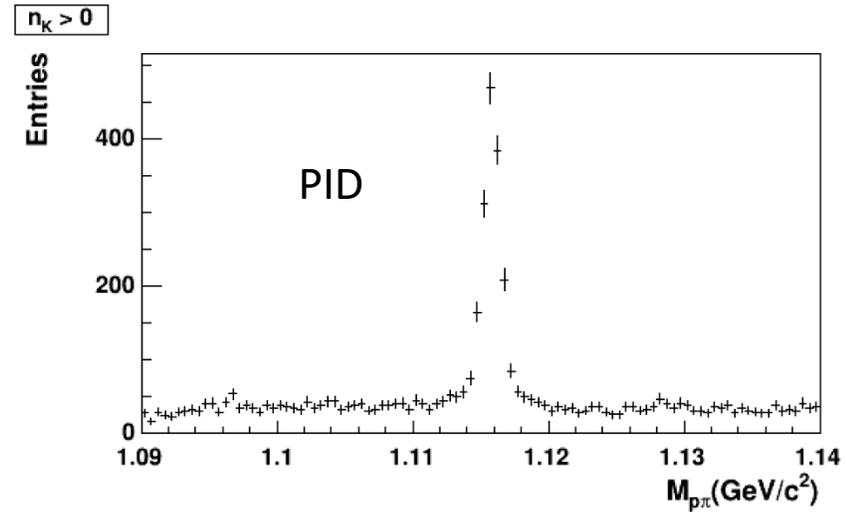
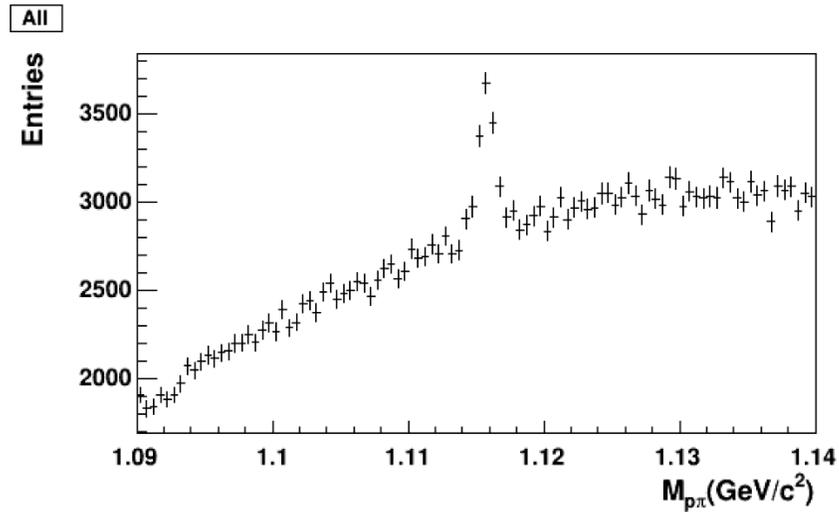
- **Magnet:**
 - Be able to measure the track with high P_z and low P_t
- **Tech. choice:**
 - Superconducting Solenoid @ $B_z = 1.5\text{T}$
 - Or dipole @ $B_y = 1.5\text{T}$

The conceptual design of H-NS detector



- **Momentum resolution:**
 - $\sim 2\%$ @ 1GeV when $\eta < 2.5$
- **PID:**
 - K, π separation ($\sim 3\sigma$) up to $2\text{ GeV}/c$
 - K, p separation ($\sim 3\sigma$) up to $5\text{ GeV}/c$
- **Vertex resolution:**
 - Excellent vertex resolution for background suppression
 - Material budget ($< 10\%$)
- **Acceptance:**
 - 5 to 100 degree
- **High event rate**
 - 1MHz
- **Baryon Polarimeter** → determine final state proton's polarization

Λ^0 reconstruction in H-NS



Uncertainty projection of the polarization measurement



$\sigma_{\text{stat.}} < 0.01$ for Λ 100 bins

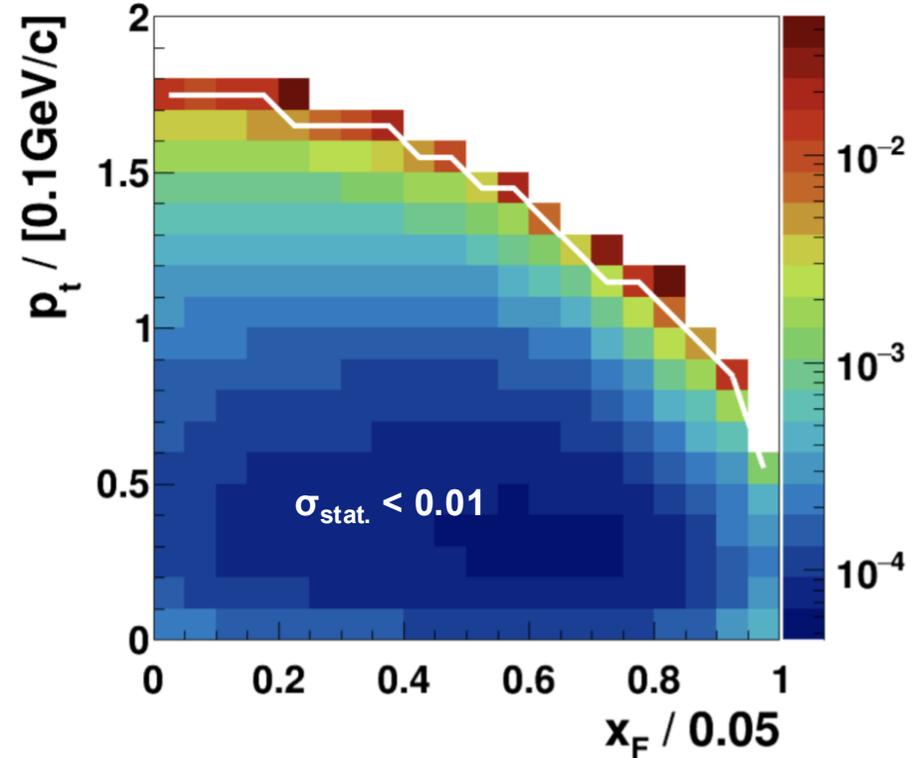
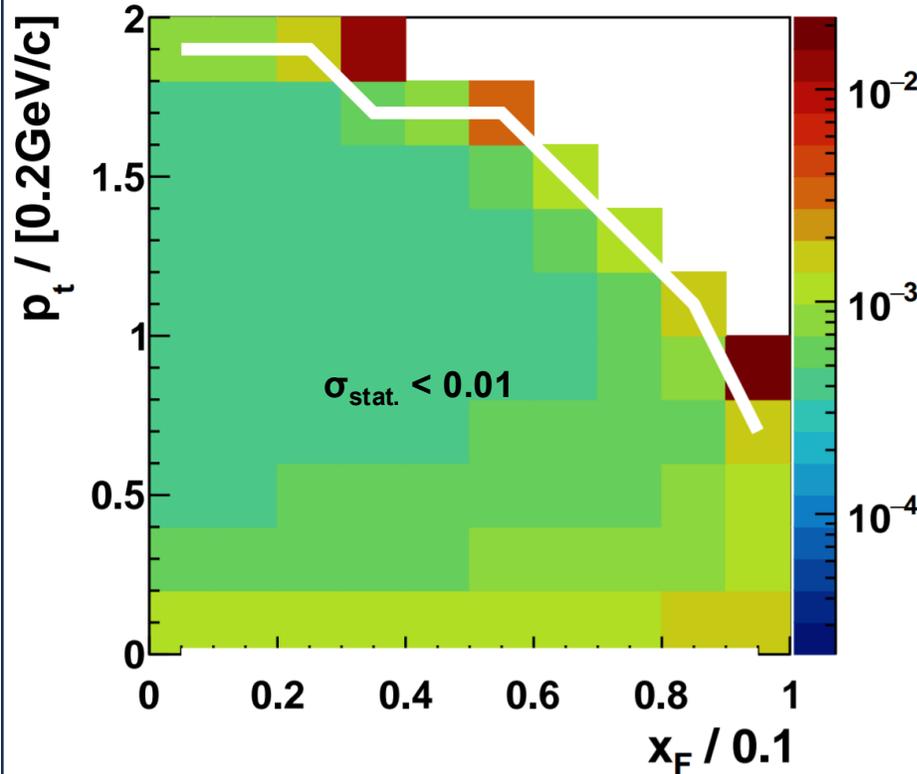
$\sigma_{\text{stat.}} < 0.01$ for Λ 400 bins

Exclusive measurement

Inclusive measurement

Uncertainty of Λ polarization

Uncertainty of Λ polarization



H-NS

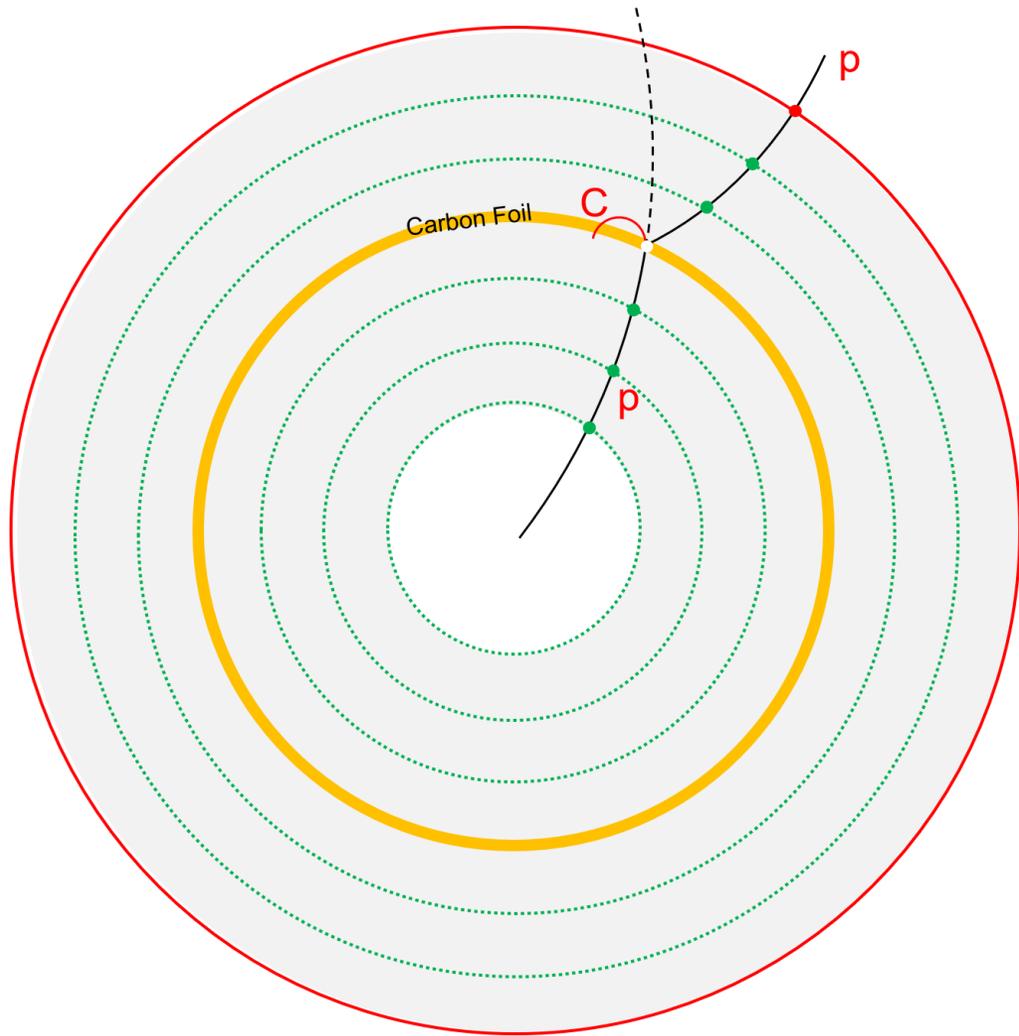
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Event rate: 1MHz

Time: 3 months

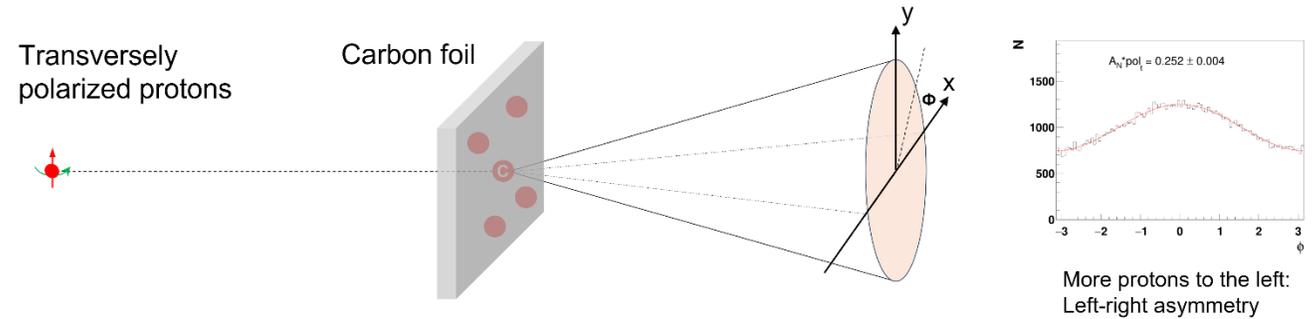
- $pp \rightarrow \Lambda + X$ $N \sim 10^{11}$
- $pp \rightarrow p + X$ $N \sim 10^{13}$
- $pp \rightarrow pK\Lambda$ $N \sim 10^{10}$

Baryon polarimeter



Determining proton polarization via elastic scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi d\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\sigma_0}{d\cos\theta} [1 + \underline{P_y A_N(\theta)} \cos\phi]$$

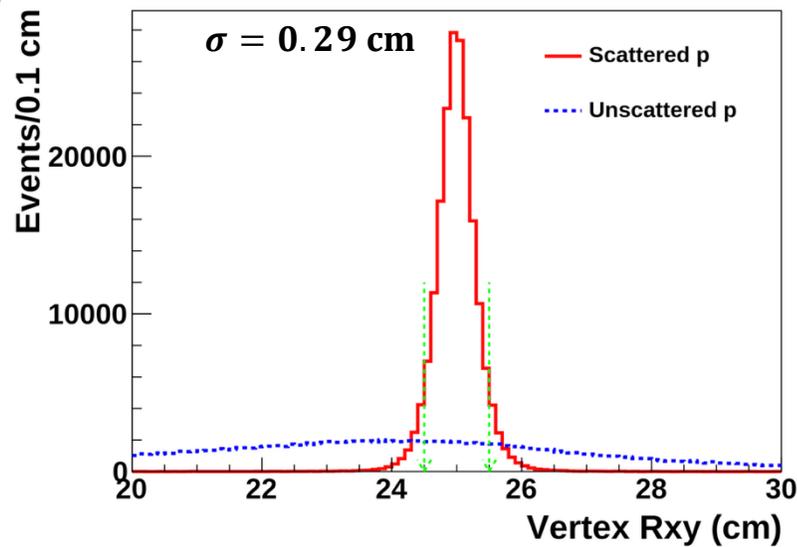
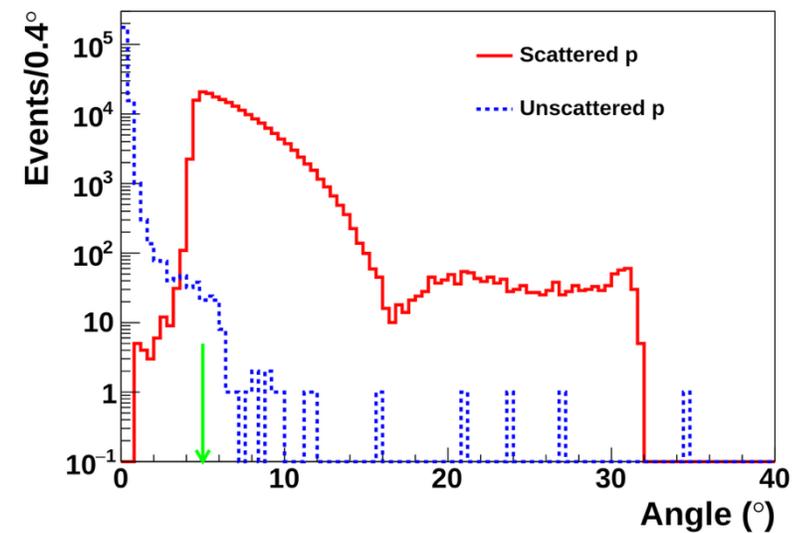
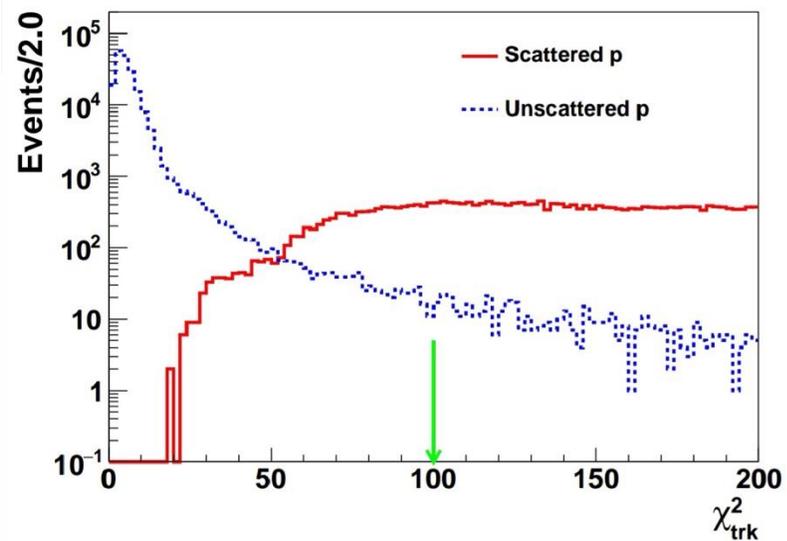
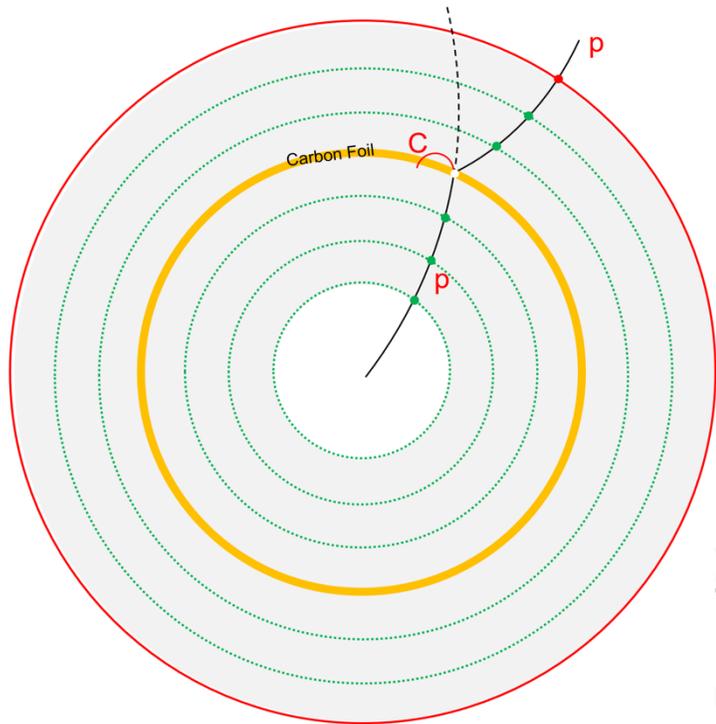


➤ Carbon Foil layer

- ~1 mm thickness
- Material budget: **<1% X/X₀**
- Probability: pC (**1E-3**)

➤ Position : in-between the tracking devices

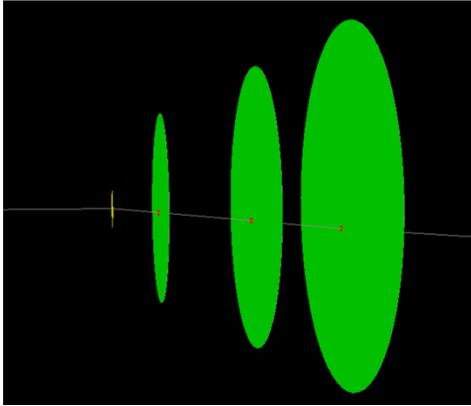
Background from Non-scattering tracks



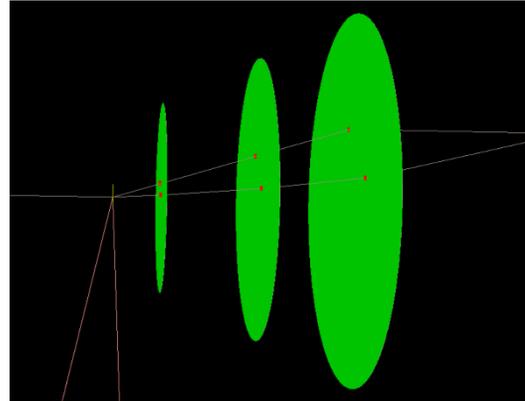
- ✓ Reconstruction effi: > 70%
- ✓ Bkg. contimination: < 1%

Background from inelastic scattering

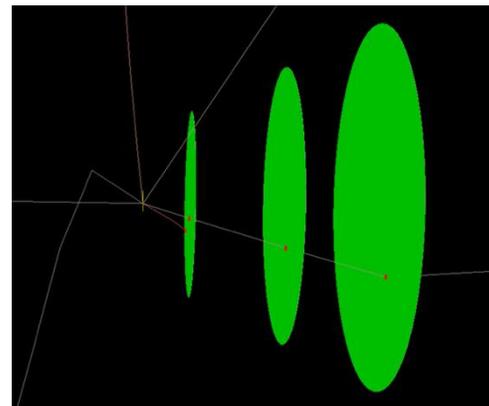
Signal: $p + C \rightarrow p + C$



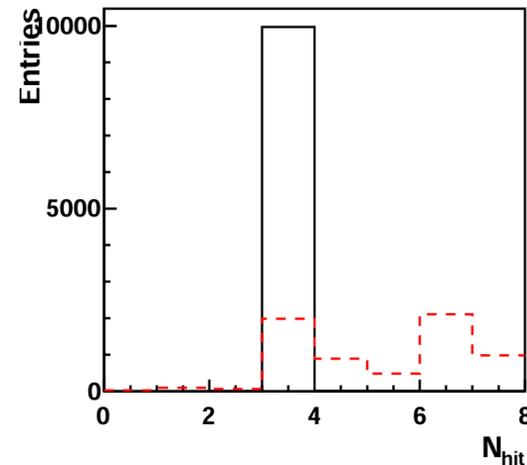
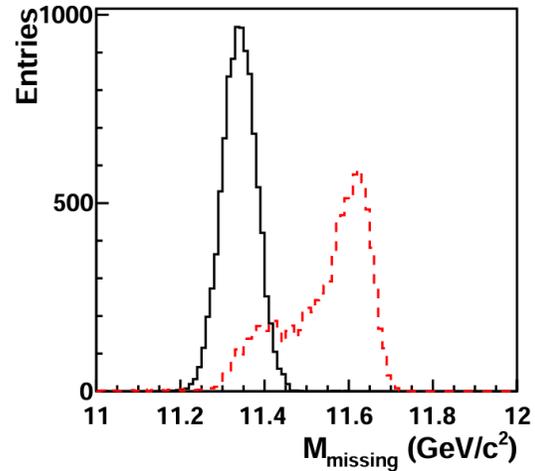
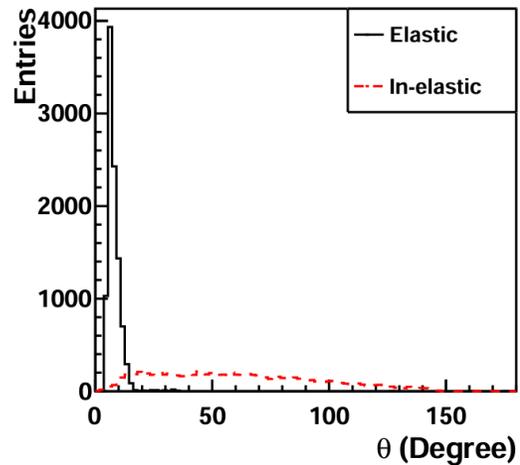
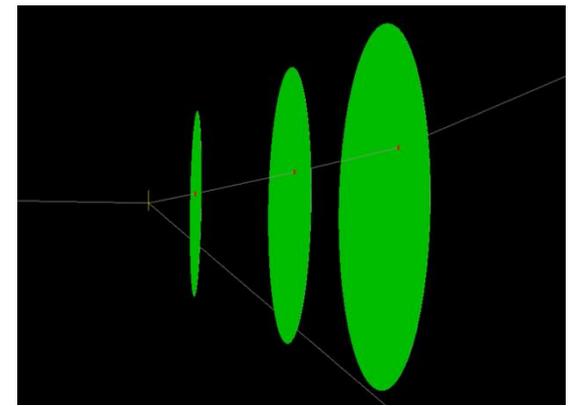
Bkg: $p + C \rightarrow p + p + \dots$



$p + C \rightarrow p + d + \alpha + He^3$



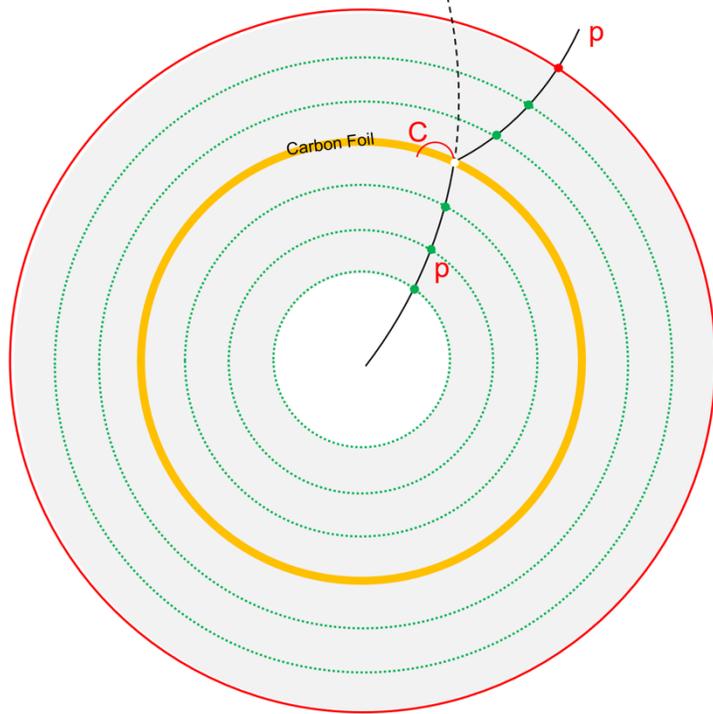
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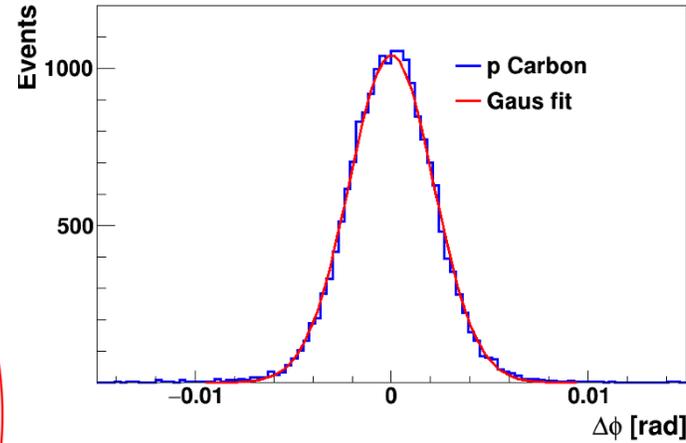
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Background level: 2-5%

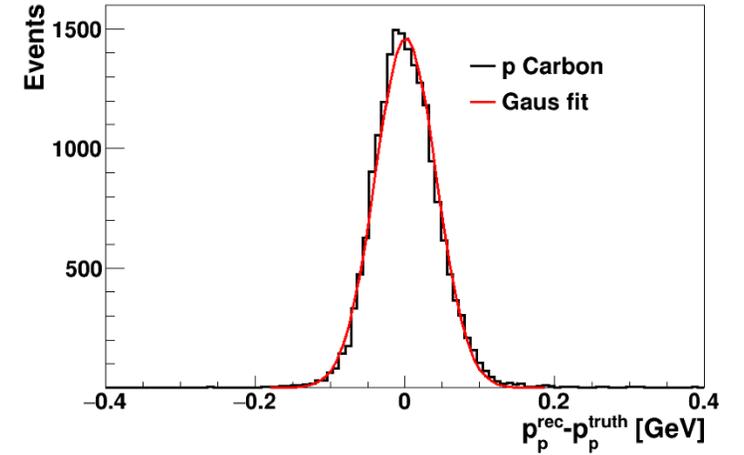
Precision measurement of proton polarization



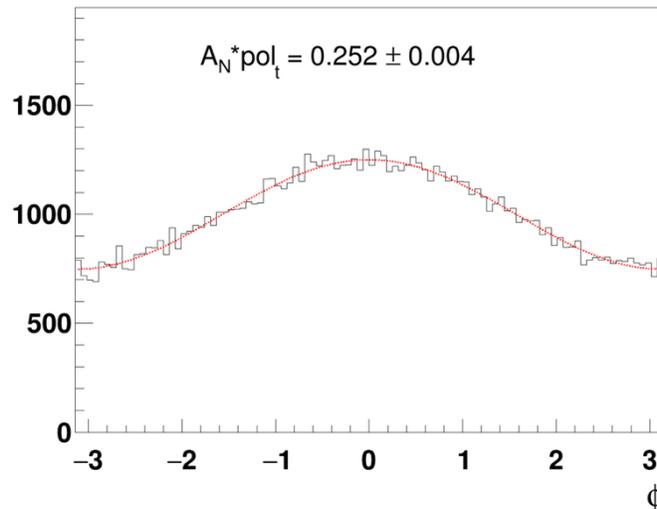
$\sigma = 2.16 \text{ mrad}$



$\sigma = 0.041 \text{ GeV}$



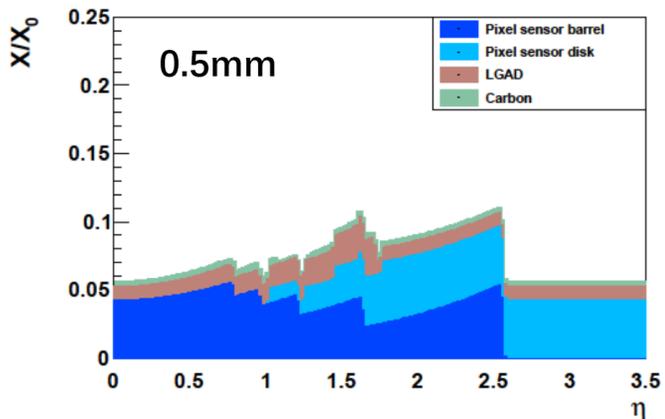
Input: 0.250



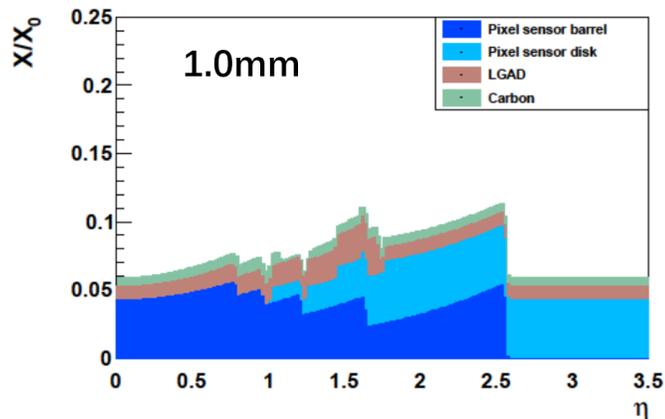
- ✓ Reconstruction effi: > 70%
- Low background contamination!
- High precision measurement!

Material budget of carbon layer

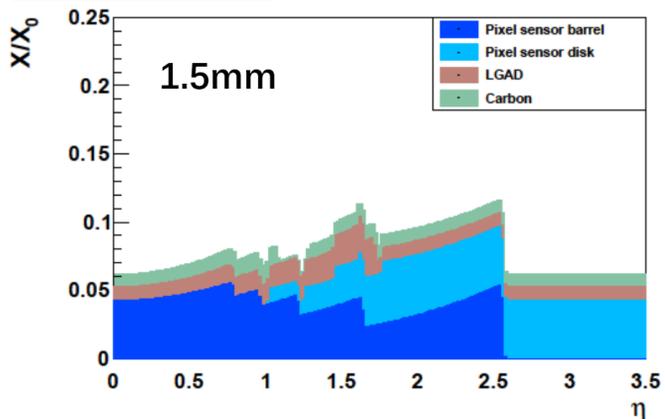
(a) Radiation length vs η



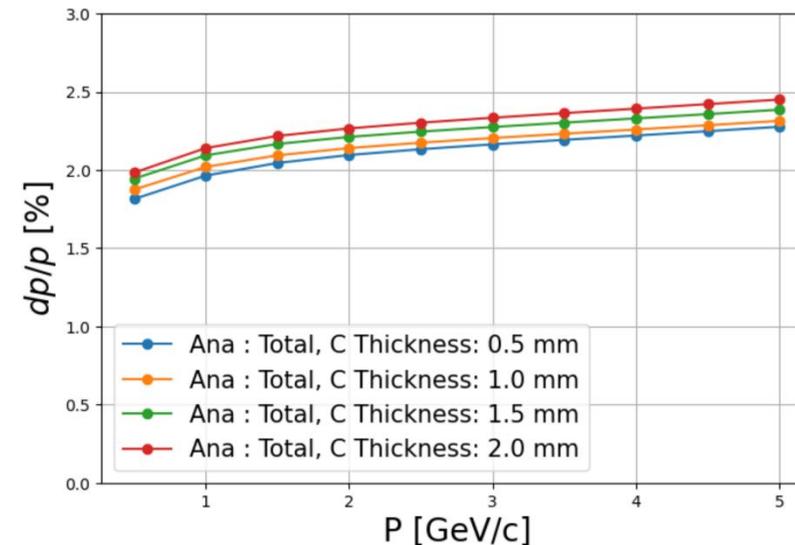
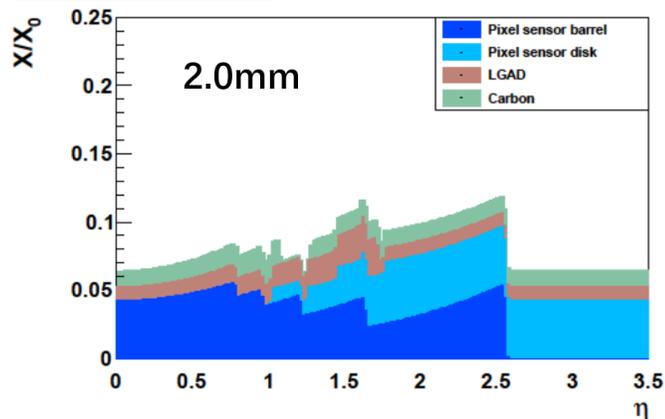
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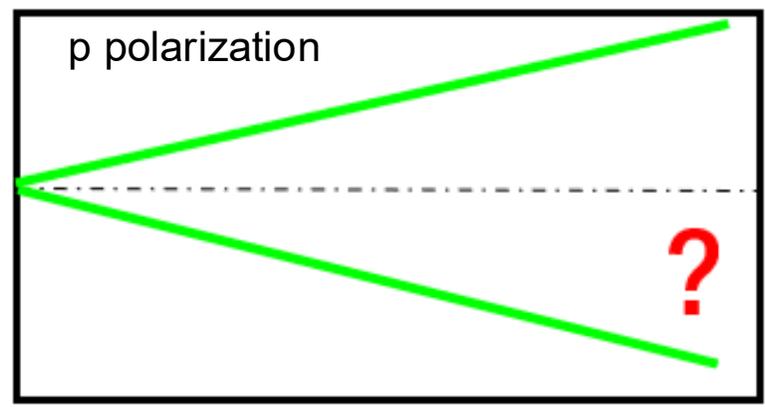
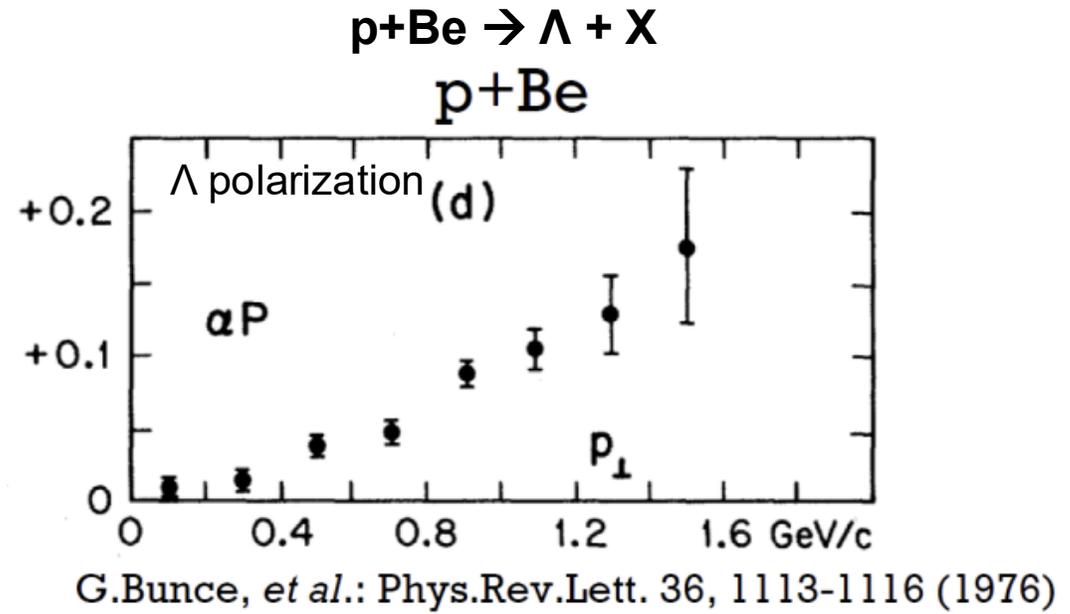
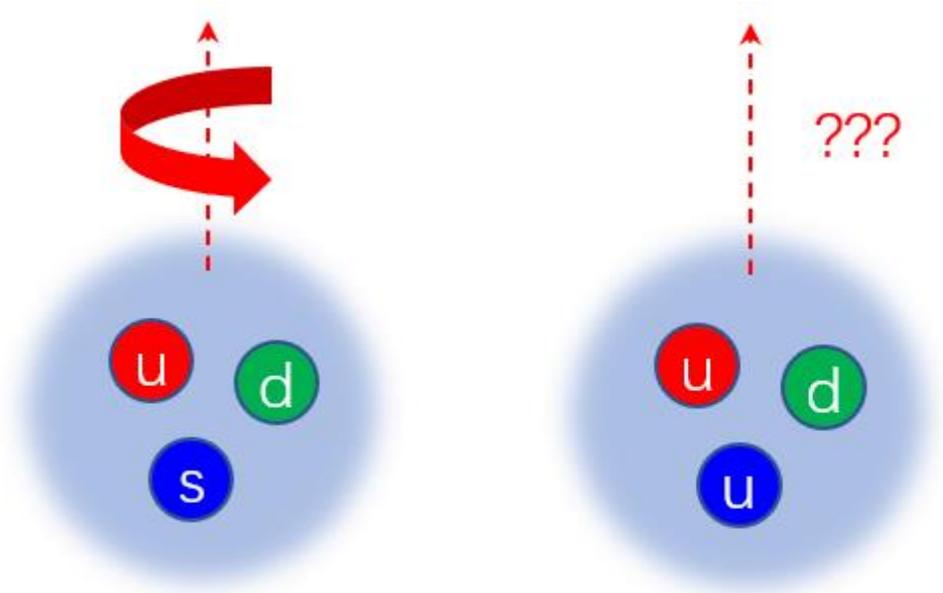
(a) Radiation length vs η



➤ Tiny influence on the conventional performance

Baryon spin structure -- inclusive production of p/ Λ

$$pp \rightarrow p/\Lambda + X$$



Uncertainty projection of the polarization measurement



$\sigma_{\text{stat.}} < 0.05$ for p 100 bins

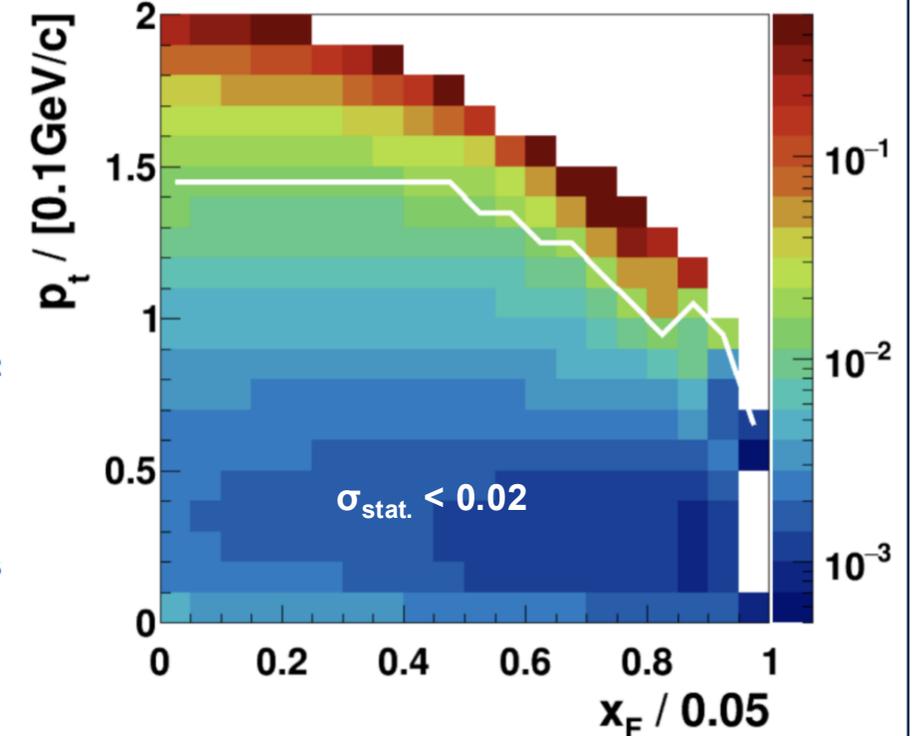
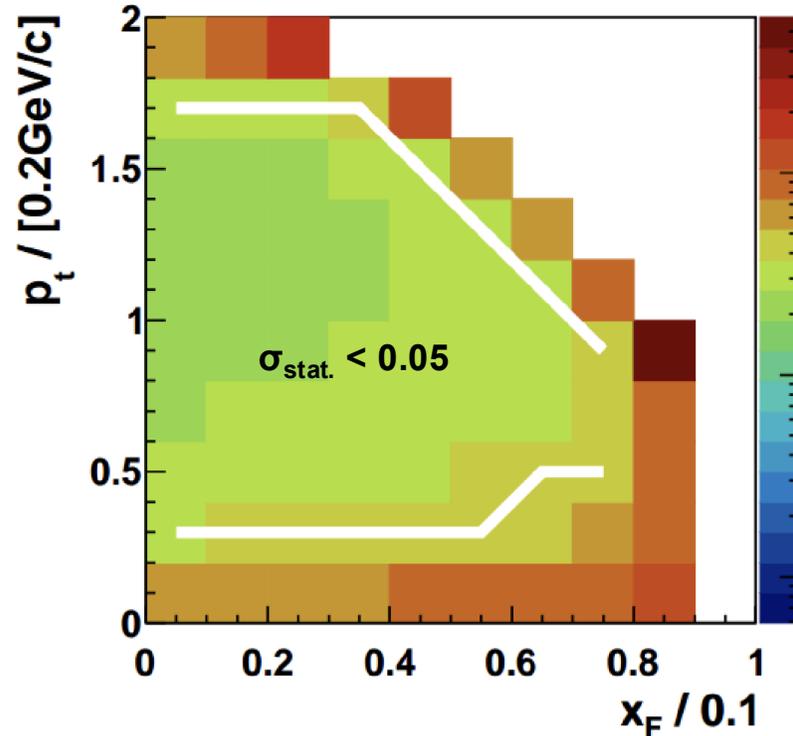
$\sigma_{\text{stat.}} < 0.02$ for p 400 bins

Exclusive measurement

Inclusive measurement

Uncertainty of proton polarization

Uncertainty of proton polarization



H-NS

Reaction: p+p

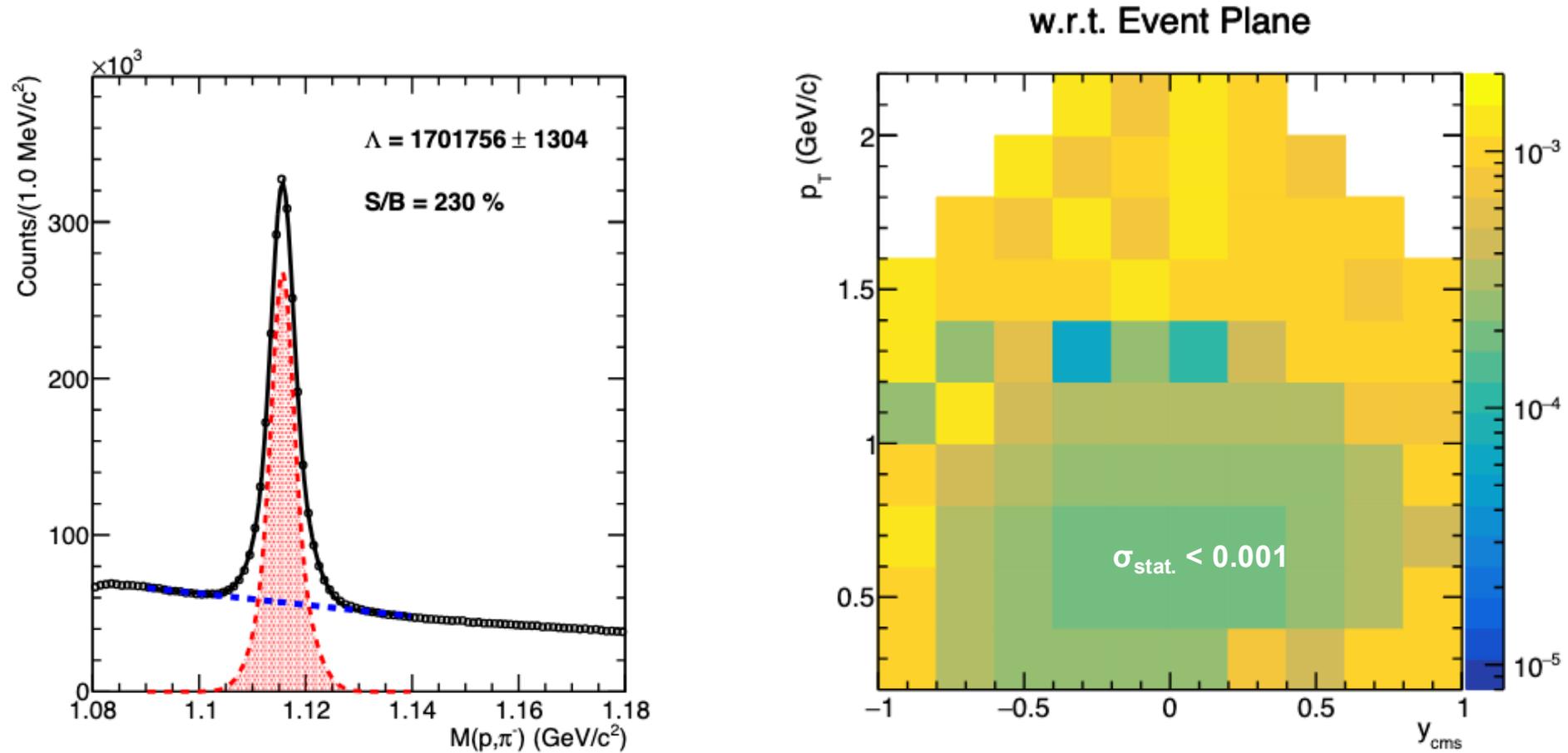
Event rate: 1MHz

Time: 3 months

- $pp \rightarrow \Lambda + X$ $N \sim 10^{11}$
- $pp \rightarrow p + X$ $N \sim 10^{13}$
- $pp \rightarrow pK\Lambda$ $N \sim 10^{10}$

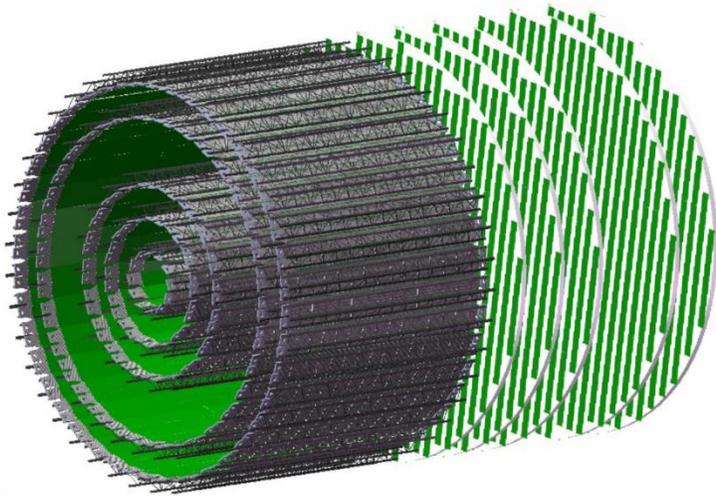
Uncertainty projection of the Global polarization in A-A

Au+Au events at beam kinetic energy of 2.8 GeV/u

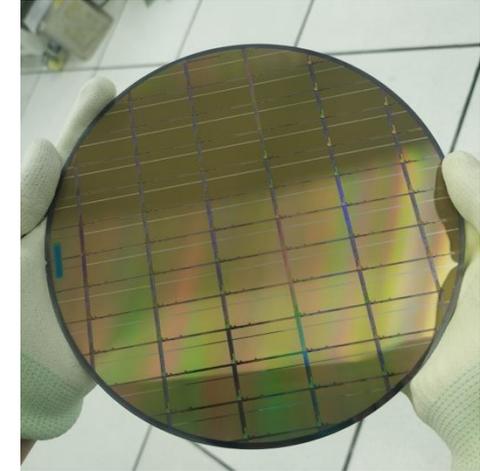
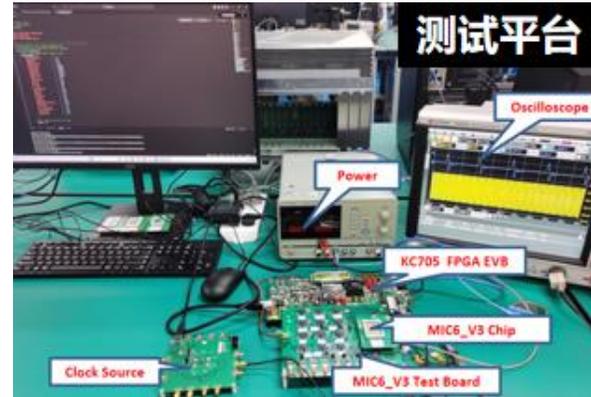


2D uncertainty of Λ polarization using 10^{11} Au+Au events, few weeks data taking

Silicon tracker at H-NS



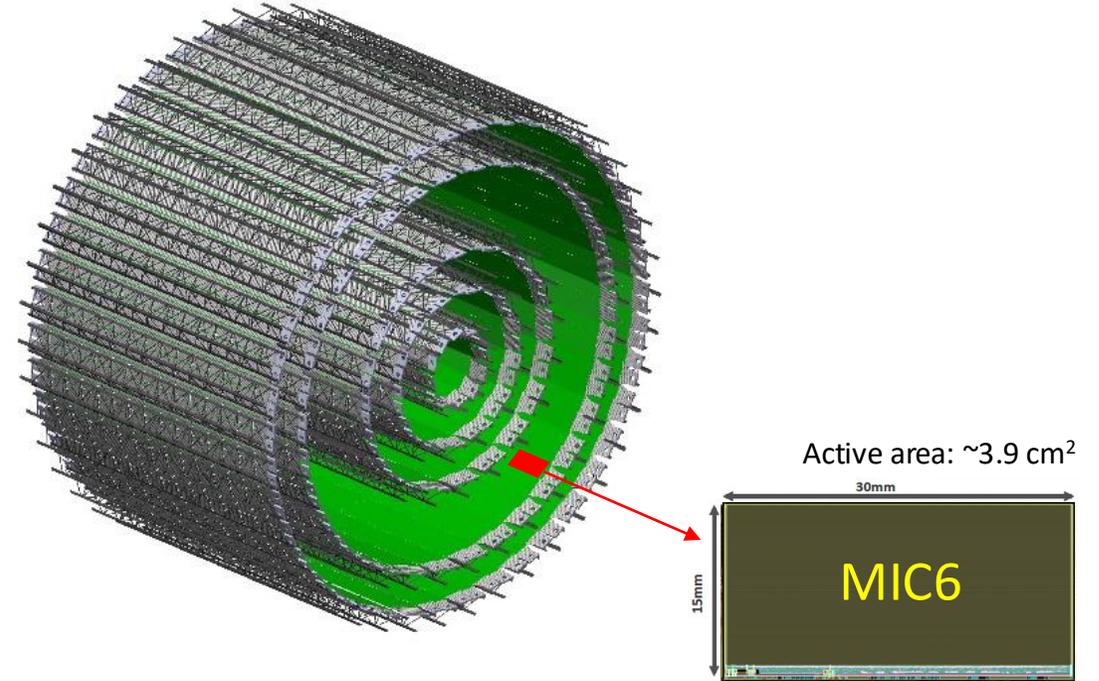
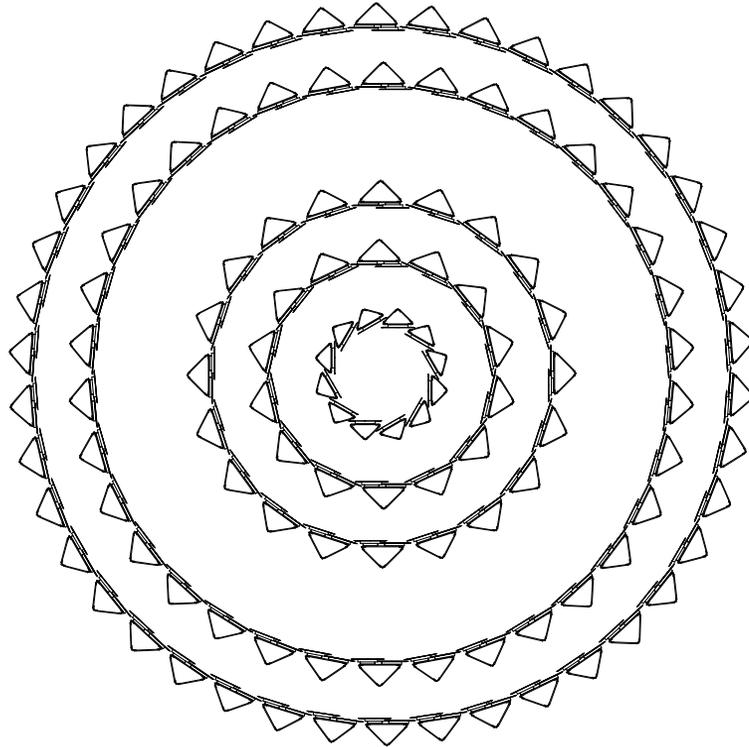
MIC6 development at CCNU



- **MIC6 MAPS pixel chip:** development and manufacture with the domestic process
- **Readout electronics** (ITS2 based design) **and DAQ** (ALICE CRU/FELIX protocol, GBTx, ...)
- **Detector assembly and integration:**
 - **Vertex detector:** Stave module design (spatial resolution: $\sim 5 \mu m$ with pixel size $30 \mu m$, total material $< 0.35\%X/X_0$ per layer)
 - **Forward tracker:** Ladder module aligned to disc super-module (spatial resolution: $\sim 5 \mu m$ with pixel size $30 \mu m$, total material $< 0.45\%X/X_0$ per layer)

Conceptual design of HNS silicon pixel detector

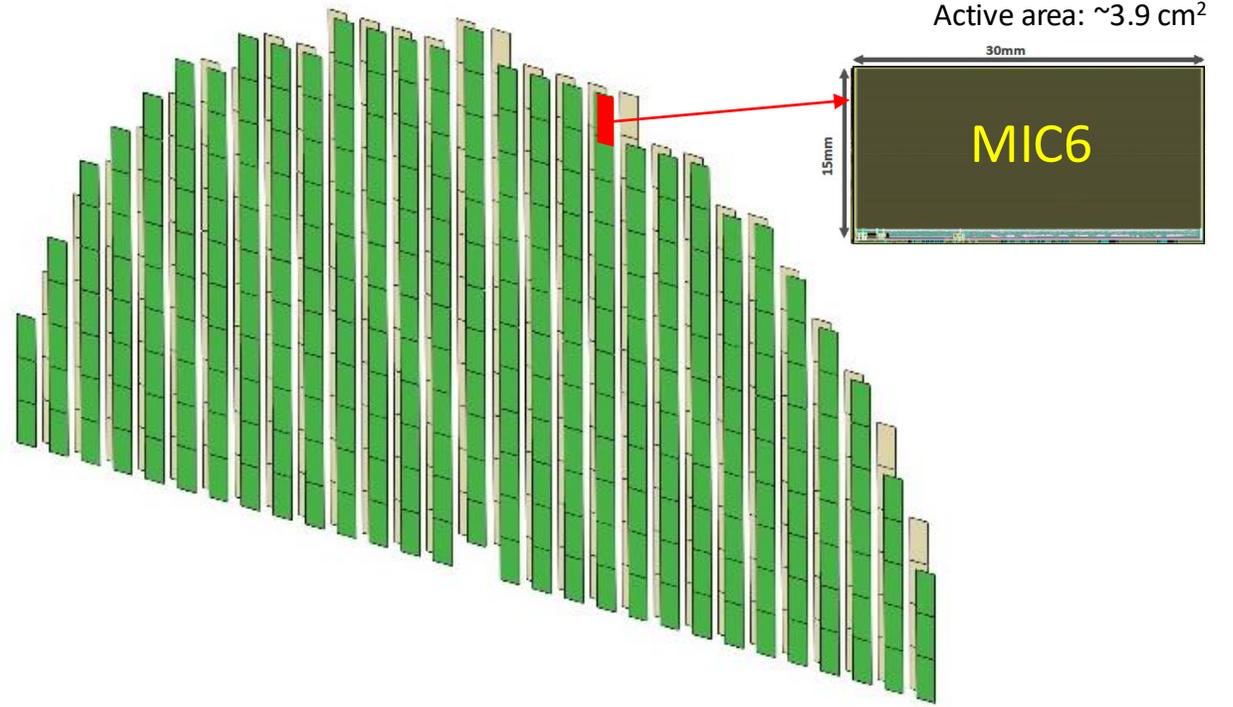
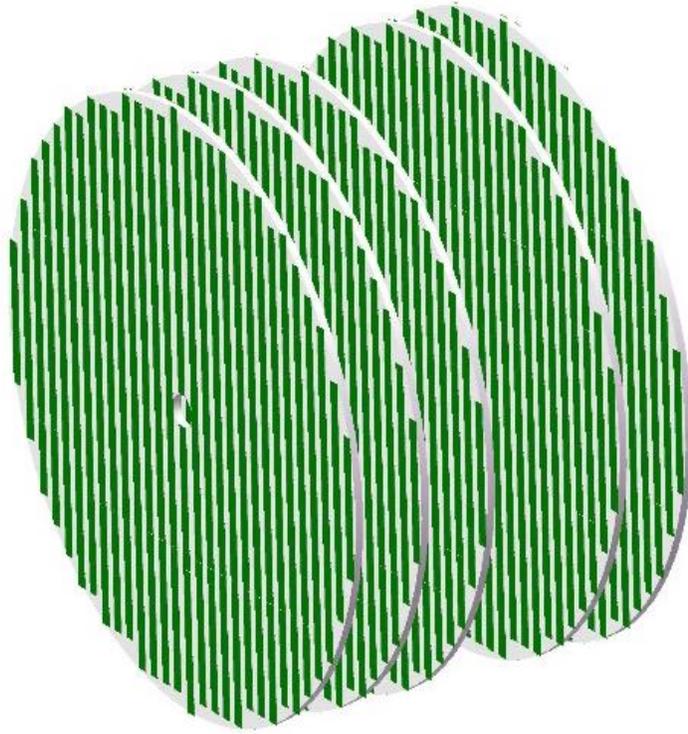
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Layer No.	No. of MIC6 chips	MIC6 dimensions (mm ²)	Nr. Of Staves	Stave overlap in $r\phi$ (mm)	Active area (cm ²)
L0	336	15×30	12	2.35	1310.4
L1	784		14	3.37	3057.6
L2	1120		20	3.37	4368.0
L3	1904		34	3.37	7425.6
L4	2352		42	3.37	9172.8

Conceptual design of HNS silicon pixel detector

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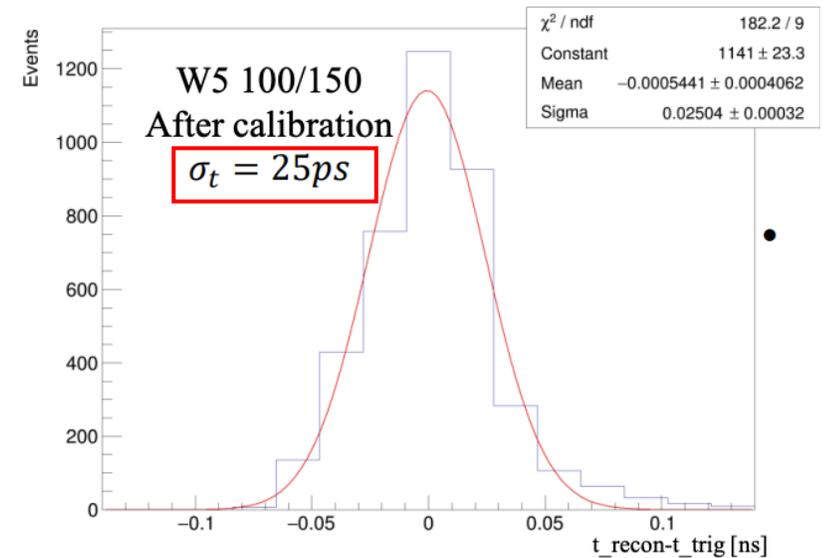
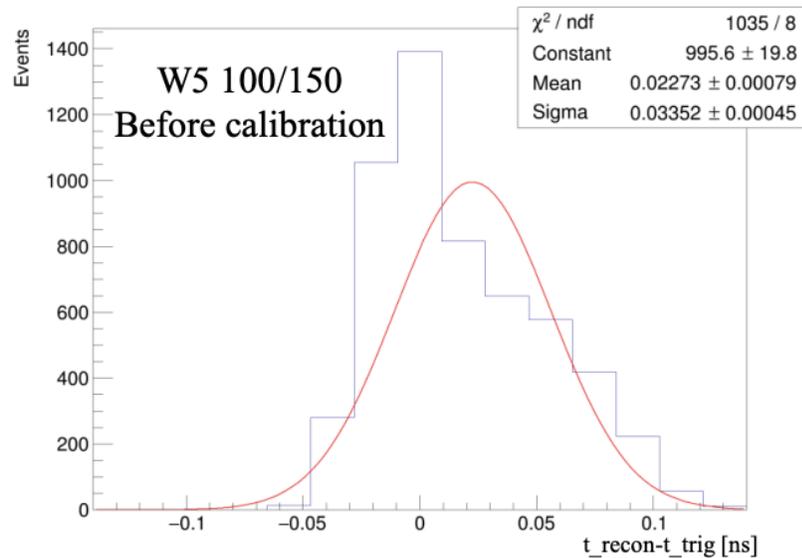
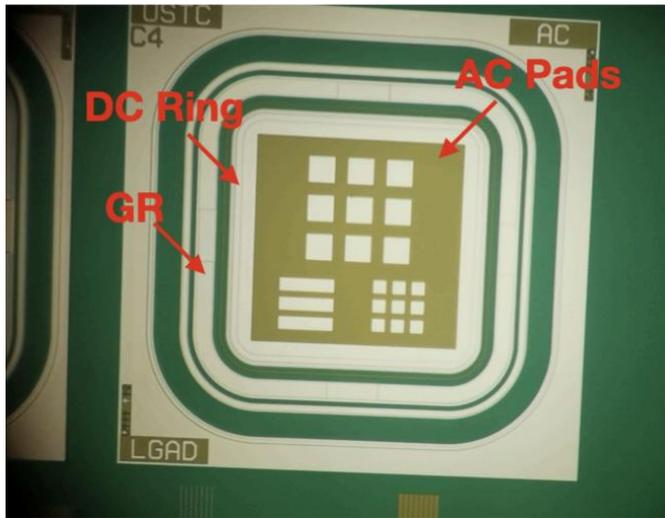


Layer No.	No. of MIC6 chips	MIC6 dimensions (mm ²)	Nr. of ladders	ladder overlap (mm)	Active area (cm ²)
D0	1028	15×30	114	2.0	4009.2
D1	1028		114	2.0	4009.2
D2	1028		114	2.0	4009.2
D3	1028		114	2.0	4009.2
D4	1028		114	2.0	4009.2

AC-LGAD at H-NS

Recent development at USTC:

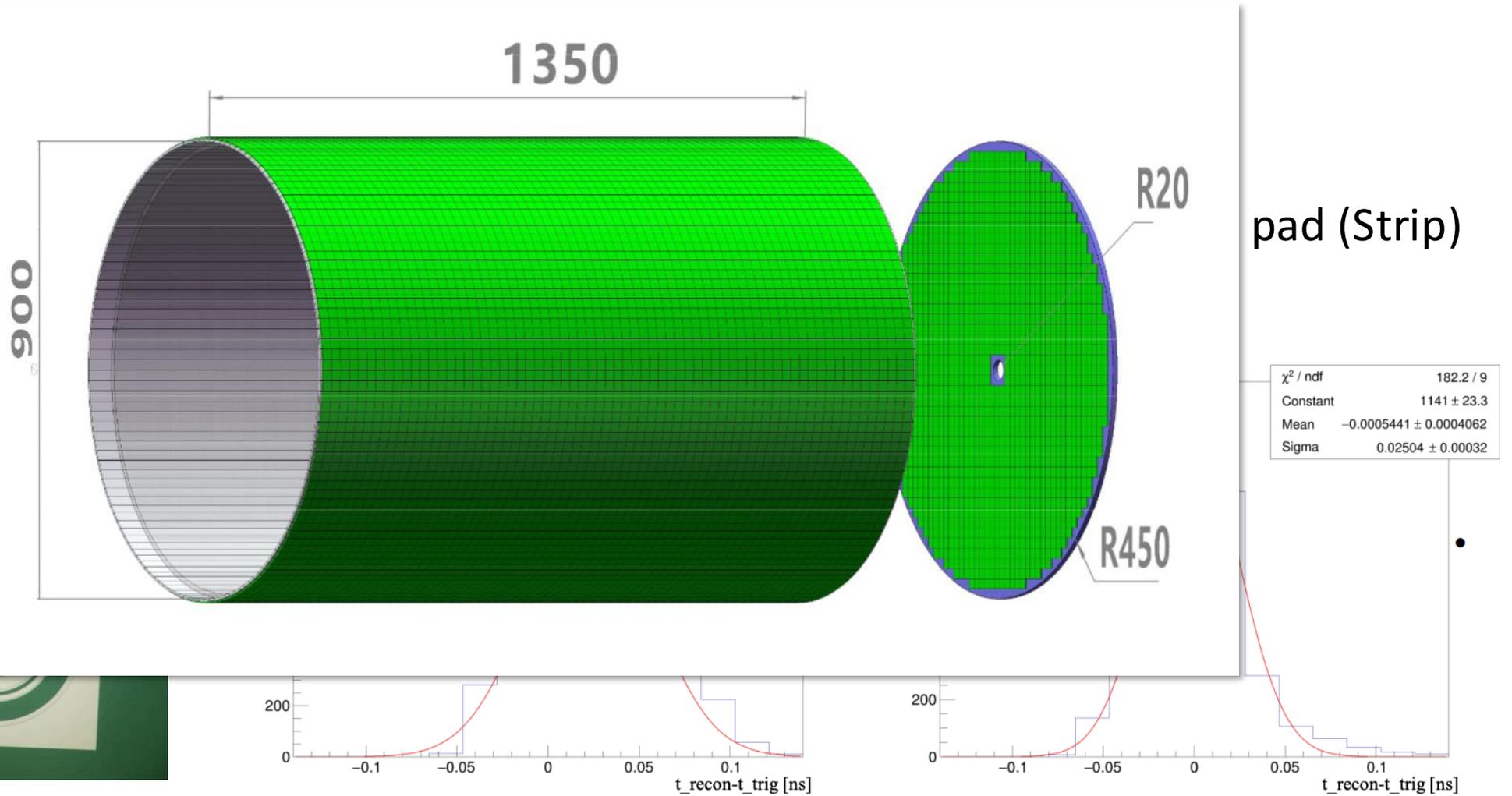
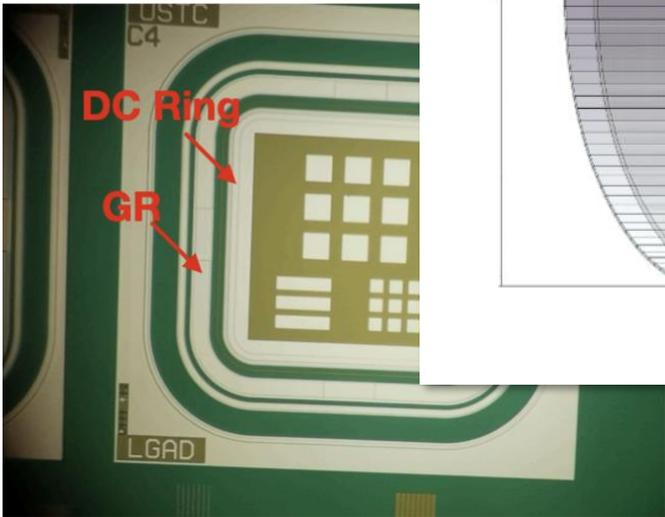
- Two wafers with different n+ dose: W5 high n+ dose and W6 low n+ dose.
- Sensor size : 1300×1300×50 μm .
- Sensor with different pad-pitch size: Large pad size/pitch: 100/150 μm , Small pad (Strip) size/pitch: 50/75 μm .



AC-LGAD at H-NS

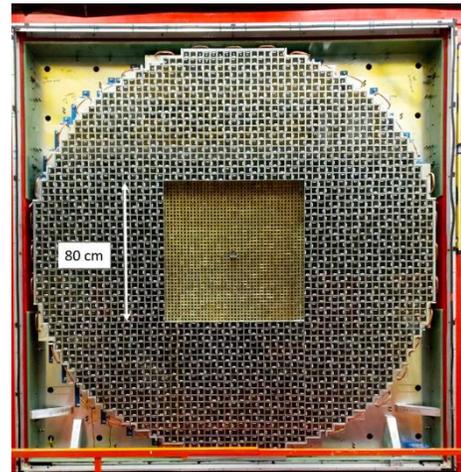
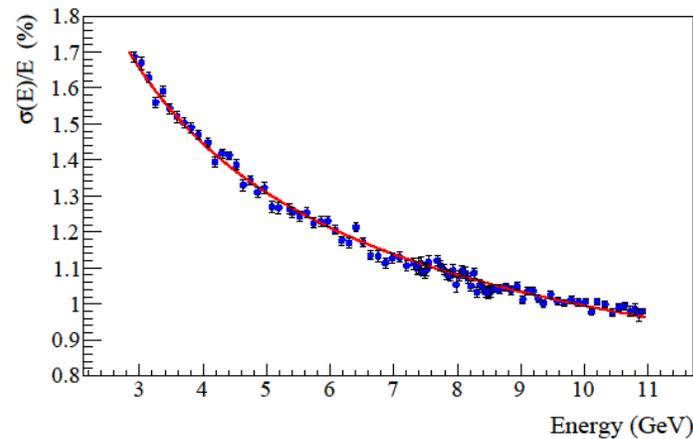
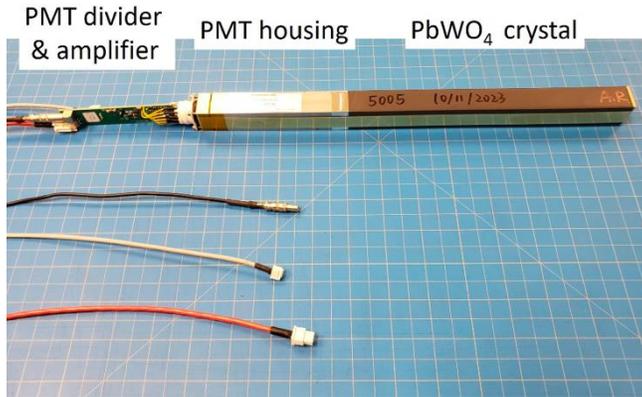
Recent developments

- Two wafers with
- Sensor size : 1
- Sensor with di
- size/pitch: 50/

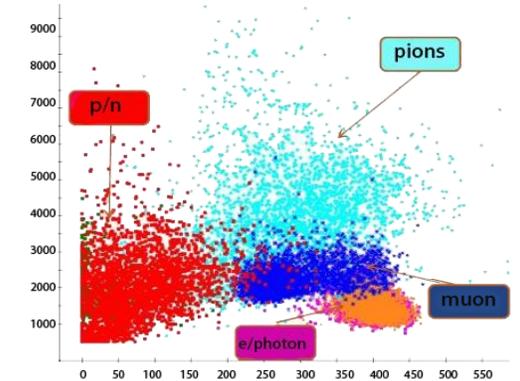
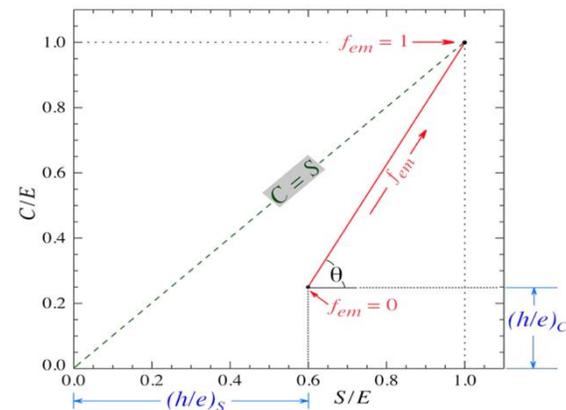
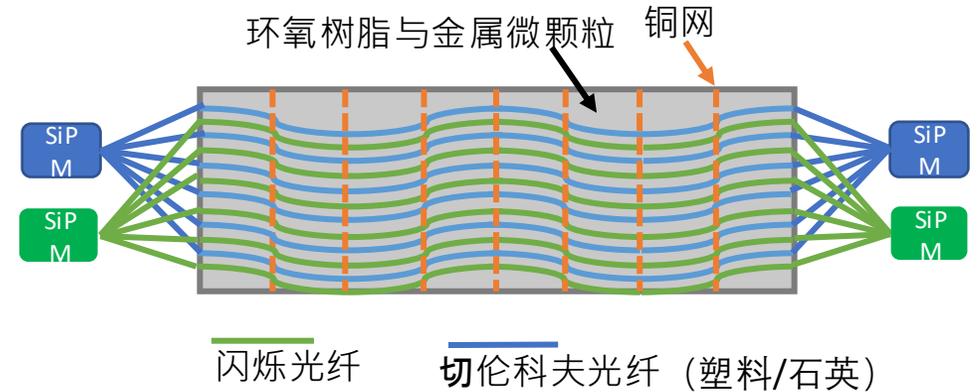


End cap energy meter design

- **PbWO₄ crystal:** compact size, good energy resolution



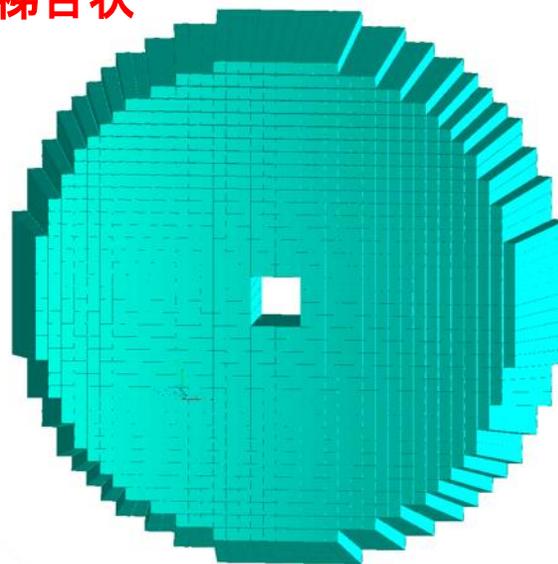
- **Dual-Read out:** better hadron shower resolution, PID capability



End cap energy meter design

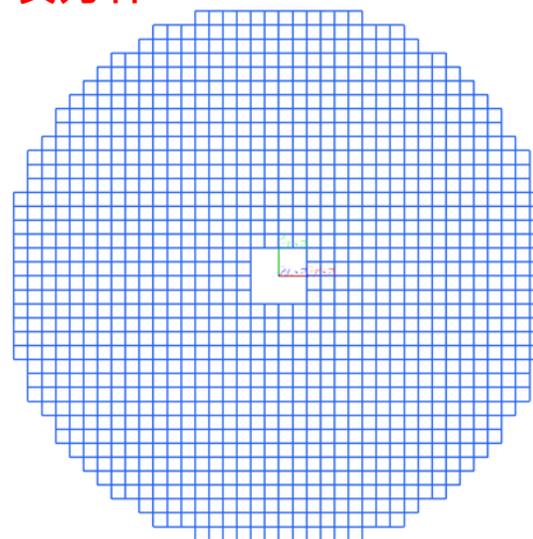
- Σ^+ and Σ^0 generation process
 γ/π^0 detection, etc
- The expected number of modules is 1225
- Analog detector setup:
- Front end size: $2.05 \times 2.05 \text{ cm}^2$
- The length is 18cm
- The detector is located at $\sim 140 \text{ cm}$
- Beam hole radius is 5 cm, outer diameter is 45 cm (maximum angle 18 degrees)
- Two different design arrangements are simulated

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半径 [cm]	PbWO4数量
40	1152
43	1324
45	1436
50	1764

长方体

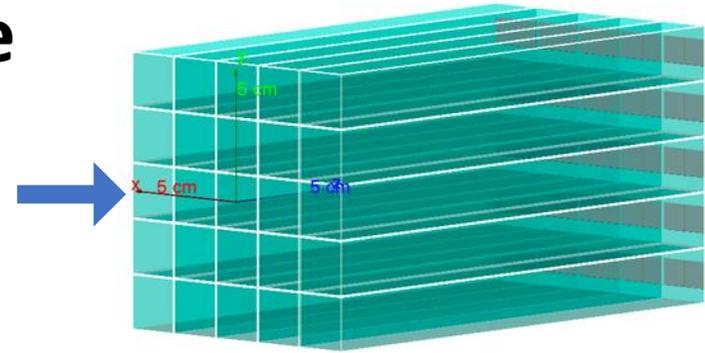


40 cm 设计

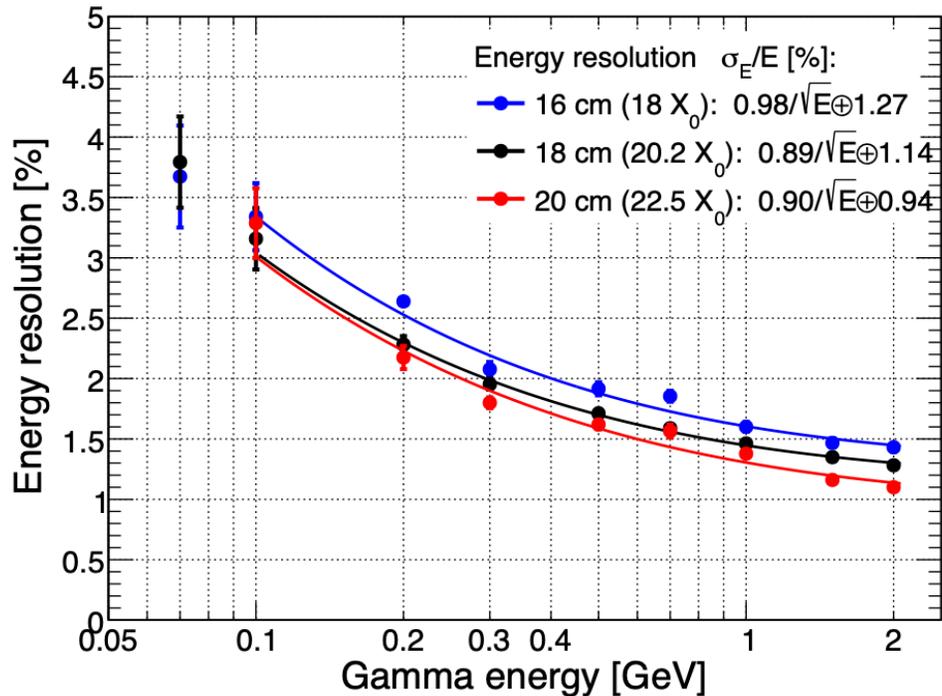
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43	1340
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50	1852

The effect of PWO length on performance

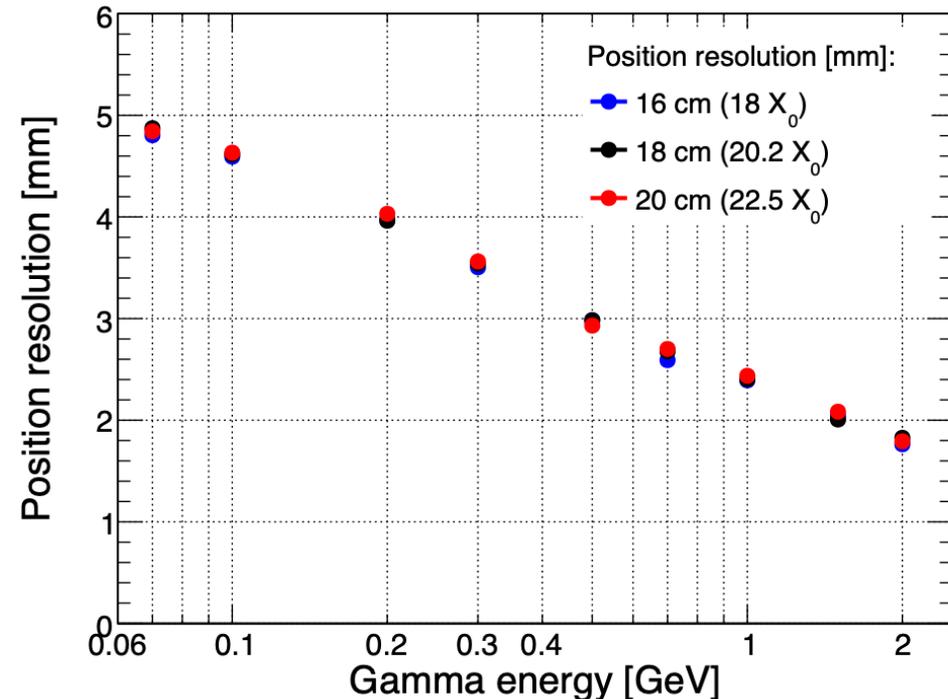
- A 5x5 array simulation is used, and the simulation only considers energy deposition
- At present, the irradiation length of detectors using PWO crystals is generally about 20cm (=22.5 X_0 , $X_0=0.89$ cm), and the length can be optimized to reduce the cost.



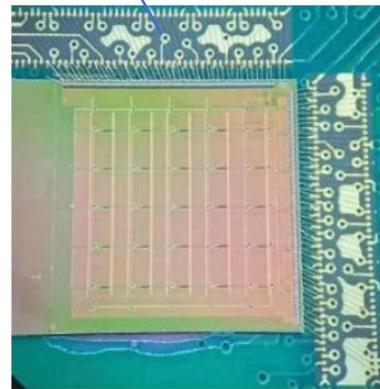
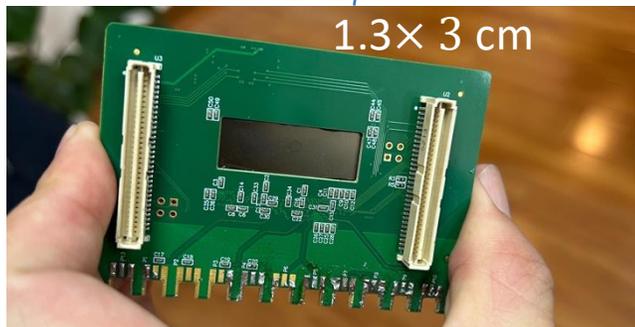
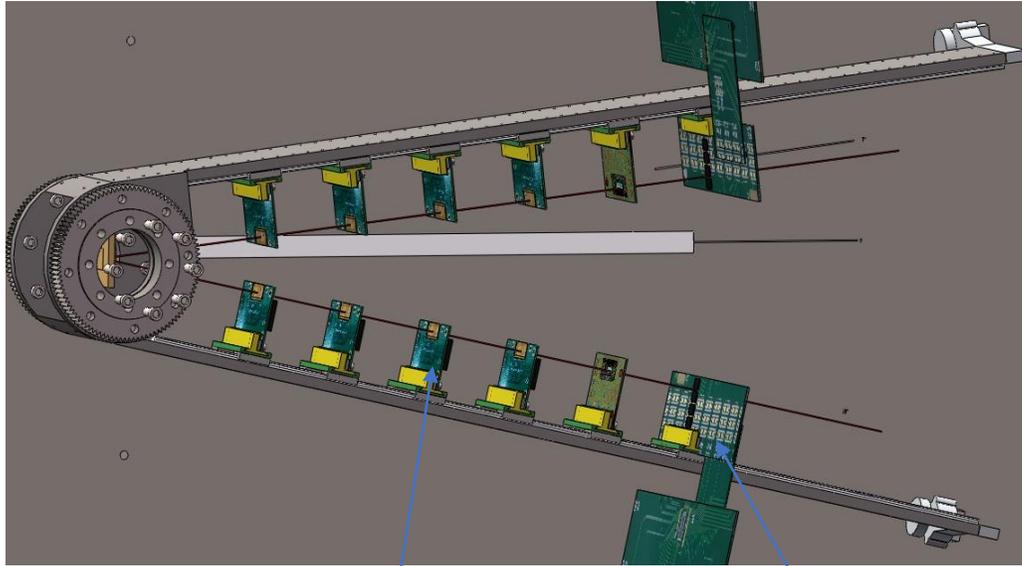
Energy resolution



Position resolution



The mechanical design of *HNSØ*



The mechanical design of **HNSØ**

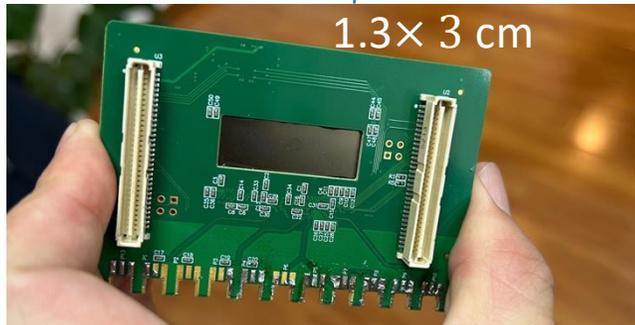
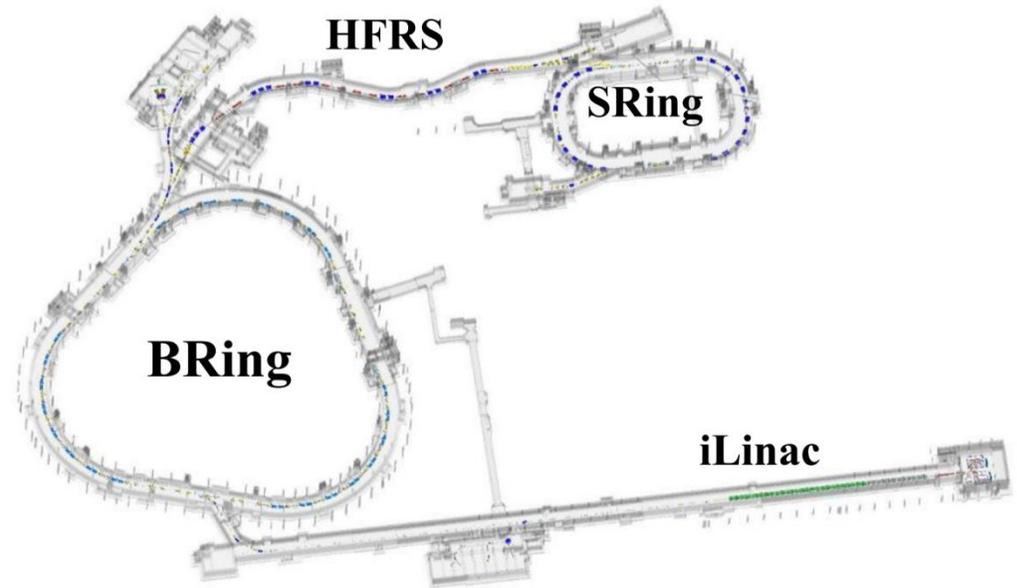
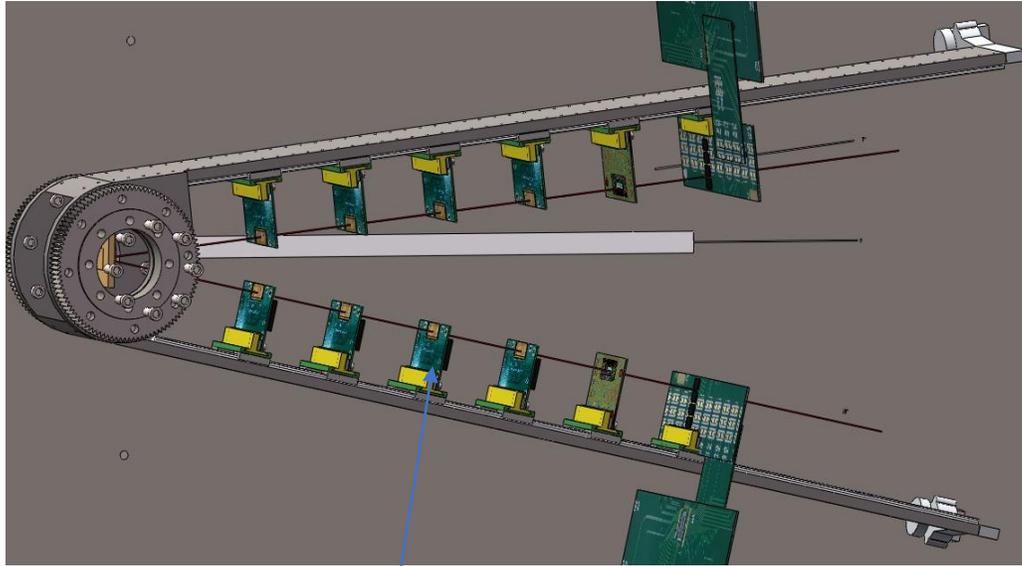
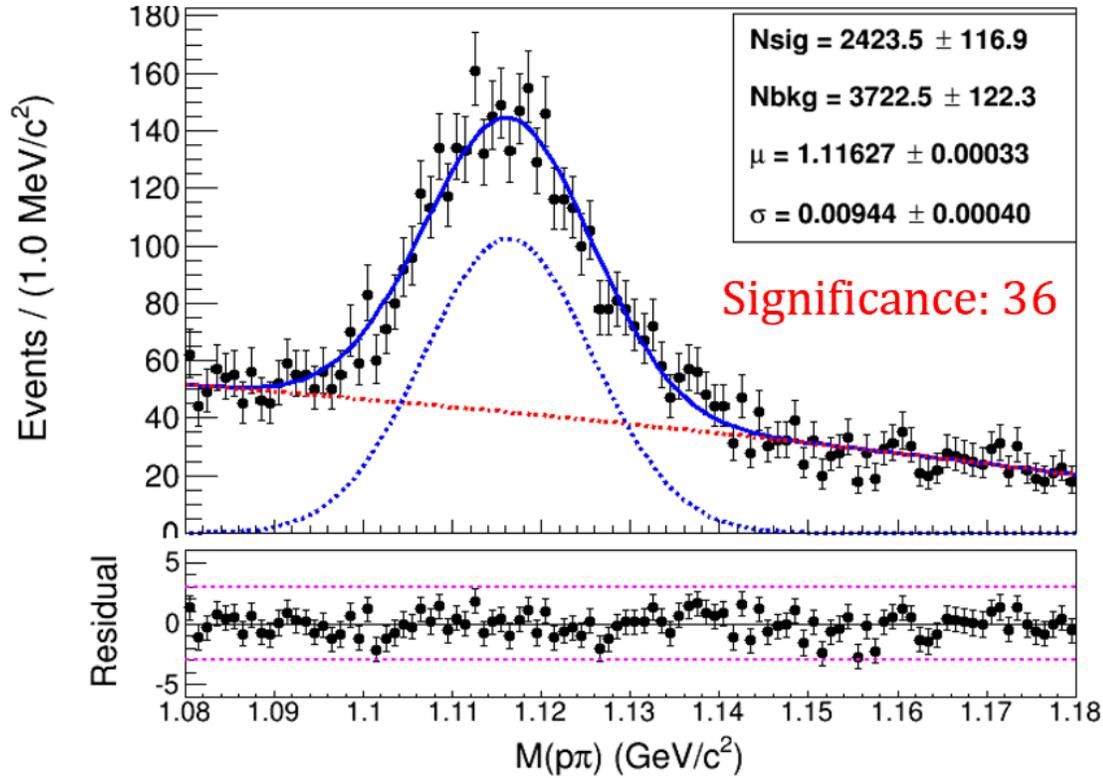


表 1-3·HIAF 验收束流指标

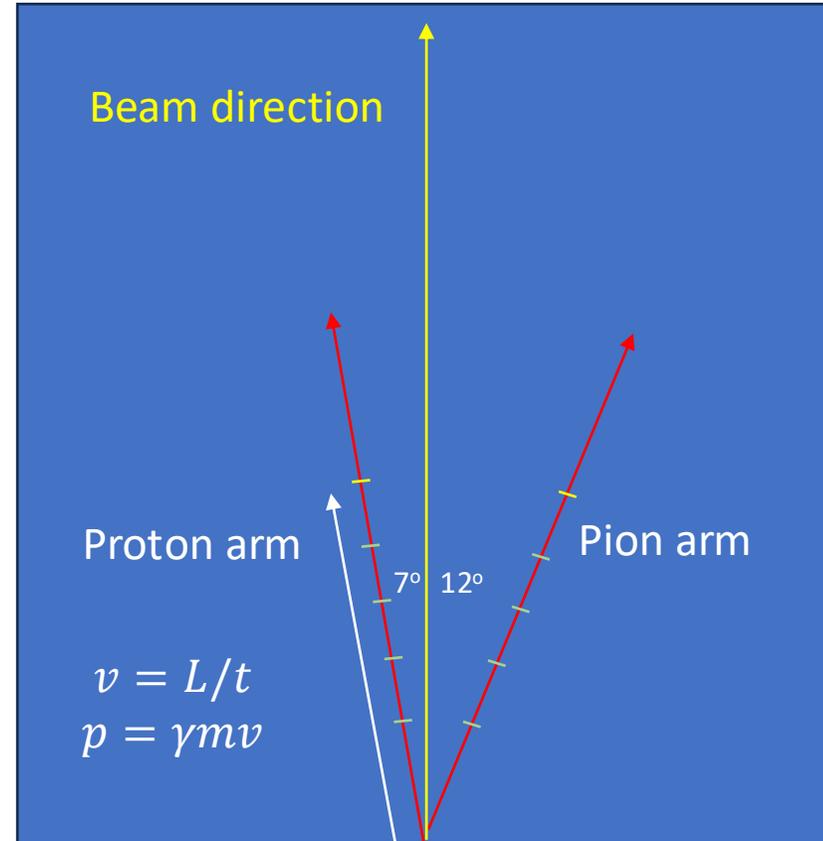
离子		最高能量(GeV/u)	脉冲流强(ppp)
非金属 $^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$ 或 $^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$ 任选一	$^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$	2.6	1.0×10^{10}
	$^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$	1.7	7.5×10^9
金属 $^{209}\text{Bi}^{31+}$ 或 $^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$ 任选一	$^{209}\text{Bi}^{31+}$	0.85	3.0×10^9
	$^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$	0.8	3.0×10^9

Invariant mass of $p\pi$

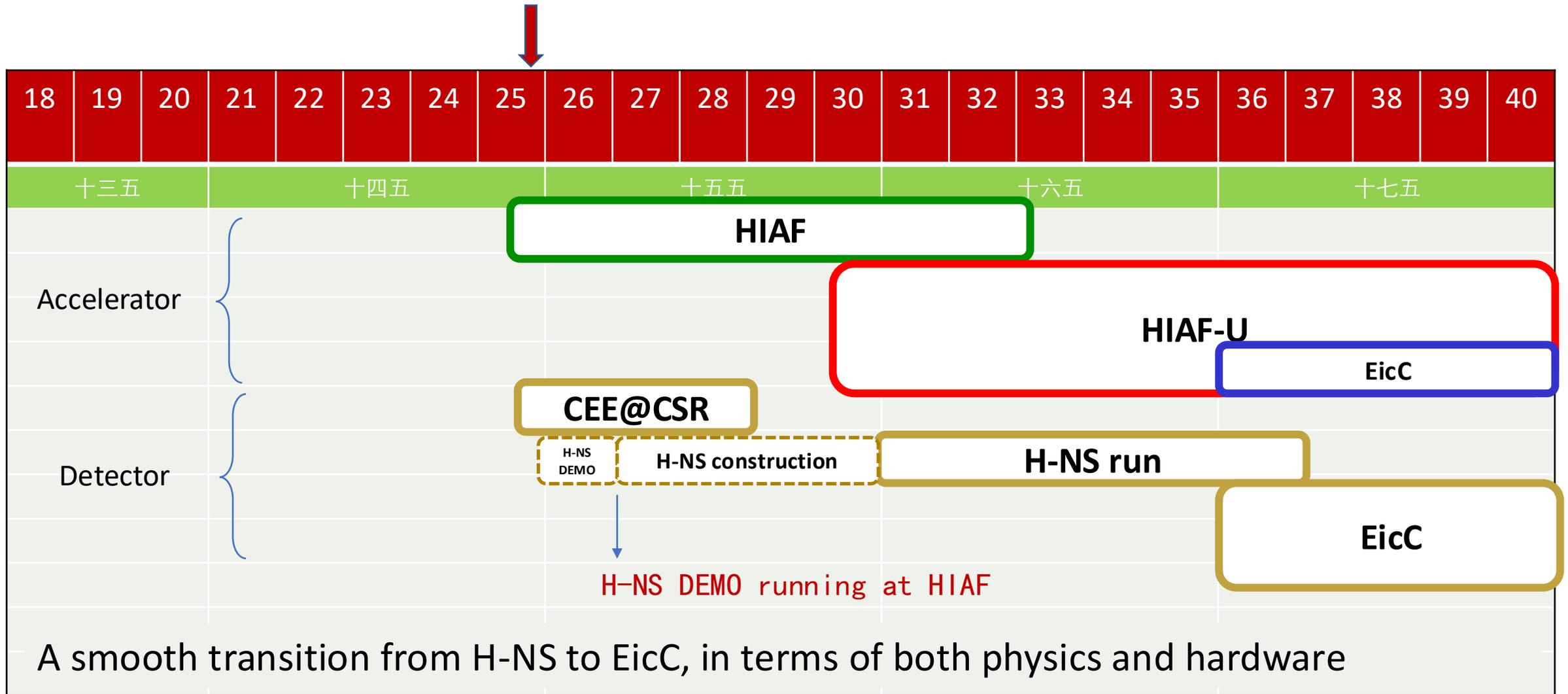
Flight distance **0.5m**



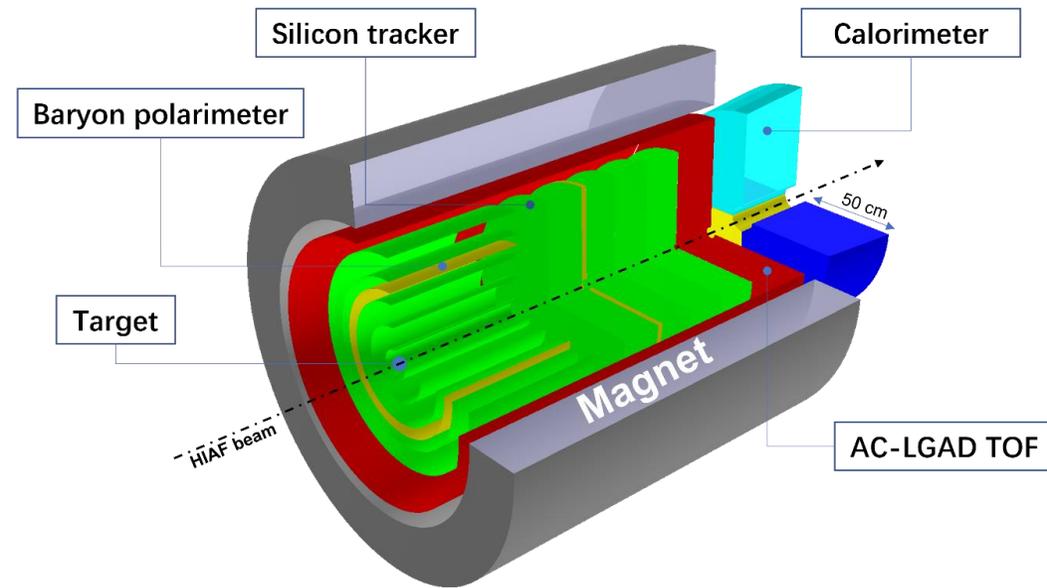
➤ 10000 Lambda in few weeks



Timeline



Summary



Participating Institute: 近代物理研究所、高能物理研究所、清华大学、山东大学、北京航空航天大学、复旦大学、国科大、华中师范大学、华南师范大学、北京师范大学、香港中文大学（深圳）、中科大、中国原子能研究院、中山大学、湖州师范学院、...

Subsystems: Silicon tracker, T0+AC-LGAD, Target, Baryon polarimeter, Calorimeter, Electronics, DAQ, Magnet, Beamline, Mechanics + Engineering

I. Physics:

- Λ production and polarization ($p+p$)
 - ◆ Medium effect ($p+A$)
 - ◆ Global polarization of Λ hyperon ($A+A$)
- Hadron physics via $p+p$

II. Community:

- Supports both communities of hadron structure and heavy-ion physics
- International interests are expected: Japan

III. Detector R&D

- Many parts are similar for CEPC, EicC, H-NS and STCF. Save resources.
- HNS: a detector R&D platform for EicC, $\frac{1}{2}$ EicC

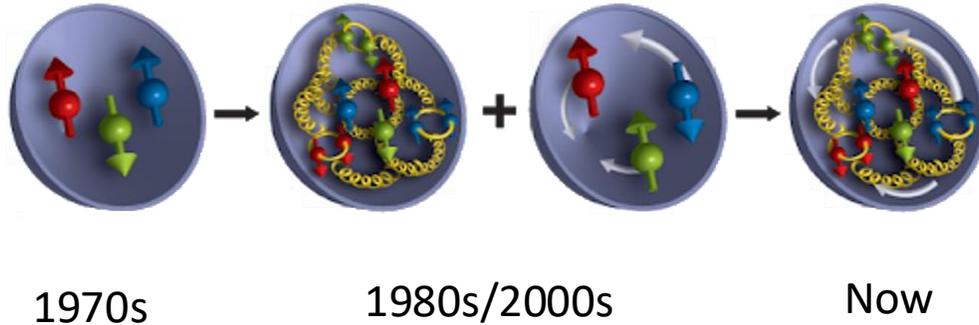
Thank you !



backups

About nucleon spin structure

1988 EMC experiment → “Spin crisis”



Spin decomposition:

$$S_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + \mathcal{L}_q + \mathcal{L}_g$$

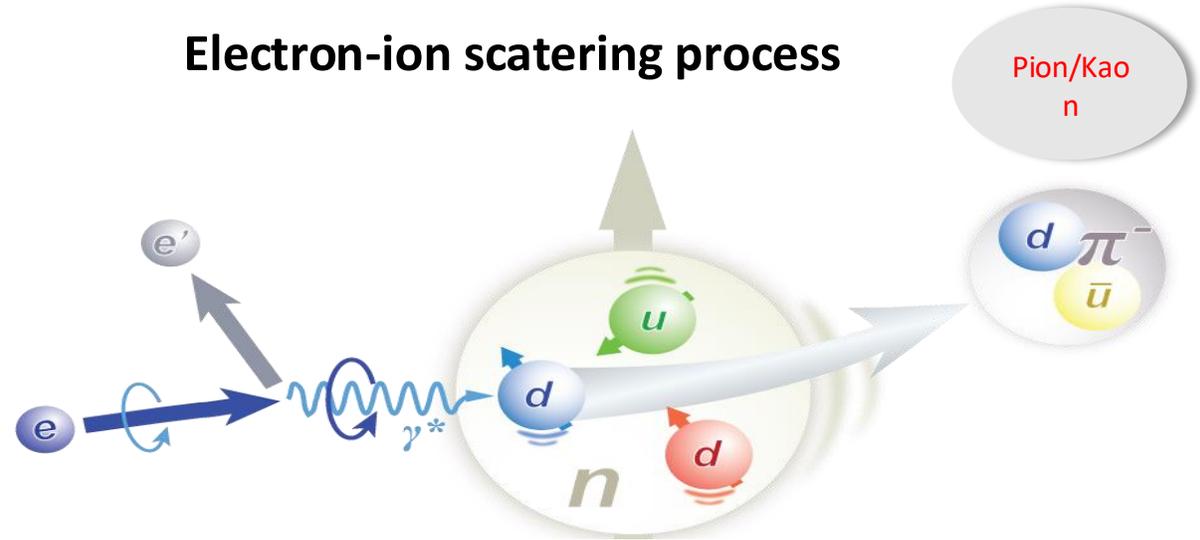
Quark spin

Gluon Spin

Quark OAM

Gluon OAM

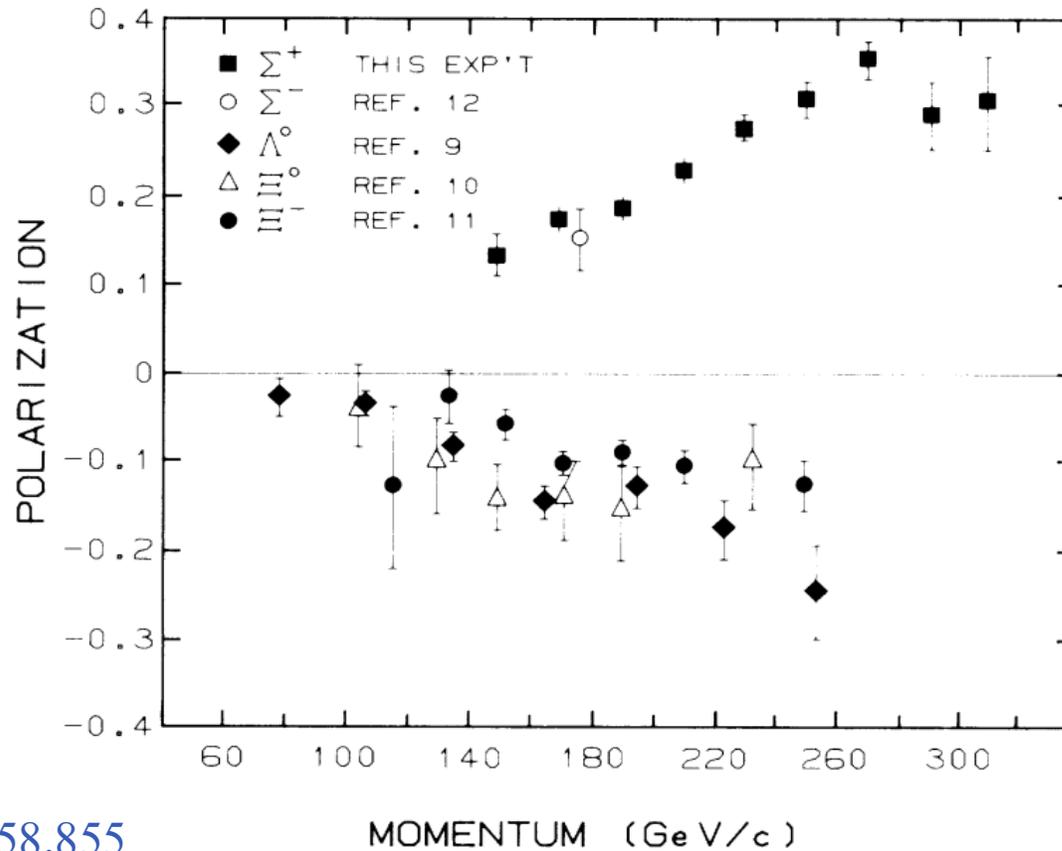
Electron-ion scattering process



➤ We have a framework for the understanding of the spin structure of the nucleon

Polarization of other hyperons

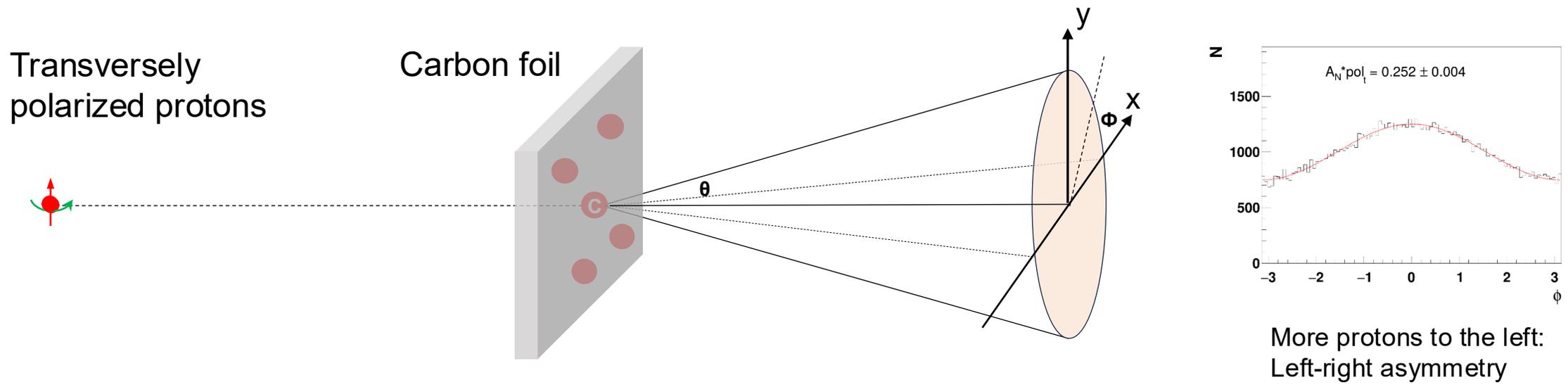
Λ	Σ^+	Σ^0	Σ^-	Ξ^0	Ξ^-
P_s	$\frac{4P_u - P_s}{3}$	$\frac{2(P_u + P_d) - P_s}{3}$	$\frac{4P_d - P_s}{3}$	$\frac{4P_s - P_u}{3}$	$\frac{4P_s - P_d}{3}$



Principle of proton polarimeter

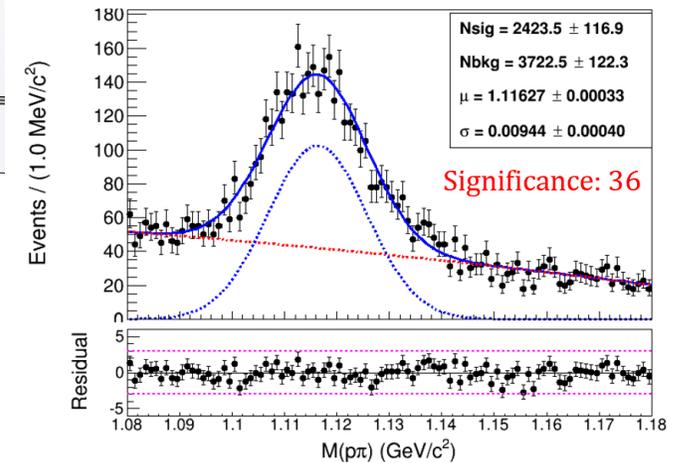
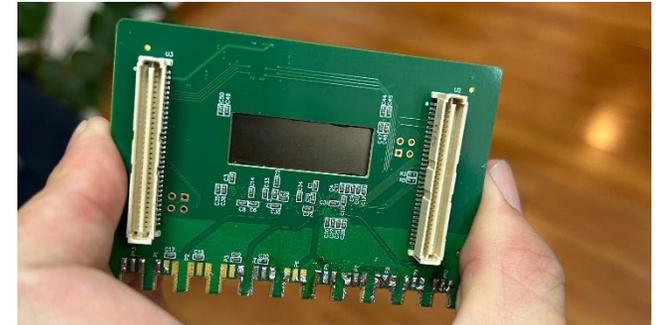
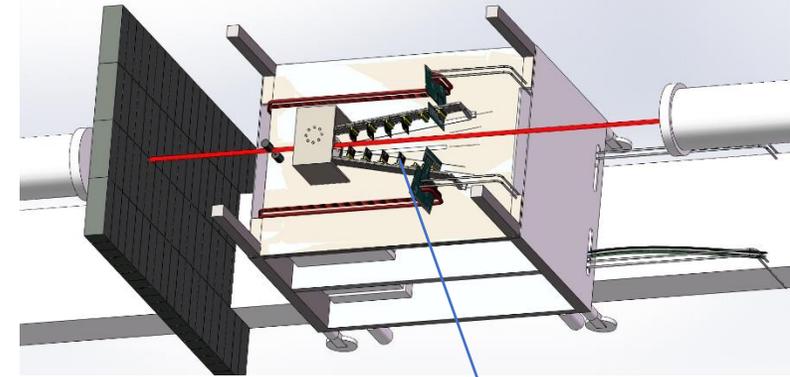
Relation between the **spin-dependent cross-section** of p + p/C scattering and the **asymmetries**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi d \cos \theta} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\sigma_0}{d \cos \theta} [1 + P_y A_N(\theta) \cos \phi]$$



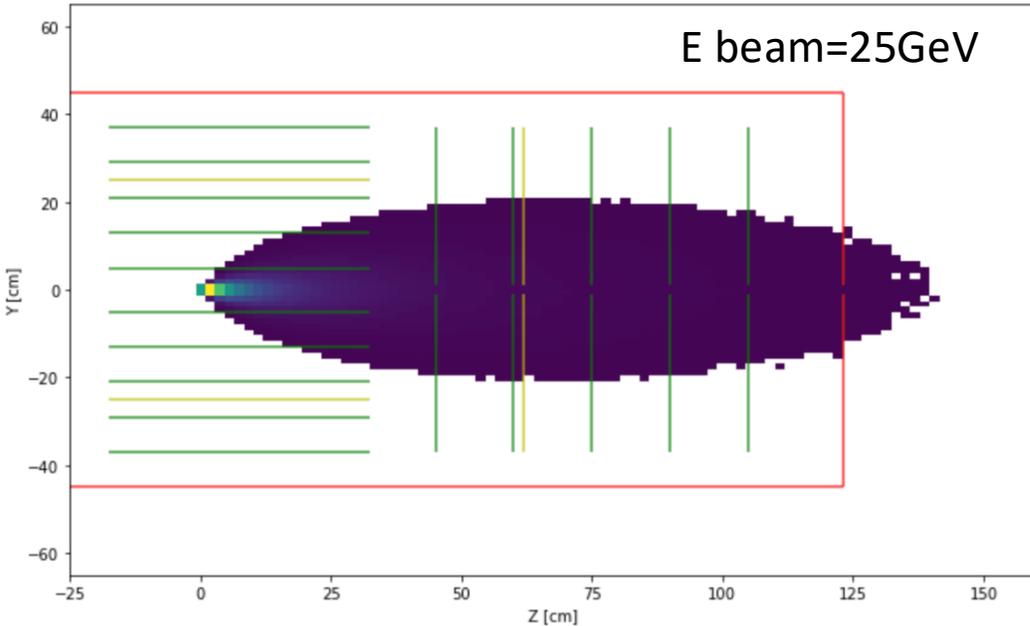
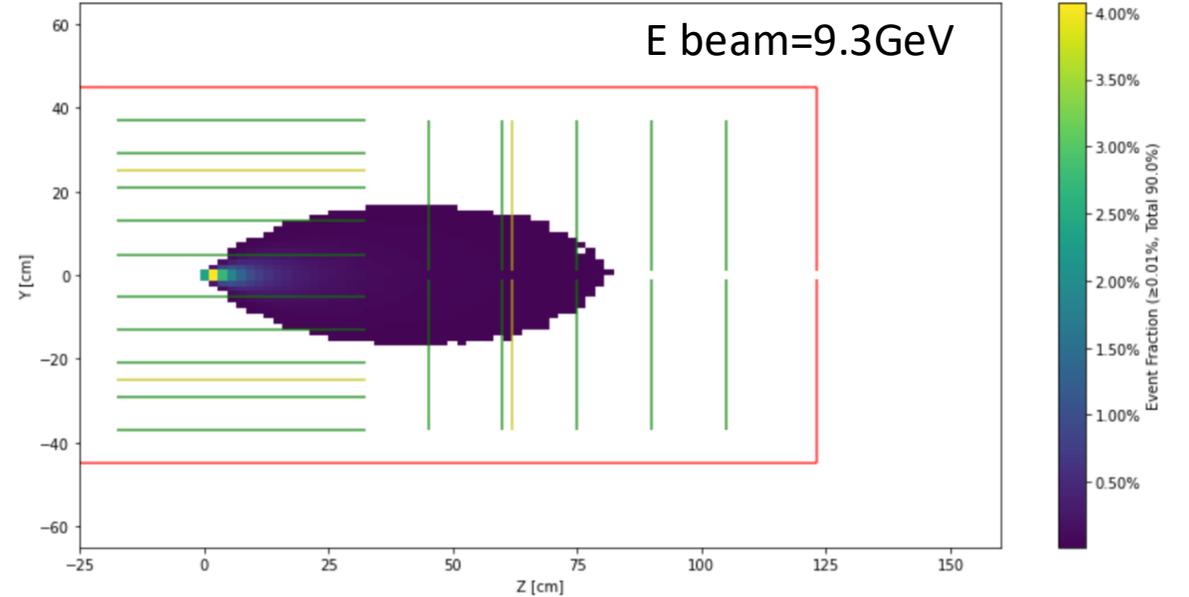
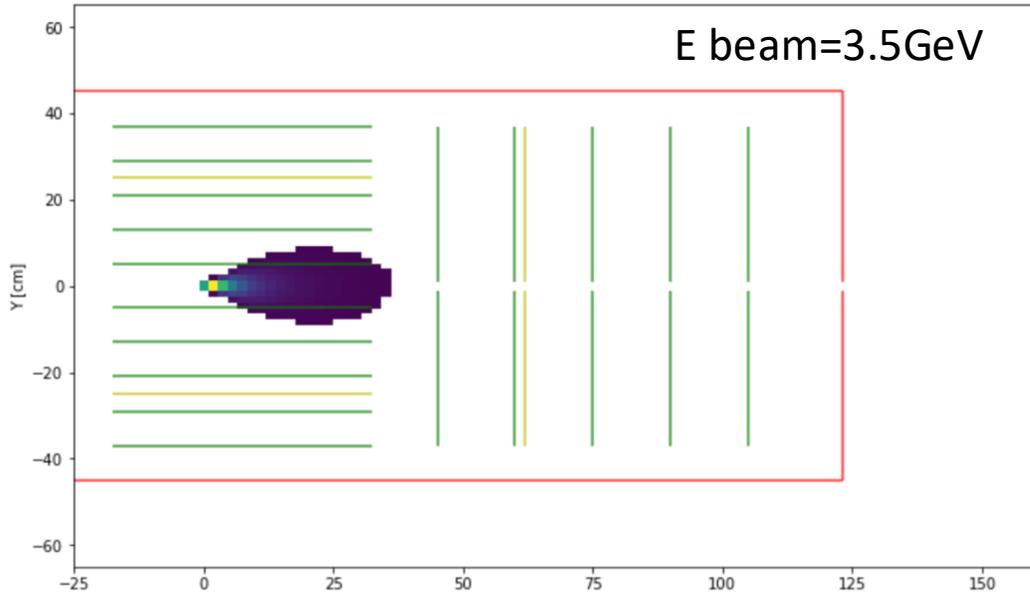
Widely used as polarimetric reaction to measure proton beam polarization (PSI, TRIMUF, LAMPF, COSY, SATURNE, ZGS, KEK-PS, AGS, RHIC ...)

H-NS demo: H-NS0



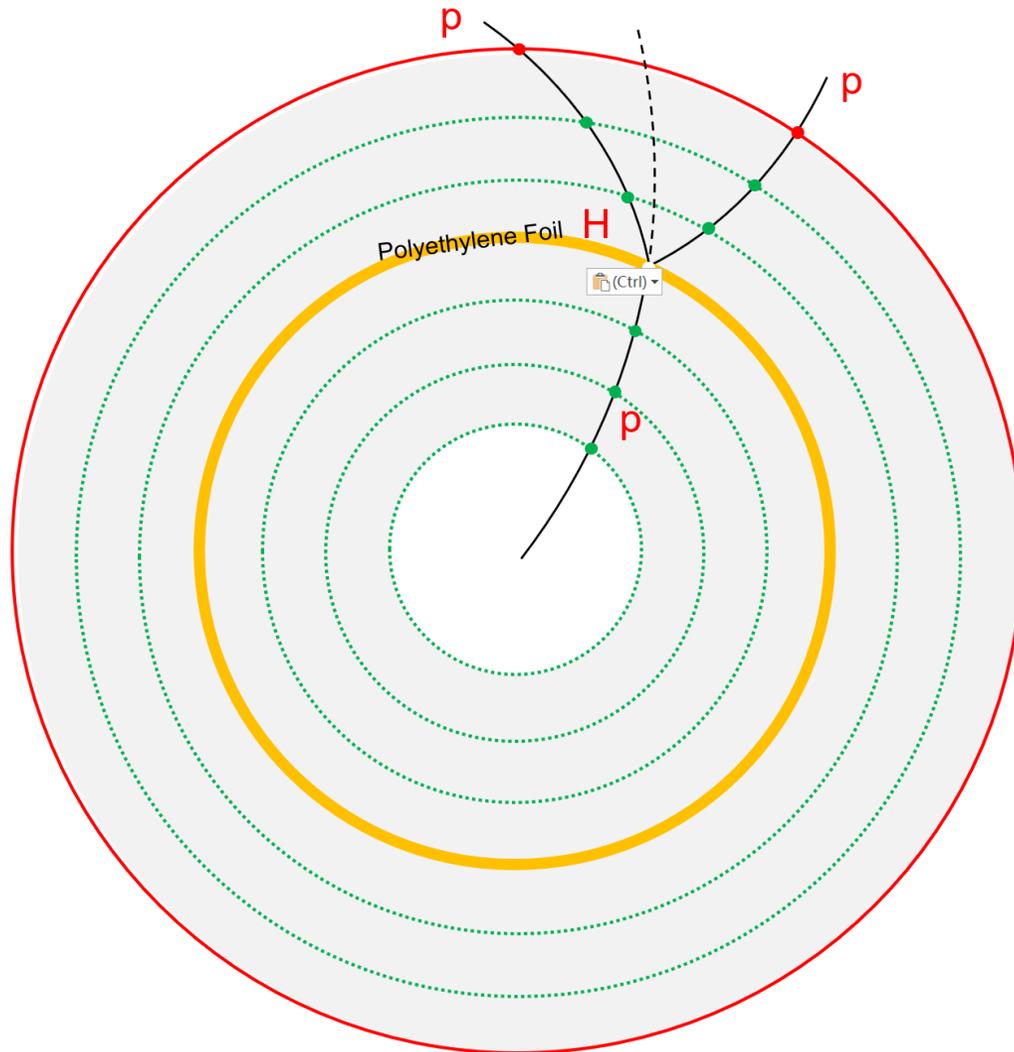
H-NS0 will be ready and tested at HIAF next year

Efficiency due to tracking



- Λ decay vertex distribution
- 90% of all event
- Normalized to total event

An extra scattering layer serve as baryon polarimeter



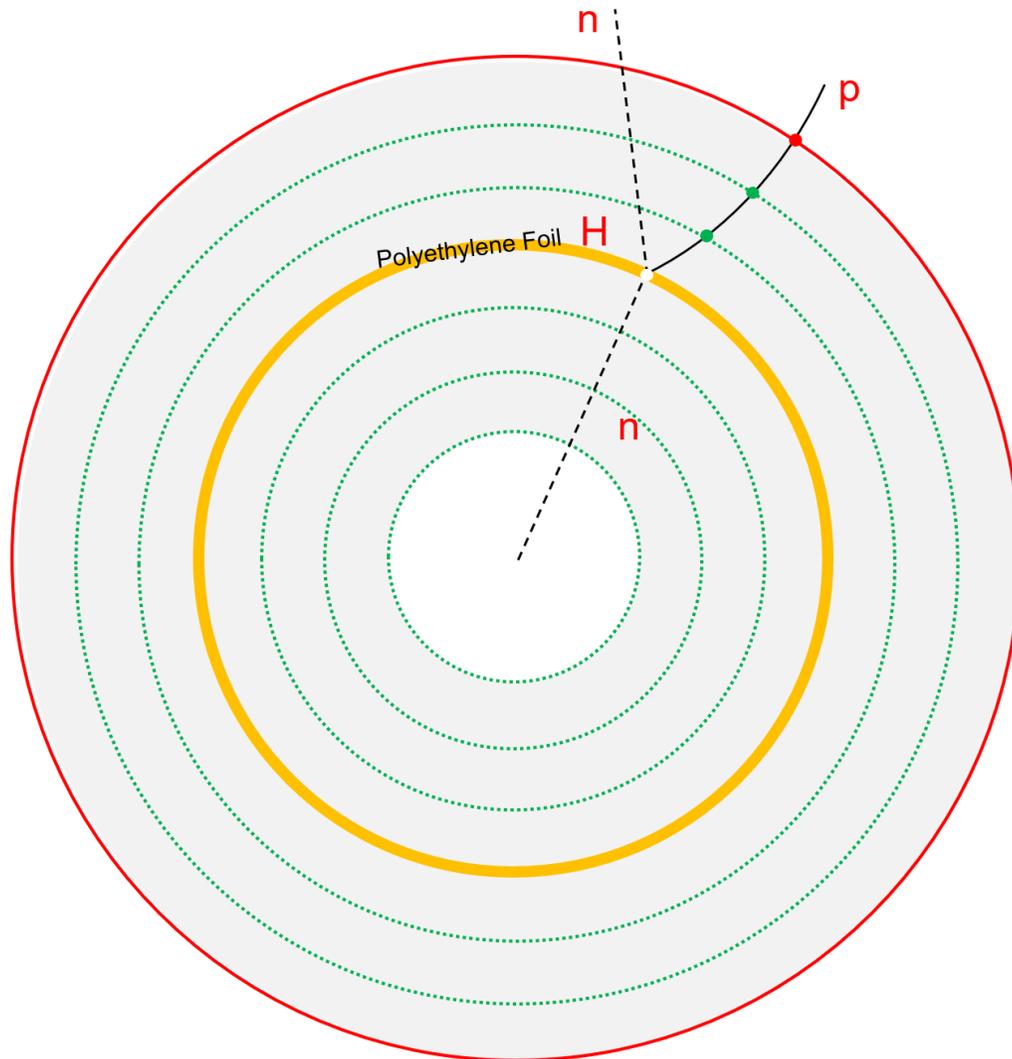
➤ Carbon foil / Polyethylene foil

- ~1 mm thickness
- Material budget: $<1\% X/X_0$
- Probability: pC / pp ($1E-3$)
- Tiny influence to the conventional performance

➤ Position : in-between the tracking devices

- Applicable in all reactions: $ee/ep/pp/pA/AA$
- Applicable in high energy machines

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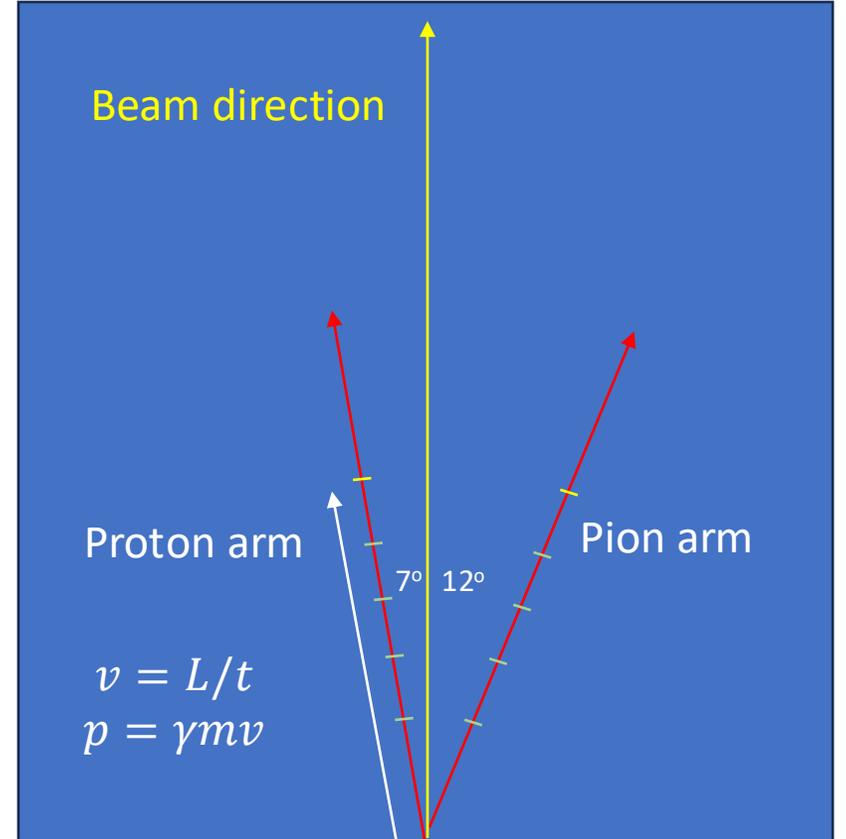
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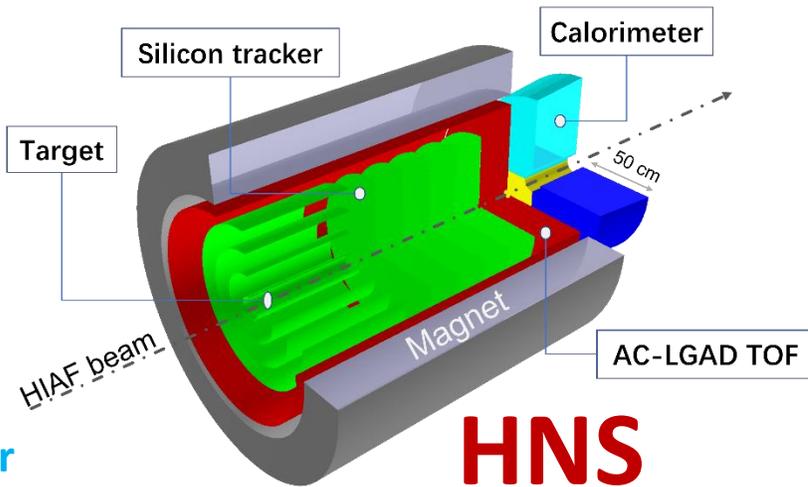
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Procedure of Λ reconstruction

- Select the event, in which there are track on both the proton and pion arm
- Assume the track on proton arm is proton, and pion on another arm
- Determine the momentum according to the measured velocity by LGAD
- Calculate the invariant mass of the found two particles





HNS

Silicon tracker
AC-LGAD (PID)
Ecal.

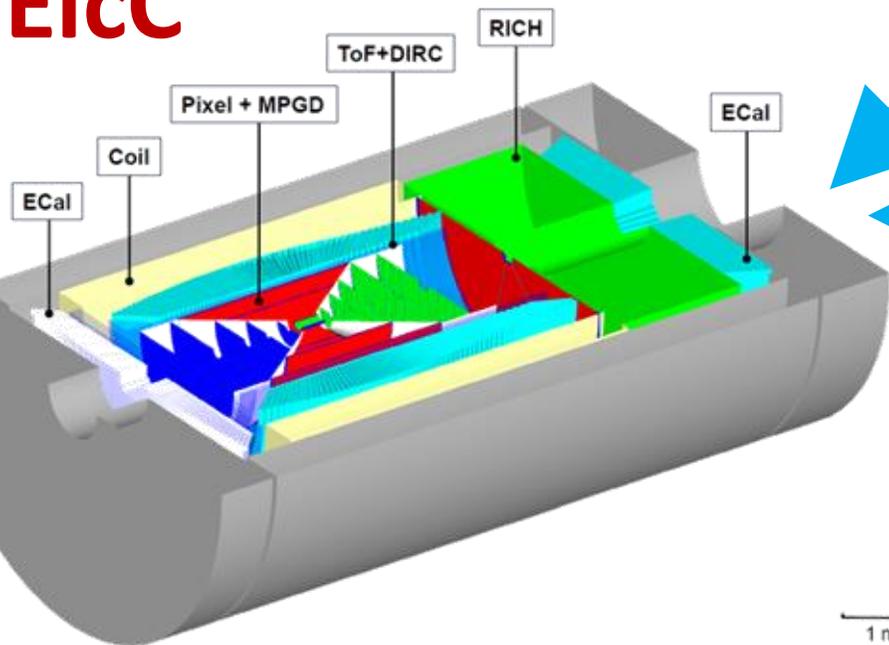
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