

General-purpose spectrometer with polarimeter function

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- **Validation and application at BESIII**
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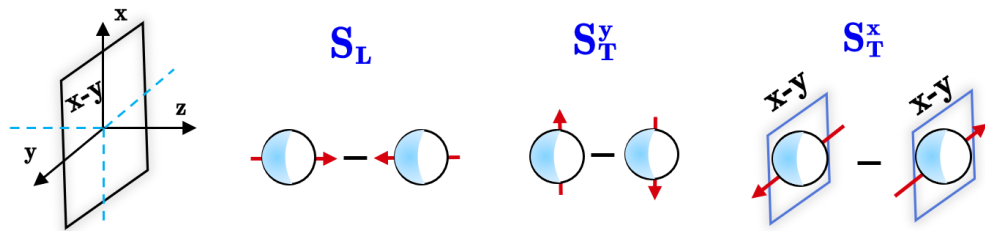
Spin and Polarization

Spin 1/2 : e p Λ ...

$$\rho_{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} I + S^i \Sigma^i$$

$$\Sigma^x = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^x, \quad \Sigma^y = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^y, \quad \Sigma^z = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^z$$

$$S^i = (S_T^x, S_T^y, S_L)$$

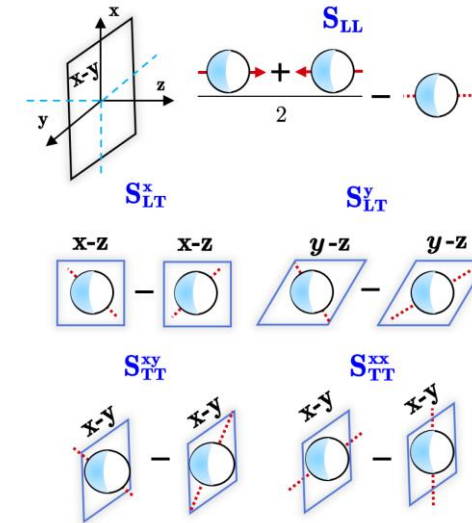


Vector polarization

Spin 1 : Φ J/ Ψ ...

$$\rho = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} S^i \Sigma^i + 3 T^{ij} \Sigma^{ij} \right)$$

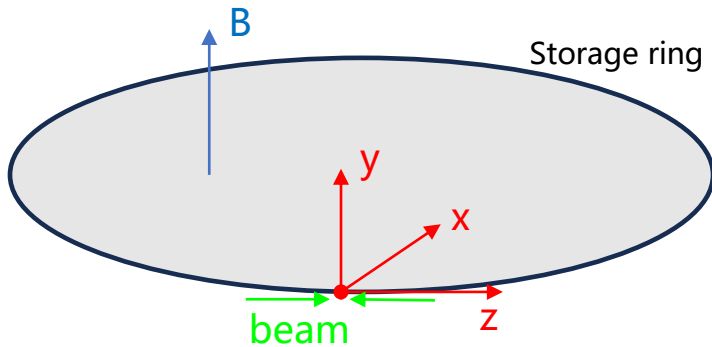
$$\Sigma^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\Sigma^i \Sigma^j + \Sigma^j \Sigma^i) - \frac{2}{3} \delta^{ij}$$



Vector + Tensor polarization

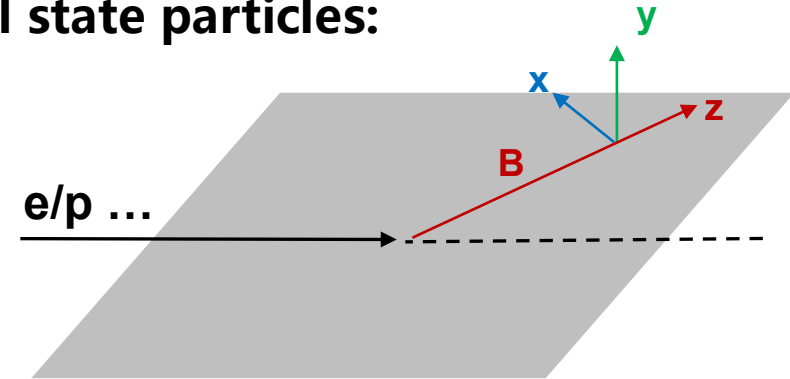
Reference frame

Initial beam:

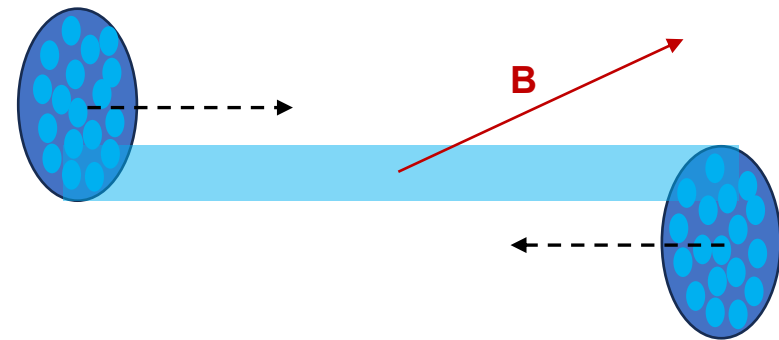


Global: polarized beam with a global reference frame

Final state particles:

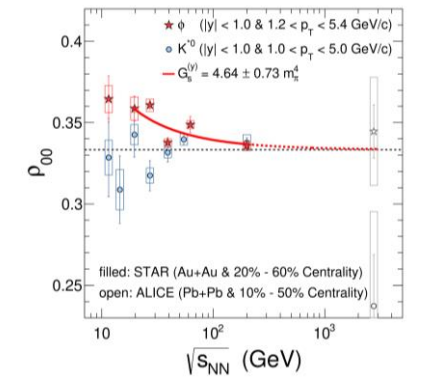
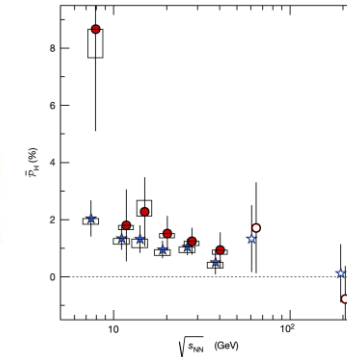
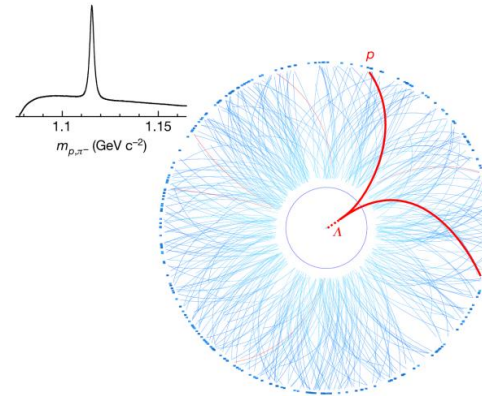
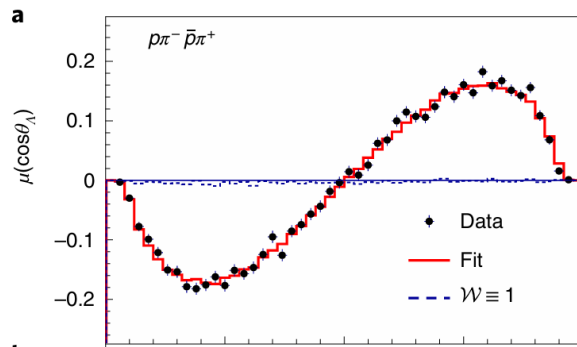
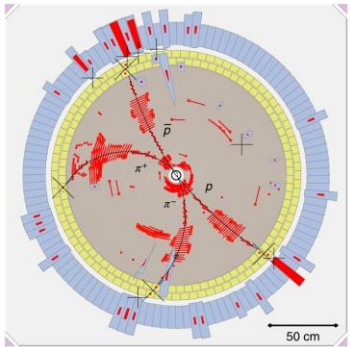
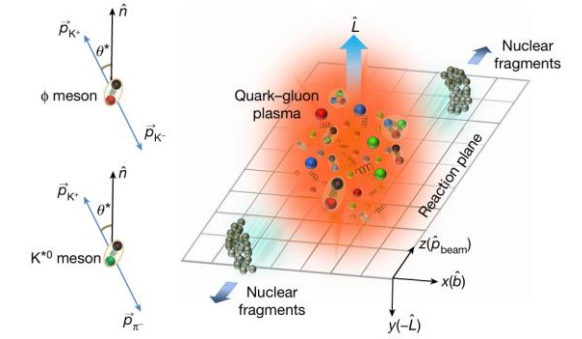
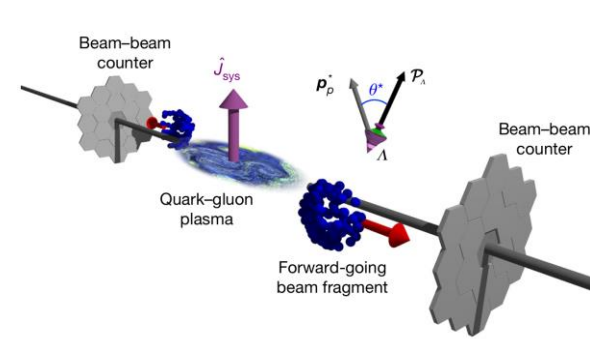
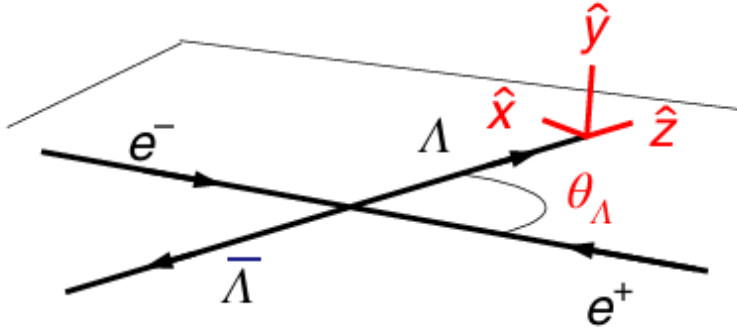


Local: reference on the production plane of the dedicated particle at study



Global: relative to a global reaction plan

Polarization measurements



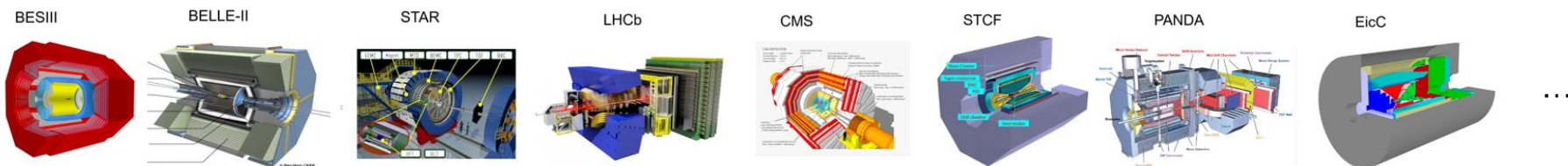
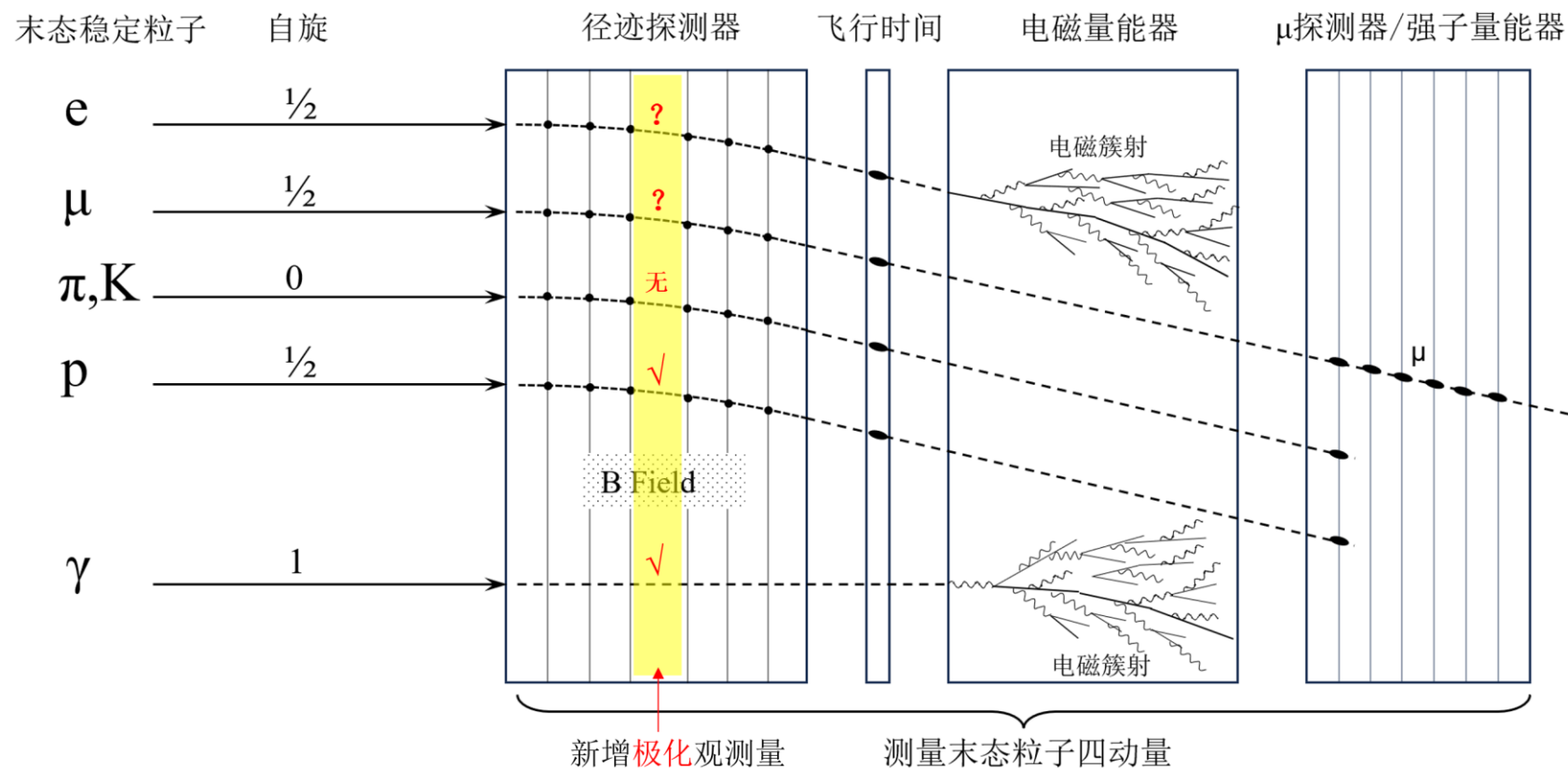
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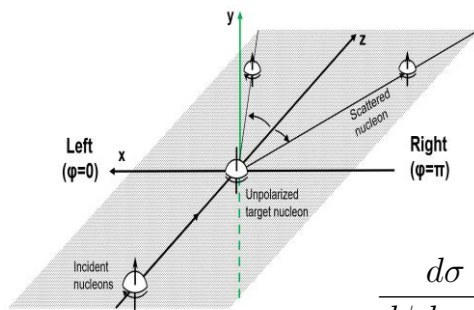
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General-use spectrometer + polarimeter?



Stable particles -- Spin dependent processes

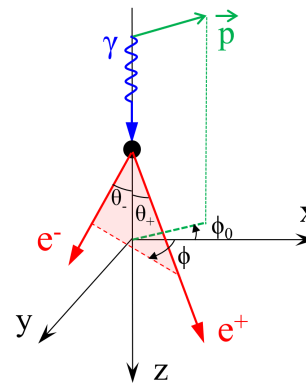
Proton: elastic scattering on proton or carbon
 $\vec{p} p \rightarrow pp$ or $\vec{p} C \rightarrow pC$



$A_N \sim \text{few } 10\%$

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

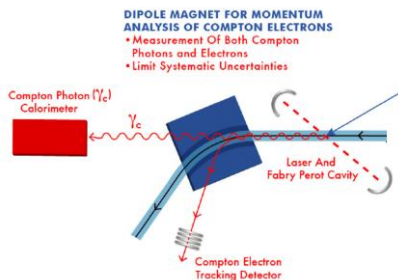
Photon: gamma conversion
 $\gamma Z \rightarrow e^+ e^- Z$



$A_N \sim 10\%$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi} \propto 1 + \mathcal{A}P \cos[2(\phi - \phi_0)]$$

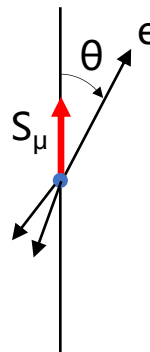
Electron (GeV): Compton or Møller scattering
 $\vec{e}\vec{\gamma} \rightarrow e\gamma$ or $\vec{e}\vec{e} \rightarrow ee$



$A_N \sim \text{few } \%$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dY}(Y) = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dY}\right)_{\text{unp}}(Y) [1 - S_3 P_y A_y(Y)]$$

Muon: $\mu \rightarrow e \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e$



$A_N \sim \text{few } 10\%$

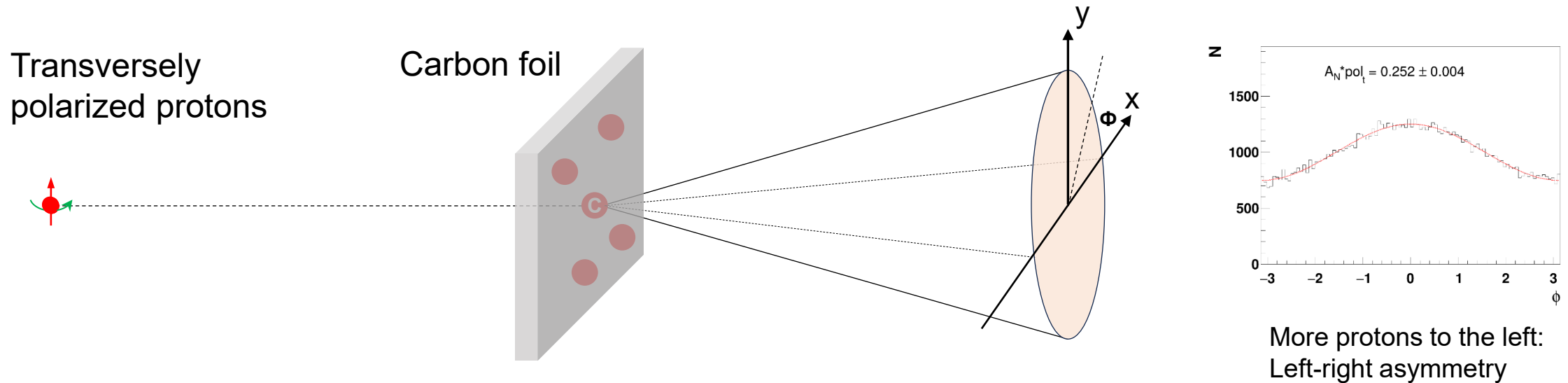
$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta} \propto 1 + a P_\mu \cos\theta$$

Spin polarization measurement of p and γ

Principle of proton polarimeter

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

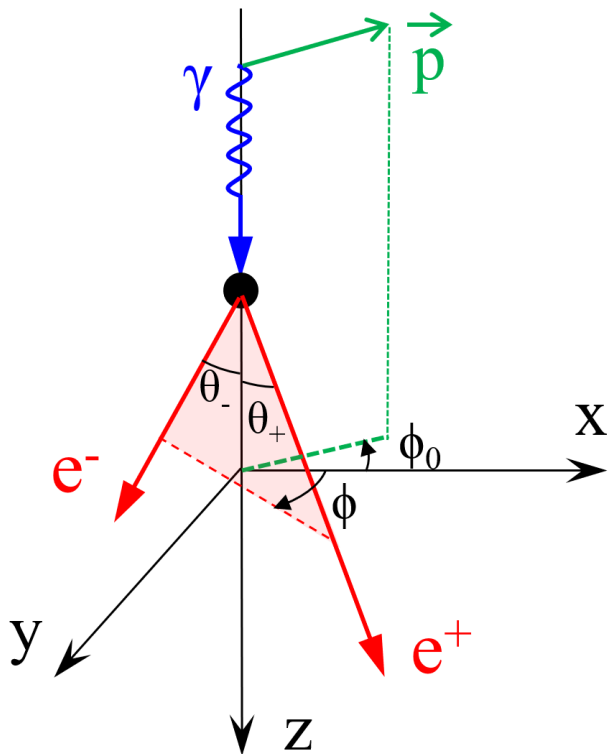
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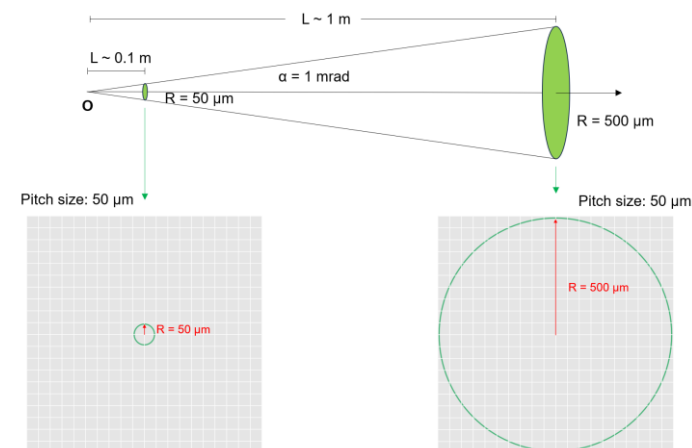
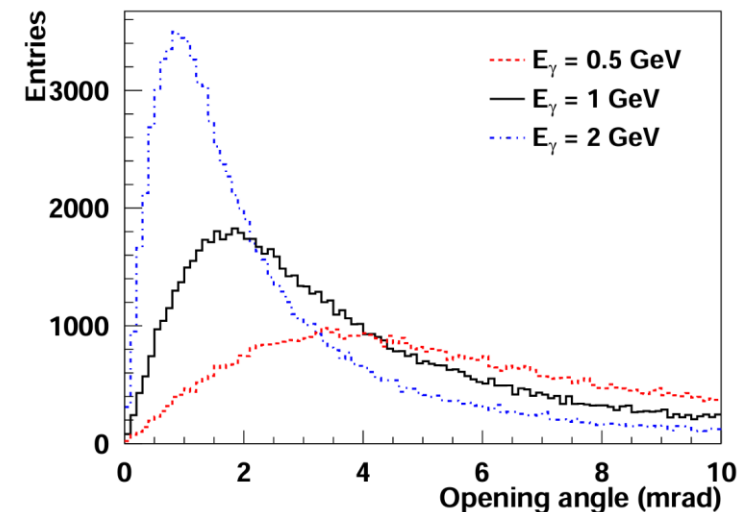
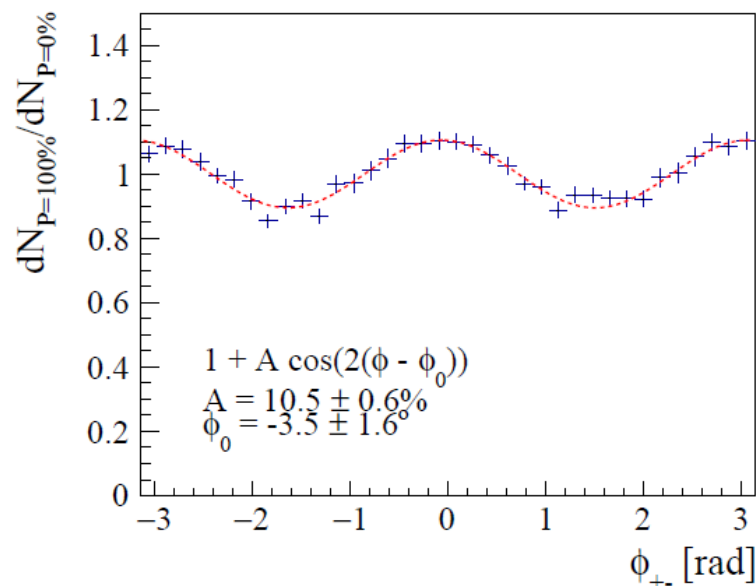
Widely used as polarimetric reaction to measure proton beam polarization (PSI, TRIMUF, LAMPF, COSY, SATURNE, ZGS, KEK-PS, AGS, RHIC ...)

Principle of photon polarimeter

Relation between the **spin-dependent cross-section** of gamma conversion and the **asymmetries**

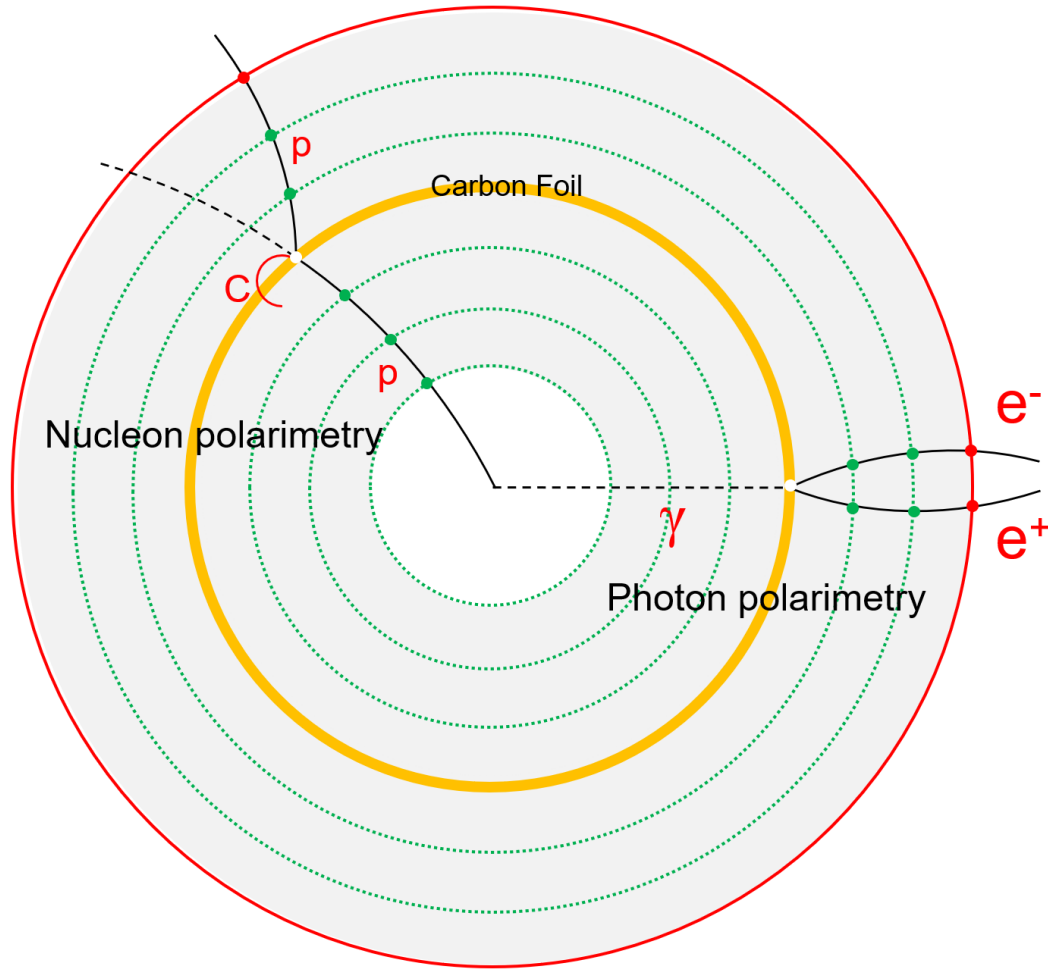


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi} \propto 1 + \mathcal{A}P \cos[2(\phi - \phi_0)]$$



- $\gamma Z \rightarrow e^+ e^- Z$ (“nuclear” conversion);
- $\gamma e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^-$ (“triplet” conversion).

An extra scattering layer serve as polarimeter



➤ Carbon foil

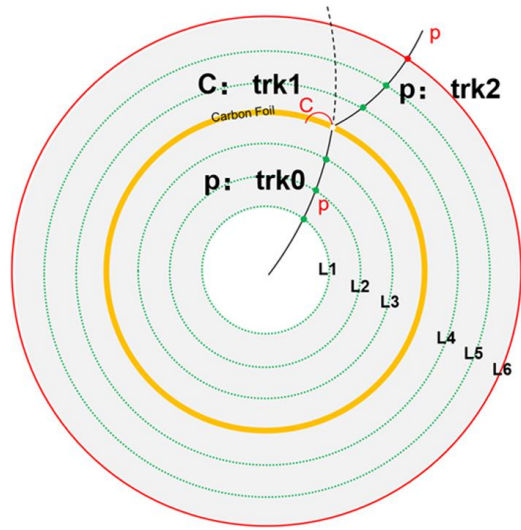
- 0.5-1 mm thickness ($<1\% X/X_0$)
- R: 20-30 cm
- Probability: pC / pp , γ -conversion($1E-3$)
- Tiny influence to conventional performance

➤ Position : in-between the tracking devices

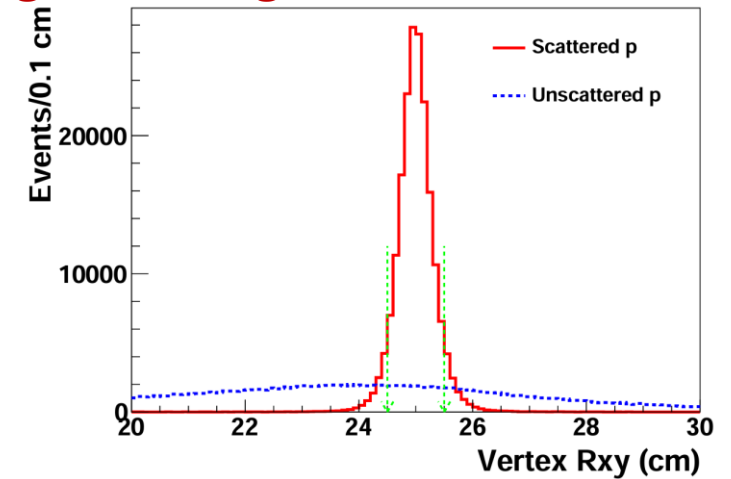
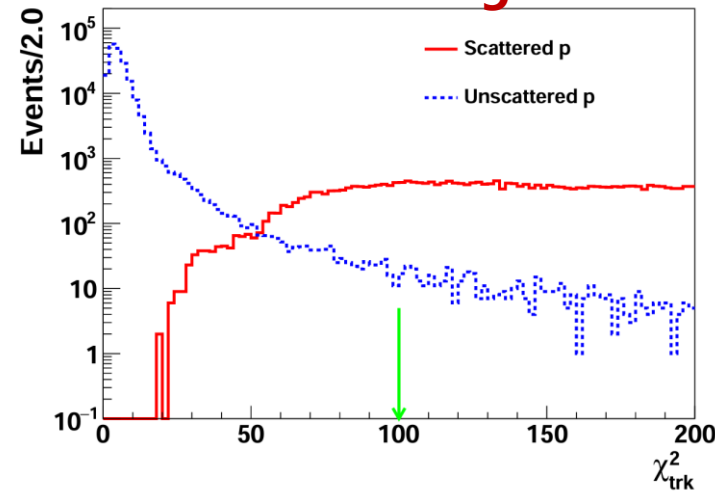
- Applicable in all reactions: **ee/ep/pp/pA/AA**
- Applicable in high energy machines

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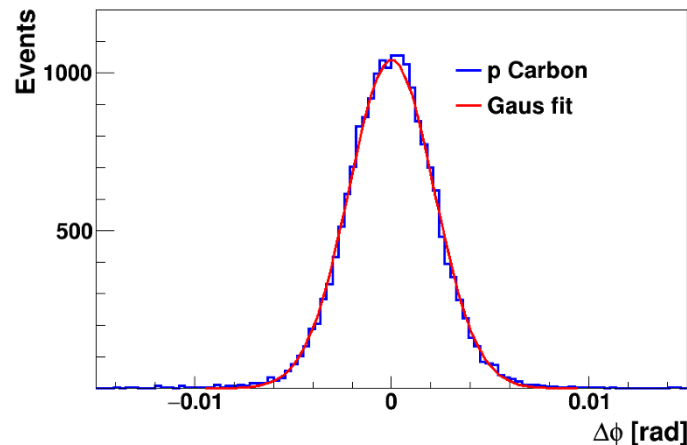
Precision measurement of proton polarization



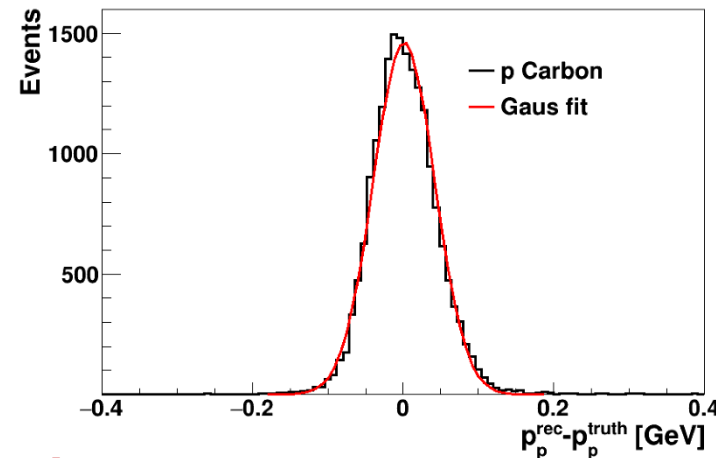
Signature of signal/background



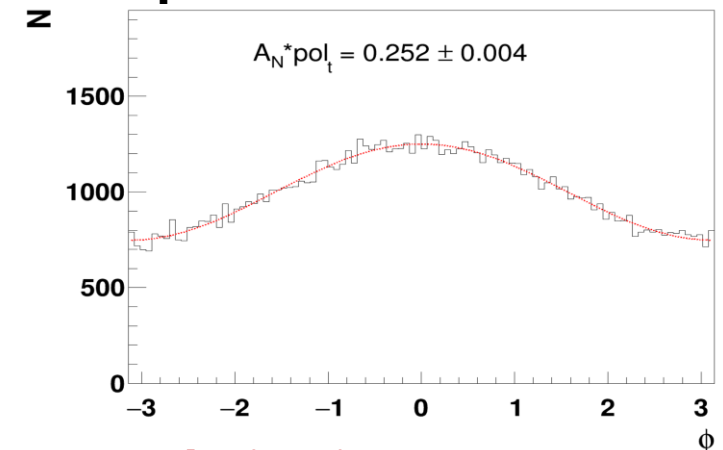
$\sigma = 2.16 \text{ mrad}$



$\sigma = 0.041 \text{ GeV}$



Input: 0.250

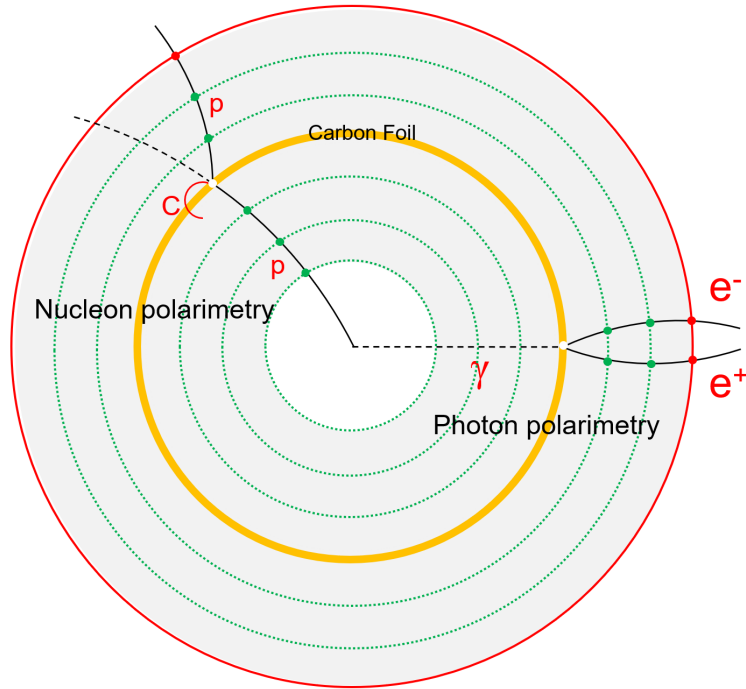


Measuring track segments

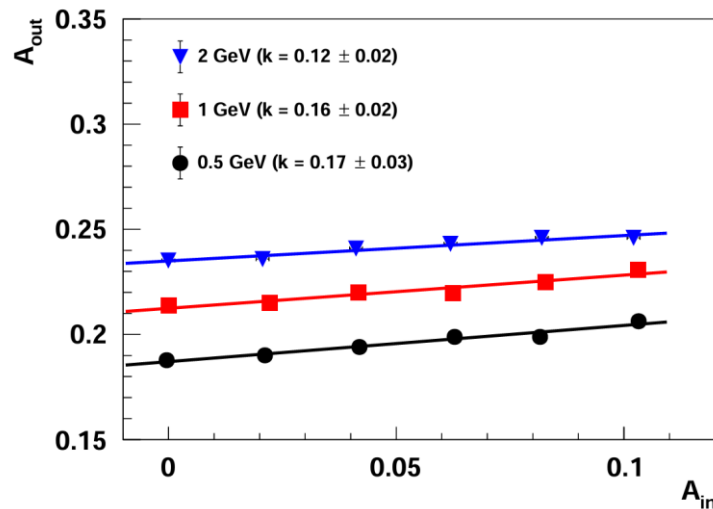
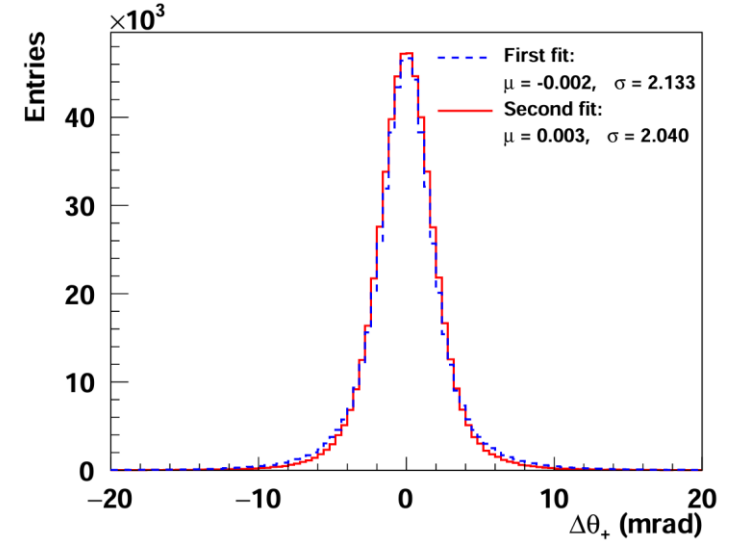
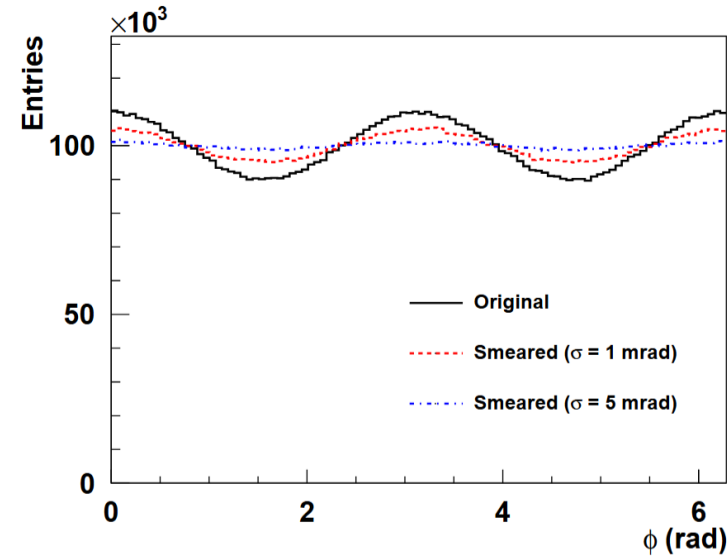
Polarization measurement

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Measurement of photon polarization



$$A_{\text{out}} = f(E_y, \theta_y, \dots) A_{\text{in}}$$

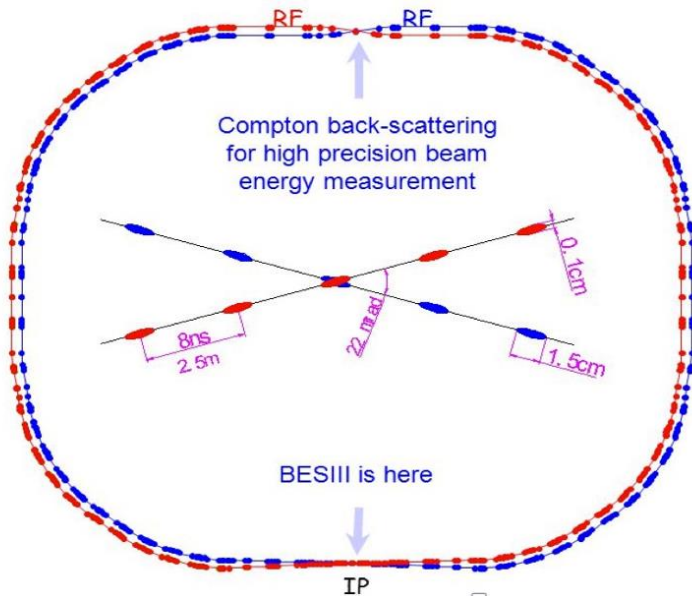


- ✓ A_out differs from A_in
- ✓ A dilution table can be compiled
- ✓ The slope amplifies uncertainty

Validation and application at BESIII

- **Polarized proton at BESIII**
- Validation of the concept
- Application at BESIII

BEP-CII storage rings: a tau-charm factory



e^+e^- collider, First collisions July 2008

Beam energy : 0.92 - 2.475 GeV

Crossing angle: 11 mrad

Beam energy measurement: $\Delta E/E \sim 5 \cdot 10^{-5}$

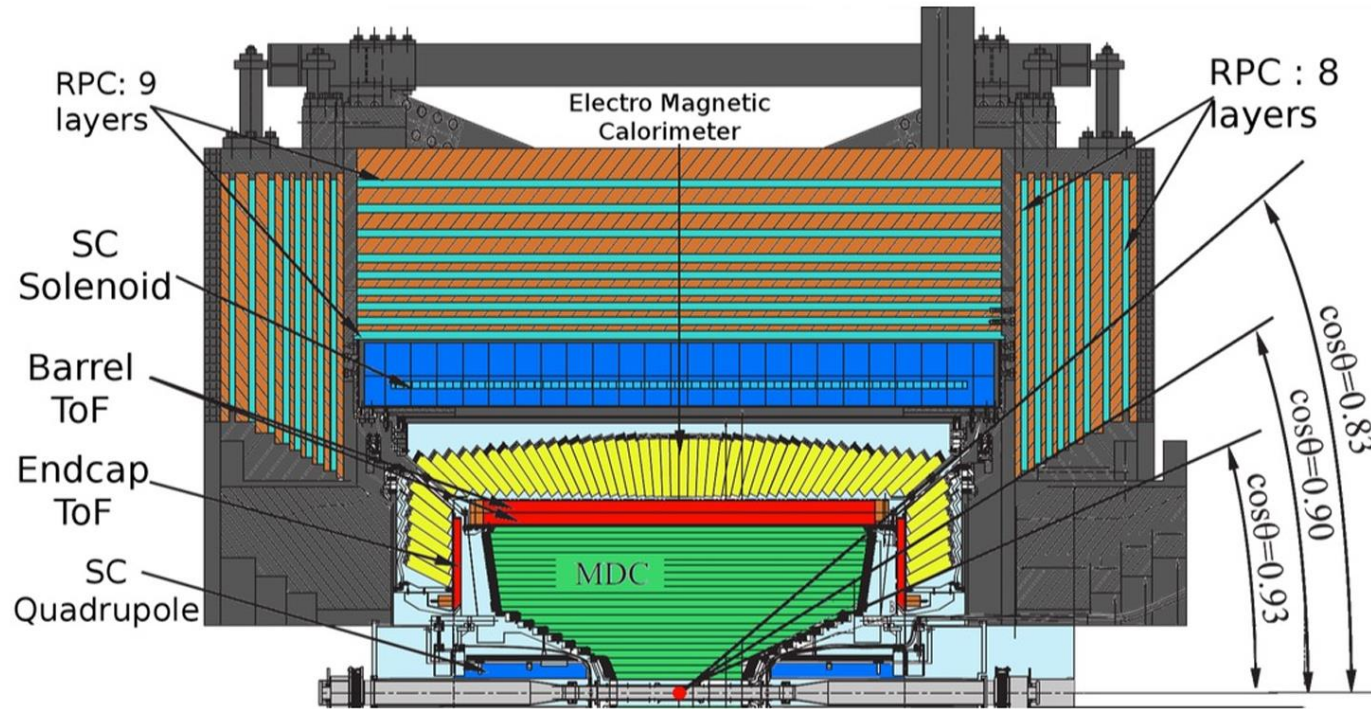
Design Luminosity: $1 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Achieved: $1.1 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Original unpolarized e^+e^- beam

~10-20% (average) transverse polarization
due to self-polarization

BESIII detector



- Main Drift Chamber (MDC)
 - $\sigma(p)/p = 0.5\%$
 - $\sigma_{dE/dX} = 5.0\%$
- Time-of-flight (TOF)
 - $\sigma(t) = 68\text{ps}$ (barrel)
 - $\sigma(t) = 65\text{ps}$ (endcap)
- Electro Magnetic Calorimeter (EMC)
 - $\sigma(E)/E = 2.5\%$
 - $\sigma_{z,\phi}(E) = 0.5 - 0.7 \text{ cm}$
- RPC MUON Detector
 - $\sigma(xy) < 2 \text{ cm}$

Polarized proton from hyperon decay



General Partial Wave Analysis of the Decay of a Hyperon of Spin $\frac{1}{2}$

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Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey

(Received October 22, 1957)

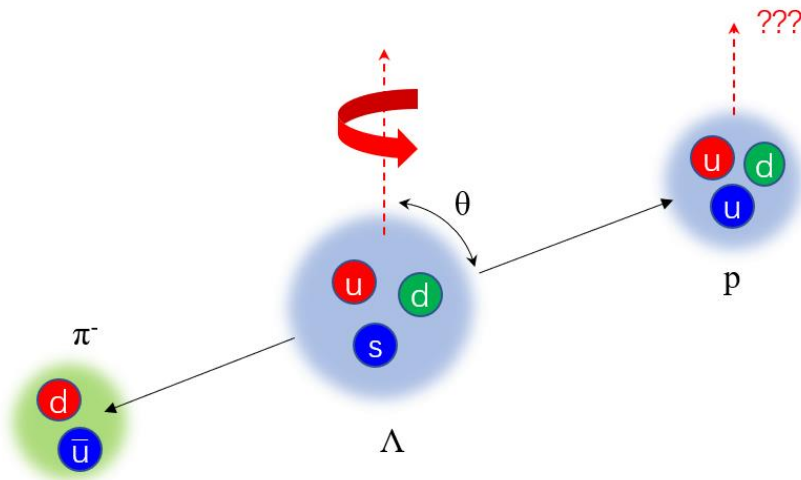
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The amplitude of spin $\frac{1}{2}$ baryon B_i decay to a spin $\frac{1}{2}$ baryon B_f and π :

$$\mathcal{A} \sim S\sigma_0 + P\sigma \cdot \hat{n}$$

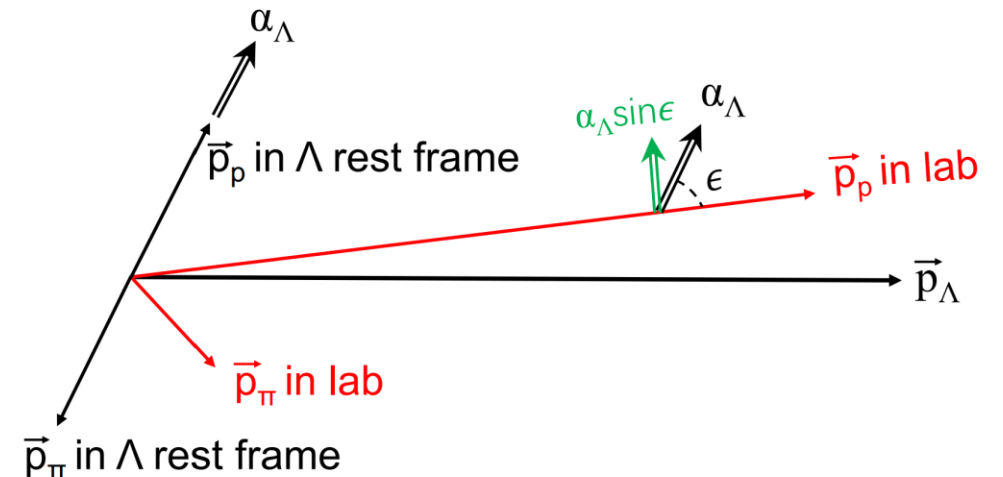
The decay parameters are defined as:

$$\alpha = \frac{2\text{Re}(S^* \cdot P)}{|S|^2 + |P|^2} \quad \beta = \frac{2\text{Im}(S^* \cdot P)}{|S|^2 + |P|^2} \quad \gamma = \frac{|S|^2 - |P|^2}{|S|^2 + |P|^2} \quad \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$$

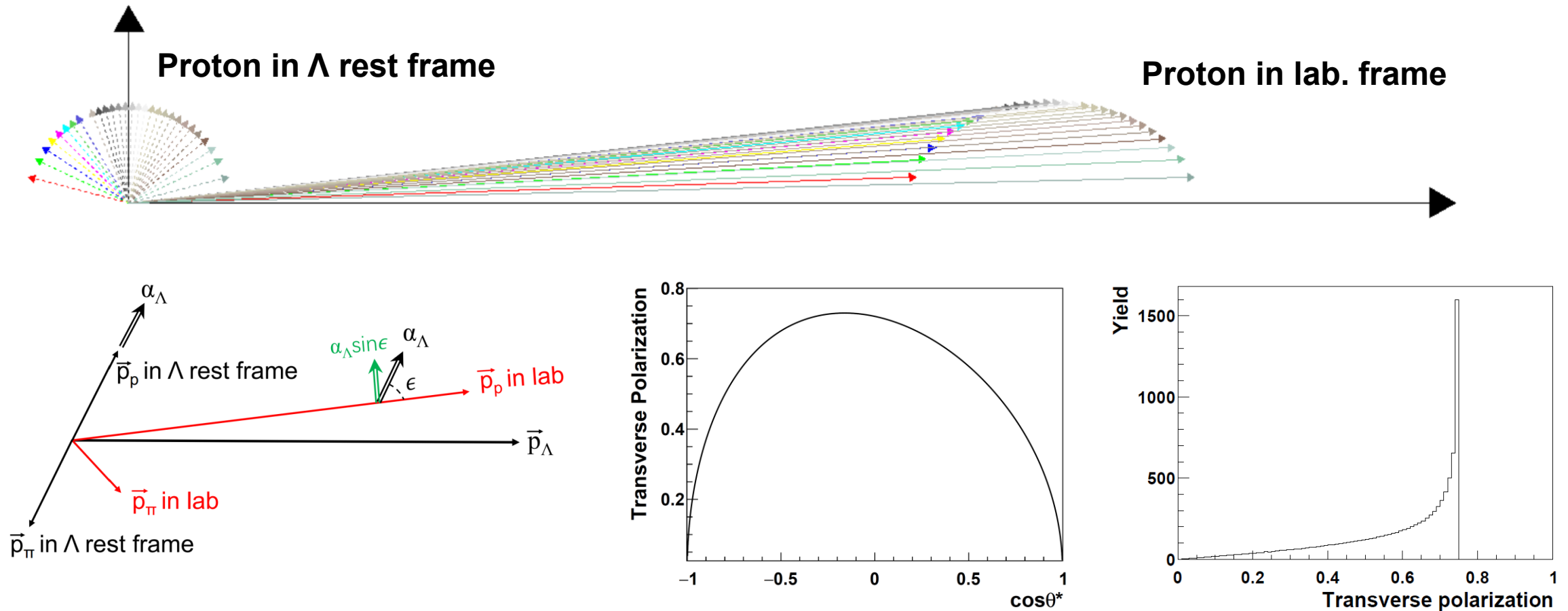


$$dw(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha P_\Lambda \cdot \hat{q}) d\Omega$$

$$P_P = \frac{(\alpha + P_\Lambda \cdot \hat{q})\hat{q} + \beta(P_\Lambda \times \hat{q}) + \gamma(\hat{q} \times [P_\Lambda \times \hat{q}])}{1 + \alpha P_\Lambda \cdot \hat{q}}$$



Polarized proton from hyperon decay



➤ Transverse polarization of proton from Λ decay: $\text{Pol}_t \sim 0.59$

- Λ unpolarized
- relativistic effect taken into account

Polarized proton from Λ decay

The Fermilab Polarized Beam Facility*

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Abstract

A description¹ of the Fermilab 200-GeV/c polarized beam is presented, including the production, transport, and spin rotation of the polarized protons and antiprotons. The momentum and polarization of each beam particle is measured by a beam-tagging system. Verification of the beam polarization and of the beam-tagging method is given by two polarimeters. A brief summary of the E-704 experimental program using the polarized beam is also presented.

A. The Polarized Beam

The polarized proton beam is produced from the parity-nonconserving decay, $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p + \pi^-$. As viewed in the Λ rest frame, the proton spin is aligned in the same direction as the proton's momentum. For unpolarized Λ particles, the polarization of the proton has been measured² to be ~~64~~ 75%. This value comes from the interference of S and P-wave amplitudes.

As shown in Fig. 1, an 800-GeV incident proton beam from the Tevatron hits a beryllium target and produces many particles in the collision, including both Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ hyperons. The unpolarized Λ particles then decay some distance downstream from the target. In the laboratory frame, the proton trajectory from this decay can be traced back to the plane of the target. The protons then appear to originate from a virtual source at the target. A correlation exists between the transverse distance from the target and the proton trajectory, which in turn is correlated to the proton spin direction. The correlation between the horizontal transverse distance from the target and the proton polarization is shown in Fig. 2. Protons with the same transverse spin component appear to originate

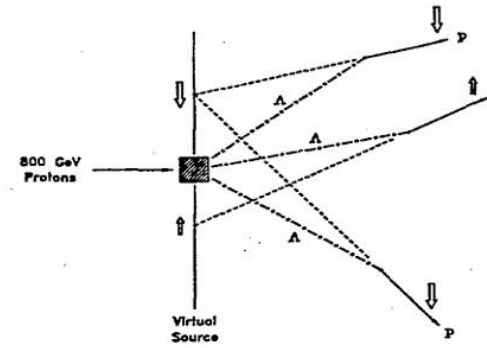


Figure 1: Diagram of the production target and Λ decays, showing the virtual source of polarized protons.

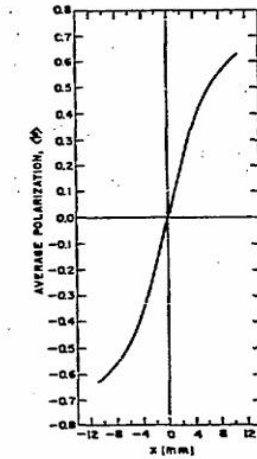


Figure 2: Correlation between the average particle polarization and the horizontal position.

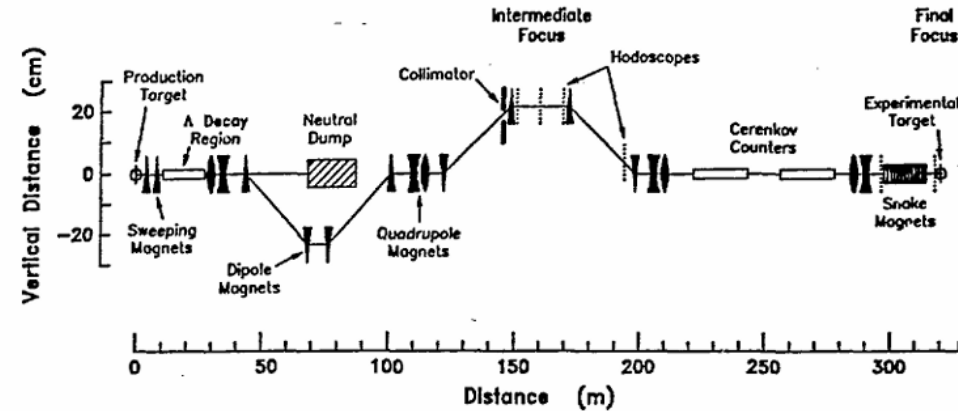
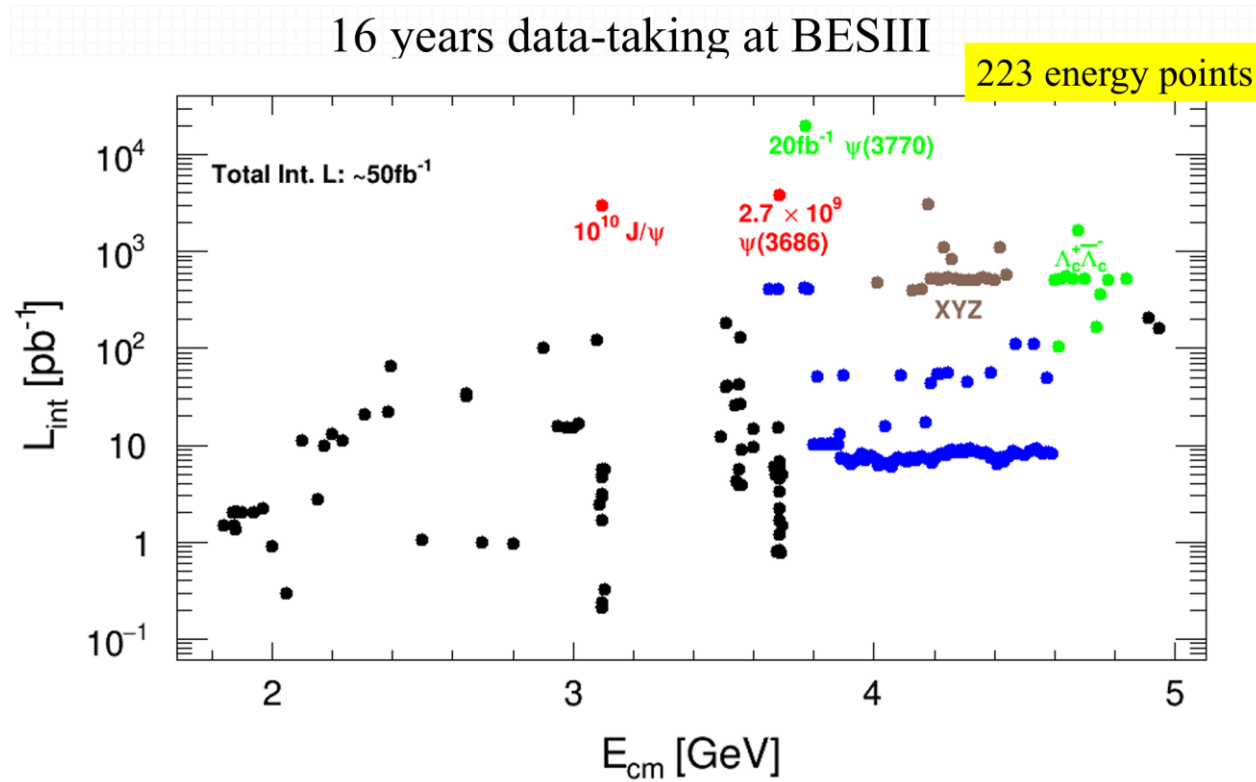


Figure 4: Side view of the Fermilab polarized beam line.

Hyperon pairs at BESIII



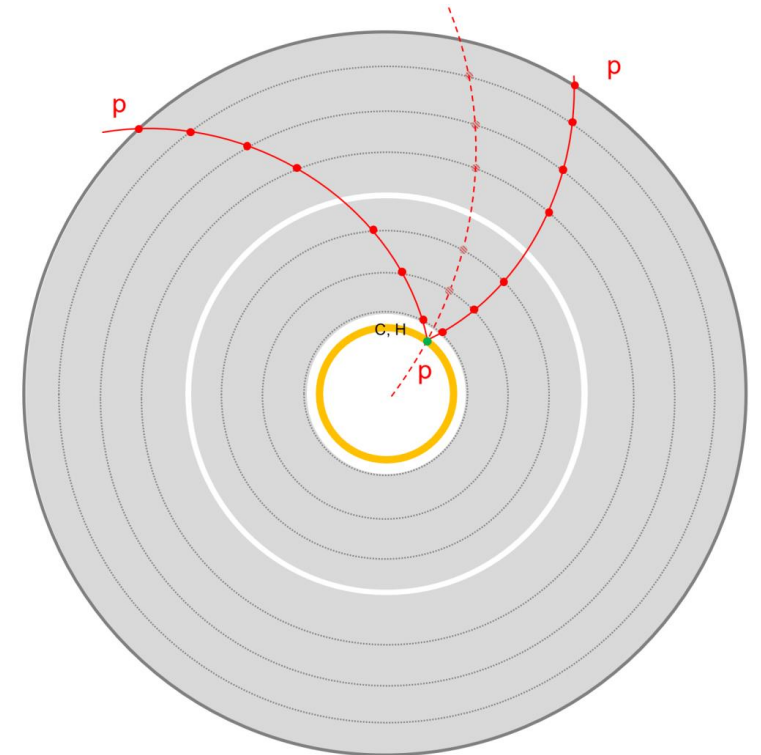
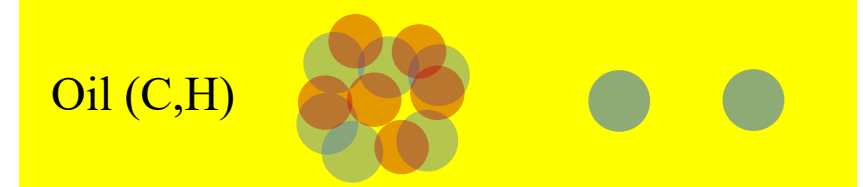
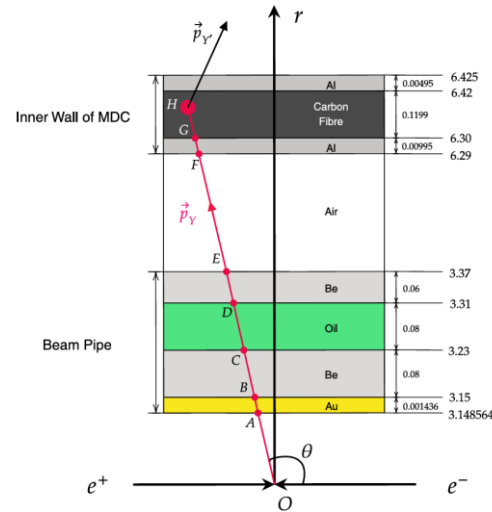
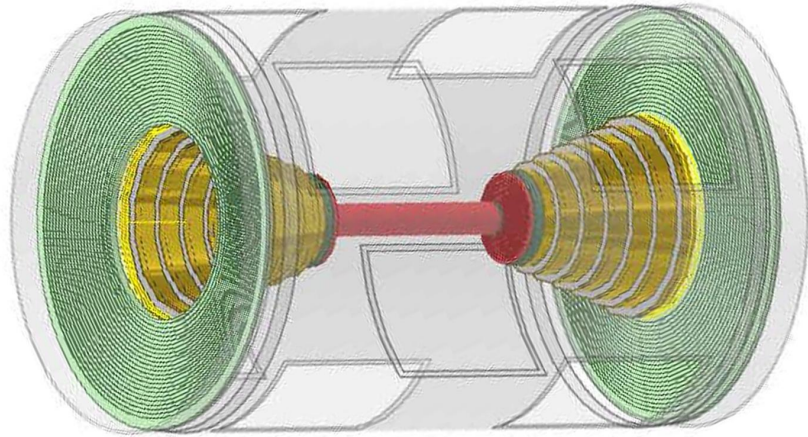
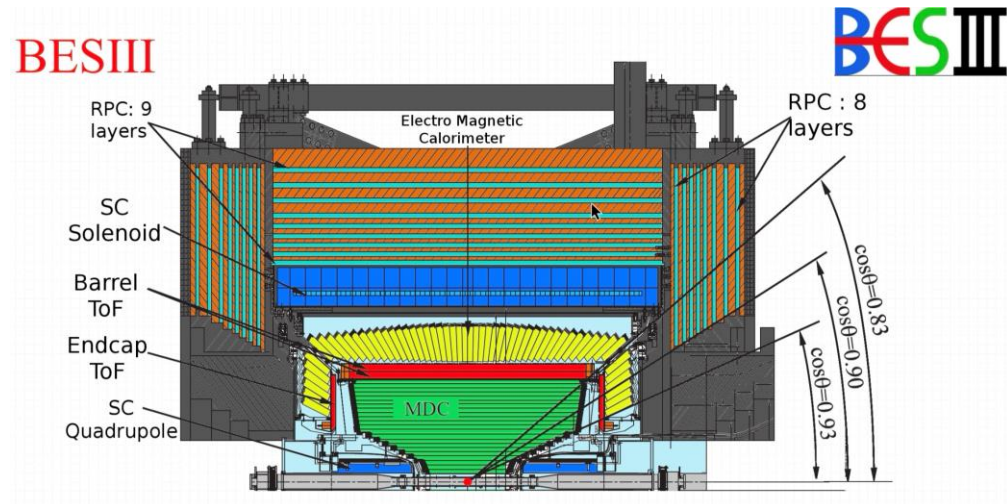
Hyperon pairs at BESIII

Decay	$\mathcal{B} (10^{-5})$	Events at BESIII
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$	189 ± 9	18.9×10^6
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \bar{\Sigma}^-$	150 ± 24	15.0×10^6
$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi \bar{\Xi}$	97 ± 8	9.7×10^6
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Sigma \bar{\Sigma}$	23.2 ± 1.2	116×10^3
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Omega \bar{\Omega}$	5.66 ± 0.30	28×10^3

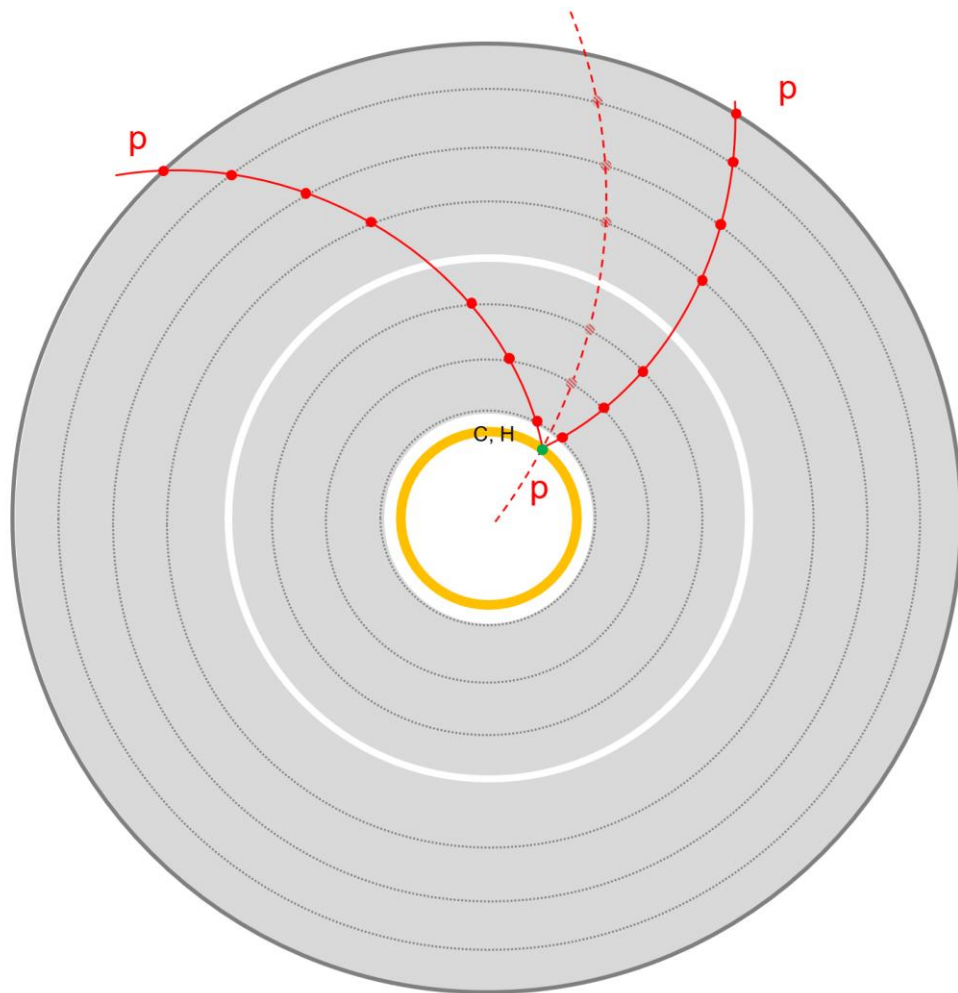
Validation and application at BESIII

- Polarized proton at BESIII
- **Validation of the concept**
- Application at BESIII

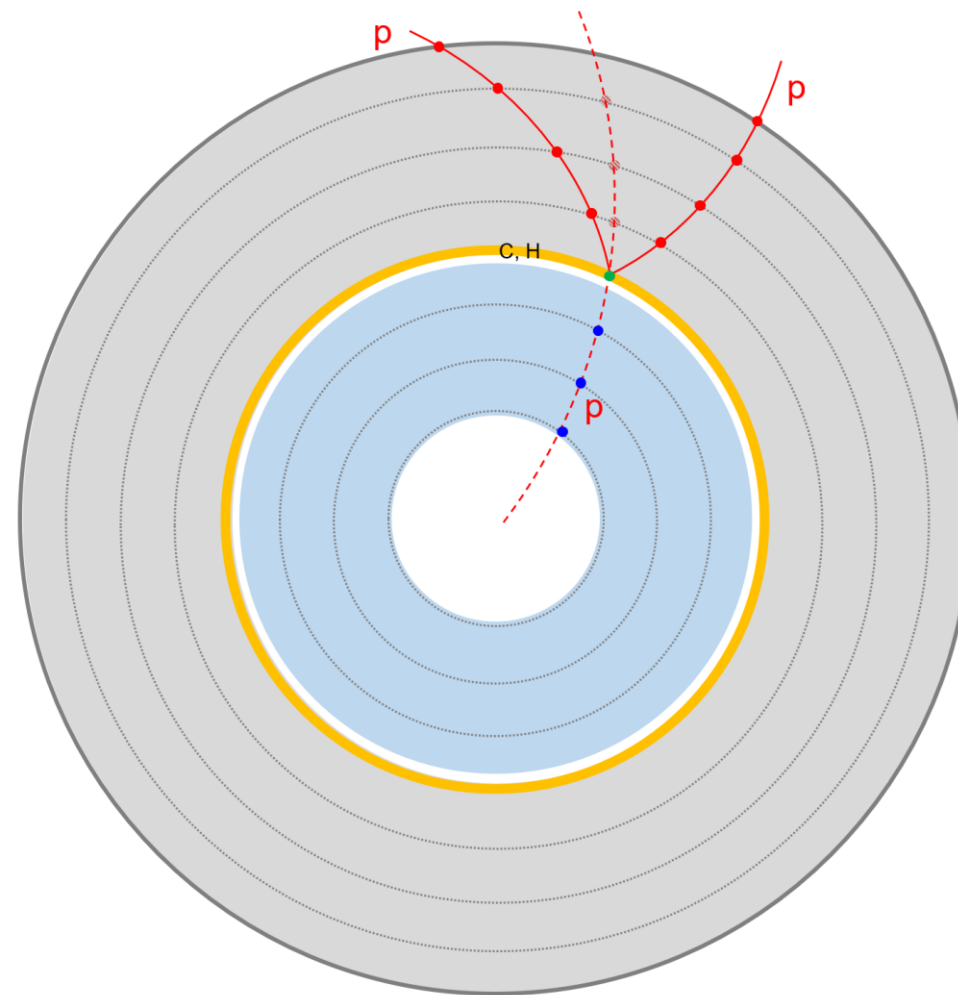
Validation of proton polarimetry at BESIII



Comparison of two configurations

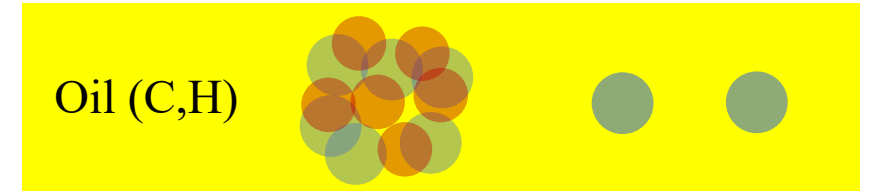
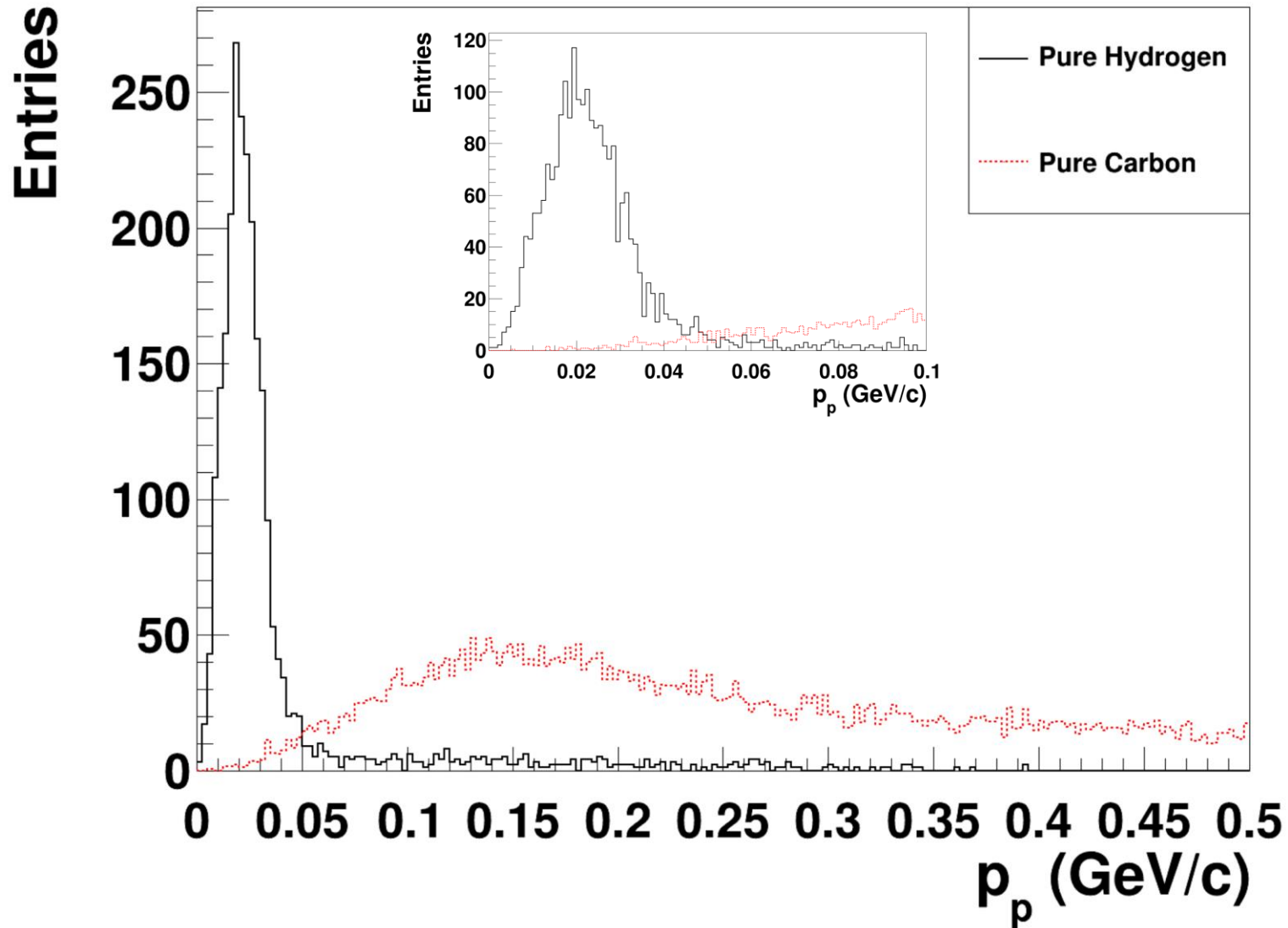


Only pp elastic scattering, only exclusive processes.



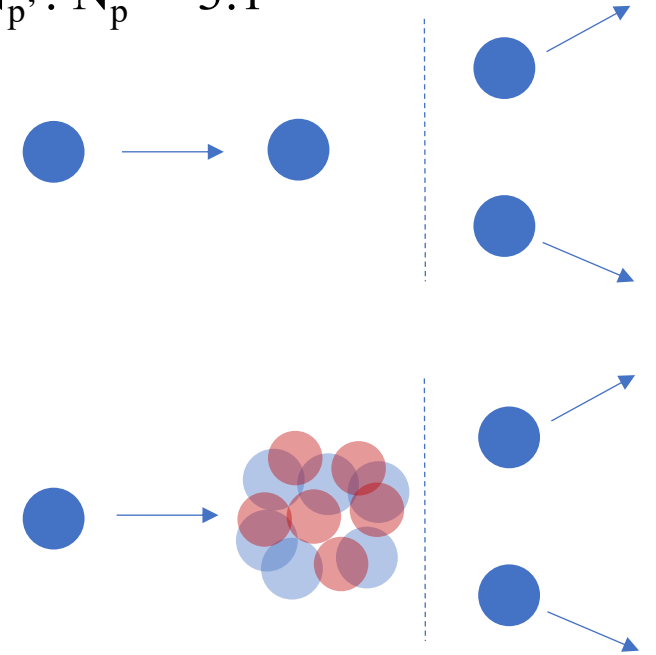
pC scattering possible, inclusive possible

Signature of proton in Oil

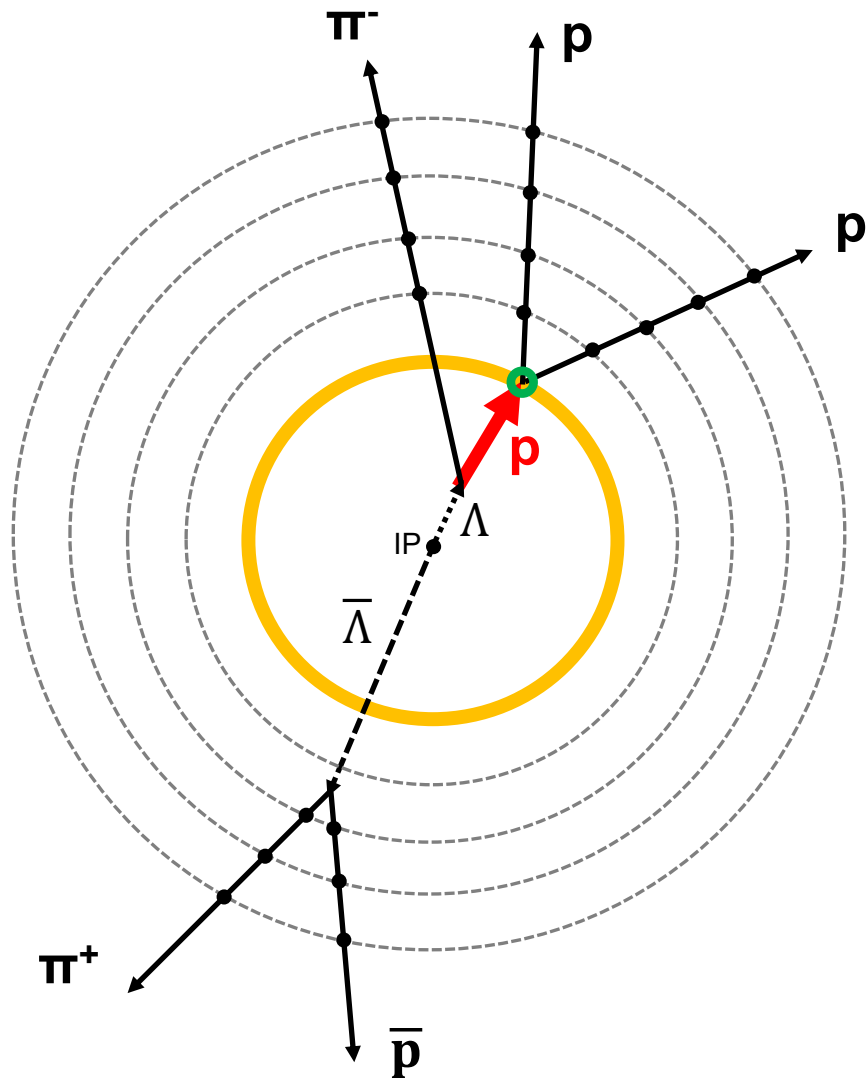


$$N_C : N_H \sim 1:2$$

$$N_{p'} : N_p \sim 3:1$$

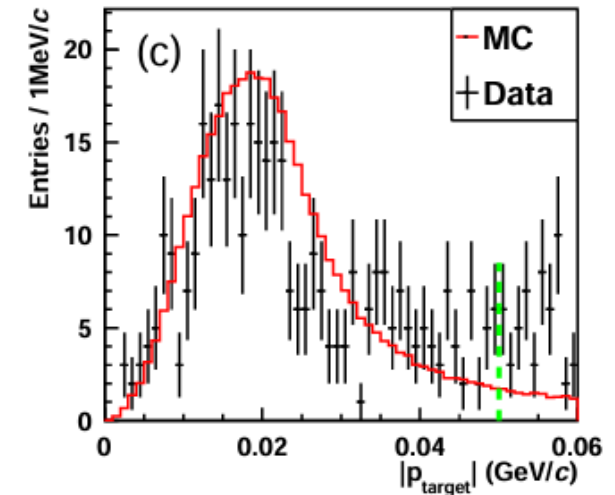
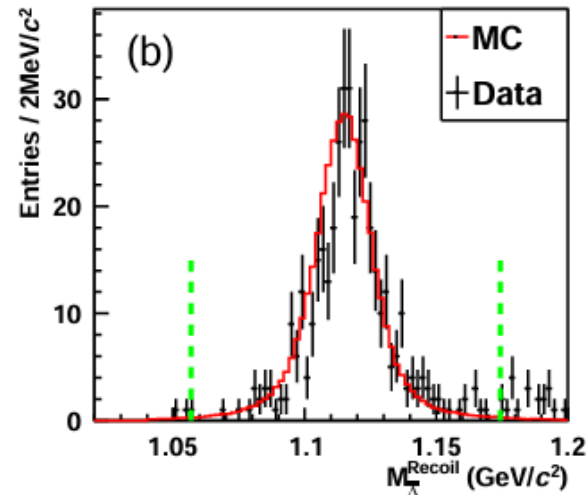
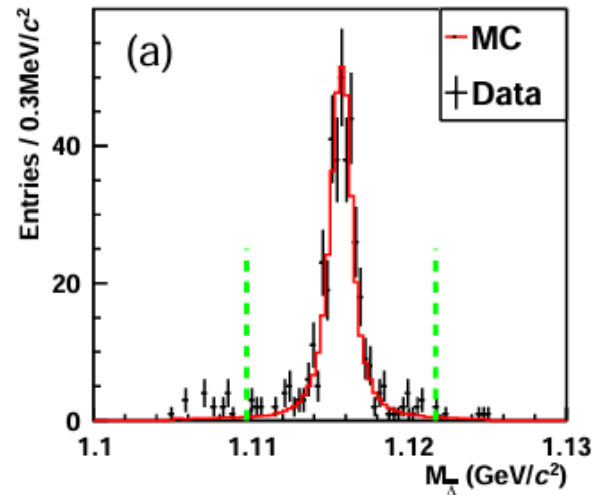
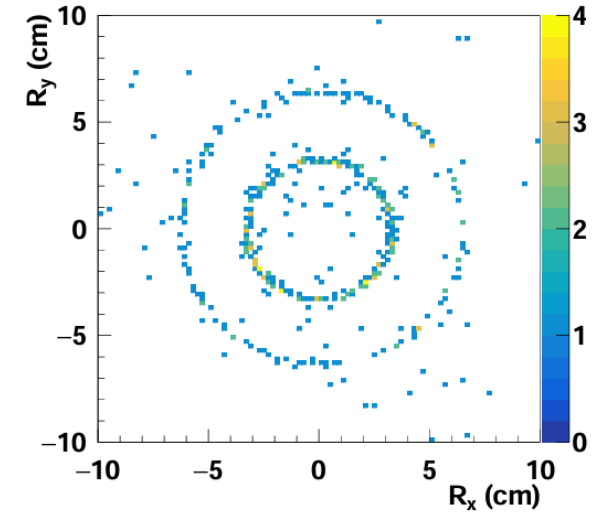
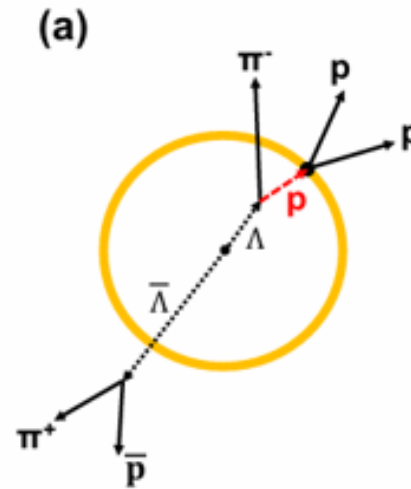
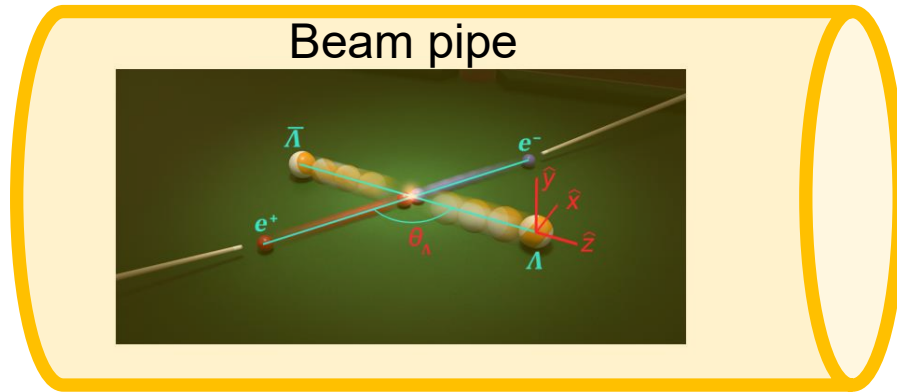


Validation of proton polarimetry at BESIII



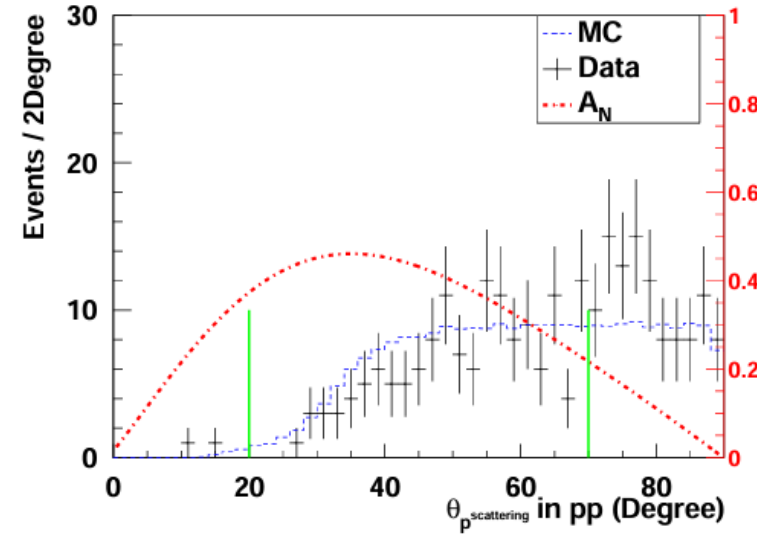
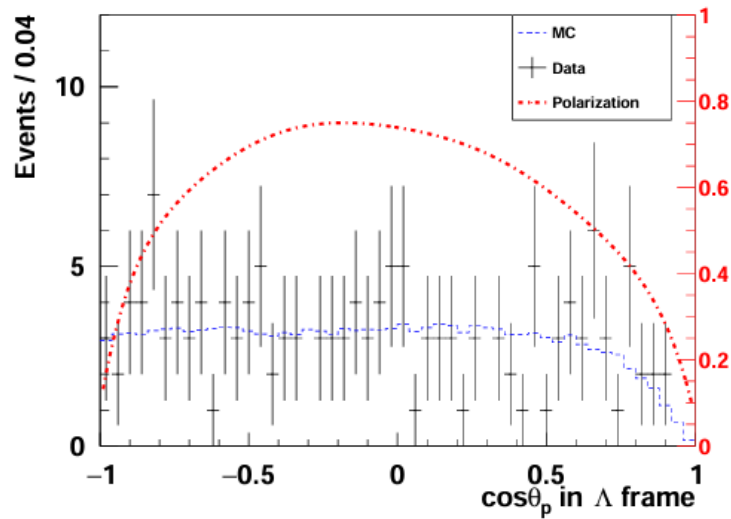
- Polarized proton from Λ decay:
 $J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \pi^- \textcolor{red}{p} \pi^+ \bar{p}$
- Polarized proton scattering off a proton:
 $\textcolor{red}{p} p \rightarrow p p$ indicated by the red arrow, with transverse polarization of 59%, scattered before entering tracking detector.
- **Five final state particles:** $\pi^+ \bar{p} \pi^- p p$ are measured by the detector.
- The unmeasured proton: its four momentum $\vec{p}$ is deduced by the four-momentum constraint:
$$\vec{p} = \vec{e^+} + \vec{e^-} - \vec{\pi^+} - \vec{\bar{p}} - \vec{\pi^-}$$
- pp scattering vertex, indicated by green circle, is calculated by VertexFit.

Validation of proton polarimetry at BESIII

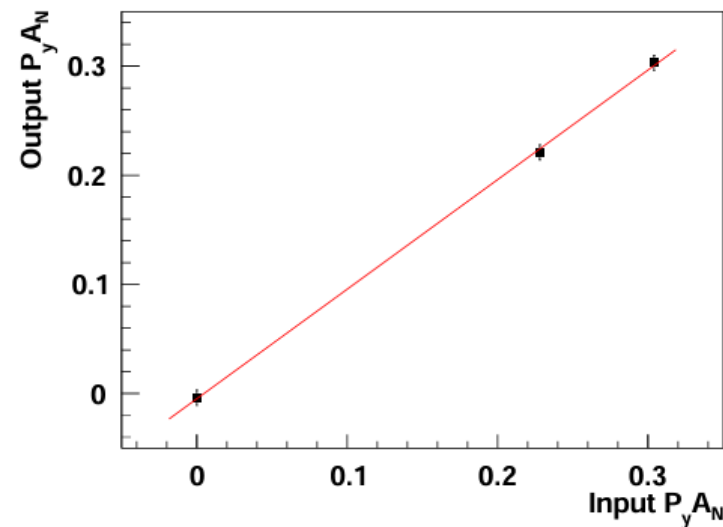
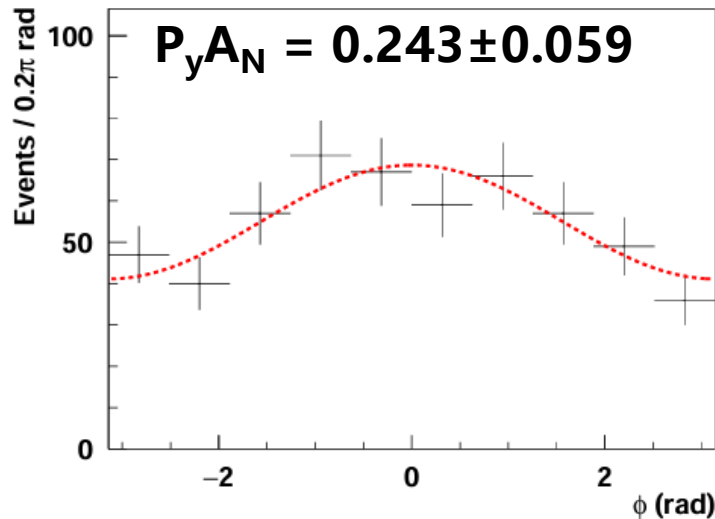


Validation of proton polarimetry at BESIII

arXiv: 2607.19927 BESIII



→ expected
 $P_y A_N = 0.22 \pm 0.01$

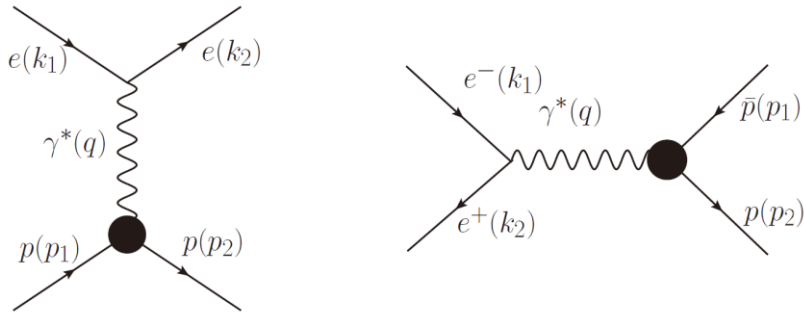


→ measured
 $P_y A_N = 0.243 \pm 0.059$

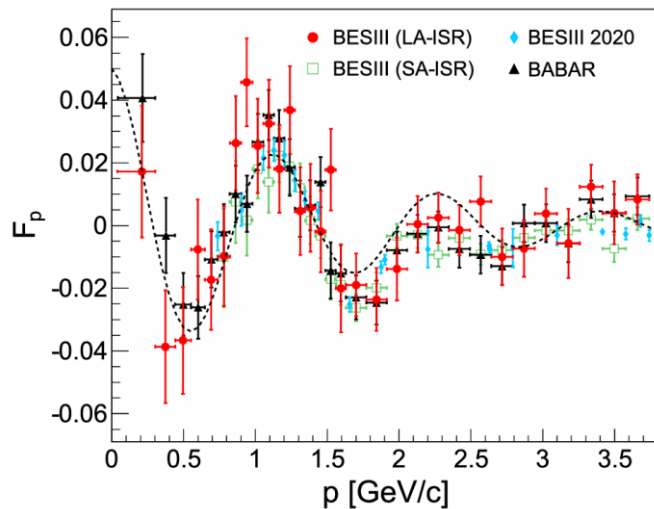
Validation and application at BESIII

- Polarized proton at BESIII
- Validation of the concept
- **Application at BESIII**

Time-like EMFF of baryon



$$\frac{d\sigma_{p\bar{p}}(s)}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4s} \left[|G_M(s)|^2 (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{4m_p^2}{s} |G_E(s)|^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]$$



BESIII, Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 042001(2020)
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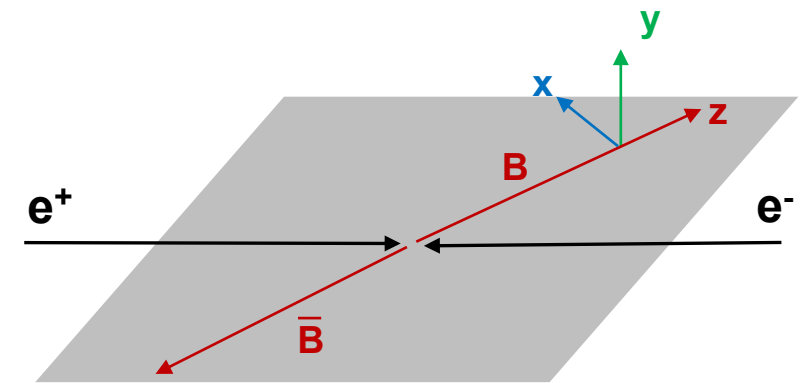
✓ Nucleon time-like form factors G_E/G_M

- Absolute value of G_E, G_M can be obtained from the cross-section measurement
- Relative phase $\Delta\Phi = \Phi_M - \Phi_E$, is linked to the polarization of final state baryon: $P_x P_y$

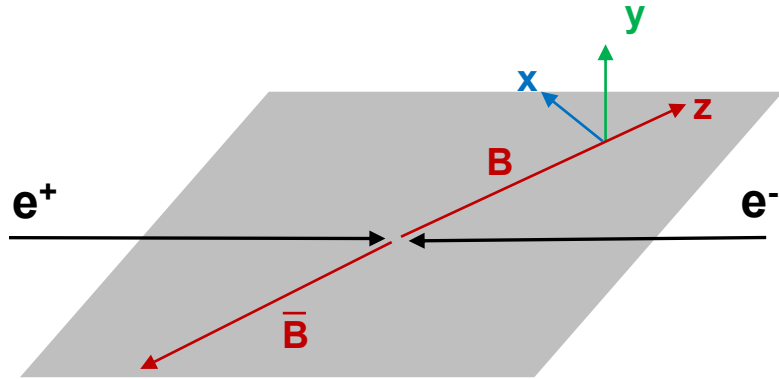
$$\mathcal{P}_y = \frac{\sin 2\theta_p \Im [G_E G_M^*]}{\sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{D}},$$

$$\mathcal{P}_x = \mathcal{P}_e \frac{\sin \theta_p \Re [G_E G_M^*]}{\sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{D}},$$

$$\mathcal{P}_z = \mathcal{P}_e \frac{2 \cos \theta_p |G_M|^2}{\mathcal{D}},$$



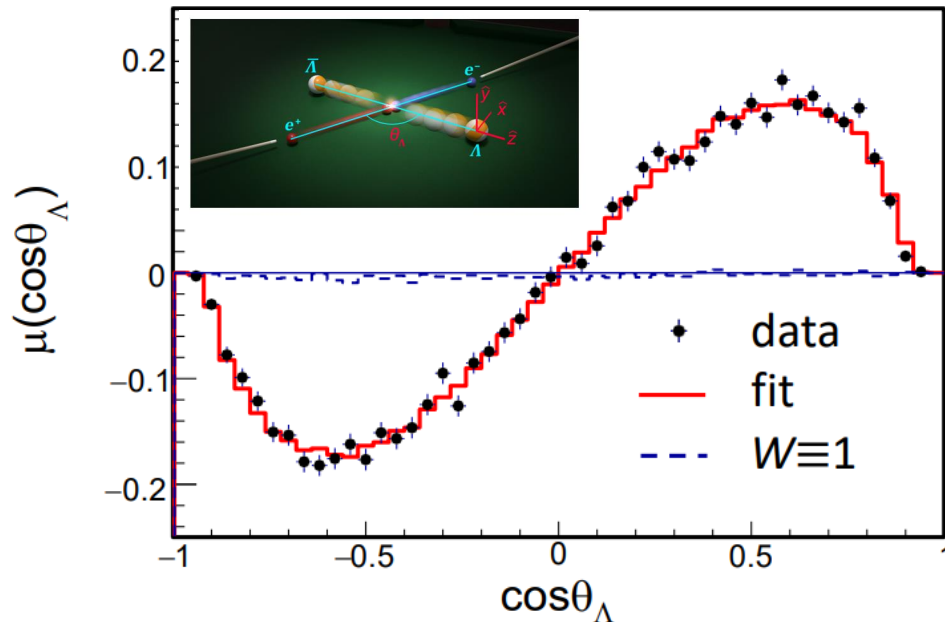
Time-like EMFF of baryon



$e^+e^- \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ pair includes helicity conserving and helicity flip amplitudes. The helicity phase of the time-like form factors G_E/G_M , $\Delta\Phi = \Phi_M - \Phi_E$ is directly linked to the polarization of final state baryons P_y

If $\Delta\Phi$ is not 0, the baryon pair will be **polarized in the direction perpendicular to the production plane**.

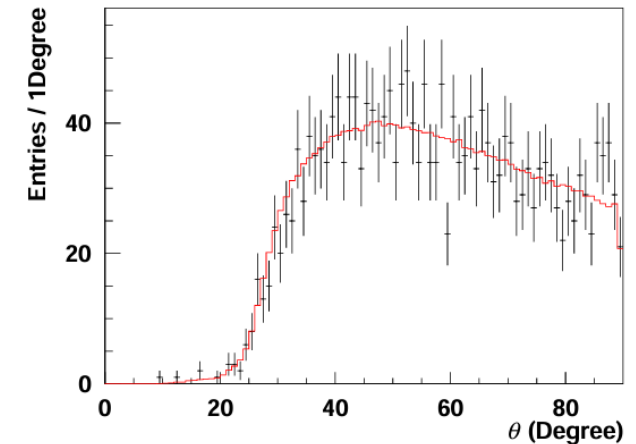
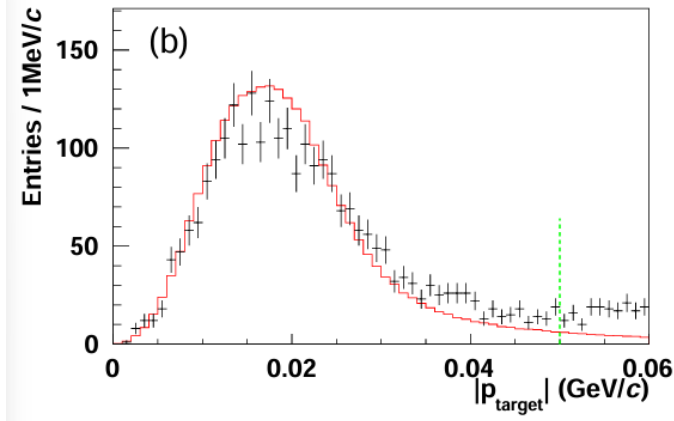
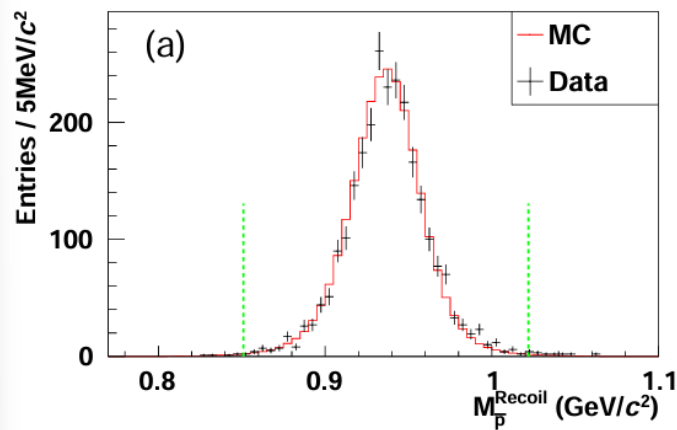
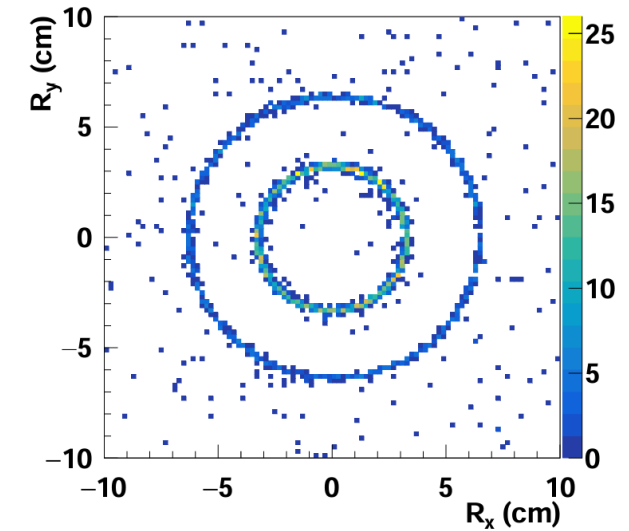
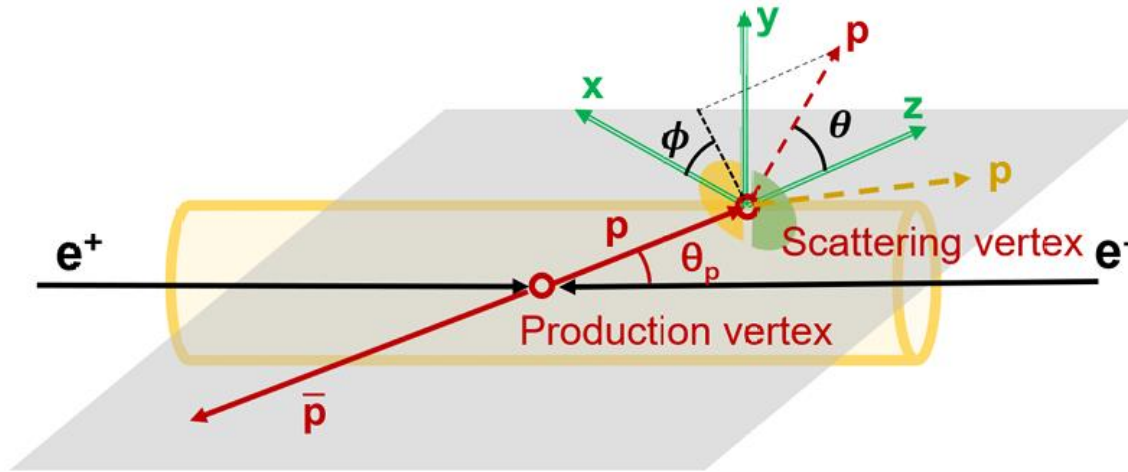
$$\mathcal{P}_y = \frac{\sin 2\theta \operatorname{Im} G_E^* G_M}{D\sqrt{\tau}}$$



By measuring the polarization of the outgoing baryons, we obtain valuable information on the baryon structure.

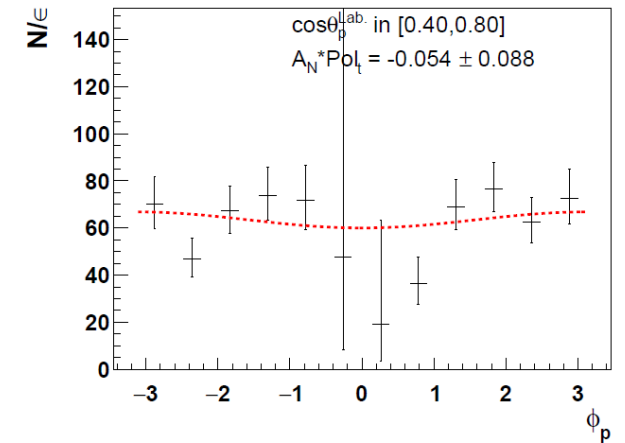
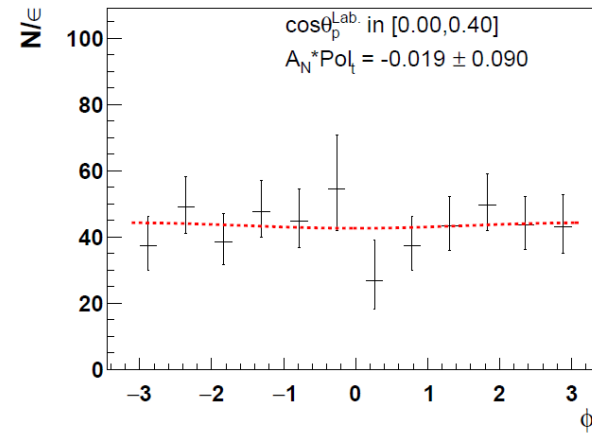
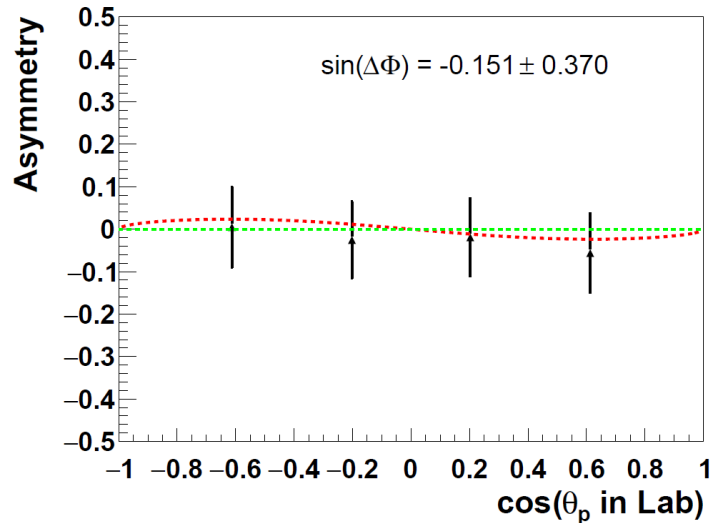
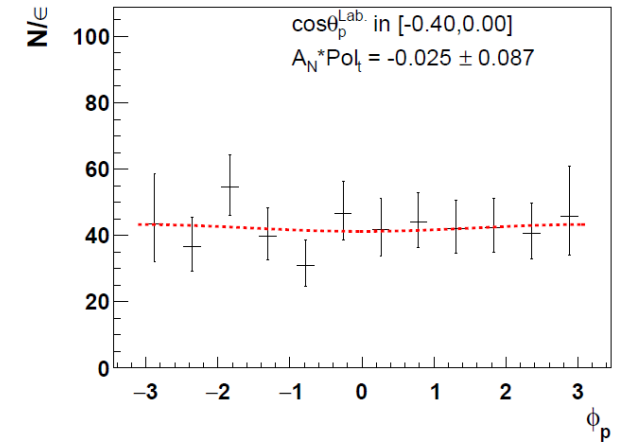
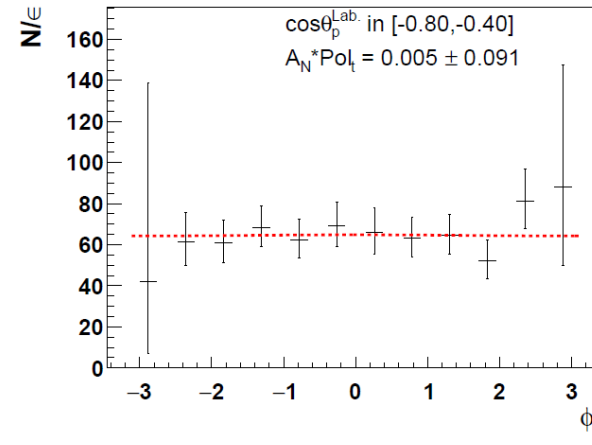
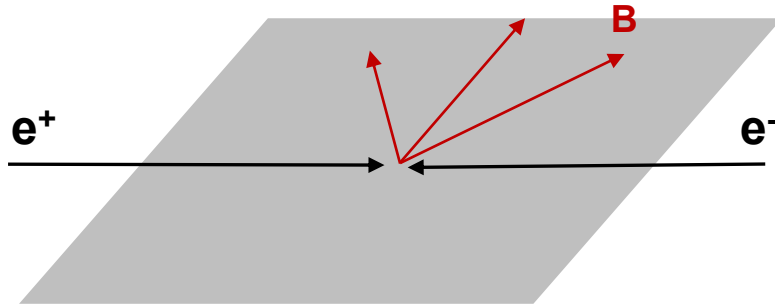
- Hyperons, are easy to measure the polarization with their self-analyzing power.
- For the other baryons, we need a polarimeter to measure the polarization of outgoing baryon.

Relative phase between proton Psionic Form Factors

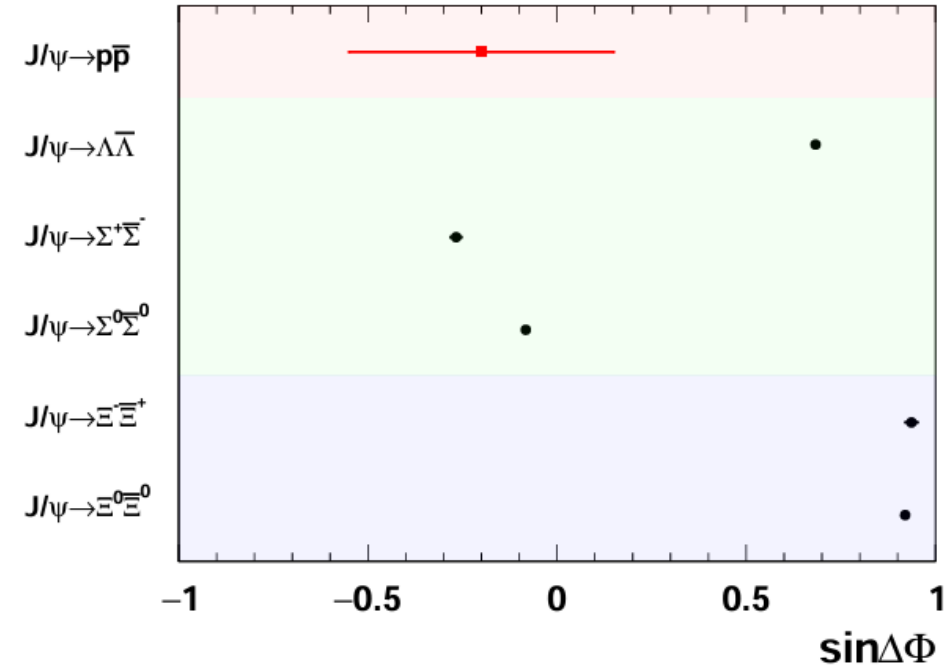
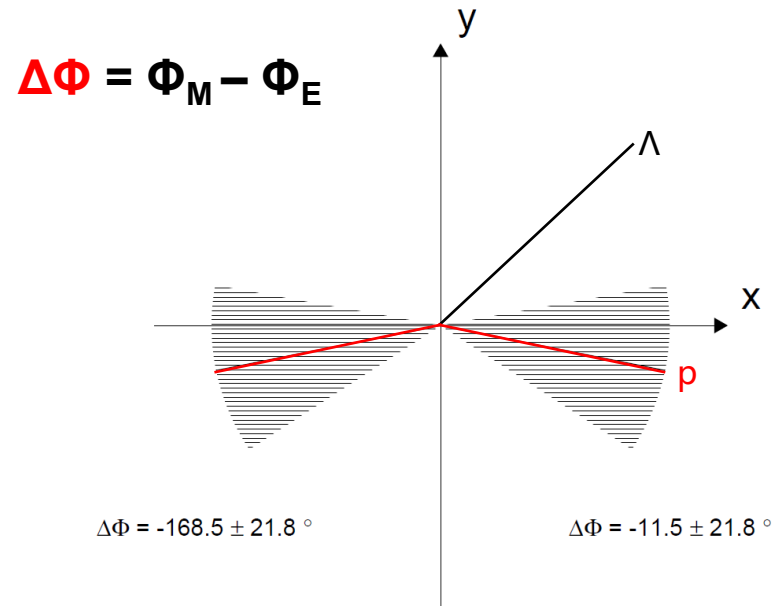


Relative phase between proton Psionic Form Factors

$$\mathcal{P}_y = \frac{\sin 2\theta \operatorname{Im} G_E^* G_M}{D\sqrt{\tau}}$$



Relative phase between proton Psionic Form Factors



- Two solutions of $\Delta\Phi$ with $\sin(\Delta\Phi)$
- Measure $\cos(\Delta\Phi)$, possible at future STCF
- Longitudinal polarized electron, measure $\cos(\Delta\Phi)$
- Measure polarization of p and $\bar{p}$, spin correlation

$$\mathcal{P}_y = \frac{\sin 2\theta_p \Im [G_E G_M^*]}{\sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{D}}, \quad \mathcal{P}_x = \mathcal{P}_e \frac{\sin \theta_p \Re [G_E G_M^*]}{\sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{D}},$$

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Application and potentials at H-NS

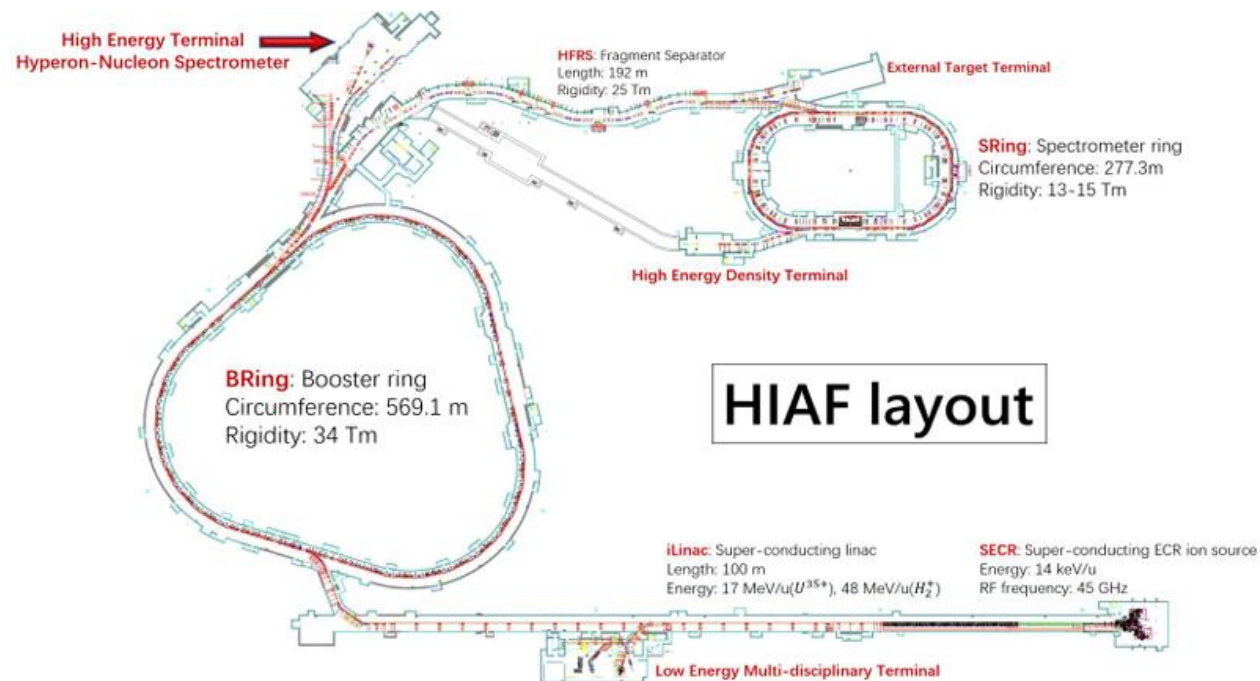
High-Intensity Heavy Ion Accelerator Facility - HIAF

Ion species	Kinetic Energy (GeV/u)	Beam intensity (ppp)
p	9.3	6.0×10^{12}
$^{16}\text{O}^{8+}$	4.25	6.0×10^{11}
$^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$	2.6	6.0×10^{11}
$^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$	1.7	3.0×10^{11}
$^{209}\text{Bi}^{31+}$	0.85	1.2×10^{11}
$^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$	0.835	1.0×10^{11}
$^{238}\text{U}^{78+}$	2.6	1.0×10^{10}

- p 束流 → p 靶
- p 束流 → A 靶
- A 束流 → A 靶

近期规划：利用HIAF束流开展高能核物理研究

长期规划：HIAF → HIAF-U → EicC



Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer (H-NS)

Mag. Field: 1.5 Tesla

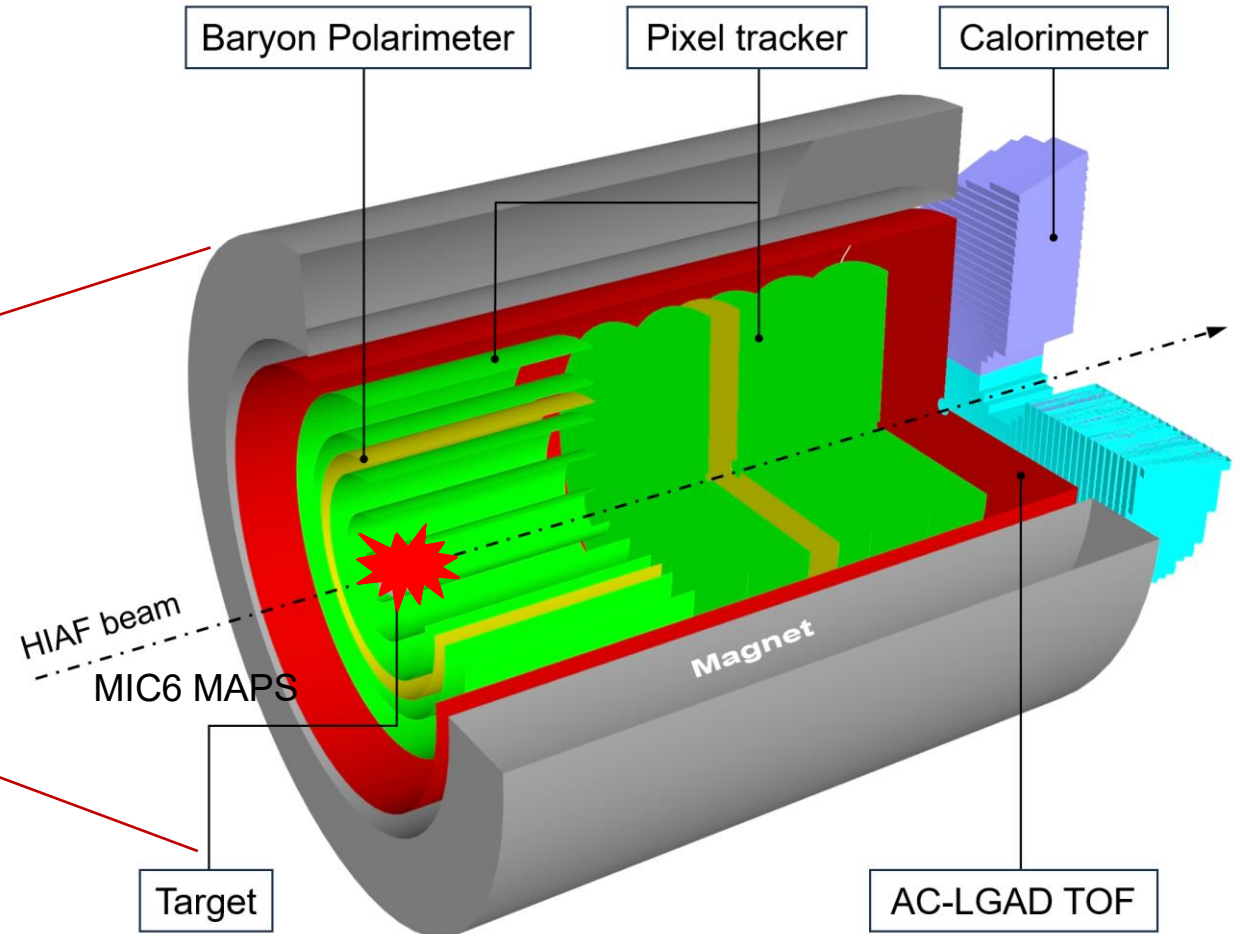
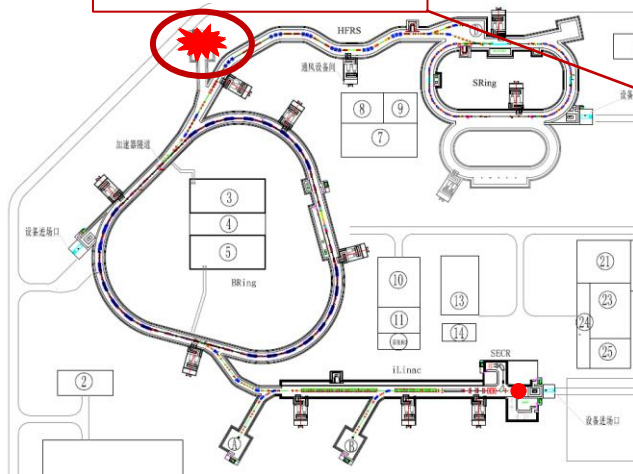
Tracker: MIC6, $30 \times 30 \mu\text{m}^2$, $0.35\% X/X_0$

LGAD: $\sigma_t \sim 30 \text{ ps}$, $300 \times 300 \mu\text{m}^2$

Calorimeter: $\sigma_E \sim 3\%$ @ 1 GeV

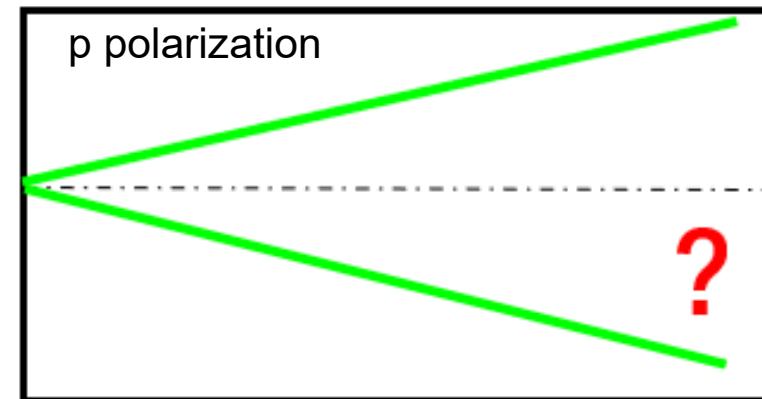
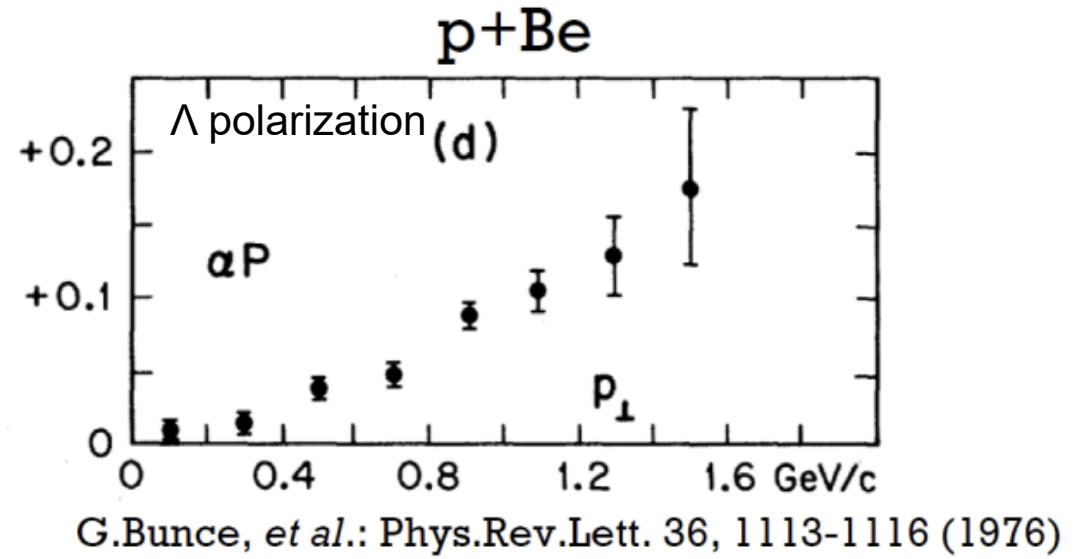
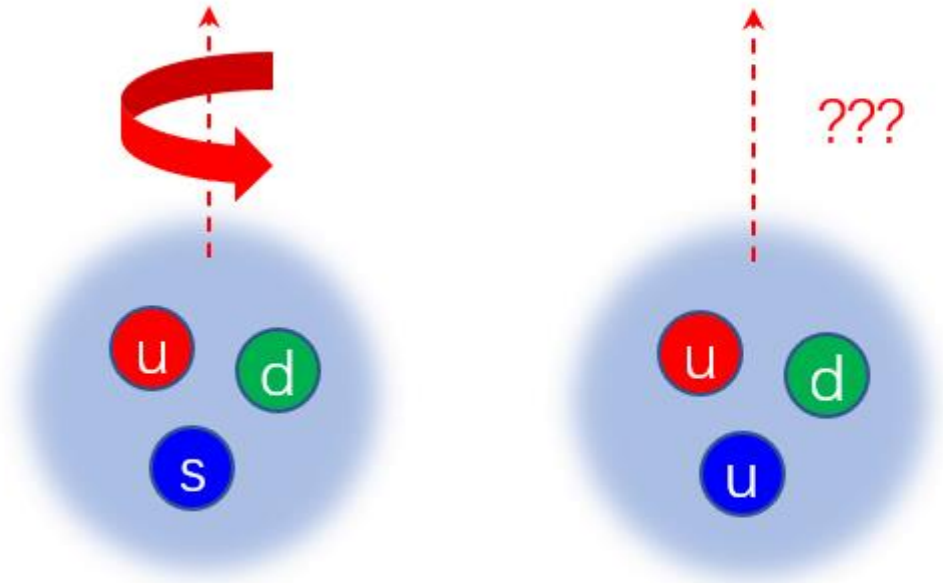
Polarimeter: nucleon and photon polarization

High Energy
Nuclear Physics
Terminal



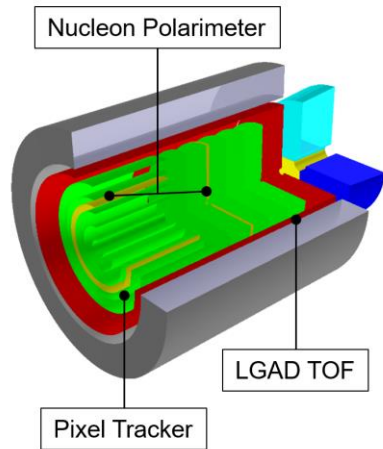
Baryon spin structure – polarization of p/ Λ

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



Physics potentials at H-NS

➤ Spin structure of baryon?



H-NS

Reaction: $p+p$

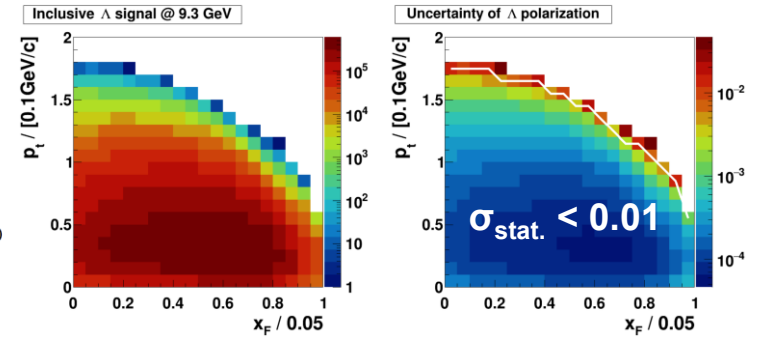
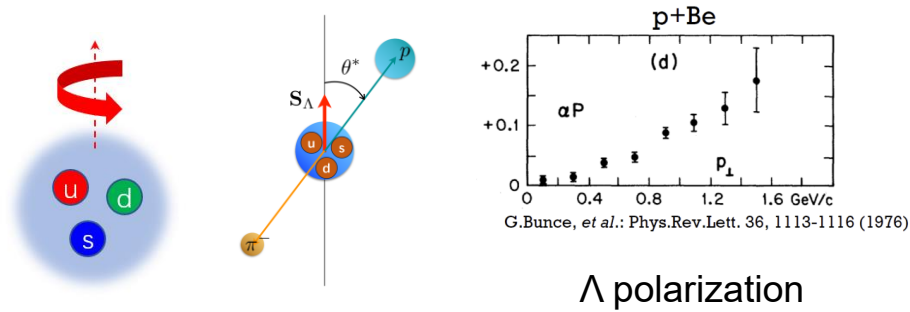
Event rate: 1MHz

Time: 3 months

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

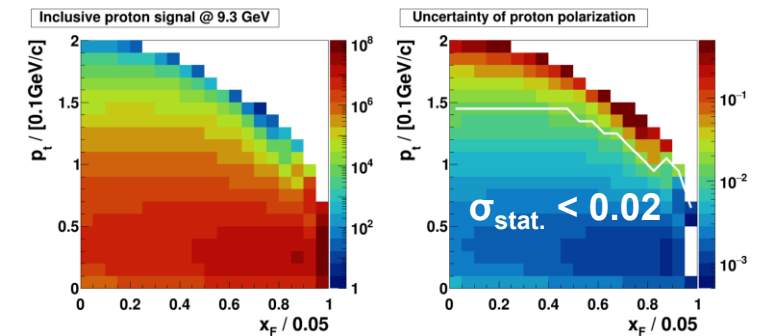
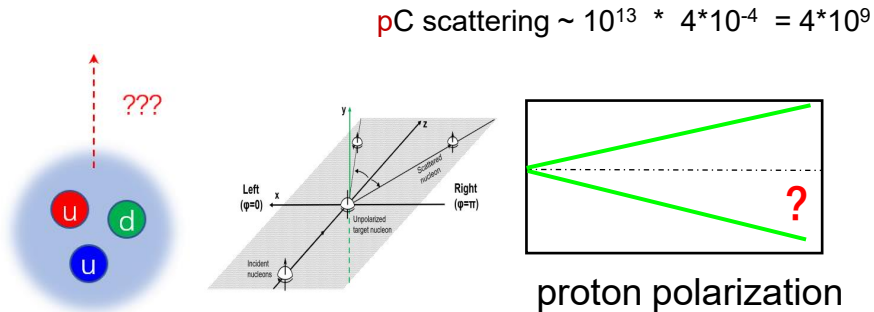
$$p p \rightarrow \Lambda + X$$

$$\sigma_{\text{stat.}} < 0.01 \text{ 2D:400 bins}$$



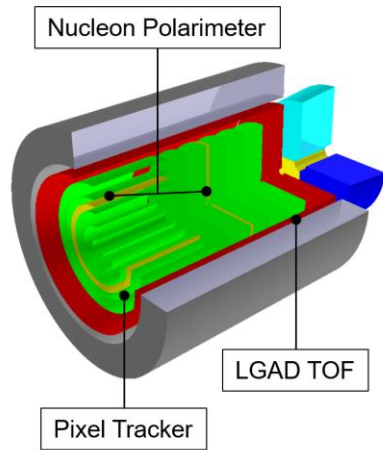
$$p p \rightarrow p + X$$

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Physics potentials at H-NS

➤ Heavy ion physics?



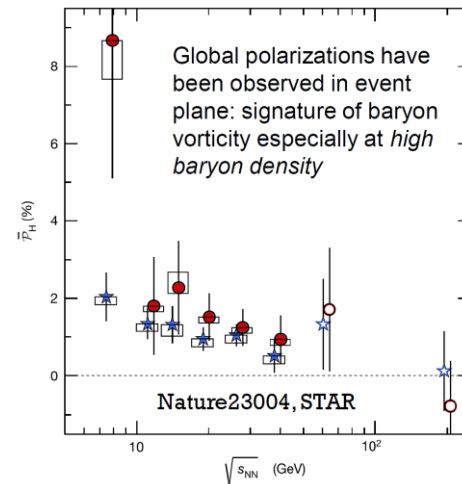
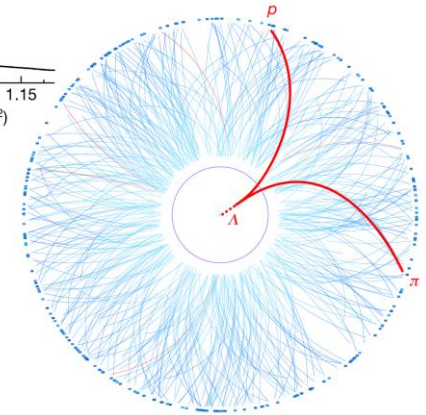
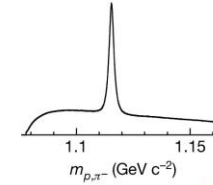
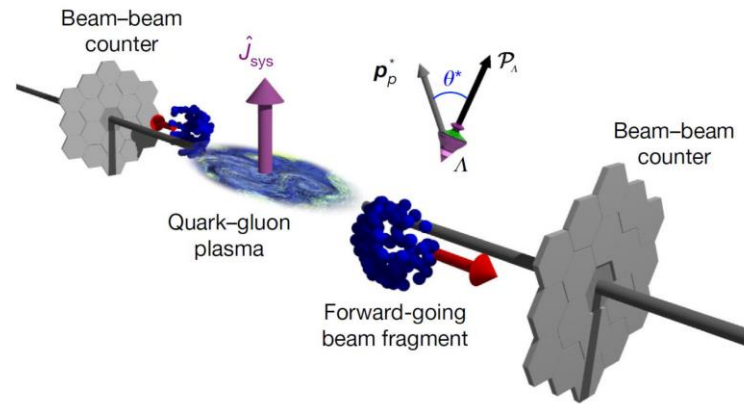
H-NS

Reaction: $A+A$

Event rate:

Time:

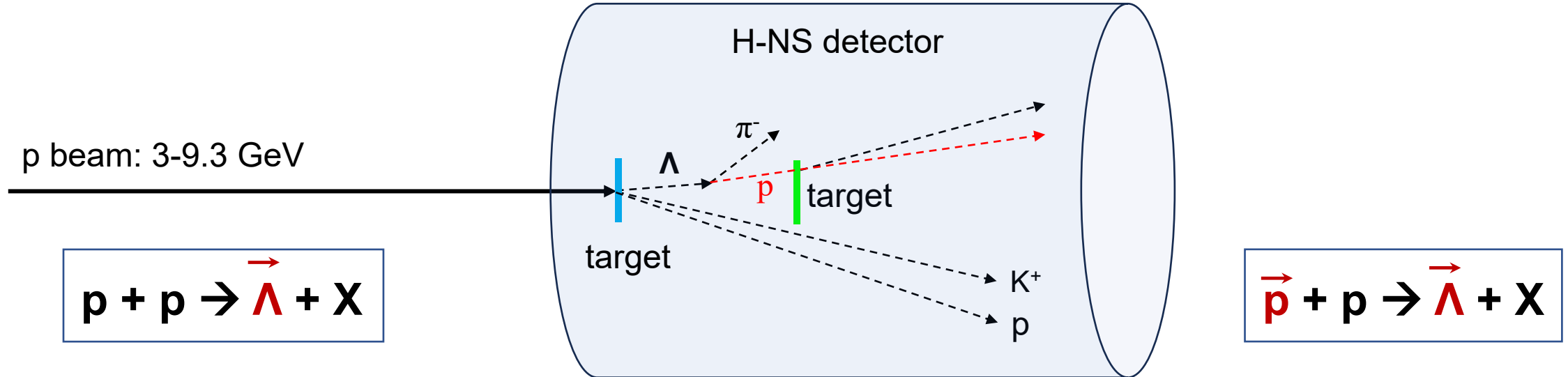
- $AA \rightarrow \Lambda + X$
- $AA \rightarrow p + X$
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- A new probe with proton polarization?
- Difficult at STAR, but possible at H-NS
- Global polarization of proton?

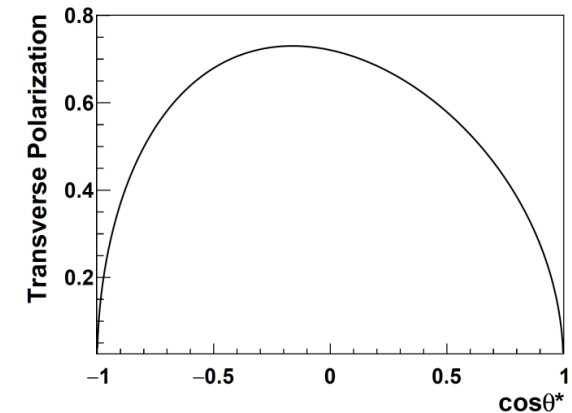
Polarized experiments at H-NS

➤ Potential at H-NS

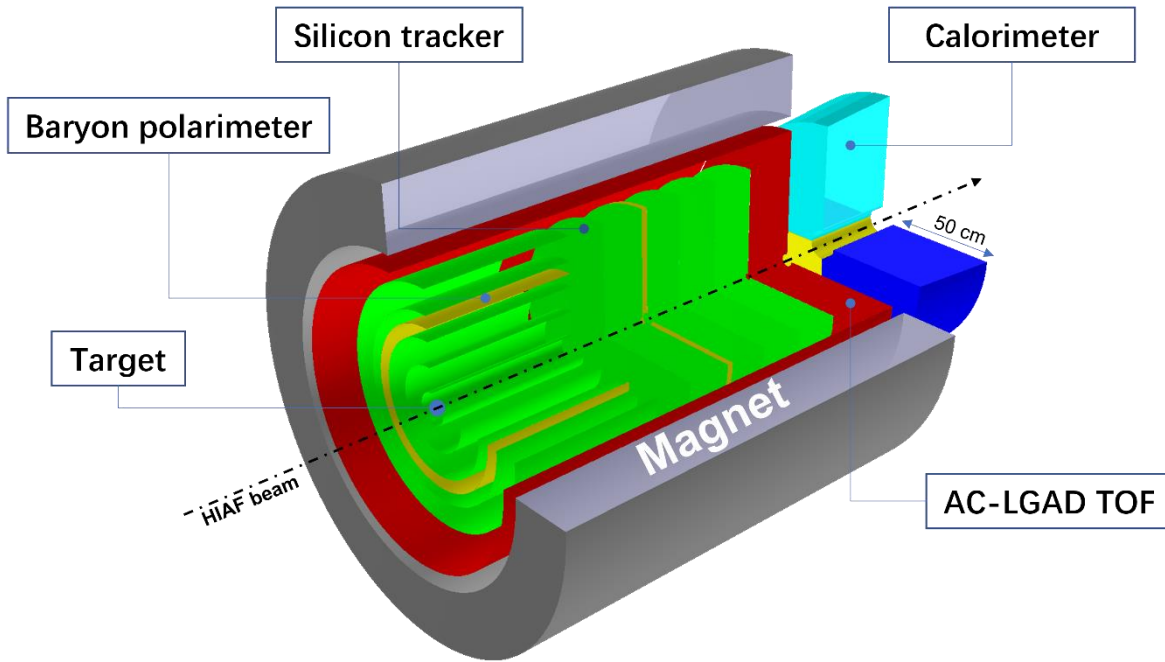


Polarized proton experiment: polarization transfer from beam?

- Average transverse polarization of proton, **pol = 0.57**
- **Polarized proton beam intensity: 1 KHz**
- **Calibrate the pC analyzing power**



Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer



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, 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 $p+p$

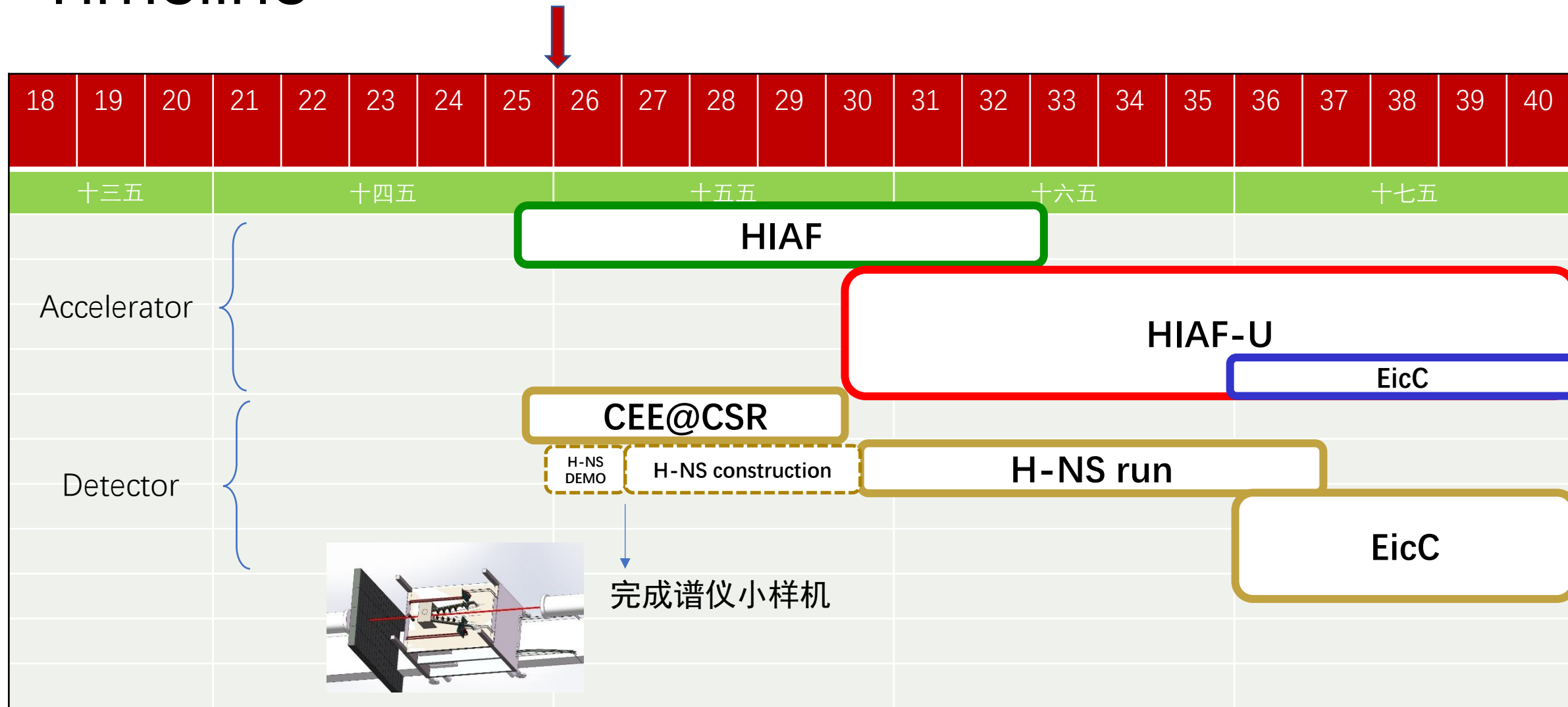
II. Community:

- Supports both communities of hadron structure and heavy-ion physics
- International participations are expected

III. Detector R&D

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

Timeline



Summary

- ✓ **New concept of general-use spectrometer with polarimeter function**
 - applicable at all reactions (ee, ep, pp, AA) and in a wide energy range
 - almost no impact on the conventional performance, almost negligible expense
- ✓ **Validation and application at BESIII**
 - Validation performed with polarized proton at BESIII
 - First measurement for relative phase of proton EMFF
- ✓ **Potentials of the concept at HIAF**
 - H-NS with polarimetry function
 - Rich spin physics, bridging the future EicC physics

Thank You