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Flow Simulation at 500 MeV/u U+U in the HIRFL-CSR External-target Experiment (CEE)

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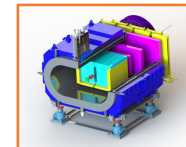
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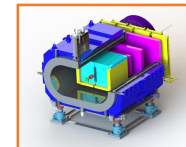


Outline

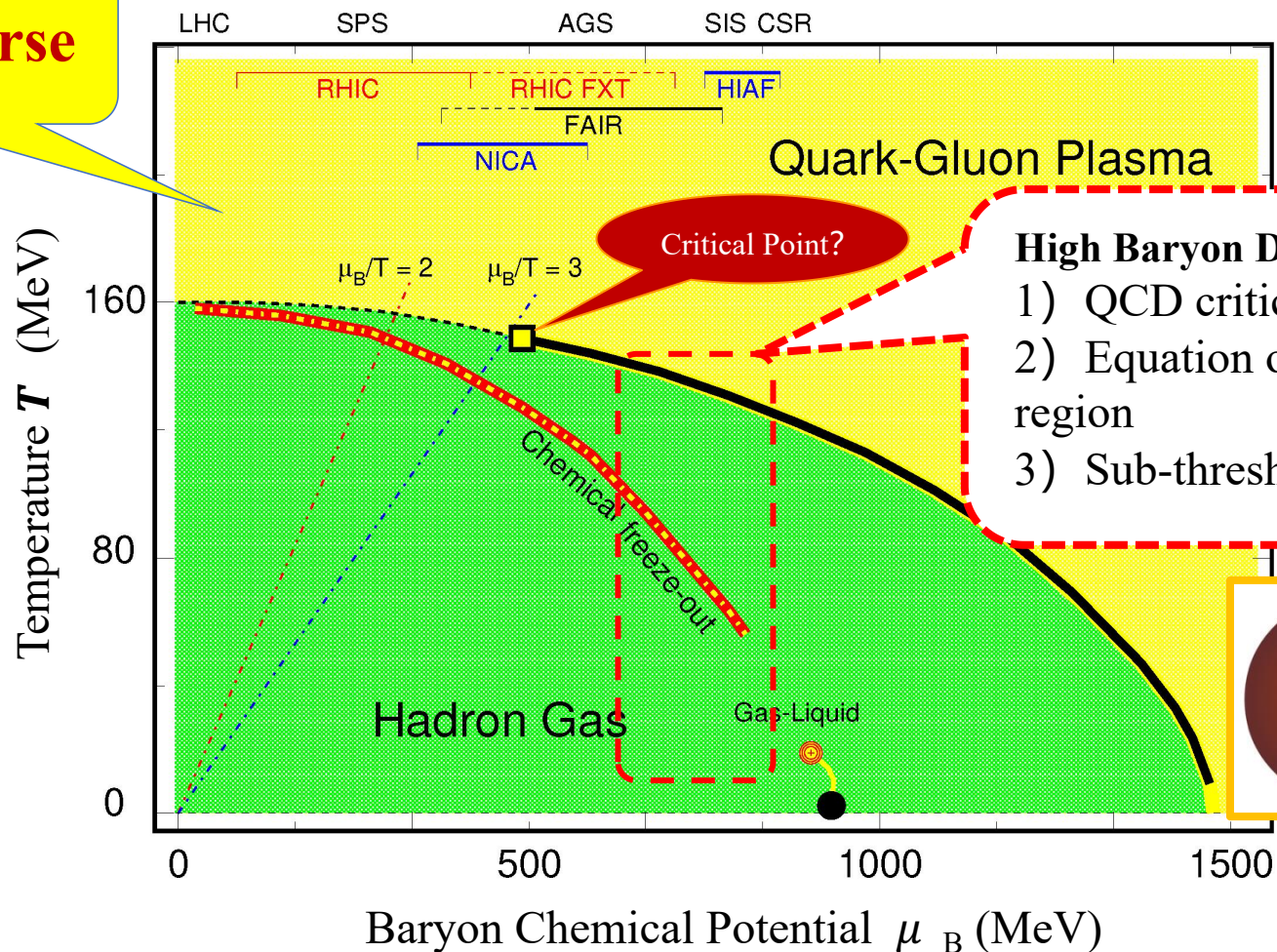


- Physics Motivation
- Studies of Directed Flow with Event Plane Method at CEE
- Flow Simulation of Light Nucleus at 500 MeV/u U+U in CEE
- Summary and Outlook

QCD Phase Diagram

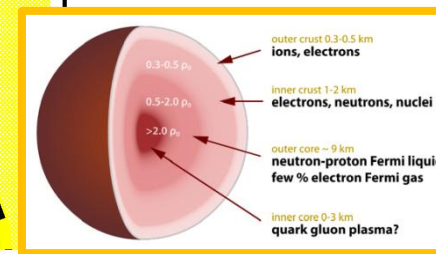
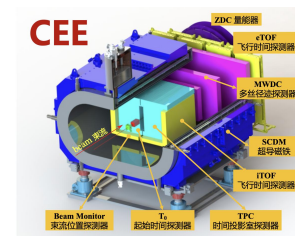


Early Universe



High Baryon Density Region:

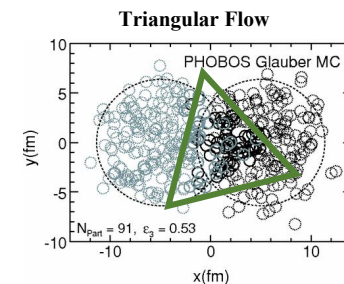
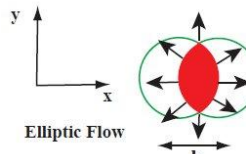
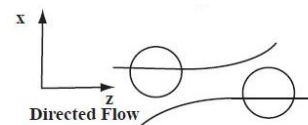
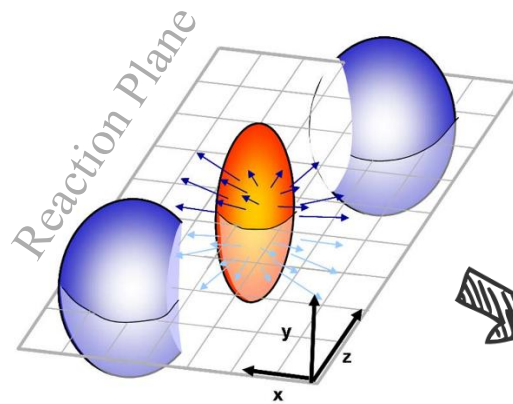
- 1) QCD critical point
- 2) Equation of State at $\rho > 2\rho_0$ region
- 3) Sub-threshold production



Anisotropic Flow

Arthur M. Poskanzer, S. A. Voloshin. Phys. Rev. C. **58**, 1671(1998).

$$E \frac{d^3 N}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T dp_T dy} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos(n(\phi - \Psi_{RP})) \right)$$



arXiv:0809.2949v2

Phys.Rev.C81,054905 (2010)

- v_1 : Collective sideward motion of particles
- v_2 : Sensitive to initial eccentricity
- v_3 : Initial geometry fluctuations

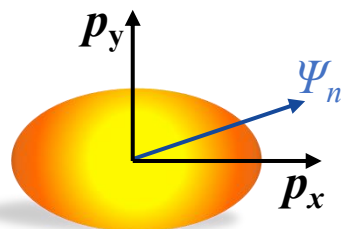
Initial spatial
anisotropy



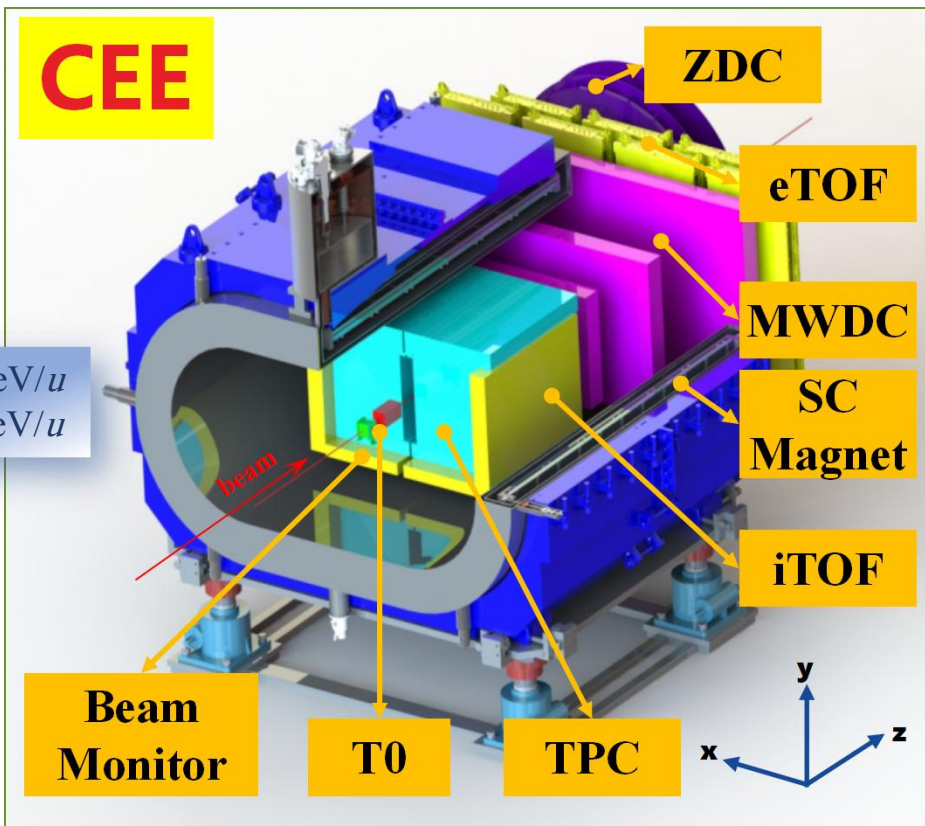
Pressure gradient



Momentum
anisotropy



Supported by NSFC and CAS

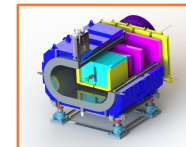


- $\Delta p/p: \leq 5\%, \Delta t/t: \leq 80\text{ps}$
- Max. Rate: 10 kHz
- Proton acceptance: $\sim 85\%$

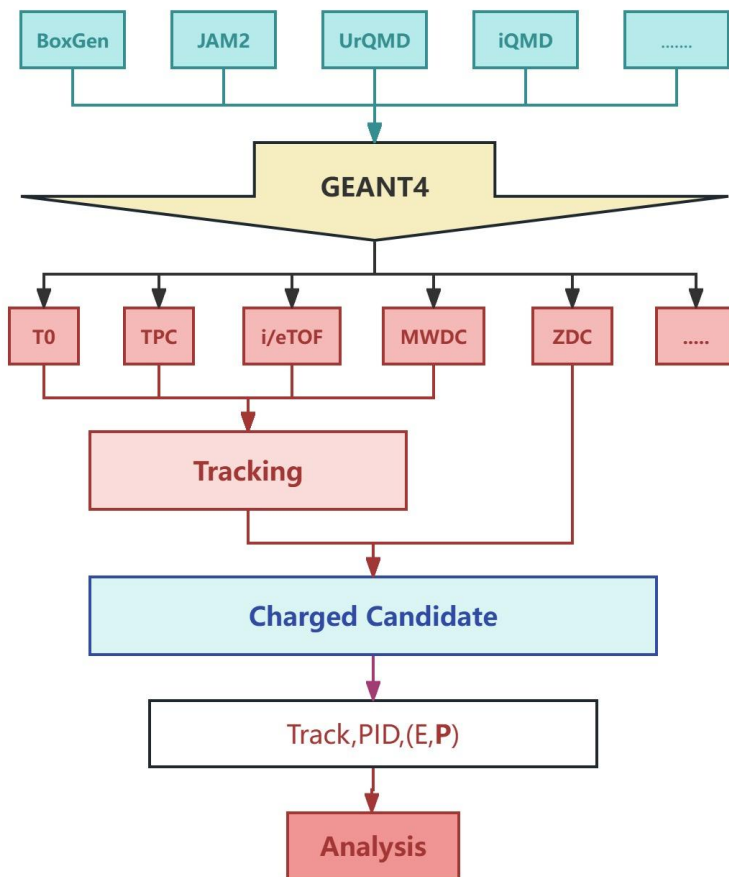
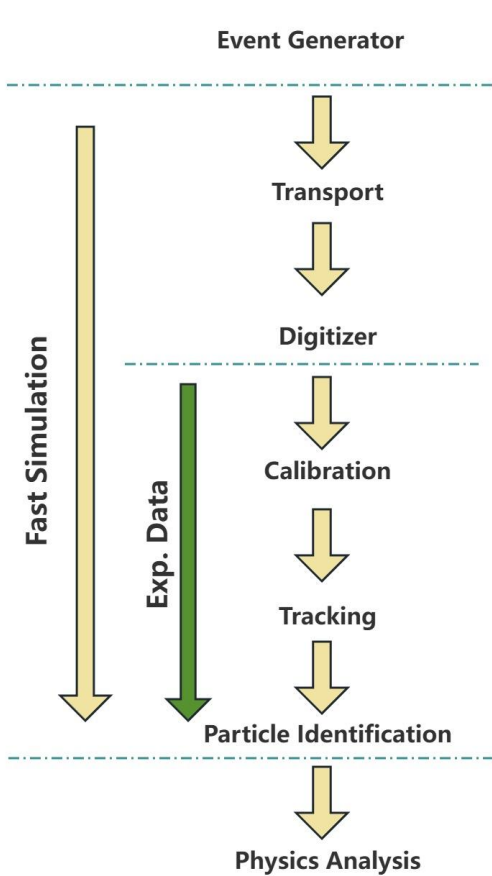
Search for the **QCD phase boundary/CEP** at low temperature and high baryon density

Nuclear equation of state at $\rho > 2\rho_0$ region
Interplay with Neutron Star Physics

Sub-threshold production
Short range correlation
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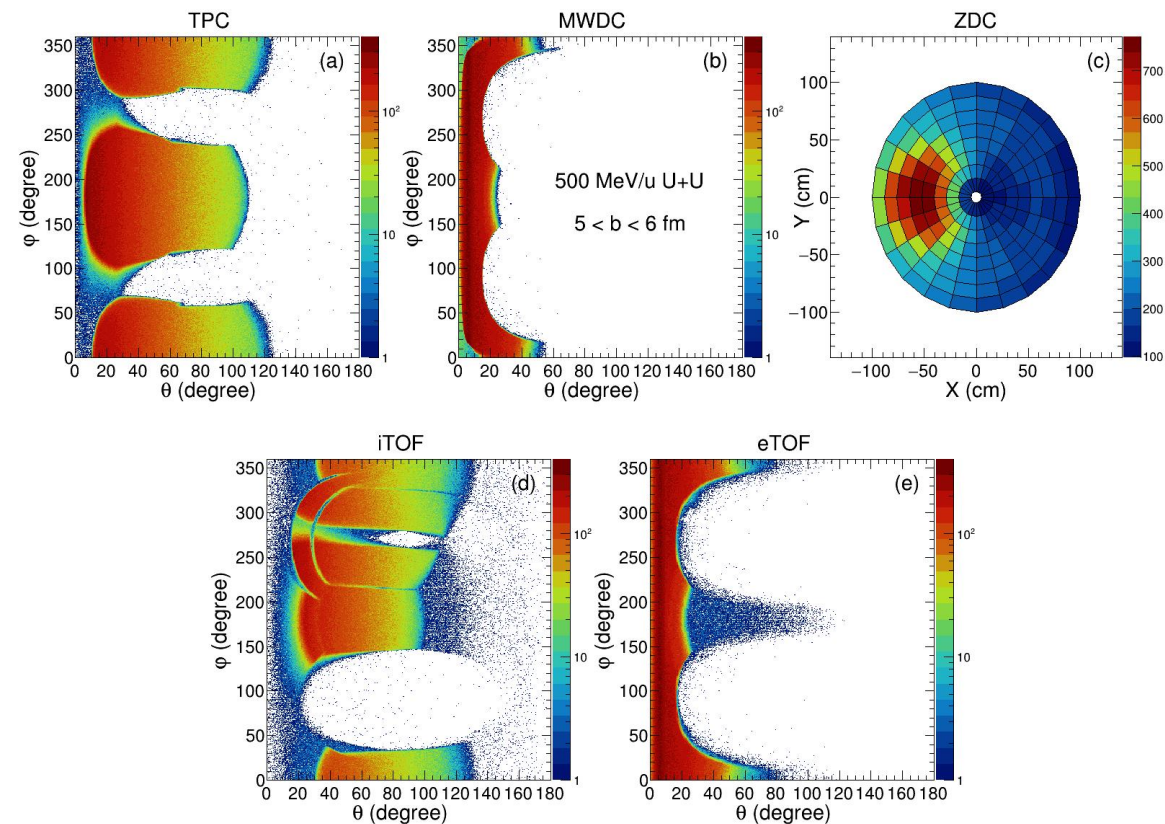


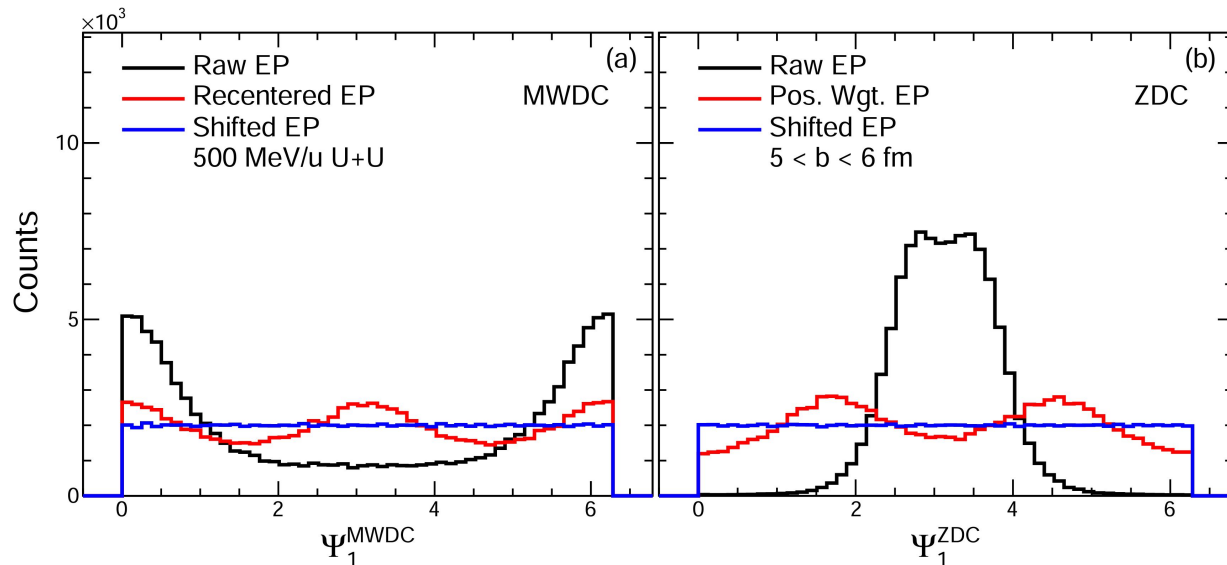
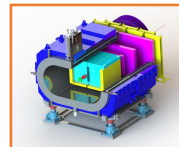
CEE Simulation



CEE Acceptance

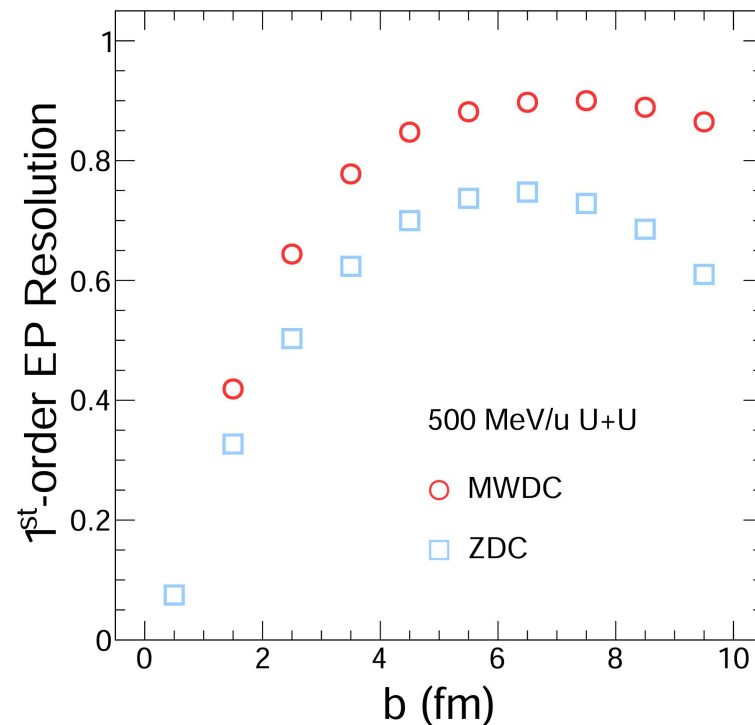
JAM2 + CEE FastSimulation





- EP reconstruction : Q vector method
- For MWDC: **Re-centering + shift calibration**
- For ZDC: **Position weighted + shift calibration**

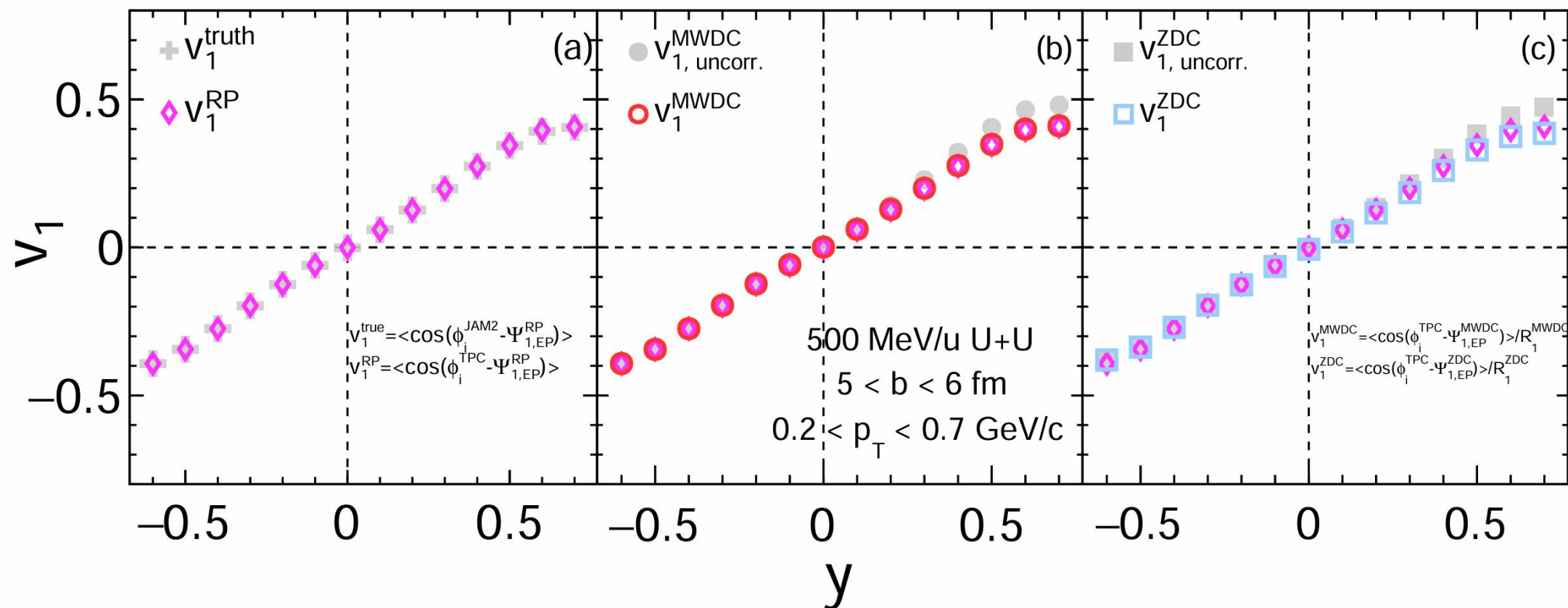
$$\Psi_1 = \arctan \left(\frac{\sum \omega_i \sin \varphi_i^{\text{MWDC,ZDC}}}{\sum \omega_i \cos \varphi_i^{\text{MWDC,ZDC}}} \right)$$



- Event plane resolution : two-sub events method

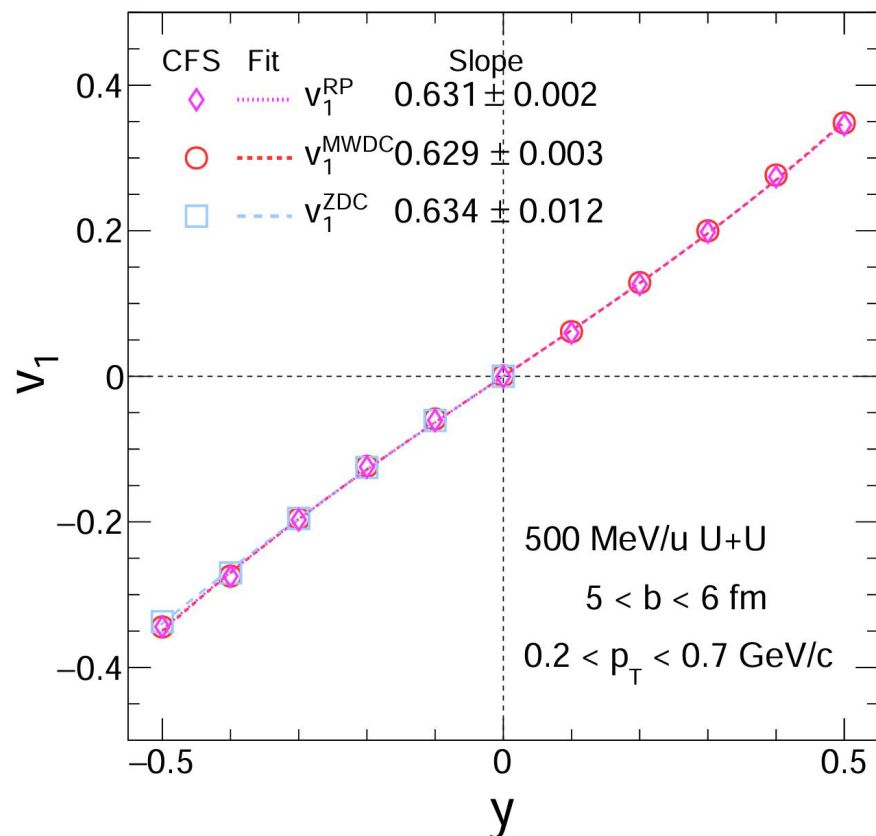
$$R_1 = \langle \cos[(\Psi_{RP} - \Psi_1)] \rangle$$

Directed Flow in CEE



- Validity of standard event plane method in the CEE experiment
- Flow signal measured by CEE detector is reliable

Directed Flow in CEE



Optimal kinematic regions

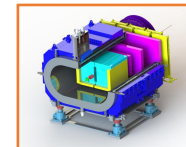
For MWDC

— removing self-correlation effect and momentum conservation effect

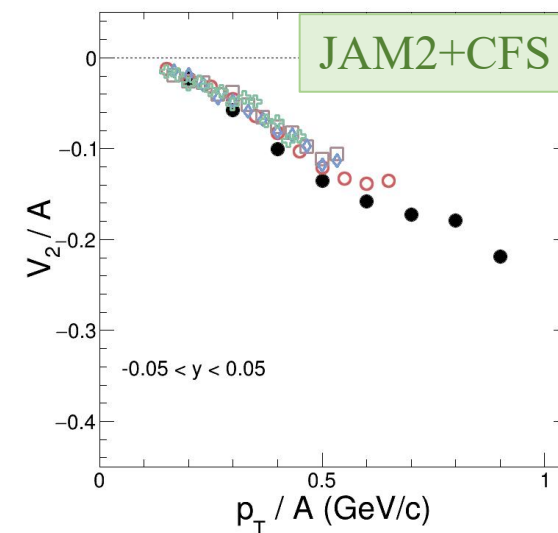
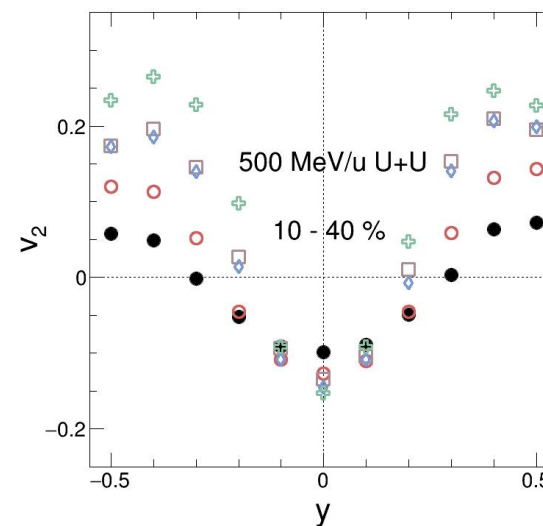
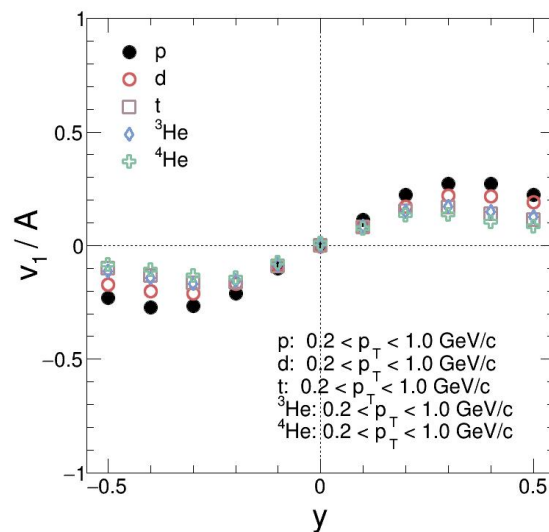
For ZDC

— used the backward protons in TPC ($-0.5 < y < 0$)

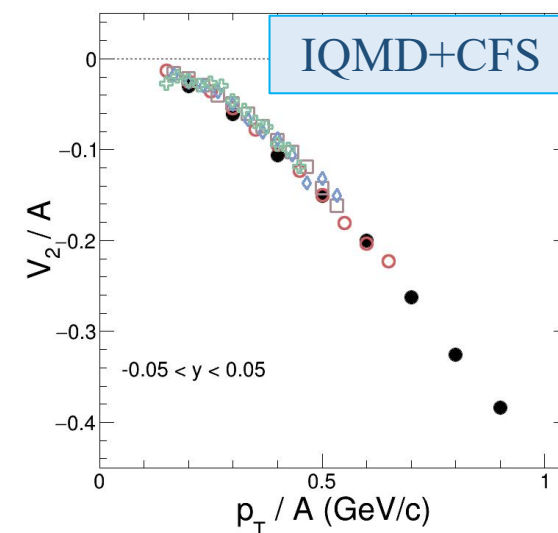
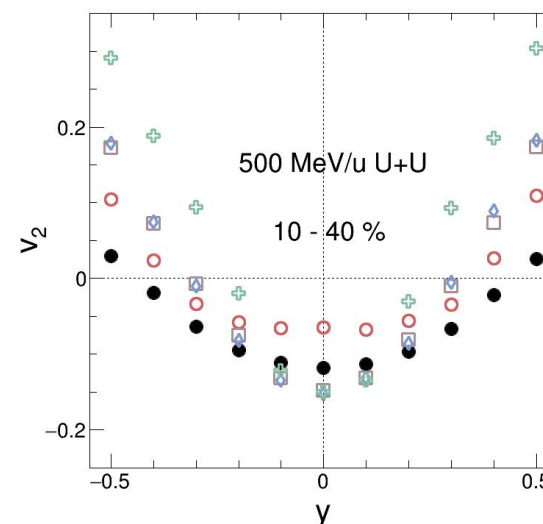
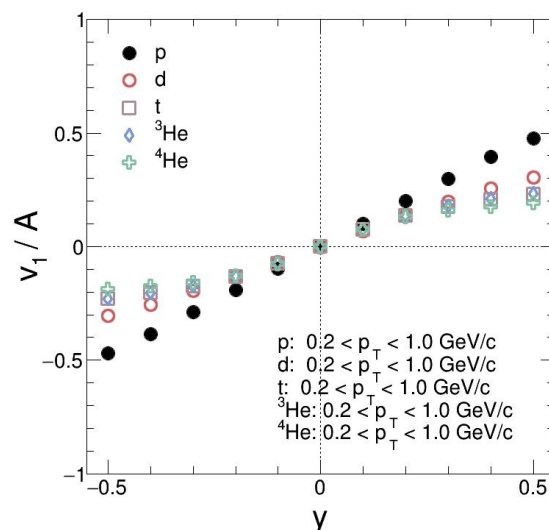
Light Nucleus Flow Simulation



➤ Distinct distributions between JAM2 and IQMD

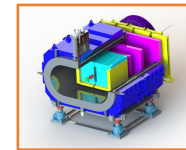


➤ Nuclear number scale of directed flow and elliptic flow



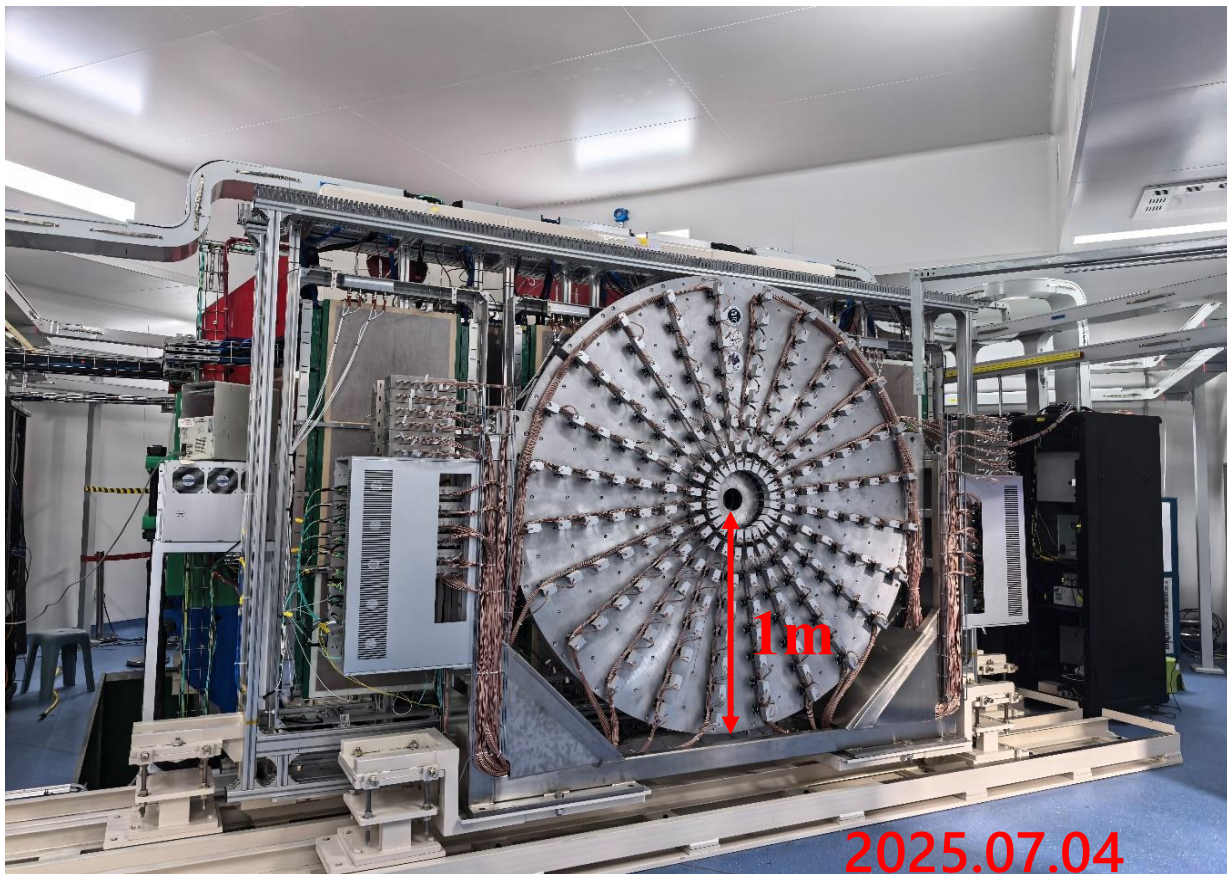
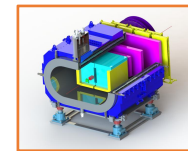


Summary



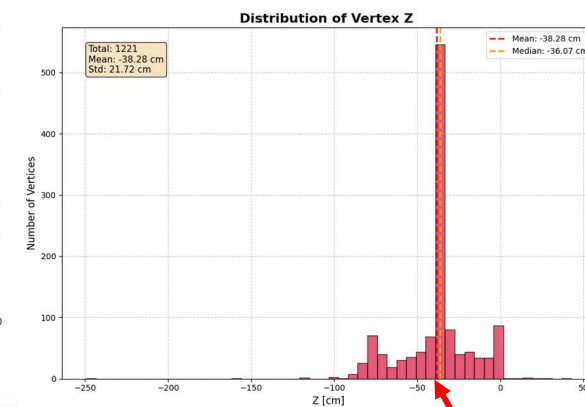
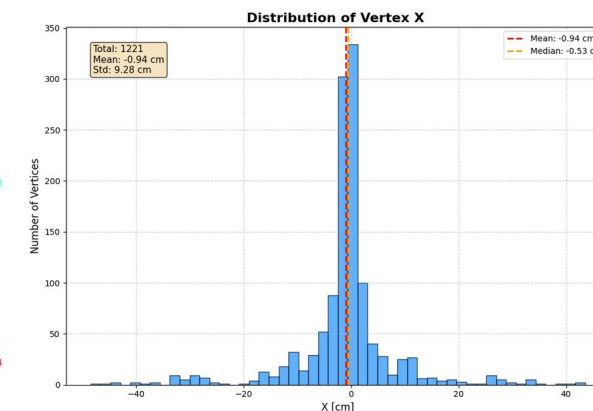
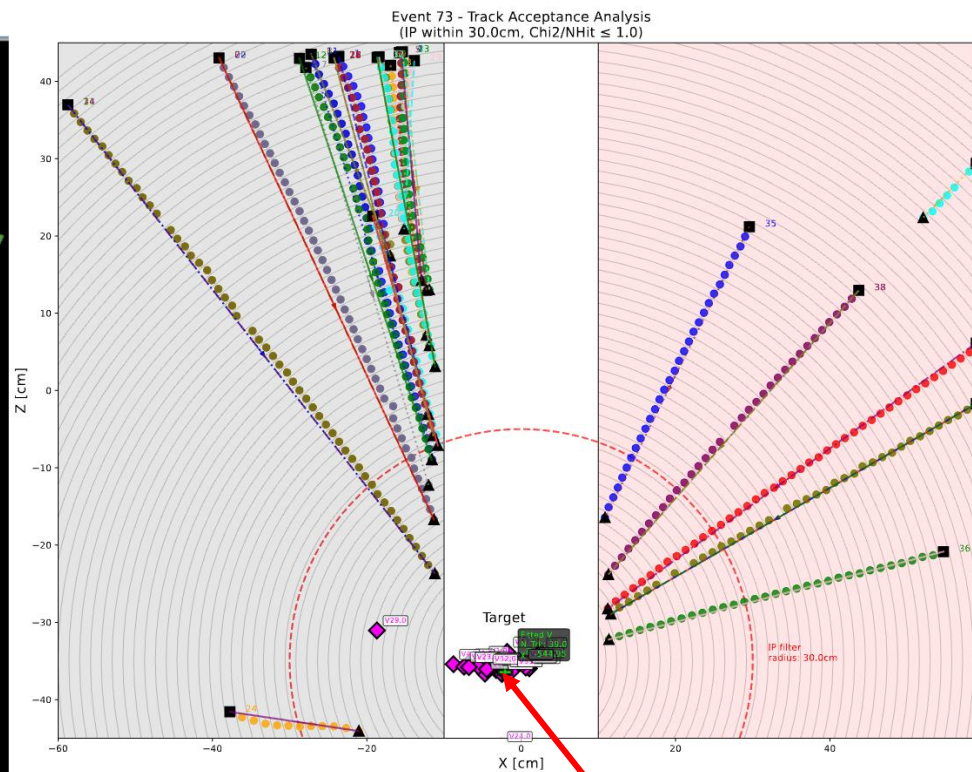
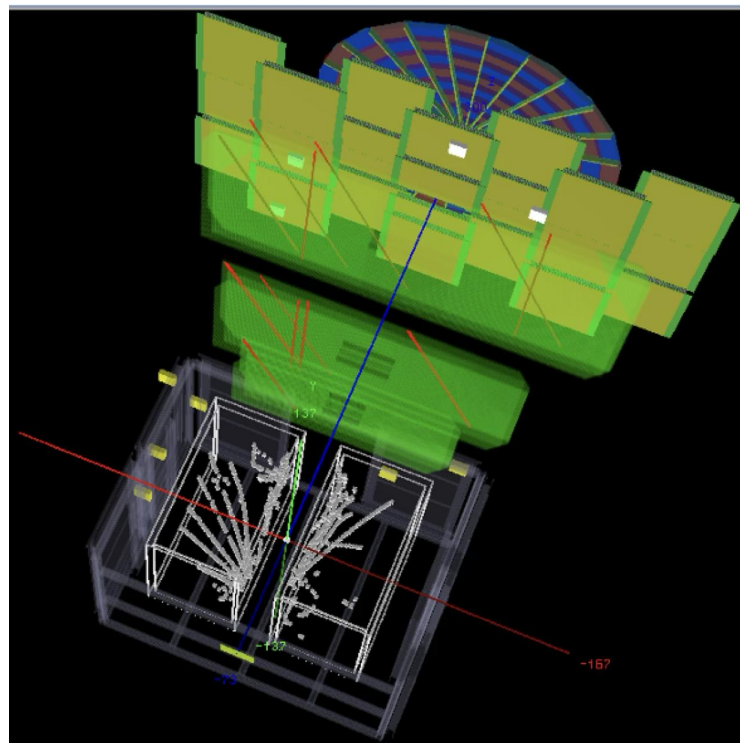
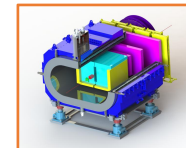
- Validated the effectiveness of the standard event plane method in the CEE experiment
- Proposed **optimal kinematic regions** for proton directed flow measurement w.r.t. MWDC and ZDC in the CEE experiment
- Light nucleus flows in CEE experiments will aid understanding of the production mechanism of light nuclei in the high baryon density region

CEE Detector Without Magnet



- CEE installation completed on 2025.07.04
- Final test beam experiment completed on 2025.07.15

Test Beam: 320 MeV/u Sn+Pb @ CEE

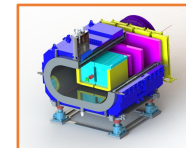


Target

- All sub-detectors were commissioned on time and ready to take data
- Promising tracking and vertex reconstruction performance



Outlook



- **CEE is scheduled to run 1.1 GeV/u C+C by the end of the year**
- **Focus on Λ sub-threshold production**

Thanks for your attention!