

Recent Measurements of Hypernuclei Properties and Production from STAR BES II

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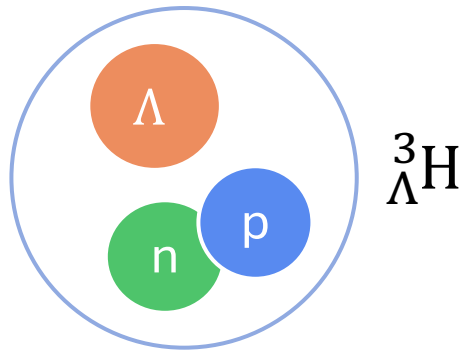
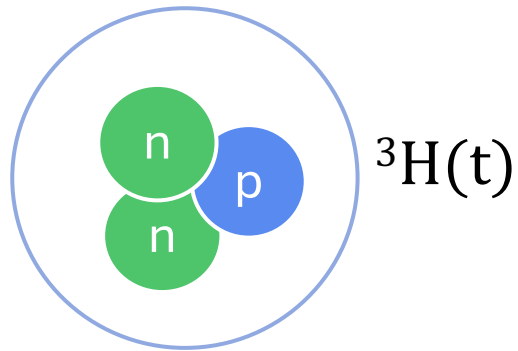
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What are Hypernuclei?

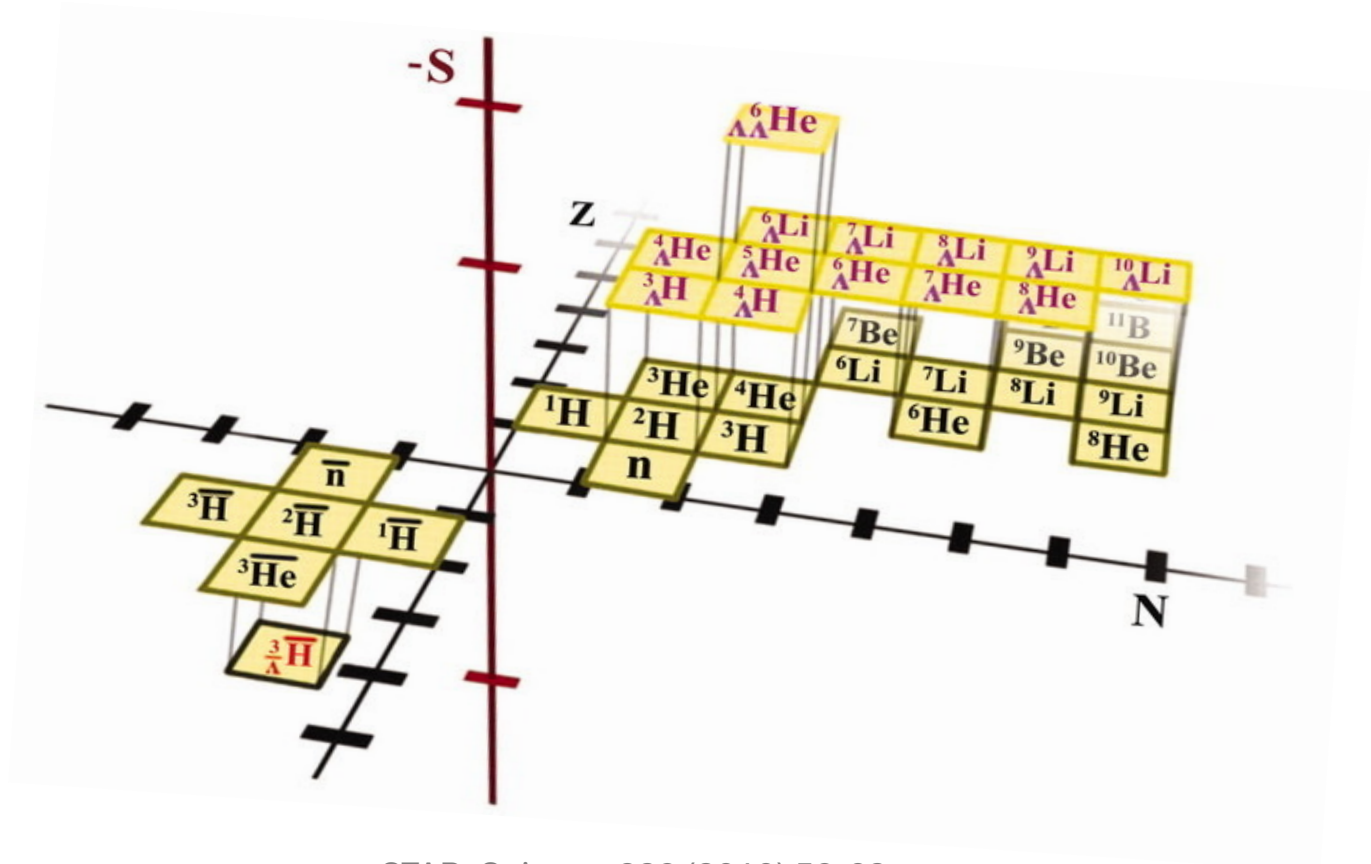
Hypernucleus: A bound system of nucleons with ≥ 1 hyperon.

Hyperon: A baryon with ≥ 1 strange quark (e.g. Λ , Ξ , Ω etc).



lightest hypernucleus

Additional dimension in chart of nuclides

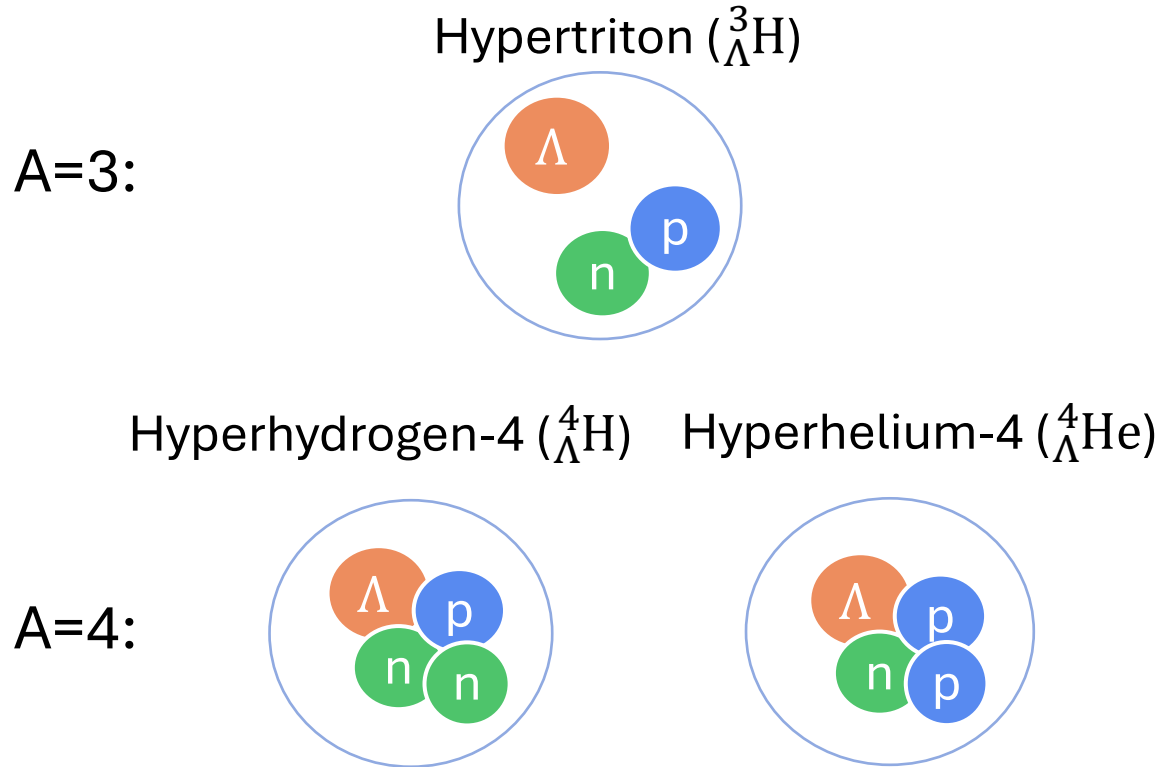


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Hypernuclei and Hyperon-Nucleon (Y-N) Interaction

Hypernuclei -> probe to Y-N (Y-N-N) interaction

- Inner structure governed by interactions between nucleons (and hyperons)



Observables in heavy ion collisions

Intrinsic Properties

- How tight they bind together
- Internal spin structure
- How they decay: lifetime, branching ratio

Production mechanism

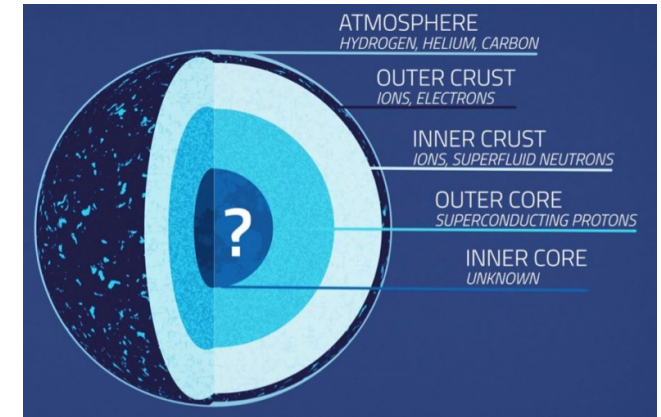
- How they form in heavy ion collisions
 - Collectivity, production yields



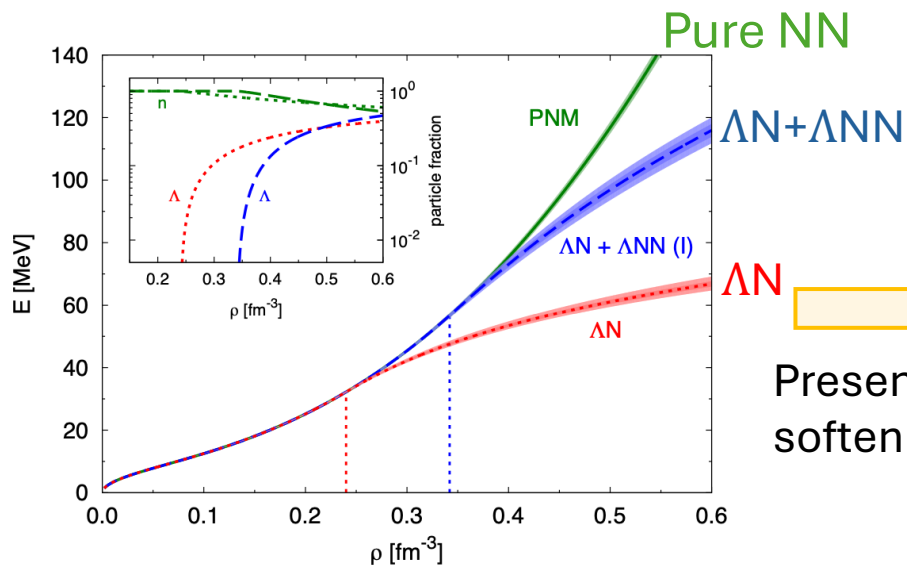
Y-N Interaction, EoS and Astrophysics

- **Equation of State (EoS) in dense nuclear matter**
 - The strangeness degree of freedom in EoS at high baryon density region
- High baryon density nuclear matter
 - e.g. low energy HIC, neutron stars

Compact star

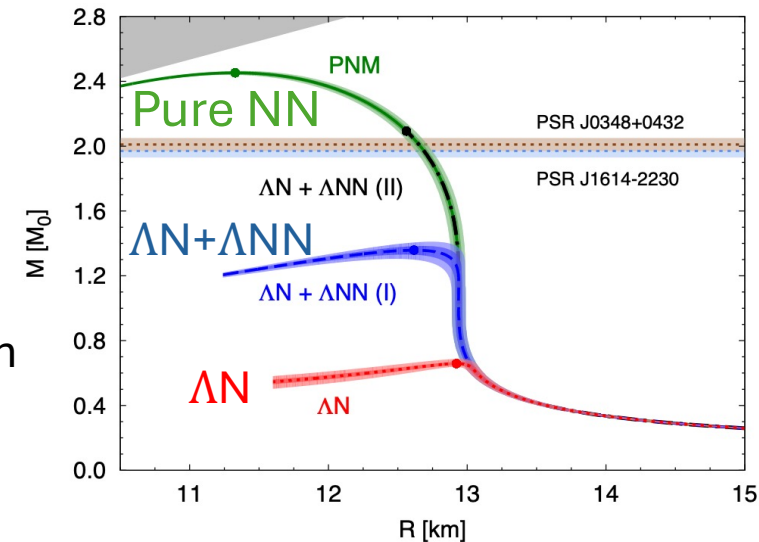


“Hyperon puzzle”



Nuclear matter EoS

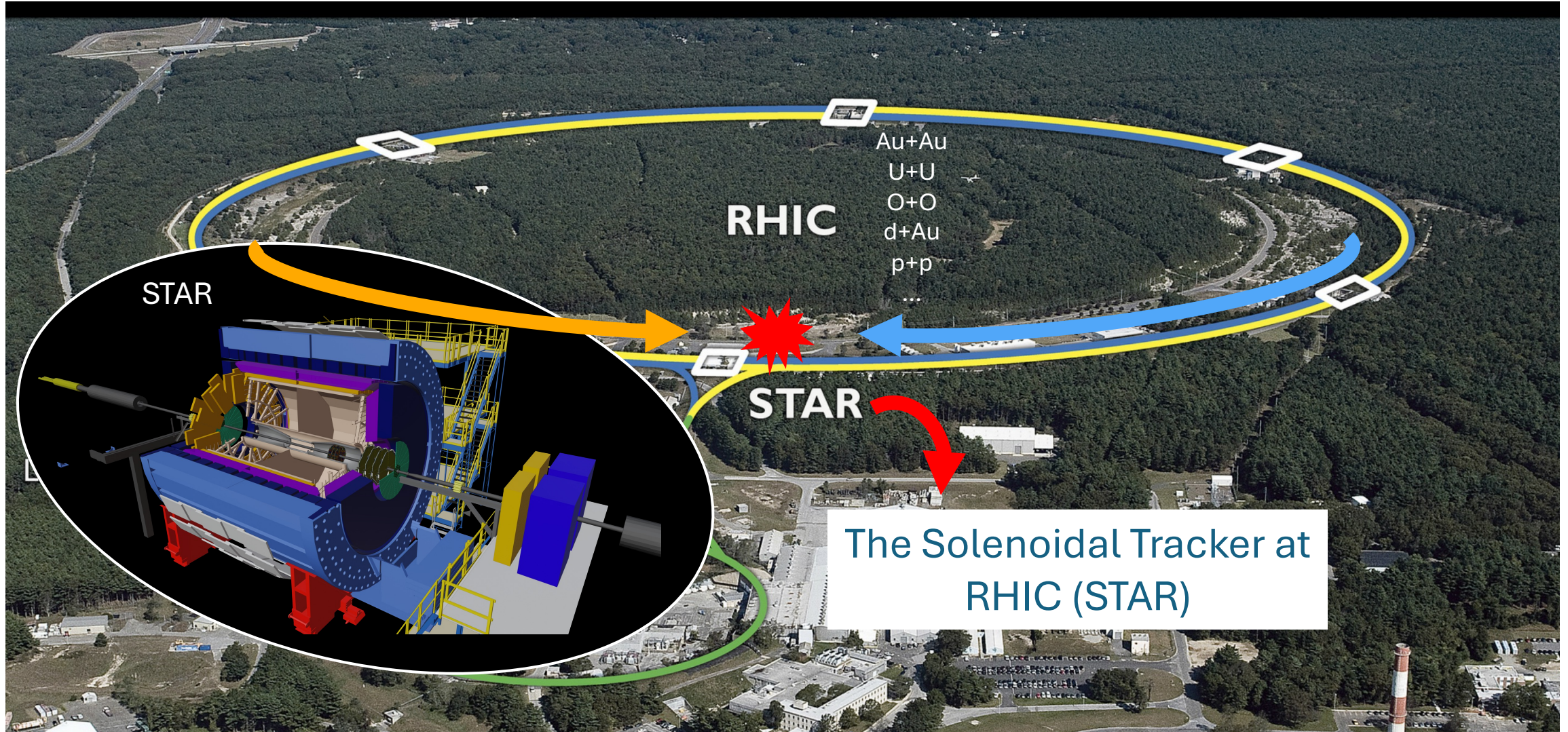
D. Lonardoni, et al. PRL 114, 092301 (2015)



Observed heavy neutron stars

Mass vs R

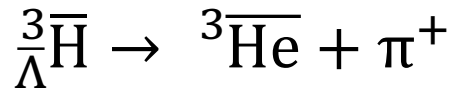
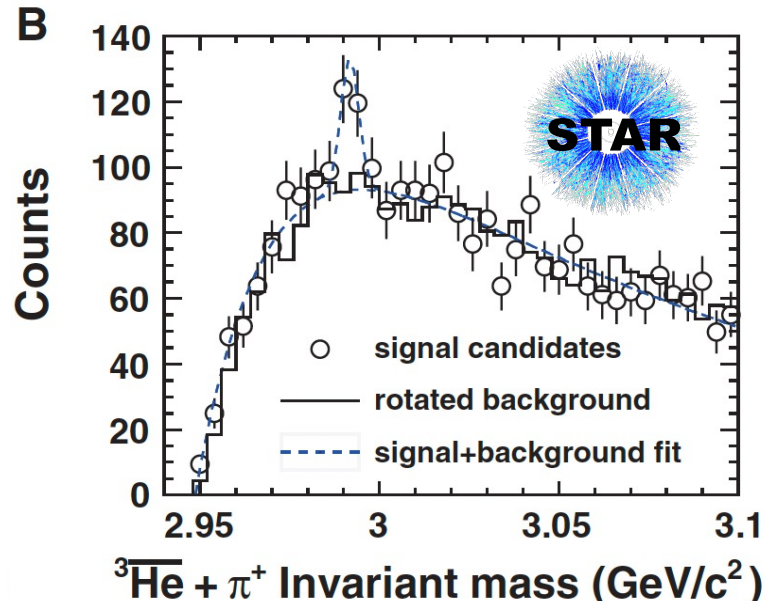
RHIC and The STAR Detector



Previous Hypernuclei Measurements at STAR

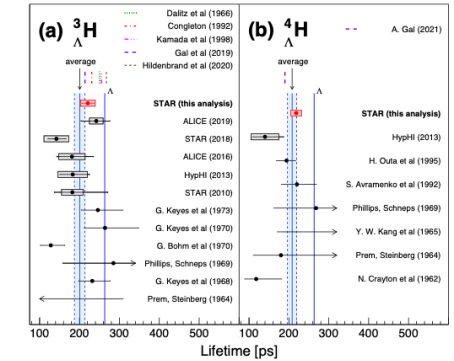
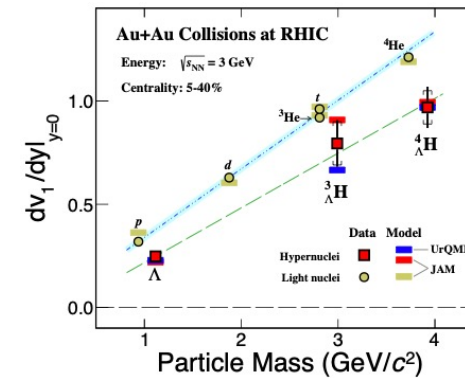
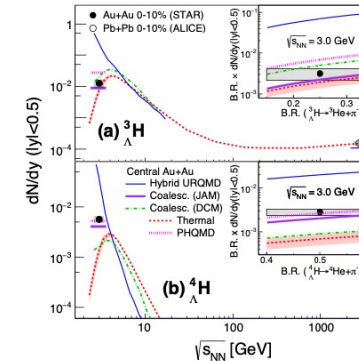
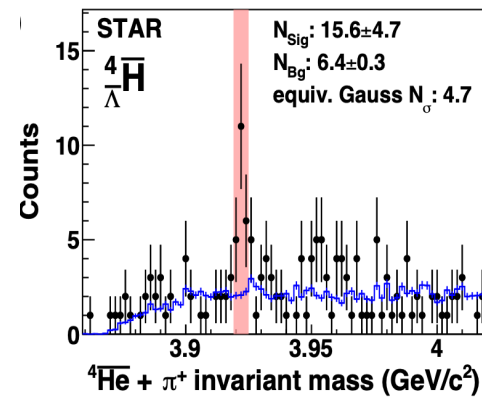
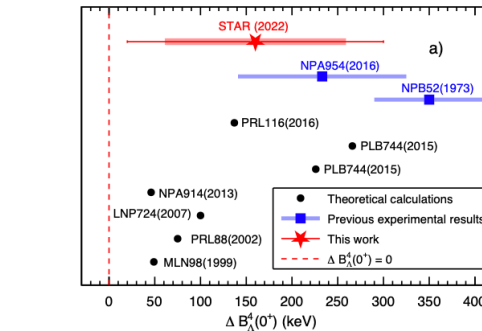
- STAR observed $\frac{3}{\Lambda}\overline{\text{H}}$ in 2010
 - Starting of hypernuclei measurements at STAR

2010



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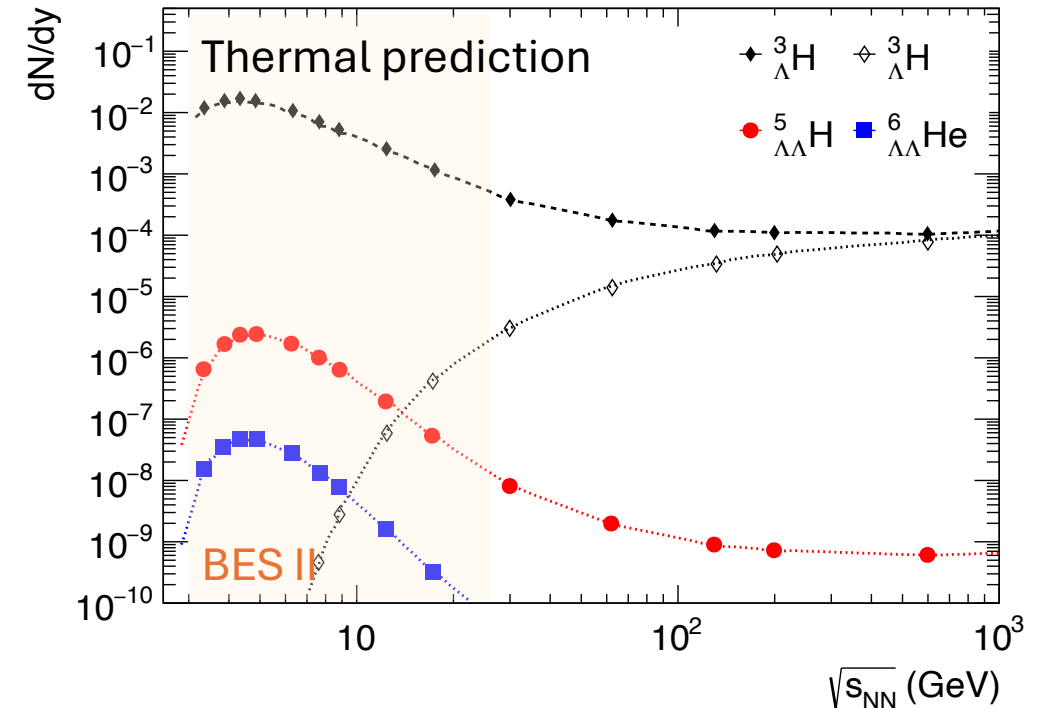
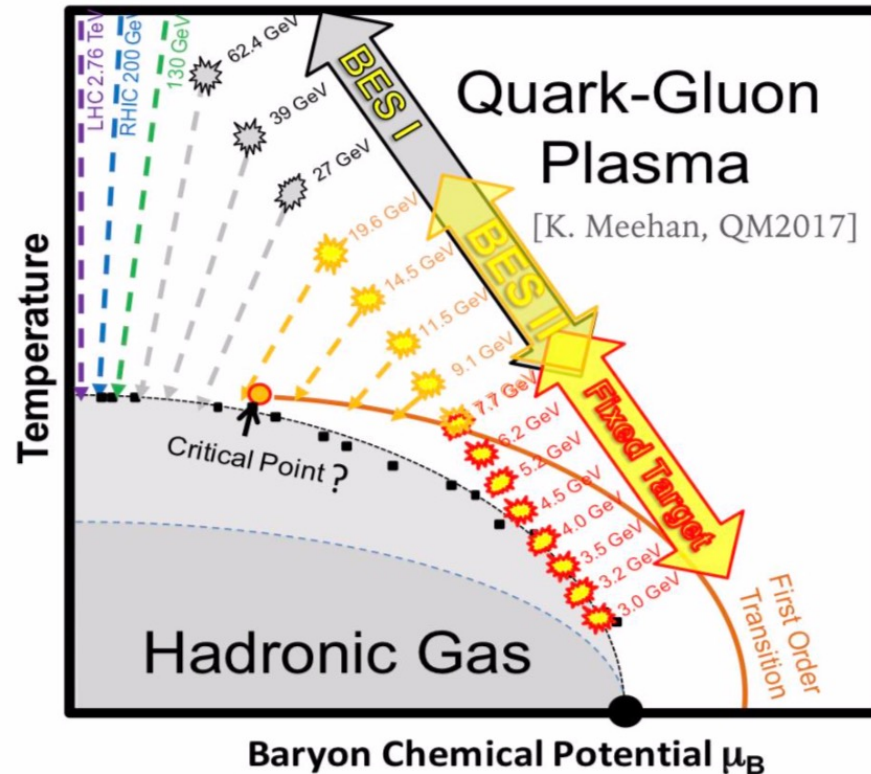
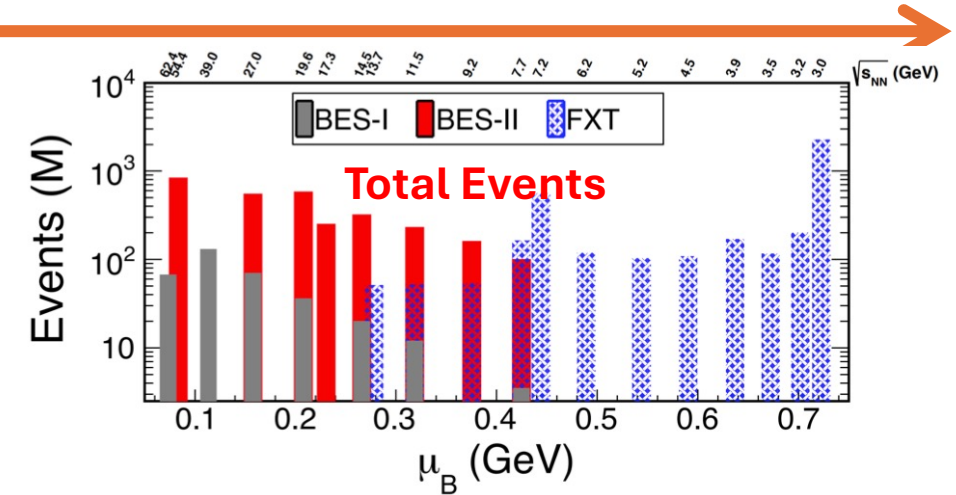
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Today's talk would focus on hypernuclei production yields measurements.

STAR Beam Energy Scan II (BES II)

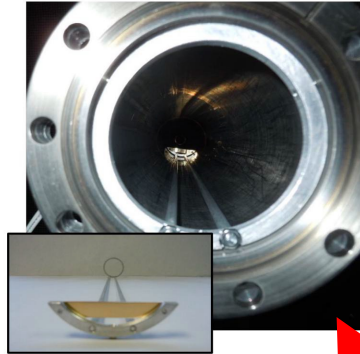
- Mapping the QCD diagram in the region of $200 < \mu_B \leq \sim 750$ MeV
 - Collisions species: Au+Au
 - Collider mode: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7 - 27$ GeV
 - Fixed-Target mode: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.0 - 7.7$ GeV



Thermal model: B. Dönigus, Eur. Phys. J. A 56:280 (2020)
A. Andronic et al, PLB 697, 203 (2011)

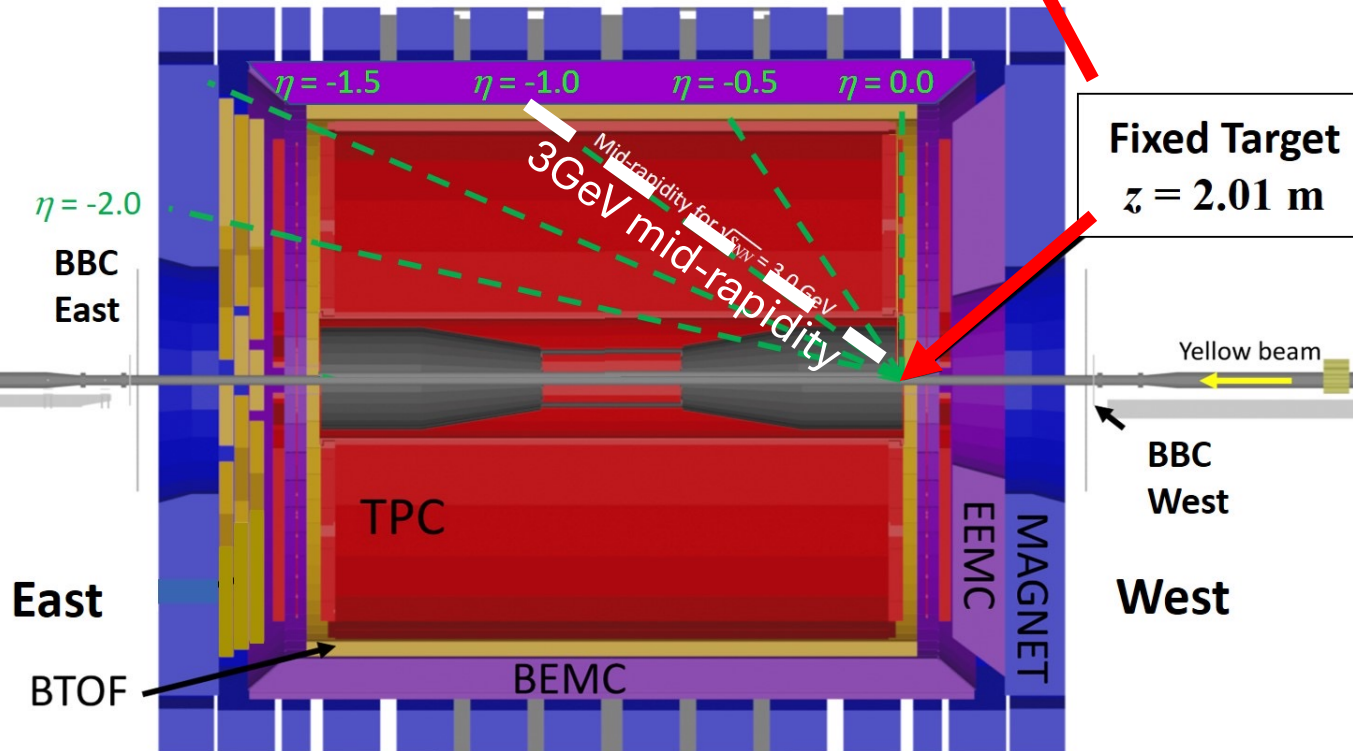
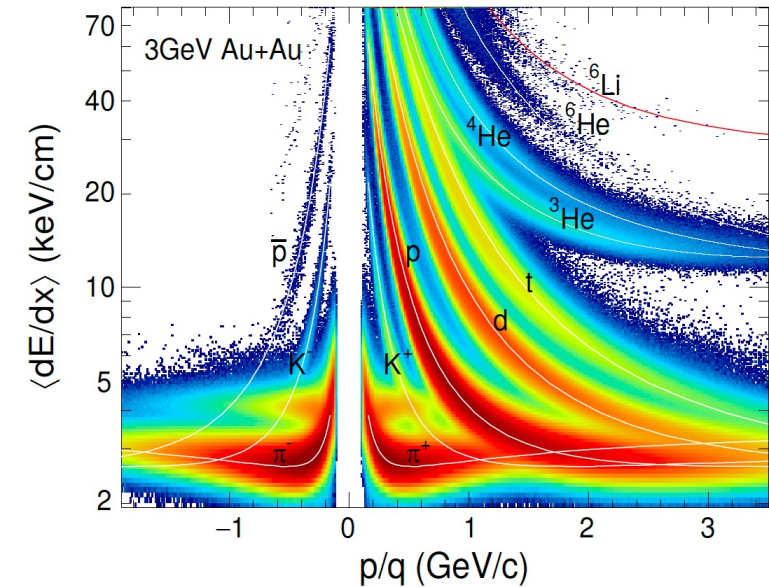
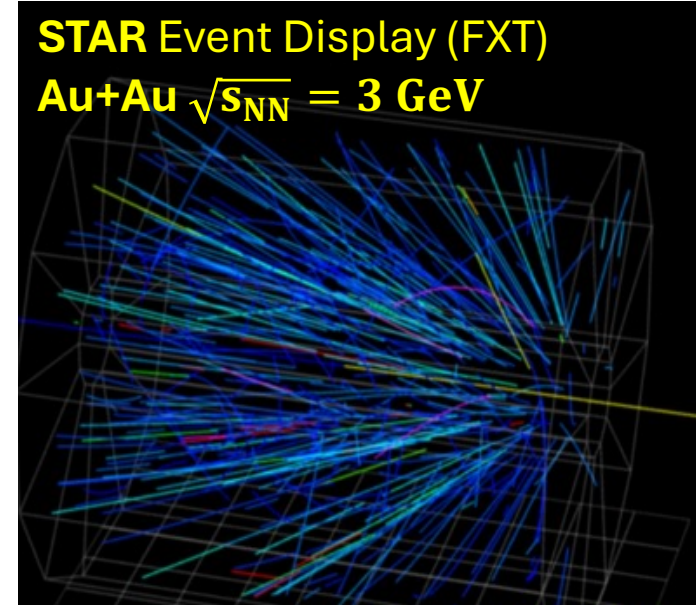
Fixed-Target Setup at STAR

Gold foil,
250 μm thick



Fixed Target
 $z = 2.01 \text{ m}$

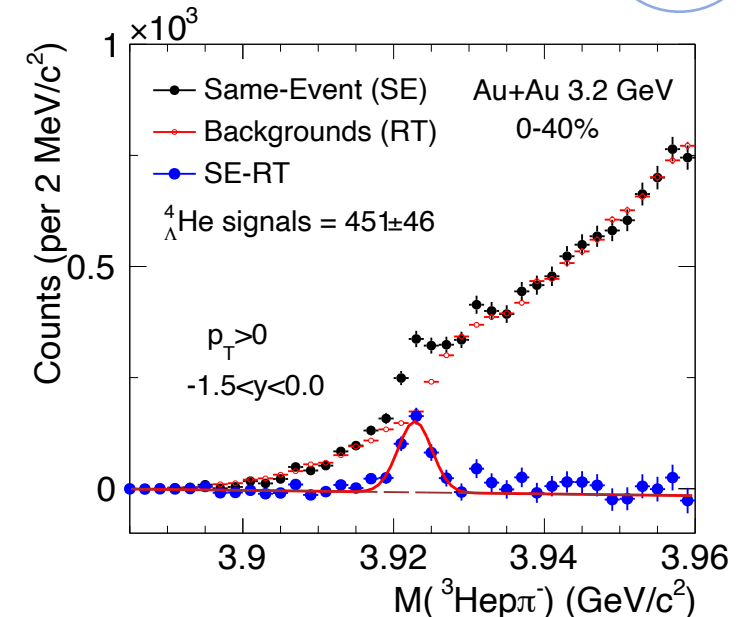
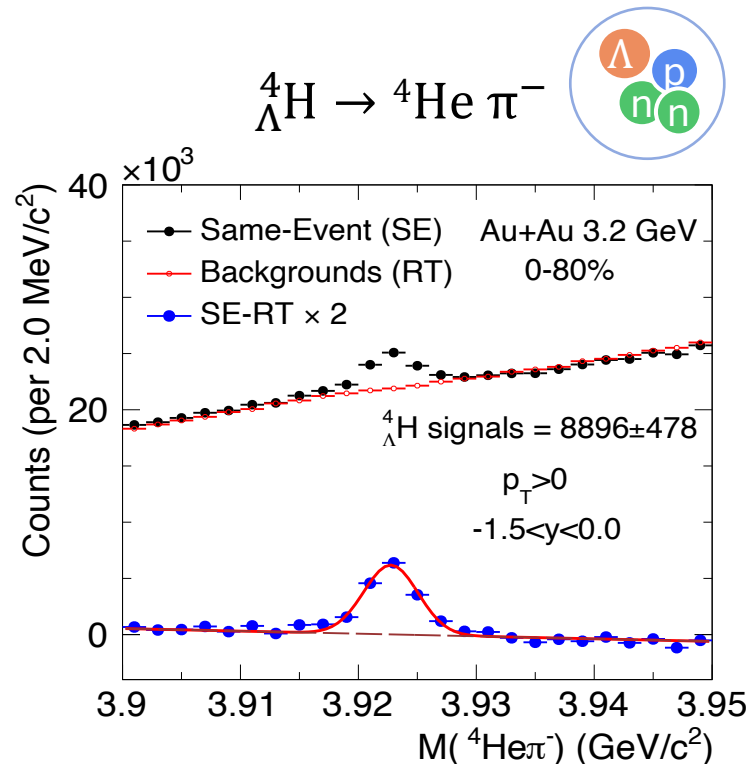
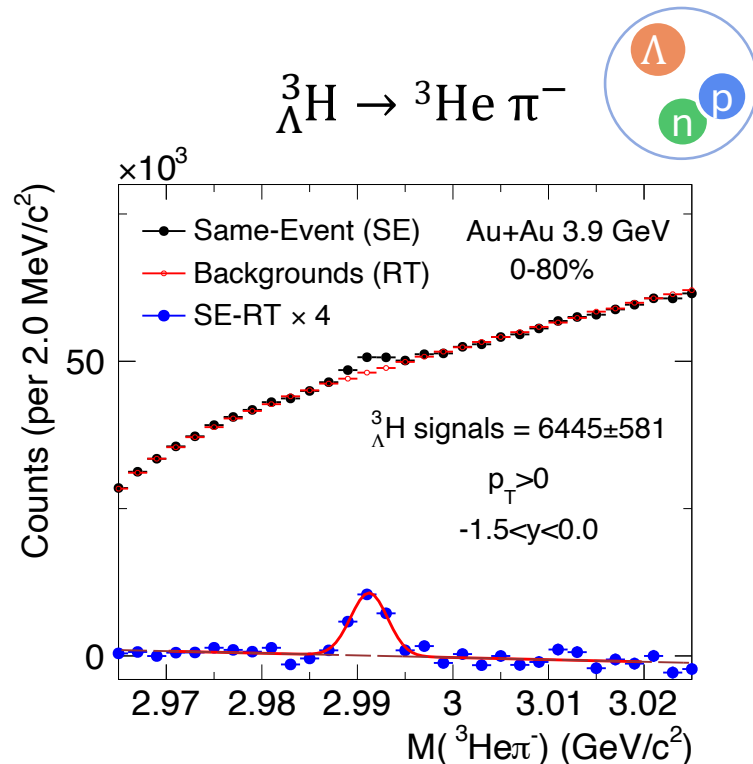
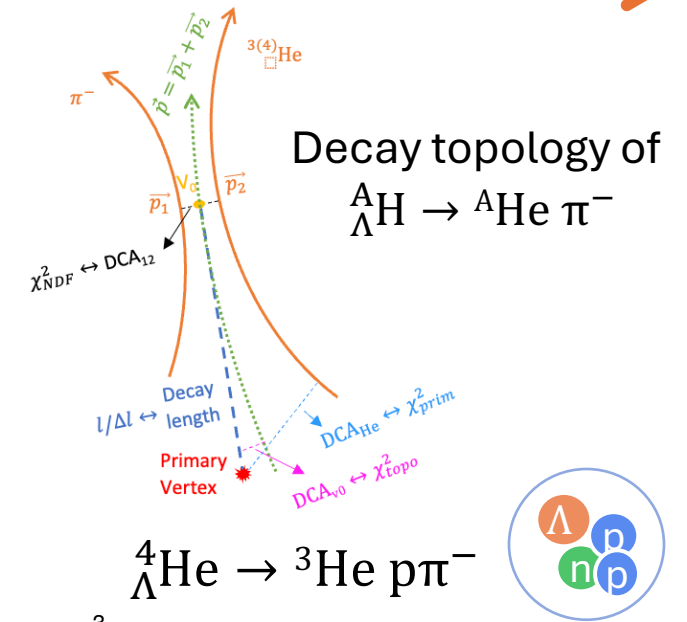
STAR Event Display (FXT)
Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3 \text{ GeV}$



Hypernuclei reconstruction at STAR

- Signals are reconstructed by KFParticle package.
- Combinatorial backgrounds reconstructed by rotation of ${}^{3(4)}\text{He}$ tracks.

X. Ju et al. Nucl. Sci. Tech. 34, 10, 158 (2023)

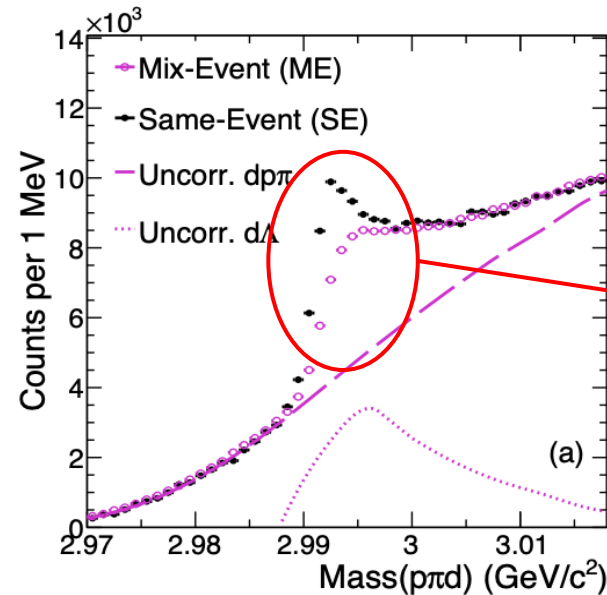
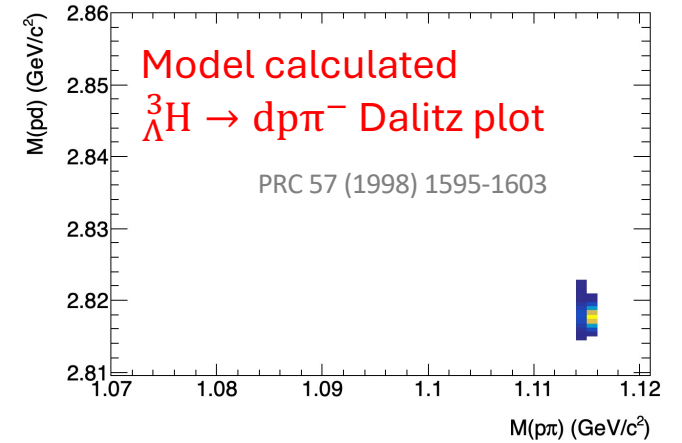
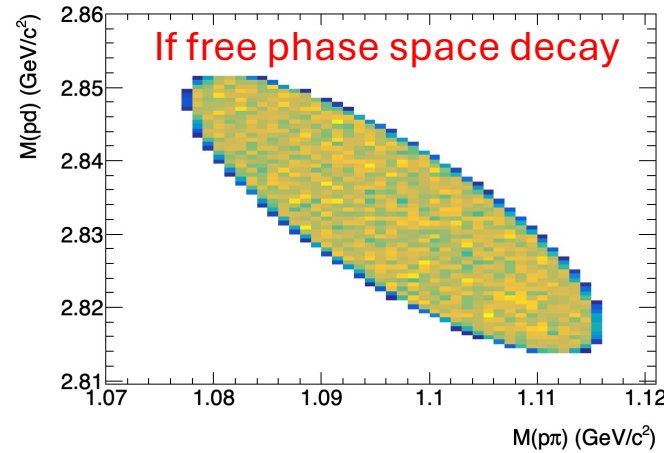
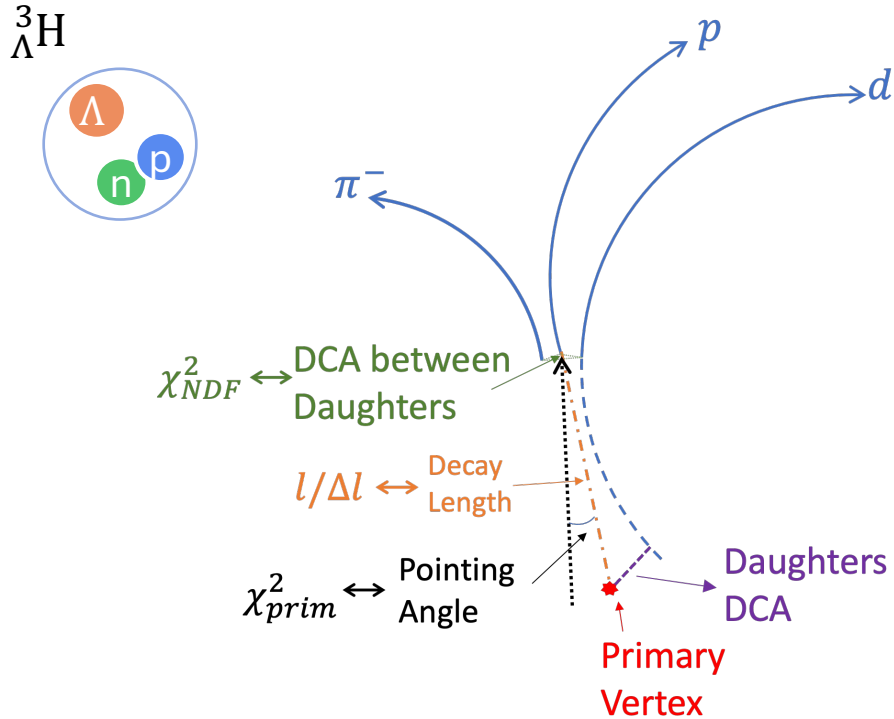


${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ reconstruction via 3-body channel

${}^3_\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow d p \pi^-$, B.R. $\sim 40\text{-}50\%$

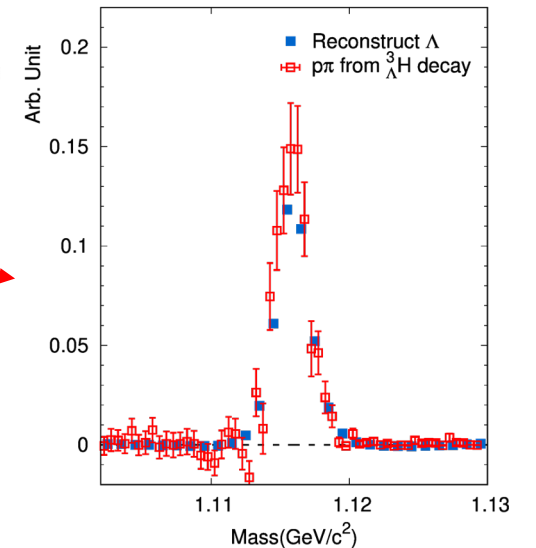
${}^3_\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} \pi^-$, B.R. $\sim 15\text{-}25\%$

- ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$: Simplest hypernuclei system
- ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ decay topological distribution very similar as $\Lambda + d$



Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=3$ GeV
0-50%
 $-1 < y < 0$
 $1 < p_T < 3$ GeV/c

Real Λ and $(p\pi)$ from ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ decay



Correlated Λd contamination in ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow d p \pi^-$ signal

- Λd may have kinematic correlations according to theory calculation.

$$C(k^*) = \frac{P(\Lambda d)}{P(\Lambda)P(d)}, \text{ p is the possibility of finding particle}$$

No correlation $\rightarrow C(k^*)=1$.

$k^* \rightarrow$ relative momentum between Λ and d .

When $k^*=0$, in Λ and d pair CMS framework:

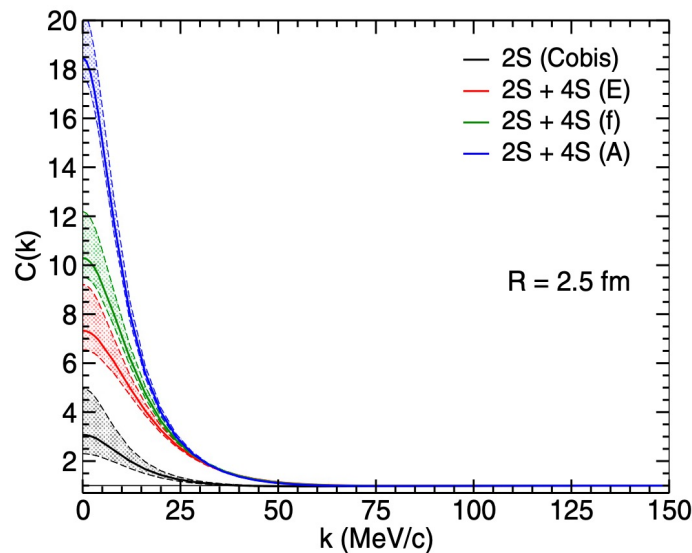
$$p_\Lambda = -p_d = 0$$

$$P(\Lambda) : (p_\Lambda, E_\Lambda) = (0, m_\Lambda)$$

$$P(d) : (p_d, E_d) = (0, m_d)$$

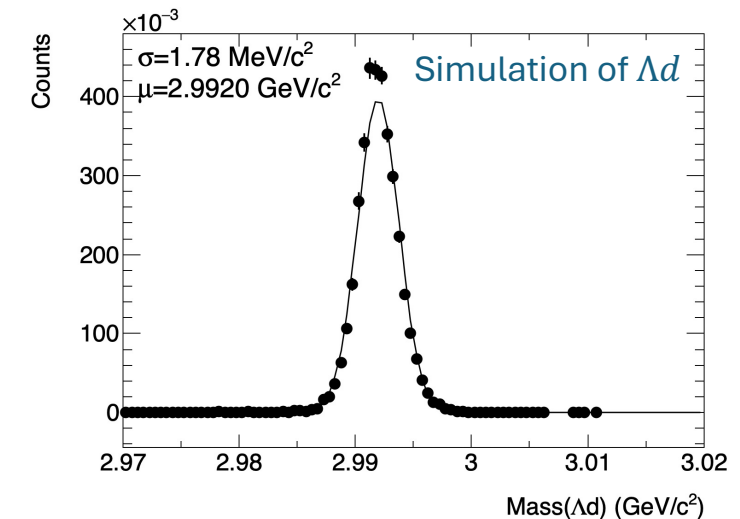
$$\rightarrow P(\Lambda d) : (p_\Lambda + p_d, E_\Lambda + E_d) = (0, m_\Lambda + m_d)$$

PRC 102, 034001 (2020)



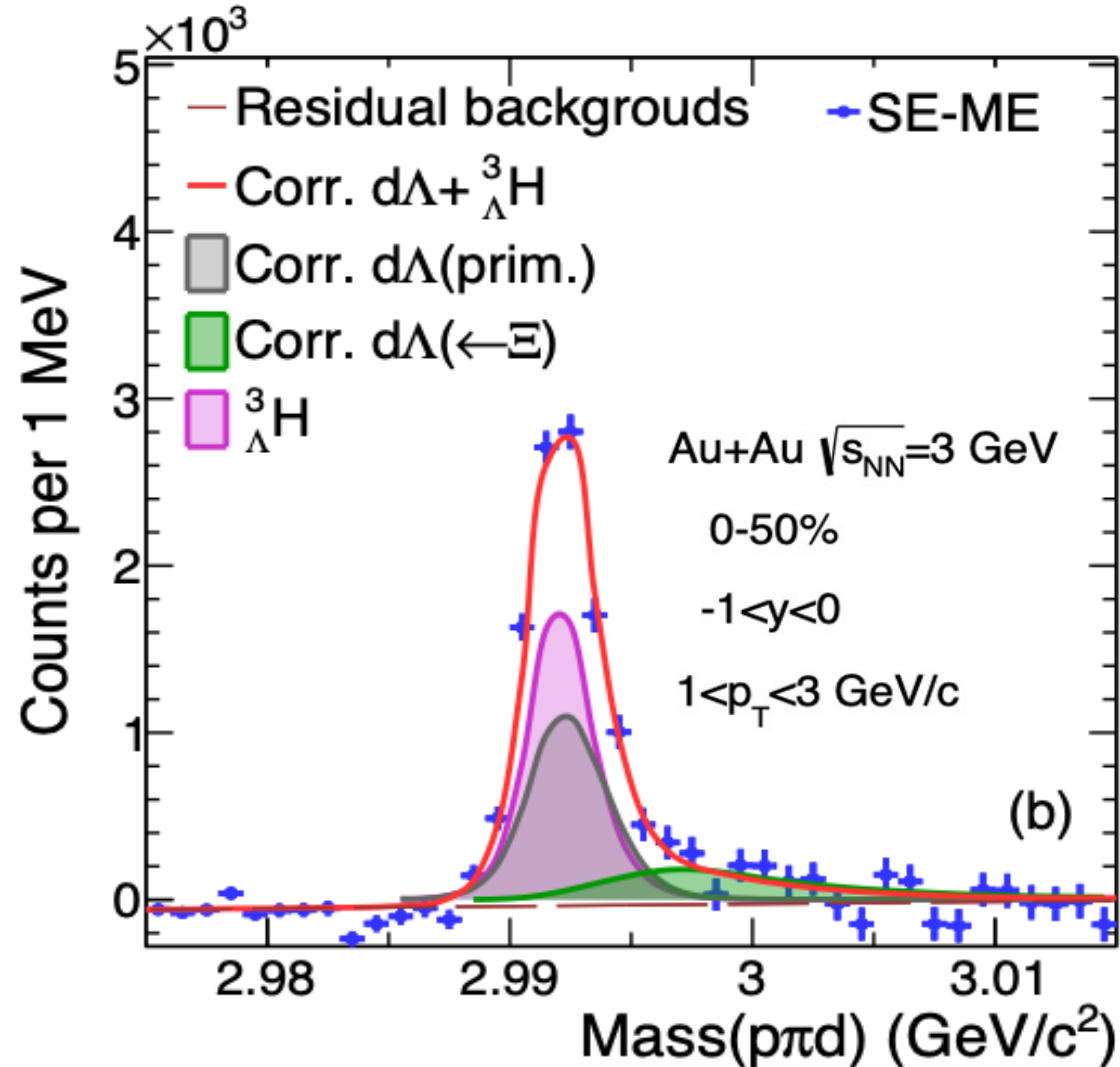
Model predicts peak structure in $C(k^*)$ at $k^* \rightarrow 0$.

Set $C(k^*)$ weight on uncorrected Λ and d



- Correlated Λd could form a peak near $M({}^3_\Lambda\text{H})$ even after subtracting combinatorial background.
 - $M(\Lambda) + M(d) \sim 2.9913 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, $M({}^3_\Lambda\text{H}) \sim 2.991 \text{ GeV}/c^2$.

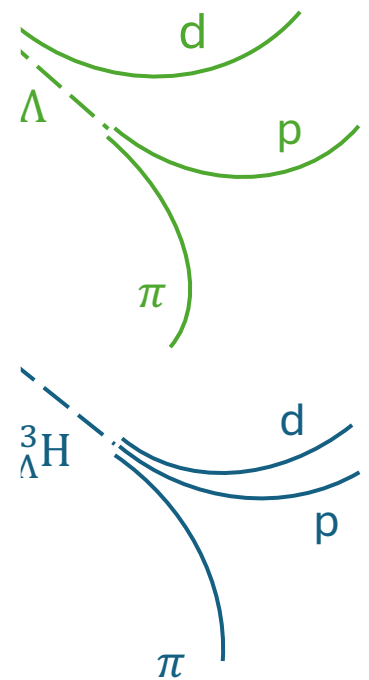
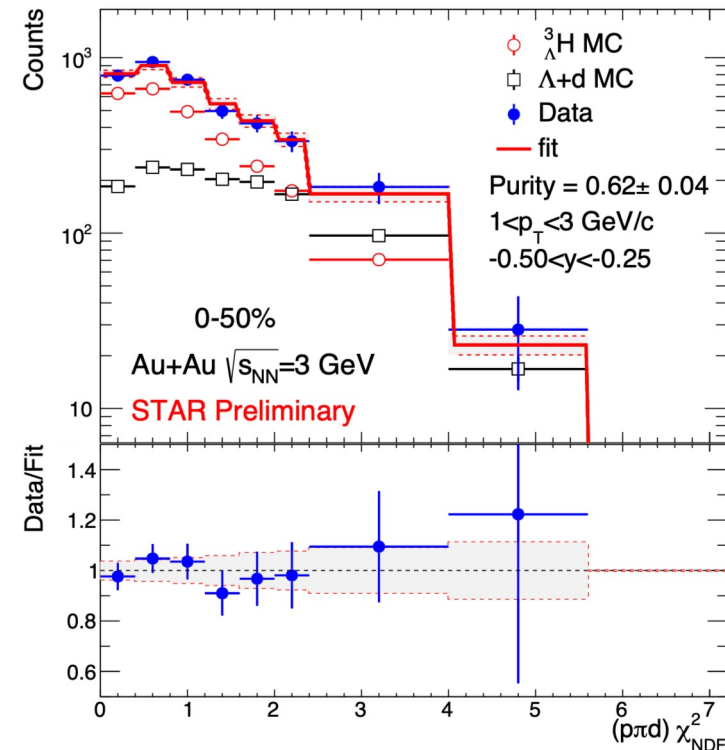
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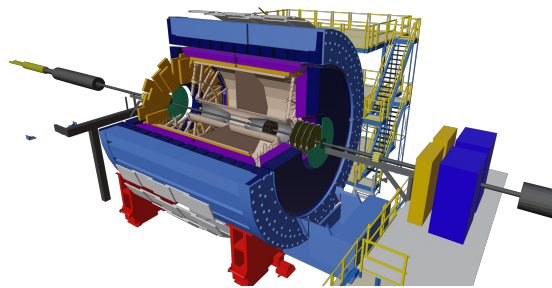
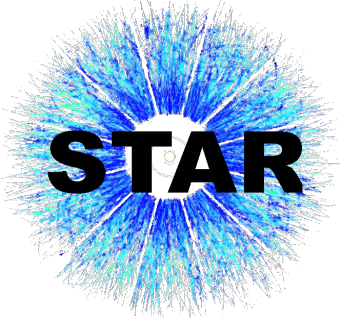


- Template fit method to estimate ${}^3\Lambda\text{H}$ purity statistically.

- $\chi^2_{\text{NDF} \Lambda d}$, $\chi^2_{\text{NDF} {}^3\Lambda\text{H}}$ template estimated from simulations.

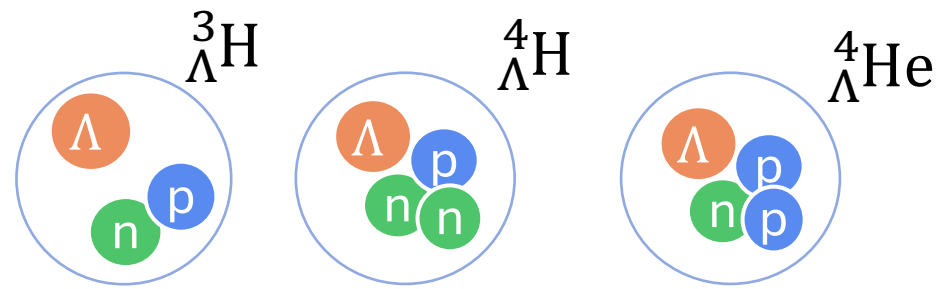
$$\chi^2_{\text{NDF Data}} = p_0 \cdot (\chi^2_{\text{NDF} \Lambda d} + p_1 \cdot \chi^2_{\text{NDF} {}^3\Lambda\text{H}})$$





Measurements on Hypernuclei

Branching ratio

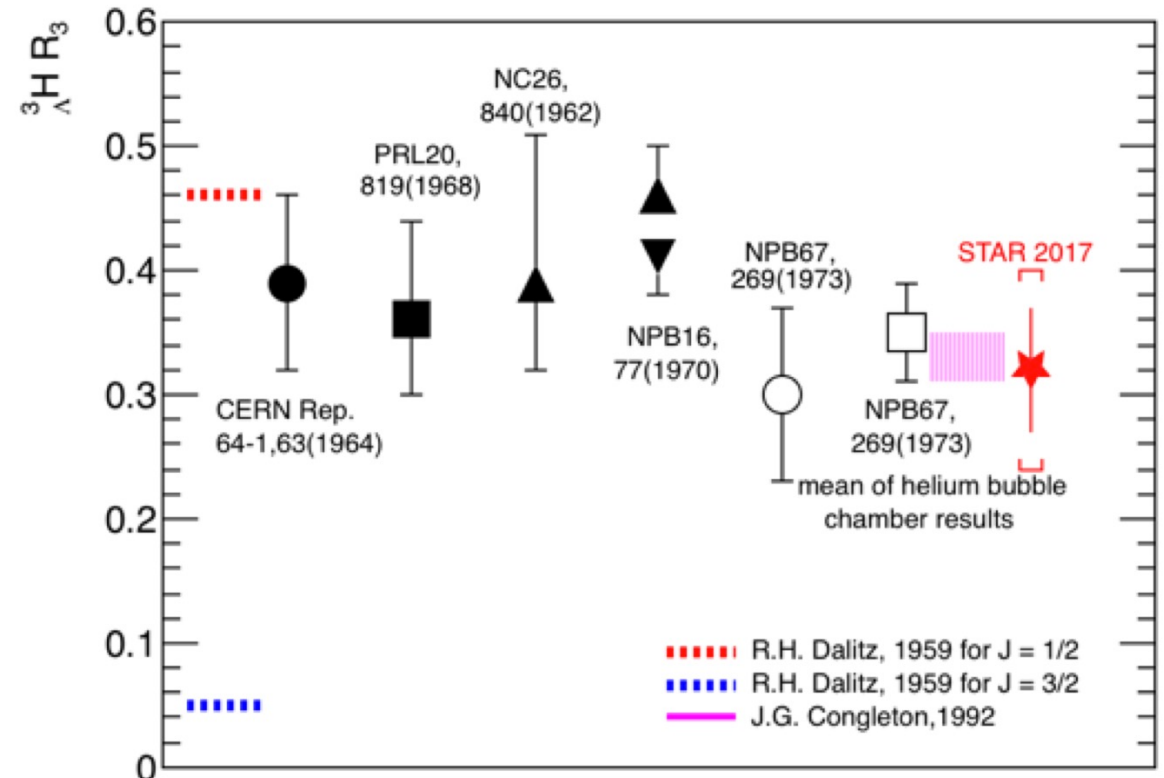
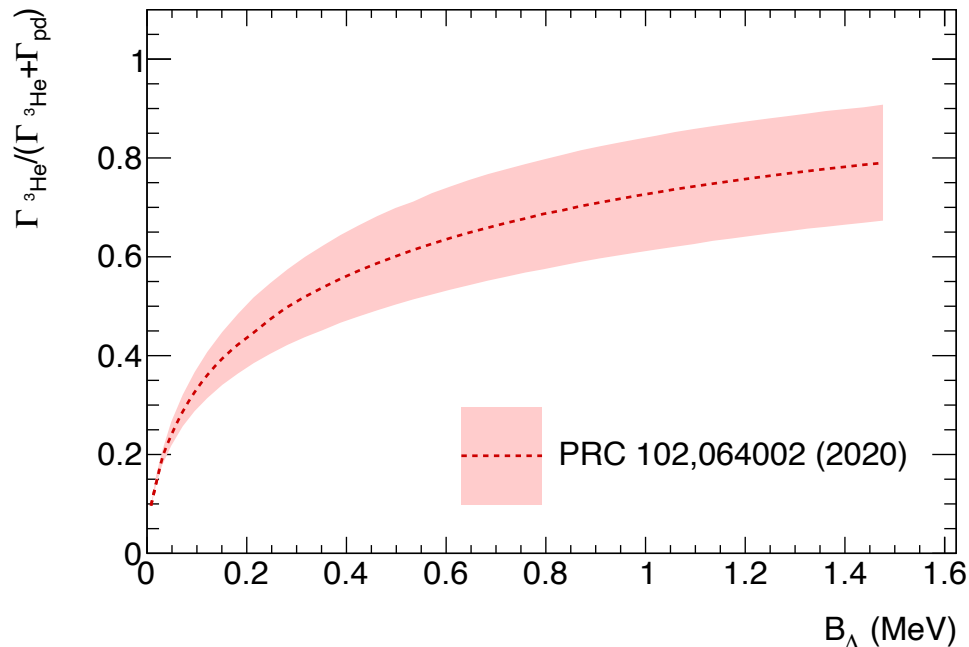


${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ Branching Ratio R_3

- Calculations propose that ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ R_3 may be sensitive to Λ separation energy B_Λ
 - ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ $B_\Lambda = M(d) + M(\Lambda) - M({}^3_\Lambda\text{H})$
- Sensitive to ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ spin states
- Global uncertainty for yields measurements

$$R_3 = \frac{\text{B. R. } ({}^3_\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow 3\text{He}\pi^-)}{\text{B. R. } ({}^3_\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow \text{pd}\pi^-) + \text{B. R. } ({}^3_\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow 3\text{He}\pi^-)}$$

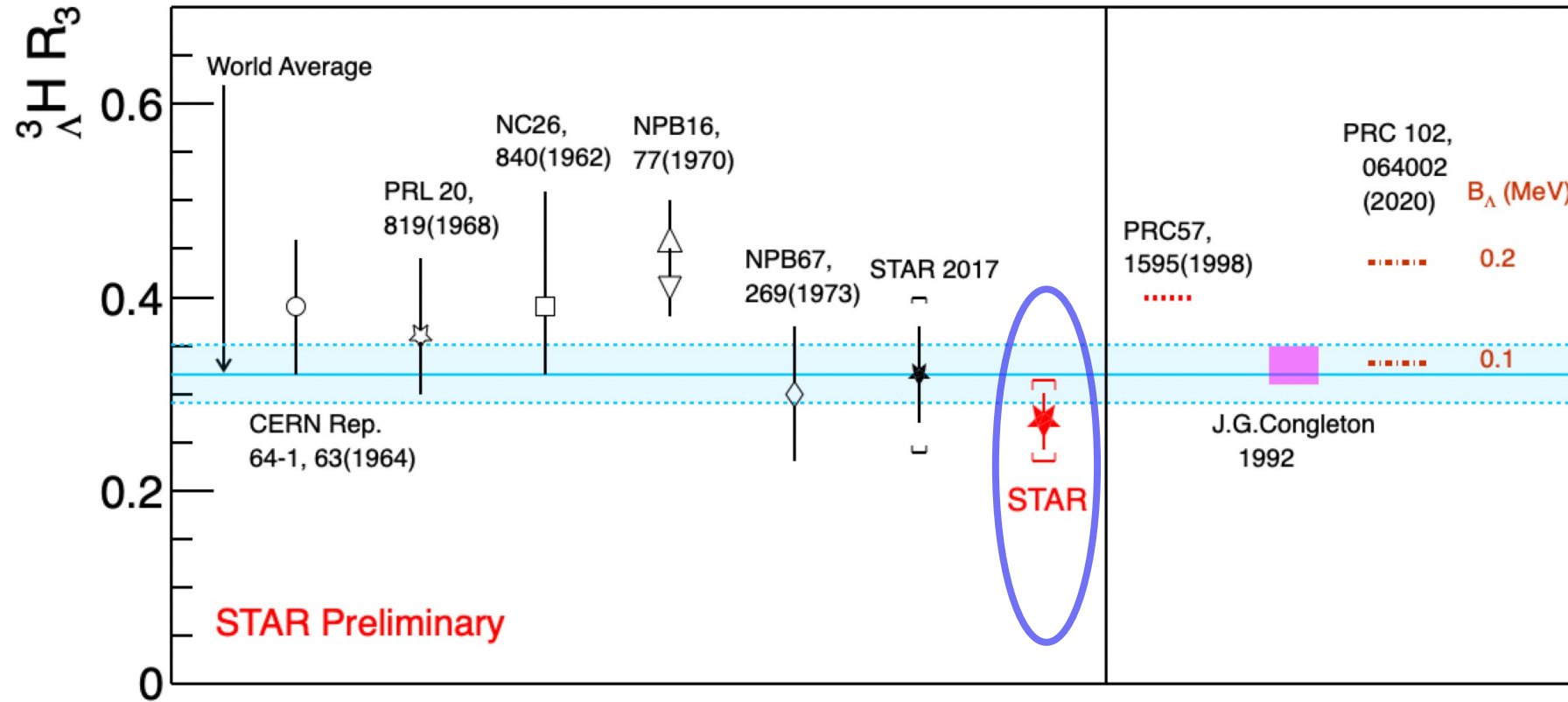
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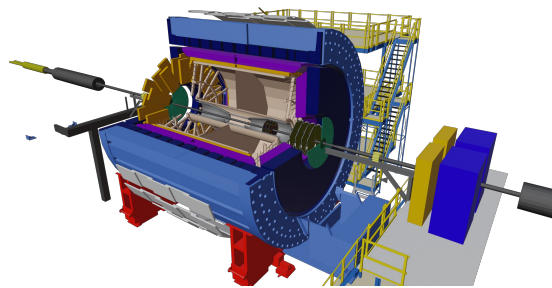
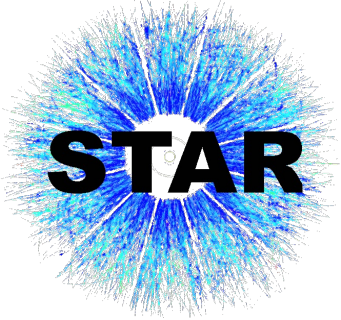
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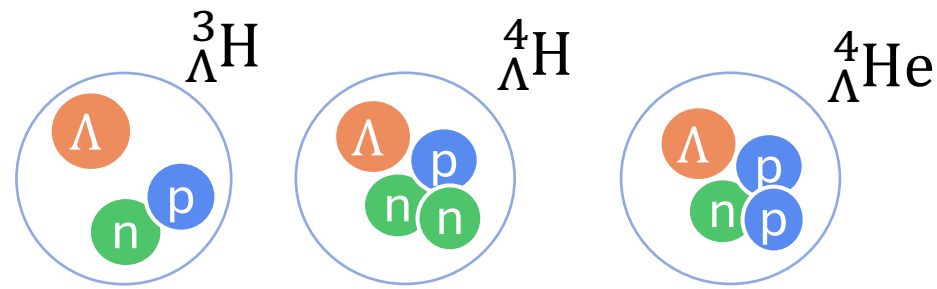
$$\text{STAR: } R_3 = 0.272 \pm 0.030 \pm 0.042$$



- STAR new R_3 data favors small binding energy of hypertriton.



Measurements on Hypernuclei Production at STAR



Hypernuclei Production in HIC

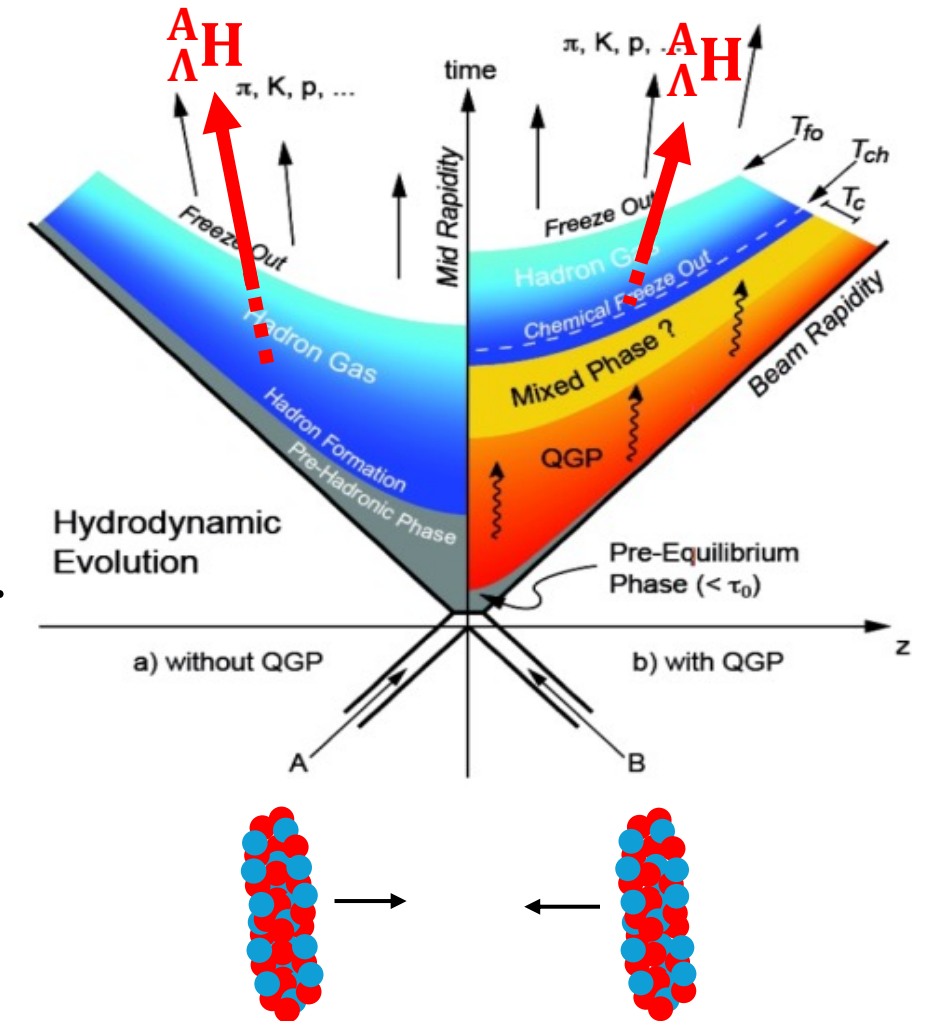
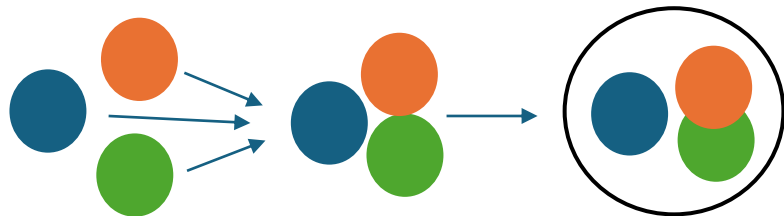
Models at mid-rapidity

Thermal model

- Hadron **chemical freeze out** T_{ch} and μ_B
 - $\frac{dN}{d^3 p} \sim \exp\left(-\frac{E-\mu_B}{T}\right)$
- Assuming the conserved baryon entropy after hadron chemical freeze-out

Coalescence formation

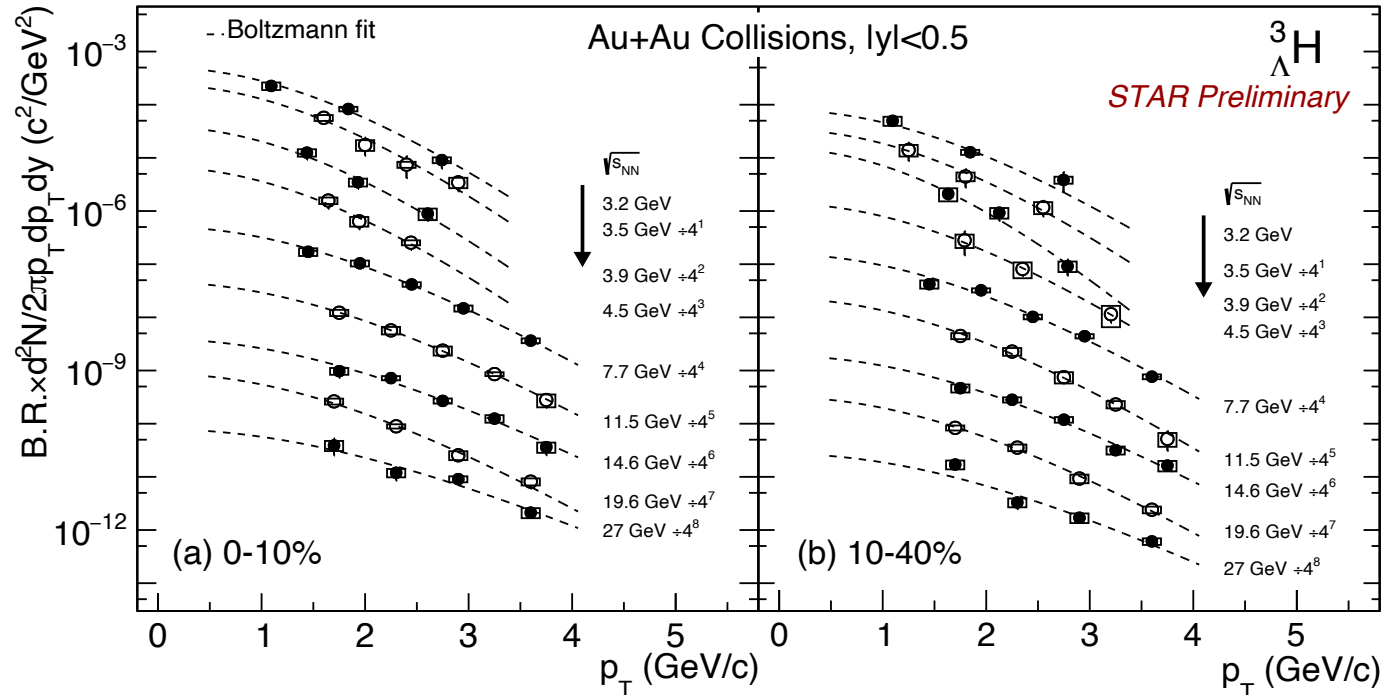
- Baryons / nuclei very close in phase space $(\vec{p}, \vec{r})$.
 - Any experimental evidence?
 - The role of Y - N interaction?



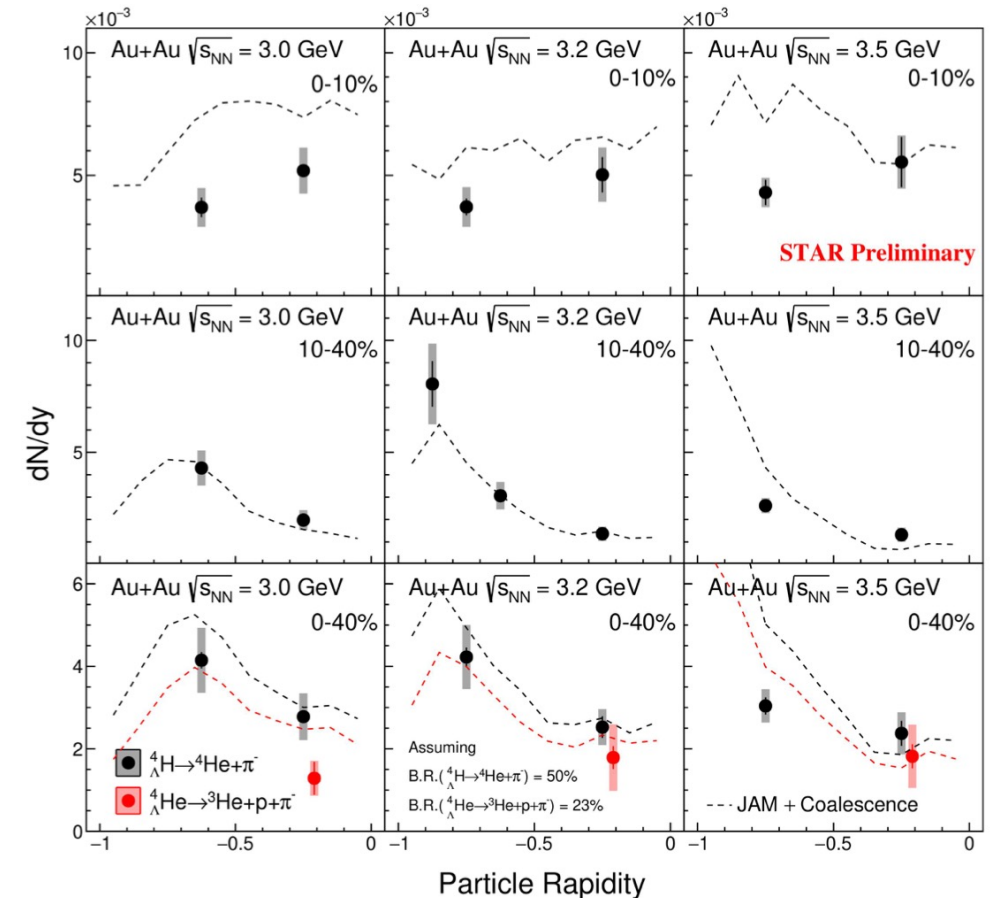
Fruitful Results from STAR BES II

- Utilizing BES II datasets, we measure:
 - ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ p_T spectra, dN/dy , $\langle p_T \rangle$ in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3\text{-}27$ GeV
 - ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$, ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ p_T spectra, dN/dy , $\langle p_T \rangle$ in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3\text{-}3.5$ GeV

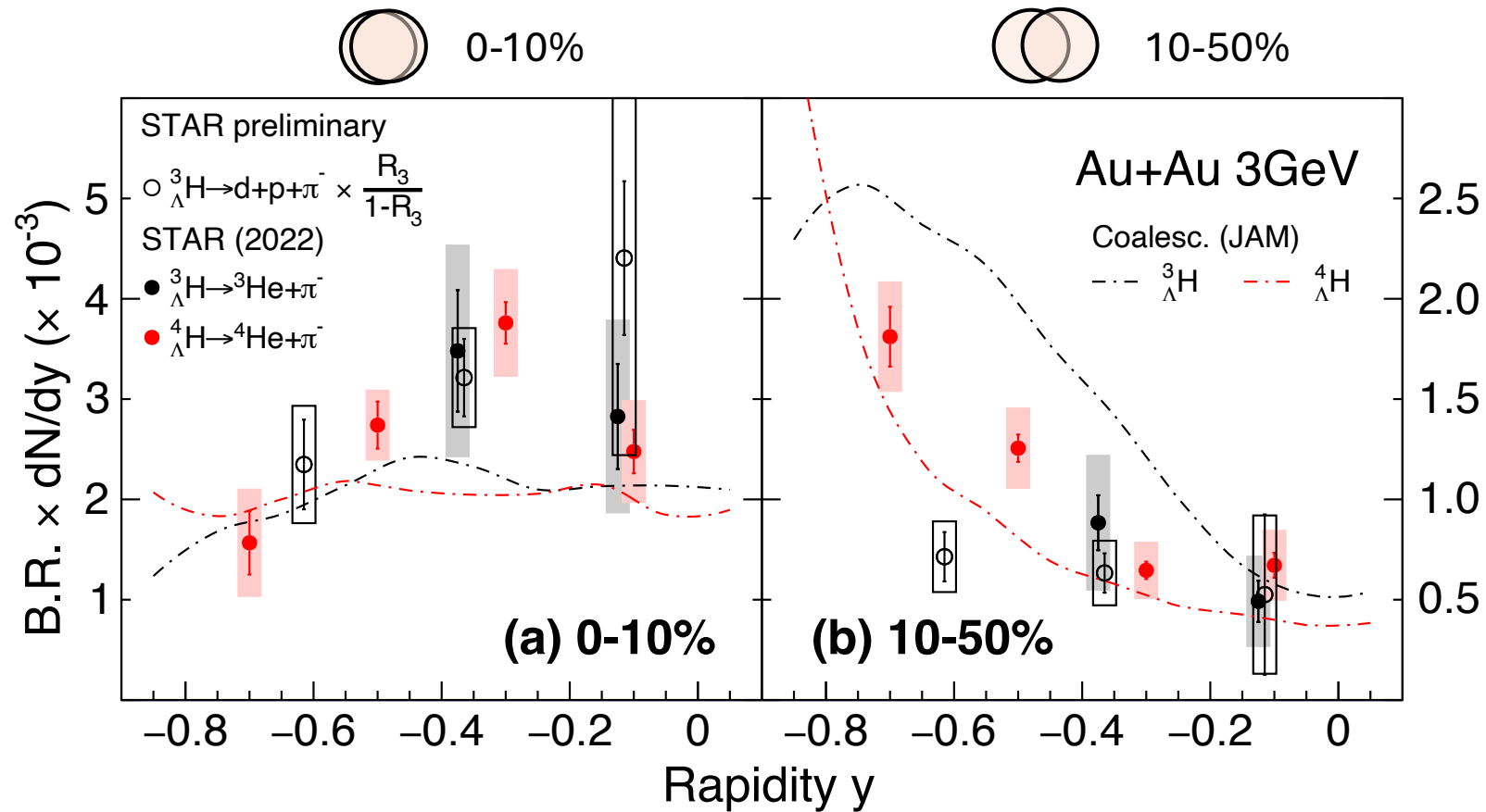
A=3: ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ (Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3\text{-}27$ GeV)



A=4: ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$, ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ (Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3\text{-}3.5$ GeV)



${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ and ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ dN/dy in Au+Au collisions at 3 GeV

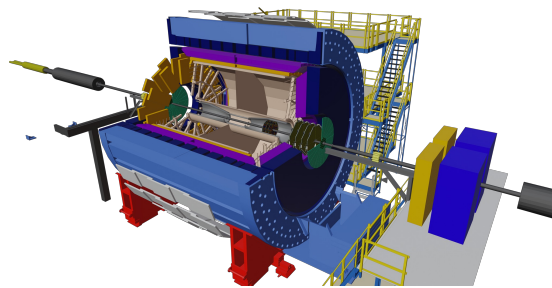
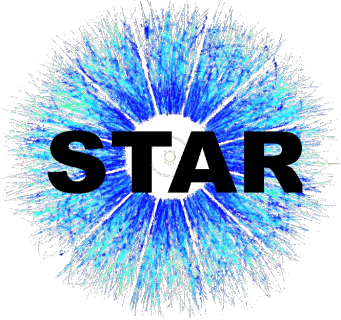


JAM+Coal.

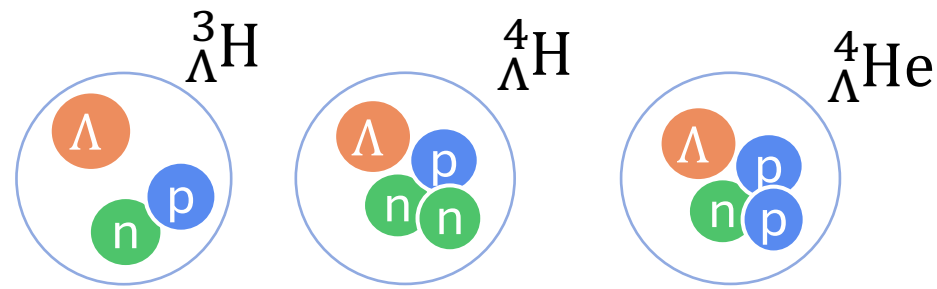
- Tuned to match proton and Λ spectra from data;
- Instant coalescence after kinetic freeze-out
- Two body coalescence: $\text{d}/\text{t} + \Lambda$

3 GeV ${}^3({}^4)_\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3({}^4)\text{He} + \pi^-$:
 PRL 128, 202301 (2022)

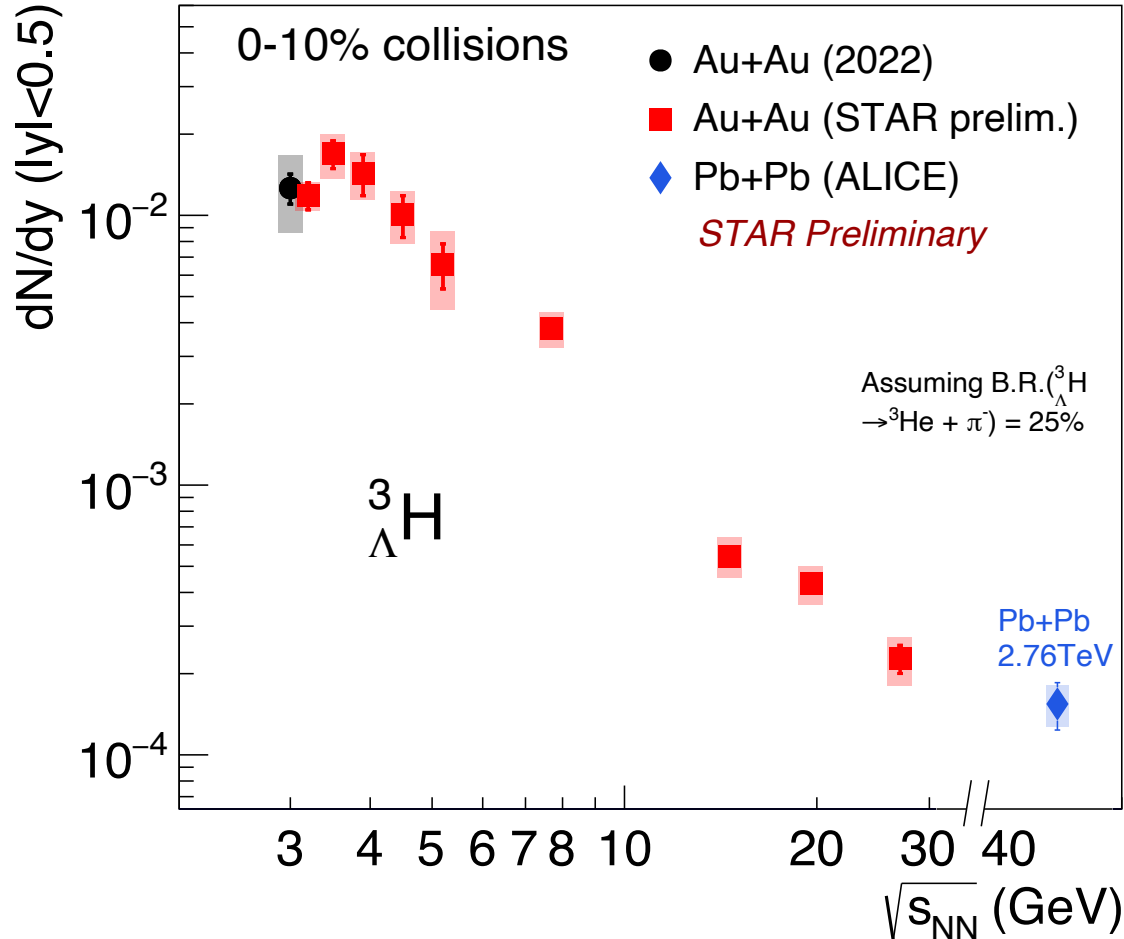
- Coalescence models with tuned parameters:
 - Qualitatively describe the trend of ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ yields versus rapidity.
 - Fail to describe the ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ tendency in 10-50% centralities.



Energy Dependence of Hypernuclei Production



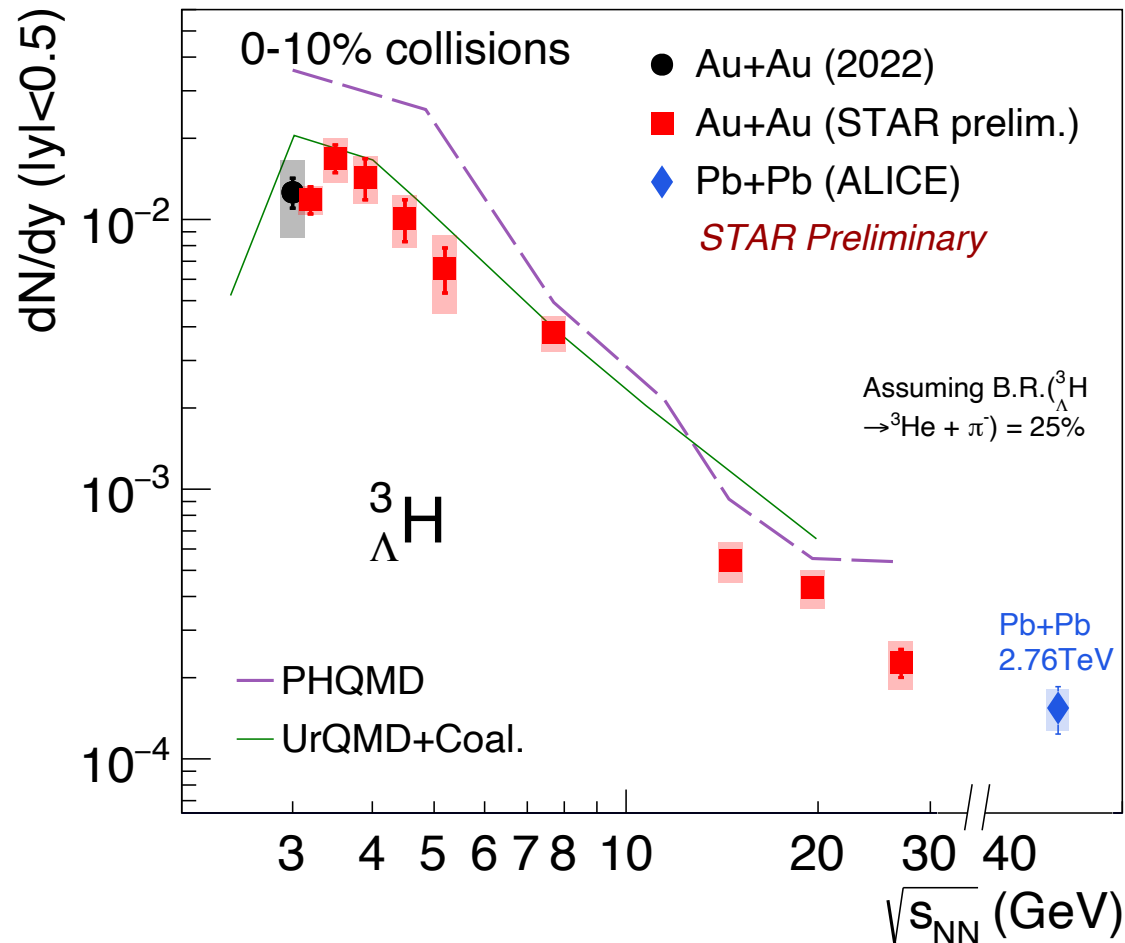
Energy Dependence of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ Production



${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ production yields reaches peak at around 3-4 GeV.

- Increase steeply from 27 to 3 GeV as $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$ goes lower
- Interplay between:
 - $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} \downarrow$, **baryon density** $\uparrow$, yields $\uparrow$
 - Hyperon production

Energy Dependence of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ Production



Coal. (UrQMD): T. Reichert et al. PRC 107 (2023) 1, 014912
 PHQMD: S. Gläsel et al. PRC 105, 014908 (2022),
 V. Kireyeu et al. arXiv:1911.09496
 Pb+Pb: ALICE, PLB 754, 360 (2016)
 STAR at 3 GeV: PRL 128, 202301 (2022)

UrQMD + Instant coal.

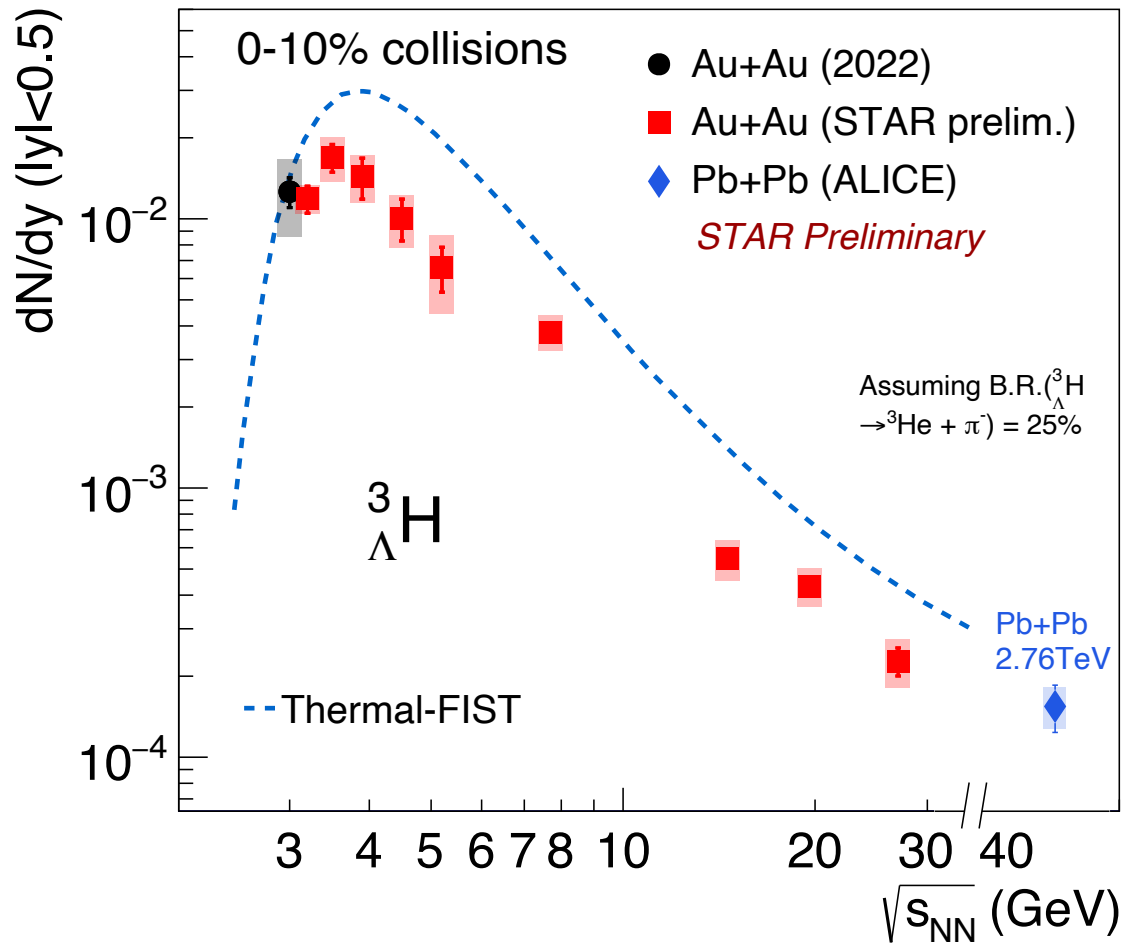
- Describe data from 3-10 GeV
- Instant coalescence after hadron kinetic freeze-out
- Coalescence condition:
 - $|\vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2| < \Delta P, |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2| < \Delta R$

PHQMD

- Transport model + dynamical cluster formation.
- Cluster can be formed before hadron kinetic freeze out.
- Future developments
 - Momentum dependent EoS
 - Y-N potential

Details see: [Elena Bratkovskaya SQM2024](#)

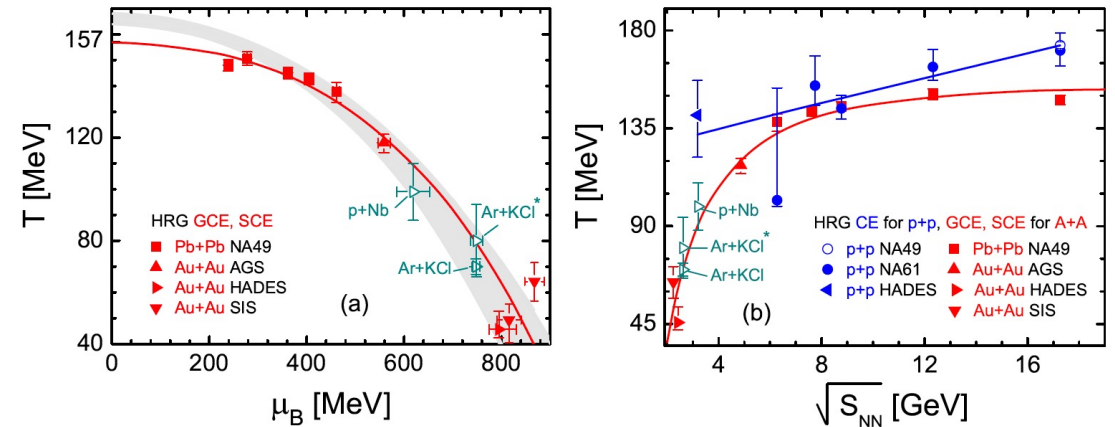
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 Au+Au: STAR, PRL 128, 202301 (2022)

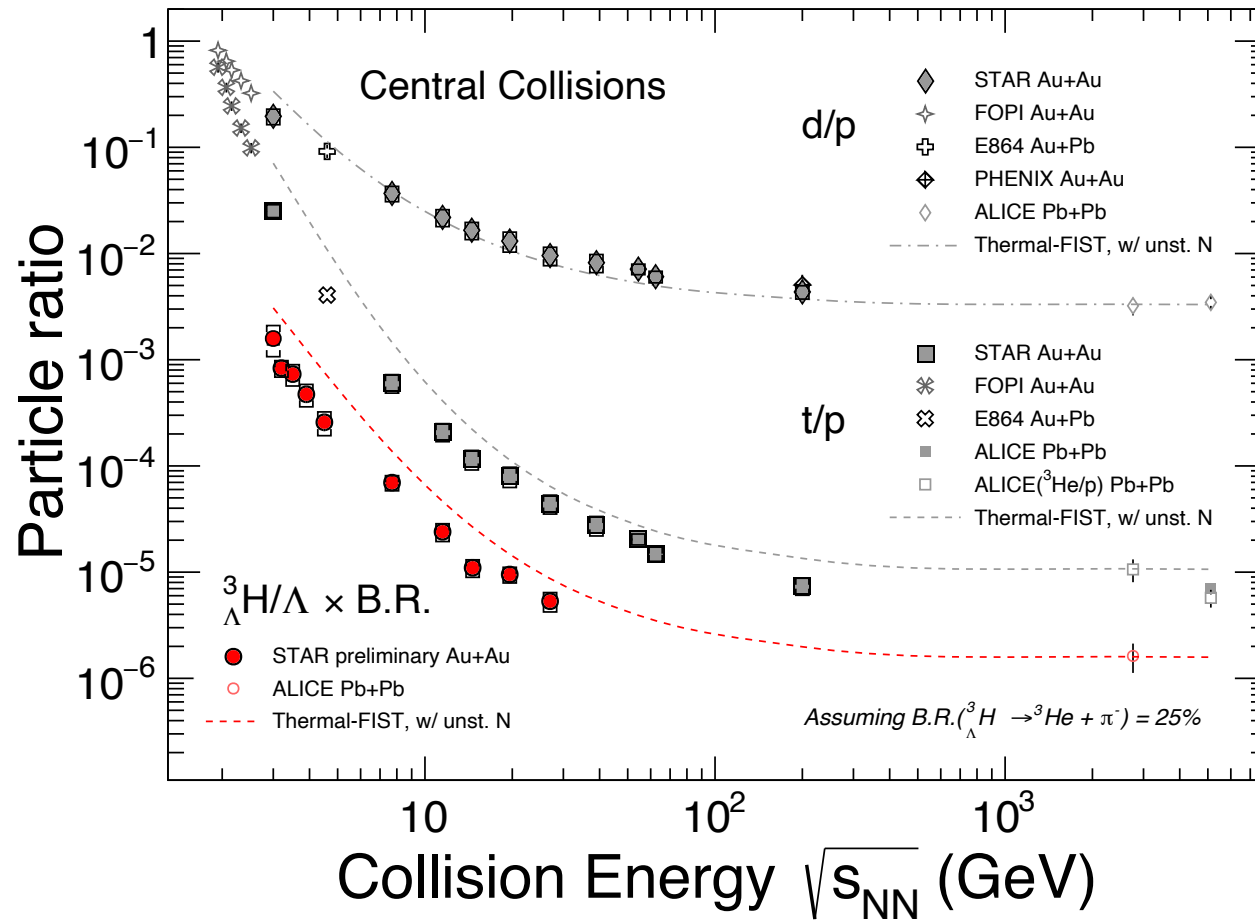
Thermal-FIST model

- Hadron chemical freeze-out T and μ_B
 - $\frac{dN}{d^3p} \sim \exp\left(-\frac{E-\mu_B}{T}\right)$
- Strangeness canonical ensemble in low energies
- ~ 2 times larger than the data



Phys. Rev. C 93, 064906 (2016)

${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}/\Lambda$ Compared to Thermal Model



Thermal-FIST:

- Hadron chemical freeze-out T and μ_B .

T. Reichert et al, PRC 107 , 014912 (2023)

${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}/\Lambda$: Cancel strangeness canonical suppression and volume size

Thermal model at RHIC energies:

$A=2$ (d): Overall consistent

$A=3$ (t and ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$): $\sim 2\times$ higher than data

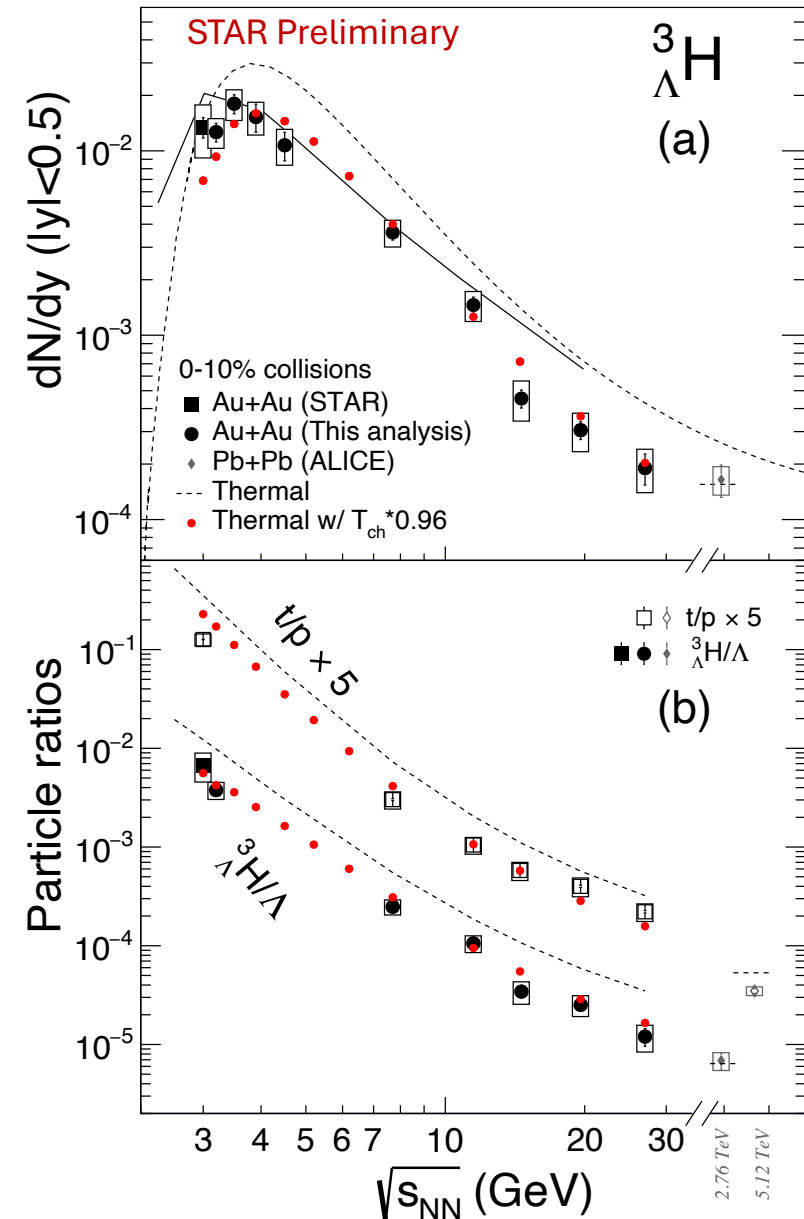
- ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ (and t) maybe not in equilibrium at hadron chemical freeze out.

What happened if we decrease the temperature

- t and ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ $\rightarrow$ default μ_B and $0.96 \cdot T$
- Proton and Λ $\rightarrow$ default T and μ_B
- The tuned Thermal-FIST with $0.96 \cdot T$ seems able to describe the data
- Note that:
 - The t and ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ yields modifies dramatically with the changes of temperature:

$\text{yields} \sim C \cdot \exp[-1 \cdot (m_T - \mu_B)/T]$
 $m_T \sim 3 \text{ GeV for } t \text{ and } {}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$
 $\mu_B \sim 0.7 - 0.14 \text{ GeV (from 3-27 GeV)}$
 $T \sim 0.085 - 0.155 \text{ GeV (from 3-27 GeV)}$

- Because triton and ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ are heavy, so the impact from μ_B become less significant

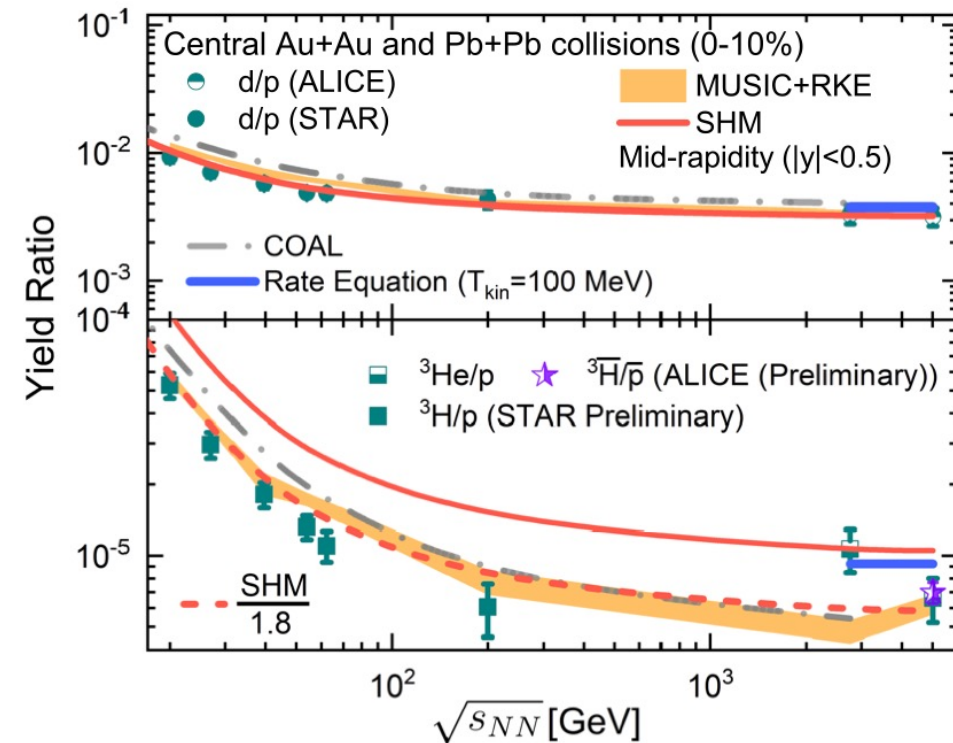
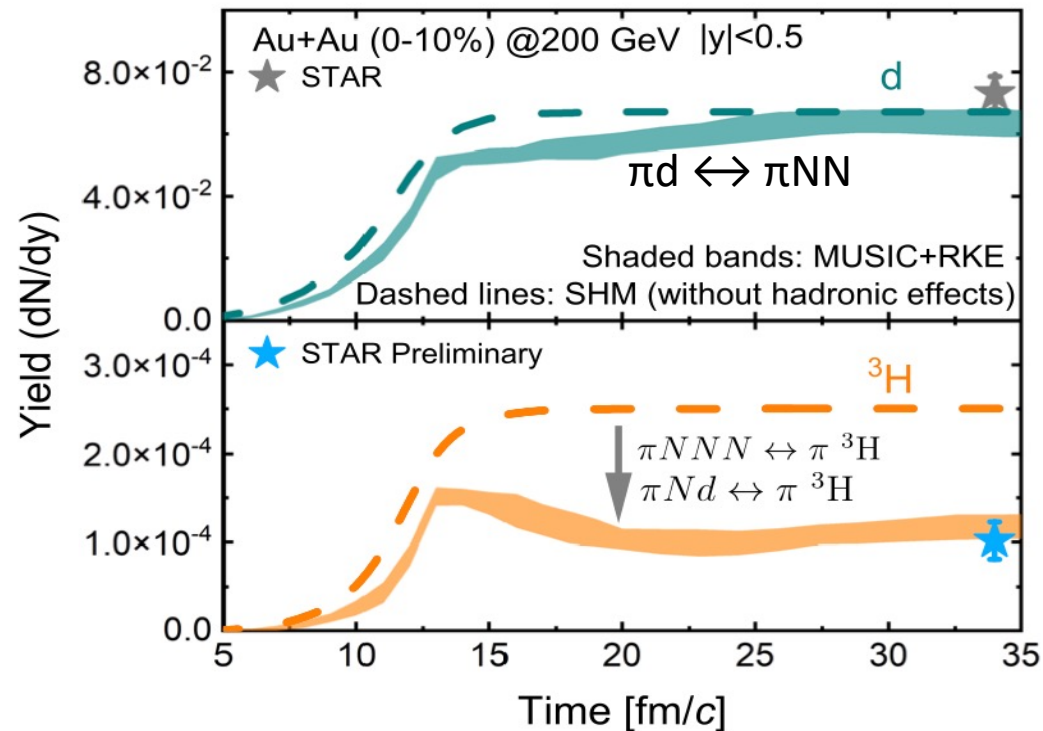


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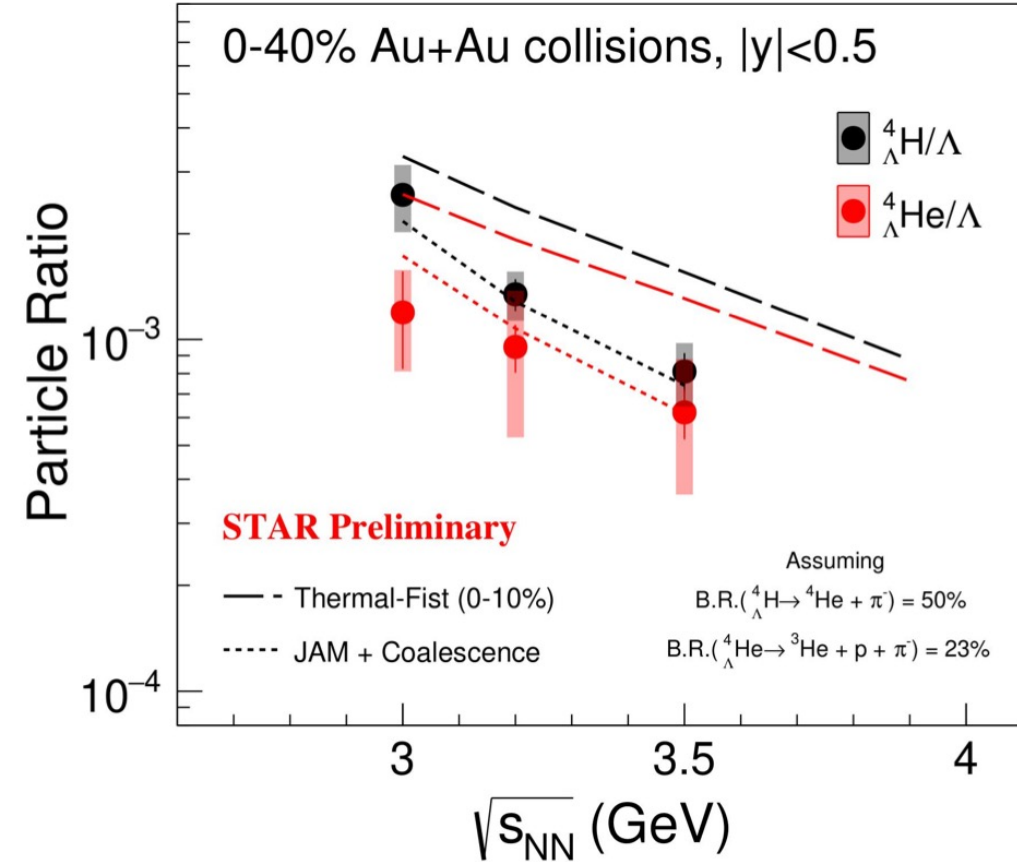
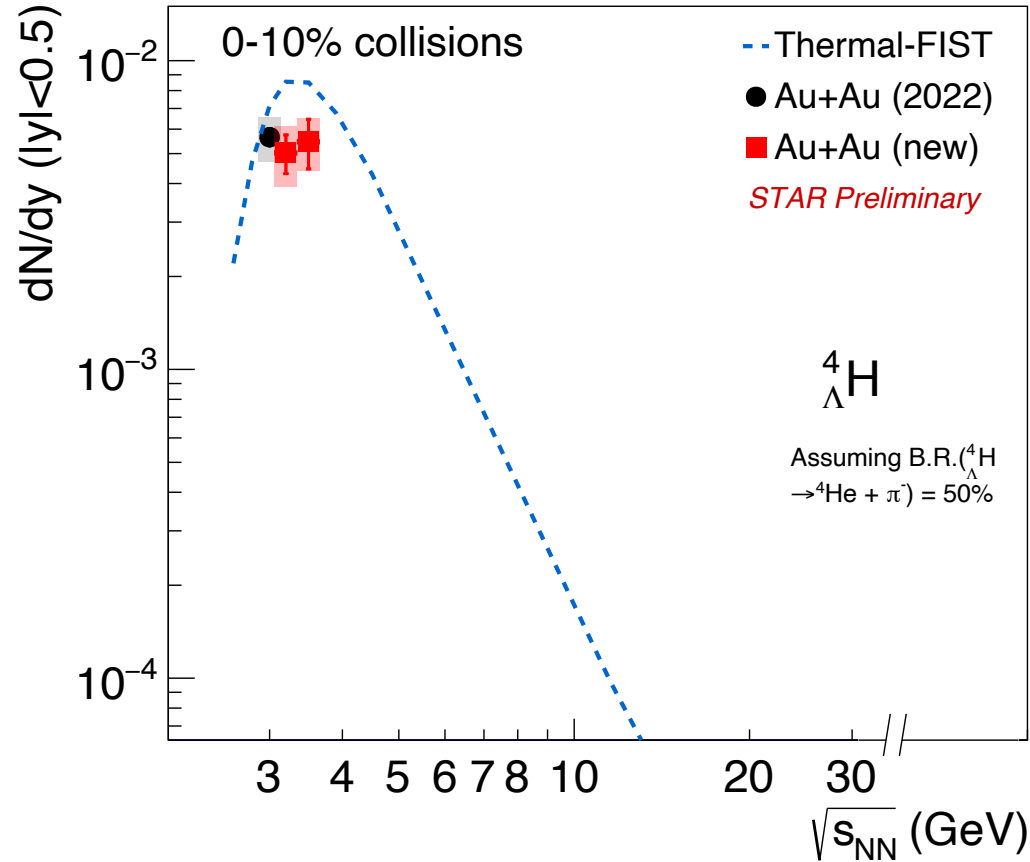
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Production of ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$

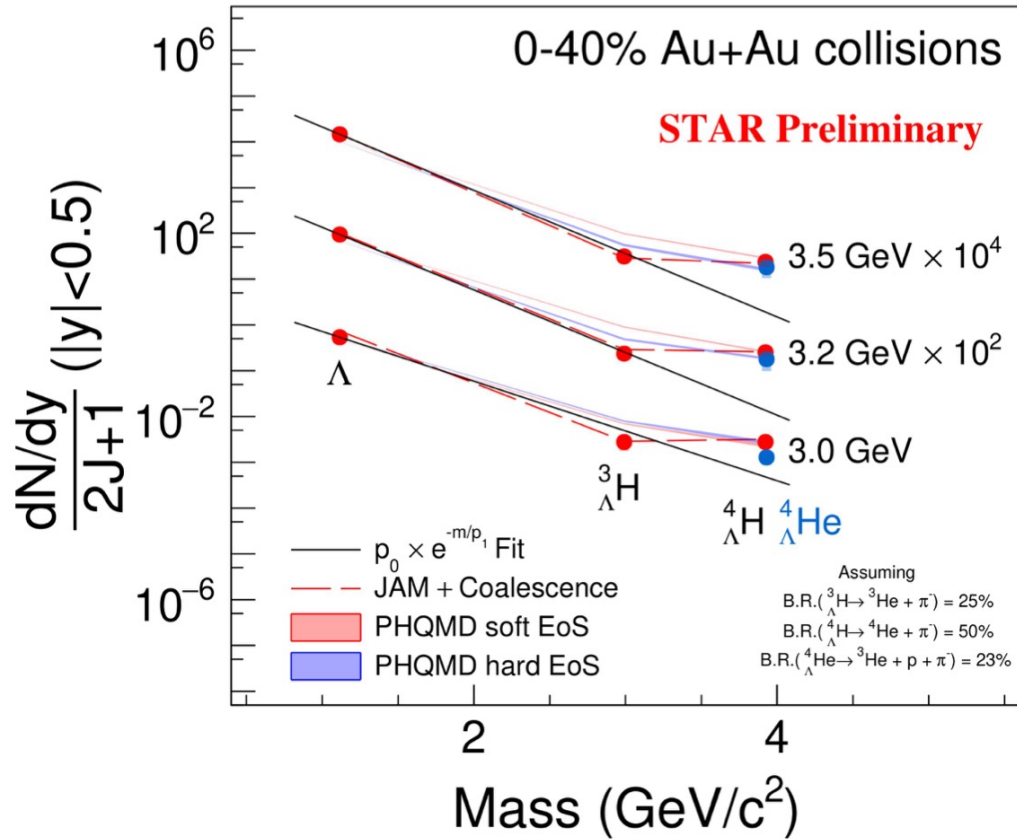
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$: Chenlu Hu, SQM2024



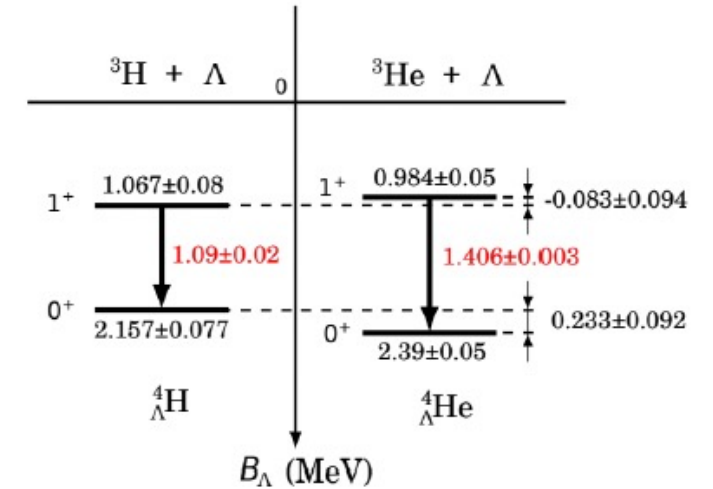
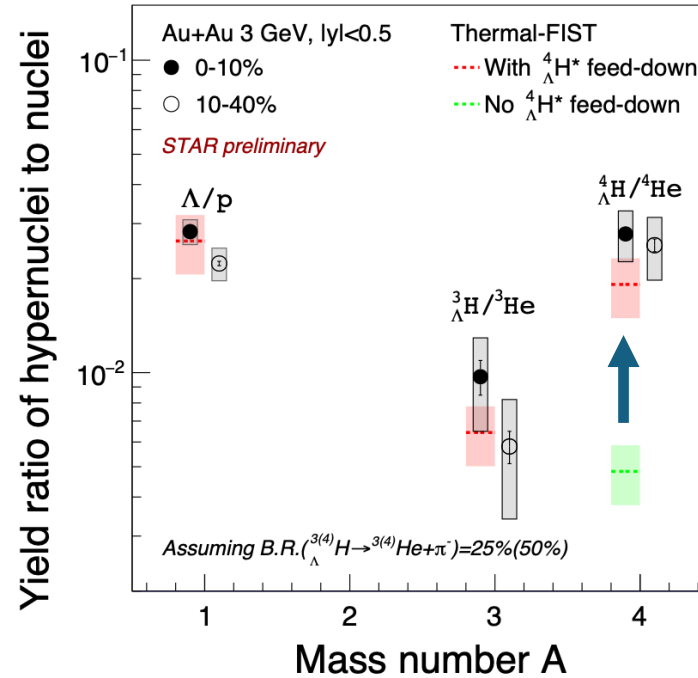
- Thermal model also over-predict ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ yields while JAM+coal. describes the data.

Production of ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$

Thermal expectation: $\frac{dN}{dy} \sim \exp\left(-\frac{m}{T}\right)$

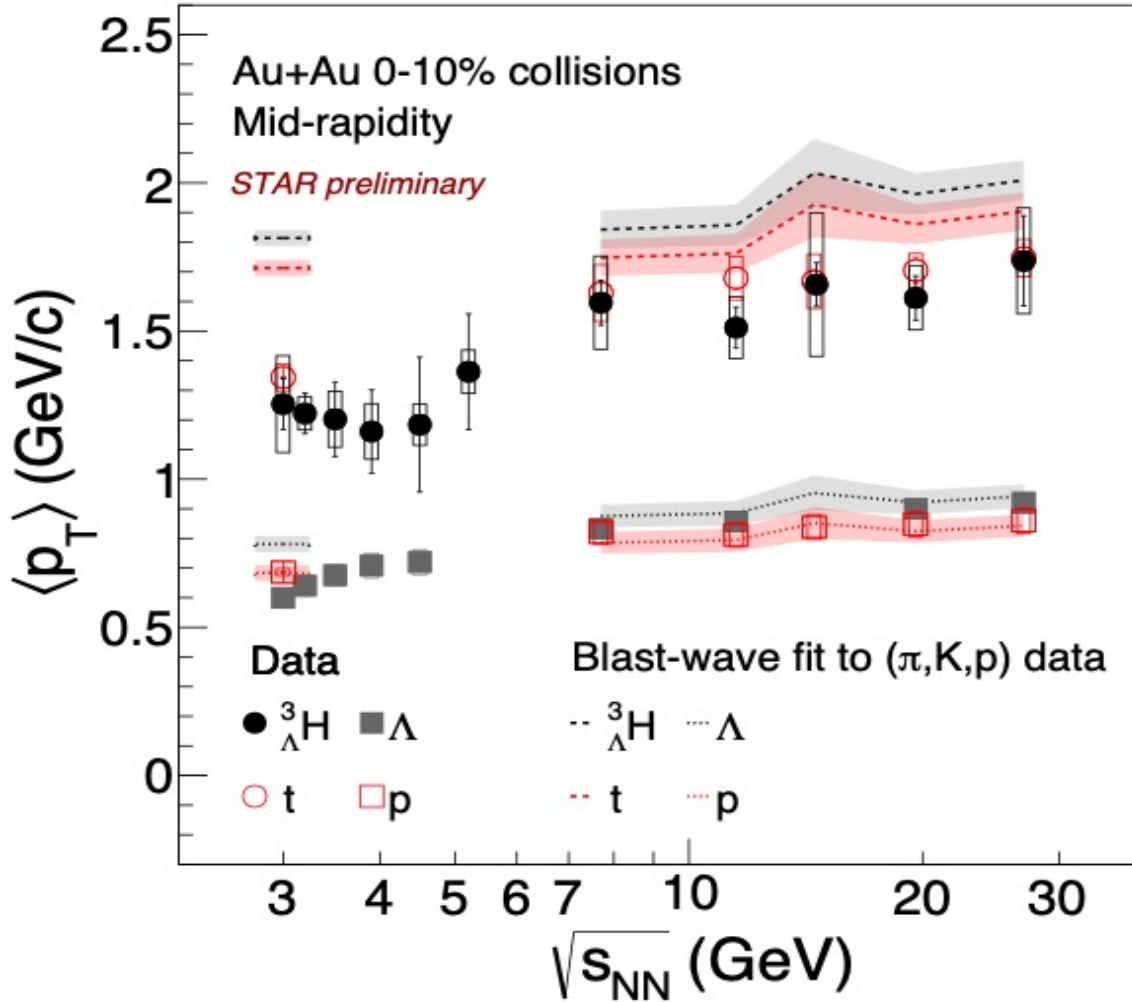


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- Evidence of the formation of ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ excited states in 3-4 GeV collisions.

Energy Dependence of ${}^3\Lambda\text{H}$ $\langle p_T \rangle$



- ${}^3\Lambda\text{H}$ and t $\langle p_T \rangle < \langle p_T \rangle^{BW}$ at 3 GeV
- Hint of ${}^3\Lambda\text{H}$ and t $\langle p_T \rangle < \langle p_T \rangle^{BW} > 7.7$ GeV
 - $\langle p_T \rangle^{BW}$: Blast-wave (BW) expectation calculated using **kinetic freeze-out parameters** from measured light hadron (π , K, p) spectra.

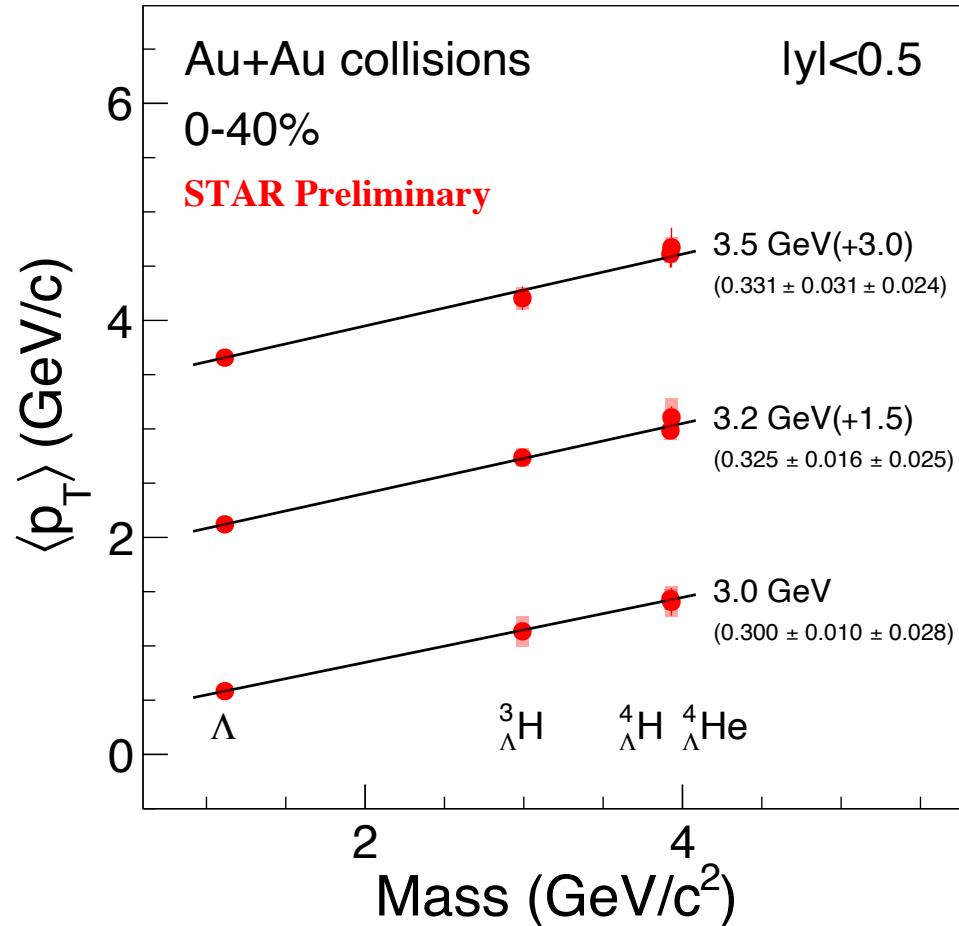
Blastwave function:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} \propto \int_0^R r dr m_T I_0 \left(\frac{p_T \sinh \rho(r)}{T_{kin}} \right) \times K_1 \left(\frac{m_T \cosh \rho(r)}{T_{kin}} \right)$$

${}^3\Lambda\text{H}$ and t might do not follow the same collective expansion as light hadrons.

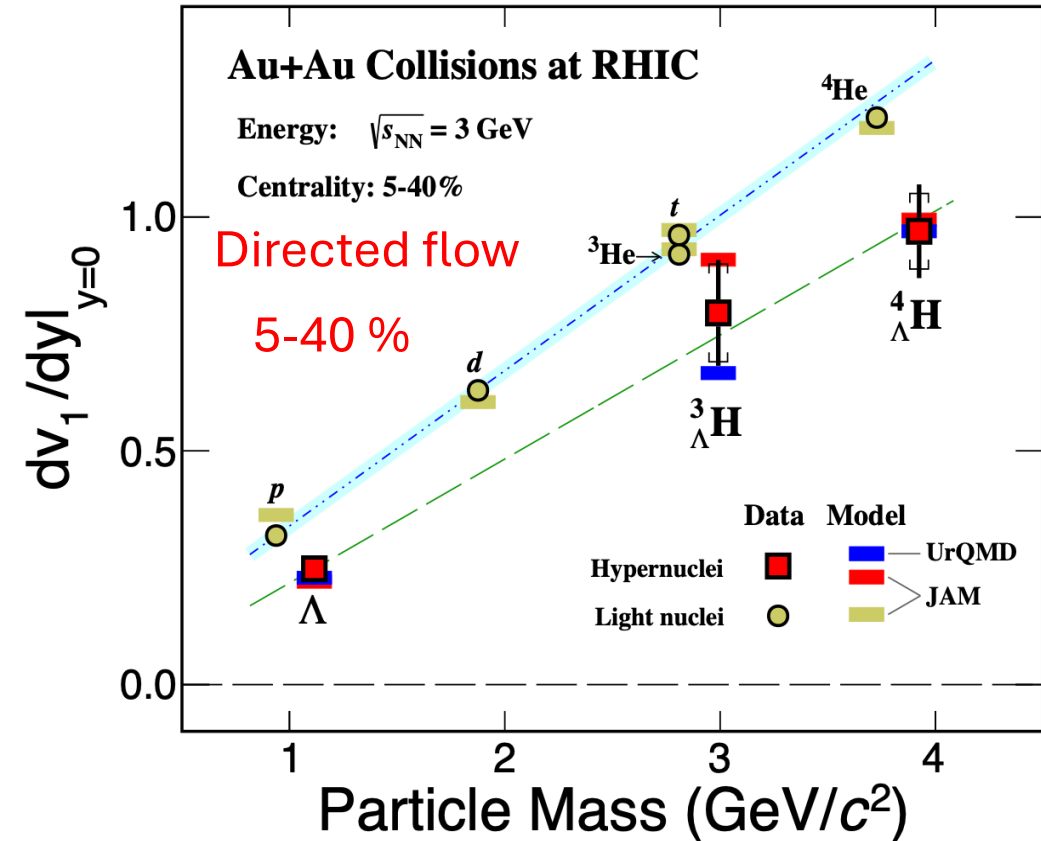
Hypernuclei Collectivity versus Mass

$\langle p_T \rangle \rightarrow$ Radial flow contributions



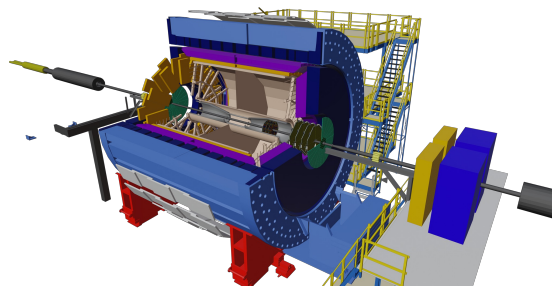
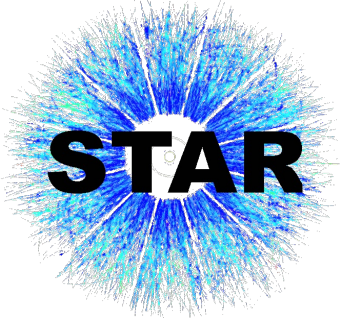
$v_1 \rightarrow$ Directed flow

$$E \frac{d^3N}{dp^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left(1 + \sum_1^\infty 2v_n \cos [n(\phi - \psi_{RP})] \right)$$

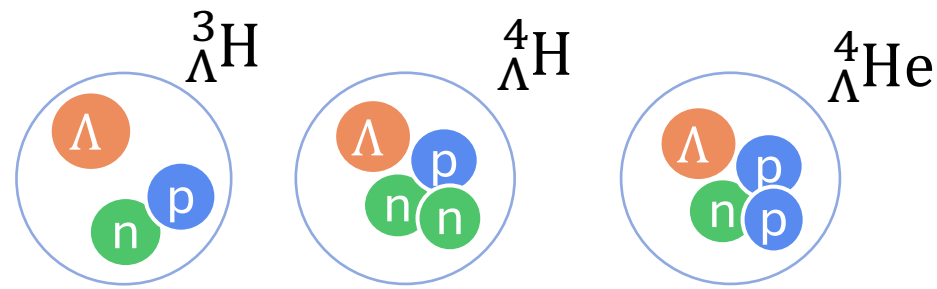


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- Hypernuclei $\langle p_T \rangle$ (and v_1) show linear mass scaling from 3 to 3.5 GeV in mid-rapidity.
 - Consistent with **coalescence formation** picture.



Multiplicity Dependence of Hypernuclei Production



Strangeness Population Factor (S_A)

$$S_A = \frac{{}_\Lambda^A\text{H}(A \times p_T)}{{}^A\text{He}(A \times p_T) \times \frac{\Lambda}{p}(p_T)} = \frac{B_A({}_\Lambda^A\text{H})(p_T)}{B_A({}^A\text{He})(p_T)}$$

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$$E_A \frac{d^3 N_A}{dp_A^3} = B_A \left(E_{p,n} \frac{d^3 N_{p,n}}{dp_{p,n}^3} \right)^A \bigg|_{\vec{p}_p = \vec{p}_n = \frac{\vec{p}_A}{A}}$$

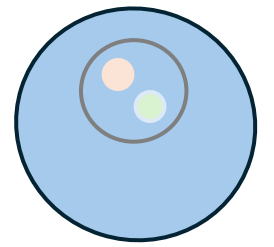
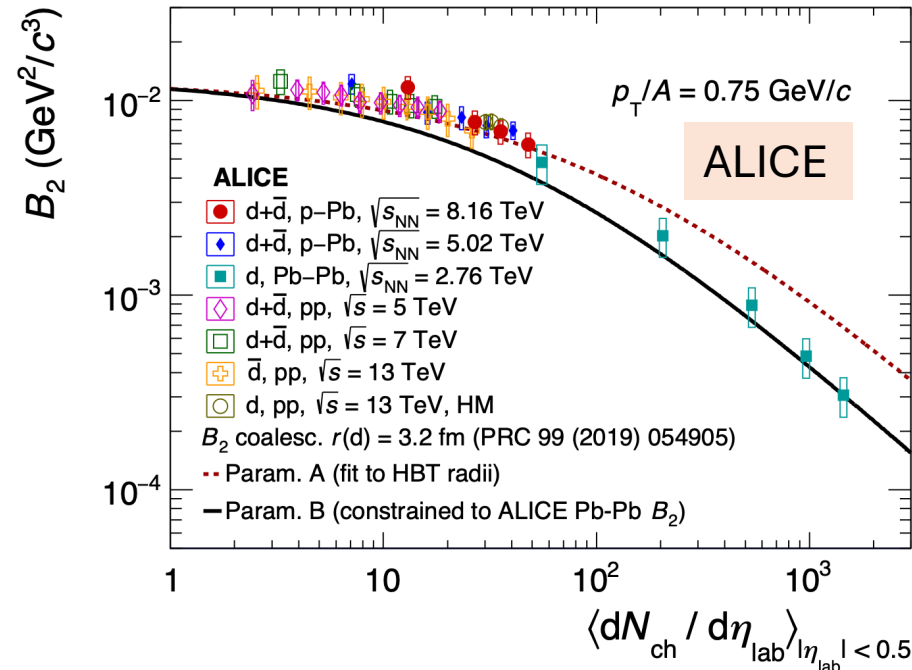
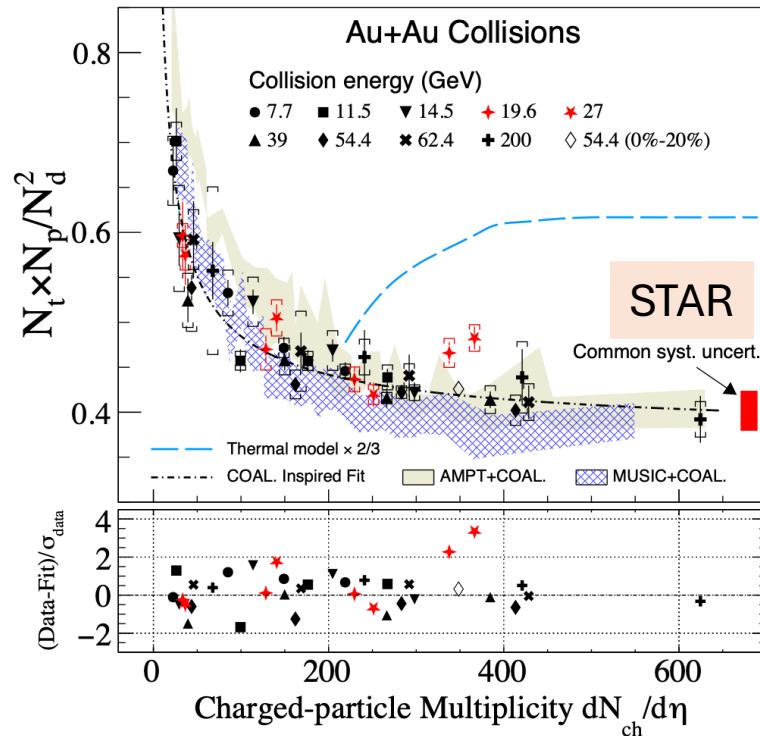
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F. Bellini, PRC 99, 054905 (2019)

Under some coalescence scenarios:

$$B_A = \frac{2J_A + 1}{2^A} \frac{1}{\sqrt{A}} \frac{1}{m_T^{A-1}} \left(\frac{2\pi}{R^2 + (\frac{r_A}{2})^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}(A-1)}$$

Emit source size Radius



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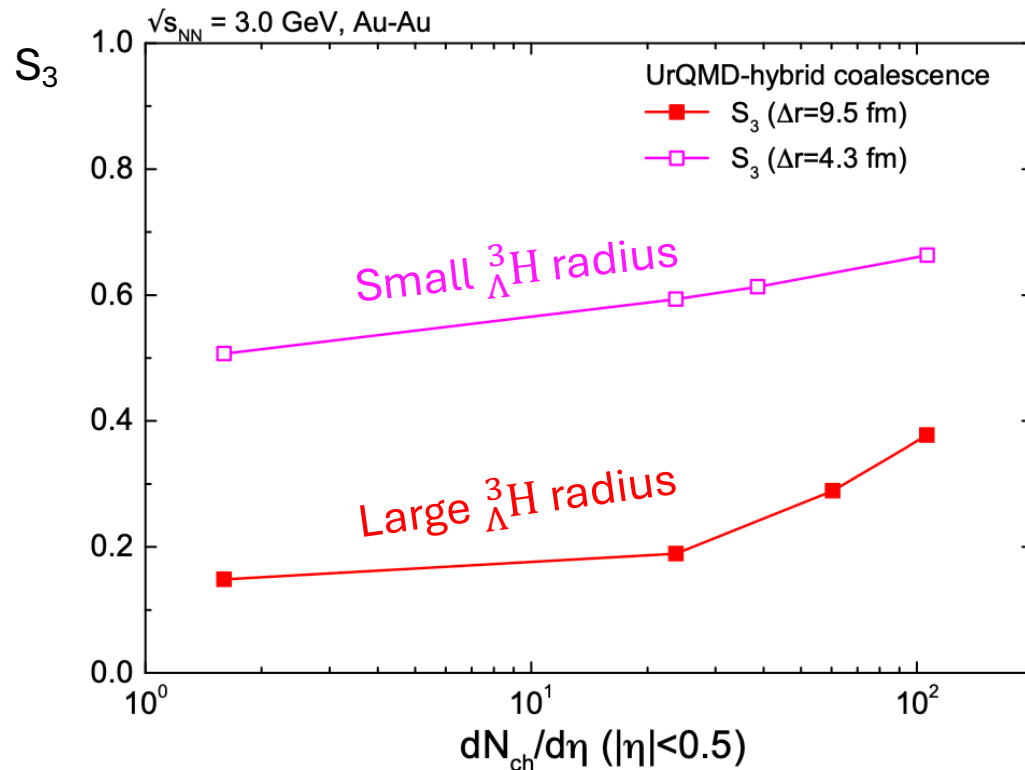
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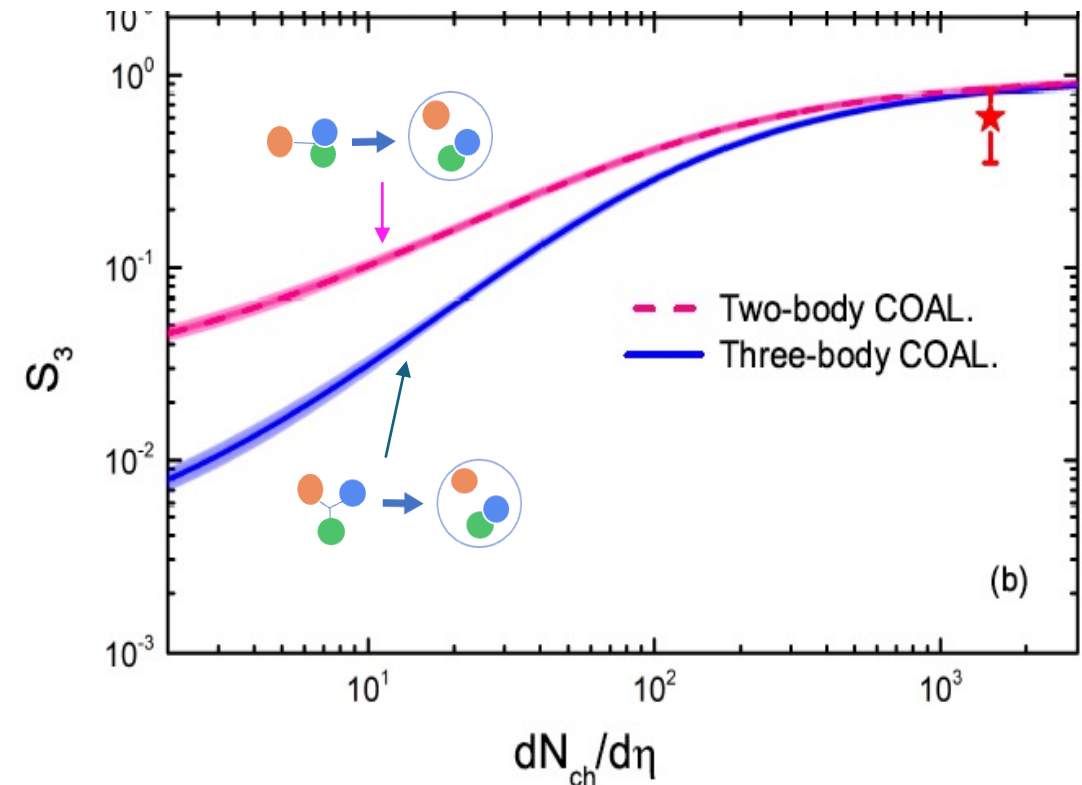
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- S_3 vs. $dN_{ch}/d\eta$: Possible insights to ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ radius and coalescence mechanism

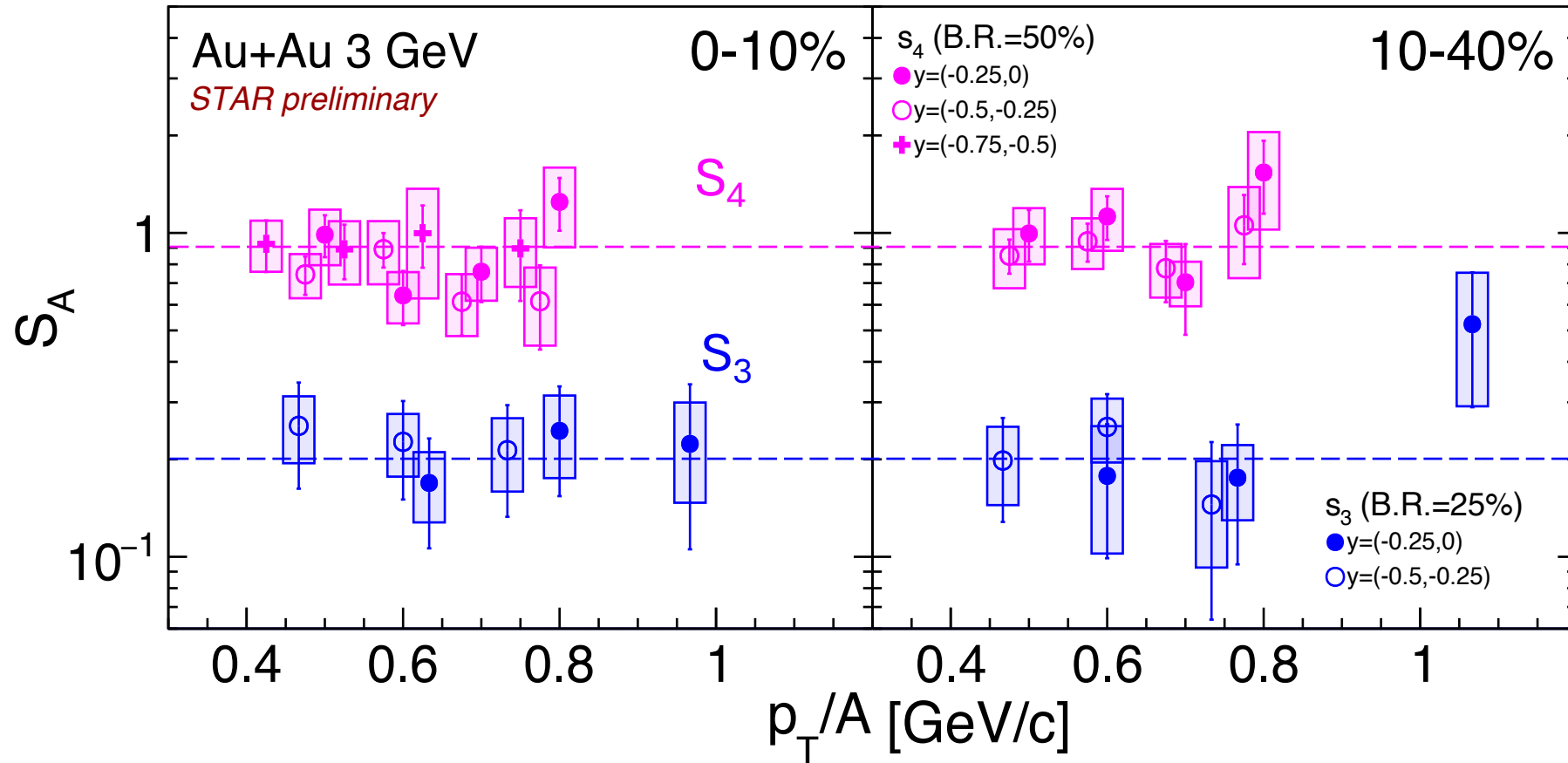
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S_3 and S_4 in Au+Au 3 GeV



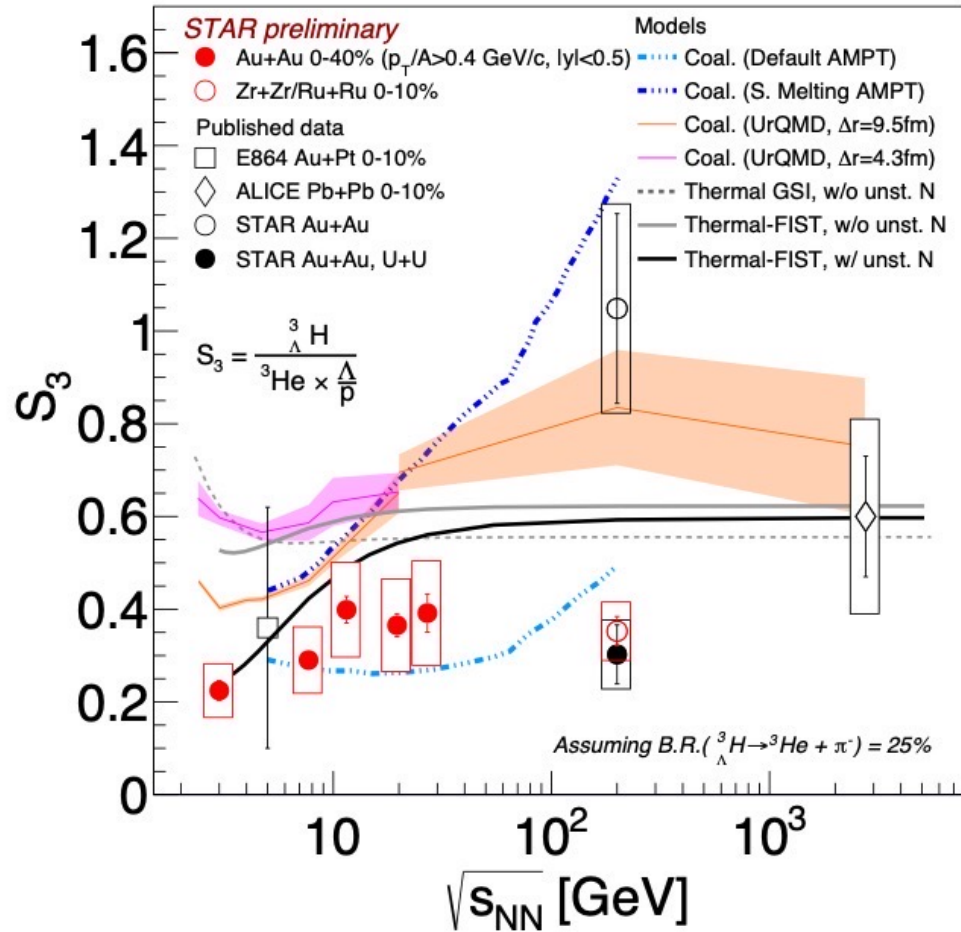
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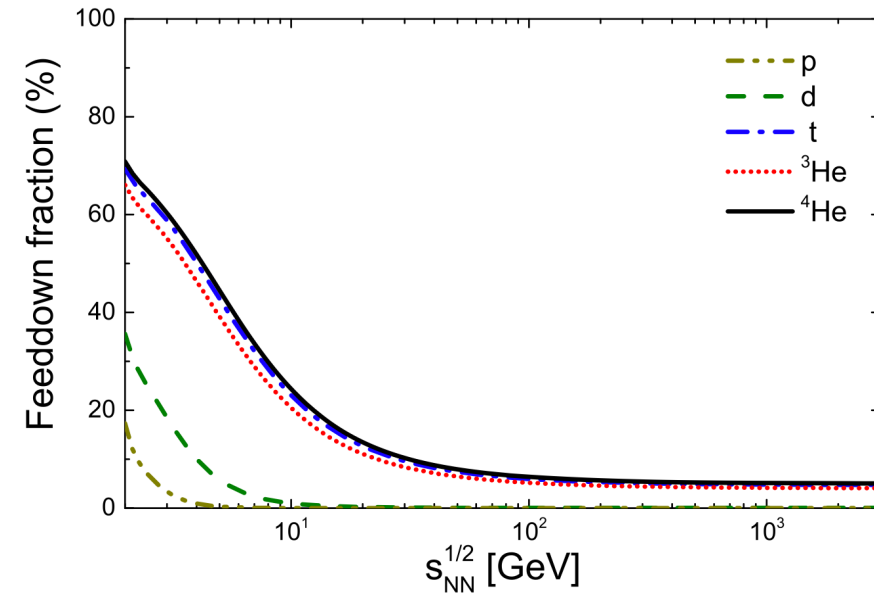
- No obvious p_T , rapidity and centrality dependence of S_A observed at 3 GeV
 - Evidence that B_A of light and hyper nuclei follow similar tendency versus p_T , rapidity and centrality

System Size Dependence of S_3

STAR COL data: Yue Hang Leung, CPOD2024



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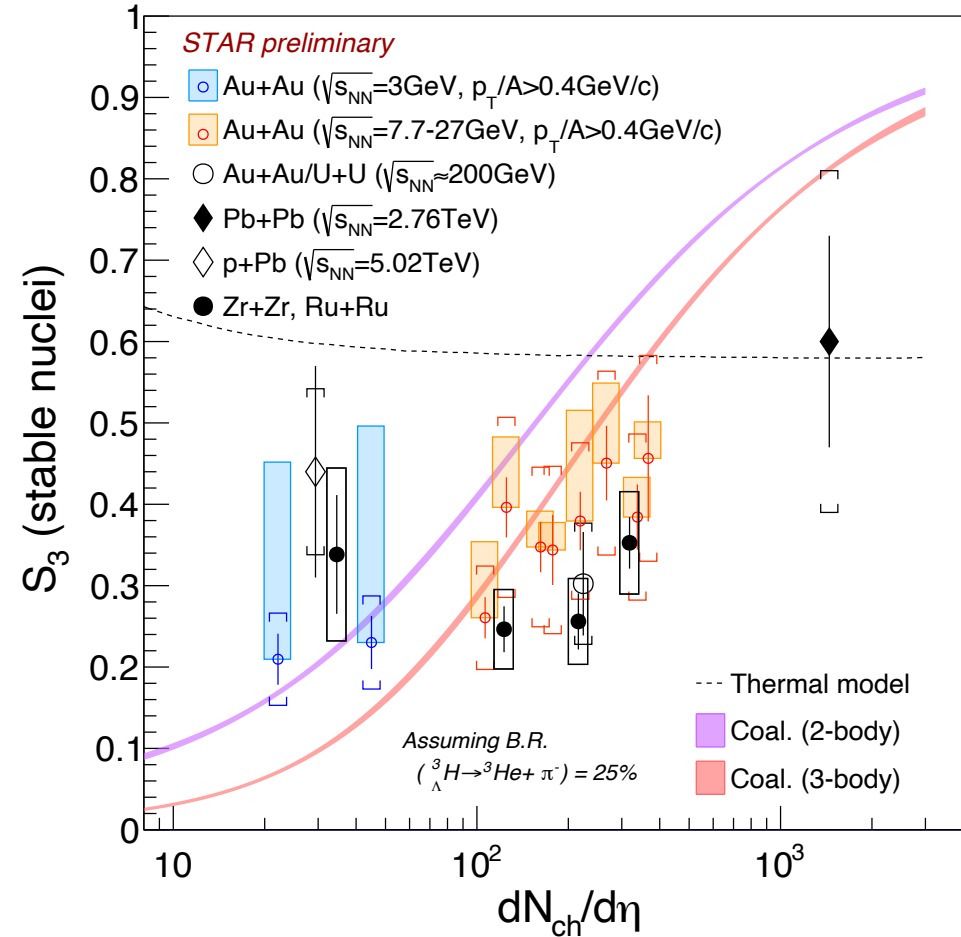
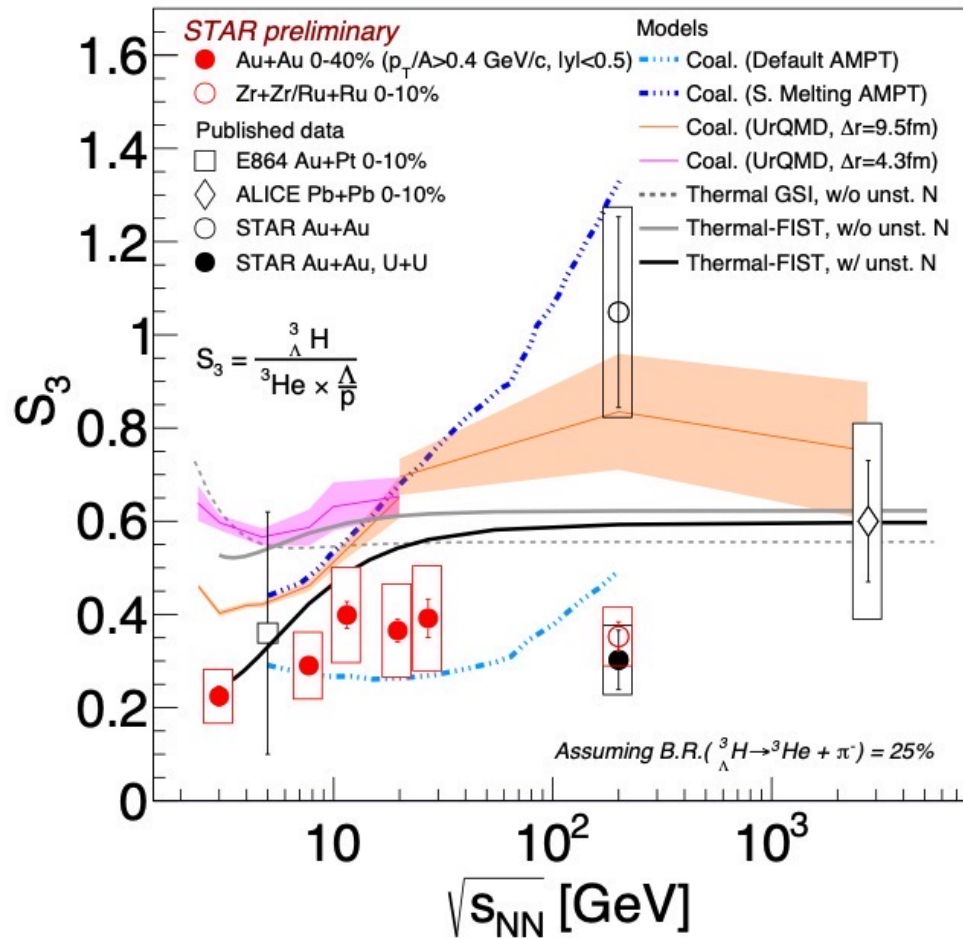


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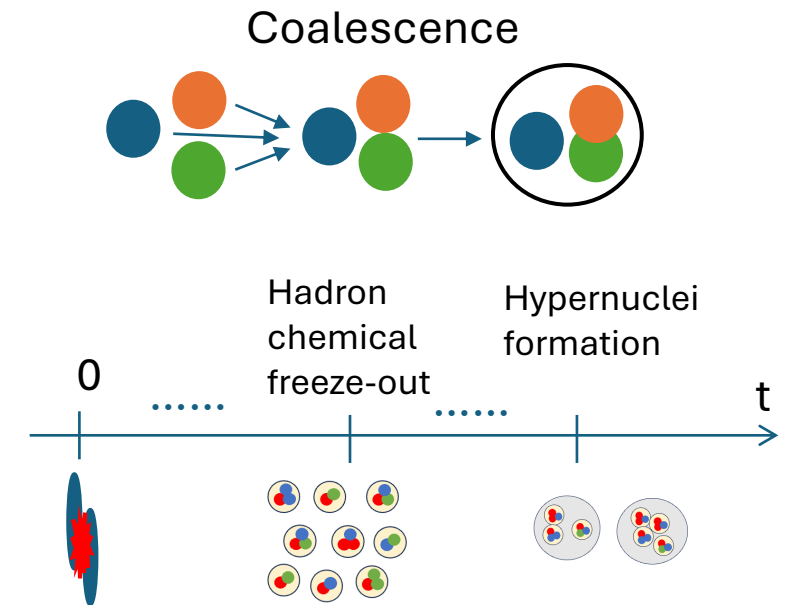
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Summary

New experimental data on:

- ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ in 3.0 – 27 GeV Au+Au collisions
- ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$, ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ in 3.0 – 3.5 GeV Au+Au collisions
- ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ in 200 GeV Zr+Zr/Ru+Ru collisions

- Experimental data support **coalescence is a dominate mechanism** of hypernuclei formation at mid-rapidity in heavy-ion collisions at RHIC.
- Hypernuclei **are not in equilibrium** at hadron chemical freeze-out at RHIC energies.

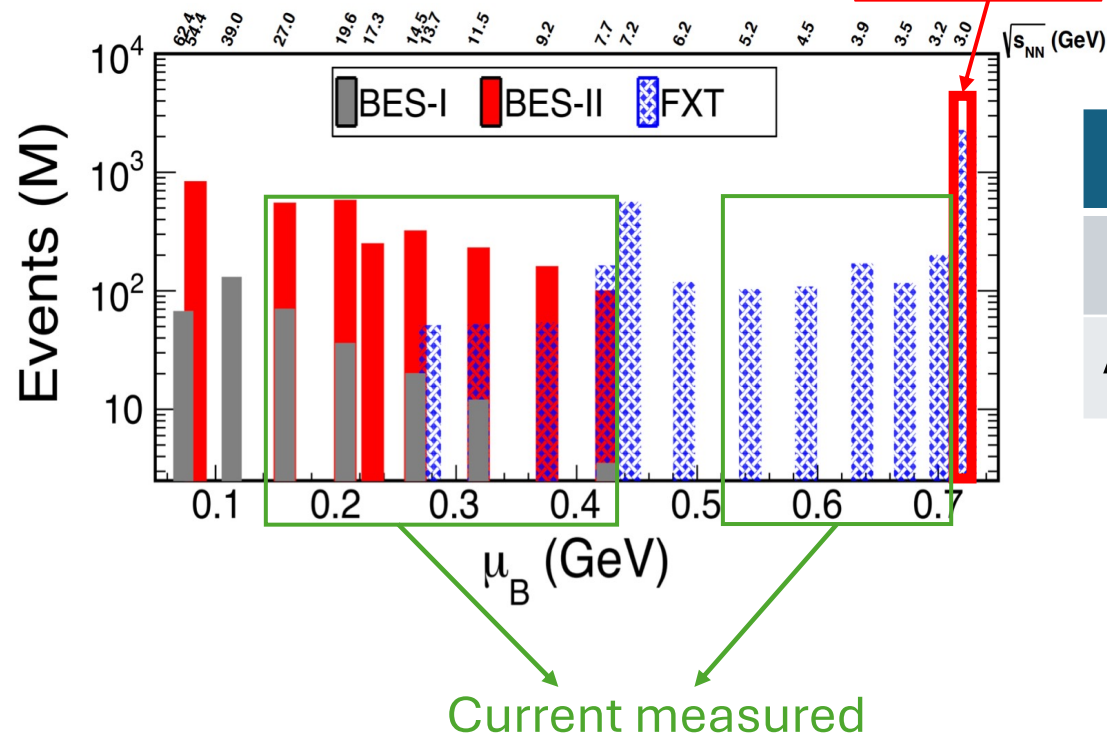


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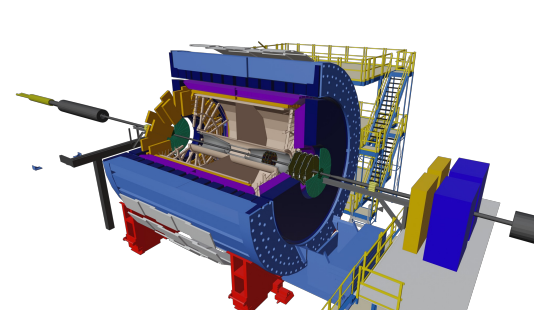
BES II datasets

3 GeV 2B
events!

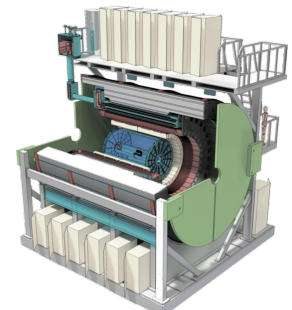


High energy runs in 2023-2025

System	Run year	No. events/Luminosity
p+p 200 GeV	2024	235 pb ⁻¹
Au+Au 200 GeV	2023+2025	20B / 40 nb ⁻¹



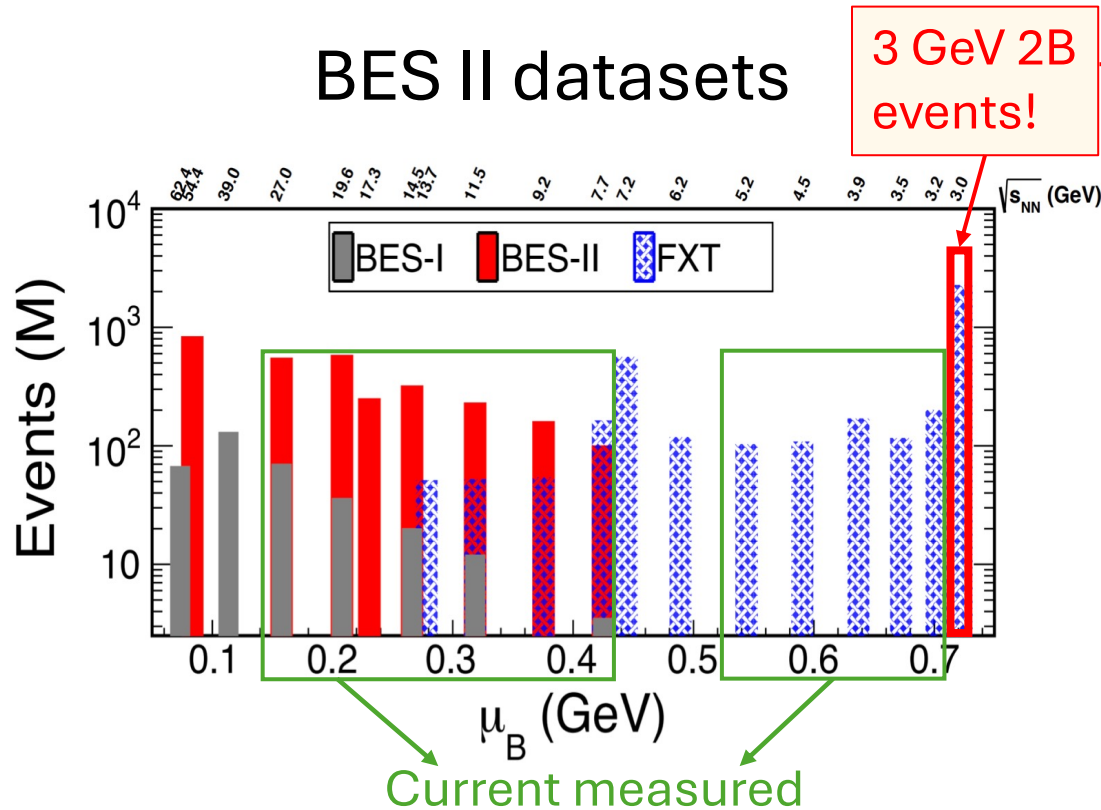
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Expected total significance from BES-II:

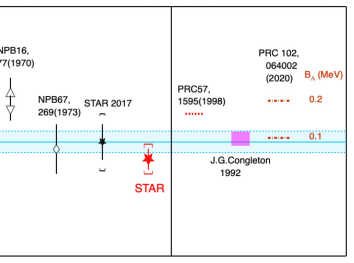
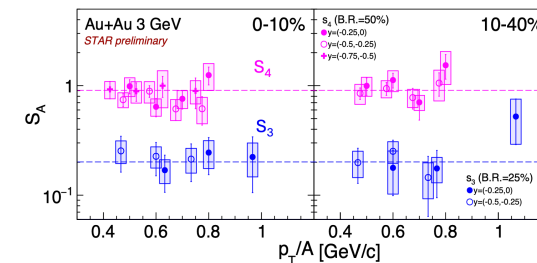
${}^4_\Lambda\text{H} : 60\sigma$; ${}^4_\Lambda\text{He} : 40\sigma$; ${}^5_\Lambda\text{He} : 10\sigma$

○ ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H} R_3$

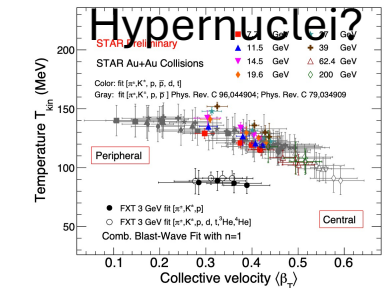
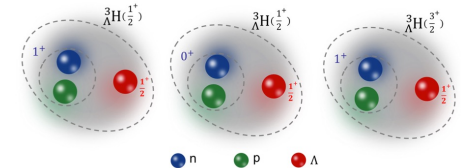
○ Global polarization

Spin structures

○ Kinematics



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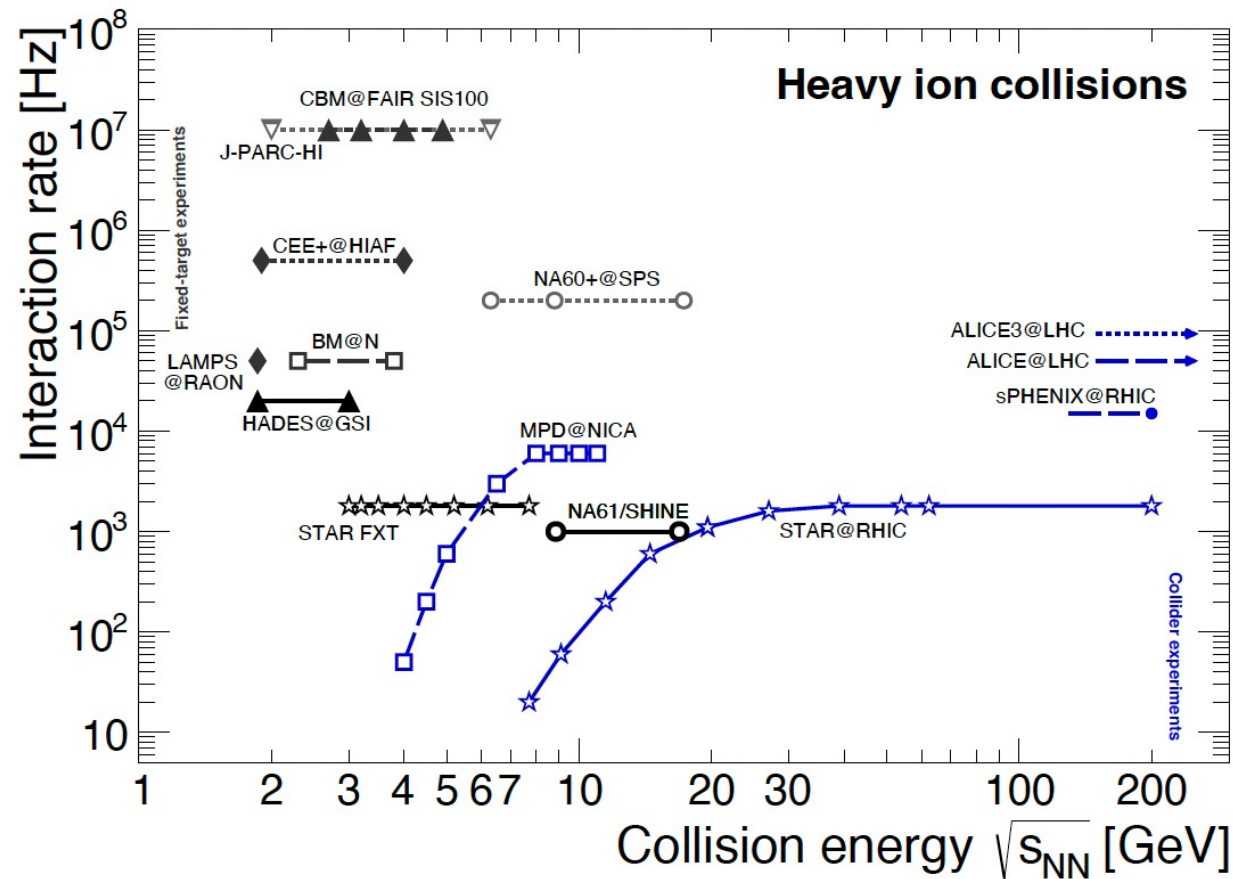


○ Ξ^- and double- Λ hypernuclei

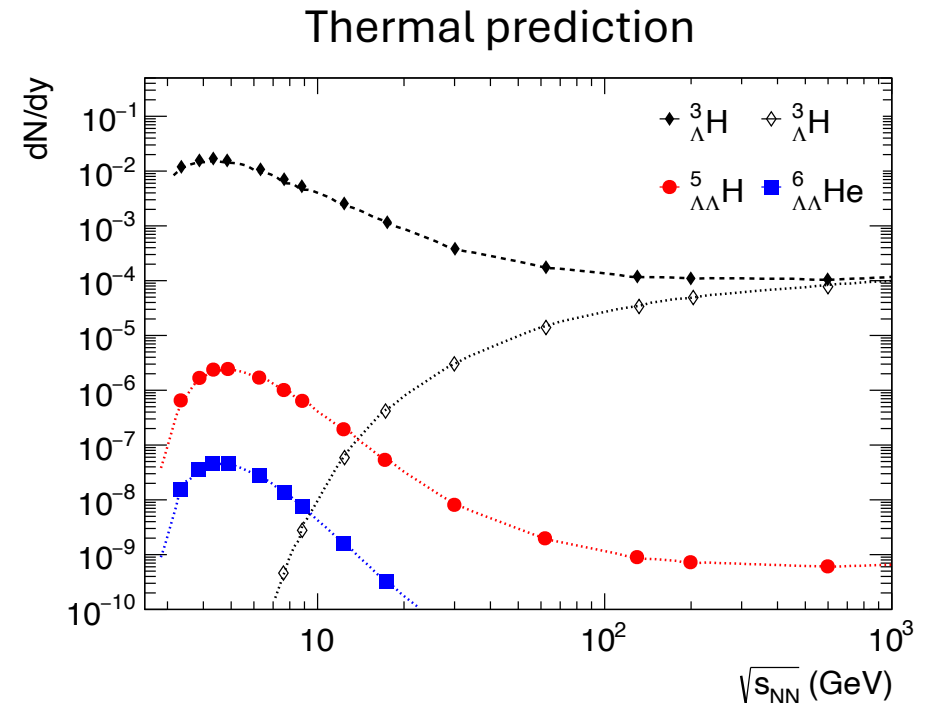
Future Perspective

Great potential for discovering unobserved hypernuclei in heavy ion collisions.

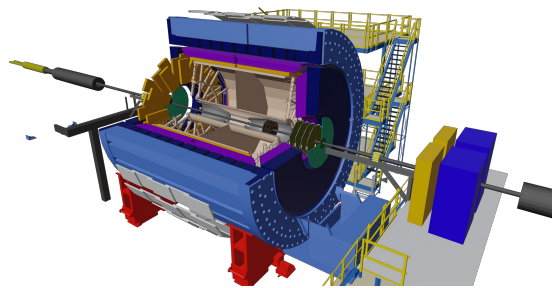
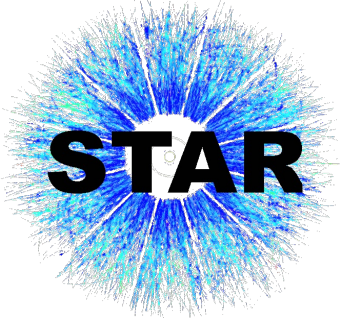
- $A \geq 5$ and Ξ hypernuclei
- Anti-hypernuclei
- Exotic strangeness states and double Λ hypernuclei
- etc



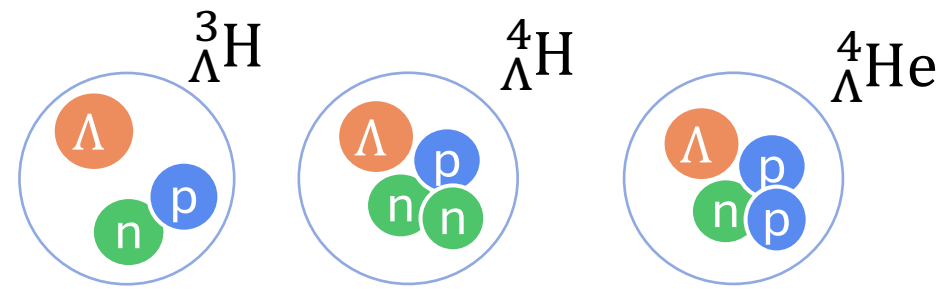
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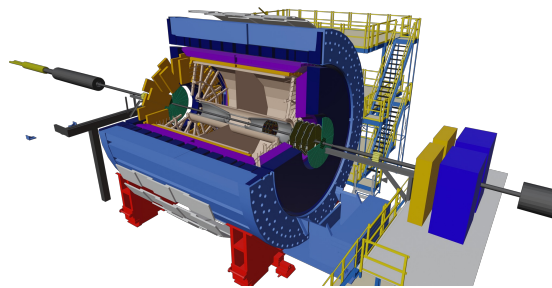
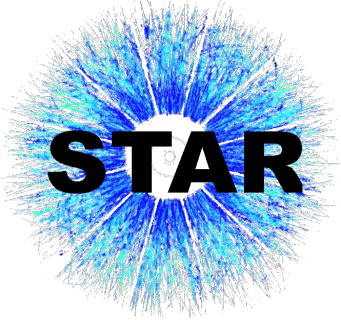


Thermal model: B. Dönigus, Eur. Phys. J. A 56:280 (2020)
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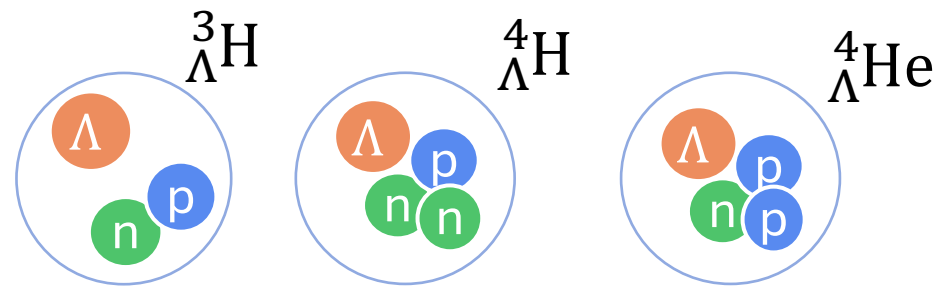


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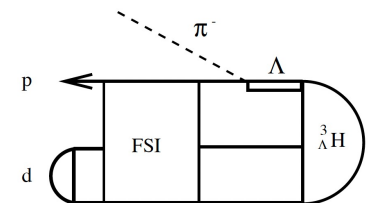
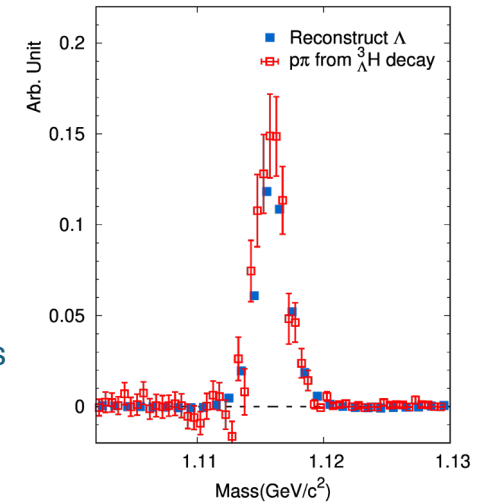
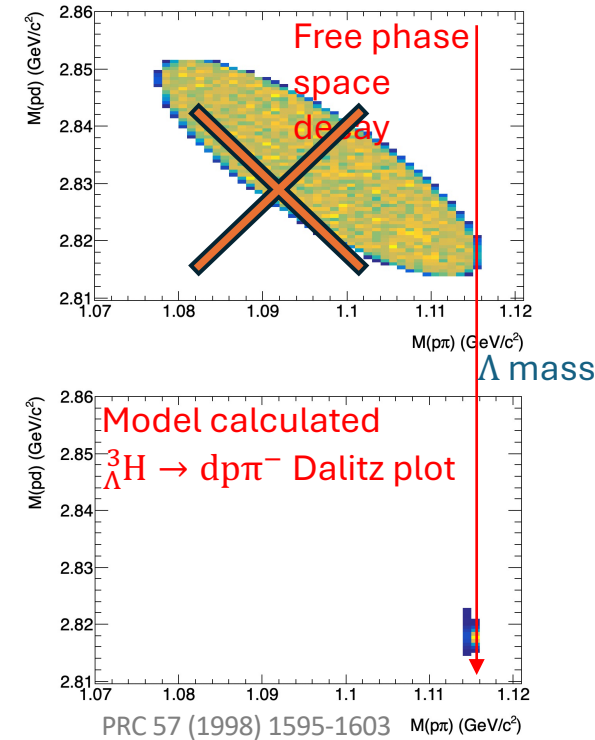
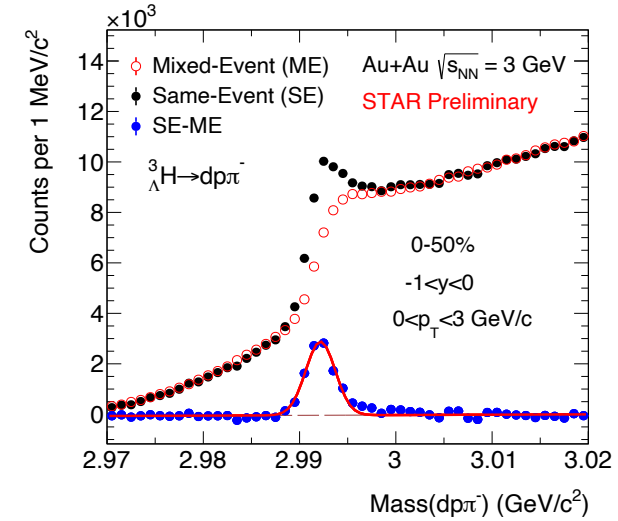
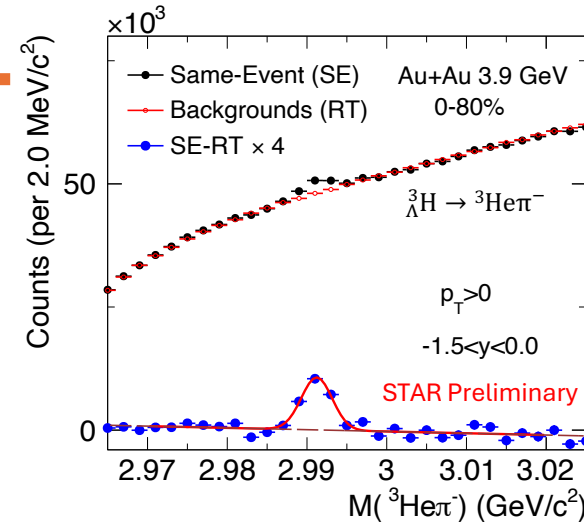
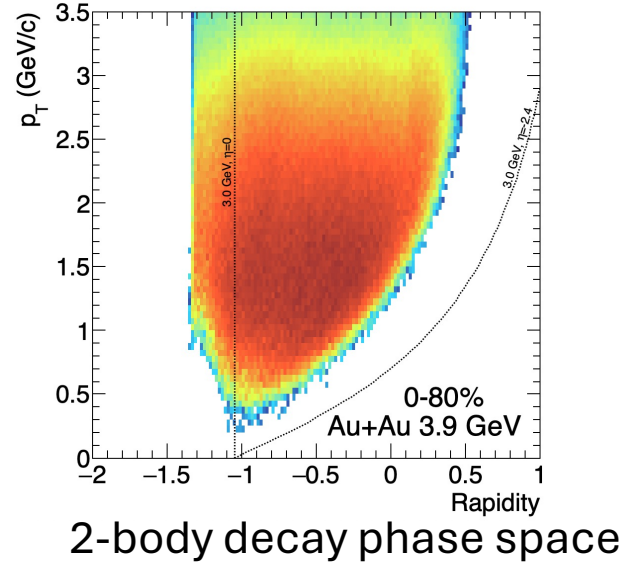
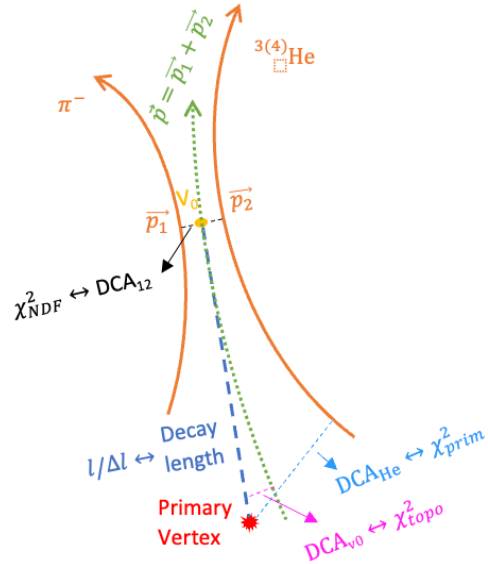


Back ups



${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ reconstruction

- Decay channel:
 ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} \pi^- \sim \text{B.R. } 20\text{-}25\%$,
 ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow \text{dp} \pi^- \sim \text{B.R. } \sim 40\text{-}50\%$,
- Backgrounds reconstructed by rotation of ${}^3\text{He}$.



Hypernuclei reconstruction at STAR

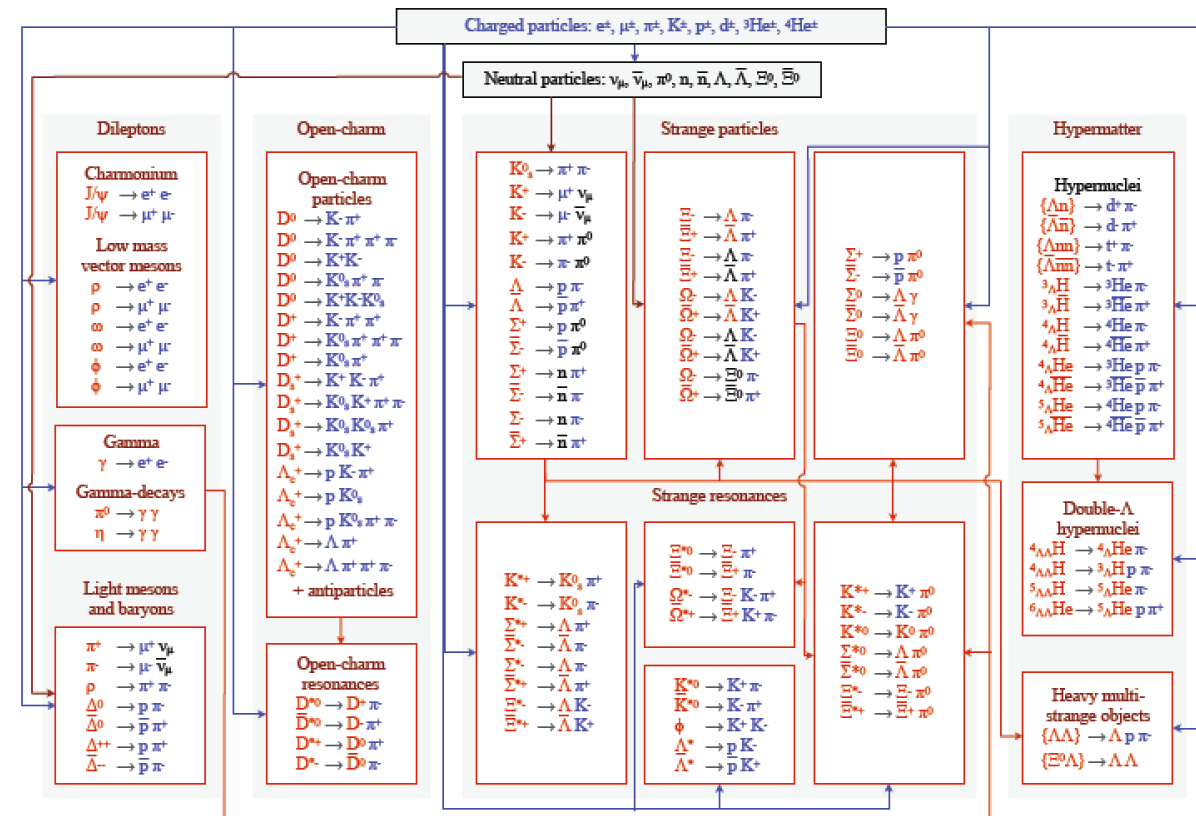
- Signals are reconstructed by **KFParticle package**.
 - Based on **Kalman Filter method**.
 - All particles are described by
 - State vectors
 - Covariance matrix.
 - Benefit from:
 - Secondary vertex reconstruction
 - Reconstructing multiple particles at the same time.

Encode tracking and detector performance

$$\mathbf{r} = \{x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z, E\}$$

State vector position Four momentum

X. Ju et al. Nucl. Sci. Tech. 34, 10, 158 (2023)



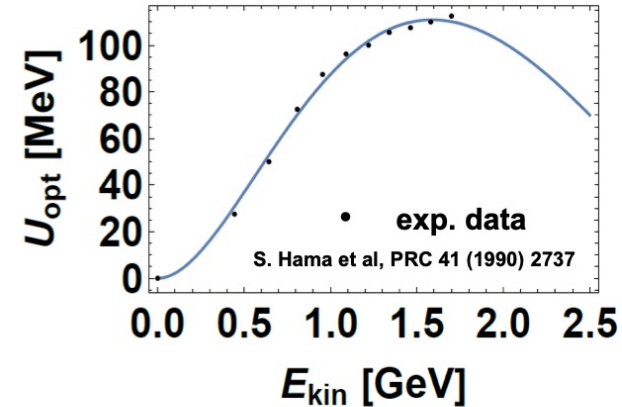
2) Momentum dependent potential :

$$V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{p}_{01}, \mathbf{p}_{02}) = (a\Delta p + b\Delta p^2) \exp[-c\sqrt{\Delta p}] \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$\Delta p = \sqrt{(\mathbf{p}_{01} - \mathbf{p}_{02})^2}$$

Parameters **a**, **b**, **c** are fitted to the "optical" potential (Schrödinger equivalent potential U_{SEP})

extracted from elastic scattering data in pA: $U_{SEQ}(p) = \frac{\int^{p_F} V(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}_1) d\mathbf{p}_1^3}{\frac{4}{3}\pi p_F^3}$



❖ In infinite matter a **potential** corresponds to the **EoS**:

$$E/A(\rho) = \frac{3}{5}E_F + V_{Skyrme\ stat}(\rho) + V_{mom}(\rho)$$

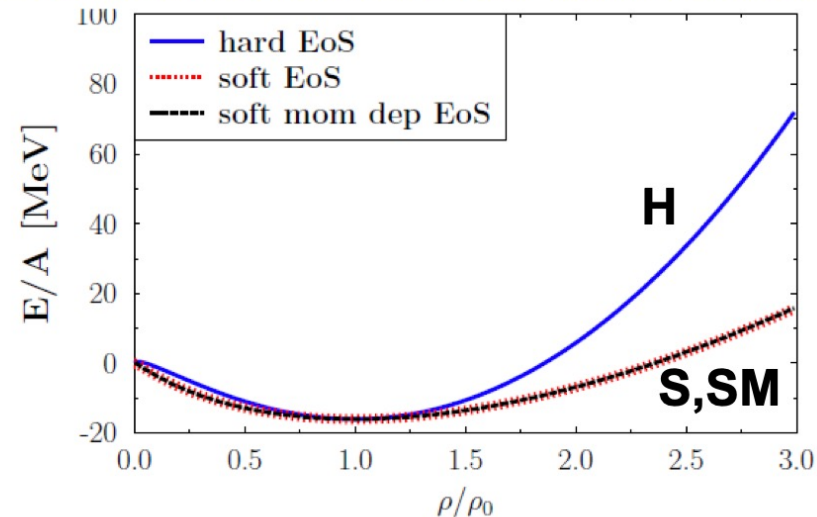
$$V_{Skyrme} = \alpha \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} + \beta \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}^\gamma$$

compression modulus K of nuclear matter:

$$K = -V \frac{dP}{dV} = 9\rho^2 \frac{\partial^2 (E/A(\rho))}{(\partial \rho)^2} \Big|_{\rho=\rho_0}$$

E.o.S.	α [MeV]	β [MeV]	γ	K [MeV]
S	-383.5	329.5	1.15	200
H	-125.3	71.0	2.0	380
SM	-478.87	413.76	1.10	200
a [MeV ⁻¹] b [MeV ⁻²] c [MeV ⁻¹]				
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EoS for infinite cold nuclear matter at rest

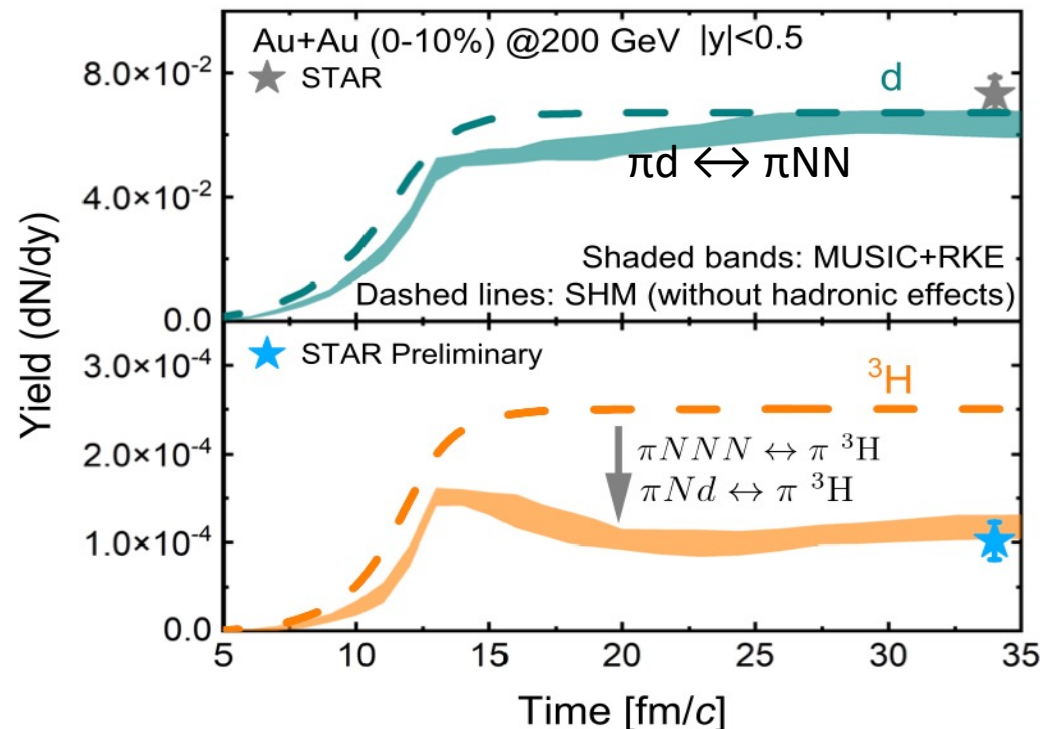


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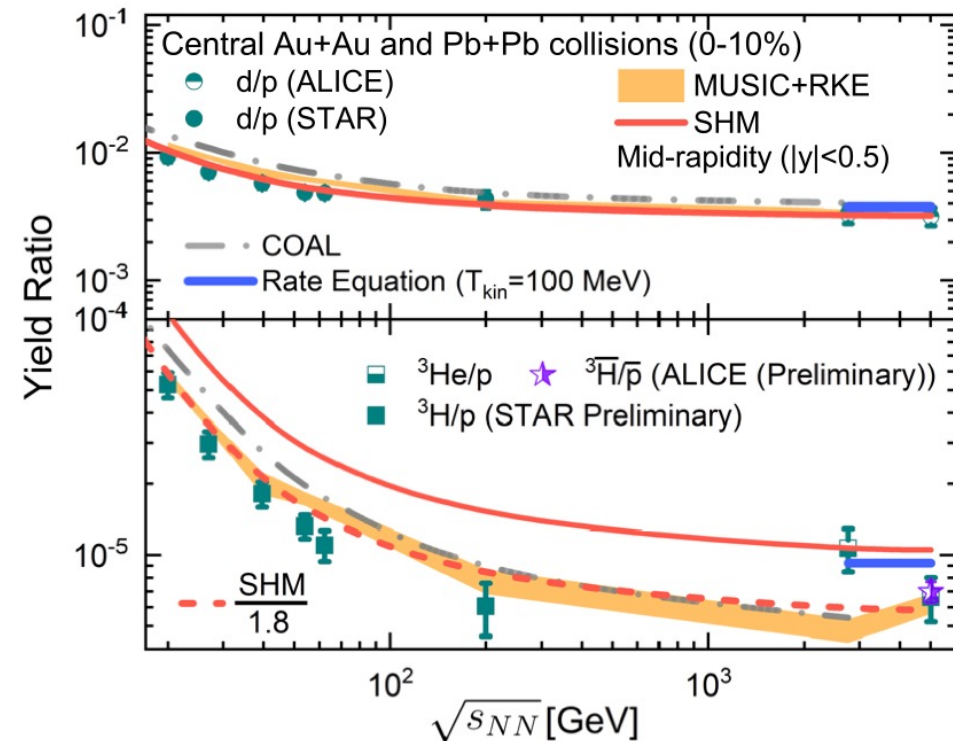
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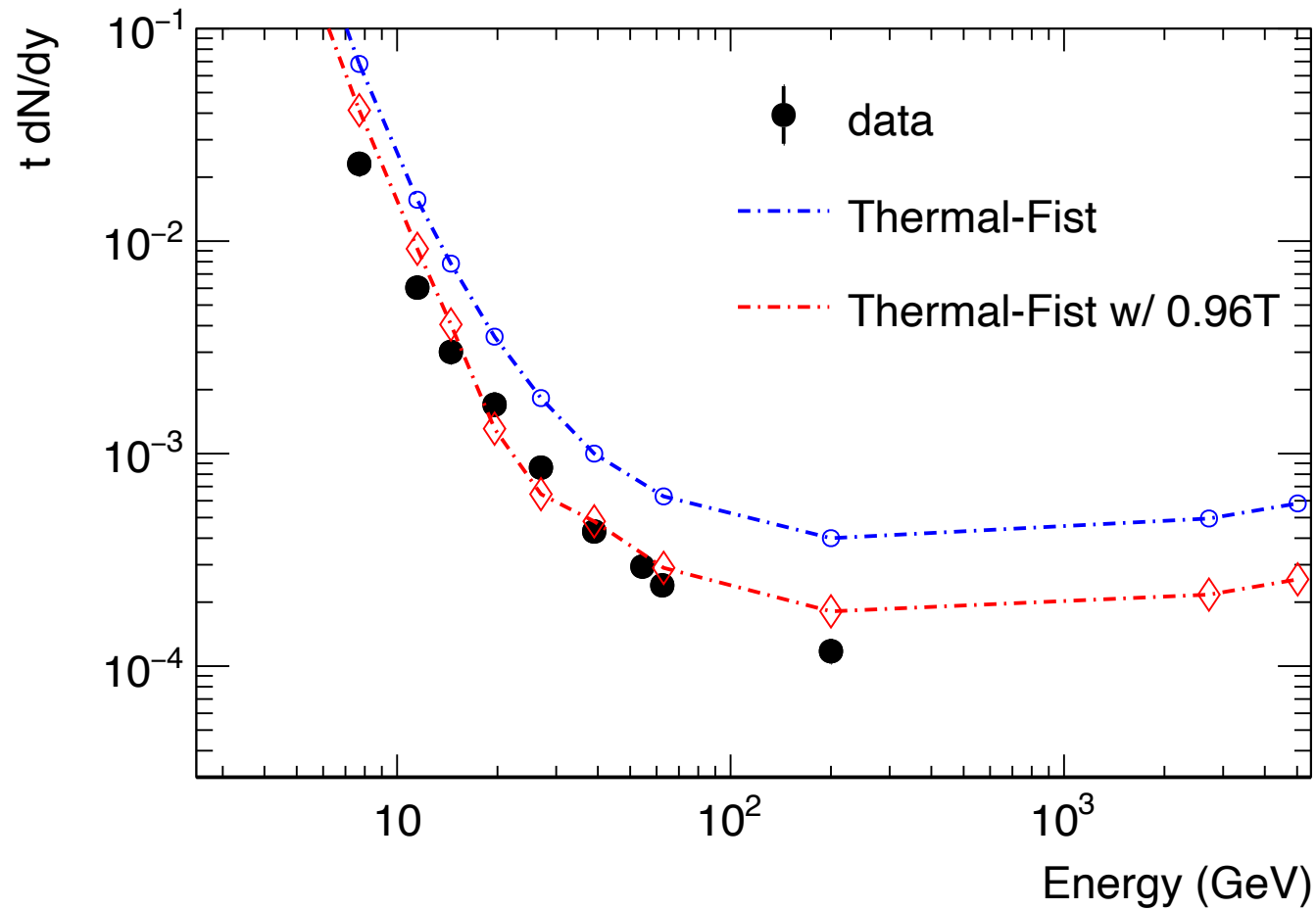
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- Evolution of QGP: MUSIC
- Hadron and light nuclei yields at QGP hadronization: SHM
- The evolution of the hadronic matter (besides the nonlocal many-body scatterings for d / t): AMPT



Triton yields with tuned T



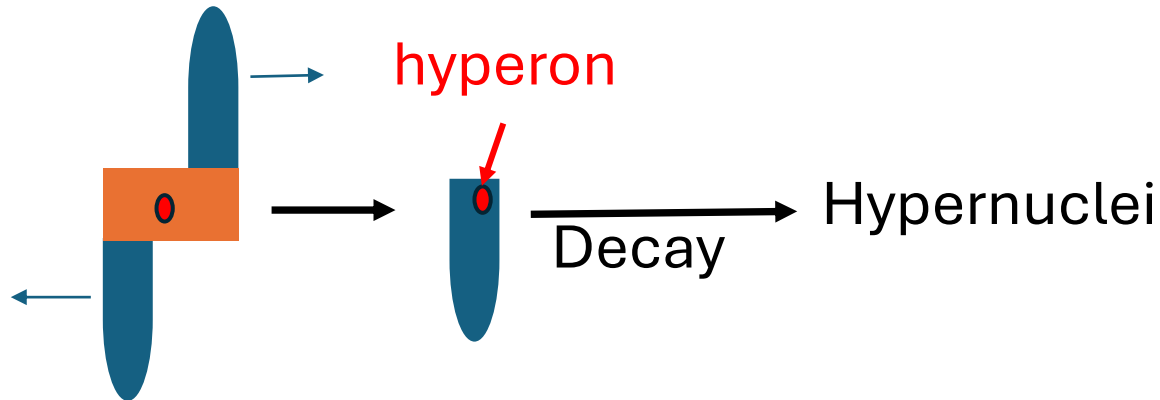
- Triton yields are closer to the data compared with default Thermal.

Hypernuclei Production in HIC

Other proposed mechanism

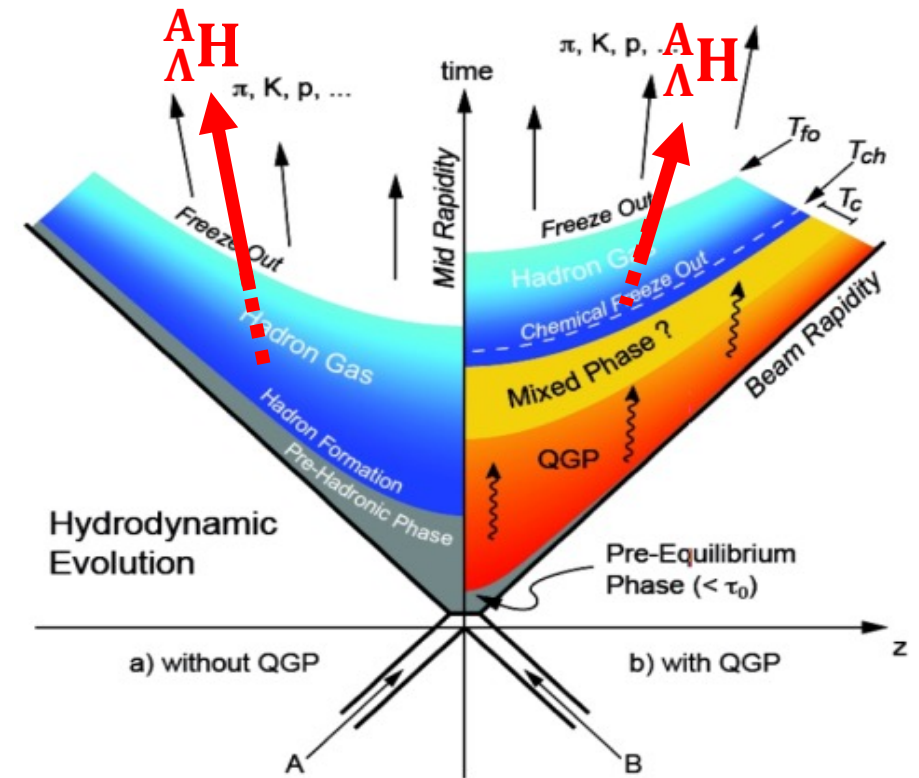
Nuclear fragmentation of hypercluster

- Dominates at **beam rapidity**.
- Dominates for heavy hypernuclei formation.



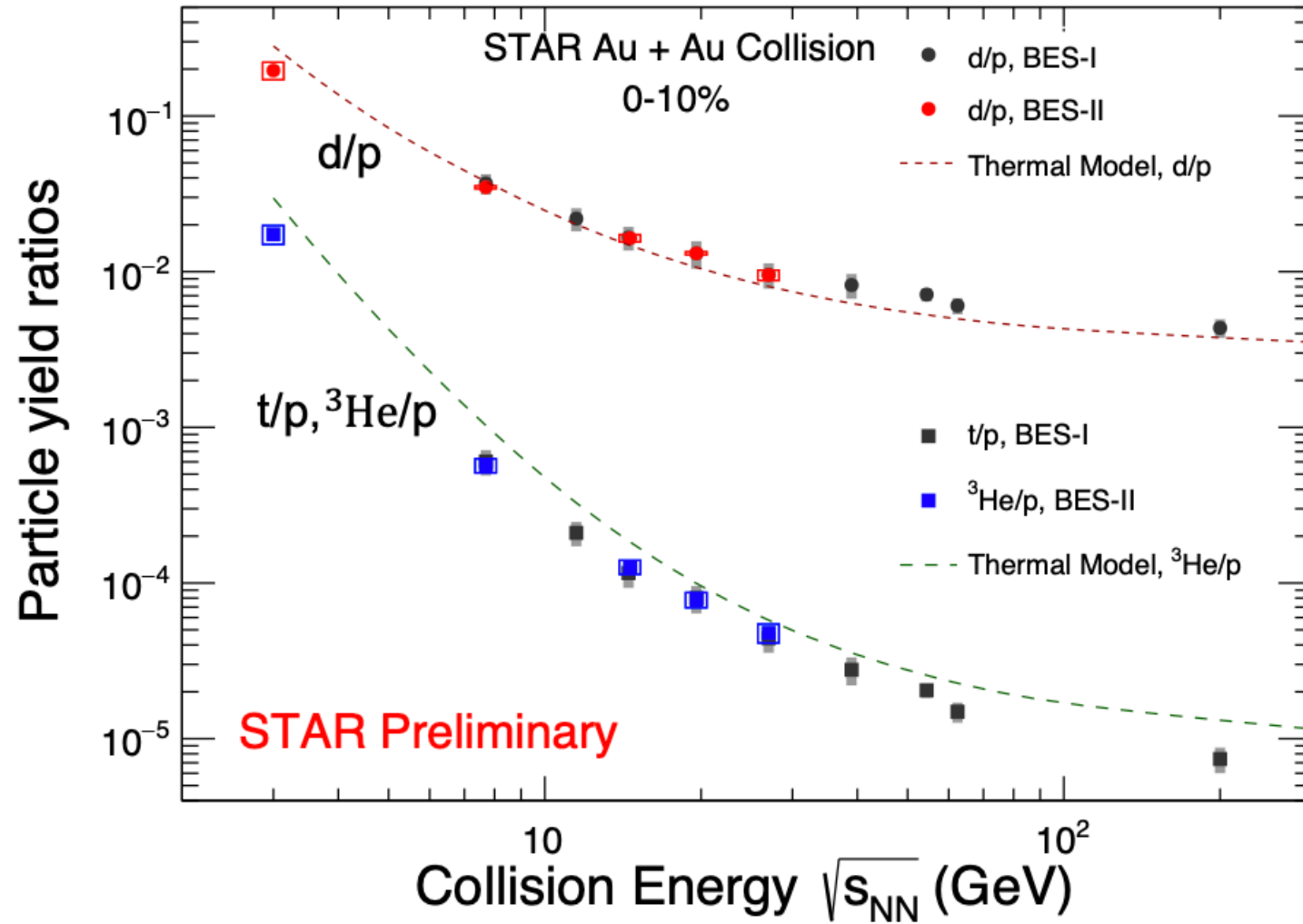
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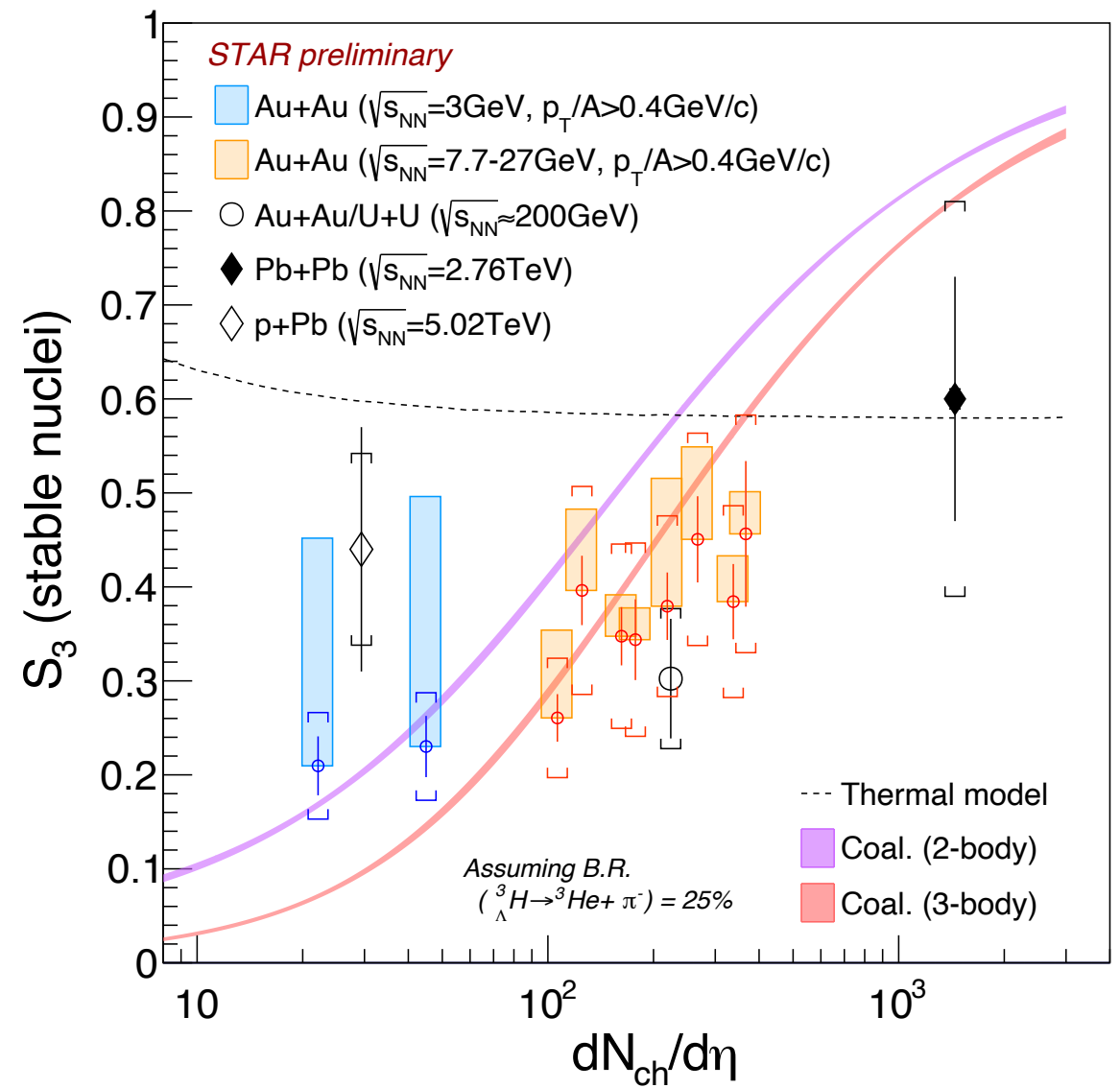
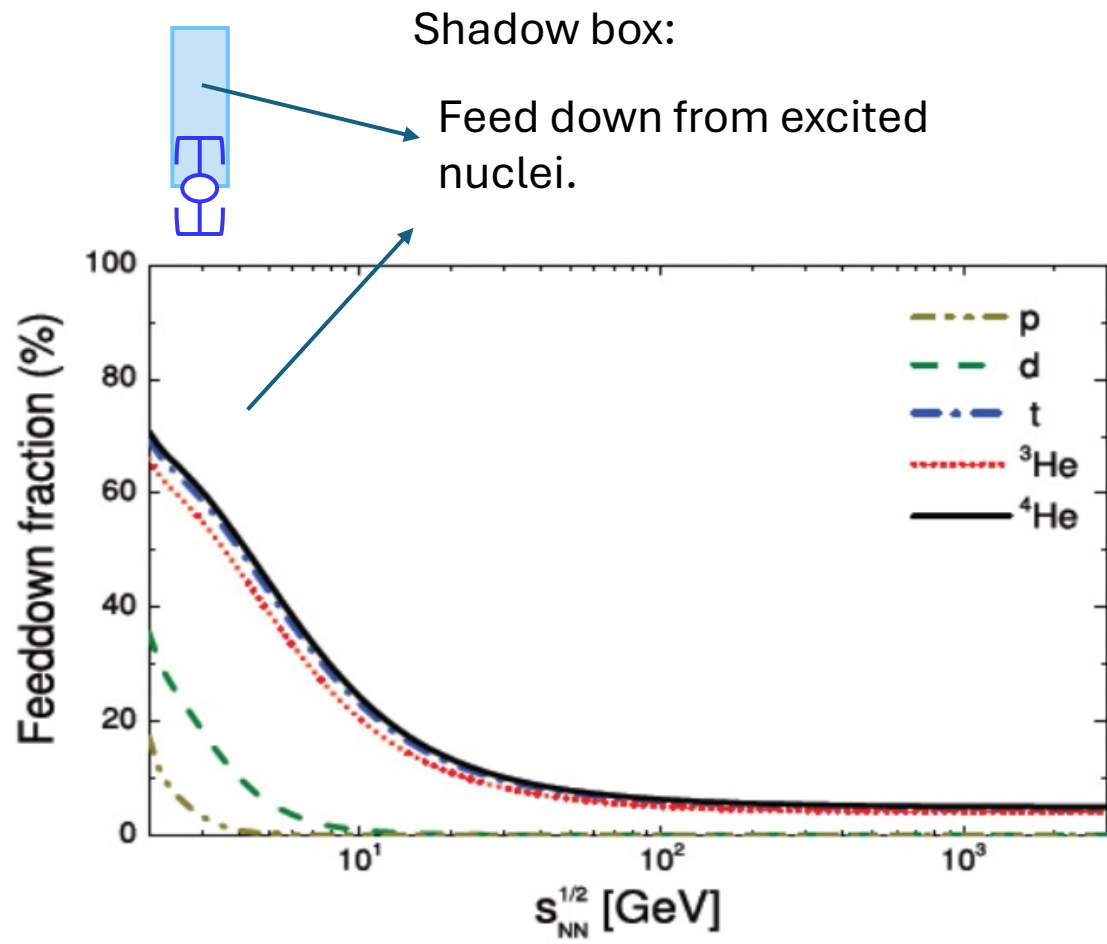


$^3\text{He}/p$ and d/p from BES II

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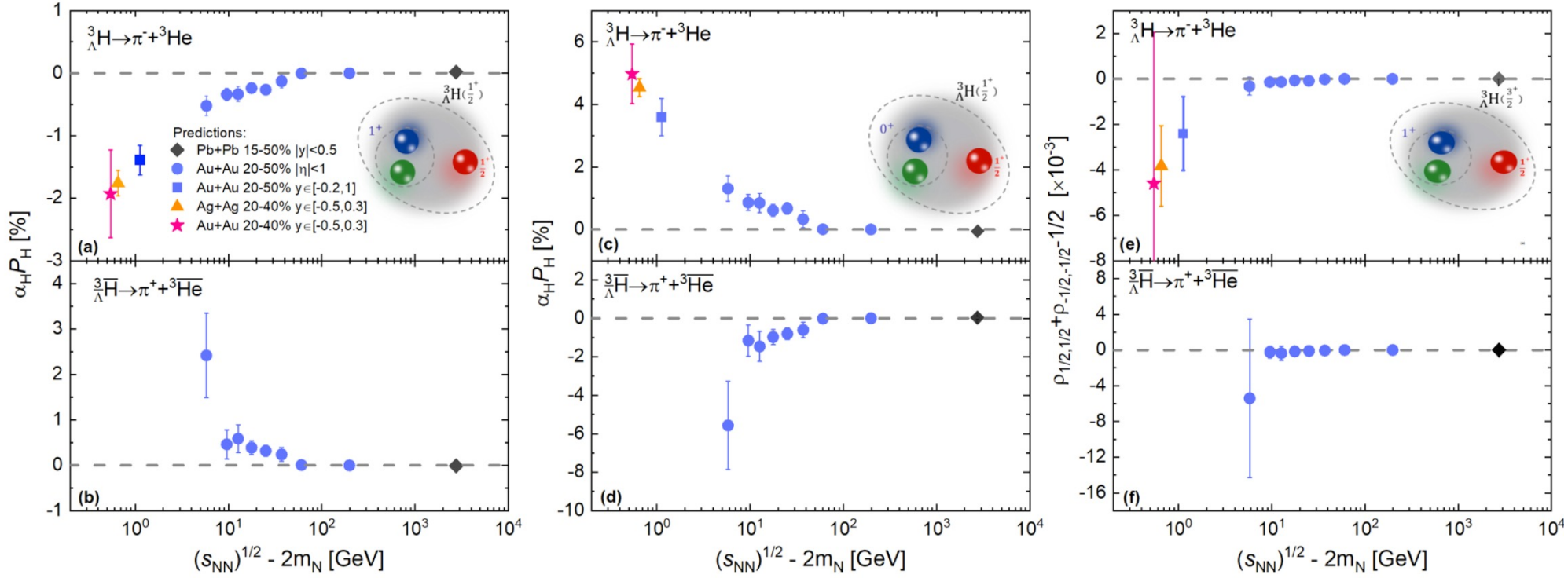
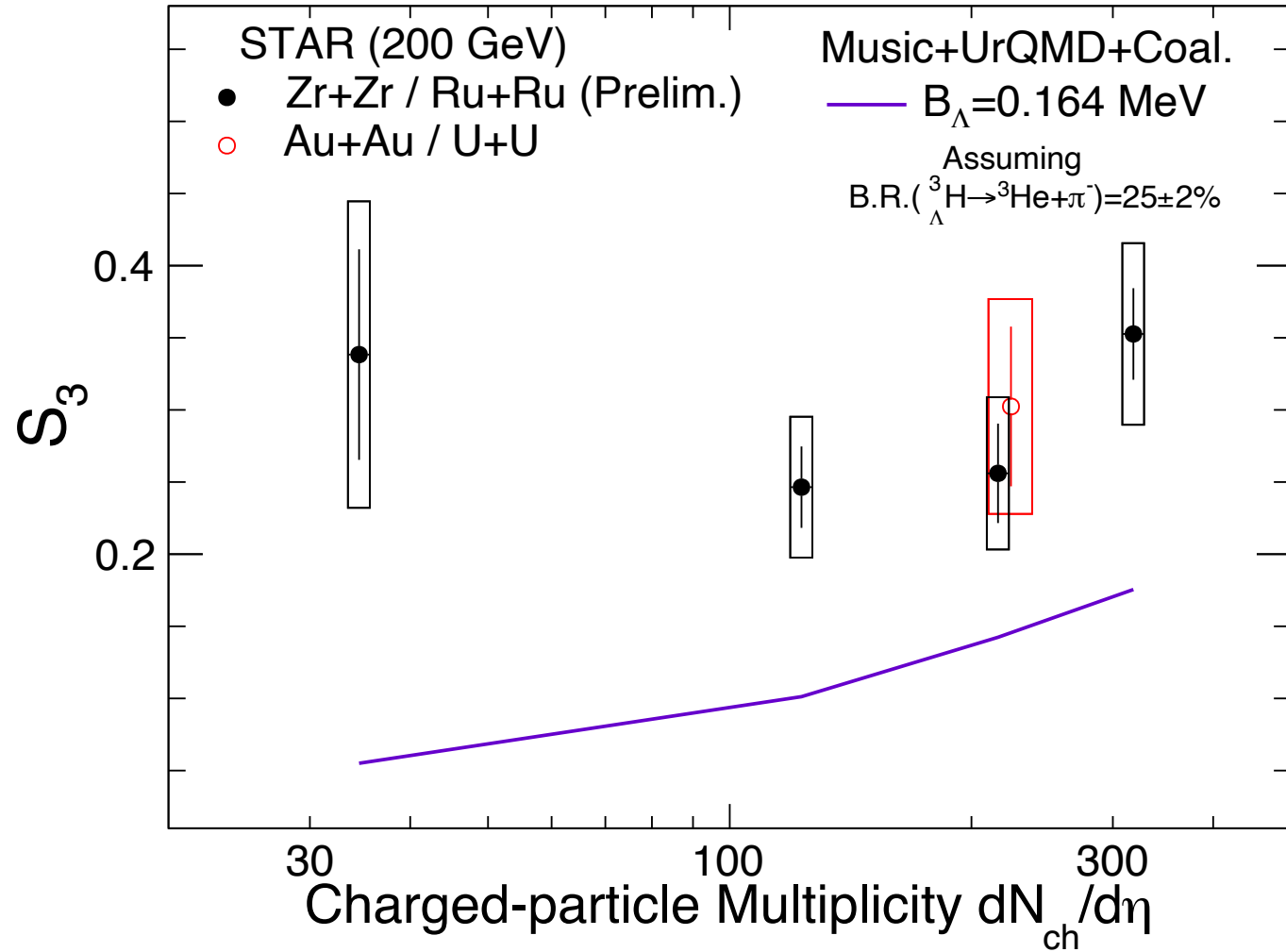


FIG. 2. Collision energy dependence of (anti-)hypertriton polarization predicted from the decay channel ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow \pi^- + {}^3\text{He}$ (upper panels) and ${}^3_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}} \rightarrow \pi^+ + {}^3\bar{\text{He}}$ (lower panels) based on the Λ polarization data from the STAR [51], ALICE [52], and HADES [53] Collaborations. Panels (a) and (b) depict results for ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$ and ${}^3_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}}(\frac{1}{2}^-)$, respectively, assuming the two nucleons inside the (anti-)hypertriton are in a spin-triplet state, while results shown in panels (c) and (d) are for the case that the two nucleons are in a spin-singlet state. Panels (e) and (f) depict results for the combined spin density matrix element $\hat{\rho}_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}} + \hat{\rho}_{-\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}$ for ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}(\frac{3}{2}^+)$ and ${}^3_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}}(\frac{3}{2}^-)$, respectively.

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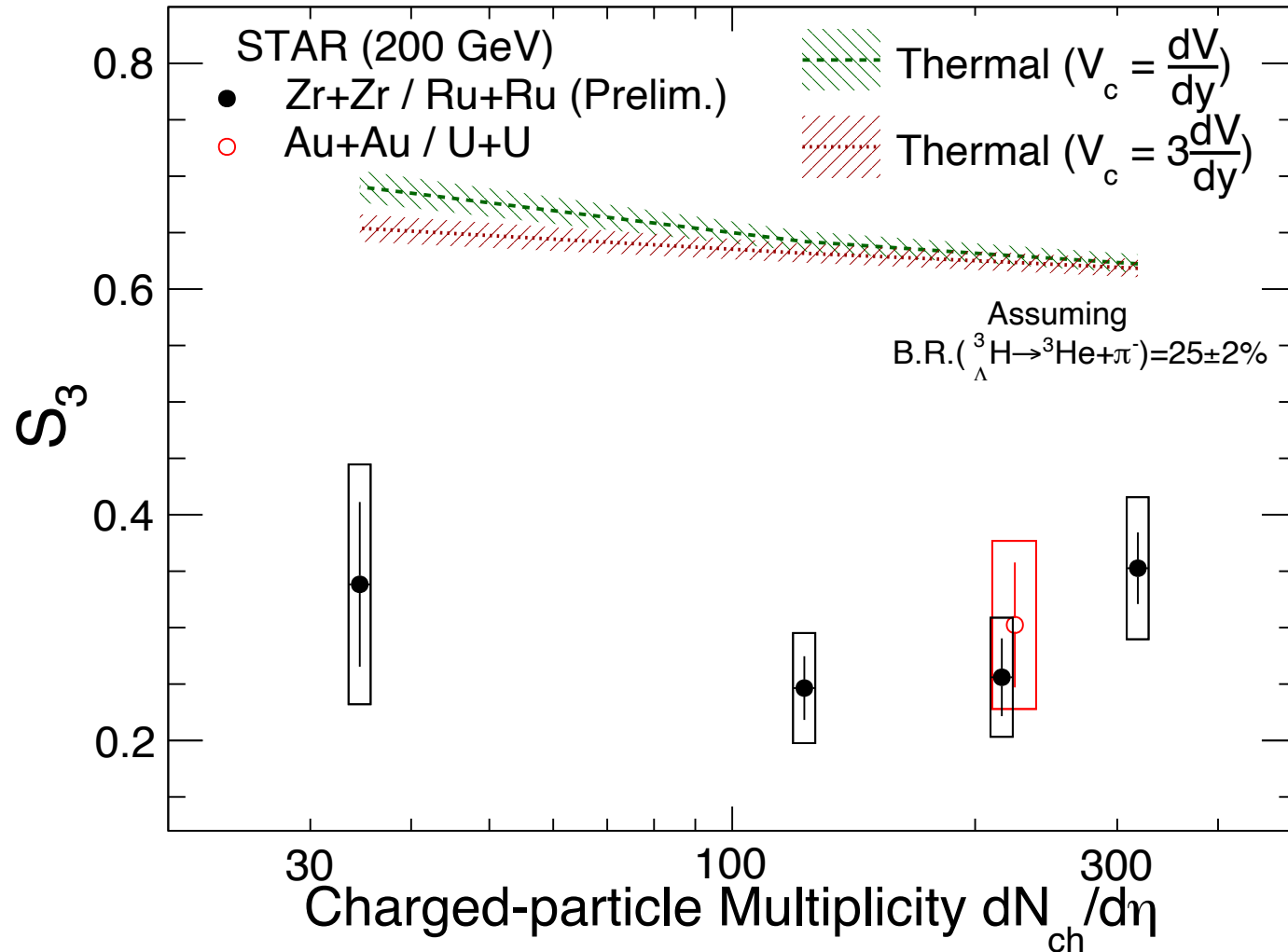


- No obvious multiplicity dependence within uncertainties
- Within uncertainties, coalescence calculations are consistent with the measured data
 - More precise data needed

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- Thermal-FIST with canonical ensemble fails to describe the data trend
 - Ratios have already canceled volume size and strangeness suppression factor

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Thermal-FIST: Com. Phys. Comm. 244, 295 (2019)
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T and μ_B from $\pi/K/p$ spectra