



Spin Polarization in Heavy Ion Collisions

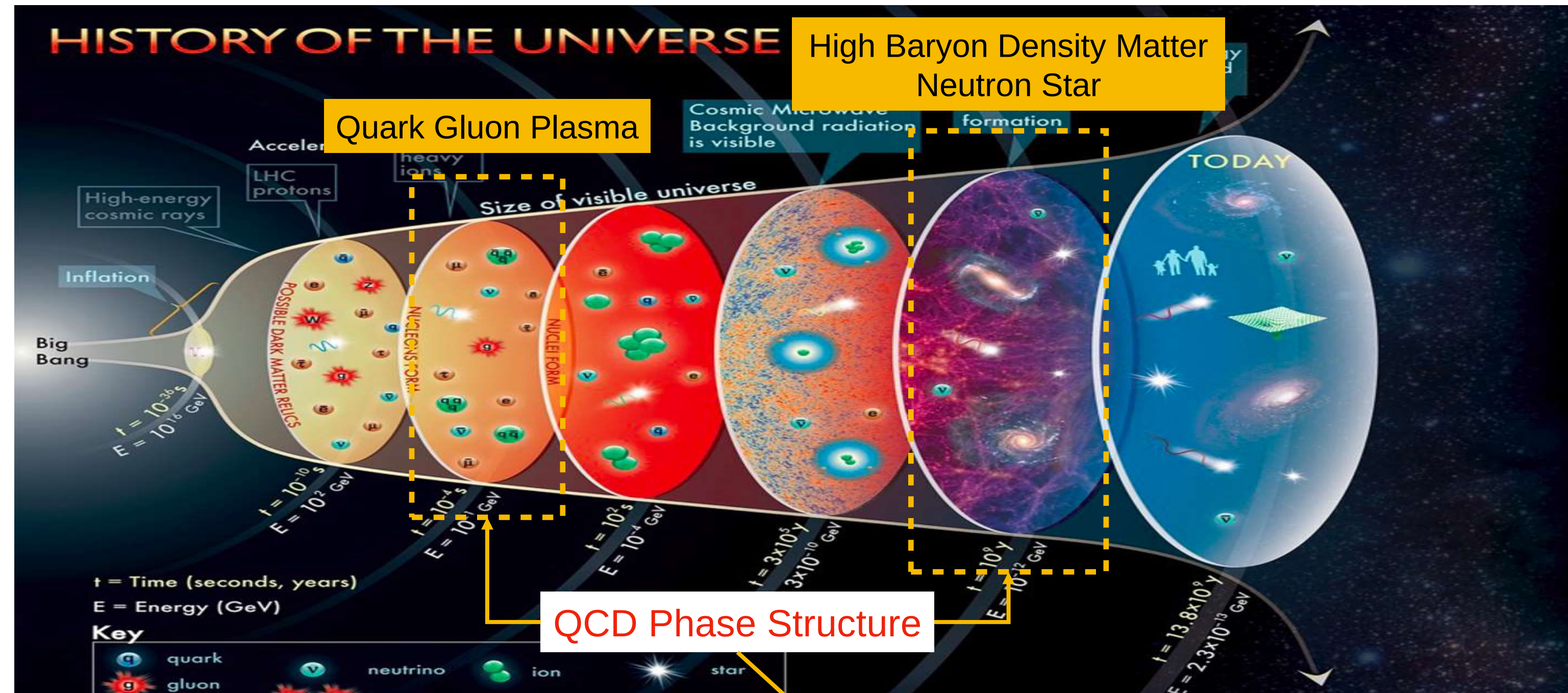
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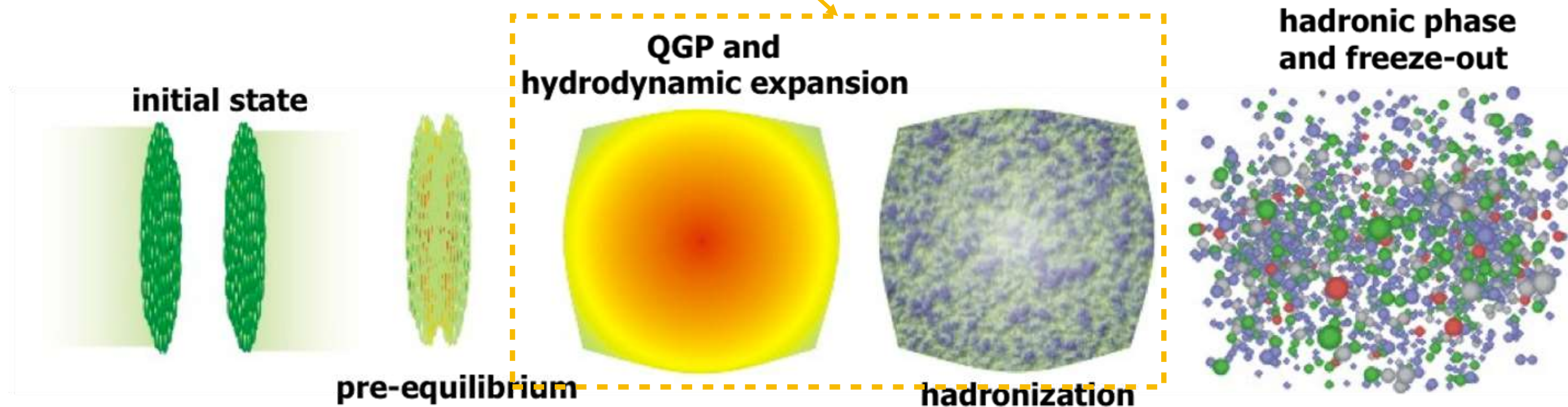
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Big Bang vs. Little Bang

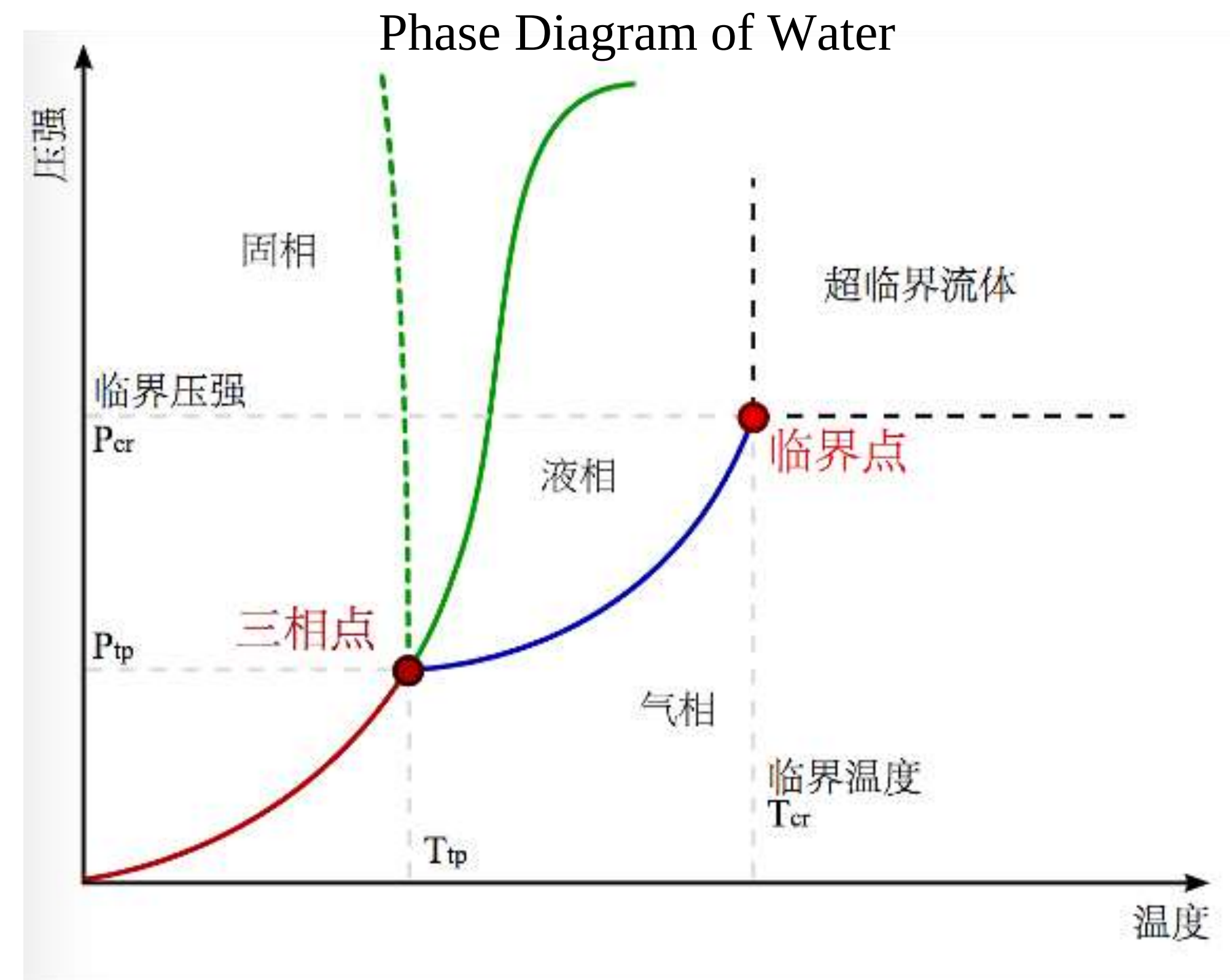
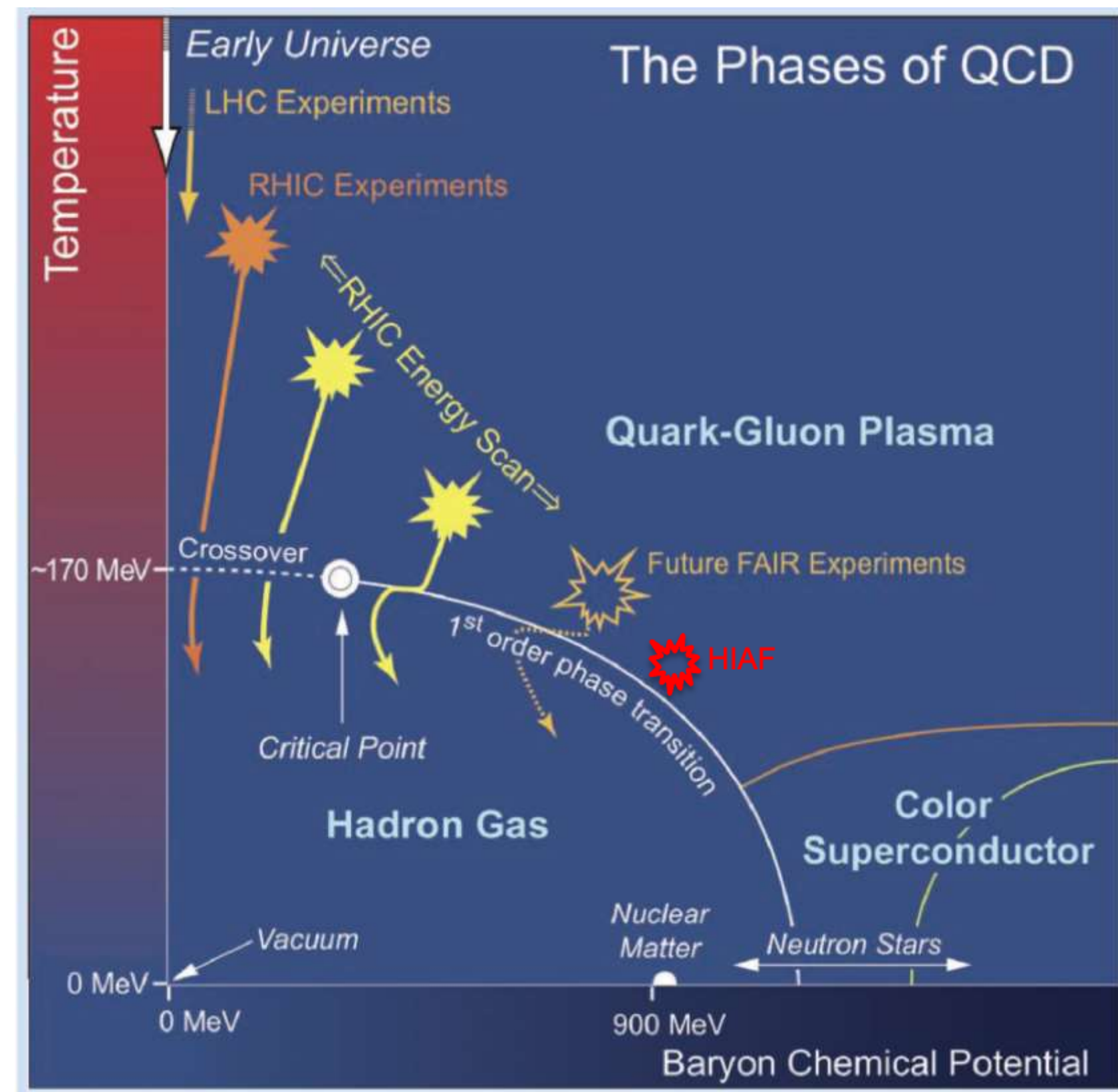
Big Bang



Little Bang



QCD Phase Diagram

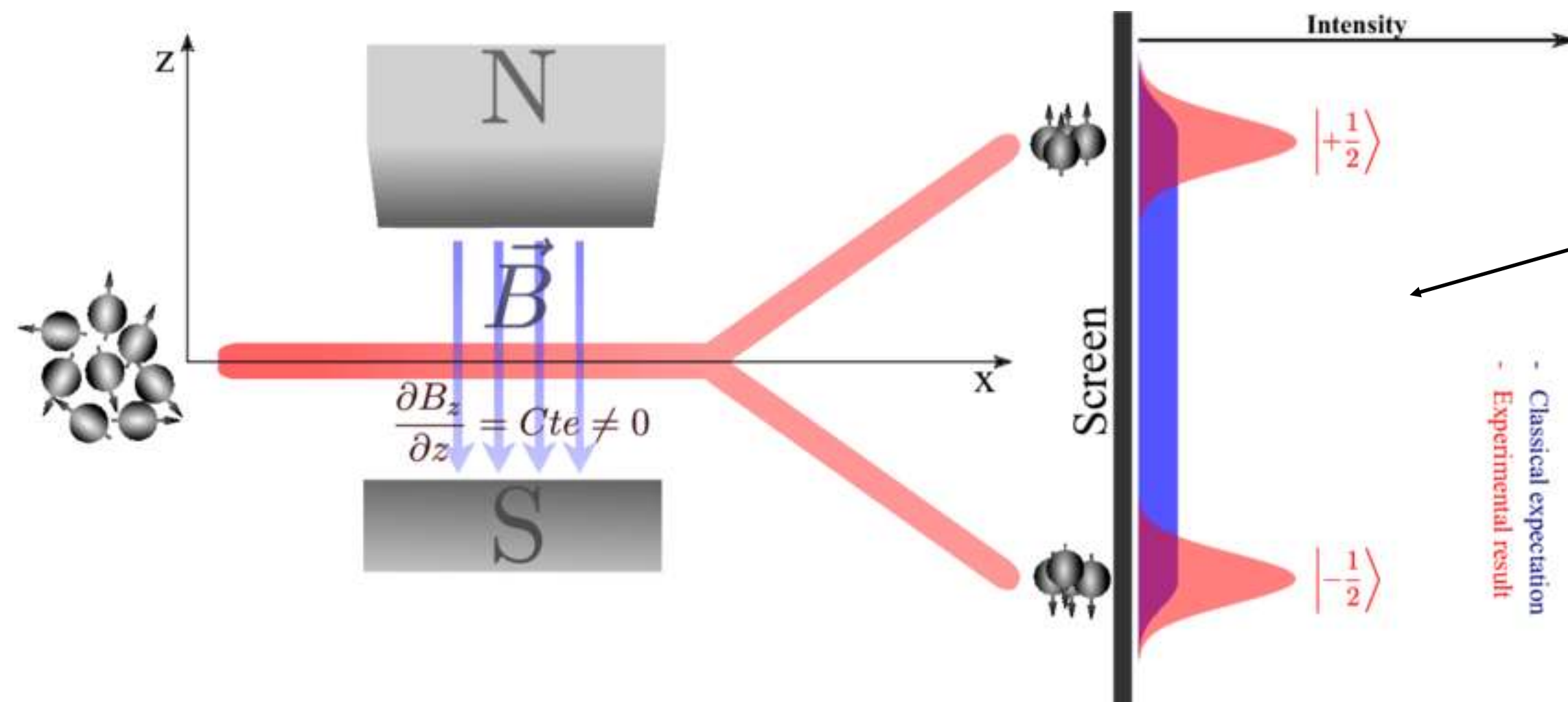


Exploring QCD phase diagram:

- Signs of 1st order phase transition => HBT, v_1 analyses
- QCD critical point => Fluctuation analyses
- Signature of QGP => Collective flow & NCQ scaling
- **Vorticity => Λ -Hyperon global spin polarization & ϕ -meson global spin alignment**

Spin Polarization

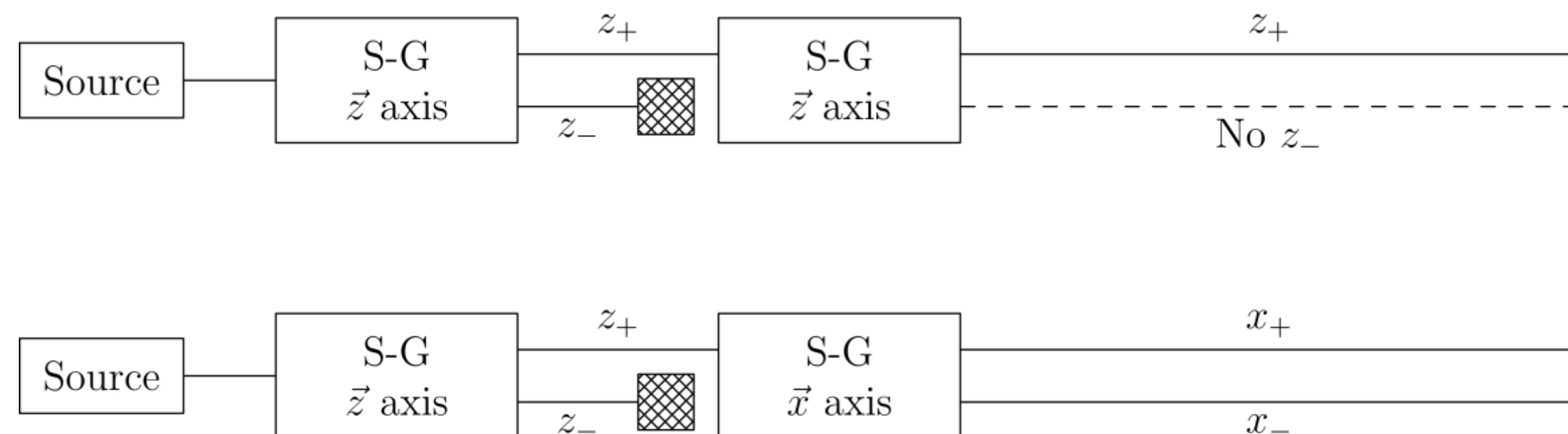
Stern–Gerlach Experiment



Unpolarized Beam

Magnetic field could can polarize quarks by inducing opposite spin polarization for particles and anti-particles due to opposite sign of magnetic moment

Sequential Stern–Gerlach Experiment

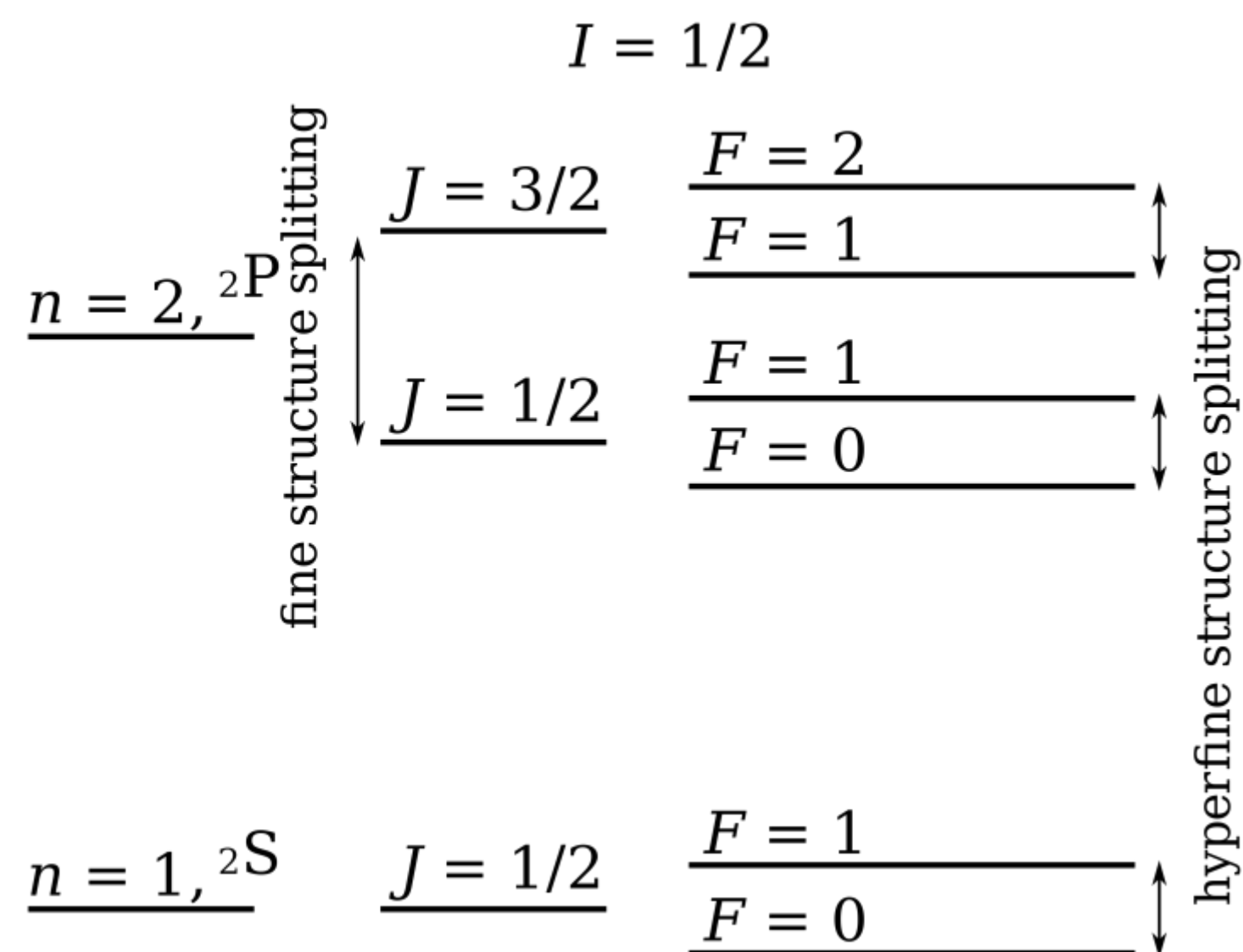


Polarized Beam

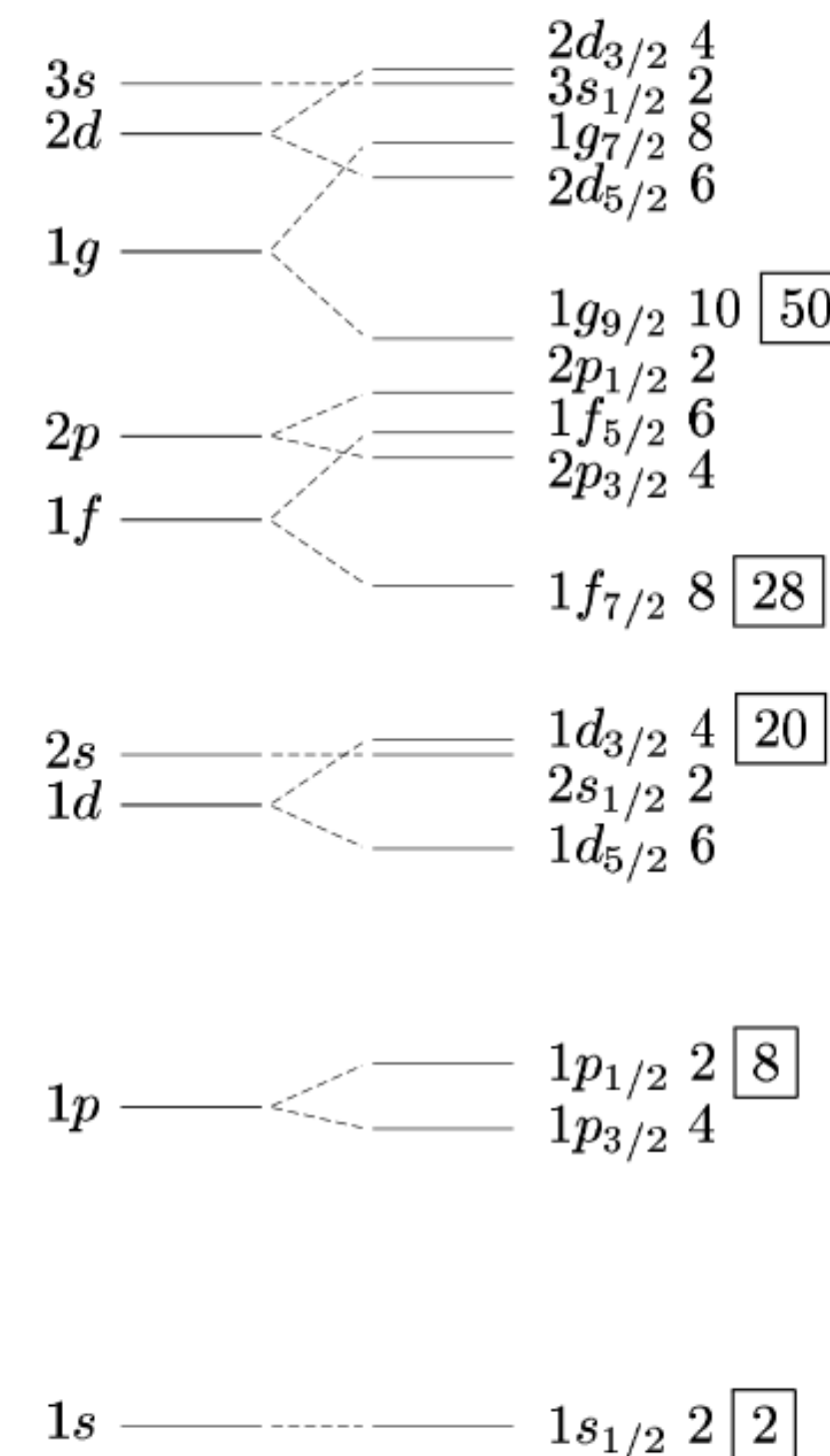
Spin-Orbit Interaction

In quantum physics, the **spin-orbit interaction** ($\hat{s} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{P})$) a relativistic interaction of a particle's **spin** with its motion inside a **potential**.

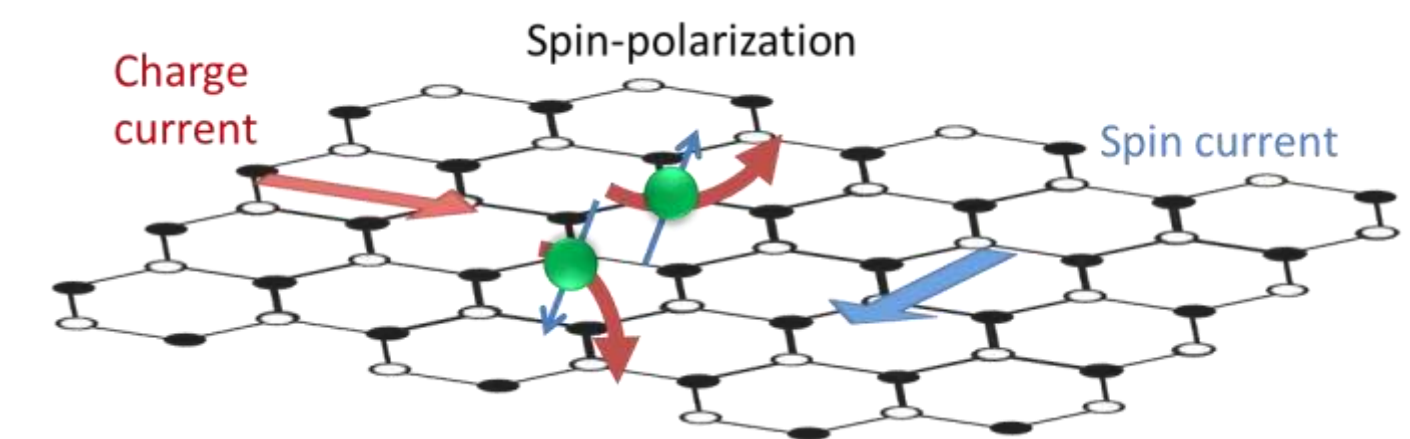
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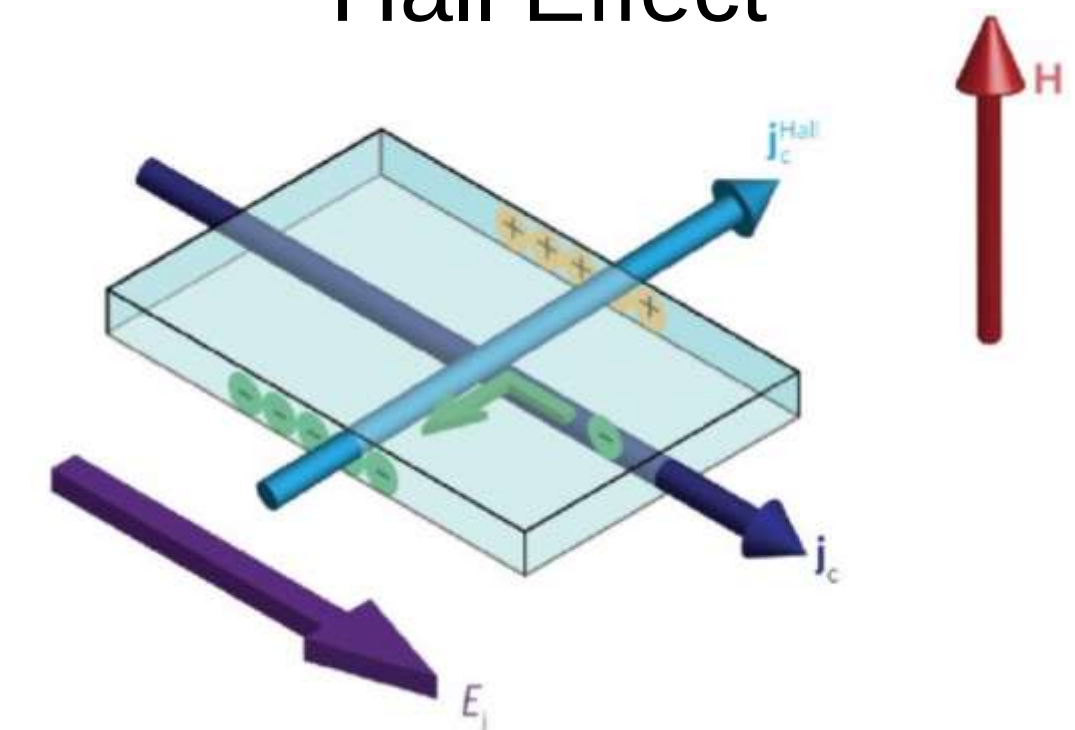
Shell Model



Spin Hall Effect

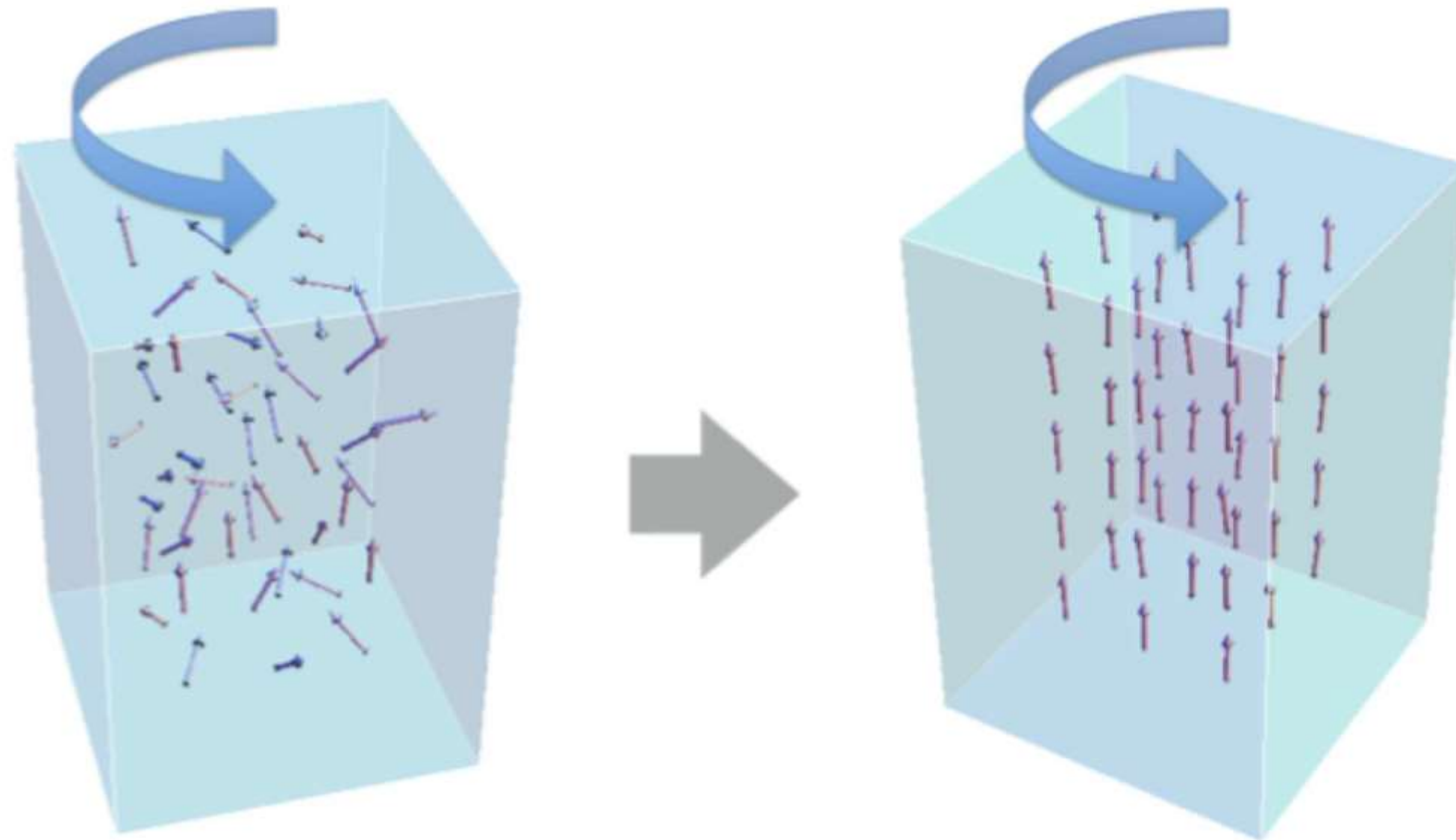


Hall Effect



Barnett Effect and Einstein-de Haas Effect

Barnett Effect

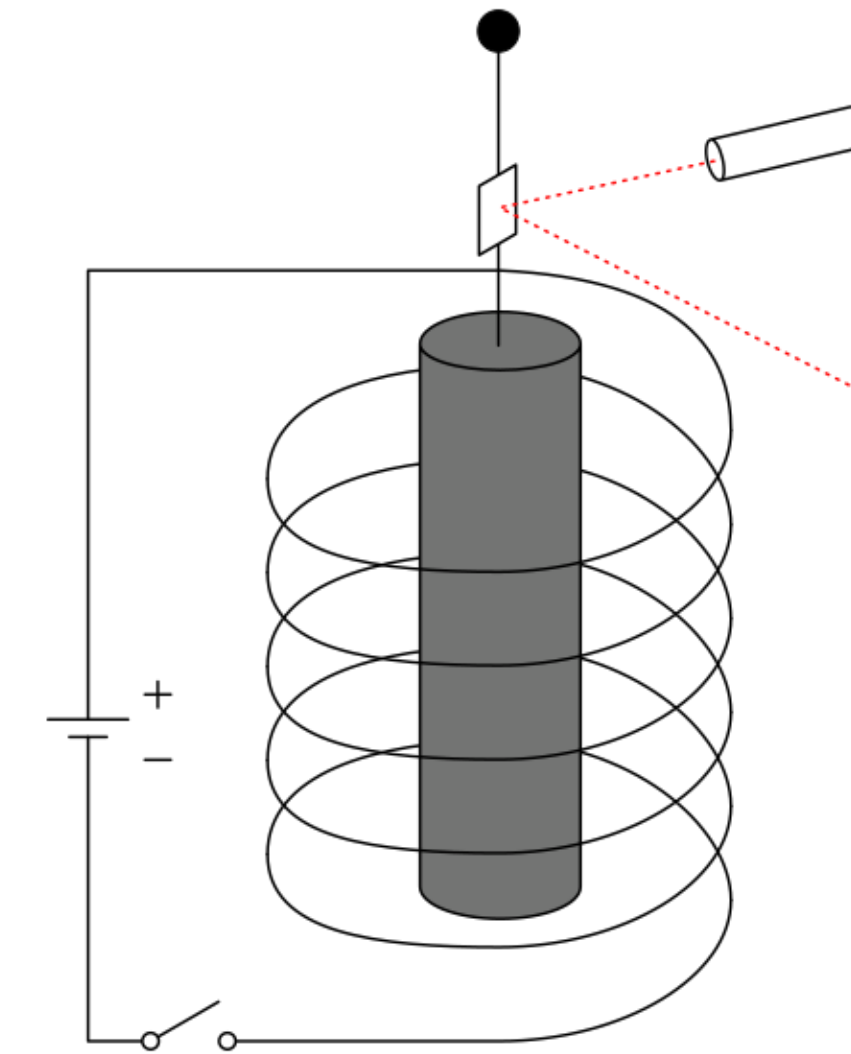


Rotation $\rightarrow$ Polarization

- Spontaneous magnetization
- Polarization (spin-orbital coupling)

Barnett, Phys. Rev. 6 (4) 239, (1915)
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Einstein-de Haas Effect

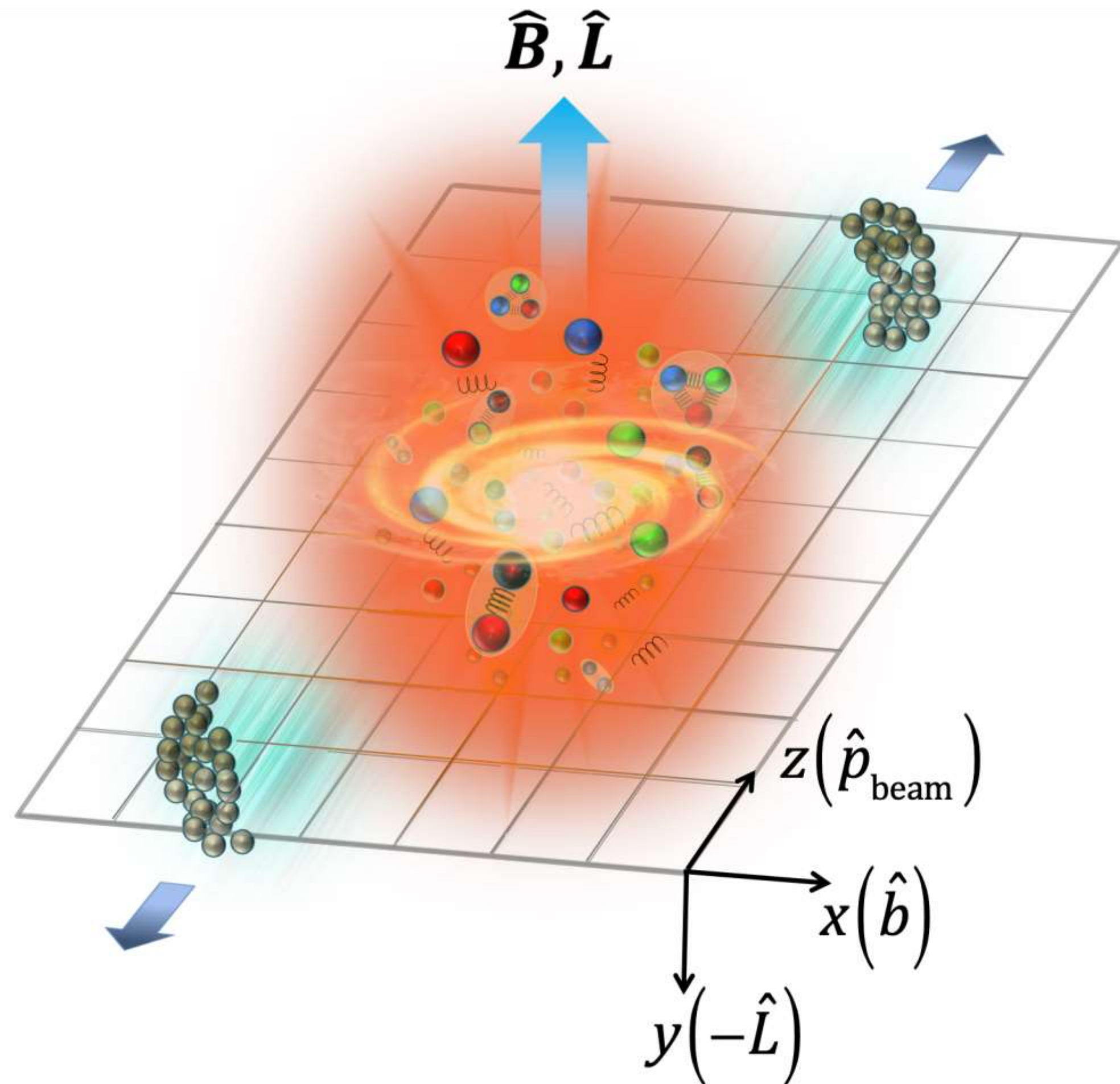


Polarization $\rightarrow$ Rotation

- Magnetic field causes polarization of electrons
- $\Delta L_{mechanical} = -\Delta L_{electron}$

Einstein, de Hass, DPG, Vanhandlungen 17, 152 (1915)

Global Spin Polarization in HIC



- Non-central HICs have large **angular momentum and magnetic field**
- OAM ($\sim 10^4 \hbar$) can polarize quarks due to “spin-orbit” interaction
- B field ($\sim 10^{18}$ Gauss) can also polarize quarks => can induce **opposite** spin polarization for particles and anti-particles due to opposite sign of magnetic moment
- Observables:
 - Λ -hyperon ($J^P = 1/2^+$) global spin polarization
 - Vector meson ($J^P = 1^-$) global spin alignment
- Provide the unique opportunity to probe the spin degrees of freedom of the QGP

How Everything Started...



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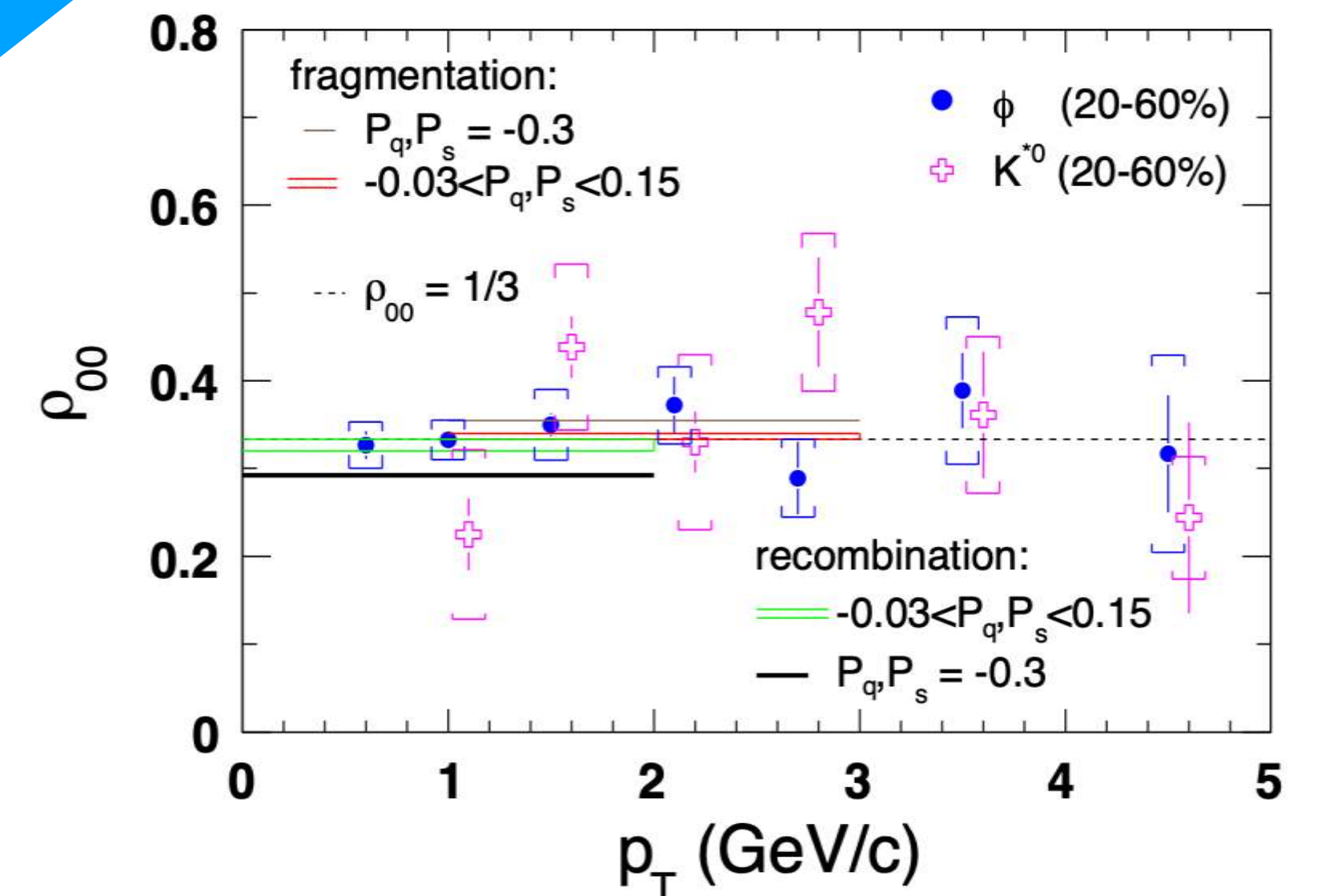
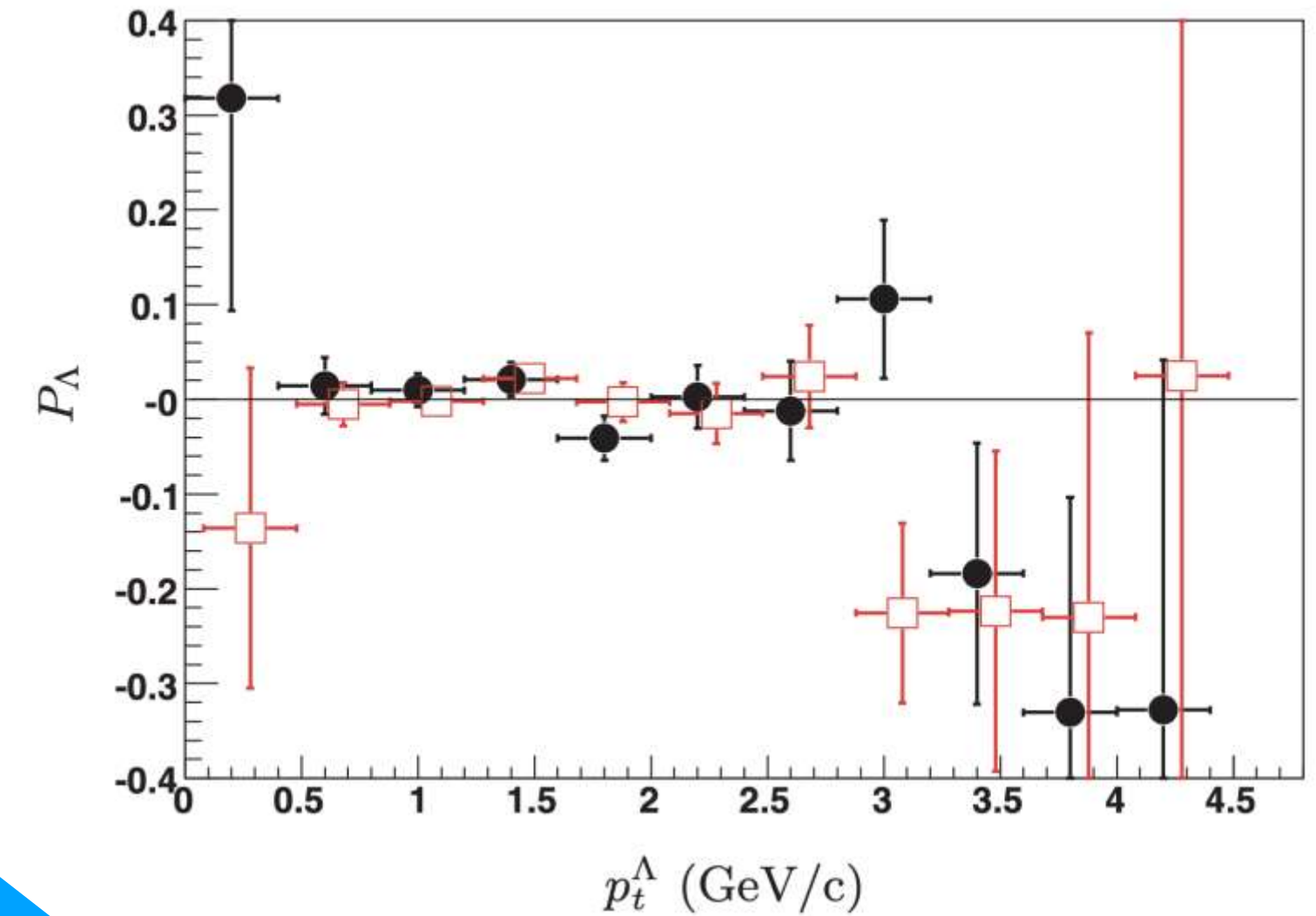
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1st Attempt

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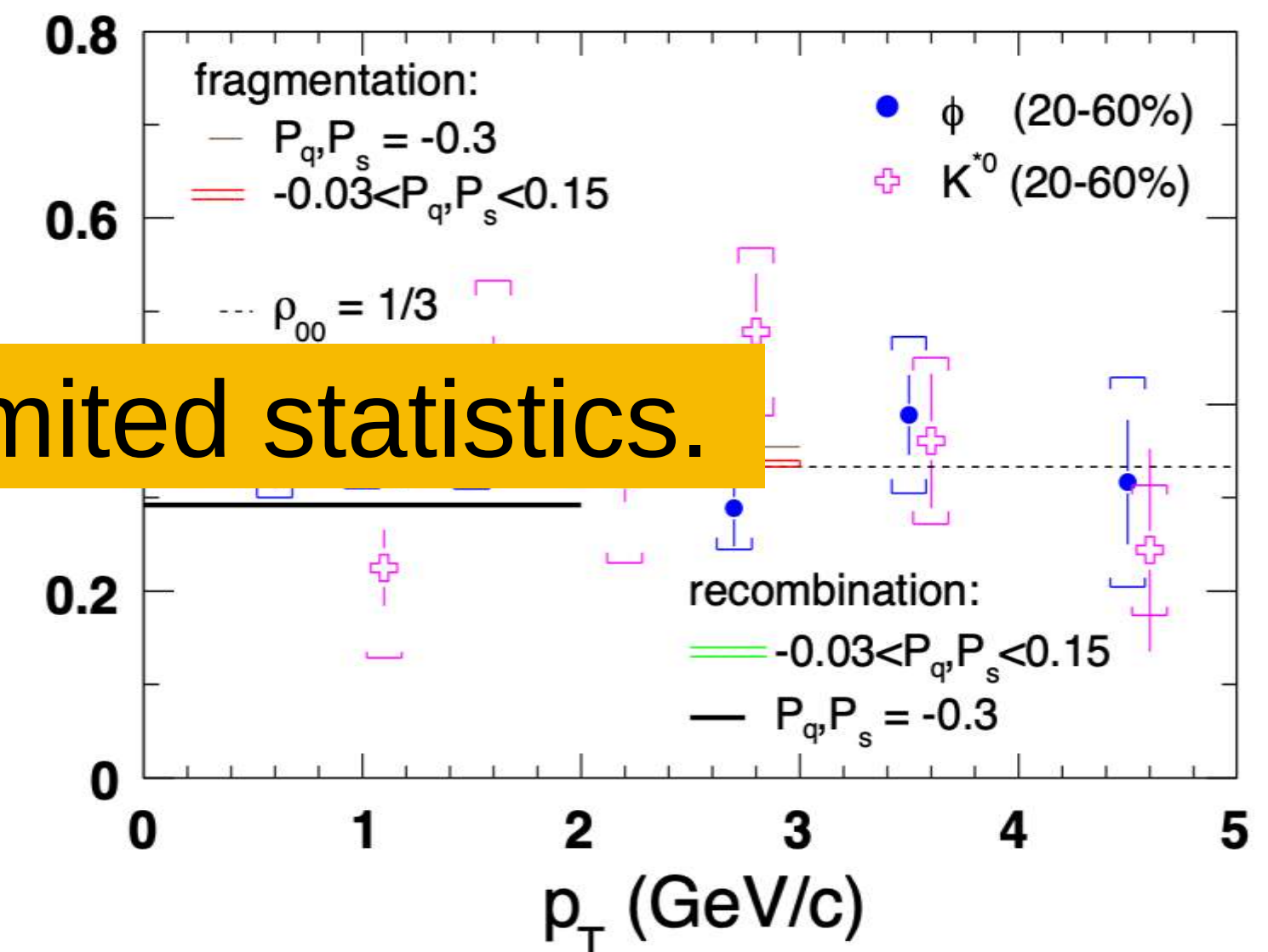
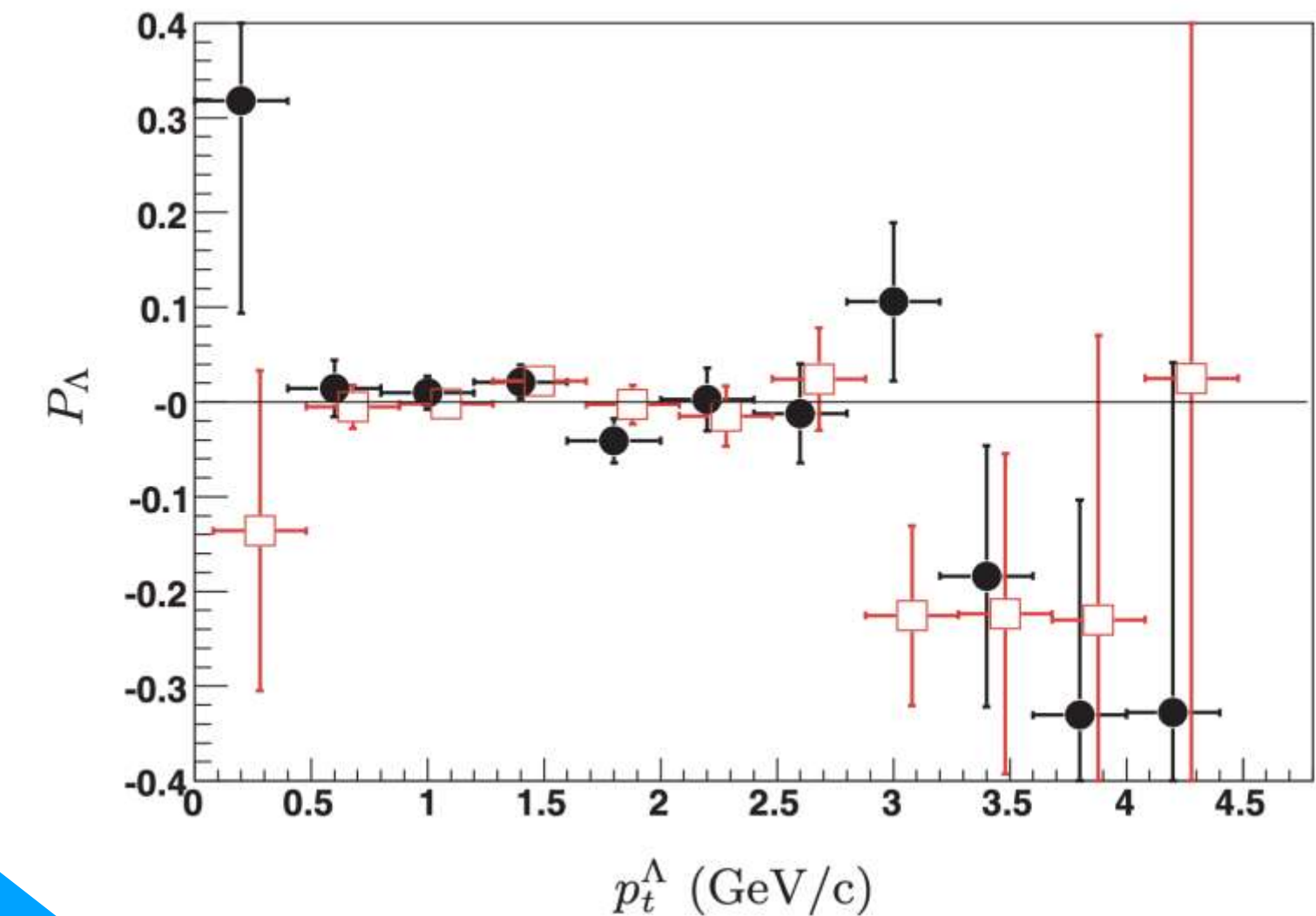
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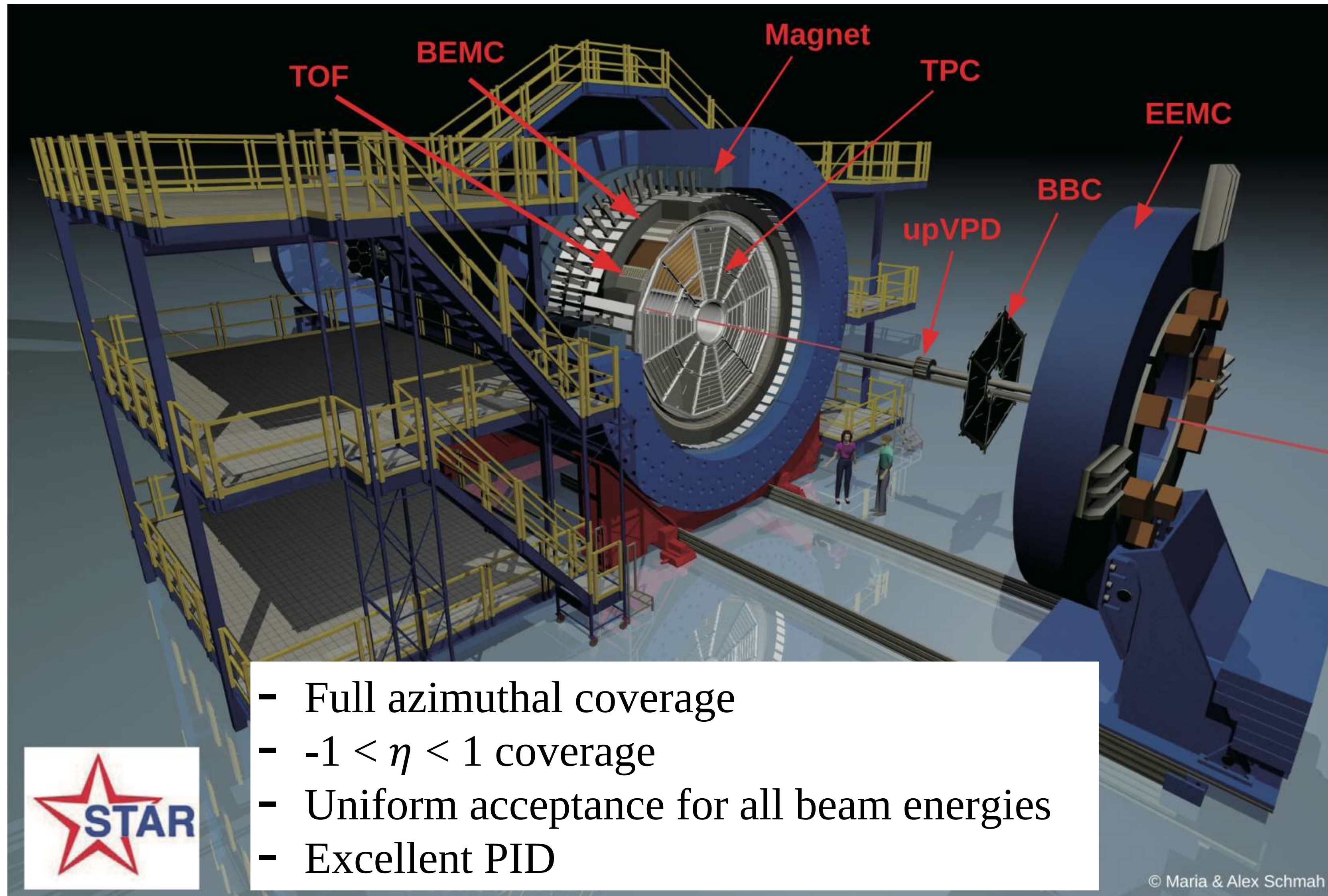
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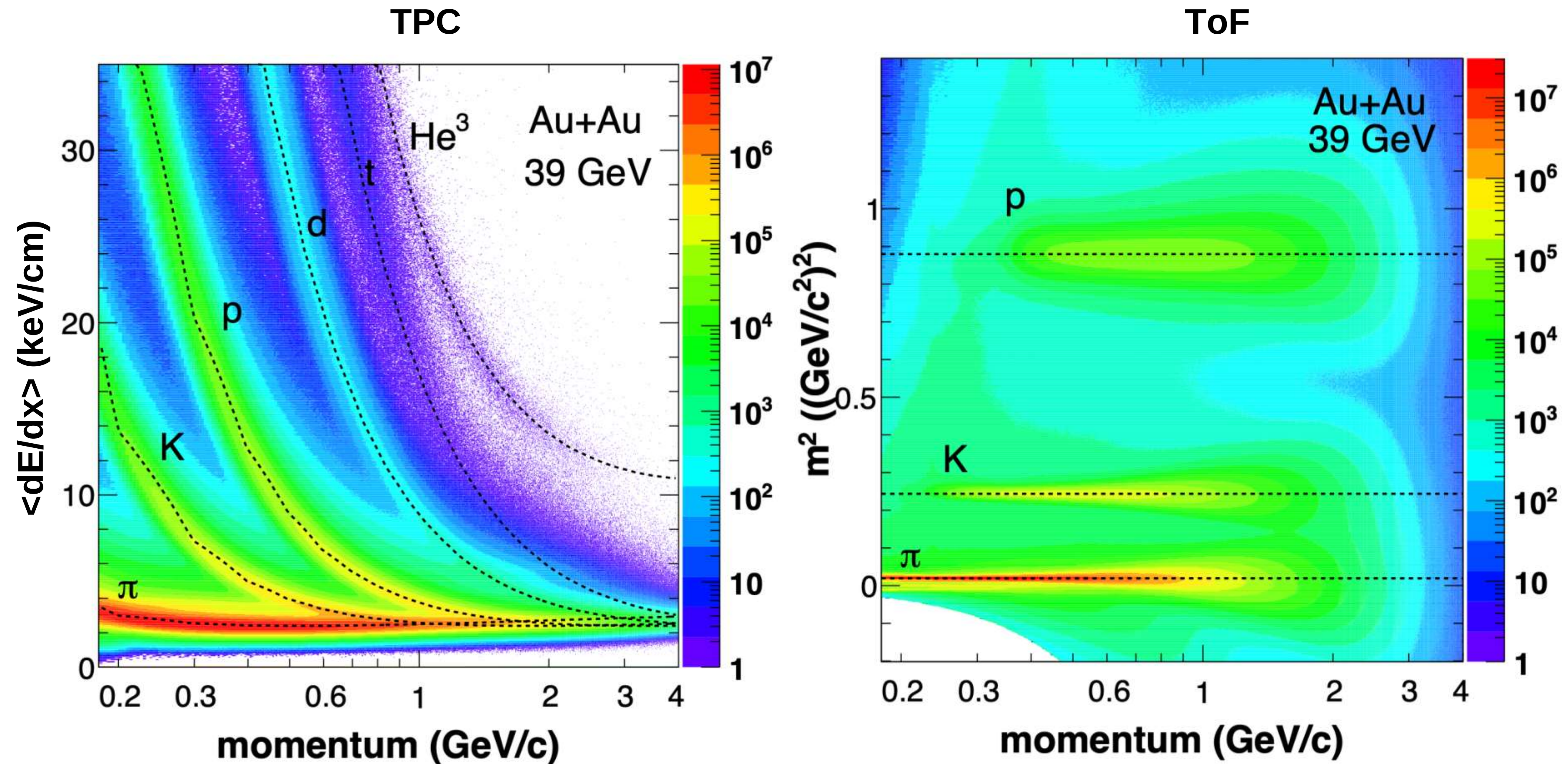


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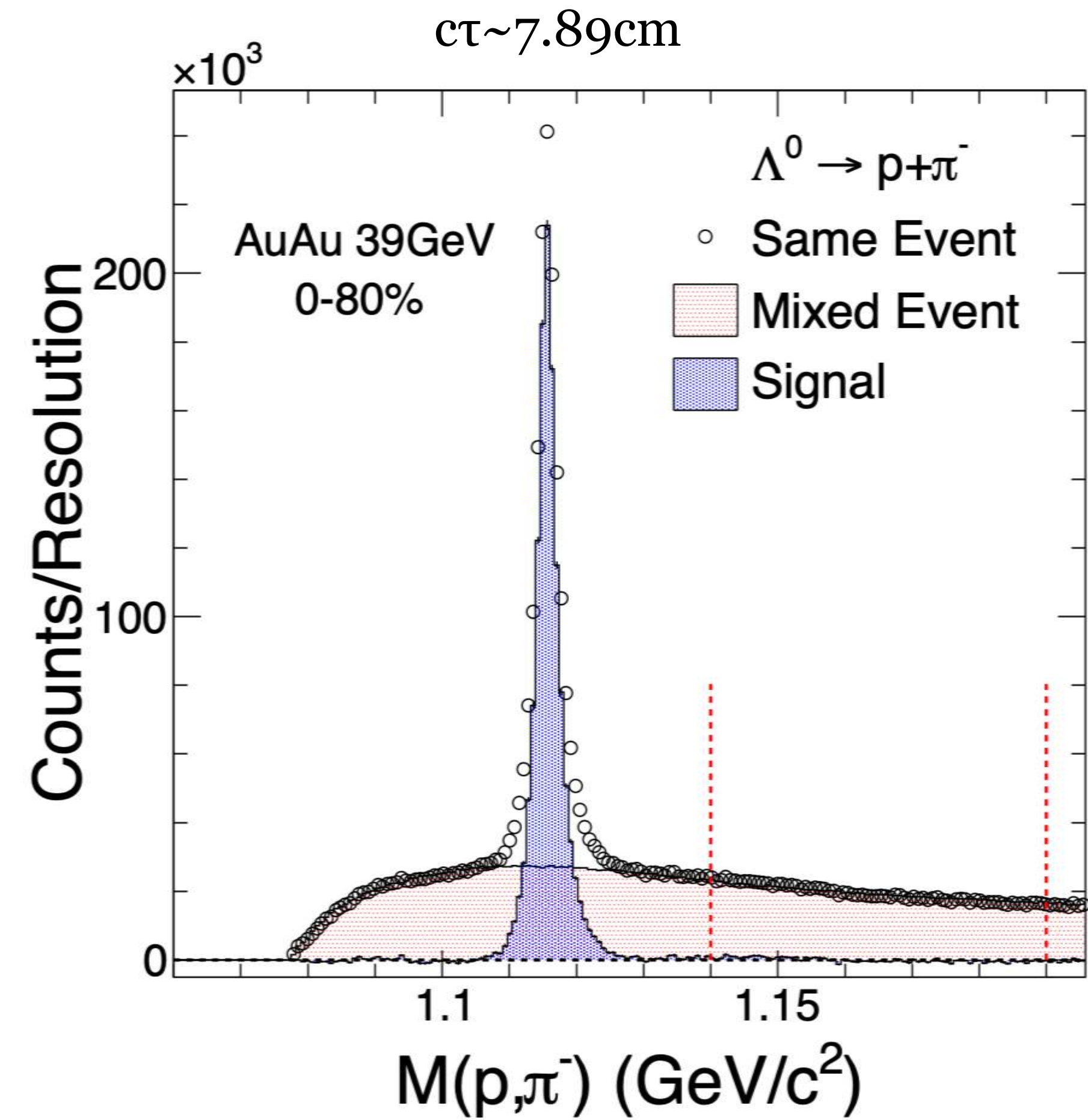
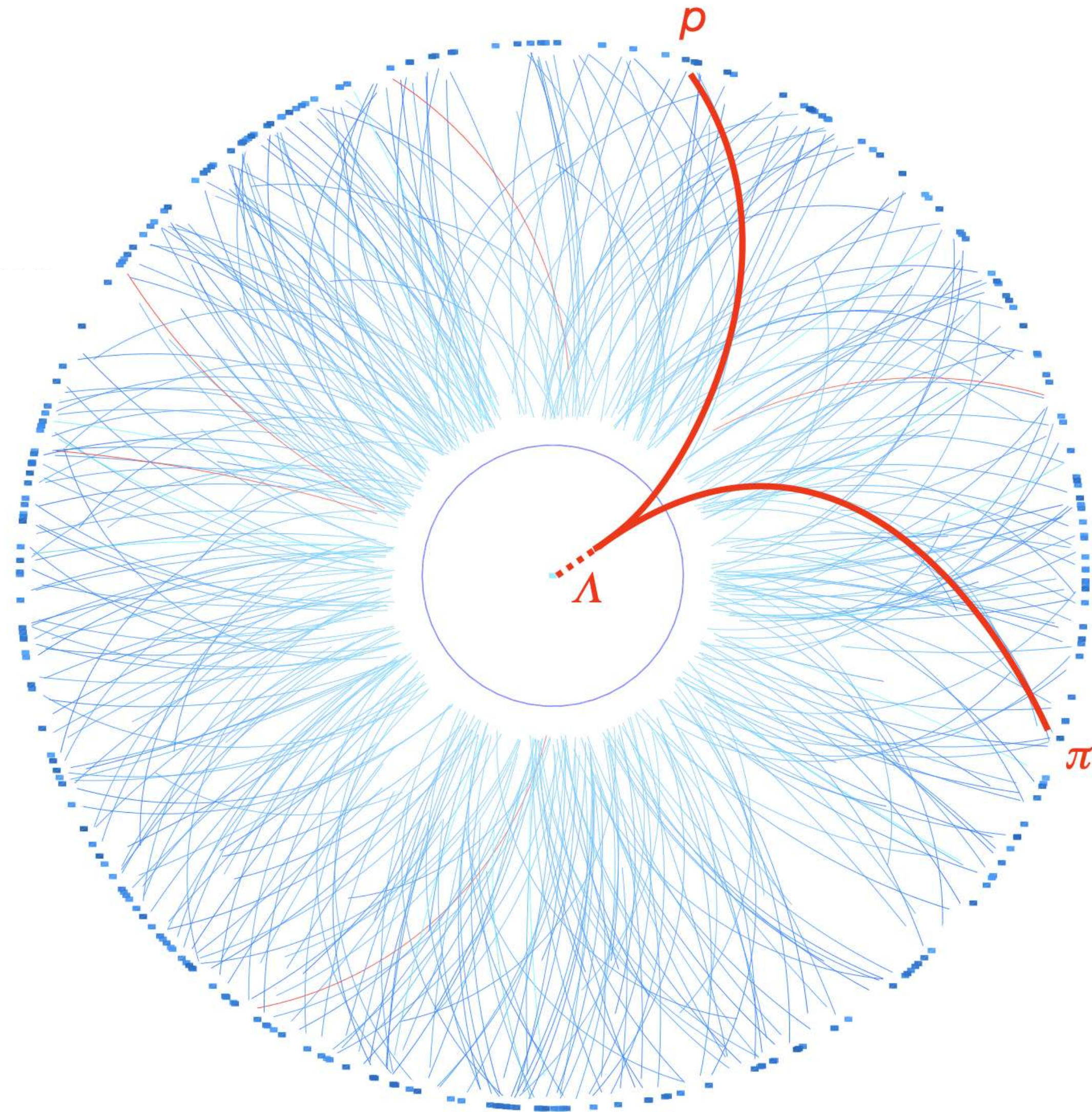


Particle Identification



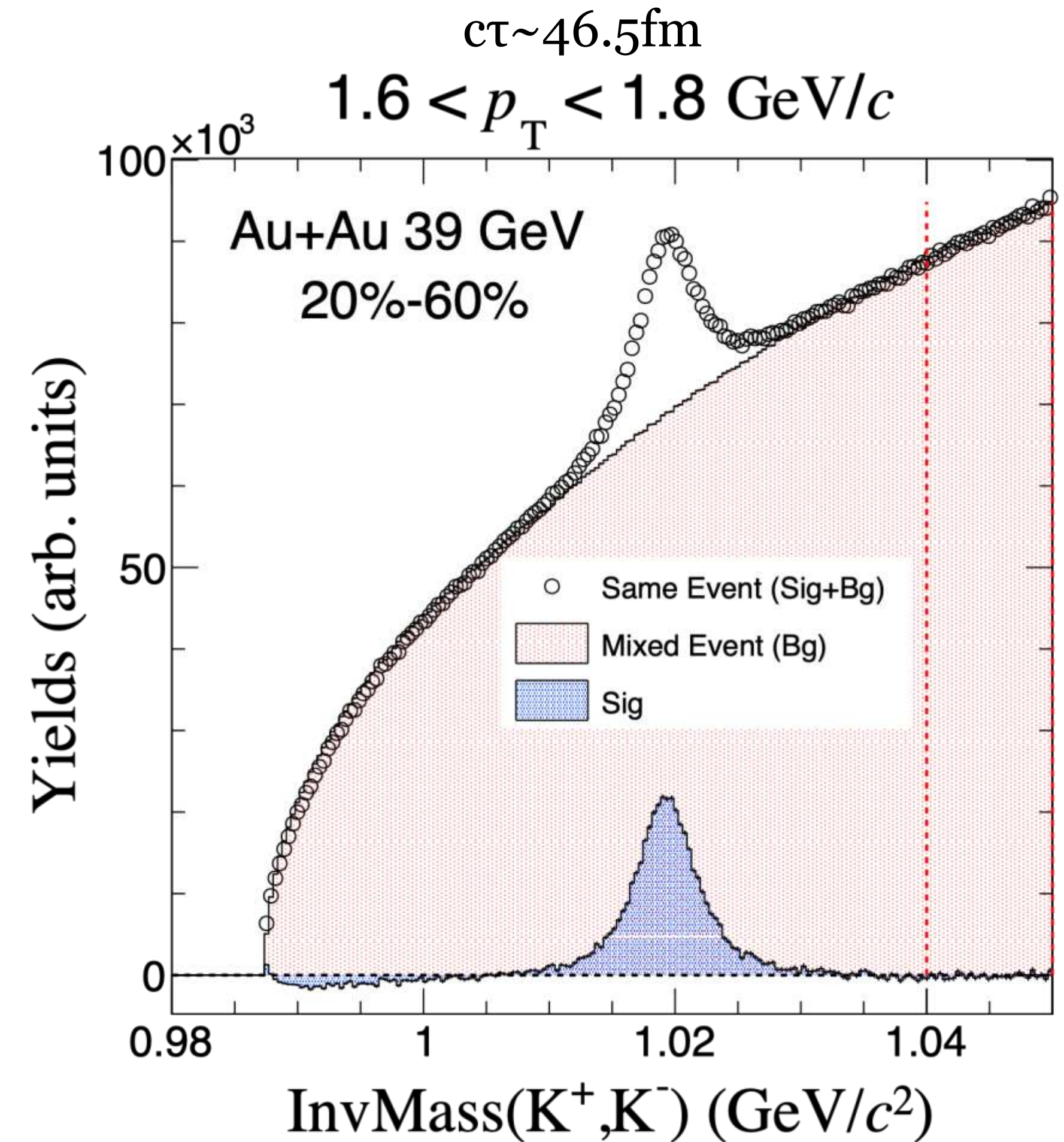
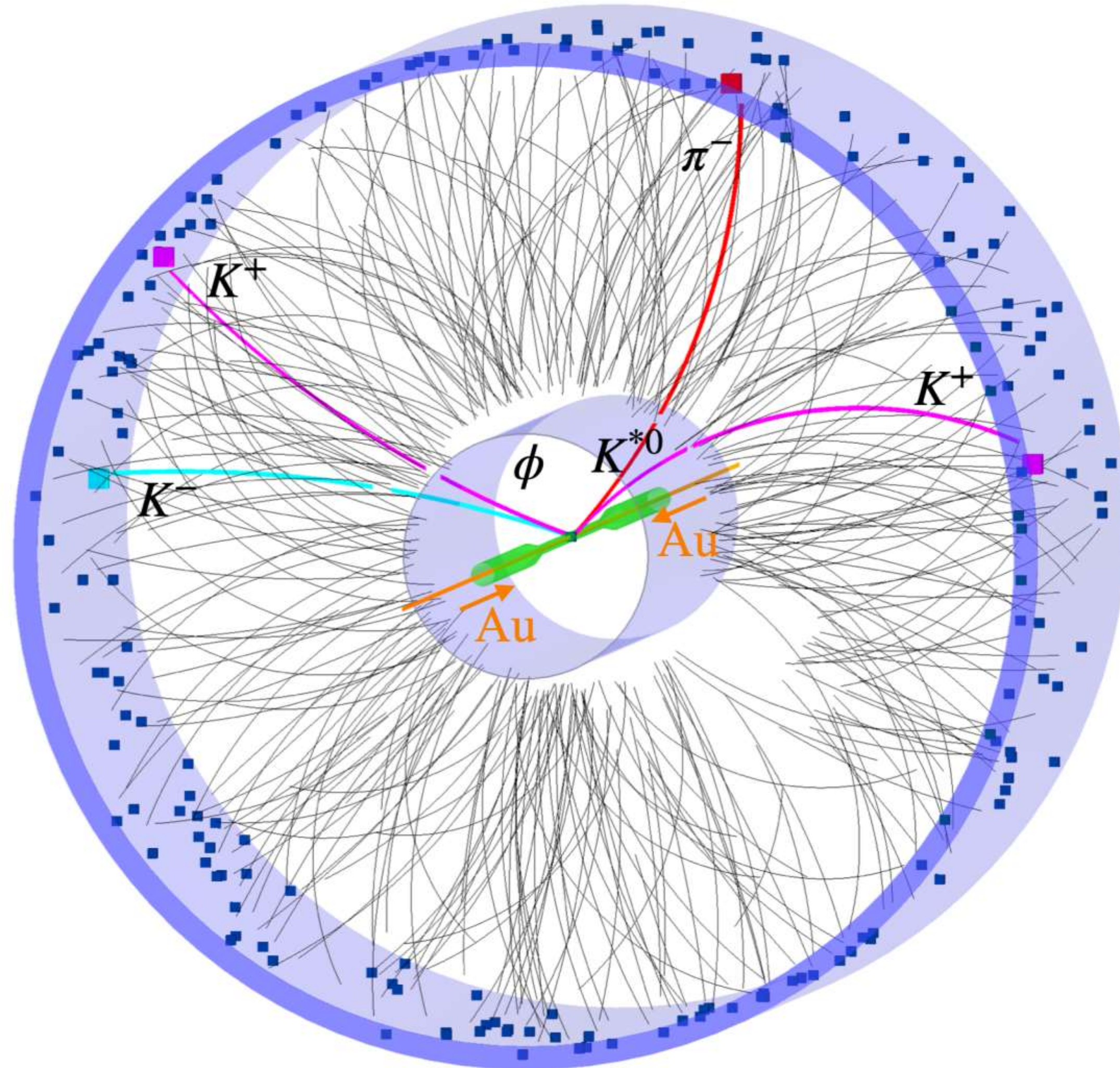
- TPC use energy loss information to identify particles
- ToF measures time of flight to calculate particle mass

Λ -Hyperon Reconstruction



$$\Lambda(uds) \rightarrow p + \pi^-$$

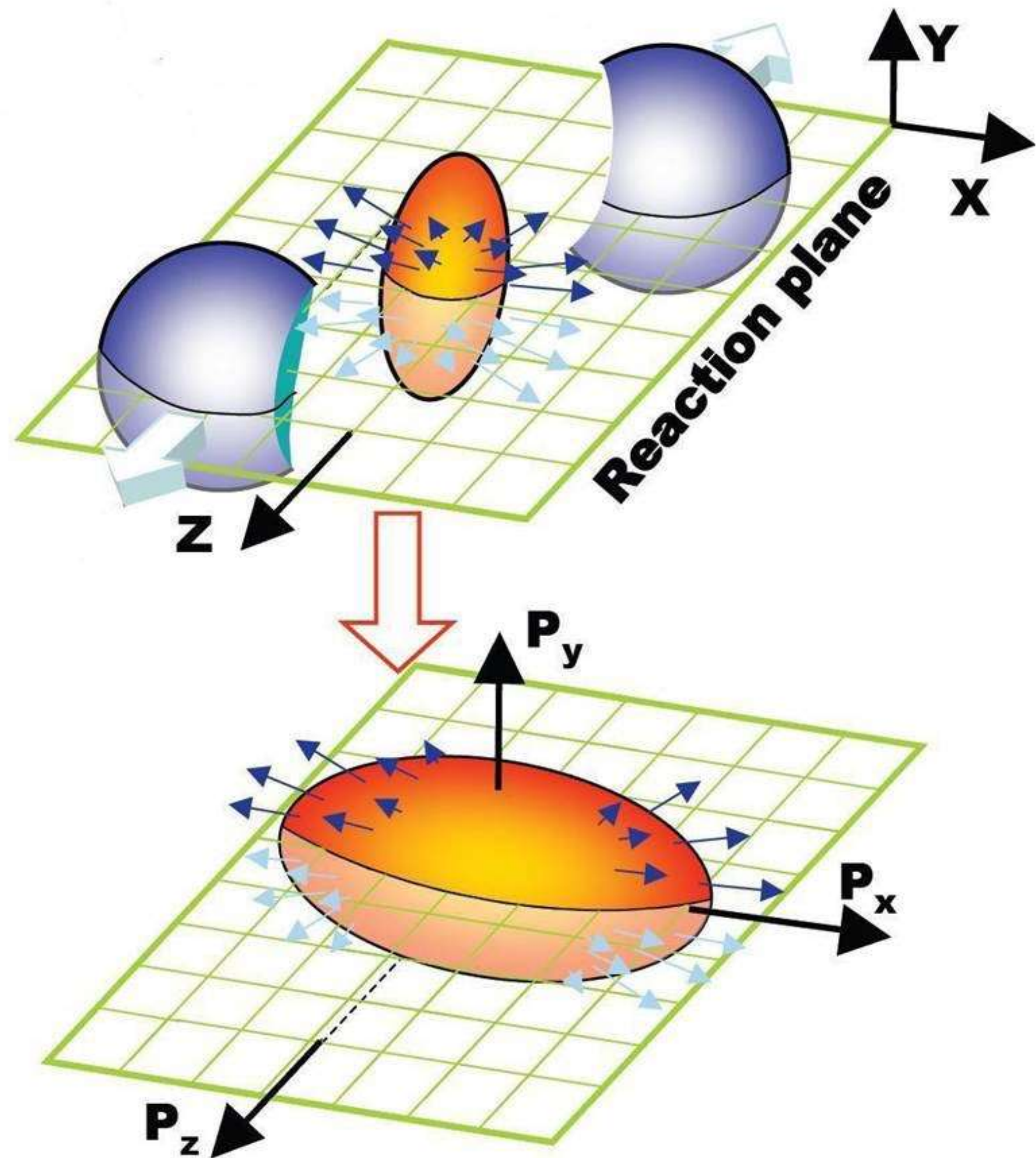
ϕ -meson Reconstruction



$$\phi(s\bar{s}) \rightarrow K^+ + K^-$$

$$K^{*0}(d\bar{s}) \rightarrow K^+ + \pi^-$$

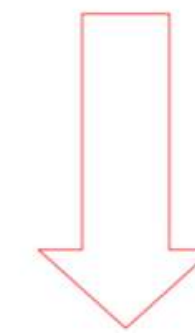
Introduction to Collective Flow & Event Plane



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

Spatial anisotropy

ε_n



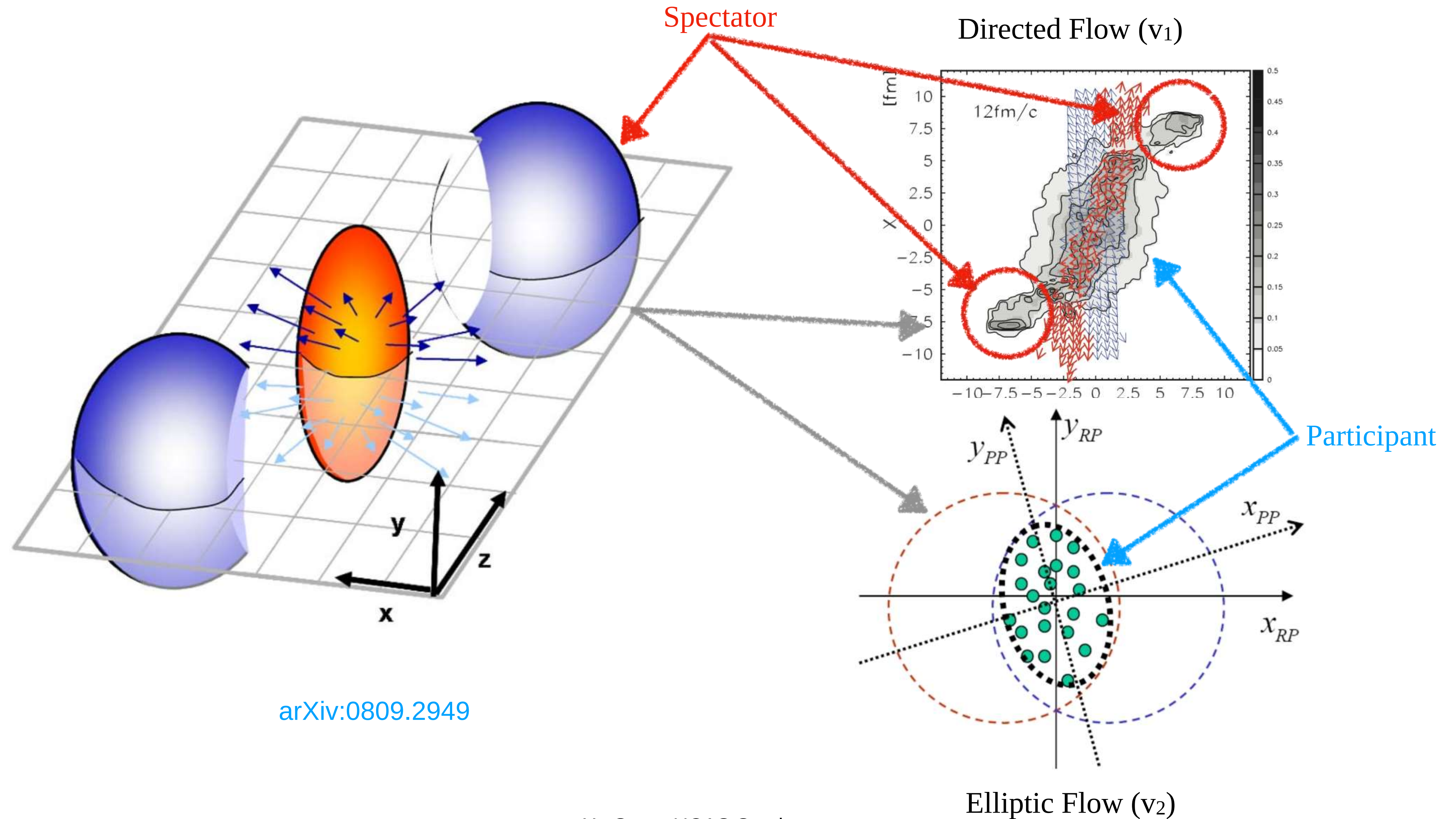
Momentum anisotropy

v_n

- Pressure gradient driven evolution
- Sensitive to the early stage evolution

[Phys. Rev. C58,1671 \(1998\)](#)

Different Flow & Event Plane Harmonics



Experimental Observables: Polarization



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Λ -hyperon ($J = 1/2^+$):

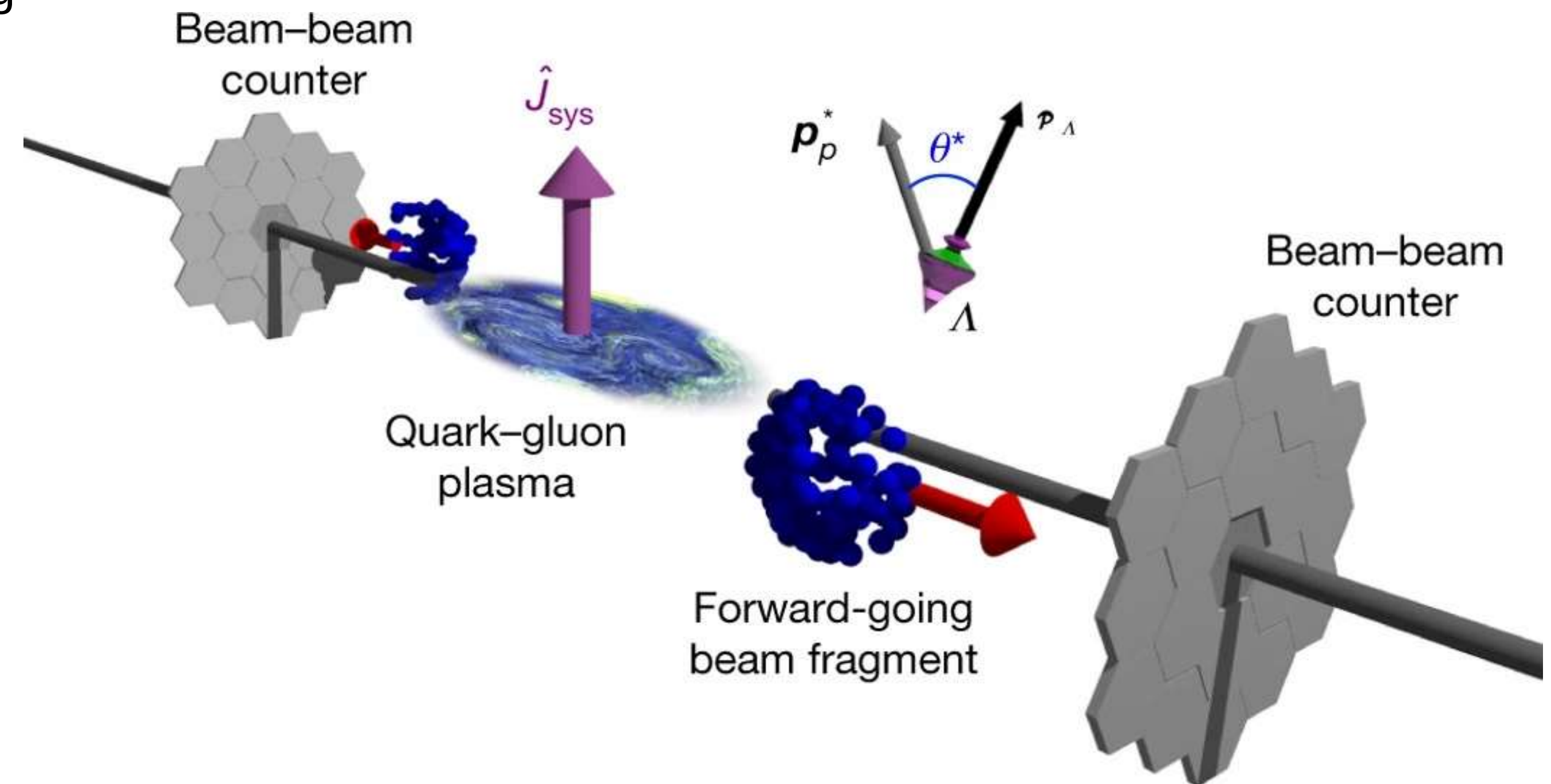
1. Reveal polarization by preferentially emitting daughter proton in spin direction
2. Polarization sign is measurable
3. Need reaction plane direction
— use 1st order event plane

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta} \sim 1 + \alpha_H P_H \cos\theta$$

P_H : Hyperon polarization

α_H : Hyperon decay parameter

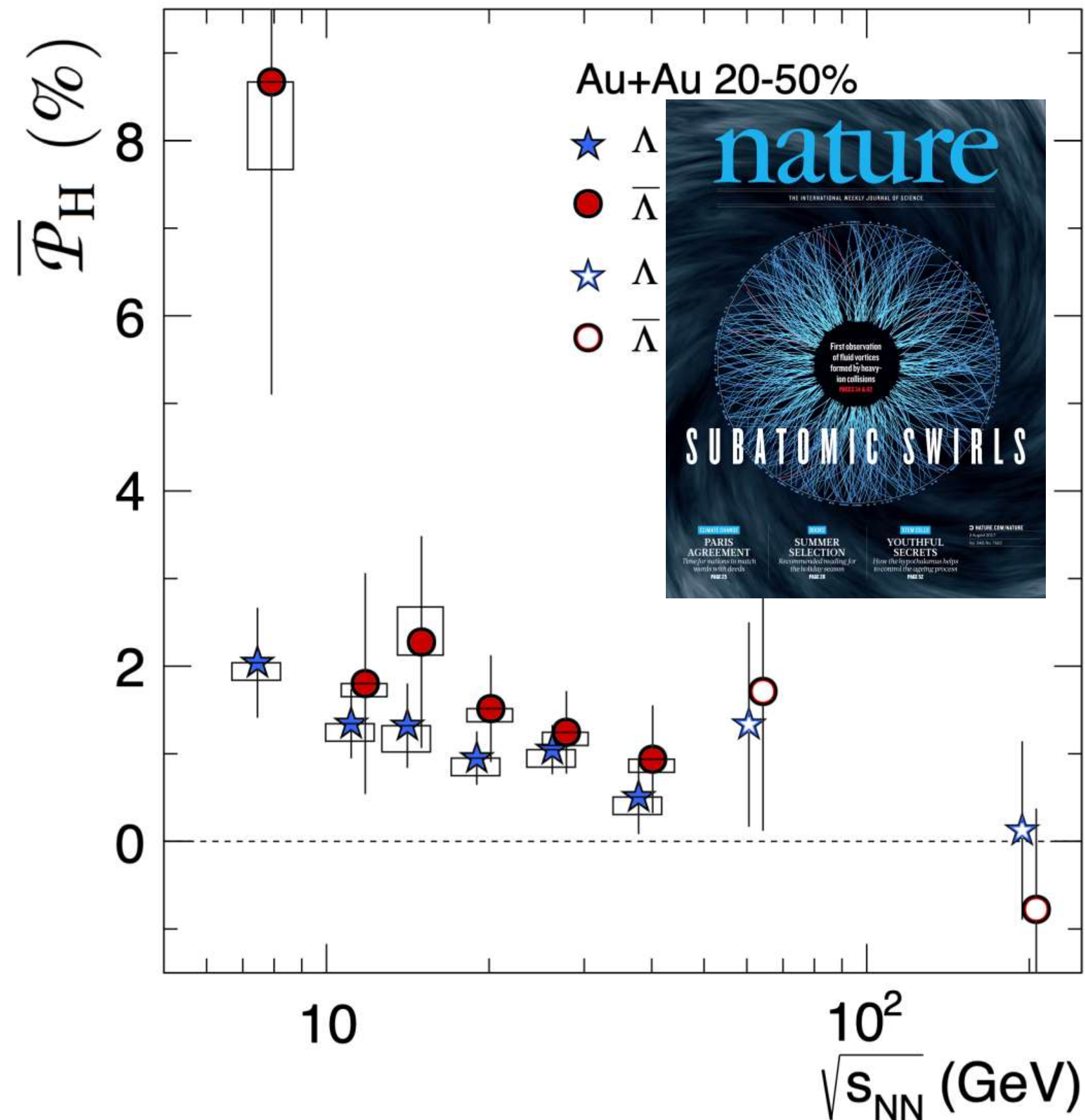
$$\overline{P}_\Lambda = \frac{8}{\pi\alpha_\Lambda} \frac{\langle \sin(\Psi_1 - \phi_p^*) \rangle}{\text{Res}(\Psi_1)}$$



θ^* is the angle between decay daughter and polarization direction in mother particle rest frame

Λ Global Polarization

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Parity-violating weak decay of hyperons (“self-analyzing”)

$$\Lambda(uds) \rightarrow p + \pi^-$$

Daughter baryon is preferentially emitted in the direction of hyperon’s spin (opposite for anti-particle)

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta} \sim 1 + \alpha_H P_H \cos\theta *$$

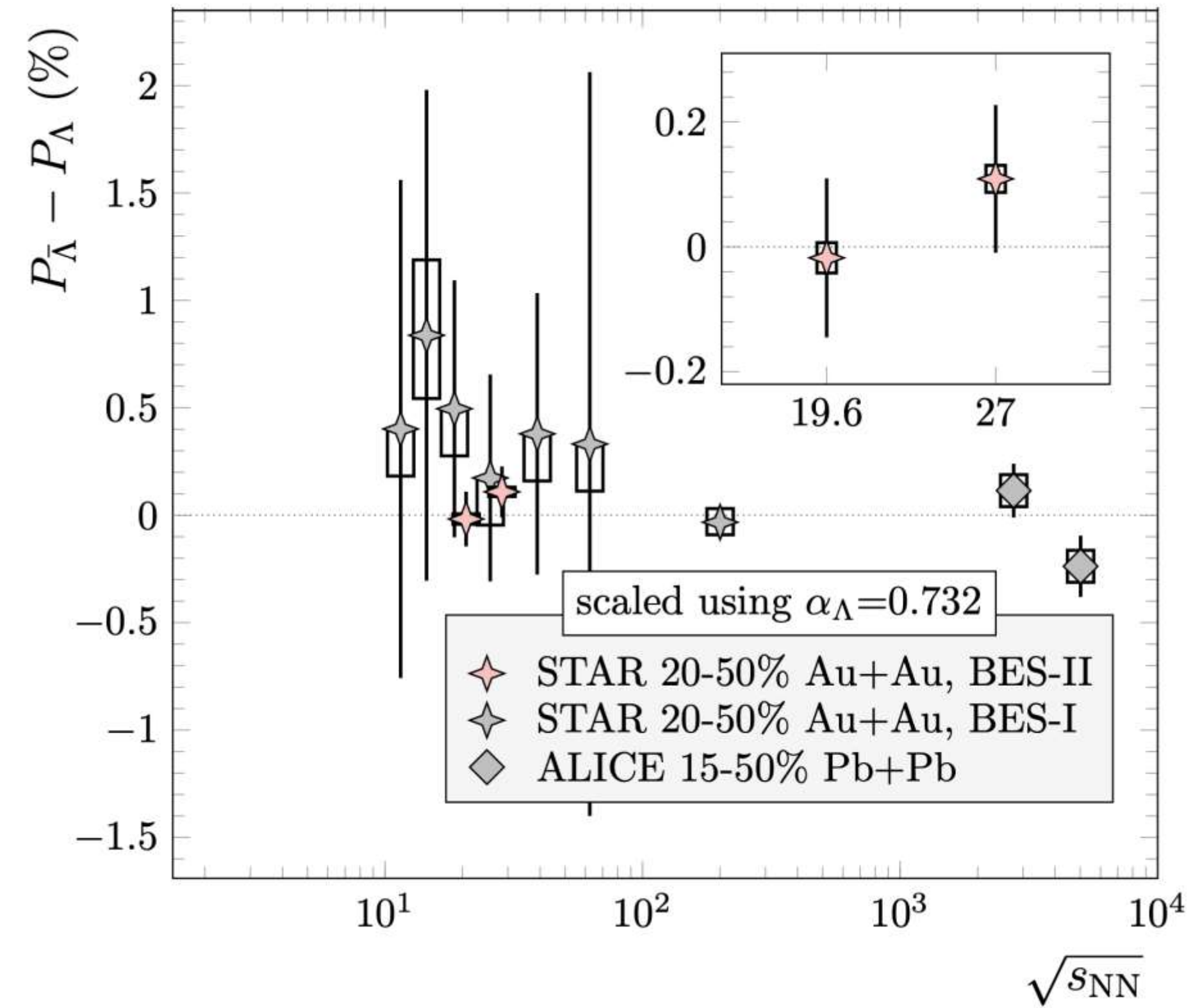
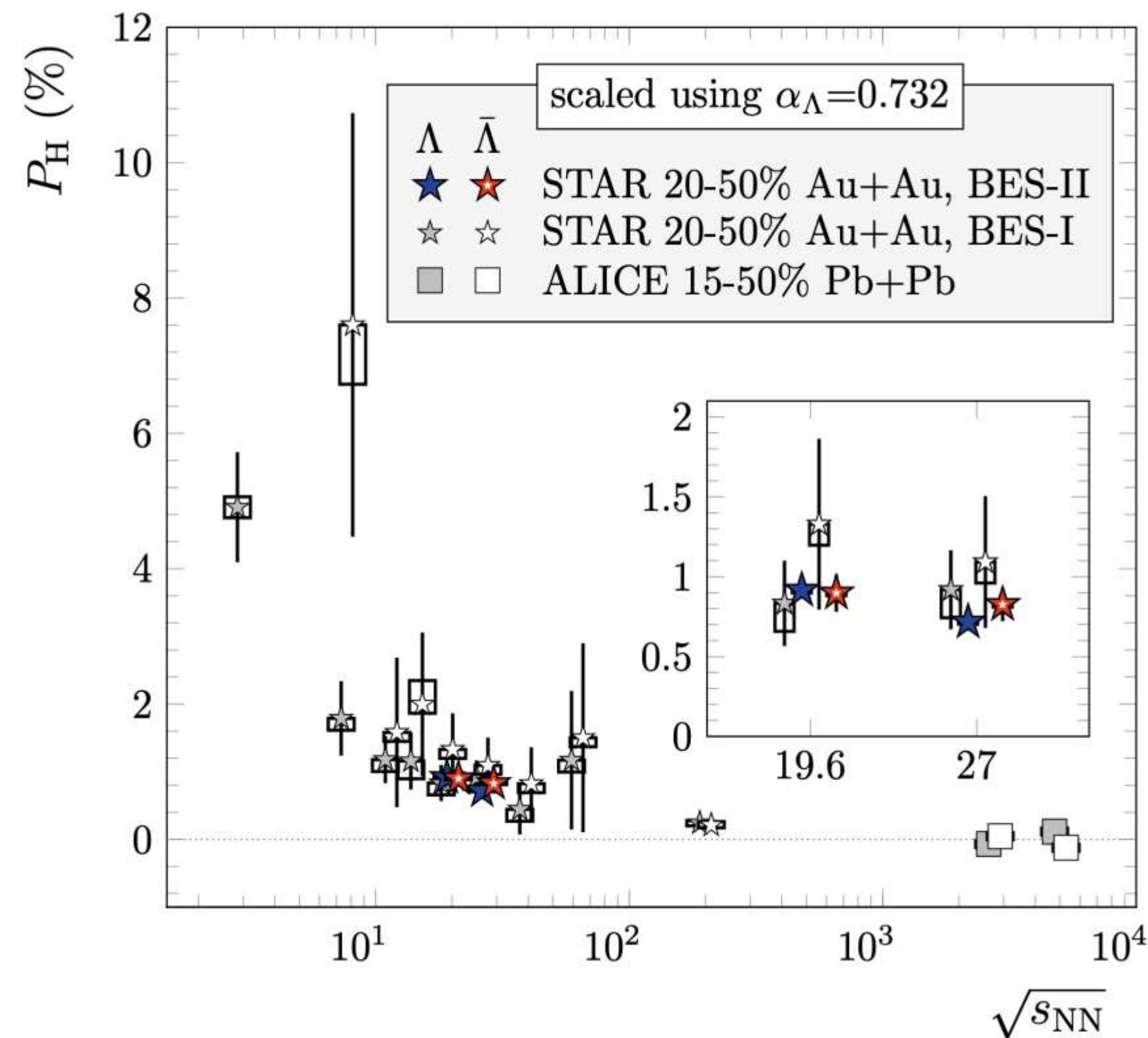
$$\omega \approx k_B T (P_\Lambda + P_{\bar{\Lambda}}) / \hbar \sim 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$|B| \approx T_s |P_{\bar{\Lambda}} - P_\Lambda| / 2 |\mu_\Lambda| \sim ?$$

Most Vortical Fluid!

Λ Global Polarization at BES-II

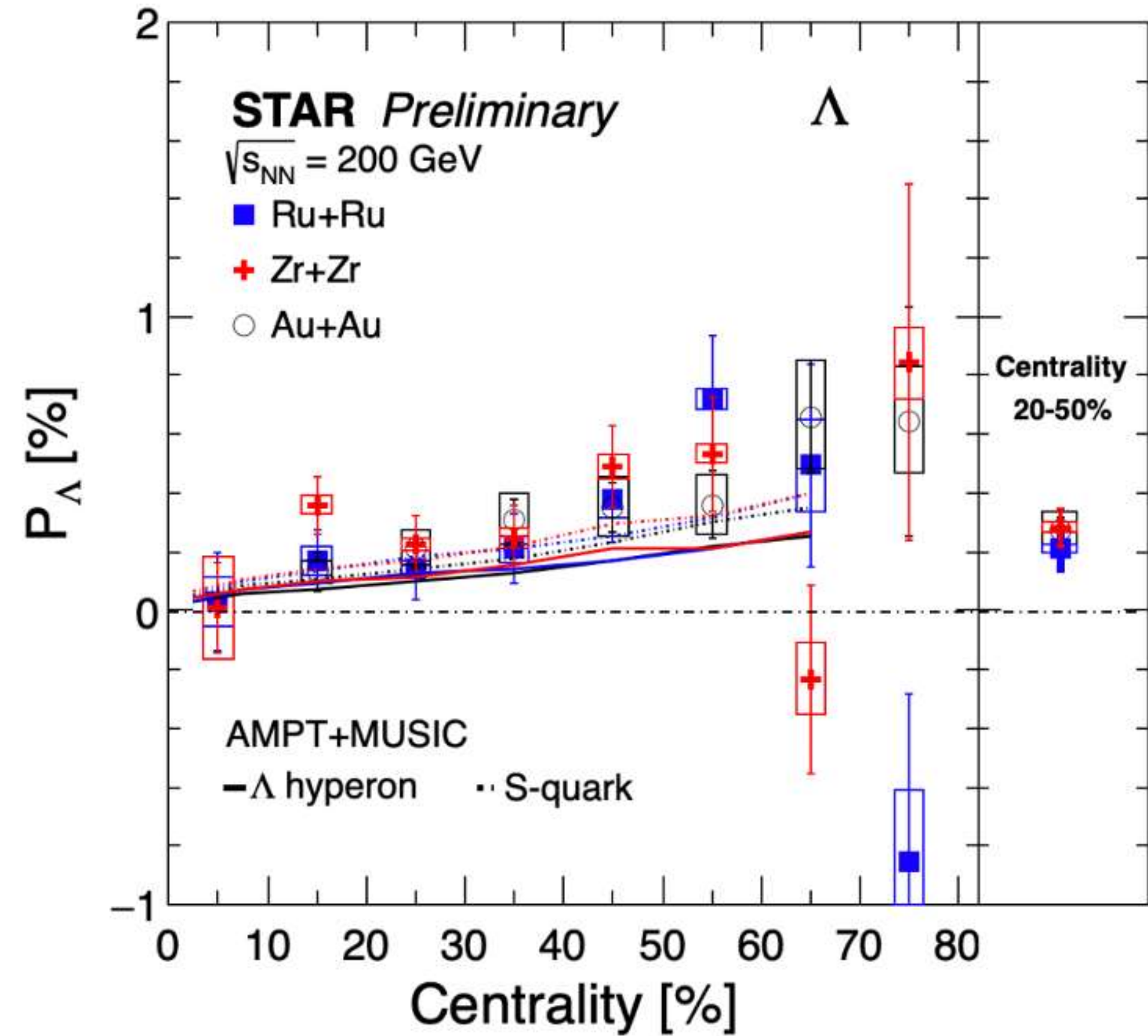
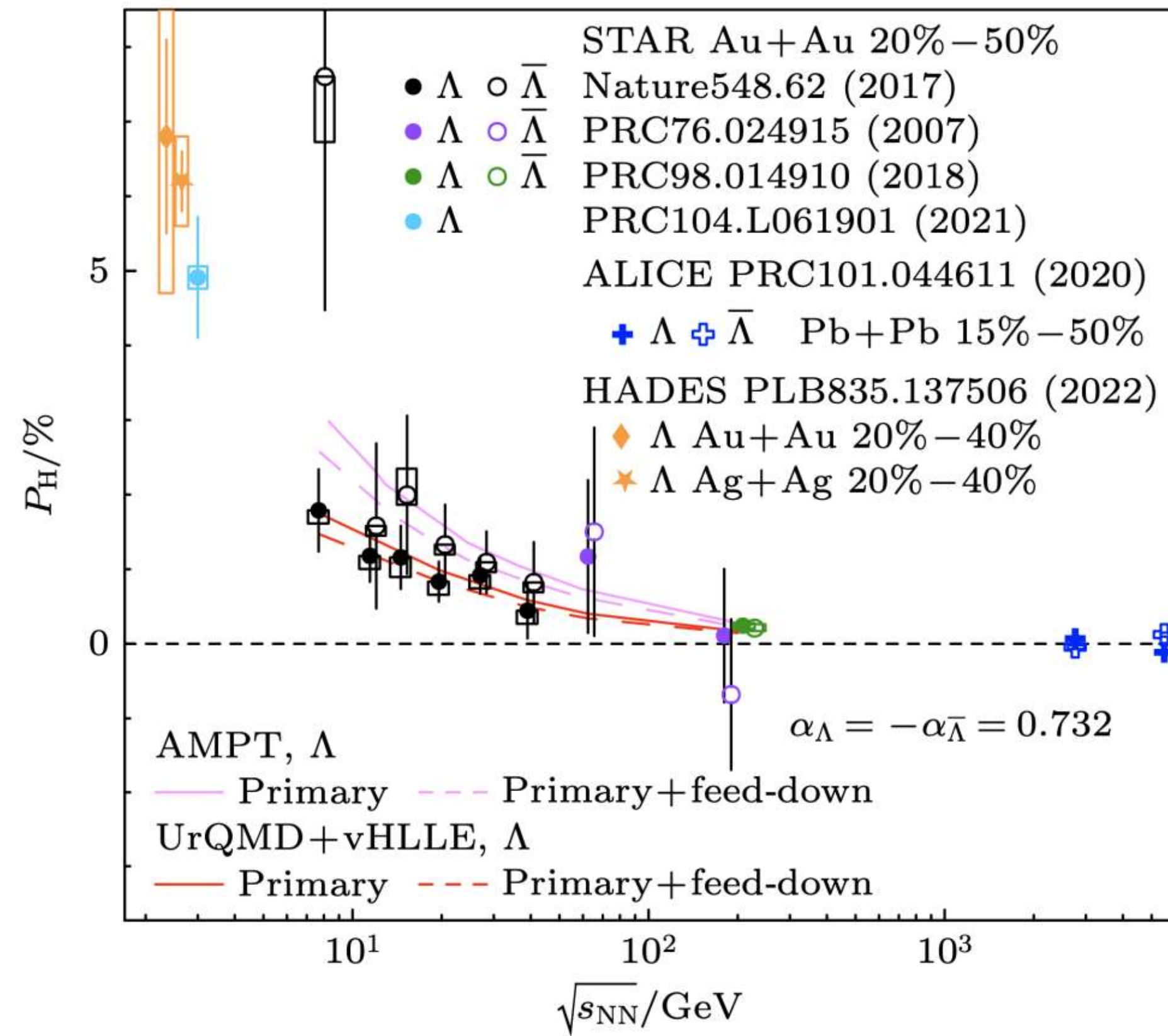
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- About 10 times increases in statistics than BES-I
- Upper limit on late stage magnetic field (95% confidence level)
 - $B < 9.4 \times 10^{12}$ T at 19.6 GeV
 - $B < 1.4 \times 10^{13}$ T at 27 GeV

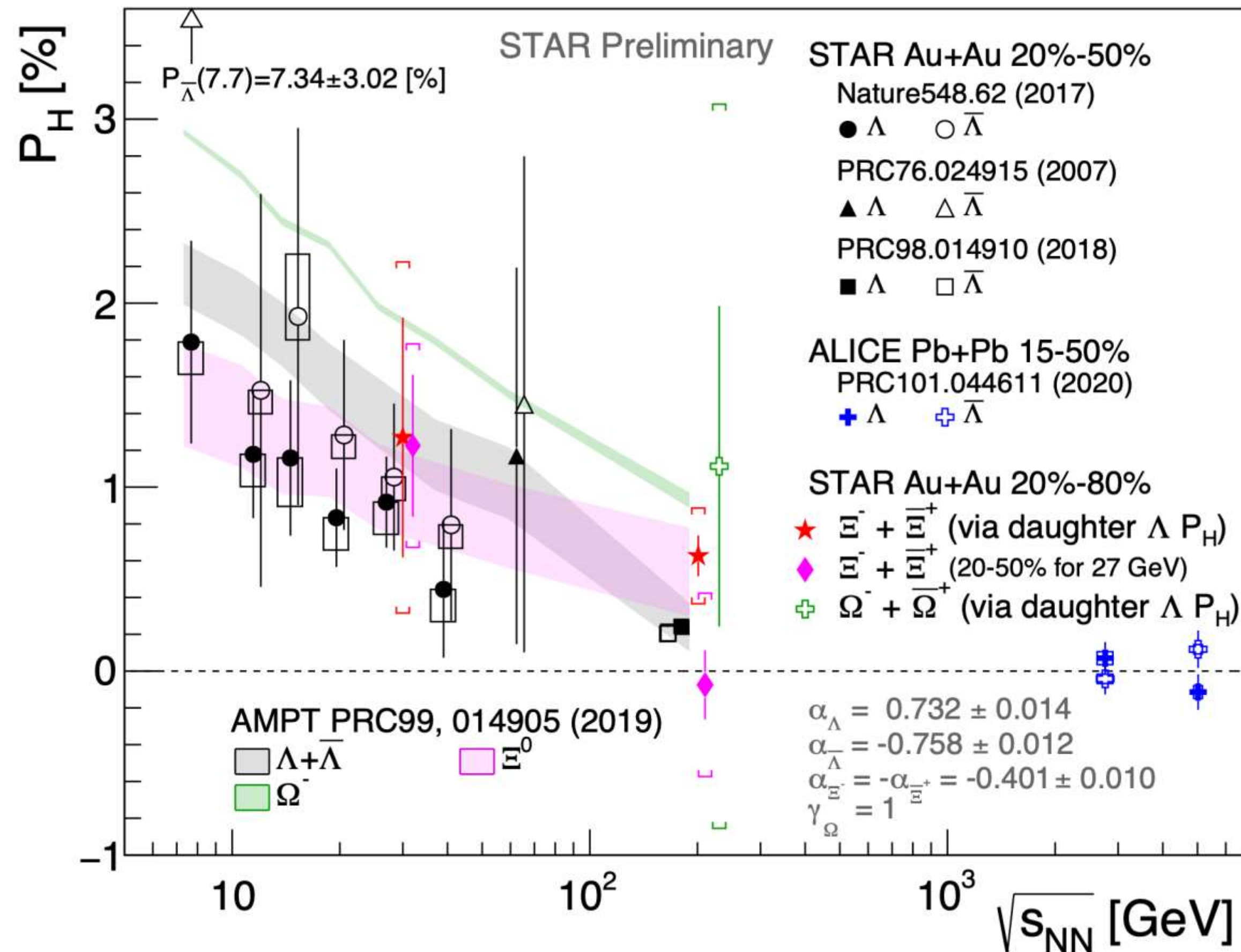
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- Significant global polarization of Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ observed at RHIC FXT and HADES
- Global polarization of Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ are consistent in isobar and Au+Au collision systems

First Measurement of $P_{\Xi,\Omega}$



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At 200 GeV

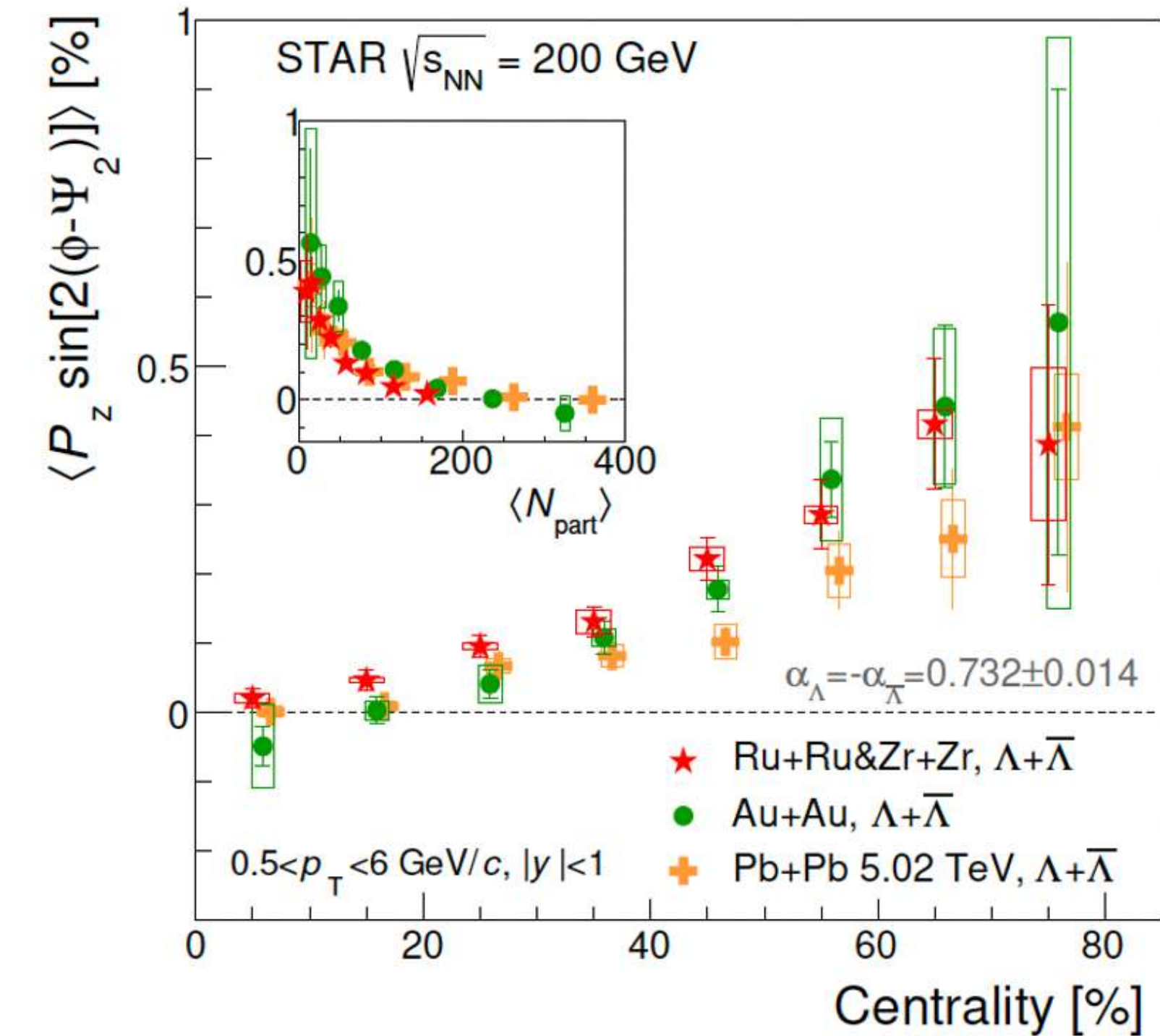
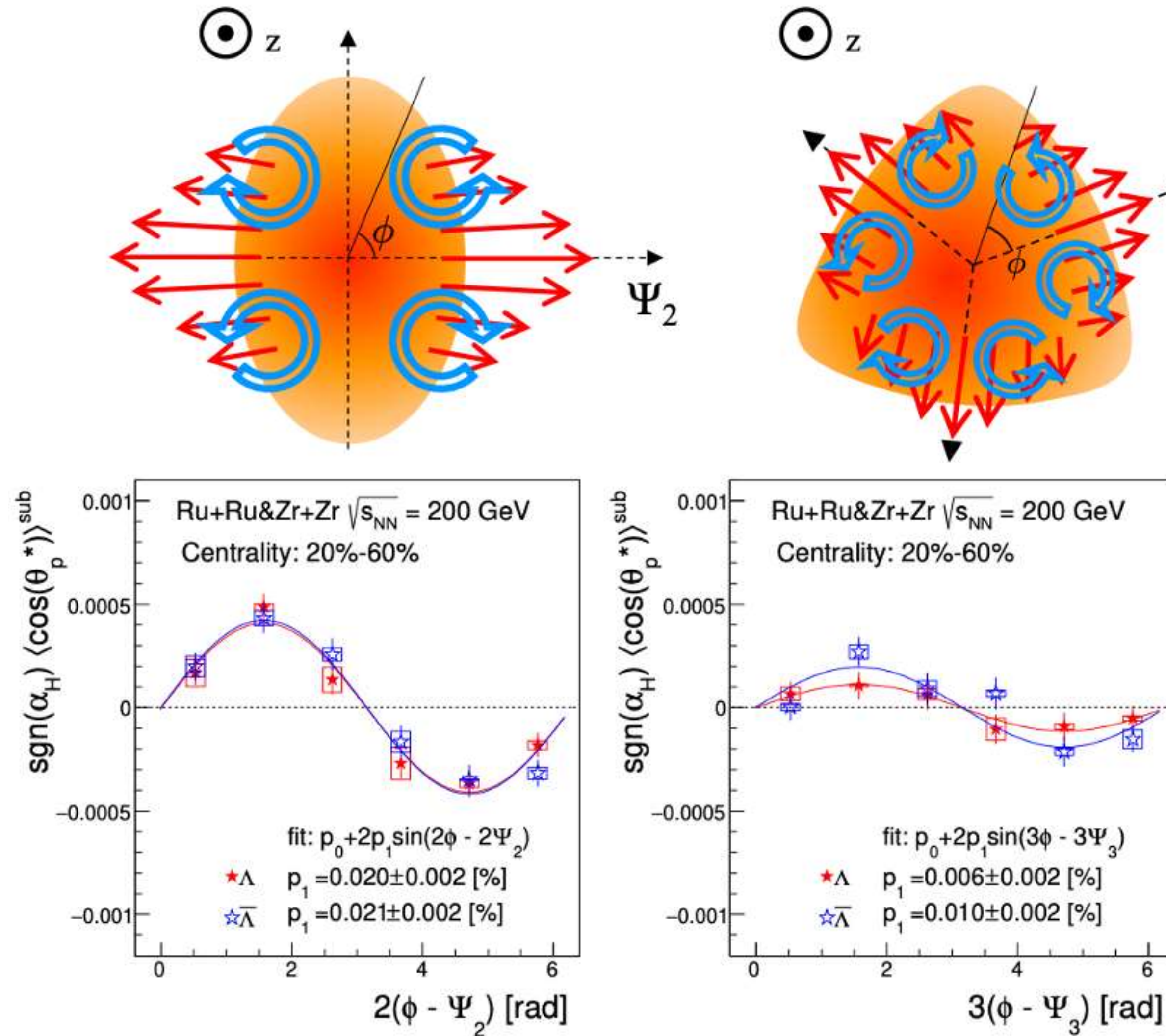
- $P_{\Lambda} = 0.24 \pm 0.03(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst.})\%$
- $P_{\Xi} = 0.47 \pm 0.10(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.23(\text{syst.})\%$
- $P_{\Omega} = 1.11 \pm 0.87(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.97(\text{syst.})\%$
- Non-zero polarization for $P_{\Xi, \Omega}$
- $P_{\Xi, \Omega}$ follows global trend of P_{Λ}

	Mass (GeV/c ²)	Spin	μ_N
Λ (uds)	1.116	1/2	0.613
Ξ (dss)	1.322	1/2	-0.6501
Ω (sss)	1.672	3/2	-2.02

New $P_{\Xi, \Omega}$ measurements confirm the global nature of spin polarization

Λ Local Polarization

STAR, PRL 131 (2023) 202301



- Significant local polarization w.r.t 2nd & 3rd-order event plane observed in isobar collisions
- Energy dependence is not obvious between 200 GeV Au+Au and 5.02 TeV Pb+Pb collisions

Spin Hall Effect

Spin Hall Effect in Condensed matter: $P \propto \pm p \times E$

Electric field (E) $\xrightarrow[\text{Interaction}]{\text{Spin-Orbit}}$ Spin splitting in opposite directions

Spin Hall Effect in hot QCD matter: $P \propto \pm p \times \nabla \mu_B$

Baryon density gradient ($\nabla \mu_B$) $\xrightarrow[\text{Interaction}]{\text{Spin-Orbit}}$ Spin splitting between Λ & $\bar{\Lambda}$ local spin polarization

$$P_{2,z}^{net} = \langle P_Z^{net}(\phi) \sin 2\phi \rangle \quad P_Z^{net}(\phi) = P_Z^{\Lambda}(\phi) - P_Z^{\bar{\Lambda}}(\phi)$$

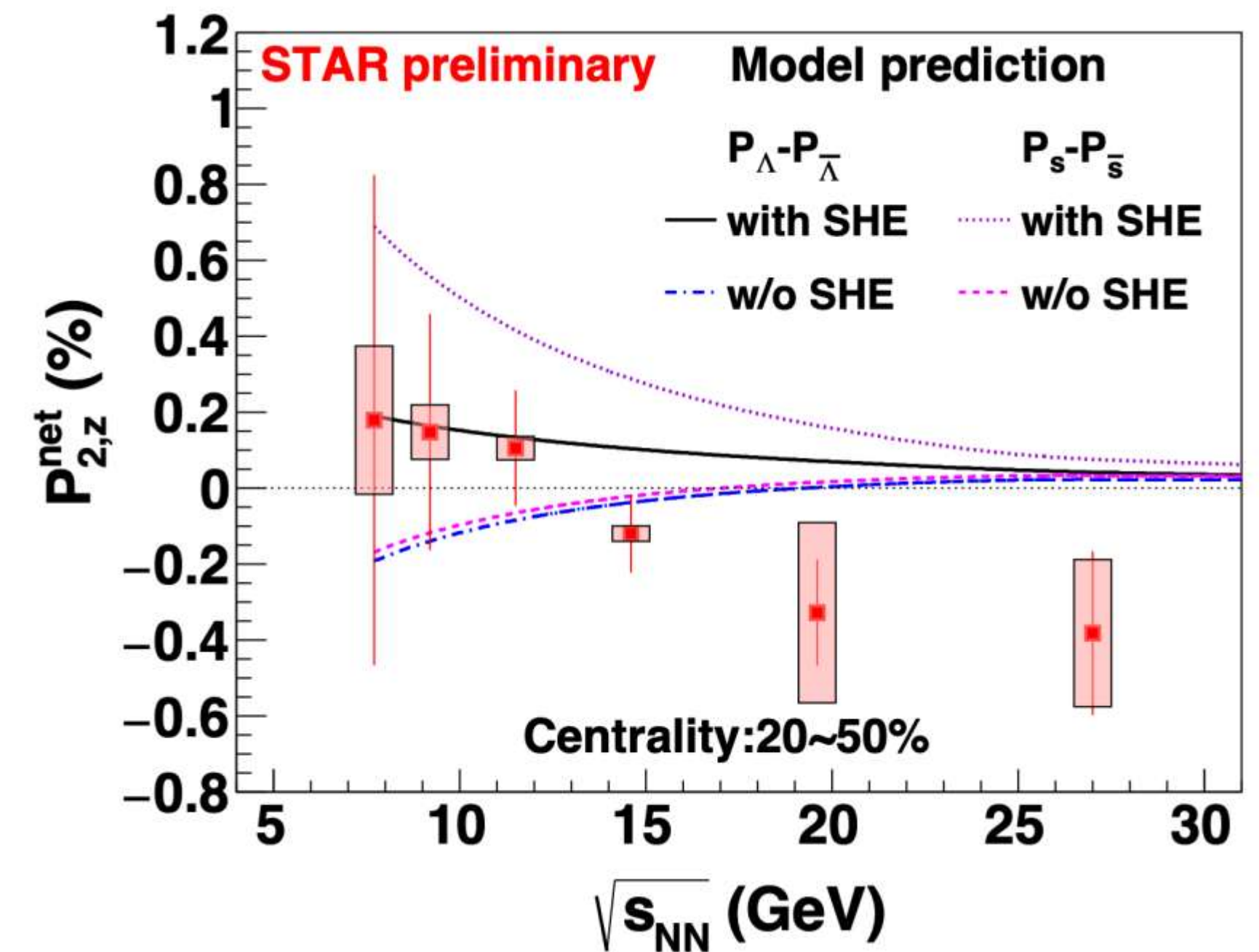
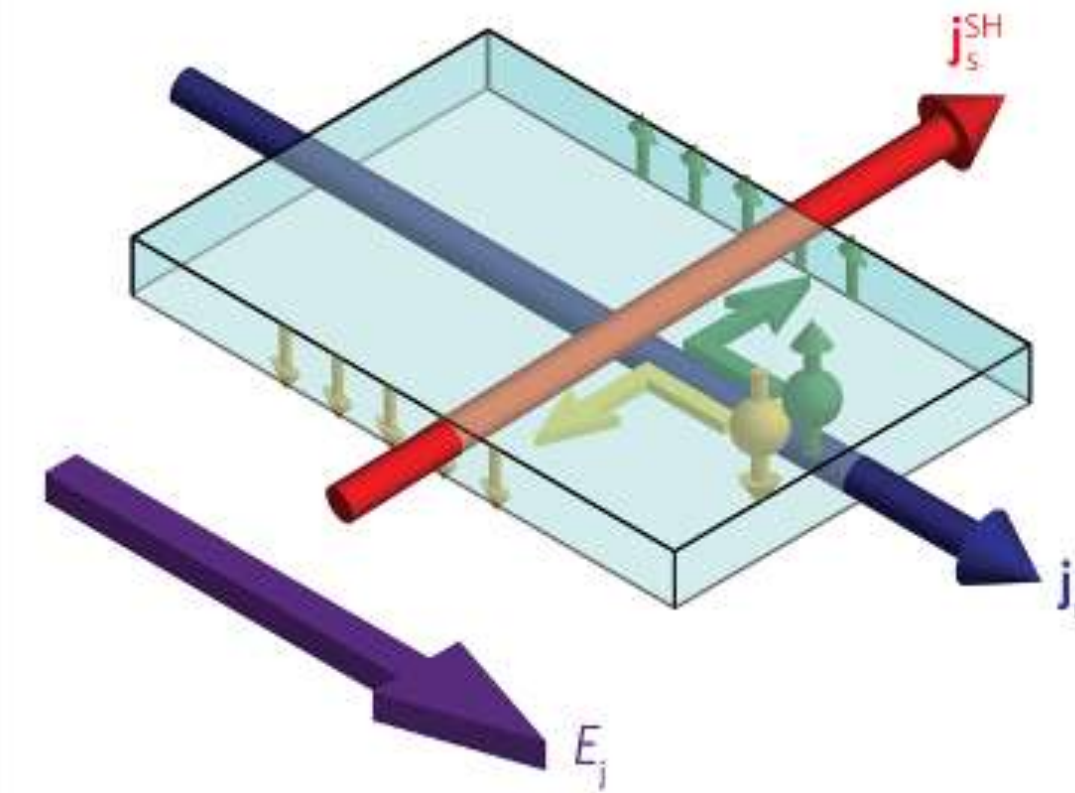
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Hints of sign change with decreasing energy

Experimental Observables: Alignment

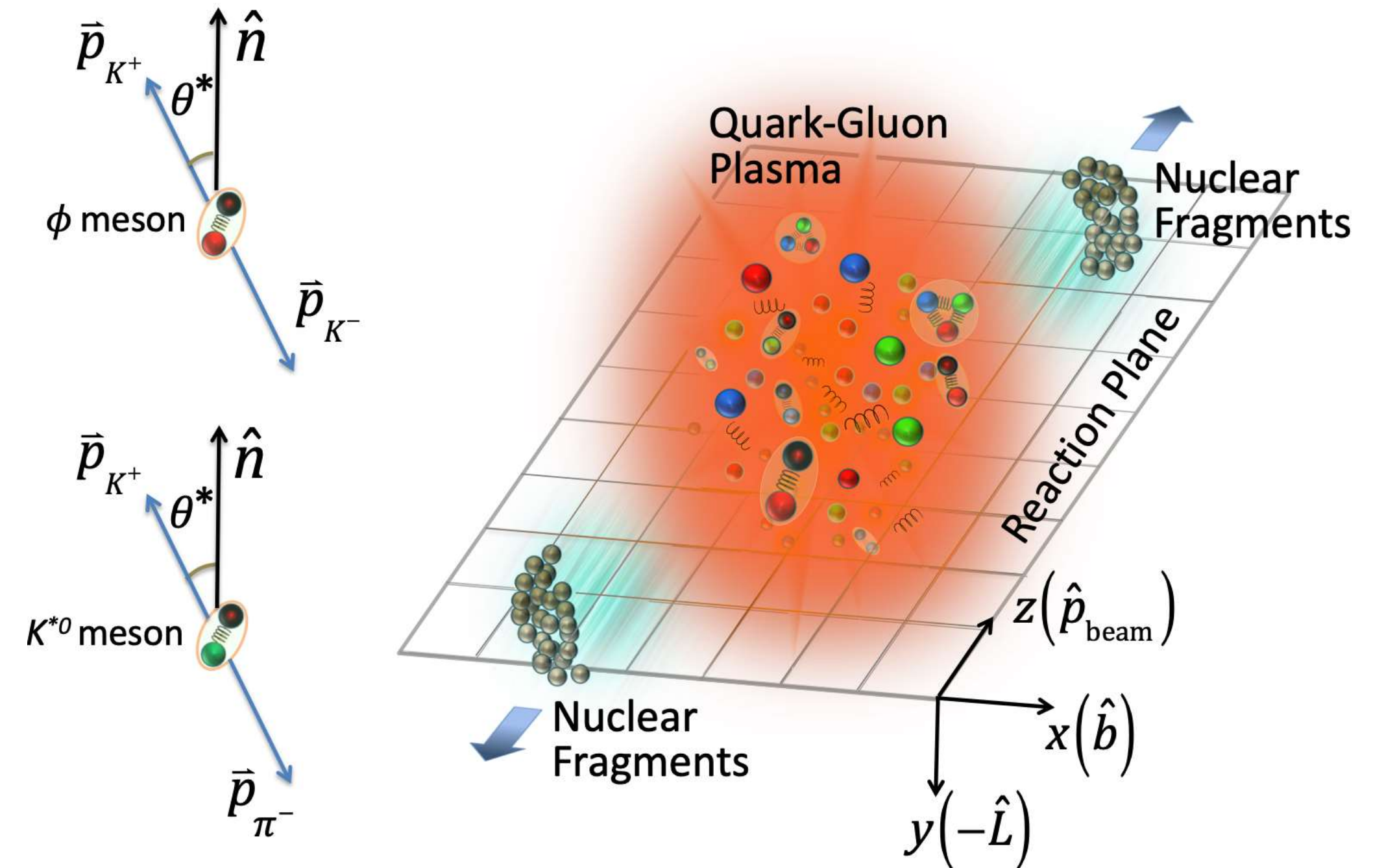
ϕ -mesons ($J = 1^-$):

1. Cannot measure polarization sign
2. Do not need reaction plane direction — use 2nd order event plane
3. Some mesons, like ϕ , are expected to originate predominantly from primordial production $\Rightarrow$ less decay contributions if compared to hyperons, more sensitive to early dynamics
4. new physics?

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta^*} \sim (1 - \rho_{00}) + (3\rho_{00} - 1) \cos^2\theta^*$$

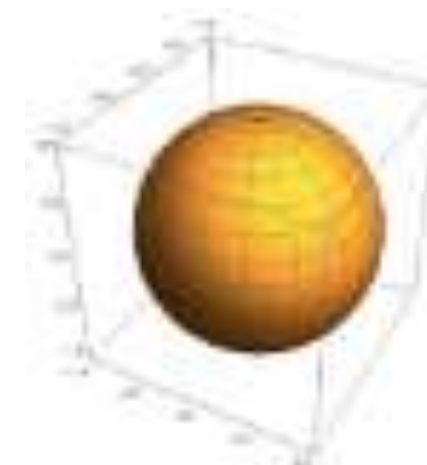
$\rho_{00} = 1/3 \longrightarrow$ No spin alignment

$\rho_{00} \neq 1/3 \longrightarrow$ spin alignment

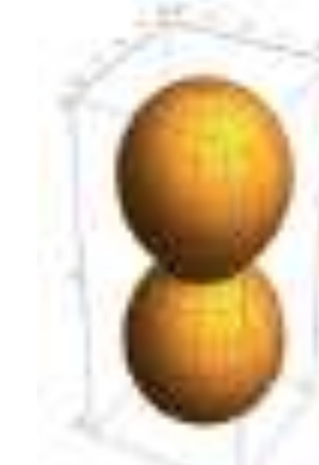


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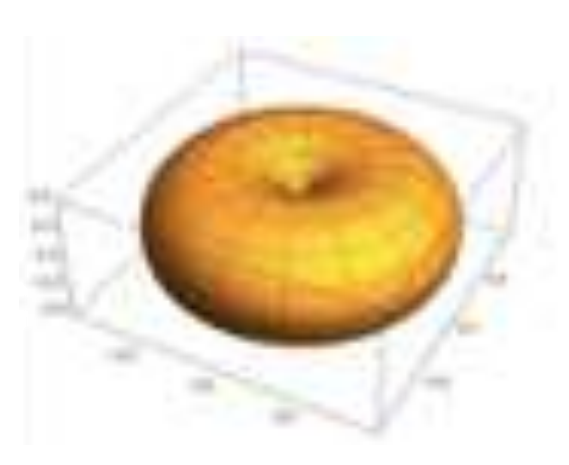
$\rho_{00} = 1/3$



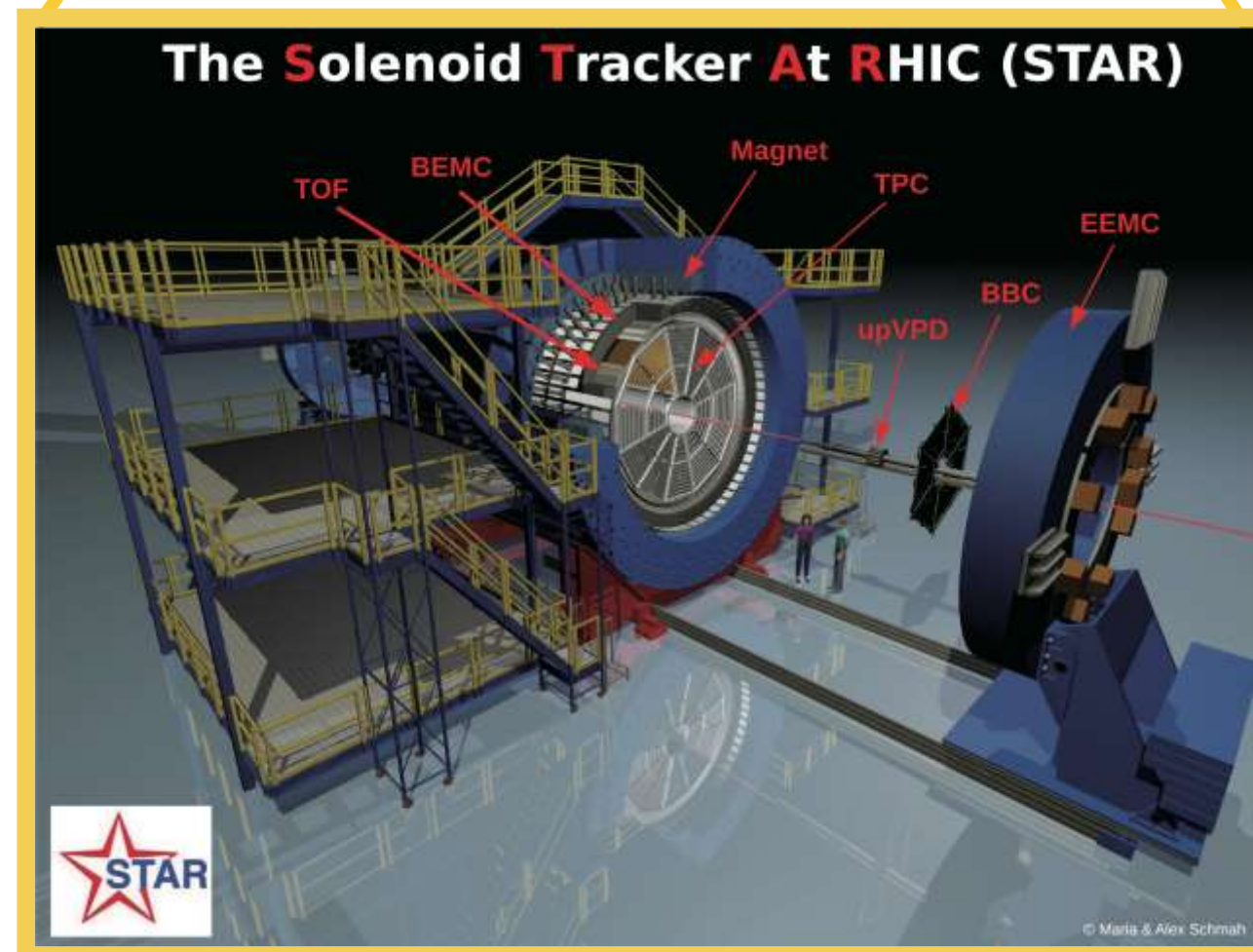
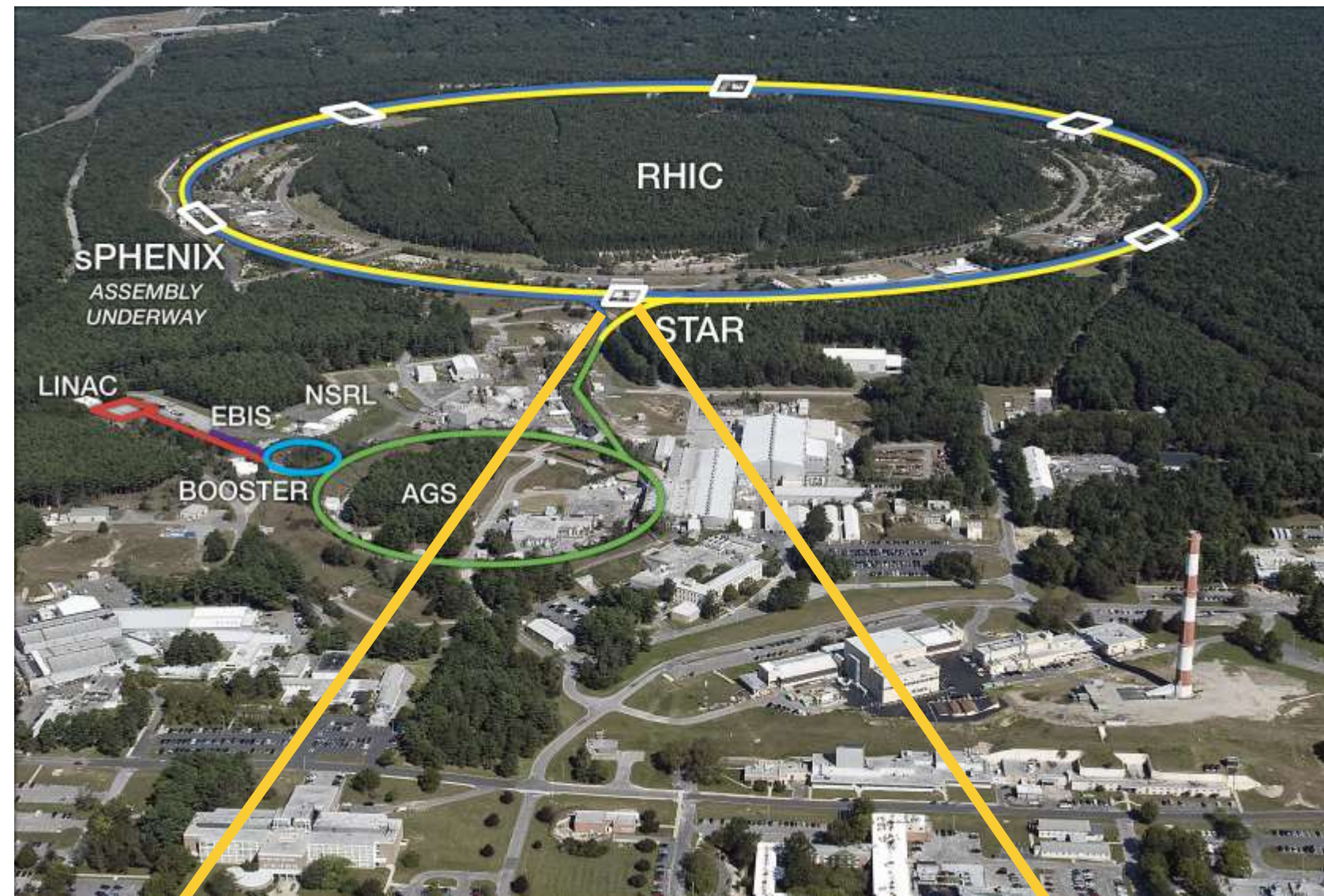
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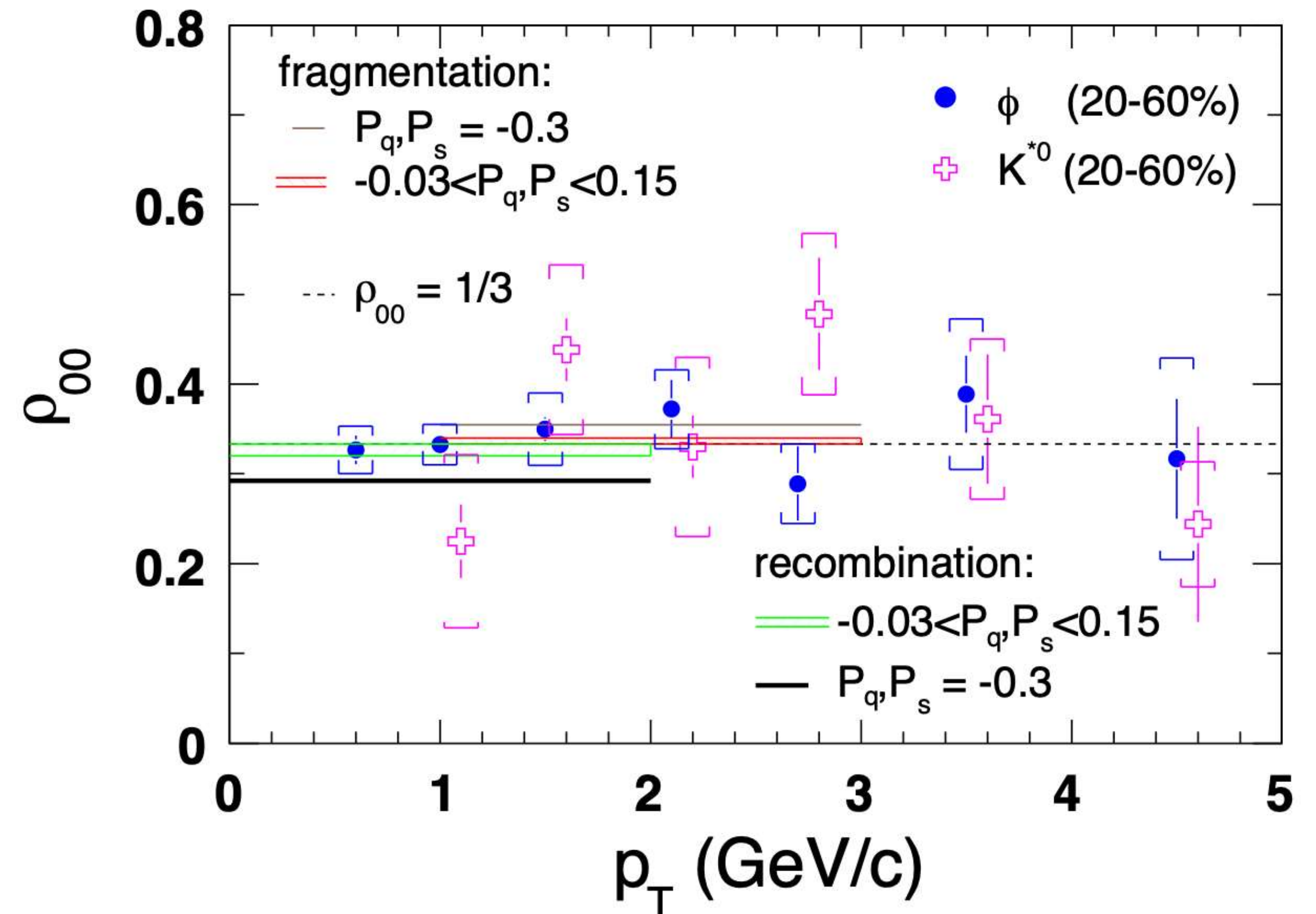
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Global Spin Alignment: Early Efforts at RHIC

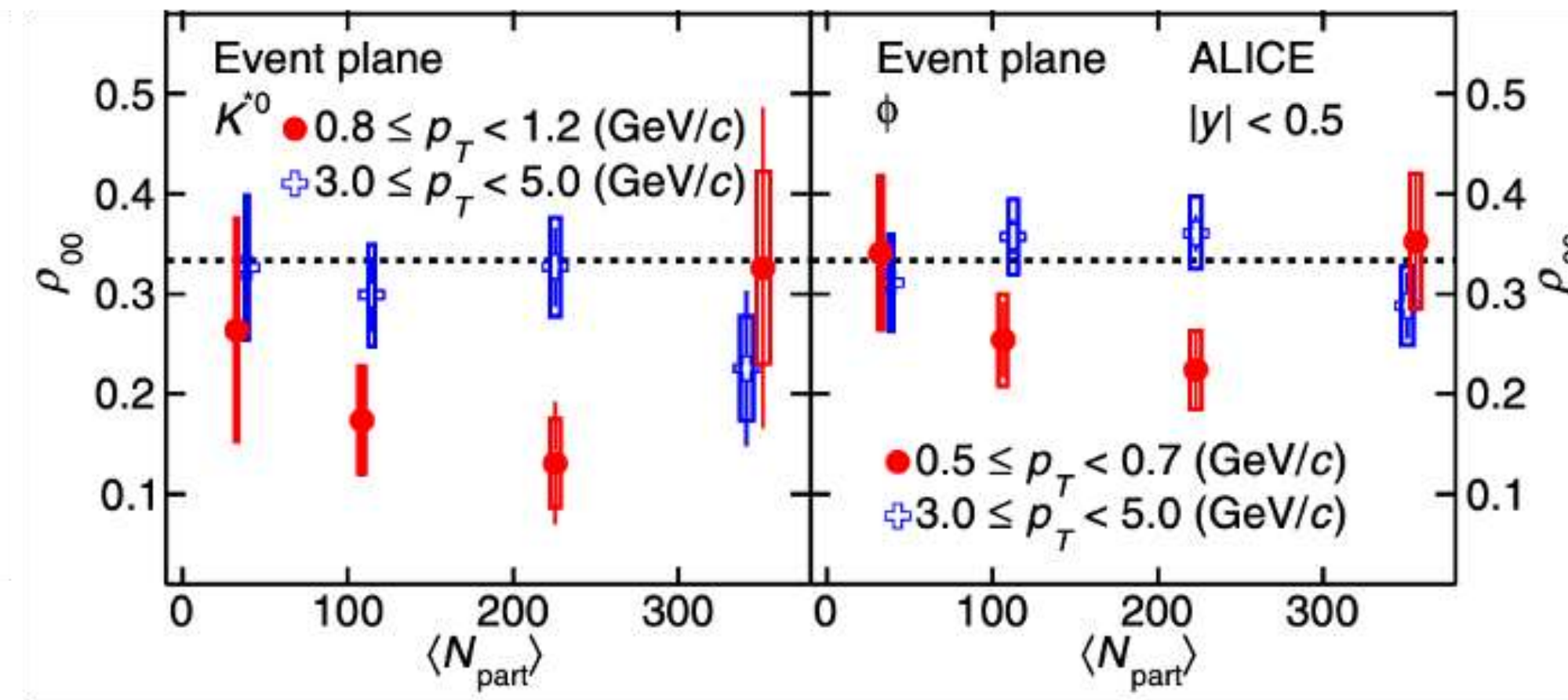
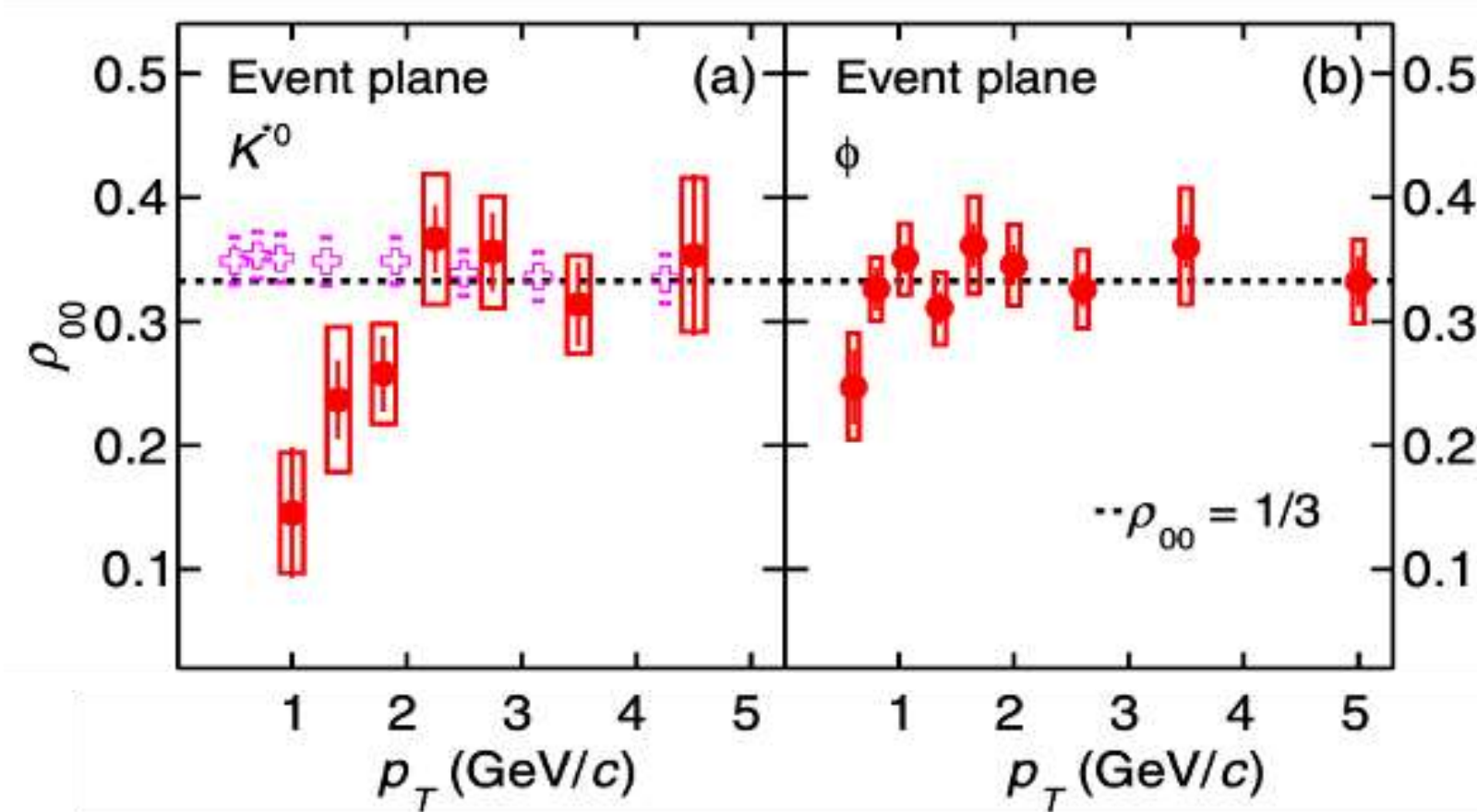
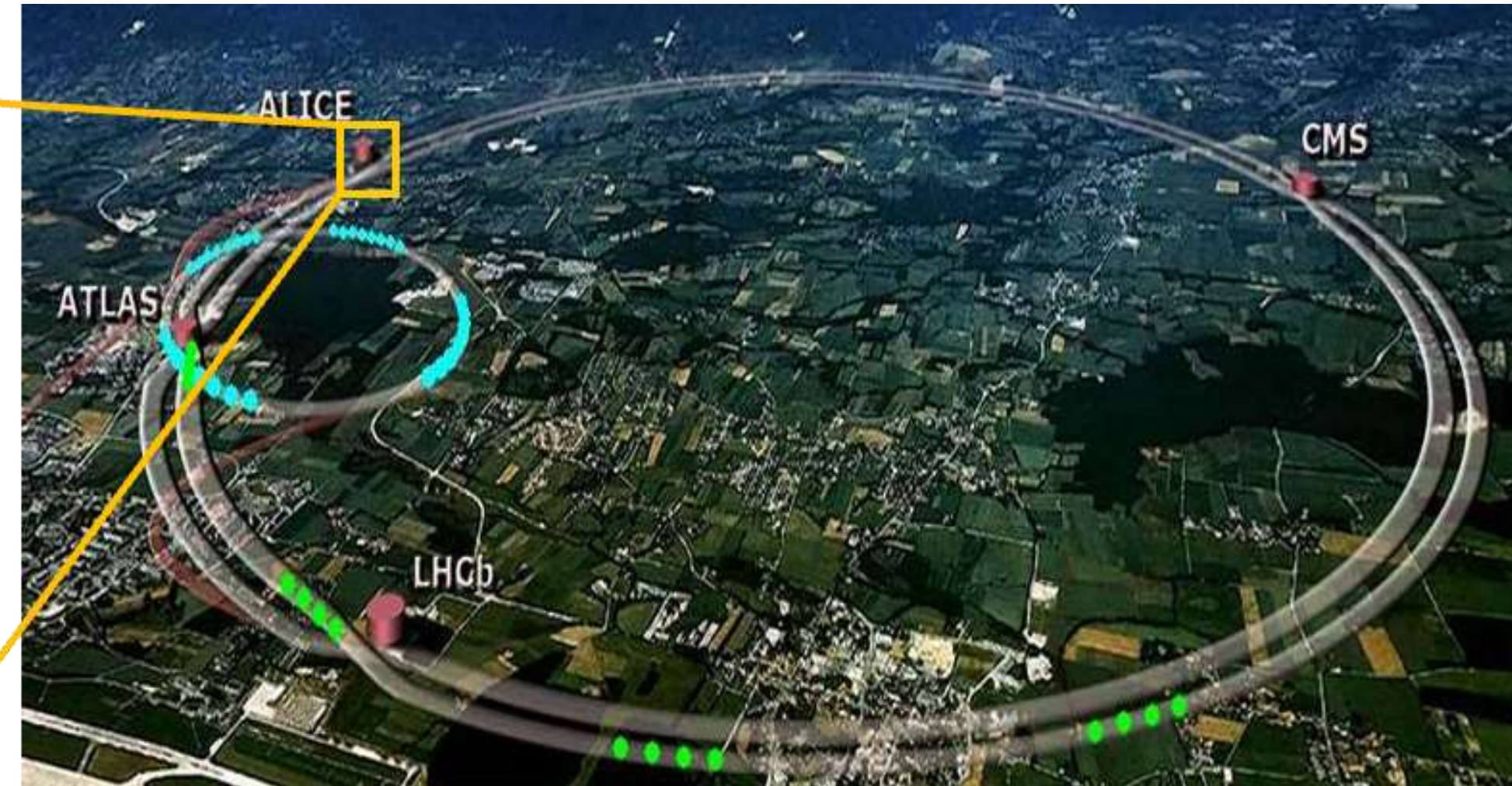
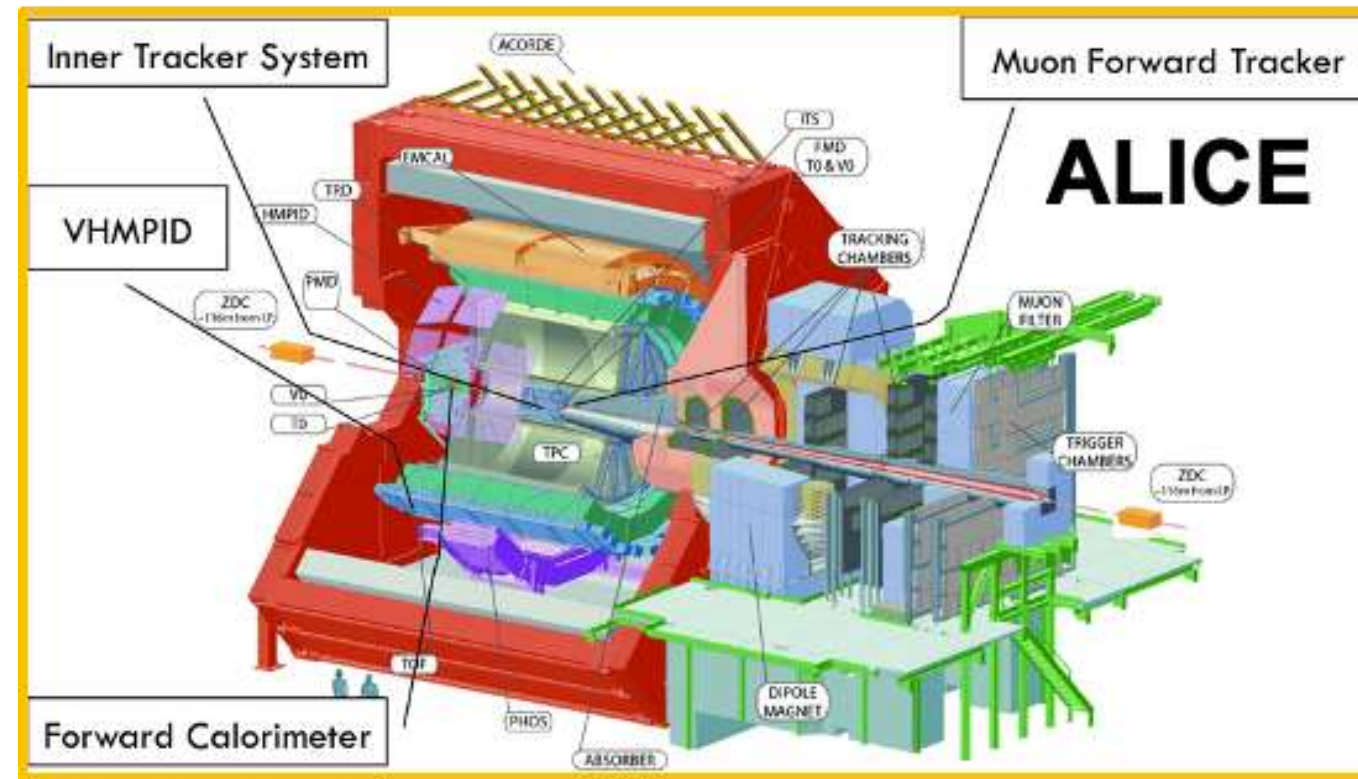


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Global Spin Alignment : ALICE Results



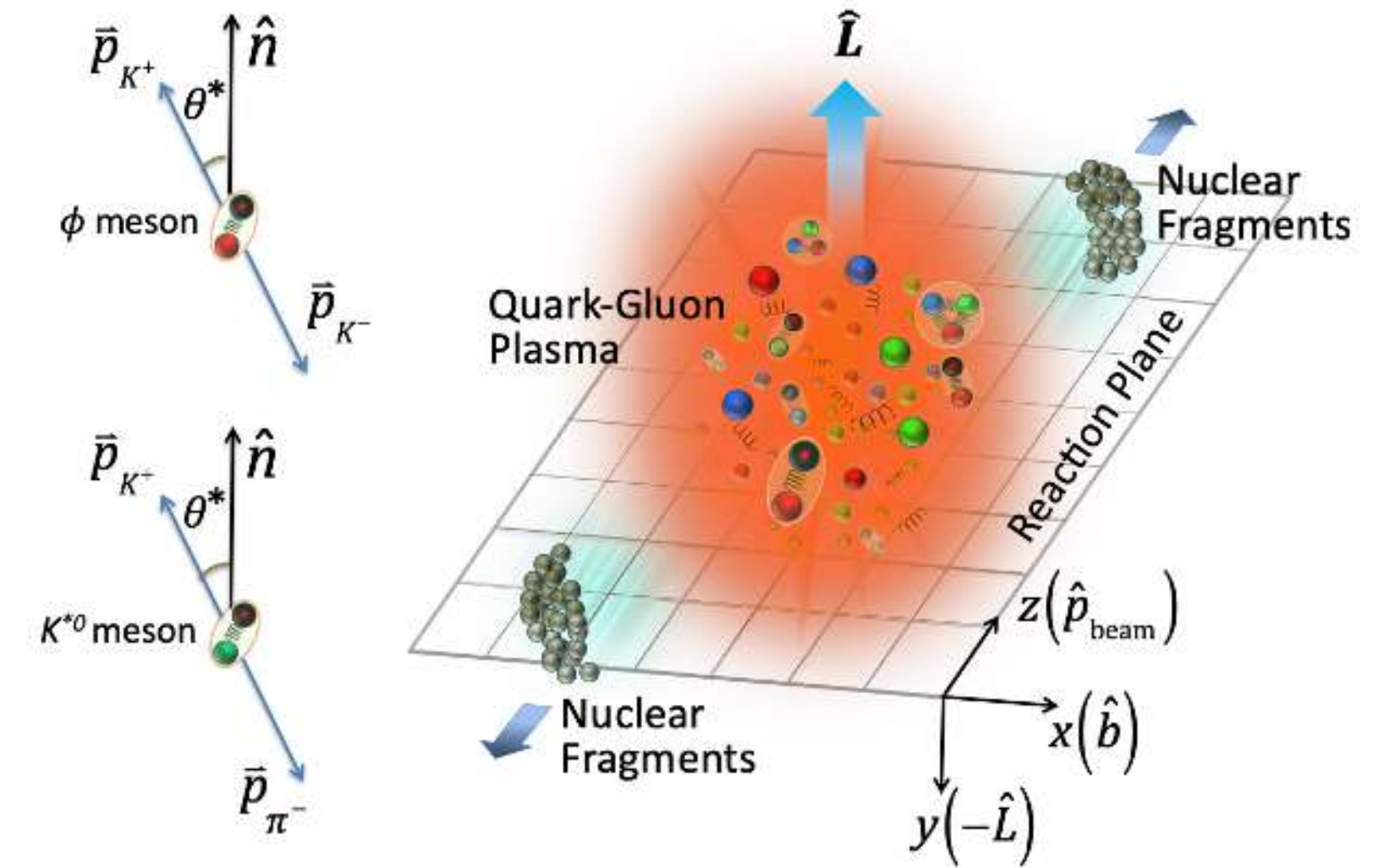
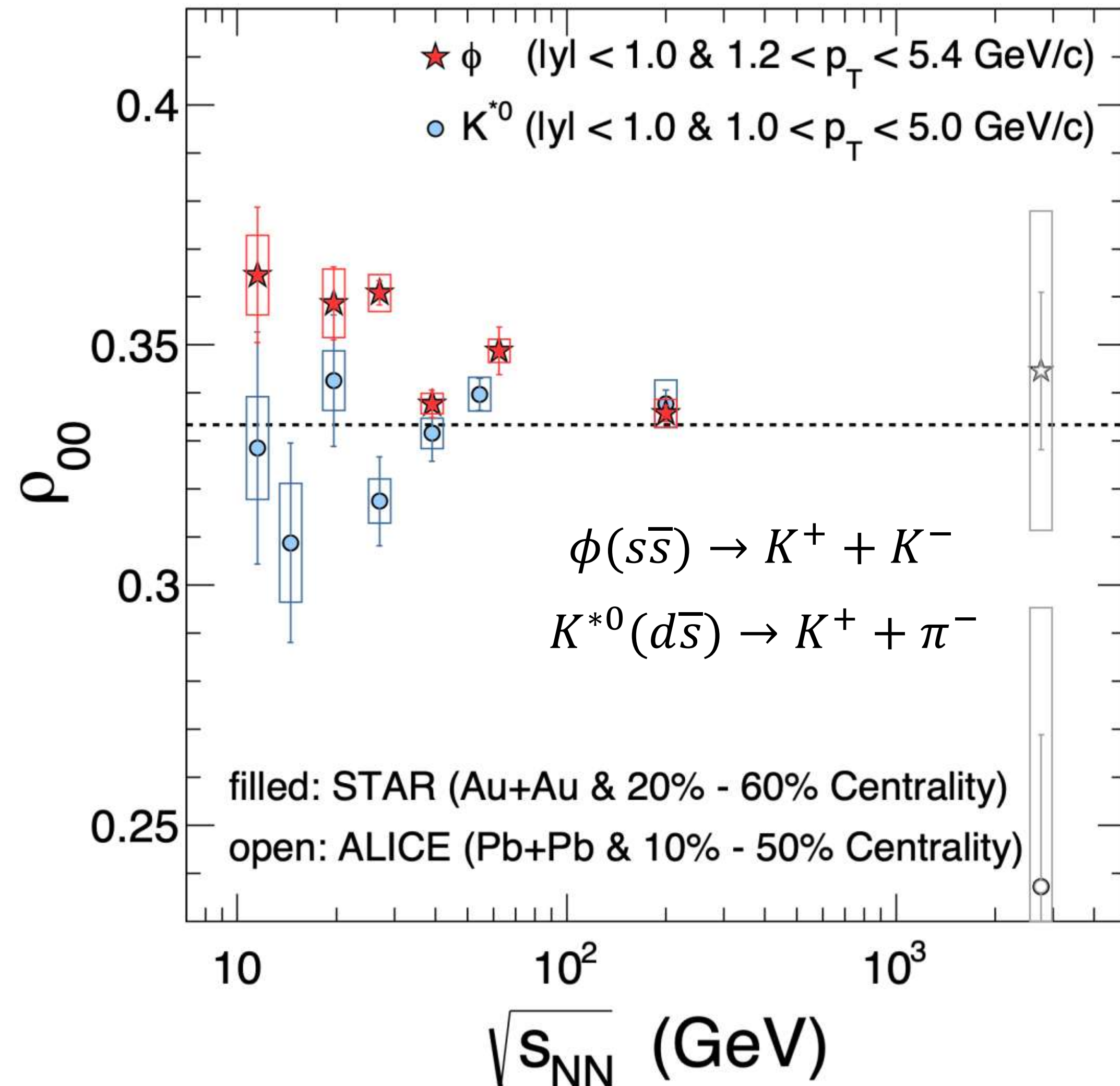
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Evidence of Spin-Orbital Angular Momentum interaction

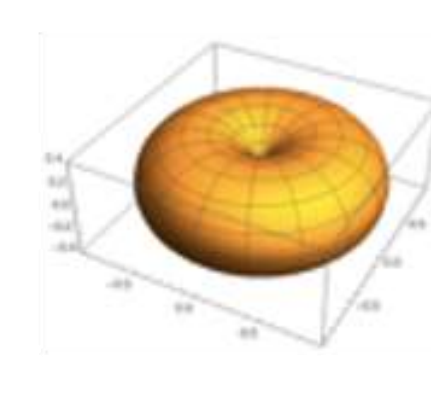
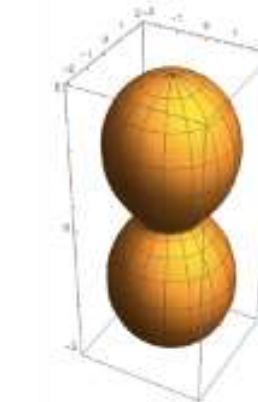
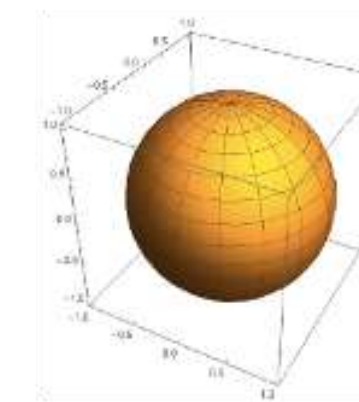
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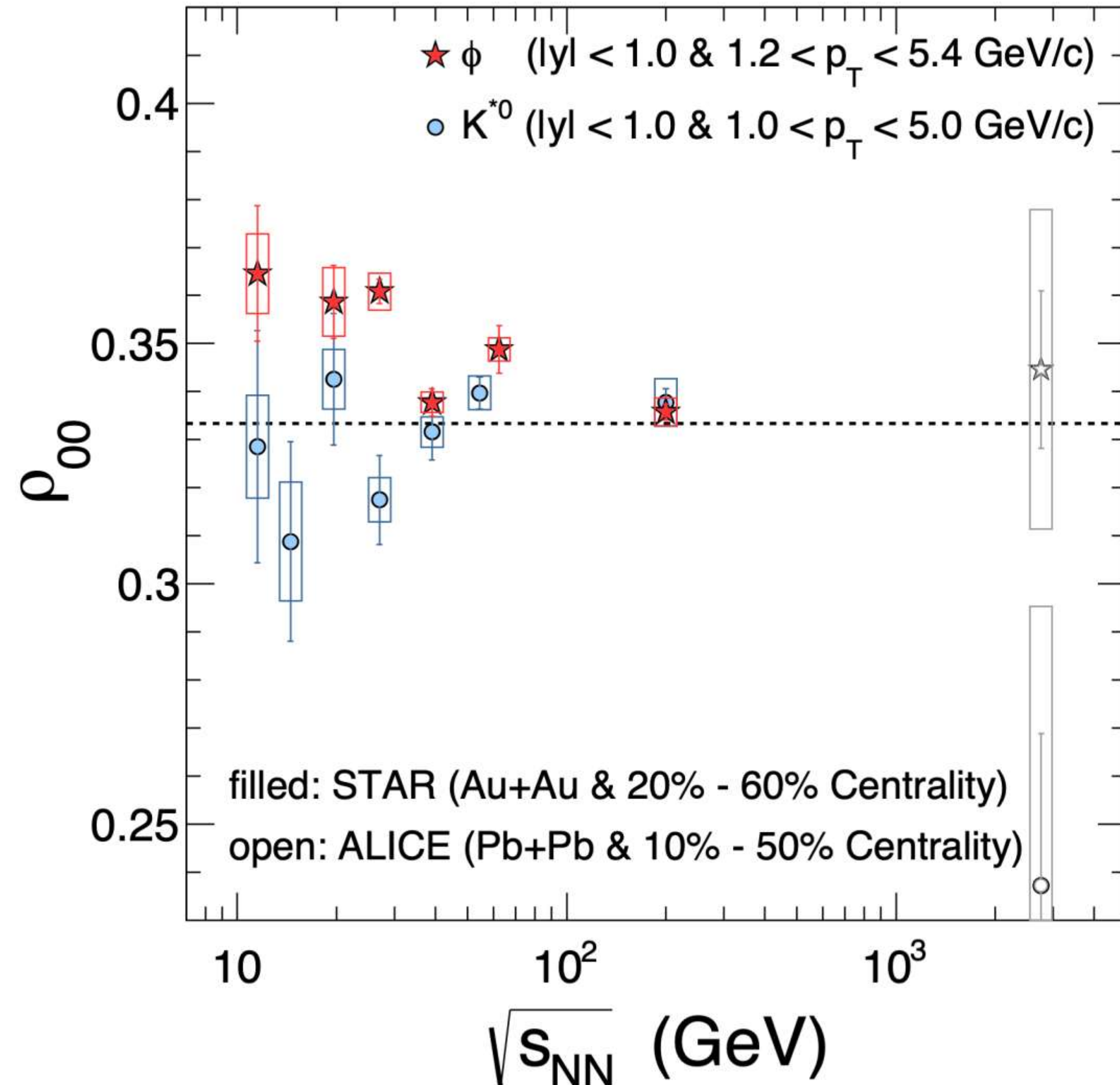


ϕ possesses surprisingly large global spin alignment while K^* possesses little

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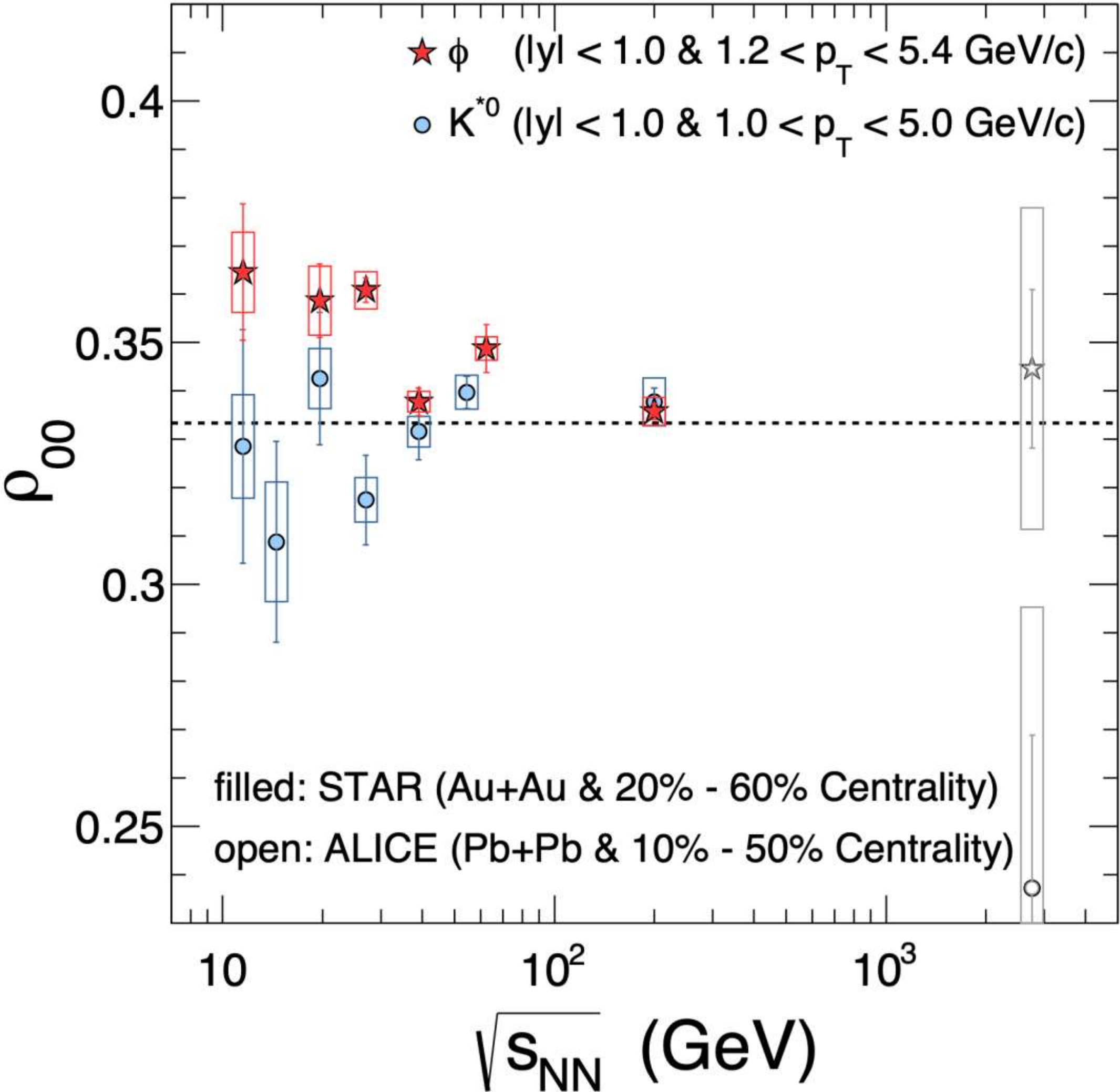


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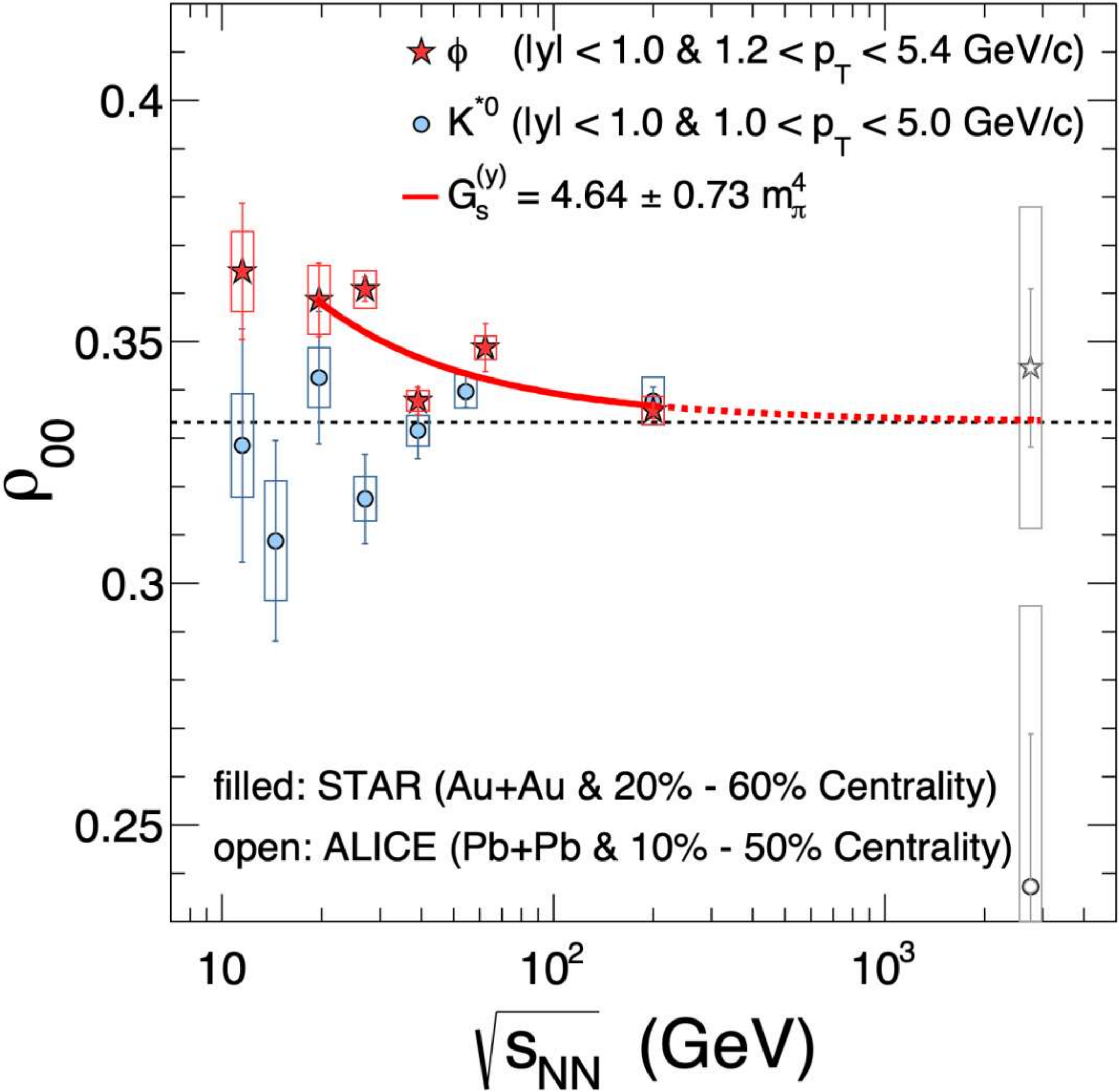
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Physics Mechanisms	(ρ_{00})
C_{Λ} : Quark coalescence vorticity & magnetic field ^[1]	$< 1/3$ (Negative $\sim 10^{-5}$)
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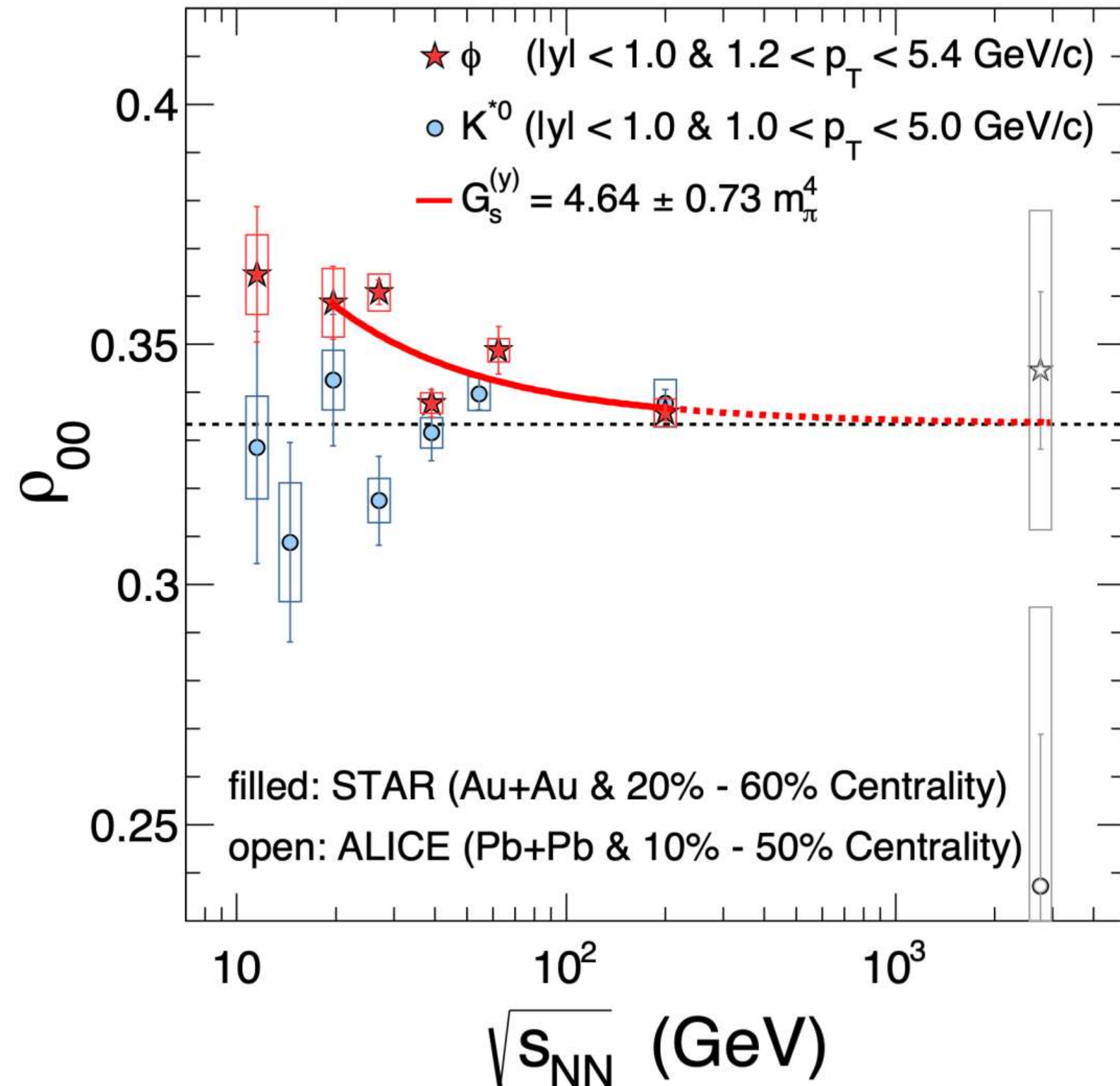
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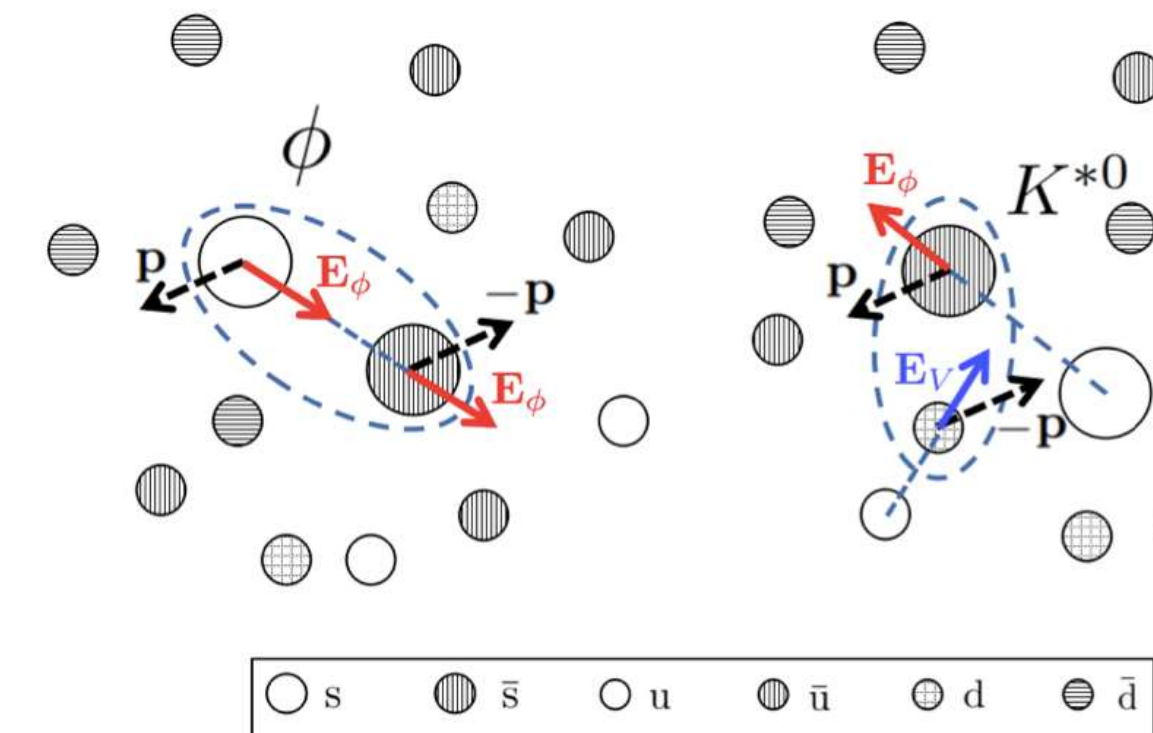
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What do we learn?

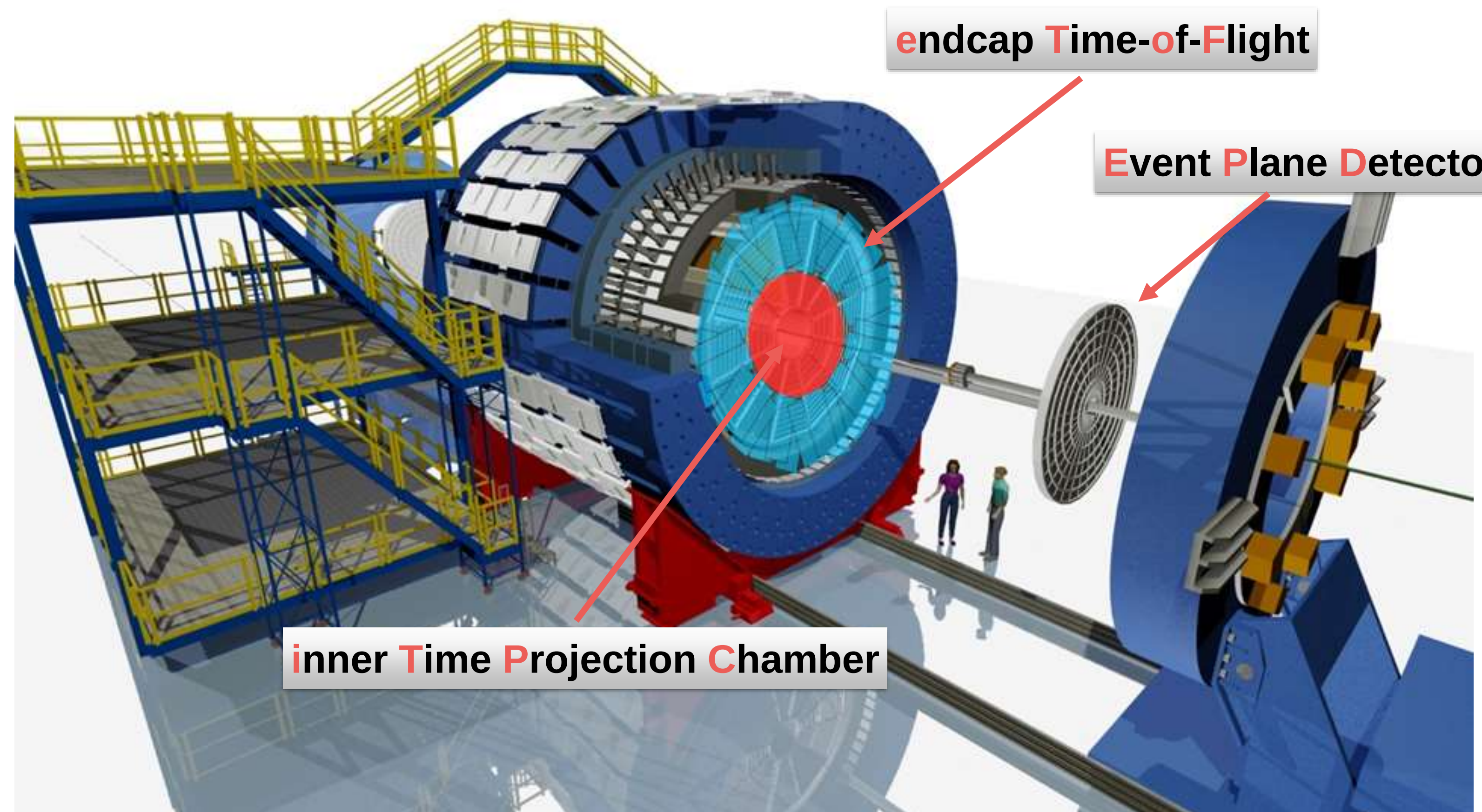
$$\rho_{00}^V - \frac{1}{3} \sim \langle P_q P_{\bar{q}} \rangle \quad \rho_{00}^V - \frac{1}{3} \gg P_\Lambda^2 \approx P_q^2$$

$$\langle P_q P_{\bar{q}} \rangle \neq \langle P_q \rangle \langle P_{\bar{q}} \rangle$$



Global spin alignment measures local field fluctuations, while hyperon polarization measures the mean

STAR Detector for BESII and Isobar

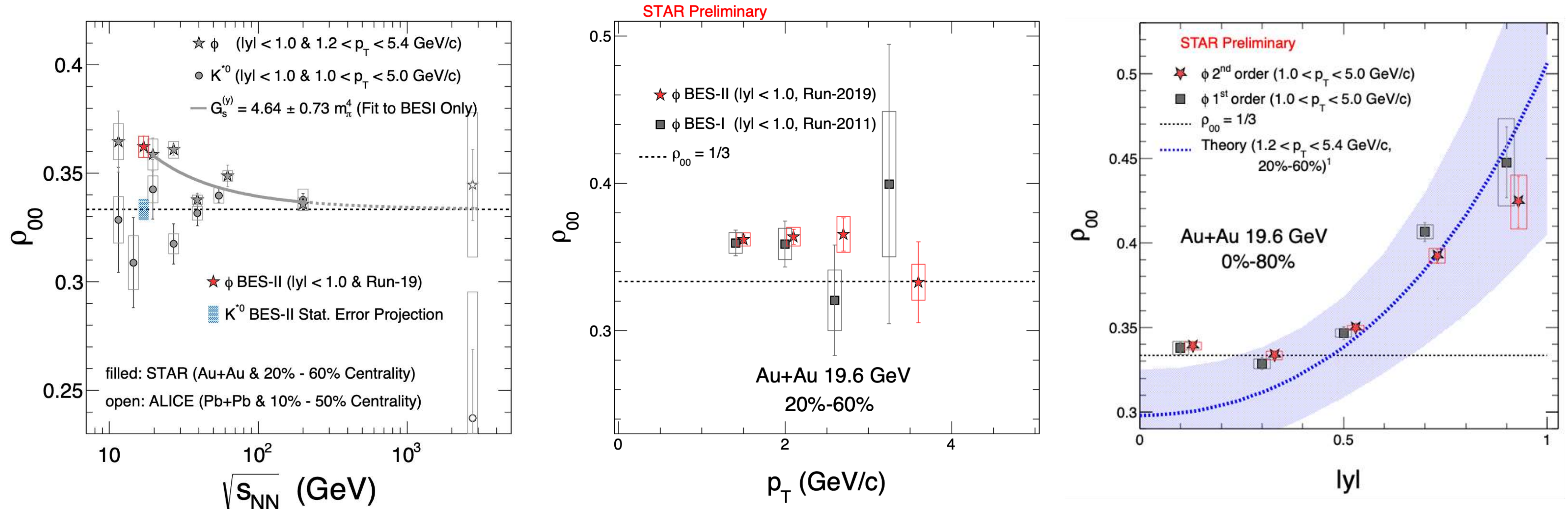


- Uniform acceptance, full azimuthal coverage, excellent PID capability
- TPC: tracking, centrality and event plane
- EPD, ZDC, BBC: event plane
- TPC+TOF: particle identification

Global Spin Alignment at STAR BES-II

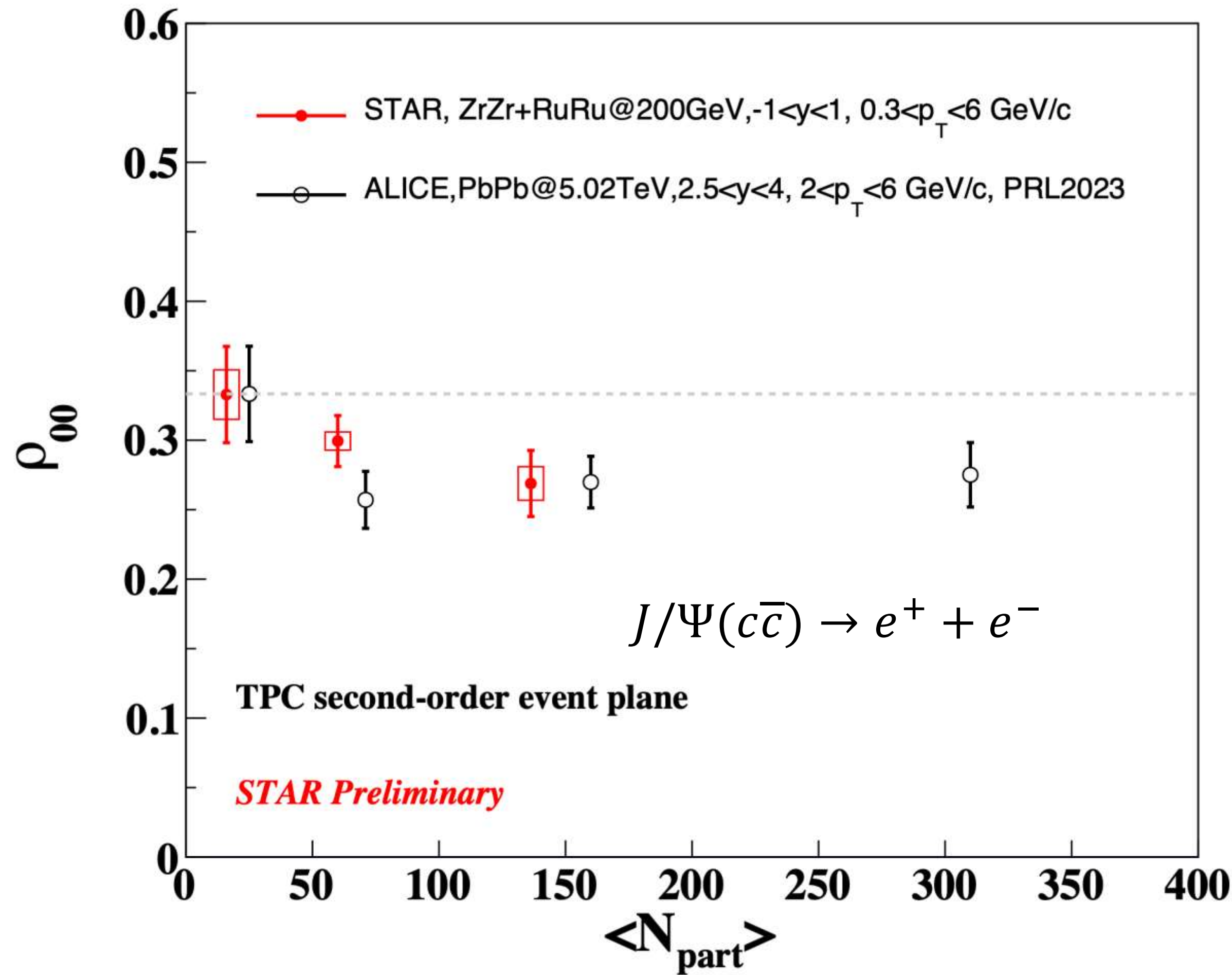


G. Wilks for STAR @ SQM2022 & Spin 2023



- >10x more statistics (3.0 - 19.6 GeV), increased acceptance and better EP resolution (iTPC + EPD)
- ρ_{00II} , 19.6 GeV = 0.3622 ± 0.0026 (stat.) ± 0.0049 (sys.)
- ρ_{00II} , 19.6 GeV > 1/3 with 5.3σ
- Strong rapidity dependence

What about J/Psi?



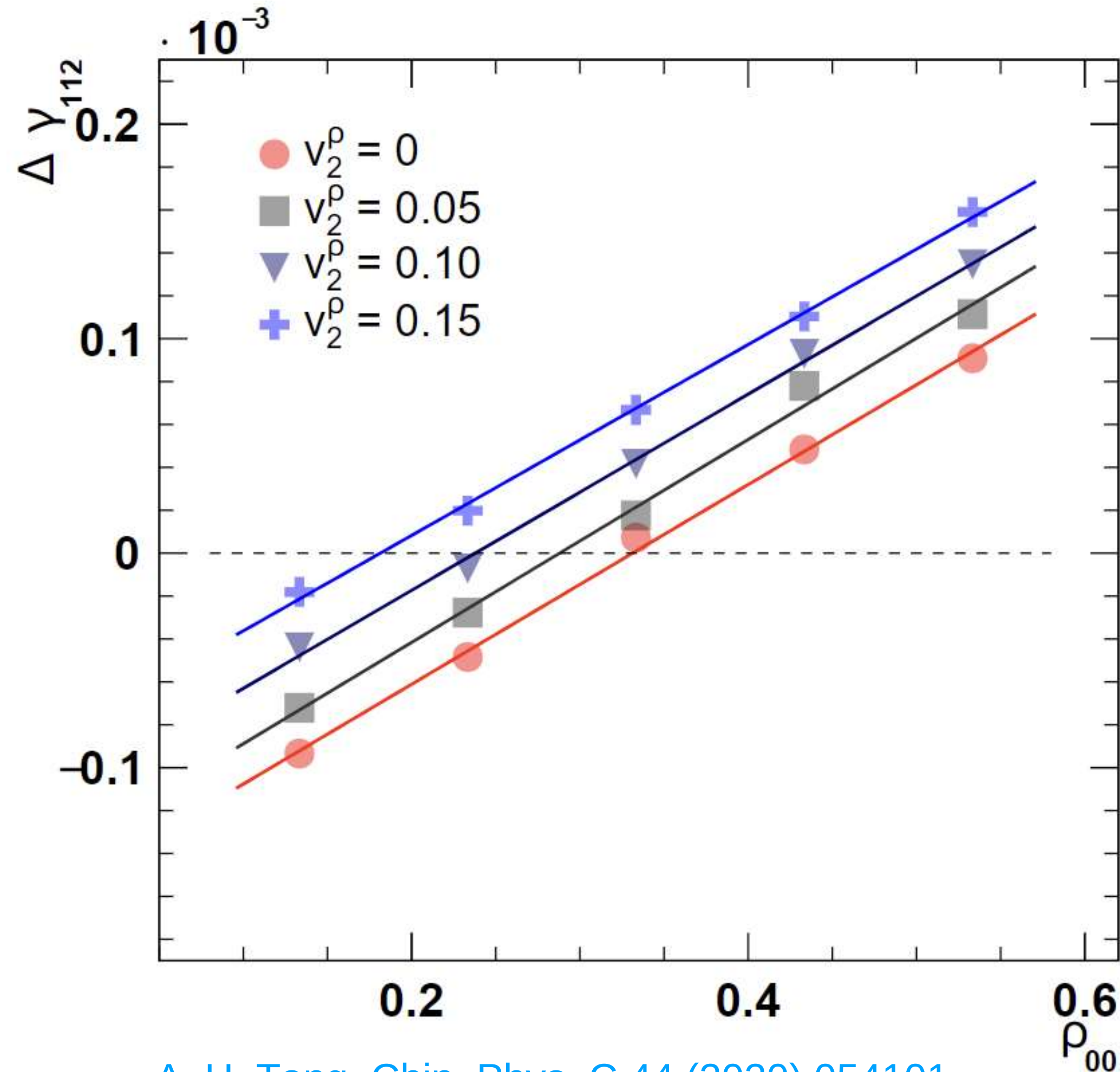
$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta^*} \propto (1 + \rho_{00}) + (1 - 3\rho_{00})\cos^2\theta^*$$

- Naive expectation from fluctuating strong force field : $\rho_{00} > 1/3$ at midrapidity
- Forward J/Ψ ρ_{00} at LHC and midrapidity J/Ψ ρ_{00} at RHIC, both $< 1/3$
- The ρ_{00} at RHIC energy is comparable to LHC results, despite of very different coalescence effect contribution

How do we understand J/Ψ ρ_{00} ?

Q. Yang @ QPT 2023

What about ρ^0 meson?

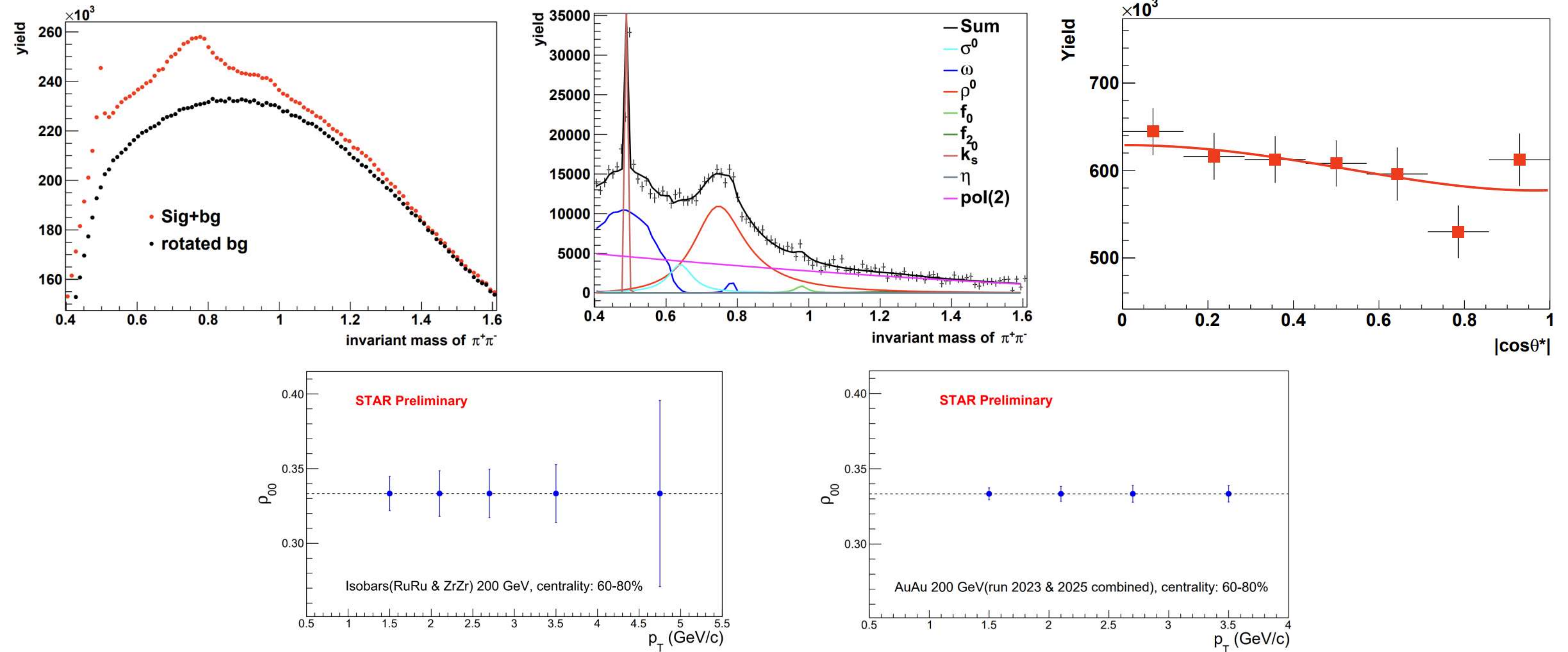


A. H. Tang, Chin. Phys. C 44 (2020) 054101
D. Shen et. al., Phys. Lett. B 839 (2023) 137777

- Global spin alignment of ρ^0 meson can contribute to background in CME observables, similar to resonance v_2 effect
- $\rho_{00} > 1/3$ will enhance apparent values of CME observables
- $\rho_{00} < 1/3$ will decrease apparent values of CME observables
- Toy model simulations of the $\pi\pi$ $\Delta\gamma_{112}$ correlation as a function of ρ^0 meson ρ_{00} with various inputs of v_2^ρ .

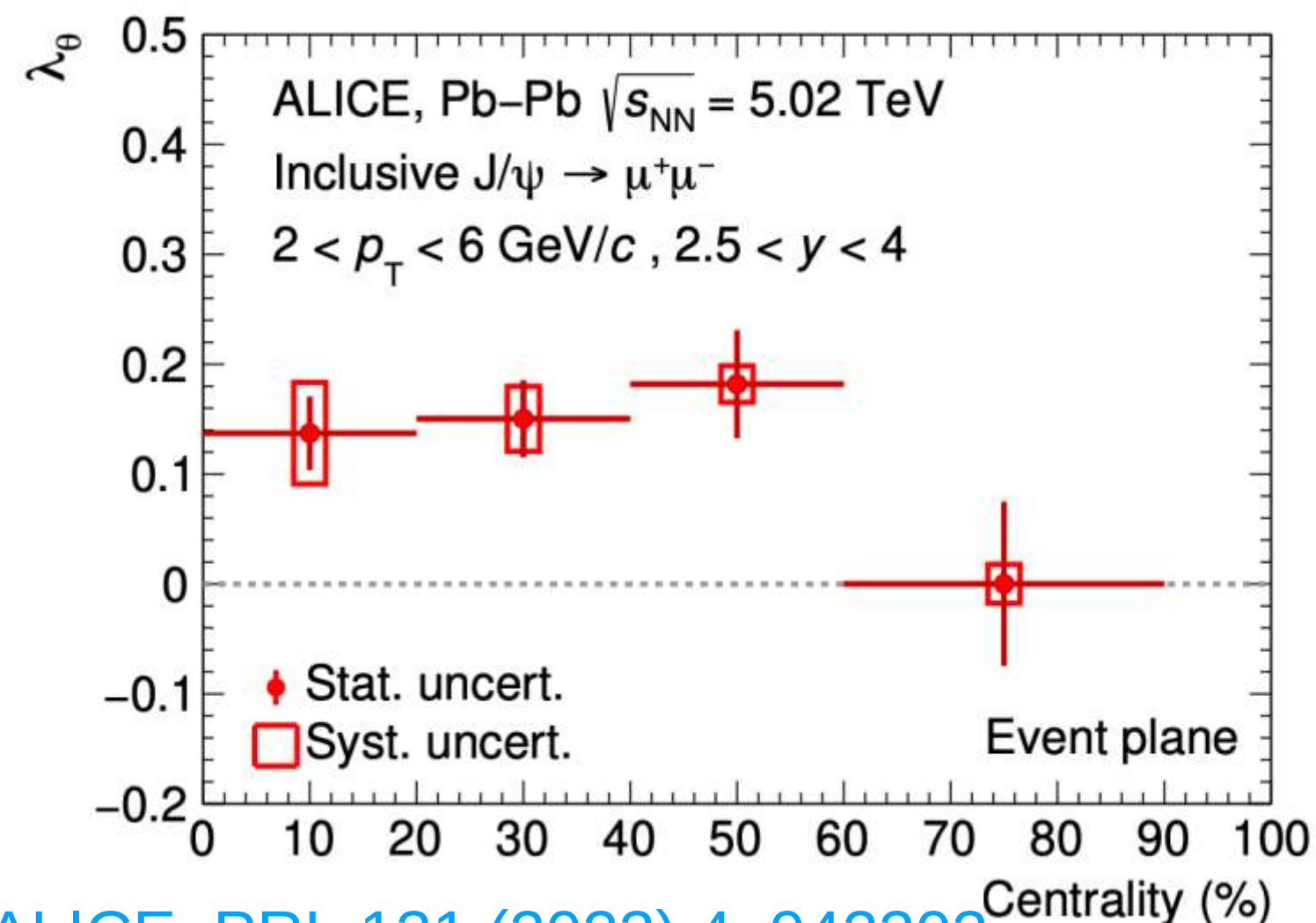
To assess its effect in CME observables, it would be desirable to study ρ^0 meson ρ_{00}

What about ρ^0 meson?

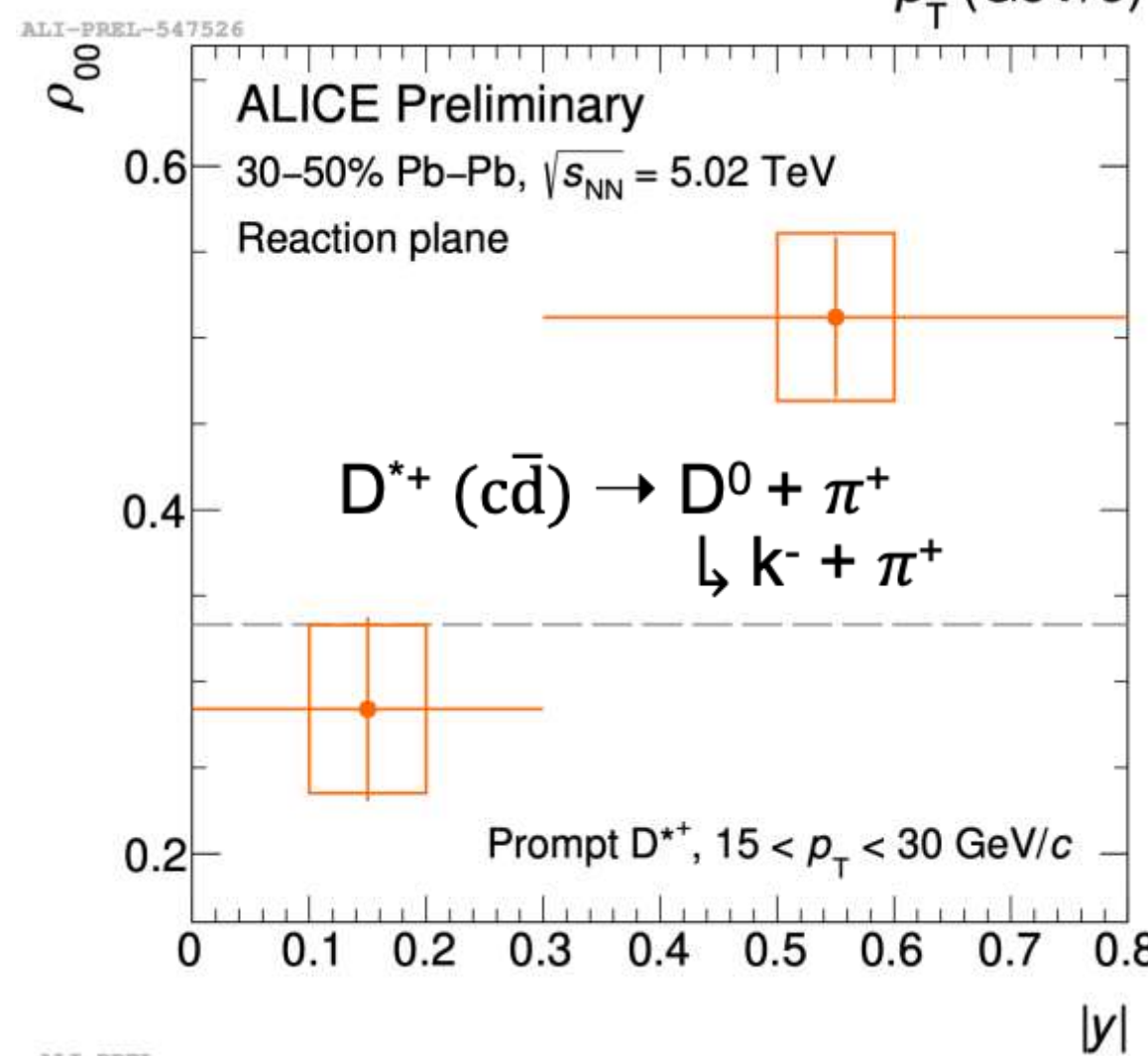
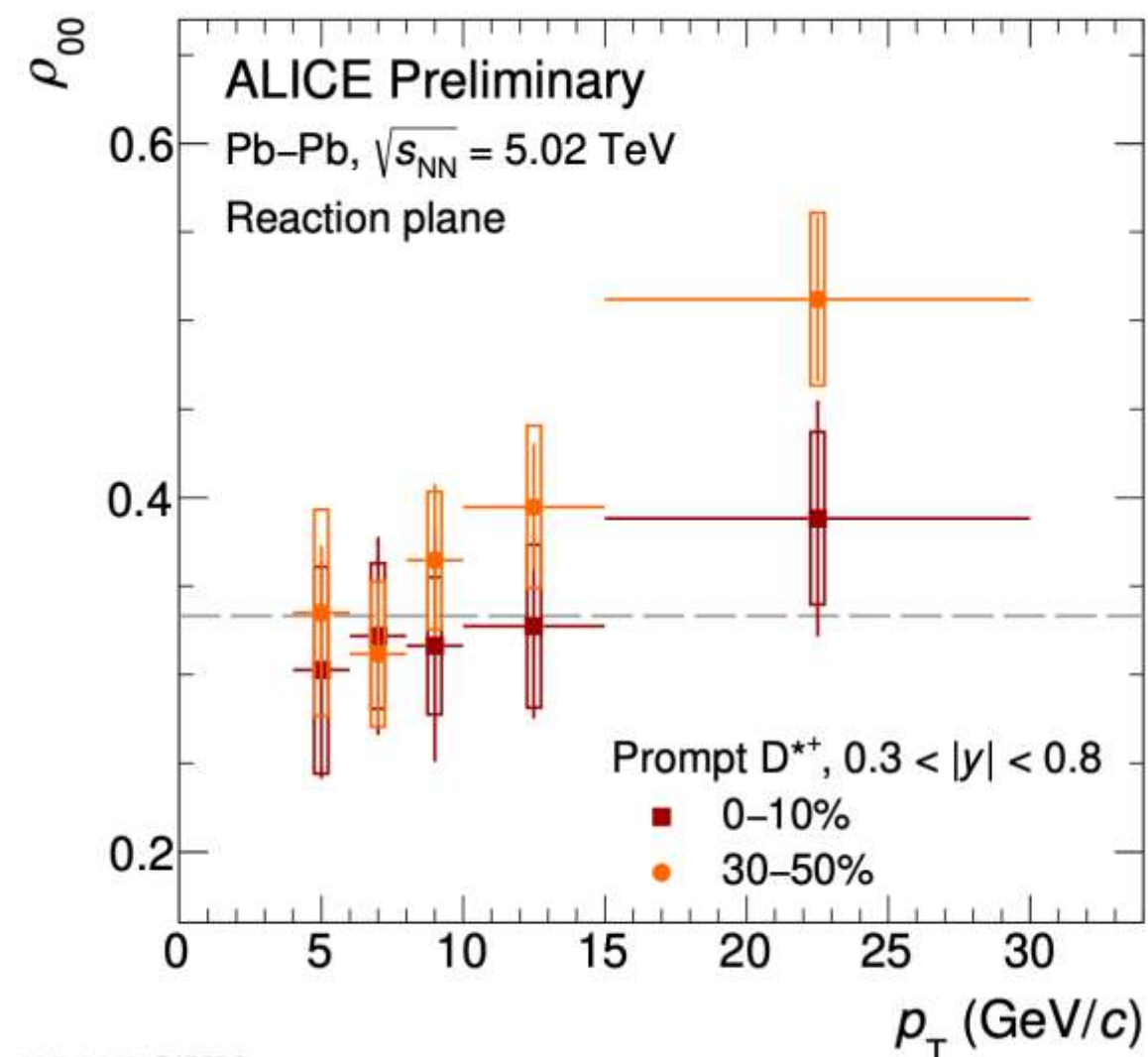
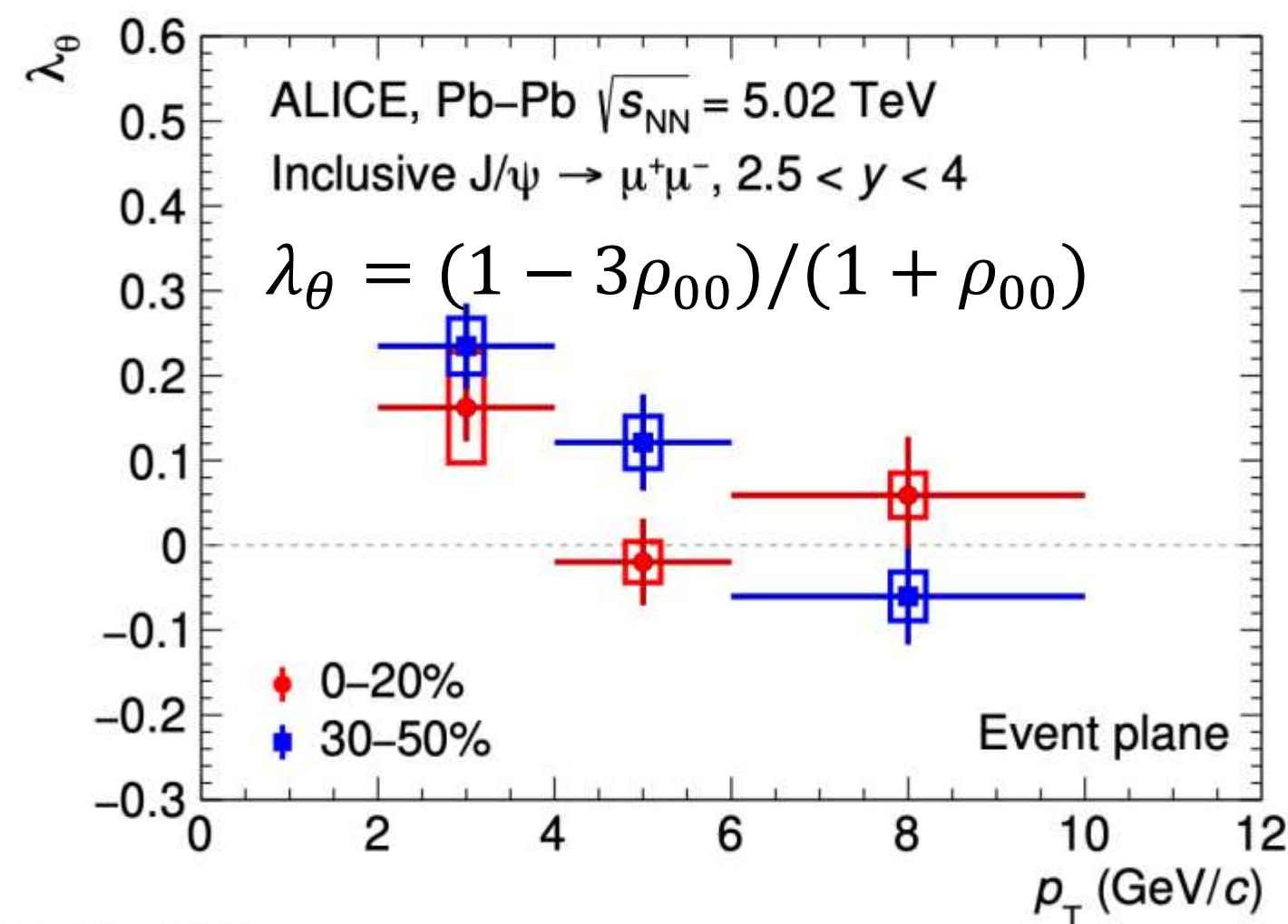


Complicated analysis but promising results!

Global Spin Alignment at ALICE



ALICE, PRL 131 (2023) 4, 042303

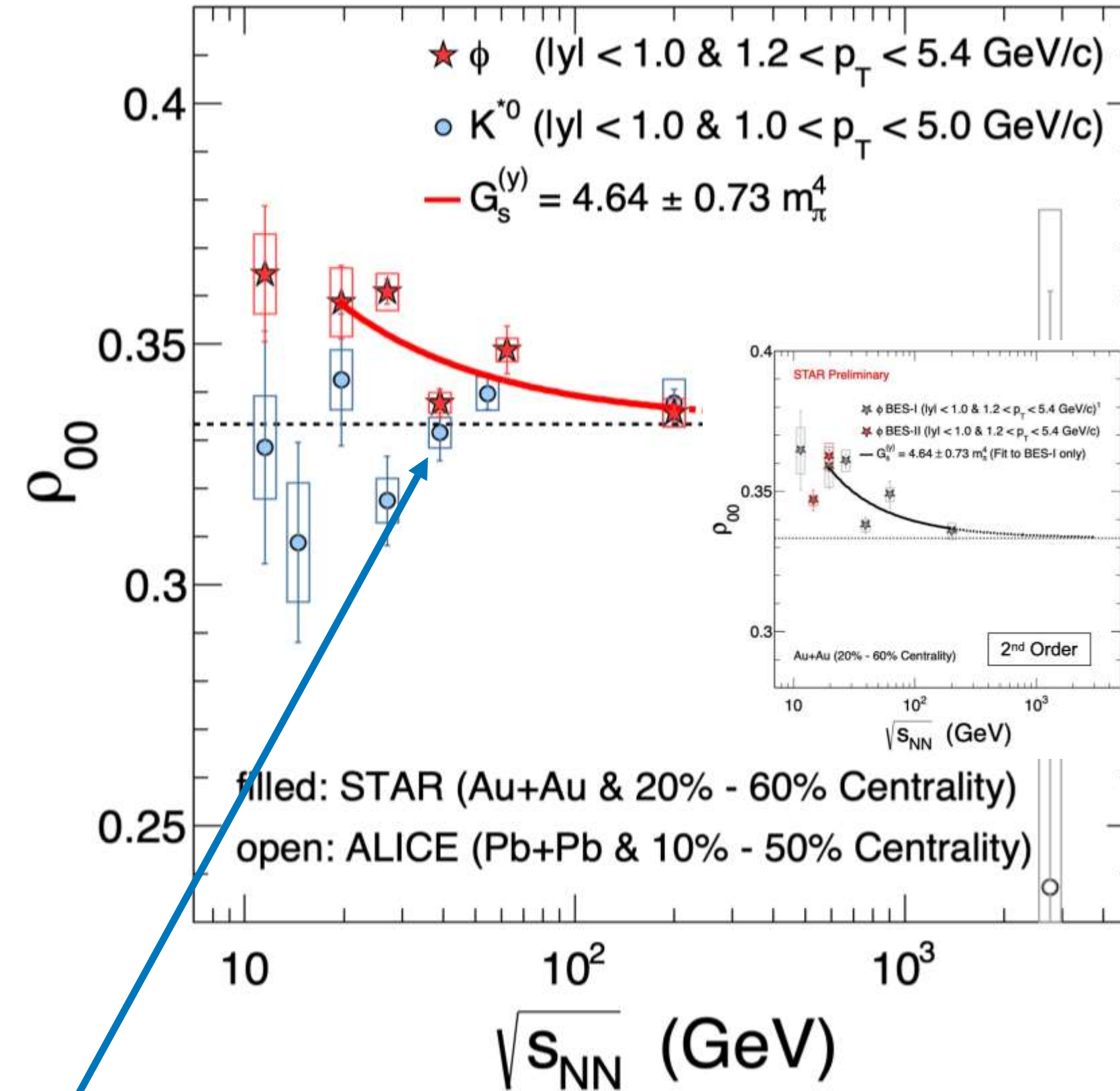
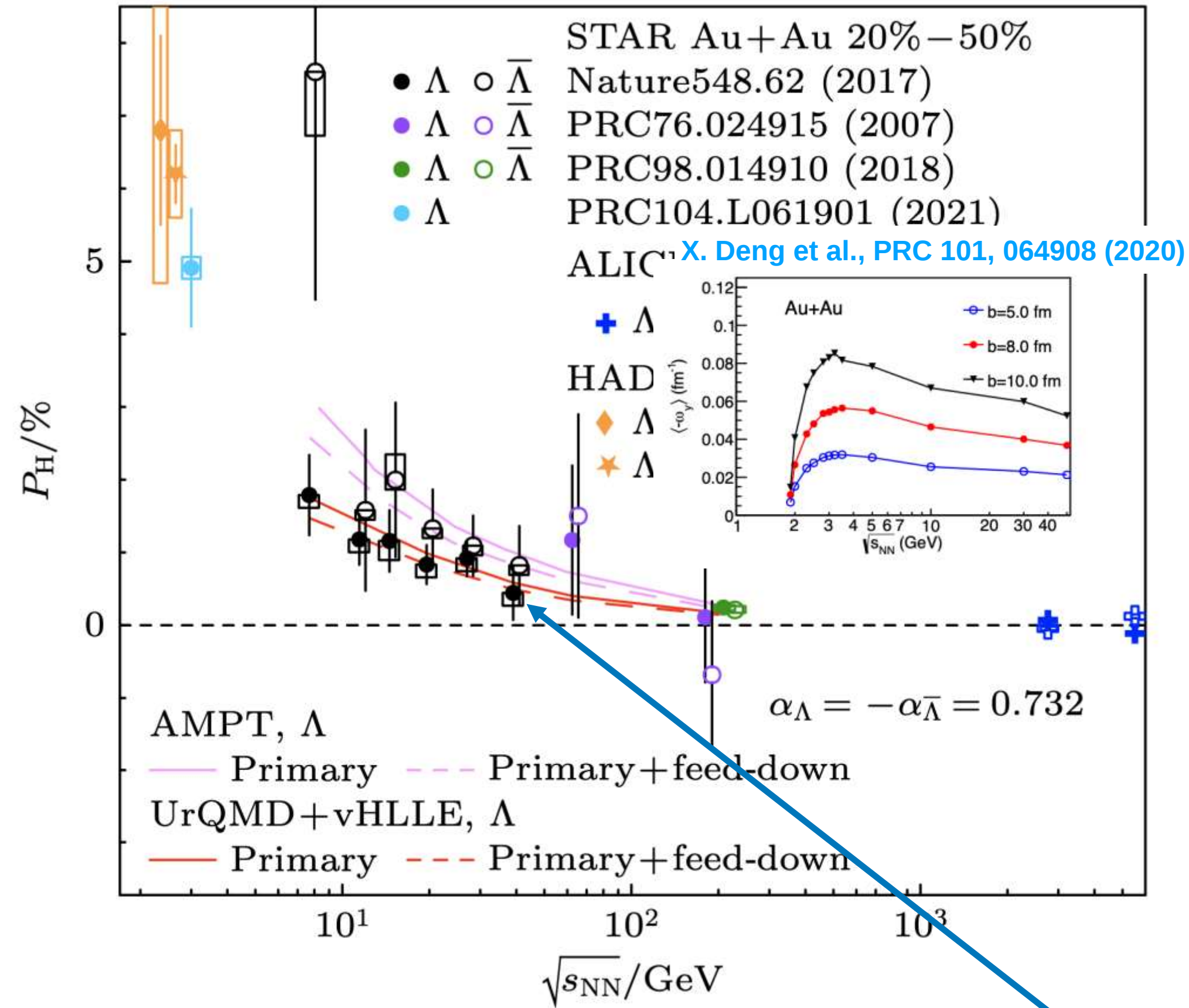


- Significant polarization ($\sim 3.5\sigma$) observed in semicentral collisions (40-60%) in $2 < p_T < 6$ GeV/c
- The significance of the polarization reaches $\sim 3.9\sigma$ at low p_T ($2 < p_T < 4$ GeV/c) in 30-50%
- 0-10% : ρ_{00} compatible with $1/3$, 30-50%: $\rho_{00} > 1/3$ at high p_T
- Significant deviation at larger rapidity than at midrapidity

Theory guidance needed!

X. Bai @ QPT 2023

Puzzle?

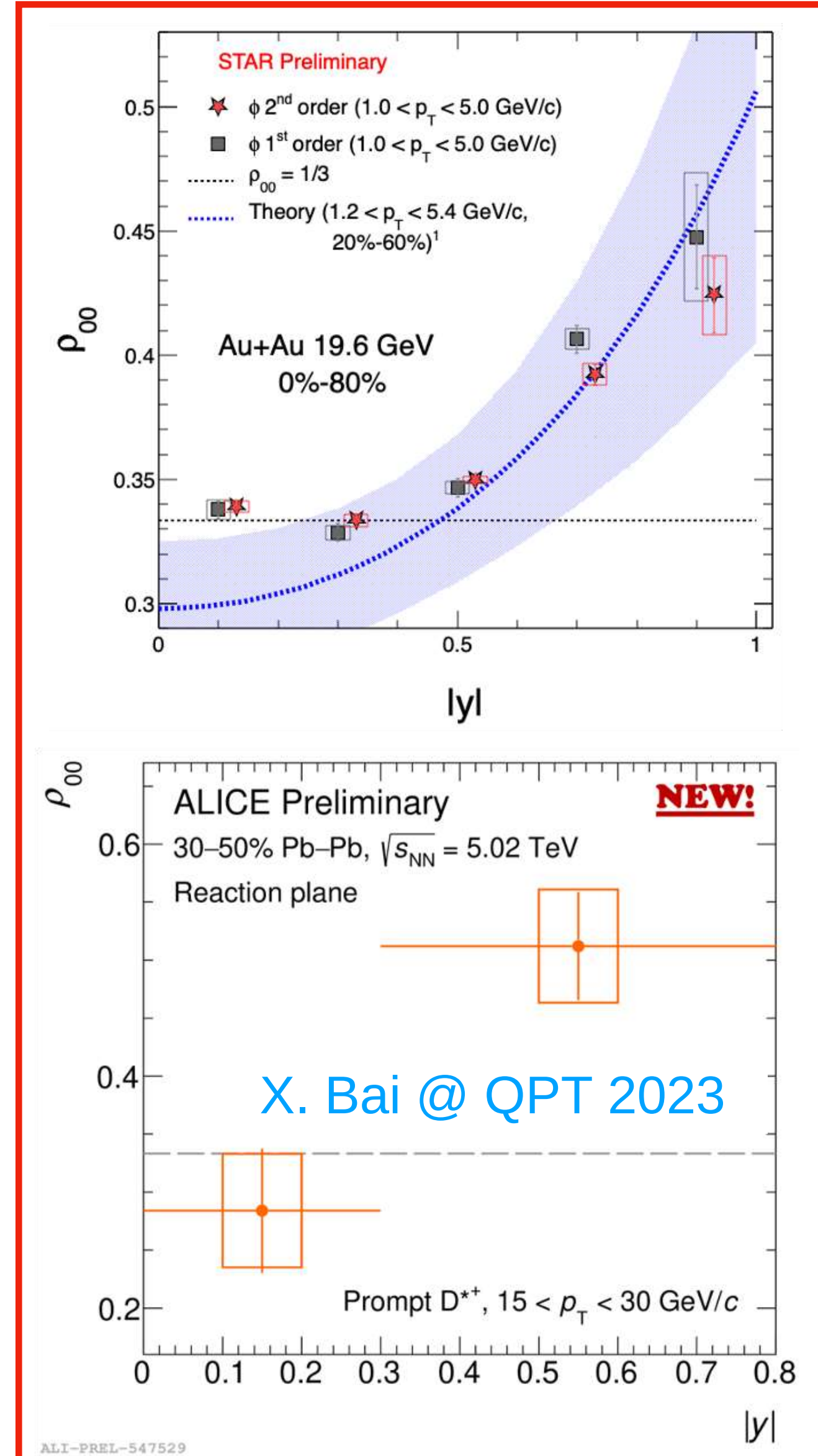
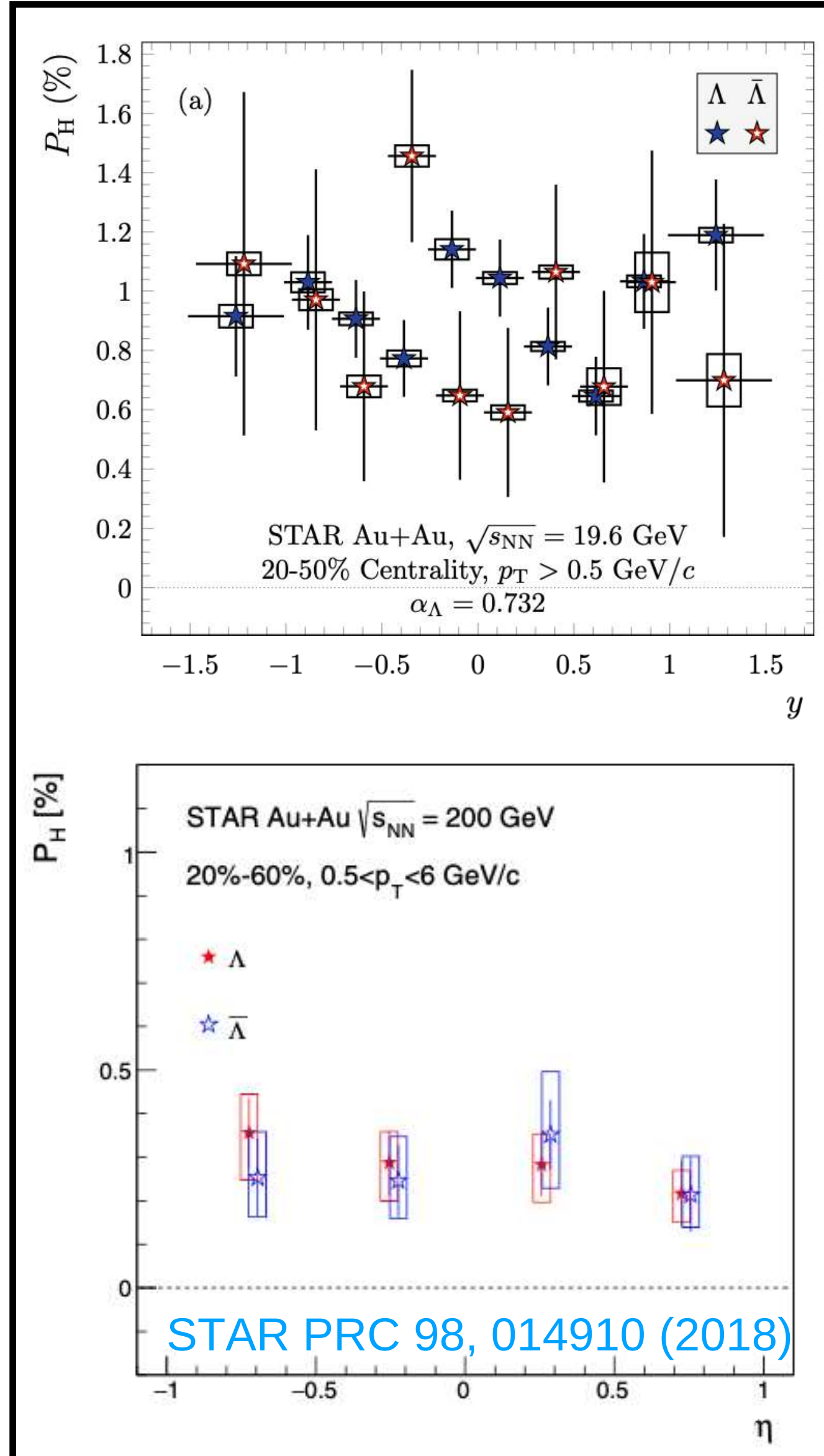


At 39 GeV both P_H and $\Delta\rho_{00}$ are ~ 0 within 1σ

Where will P_H and ρ_{00} turn down?

Puzzle?

STAR, PRC 108, 14910 (2023)



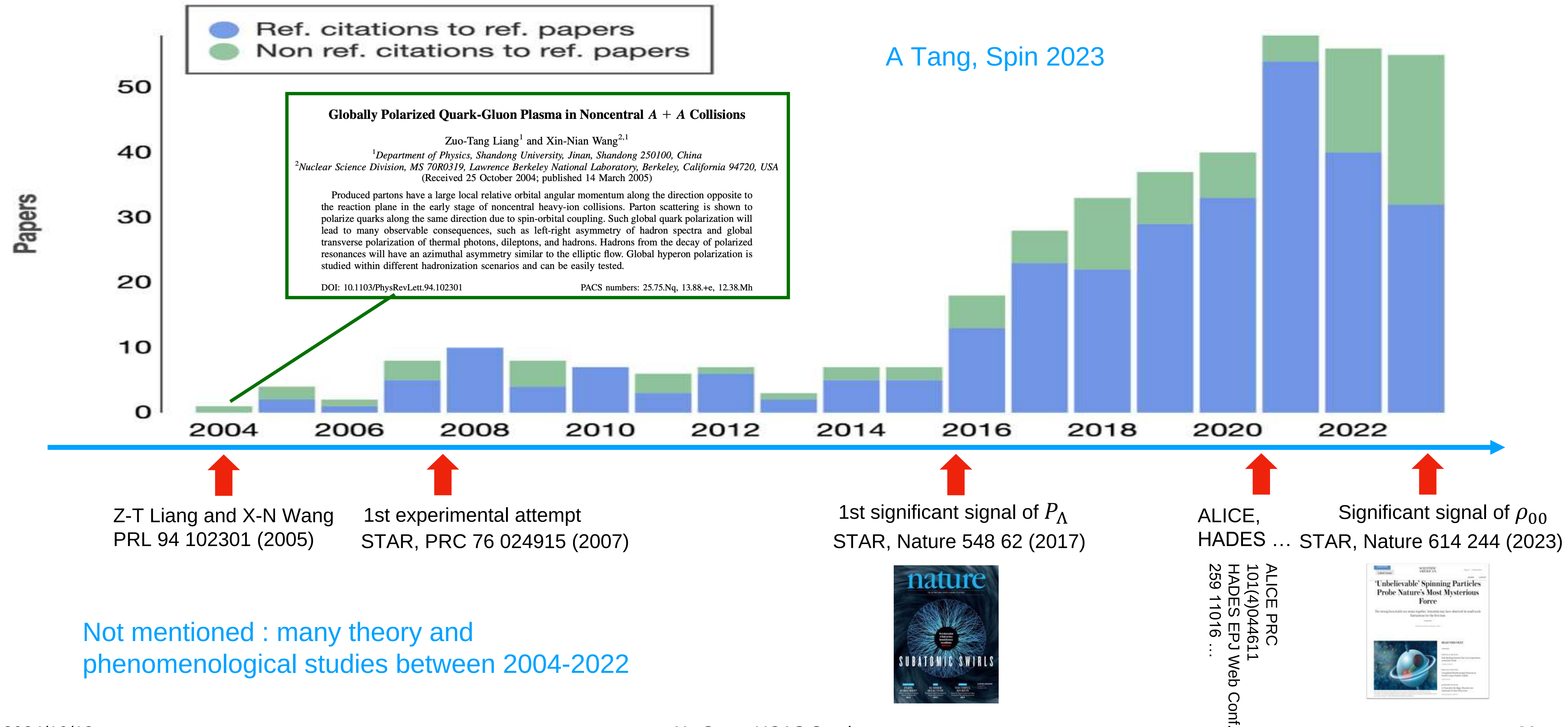
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Theory curve : X.L. Sheng, et al., arXiv:2308.14038

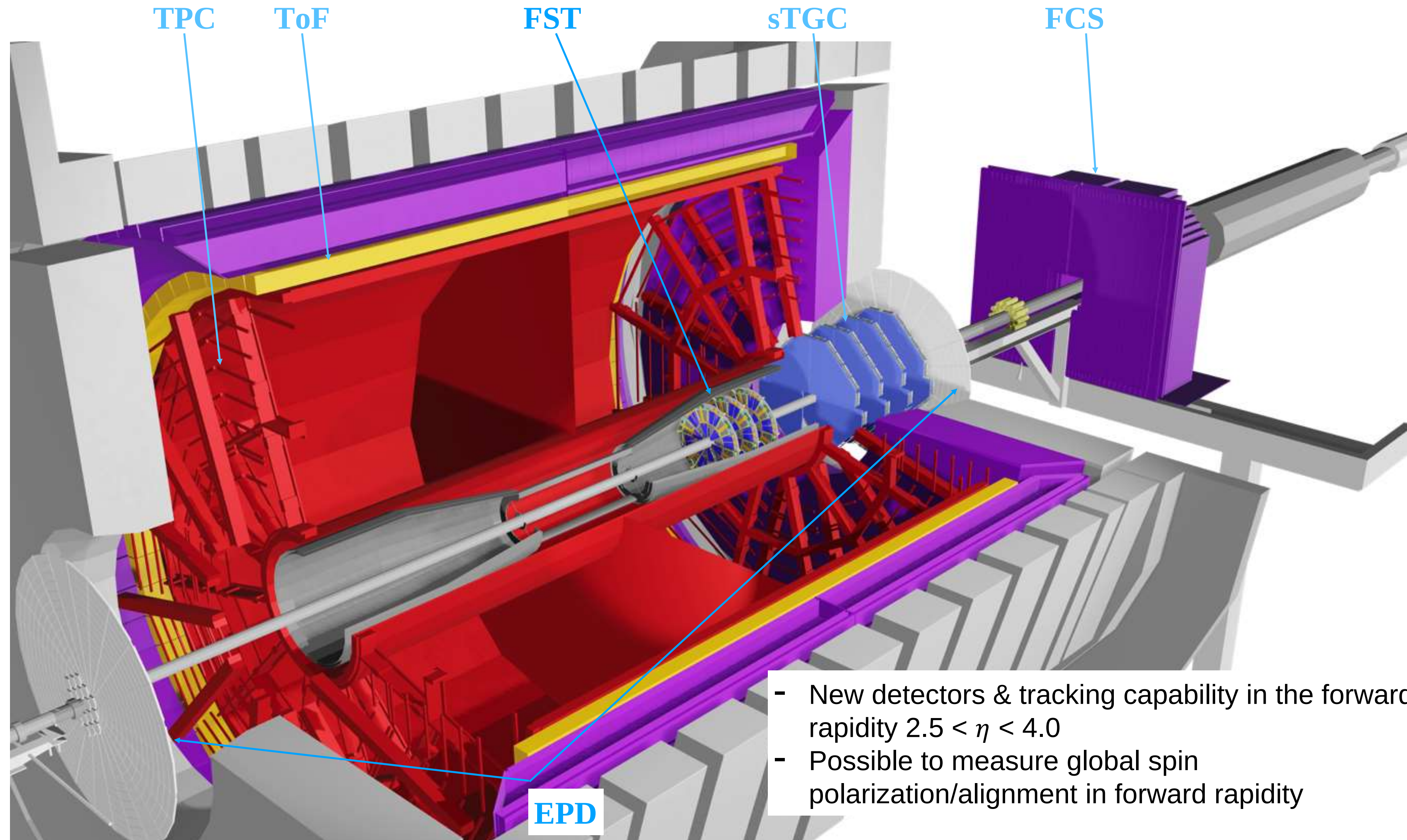
- P_H : NO rapidity dependence
- ρ_{00} : Strong rapidity dependence at both RHIC and LHC

Theory guidance needed!

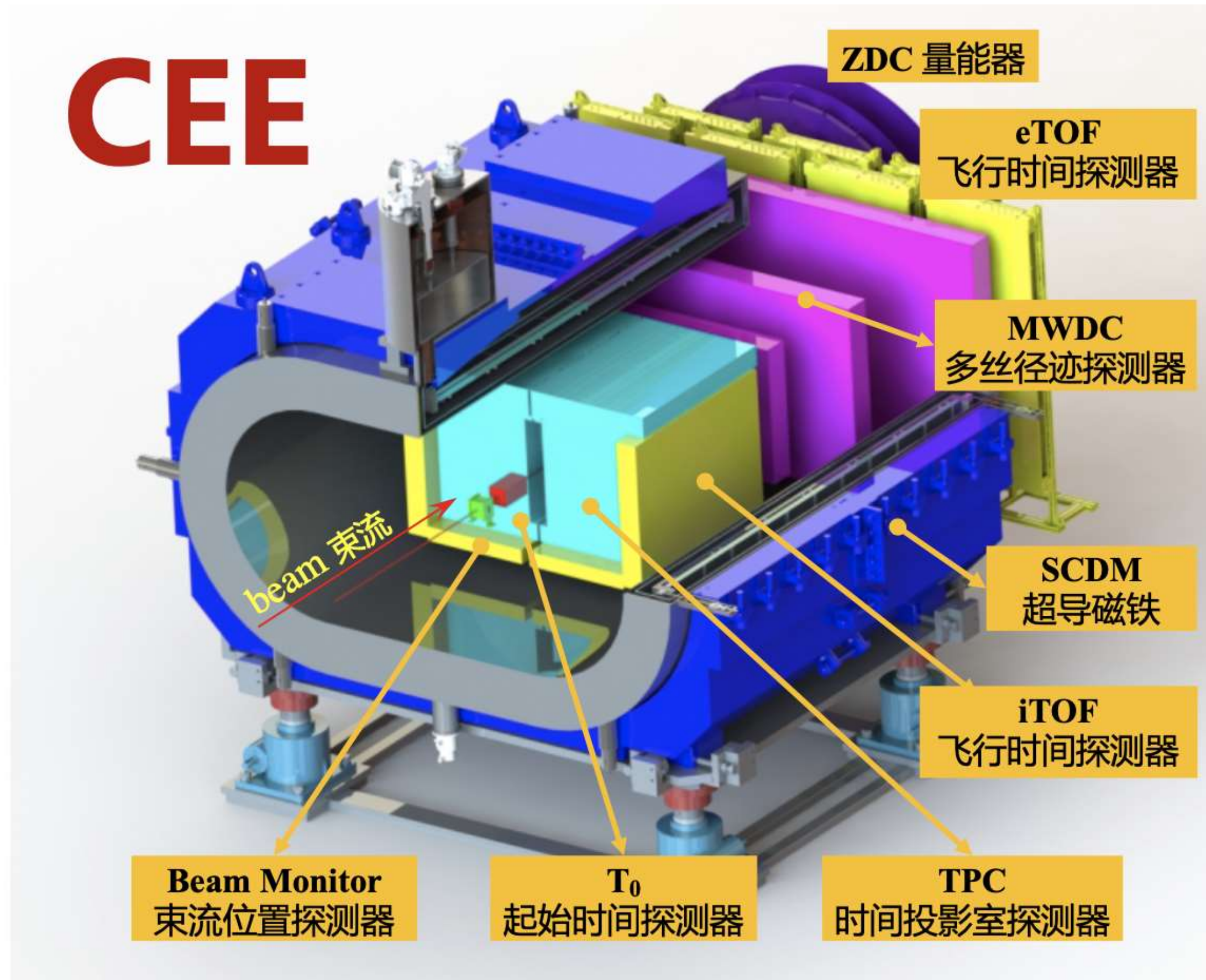
How Did We Get Here?



STAR Detector for 2022-2025



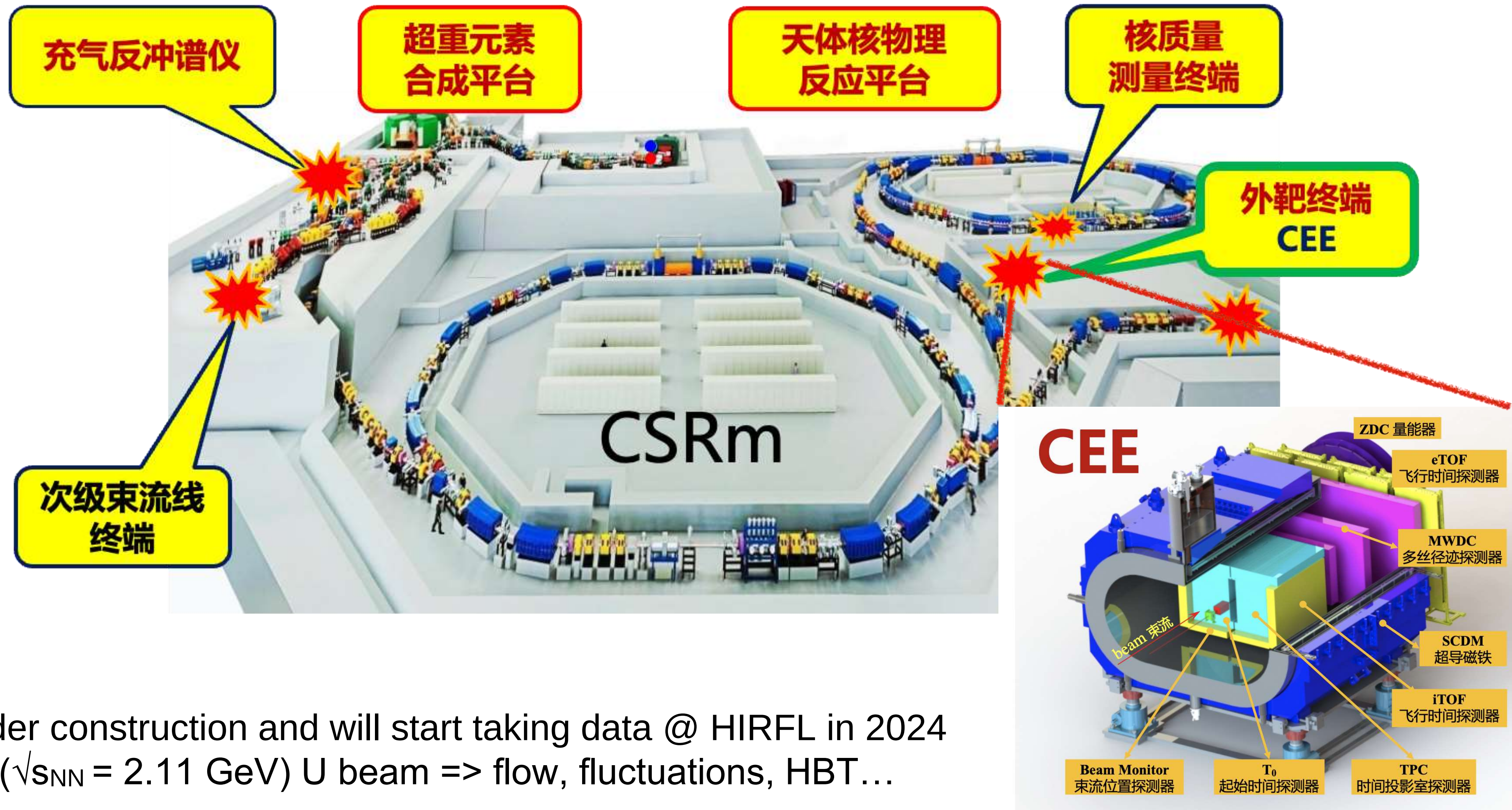
CSR External-target Experiment



- Study QCD phase structure in high baryon density region; Search QCD critical point and phase boundary
- Study EOS in high baryon density region
- Study hyper-nuclei production mechanism in high baryon density region: extract hyperon-nucleon interaction parameters & understand phase structure of nuclear matter inside dense star

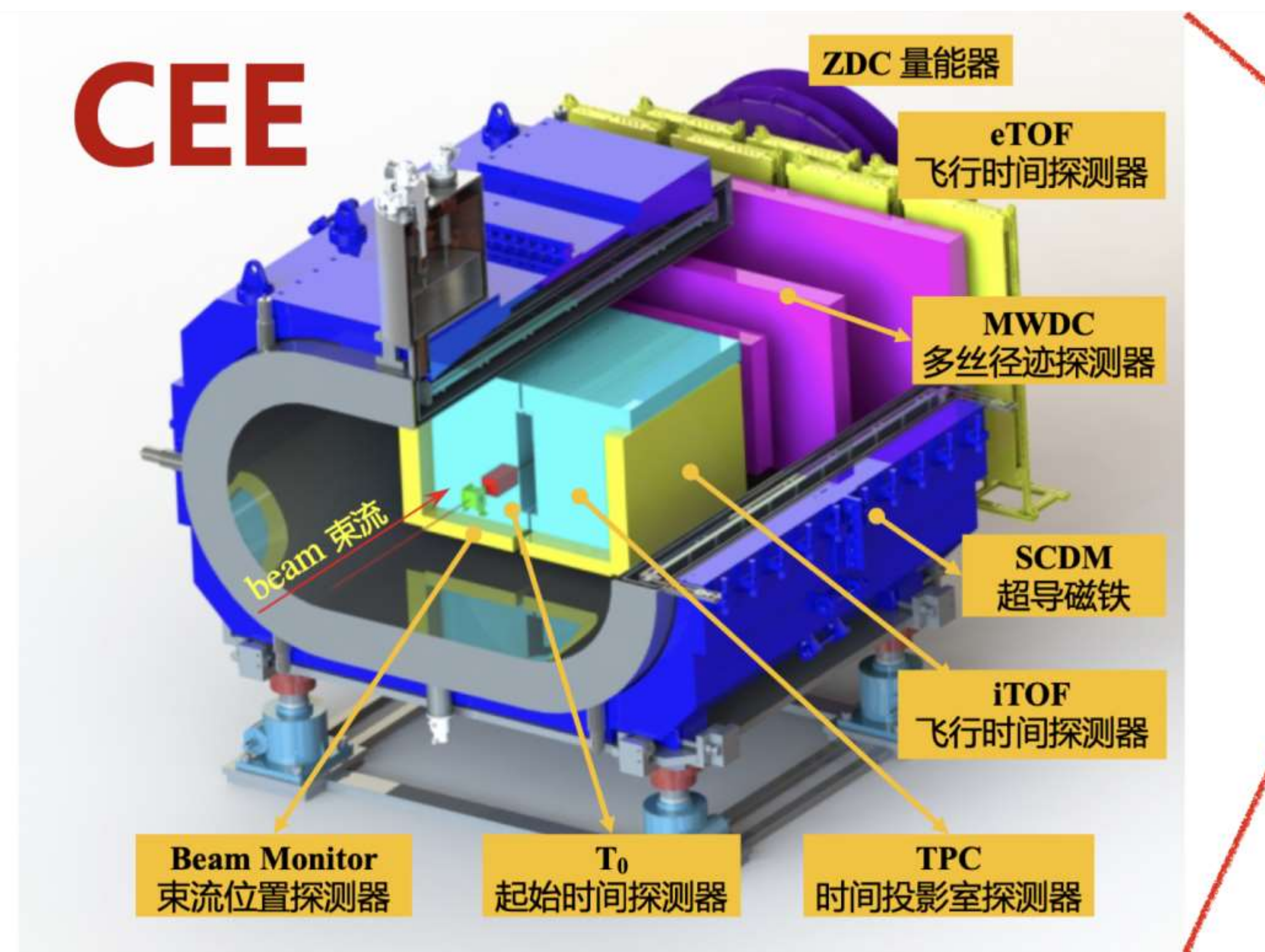
CEE started construction at 2020 & will start take data at the second half of 2024!

Feature Measurement @ HIRFL-CEE



- CEE is under construction and will start taking data @ HIRFL in 2024
- 0.5 GeV/u ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.11$ GeV) U beam => flow, fluctuations, HBT...

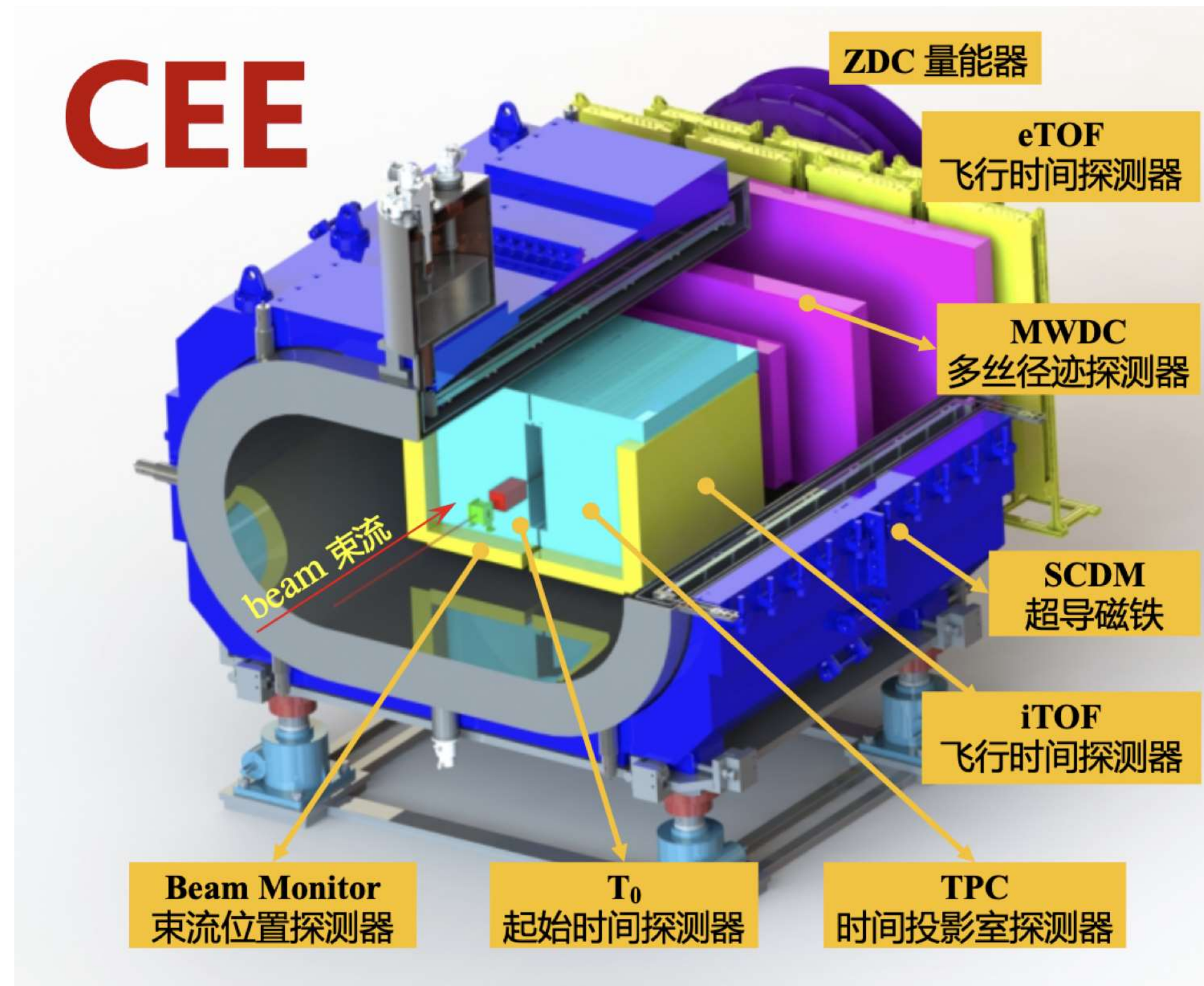
Feature Measurement @ HIAF-CEE



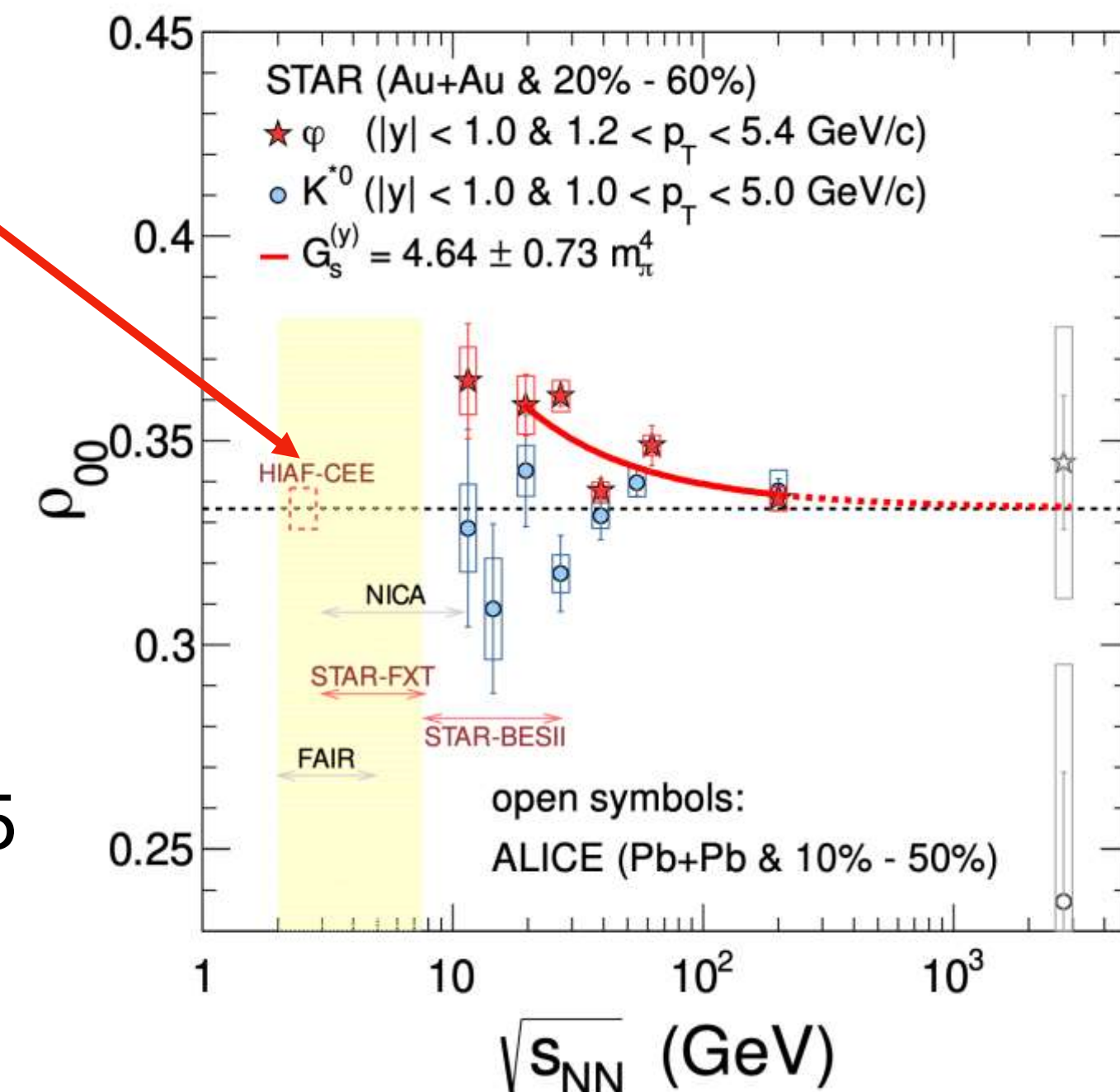
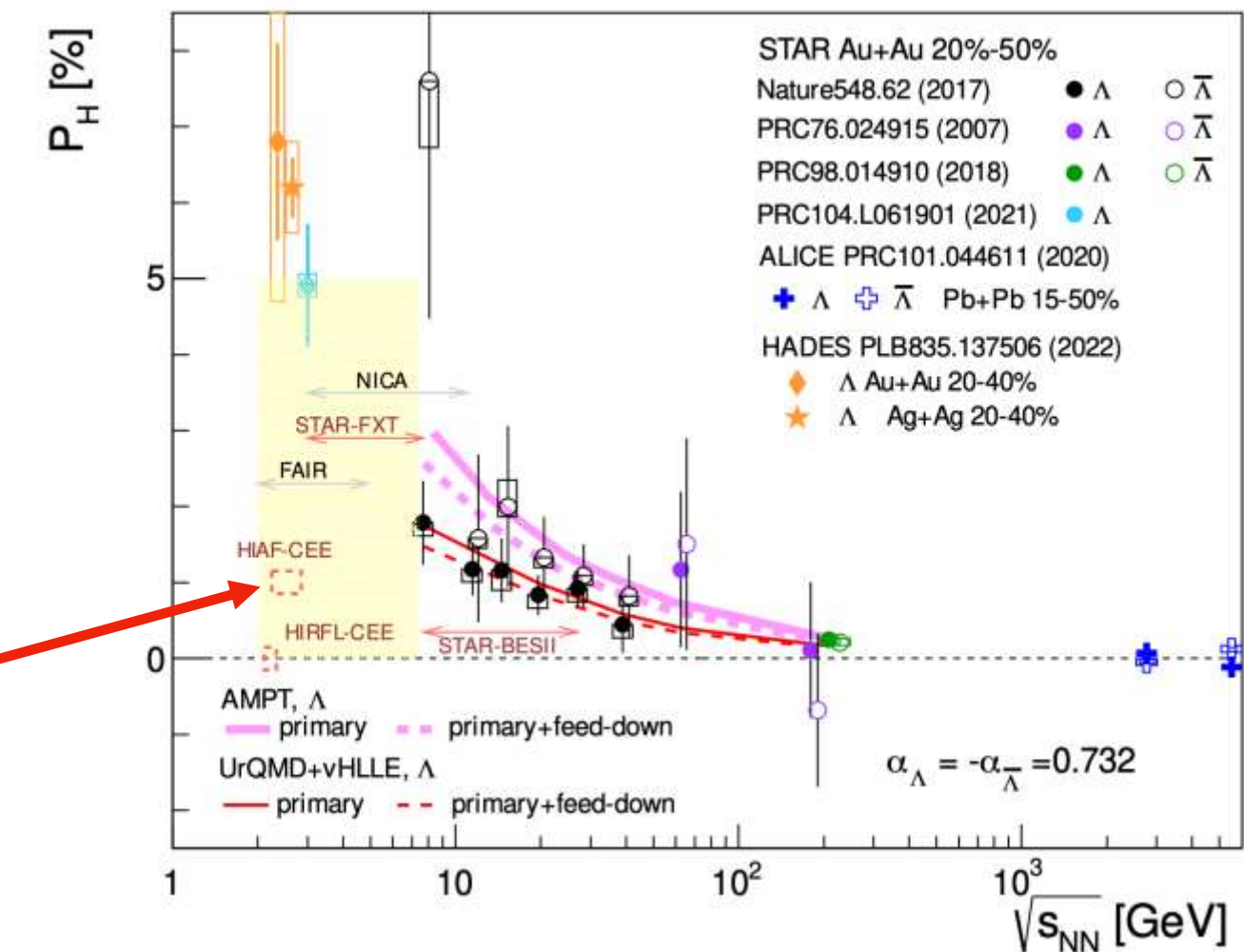
- HIAF is under construction and will start delivering beam in 2025
- 0.8-9.1 GeV/u U beam => global polarization

	E_k (GeV/u)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)
HIAF U Beam	0.8-2.45	2.24-2.85
HIAF-U U Beam	2.95-9.1	3.01-4.54
HIAF p Beam	<9.3	<4.58

Future Measurement in High Baryon Density Region



- CEE is under construction and will start taking data @ HIRFL in 2025
- HIAF is under construction and will start delivering beam in 2025





Summary

- Spin in heavy ion collisions is an emerging and promising field of study that probes the fascinating behavior of particles' global spin feature under extreme conditions.
- Observed the most vortical fluid known in the world, as well as tantalizing clues of a strongly fluctuating strong force field.
- Theory guidance needed: to understand alignment of ρ , K^* , ϕ , J/Ψ ...

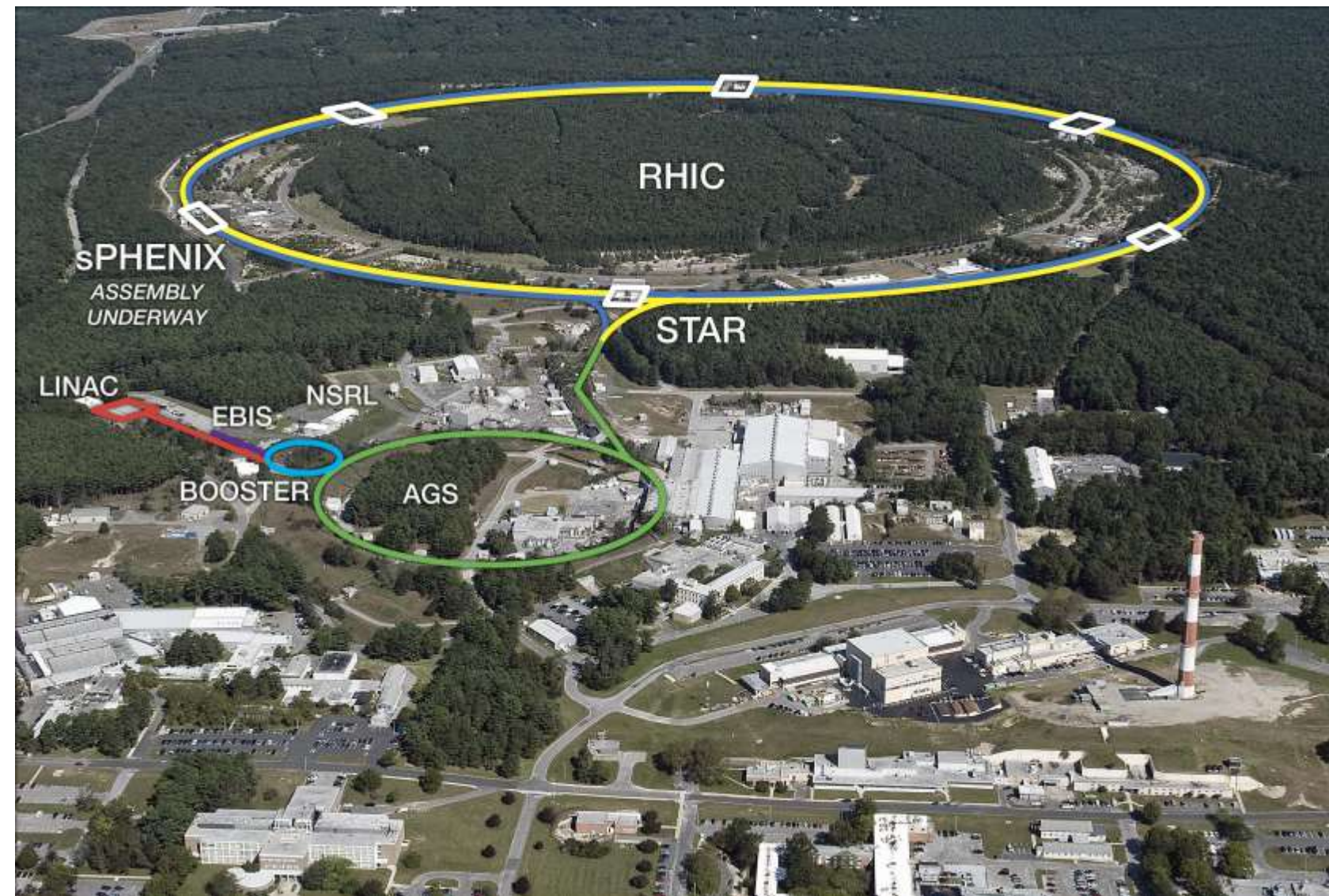
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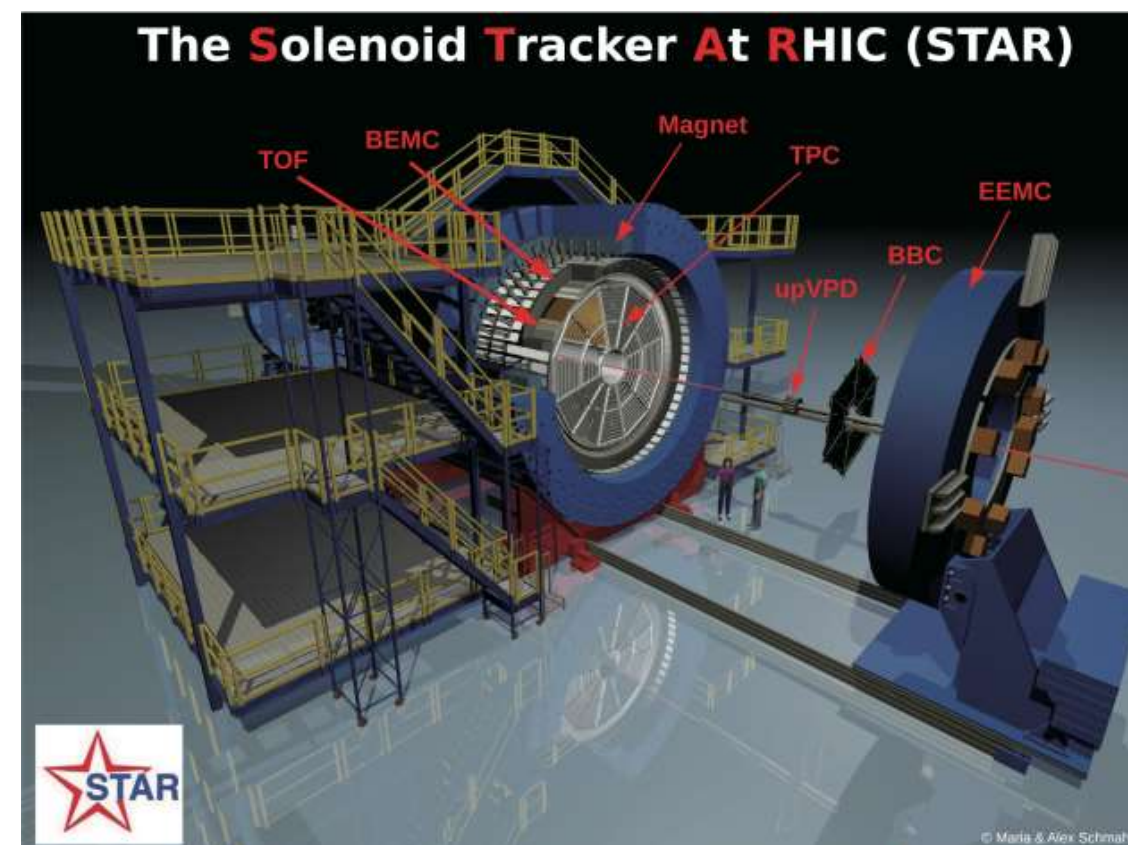
Backups



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions



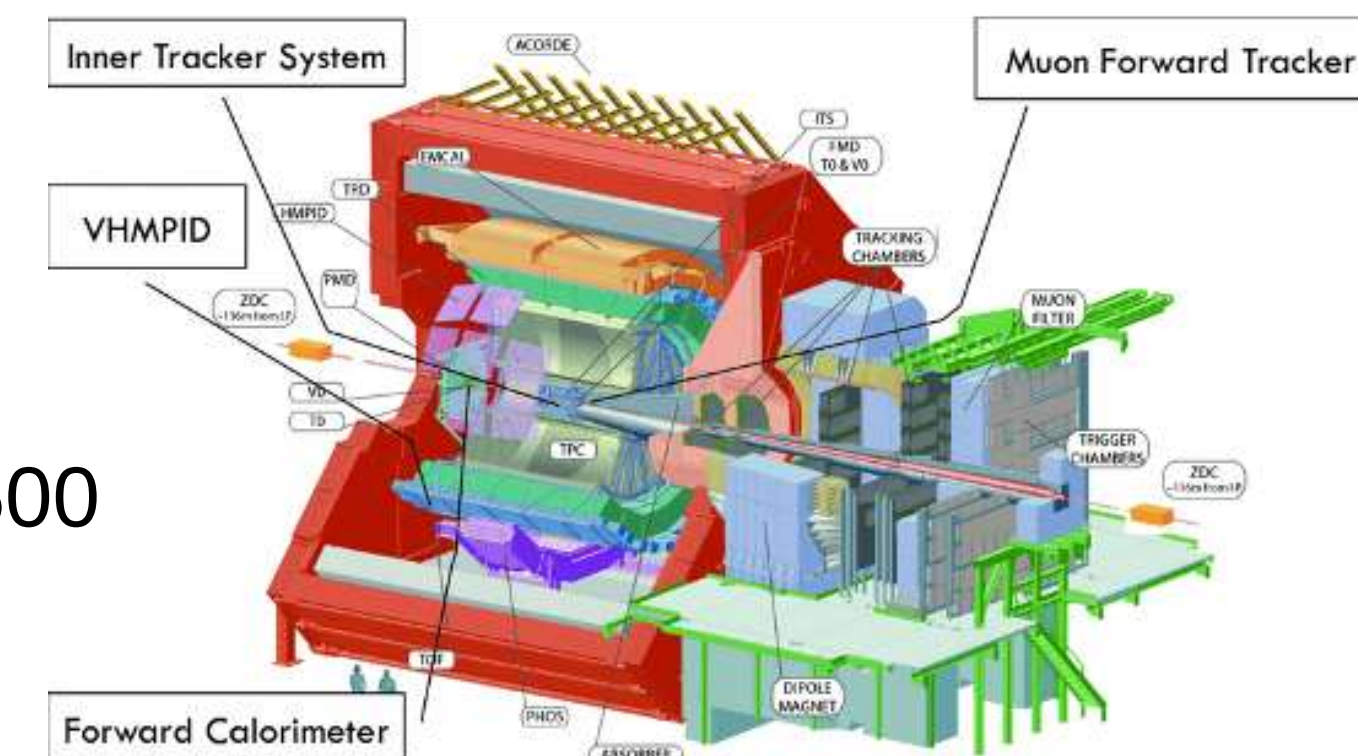
Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider—RHIC
Circumference 3.8 km



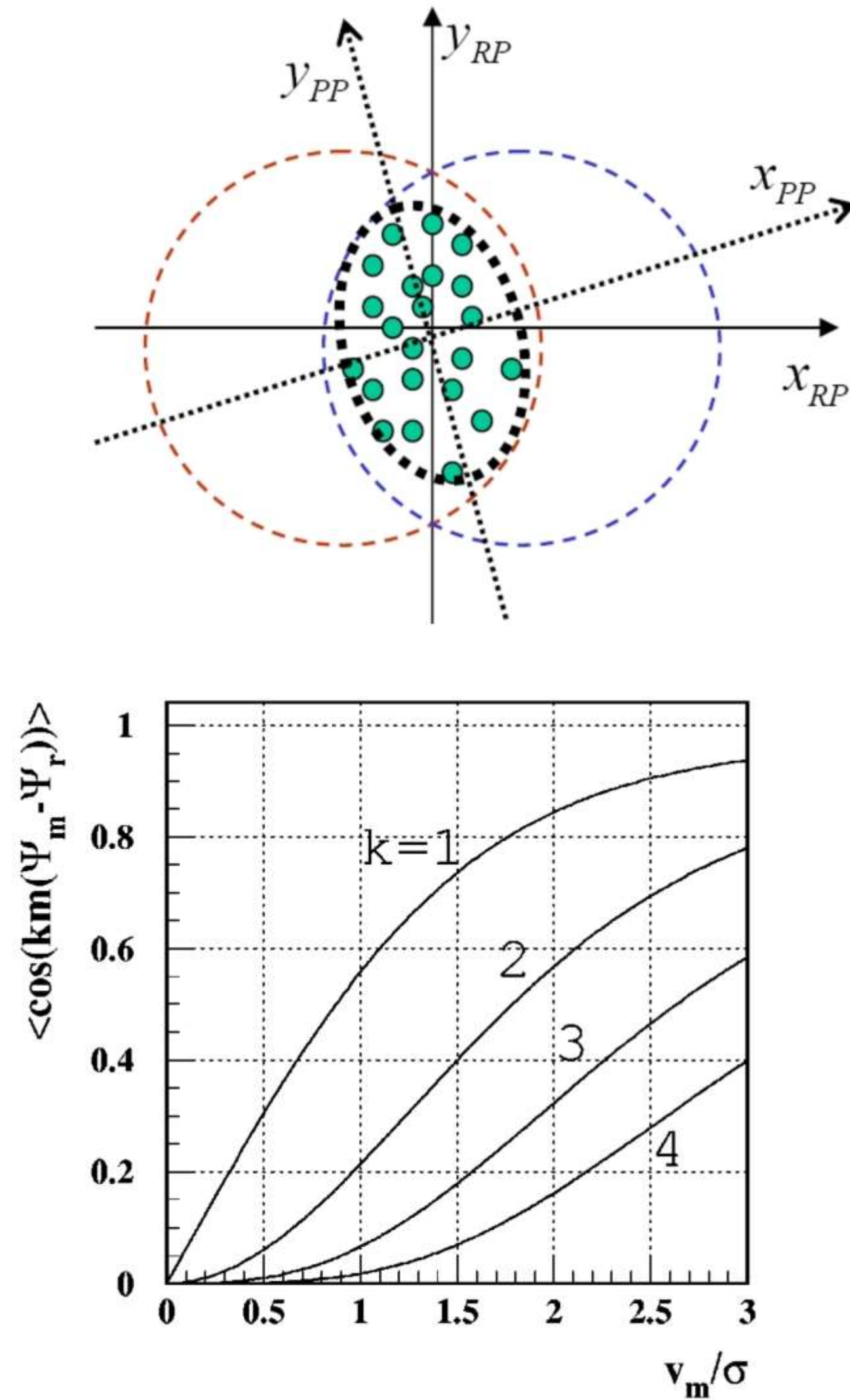
12 Countries 43
56 Institutions 193
~600 Collaborators ~3500



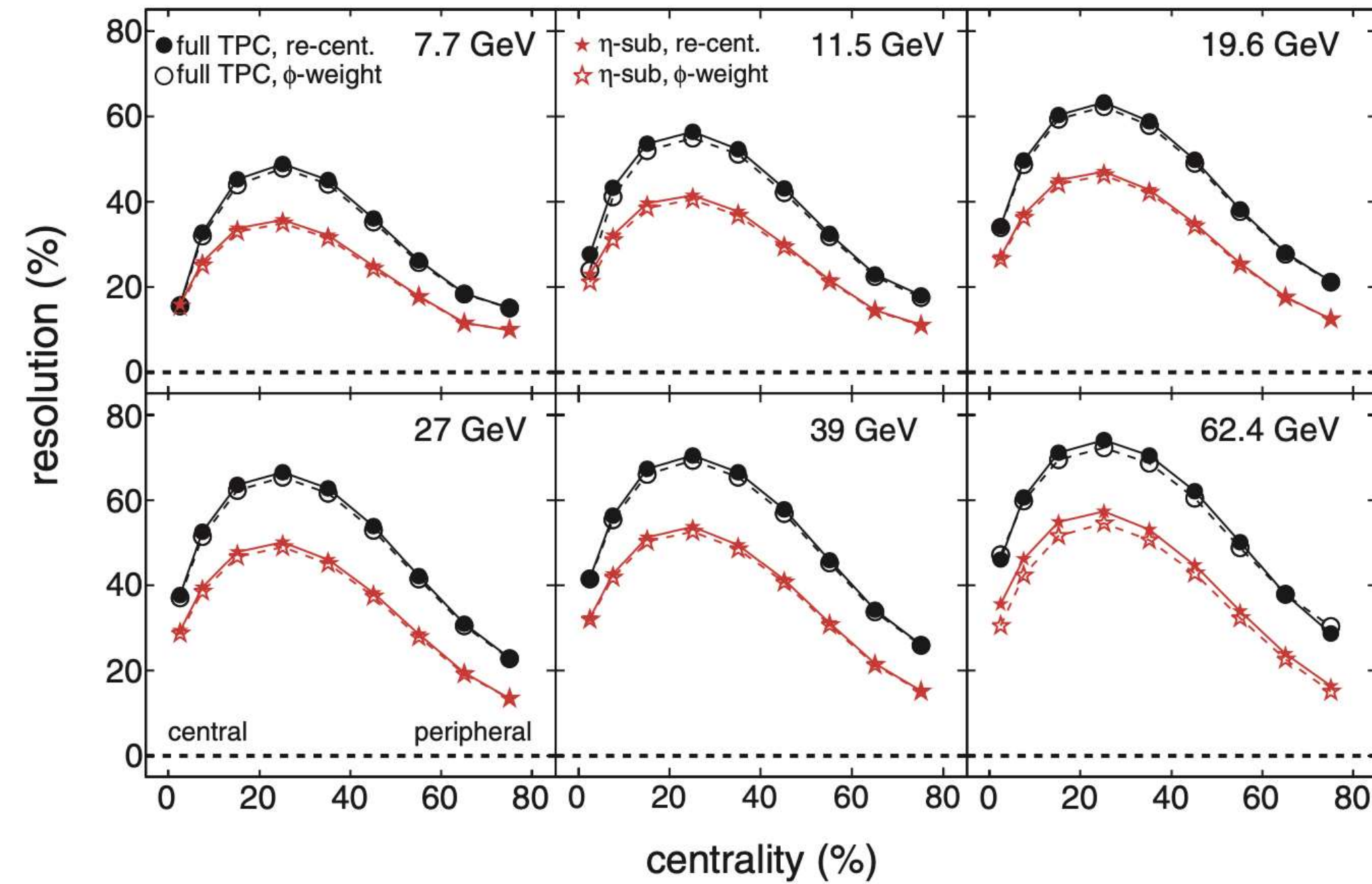
Large Hadron Collider—LHC
Circumference 27 km



Event Plane Resolution



$$R_n = \langle \cos[n(\Psi_n - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle$$



STAR Collaboration, Phys. Rev. C88,014902 (2013)

Phys. Rev. C58,1671 (1998)



Λ -Hyperon: Spin Probe

In the Lambda rest frame, the total angular momentum is the spin of Lambda
 $J_z = 1/2$, there are two possible decay channel: $s_{1/2}$ (a_s) and $p_{1/2}$ (a_p). Assuming that the initial Lambda is

$$f(x) = (a_s + a_p \cos \theta) \uparrow + a_p \sin \theta e^{i\phi} \downarrow$$

θ is the angle between proton momentum and Lambda spin direction in the Lambda rest frame

if proton momentum and Lambda spin are in same direction (State A):

$$\theta = 0 \quad A = a_s + a_p$$

if proton momentum and Lambda spin are in opposite direction (State B):

$$\theta = \pi \quad B = a_s - a_p$$

decay-angular distribution of proton in Lambda rest frame:

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega} \propto 1 - \alpha \cos \theta$$



Λ -Hyperon: Spin Probe

the definition of α :

$$\alpha = -\frac{2\text{Re}(a_s a_p^*)}{|a_s|^2 + |a_p|^2}$$

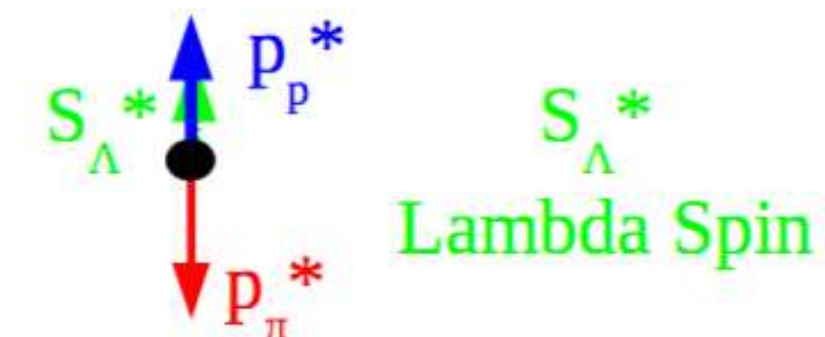
α is decay parameter which characterises the degree of mixing of particles in the decay

T.D. Lee and C.N. Yang, Phys. Rev. 108, 1645 (1957)

re-write α :

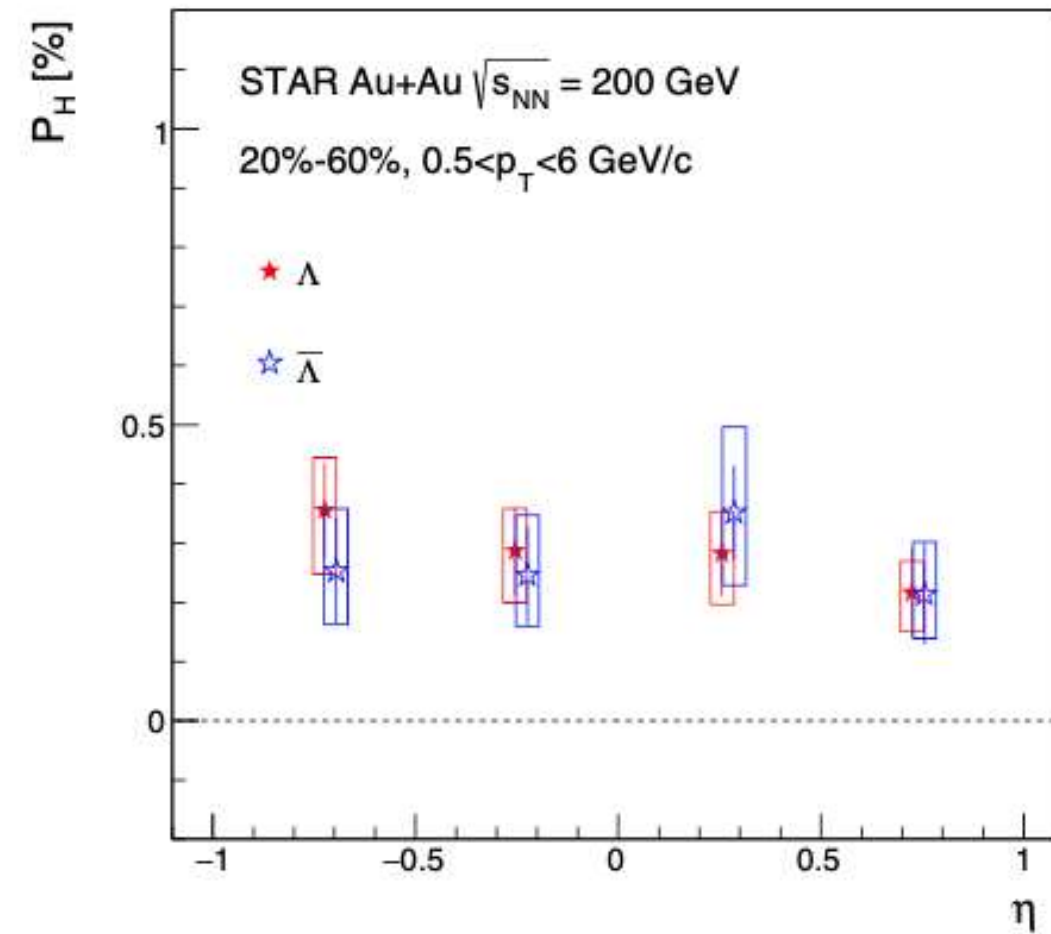
$$\alpha = \frac{|a_s + a_p|^2 - |a_s - a_p|^2}{|a_s + a_p|^2 + |a_s - a_p|^2} = \frac{A^2 - B^2}{A^2 + B^2}$$

- $\alpha = 0.732$ (PDG book) is the relative difference between State A and State B, which means proton prefers to emit from the spin direction of Λ
- $\alpha = -0.732$ for $\bar{\Lambda} \Rightarrow$ anti-proton prefers to emit from the opposite spin direction of $\bar{\Lambda}$

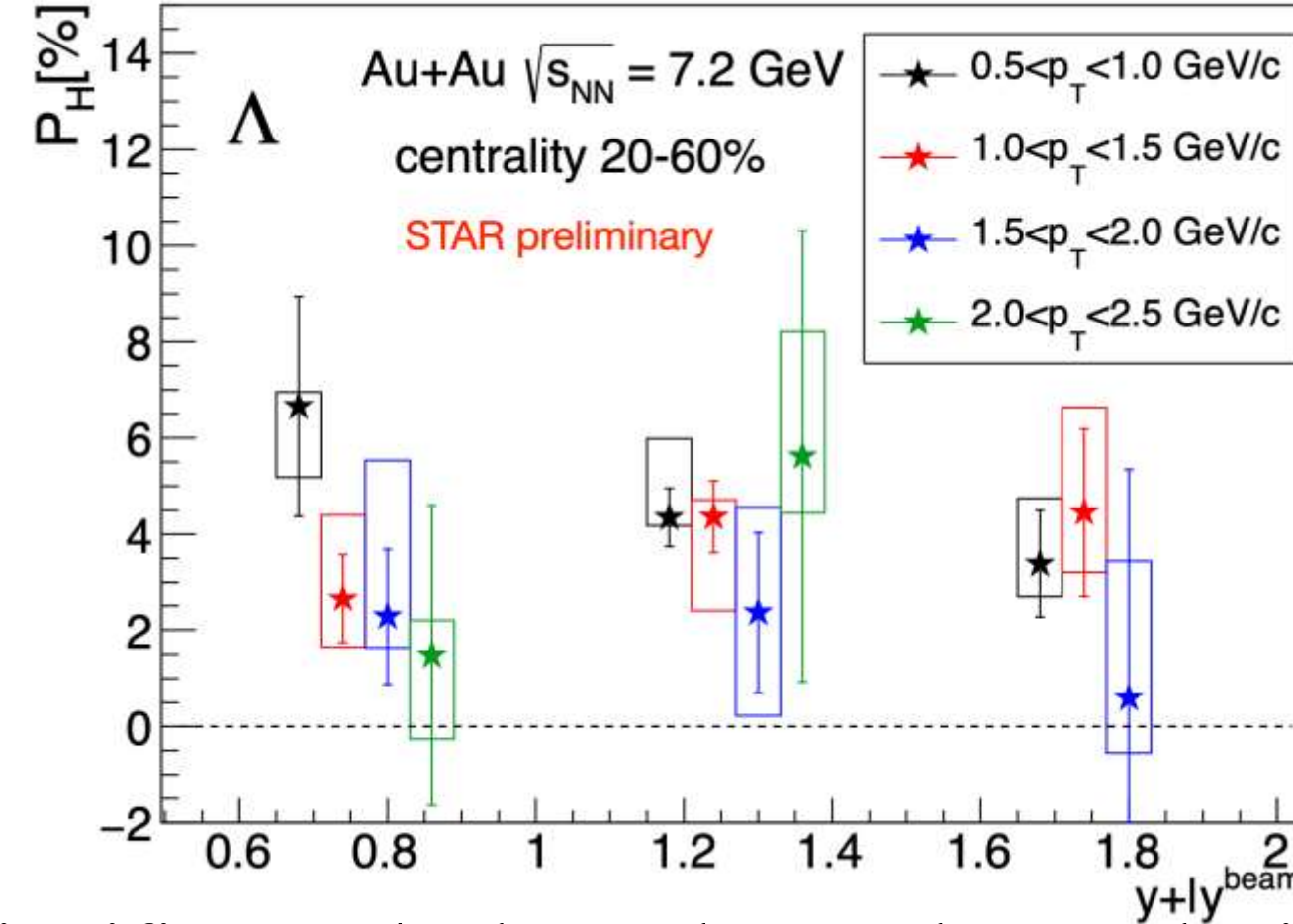


η Dependence of P_Λ

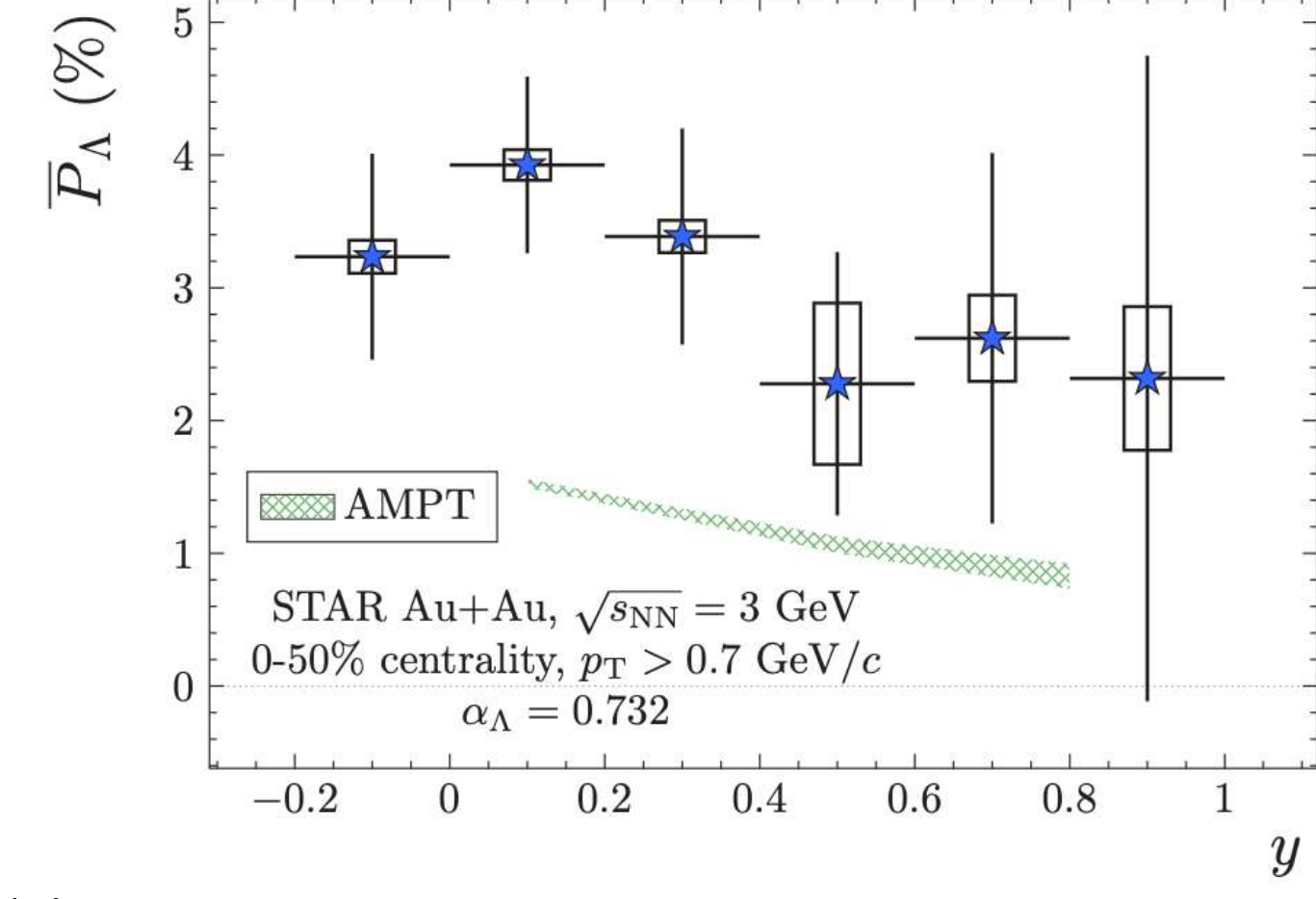
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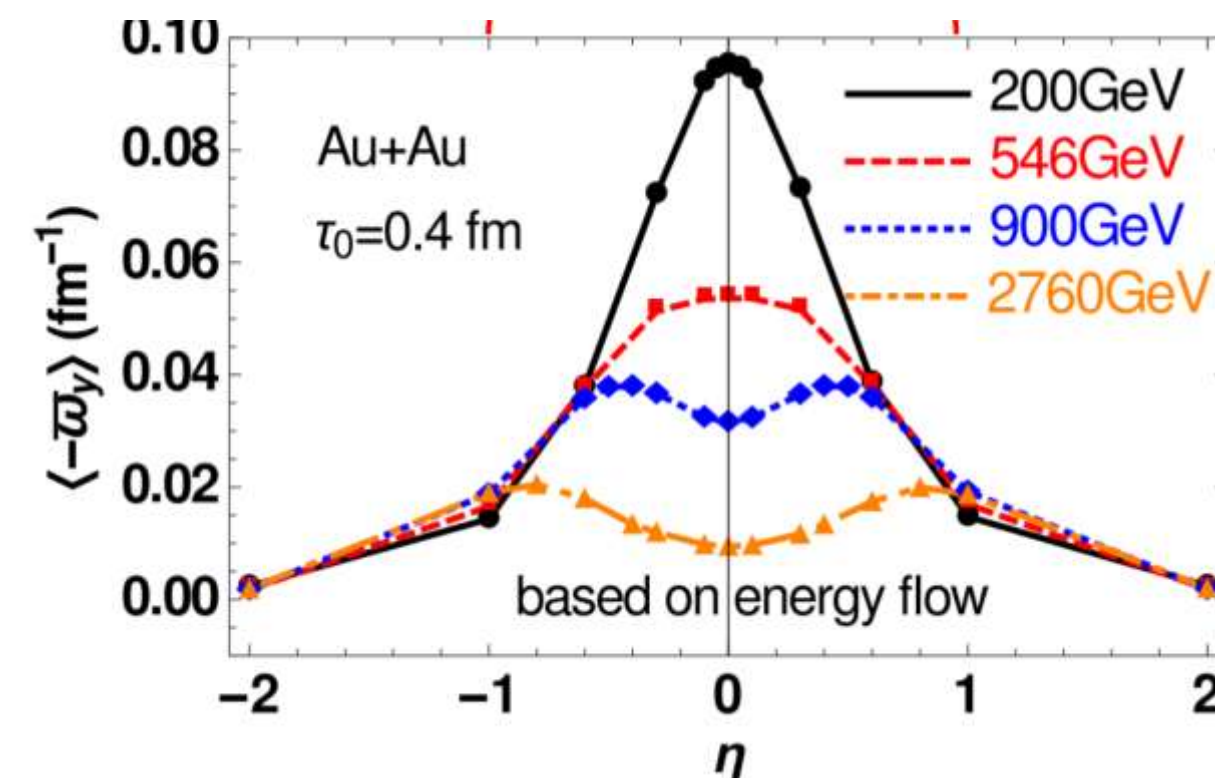
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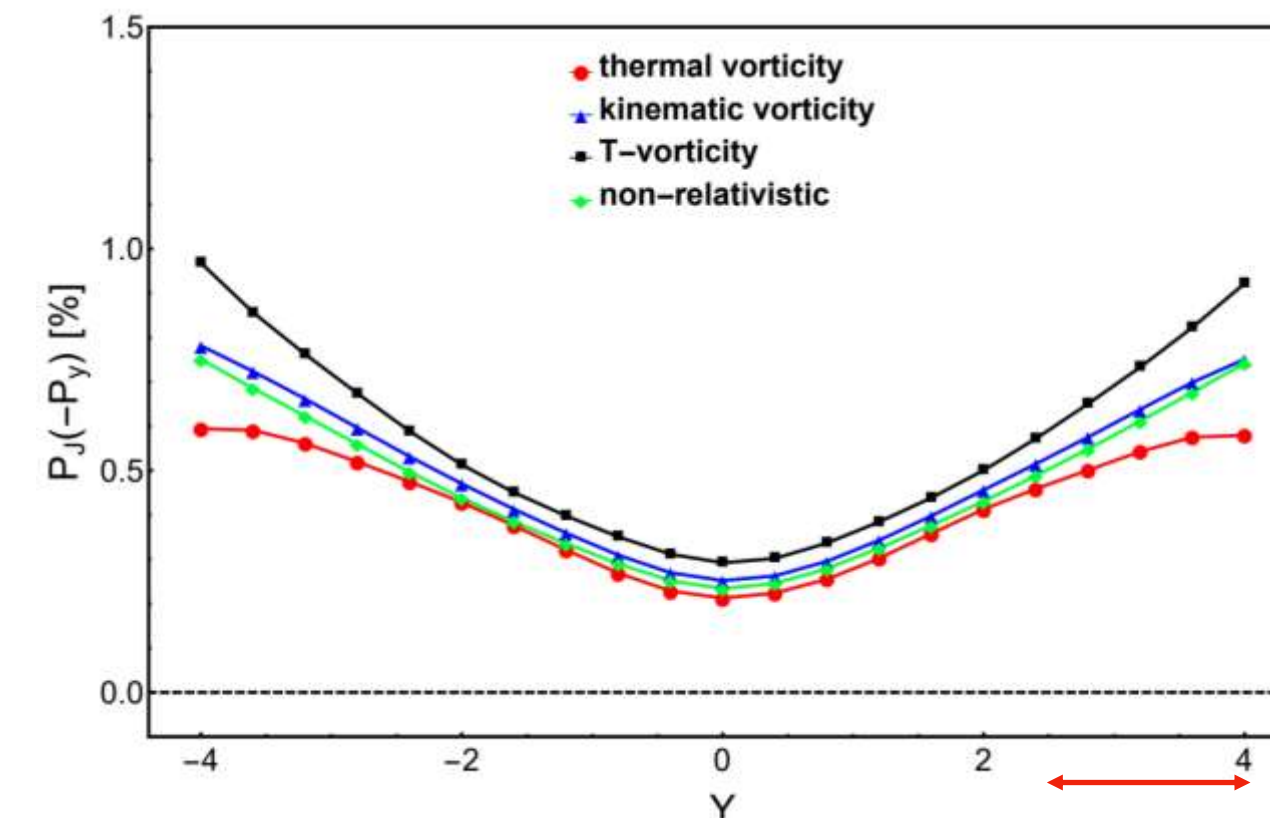
No significant y/η dependence observed within acceptance

Model

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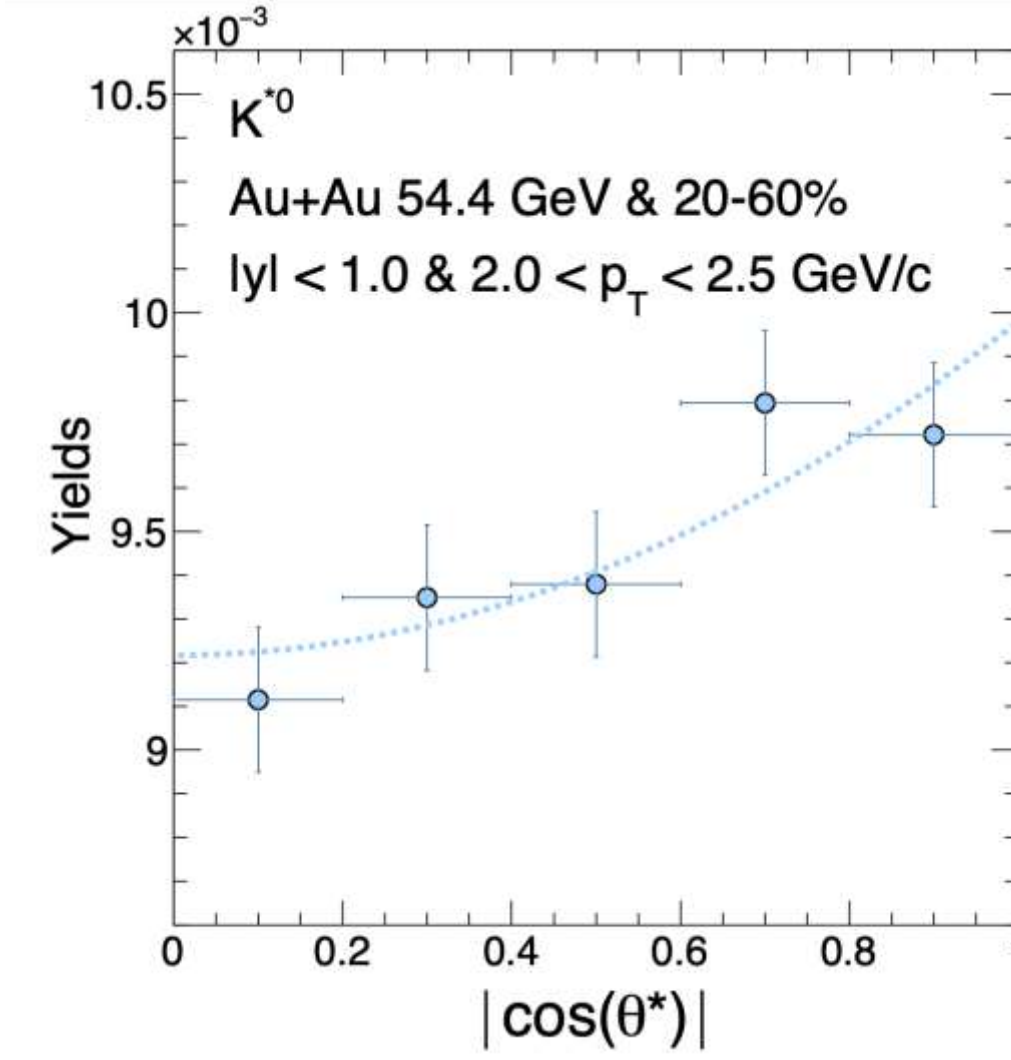
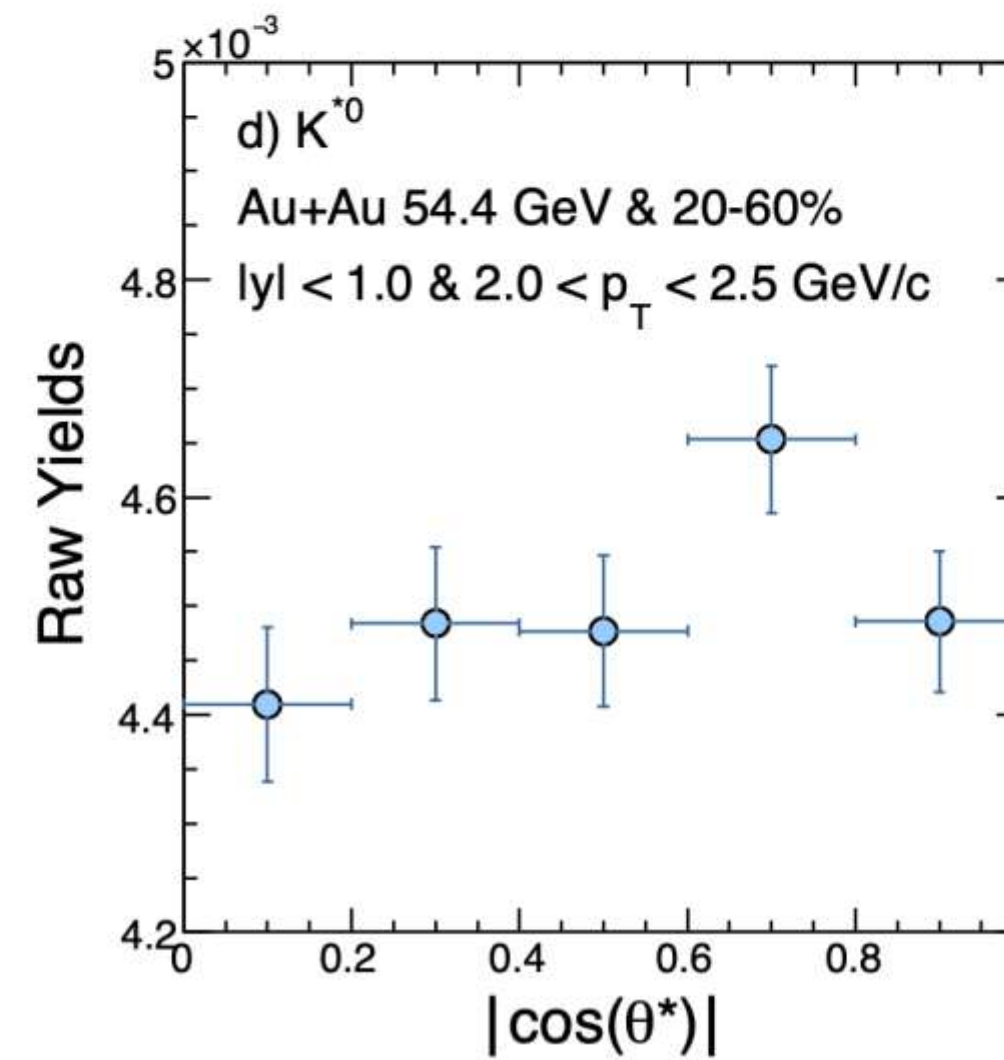
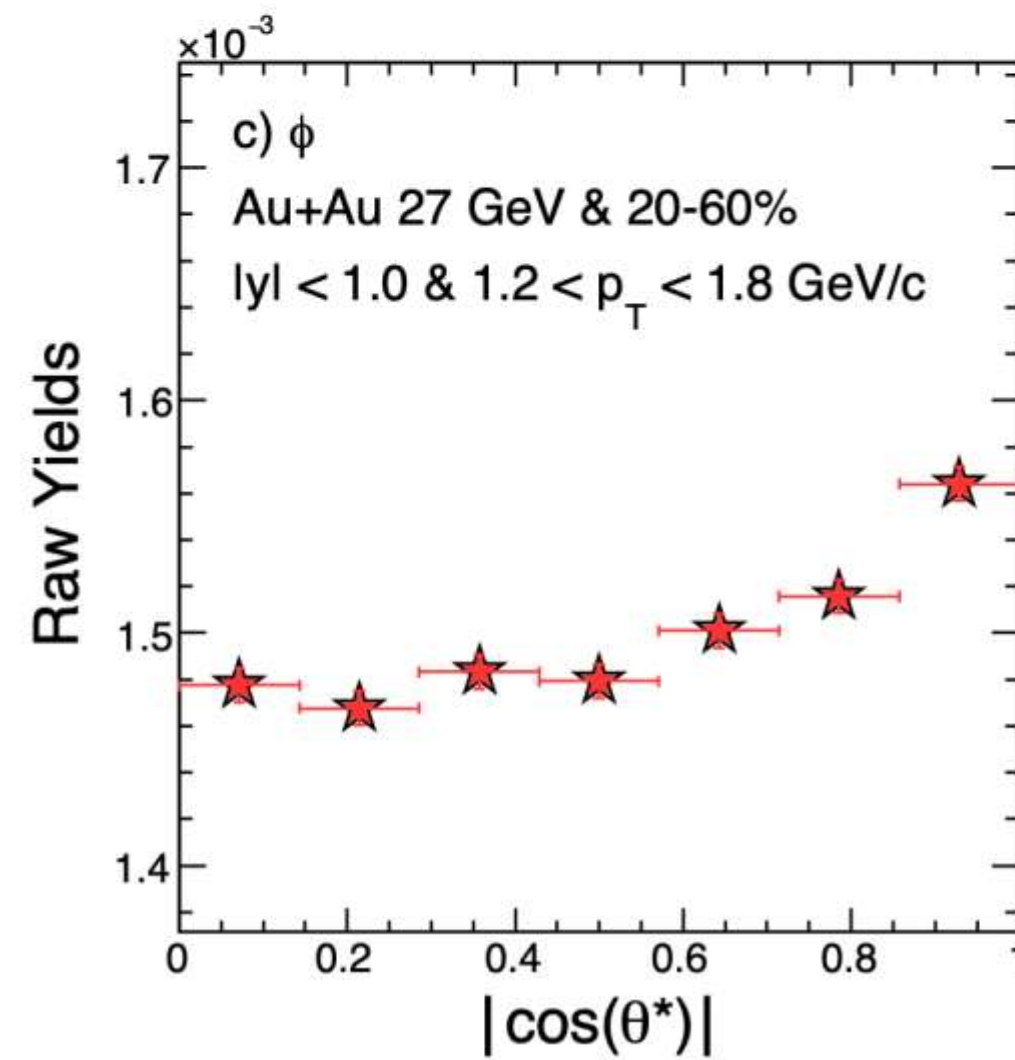
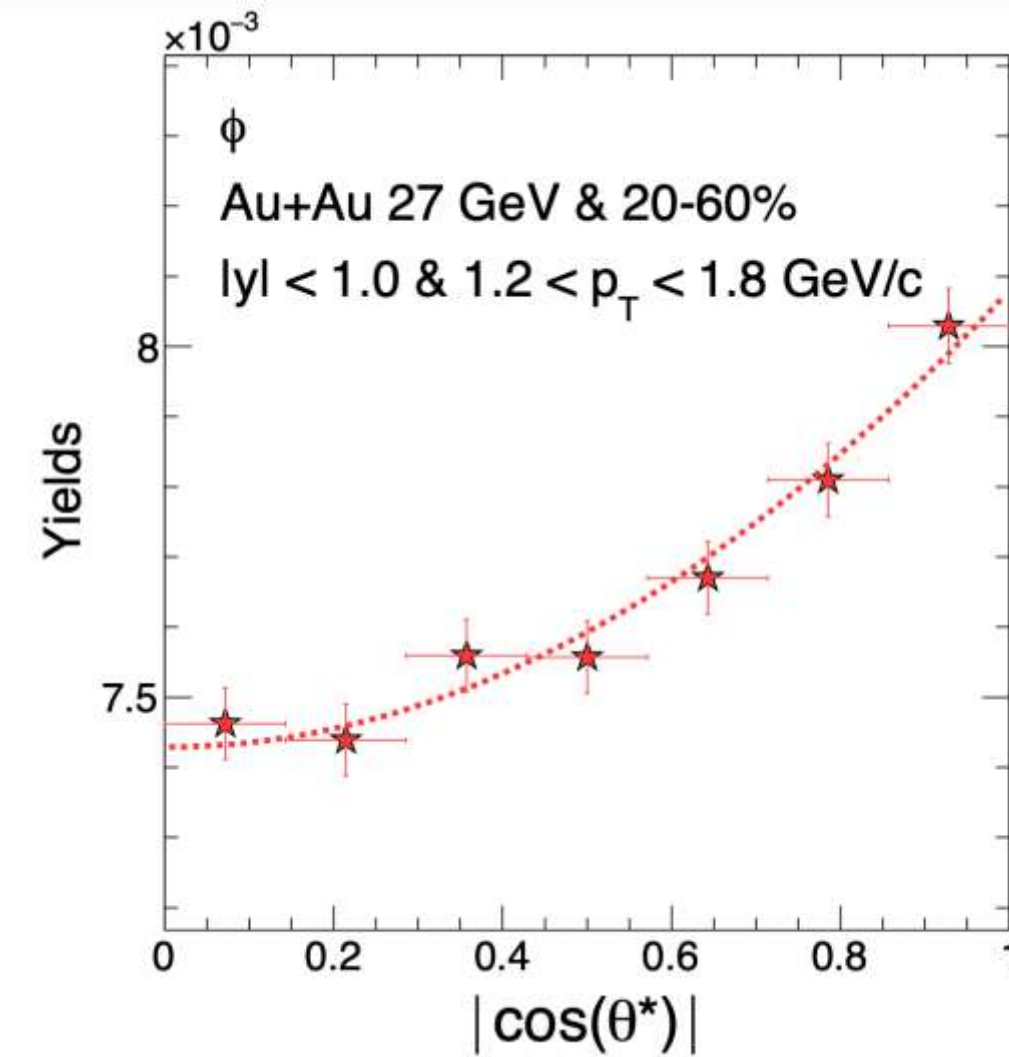
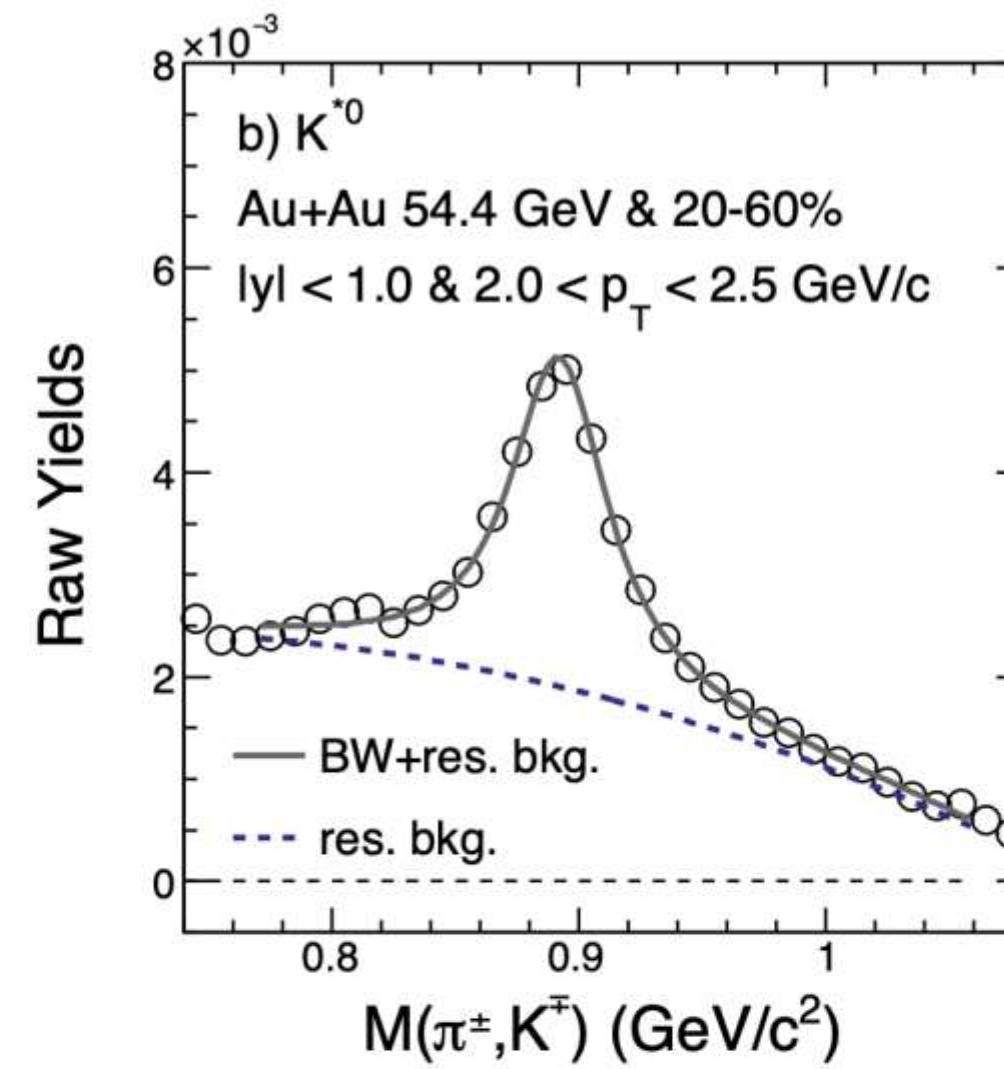
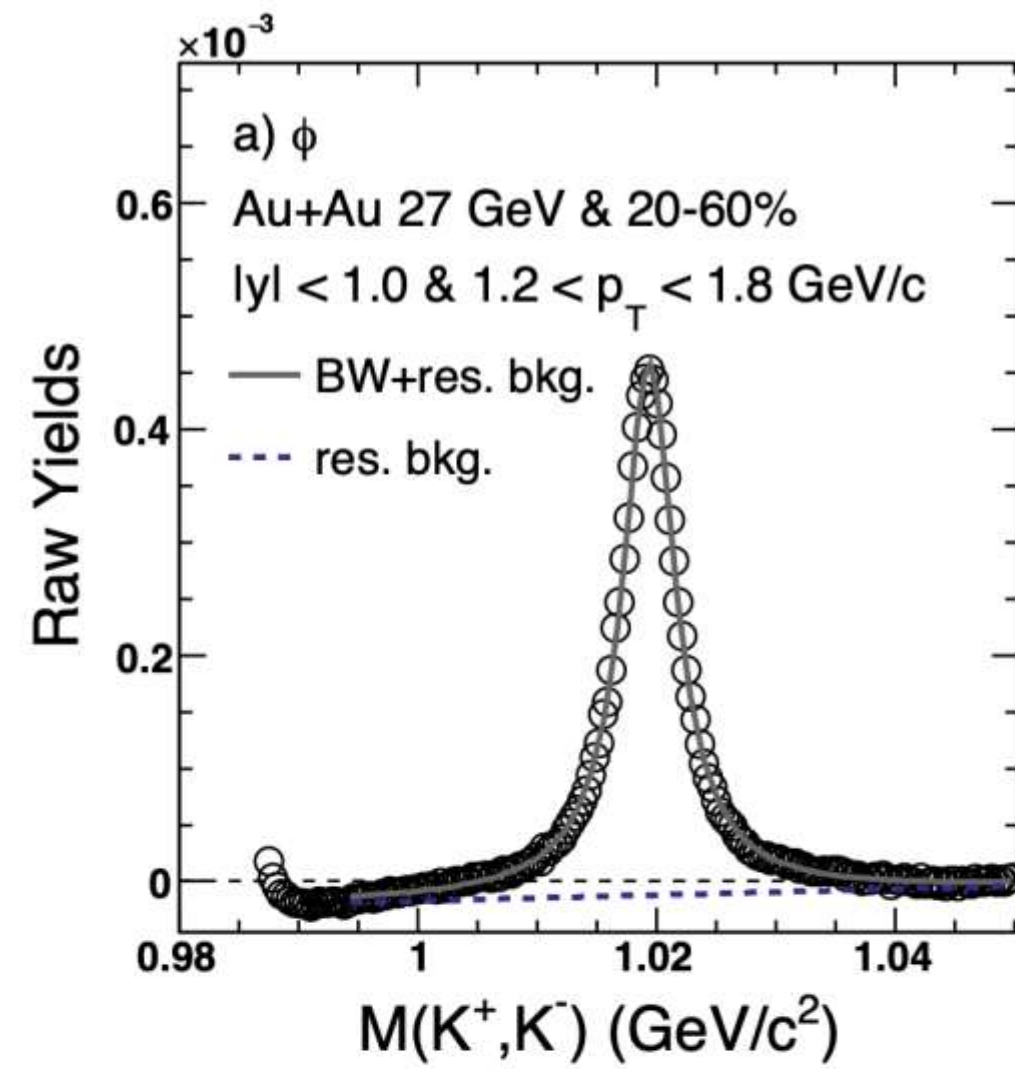
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Rapidity dependence of P_Λ is different among various models

STAR-FWD

Signal Extraction



ϕ -meson Vector Field

Like electric charges in motion can generate an EM field, s and $\bar{s}$ quarks in motion can generate an effective ϕ -meson field.

The ϕ -meson field can polarize s and $\bar{s}$ quarks with a large magnitude due to strong interaction, in analogy to how EM field polarize (anti)quarks.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{s/\bar{s}}^y(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{P}_{s/\bar{s}}) = & \frac{1}{2} \omega_y + \frac{1}{2m_s} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \times \mathbf{P}_{s/\bar{s}}) &<= \text{vorticity} \\
 & \pm \frac{Q_s}{2m_s T} B_y \pm \frac{Q_s}{2m_s^2 T} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{P}_{s/\bar{s}}) &<= \text{EM field} \\
 & \pm \frac{g_\phi}{2m_s T} B_{\phi,y} \pm \frac{g_\phi}{2m_s^2 T} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot (\mathbf{E}_\phi \times \mathbf{P}_{s/\bar{s}}) &<= \text{strong force field}
 \end{aligned}$$



“magnetic” components



“electric” components

Quark version of the spin-orbit force. Not accessible via $\mathbf{P}_\Lambda$.

The connection to strong force fields, if fully established, opens a potential new avenue for studying the behavior of strong force fields.