

The spin polarization of Λ hyperon from nucleon-nucleon scattering

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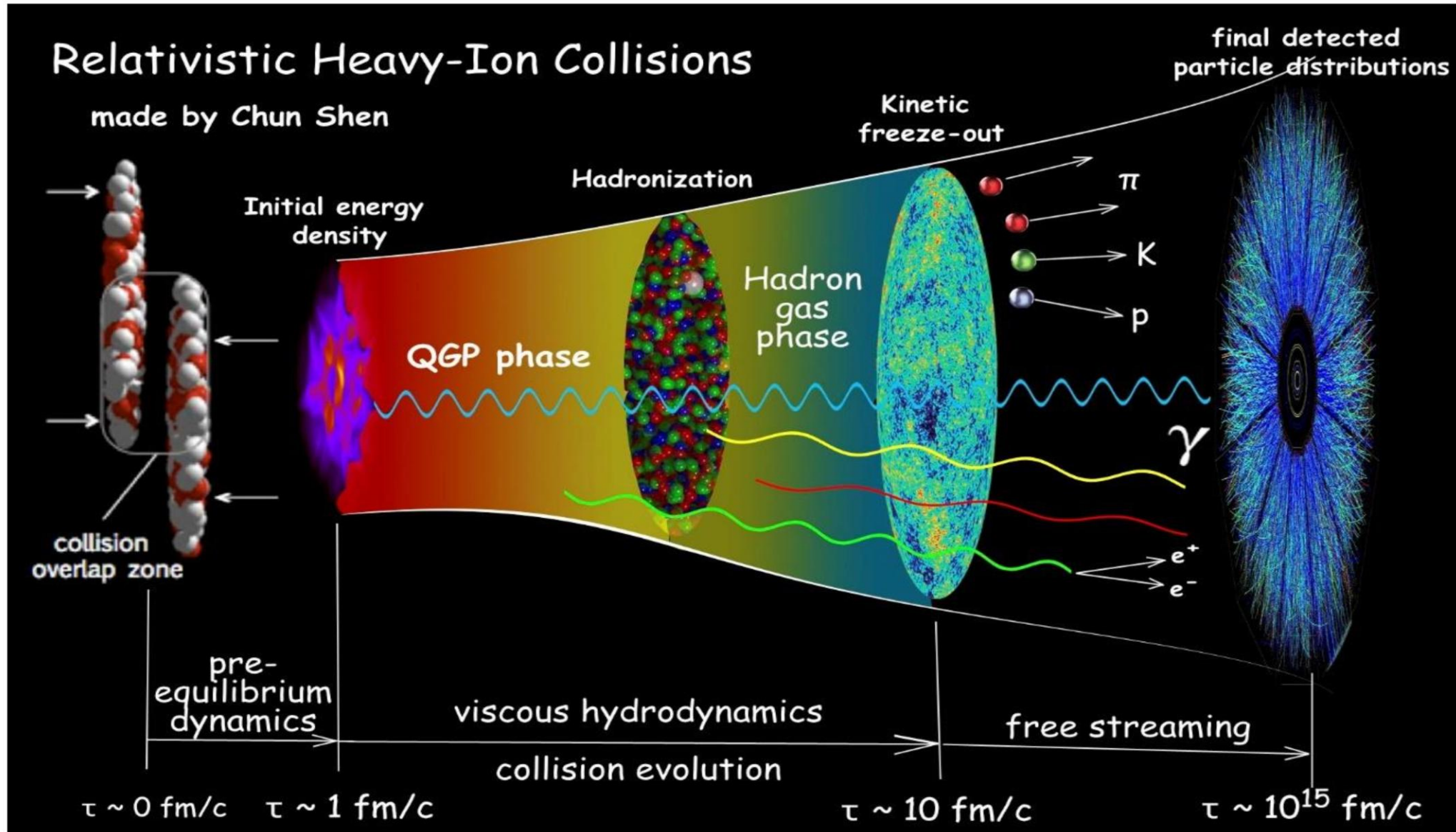
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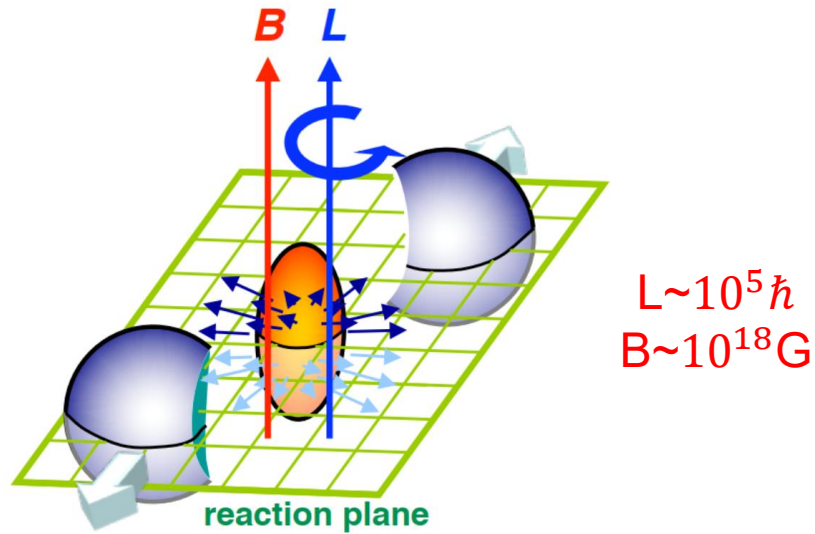
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Relativistic heavy ion collision

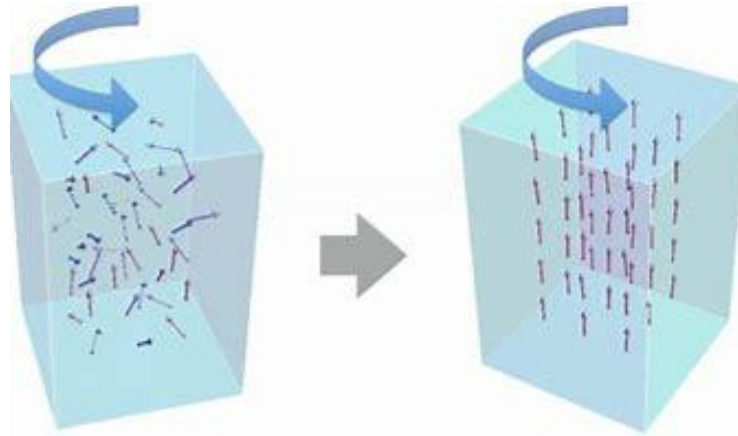


Spin polarization

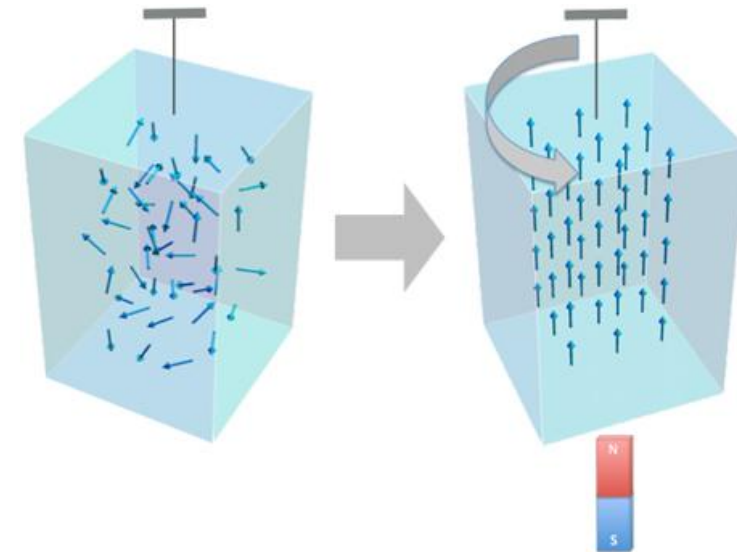


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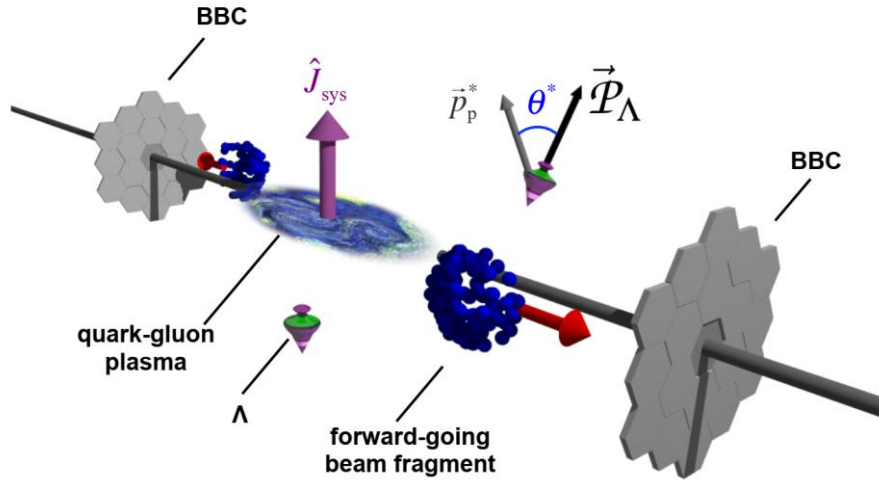


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S. J. Barnett,
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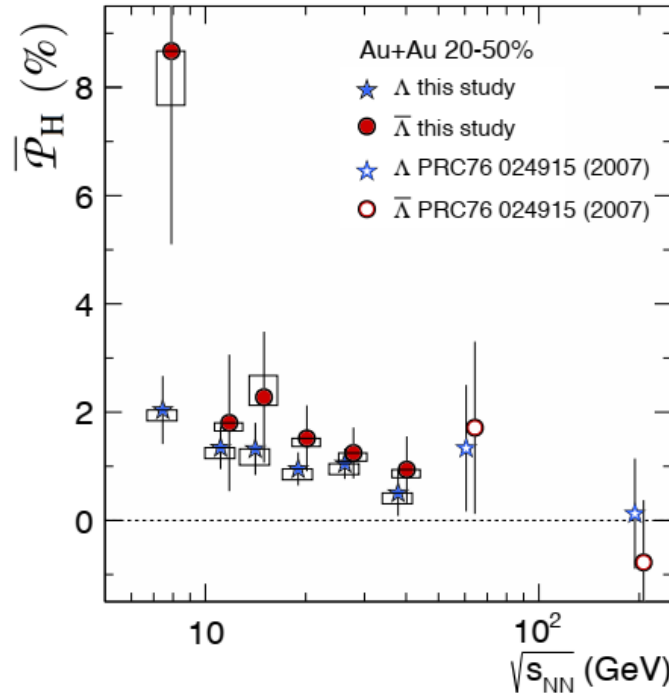
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Spin polarization

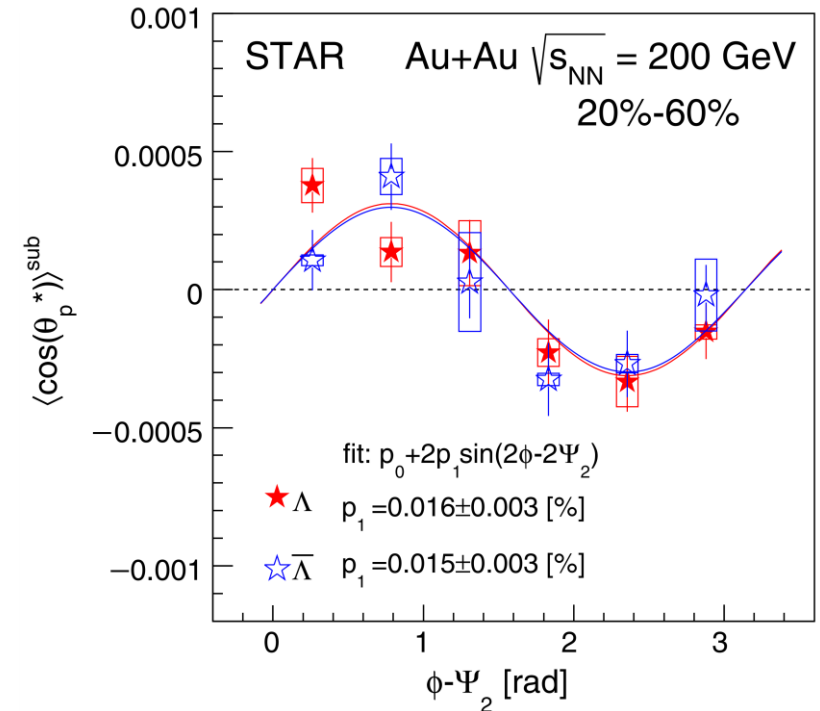


$$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha \mathbf{P}_\Lambda \cdot \mathbf{p}_p^*)$$



Global spin polarization of $\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda}$
STAR, Nature 548 (2017) 62-65



Local spin polarization of $\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda}$
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Spin polarization

1. Quantum statistical theory

F. Becattini et al., Phys. Rev. C 77, 024906 (2008)

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$$S^\mu(p) = -\frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\mu\rho\sigma\tau} p_\tau \frac{\int_{\Sigma_{FO}} d\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda n_F (1 - n_F) \varpi_{\rho\sigma}}{\int_{\Sigma_{FO}} d\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda n_F}$$

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J.-H. Gao et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 232301 (2012)

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$$(\gamma \cdot K - m) G^<(x, p) = I_{\text{coll}}$$

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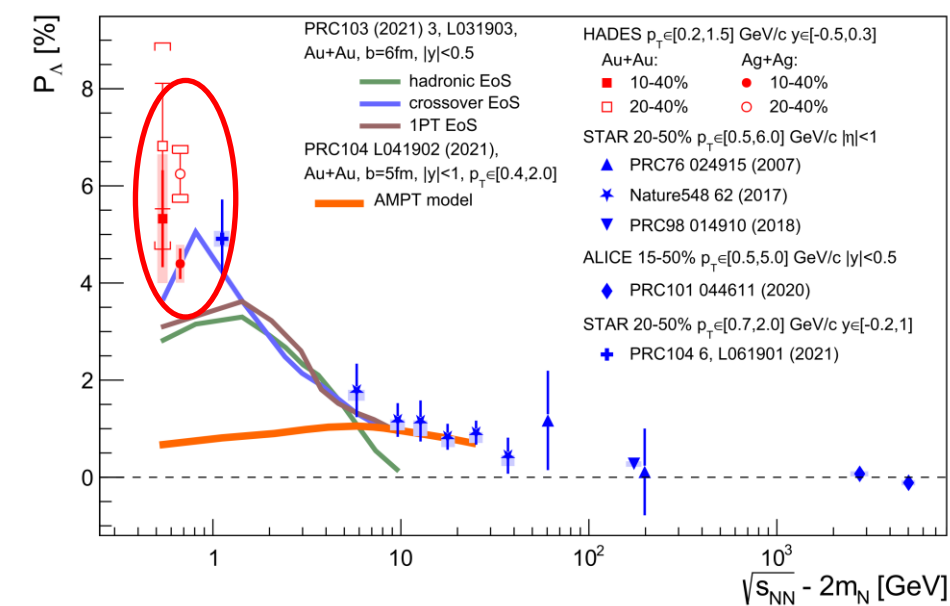
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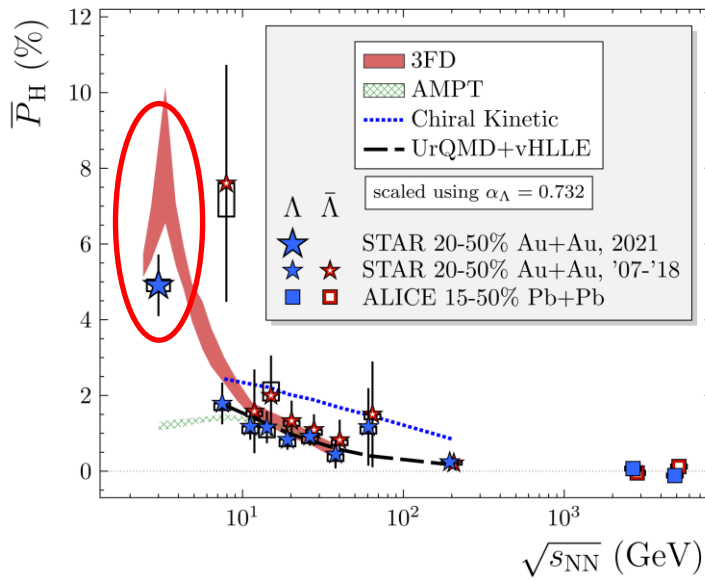
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$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} &= 0, \\ \hbar \partial_\lambda S^{\lambda, \mu\nu} &= T^{\nu\mu} - T^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

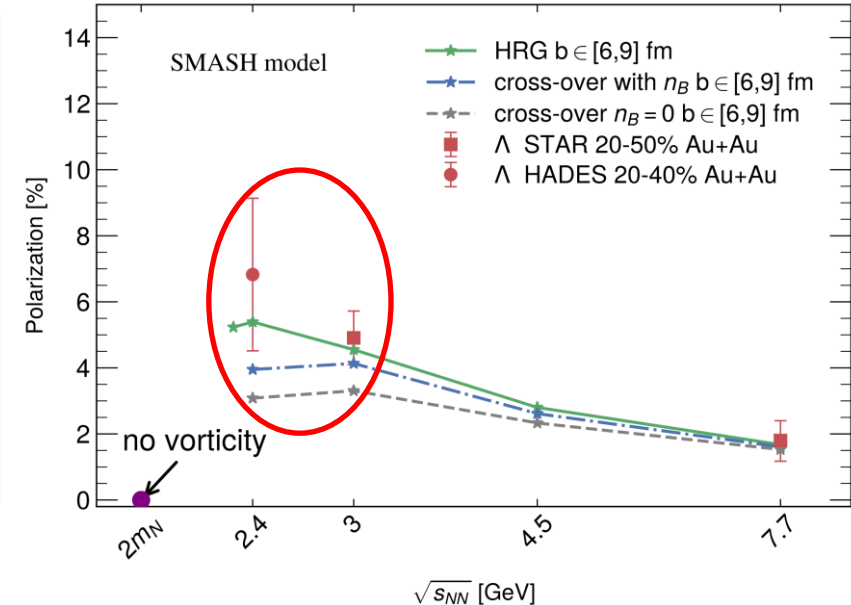
Spin polarization



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SMASH model
 Cong Yi et.al, 2603.27521

The result of SMASH model is based on
Cooper-Frye formula:

$$\mathcal{S}^\mu(x, p) = \frac{1}{8m_\Lambda} (1 - f) \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \varpi_{\alpha\beta}$$

Λ production

Thermal equilibrium?

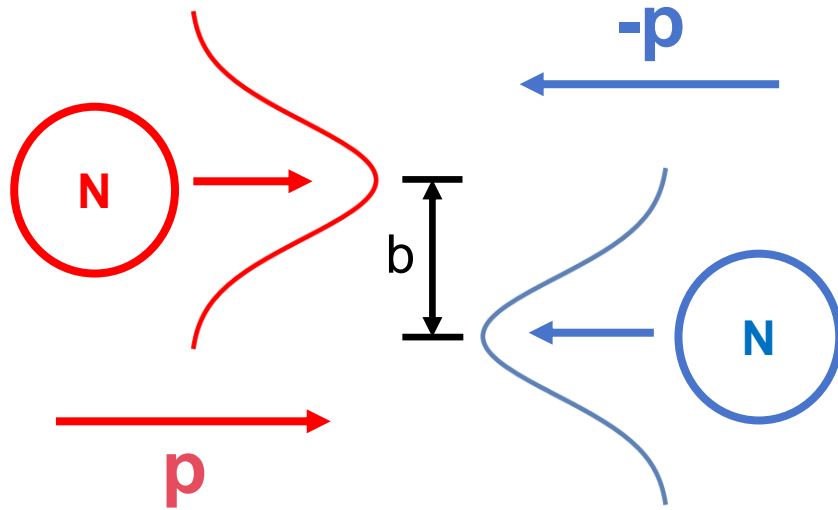
Direct production? ($NN \rightarrow \Lambda \dots$)

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Nonlocal scattering

Wave packet description



Nonlocal nucleon-nucleon collisions

The nucleon is described as
Gaussian wave packet

$$\phi(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{p}_i) = \frac{(8\pi)^{3/4}}{\alpha^{3/2}} \exp \left[-\frac{(\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{p}_i)^2}{\alpha^2} \right]$$

The **orbital angular momentum** can
be converted to **spin polarization**

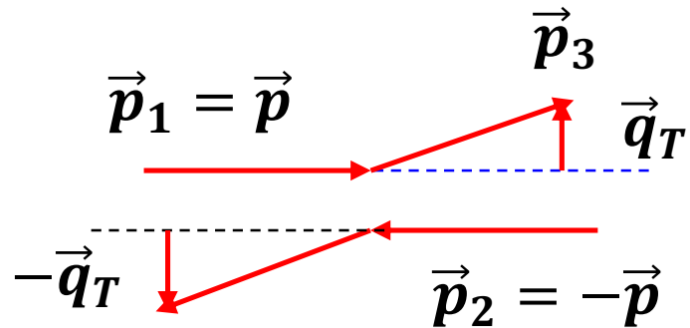
$$L \sim \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}$$

$$|\phi_1 \phi_2\rangle_{\text{in}} = \int \frac{d^3 k_1}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{k_1}}} \frac{d^3 k_2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{k_2}}} \phi(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{p}_1) \phi(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{p}_2) e^{-i\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{k}_2} |\mathbf{k}_1, s_1; \mathbf{k}_2, s_2\rangle_{\text{in}}$$

Nonlocal scattering

Wave packet description

2 → 2 scattering



$$d\sigma_{\lambda_3} = \frac{c_{qq}}{F} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_4} \mathcal{M}(Q) \mathcal{M}^*(Q) (2\pi)^4 \delta(P_1 + P_2 - P_3 - P_4) \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_3}{(2\pi)^3 2E_3} \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_4}{(2\pi)^3 2E_4}$$

momentum transfer
(Not well-defined in 2 → 3 scattering)

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma_{\lambda_3}}{d^2 \vec{x}_T} = \frac{c_{qq}}{16F} \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_4} \int \frac{d^2 \vec{q}_T}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2 \vec{k}_T}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i(\vec{k}_T - \vec{q}_T) \cdot \vec{x}_T} \frac{\mathcal{M}(\vec{q}_T)}{\Lambda(\vec{q}_T)} \frac{\mathcal{M}^*(\vec{k}_T)}{\Lambda^*(\vec{k}_T)}$$

Jian-Hua Gao et al., Phys.Rev.C 77 (2008) 044902

$$\Lambda(\vec{q}_T) = \sqrt{(E_1 + E_2) |p_{3z}^+|}.$$

Wave packet description

A Feynman diagram illustrating a three-body decay process. On the left, a red wavy line representing an incoming particle splits into three outgoing particles: an orange line (top), a blue line (middle), and a black line (bottom). The orange line is labeled k_1 , the blue line is labeled $-p$, and the black line is labeled k_3 . The blue line is also labeled p near the vertex. On the right, a blue wavy line representing an incoming particle splits into three outgoing particles: an orange line (top), a blue line (middle), and a black line (bottom). The orange line is labeled k_2 , the blue line is labeled $-p$, and the black line is labeled k_3 . The blue line is also labeled p near the vertex.

Final state
(plane wave)

↑

13D

Initial state
(wave packet)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}(\{r_f\}) = & \left(\prod_{f=1}^n \int \frac{d^3 p_f}{(2\pi)^3 2E_f} \right) \int \frac{d^3 k_1}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{k_1}}} \frac{d^3 k_2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{k_2}}} \frac{d^3 k'_1}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{k'_1}}} \frac{d^3 k'_2}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2E_{k'_2}}} \\
 & \times \phi(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{p}_1) \phi(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{p}_2) \phi^*(\mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{p}_1) \phi^*(\mathbf{k}'_2 - \mathbf{p}_2) e^{i\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{k}'_2 - \mathbf{k}_2)} \\
 & \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}\left(\sum p_f - k_1 - k_2\right) \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}\left(\sum p_f - k'_1 - k'_2\right) \\
 & \times \sum_{s_1, s_2} M(k_1, s_1; k_2, s_2 \rightarrow \{p_f, r_f\}) M^*(k'_1, s_1; k'_2, s_2 \rightarrow \{p_f, r_f\})
 \end{aligned}$$

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Nonlocal scattering

Wave packet description

We assume $\alpha \ll m$, and only keep the **leading order** of the packet width α .

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{pol}} &= \frac{\alpha^2}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2}}{(2E_p)^2 |\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2|} \int \frac{d^3 p_N}{(2\pi)^3 2E_N} \frac{d^3 p_K}{(2\pi)^3 2E_K} \frac{d^3 p_\Lambda}{(2\pi)^3 2E_\Lambda} \\ &\times (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_N + p_K + p_\Lambda - k_1 - k_2) \\ &\times \sum_{s_1, s_2, r_N, r_\Lambda} r_\Lambda M(\boxed{k_1}, s_1; \boxed{k_2}, s_2 \rightarrow p_N, r_N; p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda; p_K) \\ &\times M^*(\boxed{k'_1}, s_1; \boxed{k'_2}, s_2 \rightarrow p_N, r_N; p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda; p_K), \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{k}_1 &= \mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{1}{2}i\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{k}'_1 = \mathbf{p}_1 - \frac{1}{2}i\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}, \\ \mathbf{k}_2 &= \mathbf{p}_2 - \frac{1}{2}i\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{k}'_2 = \mathbf{p}_2 + \frac{1}{2}i\alpha^2 \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

5D

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{tot}} &= \frac{\alpha^2}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2}}{(2E_p)^2 |\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2|} \int \frac{d^3 p_N}{(2\pi)^3 2E_N} \frac{d^3 p_K}{(2\pi)^3 2E_K} \frac{d^3 p_\Lambda}{(2\pi)^3 2E_\Lambda} \\ &\times (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_N + p_K + p_\Lambda - k_1 - k_2) \\ &\times \sum_{s_1, s_2, r_N, r_\Lambda} |M(p_1, s_1; p_2, s_2 \rightarrow p_N, r_N; p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda; p_K)|^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{pol}} &\equiv \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}(r_\Lambda = +1) - \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}(r_\Lambda = -1) \\ \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{tot}} &\equiv \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}(r_\Lambda = +1) + \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}(r_\Lambda = -1) \end{aligned}$$

Lagrangian and polarized cross section

Chiral perturbation theory (ChPT)

ChPT Lagrangian for **baryon-meson interaction**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ChPT}} = \text{Tr} [\bar{B} (i\not{D} - M_0) B] - \frac{D}{2} \text{Tr} [\bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \{u_\mu, B\}] - \frac{F}{2} \text{Tr} [\bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 [u_\mu, B]]$$



Leading order and next-to-leading order

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \boxed{\frac{D}{2F_0} \text{Tr} (\bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \{ \partial_\mu \phi, B \})} + \boxed{\frac{F}{2F_0} \text{Tr} (\bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 [\partial_\mu \phi, B])} + \boxed{\frac{i}{8F_0^2} \text{Tr} (\bar{B} \gamma^\mu [[\phi, \partial_\mu \phi], B])}.$$

BBφφ vertex

BBφ vertex

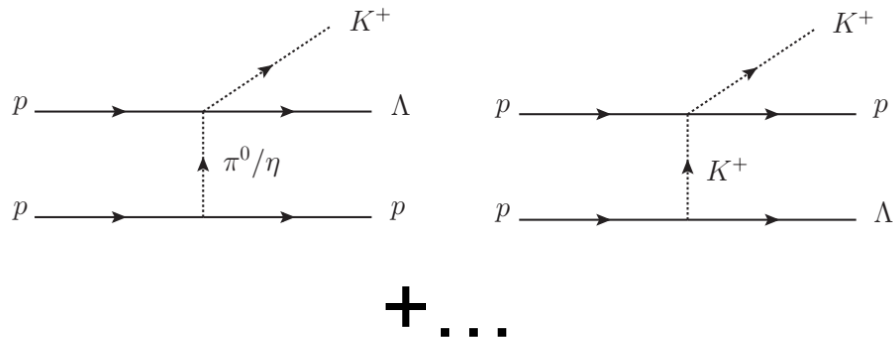
$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu B &= \partial_\mu B + [\Gamma_\mu, B], \\ \Gamma_\mu &= \frac{1}{2} [u^\dagger (\partial_\mu - ir_\mu) u + u (\partial_\mu - il_\mu) u^\dagger], \\ u_\mu &= i [u^\dagger (\partial_\mu - ir_\mu) u - u (\partial_\mu - il_\mu) u^\dagger]. \end{aligned}$$

S. Scherer and M. R. Schindler, A Primer for Chiral Perturbation Theory

Lagrangian and polarized cross section

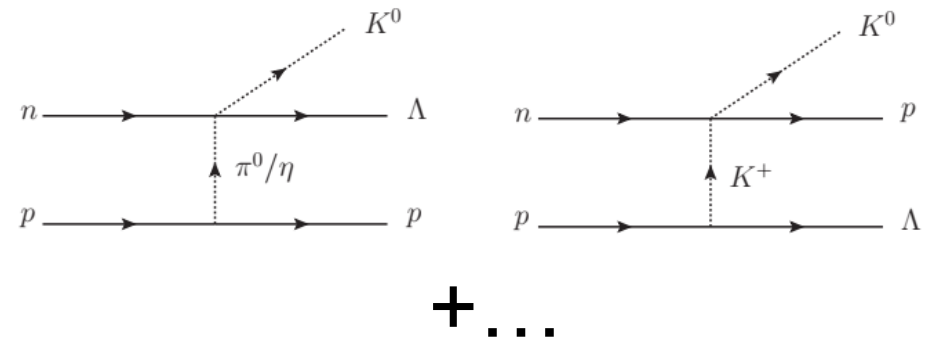
$NN \rightarrow N\Lambda K$ cross section

$pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+$ (7 diagrams)



$$\begin{aligned}
 & iM'_{pp}(k_1, s_1; k_2, s_2 \rightarrow p_N, r_N; p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda; p_K) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2F_0^3} [\bar{u}(p_N, r_N) \gamma_5 u_p(k_1, s_1) \bar{u}(p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda) (G_{1,pp} \not{p}_K + H_{1,pp}) u_p(k_2, s_2) \\
 & \quad + \bar{u}(p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda) \gamma_5 u(k_1, s_1) \bar{u}(p_N, r_N) (G_{2,pp} \not{p}_K + H_{2,pp}) u_p(k_2, s_2)] - k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0$ (12 diagrams)



$$\begin{aligned}
 & iM'_{pn}(k_1, s_1; k_2, s_2 \rightarrow p_N, r_N; p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda; p_K) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2F_0^3} [\bar{u}(p_N, r_N) \gamma_5 u_p(k_1, s_1) \bar{u}(p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda) (G_{1,pn} \not{p}_K + H_{1,pn}) u_n(k_2, s_2) \\
 & \quad + \bar{u}(p_N, r_N) \gamma_5 u_n(k_2, s_2) \bar{u}(p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda) (G_{2,pn} \not{p}_K + H_{2,pn}) u_p(k_1, s_1) \\
 & \quad + \bar{u}(p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda) \gamma_5 u_p(k_1, s_1) \bar{u}(p_N, r_N) (G_{3,pn} \not{p}_K + H_{3,pn}) u_n(k_2, s_2) \\
 & \quad + \bar{u}(p_\Lambda, r_\Lambda) \gamma_5 u_n(k_2, s_2) \bar{u}(p_N, r_N) (G_{4,pn} \not{p}_K + H_{4,pn}) u_p(k_1, s_1)]
 \end{aligned}$$

Because of **isospin symmetry**, the cross section of $pn \rightarrow n\Lambda K^+$ and $nn \rightarrow n\Lambda K^0$ are exactly the same as the cross section of $pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0$ and $pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+$ respectively.

Lagrangian and polarized cross section

$NN \rightarrow N\Lambda K$ cross section

In near-threshold approximation (NTA), we have $p_N, p_\Lambda, p_K \ll m$

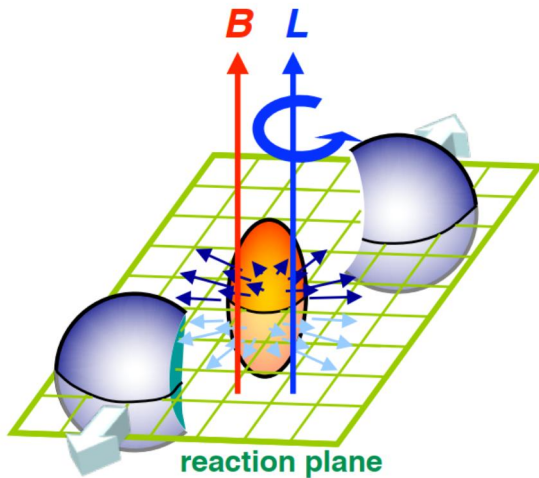
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{pol}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} = C_{\text{pol}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} \sqrt{E_p^2 - m_N^2} I_{\text{space}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2} \times \boxed{\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}_x}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} = C_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} \sqrt{E_p^2 - m_N^2} I_{\text{space}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2} \times \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}_x,$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{tot}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} = \boxed{C_{\text{tot}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+}} (E_p^2 - m_N^2) \boxed{I_{\text{space}}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{tot}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} = C_{\text{tot}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} (E_p^2 - m_N^2) I_{\text{space}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2},$$

Constant



Spin-orbit coupling
 $L \sim \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}$

$$P_\Lambda = \frac{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{pol}}}{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{r_\Lambda=+} - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{r_\Lambda=-}}{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{r_\Lambda=+} - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{r_\Lambda=-}}$$

Choosing +y as the quantized direction

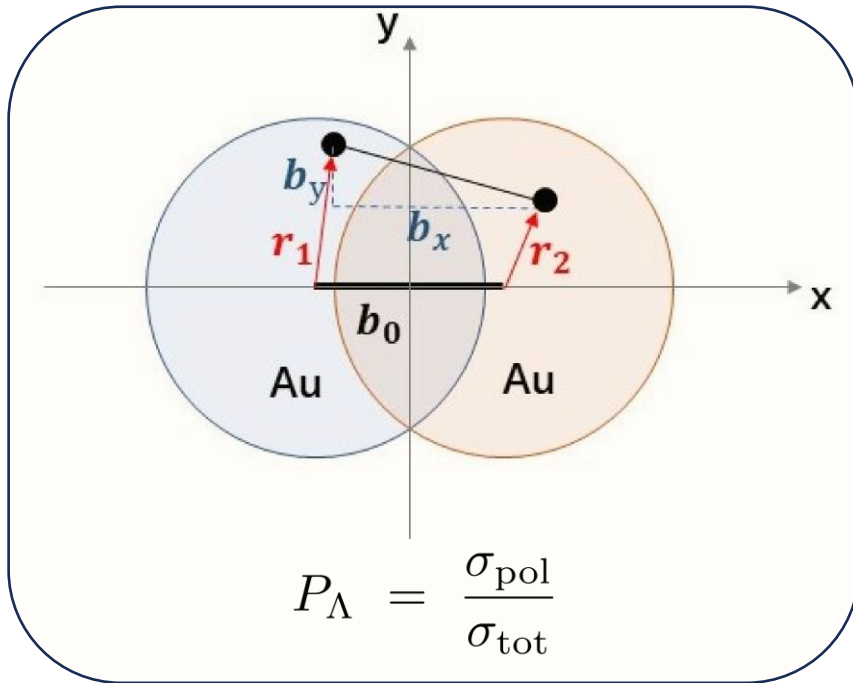
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Numerical results

Structure in the Au-Au collision

Sum over all the nucleon-nucleon collisions in an Au-Au collision



Uniform model

$$n_{p/n}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{N_{p/n}}{V} \Theta(r - R)$$

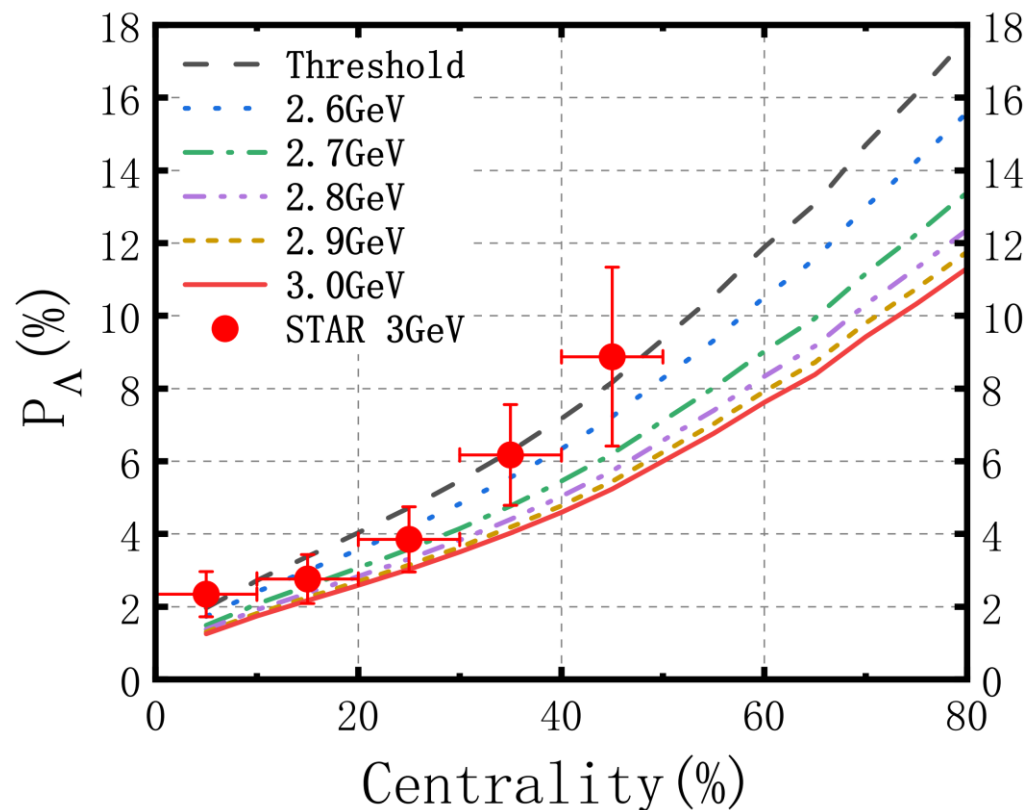
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\Lambda, \text{pol}} &= \int d^3\mathbf{r}_1 d^3\mathbf{r}_2 \left[n_p(\mathbf{r}_1) n_p(\mathbf{r}_2) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}} \right)_{\text{pol}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} + n_n(\mathbf{r}_1) n_n(\mathbf{r}_2) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}} \right)_{\text{pol}}^{nn \rightarrow n\Lambda K^0} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (n_p(\mathbf{r}_1) n_n(\mathbf{r}_2) + n_n(\mathbf{r}_1) n_p(\mathbf{r}_2)) \left(\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}} \right)_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}} \right)_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow n\Lambda K^+} \right) \right], \\ \sigma_{\Lambda, \text{tot}} &= \int d^3\mathbf{r}_1 d^3\mathbf{r}_2 \left[n_p(\mathbf{r}_1) n_p(\mathbf{r}_2) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}} \right)_{\text{tot}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} + n_n(\mathbf{r}_1) n_n(\mathbf{r}_2) \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}} \right)_{\text{tot}}^{nn \rightarrow n\Lambda K^0} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (n_p(\mathbf{r}_1) n_n(\mathbf{r}_2) + n_n(\mathbf{r}_1) n_p(\mathbf{r}_2)) \left(\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}} \right)_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}} \right)_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow n\Lambda K^+} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Woods-Saxon model (Glauber model)

$$n_{p/n}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\rho_{p/n}}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{r-R}{a_0}\right)}$$

Numerical results

Uniform model

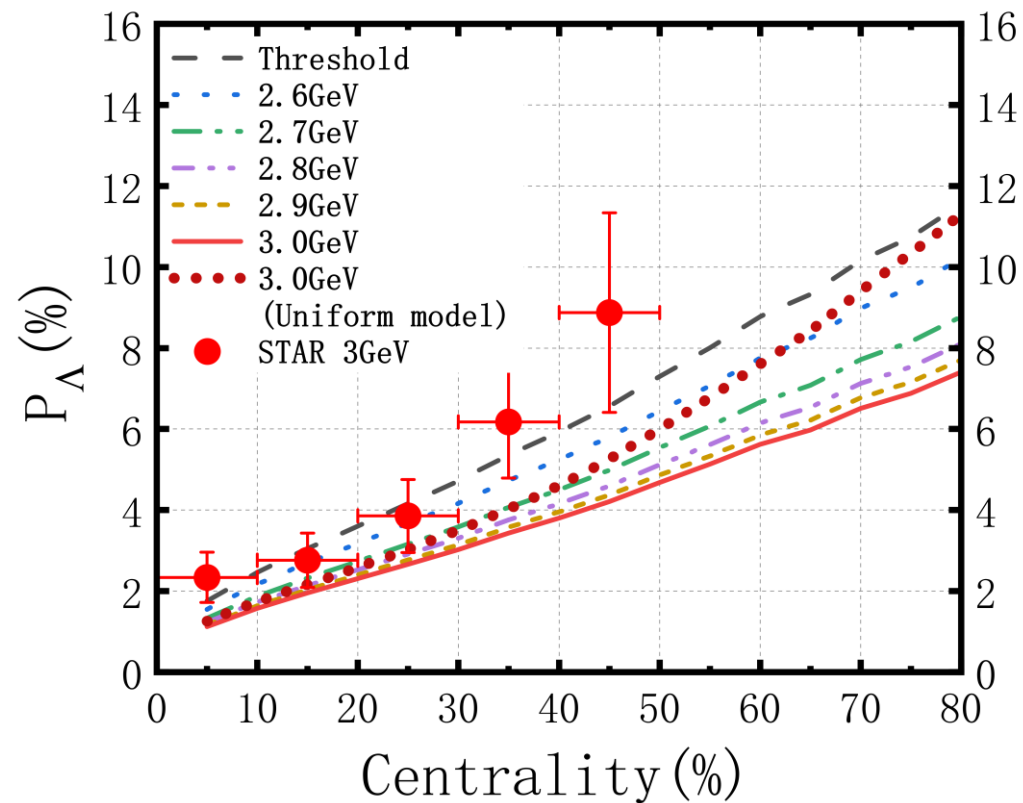


Parameters:

$$\alpha = 1\text{fm}^{-1}, R = 6.38\text{fm}, a_0 = 0.535\text{fm},$$

$$n_p = 79, n_n = 118, D = 0.8, F = 0.5$$

Woods-Saxon model (Glauber model)



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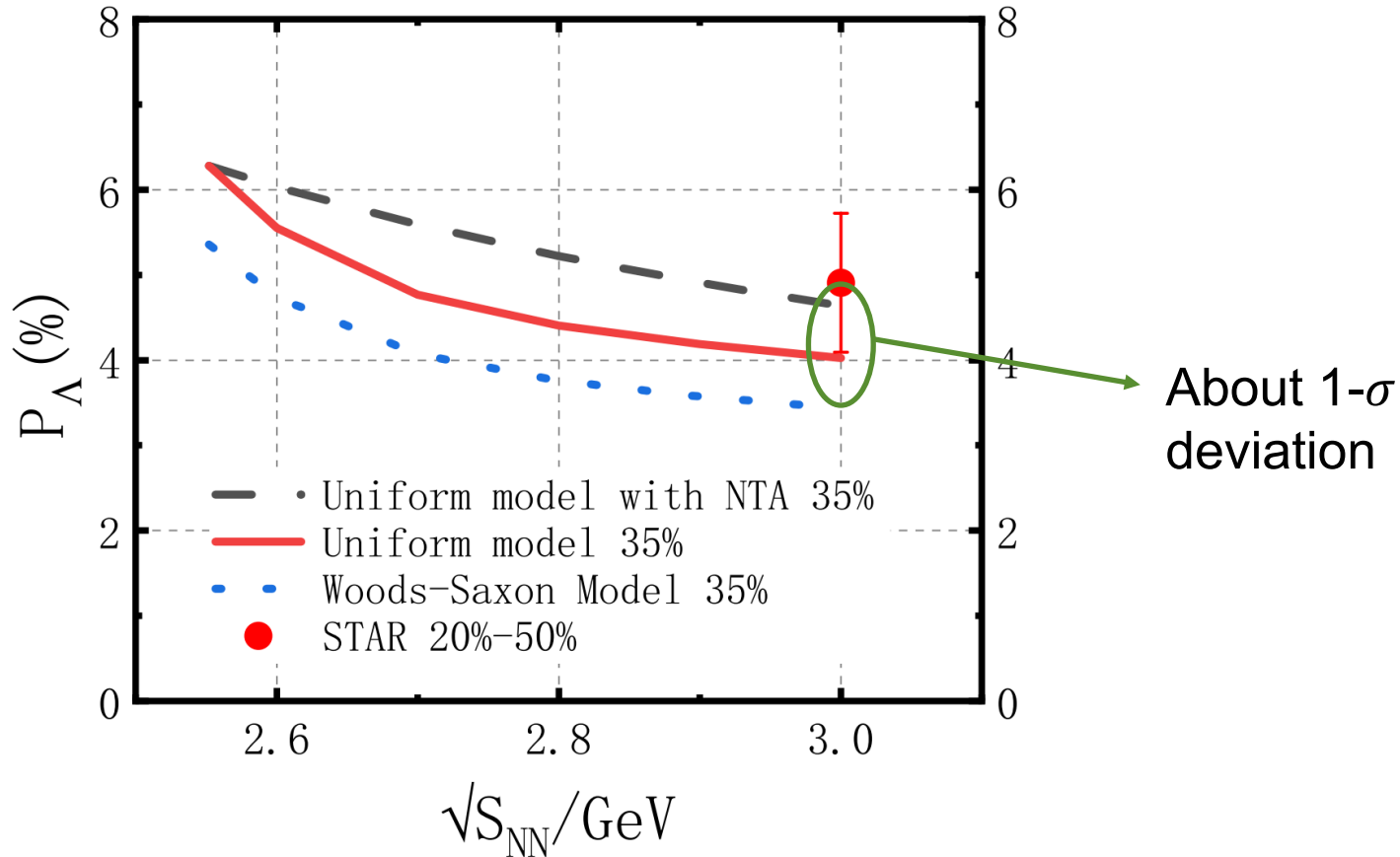
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Numerical results

Near-Threshold Approximation (NTA)



$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{pol}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} = C_{\text{pol}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} \sqrt{E_p^2 - m_N^2} I_{\text{space}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2} \times \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}_x$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{tot}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} = C_{\text{tot}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} (E_p^2 - m_N^2) I_{\text{space}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} = C_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} \sqrt{E_p^2 - m_N^2} I_{\text{space}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2} \times \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}_x,$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{b}}\right)_{\text{tot}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} = C_{\text{tot}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} (E_p^2 - m_N^2) I_{\text{space}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}\alpha^2 \mathbf{b}^2},$$

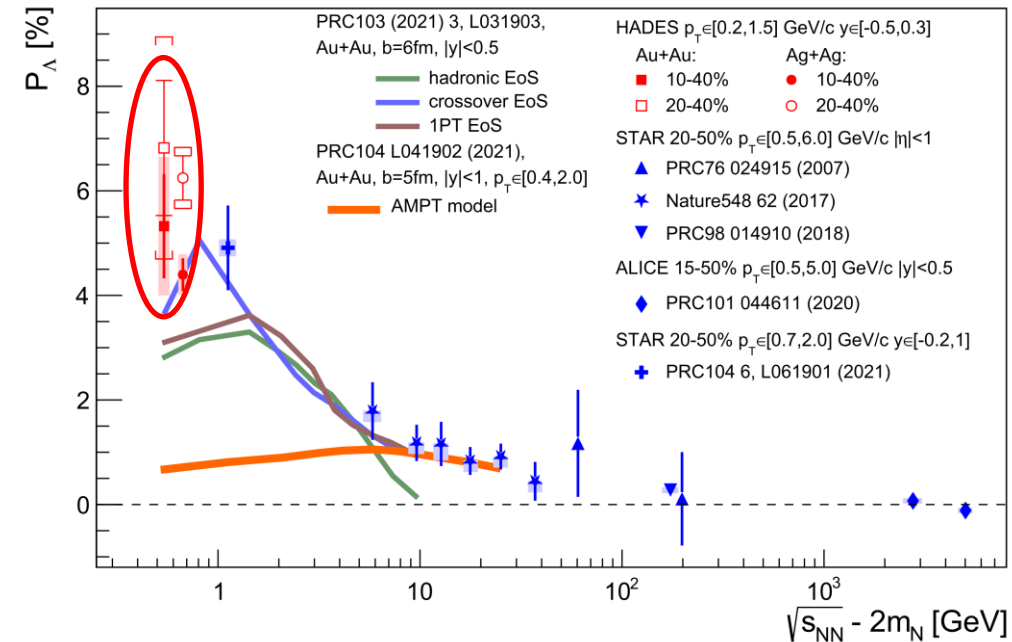
The near-threshold approximation works well enough for collision energies less than 3GeV.

Summary

1. The Λ hyperons in low-energy heavy ion collision may be produced by **nucleon-nucleon collisions** directly. We calculate the spin polarization of Λ hyperon in **nonlocal nucleon-nucleon collision**.
2. The nonlocal collision can be described with **wave packet**.
3. The numerical results with Woods-Saxon model (Glauber model) is consistent with the experimental data **within 1~2 σ deviation**.
4. The **near-threshold approximation** works well enough for collision energies less than 3GeV.

Outlook

1. For more precise result, the contributions from **vector mesons** (ρ , σ ...) and **resonance states** (N^* , Δ^* ...) should be included.
2. For Au-Au collision at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4\text{GeV}$, the process $NN \rightarrow N\Lambda K$ is forbidden. We should probably consider the multi-body scattering process, like $NNN \rightarrow NN\Lambda K$.



Thanks

Back up

The constants in the cross section

$$I_{\text{space}} \equiv \frac{1}{F_0^6} \int \frac{d^3 p_N}{(2\pi)^3 2E_N} \frac{d^3 p_K}{(2\pi)^3 2E_K} \frac{d^3 p_\Lambda}{(2\pi)^3 2E_\Lambda} \sum_{s_1, s_2} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{K}_1}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{K}_2 d^3 \delta \mathbf{k}_2}{(2\pi)^6 2E_p} \\ \times \frac{(8\pi)^3}{\alpha^6} \exp \left[-\frac{2(\mathbf{K}_1 - \mathbf{p}_1)^2 + 2(\mathbf{K}_2 - \mathbf{p}_2)^2 + (\delta \mathbf{k}_2 + \frac{1}{2} i \alpha^2 \mathbf{b})^2}{\alpha^2} \right] \\ \times (2\pi) \delta(\delta k_1^0 + \delta k_2^0) (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_N + p_K + p_\Lambda - K_1 - K_2),$$

$$C_{\text{pol}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} = 4m_N m_\Lambda \left[-(A_1^{pp})^2 + 3(A_2^{pp})^2 + 2A_1^{pp} A_2^{pp} \right]$$

$$C_{\text{tot}}^{pp \rightarrow p\Lambda K^+} = 4m_\Lambda m_N \left[3(A_1^{pp})^2 + 3(A_2^{pp})^2 + 2A_1^{pp} A_2^{pp} \right]$$

$$C_{\text{pol}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} = 4m_N m_\Lambda \left[A_1^{pn} A_2^{pn} + (A_3^{pn})^2 + (A_4^{pn})^2 - A_3^{pn} A_4^{pn} + A_1^{pn} A_3^{pn} + A_2^{pn} A_4^{pn} \right],$$

$$C_{\text{tot}}^{pn \rightarrow p\Lambda K^0} = 4m_\Lambda m_N \left[(A_1^{pn})^2 + (A_2^{pn})^2 + (A_3^{pn})^2 + (A_4^{pn})^2 - A_1^{pn} A_2^{pn} - A_3^{pn} A_4^{pn} + A_1^{pn} A_3^{pn} + A_2^{pn} A_4^{pn} \right]$$