

Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer at HIAF

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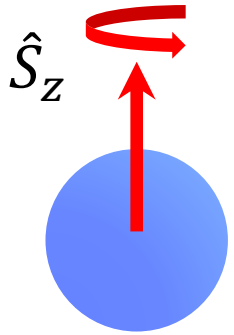
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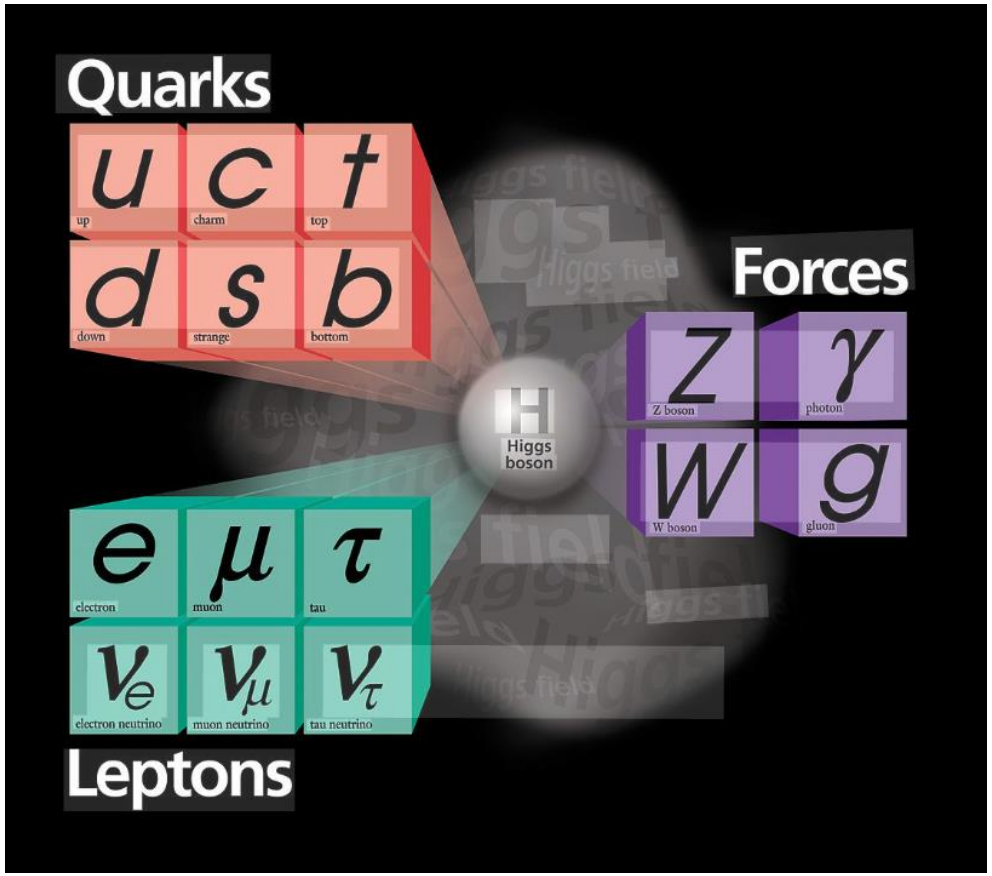
Outline

- Introduction of physics
- H-NS at HIAF
- Summary and Outlook

Spin and its polarization

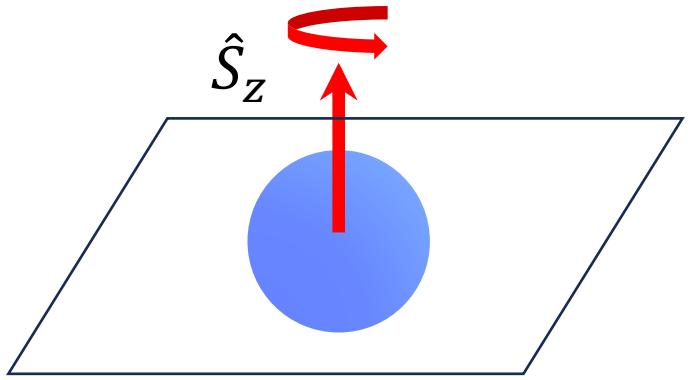
Spin: fundamental degree of freedom for element particles, an intrinsic property of all quantum particles





Spin and its polarization

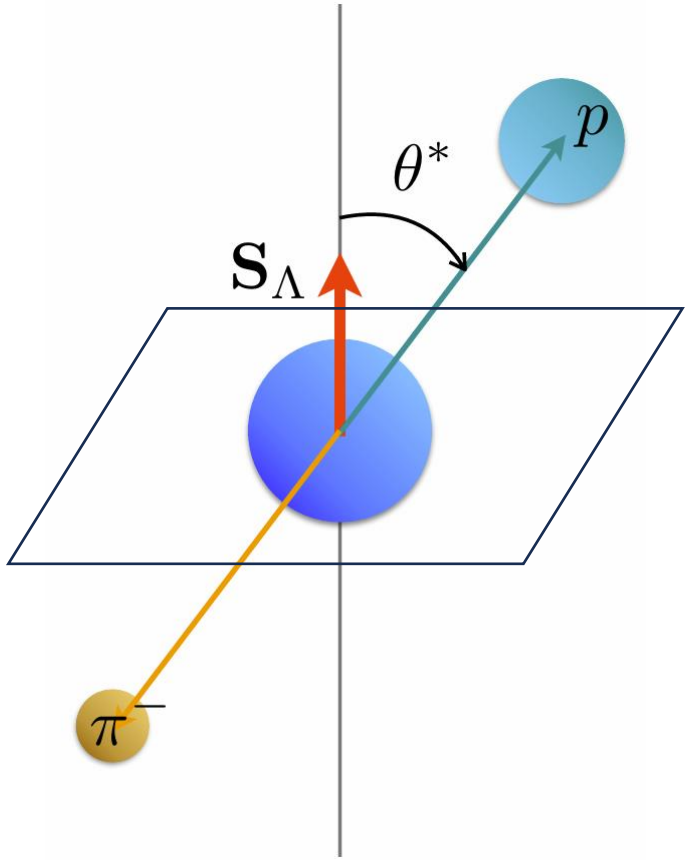
Polarization: spin of particles in a system is aligned in a preferred direction.



Reference plane

Measurement of polarization

Λ^0 serves as its own spin analyzer through the decay $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p + \pi^-$



Decay channel: $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$

branch ratio: $64.1 \pm 0.5\%$

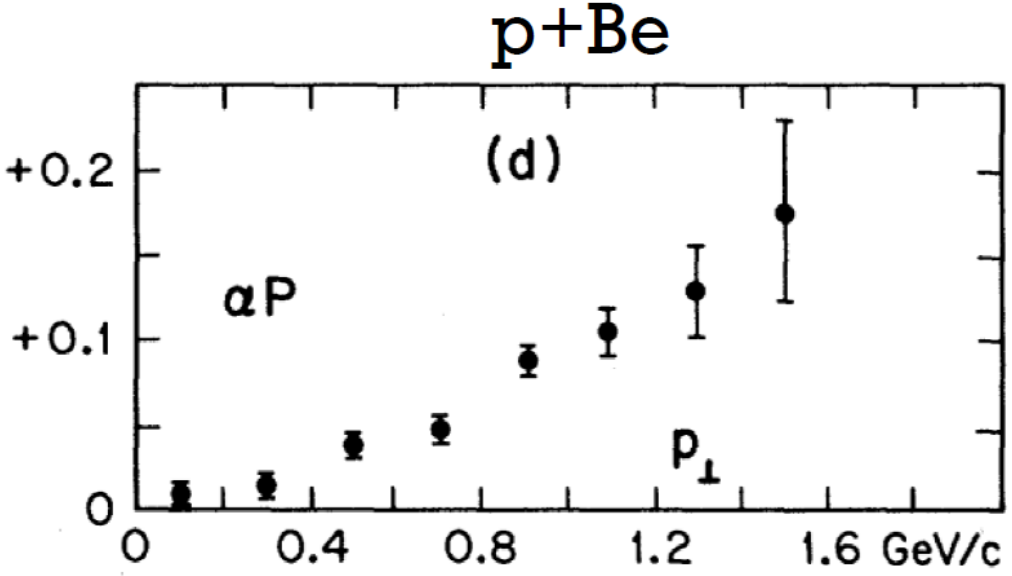
parity violating weak decay

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}\cos\theta^*} \propto \mathcal{A}\left(1 + \alpha_\Lambda P_\Lambda \cos\theta^*\right)$$

decay parameter: $\alpha_\Lambda = 0.748 \pm 0.007$

[Current PDG value]

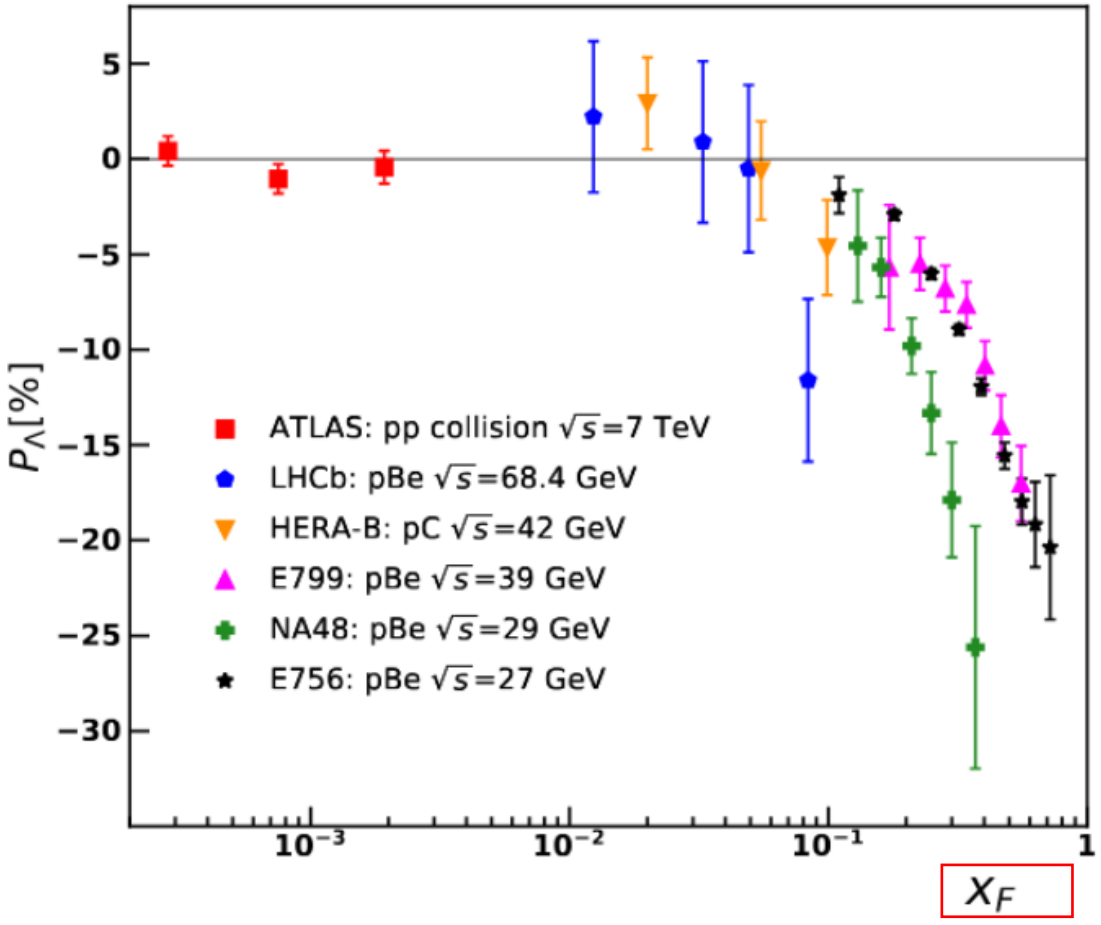
First observation of Λ^0 polarization in the 1970's

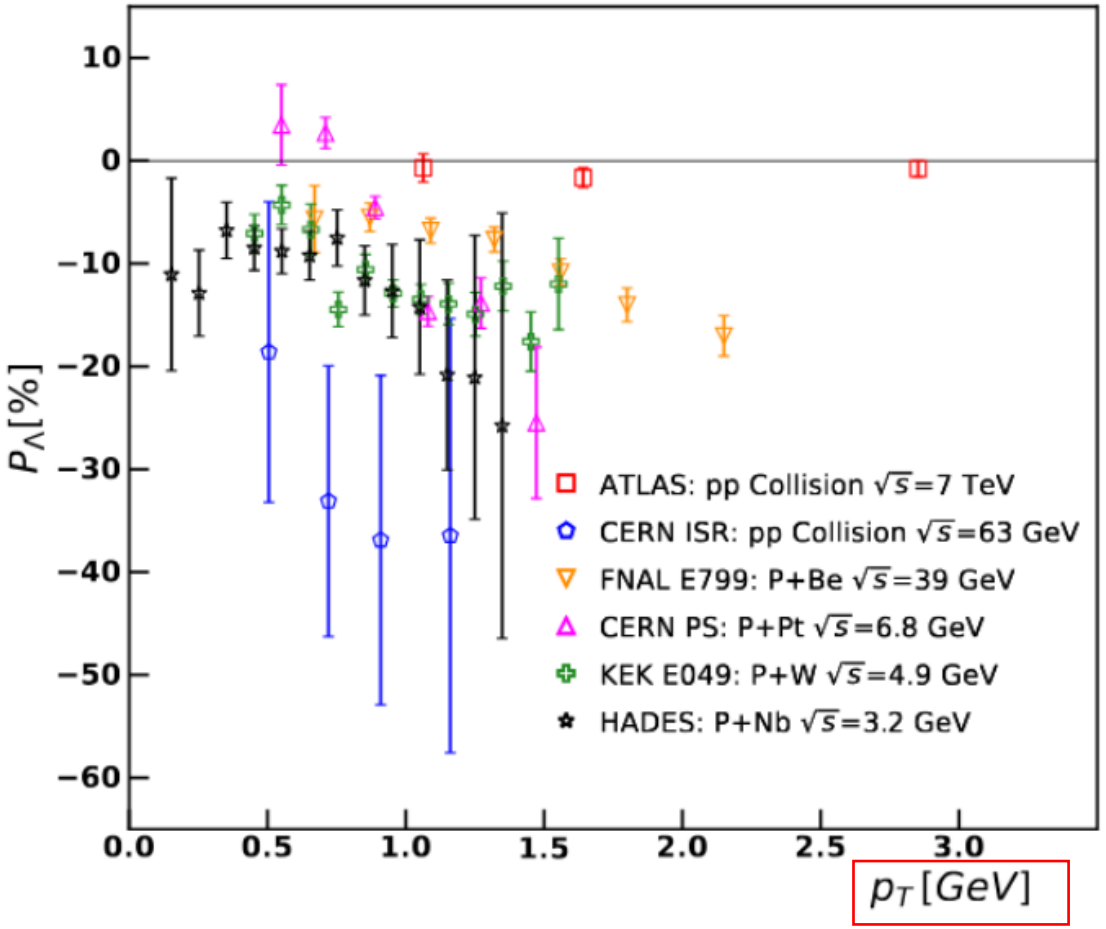


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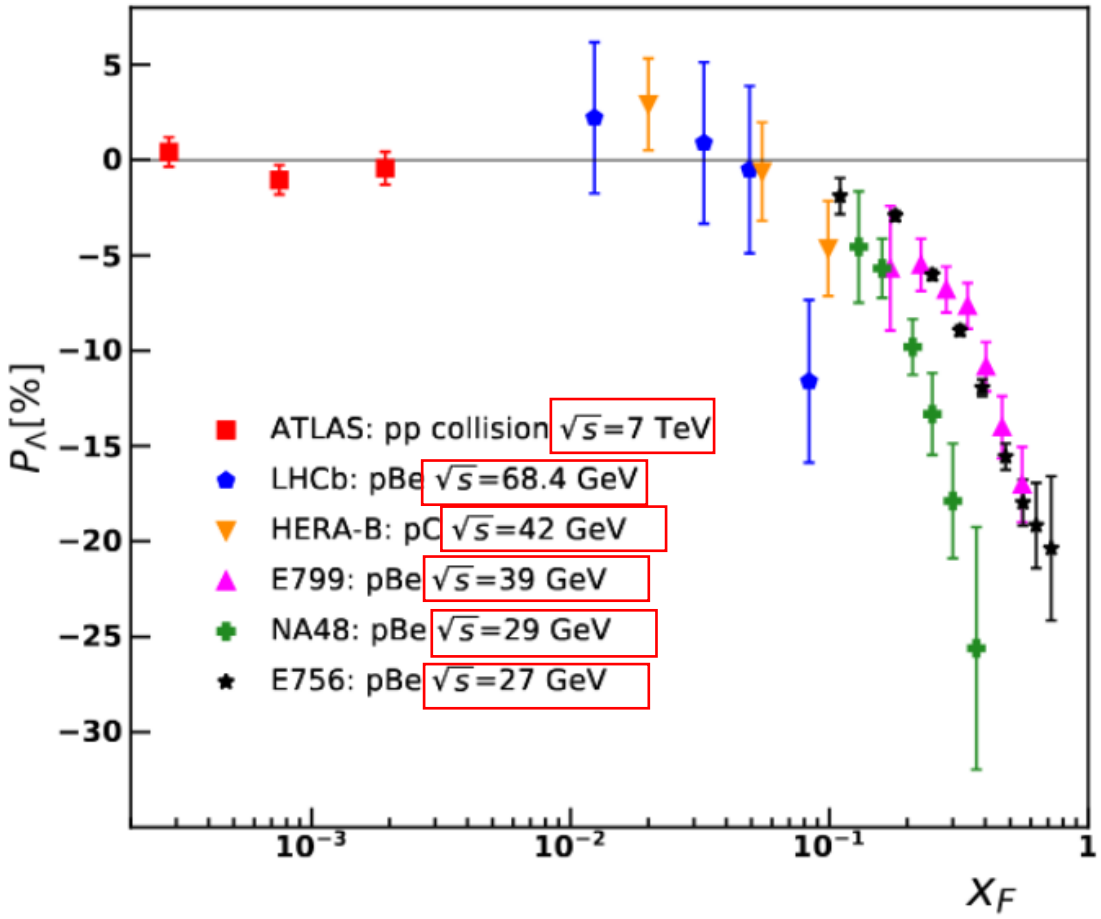
- Hyperons can be produced polarized in collisions of **unpolarized particles**
- Discovered at Fermilab in the 1970's in p + Be collisions: 300 GeV protons on Beryllium

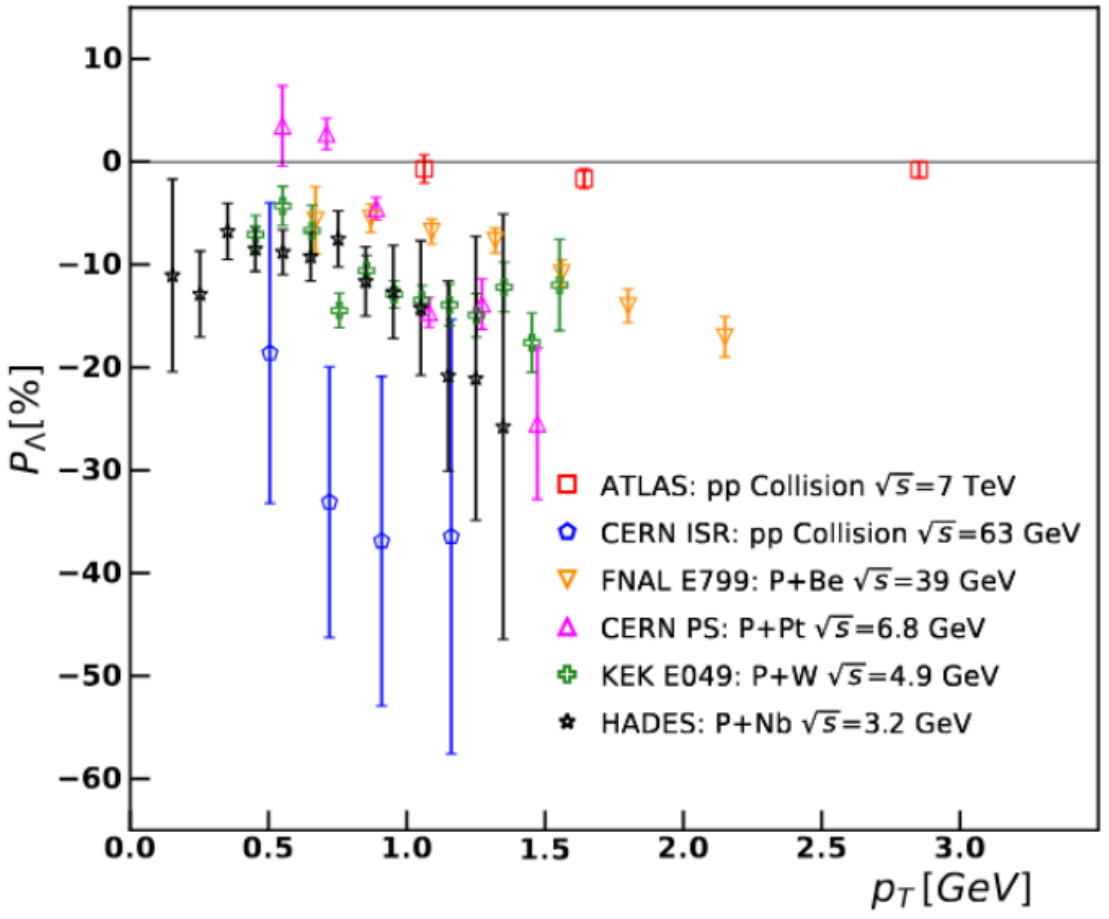
Λ^0 polarization measurements



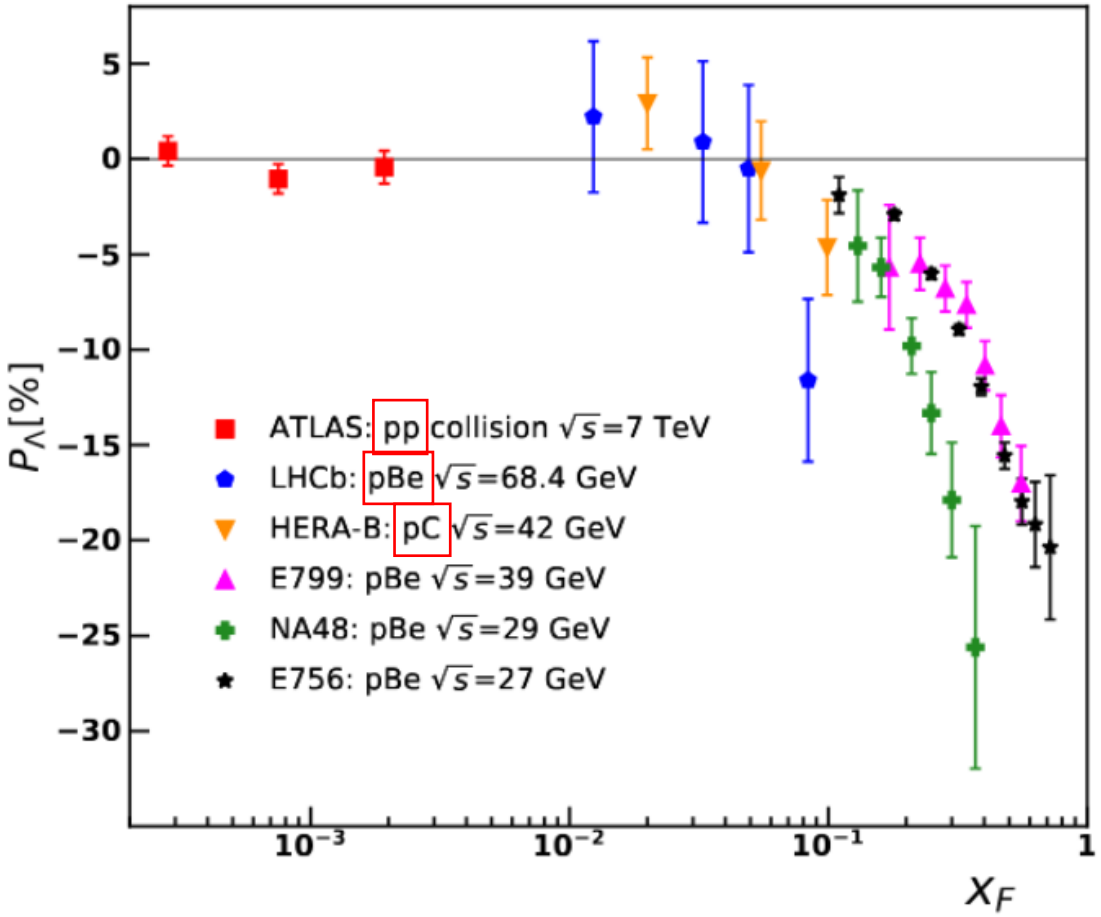


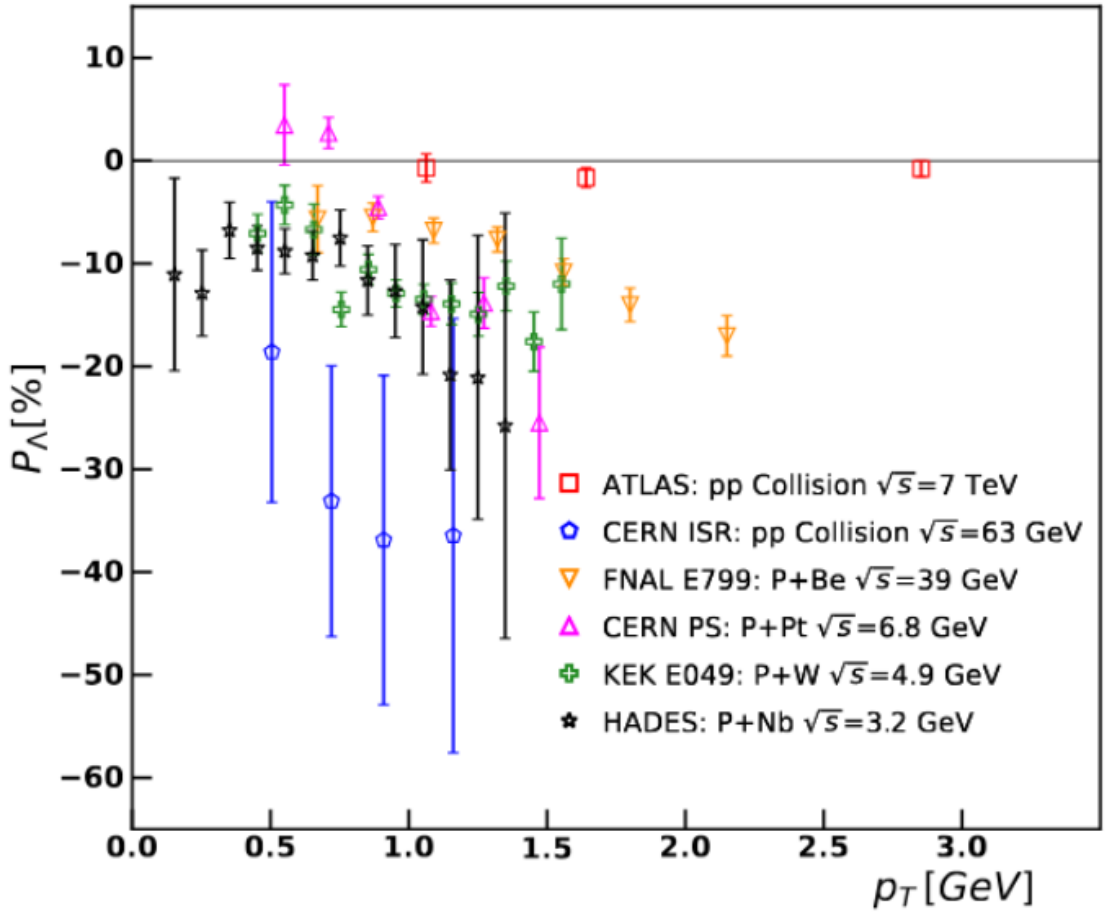
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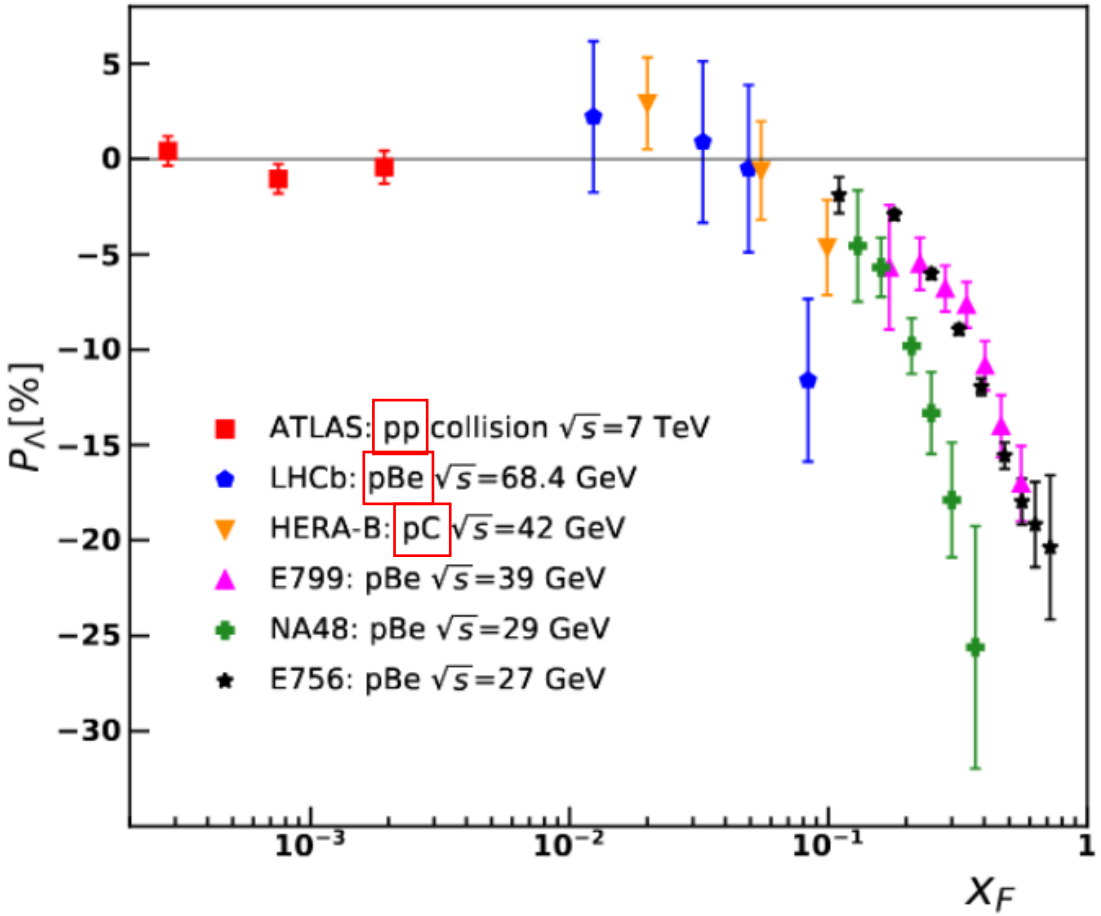


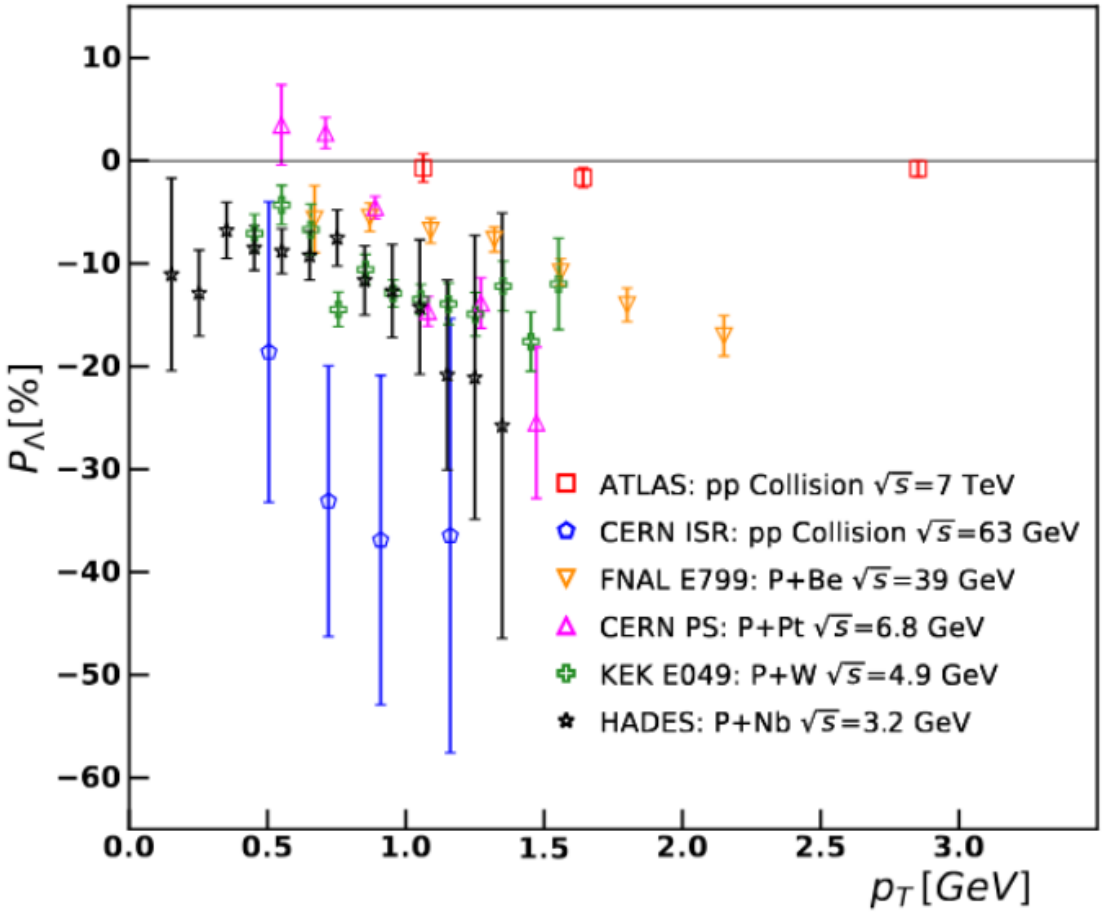
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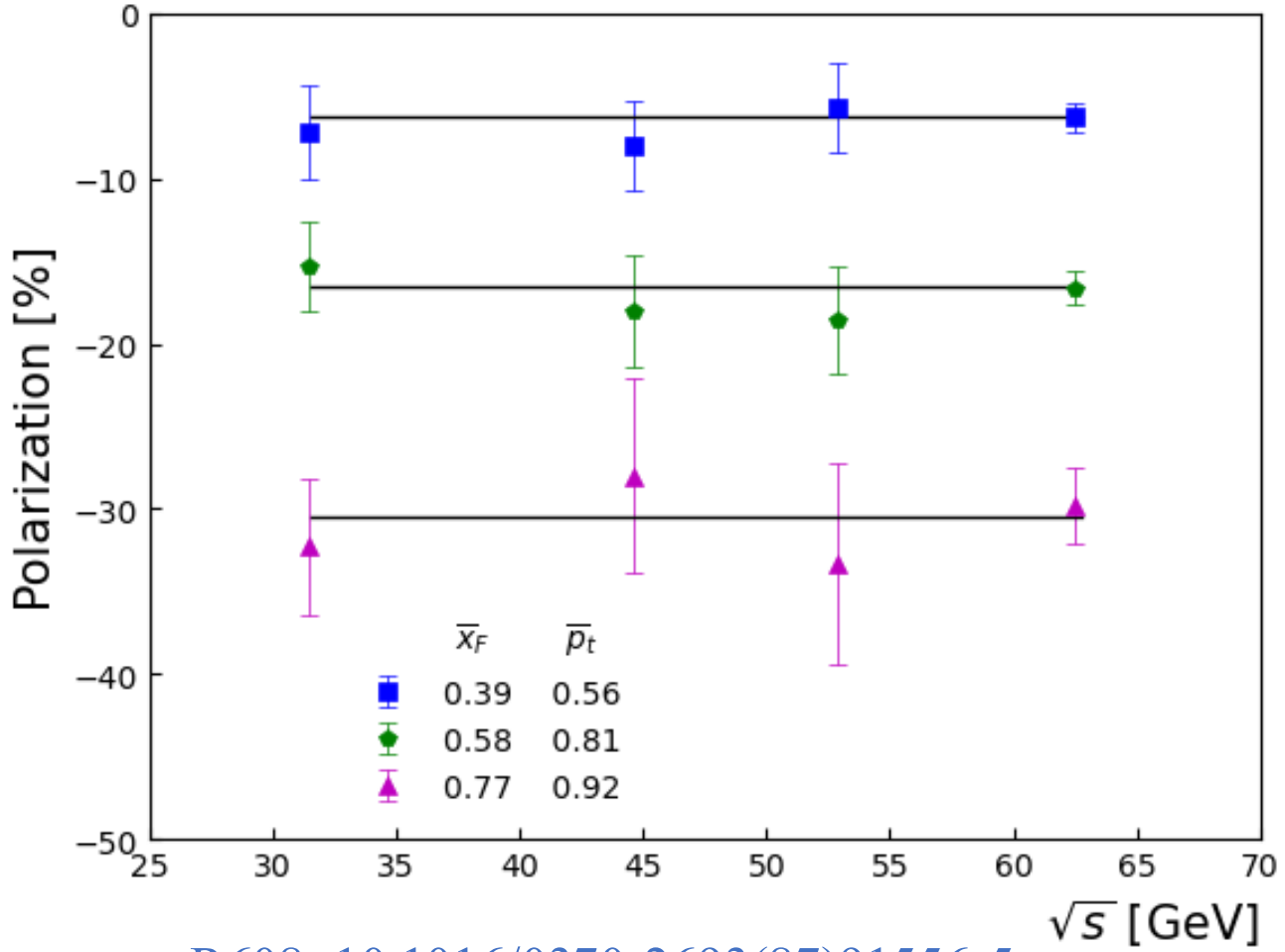




In standard collinear pQCD, the single quark polarization *P* from hard scattering follows the scaling relation: $P \propto \alpha_s \frac{m_q}{Q}$

[Phys.Rev.Lett. 41 (1978) 1689]

“Scaling” of Λ^0 polarization ?



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Theories:

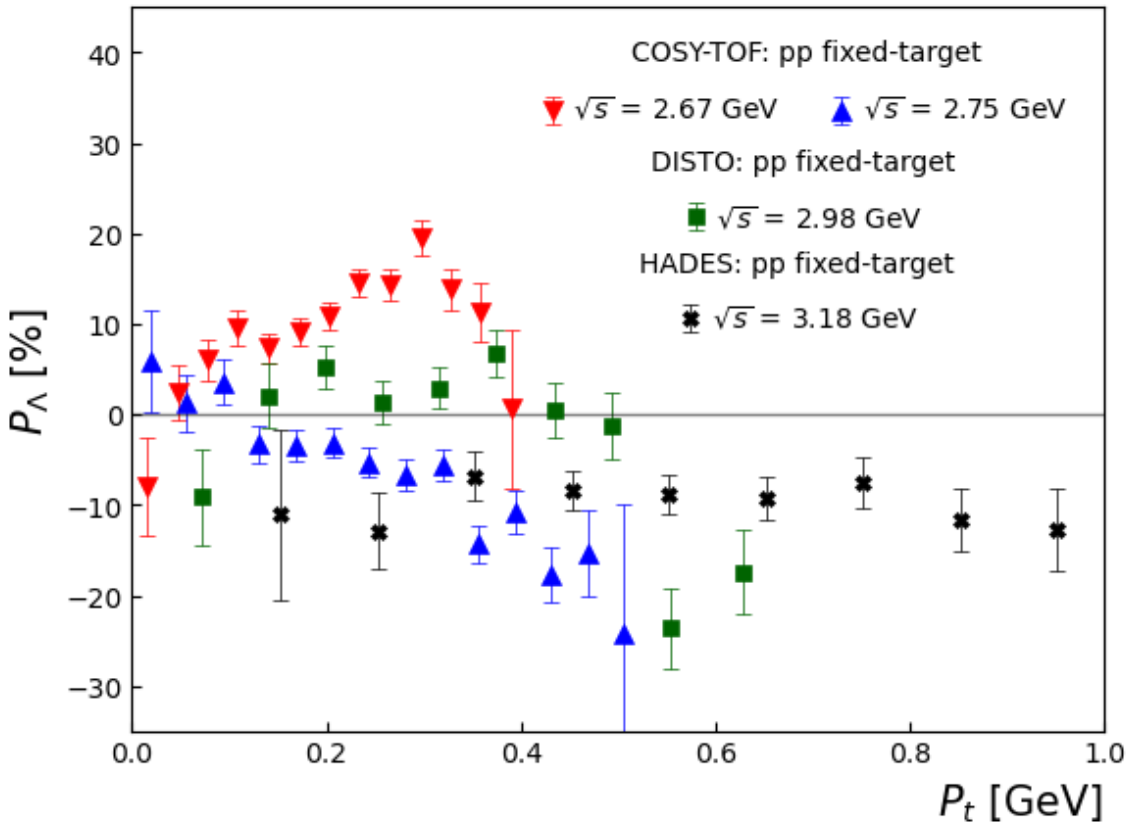
Polarizing Fragmentation Functions (TMD FFs) *Phys. Rev. D 63 (2001) 054029*

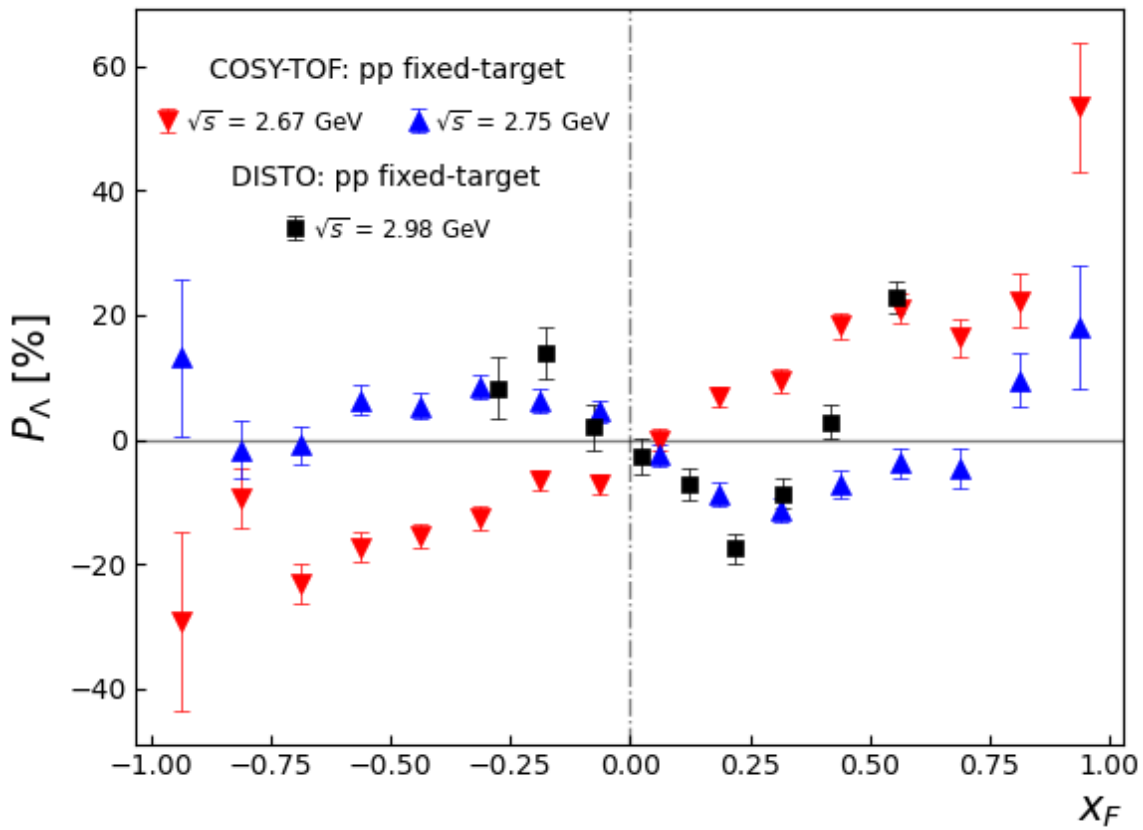
Twist-3 Factorization (Soft Gluon Poles)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 67 (1991) 2264

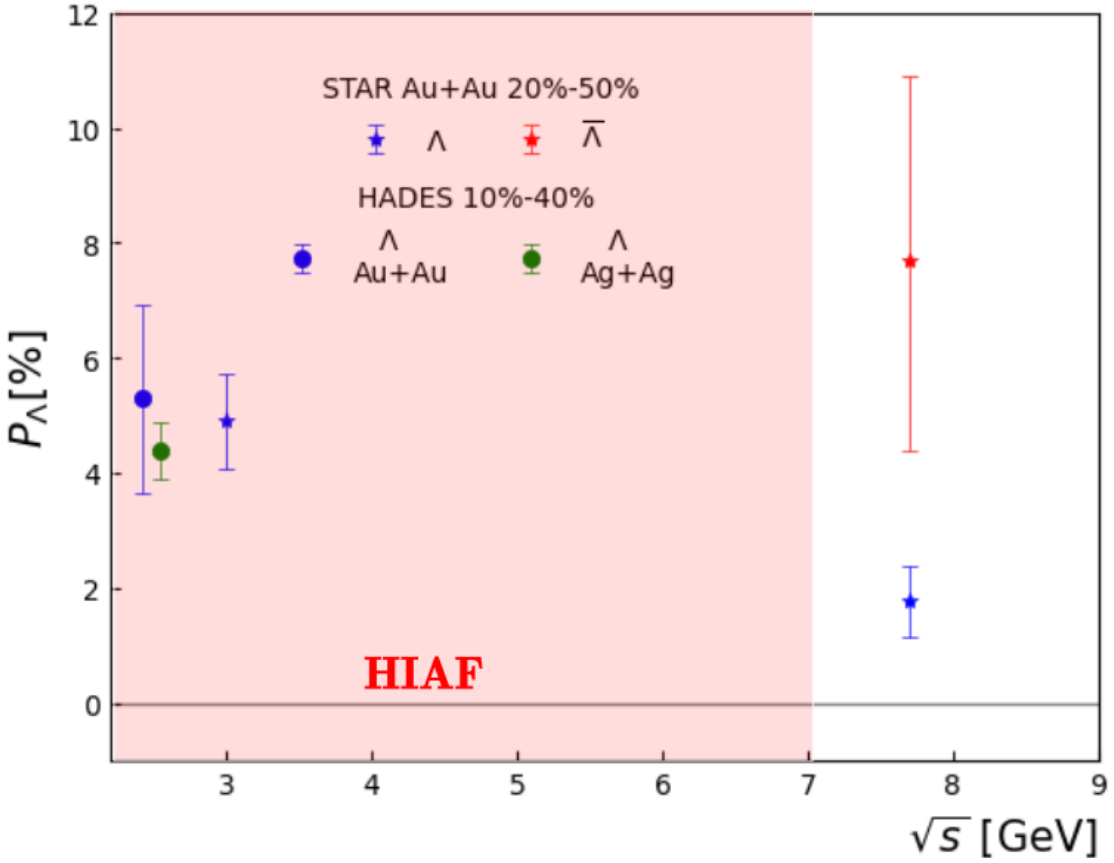
pQCD predicts that the polarization will be decreasing as energy increases

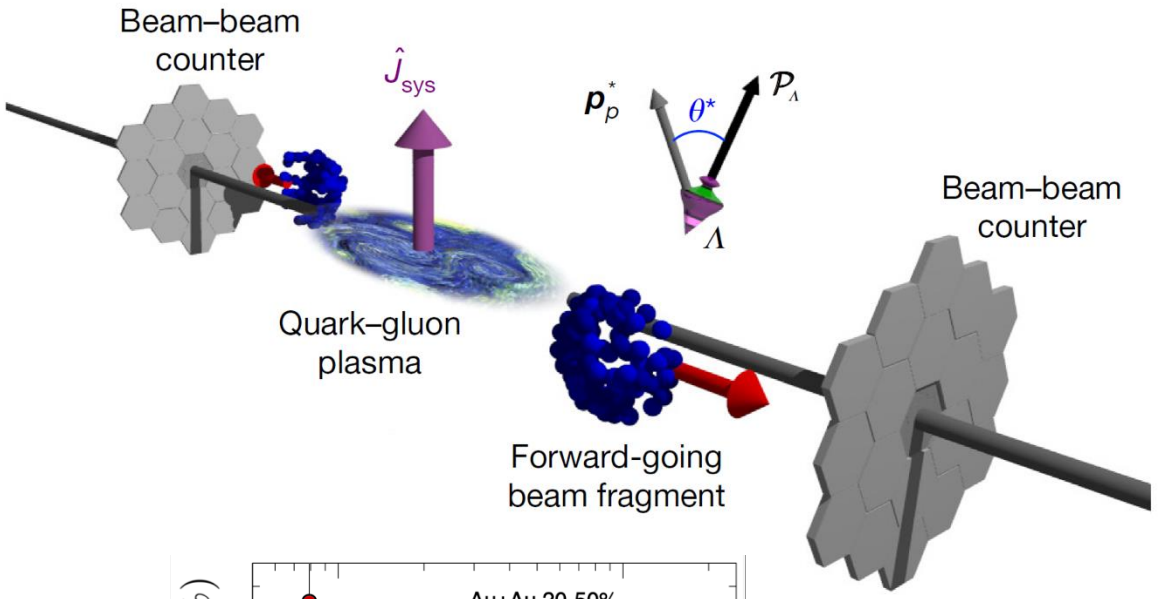
Puzzle in low energy collisions



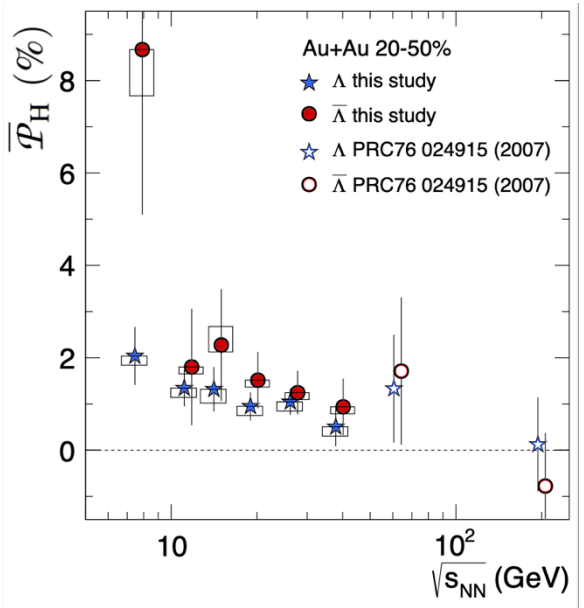


What's more? with A-A



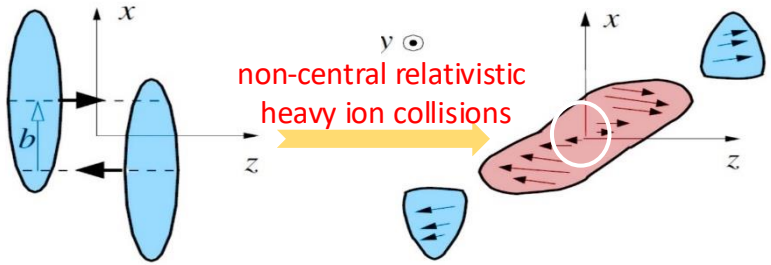


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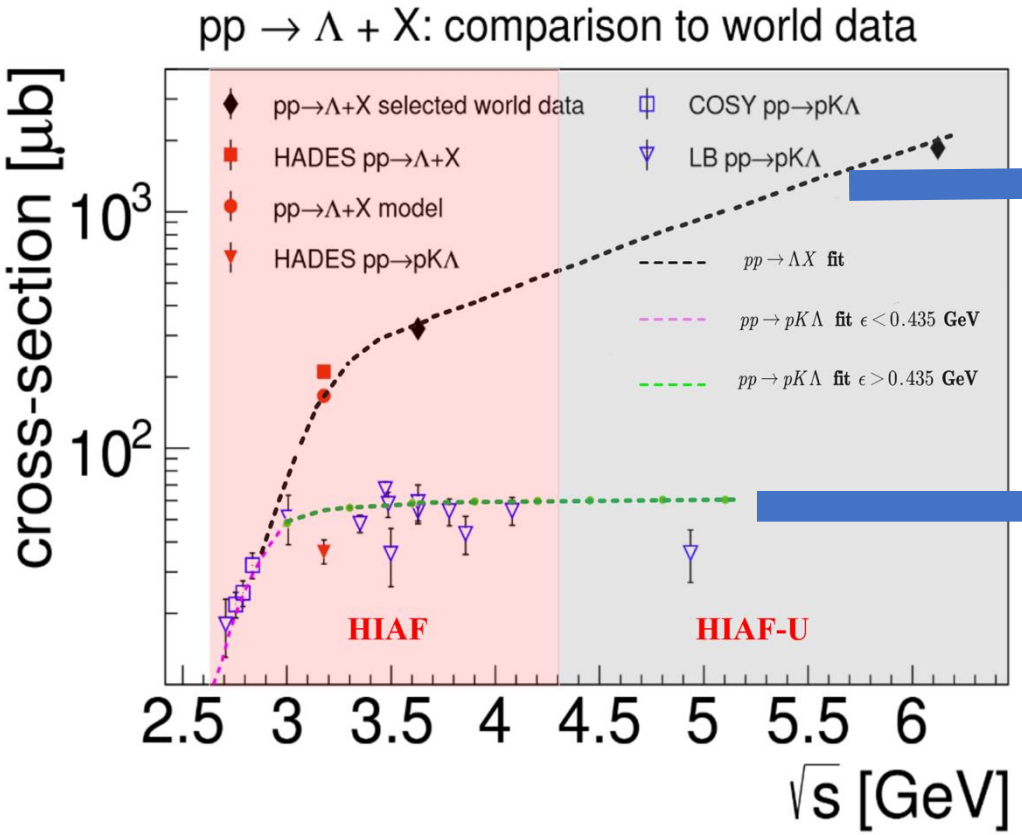
Study the hyperon polarization in different production mechanism

- across energy region and collision system



① $AA \to \Lambda X$ **Global polarization**

Zuo-Tang Liang, Xin-Nian Wang, PRL 94,102301 (2005); PLB 629, 20 (2005).
Jian-Hua Gao, Shou-Wan Chen, Wei-tian Deng, Zuo-Tang Liang, Qun Wang, Xin-Nian Wang, PRC 77, 044902 (2008).



② $pp\,(A) \to \Lambda X$ **polarization through hadronization**

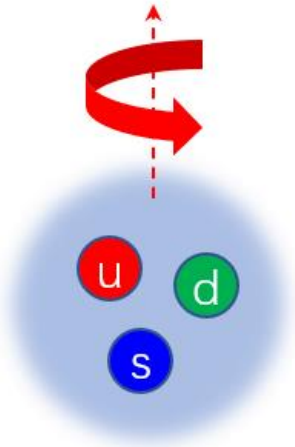
Zuo-tang Liang, and C. Boros, Phys. Rev. Lett. 79, 3608 (1997); PRD 61, 117503 (2000).
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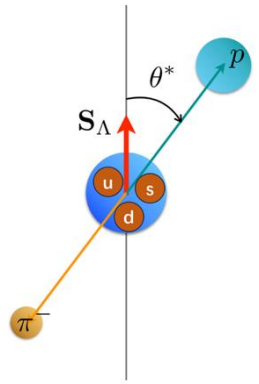
③ $pp \to pK\,\Lambda$ **Λ polarization in exclusive processes**

R. Machleidt, K. Holinde and C. Elster, Phys. Rept. 149, 1 (1987).
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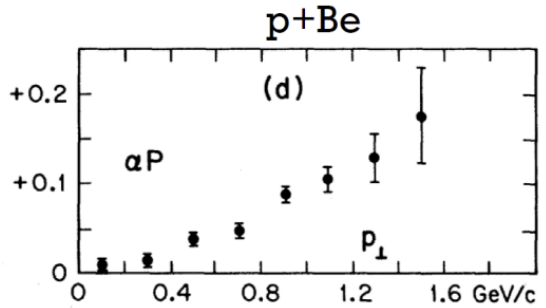
An interesting question: Is proton polarized as well?

pp → p K Λ





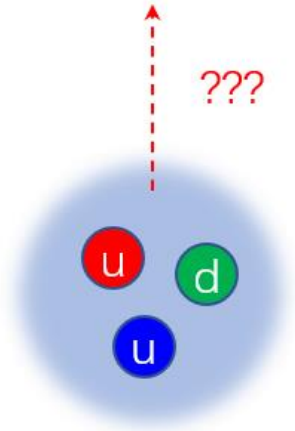
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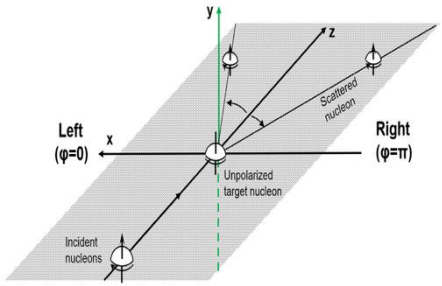


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pp → p + X

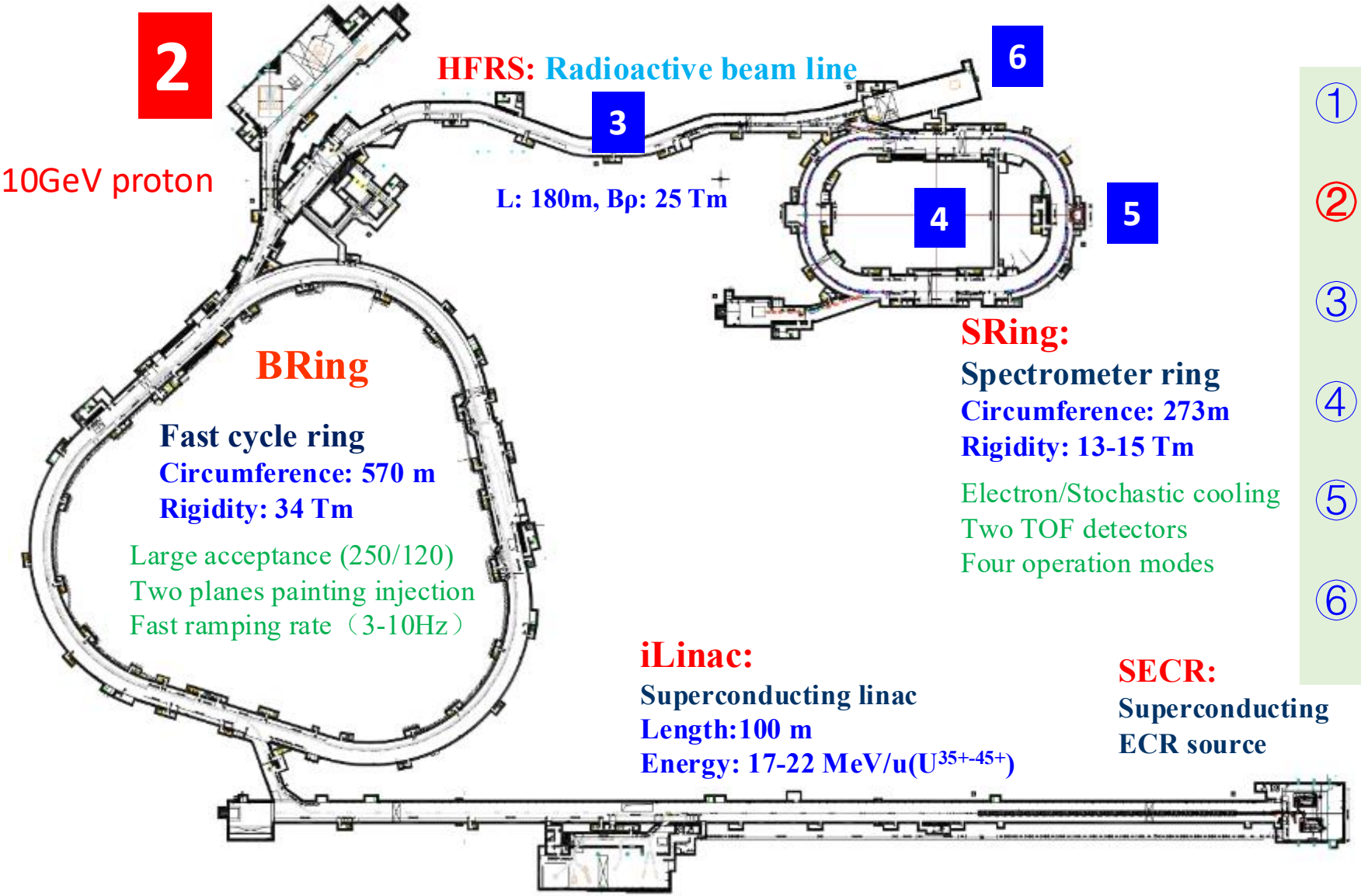




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High Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF)



① Low energy nuclear structure terminal
② **High energy experimental terminal**
③ High energy fragment separator HFRS
④ High precision spectrometer ring SRing
⑤ Electron ion recombination terminal
⑥ Radioactive ion beam physics terminal

Budget ~3 billion CNY (including civil construction), start from Dec. 2018, installation finished in Sept. 2025, located in Huizhou.

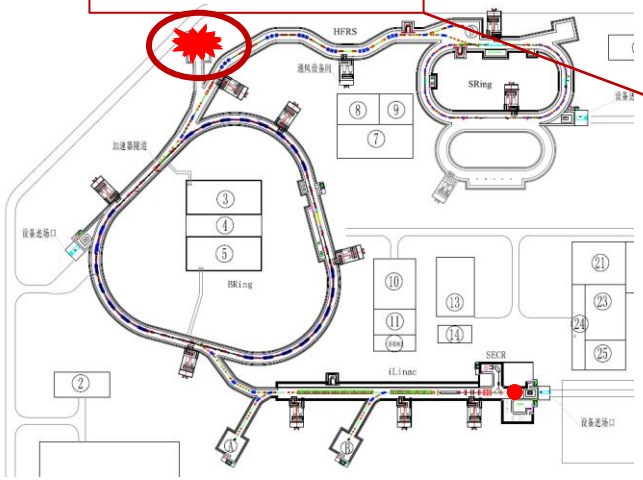


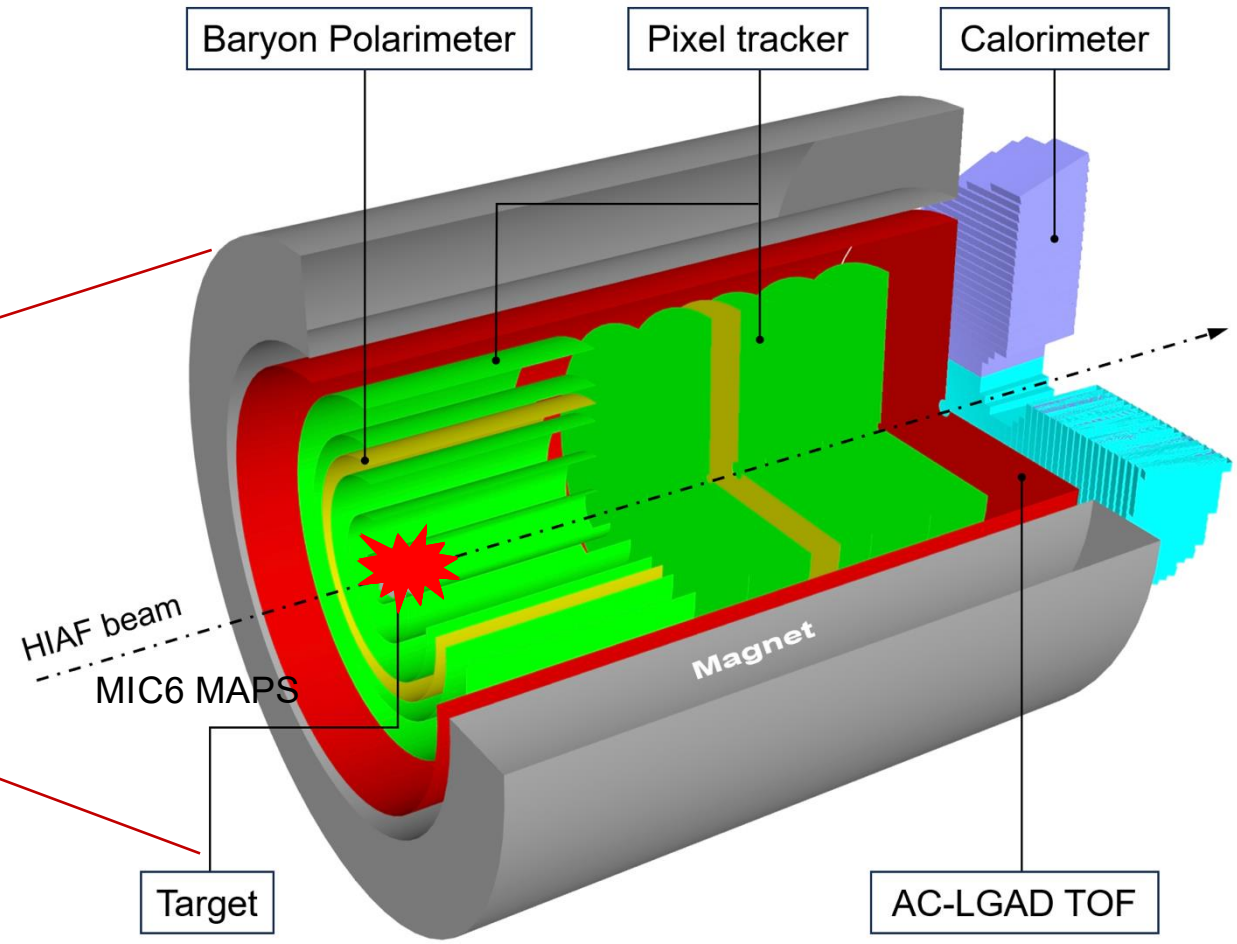
Hyperon Nucleon Spectrometer (H-NS)

proton beam up to 9.3 GeV
ion beam up to 4.25 GeV/u

- **p + p**
- **p + A**
- **A + A**

High Energy Nuclear Physics Terminal





HIAF beam parameters

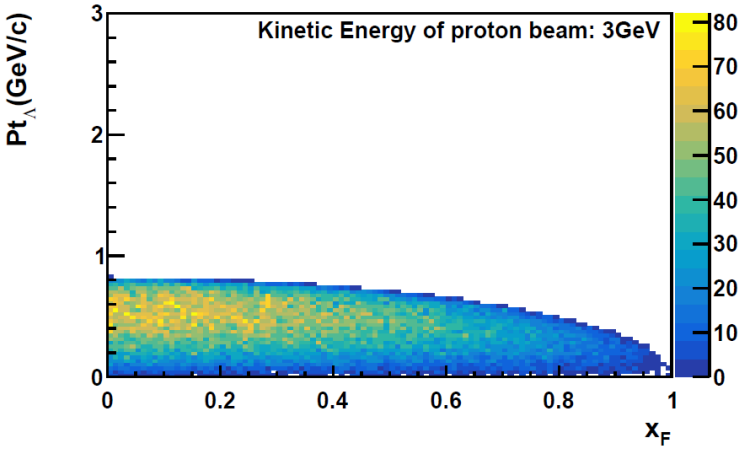
Ion	Intensity (ppp)	Kine_Energy (GeV/u)
$^{238}U^{35+}$	2.0×10^{11}	0.84
$^{238}U^{76+}$	5.0×10^{10}	2.5
$^{129}Xe^{27+}$	3.6×10^{11}	1.4
$^{78}Kr^{19+}$	5.0×10^{11}	1.7
$^{40}Ar^{12+}$	7.0×10^{11}	2.3
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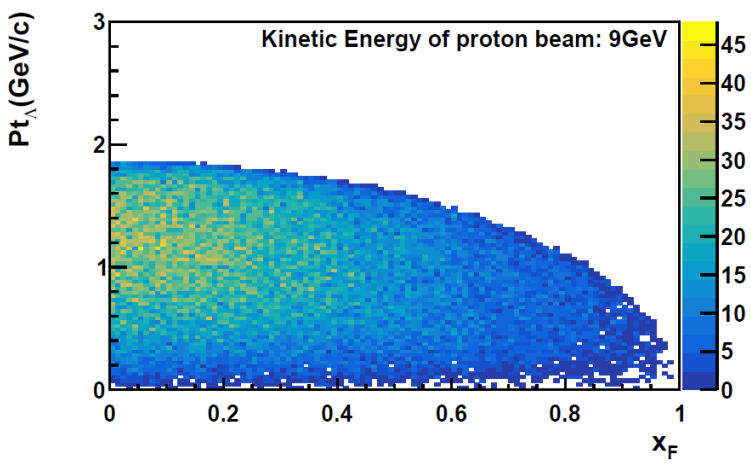
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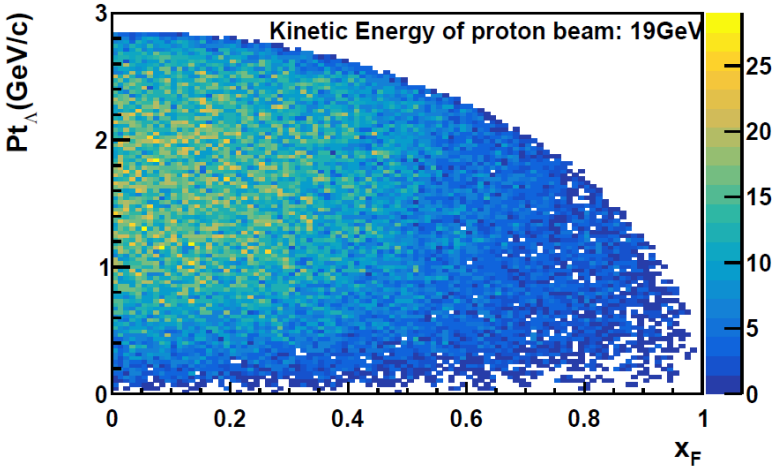
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研究所	装置	重复频率	离子种类	设计流强	达到流强
BNL	AGS Booster	/	Au^{32+}	/	5×10^{9}
CERN	LEIR	/	Pb^{54+}	/	9×10^{8}
JINR	NICA	/	Au^{32+}	4×10^{9}	/
GSI	SIS18	2.7Hz	U^{28+}	1.0×10^{11}	3×10^{10}
FAIR	SIS100	2.7Hz	U^{28+}	$(1.0\text{-}2.0)\times10^{11}$	/
IMP	HIAF-BRing	3-5Hz	U^{45+}	2.0×10^{11}	/
IMP	HIAF-SRing	/	U^{45+}	1.0×10^{12}	/

HIAF kinematics coverage







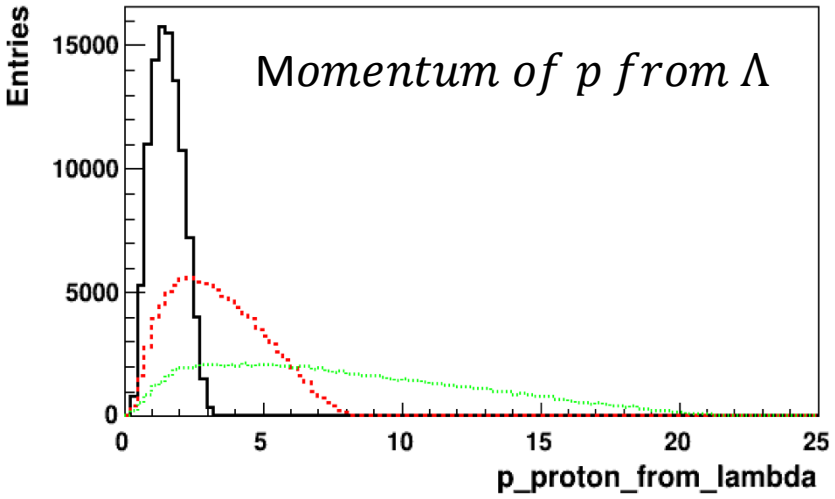
3 GeV → 9 GeV → 20 GeV

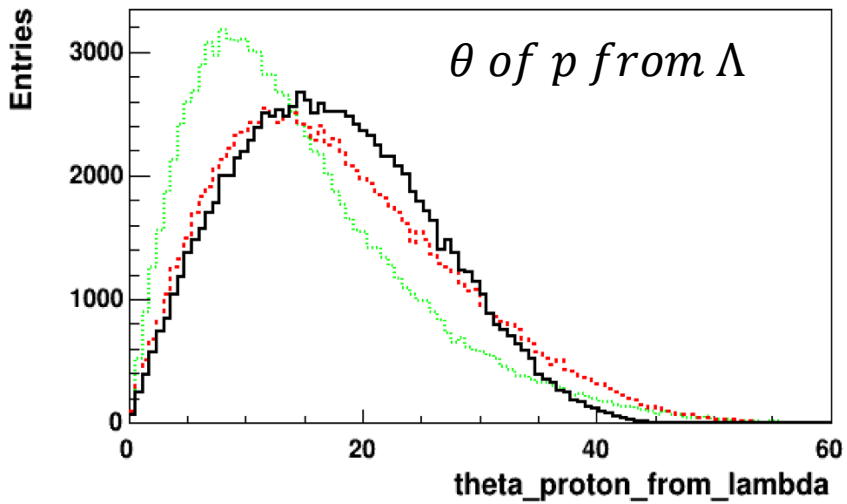
Allow for a multi-dimensional mapping of the Λ^0 polarization and production

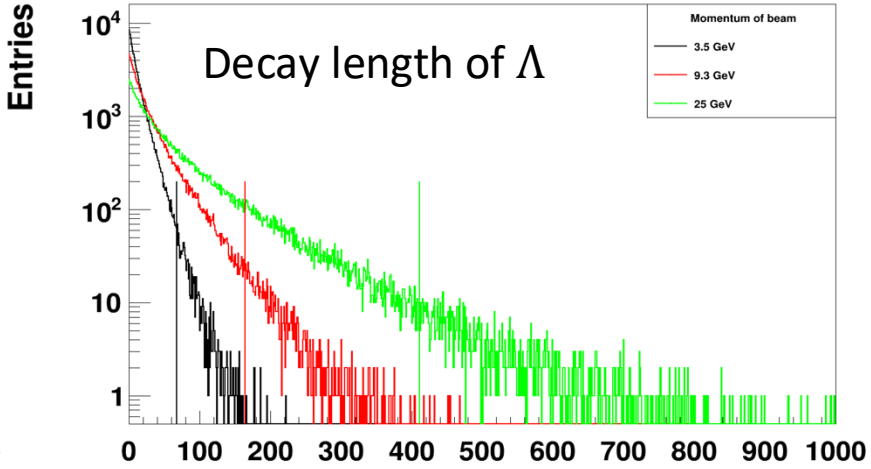
- Beam energy scan
- p→p, p→A, A→A data taking

The challenge

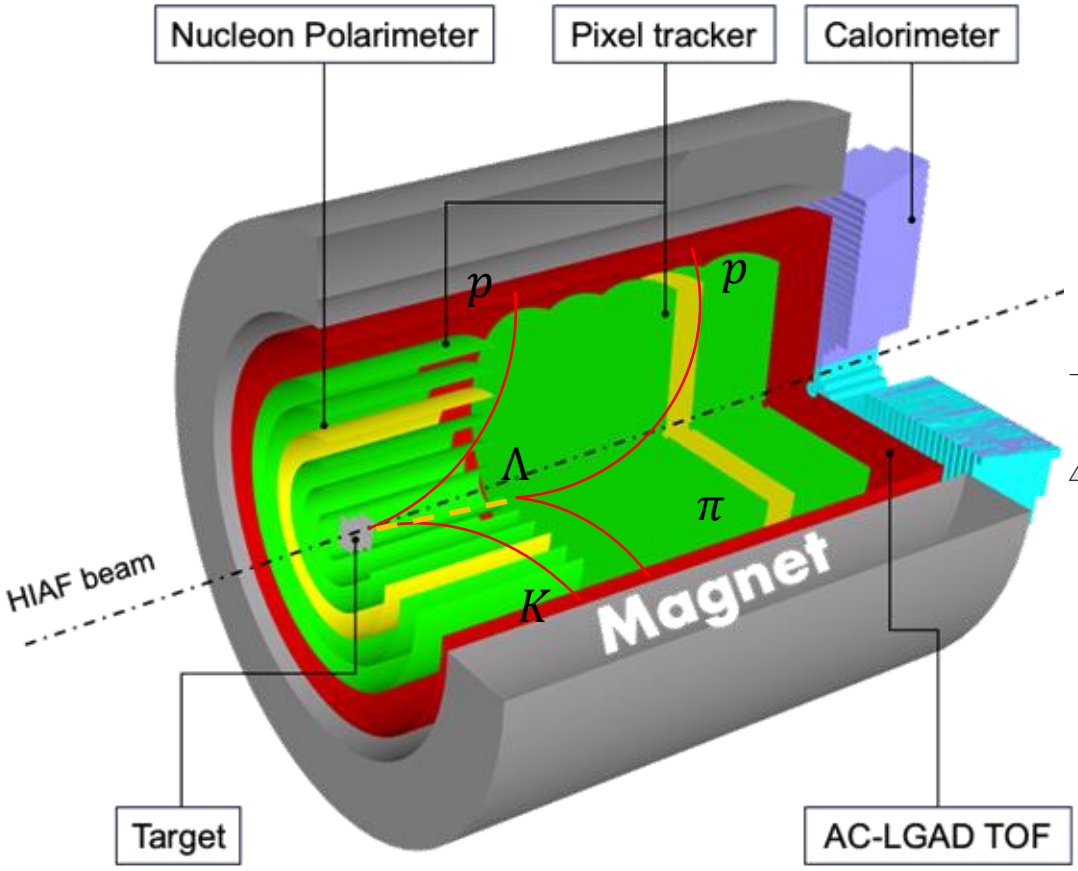
All the momentum, angular distributions and the Λ decay length are beam energy-dependent







H-NS Physics Requirements & Technical Challenges



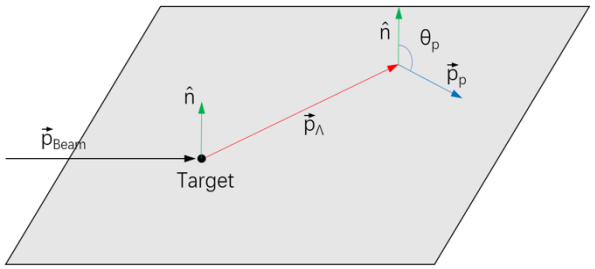
Technical challenges:

- Fast response: rate ~MHz level
- High momentum resolution, high position resolution, low material budget
- K, π, pparticle identification
- Radiation hard

Hyperon polarization

pp → p K^+ Λ;

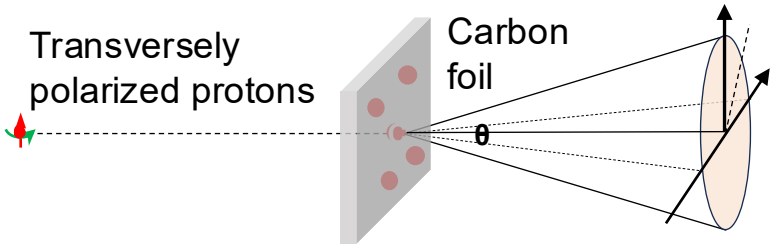
Λ → pπ



$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega} = N_0(1 + \alpha \mathcal{P} cos\theta),$$

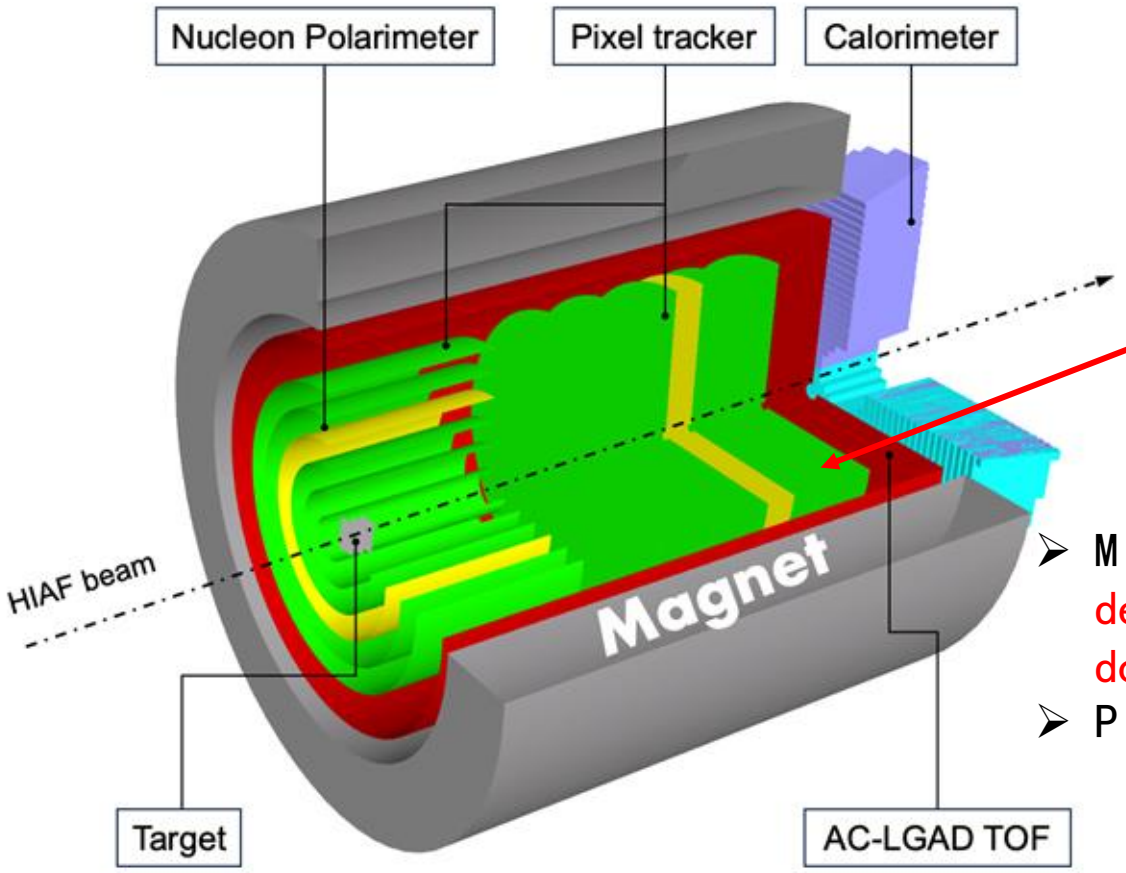
Proton polarization

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

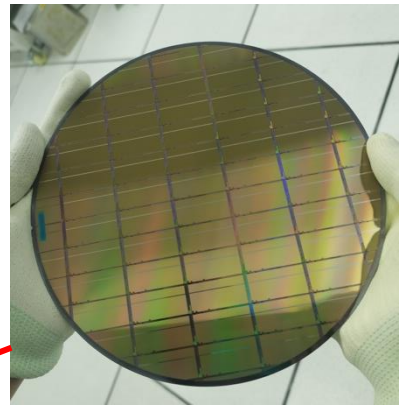


- Compact design: R<1m
- Large acceptance:
  - 5 to 100 degree
- High event rate
  - 100kHz - 1MHz (pp, pA)
- Baryon polarization measurement
  - Determine the final-state proton polarization
- P resolution：~2%@1GeV (η<2.5)
- PID:
  - K, π seperation (~3σ) up to 2 GeV/c
  - K, p seperation (~3σ) up to 5 GeV/c
- Vertex resolution:
  - Excellent resolution(<500micron)
  - Low material bugdet(<10% X/X_0)

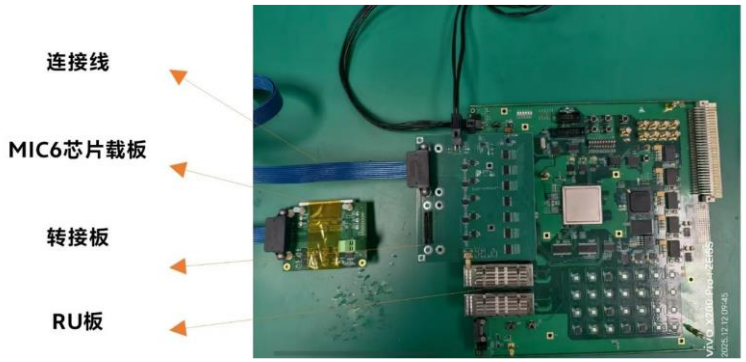
H-NS Tracking Detector System



MIC6 V3 wafer



MIC6 V3 test system

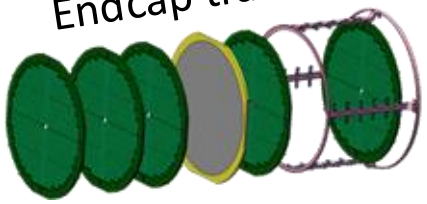


- MIC6 MAPS pixel chip: developed and fabricated with domestic technology
- Pixel size: 30 μm
  - material: 0.8% X/X_0
  - Integration time : 5-10 μs

Barrel tracking detector

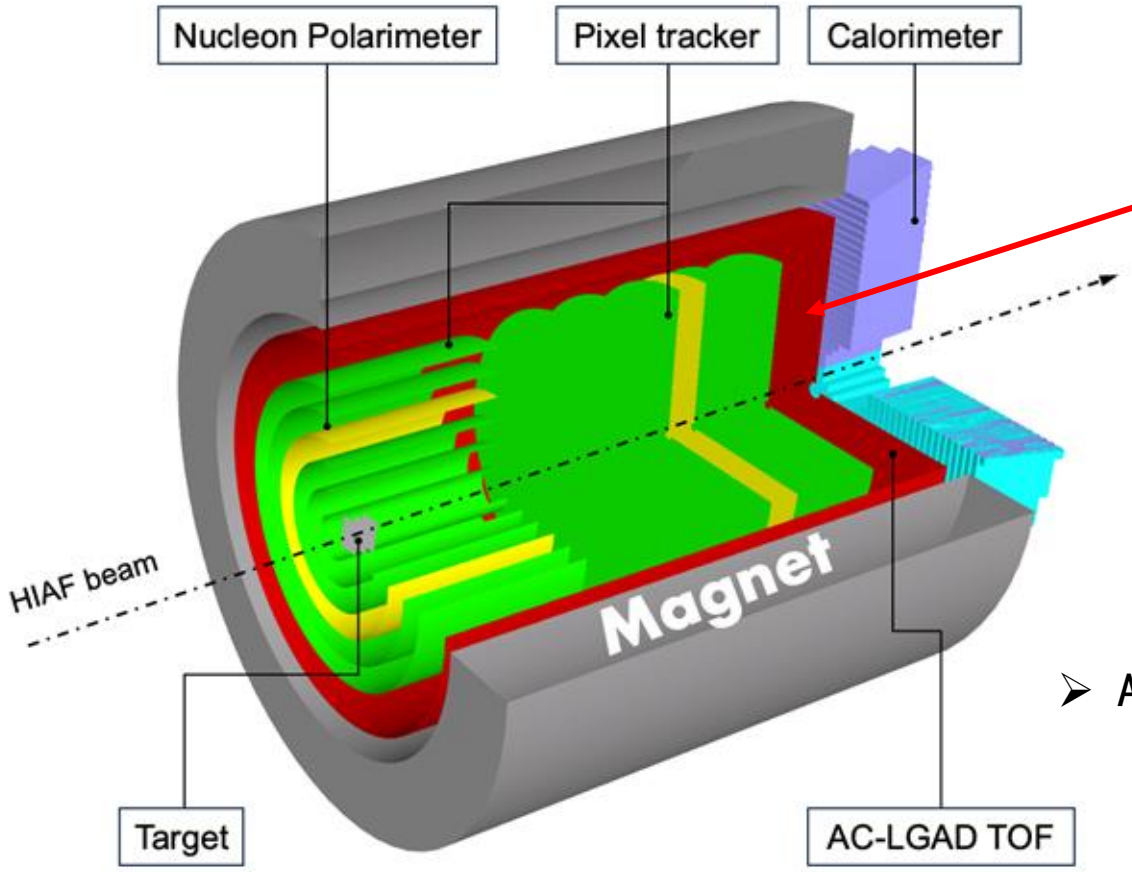


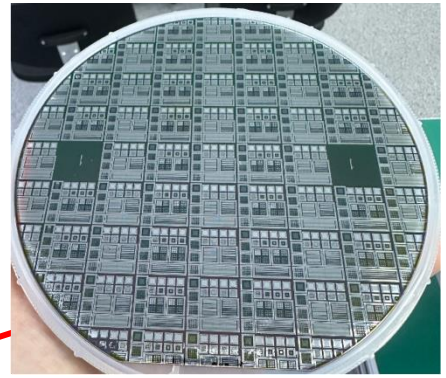
Endcap tracking detector

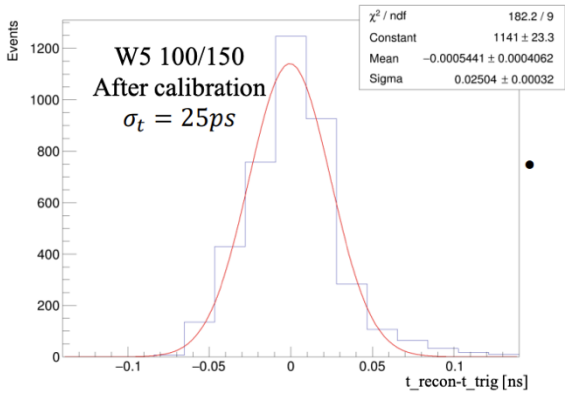


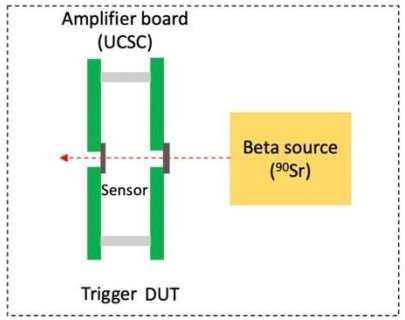
CCNU + USTC + IMP + NPU

H-NS Particle Identification System

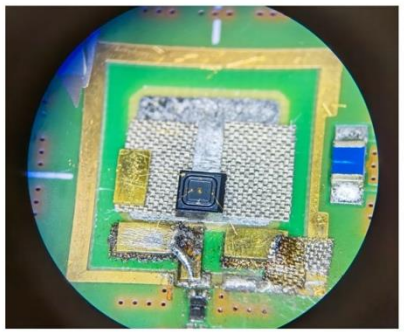


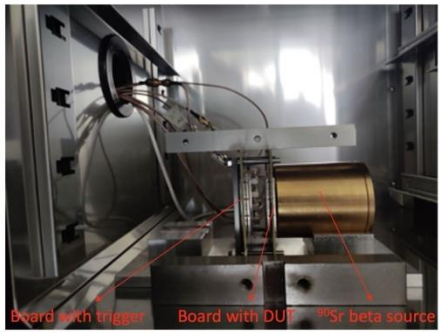

Cold box





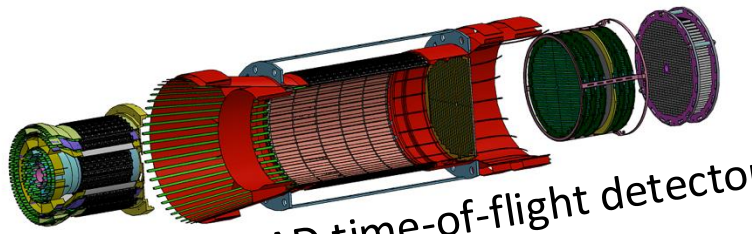
(a)


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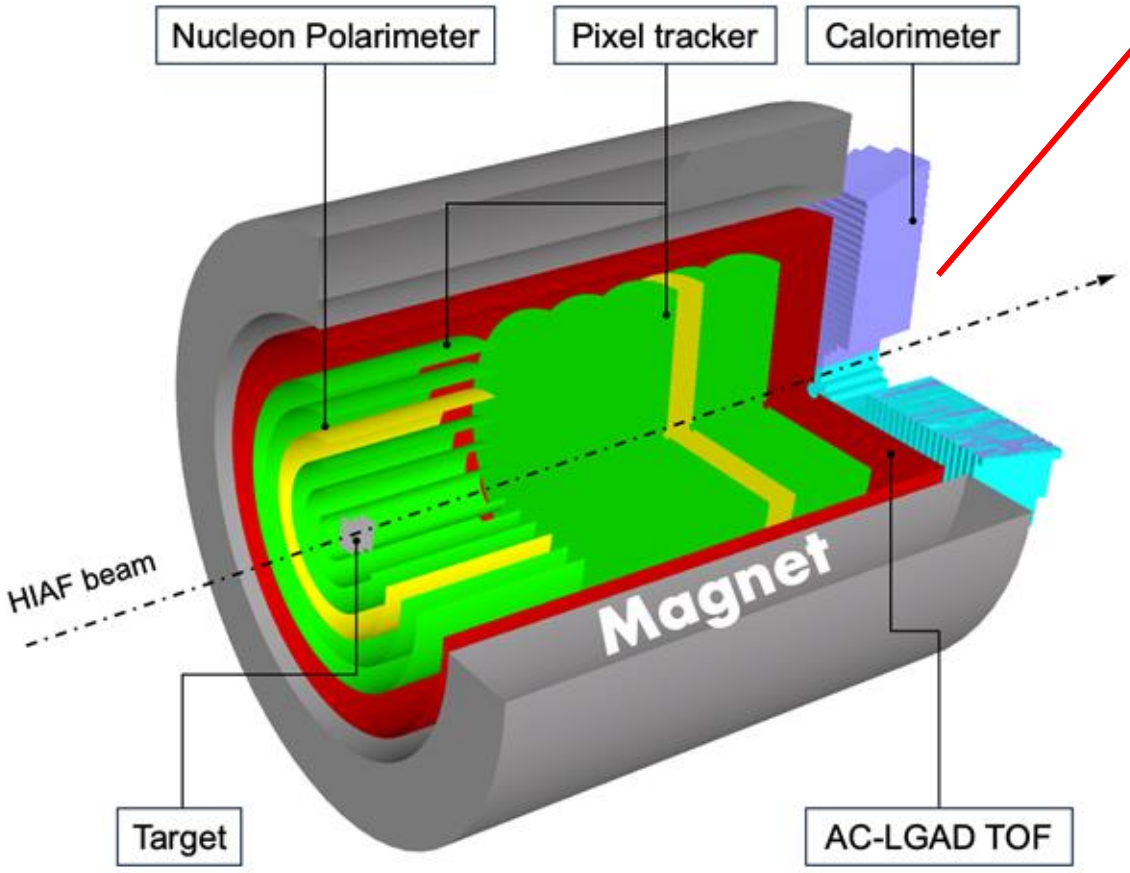
(c)

- AC-LGAD
  - Compact structure
  - Time resolution : ~30 ps
  - Spatial resolution : ~100


AC-LGAD time-of-flight detecto

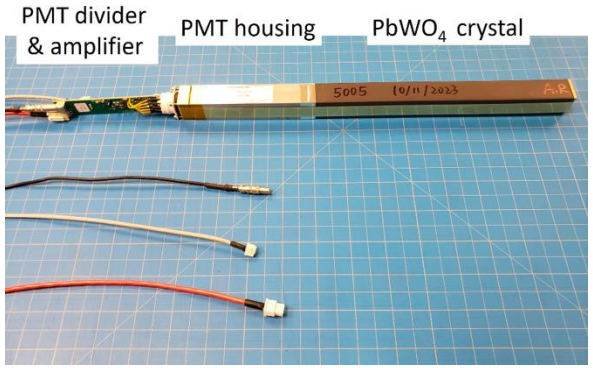
USTC + SDU + IMP + Tsinghua

H-NS Calorimeter System



Dual functions of the calorimeter system：

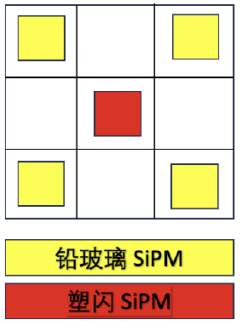
1. Reconstruct neutral particles etc., serving physics research γ, π^0, for physics research
2. High-performance calorimeter R&D platform supporting future experiments



PbWO4 crystal: compact volume, good energy resolution

- Energy resolution： $3\%/\sqrt{E}$
- Position resolution： ～3mm

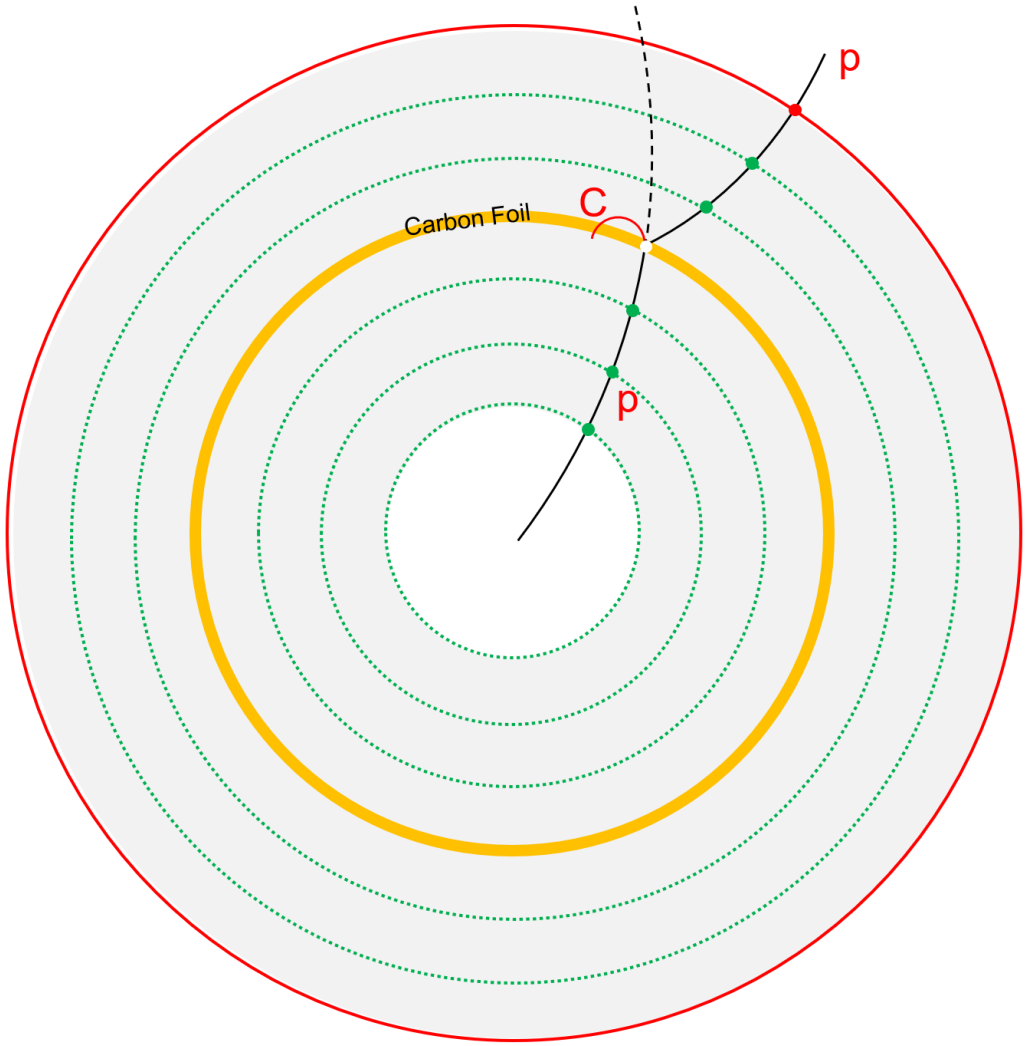




R&D of a dual-readout calorimeter with Cherenkov and scintillation light

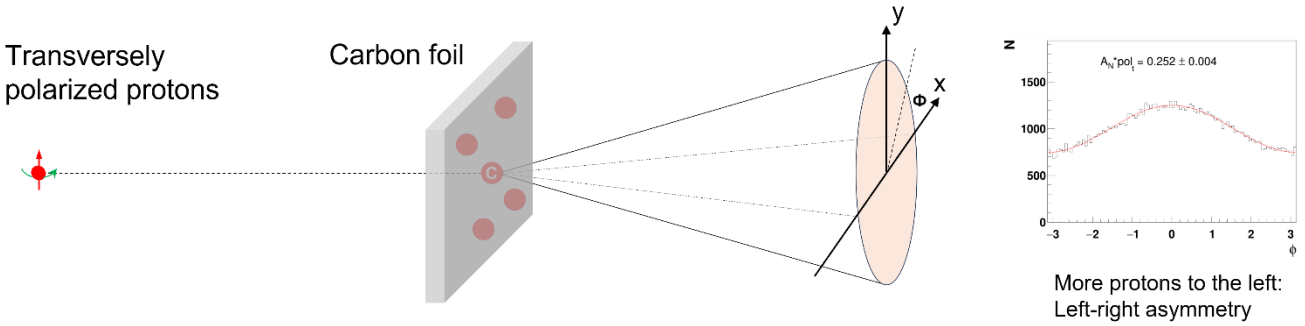
Tsinghua + Fudan + IMP

H-NS Baryon Polarimeter



Determine proton polarization via elastic scattering

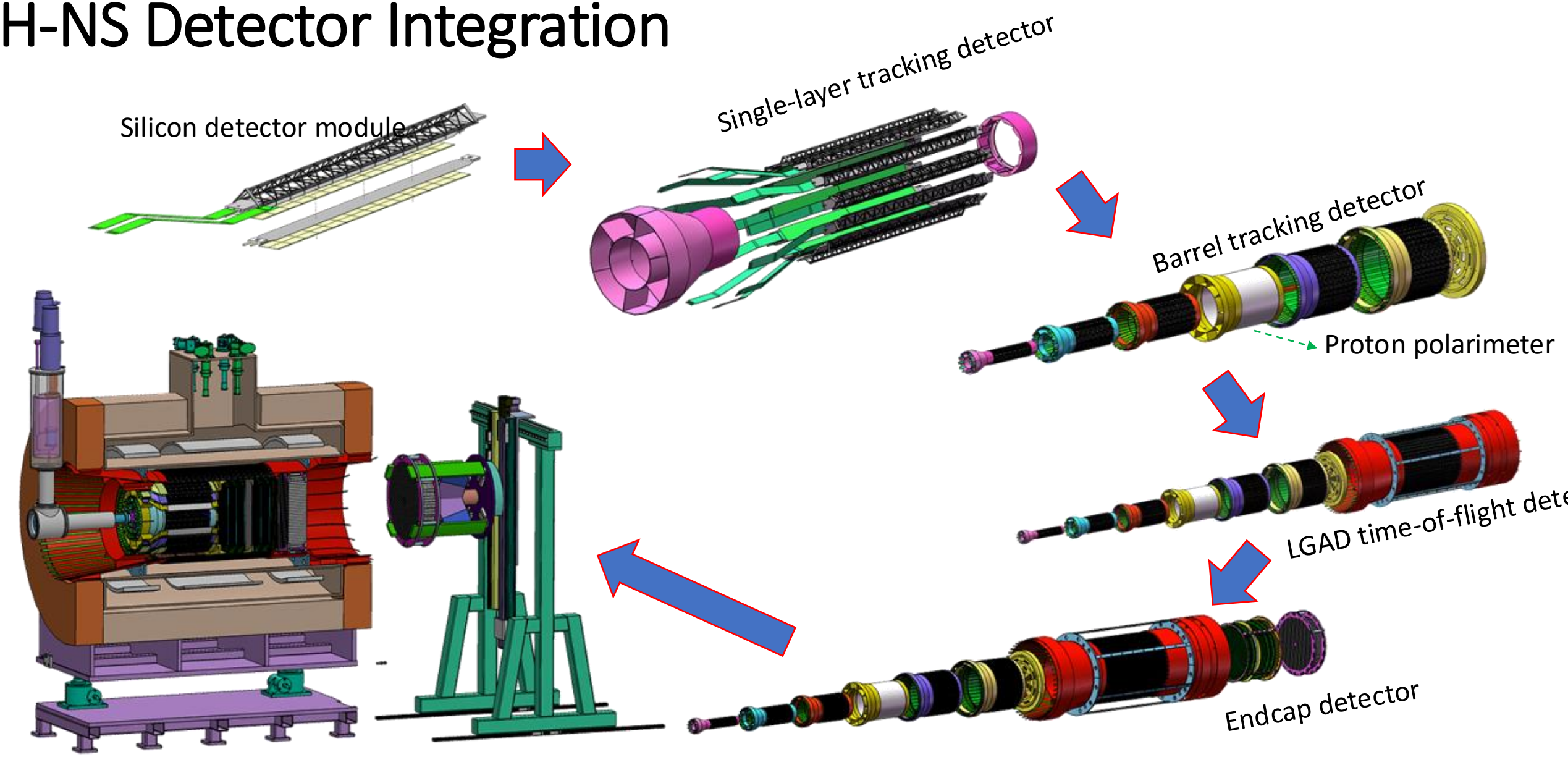
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi d\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{d\sigma_0}{d\cos\theta}\left[1 + P_y A_N(\theta)\cos\phi\right]$$



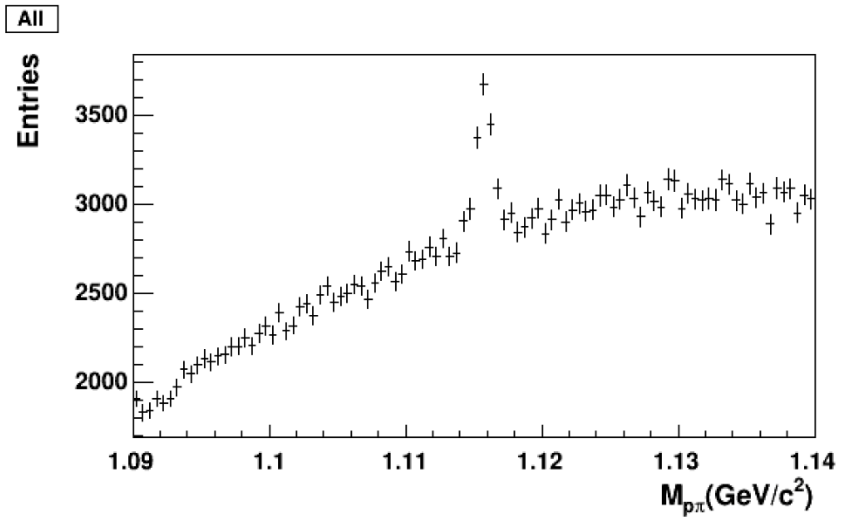
- **Carbon target layer**
  - **~1 mm thickness**
  - **Material budget: <1% X/X0**
  - **Reaction probability: pC (1E-3)**
- **Position: in the middle of the tracker**

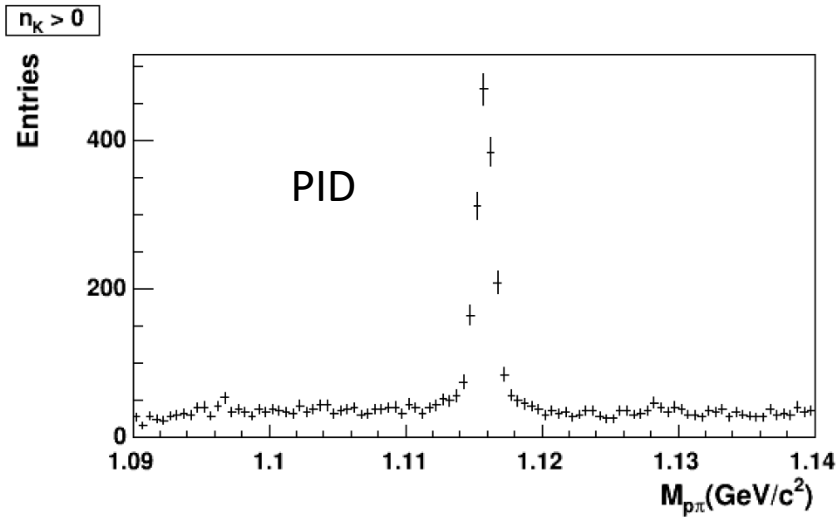
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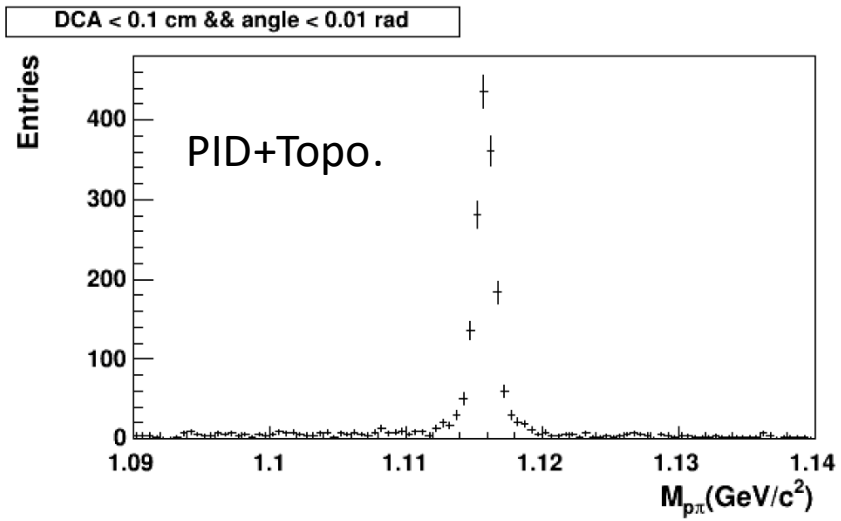
H-NS Detector Integration

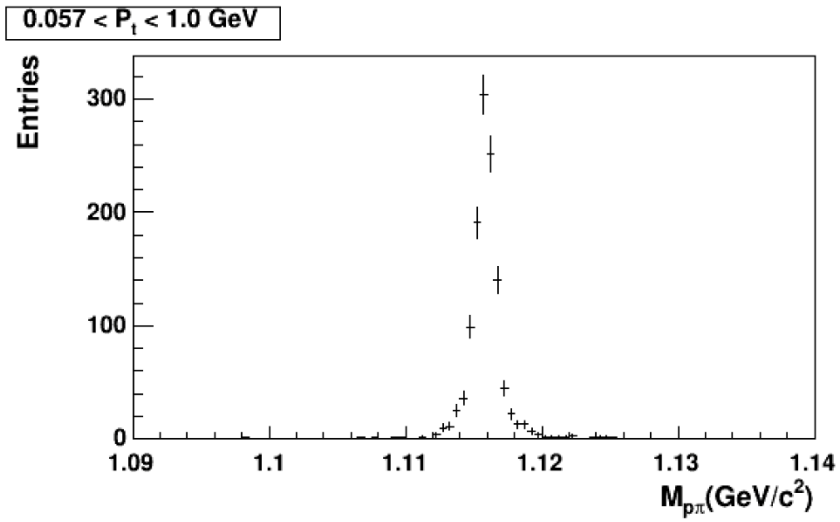


Λ^0 reconstruction in H-NS









Uncertainty projection of the polarization measurement

pp → pKΛ

pp →Λ+X

H-NS

Reaction: p+p

Event rate:1MHz

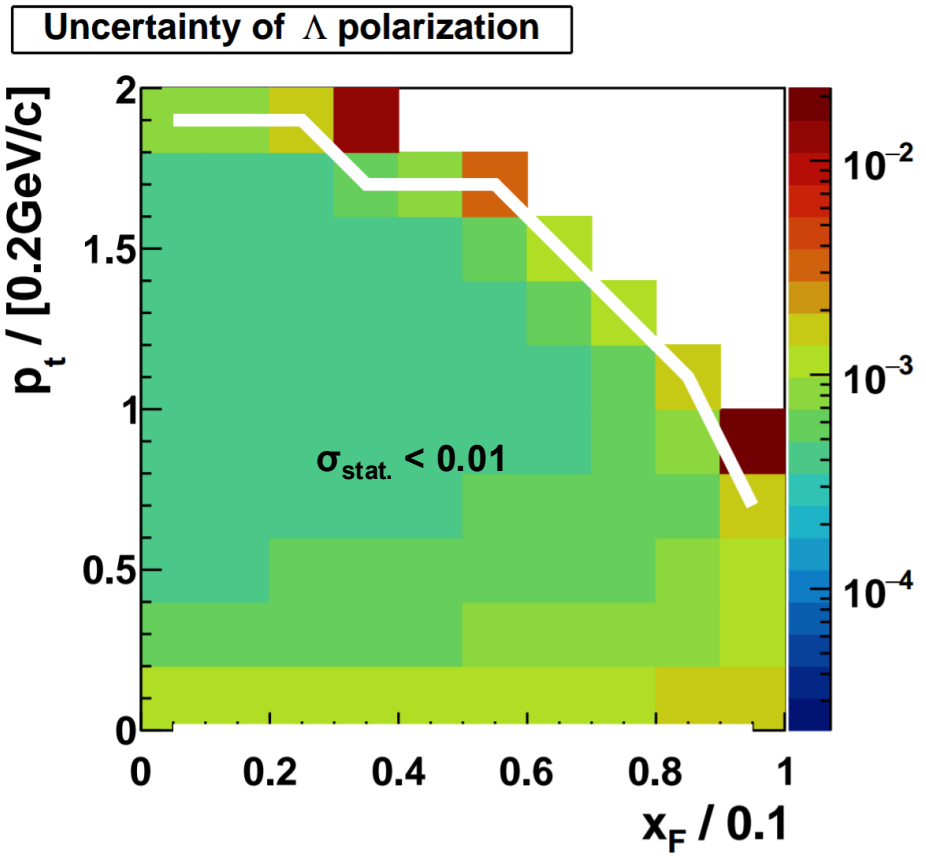
Time: 3 months

- pp →Λ+X N ~ 10^{11}
- pp → p+X N ~ 10^{13}
- pp → pKΛ N ~ 10^{10}

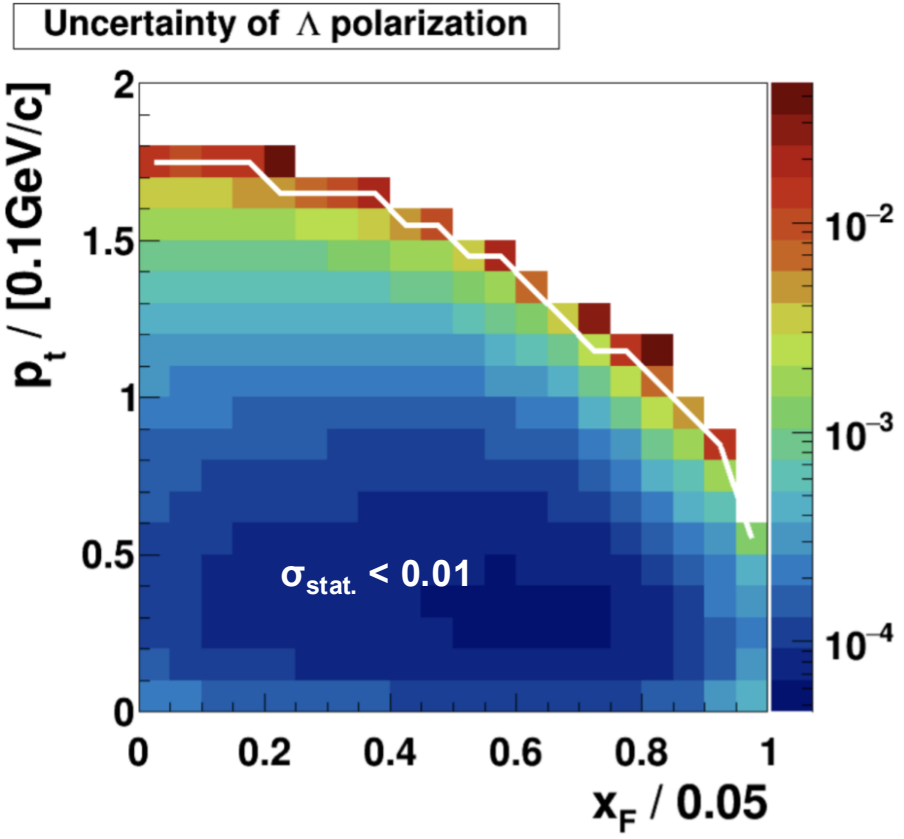
$\sigma_{stat.}$ < 0.01 for Λ 100 bins

$\sigma_{stat.}$ < 0.01 for Λ 400 bins

Exclusive measurement



Inclusive measurement



Uncertainty projection of the polarization measurement

H-NS

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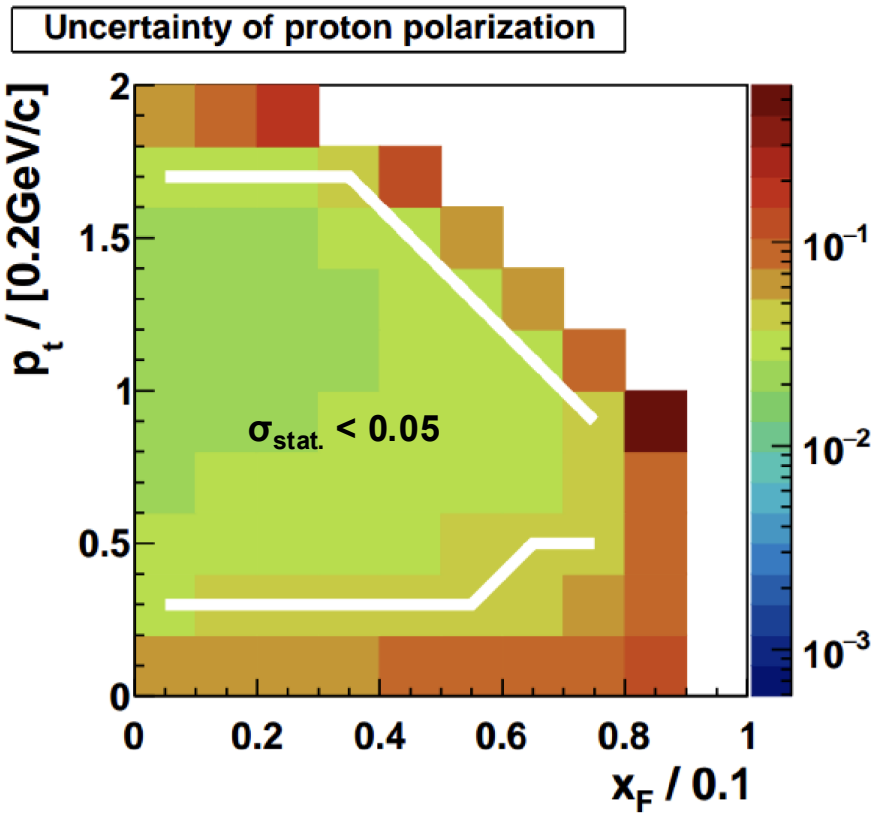
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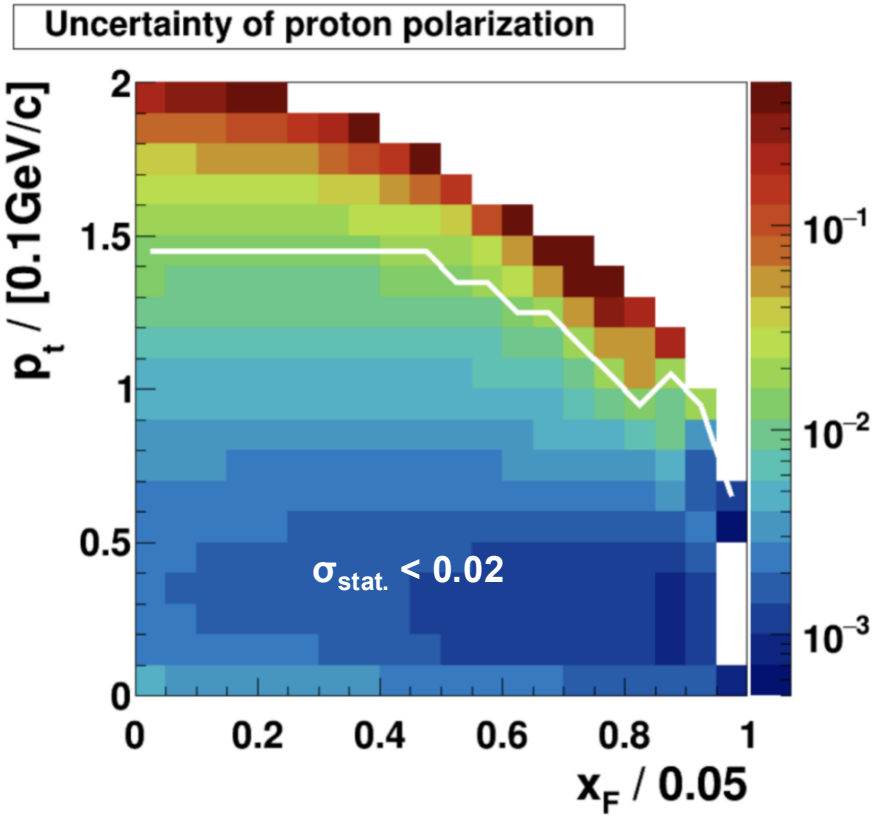
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$\sigma_{stat.}$ < 0.02 for p 400 bins

Exclusive measurement

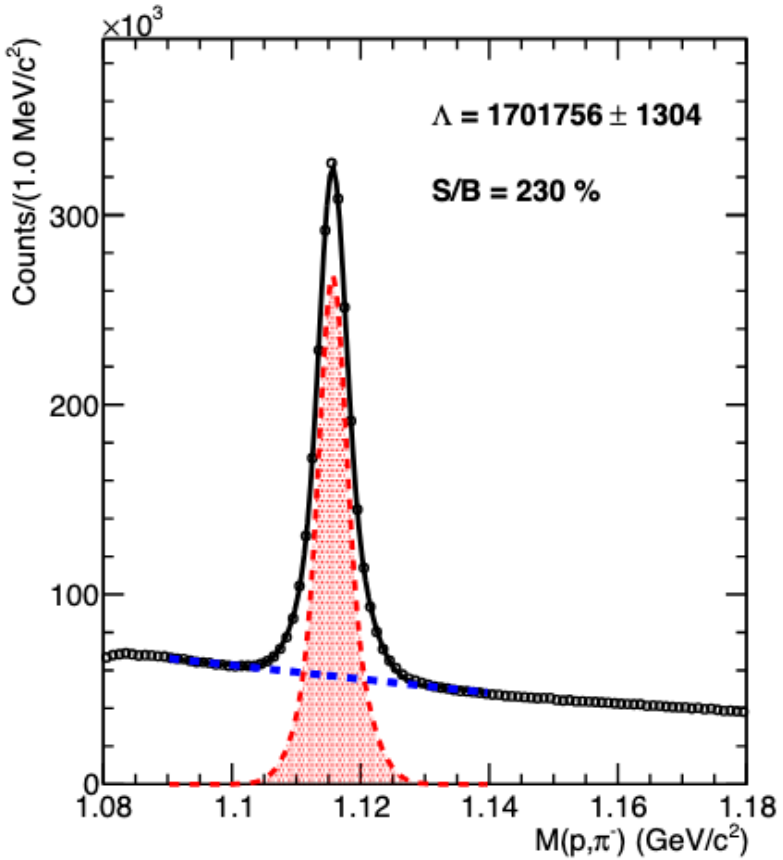


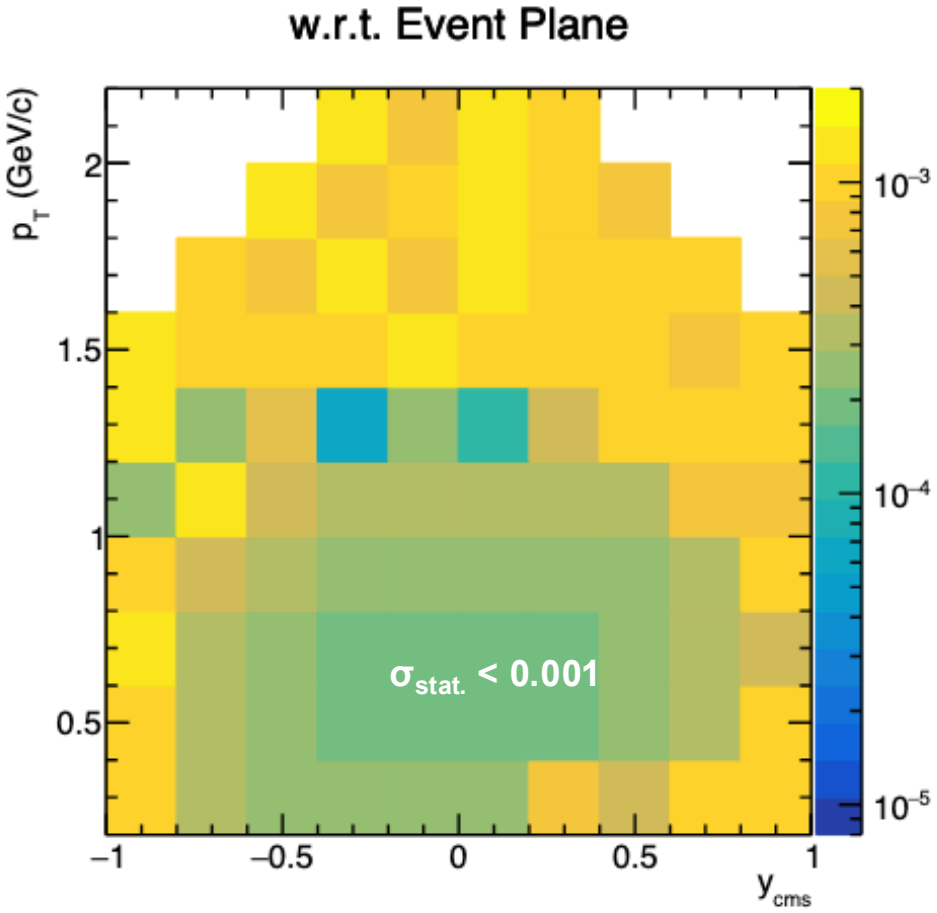
Inclusive measurement



Uncertainty projection of the Global polarization in A-A

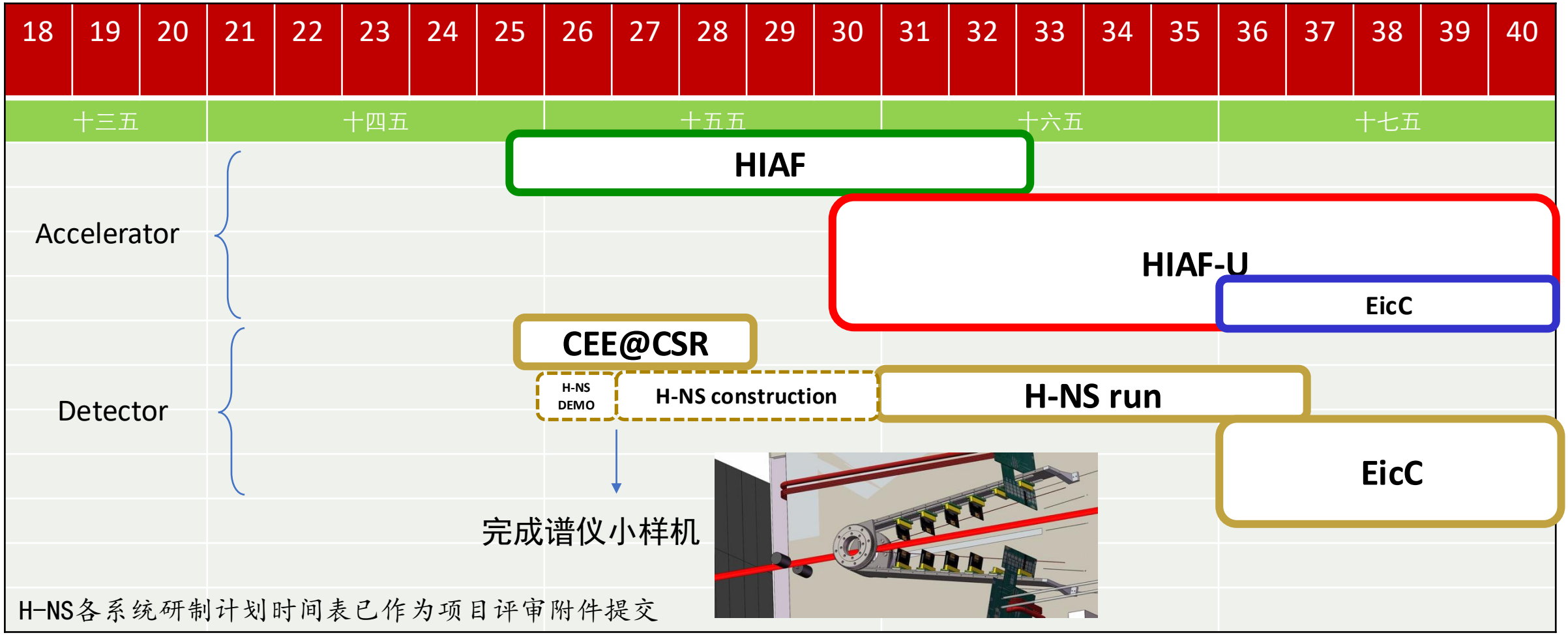
Au+Au events at beam kinetic energy of 2.8 GeV/u





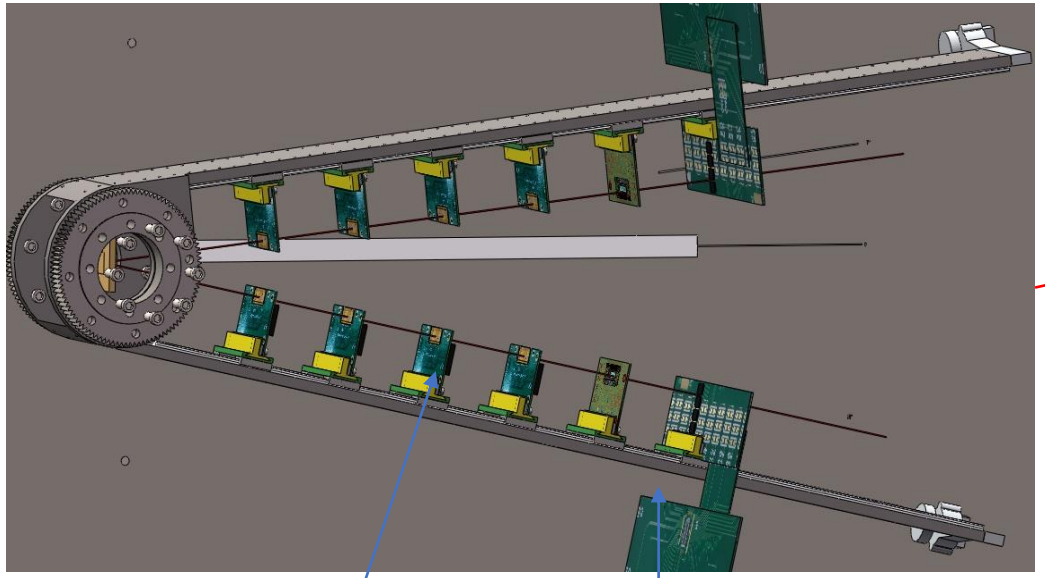
2D uncertainty of Λ polarization using 10^{11} Au+Au events, few weeks data taking

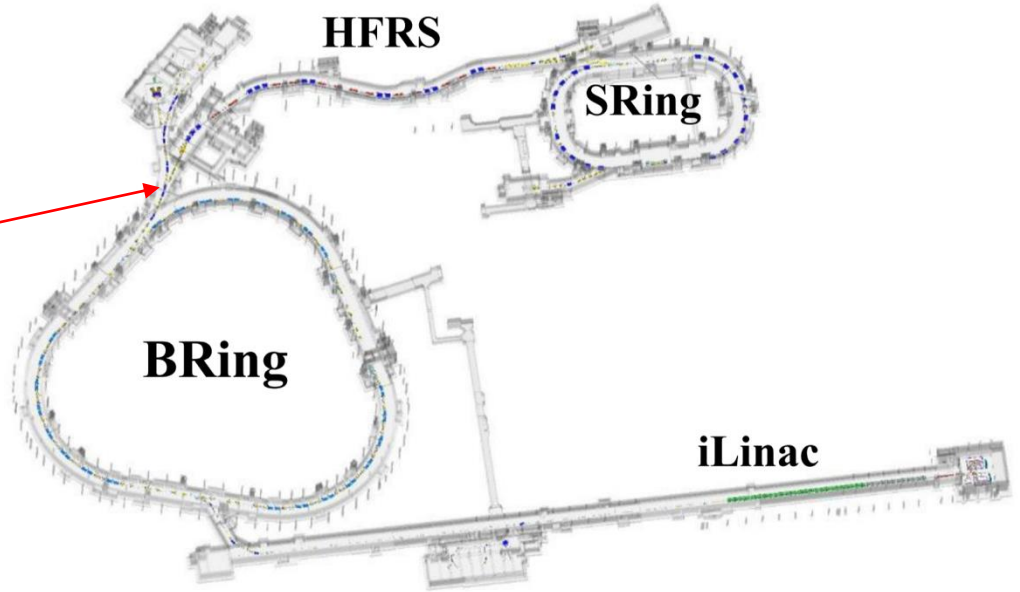
Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer → EicC

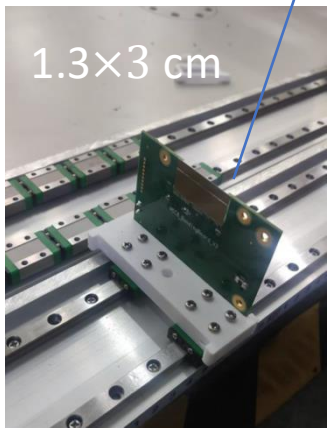


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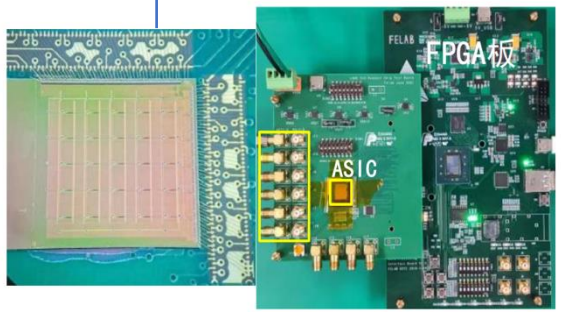
H-NS0 Design and R&D







MAPS

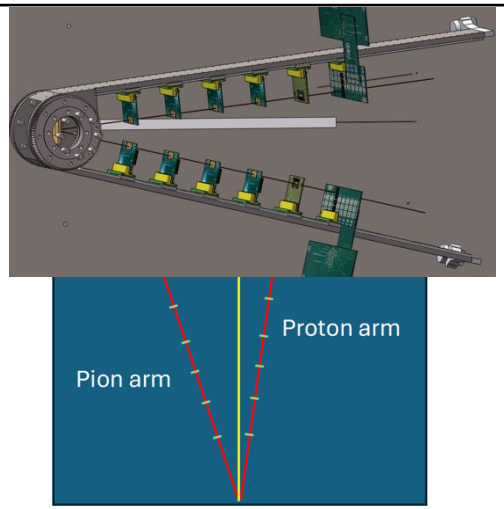


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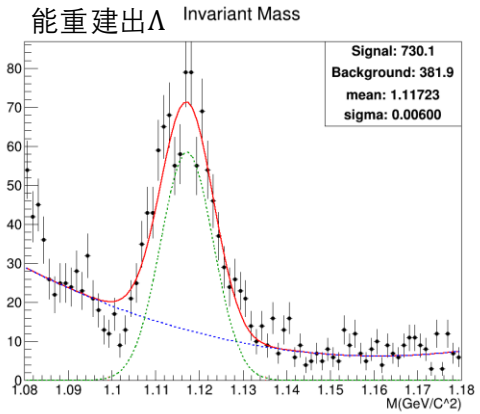
Currently under integration in Huizhou, to be completed in 2026!

H-NS0: DEMO for key technology validation
detector + electronics + DAQ + control system

Three-step strategy to realize H-NS

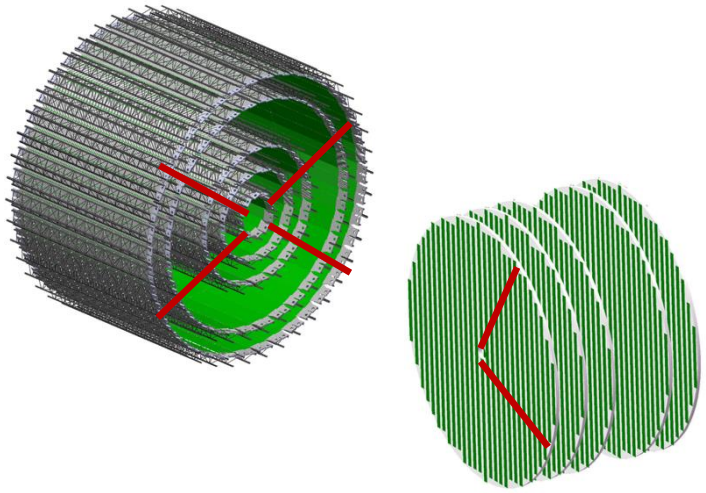


H-NS0: 探测器+电子学+DAQ 核心技术验证

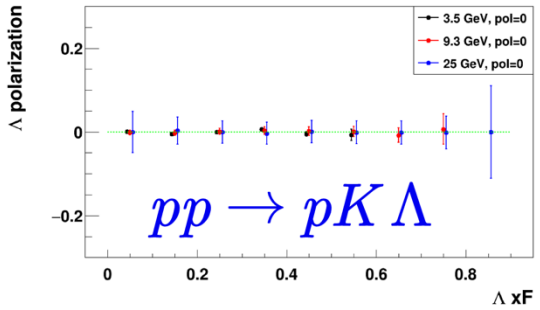


MIC6/LGAD chip validation

2026



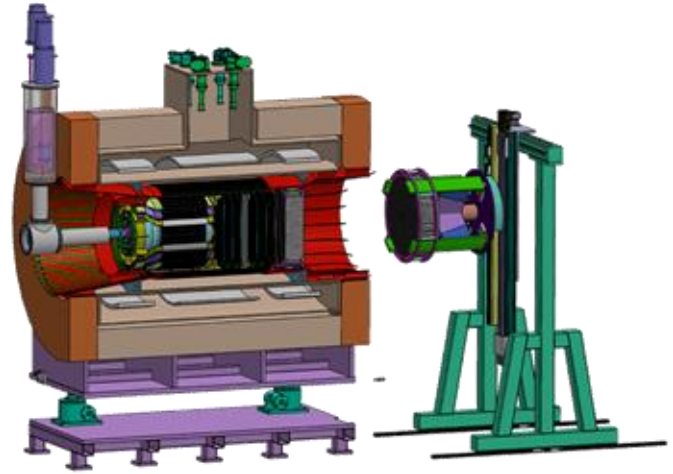
部分探测器，可扩展性



Full-size magnet + detector with partial solid-angle coverage: operational for physics output

Partial funding support

2026-2029



全尺寸探测器

Rich physics program:

- High-precision, multi-dimensional hyperon/proton polarization measurements
- Light-hadron physics, exotic hadronic states
- Nuclear medium effects
- Hypernuclear physics
- Phase structure of nuclear matter

Full funding support

2029-

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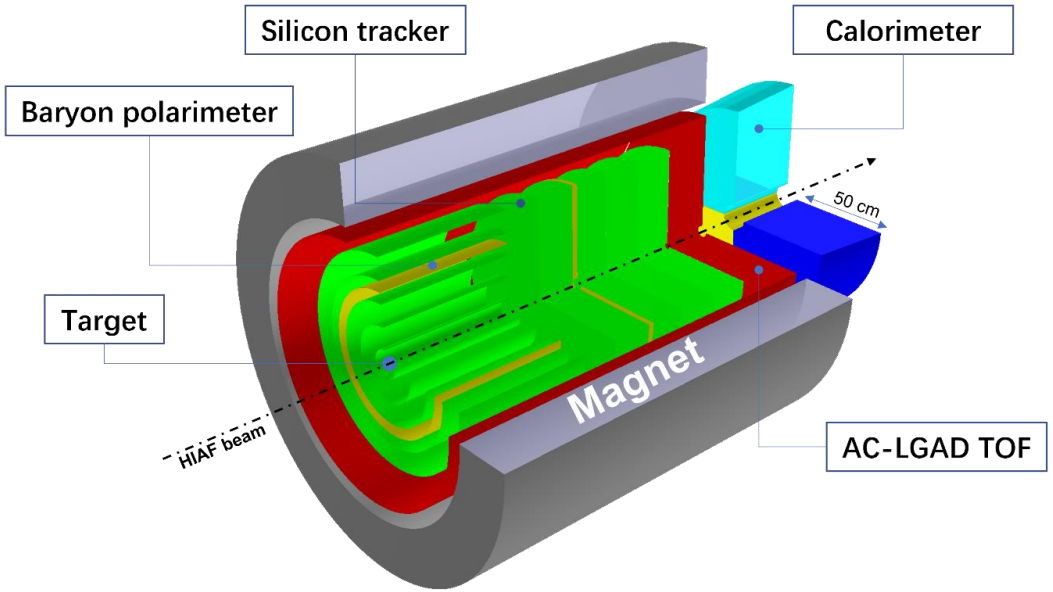
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Summary



Participating Institute： 近代物理研究所、高能物理研究所、清华大学、山东大学、北京航空航天大学、复旦大学、国科大、华中师范大学、华南师范大学、北京师范大学、香港中文大学（深圳）、中科大、 中国原子能研究院、中山大学、湖州师范学院、 …

Subsystems： Silicon tracker, T0+AC-LGAD, Target, Baryon polarimeter, Calorimeter, Electronics, DAQ, Magnet, Beamline, Mechanics + Engineering

I. Physics：

- Λ production and polarization (*p+p*)
  - Medium effect (*p+A*)
  - Global polarization of Λ hyperon (*A+A*)
- Hadron physics via *p+p*

II. Community：

- Supports both communities of hadron structure and heavy-ion physics
- International interests are expected: Japan

III. Detector R&D

- Many parts are similar for CEPC, EicC, H-NS and STCF. Save resources.
- HNS: a detector R&D platform for EicC, ½ EicC

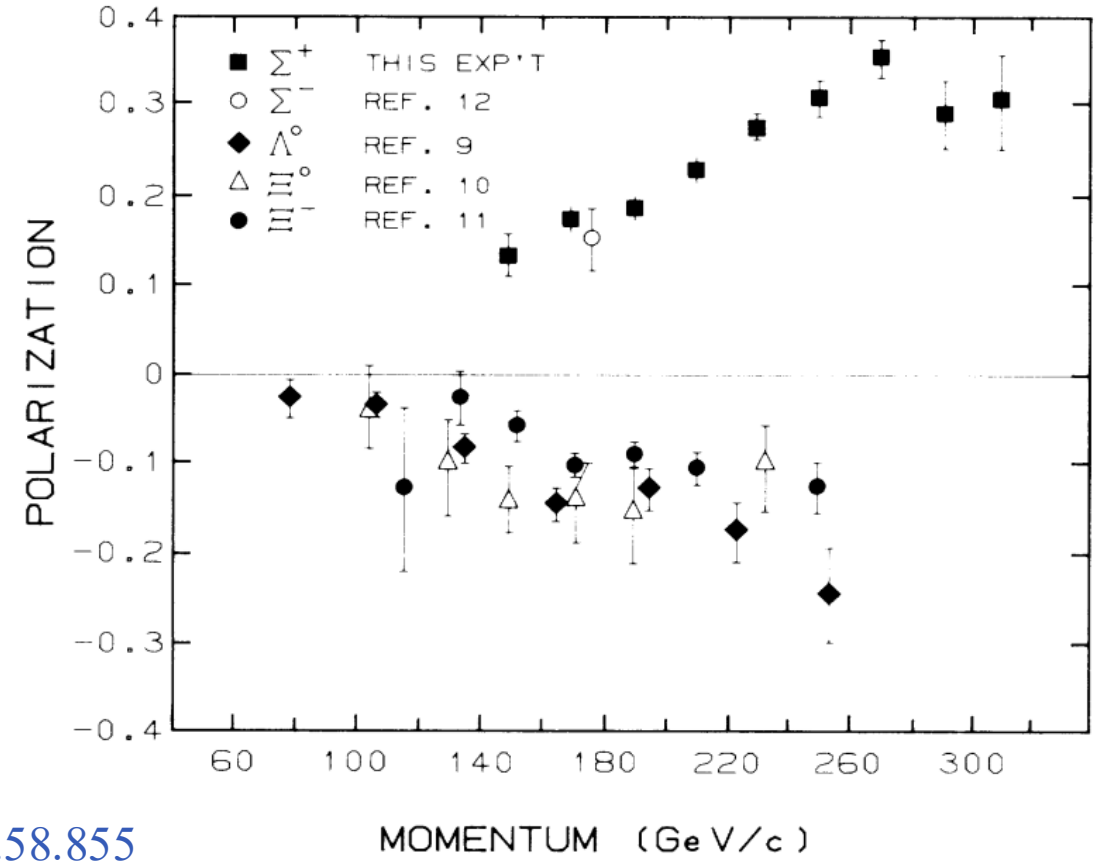
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backups

Polarization of other hyperons

Λ	Σ^+	Σ^0	Σ^-	Ξ^0	Ξ^-
P_s	$\frac{4P_u-P_s}{3}$	$\frac{2(P_u+P_d)-P_s}{3}$	$\frac{4P_d-P_s}{3}$	$\frac{4P_s-P_u}{3}$	$\frac{4P_s-P_d}{3}$



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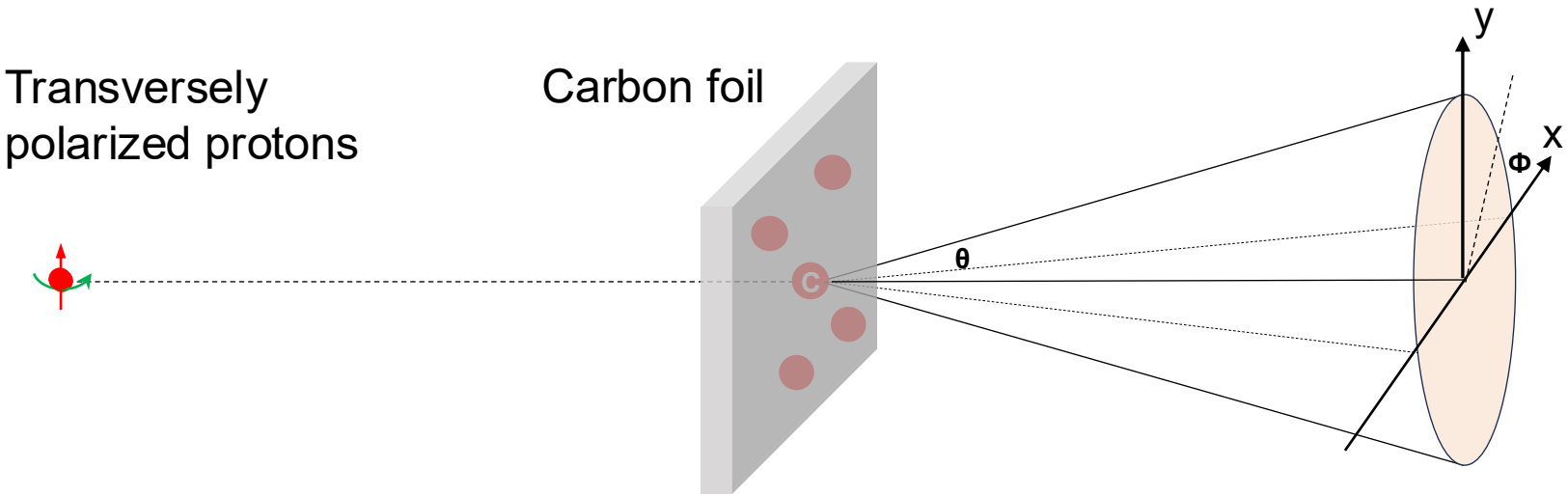
Principle of proton polarimeter

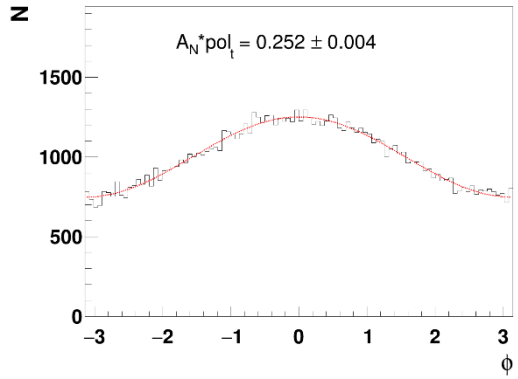
Relation between the **spin-dependent cross-section** of p + p/C scattering and the **asymmetries**

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

Transversely polarized protons

Carbon foil



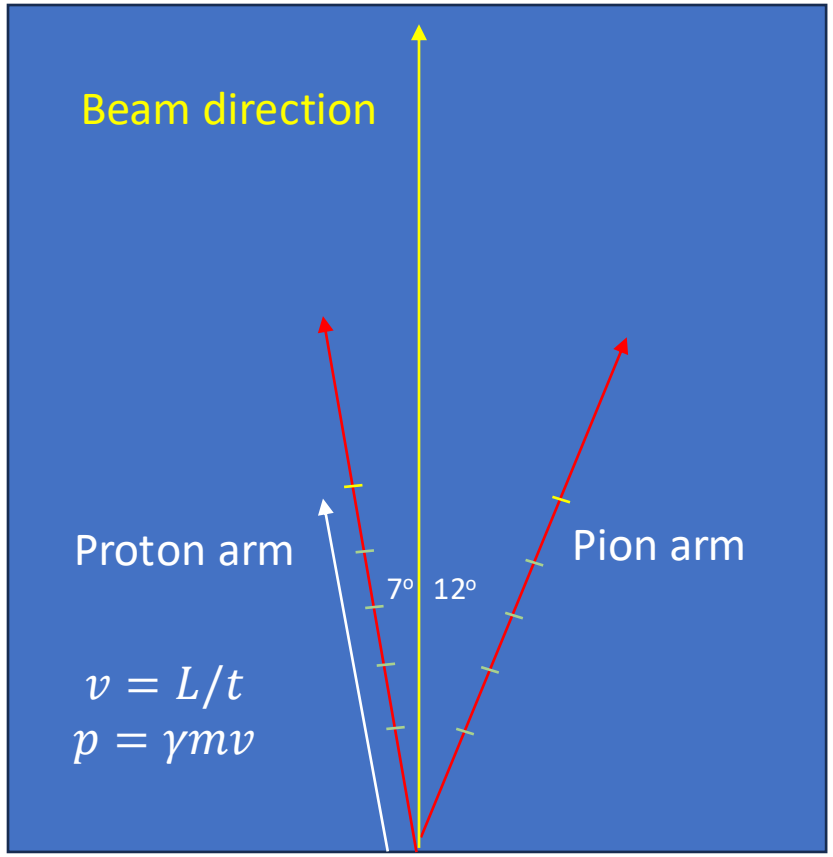


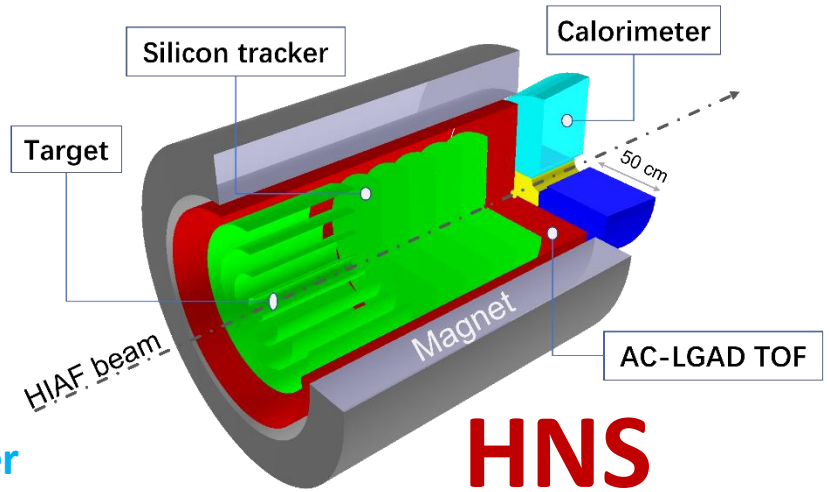
More protons to the left:
Left-right asymmetry

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

Procedure of Λ reconstruction

- Select the event, in which there are track on both the proton and pion arm
- Assume the track on proton arm is proton, and pion on another arm
- Determine the momentum according to the measured velocity by LGAD
- Calcaulate the invariant mass of the found two particles

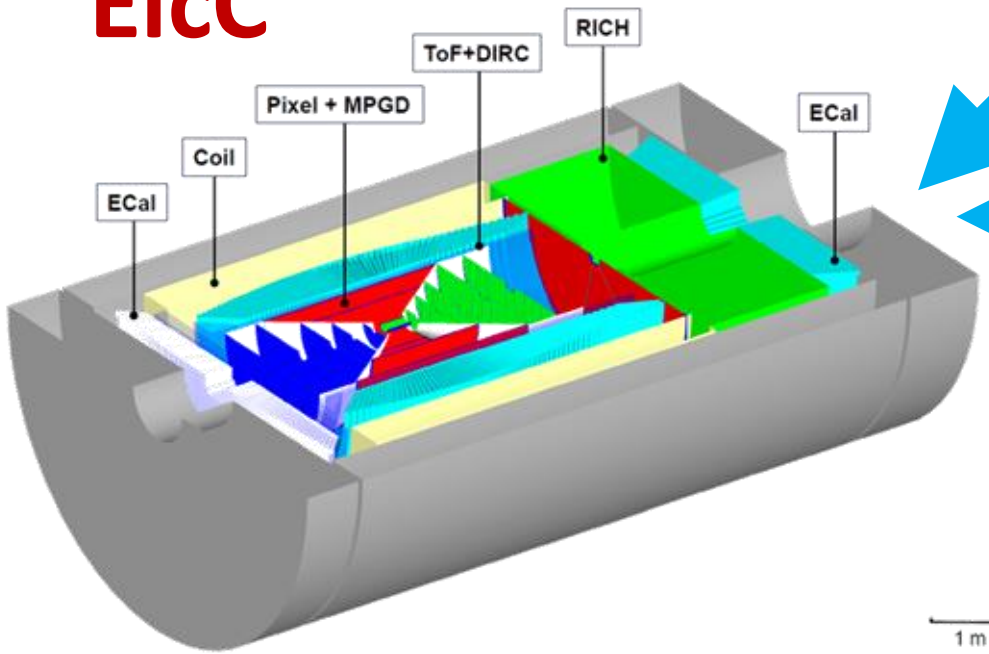




HNS

Silicon tracker
AC-LGAD (PID)
Ecal.
Super-conducting Solenoid

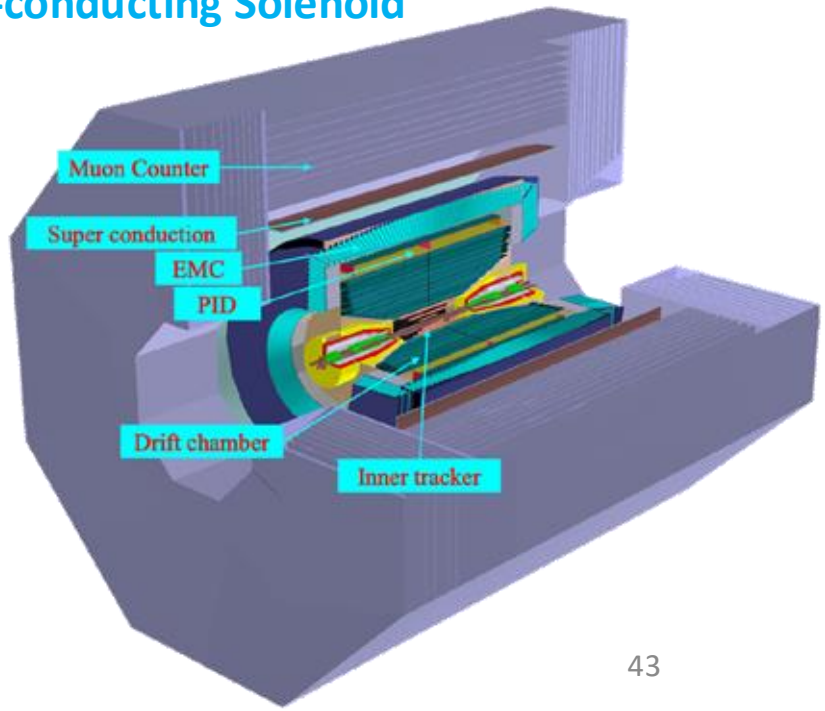
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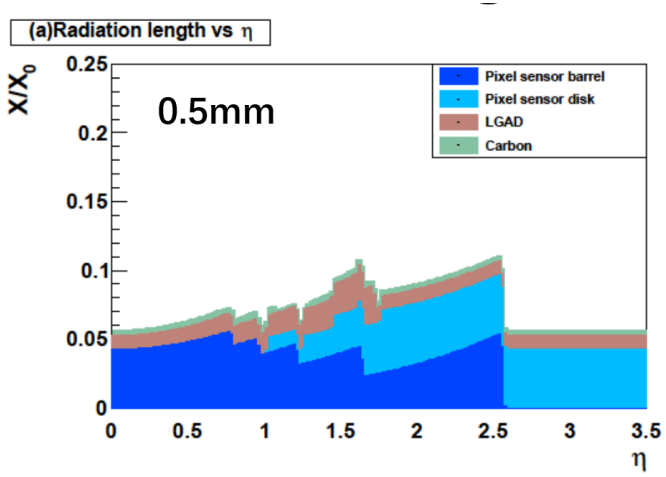
Silicon tracker
MPGD tracker
DIRC (PID)
RICH (PID)
Ecal
Super-conducting Solenoid

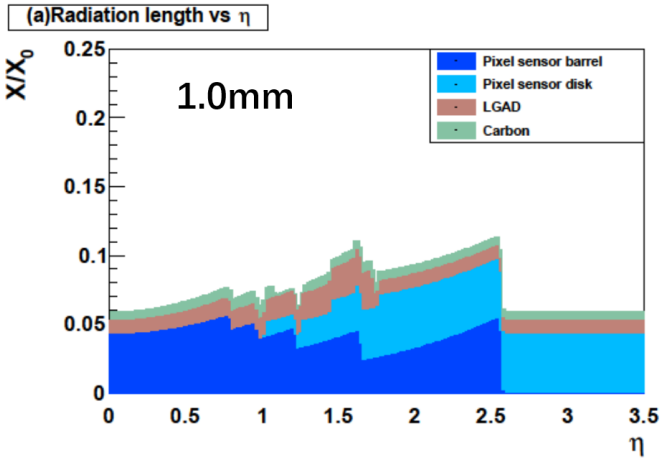
Silicon tracker
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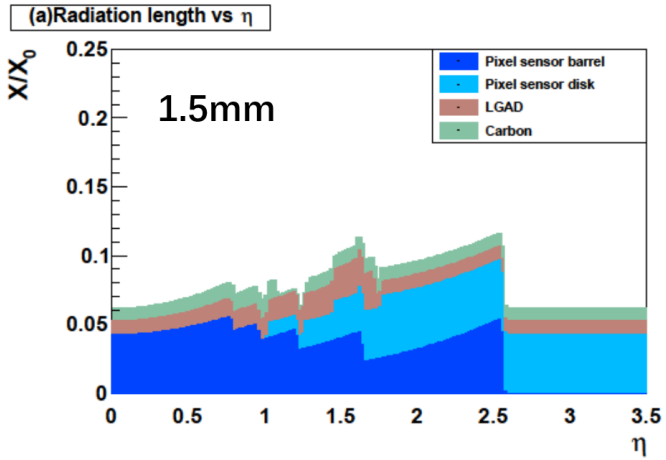
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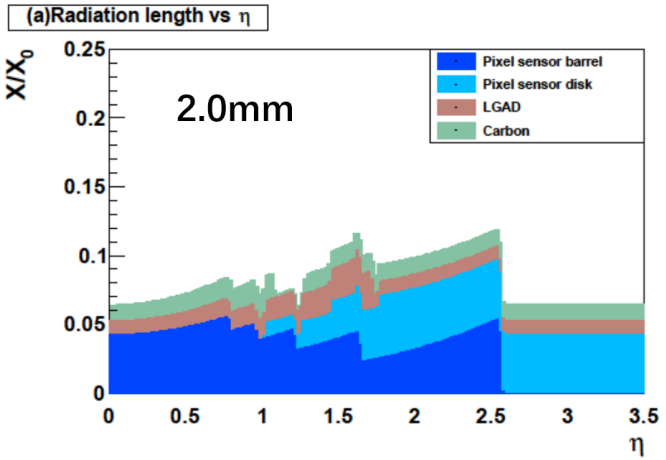


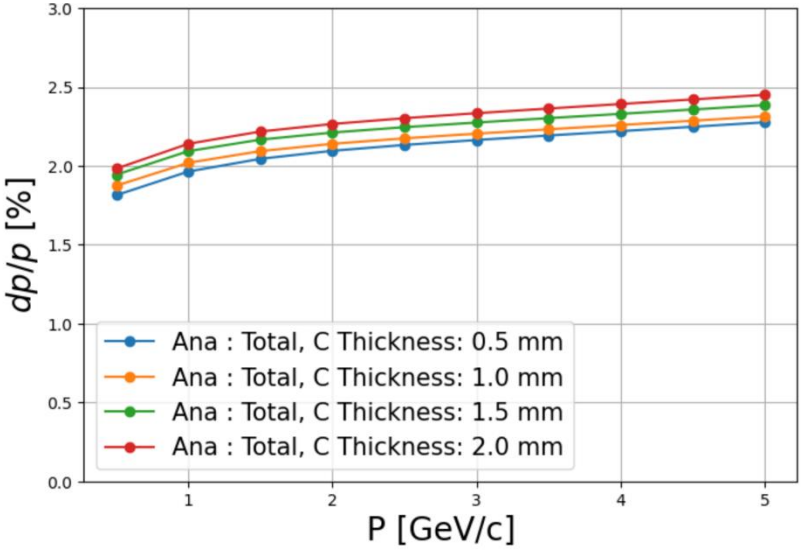
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