

Introduction of China Hyper-Nuclear Spectrometer (CHNS)

A future experiment at HIAF

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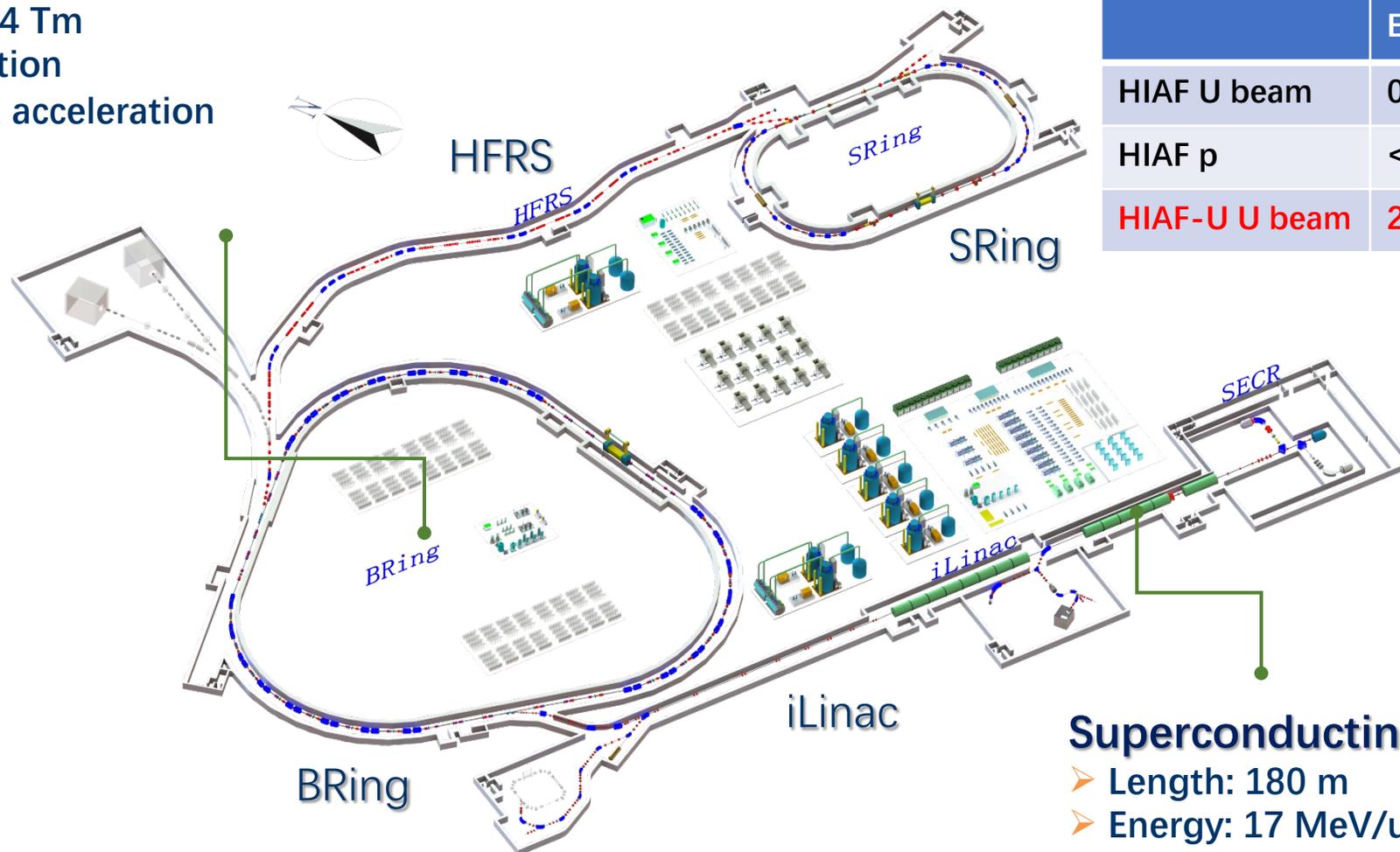
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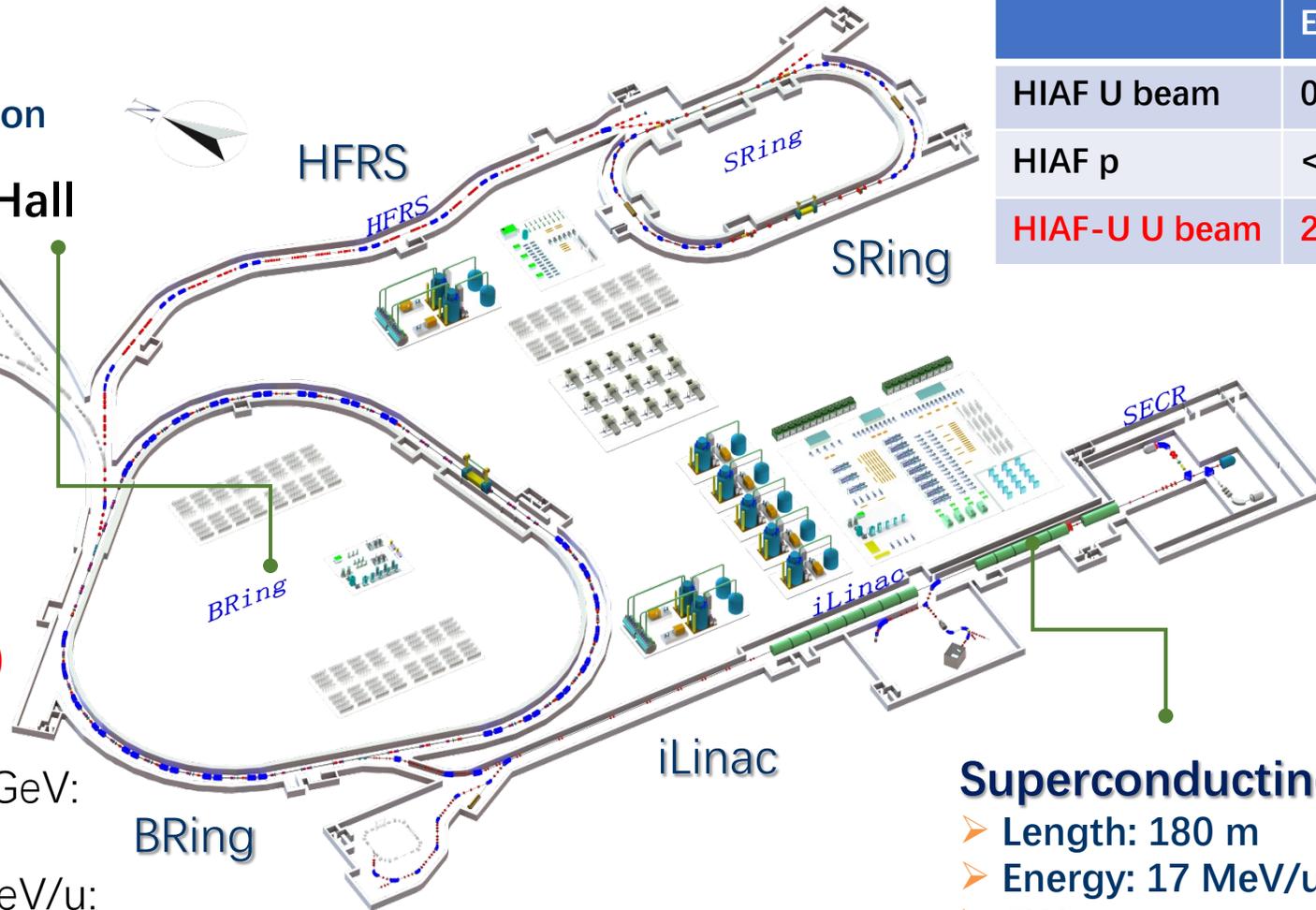
China Hyper-Nuclear Spectrometer (CHNS)

- Proton beam of 3-9 GeV:
 $pp \rightarrow p K^+ \Lambda$
- U beam at 2.2- 4.5 GeV/u:
 $U+U \rightarrow {}^3\text{H} + \dots$

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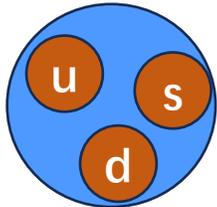
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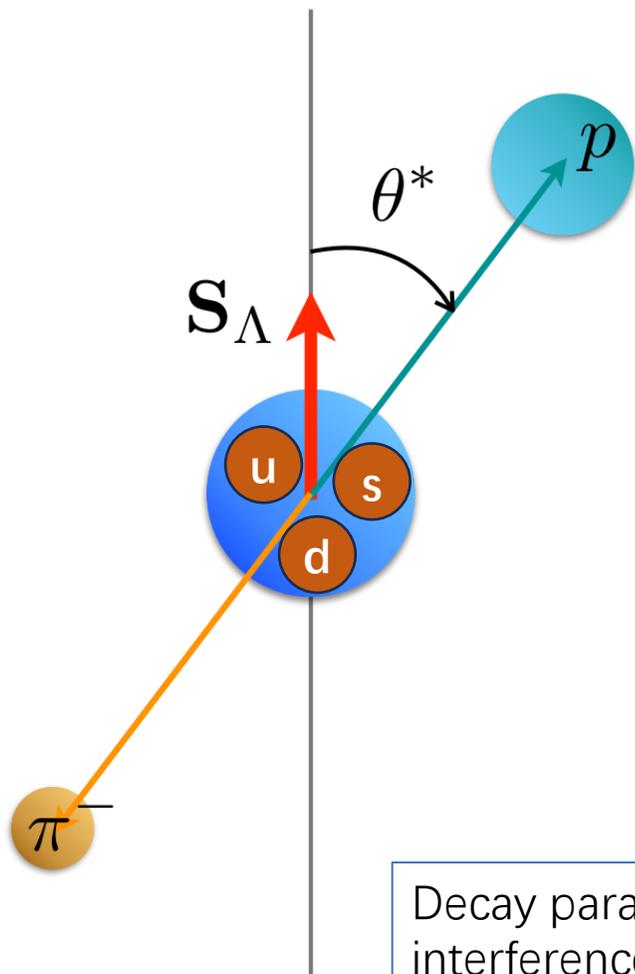
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- Their **spin is traceable** through their self-analysis decay
 $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$

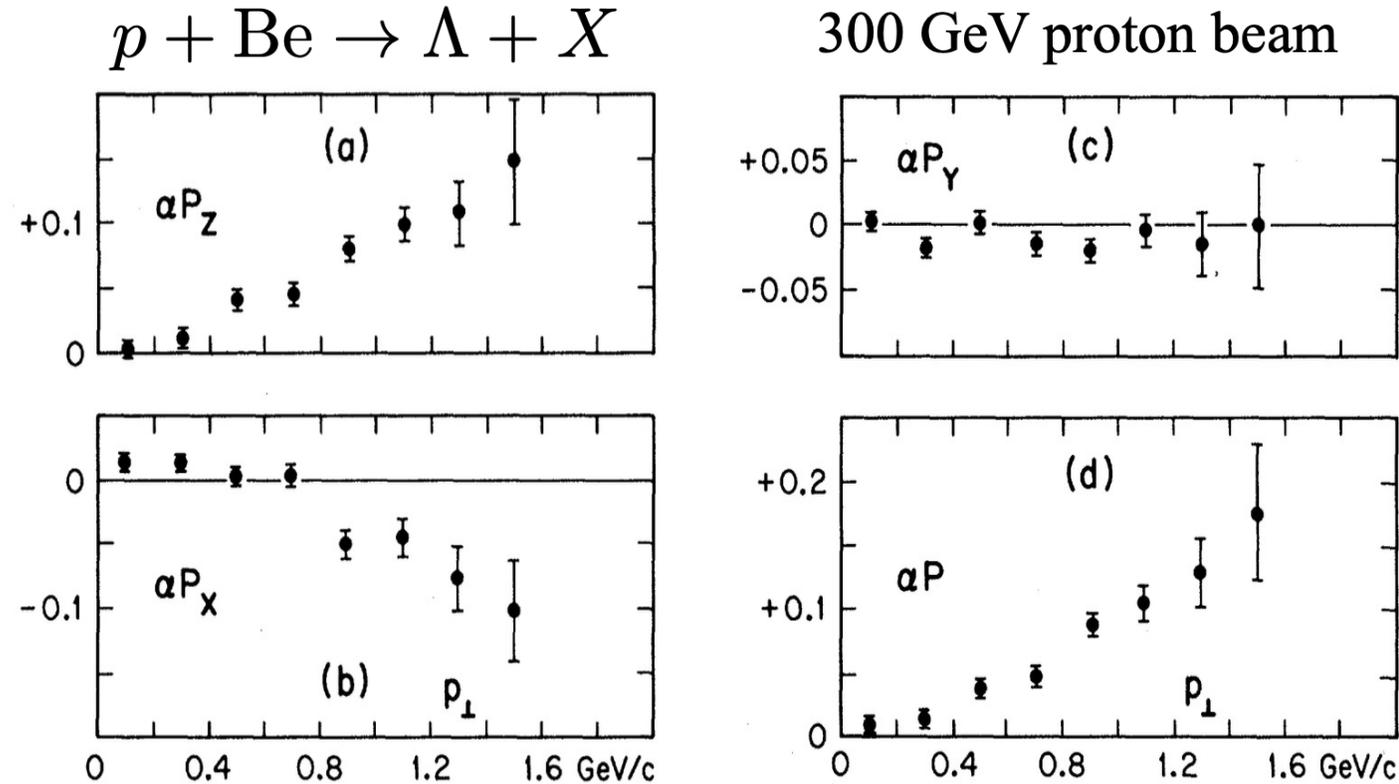
parity violating weak decay

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

Decay parameter that indicates the interference between the parity violation and conserving decay amplitudes

Polarization of Λ

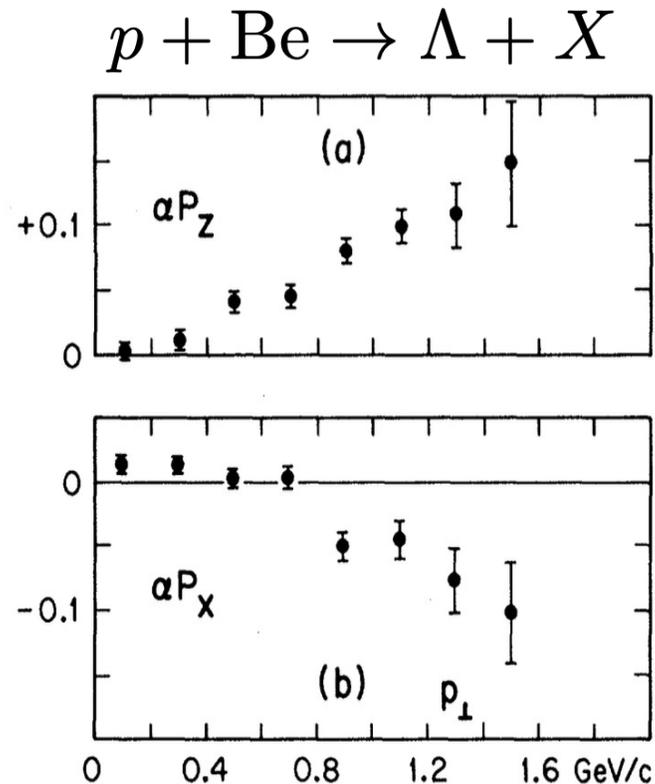
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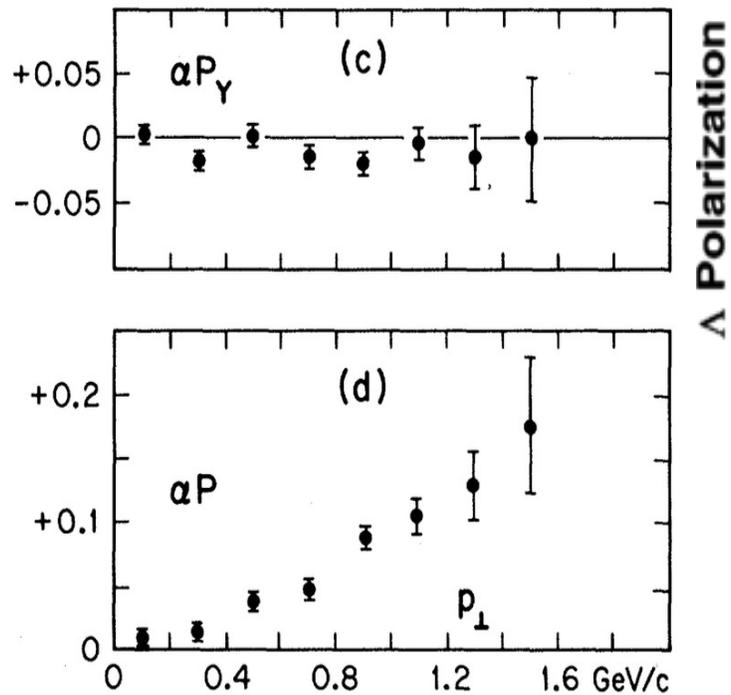
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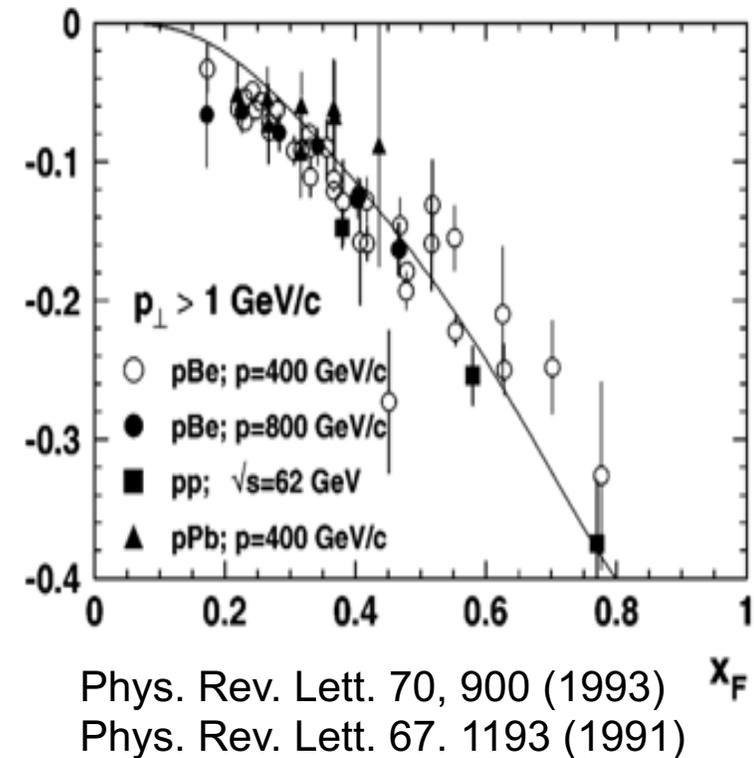
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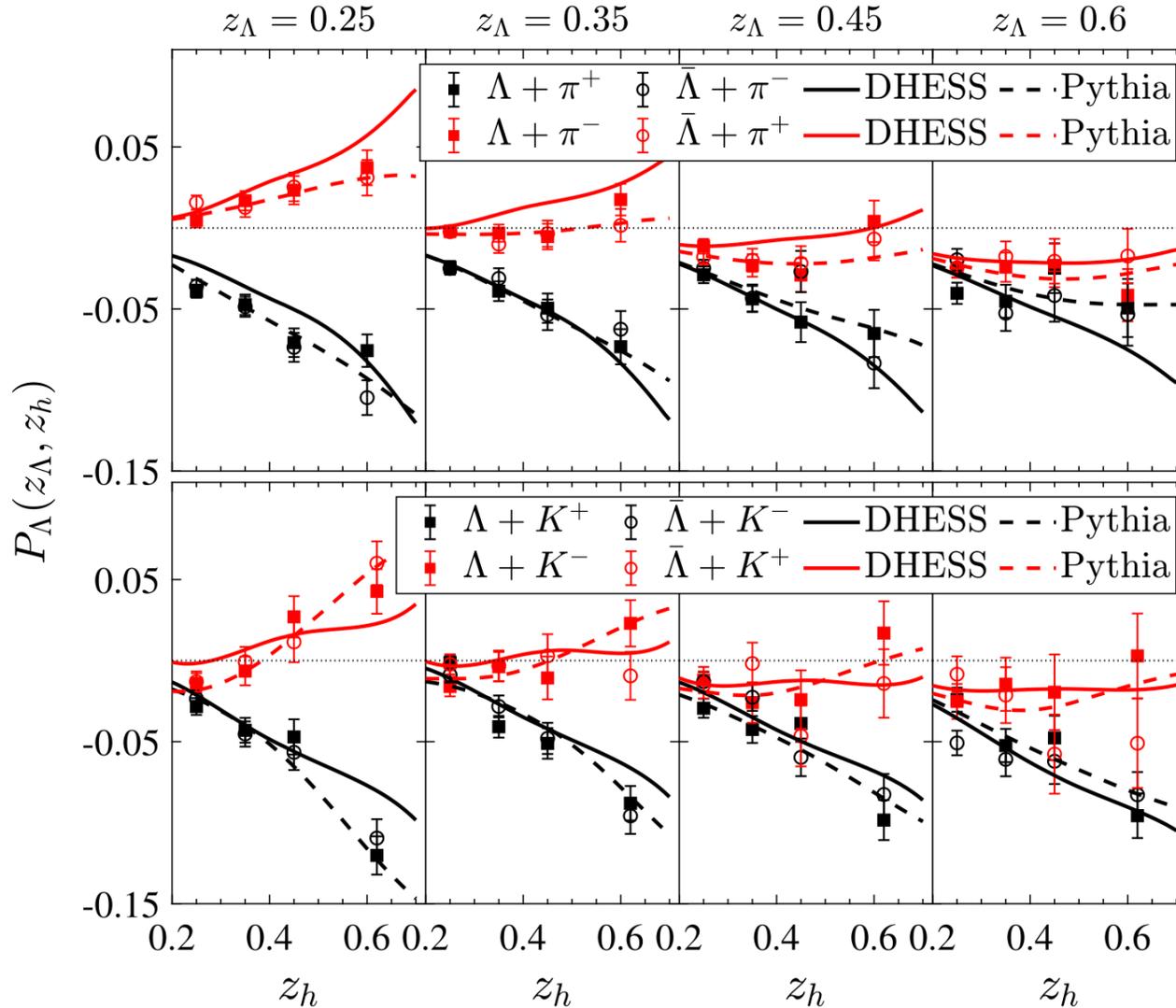
Polarization is independent to energy and target mass



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- Follow that, spontaneous Λ polarization was studied in many pp and pA interaction

Λ polarization in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda h X$



- First observation of the spontaneous polarization of Λ hyperons in e^+e^- annihilation
- Clear environment to study the polarization due to fragmentation of the partons, free of initial state effect
- Extract the polarized fragmentation function

$$D_{1Tq}^{\perp\Lambda}$$

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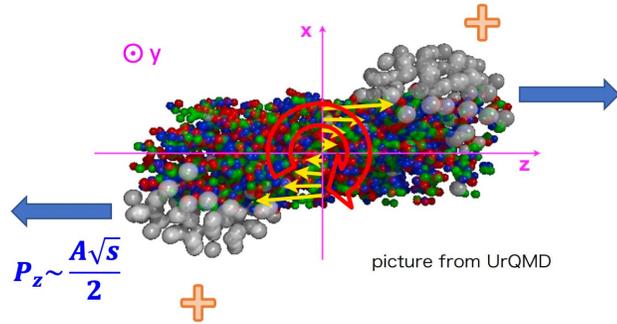
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Λ polarization in heavy-ion collision

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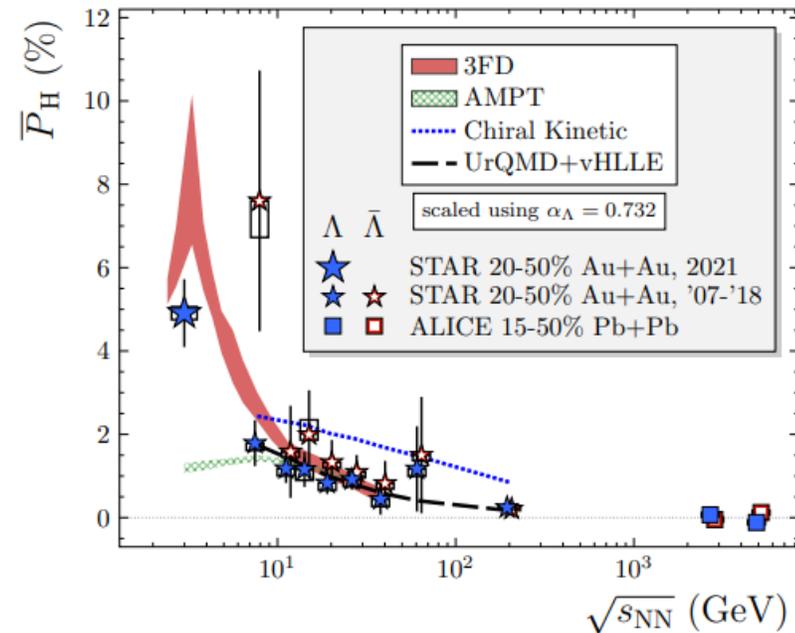
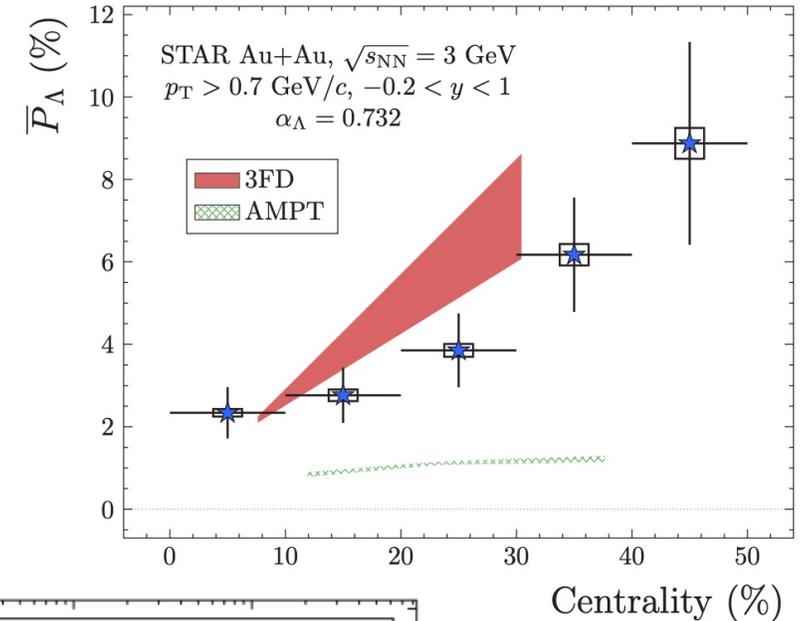
$$J_0 \sim \frac{Ab\sqrt{s}}{2} \sim 10^6 \hbar$$

Global angular momentum

$$eB \sim \gamma \alpha_{EM} \frac{z}{b^2} \sim 10^{18} \text{ G}$$

Strong magnetic field

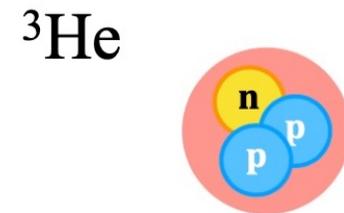
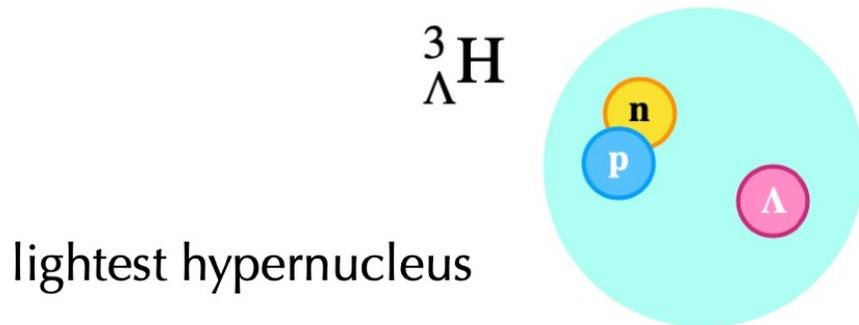
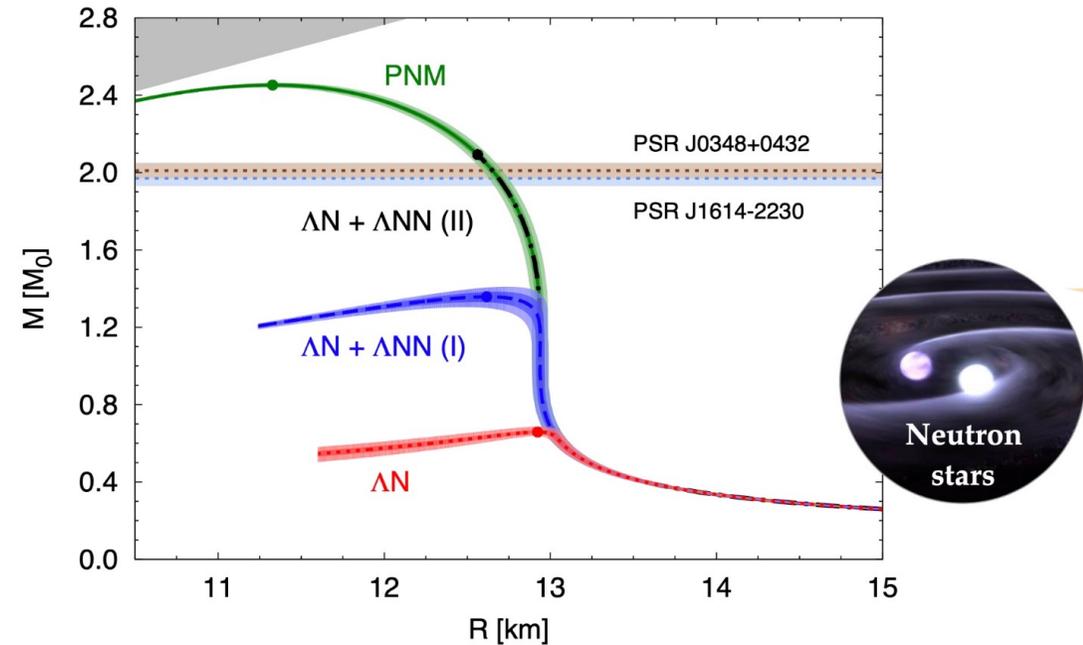
- Λ polarization in heavy-ion collision has been studied intensively in heavy ion collision.
- This effect can be attributed to the vorticity of the QGP, strong magnetic fields, and quantum anomalies.
 - Clear centrality dependent
 - Expect vanished at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 2m_N$



Nucleus, hyperon and hyper-nuclei

➤ Hyper-nuclei

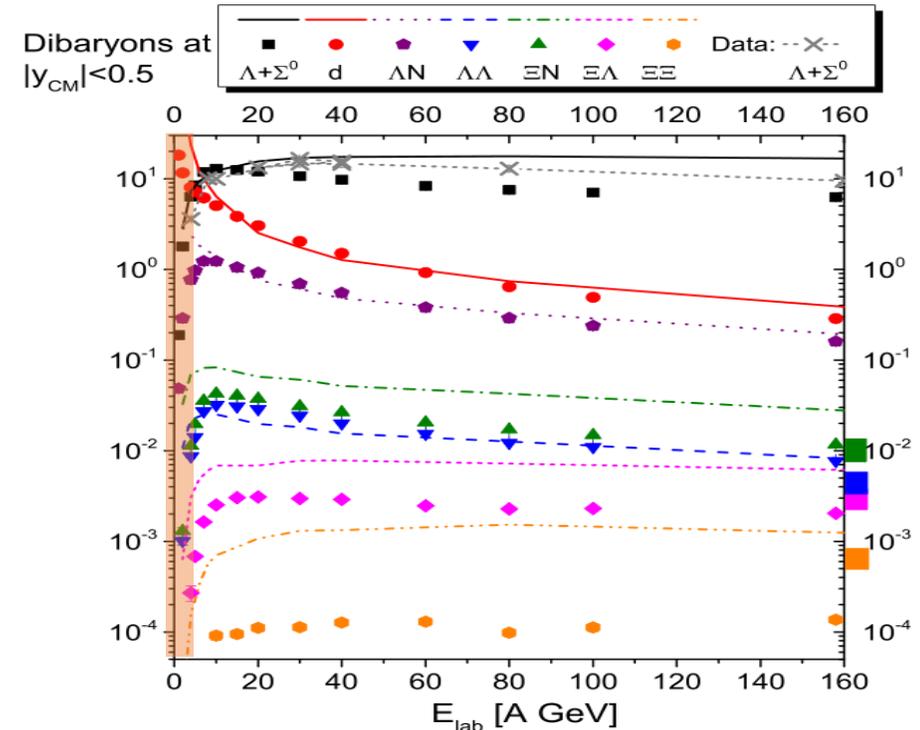
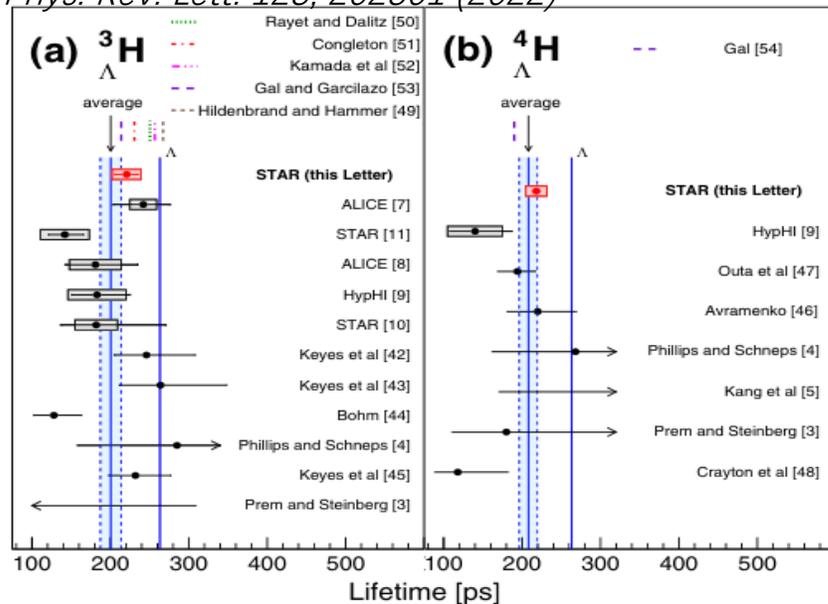
- Y-N interaction is not well constrained due to short lifetime of the hyperons.
- Hyper-nuclei provide a “laboratory” to study YN interaction.
- Strangeness in high-density nuclear matter. EoS of neutron stars.



Observables for hyper-nuclei at heavy-ion collisions

- Massive heavy-ion reactions provide an abundant source of strangeness
- Hyper nuclei **lifetime, yield and flow**
- Search for **multiple strangeness hyper nuclei and dibaryon**
- **Hyper nuclei polarization**

STAR Collabotation, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3\text{GeV Au+Au}$
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Physics at CHNS

- **Hyperon polarization in p-p and p-A**

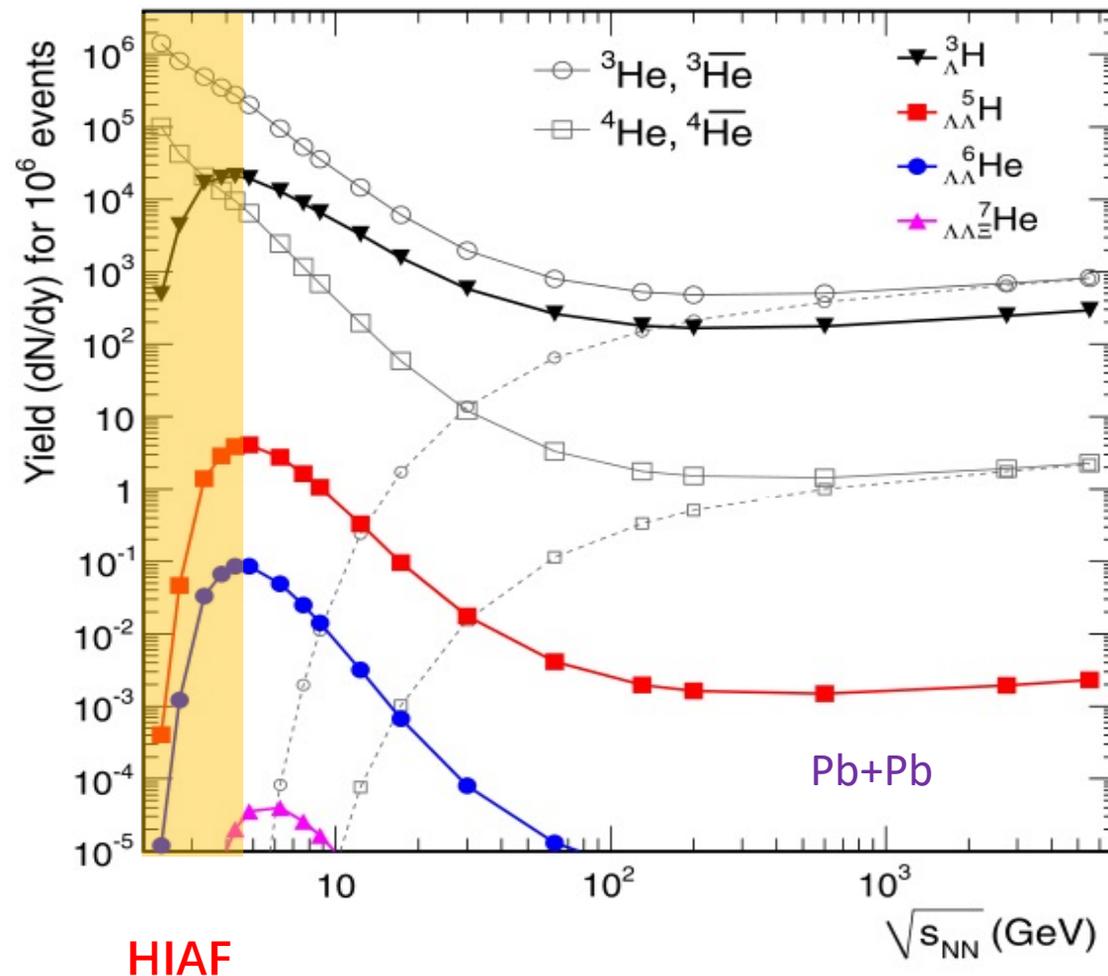
- Offers a cleaner and more controlled environment compared to heavy-ion
- Larger cross section compared to e^+e^-
- Pt and y dependent
- Disentangle the initial state effect and the role of fragmentation

- **Hyper-Nuclei physics**

- High yield rate
- Hyper nuclei lifetime, yield and flow
- Search for multiple strangeness hyper nuclei

- **Other topics**

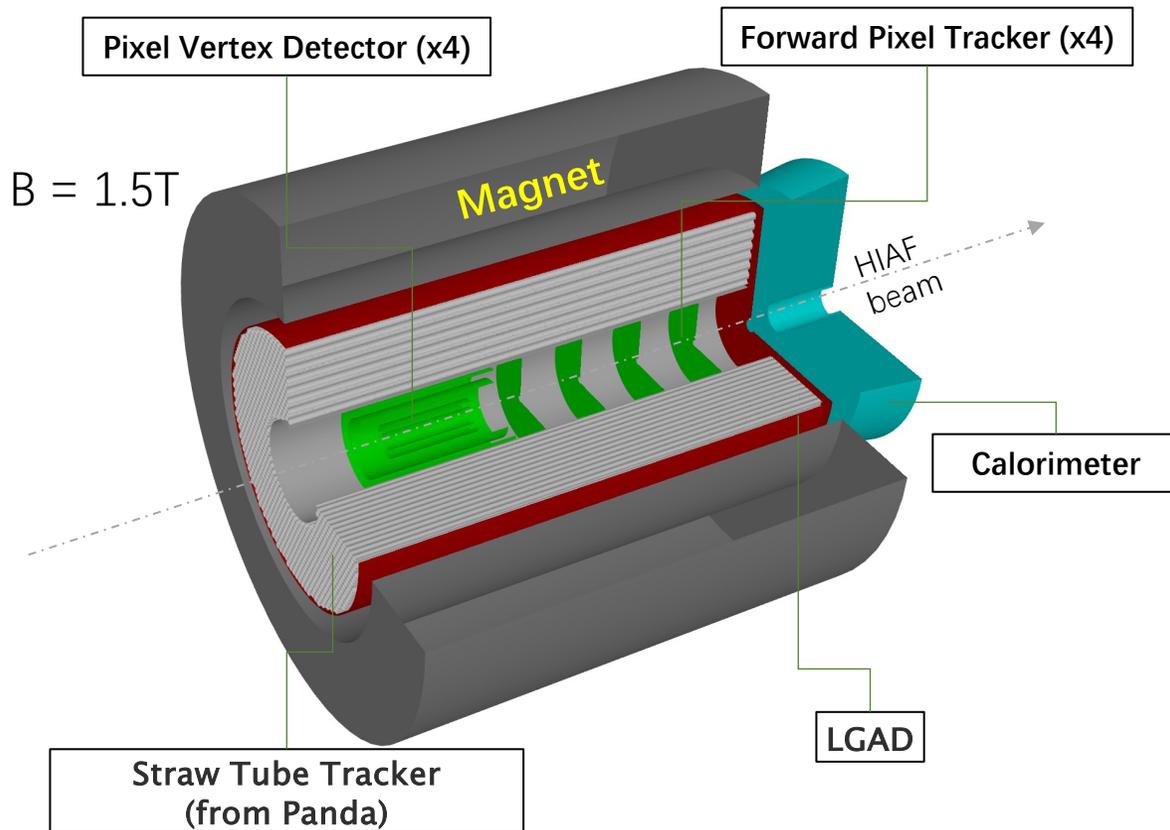
- QCD phase structure, dibaryon, etc.



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Conceptual Design 1 and requirements

Silicon + Straw Tube

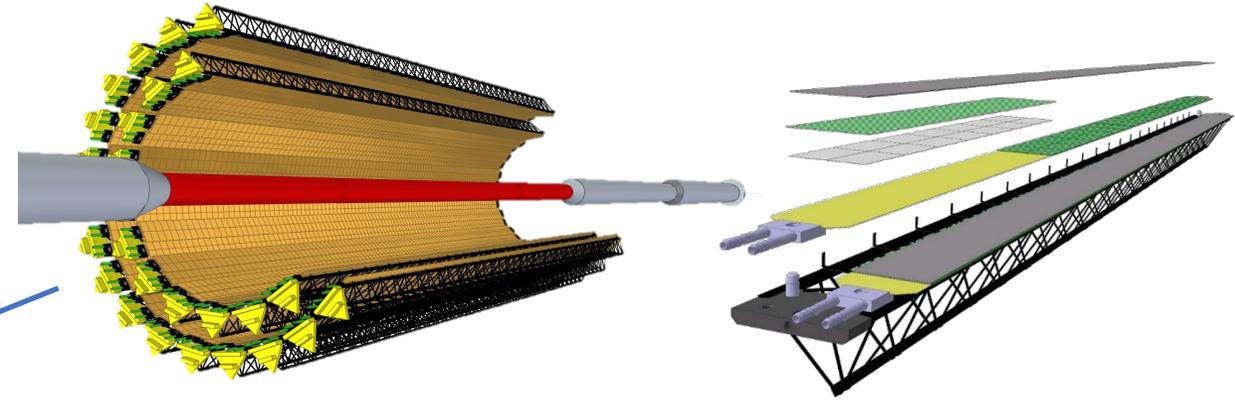
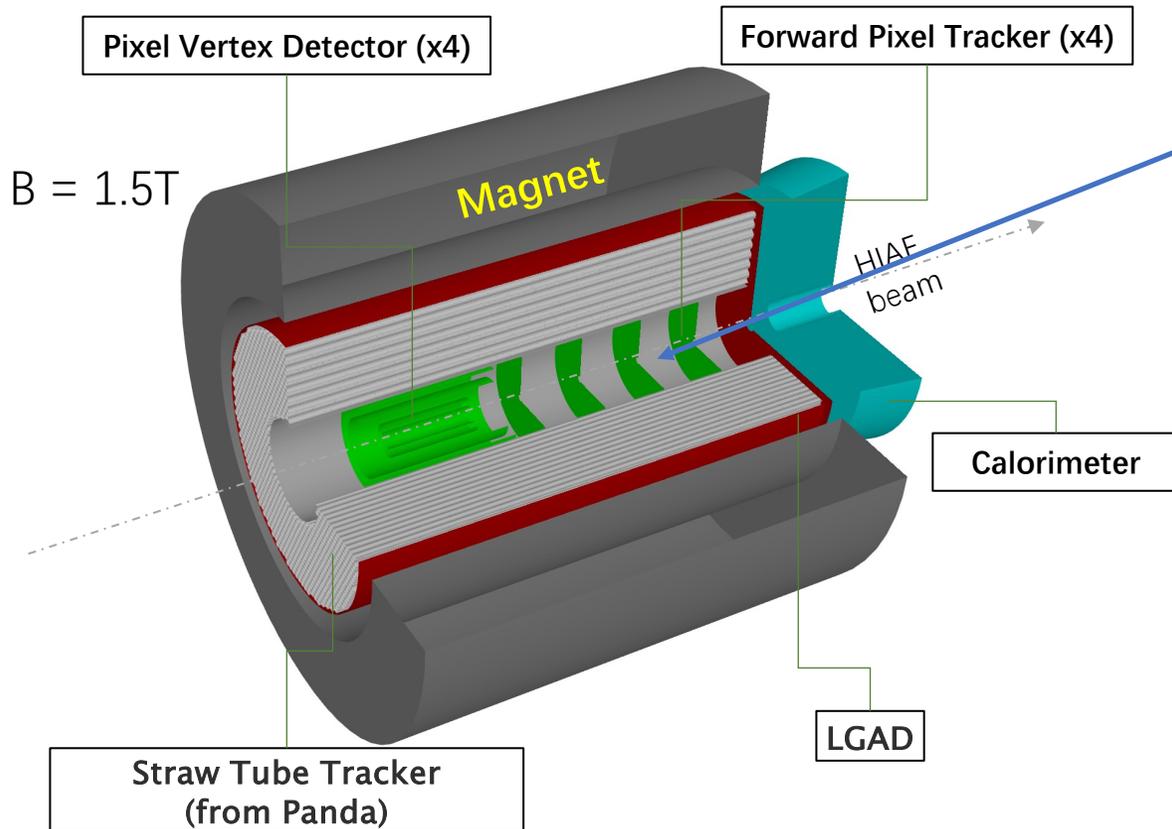


Performance Requirements:

- **Momentum resolution:**
 - $\sim 1\%$ @ 1GeV when $\eta < 2.5$
 - Good spacial resolution, $\sigma \sim 10 \mu m$
- **PID:**
 - K, π , proton separation ($\sim 3\sigma$) a Pt up to $1 \text{ GeV}/c$ in barrel region. And up to $1.8 \text{ GeV}/c$ in forward region
 - Additional d, t, He^3, He^4 for hyper nuclei physics
 - dE/dx and TOF
- **Vertex resolution:**
 - Excellent vertex resolution for background suppression
 - Low material budget ($< 5\%$)
- **Acceptance:**
 - 10 to 100 degree
- **High event rate**
 - $> \text{MHz}$ for heavy ion collision

Conceptual Design 1

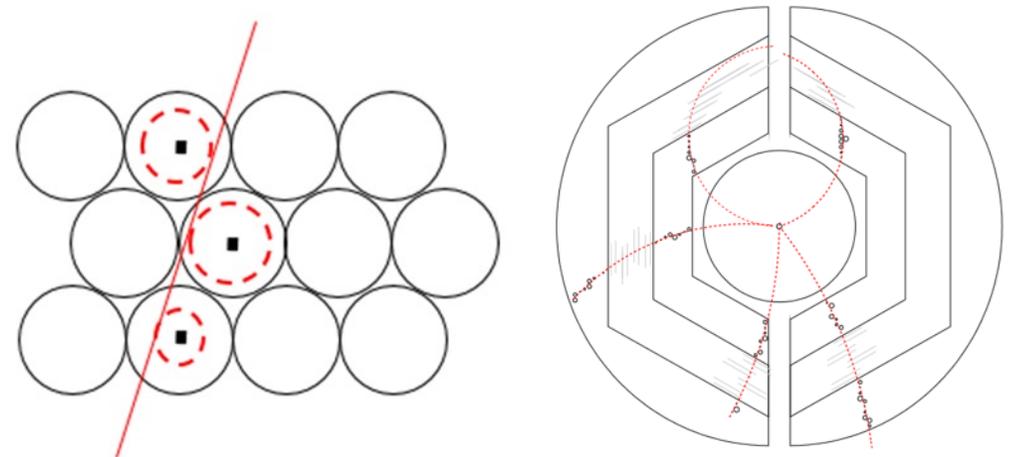
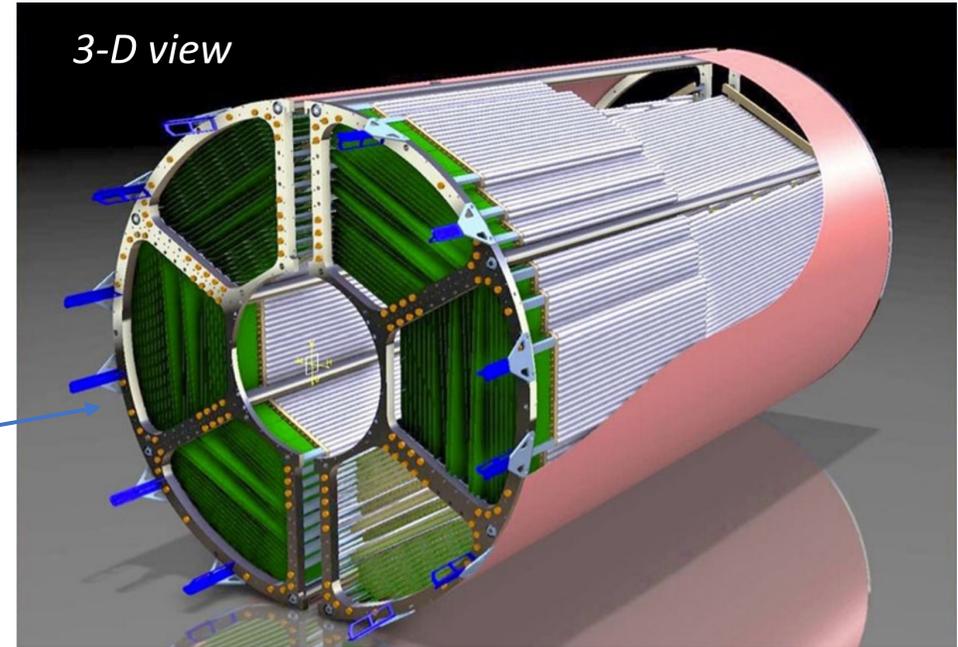
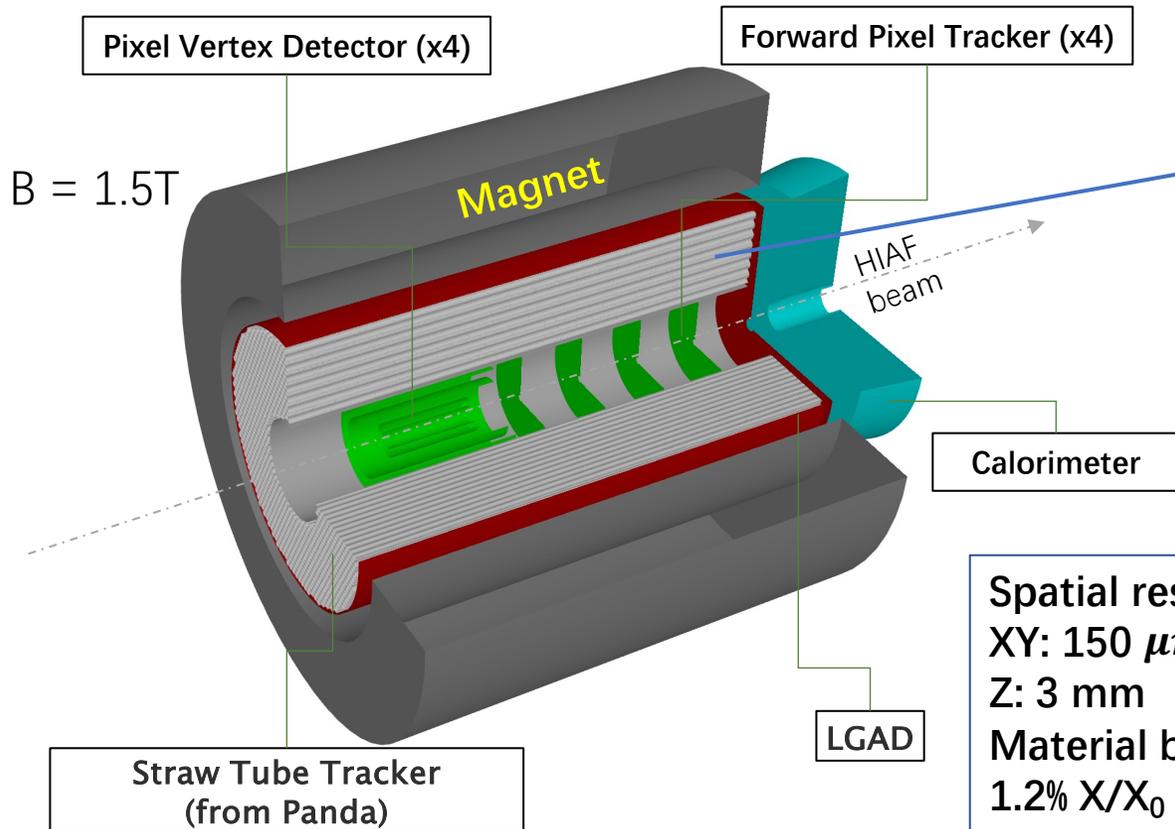
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- **MIC6 MAPS pixel chip:** development and manufacture with the **domestic process**
- **Detector assembly and integration:**
 - Vertex detector: Stave module design (spatial resolution: $\sim 5 \mu m$ with pixel size $30 \mu m$, total material $< 0.35\%X/X_0$ per layer)
 - Forward tracker: Ladder module aligned to disc super-module (spatial resolution: $\sim 5 \mu m$ with pixel size $30 \mu m$, total material $< 0.45\%X/X_0$ per layer)

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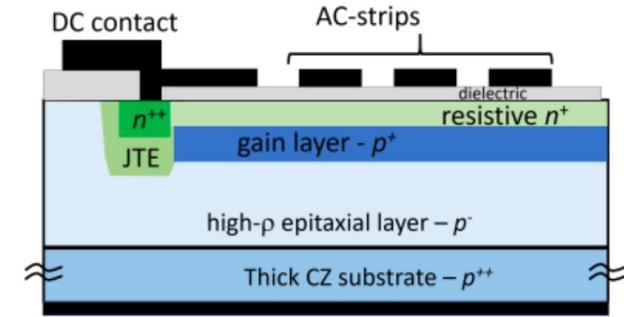
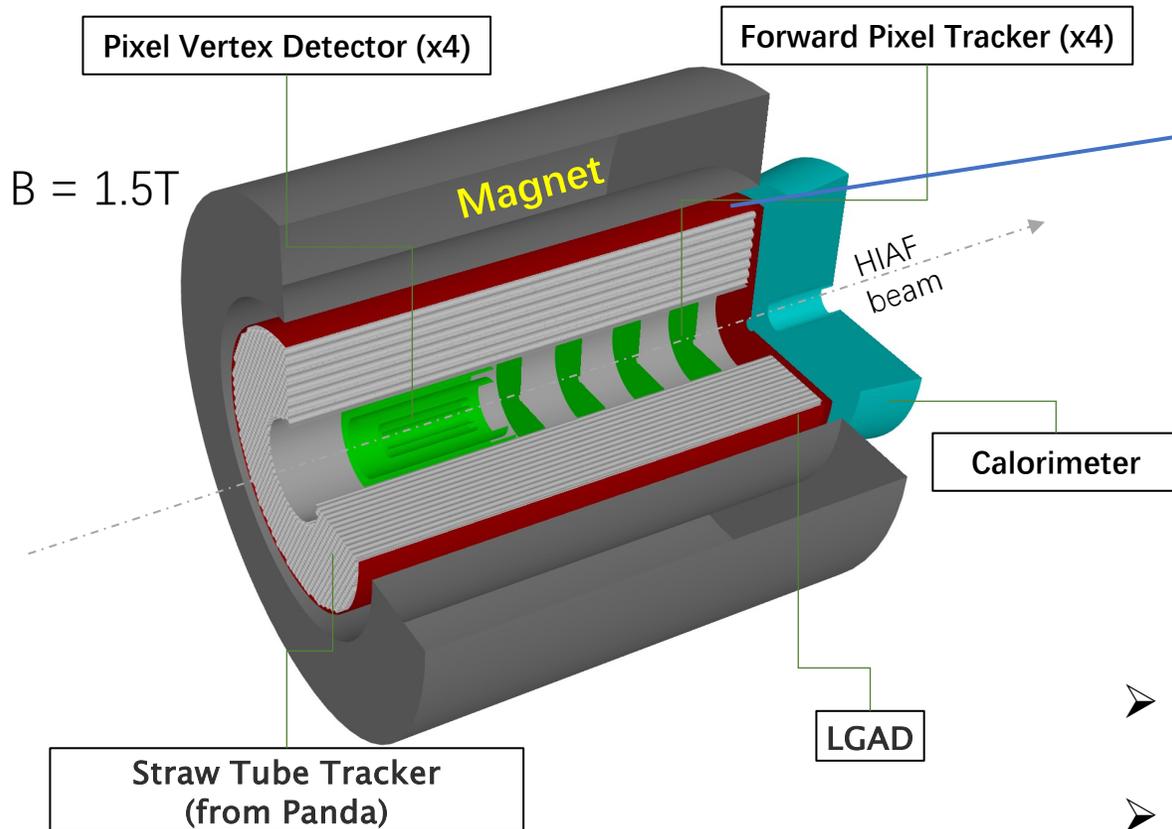
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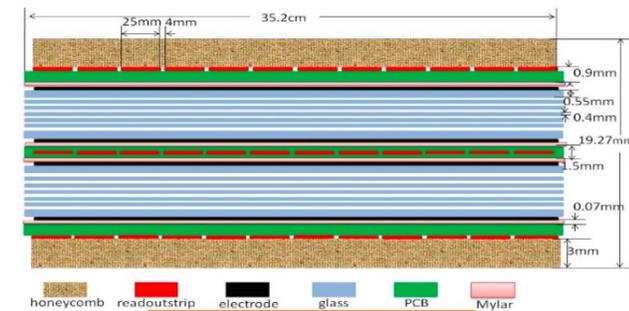
Spatial resolution:
XY: 150 μm
Z: 3 mm
Material budget:
1.2% X/X_0

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Low-Gain Avalanche Detector (LGAD)

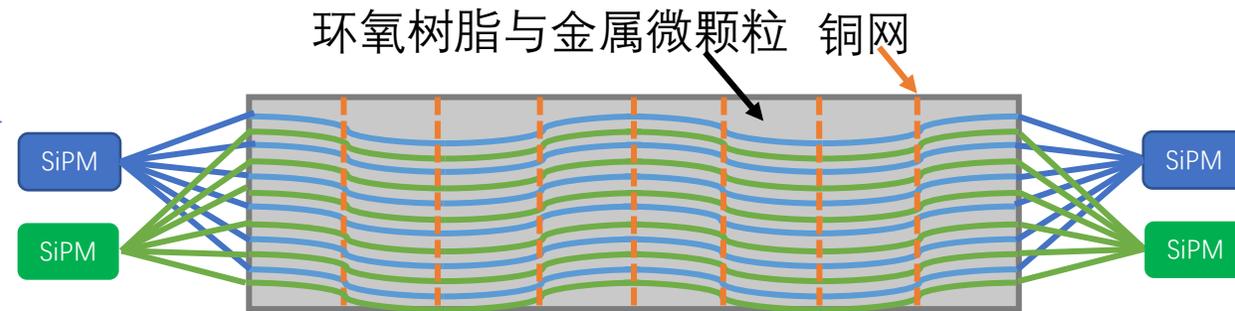
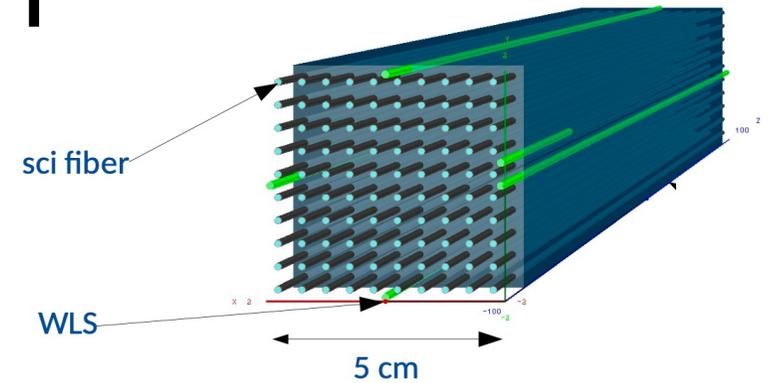
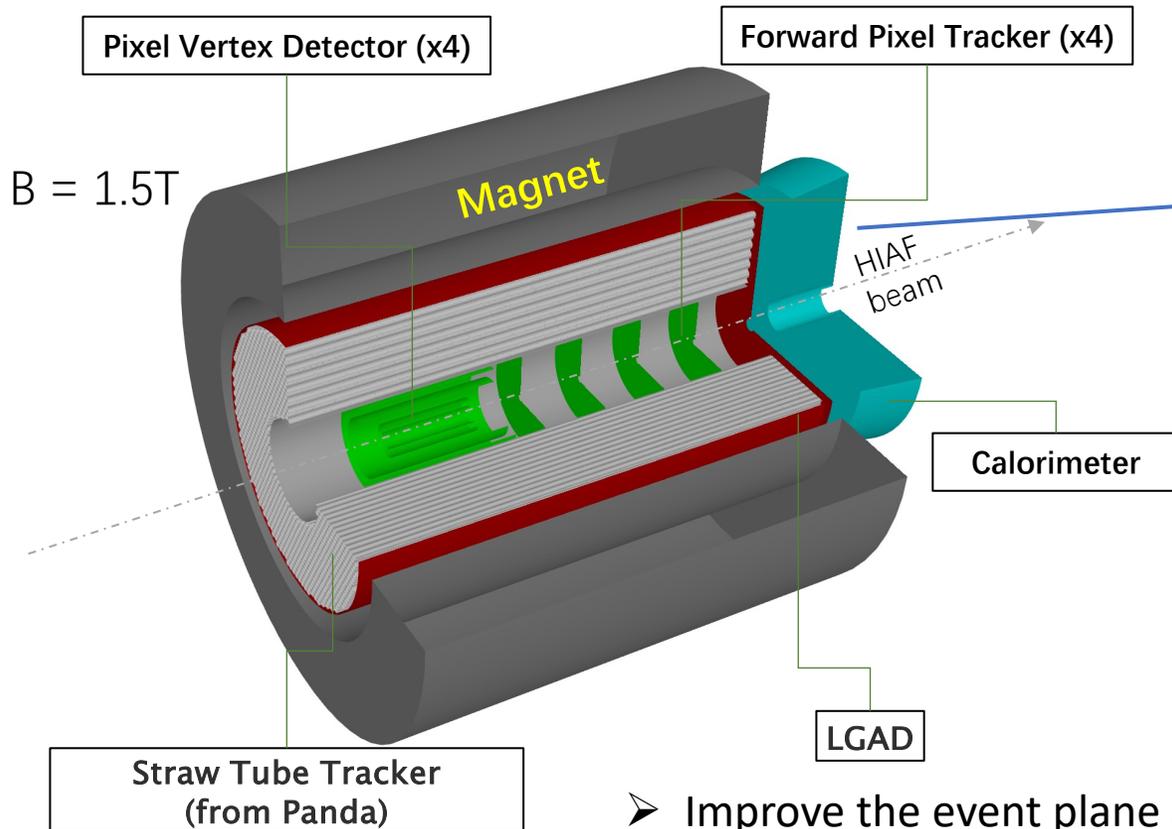


Multistage Resistive Plate Chamber Detector (MRPC)

- MRPC and LGAD for low momentum particle identification, ~ 30 ps @0.1-2.0 GeV/c.
- LGAD can provide position measurement as well, $\sigma \sim 30 \mu m$

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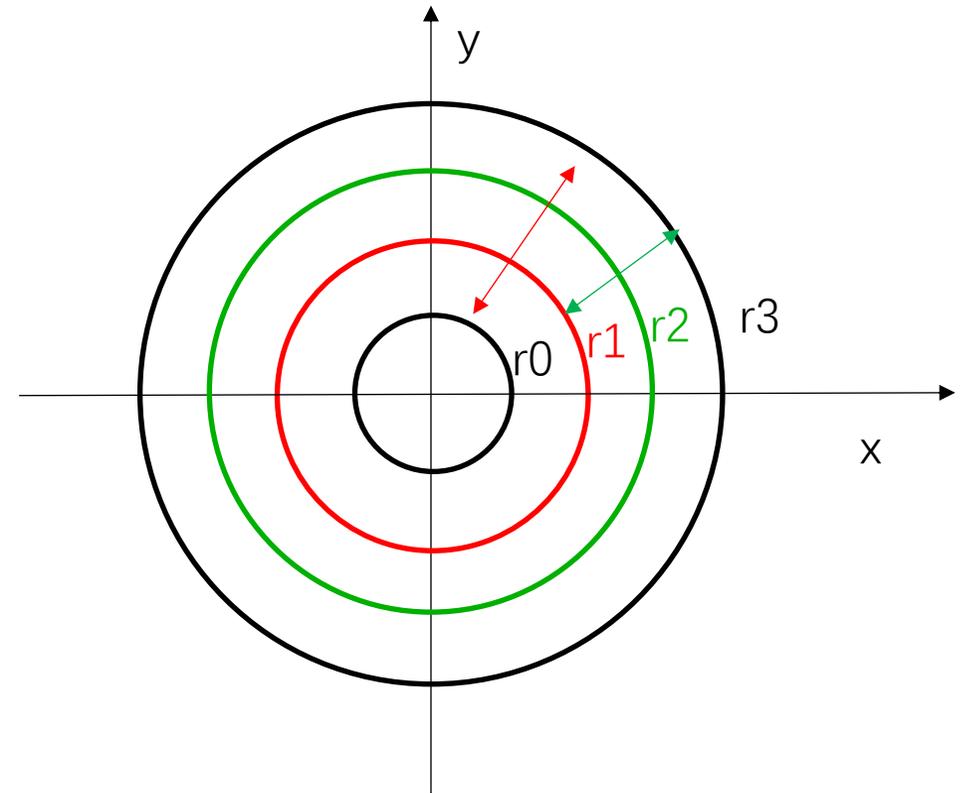
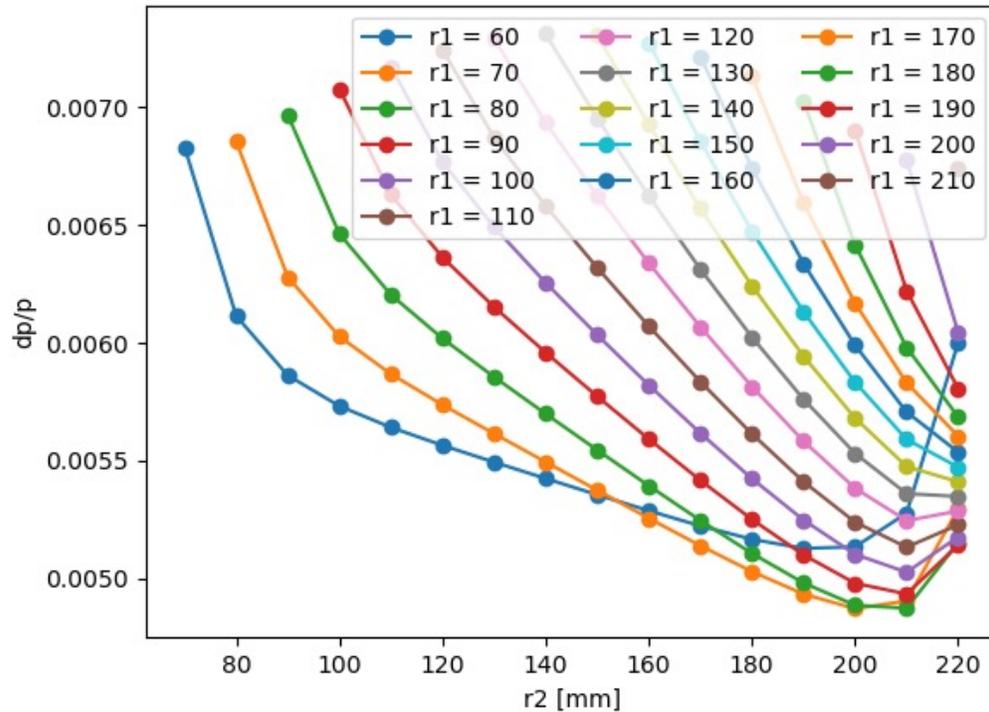
闪烁光纤 切伦科夫光纤 (塑料/石英)

- Cherenkov light & scintillation light dual read out Calorimeter
- EM shower: $\sim 5\%/\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}$
- Hadronic shower: $\sim 60\%/\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}$

- Improve the event plane and centrality measurement
- Improve the PID capability
- Neutral track reconstruction, Σ polarization, etc.

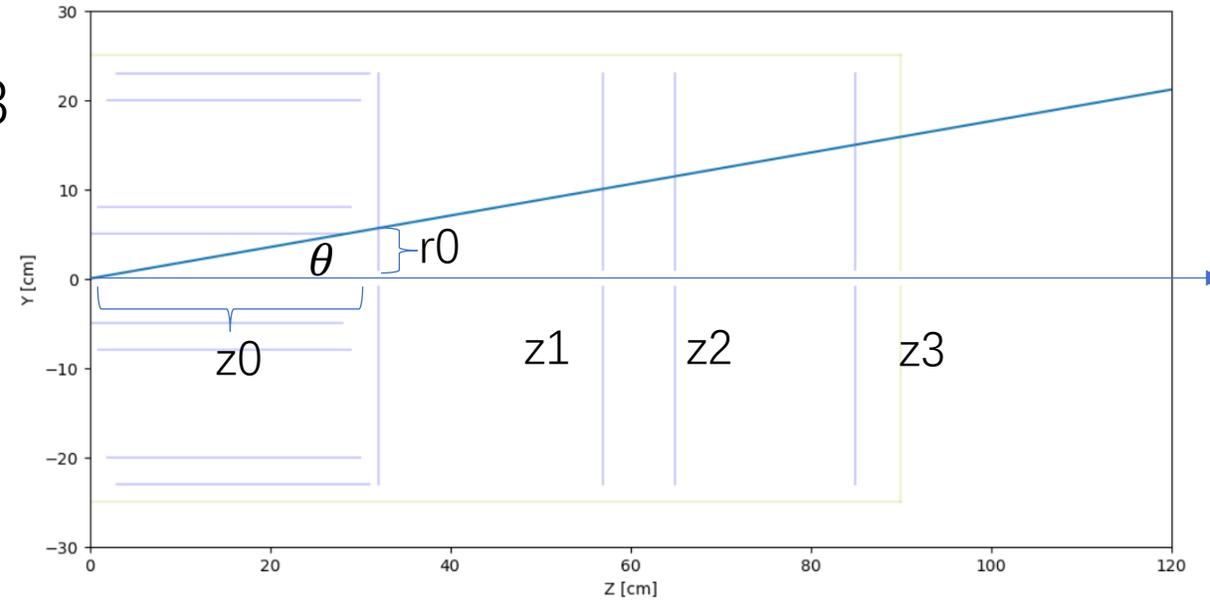
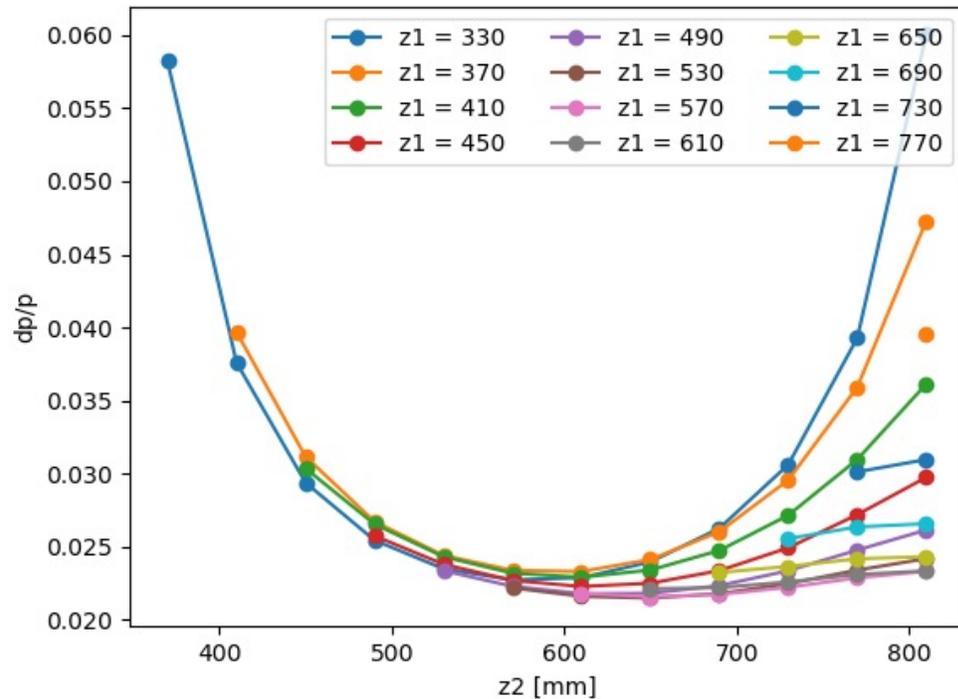
Optimization for vertex detector

- For barrel region
 - Fix r_0 and r_3 , adjust r_1 from r_0 to r_3
 - At each r_1 , adjust r_2 from r_1 to r_3



Optimization for vertex detector

- For the forward region
 - Fix z_0 and z_3
 - Adjust z_1 in $[z_0, z_3]$, while z_2 in $[z_1, z_3]$



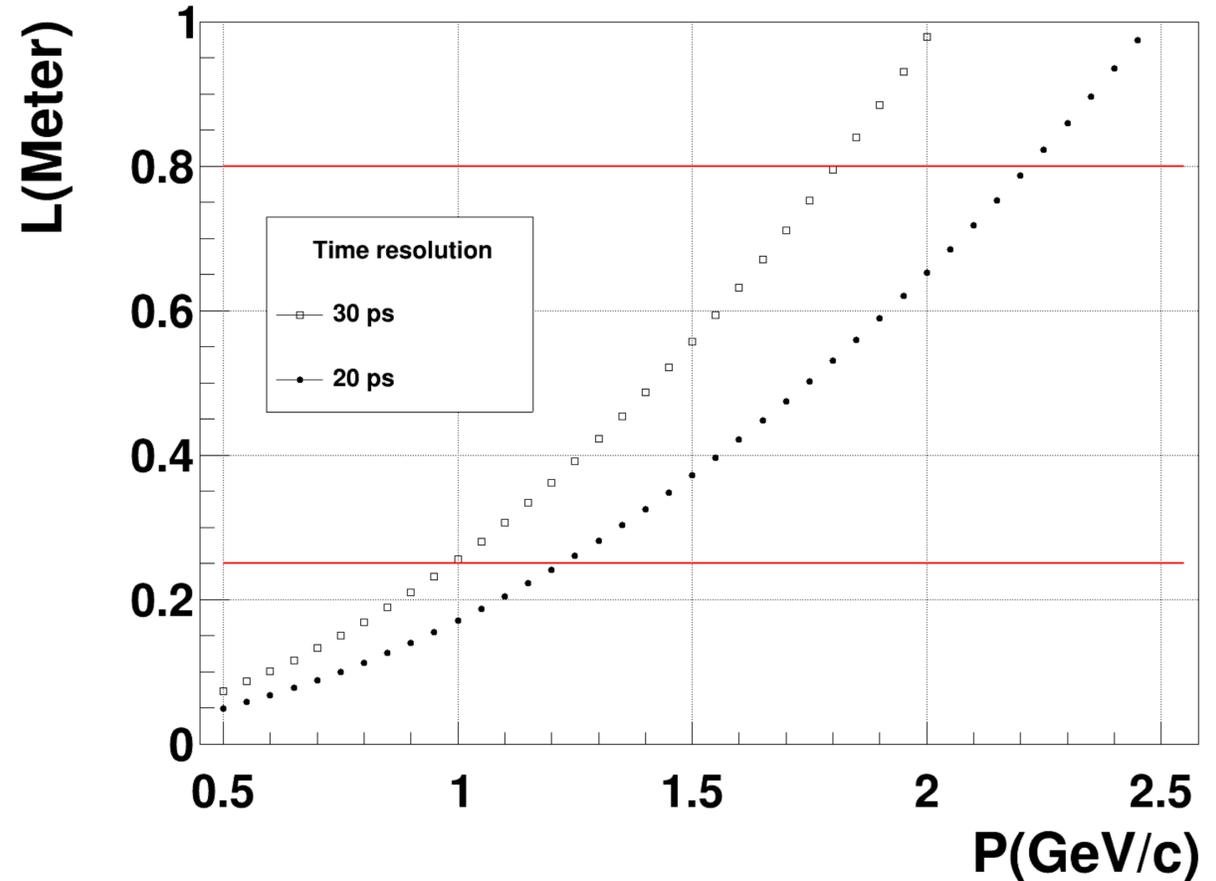
Detector configuration – LGAD

Assume a time resolution of 30 ps

LGAD barrel, can cover a Pt up to 1 GeV/c.

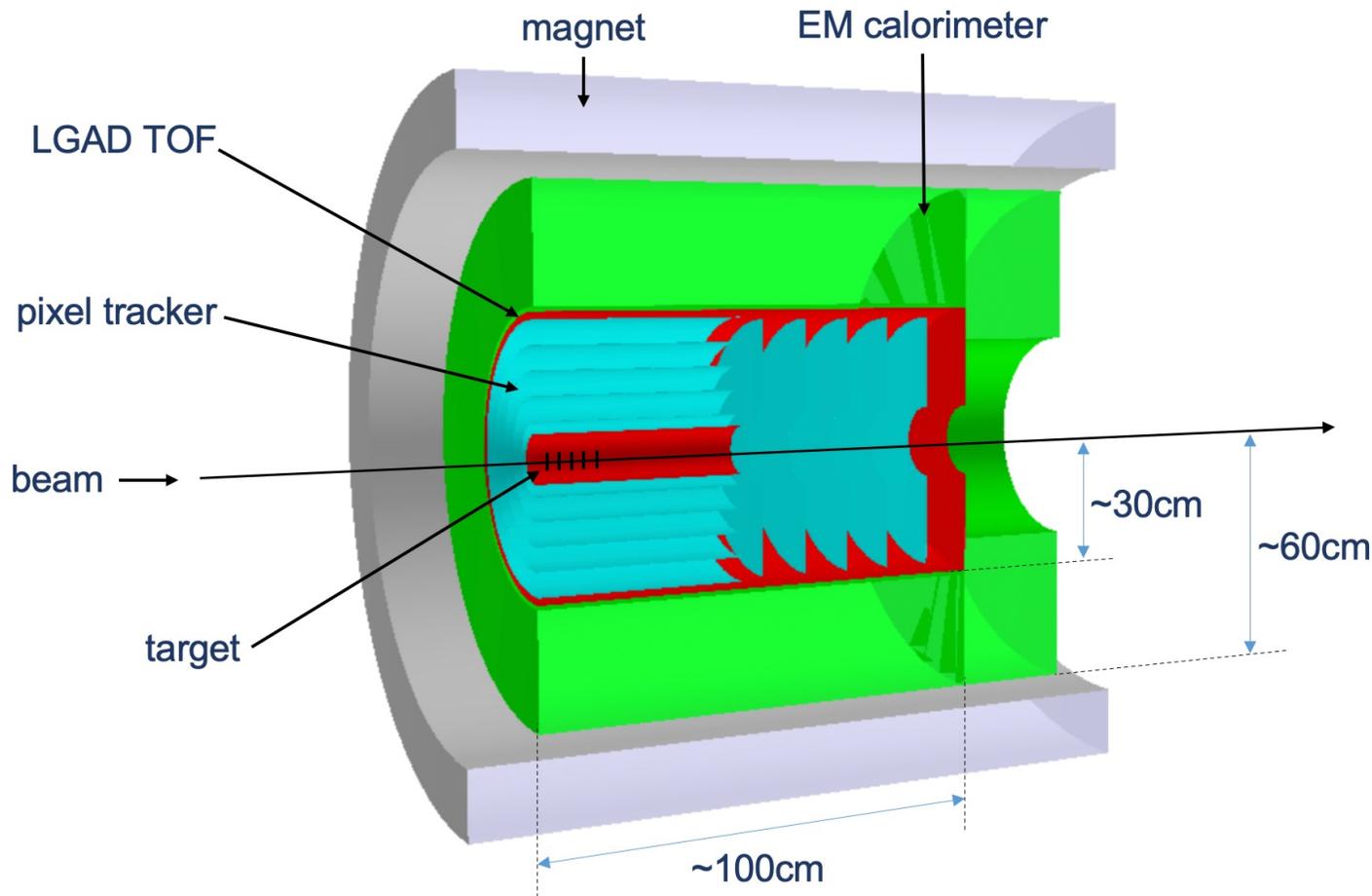
LGAD endcap, is better to be placed at > 0.8 meter, to cover momentum up to 1.8 GeV/c.

Flight distance for 3σ π/K separation



Conceptual Detector Design 2

All silicon tracker + Ecal design → η physics



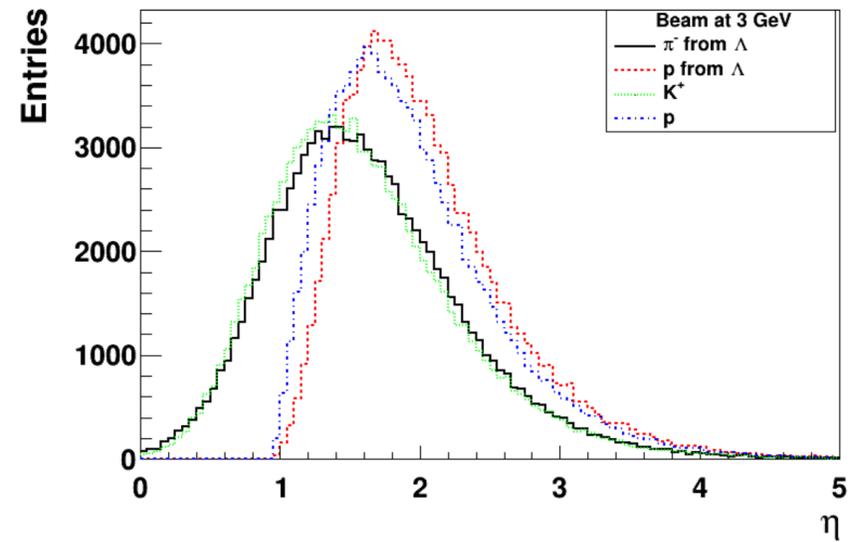
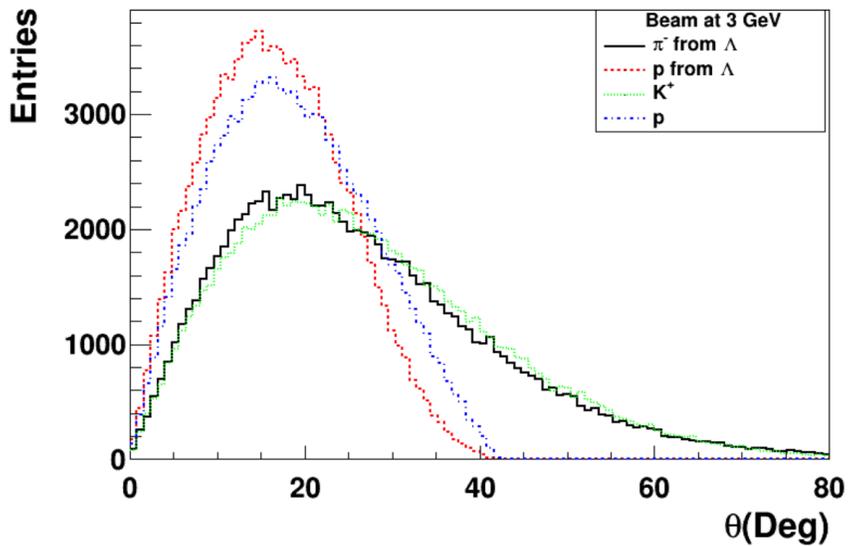
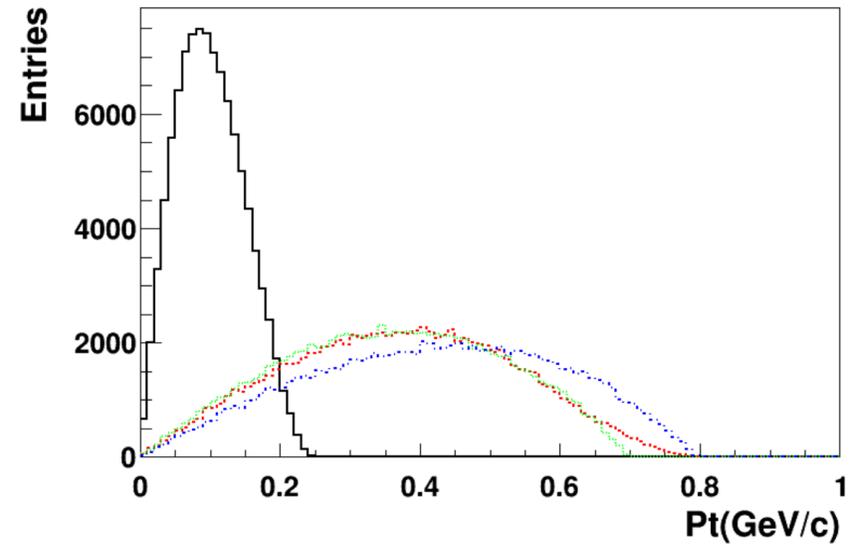
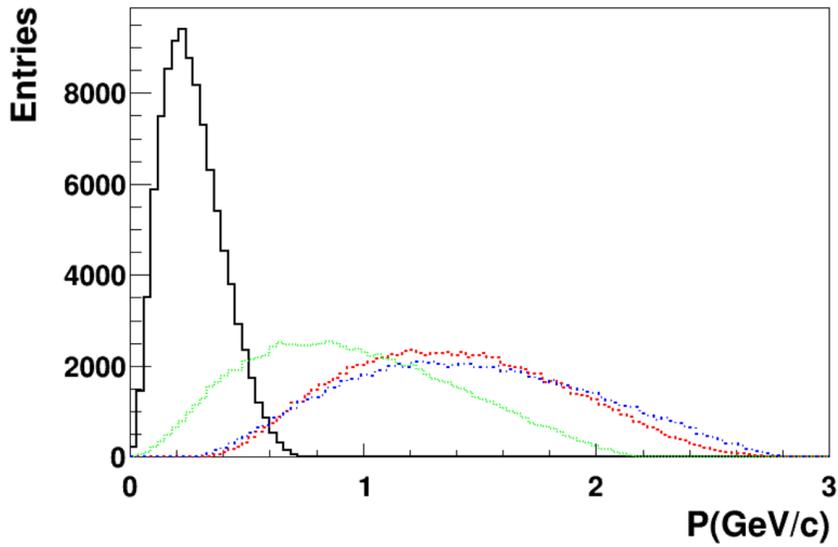
Properties:

- High event rate:
 - >MHz for heavy ion collision
- Compact design:
 - Radius of Tracker+TOF is less than 30 cm
- Good performance:
 - Spatial resolution: $\sim 30 \mu m$
 - Time resolution: ~ 30 ps
 - Energy resolution: 2~5% @1GeV
- Large acceptance:
 - 10 to 100 degree, cover most of Pt up to $y_{cms}=1$

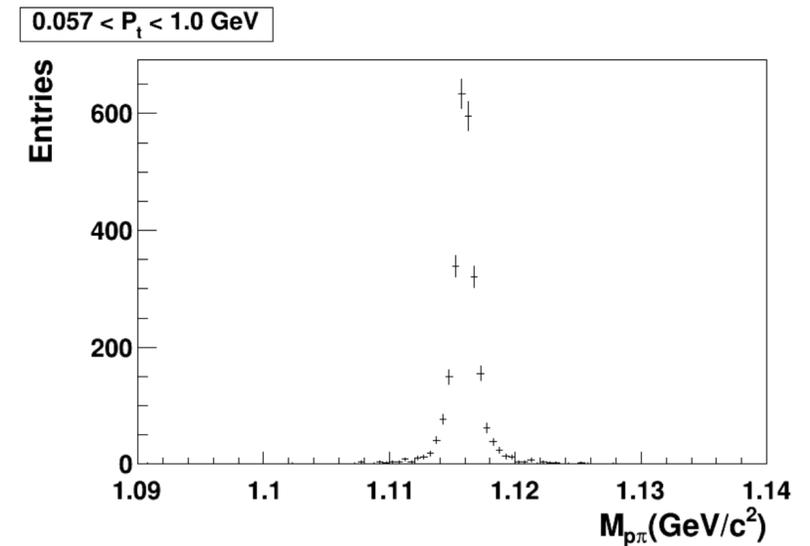
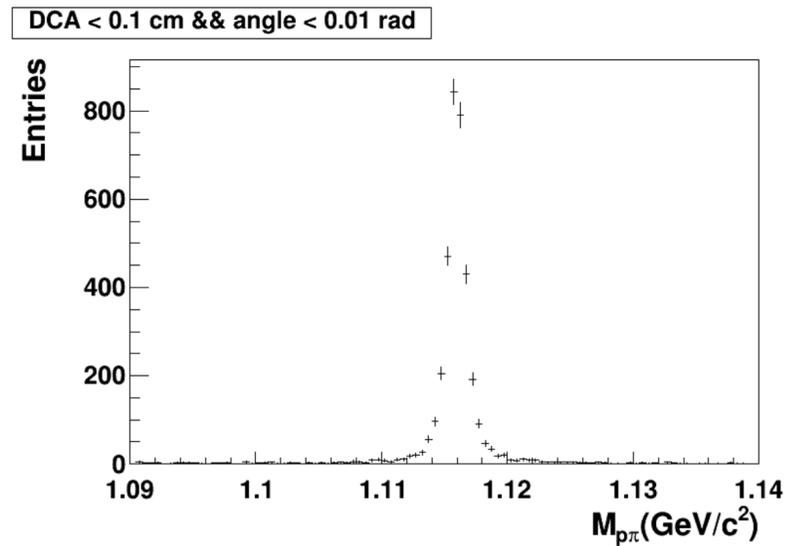
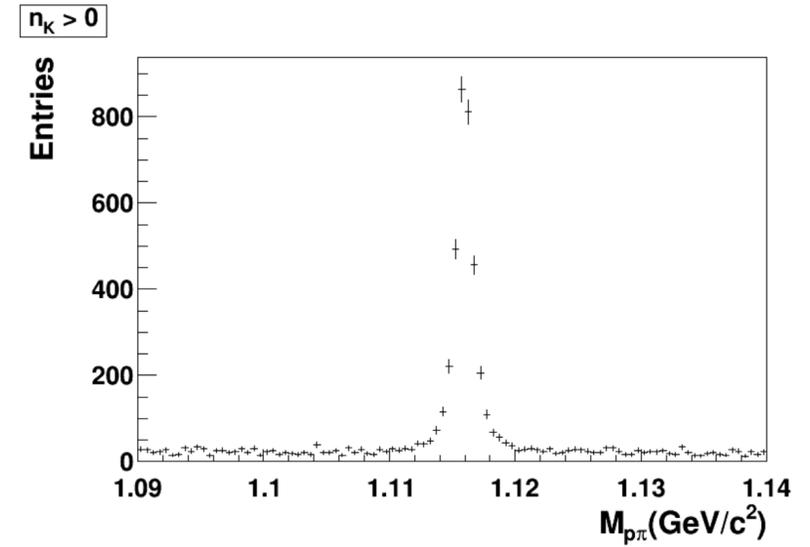
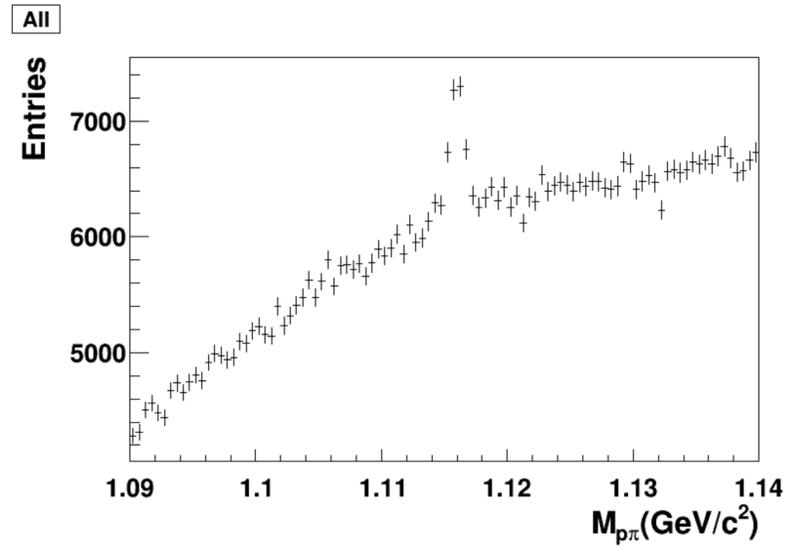
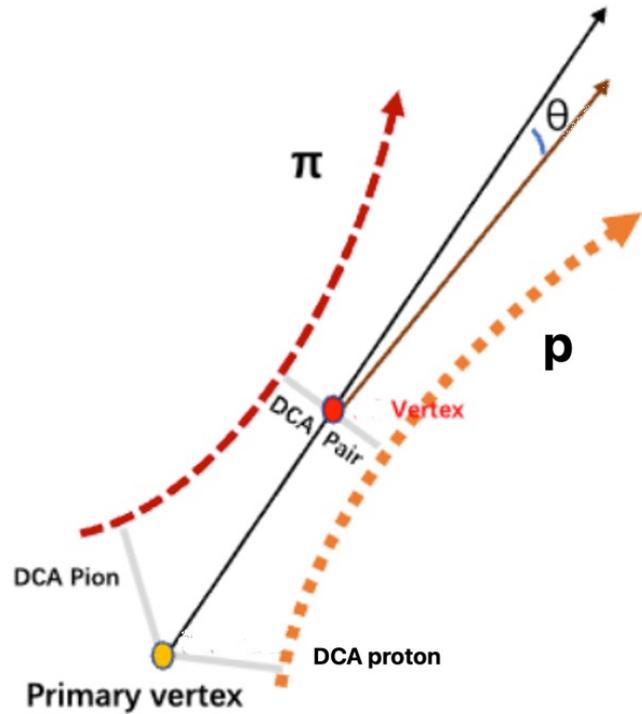
Details can be found in Hao's talk on 24th Aug.

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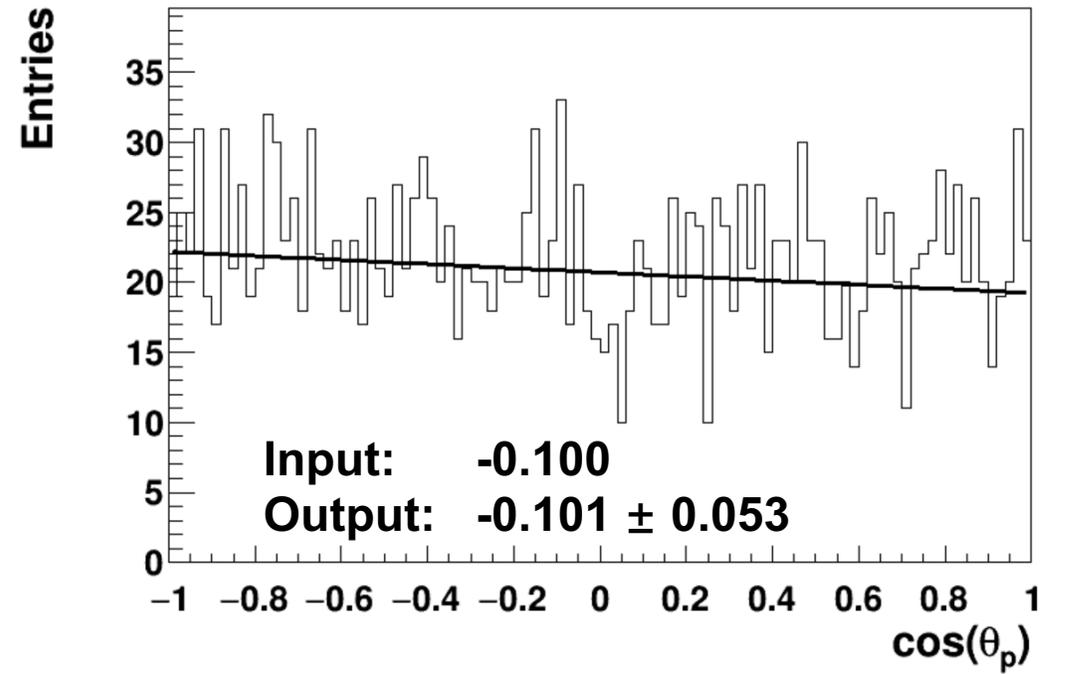
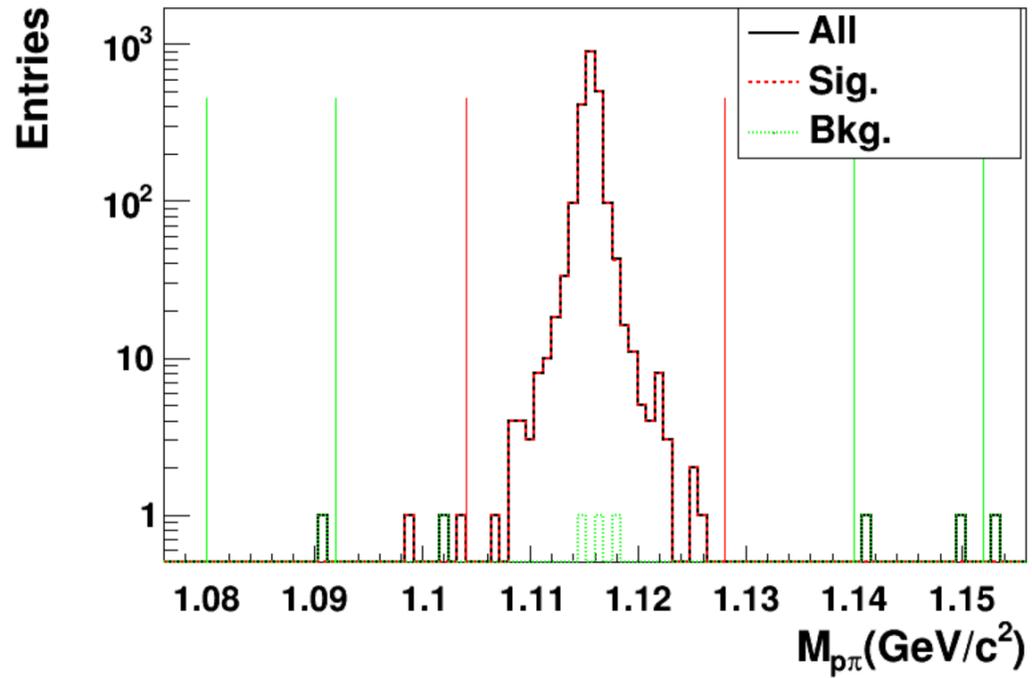
Simulation of $pp \rightarrow p K^+ \Lambda$ with PLUTO



Reconstruction of Λ signal



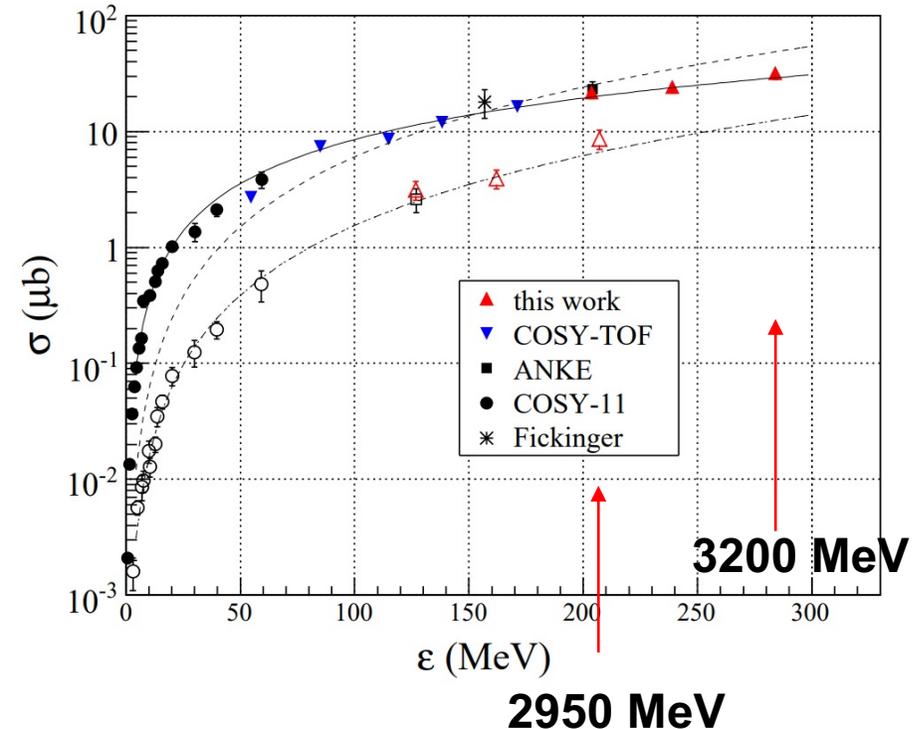
Extraction of Λ polarization



Evaluation of $pp \rightarrow p K^+ \Lambda$ yield at HIAF

Table 1. Total cross sections for the reactions $pp \rightarrow pK^+\Lambda$ and $pp \rightarrow pK^+\Sigma^0$. The first uncertainty refers to statistical and the second to systematical ones.

ε (MeV)	acc (%)	counts	σ_{tot} (μb)
$pp \rightarrow pK^+\Lambda$			
204	1.95	7228	$21.8 \pm 0.3 \pm 2.7$
239	1.72	89684	$24.4 \pm 0.1 \pm 3.0$
284	1.63	3322	$32.0 \pm 0.9 \pm 3.9$
$pp \rightarrow pK^+\Sigma^0$			
127	1.28	676	$3.1 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.6$
162	1.51	12644	$3.9 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.7$
207	1.45	800	$8.6 \pm 0.5 \pm 1.6$

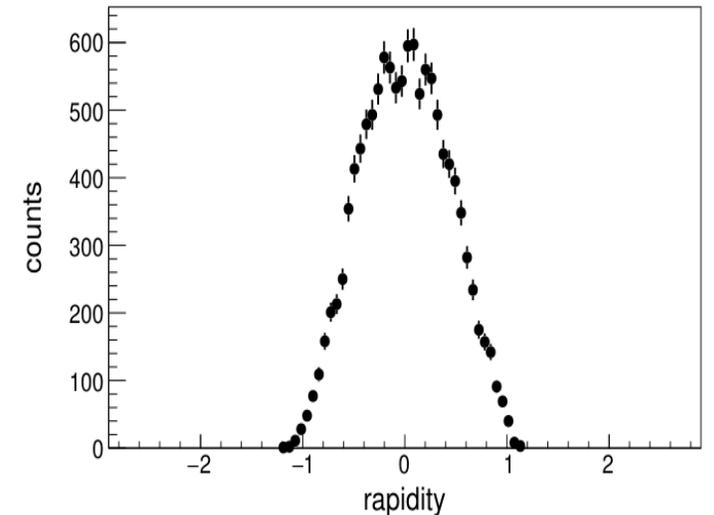
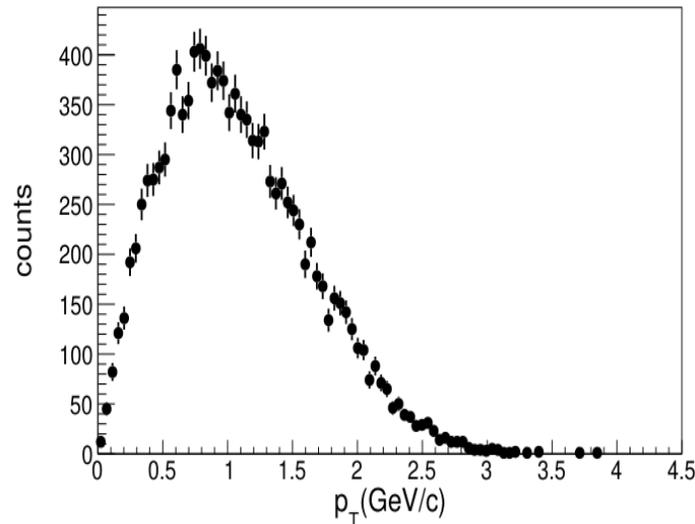
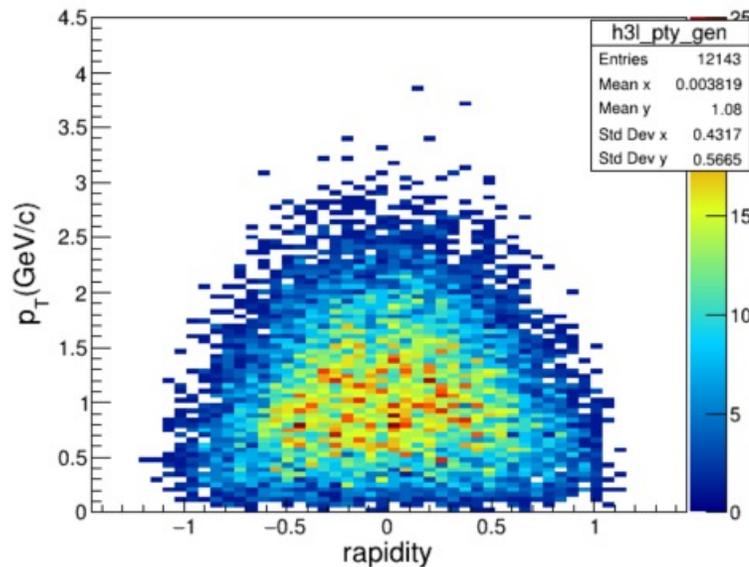


HIAF will provide $1 \cdot 10^{12}$ ppp
 Assume event rate: 100MHz
 Events in one month: $3600 \cdot 24 \cdot 30 \cdot 10^8 \cdot 0.3 = 10^{13}$
 Expected number of Λ : $> 10^5$

The experiments were carried out with the time-of-flight detector *COSY-TOF* located at an external beam line of the COoler SYnchrotron COSY (Forschungszentrum Jülich). The COSY machine provides proton beams of very high quality (spill length ≈ 5 min; several 10^6 protons/s; low emittance of $< 5 \pi$ mm mrad; relative momentum uncertainty $\Delta p/p < 10^{-3}$).

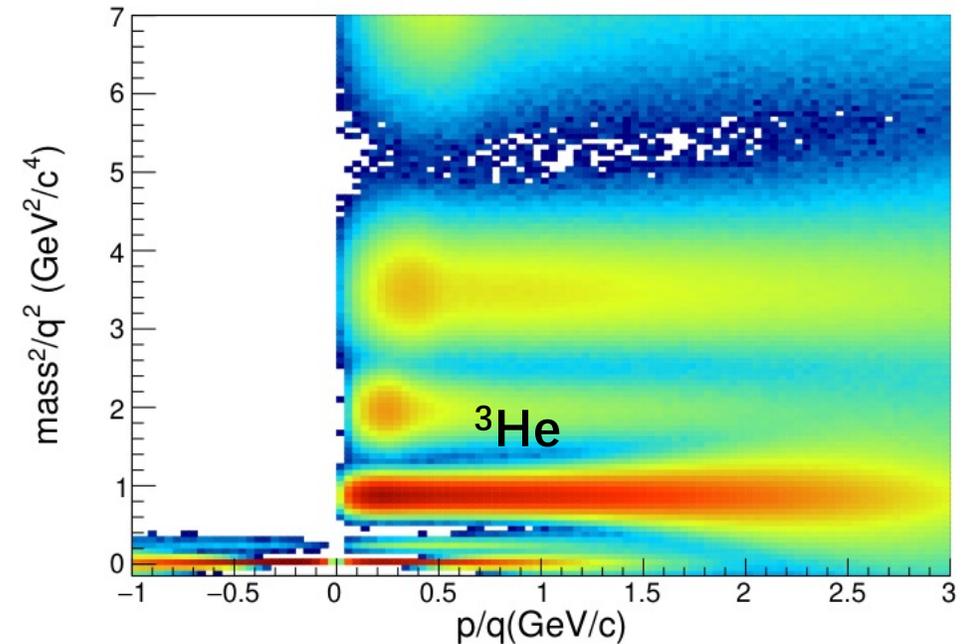
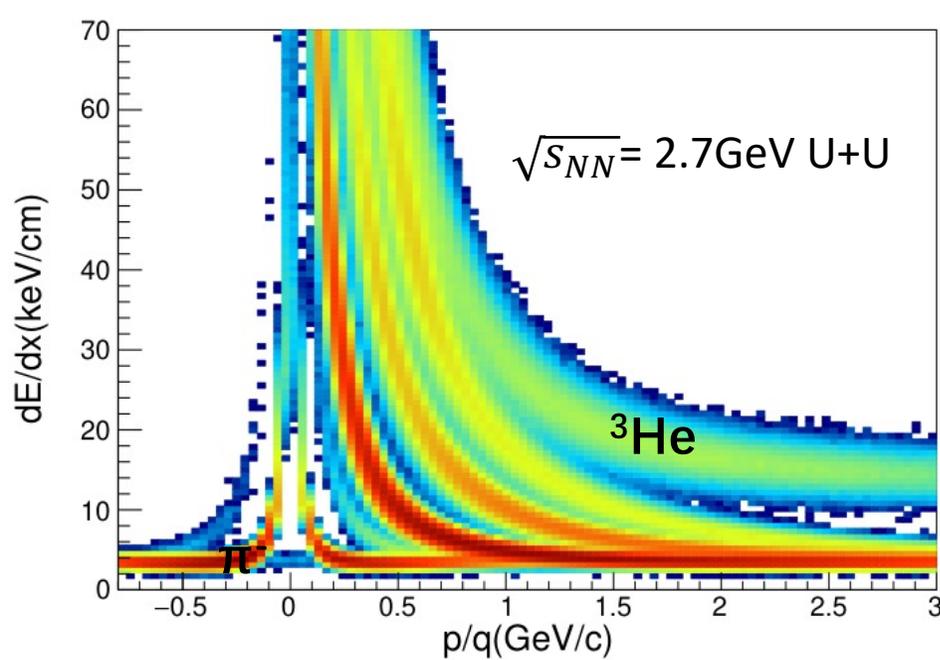
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ production via JAM+coalescence

- JAM: event-generator and hadronic transport model for high baryon heavy-ion collisions *arXiv:2208.0129*
- Collision system: $E_{\text{beam}}=2$ GeV U+U, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.7$ GeV, $y_{\text{cm}}=0.9$, 2×10^6 events
- Light nuclei and ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ are formed by the coalescence nucleons(hyperon) when they are close in coordinate and momentum space
- ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ production rate per event: 0.006



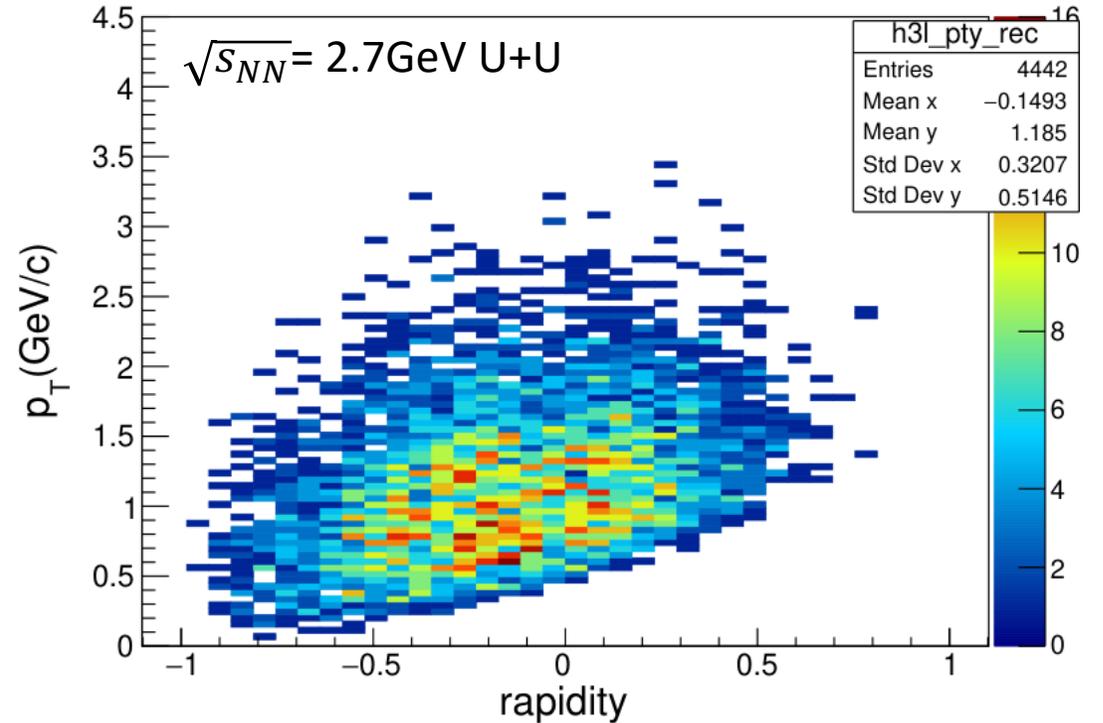
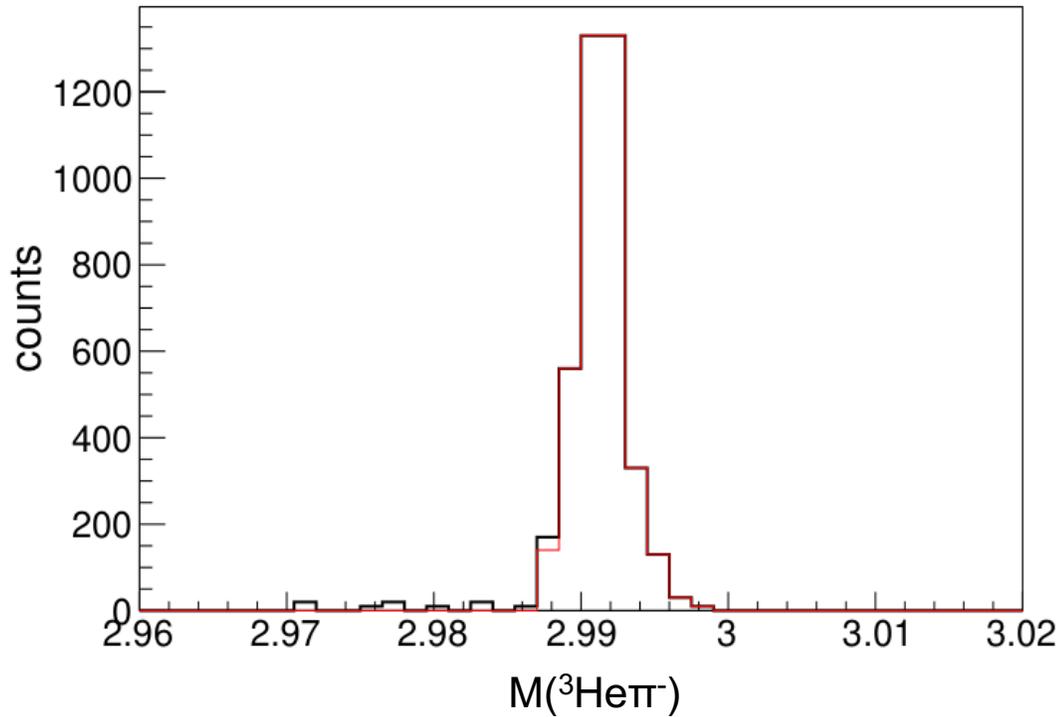
Particle identification and topological cuts

Decay channel: ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow \pi^- + {}^3\text{He}$ (assuming branch fraction = 100%)



- π^- are selected based on the dE/dx ; ${}^3\text{He}$ are selected using both dE/dx and TOF
- Topological cuts for reconstructing ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$: vertex of daughter particles

Reconstructed ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ candidates



- After the PID and topological cuts, the signal purity is $\sim 93\%$
- The detector acceptance: 51.5%
- The average efficiency for PID and topological cuts: 70.7%

Light hyper-nuclei production at HIAF

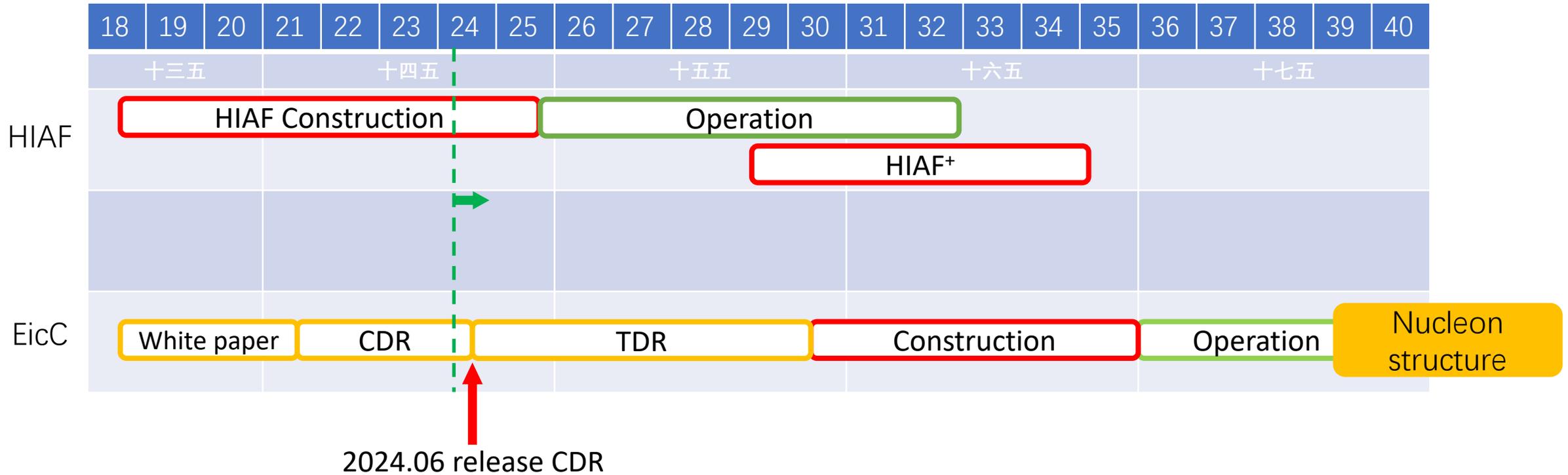
Assuming data of $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.7$ GeV U+U collisions will be collected for one month: $>5 \times 10^{11}$ events

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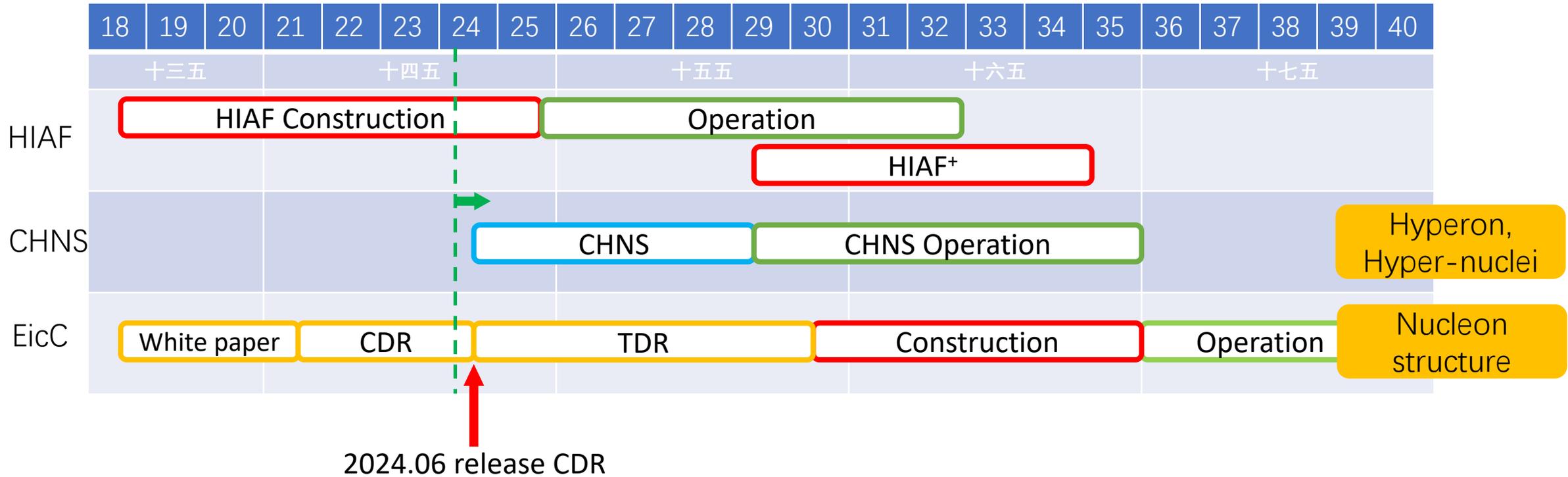
	yield per event	Total yield	Possible candidates
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	6×10^{-3}	3×10^9	$\sim 10^8 (30\% \pi^- + {}^3\text{He})$
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	6×10^{-4}	3×10^8	$\sim 10^7 (70\% \pi^- + {}^4\text{He})$
${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	2×10^{-5}	1×10^7	$\pi^- + {}^4\text{He} + p$
${}^4_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$	10^{-5}	5×10^6	$\pi^- + {}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$
${}^5_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$	10^{-7}	5×10^4	$\pi^- + {}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$

- Precision measurements for life time, yield, flow
- Possible observations for double hyperon nuclei and polarization

Timelines



Timelines



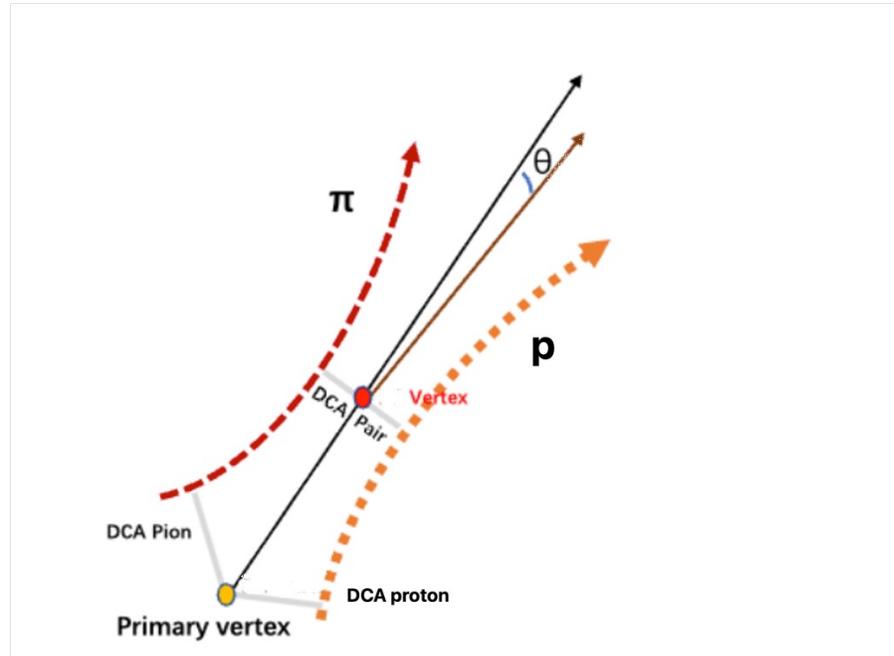
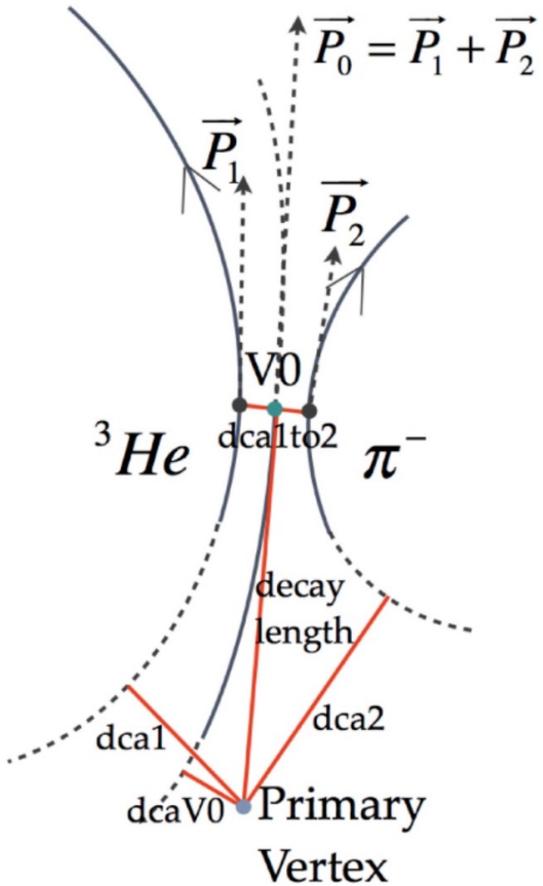
- Synchronization of CHNS and EicC TDR.
- Physics at HIAF before EicC operation.

Summary

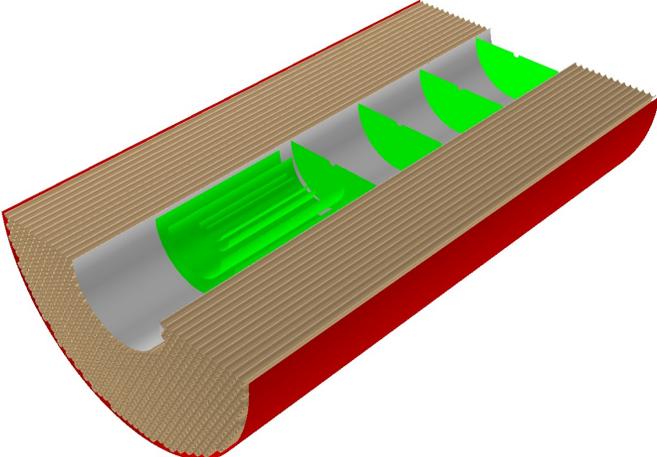
- High Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF) at Huizhou provides good beam condition for Nuclear/Particle physics experiment
- China Hyper-Nuclear Spectrometer (CHNS) is proposed to study
 - Polarization of hyperon, Hyper-nuclei production
- Detector design, and physics projection is ongoing
- Possible extend to η physics with the ECal.

Thank you!

Reconstructed ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ candidates



Detector performance



- Magnetic field of 1.5 Tesla

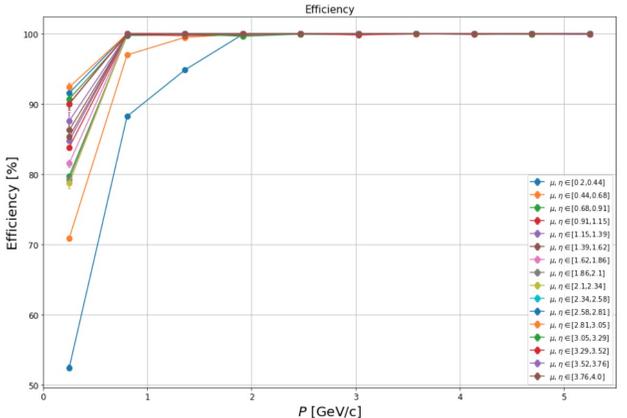
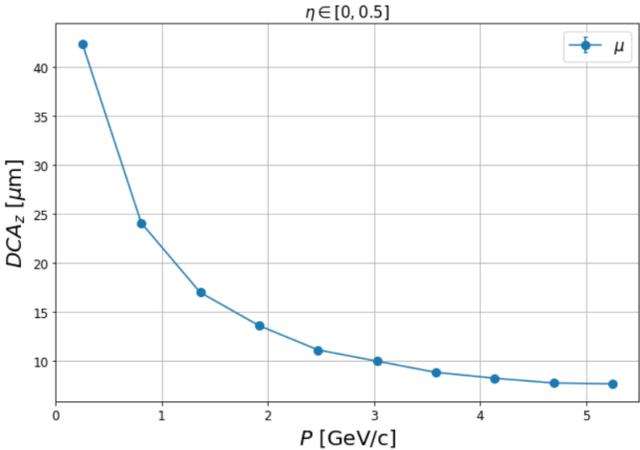
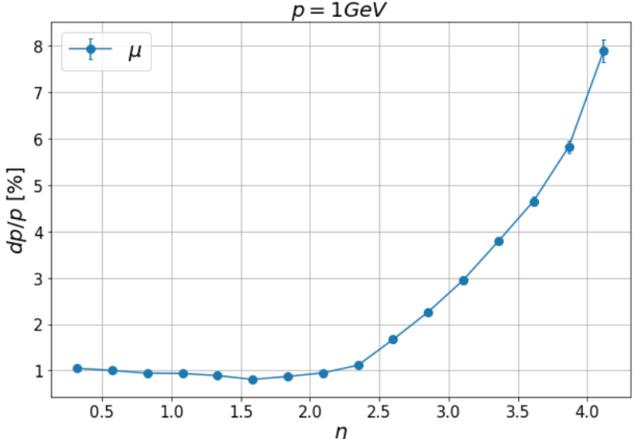
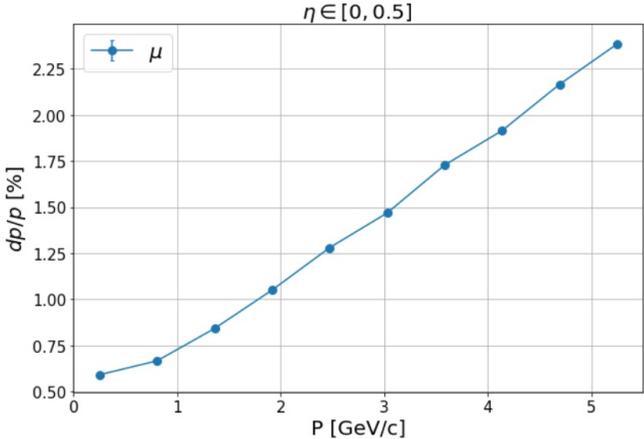
Barrel:

R(cm)	Length(cm)	Pitch Size(μm)	Material Budget (X/X0 %)	Tech
5.0	28	20	0.05	ITS3
8.0	28	20	0.05	ITS3
20.0	28	20	0.05	ITS3
23.0	28	20	0.05	ITS3
25.0	90	55	1.00	LGAD

Disk:

In R(cm)	Out R(cm)	Z(cm)	Pitch Size(μm)	Material Budget (X/X0 %)	Tech
1.0	23	32	20	0.05	ITS3
1.0	23	57	20	0.05	ITS3
1.0	23	65	20	0.05	ITS3
1.0	23	85	20	0.05	ITS3
1.0	25	90	55	1.00	LGAD

Detector performance (silicon only)



Detector design ST

Element	Material	X[mm]	X ₀ [cm]	X/X ₀
Film Tube	Mylar, 27 μm	0.085	28.7	3.0×10 ⁻⁴
Coating	Al, 2×0.03 μm	2×10 ⁻⁴	8.9	2.2×10 ⁻⁶
Gas	Ar/CO ₂ (10%)	7.85	6131	1.3×10 ⁻⁴
Wire	W/Re, 20 μm	3×10 ⁻⁵	0.35	8.6×10 ⁻⁶
			Σ _{straw}	4.4×10 ⁻⁴

$$\frac{\sigma E}{E} \sim 6\%$$

CHNS vs EicC

