

High Energy Nuclear Physics at HIAF

-- from H-NS to EicC

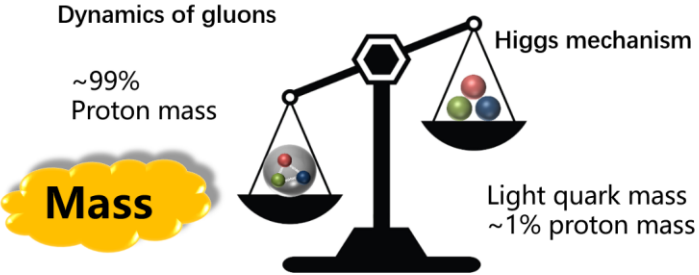
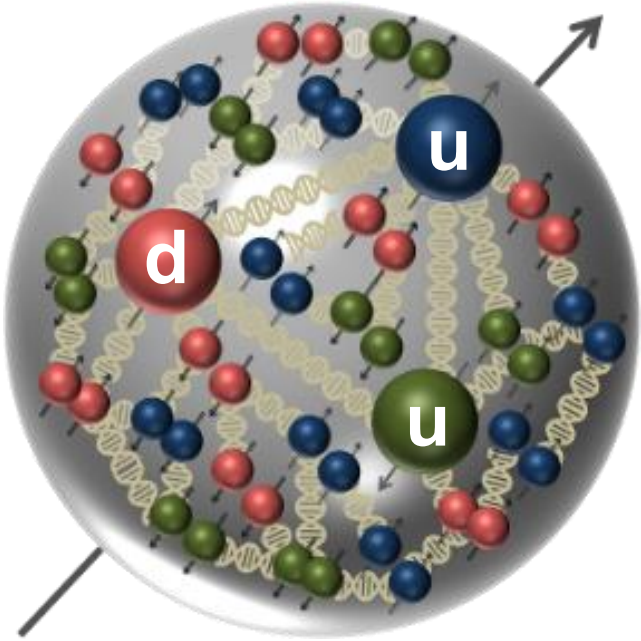
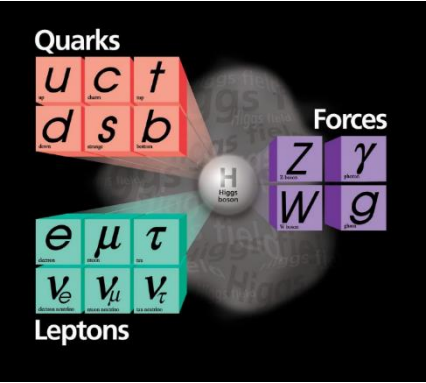
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Outline

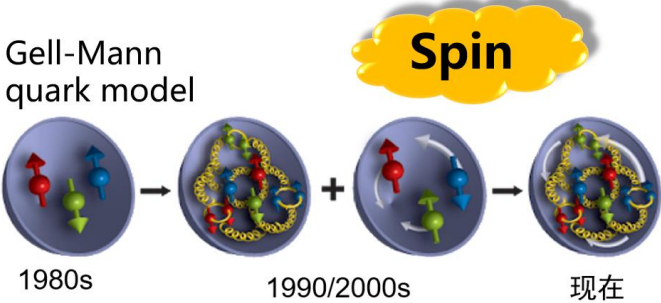
- **Introduction**
- **Electron ion collider in China - EicC**
- **Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer - H-NS**
- **From H-NS to EicC**
- **Summary**

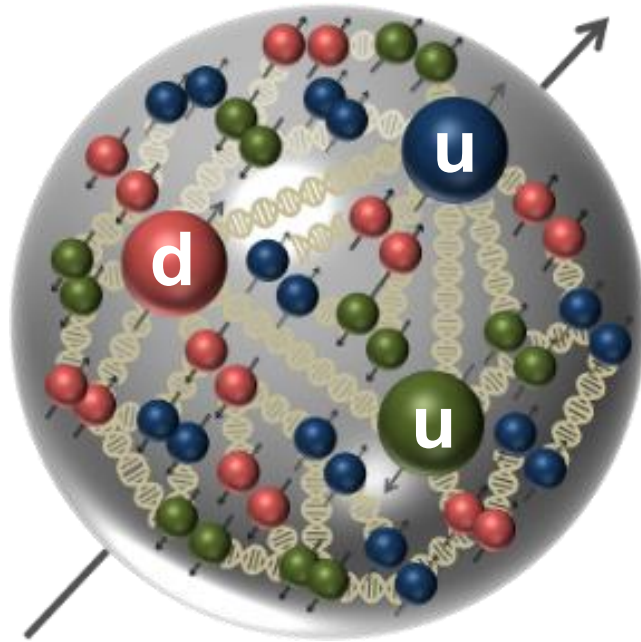
Nucleon structure



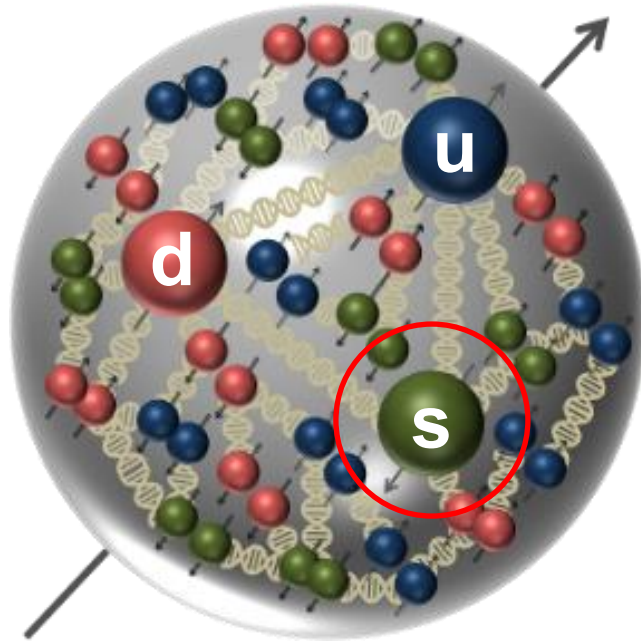
Proton spin structure?

Origin of proton mass?

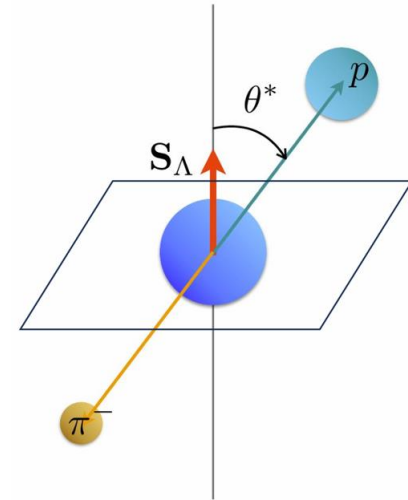




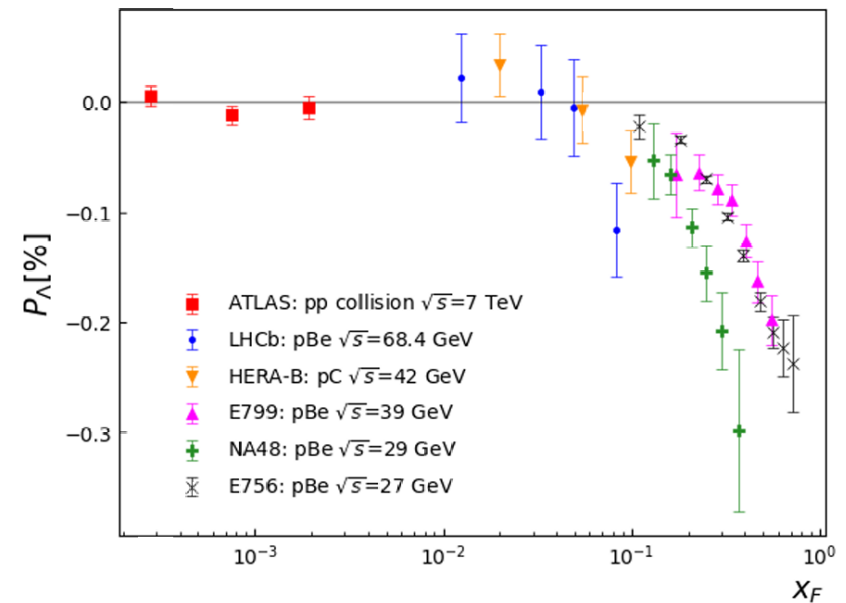
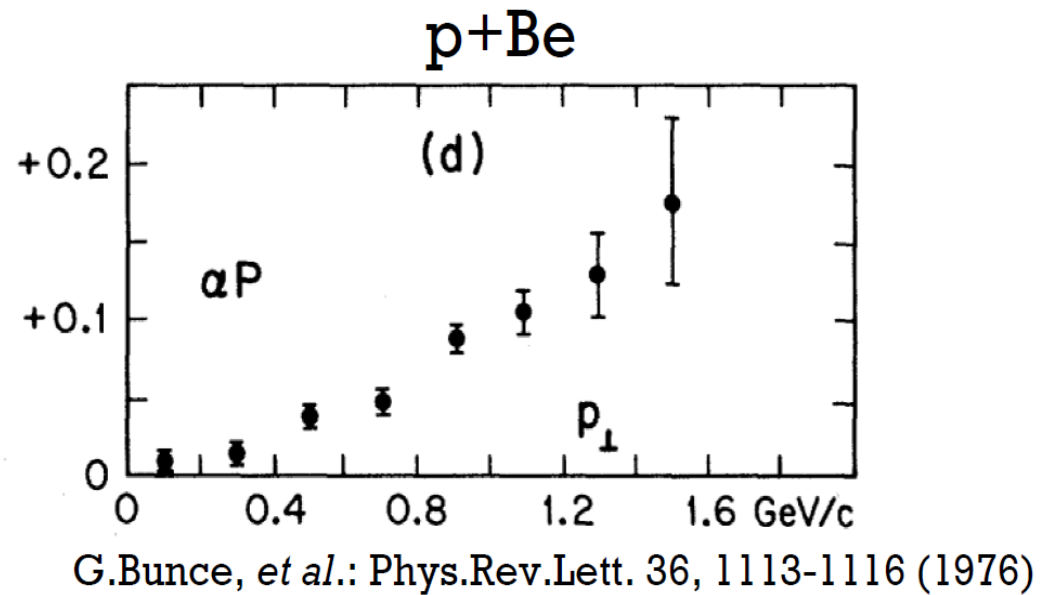
Spin → Polarization



Hyperon is special



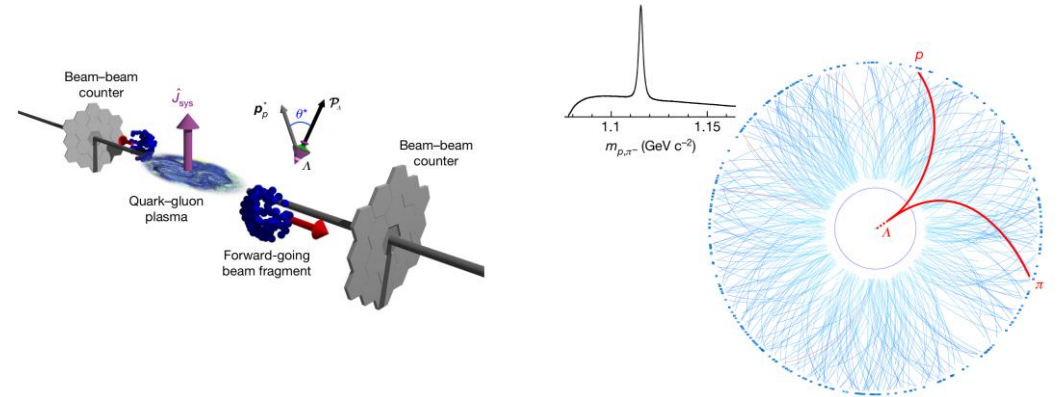
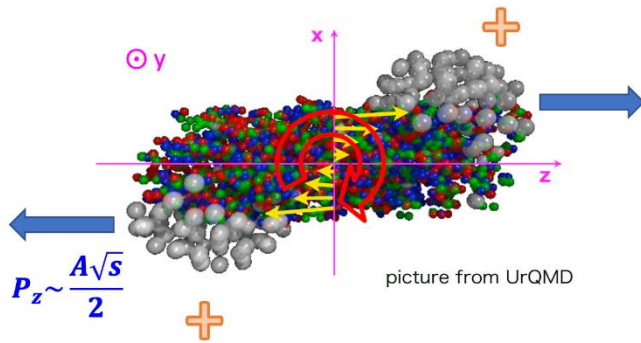
First observation of Λ polarization in the 1970's



First observation:

In 1976 at Fermi-Lab, Hyperons were produced polarized in p + Be collisions: 300 GeV protons on Beryllium target

Λ polarization in heavy ion collision



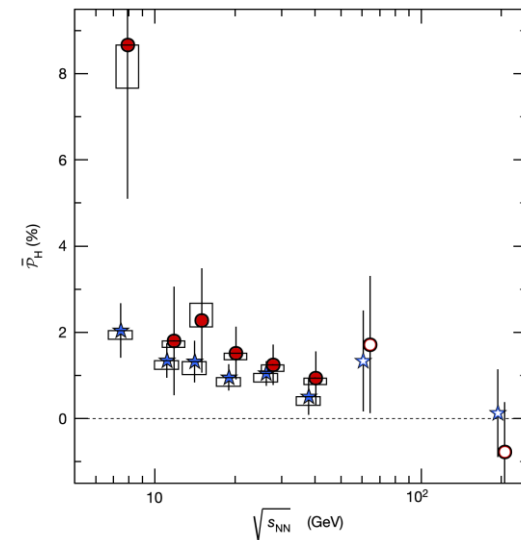
$$J_0 \sim \frac{Ab\sqrt{s}}{2} \sim 10^6 \hbar$$

Global angular momentum

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

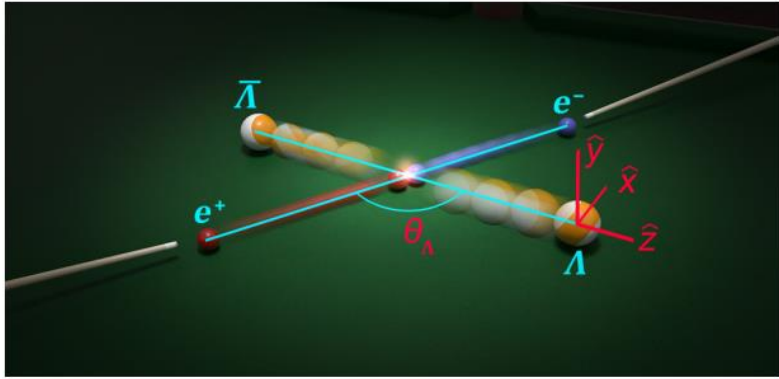
Strong magnetic field

- Λ polarization studied 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 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 2m_N$

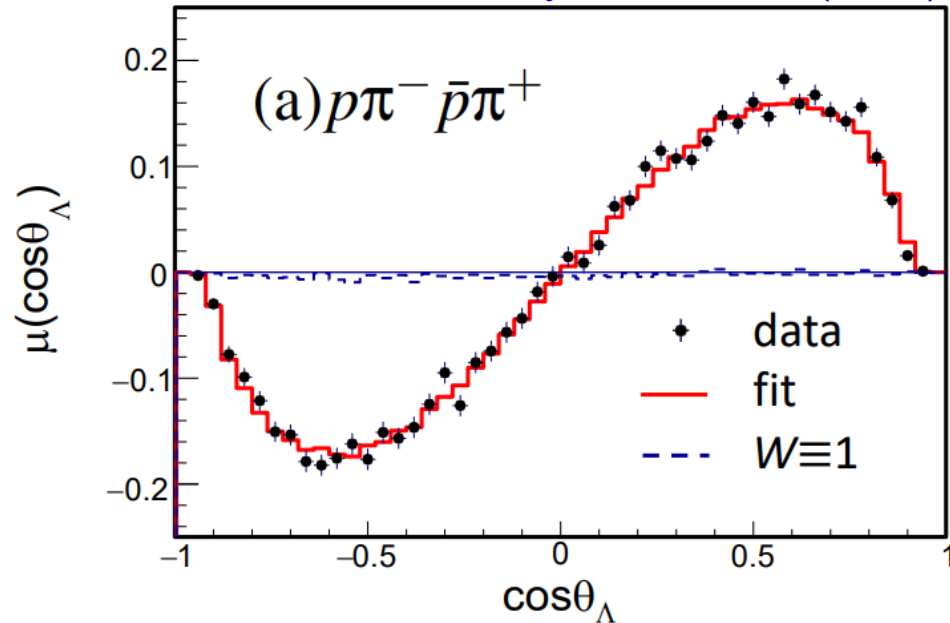


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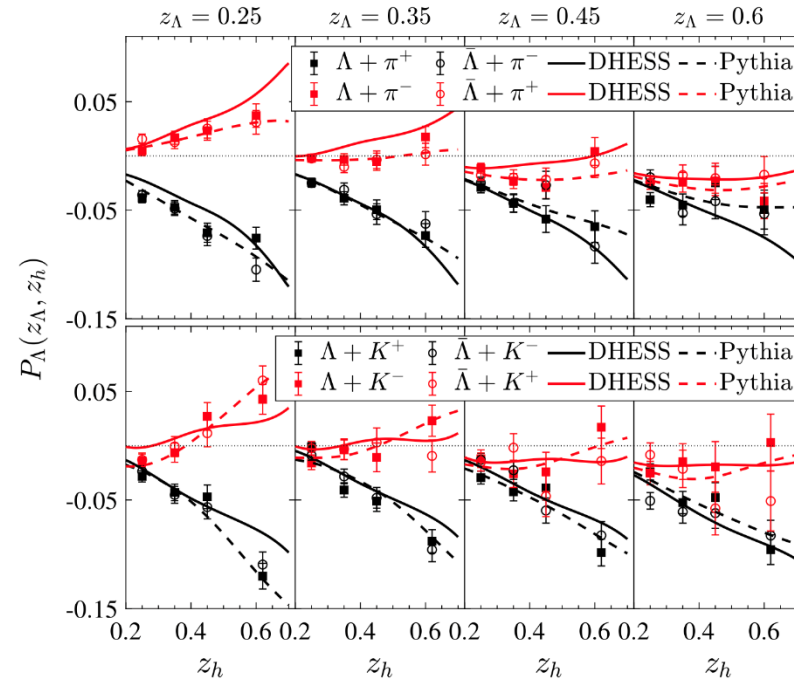
Λ polarization in e^+e^- machine



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Relative phase of G_E/G_M



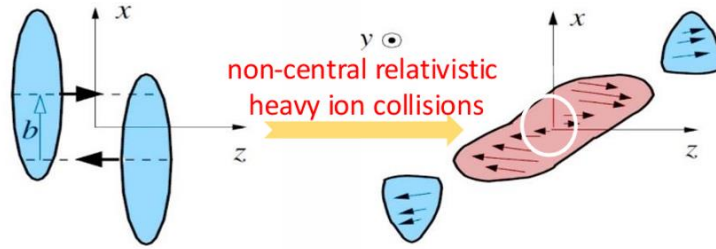
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K.b. Chen *et al.*,
Phys. Lett. B 816, 136217 (2021).

- 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

One has to take into account the production mechanism

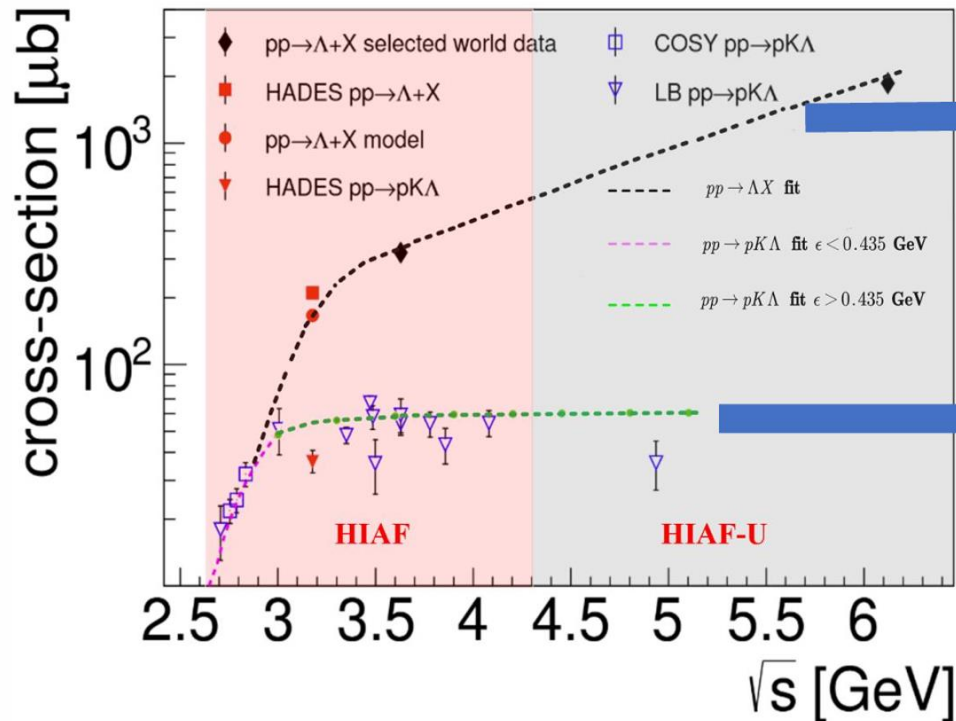
across energy region and collision system



Global polarization

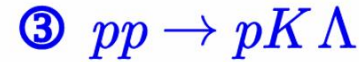
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pp → Λ + X: comparison to world data



polarization through hadronization

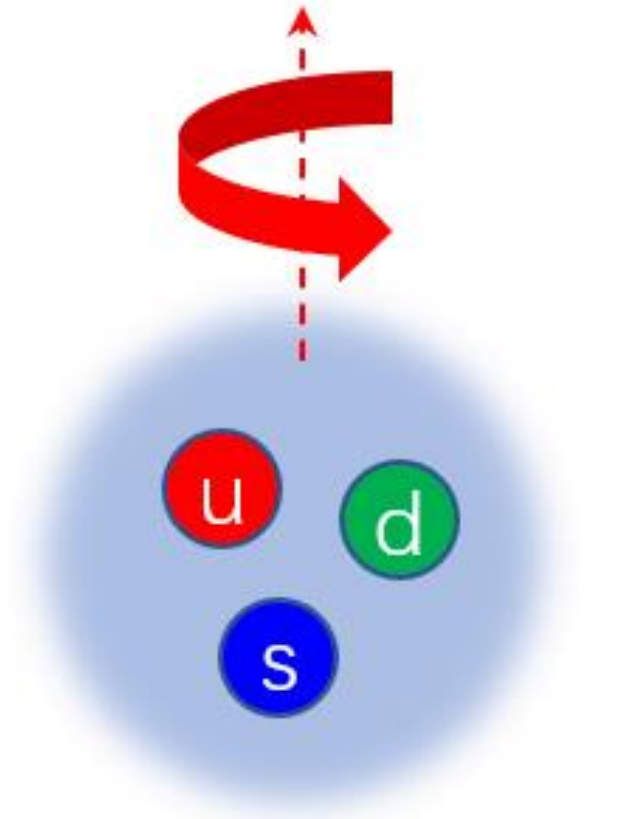
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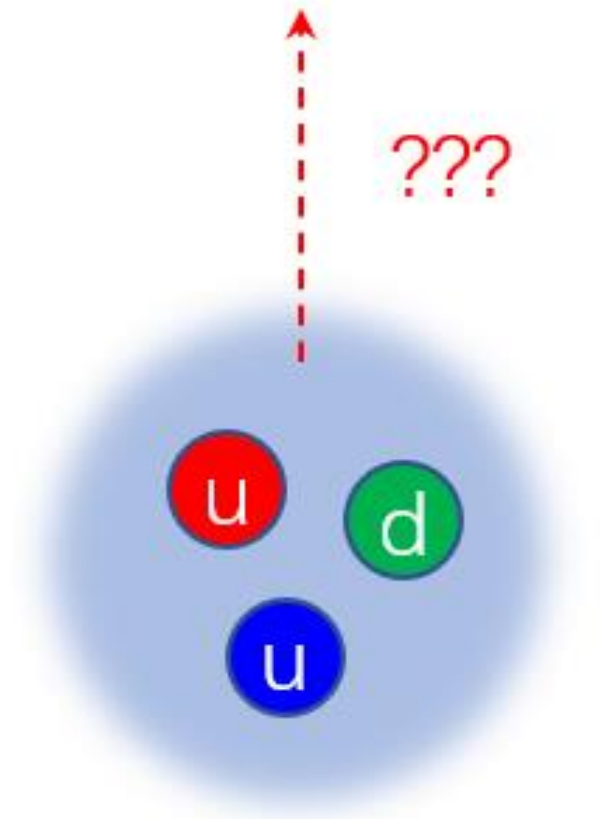
Λ polarization in exclusive processes

R. Machleidt, K. Holinde and C. Elster, Phys. Rept. 149, 1 (1987).
B. C. Liu, B. S. Zou, PRL 96, 042002 (2006).

An interesting question: Is proton polarized as well?



$pp/ee/ep \rightarrow \Lambda + X$



$pp/ee/ep \rightarrow p + X$

Electron ion collider in China (EicC)

EicC accelerator complex overview

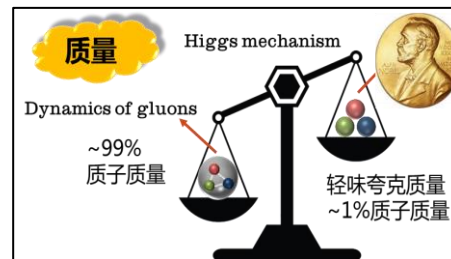
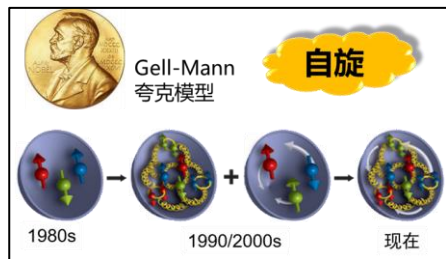
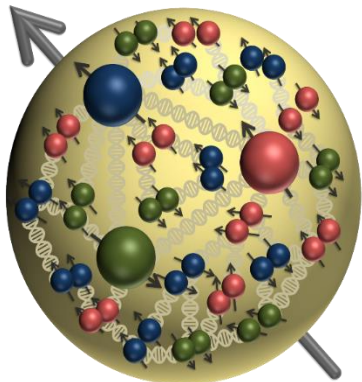
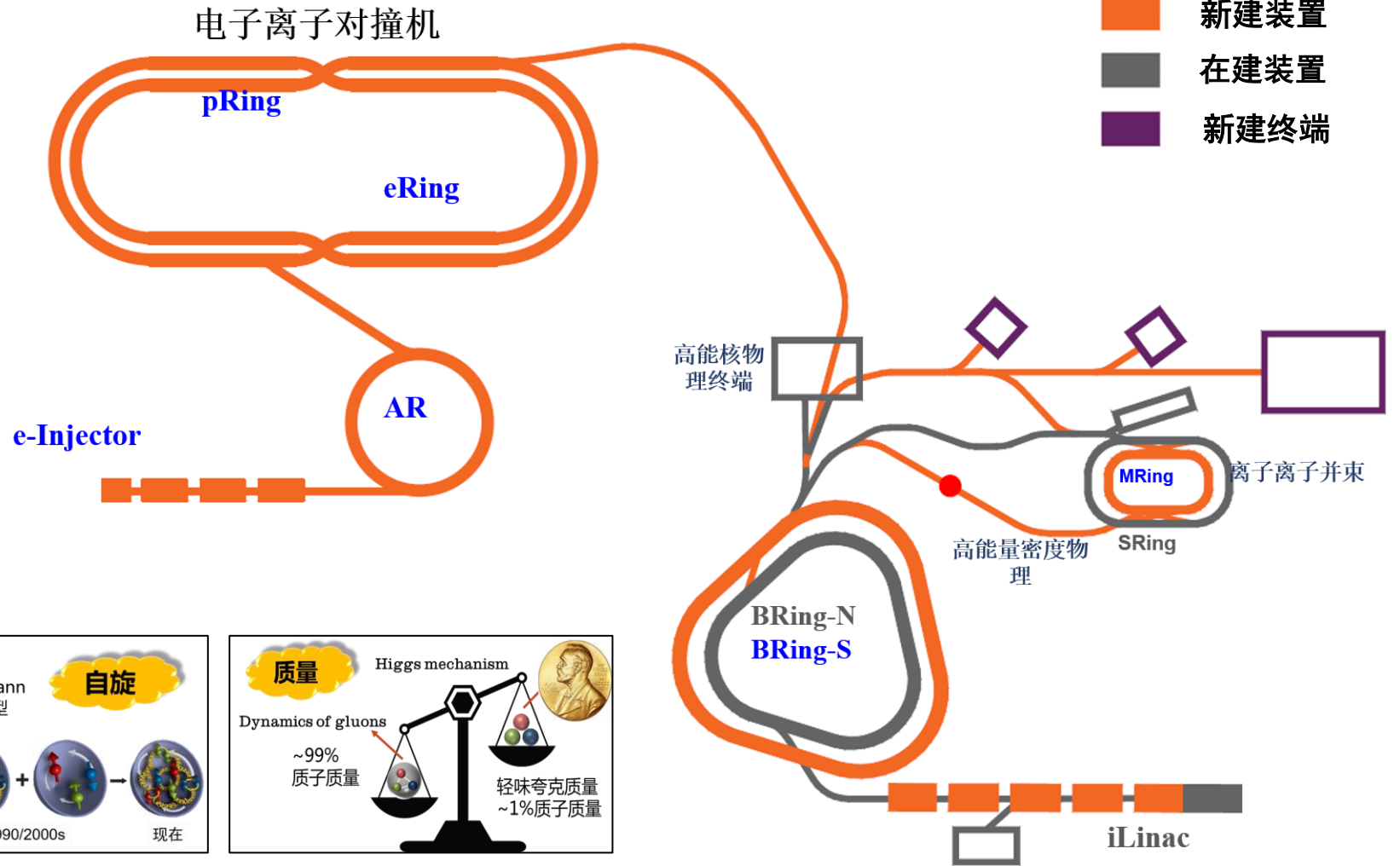
➤ 20 GeV p + 3.5 GeV e

➤ \sqrt{s} : 16.7 GeV

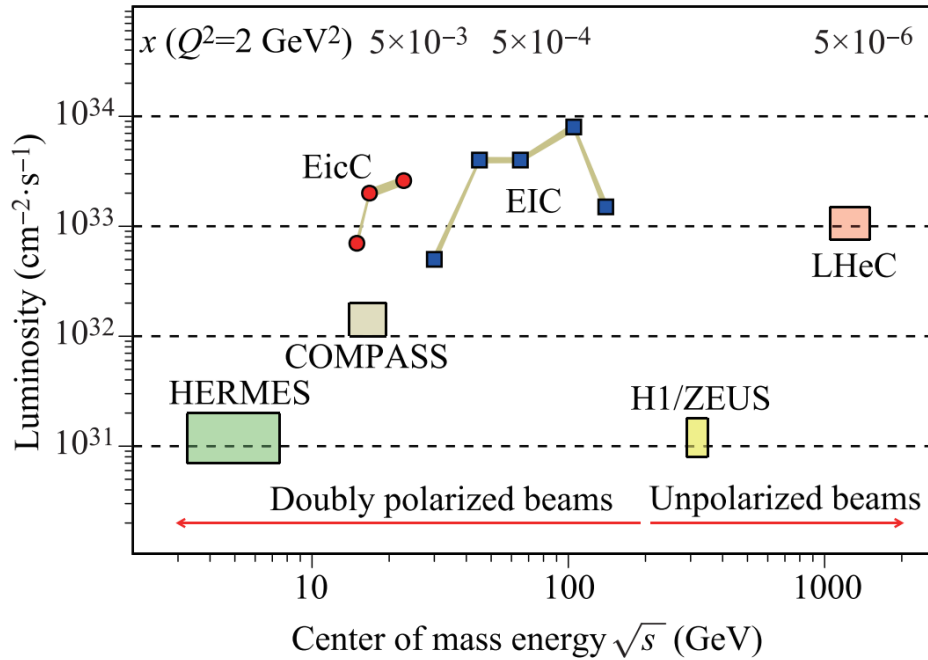
➤ High Lumi.:

$2-4 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

➤ Polarized beams

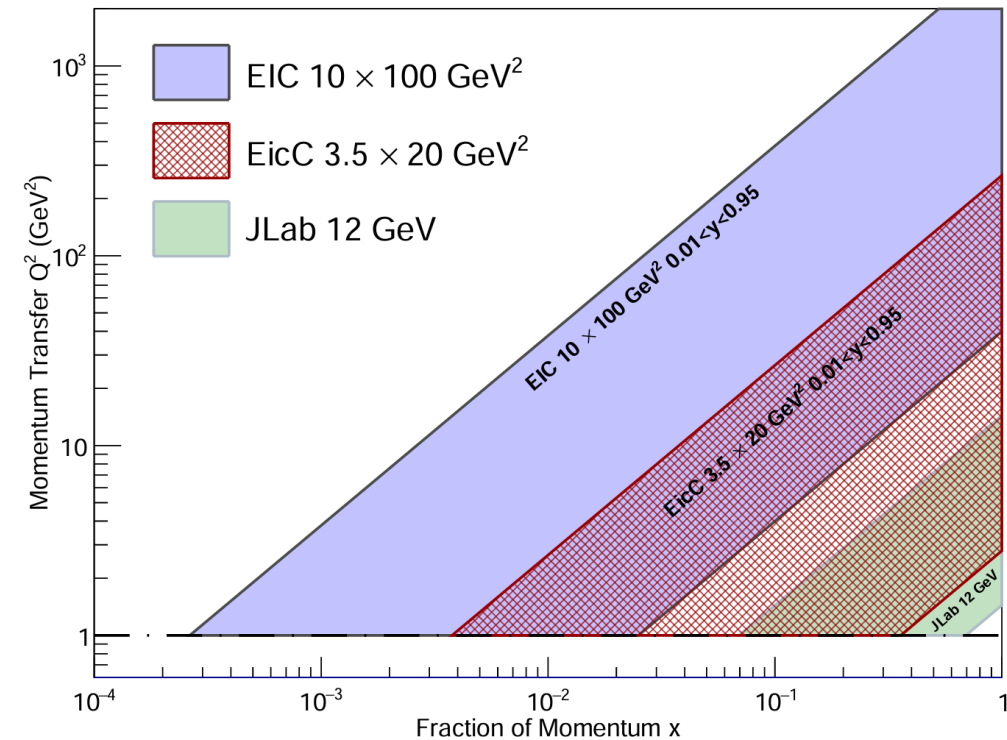


Machine Kinematics



EicC, \sqrt{s} : 15 ~ 20 GeV

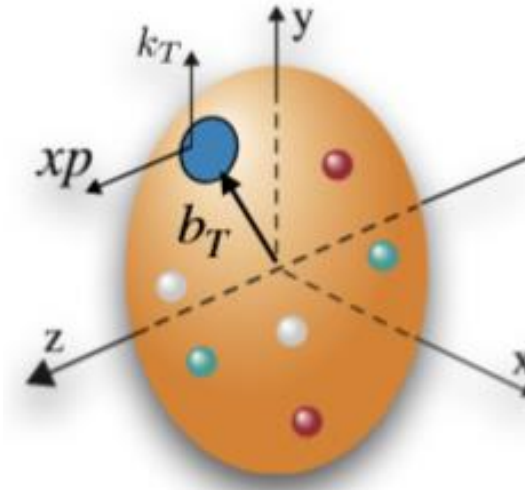
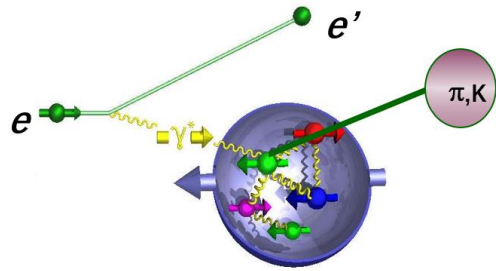
- 1) The energy is in the sea quark region, closer to nuclear physics
- 2) Nearer to the threshold for the production of heavy quarkonium



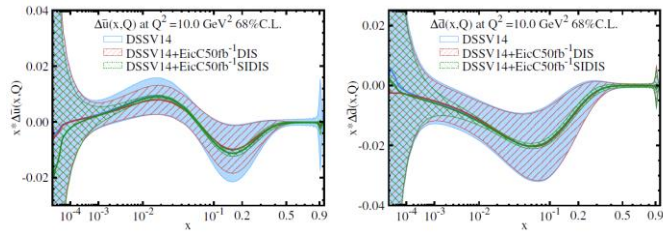
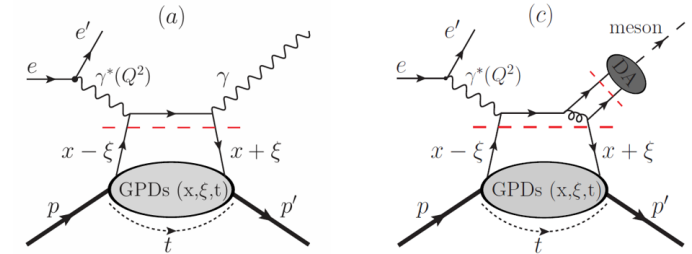
Facilities	Main goals
JLab 12 GeV	Valence quark
EicC	Valence and Sea
US and Europe EIC	gluon

EicC Physics

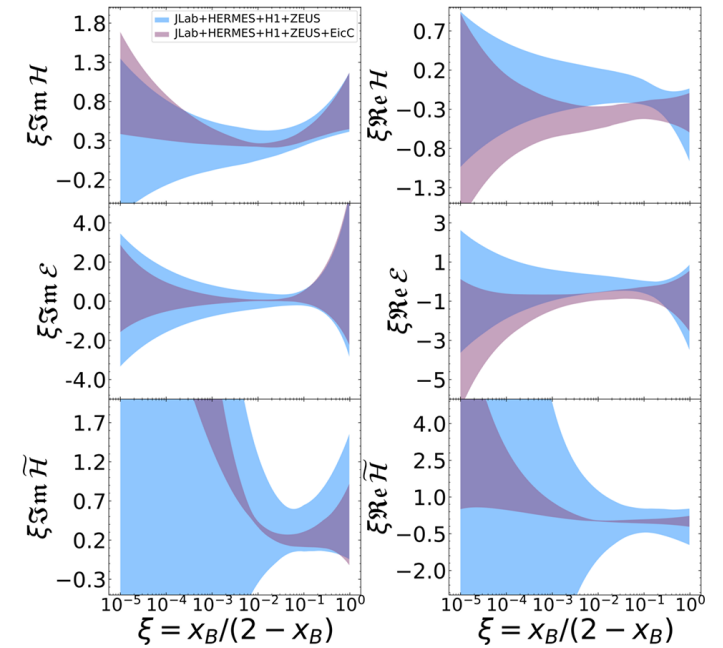
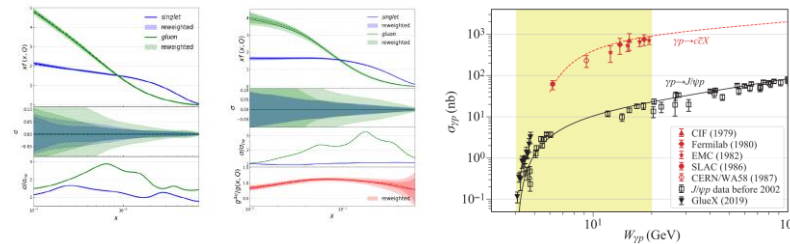
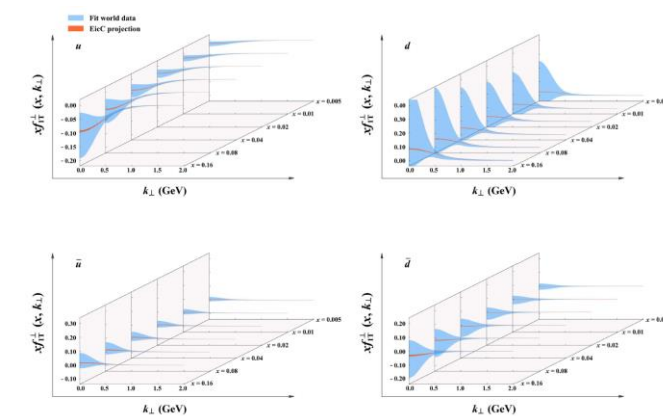
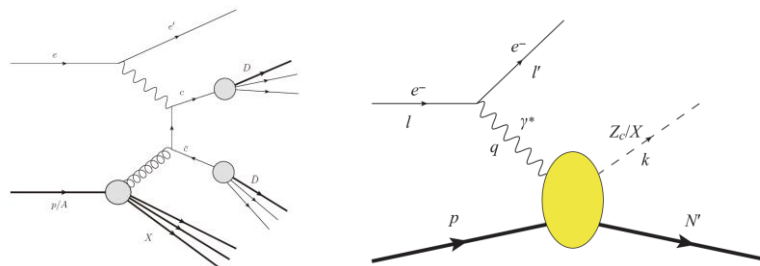
(Semi)-Inclusive DIS



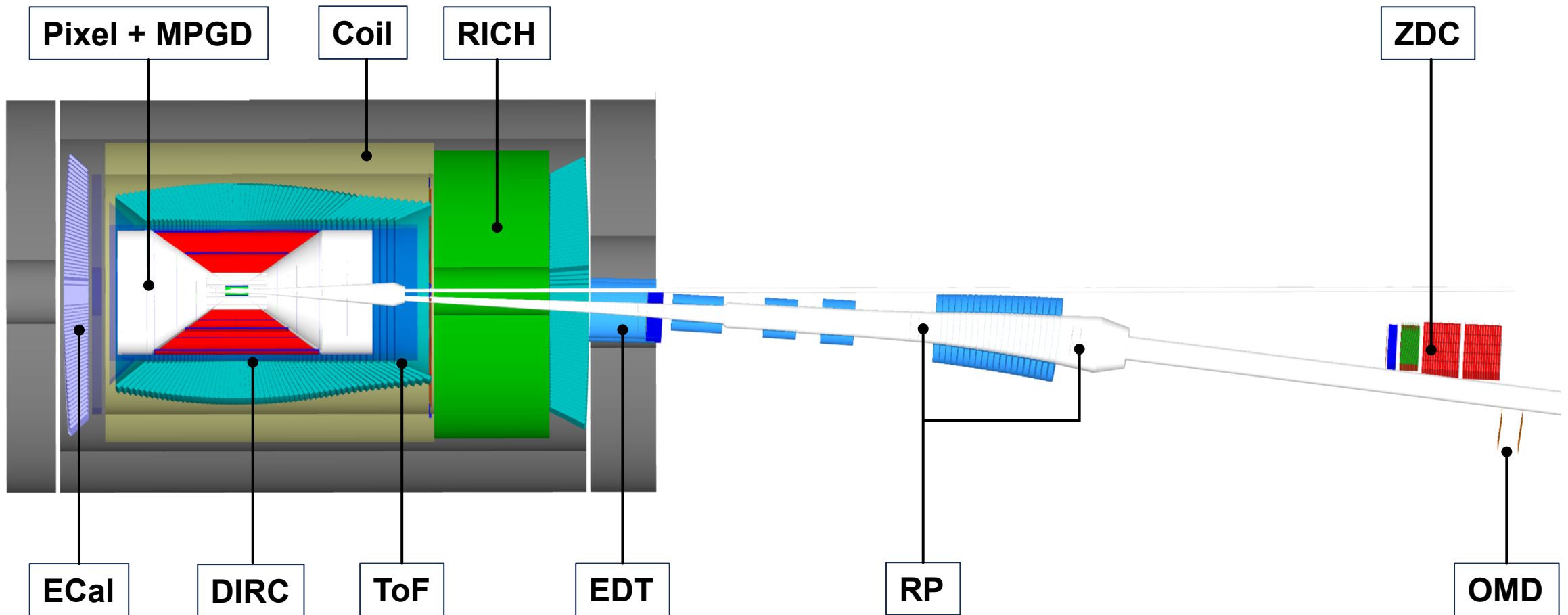
Exclusive process



Heavy flavor



EicC Detector (central + ion far-forward)

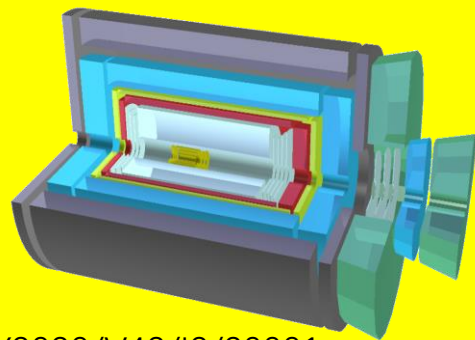


Development in EicC

EicC

2012: Discussion in community
2020.2, 2021.6: white paper (CN, EN)
2021-2025: CDR
(213 authors from 69 institutes)

As part of the long-term planning project for major scientific and technological infrastructure in particle physics and nuclear physics, the project has undergone two international expert reviews and one domestic expert review.



<http://www.j.sinap.ac.cn/hjs/CN/Y2020/V43/I2/20001>

<https://journal.hep.com.cn/fop/EN/10.1007/s11467-021-1062-0>

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EicC



\sqrt{s} : 16.7 GeV
● Proton & ion
● Electron

HIAF



EicC's advantages (to EIC-US):

- 1) The energy is in the sea quark region, closer to nuclear physics
- 2) Nearer to the threshold for the production of heavy quarkonium

HIAF:

Completed by the end of 2025, it will provide the world's highest-intensity pulsed heavy ion beams, creating unique conditions for the construction of the EicC

Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer (H-NS)

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Mag. Field: 1.5 Tesla

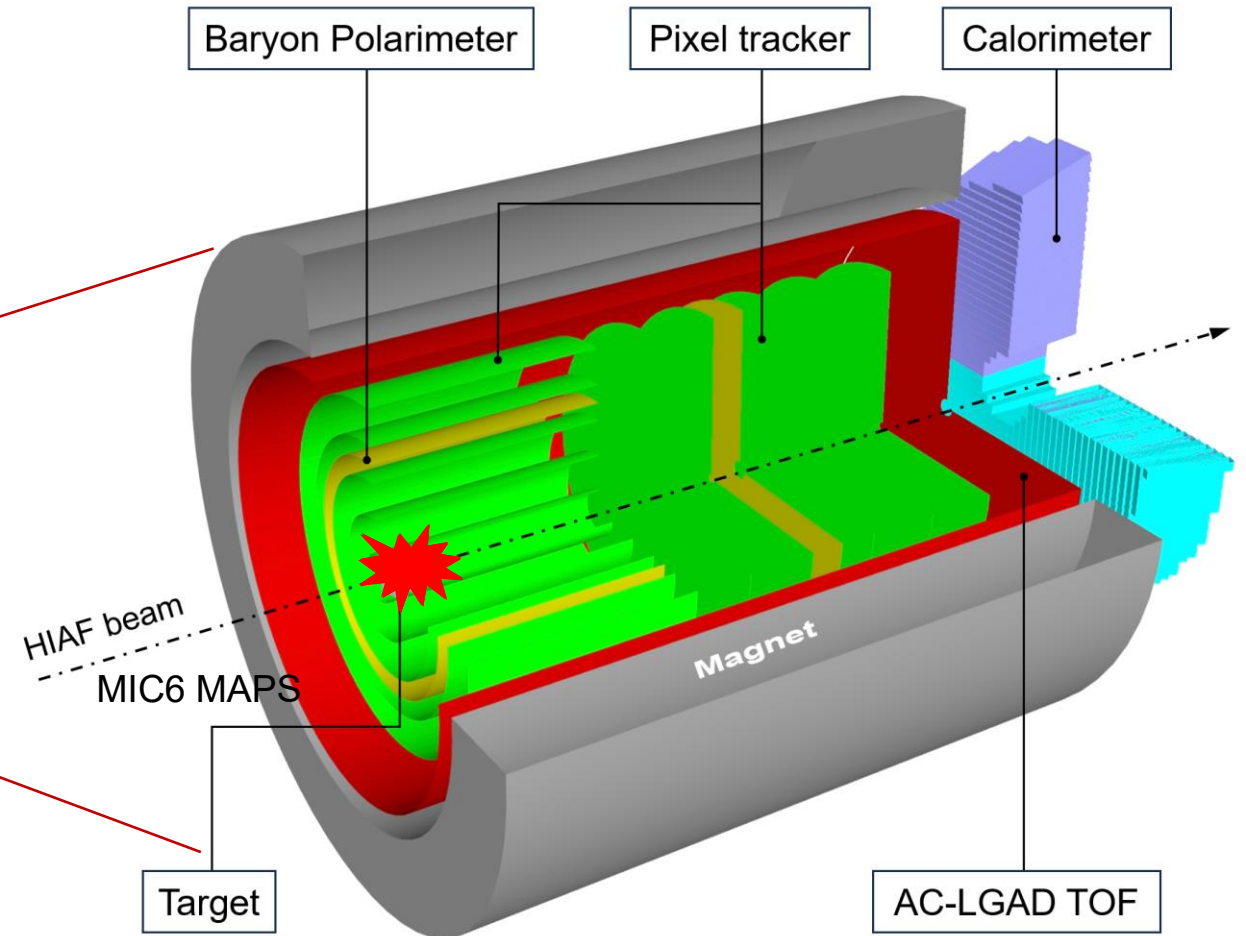
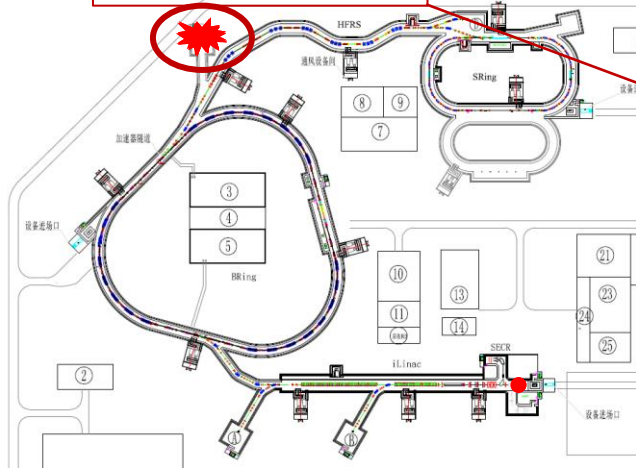
Tracker: MIC6, $30 \times 30 \mu\text{m}^2$, $0.35\% X/X_0$

LGAD: $\sigma_t \sim 30 \text{ ps}$, $300 \times 300 \mu\text{m}^2$

Calorimeter: $\sigma_E \sim 3\%$ @ 1 GeV

Polarimeter: nucleon and photon polarization

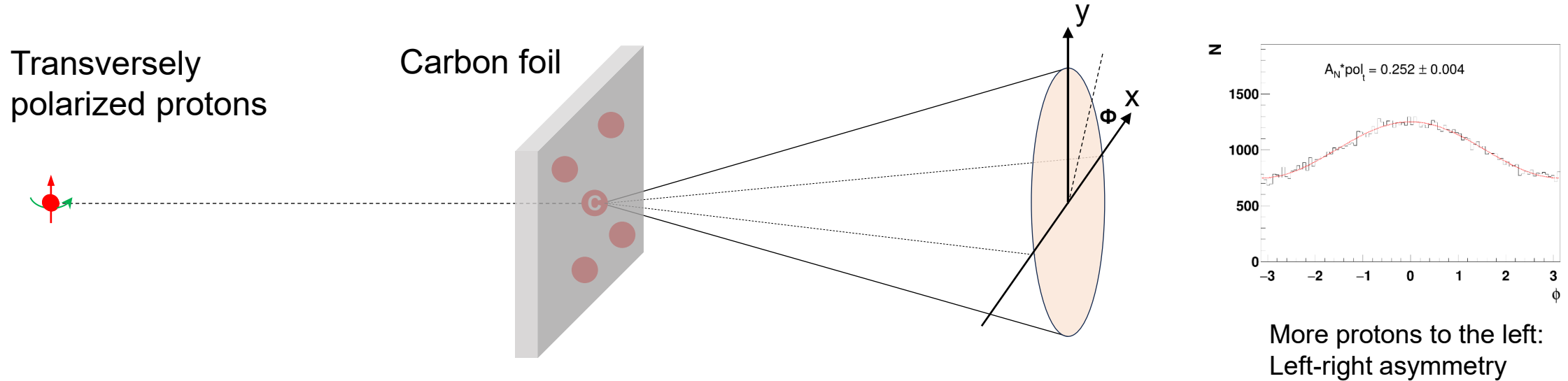
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Nuclear Physics
Terminal**



Principle of proton polarimeter

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

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



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

Uncertainty projection of the polarization measurement



H-NS

Reaction: p+p

Event rate: 1MHz

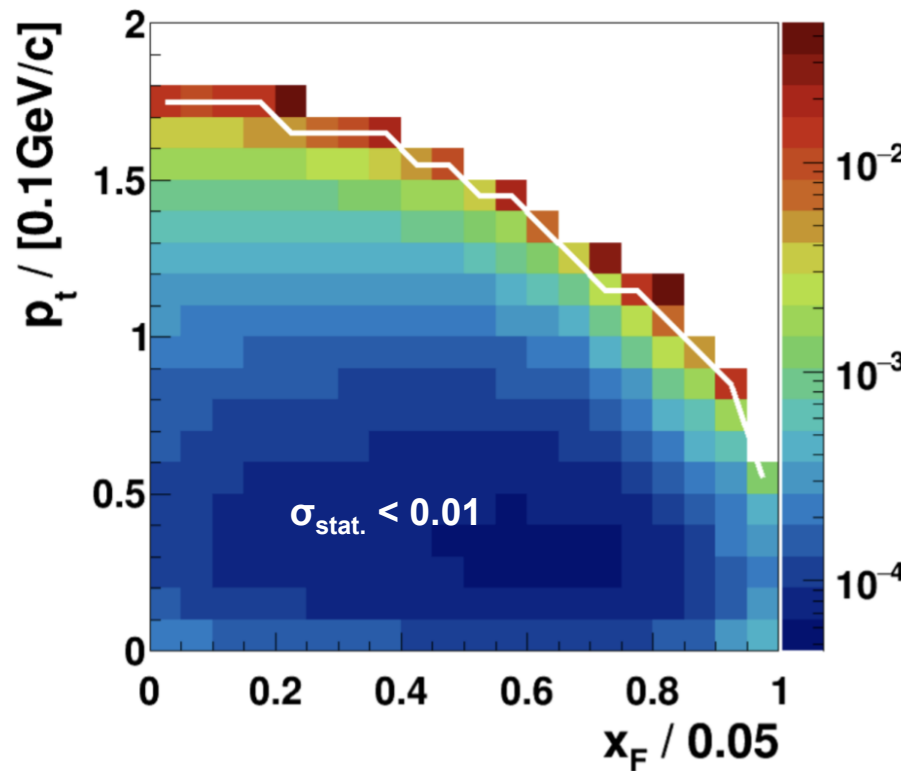
Time: 3 months

- $pp \rightarrow \Lambda + X$ $N \sim 10^{11}$
- $pp \rightarrow p + X$ $N \sim 10^{13}$
- $pp \rightarrow pK\Lambda$ $N \sim 10^{10}$

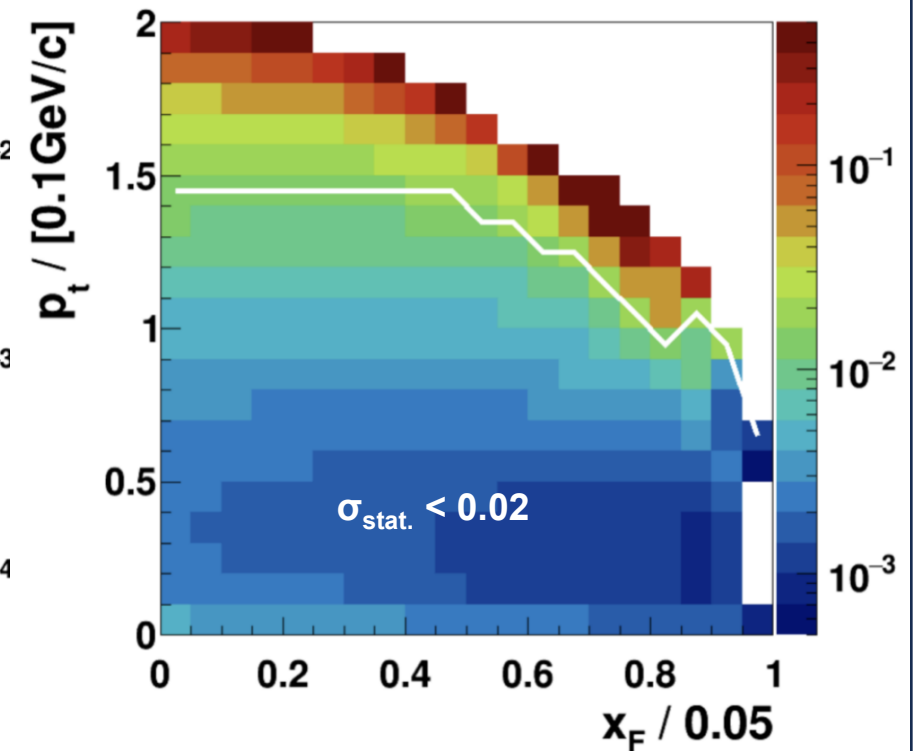
$\sigma_{\text{stat.}} < 0.01$ for Λ 400 bins

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

Uncertainty of Λ polarization

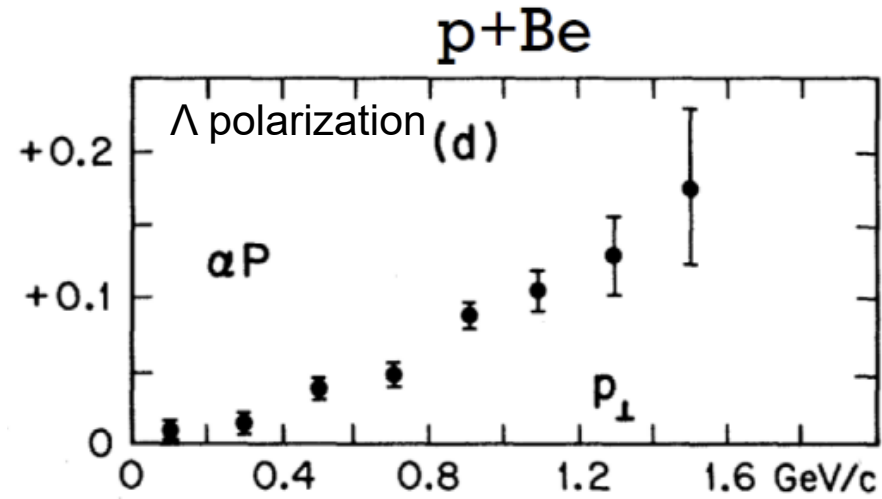
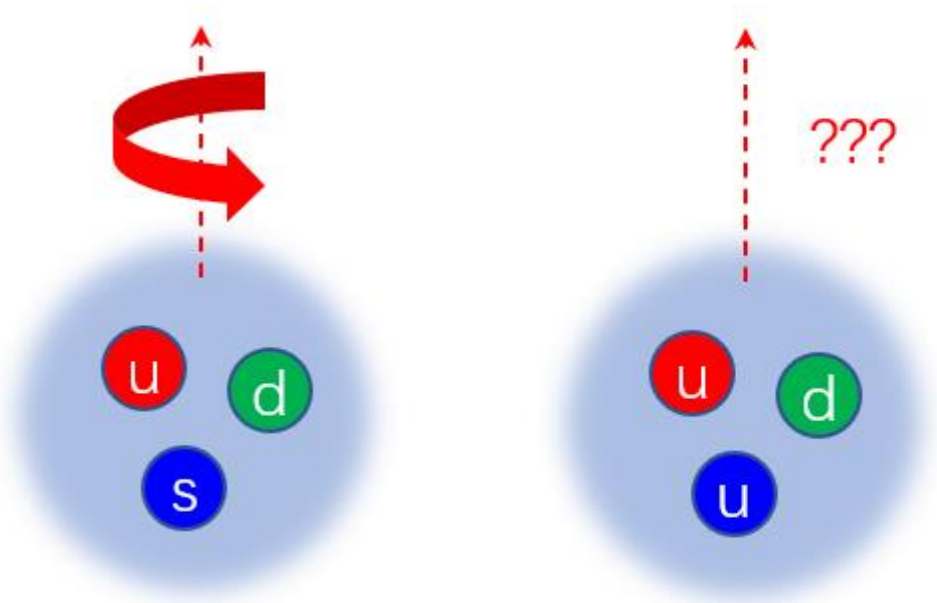


Uncertainty of proton polarization

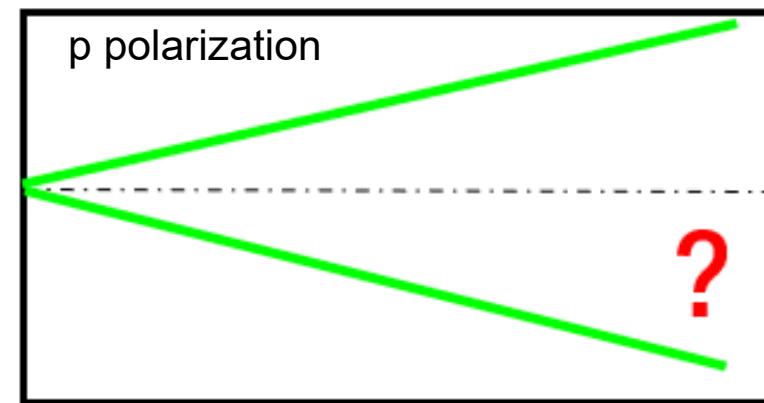


Baryon spin structure -- inclusive production of p/ Λ

$$pp \rightarrow p/\Lambda + X$$



G.Bunce, *et al.*: Phys.Rev.Lett. 36, 1113-1116 (1976)



Physics potentials at H-NS -- Hadron structure

✓ Λ^* , Σ^* , Ξ^* , Ω^* , resonance need ECal.

■ Reaction ($p_{\text{beam}}=3.65 \text{ GeV}/c$):

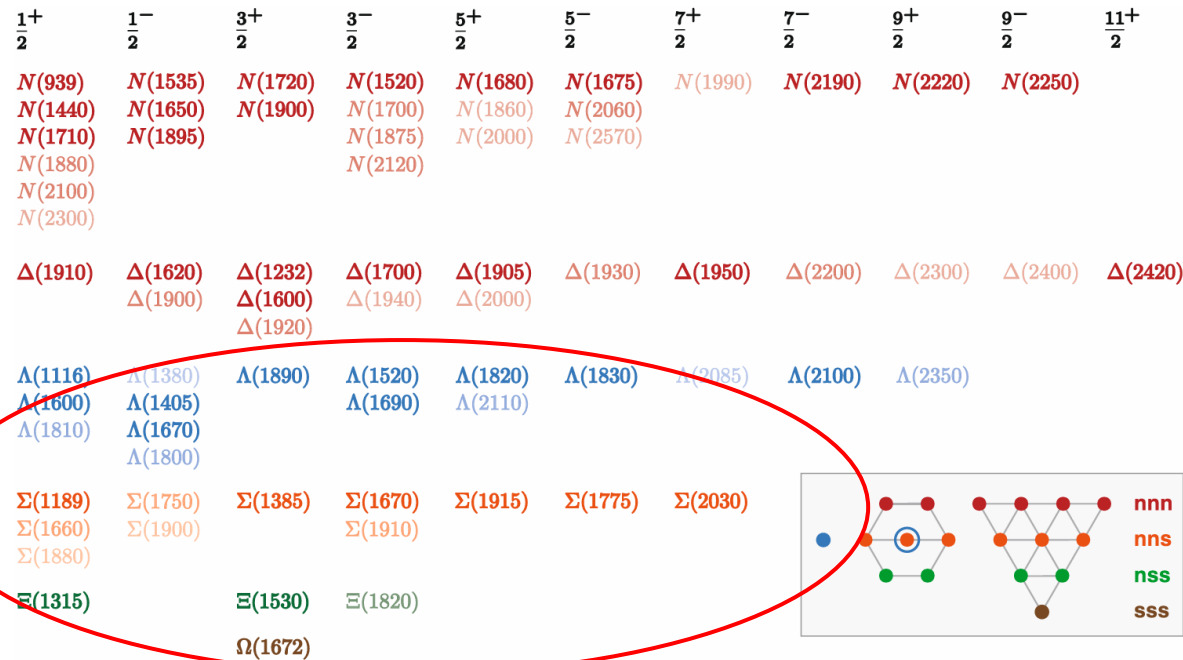
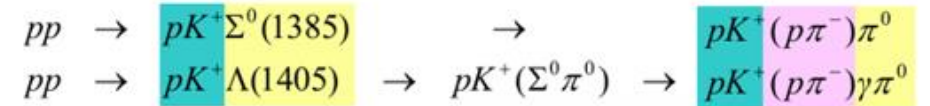
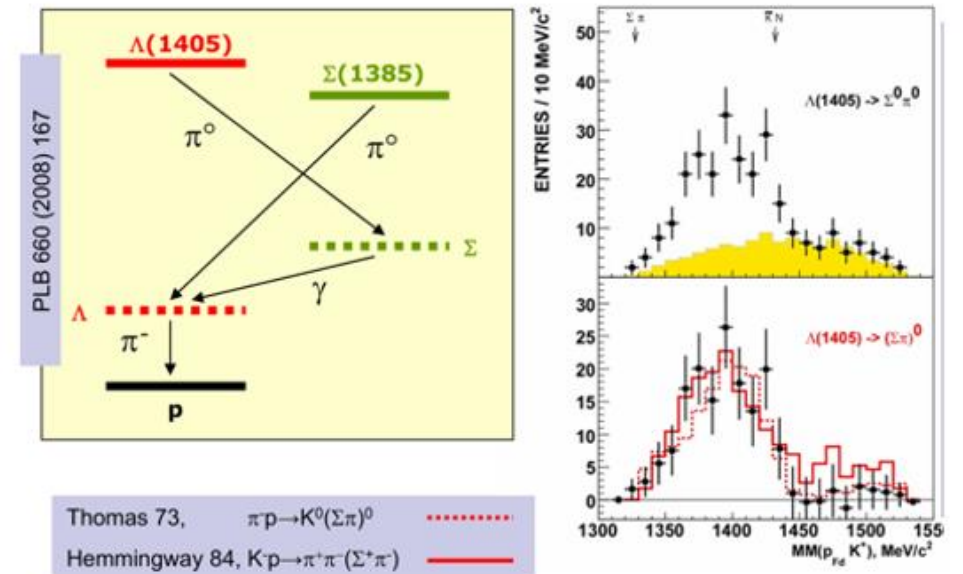


Fig. 1 Light and strange baryon spectrum from the PDG [1] up to $J^P = 11/2^+$. The columns correspond to different J^P and the colors to isospin and hypercharge. The different font weights represent four-, three- and two-star resonances



Physics potentials at H-NS -- Heavy ion physics

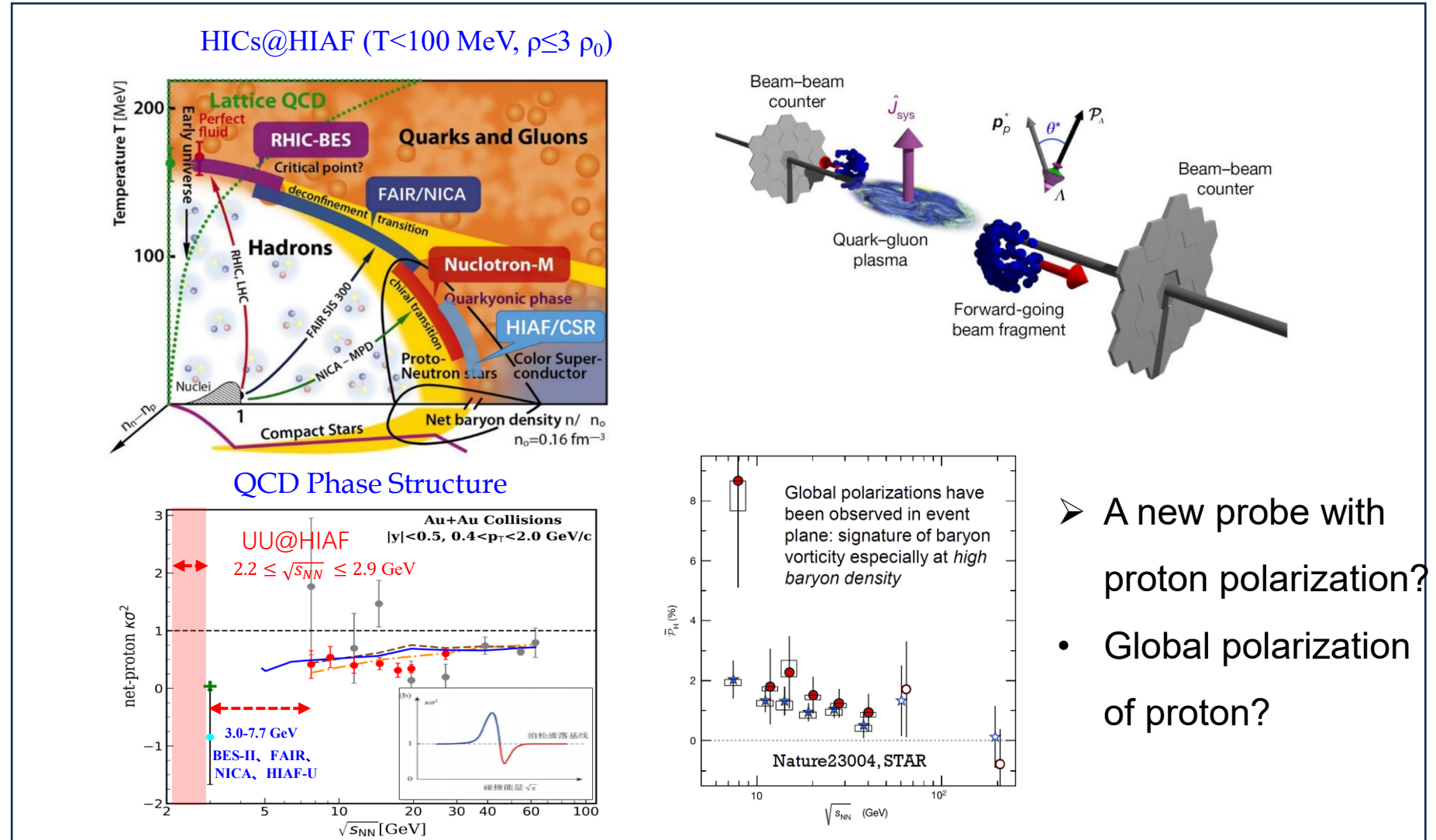
H-NS

Reaction: $A+A$

Event rate: ?

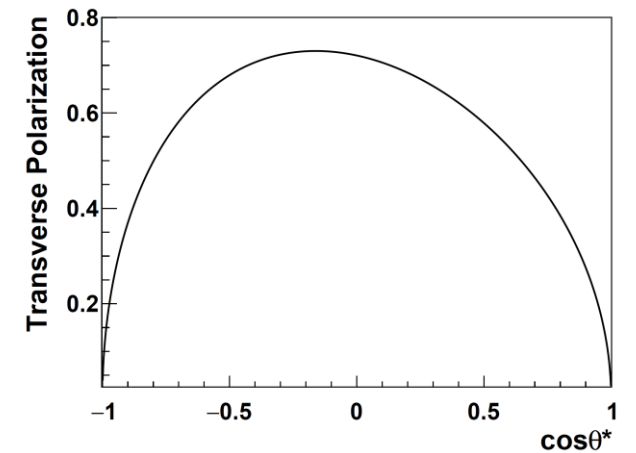
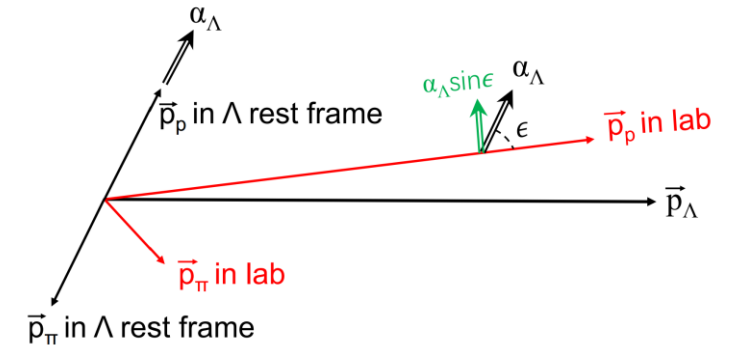
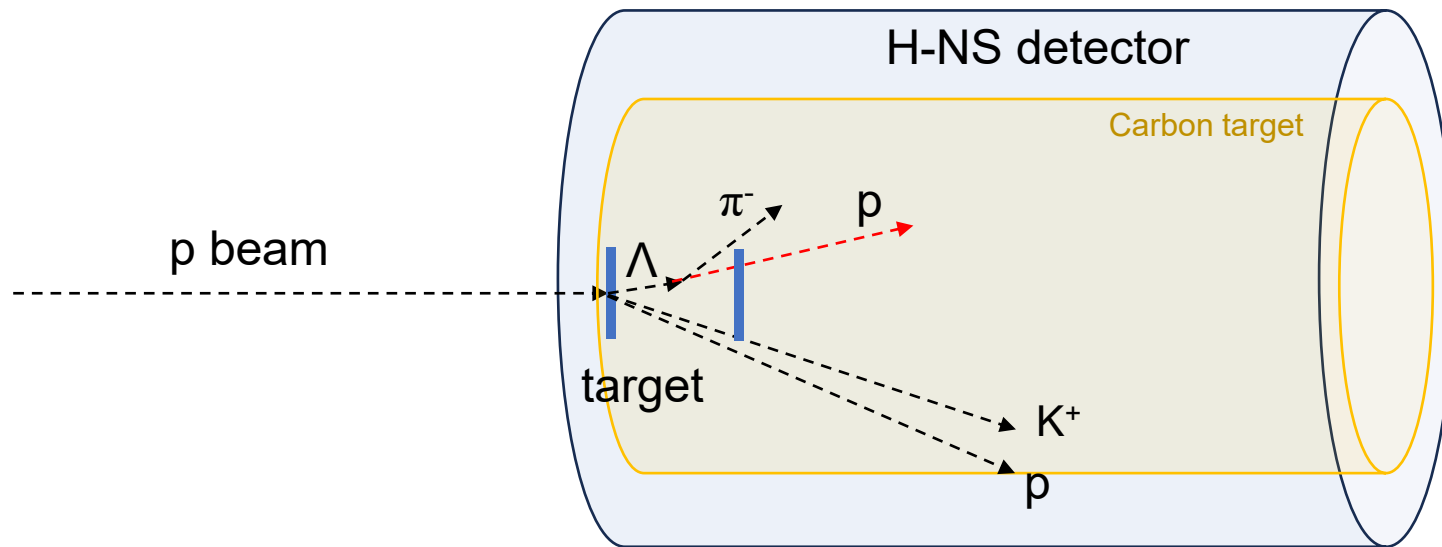
Time:

- $AA \rightarrow \Lambda + X$
- $AA \rightarrow p + X$



- A new probe with proton polarization?
- Global polarization of proton?

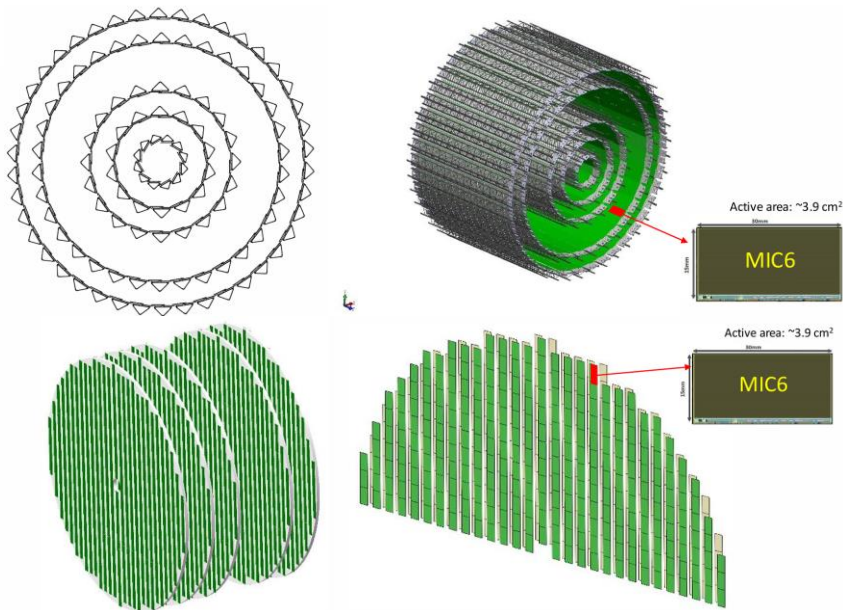
Polarized experiments at H-NS



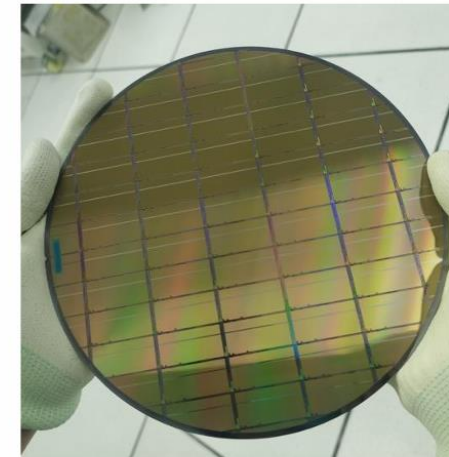
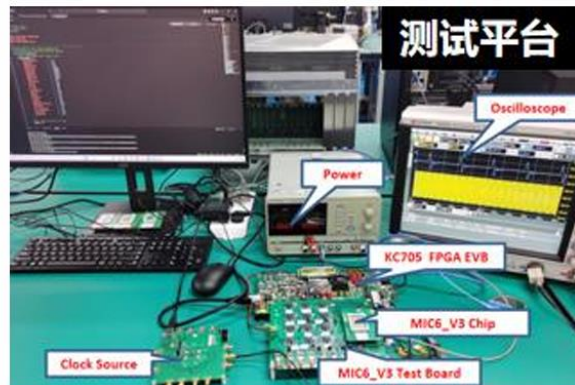
- For Λ at ~ 1 GeV: average polarization is 0.57
- Event-by-event analysis to define polarization axis, effective polarized beam with 57%

Yutao Liang, et. al., Phys. Rev. D 112, L031502

Silicon tracker at H-NS



MIC6 development at CCNU

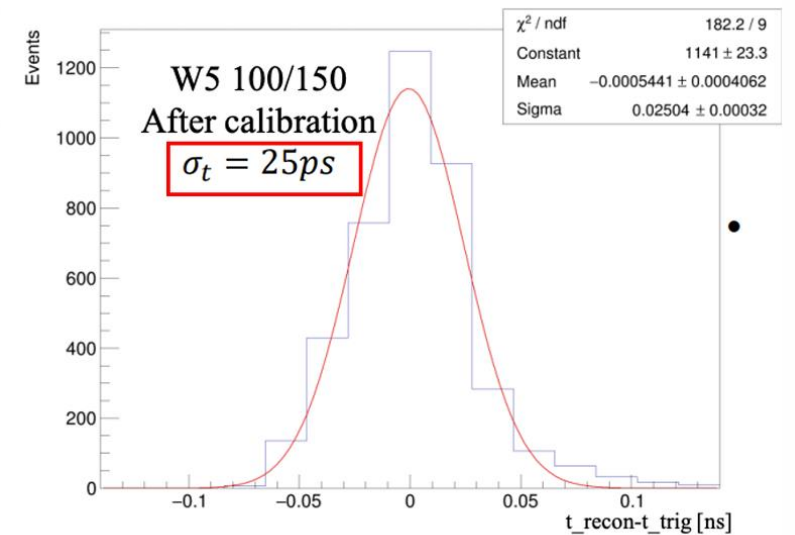
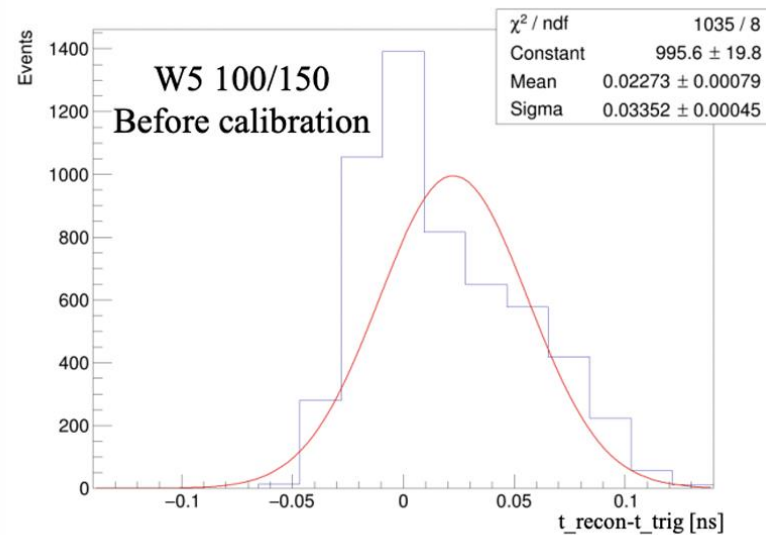
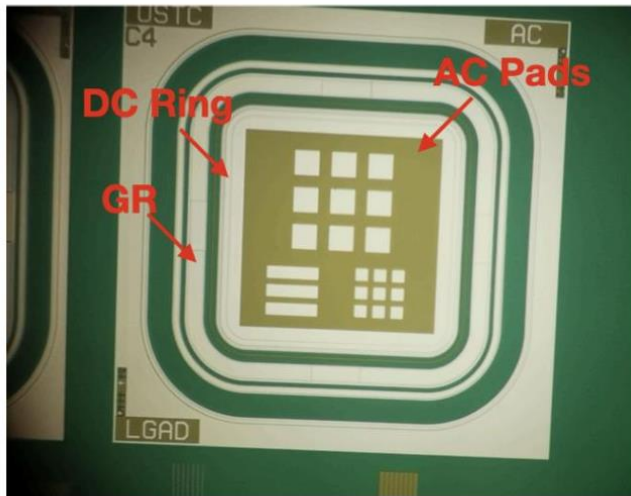


- **MIC6 MAPS pixel chip:** development and manufacture with the domestic process
- **Readout electronics** (ITS2 based design) **and DAQ** (ALICE CRU/FELIX protocol, GBTx, ...)
- **Detector assembly and integration:**
 - **Vertex detector:** Stave module design (spatial resolution: $\sim 5 \mu m$ with 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)

AC-LGAD at H-NS

Recent development at USTC:

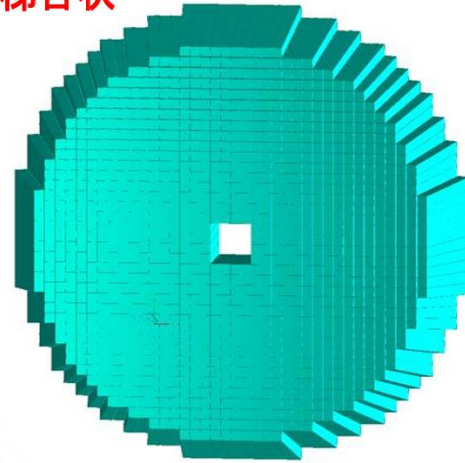
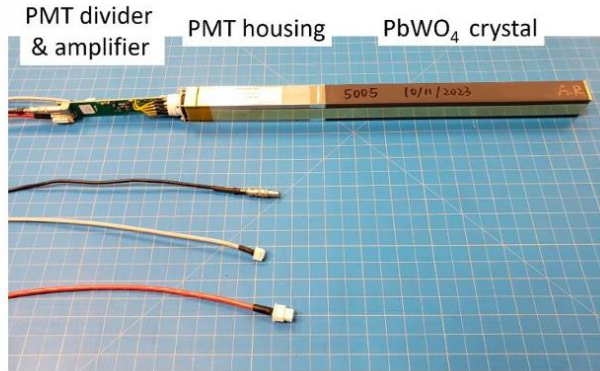
- Two wafers with different n+ dose: W5 high n+ dose and W6 low n+ dose.
- Sensor size : 1300×1300×50 μm .
- Sensor with different pad-pitch size: Large pad size/pitch: 100/150 μm , Small pad (Strip) size/pitch: 50/75 μm .



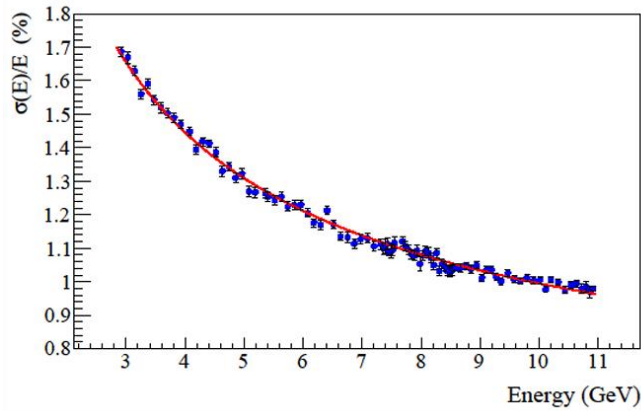
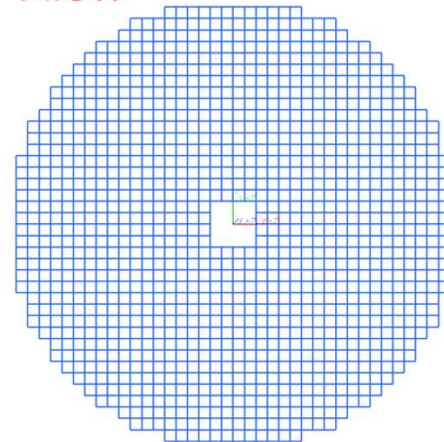
Endcap EMCal design

- **PbWO₄ crystal:** compact size, good energy resolution

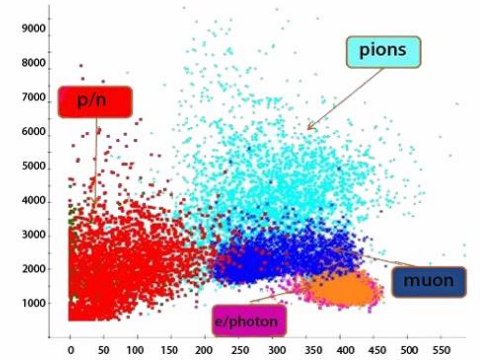
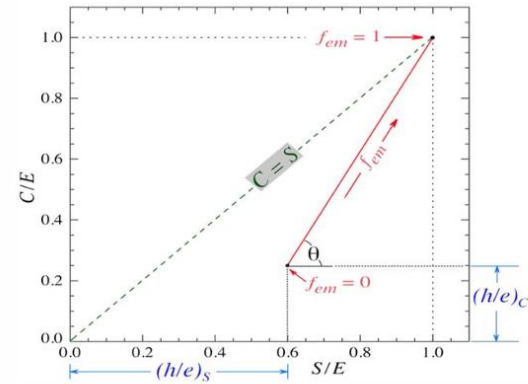
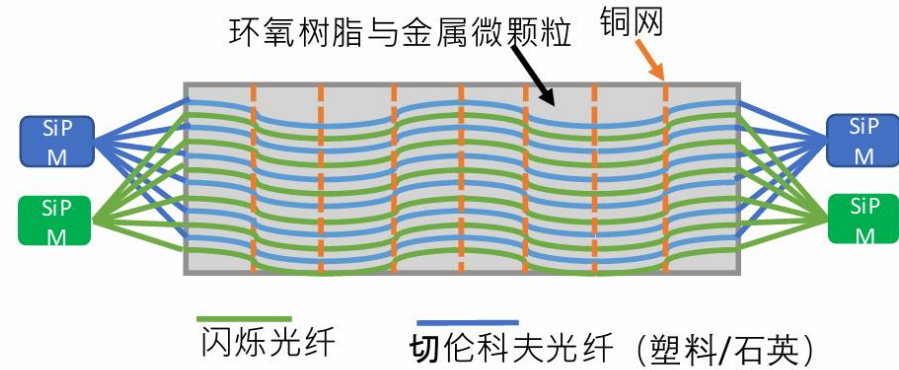
梯台状



长方体

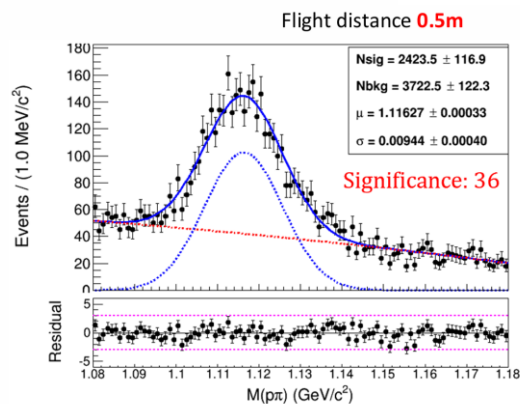
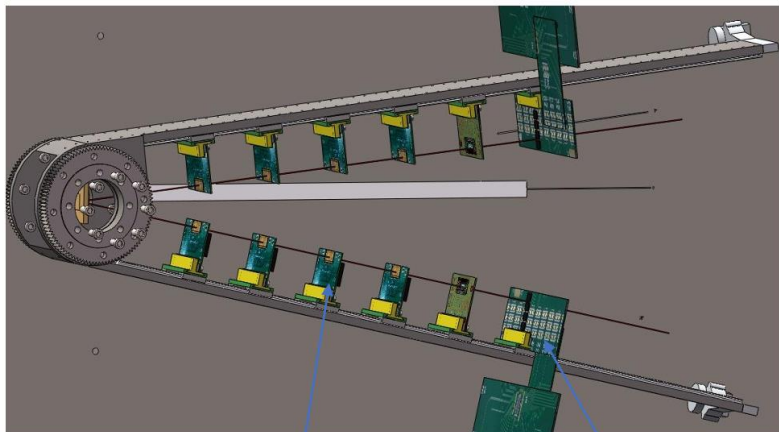


- **Dual-Read out:** better hadron shower resolution, PID capability



H-NS0 prototype

The mechanical design of *HNS0*



➤ 10000 Lambda in few weeks

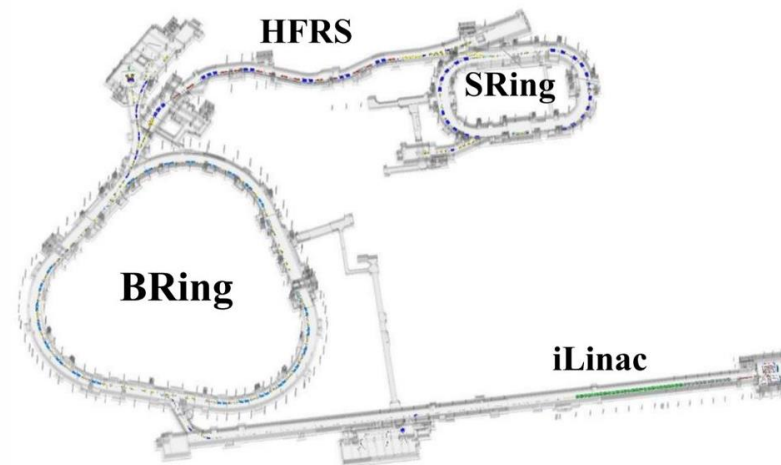
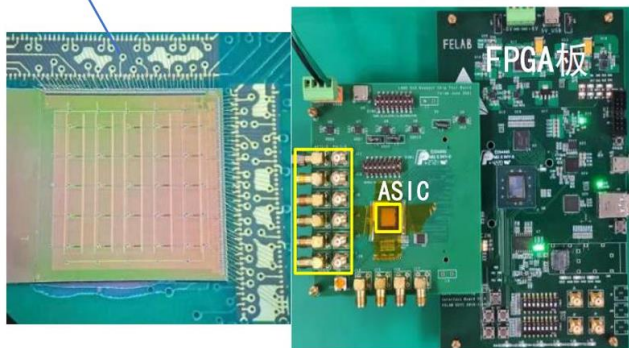
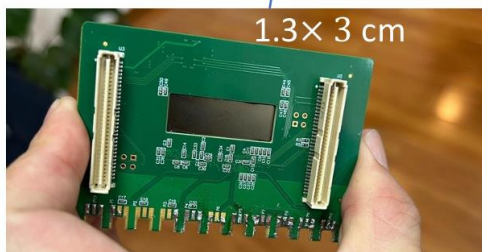
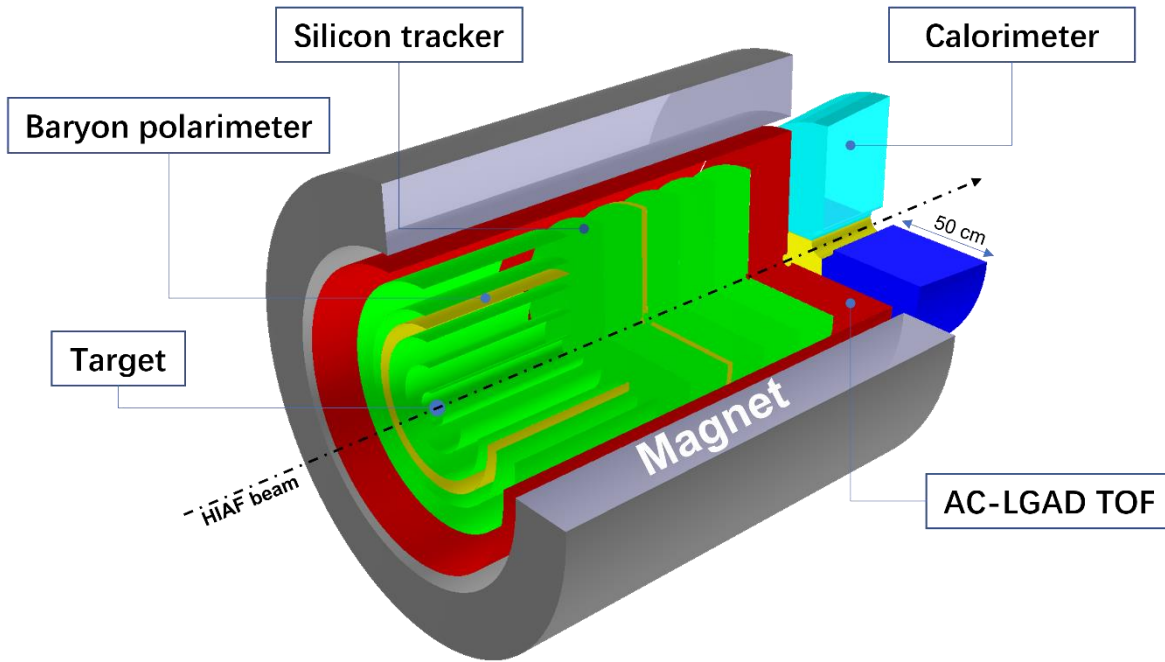


表 1-3 HIAF 验收束流指标

离子	最高能量(GeV/u)	脉冲流强(ppp)
非金属 $^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$ 或 $^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$ 任选一	$^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$ 2.6	$^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$ 1.0×10^{10}
金属 $^{209}\text{Bi}^{31+}$ 或 $^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$ 任选一	$^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$ 1.7	$^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$ 7.5×10^9
	$^{209}\text{Bi}^{31+}$ 0.85	$^{209}\text{Bi}^{31+}$ 3.0×10^9
	$^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$ 0.8	$^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$ 3.0×10^9

Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer



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, 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 participations are expected

III. Detector R&D

- Many parts are similar for CEPC, H-NS, EicC, and STCF. Save resources!
- H-NS: a detector R&D platform for EicC($\frac{1}{2}$ EicC)

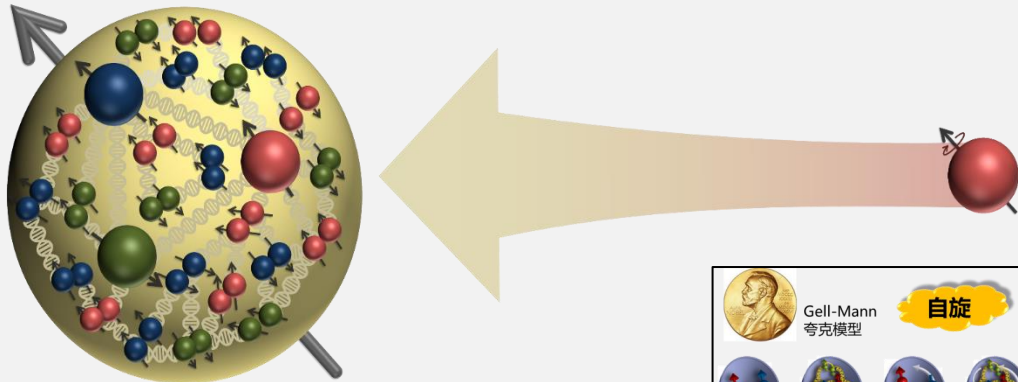
From H-NS to EicC

A new domain: from nucleon to hyperon

- What is the origin of Λ/p polarization
- What is the link between Λ/p spin structure and polarization

Electron ion collider in China (EicC)

EIC: **Initial state** is polarized
 -How do partons form up a polarized nucleon?



Initial state

Polarized by device

自旋 Gell-Mann 夸克模型

1980s 1990/2000s 现在

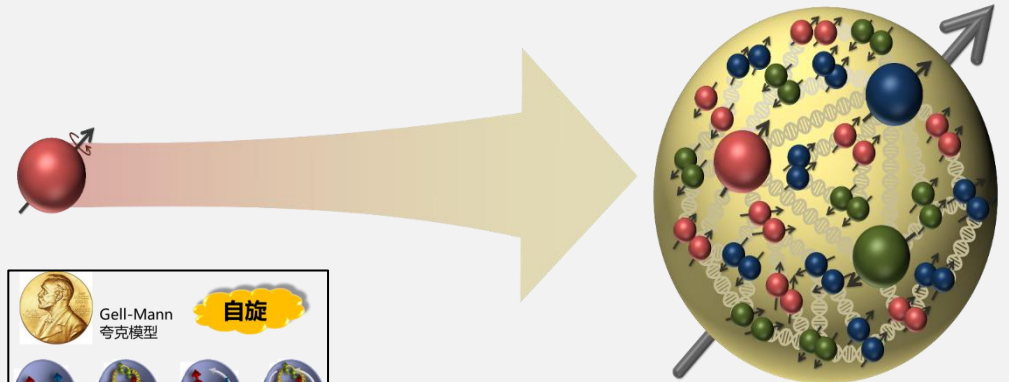
质量 Higgs mechanism

Dynamics of gluons
 ~99% 质子质量

轻味夸克质量 ~1% 质子质量

Hyperon-Nucleon Spectrometer (H-NS)

Λ polarization: **Final state** is polarized
 -How do partons form up a polarized Λ and p?

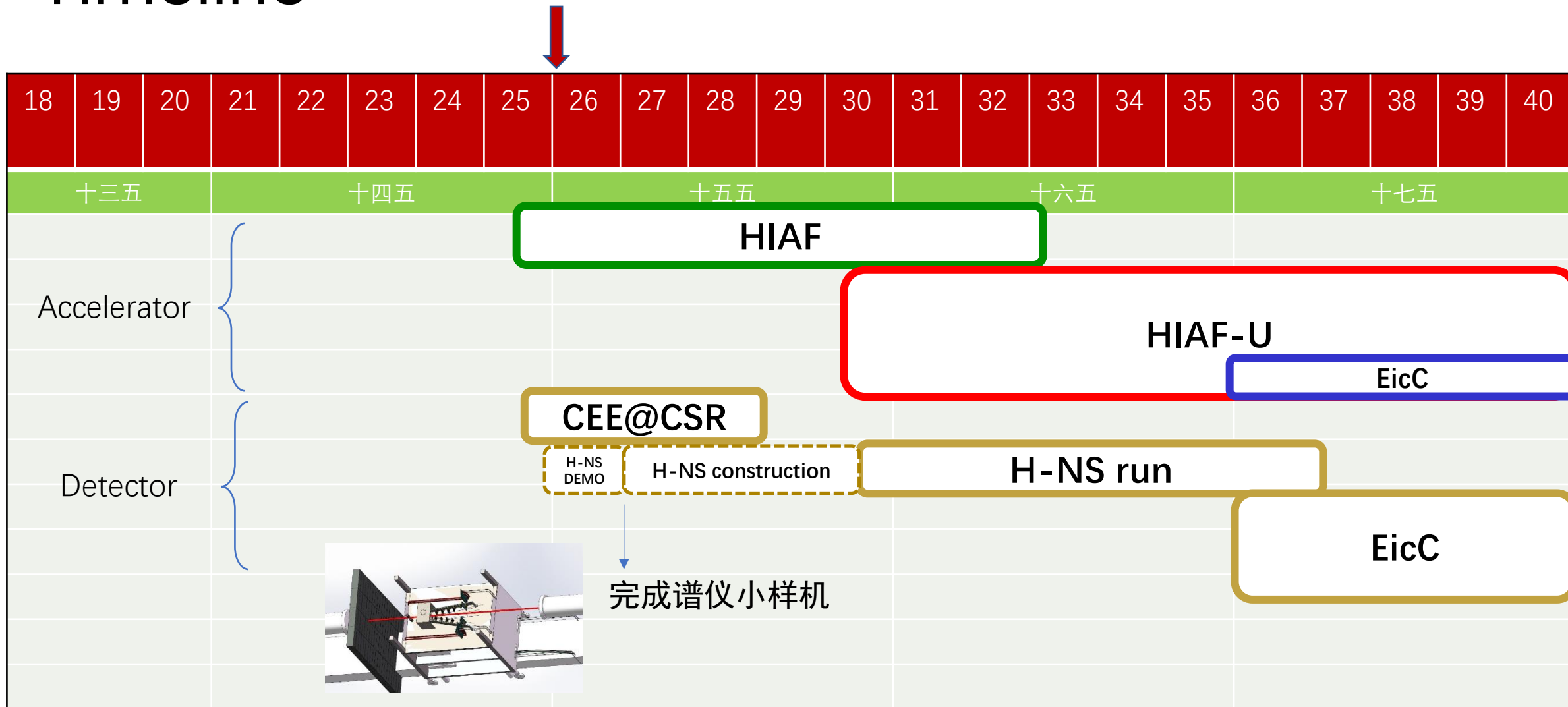


Final state

Λ polarization: self-analyzing; p polarization: new concept detector

Baryon spin structure: origin of nucleon spin **VS** origin of Λ/p polarization

Timeline



Summary

- ✓ Long range plan of high energy nuclear physics at HIAF: from H-NS to EicC
- ✓ Focus on the spin structure of baryon (H-NS & EicC)
- ✓ H-NS as $\frac{1}{2}$ of EicC in many aspects, and way ahead of EicC
- ✓ H-NS supports both communities of hadron physics and heavy ion physics.

Thank You