

# STAR区域研讨会

Hypernuclei collective flow measurements and  
in-medium  $\Lambda N$  interaction

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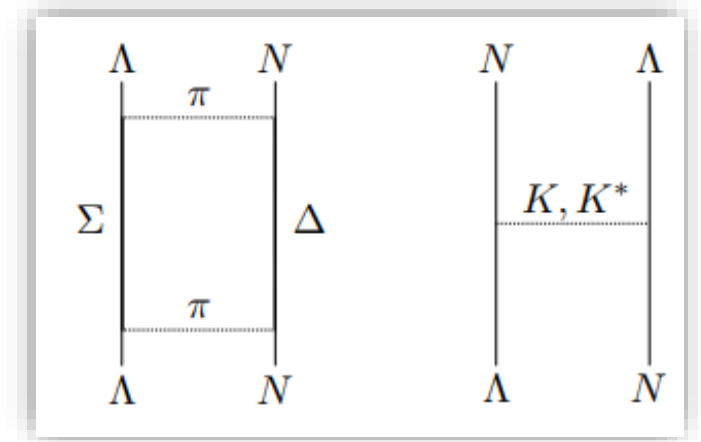
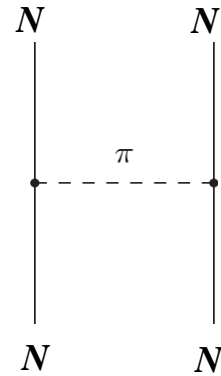
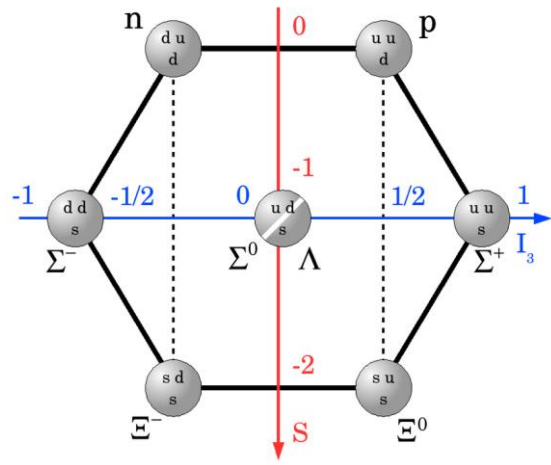
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# Outline

- Hyperon-Nucleon (YN) Interaction
- STAR Experiment for Fixed-target
- Directed flow measurement of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
- Cluster Formation and In-Medium YN Interaction
- Hypernuclei opportunity at HIAF
- Summary

# 1. Hyperon and $\Upsilon N$ -interaction

## SU(3) Baryon Octet



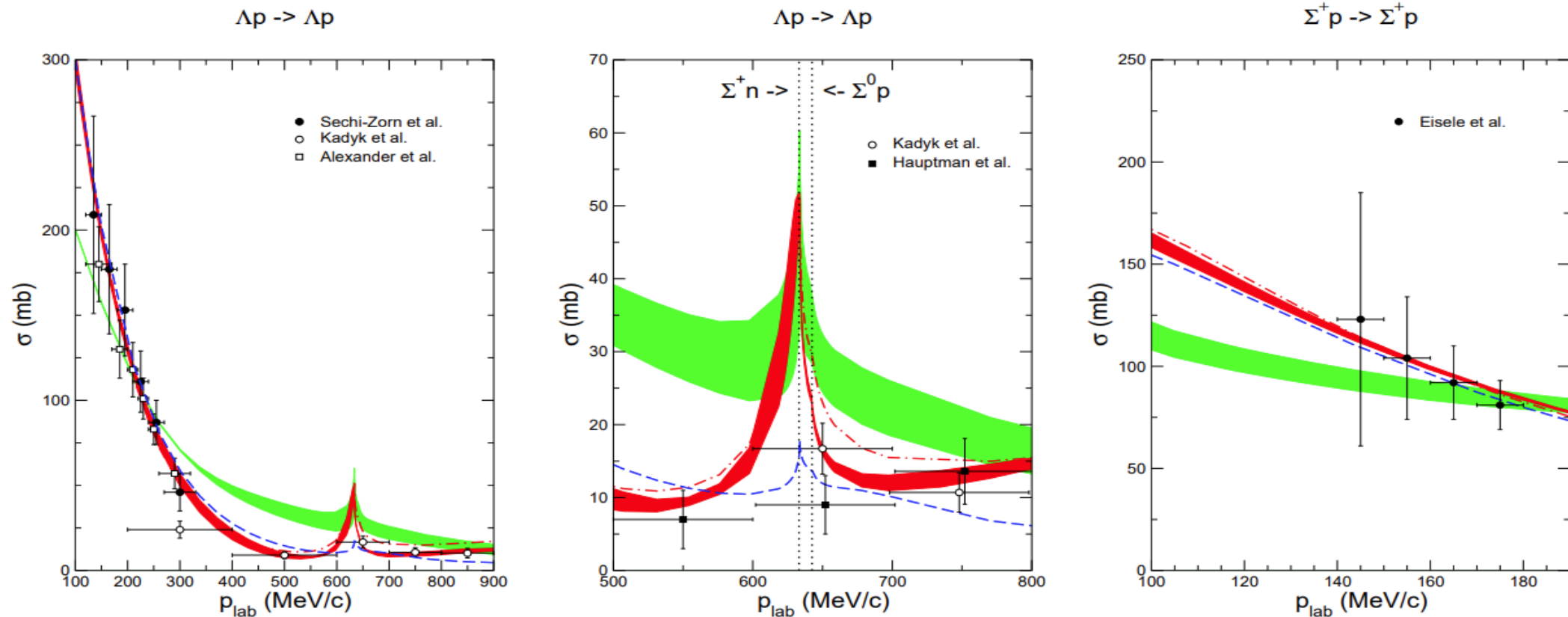
Baryon (Hyperon)	quarks	Isospin	Mass (MeV)
$\Lambda$	$u d s$	0	1115
$\Sigma^+$	$u u s$	1	1189
$\Sigma^0$	$u d s$	1	1193
$\Sigma^-$	$d d s$	1	1197
$\Xi^0$	$u s s$	1/2	1315
$\Xi^-$	$d s s$	1/2	1321

## Hyperon-Nucleon interaction ( $\Upsilon N$ )

- Understanding strong interaction
- Original of nuclear force
- Probe of nuclear structure
- Properties of neutron star
- ... ..

"The hyperon-nucleon interaction: conventional versus effective field theory approach",  
 Lect.NotesPhys.724:113-140,2007, J. Haidenbauer, Ulf-G. Meißner, et al.

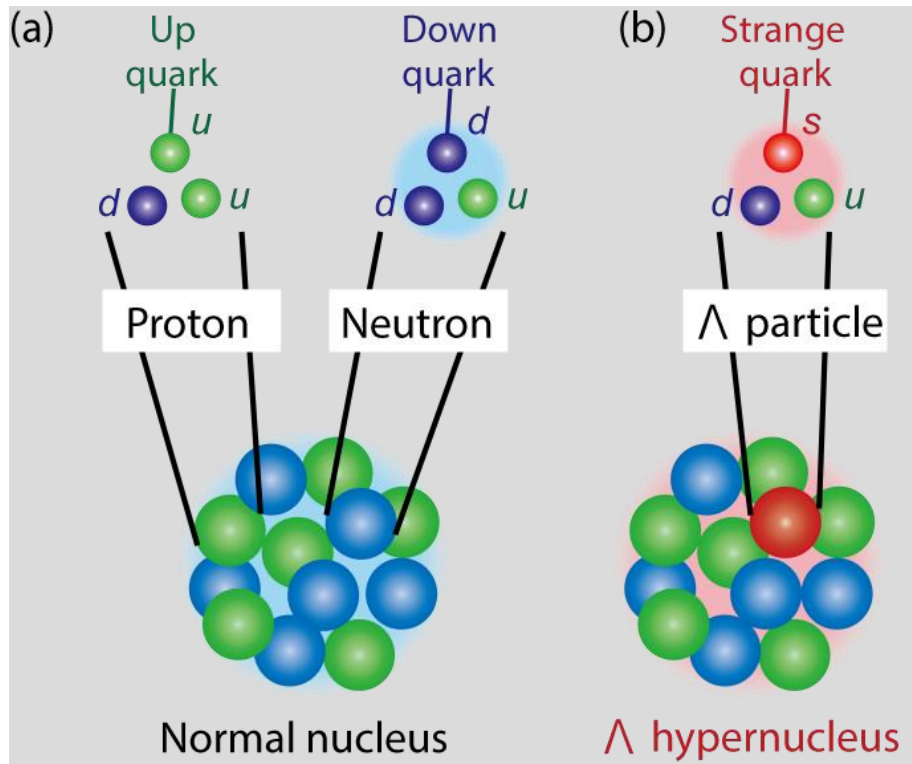
# Chiral Effective Field Theory ( $\chi$ EFT) $\Upsilon$ N interaction



Review: Petschauer S, Haidenbauer J, Kaiser N, Meißner U-G and Weise W,  
Hyperon-Nuclear Interactions From SU(3) Chiral Effective Field Theory.  
Front. Phys. 8:12 (2020)

# Hypernuclei and $\Upsilon N$ interaction

Hypernucleus: bound state of the Hyperon(s) and nucleons.



Properties of hypernuclei (i.e lifetime, binding energy, decay BR.) can be used to extract the strength of hyperon-nucleon ( $\Upsilon N$ ) interaction.

Binding energy of single- $\Lambda$  Hypernuclei:

$$B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^AZ) = \underbrace{M({}^{A-1}Z)}_{\text{Core mass}} + \underbrace{M(\Lambda)}_{\text{Free } \Lambda \text{ mass}} - \underbrace{M({}_{\Lambda}^AZ)}_{\text{Hypernuclei mass}}$$

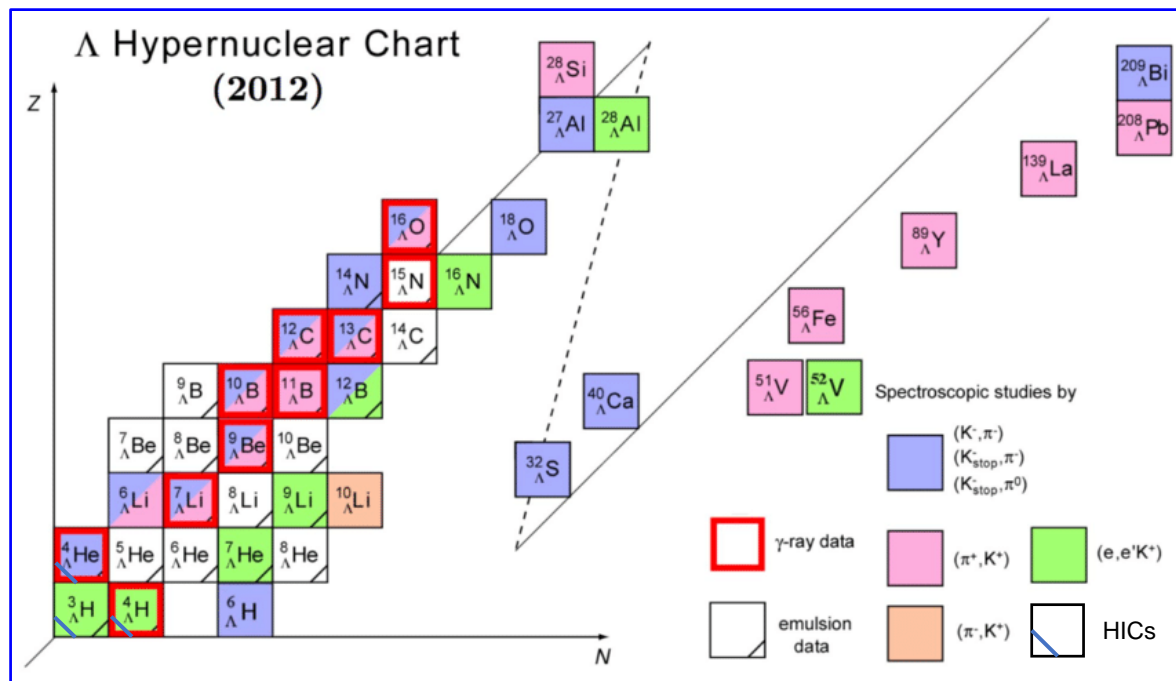
Core  
mass

Free  $\Lambda$   
mass

Hypernuclei  
mass

# Lambda Hypernuclei Chart

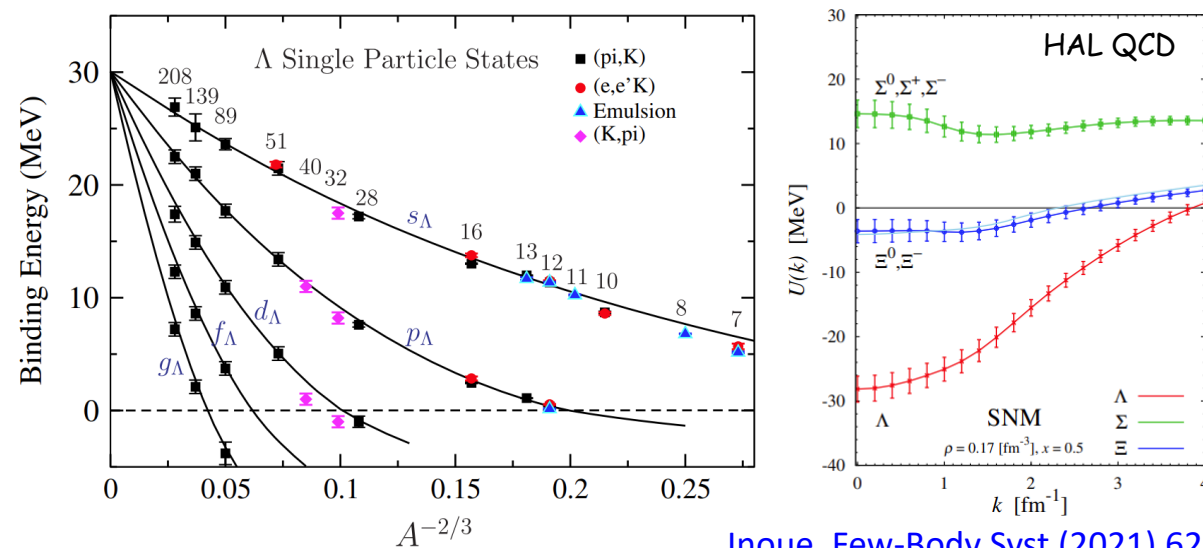
## Single- $\Lambda$ Hypernuclei chart



Updated from: Hashimoto, O., and H. Tamura  
 Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 57, 564(2006)

A. Gal et al, RevModPhys, 88, 035004 (2016)

D. J. Millener, C. B. Dover, and A. Gal, RPC, 38, 2700 (1988)



Inoue, Few-Body Syst (2021) 62:106

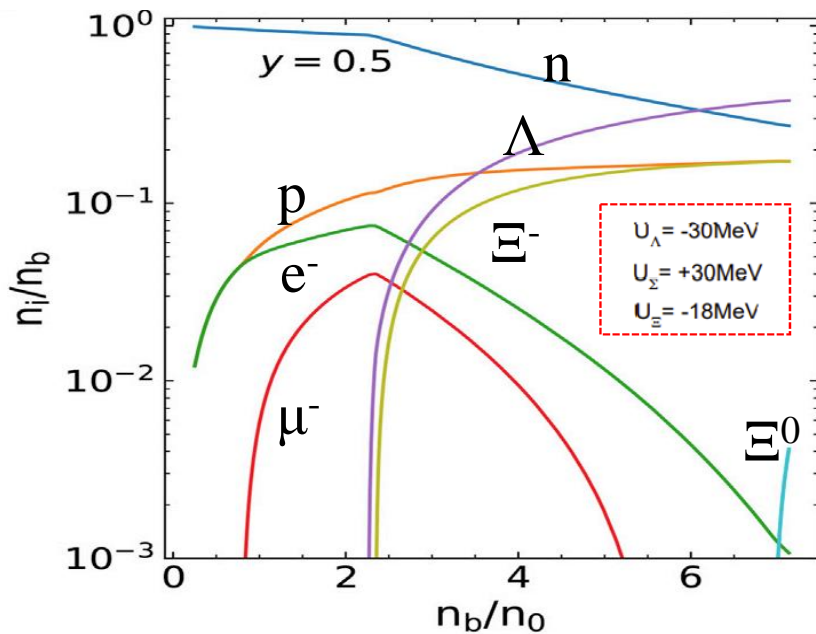
Woods-Saxon potential: 
$$V(r) = V_0 \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{r-R}{a}}}$$

Parameter	$V_0$ (MeV)	R (fm)	a (fm)
Nuclei	$\sim -53$	1.25	0.65
Hyper-nuclei	$\sim -30$	1.165	0.6

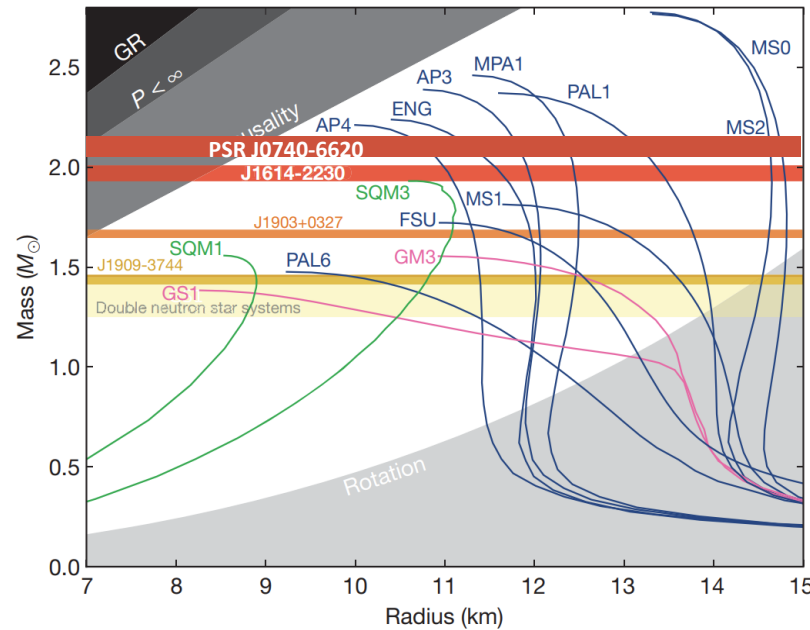
# Neutron Star and $\Upsilon$ N-interaction

“**Hyperon puzzle**”: the difficulty to reconcile the measured masses of neutron stars (NSs) with the presence of hyperons in their interiors

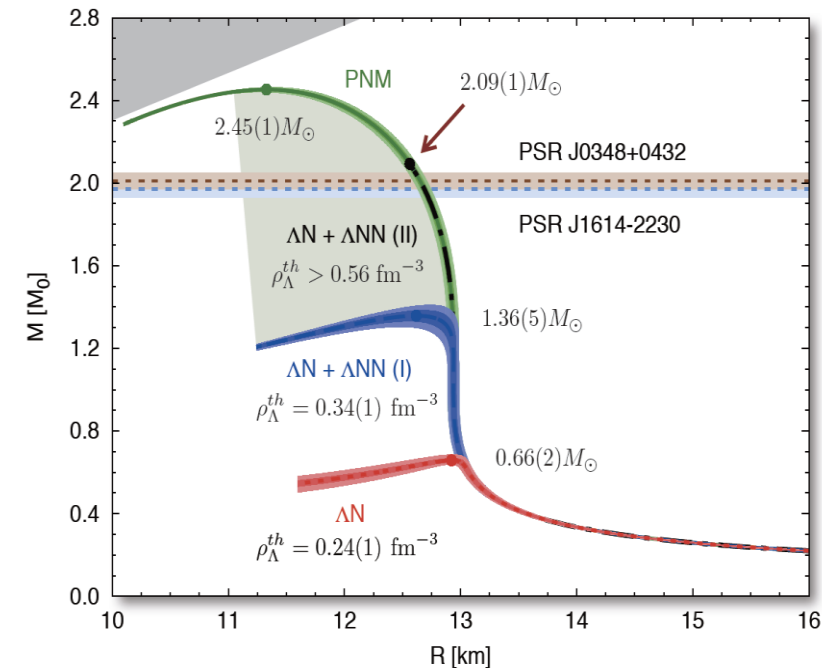
[Ignazio Bombaci, JPS Conf. Proc. 17, 101002 (2017)]; [Phys. Rev. C 81, 035803 \(2010\)](#)



Ghosh et al. *Front. Astron. Space Sci.* 9:864294 (2022)

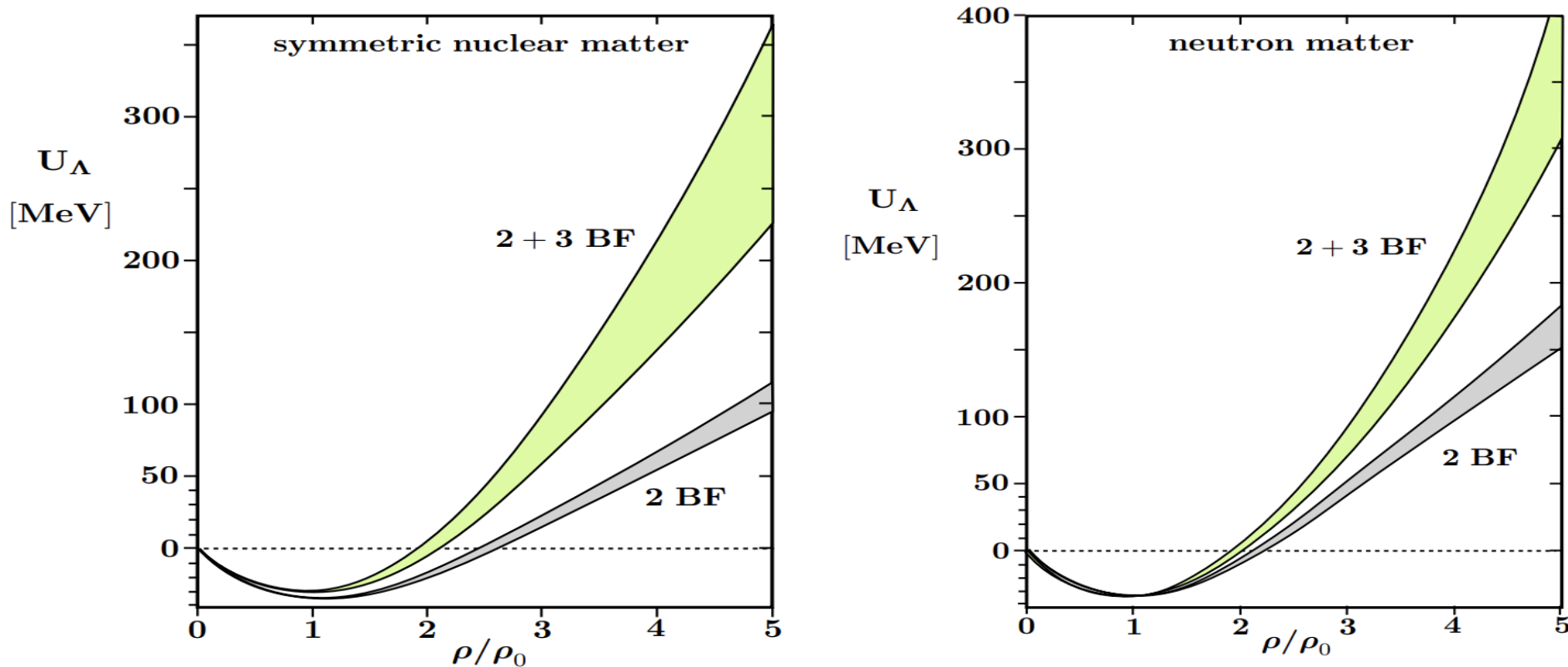


P. Demorest et al., *Nature* 467 (2010) 1081  
NANOGrav Collaboration, *Nature Astron.* 4 (2019) 1, 72



D. Lonardoni et al, *PRL* 114, 092301 (2015)

# $\chi$ EFT: Density Dependent $YN$ Interaction



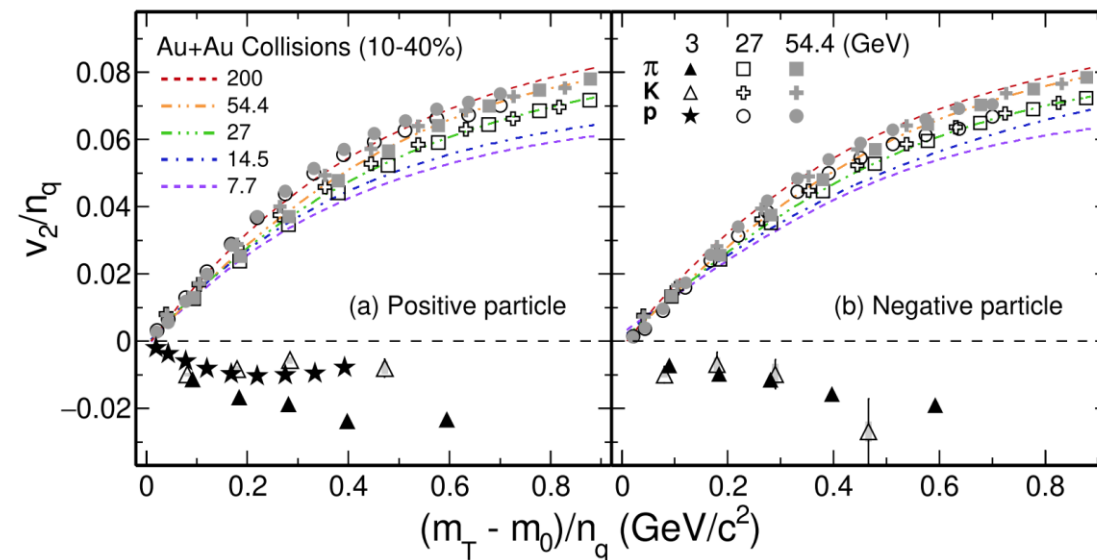
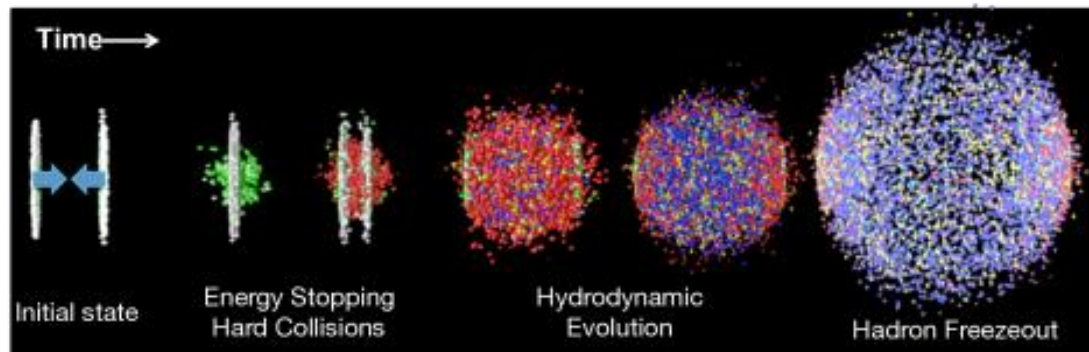
D. Gerstung, N. Kaisera, W. Weise, Eur. Phys. J. A (2020) 56 :175

如何从实验上提取核介质依赖的 $YN$ 和 $YY$ 相互作用实验观测量?

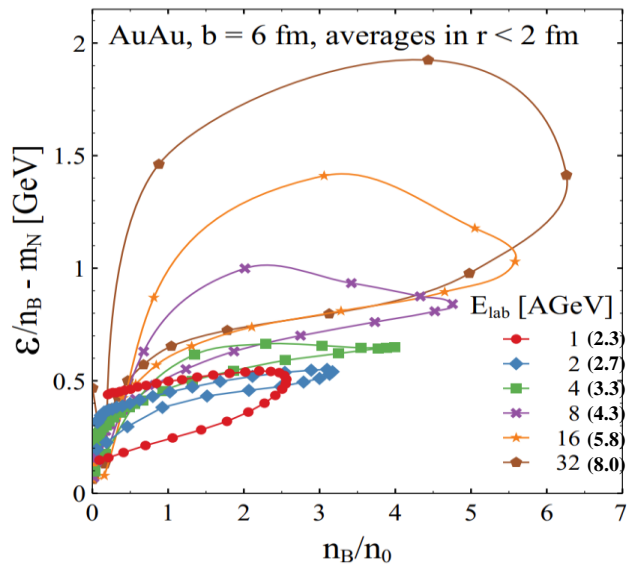


# HICs at high baryon density region

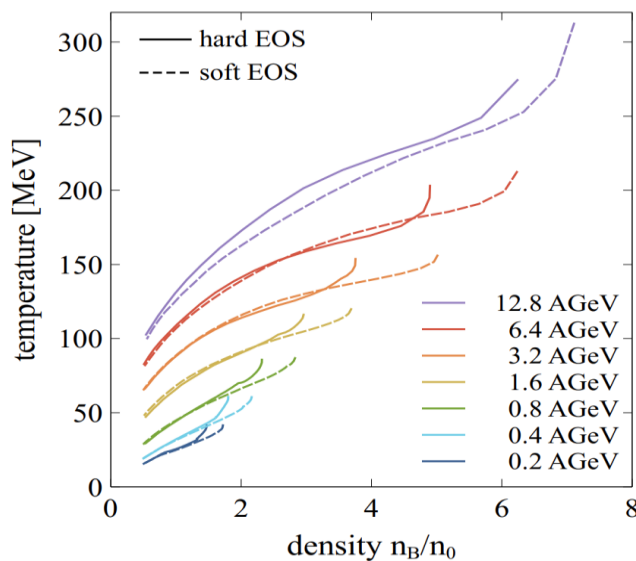
## Time Evolution of HICS



STAR Collaboration, PLB, 827, 137003 (2022)



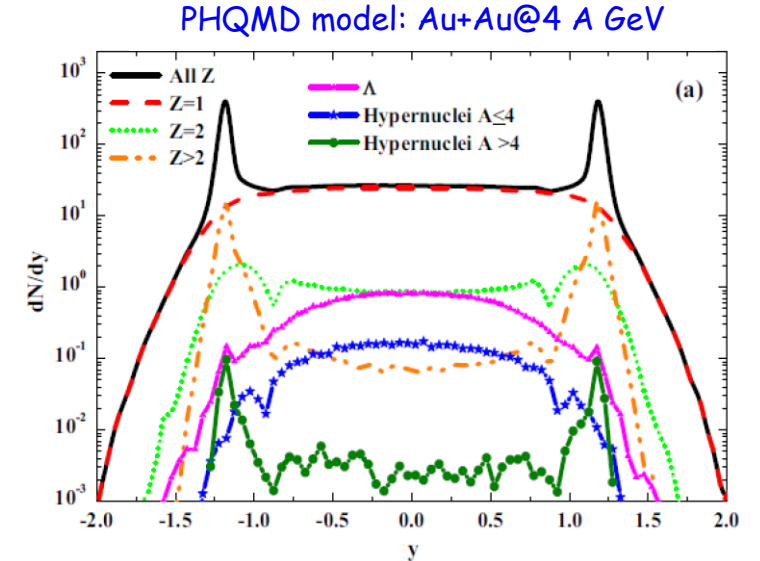
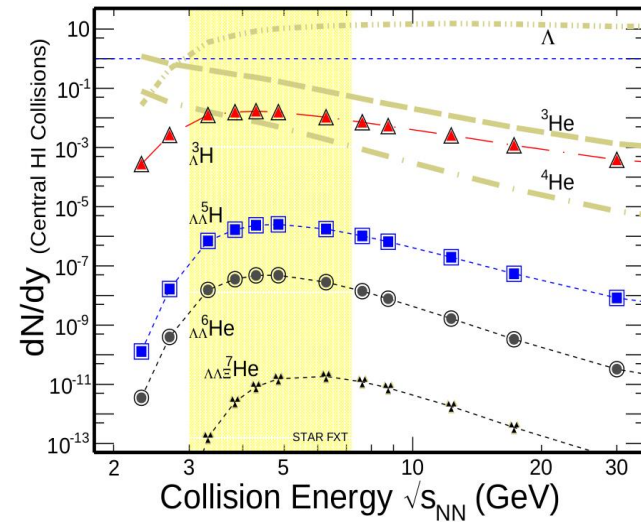
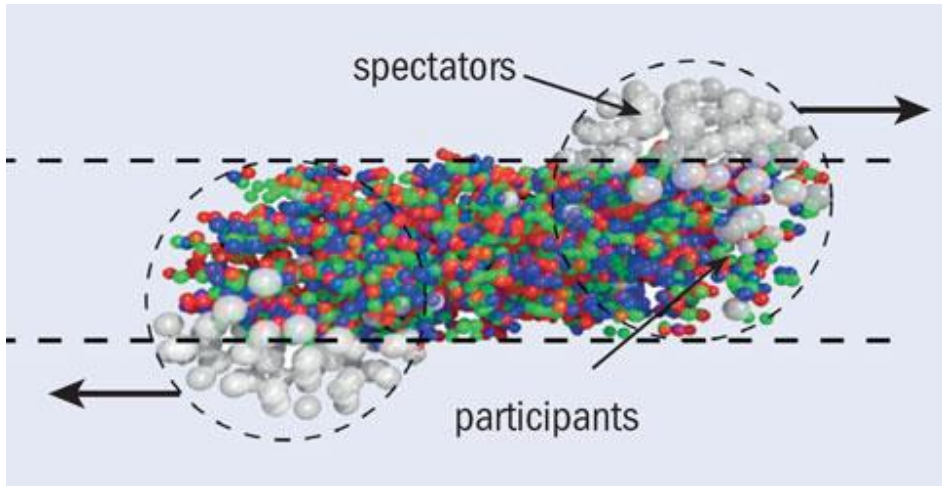
D. Oliinychenko et. al,  
arXiv:2208.11996v2



A. Sorensen et. al,  
arXiv:2301.13253v2

Due to strong baryon stopping, nuclear matter with high baryon density is expected to be created in HICs at medium energies

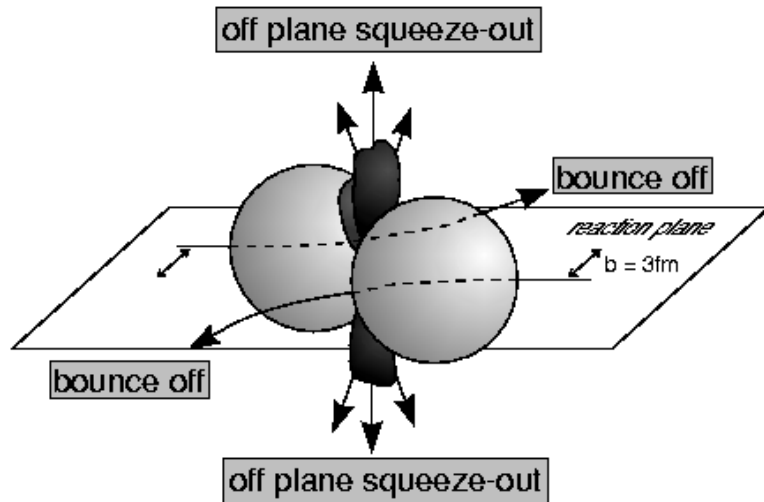
# Hyper-nuclei Productions in HICs



J. AICHELIN et al. PRC 101, 044905 (2020)

A. Andronic et al., Phys. Lett. **B697**, 203(2011) ;  
 B. J. Steinheimer et al., Phys. Lett. **B714**, 85(2012)

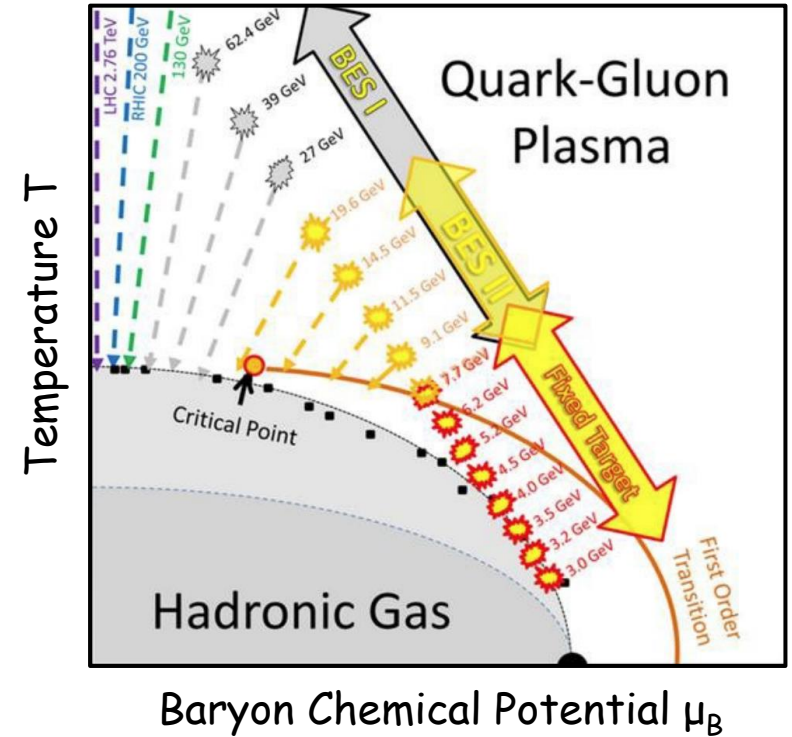
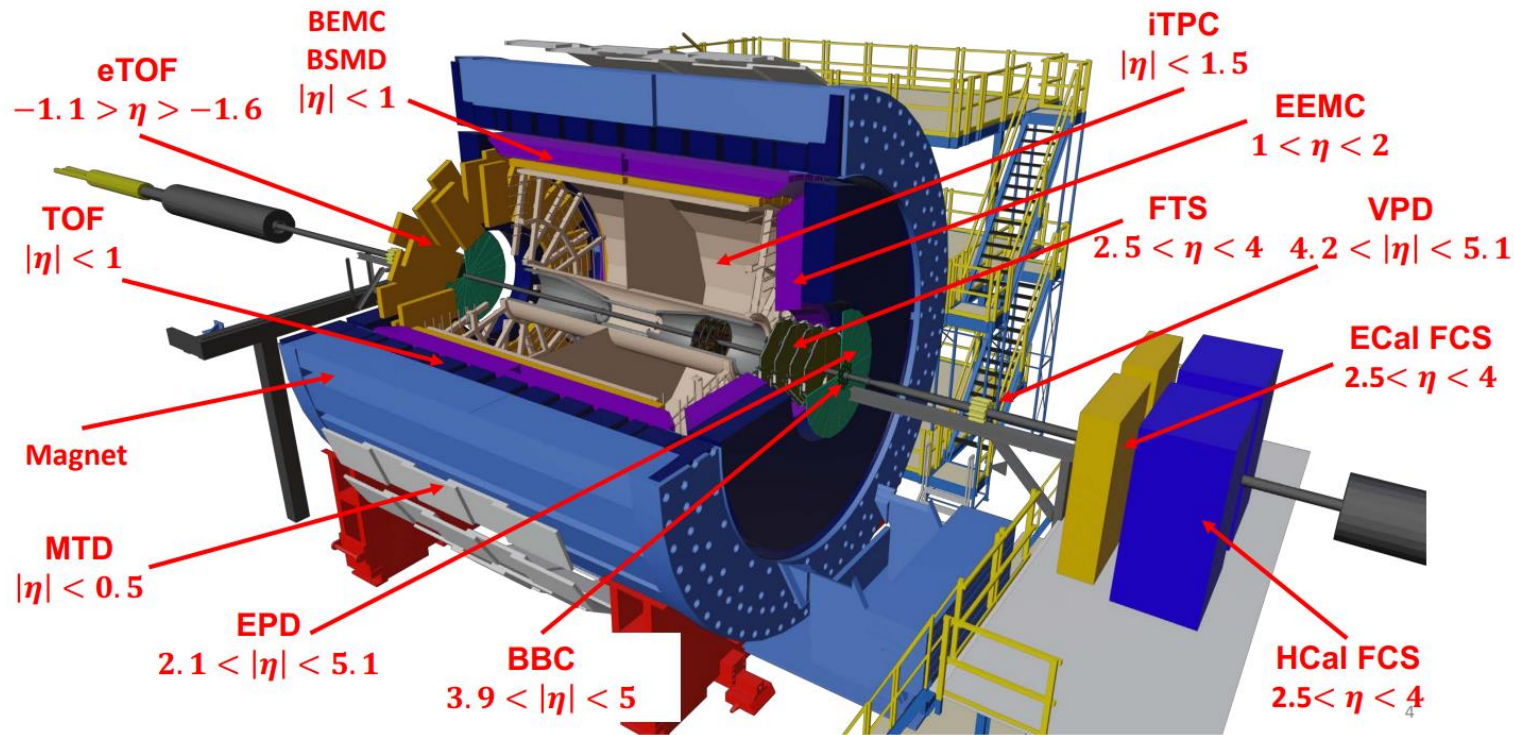
$$\text{Rapidity: } y = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{E - P_z}{E + P_z}\right)$$



Possible connection with in-medium  $\Upsilon N$  interaction

- Hypernuclei production
- Hypernuclei collectivity

# 2. Fixed-Target Runs at STAR



## RHIC Beam Energy BES-II in 2018-2021:

- Fixed Target Run extends collision energy down to :  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3 - 7.7$  GeV corresponding to chemical potential:  $750 \geq \mu_B \geq 420$  MeV

# Charged particle PID and ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ Reconstruction

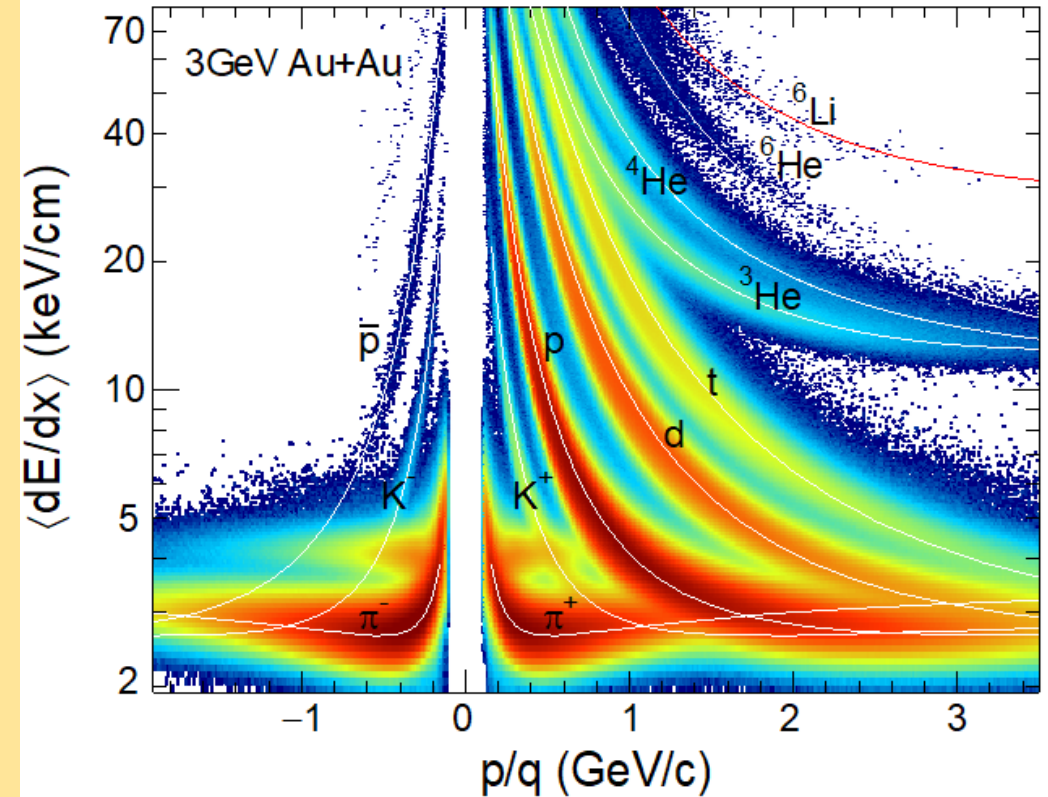
2018 STAR FXT 3 GeV data set;  
260M minimum biased events

1) Hyper-nuclei reconstruction channels:



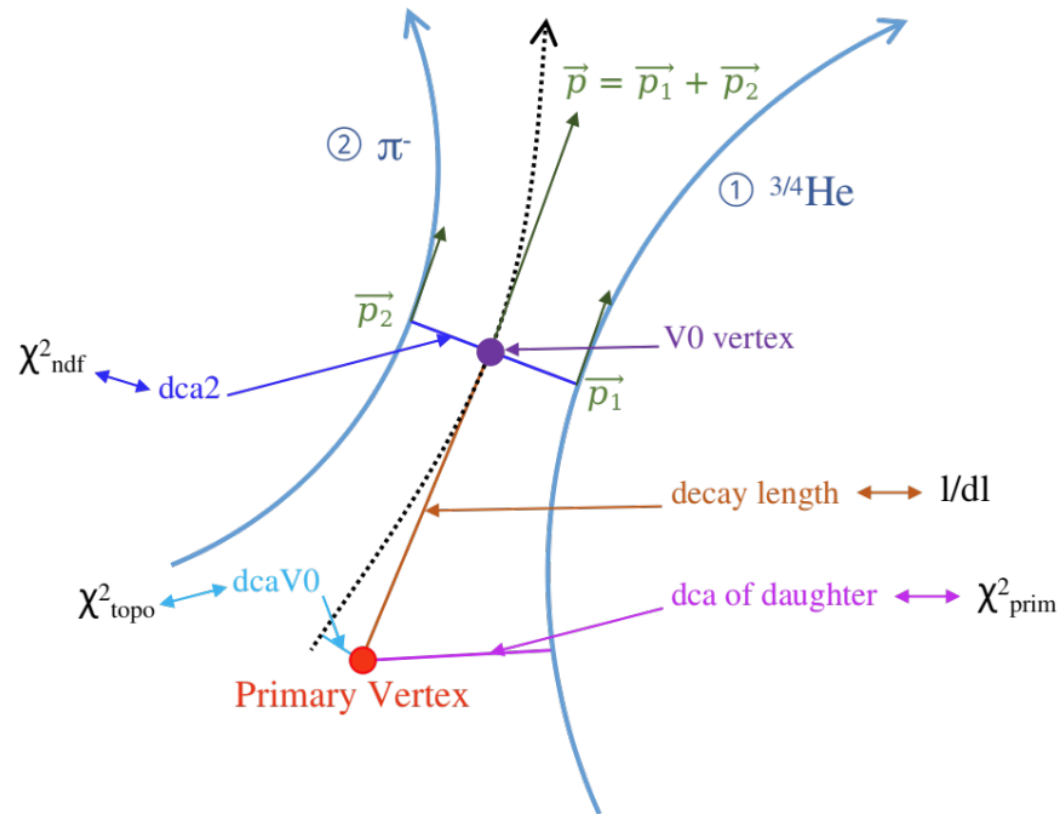
2) PID of  $p$ ,  $d$ ,  $t$ ,  ${}^3\text{He}$ ,  ${}^4\text{He}$ ,  $\pi^-$  are made based on the  $dE/dx$  vs  $p/q$  distribution and particles are selected by  $|\text{n}\sigma|$  method

## STAR TPC Particle Identification

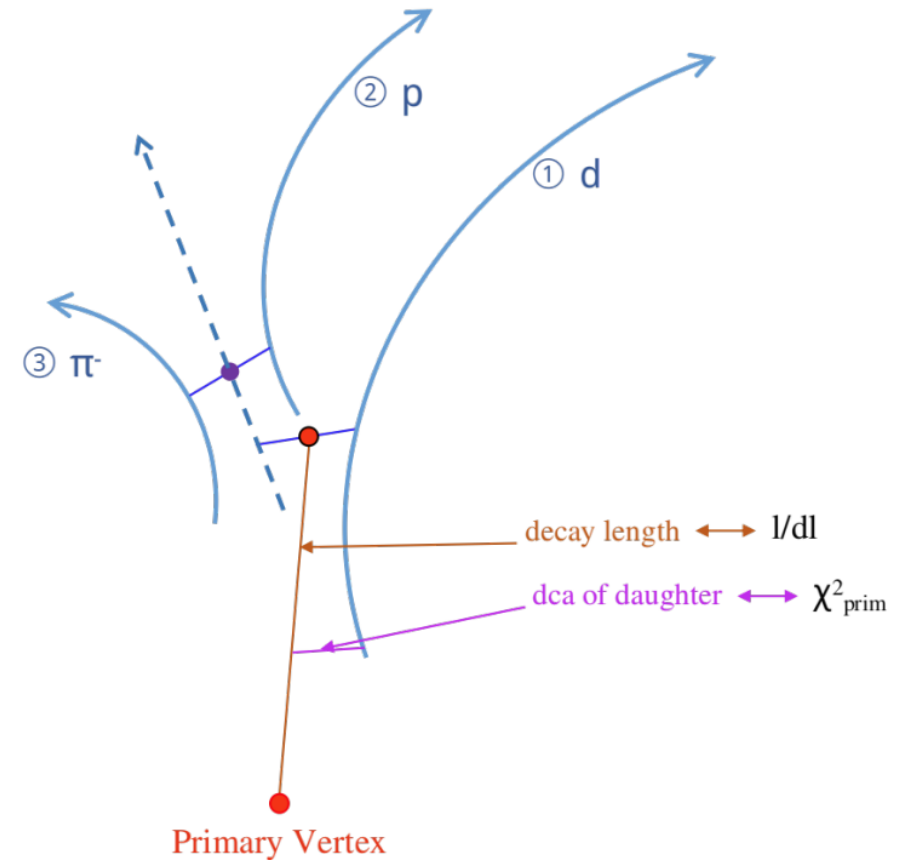


# Reconstruction topology with KFParticle

## Two-body decay

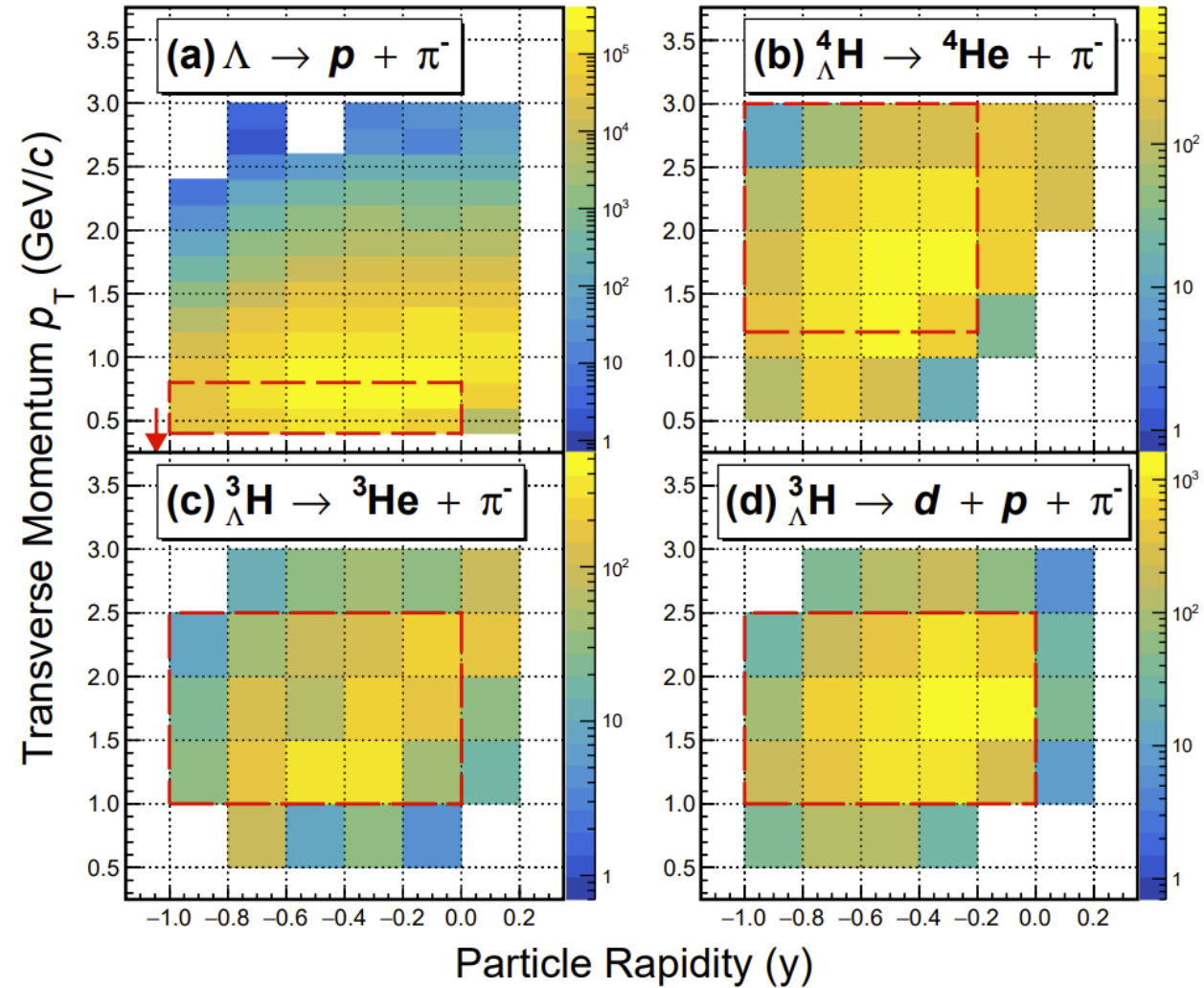
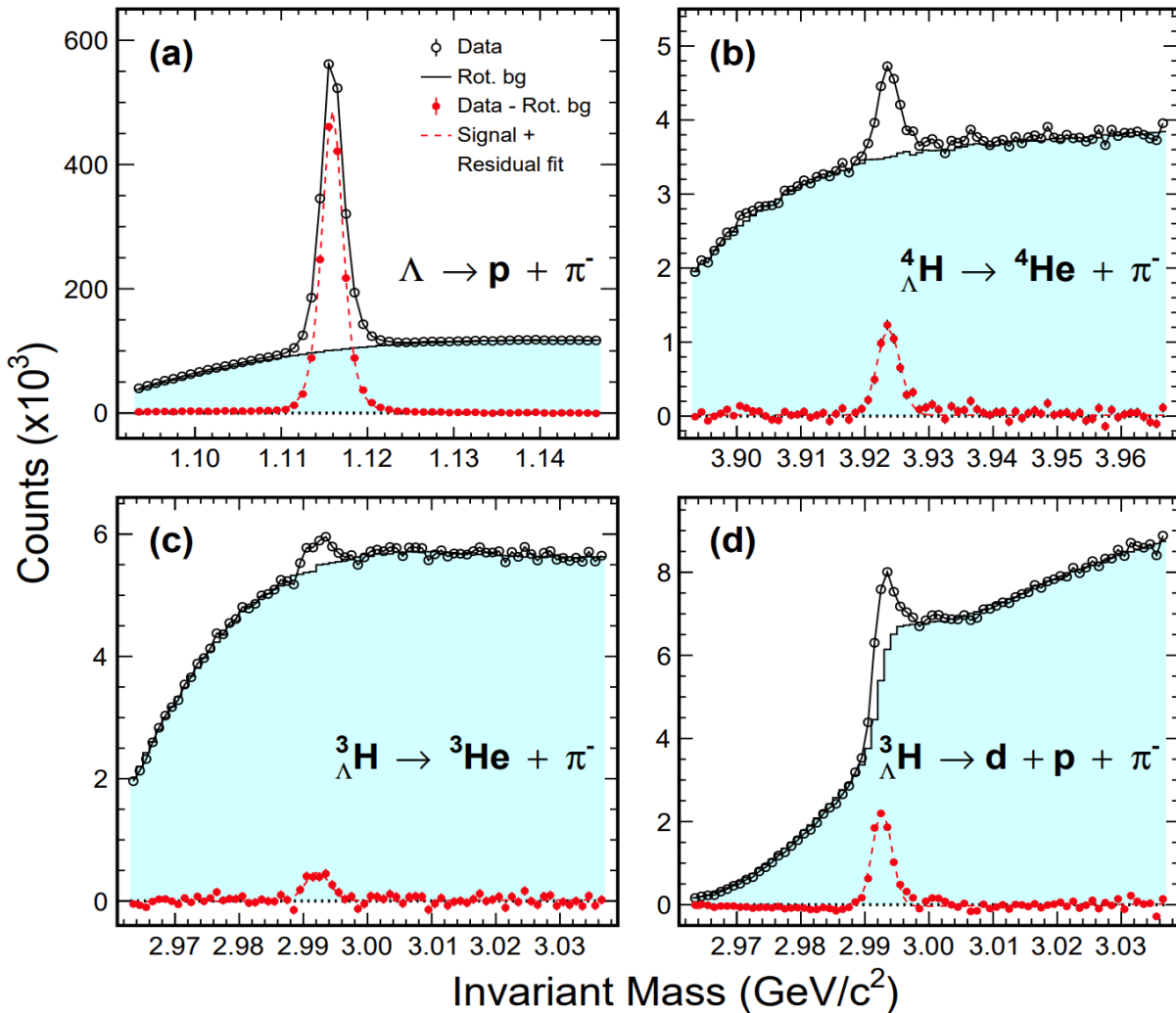


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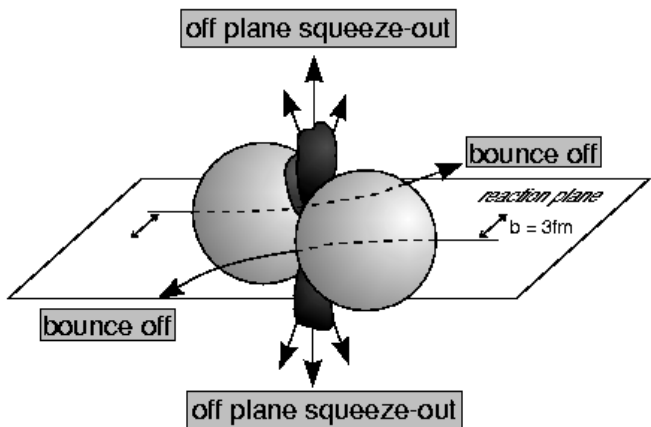


# $\Lambda$ , ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ and ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ Invariant Mass & Phase Space

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3 \text{ GeV}$  Au+Au collision ( $y_{\text{target}} \approx -1.045$ )



# 4. Collective Flow with Event Plane Method



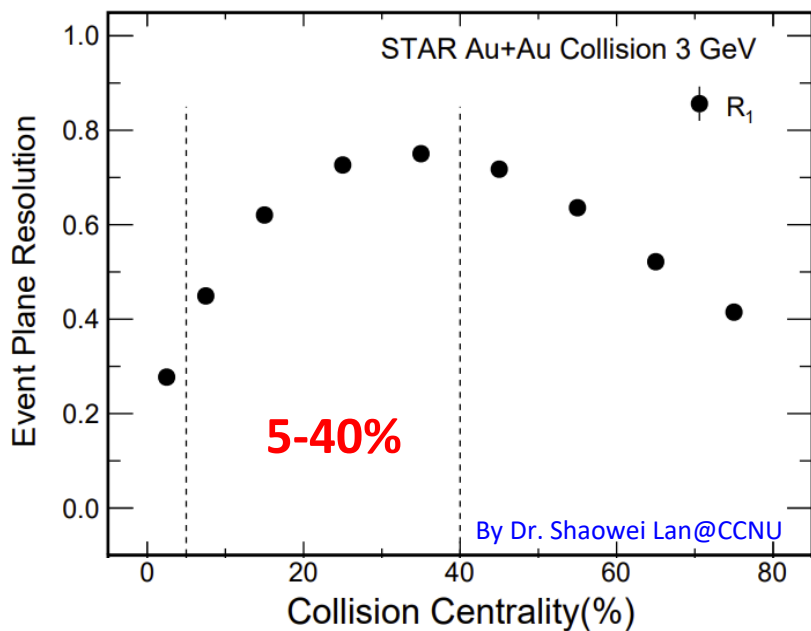
$$\frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T d\varphi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{dN}{p_T dp_T} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n(p_T) \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_R)] \right\}$$

-  $v_1$  Directed flow;  
 -  $v_2$  Elliptic flow ...

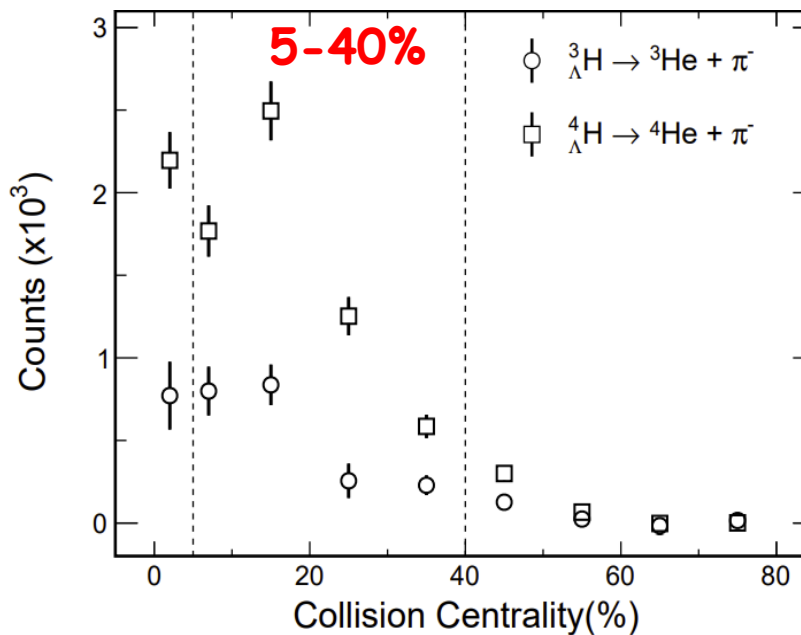
$$v_1 = \left\langle \frac{P_x}{P_t} \right\rangle$$

$$v_2 = \left\langle \frac{P_x^2 - P_y^2}{P_x^2 + P_y^2} \right\rangle$$

3-Sub-events with EPD A&B&TPC



Signal number Vs. Centrality



Collective flow in wide Centrality Range

$$v_1 = \frac{v_1^{obs}}{\langle \mathcal{R}_1 \rangle}$$

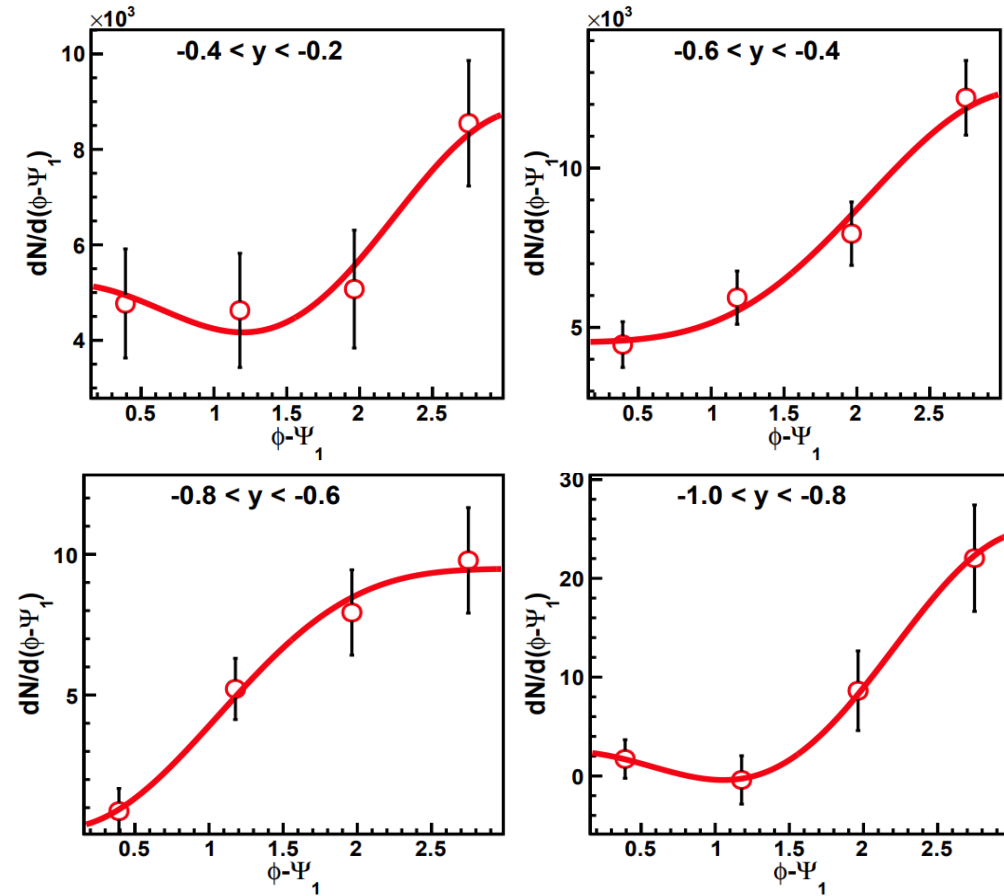
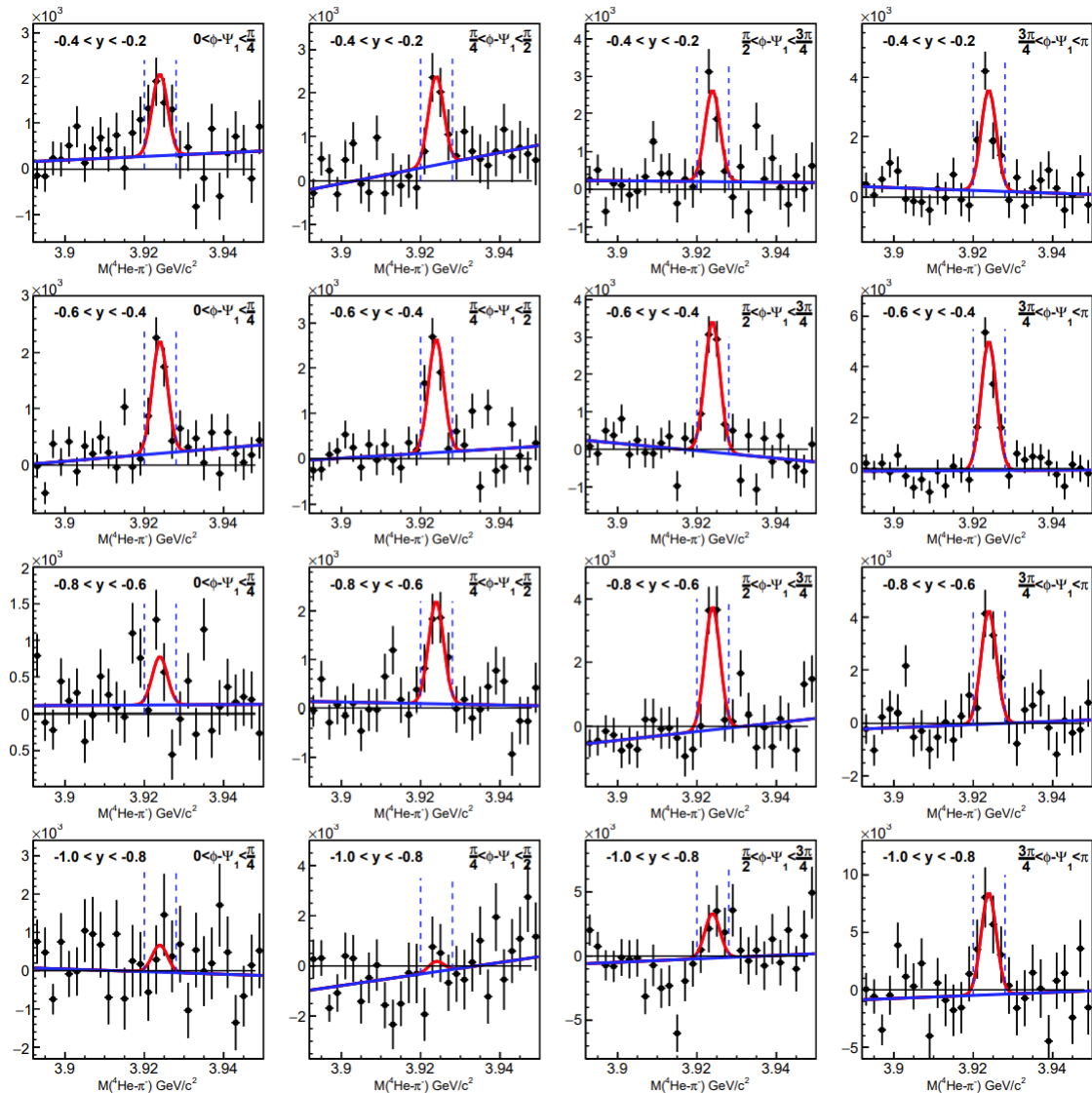
$$\frac{1}{\langle \mathcal{R}_1 \rangle} = \frac{\sum_i (N_i \times \langle \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}_i} \rangle)}{\sum_i N_i}$$

Method: NIM.A 833 (2016) 181

# Angular Distributions of Hypernuclei ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

$p_T$ : (1.2, 3.0) GeV/c;  $y$ : (-1.0, -0.2); Centrality: 5-40%

Angular ( $\phi - \Psi_1$ ) Distributions



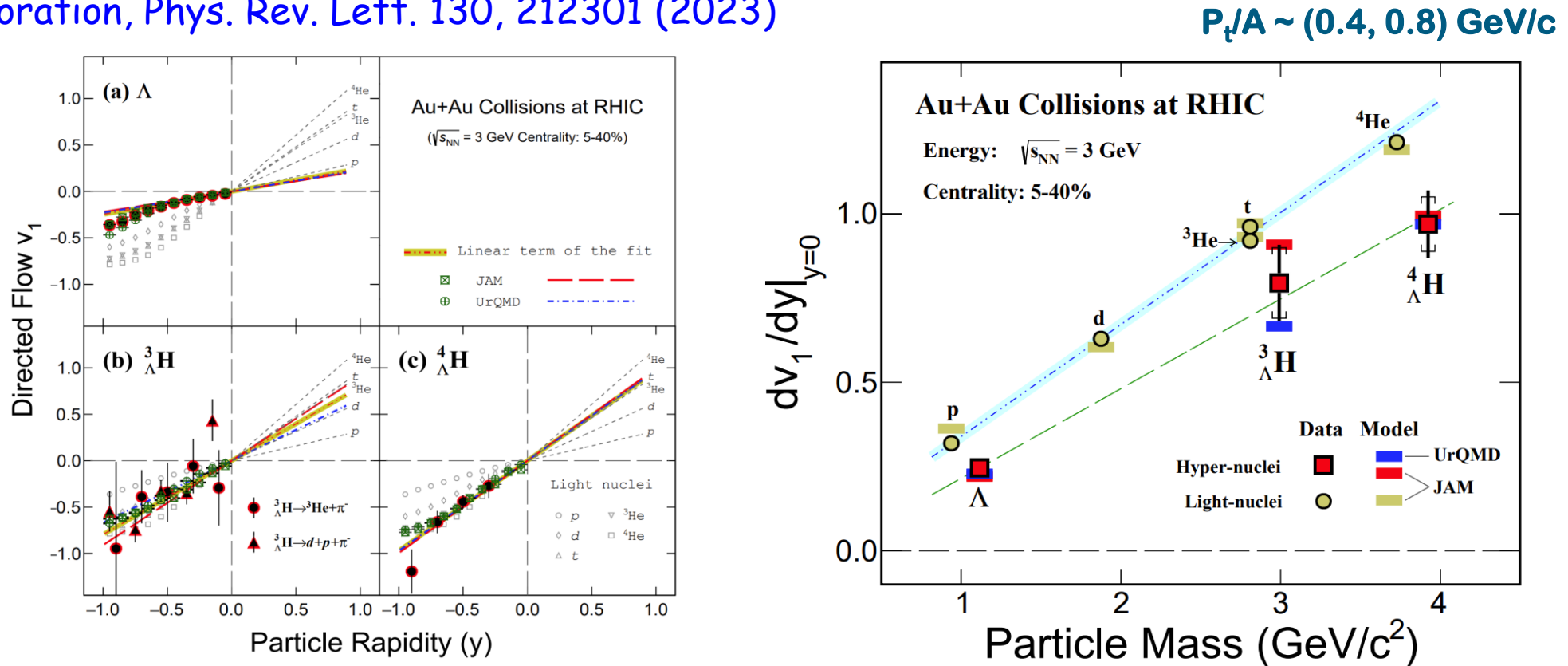
Fitting function:

$$dN/d(\phi - \Psi_1) = p^0(1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi - \Psi_1) + 2v_2 \cos(2(\phi - \Psi_1)))$$



# Experimental data Vs Transport + coalescence

STAR Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 212301 (2023)



- The slopes of  $dv_1/dy$  Vs Mass for hyper-nuclei is similar to that of light nuclei
- Data and Simulation results are in a good agreement

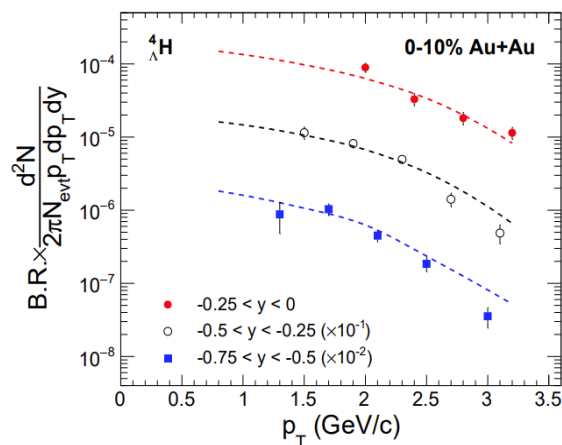
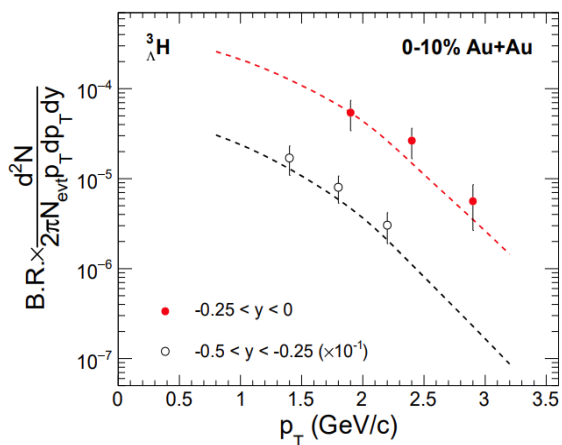
**Support: Coalescence is a dominant process for (hyper-)cluster formation**

# JAM/UrQMD + Coalescence

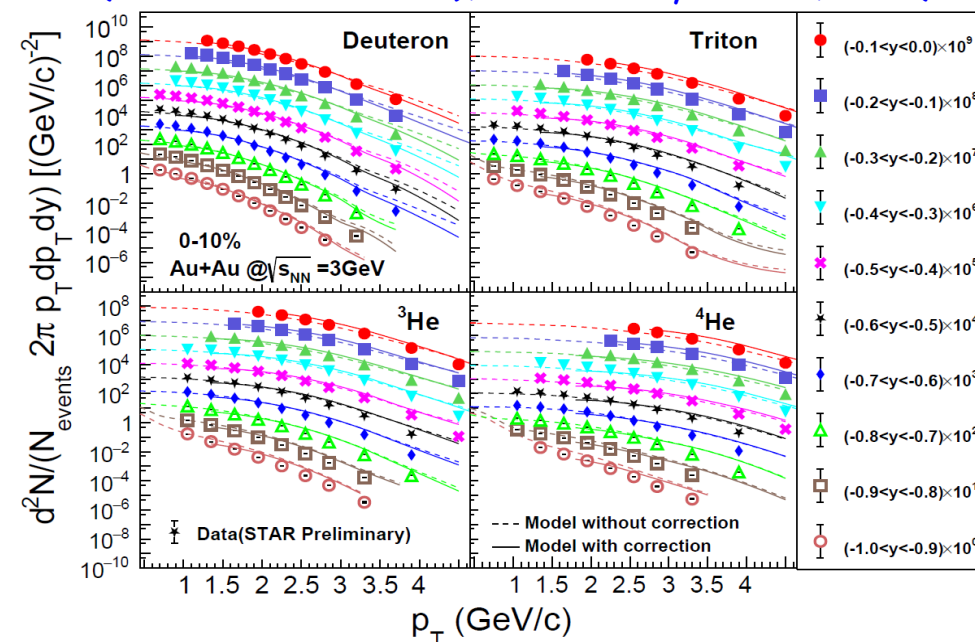
- Jet AA Microscopic Transport Model ( JAM) simulation NARA et al, PRC, 61, 024901(2000)  
( $\kappa = 380$  MeV)

- Coalescence ( $t_{\text{freeze-out}} = 50$  fm/c)

$$E_A \frac{d^3 N_A}{d^3 p_A} \propto \left( E_p \frac{d^3 N_p}{d^3 p_p} \right)^Z \left( E_n \frac{d^3 N_n}{d^3 p_n} \right)^{A-Z} \approx \left( E_p \frac{d^3 N_p}{d^3 p_p} \right)^A$$



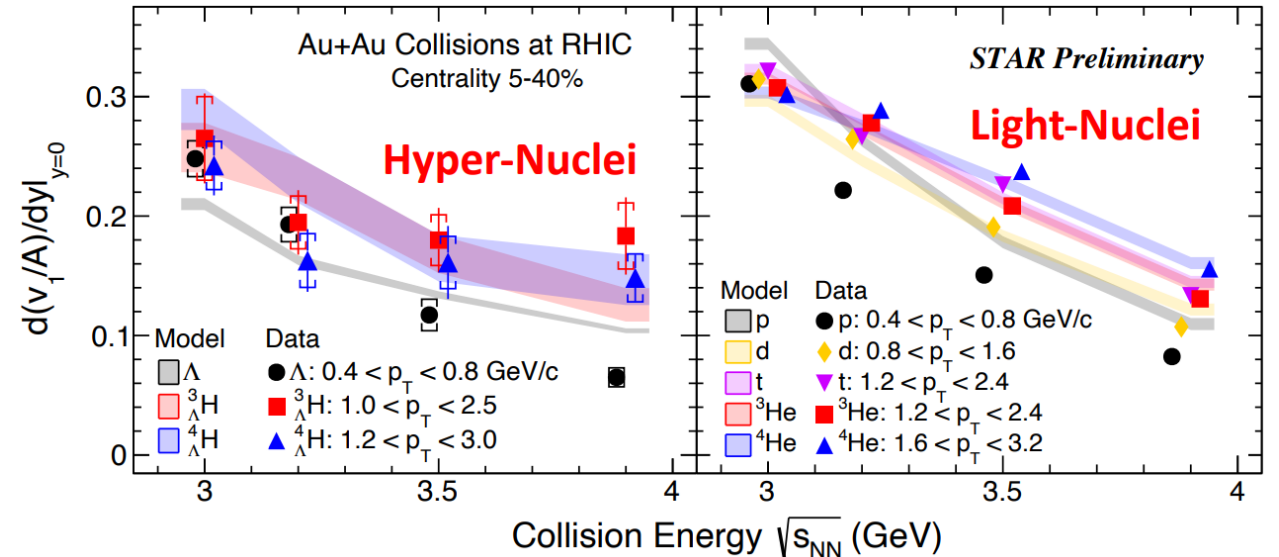
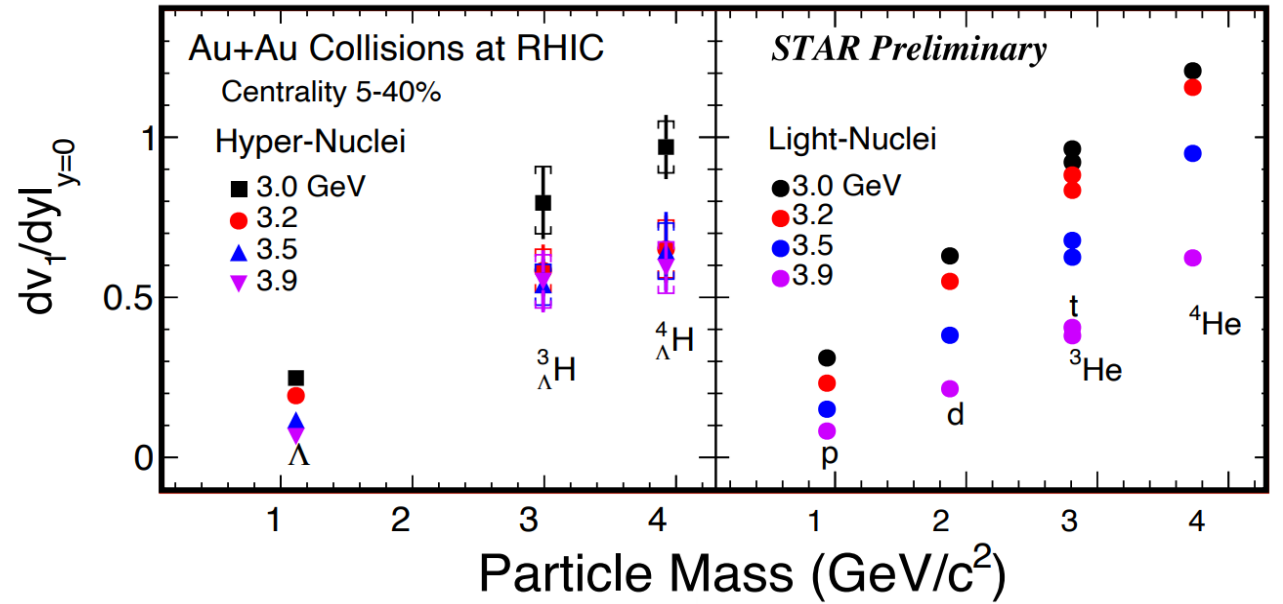
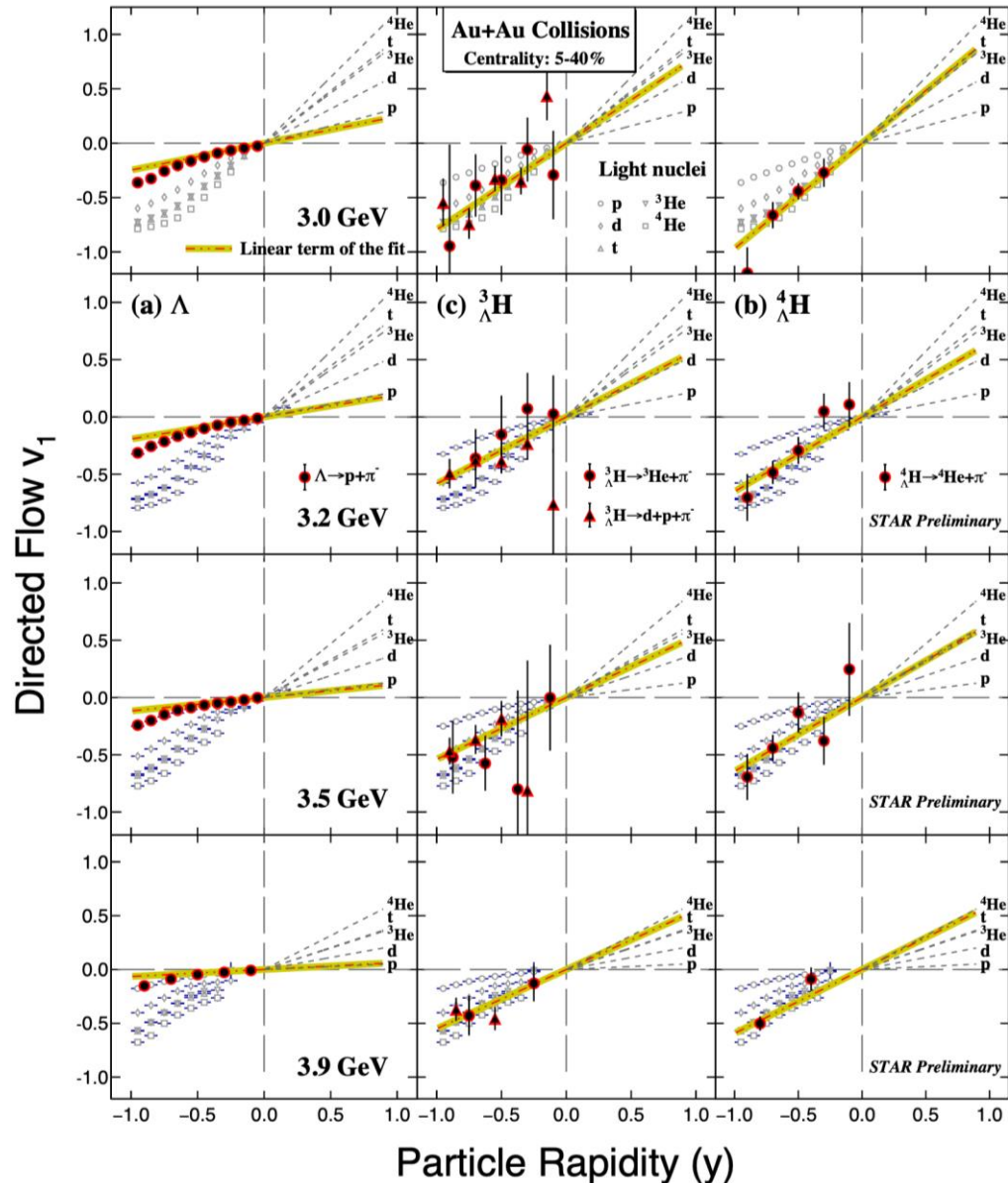
H. Liu (STAR Collaboration), SciPost Phys. Proc., 040 (2022)



Particle	d	t, $^3\text{He}$ , $^4\text{He}$	$^3\text{H}$	$^4\text{H}$
$\Delta p$ (GeV/c)	0.3	0.3	0.12	0.3
$\Delta r$ (fm)	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0

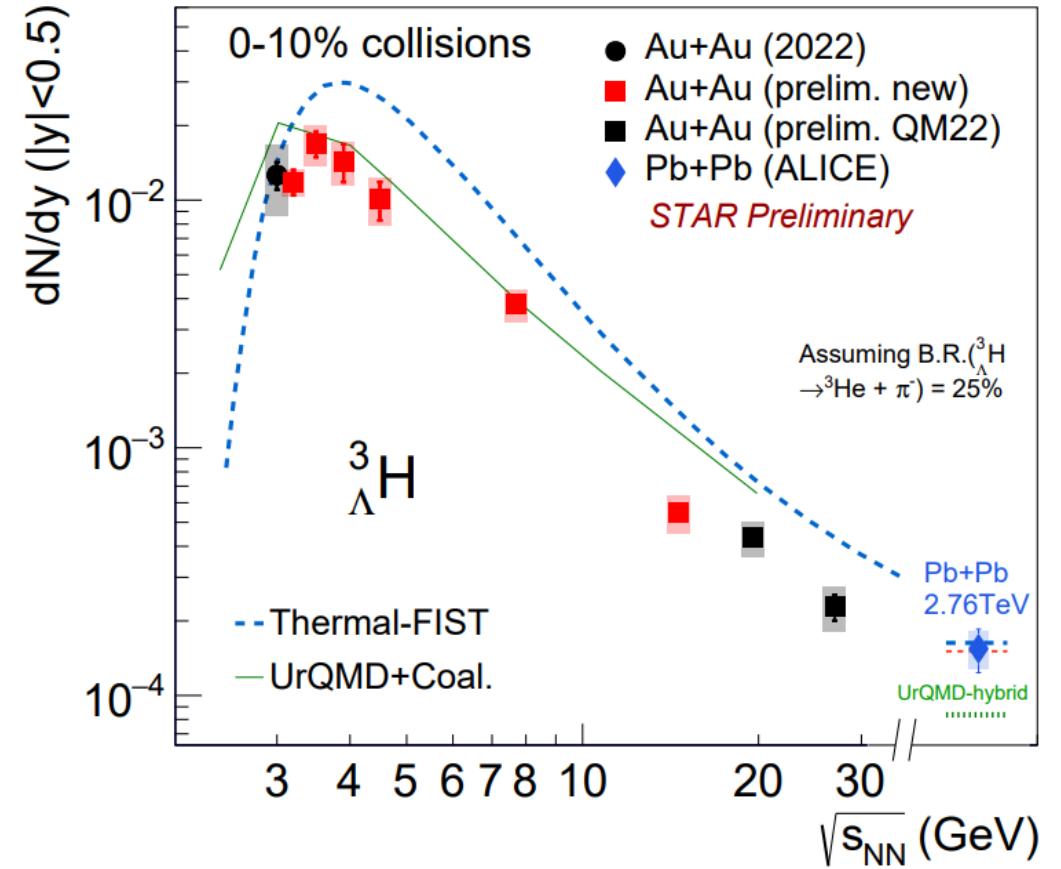
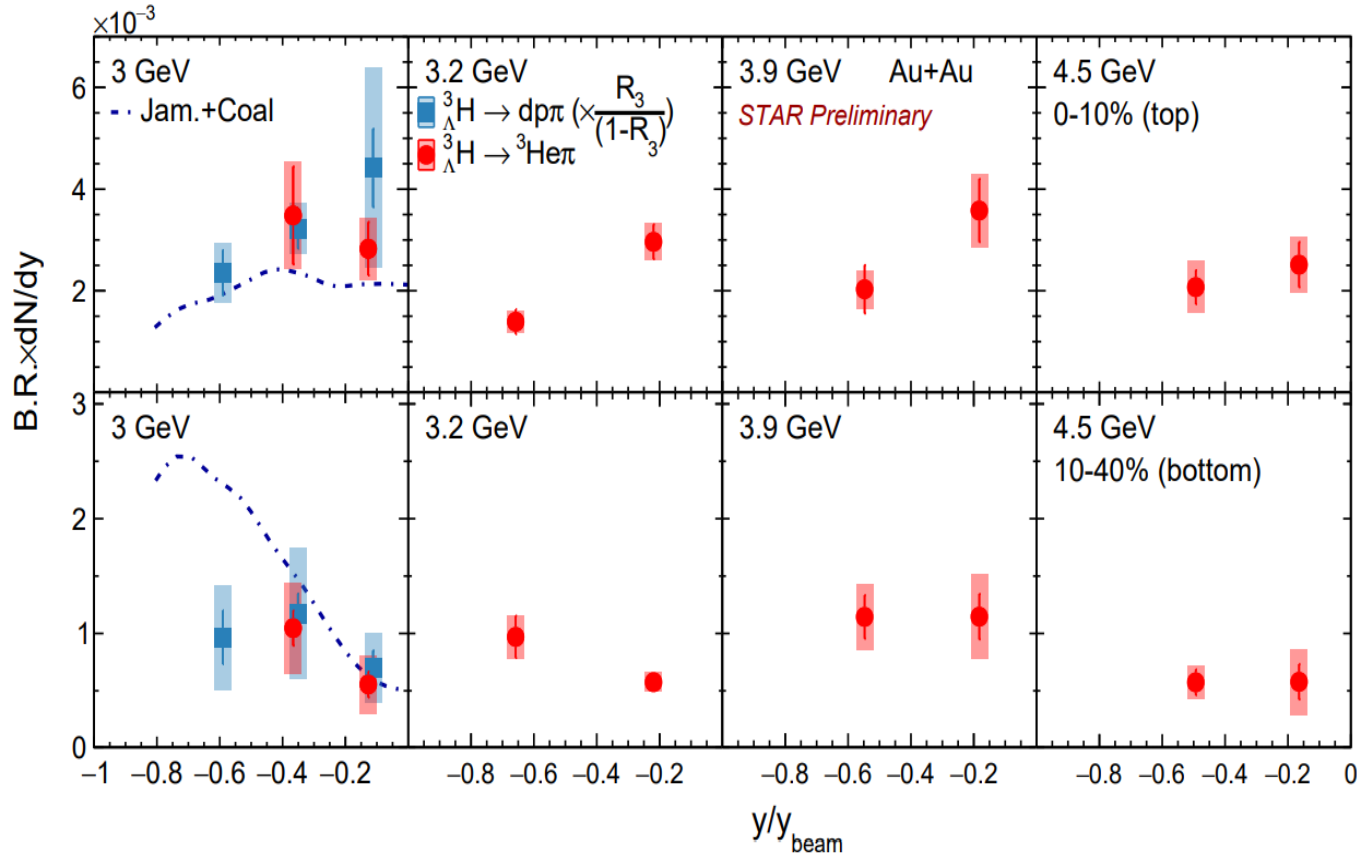
Yue Xu, Xionghong He and Xu Nu, Chinese Physics C, 47, 074107 (2023)

# Collective flow Vs. Colliding Energy



# ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ Production in HICs

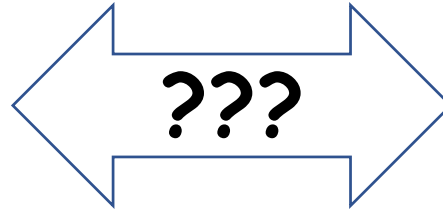
中心碰撞 (0-10%) / 半中心碰撞: (10-40%) 超核产额 Vs 碰撞能量



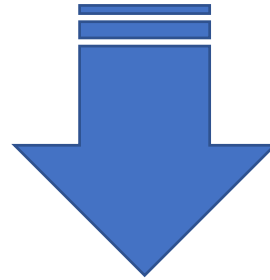
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Hypernuclei:

- Production
- Collectivity

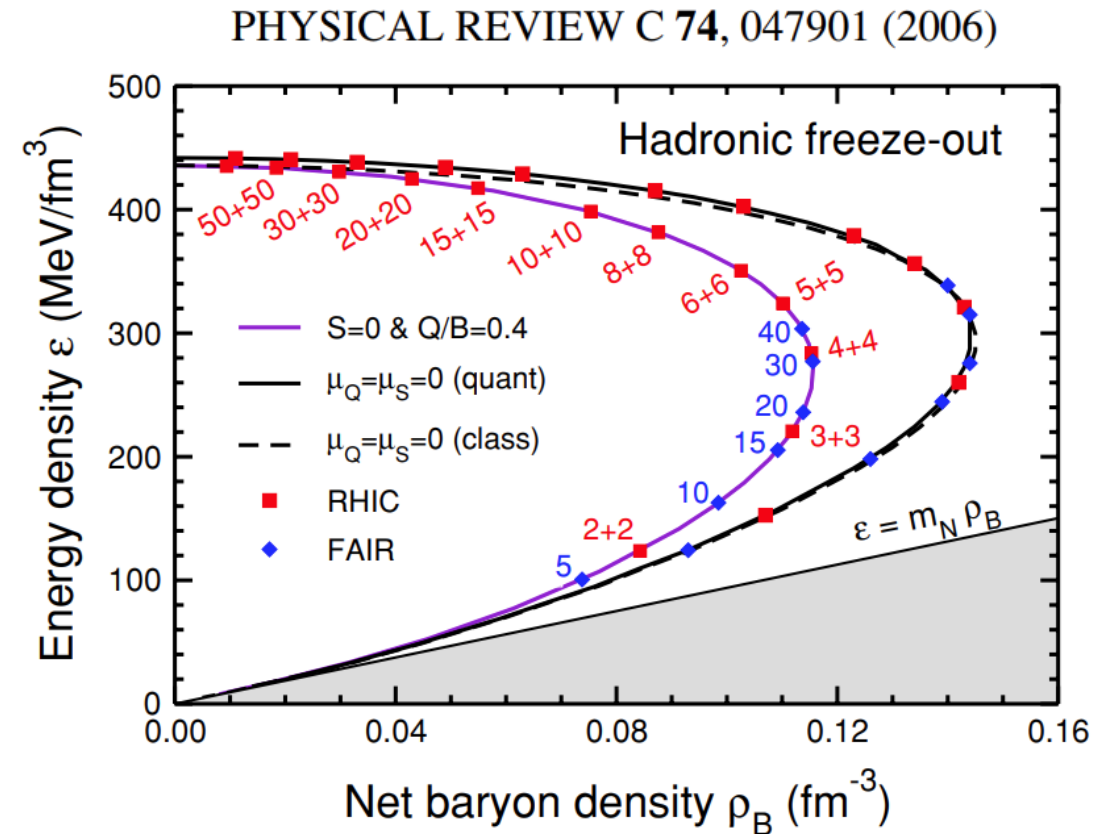
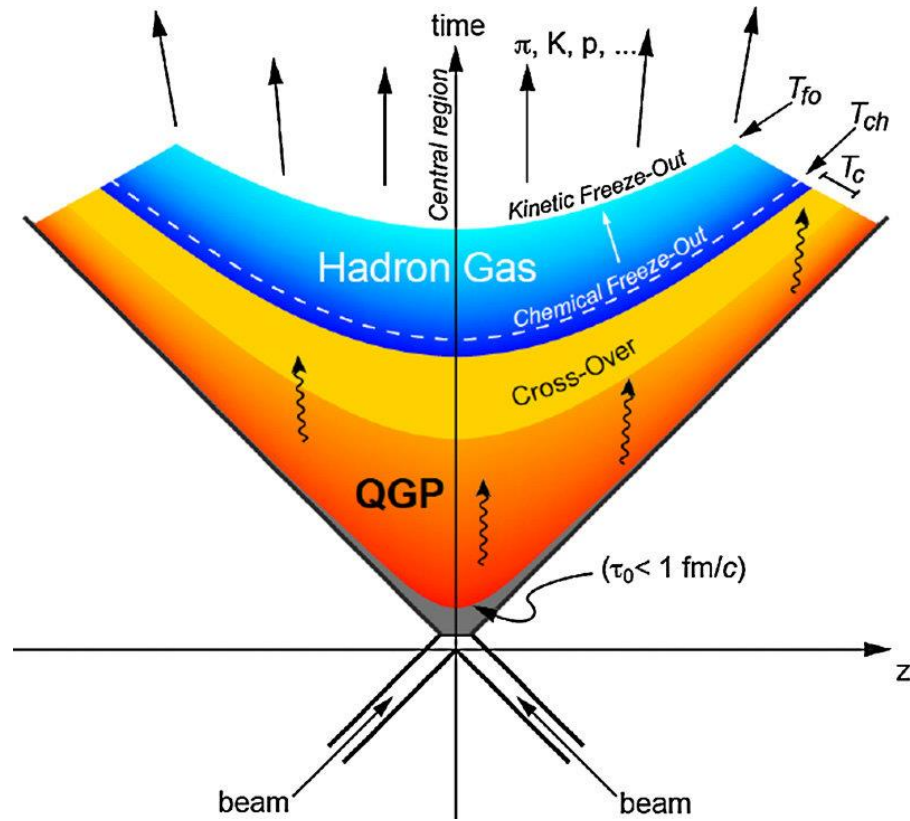


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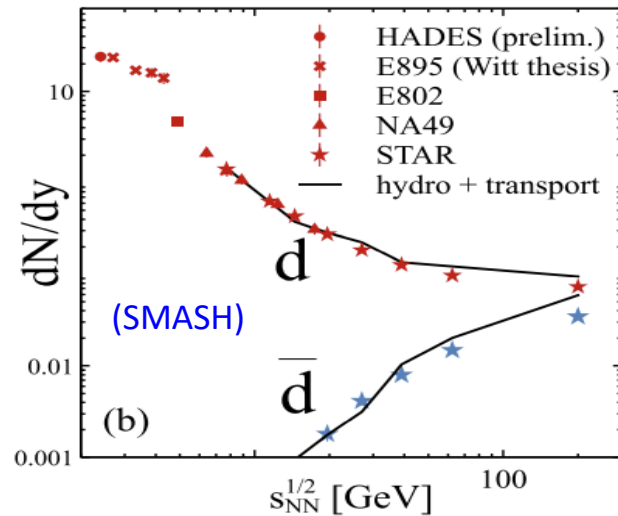
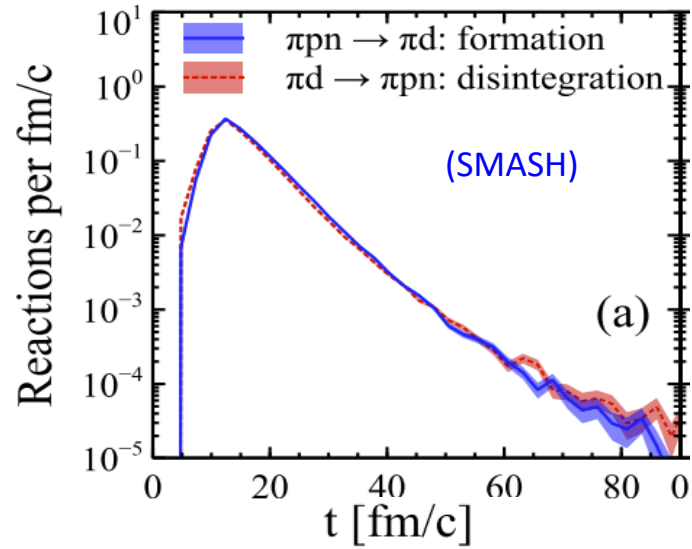
When and how are the (hyper-)clusters formed?

# Scenario I: Coalescence production at freeze-out

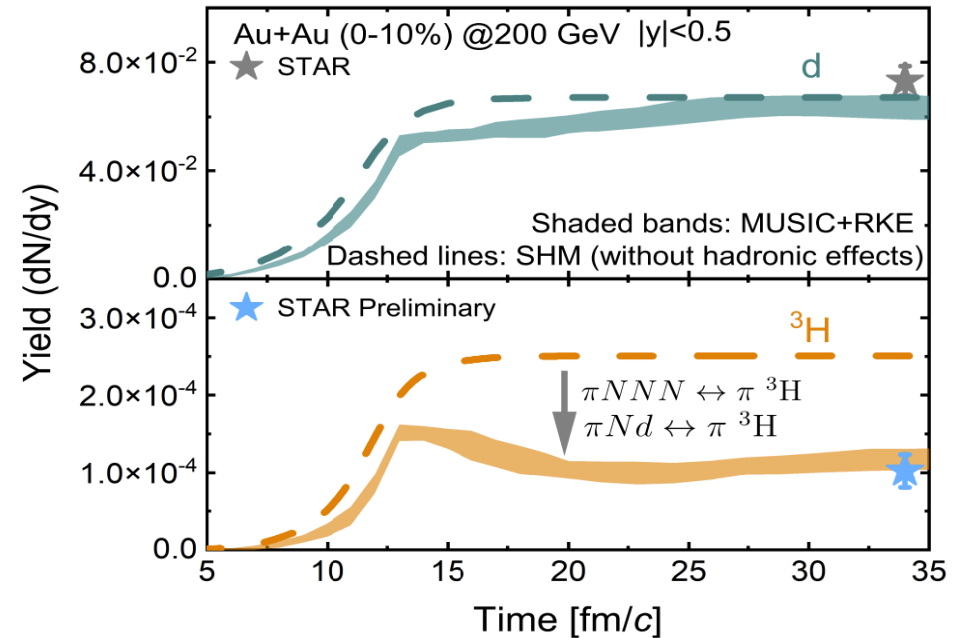
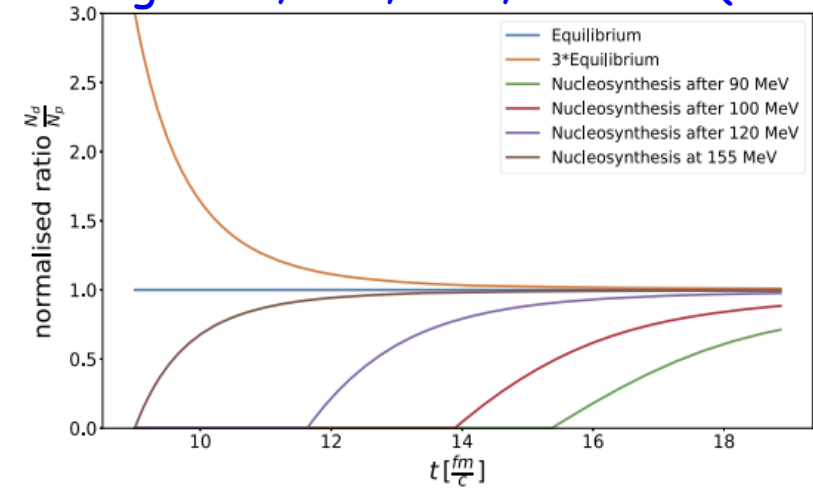


In picture of coalescence at freeze-out, hypernuclei collective flow would not probe  $YN$  interaction at high baryon density

# Scenario II: Dynamical formation of (hyper-)clusters



Neidig et al, PLB, 827, 136891 (2022)

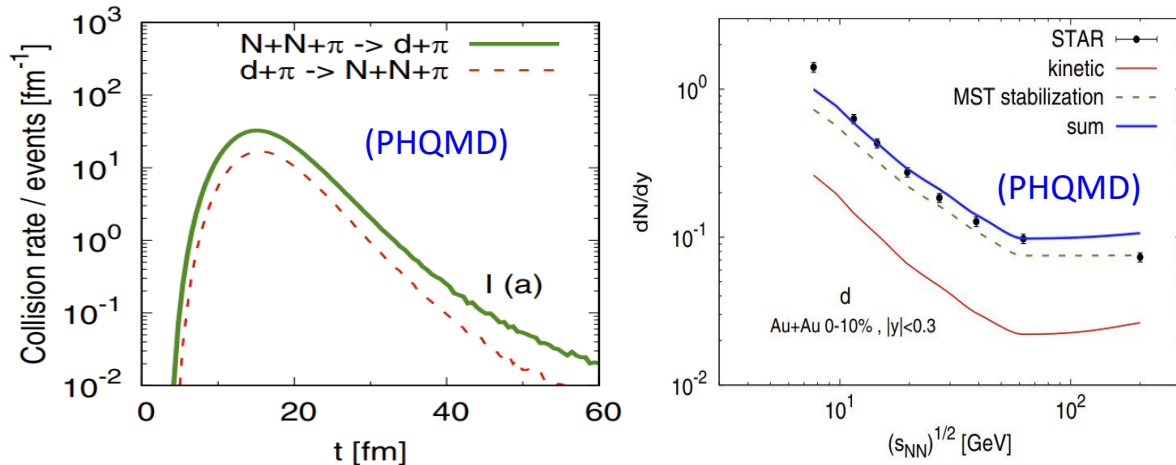


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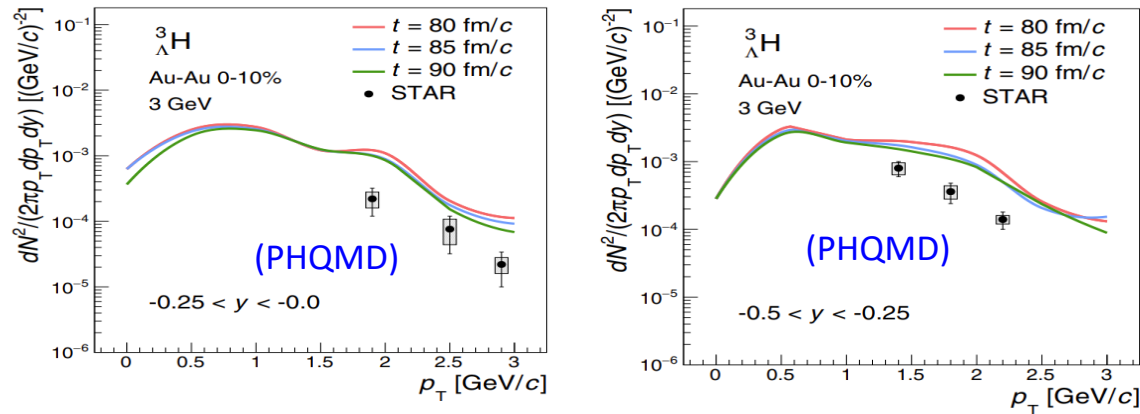
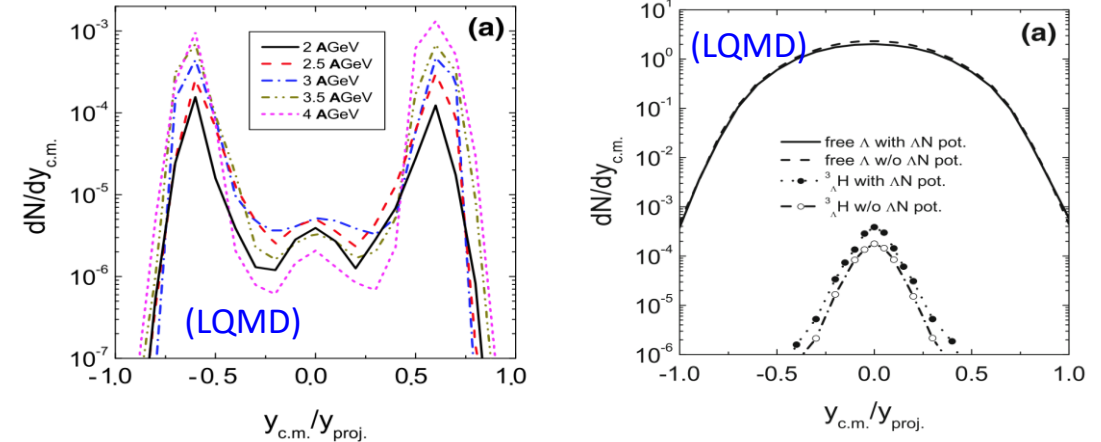
Kai-Jia Sun et al, arXiv:2207.12532 (2022)

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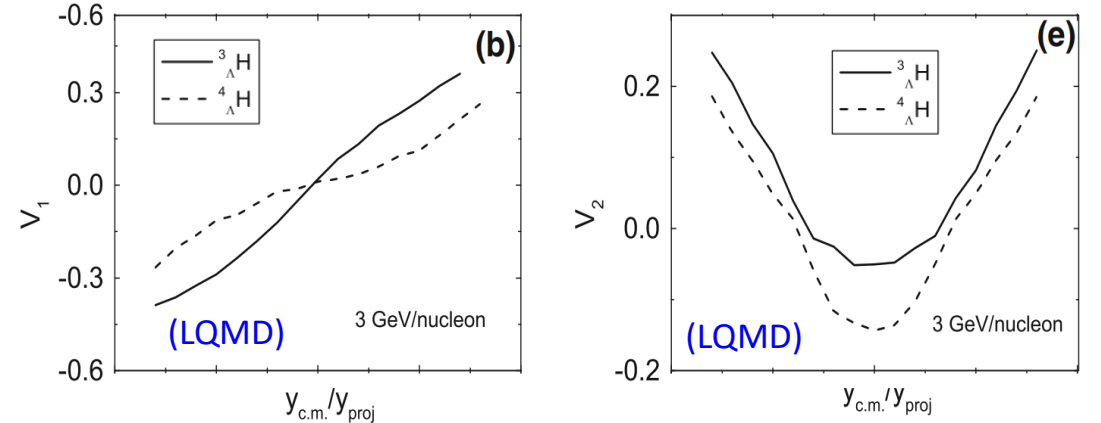
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Zhao-Qing Feng, Eur. Phys. J. A (2021) 57



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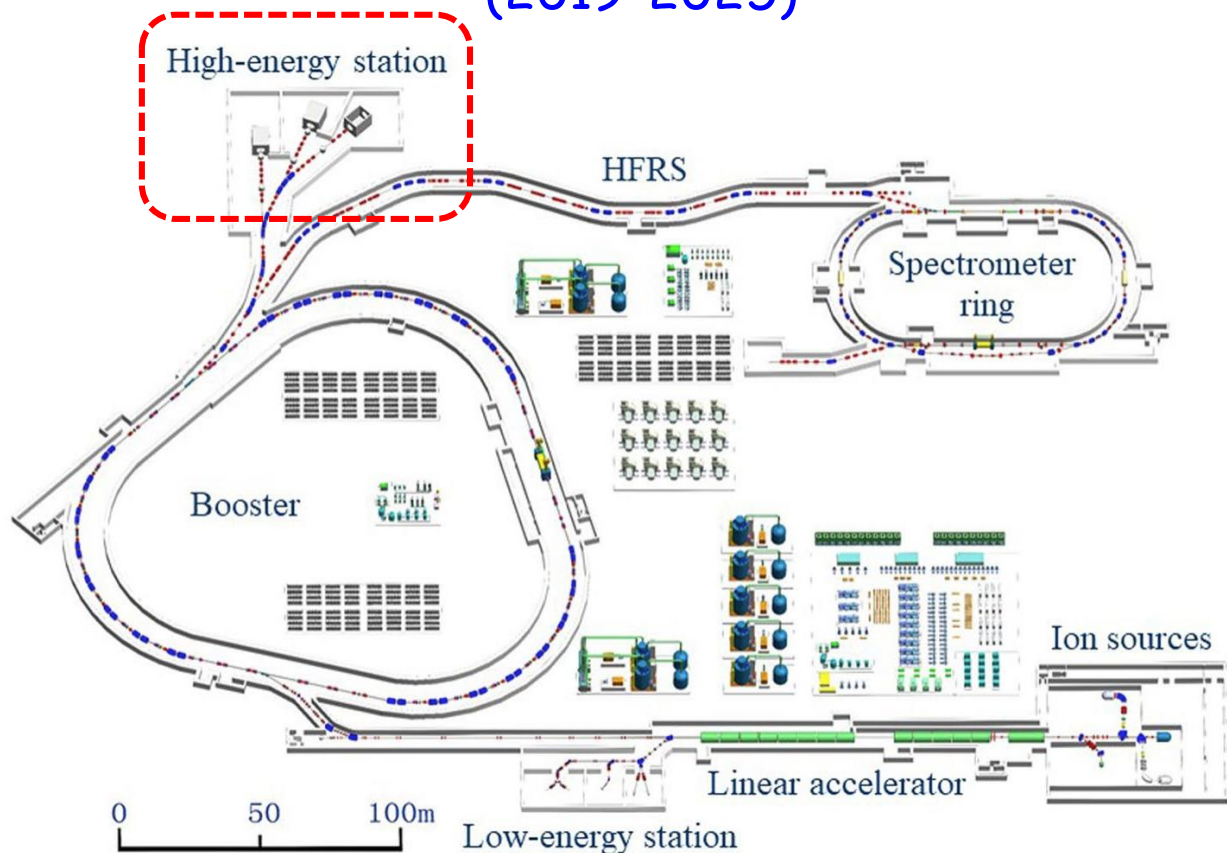


In dynamic formation scenario, hyper-nuclei collective flow and production may take the information of in-medium  $YN$  interaction



# 5. Hypernuclei opportunity at HIAF

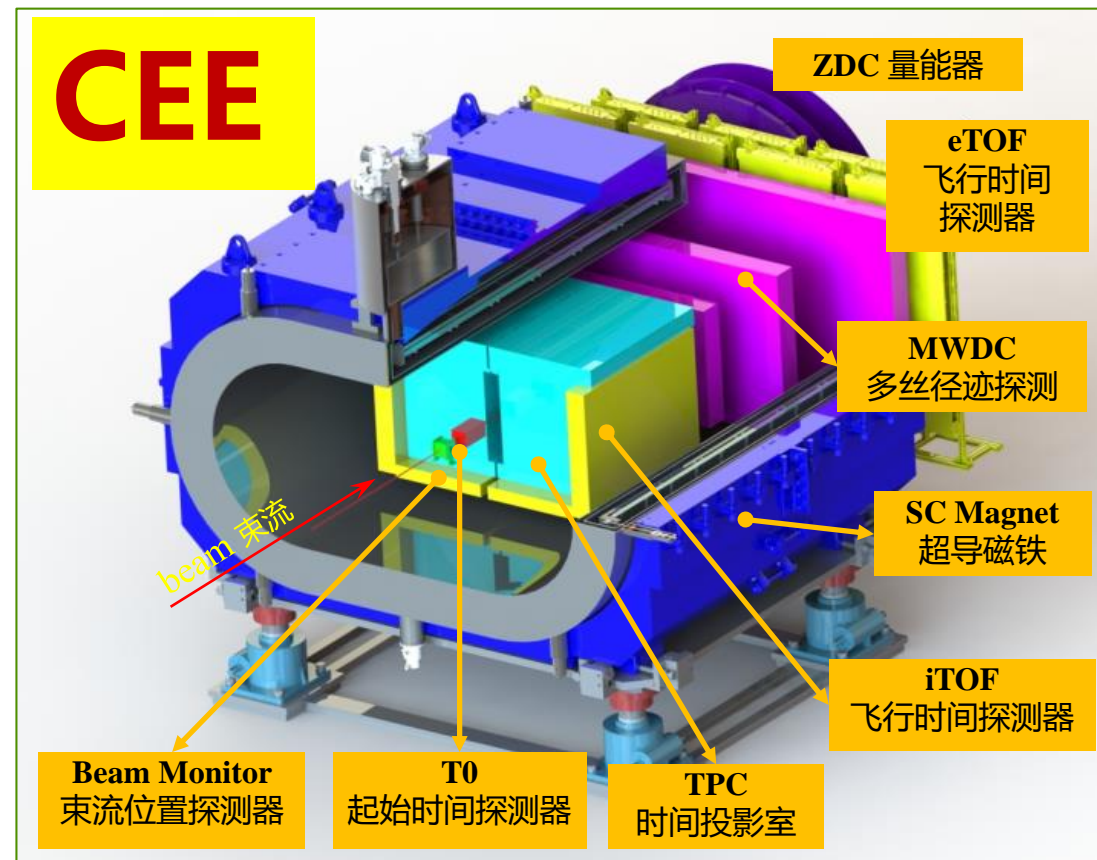
High Intensity Heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF)  
(2019-2025)



Heavy-ion:  $\sim 4.2 \text{ GeV/u}$  ( $\text{U}@2.6 \text{ GeV/u}$ )  
Proton:  $9.3 \text{ GeV}$

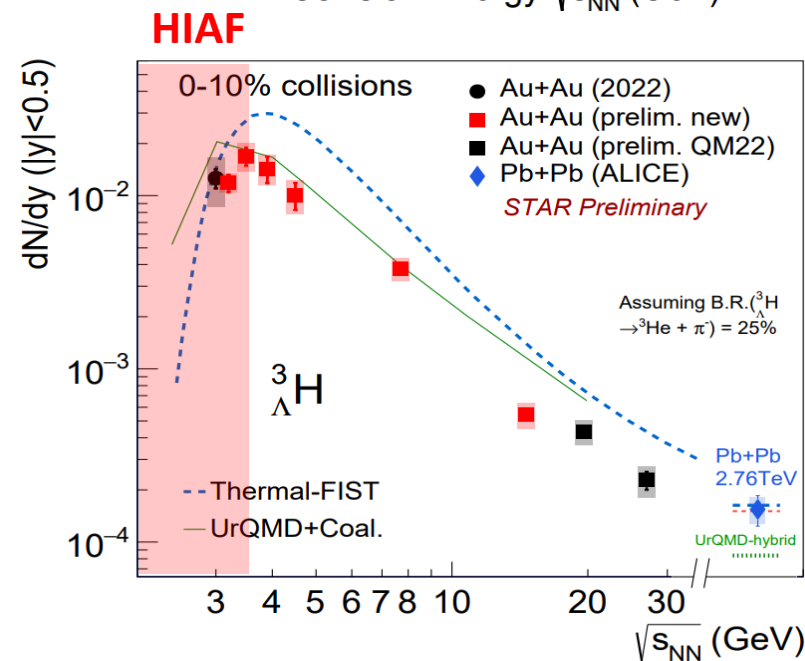
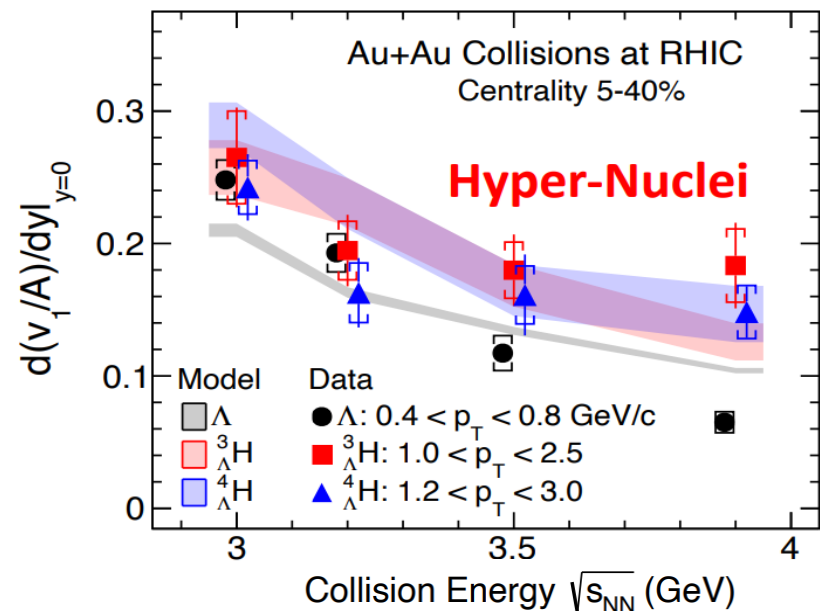
Zhou et al. AAPS Bulletin (2022) 32

CSR-External target Experiment (CEE)  
(2020-2024)



# 总结

- 高能重离子碰撞中的超核产生和集体运动或是研究核介质依赖YN相互作用的独特手段；
- 基于STAR实验，在3 GeV金-金碰撞中观测到了最大统计量的 ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 和 ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 的数据样本，并完成超核直接流和超核产额提取；超核集体流、产额与碰撞能量依赖(3.0-7.7 GeV)正在进行中；
- HIAF位于超核产生的极大区域是发现新超核（丰质子和丰中子超核）、发现双超子超核、精确测量超核性质等来提取YN和YY的理想场所。



# Thanks for your attention

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