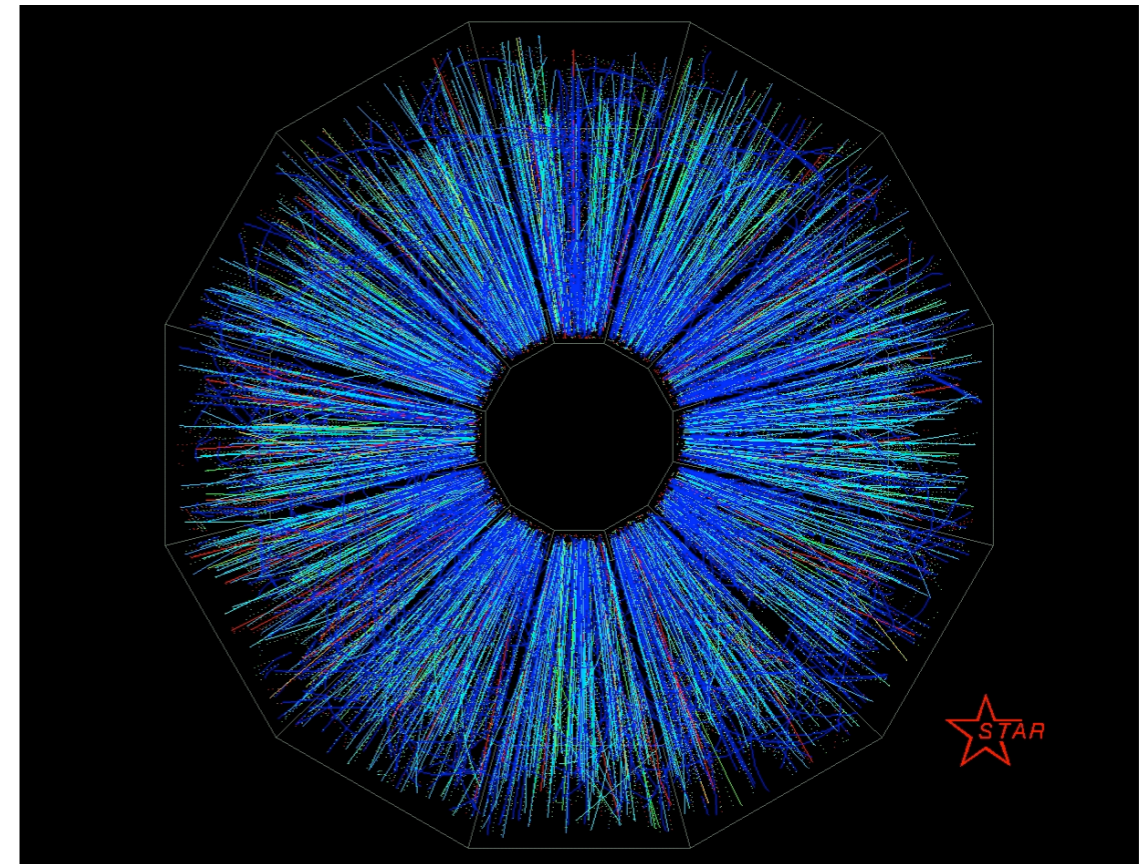


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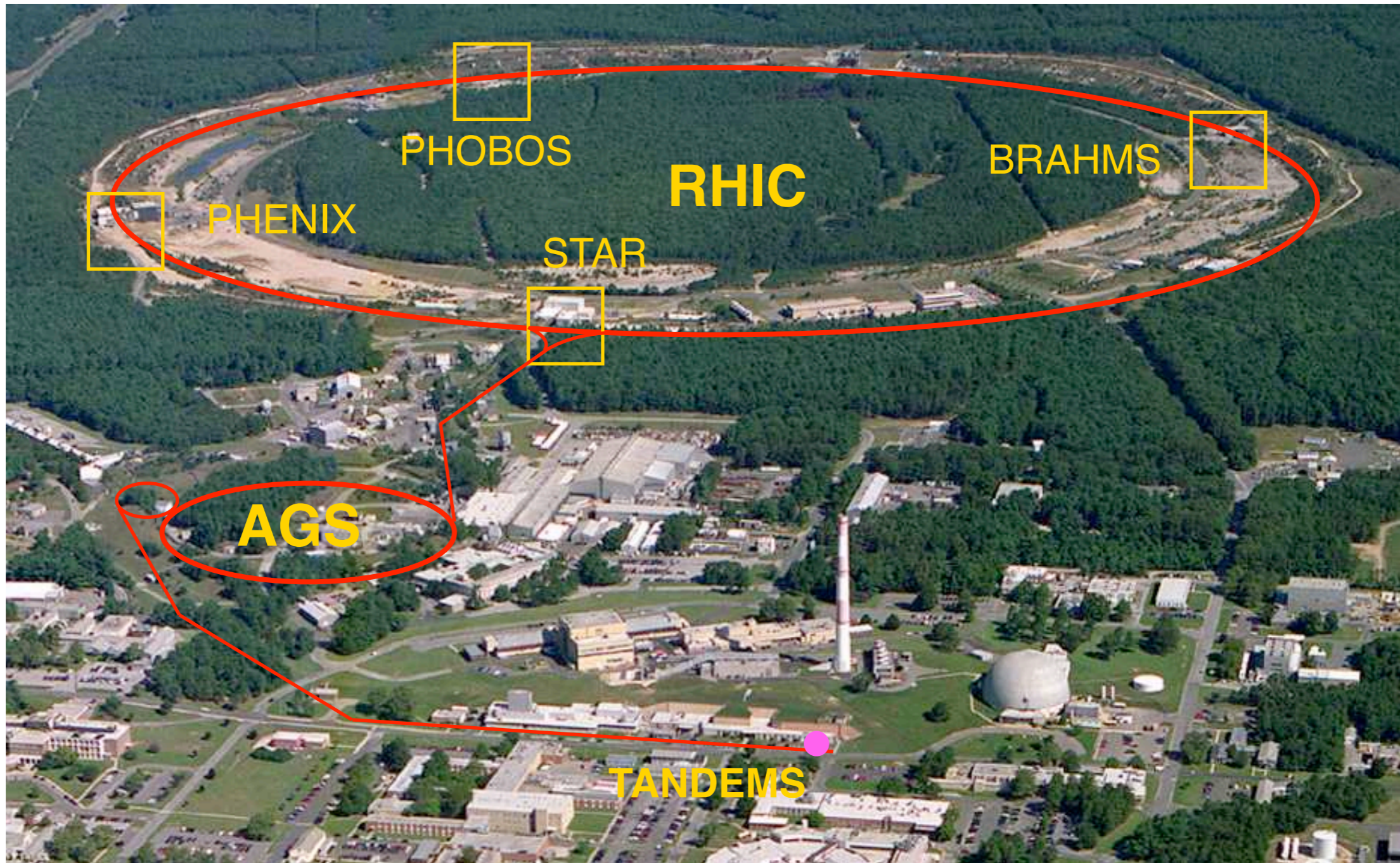
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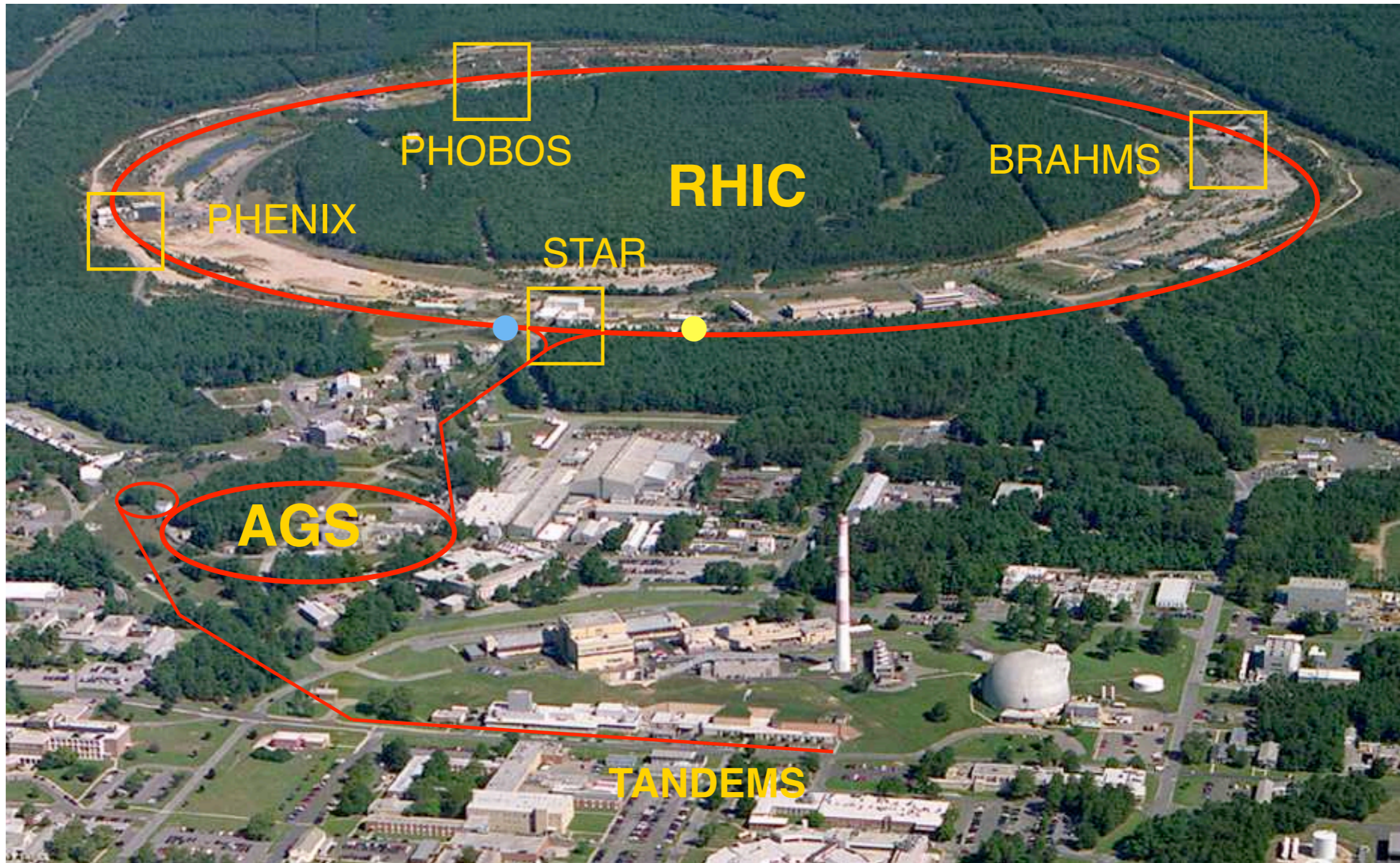


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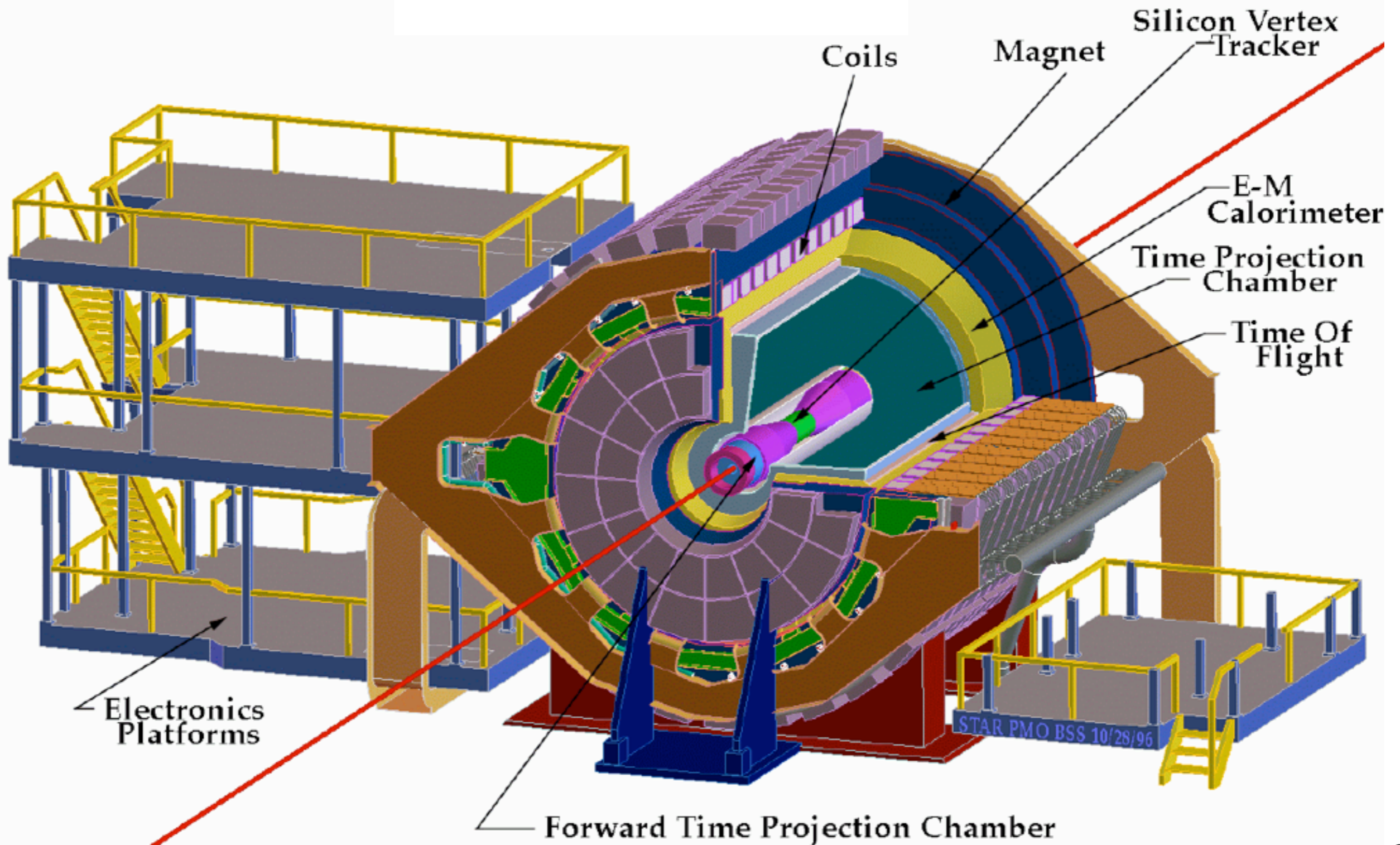
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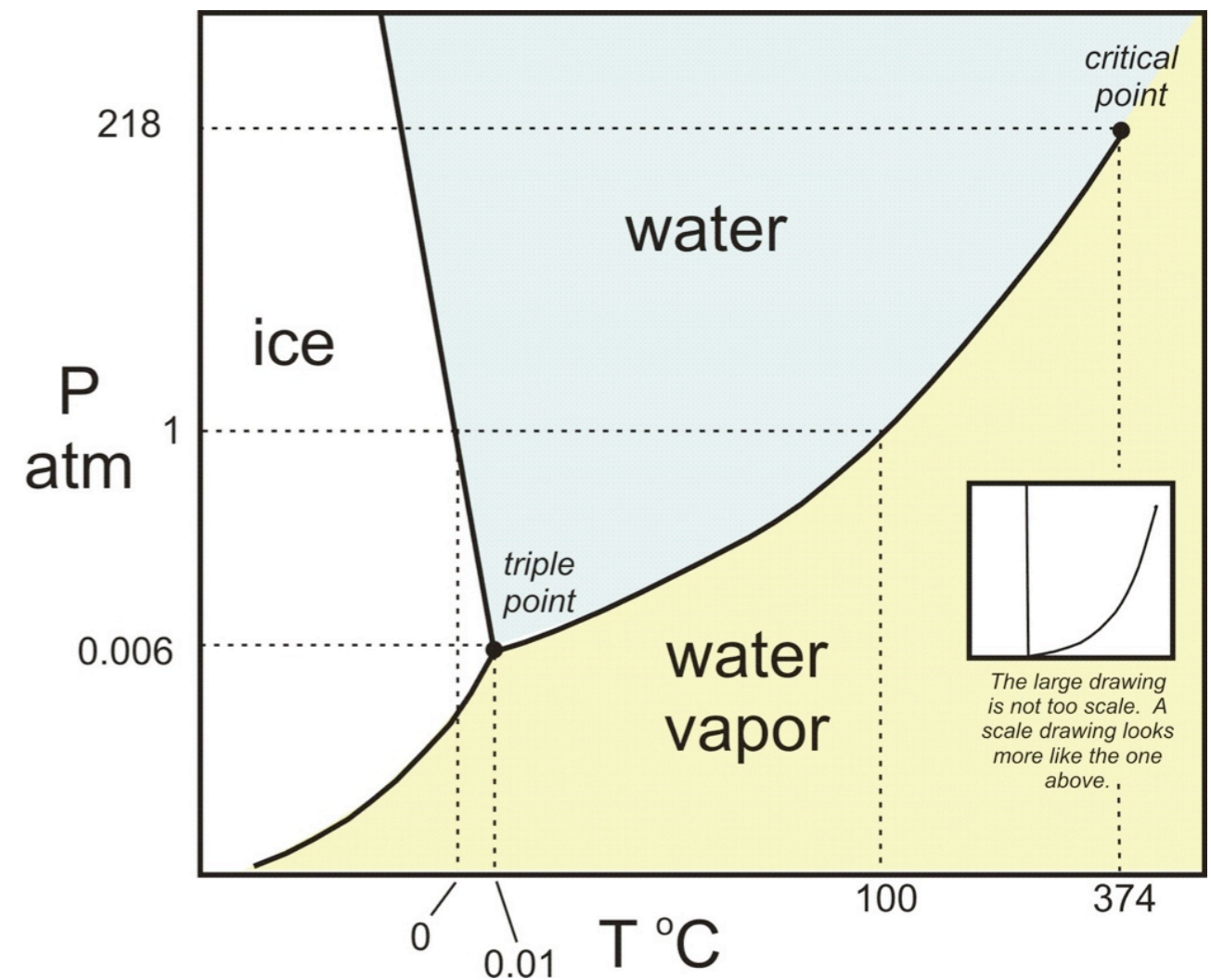
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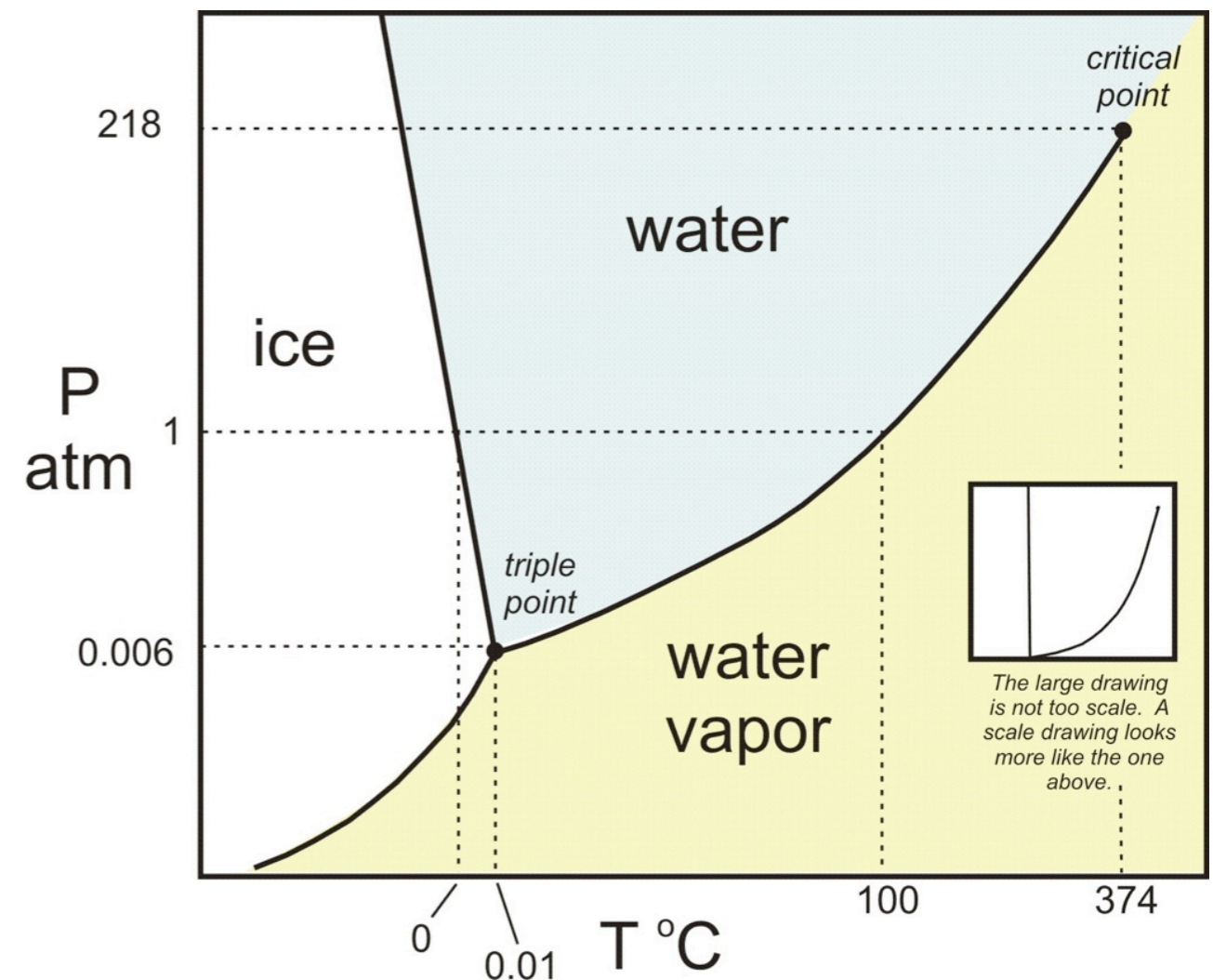


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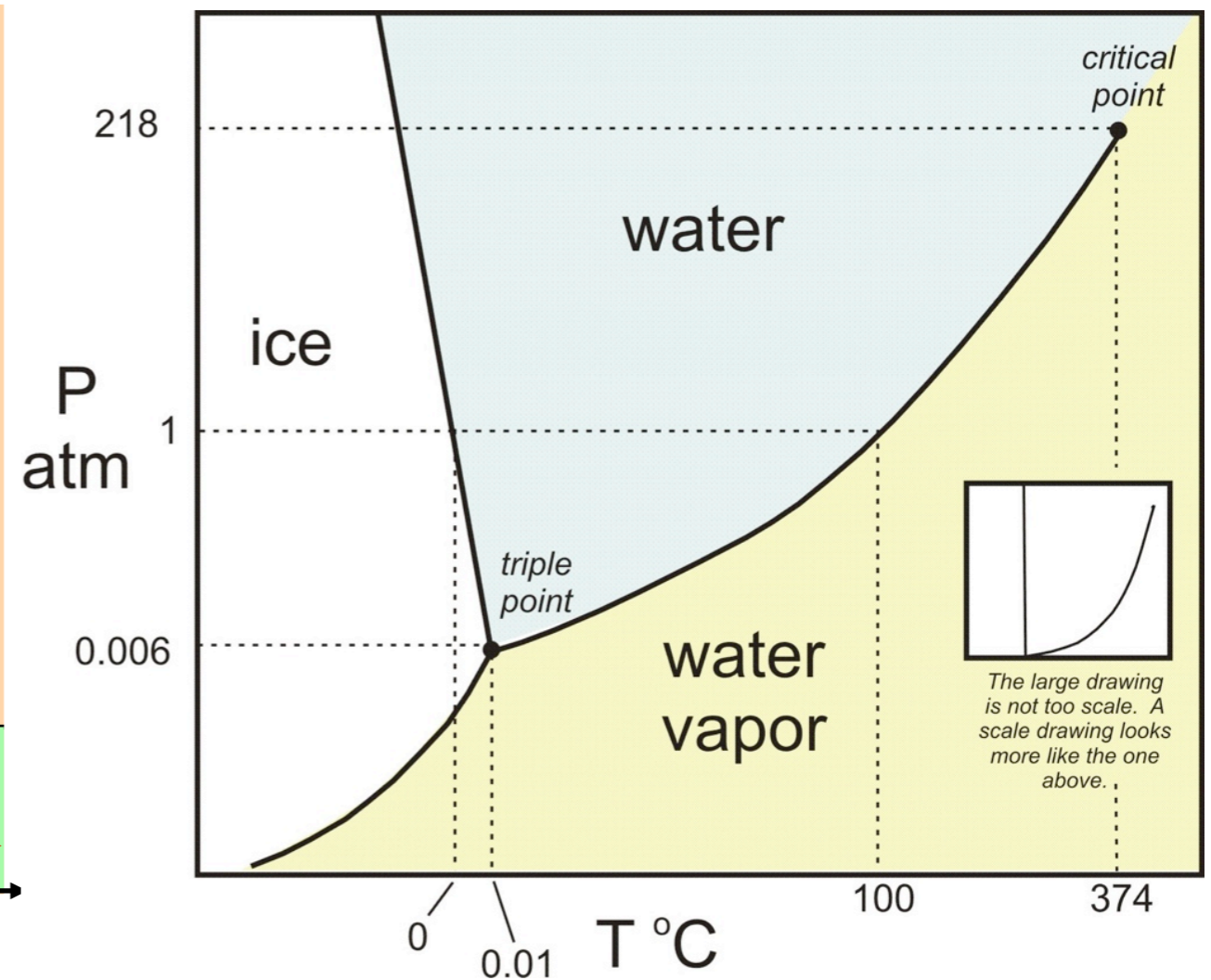
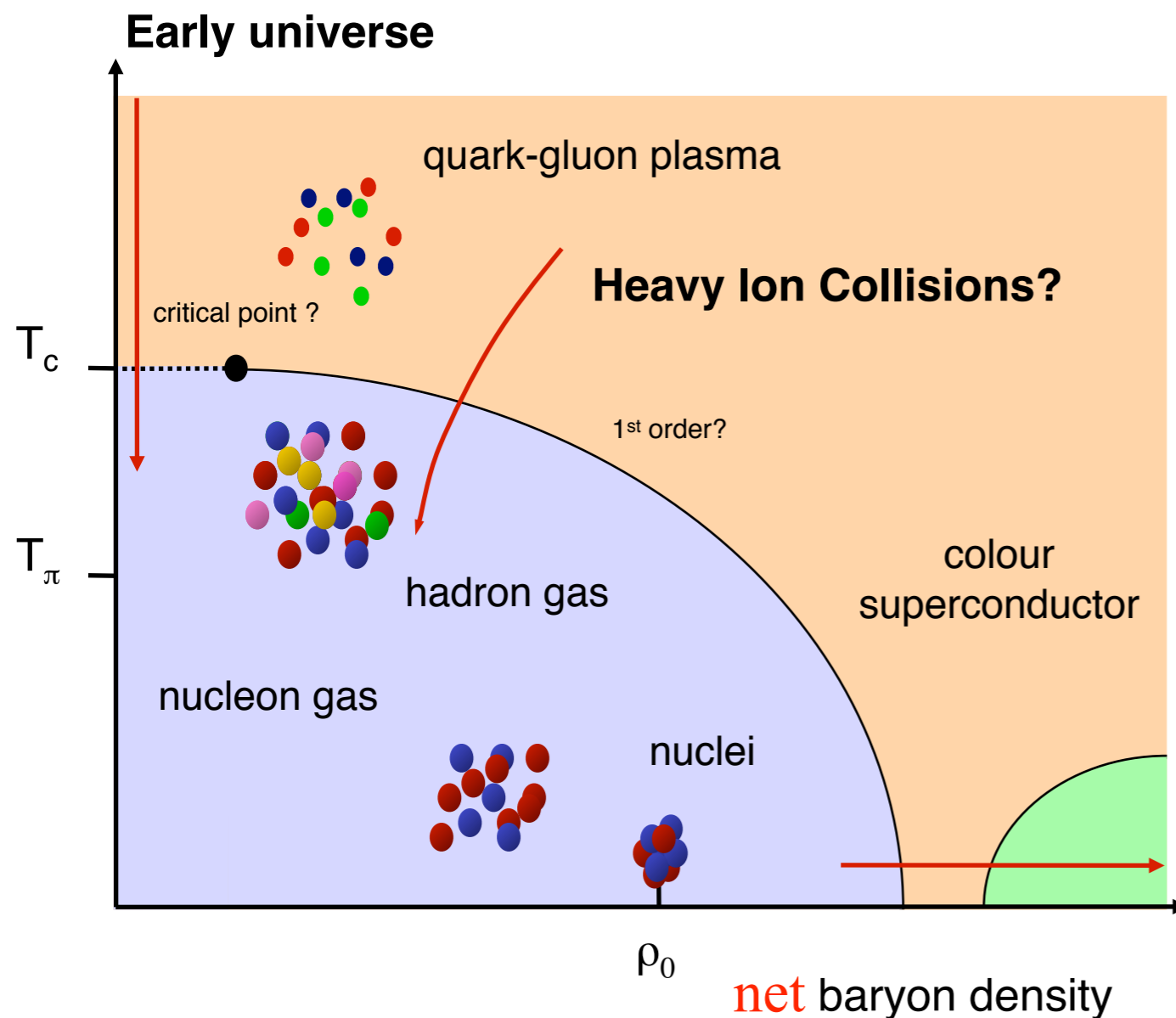
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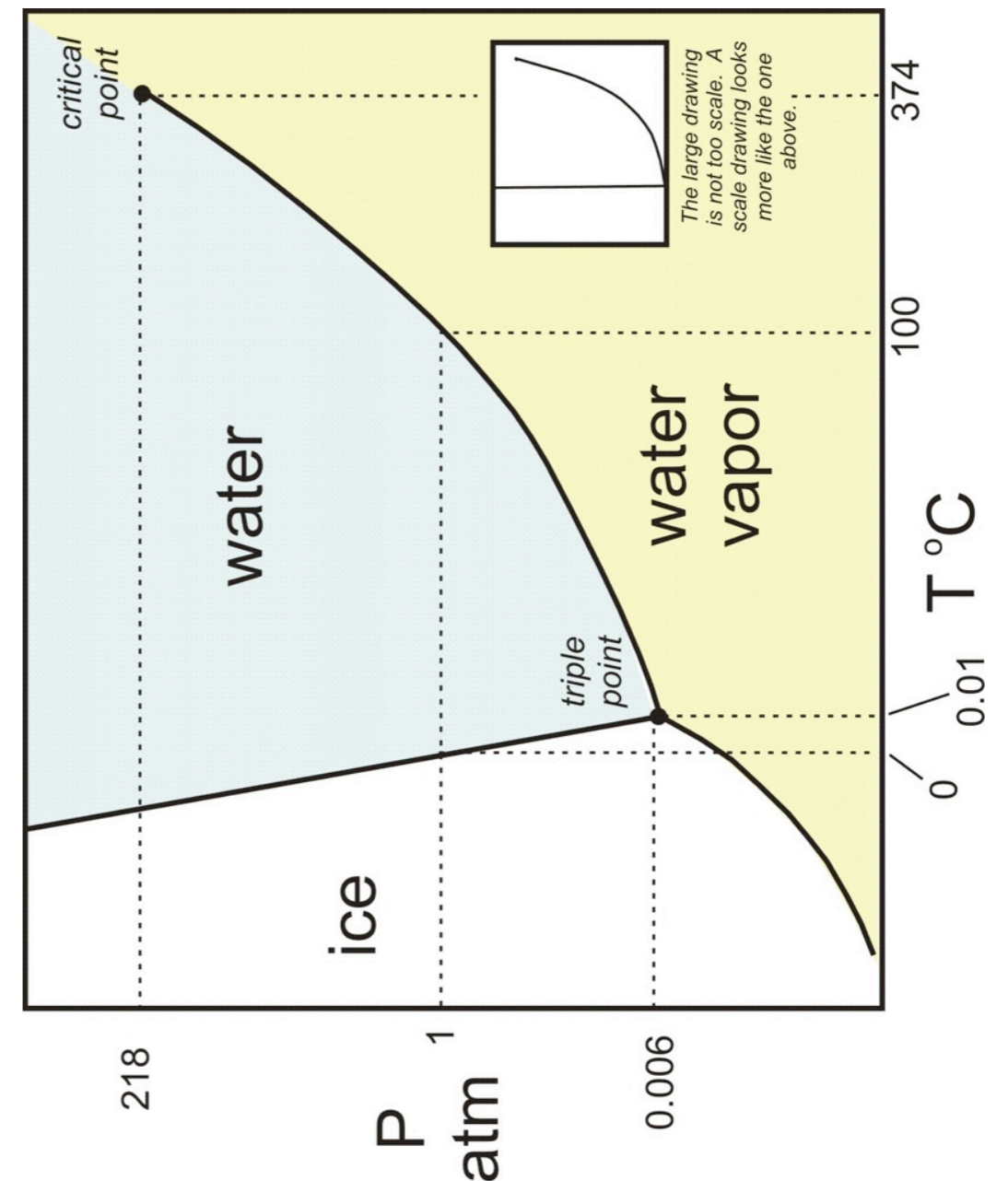
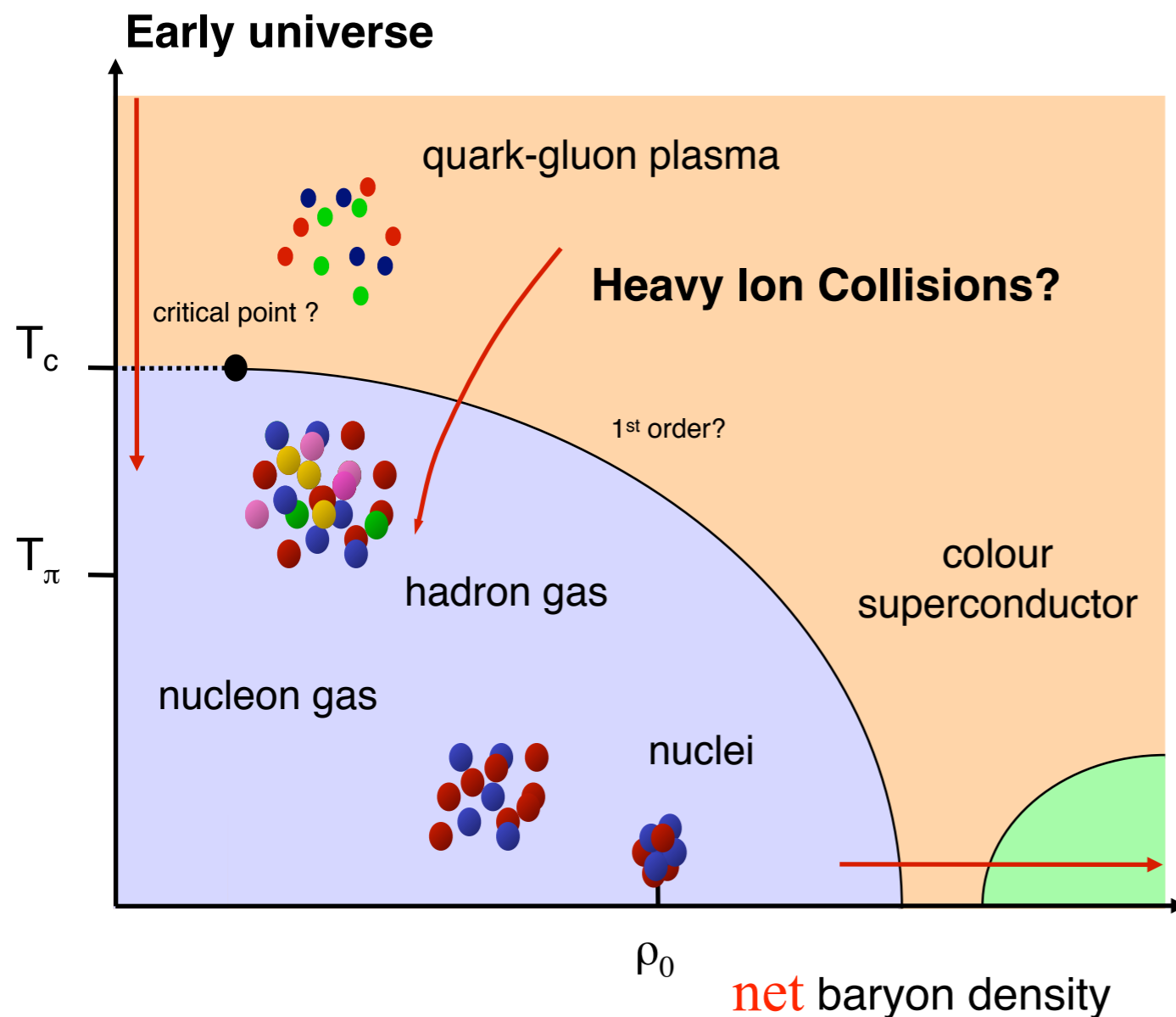
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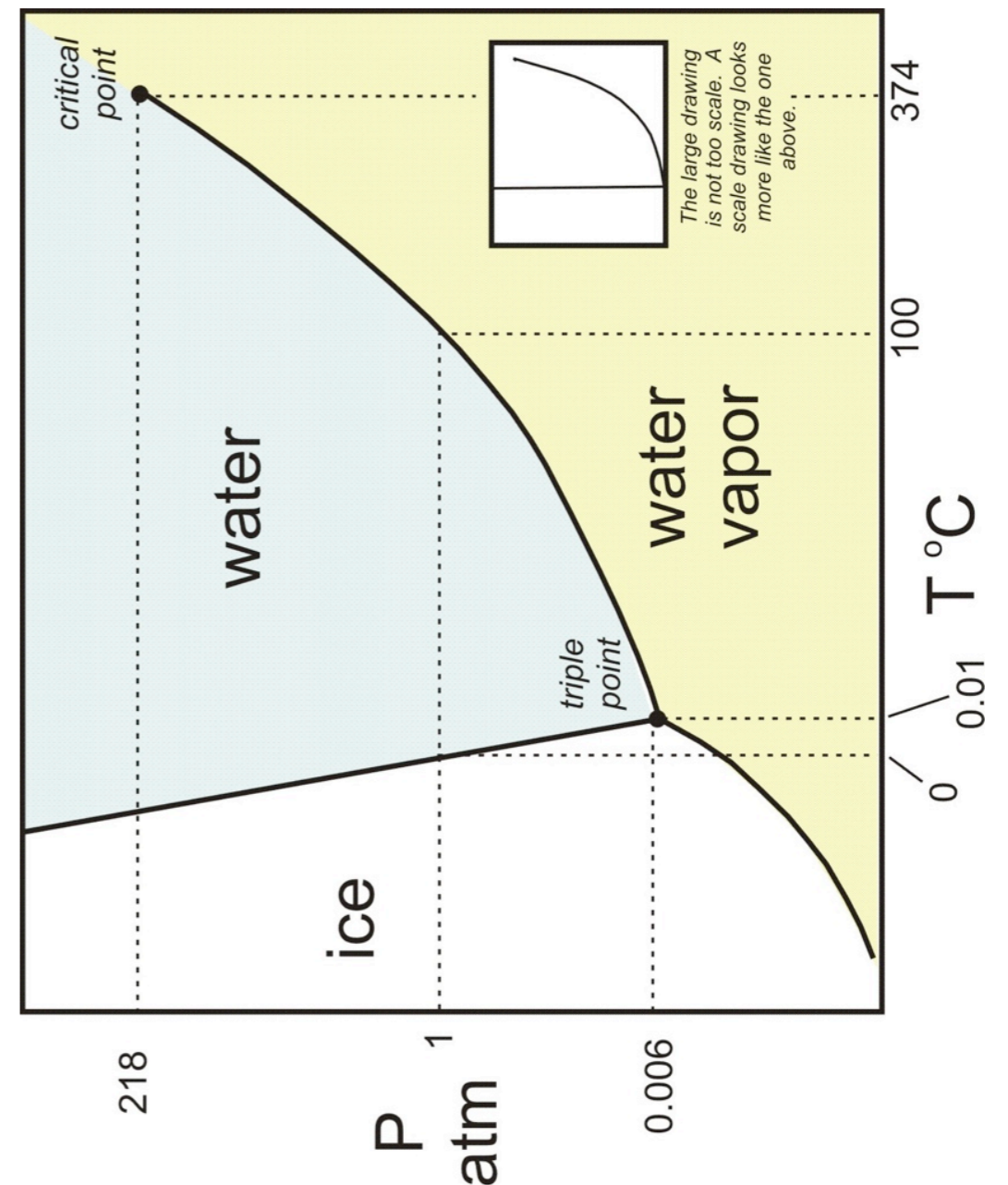
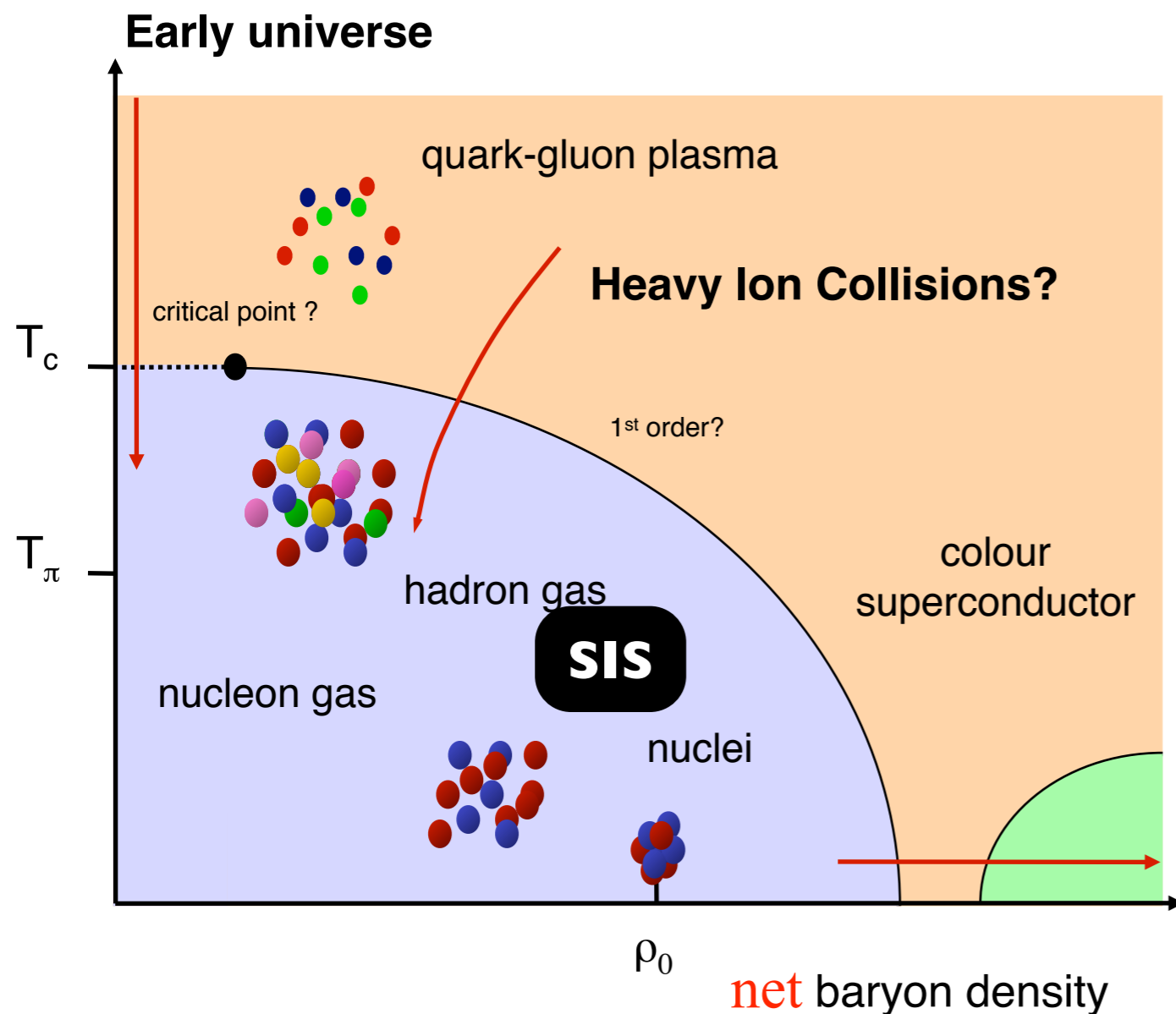
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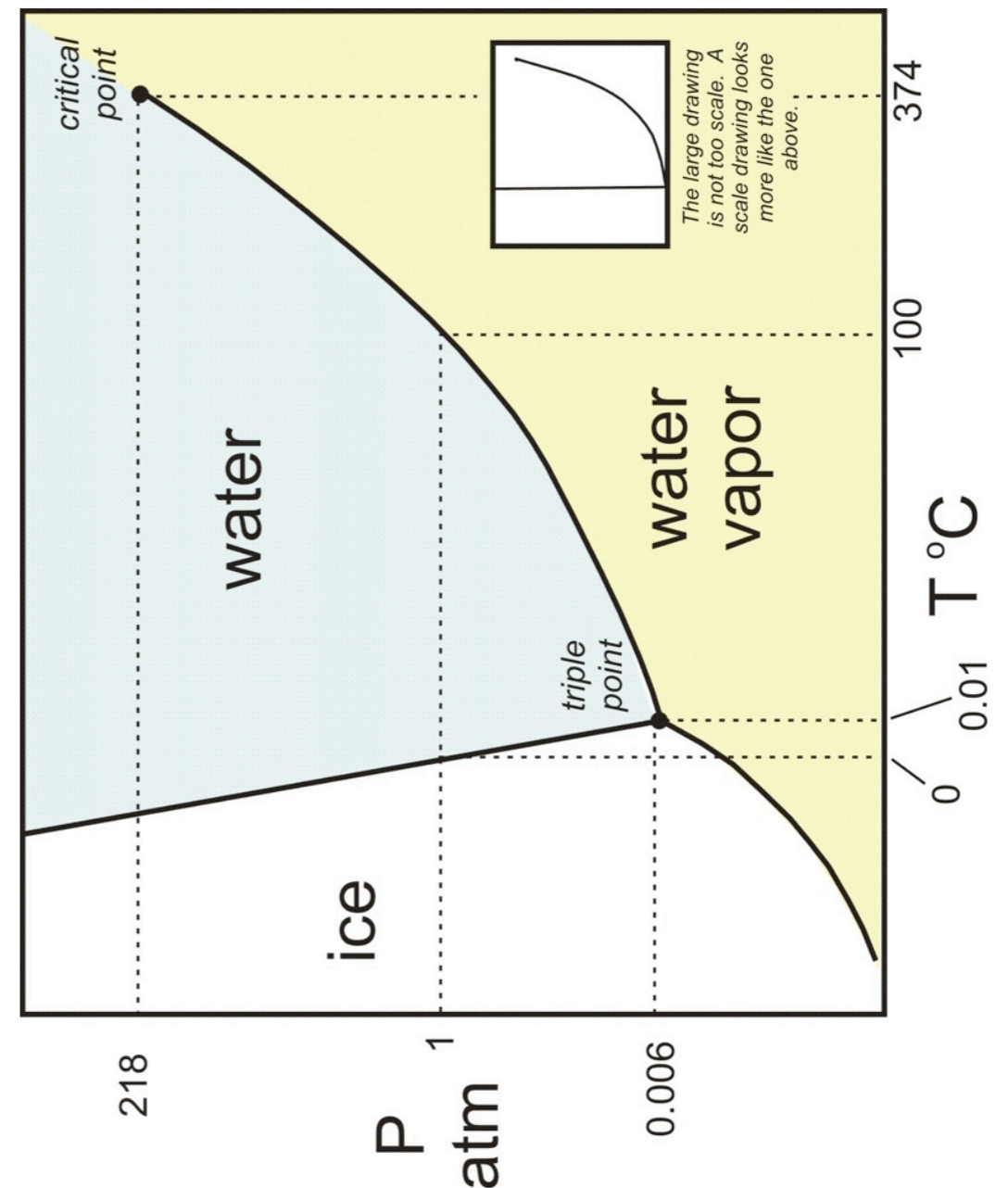
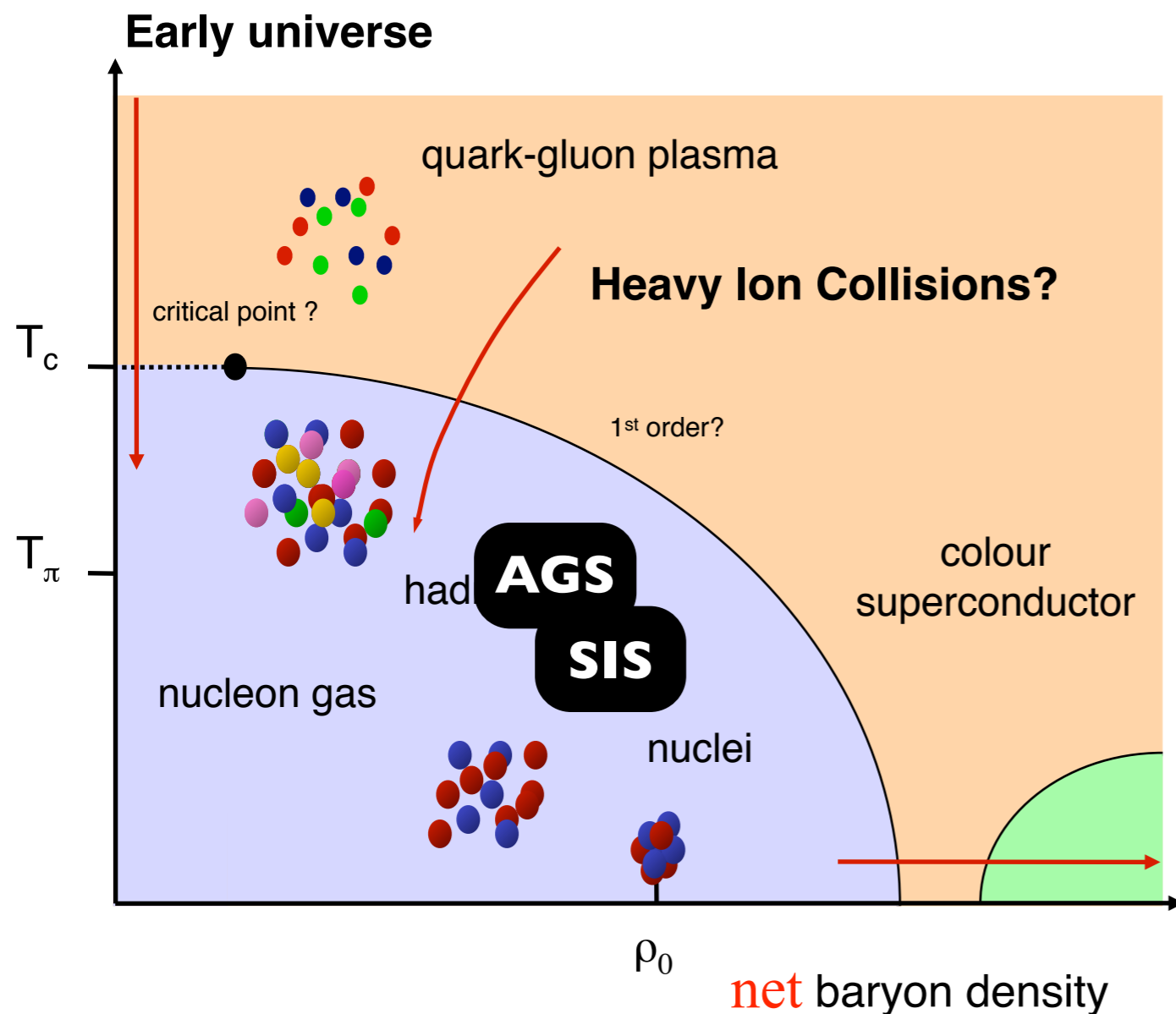
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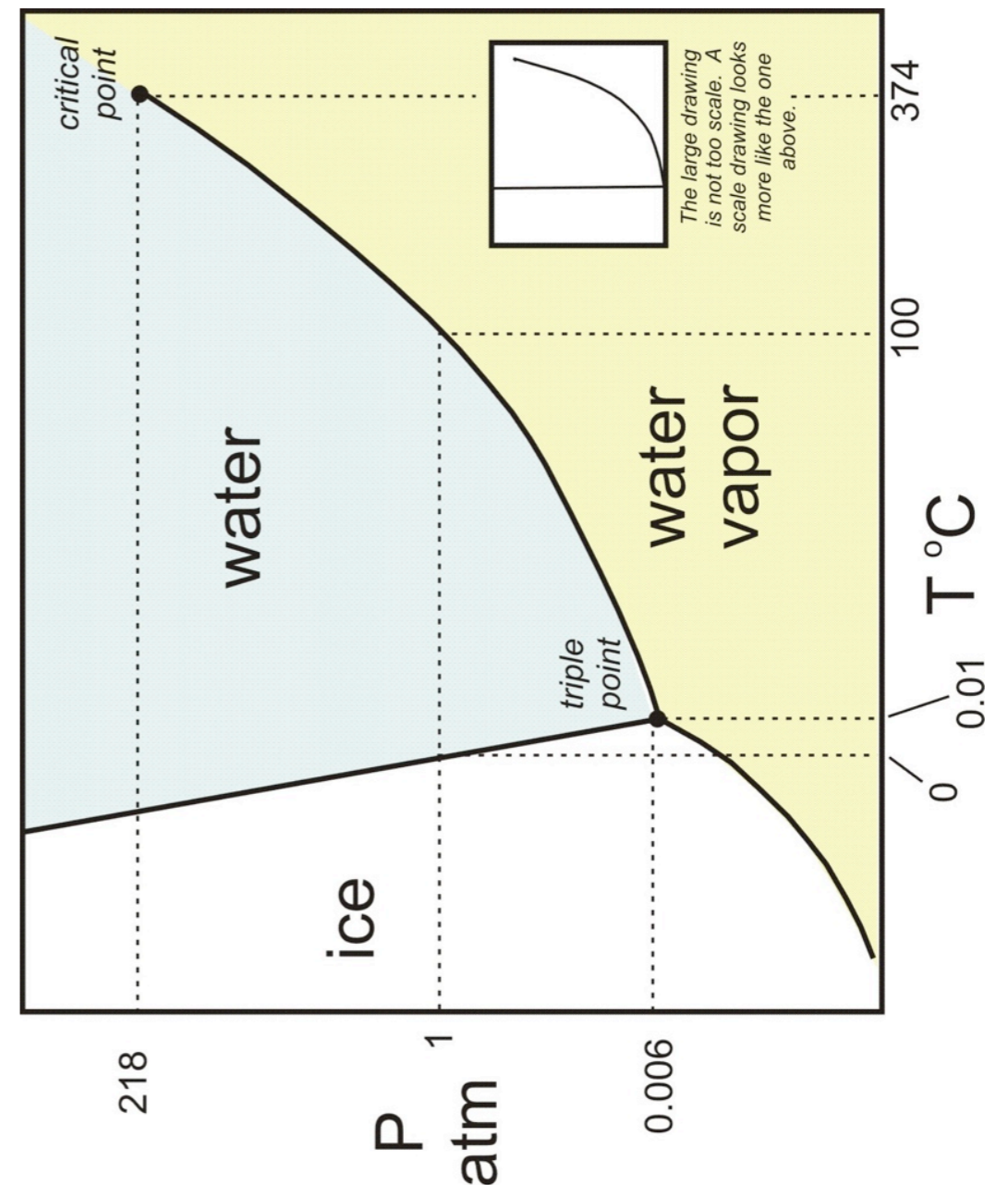
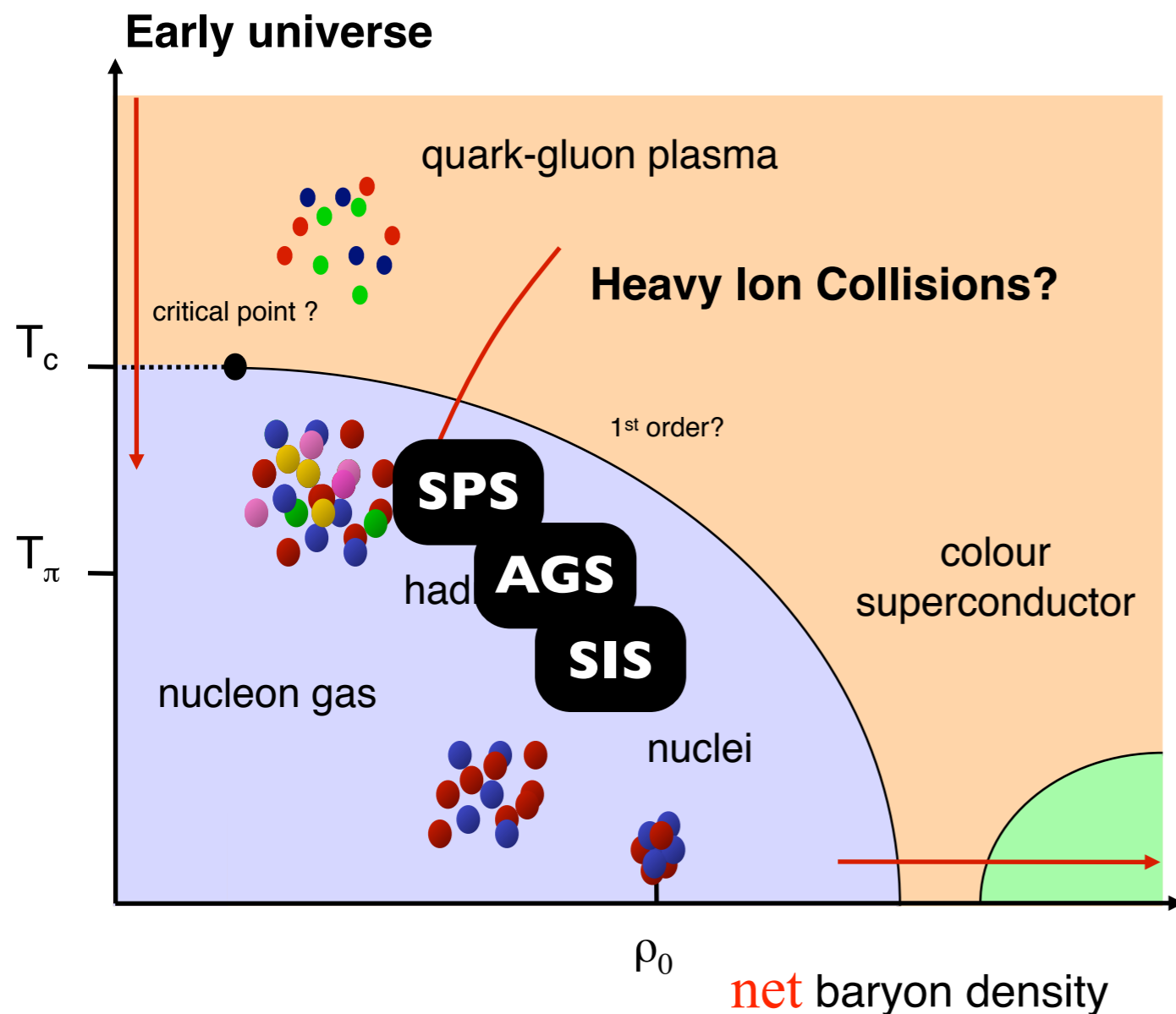
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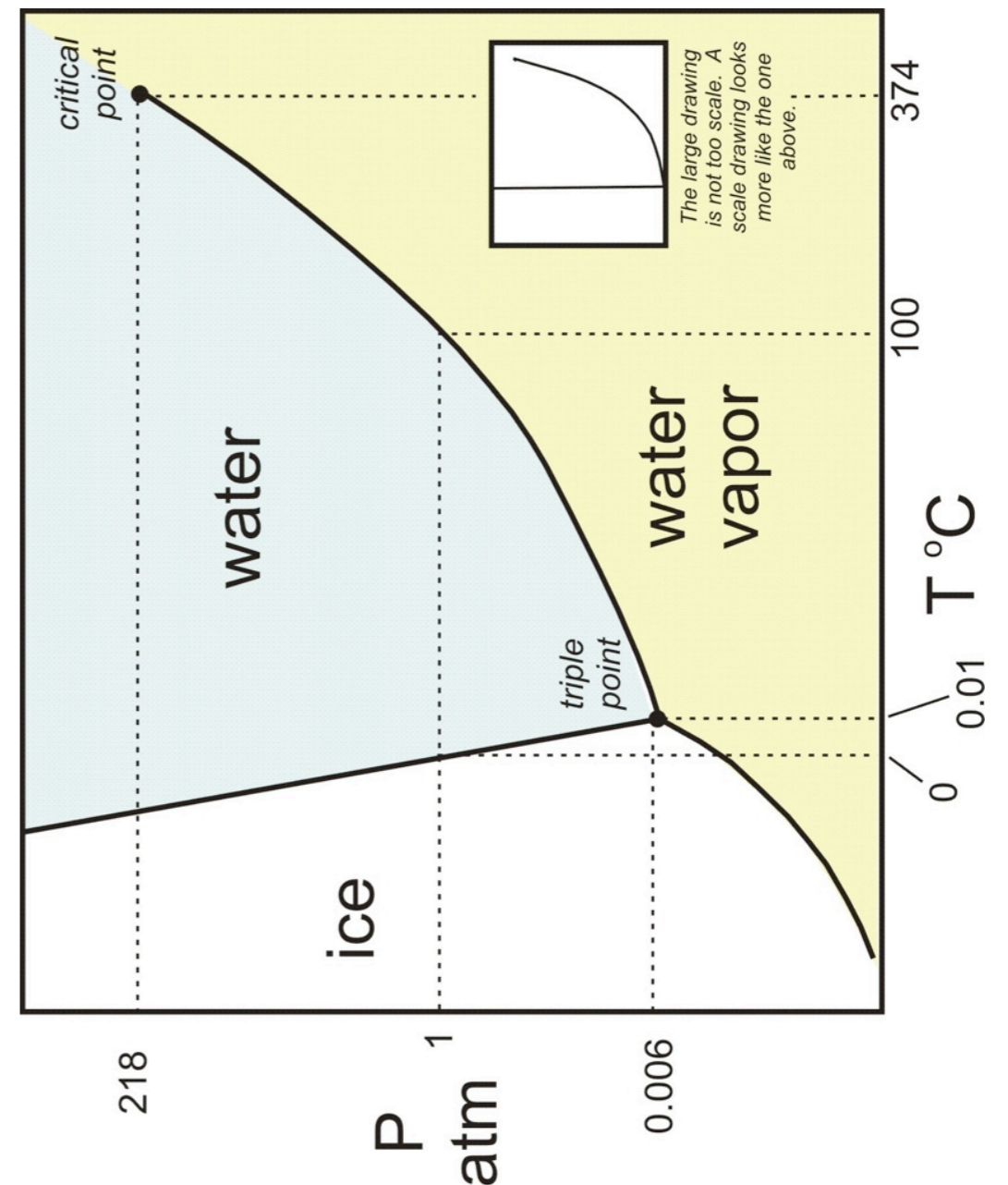
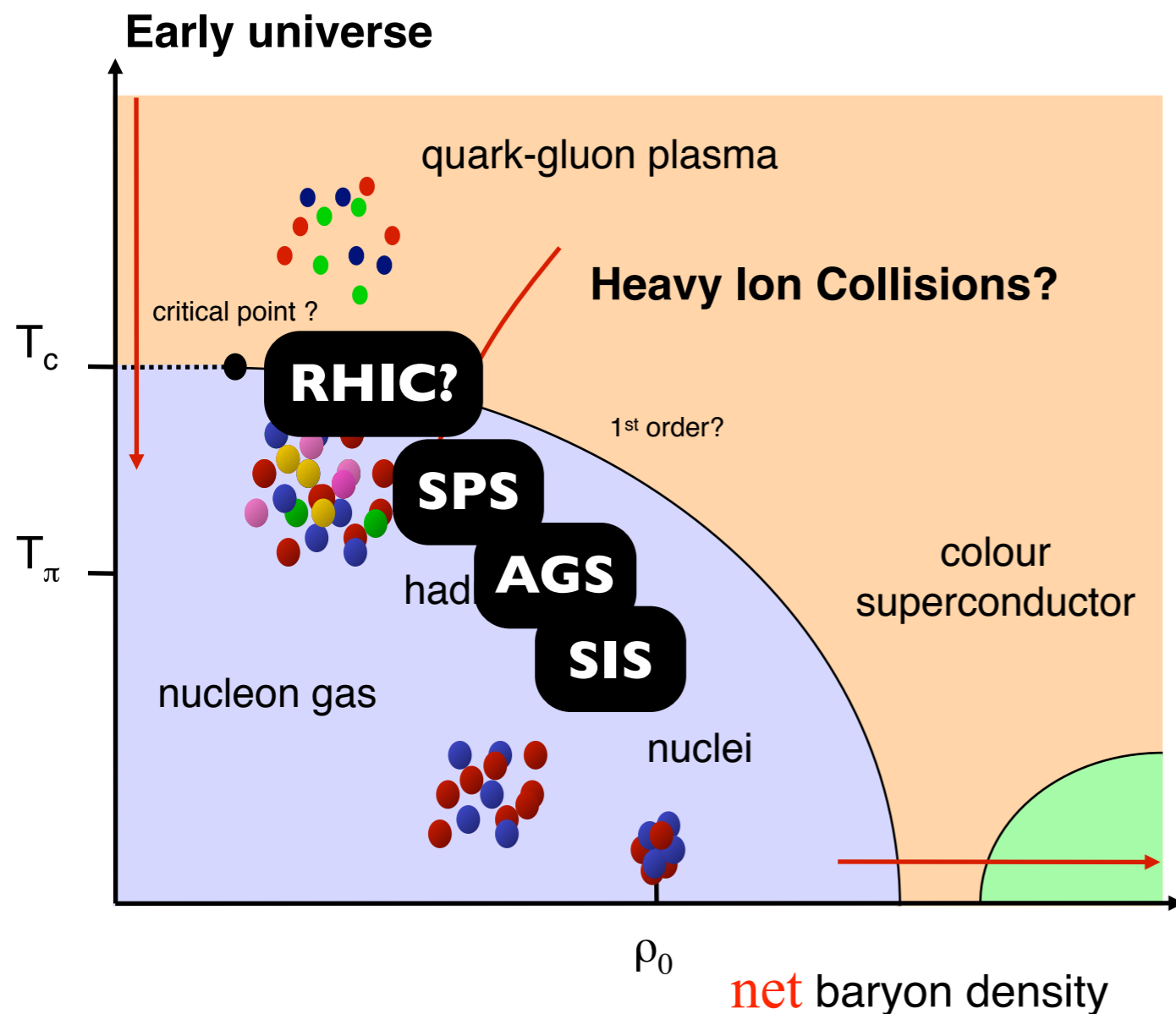
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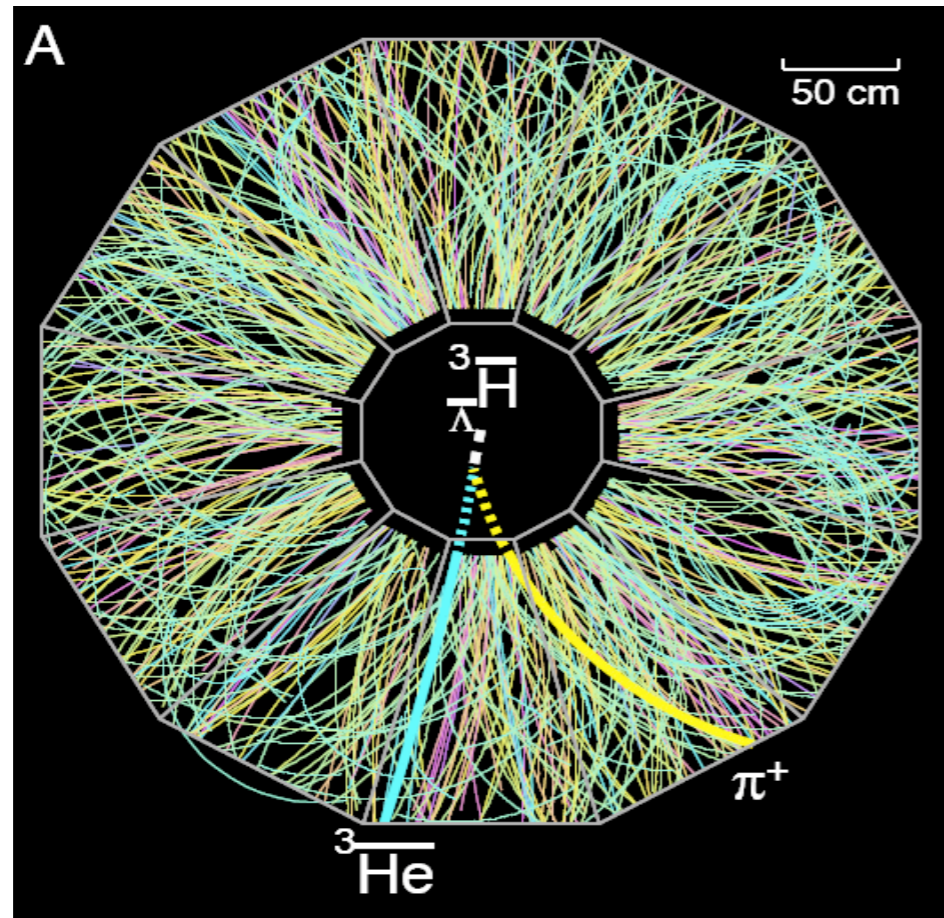
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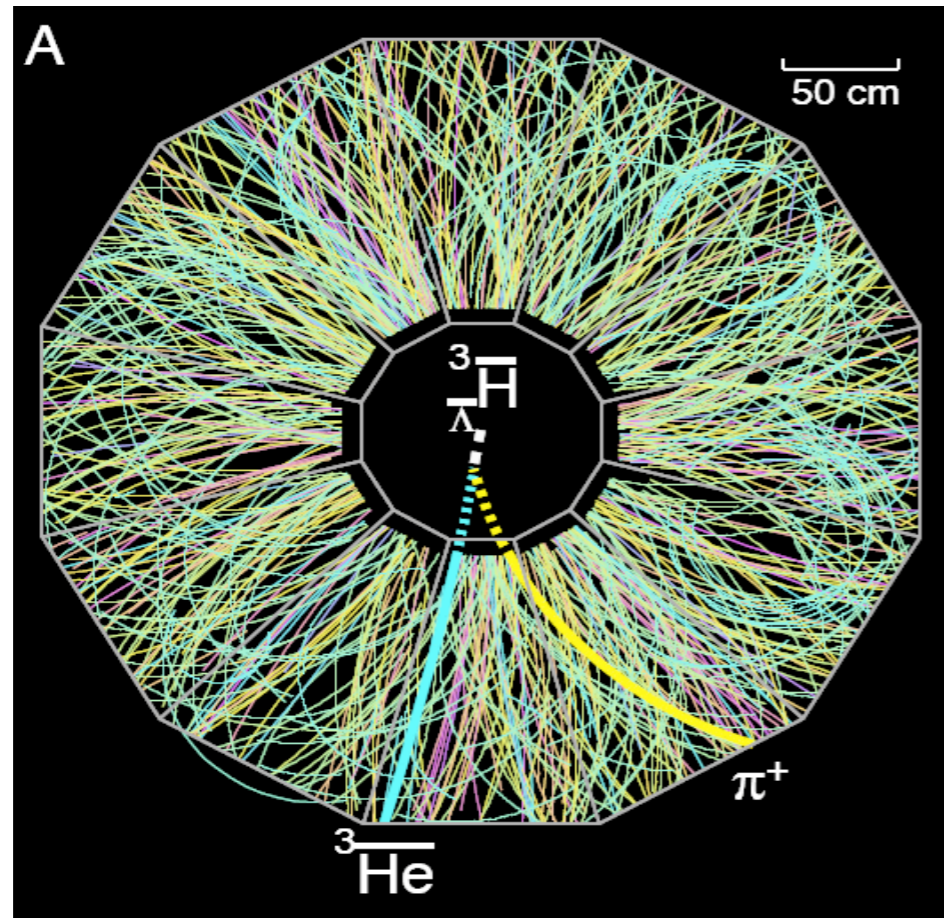


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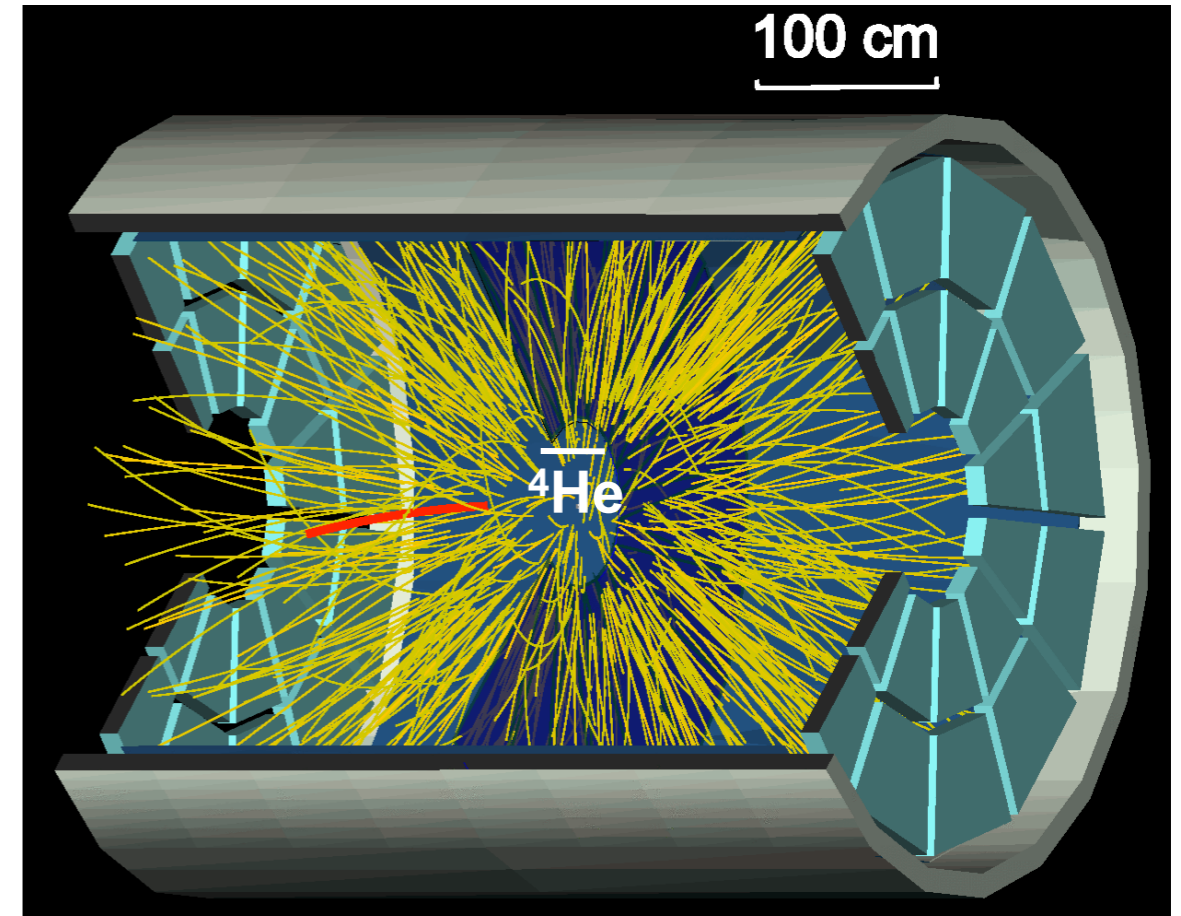
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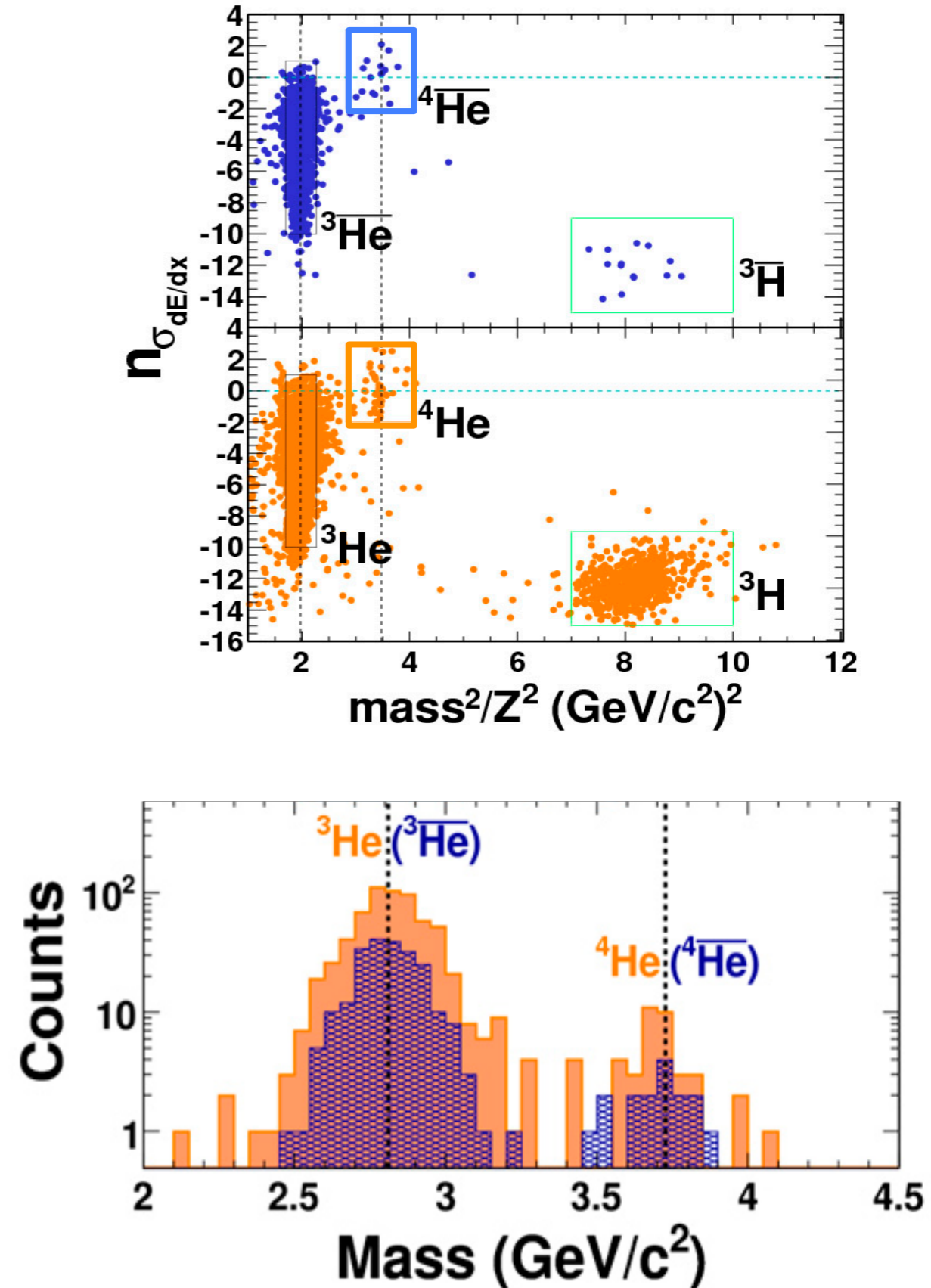
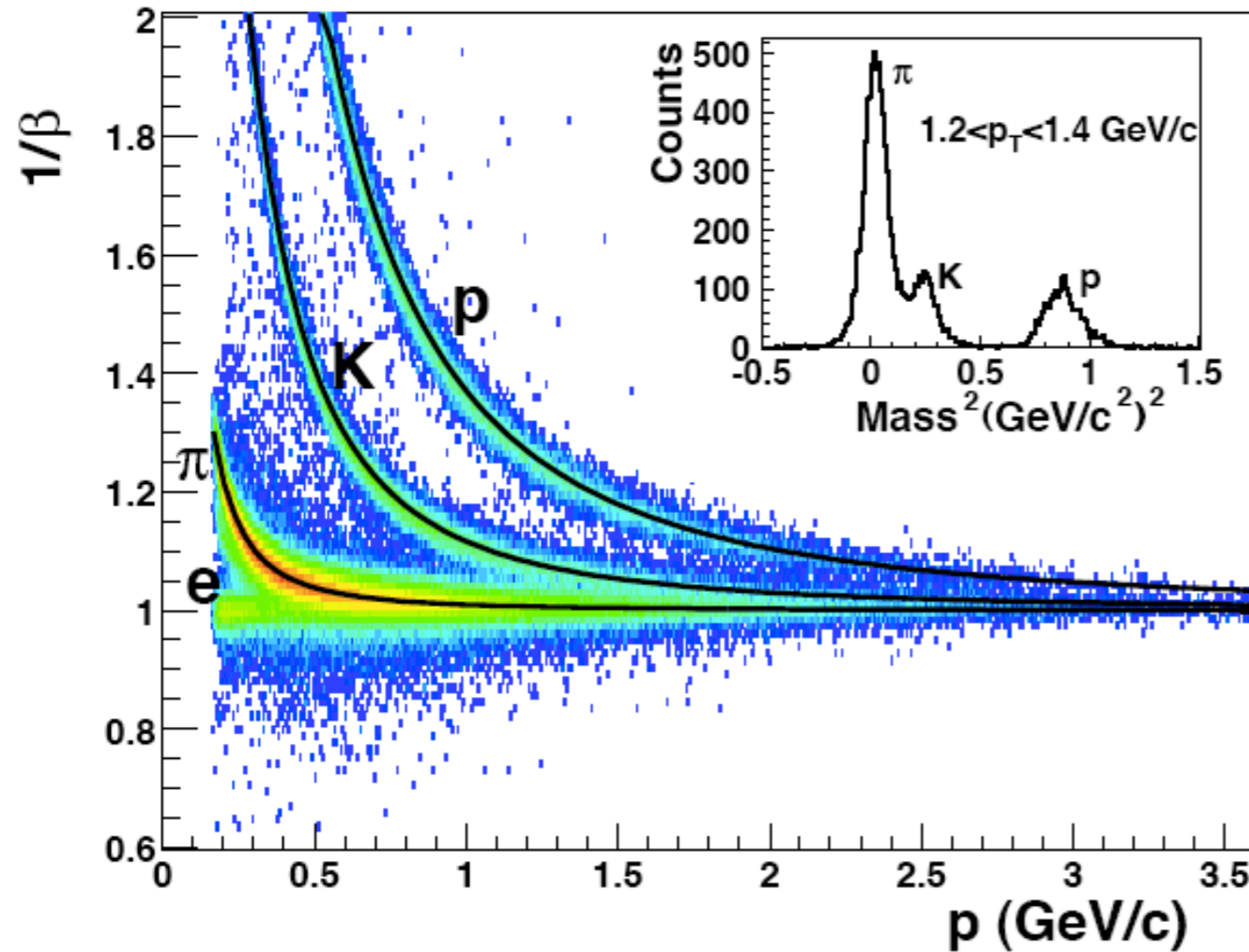


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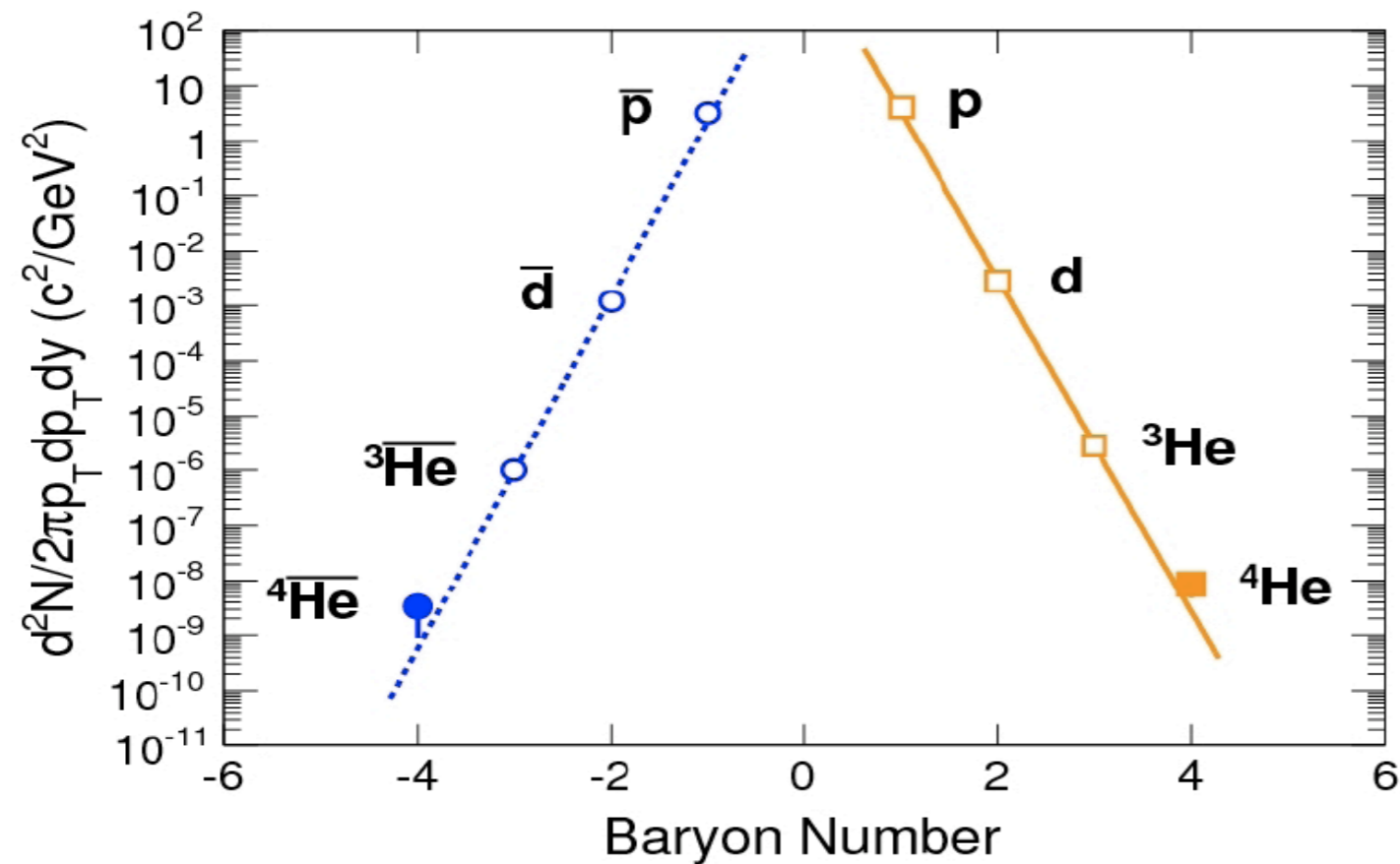
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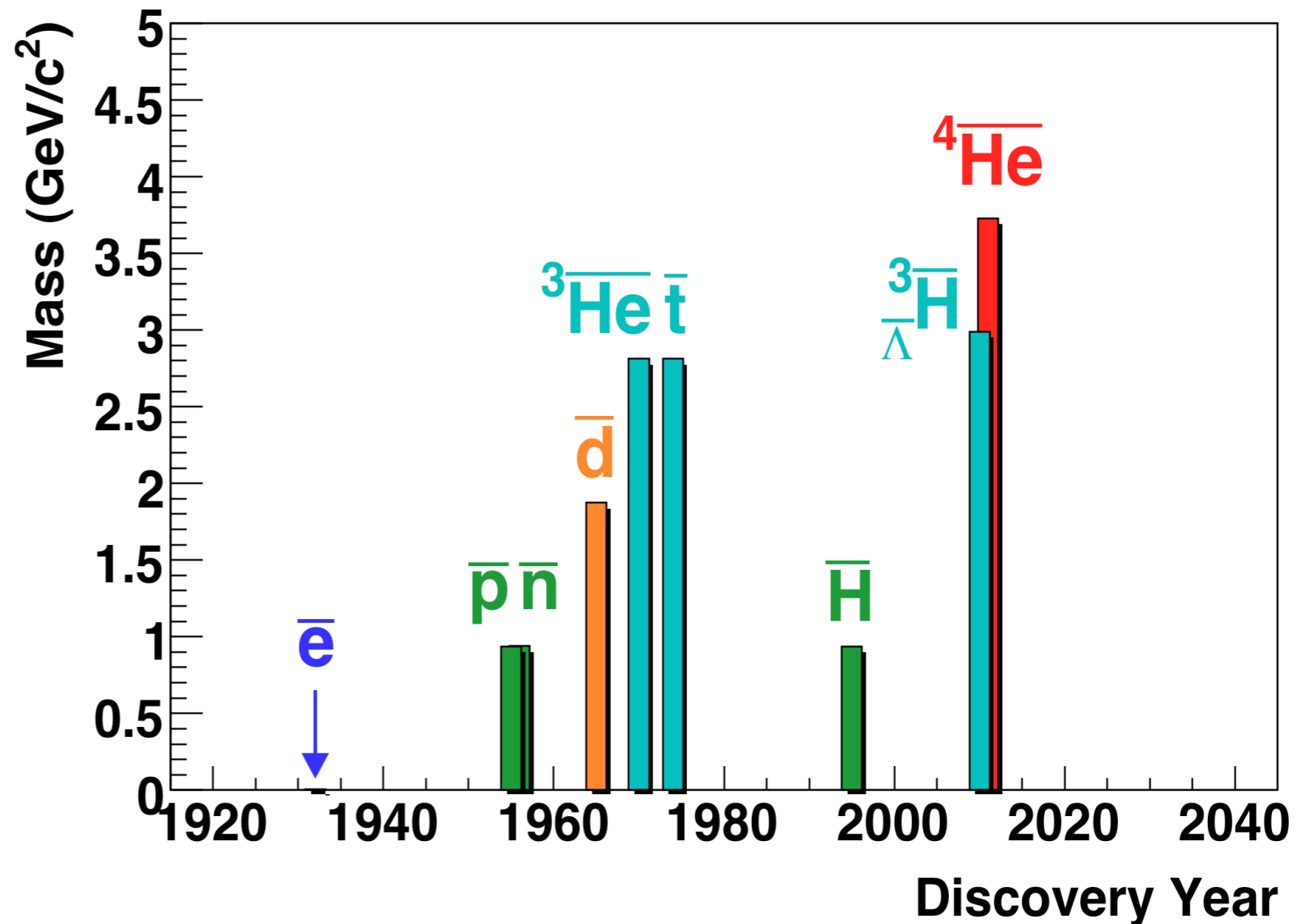
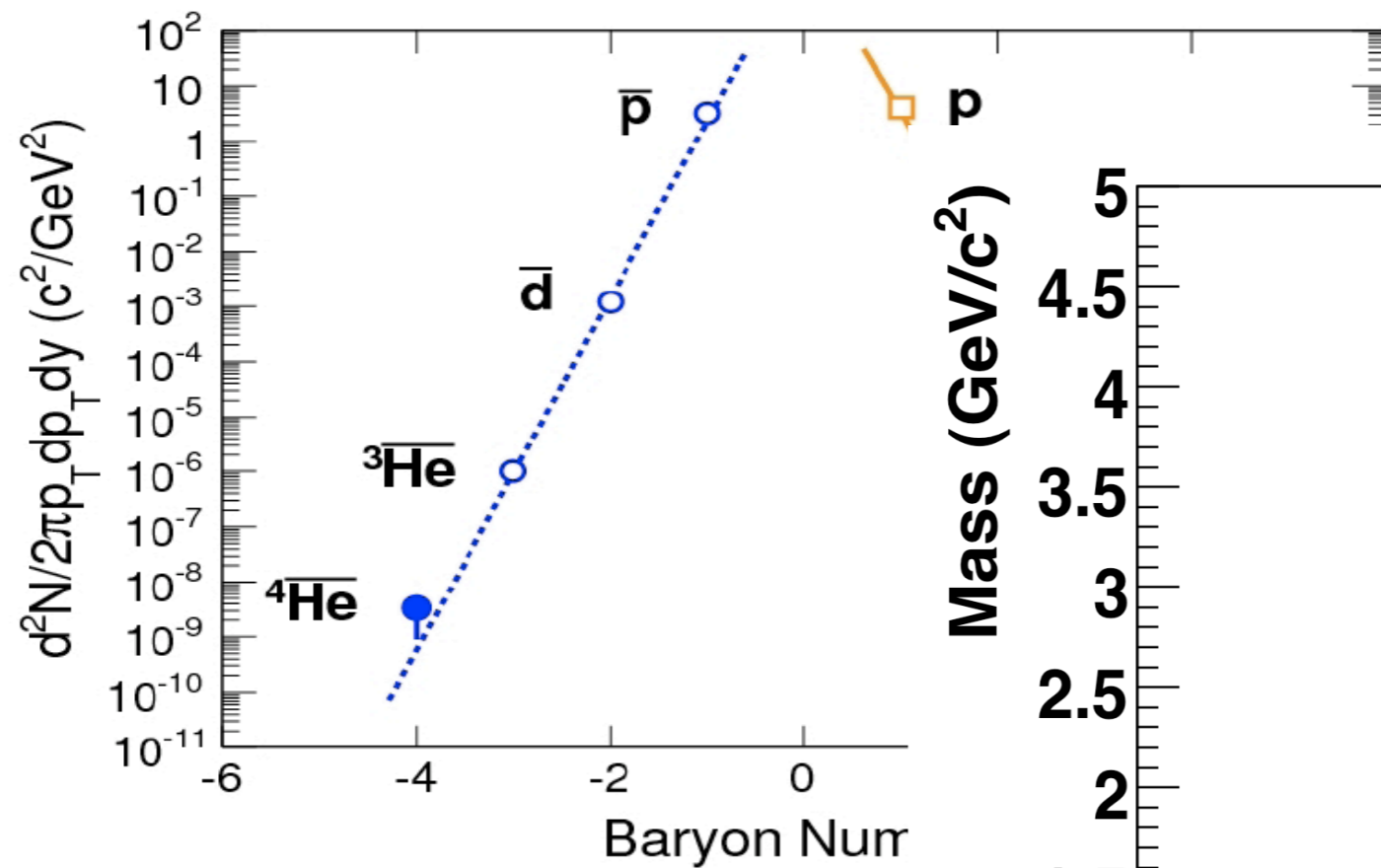
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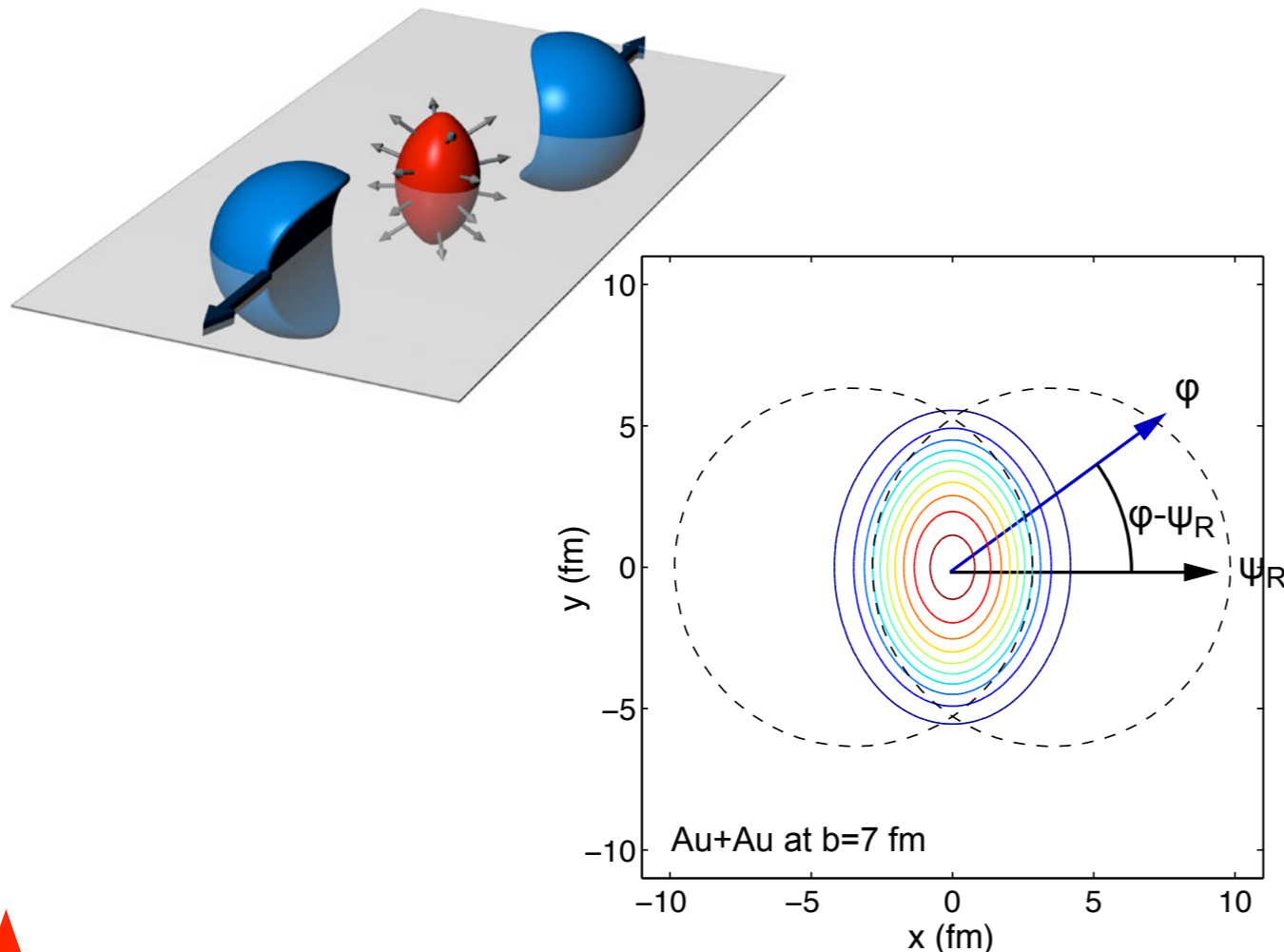


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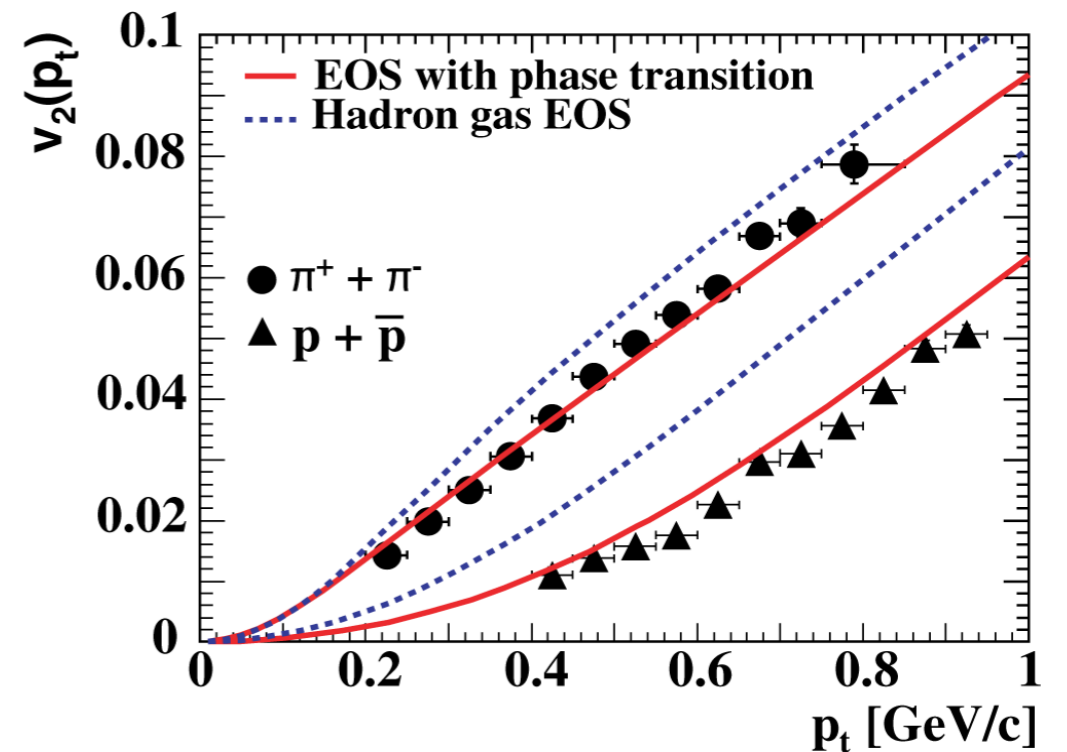
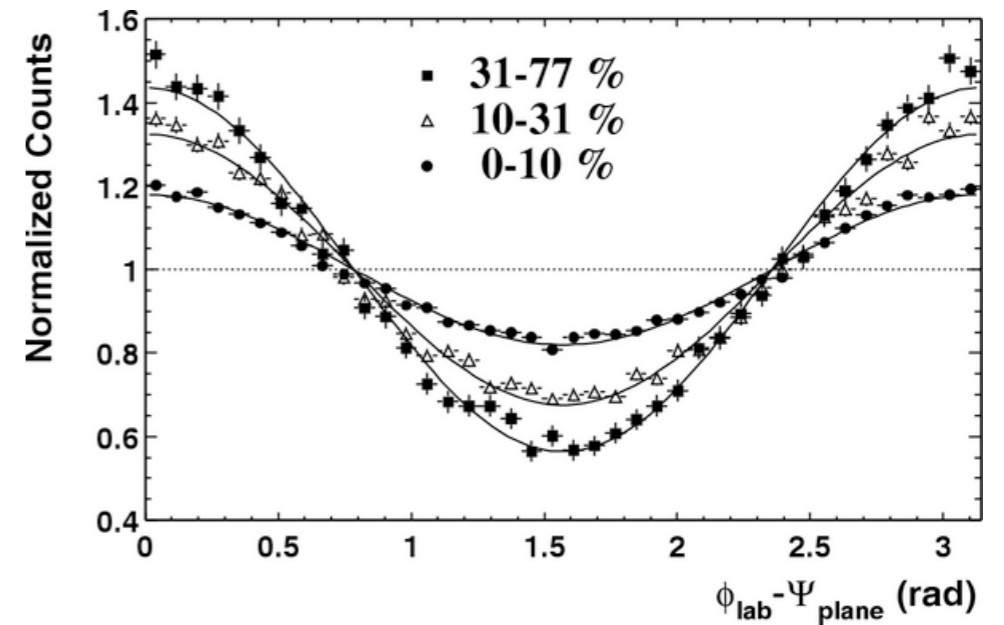
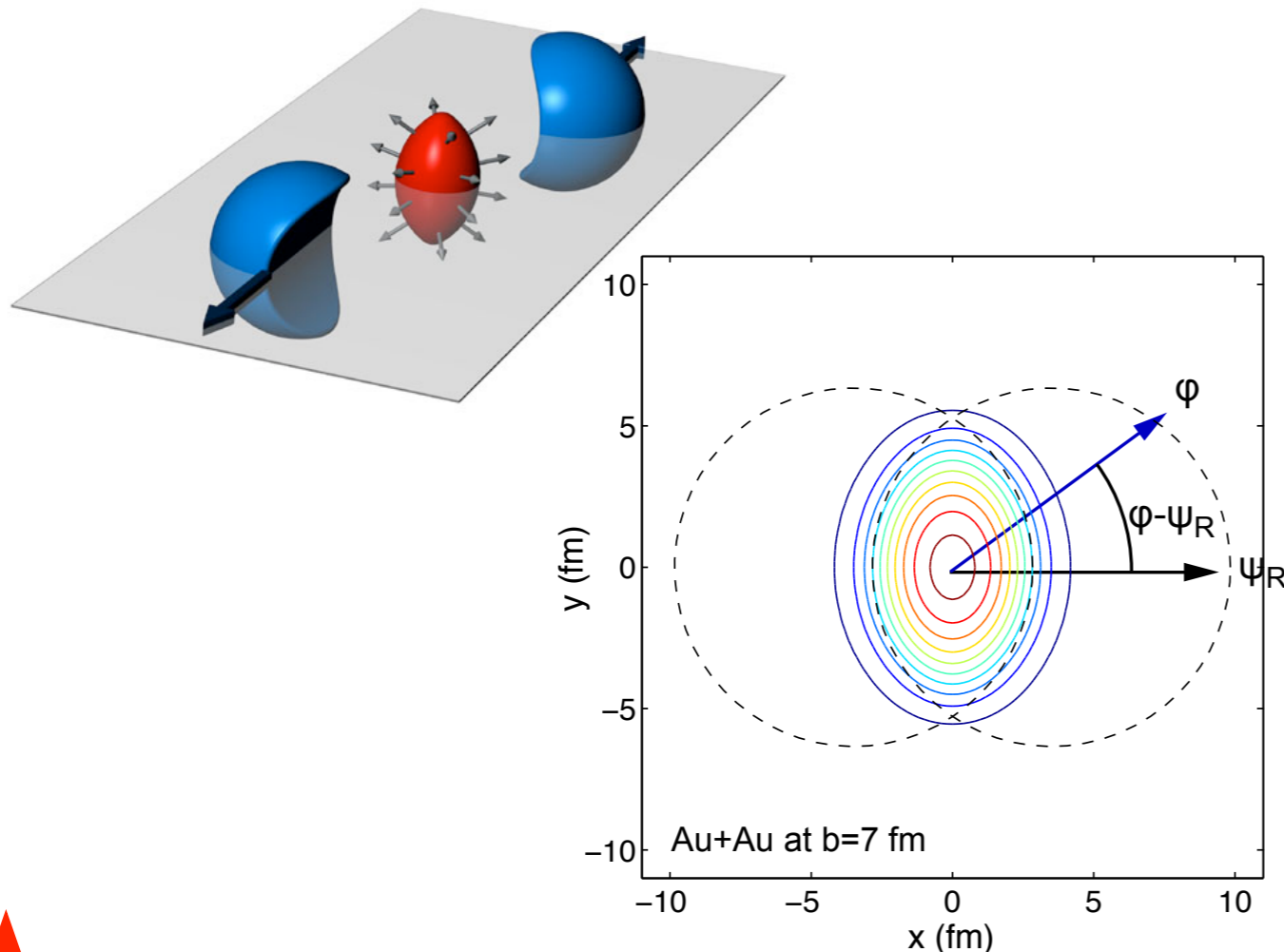
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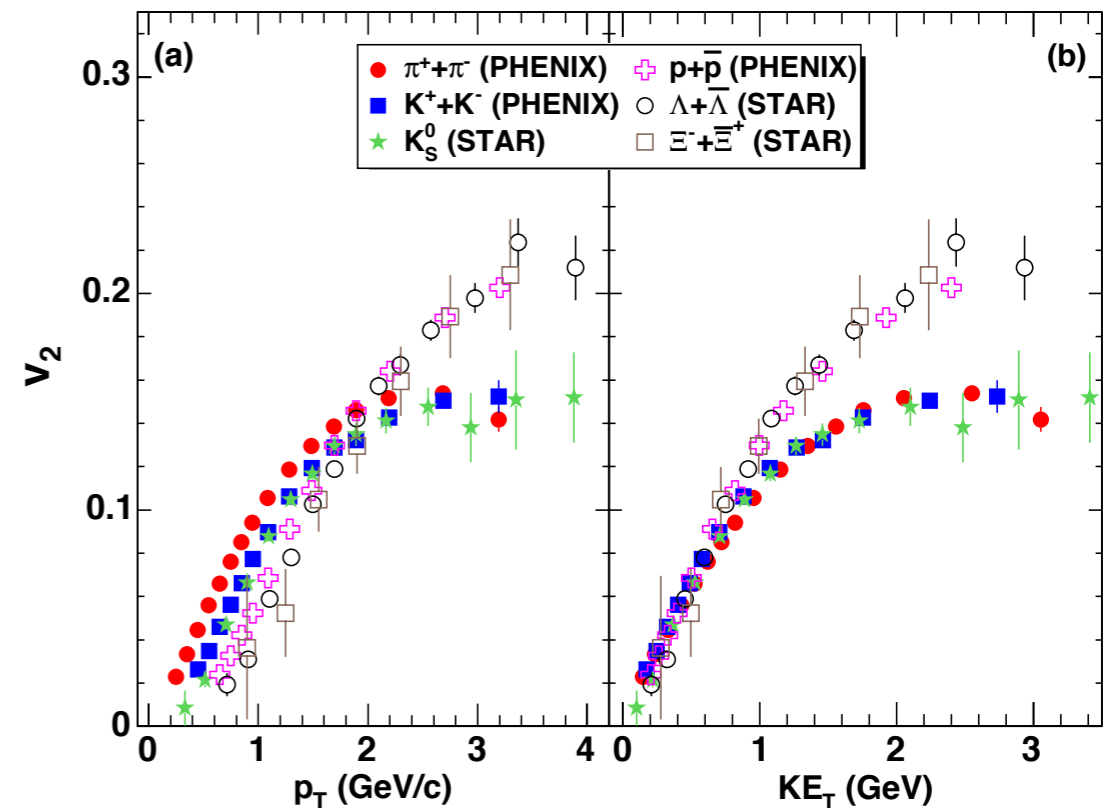
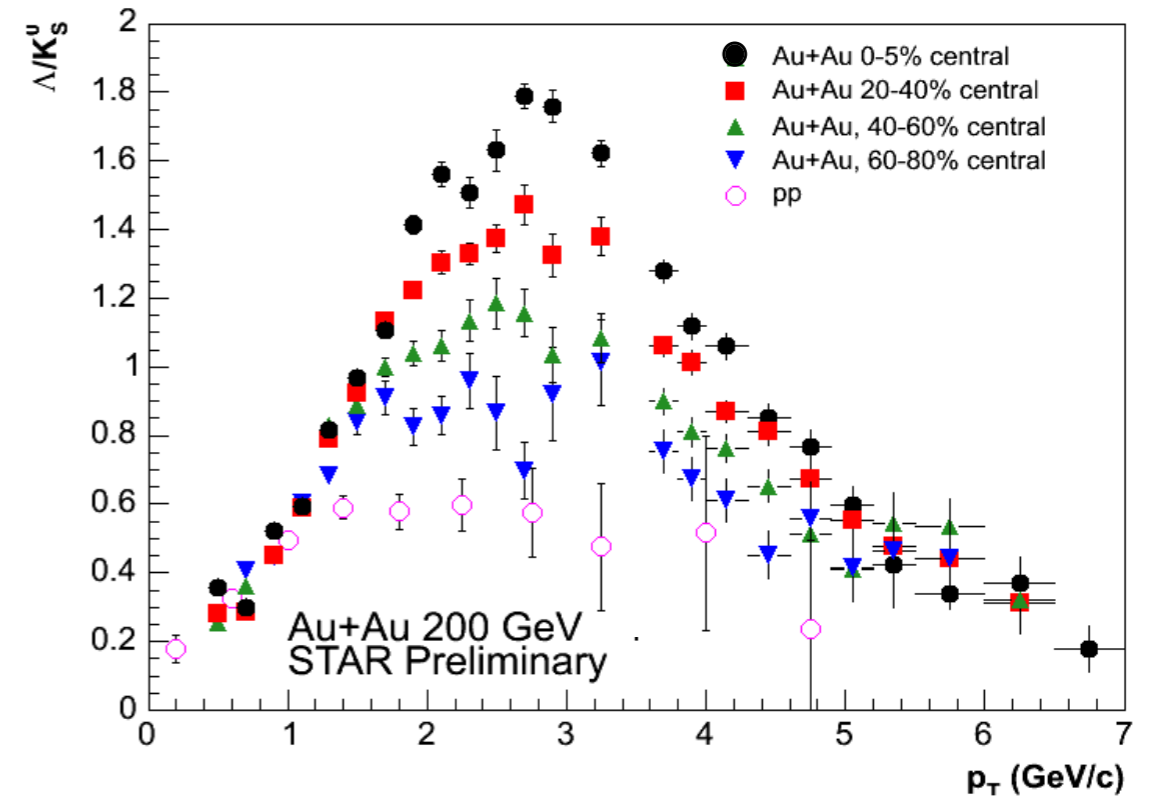
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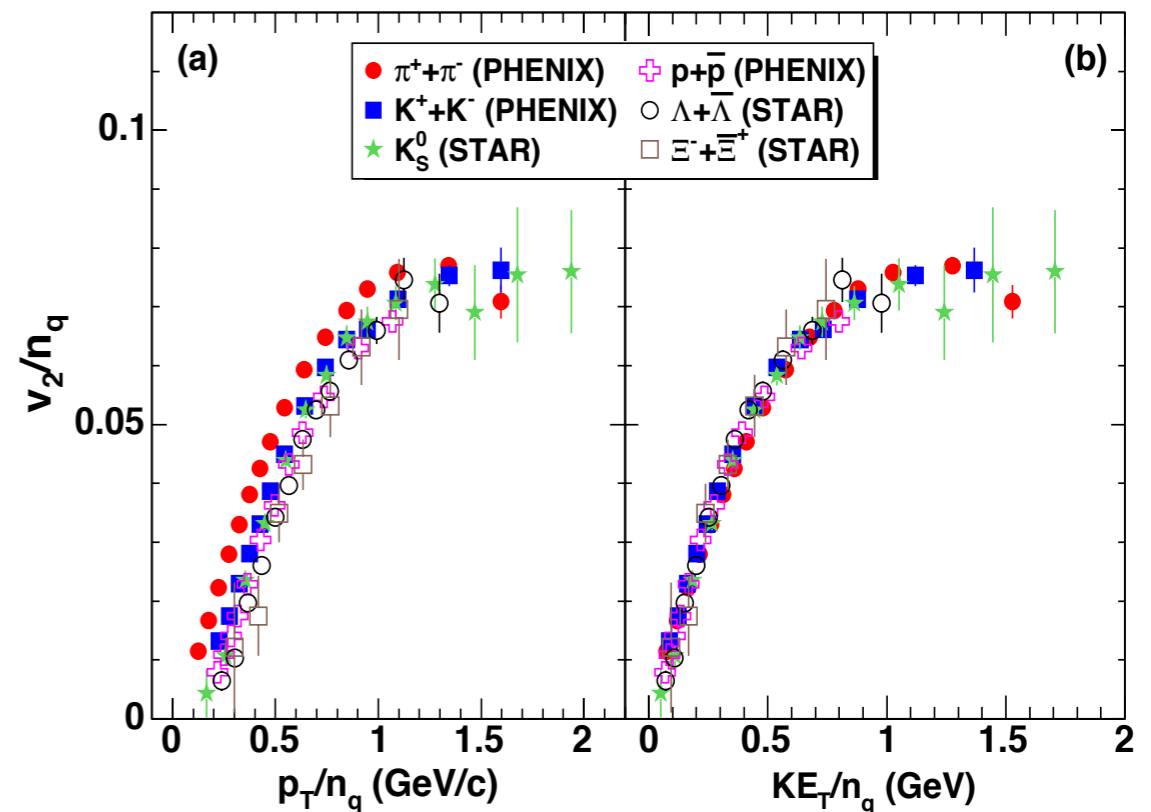
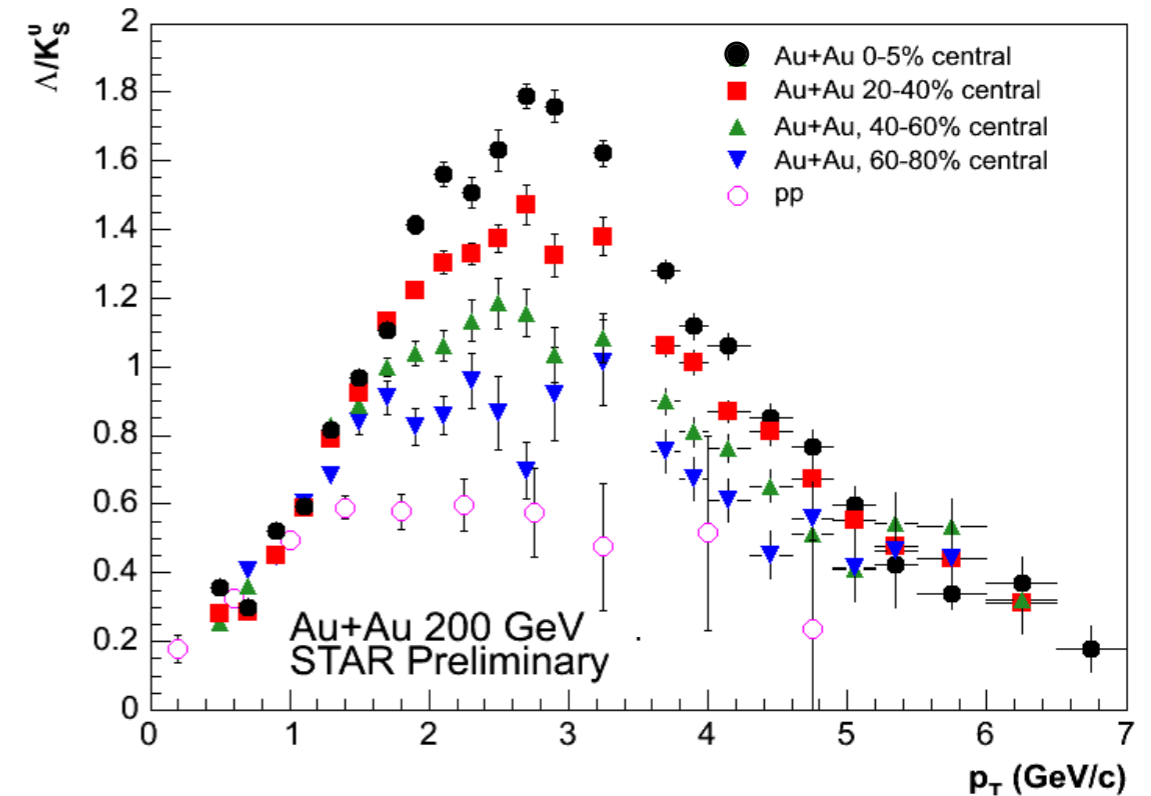
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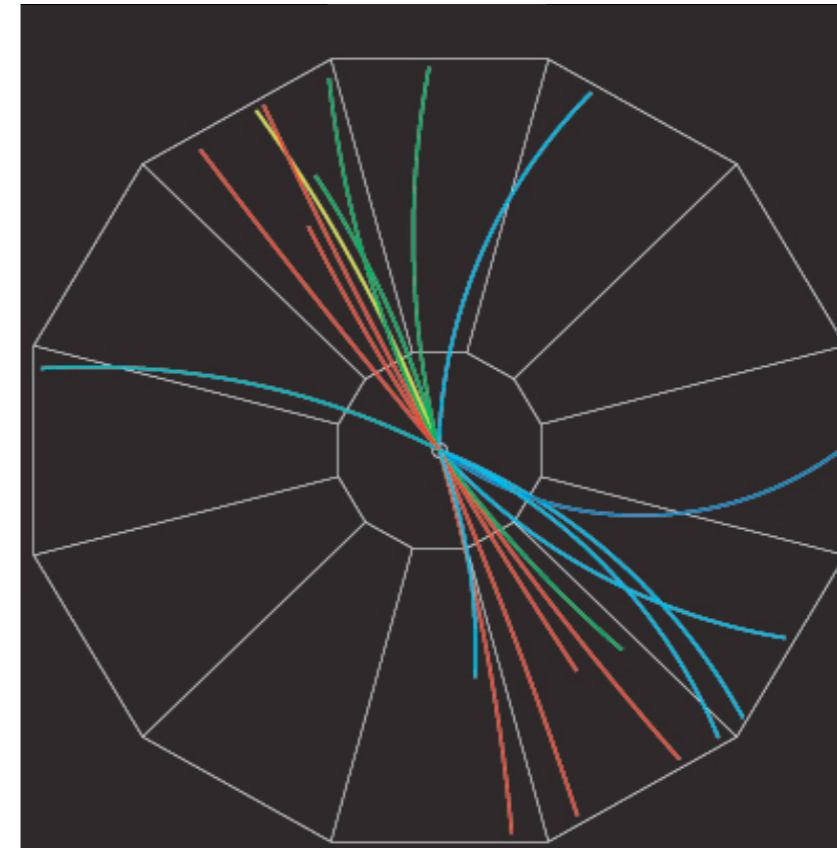
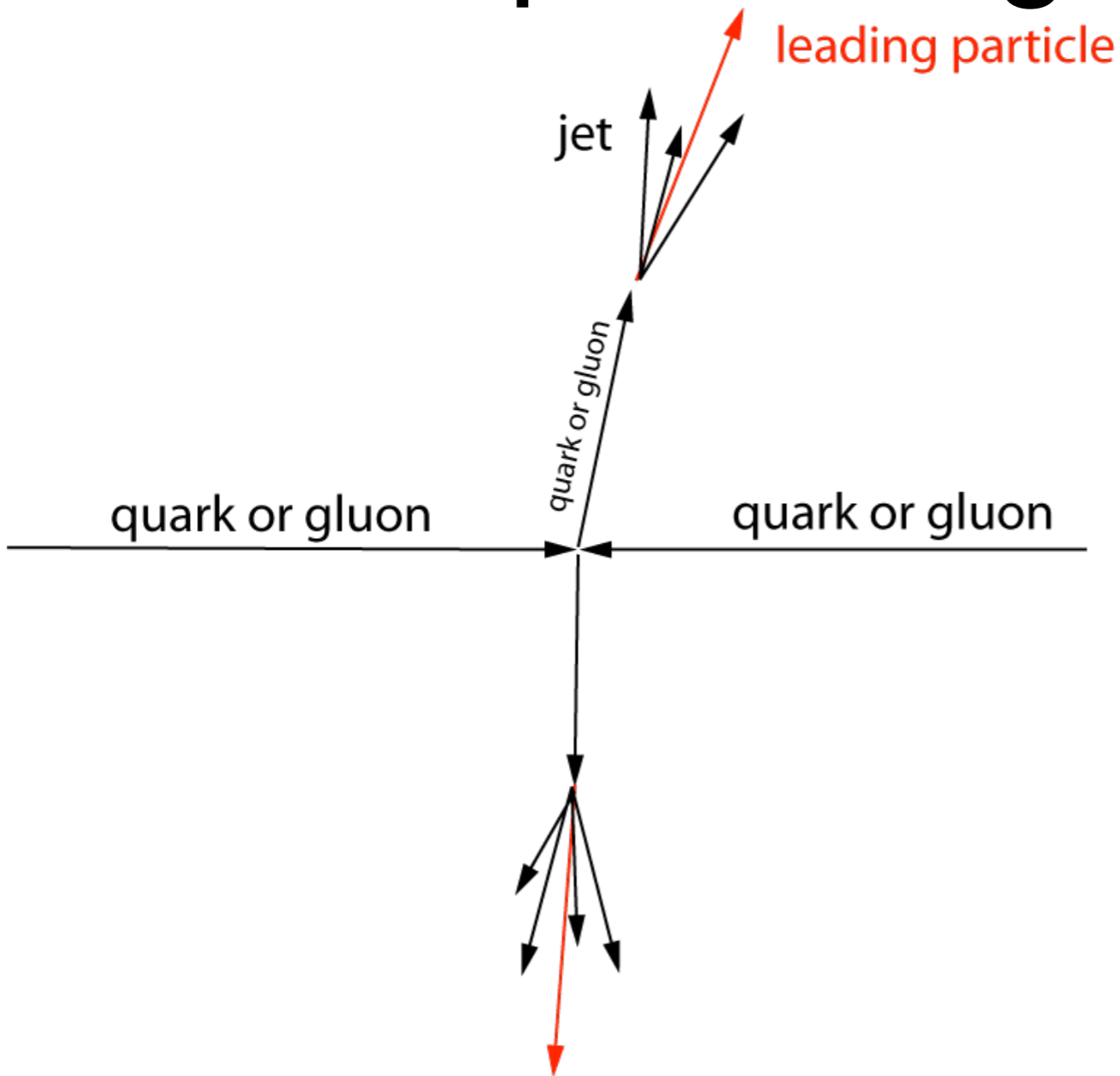
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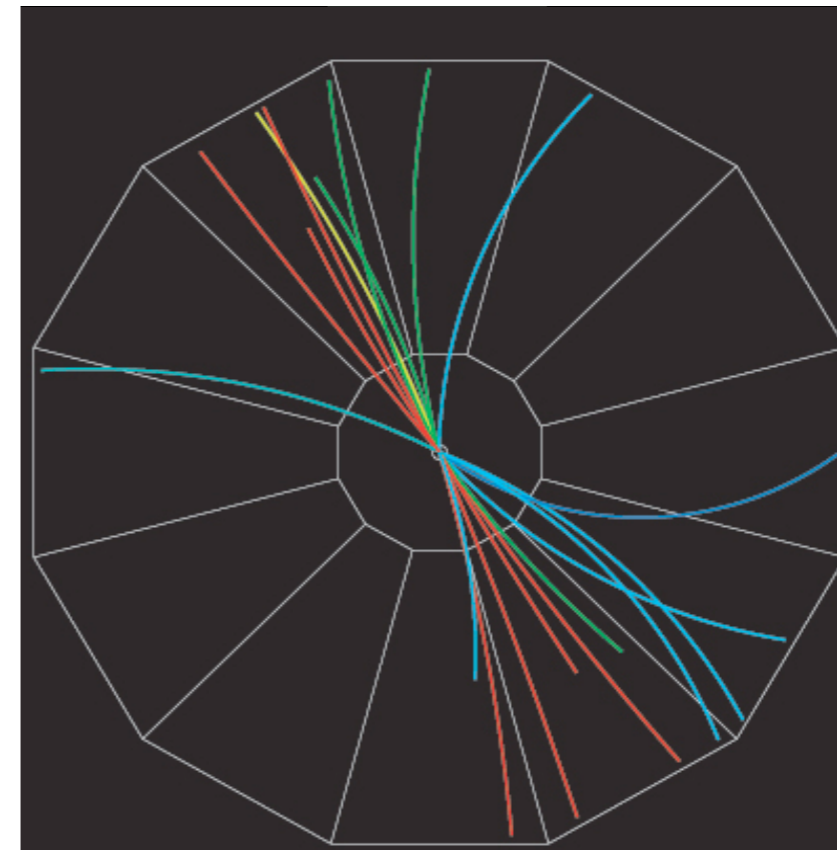
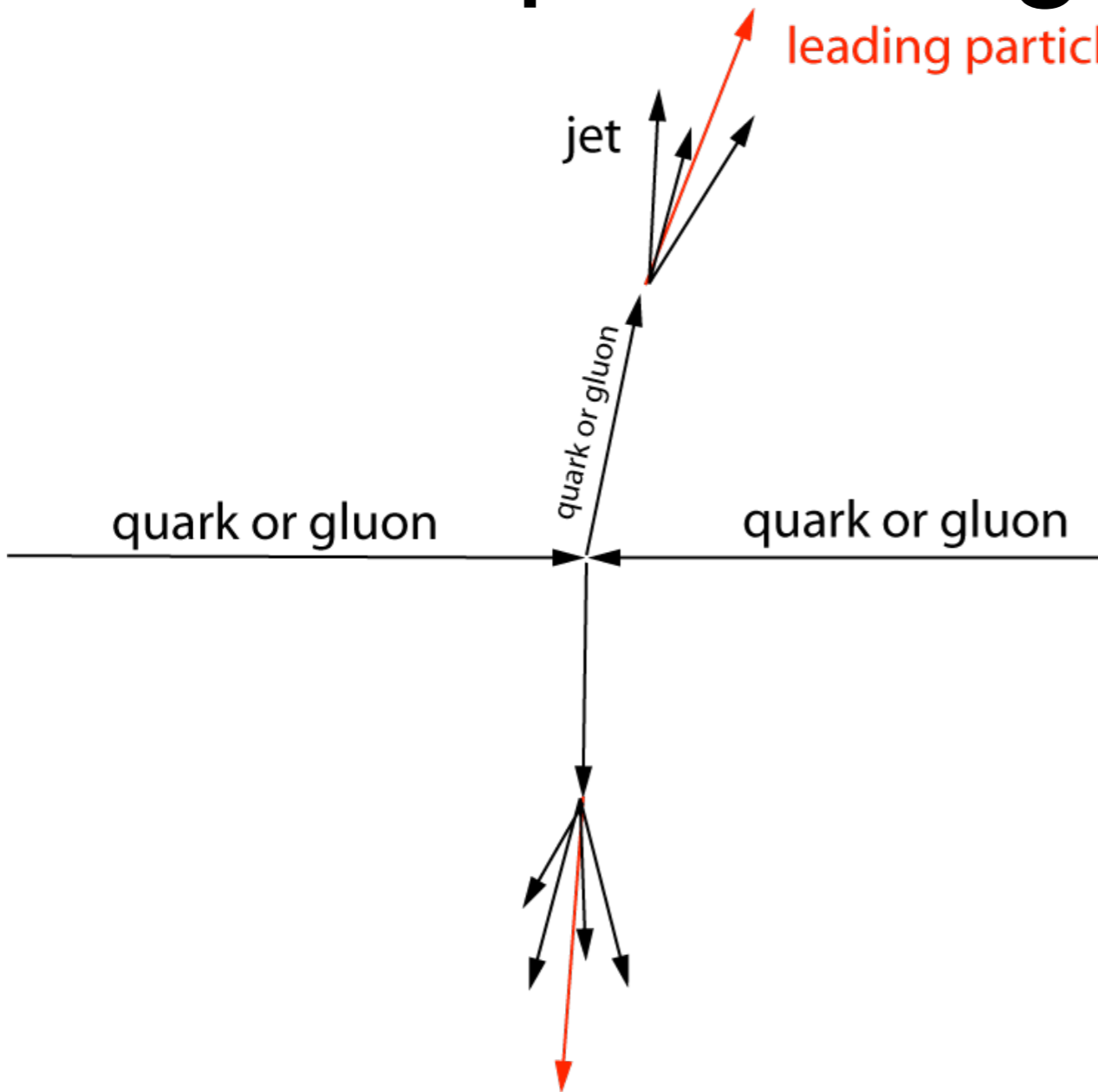
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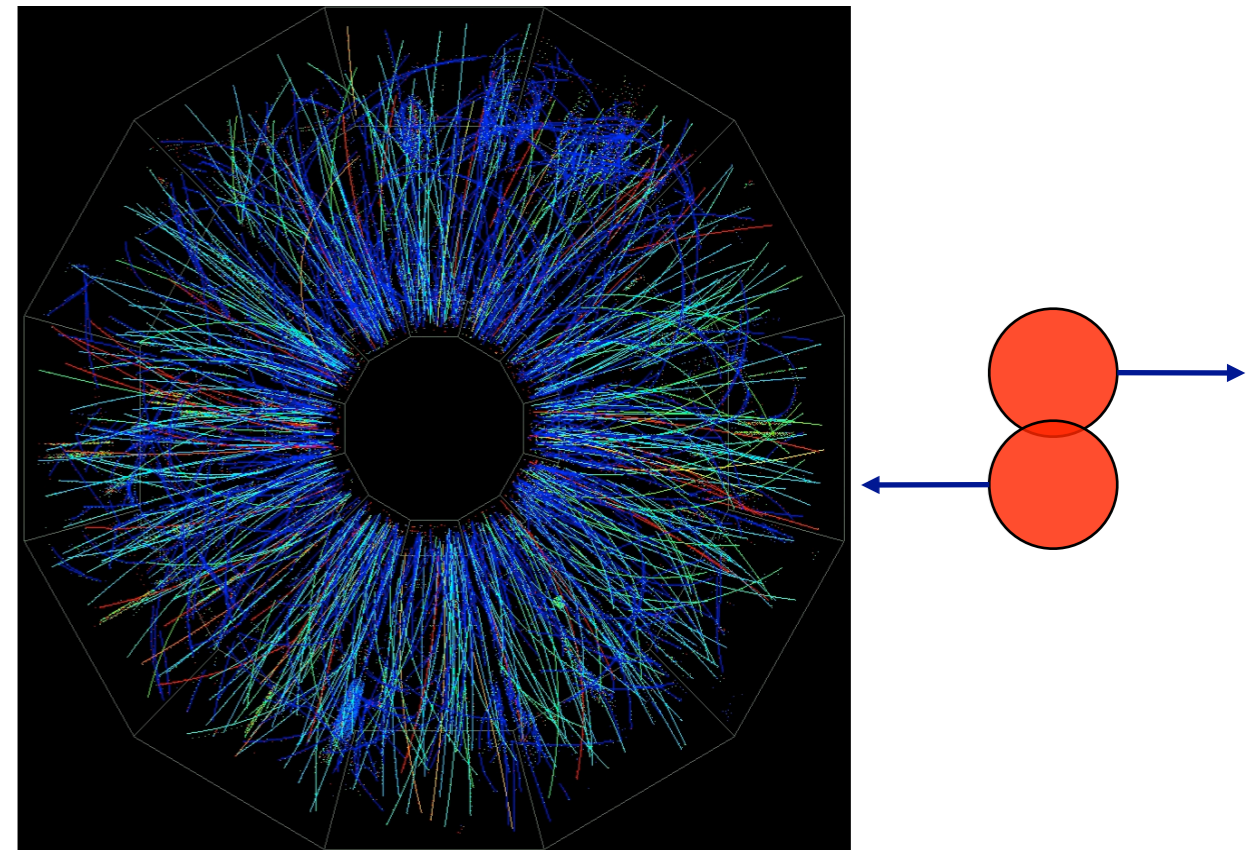
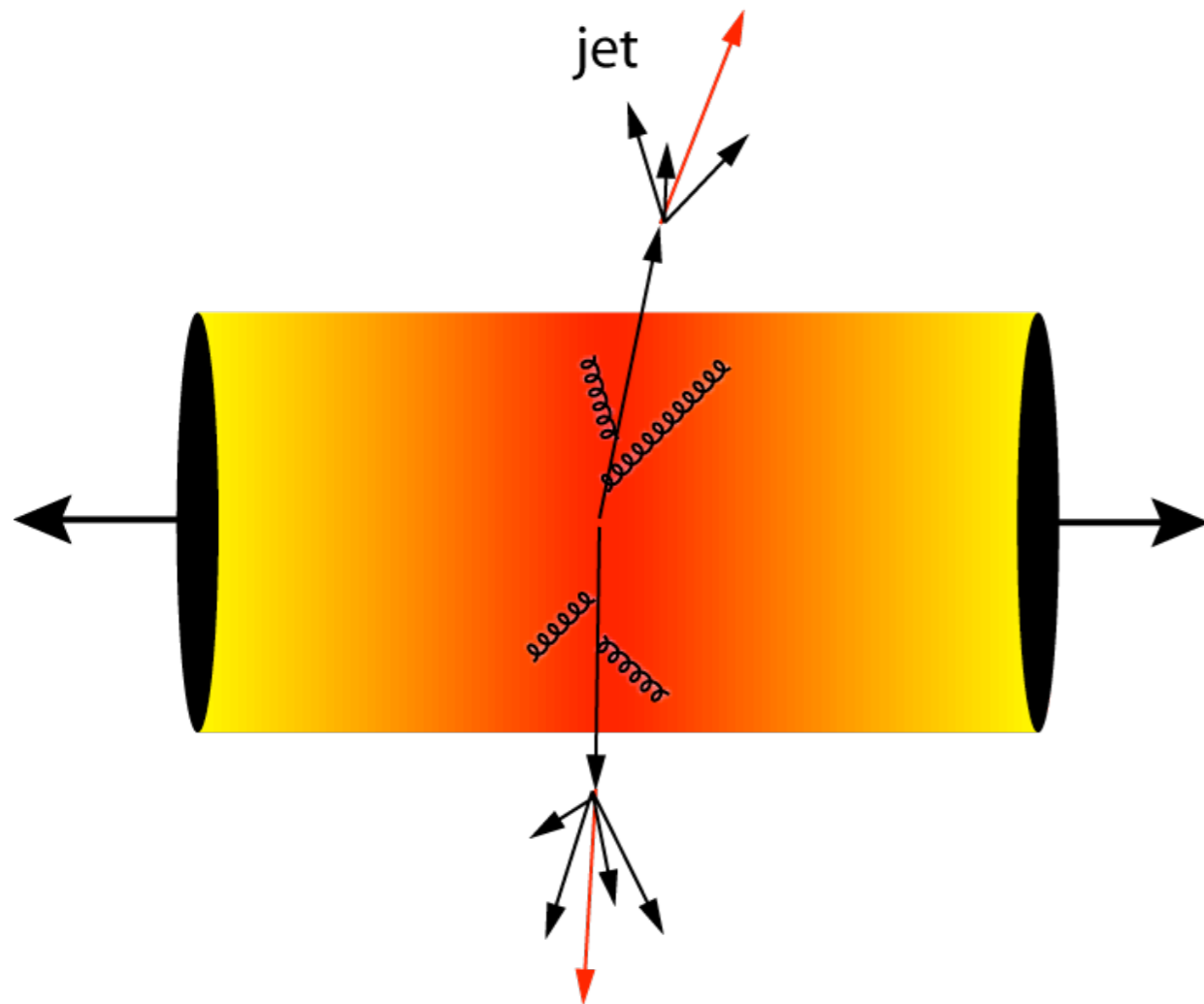


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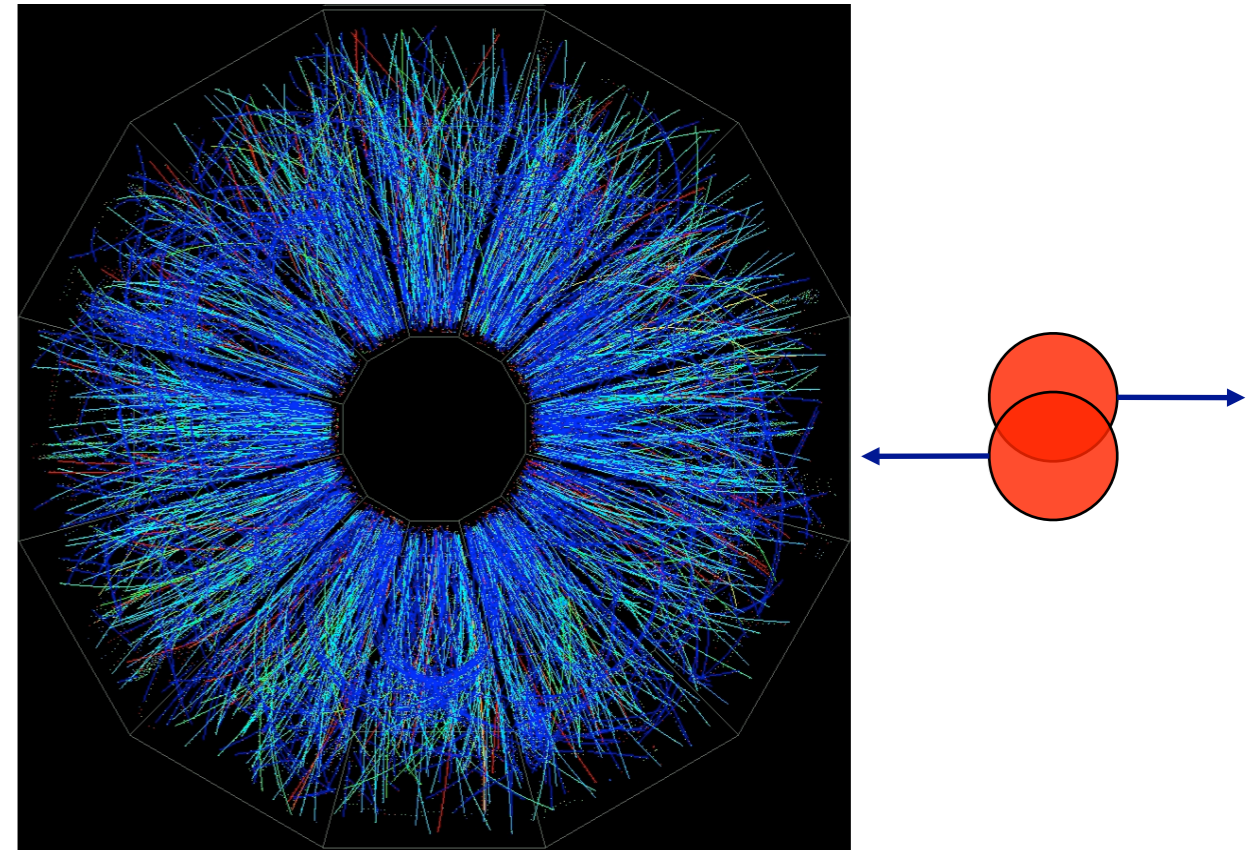
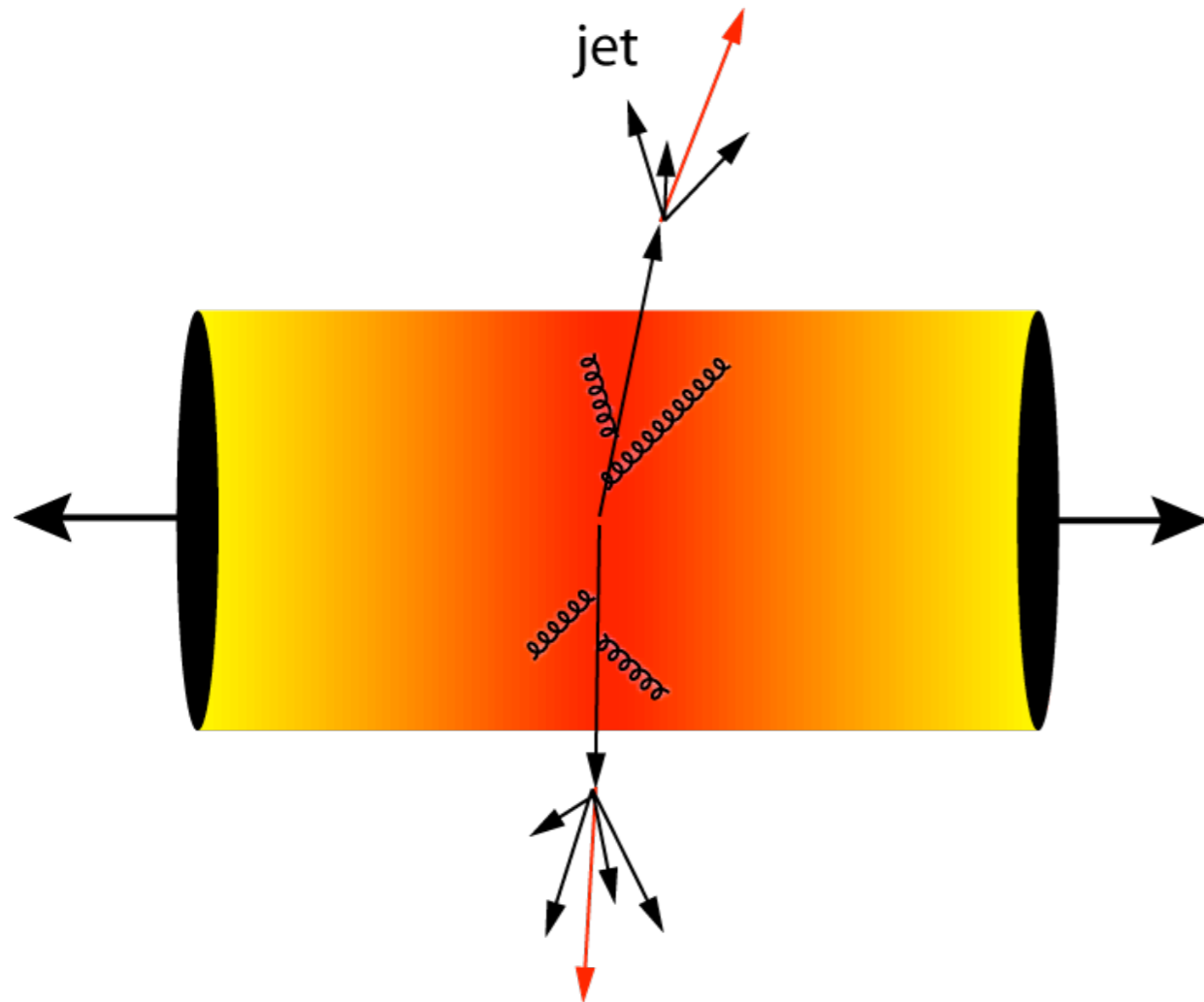


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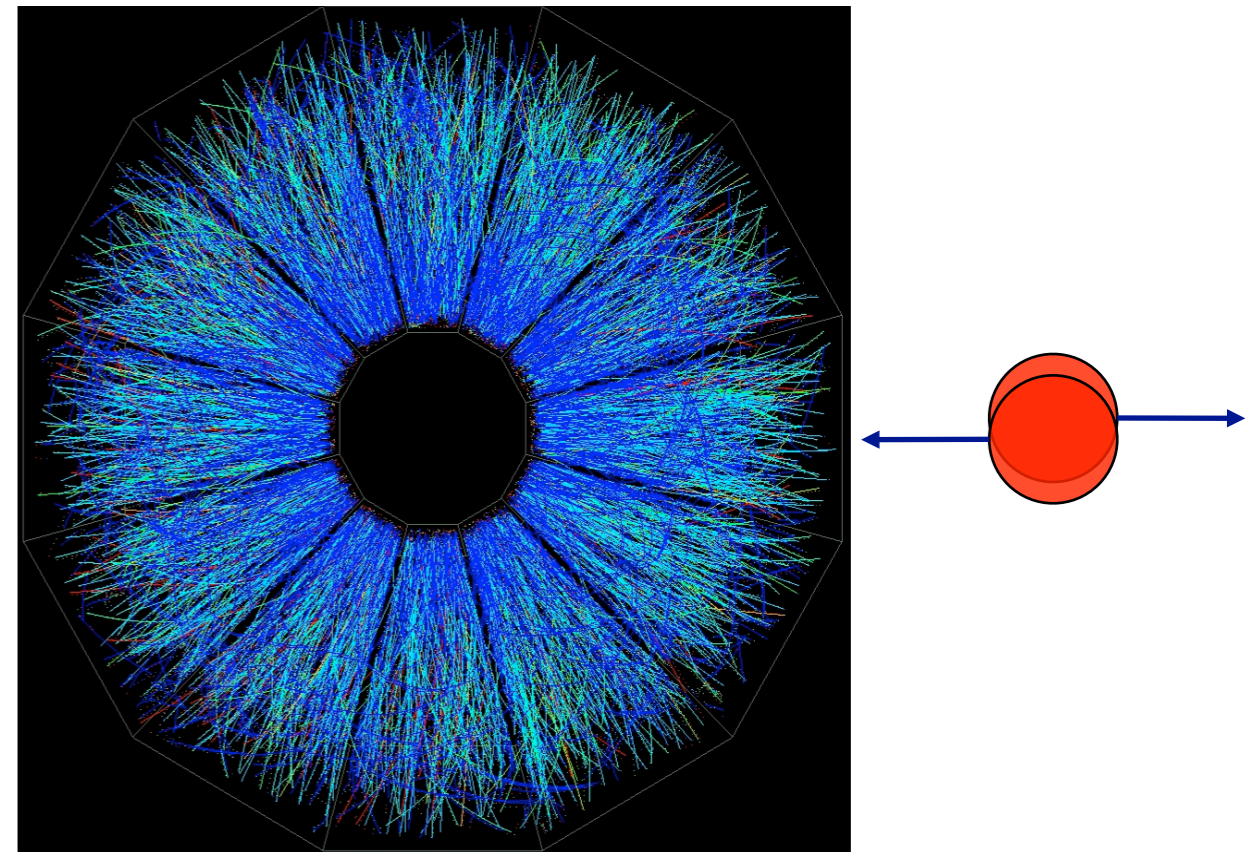
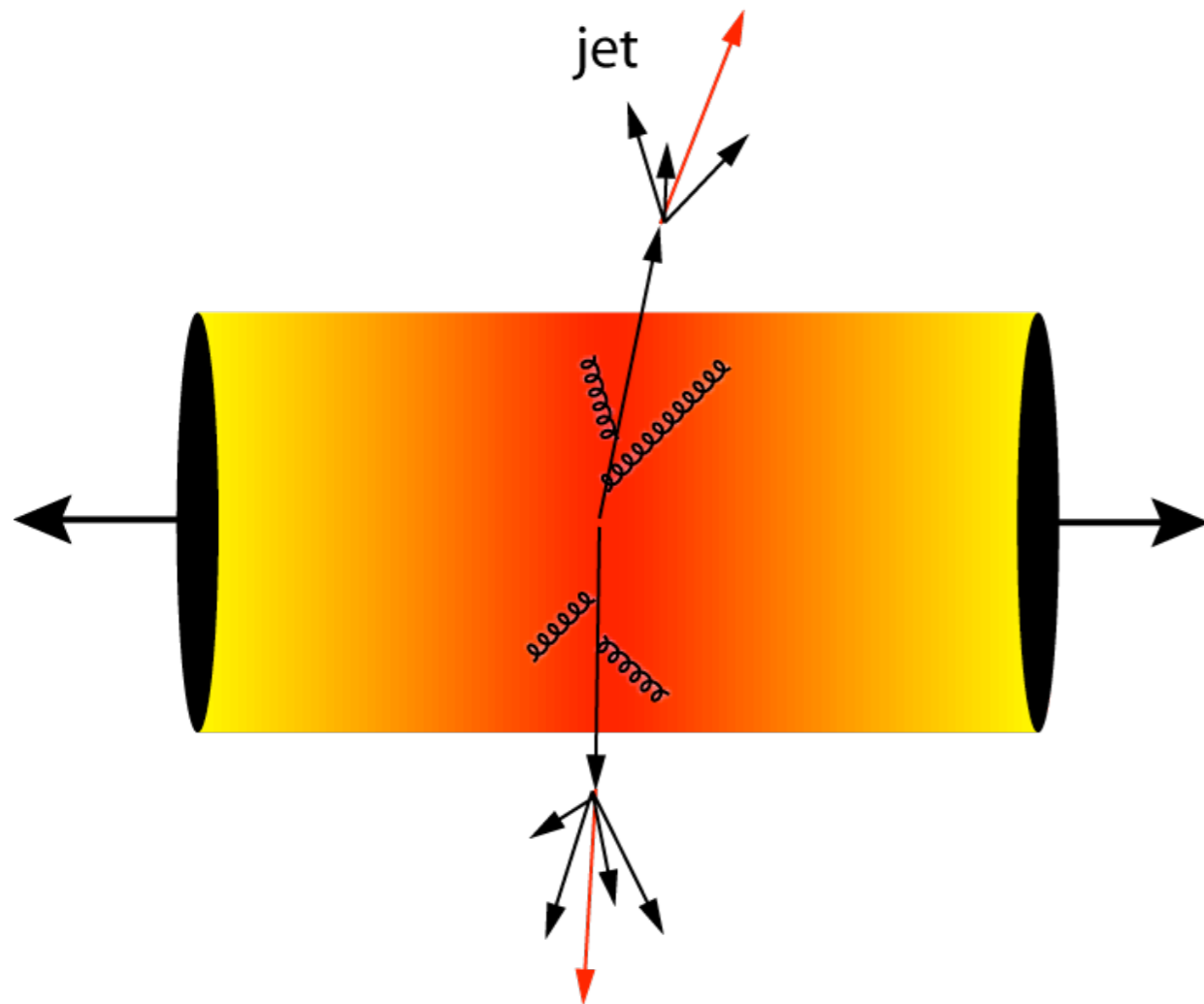


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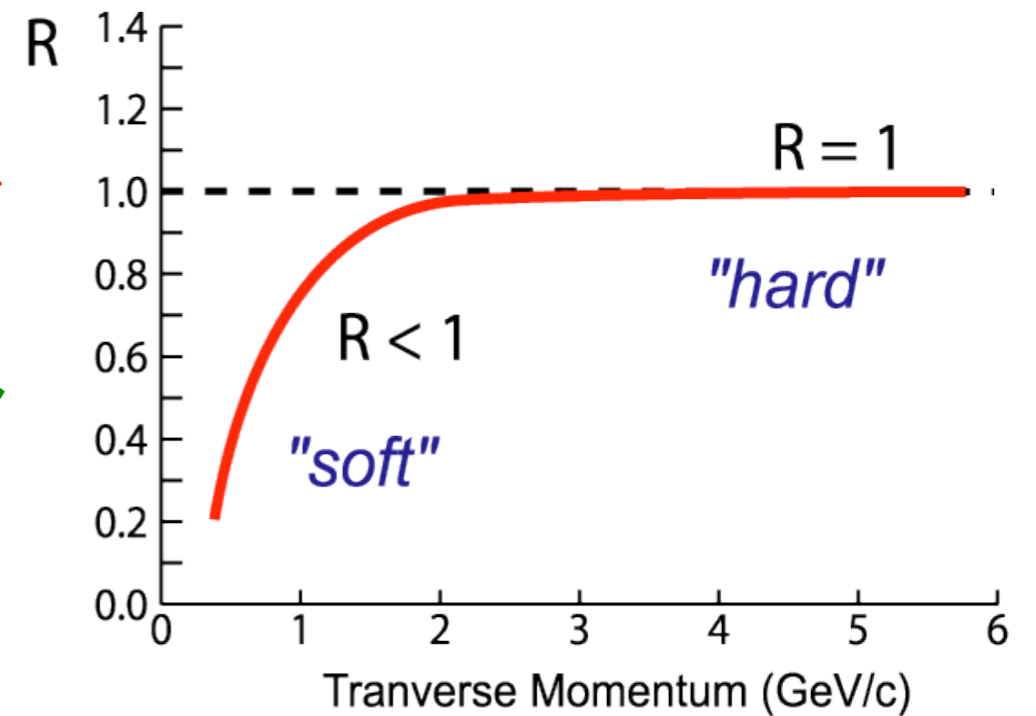
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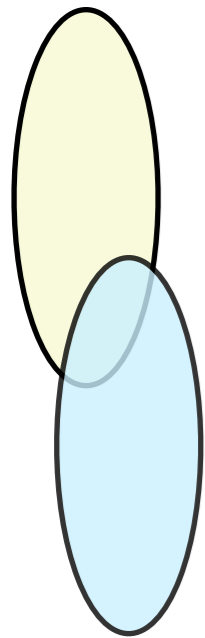
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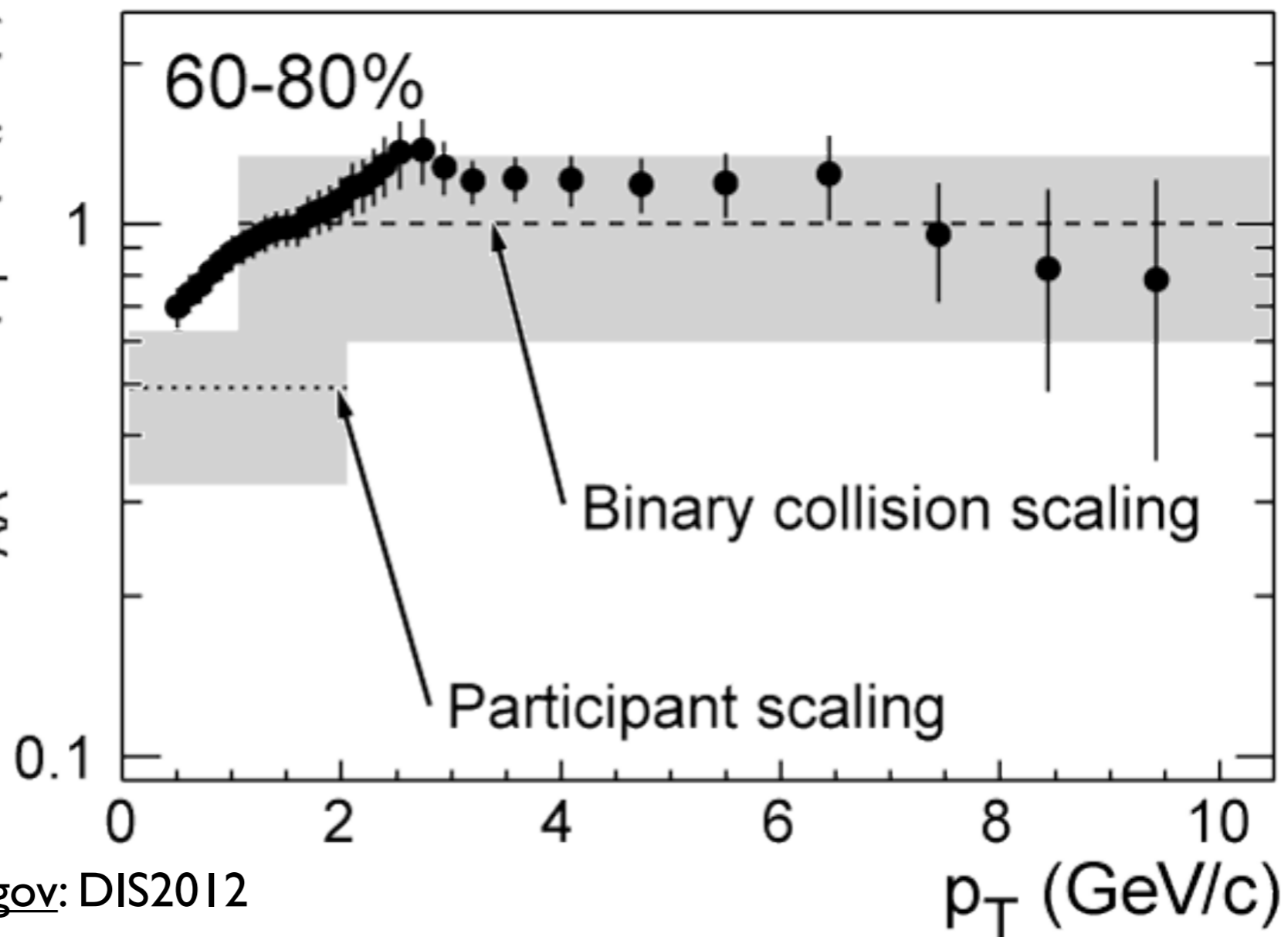
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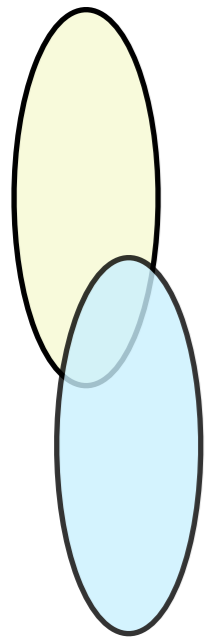
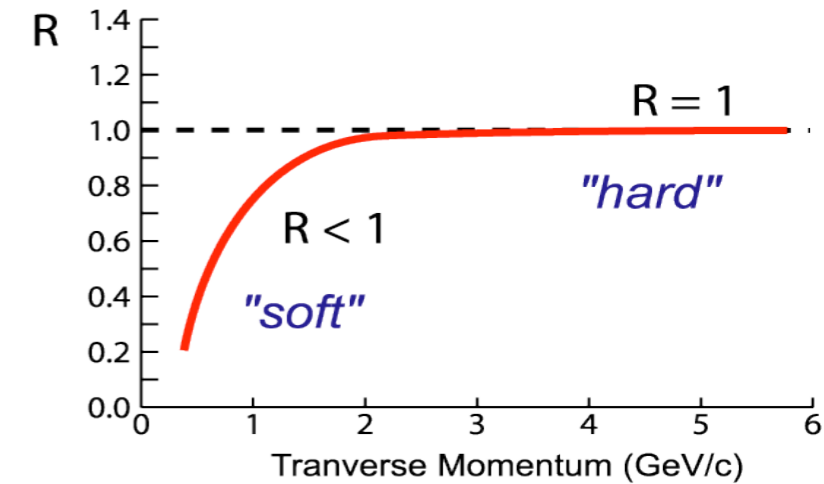


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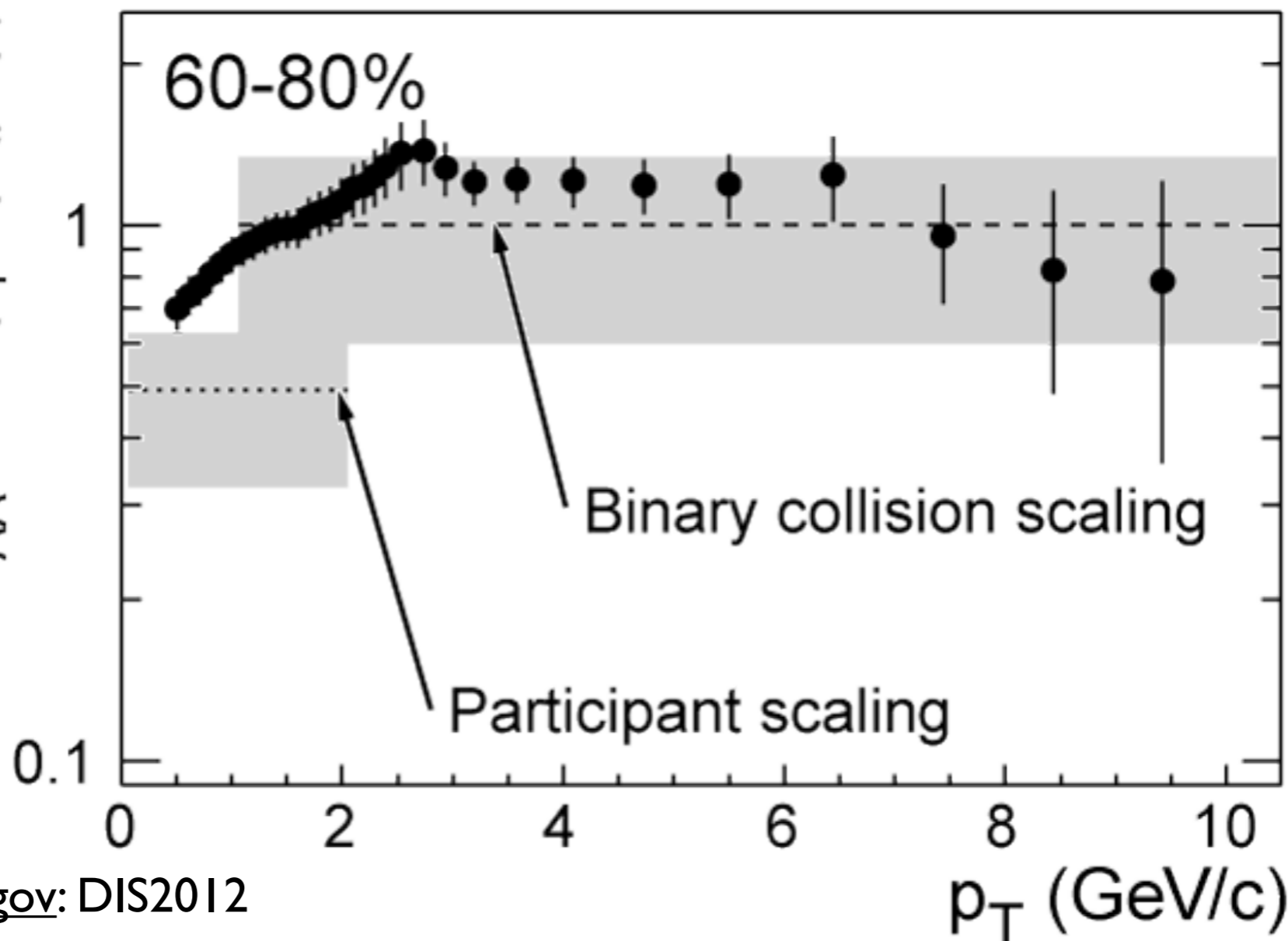


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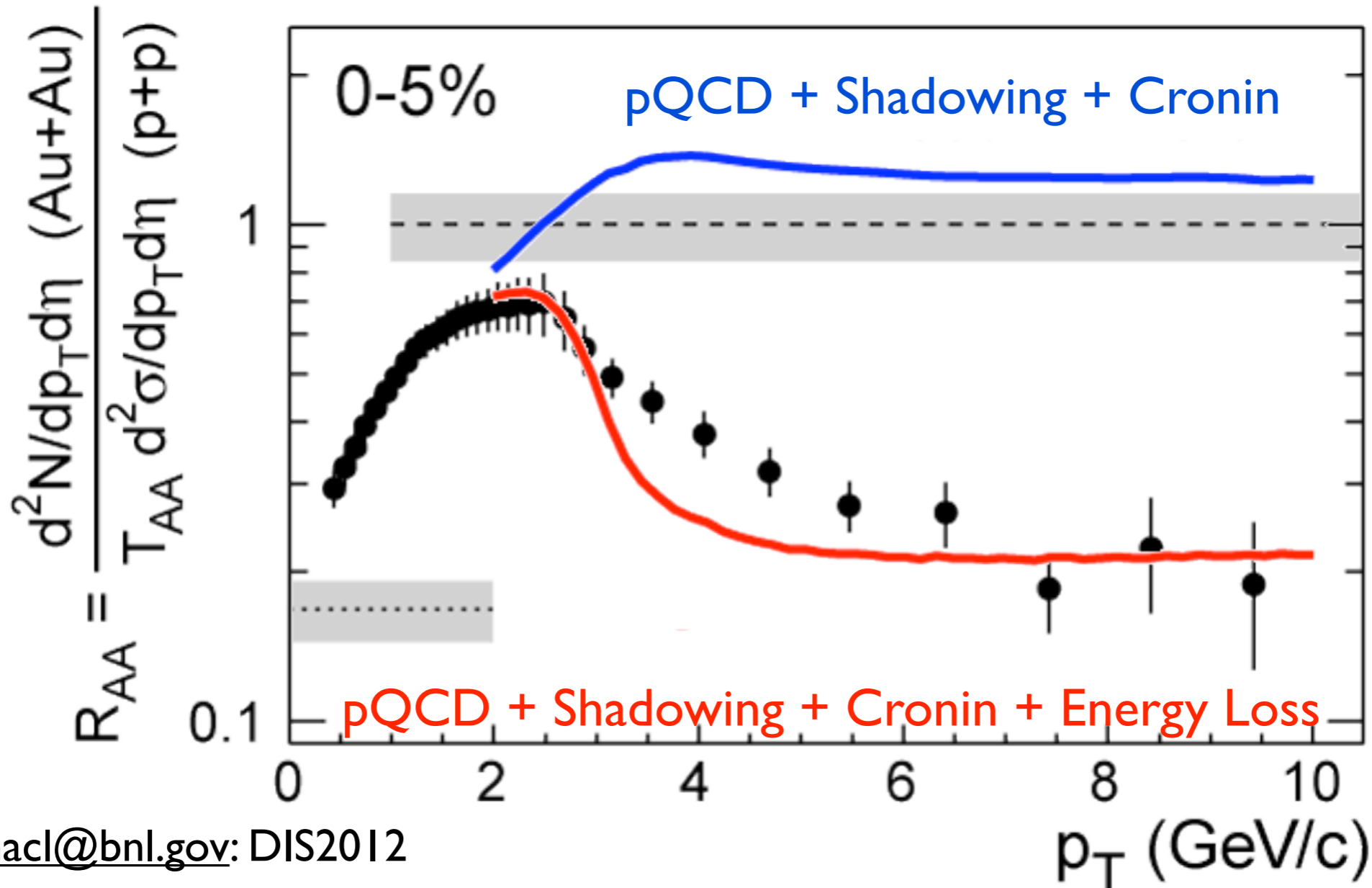
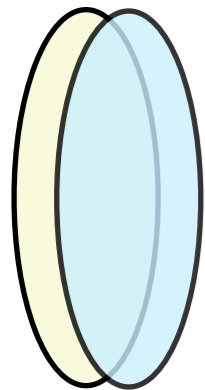
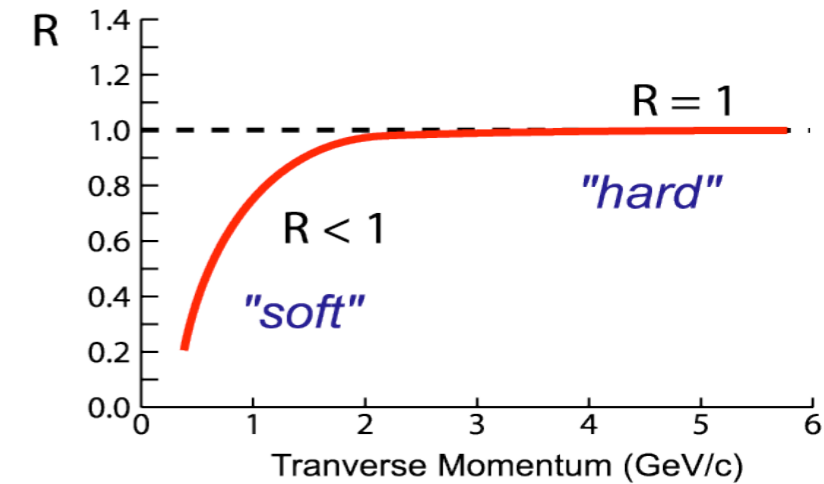


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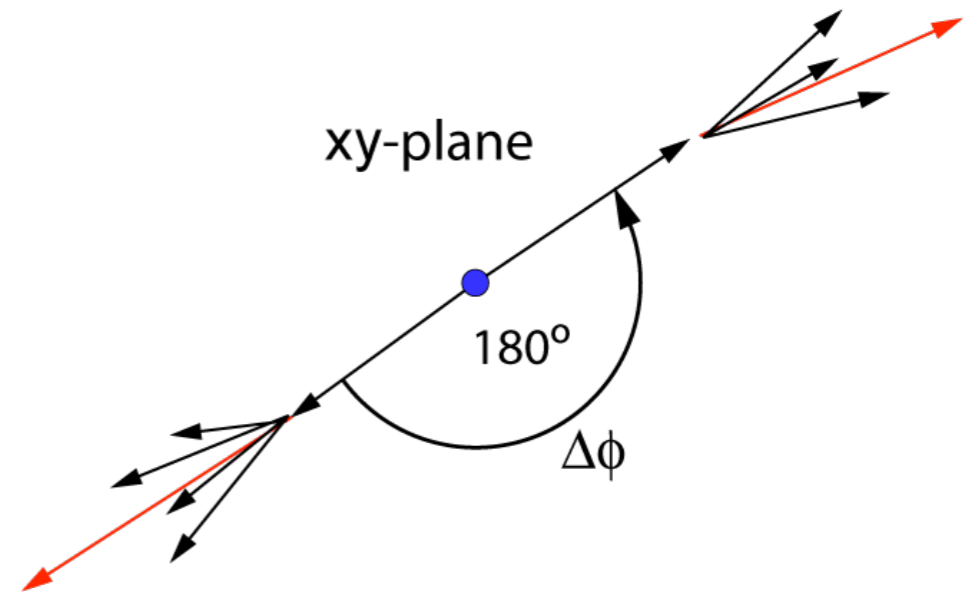


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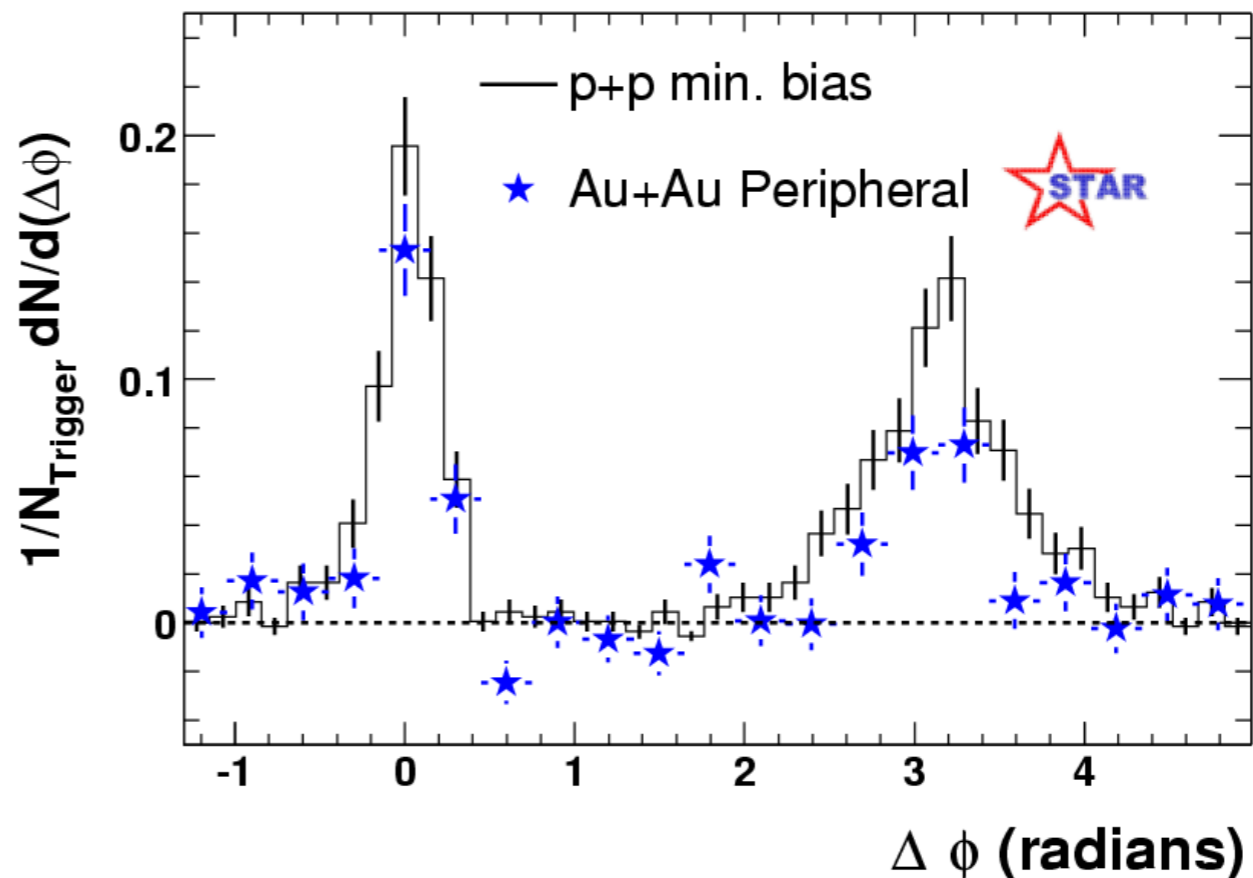
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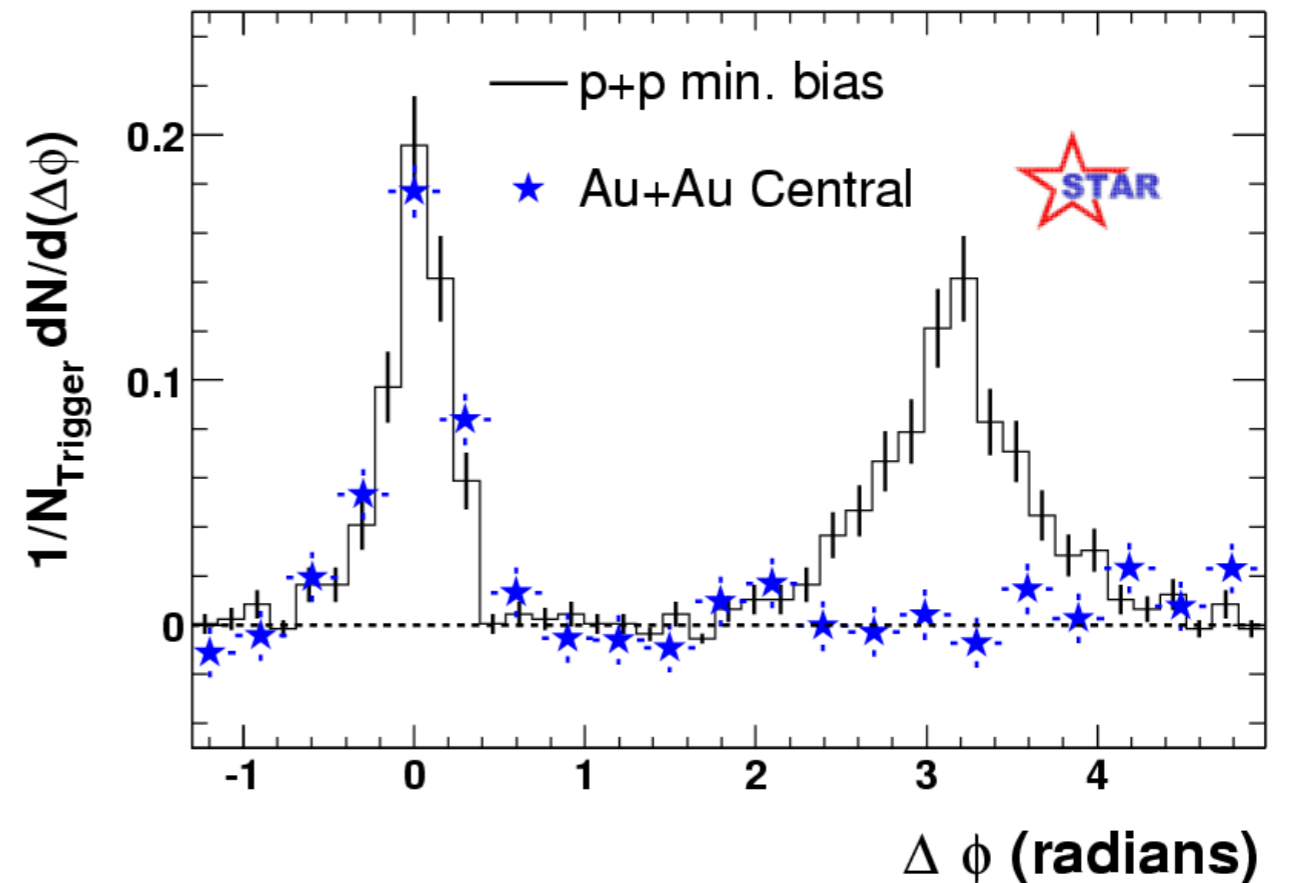
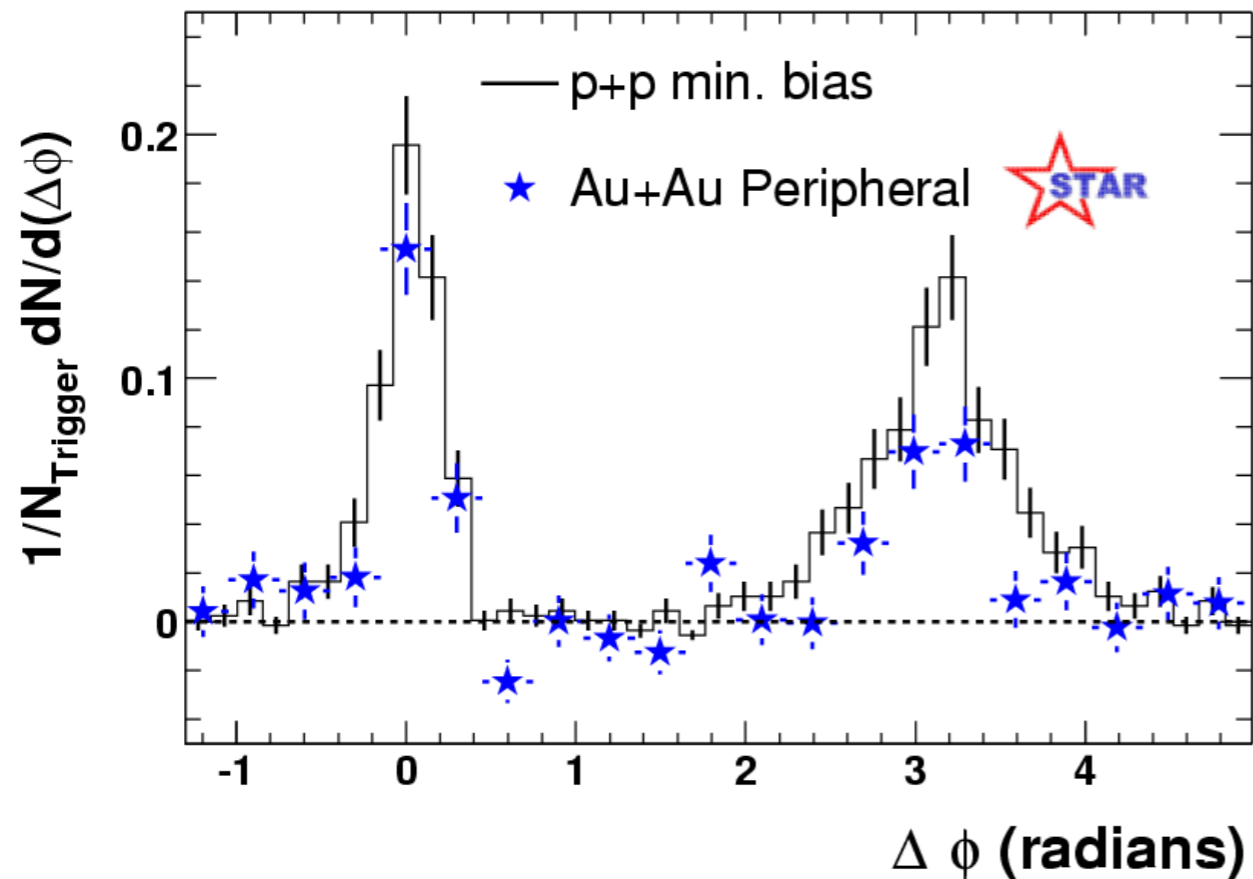


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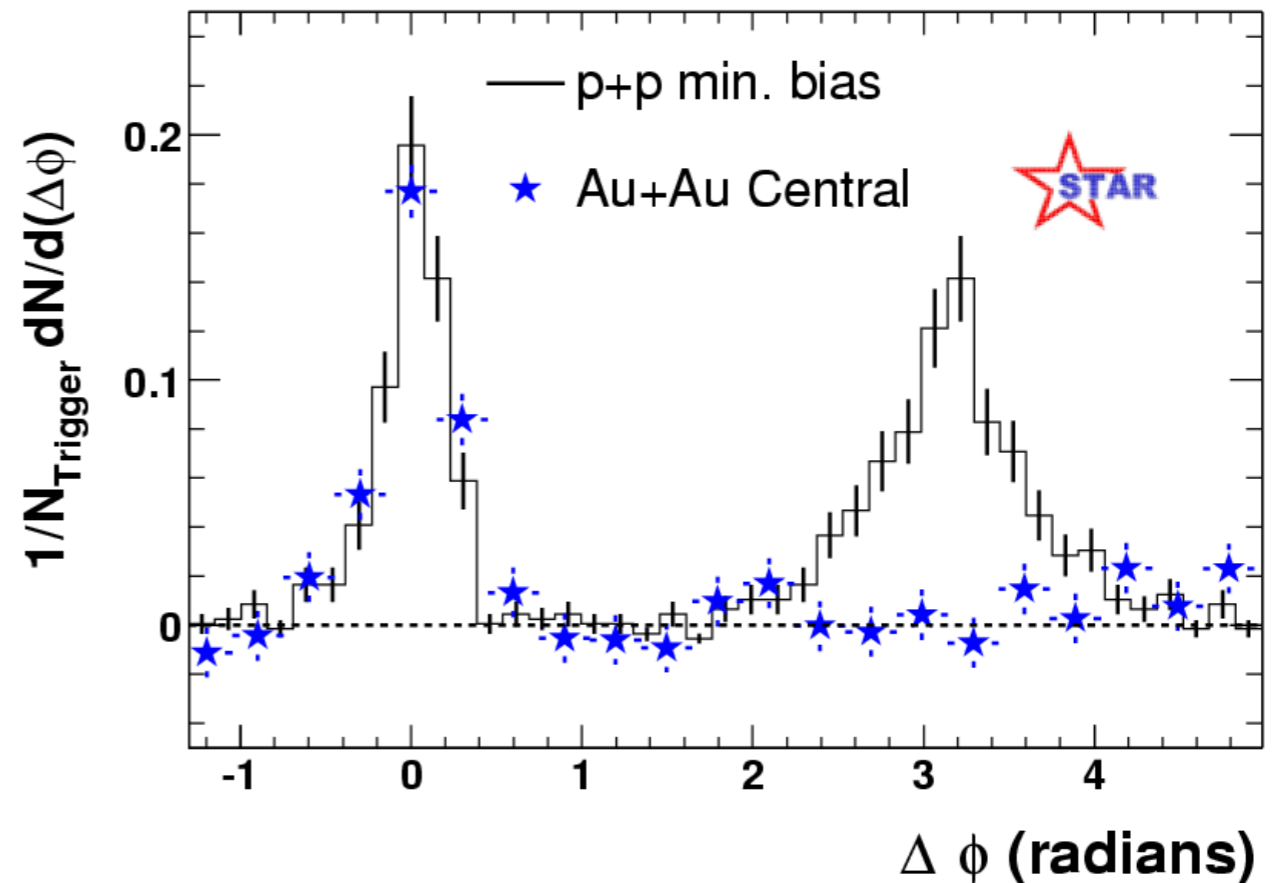
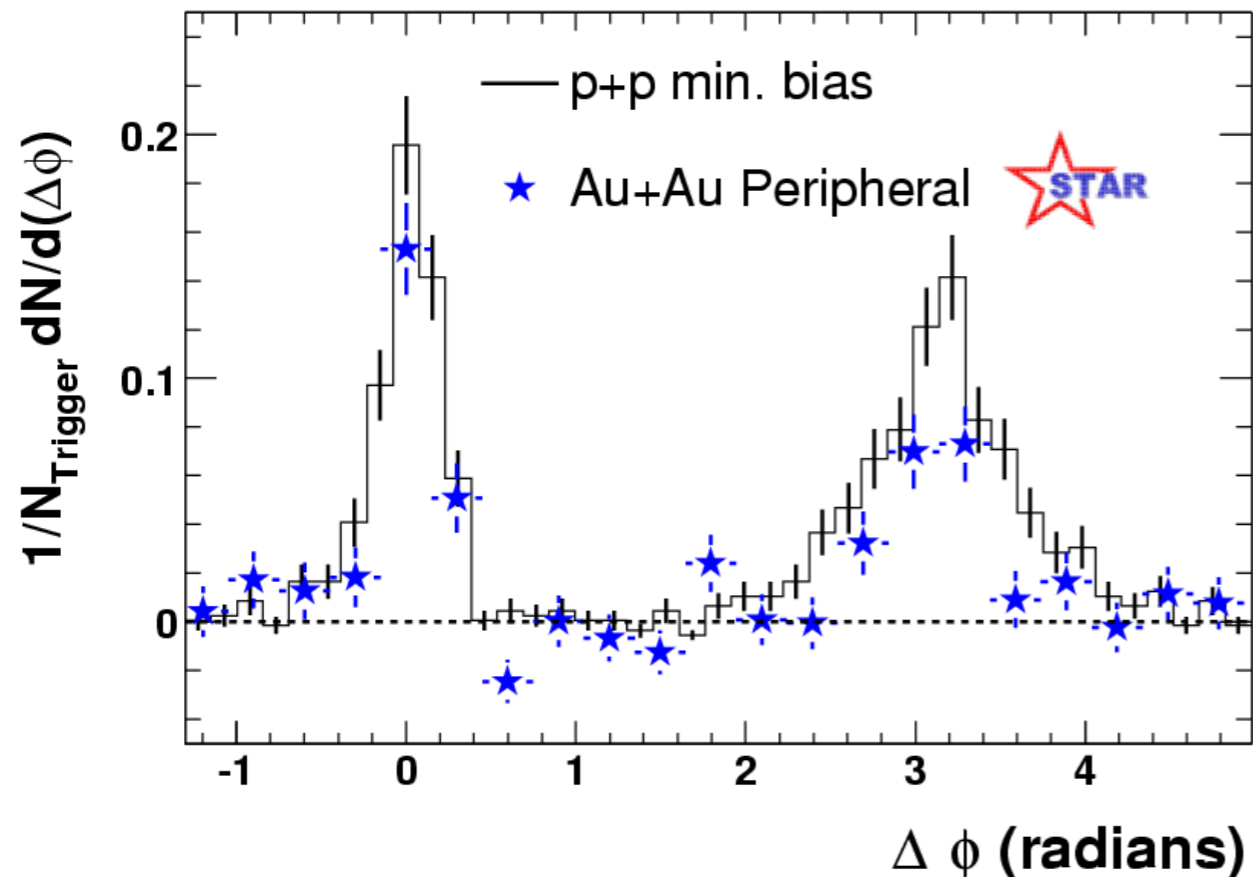


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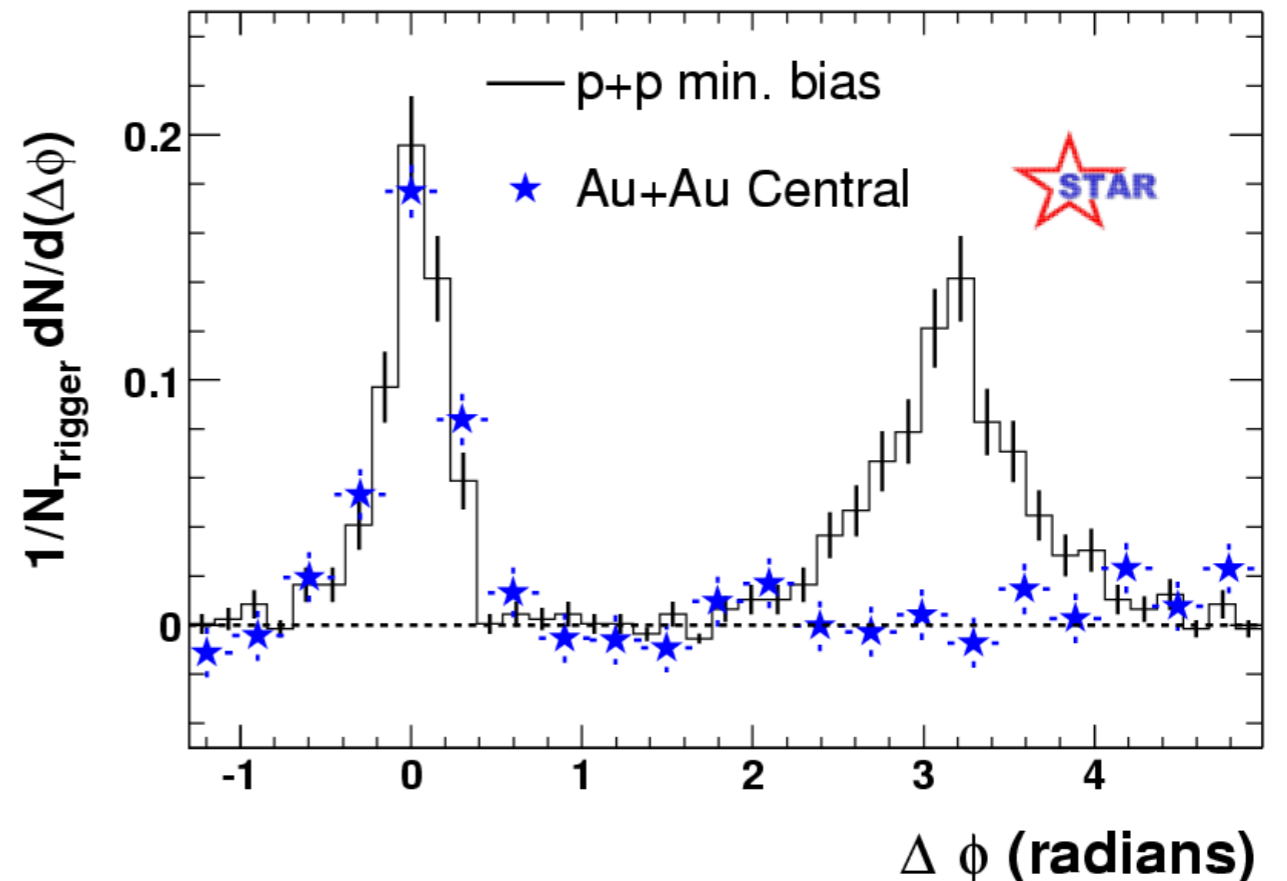
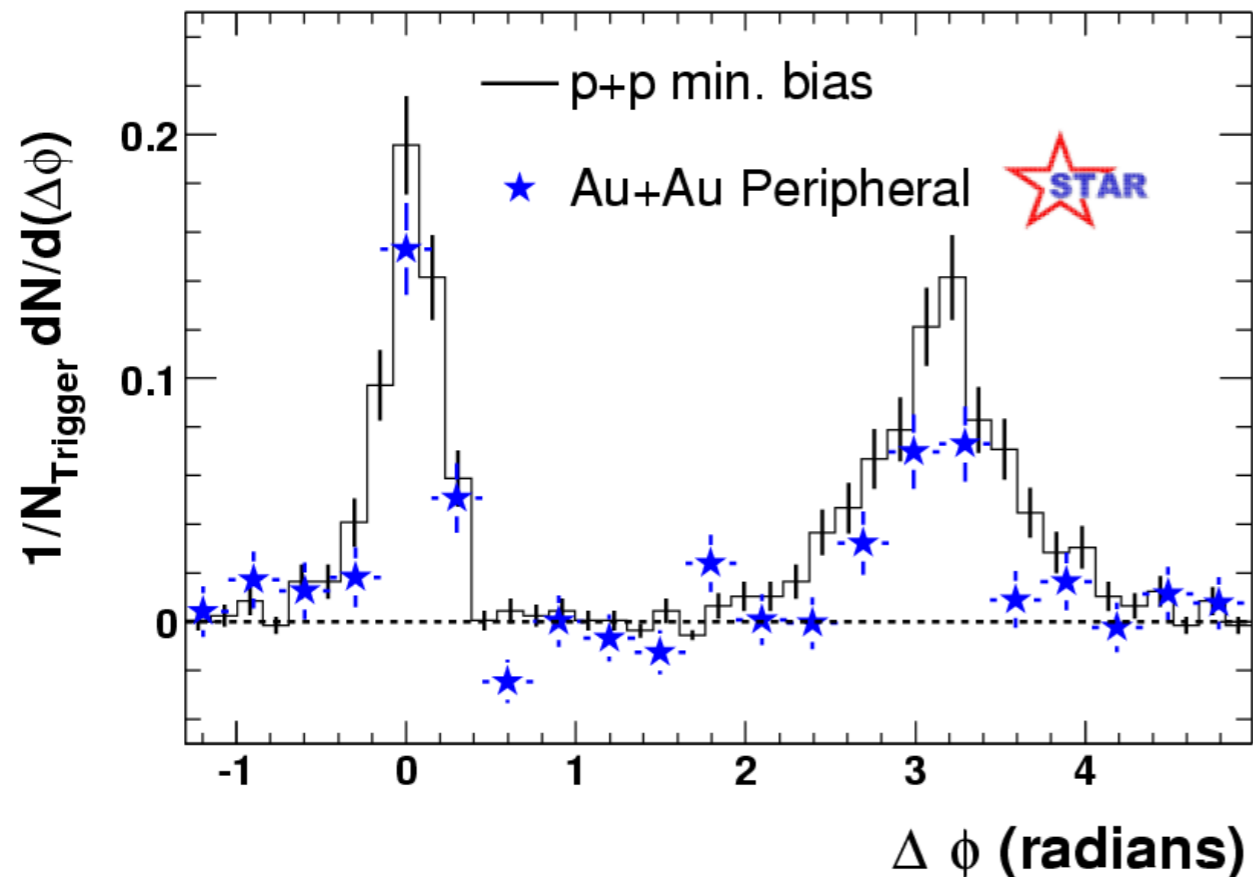
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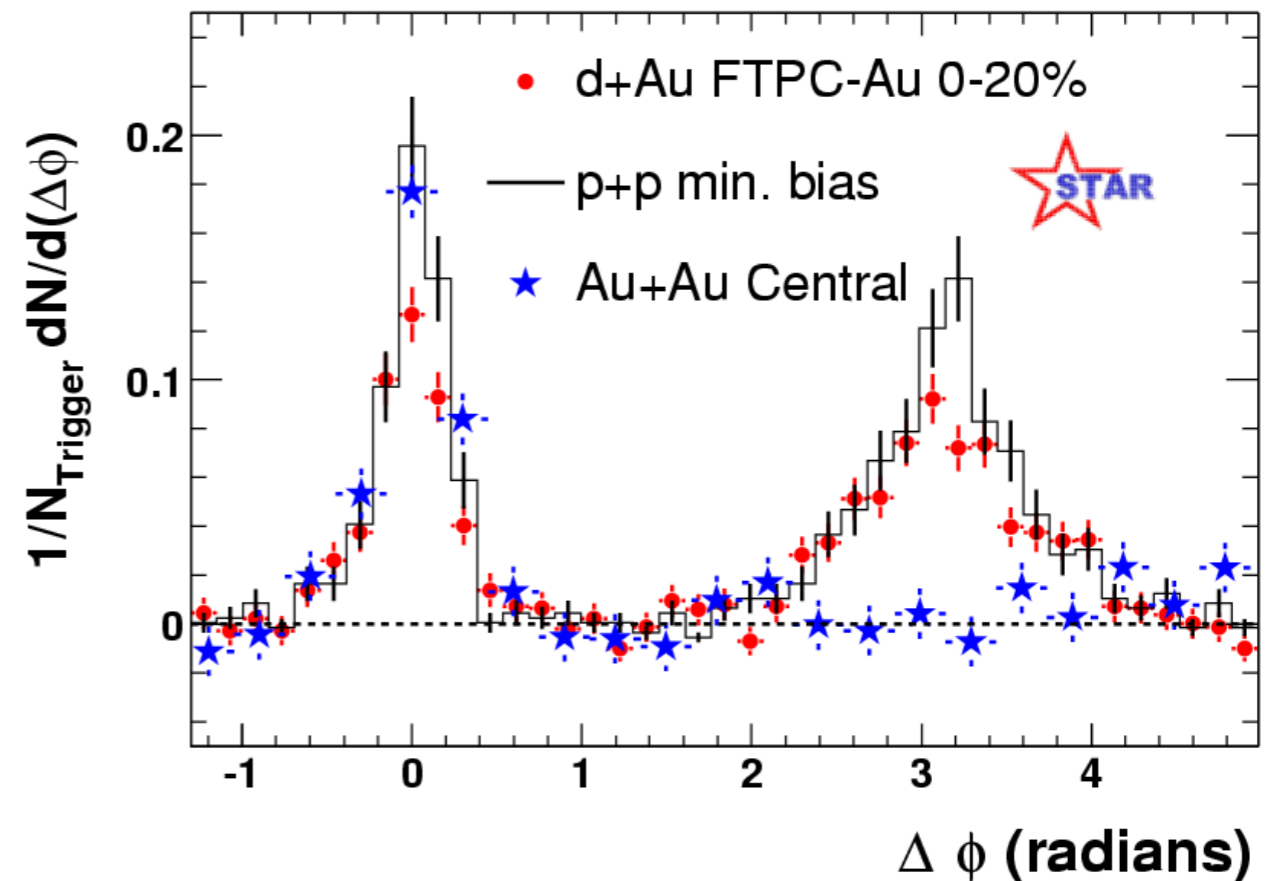
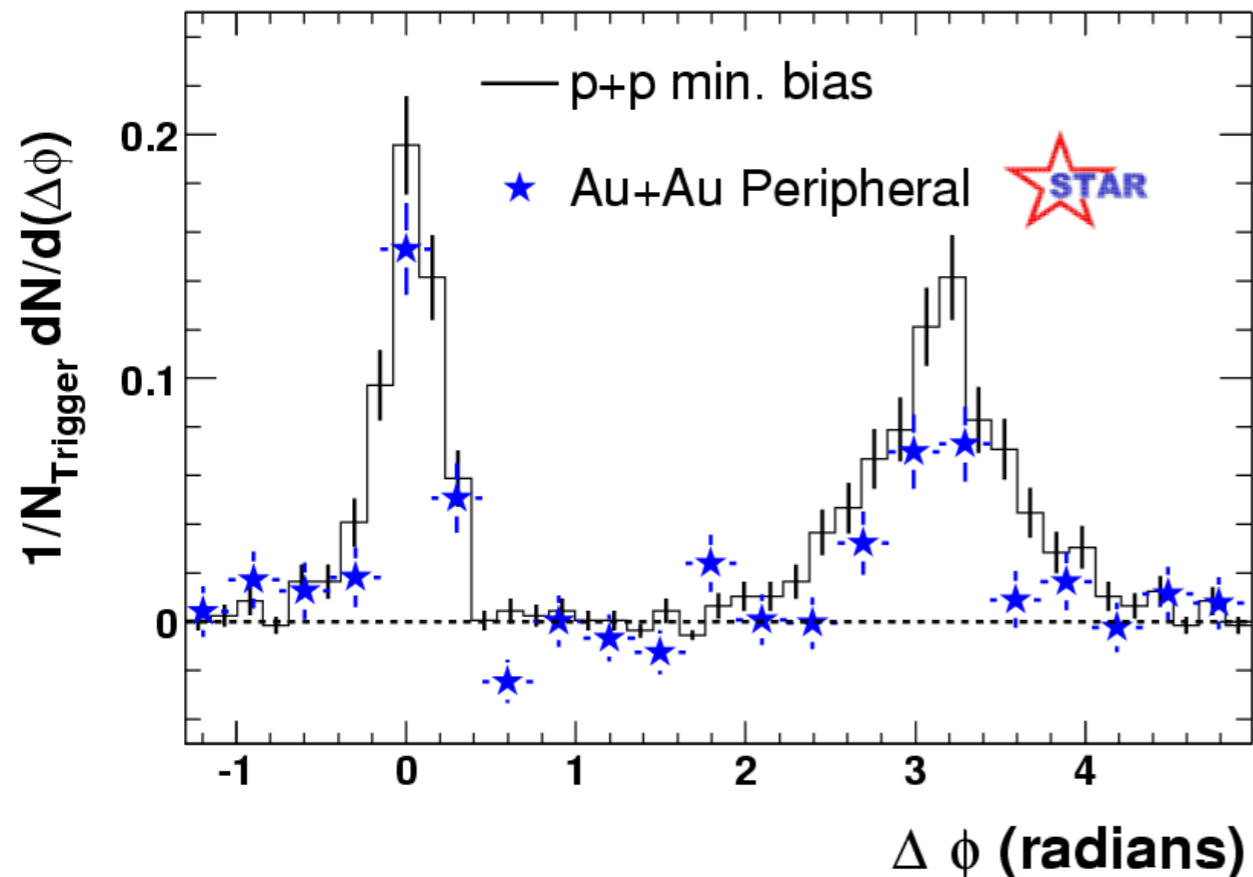
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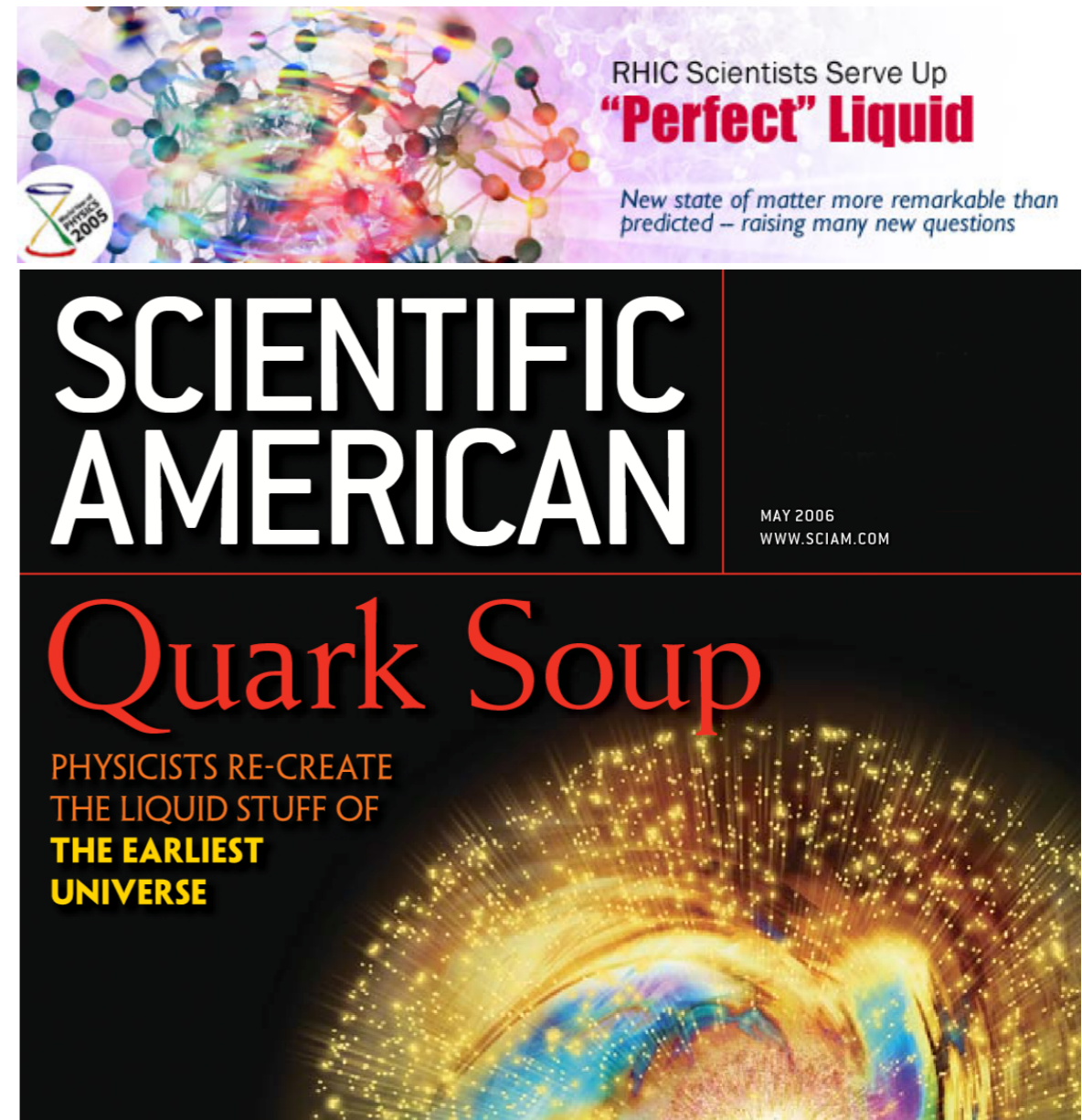
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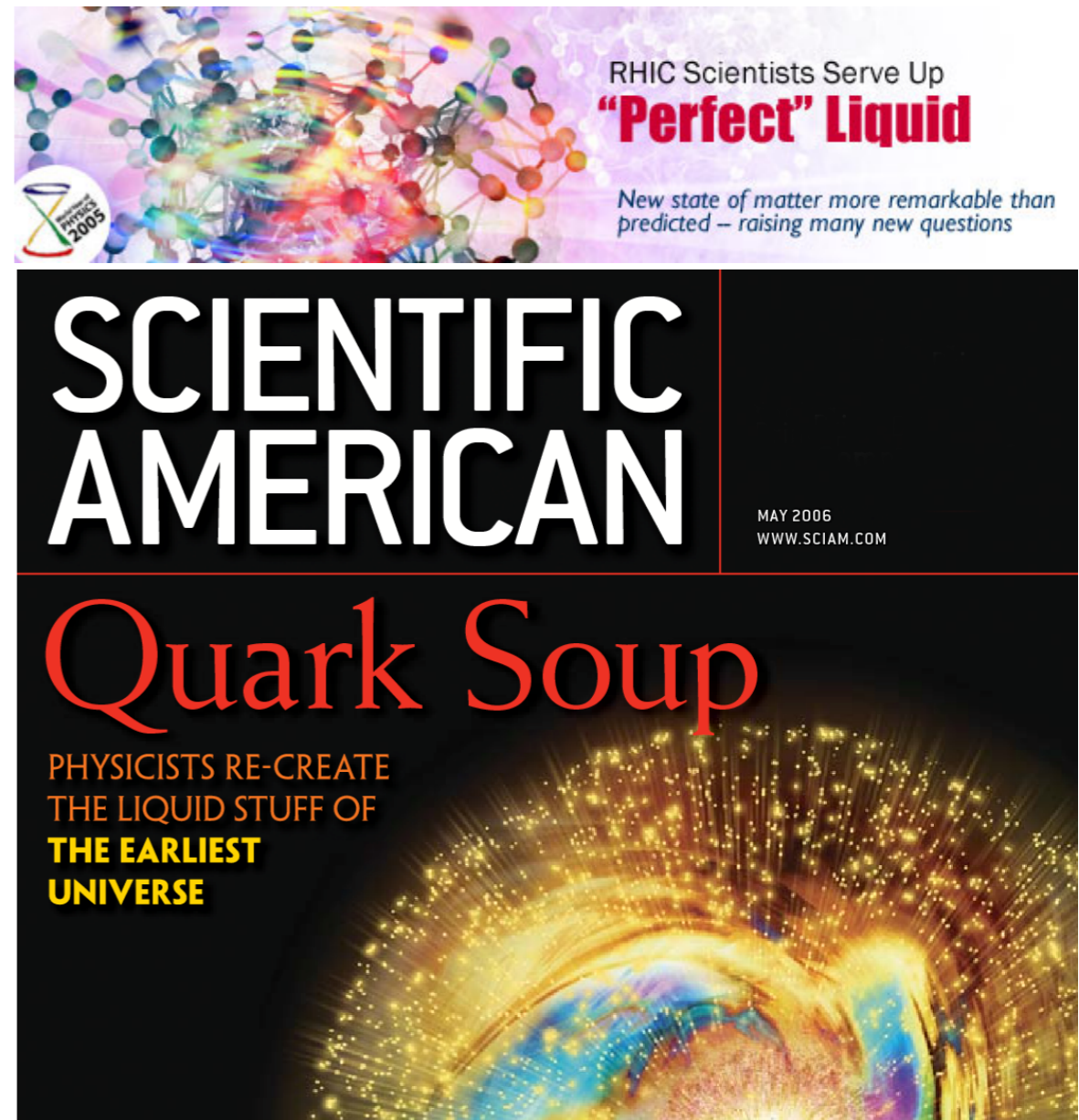
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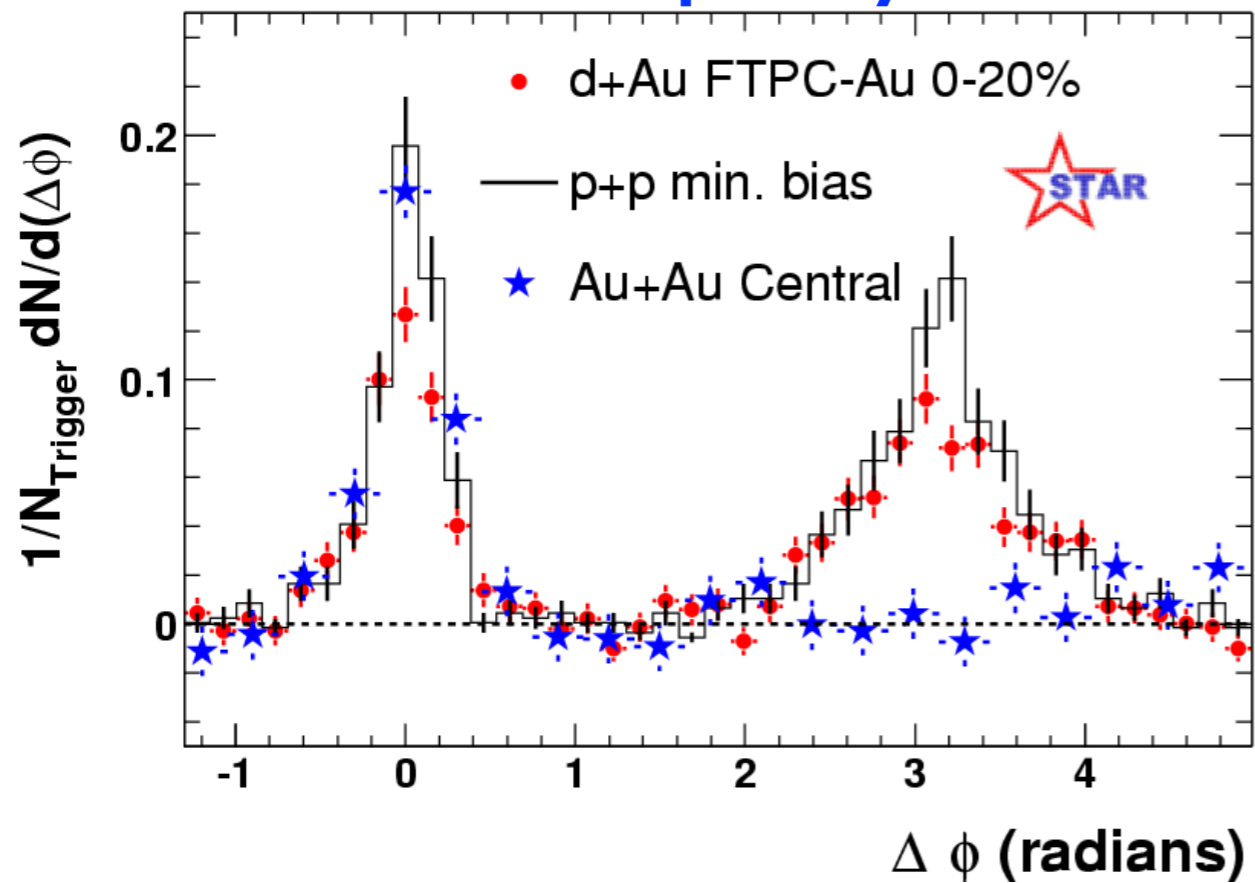
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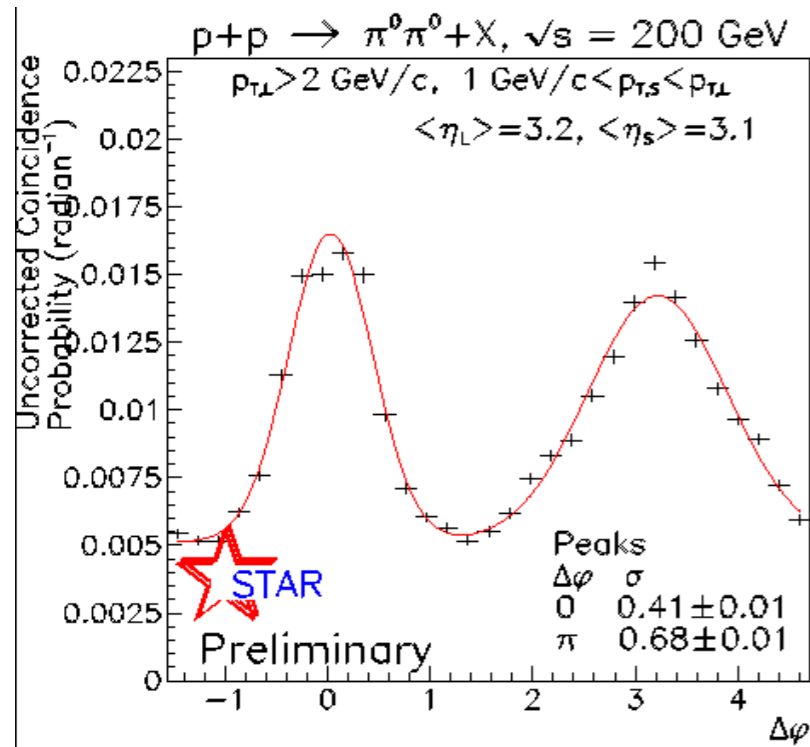
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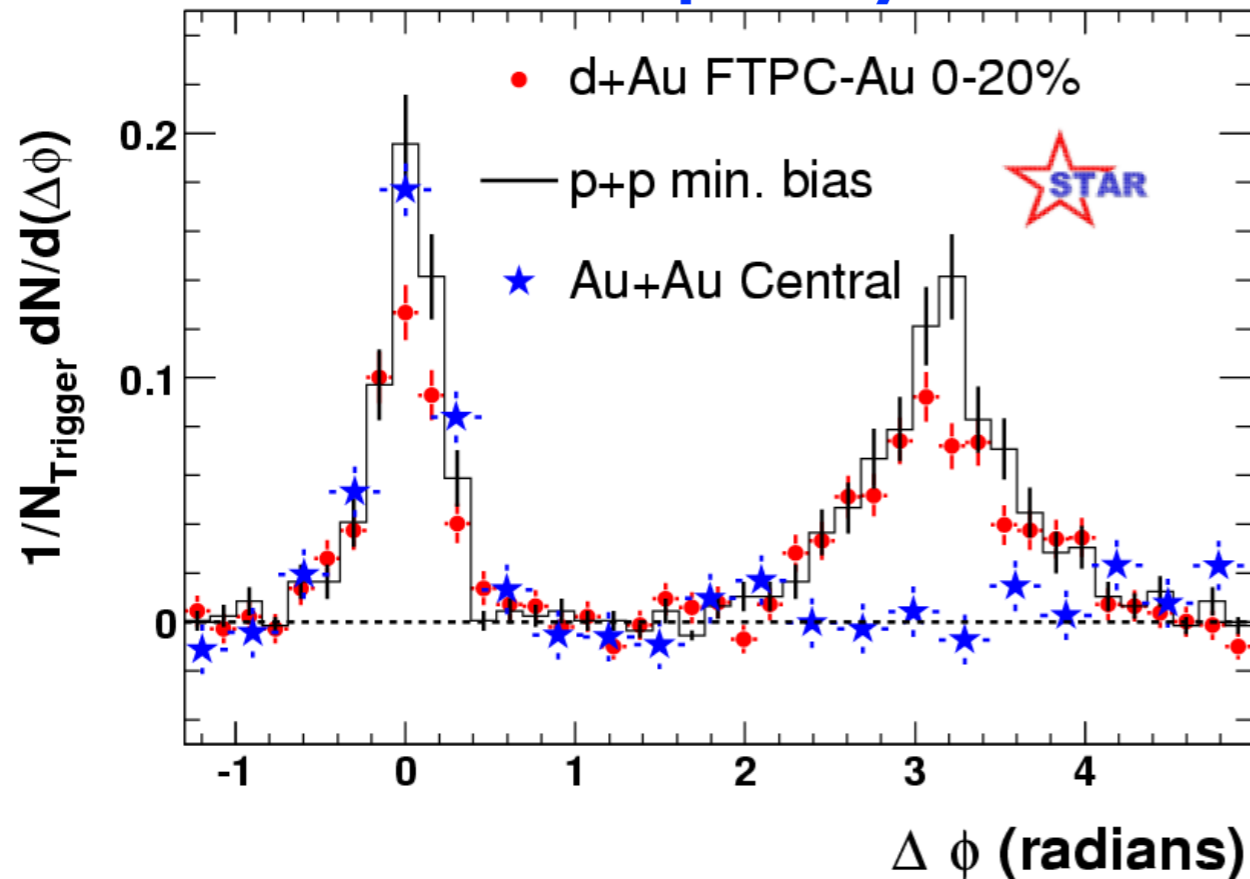


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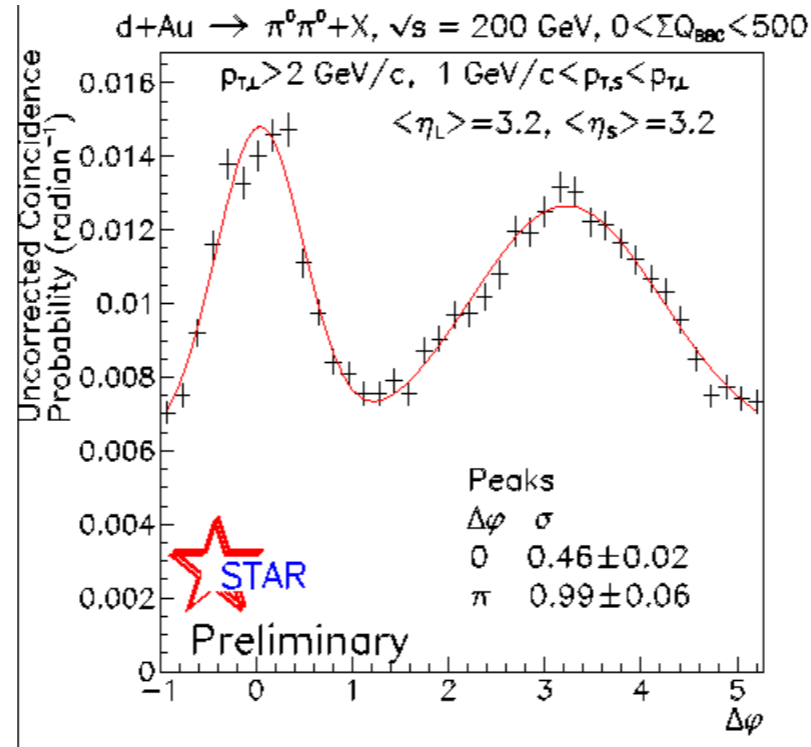
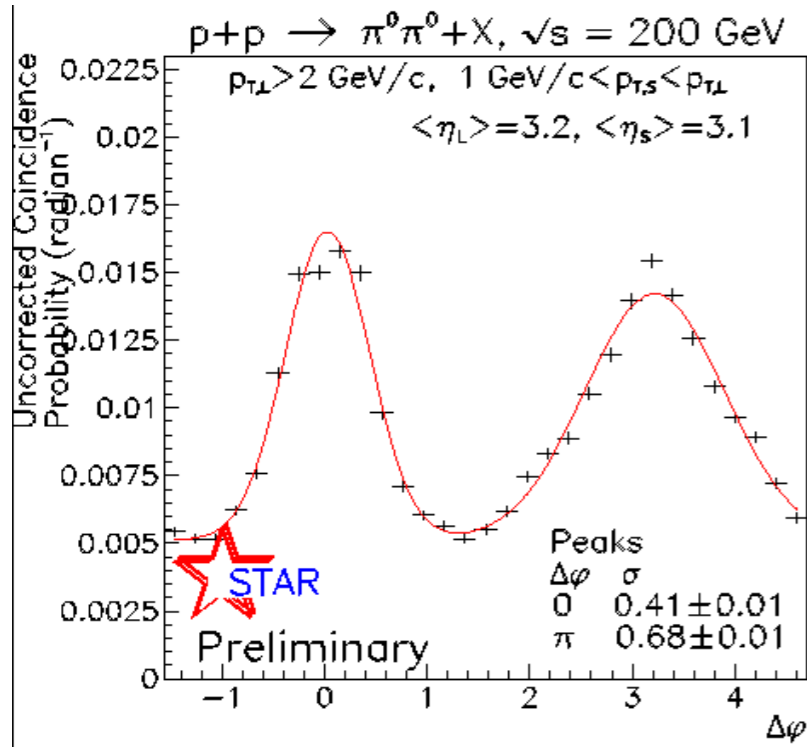
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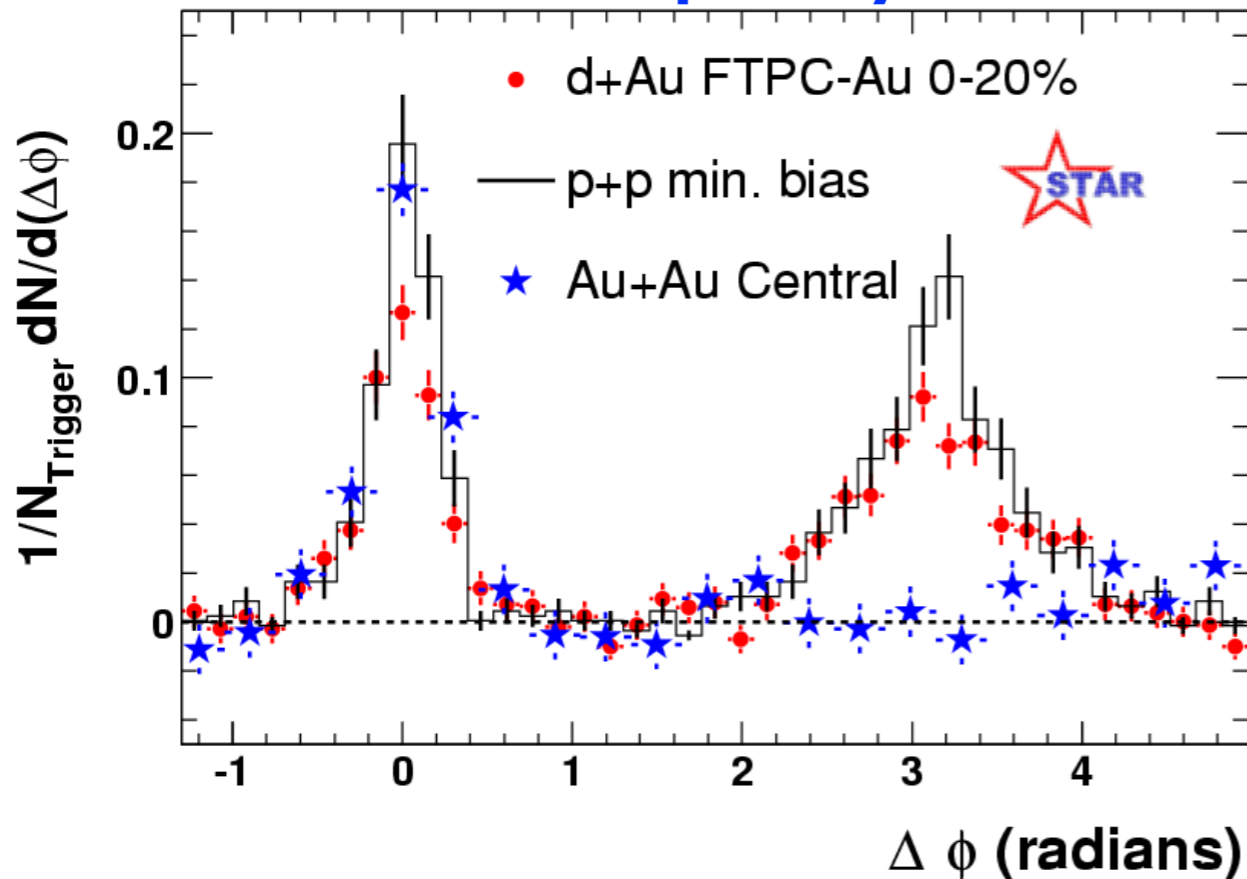
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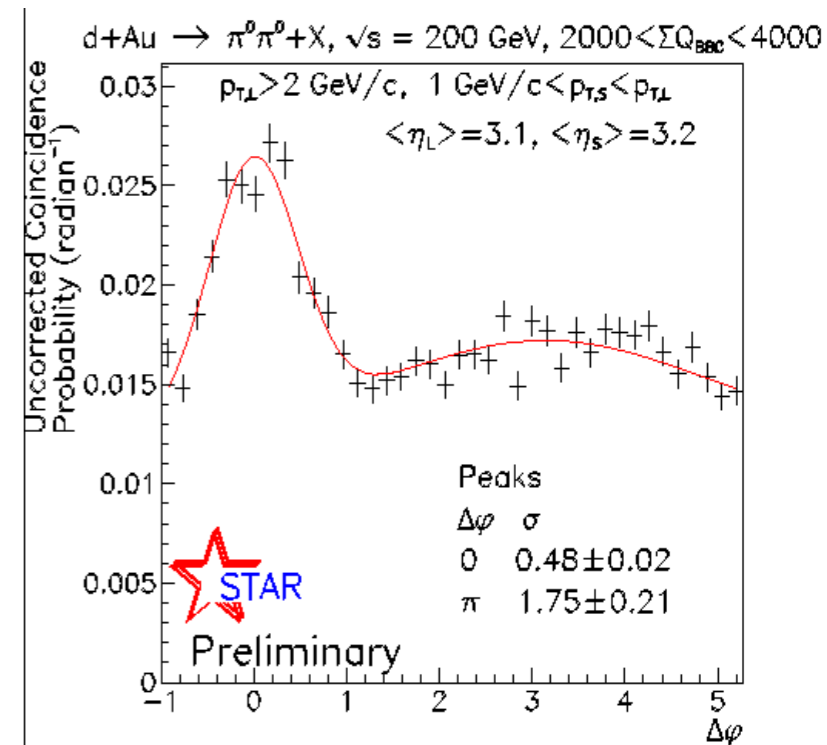
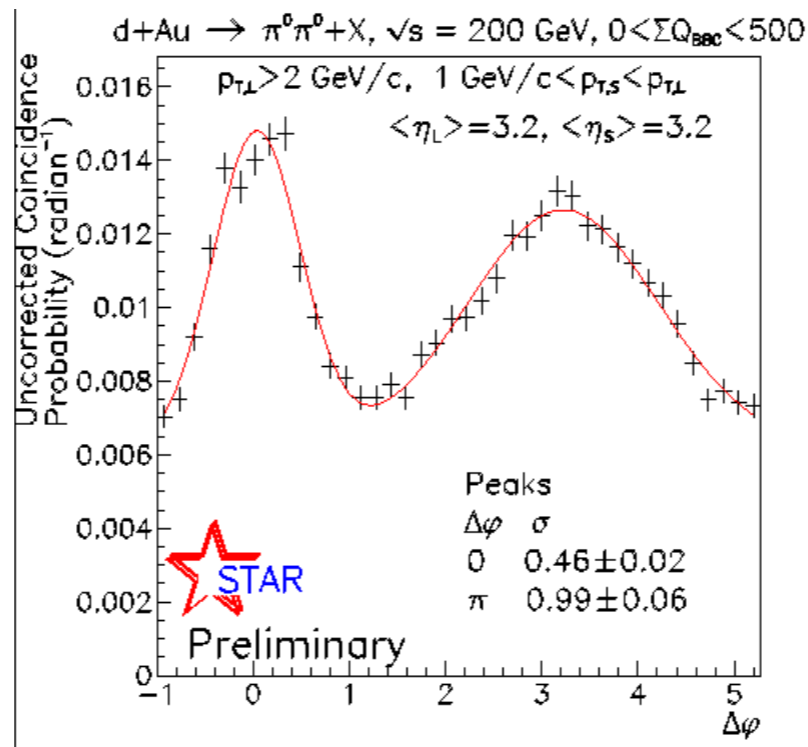
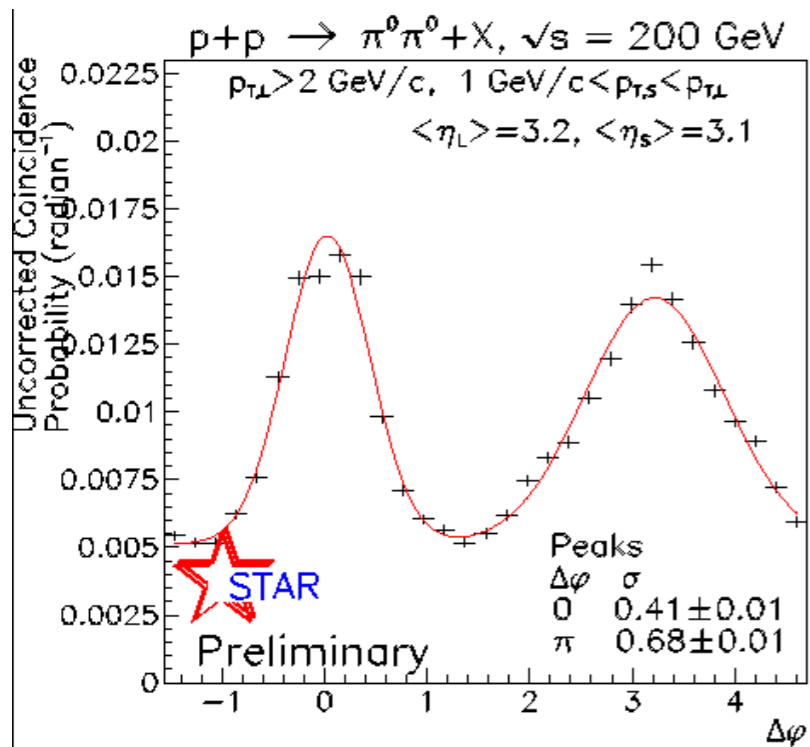


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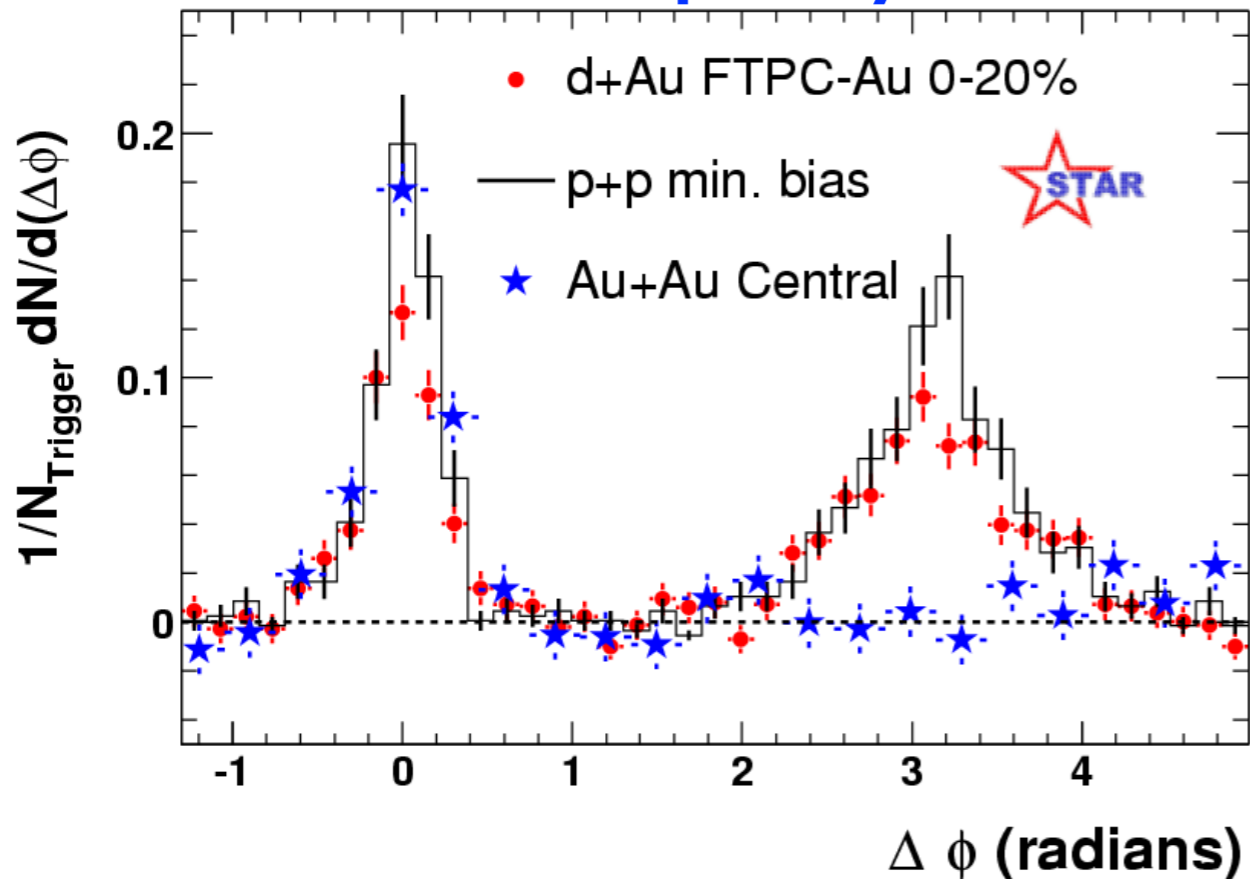
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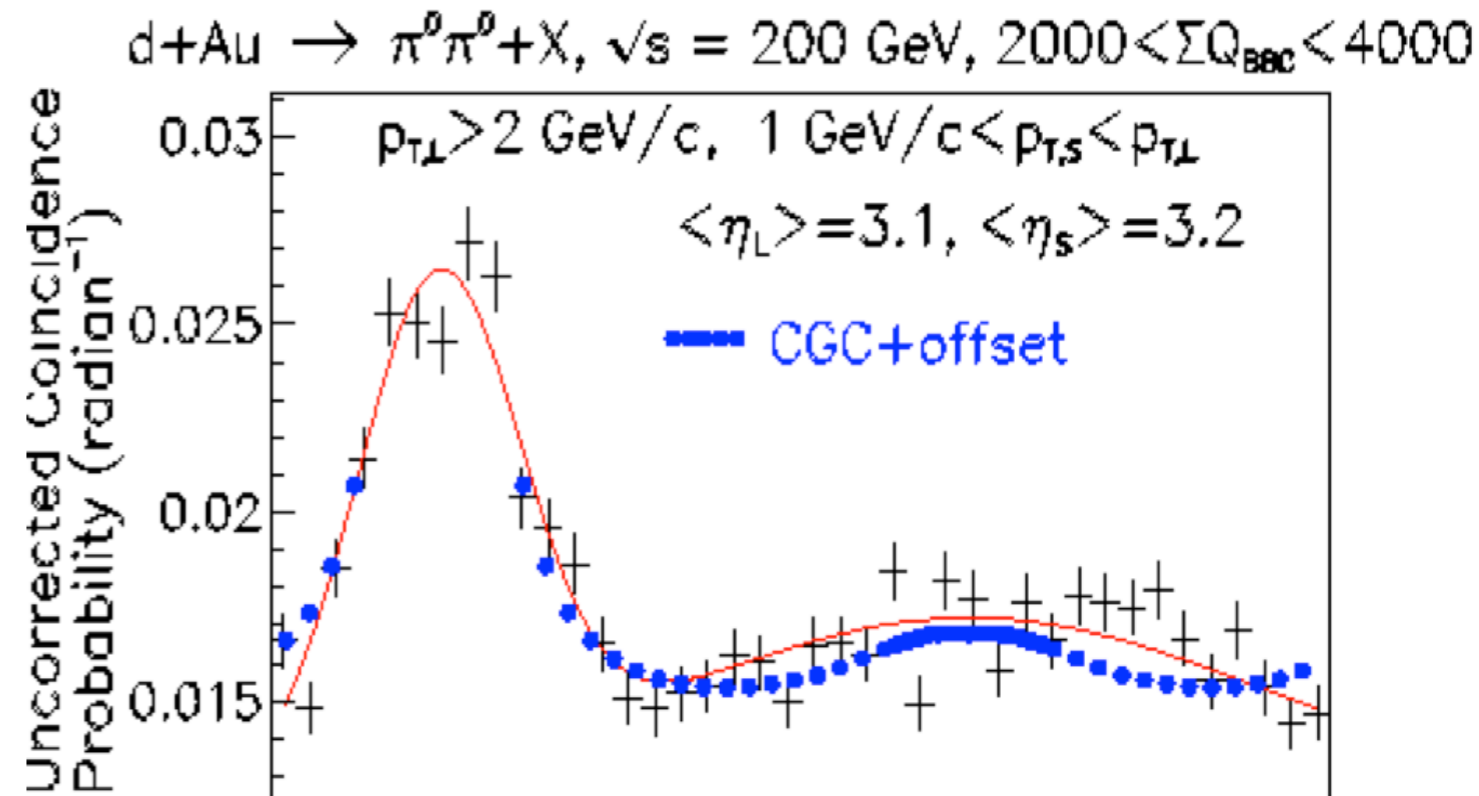
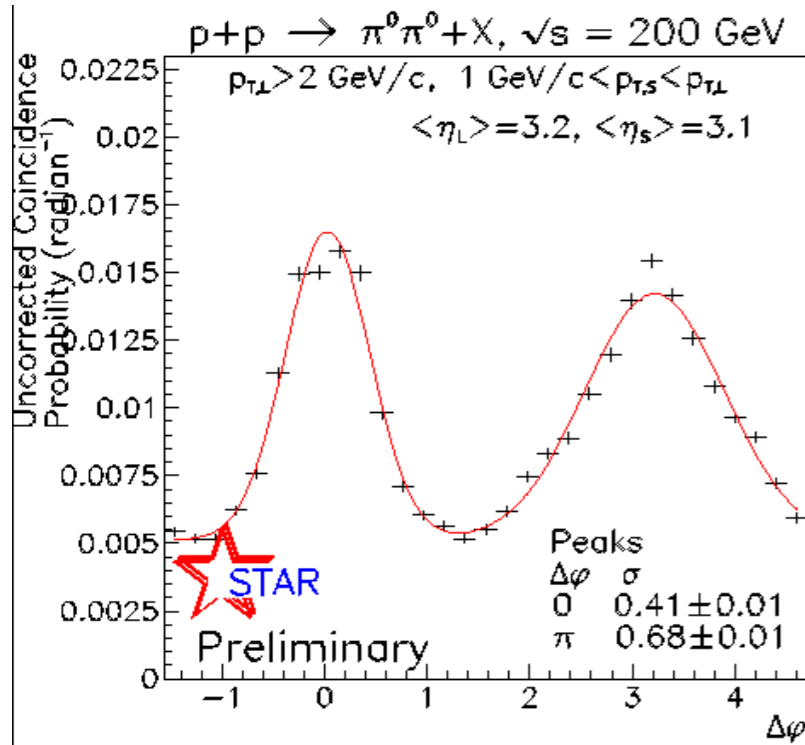
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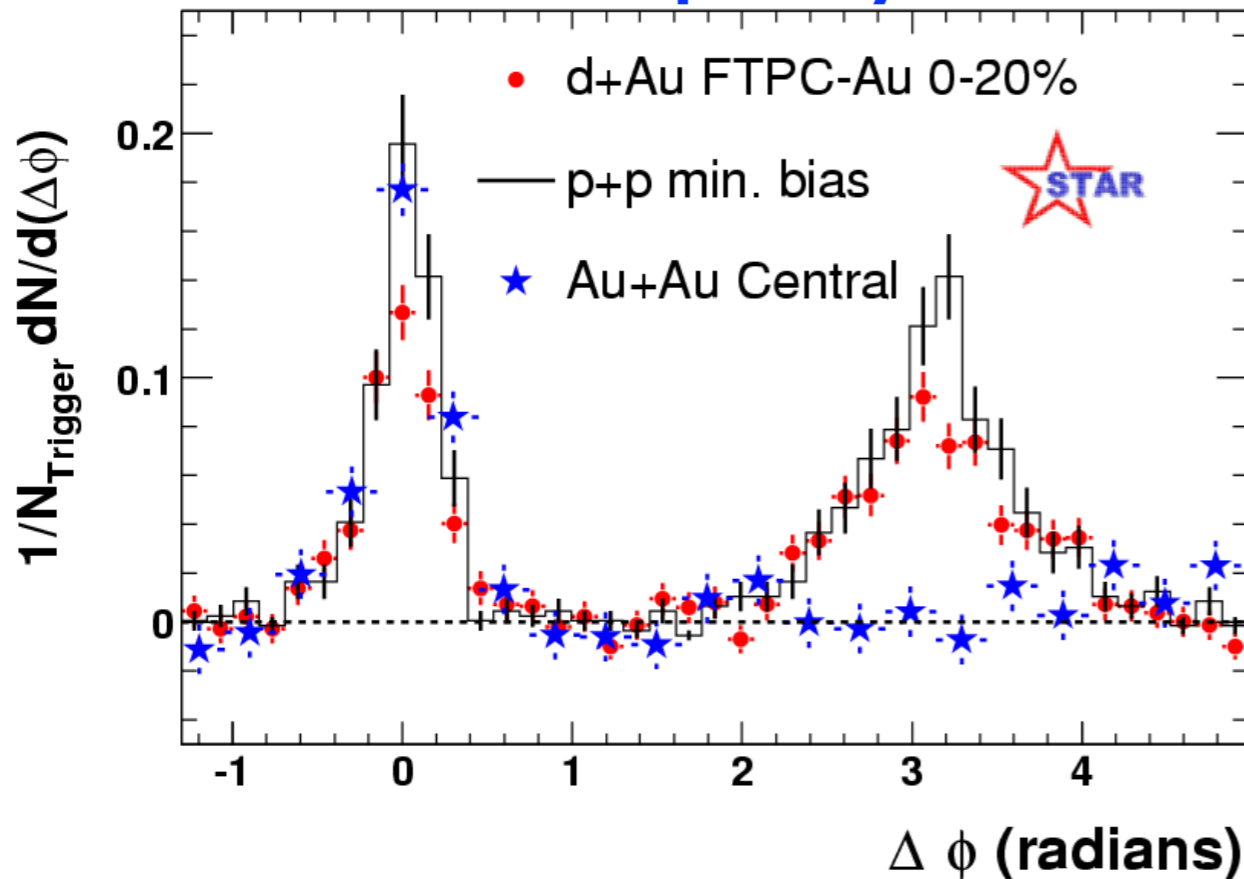
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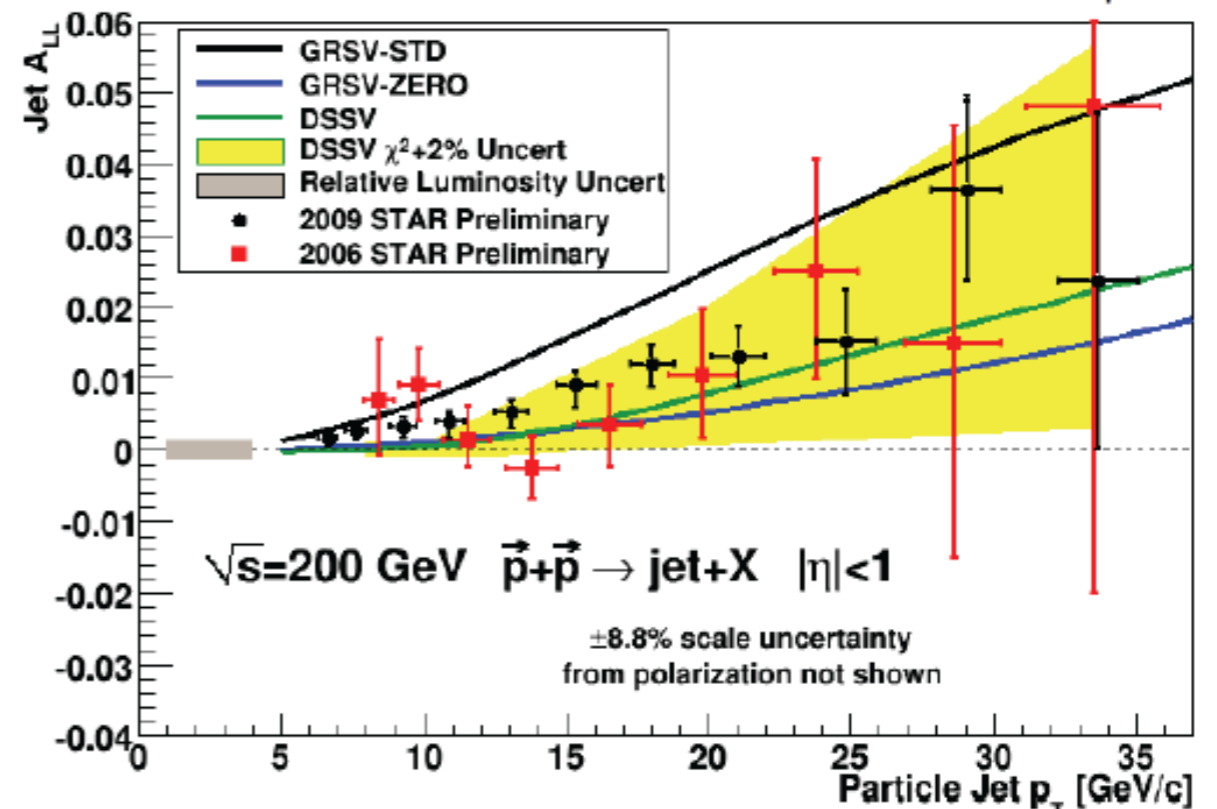
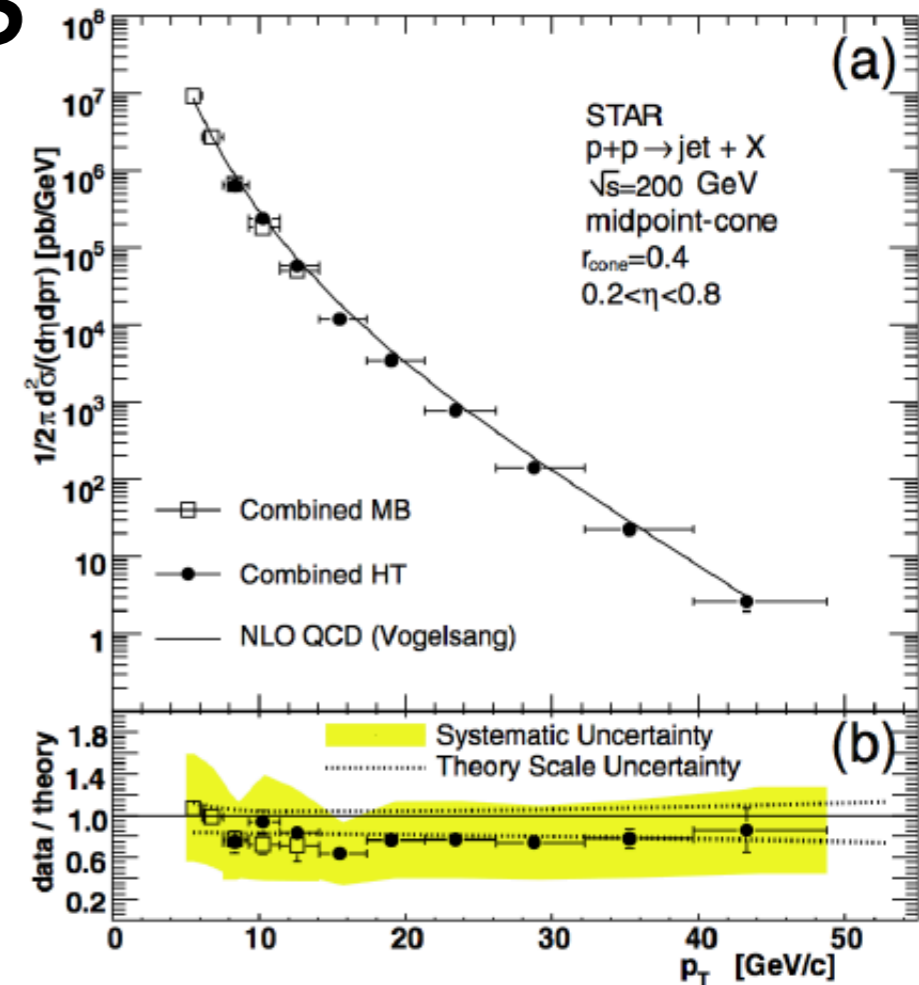
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Model: Nucl.Phys.A796:41-60,2007

Spin Results

- The main aim of the RHIC polarised proton running is the measurement of $\Delta g(x)$ at medium- x ($0.01 < x < 0.3$).
- Inclusive jet-yield is well reproduced by NLO pQCD calculations
 - Can use NLO pQCD to extract $\Delta g(x)$ from measurements of A_{LL}
 - Measurement good enough to discriminate between some GRSV scenarios
- Lot more to do in the spin programme
 - Running at $\sqrt{s}=500$ GeV increases the x -range and available measurements



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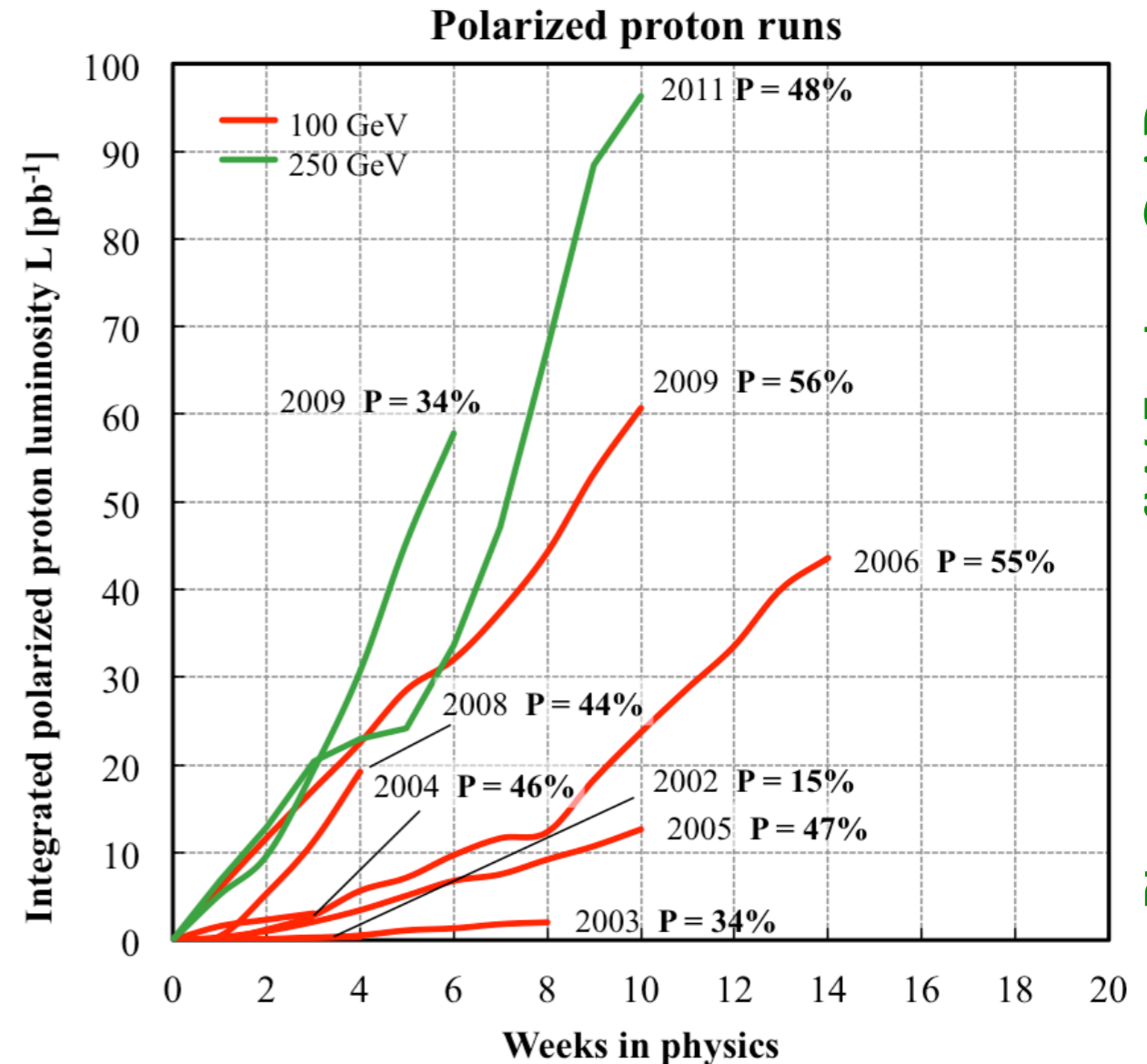
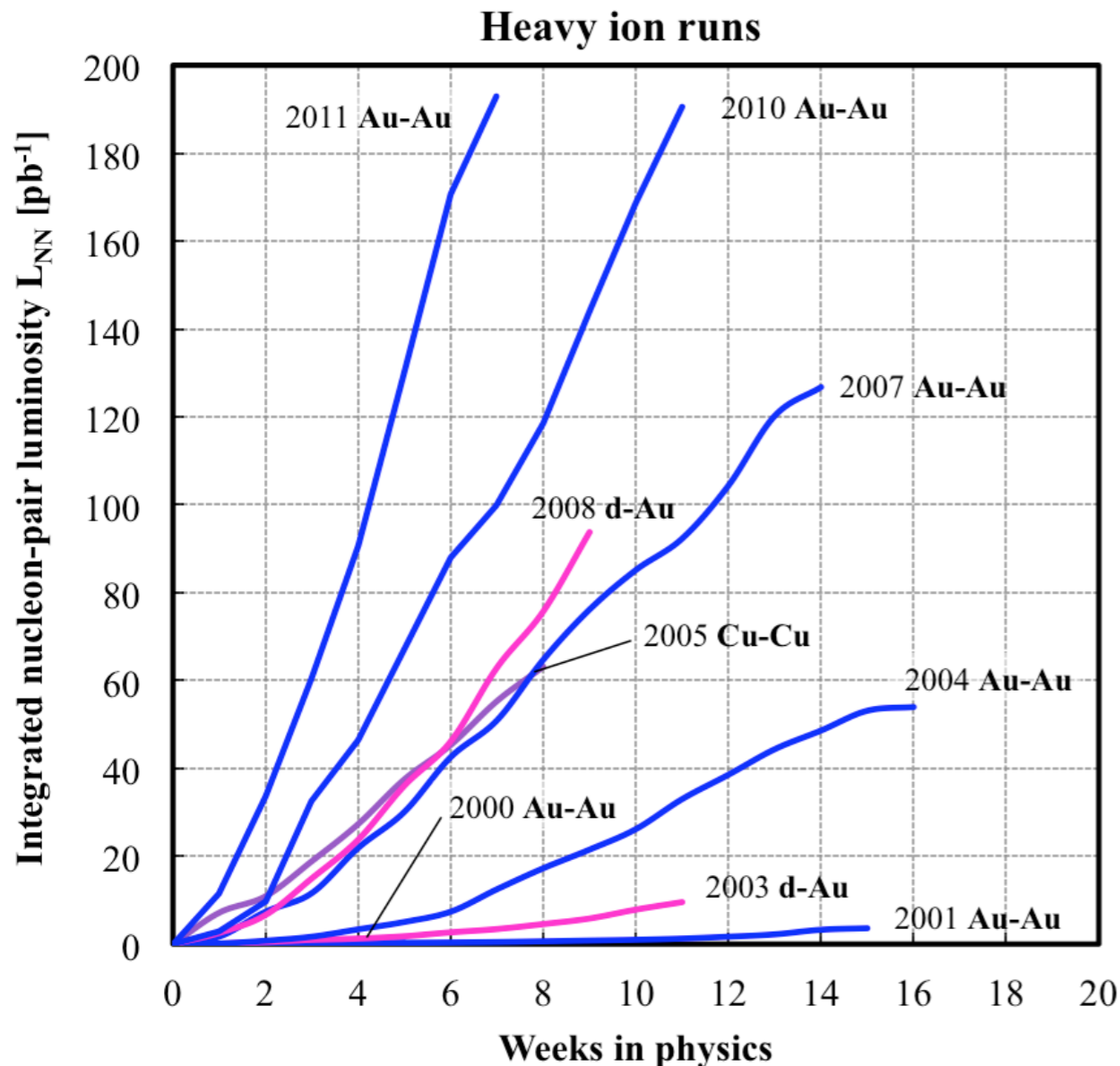
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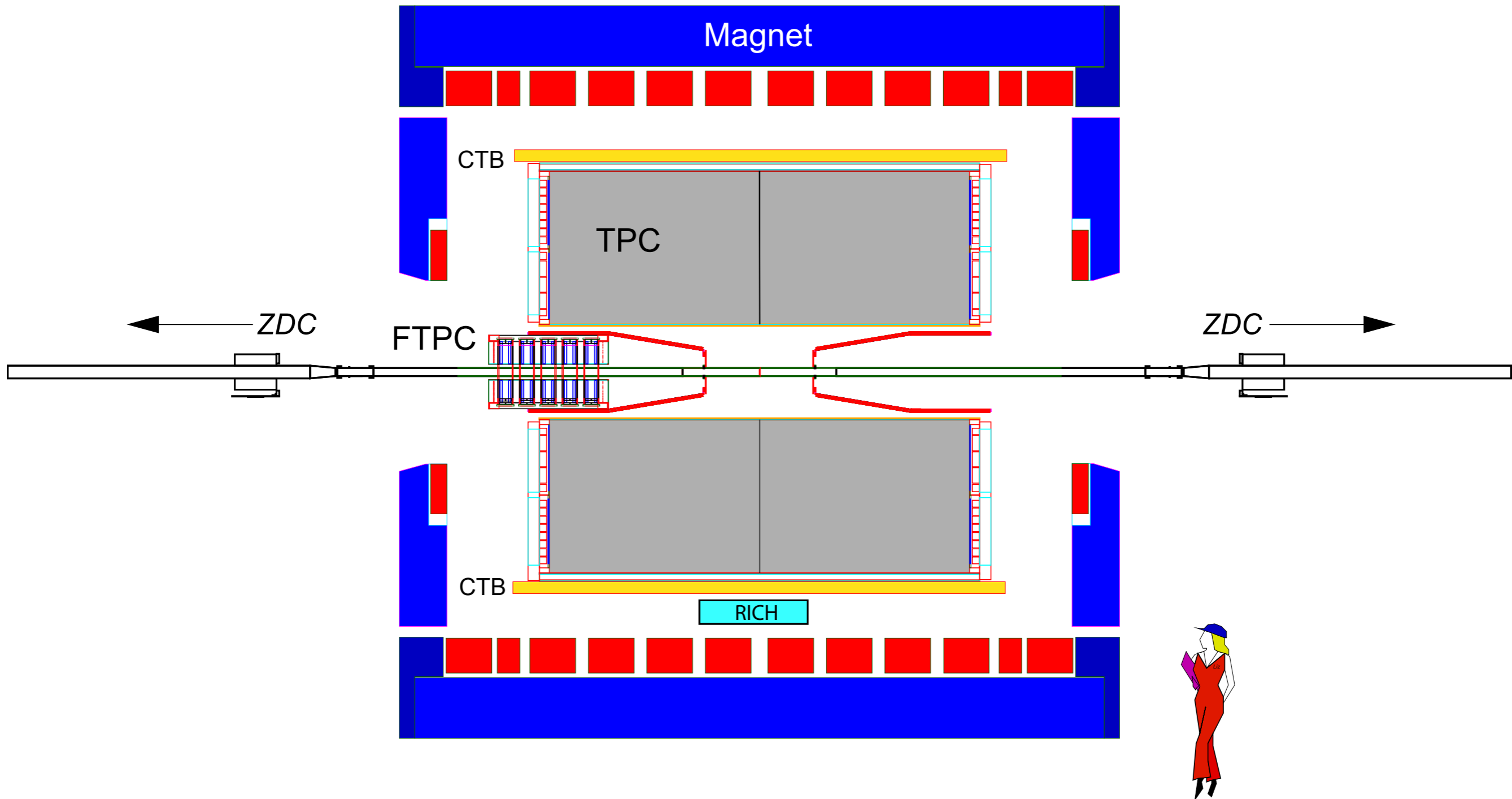
RHIC's improvement with age....



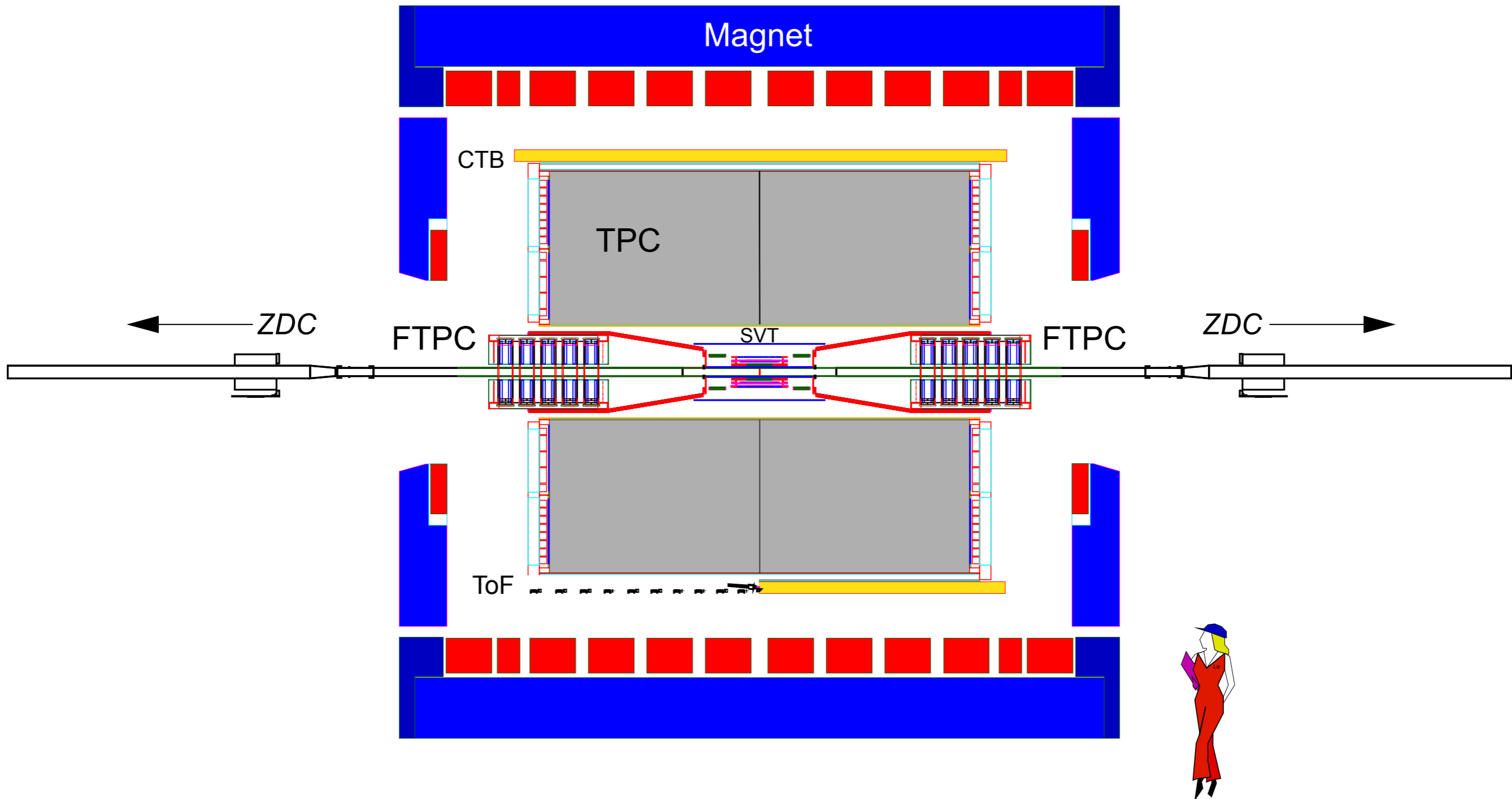
Plots courtesy of W. Fischer, C-AD

- ◎ As RHIC has improved luminosity, so STAR has improved
 - ◎ 2001: TPC DAQ ~ 8 Hz (when the stars aligned)
 - ◎ 2012: TPC DAQ ~ 1.8 kHz

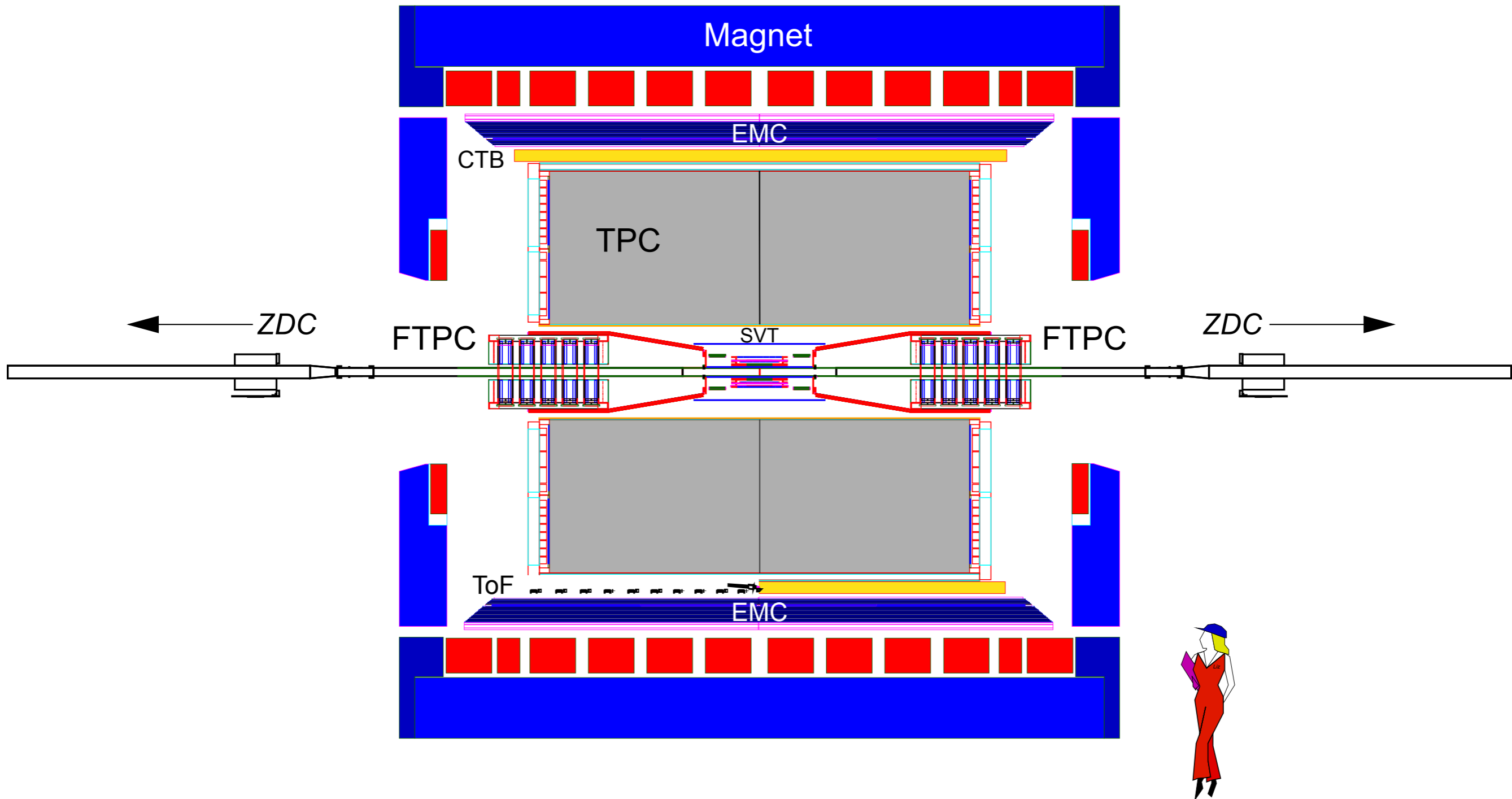
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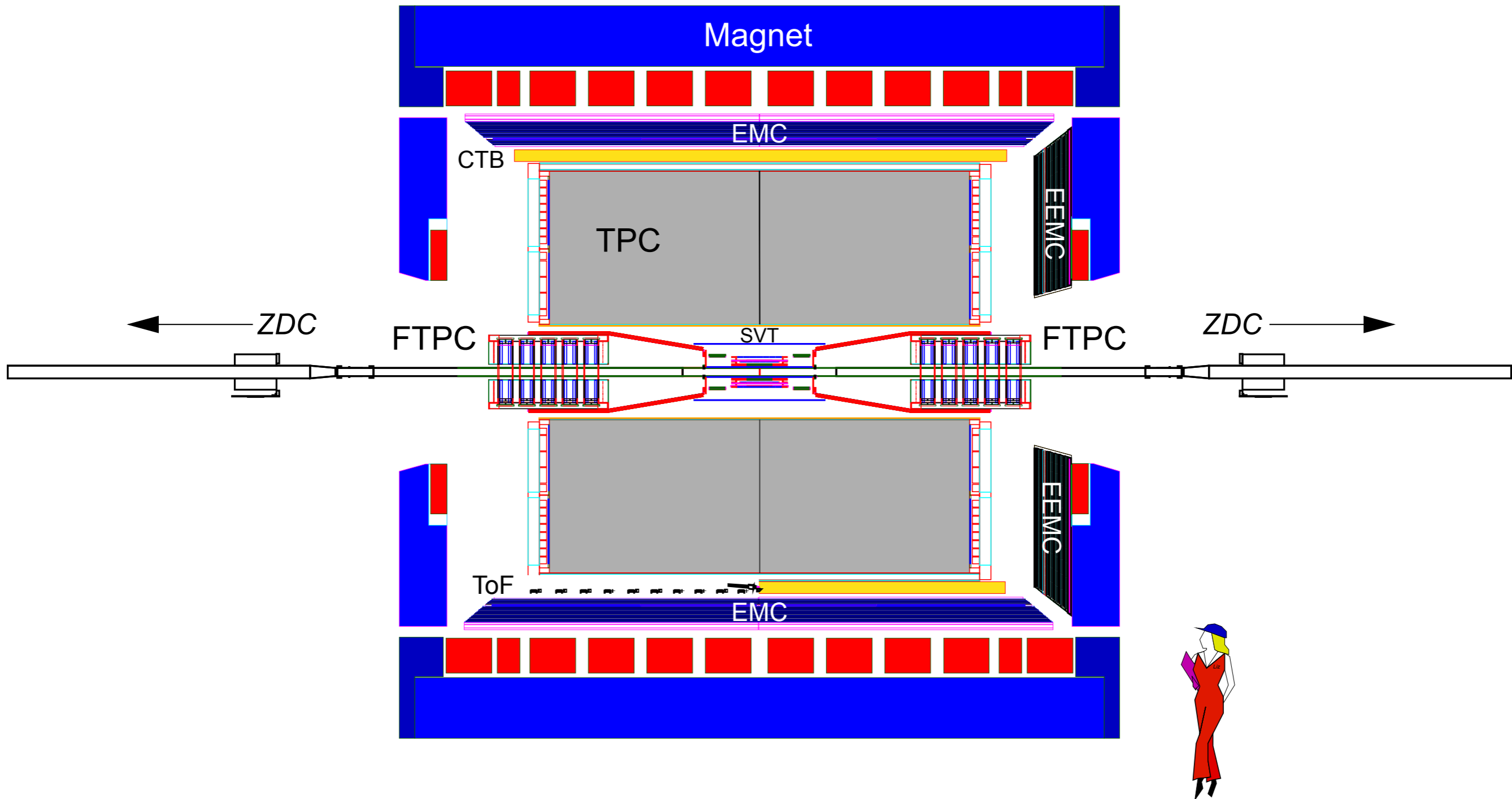
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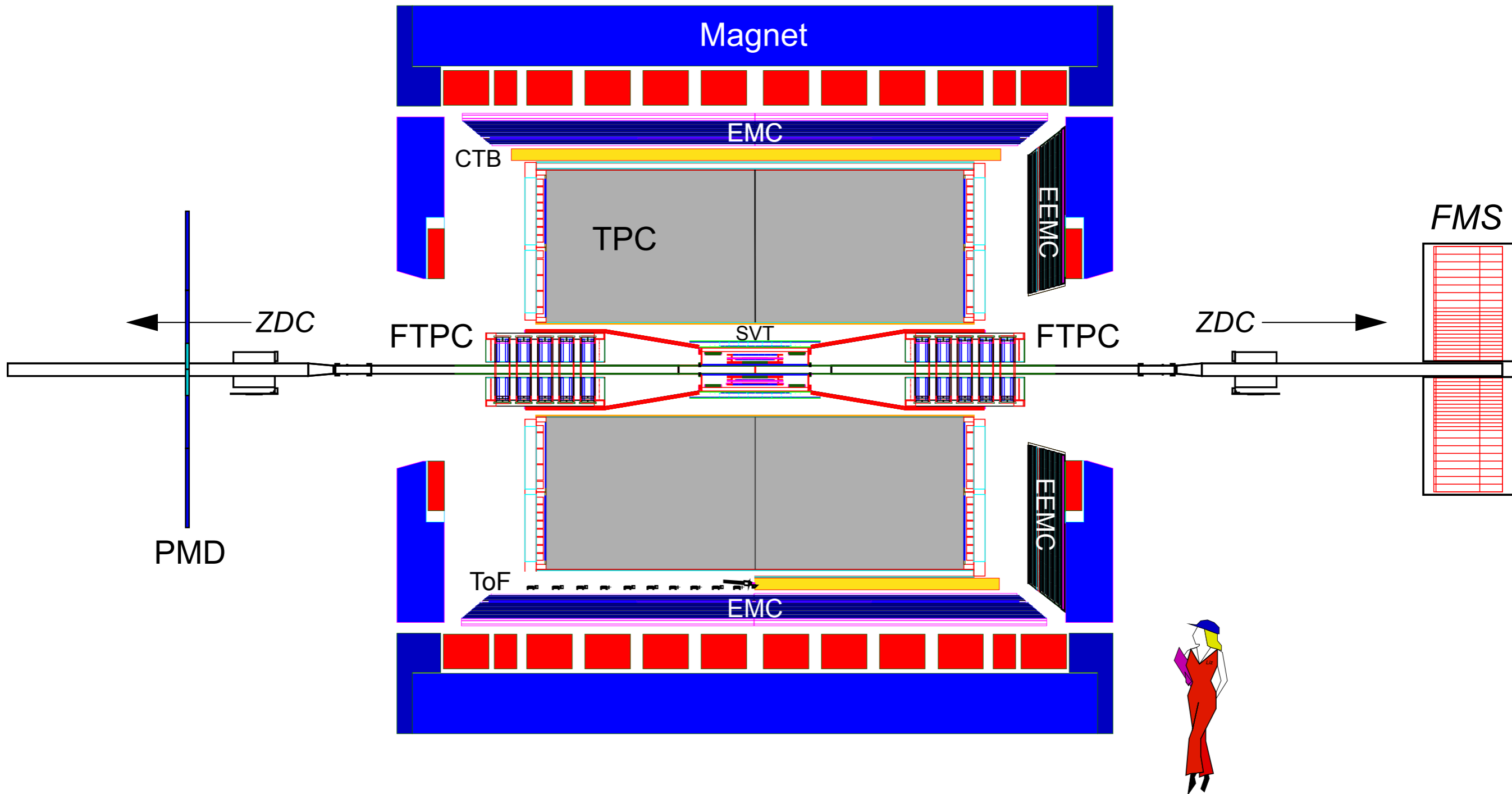
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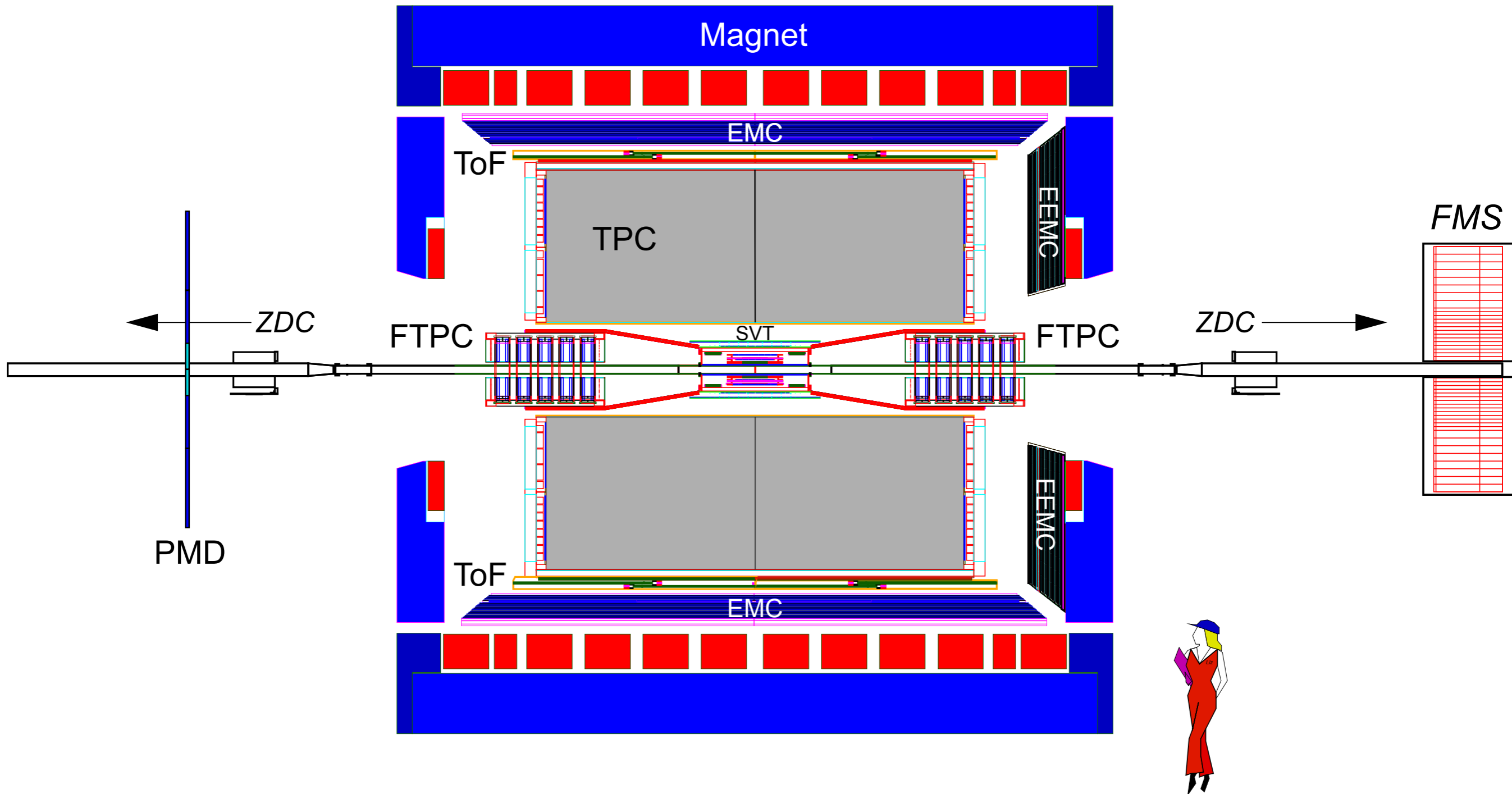
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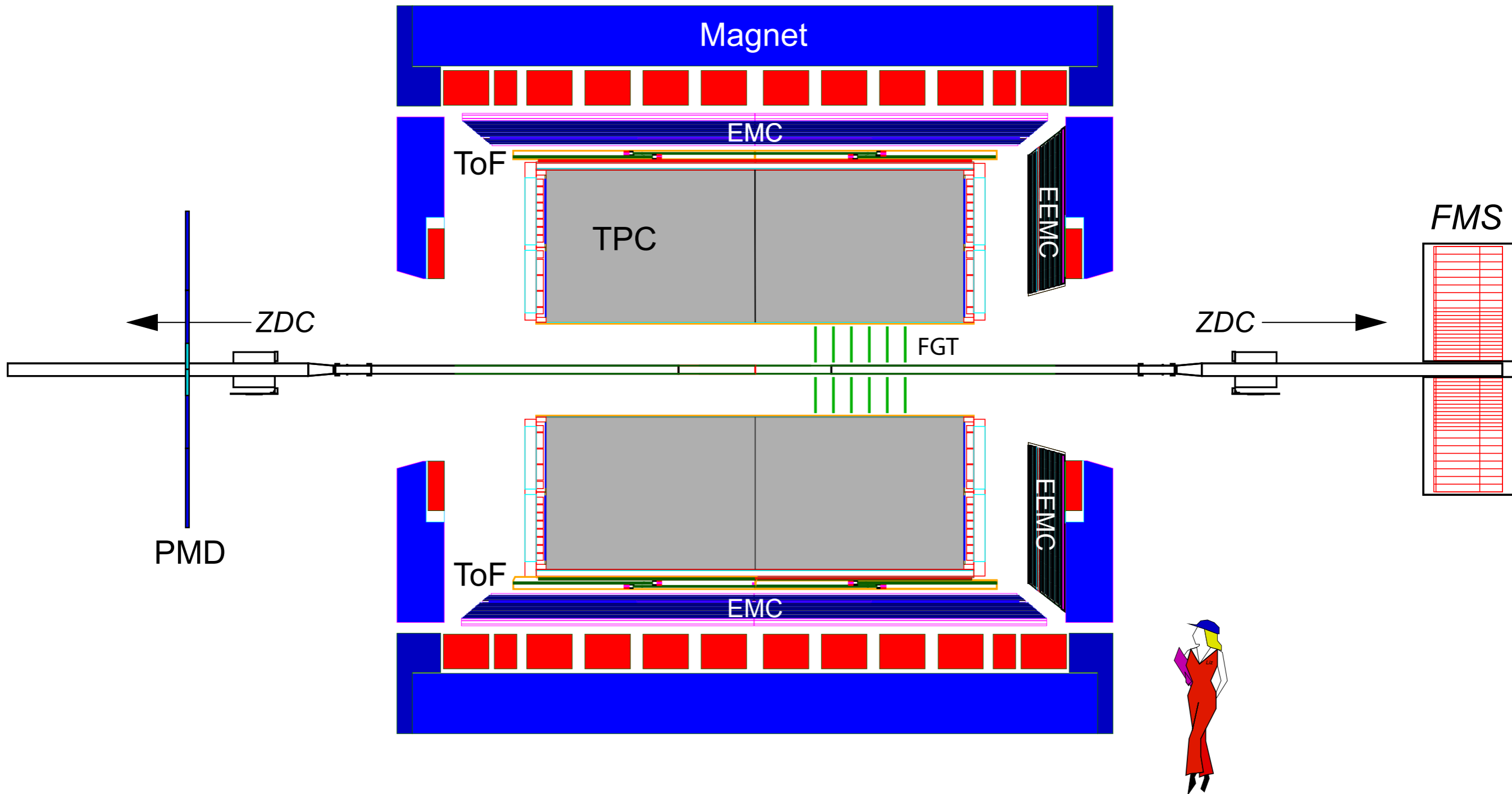
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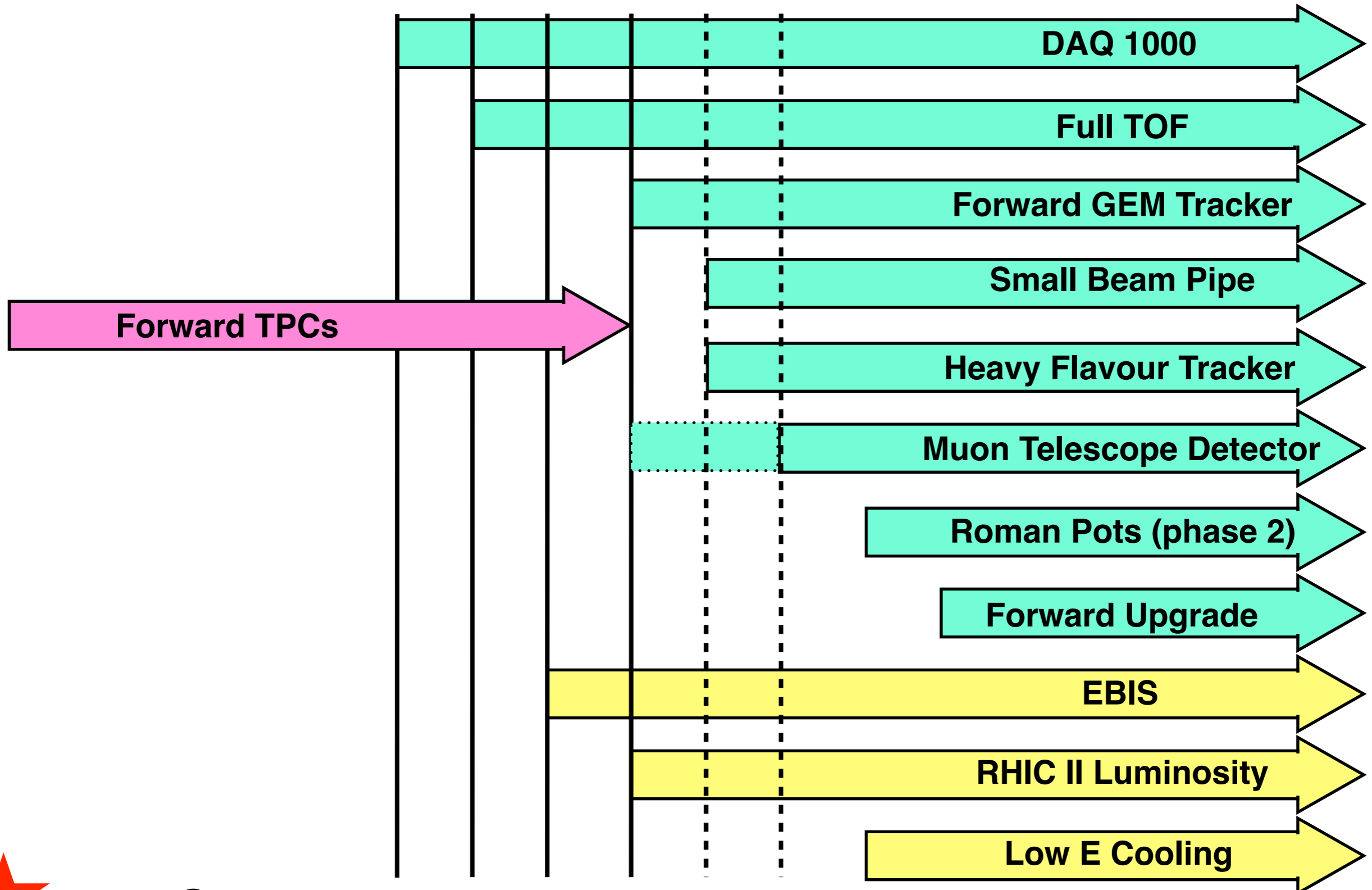


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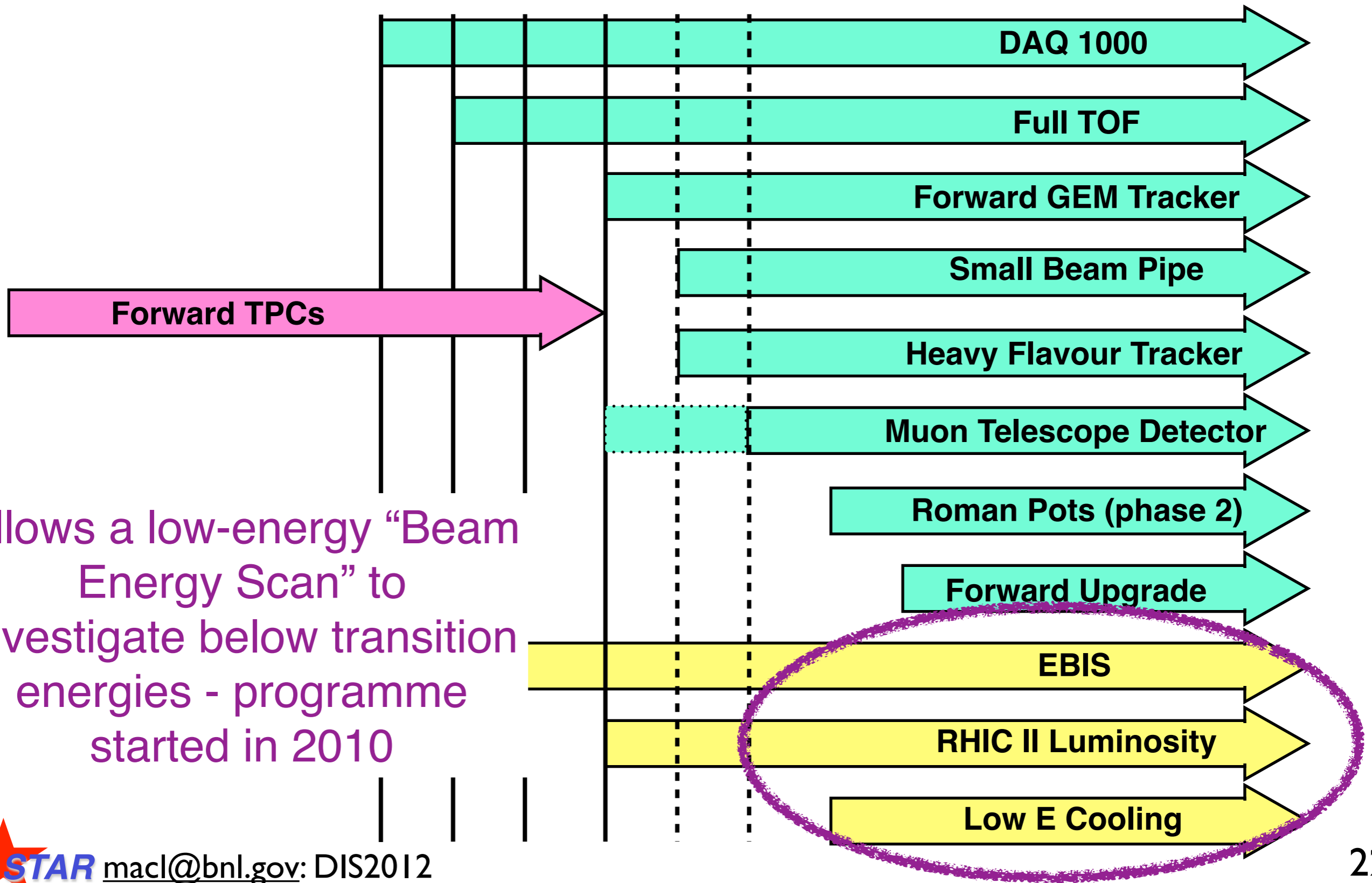
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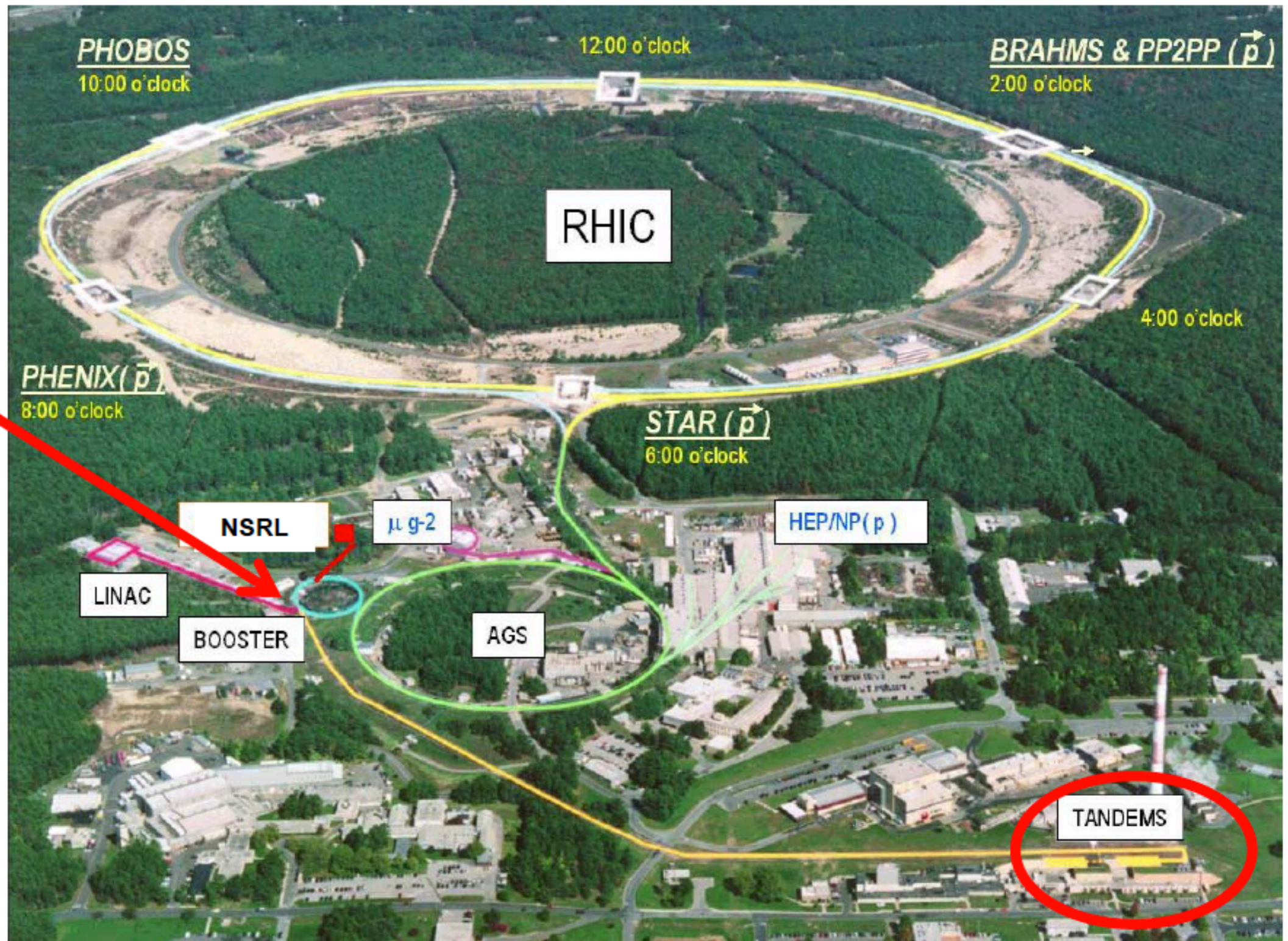
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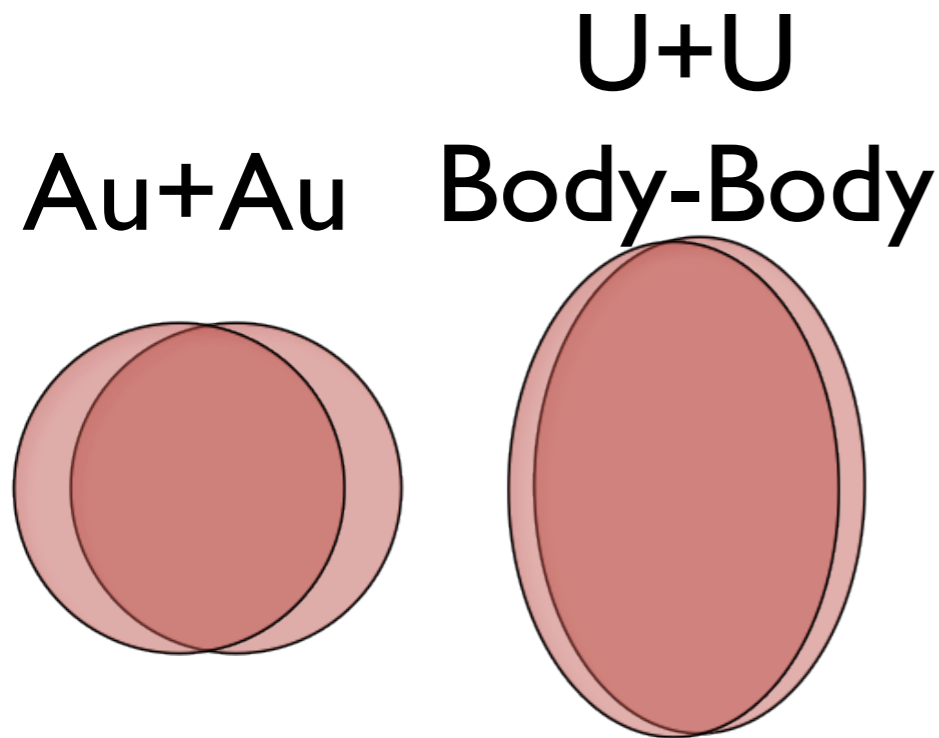
Allows a low-energy “Beam Energy Scan” to investigate below transition energies - programme started in 2010

RHIC Upgrades - EBIS Source

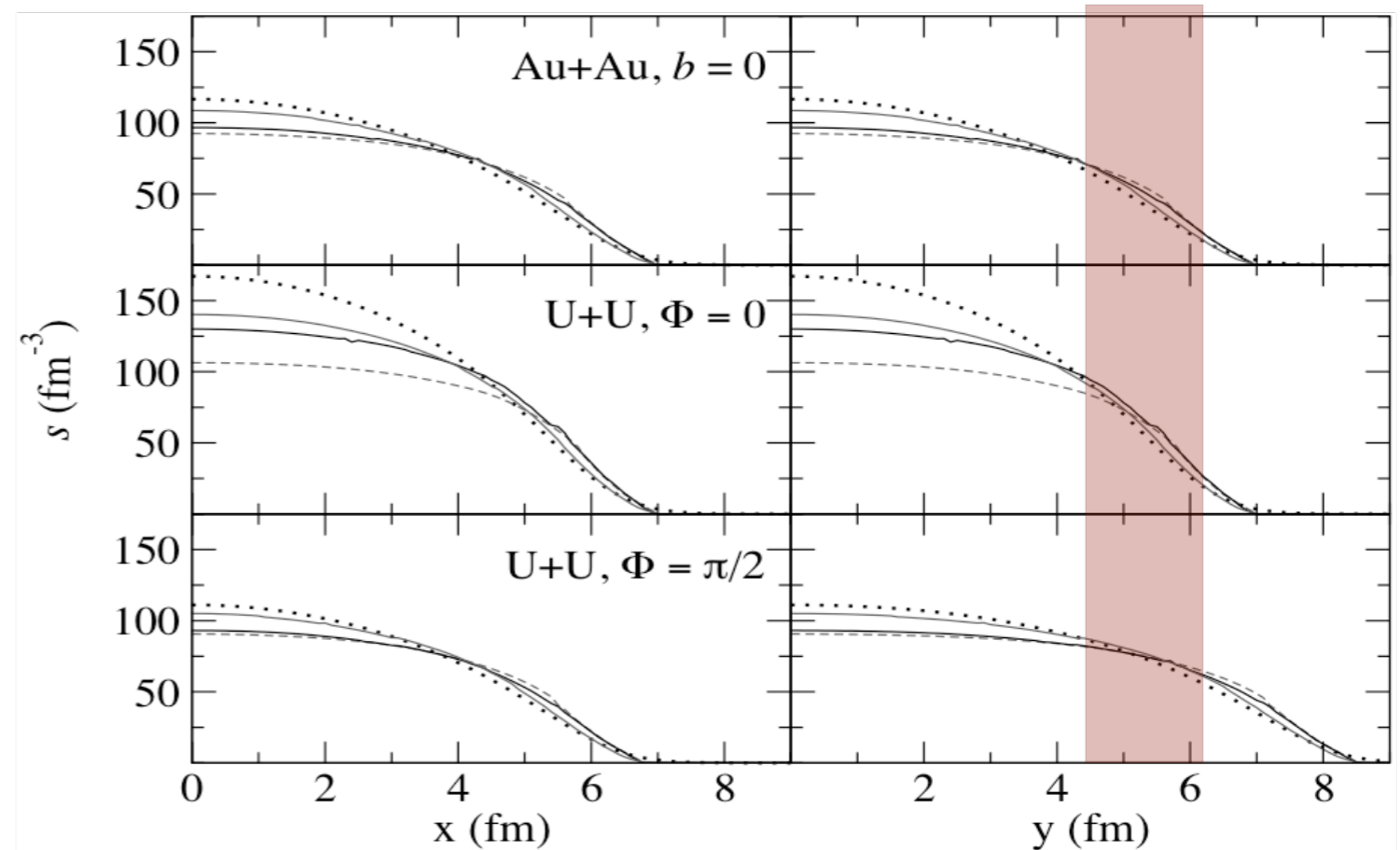


EBIS going here

Flexibility: U+U



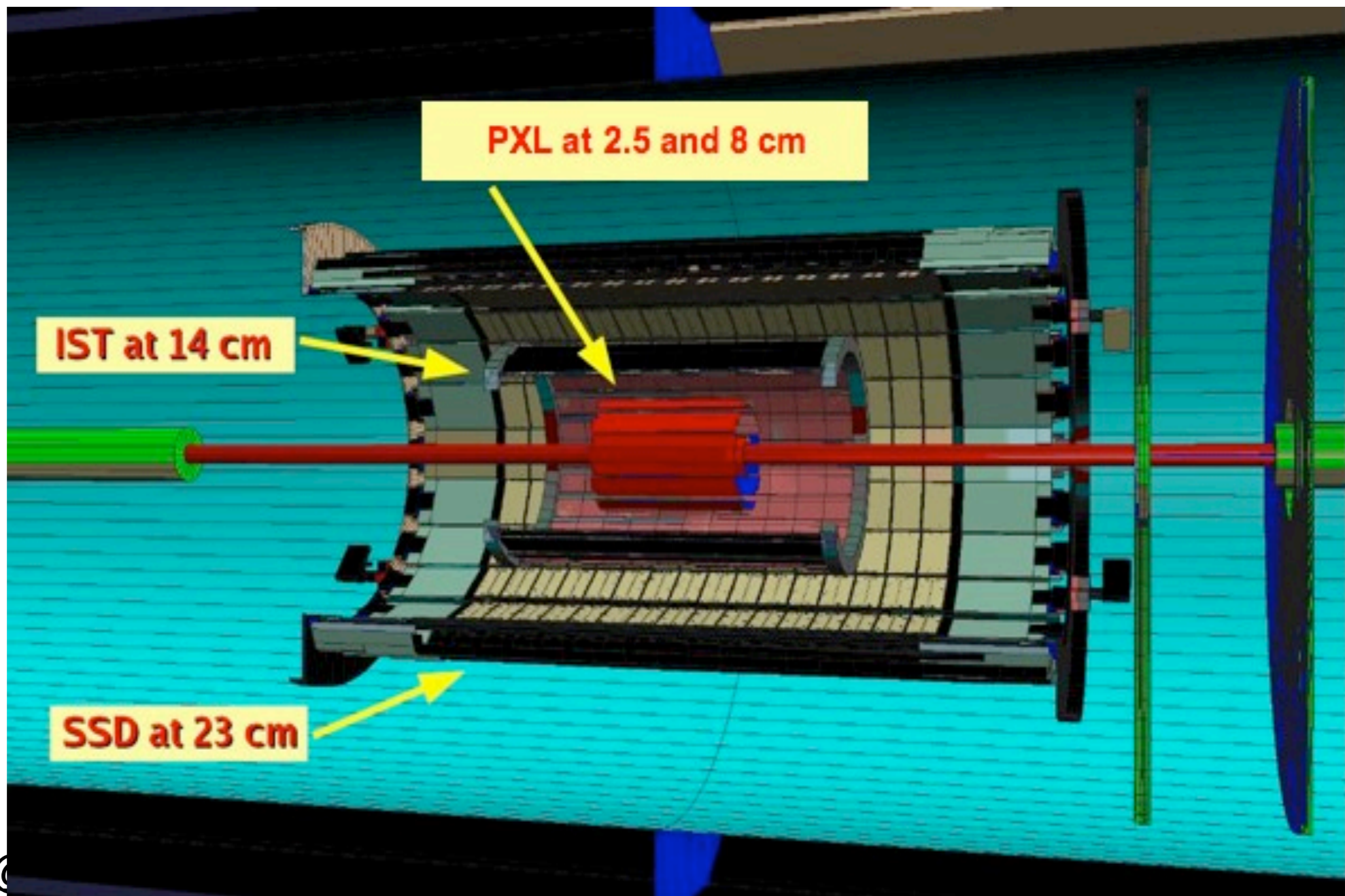
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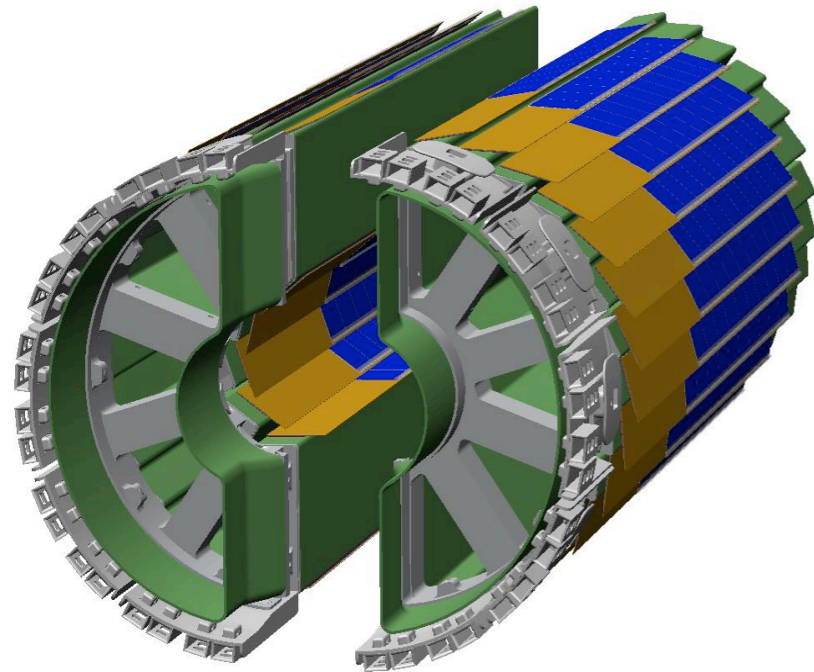
- Run 12: first feasibility studies
- Unique: pathlength dependence of quenching (50% more L)
 - Full range of measurements: γ -jet, b and c, jets, Upsilon, ...

Heavy Flavour Tracker

- Original mid-rapidity Si vertex tracker at STAR not capable of identifying charm and bottom hadrons through direct reconstruction of the displaced vertex
- Heavy Flavour Tracker designed to do this. Installation begins in 2013

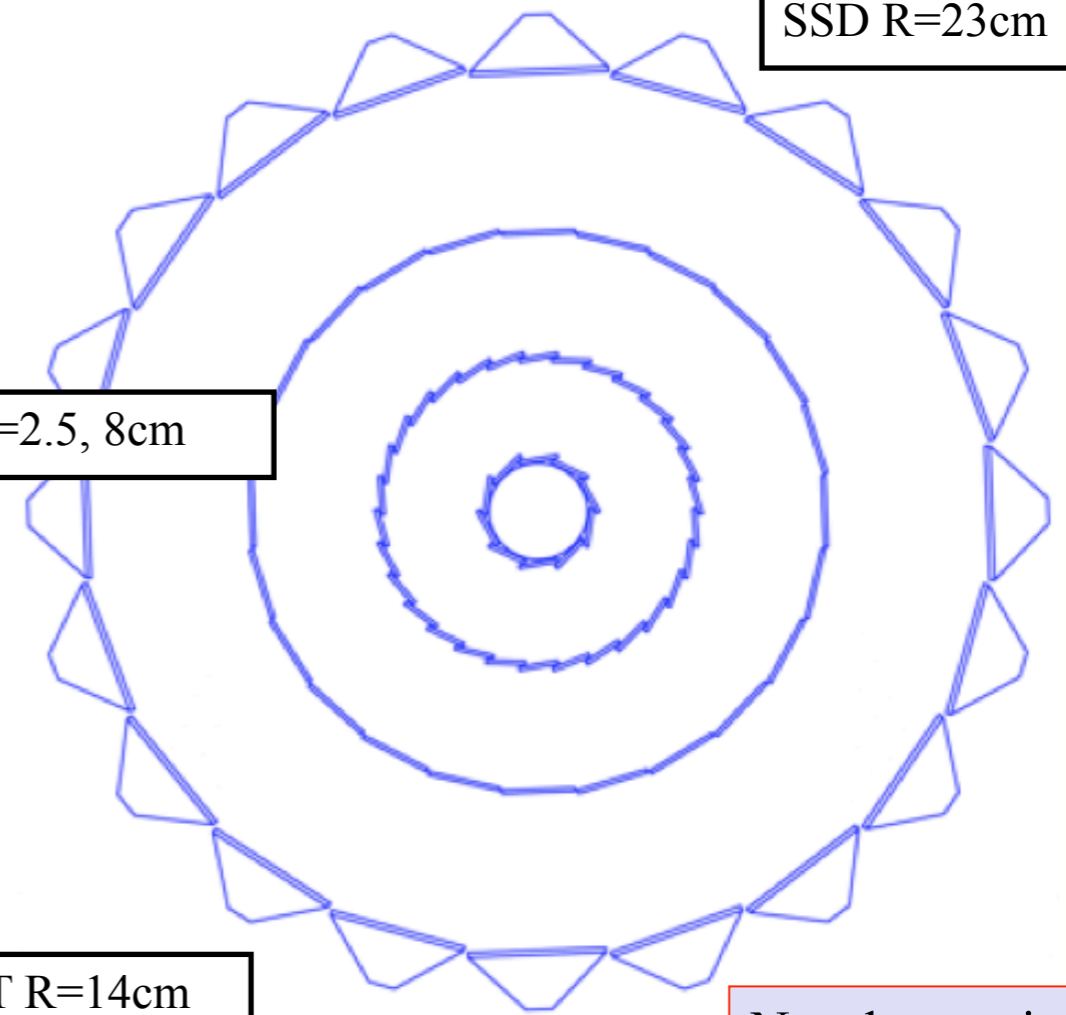


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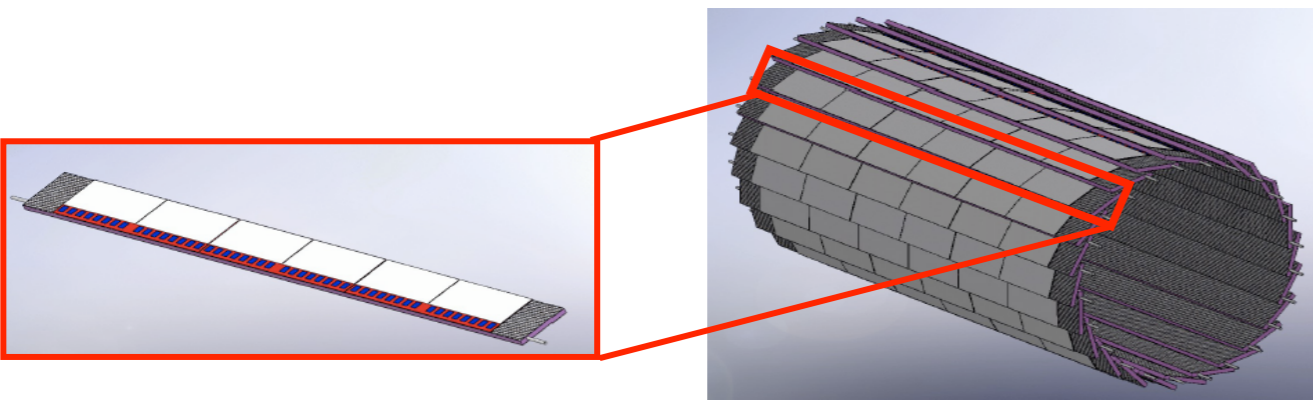
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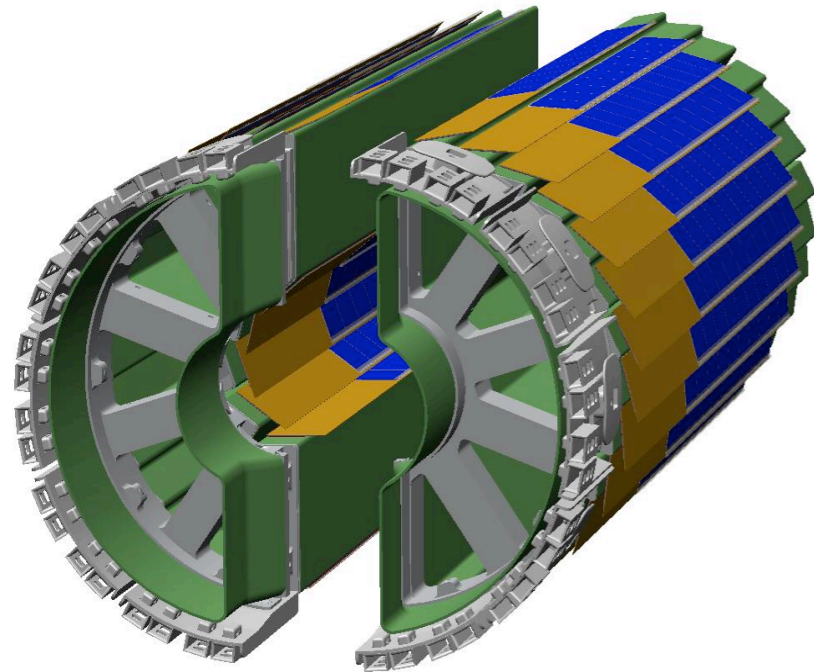
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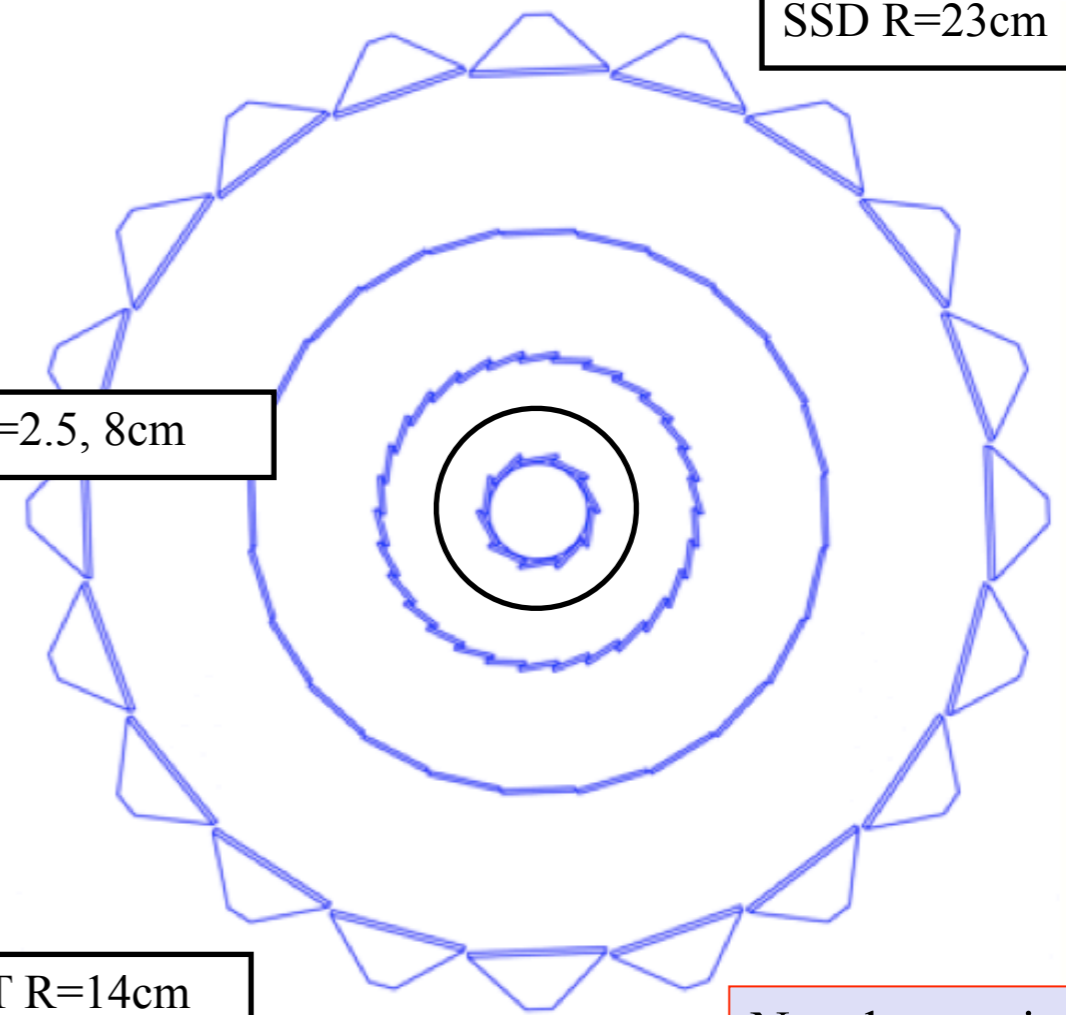
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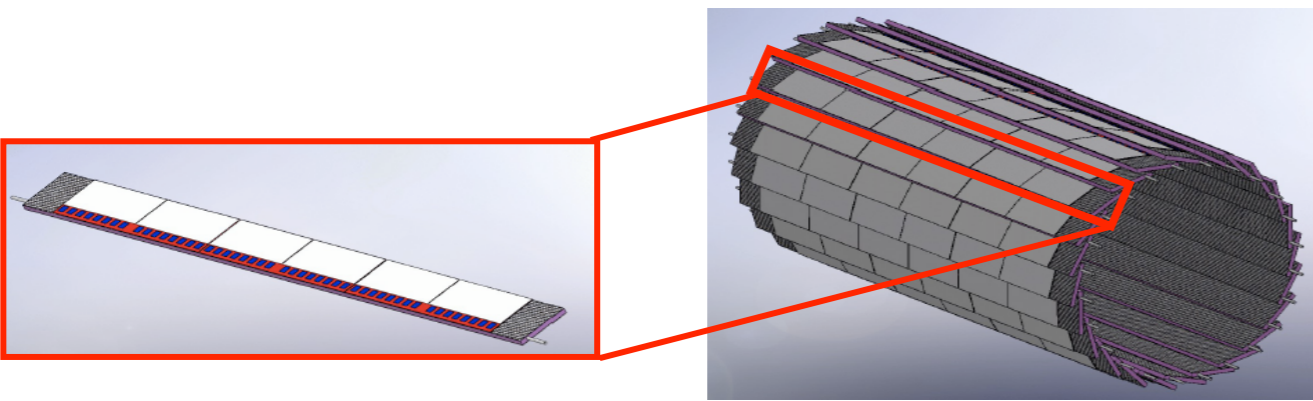
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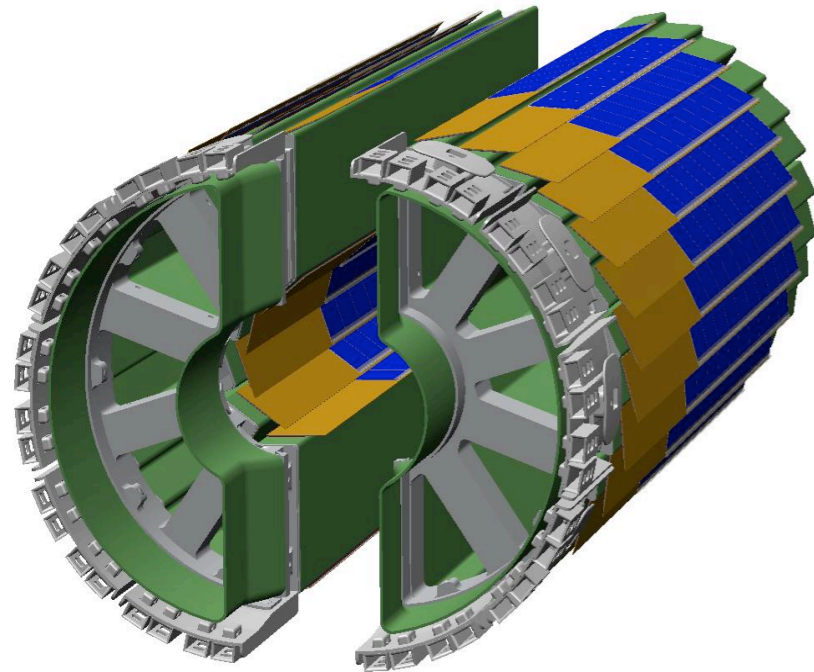
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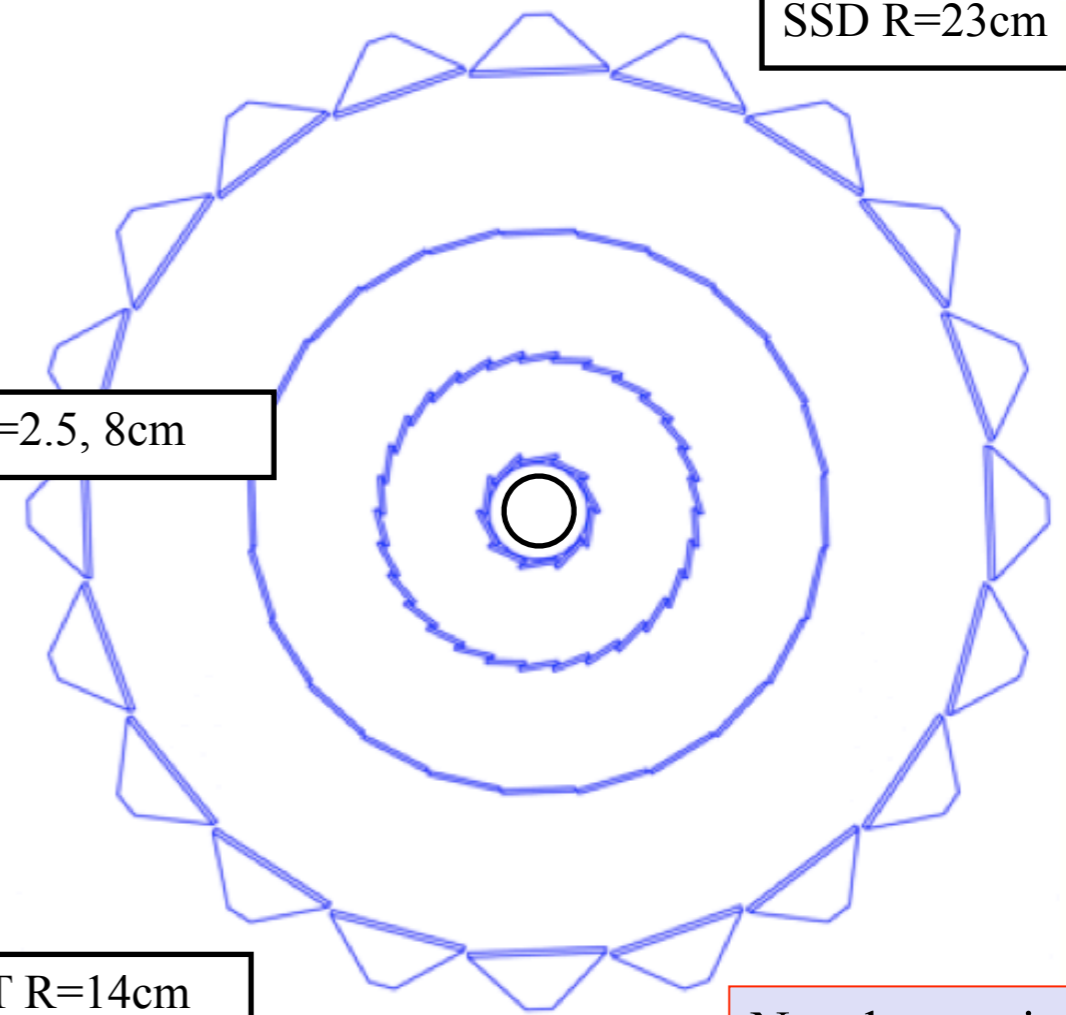
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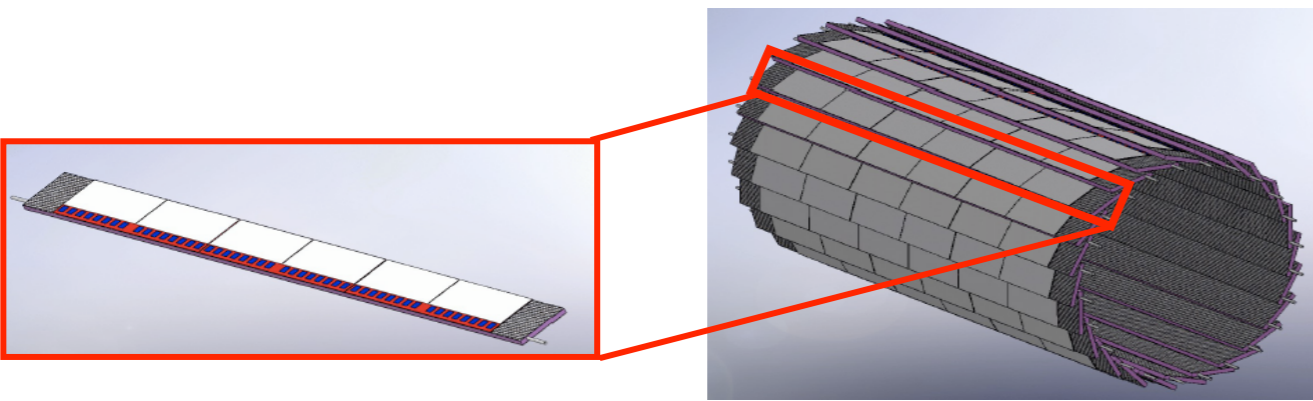
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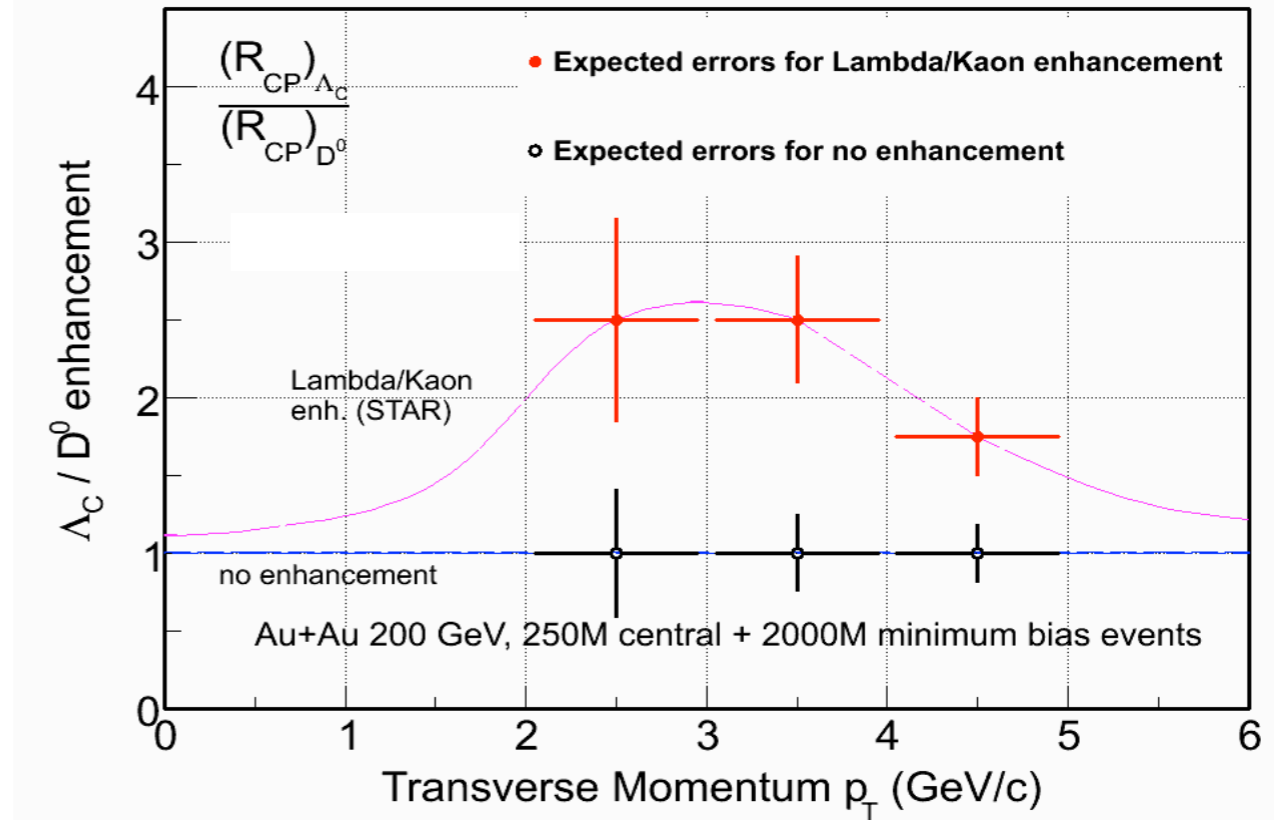
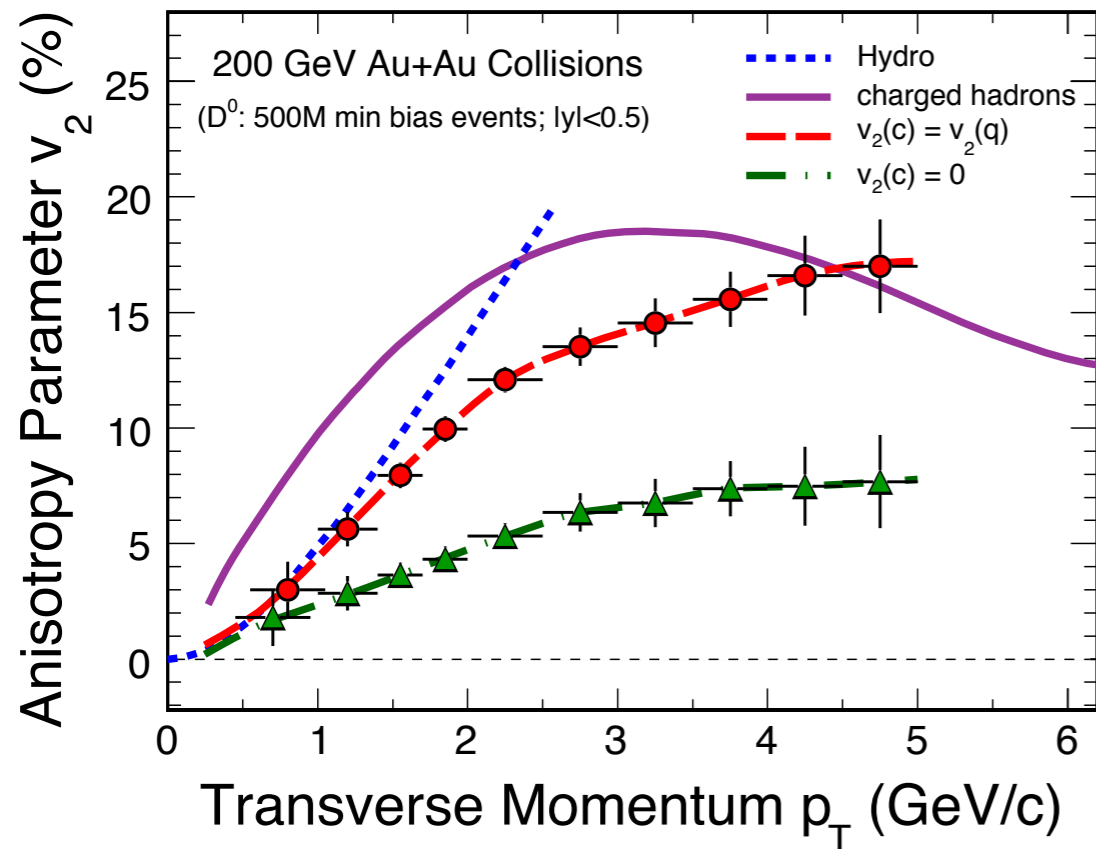
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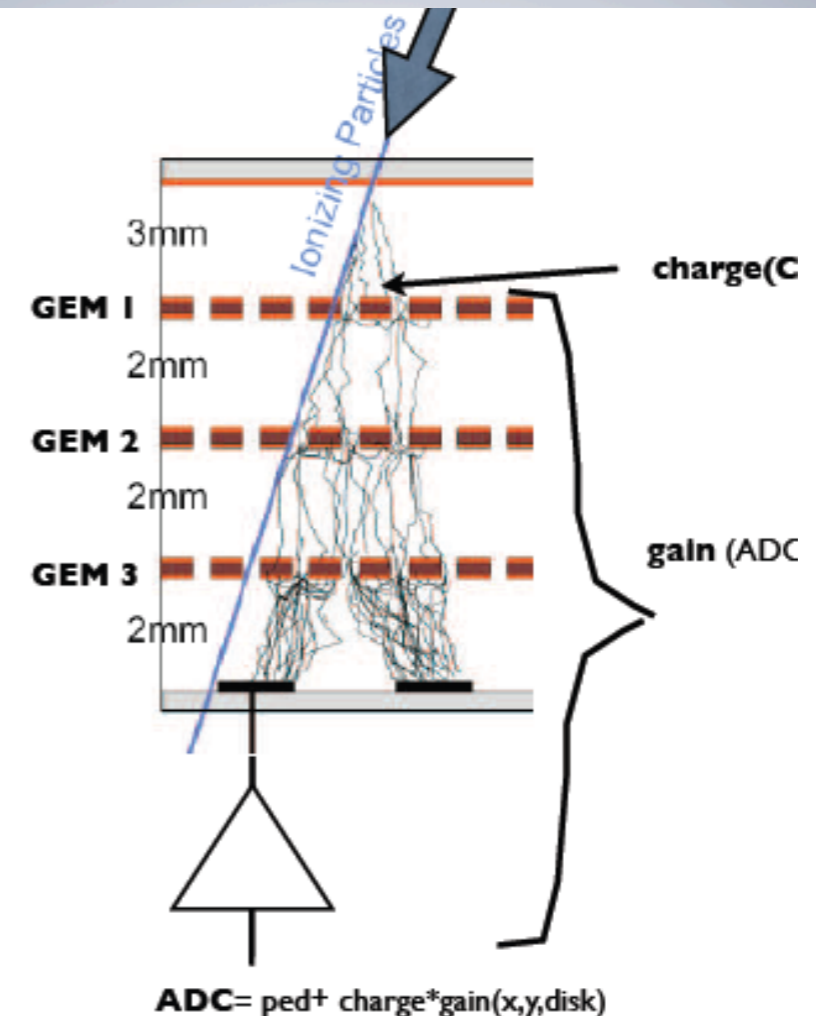
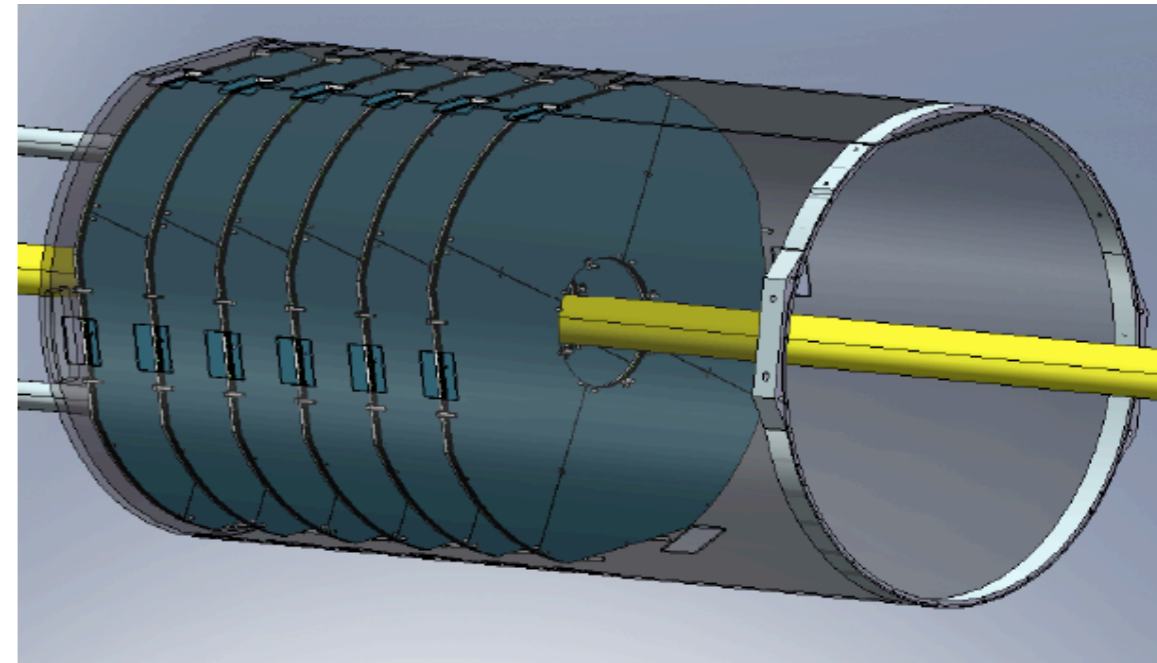
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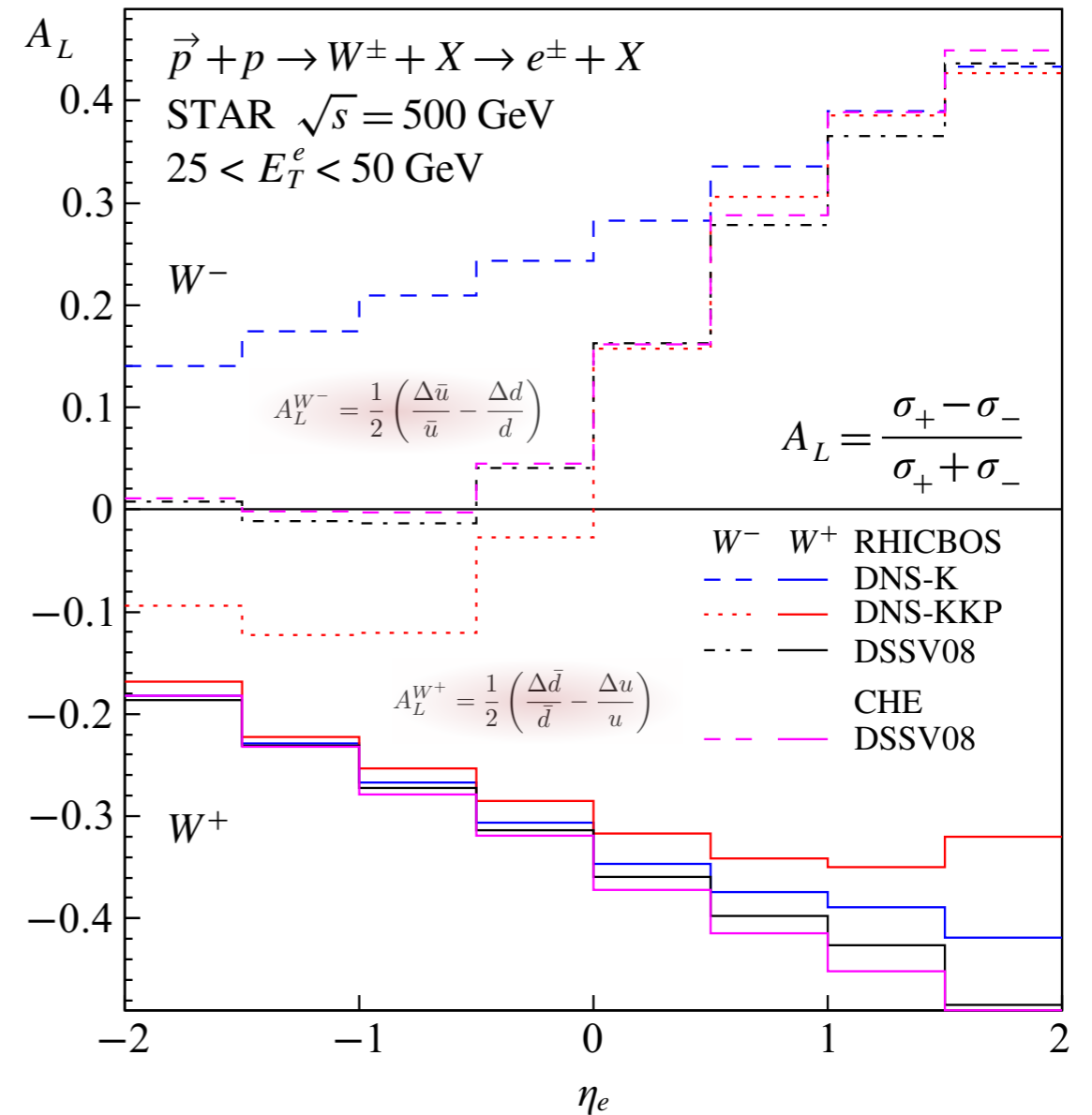
- Very thin vertexer focussed on reconstructing charm:
 - Run 14: does charm flow hydrodynamically?
 - Run 15: reference data in p+p 200 GeV
 - Run 16: baryonic composition
 - Does baryon/meson ratio at intermediate p_T behave as p/π and Λ/K ?
 - If so - need to re-visit the interpretation of the non-photonic electrons due to different branching ratios than what was expected

Forward GEM Tracker

- **S**mall **B**usiness **I**nnovative **R**esearch (DOE) funded programme (~ \$850K)
 - Collaborative effort between Tech-Etch Inc., BNL, MIT and Yale
- Triple GEM Detector
- Coverage: $-1 < \eta < 2$
- Inner radius: 10.5 cm, outer radius: 39 cm
- GEM foils: Hole inner r: 50 μm , outer: 70 μm , 140 μm pitch
- Quoted resolutions in the proposal:
 - ~40 μm in phi (120 μm in R - inclined tracks) from simulations
 - Evaluate performance after this run
- FGT partially installed in current run (12)
 - 14 out of 24 quadrants installed



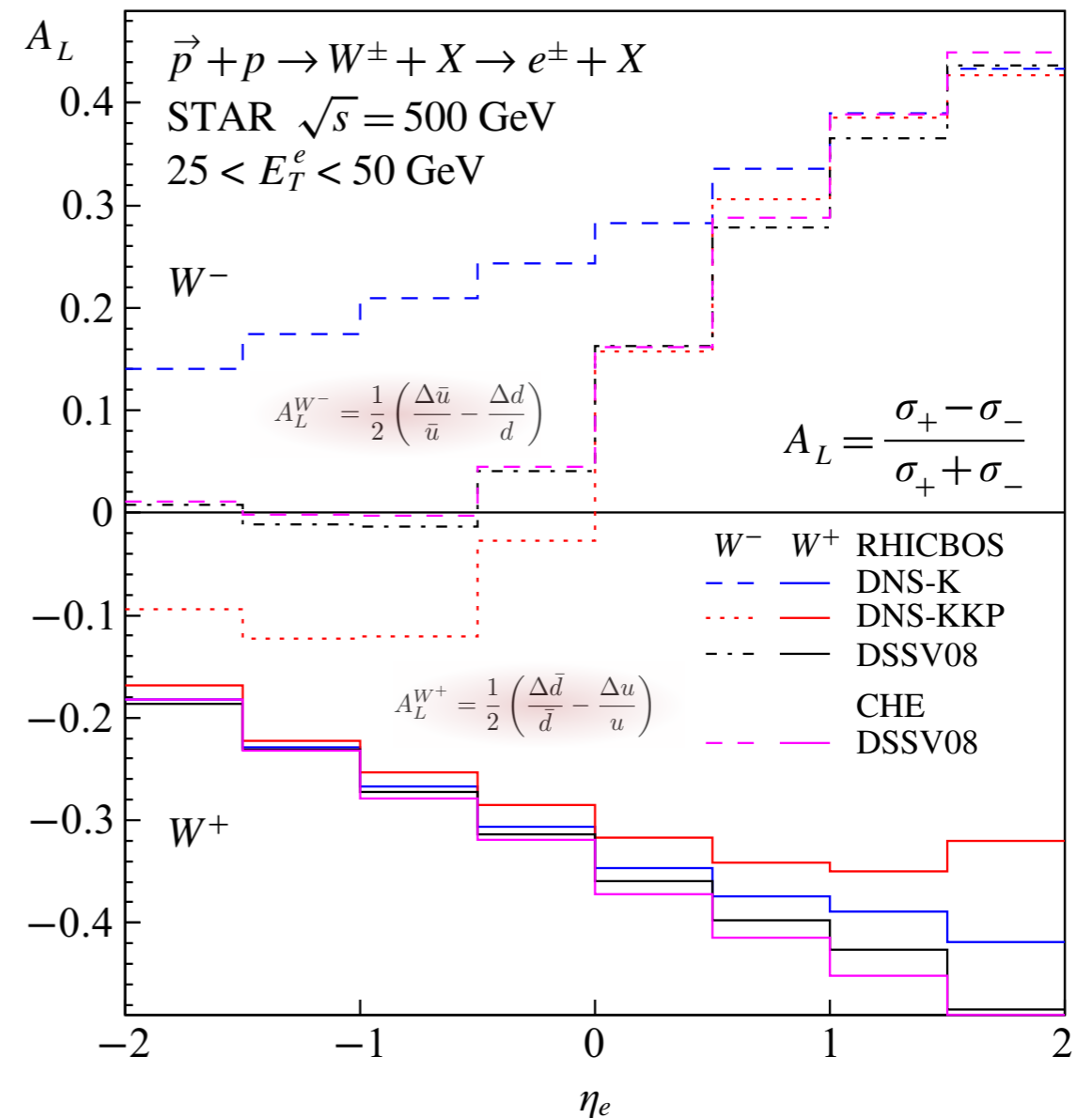
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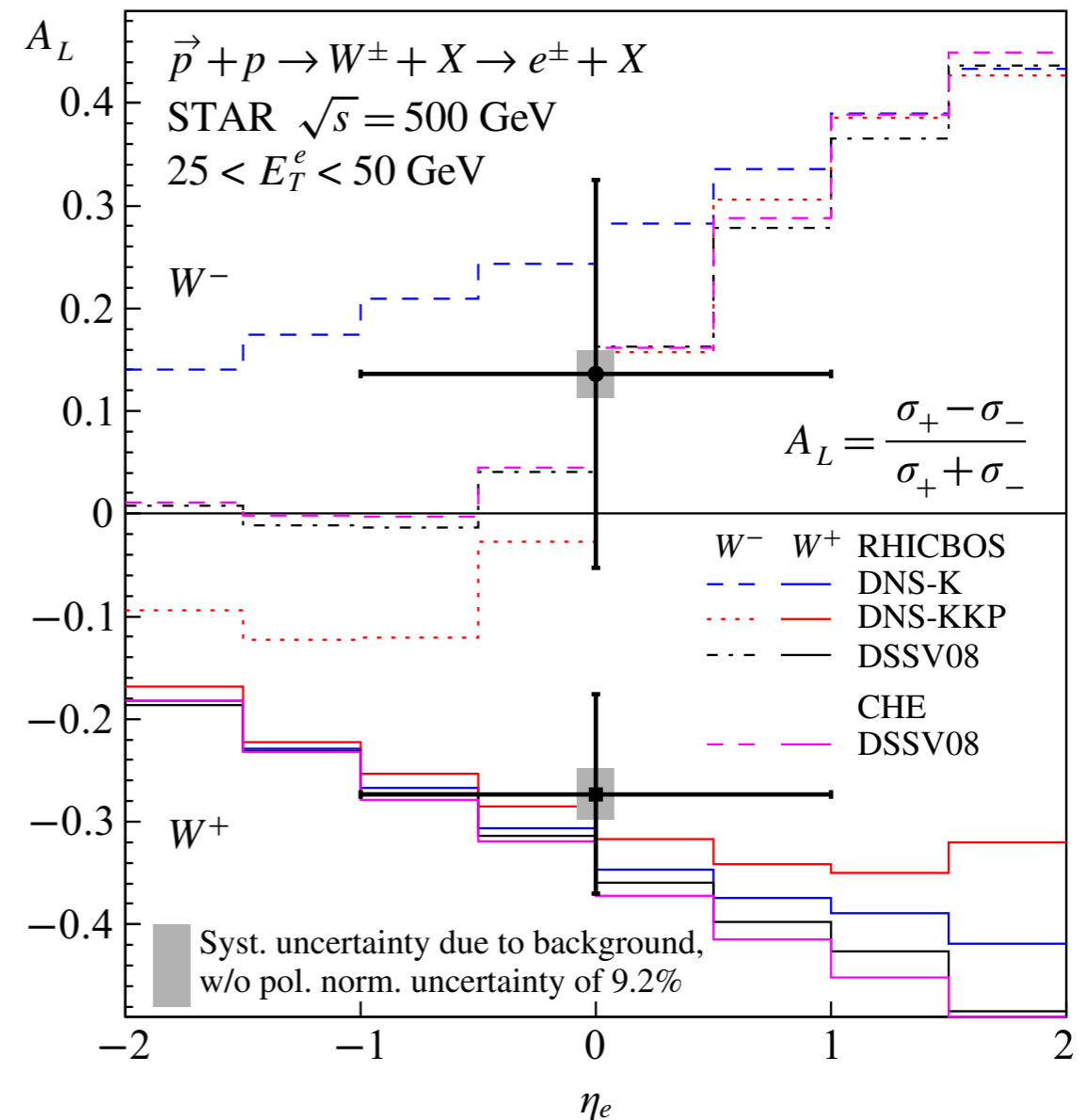
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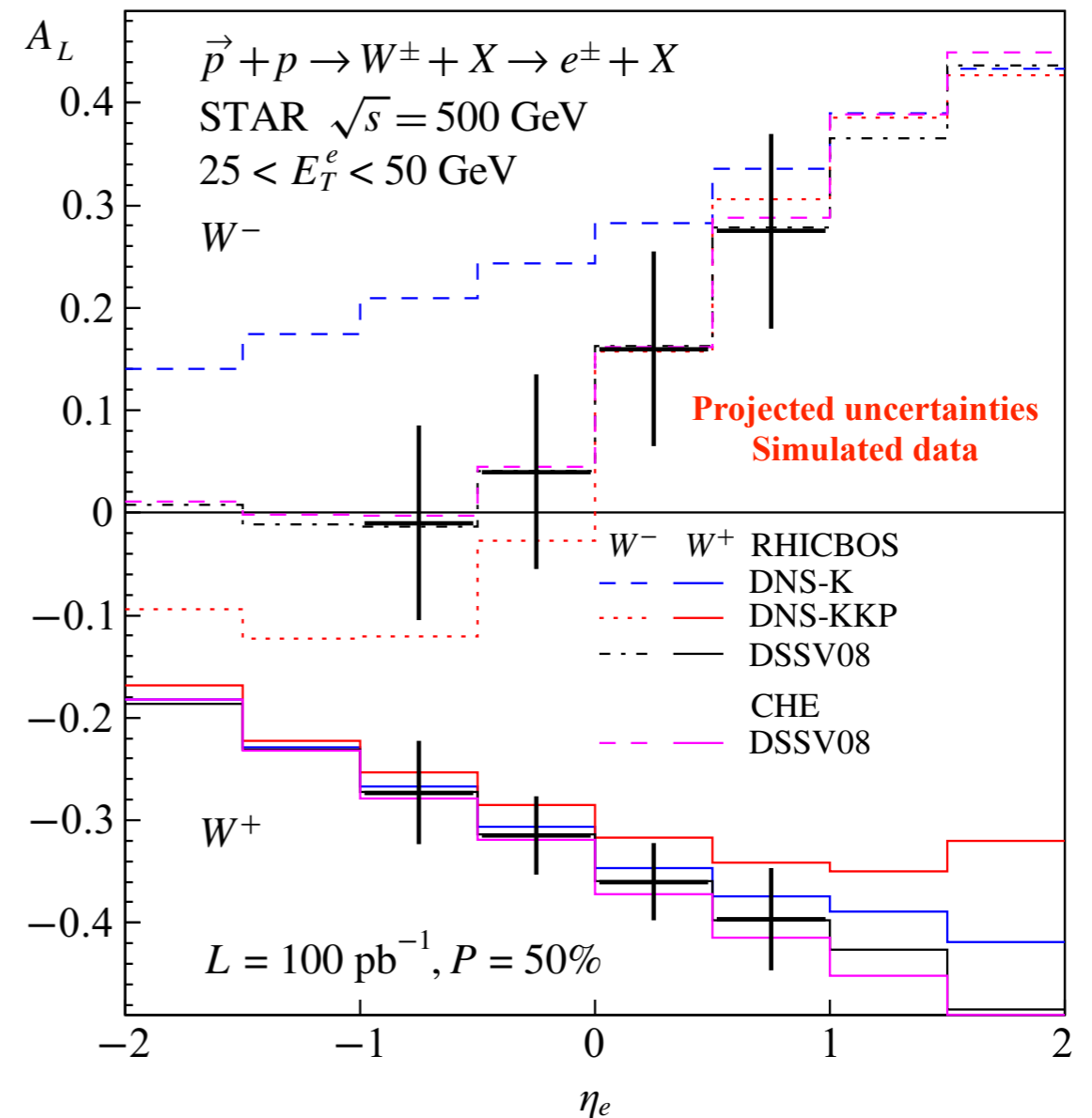
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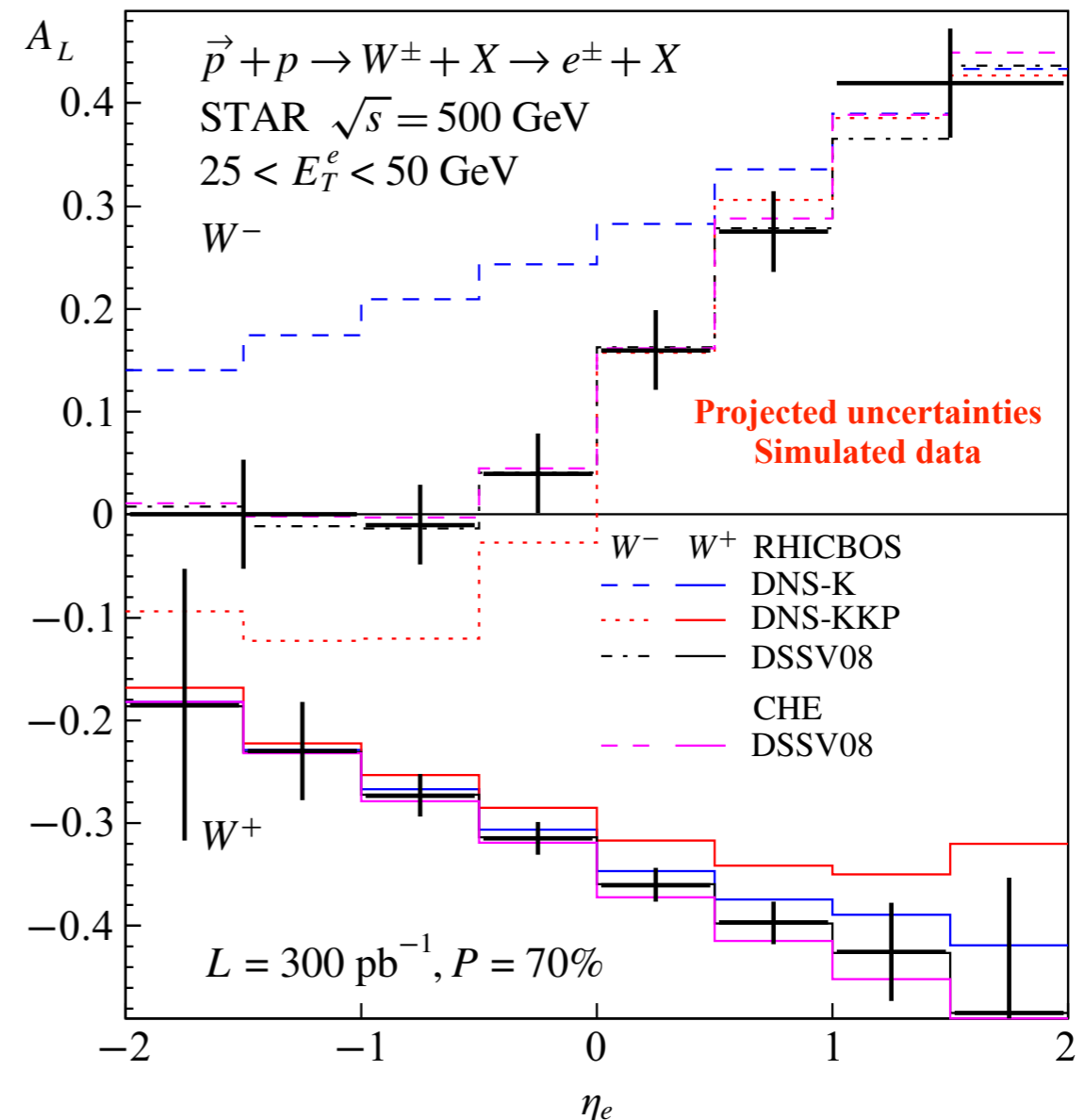
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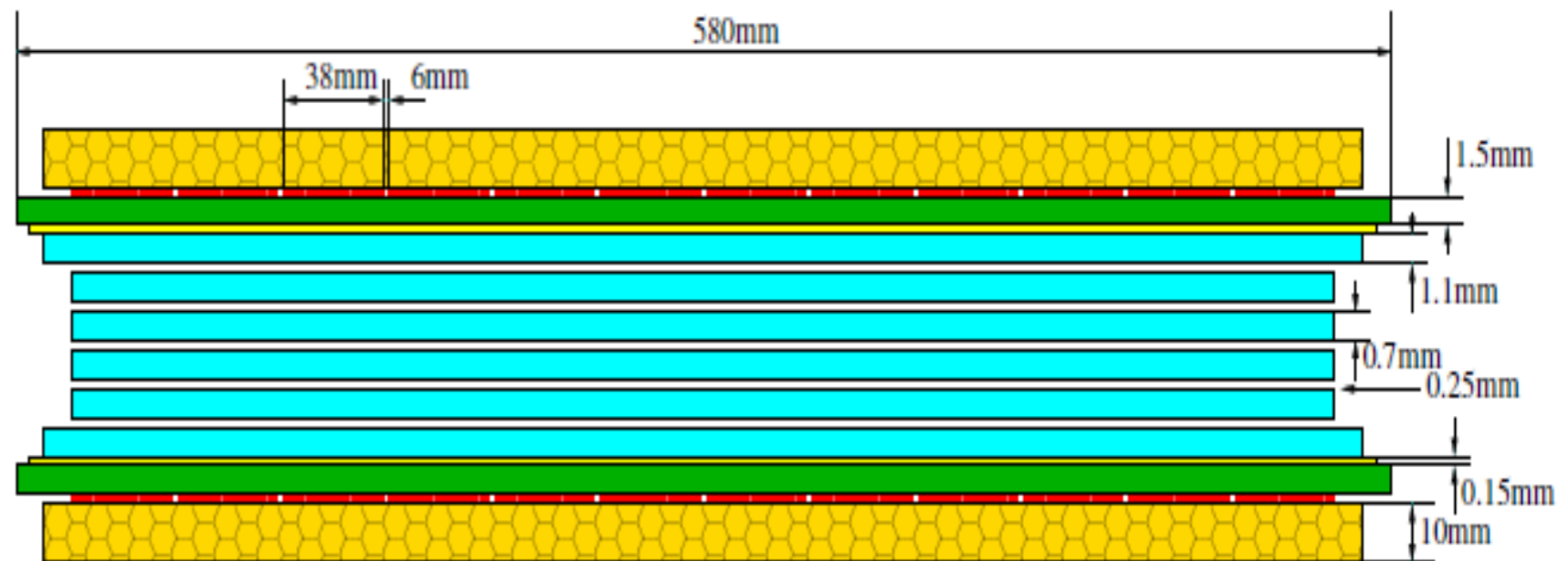
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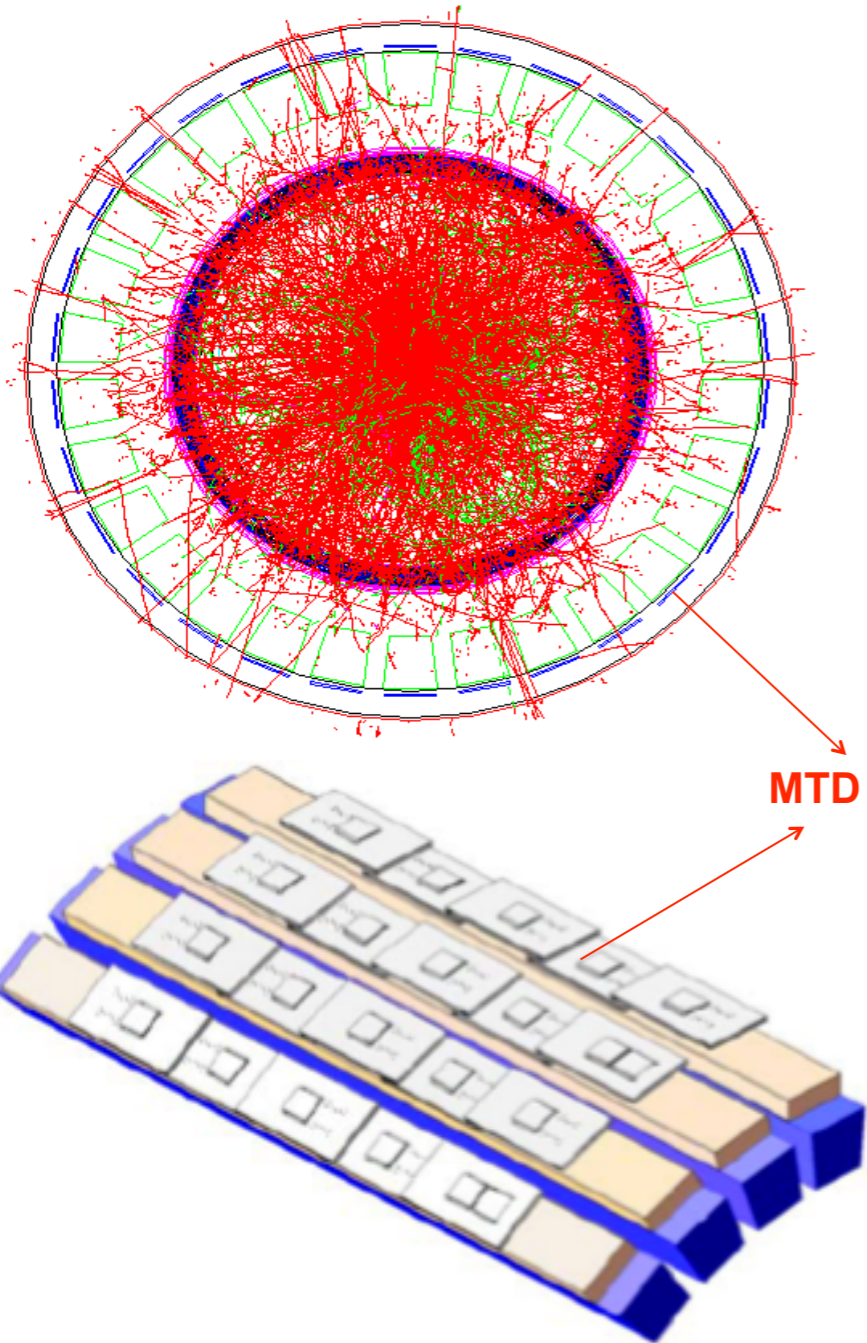


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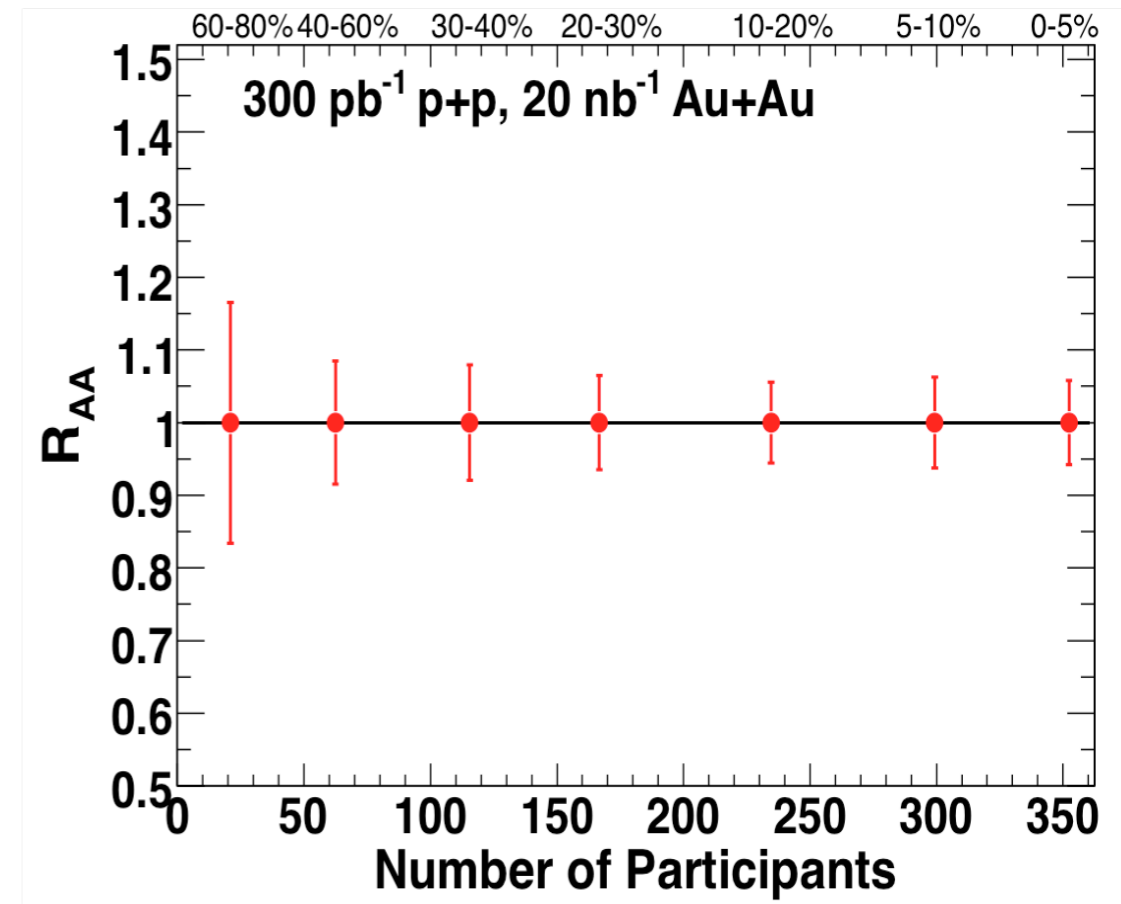
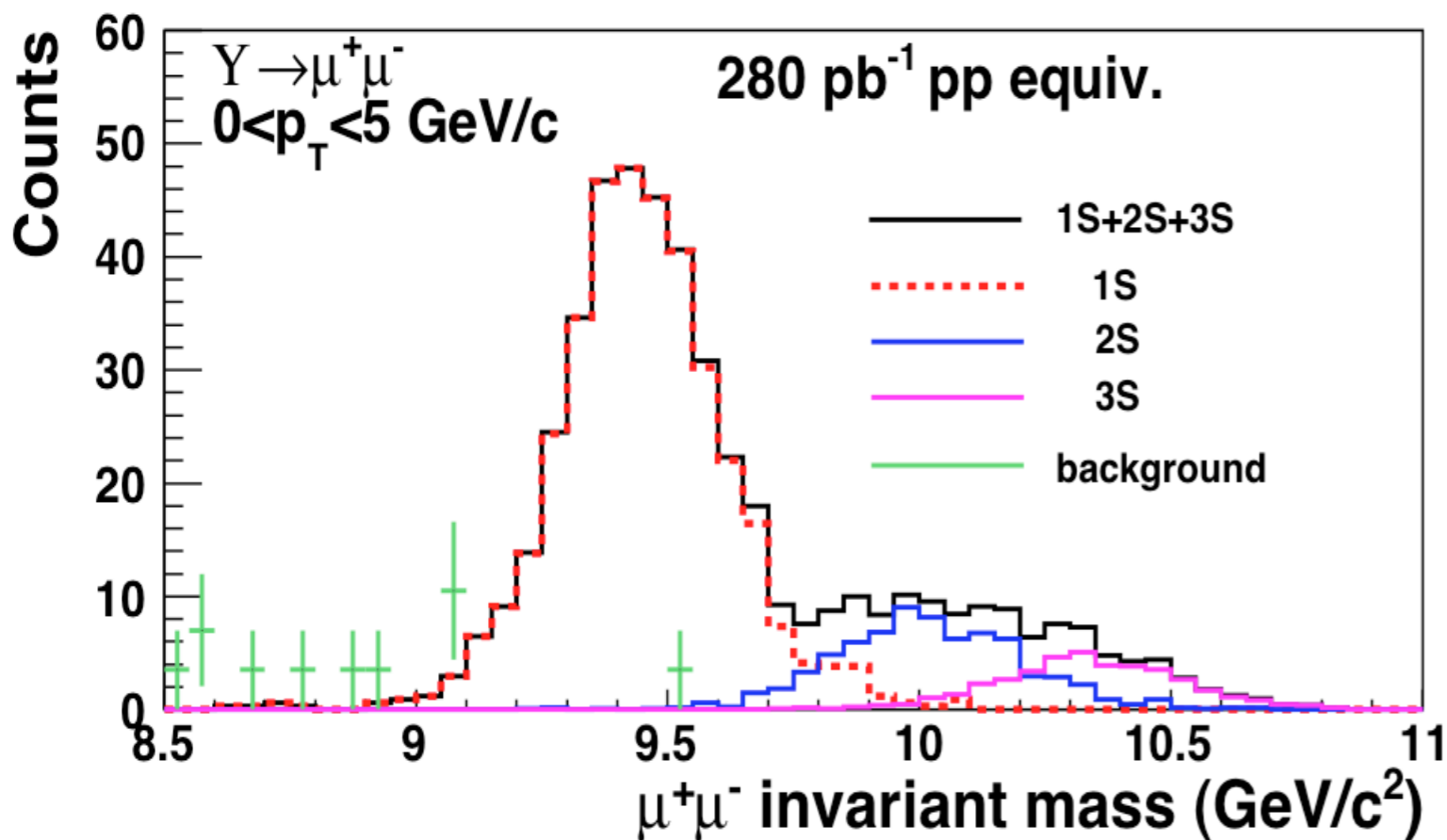
Muon Telescope Detector



- MTD is a Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chamber gas detector
- Long MRPCs cover the whole iron bars - gaps inbetween are not covered
 - Acceptance: 45% at $|\eta| < 0.5$
- 118 modules, 1416 readout strips, 2832 readout channels
- MRPC technology and electronics is the same as that used in the STAR TOF

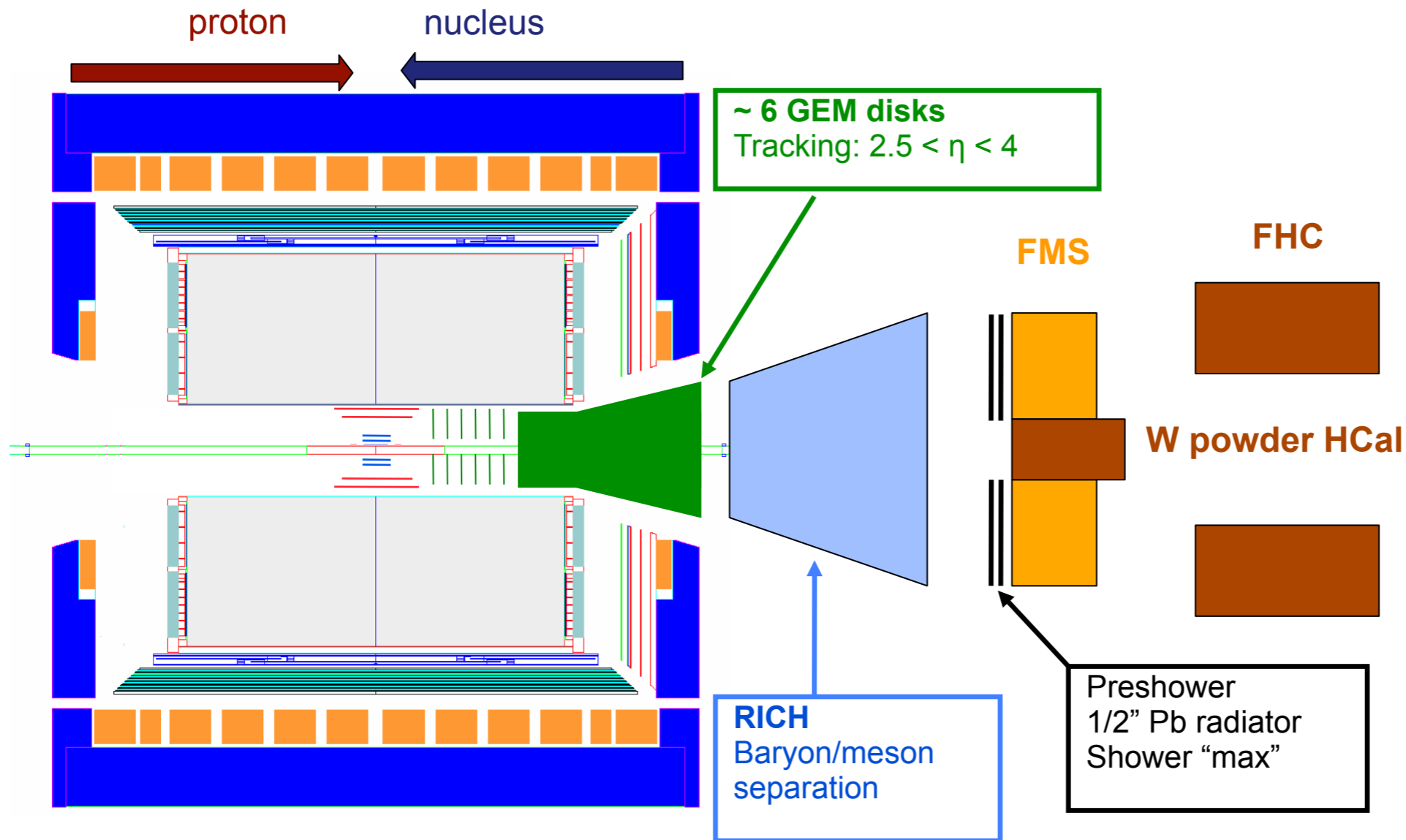


Physics capabilities with the MTD



- MTD can measure muons at mid-rapidity
 - di-leptons of a different flavour
- High-precision Upsilon, J/Psi, ...
 - No Bremsstrahlung tails allows effective separation of Upsilon states
 - Allows a handle on melting of lightly bound Upsilon states in hot and de-confined matter
- e- μ correlations
 - Distinguish heavy flavour production from initial lepton pair production
 - S/B \sim 8 with electron pairing and TOF association

Forward instrumentation upgrade concept

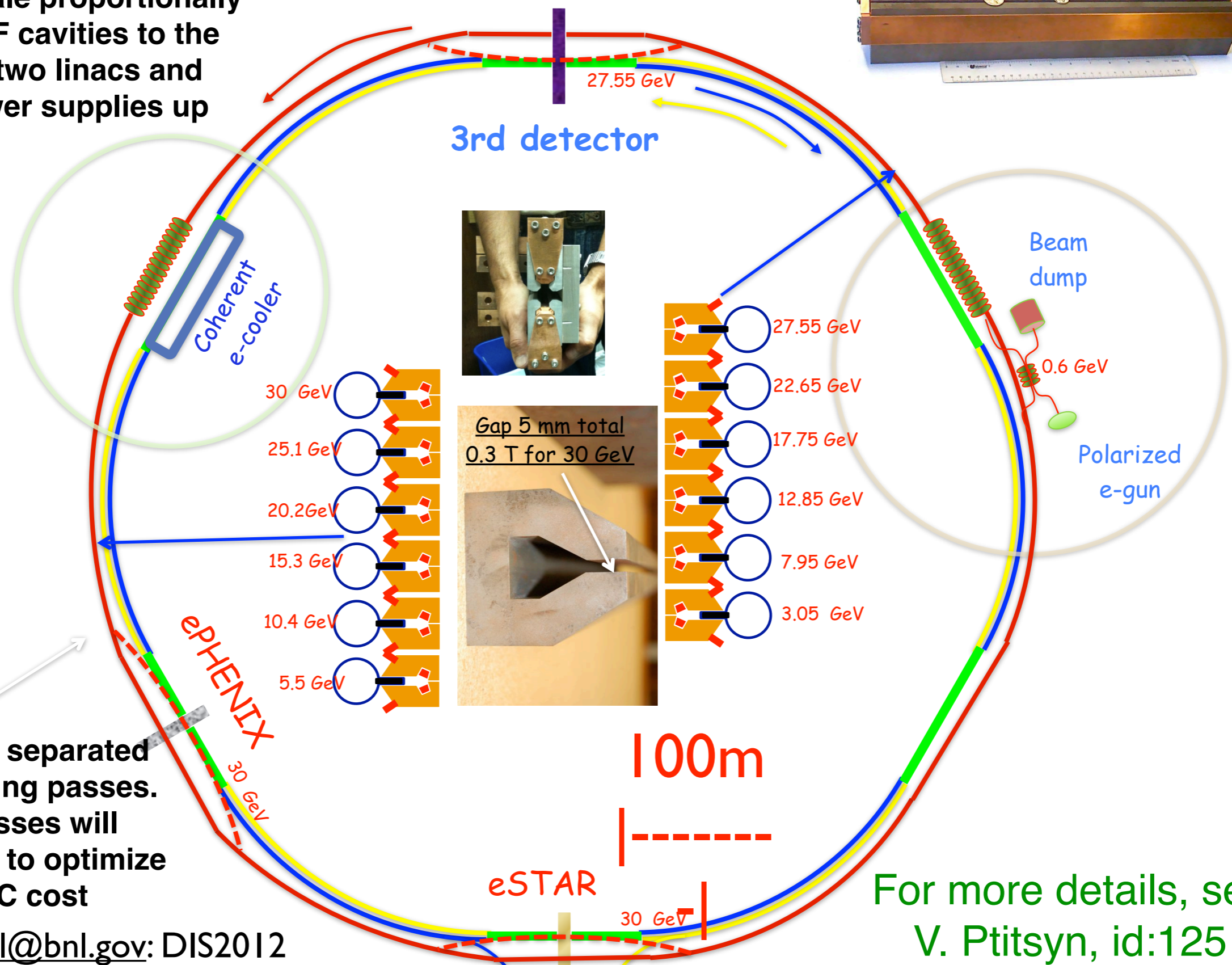


- Forward instrumentation optimised for p+A and transverse spin physics
 - charged particle tracking
 - e/h and γ/π discrimination
 - baryon/meson separation

eRHIC - the future of RHIC

eRHIC staging:

All energies scale proportionally by adding SRF cavities to the injector and two linacs and cranking power supplies up



Vertically separated recirculating passes.
of passes will be chosen to optimize eRHIC cost

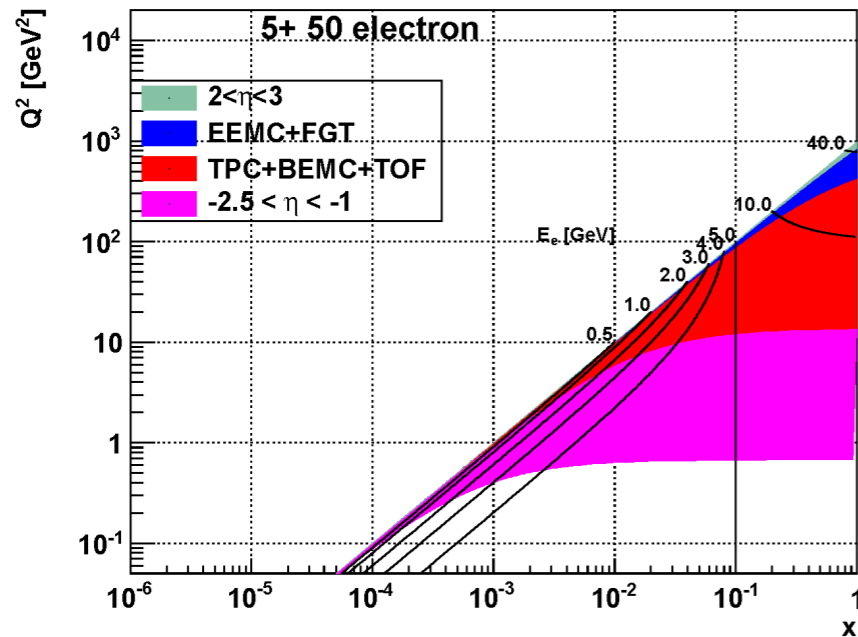
eSTAR - the future of STAR?

- ◉ STAR will need to be optimised/modified for its current setup for e+A collisions
 - ◉ 5 GeV electron beams currently being studied with p(A) energies from 50 GeV to 250(100) GeV
- ◉ Key measurements:
 - ◉ Inclusive scattering over the entire DIS region
 - ◉ F_L in e+A - a direct measure of nuclear gluon densities
 - ◉ F_2^A/F_2^p - parton distributions in nuclei
 - ◉ Semi-inclusive DIS over a broad (x, Q^2) range
 - ◉ Flavour-separated parton distributions in nuclei, including strangeness
 - ◉ Parton energy loss in cold nuclear matter
- ◉ What's needed?

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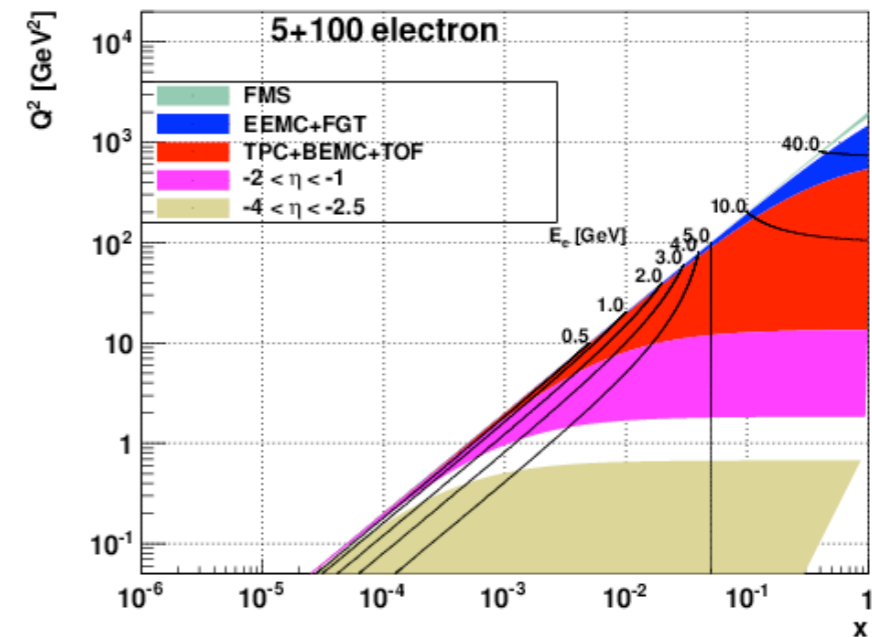
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TPC

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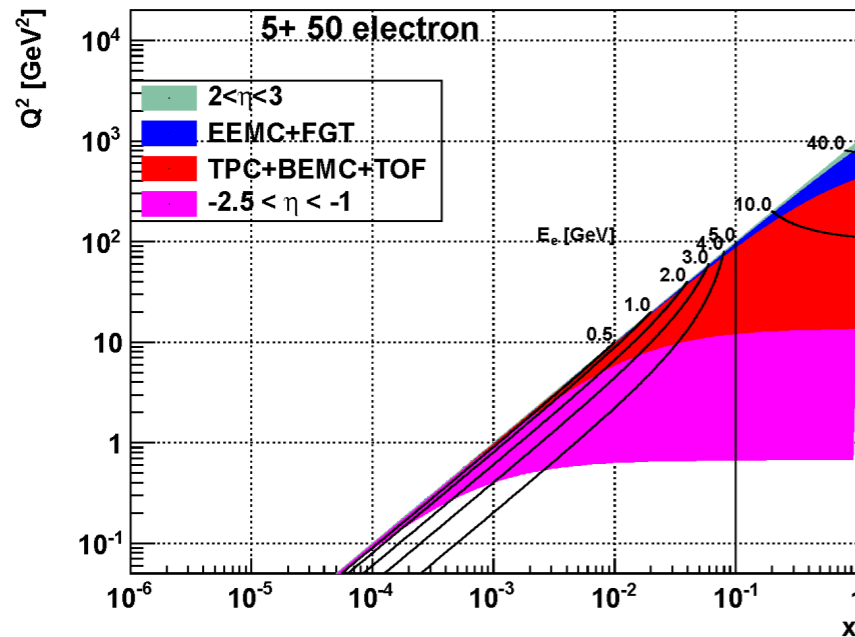
5 GeV e + 100 GeV/nucleon



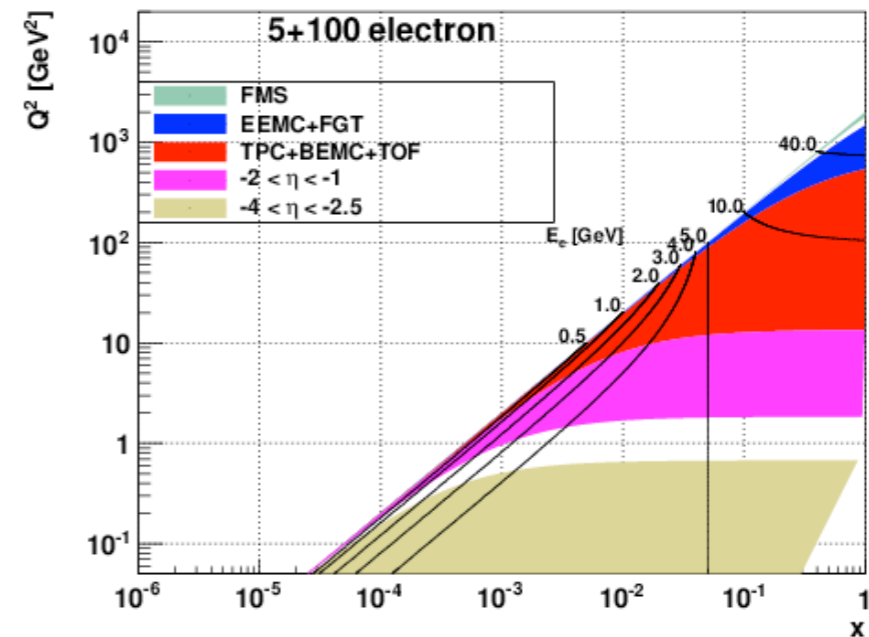
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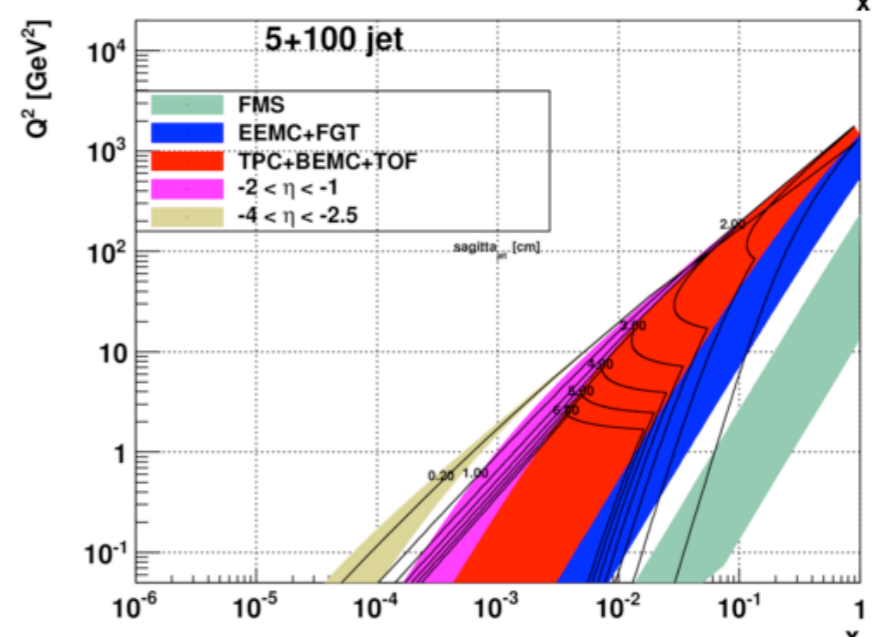
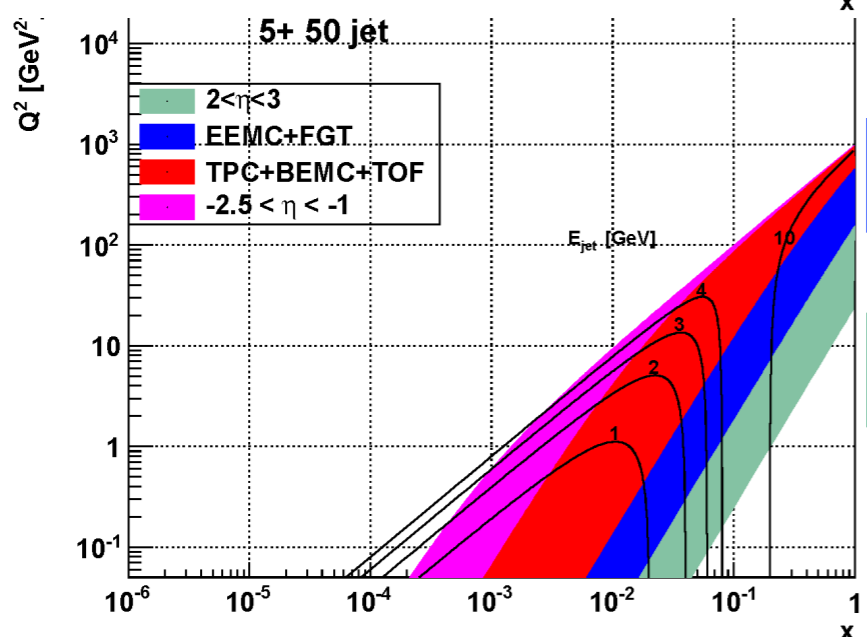
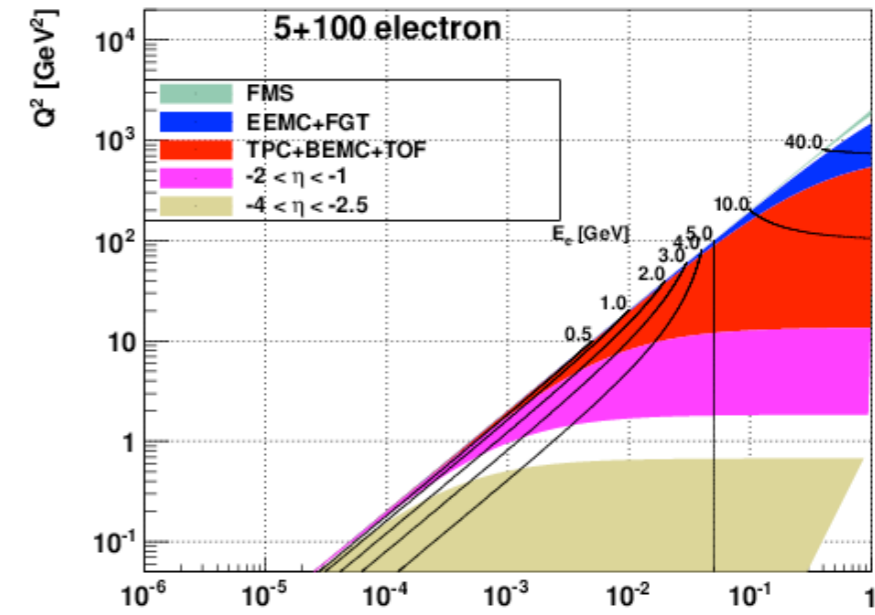
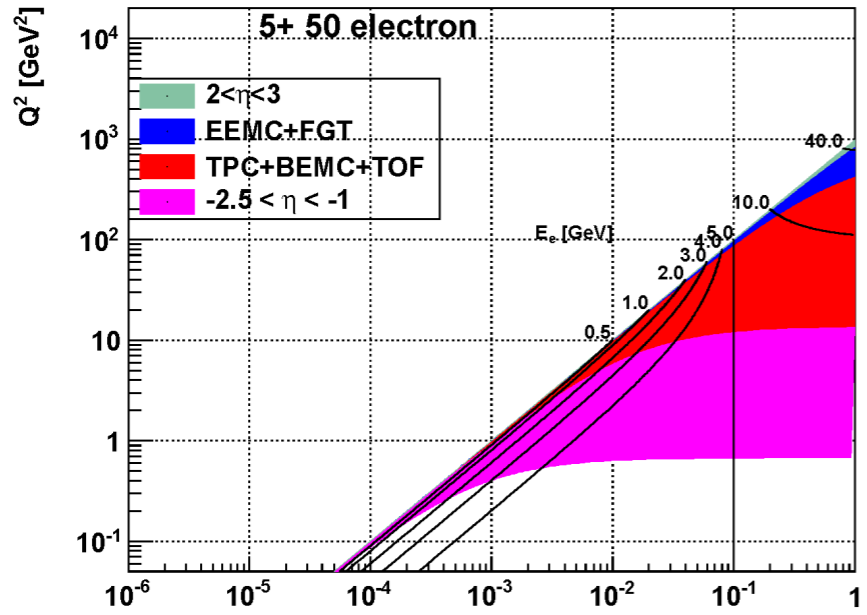
- “Forward” ($-2.5 < \eta < -1$) electron acceptance is essential in order to span the DIS regime

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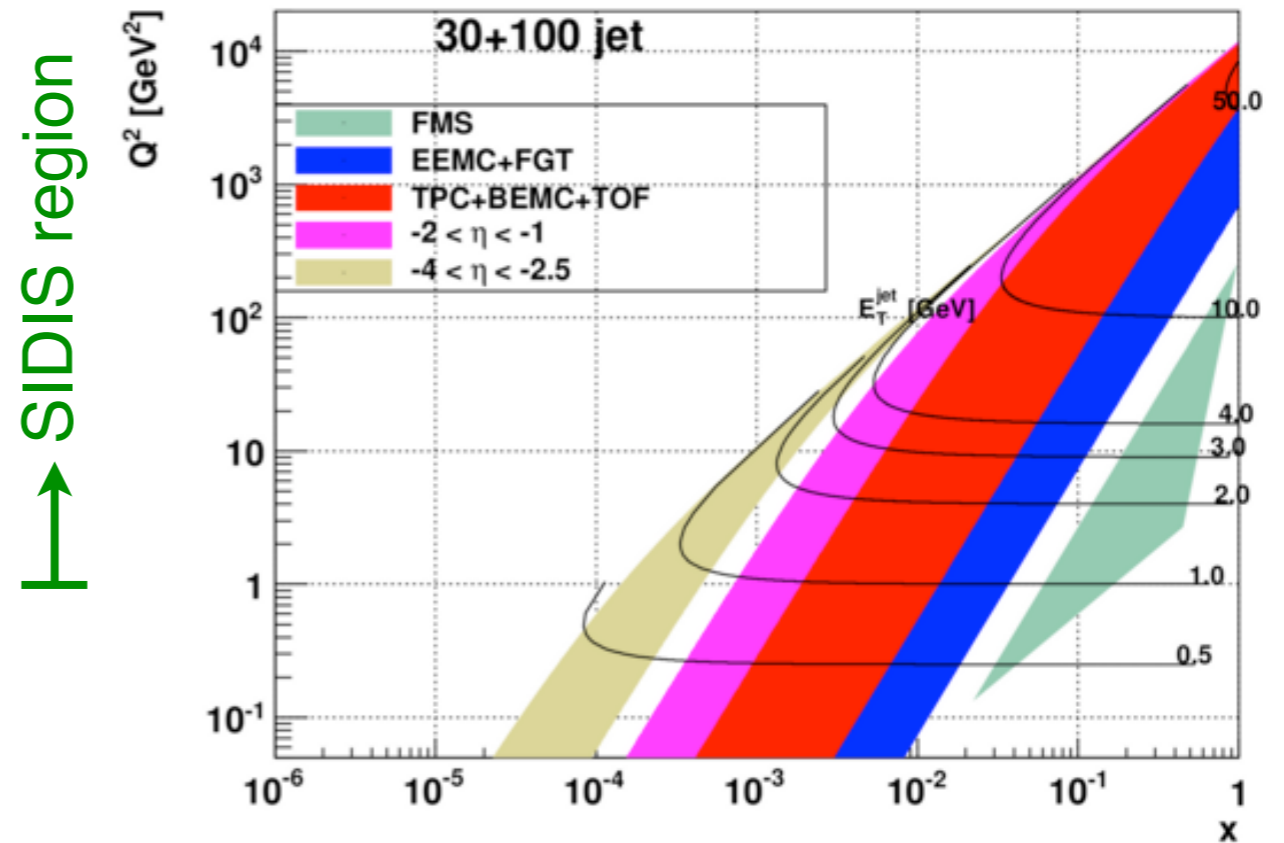
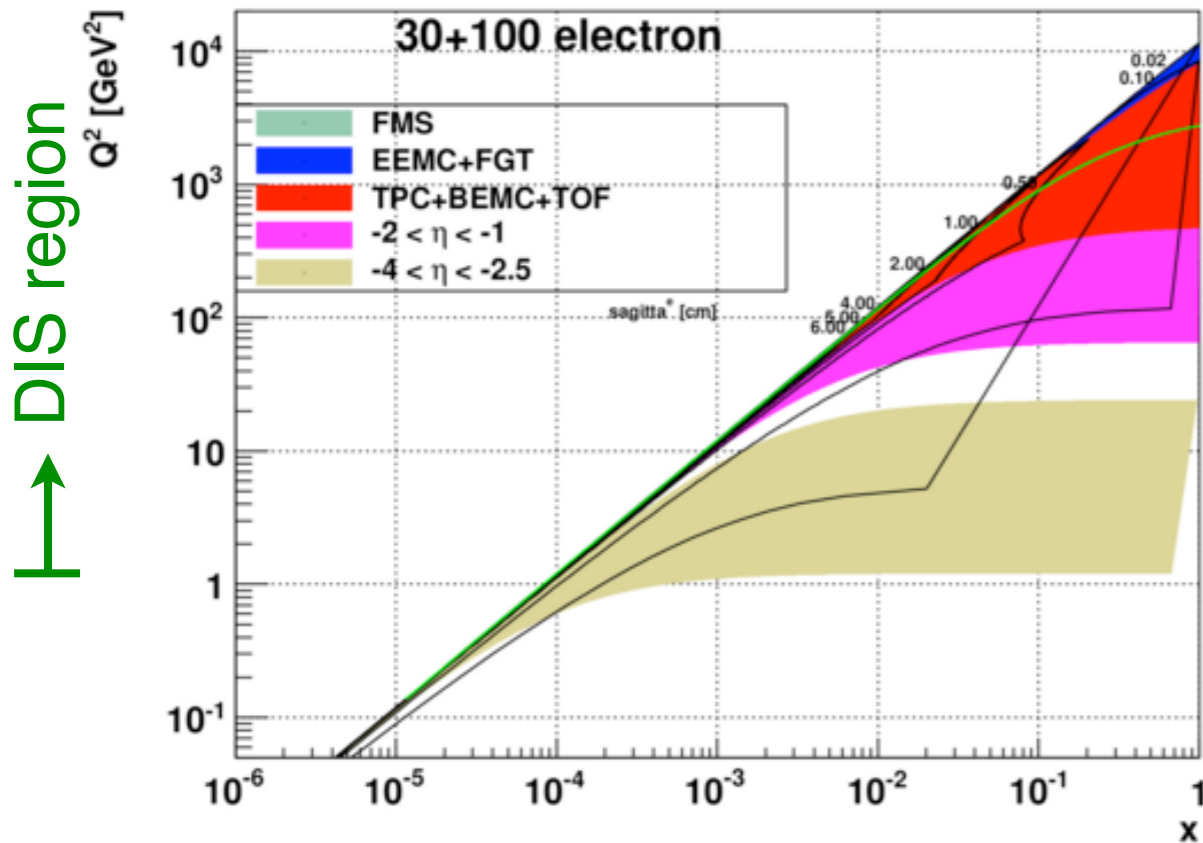
5 GeV e + 100 GeV/nucleon

↑ SIDIS region ↑ DIS region



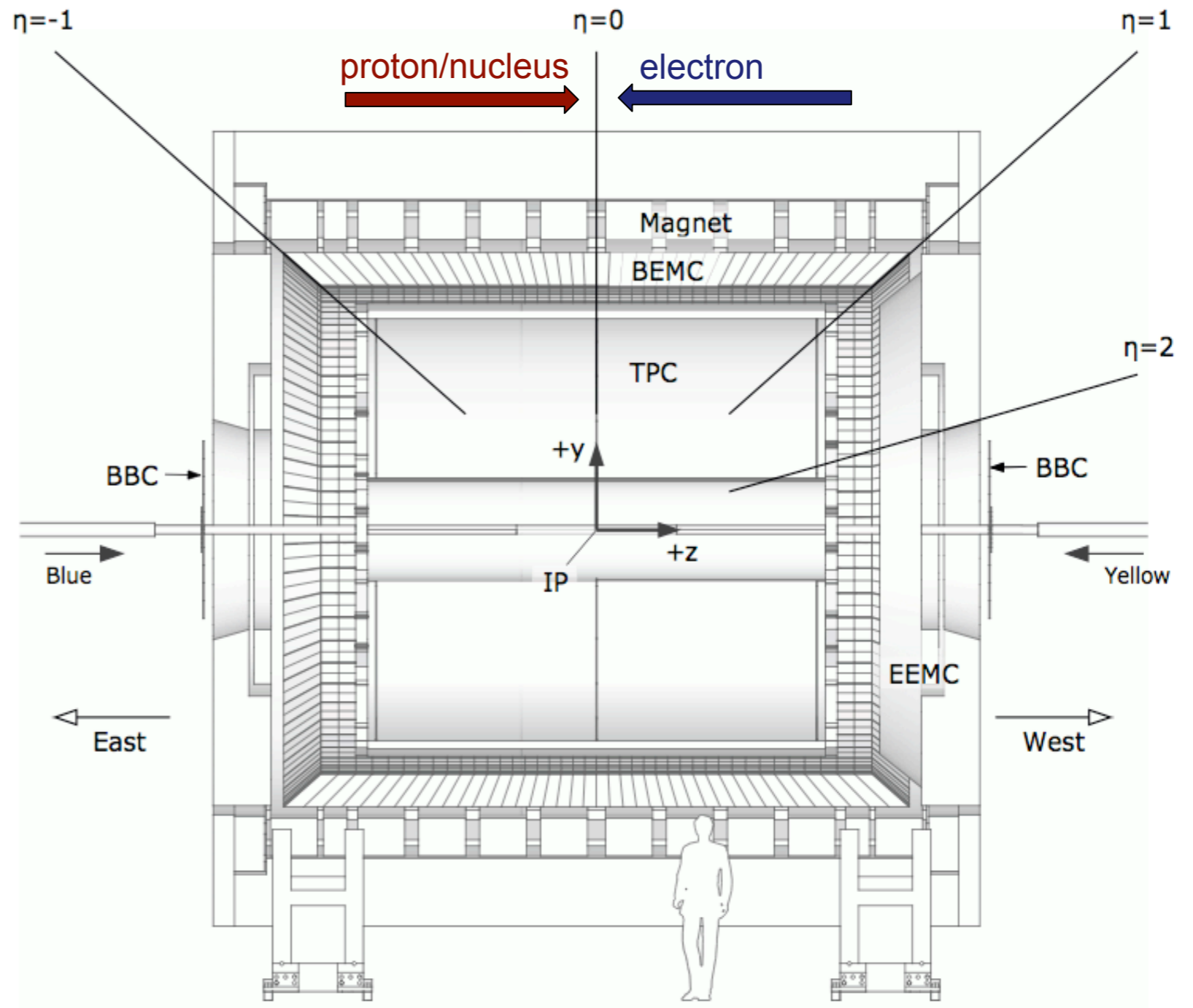
- “Forward” ($-2.5 < \eta < -1$) electron acceptance is essential in order to span the DIS regime
- Both “forward” and “backward” hadron coverage is needed for SIDIS physics

eSTAR kinematics in phase-II: 30 GeV electrons



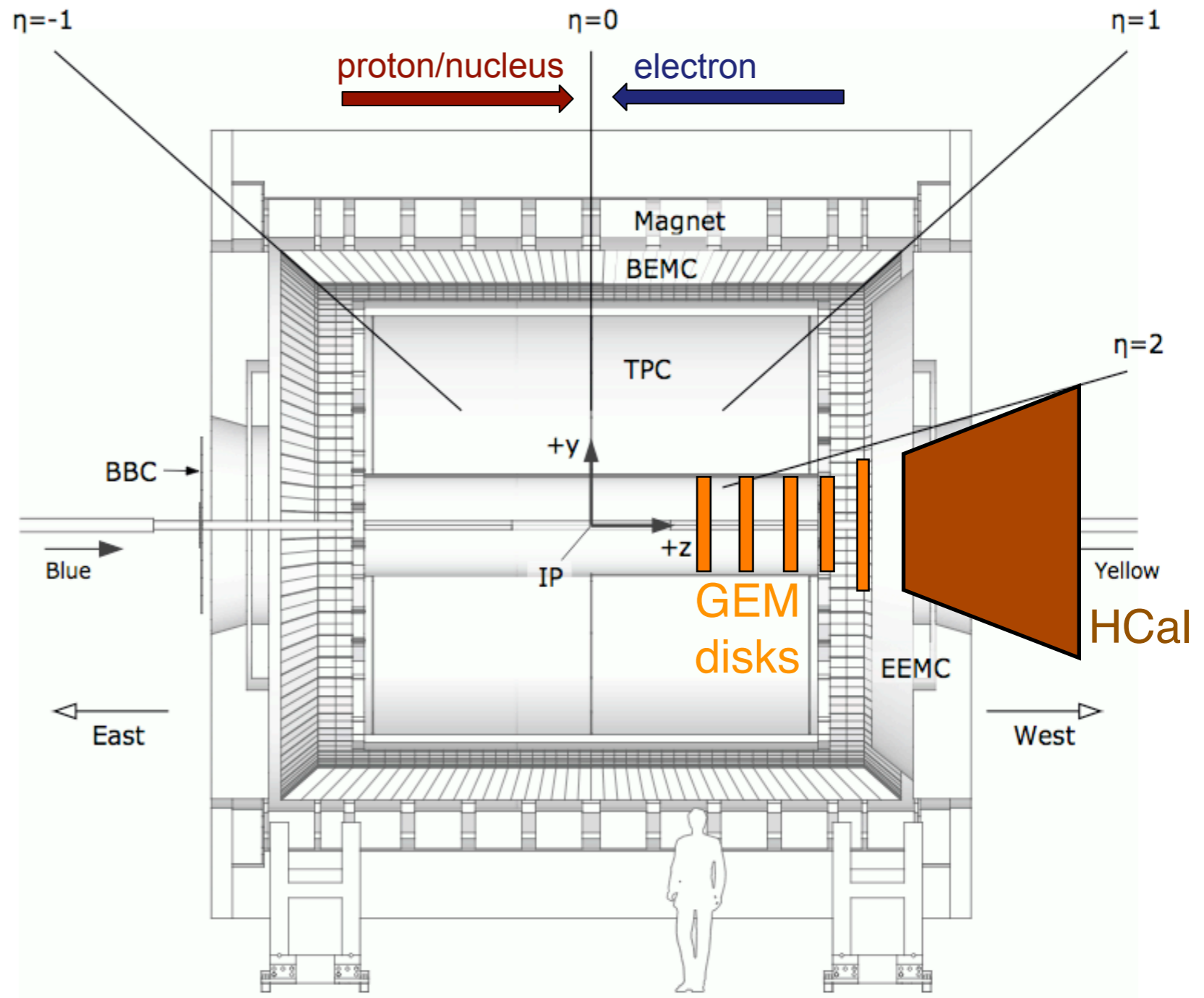
- With 30 GeV electrons, need very forward coverage
- eSTAR is unsuitable for this energy regime
 - Will need a fully comprehensive detector, which eSTAR can complement in the first phase.

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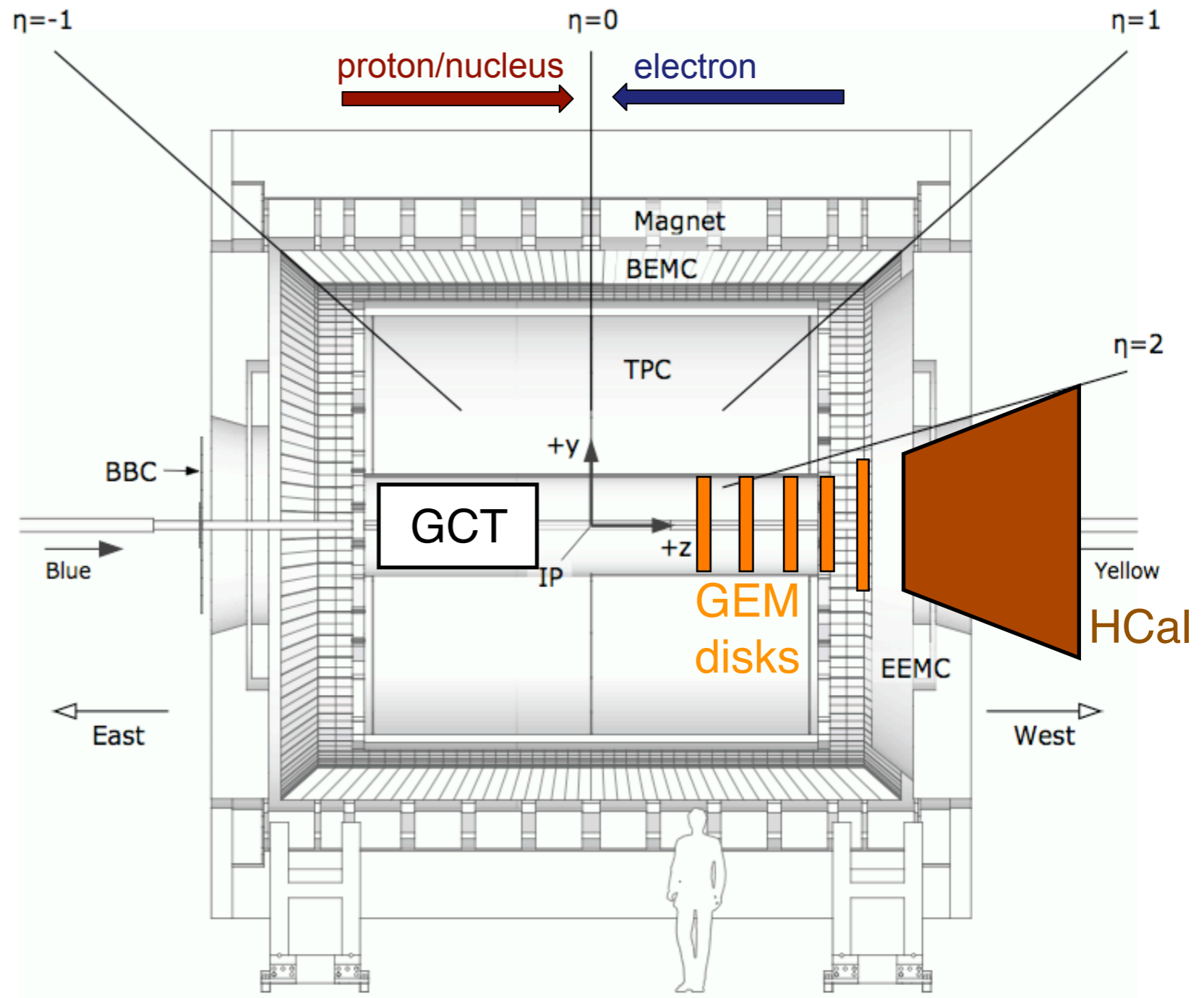
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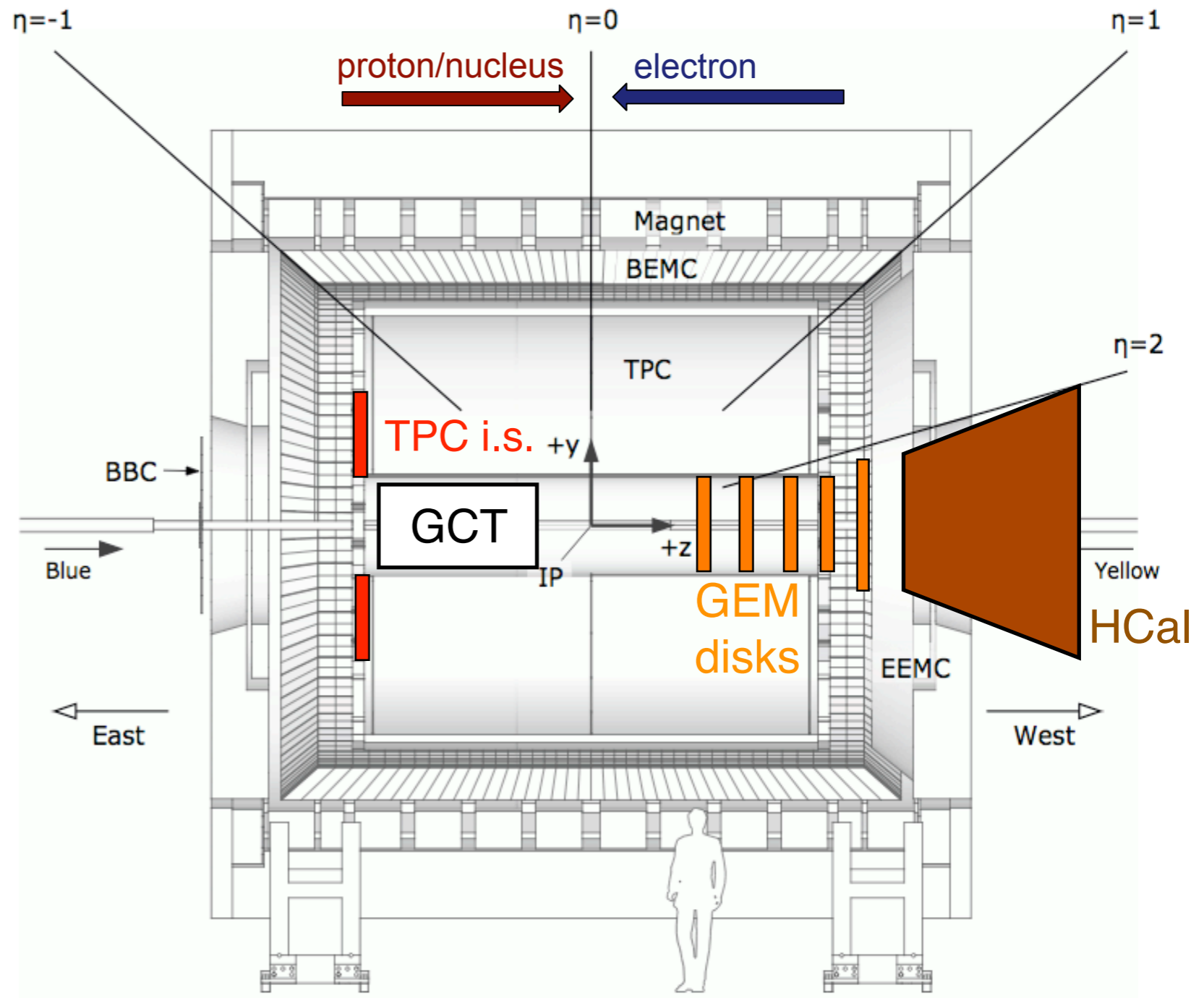
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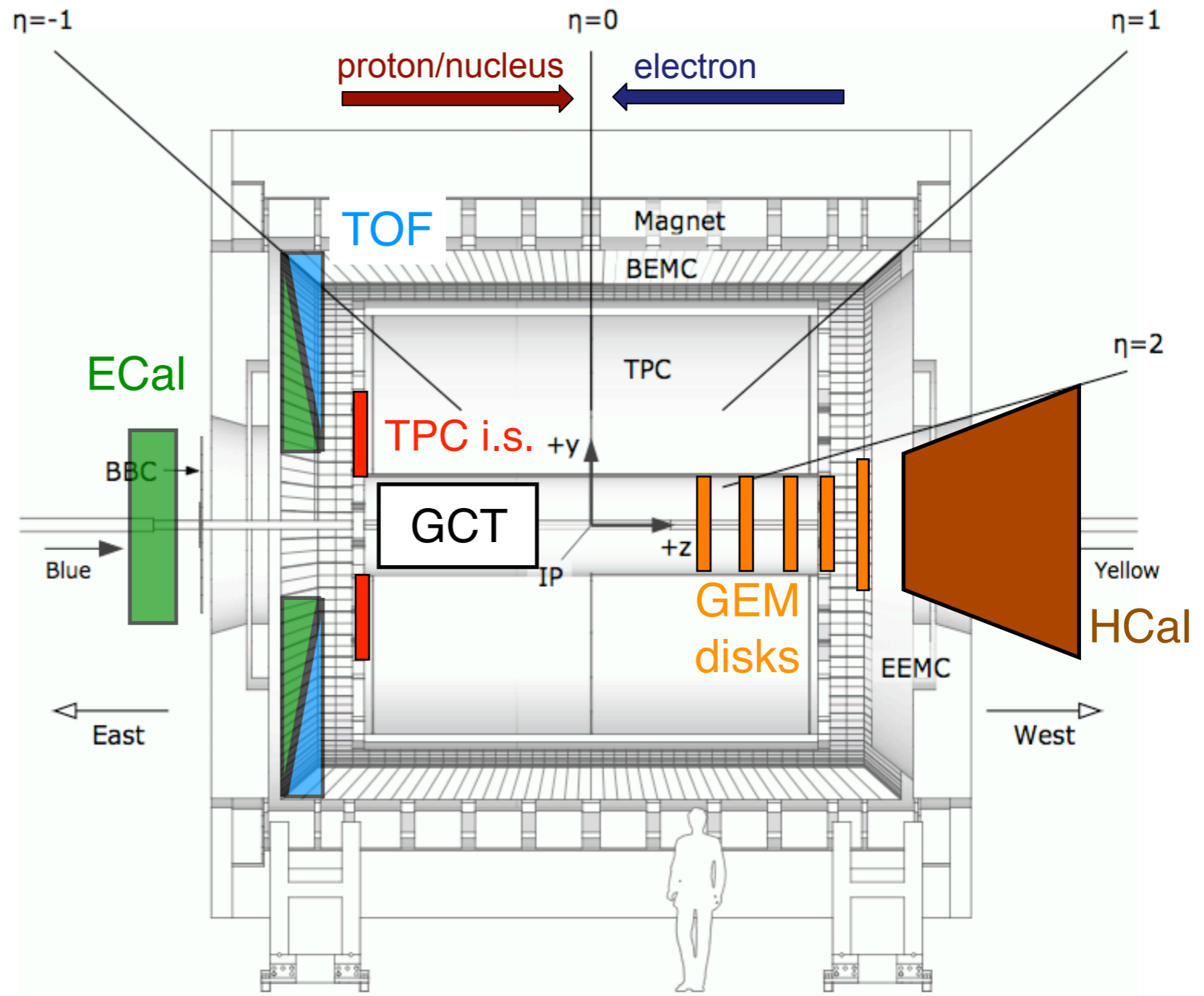
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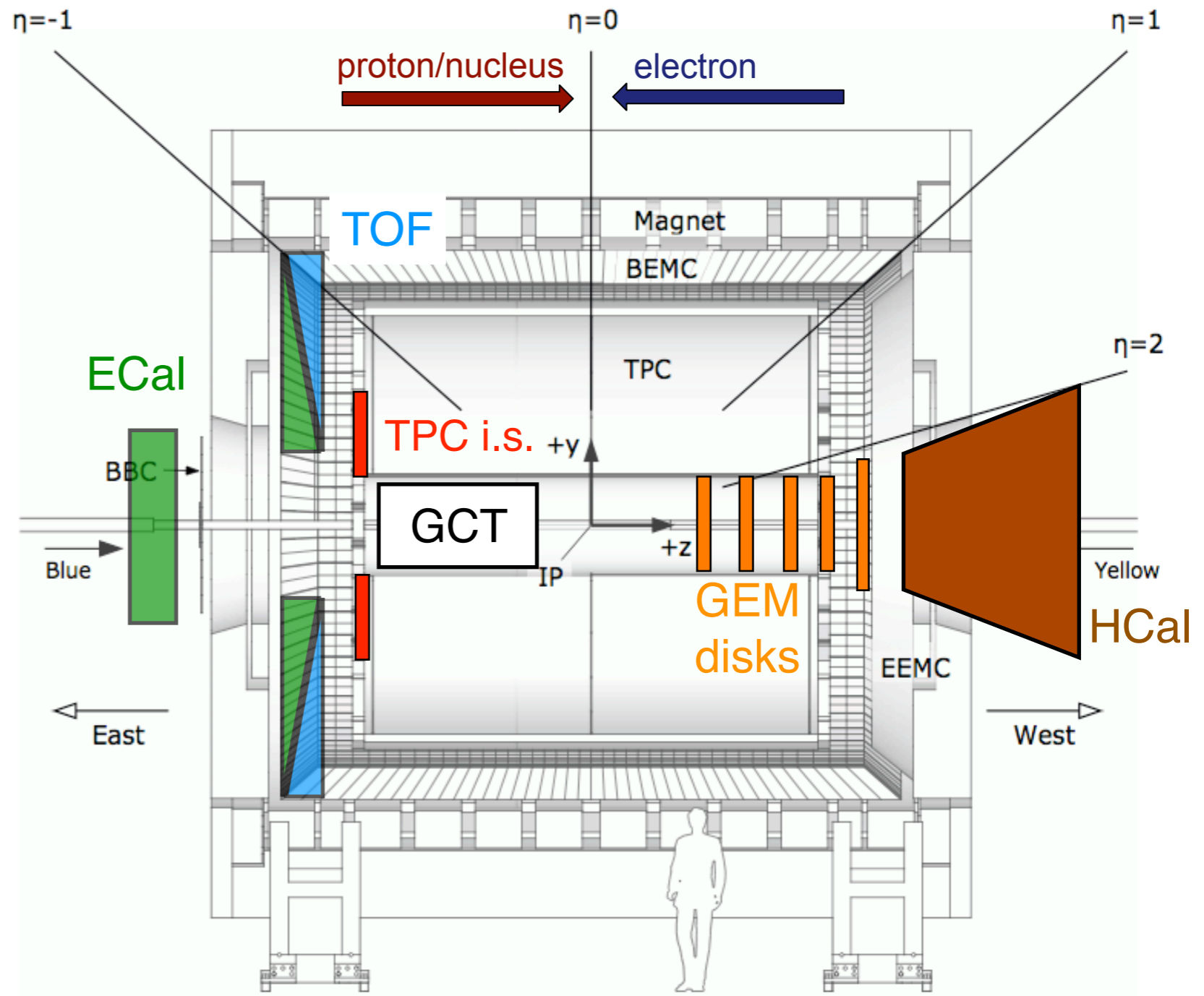
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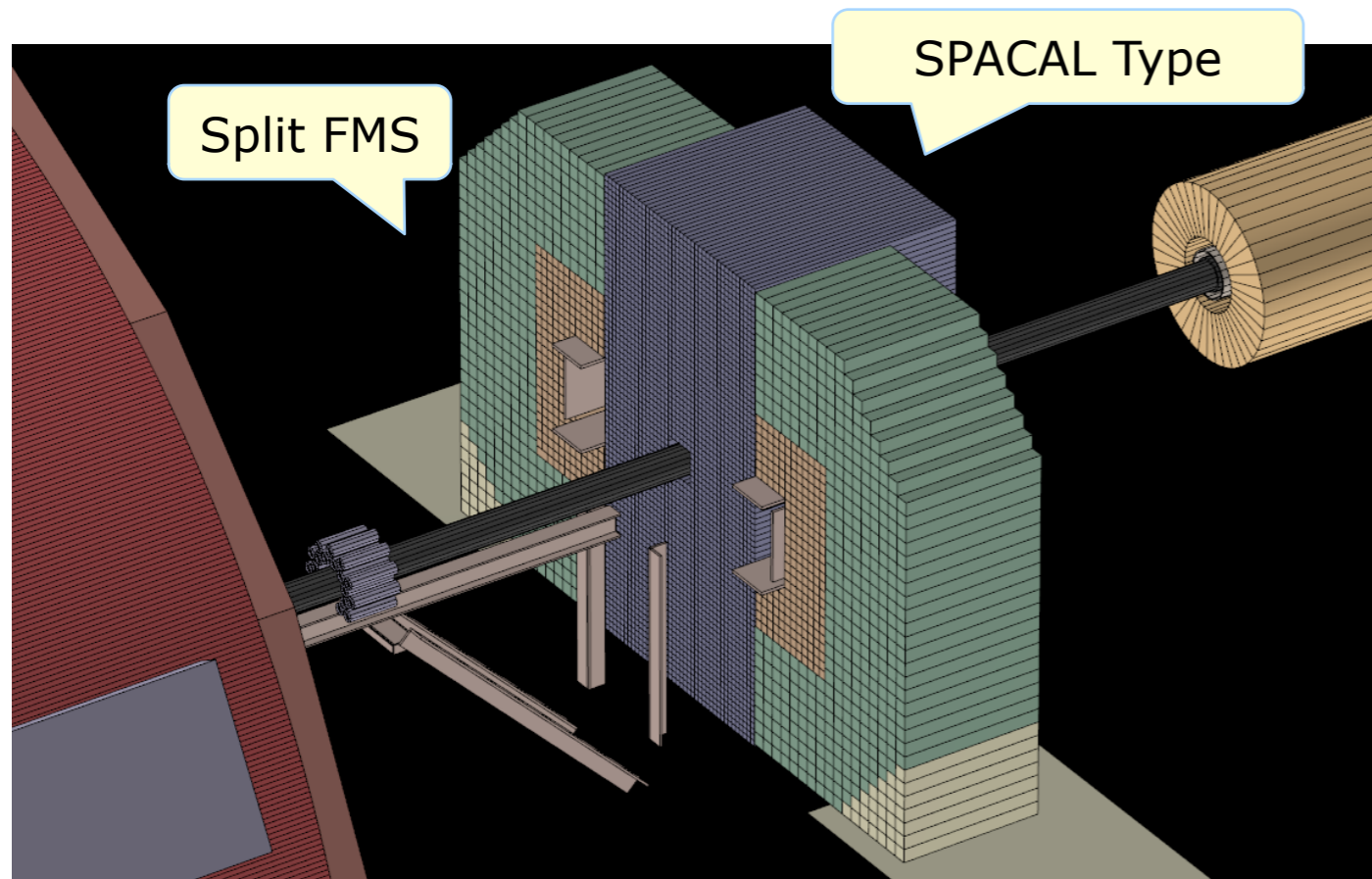
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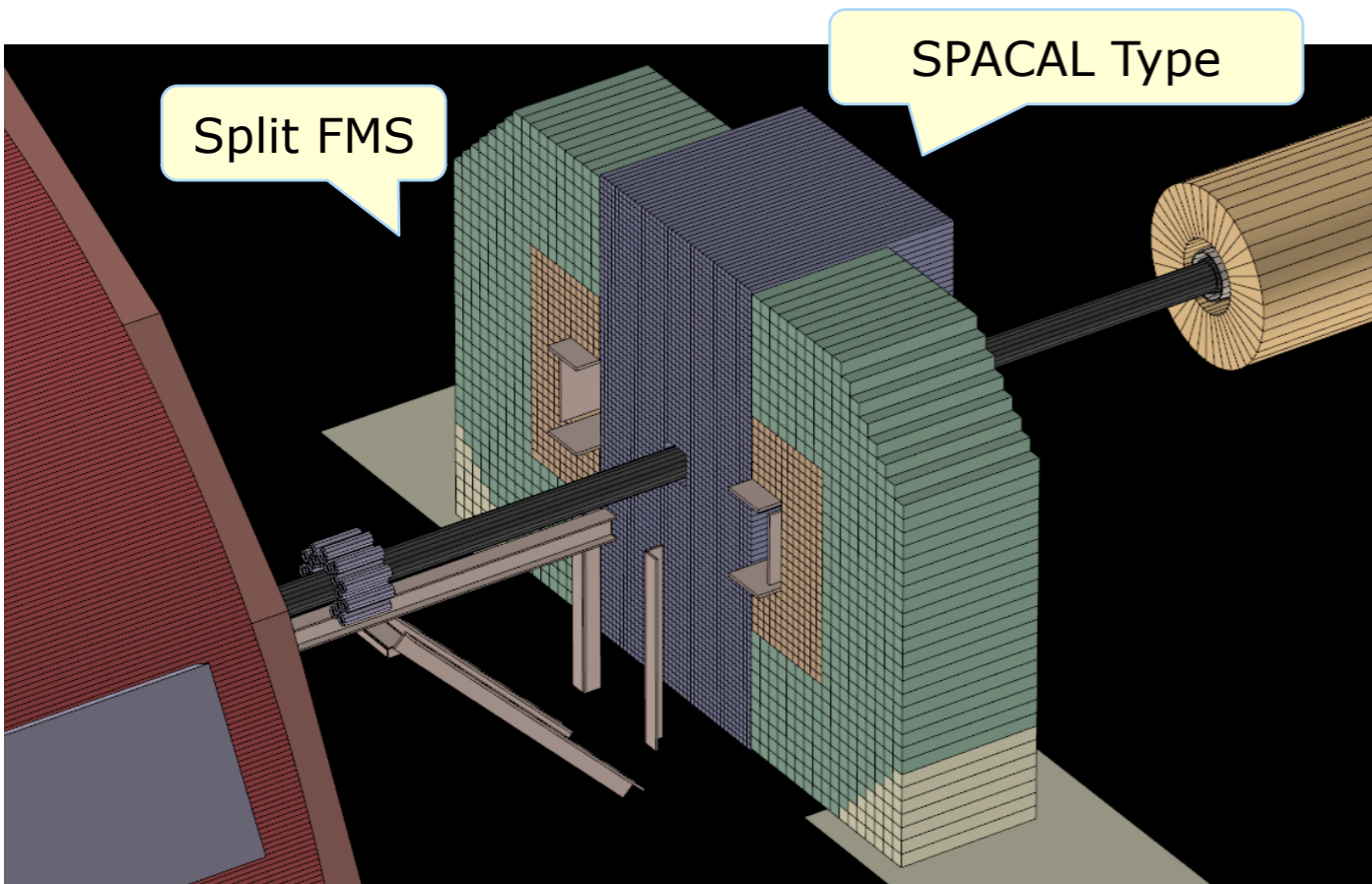
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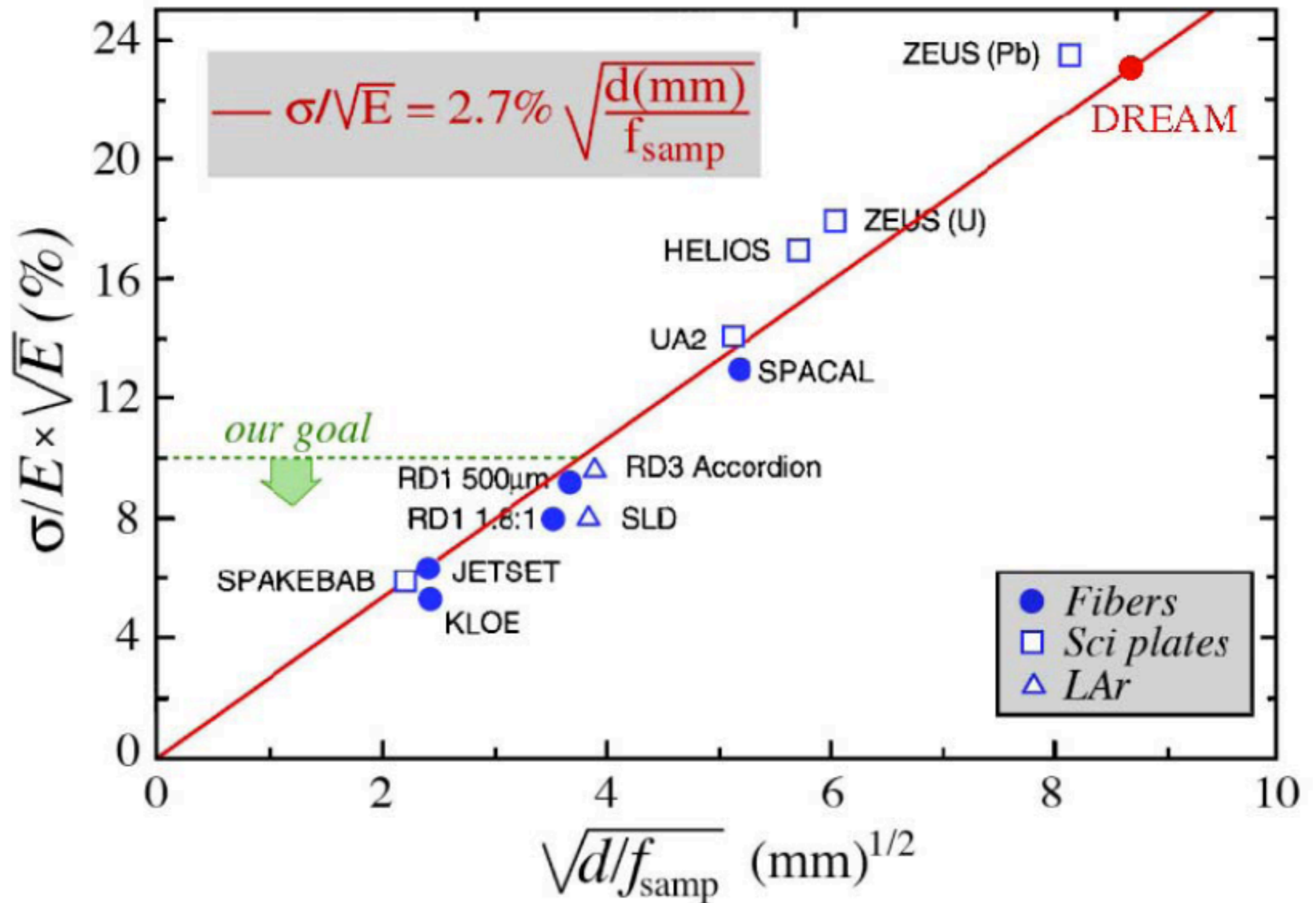
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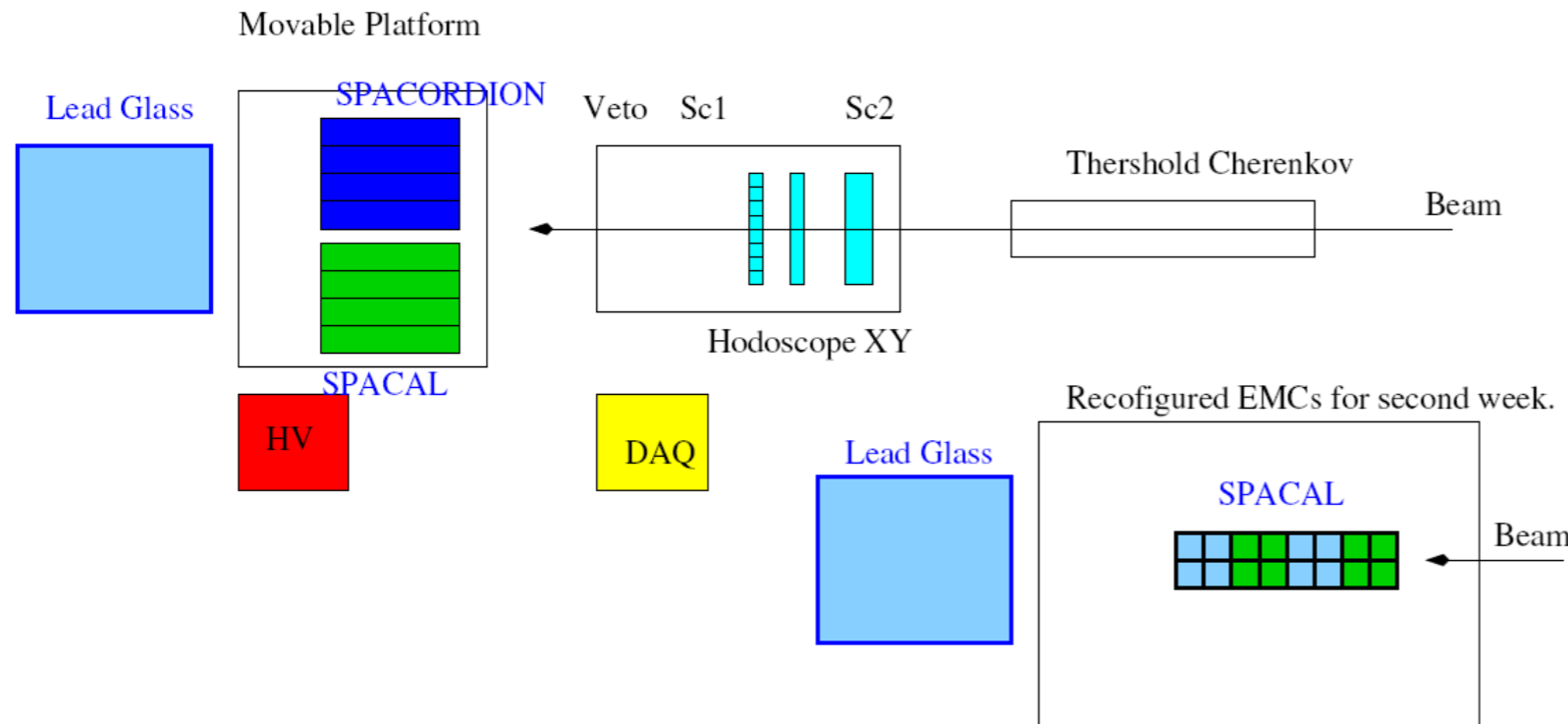
Solution

- W powder, fibre readout
- 1m x 1m x 2m detector with $\sim 3k$ readout channels, weight ~ 20 tonnes
- Compact Hadronic and EM calorimeter

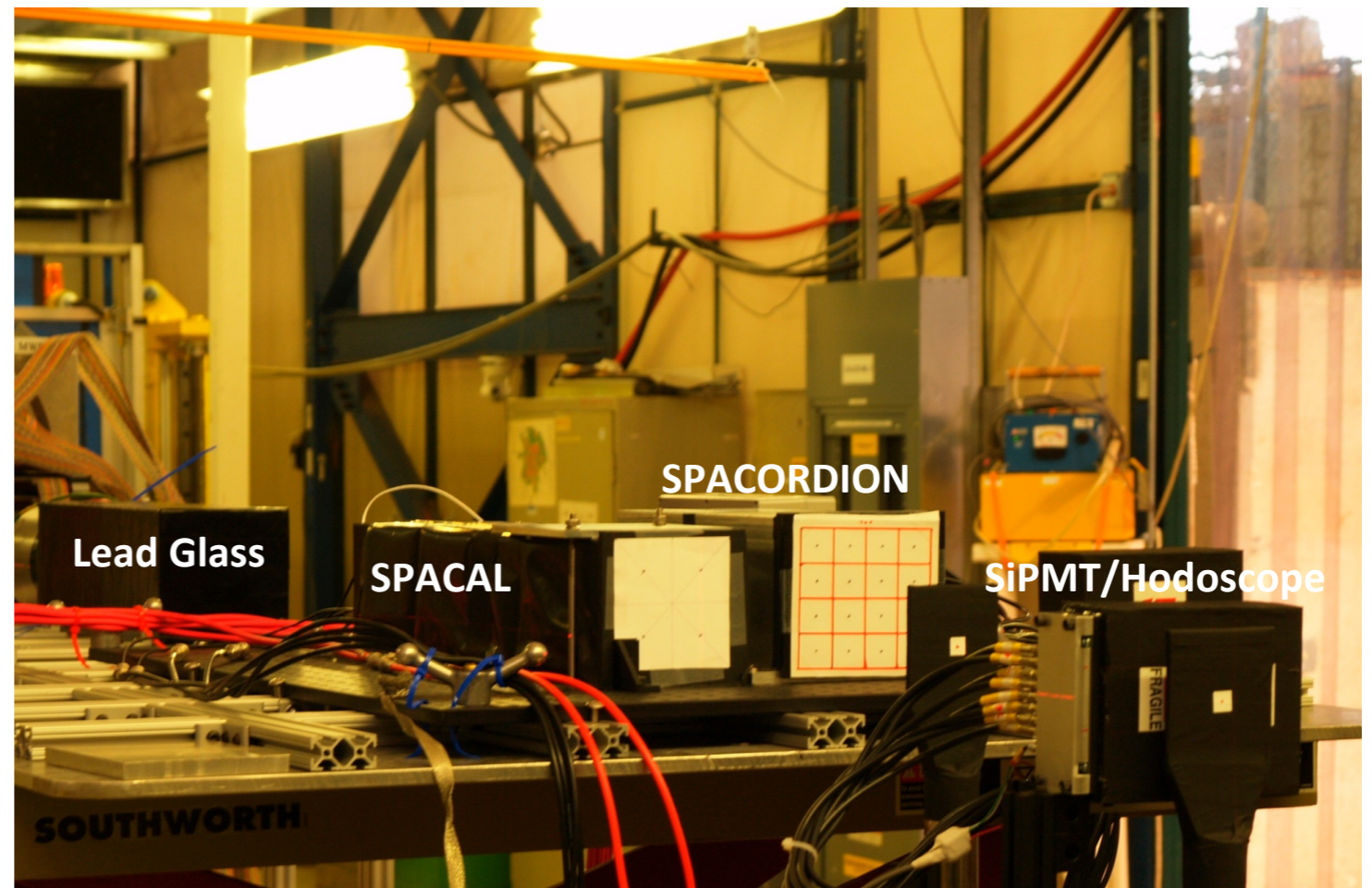
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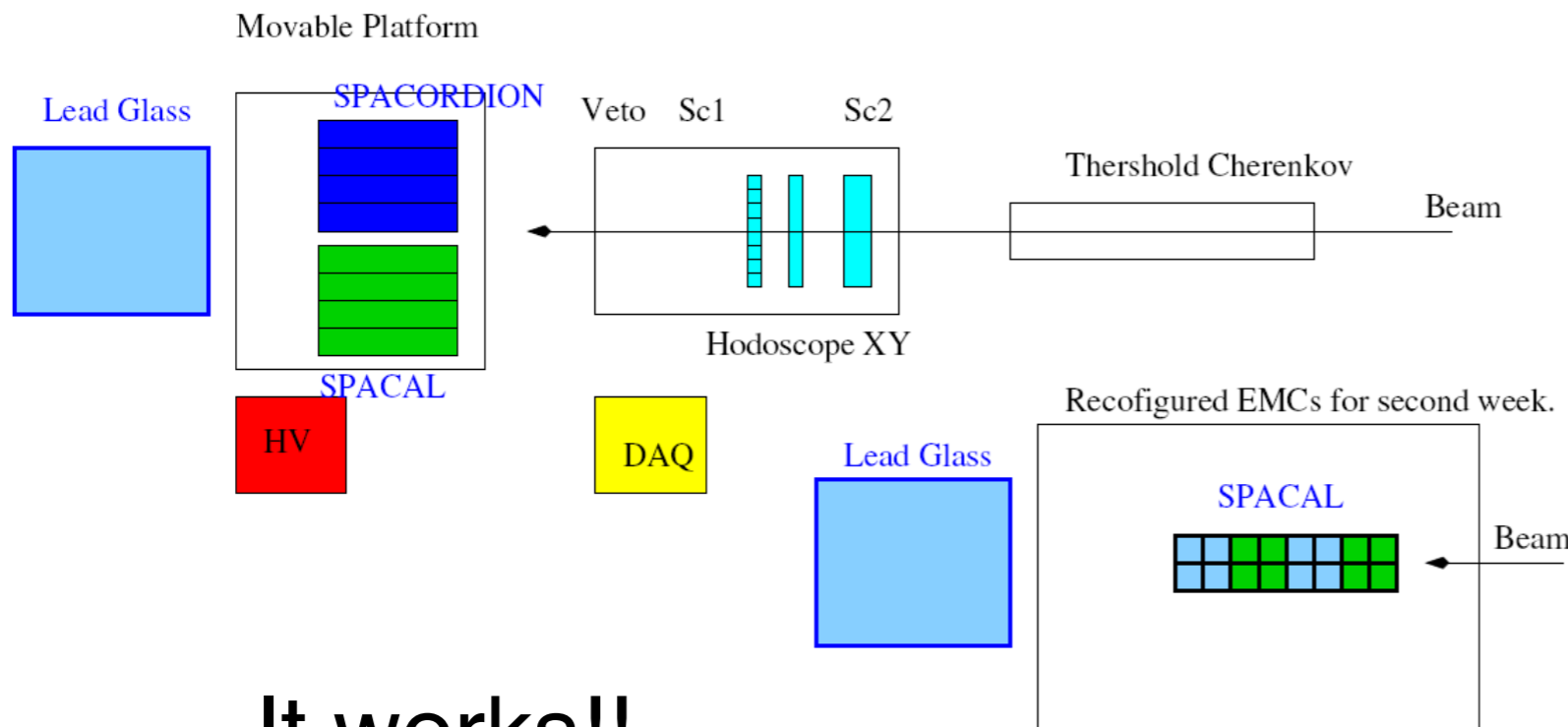
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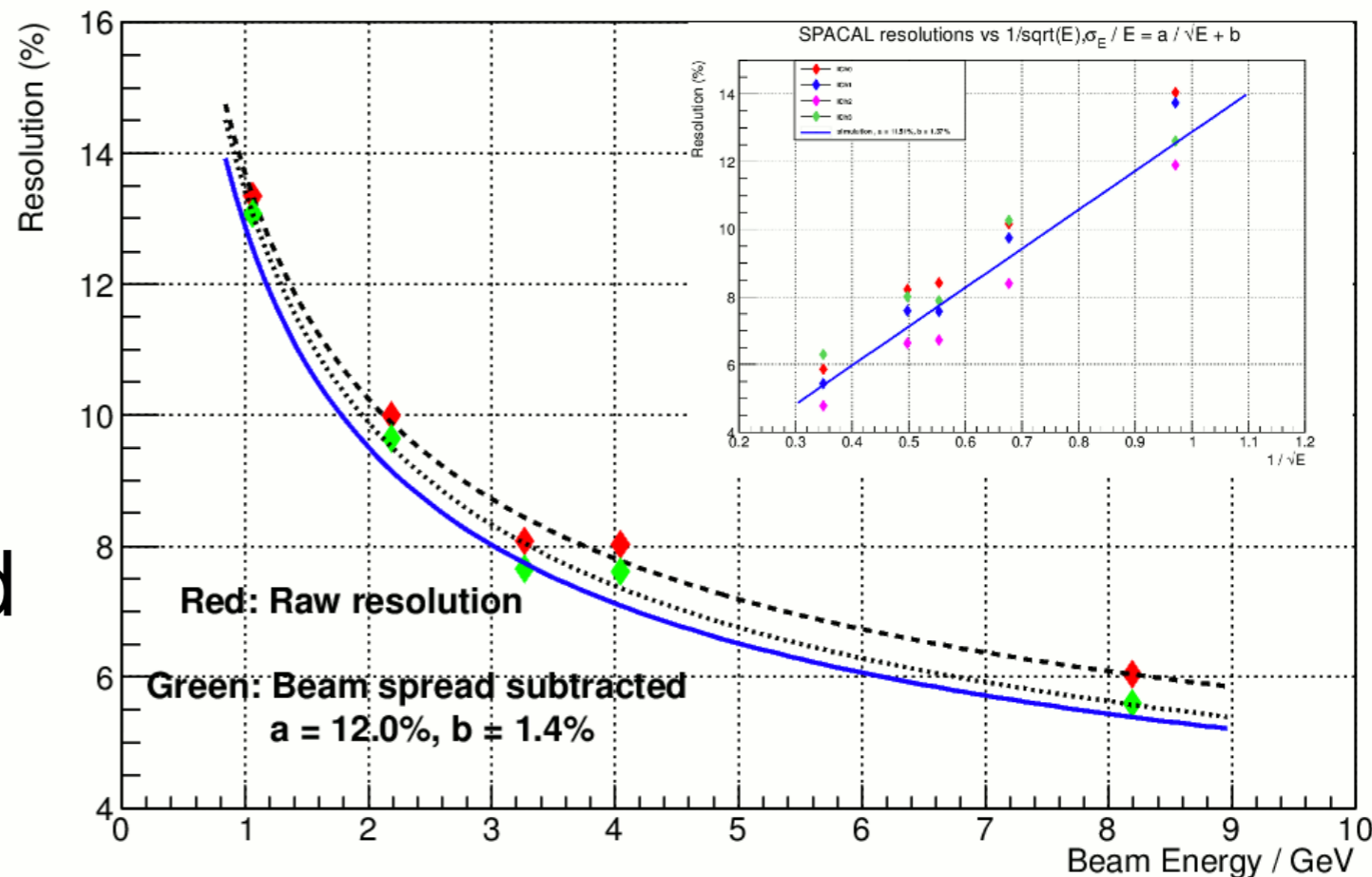


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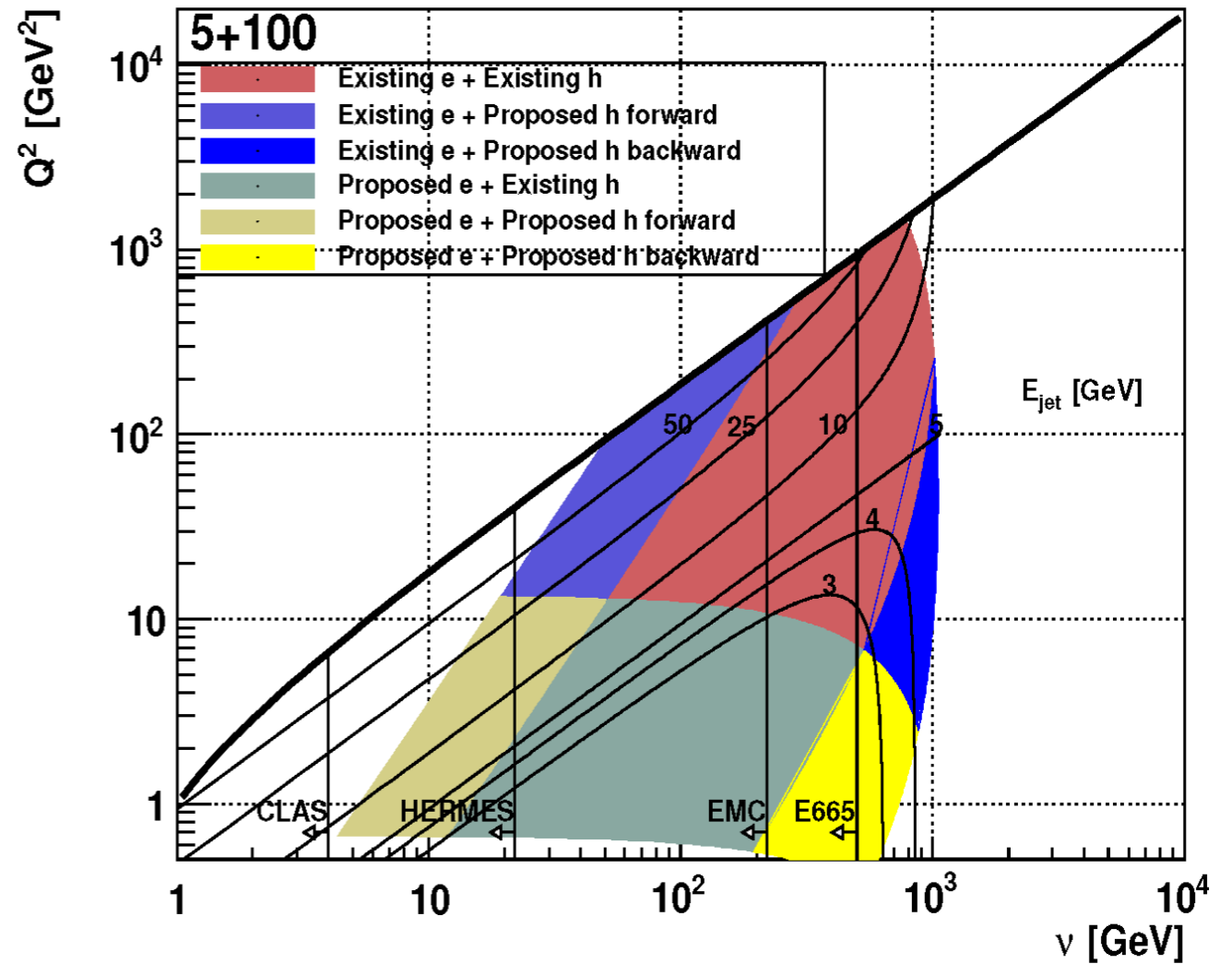
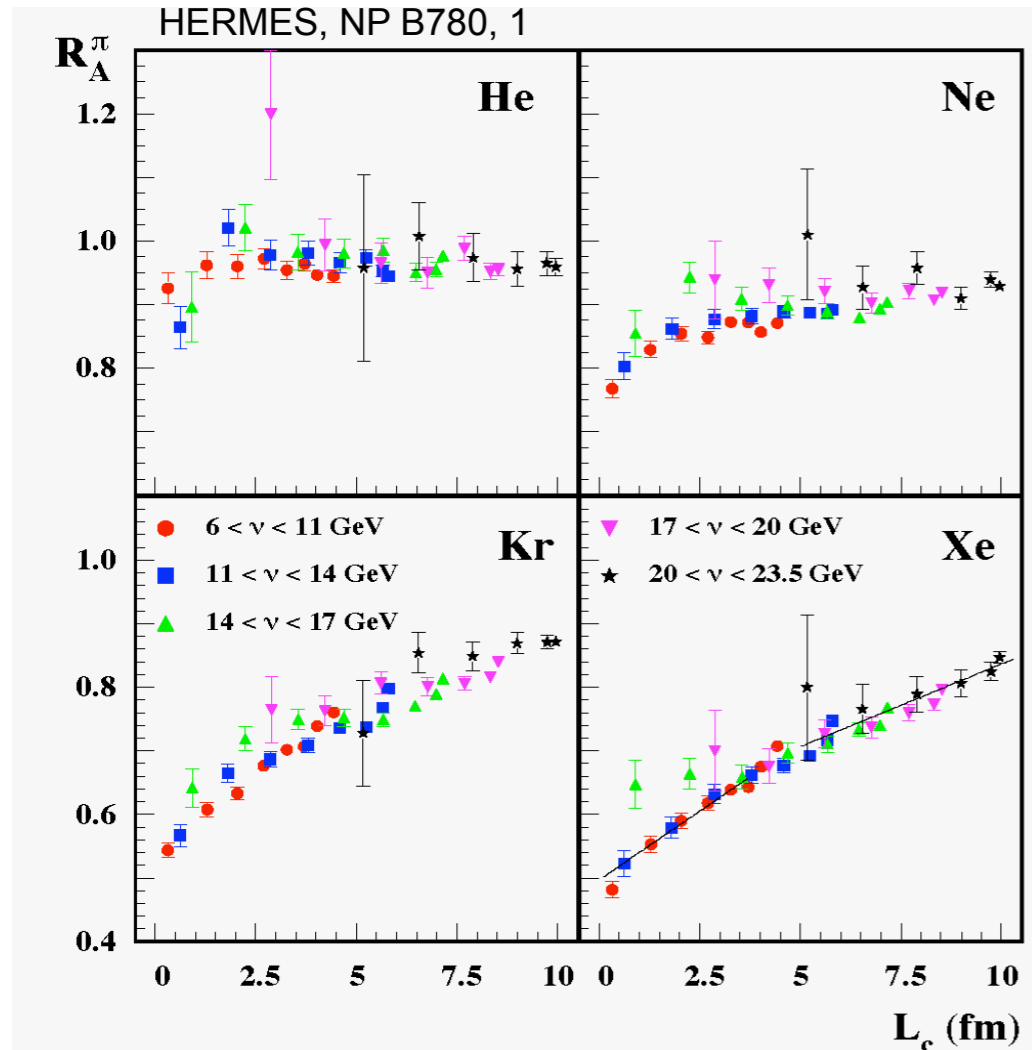
It works!!

- Resolution is close to what is expected (~12% at 1 GeV)
- Light yield is very good (~4000 Phe/GeV)

SPACAL resolutions, averaged over 4 Channels, $\sigma_E / E = (a/\sqrt{E}) + b$



Example physics: parton energy loss in cold QCD matter



- HERMES: limited range in ν
 - hadrons form partially inside the medium
- eRHIC: large range in ν (L_c up to a few 100 fm)
 - light quarks form well outside the medium
 - also ability to explore heavy-quark formation

● Day-1 measurement for e+A

Summary and Conclusions

- STAR has completed its first decade of physics with exciting and unexpected results
 - A strongly coupled plasma is formed in heavy-ion collisions, creating a perfect liquid
- STAR has a clear path of upgrades to build on the physics already learned, together with the upgrades of the machine
 - New detectors, new electronics
- In the long term (STAR's 3rd decade), a role is foreseen for STAR → eSTAR
 - STAR has an active eSTAR task force
 - Calorimetry R&D progressing with test beam at FNAL in January 2012

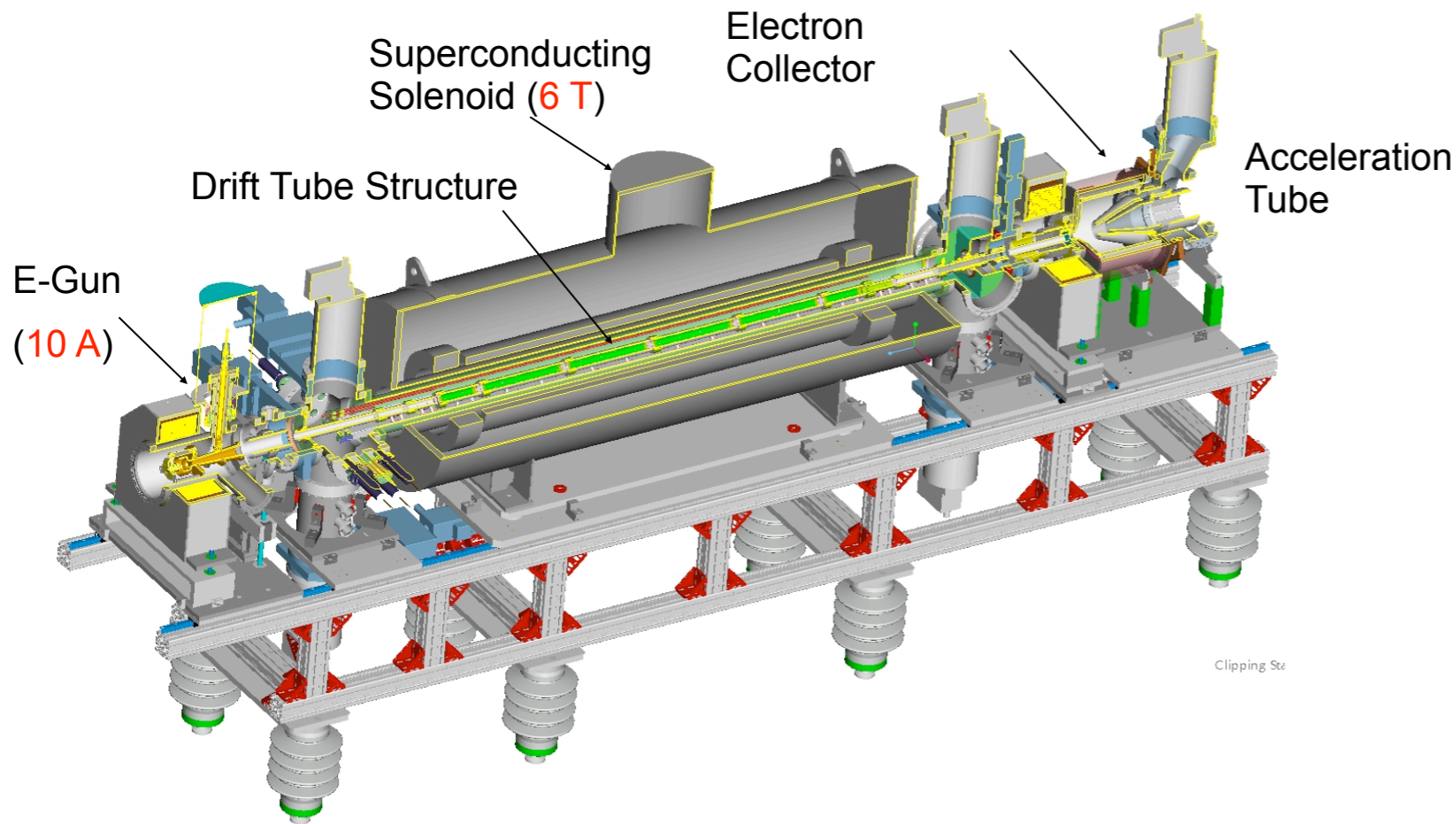
The future physics programme of STAR

	Near term (Runs 11–13)	Mid-decade (Runs 14–16)	Long term (Runs 17–)
Colliding systems	$p+p$, A+A	$p+p$, A+A	$p+p$, $p+A$, A+A, $e+p$, $e+A$
Upgrades	FGT, FHC, RP, DAQ10K, Trigger	HFT, MTD, Trigger	Forward Instrum, eSTAR, Trigger
(1) Properties of sQGP	Υ , $J/\psi \rightarrow ee$, m_{ee} , v_2	Υ , $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$, Charm v_2 , R_{CP} , Charm corr, Λ_c/D ratio, μ -atoms	$p+A$ comparison
(2) Mechanism of energy loss	Jets, γ -jet, NPE	Charm, Bottom	Jets in CNM, SIDIS, c/b in CNM
(3) QCD critical point	Fluctuations, correlations, particle ratios	Focused study of critical point region	
(4) Novel symmetries	Azimuthal corr, spectral function	$e - \mu$ corr, $\mu - \mu$ corr	
(5) Exotic particles	Heavy anti-matter, glueballs		
(6) Proton spin structure	$W A_L$, jet and di-jet A_{LL} , intra-jet corr, $(\Lambda + \bar{\Lambda}) D_{LL}/D_{TT}$		$\Lambda D_{LL}/D_{TT}$, polarized DIS, polarized SIDIS
(7) QCD beyond collinear factorization	Forward A_N		Drell-Yan, F-F corr, polarized SIDIS
(8) Properties of initial state			Charm corr, Drell-Yan, J/ψ , F-F corr, Λ , DIS, SIDIS

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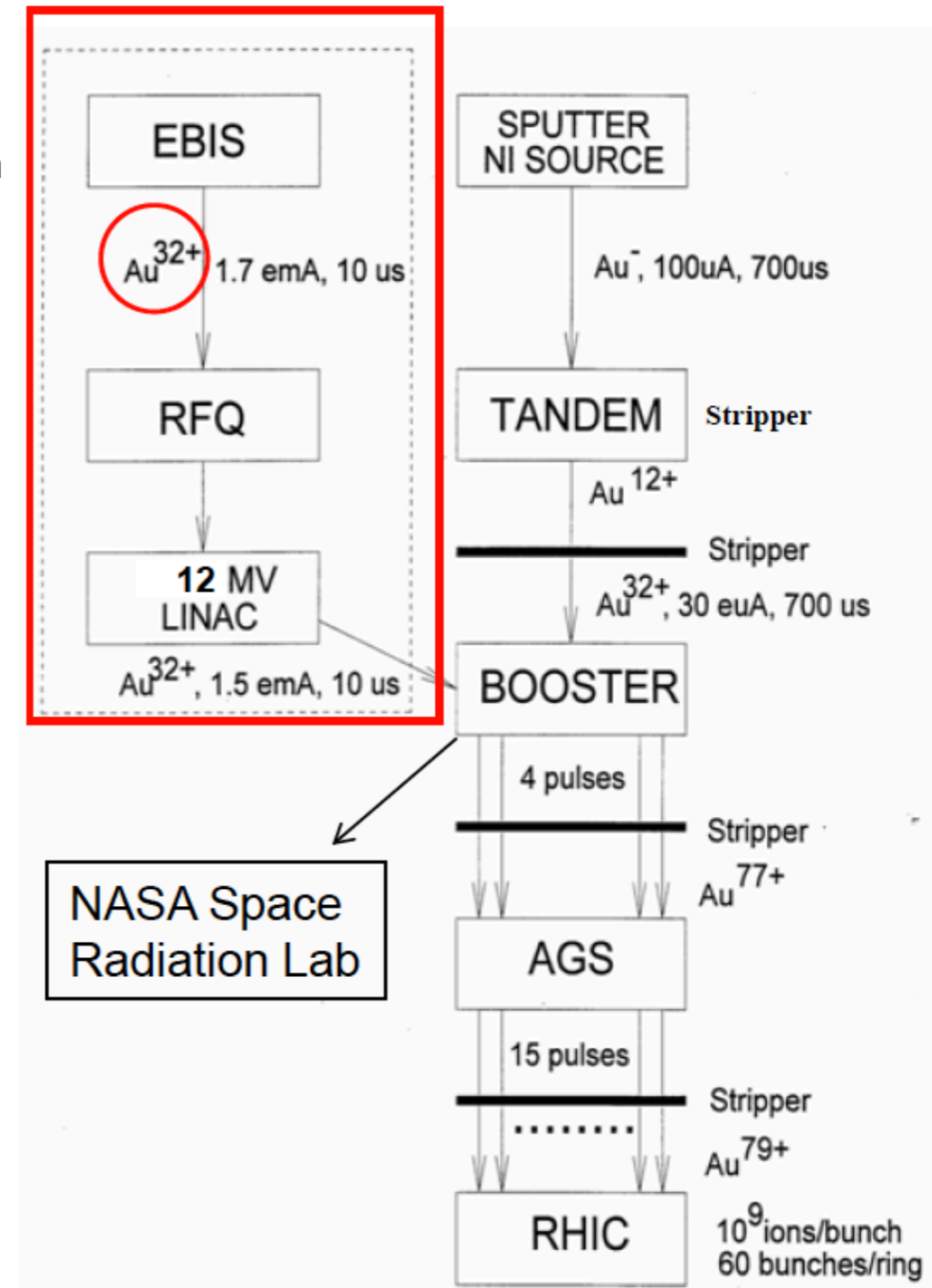
EBIS

RHIC Upgrades - EBIS Source



- EBIS advantages:

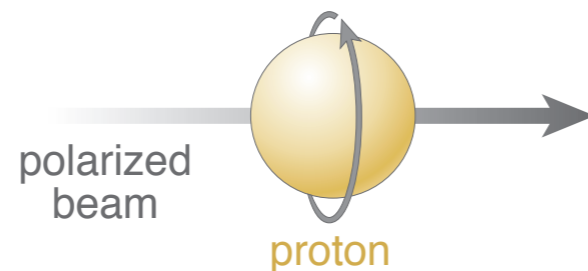
- Low cost/maintenance, modern
- Can produce any ion (e.g. ${}^3\text{He}^+$, U)
- Fast switching between species



FGT

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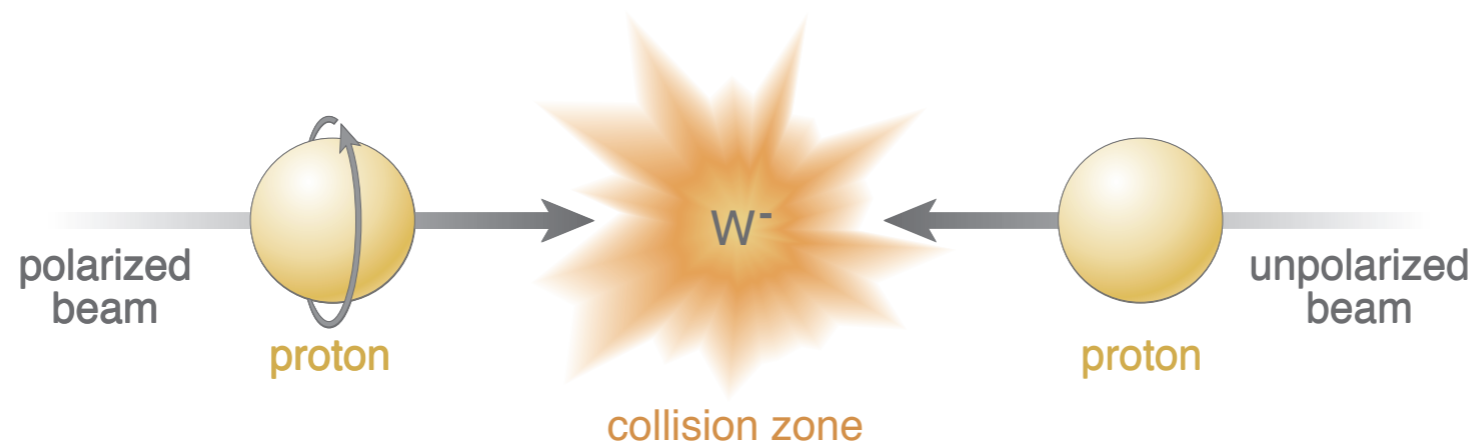
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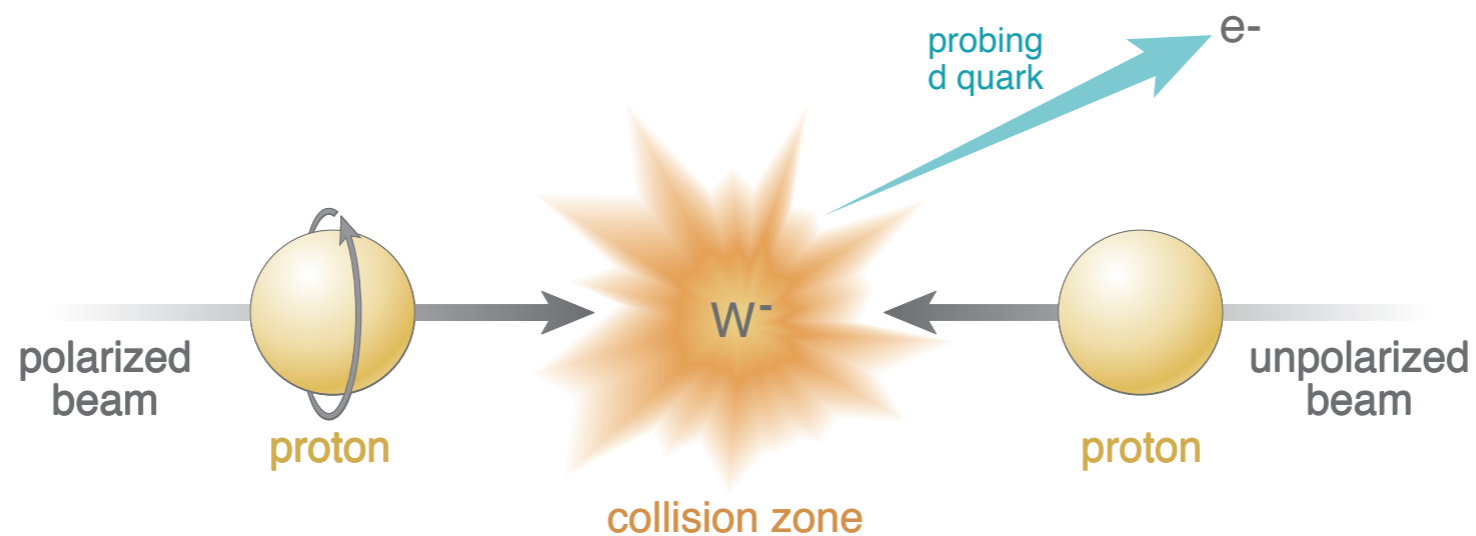
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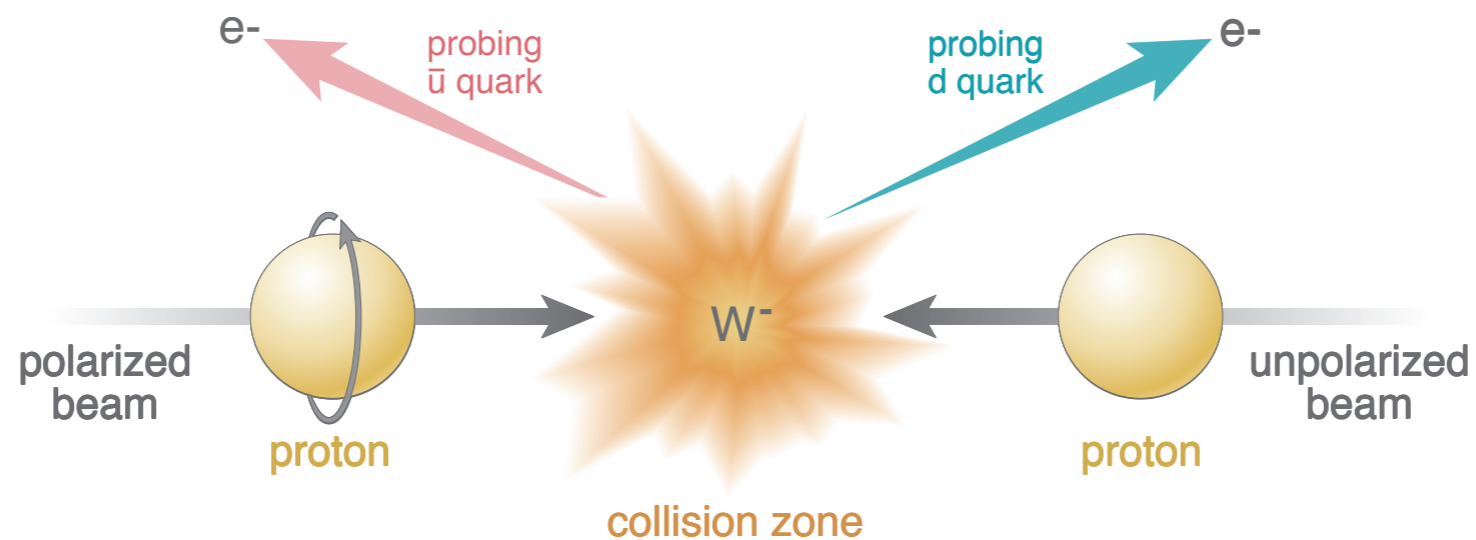
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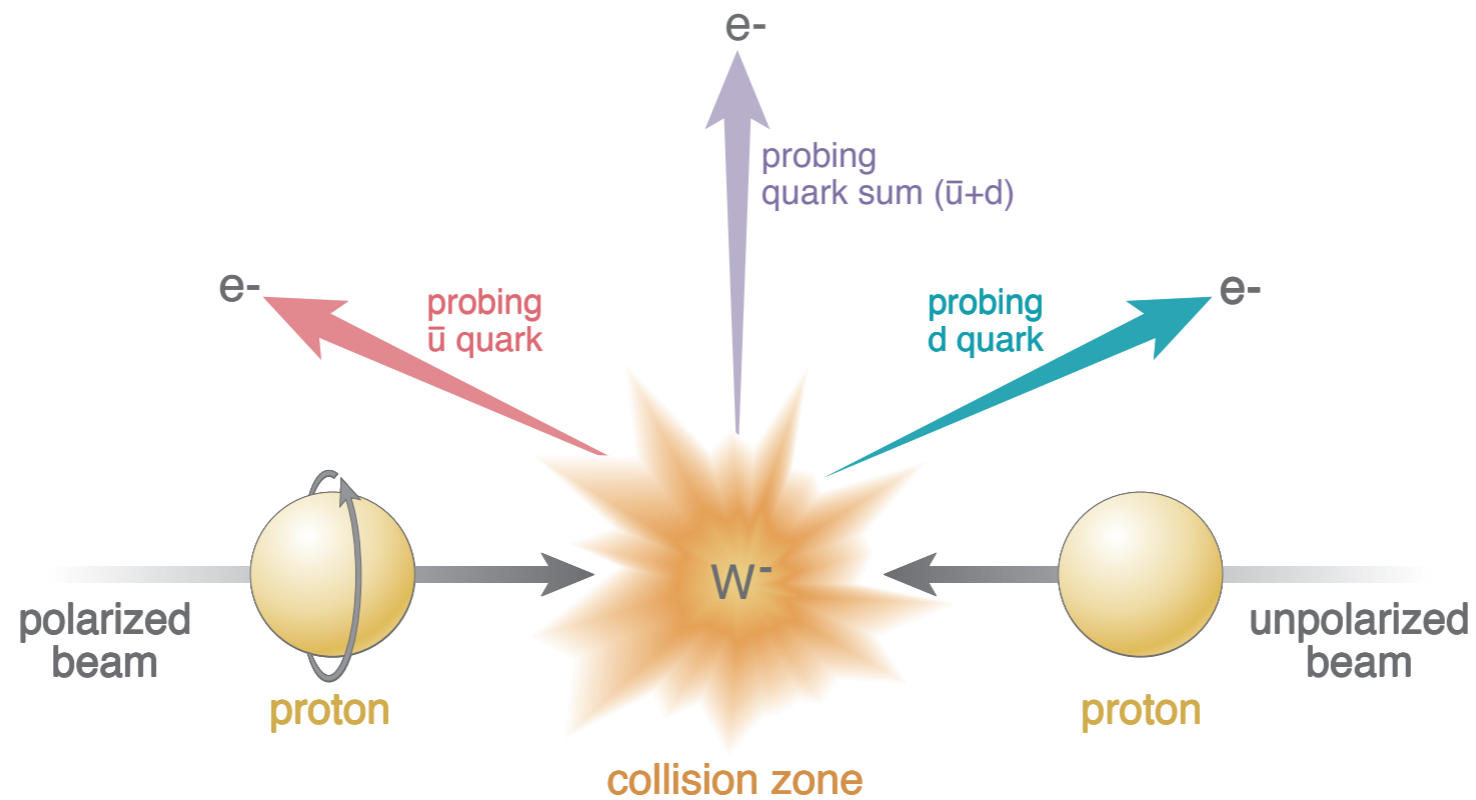
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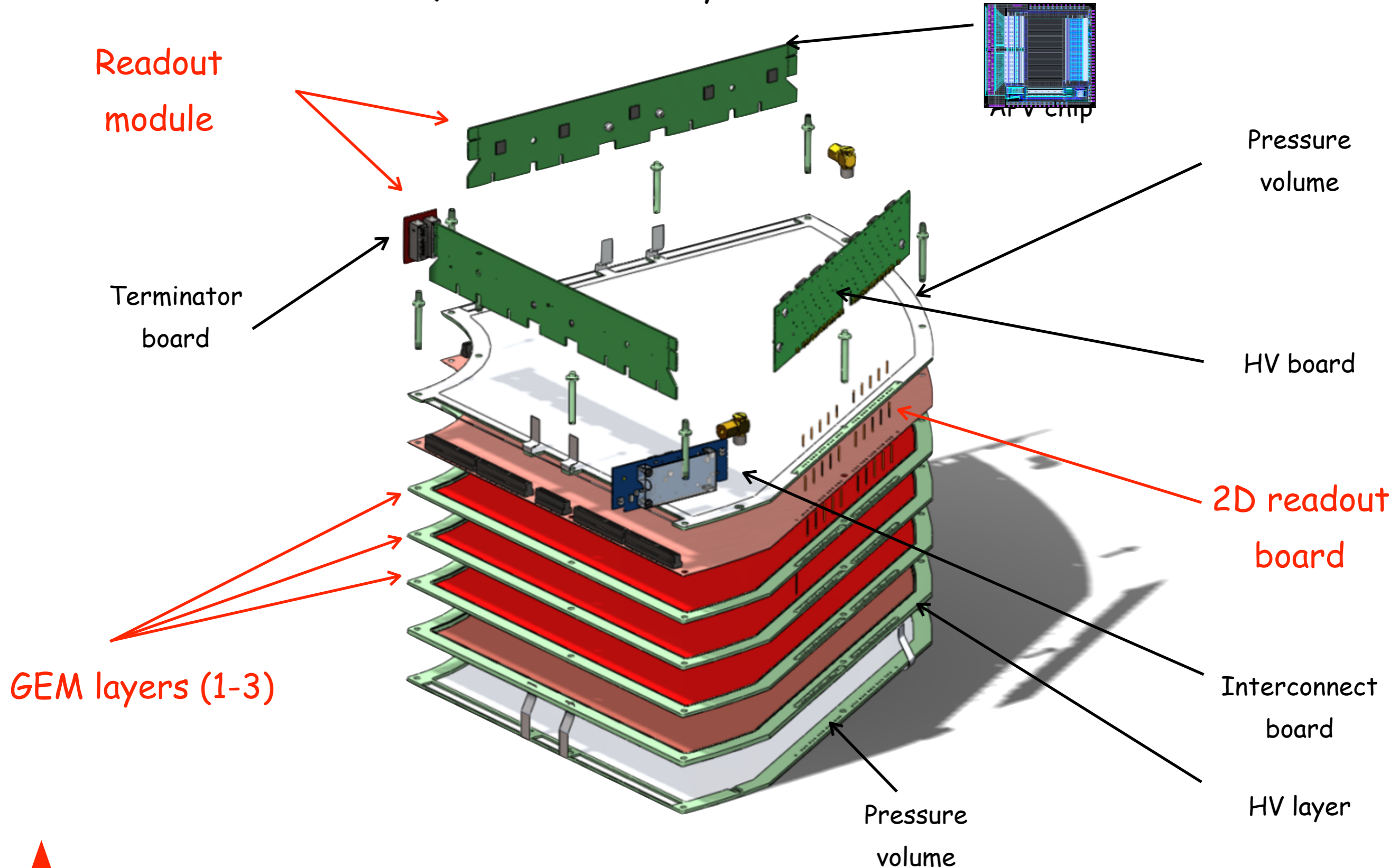
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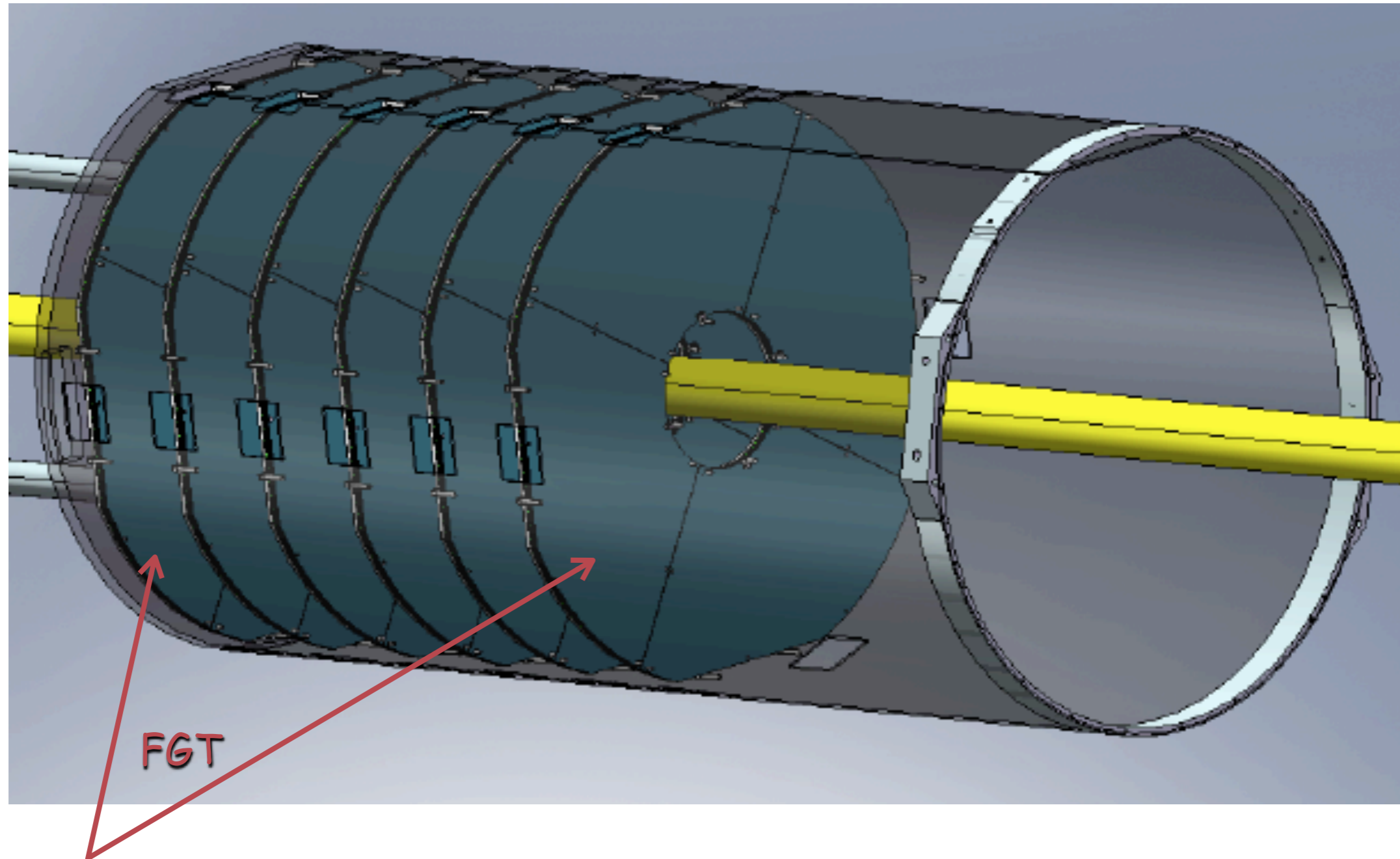
FGT Overview

FGT Quarter section layout



FGT Technical realization / Design

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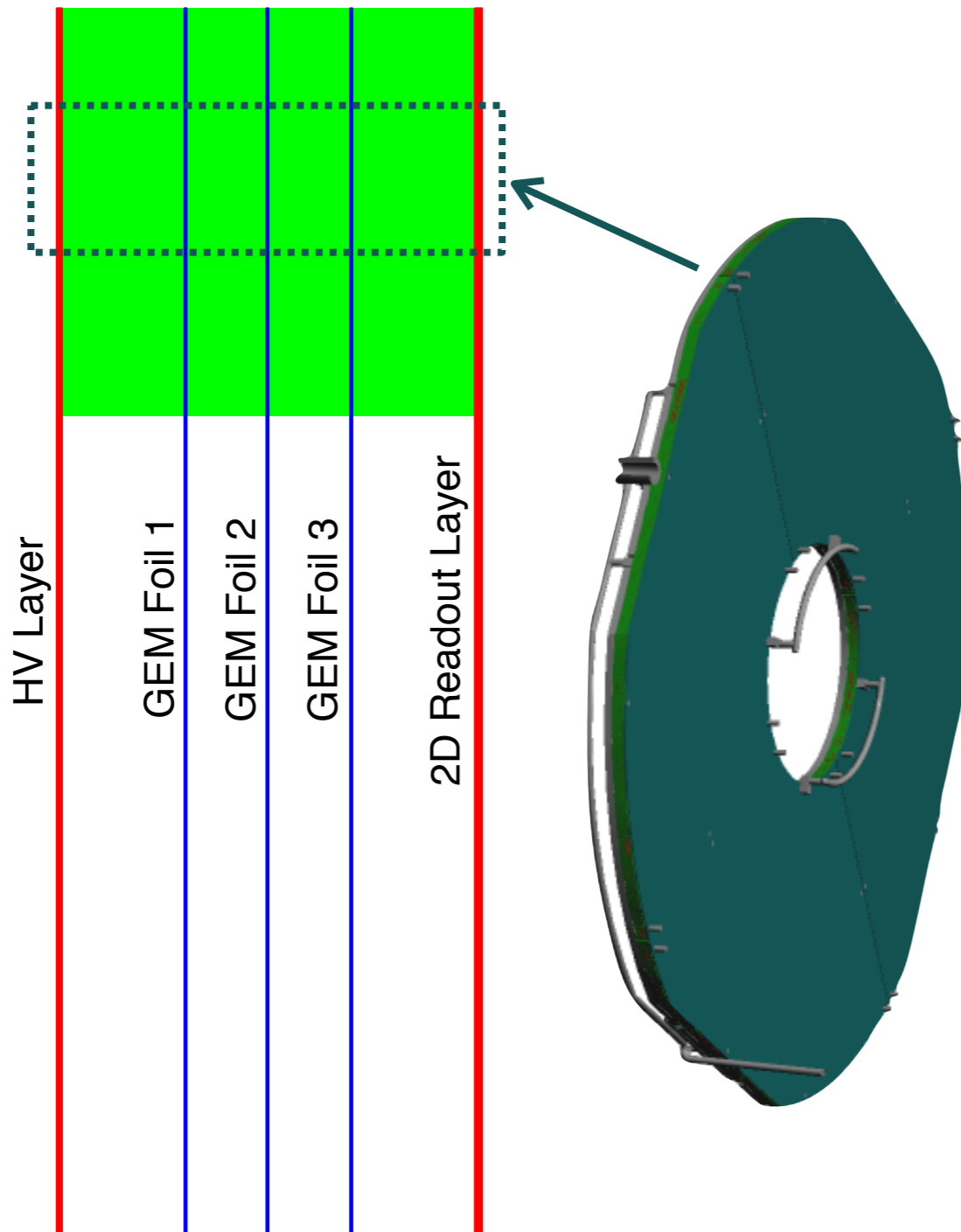


○ FGT: 6 light-weight disks

○ Each disk consists of 4 triple-GEM chambers (Quarter sections)

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□ Triple-GEM: Quarter section / Disk design (2)



Component	Material	Radiation Length [%]
Support plate	5 mm Nomex	0.040
	2x250 μm FR4	0.257
HV layer	5 μm Cu	0.035
	50 μm Kapton	0.017
GEM foils	6x5 μm Cu (70%)	0.147
	3x50 μm Kapton (70%)	0.036
Readout	5 μm Cu (20%)	0.007
	50 μm Kapton (20%)	0.003
	5 μm Cu (88%)	0.031
	50 μm Kapton	0.017
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Drift gas	10 mm CO ₂ (30%)	0.002
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Total		0.606

FGT Performance - Run 12

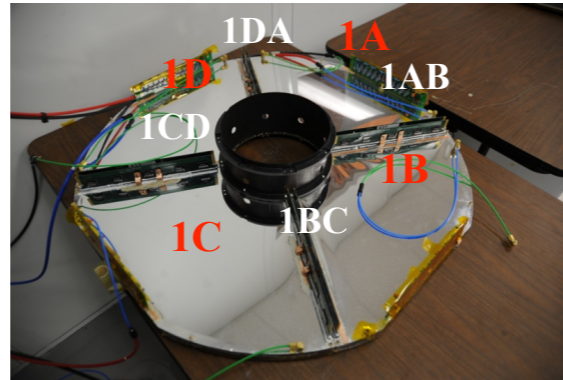
- Snapshot of FGT raw performance (Run 12)

Ready for data taking in Run12

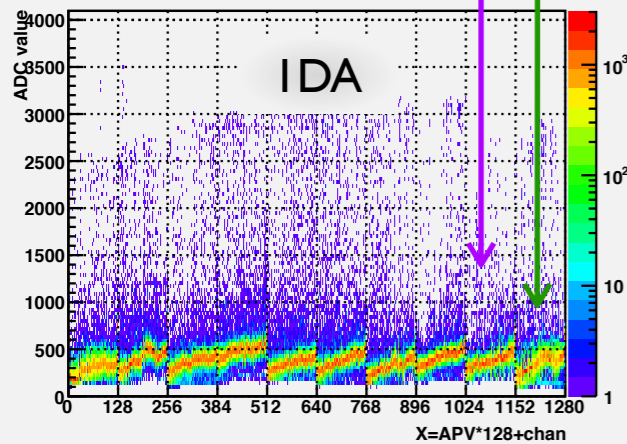
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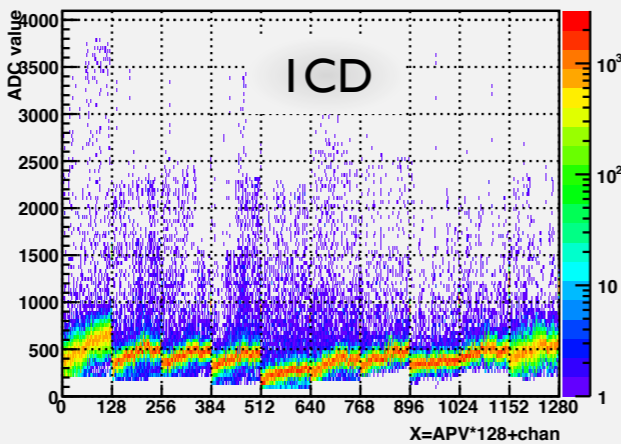
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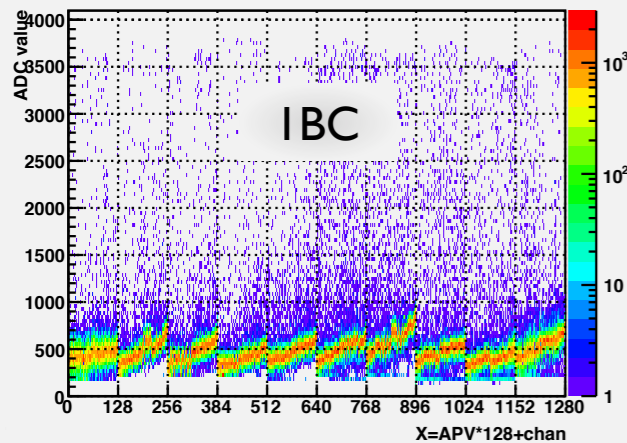
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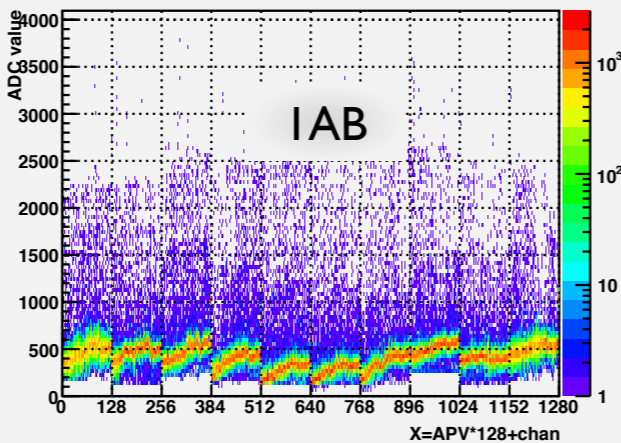
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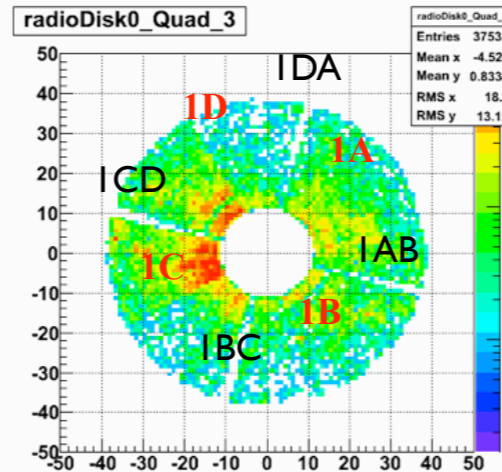
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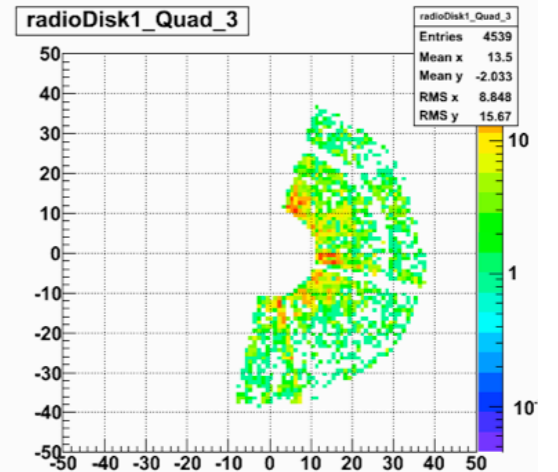
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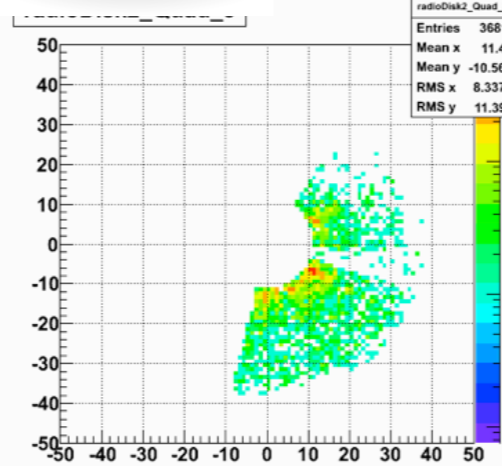
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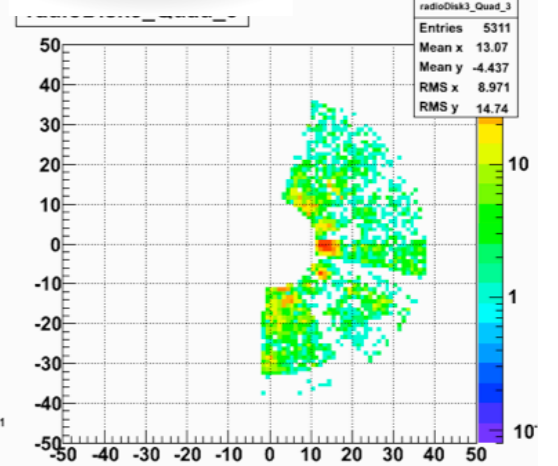
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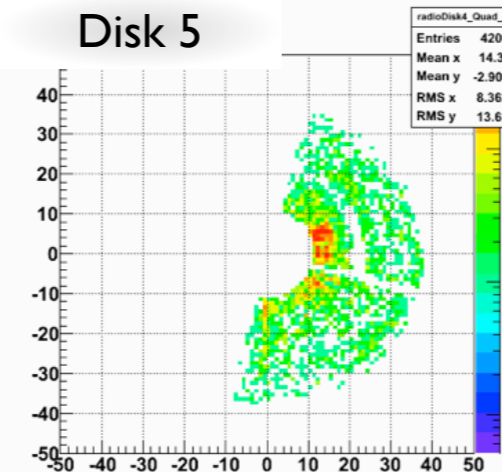
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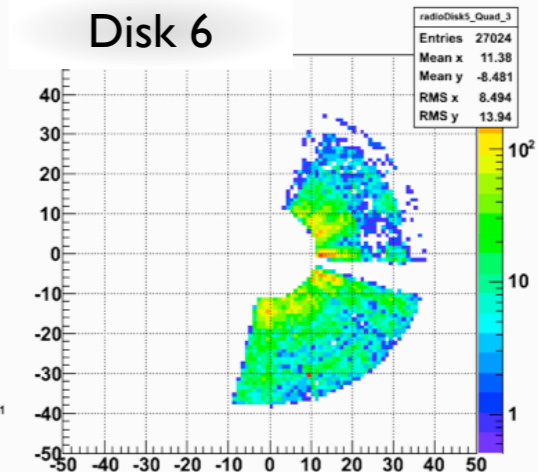
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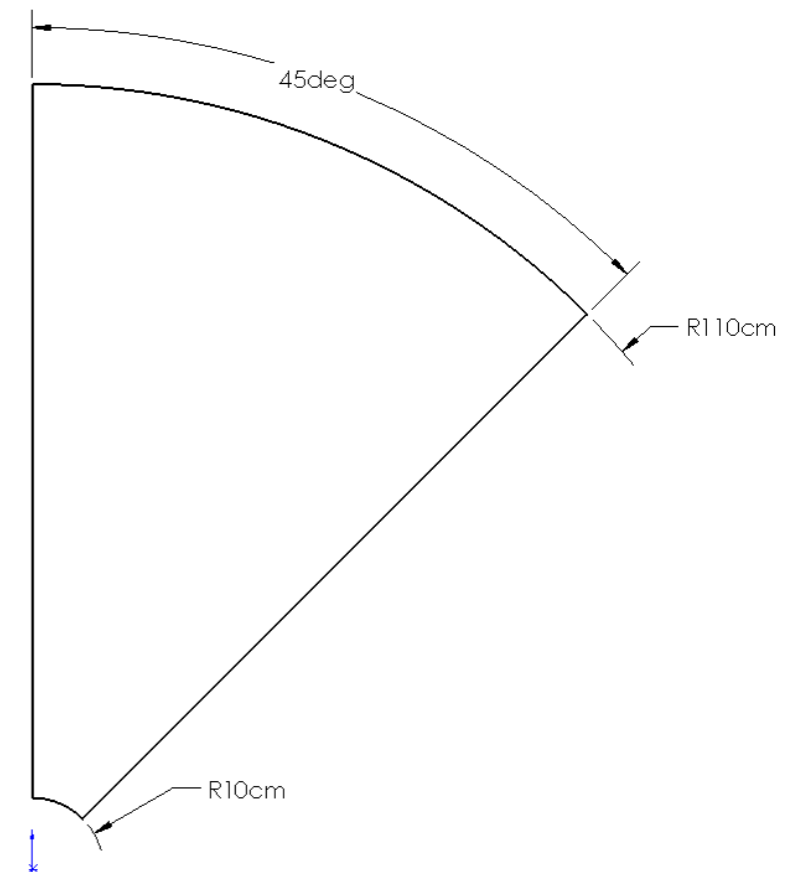
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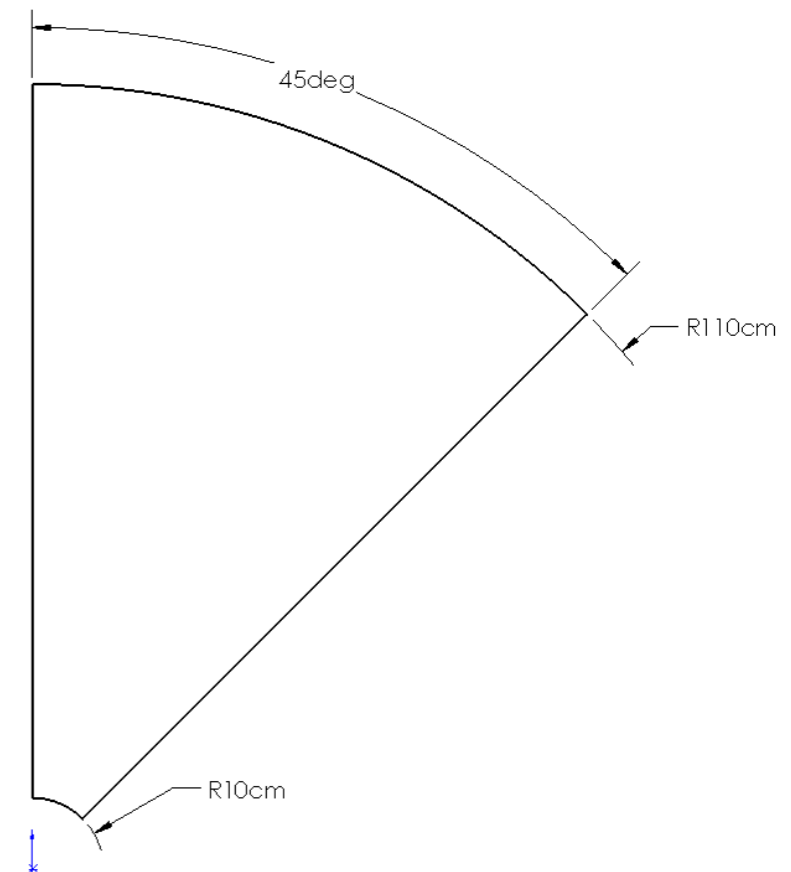
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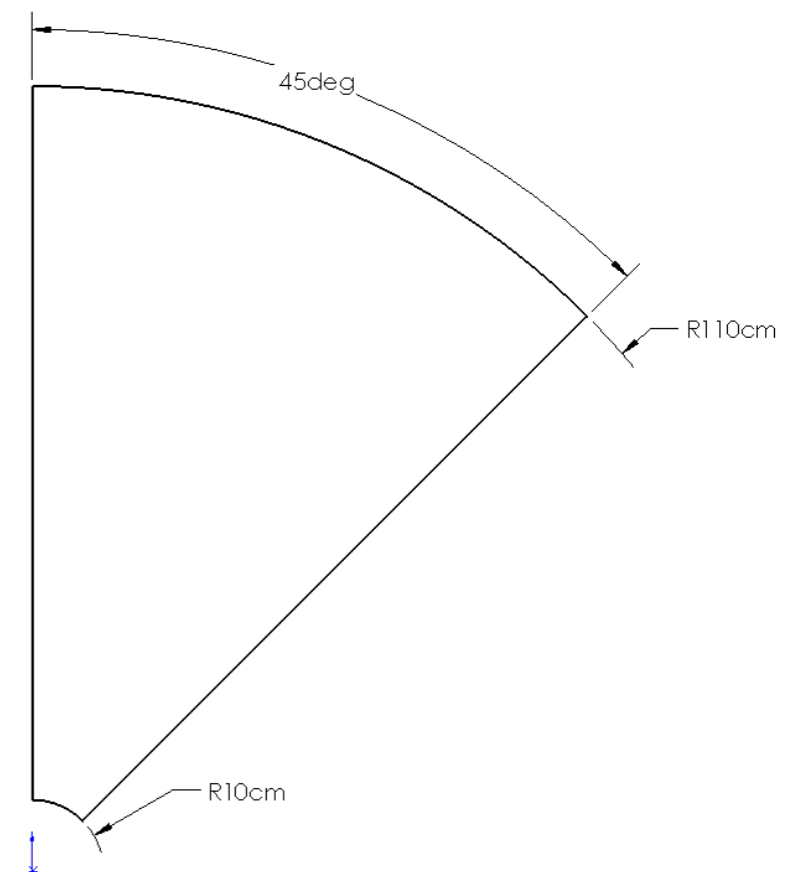
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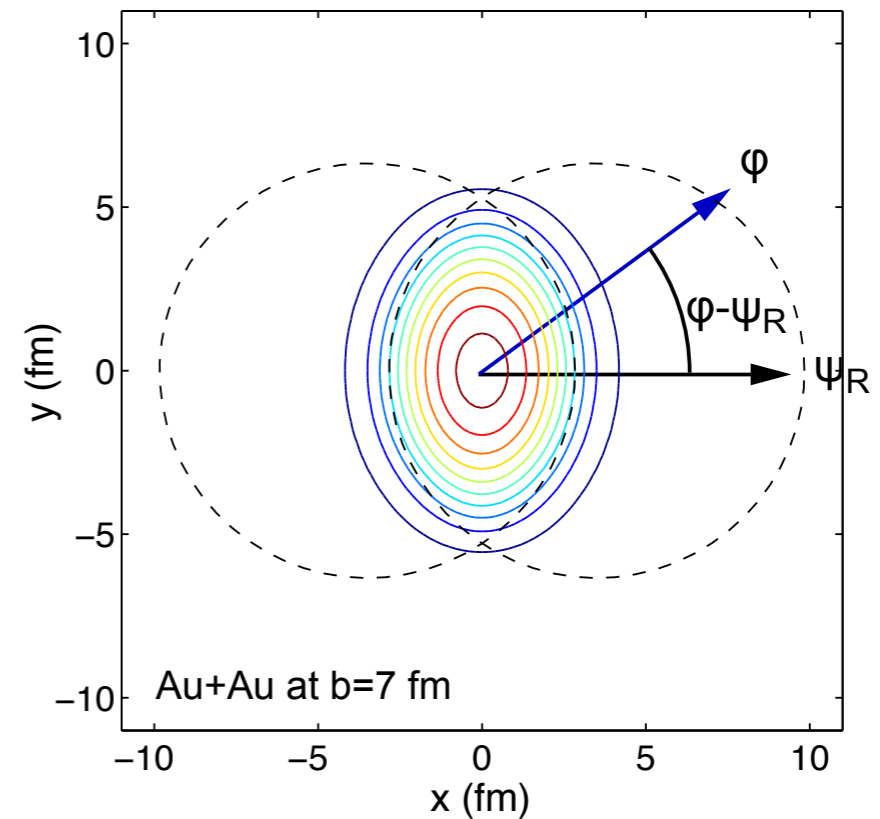
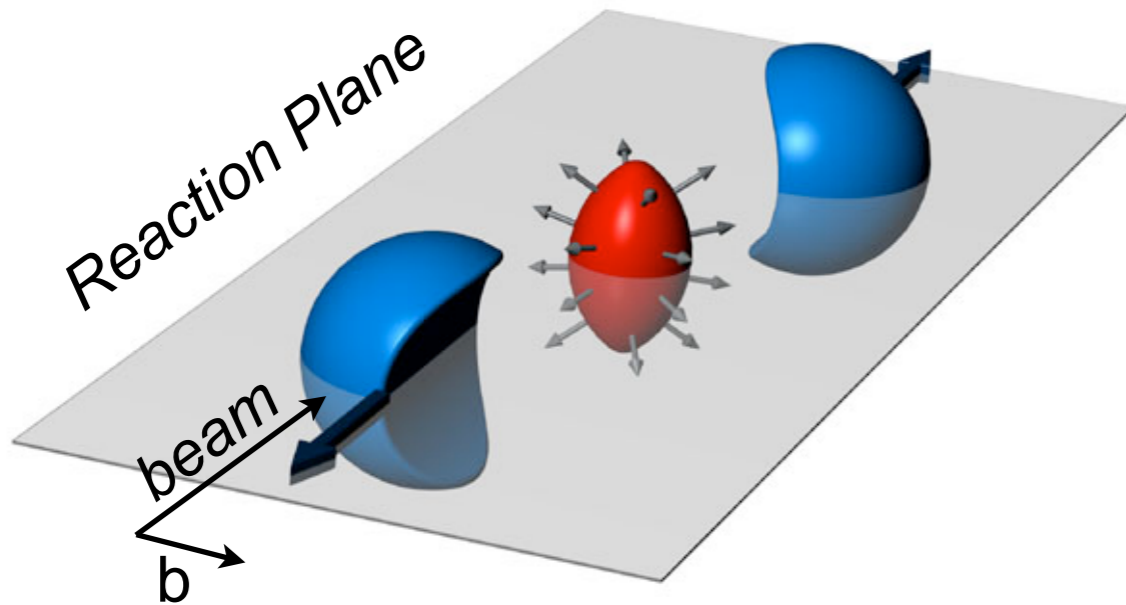
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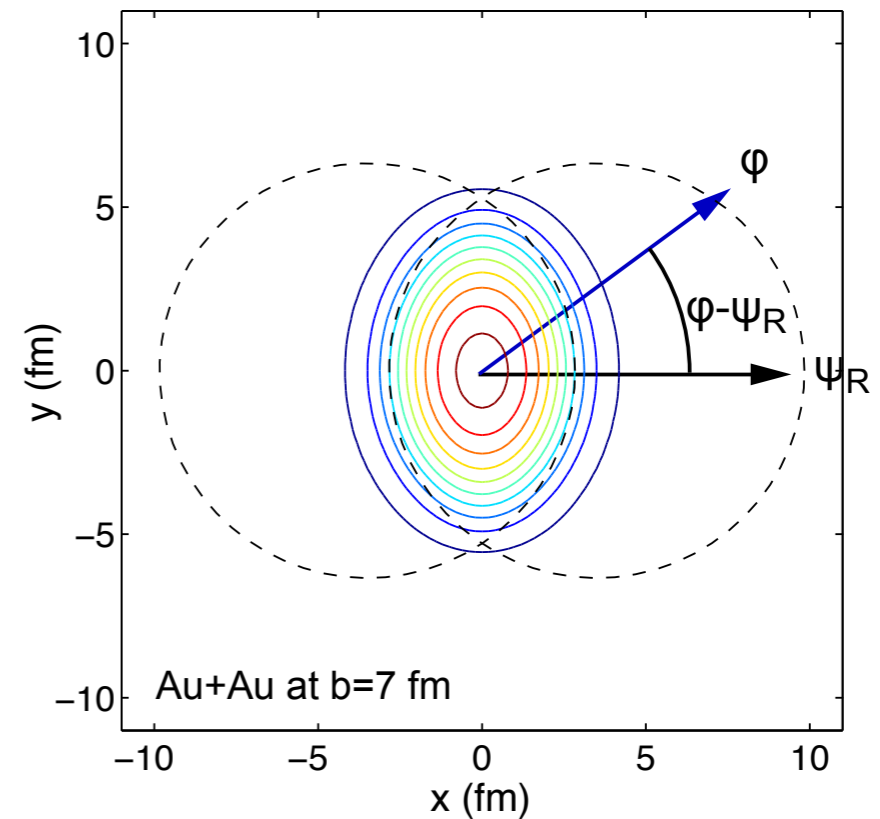
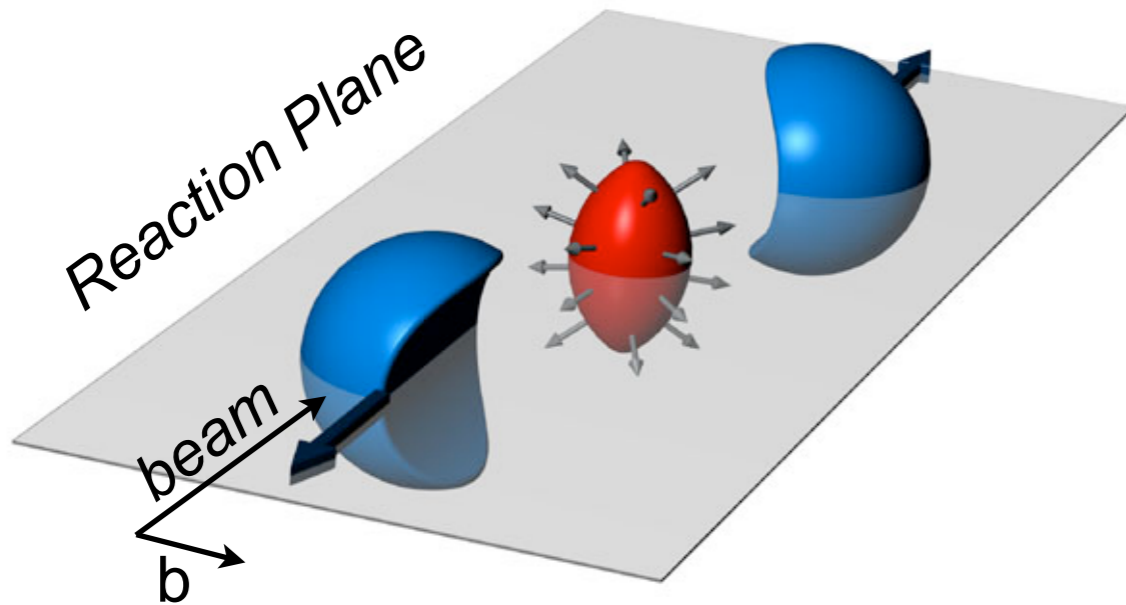
Use a **Fourier expansion** to describe the **angular dependence** of the particle density

$$E \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 p} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_R)] \right)$$

Fourier coefficient

Angle of reaction plane

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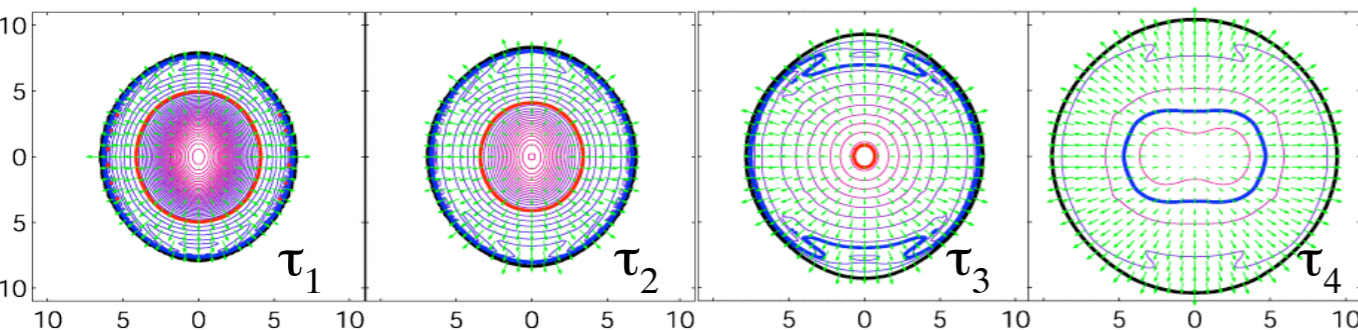


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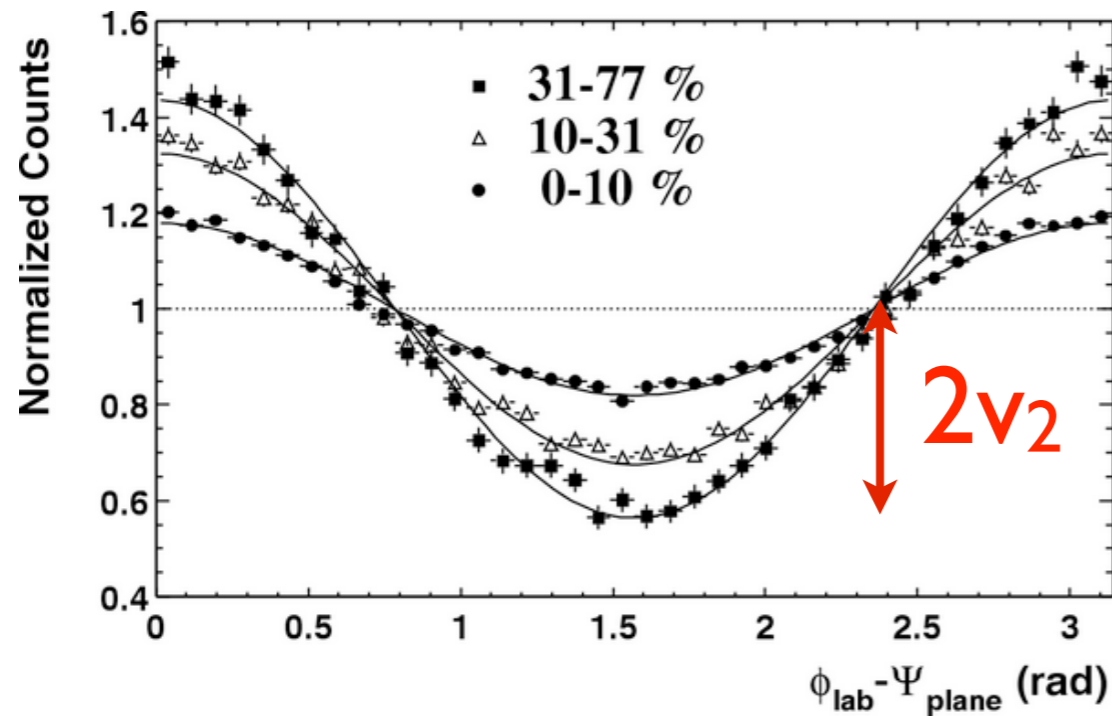
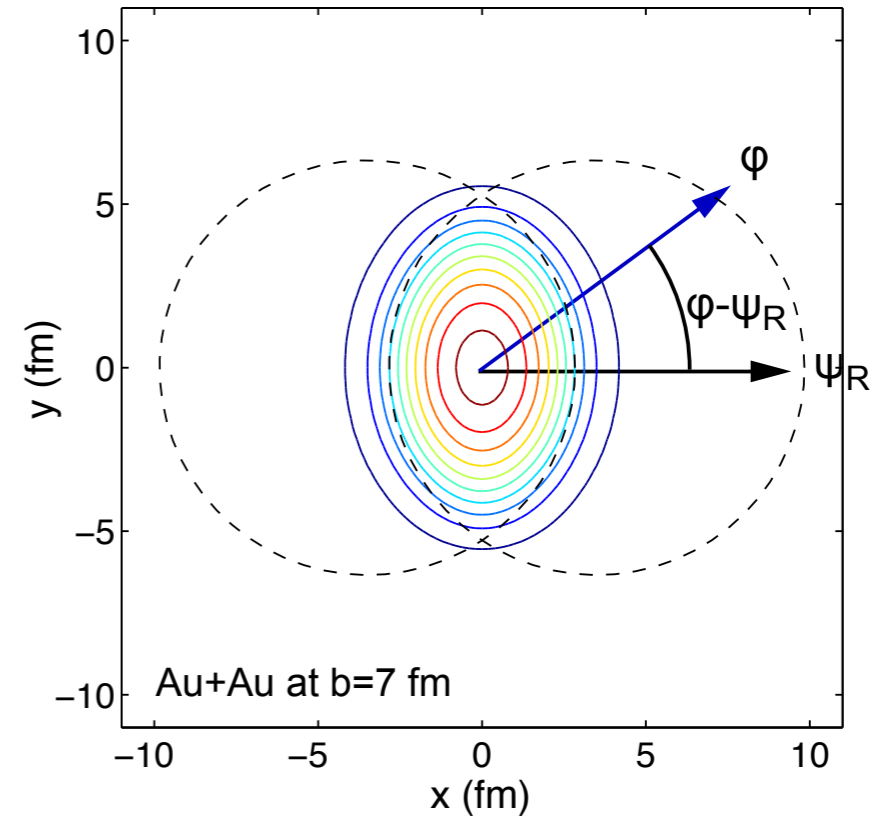
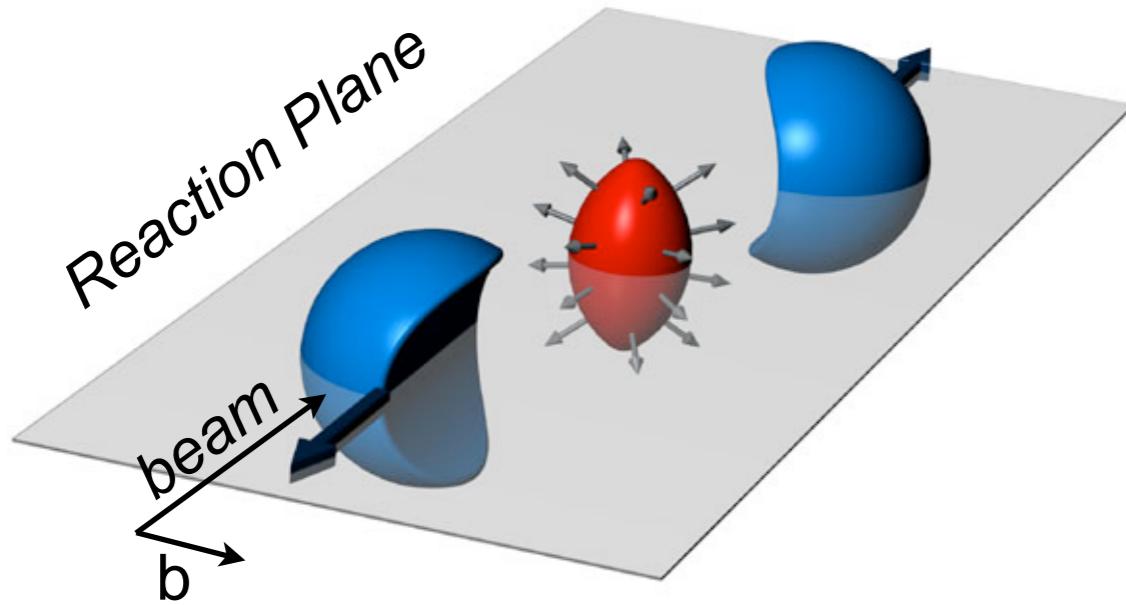
- driving **spatial** anisotropy vanishes \Rightarrow self quenching
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Au+Au at b=7 fm

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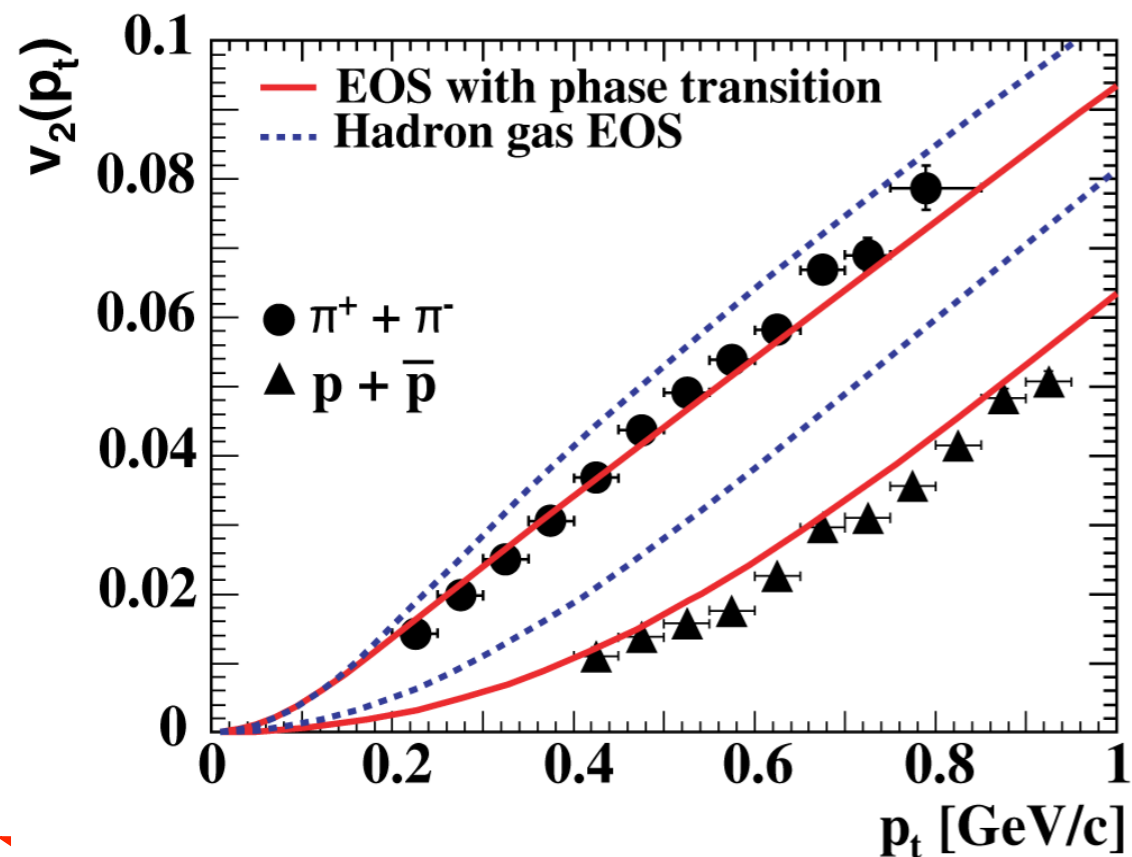
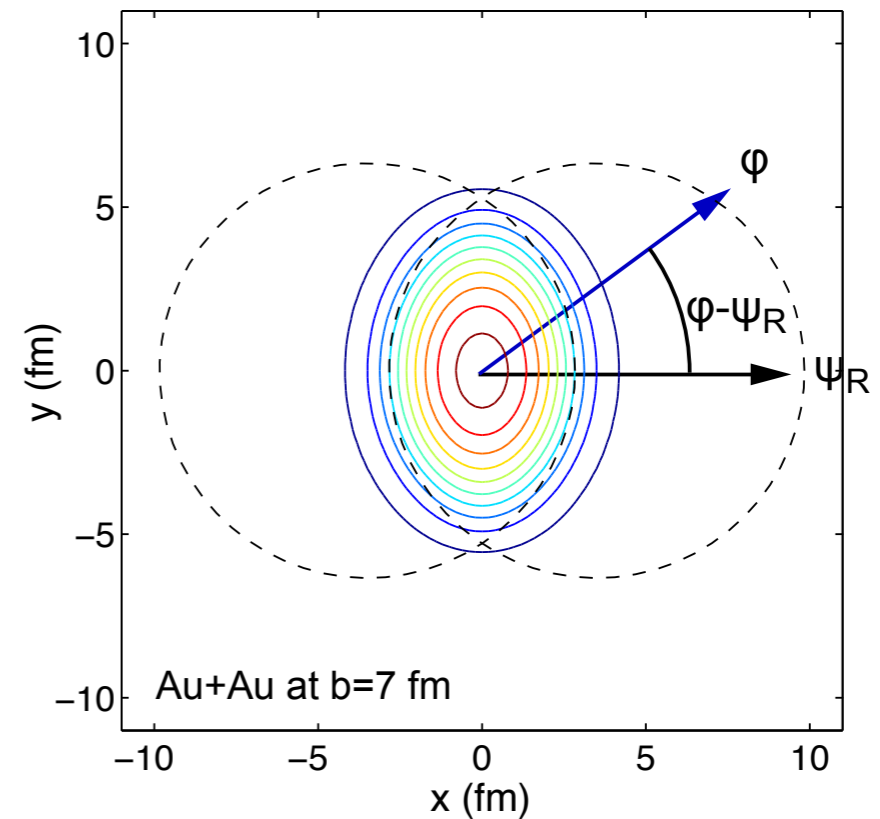
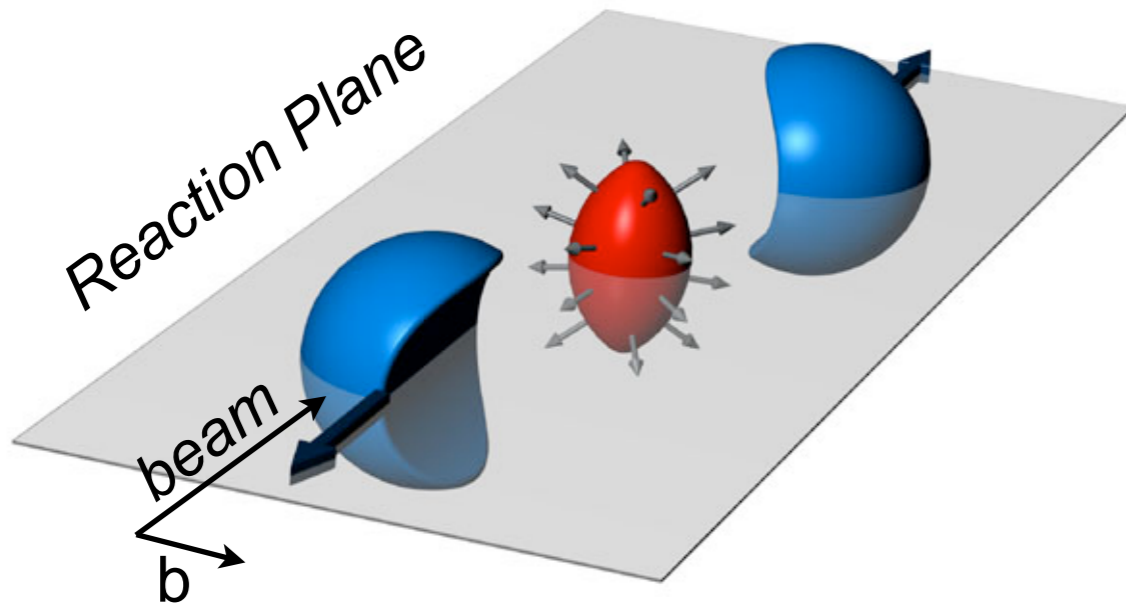


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Huge asymmetry found at
RHIC !!

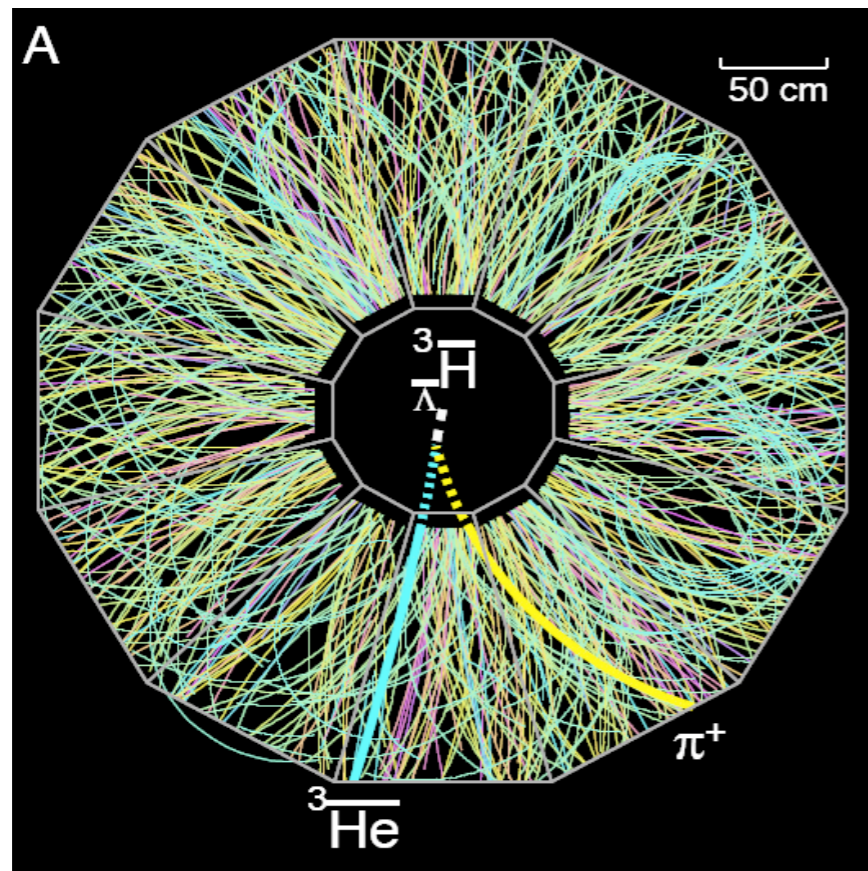
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- v_2 shows particle type dependence
- Good agreement between data and ideal (zero viscosity) hydrodynamics

Exotic particles

Exotic particle search with STAR

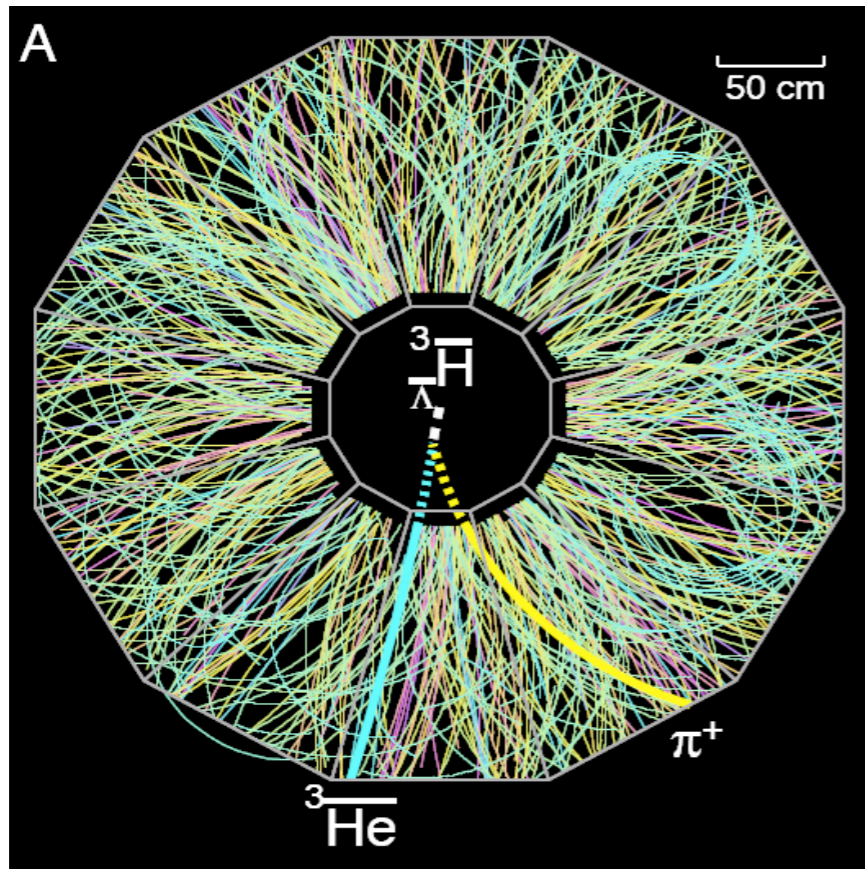


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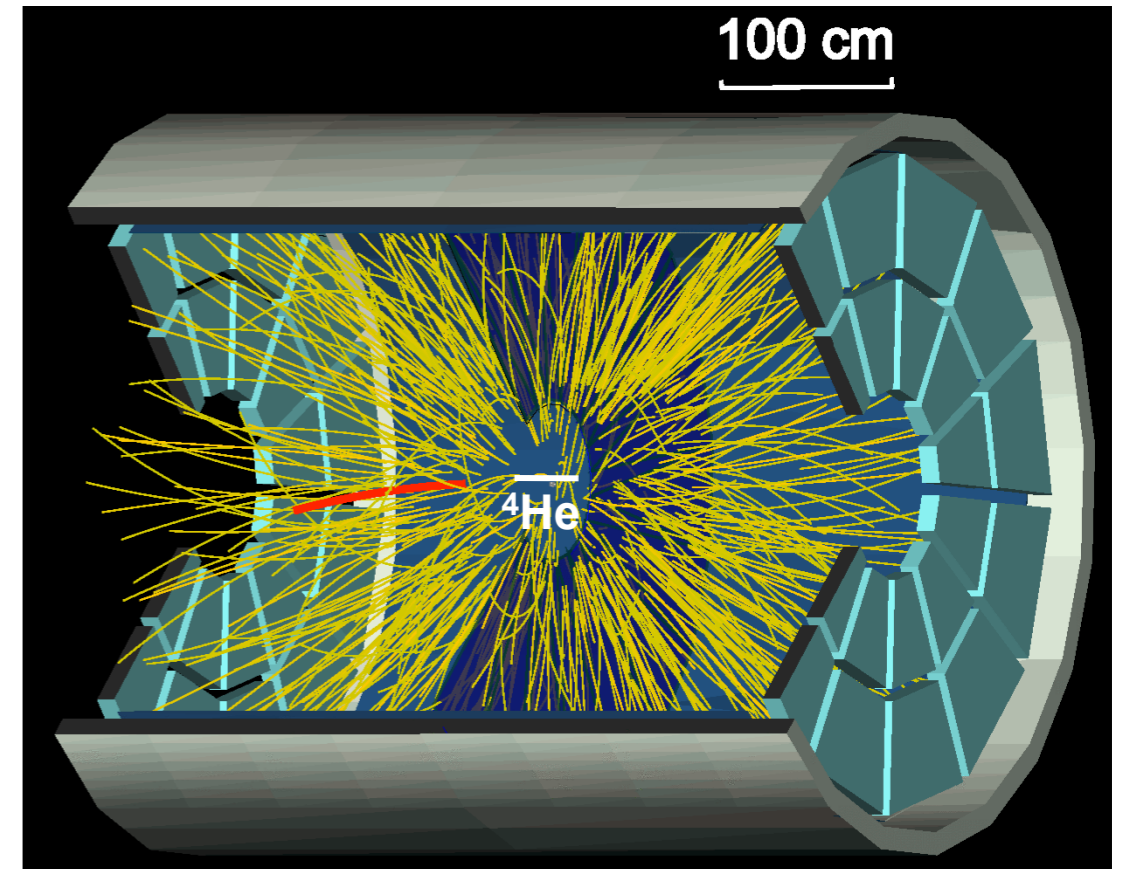
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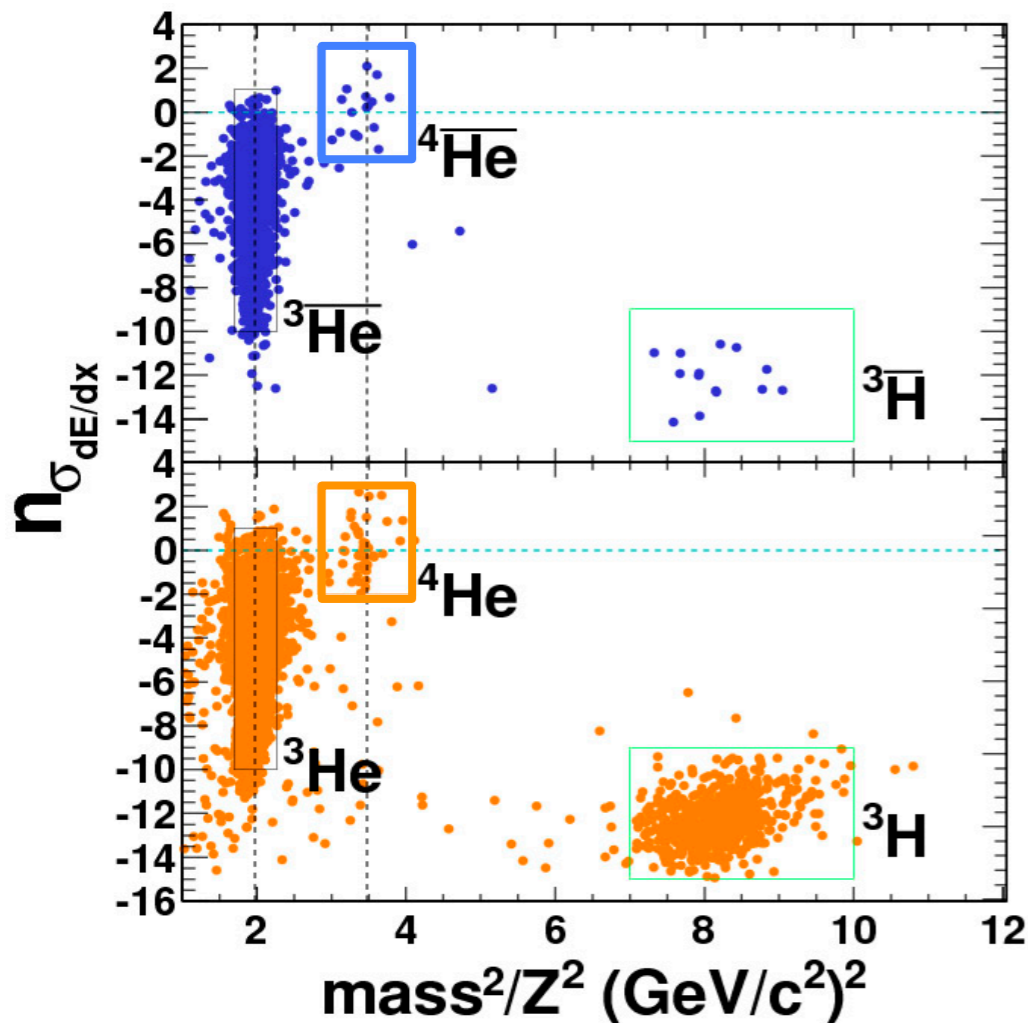
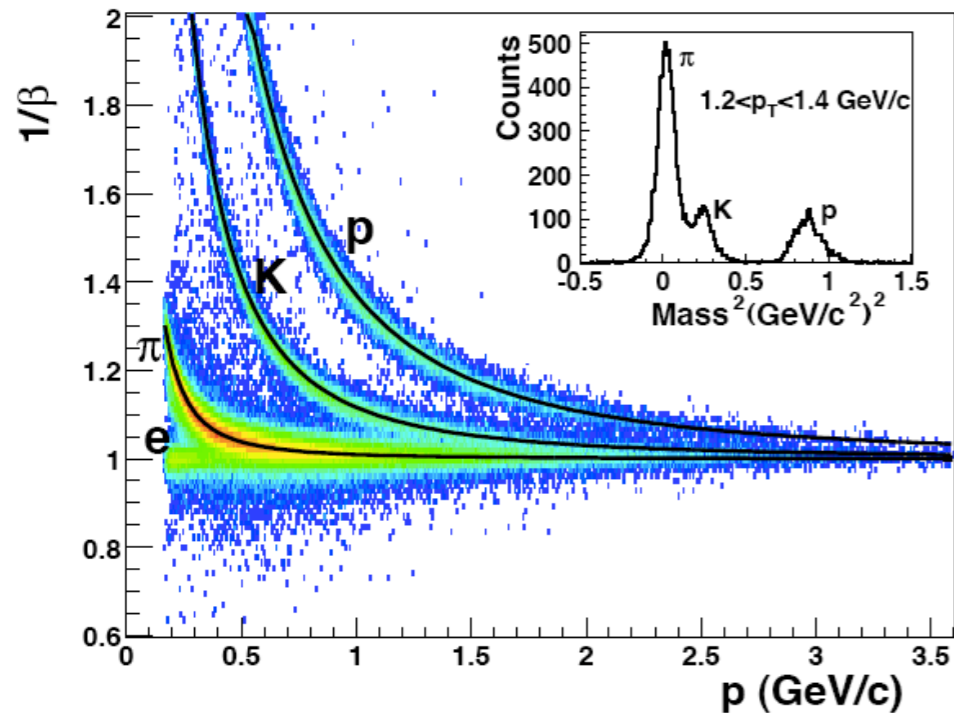
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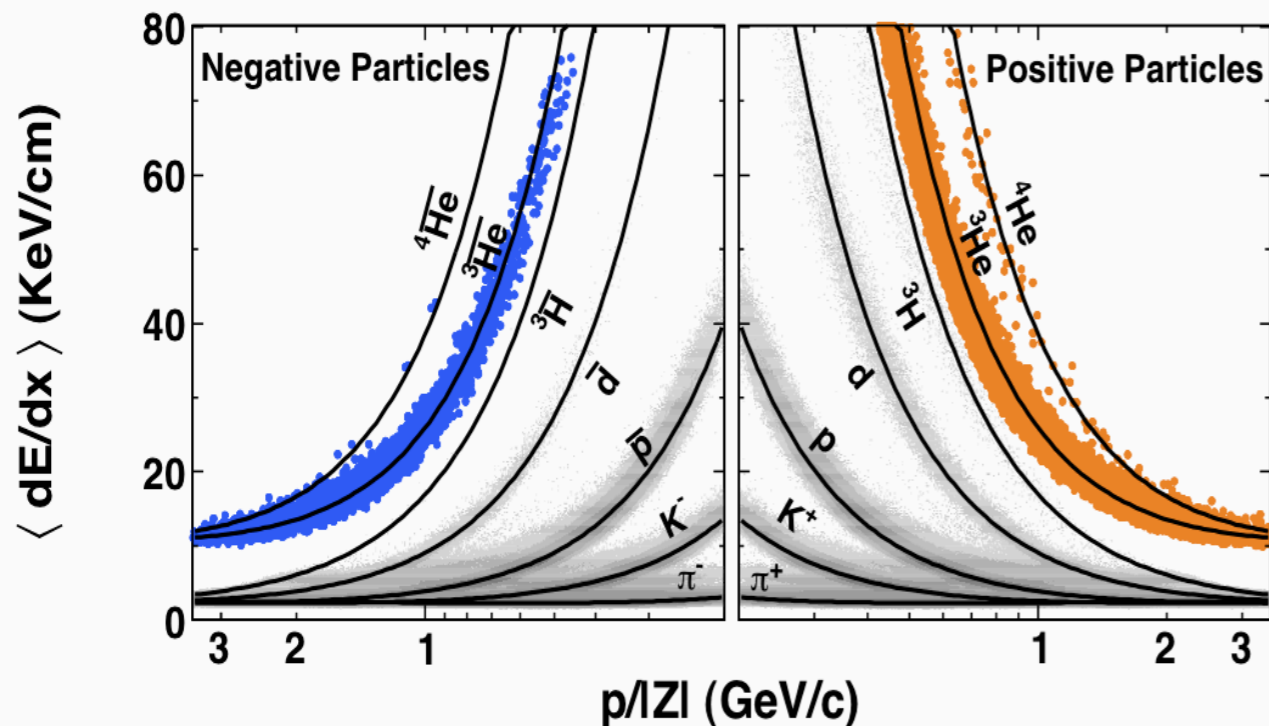
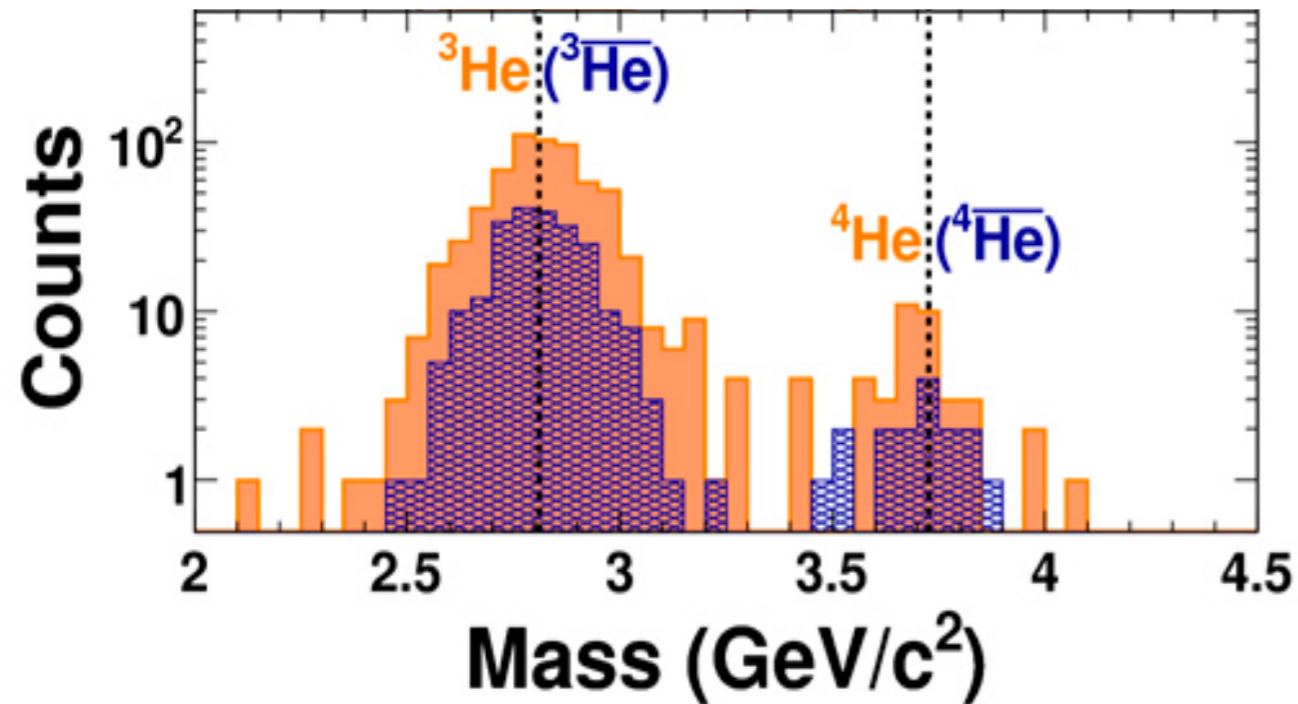
The search for exotic particles



- By utilising STAR upgrades (both DAQ rate and detectors), have been able to search for exotic particles
- Combining TPC and TOF PID techniques, get clean PID out to relatively large p_T
- By measuring $n_{\sigma} dE/dx$ - the deviation from the expected energy loss of anti- ^4He - can separate well the heavy nuclei produced
- Currently measured 18 counts of anti- ^4He .

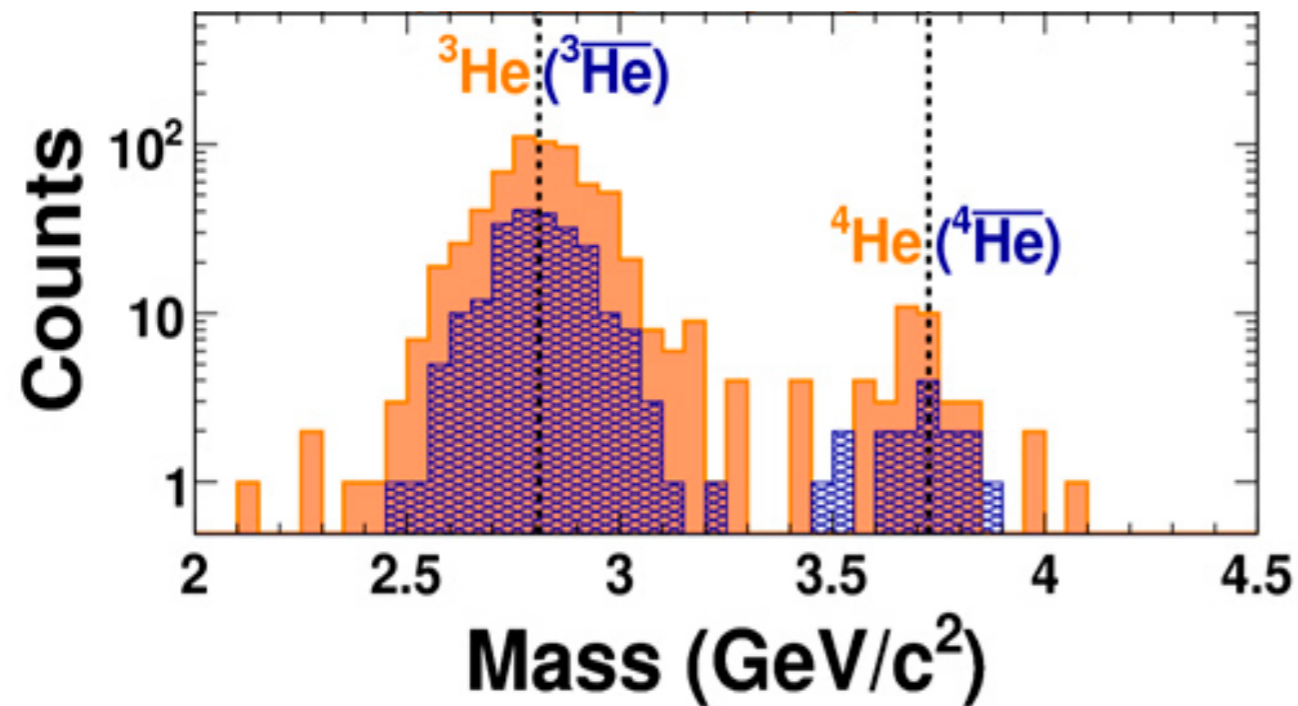
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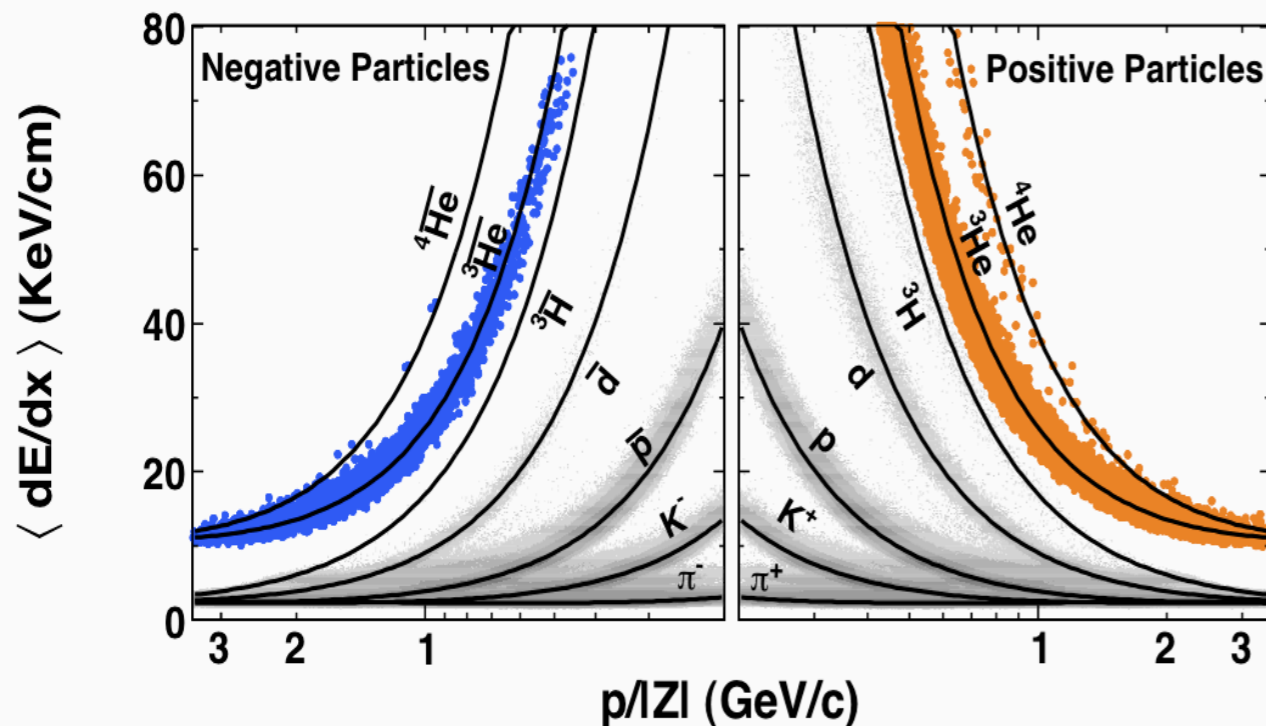


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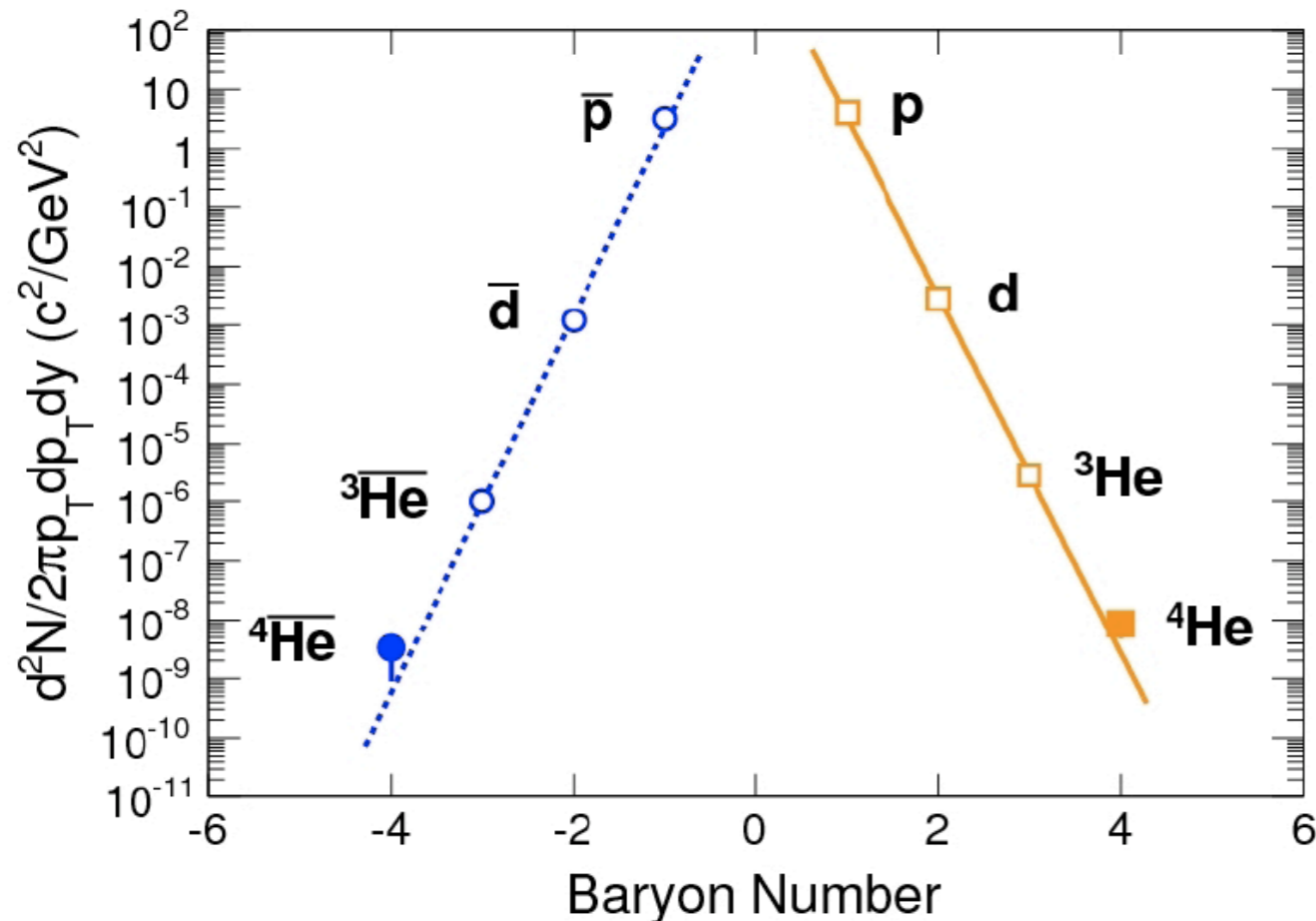
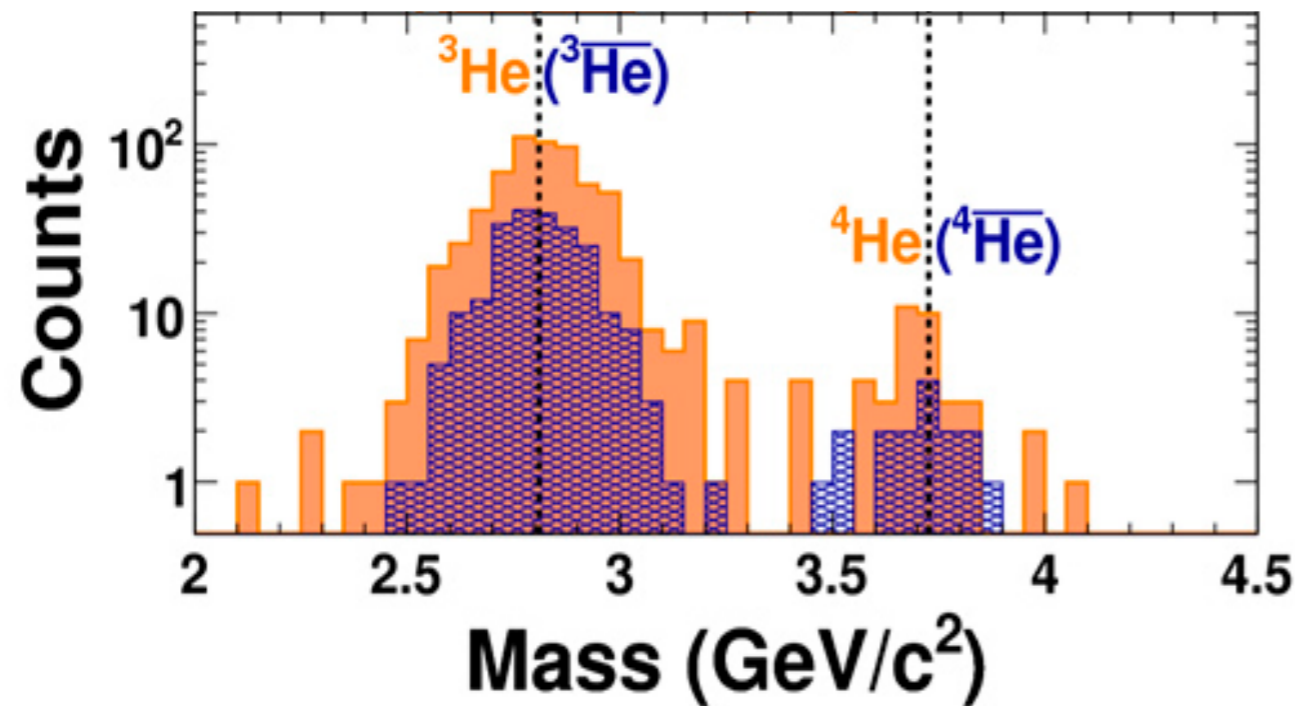


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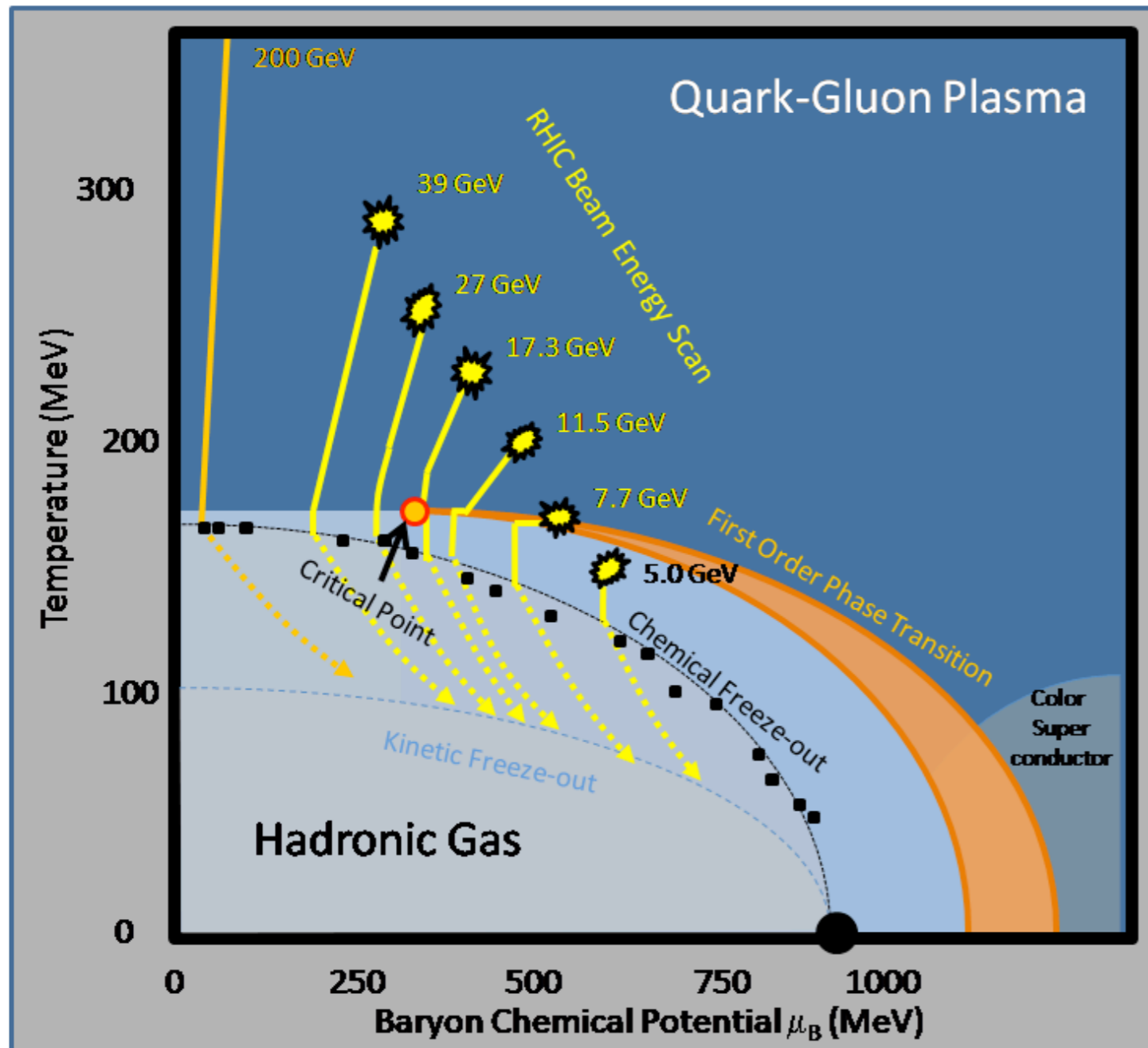
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- Production rate reduces by a factor of 1.6×10^3 (1.1×10^3) for each additional anti-nucleon (nucleon) added to the anti-nucleus (nucleus).
 - Searching for heavier anti-nuclei becomes problematic due to required statistics
 - There are ideas and searches which can be done here (DAQ10K, H⁰..)

Critical Point

Flexibility: Critical Point Search



- Phase 1: 2010, 2011
 - ~5 million events per energy and more already taken
 - Fluctuations, constituent quark scaling, HBT...
- Phase 2: 2014 and beyond
 - Luminosity improvement with electron cooling at RHIC
 - Scan to even lower energies
 - Increase event counts at energies already scanned

Flexibility: Critical Point Search

Collision Energies (GeV)	17.3					
	5	7.7	11.5	19.6	27	39
Mevents taken (2010/11)		~5	~11	~17	~37	~170
Observables	Millions of Events Needed					
v_2 (up to ~1.5 GeV/c)	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
v_1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Azimuthally sensitive HBT	4	4	3.5	3.5	3	3
PID fluctuations (K/p)	1	1	1	1	1	1
net-proton kurtosis	5	5	5	5	5	5
differential corr & fluct vs. centrality (e.g. bal. fctn)	4	5	5	5	5	5
n_q scaling p/K/p/L ($m_T - m_0$)/ $n < 2$ GeV	8.5	6	5	5	4.5	4.5
f/W up to $p_T/n_q = 2$ GeV/c		56	25	18	13	12
R_{CP} up to $p_T \sim 4.5$ GeV/c (at 17.3) 5.5 (at 27) & 6 GeV/c (at 39)				15	33	24
untriggered ridge correlations		27	13	8	6	6
parity violation		5	5	5	5	5

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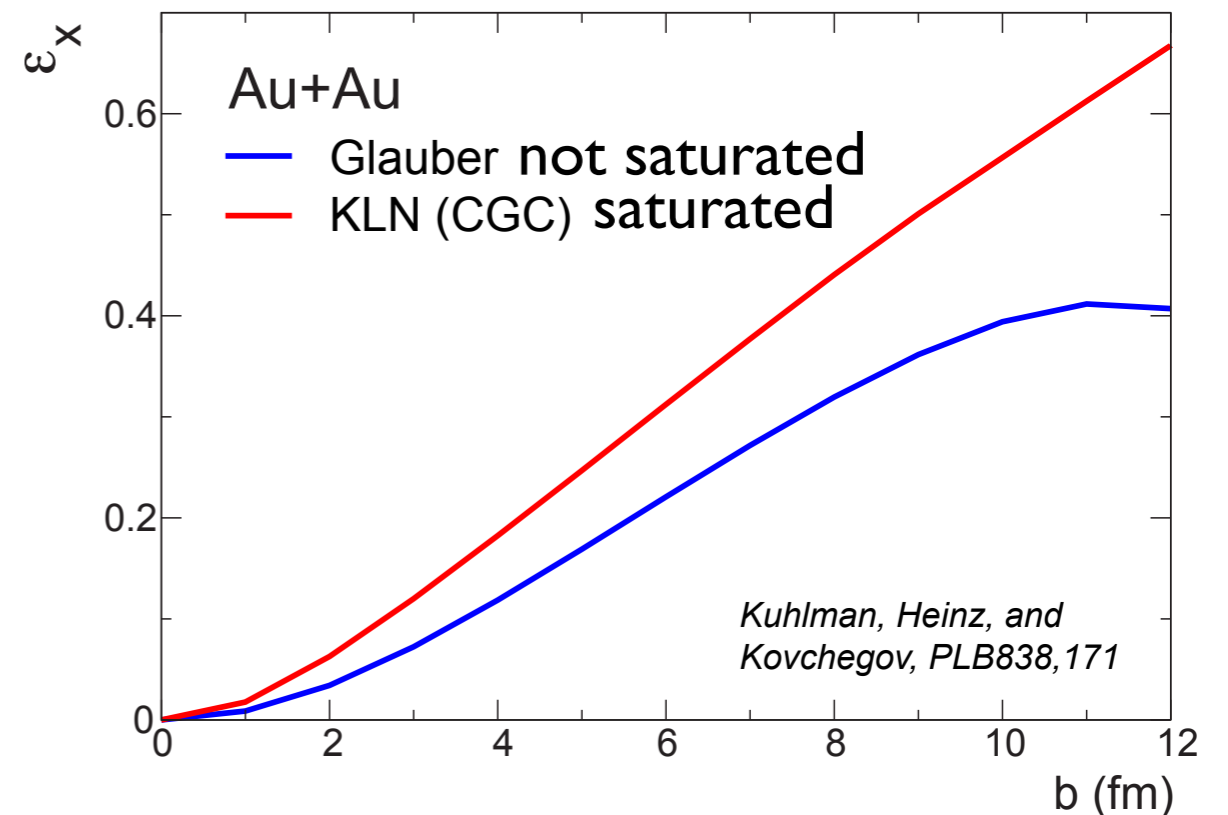
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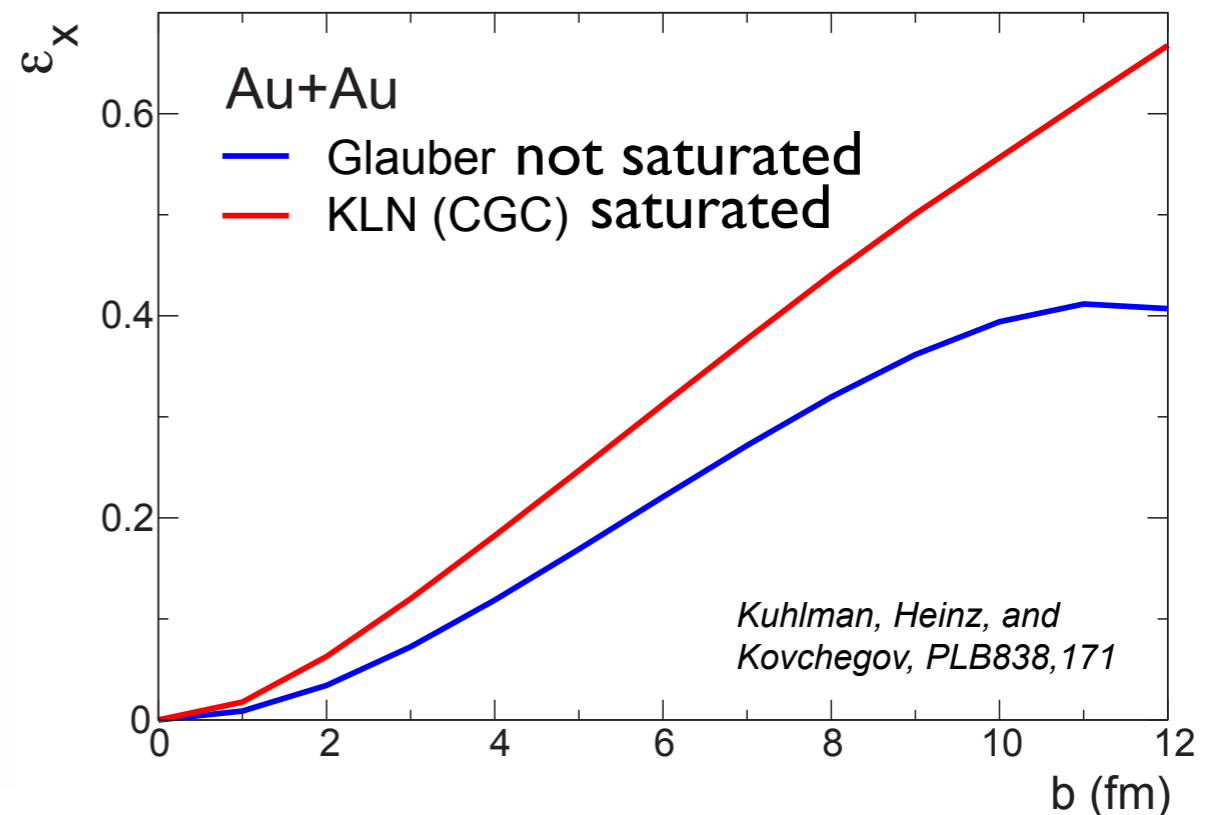
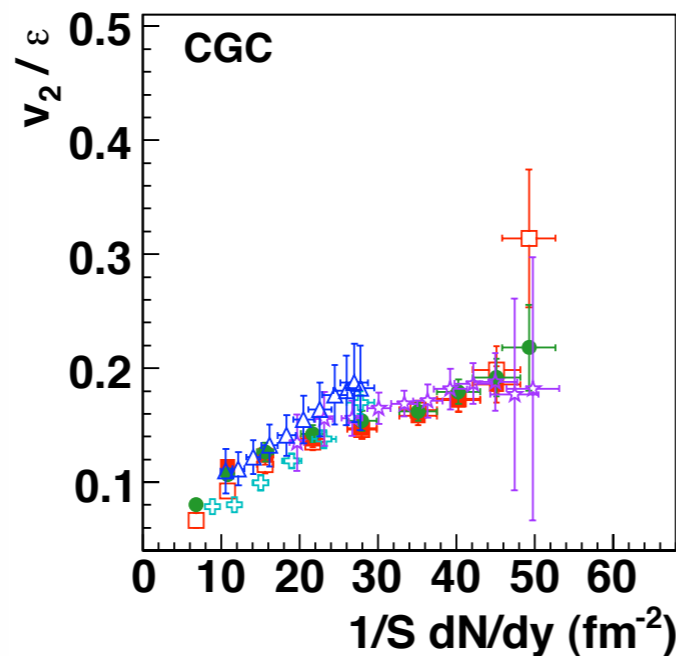
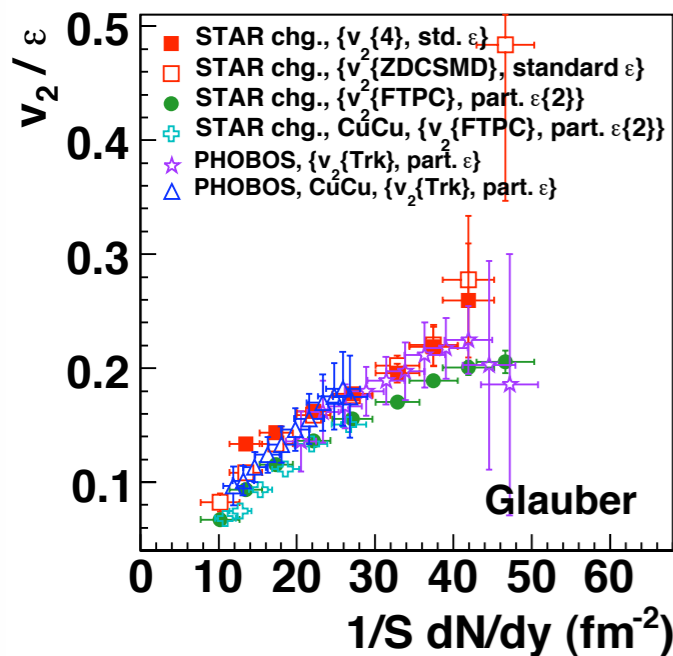
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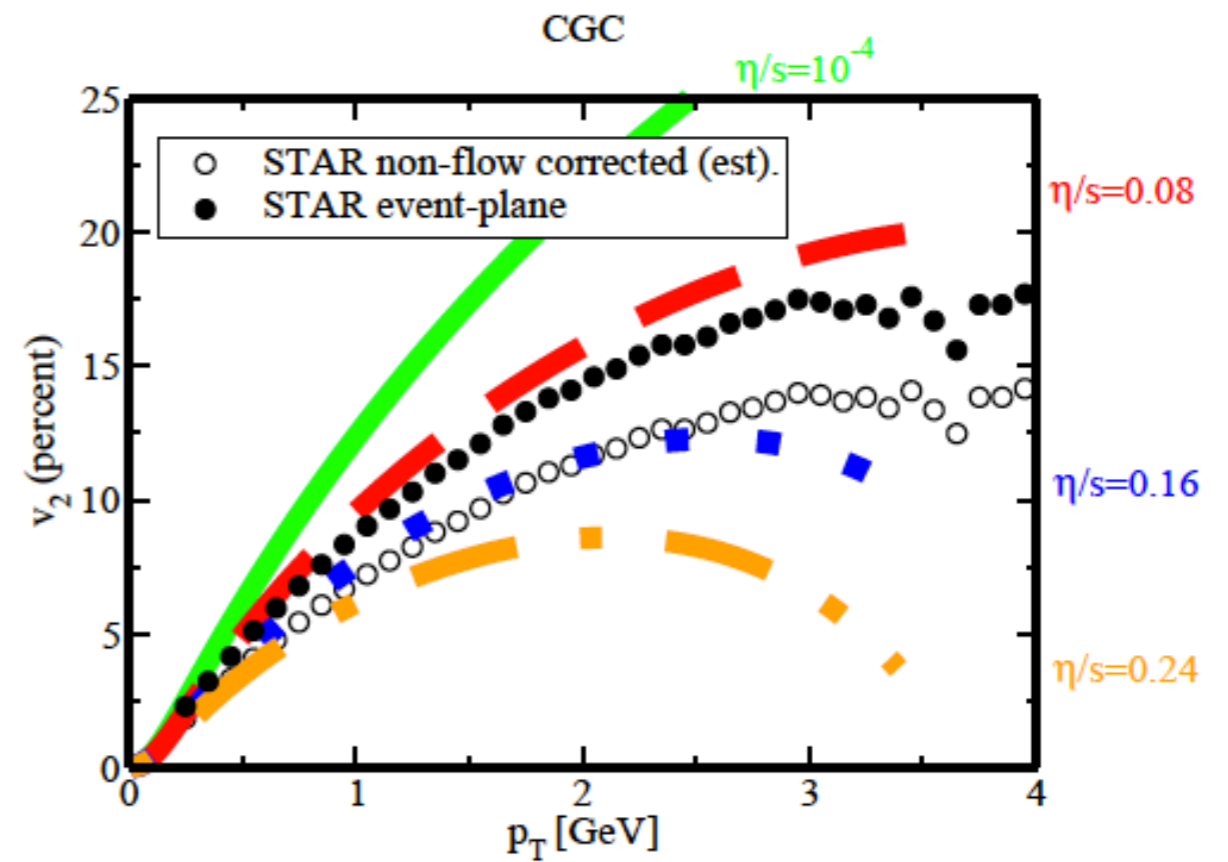
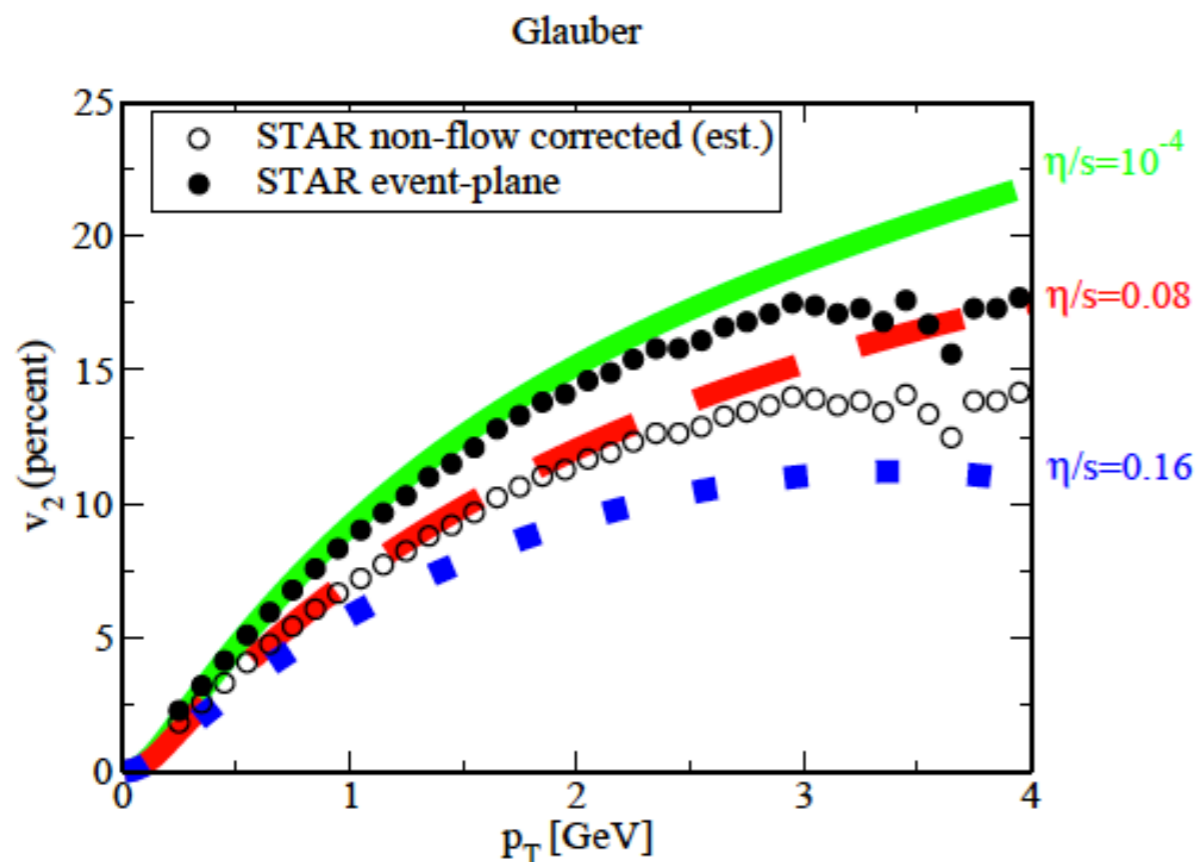
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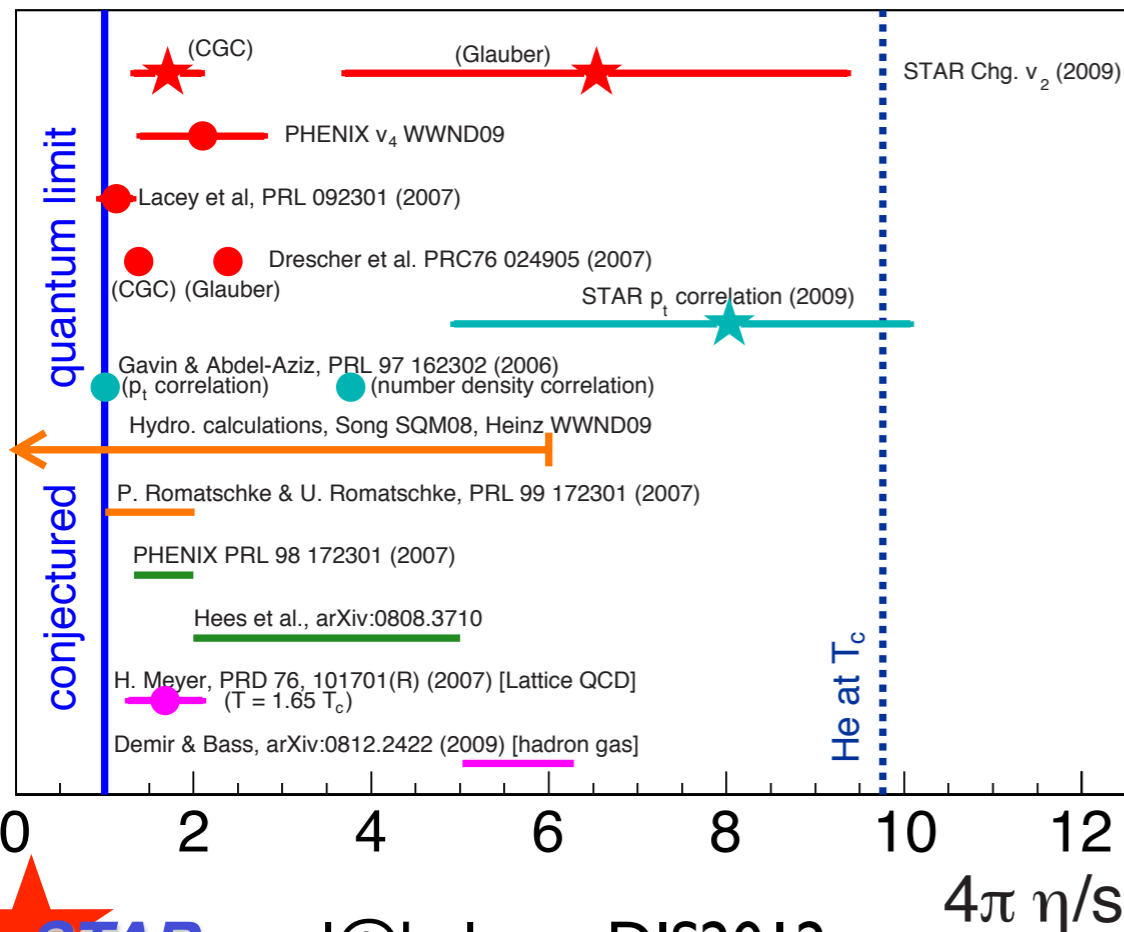
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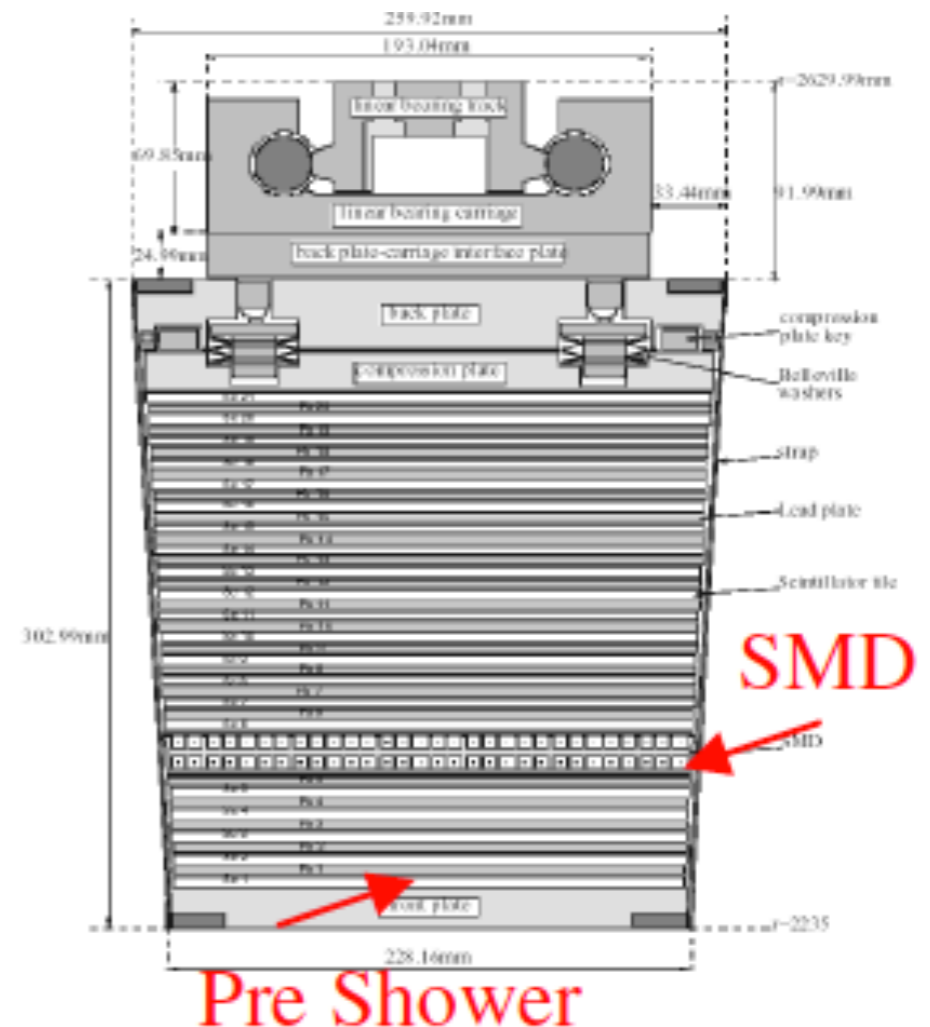
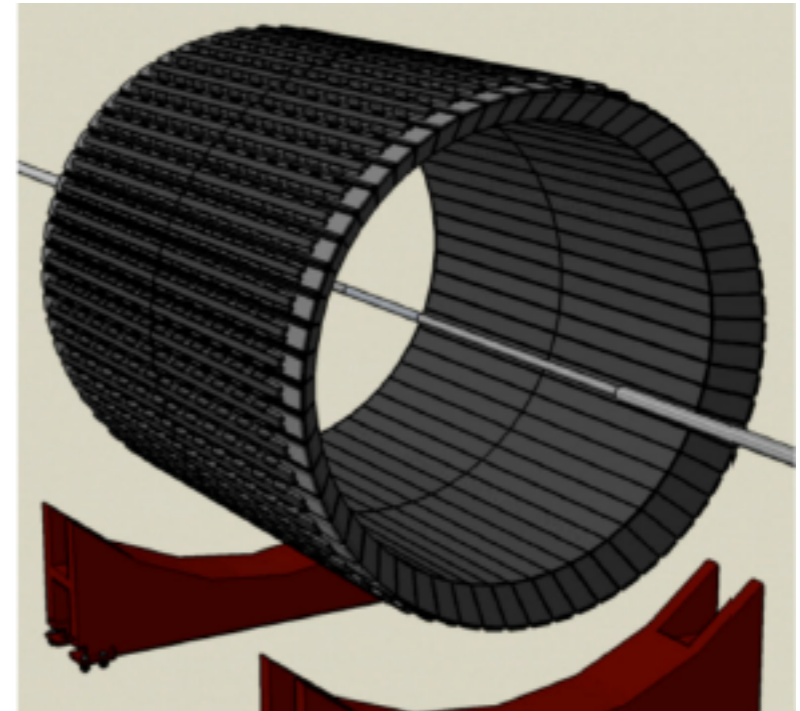


- η/s well below superfluid He for all models
- Can't yet distinguish between initial conditions - need $e+A$ at an EIC !

Calorimeters

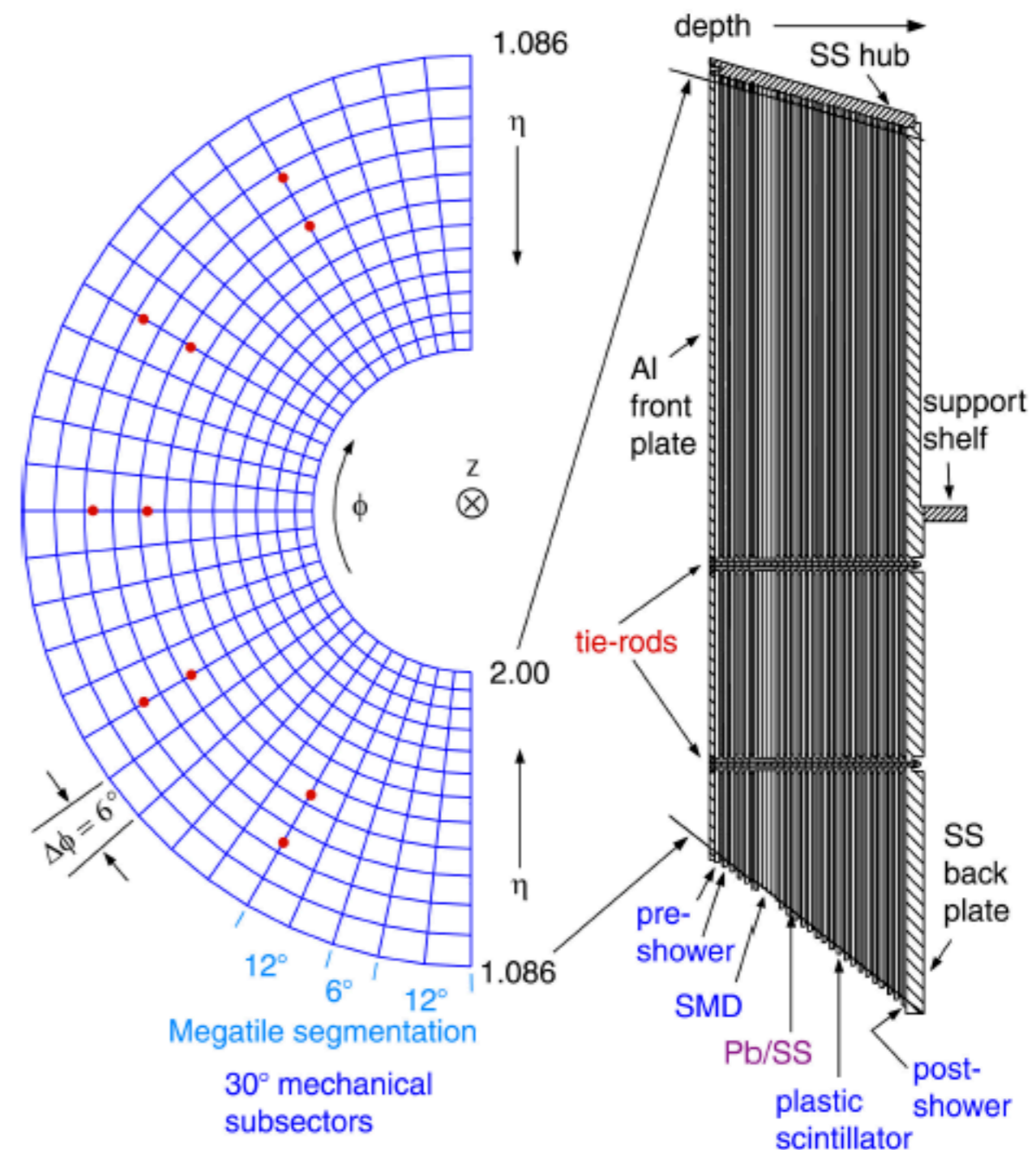
Barrel EMC

- 120 modules Pb/plastic sampling calorimeter
 - Coverage: $-1 < \eta < 1$;
 - $dE/E \sim 14\%/\sqrt{E}$
- 4.8k towers (40/module), 36k SMD strips, 4.8k preshowers
- $(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$:
 - module: $\sim (1.0, 0.1)$; depth = $21 X_0$
 - tower: $\sim (0.05, 0.05)$
- SMD at a depth $5 X_0$:
 - $(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) \sim (0.007, 0.007)$
- Preshower: first 2 scintillator layers (depth $2 X_0$)



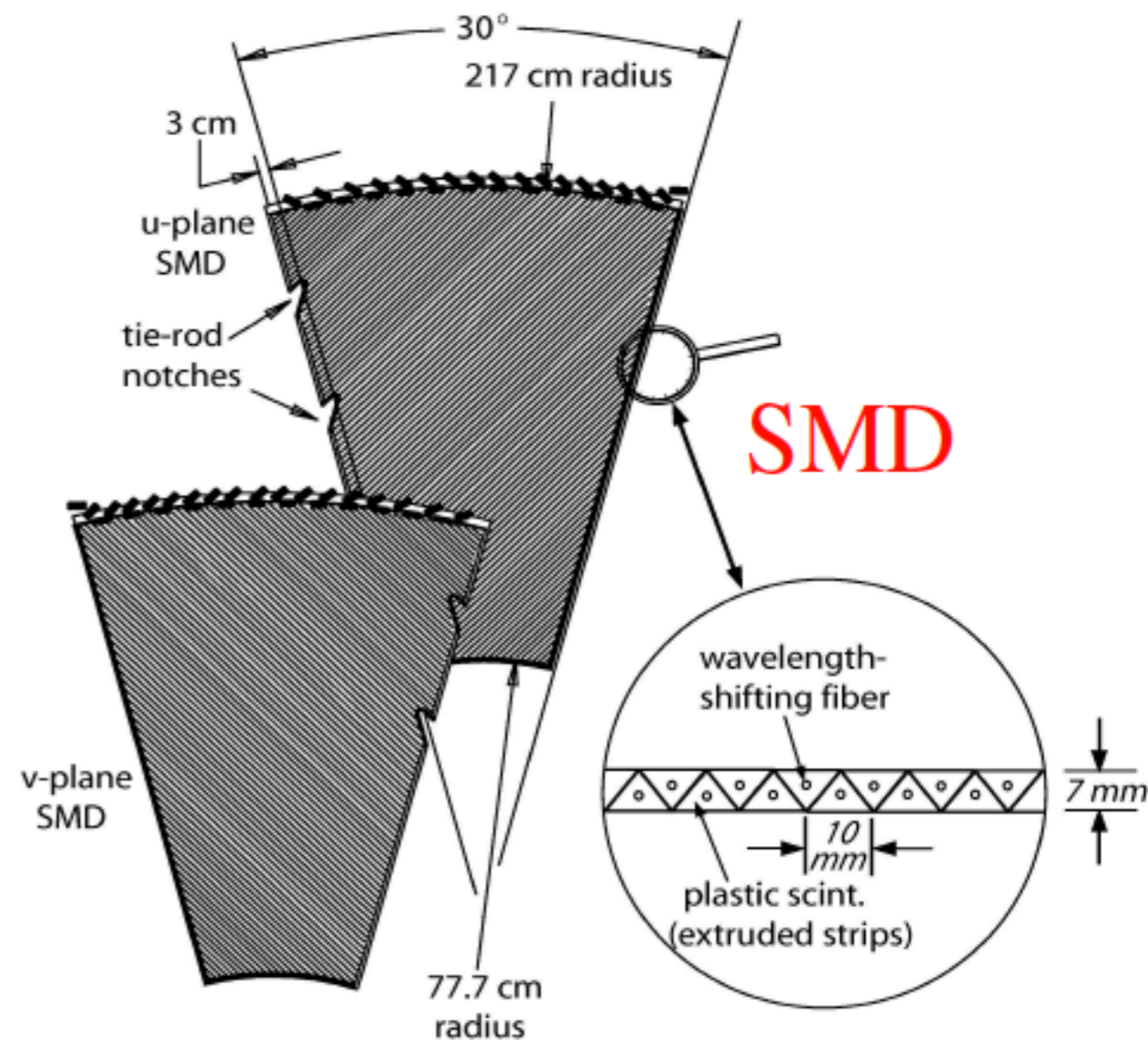
Endcap EMC

- Mounted on the inside of the west magnet poletip ($\sim 2.7\text{m}$ from nominal interaction point)
- Same technology as BEMC
 - Coverage: $1 < \eta < 2$;
 - $dE/E \sim 16\%/\sqrt{E}$
 - 23 layers Pb/SS laminate
- 720 projective towers (24 layers)
 - 6° and 12° megatile: $\sim 100\%$ coverage
 - $(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$ tower $\sim (0.057-0.099, 0.01)$:
- Depth segmentation:
 - 2 separate pre-shower layers
 - high position resolution SMD at $5 X_0$
 - 6912 triangular-shaped scint strips; base 10mm, height 7mm
 - “u”, “v” stereo planes in 30° sectors w/ overlap
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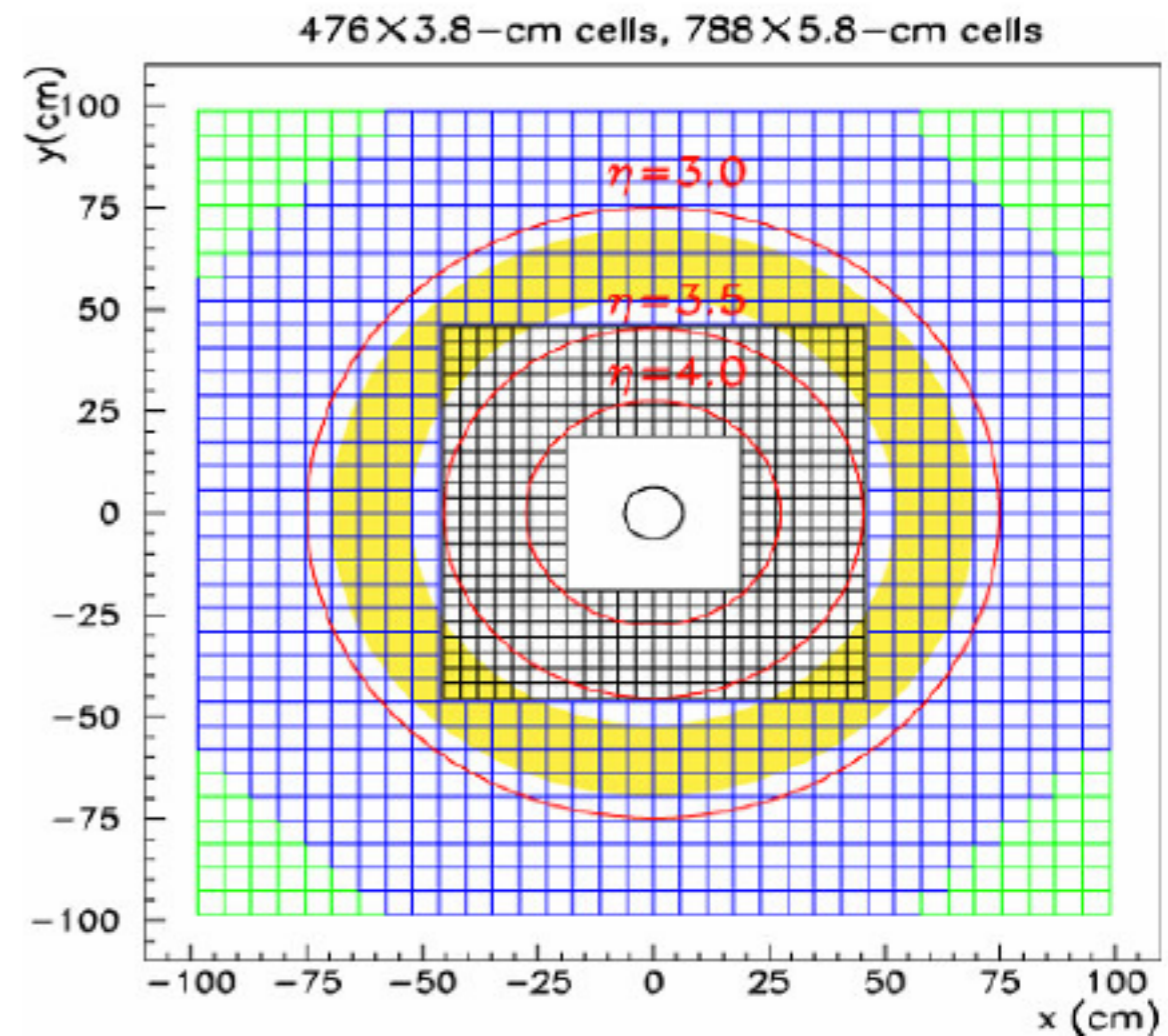
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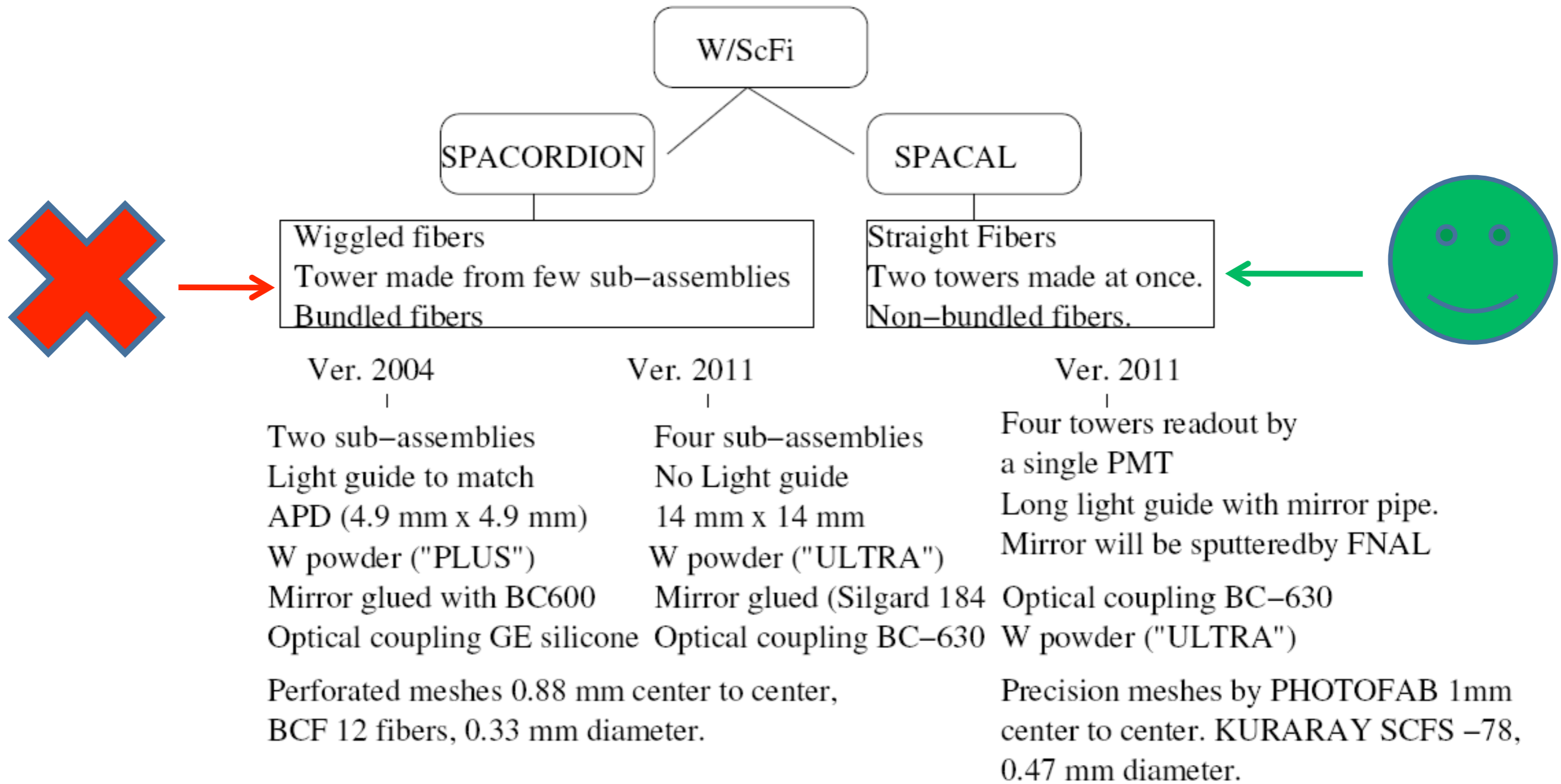
- Hermetic EMC with finely segmented Pb-glass detectors
- Mixture of re-cycled parts from E831 (FNAL), IHEP and JLAB
 - A very green detector!
- 7.5 m west of the interaction point in STAR
 - 2 m square, 1264 cell Pb-glass array
 - small cells (476 total):
 - 3.8 cm square x 60.2 cm;
 - π^0/γ to 60 GeV
 - large cells (788 total):
 - 5.8 cm square x 45 cm;
 - π^0/γ to 40 GeV



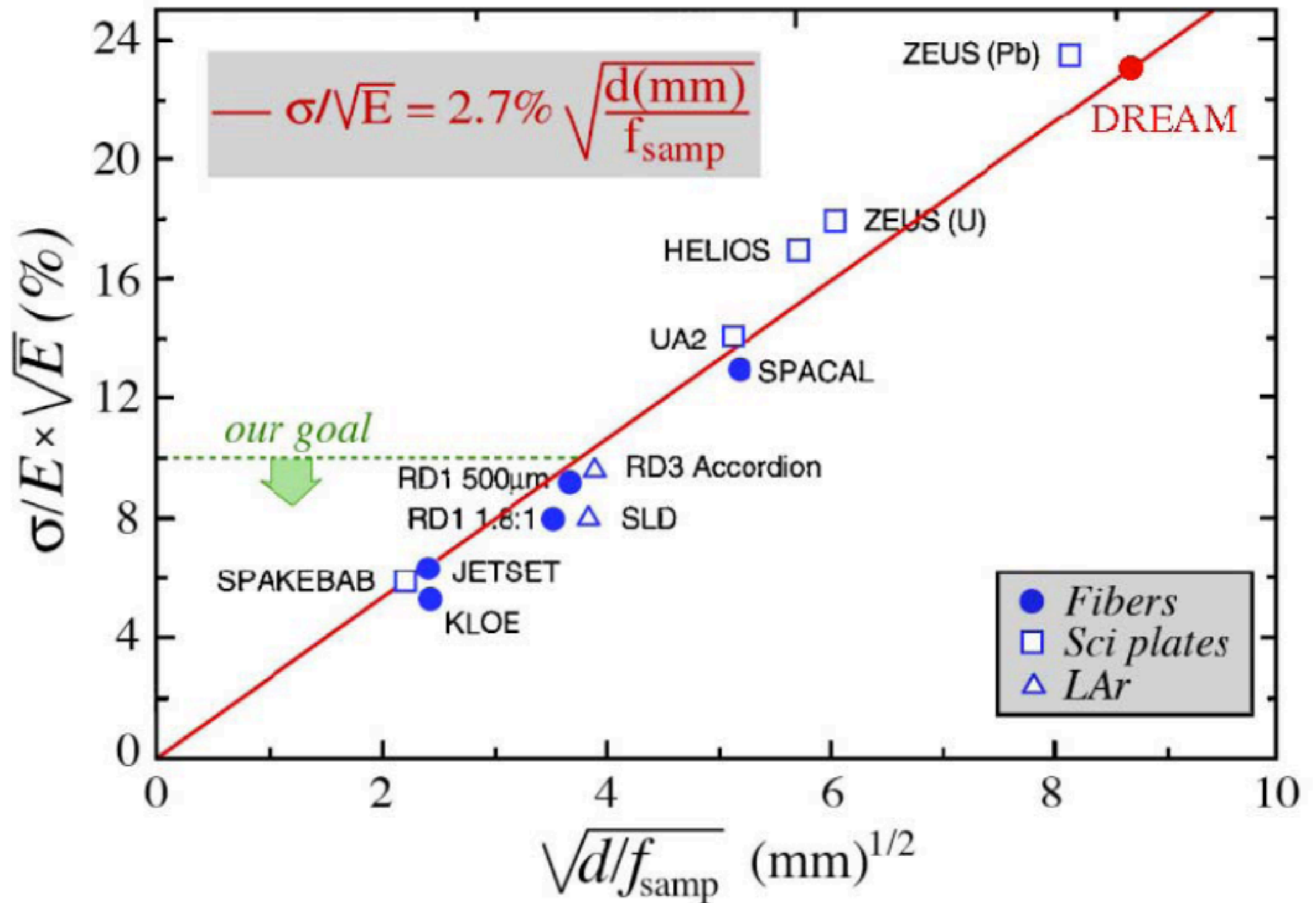
SPACAL

- Tungsten powder used as absorber
 - Particle size distribution 90% between 40 and 150 microns
 - Bulk density: 18.5 g/cm³
 - Tap density 11.25 g/cm³
 - Chemical composition:
 - W > 99.3%
 - Fe < 0.05%, Ni < 0.05%, O₂ < 0.5% Others (Co, Mo, Cu, Cr)
- Fast and cheap
- Can get as low as 6%/√E

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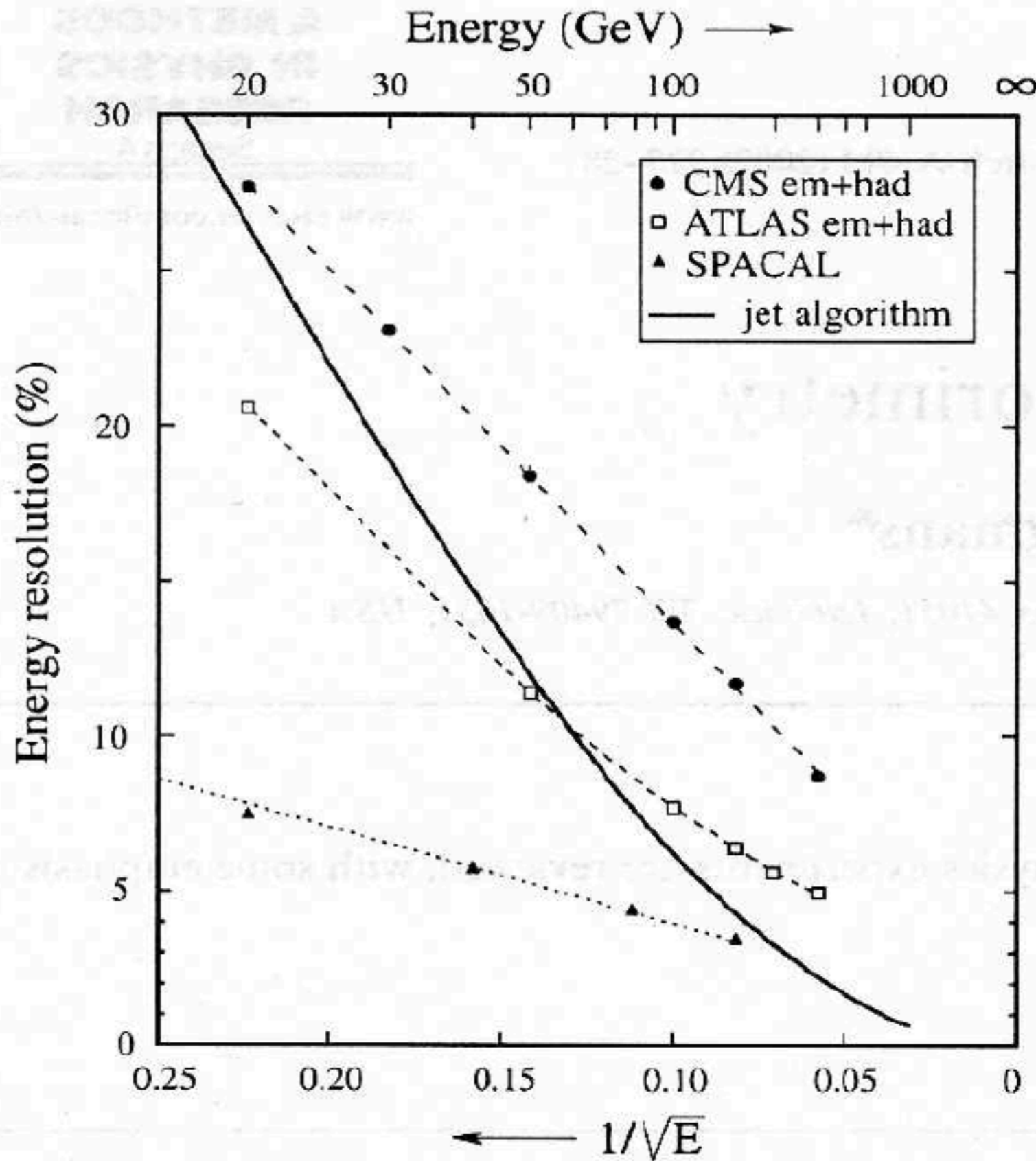


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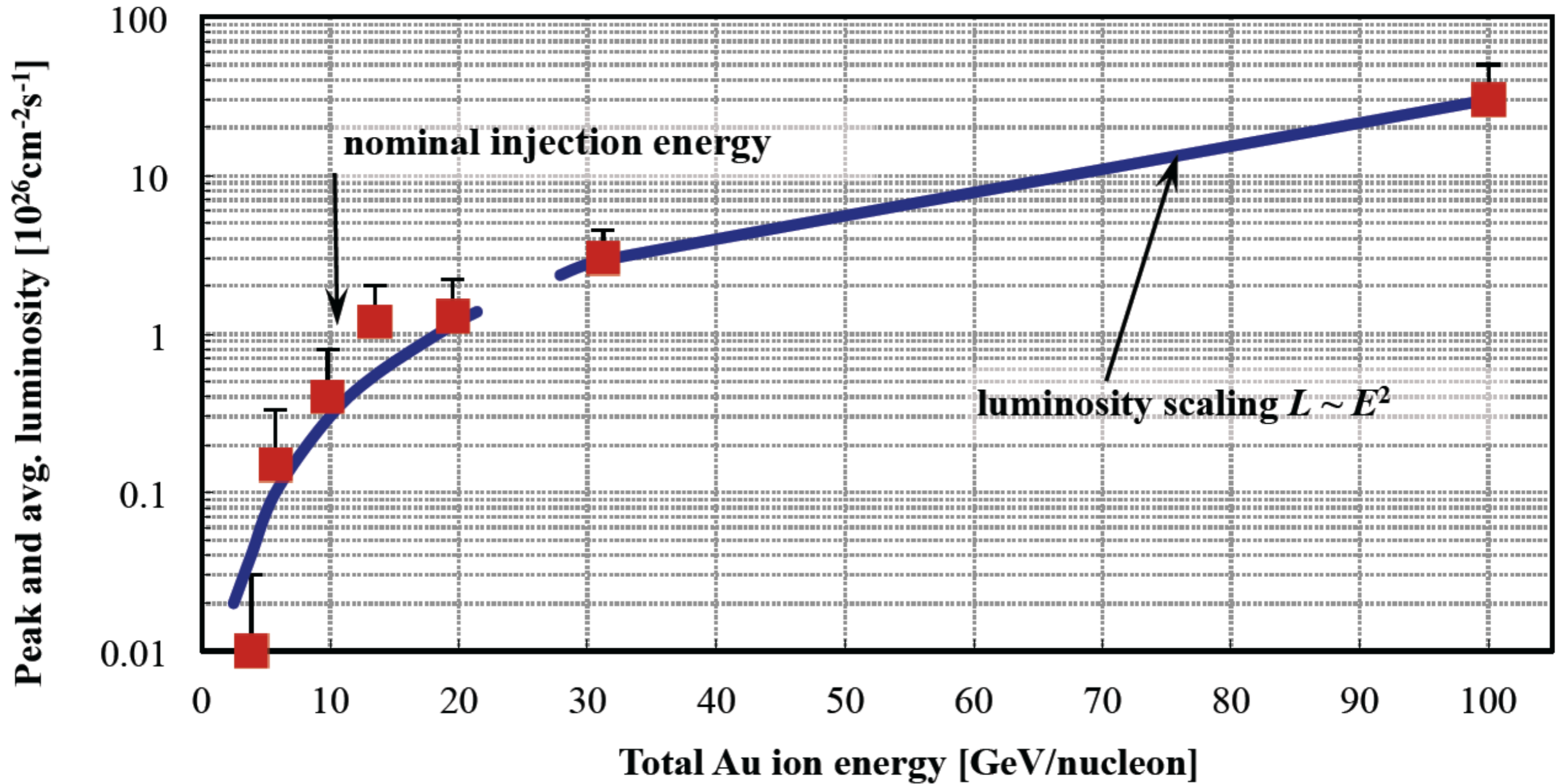
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- Trade-off between EM and hadronic calorimeters
 - ZEUS: high-resolution hadronic calorimeter → $18\%/\sqrt{E}$ EMCal
 - Small sampling fraction → large sampling fluctuations



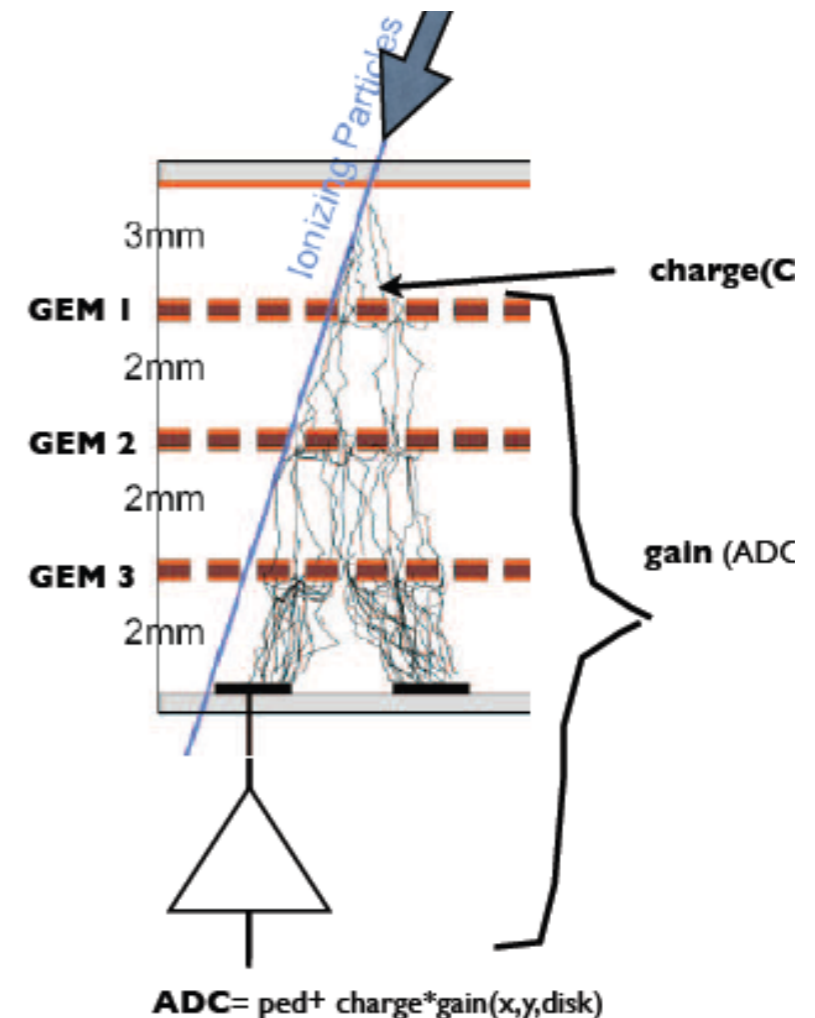
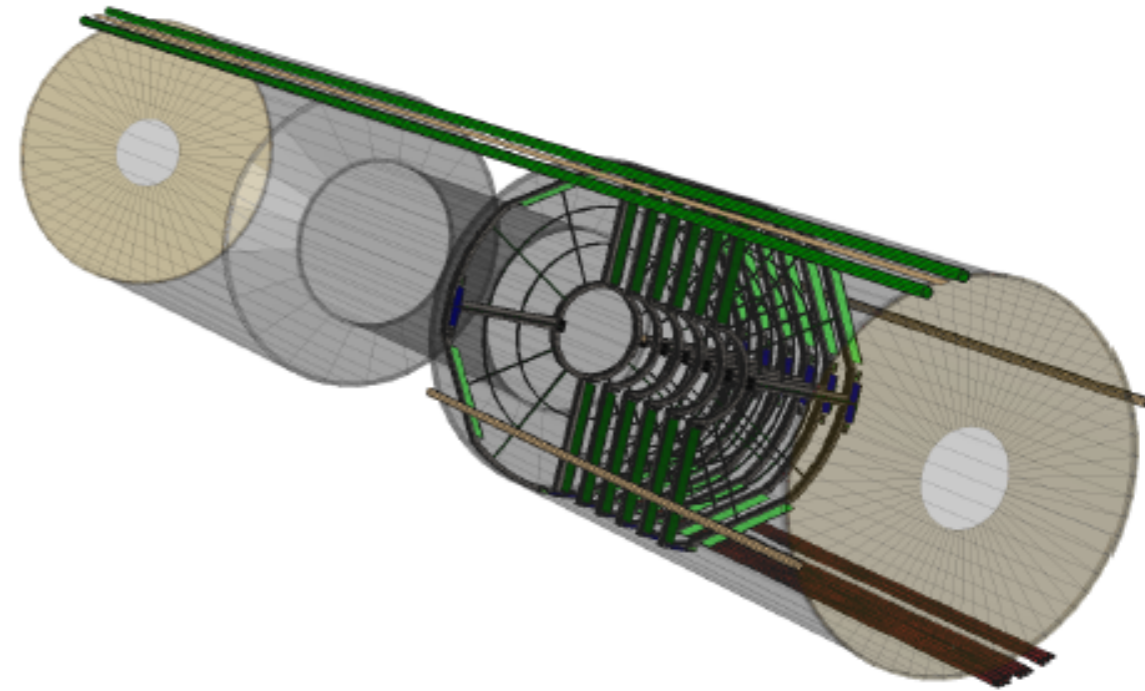
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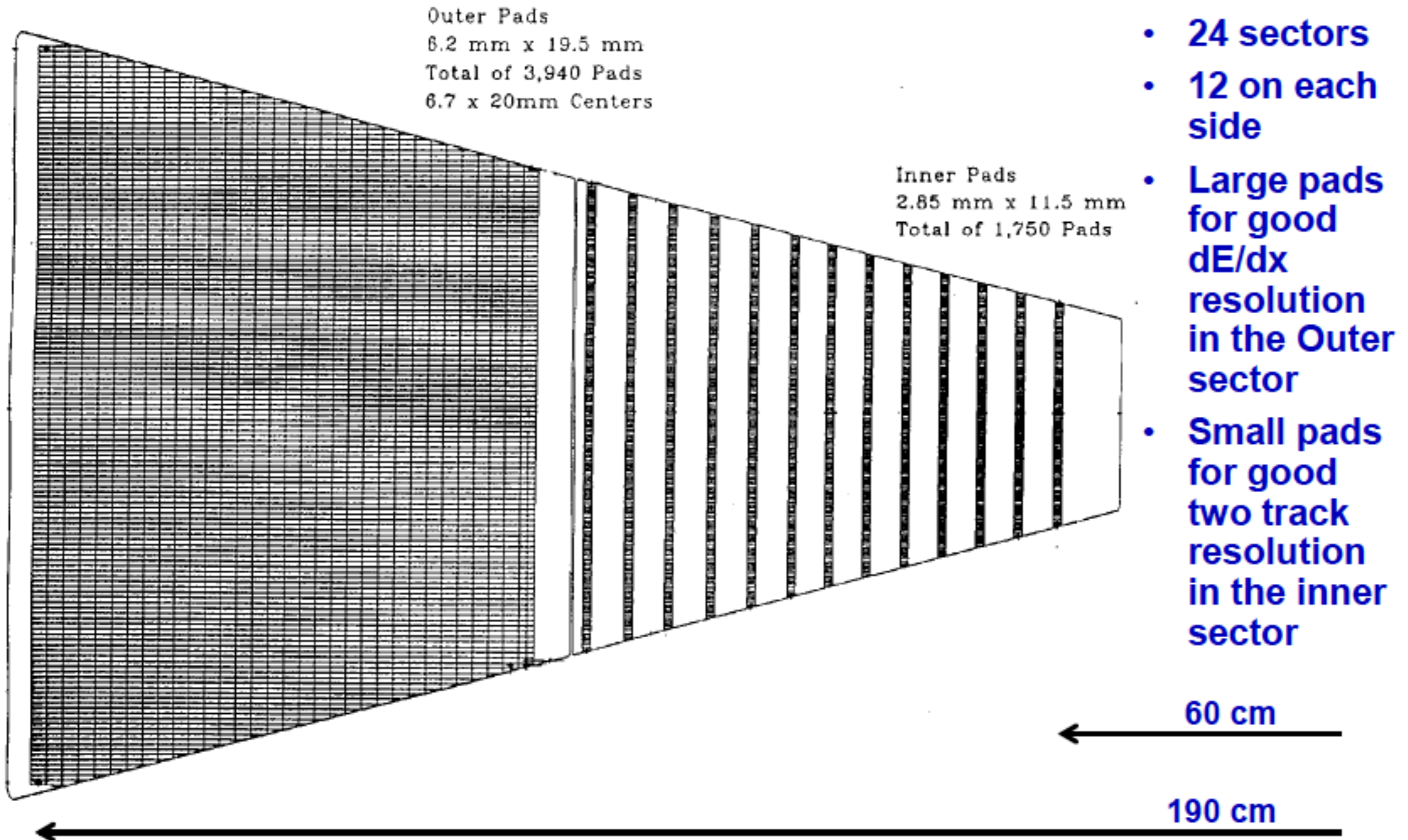


Forward GEM Tracker

- **S**mall **B**usiness **I**nnovative **R**esearch (DOE) funded programme (~ \$850K)
 - Collaborative effort between Tech-Etch Inc., BNL, MIT and Yale
- Triple GEM Detector
- Coverage: $-1 < \eta < 2$
- Inner radius: 10.5 cm, outer radius: 39 cm
- GEM foils: Hole inner r: 50 μm , outer: 70 μm , 140 μm pitch
- Quoted resolutions in the proposal:
 - ~40 μm in phi (120 μm in R - inclined tracks) from simulations
 - Evaluate performance after this run
- FGT partially installed in current run (12)
 - 14 out of 24 quadrants installed



TPC Inner Sector



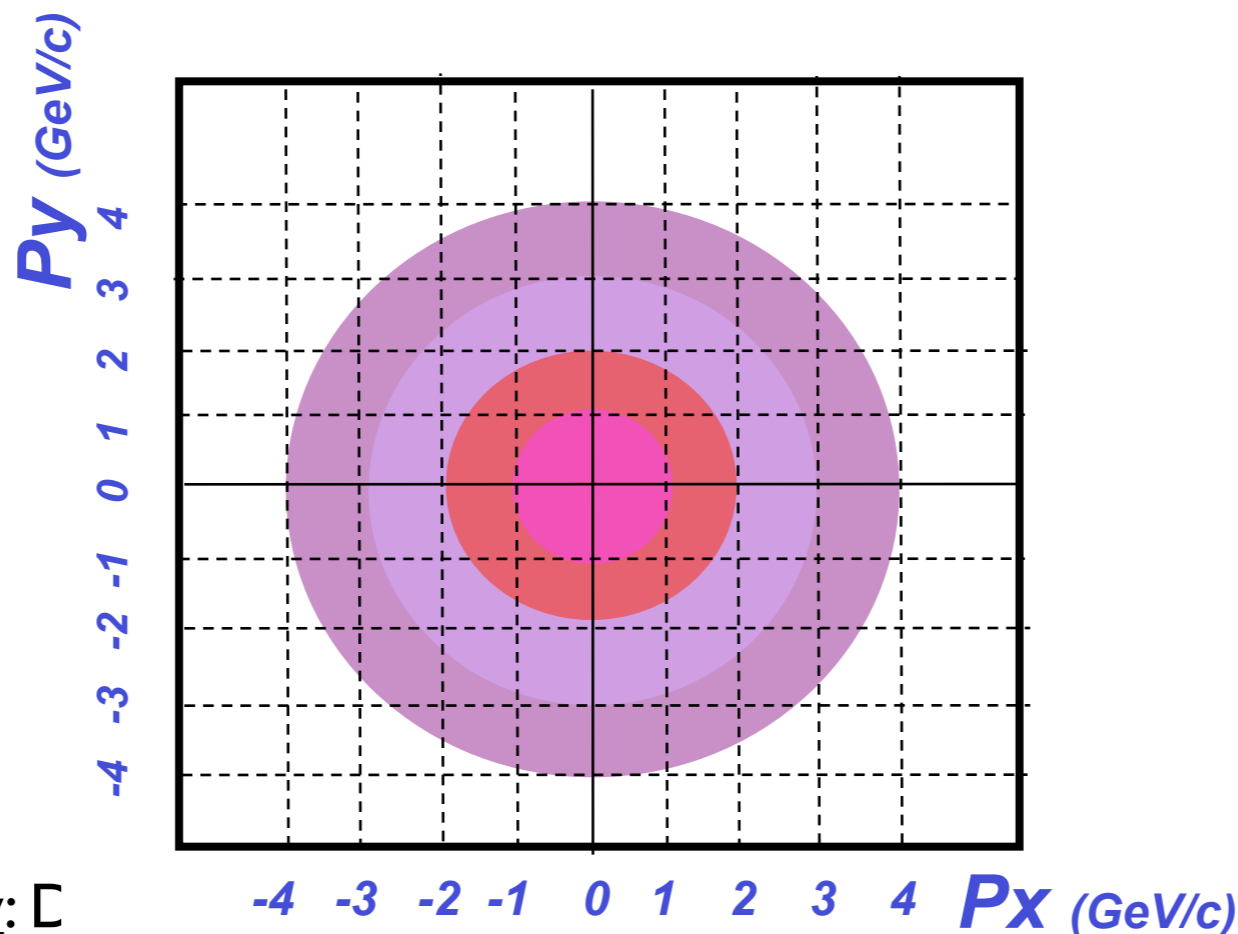
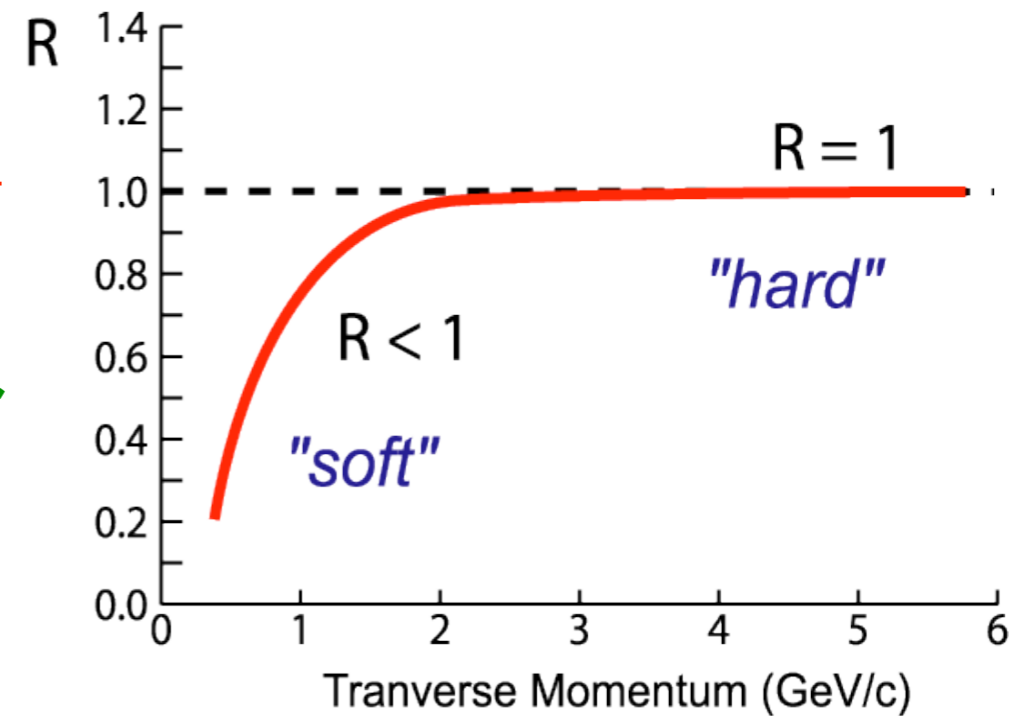
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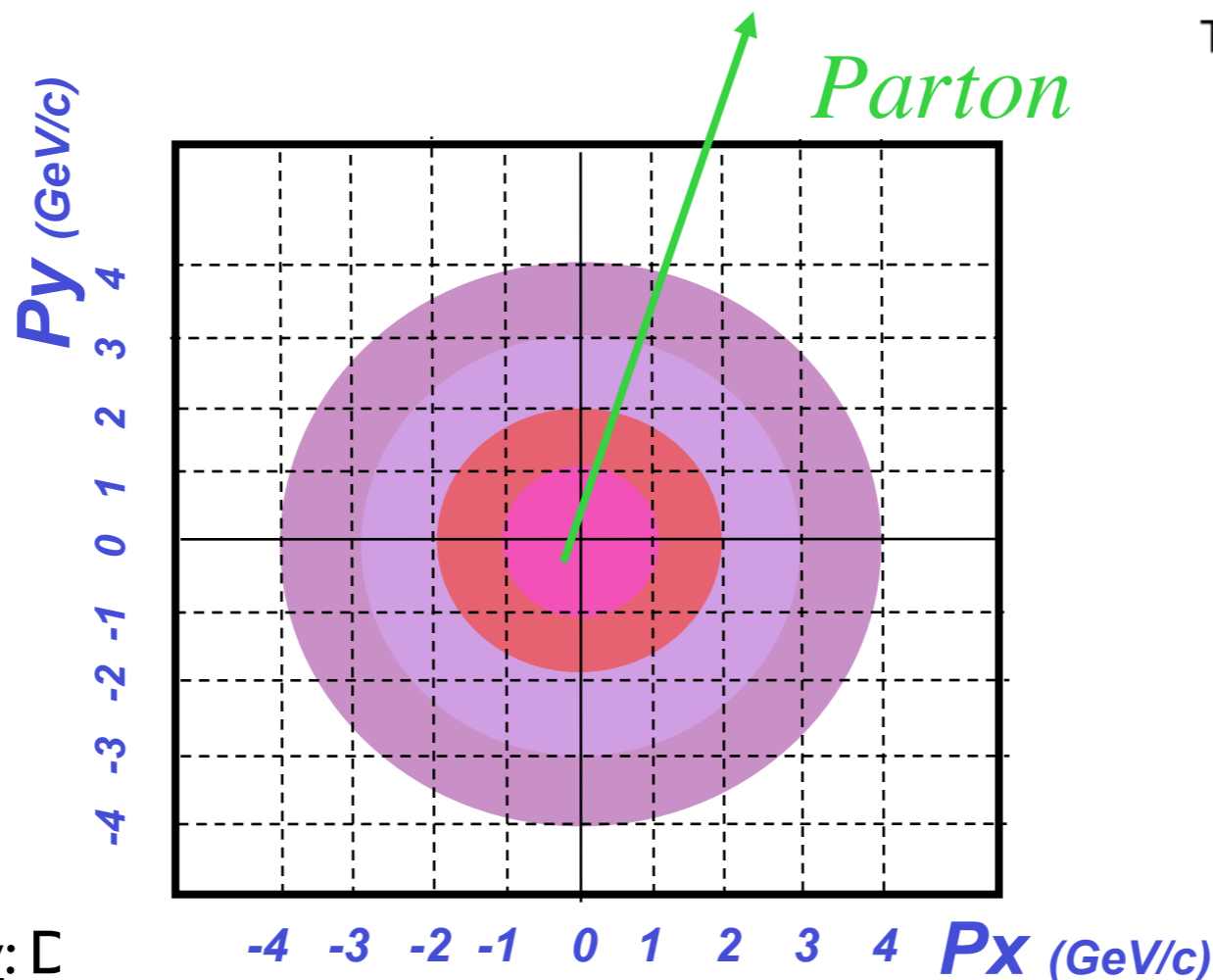
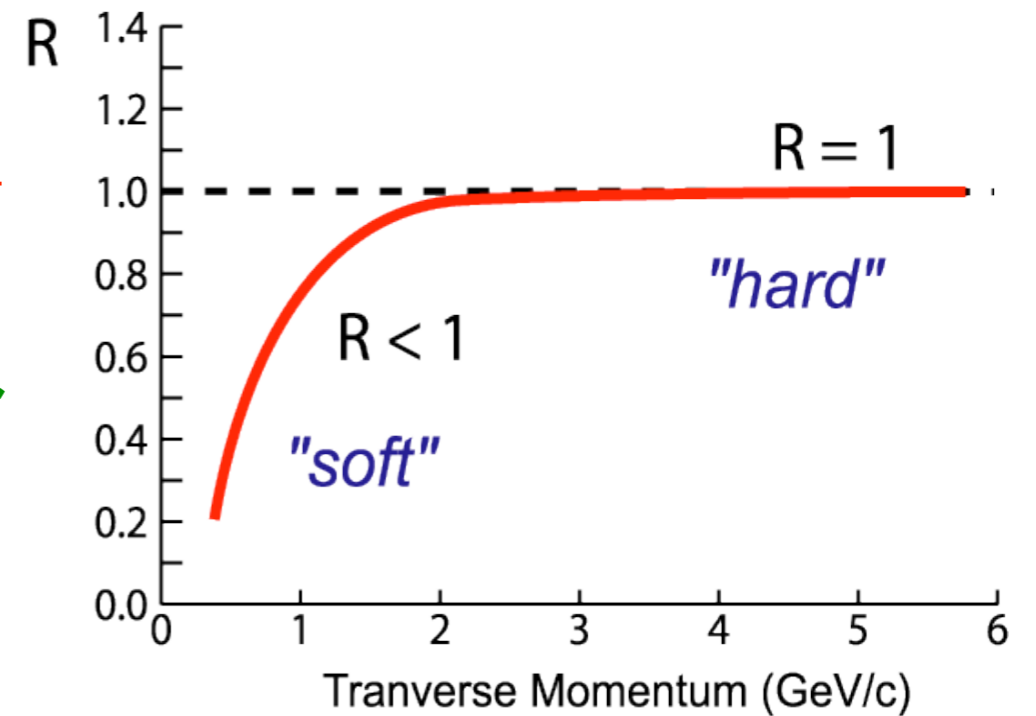
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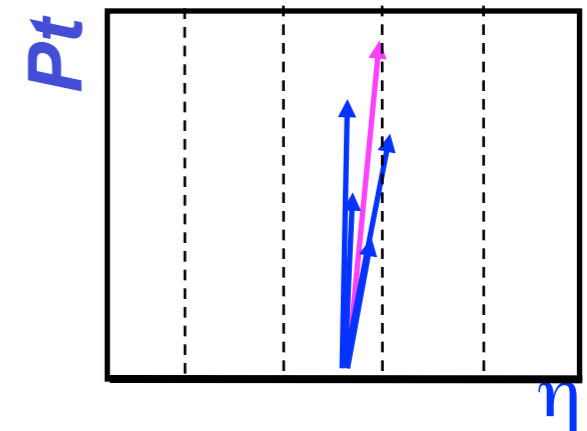
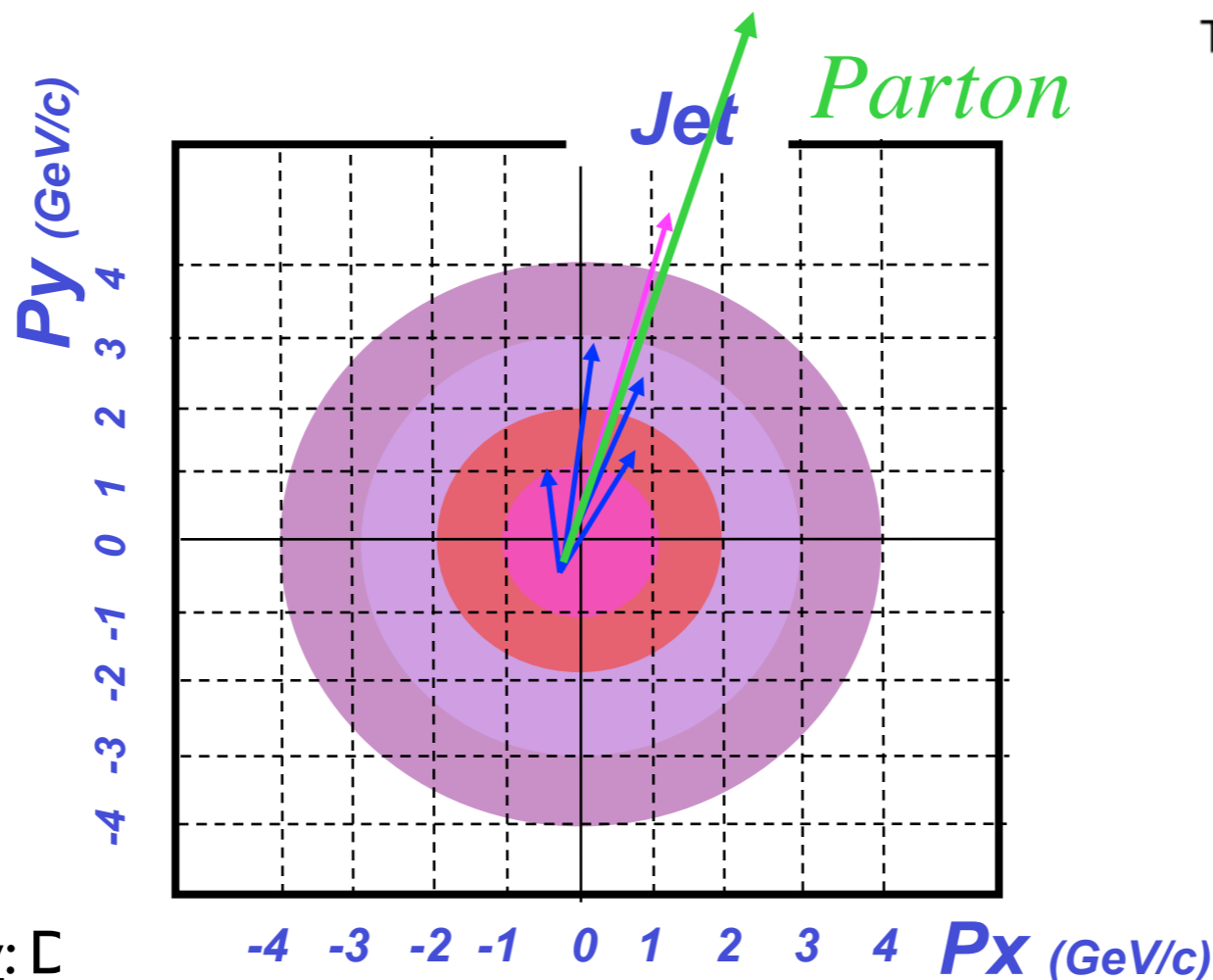
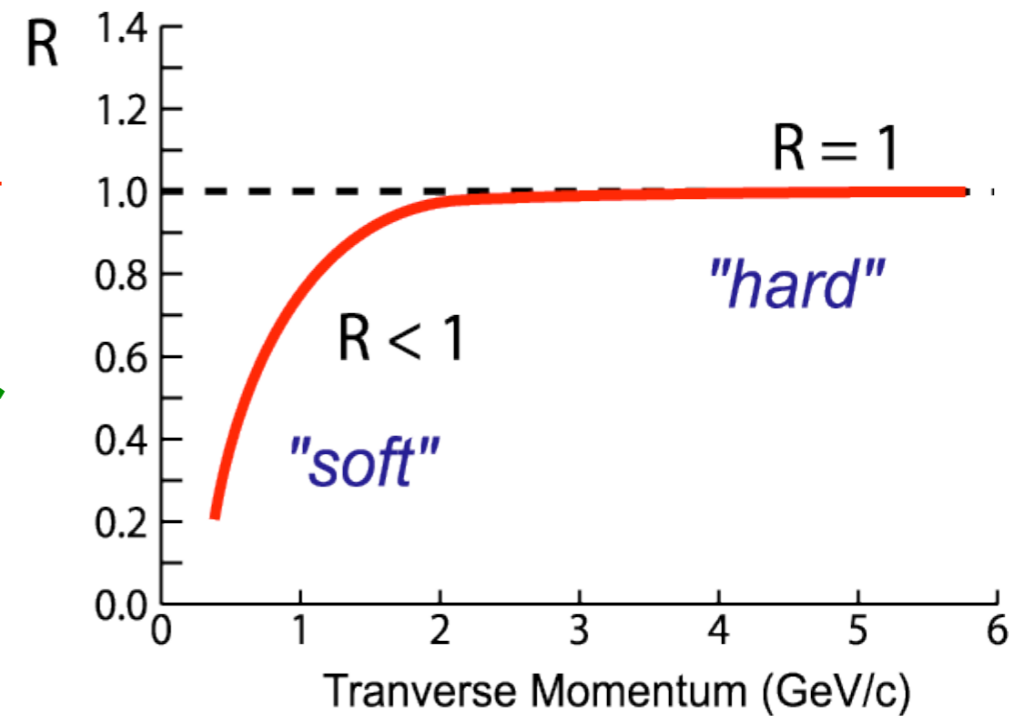
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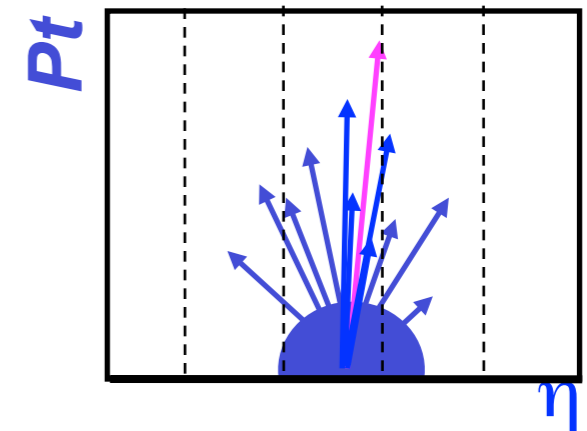
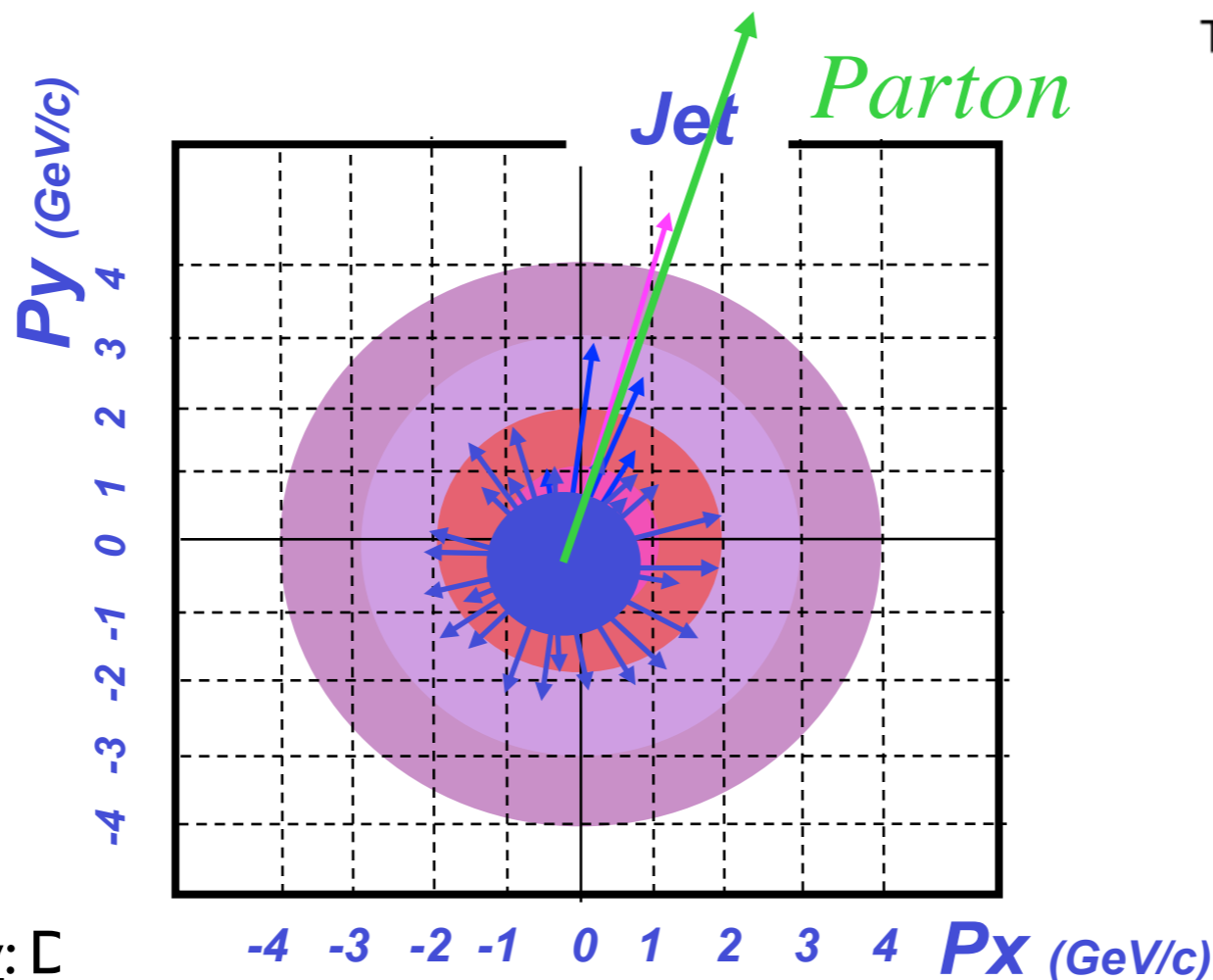
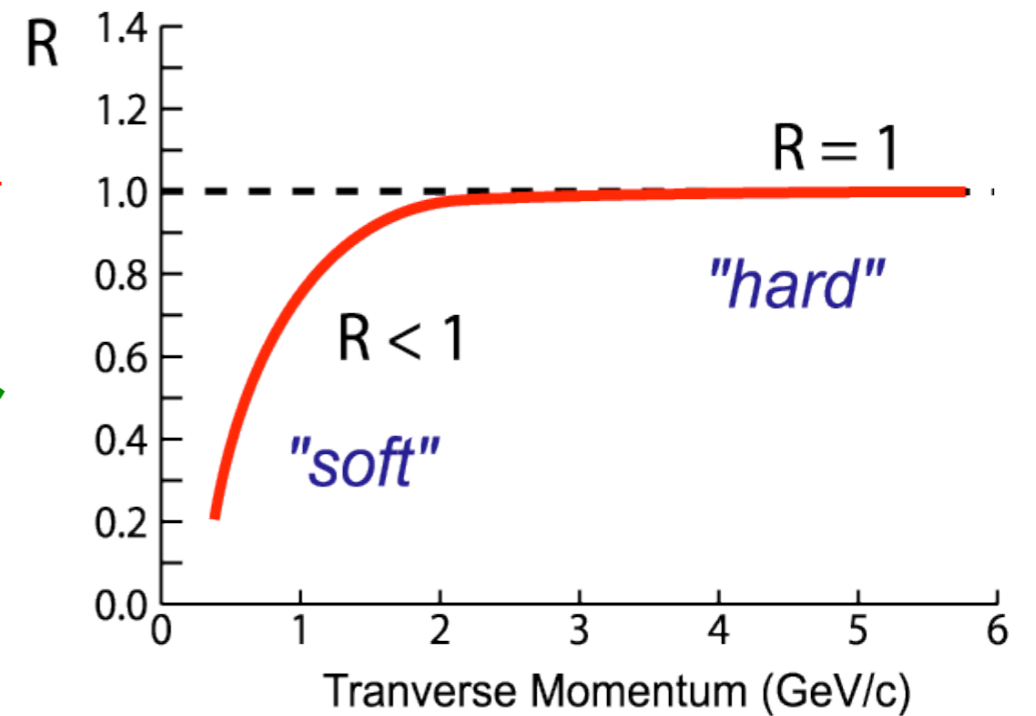
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