

The 4th Korea-China Workshop for Rare Isotope Physics

Progress of the HIRFL-CSR External-target Experiment (CEE)

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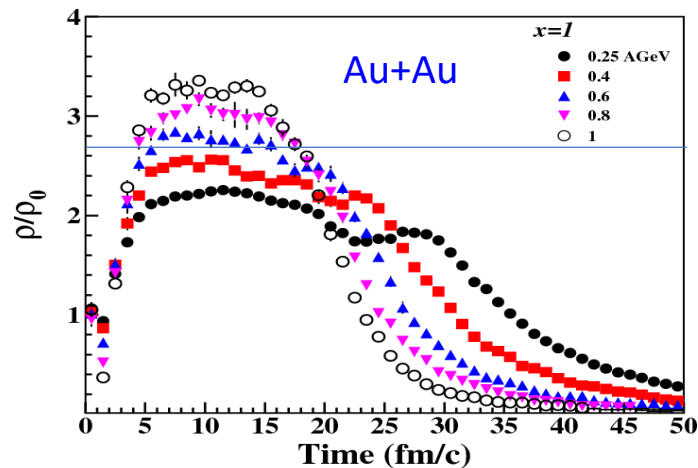
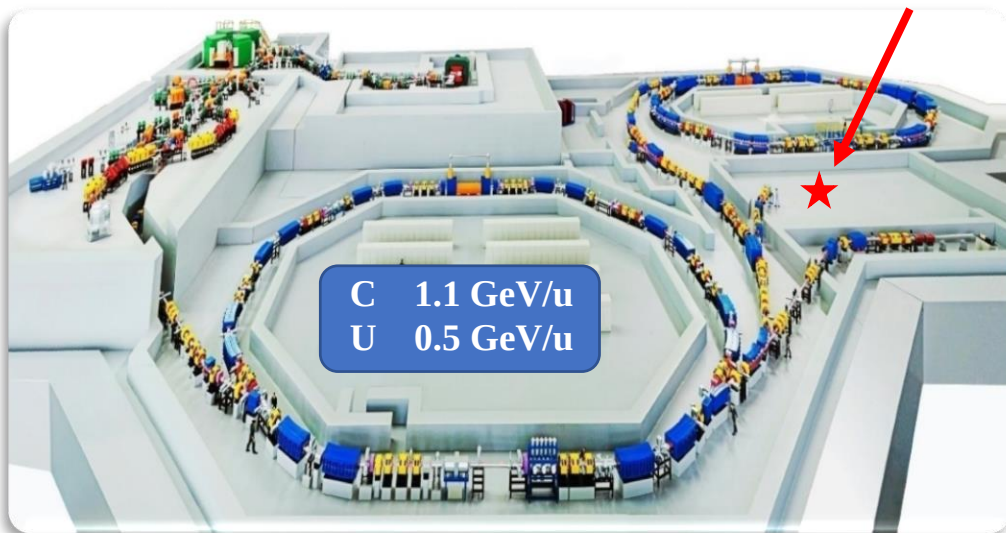
Outline

- Physics motivation
- CEE spectrometer and development progress
- Beam test and software
- CEE+ at HIAF
- Summary

Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL)

HIRFL-CSR Complex

CEE



M. Zhang, ZGX et al., PRC 80 (2009) 034616

F. Fu ZGX et al, PLB 666 (2008) 359

Search for the QCD phase boundary/CEP at low temperature and high baryon density

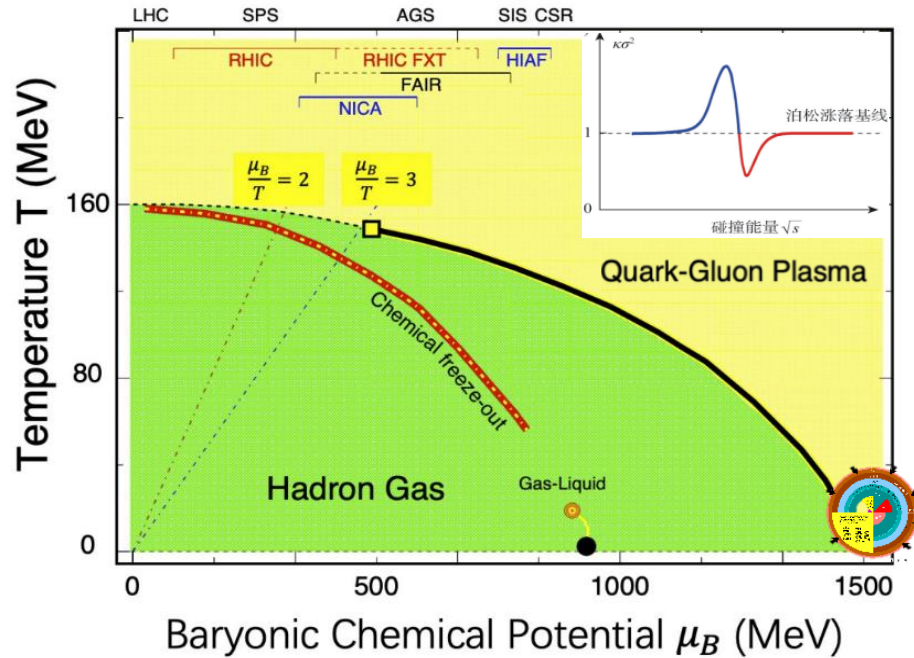
Nuclear equation of state at $\rho > 2\rho_0$ regime

Interplay with Neutron Star Physics

Sub-threshold production
Short range correlation

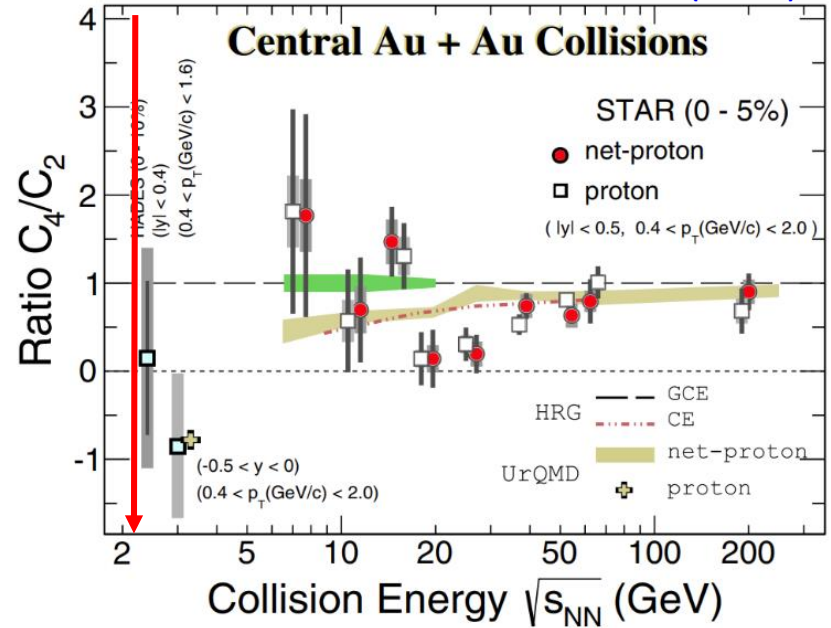
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QCD Phase Diagram

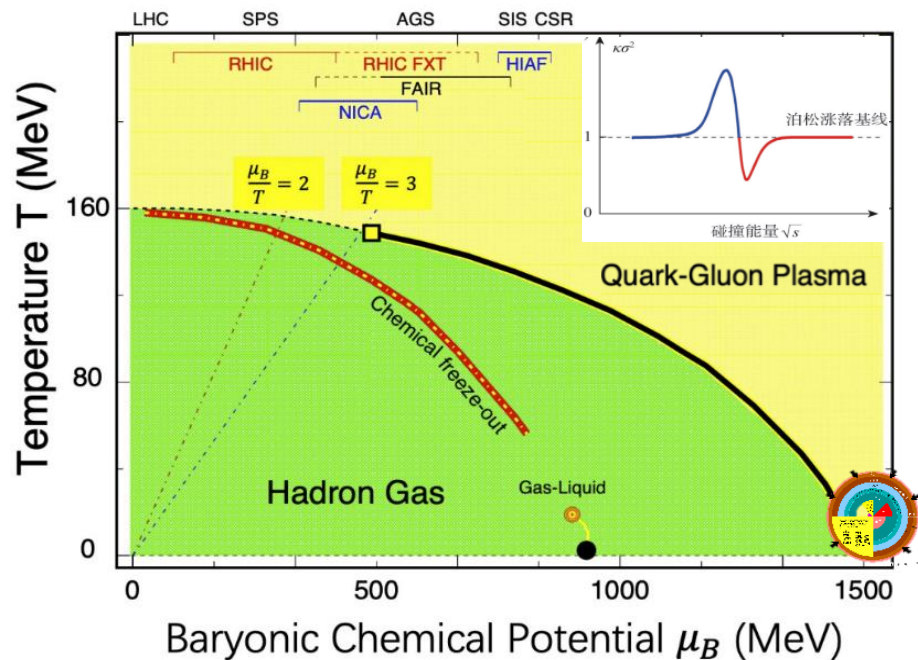


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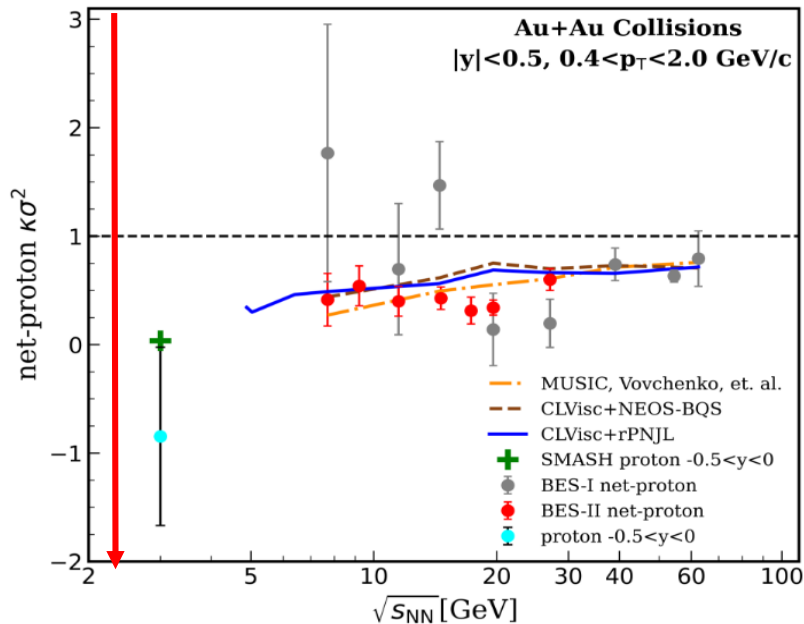


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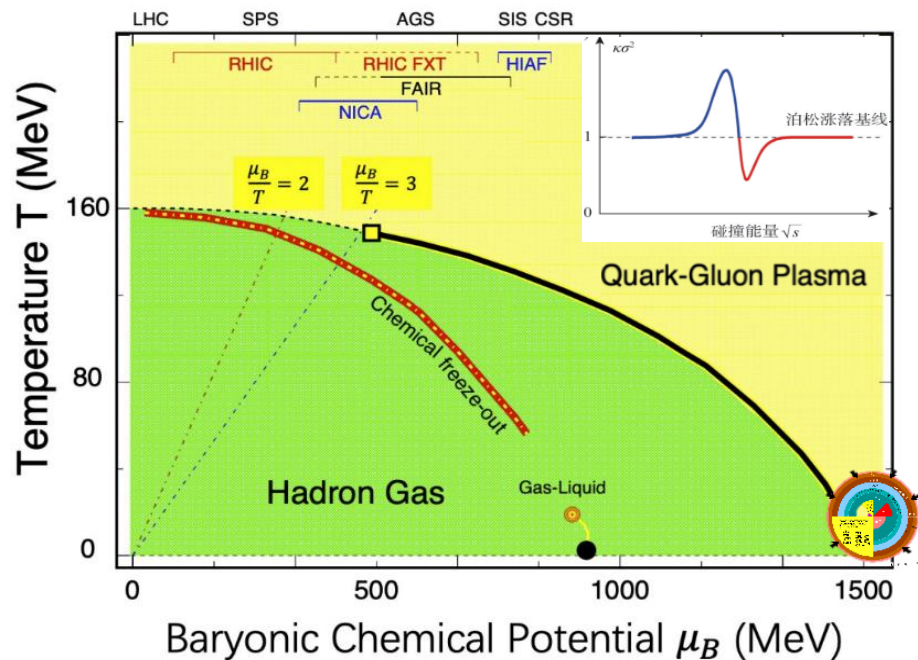


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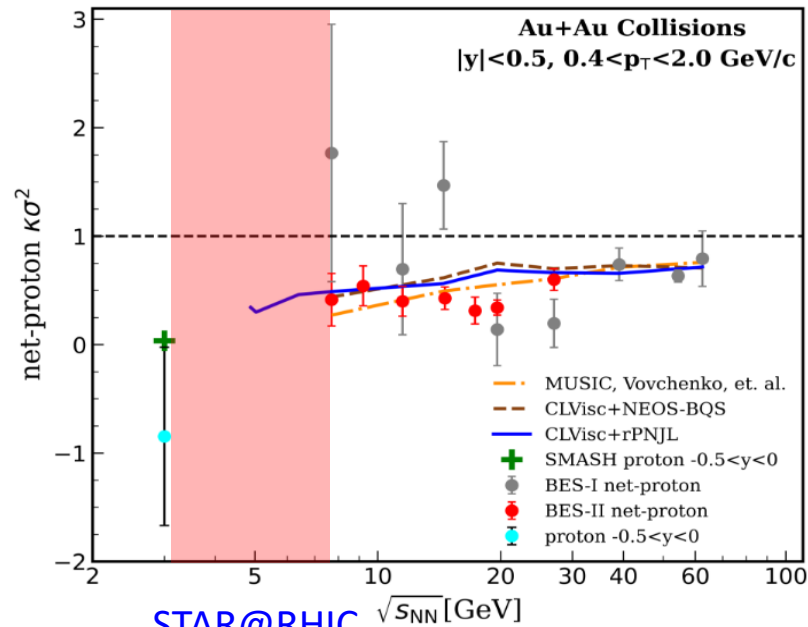
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QCD Phase Diagram



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STAR@RHIC
CBM@FAIR
MPD@NICA
CEE+@HIAF

Nuclear EOS of Asymmetric Matter $E_{sym}(\rho)$

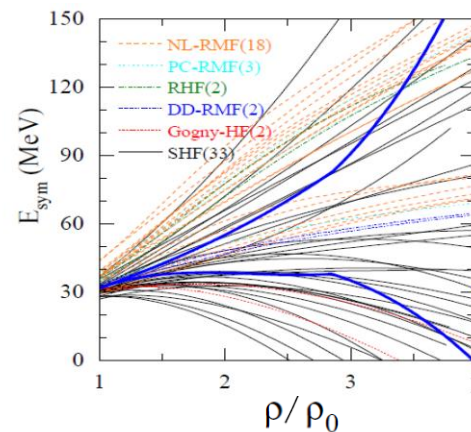
Nuclei:
$$B(Z, A) = B_v + B_s + B_c + B_a + B_p$$
$$= a_v A - a_s A^{2/3} - a_c Z^2 A^{-1/3} - a_a (N - Z)^2 A^{-1} + a_v \delta A^{-1}$$

Nuclear matter

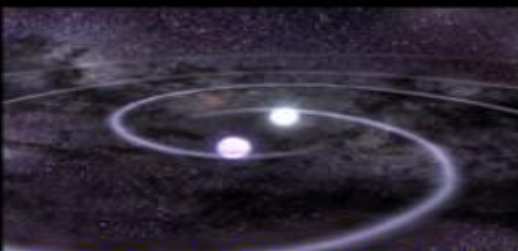
$$E(\rho, \delta) = E_0(\rho) + \delta^2 \underline{E_{sym}(\rho)}$$

$$\delta = \frac{N - P}{N + P}$$

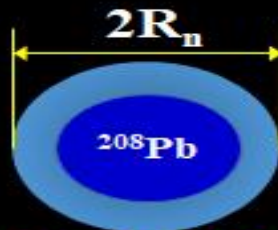
$$E_{sym}(\rho) = L \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} + \frac{K_{sym}}{2} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} \right)^2 + \frac{J_{sym}}{6} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} \right)^3$$



B.A Li et al. Universe, 7, 182(2021)



(Neutron Star and NS Merge)



(Static Properties of Nuclei)



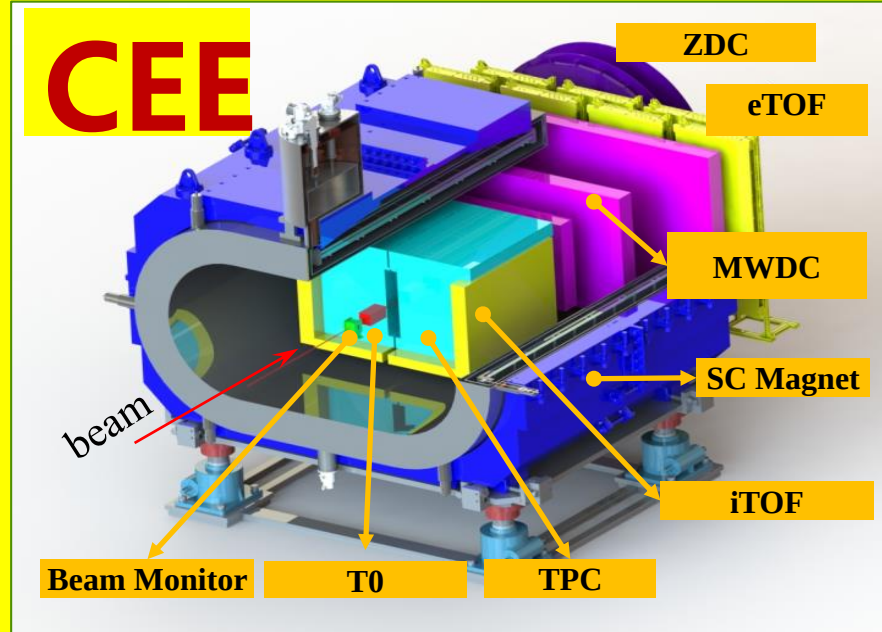
(Heavy Ion Collisions)

CEE Detection System

CEE Spectrometer:

- 1) Super-conducting Dipole Magnet
- 2) Si-PIX Beam Monitor (BM)
- 3) Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
- 4) T0/Inner TOF (iT0F)
- 5) External TOF (eTOF)
- 6) Multi-Wire Draft Chamber (MWDC)
- 7) Zero Degree Counter (ZDC)
- 8) Data Acquisition system (DAQ)
- 9) Trigger system (Trigger)
- 10) Clock system (Clock)
- 11) Technical Support
- 12) Slow Control (SC)
- 13) Software: simulation and analysis

Supported by NSFC and CAS



- $\Delta p/p: \leq 5\%, \Delta t/t: \leq 80\text{ps}$
- Max. Rate: 10 kHz
- Proton acceptance: $\sim 85\%$

CEE Collaboration

China:

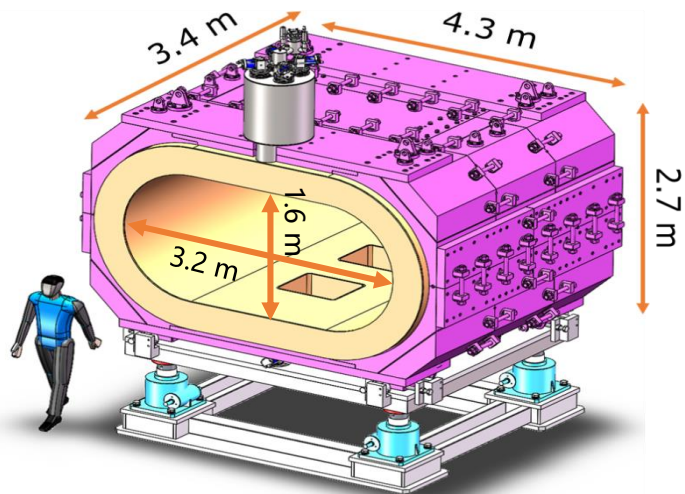
- Central China Normal University (CCNU)
- Fudan University (FDU)
- Institute of Modern Physics, CAS (IMP)
- Tsinghua University (THU)
- University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)

Japan:

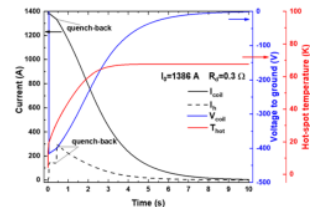
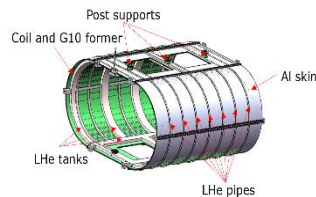
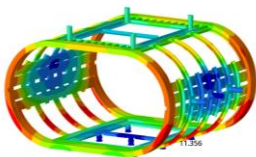
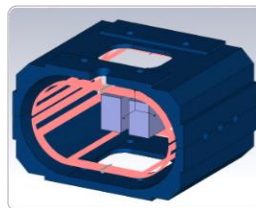
- Tsukuba University

Super-Conducting Dipole Magnet

Quantity	Performance
Central Field	0.5 T
Uniform range	1200×800×900 mm ³
Uniformity	±2.5%
Current in operation	231 A



Magnet design



SC Magnet prototype



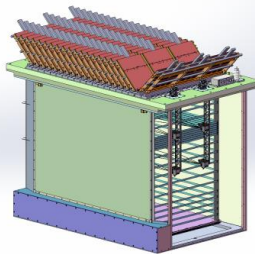
Magnet production



TPC development

Quantity	Design index
Channels	15000
Volume	$2 \times 45 \times 80 \times 90 \text{ cm}^2$
σ_{xz}	500 μm
2-track separation	3 cm
Momentum resolution	5%

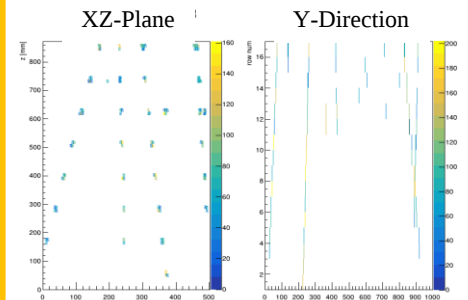
TPC design



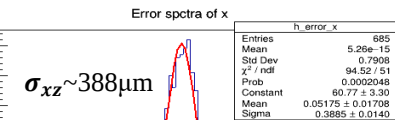
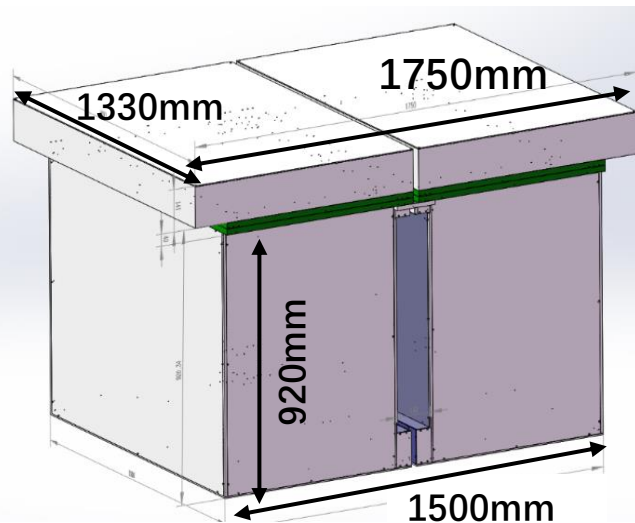
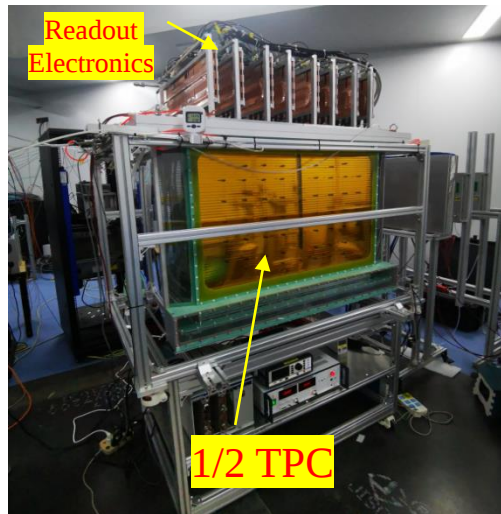
SAMPA-based readout



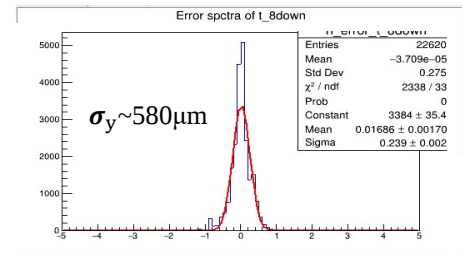
Beam Test Result



样机束流测试

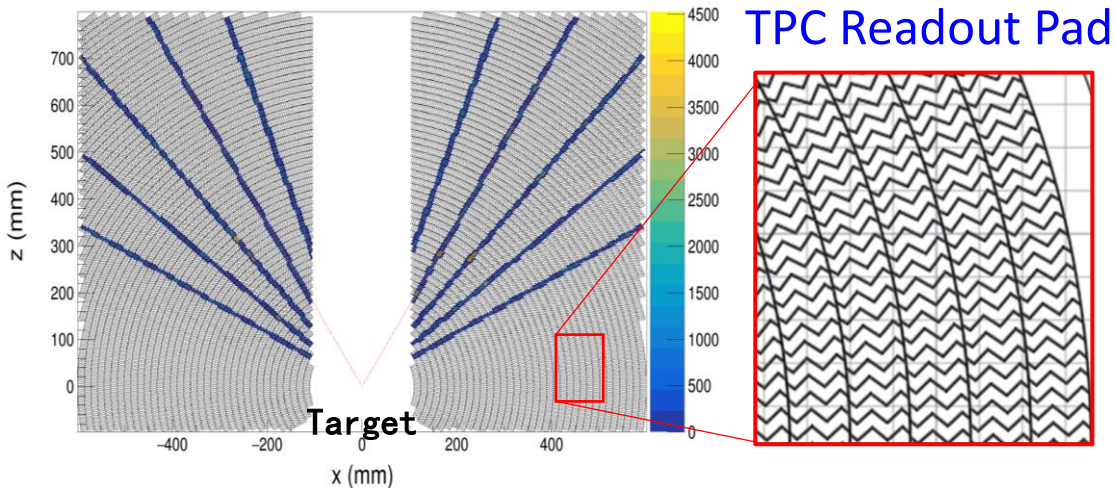


$\sigma_{xz} \sim 388 \mu\text{m}$

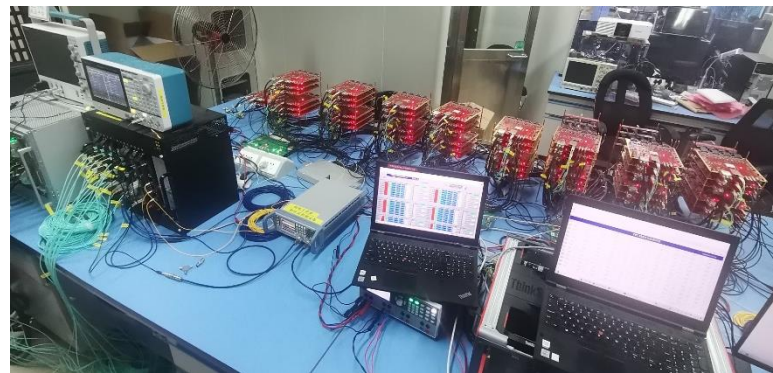


$\sigma_y \sim 580 \mu\text{m}$

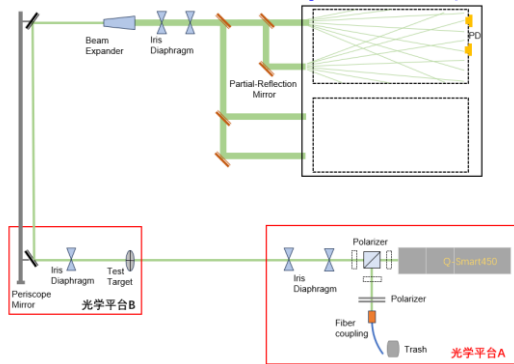
TPC Production



Electronics Maturity Test



Laser system (14 beam $\times$ 3 layers)

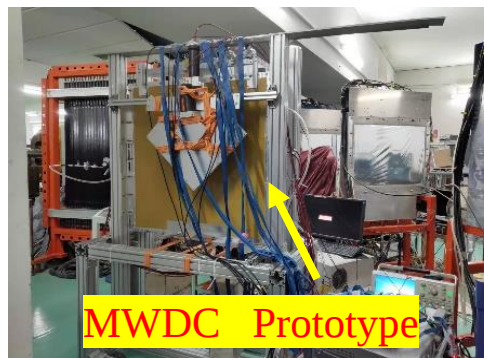


TPC Detectors

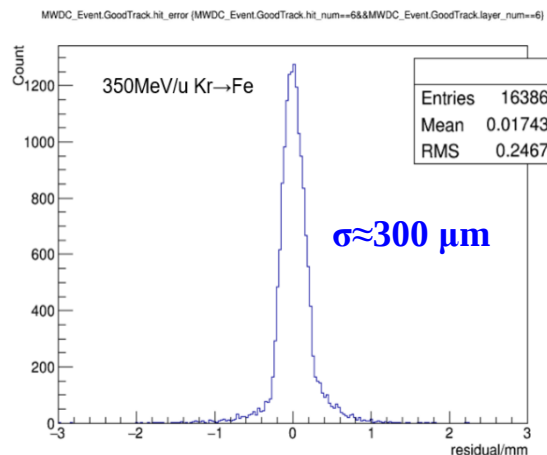
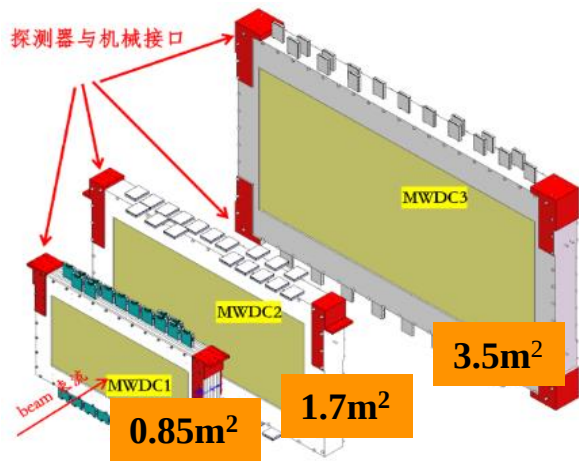
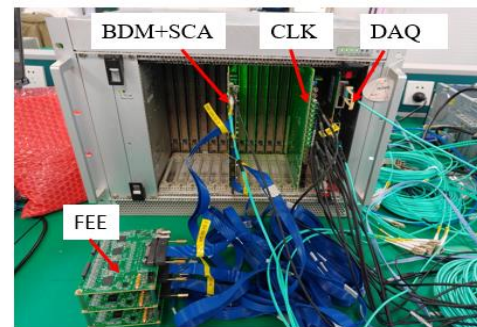


MWDC Development & Production

Quantity	Design index
Channels	~3200
Wire layer per module	X、X'、U、U'、V、V'
σ_{xz}	300 μm
Energy resolution	> 22%
Detection efficiency	> 98%
Momentum resolution	< 5%



Electronics Maturity Test

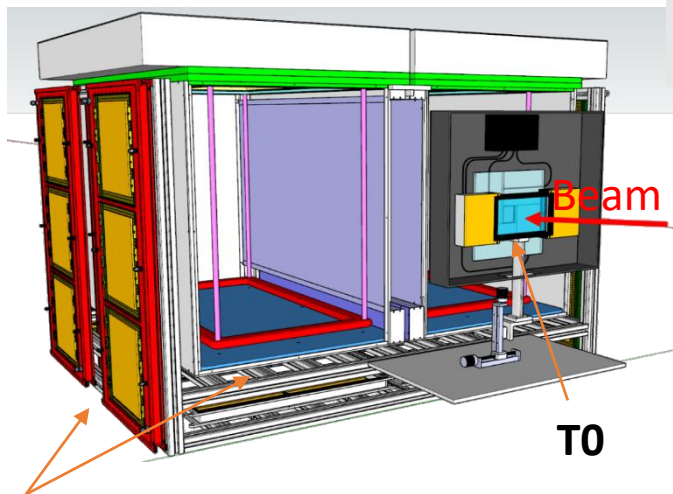


MWDC3 detector



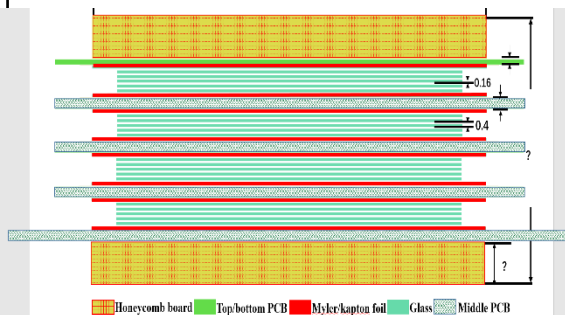
iTOF development & Production

Quantity	Design index T0/iTOF
σ_T	50ps / 50 ps
Efficiency	>99% / >95%
Rate	1MHz / 10kHz

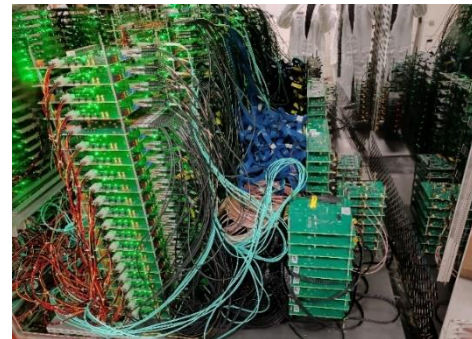


iTOF: covers 3 side of TPC

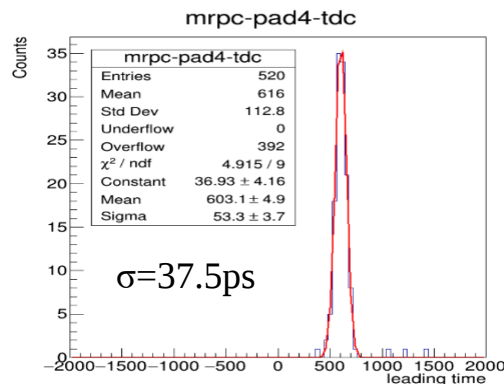
iTOF based MRPC Design



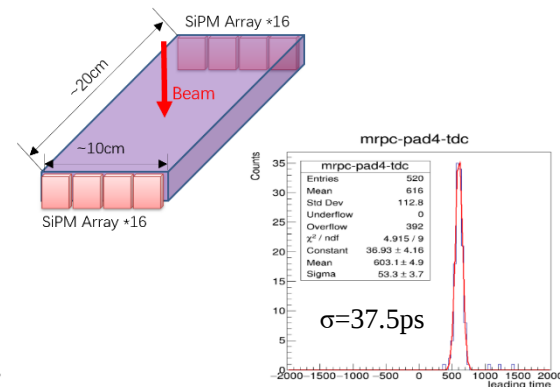
Electronics Maturity Test



Beam test results

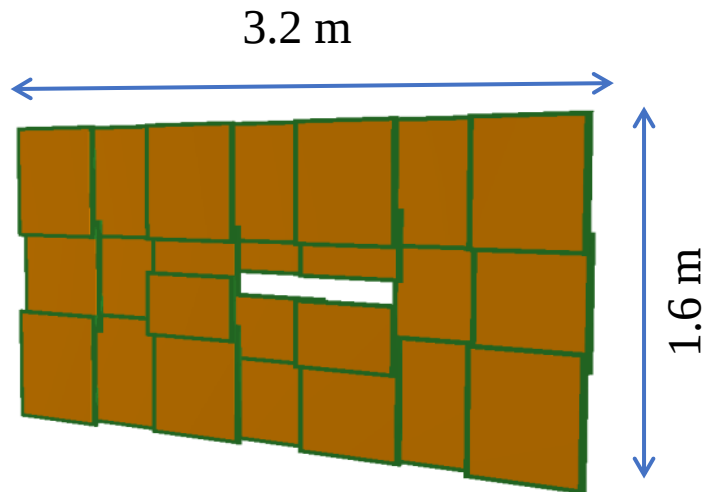


T0: Scintillator + SiPM

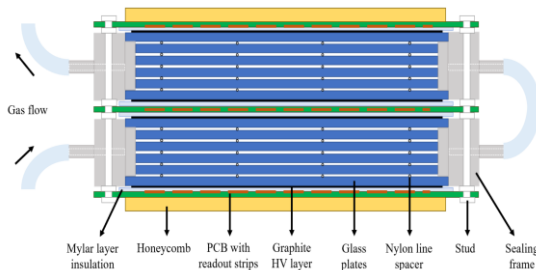


eTOF development

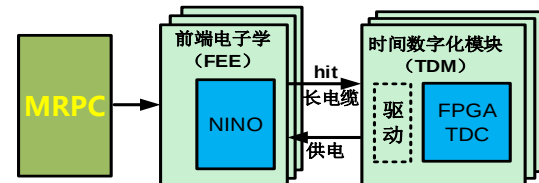
Quantity	Design index
σ_T	60 ps
Efficiency	>95%
Rate	>10kHz



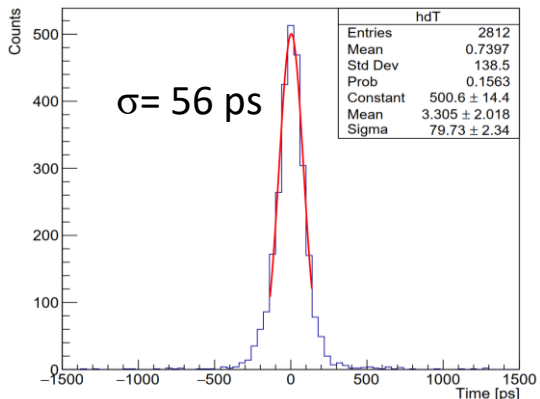
eTOF MRPC configuration



MRPC readout



Prototype time resolution



Massive Production



Zero Degree Counter (ZDC)

ZDC Parameters	Design index
Energy Resolution	< 15%
Detection Efficiency	> 95% (MIPs)

□ Event Plane

□ Centrality definition

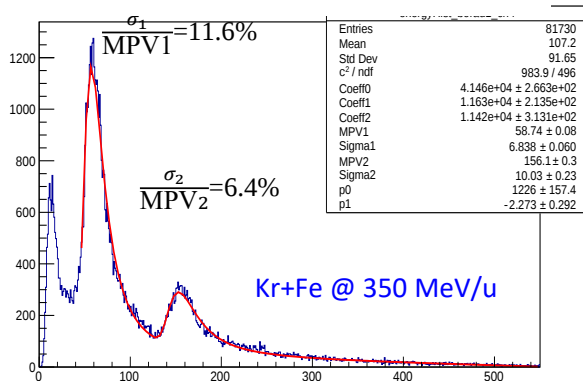
ZDC Prototype



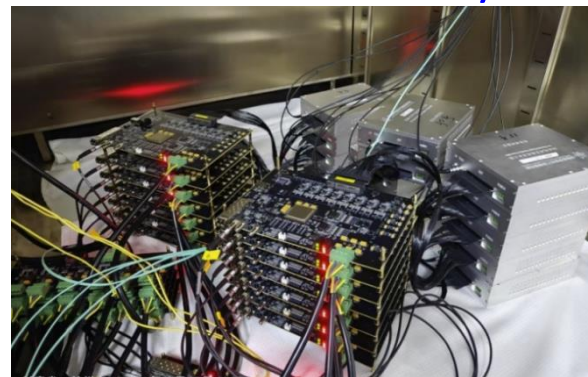
Massive Production



Beam test result



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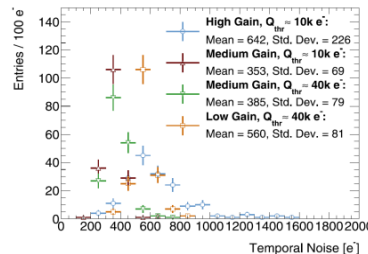
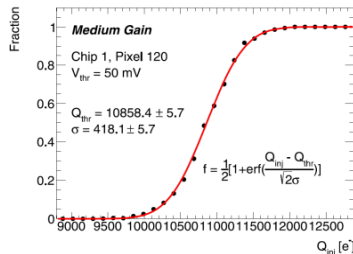
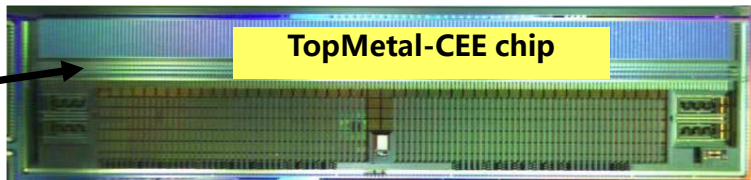
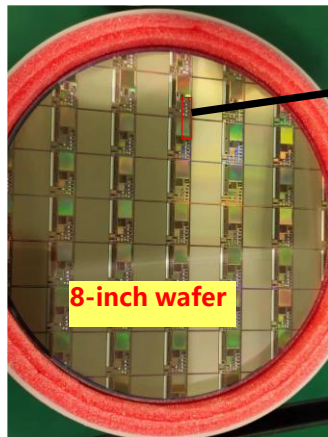
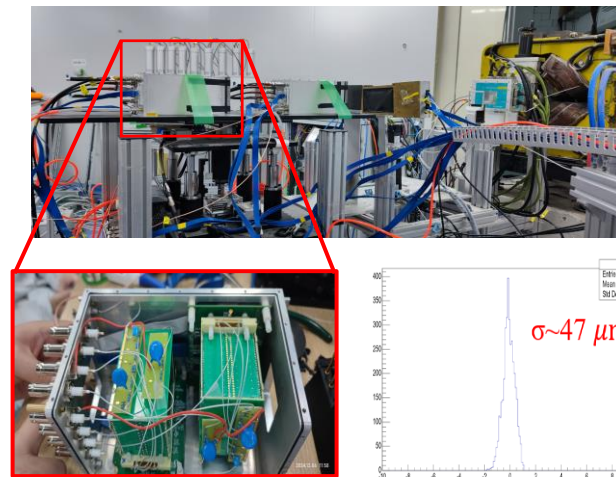
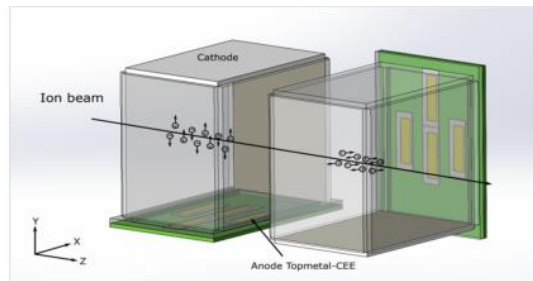


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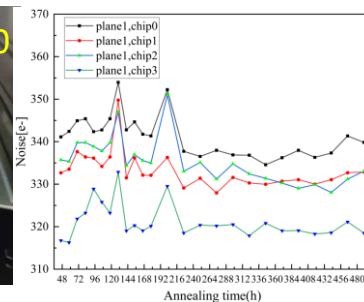
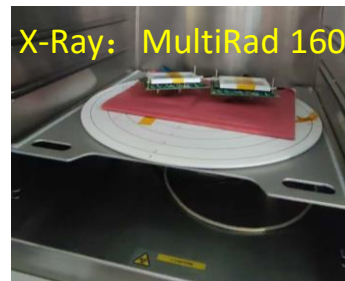
Beam Monitoring (BM) Detector

BM Parameters	Design index
Position resolution	50 μm
Time resolution	1 μs
Volume	10x10x12 cm^3

BM design



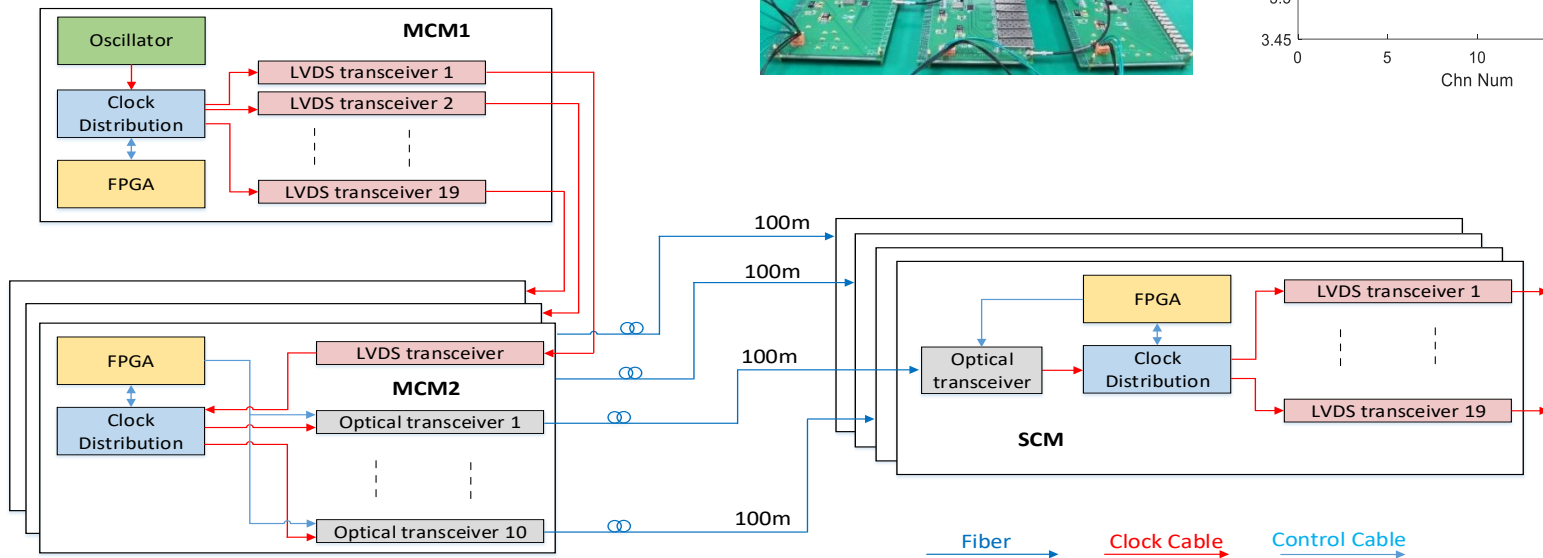
Electronics Maturity Test



Clock System

- Frequency: 40 MHz
- Period jitter: < 10 ps RMS
- Fan-out channel: ~ 400
- Long distance transmission: ~ 10 m

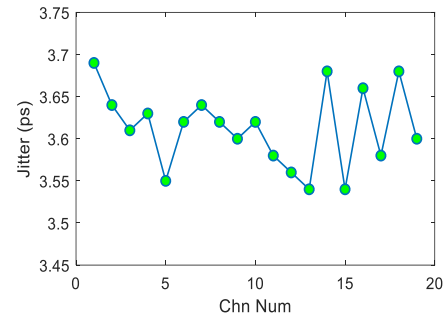
Clock system block diagram



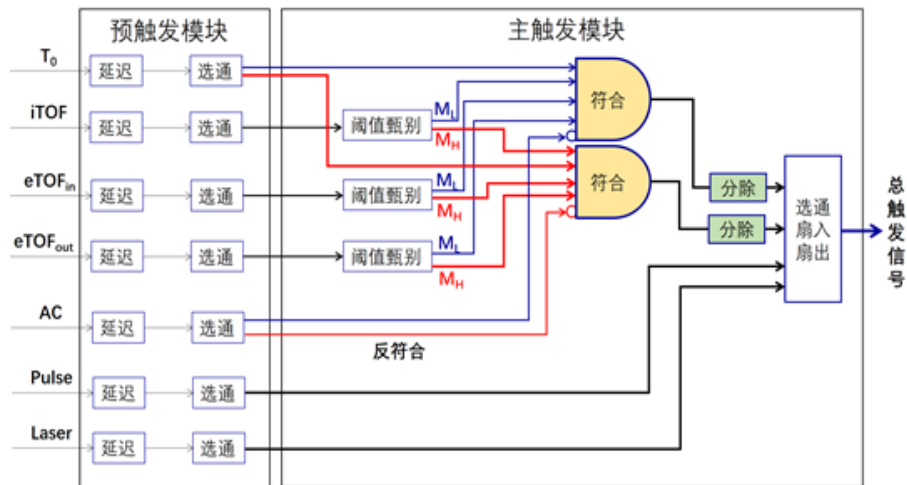
Test Setup



Test Result



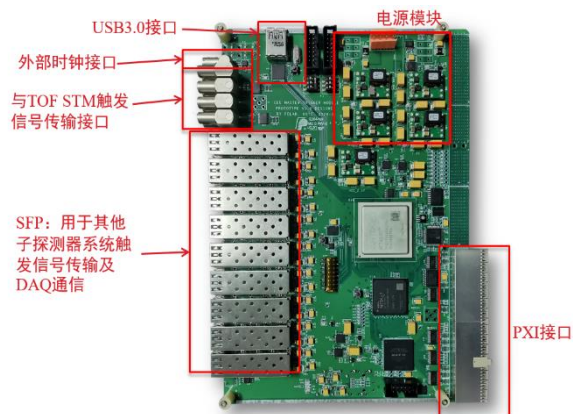
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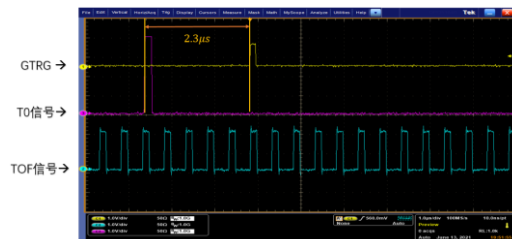
Working mode:

- Normal (data taking)
- Laser mode
- Pulse mode

Lab test

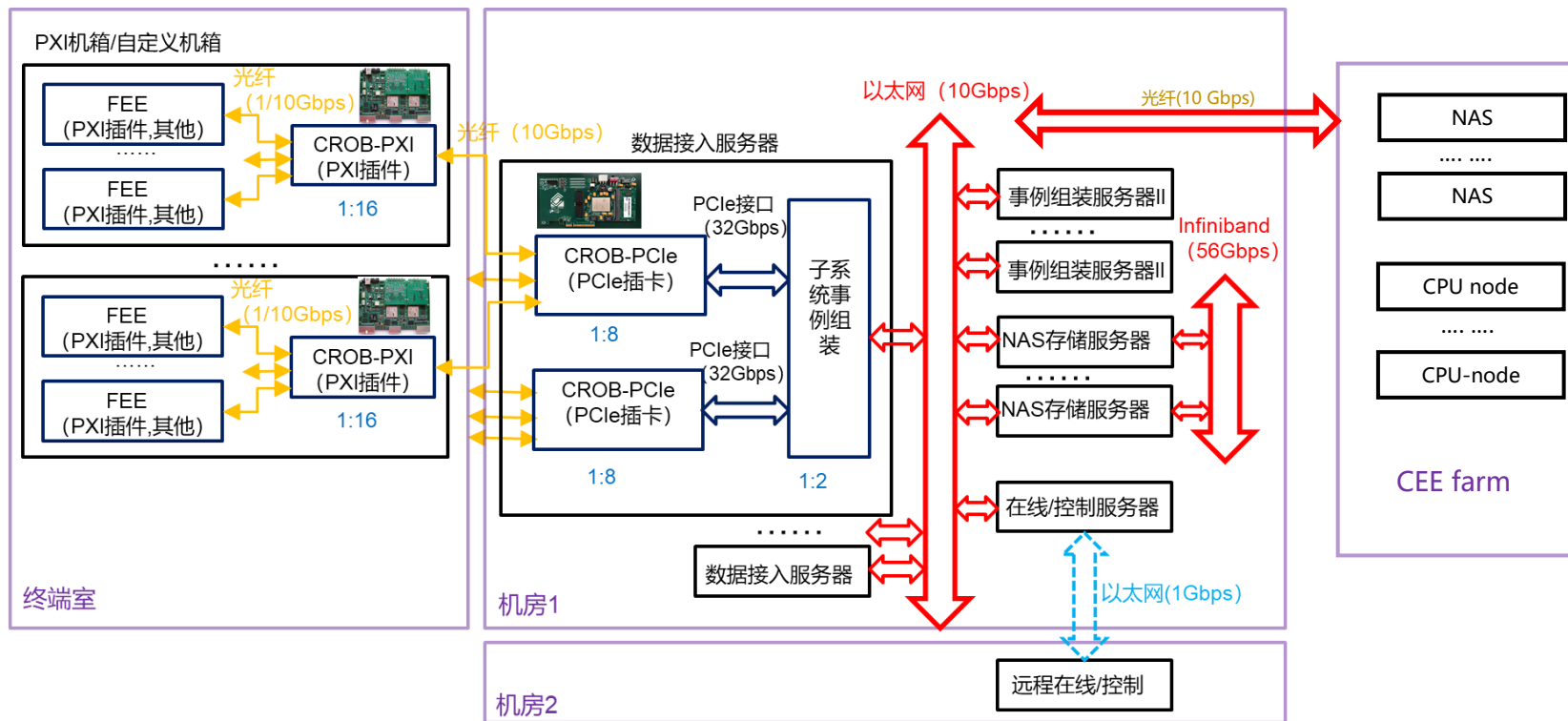


Trigger logic simulation

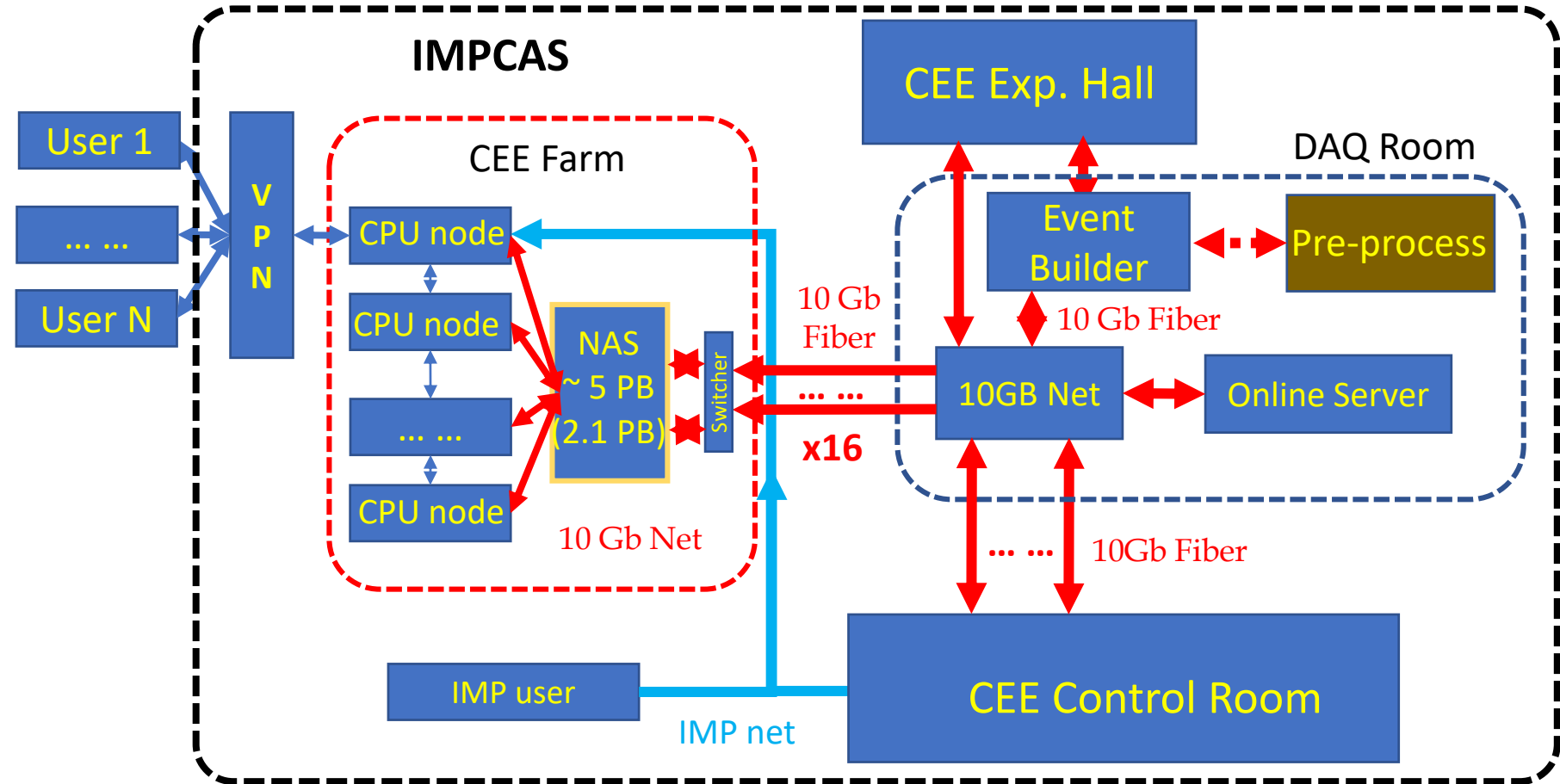


Data Acquisition System (DAQ)

Zero-suppressed data rate: ~ 4.4 Gbyte/s



Data flow and Computing

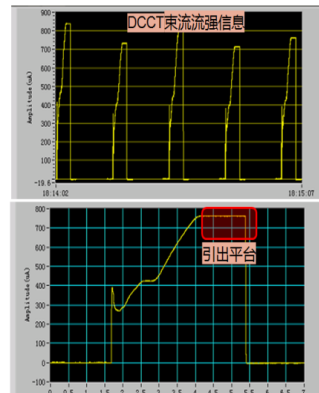
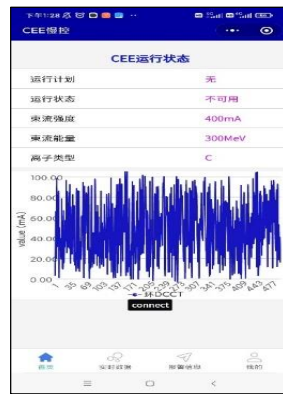
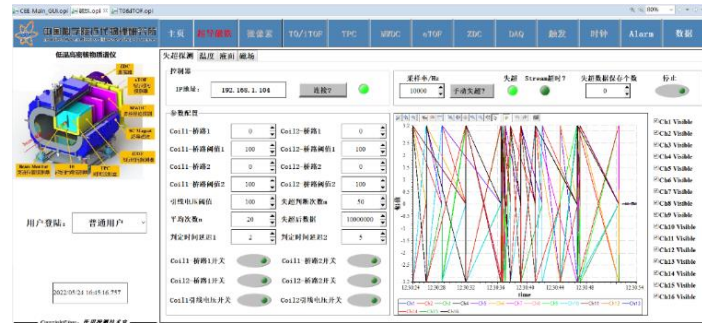
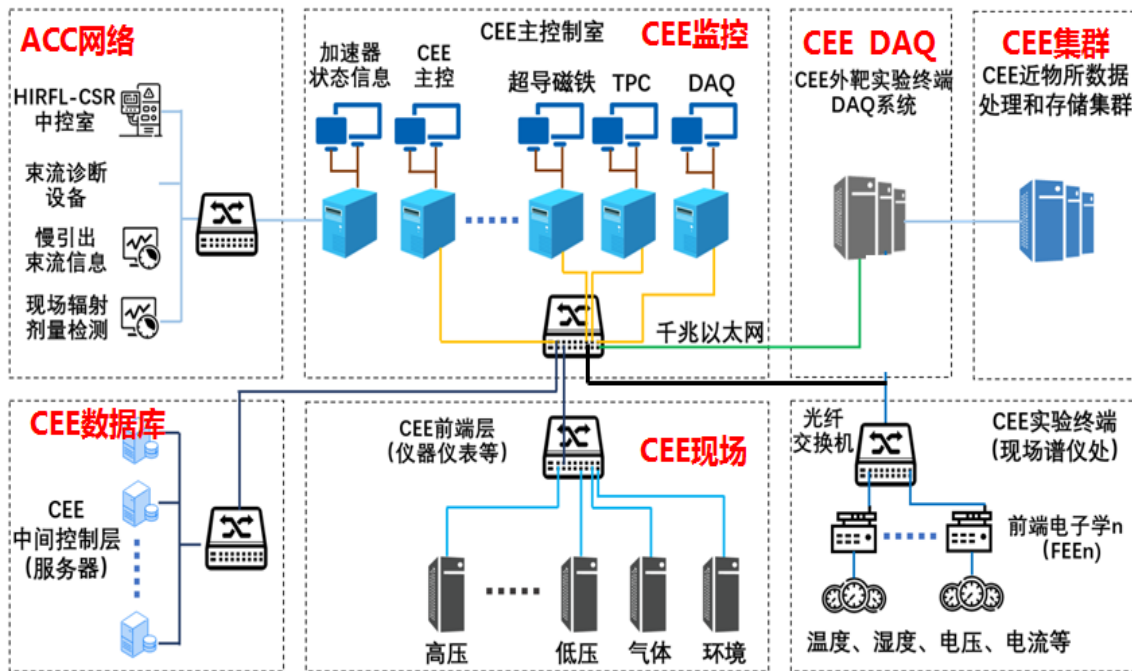


Slow Control (SC)

SC is based on the EPICS



Experimental Physics and
Industrial Control System

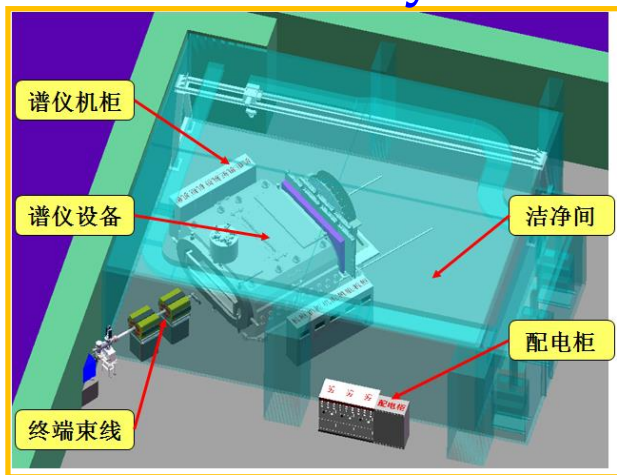


System Integration & Infrastructure

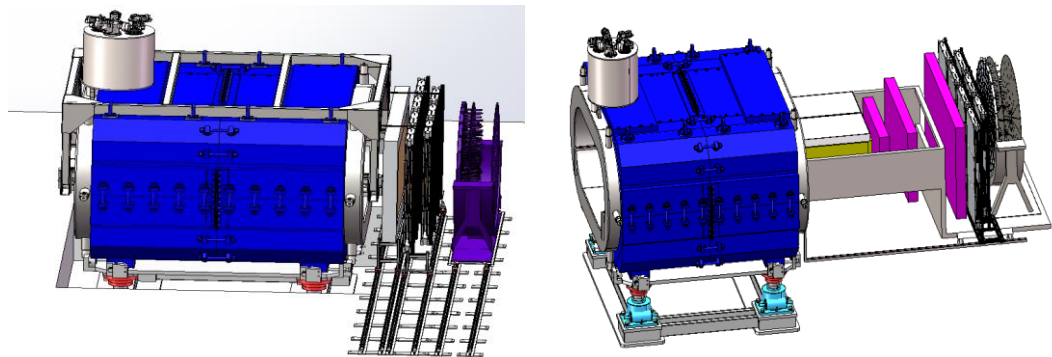


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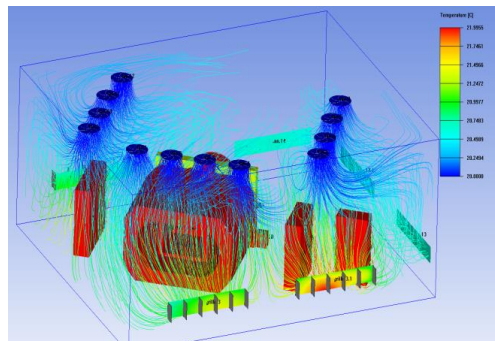
CEE Hall Layout



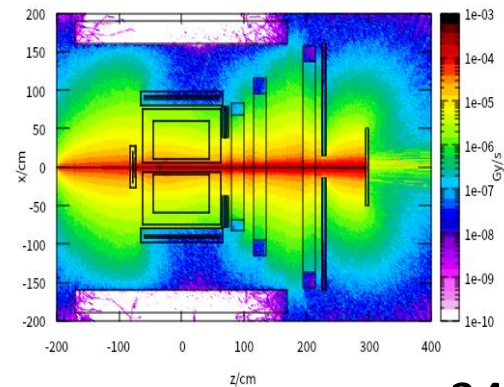
Assembly scheme



Heat simulation



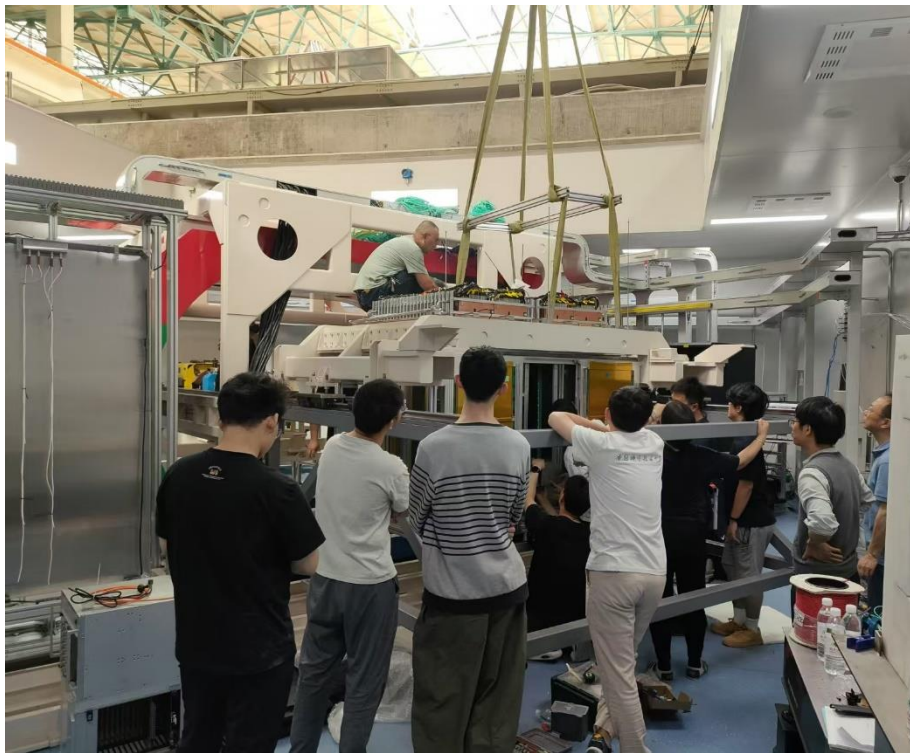
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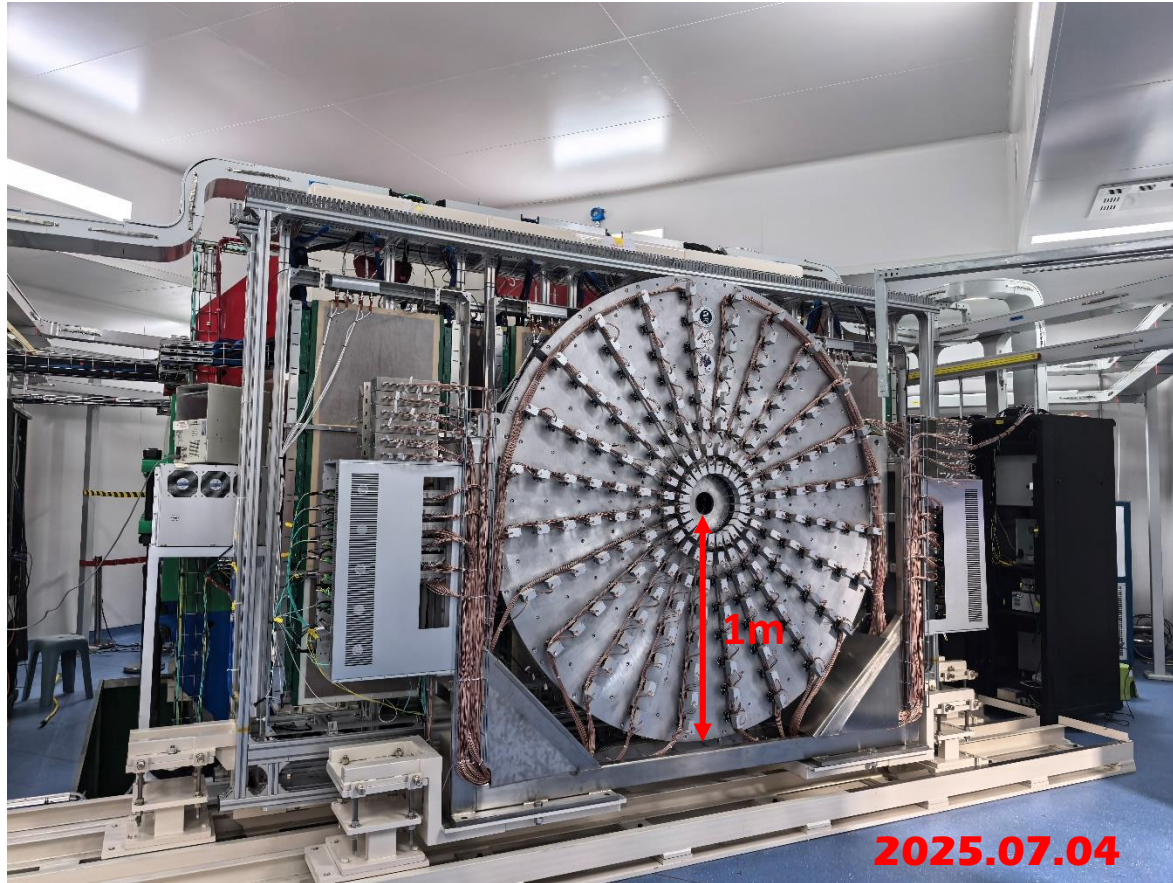
Others:

- Accelerator upgrade (in progress)
- Gas system (in progress)
- Beam line optimization (Done)
- Background noise treatment (Done)
- Radiation control (Done)

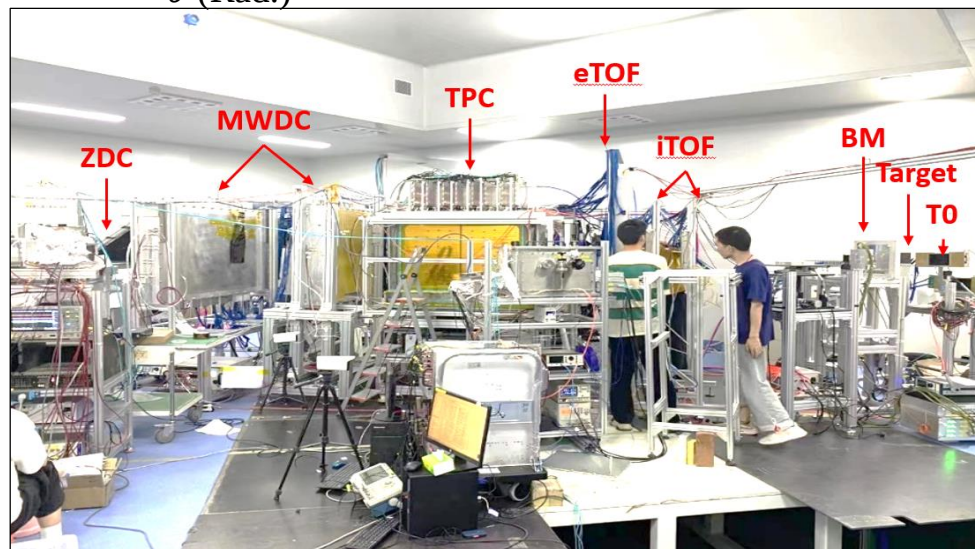
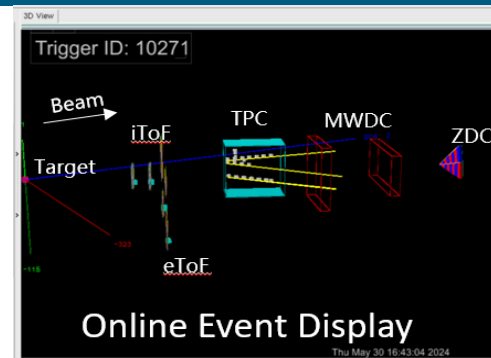
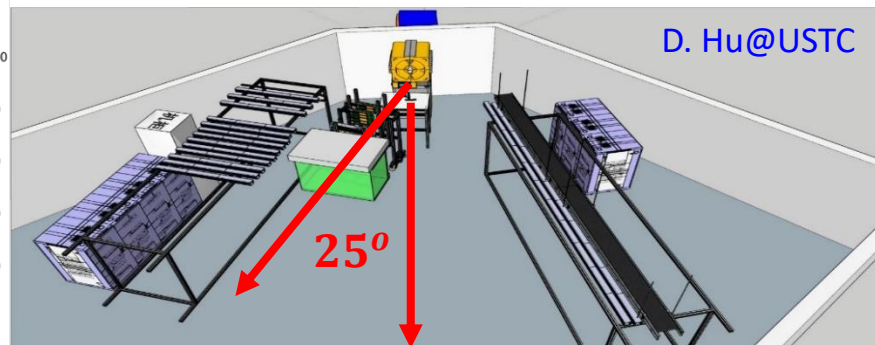
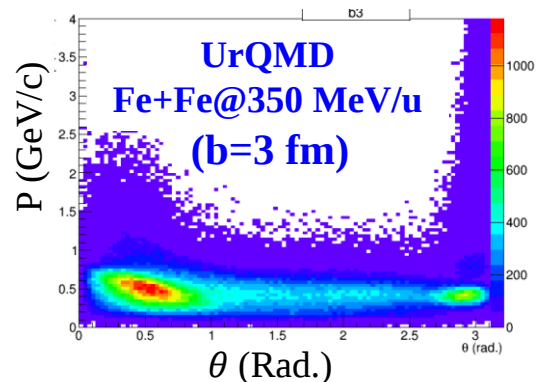
Detector System installation



CEE detector without magnet



Beam Test in May 2024



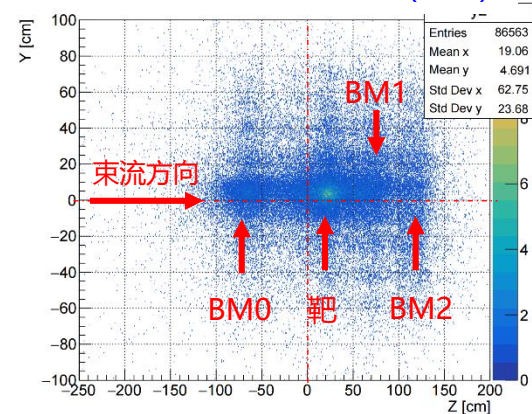
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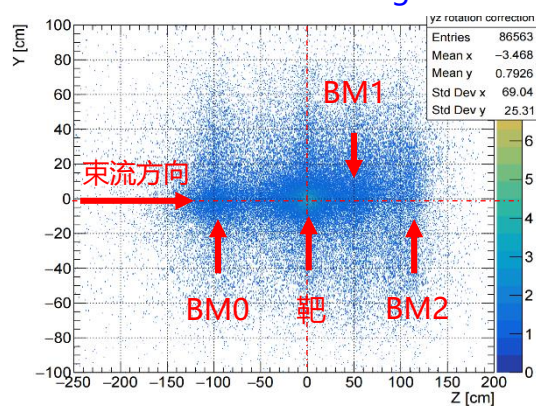


Vertex Reconstruction and Matching

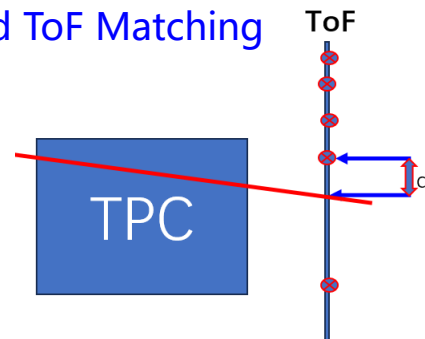
Vertex Reconstruction (X=0)



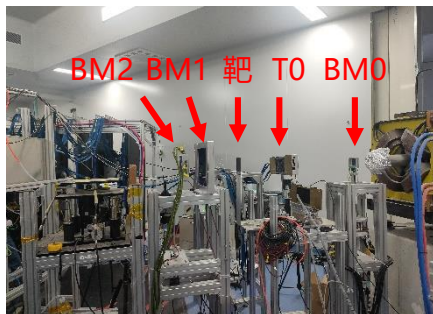
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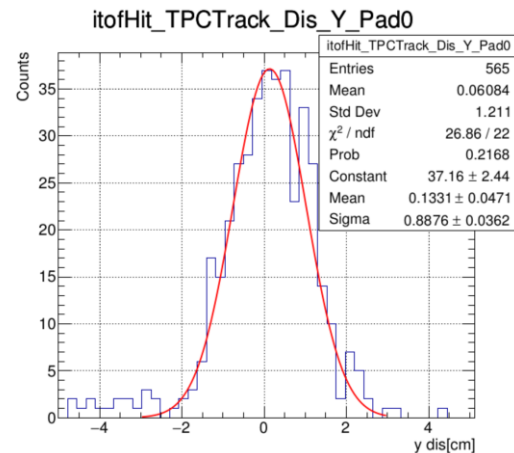
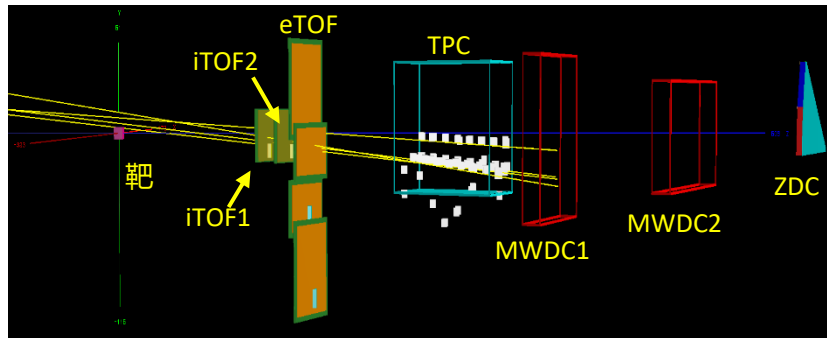
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Detectors on the beam line

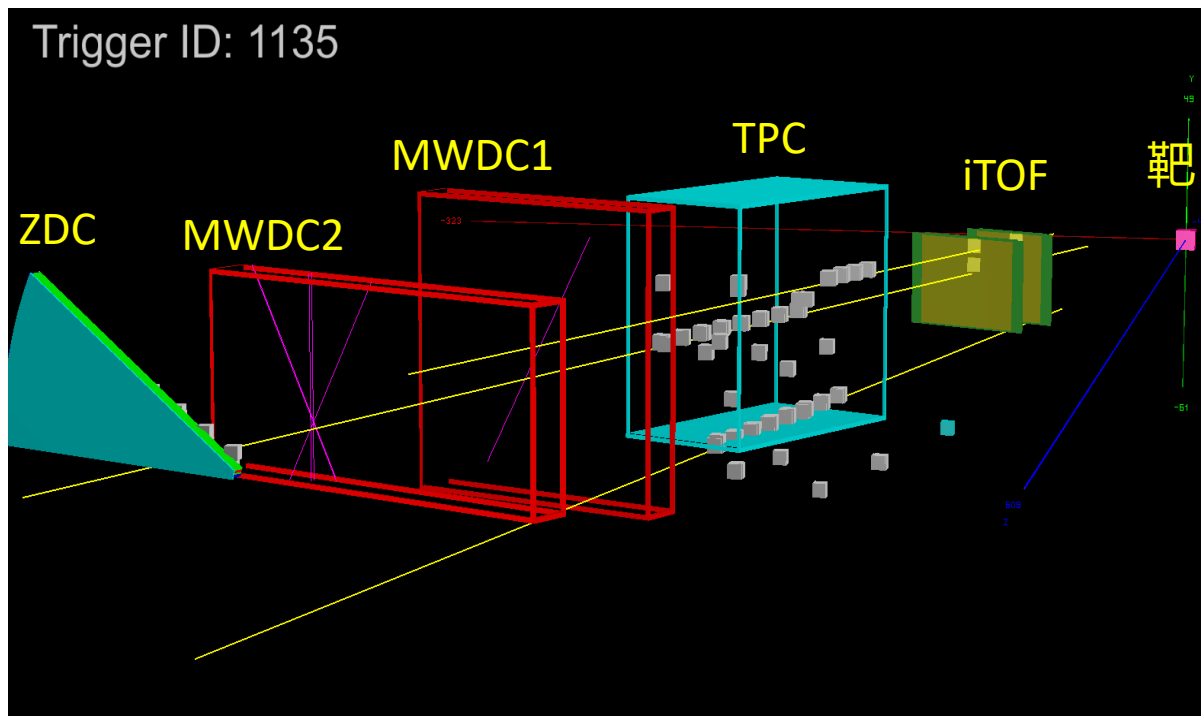


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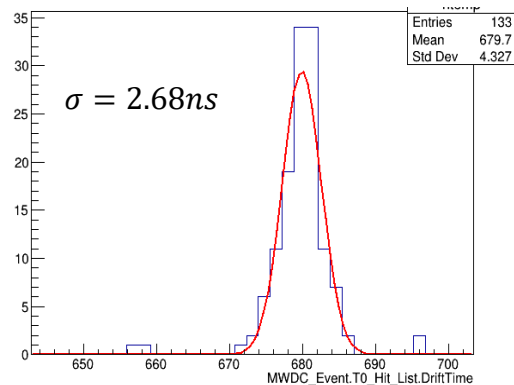


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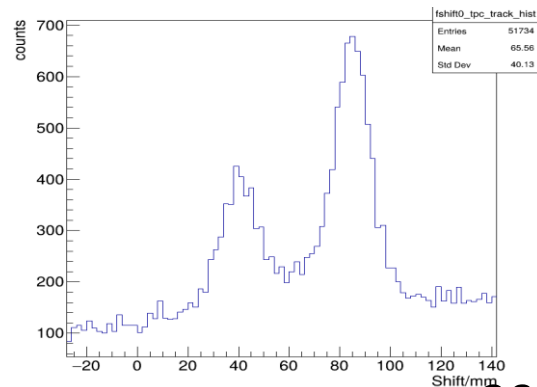
TPC-MWDC-TOF Matching



Scintillator-TOF time matching

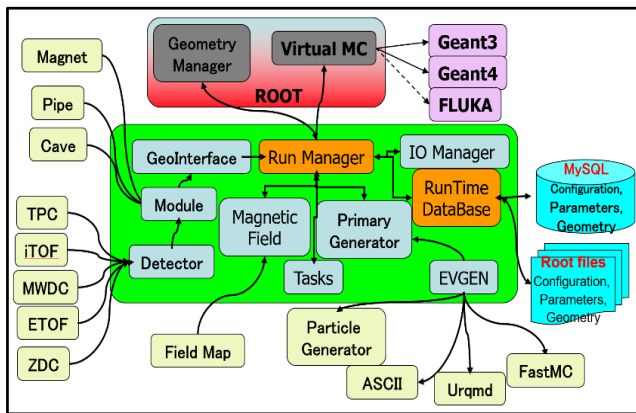


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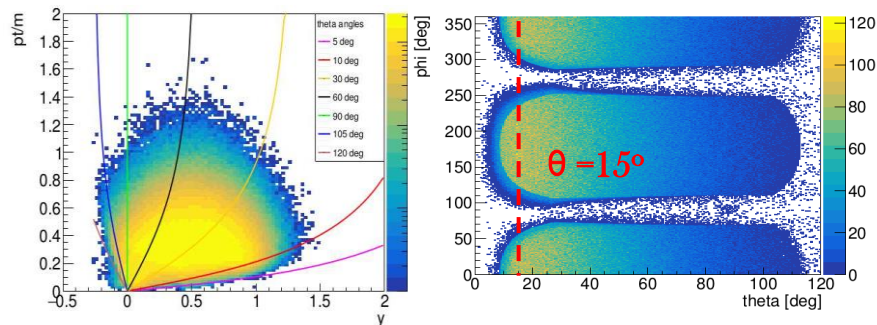
CeeROOT: CEE Simulation & Analysis Software

FairROOT Platform (<https://fairroot.gsi.de>)

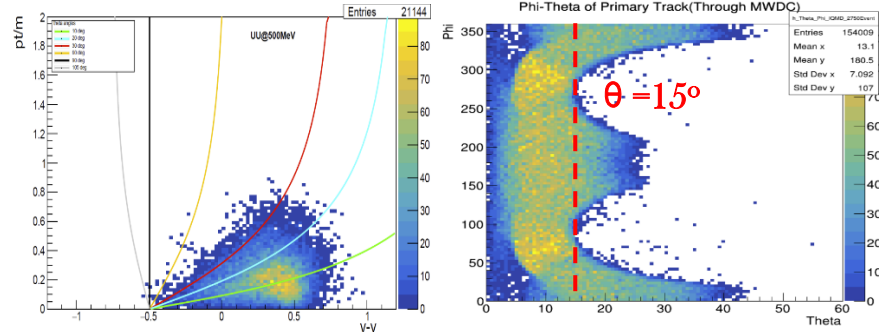
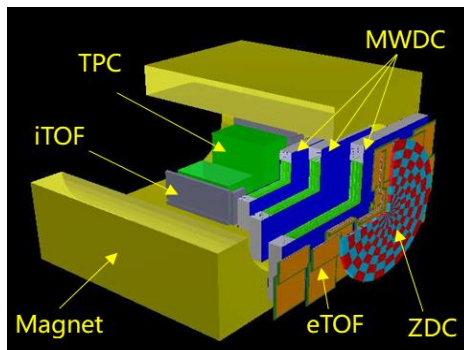
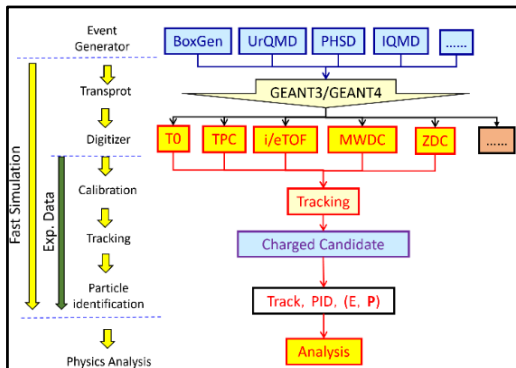


CeeROOT
Home page:
<https://gitee.com/CEESM/CeeRoot>
(Open source)

TPC acceptance

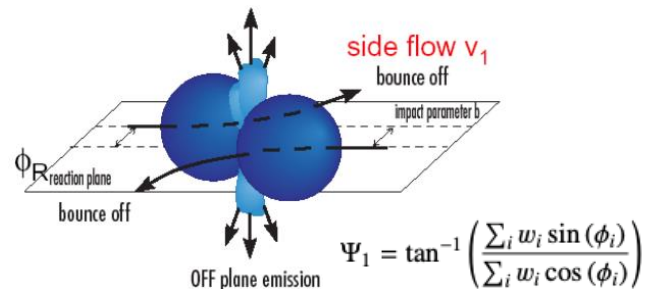
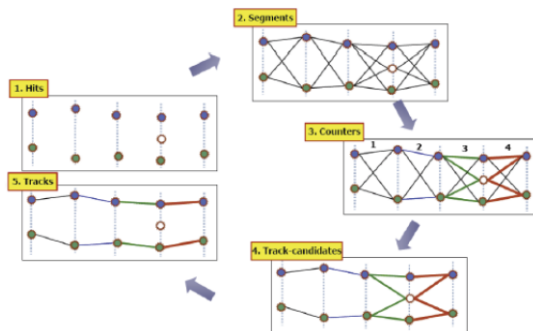


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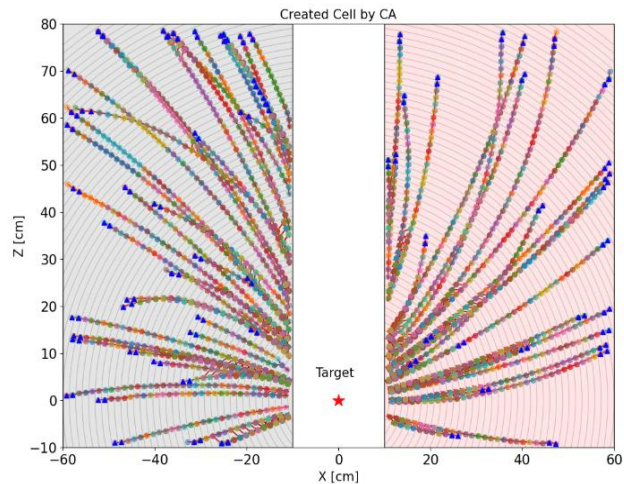


TPC tracking/Event plane reconstruction

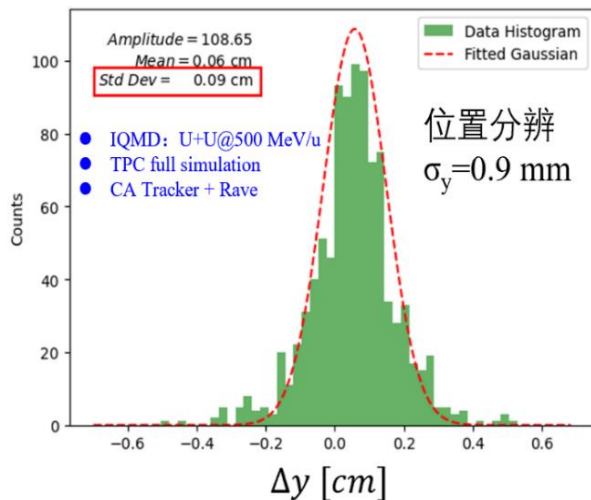
- Track finder
Cellular Automaton (CA)
- Track fitting
Kalman filter (Genfit)
- Vertex fitting: RAVE



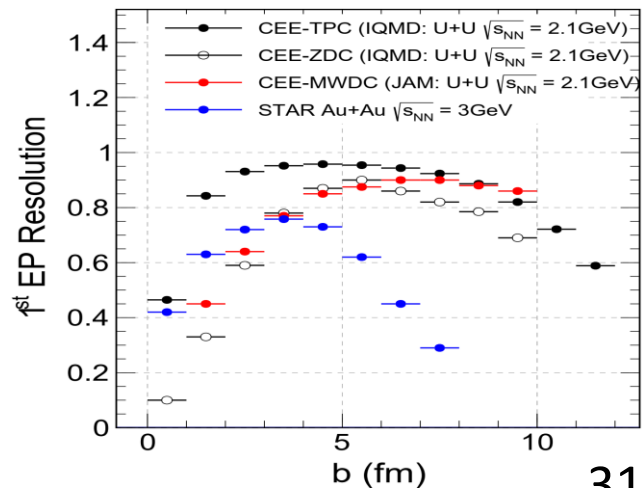
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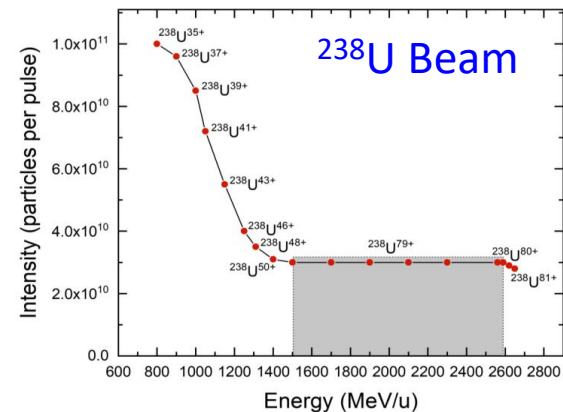
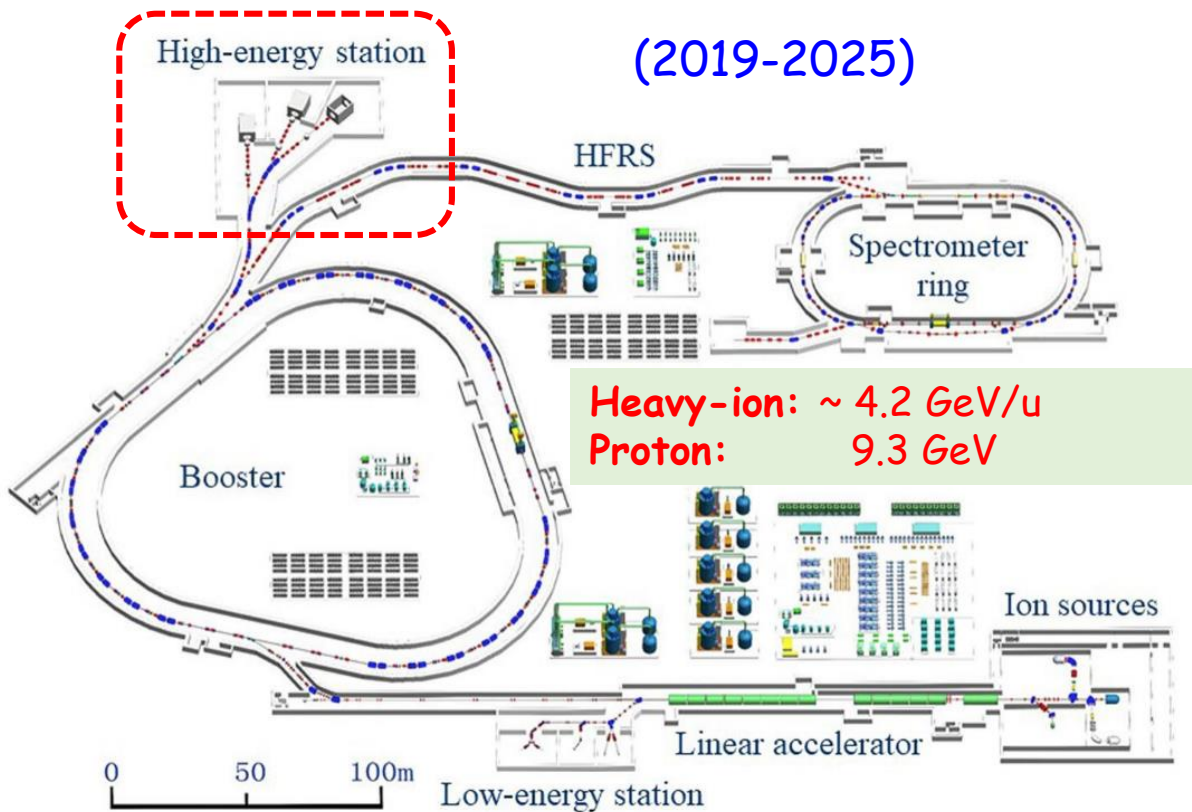


Vertex based TPC tracks



Event plane reconstruction



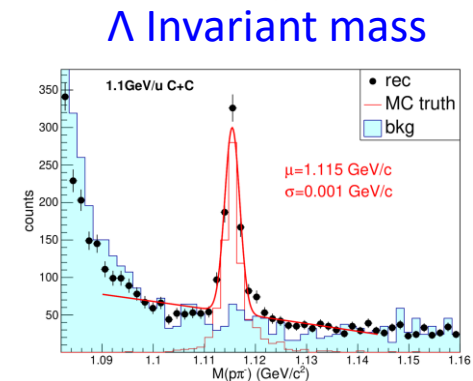
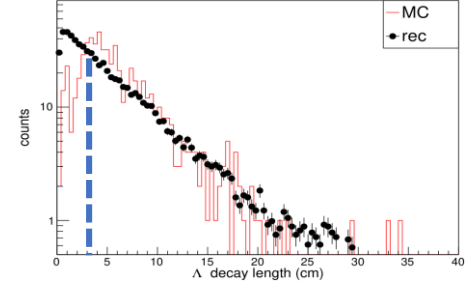
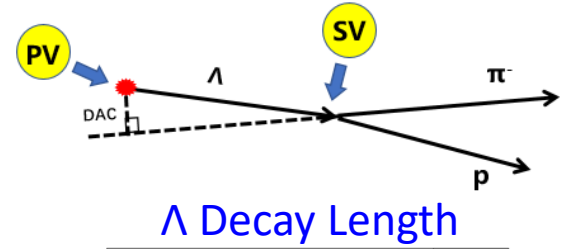


With pp/pA/AA at HIAF

- Phase diagram
- EoS & neutron star
- Strangeness & hypernuclei
- In-medium effect of hadron
- Short range correlation
- ...

Summary

- CEE SC magnet still needs ~8-12 months delay
- CEE detection system installation is completed
- Test Run will be 10-14, July, 2025
- CEE Spectrometer is expected to be in commissioning in end of 2025 with SC magnet (UU at 500 MeV/u)
- HIAF allows us to explore more physics at high-baryon density region





Thanks for your attention!