

η' Photoproduction at GlueX (Hall D), Brief introduction about ALERT Experiment(HALL B)

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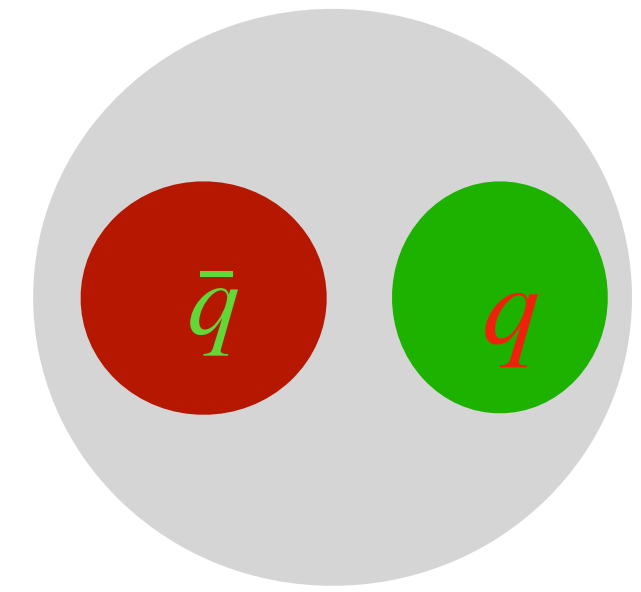
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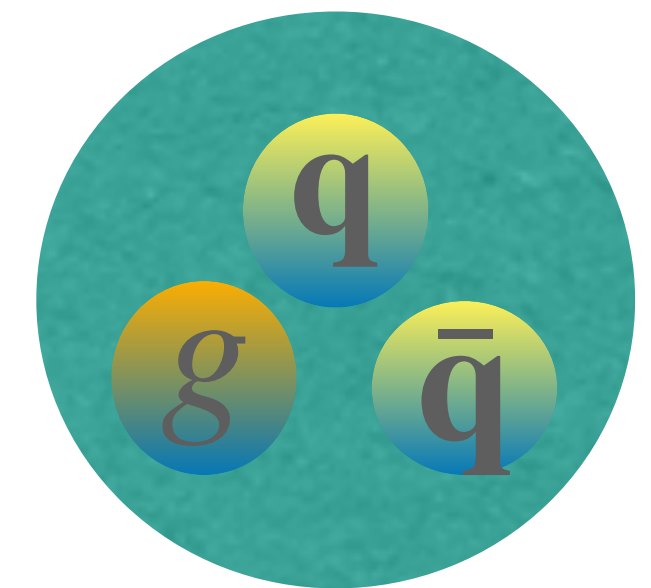


GlueX Experiment and Hybrid Search Program

- **Objective of GlueX Experiment:** Mapping out the spectrum of light exotic and hybrid mesons, enhances the understanding of quantum chromodynamics (QCD).
- **Hybrid Mesons with Unusual Quantum Numbers:** Some hybrid mesons such as $\pi_1(1600)$ $J^{PC} : 1^{-+}$ exhibit quantum numbers that do not follow naive quark-antiquark model.
- **Production Mechanisms for Exotic Mesons:** The production of the lightest exotics involves an analogous exchange process with ordinary pseudoscalar mesons such as η' , π^0 , and η involving Regge Exchanges.
- **Dual Parity Exchange Contributions:** Hybrid exotic mesons see contribution from both the natural $(P(-1)^J = 1)$ and unnatural $(P(-1)^J = -1)$ parity exchanges which can also be seen in the ordinary pseudoscalar mesons.



Ordinary Meson



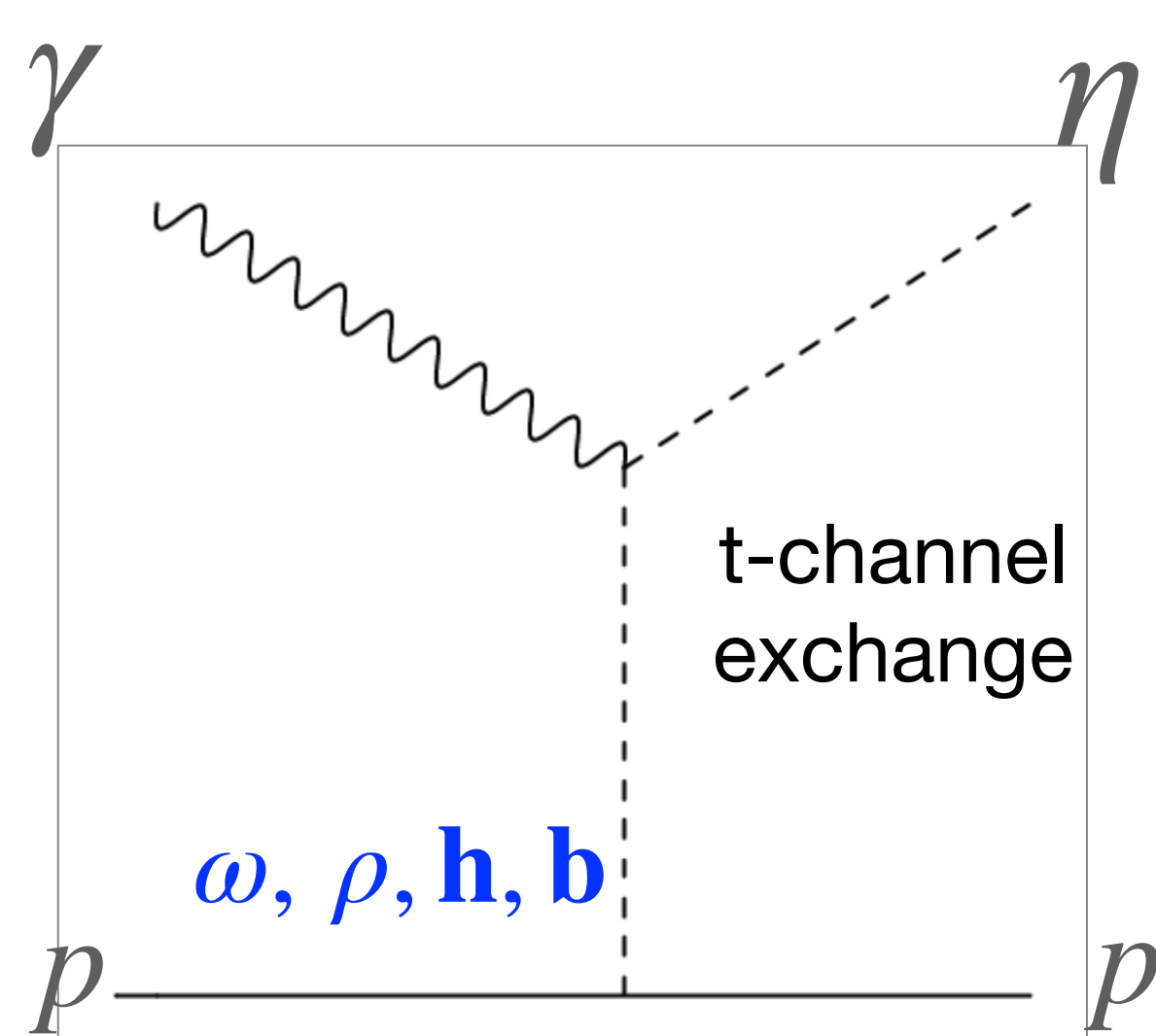
Hybrid Meson

Beam Asymmetry (Σ)

- Differential cross-section for the photons polarized perpendicular or parallel to the reaction plane, s and t are Mandelstam variables.
- Beam Asymmetry give access to exchange processes
- Putting new constraints to Regge models, understanding production mechanism

$$\Sigma_{\eta'} = \frac{d\sigma_{\perp} - d\sigma_{\parallel}}{d\sigma_{\perp} + d\sigma_{\parallel}}$$

$$d\sigma_{\perp,\parallel} \equiv \frac{d\sigma_{\perp,\parallel}(s, t)}{dt}$$

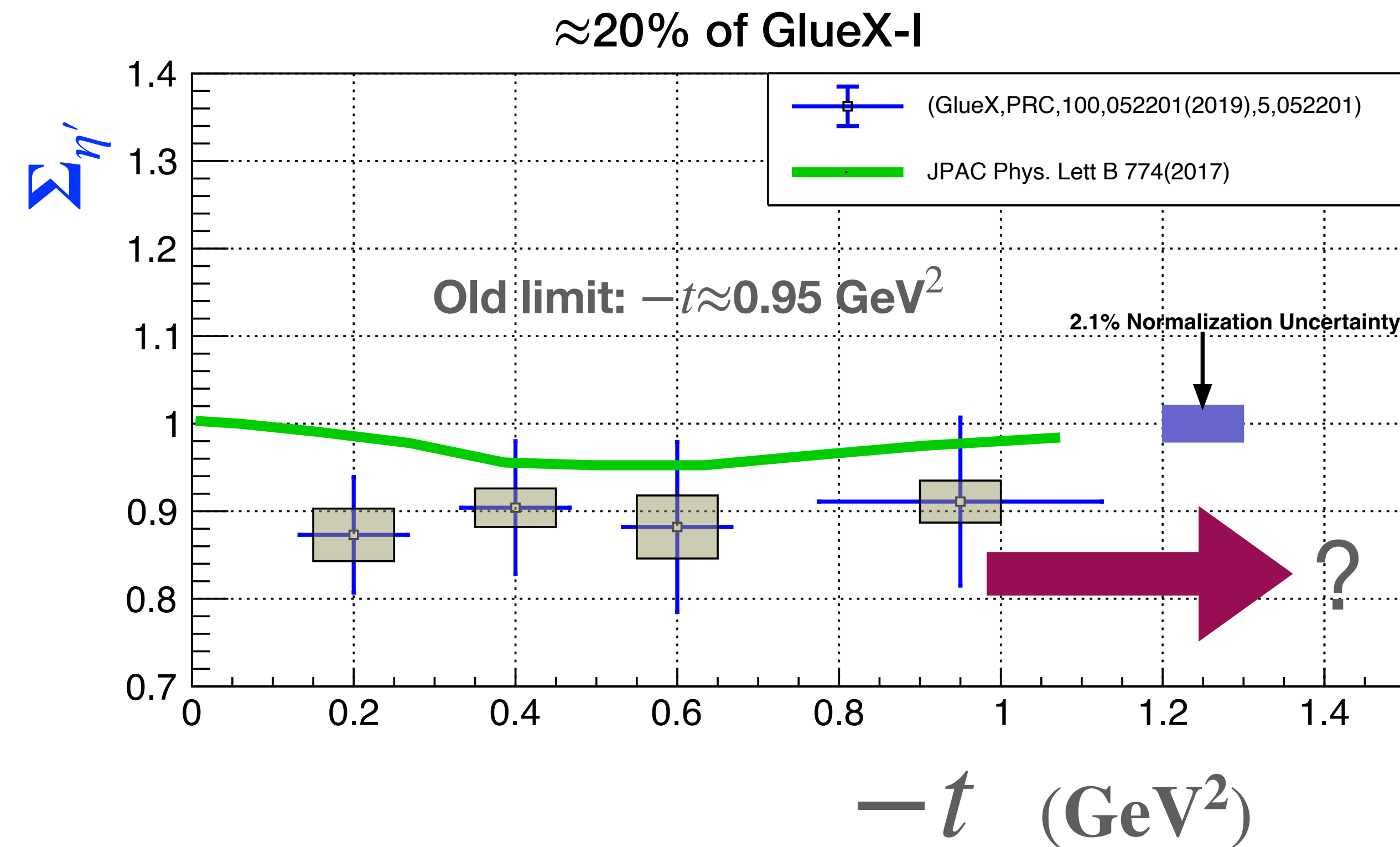


Natural Parity Exchange Unnatural Parity Exchange

$$\Sigma = \frac{|\omega + \rho|^2 - |\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{b}|^2}{|\omega + \rho|^2 + |\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{b}|^2}$$

$\Sigma = \pm 1$ indicates vector meson/axial vector meson dominance

Motivation



Results from GlueX Collaboration
(PRC, 100, 052201(2019), 5, 052201)

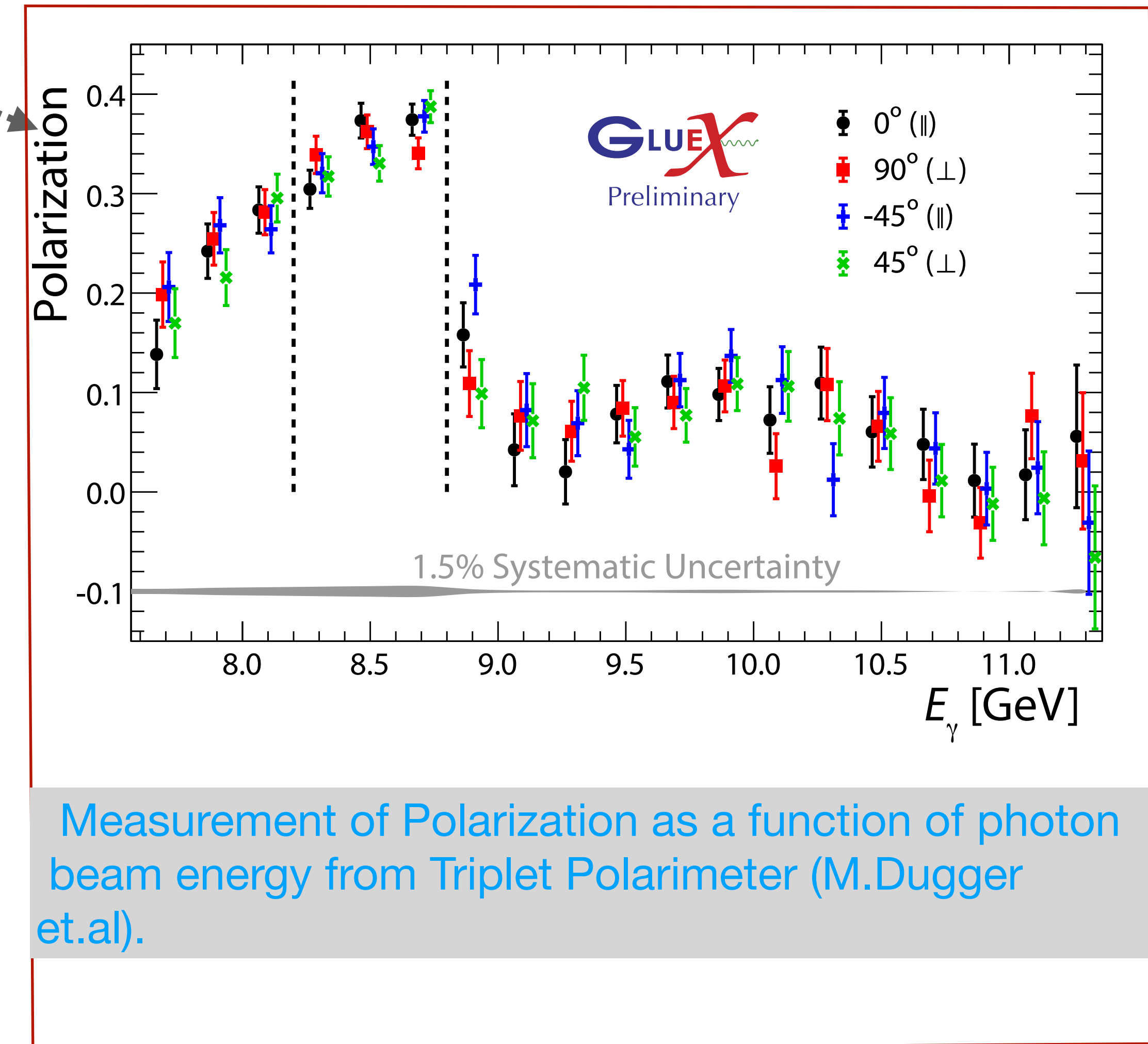
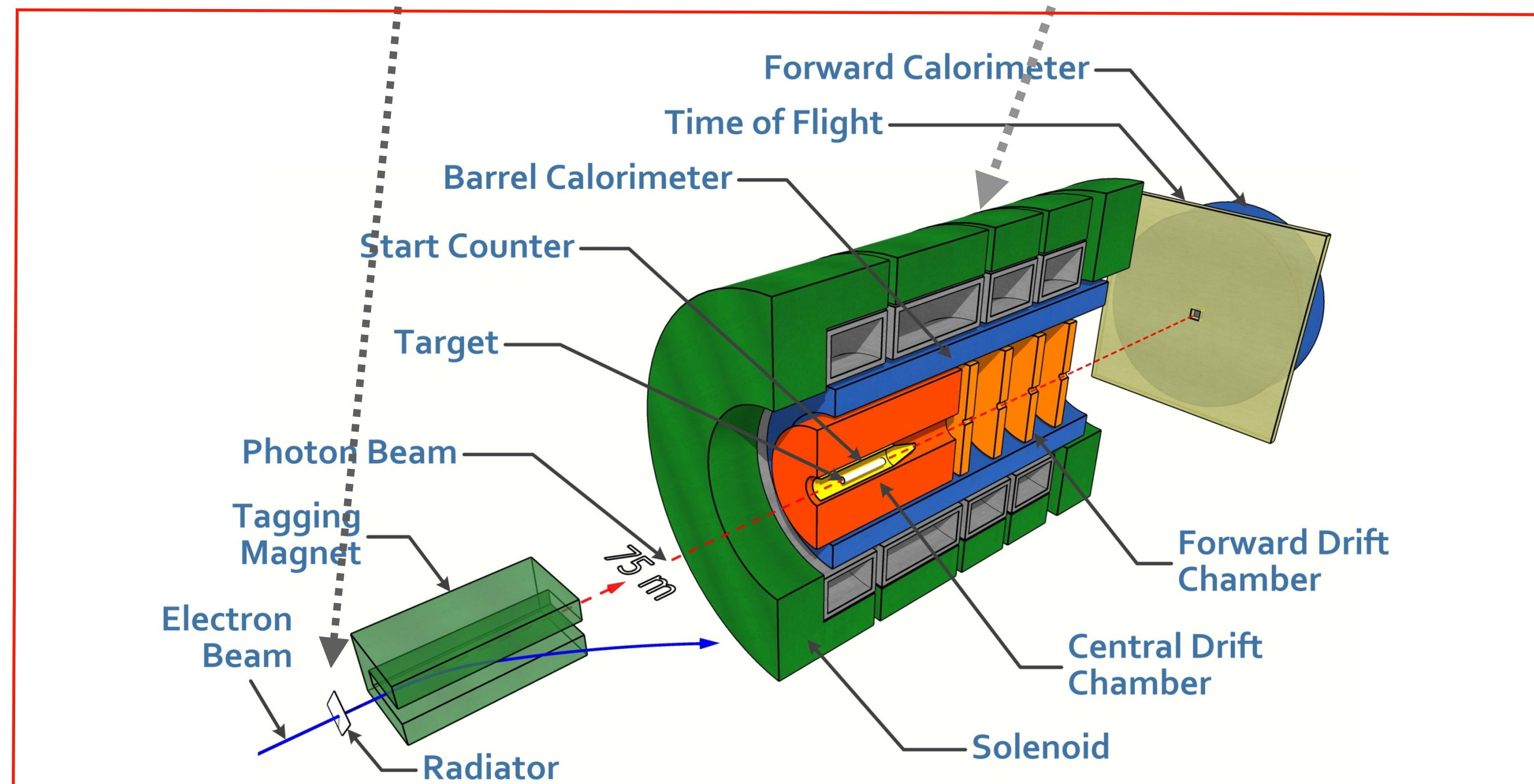
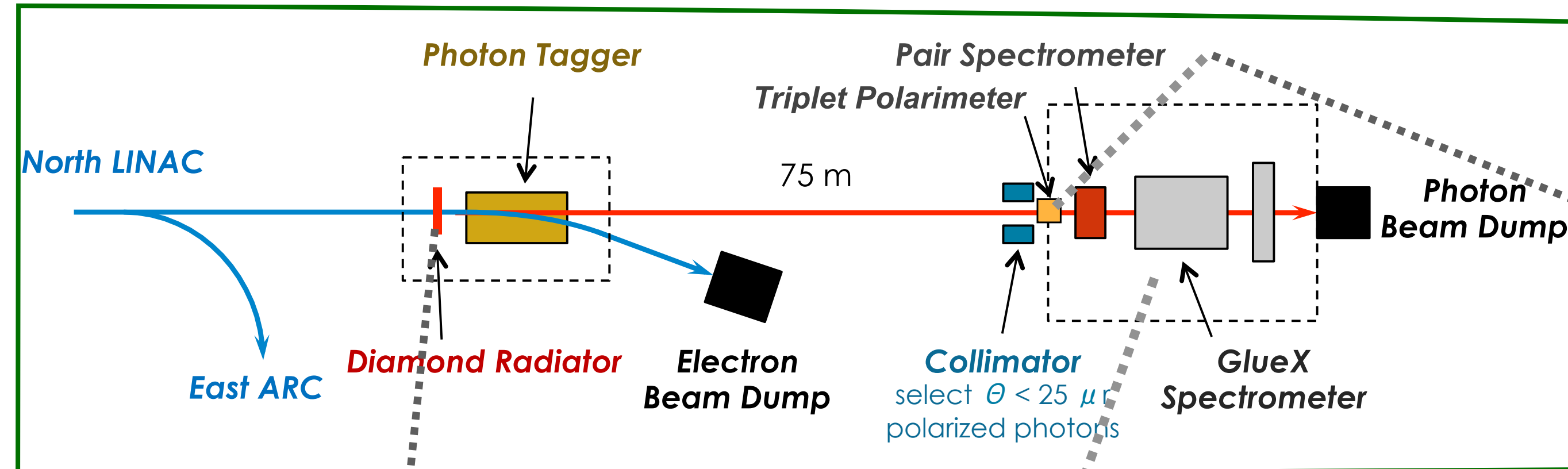
$$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta' p, \eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-, \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^0 \pi^0$$

$$\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

- First results with $\approx 20\%$ of data
- For the decay mode $\eta' \rightarrow \eta \pi^+ \pi^-$
- Natural parity exchange dominance
- Higher $-t$ limit and Production Mechanism

GlueX Beamline, Detector & Polarization



Beam Asymmetry Method

$$\sigma_{pol}(\phi, \phi_\gamma) = \sigma_{unpol}[1 - P_\gamma \Sigma \cos(2(\phi - \phi_\gamma))]$$

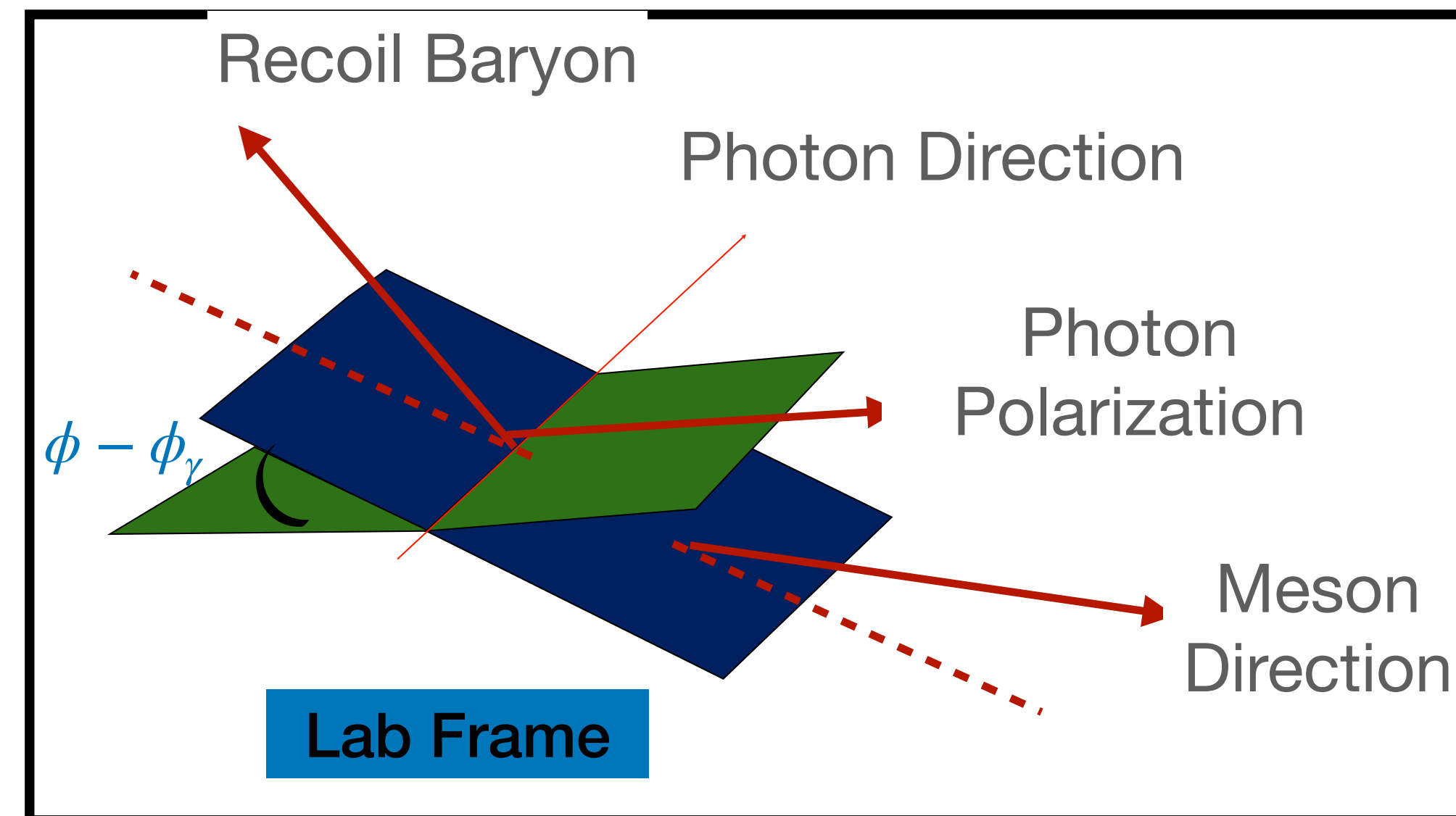
$$Y_{\parallel}(\phi, \phi_\gamma = 0) \propto N_{\parallel}[\sigma_0 A(\phi)(1 - P_{\parallel} \Sigma \cos 2\phi)]$$

$$Y_{\perp}(\phi, \phi_\gamma = 90) \propto N_{\perp}[\sigma_0 A(\phi)(1 + P_{\perp} \Sigma \cos 2\phi)]$$

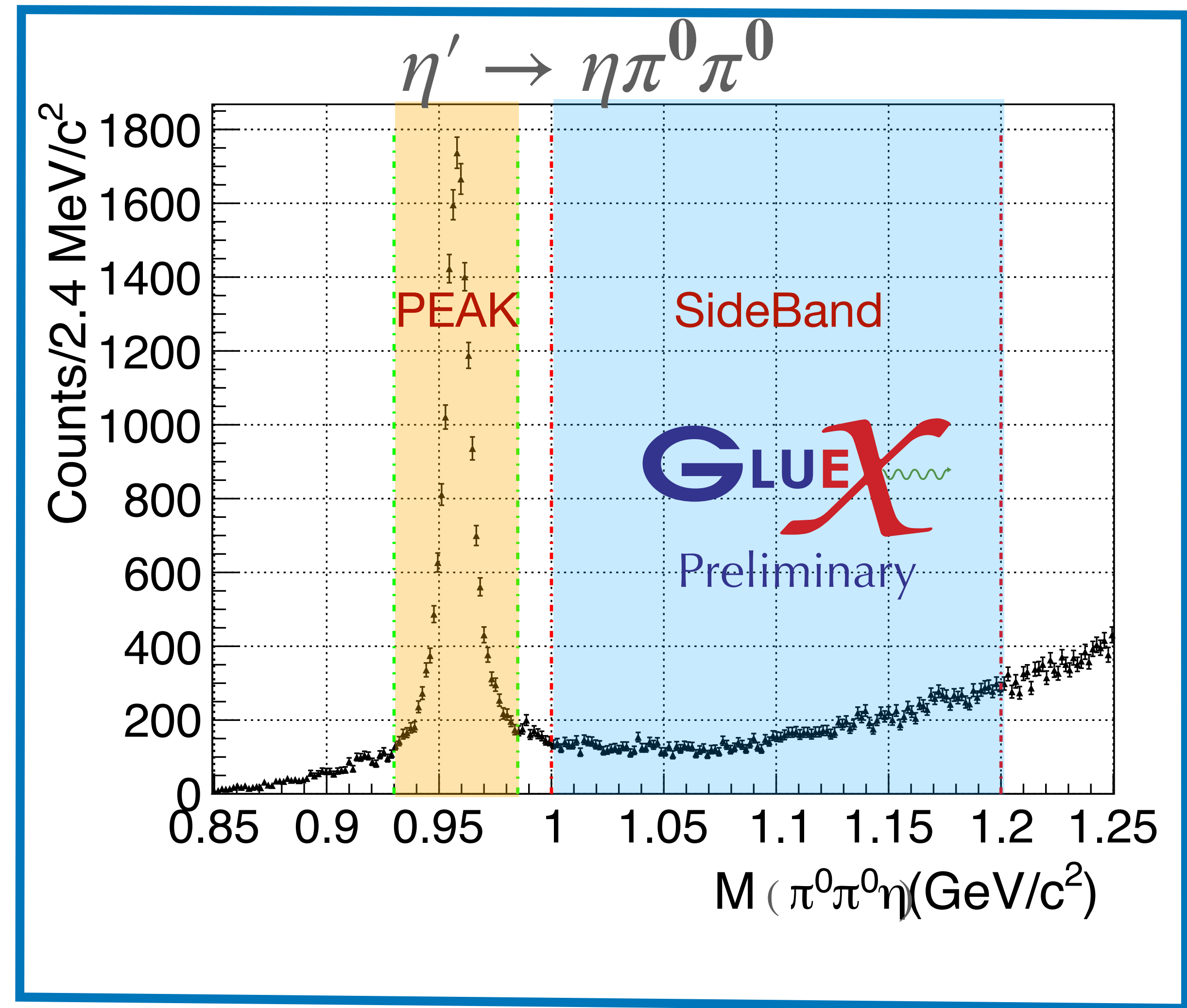
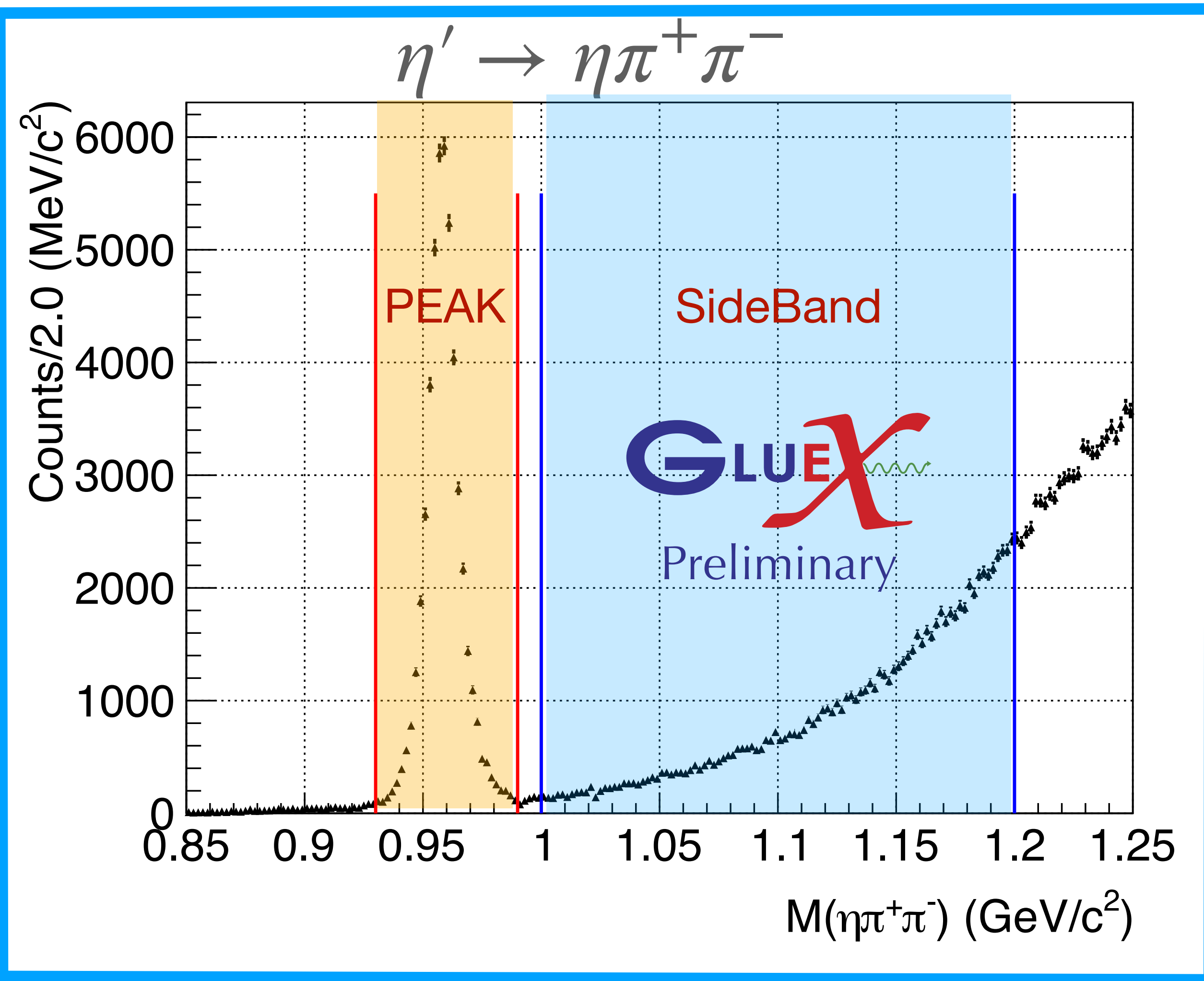
$$\Sigma = \frac{\sigma_{\perp} - \sigma_{\parallel}}{\sigma_{\perp} + \sigma_{\parallel}}$$

$$\text{YIELD ASYMMETRY (YA)} = \frac{Y_{\perp} - F_R Y_{\parallel}}{Y_{\perp} + F_R Y_{\parallel}} = \frac{(P_{\perp} + P_{\parallel}) \Sigma \cos 2(\phi - \phi_0)}{2 + (P_{\perp} - P_{\parallel}) \Sigma \cos 2(\phi - \phi_0)}$$

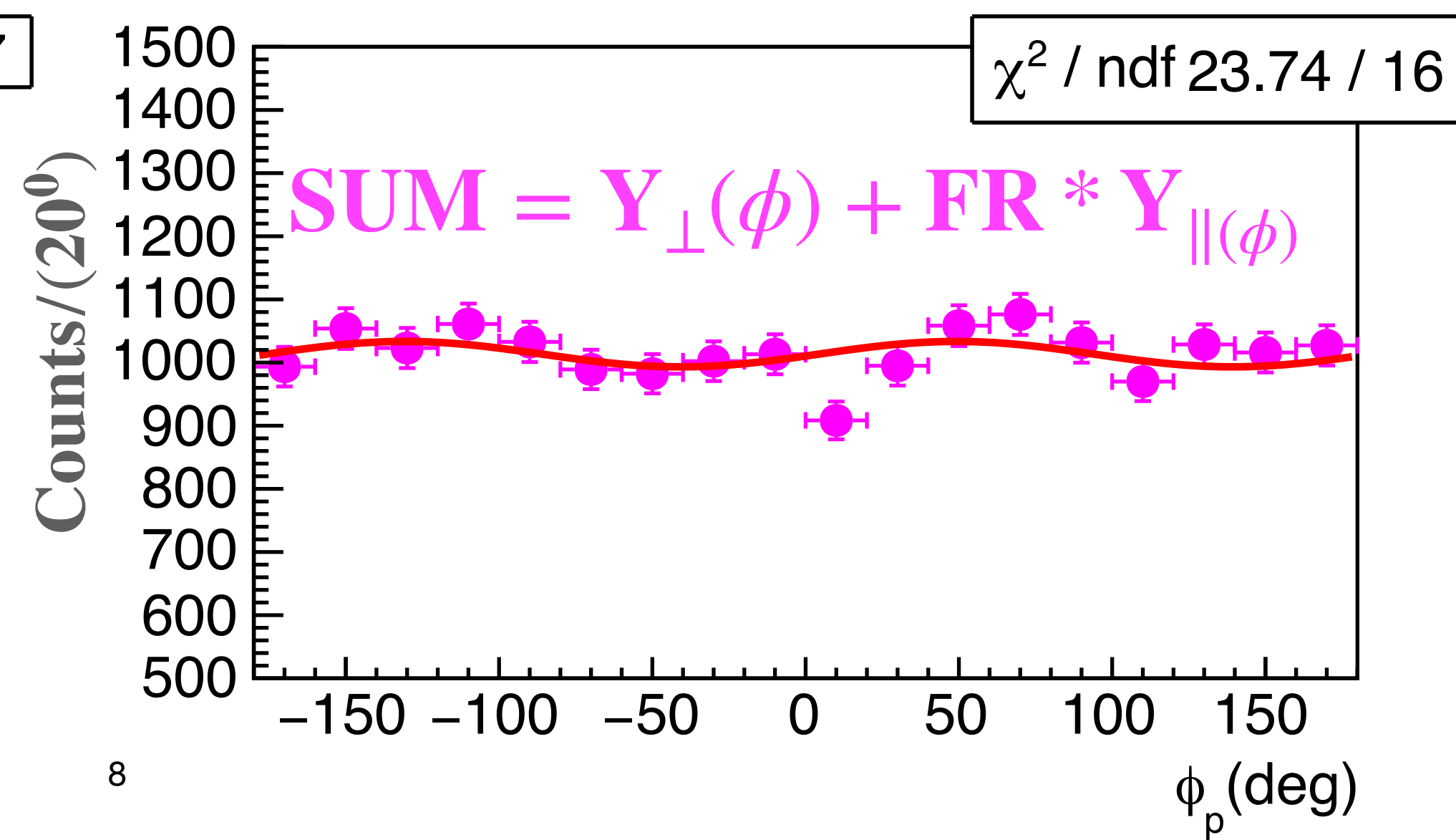
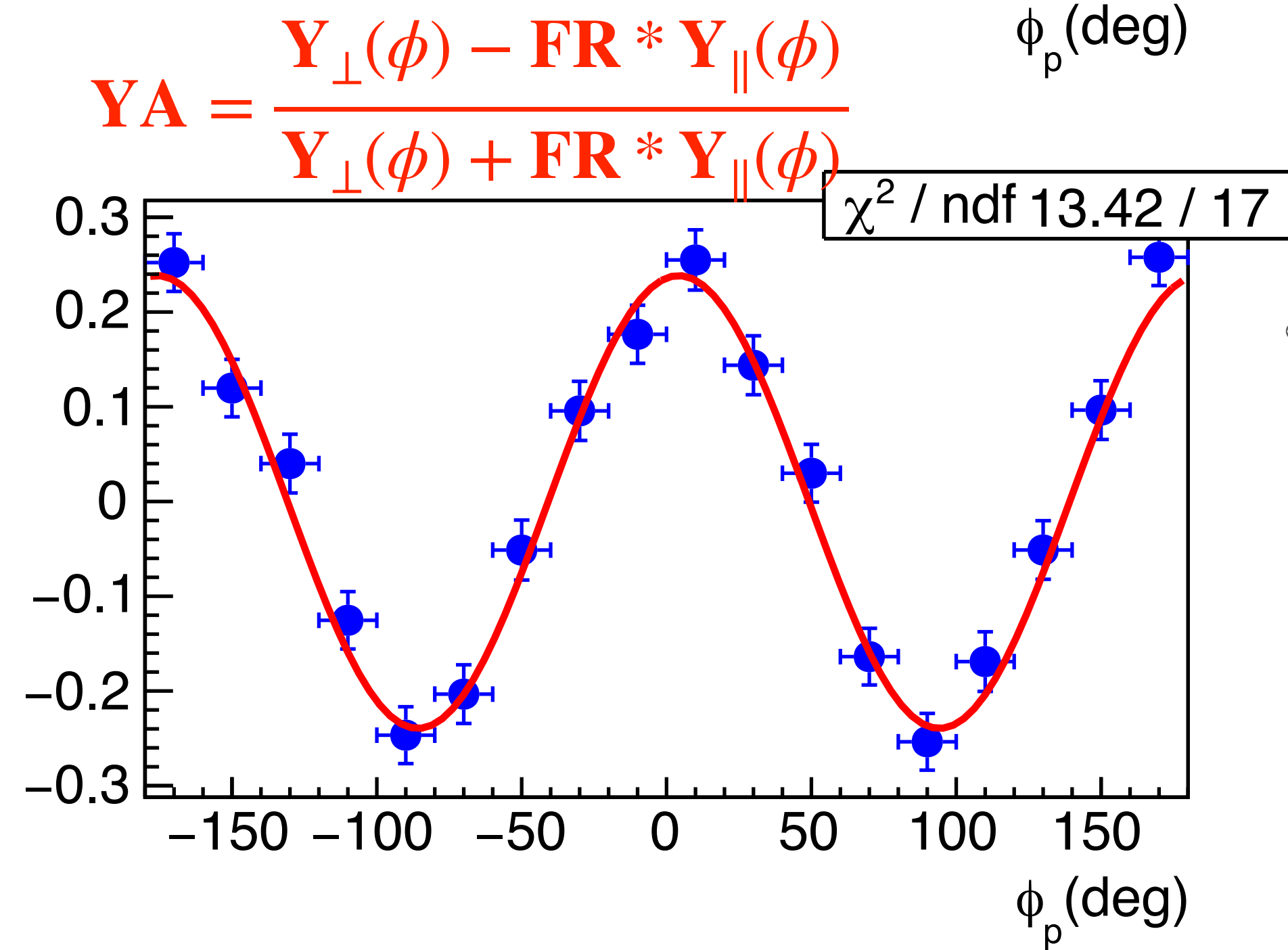
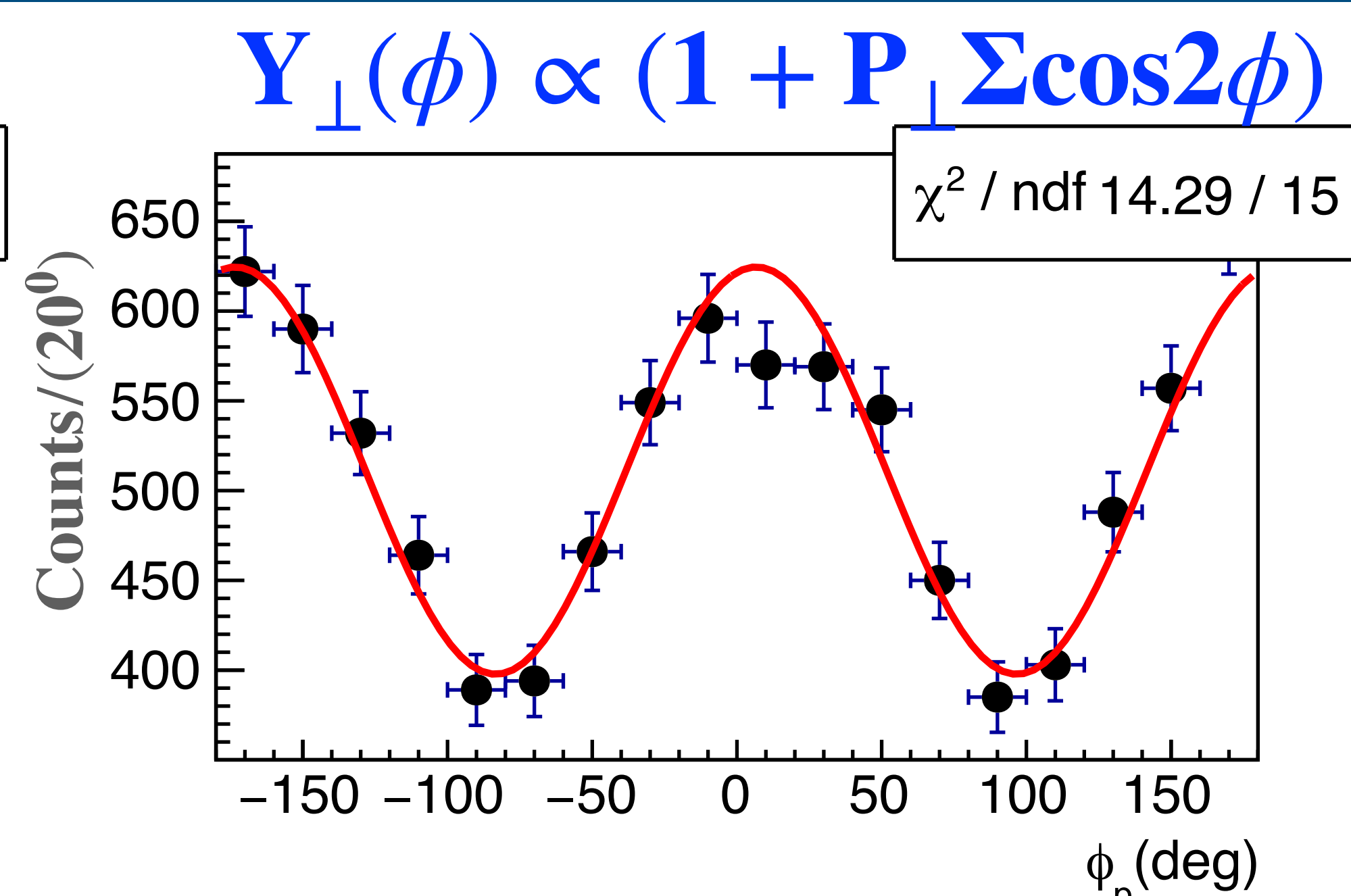
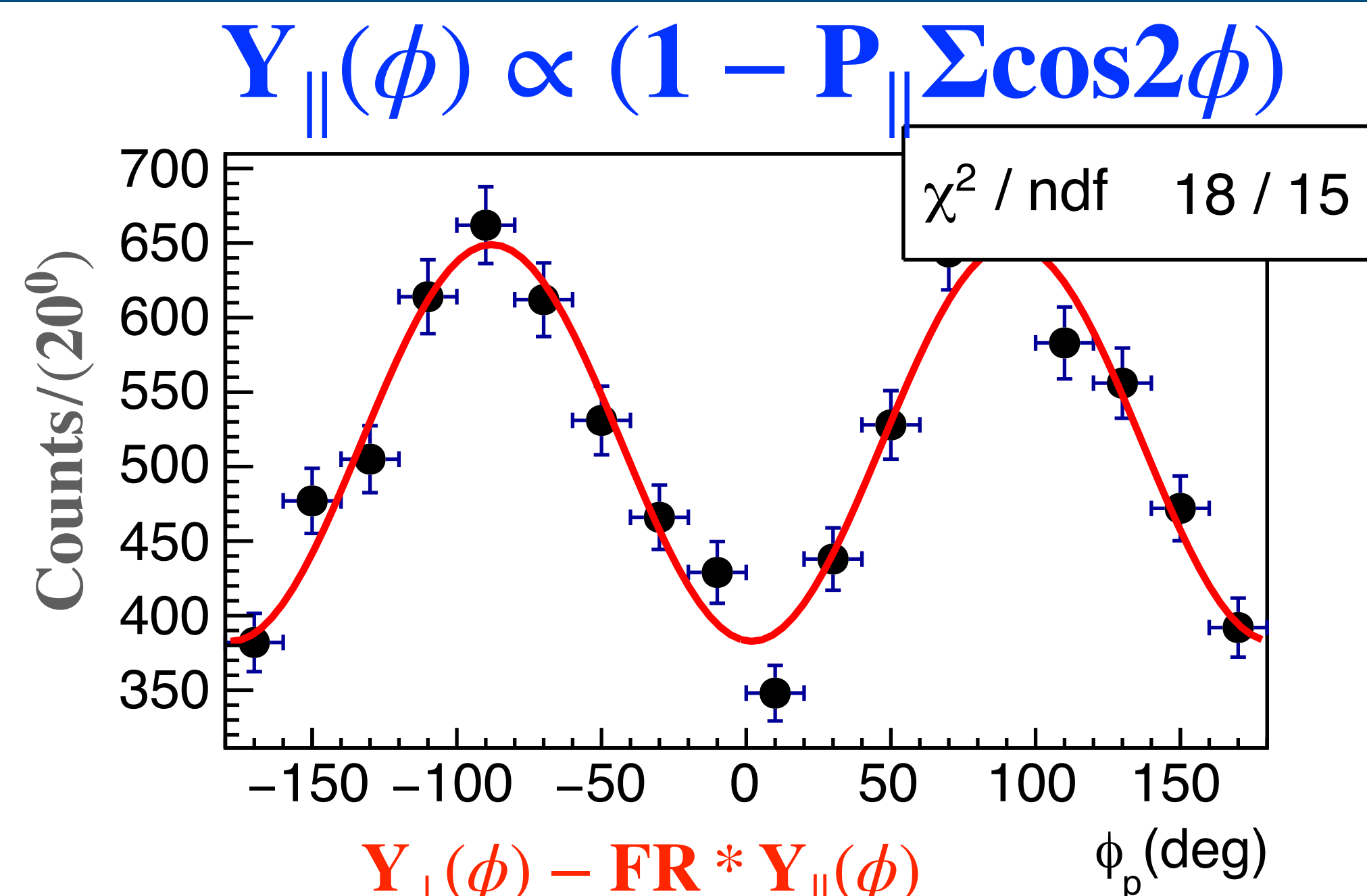
$$F_R = \frac{N_{\perp}}{N_{\parallel}} \approx 1$$



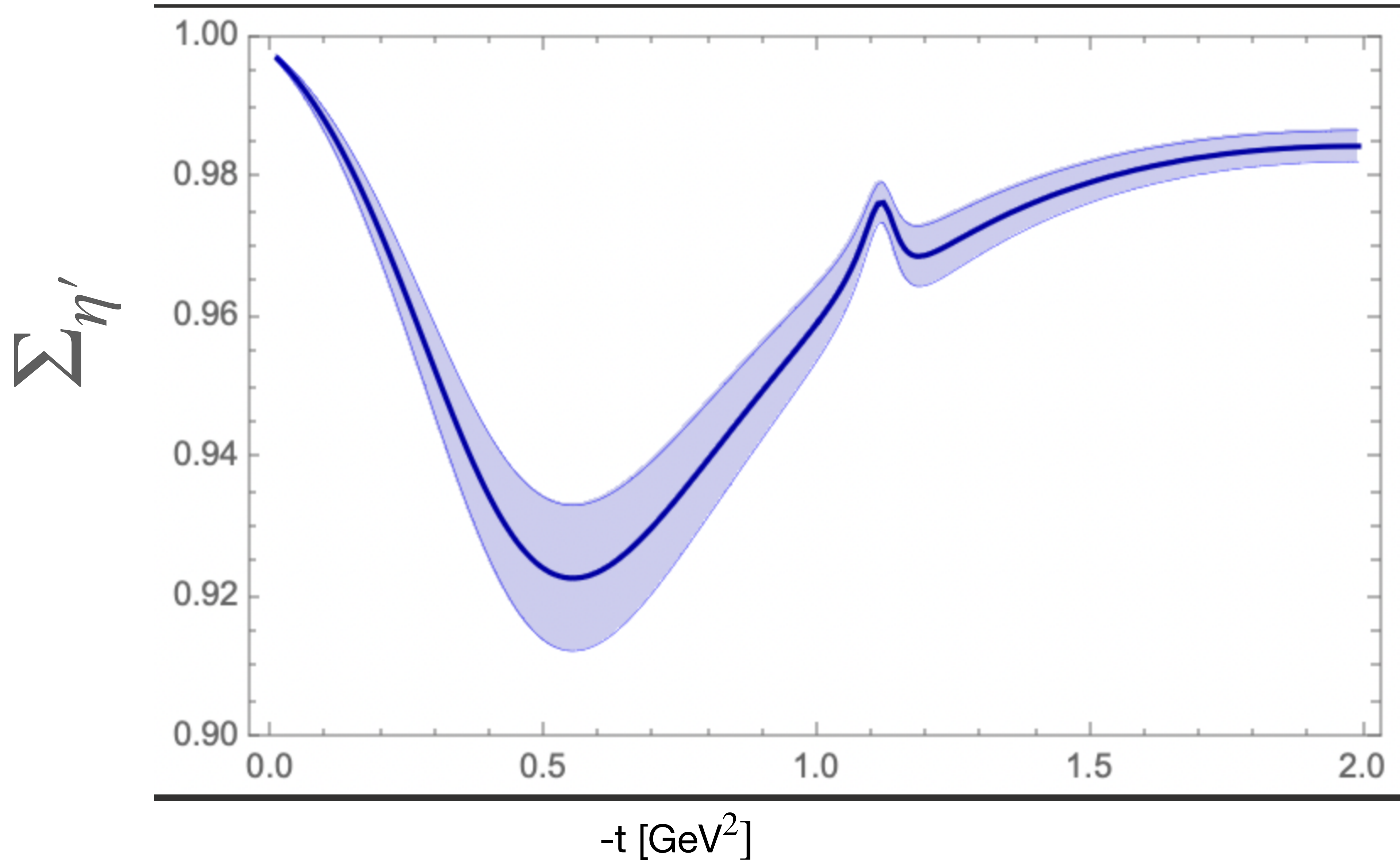
Invariant Mass Spectra



Angular Distributions, Yield Asymmetry, and SUM plot for the decay $\eta' \rightarrow \eta\pi^+\pi^-$

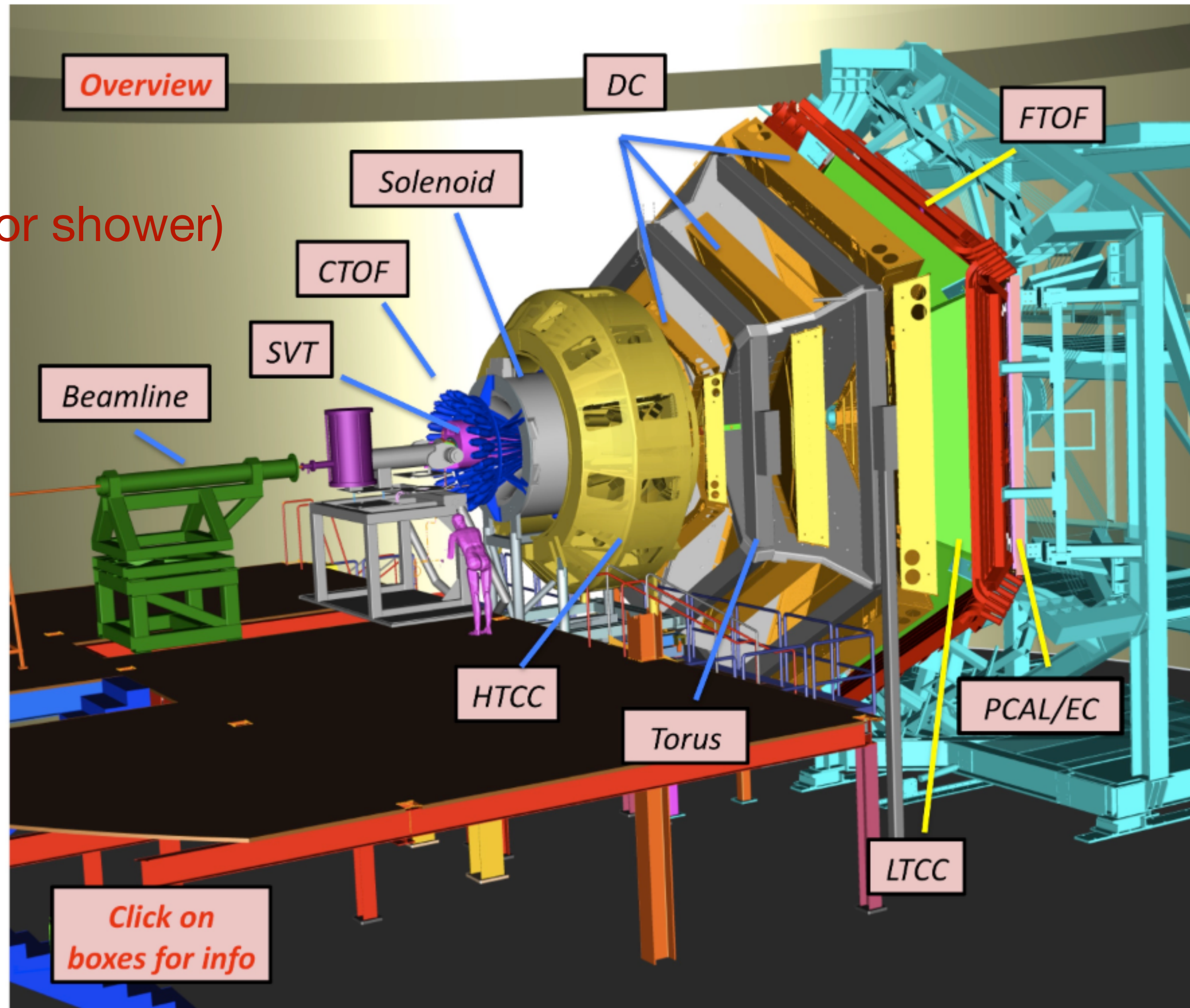


JPAC Model (η') Beam Asymmetry



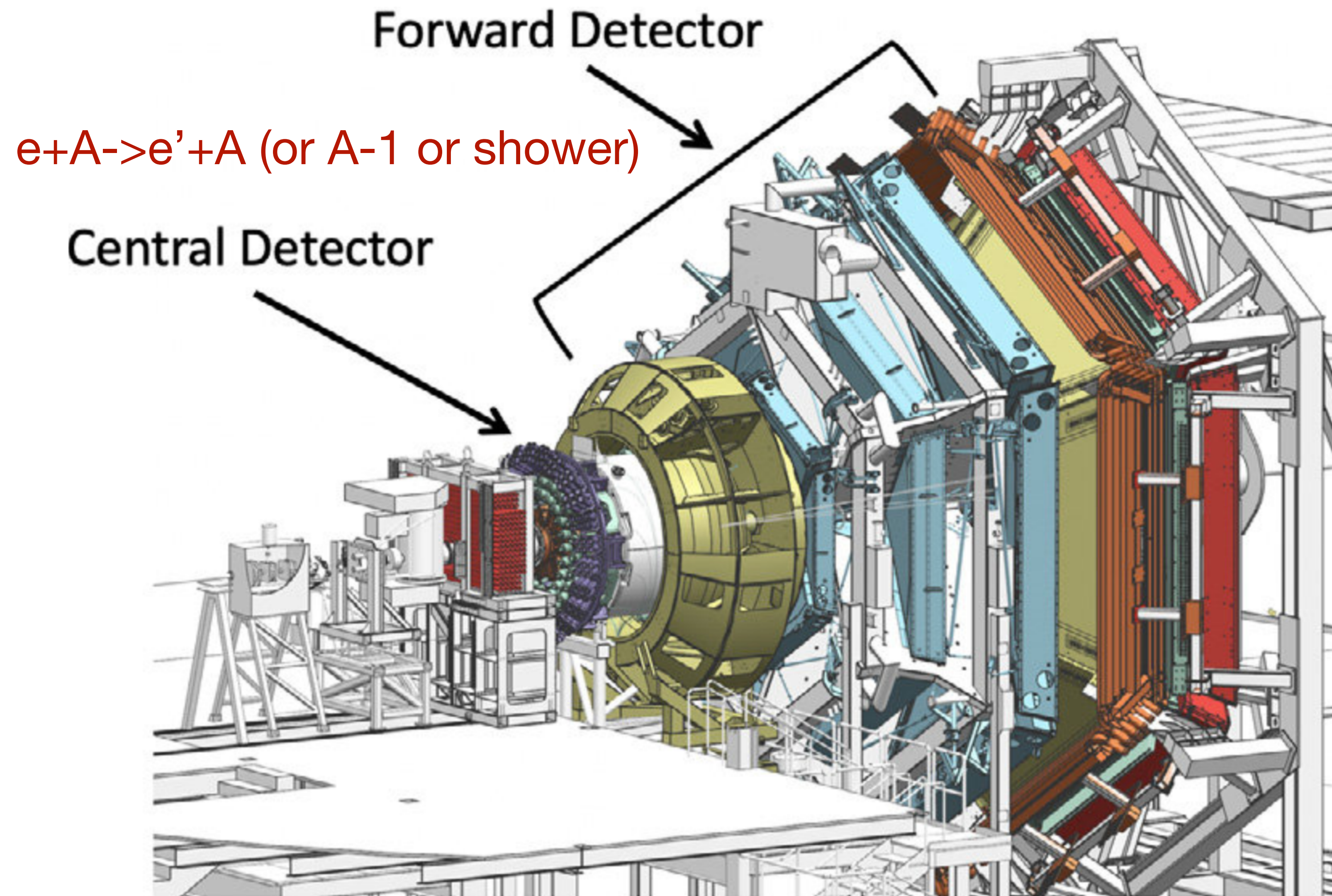
Clas12 Detector

$e+A \rightarrow e' + A$ (or $A-1$ or shower)



Source: clas12wiki

Clas12 Detector



Source : google

The ALERT Detector

- ALERT comprises two sub-detectors: A Hyperbolic Drift Chamber (AHDCh) and A Time of Flight (ATOF).

ALERT ToF

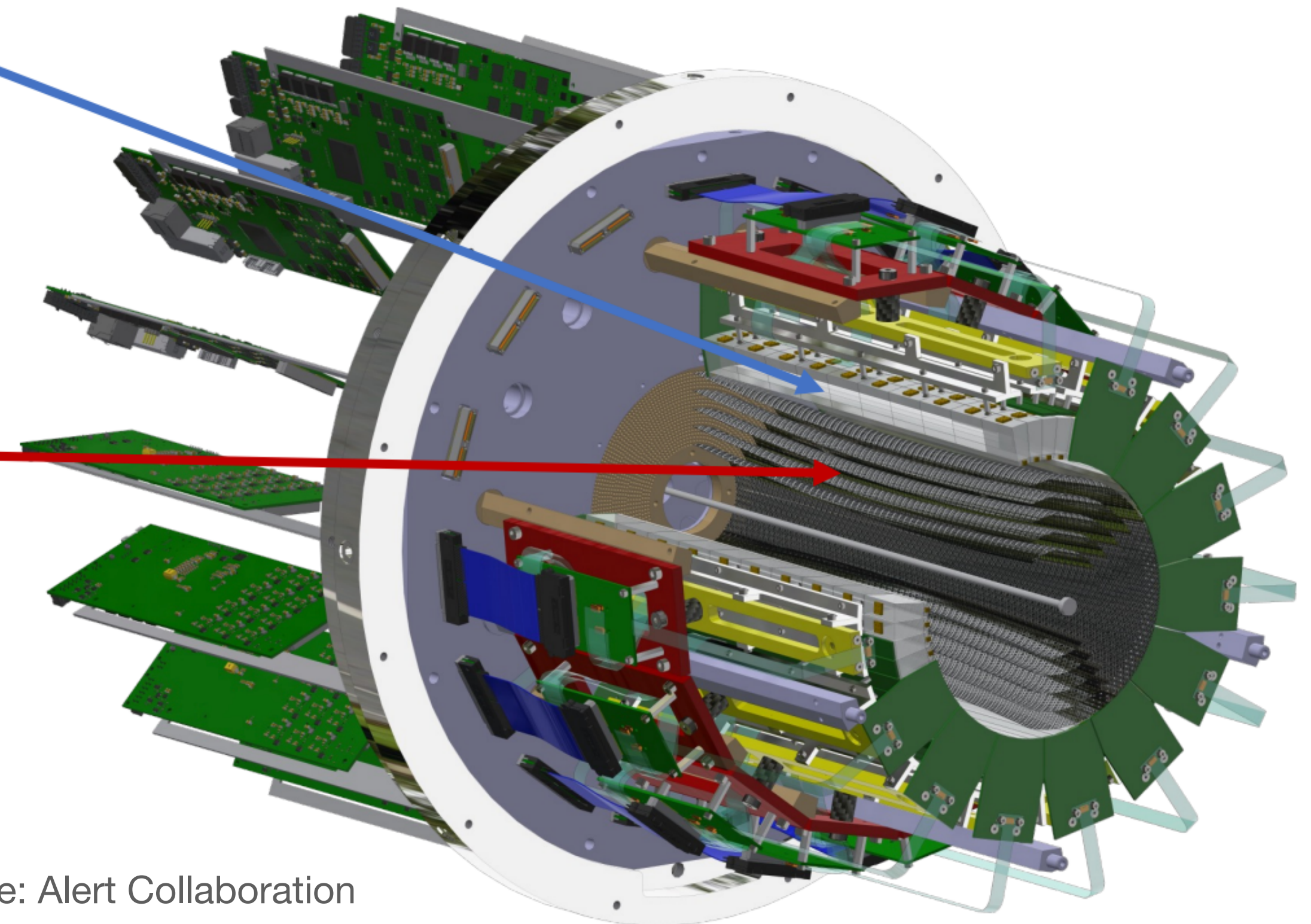
- Time-of-Flight: use for PID
- Small barrel of segmented scintillators
- The ToF measurement is degenerate for ^2H and ^4He , but dE/dx can distinguish the two nuclei bands

$e+A \rightarrow e' + A$ (or $A-1$ or shower)

ALERT HDC

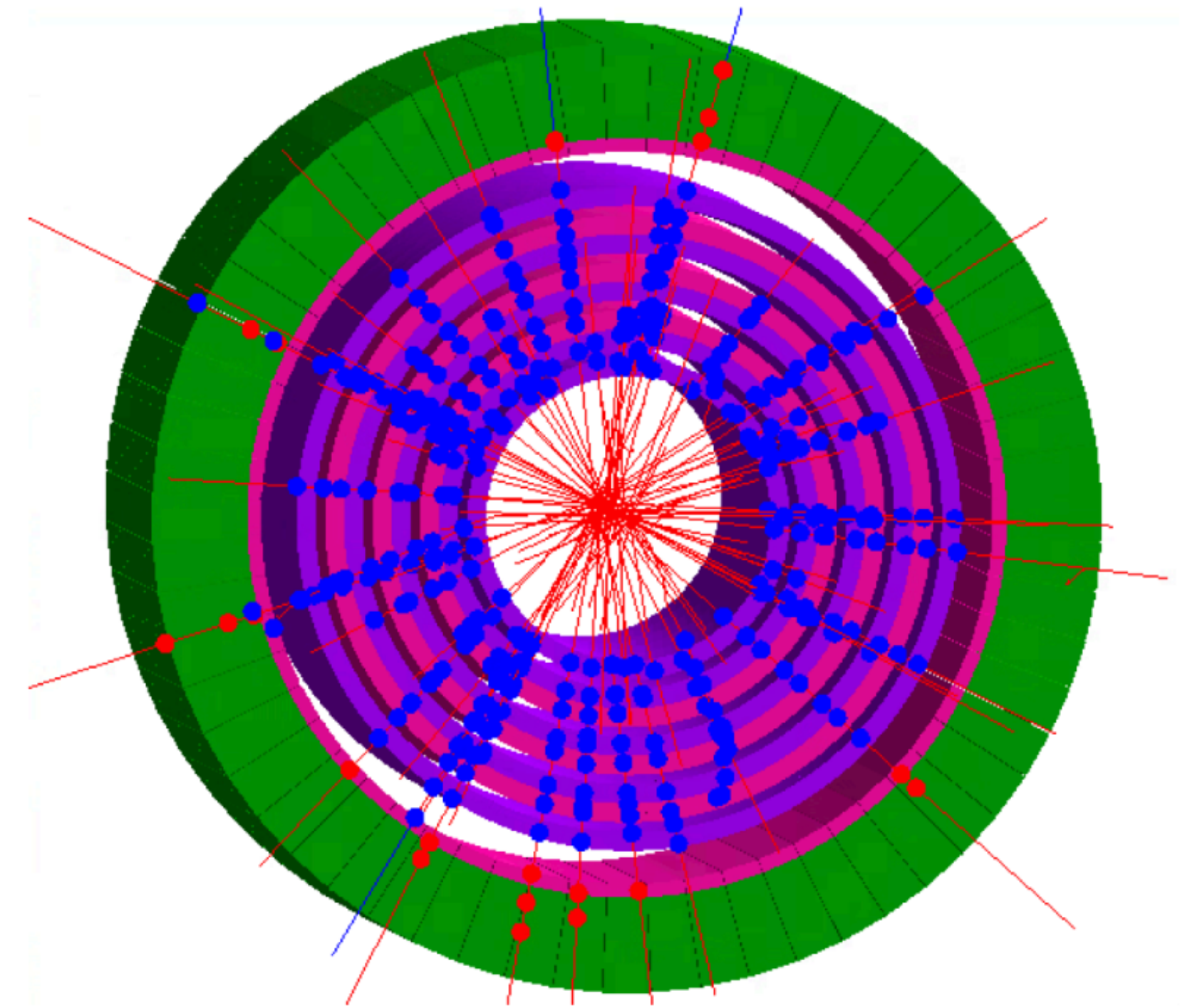
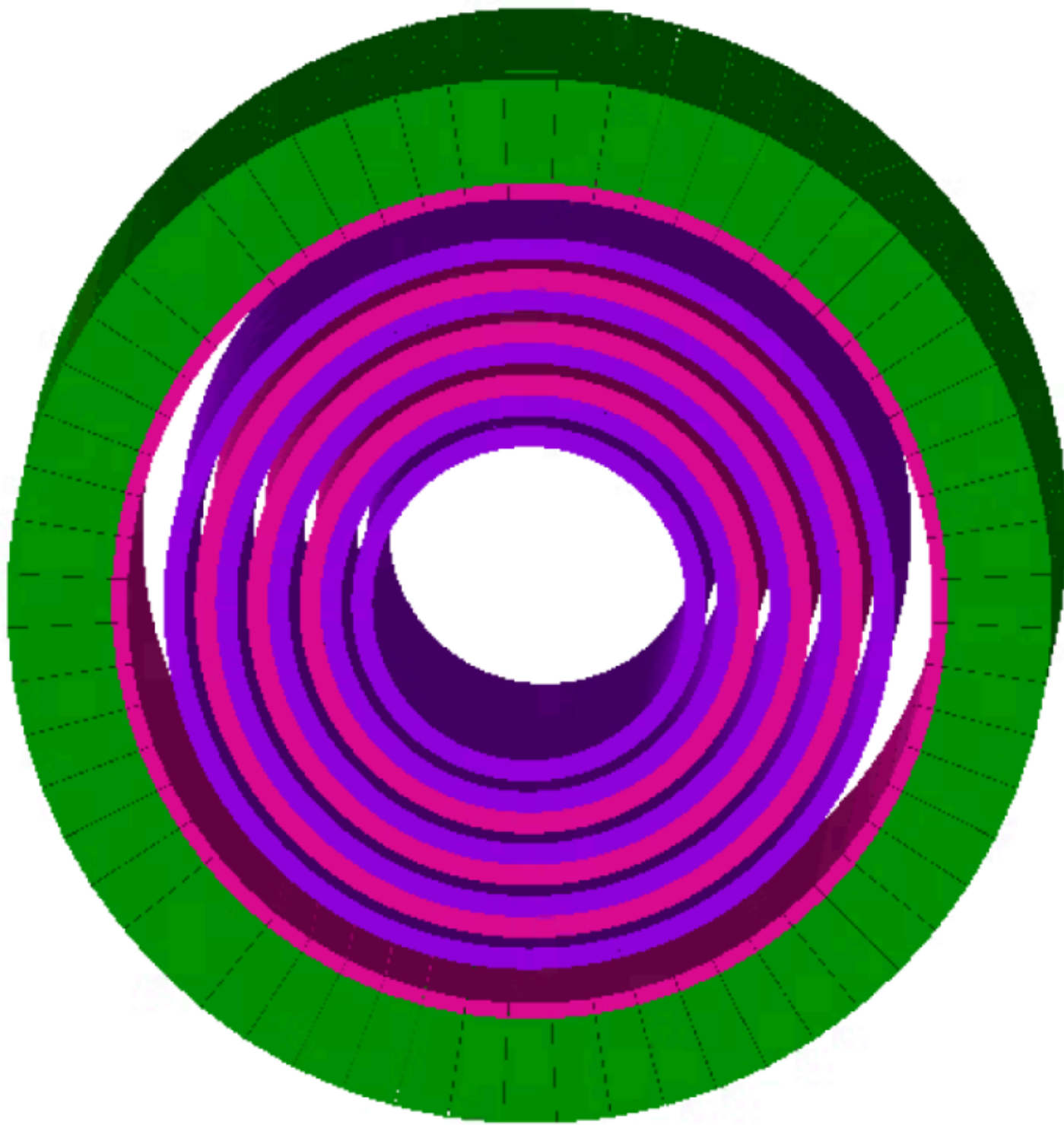
- Aluminum wire: 2mm spacing
- 20-degree stereo angle (hyperbolic shape)
- 5 superlayers, each composed of 2 layers
- 576 signal wires:
 - 47, 56, 72, 87, 99 for each superlayer.

- Identify light ions: p , ^2H , ^3H , ^3He , ^4He .
- Detect the lowest momentum possible.

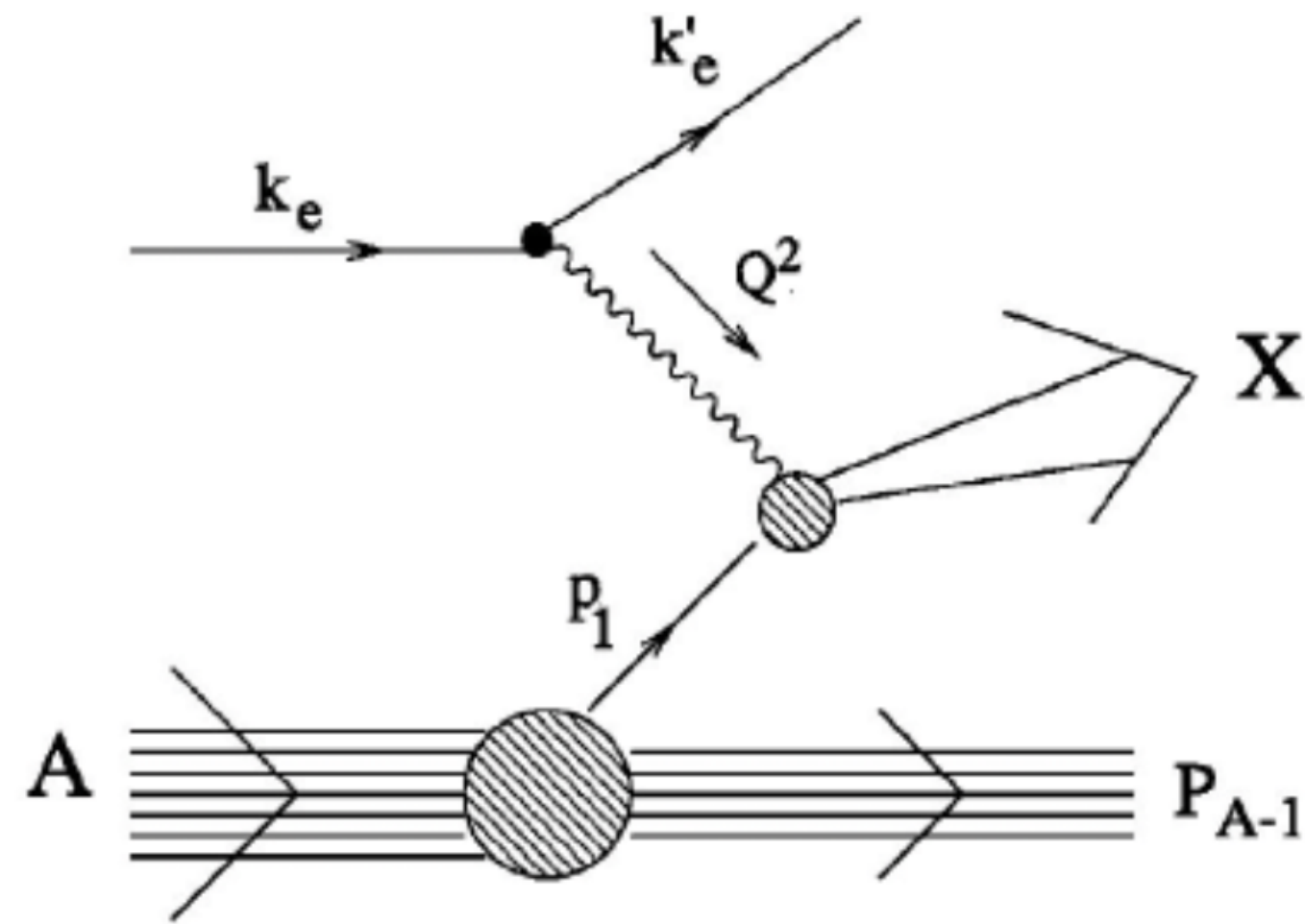


Source: Alert Collaboration

ATOF from GEMC



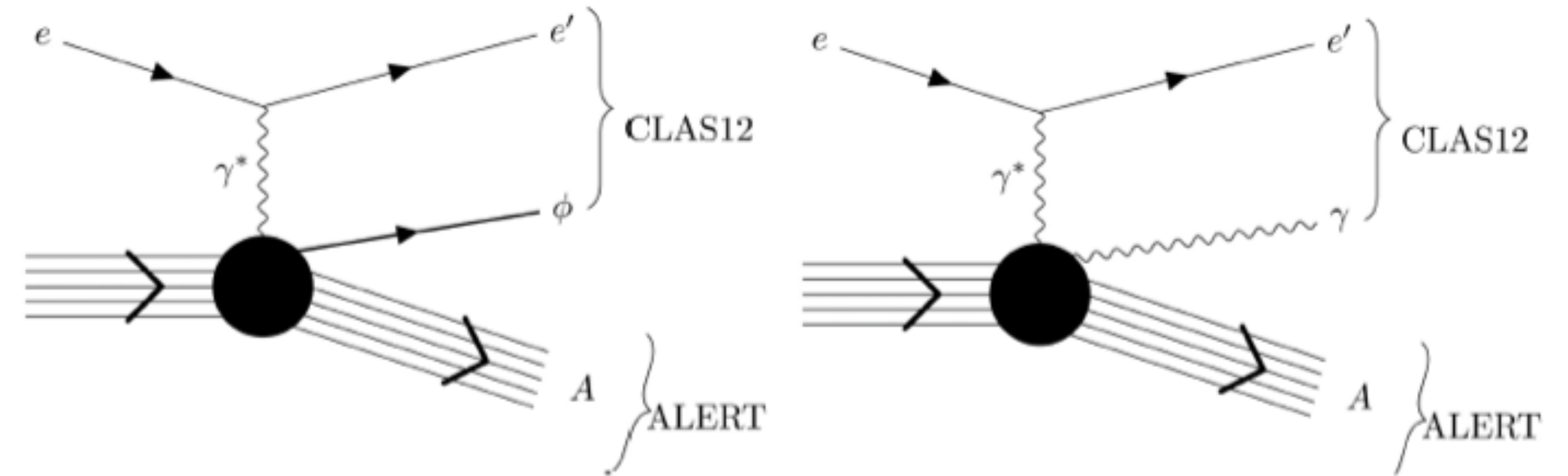
Physics Processes with ALERT



$${}^4\text{He}(e, e' + {}^3\text{H}) X$$

$${}^4\text{He}(e, e' + {}^3\text{He}) X$$

$${}^2\text{H}(e, e' + p) X$$



$${}^4\text{He}(e, e' {}^4\text{He } \gamma)$$

$${}^4\text{He}(e, e' {}^4\text{He } \phi)$$

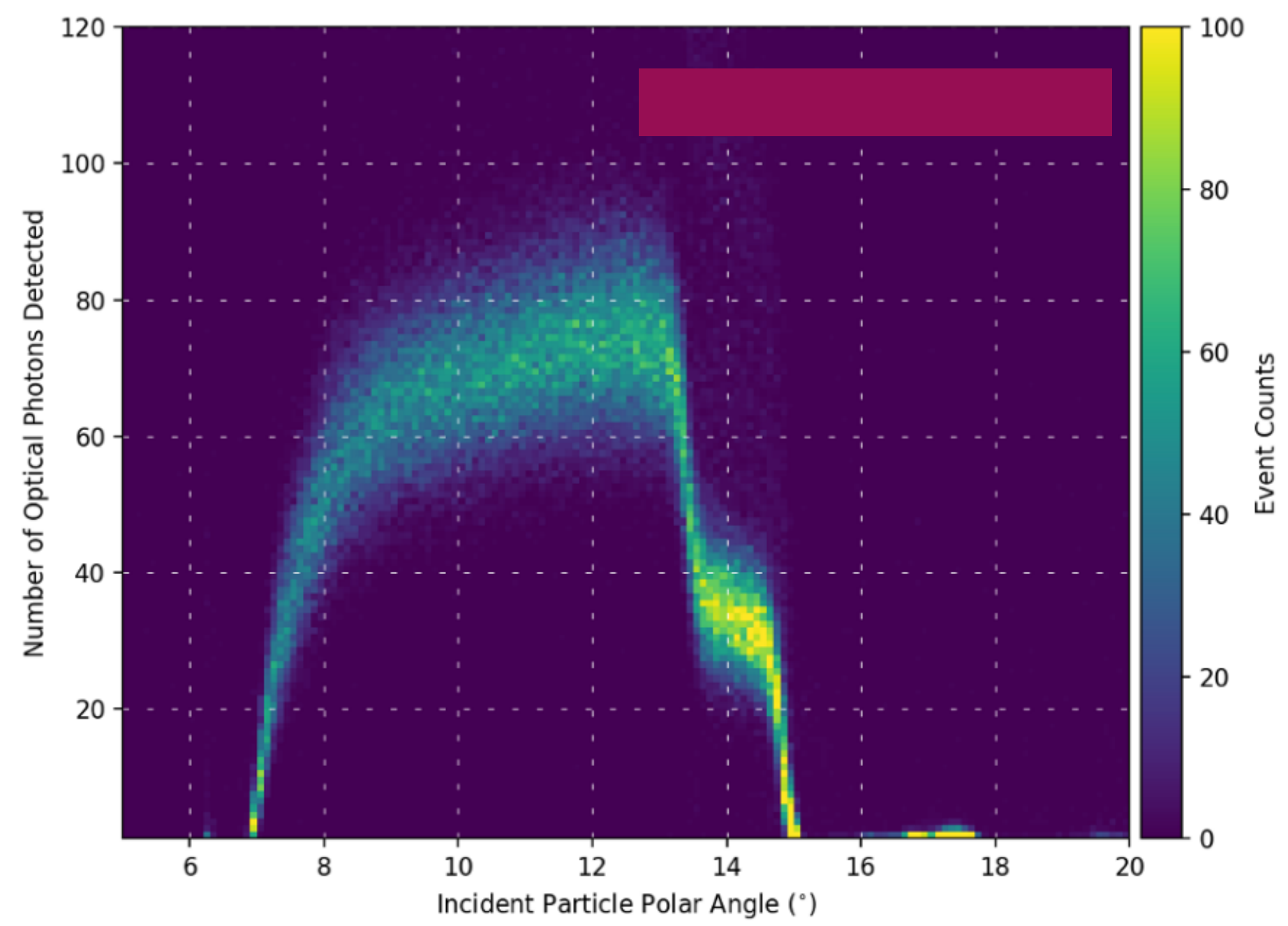
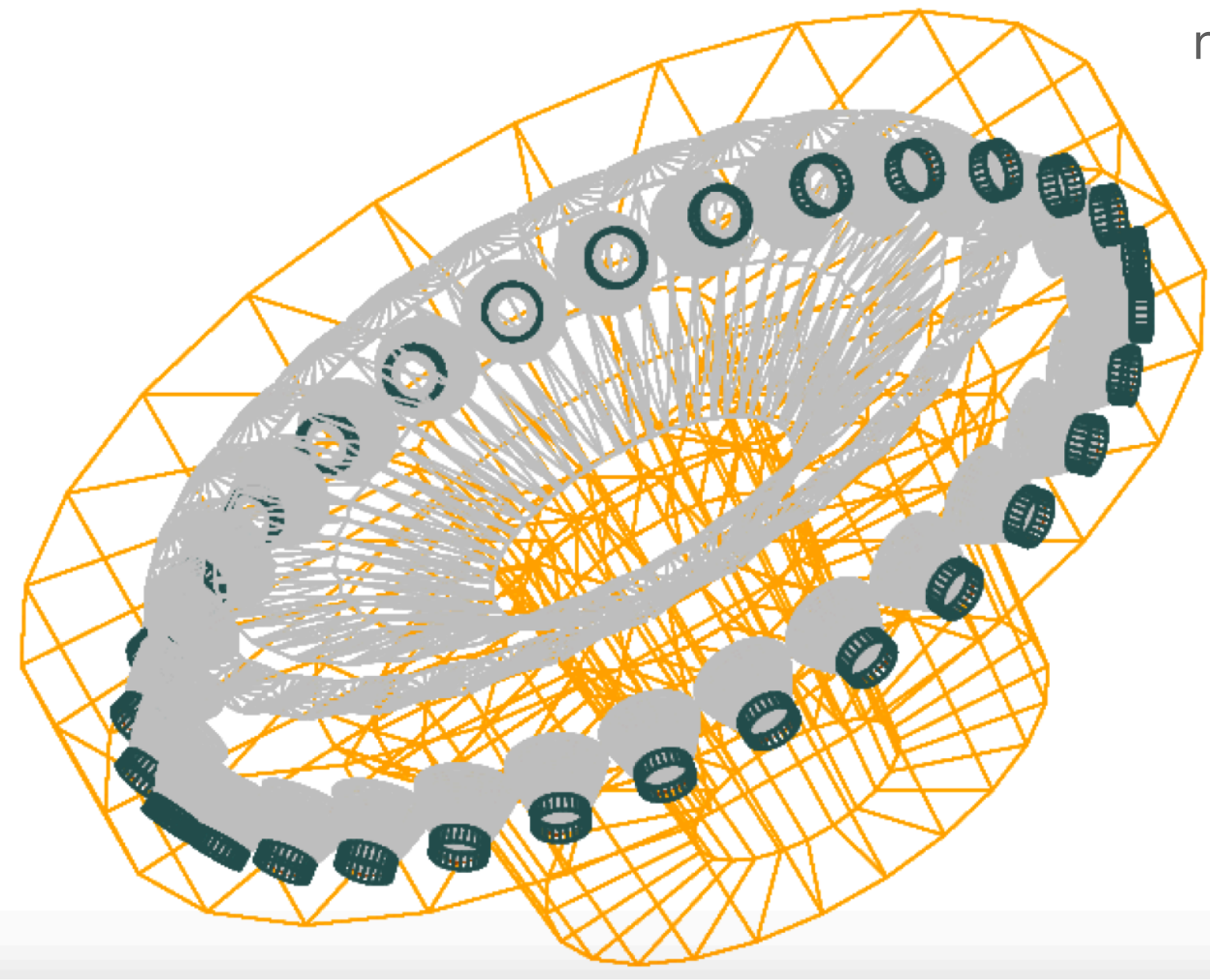
Light Gas Cherenkov Detector (For SoLID)

Cherenkov Light is emitted if $\beta > 1/n$

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c}$$

(Low density and low refractive index : CO2)

n is the refractive index



Cherenkov radition->Reflection (Mirrors)->PMTS PhotoCathode->PhotoElectric Effect->Electrons ->Measure ADC Pulse->Calibrate->Get No. Of Optical Photons vs angle

Summary

- η' : Paper writing in progress
- ALERT : Experiment currently running, data, software: reconstruction, calibration : many works are ongoing.
- Clean elastics seen (data)