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# Measuring the Potential of antihyperons in nuclei with antiprotons at PANDA

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# Nuclei with (anti)hyperons

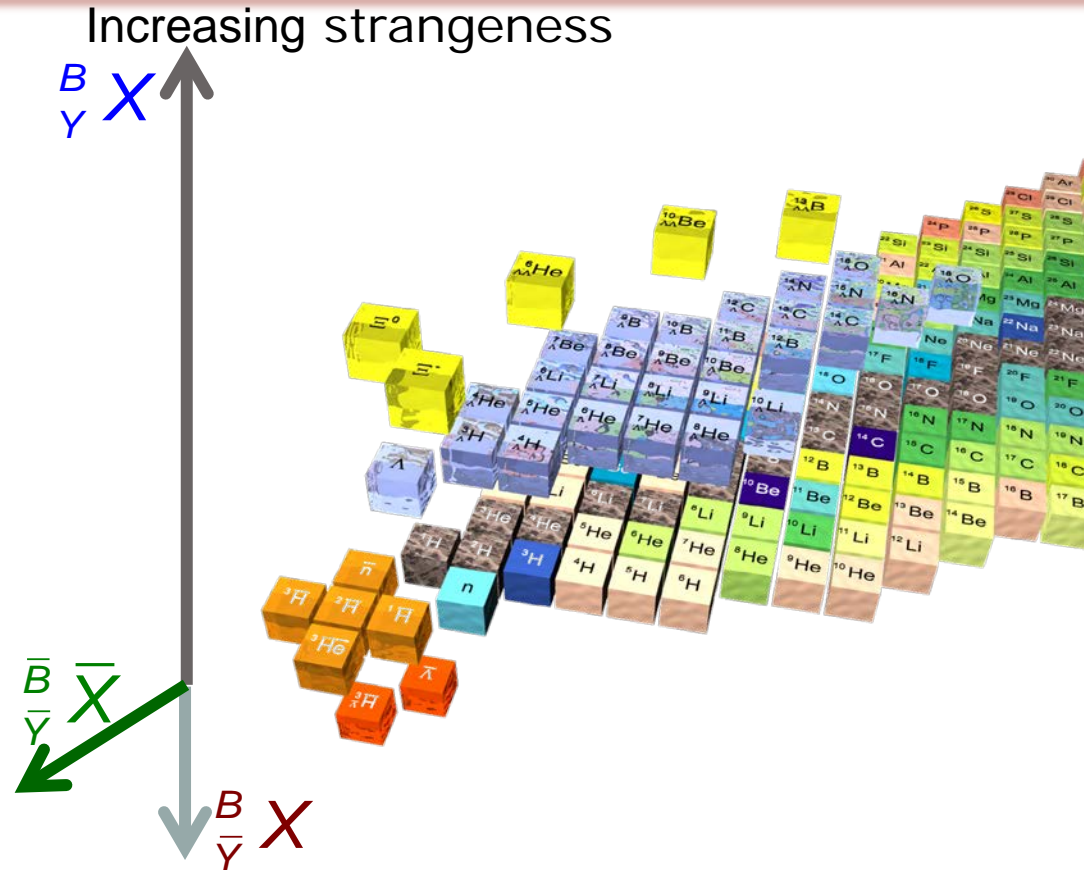
- Link between  $NN \Rightarrow N\bar{N}$
- G-Parity  $G = C \cdot e^{i\pi I_2}$   
G=charge conjugation + 180° rotation around 2nd axis in isospin  
*(Lee und Yang 1956, L. Michel 1952)*

- Hans Peter Dürr and E. Teller  
*(Phys. Rev. 101, 494 (1956))*

$$V(NN)(r) = \sum_M V_M(r) \rightarrow V(N\bar{N})(r) = \sum_M G_M V_M(r)$$

- Caveat: meson picture will probably not work at small distance
- chance to study transition from meson to quark-gluon regime

Antibaryons in nuclei are a novel probe for short range interactions of strange baryons in nuclei  
No exp. info on nuclear potential of **antihyperons** exists so far

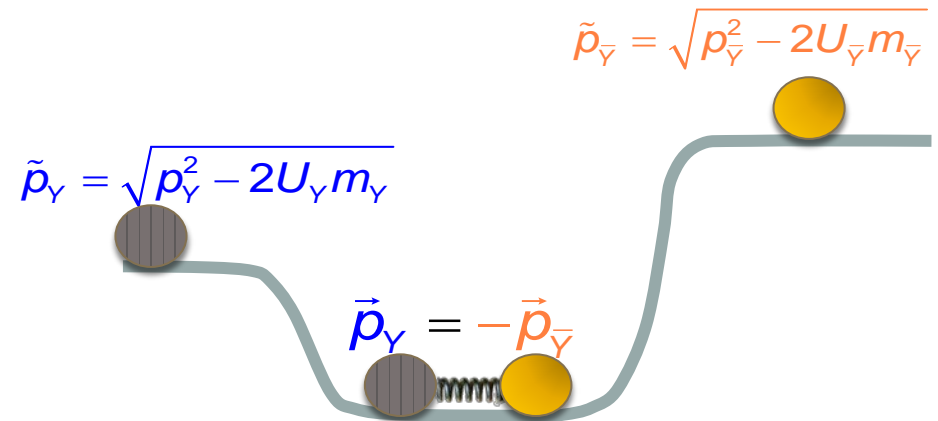


Nucleon	$\approx -40\text{MeV}$
Lambda	$\approx -27\text{MeV}$
Cascade	$\sim -15\text{MeV}$
Antinucleon	$\sim -150\text{MeV}$
Antilambda	?
Anticascade	?

# $\bar{\Lambda}$ Potential (in nucleon Matter)

- ▶ antiprotons are optimal for the production of mass without large momenta
- ▶ consider exclusive  $\bar{p} + p(A) \Rightarrow Y + \bar{Y}$  close to threshold **within a nucleus**
- ▶  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  that **leave the nucleus** will have different asymptotic momenta depending on the respective potential

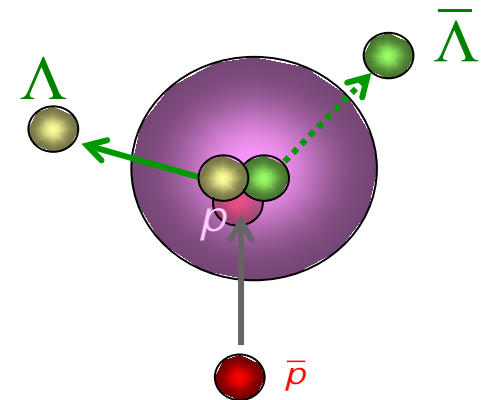
A. Gal, Phys. Rev. Lett. **64B**, 2 (1976)  
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⇒ **Advantage:** well defined geometry, kinematics determined by **energy and momentum conservation** of a (nearly) two-body reactions

⇒ need to look at **transverse momentum close to threshold of coincident  $Y\bar{Y}$  pairs**

⇒ But, studying only the average transverse momentum separately **does not allow to extract unambiguous information**



# ( Nearly ) two-body kinematics

- Distribution of the produced baryon-antibaryon, **not isotropic**
- Absorption of antibaryon in the periphery
- Rescattering

⇒ A difference between transverse momenta of the coincident  $Y\bar{Y}$  reflects the different potentials

Studying their correlation and to reduce the influence of the cm. anisotropy by exploring **the transverse asymmetry as a function of the longitudinal asymmetry**

$$\alpha_{\perp} = \left\langle \frac{p_{\perp}(\Lambda) - p_{\perp}(\bar{\Lambda})}{p_{\perp}(\Lambda) + p_{\perp}(\bar{\Lambda})} \right\rangle$$

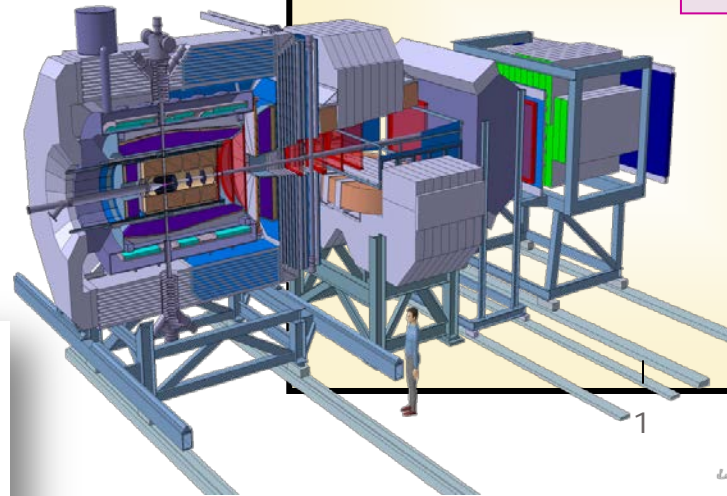
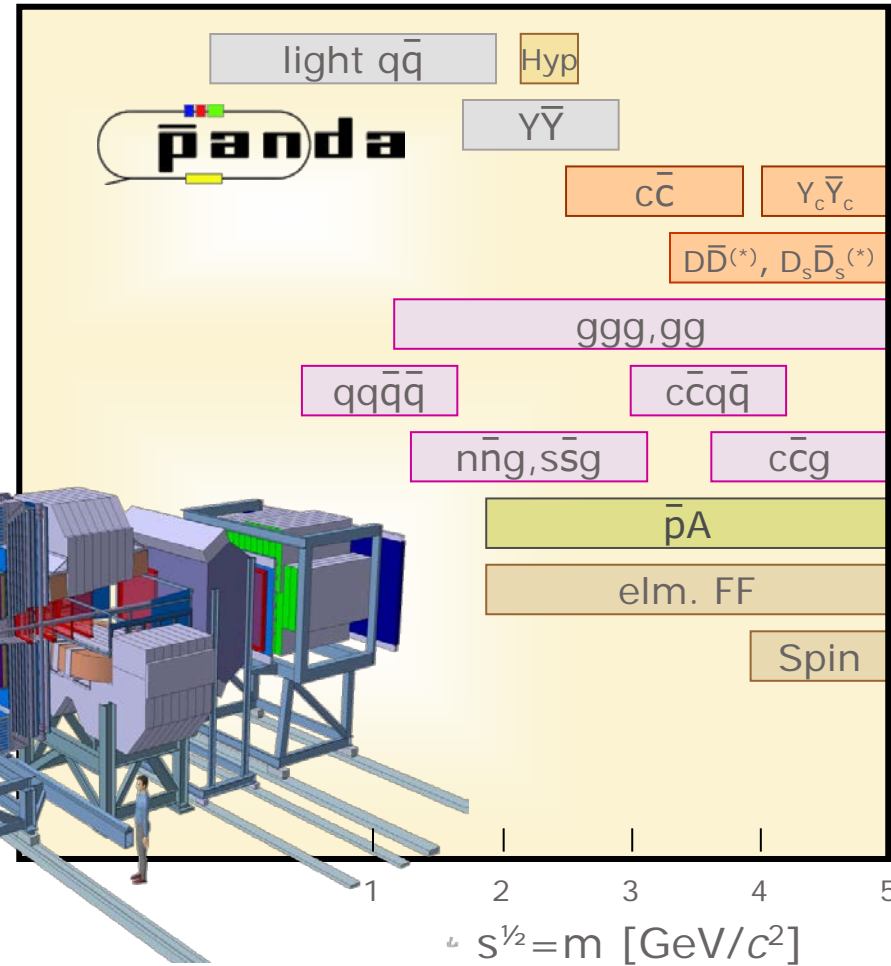
$$\alpha_L = \left\langle \frac{p_L(\Lambda) - p_L(\bar{\Lambda})}{p_L(\Lambda) + p_L(\bar{\Lambda})} \right\rangle$$

# $Y\bar{Y}$ pairs production at PANDA

$\bar{p}$  Momentum [GeV/c]

PANDA can provide solid and unique physics for the  $\bar{p}+p \Rightarrow Y+\bar{Y}$  in strangeness channels

- significant elementary production of  $Y\bar{Y}$  pairs
- low background



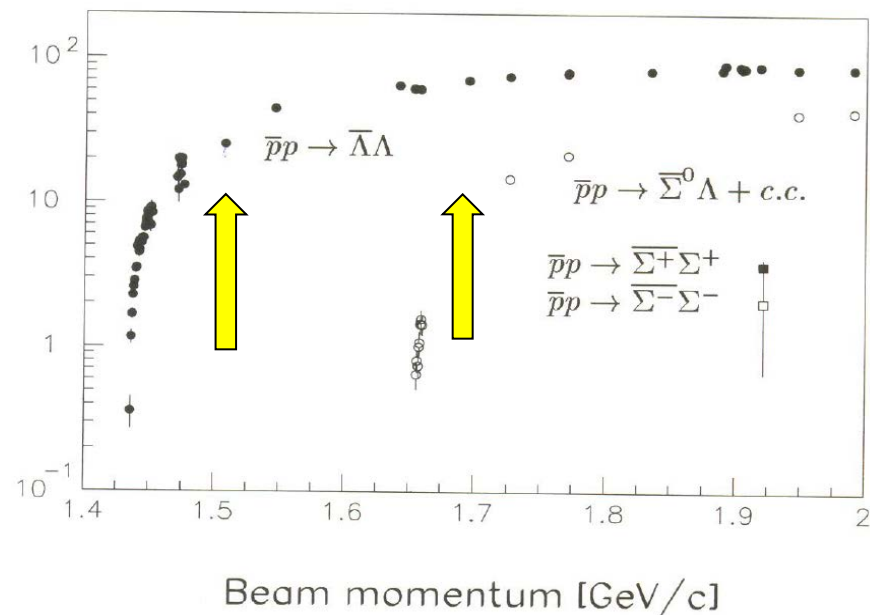
Momentum [GeV/c]	Reaction	Rate [ $s^{-1}$ ]
1.64	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	580
4	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	980
	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Xi^+\bar{\Xi}^-$	30
15	$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	120

**Table 4.45:** Estimated count rates into their charged decay mode for the benchmark channels at a luminosity of  $2 \cdot 10^{32} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$



- GiBUU: *Phys. Rev. C* 85, 024614 (2012)
- G-parity used to estimate anti-baryons potential
- Approximately 10k exclusive  $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  pairs in each set

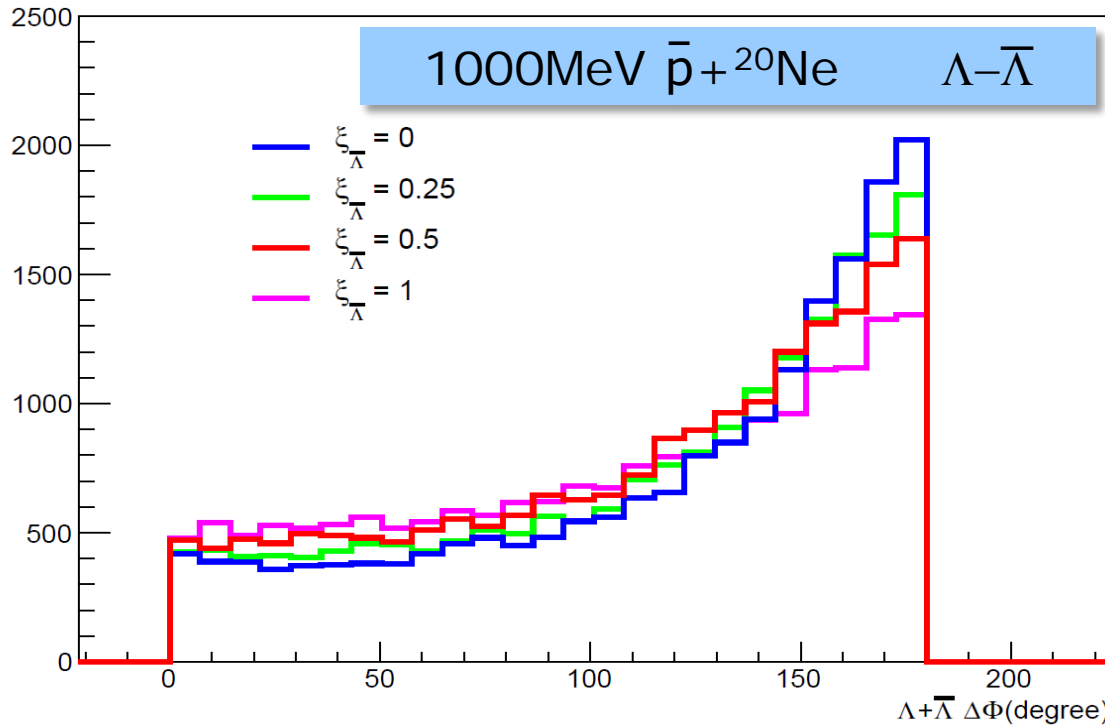
Energy (MeV)	Momentum (MeV/c)	Excess energy (MeV)
850	1522	30.6
1000	1696	92.0



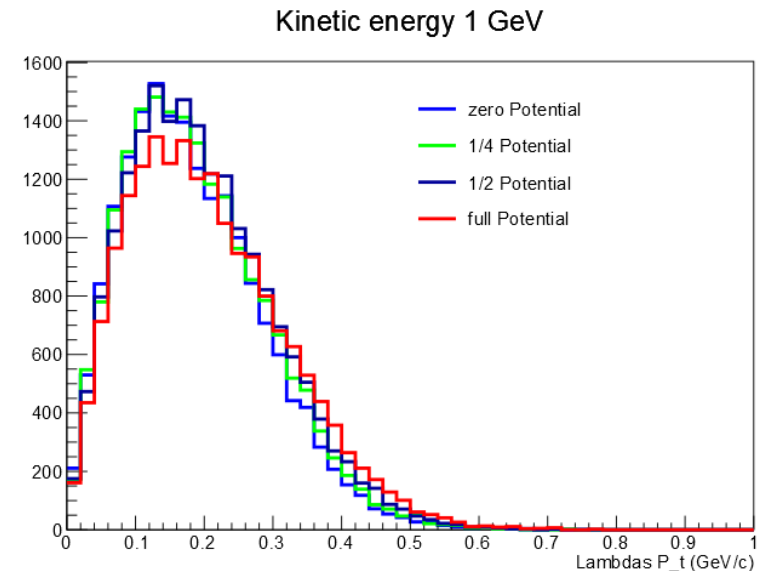
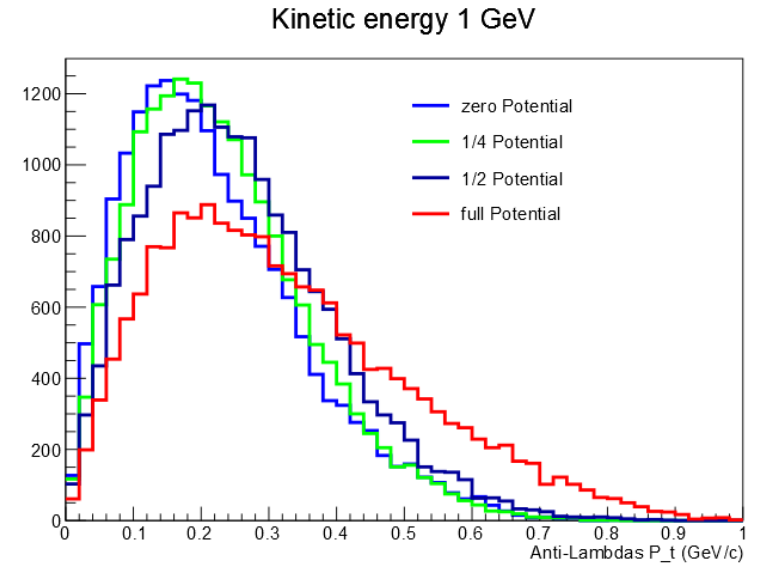
- Aim of the present work
  - Explore sensitivity of  $\alpha_T$  to a scaling of the real  $\bar{Y}$  potential
  - Proof the feasibility of a measurement at PANDA
  - Trigger a fully self-consistent dynamical treatment of antihyperons in nuclei

# Rescattering effects

- Typical 15000  $\bar{\Lambda}\Lambda$  pairs produced
- $U(\bar{\Lambda}) = -449\text{MeV}, -225\text{MeV}, -112\text{MeV}, 0\text{MeV}$
- $\xi_{\bar{\Lambda}}$  scaling factor
- All other potentials unchanged



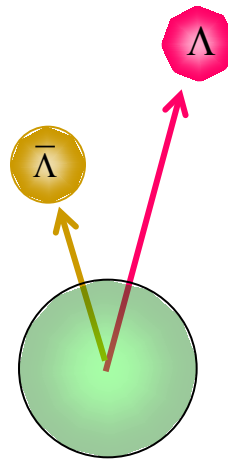
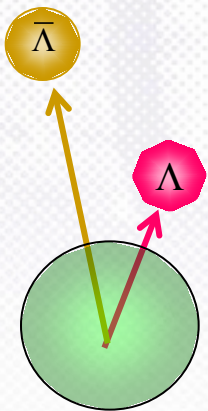
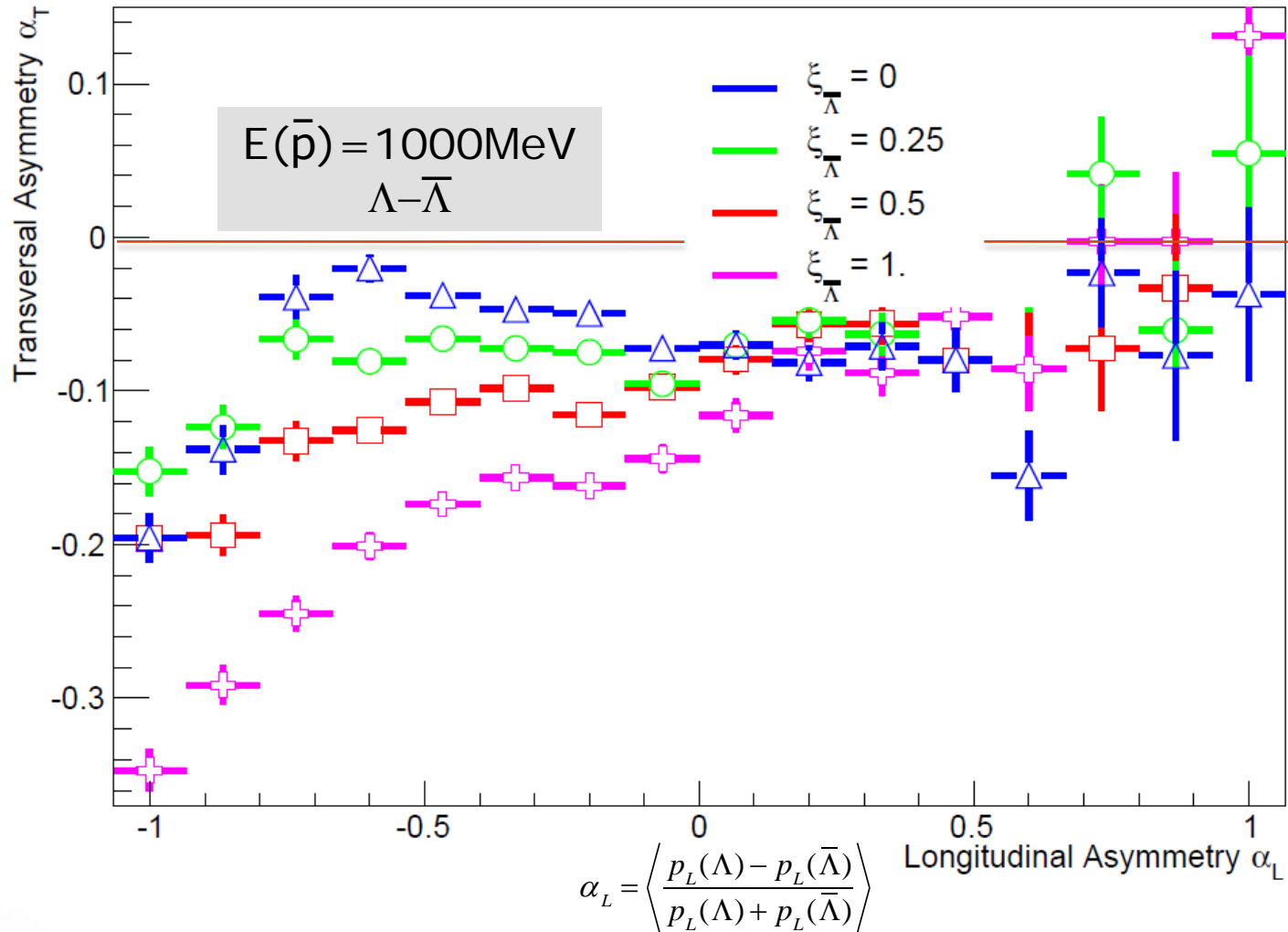
- Coplanarity distorted  $\Rightarrow$  strong rescattering effects



# Scan of $\bar{\Lambda}$ potential

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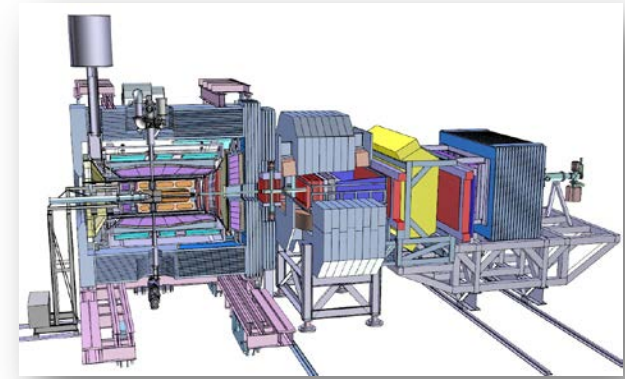
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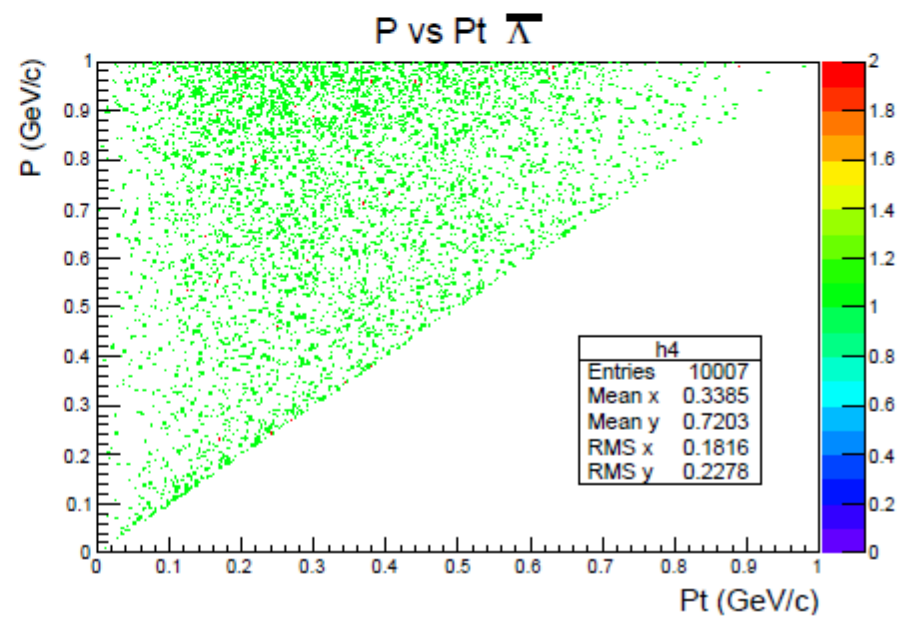
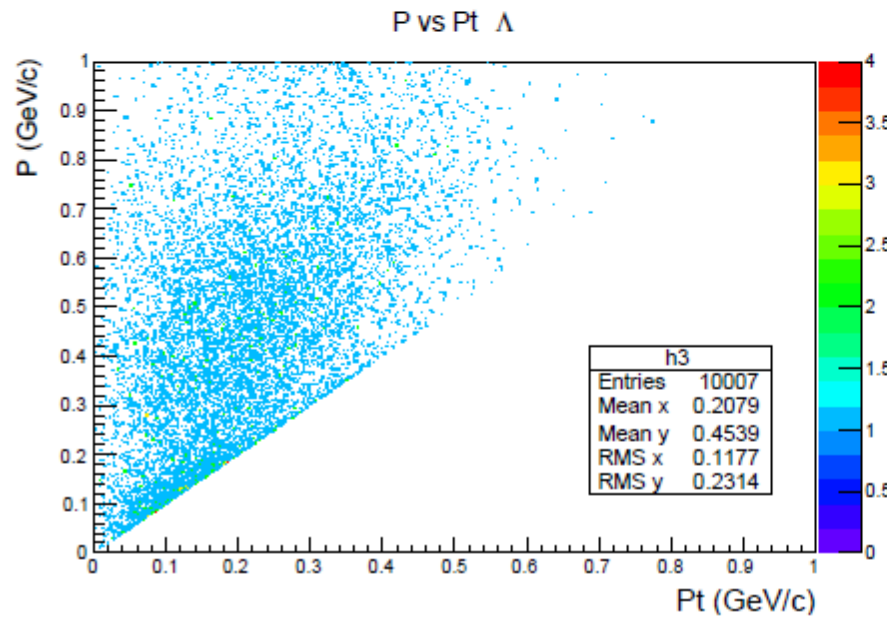
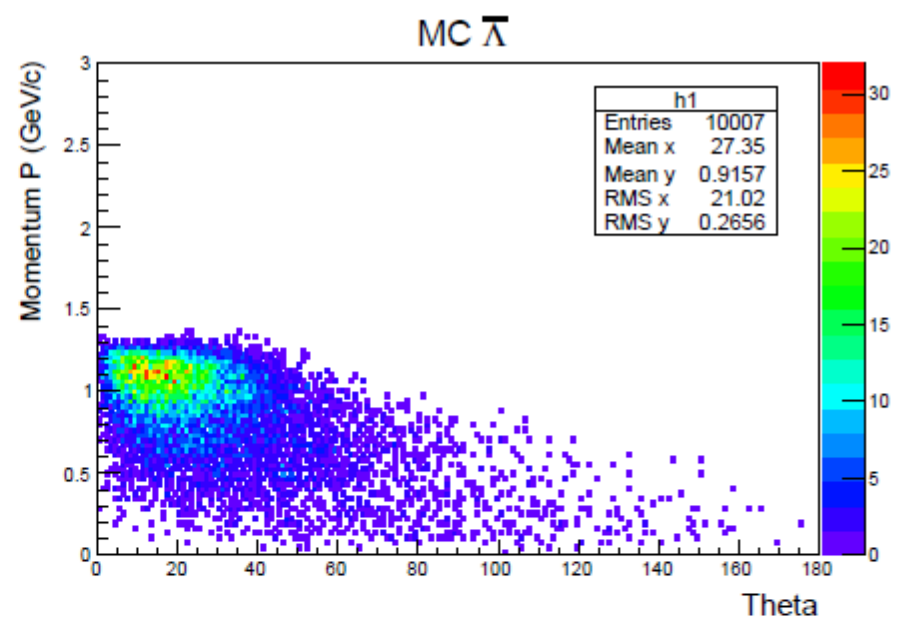
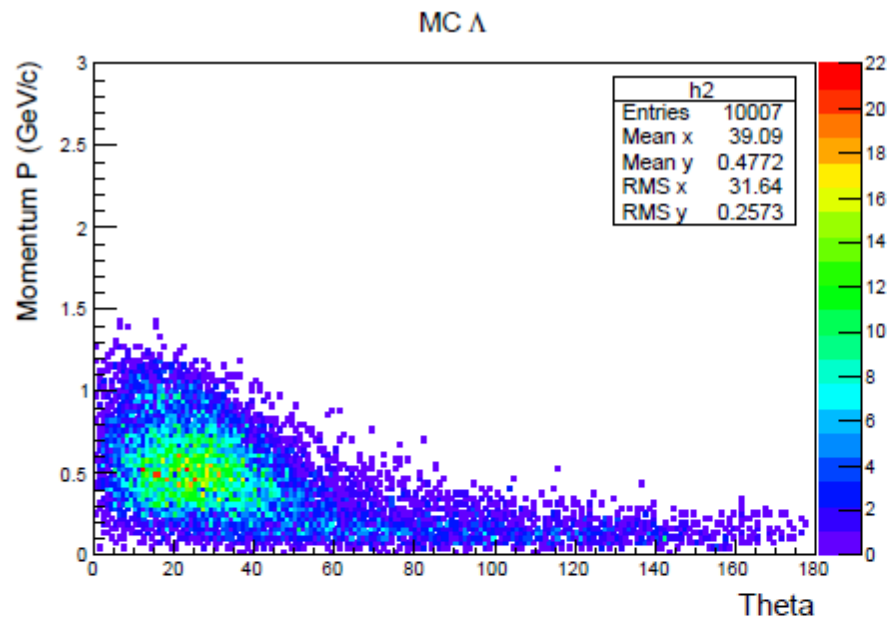
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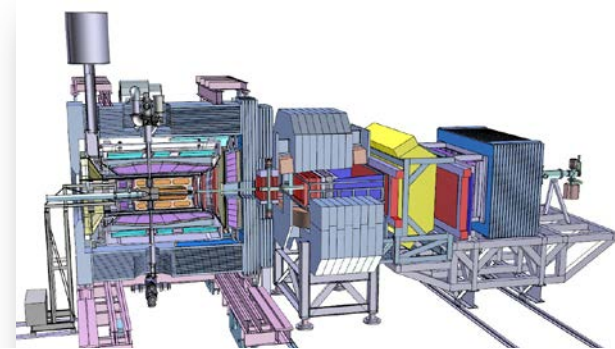
- ▶ MC Simulation Procedure:
  - ▶ Generation of 10 K  $\Lambda + \bar{\Lambda}$  at 1 GeV ( $\bar{p}$ ),  $\bar{B} = 1$  T, GiBUU-based events
  - ▶ Transport of particles through entire spectrometer
  - ▶ Generation of detector signal, digitization
  - ▶ Ideal Pattern Recogn./Tracking of charged particles
  - ▶ Particle Identification, particle mass assignment
  - ▶  $\Lambda / \bar{\Lambda}$  reconstruction from particles cand. Lists.
  - ▶ Fitting, No 4Cfitter, Mass constraint / Vertex filter, need further evaluation
  - ▶ Looking for  $\Lambda + \bar{\Lambda}$  pairs event-by event, need further evaluation
  - ▶ Asymmetries

# MC Events Generation



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	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
Efficiency Lbar	1,41	4,31	1,48	2,17
Efficiency L	11,23	18,12	11,95	15,98
Efficiency Lbar	10,41	16,73	10,55	14,2

Scenario 1 : Full Setup ( no Lambda discs ) + full Mag. field, 2 T

Scenario 2 : Full Setup ( no Lambda discs ) + half Mag. field, 1 T

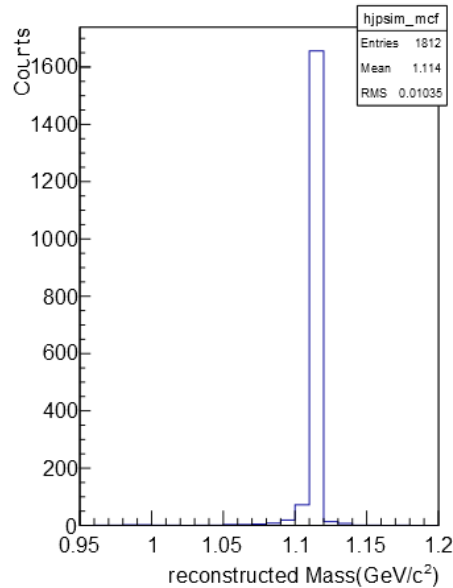
Scenario 3 : Reduced Setup (no Emc, no Fwd Spec, no Lambda discs) + full Mag. field

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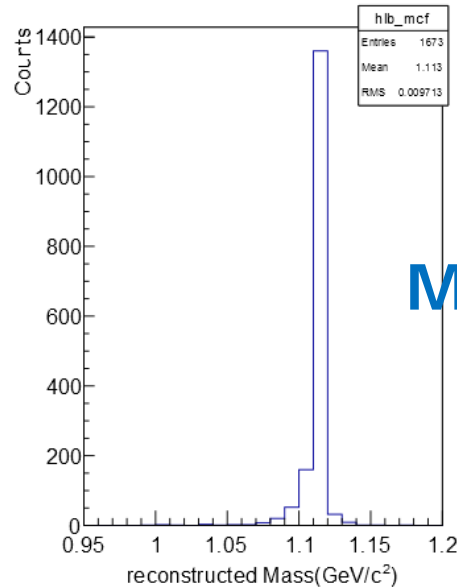
All : Realistic Tracking , PID, Mass Constraint Filter

# $\Lambda / \bar{\Lambda}$ Reconstruction

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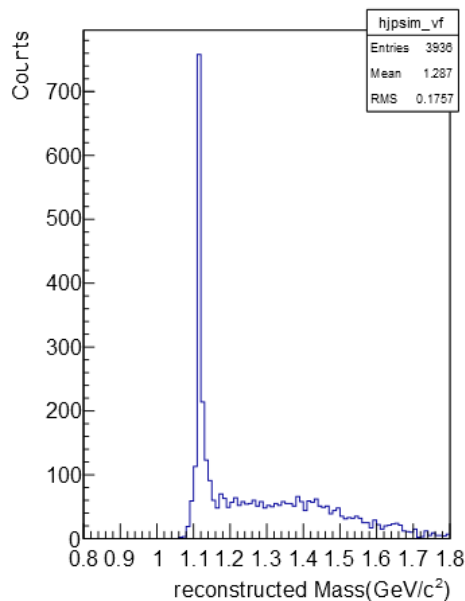


- ▶ Full PANDA set up.
- ▶ 1T Solenoid Magnetic field.

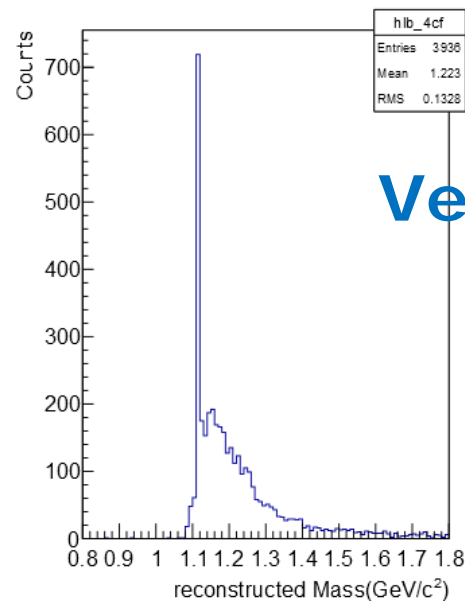
## Mass CF

- ▶ Mass Filter constraint
- ▶ Good performance

Vertex fit. constraint :  $\Lambda$  Mass



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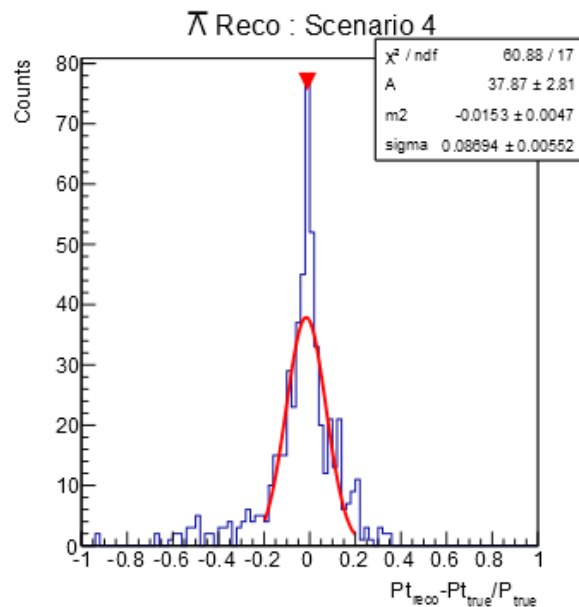
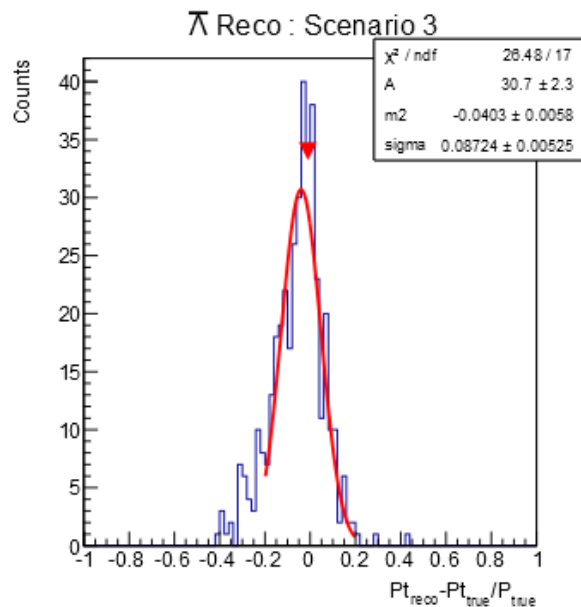
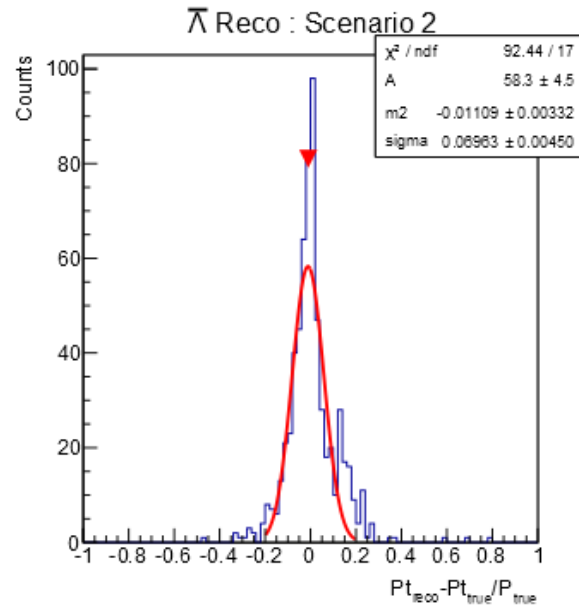
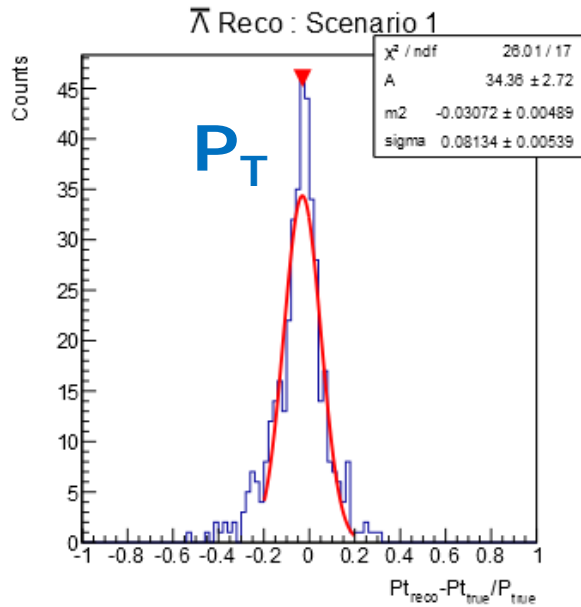


## Vertex CF

- ▶ Vertex filter constraint
- ▶ Not so good performance
- ▶ Not able to reconstruct decay products properly



# Building Asymmetries: Pull $P_T$ and $P_Z$



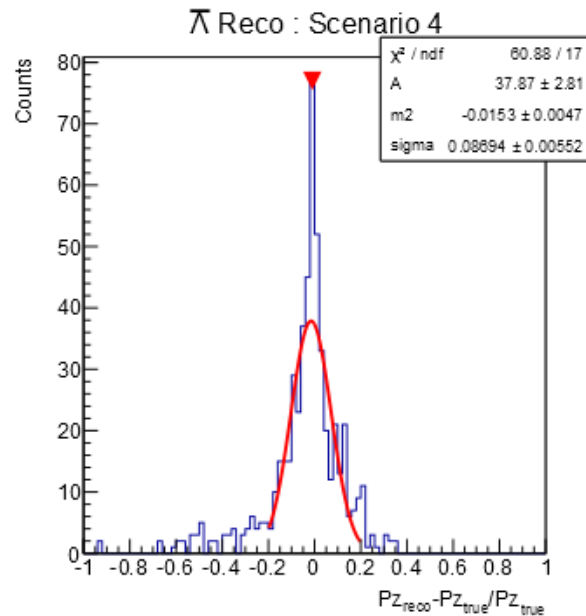
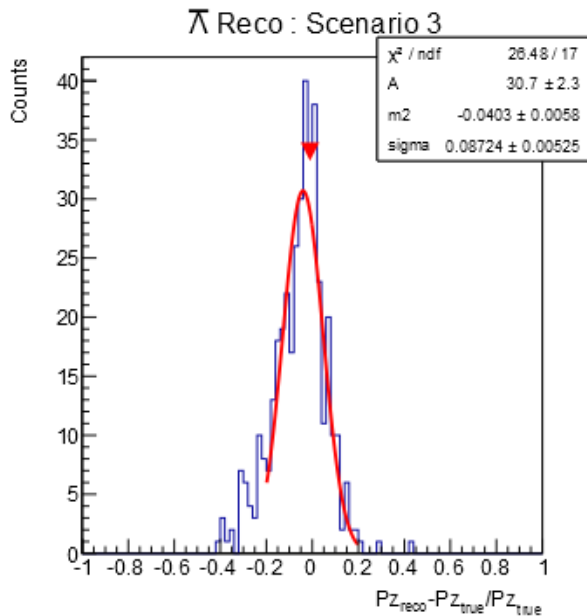
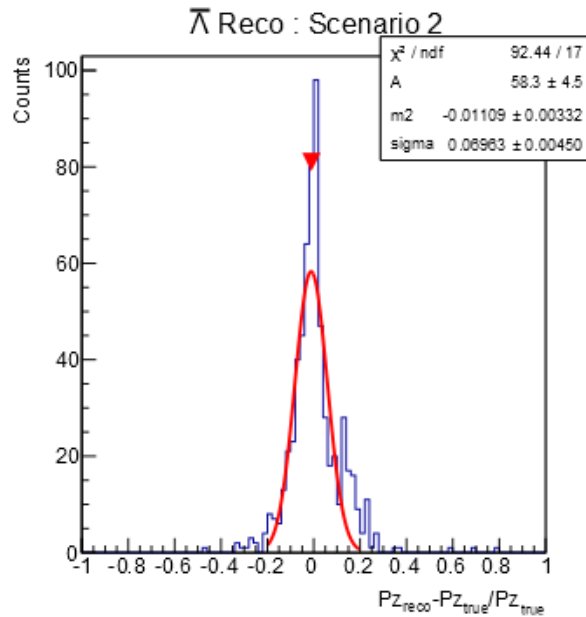
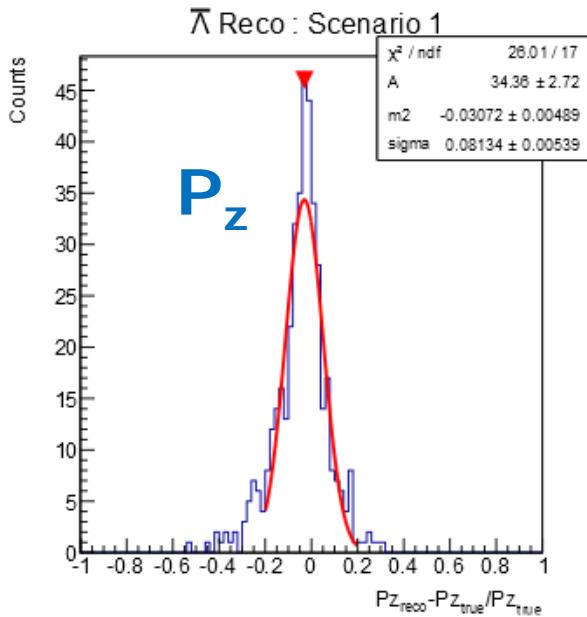
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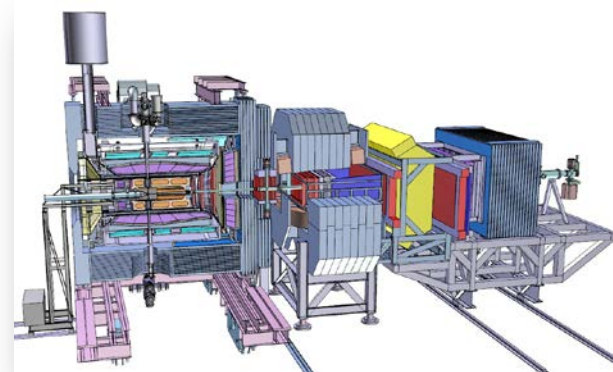
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- ▶ Typical (*preliminary*)  $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  pair efficiency  $\approx 3\text{-}5\%$  (better at higher momenta)
  - ▶  $\Lambda+\bar{\Lambda}$ 
    - ▶  $^{\text{nat}}\text{Ne}$  target, H for calibration
    - ▶ only charged particle detection *easy*
    - ▶ Assume average interactions rate  $10^5\text{s}^{-1}$  i.e.  *$\sim 1\%$  of default luminosity*
    - ▶ Moderate data taking period  *$\sim 30$  days*
- $\Rightarrow 2.6 \cdot 10^{11}$  detected interactions
- ▶ pair reconstruction efficiency 4%
- $\Rightarrow 0.5\text{M}$  events detected  $\Lambda+\bar{\Lambda}$  pairs

**40 × present GiBUU simulations**

# Summary and conclusion

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- Analysis procedure in good shape
- Further studies considering  
0.5 T and  $E = 850$  MeV (threshold) are in preparation
- Improvement of analysis filters in Pandaroot
- Finding a solution to the wrong true MC Match

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