

$^3\text{H}/^4\text{H}$  Production cross section  
の比較によるハイパートライトンの  
束縛エネルギーの研究  
(J-PARC E73: ハイパートライトン直接寿命測定)

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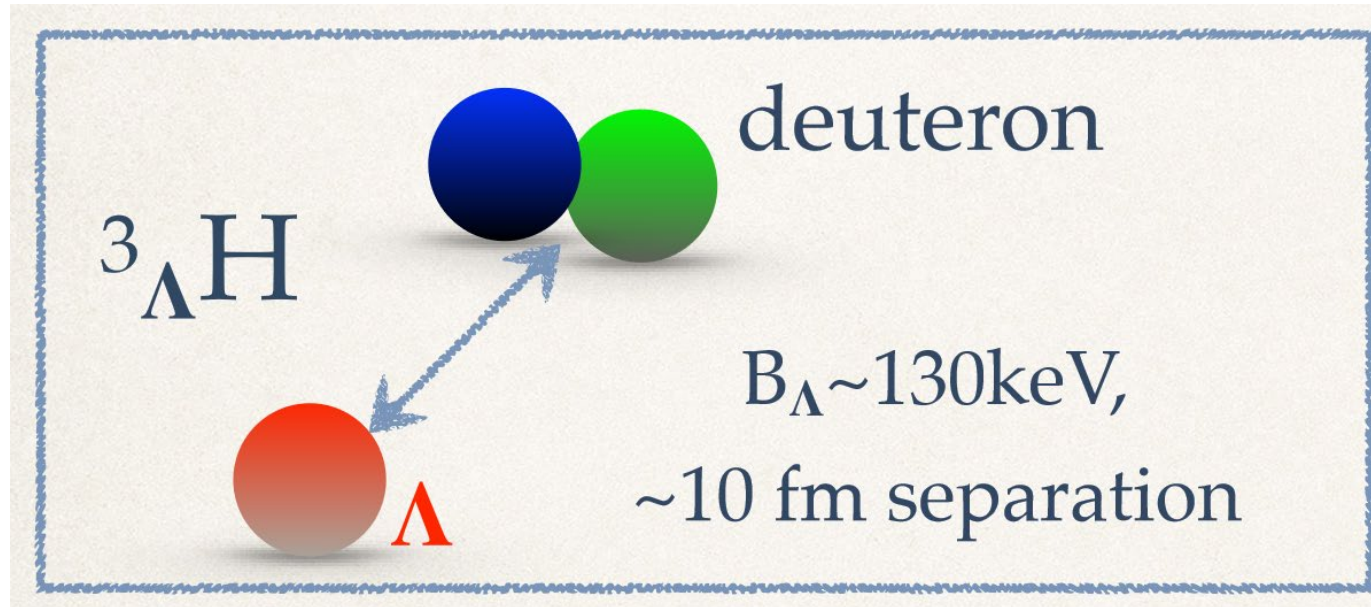
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- Summary

# Introduction

- Hypertriton ( ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ): Lightest hypernucleus with p, n and  $\Lambda$ 
  - Benchmark for hypernuclear physics
  - Small binding energy by emulsion data has been generally accepted.

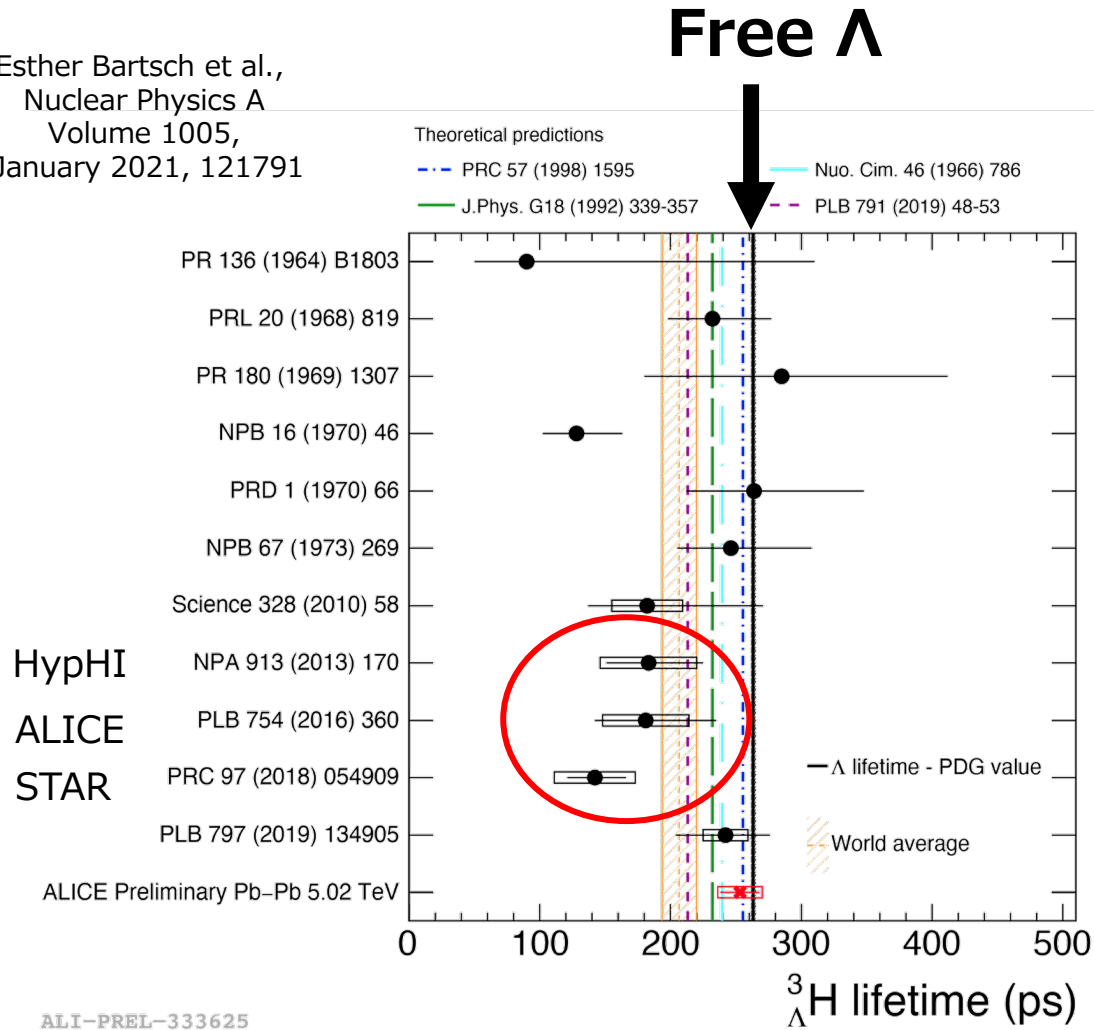
$$B_{\Lambda} = 130 \pm 50 \text{ keV}$$



- ✓ Small  $B_{\Lambda}$  → large separation between  $\Lambda$  &  $d$   
→ **lifetime  $\tau \sim$  free  $\Lambda$  is naively expected**

# Hypertriton lifetime

Esther Bartsch et al.,  
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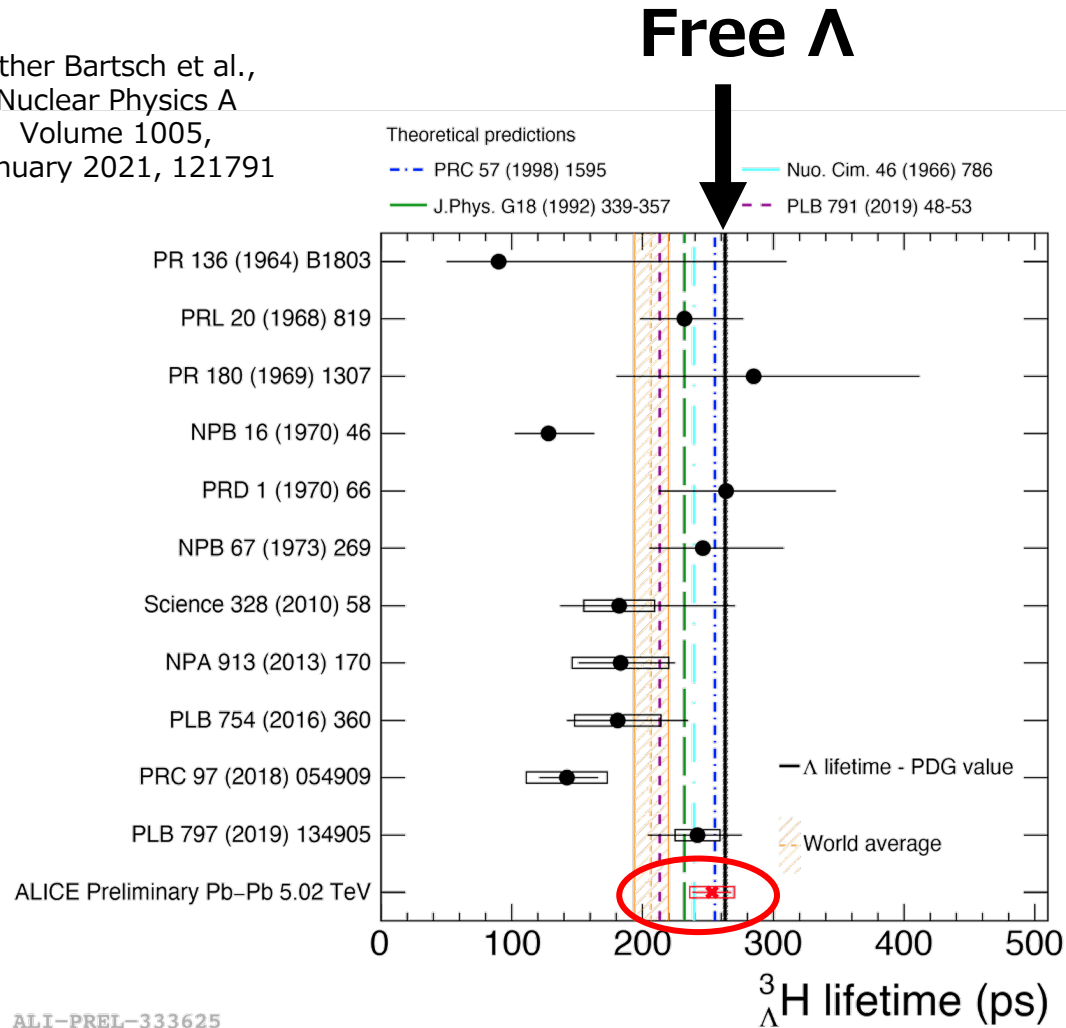
Exp.	Lifetime
HypHI(2013)	$183^{+42}_{-32} \pm 37$ ps
ALICE(2016)	$181^{+54}_{-39} \pm 33$ ps
STAR(2018)	$142^{+24}_{-21} \pm 29$ ps

Free  $\Lambda$ (263 ps)

➤ **Short lifetimes** from heavy ion experiments in 2010's

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Francesco Mazzaschi  
THEIA-STRONG 2020  
ALICE Preliminary result

Exp.	Lifetime
ALICE(2020)	$254 \pm 15 \pm 17$ ps
STAR(2021)	$221 \pm 15 \pm 19$ ps

STAR  
arXiv:2110.09513



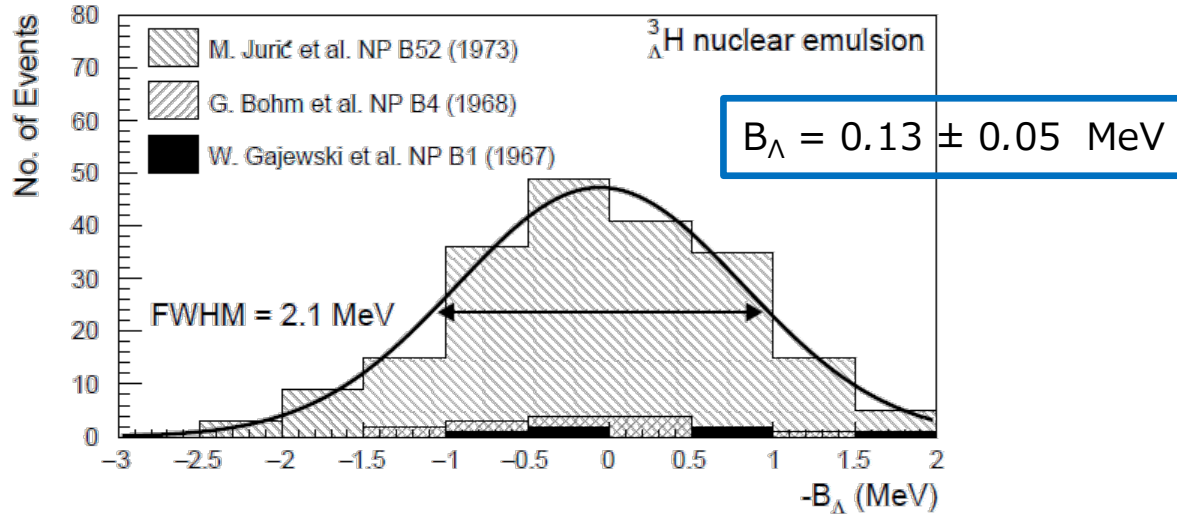
Comparable with Free  $\Lambda$

➤ updated result was reported recently

# Binding energy

Emulsion measurement

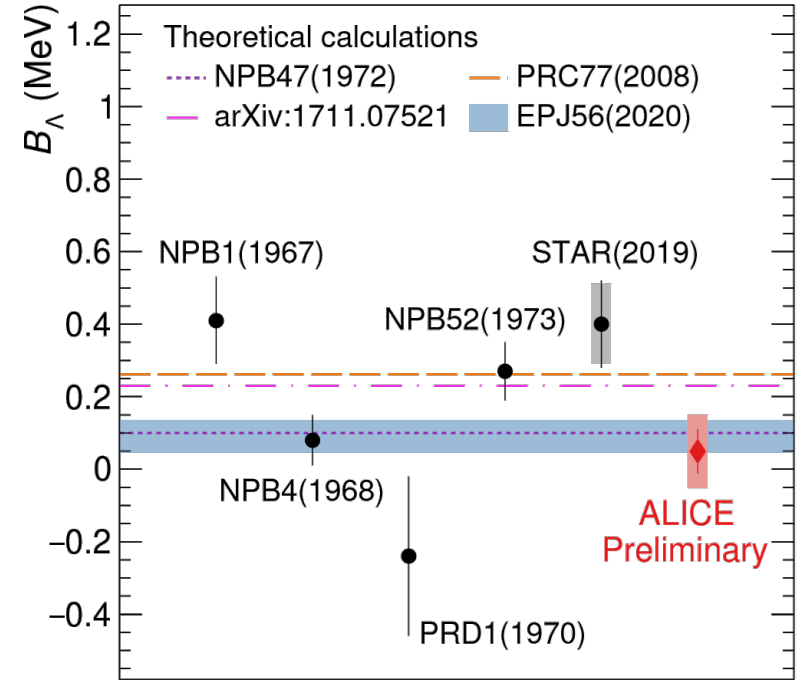
P. Achenbach, *et al*,  
*PoS(Hadron2017)207*



Heavy-ion experiment

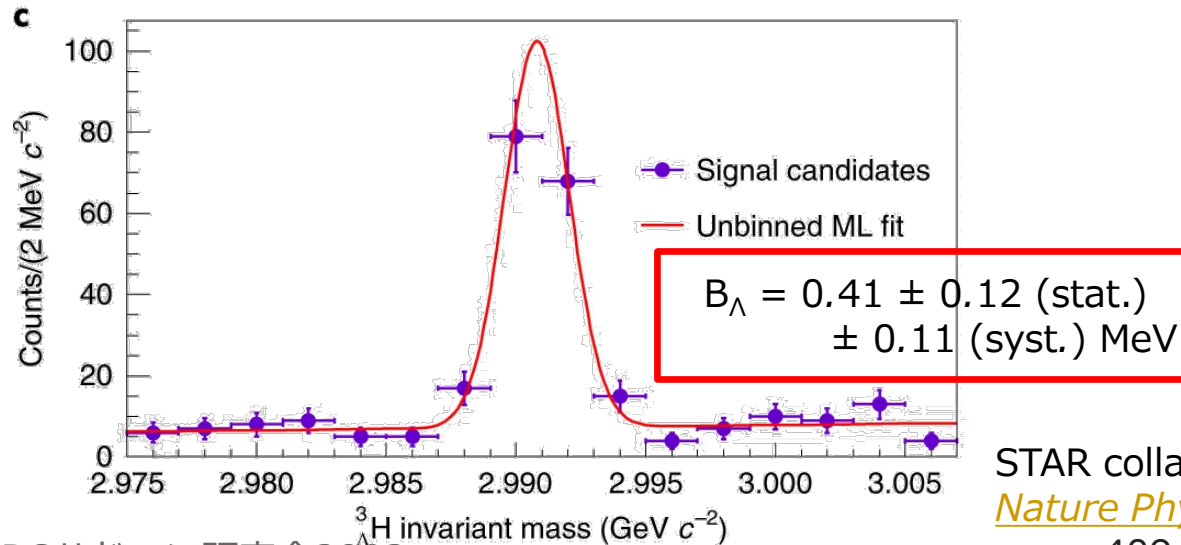
- ALICE in 2018 Pb-Pb collisions

Michael Hartung,  
PANIC2021



NPB47: R.H. Dalitz, R.C. Herndon, Y.C. Tang, Nuclear Physics B, Volume 47, 1972, 109-137  
arXiv:1711.07521: Lonardoni, D. and Pedreira, F. arXiv:1711.07521 [nucl-th]  
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Heavy-ion experiment - STAR in Au-Au collisions



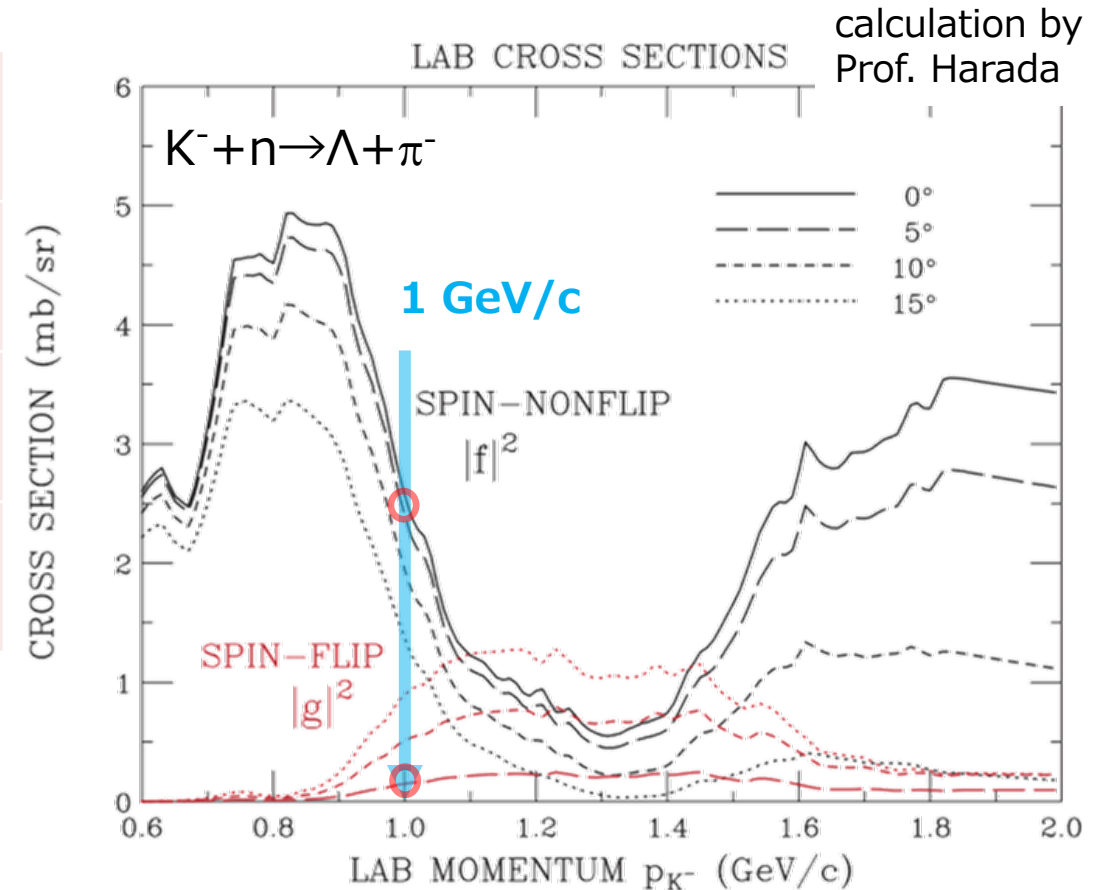
STAR collaboration  
*Nature Physics* volume 16,  
pages409-412 (2020)

The binding energy  
is still not determined

# Toward solving hypertriton lifetime puzzle

- an independent experimental approach is needed  
 ⇒ **Measurement using strangeness exchange reaction (J-PARC E73)**

<b>Experiment</b>	ALICE, STAR	J-PARC E73
<b>Production method</b>	Heavy ion collision	${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \pi^0){}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
<b>Microscopic process</b>	Thermal model; Coalescence model	<b>Strangeness exchange</b>
<b>Quantum number</b>	1/2 and 3/2 mixture?	<b>spin=1/2 dominant</b>

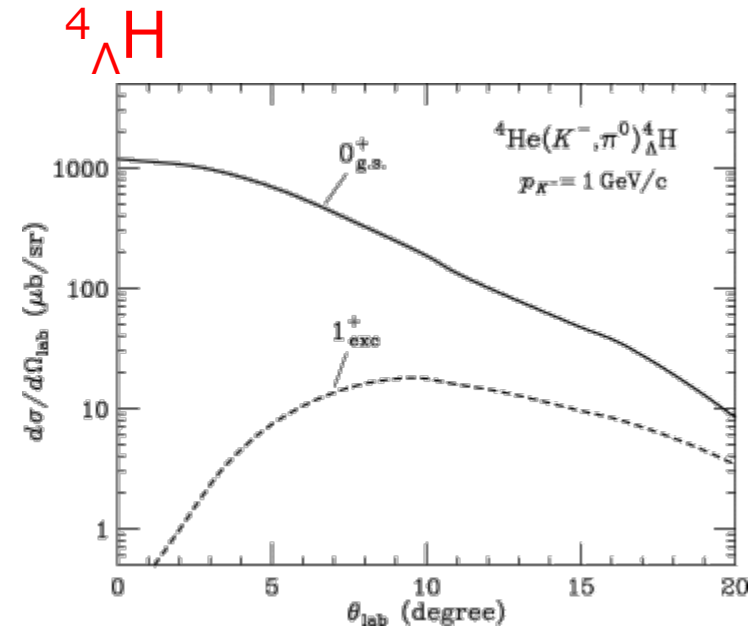
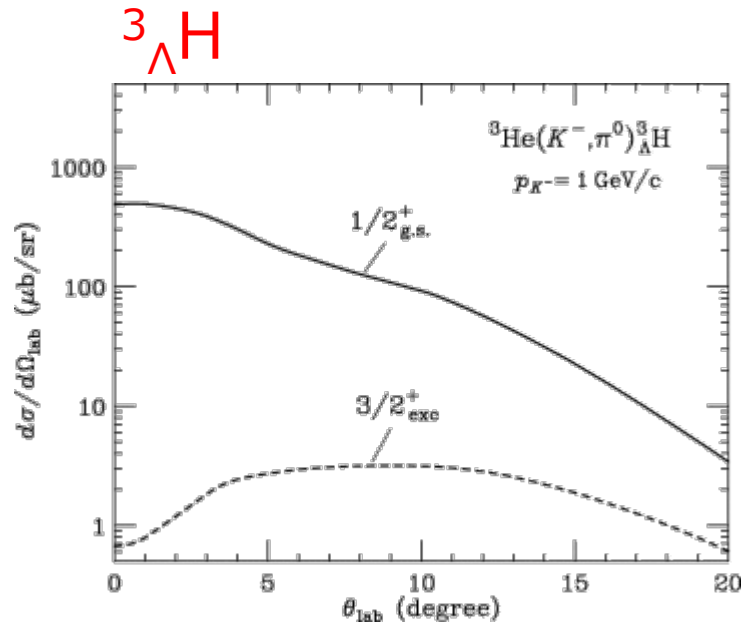


- produce the ground state of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}(1/2^+)$
- **provide important data on the hypertriton lifetime puzzle**

# Ratio of production cross section

- Theoretical calculation(DWIA)

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$$R = \sigma_{\text{lab}}({}^3_{\Lambda}H) / \sigma_{\text{lab}}({}^4_{\Lambda}H)$$

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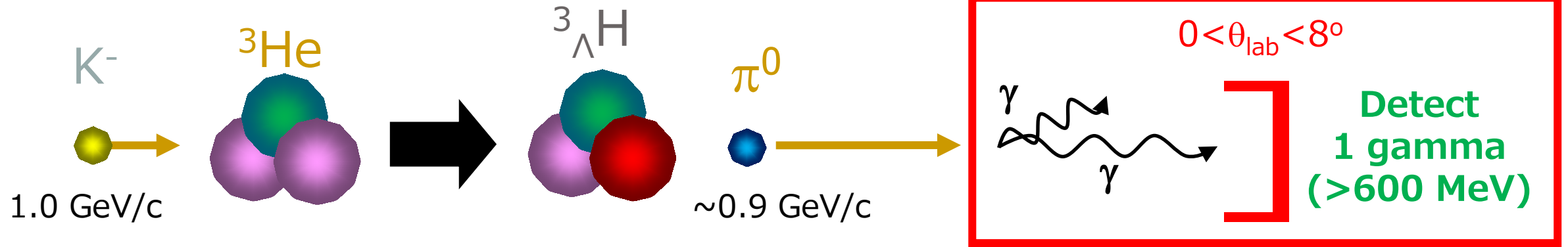
→ provides a better understanding of the structure of the  ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$  bound states



# J-PARC E73 experiment with $(K^-, \pi^0)$ reaction

# J-PARC E73: Experimental principle

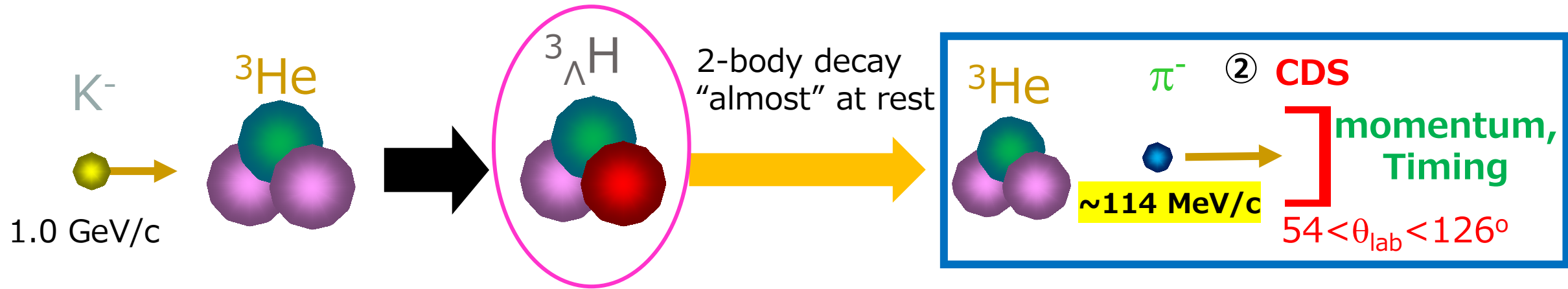
✓  ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \pi^0){}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  reaction



- ① tag ( $\text{K}^-$ ,  $\pi^0$ ) reaction by detecting forward single high-energy gamma with calorimeter  
→ almost 100% detection efficiency for forward going  $\pi^0$  ( $0 < \theta_{\text{lab}}^{\pi^0} < 10$ )  
⇒ tag  $\Lambda$  production with low recoil momentum  
Reduce BG from  $\text{Y}$  decays and multi pion production

# J-PARC E73: Experimental principle

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## ② Measure Momentum and Timing with Cylindrical Detector System (CDS)

select the mono-momentum of  $\pi^-$  after 2-body decay

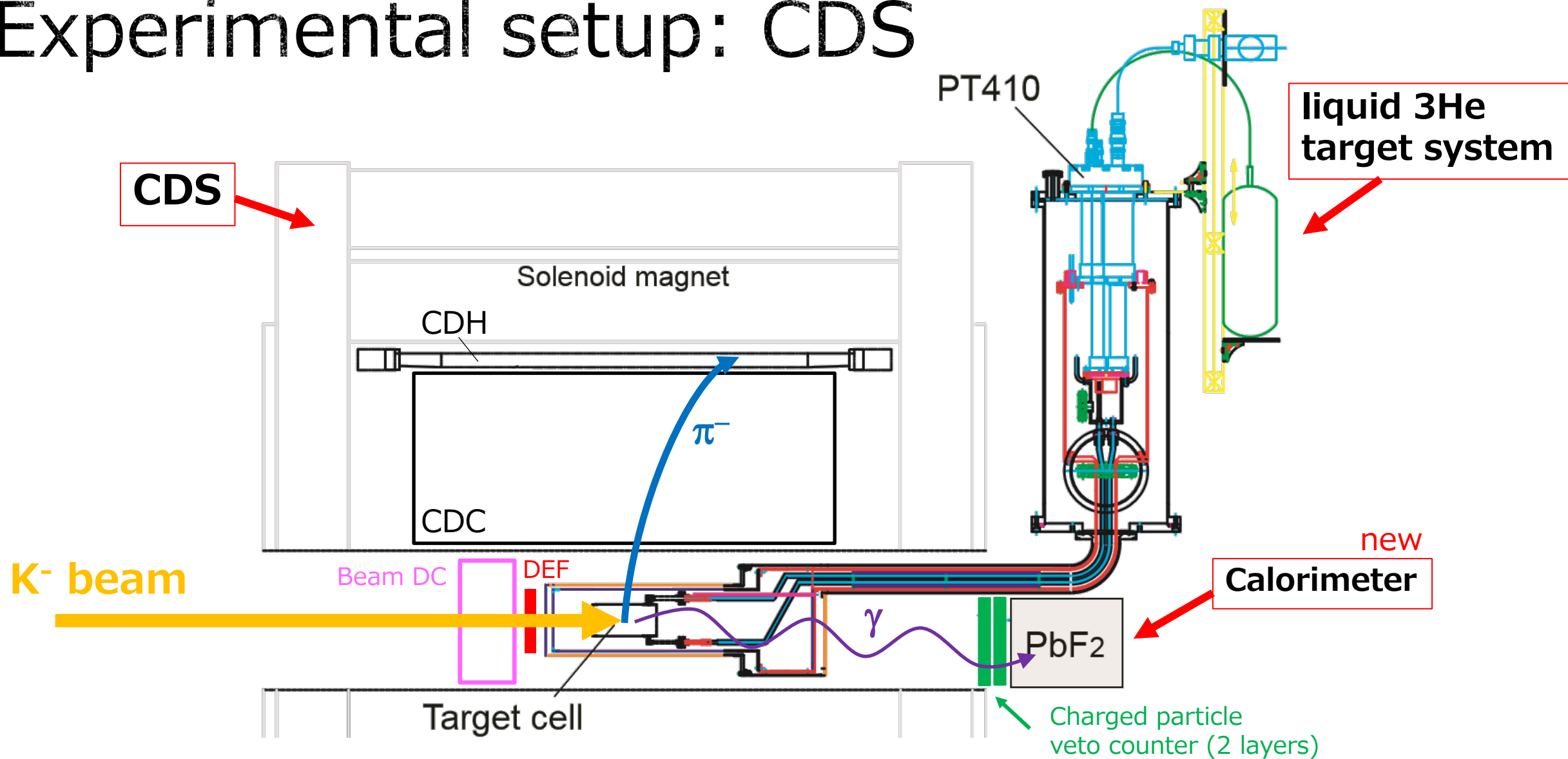
low recoil momentum ( $\sim 100 \text{ MeV}/c$ )

→ Hypertriton stops immediately inside the target

⇒ 2-body decay "almost" at rest

**Identify  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and derive lifetime from decay timing**

# Experimental setup: CDS



**CDS has worked well in K1.8BR Beamline**

**Used in E15(K<sup>-</sup>pp)/E31( $\Lambda$ 1405)/E57(K<sup>-</sup>d atom)**

# Current status of J-PARC E73

## ■ Phase-0

- Feasibility study of new method with the  $(K^-, \pi^0)$  reaction using  $^4\text{He}$  target

⇒ expected to be relatively easy to generate and identify  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

- Data taking in June 2020 (3 d)

## ■ Phase-1

- Production cross section study for  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
- Data taking in May 2021(4 d)

## ■ Phase-2

- Direct lifetime measurement for  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
- planned in JFY2023 (1 month)

Hypernucleus	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	$^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
B.R. (2-body)	50 %	25 %
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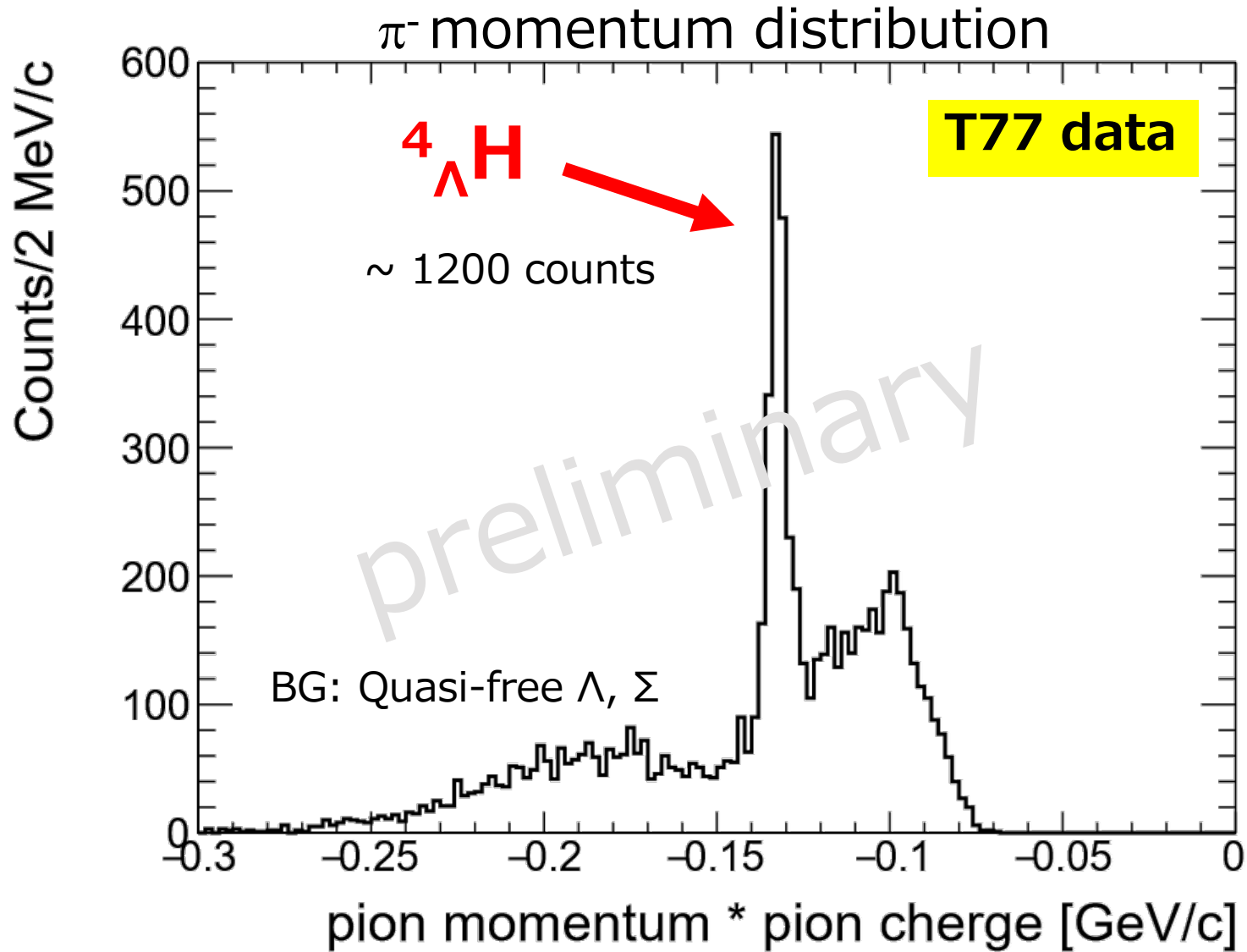
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We have  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  production data

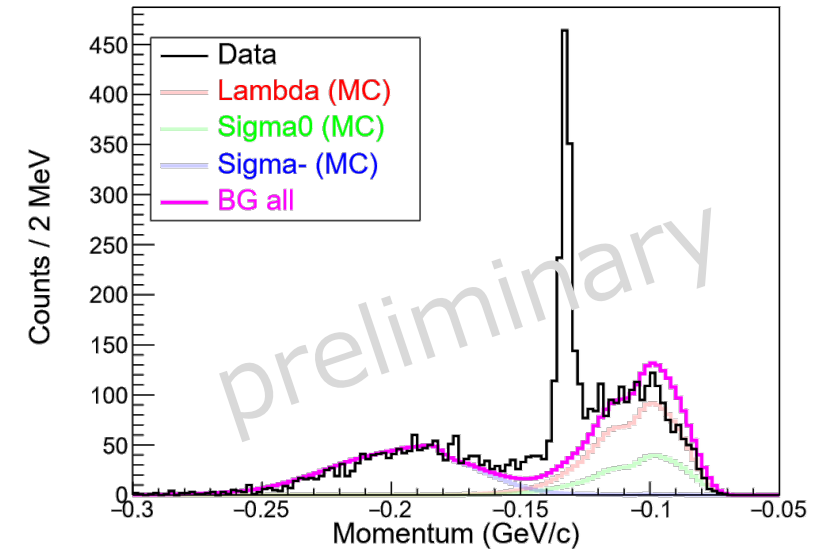
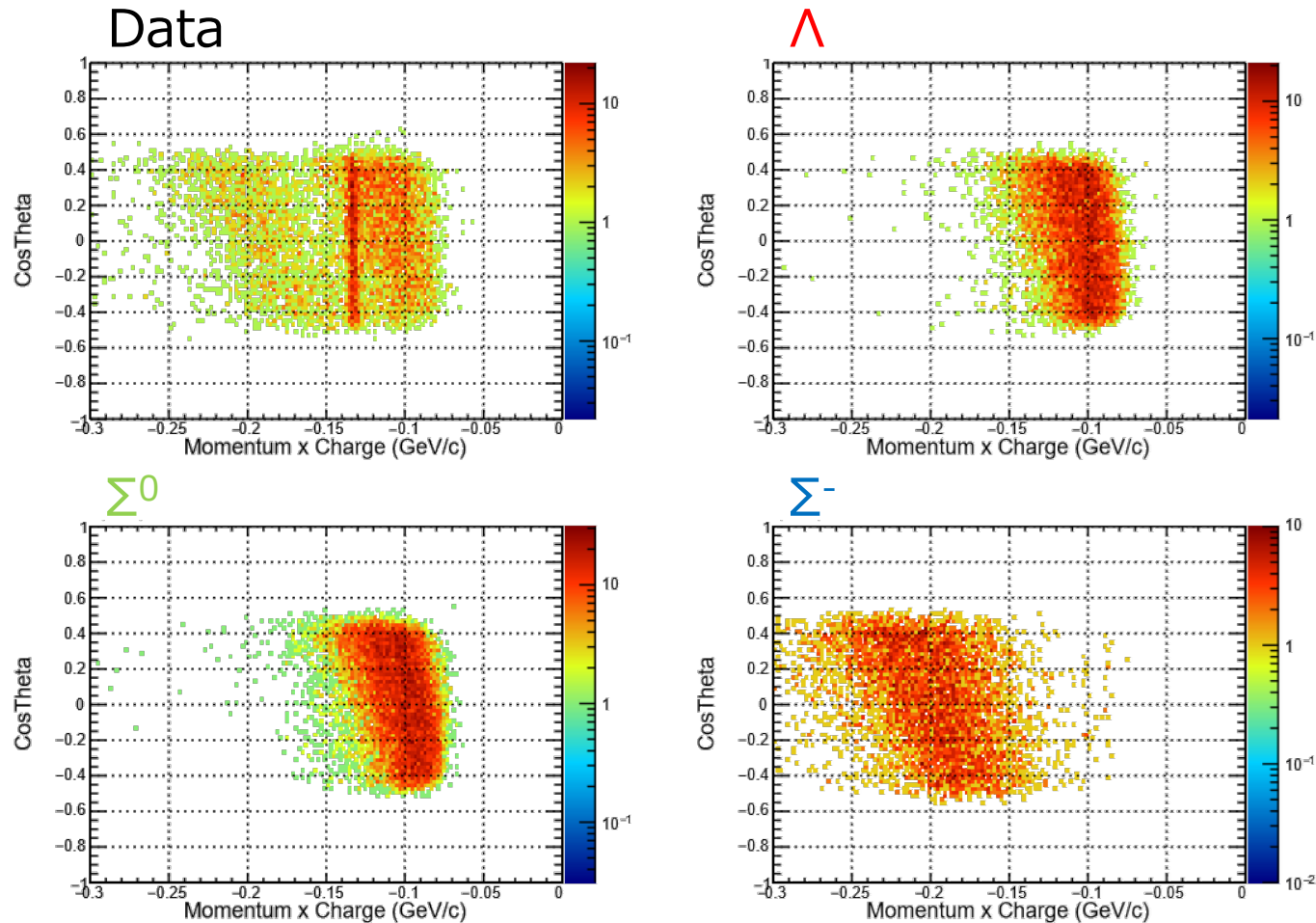
# $\pi^-$ momentum dis. of ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$



- ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  signal is clearly seen  
 $\sim 1200$  events  
→ Successfully established new method of ( $K^-$ ,  $\pi^0$ ) reaction
- Main BG: Quasi-free  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$
- ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  lifetime will be finalized soon

# Background at 4He target

## ■ Monte Carlo simulation



➤ the  $N(K^-, \pi^0)Y$  elementary cross section

➤ w/ the Fermi motion inside 4He nucleus

R. B. Wiringa et al.,

Phys. Rev. C 89, 024305, (2014)13

→ can reproduce the data well

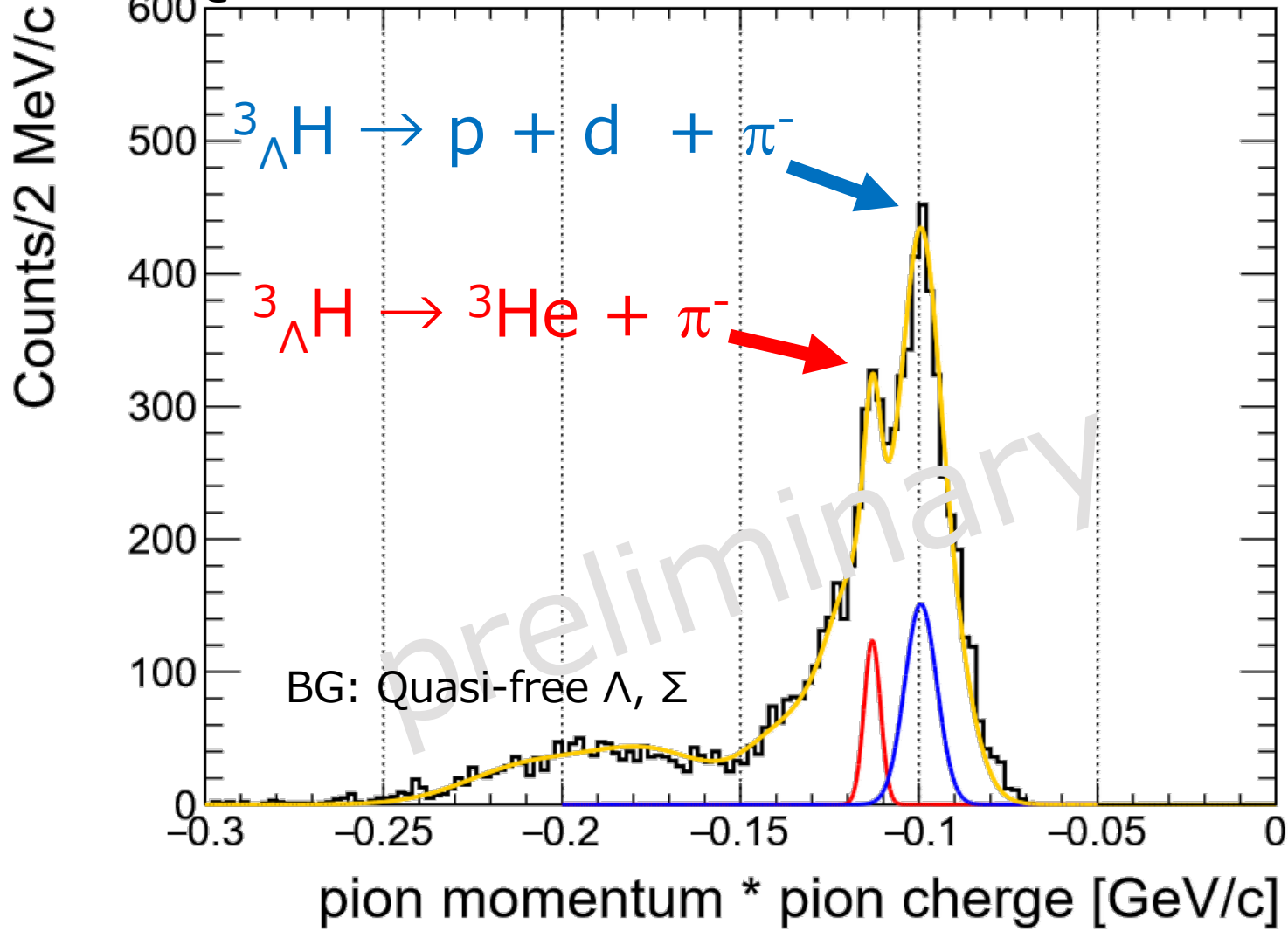


# $\pi^-$ momentum dis. of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

60 kW ~4 days beam

@2021.5

Fit with eye guides



- Hypertriton events can be seen  
~ 200 events (2 body)
- 3-body decay events can also be seen around ~100 MeV/c



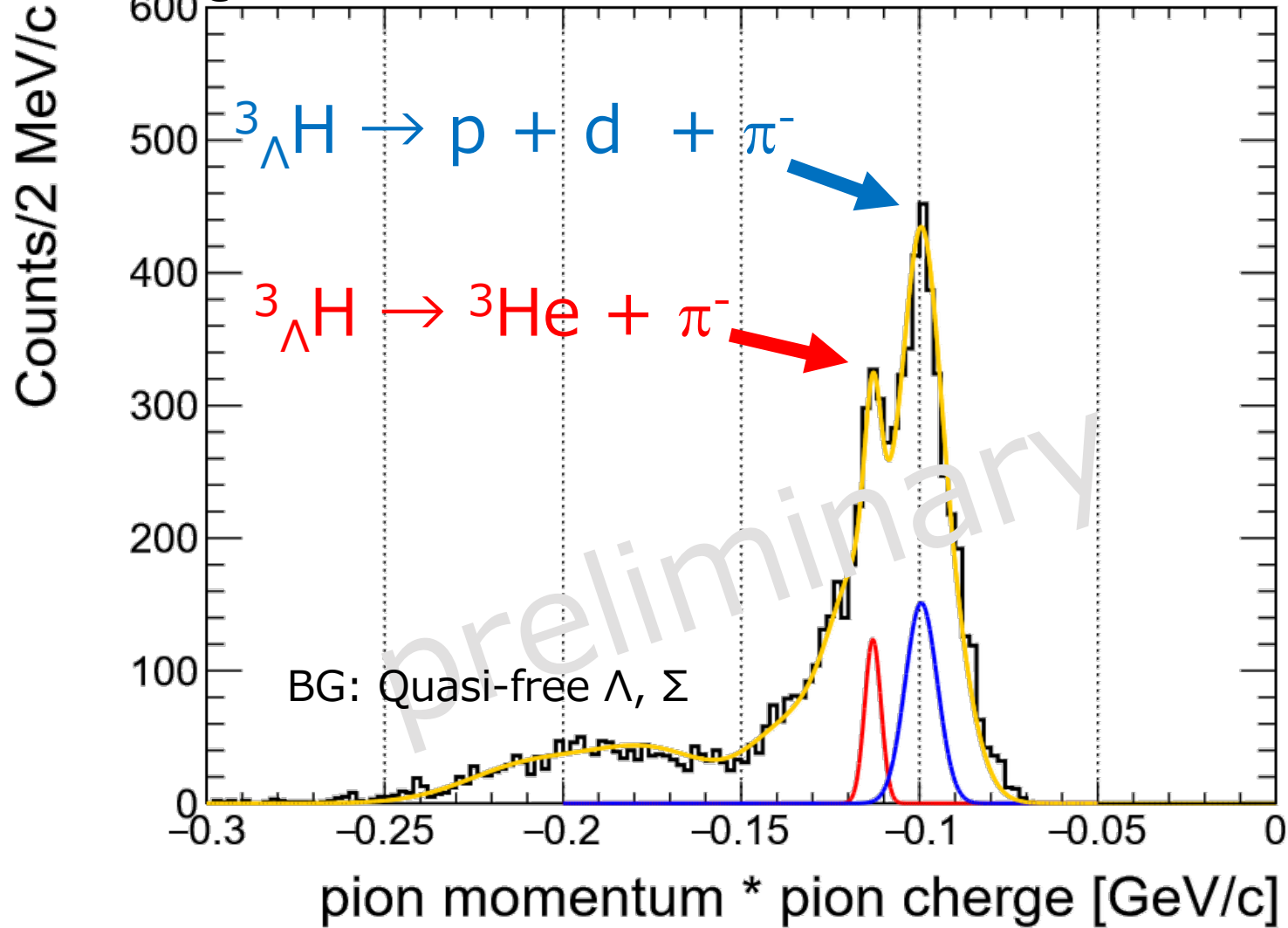
- ✓ cross section (B.R.  $\times$   $\sigma$ )
- ✓ 2-body/3-body ratio will be derived

# ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 3-body decay

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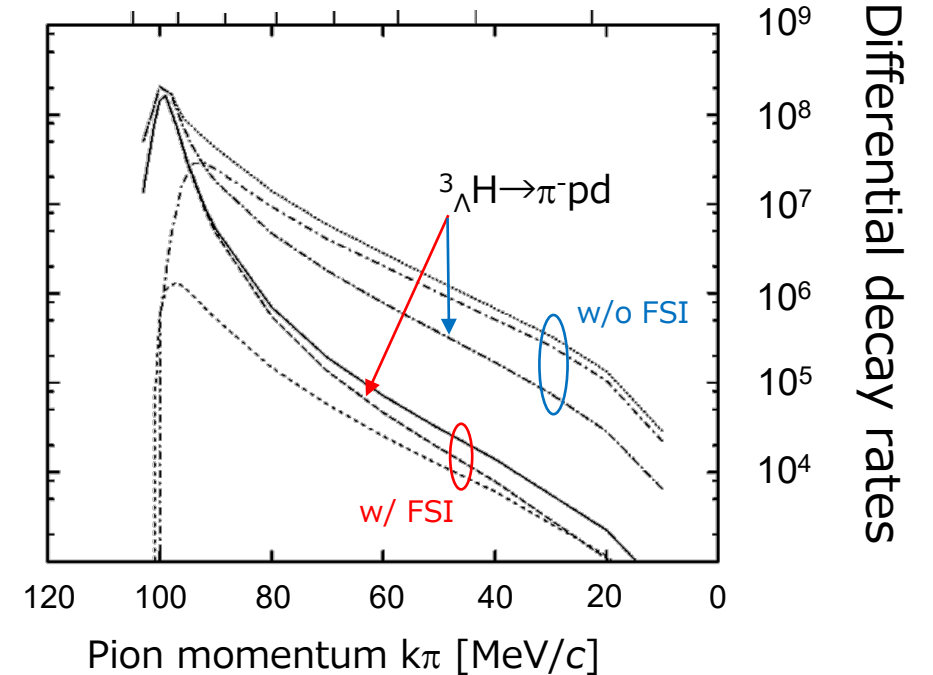
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H. Kamada, et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C57, 1595 (1998)

Kinetic energy  $T_{\text{c.m.}}^{3\text{N}}$  [MeV]

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35



# ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 3-body decay

- Why be seen peak structure of 3-body decay

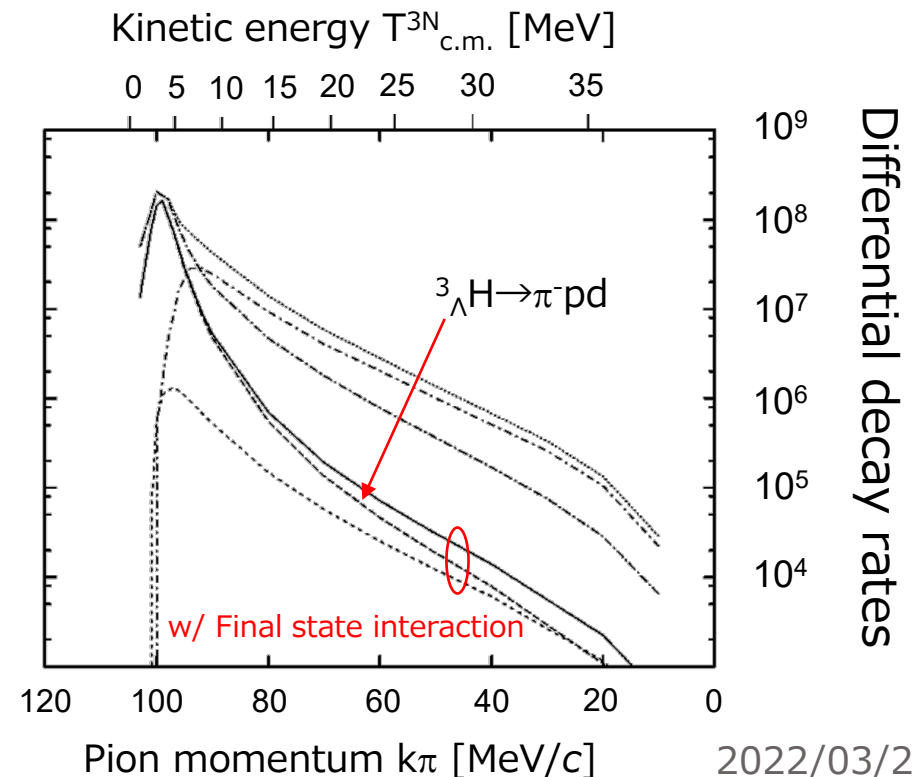
- Qualitative

- ✓  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  3-body decay
- ✓ large separation between  $\Lambda$  & d  $\rightarrow$  fermi motion of  $\Lambda$  is small
- ✓ Small effect to pion momentum

- Theoretical

- ✓ H. Kamada, et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C57, 1595 (1998)

**need to be careful  
when estimating the # of events**



# cross section ratio ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}/{}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

## ■ Rough estimation

Hypernucleus	${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}/{}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$		
Measured	# of Beam	5.04 G Kaon	8.84 G Kaon	1.75	Luminosity → 1 : 1.13 almost same
	# of target	0.145 g/cm <sup>3</sup> /4	0.070 g/cm <sup>3</sup> /3	0.64	
	# of signal	~1200	~200	0.15	
	Relative $\sigma$	1	0.3	<b>R=0.3</b>	

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→ **Binding energy does not seem to be large up to 0.41 MeV**

# Summary

- J-PARC E73: Direct measurement of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  lifetime
  - Different experimental method from heavy ion-based experiment
  - Selectively produce ground state of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}(1/2^+)$
- Information of binding energy from production cross section
  - $R \sim 0.3\text{--}0.4$  @  $B_{\Lambda}=0.13$  MeV(Emulsion),  $\sim 0.65$  @  $B_{\Lambda}=0.41$  MeV(STAR) (theoretical calculation)
  - We have  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  production data
    - ✓ Ratio rough estimation:  $R \sim 0.3$
    - Binding energy does not seem to be large up to 0.41 MeV
    - I will get the details of the value and error as soon as possible.

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# Backup

# Experiments on Hypertriton

- Heavy ion-based experiments
  - STAR
  - ALICE
  - GSI (WASA-FRS experiment)
- Counter experiments for lifetime
  - ELPH, Tohoku-U, Japan: ( $\gamma$ ,  $K^+$ )
  - J-PARC P74: ( $\pi^-$ ,  $K^0$ )
  - **J-PARC E73: ( $K^-$ ,  $\pi^0$ ) ← Our project**
- Binding energy measurement
  - MAMI ( $e$ ,  $e'K$ ) decay pion spectroscopy
  - JLab ( $e$ ,  $e'K$ )
  - J-PARC E07: Emulsion full scan

**Hypertriton still motivates  
activates studies**



# Previous Experiment using $(K^-, \pi^0)$ reaction

- Neutral Meson Spectroscopy @BNL (1997)

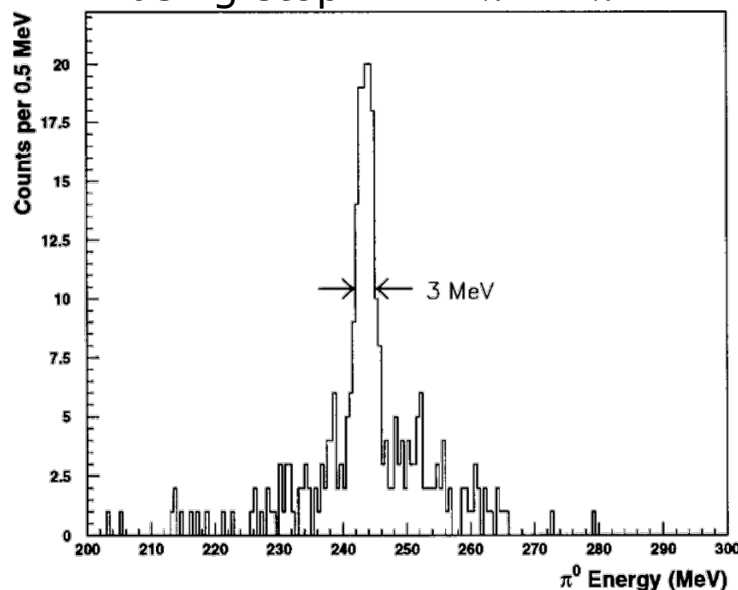
- Reaction:  $^{12}\text{C}(\text{stop } K^-, \pi^0)^{12}\text{B}$

- Measured  $\pi^0$  energy

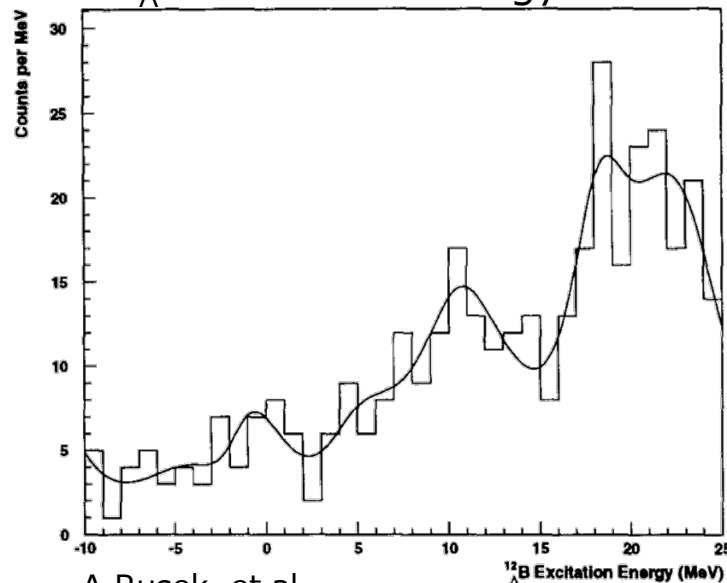
$$\checkmark E_{\pi^0} = E_1 + E_2 = m_{\pi^0} \sqrt{\frac{2}{(1-\cos \eta)(1-X^2)}}, \quad X = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{E_1 + E_2}$$

$\eta$ : opening angle

Energy resolution  
using stop  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^0$

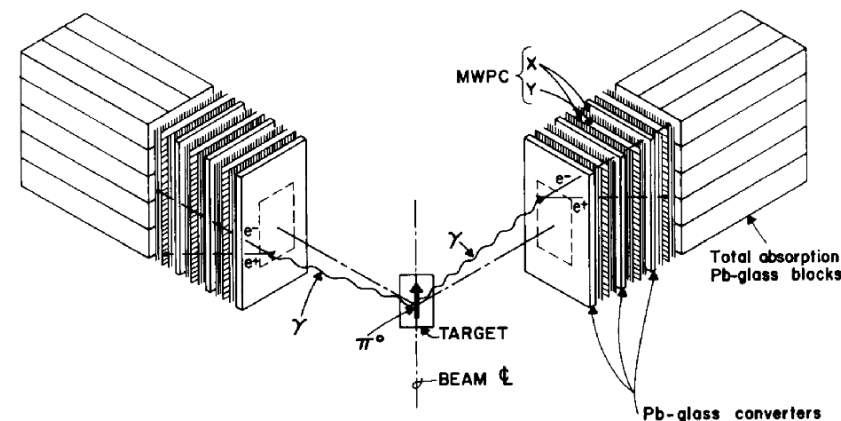


$^{12}\text{C}(\text{stop } K^-, \pi^0)$  reaction  
 $^{12}\text{B}$  excitation energy



A. Rusek, et al.,  
Nucl. Phys. A 639(1998)111c

H.W. Baer, et al.,  
Nucl. Inst. Meth. 180(1981)445

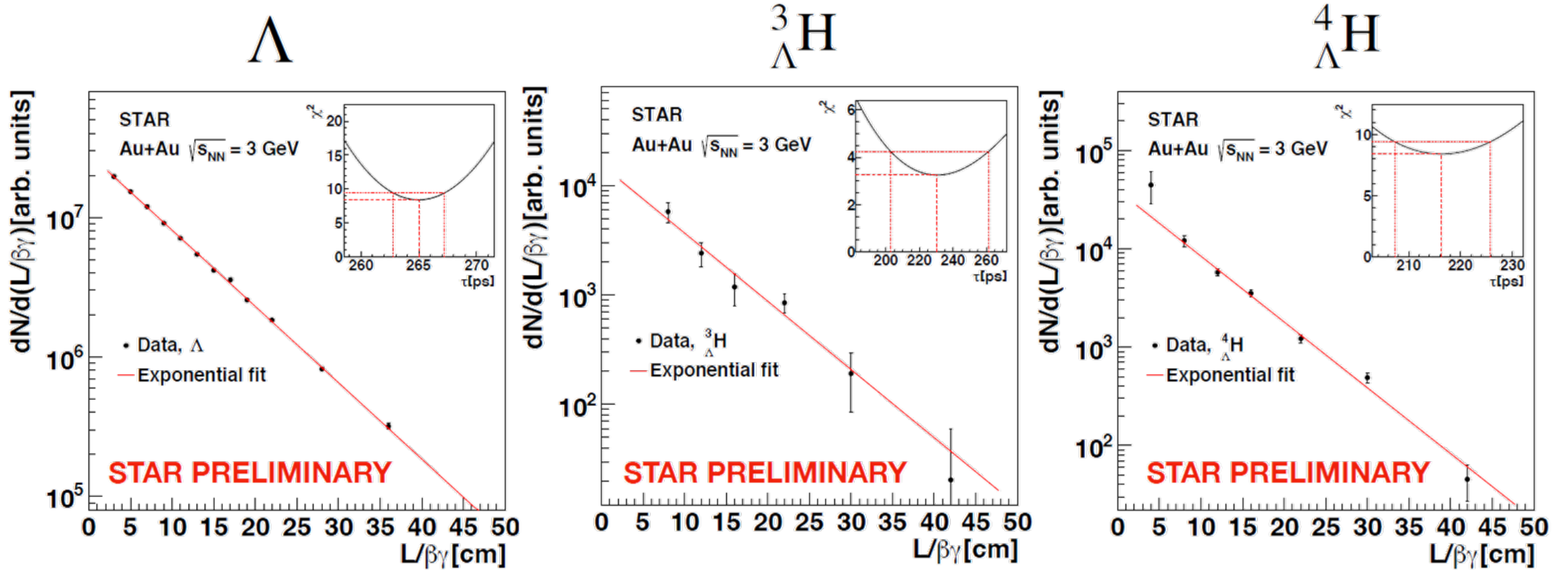


Difficult method

# STAR new result

- Fixed target mode  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3$  GeV

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REIMEI-THEIA web seminar  
STAR Preliminary result



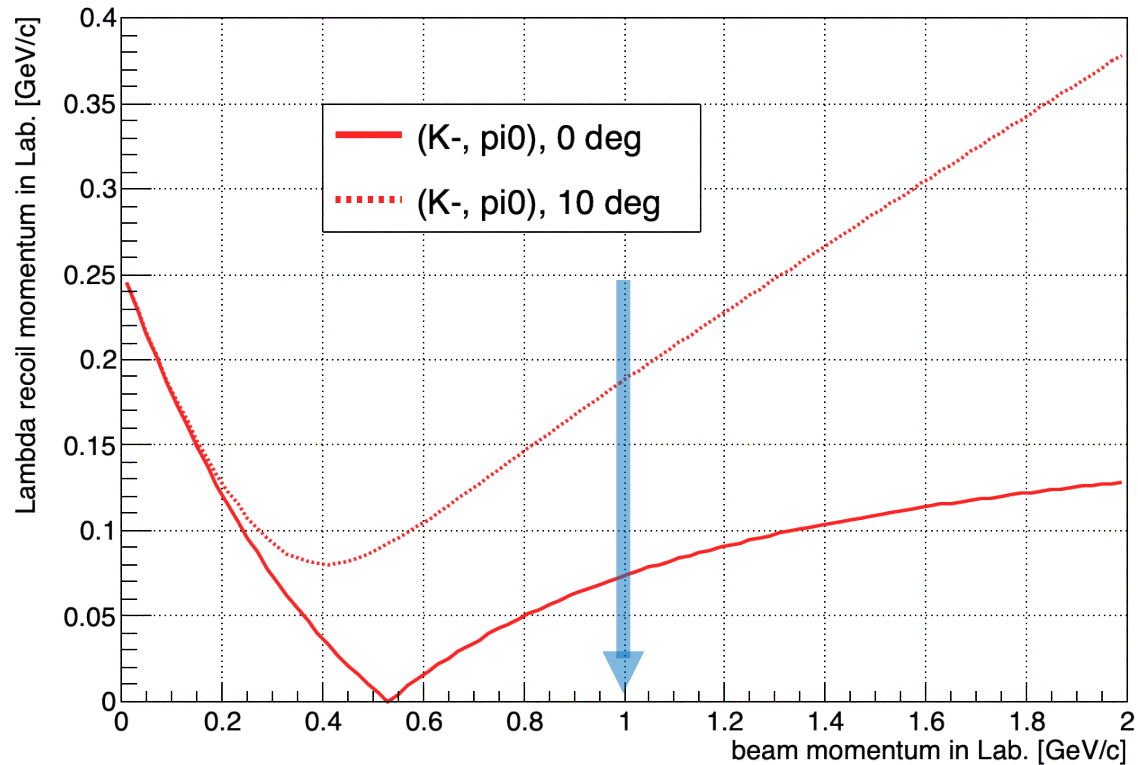
$\Lambda$  lifetime  $(265.0 \pm 2.2)[ps]$   
 PDG value  $(263.1 \pm 2.0)[ps]$

${}^3_{\Lambda}H : \tau = 232.1 \pm 29.2(stat) \pm 36.7(syst)[ps]$   
 ${}^4_{\Lambda}H : \tau = 218.3 \pm 7.5(stat) \pm 11.8(syst)[ps]$

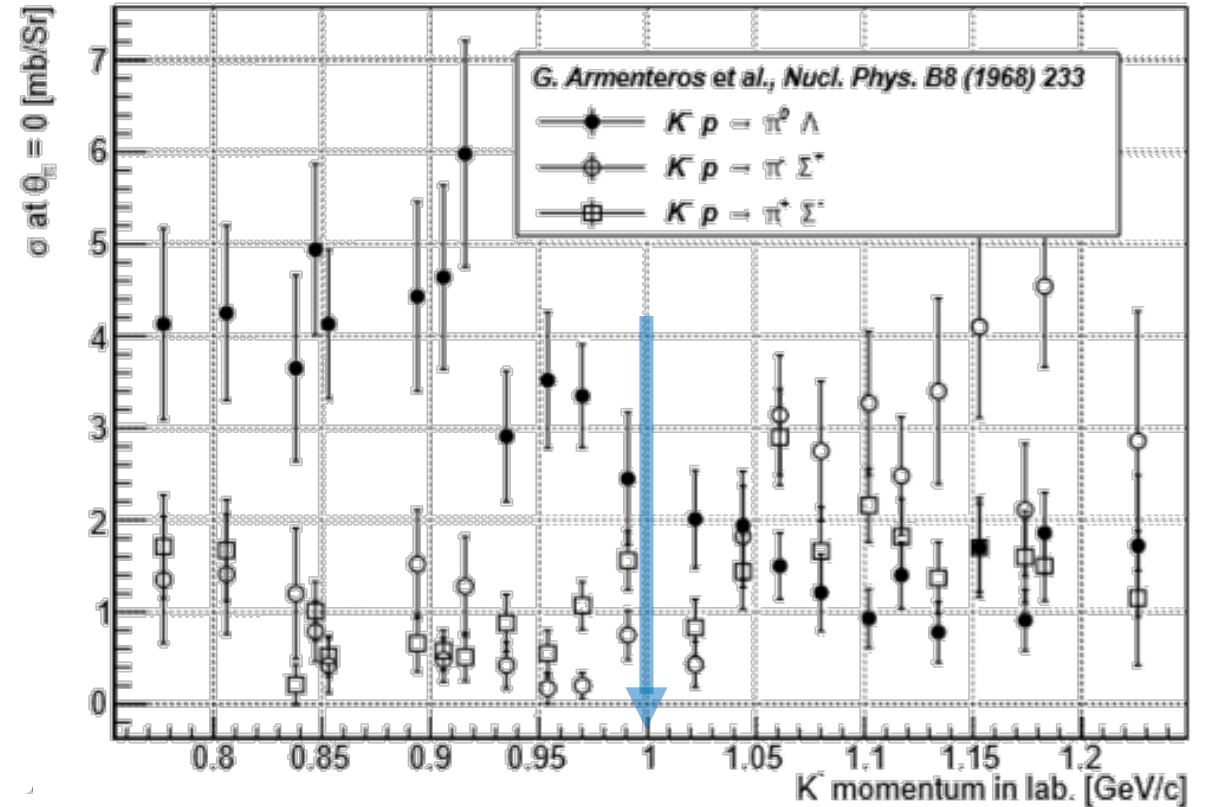
# Experiment concept

# Beam Momentum selection

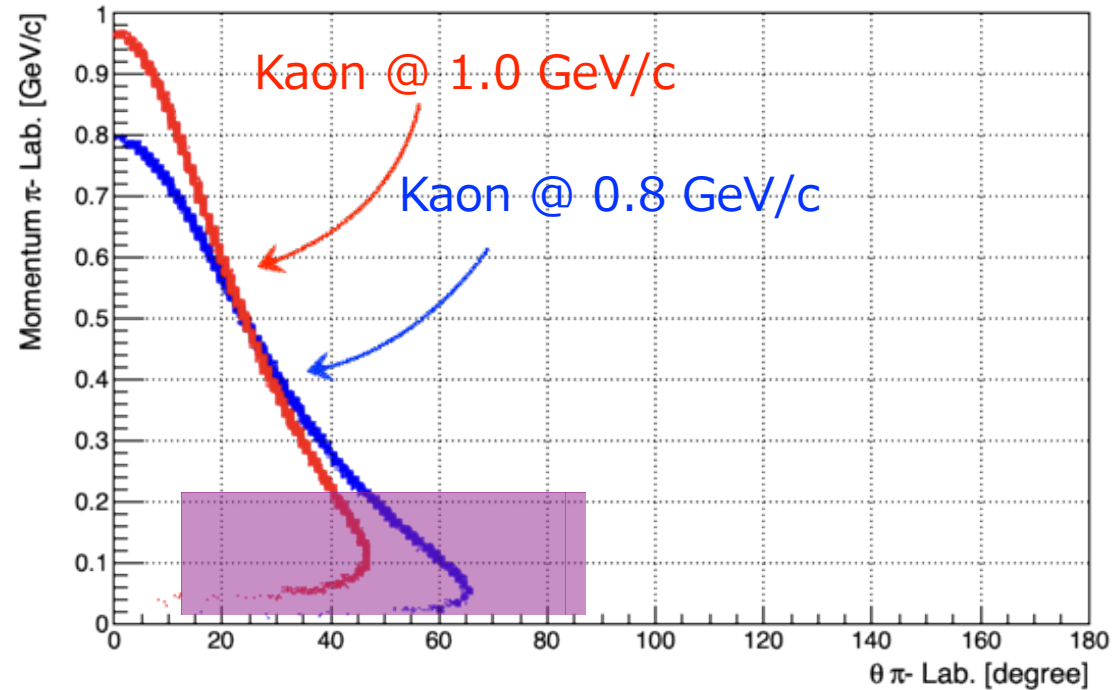
Lambda recoil momentum vs meson scattering angle



Elementary cross section

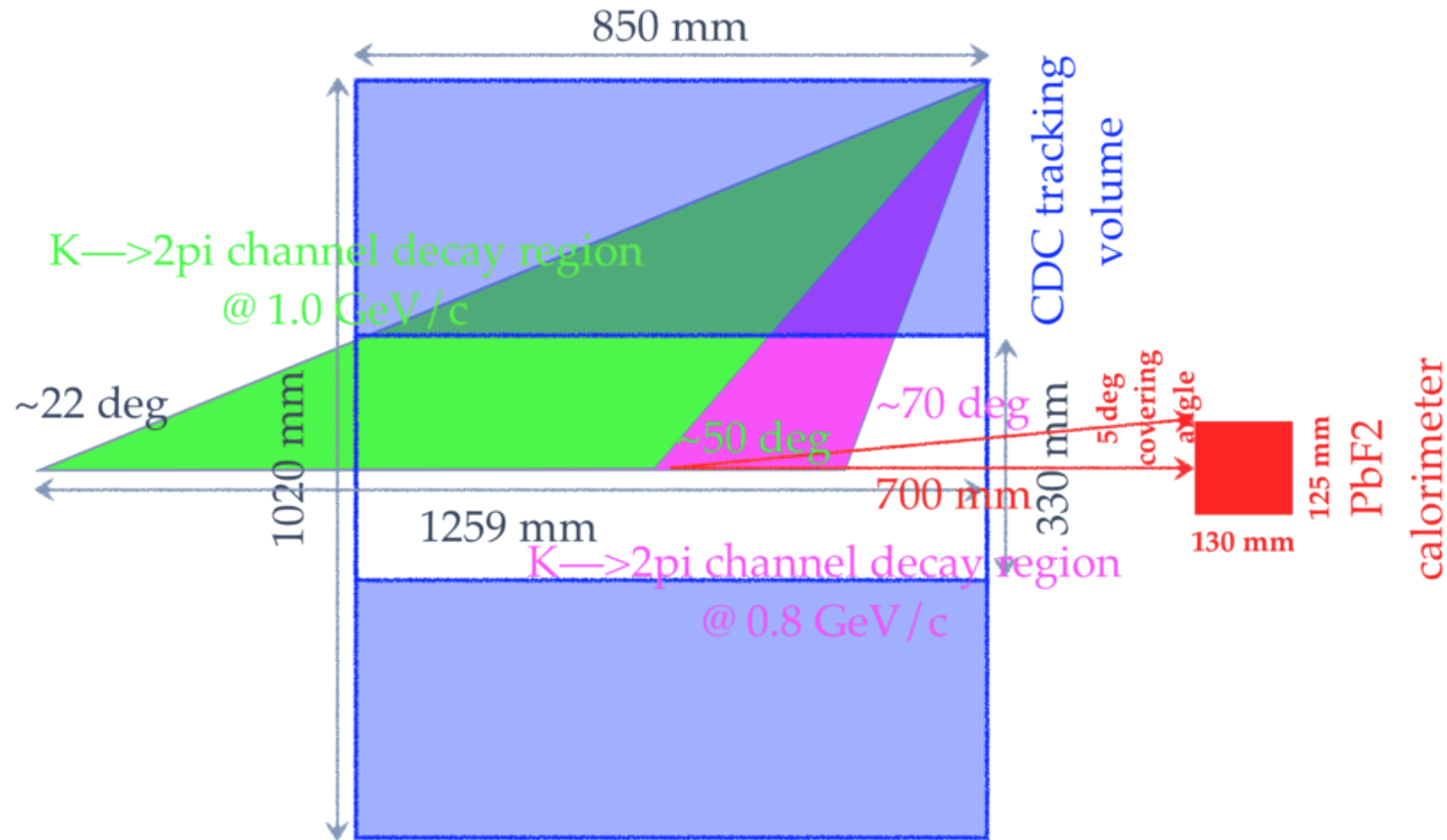


# Background events from Kaon in-flight decay



- For setup like SKS dipole magnet spectrometer, there are severe BG from K- in-flight decay.
- But in our case, a conjunction measurement of both  $\pi^-$  and  $\pi^0$ , the kaon decay backgrounds can be suppressed by using the  $\pi^-$  decay angle and decay vertex.

# CDC acceptance vs Kaon decay background



- Most of the 1.0 GeV/c K- beam in-flight decay background is out of the acceptance of CDS spectrometer.

# Reaction and final states

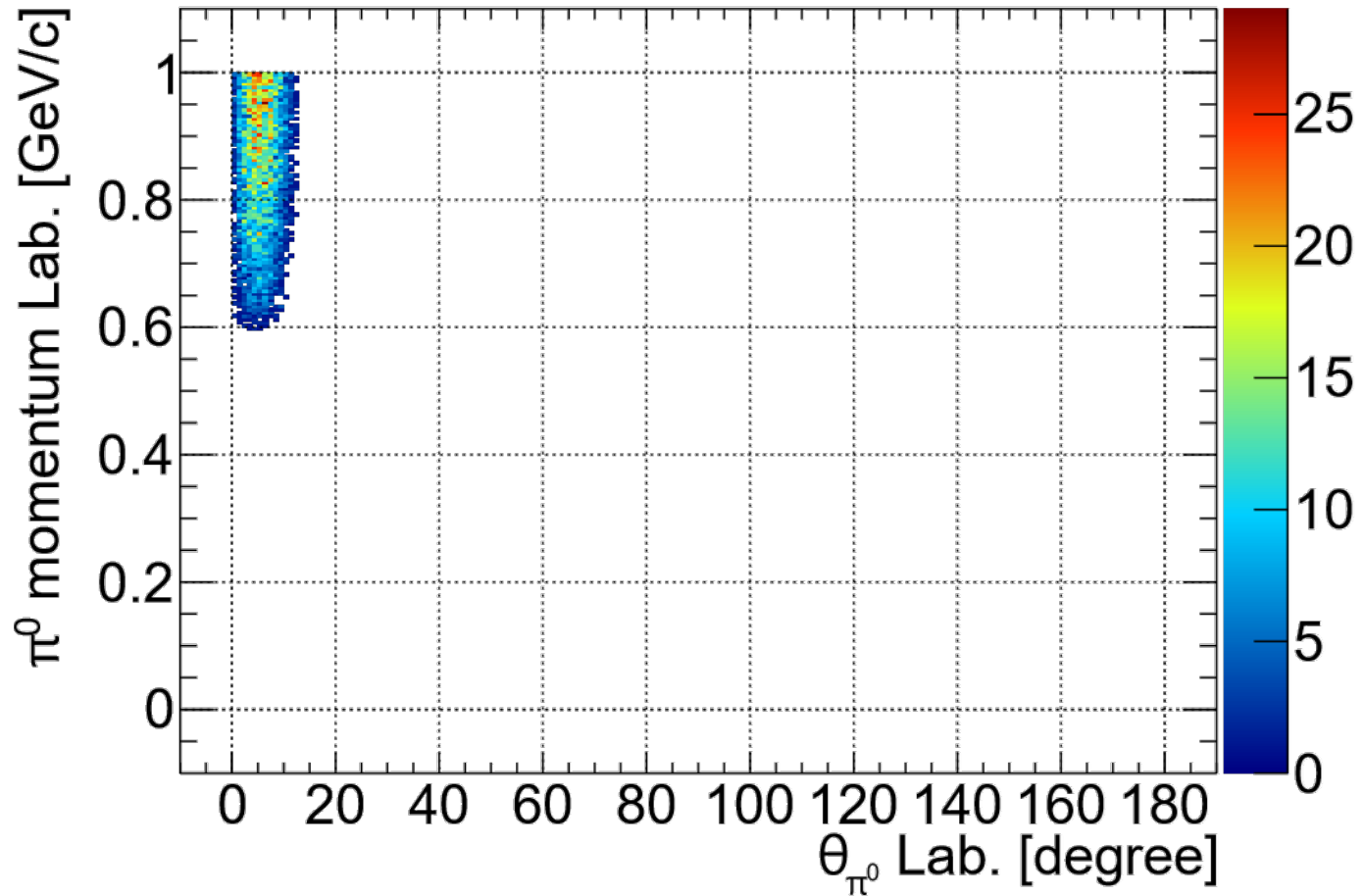
out of  
pi0+pi-  
acceptance

Reaction(decay) and final states	Charged particle timing structure	Branching ratio	$\sigma$ [mb/Sr] for $p_{K^-}=0.9\text{GeV}/c$ and $\theta_{\pi^0}=0$
$K^- \text{ } ^3\text{He} \rightarrow \pi^0 \text{ } ^3\text{H} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^0 \pi^- \text{ } ^3\text{He} \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- \text{ } ^3\text{He} \\ \pi^0 p n n_s \rightarrow 2\gamma p n n \end{cases}$	delayed $\pi^-$ delayed p	?% ?%	?% ?%
$K^- \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^0 \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow 2\gamma \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \\ \pi^0 \pi^- \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- \\ \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^- \rightarrow 4\gamma \pi^- \end{cases}$	prompt $\mu^-$ prompt $\pi^-$ prompt $\pi^-$	3.32% 20.92% 1.76%	Not included
$K^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 \Lambda \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^0 \pi^0 n \rightarrow 4\gamma n \\ \pi^0 \pi^- p \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- p \end{cases}$	N. A. delayed $\pi^-$ , p	35.8% 63.9%	4.5
$K^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 \Sigma^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma \Lambda \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^0 \gamma \pi^0 n \rightarrow 5\gamma n \\ \pi^0 \gamma \pi^- p \rightarrow 3\gamma \pi^- p \end{cases}$	N. A. delayed $\pi^-$ , p	35.8% 63.9%	0.36 (scaled)
$K^- p \rightarrow \pi^- \Sigma^+ \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^- \pi^0 p \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- p \\ \pi^- \pi^+ n \end{cases}$	prompt $\pi^-$ , delayed p N. A.	51.57% 48.31%	0.9
$K^- p \rightarrow \pi^+ \Sigma^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- n$	N. A.	100%	Not included
$K^- n \rightarrow \pi^- \Lambda \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^- \pi^0 n \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- n \\ \pi^- \pi^- p \rightarrow 2\pi^- p \end{cases}$	prompt $\pi^-$ N. A.	35.8% 63.9%	Not included
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$K^- n \rightarrow \pi^0 \Sigma^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^- n \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- n$	delayed $\pi^-$	100%	0.9 (scaled)

Table 4: Survey for  $K^- + \text{}^3\text{He} \rightarrow$  forward  $\pi^0$  + delayed  $\pi^-$ .

# Tagging single $\gamma$ -ray

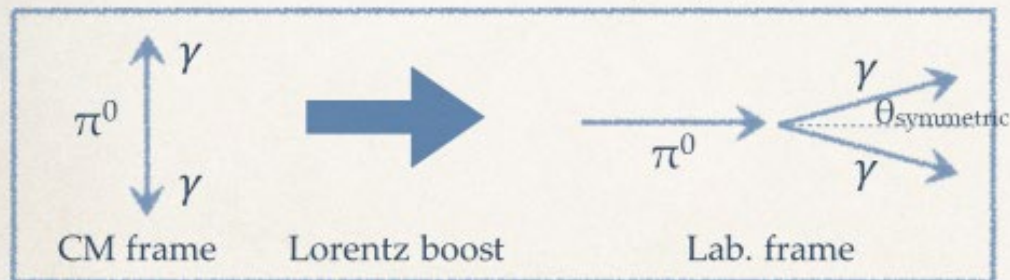
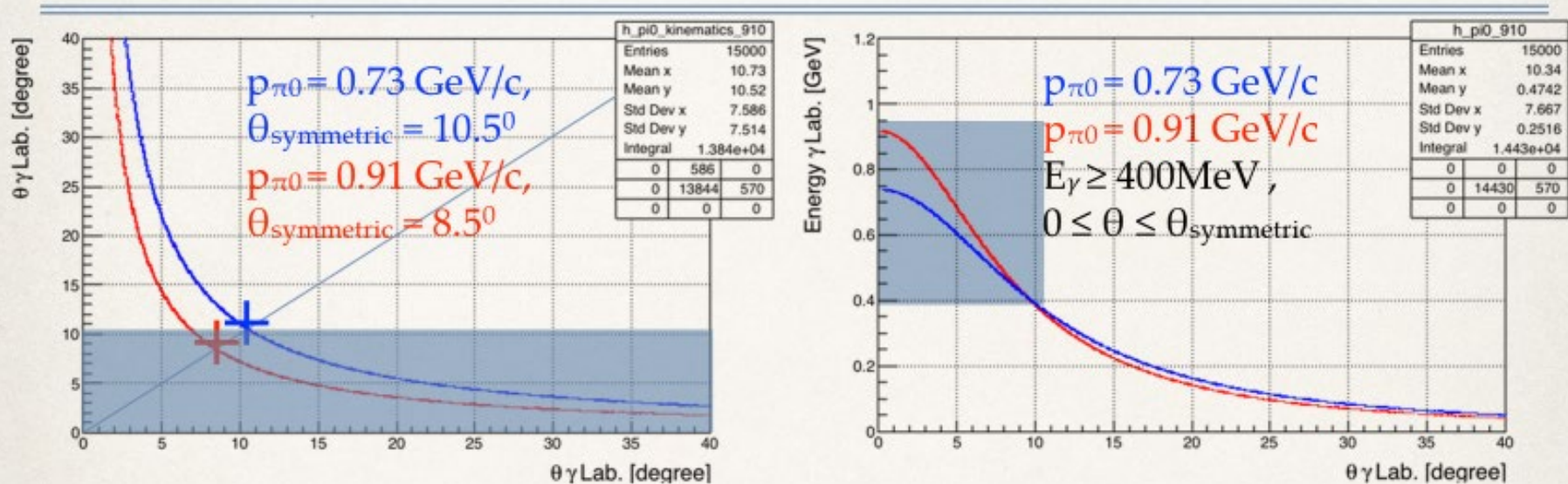
- Simulation:  $\pi^0$  uniformly 0~1 GeV/c, 0~180 deg
  - Forward calorimeter energy select >0.6 GeV gamma



✓ forward high-energy  $\pi^0$  can be selected by detecting 1 gamma



# Revisit $\pi^0$ decay kinematics

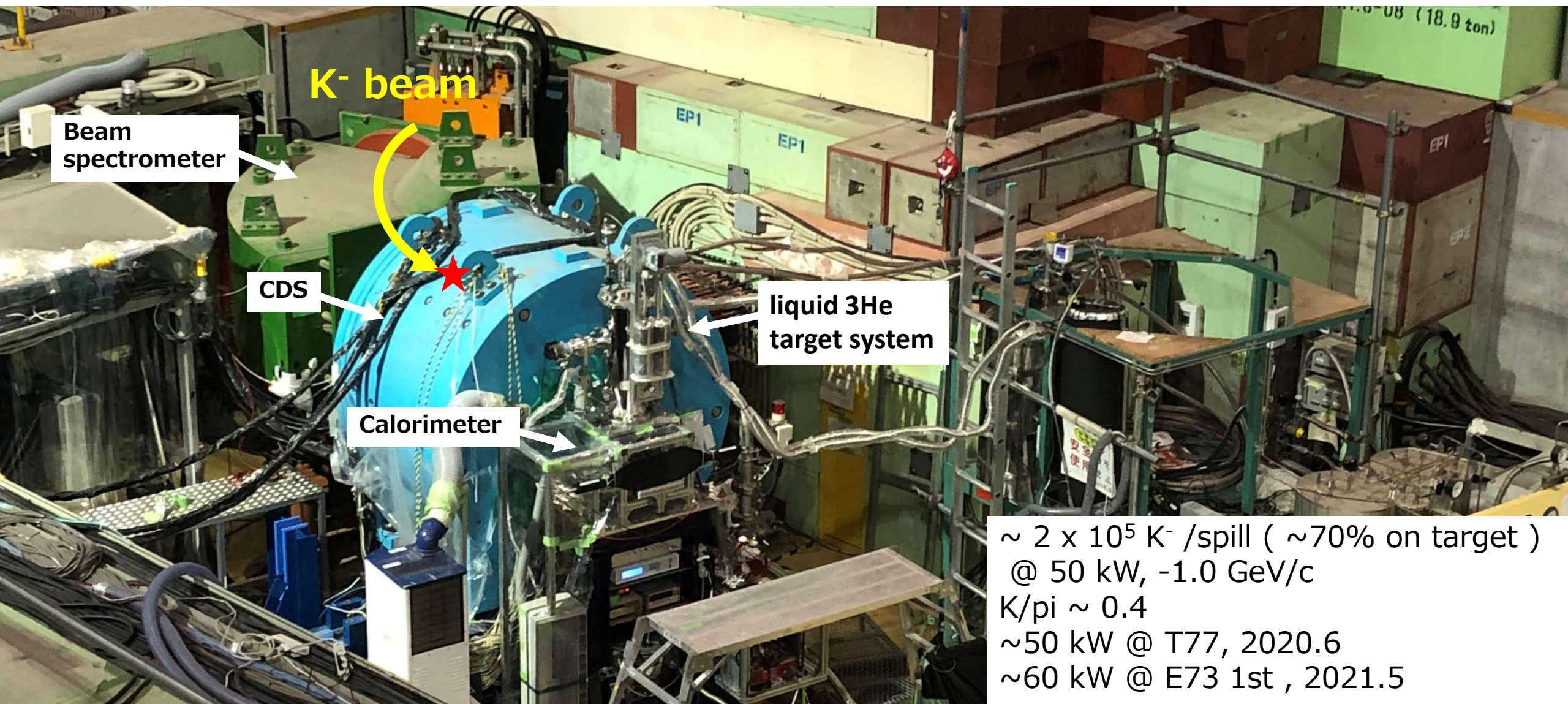


- \* 0.73~0.91GeV/c  $\pi^0$  boosts  $\gamma$  forwardly;
- \* By covering  $0 \sim \theta_{\text{symmetric}}$ , tag the  $\gamma$  with higher energy ( $E_\gamma \geq 400\text{MeV}$ )

- \*  $\pi^0$  tagger needs to be *located along beam line*
- \* *Fast response, radiation hardness*

# CDS performance

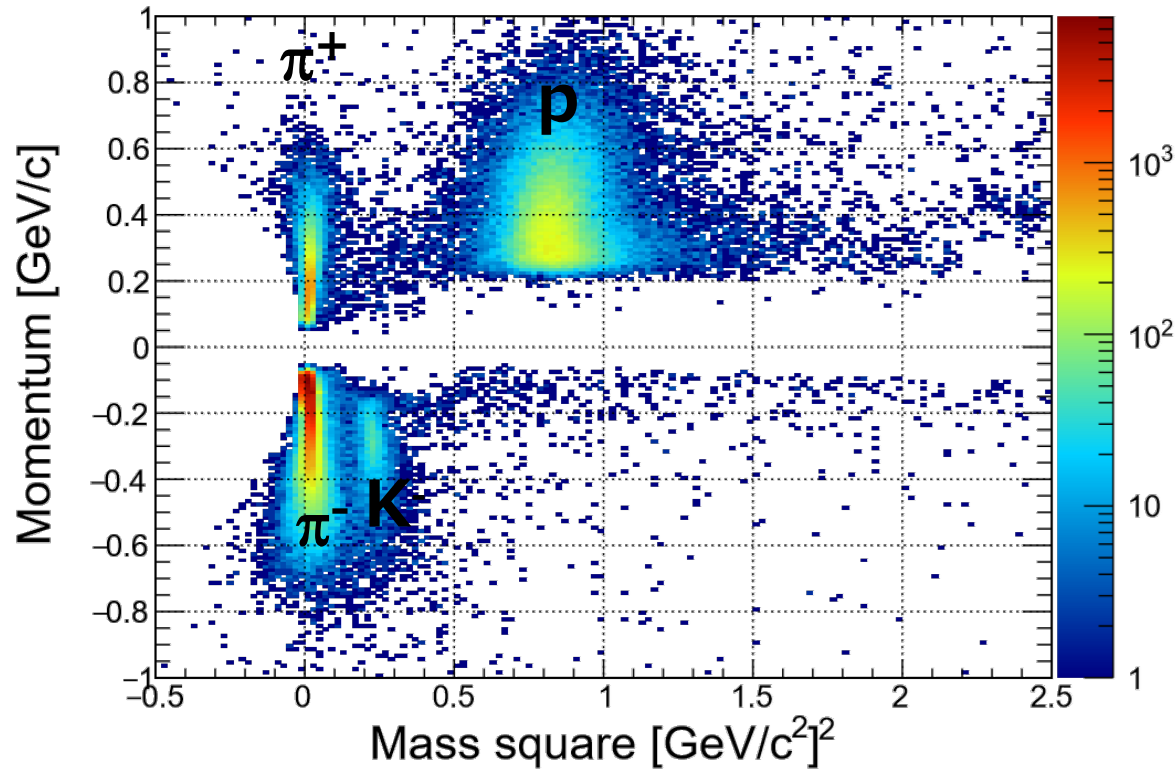
# J-PARC K1.8BR Beamline



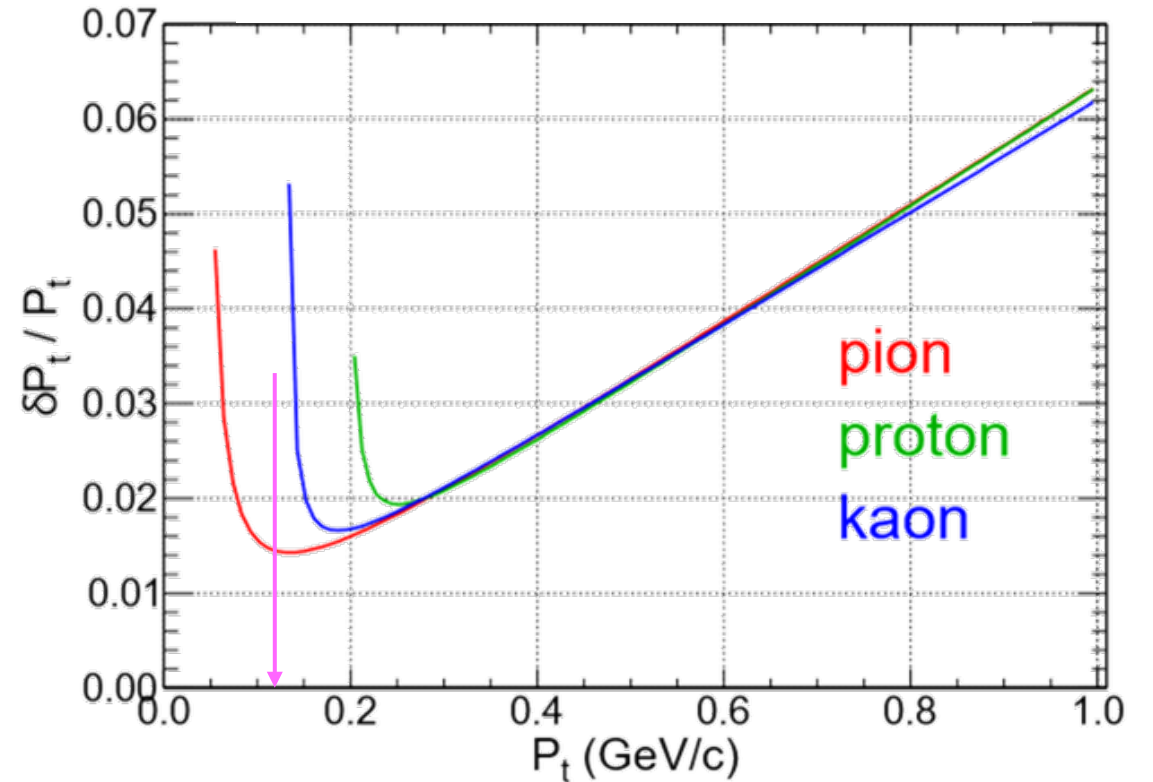
$\sim 2 \times 10^5$  K<sup>-</sup> /spill (  $\sim 70\%$  on target )  
@ 50 kW, -1.0 GeV/c  
K/pi  $\sim 0.4$   
 $\sim 50$  kW @ T77, 2020.6  
 $\sim 60$  kW @ E73 1st, 2021.5

# CDS performance

## Particle ID



## Momentum resolution



✓ Well working

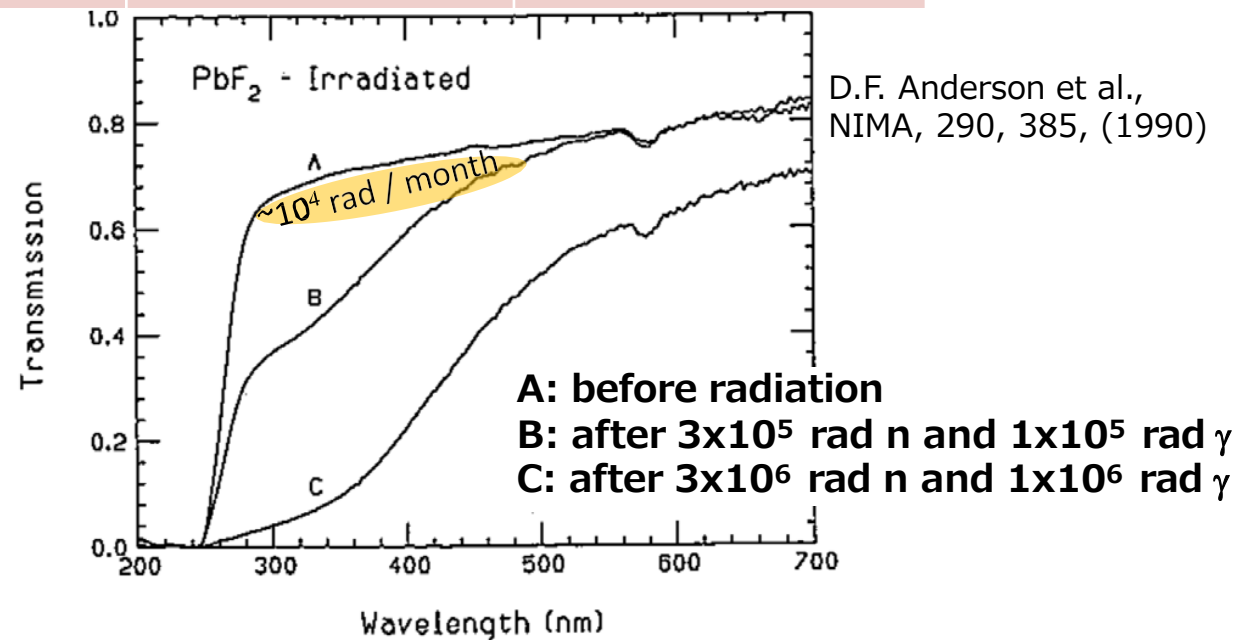
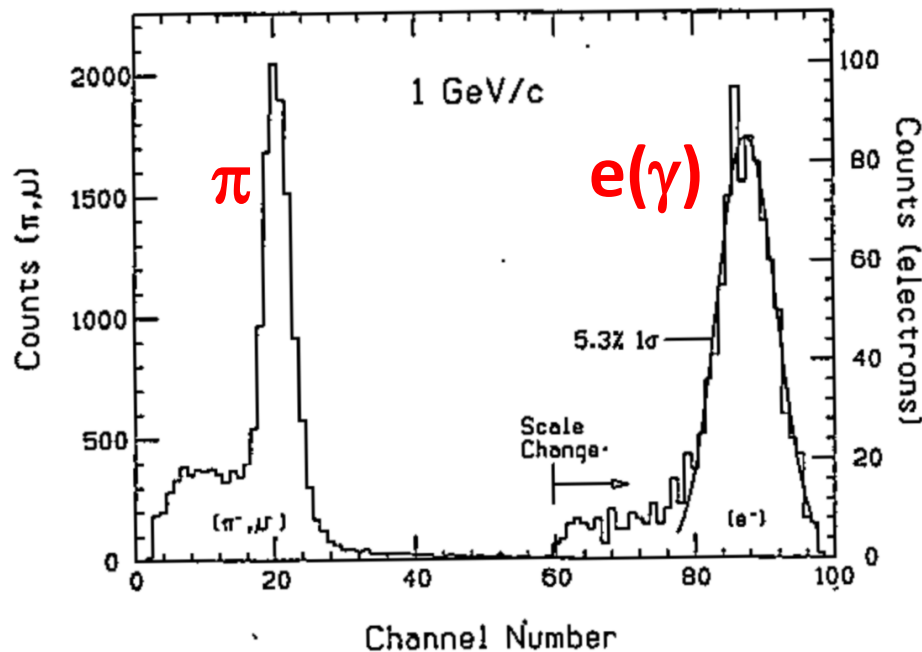
# PbF2 calorimeter

# PbF<sub>2</sub> calorimeter

Experiment used PbF<sub>2</sub>: MAMI A4  
EPJA: Hadrons and Nuclei volume 18, p.159–161(2003)

## Basic information

Radiation length	Moliere radius	Density	Refractive index	Energy resolution
0.93 cm	2.22 cm	7.77 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.82	5 %/ $\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$



➤ Calorimeter with Cherenkov light

✓ Fast response

✓ Identification of hadrons and e,  $\gamma$

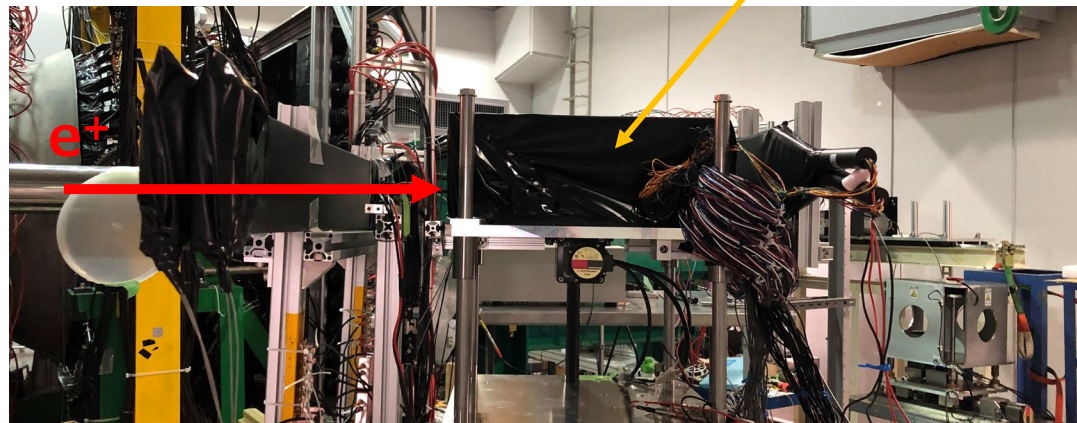
➤ High radiation resistance

# PbF<sub>2</sub> calorimeter operation

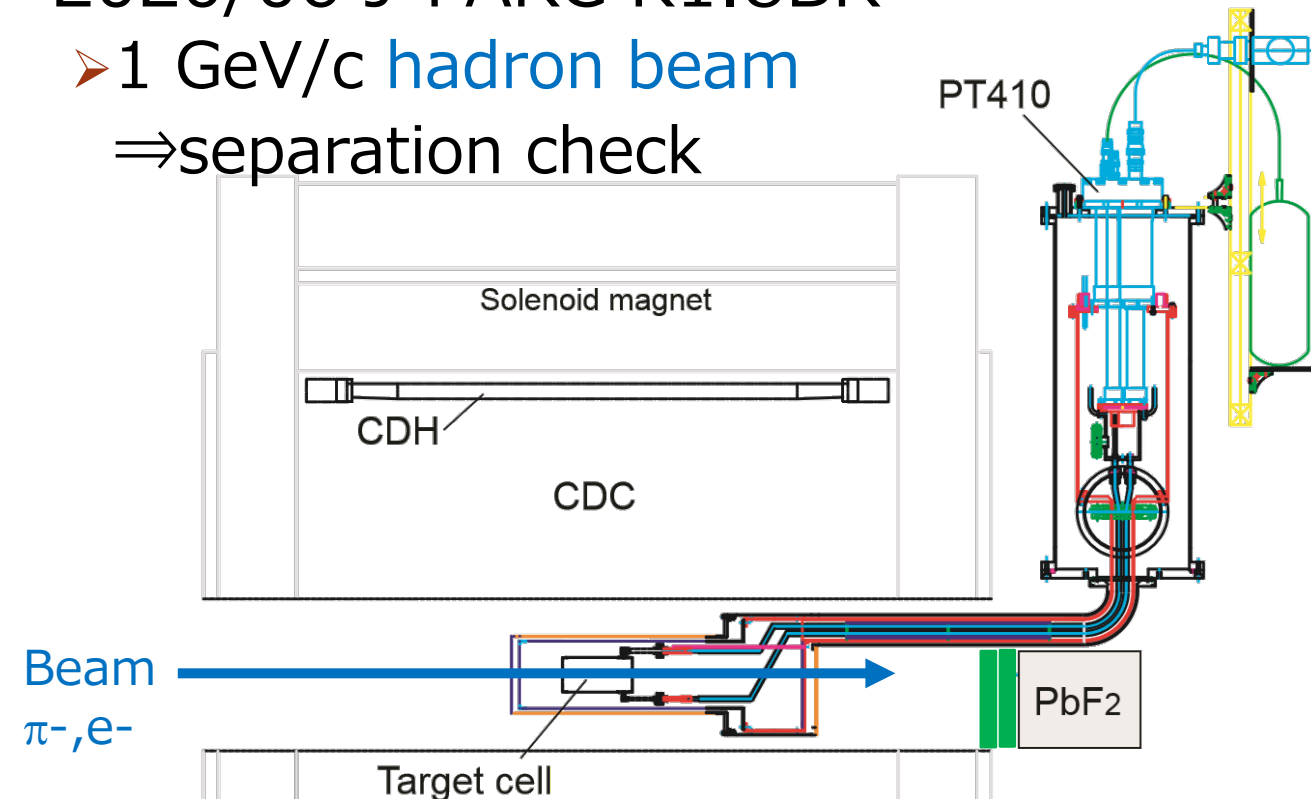
- Beam test – two pattern
  - 40 segments used

- 2019/12 ELPH
  - 100–800 MeV/c **e<sup>+</sup> beam**
  - ✓ Basic performance test

Experimental setup

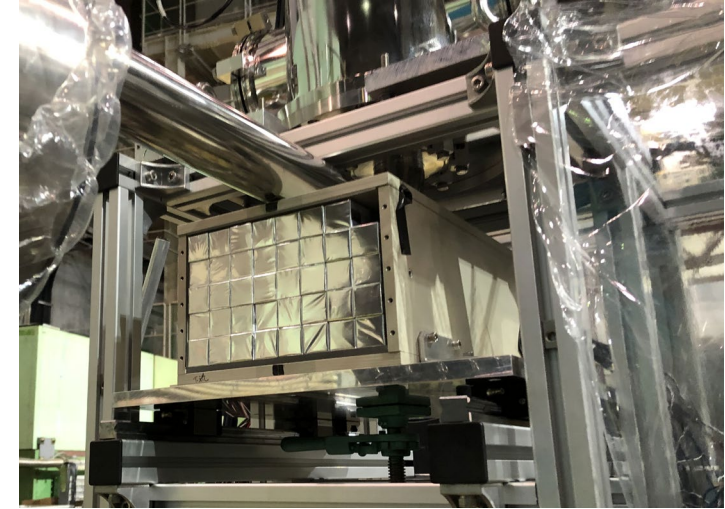


- 2020/06 J-PARC K1.8BR
  - 1 GeV/c **hadron beam**
  - ⇒ separation check

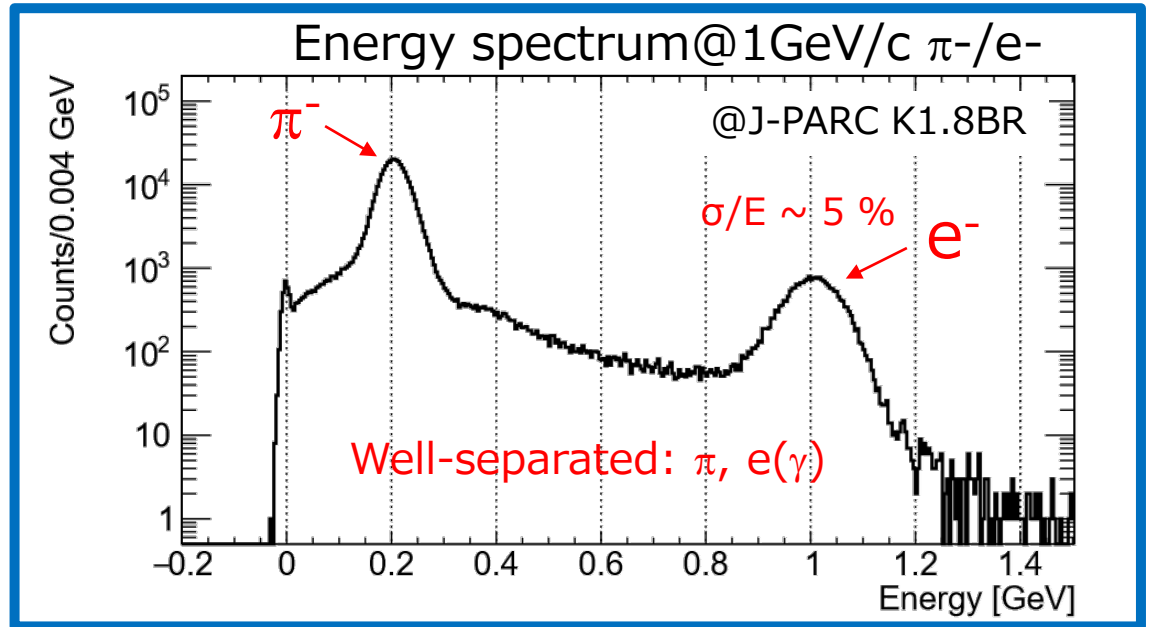
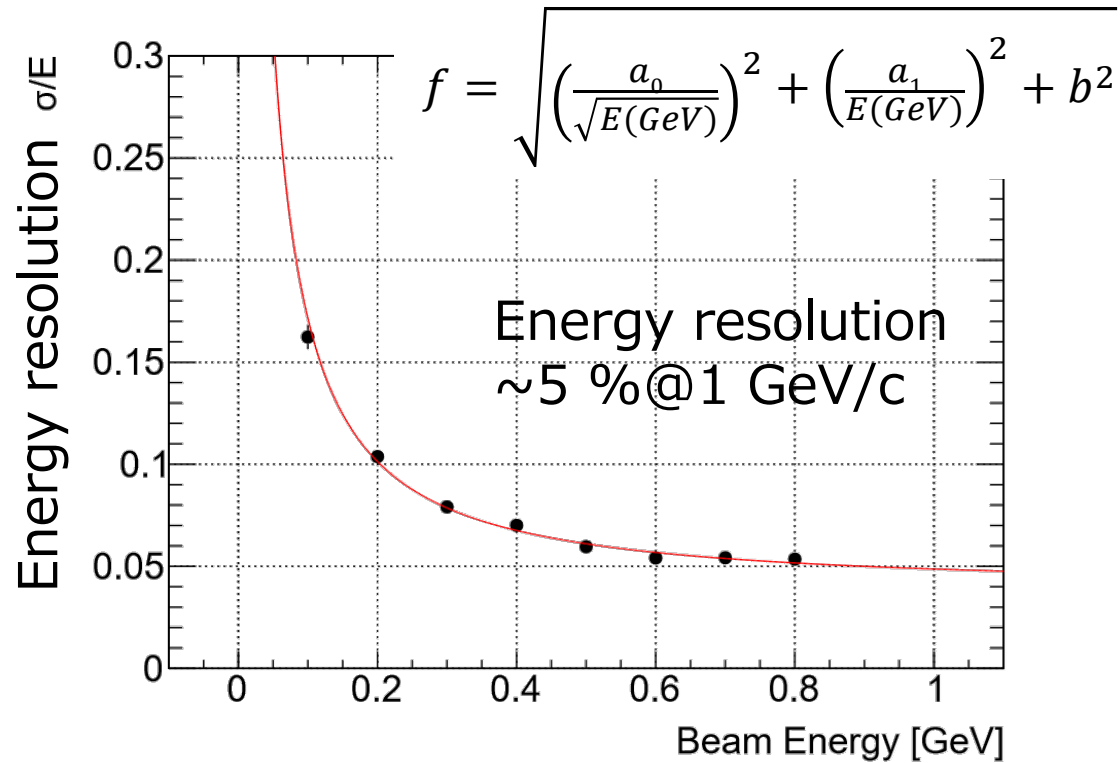


# PbF<sub>2</sub> calorimeter performance

- PbF<sub>2</sub> calorimeter is installed into the meson beam line to tag fast  $\pi^0$
- 40 segments used



2019.12: Test experiment @ ELPH e<sup>+</sup> beam



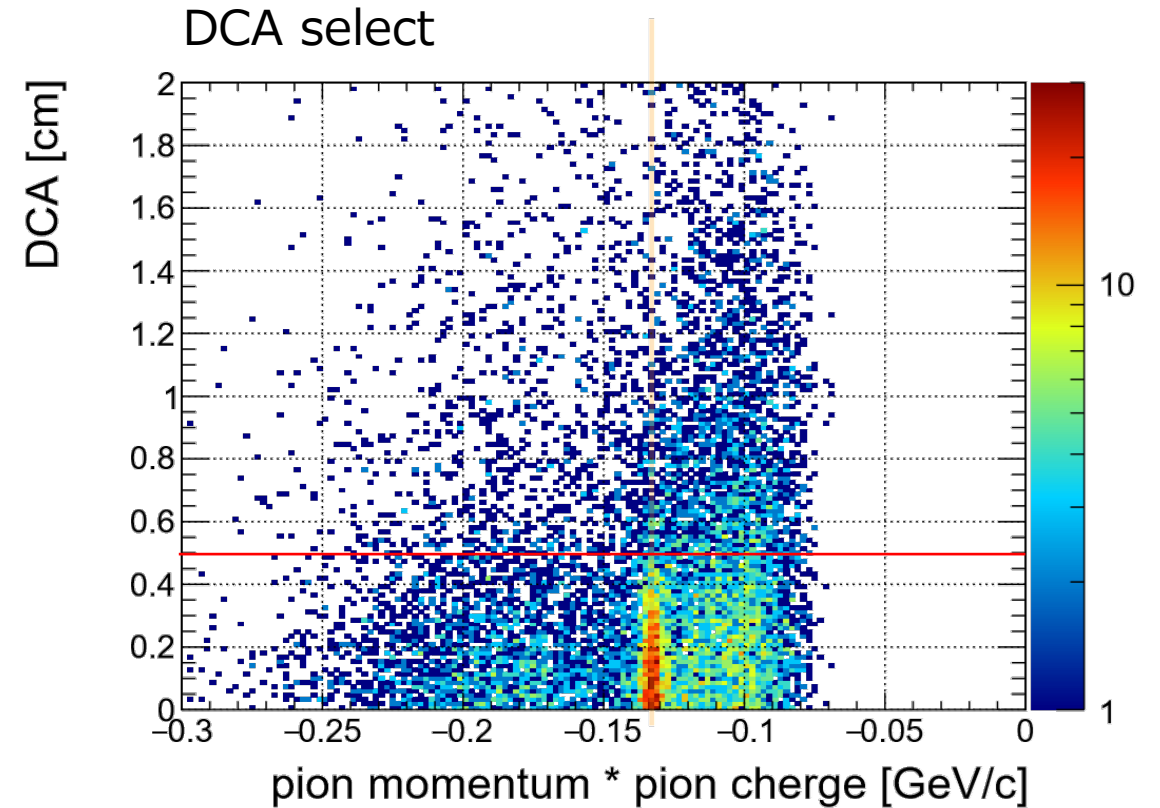
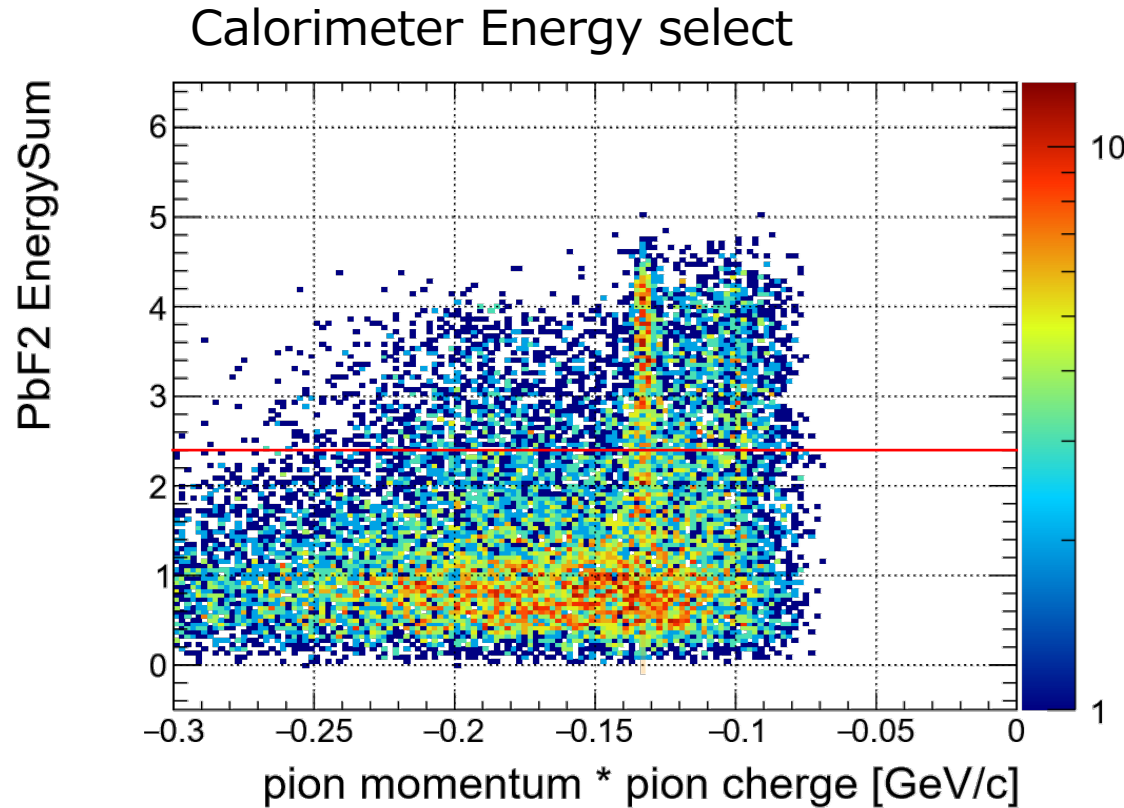
Good performance to distinguish  $\pi^-/e^-, \gamma$



# J-PARC T77 experiment

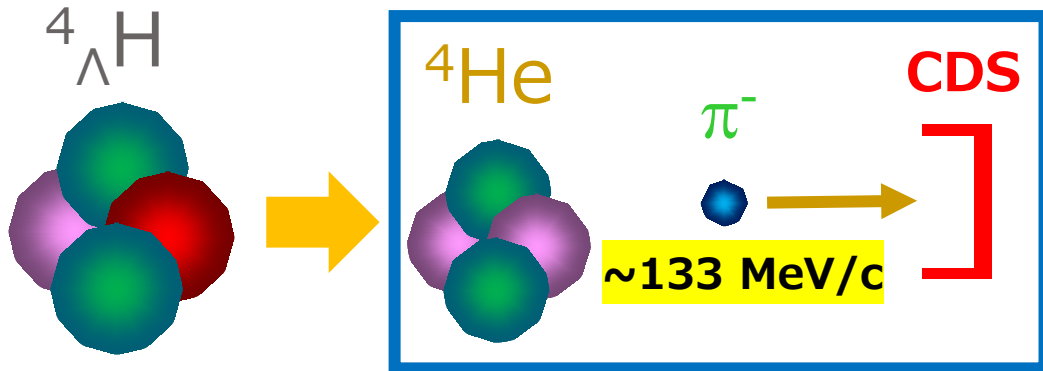
## ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ lifetime

# Background subtraction

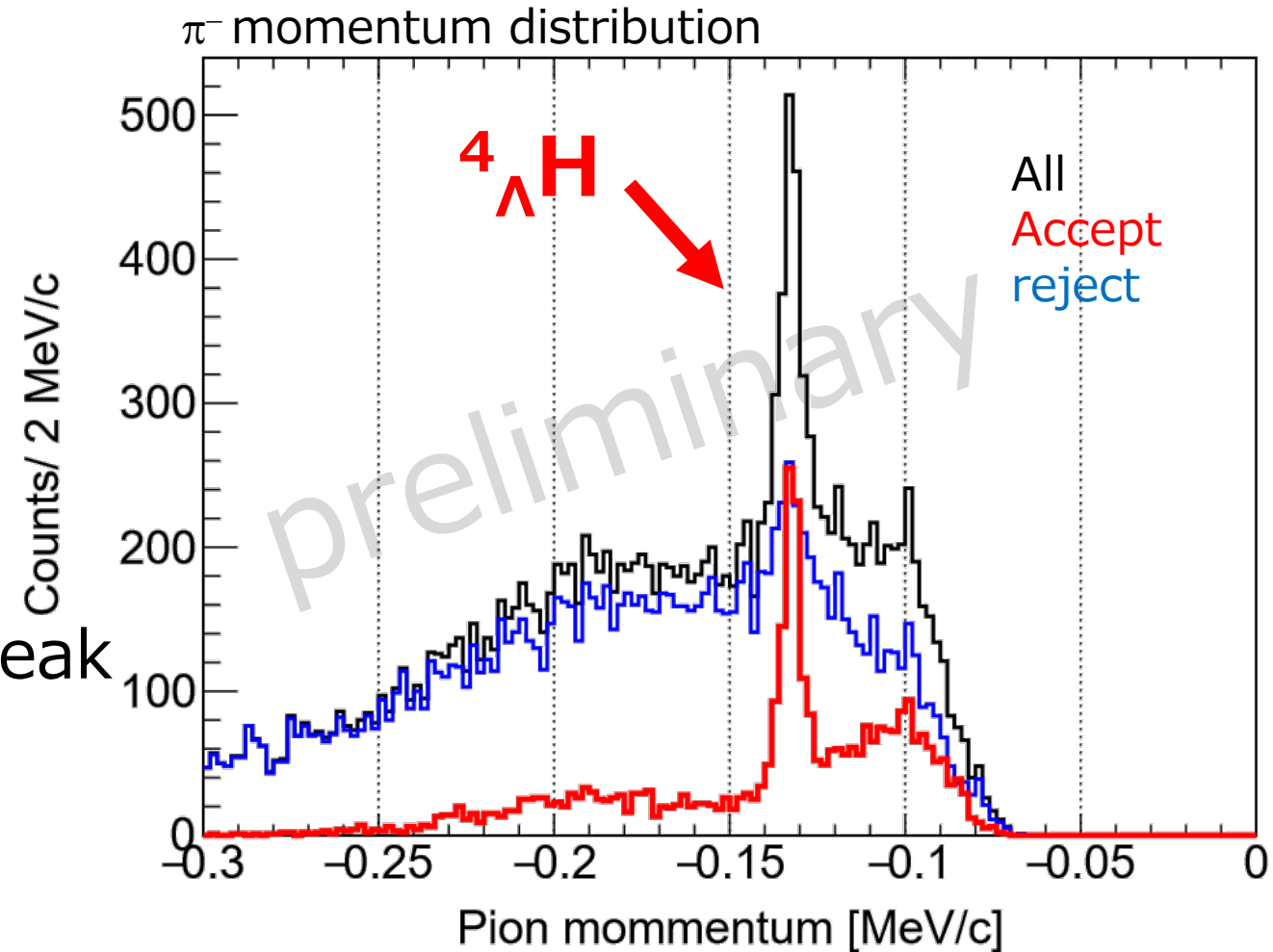


# Feasibility study

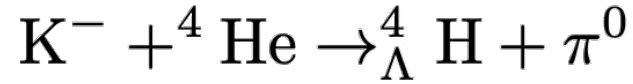
- ${}^4\text{He}(K^-, \pi^0){}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  reaction



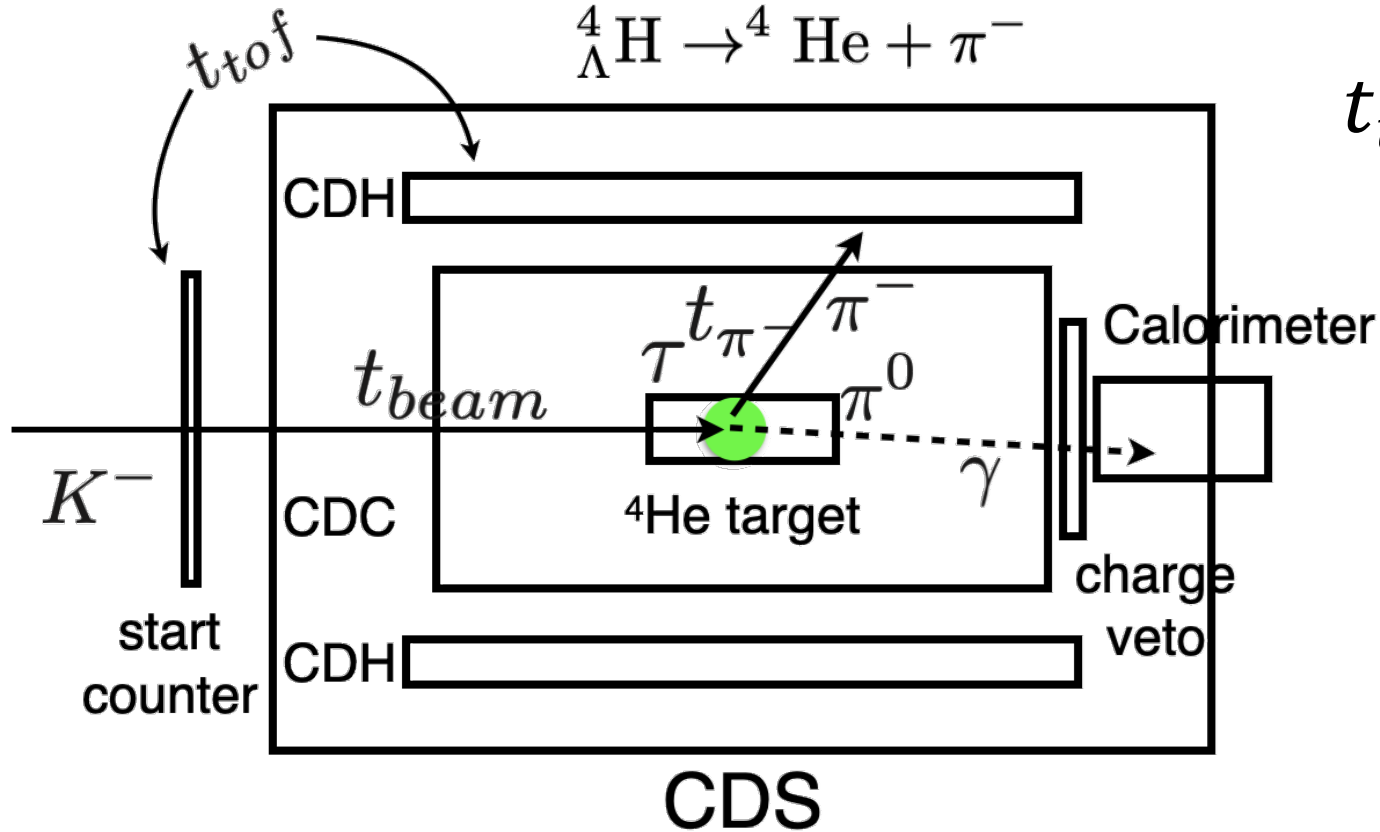
- select 1 gamma ray  $\Rightarrow$  the  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  peak can be seen like the black line
- Background reduction by  $\text{PbF}_2$ 
  - Selection of high energy  $\gamma$ -rays for  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  production  
 $\Rightarrow$  Improved S/N ratio ( $3/2 \rightarrow 4/1$ ) Red line



# Derive lifetime



slows down inside  ${}^4\text{He}$  target  
and decays at rest

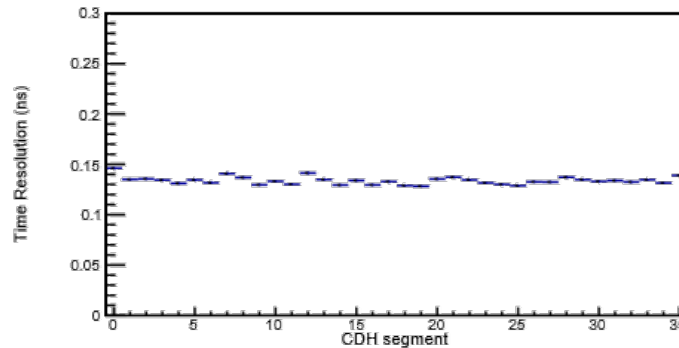
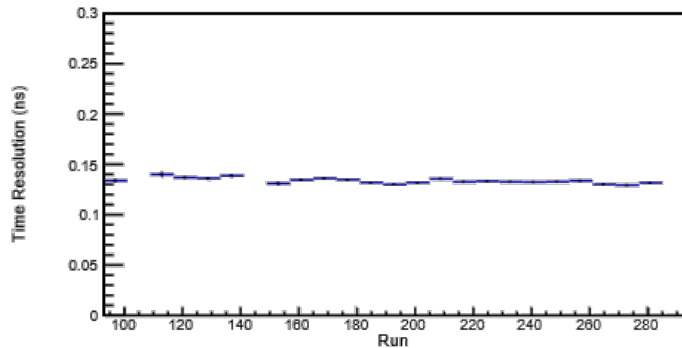
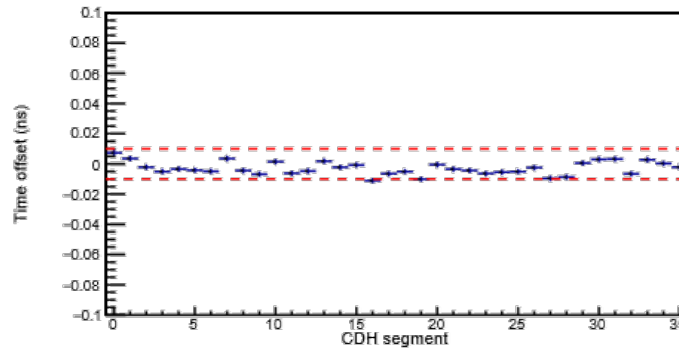
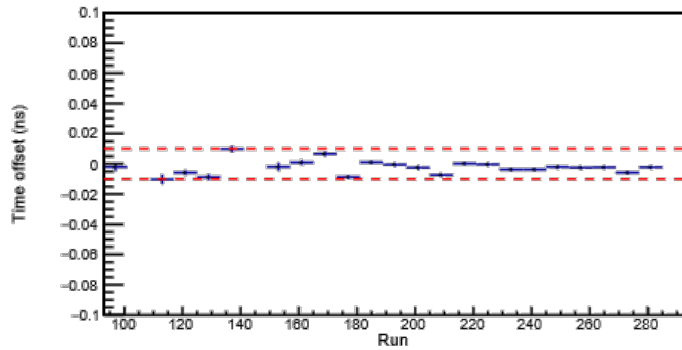


$$t_{tof} = t_{beam} + t_{\pi^-} + \tau$$

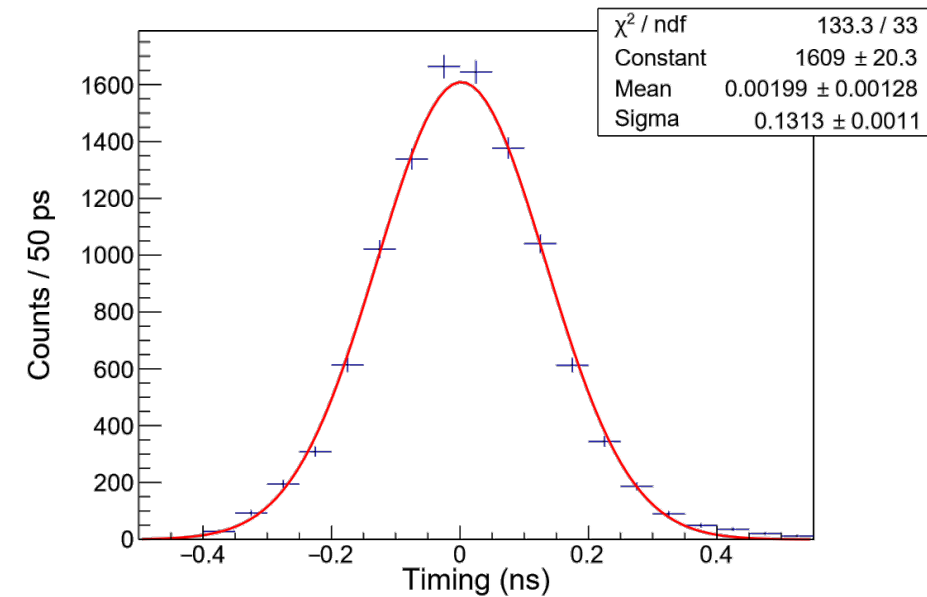
Hypertriton lifetime

# Analysis for timing

- Calibration with  $\pi^-N \rightarrow \pi^-N$  scattering
  - TOF(T0-CDH)
    - ✓ Select beam pion and scattering pion
    - ✓ Adjusted Time offset

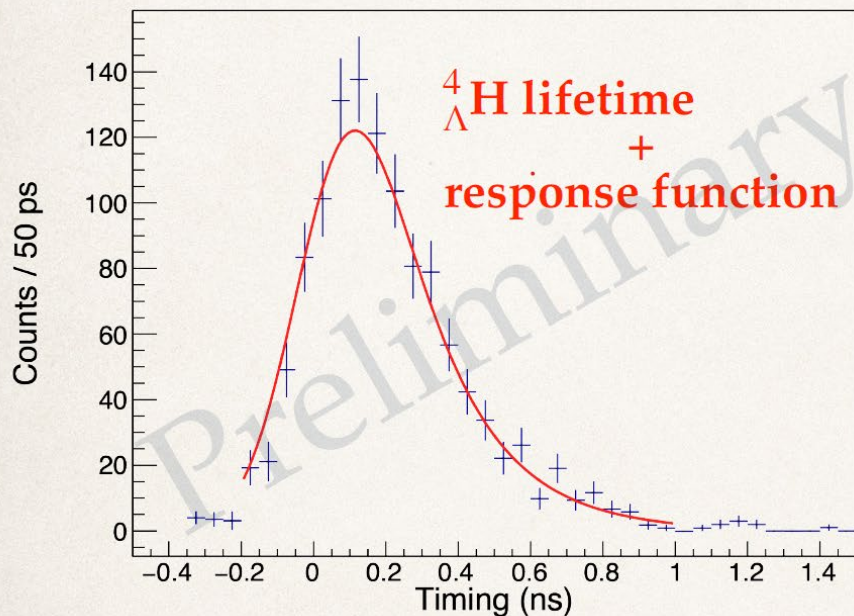


Time response function



# ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ lifetime analysis

$190 \pm 8(\text{stat.}) \pm 17(\text{sys.}) \text{ ps}$



$194^{+24}_{-26} \text{ ps}$  @ KEK stop K-  
*H. Ota, et al., Nucl. Phys. A 547, (1992), 109c-114c*

$218 \pm 6(\text{stat.}) \pm 13(\text{sys.}) \text{ ps}$   
@ STAR, Au-Au collision  
*arXiv:2110.09513*

Contribution	Value
Uncertainty of time calibration	$\pm 10 \text{ ps}$
Intrinsic bias of T77(E73) approach	$-5 \pm 5 \text{ ps}$
Uncertainty induced by background subtraction	$\pm 8 \text{ ps}$
Uncertainty induced by fitting range	$\pm 10 \text{ ps}$ ←

**will be finalized soon**