

# K中間子ビームによる 軽いハイパー核の生成断面積測定

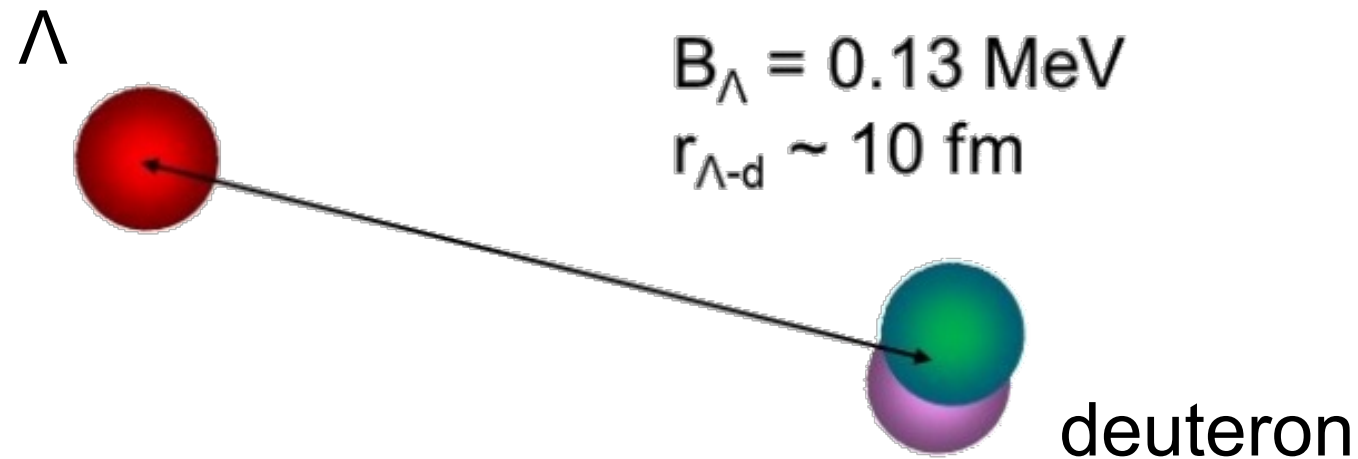
Measurement of production cross-section of light hypernucleus using K meson beam

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

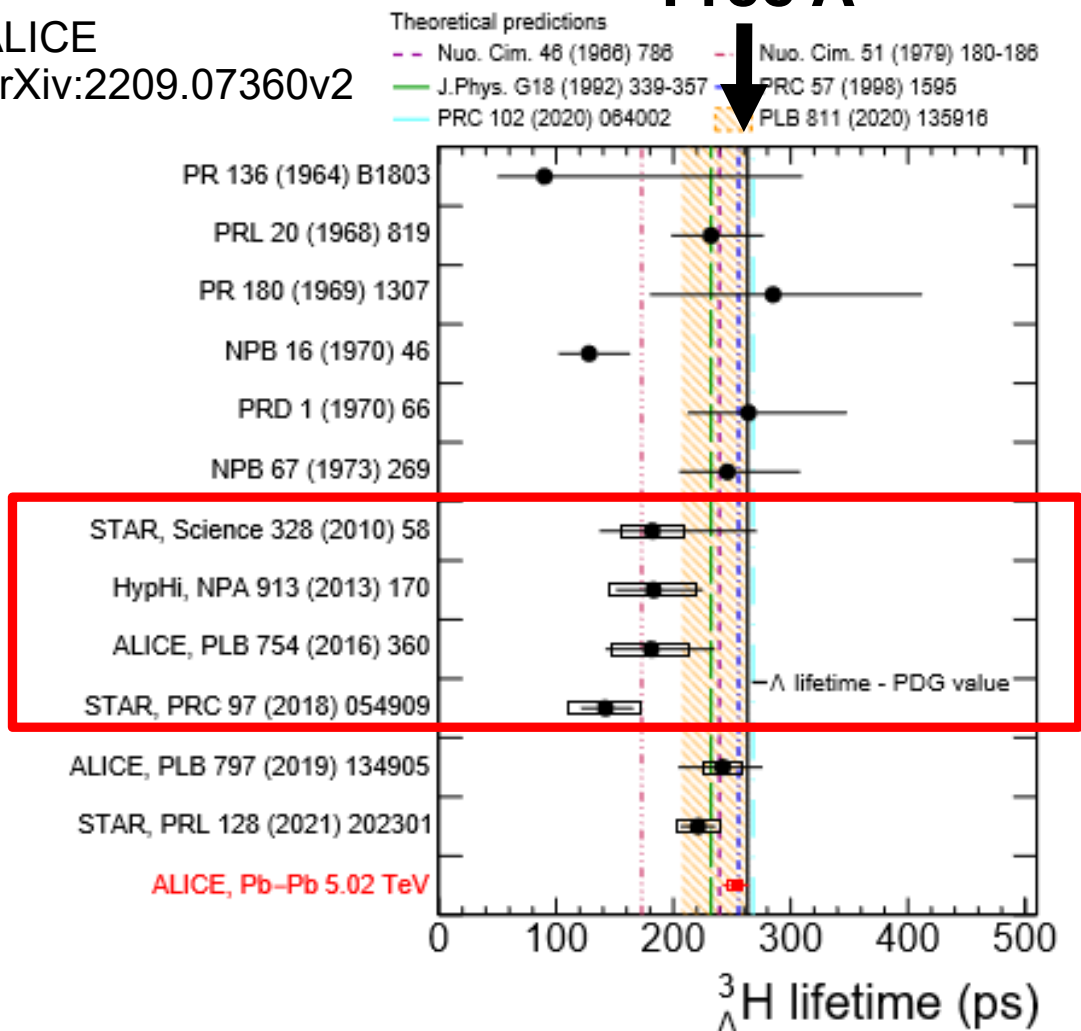


- ✓ Small  $B_{\Lambda}$  → large separation between  $\Lambda$  & d  
→ **lifetime  $\tau \sim$  free  $\Lambda$  is naively expected**

# Hypertriton lifetime

Free  $\Lambda$

ALICE  
arXiv:2209.07360v2



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)

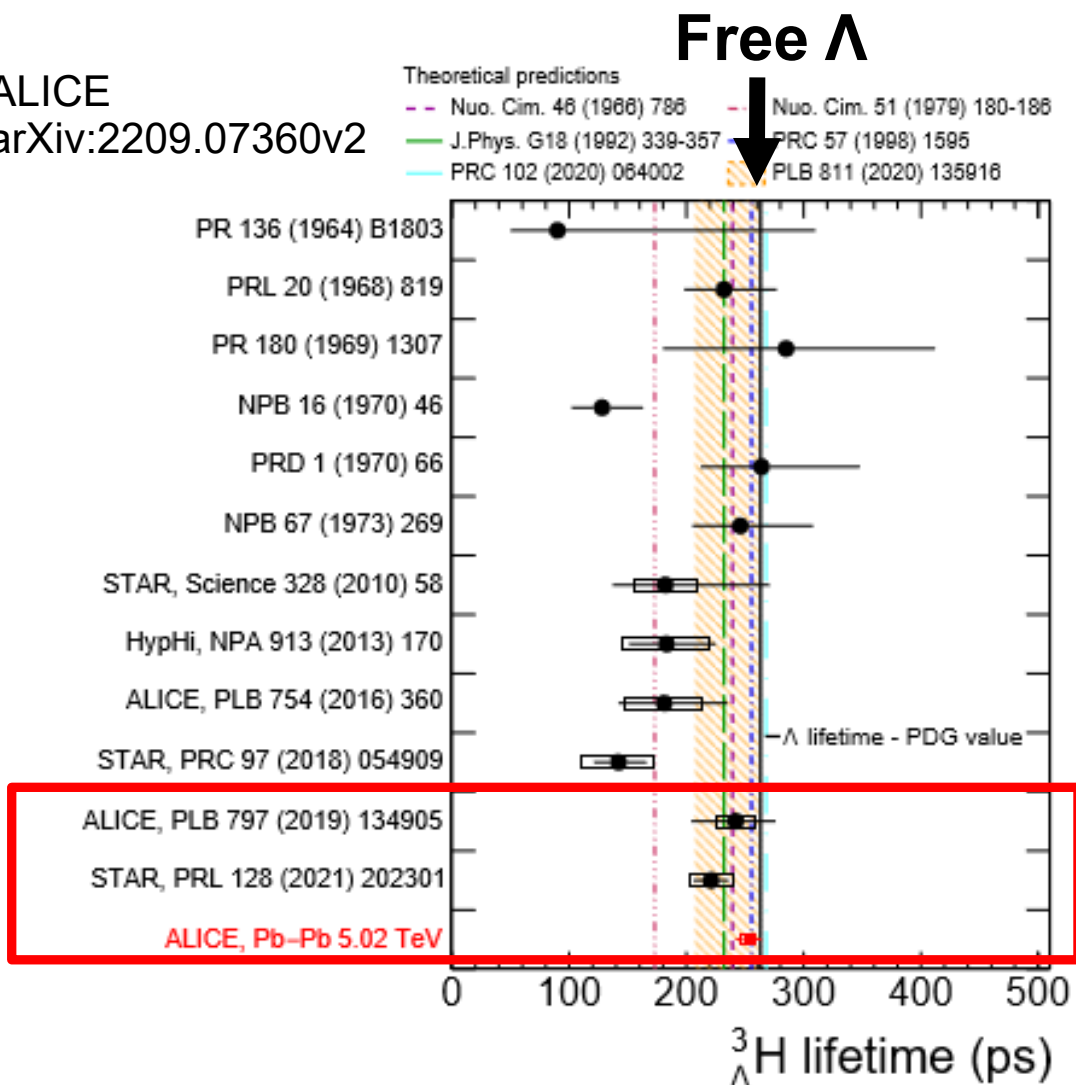
"Hypertriton Lifetime Puzzle"

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

# Hypertriton lifetime

ALICE  
arXiv:2209.07360v2

STAR  
PRL 128, 202301 (2022)



Exp.	Lifetime
STAR(2021)	$221 \pm 15 \pm 19$ ps
ALICE(2022)	$253 \pm 11 \pm 6$ ps

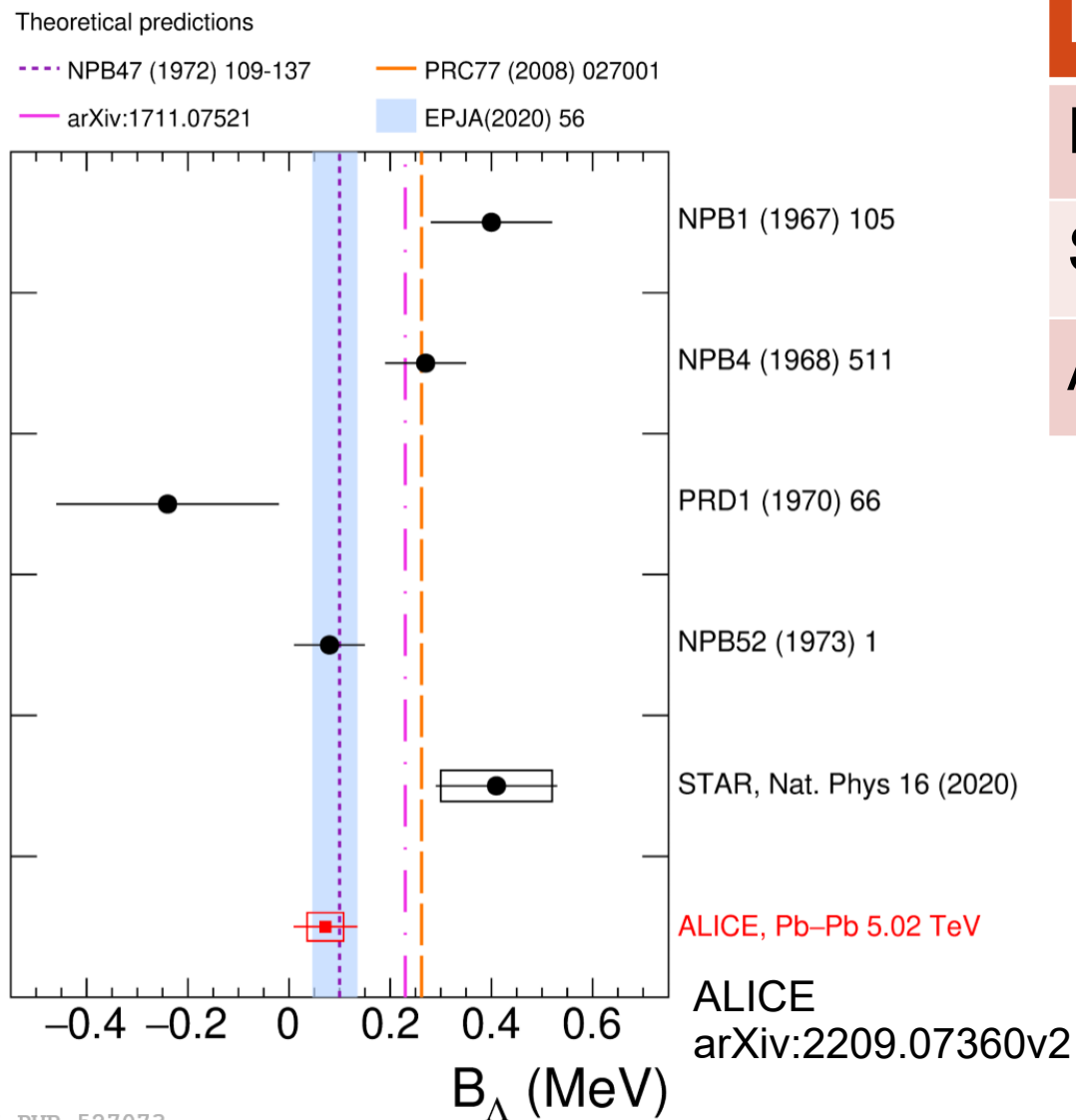
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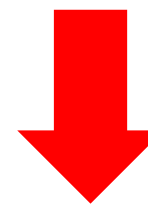
Comparable with Free  $\Lambda$

➤ updated result was reported recently

# Hypertriton Binding energy



Exp.	Binding energy
Emulsion	$0.13 \pm 0.05 \text{ MeV}$
STAR(2020)	$0.41 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.11 \text{ MeV}$
ALICE(2022)	$0.072 \pm 0.063 \pm 0.036 \text{ MeV}$



The binding energy is still not determined

**Need Lifetime and binding energy measurements by a different method**  
**⇒ Promoting direct measurement of  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  lifetime at J-PARC**

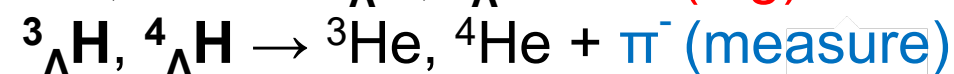
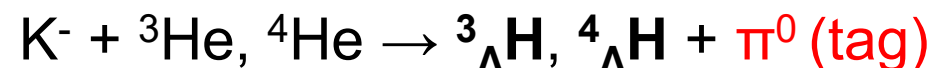
# J-PARC E73 experiment

## ■ ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ lifetime direct measurement

### ➤ Hypernuclear production via $(K^-, \pi^0)$ reaction

✓ Reaction marked by a single forward high energy gamma ray

✓ Identification of single momentum  $\pi^-$  decaying from resting hypernucleus



### ➤ Characteristics

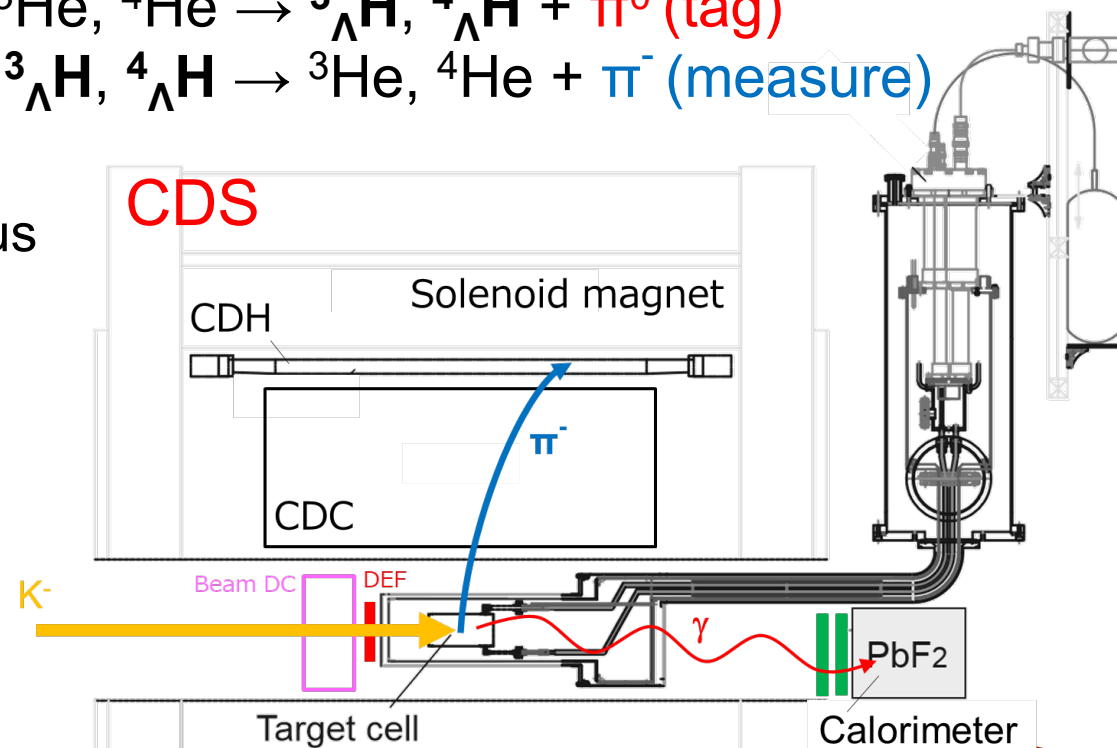
✓ Strangeness exchange reaction

Selective production of ground-state hypernucleus

✓ Reduction of background

$\Upsilon$  decay and multi-pion production

**using a new method unique  
Identification, Lifetime Measurement**



# Current status of J-PARC E73

## ■ Phase-0

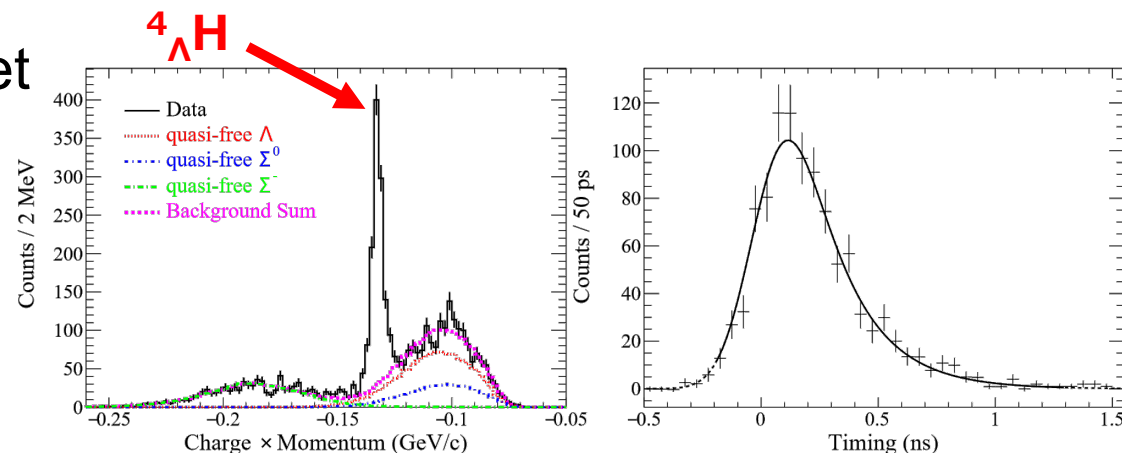
➤ Feasibility study of ( $K^-$ ,  $\pi^0$ ) reaction @ $^4\text{He}$  target

✓ Data taking in June 2020 (3 d)

⇒ Establishment of the method,  $^4_\Lambda\text{H}$  lifetime

now being submitted:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.07443>



## ■ Phase-1

➤ measurement of production cross section of  $^3_\Lambda\text{H}$

✓ Data taking in May 2021 (4.5 d)

⇒ Confirmation and derivation of production cross section (this presentation)

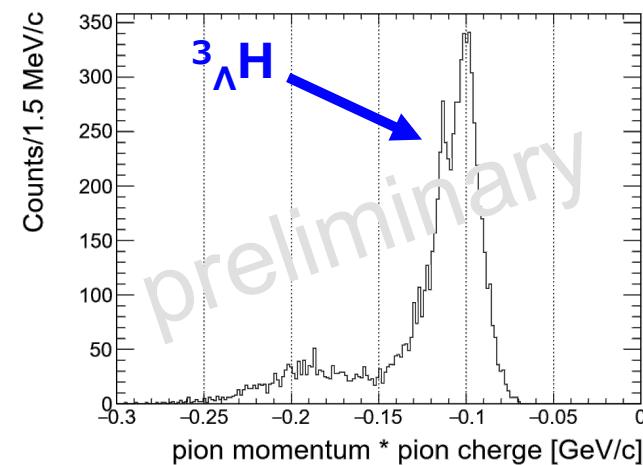
## ■ Phase-2

➤  $^3_\Lambda\text{H}$  lifetime measurement

✓ planned in JFY2023 (1 month)

⇒ Upgrade to increase the solid angle of forward  $\gamma$ -ray

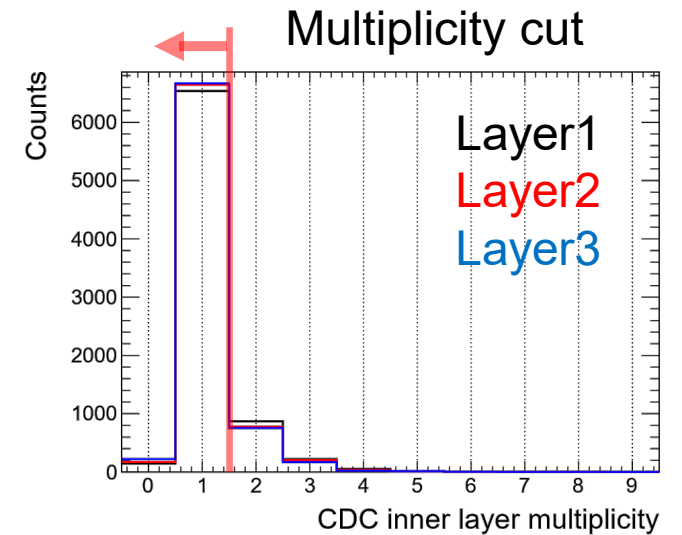
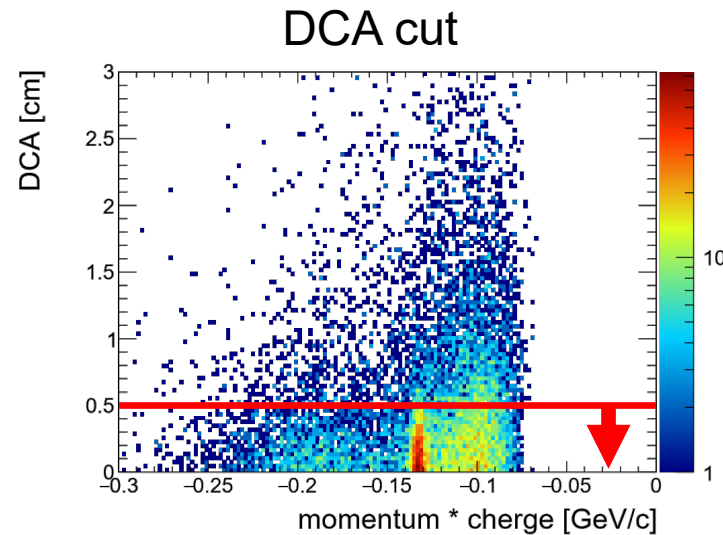
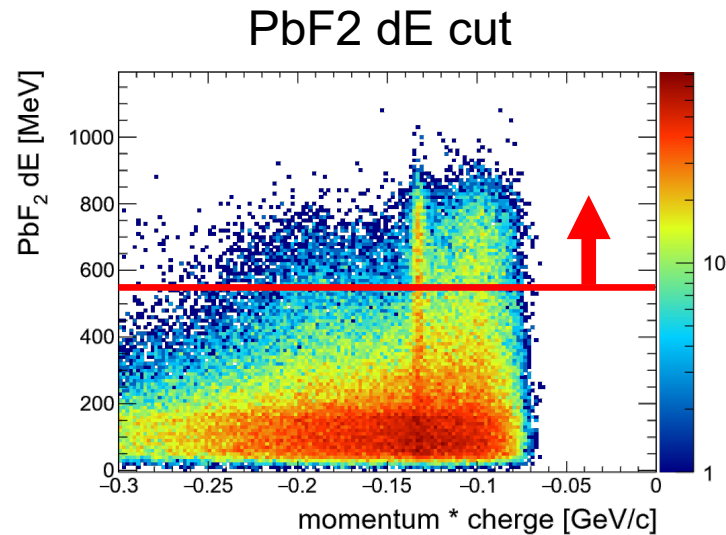
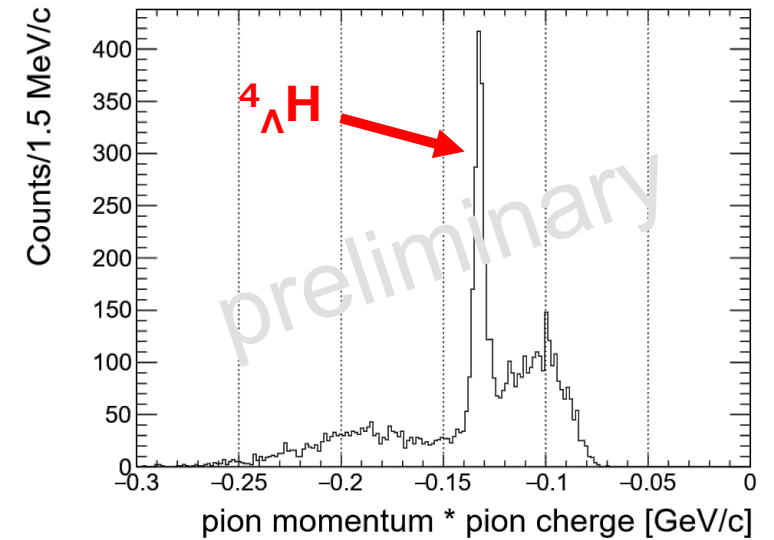
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# Event selection

- Trigger: Kaon beam  $\otimes$   $\overline{\text{charged particle}}$   $\otimes$  PbF2 dE
- Offline analysis
  - Pion 1 track
  - PbF2 dE > 550 MeV
  - DCA between beam and pion track < 0.5 cm
  - CDC inner layer multi  $\leq 1$

4He target



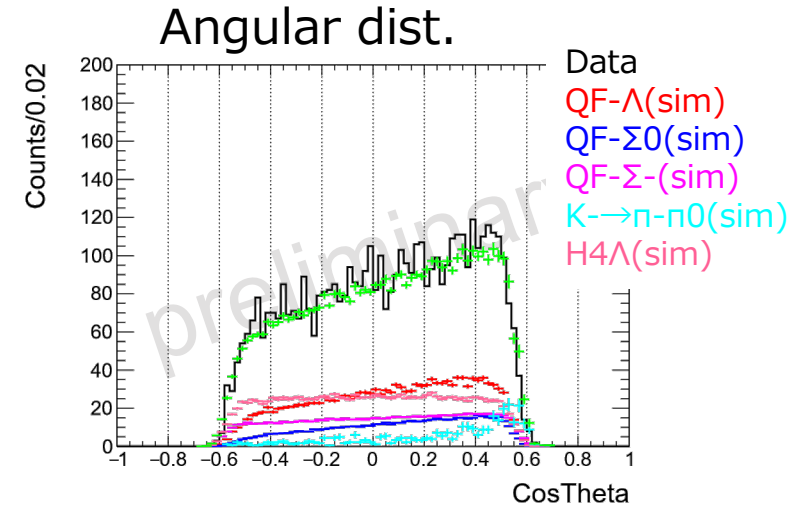
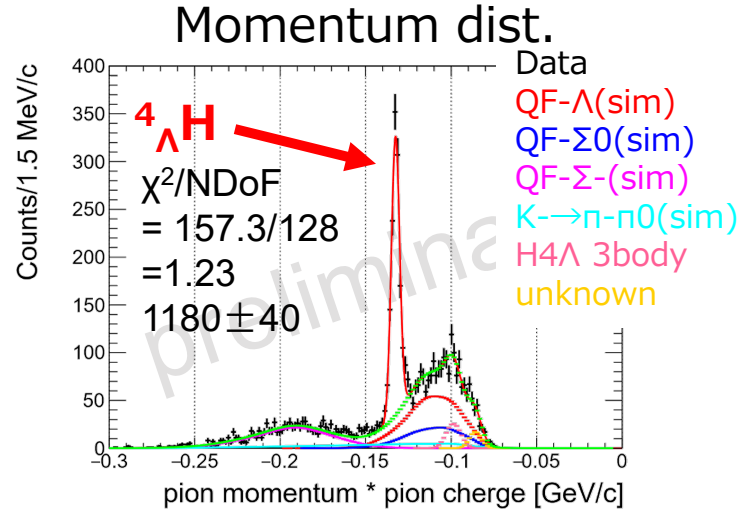
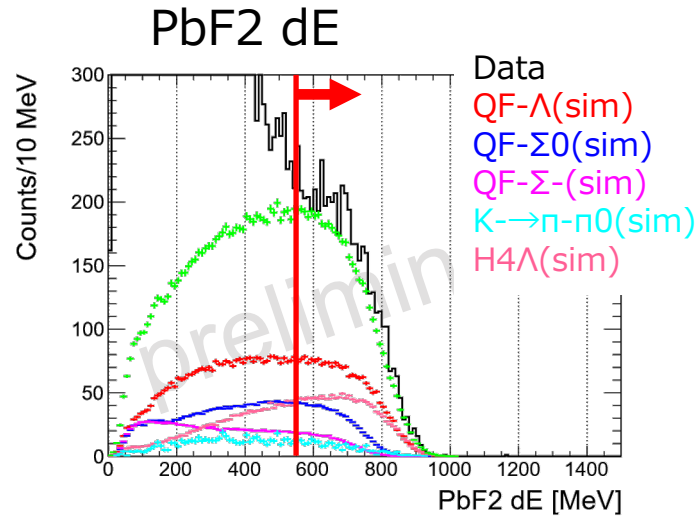


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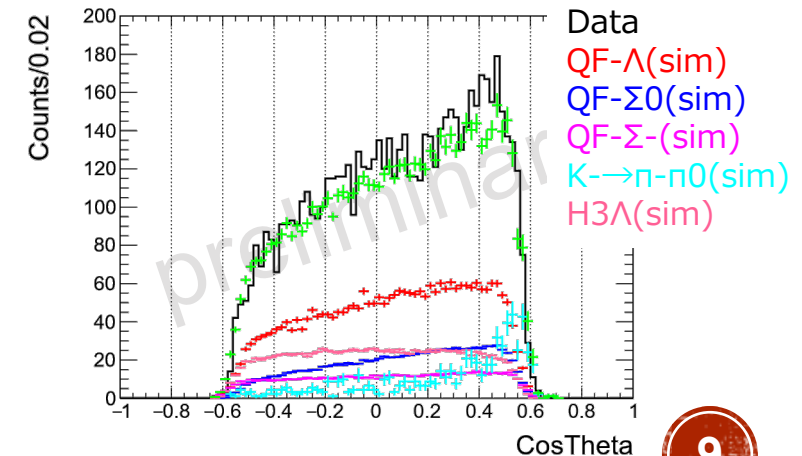
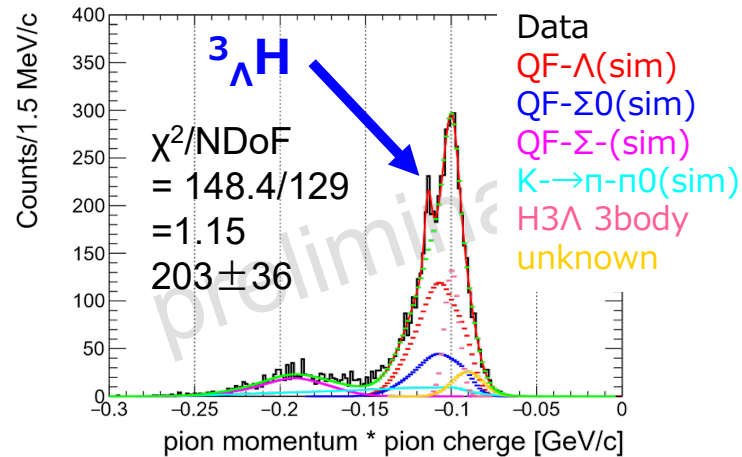
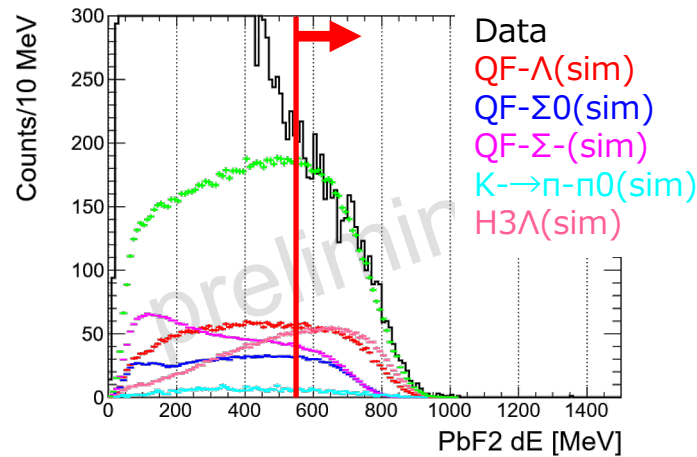
➤ Reproduction by Geant4 simulation

✓ Energy deposit of calorimeter, momentum, and angular distributions

Production  
( $^4\text{He}$  target)



Production  
( $^3\text{He}$  target)



# Integrated production cross section

$$\sigma = \frac{N_{signal}}{Luminosity \times A_{CDS} \times A_{PbF2} \times Br \times \epsilon}$$

- $A_{PbF2}$ :  $\pi^0$  acceptance by PbF2  
Angular distribution  $\theta^{lab}_{0^\circ-20^\circ}$  of the reaction is assumed by theoretical calculation by Prof. Harada (Osaka EC Univ.)  
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target	Helium-4	Helium-3
# of signal	1180	203
Luminosity( $\mu b^{-1}$ )	928	1020
$A_{CDS}$	0.523	0.503
$A_{PbF2}$	0.183	0.189
Br(2-body)	0.507	0.259
$\epsilon_{CDC}$	0.981	0.977
$\epsilon_{DCA}$	0.947	0.914
$\epsilon_{PbF2dE}$	0.549	0.558
$\epsilon_{DAQ}$	0.918	0.926

- $A_{CDS}$ :  $\pi^-$  acceptance by CDS
- Br: Calculate Branching ratio to 2-body based on previous experiments

✓ Ref: Suplemento de la Revista Mexicana de Fisica 30308069 (2022) 1–6

# Result

- $\theta^{\text{lab}}_{0^\circ-20^\circ}$  Integrated cross section (preliminary)

	Experiment	Theory
$\sigma(^4_\Lambda\text{H})$	<b><math>56 \pm 2(\text{stat.}) \pm 6(\text{syst.}) \mu\text{b}</math></b>	63.1 $\mu\text{b}$
$\sigma(^3_\Lambda\text{H})$	<b><math>18 \pm 3(\text{stat.}) \pm 5(\text{syst.}) \mu\text{b}</math></b>	25.9 $\mu\text{b}$ ( $E_\Lambda = 0.13 \text{ MeV}$ ) 41.0 $\mu\text{b}$ ( $E_\Lambda = 0.41 \text{ MeV}$ )

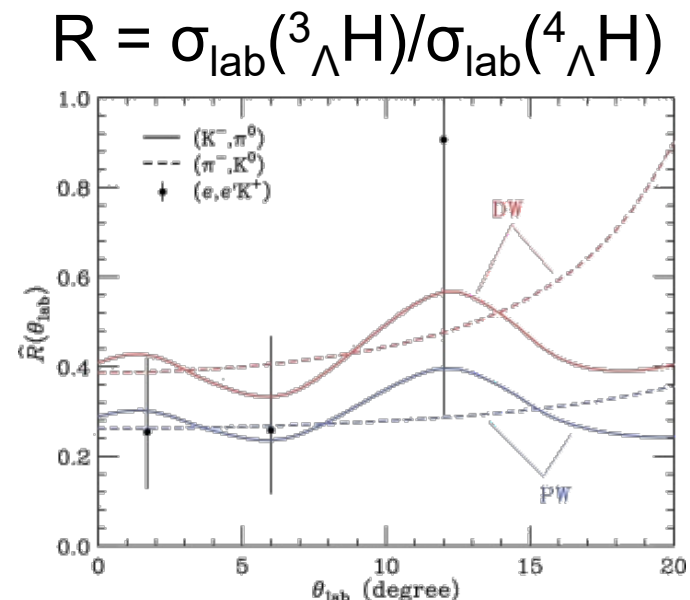
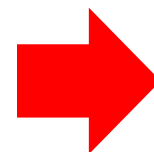
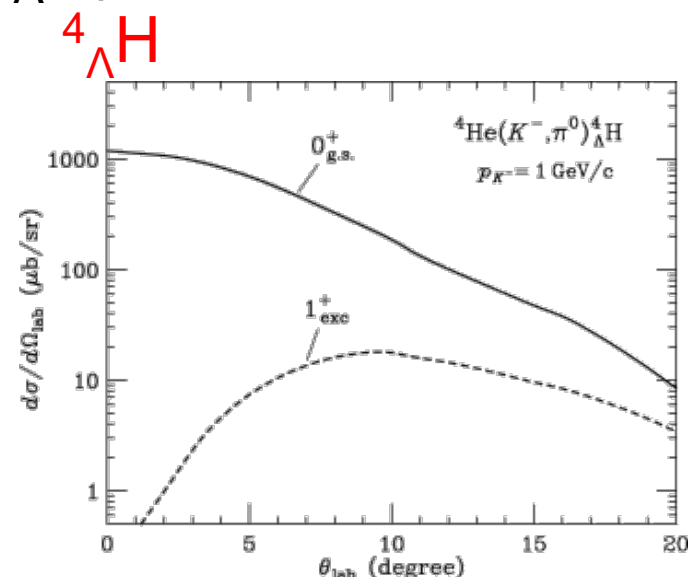
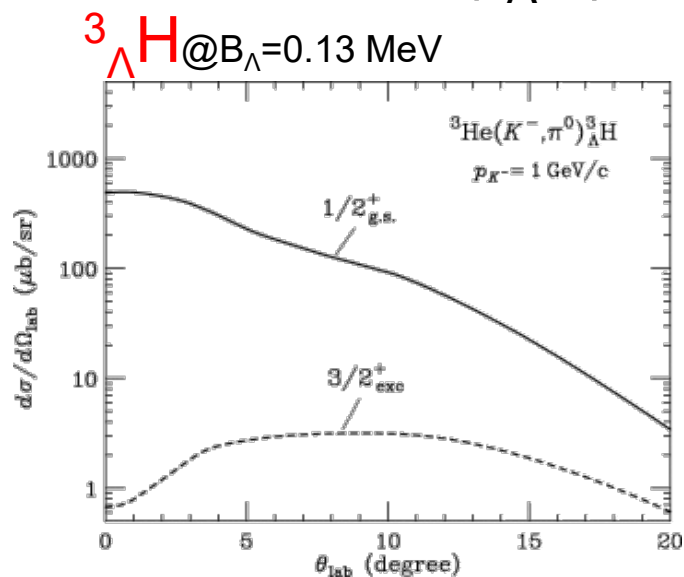
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- Main components of systematic error
  - ✓ Background subtraction, Uncertainty of gamma-ray selection, Branching ratio (2-body)

**Value will be finalized soon!**

# Discussion

- Information of the value of the binding energy of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  by the production cross section ratio  $\sigma({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})/\sigma({}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H})$



Emulsion:  $B_{\Lambda}=0.13\text{ MeV}$

$\Rightarrow \sigma({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})/\sigma({}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}) \sim 0.4$

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heavy ion collision(STAR):  $B_{\Lambda}=0.41\text{ MeV}$

$\Rightarrow \sigma({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})/\sigma({}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}) \sim 0.65$

➤ **Experimental result:  $R = 0.31 \pm 0.06(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.09(\text{syst.})$  (preliminary)**

$\Rightarrow$  Hypertriton prefer loosely bound system

# Summary

- Toward Solving the Hypertriton Lifetime Puzzle
  - Lifetime and binding energy must be measured by a method different from heavy-ion collision experiments
- J-PARC E73 experiment
  - Direct Measurement of Hypertriton Lifetime
    - ✓ Selective production of the ground state of hypernucleus by the  $(K^-, \pi^0)$  reaction
- Integrated production cross section of  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ,  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 
  - $\sigma({}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}) = 56 \pm 2(\text{stat.}) \pm 6(\text{syst.}) \mu\text{b}$  (preliminary)
  - $\sigma({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}) = 18 \pm 3(\text{stat.}) \pm 5(\text{syst.}) \mu\text{b}$  (preliminary)
- Information of the value of the binding energy of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 
  - $R = 0.31 \pm 0.06(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.09(\text{syst.})$  (preliminary)
    - ⇒ Hypertriton prefer loosely bound system

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# Backup

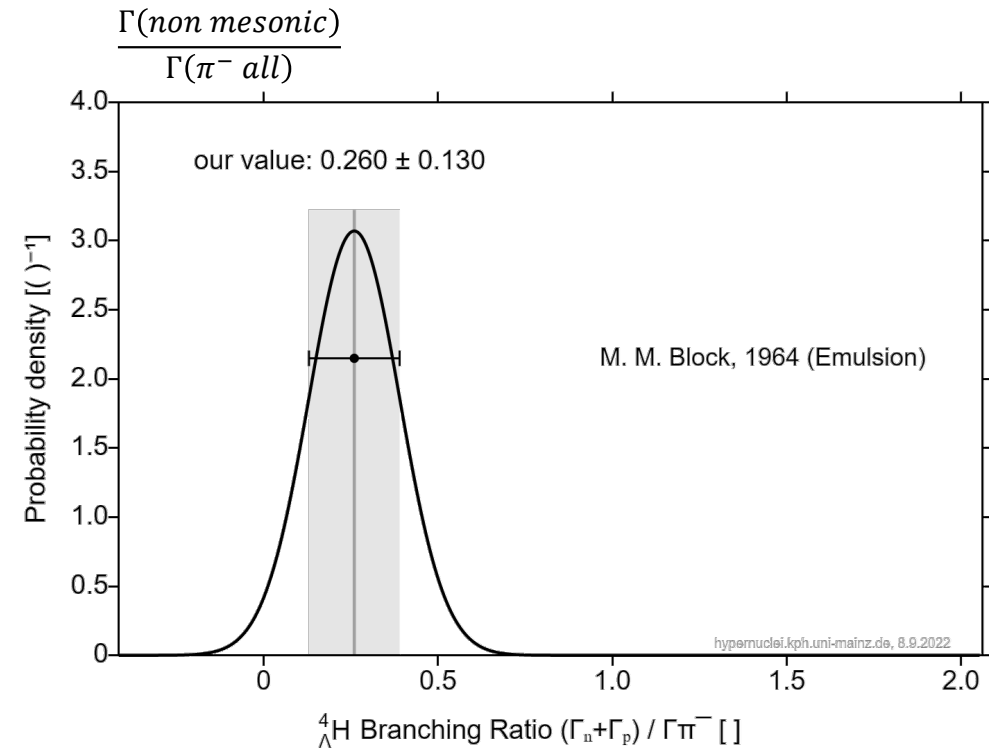
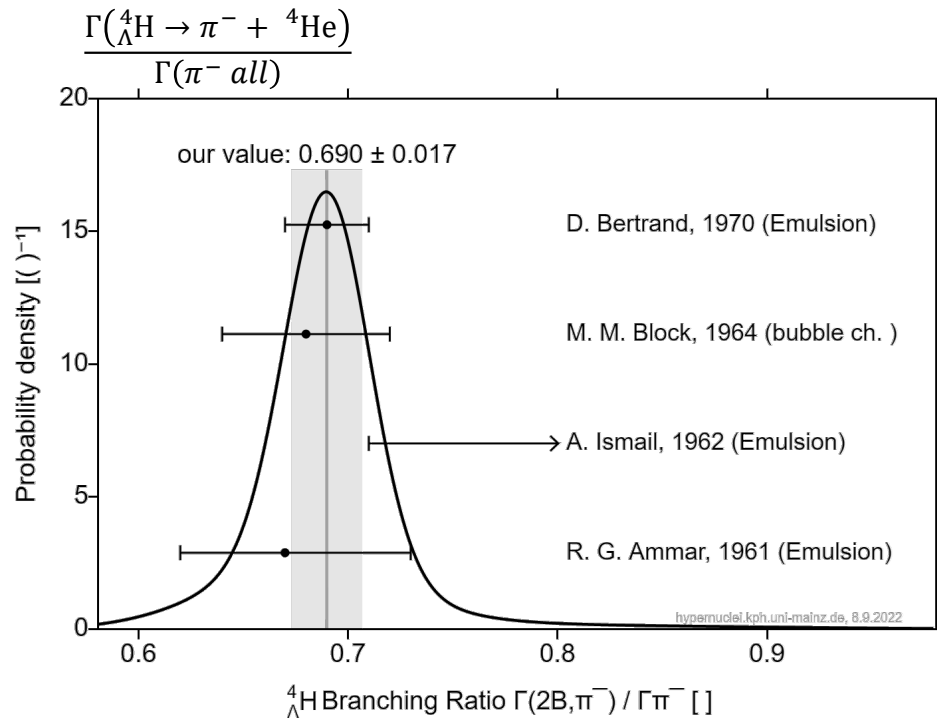
# Experiments on Hypertriton

- Heavy ion-based experiments
  - ALICE Run 3(2021~2024), Run 4 (2027~2030): ~50 times yield expected
  - GSI (WASA-FRS experiment) **data taking performed in 2022**
- 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 **data taking performed in 2022**
  - JLab (e, e'K)
  - J-PARC E07: Emulsion full scan



# ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 2 body decay branching ratio

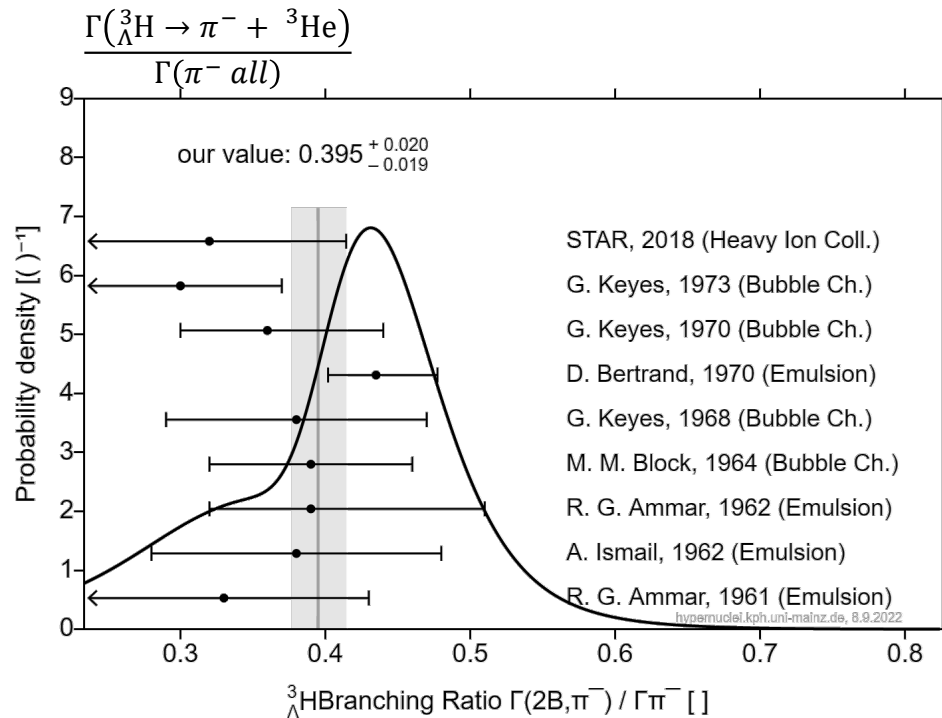
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Gamma({}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow \pi^- + {}^4\text{He})}{\Gamma(\text{all})} &= \frac{\Gamma({}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow \pi^- + {}^4\text{He})}{\Gamma(\pi^- \text{ all})} \times \frac{1}{(\Gamma(\pi^- \text{ all}) + \Gamma(\pi^0 \text{ all}) + \Gamma(\text{nm all}))/\Gamma(\pi^- \text{ all})} \\ &= \frac{0.690 \pm 0.017}{1 + 0.1 + (0.260 \pm 0.130)} \\ &= 0.51 \pm 0.05 \end{aligned}$$



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2201.02368.pdf>

# ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 2 body decay branching ratio

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- 分母は鎌田さんの理論計算

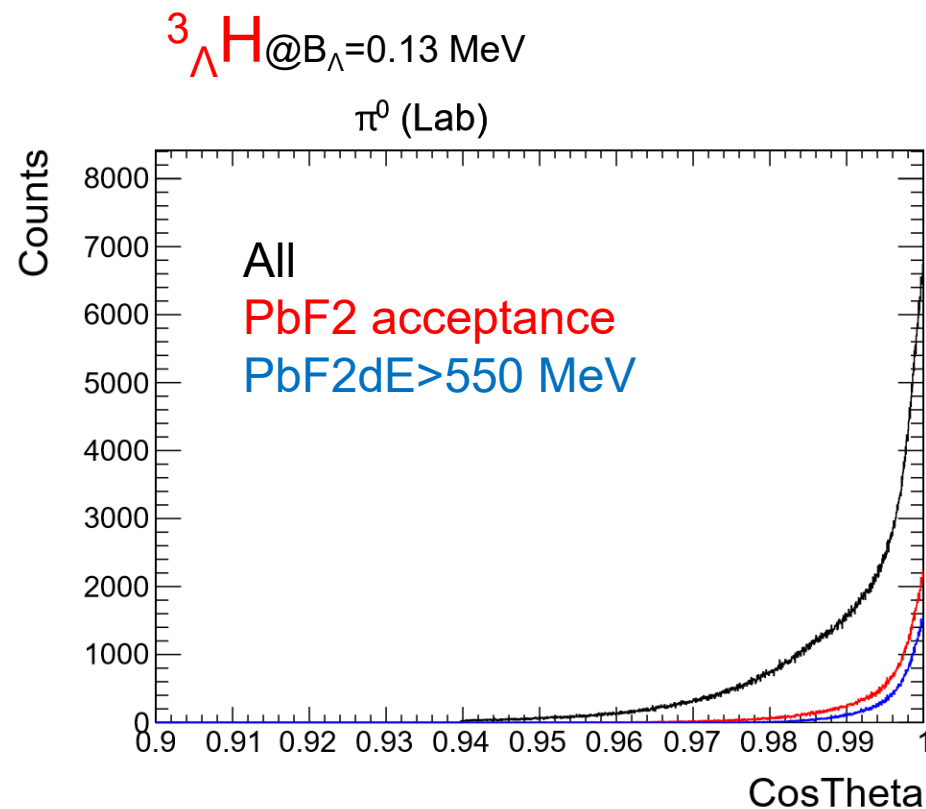
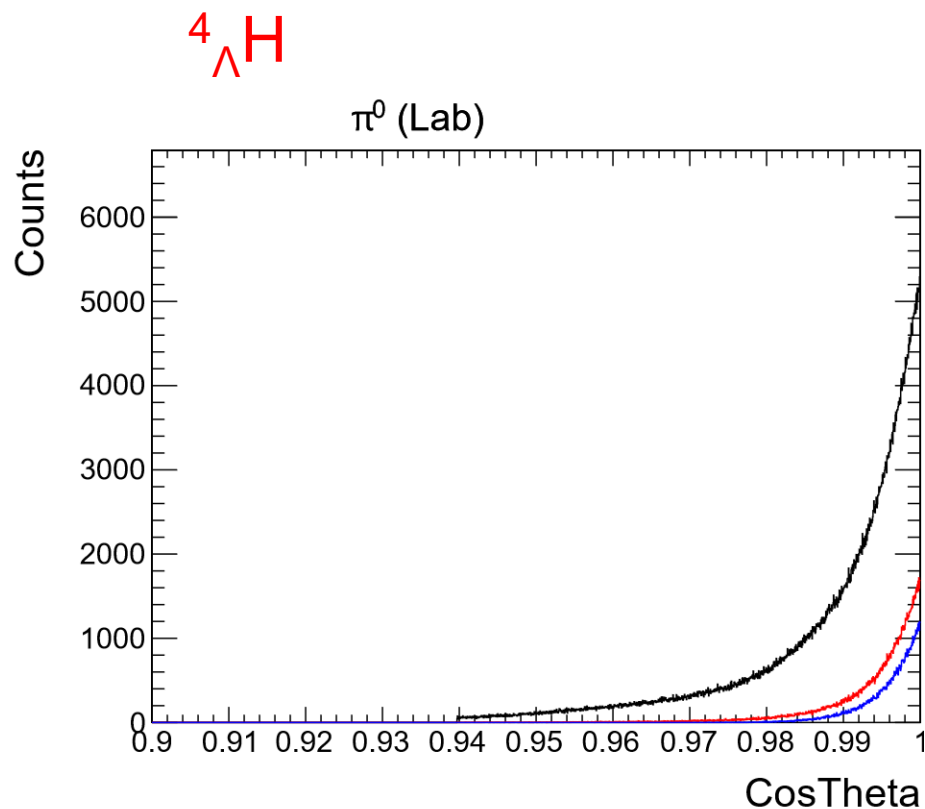
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# $\pi^0$ acceptance by PbF2

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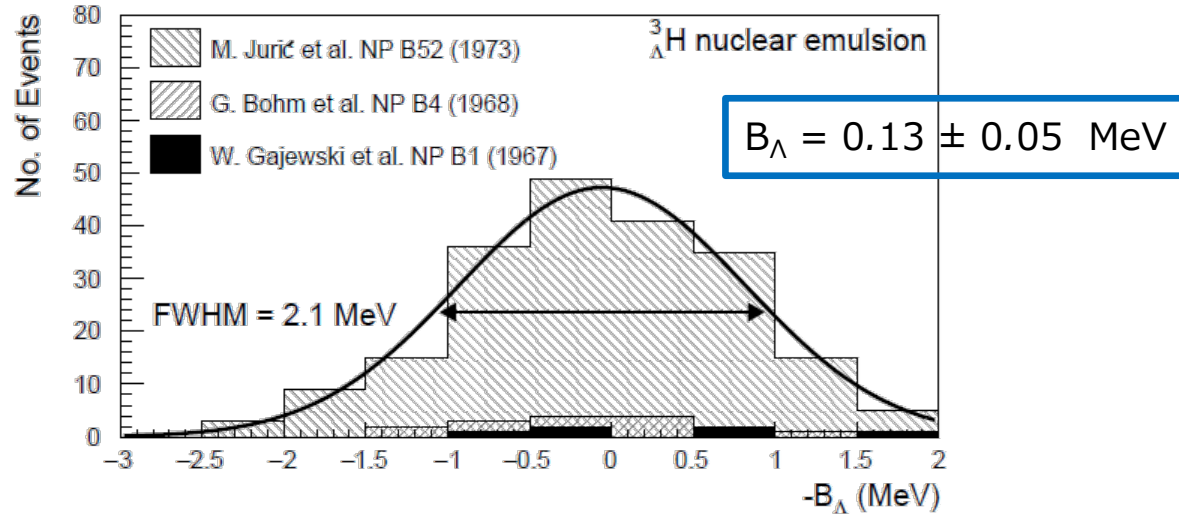
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# Binding energy

Emulsion measurement

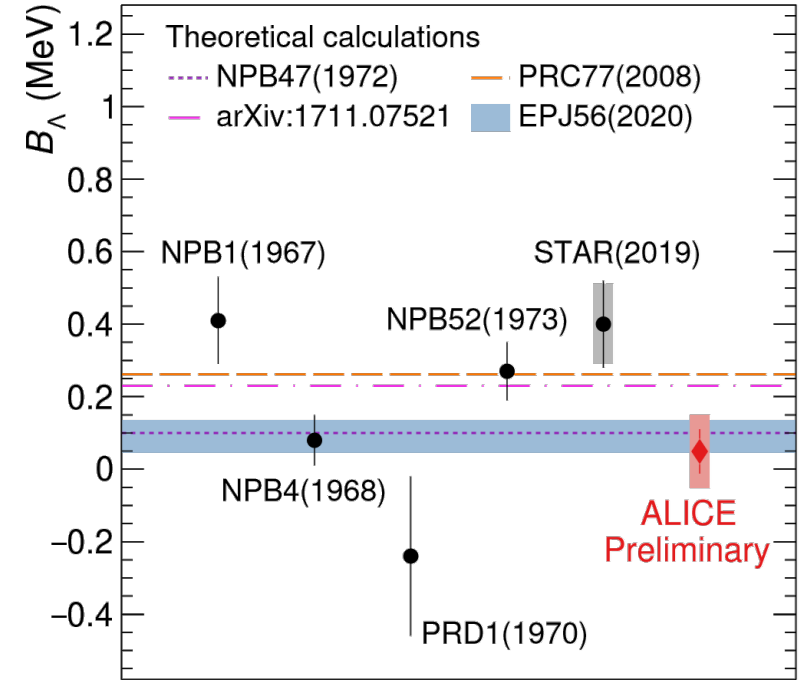
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Heavy-ion experiment

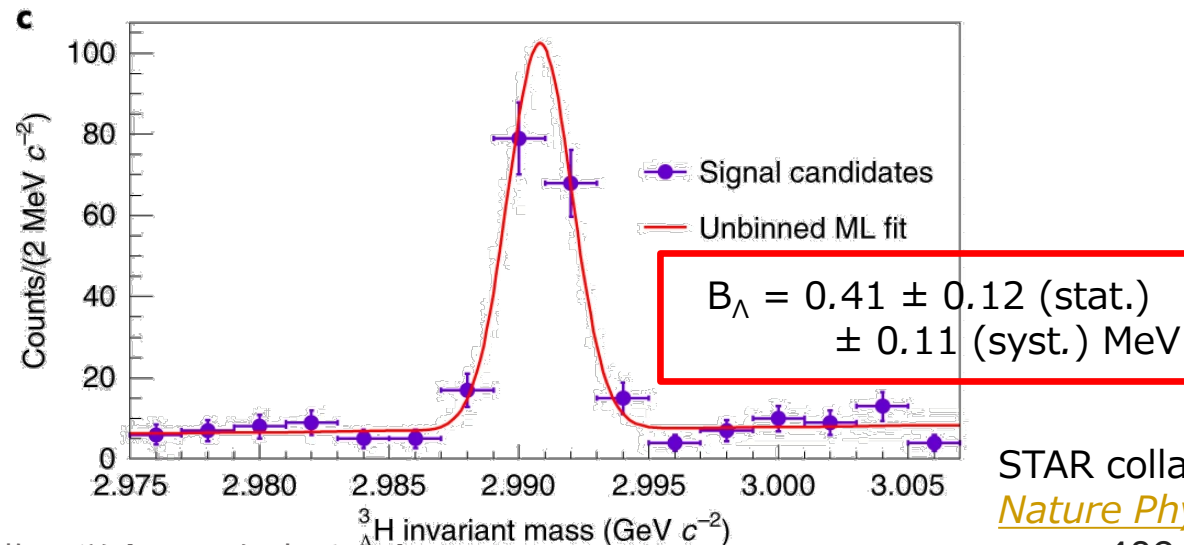
– ALICE in 2018 Pb-Pb collisions

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Heavy-ion experiment – STAR in Au-Au collisions



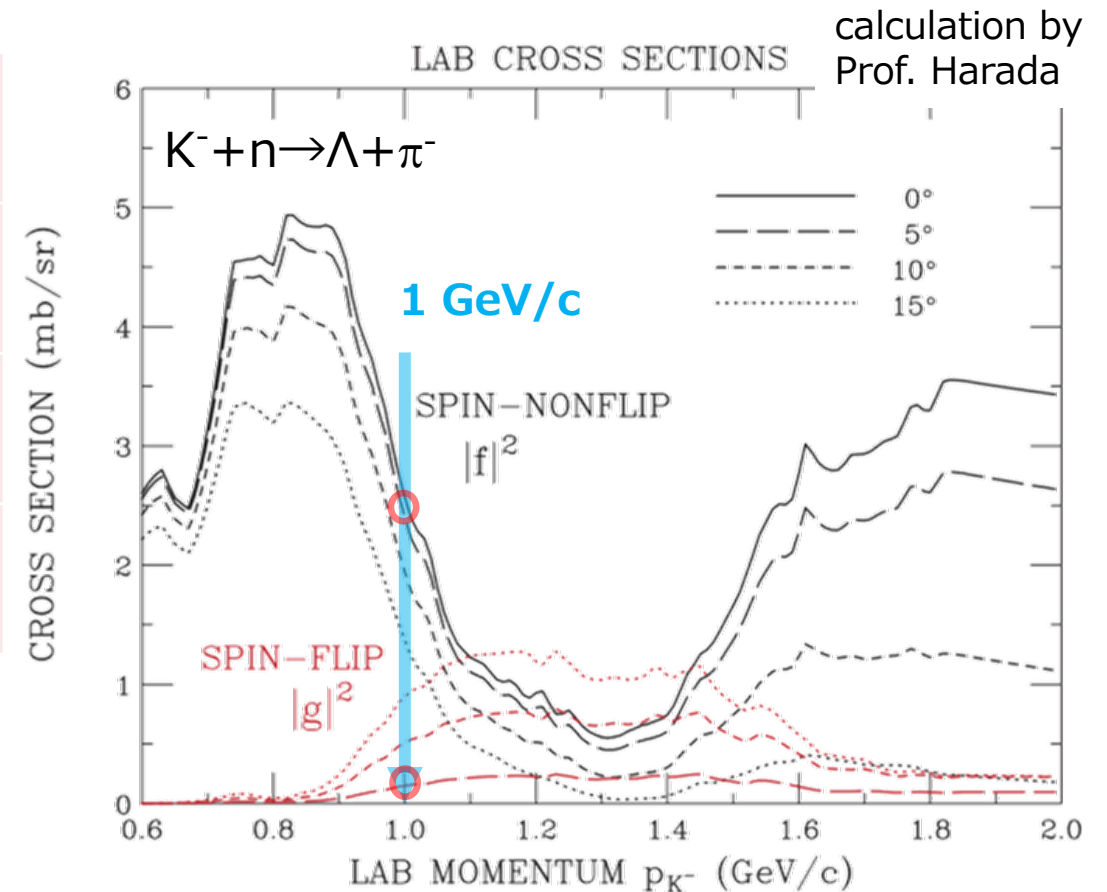
STAR collaboration  
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The binding energy  
is still not determined

# 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>

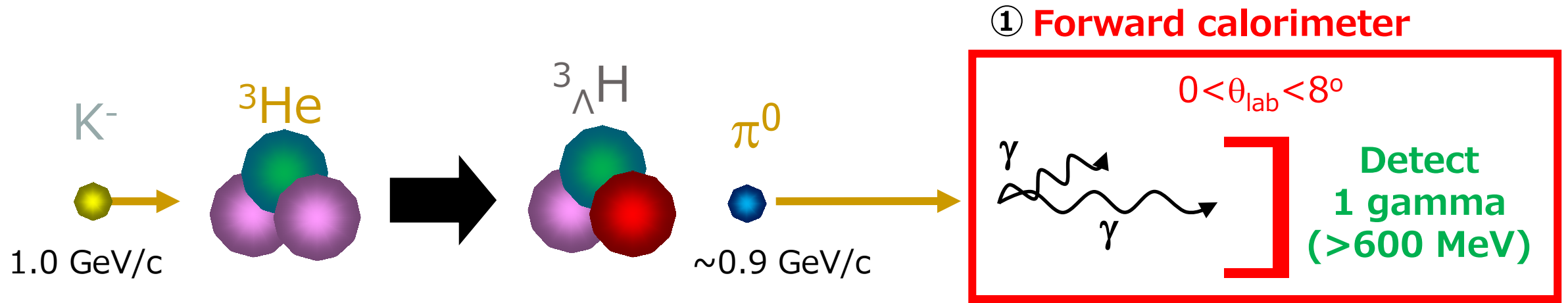


- produce the ground state of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}(1/2^+)$
- **provide important data on the hypertriton lifetime puzzle**

# 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

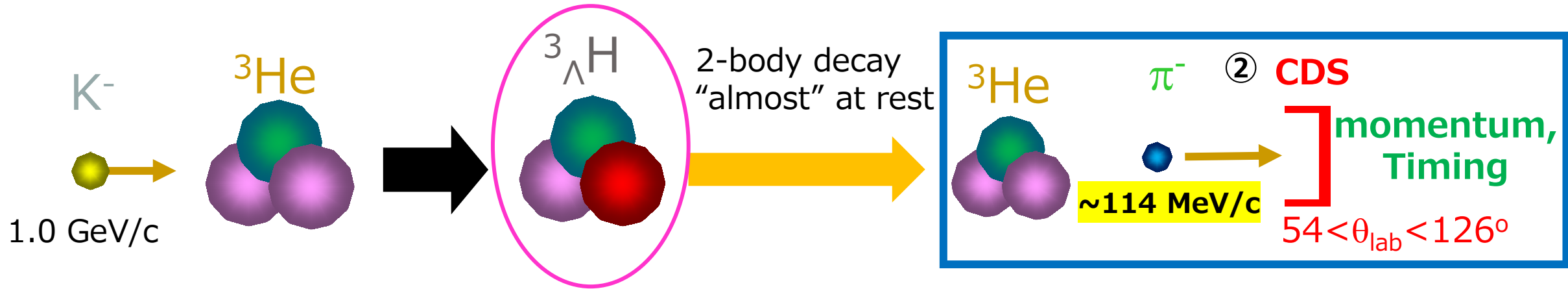
→ almost 100% detection efficiency for forward going  $\pi^0$  ( $0 < \theta_{\text{lab}}^{\pi^0} < 10$ )

⇒ tag  $\Lambda$  production with low recoil momentum

Reduce BG from  $\text{Y}$  decays and multi pion production

# J-PARC E73: Experimental principle

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



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

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

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

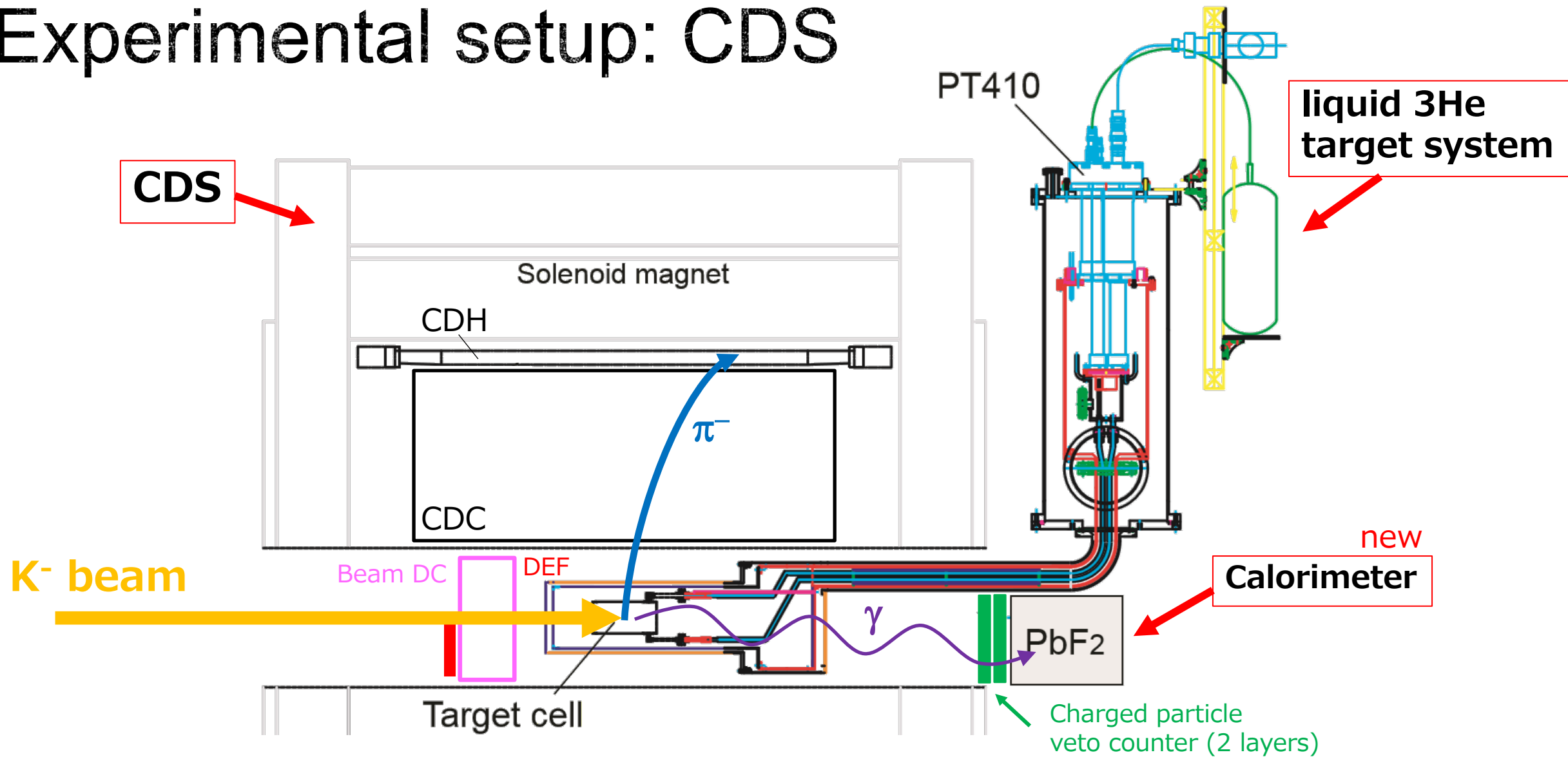
→ Hypertriton stops immediately inside the target

⇒ 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)**

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

## ■ Why be seen peak structure of 3-body decay

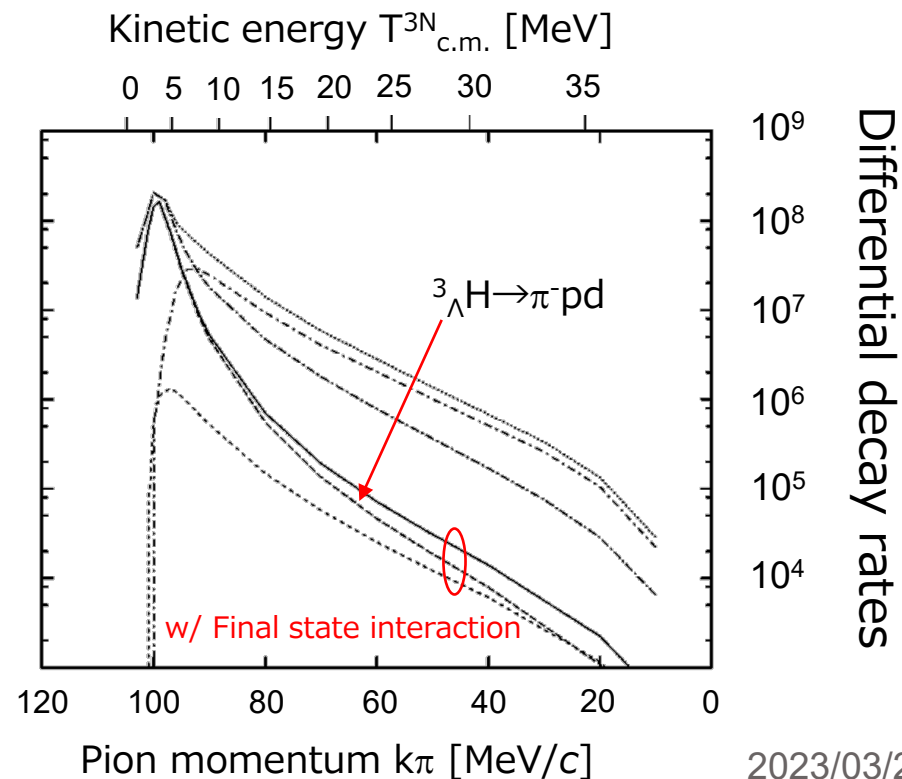
### ➤ Qualitative

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

### ➤ Theoretical

- ✓ Based on hypertriton wave function and scattering states
- ✓ H. Kamada, et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C57, 1595 (1998)

**From 3-body events,  
Can understand  
the structure of the hypertriton ?**



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

- Neutral Meson Spectroscopy @BNL (1997)

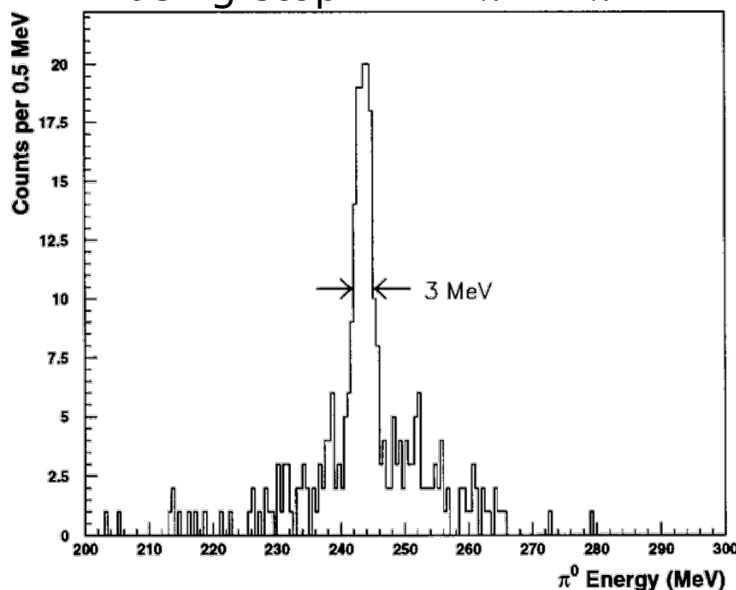
- Reaction:  $^{12}\text{C}(\text{stop } K^-, \pi^0)^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$

- Measured  $\pi^0$  energy

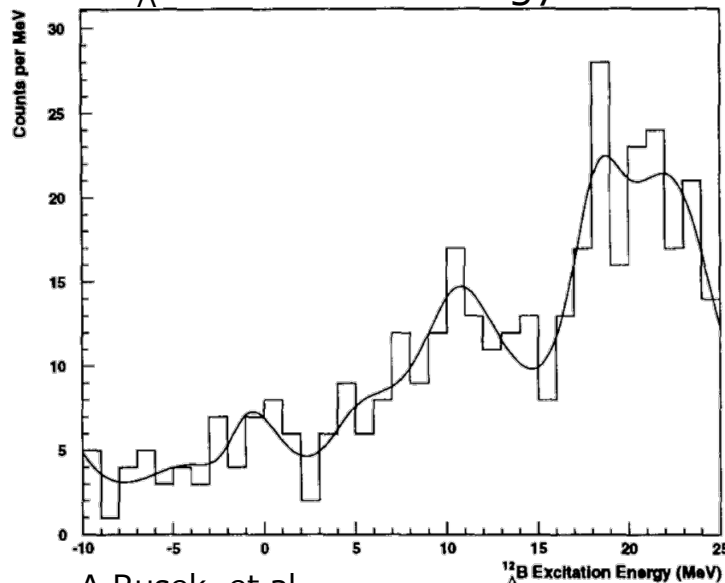
$$\checkmark E_{\pi^0} = E_1 + E_2 = m_{\pi^0} \sqrt{\frac{2}{(1-\cos \eta)(1-X^2)}}, \quad X = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{E_1 + E_2}$$

$\eta$ : opening angle

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

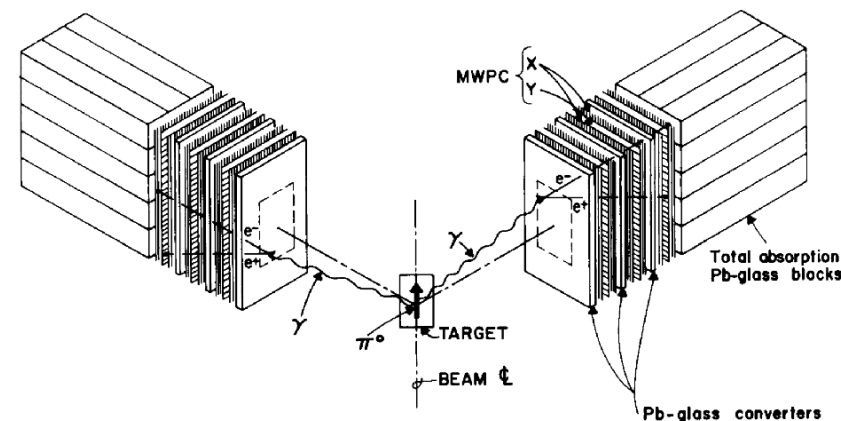


$^{12}\text{C}(\text{stop } K^-, \pi^0)$  reaction  
 $^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$  excitation energy



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

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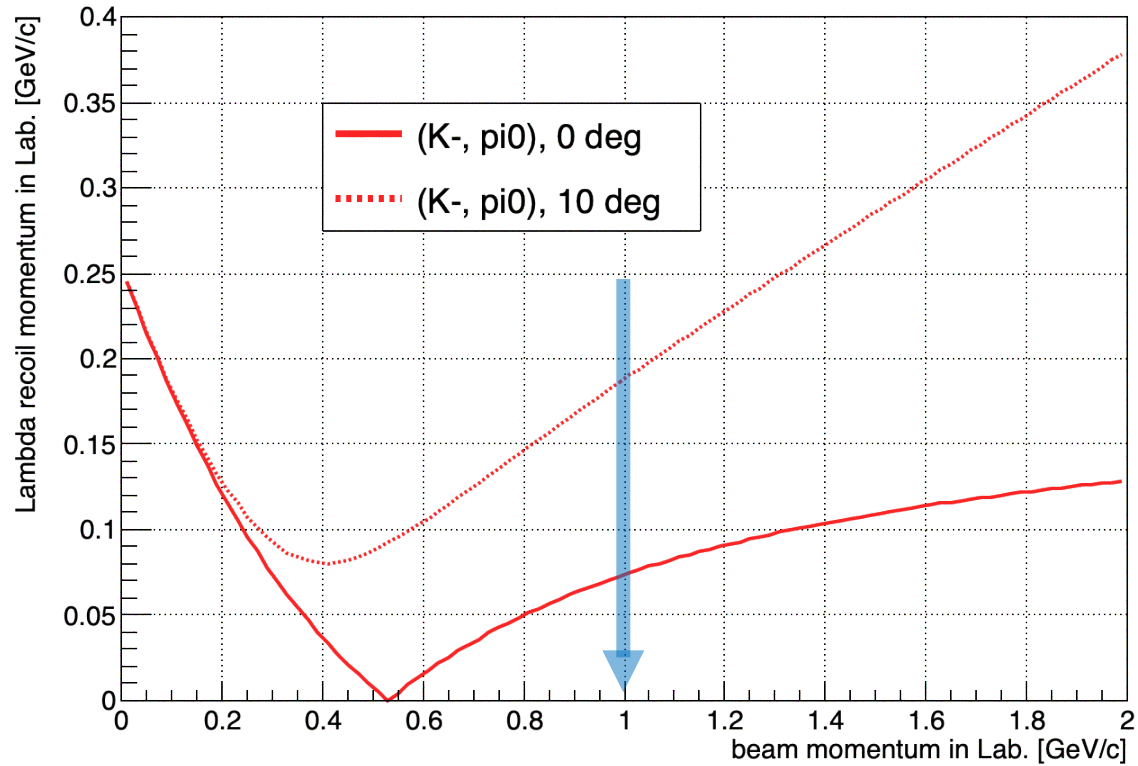


Difficult method

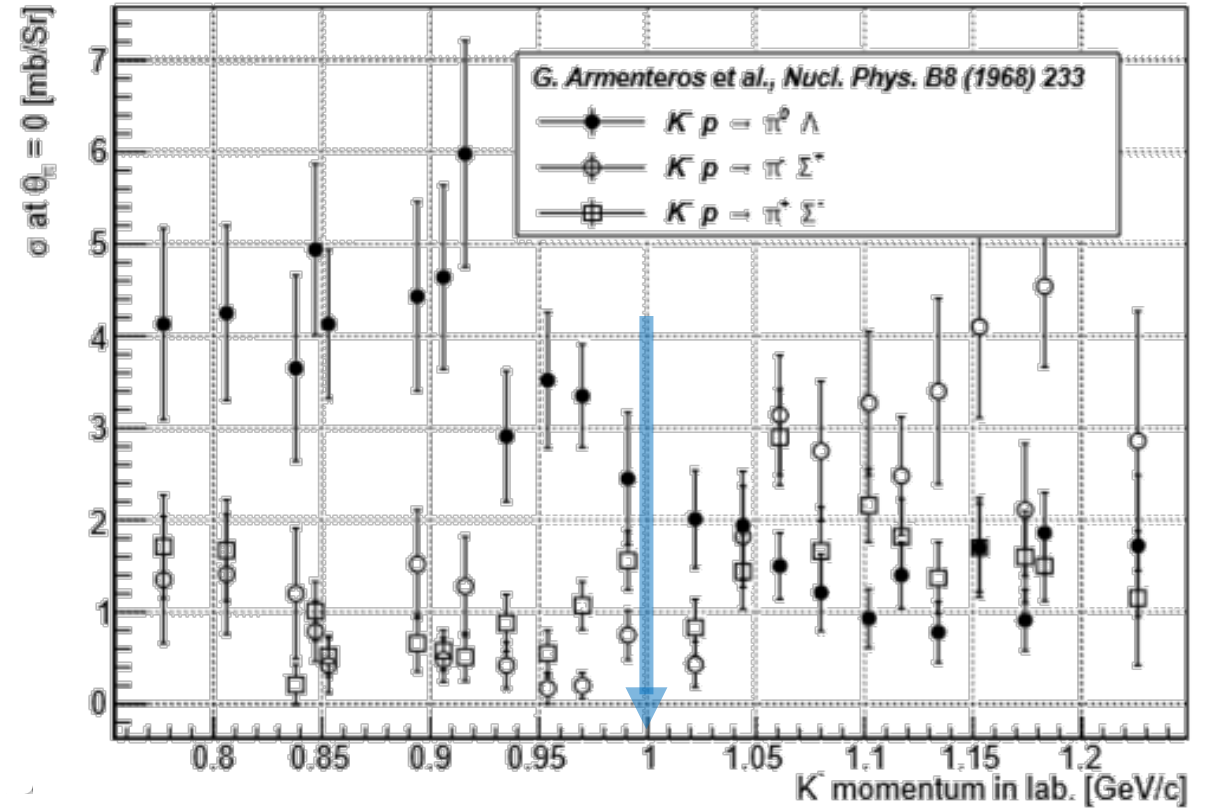
# Experiment concept

# Beam Momentum selection

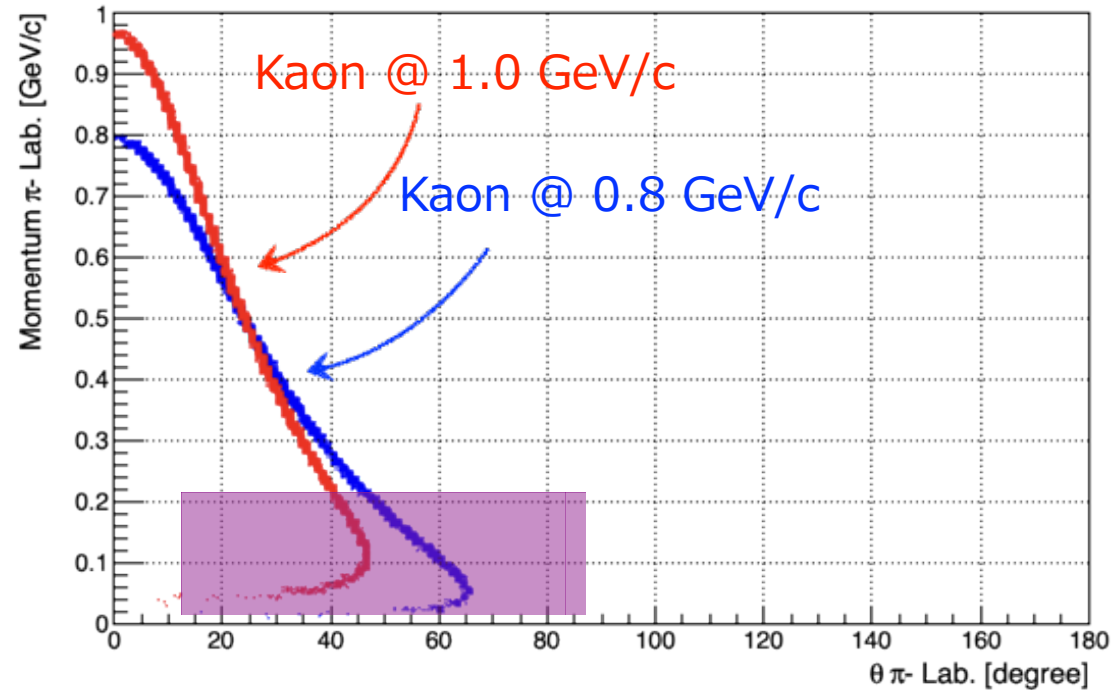
Lambda recoil momentum vs meson scattering angle



Elementary cross section

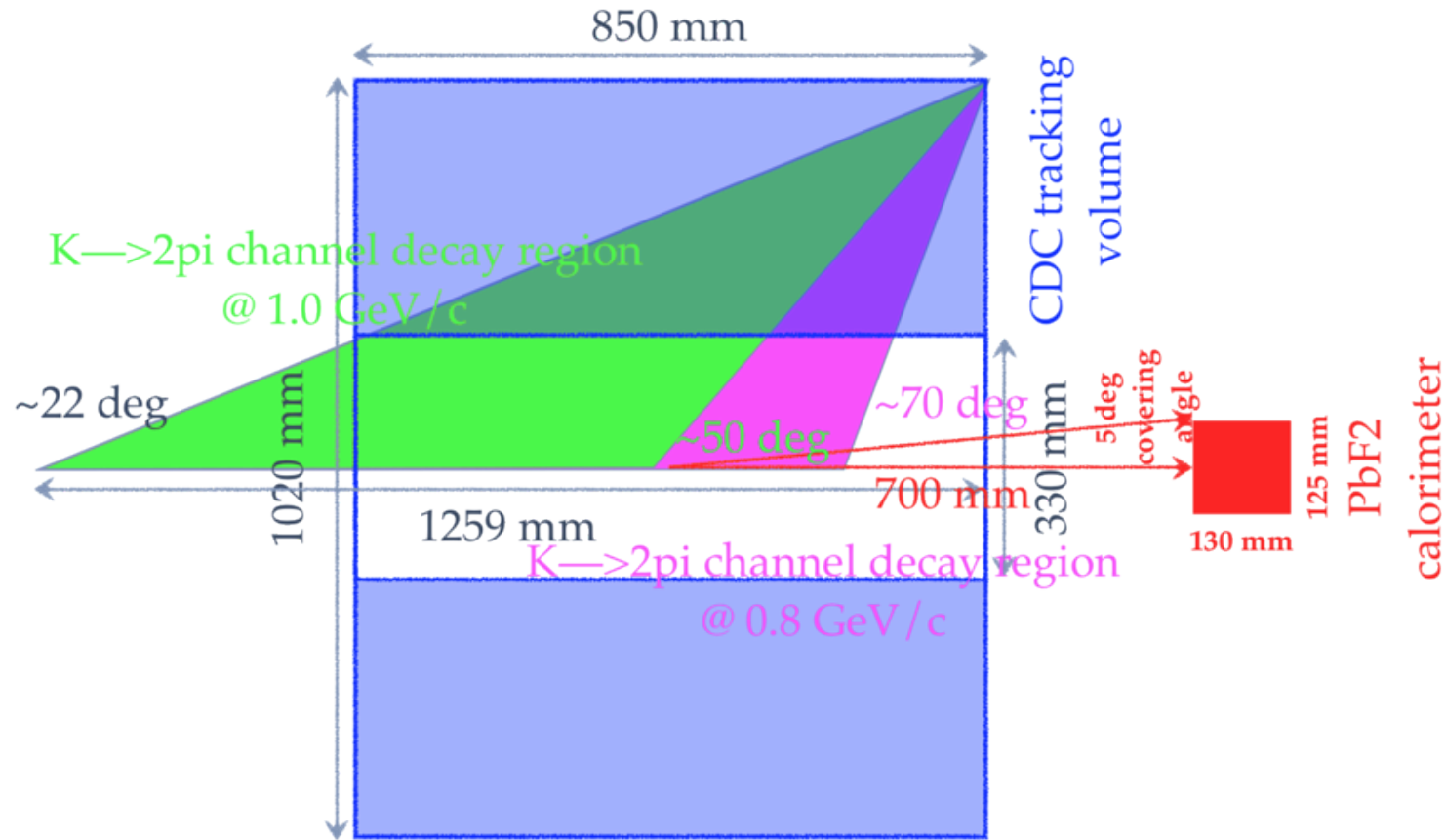


# Background events from Kaon in-flight decay



- 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

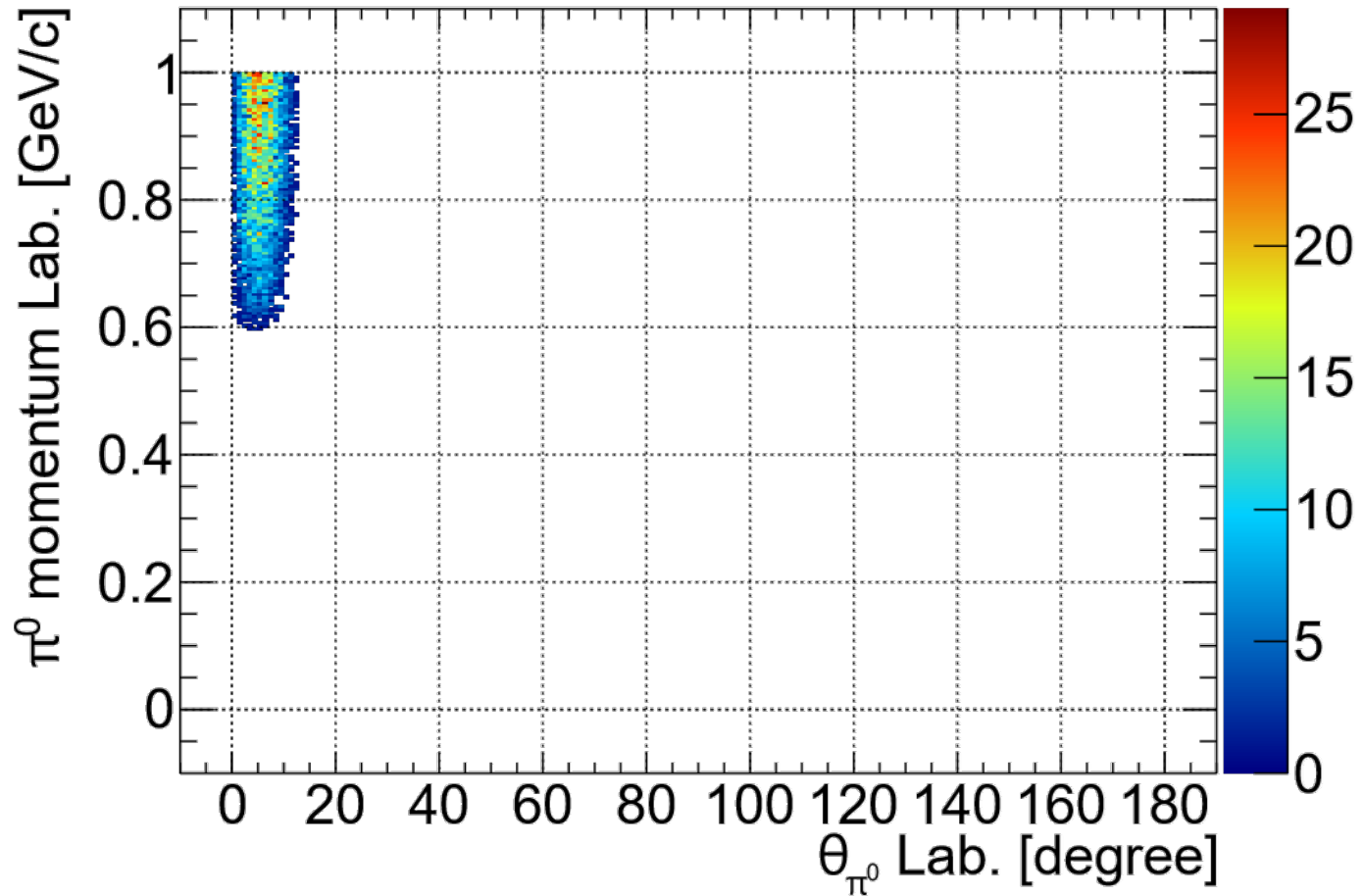
Reaction(decay) and final states	Charged particle structure	timing	Branching ratio	$\sigma$ [mb/Sr] for $p_{K^-}=0.9\text{GeV}/c$ and $\theta_{\pi^0}=0$
$K^- \ ^3\text{He} \rightarrow \pi^0 \ ^3\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^0 \pi^- \ ^3\text{He} \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- \ ^3\text{He}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

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



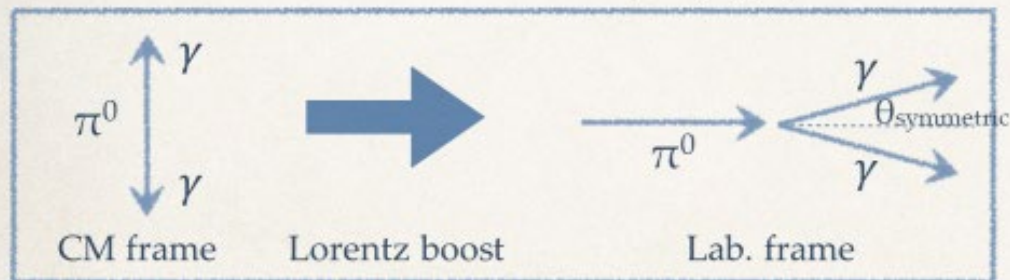
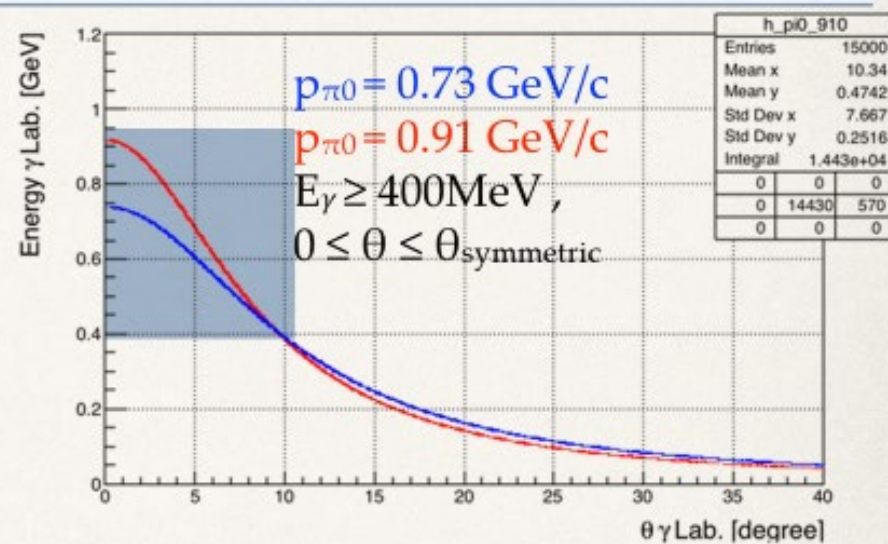
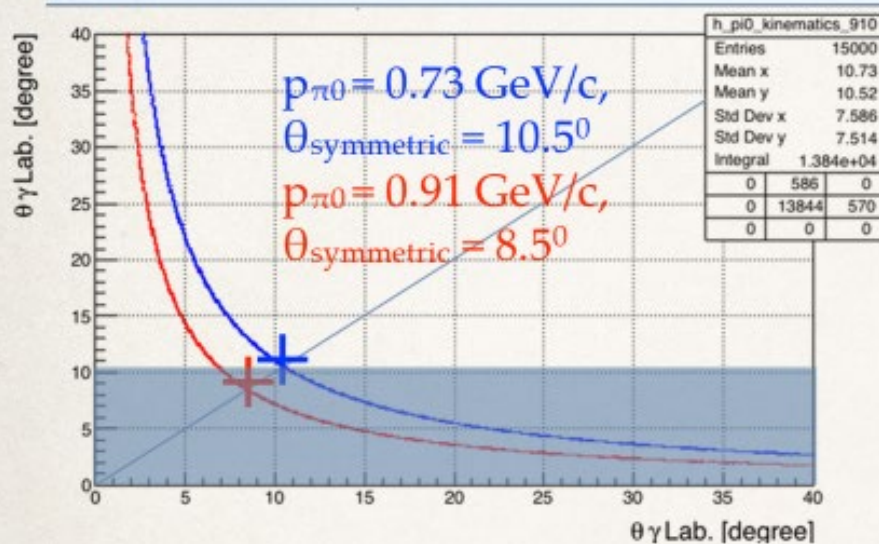
# Tagging single $\gamma$ -ray

- 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

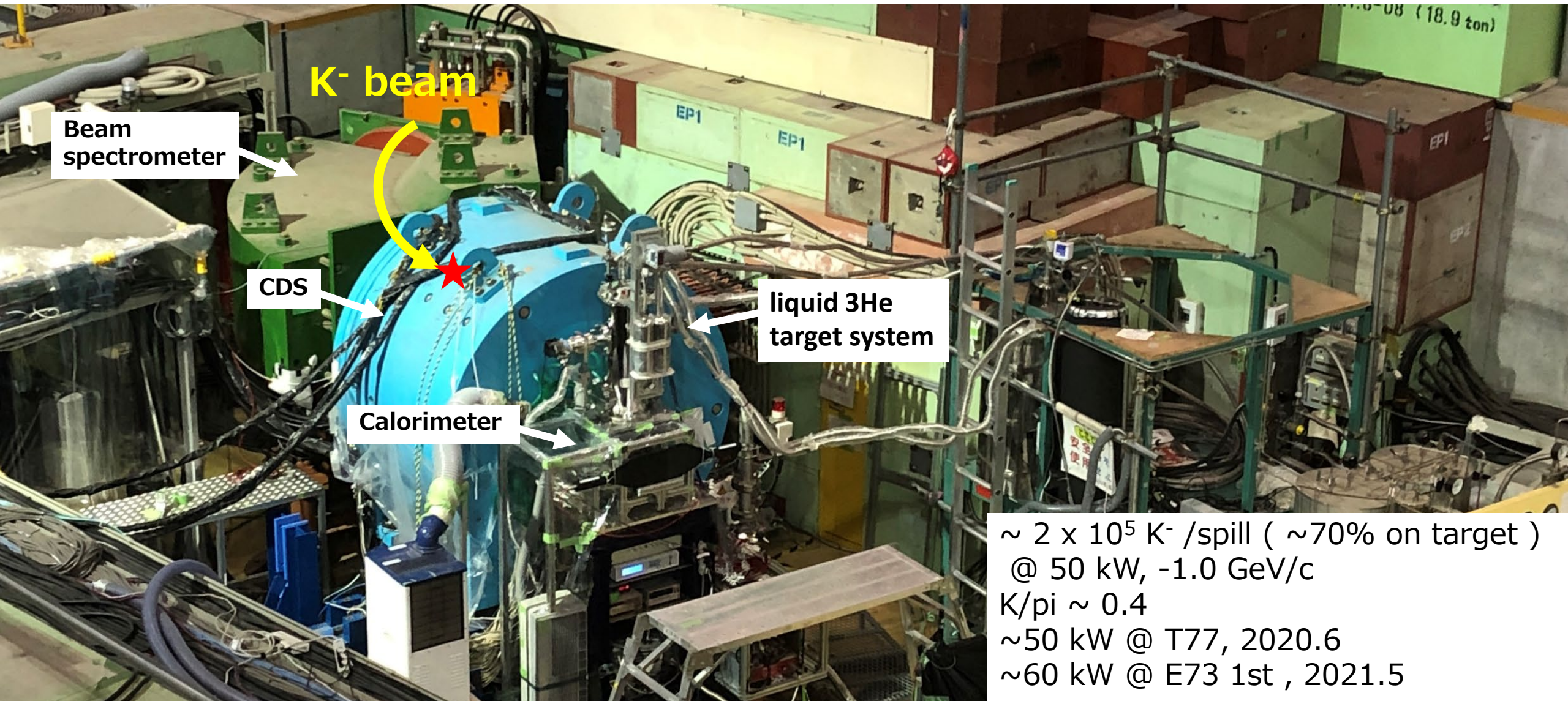


- \*  $0.73 \sim 0.91 \text{ GeV}/c$   $\pi^0$  boosts  $\gamma$  forwardly;
- \* By covering  $0 \sim \theta_{\text{symmetric}}$ , tag the  $\gamma$  with higher energy ( $E_\gamma \geq 400 \text{ MeV}$ )

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

# CDS performance

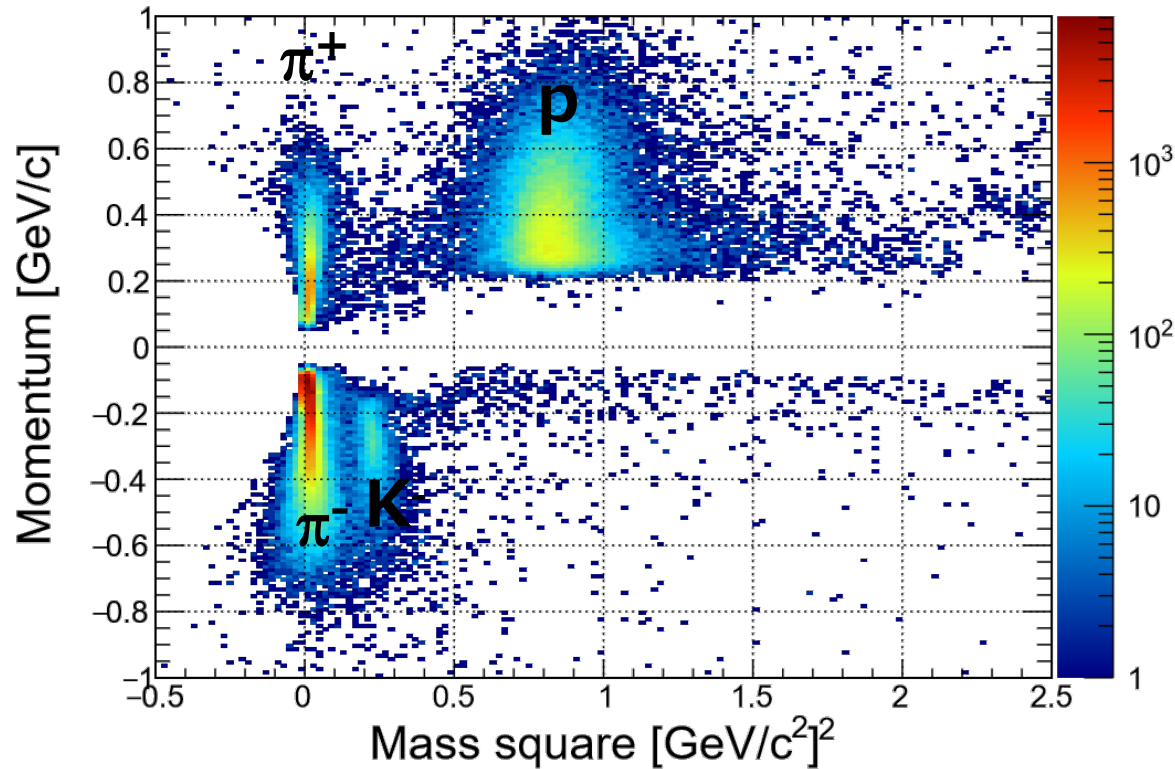
# J-PARC K1.8BR Beamline



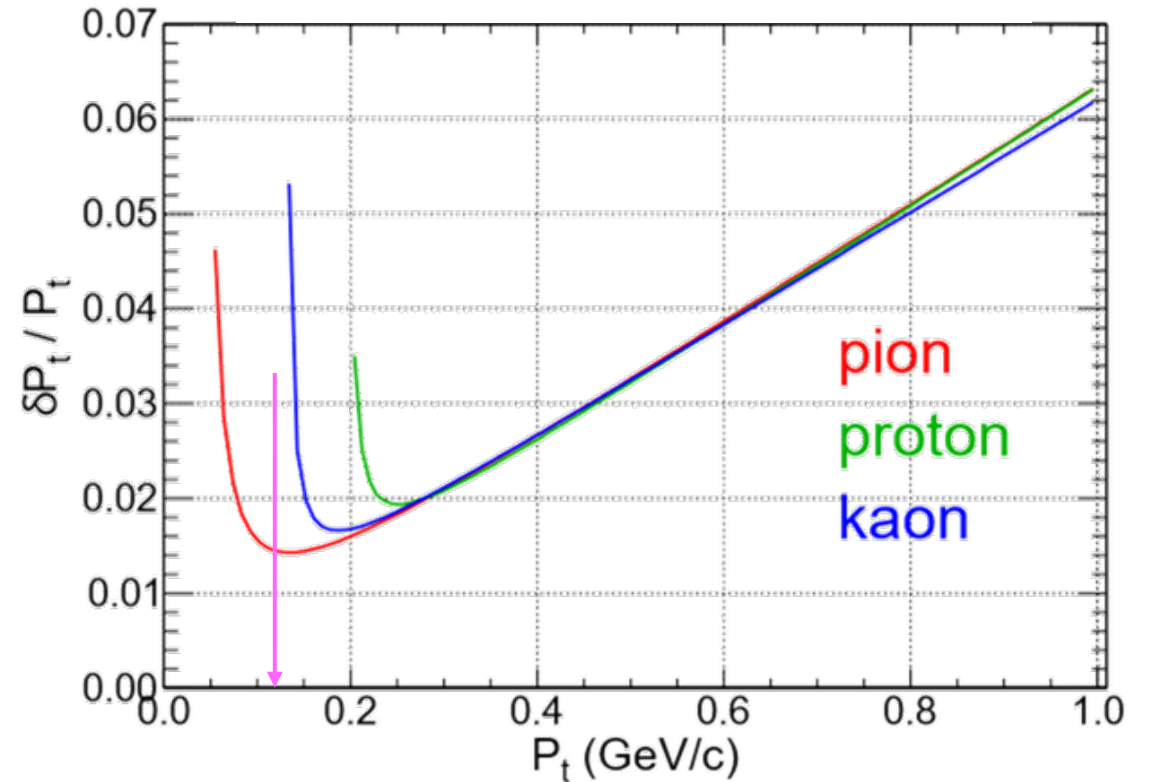
$\sim 2 \times 10^5$  K<sup>-</sup> /spill (  $\sim 70\%$  on target )  
@ 50 kW, -1.0 GeV/c  
K/pi  $\sim 0.4$   
 $\sim 50$  kW @ T77, 2020.6  
 $\sim 60$  kW @ E73 1st, 2021.5

# CDS performance

## Particle ID



## Momentum resolution



✓ Well working

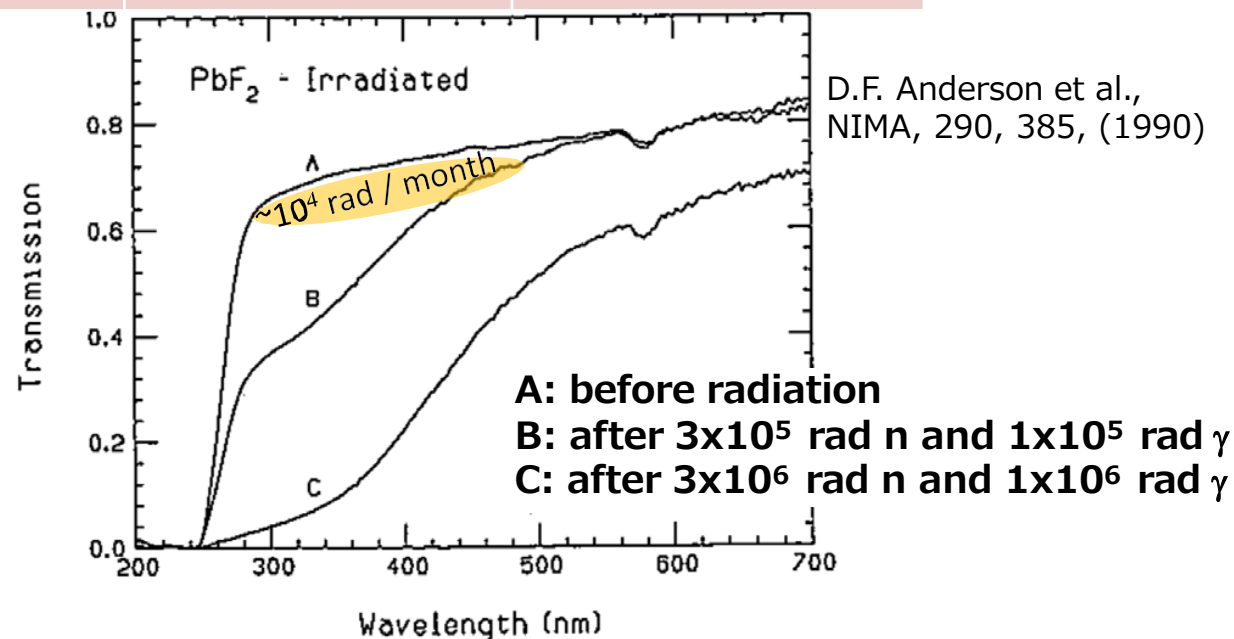
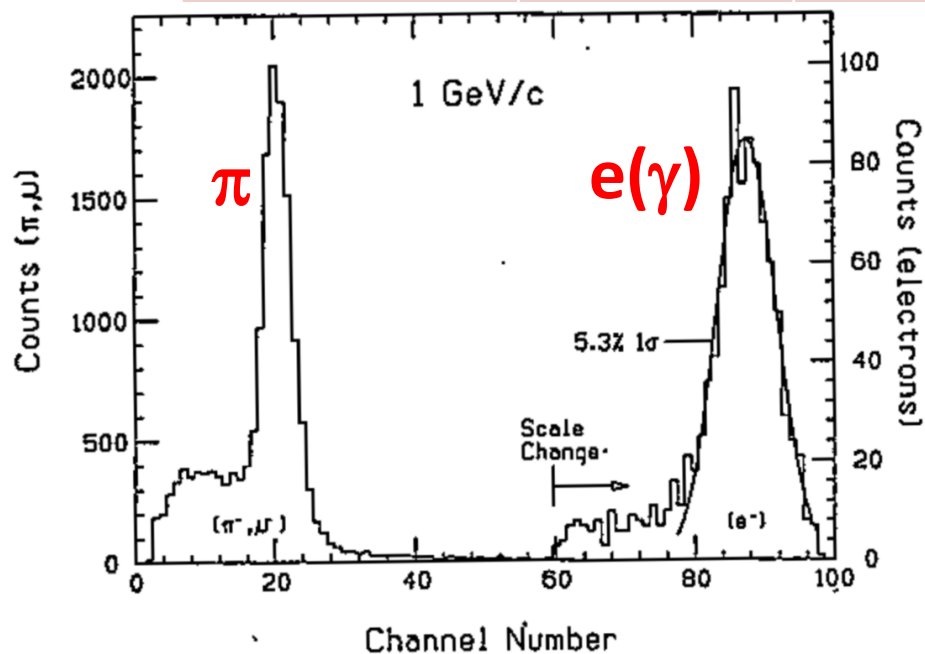
# PbF2 calorimeter

# 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, γ

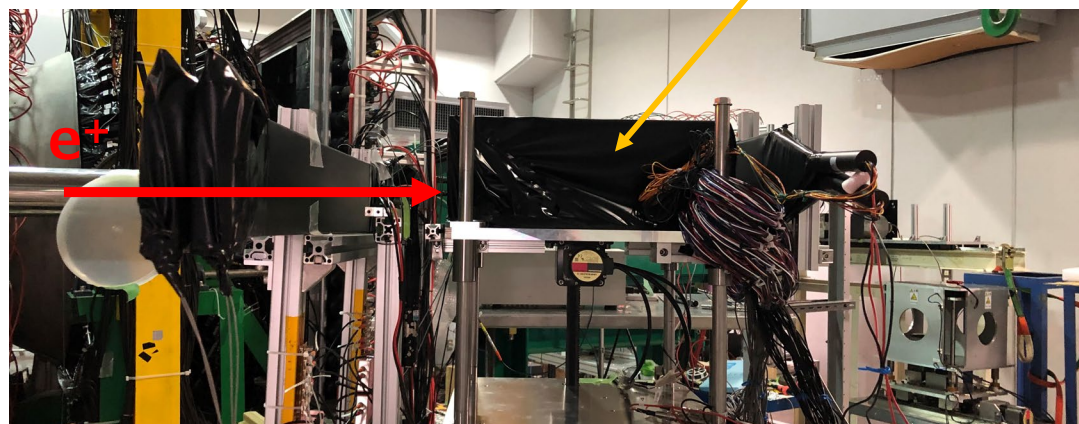
➤ High radiation resistance

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

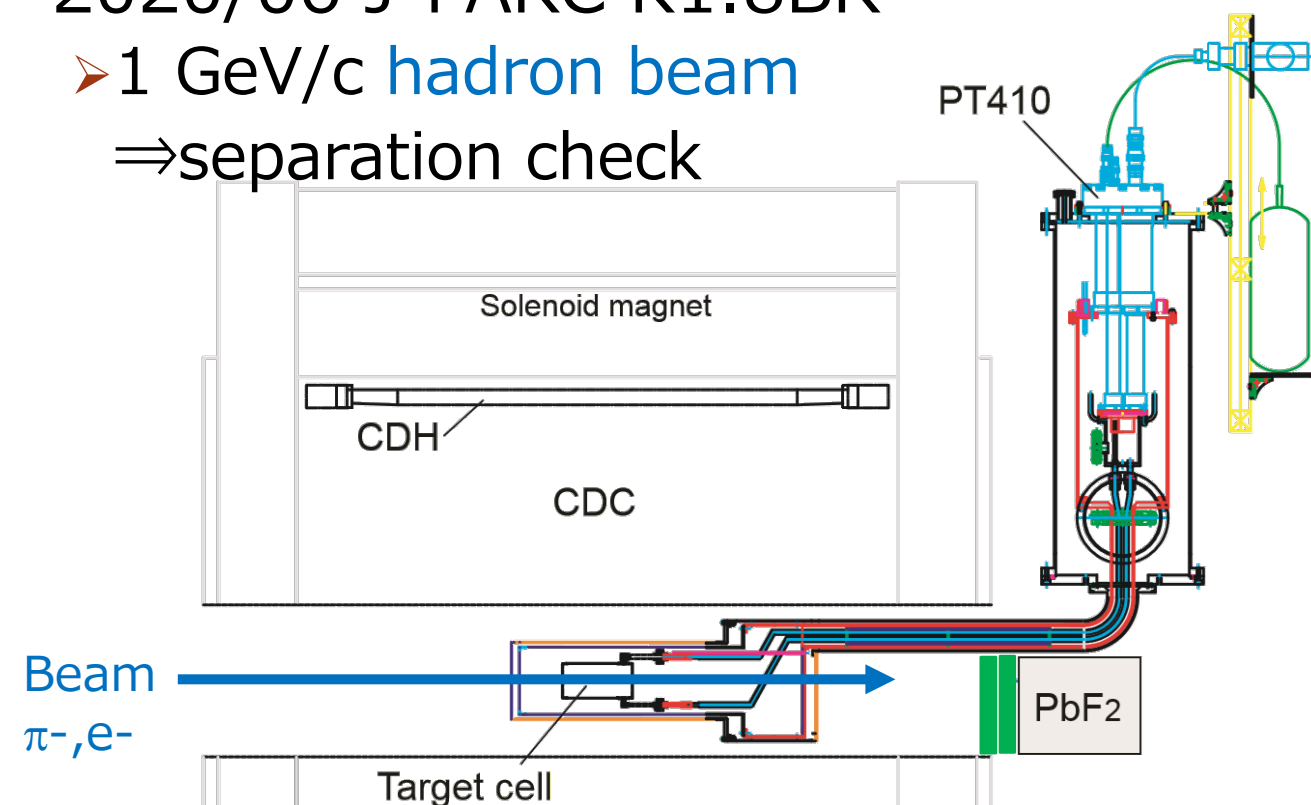
- Beam test – two pattern
  - 40 segments used

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

Experimental setup



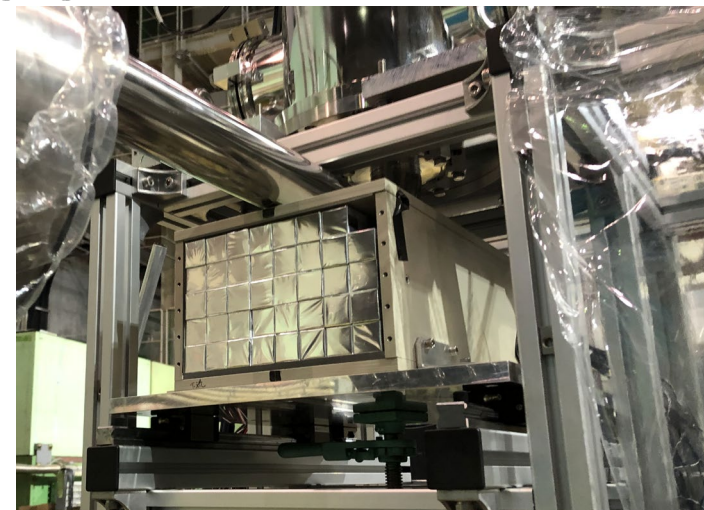
- 2020/06 J-PARC K1.8BR
  - 1 GeV/c **hadron beam**
  - ⇒ separation check



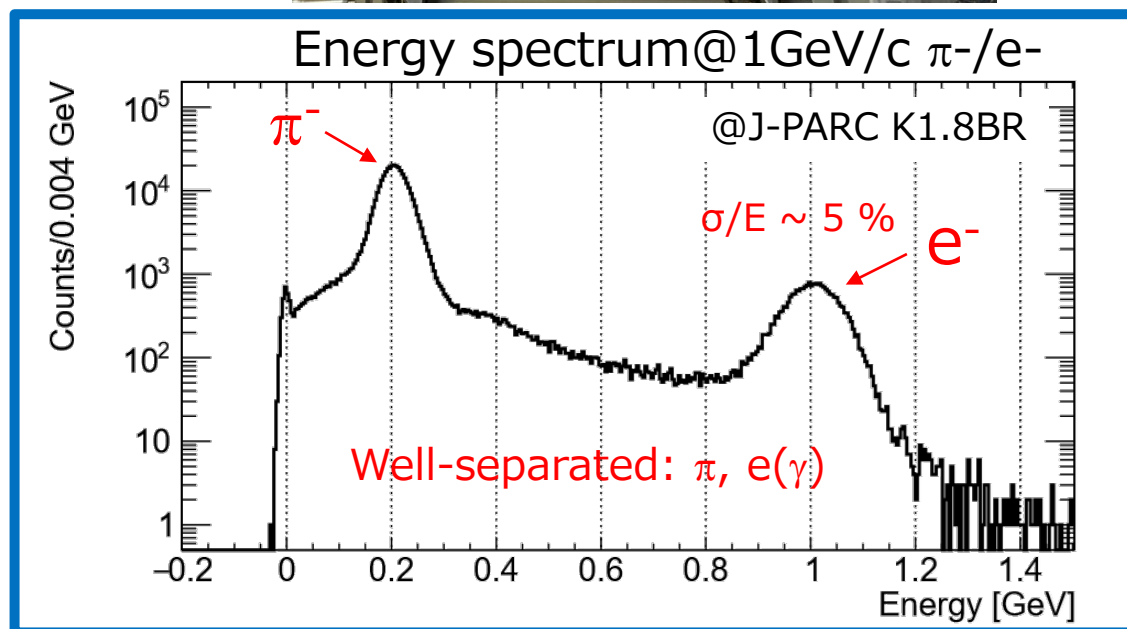
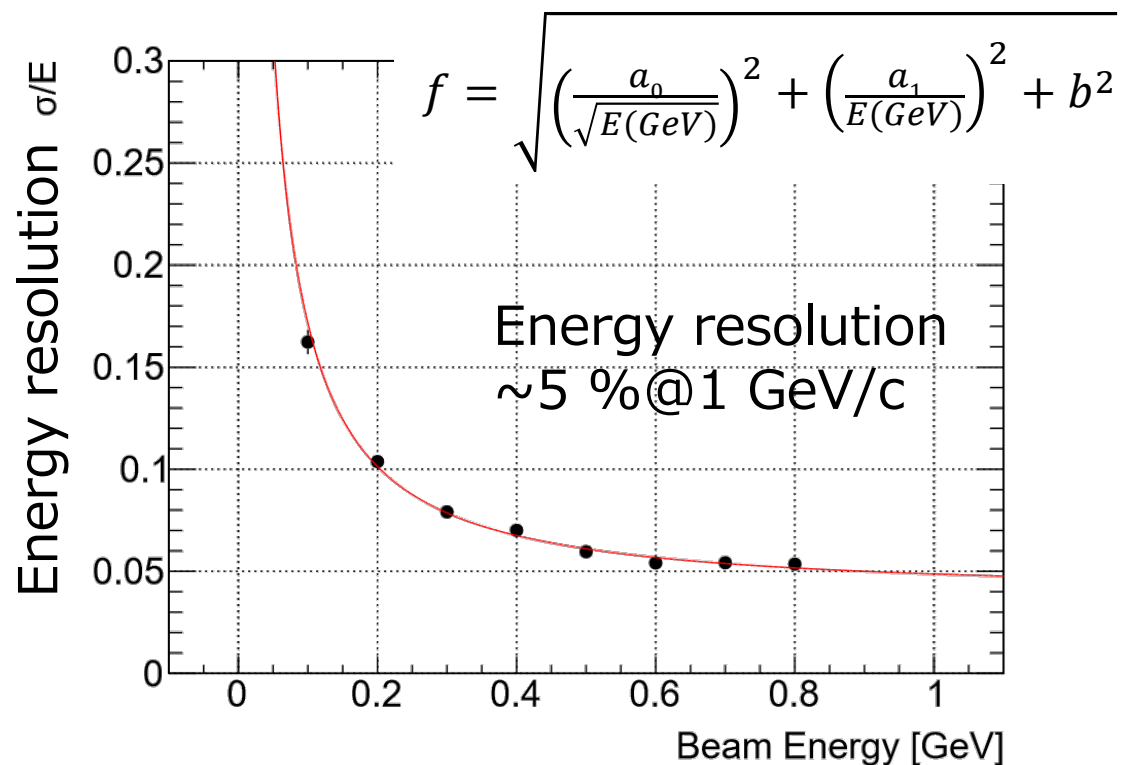


# PbF<sub>2</sub> calorimeter performance

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



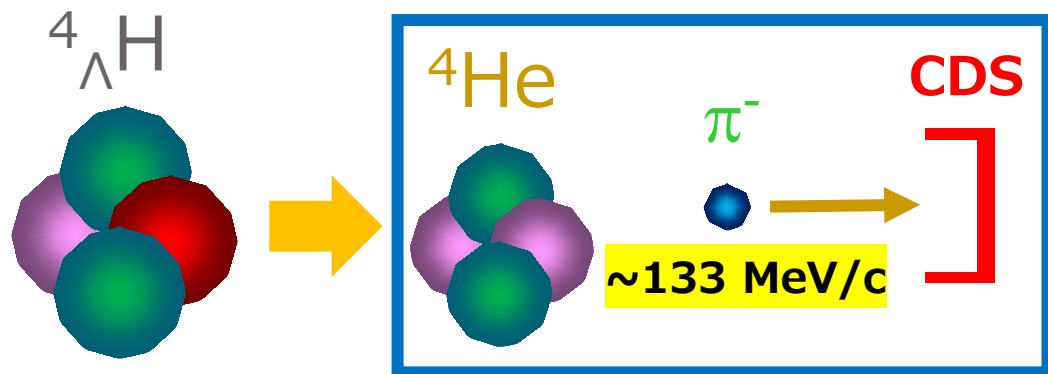
2019.12: Test experiment @ ELPH e<sup>+</sup> beam



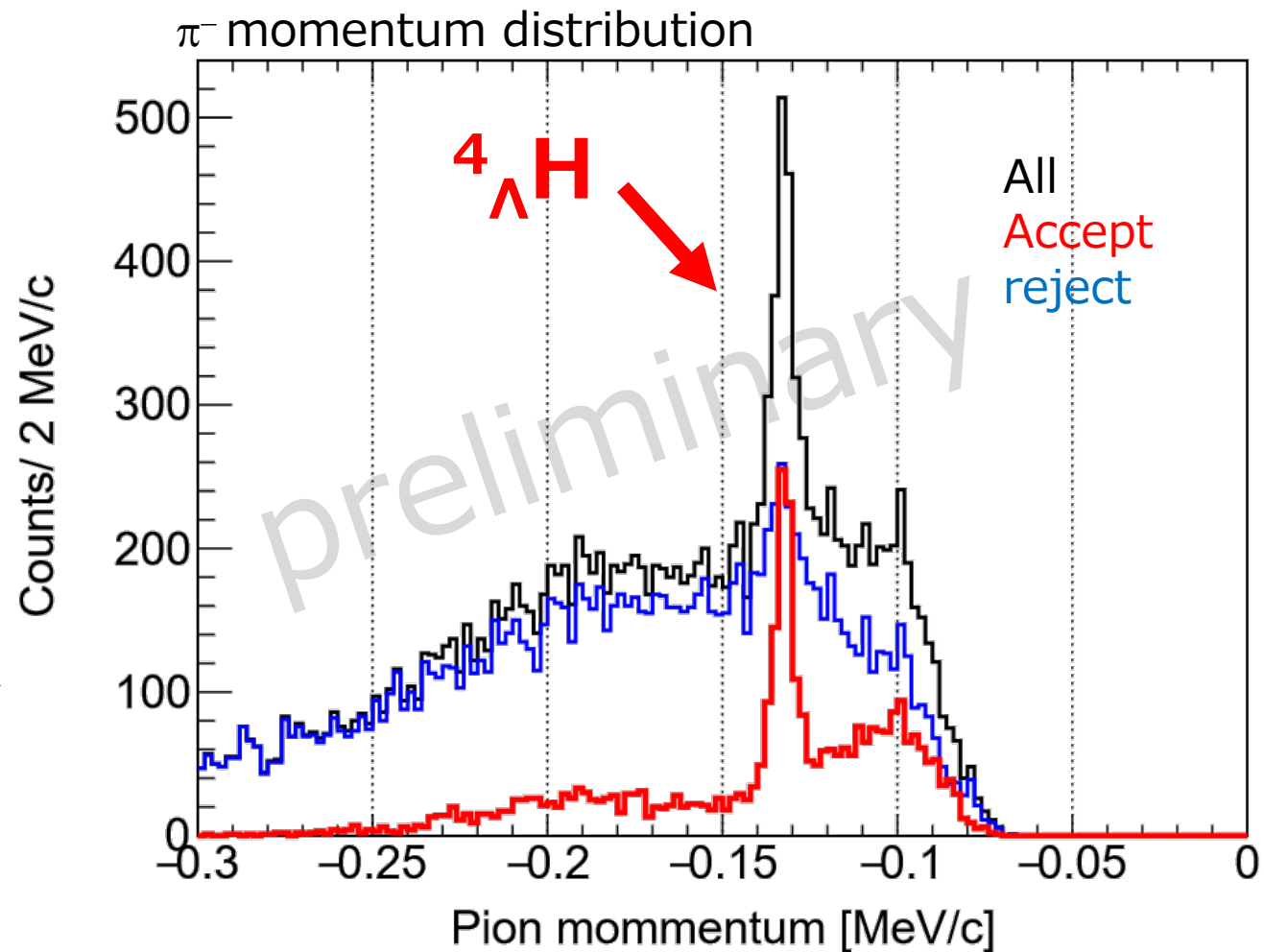
Good performance to distinguish  $\pi^-/e^-, \gamma$

# Feasibility study

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



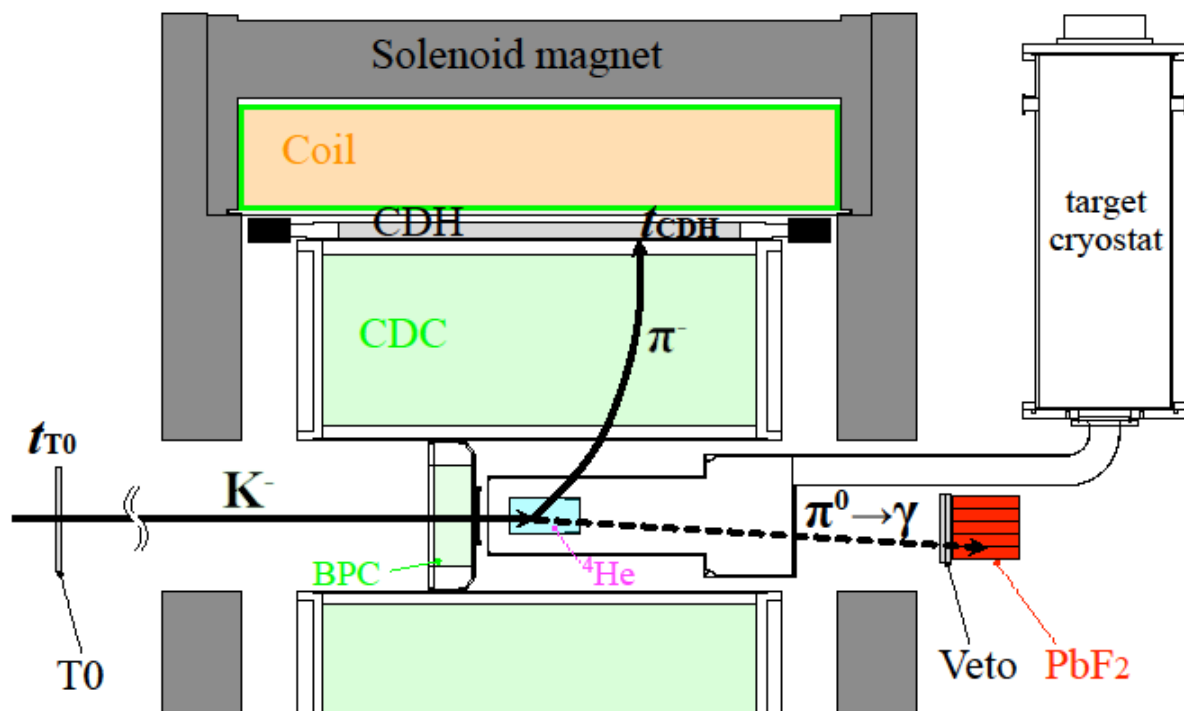
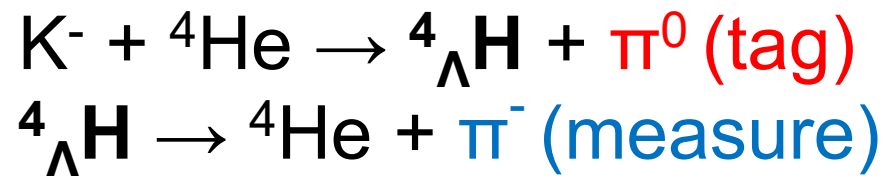
- select 1 gamma ray  $\Rightarrow$  the  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  peak can be seen like the black line
- Background reduction by  $\text{PbF}_2$ 
  - Selection of high energy  $\gamma$ -rays for  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  production  
 $\Rightarrow$  Improved S/N ratio ( $3/2 \rightarrow 4/1$ ) **Red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



# J-PARC T77 experiment

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

# Derive lifetime



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

lifetime

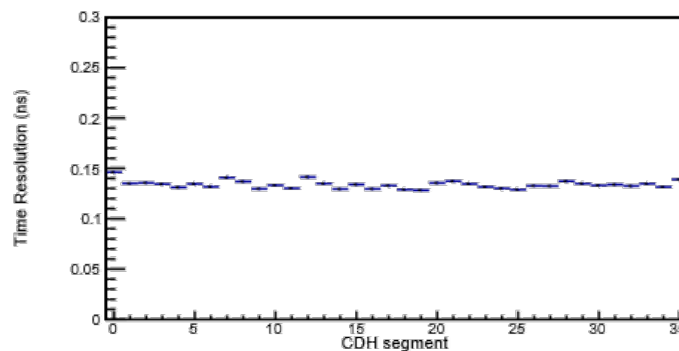
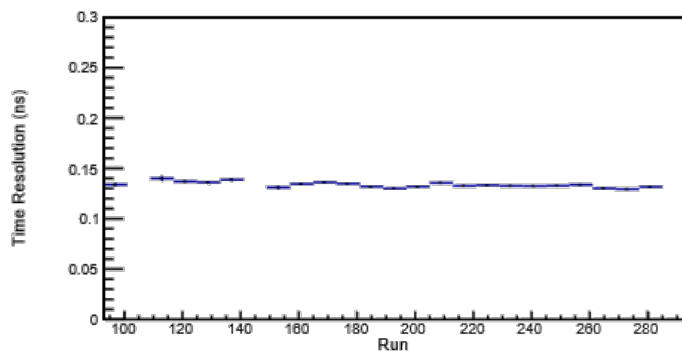
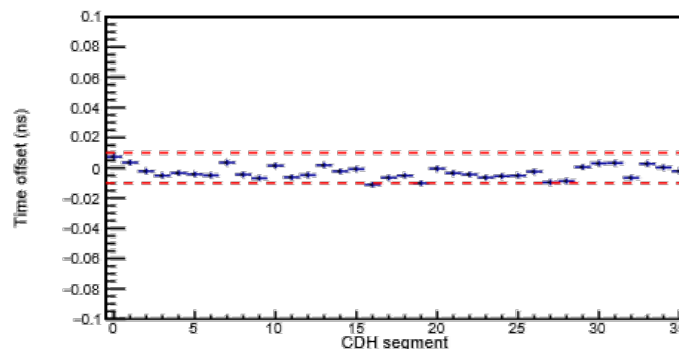
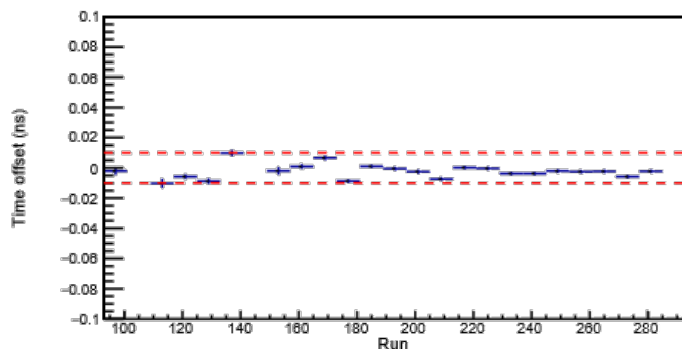
# Analysis for timing

- Calibration with  $\pi^-N \rightarrow \pi^-N$  scattering

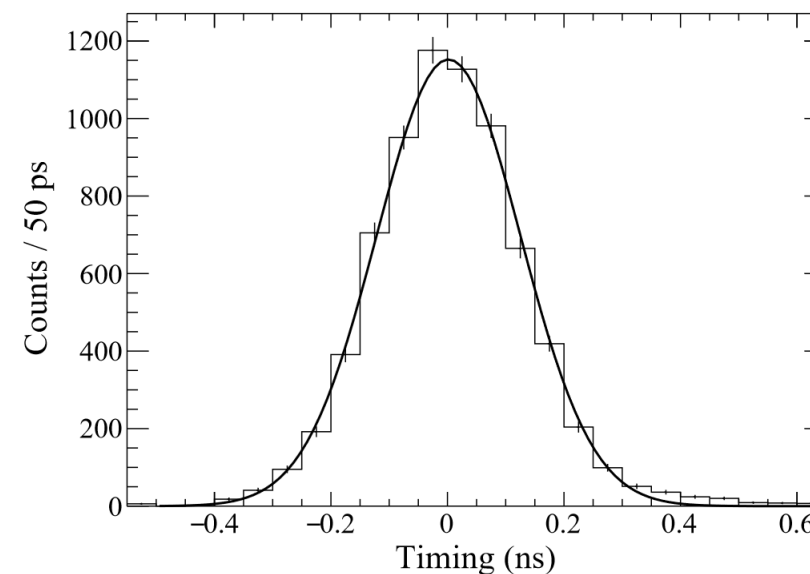
- TOF(T0-CDH)

- ✓ Select beam pion and scattering pion

- ✓ Adjusted Time offset



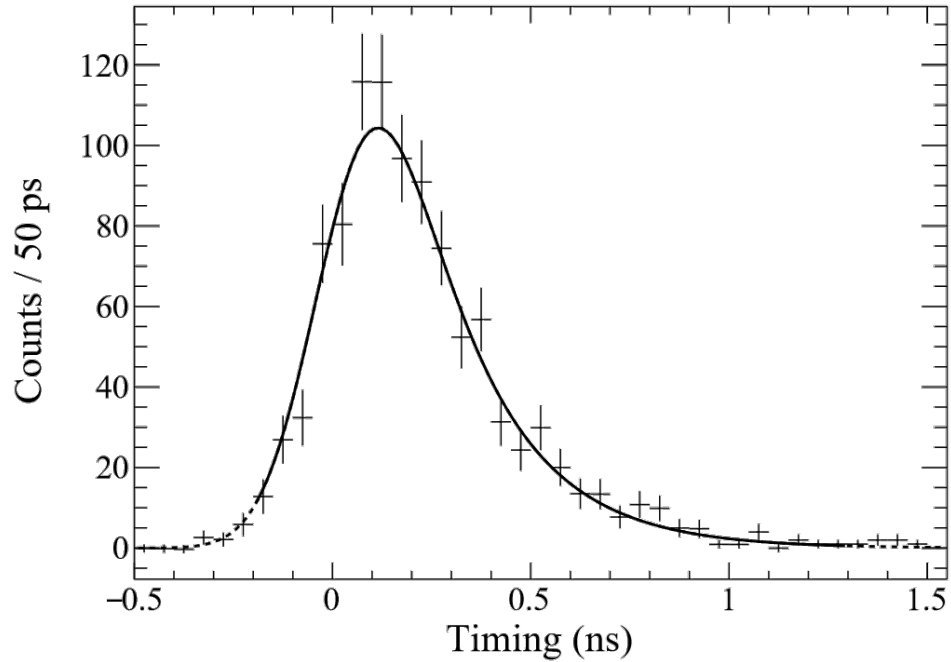
## Time response function



$$\sigma = 123 \pm 1 \text{ ps}$$

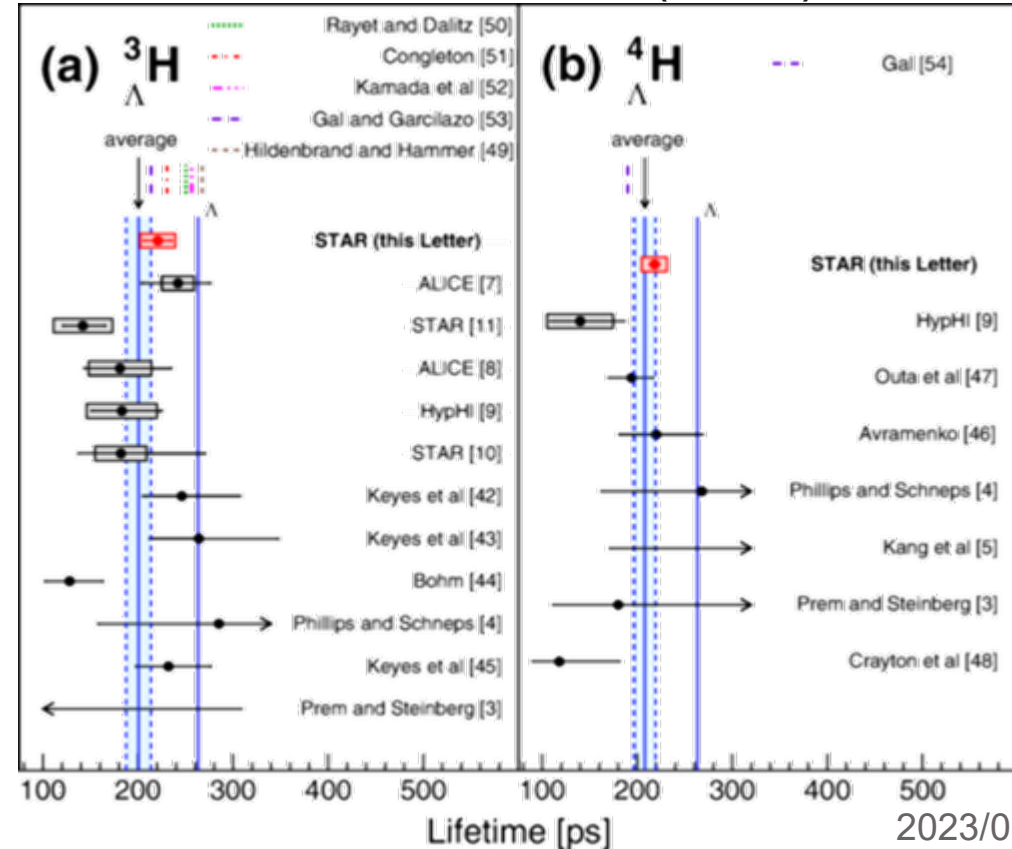
# ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ lifetime

$206 \pm 8(\text{stat.}) \pm 12(\text{syst.}) \text{ ps}$



Contribution	Value
Intrinsic bias of J-PARC T77 approach	$\pm 2 \text{ ps}$
Uncertainty from $\gamma$ selection	$\pm 4 \text{ ps}$
Uncertainty of time calibration	$\pm 7 \text{ ps}$
Uncertainty of background subtraction	$\pm 5 \text{ ps}$
Uncertainty in fitting process	$\pm 7 \text{ ps}$
<b>Total (quadratic sum)</b>	<b><math>\pm 12 \text{ ps}</math></b>

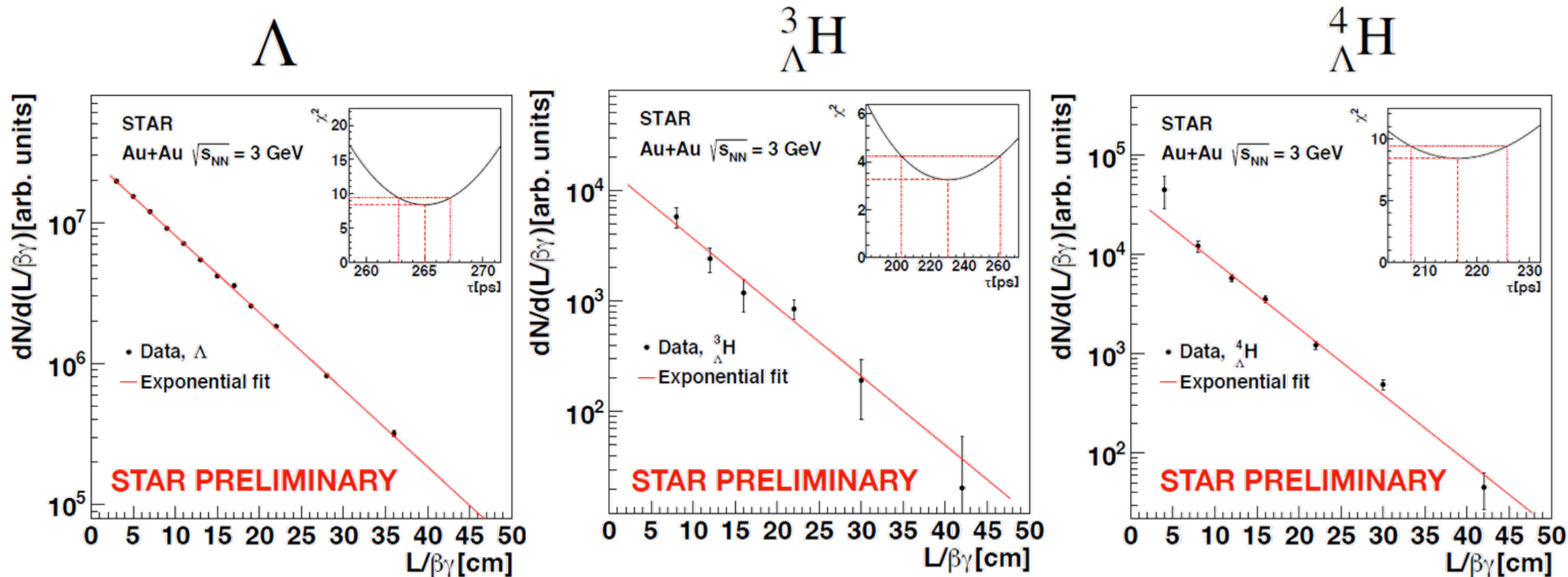
- $194^{+24}_{-26} \text{ ps}$  @KEK stop K-
  - H. Ota, et al., Nucl. Phys. A 547, (1992), 109c-114c
- $218 \pm 6(\text{stat.}) \pm 13(\text{syst.}) \text{ ps}$  @STAR, Au-Au collision
  - PRL 128, 202301 (2022)



# STAR new result

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

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STAR Preliminary result



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

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