

*SPICE: Strange hadrons as a Precision tool
for strongly InteraCting systEms*

Progress in mass measurement of light hypernuclei and high-precision spectrometer calibration method at MAMI

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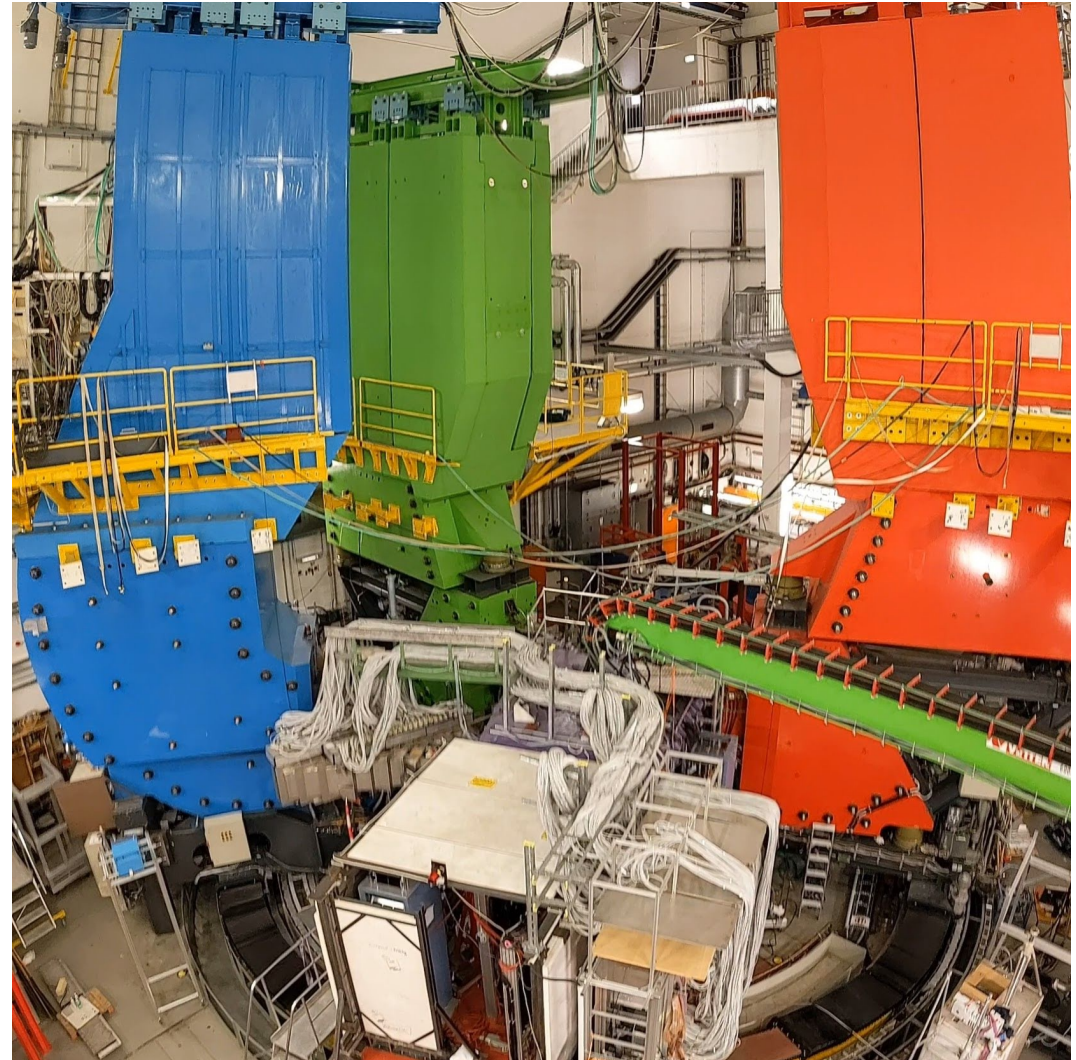
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Λ Binding Energy of Hypertriton

Hypertriton – a benchmark in hypernuclear physics

d- Λ binding system



Shallow binding?
or
Deeply bounded?

➤ Still large experimental uncertainties:

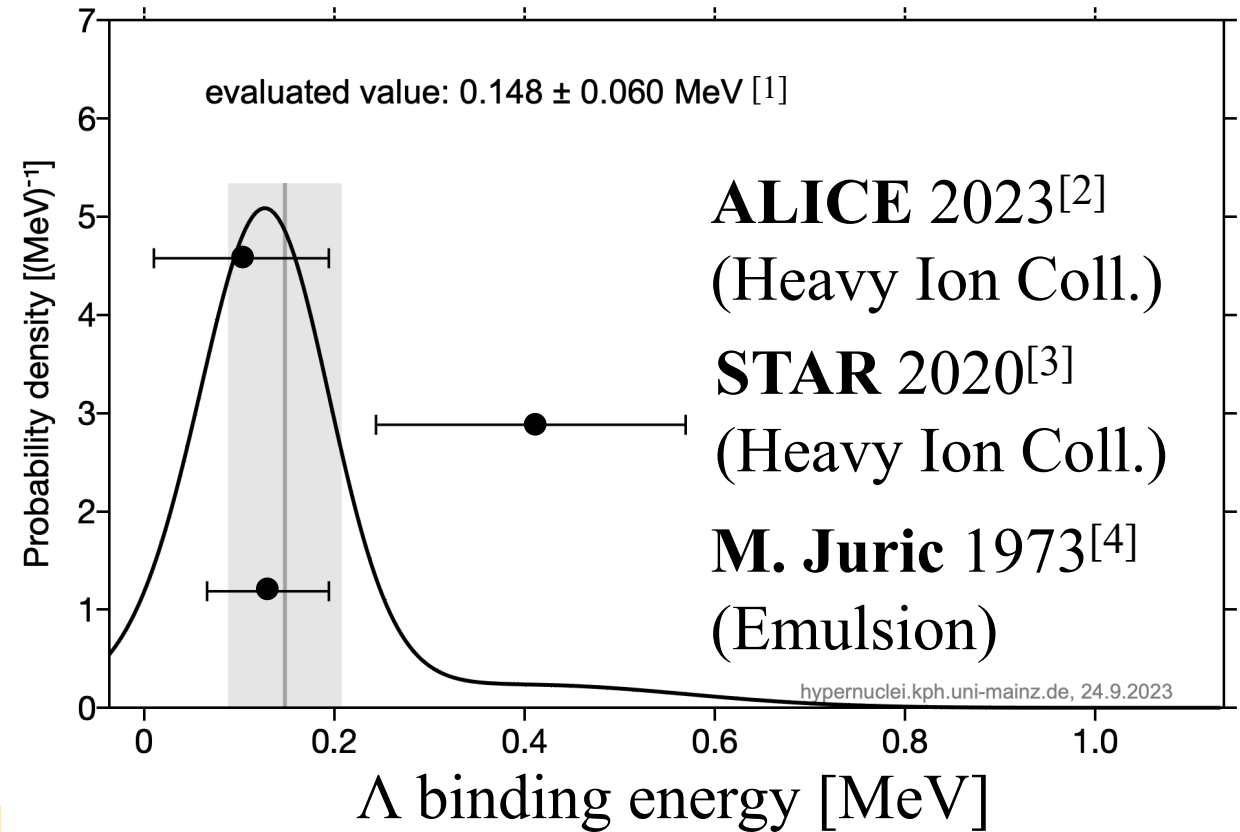
STAR 2020 : $0.41 \pm 0.12_{(\text{stat.})} \pm 0.11_{(\text{syst.})}$ MeV

ALICE 2023 : $0.10 \pm 0.06_{(\text{stat.})} \pm 0.07_{(\text{syst.})}$ MeV

➤ Need to clarify with the lifetime

→ **Decay-pion spectroscopy at MAMI**

[1] Hypernuclear database (<https://hypernuclei.kph.uni-mainz.de/>)
P. Eckert *et al.*, Suplemento de la Revista Mexicana de Fisica 3 0308069 (2022) 1-6



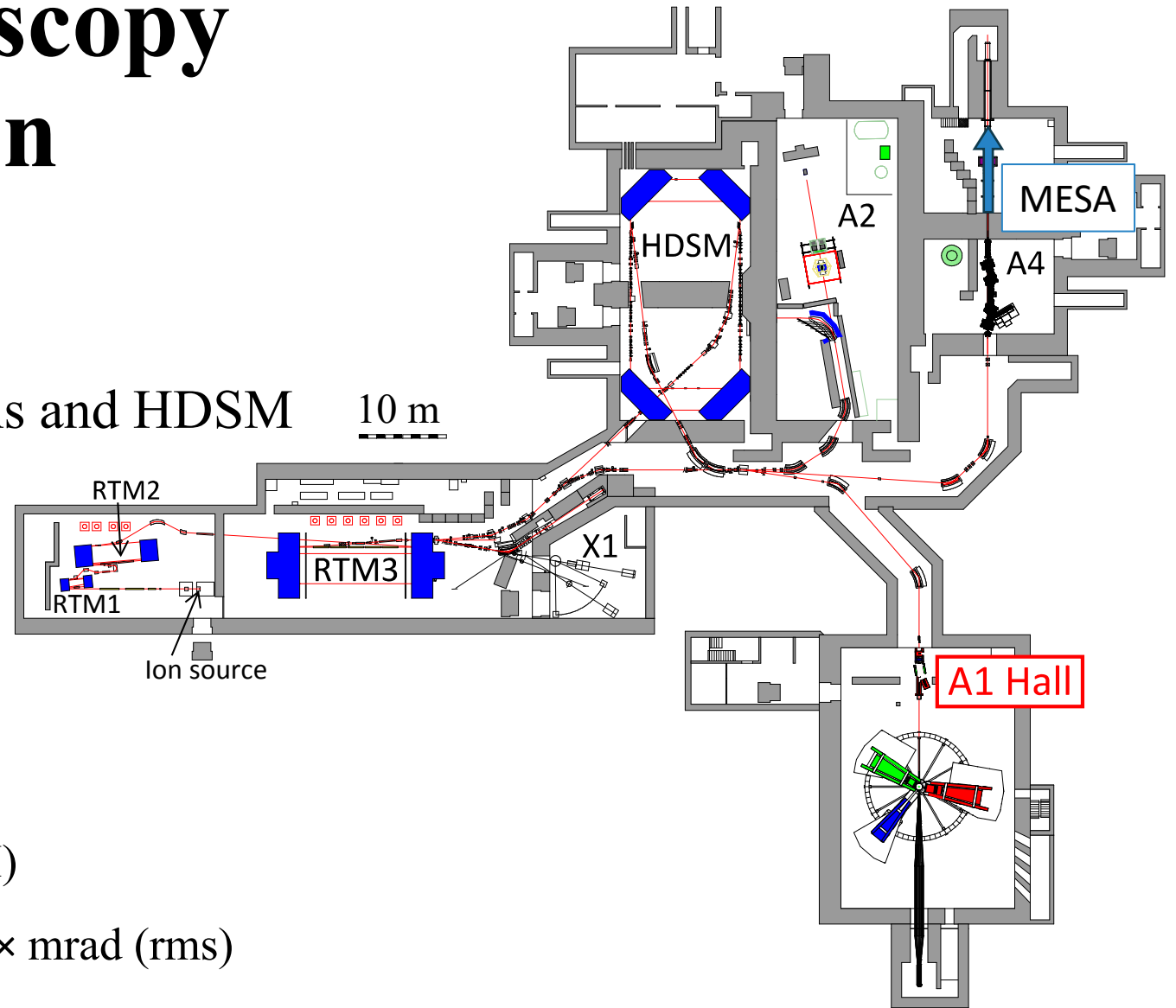
[2] S. Acharya *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 131(2023), 102302

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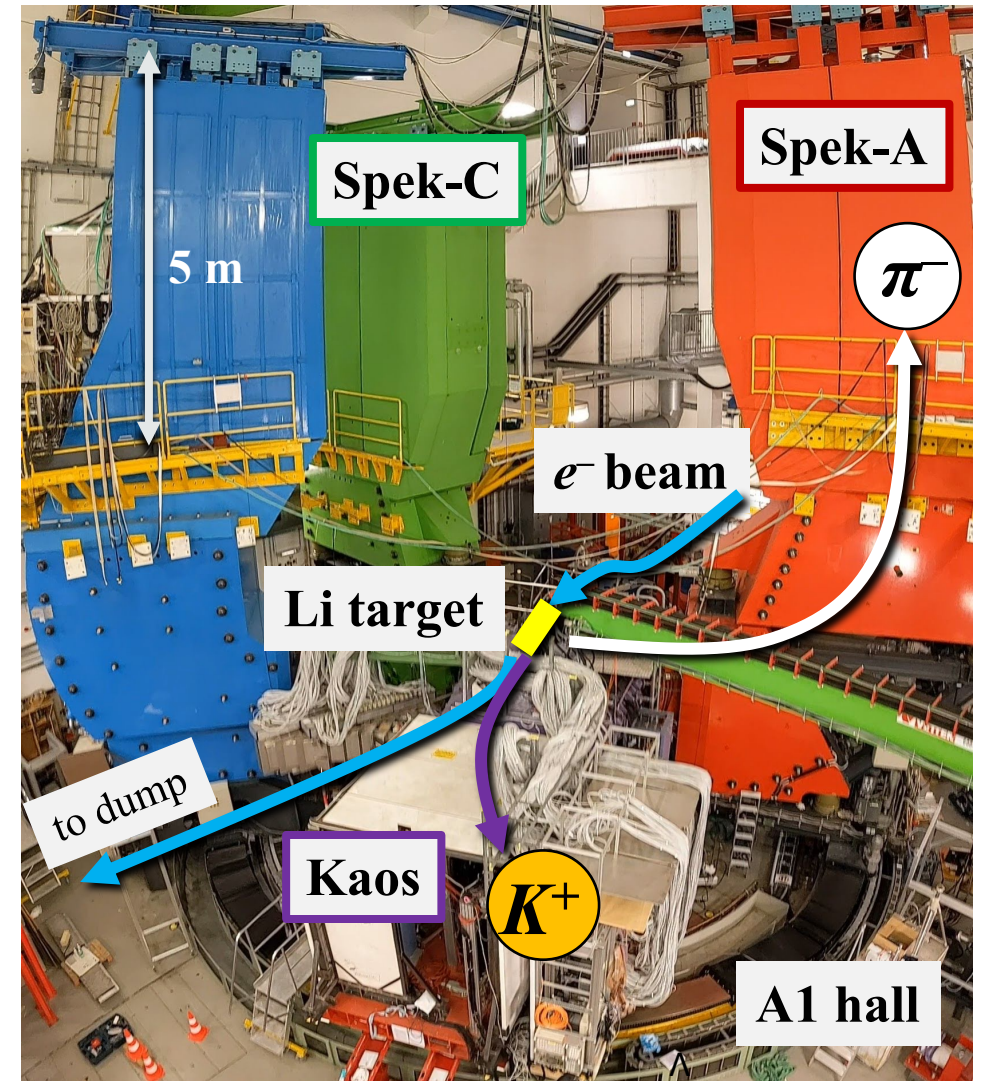
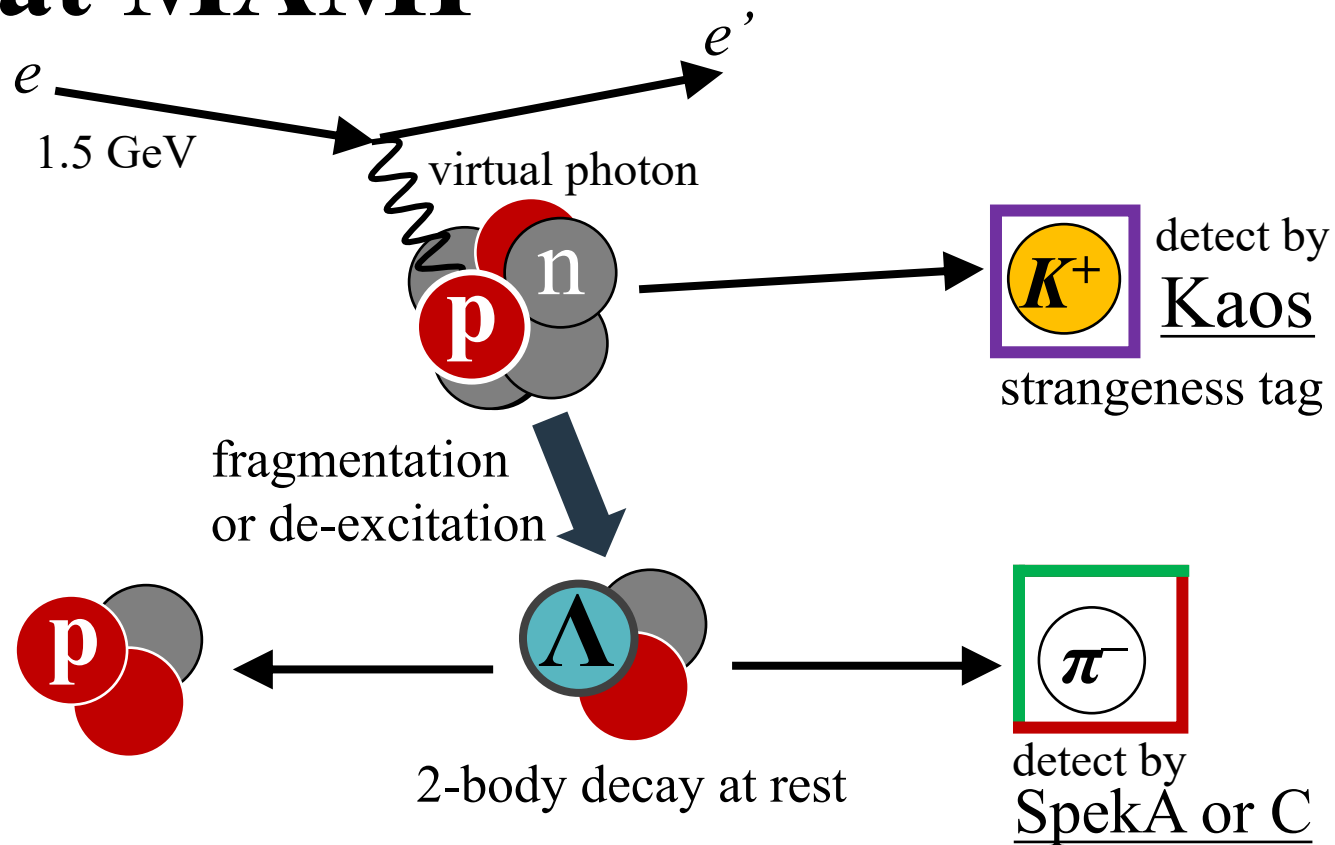
Decay-pion spectroscopy at Mainz-Microtron

- continuous electron accelerator
- accelerates up to 1.5 GeV
with three Race-Track-Microtrons and HDSM

- Beam energy: Max.1508 MeV
- Beam intensity: Max.~100 μA
- Duty factor: 100%
- Energy resolution: $\Delta E \sim 110 \text{ keV (FWHM)}$
- Beam emittance [vertical]: $< 1.2\pi \times \mu\text{m} \times \text{mrad (rms)}$



Decay-pion spectroscopy at MAMI



$$m_{\Lambda}^{(A, Z)} = \sqrt{m_{(A, Z+1)}^2 + p_{\pi}^2} + \sqrt{m_{\pi}^2 + p_{\pi}^2}$$

monochromatic momentum
 → high precision will be expected

Decay-pion spectroscopy at MAMI

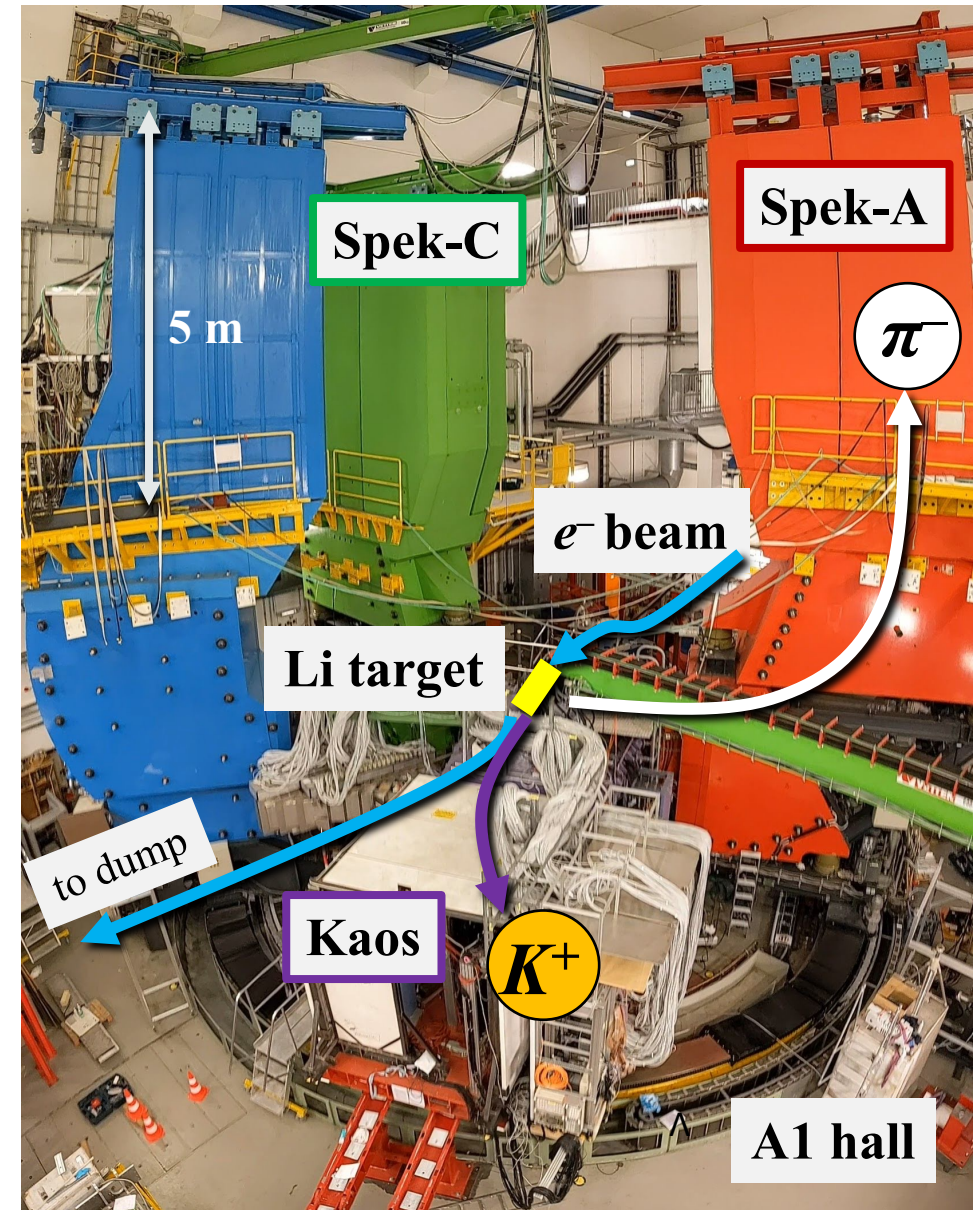
Magnetic spectrometer A & C Measuring pion momentum

- Offer high momentum resolution of $\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-4}$
- Large solid angle (28 msr), angular range ($15^\circ - 160^\circ$), and momentum acceptance (20 – 25%)
→ long- target acceptance (50 mm)

Kaos Detection of Kaons
→ Identify hyperon production events

- Short central orbital length (~ 6.4 m)
→ Suitable for short-live kaons ($c\tau \sim 3.7$ m)
- Wide momentum acceptance → High yield of kaons

Coincidence events: $\text{Kaos} \cap (\text{A} \cup \text{C})$



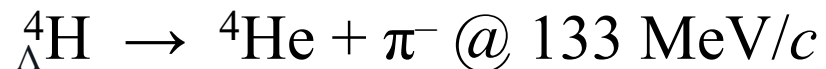
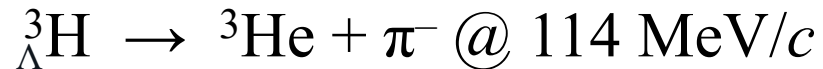
Previous experiment of Decay-pion spectroscopy

- Result of ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ from the previous experiment

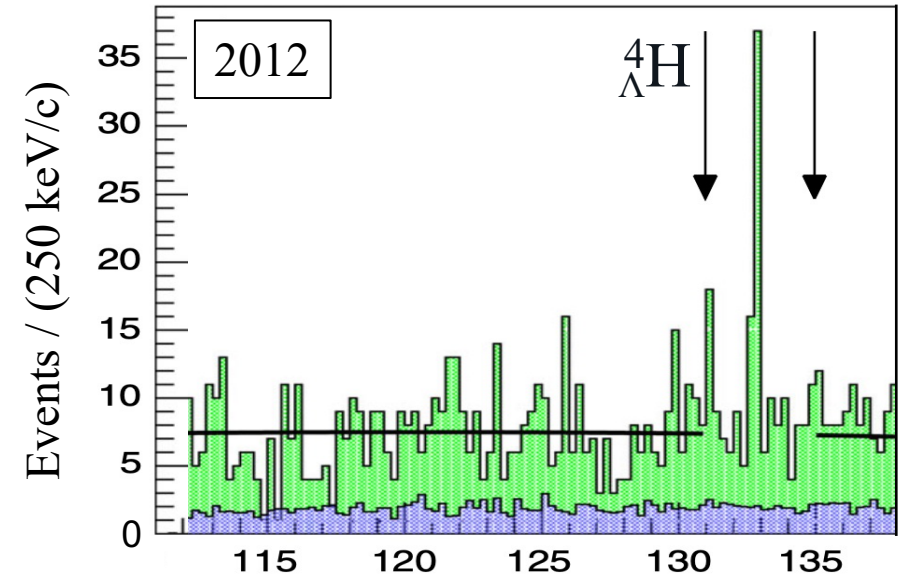
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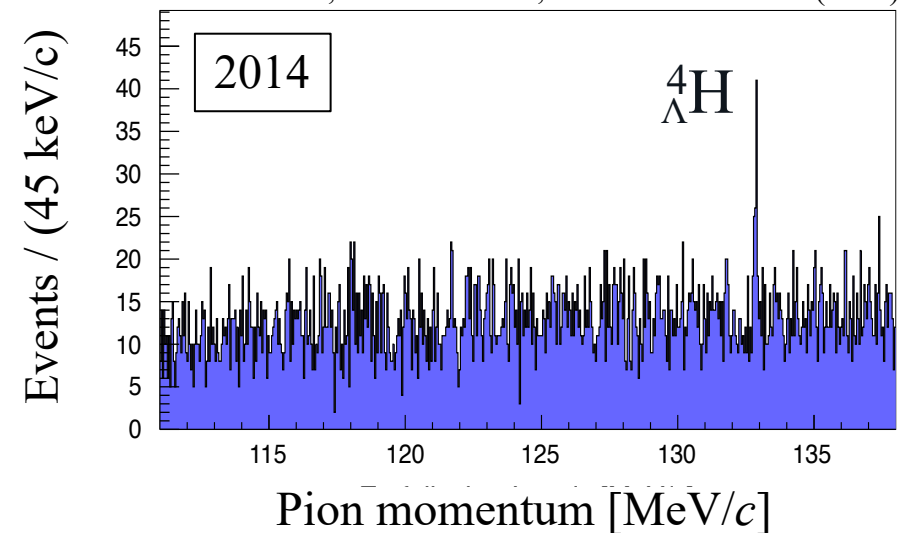
- Two body decays of hypernuclei:



[8] A. Esser, S. Nagao *et al.*, PRL 114 (2015) 232501.



F. Schulz, Doctoral thesis, J.G. Univ. of Mainz (2015)



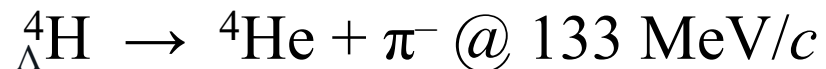
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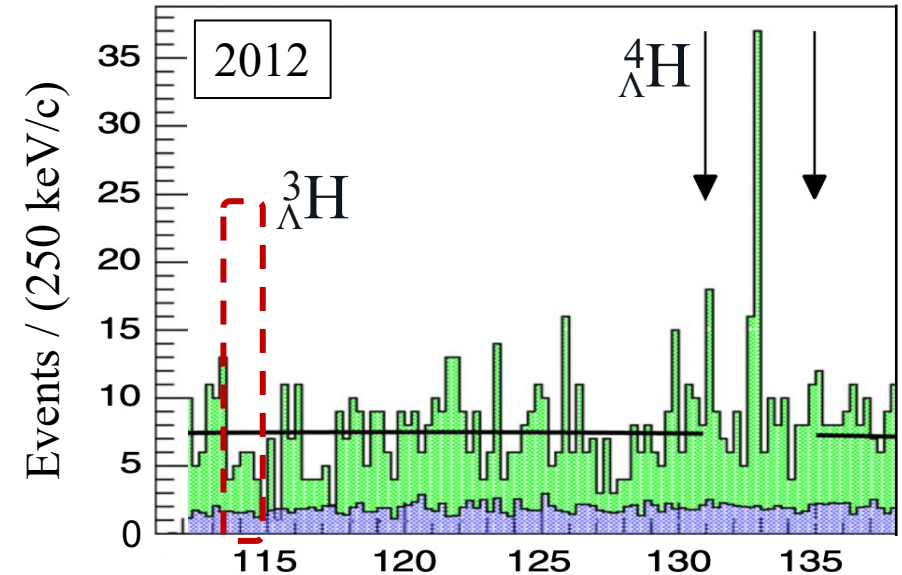
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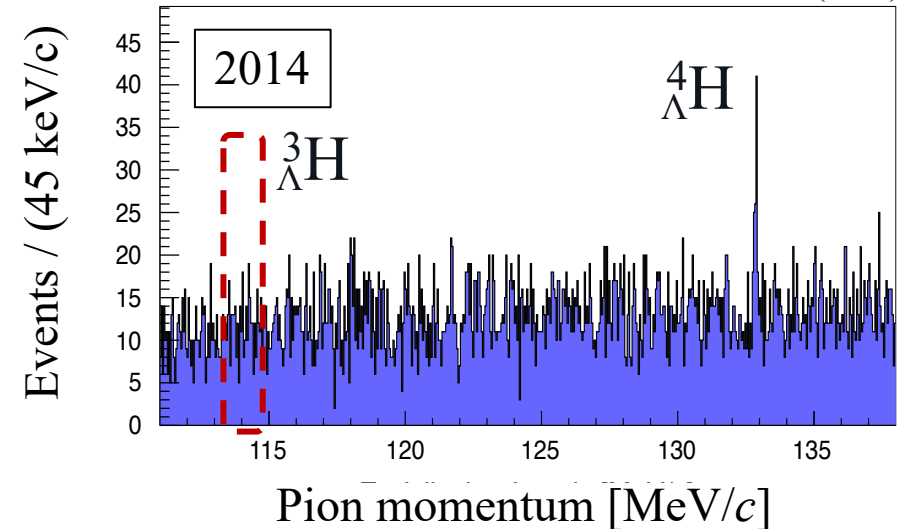
We need to...

- Ensure the yield of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
- Suppress systematic errors

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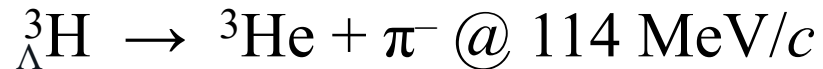
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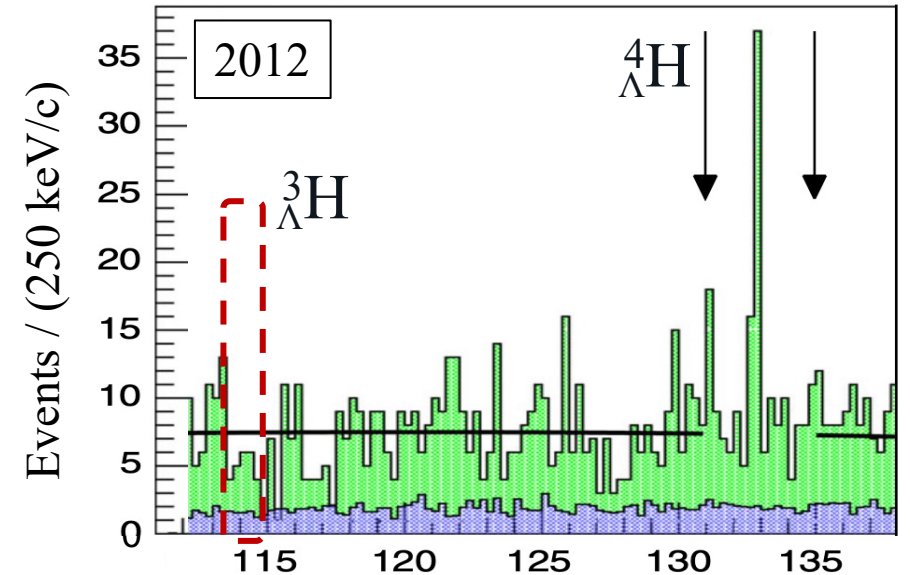
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New experiment

- Ensure the yield of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ➔ The new Lithium target system
- Suppress systematic errors ➔ High-precision beam energy measurement

New Lithium target design

➤ From Beryllium to Lithium

➤ **Less background** as ${}^9\text{Be}$

No hyper-helium with similar decay pion momenta:

${}^8_{\Lambda}\text{He}$: 116.47 [MeV/c]

(${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$: 114.3 MeV/c)

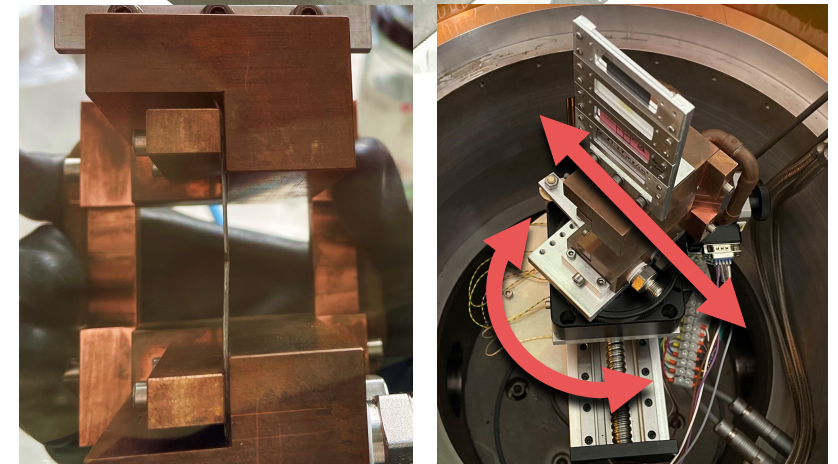
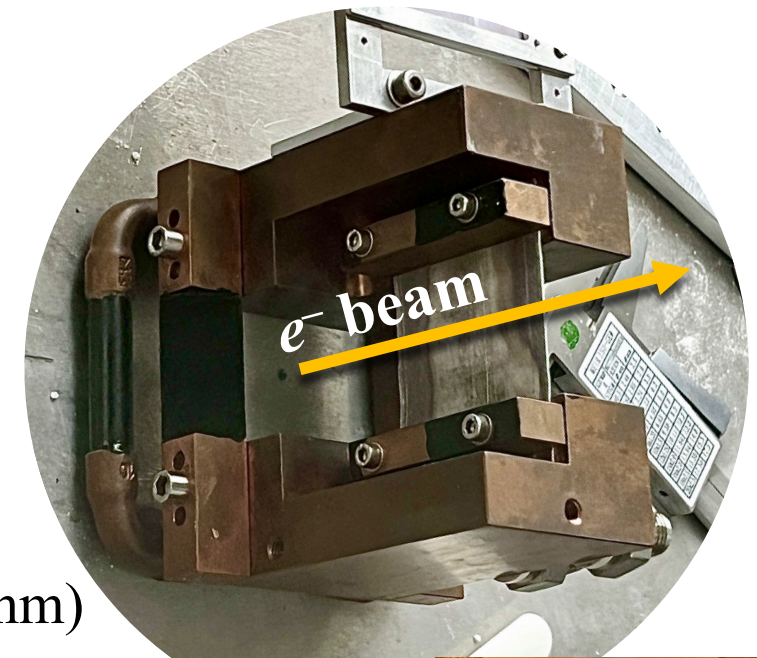
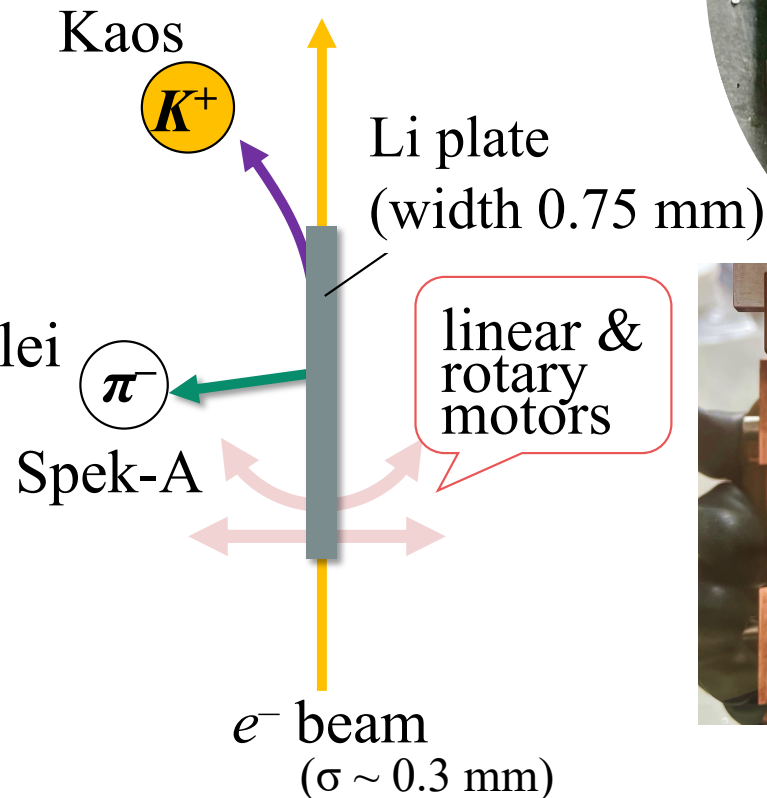
➤ **Maximized rate** of hypernuclei

Beam direction – 45 mm long

${}^9\text{Be}$ 27mg/cm², ~40 μA

↓ ~100 times thicker

${}^7\text{Li}$ **2403** mg/cm², ~1 μA



Status of the experiment and data analysis

Items	Status
✓ Parameter adjustment	done
✓ Particle tracking	done
❑ Particle identification via Kaos	In progress
❑ Momentum calibration of SpekA&C	Data-taking has done last week!

Data info:

Taken on Sept. – Oct., 2022

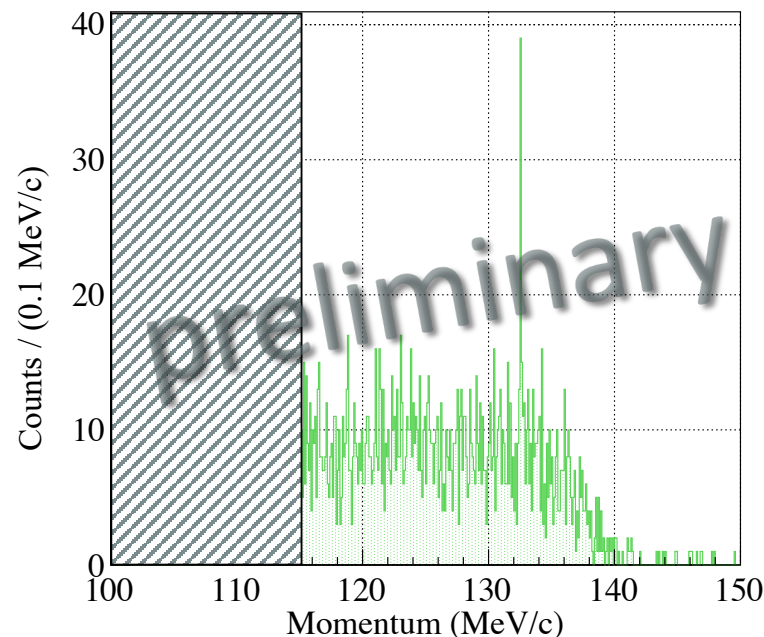
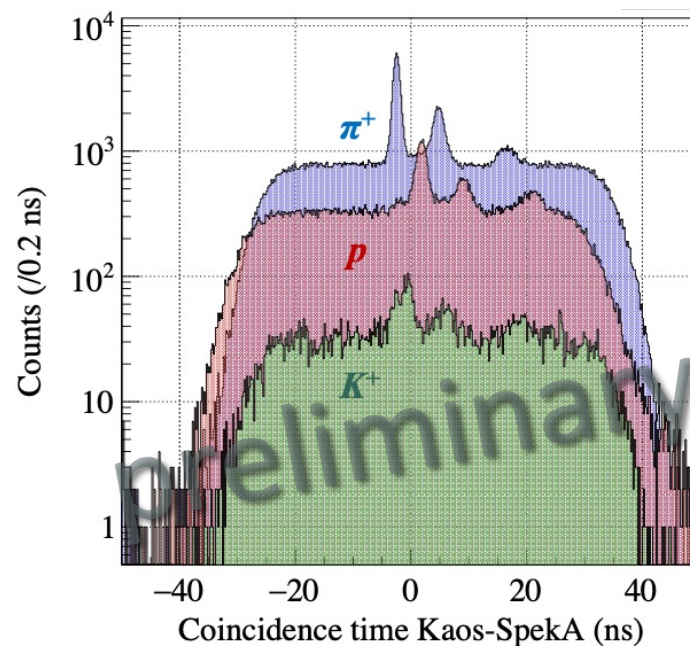
Run time: 541 hours

Beam charge: ~ 1.08 C

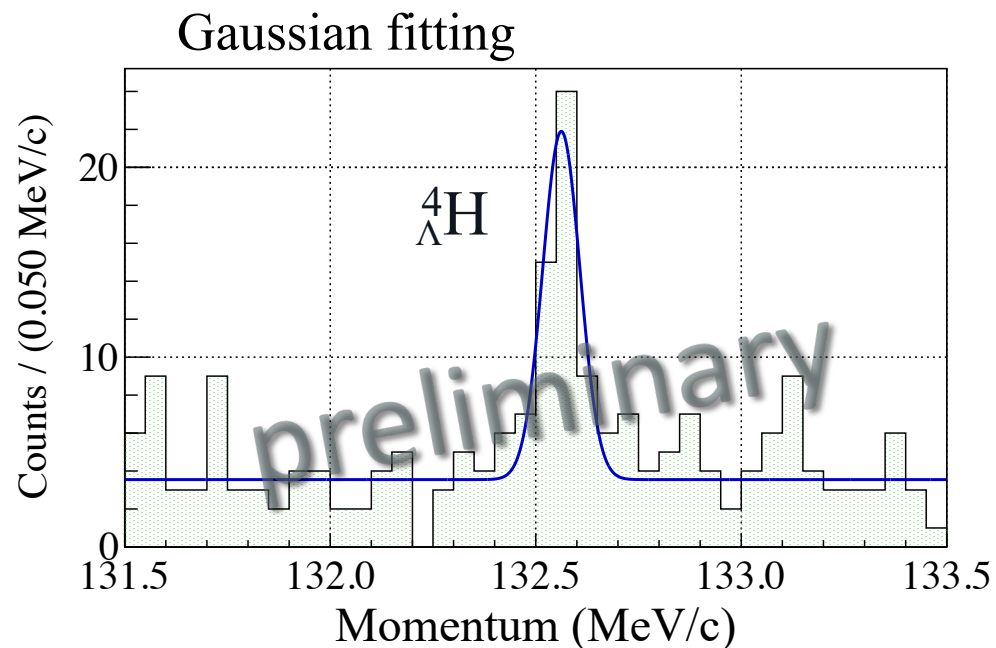
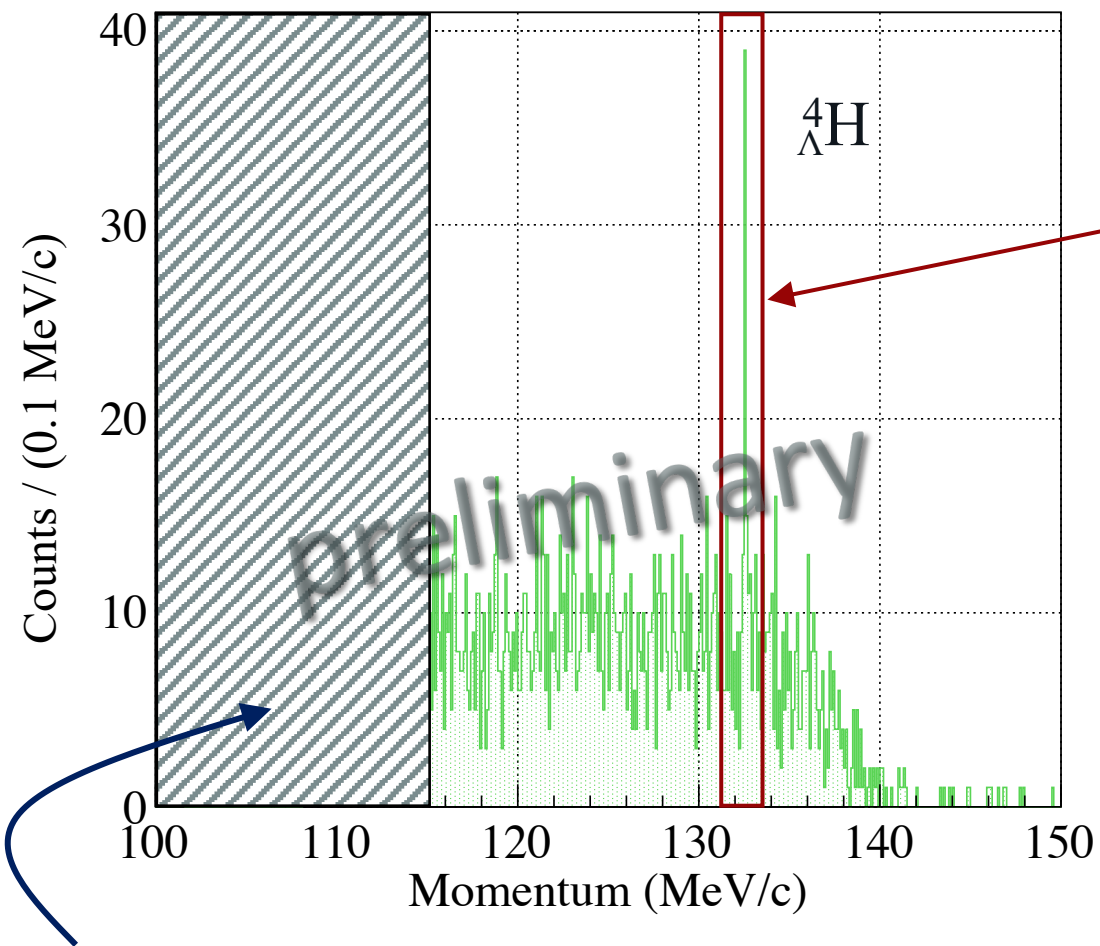
Momentum setting:

covering ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

Target: Lithium, 2403 mg/cm²



Latest pion momentum distribution



$$p_{\pi} = 132.54 \pm 0.008 \text{ (MeV/c)}$$
$$\sigma = 0.045 \pm 0.015 \text{ (MeV/c)}$$

(2014: $p_{\pi} = 132.92 \text{ (MeV/c)}$)

Momentum calibration will be done!

pion from ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ peak appear if $B_{\Lambda} > 0 \text{ MeV}$

Spectrometer momentum calibration

S. Nagao, Doctoral thesis, Tohoku Uni (2016)

Established elastic electron scattering

➤ Relative resolution: 2×10^{-4}

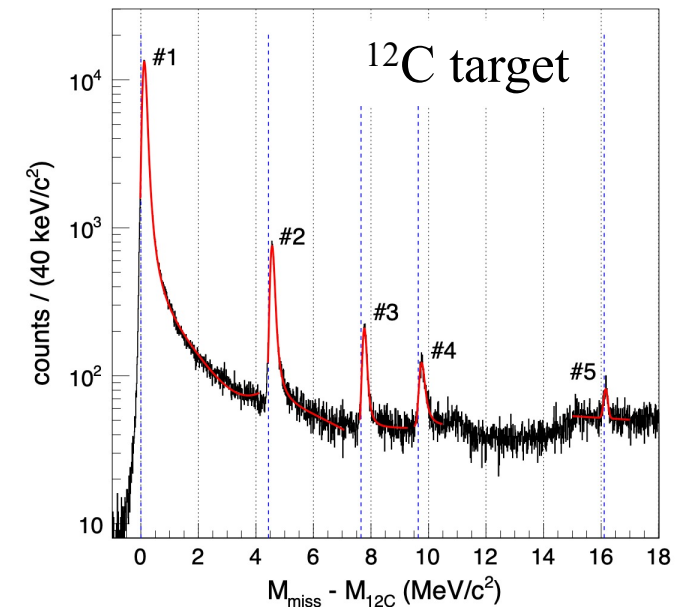
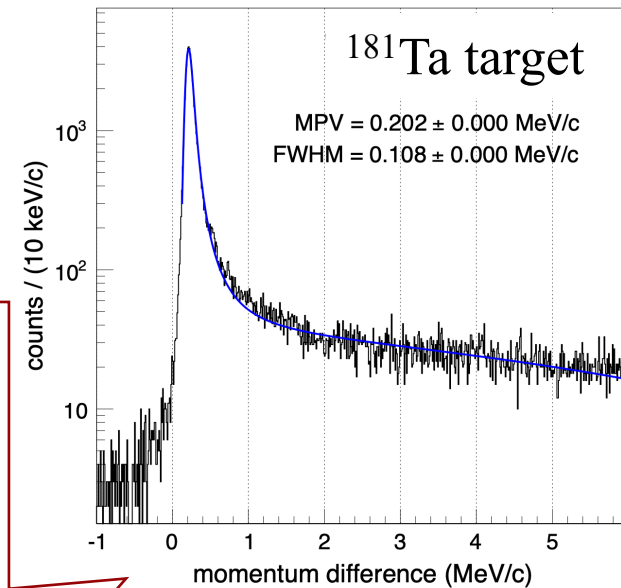
Momentum difference

(p_m : measured value)

$$= p_{\text{calc}} - p_m$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{E_b}{1 + E_b/M_t(1 - \cos\theta_m)} \right)^2 - m_e^2} - p_m$$

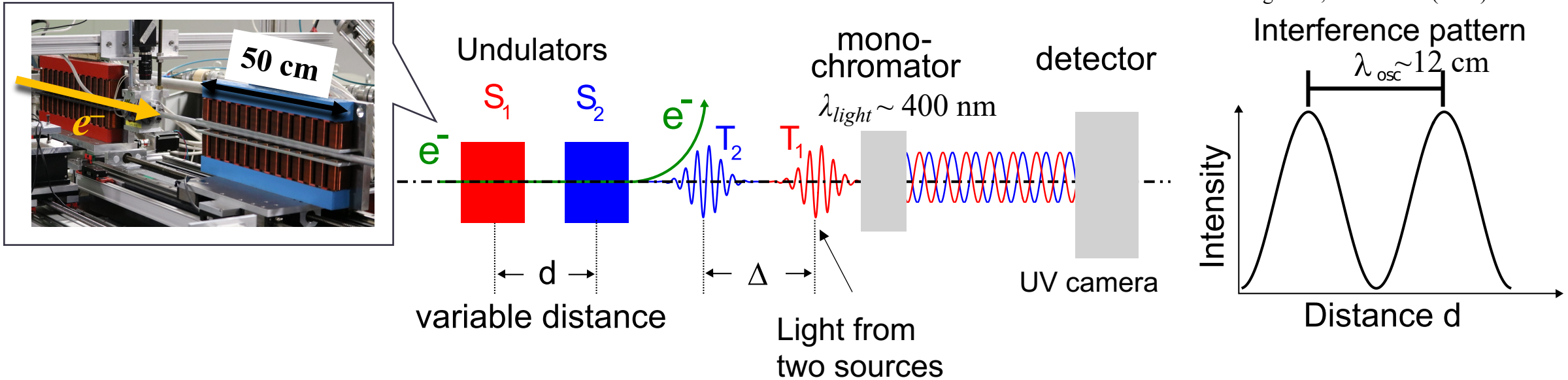
± 160 keV uncertainty \rightarrow systematic error of $B_\Lambda(^4\text{H})$
 $= 77$ keV (2016)



For low energy measurement with high accuracy
 $(\Delta E/E \sim 20 \text{ keV})$
➔ Undulator interference method

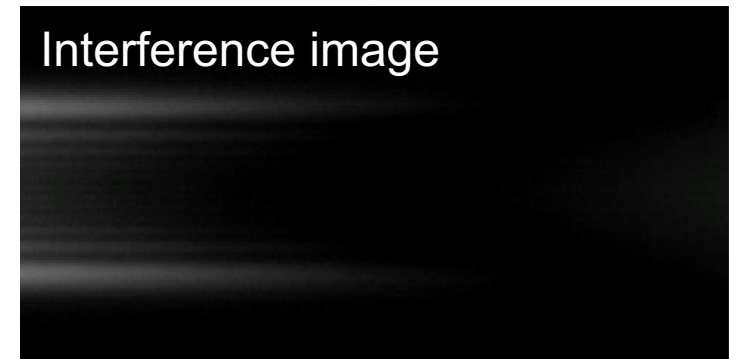
Interference of undulator radiation

P. Klag *et al.*, NIM A 910 (2018) 147–156



- Synchrotron radiation from two undulators
- Phase difference related to the Lorentz factor of the electron beam
- Interference intensity period λ_{osc} : measured with a CMOS camera

- Calculate beam energy:
$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{osc}}{2\lambda_{light}}}$$



Beam energy measurement

Figure from P. Klag, Ph.D. thesis, JGU Mainz (in preparation)

Relativistic γ via undulator eq.:

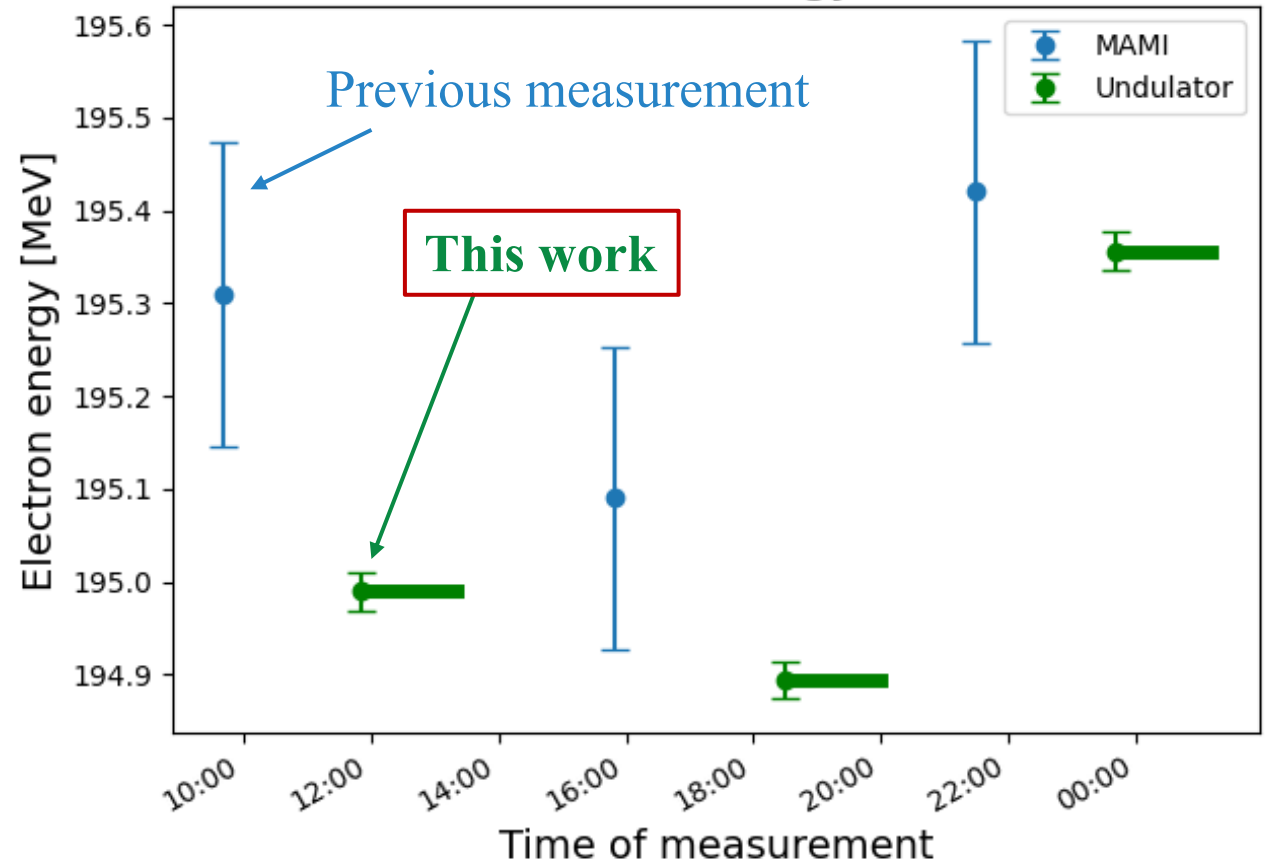
$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{osc}}{2\lambda_{light}}}$$

The accuracy of gamma depends on:

- Length measurement
- Monochromator-calibration
- Optical alignment

→ The precision of $\Delta E/E \sim 18 \text{ keV} (/200 \text{ MeV})$ is possible
10 times accurate!

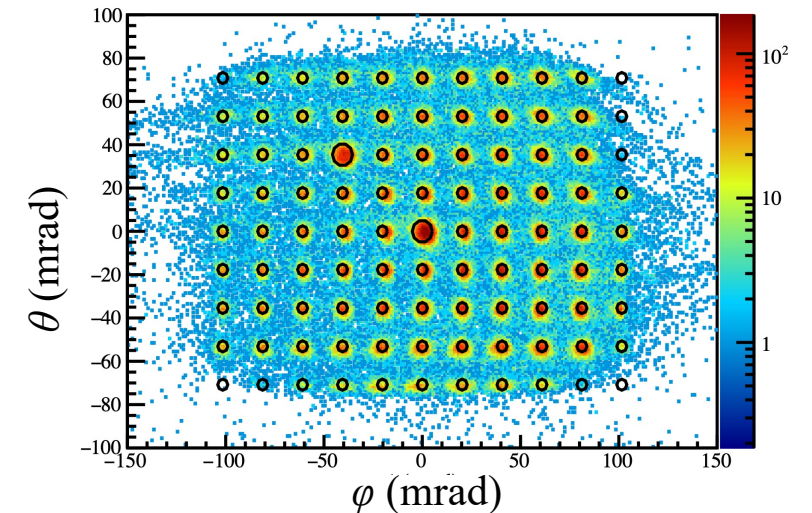
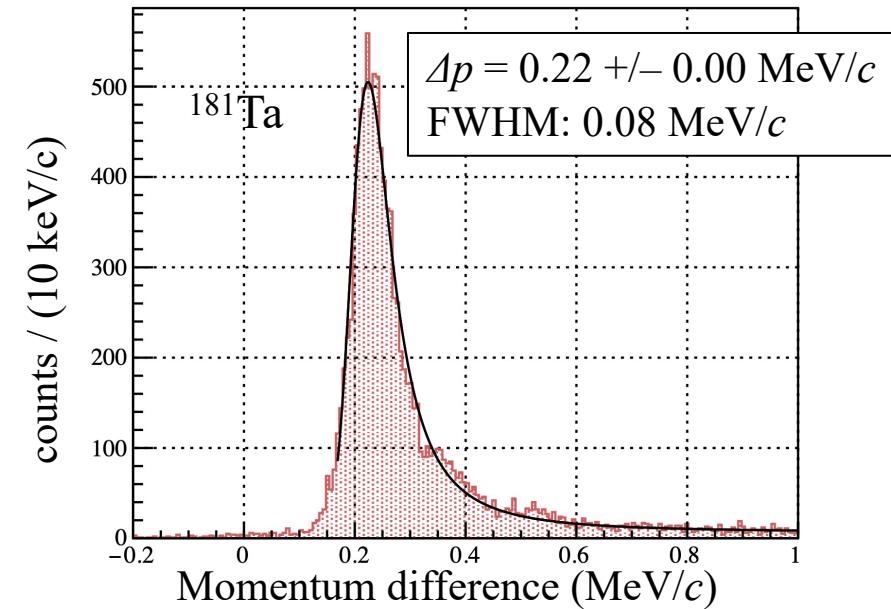
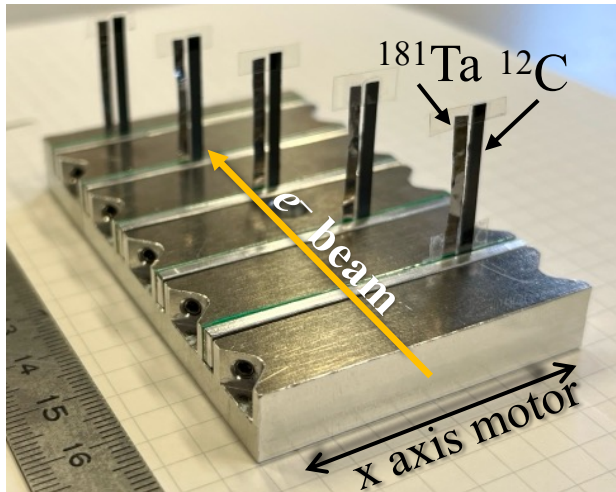
MAMI vs. Undulator energy measurement



➡ The final systematic error will be less than $\Delta B_{\Lambda} \sim 10 \text{ keV!}$

Summary of the spectrometer calibration experiment

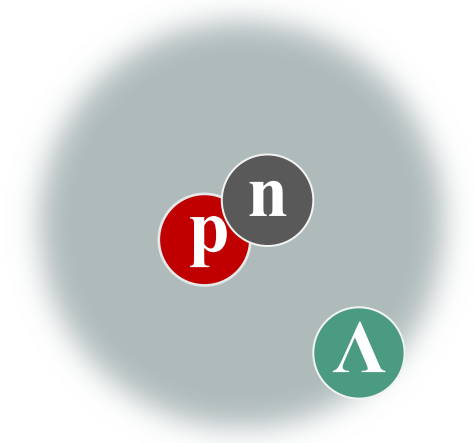
- Beamtime: March 19th – April 8th, April 29th – May 6th, 2024
- Spectrometer angle: 54 deg → yield: 10^4 counts (/min/ μ A)
- Beam Energy: 5 sets (180, 195, 210, 225, and 420 MeV)
- Multi-foil targets: ^{181}Ta , ^{12}C
- Mom. setting: covering both $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ($^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$: $\delta p \sim -7\%$, $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$: $\delta p \sim +9\%$)
- Combined with beam energy measurement via undulator interference



Quite enough data sets than the previous experiment & suppressed systematic errors!

Summary

- Measuring B_Λ of Hypertriton by Decay-pion spectroscopy at MAMI
- Updates from the previous experiments
 - Lithium long targeting system
 - Momentum calibration method combined with undulator interferometry
- Analysis status
 - Particle ID: now ongoing, Absolute momentum will be calibrated



Our goal: total error of < 10 keV in Λ binding energy!