

# Hypernuclear projects of the high-resolution mass spectroscopy at JLab

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Overview of hypernuclear exp. at JLab
- Prospects of JLab hypernuclear project

**(e,e'K<sup>+</sup>) Missing Mass Spectroscopy**

**Decay Pion Spectroscopy**

# Motivation

## Light $\Lambda$ hypernuclei

We have long-standing discussed about  $\Lambda N$  CSB,  $\Lambda N$ - $\Sigma N$  coupling etc.

There are some update of  $B_\Lambda$  for  ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ ,  ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ ,  ${}^7_\Lambda\text{He}$ ,  ${}^{10}_\Lambda\text{Be}$

We have still used  $B_\Lambda$  data of 1960s emulsion

Data precision is enough ?

Only a few n-rich hypernuclei ( ${}^8_\Lambda\text{He}$ ,  ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$ ) are available

## Medium-Heavy hypernuclei

( $\pi^+$ ,  $K^+$ ) exp. have measured  $B_\Lambda$  wide mass range

We have only  $B_\Lambda$  data on  $\beta$ -stability nuclei

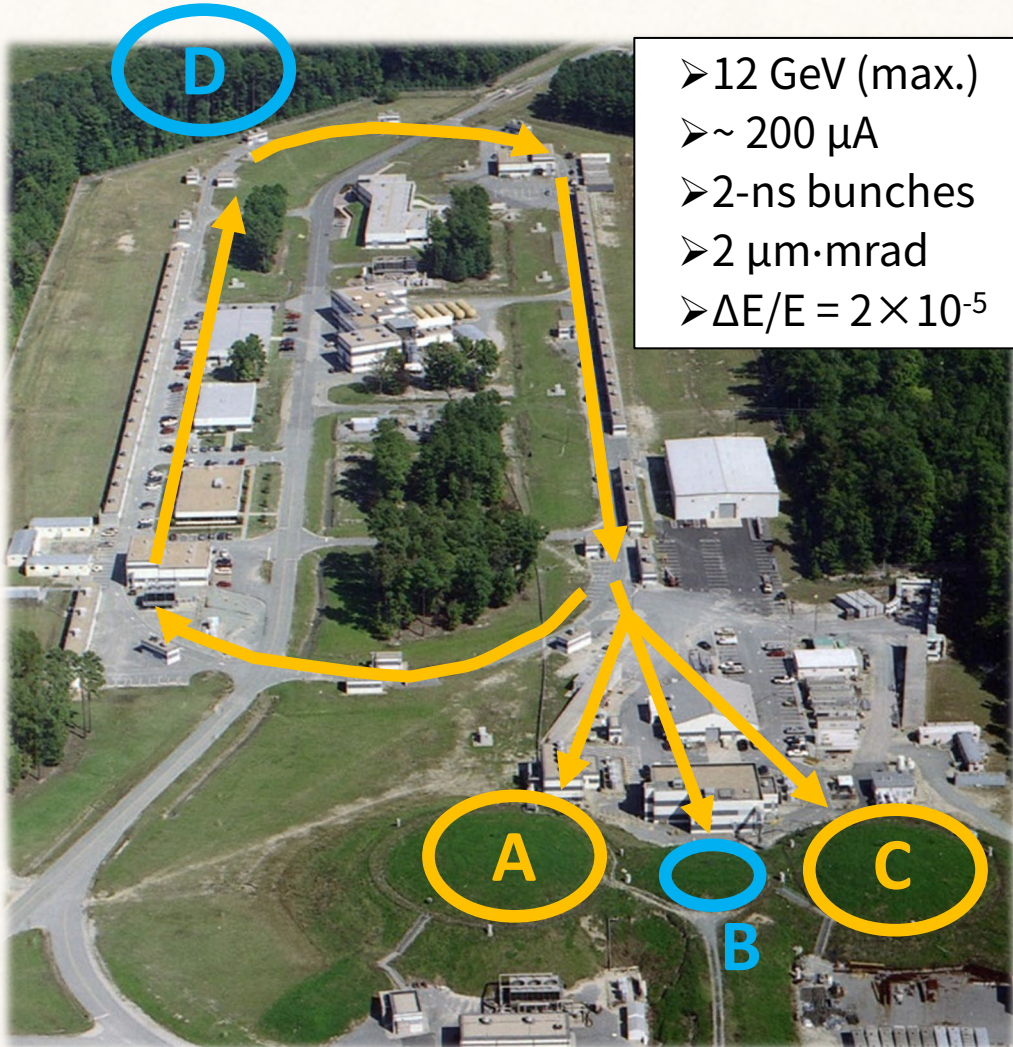
Peak significance is not enough for several hypernuclei

$B_\Lambda$  of  ${}^{12}_\Lambda\text{C}$  likely to have shifted around 0.5 MeV

Hypernuclides	$\Delta B_\Lambda$ (Exp) (keV) [4]
${}^4_\Lambda\text{He} - {}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$	$300 \pm 60$
${}^7_\Lambda\text{Li}^* - {}^7_\Lambda\text{He}$	$-320 \pm 140$
${}^8_\Lambda\text{Be} - {}^8_\Lambda\text{Li}$	$40 \pm 80$
${}^9_\Lambda\text{B} - {}^9_\Lambda\text{Li}$	$-160 \pm 210$
${}^{10}_\Lambda\text{B} - {}^{10}_\Lambda\text{Be}$	$100 \pm 300$
${}^{11}_\Lambda\text{B}^* - {}^{11}_\Lambda\text{Be}$	N/A

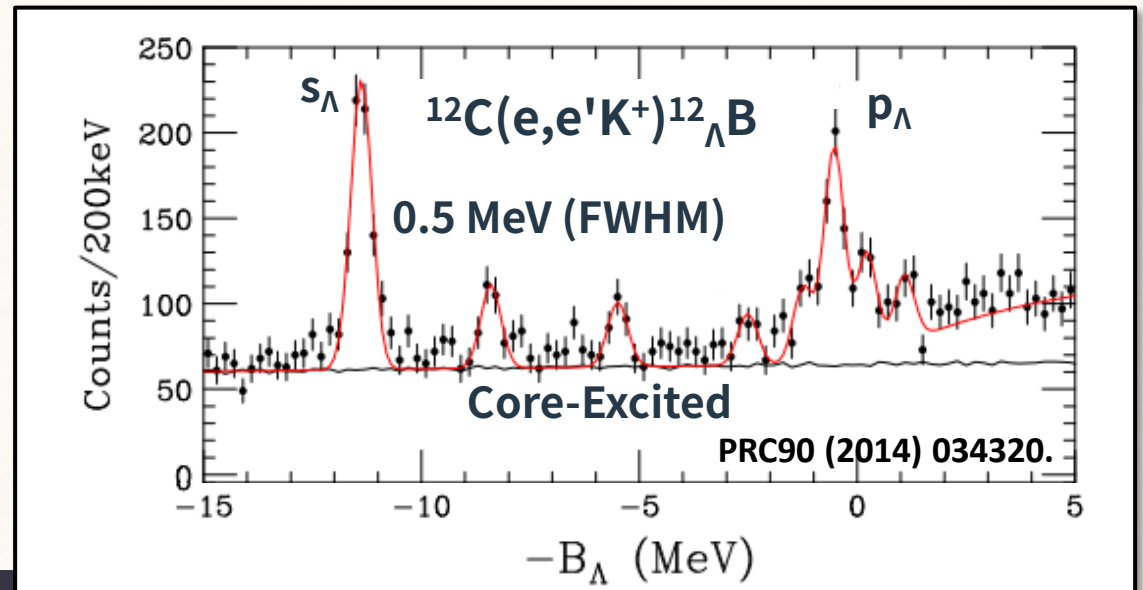
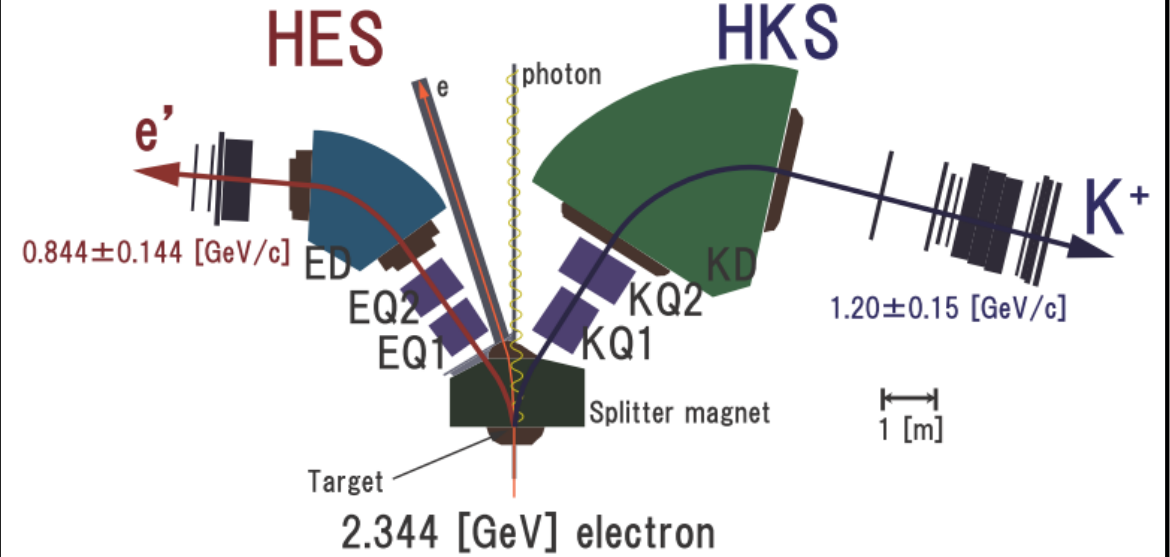
# JLab CEBAF & (e,e'K<sup>+</sup>) missing mass spectroscopy

## Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF)

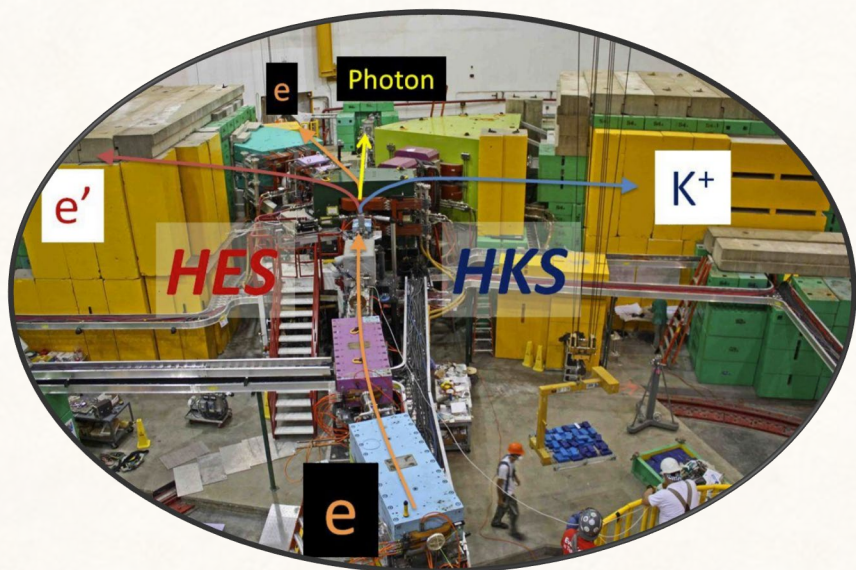
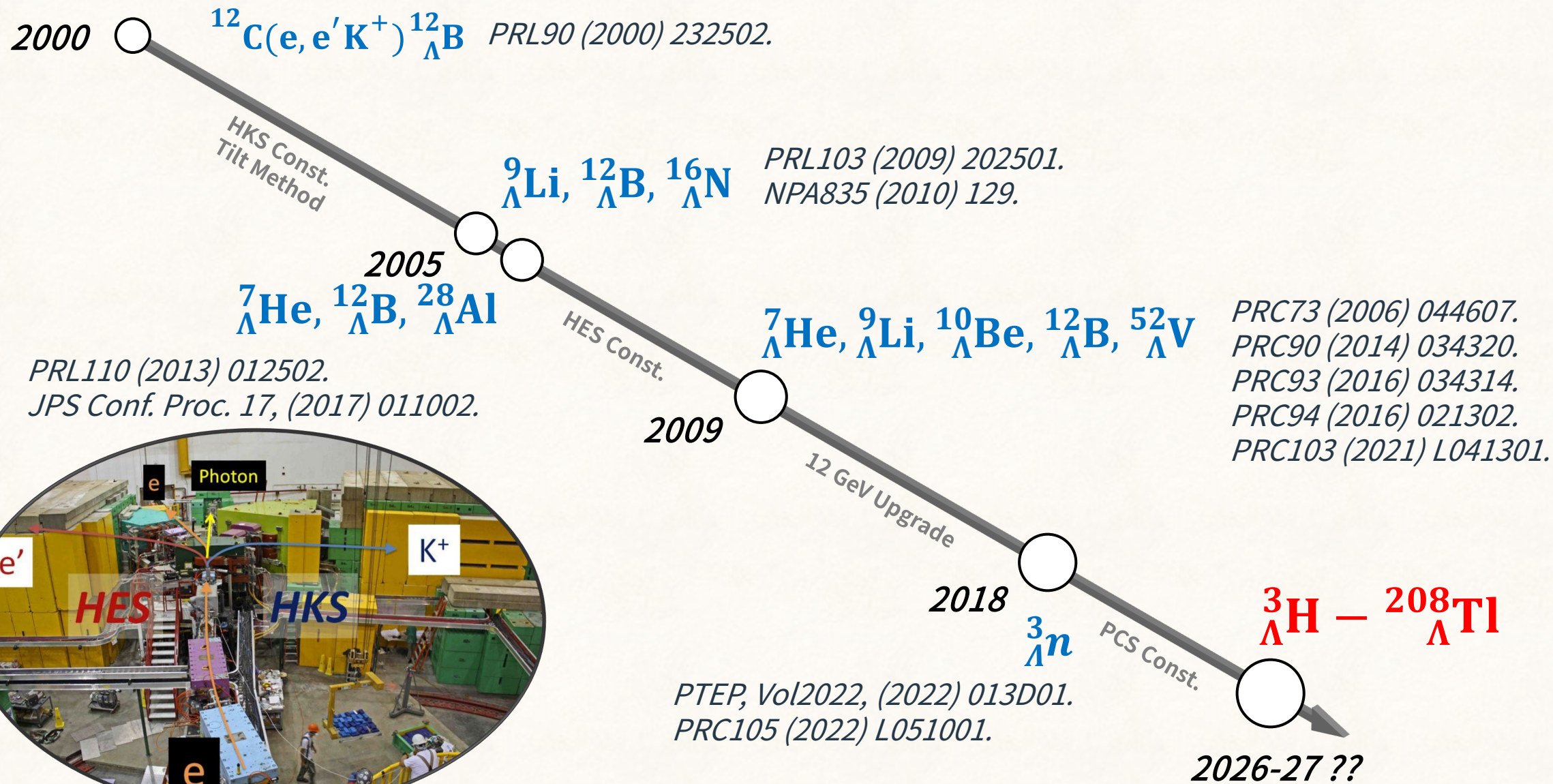


- 12 GeV (max.)
- ~ 200 μA
- 2-ns bunches
- 2 μm·mrad
- $\Delta E/E = 2 \times 10^{-5}$

## Exp. Setup of JLab Hall-C experiment



# Overview of Hypernuclear Exp. @JLab



# Proposed Experiments

## $^{40,48}\text{Ca}(e,e'K^+)^{40,48}\Lambda\text{K}$ (Approved)

An isospin dependence study of the  $\Lambda\text{N}$  interaction through the high precision spectroscopy of  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei with electron beam

## $^{208}\text{Pb}(e,e'K^+)^{208}\Lambda\text{Tl}$ (Approved)

Studying  $\Lambda$  interactions in nuclear matter with the  $^{208}\text{Pb}(e,e'K^+)^{208}\Lambda\text{Tl}$  reaction

## $^6\text{Li}, ^9\text{Be}, ^{11}\text{B}(e,e'K^+)^6\Lambda\text{He}, ^9\Lambda\text{Li}, ^{11}\Lambda\text{Be}$

Study of charge symmetry breaking in p-shell hypernuclei

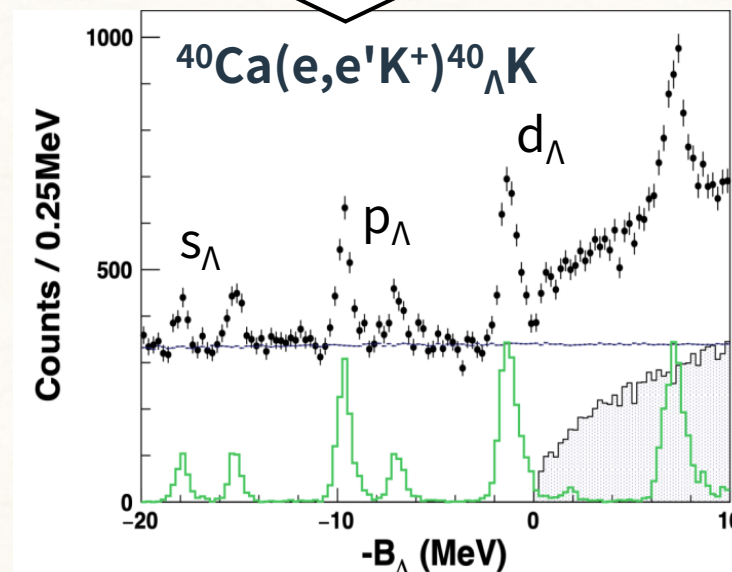
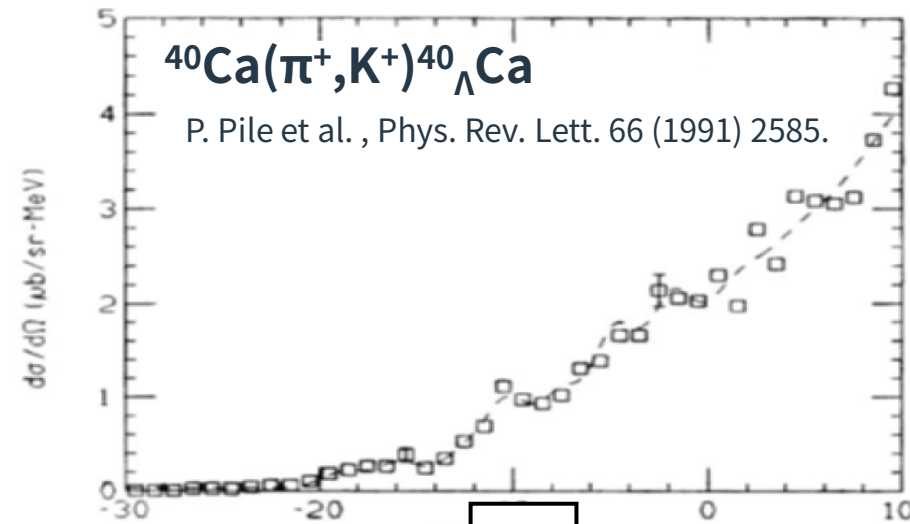
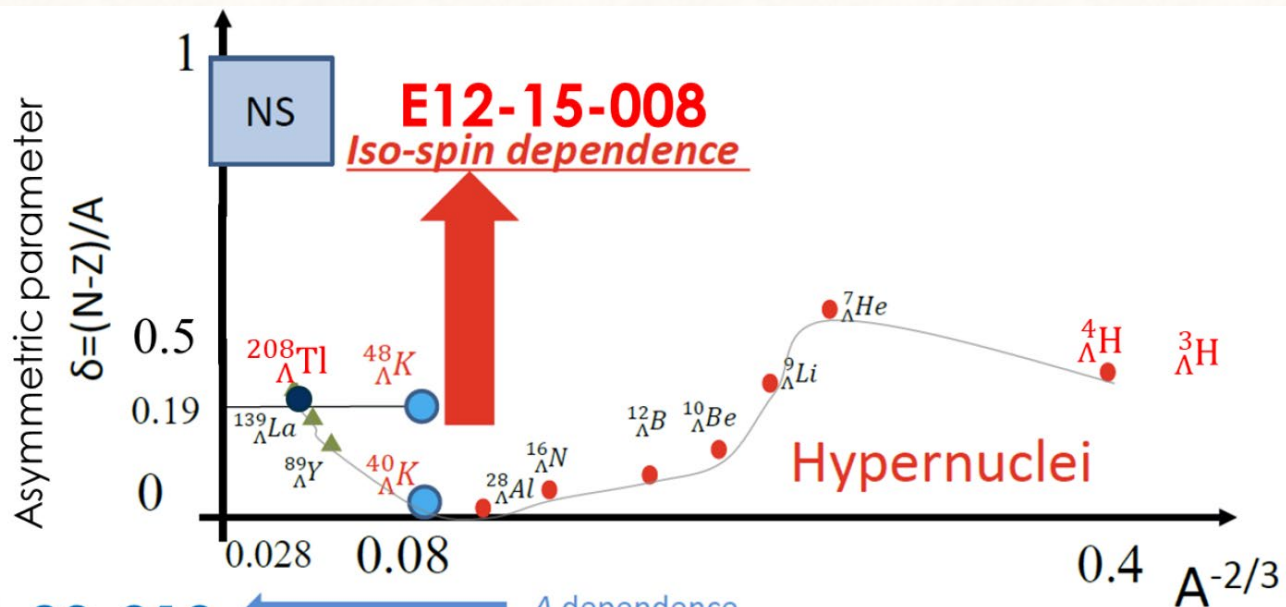
## $^{27}\text{Al}(e,e'K^+)^{27}\Lambda\text{Mg}$

Study of a triaxially deformed nucleus using a Lambda particle as a probe

## **s-, p-shell hypernuclei with Decay Pion Spectroscopy**

High-resolution spectroscopy of light hypernuclei with the decay pion spectroscopy

# Hypernuclear Isotopes ( $^{40,48}_{\Lambda}\text{K}$ )



Study of effective  $\Lambda\text{N}$  interaction to support  $2 \odot$  NS

**Mass dependence**

Poor data quality

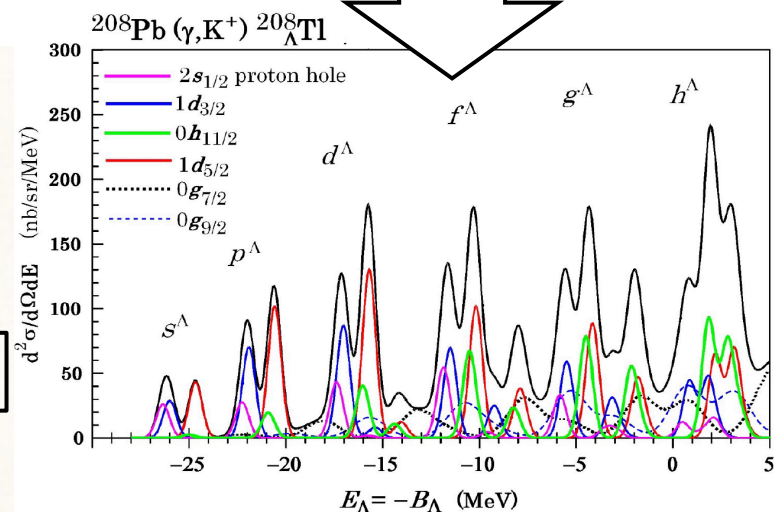
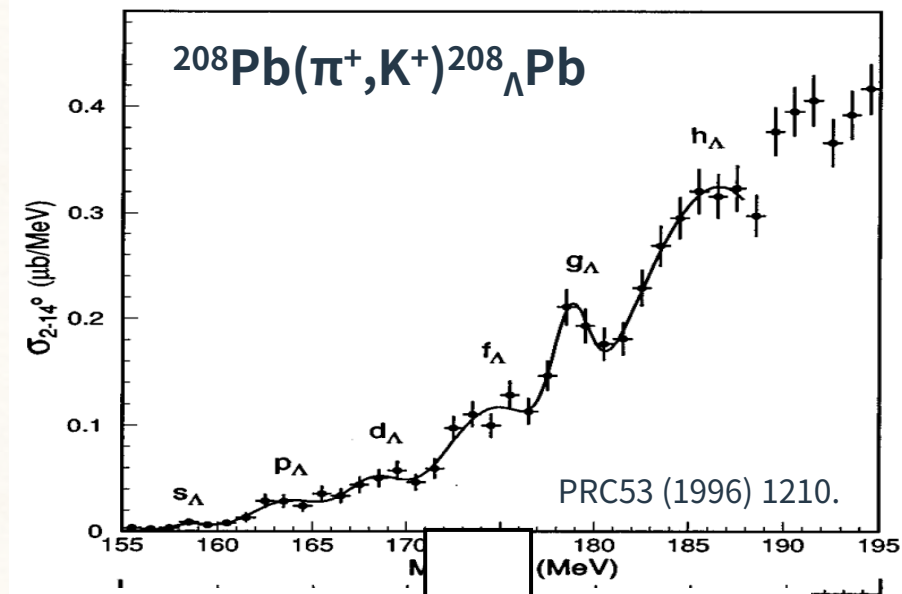
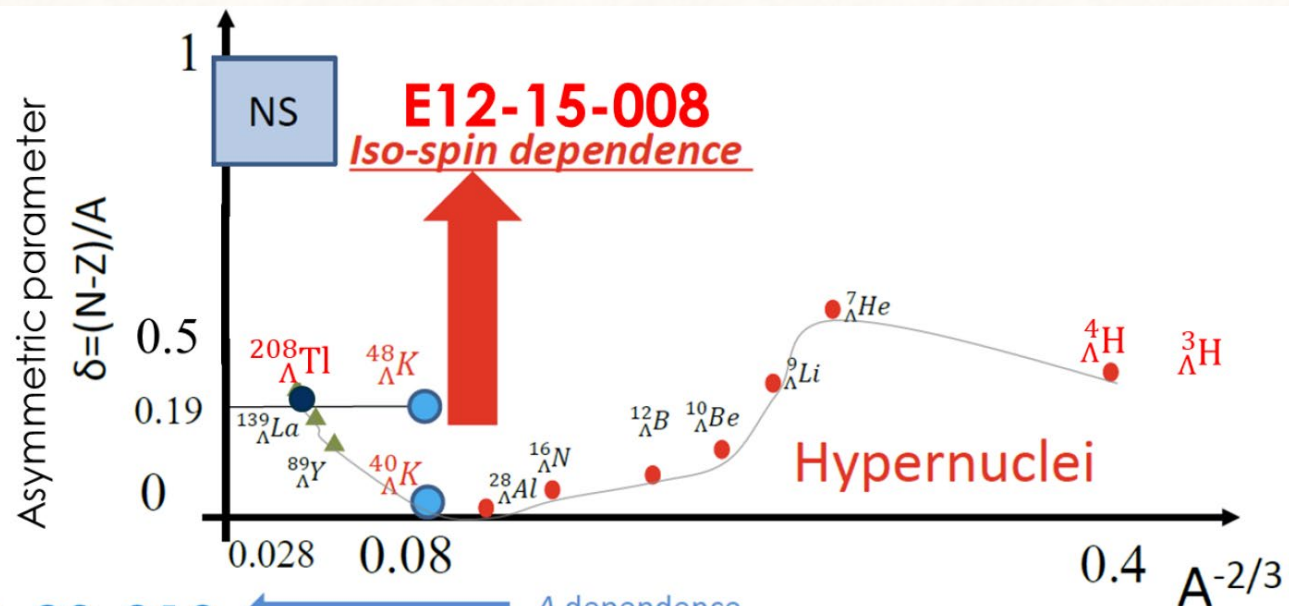
**Isotope dependence**

No data for  $A > 12$



**High-resolution Spectroscopy**

# Super-Heavy hypernuclei ( $^{208}_{\Lambda}\text{Tl}$ )



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**Mass dependence**

Poor data quality

**Isotope dependence**



No data for  $A > 12$












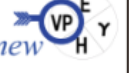




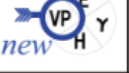



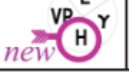


**High-resolution Spectroscopy**



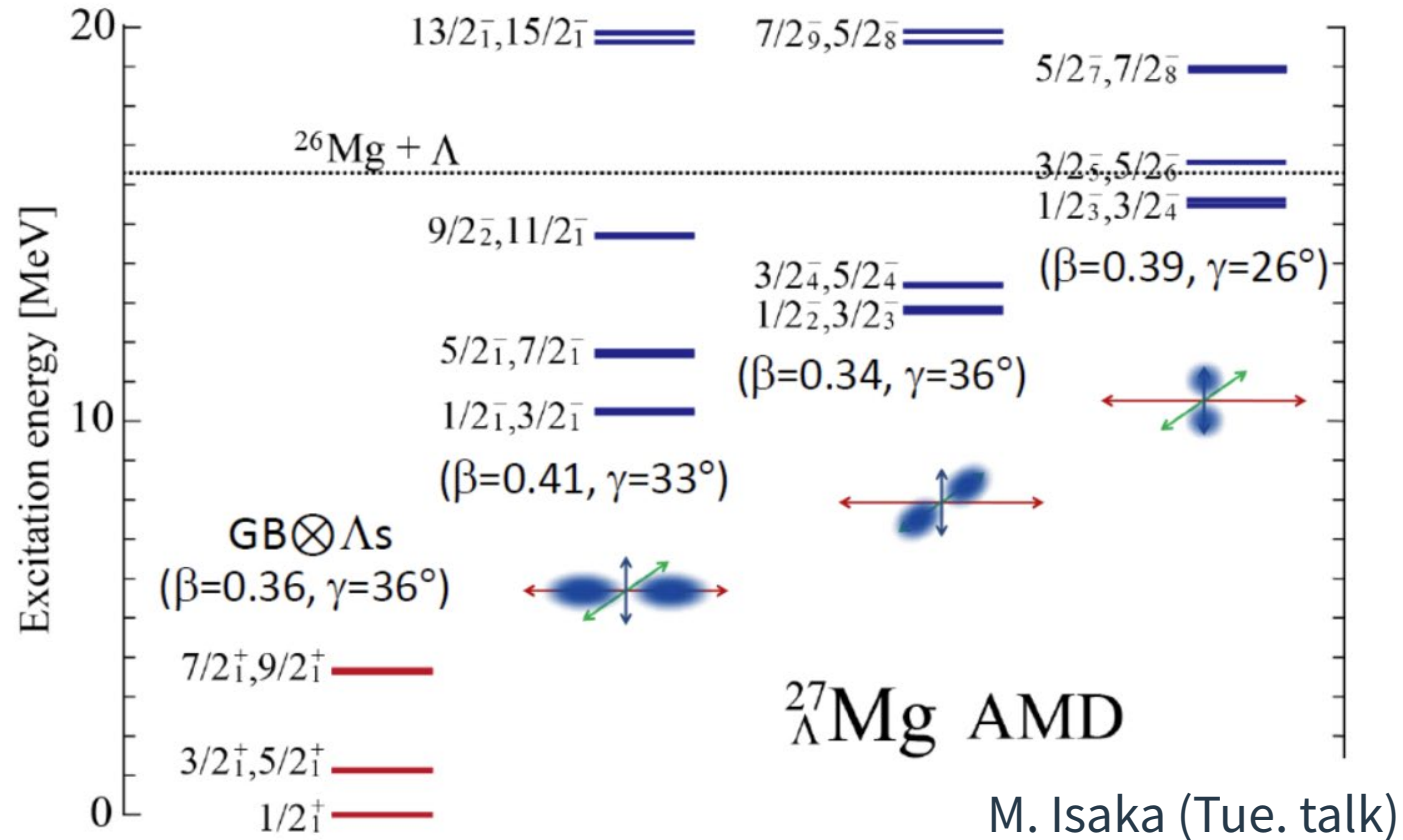
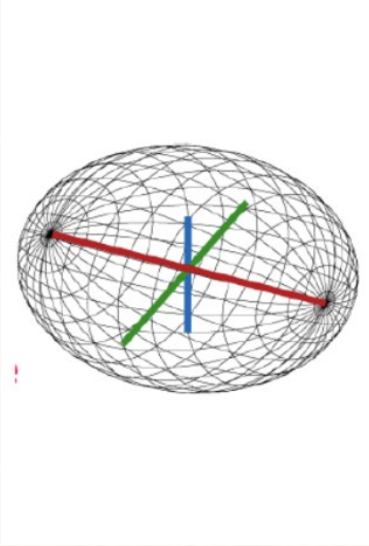
# CSB in p-shell

Electron-beam experiment at JLab  Emulsion experiment  
 Hadron-beam experiment at J-PARC   $\gamma$ -ray experiment

Hypernucleus		CSB study					
		T<0	T=0	T>0	Now	New JLab	J-PARC
s-shell	$d N \Lambda$ (0 <sup>+</sup> )	${}^4\text{H}$ 		${}^4\text{He}$ 	○	○	○
	$d N \Lambda$ (1 <sup>+</sup> )	${}^4\Lambda\text{H}$  <i>new</i>		${}^4\Lambda\text{He}$ 	△	●	●
p-shell	$\alpha N \Lambda$	${}^6\Lambda\text{He}$  <i>new</i>		${}^6\Lambda\text{Li}$  <i>new</i>			●
	$\alpha NN \Lambda$	${}^7\Lambda\text{He}$ 	${}^7\Lambda\text{Li}^*$ 	${}^7\Lambda\text{Be}$ 	○	○	○
	$\alpha d N \Lambda$	${}^8\Lambda\text{Li}$ 		${}^8\Lambda\text{Be}$ 	○	○	○
	$\alpha d NN \Lambda$	${}^9\Lambda\text{Li}$  <i>new</i>	${}^9\Lambda\text{Be}$ 	${}^9\Lambda\text{B}$ 		●	●
	$\alpha \alpha N \Lambda$	${}^{10}\Lambda\text{Be}$ 		${}^{10}\Lambda\text{B}$  <i>new</i>			●
	$\alpha \alpha NN \Lambda$	${}^{11}\Lambda\text{Be}$  <i>new</i>	${}^{11}\Lambda\text{B}$  <i>new</i>	${}^{11}\Lambda\text{C}$ 		●	●
	$\alpha \alpha d N \Lambda$	${}^{12}\Lambda\text{B}$ 		${}^{12}\Lambda\text{C}$  <i>new</i>			●

→ T.Gogami (Fri. talk)

# Triaxial Deformed Nucleus ( $^{27}_{\Lambda}\text{Mg}$ )



- Study of triaxial deformed nuclei by using  $\Lambda$  as a probe
- Different overlap between p-shell  $\Lambda$  and nucleons results in different  $B_{\Lambda}$
- High-resolution spectroscopy is able to measure the difference of  $^{27}_{\Lambda}\text{Mg}$  structure

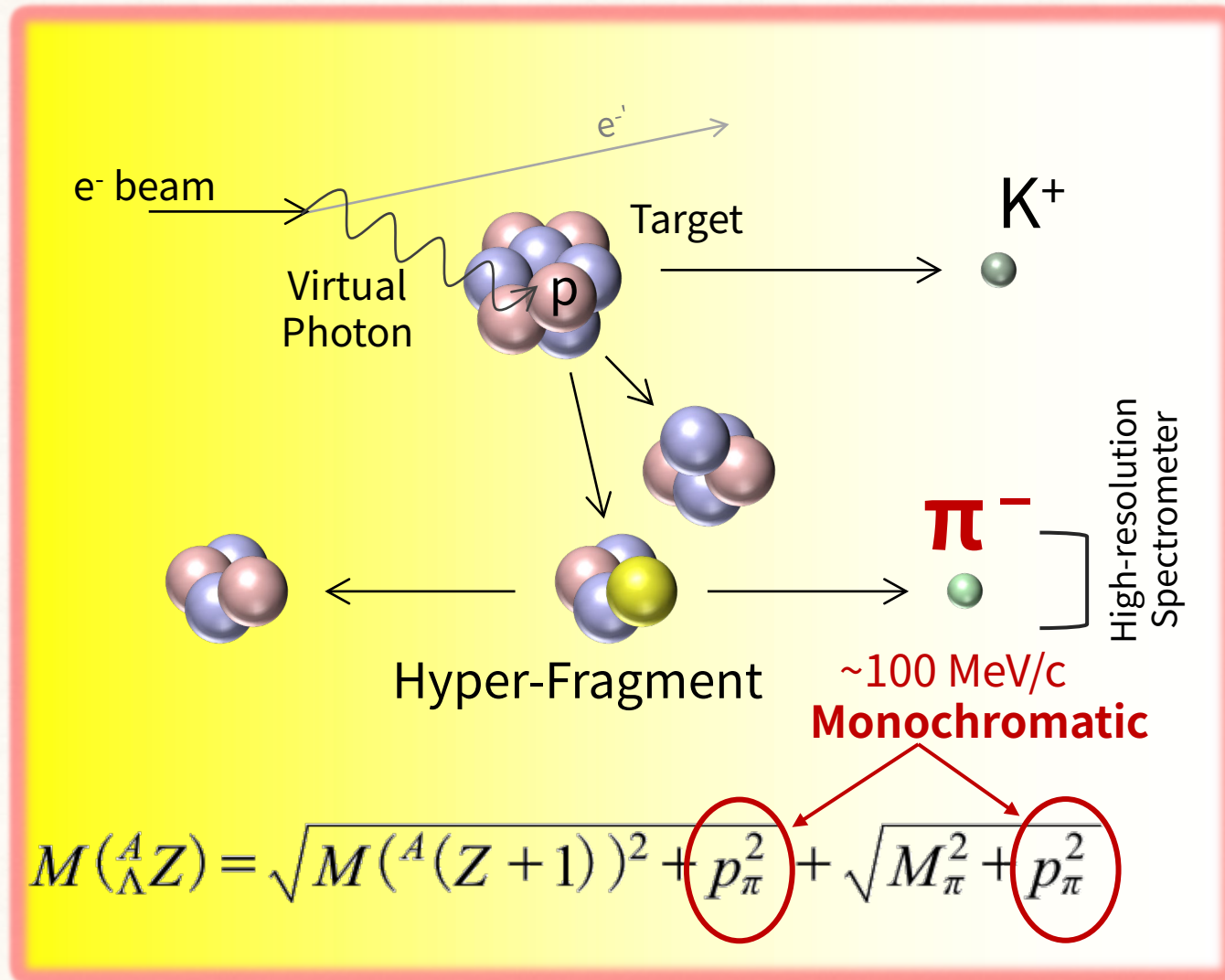
# Decay Pion Spectroscopy @ JLab

High-resolution spectroscopy  
of light hypernuclei with the decay-pion spectroscopy

**Spectroscopy of p-shell hypernuclei with high accuracy**

# Decay Pion Spectroscopy

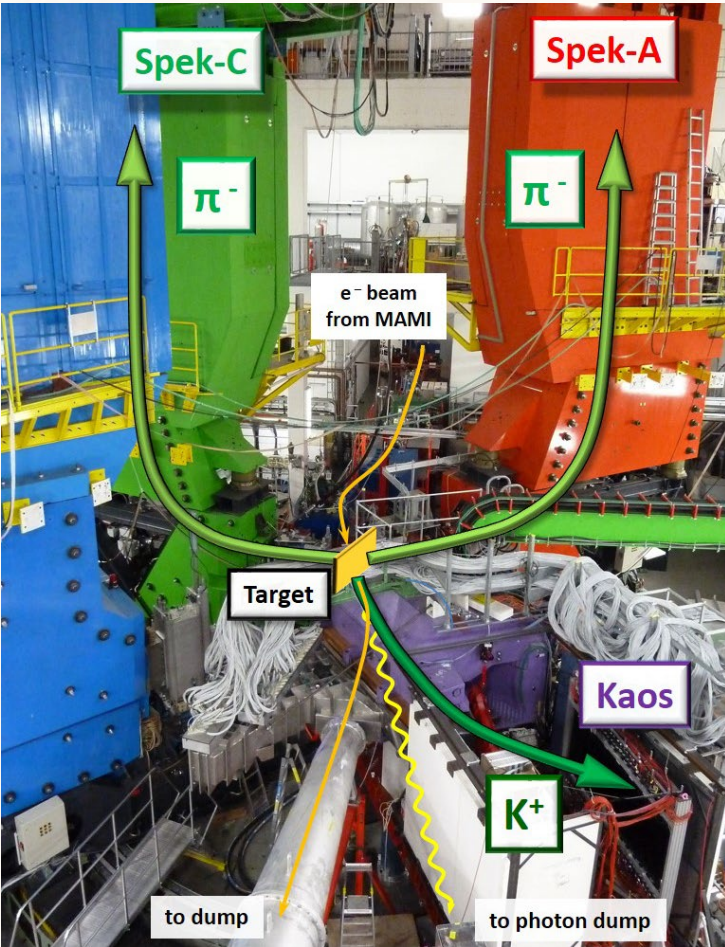
## High-resolution, High-precision mass spectroscopy



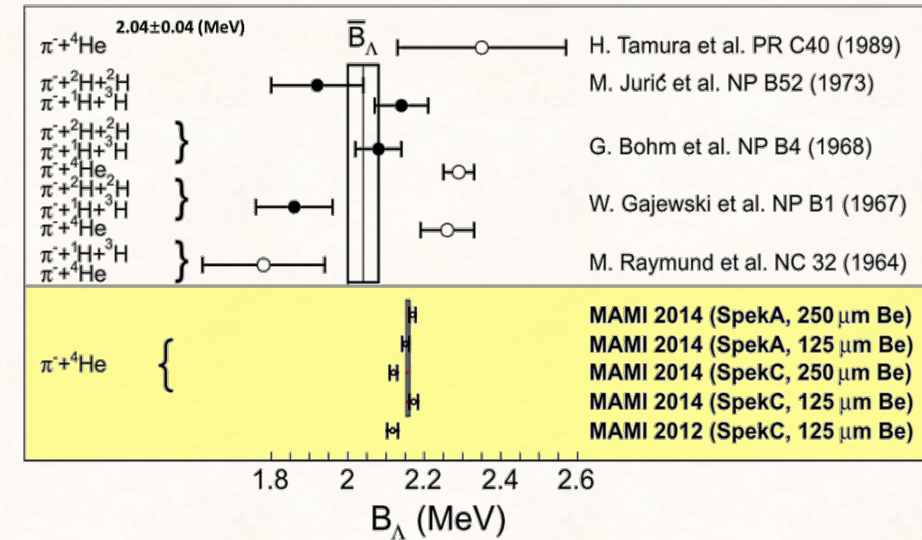
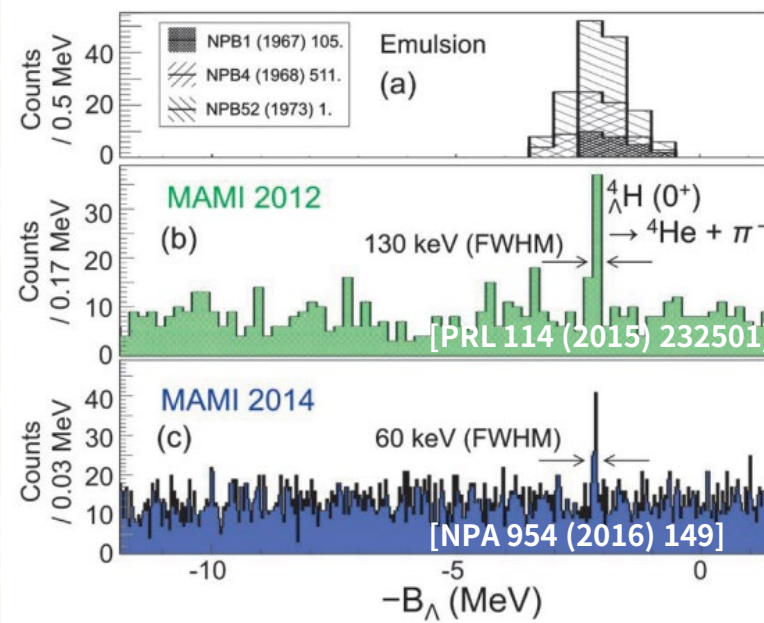
- Measurement of two-body decay pions
- Kaon Tagging
- Thin Target
  - High-Resolution
- Precise Momentum Calibration
  - Accurate mass
- Available for
  - Charged, Two-Body Decay &  $\pi^-$  MWD

# Previous Experiment at MAMI

## Proof of Principle at MAMI



- Pion measurement with spectrometers at the backward angles
- First observation of  ${}^4_{\Lambda}H \rightarrow {}^4He + \pi^-$
- $N \sim 40$ , Resolution  $\sim 100$  keV, Precision  $\sim 5$  keV
- ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$  analysis is on going from 2022 data (R.Kino, Wed. talk)



$$M({}^A_{\Lambda}Z) = \sqrt{M({}^A(Z+1))^2 + p_{\pi}^2} + \sqrt{M_{\pi}^2 + p_{\pi}^2}$$

# What's new??

Decay Pion Spectroscopy @JLab will be

**Higher luminosity & Less background**

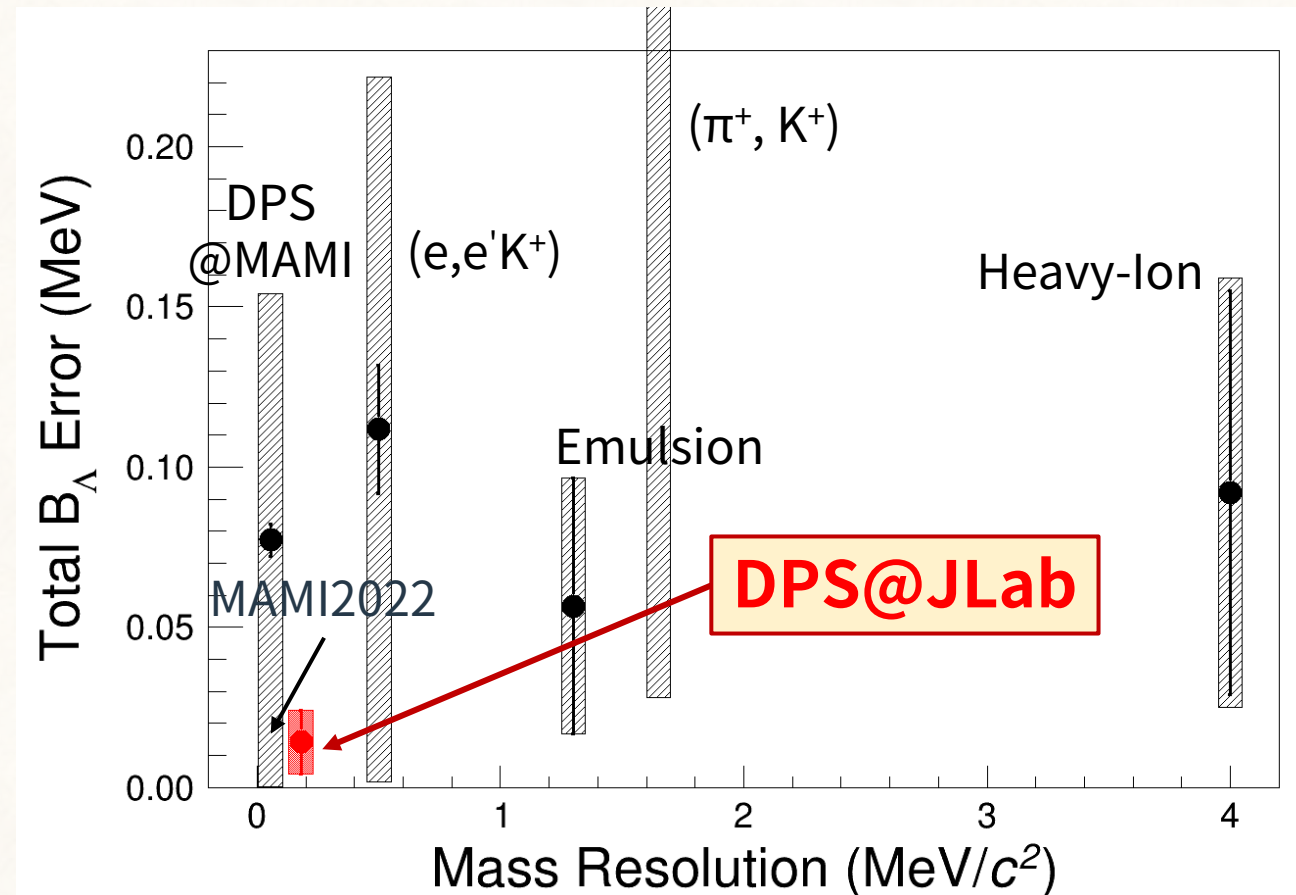
→ Expansion to p-shell hypernuclei

**New calibration method**

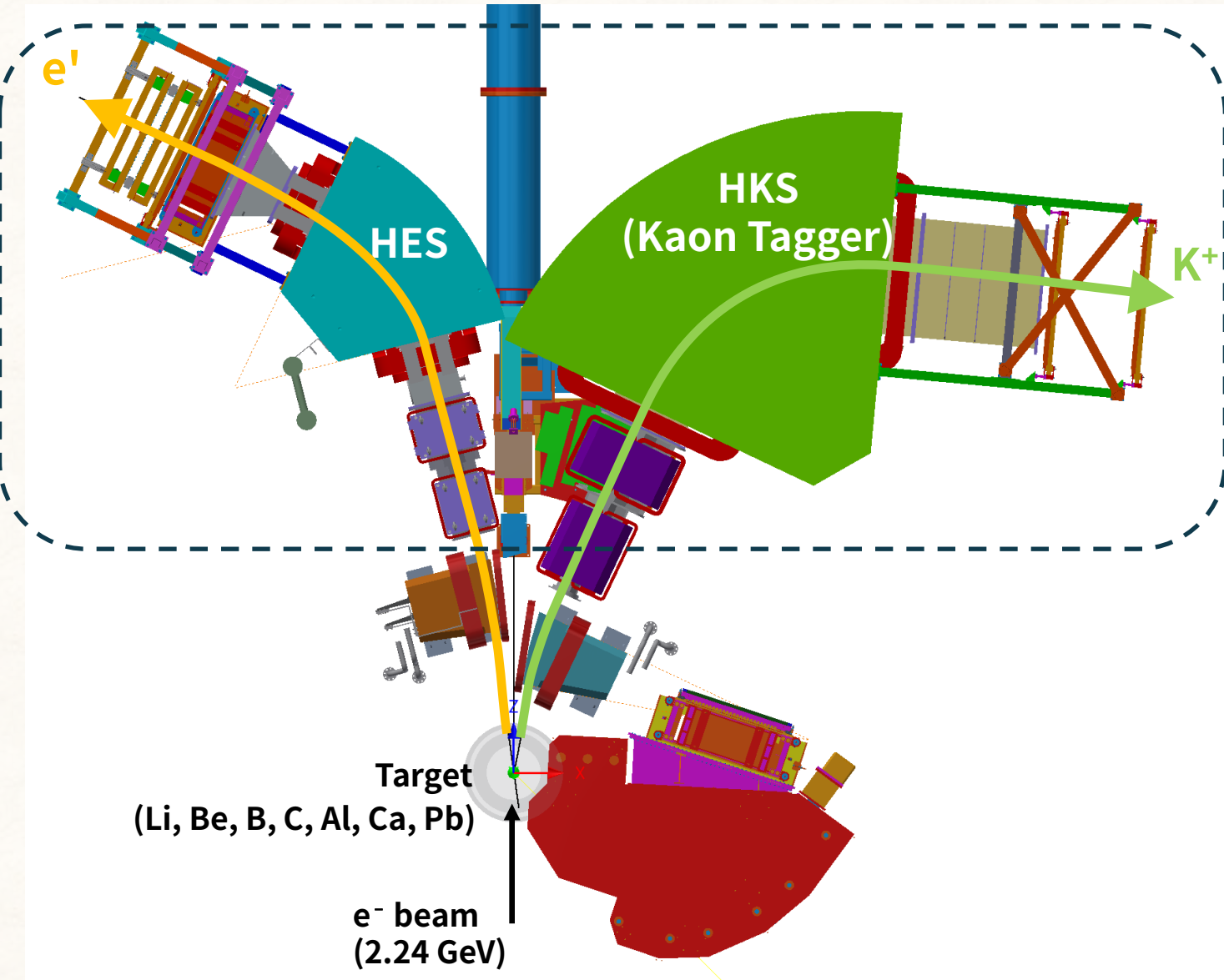
→ Better accuracy

**Heavy targets (Al, Ca, Pb targets)**

→ sd-shell ???



# Setup Overview



## Proposed (e,e'K<sup>+</sup>)

Medium-heavy  $\Lambda$ K isotopes (E12-15-008)

Super-heavy  $^{208}\Lambda$ Tl (E12-20-013)

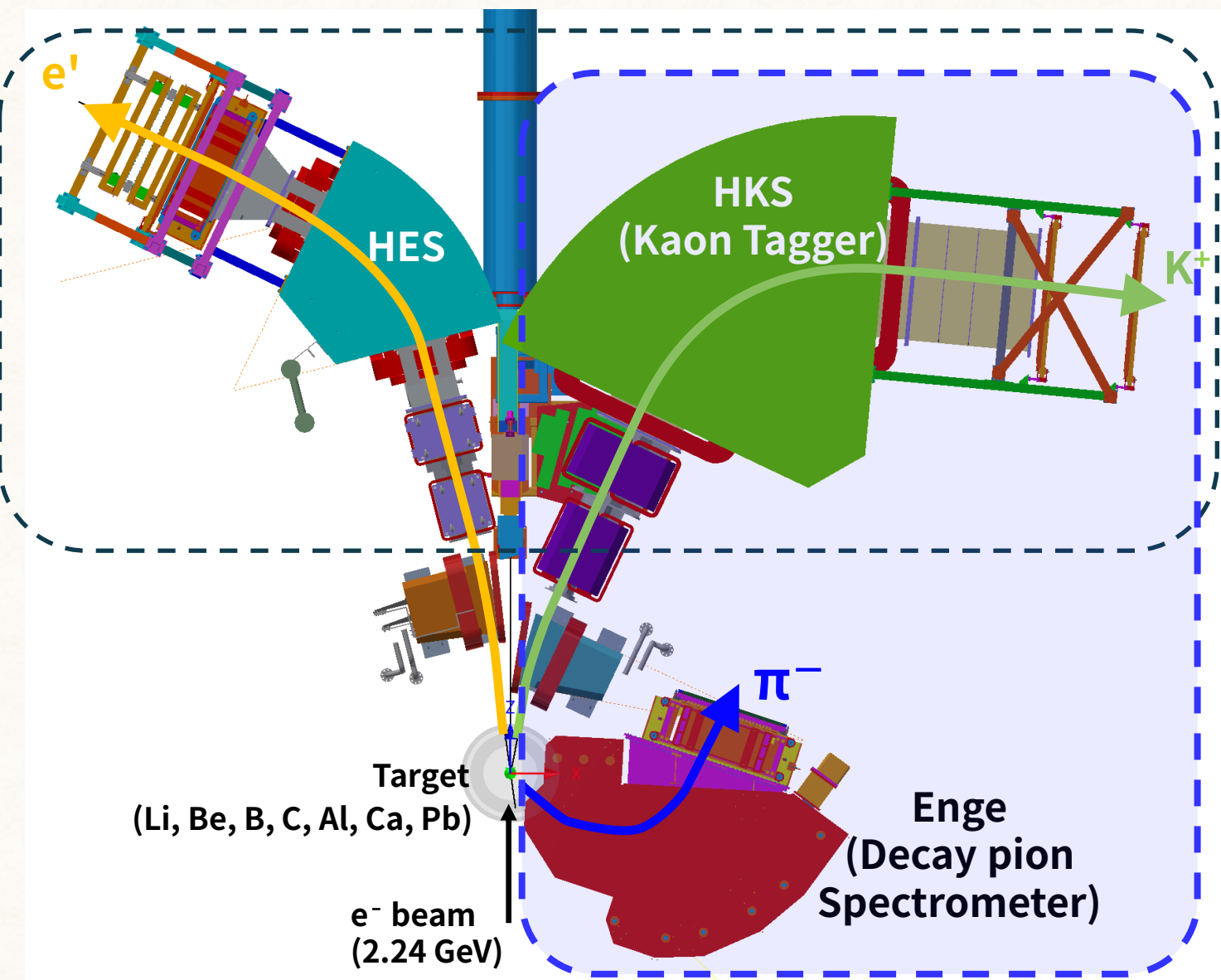
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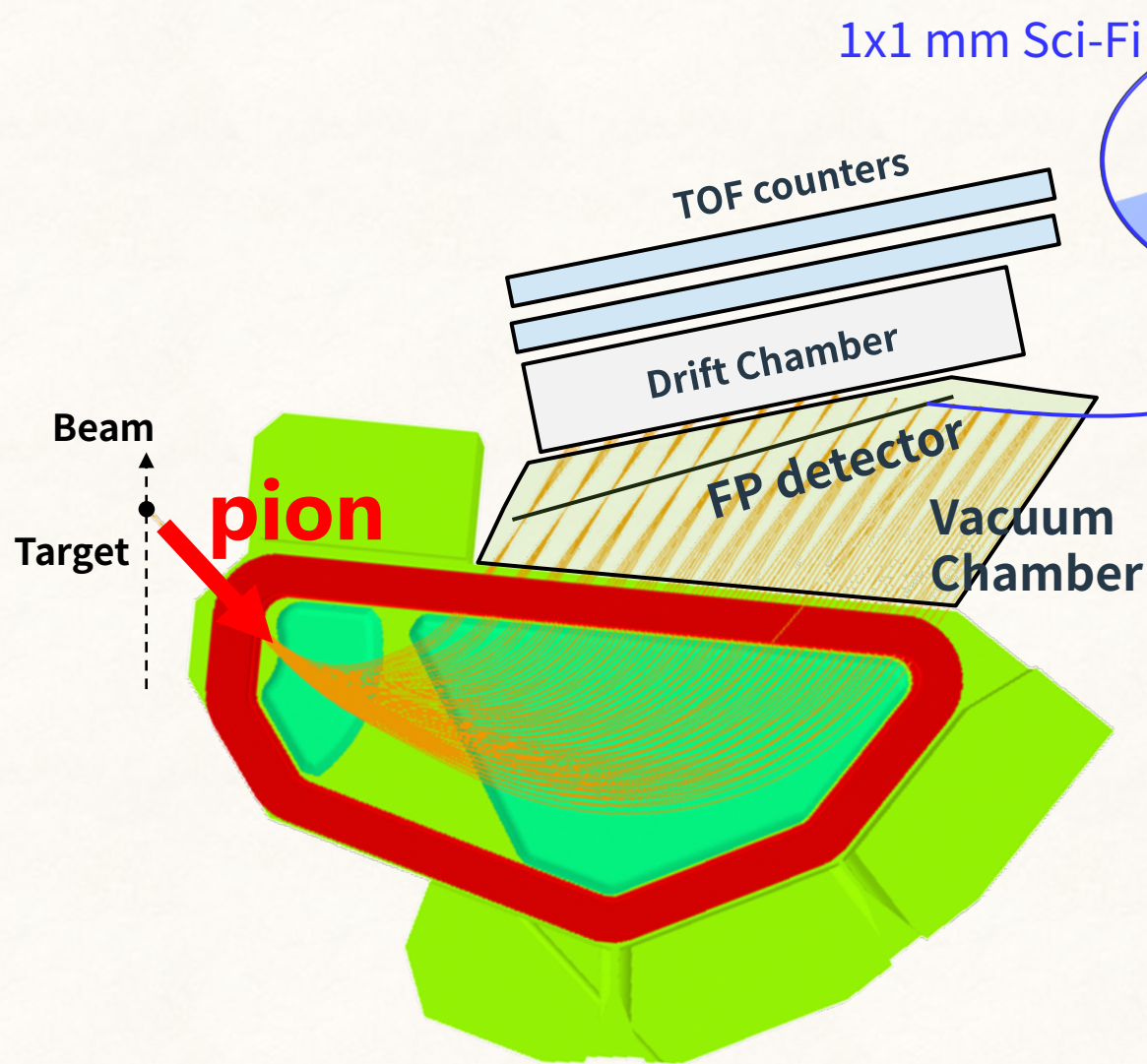
**Another Spectrometer "Enge" for decay pion measurement**

**DPS with HKS $\otimes$ Enge**

**Parallel exp. with  $(e, e'K^+)$**

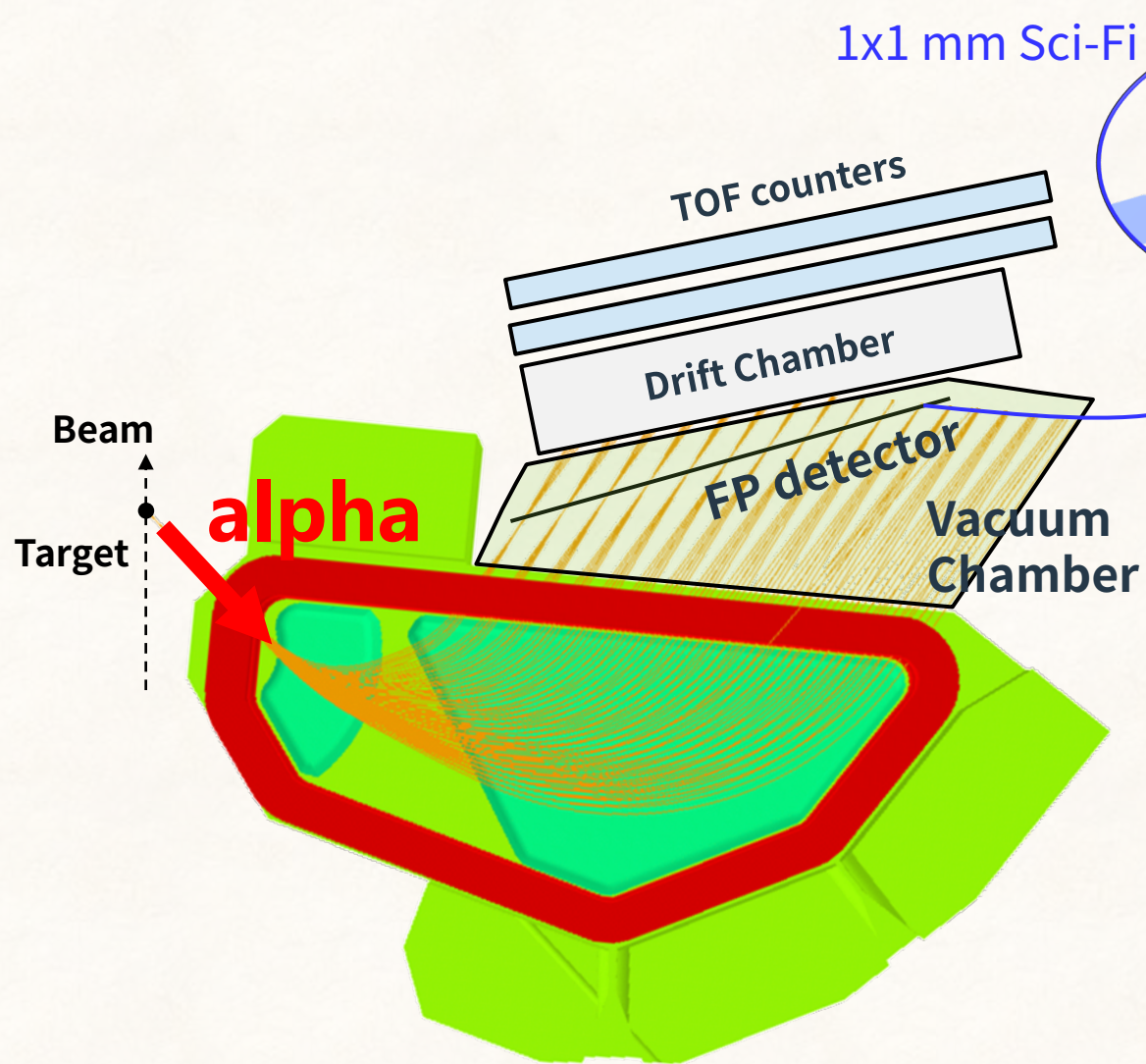


# Pion Spectrometer "Enge"



- Decay Pion Spectrometer as Hardware spectrometer Enge
- Focal Plane position = Pion Momentum  
60 keV / mm Dispersion
- Position detector in vacuum
- Mom. coverage 70 ~150 MeV/c
- Drift Chamber for angular measurement
- Timing detector

# Pion Spectrometer "Enge"



➤ α-source at target for momentum calib.

Nuclide	Typical Energy (MeV)	Momentum (MeV/c/q)
$^{148}\text{Gd}$	3.128787(24)	77.03415(29)
$^{237}\text{Np}$	4.7710(15), 4.7880(15)	94.326(15), 94.494(15)
$^{241}\text{Am}$	5.44280(13), 5.48556(12)	100.7526(12), 101.1479(11)
$^{244}\text{Cm}$	5.76270(3), 5.80482(5)	103.6734(3), 104.0519(4)
$^{242}\text{Cm}$	6.06943(12), 6.11272(8)	106.3990(11), 106.7781(7)
$^{252}\text{Cf}$	6.07564(11), 6.11810(4)	106.4534(10), 106.8251(4)

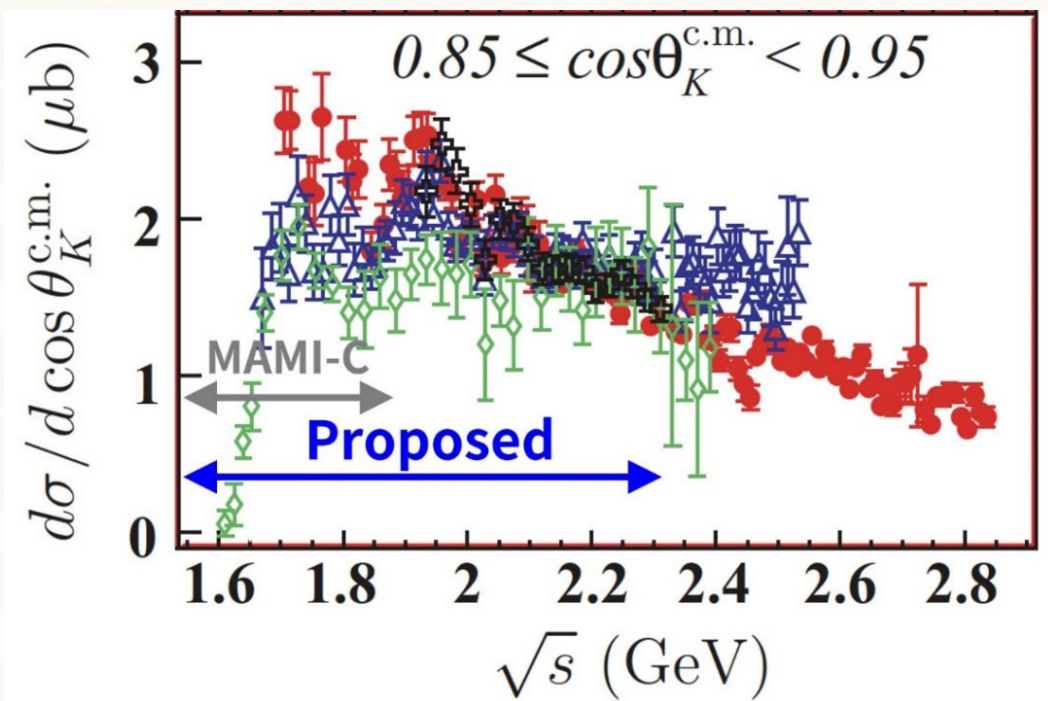
~30 times yield

$$N_{HYP} = \boxed{N_{\Lambda}} R_{F.P} \boxed{R_{stop}} \Gamma_{\pi^-} \boxed{\Delta\Omega_{\pi^-} \varepsilon_{\pi^-}^{decay} \varepsilon_{\pi^-}^{det}}$$

↑ × 30

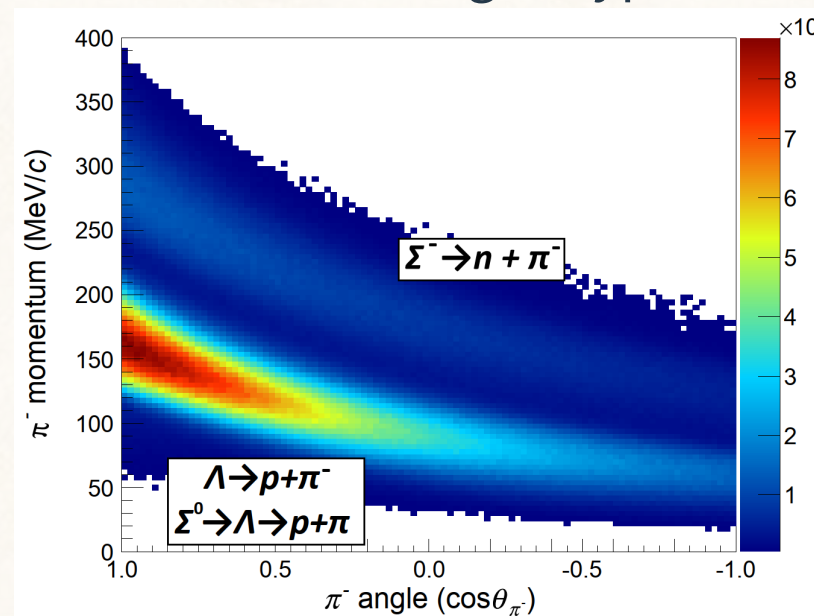
Monte-Carlo

$p(\gamma, K^+) \Lambda$  Cross Section



[CLAS, Phys. Rev. C 81 (2010) 025201.]

- Much better luminosity thanks to higher beam energy and intensity
- Background reduction from in-flight hyperons

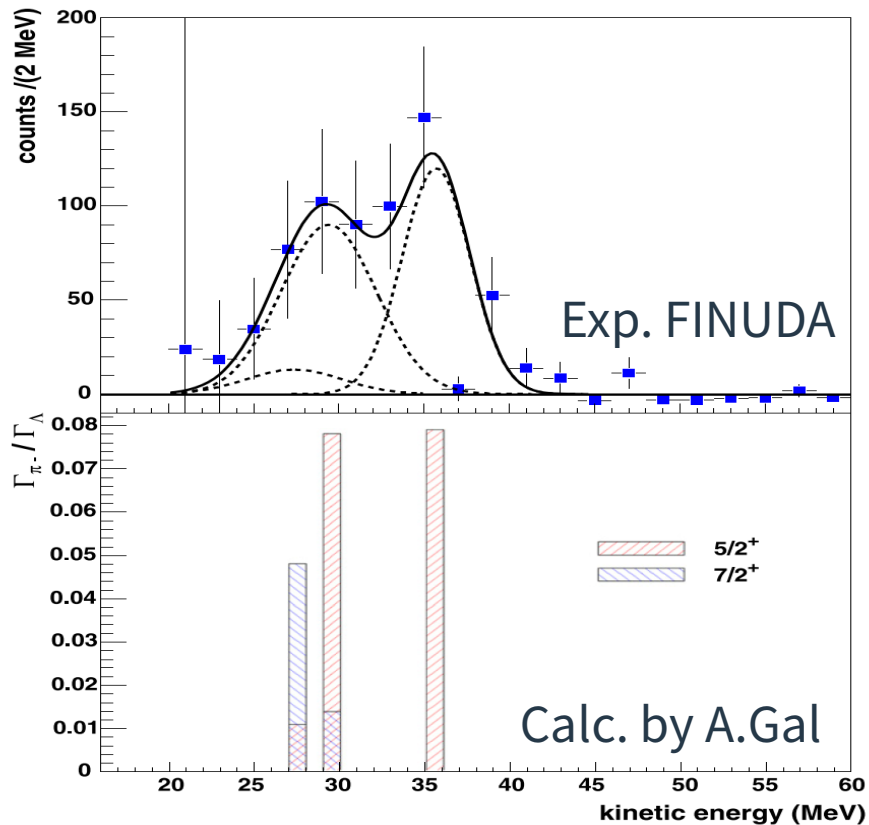


# Spin assignment from decay width

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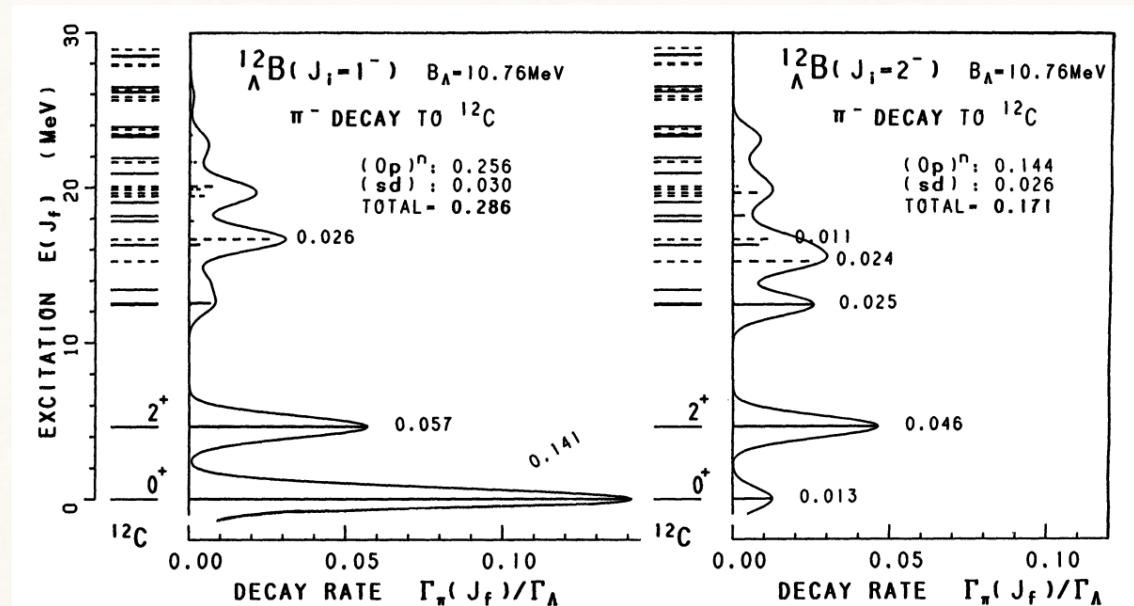
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$^{11}_{\Lambda}B \rightarrow ^{11}C + \pi^-$  decay pion energy



FINUDA, Phys. Lett. B681 (2009) 139

- Decay width calc. well reproduced exp. data (T. Motoba and K. Itonaga, PTPS117(1994)477.)
- Large  $\Gamma_{\pi}$  dependence on SPIN of parent hypernuclei

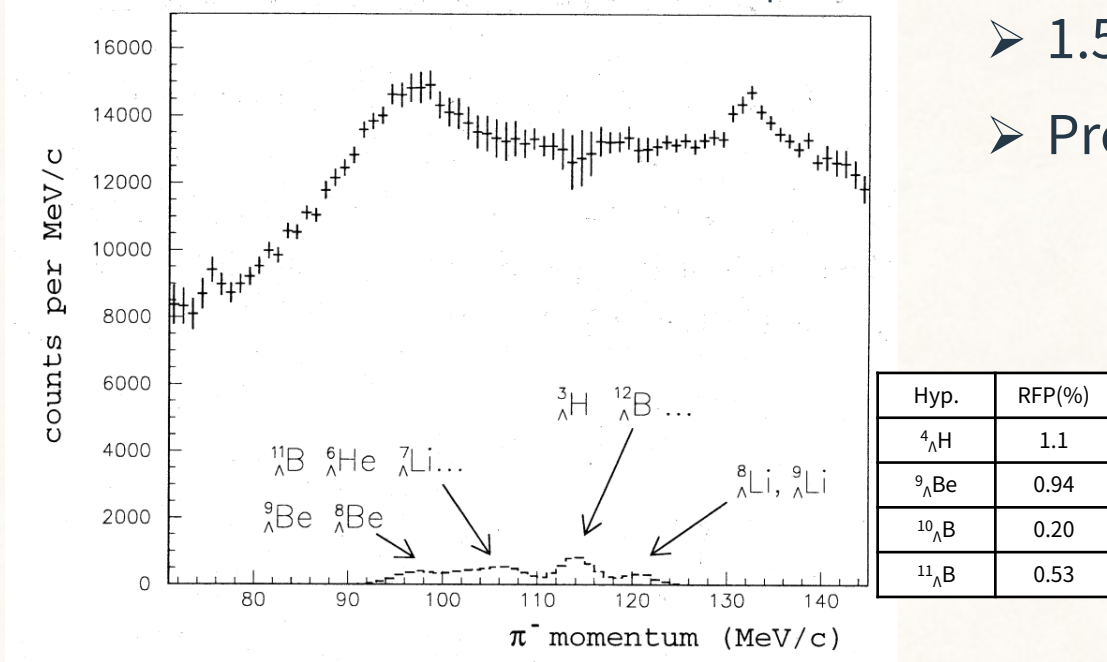


# Hypernuclear formation probability

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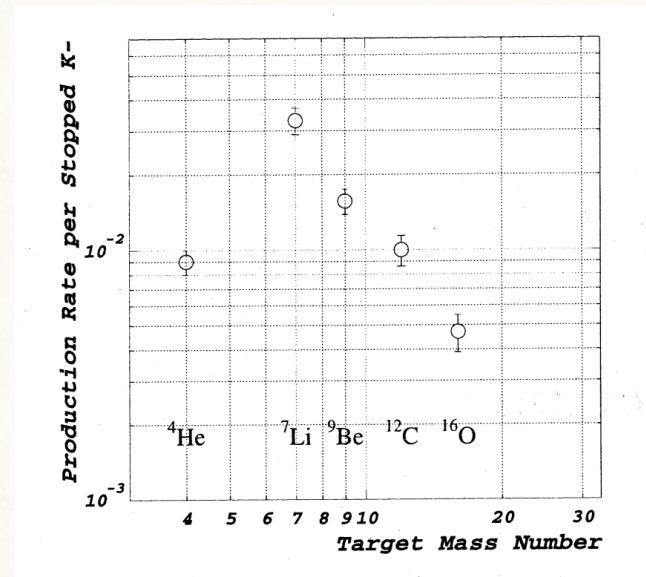
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$\pi^-$  spectrum of  $^{12}\text{C}$  target @  $(\text{K}^-, \pi^-)_{stop}$



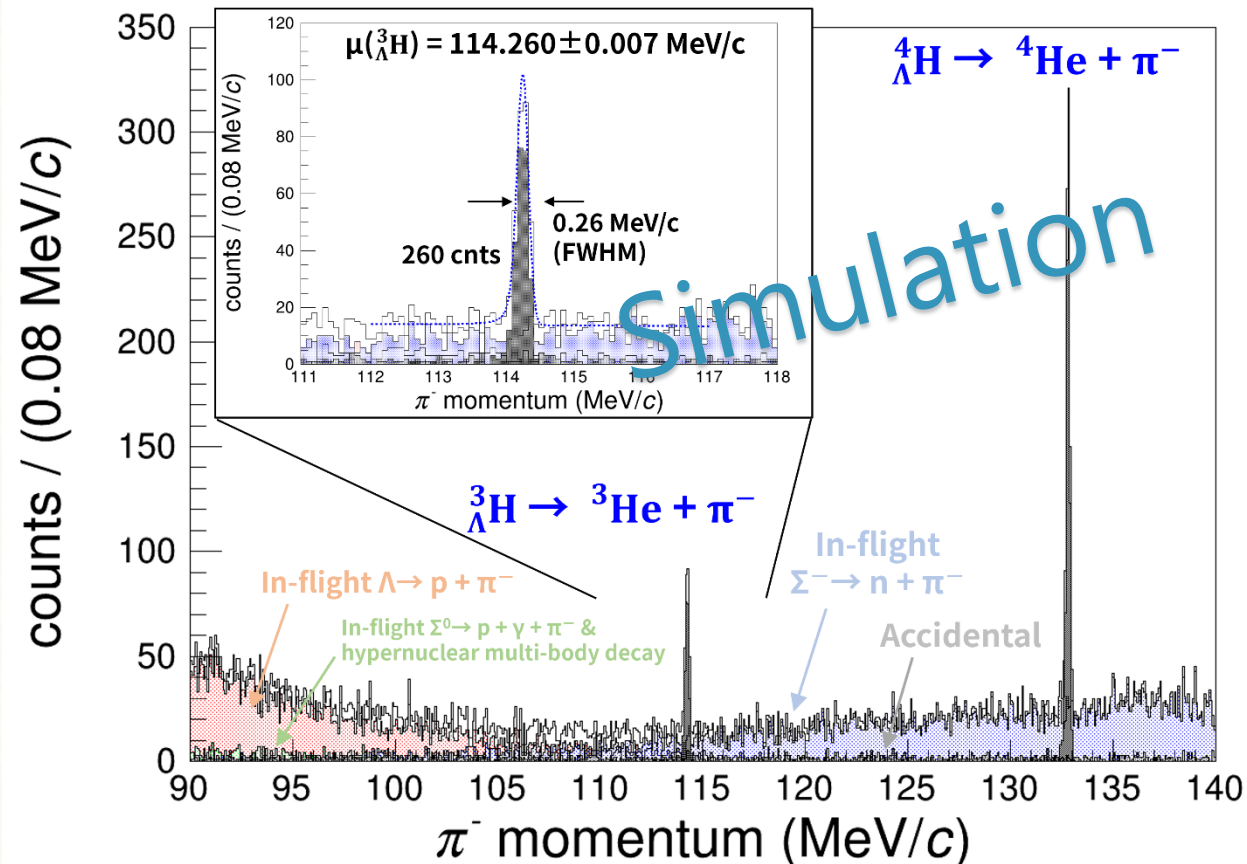
A. Kawachi (1992) Ph.D thesis, U-Tokyo

- $A^{-2}$  dependence of  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  Form. Prob. (H.Tamura, PRC40(1989)R479)
- 1.57% @  $(\text{K}^-, \pi^-)_{stop}$ , 1% @MAMI for  $^9\text{Be}$  target
- Prediction by AMD on  $^{12}\text{C}$  target



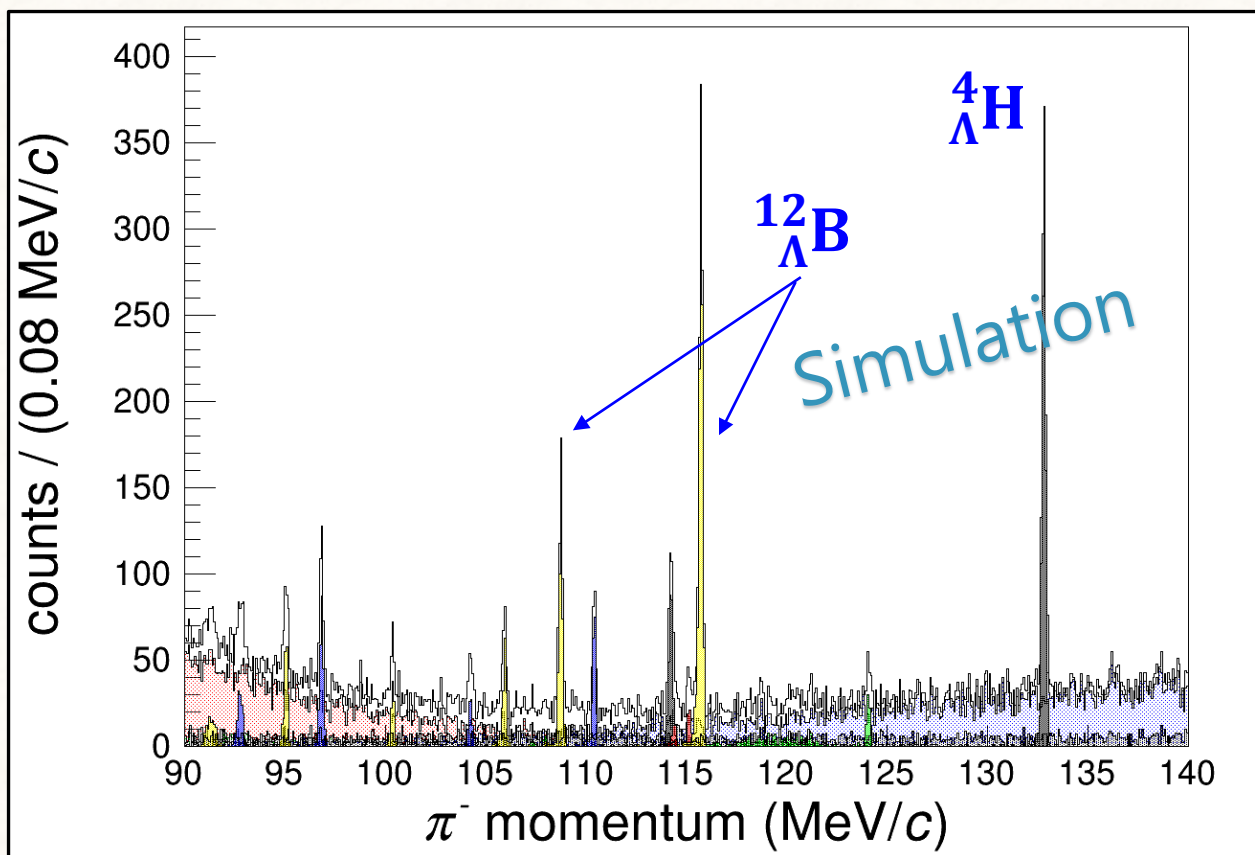
# Expected Spectrum (Li target)

- Decay pions of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ,  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  from  ${}^6\text{Li}$  target (simplest spectrum)
  - Direct produced  ${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  decays to  ${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  and 3-body final state
- $\Sigma^- \rightarrow n + \pi^-$  as a major background source
- Peak precision of  $< 10$  keV after fitting with a response function



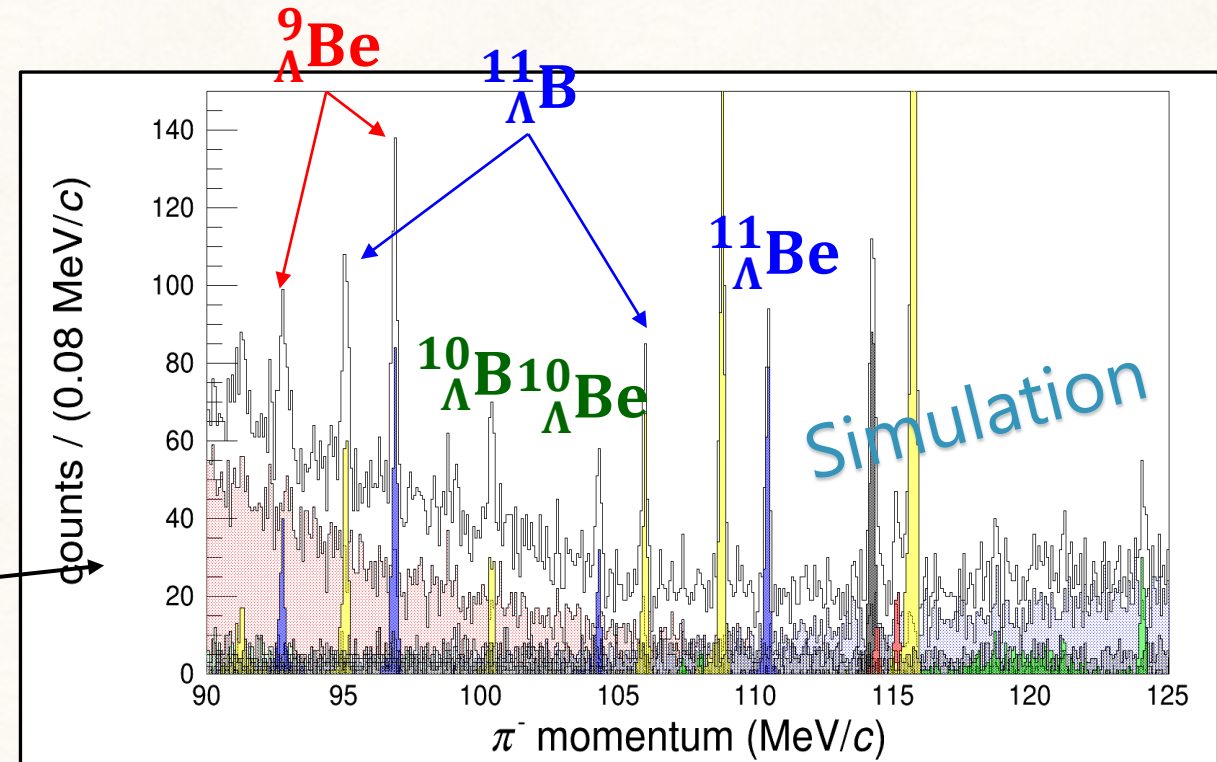
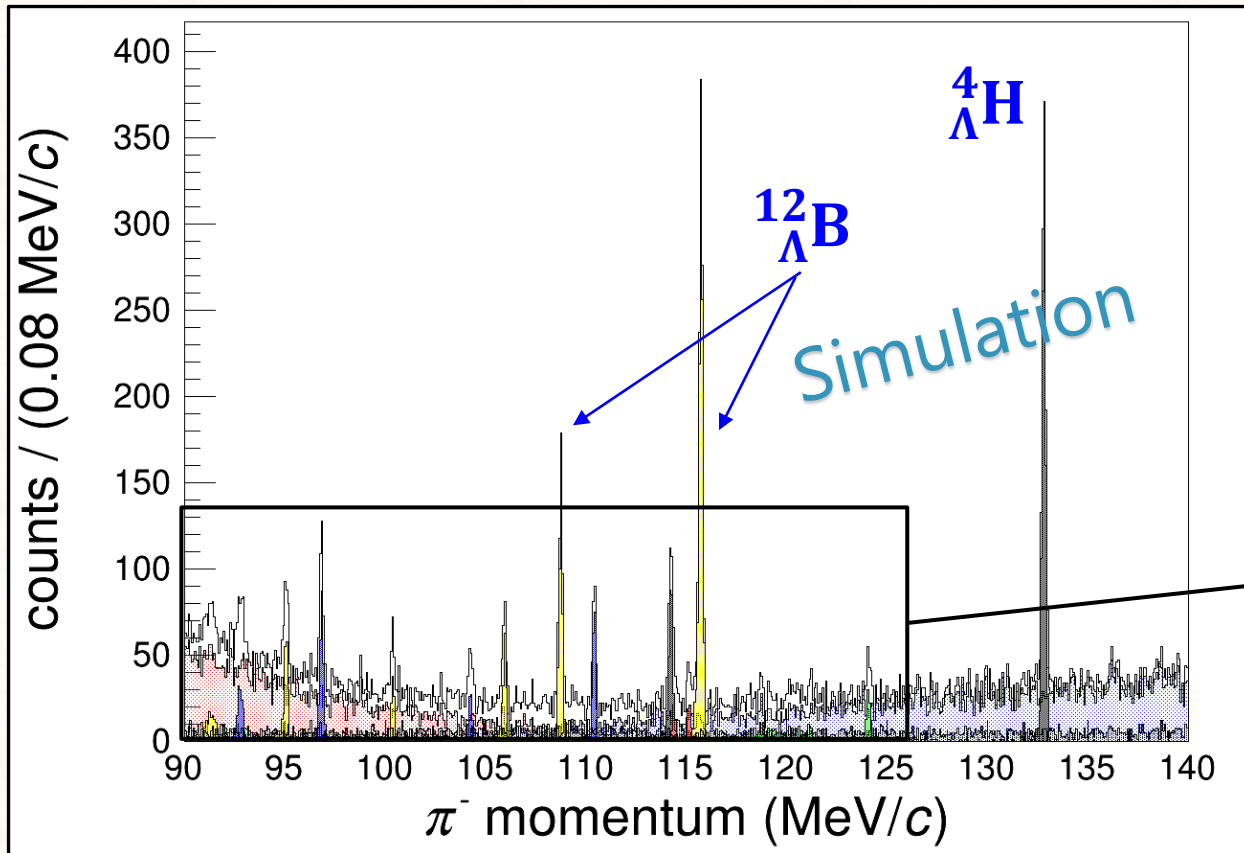
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# Summary

$\Lambda$  binding energy measurement for wide mass range & good precision

Prospects of JLab hypernuclear project

## **(e,e'K<sup>+</sup>) Missing Mass Spectroscopy**

${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ ,  ${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^{11}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$ ,  ${}^{27}_{\Lambda}\text{Mg}$ ,  ${}^{40,48}_{\Lambda}\text{K}$ ,  ${}^{208}_{\Lambda}\text{Tl}$

## **Decay Pion Spectroscopy**

Parallel exp. with (e,e'K<sup>+</sup>)

HKS + Enge as Pion Spectrometer

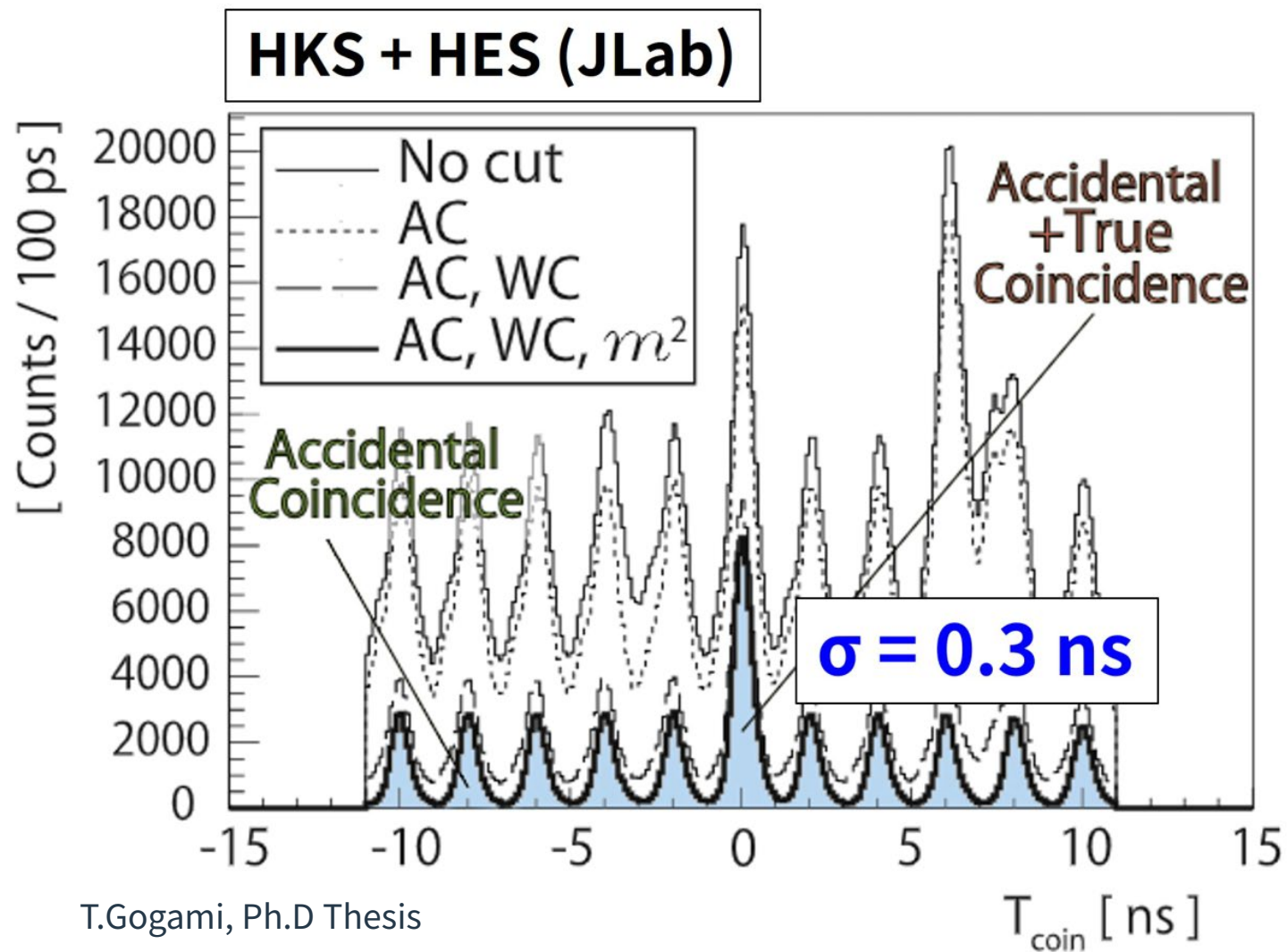
New calibration with alpha-sources

Measurement for s-, p-shell hypernuclei

We submitted proposals, Exp. will run 2026-27.



# Time difference of "K, pi"



T.Gogami, Ph.D Thesis

# Decay Width of $^{10}_{\Lambda}B$ & $^{12}_{\Lambda}B$

