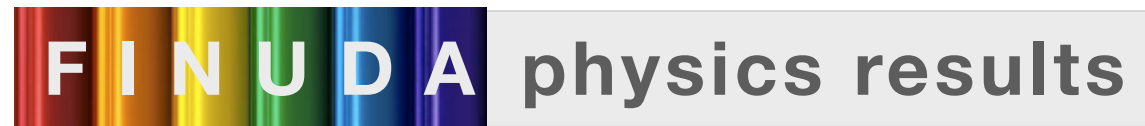



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The logo for the FINUDA physics results. The word "FINUDA" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters on a background of seven vertical bars of different colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. To the right of this, the words "physics results" are written in a dark grey, sans-serif font on a light grey rectangular background.


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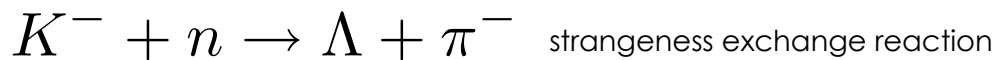
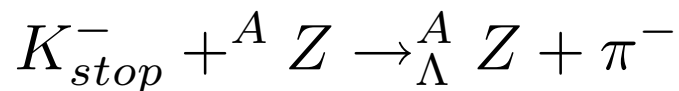




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FINUDA data takings

data taking	oct 2003 - jan 04	nov 2006 jun 07
int. luminosity	220 pb ⁻¹	960 pb ⁻¹
daily luminosity	6 pb ⁻¹	10 pb ⁻¹
Total events (M)	30	200
Targets	⁶ Li, ⁷ Li, ¹² C, ²⁷ Al, ⁵¹ V	⁶ Li, ⁷ Li, ⁹ Be, ¹³ C, D ₂ O

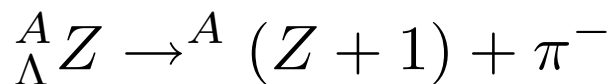


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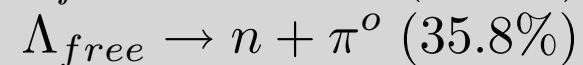
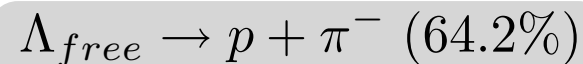
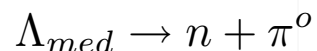
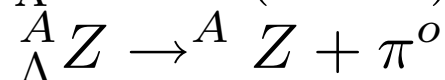
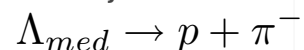
HYPERNUCLEI PRODUCTION

HYPERNUCLEI DECAY

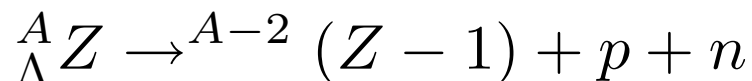
Mesonic Weak Decays (MWD)



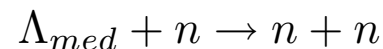
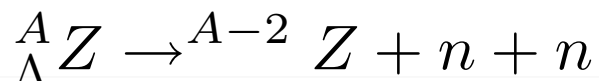
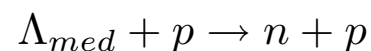
Λ decay in medium



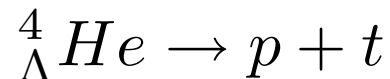
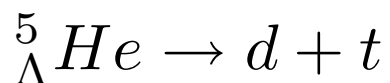
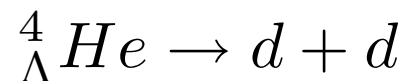
NON-Mesonic Weak Decays (NMWD)



Λ decay in medium



Other NON-Mesonic rare decays (for example ...)



2

K- ABSORPTION ON FEW NUCLEONS

$A (K^-, \Lambda p) X$ 2 nucleons absorption

$A (K^-, \Lambda d) X$ 3 nucleons absorption

$A (K^-, \Lambda t) X$ 4 nucleons absorption

$\Lambda p, \Lambda d, \Lambda t$
invariant mass study

3

FINUDA hypernuclear spectroscopy

key features of the spectrometer

very thin targets (0.1 ÷ 0.3 g/cm²)
 transparency → high resolution spectroscopy

coincidence measurement with large acceptance
 complete event → decay mode study

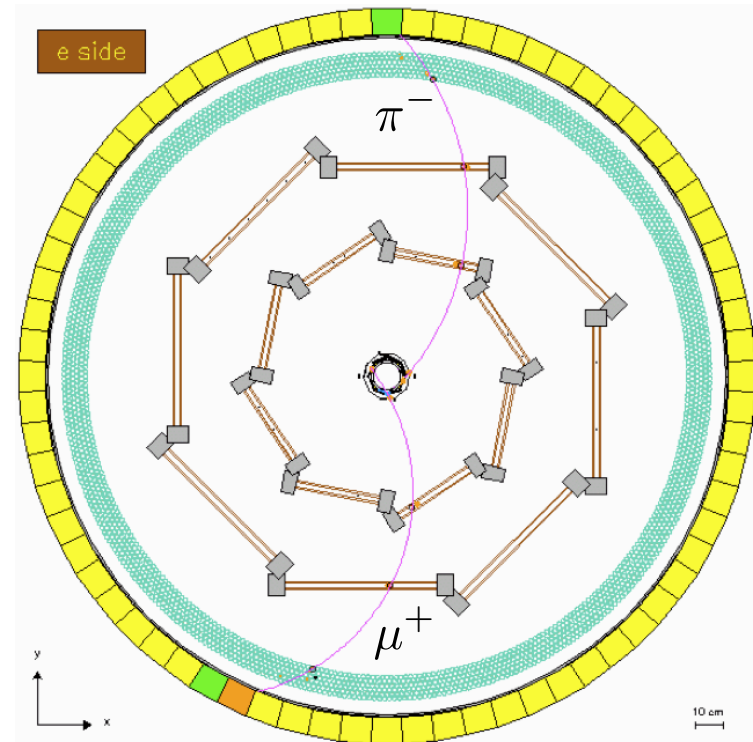
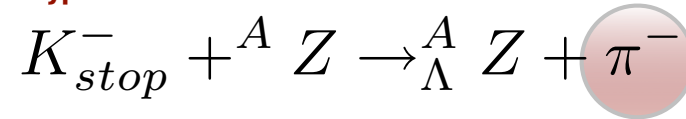
different targets in the same run
 → high degree of flexibility

simultaneous tracking of μ⁺ from the K⁺ decay
 $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ → energy and rate calibration

the “strangeness exchange” reaction **it’s not** the only mechanism for a production of a **negative pion** in the **K-N interaction**

- 1 $K^- + n \rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^-$
 - 2 $K^- + p \rightarrow \Sigma^- + \pi^+$
 - 3 $K^- + (np) \rightarrow \Sigma^- + p$
 - 4 $K^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu$
- backgrounds**

hypernucleus



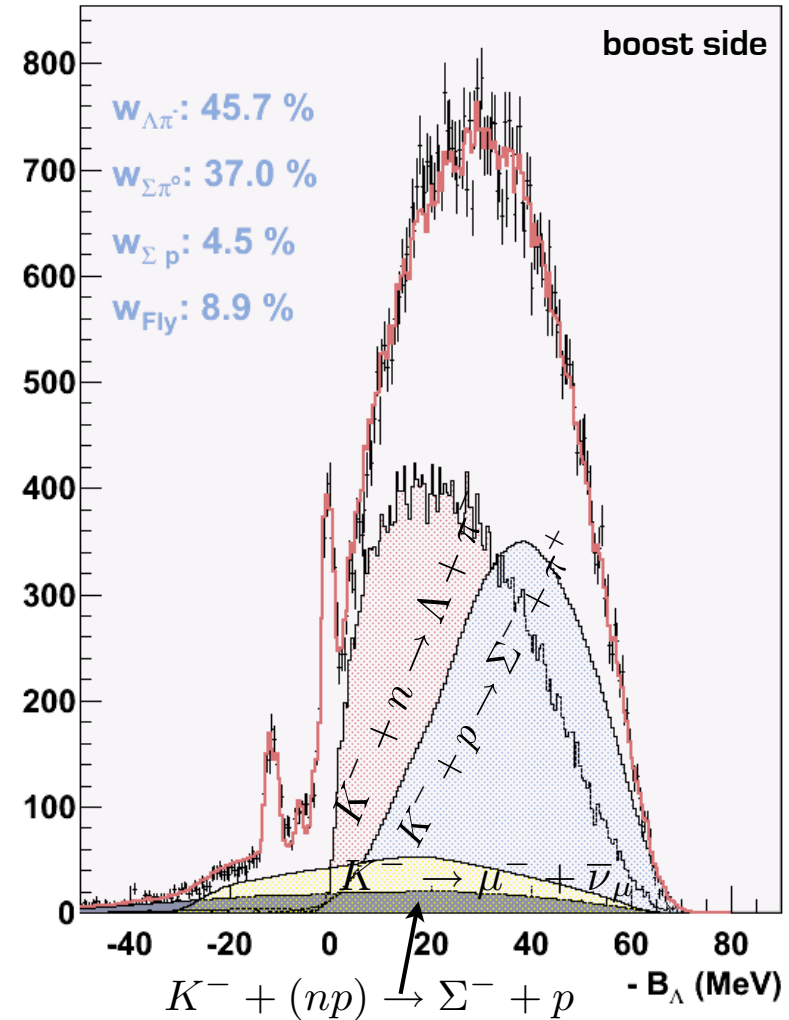
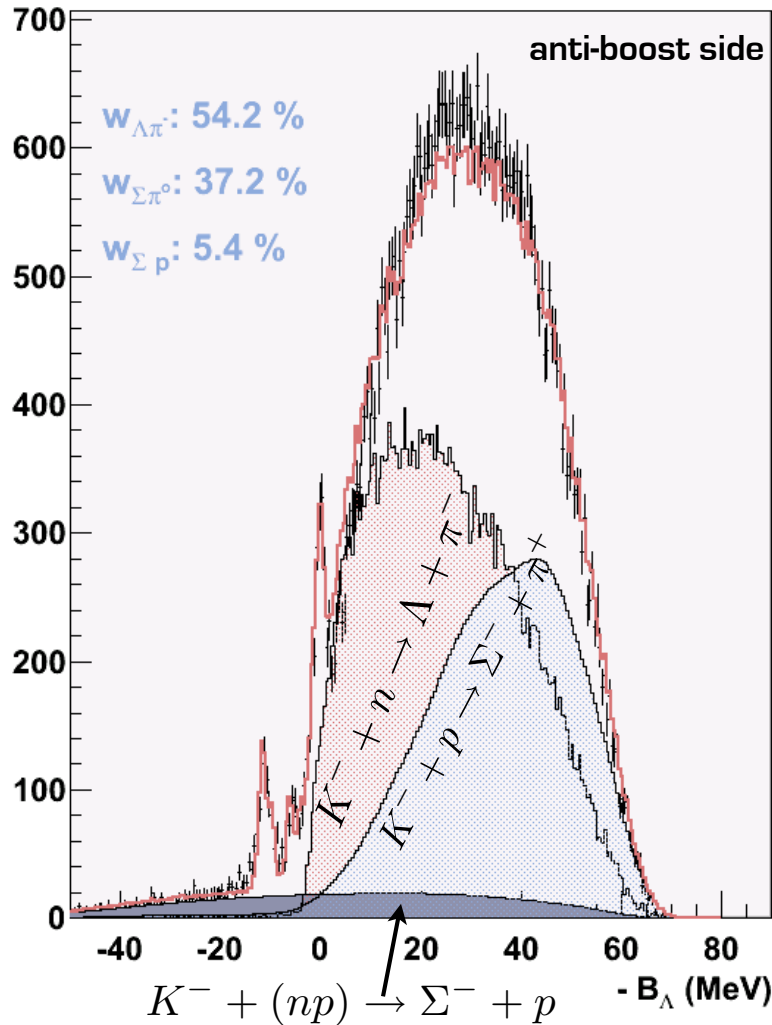
by conserving energy and momentum

$$m_{hyp} = \sqrt{(m_{K^-} + m_{AZ} - E_{\pi^-})^2 - p_{\pi}^2}$$

$$-B_\Lambda = m_{hyp} - (m_{AZ-1n} + m_\Lambda)$$

binding energy

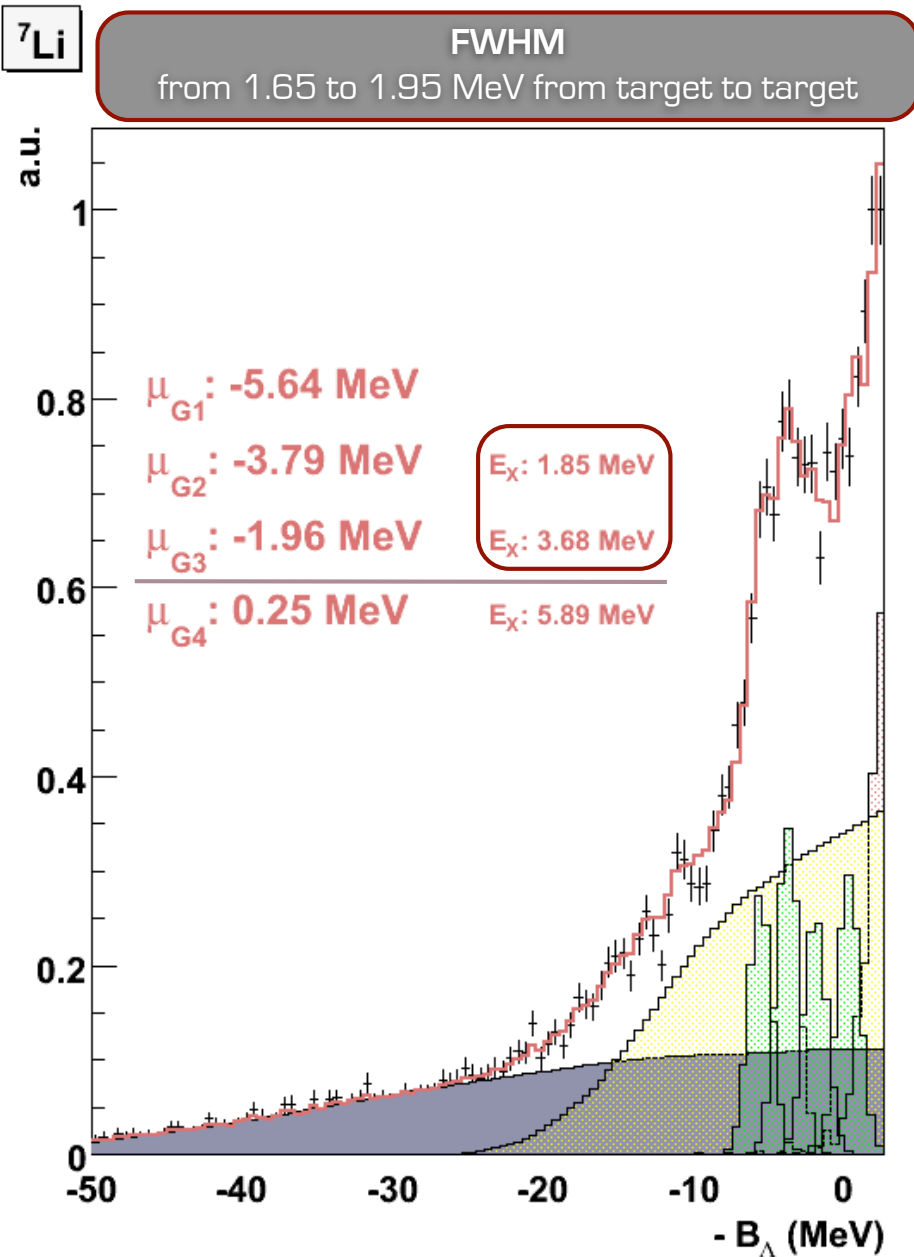
- 1) fit the experimental distribution with the sum of N gaussians (for the signal) and 4 histograms for the background
 - the mean and the sigma of the gaussians are free to move around the input values
- 2) we repeat the fit with a more sophisticated fit tool fixing also the mean values and the sigma of the gaussians [*]



BACKGROUND IS UNDER CONTROL

*ROOT TFractionFitter

Fits MC fractions to data histogram (a la HMCMLL, see R. Barlow and C. Beeston, Comp. Phys. Comm. 77 (1993) 219-228, and <http://www.hep.man.ac.uk/~roger/hfrac.f>).



B_Λ energy measurements

- absolute scale of the energy known at the level of 0.2 MeV
- possible systematic of the fit of 0.2-0.3 MeV

formation probability

capture Rate per stopped K⁻

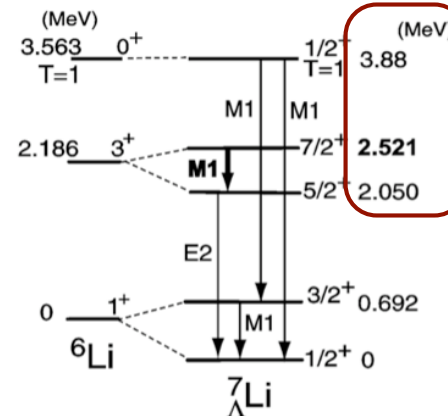
- #1: 0.041 ± 0.006 ± 0.005 %
- #2: 0.058 ± 0.008 ± 0.006 %
- #3: 0.043 ± 0.006 ± 0.005 %
- #4: 0.052 ± 0.007 ± 0.006 %

FIRST WORLD MEASUREMENT

Total in the bound region:

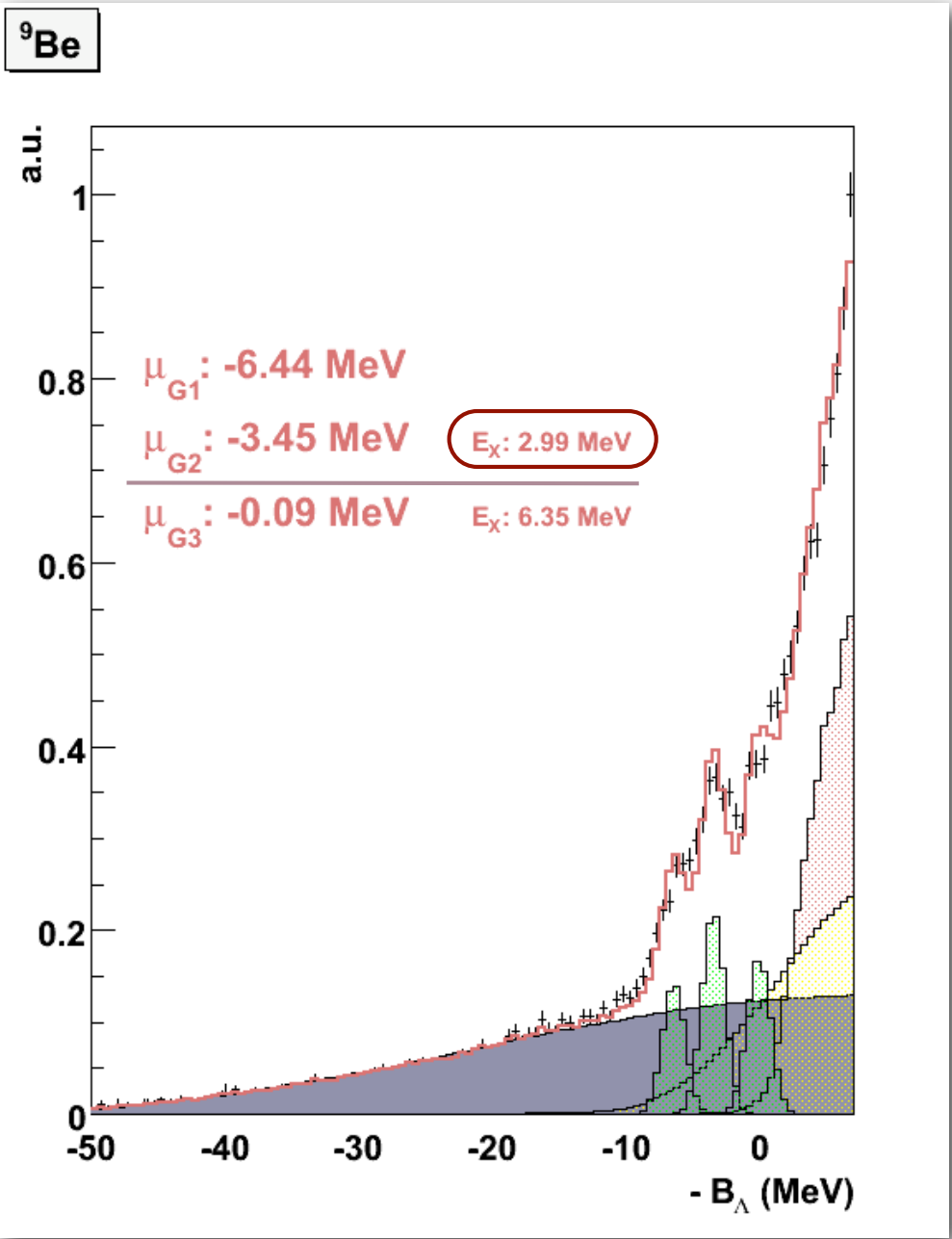
0.14 ± 0.01 ± 0.02 %

(a) ⁷Li (π⁺,K⁺γ) KEK E419



H. Tamura et al. Nucl. Phys. A **754** [2005] 58c

excitation energies are referred to the ground state **B_Λ = -5.58 ± 0.03 MeV** [M. Juric et al. Nucl. Phys. B **52** (1973) 1]



formation probability

capture Rate per stopped K

#1: $0.022 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.002 \%$

#2: $0.036 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.004 \%$

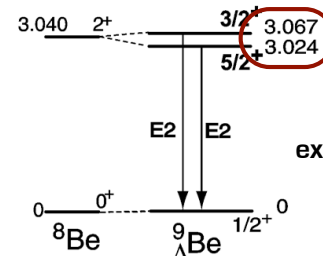
#3: $0.027 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.003 \%$

Total in the bound region:

$0.058 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.006$

FIRST WORLD MEASUREMENT

(b) ⁹Be (K⁻,π⁻γ) BNL E930('98)

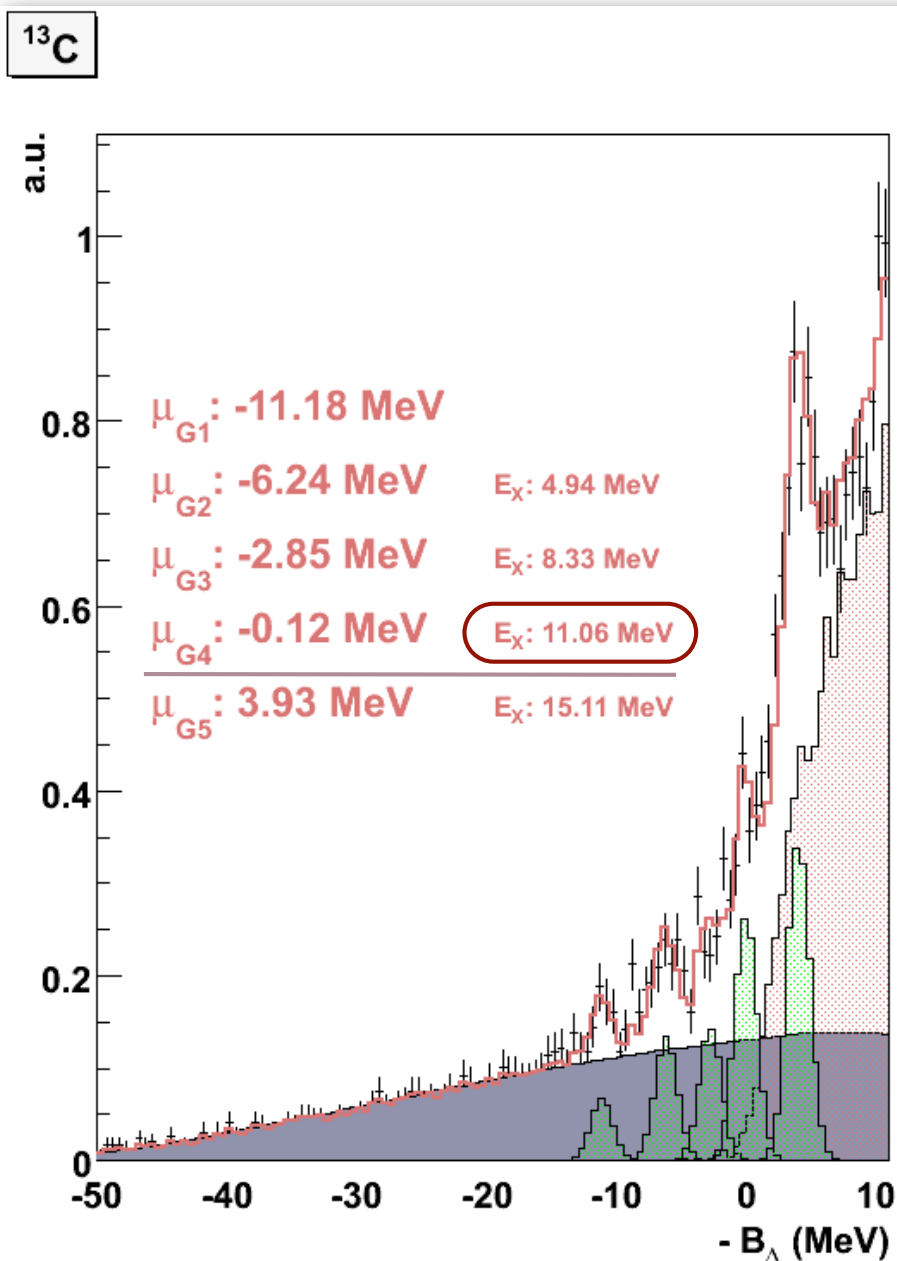


H. Tamura et al. Nucl. Phys. A **754** [2005] 58c

excitation energies are referred to the ground state

$B_\Lambda = -6.61 \pm 0.04 \text{ MeV}$

[M. Juric et al. Nucl. Phys. B **52** [1973] 1]



formation probability

capture Rate per stopped K

#1: $0.006 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.001 \%$
 #2: $0.014 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.002 \%$
 #3: $0.018 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.002 \%$
 #4: $0.024 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.003 \%$
 #5: $0.035 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.004 \%$

Total in the bound region:
 $0.062 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.008 \%$

FIRST WORLD MEASUREMENT

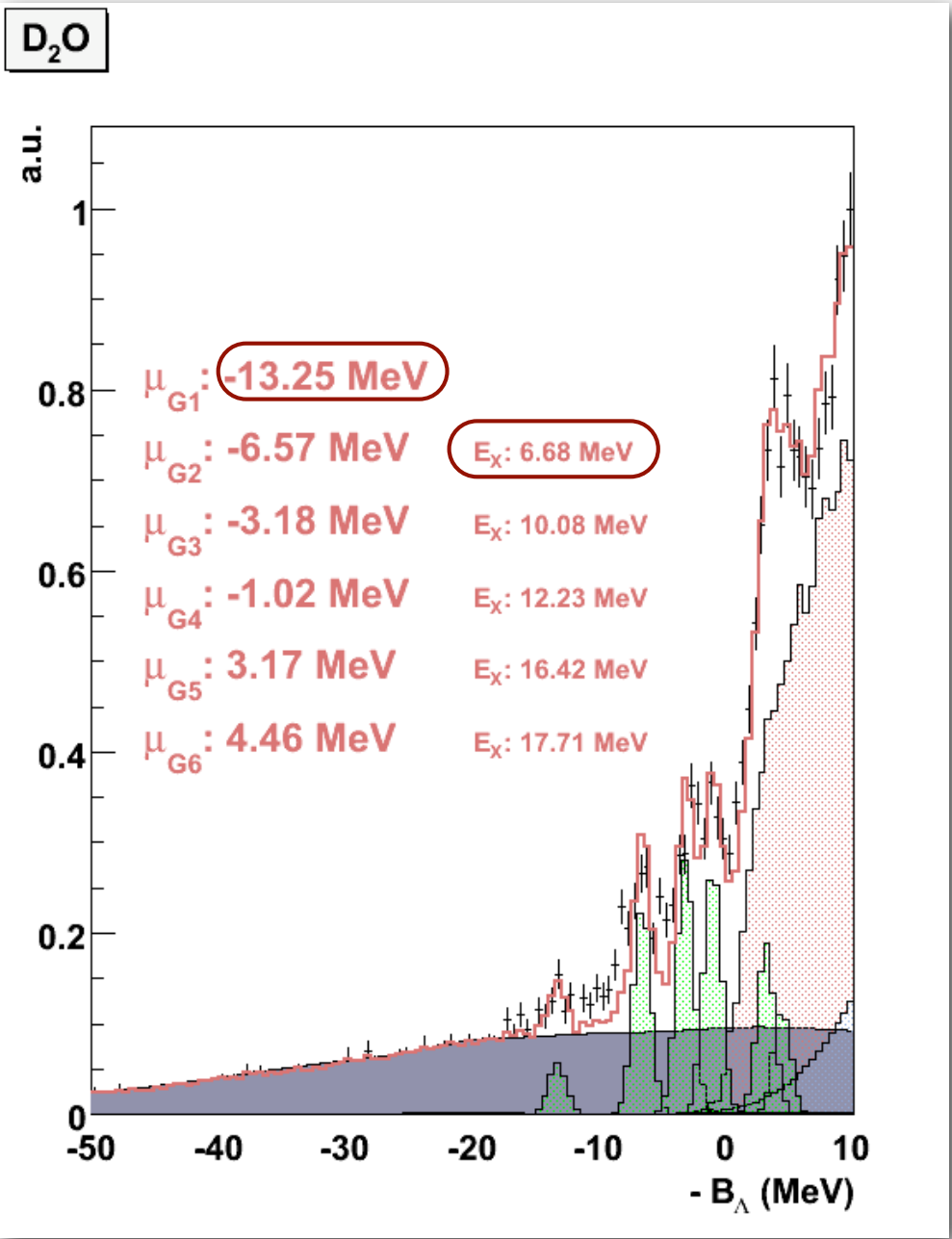
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¹³_ΛC hypernucleus studied with the ¹³C(K⁻, π⁻ γ) reaction. The excitation energies of the 1/2⁻ and 3/2⁻ states were obtained as $10.982 \pm 0.031(\text{stat}) \pm 0.056(\text{syst})$ and $10.830 \pm 0.031(\text{stat}) \pm 0.056(\text{syst})$ MeV, respectively. The

excitation energies are referred to the ground state

$$B_\Lambda = -11.22 \pm 0.08 \text{ MeV}$$

[M. Juric et al. Nucl. Phys. B **52** [1973] 1]



O. Hashimoto, H. Tamura / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 57 (2006) 564–653

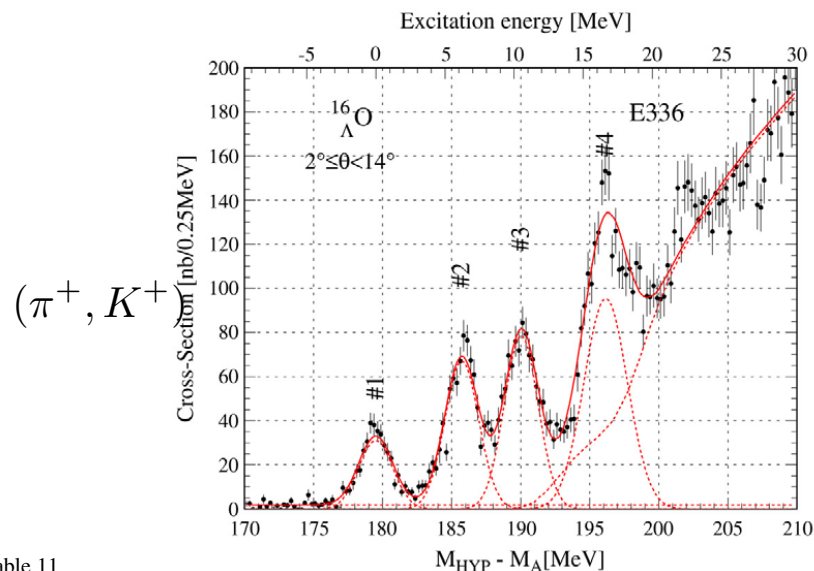
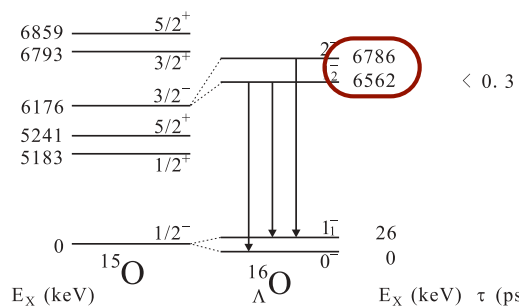


Table 11
Excitation energies and cross sections of $^{16}\Lambda\text{O}$ in the (π^+, K^+) reaction

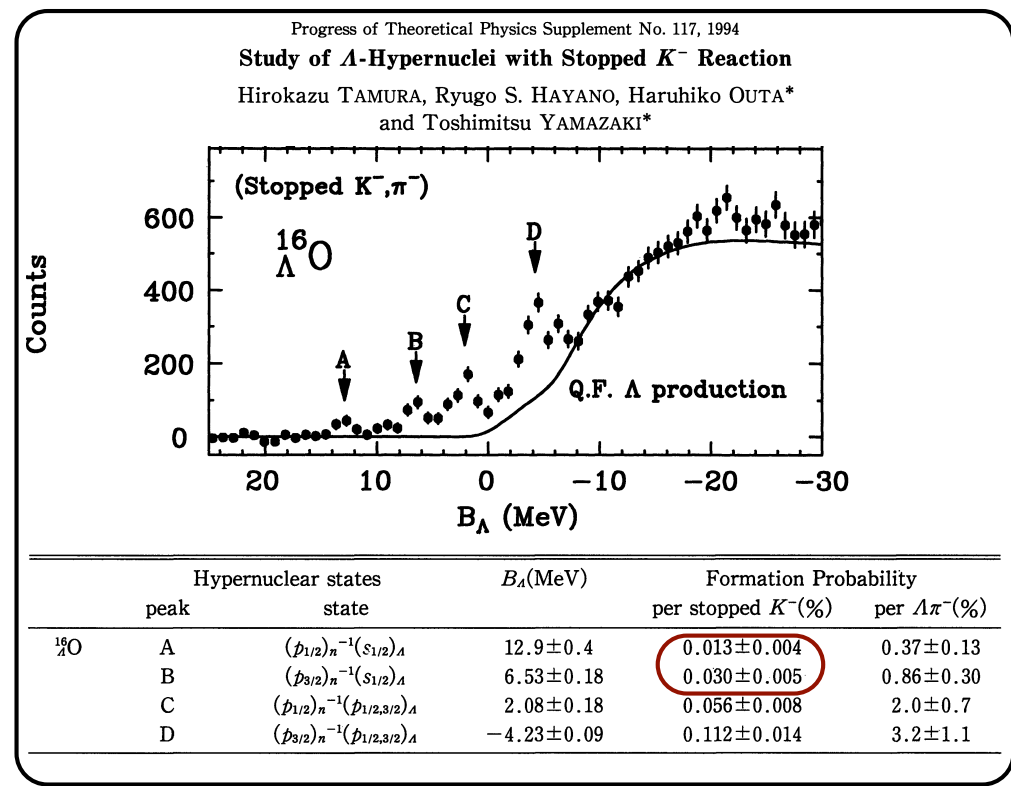
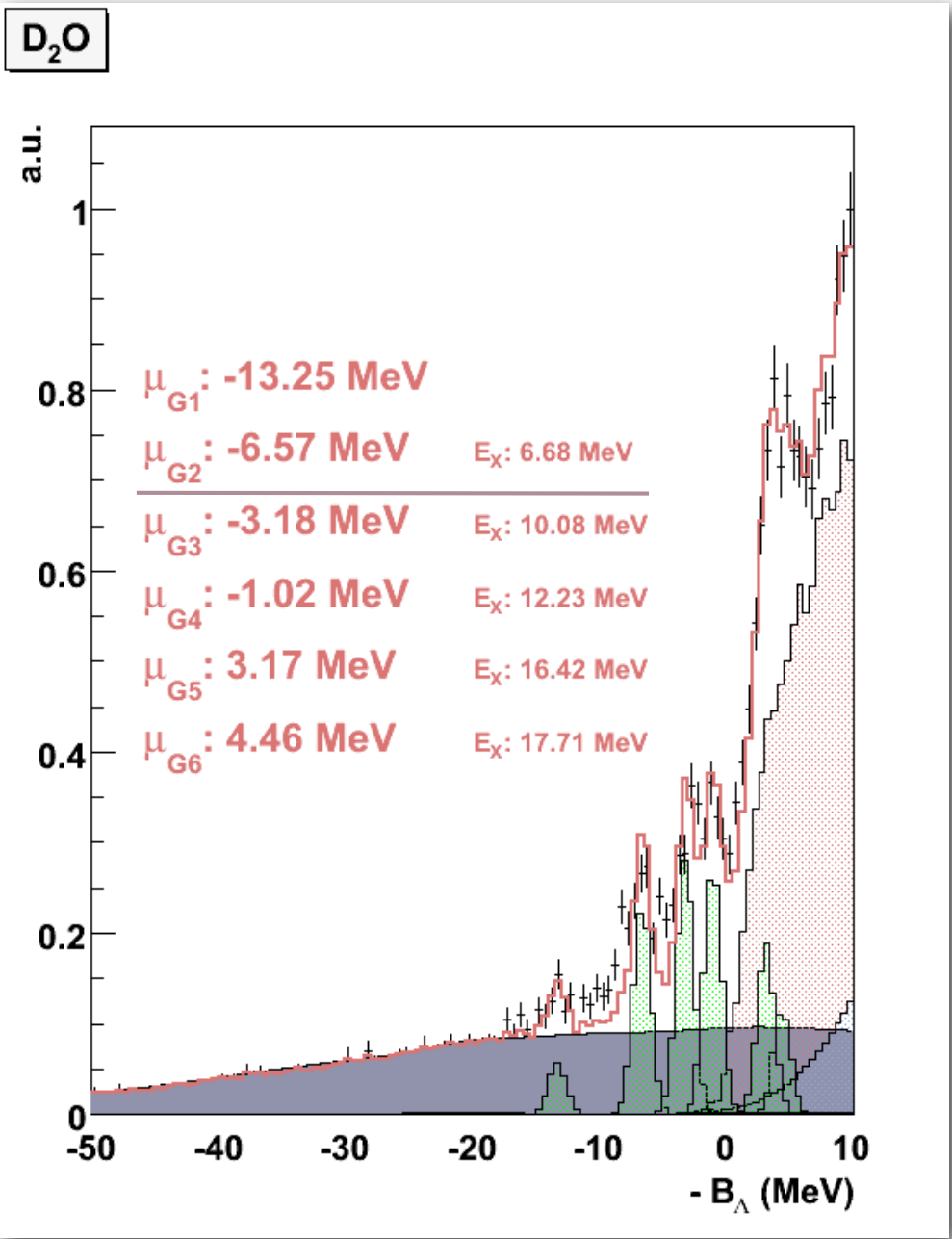
Peaks	B_Λ or E_X (MeV)	FWHM (MeV)	Cross sections $\sigma_{2^\circ-14^\circ}$ (μb)
#1	$B_\Lambda = 12.42 \pm 0.05$	2.75 ± 0.05	0.41 ± 0.02
#2	$E_X = 6.23 \pm 0.06$	2.75 ± 0.05	0.91 ± 0.03
#3	$E_X = 10.57 \pm 0.06$	2.75 ± 0.05	1.05 ± 0.03
#4	$E_X = 16.59 \pm 0.07$	3.13 ± 0.11	1.38 ± 0.06

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WRONG value:
Tamura private communication

FIG. 16. Experimentally determined level scheme of $^{16}\Lambda\text{O}$ and observed γ -ray transitions. The corresponding level scheme of ^{15}O is also shown.



formation probability

capture Rate per stopped K

#1: $0.006 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.001 \%$

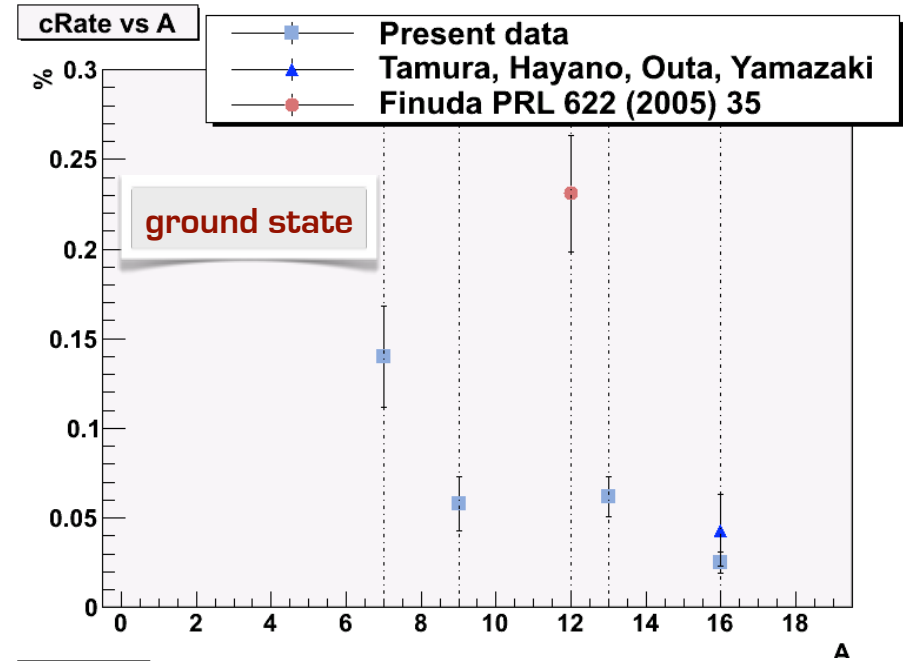
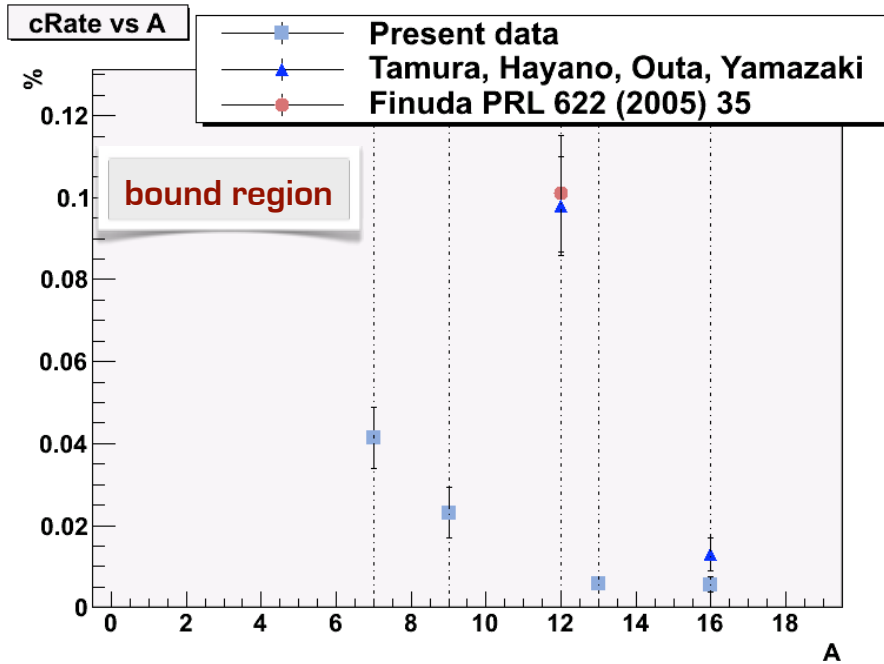
#2: $0.021 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.002 \%$

#3+4: $0.060 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.008 \%$

#5+6: $0.059 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.007 \%$

Total in the bound region:
 $0.027 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.003 \%$

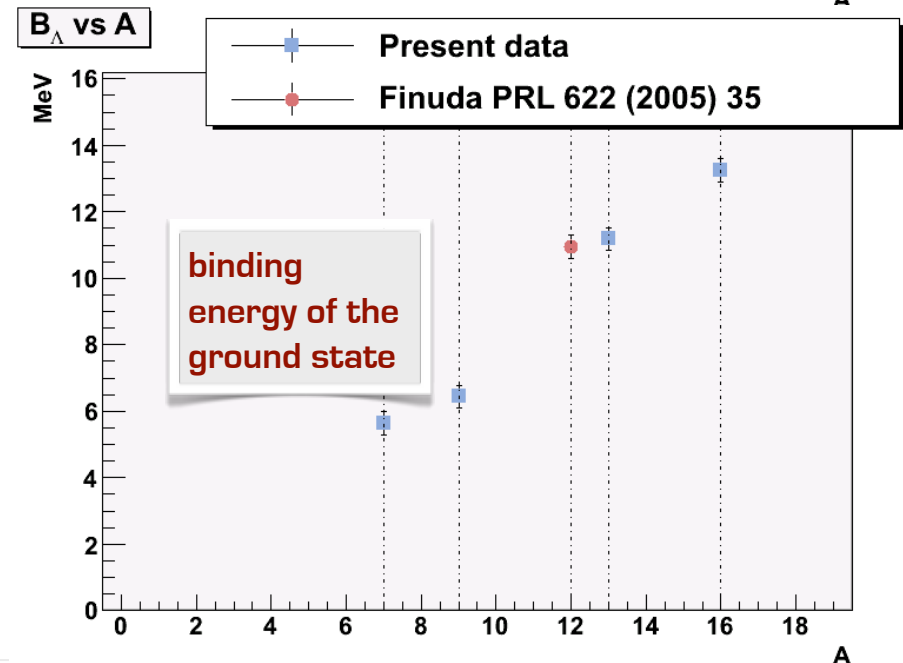
CAPTURE RATE (PER STOPPED KAON) VS A



Λ -hypernuclear production in (K_{stop}^-, π) reactions

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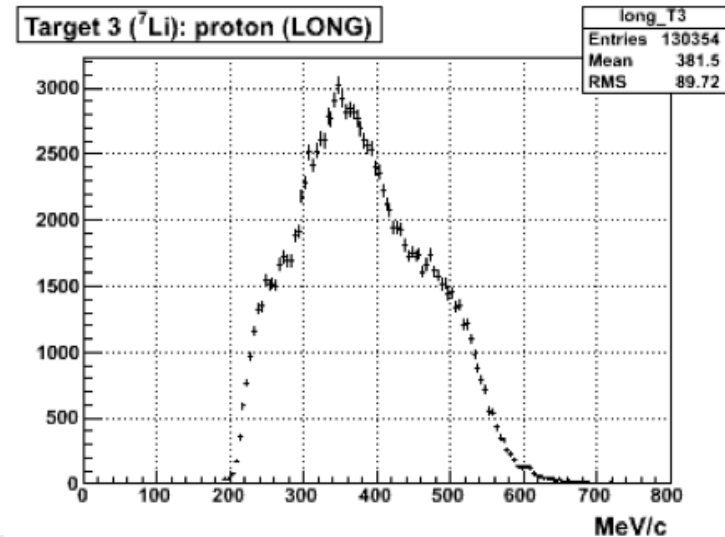
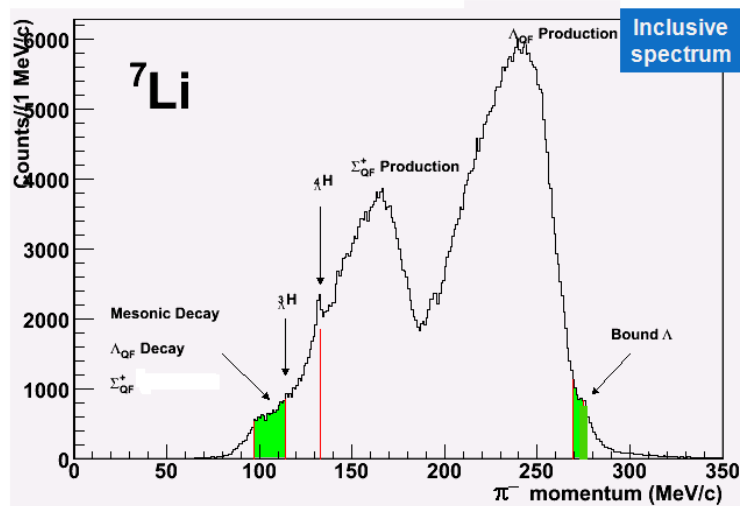
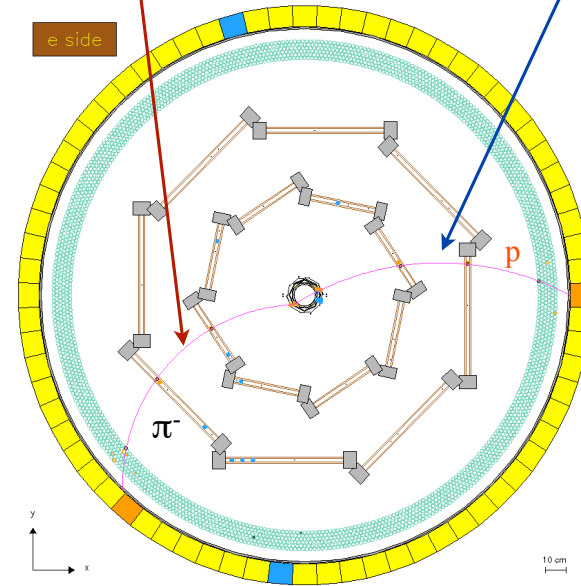
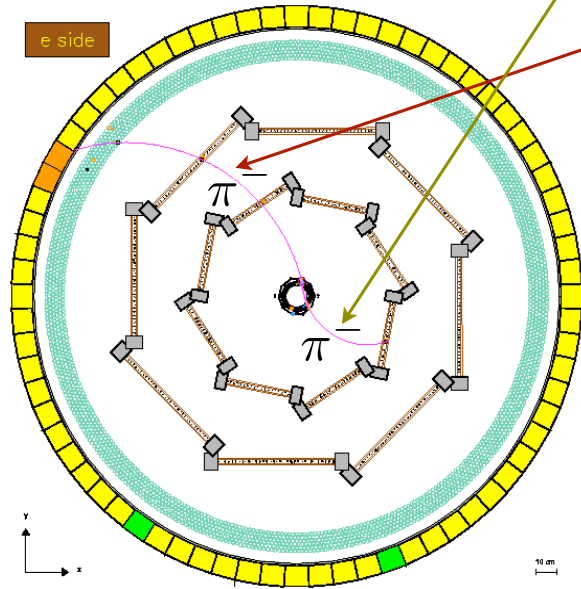
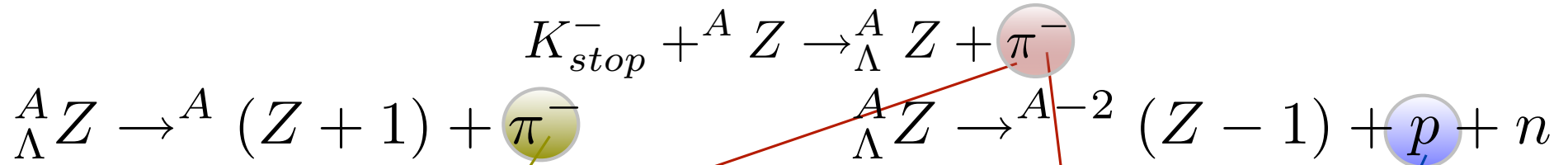


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solved puzzles, open problems and future challenges
in theory and experiment

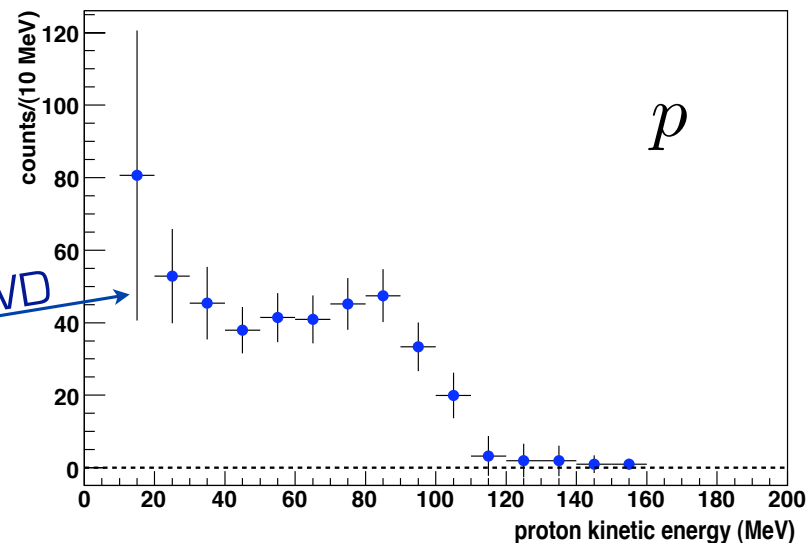
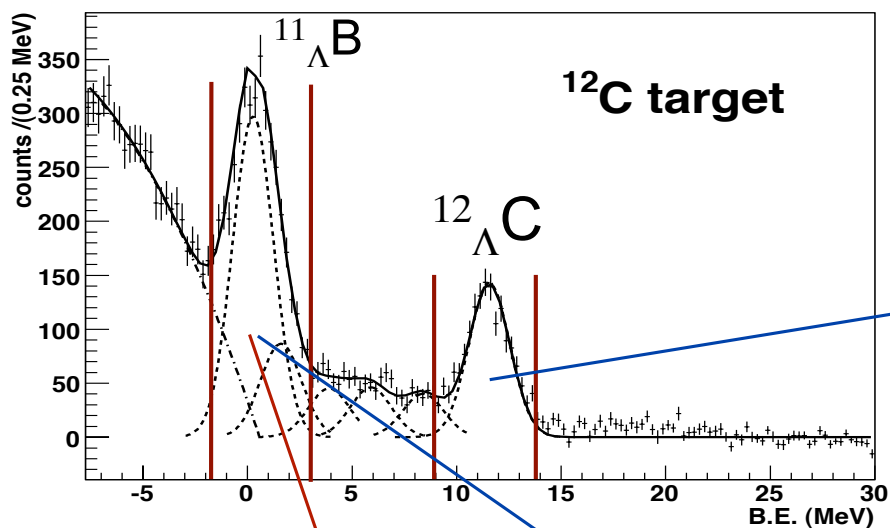
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mesonic & non-mesonic weak decays



Inclusive production π spectra background subtracted



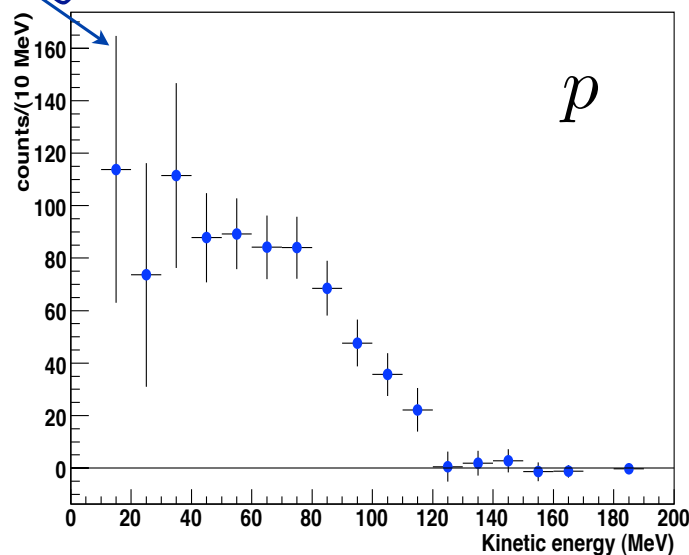
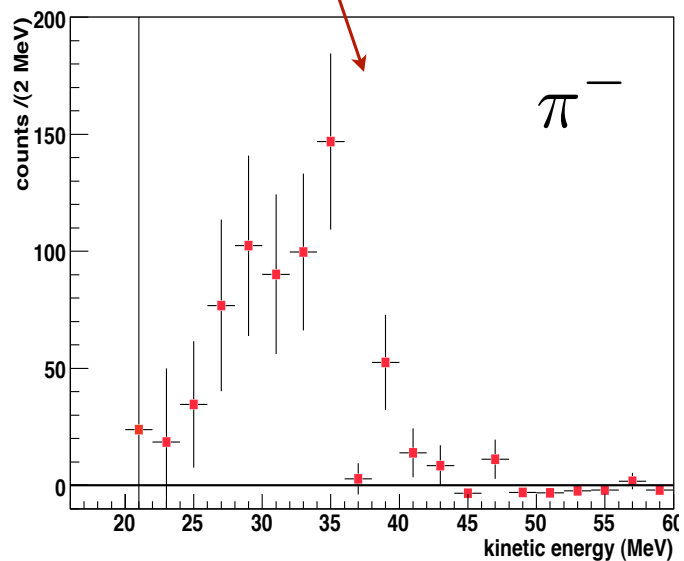
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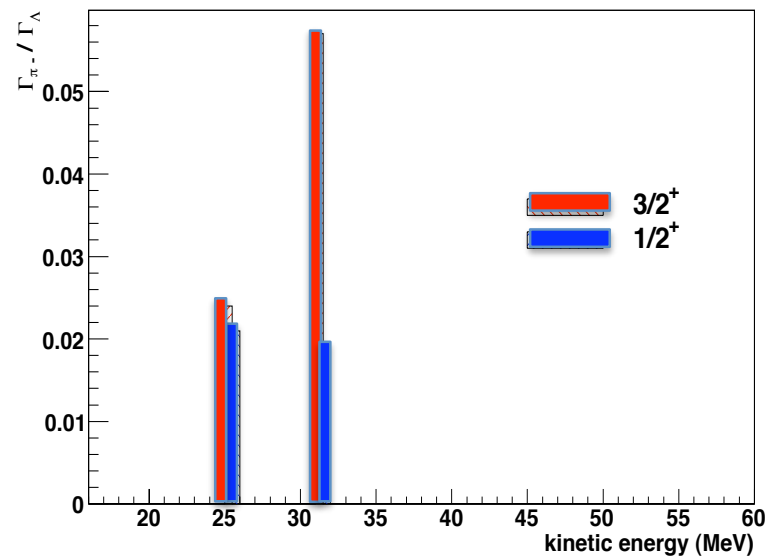
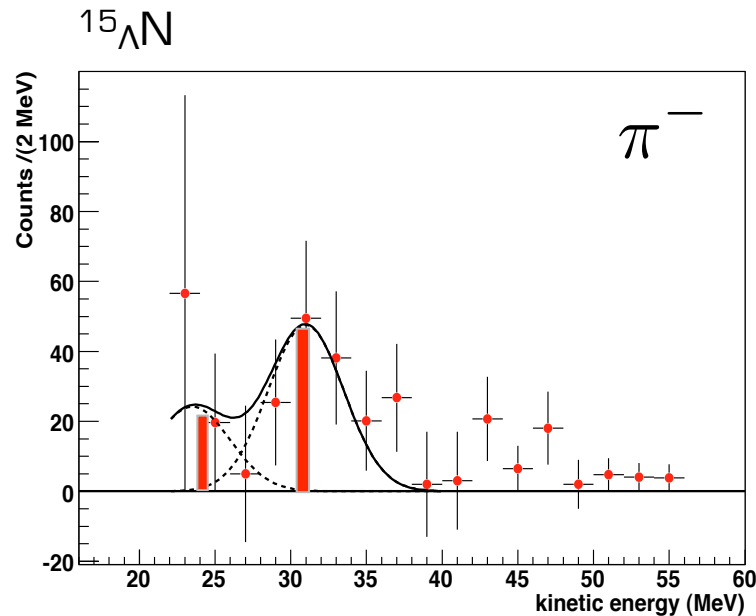
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New results on mesonic weak decay of p-shell Λ -hypernuclei



decay π and p spectra
background subtracted
& acceptance corrected



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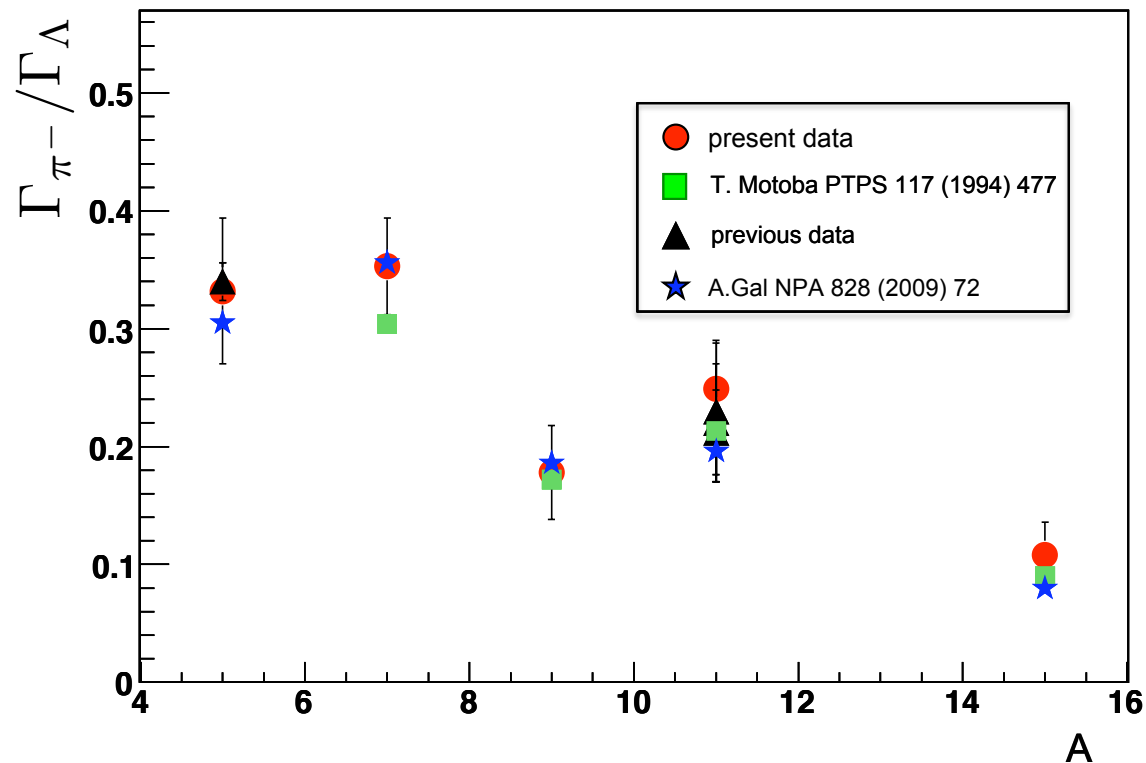
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 T. Motoba et al, Nucl. Phys. A 489 (1988) 683.
 A. Gal, Nucl. Phys. A 828 (2009) 72.

$^{15}\Lambda N_{g.s}$ spin not known. $J^\pi(^{15}\Lambda N_{g.s.}) = 3/2^+$
 D.J.Millener, A.Gal, C.B.Dover Phys. Rev. C 31 (1985) 499.

Spin ordering not obtained from γ -rays of $^{16}\Lambda O$
 M.Ukai et al. Phys. Rev.C 77 (2008) 054315.

First experimental determination
 $J^\pi(^{15}\Lambda N_{g.s.}) = 3/2^+$
 from spectrum shape
 and decay rate value

$$\Gamma_{\pi^-} / \Gamma_{\Lambda} = 0.108 \pm 0.038^{+0.014}_{-0.013}$$



Mesonic decay results

MWD π spectra for ${}^7_\Lambda\text{Li}$, ${}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}$, ${}^{11}_\Lambda\text{B}$ and ${}^{15}_\Lambda\text{N}$

spin-parity assignment confirmed for ${}^7_\Lambda\text{Li}$, ${}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}$, ${}^{11}_\Lambda\text{B}$ g.s.

new spin-parity assignment for ${}^{15}_\Lambda\text{N}$, based on decay rate (and spectrum shape)

MWD decay rates calculated and compared with theoretical calculations and previous measurements

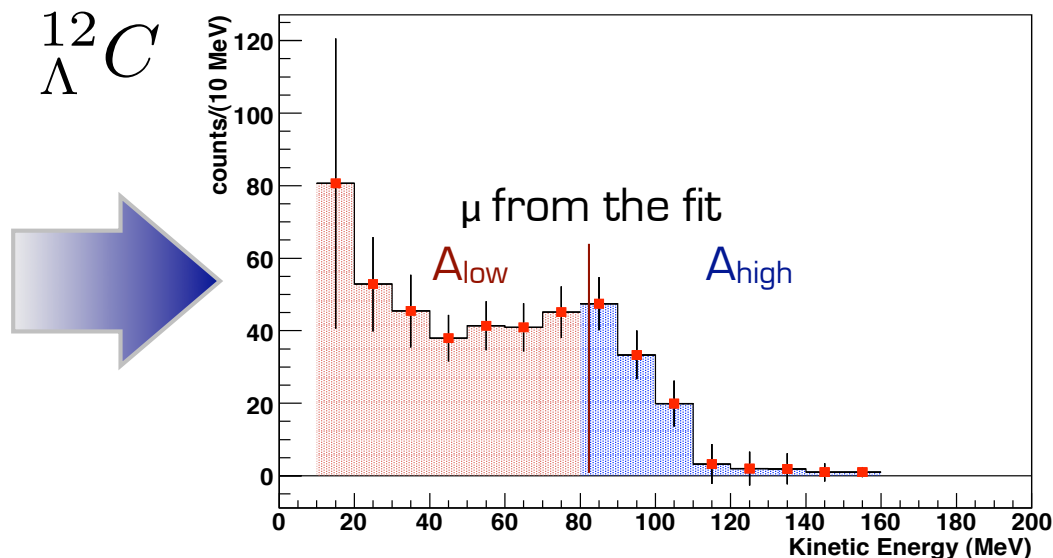
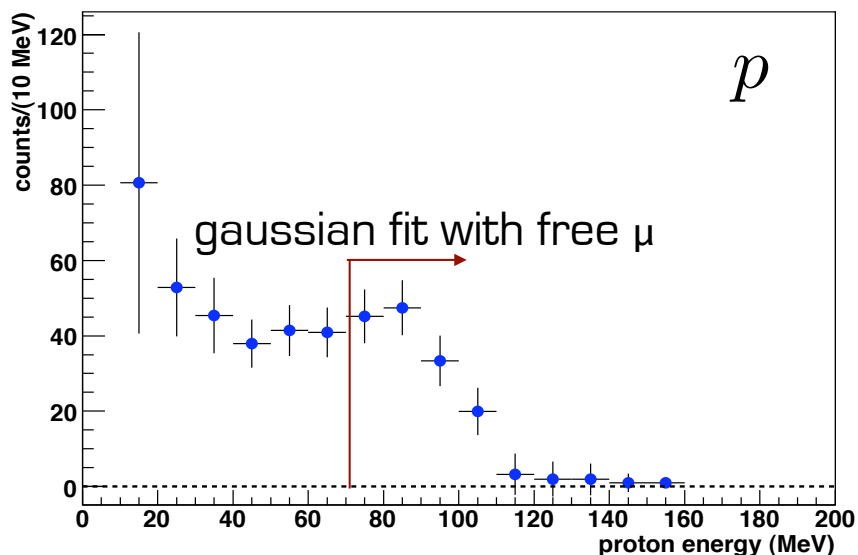
nuclear structure effects

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Measurement of the proton spectra from non-mesonic weak decay of Λ He5 Λ Li7 and Λ C12

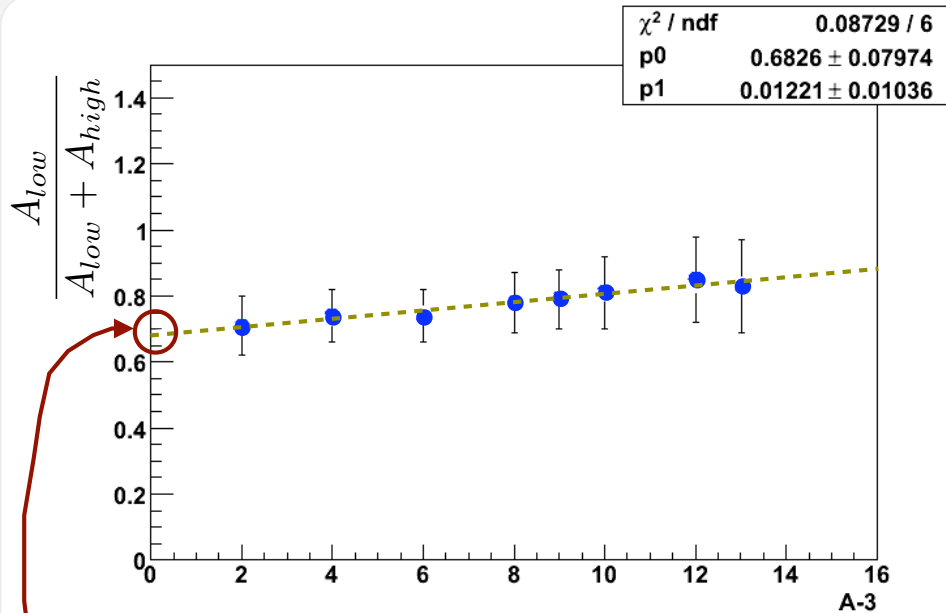


A_{low} : spectrum area below μ
 1N + 2N + FSI

A_{high} : spectrum area above μ
 1N + FSI
 $2N(>70 \text{ MeV}) \sim 5\% 2N_{tot}$

W.Alberico and G.Garbarino, Phys. Rev. 369 (2002) 1.
 G.Garbarino, A.Parreno and A.Ramos, - Phys.Rev.Lett. 91 (2003) 112501.
 G.Garbarino, A.Parreno and A.Ramos, - Phys.Rev. C 69 (2004) 054603.

$$\frac{A_{low}}{A_{low} + A_{high}} = \frac{0.5N(\Lambda p \rightarrow np) + N(\Lambda np \rightarrow nnp) + N^{FSI}}{N(\Lambda p \rightarrow np) + N(\Lambda np \rightarrow nnp) + N^{FSI}}$$



$$\frac{A_{low}}{A_{low} + A_{high}} = \frac{0.5N(\Lambda p \rightarrow np) + N(\Lambda np \rightarrow nnp) + N^{FSI}}{N(\Lambda p \rightarrow np) + N(\Lambda np \rightarrow nnp) + N^{FSI}}$$

$$\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_{np} + \Gamma_{pp} + \Gamma_{nn}$$

$$\Gamma_{np} : \Gamma_{pp} : \Gamma_{nn} = 0.83 : 0.12 : 0.04$$

E. Bauer and G.Garbarino, Nucl.Phys. A 828 (2009), 29.

$$\frac{N(\Lambda np \rightarrow nnp)}{N(\Lambda p \rightarrow np)} = \frac{\Gamma_{np}}{\Gamma_p} \approx \frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_p}$$

Fit as a function of A-3
for $\rightarrow 0$, FSI $\rightarrow 0$

$$R = \lim_{(A-3) \rightarrow 0} \frac{A_{low}}{A_{low} + A_{high}} \approx \frac{0.5 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p}{1 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p} \quad \frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_p} = 0.56 \pm 0.11$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_{NMWD}} = \frac{\Gamma_2/\Gamma_p}{\Gamma_n/\Gamma_p + 1 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p} = 0.27 \pm 0.06$$

Bhang et al., EPJ A33 (2007) 259.

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two body non-mesonic rare decays

Two-body non mesonic decay: large momentum transfer

Unlikely to occur → **rare events**

Expected branching ratios: at the level of 1.5% of all non-mesonic decays

calculations for $^4\Lambda\text{He} \rightarrow nt, pt$

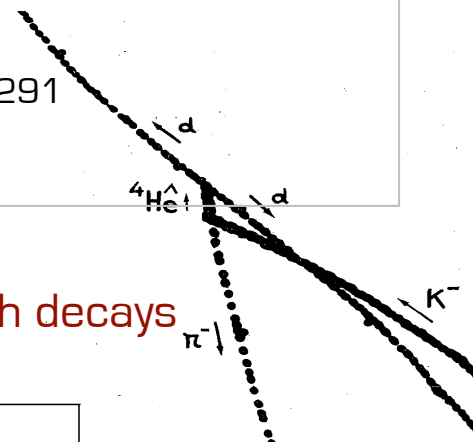
[Rayet Nuovo Cim. 42B (1968), 238]

Very few observations (**ONLY** for $^4\Lambda\text{He}$, mainly from bubble chamber/emulsion experiments)

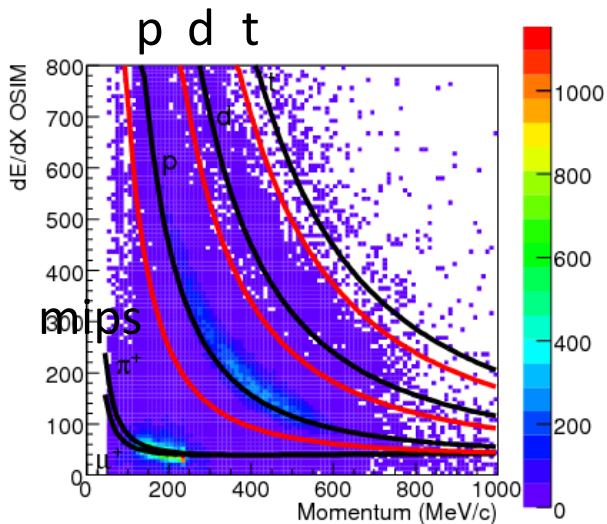
No $^4\Lambda\text{He} \rightarrow pt$

A few $^4\Lambda\text{He} \rightarrow ^3\text{He} n$ Coremans et al. (1968), unpublished- Block PRL 3(1959), 291

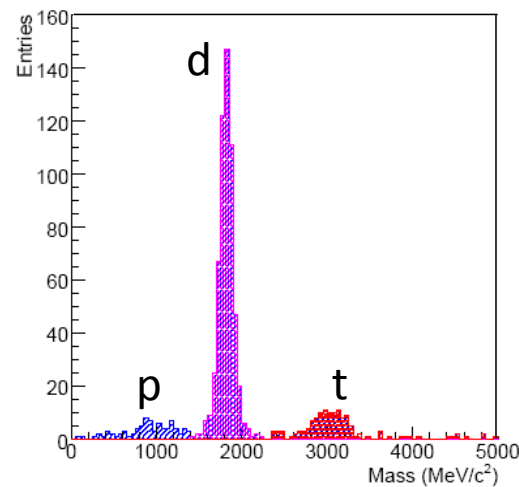
One $^4\Lambda\text{He} \rightarrow dd$ event Block et al. (1960)



FINUDA ability to **identify** and track **p, d and t** has been used to study such decays



dE/dx p.id.



TOF p.id.

${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ hyperfragments (from all targets) ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow dd$ - d momentum: 570 MeV/cTotal probability (yield) per stopped K^- Mean value: $(2.82 \pm 0.62) \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{\text{stop}}$ For ${}^6\text{Li}$ targets: $(5.22 \pm 1.90) \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{\text{stop}}$

➔ based on the capture rate per K^- at rest measured for ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ in ${}^4\text{He}$ (Tamura et al.)

$$\Gamma_{dd}({}^6\text{Li}) = (0.3 \pm 0.1)\% \Gamma_{\Lambda}$$

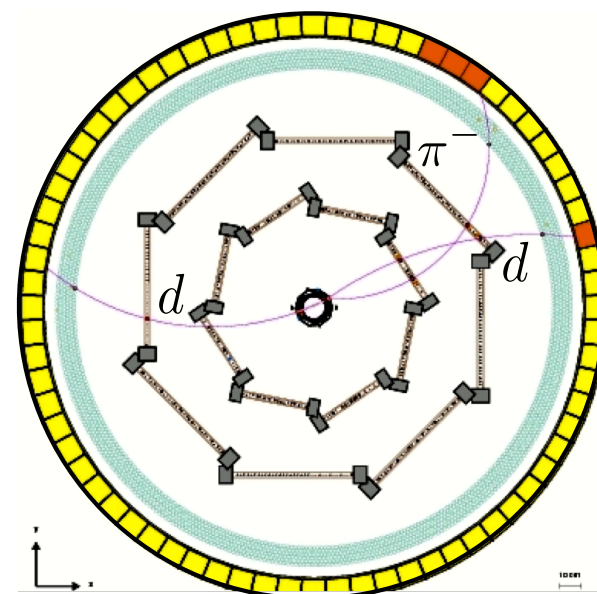
 ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow pt$ - p momentum: 508 MeV/cTotal probability (yield) per stopped K^- Mean value: $(5.42 \pm 3.43) \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{\text{stop}}$ For ${}^6\text{Li}$ targets: $(18.53 \pm 14.80) \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{\text{stop}}$

➔ Under the above assumption

$$\Gamma_{pt}({}^6\text{Li}) = (1.1 \pm 0.9)\% \Gamma_{\Lambda}$$

${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow dd$ 16 complete events +
43 semi-inclusive events with a missing π^-

${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow pt$ 21 events selected
with (unfortunately) high S/N ratio



dd/pt ratio: the pt decay channel is the favoured one

$^5_\Lambda\text{He}$ hyperfragments (from ^6Li and ^7Li targets)

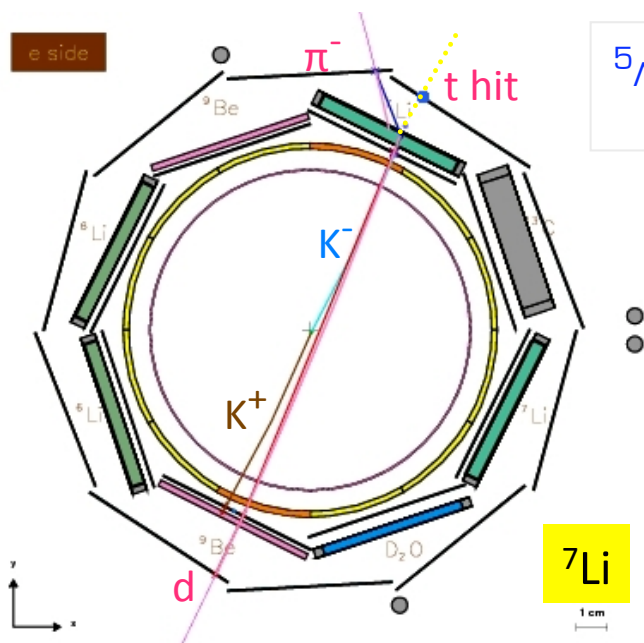
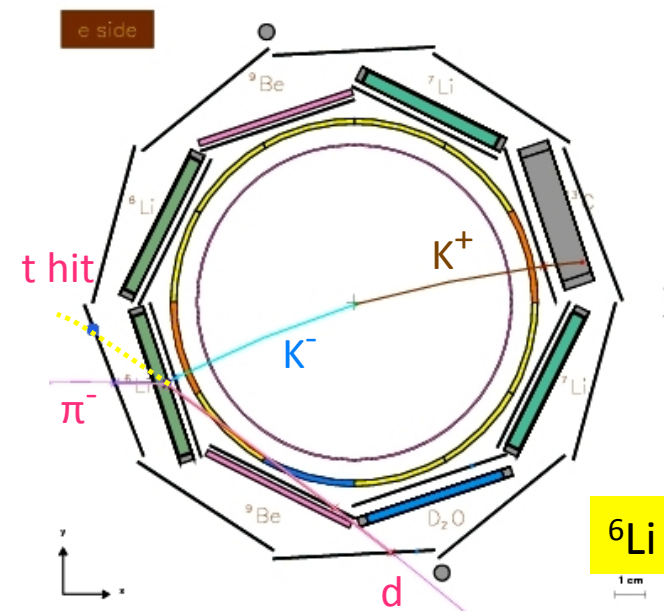
$^5_\Lambda\text{He} \rightarrow dt$ - d momentum: 597 MeV/c

Total probability (yield) per stopped K^-

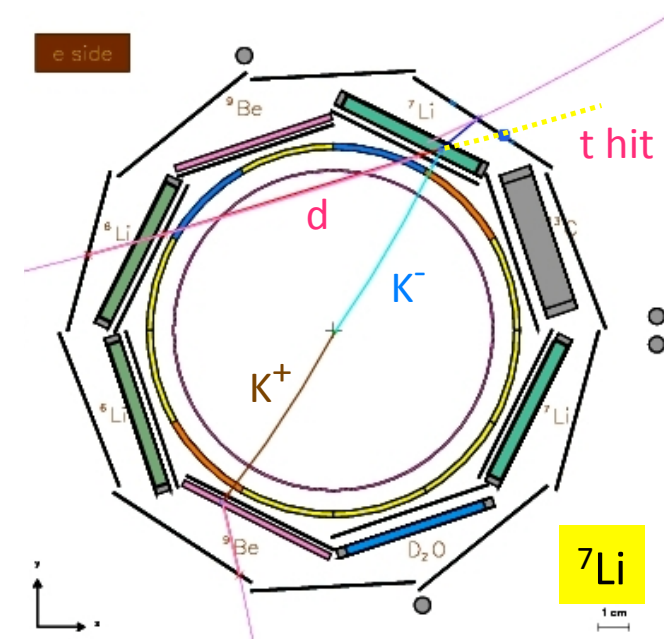
Mean value: $(1.23 \pm 0.60) \cdot 10^{-5} / K^-_{\text{stop}}$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{dt} = (0.29 \pm 0.15)\% \Gamma_\Lambda$

Agreement with theoretical expectations



$^5_\Lambda\text{He} \rightarrow dd$ 3 events
1x ^6Li , 2x ^7Li

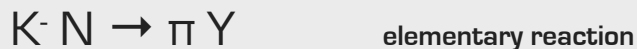


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K- absorption by few nucleons

Study of hypernuclei and their decays:

One nucleon absorption (pion-emission)



Search for possible deeply bound kaon states:

Two nucleon absorption (no-pion emission)



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Evidence for a Kaon-Bound State K^-pp Produced in K^- Absorption Reactions at Rest

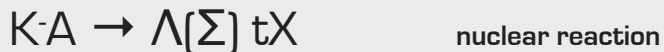
Three nucleon absorption (no-pion emission)



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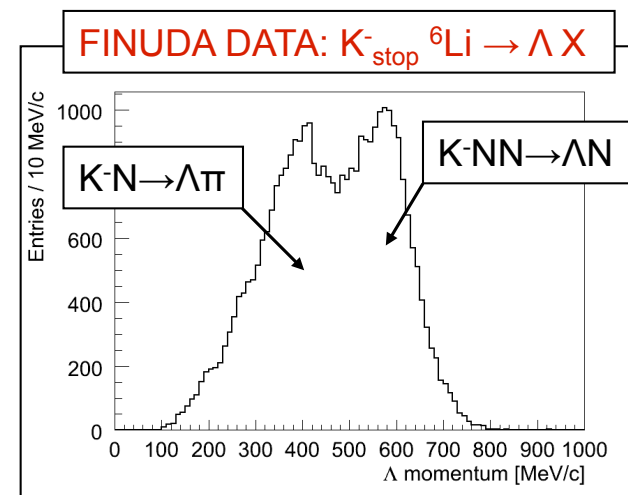
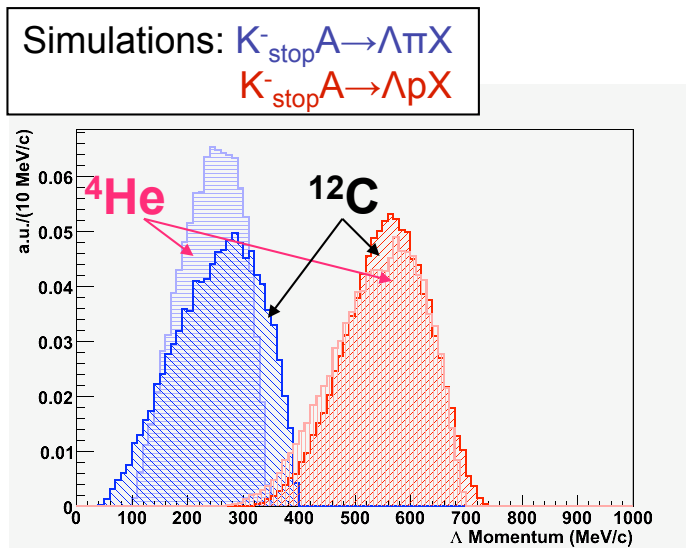
Correlated Λd pairs from the $K^-_{(stop)}A \rightarrow \Lambda dA'$ reaction

Four nucleon absorption (no-pion emission)



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Correlated Λt pairs from the absorption of K^- at rest in light nuclei

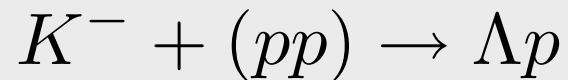


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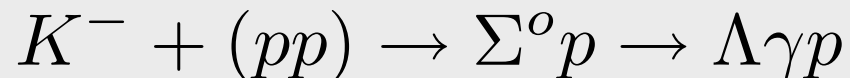
Λp invariant mass study

A bump has been observed

Two nucleon absorption

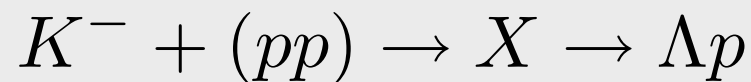


peak expected at 2.34 GeV



74 MeV lower distribution, and broadened

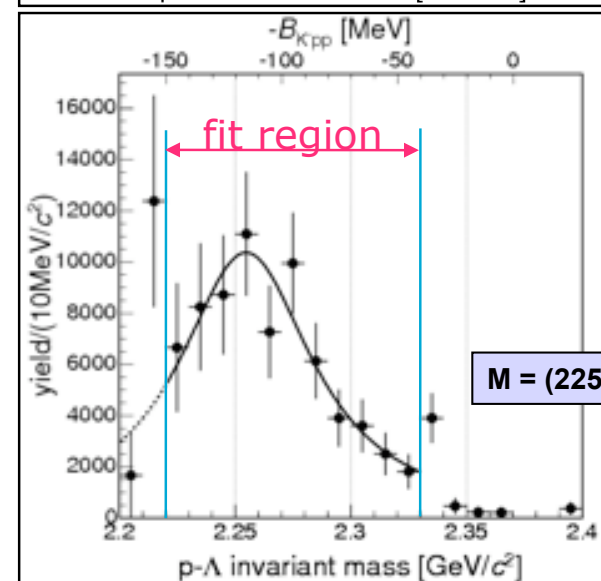
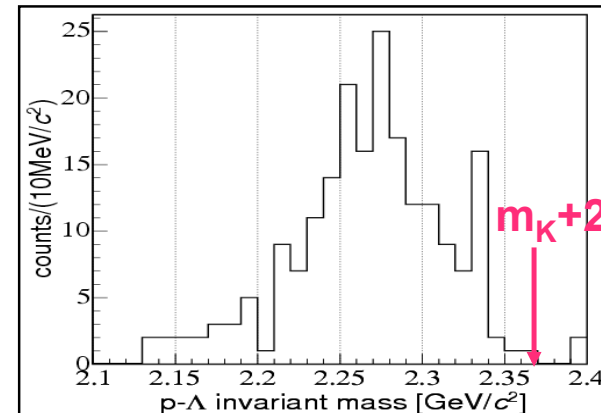
Kaon nuclear bound state formation



Alternative interpretations of the Λp bump were suggested in the meanwhile

$$B = 115^{+6}_{-5}(\text{stat})^{+3}_{-4}(\text{sys}) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 67^{+14}_{-11}(\text{stat})^{+2}_{-3}(\text{sys}) \text{ MeV}$$



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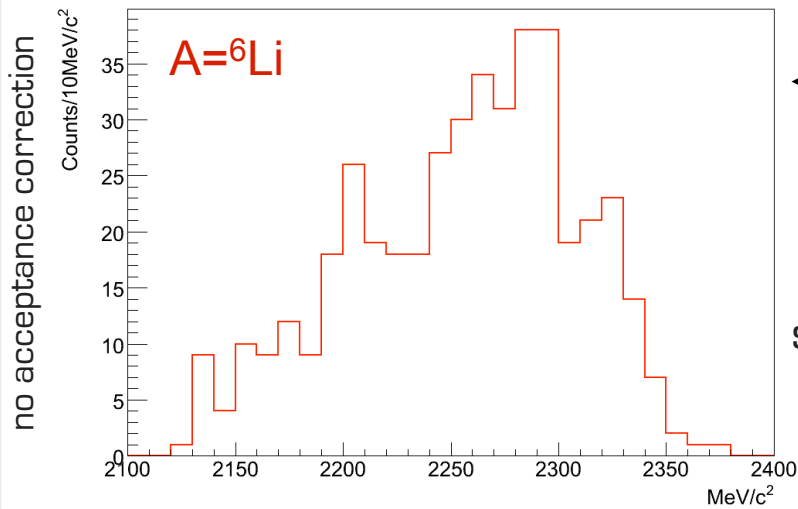
Evidence for a Kaon-Bound State K⁻pp Produced in K⁻ Absorption Reactions at Rest

2006 - 2007 Data Taking:

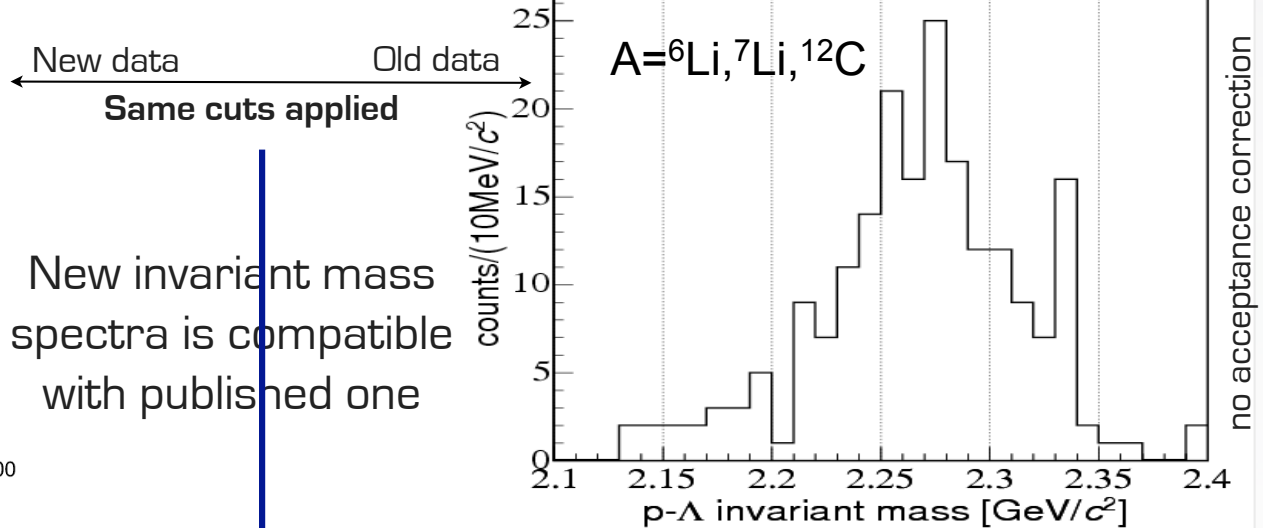
- 8x statistics on: ⁶Li (⁷Li, ⁹Be)
- Improved tracking efficiency

- Extended range of the reconstructed momentum
- Improved selections (missing mass)
- Statistics large enough to study single target spectra

Λ p Invariant Mass



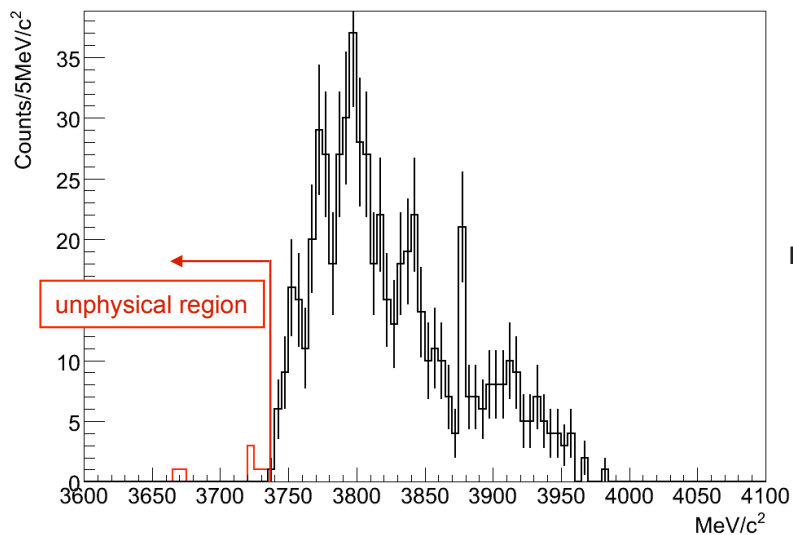
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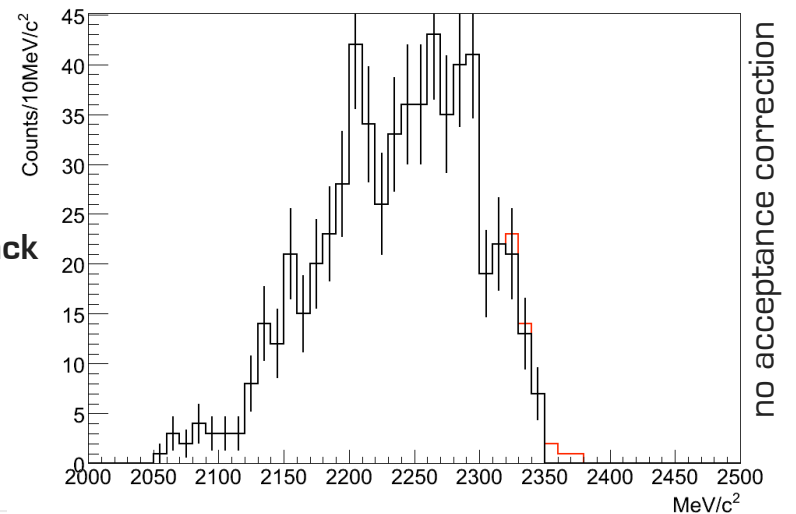
New data ← Old data
Same cuts applied

New invariant mass spectra is compatible with published one

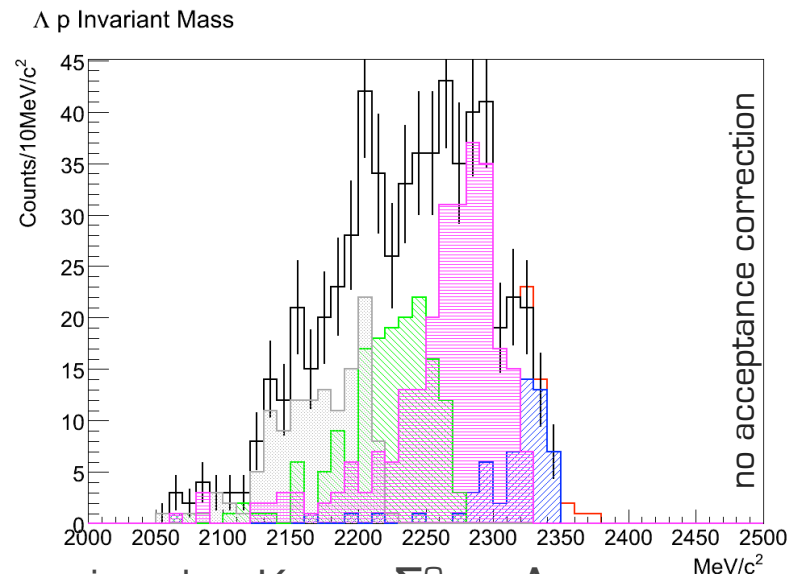
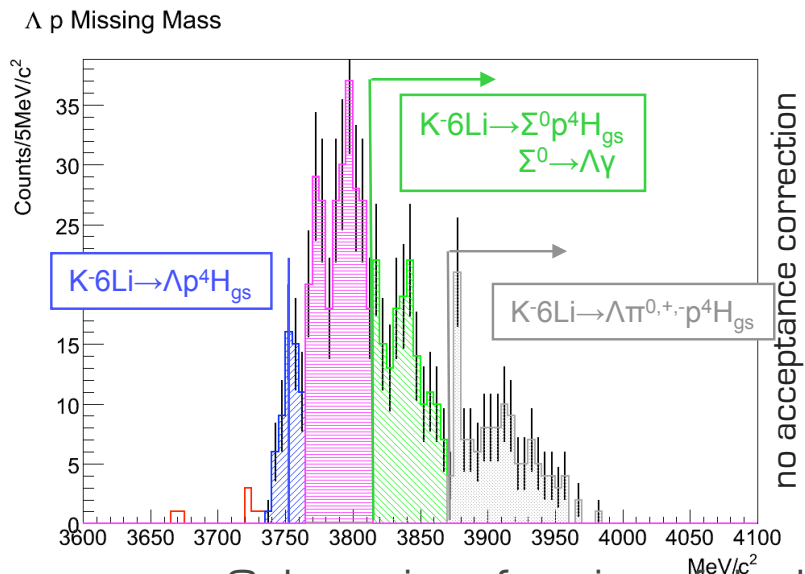
Λ p Missing Mass



Λ p Invariant Mass



releasing back-to-back correlation cut



Only a minor fraction of the bump can be associated to $K^-pp \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$

the Missing Mass selection cannot exclude $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$ conversion reactions, but they are excluded due to a different ΛN angular correlation

Alternative interpretations of the Λp bump

~~QF-2NA $K^-pp \rightarrow \Lambda p$ followed by FSI (Magas et al.)
(from back-to-back correlation)~~

~~- Dominance of Σ^0 production over Λ :
QF-2NA $K^-pp \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p$ followed by $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$ decay~~

~~- QF-2NA $K^-NN \rightarrow \Sigma N$ followed by $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$ conversion reaction~~

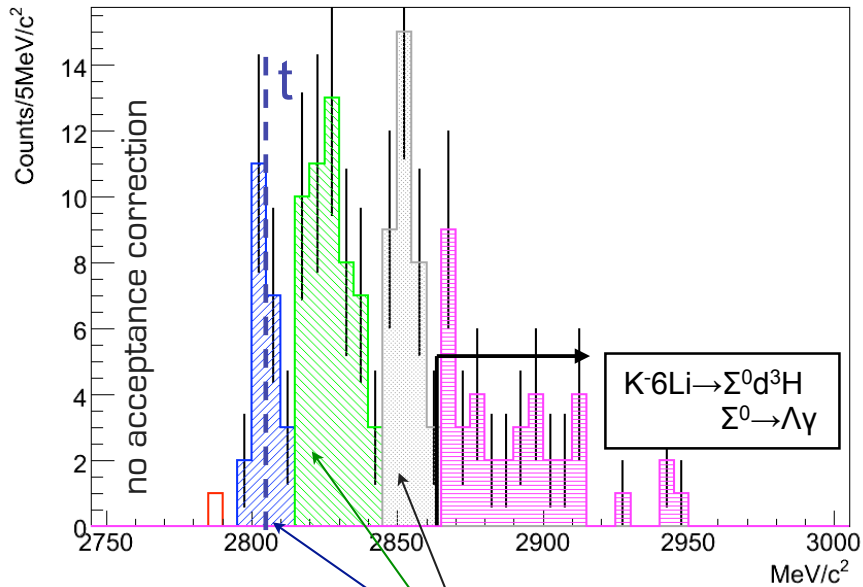
- Decay of heavier kaonic nuclei (Mares et al.)

most of alternative explanations have been excluded

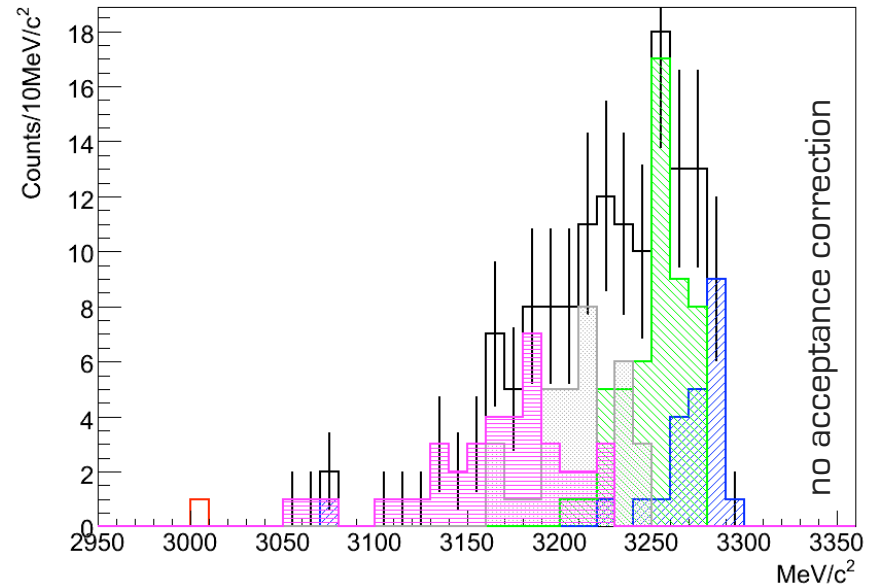
To explain all the observables a realistic model is needed:
K⁻ dynamics (bound state)
and proton pair momenta

Λd invariant mass to measure K⁻ ppn absorption

Λ d Missing Mass

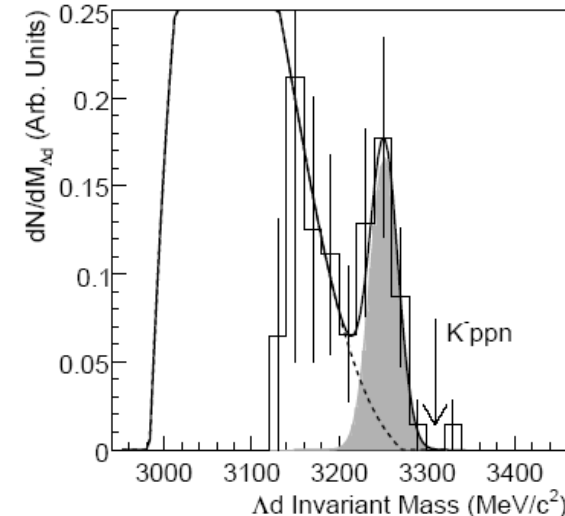


Λ d Invariant Mass



3 well defined states in missing mass with Λ d emitted back-to-back:
 $2805 \pm 4 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \Rightarrow \text{QF-3NA: } K^-6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Lambda dt$
 $2824 \pm 11 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 $2852 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

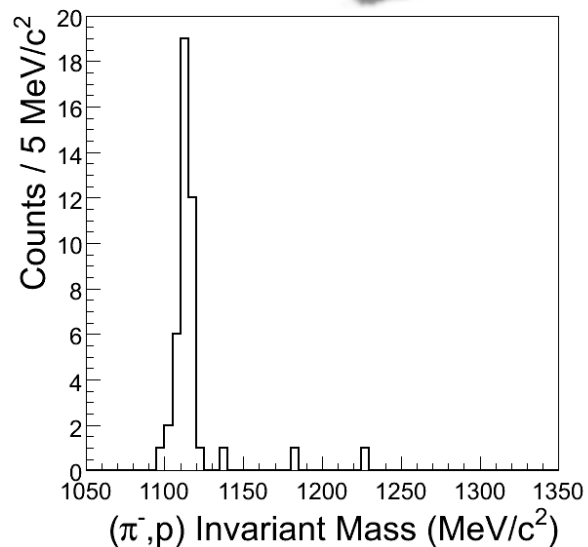
The Λd bump published is a superimposition of three different final states. The QF-3NA is identified ($K^-6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Lambda dt$). The nature of the other two states will soon be clarified. The Σ⁰ doesn't play a relevant role.



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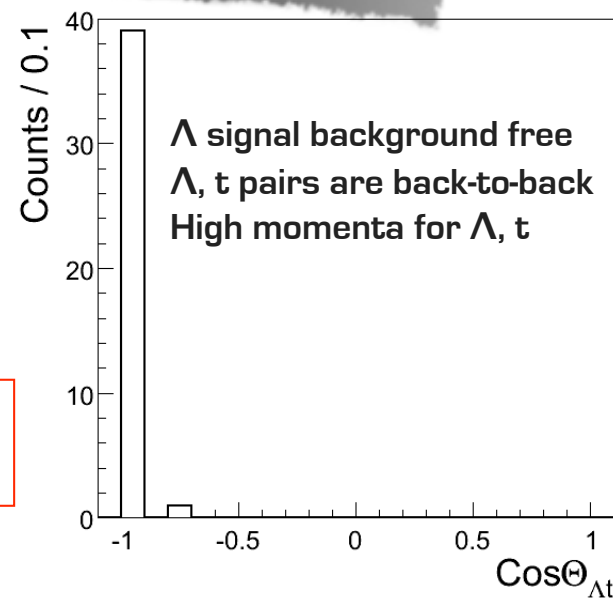
Λt invariant mass to measure K⁻ ppnn absorption (A = ⁶Li, ⁷Li, ⁹Be)

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Correlated Λt pairs from the absorption of K⁻ at rest in light nuclei

FINUDA thresholds:
 Λ 140 MeV/c
 t 430 MeV/c

Direct measurement of
 K⁻ absorption on ⁴He



Only one measurement existed so far, from bubble chamber: 3 events by kin fit

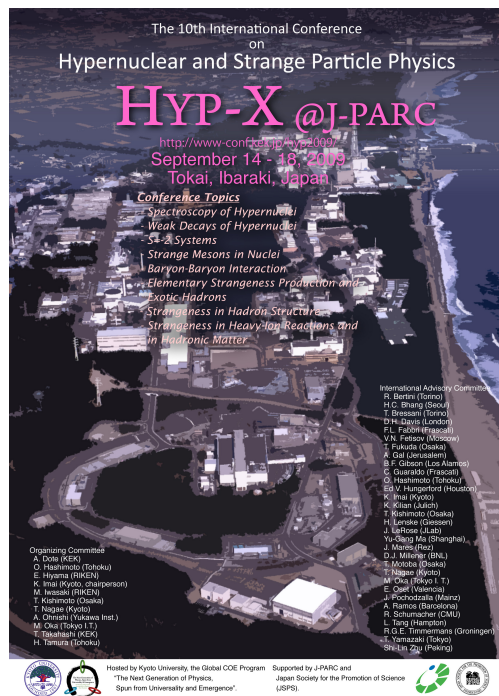
40 events observed in FINUDA - Capture rate: $\sim 1 \times 10^{-3}/K^-$

Conclusions

FINUDA is committed to complete its analysis on important topics such as:

- hypernuclear spectroscopy
- mesonic and non-mesonic weak
- non-mesonic rare decays
- K absorption with few nucleons
- ... others ...

- **wide range of nuclear physics (wider than in the Proposal)**
- **limited by statistics**
- **FINUDA is exploiting the data collected in the 2 (short) data taking**



FINUDA @ hypX

Recent results on mesonic and non-mesonic weak decays - *E. Botta (Plenary session)*

Recent results on K- absorption by few nucleons and the Bound Kaonic Nuclear State Puzzle
S. Piano (Plenary session)

FINUDA hypernuclear spectroscopy - *G. Bonomi (Parallel session)*

Study of two-body non mesonic decays of light hypernuclei with FINUDA
A. Filippi (Parallel session)

A study of the K-(stop) A -> Sigma (+-) pi)-+) A' reaction - *N. Grión (Parallel session)*

Inclusive proton spectra from stopped K- absorption in nuclei with FINUDA
P. Genova (Parallel session)

Summary talk - *T. Bressani (Plenary session)*

POSTERS:

Search for neutron rich hypernuclei with FINUDA - *L. Benussi*
Study of Λ production on different nuclei with FINUDA - *P. Gianotti*

FINUDA was the single experiment with the largest number of accepted contributions, and the largest community (excluding the organizer's one)