# New experiment using the existing detector system @ K1.8BR

# $^{3}\Lambda H$ lifetime measurement with $^{3}He(K^{-},\pi^{0})^{3}\Lambda H$ Reaction







on behalf of the P73 Collaboration

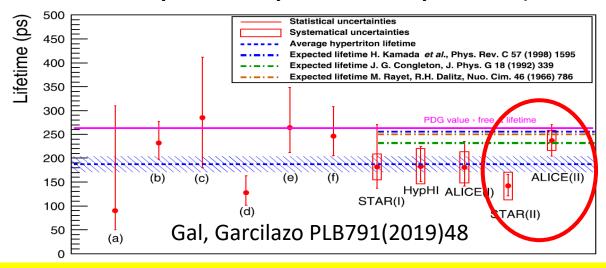
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### Lifetime of Hyper-triton

 Recent heavy-ion experiments reported different lifetime of hyper-triton, <sup>3</sup><sub>A</sub>H:

STAR (2018)	ALICE (2019)	free ∧
$142^{+24}_{-21} \pm 29 \text{ ps}$	$242^{+34}_{-38} \pm 17 \text{ ps}$	263 ± 2 ps

•  $\tau(^3_{\Lambda}H)^{\sim}\tau(\text{free }\Lambda)$  is naively expected, because  $^3_{\Lambda}H$  is known to be very loosely bound system ( $^{\sim}0.13\text{MeV}$ )

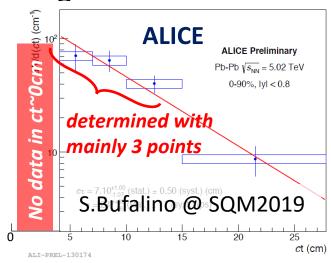


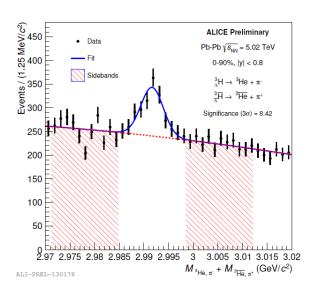
need to clarify the situation using different experimental technique

### **Heavy-Ion Experiment**

#### Heavy-ion experiment STAR, ALICE, HypHI

- Invariant mass reconstruction
  - Difficult to use <sup>3</sup> H information in ct<sup>o</sup>0cm region
  - Huge combinatorial BG

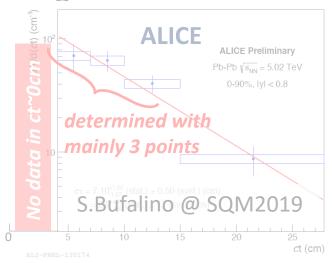


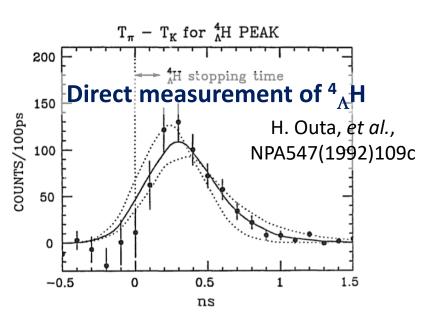


#### **Direct Lifetime Measurement**

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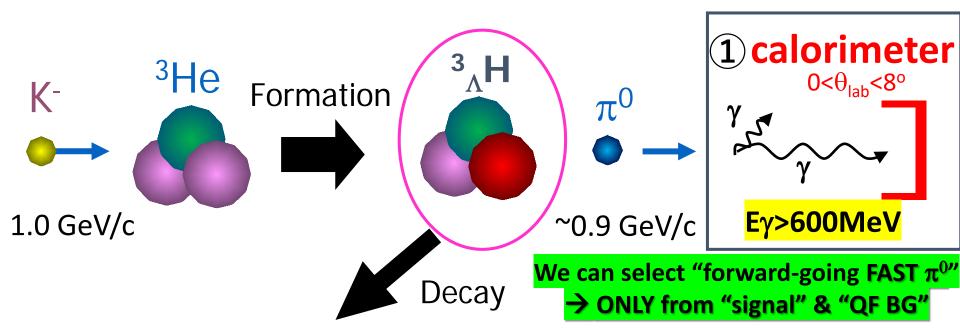
complementary

Direct measurement NO counter experiment so far

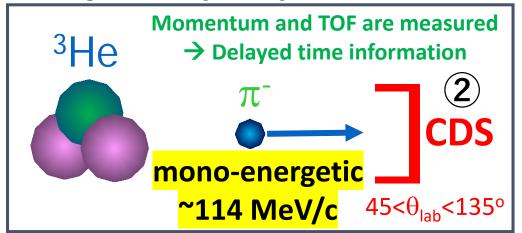


- Delayed time of  $\pi^-$  in mesonic weak decay  $\sim$  at rest
  - Wide-range fitting is possible
  - Quasi-free Y  $\rightarrow \pi^-$ N is dominant BG

## **Experimental Principle**



charged 2-body decay "almost" at rest



- **1** Tag high-energy γ
- **2** Detect mono-energic  $\pi$
- **3** Measure  ${}^3_\Lambda H$  lifetime via  $\pi^-$  delay time

# PbF<sub>2</sub> Calorimeter

- we can perform on-line discrimination of  $\gamma$  and  $\pi$ 
  - **Hadron blind** with  $\Delta E$  cut

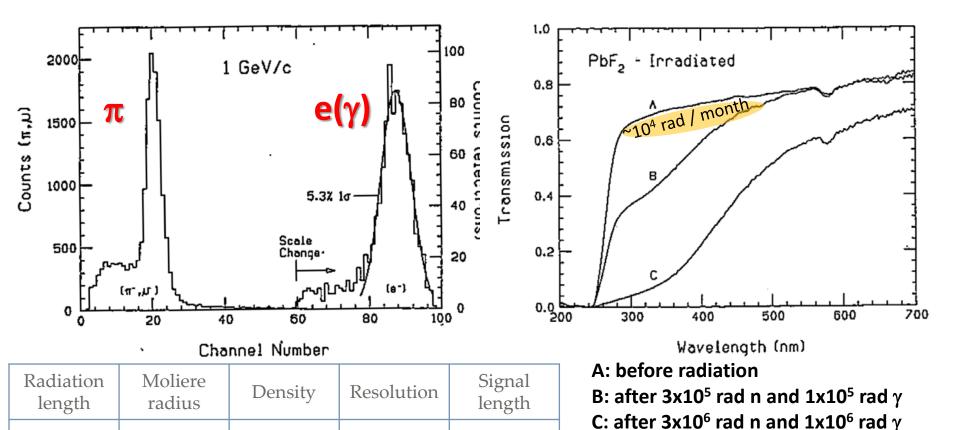
 $7.77 \text{ g/cm}^3$ 

5%

 $0.93 \, \text{cm}$ 

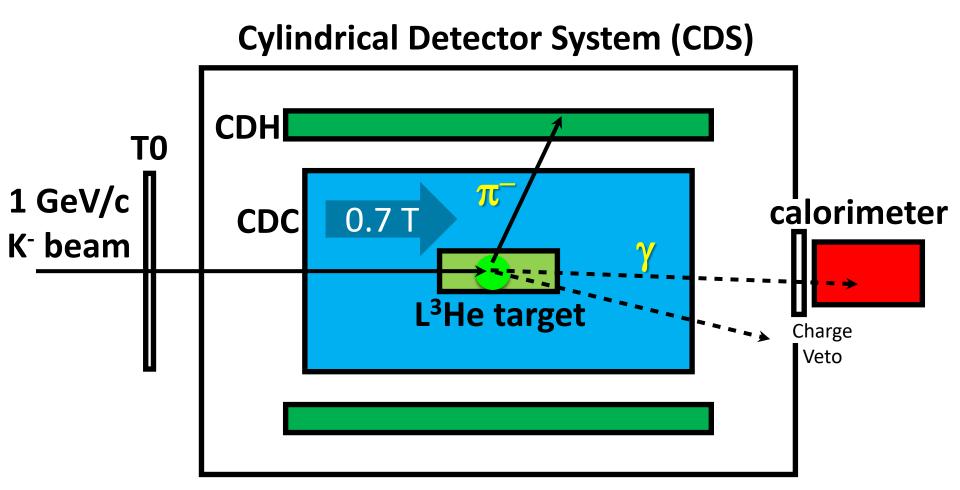
2.22 cm

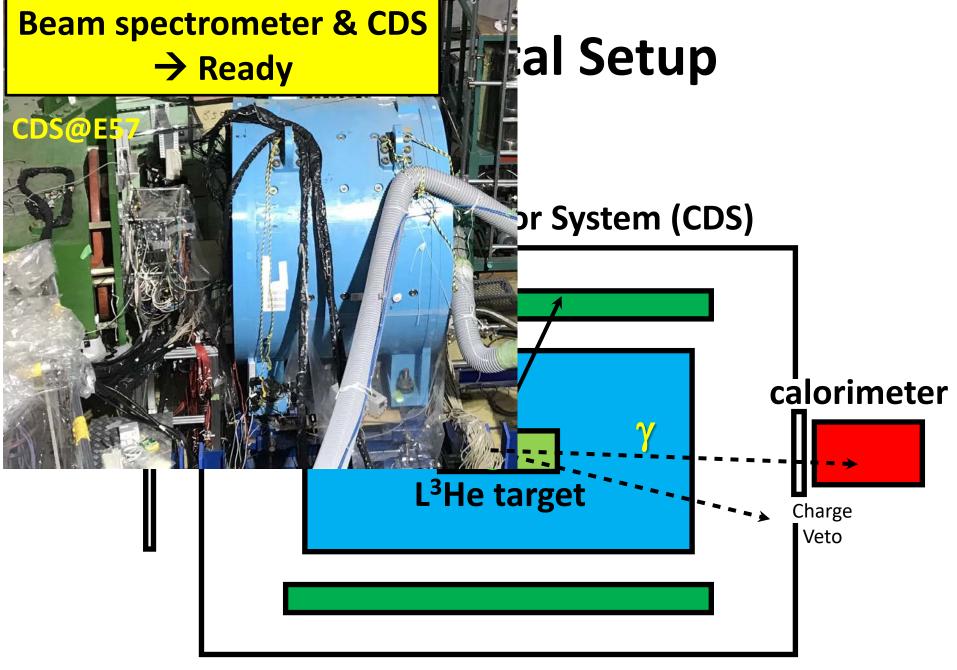
Radiation hardness (x10 times more resistive than Pb glass)

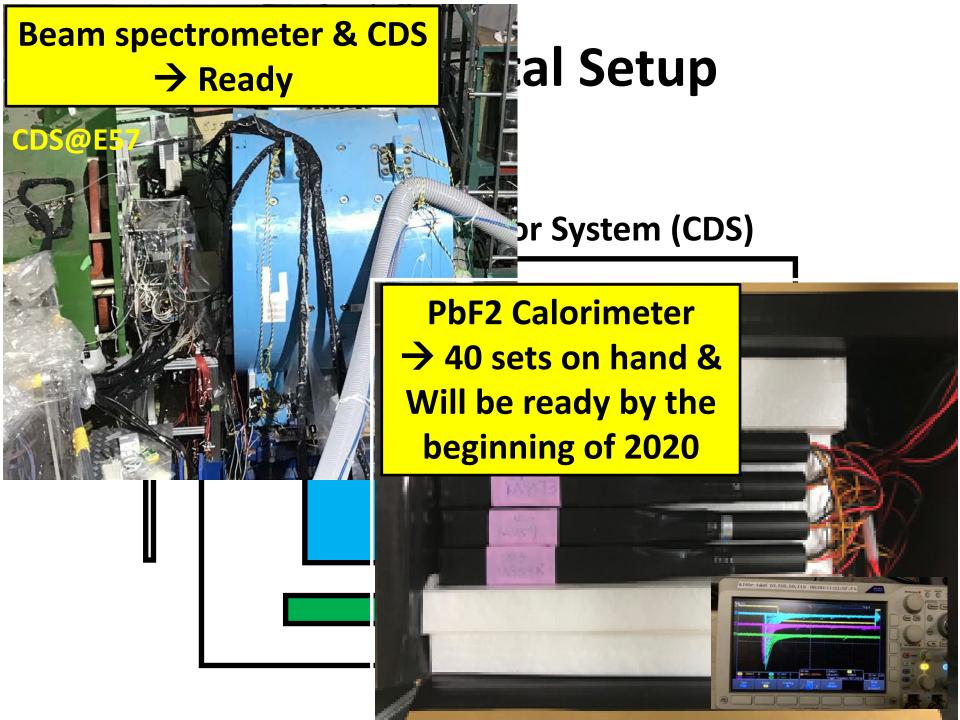


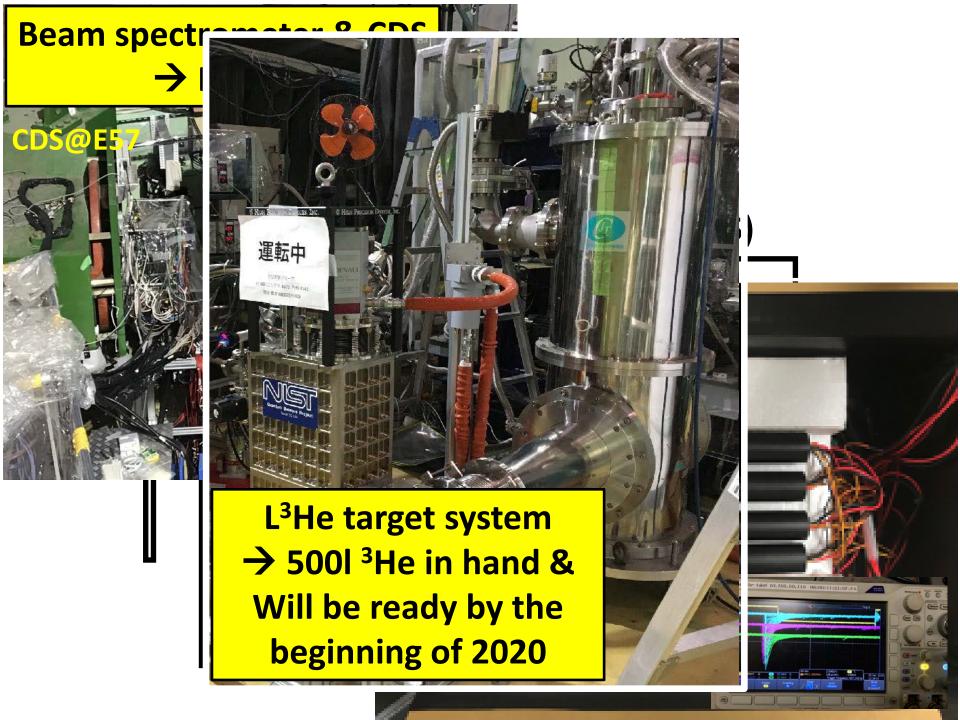
2ns

#### **Experimental Setup**

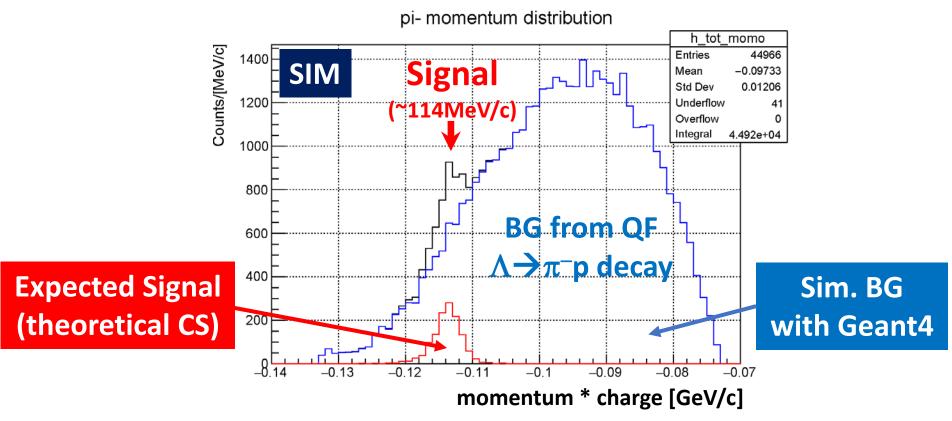






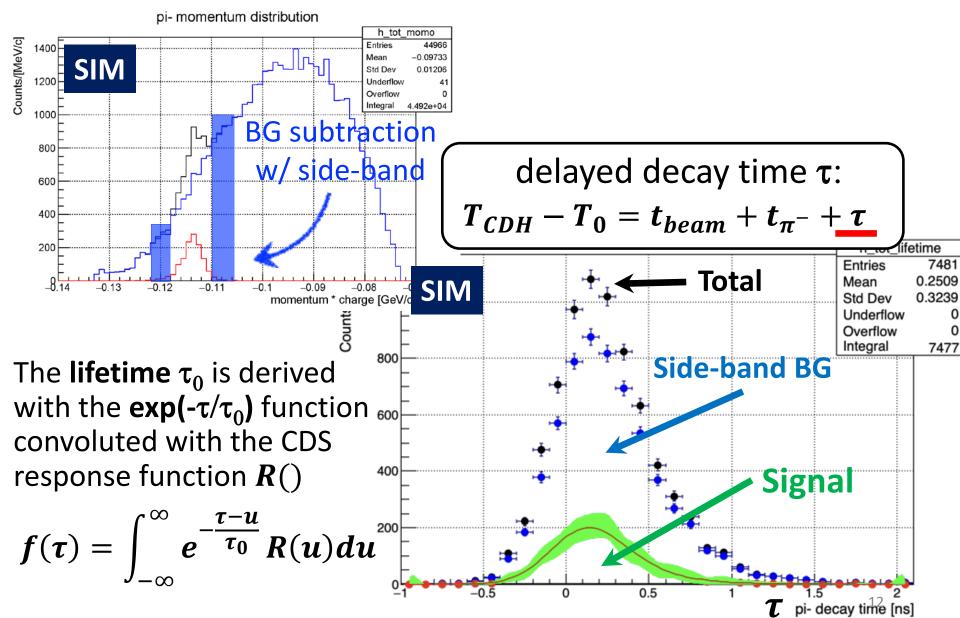


# Expected $\pi^-$ Spectrum of $^3_\Lambda H$



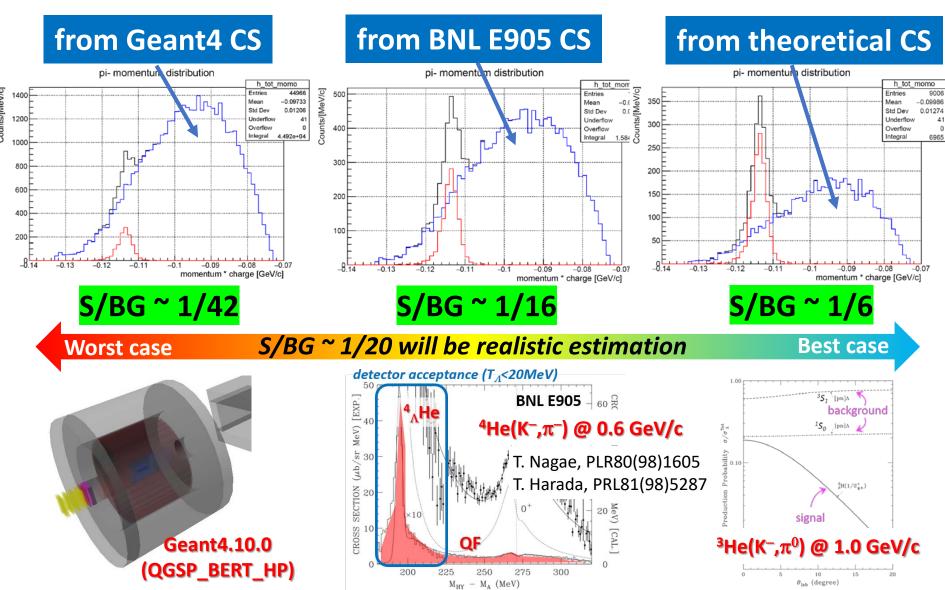
- The spectrum with ~4 weeks data taking at 50kW
  - # of expected signal is ~1k
  - BG is estimated with MC based on Geant4 using K<sup>-</sup> + p reactions.
    - K-p $\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0$  ~ 3.5 mb is dominant
    - K-p $\rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0 \sim 0.9$  mb and K-n $\rightarrow \Sigma^- \pi^0 \sim 0.9$  mb are suppressed by  $\Delta E$  cut of the calorimeter (>600MeV)

#### Lifetime Evaluation

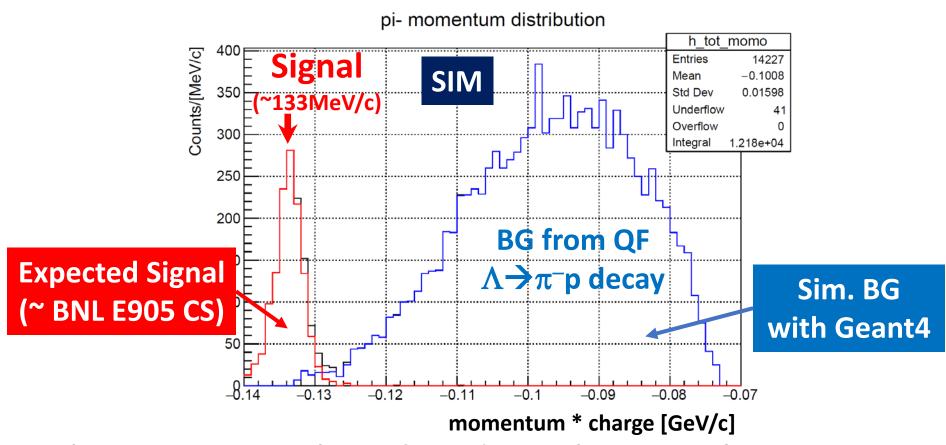


#### **Expected S/BG Ratio with Different Models**

Signal yield is assumed to be ~ 1k in all cases (4w, 50kW)



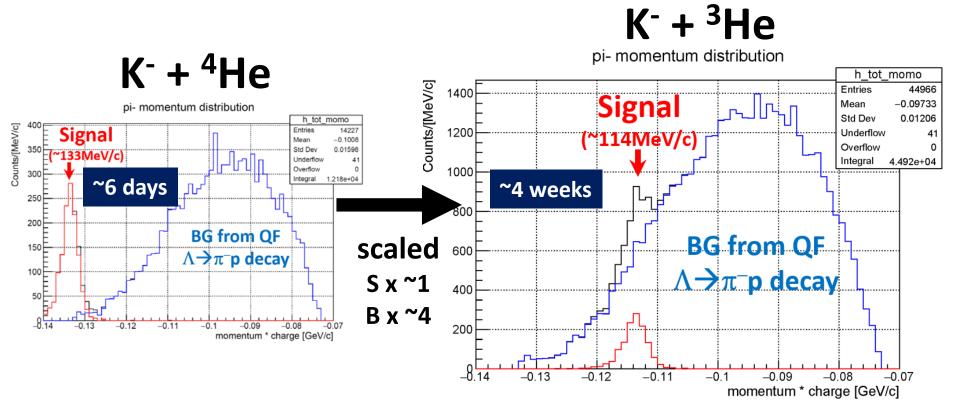
# <sup>4</sup><sub>^</sub>H pilot run for BG evaluation



- The spectrum with ~6 days data taking at 50kW
  - # of expected signal is ~1k
    - $N(_{\Lambda}^{3}H)$  is expected to be ~  $N(_{\Lambda}^{4}H) \times 1/3$  [CS] x1/2 [Br(2-body)]
  - BG is estimated as with <sup>3</sup>He.

Based on theoretical CS & BNL E905 results

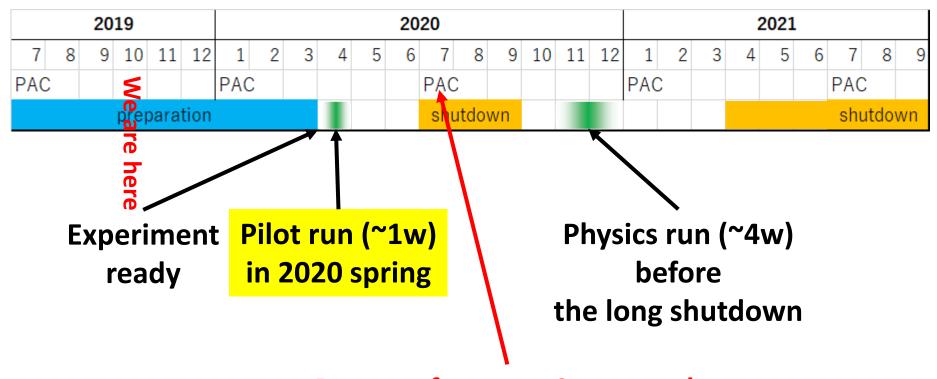
# Realistic Estimation using <sup>4</sup>He Data



- We can do an realistic estimation of the  ${}^3_\Lambda H$  measurement using the BG in  $K^- + {}^4He$  data
  - BG will be almost the same between <sup>3</sup>He and <sup>4</sup>He

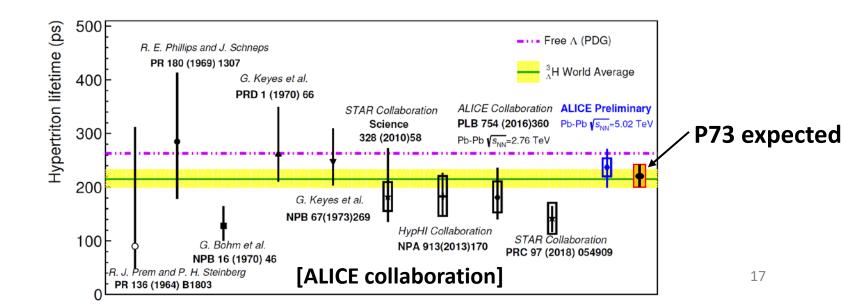
#### Schedule

• To perform the experiment before the long shutdown scheduled in 2021, we would like to conduct the pilot run in 2020 ( = accepted as "test run" at the previous PAC).



## **Summary of the P73 Experiment**

- Direct measurement of the **hypertriton** ( ${}^3_\Lambda$ H) **lifetime** using ( $K^-,\pi^0$ ) reactions.
- The experiment will be ready at K1.8BR in early 2020.
- 1 week beamtime for <sup>4</sup><sub>A</sub>H has been accepted as "test run".
  - rightharpoonup after feasibility study with  ${}^4_{\Lambda}$ H, we would like to request the  ${}^3_{\Lambda}$ H physics run (~4 weeks, 50kW equiv.).



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# **Backup Slides**

# $(K^{-},\pi^{0})$ and $(\pi^{-},K^{0})$

	P73	P74
Reaction	$^{ extsf{3}} extsf{He}( extsf{K}^{ extsf{-}},\!\pi^{0})^{ extsf{3}}_{\Lambda} extsf{H}$	$^3$ He( $\pi^-$ ,K $^0$ ) $^3_\Lambda$ H
Measurement	Delayed $\pi^-$ from $^3_\Lambda$ H decay	
Decay mode	2-body	2- and 3-body
$^{\rm 3}{}_{\Lambda}$ H identification	mono-energetic $\pi^-$	$(\pi^-,K^0)$ missing mass $\red$
Beamline	K1.8BR <u>U</u>	K1.1
Beam	2x10 <sup>5</sup> 1.0 GeV/c K <sup>-</sup>	$1$ x $10^7$ $1.05$ GeV/c $\pi^-$
main spectrometer	CDS <u>U</u>	SKS + vertex
L <sup>3</sup> He target	In hand	-
Expected yield	~1k/month	~0.6k/month
Trigger tag	$\gamma$ from $\pi^0$ for BG suppression	$\pi^+\pi^-$ from K $^0$ for $^3_\Lambda$ H identification
Main BG	QF	QF + K <sup>0</sup> -reconst.

# Reported Issues in the Previous (27<sup>th</sup>) PAC (based on 26<sup>th</sup> PAC comments)

- Kaon in-flight decay background
  - Negligible effect on <sup>3</sup> H lifetime
    - Most of in-flight decays are out of the CDS acceptance
- Reaction induced background
  - Almost of all  $\pi^-$  BG are originated from **QF**  $\Lambda/\Sigma^-$  decays
    - QF K<sup>-</sup>p  $\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0/\Sigma^0 \pi^0$  and K<sup>-</sup>n  $\rightarrow \Sigma^- \pi^0$  reactions
  - BG evaluation with <sup>4</sup>He target is absolutely essential
- Setup optimization
  - The target and the calorimeter positions were optimized
- Statistical and systematics error estimation
  - Statistical error:  $\sim \pm 20$  ps (with 4 weeks data taking)
  - Systematic error: ~±20 ps

#### **Answer to the 27th PAC Comments**

The PAC appreciates the effort made by the P73 collaboration to provide rather advanced simulations. Compared to the  $^{3,4}$ He( $\pi^-$ ,K $^0$ )  $^{3,4}_{\Lambda}$ H reaction, the  $^3$ He(K $^-$ , $\pi^0$ )  $^3_{\Lambda}$ H method seems to suffers from significantly larger background. However, it provides slightly larger yields. Nevertheless, arguments leading to the quoted systematic error in the lifetime measurement of 20 ps should be presented more comprehensibly.

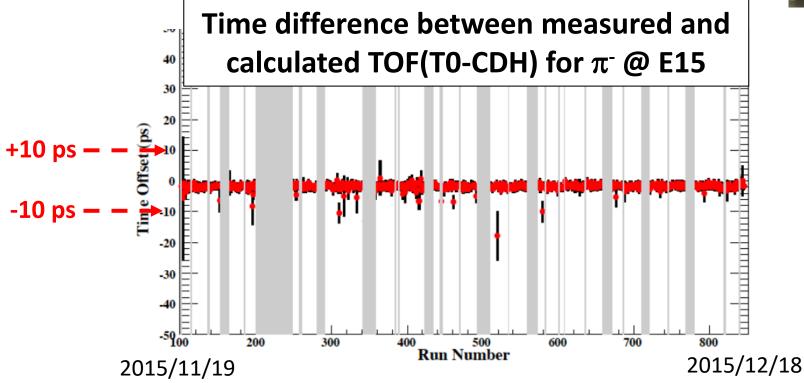
#### Syst. err. will be mainly originated from two types of errors:

- Time Zero Alignment <5 ps</li>
  - Estimated with the E15 (K⁻ + ³He) data ← Next page
- Background subtraction ~20 ps
  - Guesstimated from the previous experiment of  ${}^4_\Lambda H$  at KEK
  - Have to be confirmed with real data analysis with the pilotrun data of K- + <sup>4</sup>He

# Time Zero Alignment Estimation with the E15 Data



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- E15-2<sup>nd</sup> data (Run65,  ${}^{3}$ He(K<sup>-</sup>, $\pi$ <sup>-</sup>)X)
  - Time zero can be determined within 5 ps
- Error propagated from the time zero alignment is estimated to be <5 ps with MC simulation</li>

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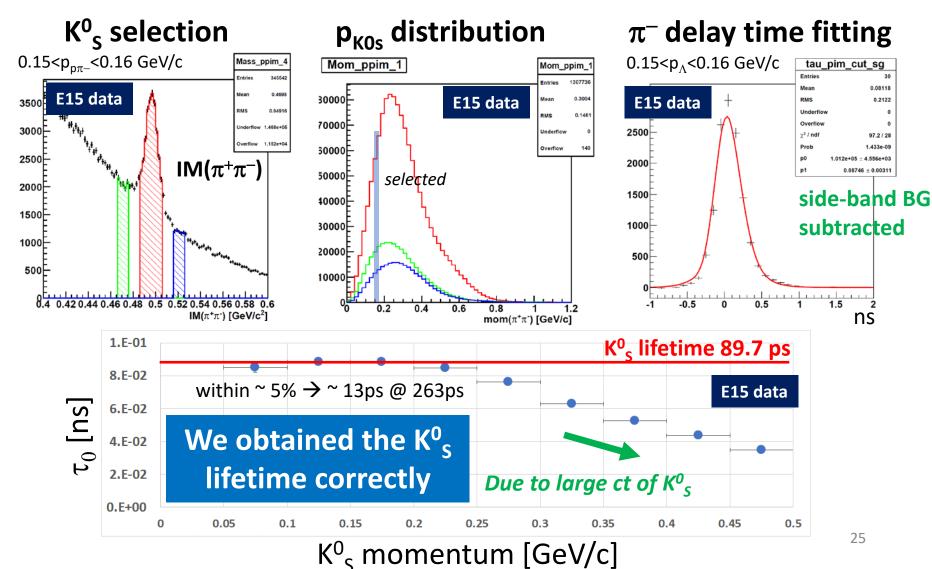
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# We strongly request the ${}^4$ He pilot run for $(K^-,\pi^0)$ background investigation

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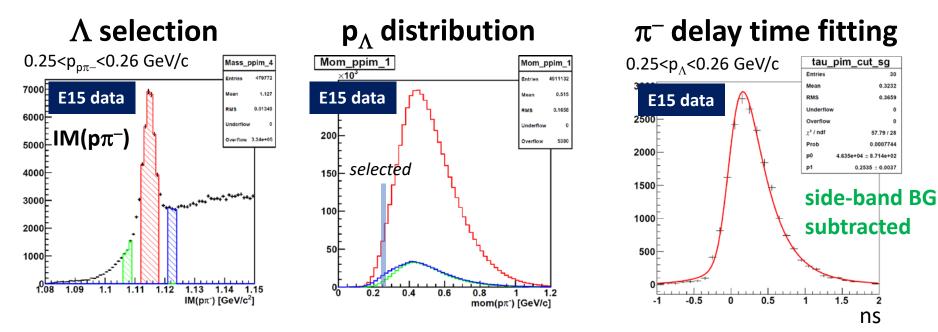
#### "free K<sup>0</sup><sub>S</sub>" Lifetime with the E15 Data

In stead of  $\Lambda$ , we evaluated  $K^0_s$  lifetime with  $K^0_s \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  reconstruction



#### "free $\Lambda$ " Lifetime Evaluation with the E15 Data

The main BG in P73 is ~100 MeV/c  $\Lambda$ , whose decay p CANNOT be detected by the CDS.



- We tried to obtain the lifetime using  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  event sample
- However, we found that there are difficulties after  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  reconstruction with the proposed method **at this moment** 
  - low "proton" efficiency in low  $p_{\Lambda}$  region  $\rightarrow$  large  $\tau_0$   $\leftarrow$  need efficiency correction
  - large ct in high  $p_{\Lambda}$  region

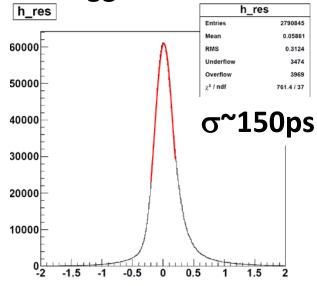
 $\rightarrow$  small  $\tau_0$ 

### **Trigger Scheme**

- Main trigger is "K-beam\* CDH-1hit \* E-cal"
  - will be <<1k/spill estimated from E15 trigger ("K\*CDH1\*γ/n")</li>
  - up to ~5k/spill is acceptable by keeping ~95% eff. (HUL & HD-DAQ)
- R( $\tau$ ) is obtained with calibration trigger of ( $\pi^-,\pi^-$ )

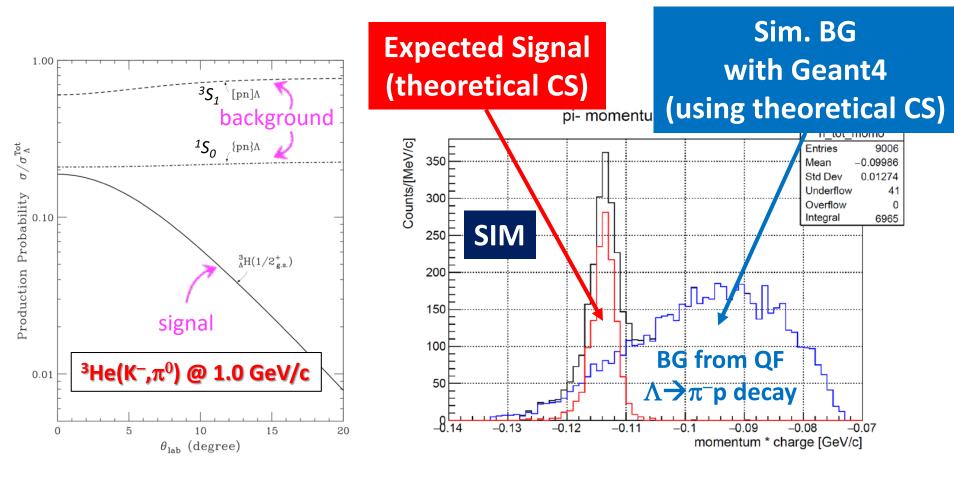
• "π<sup>-</sup>-barm \* CDH-1hit" trigger

 $\leftarrow$  "prompt"  $\pi^-$  is dominant



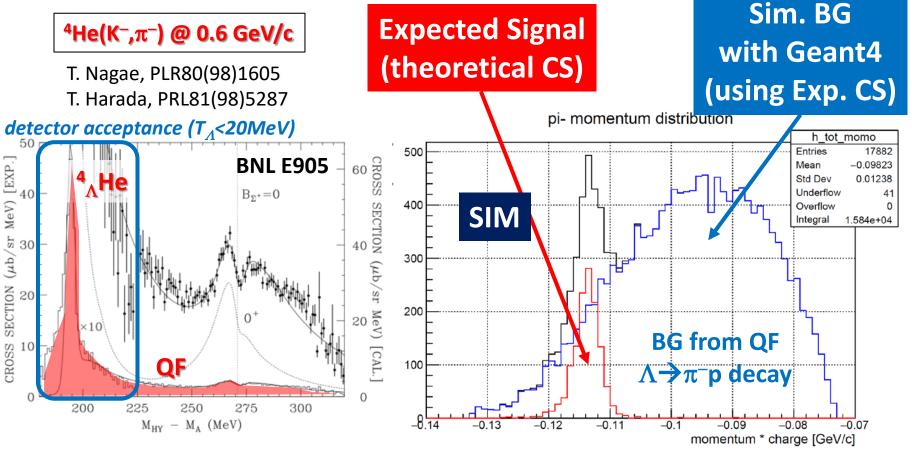
R(τ) obtained with the E15 data [ΔTOF(T0-CDH) using ( $K^-, \pi^-$ )]

#### **Background from Theoretical Calculation**



 Expected BG yield is much different btw "Geant4-CS" and "theoretical-CS"

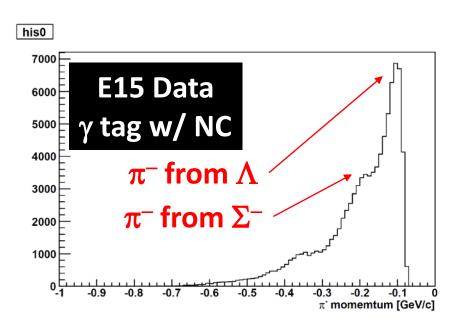
### Background from BNL $^4$ He(K $^-$ , $\pi^-$ ) Exp.

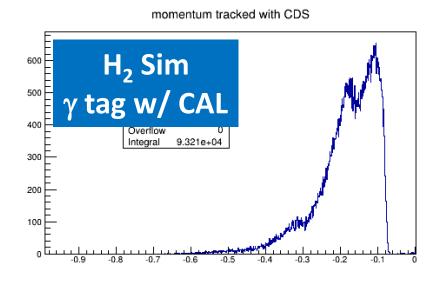


- Expected BG yield is less than that based on "Geant4-CS"

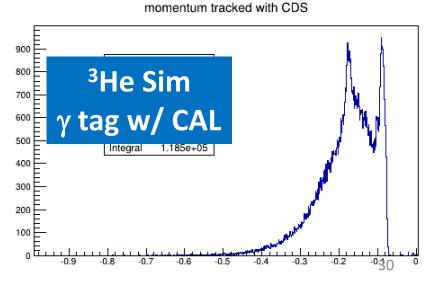
  - S/BG~1/2 @ <sup>4</sup>He(K<sup>-</sup>,π<sup>0</sup>), 1.0 GeV/c
    - mom-transfer  $50 \rightarrow 100 \text{ MeV} (x^{-1/4})$
  - S/BG~1/0.5 @ <sup>4</sup>He(K<sup>-</sup>,π<sup>-</sup>), 0.6 GeV/c S/BG~1/16 @ <sup>3</sup>He(K<sup>-</sup>,π<sup>0</sup>), 1.0 GeV/c
    - $\sigma(^{3}_{\Lambda}H) \sim 1/3 \times \sigma(^{4}_{\Lambda}H)$
    - BR( $^3$ <sub> $\Lambda$ </sub>H-2body) ~ 1/4, BR( $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ ) ~ 2/3

# Background Estimation $w/o \Delta E$ cut



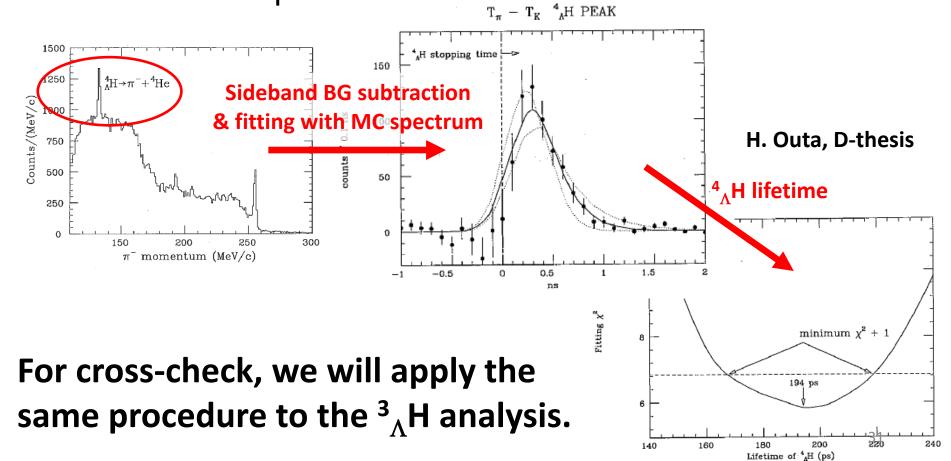


- including low-energy  $\gamma$  ( $\pi^0$ )
  - can be reject with  $\Delta E$  cut
- E15 data favors H<sub>2</sub> simulation
  - thus we employ H<sub>2</sub> sim.



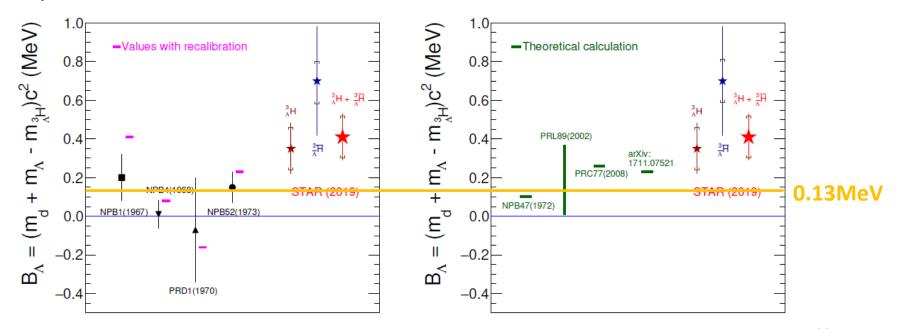
# <sup>4</sup> ∧ H Lifetime @ KEK

- ${}^{4}$ He(stopped K<sup>-</sup>,  $\pi^{-}$ ) ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ H reaction
- The lifetime was obtained from a fitting with a simulated spectrum



# Binding Energy of ${}^3_{\Lambda}$ H?

- The STAR experiment also reported rather large binding energy of ~0.4 MeV
- However, the lifetime is expected not to be shorten so much, even if the binding energy is as large as the START reported



# Slides from the 27<sup>th</sup> PAC

#### Performance estimation: yield estimation

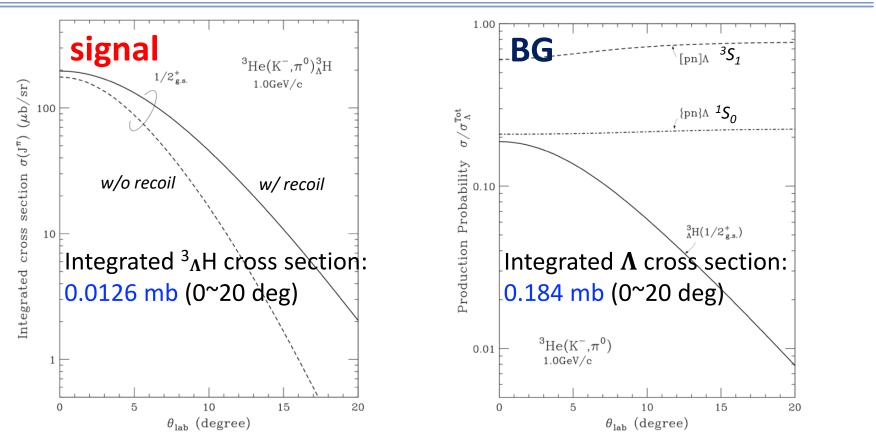
<sup>3</sup> ∧H signal yield	~1000 events/4 weeks
π- & π0 acceptance	6%
³ <sub>Λ</sub> H→³He+π- b.r.	25%
DAQ efficiency	90%
Beam acceptance	60%
Accelerator up time	80%
σ of <sup>3</sup> <sub>Λ</sub> H g.s.	0.0126 mb
K- intensity @ 1GeV/c	2×10 <sup>5</sup> /5.2s
Target: liquid 3He, 10cm	1.6×10 <sup>23</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup><sub>Λ</sub>H signal yield (same target cell):

<sup>~3(</sup>cross section)×2( $\pi$ - branching ratio)× $^{3}\Lambda$ H signal yield

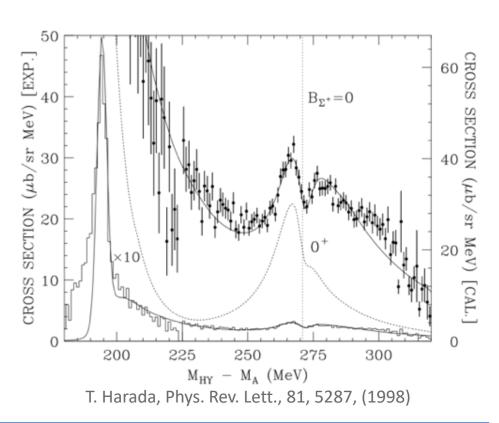
<sup>==&</sup>gt; ~1000 events/1 week

#### Performance estimation: <sup>3</sup> AH cross section



 $^3$ He(K<sup>-</sup>,  $\pi^0$ ) $^3$ <sub> $\Lambda$ </sub>H cross section calculated by Prof. Harada, using the CDCC (continuum discretized coupled-channels) method and DWIA

#### Performance estimation: <sup>4</sup> AH cross section



<sup>4</sup>He(K<sup>-</sup>,  $\pi^0$ )<sup>4</sup><sub>Λ</sub>H @ 1.0 GeV, 4deg: ~0.44mb (scaled) <sup>3</sup>He(K<sup>-</sup>,  $\pi^0$ )<sup>3</sup><sub>Λ</sub>H @ 1.0 GeV, 4deg: ~0.15mb (calc.) No direct calculation available

for  ${}^{4}\text{He}(K^{-}, \pi^{0}){}^{4}{}_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  reaction at 1GeV/c

- 1, for  ${}^{4}$ He( $K^{-}$ ,  $\pi^{-}$ ) ${}^{4}$  $_{\Lambda}$ He reaction,  $\sigma^{\sim}$ 3.5mb/sr at 0.6GeV/c, 4deg
- 2, taking into account isospin coupling factor of ½
- 3, considering recoiling momentum and  $n(K^-, \pi^-)\Lambda$  elementary cross section between 0.6 and 1.0 GeV/c K-beam

#### Elementary CS @ 0 degree is almost the same

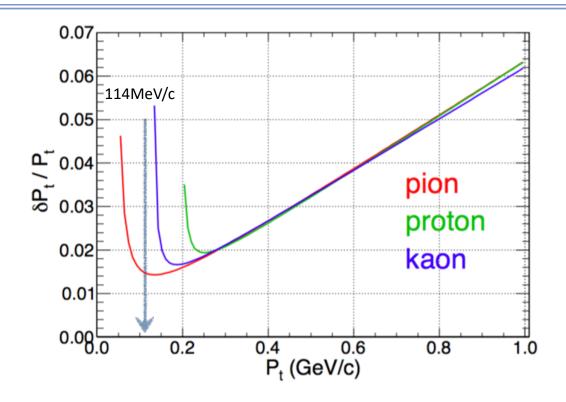
- $K^-n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$ : ~2.5mb @ 0.6GeV/c (q~50MeV/c)
- $K^-p \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0$ : ~2.5mb @ 1.0GeV/c (q~100MeV/c)

#### $^4\Lambda$ H cross section estimated to be ~3 times of $^3\Lambda$ H

#### Part I: Performance estimation

	Reaction(decay) and	d final states	Charged particle timing structure	Branching ratio	$\sigma$ [mb/Sr] for $p_{K^-}=0.9 \text{GeV/c}$ and $\theta_{\pi^0}=0$
	$K^{-3}He \rightarrow \pi^{0.3}H \rightarrow$	$\int_{\Lambda} \pi^0 \pi^{-3} \text{He} \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^{-3} \text{He}$	delayed $\pi^-$	?%	?%
	$K \cap He \to \pi \cap_{\Lambda} H \to$	$ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^0 \ \pi^{-3} \text{He} \rightarrow 2\gamma \ \pi^{-3} \text{He} \\ \pi^0 \ \text{p n n}_s \rightarrow 2\gamma \ \text{p n n} \end{cases} $	delayed p	?%	?%
out of	$\int \pi^0 \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \to 0$	$2\gamma\mu^-ar{ u}_\mu$	prompt $\mu^-$	3.32%	
pi0⊕pi- <del>→</del>	$\mathrm{K}^-\! o\left\{\begin{array}{c}\pi^0\pi^- o2\gamma\pi^-\end{array}\right.$		prompt $\pi^-$	20.92%	Not included
acceptance	$\left( \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^- \to 0 \right)$		prompt $\pi^-$	1.76%	
acceptance	$K^- p \to \pi^0 \Lambda \to \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ \pi \end{bmatrix}$	$\pi^0 \pi^0 n \to 4\gamma n$	N. A.	35.8%	4.5
		$\pi^0 \pi^- p \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- p$	delayed $\pi^-$ , p	63.9%	4.5
Acces to examination of	$K^{-} p \rightarrow \pi^{0} \Lambda \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ \pi \end{bmatrix}$ $K^{-} p \rightarrow \pi^{0} \Sigma^{0} \rightarrow \pi^{0} \Sigma^{0}$	$\int \pi^0 \gamma \pi^0  \mathbf{n} \to 5\gamma  \mathbf{n}$	N. A.	35.8%	0.26 (1-1)
		$\begin{cases} \pi^0 \gamma \pi^- p \to 3\gamma \pi^- p \end{cases}$	delayed $\pi^-$ , p	63.9%	0.36 (scaled)
$K^- p \rightarrow$	V- p - \ π- Σ+ - \	$\pi^- \pi^0 p \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- p$ $\pi^- \pi^+ n$	prompt $\pi^-$ , delayed p	51.57%	0.9
	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{K}  \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{n}  \mathbf{Z}^{*} \rightarrow \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} \\ \mathbf{m} $	$\pi^- \pi^+$ n	N. A.	48.31%	
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K-	$K^- n \to \pi^- \Lambda \to \begin{cases} \pi^- \\ \pi^- \end{cases}$	$\pi^- \pi^0 \text{ n} \to 2\gamma \pi^- \text{ n}$	prompt $\pi^-$	35.8%	Not included
		$\pi^- \pi^- p \rightarrow 2\pi^- p$	N. A.	63.9%	
$K^- n \to \pi^- \Sigma^0 \to \pi^-$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \pi^{-} \gamma \pi^{0} n \to 3\gamma \pi^{-} n$	prompt $\pi^-$	35.8%		
	$\mathbf{K}  \Pi \to \pi  \Sigma^{\circ} \to \pi$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	N. A.	63.9%	Not included
	$K^- n \to \pi^0 \Sigma^- \to \pi^0$	$0 \pi^- n \rightarrow 2\gamma \pi^- n$	delayed $\pi^-$	100%	0.9 (scaled)

#### Performance estimation: pi- resolution

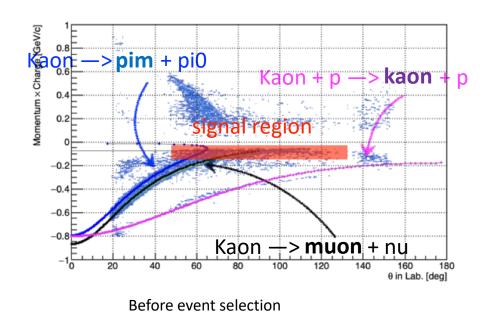


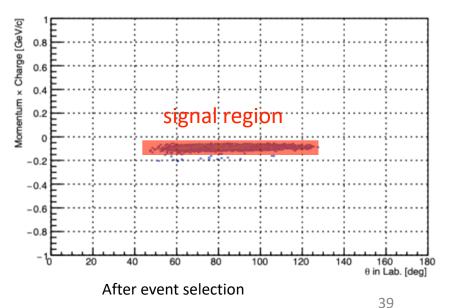
According to GEANT4 simulation,  $^22\%$  momentum resolution is achieved for total  $\pi^-$  momentum (pt + pl) after energy loss correction.

### Kaon in-flight decay background

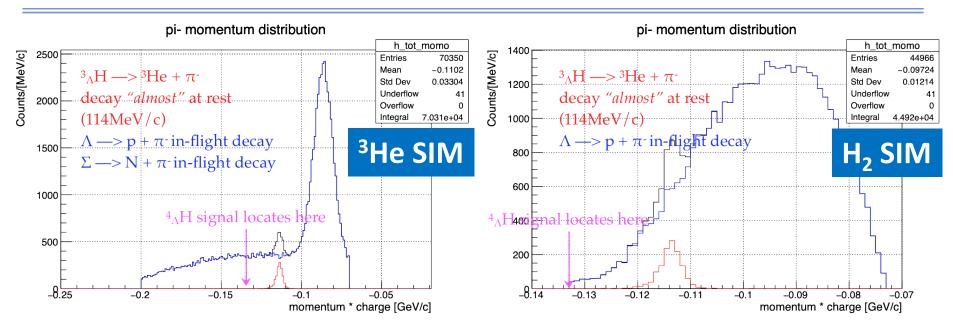
- dE veto counter <= 0.2 MeV && PbF2 calorimeter >= 600 MeV
- IH == 1 && CDS charged track == 1
- CDS tracking mass >= 0 && <= 0.3 GeV/c²</li>
- DCA <= 5mm && fiducial cut</li>

From Monte Carlo information, only hyperon and hypernucleus events survived the event selection --> effective trigger and analysis method



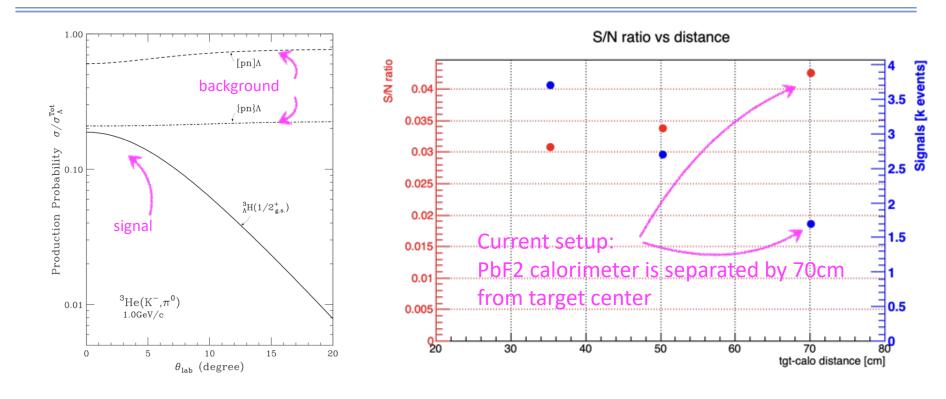


#### Reaction induced background



- True background shape may be somewhere in between these two cases (an open question)
- Even for the high background case(Hydrogen), we still can identify the signal region
- <sup>4</sup><sub>A</sub>H signal locates ~130MeV/c, which will have better S/N ratio for both cases: one week beam time(50kW) with <sup>4</sup>He target can tell us the feasibility

#### Setup optimization



- A balance between S/N and statistical error
- Leave PbF2 calorimeter away from CDS spectrometer to avoid contamination and magnetic field effect on PMT

#### PbF2 calorimeter

Crystal size: 2.5cm x 2.5cm x 13cm

In total: 36 segments, 6x6

--- 40 pieces in stock

PMT: H6612 (¾ inch PMT)

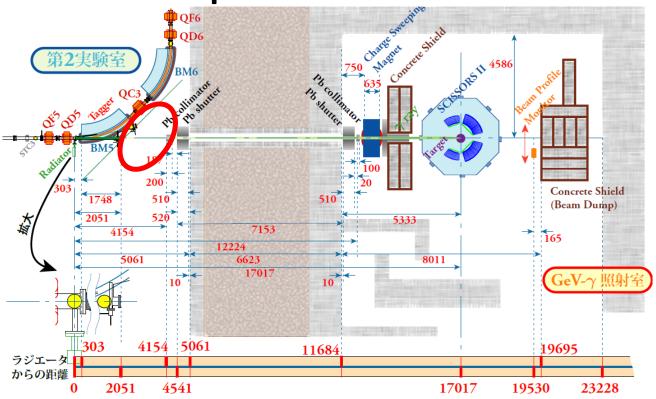
--- 40 pieces in stock



- Signal calibration will be performed this year (2019)
- Ready to run by the beginning of 2020

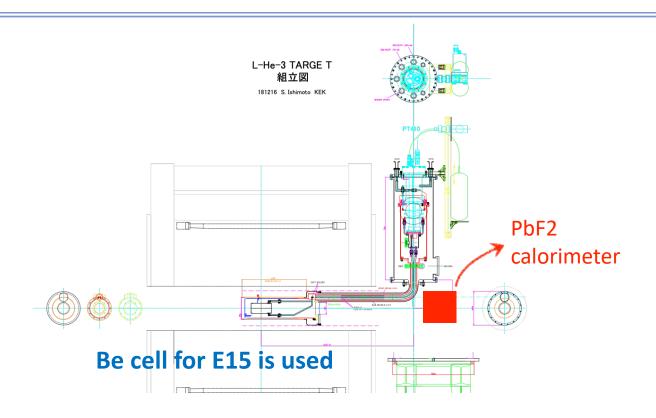
#### PbF2 calorimeter test @ ELPH

the 2nd experimental room in ELPH



- We are planning to conduct calorimeter test using  $\sim$  GeV  $\gamma$  or positron at ELPH, Tohoku-U in the end of this year (2019)
  - Gain-uniformity/Position-dependence/Energy-dependence/...

## liquid <sup>3,4</sup>He target



- Liquefaction system is changed from "syphon type with L<sup>4</sup>He refrigerant" to "Pulse tube refrigerator"
- Designed by Dr. Ishimoto and Dr. T. Hashimoto
- Ready to run by the beginning of 2020

#### p(K<sup>-</sup>,π)Y Cross Section

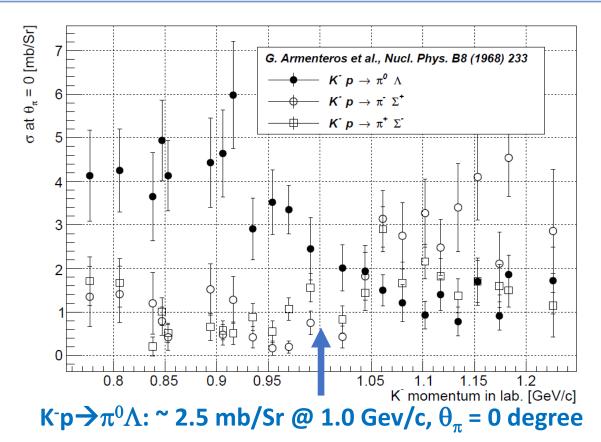
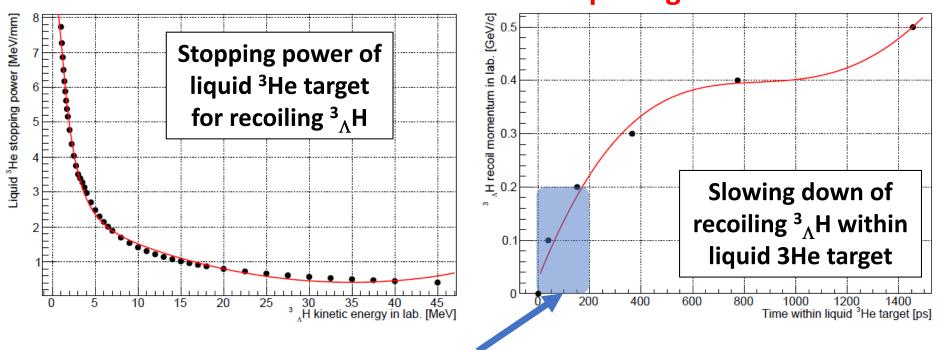


Figure 4: Production cross section for  $p(K^-, \pi)\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$  reaction[10].

[10] G. Armenteros *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. B, **8**, 233, (2012)

# Recoil of <sup>3</sup><sub>^</sub>H

#### calculated with the SRIM package



 $^3$   $_A$ H stops after 200ps within 1mm; the recoiling effects on lifetime and  $\pi^-$  momentum is negligible

# Backup Slides (2)

# $(K^-,\pi^0)$ , $(\pi^-,K^0)$ , and $(K^-,\pi^-)$ at K1.8BR

	(K <sup>-</sup> ,π <sup>0</sup> )	(π <sup>-</sup> ,K <sup>0</sup> )	(K <sup>-</sup> ,π <sup>-</sup> )
Target	L <sup>3</sup> He	L <sup>3</sup> He	<sup>7</sup> Li
Detector based on CDS	γ calorimeter	Ushiwaka + forward $\pi^+\pi^-$ spectrometer	Ushiwaka + forward $\pi^-$ spectrometer
Beam	2x10 <sup>5</sup> K <sup>-</sup>	$\sim 10^7 \; \pi^-$	2x10 <sup>5</sup> K <sup>-</sup>
Remark	P73	Present BL cannot accept 10 <sup>7</sup> beam	Trigger study is needed

#### **Human Resource**

#### for preparation and analysis at K1.8BR over the next few years

	RIKEN	JAEA	KEK (target)	Osaka-U	In total
Staff	5	1	2	2	10
Student	1+x	0+x	0	1+x	2+x
In total	6+x	1+x	2	3+x	12+x