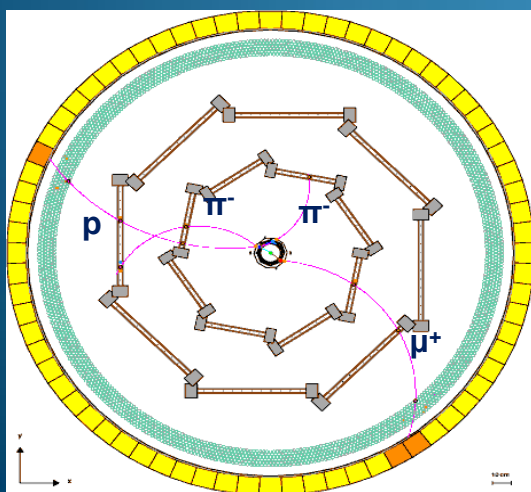


# FINUDA

## Analysis Status



# *Plan of the talk*

## Introduction

## Results in Hypernuclear Physics

- Spectroscopy
- Decay

## Results in $K^-_{\text{stop}}$ absorption on multinucleon clusters in nuclei

- $\Lambda$
- $\Sigma^\pm$

## Conclusions

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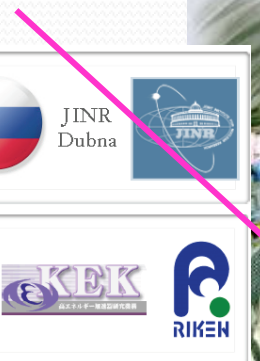
Double Anular  $e^-e^+$  collider  
optimized at  $E_{c.m.}$  1020 MeV,  
 $\phi$  meson mass

**DAΦNE**

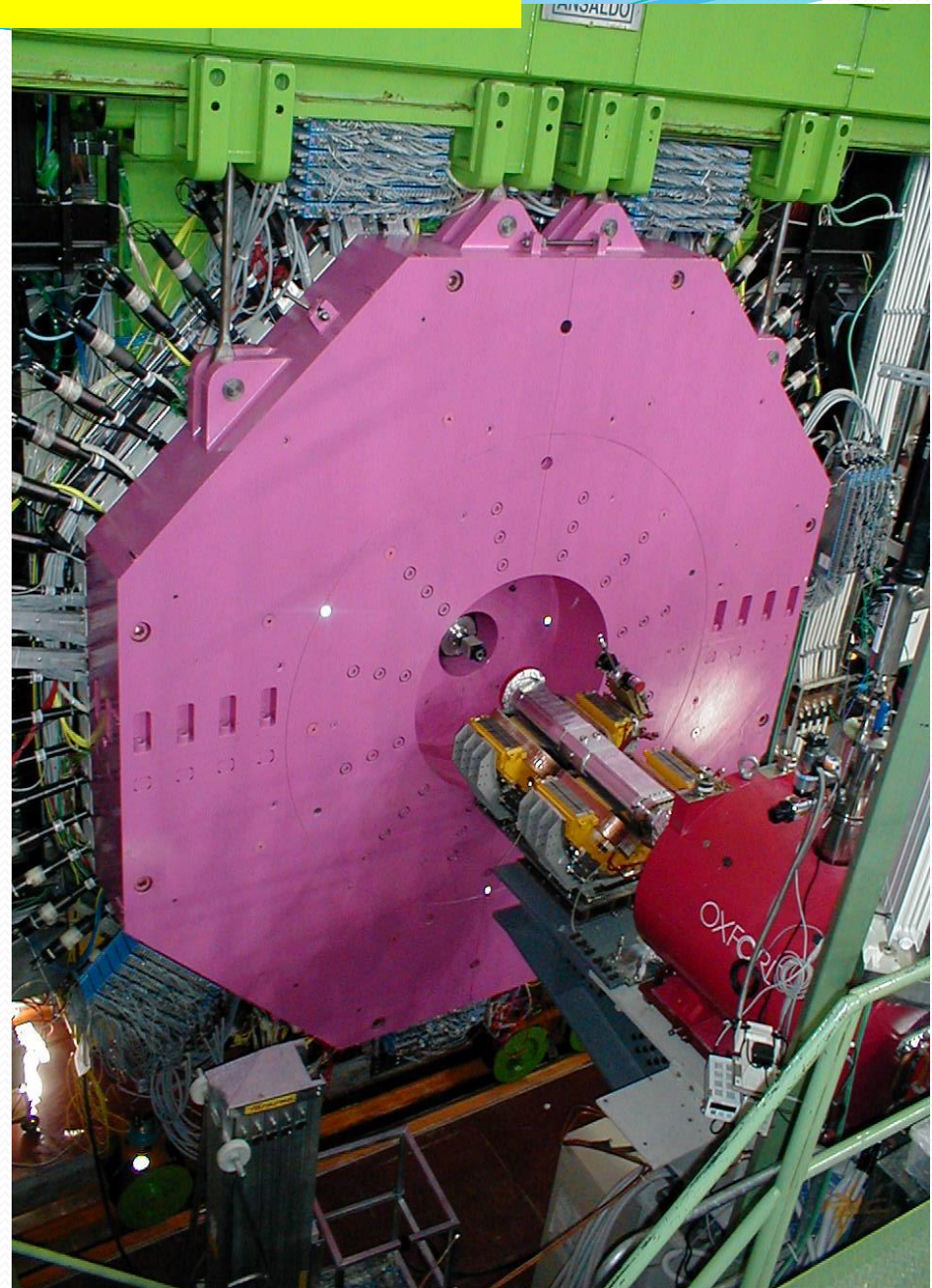
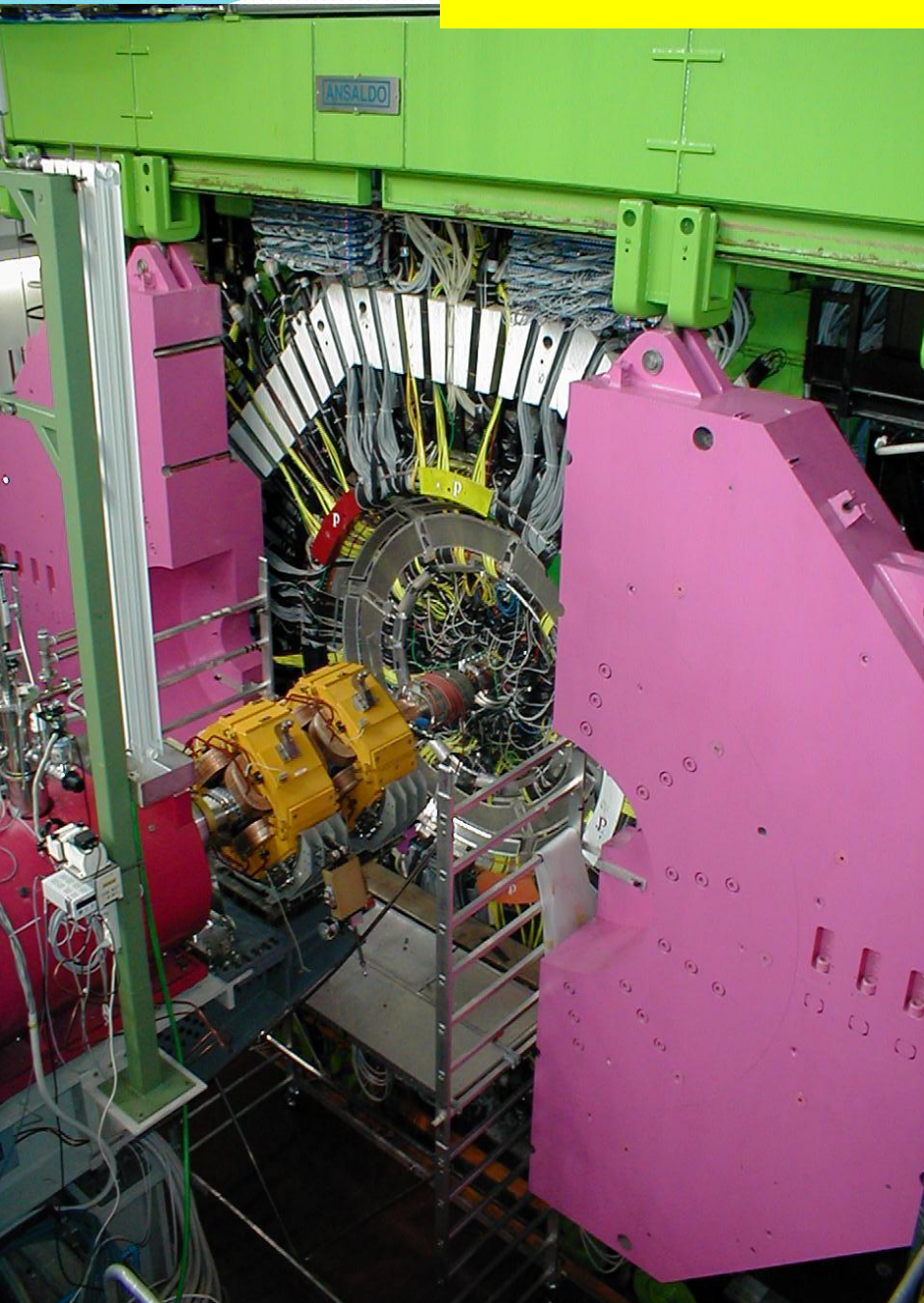


## Fisica Nucleare a DAΦne

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# FINUDA on DAΦNE



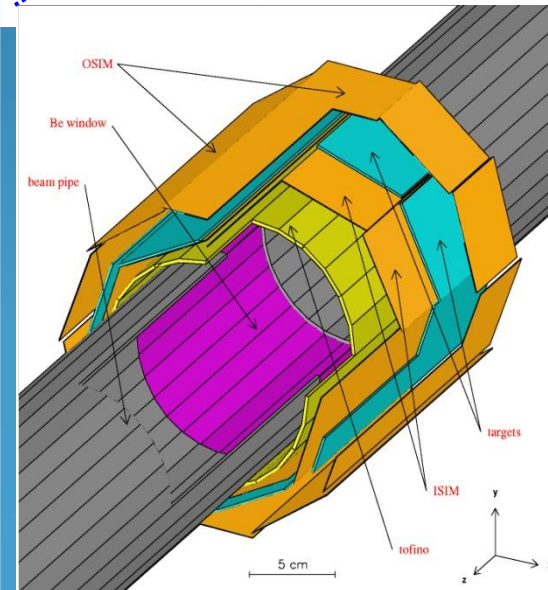
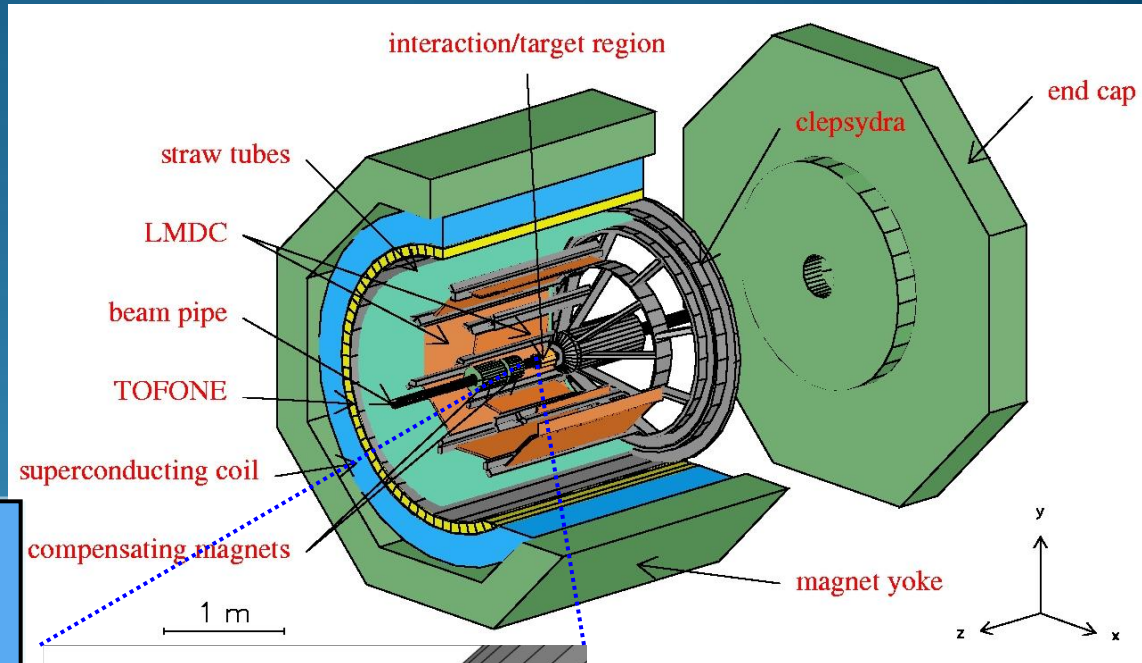
# The FINUDA Detectors

A large acceptance Spectrometer immersed in a highly uniform 1 T magnetic field generated by a superconducting solenoid

The volumes between the external tracking detectors are filled by He to minimize multiple scattering effects.

## Detector capabilities:

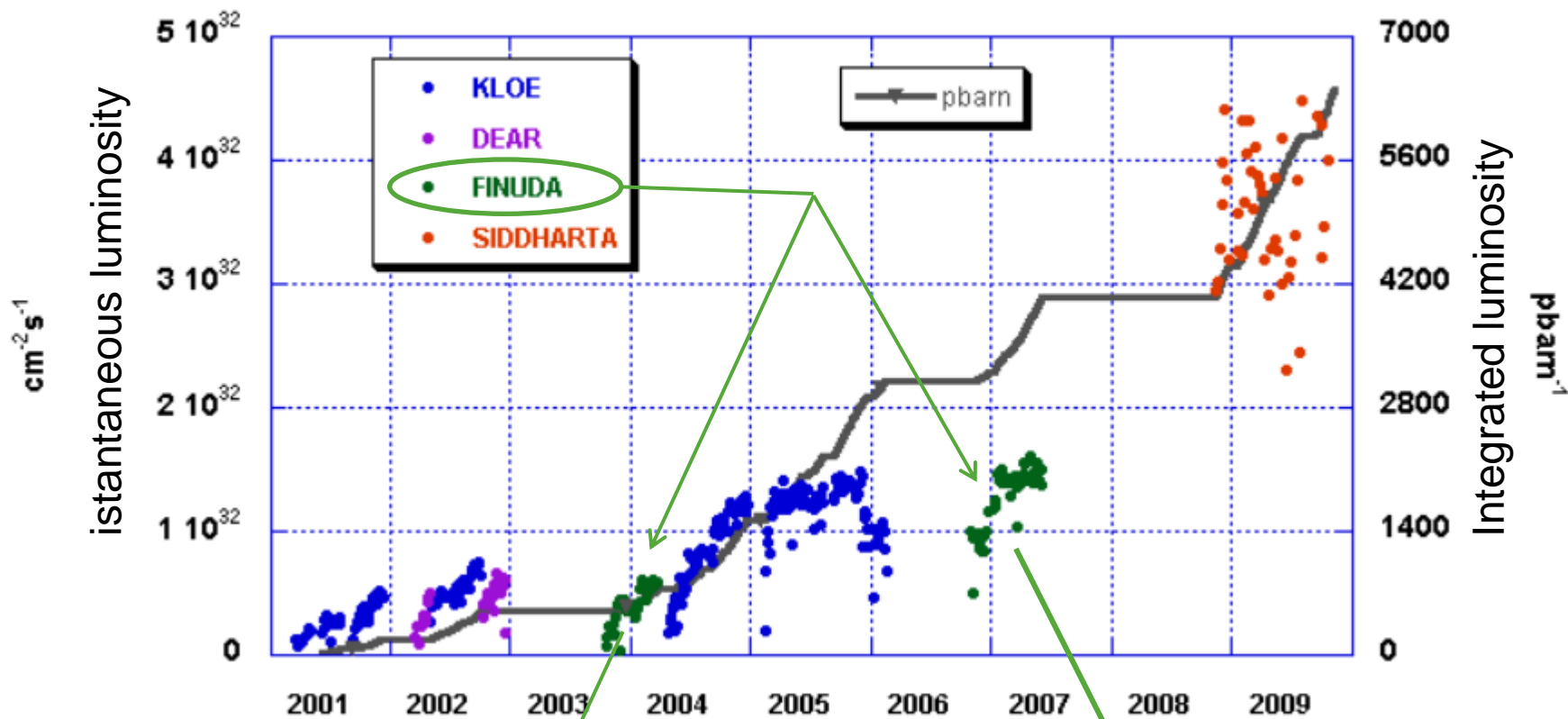
- ❖ **Selective trigger** based on fast scintillation detectors (TOFINO, TOFONE)
- ❖ **Clean  $K^-$  vertex identification** (ISIM P.ID. +  $x, y, z$  resolution +  $K^+$  tagging)
- ❖  $\pi, K, p, d, t \dots$  P.I.D. ( $dE/dx$ )
- ❖ **High momentum resolution** (6‰ FWHM) tracker resolution + He bag + thin targets
- ❖ **Time-Of-Flight** (TOFONE-TOFINO)
- ❖ **Neutron detection** (TOFONE)



$K^\pm$  flux from  $\phi$  decay  
 @  $L = 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ :  
 $0.5 \cdot (\sigma_\phi \times L) = 220 \text{ s}^{-1}$

$K^\pm$  from  $\phi$  decay at rest:  
 $\sin^2(\Theta)$  respect to the  
 beam pipe axis

# Experiments on DAΦNE at a glance and FINUDA share



$2 \times {}^6\text{Li}$ ,  $1 \times {}^7\text{Li}$ ,  $3 \times {}^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $1 \times {}^{27}\text{Al}$ ,  $1 \times {}^{51}\text{V}$

$\int L: 200 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

$2 \times {}^6\text{Li}$ ,  $2 \times {}^7\text{Li}$ ,  $2 \times {}^9\text{Be}$ ,  $1 \times {}^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $1 \times {}^{16}\text{O}$

$\int L: 960 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

# FINUDA physics program

## - $\Lambda$ HYPERNUCLEAR SPECTROSCOPY

essential **tool** for testing :

- theoretical **models** of  $\Lambda$ -**N** potentials
- **single particle** nuclear model predictions
- **bound** states with **strangeness**

SIMULTANEOUSLY

## - $\Lambda$ HYPERNUCLEAR DECAYS

- study of baryon-baryon **weak processes** in nuclear matter:  $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi N$  and  $\Lambda N \rightarrow NN$  and more...
- hypernuclei rare decays

and

and, moreover:

## - STUDY OF:

- $K^-$  multi-nucleon absorption
- $\Sigma^{+/-}$  production

ON DIFFERENT NUCLEI

# FINUDA: $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei spectroscopy

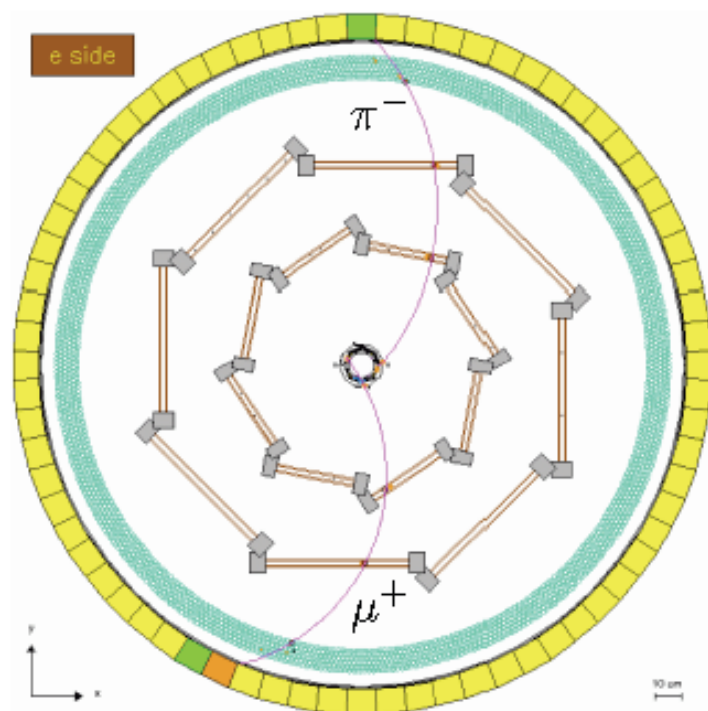
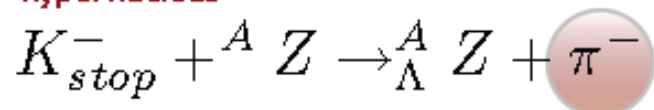
$K_{stop}^- + {}^A Z \rightarrow {}^A_{\Lambda} Z + \pi^-$  Measurement of the (*prompt*)  $\pi$  momentum.

$K^- + n \rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^-$  strangeness exchange reaction

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HYPERNUCLEI PRODUCTION

hypernucleus



key features of the spectrometer

very thin targets [0.1 ÷ 0.3 g/cm<sup>2</sup>]

transparency → high resolution spectroscopy

different targets in the same run

→ reduced systematic errors

simultaneous tracking of  $\mu^+$  from the  $K^+$  decay

$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$  → energy and rate calibration



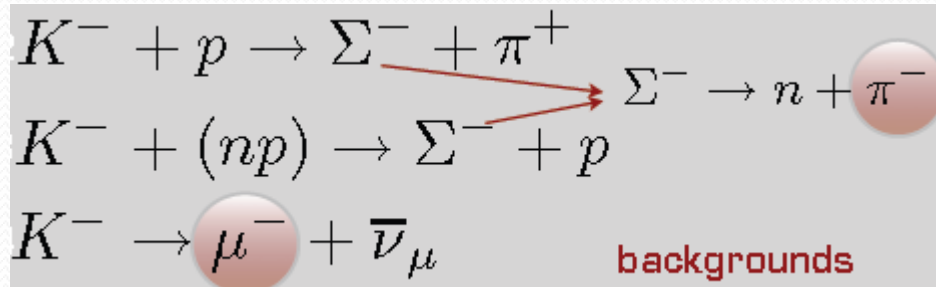
# Hypernuclear spectroscopy

The analysis on  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei spectroscopy is finished.

Final results published

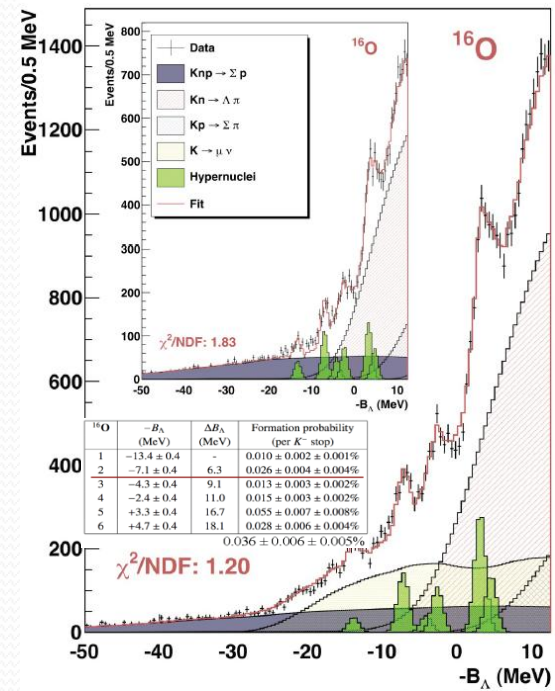
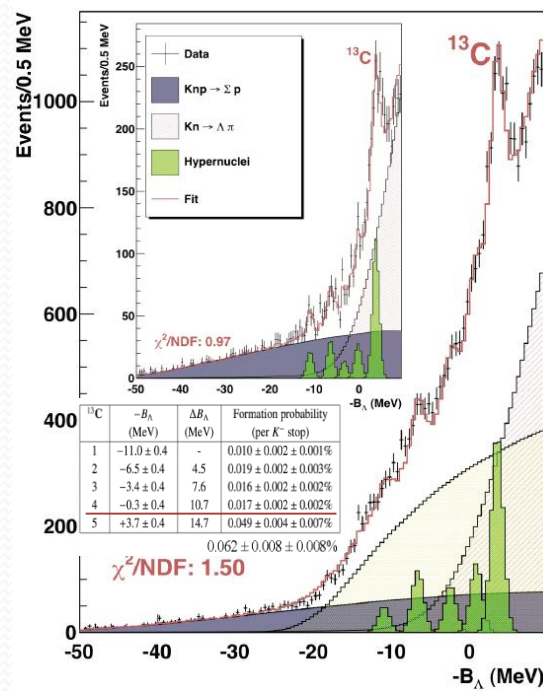
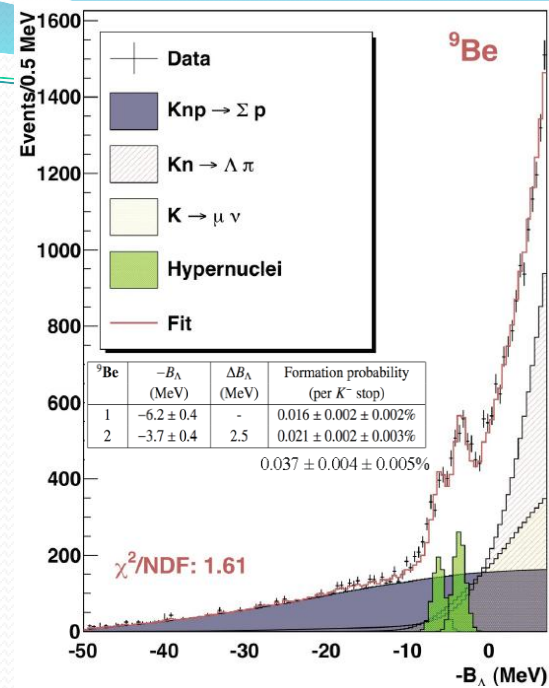
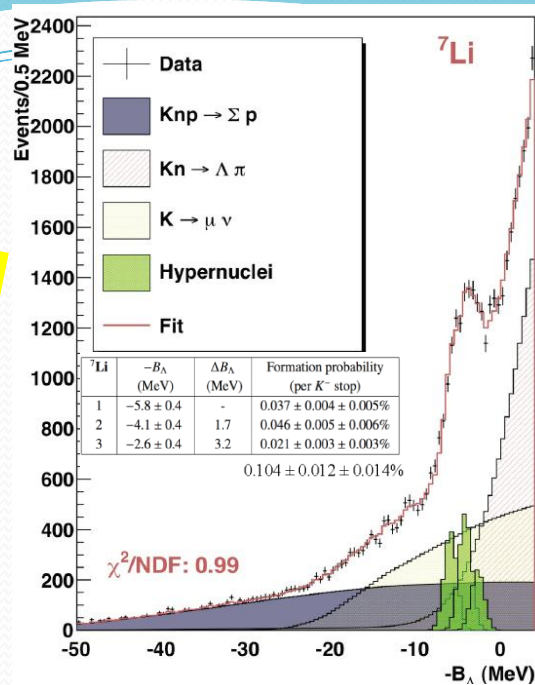
- for  $^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$ ; PLB 622 (2005) 35
- for  $^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$ ,  $^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{13}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{O}$ ; Submitted to PLB on 11 Nov 2010  
preprint: arXiv:1011.2695v1 [nucl-ex]

*Long and accurate activity to extract the hypernuclei level peaks and capture rates off the physical **backgrounds** by extensive and intensive use of MC simulations*



# FINUDA final results for spectroscopy and capture rates

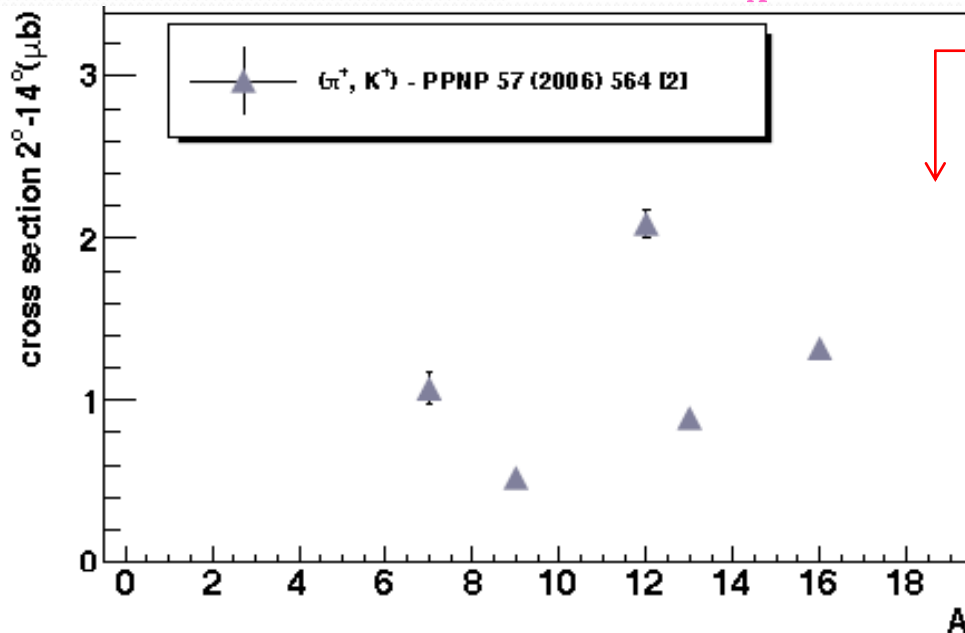
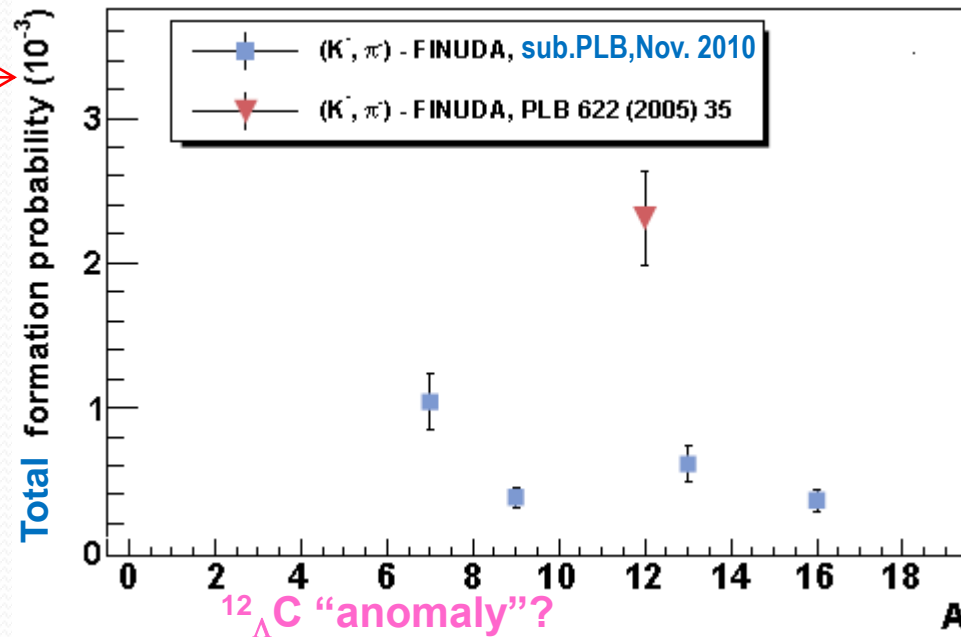
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# FINUDA ( $K^-, \pi^-$ ) “total bound” capture rate & ( $\pi^+, K^+$ ) cross section vs. $A$

“Need to compare the  $A$  dependence of the measured formation rates with theoretical predictions that depend primarily on the depth of the  $K$  potential governing the capture of  $K$  mesons from the initial atomic state.”

V. Krejčířík, A. Cieplý and A. Gal,  
Phys. Rev. C 82 (2010) 024609



“Very recently constraints were reported on the threshold  $K$ -nuclear potential, based on the FINUDA measured values.”

PLB (submitted)

A. Cieplý, E. Friedman, A. Gal and V. Krejčířík

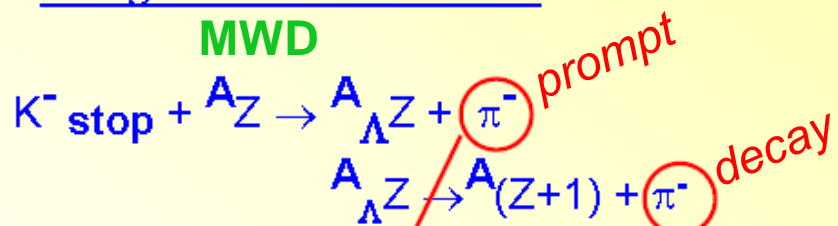
# Hypernuclear weak decay study in FINUDA

## Coincidence measurements



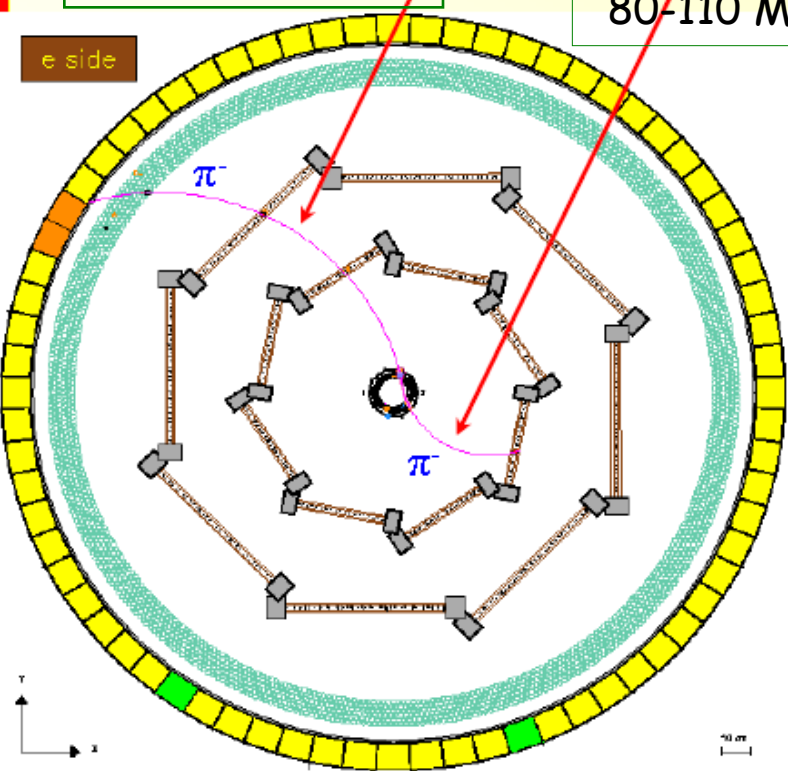
### charged Mesonic channel

#### MWD



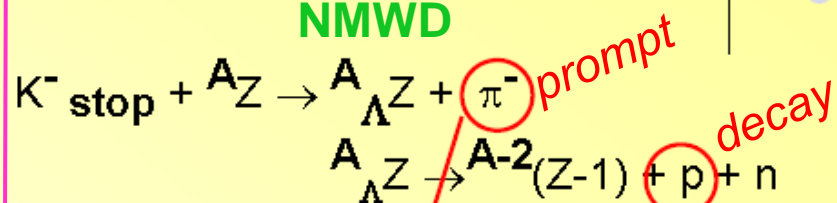
St.-EX  
260-280 MeV/c

MWD  
80-110 MeV/c



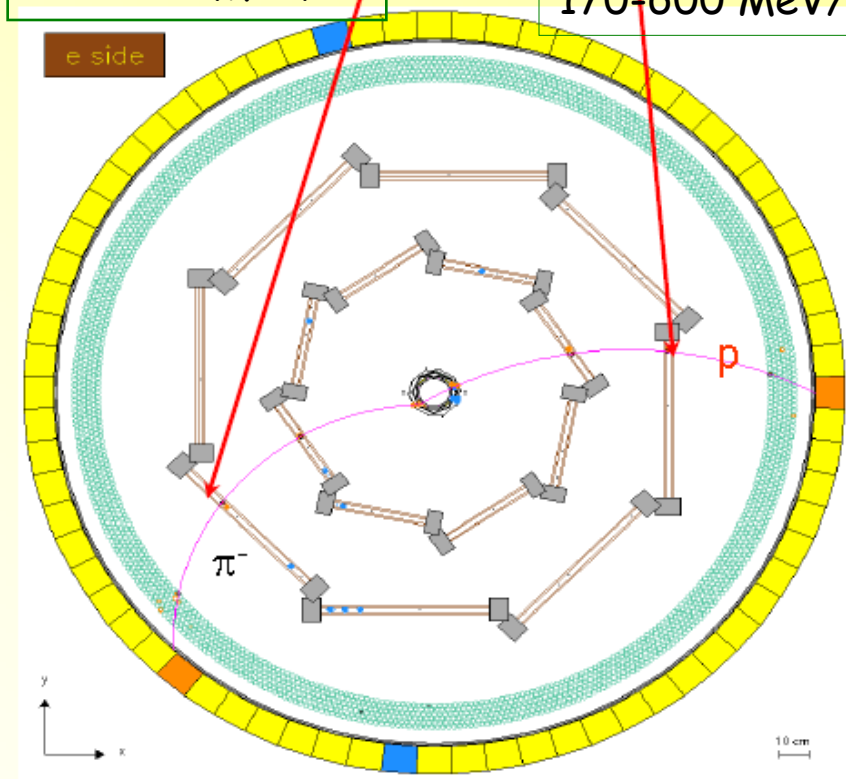
### charged Non-Mesonic channel

#### NMWD



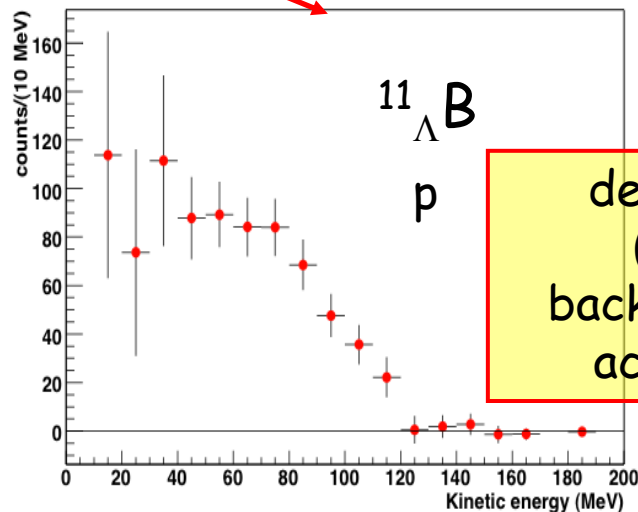
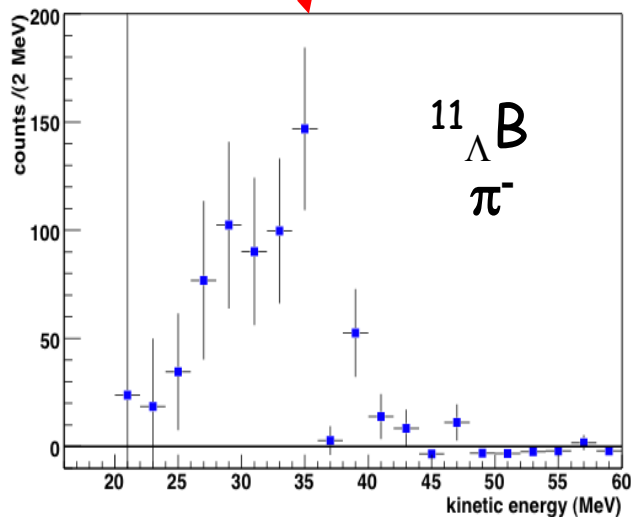
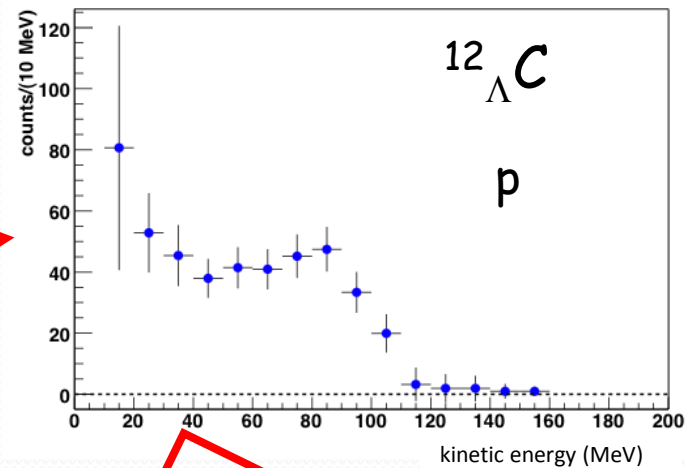
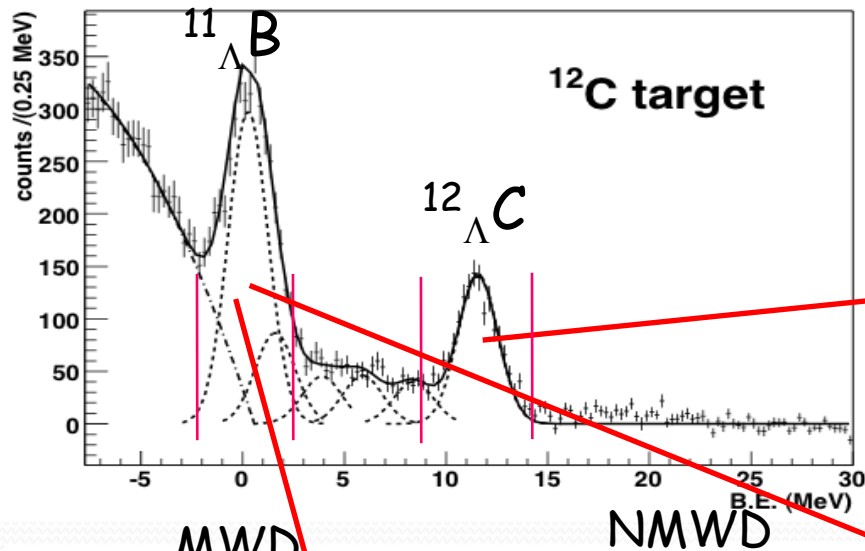
St.-EX  
260-280 MeV/c

NMWD  
170-600 MeV/c



# MWD & NMWD in FINUDA: strategy

Inclusive production  $\pi^-$  spectra  
 $K^-np$  background corrected



decay  $\pi^-$  and  $p$  spectra  
( $\Lambda_{qf}$  decay) /  $K^-np$   
background subtracted &  
acceptance corrected

magnetic analysis !!

NMWD

MWD

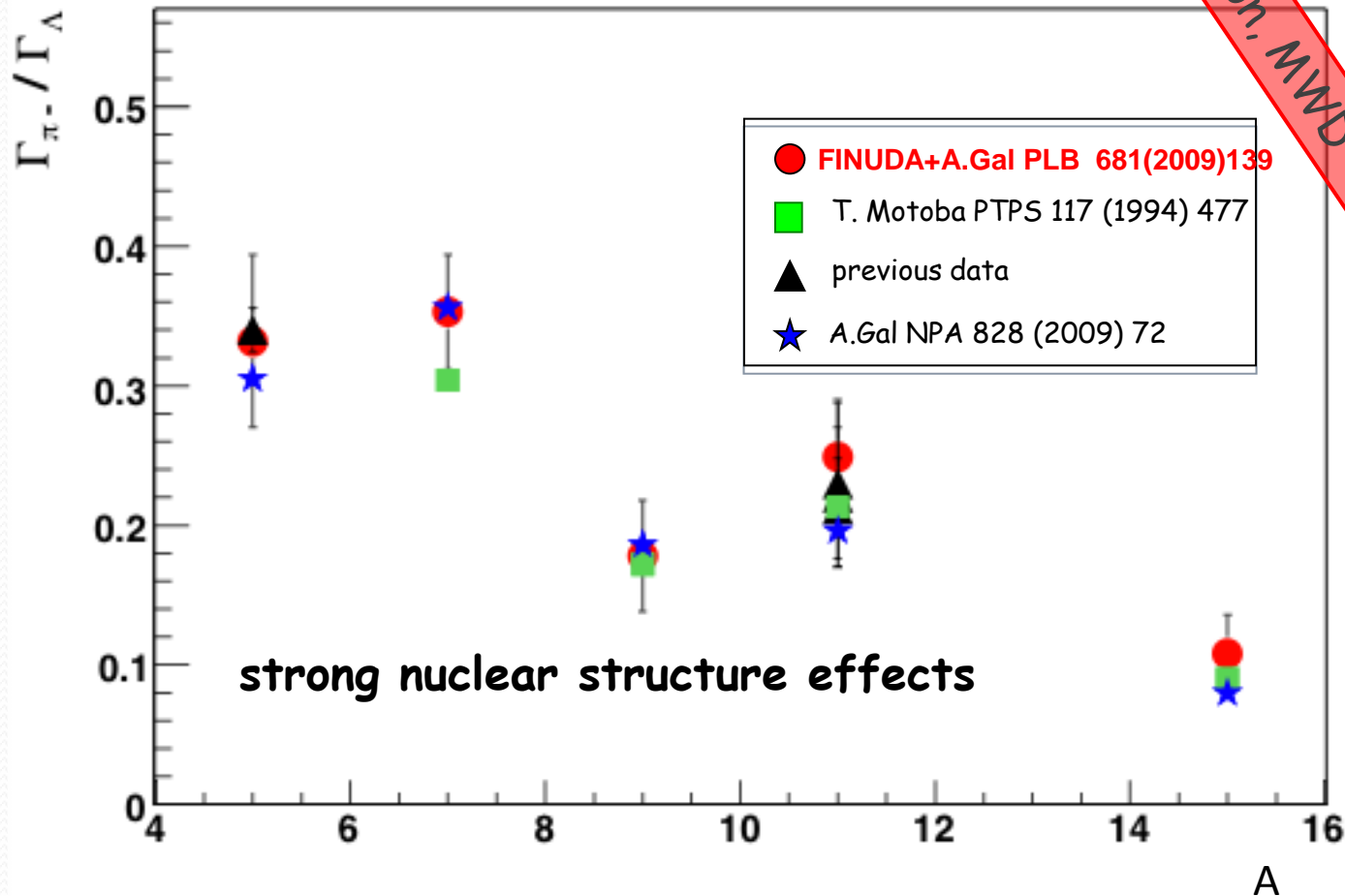
NMWD

# Mesonic Decay, FINUDA results: *ratio* $\Gamma_{\pi^-} / \Gamma_{\Lambda}$

$$\Gamma_{\pi^-} / \Gamma_{\Lambda} = \Gamma_{\text{tot}} / \Gamma_{\Lambda} \cdot \text{BR}_{\pi^-}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} / \Gamma_{\Lambda} = (0.990 \pm 0.094) + (0.018 \pm 0.010) \times A$$

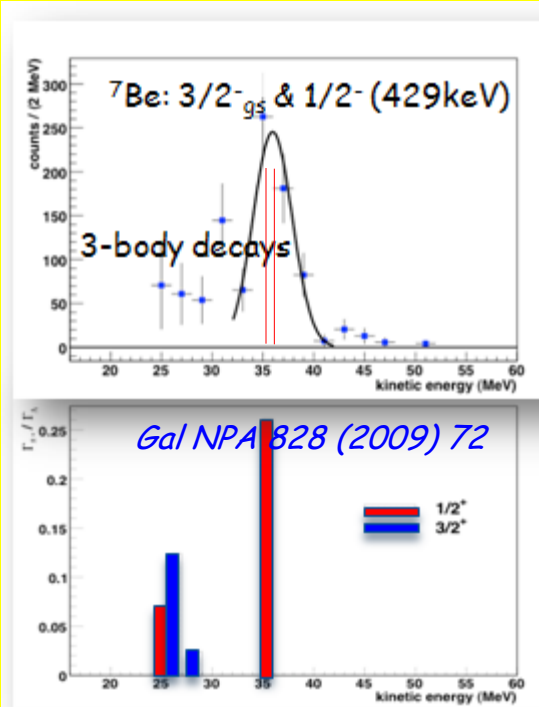
fit from measured values for  $A=4-12$  hypernuclei



$\pi$  distortion, MWD enhancement proved!

# FINUDA $J^\pi$ assignment for $\Lambda$ -Hyp. g.s.

FINUDA + A. Gal, PLB 681 (2009) 139

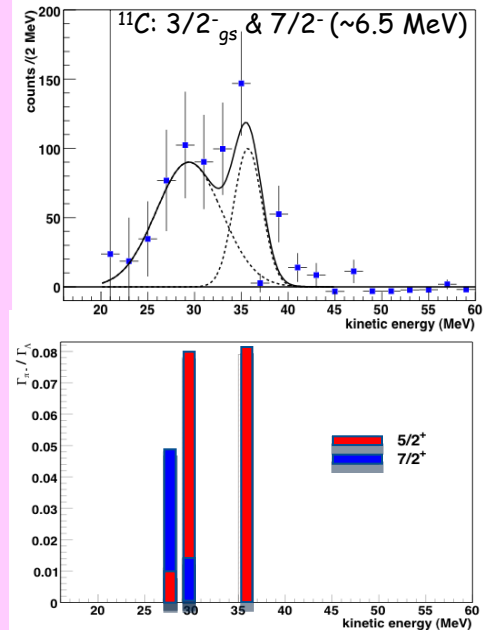


${}^7_\Lambda\text{Li}$ :  $1/2^+$

${}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}$ :  $1/2^+$

${}^{11}_\Lambda\text{B}$ :  $5/2^+$

${}^{15}_\Lambda\text{N}$ :  $3/2^+$



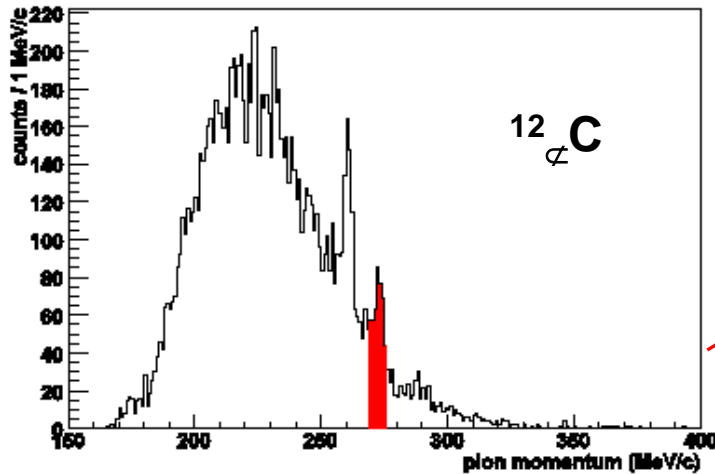
First time measurement (from decay  $\pi$  spectrum shape AND  $\pi$  decay rate)

Fruitful collaboration with leading theoreticians of the field ( A. Gal, T. Motoba)

# NMWD: p spectra @ FINUDA

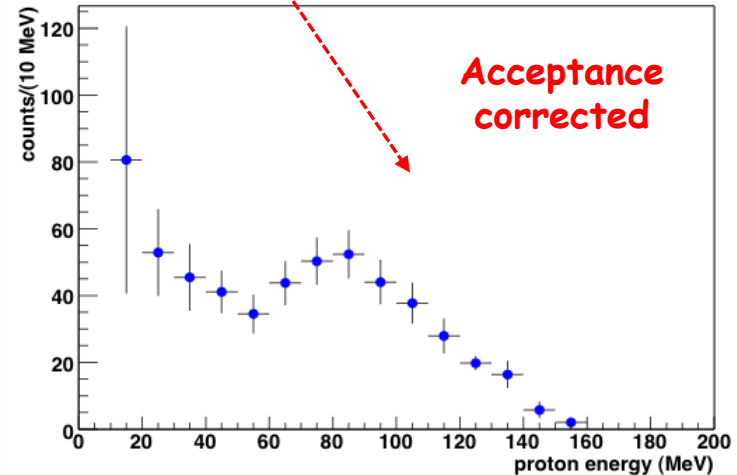
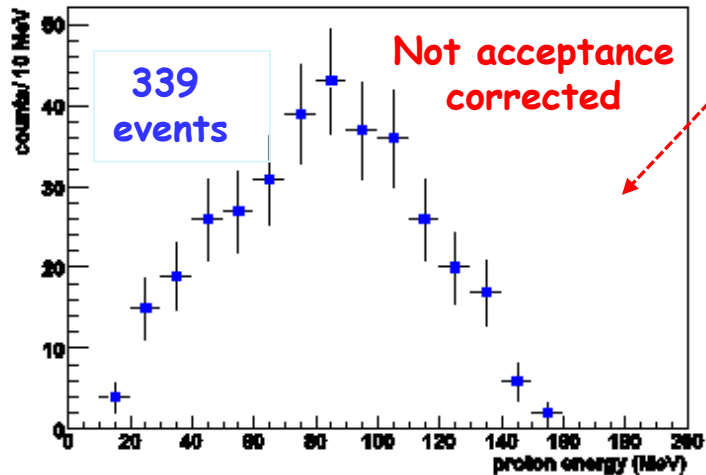
## coincidence measurement: the method I

M.Agnello et al., NPA 804 (2008) 151



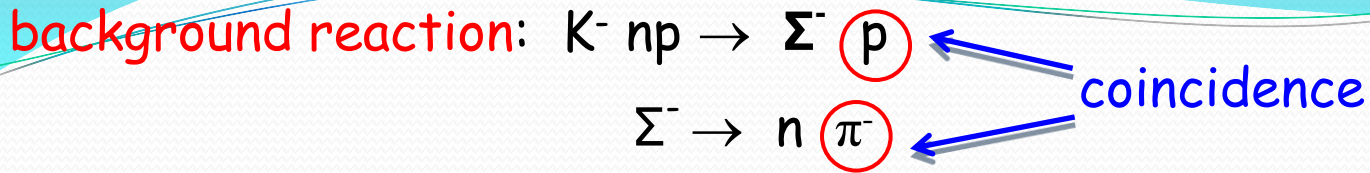
- Spectrum of negative pions for events in which a proton is detected in coincidence with a  $\pi^-$
- Asking for the proton coincidence a clear peak emerges at 272 MeV/c (ground state)

Proton energy spectrum from  $^{12}_{\Delta}C$   
 $\pi$ -induced NMWD before and  
after the acceptance correction

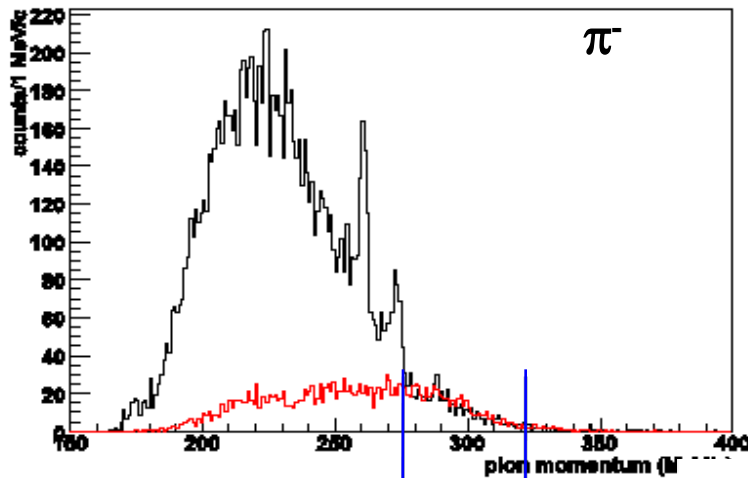




# NMWD. Coincidence measurement the method II



Coincidence spectra:  $^{12}_\Lambda C$



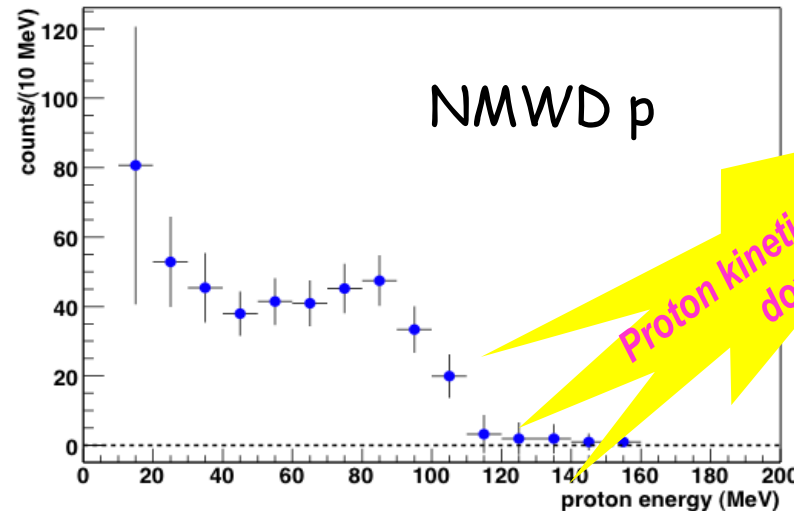
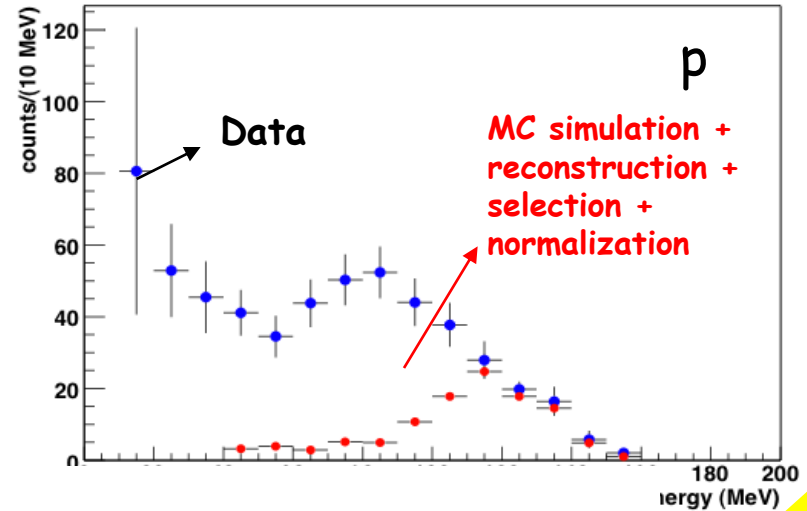
normalization region

Back. subtraction



FINUDA

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Proton kinetic energy measured down to 15 MeV

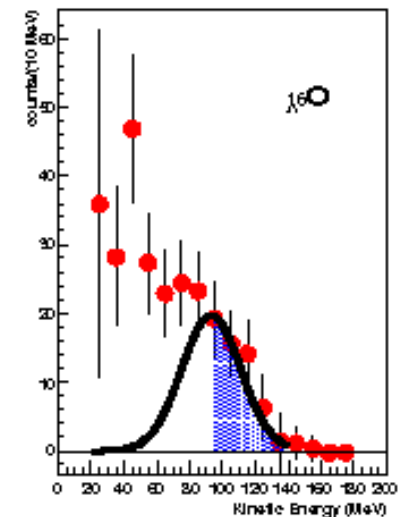
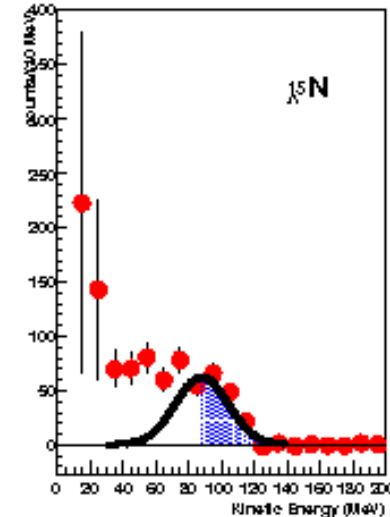
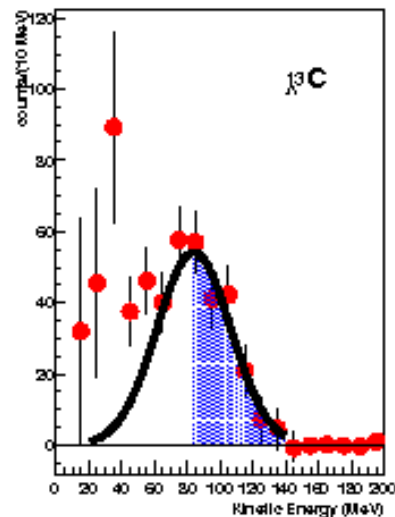
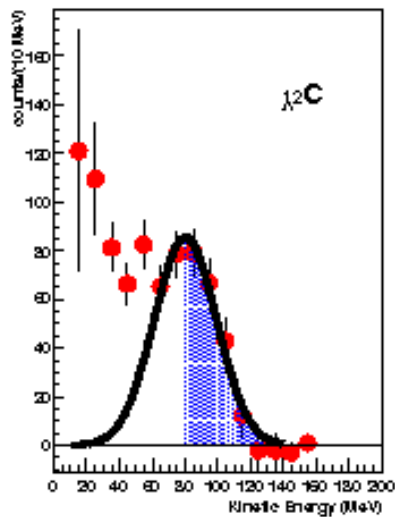
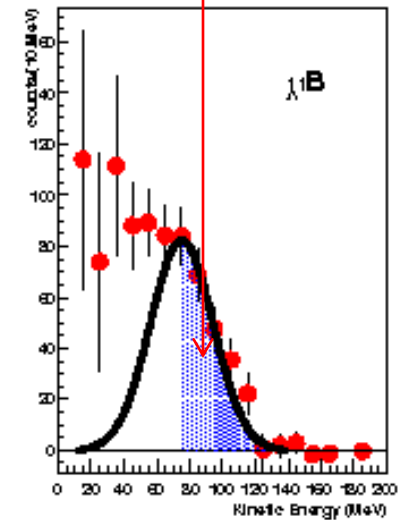
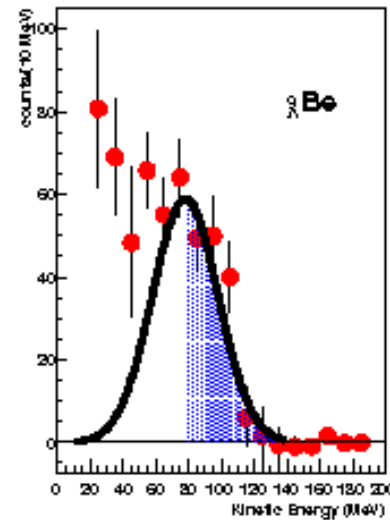
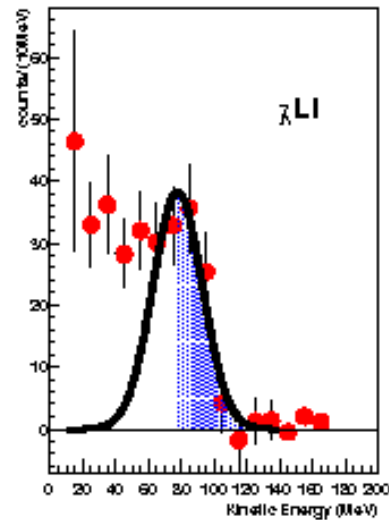
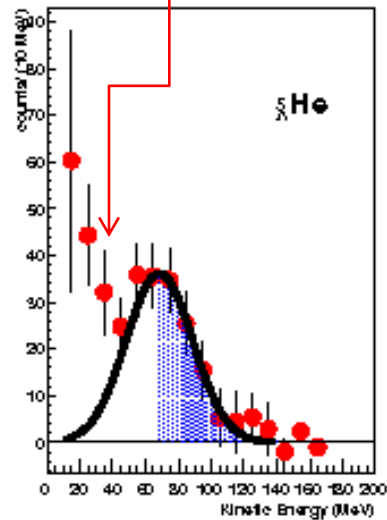
# FINUDA NMWD: 1N ( $\Delta p \rightarrow np$ ), 2N ( $\Delta np \rightarrow nnp$ ) & FSI

$$A_{\text{low}} = 0.5 \text{ 1N} + 2\text{N} + N_p^{\text{FSI-low}}$$

$$Q_{\text{value}}(1\text{N}): T_p \approx 80 \text{ MeV}$$

$$A_{\text{high}} = 0.5 \text{ 1N} + N_p^{\text{FSI-high}}$$

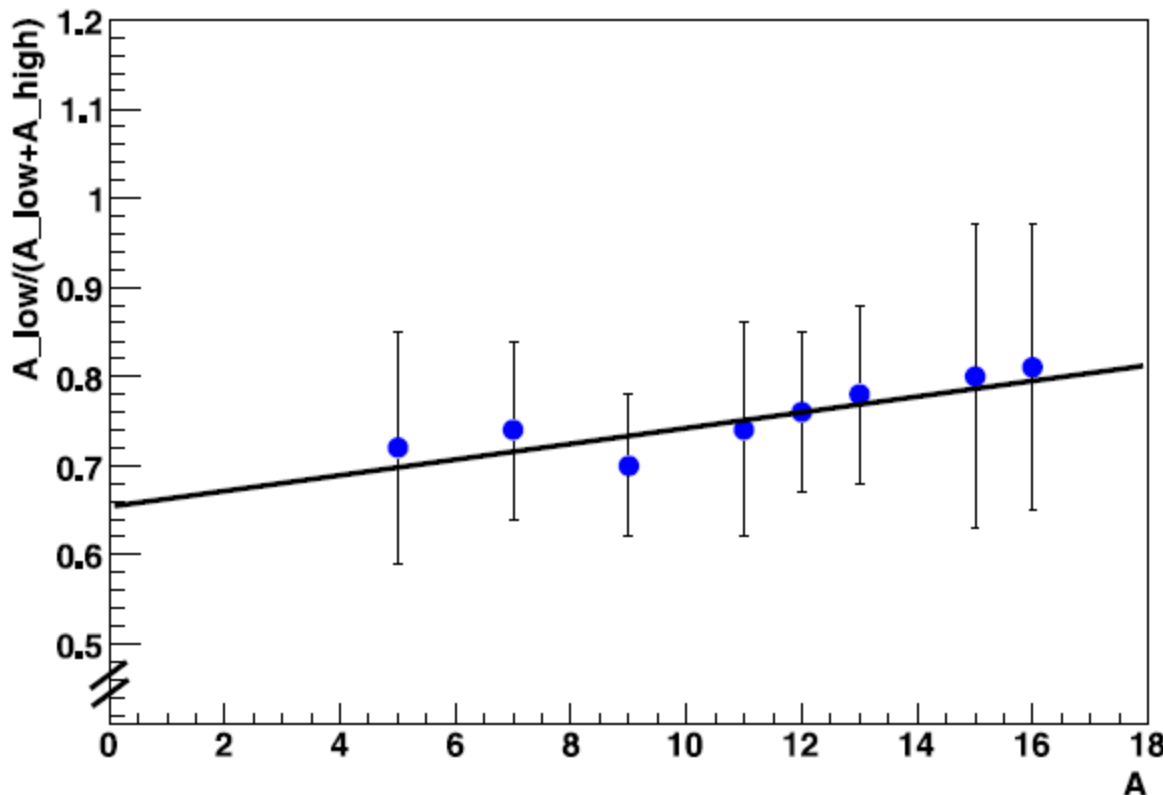
## Measured proton kinetic energy spectra



The **black line** is the gaussian fit of the spectra using the data above 80 MeV

# NMWD: FSI & Anp evaluation

$$R \equiv \frac{A_{\text{low}}}{A_{\text{low}} + A_{\text{high}}} = \frac{0.5N(\Delta p \rightarrow np) + N(\Delta np \rightarrow nnp) + N_p^{\text{FSI-low}}}{N(\Delta p \rightarrow np) + N(\Delta np \rightarrow nnp) + N_p^{\text{FSI-low}} + N_p^{\text{FSI-high}}}$$



Using accepted assumptions and known results (from data and calculations), one gets, finally:

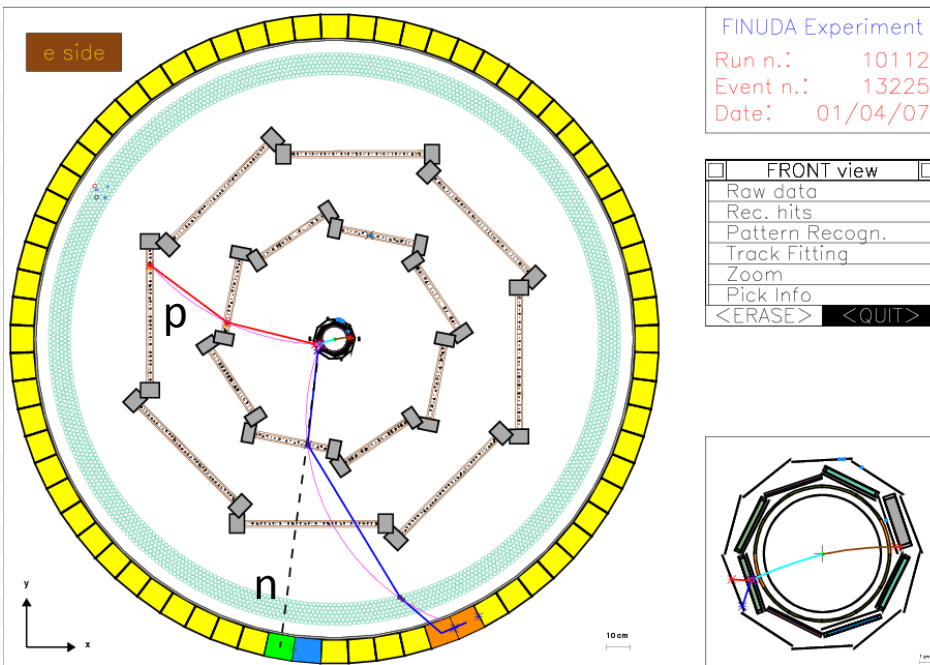
$$\frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_p} = 0.43 \pm 0.25.$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_{\text{NMWD}}} = 0.24 \pm 0.10.$$

# NMWD and neutrons in FINUDA

FINUDA has a 9% eff. to detect neutrons and is exploring this capability to deepen the study of NMWD

## $N(\Delta p \rightarrow np)$



103 events seen:

Analysis of the data to evaluate the 1N contribution vs A : done

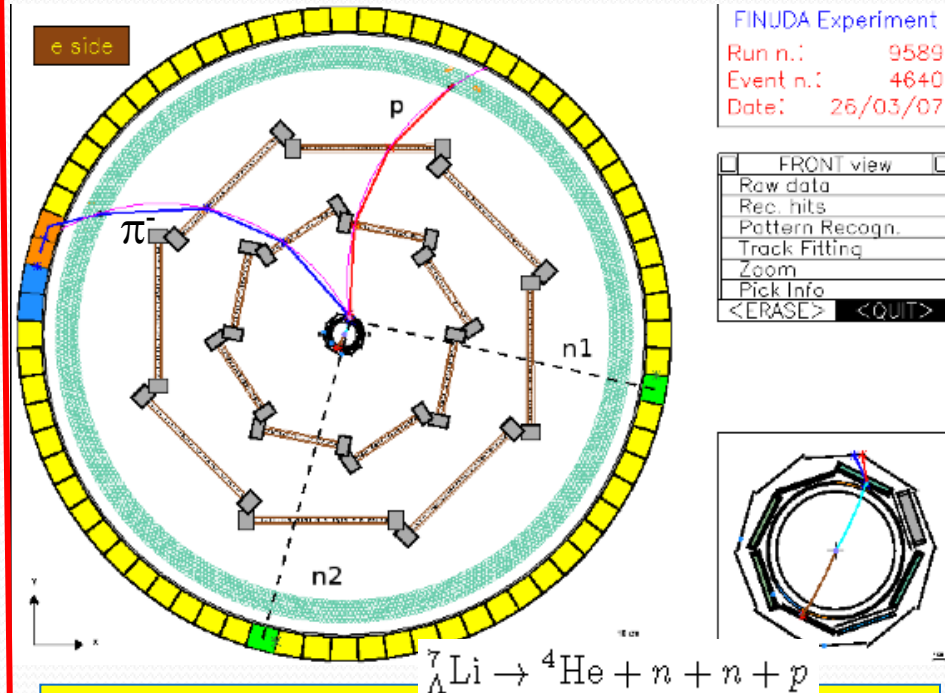
$$\Gamma_2/\Gamma_p = 0.36 \pm 0.07$$

$$\Gamma_2/\Gamma_{NM} = 0.20 \pm 0.03$$

[sys. (+0.04) -(0.03)]

[sys. (+0.02) -(0.01)]

## $N(\Delta np \rightarrow nnp)$



3 events seen!

First experimental evidence of such a process.

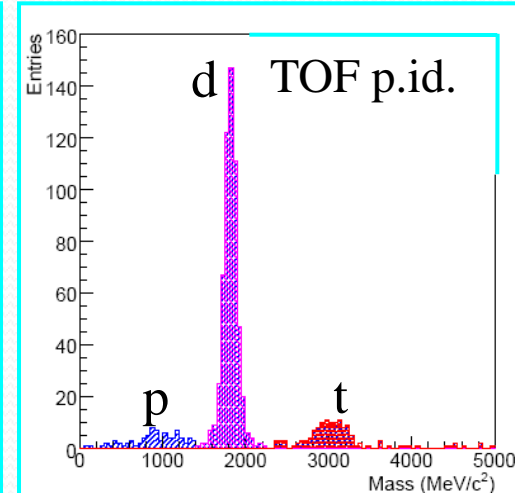
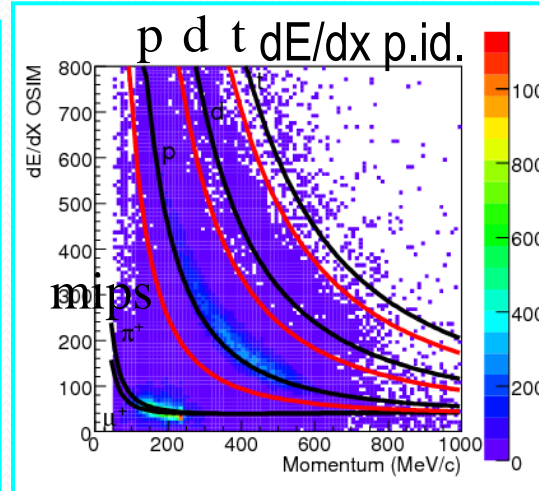
Analysis being finalized for submission to PLB

# Light hypernuclei rare decays in FINUDA

Very few and sparse observations

New data from E549 (not published yet)

- large angular coverage ( $\sim 4\pi$ )
- Excellent particle identification for charged hadrons
- Good momentum resolution
- Capability to fully reconstruct the event topologies
  - Set of several targets allowing the production of different hypernuclei and **hypernuclear fragments**



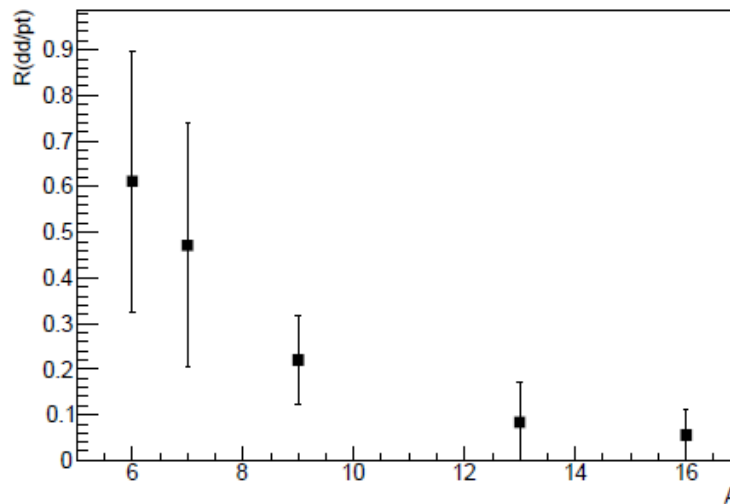
- **$^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  hyperfragments** production, from all targets
  - $^4_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow dd$ 
    - d momentum: 570 MeV/c
  - $^4_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow pt$ 
    - p momentum: 508 MeV/c
- **$^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  hypernucleus formation**
  - From  $^6\text{Li}$  targets:  $K^- ^6\text{Li} \rightarrow ^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} + p + \pi^-$  ( $\pi^-$  momentum: 275.15 MeV/c)
  - From  $^7\text{Li}$  targets:  $K^- ^7\text{Li} \rightarrow ^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} + d + \pi^-$
  - NM two-body decay:  $^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow dt$ 
    - d momentum: 597 MeV/c

arXiv:10105616 nucl-ex 27 Oct 2010  
submitted to PLB

# $^4_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow d+d$ vs $^4_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow p+t$ yields

target	$dd$ Events	Yield $\times 10^{-5} / (K_{stop}^-)$	$pt$ Events	Yield $\times 10^{-5} / (K_{stop}^-)$
$^6\text{Li}$	$12 \pm 3$	$3.0 \pm 1.3_{stat} \pm 0.9_{sys}$	$1 \pm 1$	$< 16.8$ (90%C.L.)
$^7\text{Li}$	$7 \pm 3$	$2.4 \pm 1.3_{stat} \pm 0.8_{sys}$	$1 \pm 1$	$< 14.3$ (90%C.L.)
$^9\text{Be}$	$10 \pm 3$	$3.3 \pm 1.4_{stat} \pm 0.4_{sys}$	$5 \pm 2$	$14.9 \pm 3.1_{stat} \pm 0.9_{sys}$
$^{13}\text{C}$	$1 \pm 1$	$< 2.3$ (90%C.L.)	$1 \pm 1$	$< 30.5$ (90%C.L.)
$^{16}\text{O}$	$1 \pm 1$	$< 2.7$ (90%C.L.)	$2 \pm 1$	$10.4 \pm 2.0_{stat} \pm 0.2_{sys}$

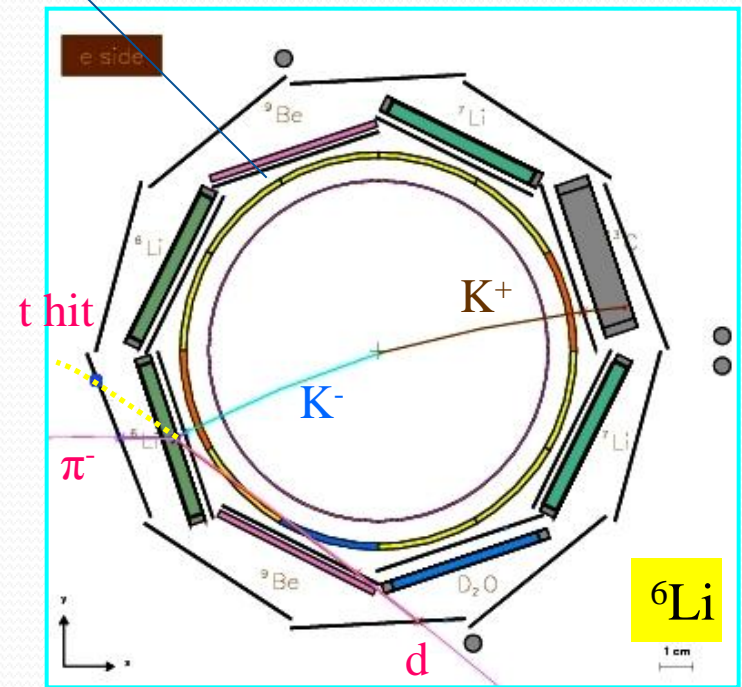
- Dominance of  $pt$  decay channel vs  $dd$  one
- Largest dominance for higher  $A$  (FSI?)



## $^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow d + t$ (inclusive analysis)

- missing triton (597 MeV/c) – missing mass cut
- detected deuteron in the range (570-630) MeV/c
- $\pi^-$  momentum signalling the  $^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  formation (267-273 MeV/c)
- large contribution from K2N  $\Sigma^-p$  absorption: S/N > 0.20

## $^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow d + t$ (“exclusive”)



3 events from “exclusive” analysis

- $d+\pi^-$  detection
- High energy release from triton on opposite silicon detectors
- 3 good events found
  - 1x  $^6\text{Li}$ , 2x  $^7\text{Li}$
  - No background (no good events in side bins)
  - Branching ratio:
    - $(2.8 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$
    - O(1/100) ordinary NM branching ratio

target	Number of events	Yield $\times 10^{-4} / (K_{stop}^-)$
$^6\text{Li}$	$4 \pm 2$	$1.83 \pm 0.93_{stat} \pm 0.12_{sys}$
$^7\text{Li}$	$5 \pm 2$	$1.12 \pm 0.51_{stat} \pm 0.08_{sys}$
$^9\text{Be}$	$13 \pm 4$	$1.23 \pm 0.38_{stat} \pm 0.02_{sys}$
$^{13}\text{C}$	$7 \pm 3$	$2.25 \pm 0.87_{stat} \pm 0.04_{sys}$
$^{16}\text{O}$	$11 \pm 3$	$1.58 \pm 0.50_{stat} \pm 0.03_{sys}$

# $K^-$ absorption by few nucleons in nuclei

- Absorption by few nucleons (with  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$  detection)

- Two nucleon absorption



- Three nucleon absorption



- Four nucleon absorption



Relevant processes for the study of possible kaon-nucleons bound clusters

$\Rightarrow$  with FINUDA the study of different absorption features on nuclei of different A was possible



# $\Lambda$ "high momentum" component related to the most interesting findings

## $A(K^-, \Lambda p)X$

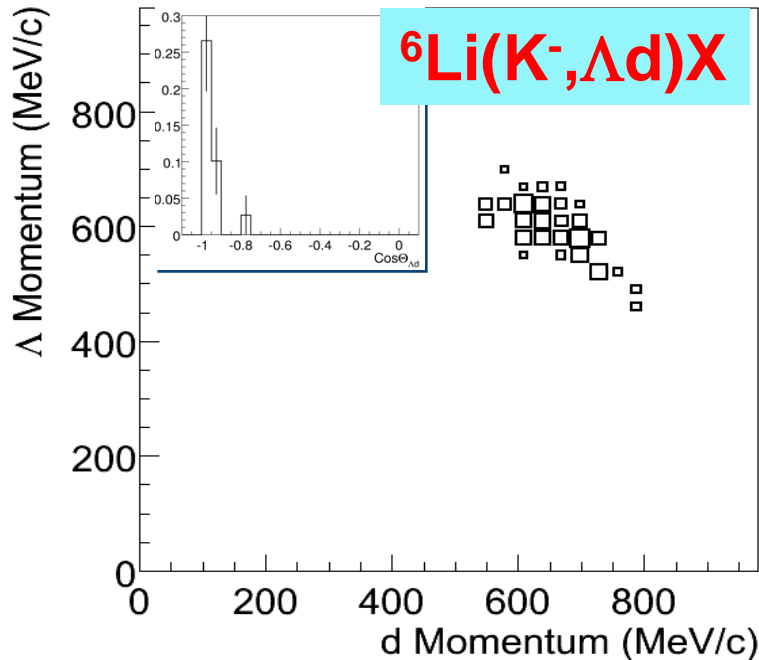
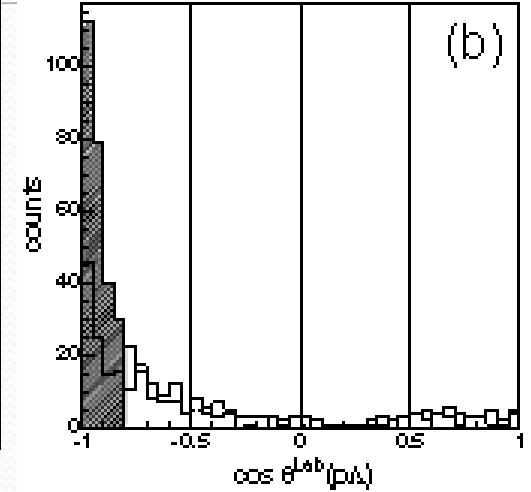
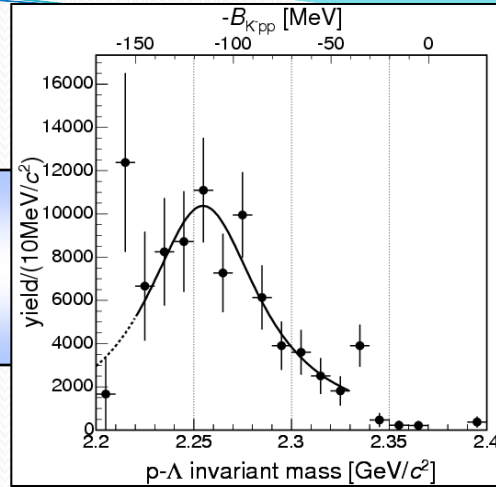
(A: 2x  ${}^6\text{Li}$  + 1x  ${}^7\text{Li}$  + 3x  ${}^{13}\text{C}$ )

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

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

Yield  $\approx 0.1\%$ /stopped  $K^-$

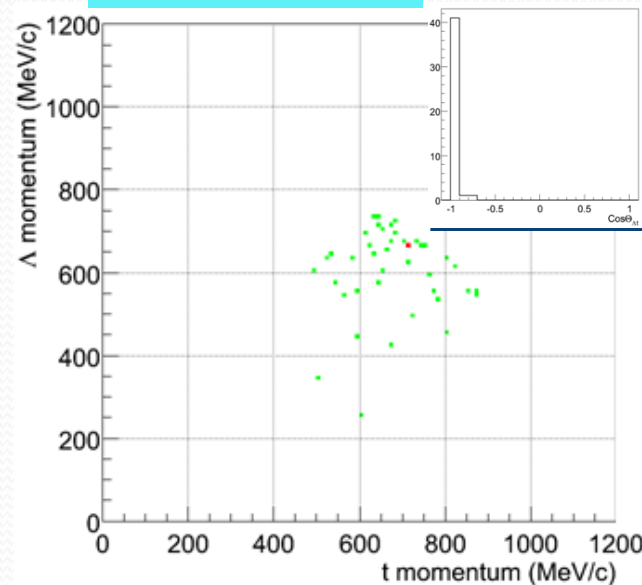
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## ${}^6\text{Li}(K^-, \Lambda d)X$

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## $A(K^-, \Lambda t)X$



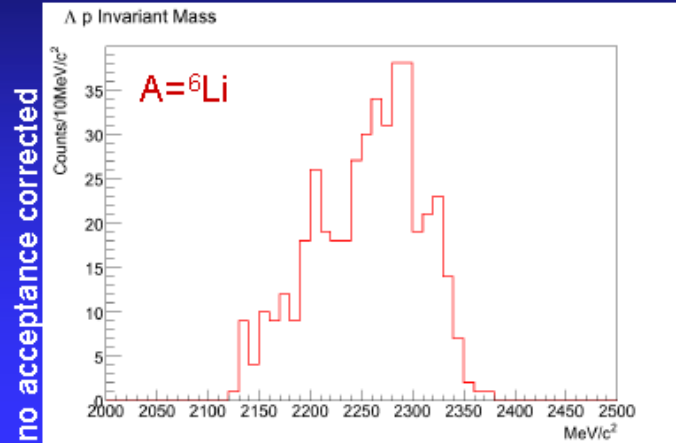
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# The new data confirm the previous FINUDA findings

$A(K^-, \Delta p)X$

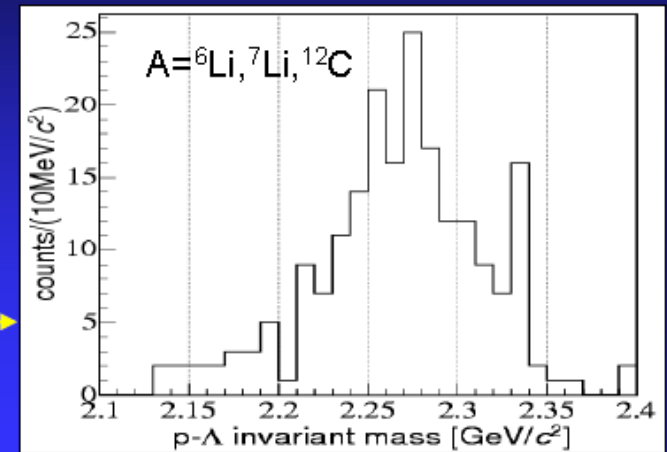
2006-07 data

2003-04 data



New  
inv mass spectra  
compatible with  
published one

← New data      Old data →  
Same cuts applied



no acceptance corrected

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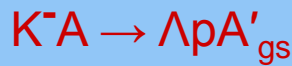
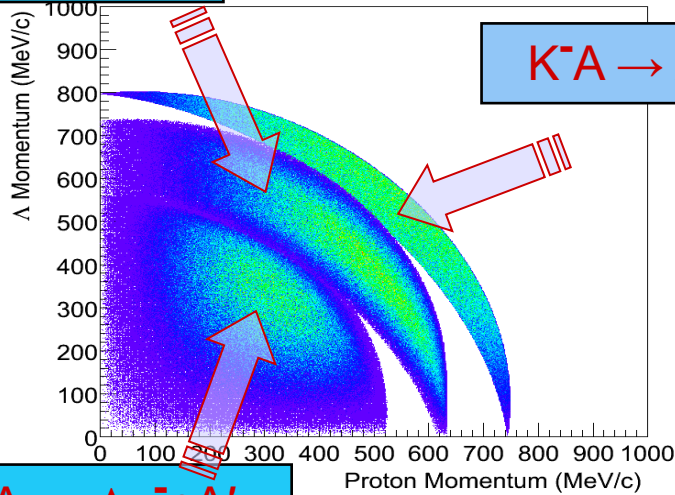
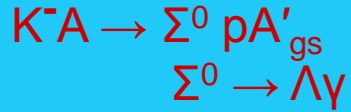
The much higher statistics of the 2006-07 data taking respect to the 2003-04 allows to study separately the single nuclei. This increase is not only due to higher Integrated Luminosity, but also to the inclusion, thanks to the improved reconstruction algorithm, of the “short tracks” → *new calculation of the acceptance needed*.

The increased statistics and the development of a sophisticated MC simulation of the involved physical processes allow to disentangle also the different reaction channels contributing to the measured spectra.

➔ possibility to perform *missing mass analysis*

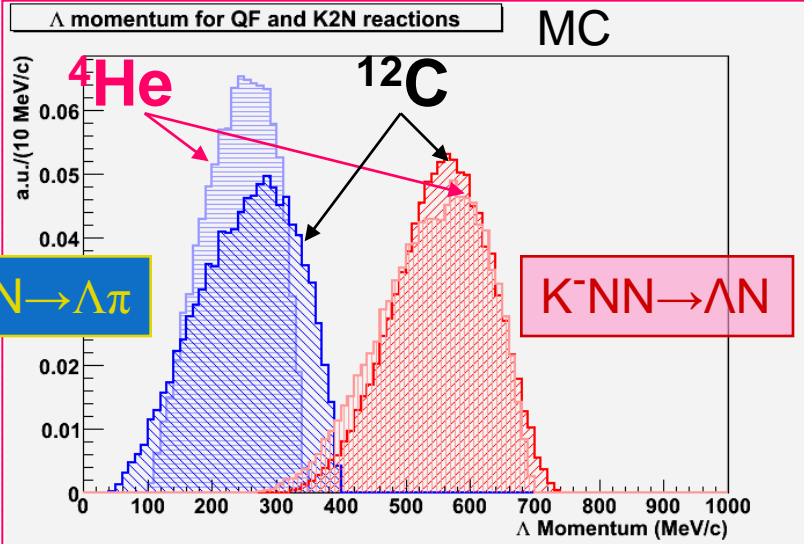
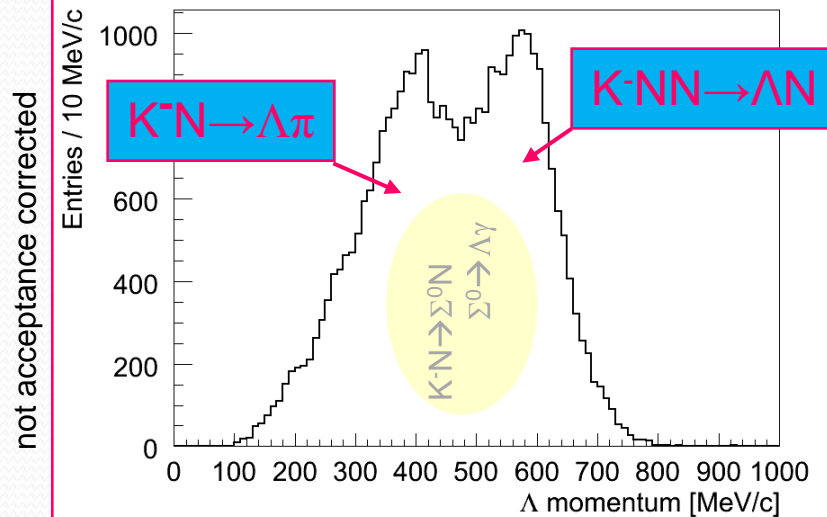
# $(K^-_{stop}, \Lambda)$ absorption by one or more nucleons

Phase space simulation:  $K^-_{stop} {}^6\text{Li}$



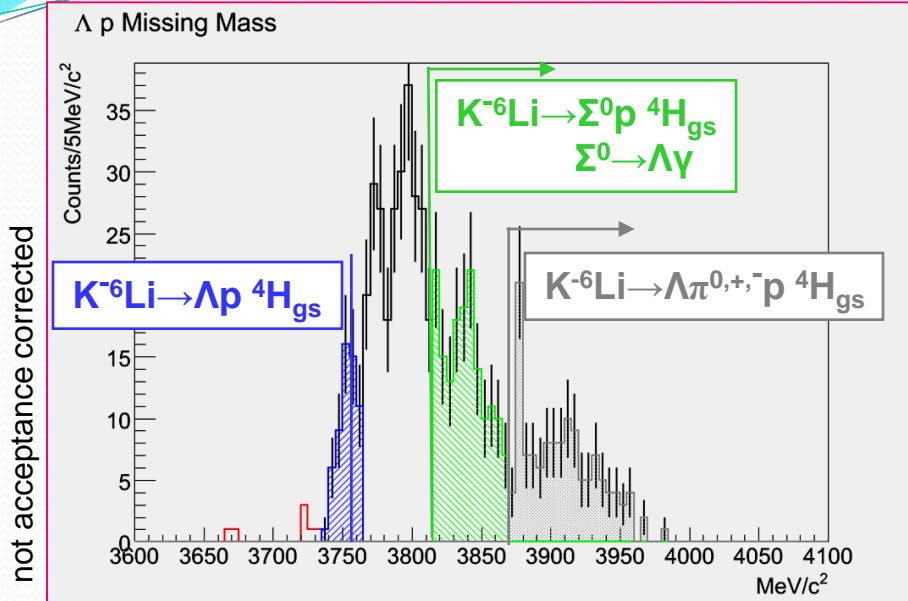
Pionless reactions: emission of high momentum nucleons (or light nuclei) and hyperons

FINUDA DATA:  $K^-_{stop} {}^6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Lambda X$



# ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}, \Lambda\text{p})\text{X}$

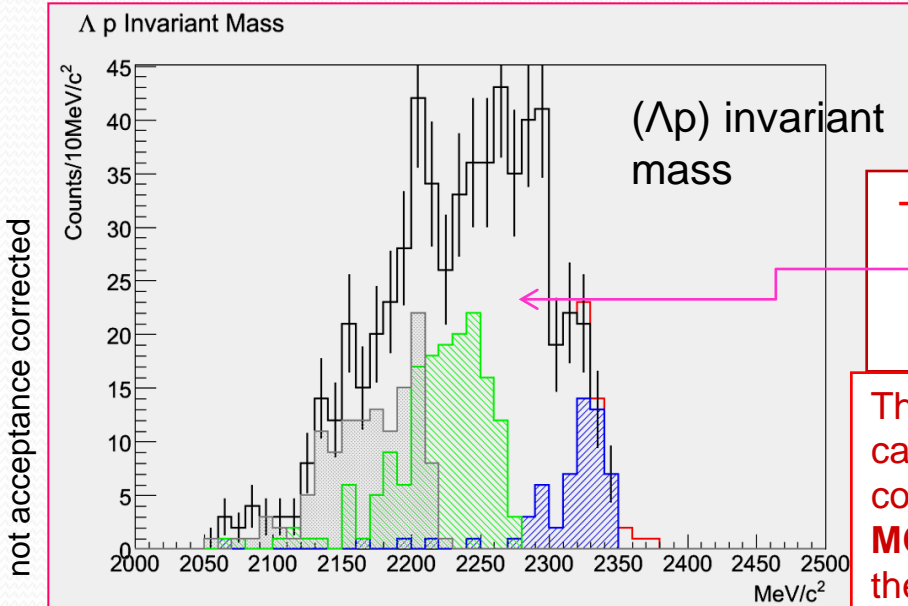
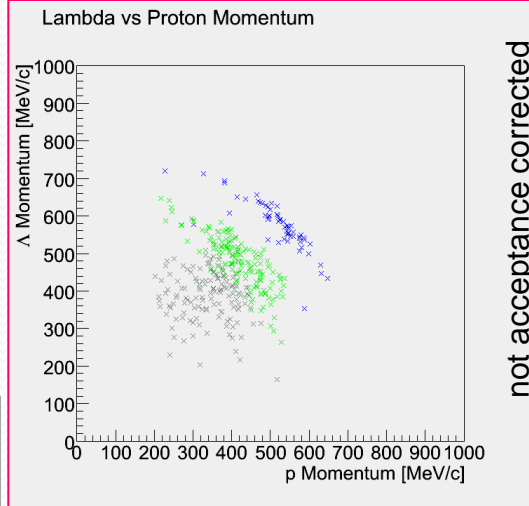
Different final states can be disentangled through missing mass study



QF-2NA  
 $\text{K}^- \text{A} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{p X}$

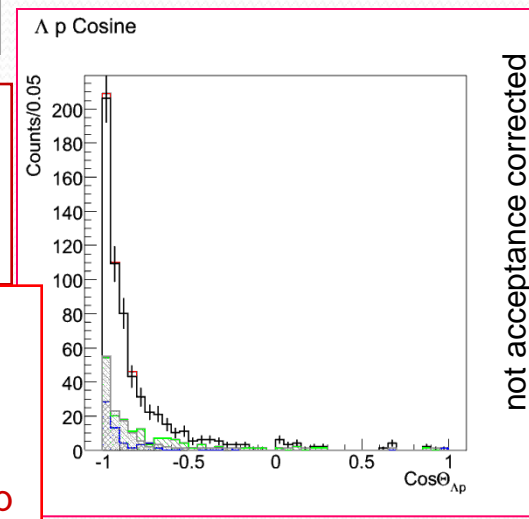
QF-2NA  
 $\text{K}^- \text{A} \rightarrow \Sigma^0\text{p X}$

QF-2NA  
 $\text{K}^- \text{A} \rightarrow \Lambda\pi\text{p X}$



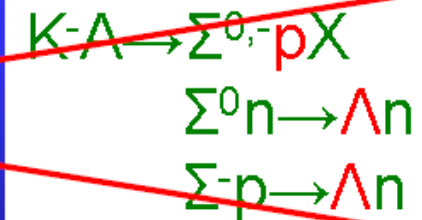
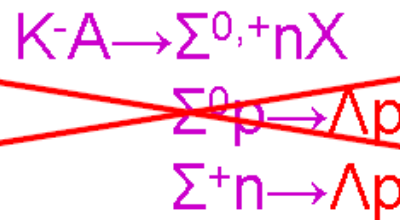
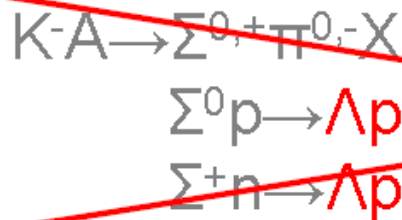
→ Only a small fraction of the bump can be associated to  $\text{K}^- \text{pp} \rightarrow \Sigma^0\text{p} \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$

The Missing Mass selection cannot exclude  $\Sigma\text{N} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{N}$  conversion reactions: but MC simulations rule-out their contribution to the bump



# Alternative interpretations of $\Lambda p$ bump

- $K\text{-}pp \rightarrow [K\text{-}pp] \rightarrow \Lambda p$ :  $[K\text{-}pp]$  bound state (FINUDA)
- ~~QF-TNA  $K\text{-}pp \rightarrow \Lambda p$  followed by FSI (Magas et al.)~~
- ~~Dominance of  $\Sigma^0$  production over  $\Lambda$ :~~
- ~~QF-TNA  $K\text{-}pp \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p$  followed by  $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$  decay~~
- ~~QF-TNA  $K\text{-}NN \rightarrow \Sigma N$  followed by  $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$  conversion reaction:~~



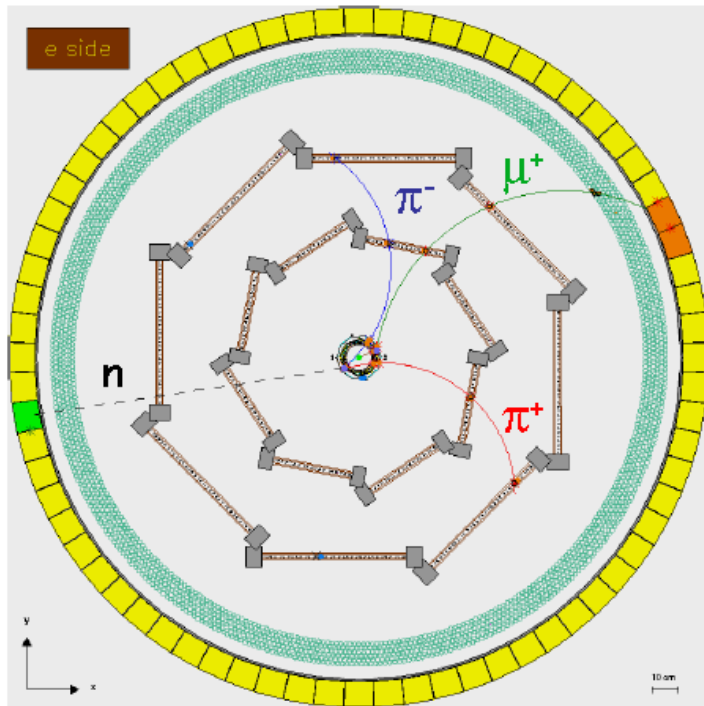
- Decay of heavier kaonic nuclei (Mares, Friedman, Gal)

*Similar conclusions for the  $\Lambda d$  case*

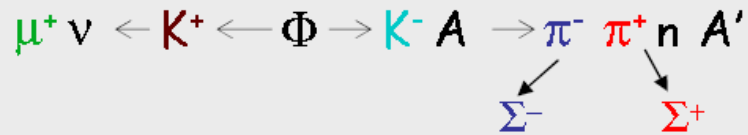
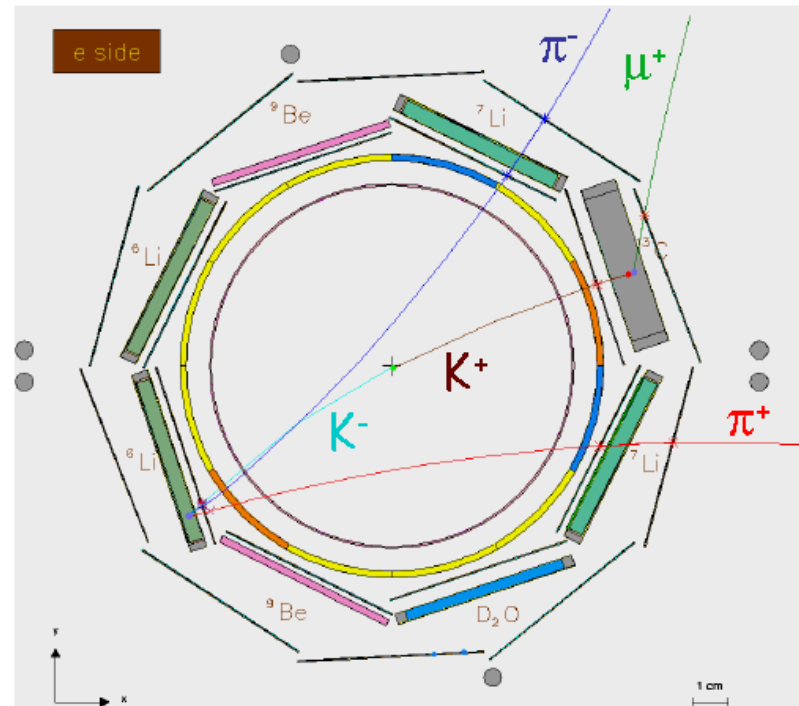
# $\Sigma^+$ , $\Sigma^-$ - selection in FINUDA

## Topology of a $n\pi^+\pi^-$ event

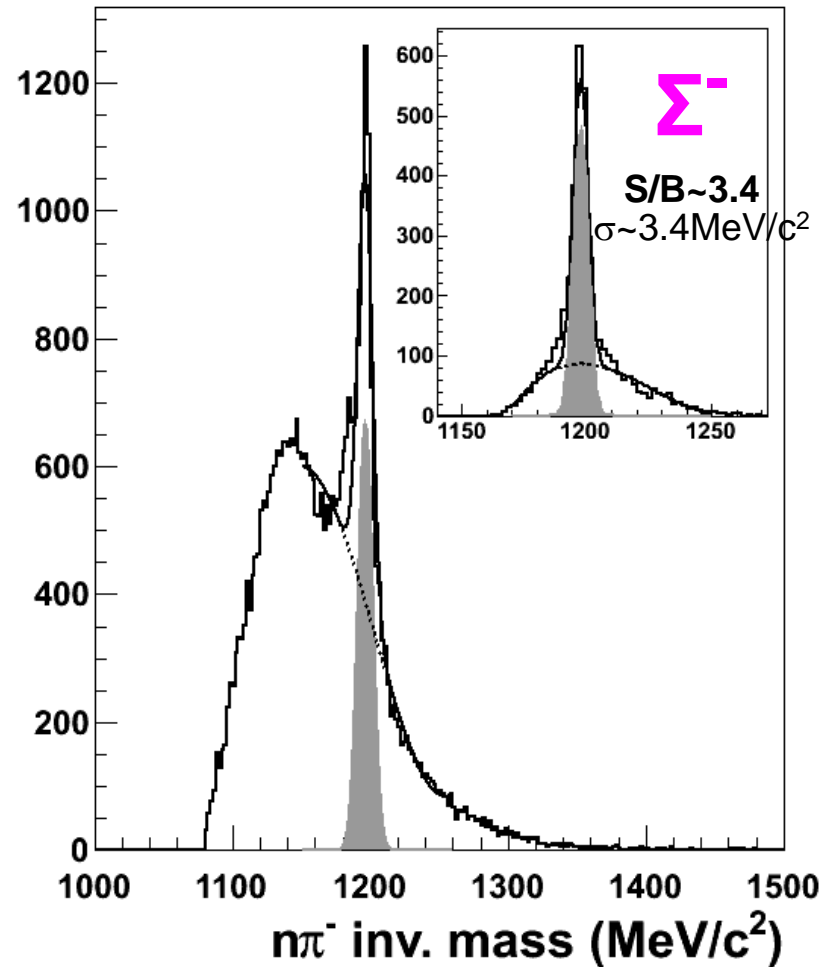
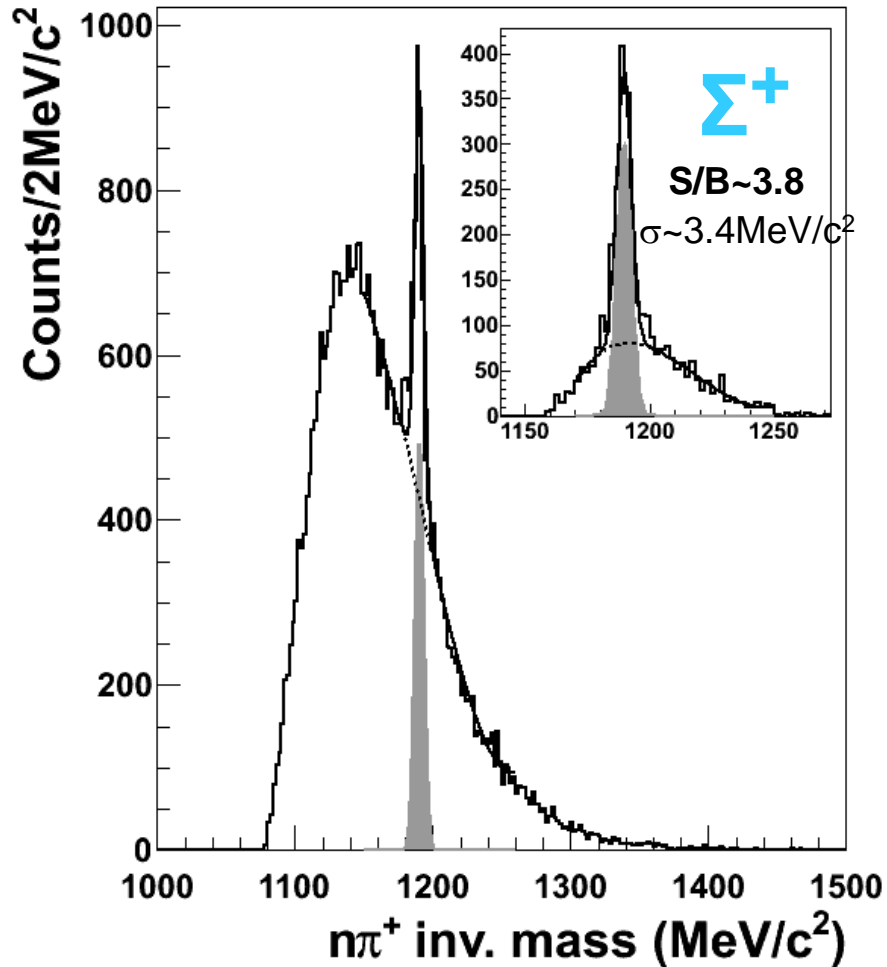
FINUDA spectrometer



Central region



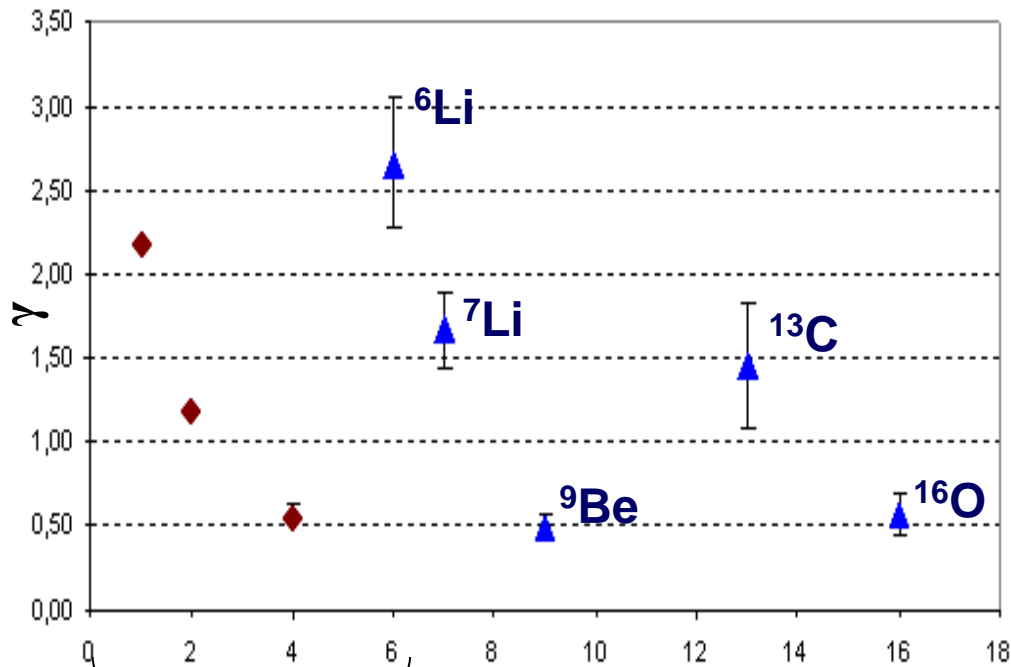
# $\Sigma^-$ and $\Sigma^+$ identification in $K^- {}^6\text{Li} \Rightarrow (n\pi^+\pi^-)X$ events



The insets are obtained after applying selection cuts (angular and momentum correlations, track quality, missing mass criteria...)

# $(\Sigma^-\pi^+)$ vs $(\Sigma^+\pi^-)$ QF production strength

$$\gamma = \frac{\Gamma(K^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^- \pi^+)}{\Gamma(K^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^-)}$$



From Katz et al, PRD 5 (1970), 1267

Dominance of  $\Sigma^+\pi^-$  QF production channel over  $\Sigma^-\pi^+$  on all targets

- Expected value for  $K^-p$  at threshold (integrated on all decay channels):  
 $\gamma = (2.36 \pm 0.04)$
- Sizeable in-medium interactions:  $\Sigma^-p \rightarrow \Lambda n$
- The  $\Sigma^+$  “feels” less the nuclear medium (decay at rest)
- Larger in-medium interaction (conversion reactions) of  $\Sigma^-$  in heavier nuclei
- Acceptances of the two channels largely factorize away: (same  $n\pi^+\pi^-$  sample) & different nuclei measured simultaneously

Acceptance calculations are anyway running to finalize the results



# FINUDA: the time evolution

- 1993 FINUDA experiment proposal (preprint LNF-93/021, 11 May 1993)  
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- 2003-04 FINUDA 1<sup>st</sup> data taking (200 pb<sup>-1</sup> integrated luminosity)
- 2006-07 FINUDA 2<sup>nd</sup> data taking (968 pb<sup>-1</sup> integrated luminosity)
- 2008 FINUDA 3<sup>rd</sup> data taking proposed for 2009 (1 fb<sup>-1</sup> integr. lum. )

The proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> data taking could not find room in the LNF planning  
nor in 2009 nor in a foreseeable future

**AS A CONSEQUENCE, AT BEGINNING OF 2009, THE COLLABORATION  
TOOK THE DECISION TO DE-COMMISSION THE EXPERIMENT**

## CONCLUSIONS

### Hypernuclear Physics

- Spectroscopy
- Decay

Data analysis completed & results published

### $K^-_{\text{stop}}$ absorption on multinucleons clusters in nuclei

- $\Lambda$
- $\Sigma^\pm$

Data analysis completed.  
Calculations running for acceptance corrections

In overall, **close to 100%** of the original *FINUDA* program in hypernuclear physics was successfully completed. New, unforeseen, reactions could also be studied and original results obtained: in this respect, it can be said that *FINUDA* **opened the path** for new experiments.