



# High-resolution hypernuclear decay pion spectroscopy at MAMI and future

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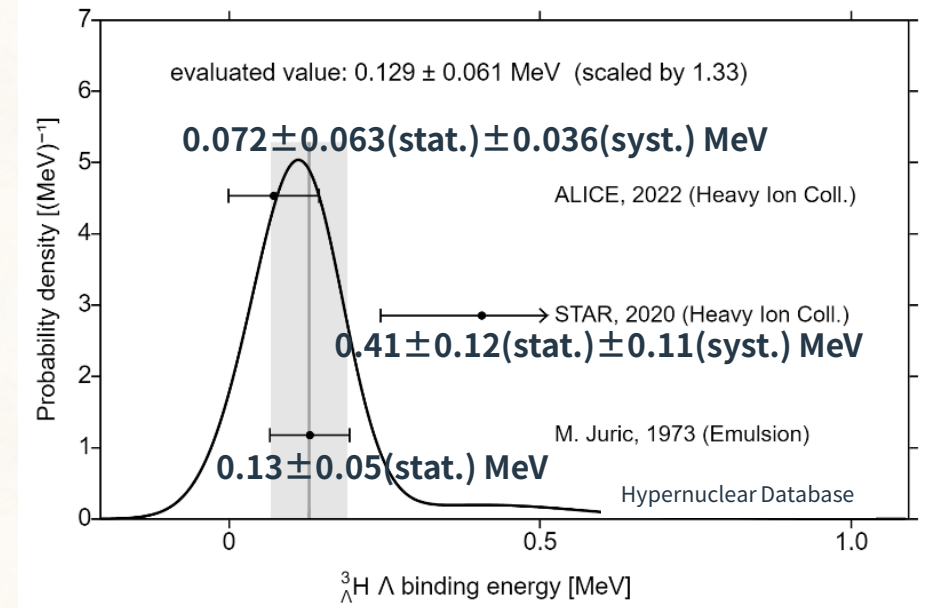
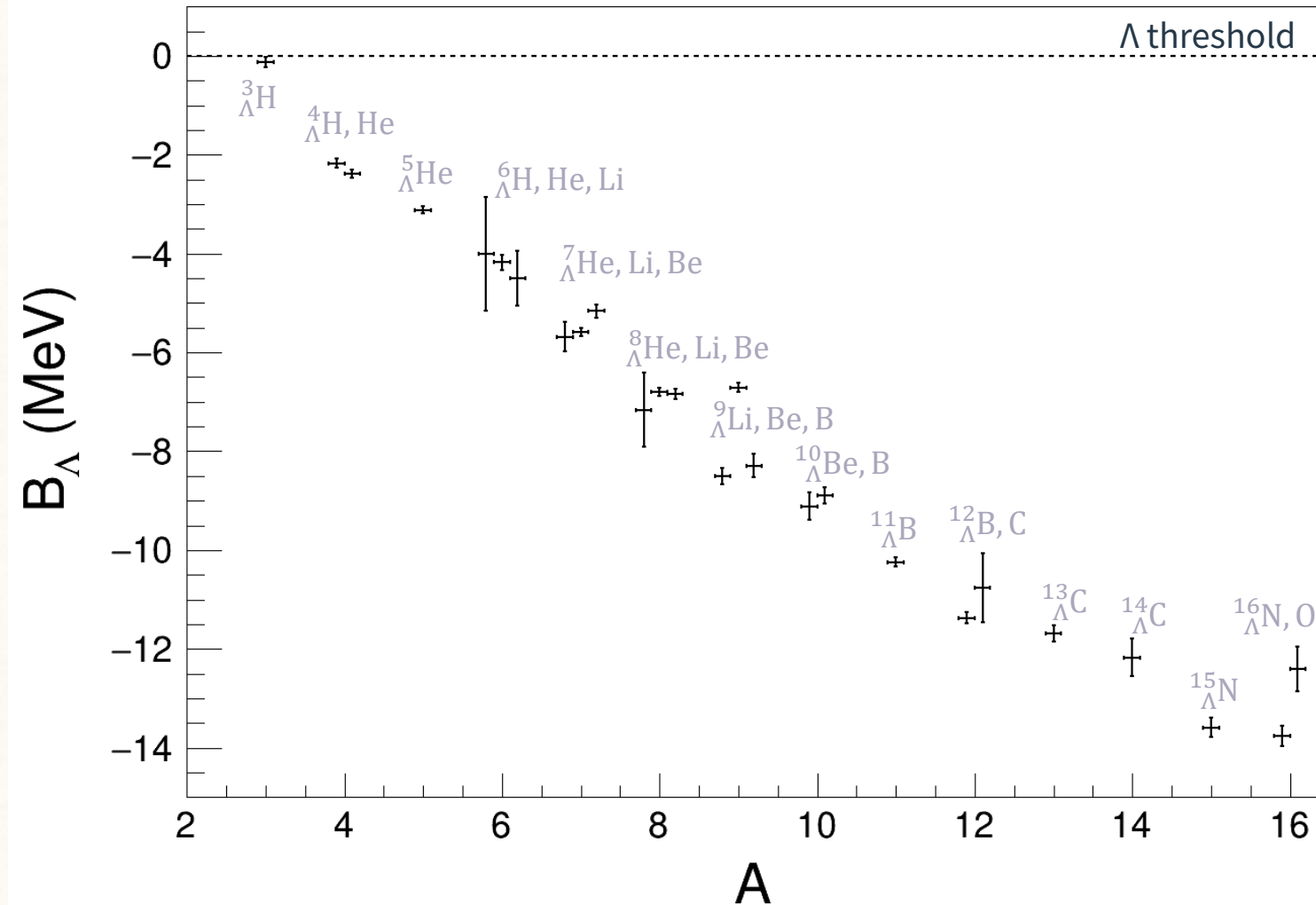
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  - at MAMI
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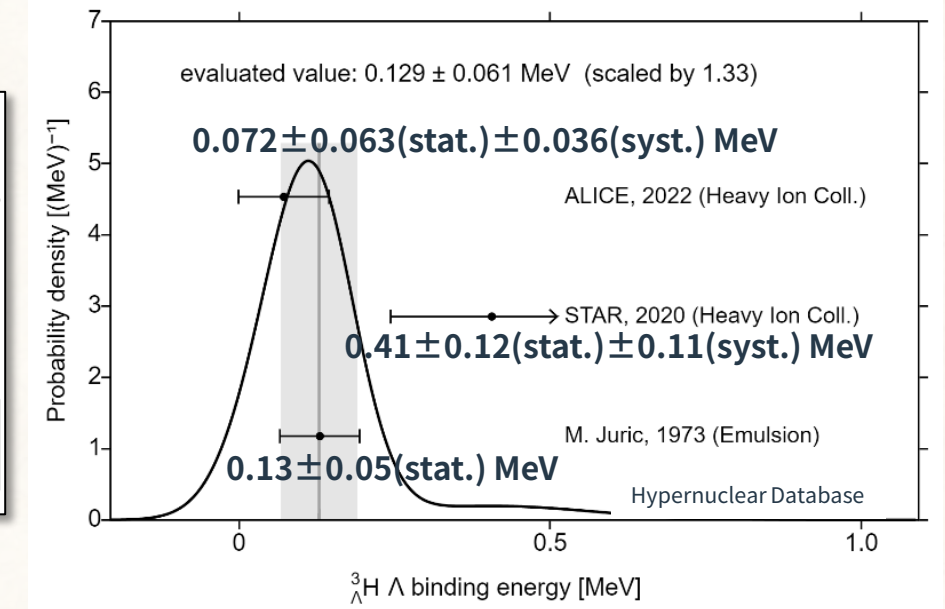
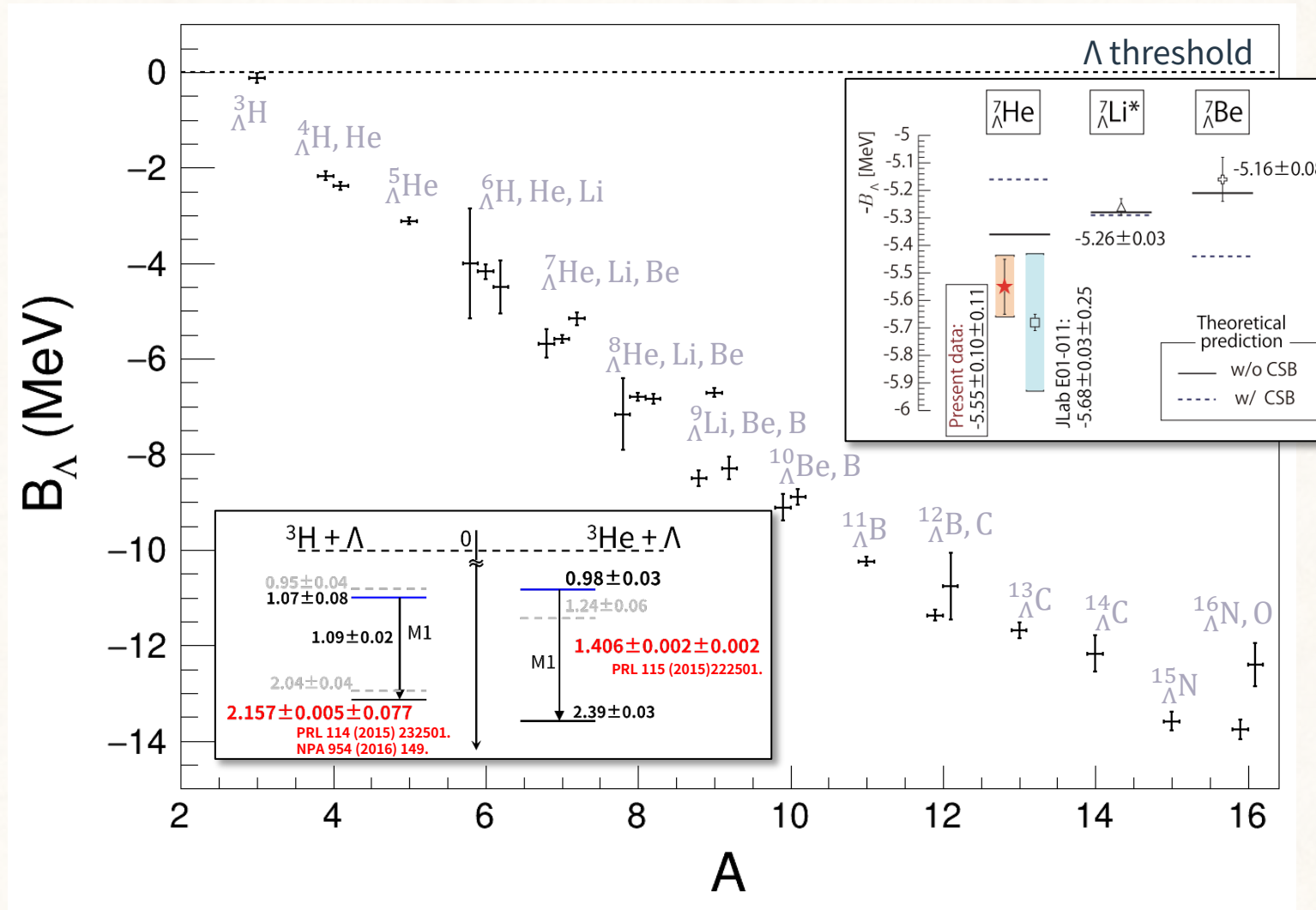
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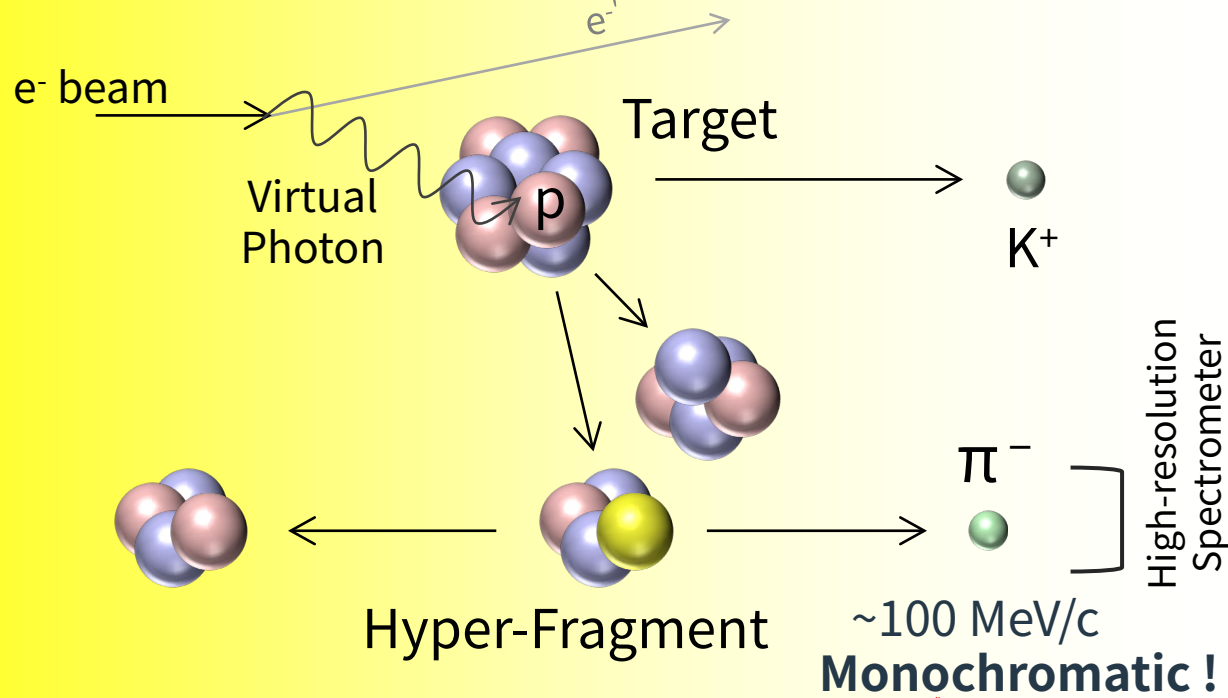
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# Higher-resolution mass spectroscopy

## Decay Pion Spectroscopy



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

- High-resolution & High-precision hypernuclear mass spectroscopy
  - Stopping in a target
  - Two-body decay with  $\pi^-$  & nucleus  
→ hypernuclear ground-state
- Momentum resolution  $\Delta p \sim 0.1 \text{ MeV}/c$
- Mass precision  $\Delta M \sim 0.01 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Good calibration sources
- Tagging Kaon

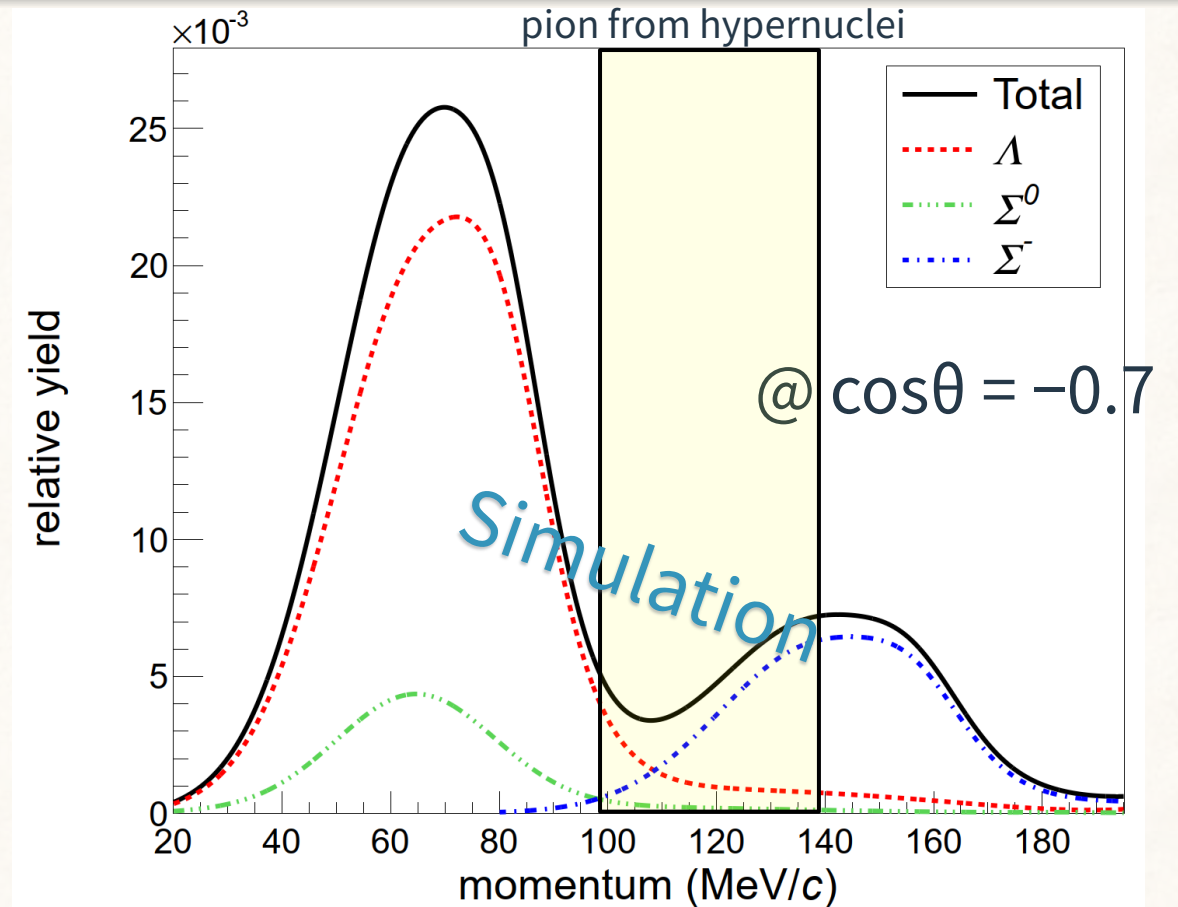
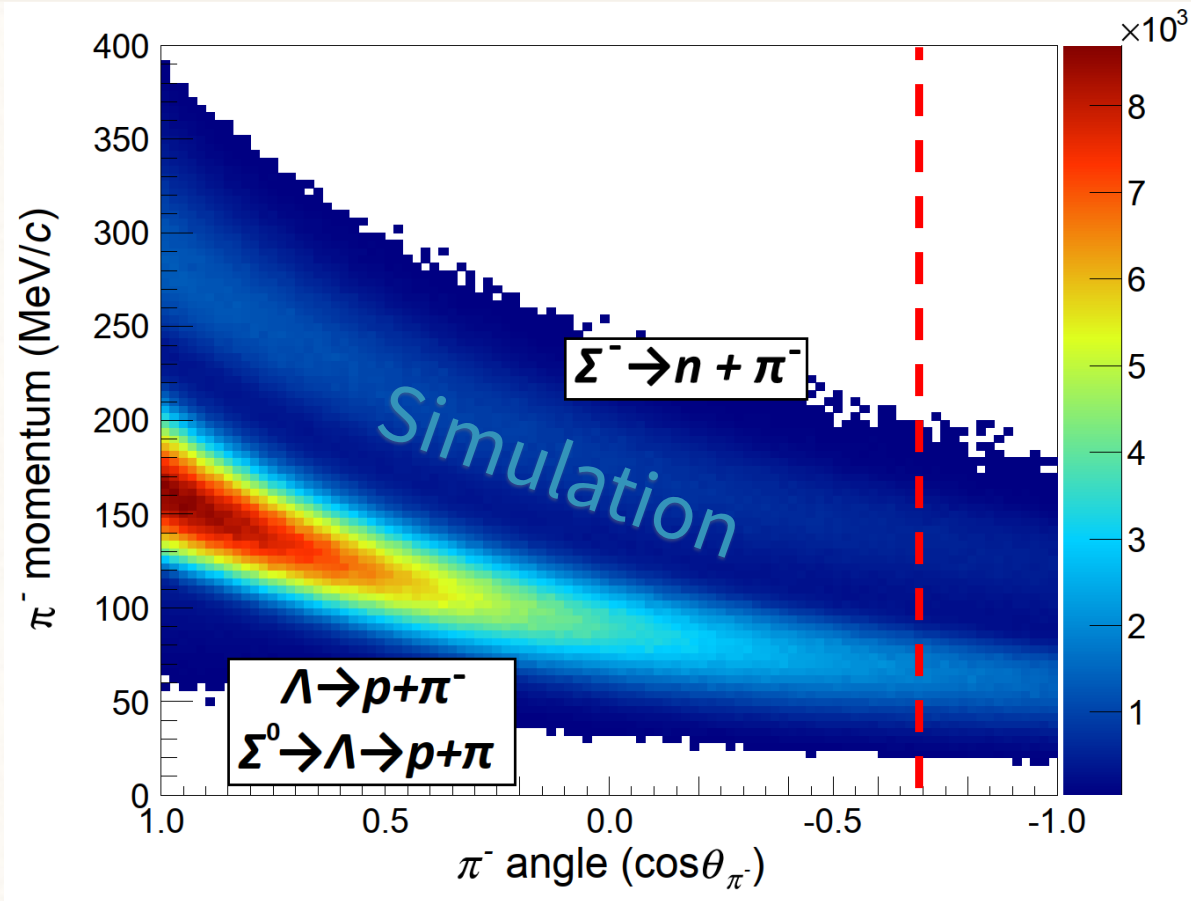


# List of decay pion candidates

Hypernuclei	Decay mode	$p_{\pi^-}$ (MeV/c)	
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	${}^3\text{He} + \pi^-$	114.4	↑↑↑↑ ${}^6\text{Li}$ target
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	${}^4\text{He} + \pi^-$	133.0	
${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	${}^6\text{He} + \pi^-$	135.3	
${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	${}^7\text{Li} + \pi^-$	114.8	
${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$	${}^7\text{Be} + \pi^-$	108.1	↑↑↑↑ ${}^7\text{Li}$ target
${}^8_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	${}^8\text{Li} + \pi^-$	116.5	
${}^8_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$	$2\alpha + \pi^-$	124.2	
${}^8_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$	${}^8\text{B} + \pi^-$	97.2	
${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$	${}^9\text{Be} + \pi^-$	121.3	↑↑↑↑ ${}^9\text{Be}$ target
${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{B}$	${}^9\text{C} + \pi^-$	96.8	
${}^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$	${}^{10}\text{C} + \pi^-$	100.5	
${}^{11}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$	${}^{11}\text{C} + \pi^-$	86.5	
${}^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$	${}^{12}\text{C} + \pi^-$	115.9	↑↑↑↑ ${}^{12}\text{C}$ target
${}^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$	${}^{12}\text{N} + \pi^-$	91.5	
${}^{13}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$	${}^{13}\text{N} + \pi^-$	92.3	
${}^{14}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$	${}^{14}\text{N} + \pi^-$	101.2	
${}^{15}_{\Lambda}\text{N}$	${}^{15}\text{O} + \pi^-$	98.4	
${}^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{N}$	${}^{16}\text{O} + \pi^-$	106.2	

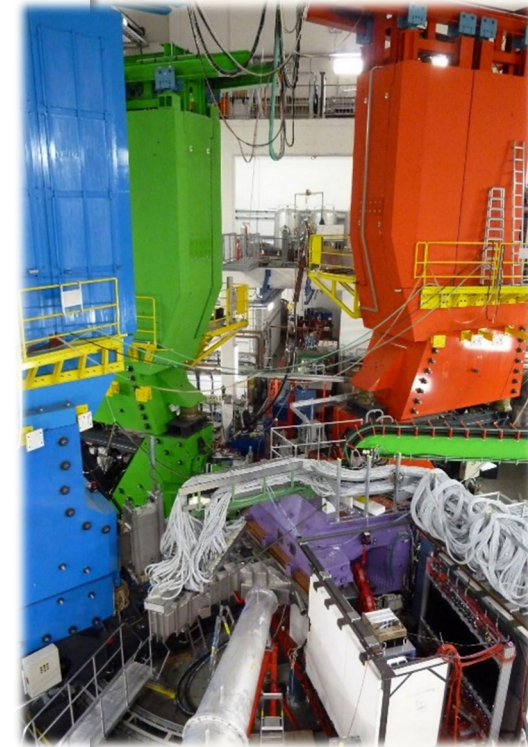
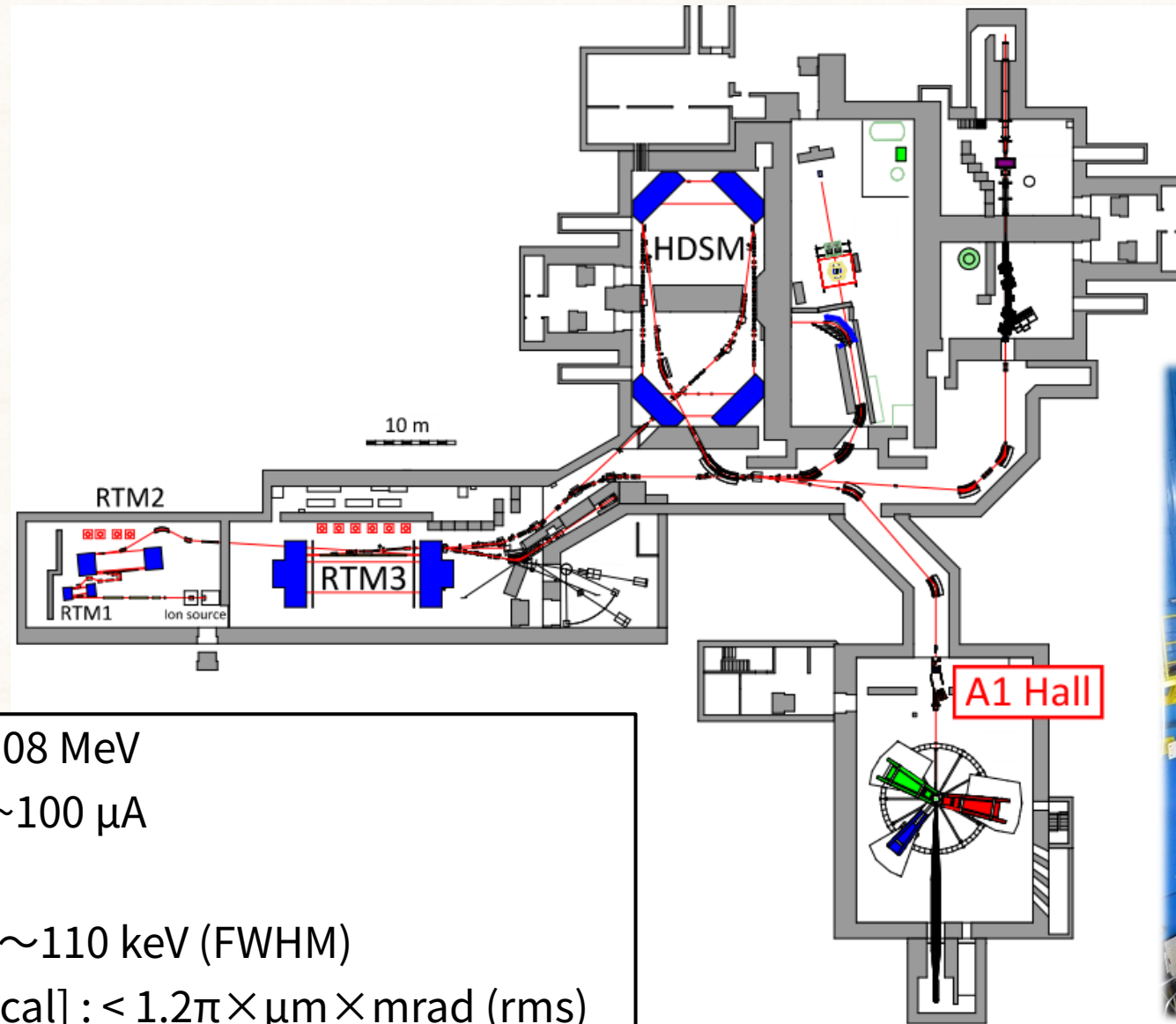
- Momentum of 100-130 MeV/c
- Emitting  $\pi^-$  from neutron-rich hypernuclei
- Decay prob. are measured and calculated  
[NPA754(2005)157c, PLB681(2009)139, PTPS117(1994)477.]
- Dependence on parent hypernuclei
- Some decay pion momenta are very close
- Identification by changing the target

# Background sources



- Major background source of  $\pi^-$  from in-flight hyperon decay, especially from  $\Sigma^- \rightarrow n + \pi^-$
- Most of  $\pi^-$  backgrounds go to the forward angles
- Decay pion measurement at the backward angles helps getting better S/N

# Mainz Microtron (MAMI)



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

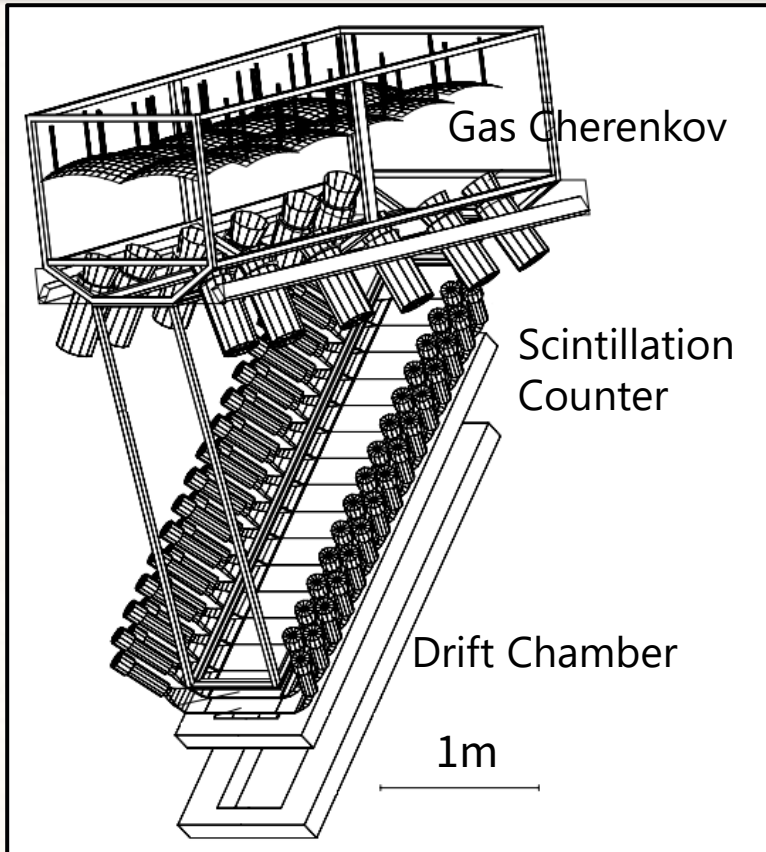
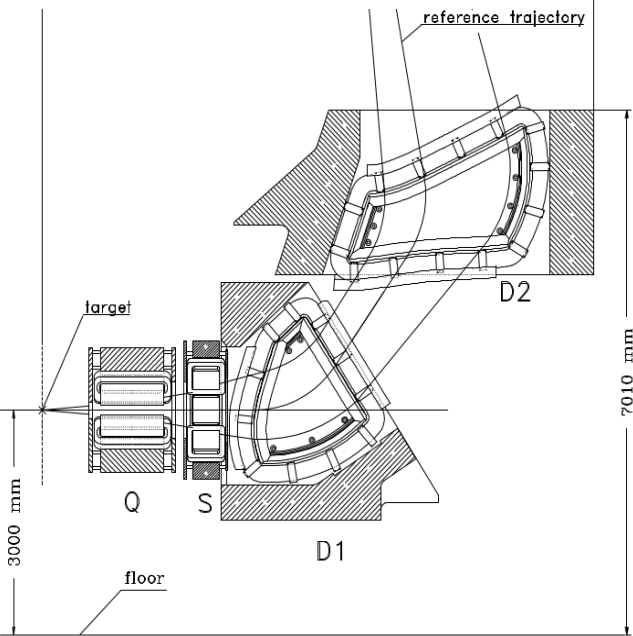






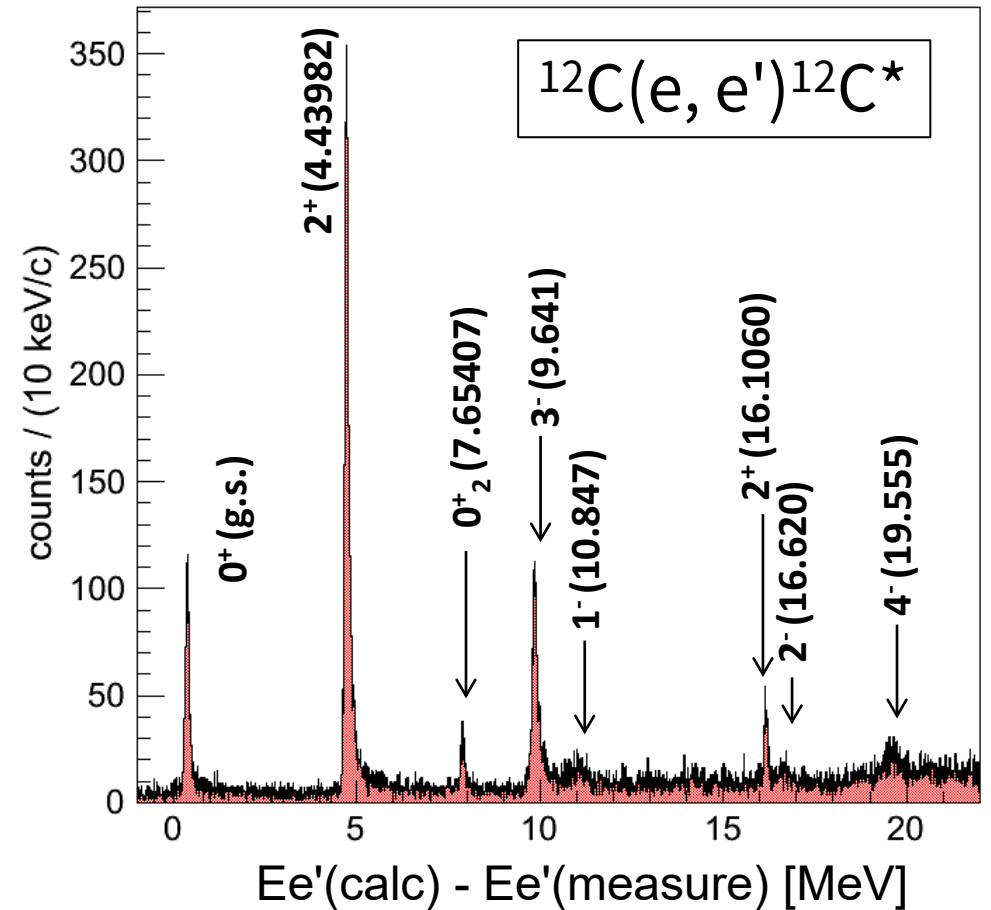
# Decay Pion Spectrometer (Spek-A, -C)

Solid Angle = 28 msr  
Resolution =  $10^{-4}$   
Arm  $\simeq 10\text{m}$

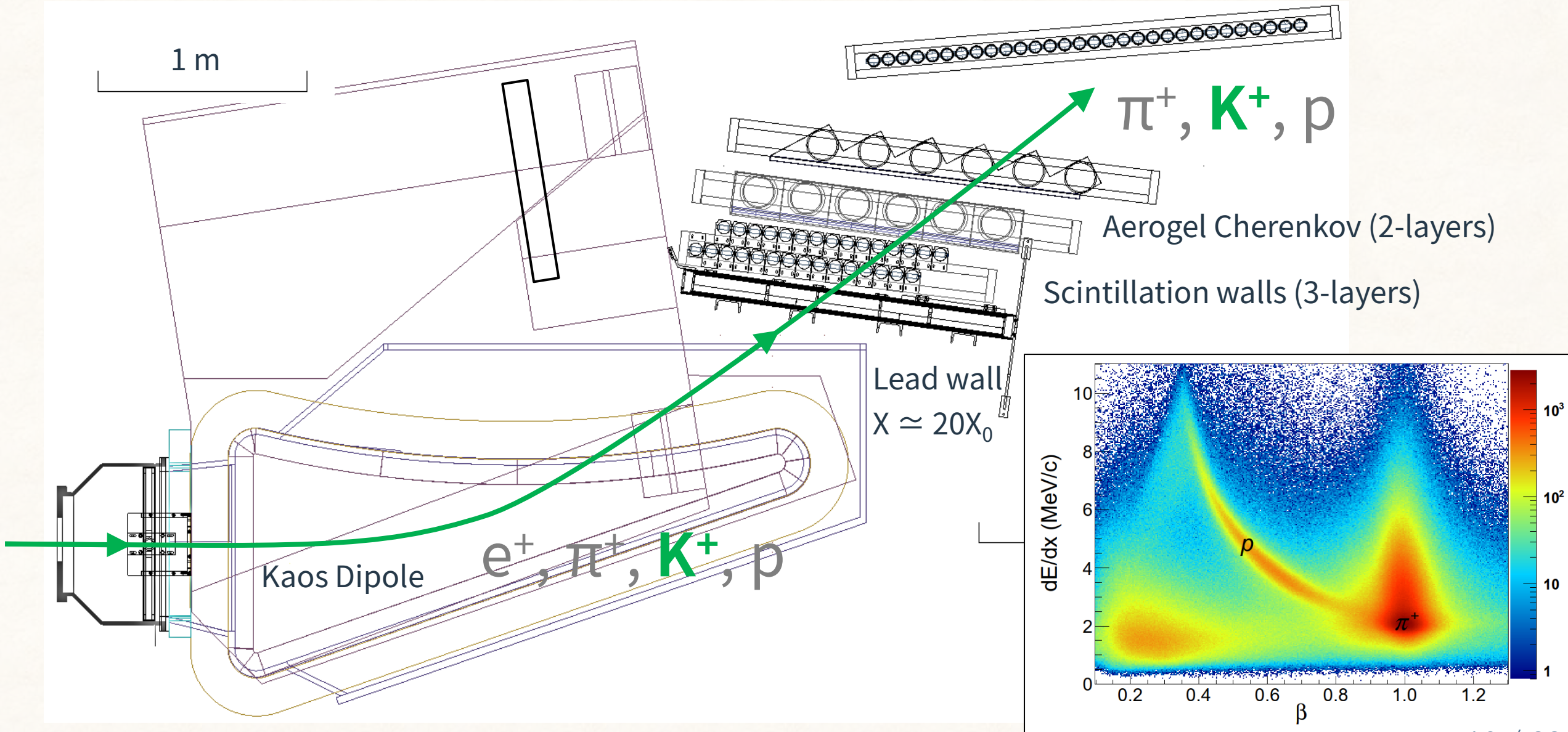


- High-resolution spectrometers
- Momentum calibration with elastic-scattered electrons
- 0.1 MeV/c accuracy  $\leftarrow$  uncertainty of  $E_e$

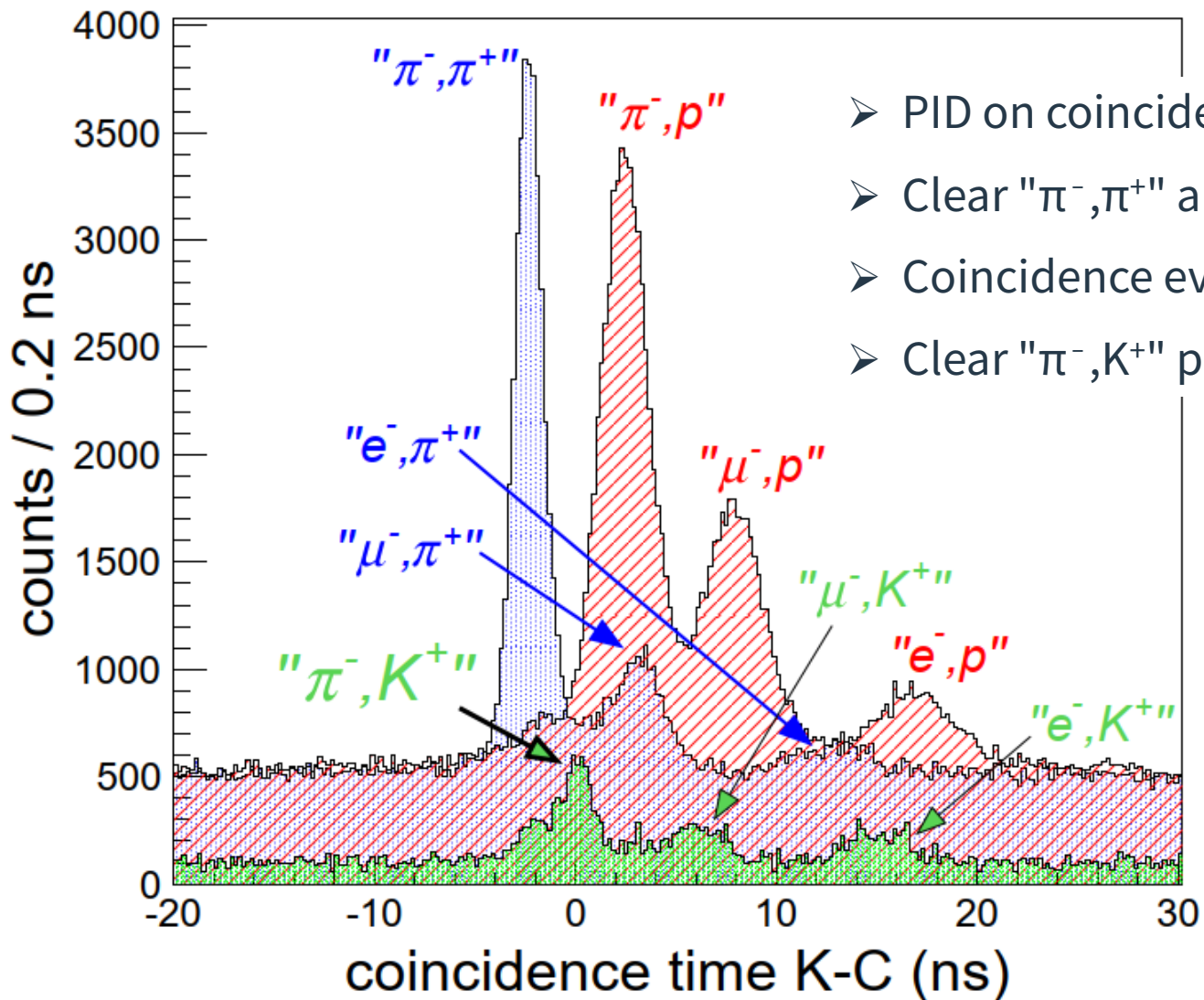
$$E_{e'} = \frac{E_e}{1 + E_e/M_{tar}(1 - \cos \theta_e)}$$



# Kaon Tagger (Kaos)



# PID on coincidence time spectrum



- PID on coincidence time at the target between Kaos & Spek-A, -C
- Clear " $\pi^-, \pi^+$ " and " $\pi^-, p$ " coincidence peak with PID cuts of Kaos
- Coincidence events with  $\mu^-$  and  $e^-$
- Clear " $\pi^-, K^+$ " peak in-between



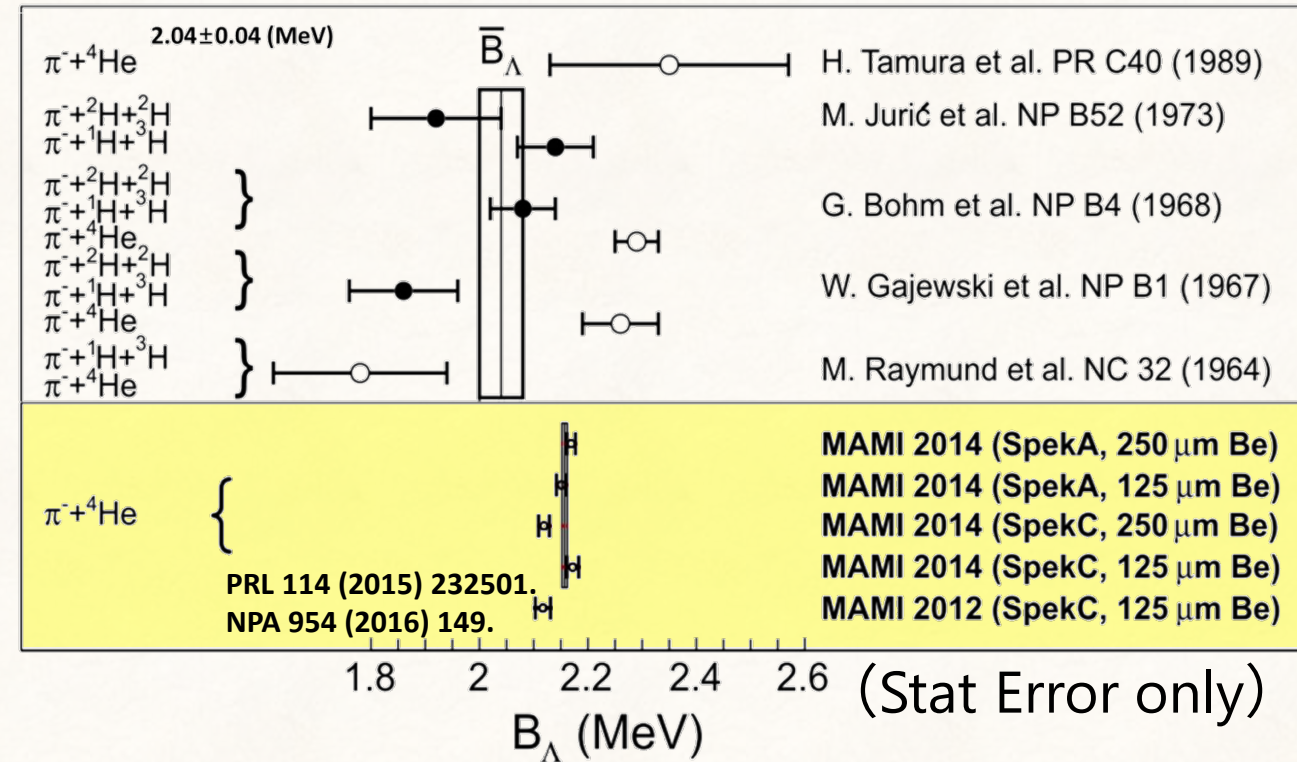
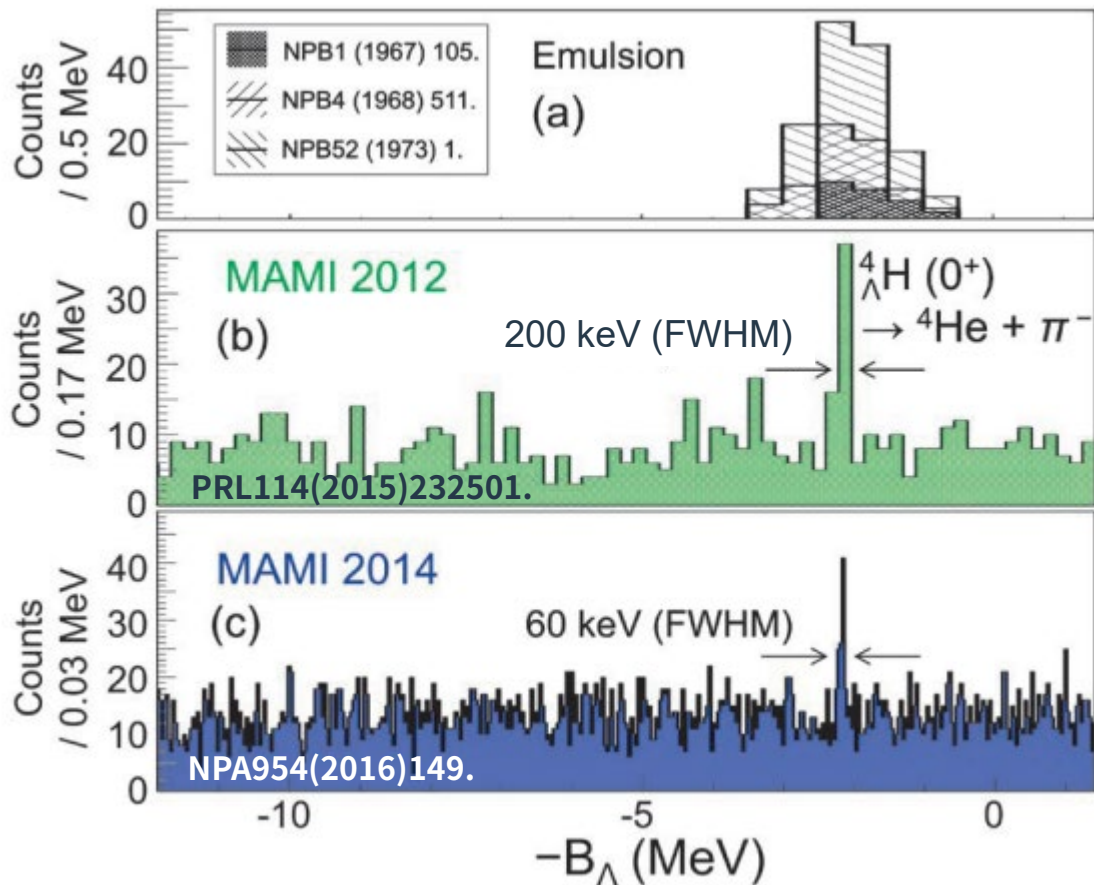
# Latest results of ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

$$B_{\Lambda}(\text{MAMI 2012}) = 2.12 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.09 \text{ (MeV)}$$

$$B_{\Lambda}(\text{MAMI 2014}) = 2.157 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.077 \text{ (MeV)}$$

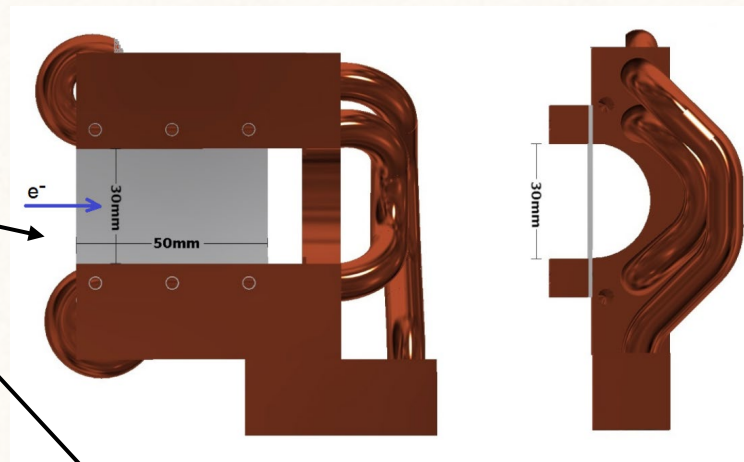
[PRL 114 (2015) 232501.]

[NPA 954 (2016) 149.]

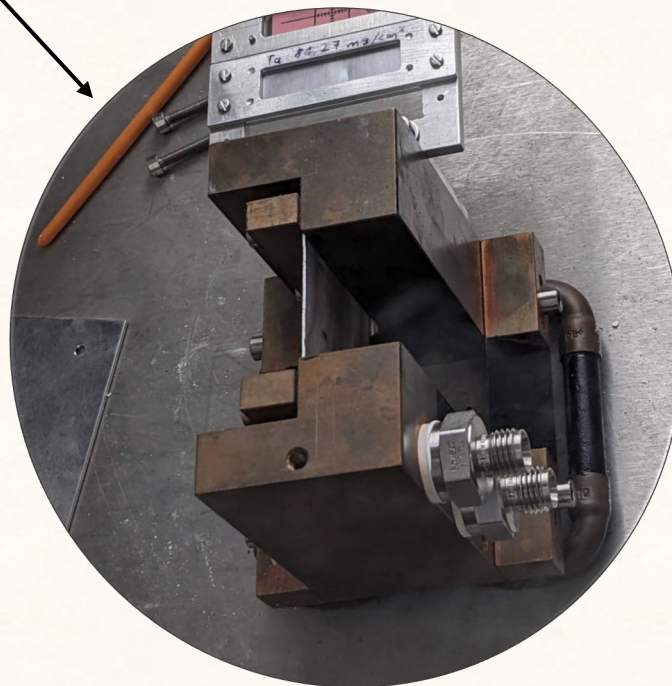


# Update experiment for ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ measurement

New Li Target



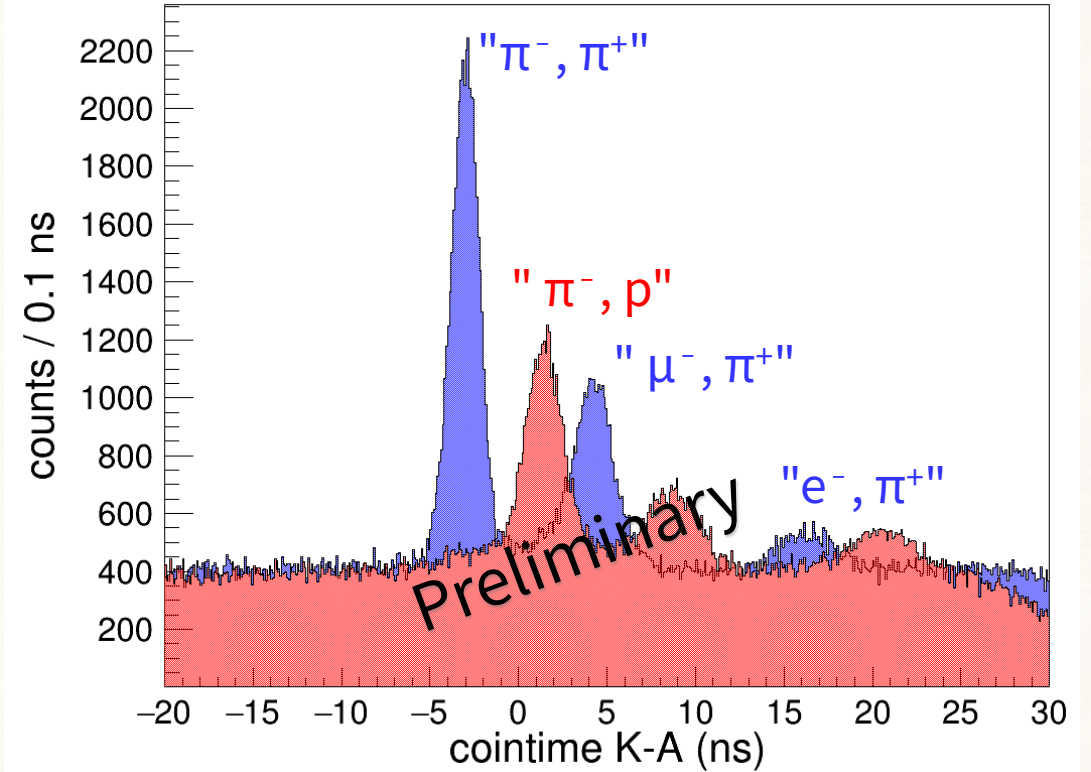
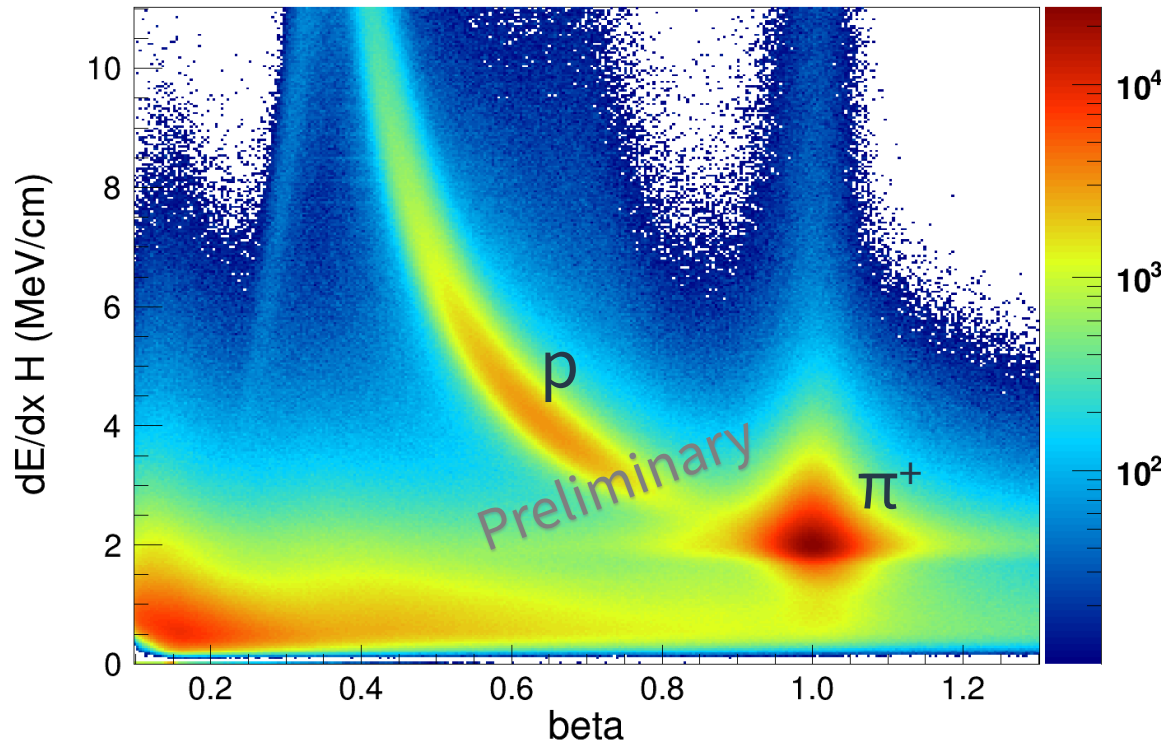
↓ OLD  ${}^9\text{Be}$  target



- Update experiment with a new Li target
- Better  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  hypernuclear yield according to  $(\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}, \pi^-)$  experiment
- New 90 deg tilted Li target with a thickness of  $2700 \text{ mg/cm}^2$
- Better yield and Lower does level thanks to thick-target and low-current
- Data taking in 2022



# Preliminary Results



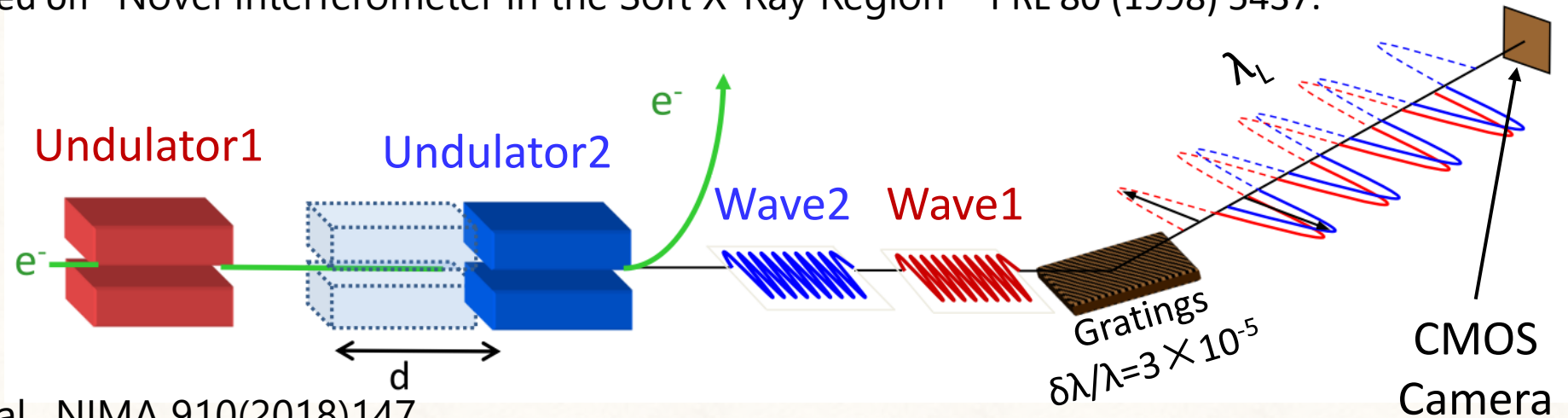
- Similar performance to the past experiments
- Better no. coincidence peak
- Good  $\pi^+$  and p ID in Kaos
- Expecting hypernuclear events between " $\pi^-, \pi^+$ " and " $\pi^-, p$ "



# Towards 10 keV Accuracy

Accuracy of beam energy for elastic-scattering measurement limits our systematics

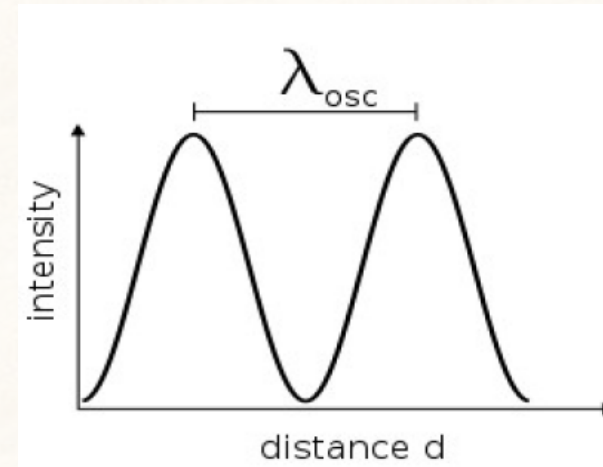
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P. Klag et al., NIMA 910(2018)147.

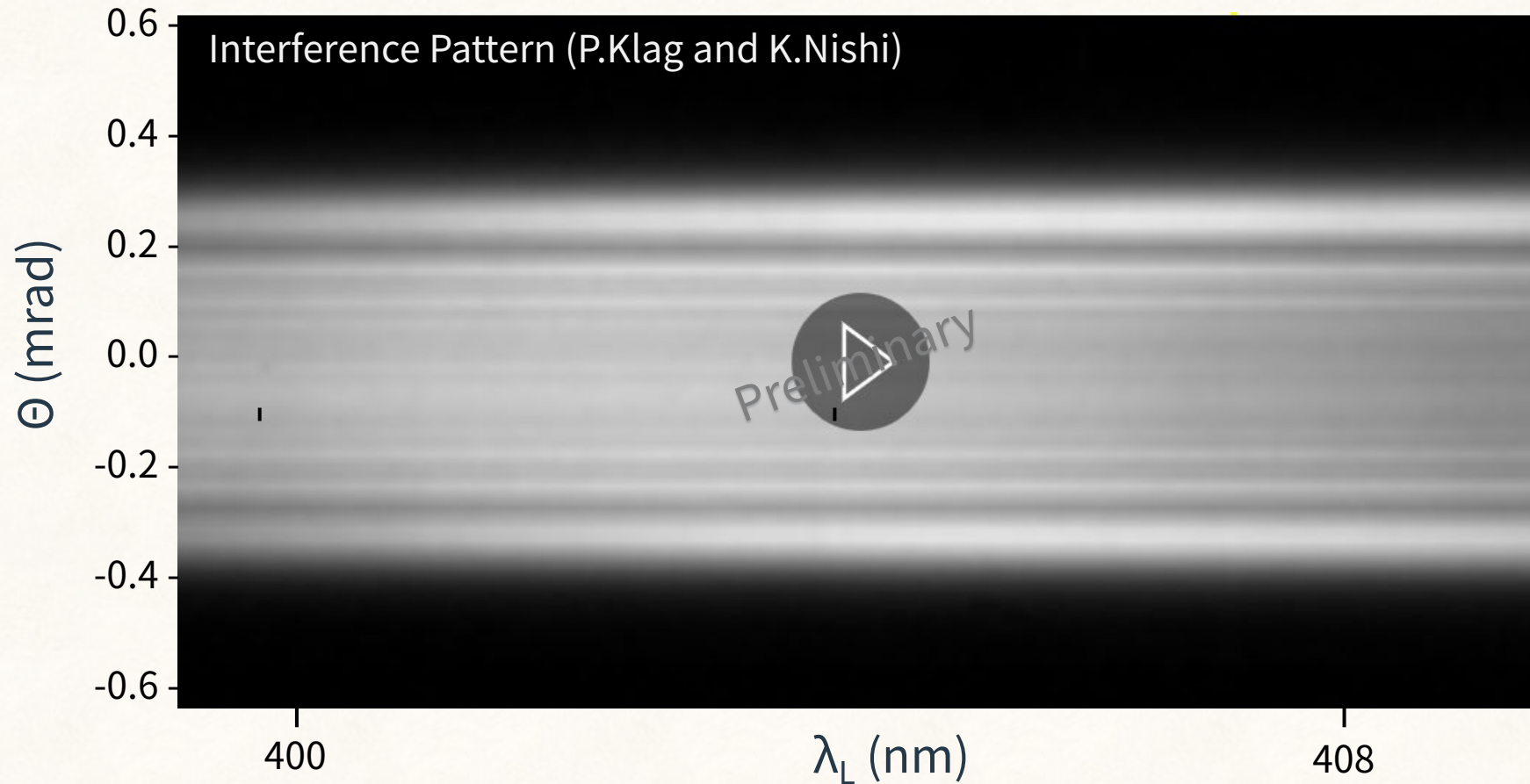
Lorenz factor

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\lambda_{osc}(\Theta)/2\lambda_L}$$

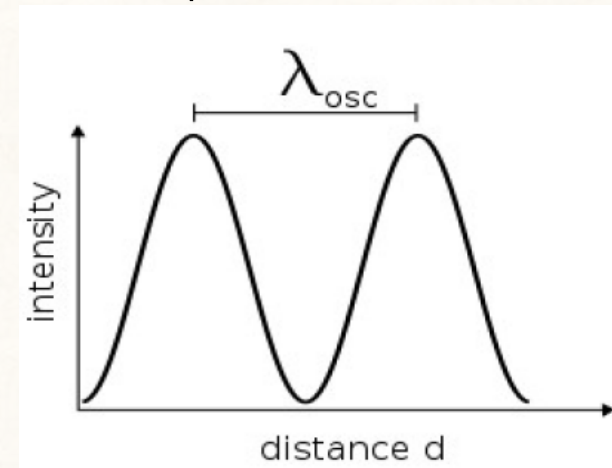


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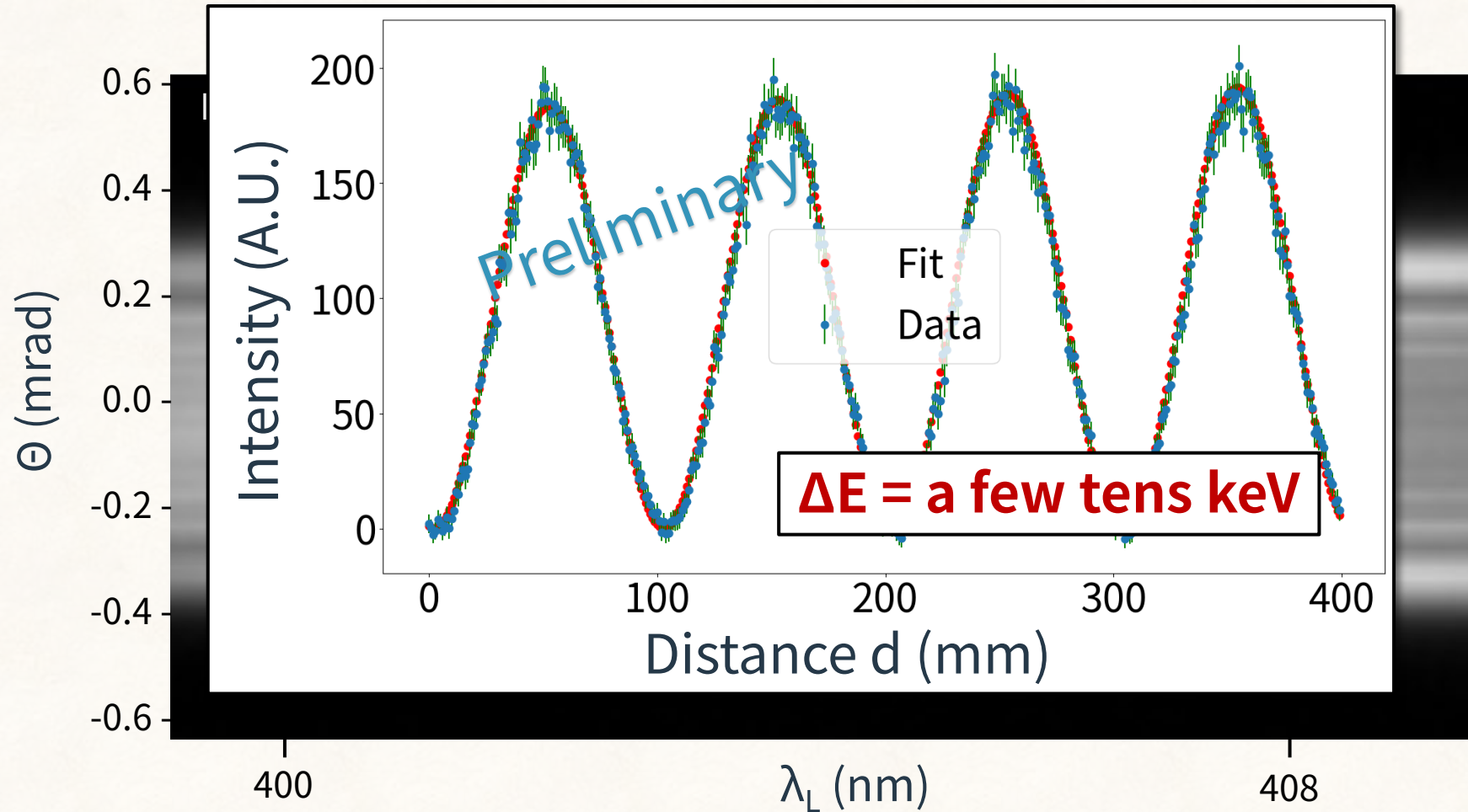


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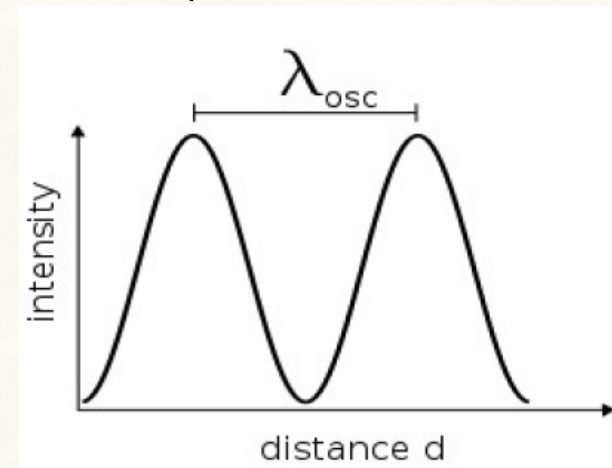


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# Decay Pion Spectroscopy @ JLab

LOI12-23-011

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

**> 30 times hypernuclear yields** per unit time  
**keV systematics** note:  $\Delta M_\Lambda = 6 \text{ keV}$

# Motivation

Good  $B_\Lambda$  determination of  $^4_\Lambda\text{H}$  at the MAMI experiments

Expecting a new determination for  $^3_\Lambda\text{H}$  with the Li target experiment

1/10 yields of decay-pions from other  $A>4$  hypernuclei

Needs of experiments with much higher statistics

Limitation of .....

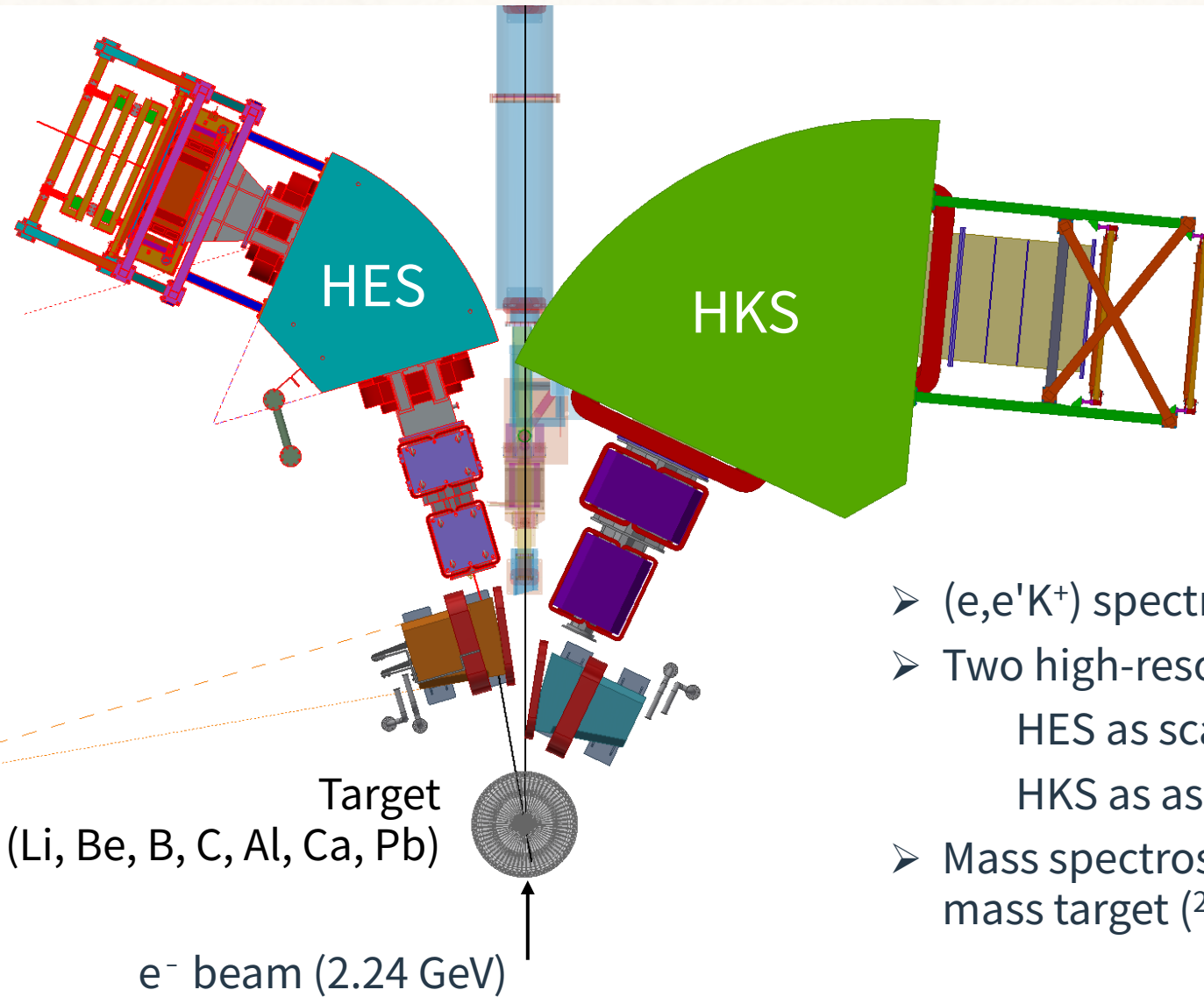
- K<sup>+</sup> identification

- DAQ rate

- Does level in the Hall

→ DPS at JLab

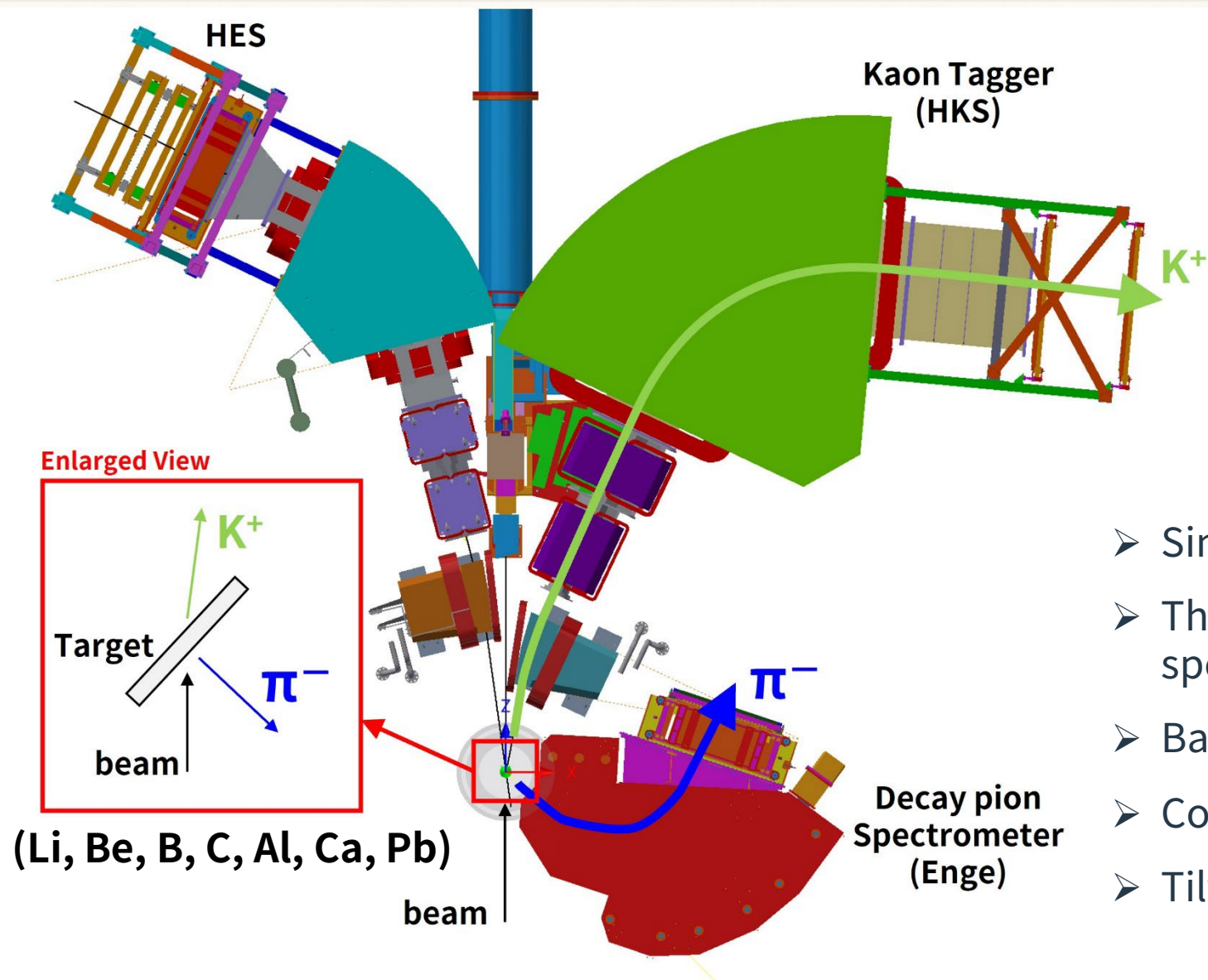
# (e,e'K<sup>+</sup>) spectroscopy at JLab (E12-15-008, E12-20-013)



- (e,e'K<sup>+</sup>) spectroscopies at JLab Hall-C
- Two high-resolution spectrometers
  - HES as scattered electrons
  - HKS as associated Kaons
- Mass spectroscopies of a light-mass target (<sup>6</sup>Li) to a heavy-mass target (<sup>208</sup>Pb)

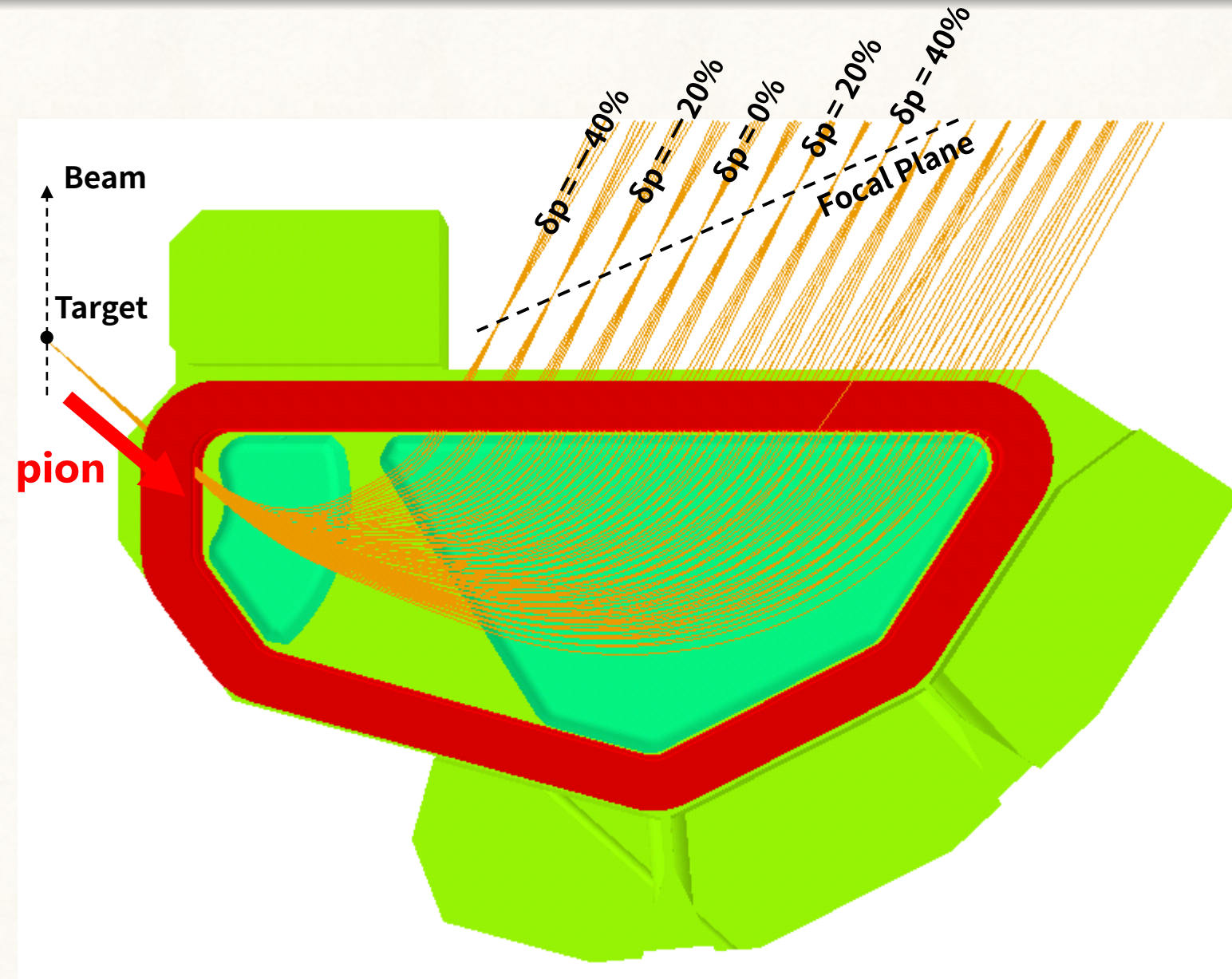


# Additional pion spectrometer Enge



- Similar concept to MAMI exp.
- Third spectrometer (Enge) as a decay-pion spectrometer
- Background suppression by tagged  $K^+$
- Coincidence measurement of " $\pi^-$ ,  $K^+$ "
- Tilted targets

# Pion spectrometer



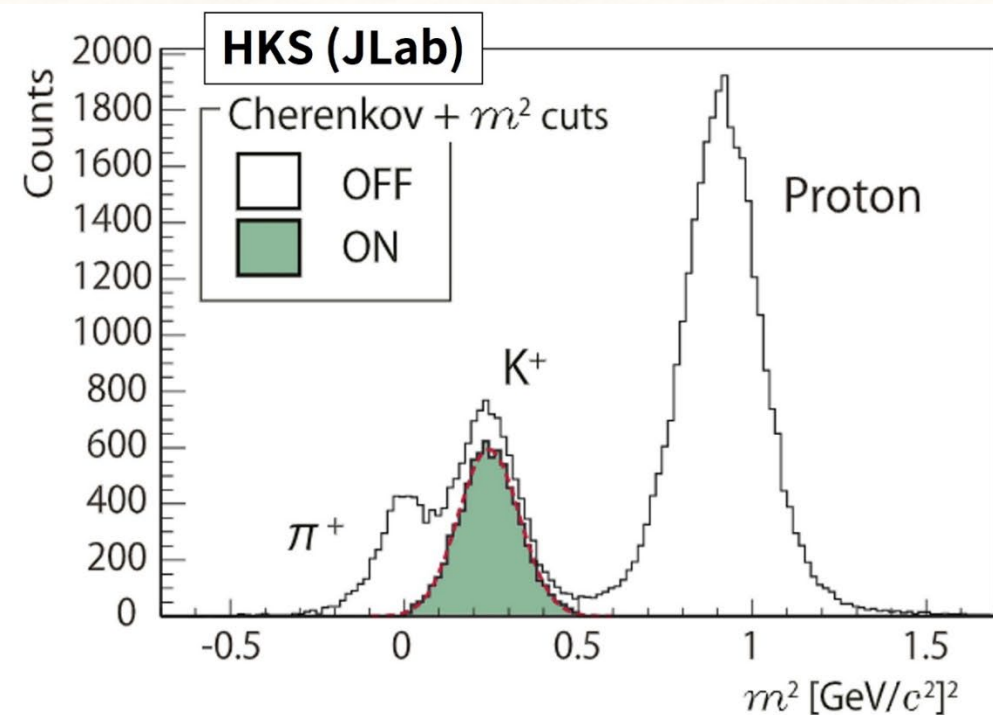
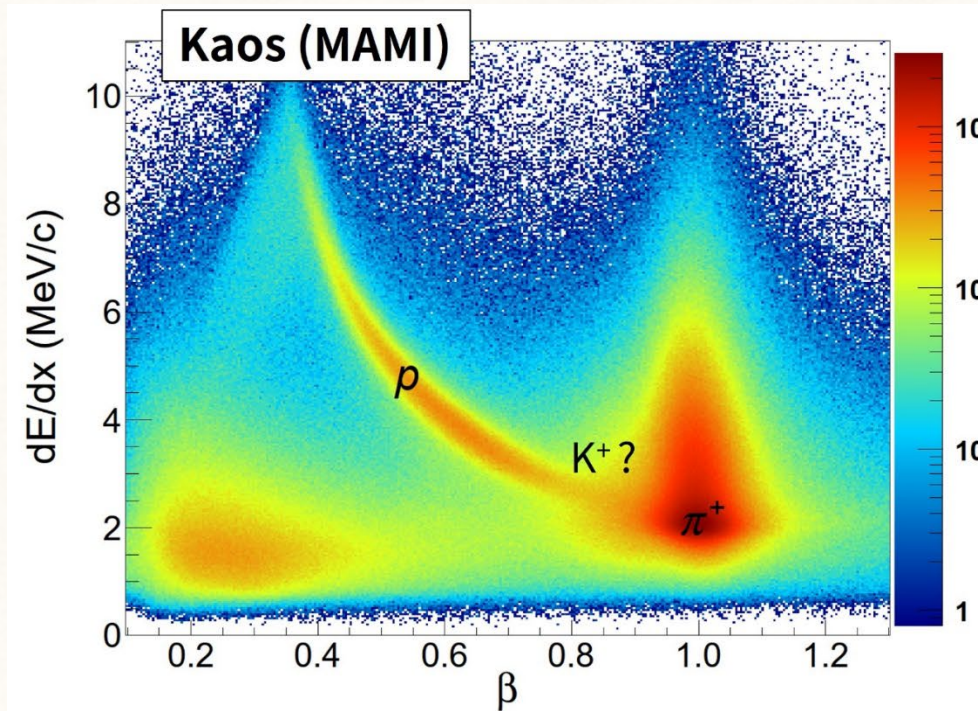
- Split-pole magnet @JLab storage
- Hardware spectrometer
- Position at FP = Momentum  
FP detector (Sci-Fi)
- Good momentum resolution  
 $\Delta p/p = 4 \times 10^{-4}$
- Wide momentum bite  
 $p = 70 - 170 \text{ MeV}/c$
- Dark Spectrometer  
 $\Delta\Omega = 4 \text{ msr}$



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## ➤ Capability of better

- Kaon Identification of HKS detectors (2-layers AC → 3-layers AC & 2-layers WC)
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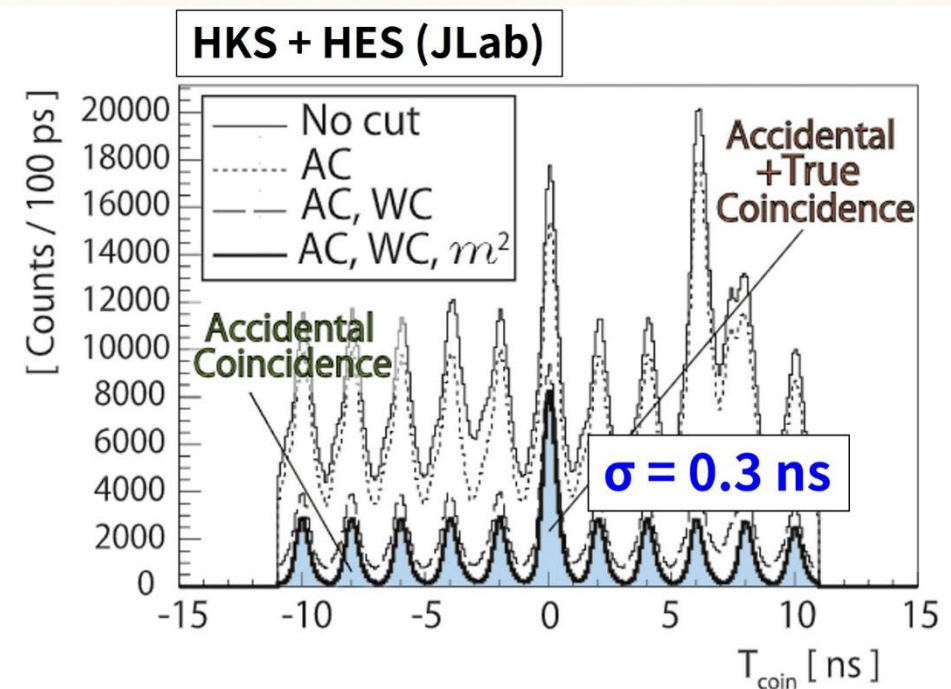
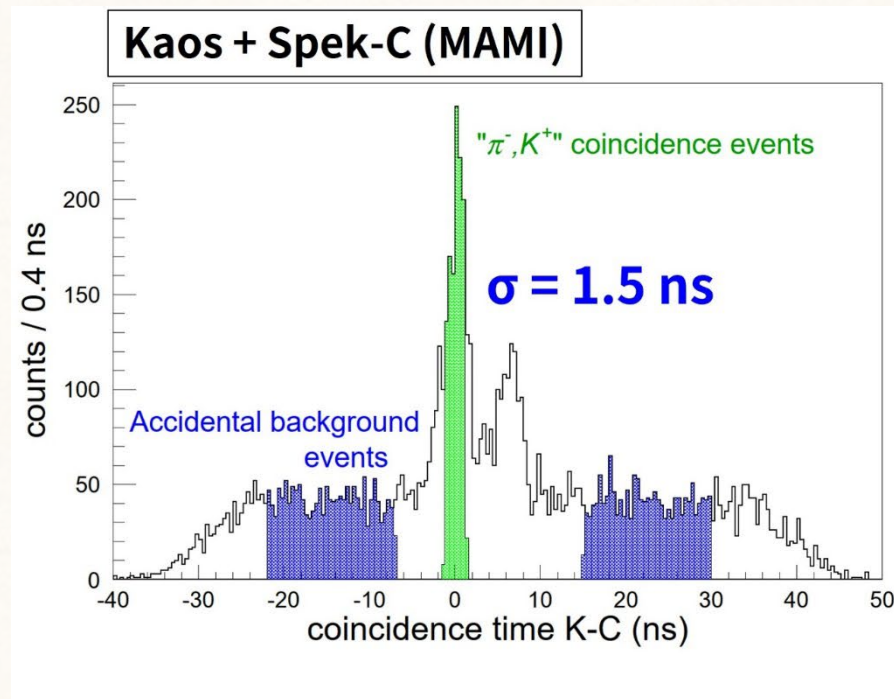
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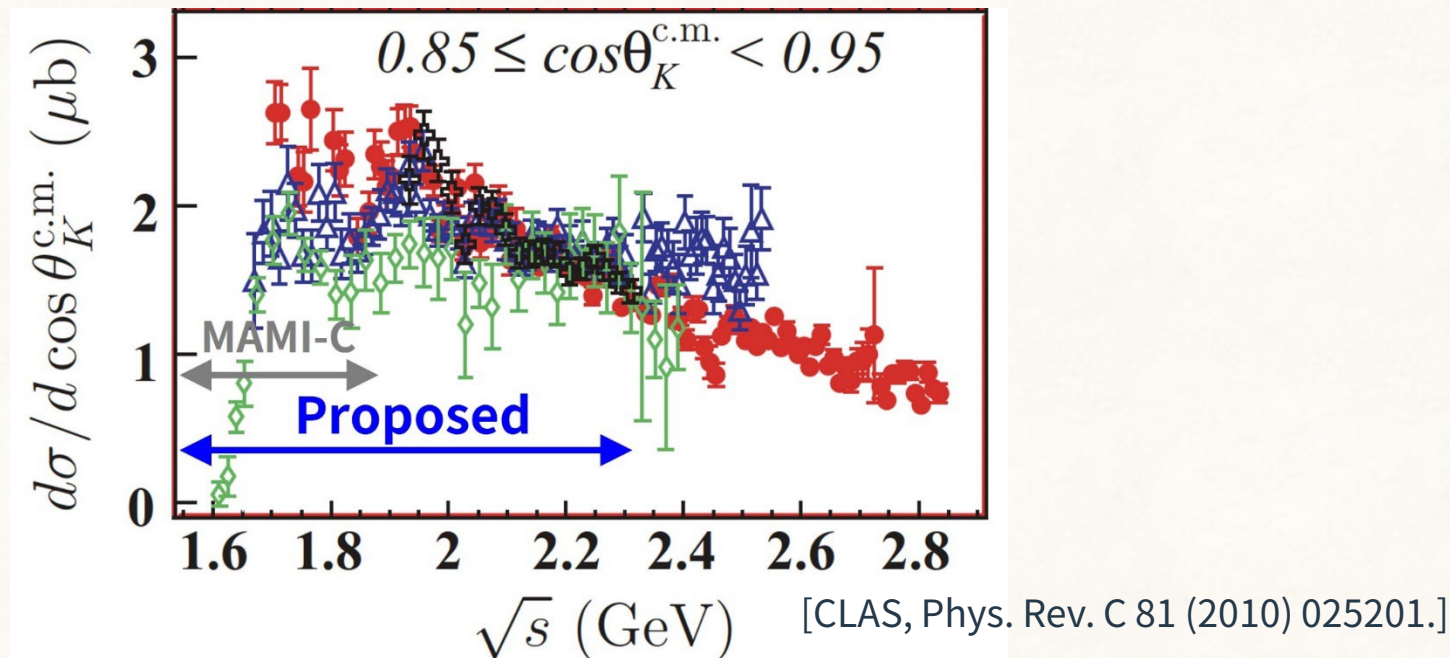
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## ➤ **$\Lambda$ binding energies measurement with the decay pion spectroscopy**

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$B_{\Lambda}({}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H g.s}) = 2.157 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.077$  (MeV) from MAMI2014

Upgrade experiment with a new Li target

New technique for beam energy measurement  $\rightarrow$  10 keV accuracy

## ➤ **New stage of the decay pion spectroscopy at JLab**

Parallel experiment with the proposed (e,e'K<sup>+</sup>) experiments

Third spectrometer Enge as a decay pion spectrometer

Expecting much better hypernuclear yield and Excellent accuracy

We submitted LoI in PAC51