



# Double Hypernuclei an experimental challenge

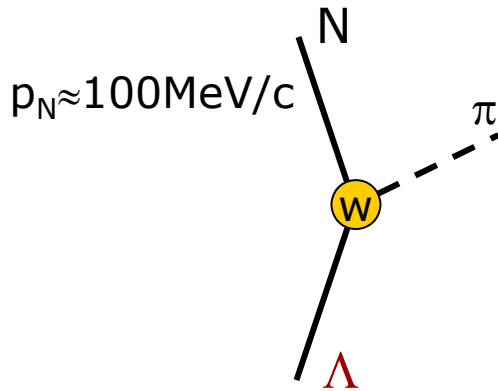
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# Weak decay of hypernuclei

## free $\Lambda$ decay



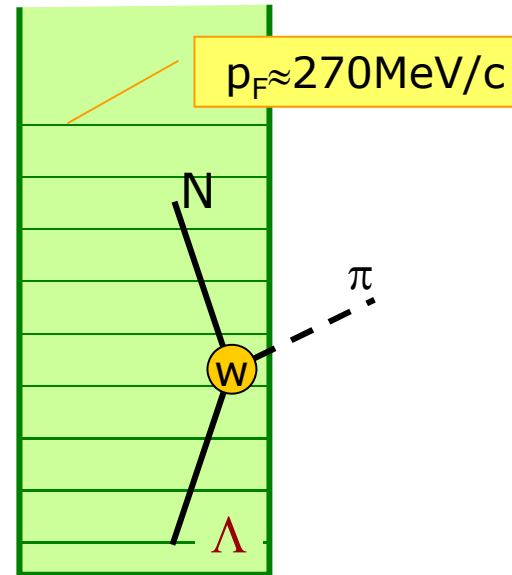
$$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^- + 38 \text{ MeV} \quad (64\%)$$

$$\Lambda \rightarrow n\pi^0 + 41 \text{ MeV} \quad (36\%)$$

$$\tau_\Lambda = 263 \text{ ps}$$

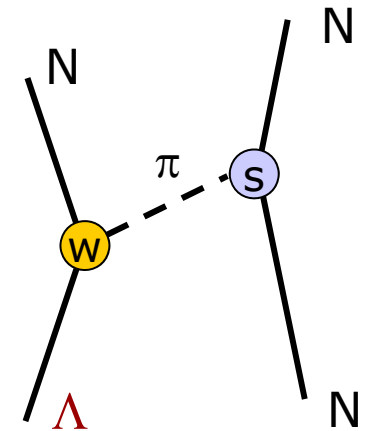
$\Delta I = 1/2$  rule

## mesonic decay of hypernuclei



suppressed by Pauli blocking

## non-mesonic decay of hypernuclei



$$\Lambda p \rightarrow np + 176 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Lambda n \rightarrow nn + 176 \text{ MeV}$$

dominant in all but the lightest hypernuclei



# How it began

- ▶ Marian Danysz, Jerzy Pniewski, et al. Bull. Acad. Pol. Sci. III **1**, 42 (1953)
- ▶ Marian Danysz, Jerzy Pniewski, Phil. Mag. **44**, 348 (1953)  
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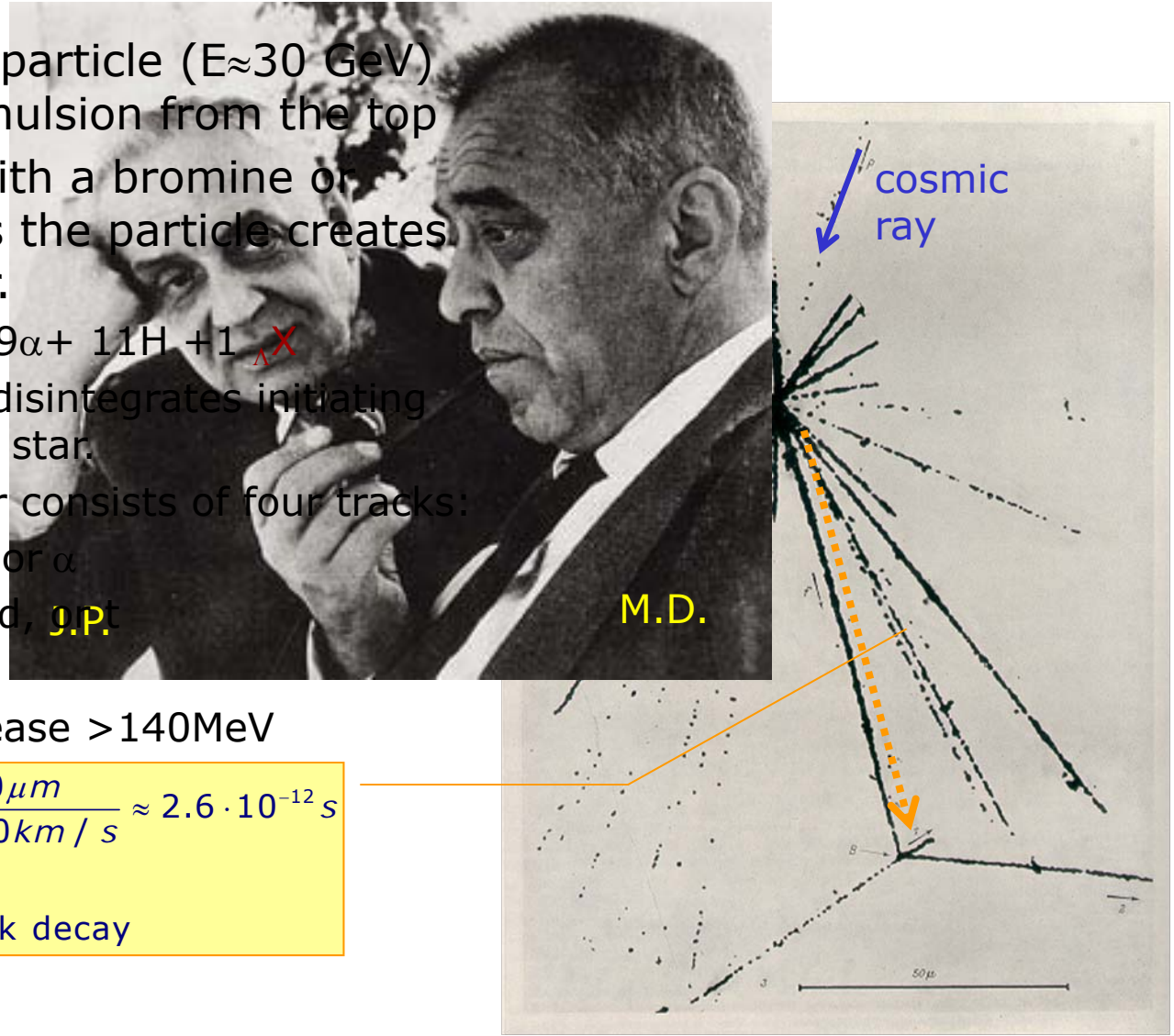
- ▶ A cosmic ray particle ( $E \approx 30$  GeV) enters the emulsion from the top
- ▶ Interacting with a bromine or silver nucleus the particle creates an upper star.

- ▶ 21 tracks:  $9\alpha + 11H + 1 \Delta^+$
- ▶ Finally,  $\Delta^+$  disintegrates initiating the bottom star.
- ▶ second star consists of four tracks:
  - ▷ 2 p, d, t or  $\alpha$
  - ▷ 1  $\pi$ , p, d, **J.P.**
  - ▷ 1 recoil
- ▶ energy release  $> 140$  MeV

$$t > \frac{s}{c/10} \sim \frac{80 \mu m}{30000 km/s} \approx 2.6 \cdot 10^{-12} s$$

$$\tau(\Lambda) = 2.6 \cdot 10^{-10} s$$

⇒ typical for weak decay



# The second event

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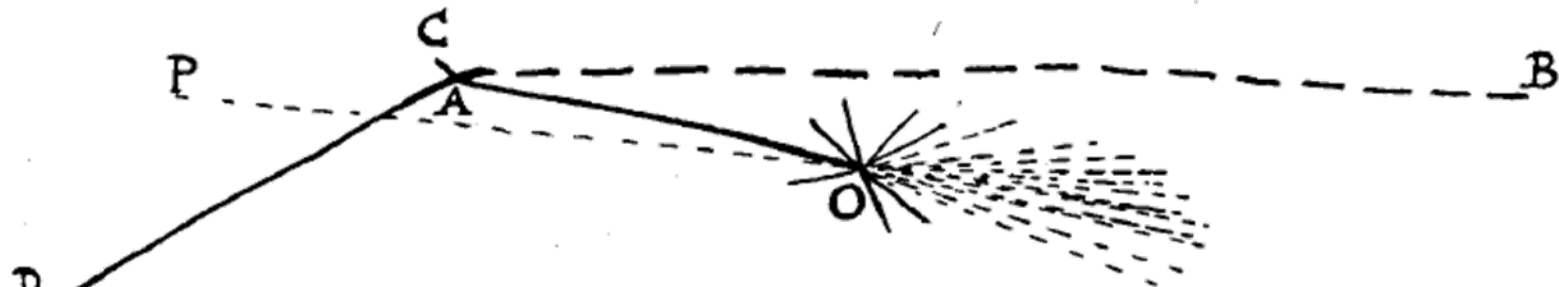
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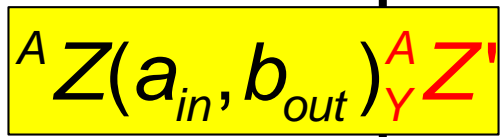
probable. Un méson  $\pi$  est exclu (scattering trop faible). Un noyau lourd plus rapide est impossible (absence de rayons  $\delta$ ). On ne peut affirmer que la particule s'arrête en A, mais sa vitesse résiduelle y est en tous cas très faible.



2° Il paraît préférable de rapprocher ce phénomène d'un cas observé récemment par Danysz (<sup>7</sup>), dans lequel un fragment lourd ( $Z \geq 8$ ), émis

# Birth, life and death of a hypernucleus

target nucleus



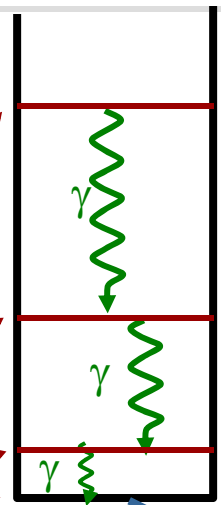
strangeness deposition  
 $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow K^+ + K^-$   
 $K^-_{stopped} + {}^A_Z \rightarrow {}^A_{\Lambda} Z + \pi^-$   
 FINUDA

strangeness production  
 $(\pi^+, K^+), (\pi^-, K^0)$   
 BNL, KEK, (GSI)

strangeness exchange  
 $(K^-, \pi^-), (K^-, \pi^0)$   
 BNL, KEK, JPARC

electroproduction  
 $(e, e' K^+), (\gamma, K^+)$   
 Jlab, MAMI-C

$p, n \rightarrow \Lambda$

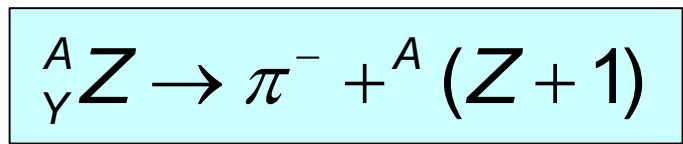


electromagnetic decays

mesonic decays  
 $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$   
 $\Lambda \rightarrow n\pi^0$

nonmesonic weak decay  
 $\Lambda p \rightarrow np$   
 $\Lambda n \rightarrow nn$   
 $\Lambda\Lambda \rightarrow YN$

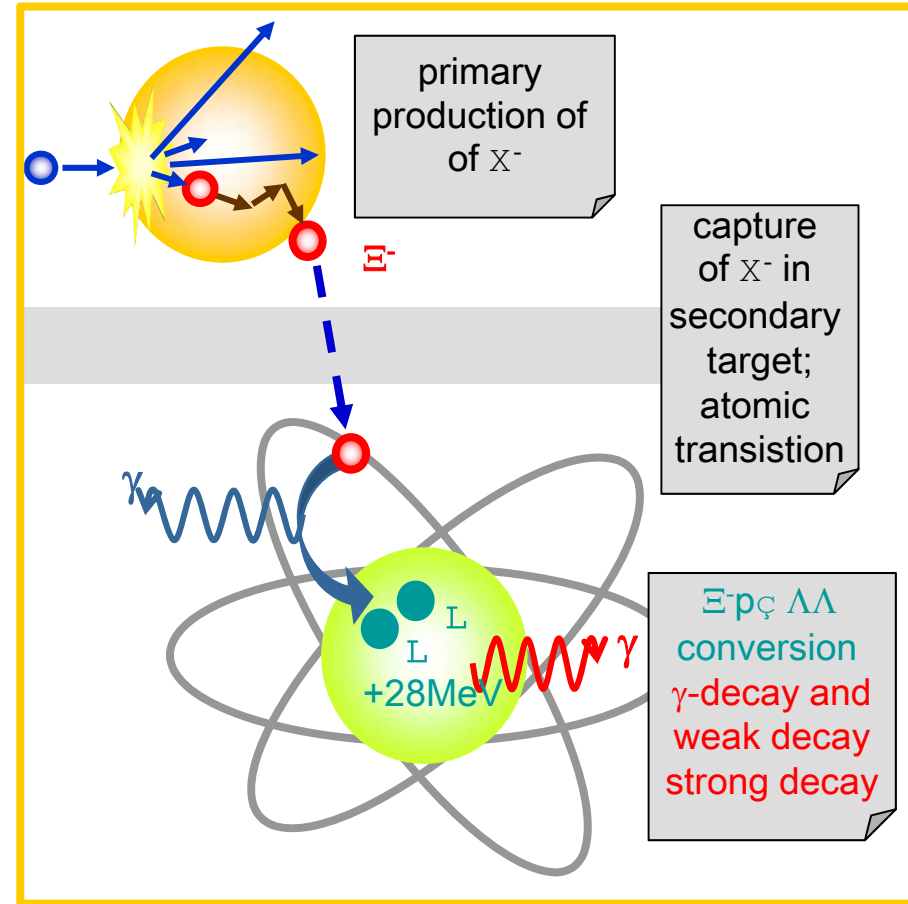
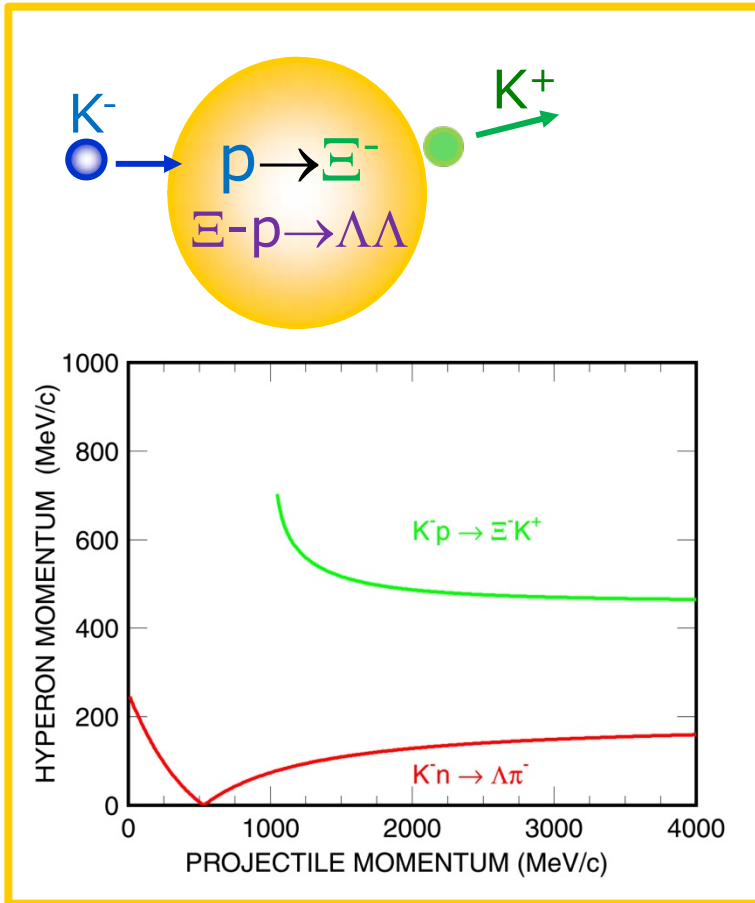
hadronic decay in emulsion, heavy ion recations





# Production of $\Lambda\Lambda$ Hypernuclei

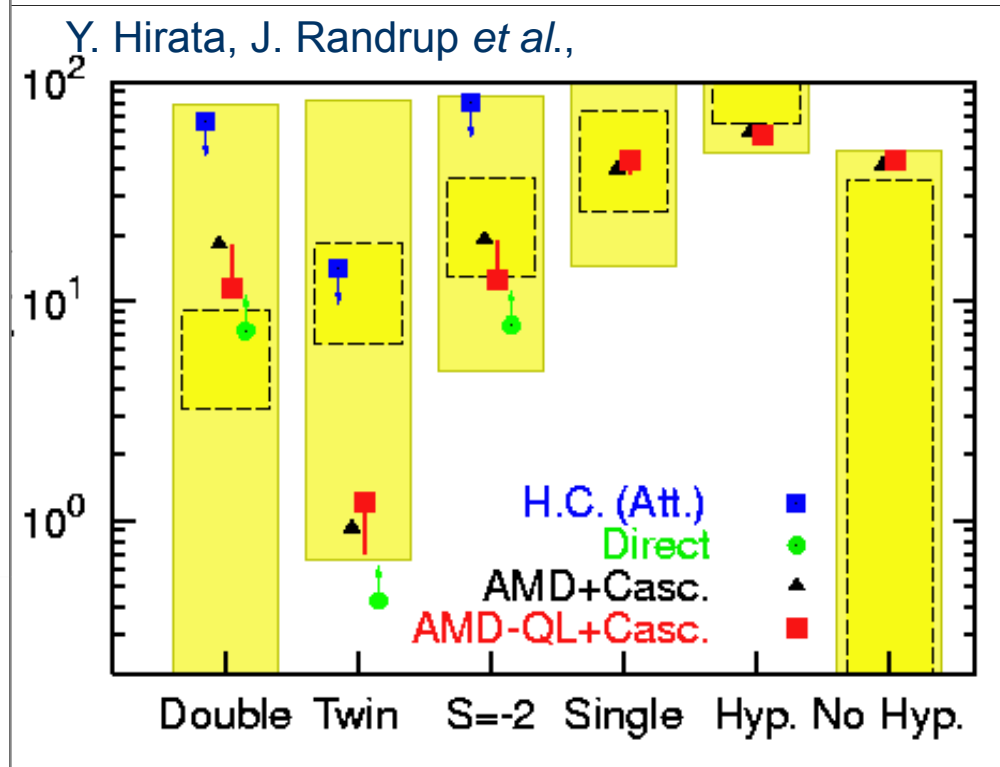
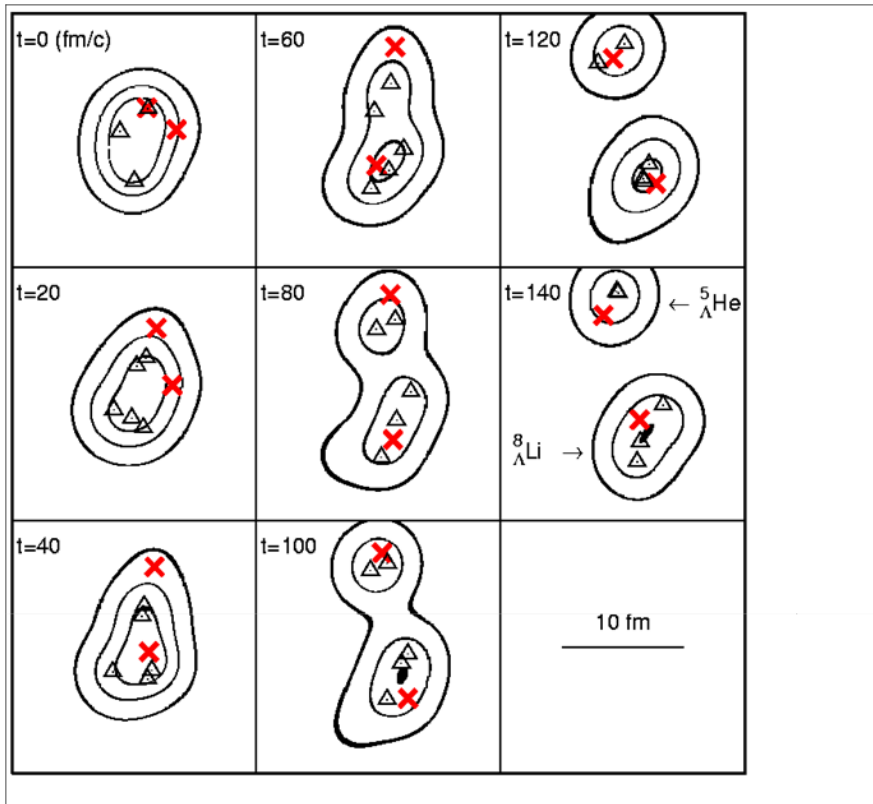
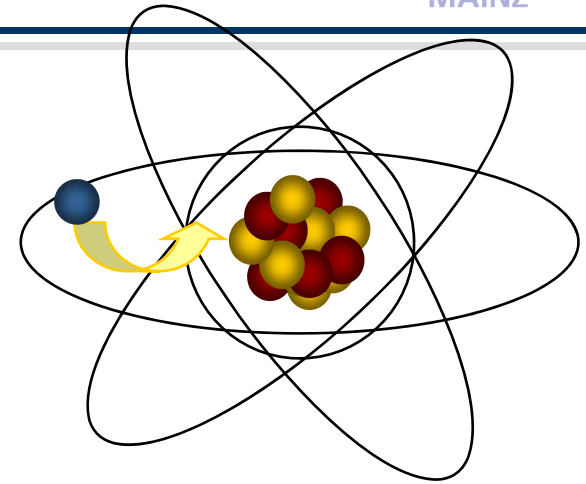
- ▶ simultaneous implantation of two  $\Lambda$ 's impossible
  - ▶  $\Xi^-$  conversion in  $2\Lambda$ :  $\Xi^- + p \rightarrow \Lambda + \Lambda + 28\text{MeV}$
- $\Rightarrow$  large probability that two  $\Lambda$ 's stick to same nucleus



- ▶ two-step process
- $\Rightarrow$  spectroscopic studies only via the decay products

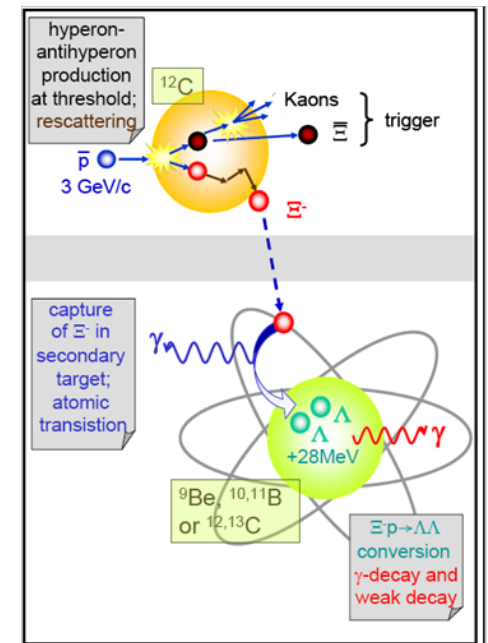
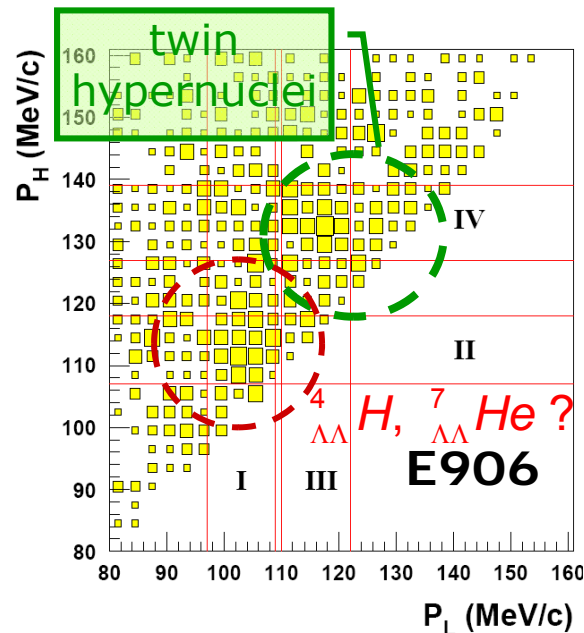
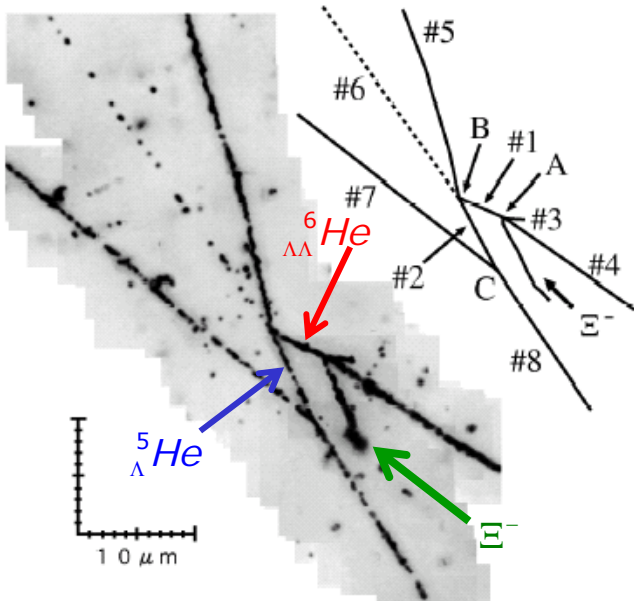
# $\Xi^-$ capture

- ▶  $\Xi^-$ -atoms: x-rays
- ▶ conversion
  - ▶  $\Xi^-(dss) p(uud) \rightarrow \Lambda(uds) \Lambda(uds)$
  - ▶  $\Delta Q = 28 \text{ MeV}$
- ▶ Conversion probability few %



# Decay Products of $\Lambda\Lambda$ Hypernuclei

- ▶ nuclear fragments after weak decay  $\Rightarrow$  emulsion hadron+nucleus
  - ▶ detection of charged products only
  - ▶ limited to light nuclei
- ▶ weak decay products (pions)  $\Rightarrow$  BNL-AGS E906  ${}^9\text{Be}(K^-,K^+)X$ 
  - ▶ Electronic experiment but resolution limited
  - ▶ no information on excited states
  - ▶ interpretation not unique because  $\pi$  momenta are similar
- ▶  $\gamma$ - spectroscopy prior weak decay  $\Rightarrow$  PANDA  $\bar{p}+A$ 
  - ▶ no excited states observed yet, but theoretically predicted
  - ▶ How to identify the nucleus ?



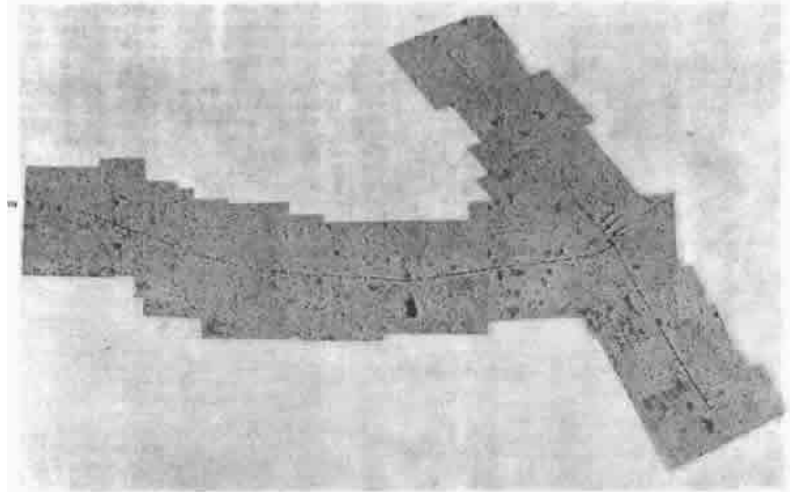




# Emulsion data

Across the universe

- ▶ Cecil Frank Powell (1903-1969)
  - ▶ Nobel Prize in Physics 1950
- ▶ Multiple layers of emulsion were historically the first means of visualizing charged particle tracks
  - ▶ very high positional precision
  - ▶ ionisation density ( $dE/dx$ )
  - ▶ range
  - ▶ 3-dimensional view of the interaction
- ▶ An emulsion is made, as for photographic film, of a silver salt, ( $AgBr$ ), embedded in gelatine and spread thinly on a substrate.
  - ▶ grain size  $0.2-0.5\mu m$  (today:  $40nm$ )
  - ▶ during development excited grains are reduced to elemental silver
  - ▶ density  $3g/cm^3$
- ▶ Data acquisition by automated means (e.g. by scanning the film with a CCD camera) is now possible.



# Composition of Emulsions

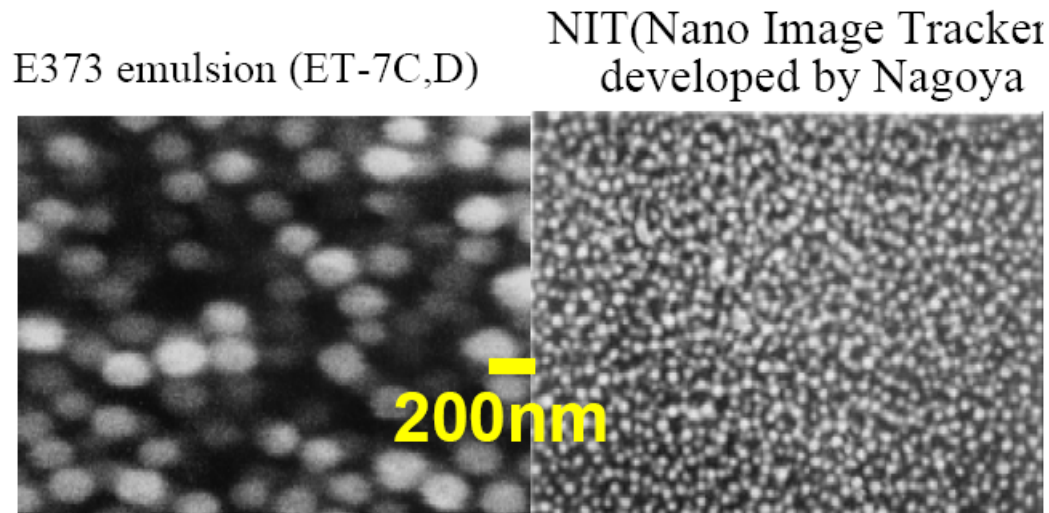


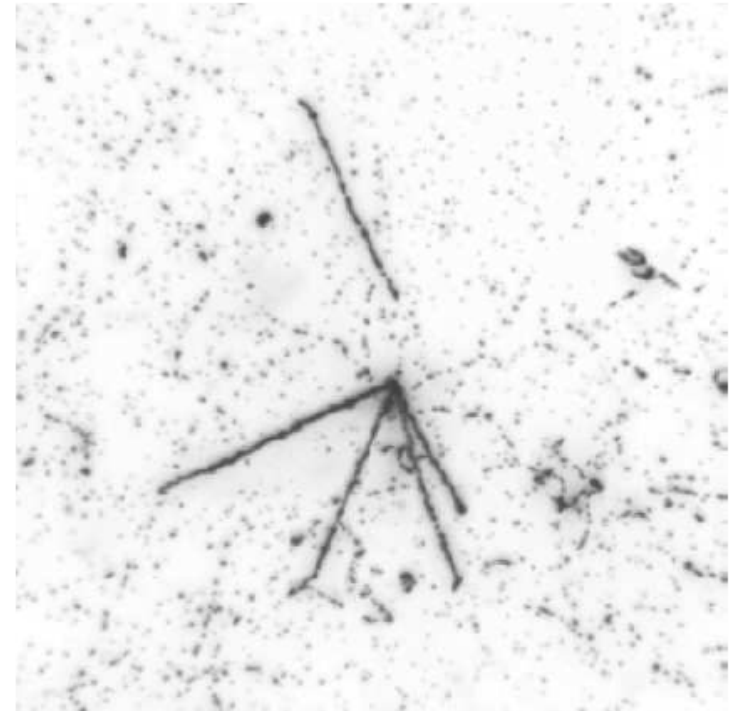
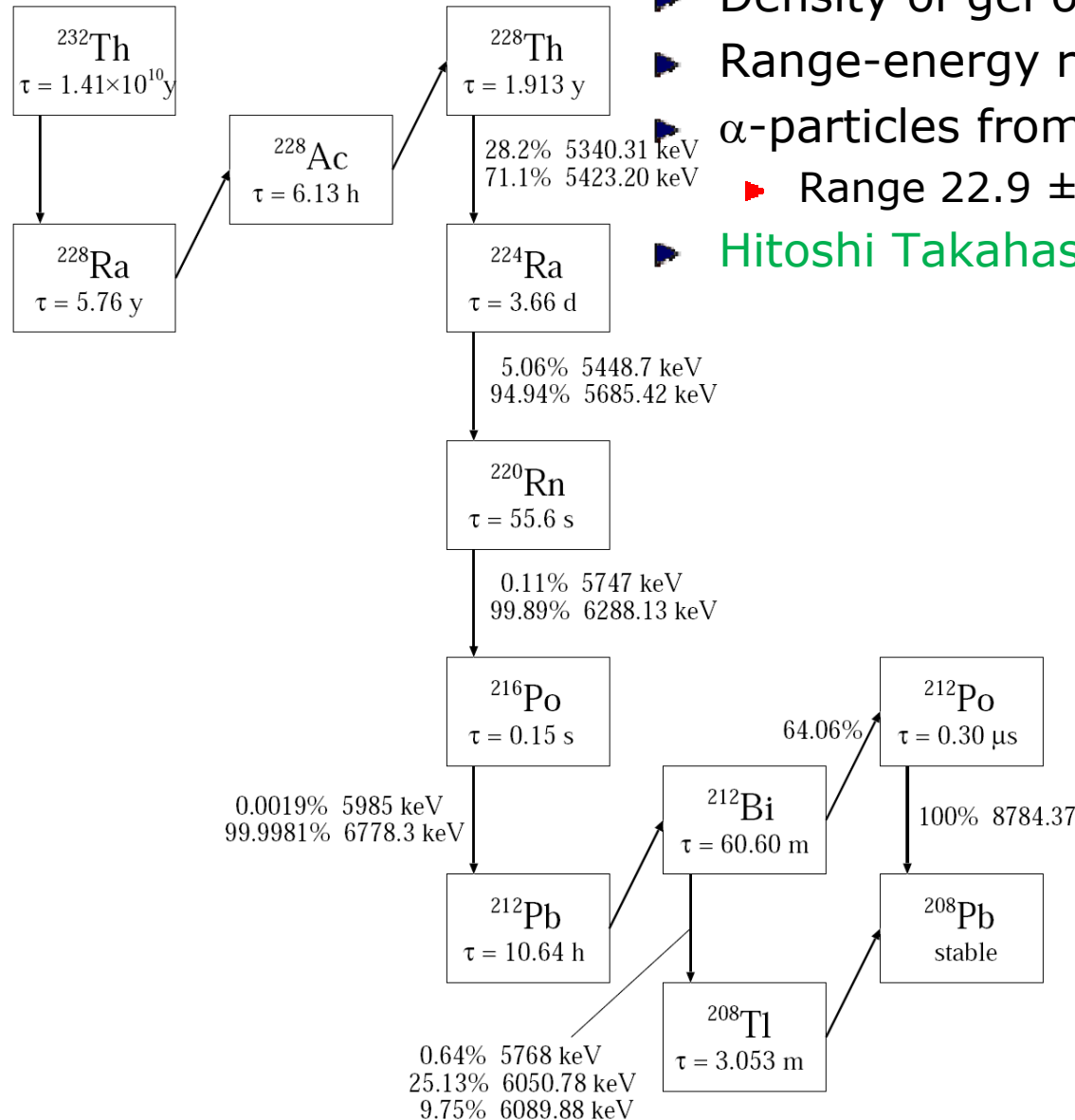
Table 2.6: The composition of the Fuji ET-7C and ET-7D emulsion.

material	weight ratio (%)	mol ratio (%)	
I	0.3	0.06	heavy elements
Ag	45.4	11.2	
Br	33.4	11.1	
S	0.2	0.2	
O	6.8	11.3	light elements
N	3.1	5.9	
C	9.3	20.6	
H	1.5	40.0	



# Emulsion - calibration

- ▶ Density of gel of emulsion may vary
- ▶ Range-energy relation needs to be calibrated
- ▶  $\alpha$ -particles from  $^{212}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{228}\text{Th}$ ;
  - ▶ Range  $22.9 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{m}$  for 5.4MeV  $\alpha$  from  $^{228}\text{Th}$
- ▶ Hitoshi Takahashi, thesis 2003



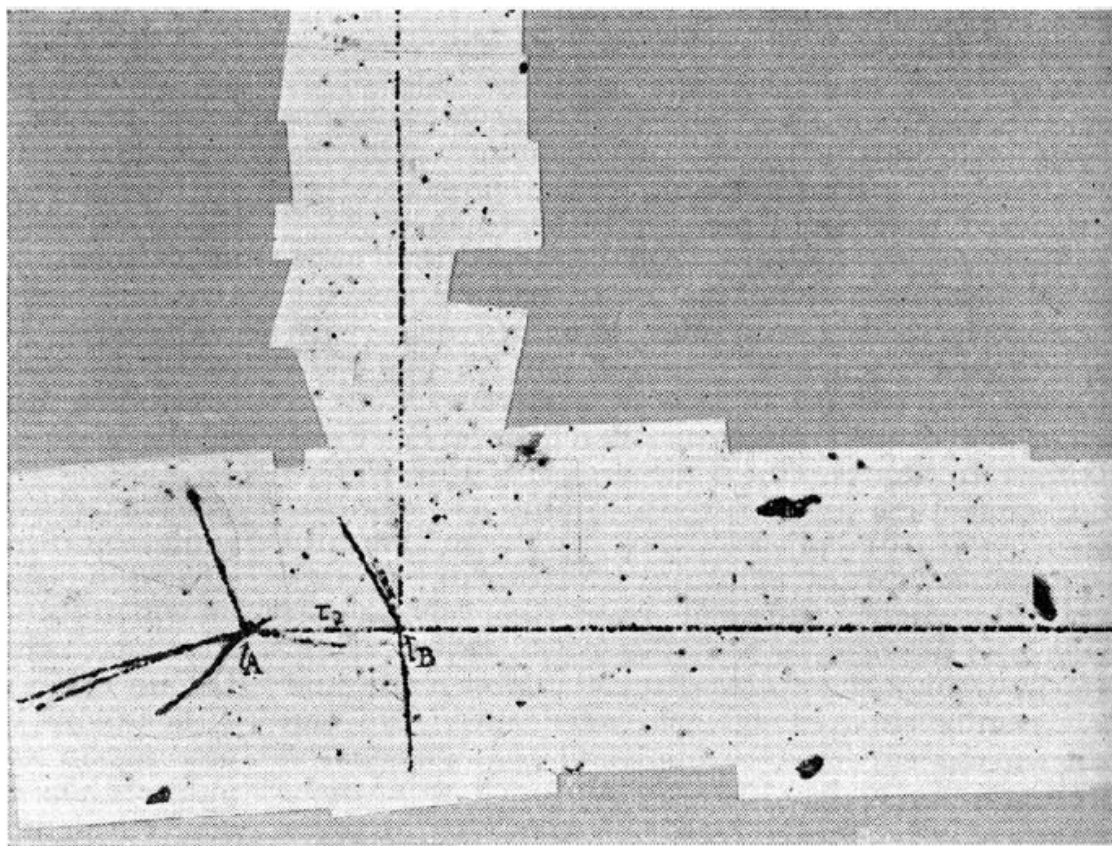
# OBSERVATIONS ON THE PRODUCTION OF MESONS BY COSMIC RADIATION

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# The first event (1)

## ► 1.3-1.5 GeV/c $K^-$ +Emulsion; 31000 $K^-$

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### OBSERVATION OF A DOUBLE HYPERFRAGMENT

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## ► carefully reanalyzed

- During a systematic scan for the decays of 1.3- and 1.5-GeV/c  $K^-$  mesons<sup>1</sup> in emulsions irradiated in the separated  $P$ -neutron beam at CERN,<sup>2</sup> an event has been found which is interpreted as the production and subsequent mesonic
- of a  $\Xi^-$  hyperon and particles involved in the processes are summarized in Table I. All reasonable interpretations of this event, other than that of a  $\Xi^-$  hyperon capture at  $B$  leading to the emission of a double hyperfragment, have been

Dalitz et al., Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A426, 1 (1989)



# The observed first event

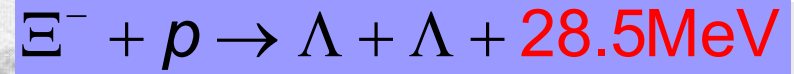
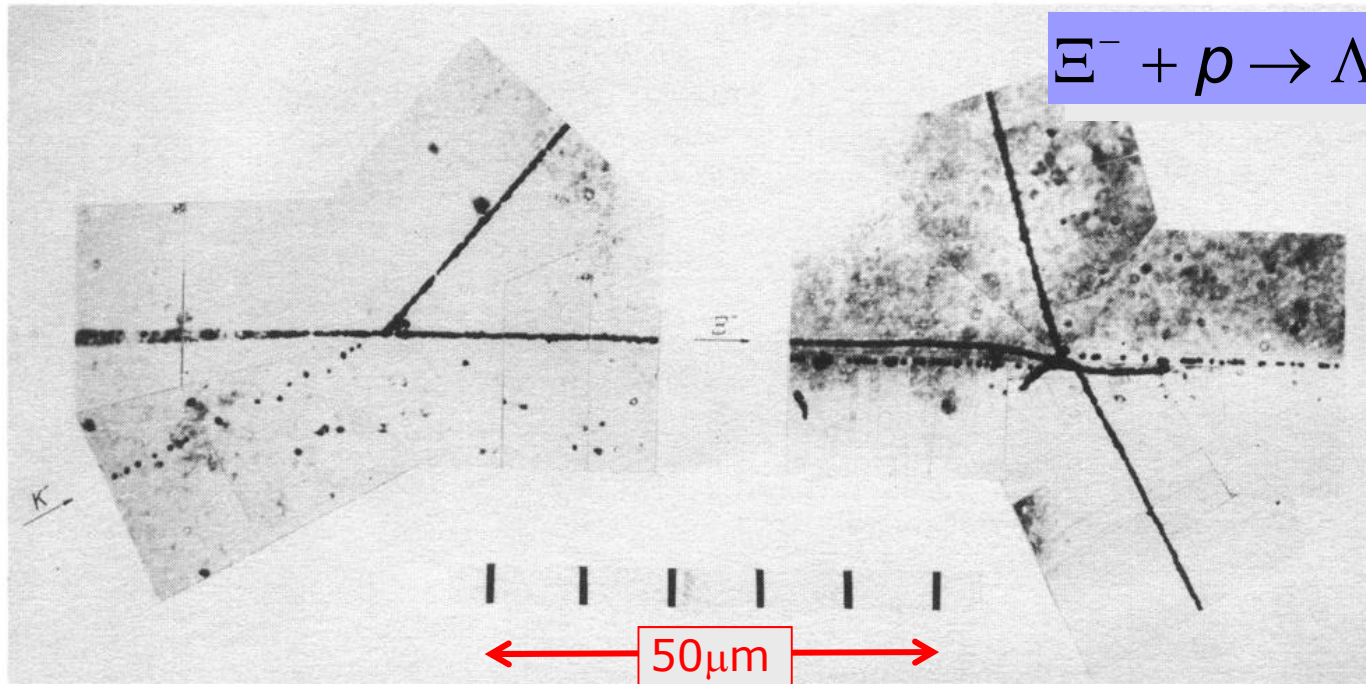
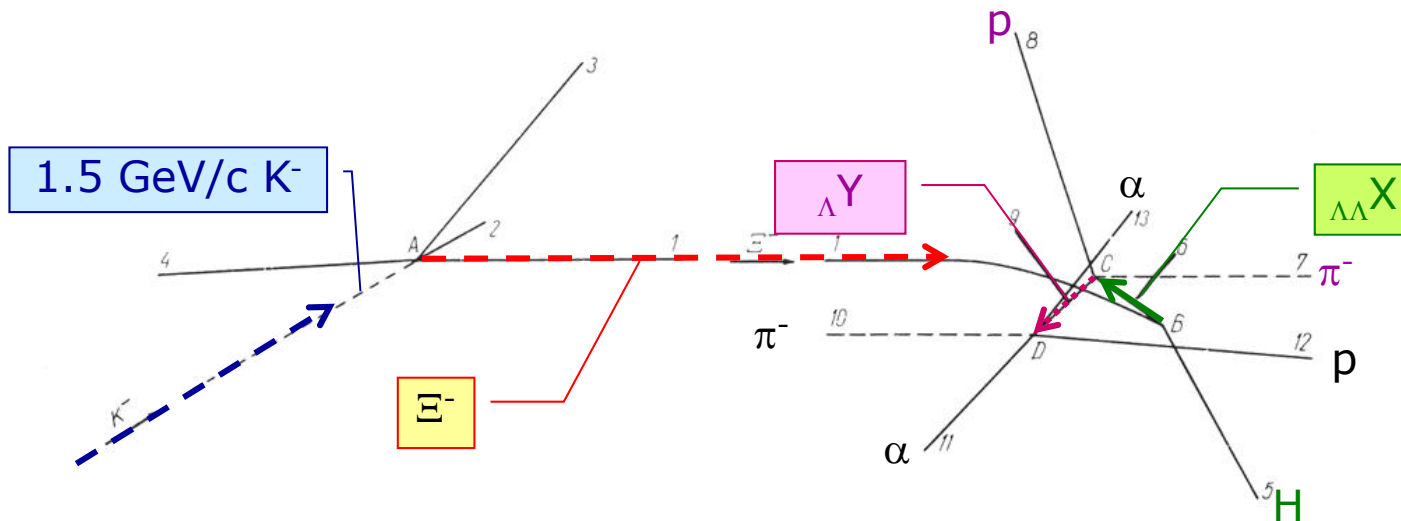


FIG. 1. A photomicrograph and a schematic drawing of the production of a  $\Xi^-$  hyperon in a 1.5-GeV/c  $K^-$ -meson interaction at A followed by capture at rest of the  $\Xi^-$  hyperon at B with the emission of a double hyperfragment decaying in cascade at C and D.



# Analysis of the Danysz-Event

- ▶ Ionisation density  $\Rightarrow dE/dx \Rightarrow$  charge, momentum
- ▶ Range  $\Rightarrow$  mass, charge, momentum
- ▶ angles  $\Rightarrow$  momentum balance
- ▶ there remains some ambiguity!

Table I. Results of the measurements.<sup>a</sup>

Star C		Star D		
Decay mode of the double HF	Binding energy of a $\Lambda^0$ hyperon in the double HF $B_{\Lambda\Lambda}(Z)$ (MeV)	Decay mode of the resulting ordinary HF	Binding energy of the $\Lambda^0$ hyperon in the ordinary HF $B_{\Lambda}(Z)$ (MeV)	Momentum unbalance $\Delta p(\text{MeV}/c)$
$\Lambda\Lambda \text{ Be}^{10} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{ Be}^9 + \text{H}^1 + \pi^-$	$11.0 \pm 0.4$	$\Lambda \text{ Be}^9 \rightarrow 2\text{He}^4 + \text{H}^1 + \pi^-$	$7.2 \pm 0.6$	$20 \pm 12$
$\Lambda\Lambda \text{ Be}^{11} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{ Be}^9 + \text{H}^2$	$11.0 \pm 0.6$	$\Lambda \text{ Be}^9 \rightarrow 2\text{He}^4 + \text{H}^1 + \pi^-$	$7.2 \pm 0.6$	$20 \pm 12$
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$\Lambda\Lambda \text{ Li}^8 \rightarrow \Lambda \text{ Li}^7 + \text{H}^1$	$11.0 \pm 0.6$	$\Lambda \text{ Be}^9 \rightarrow 2\text{He}^4 + \text{H}^1 + \pi^-$	$7.2 \pm 0.6$	$40 \pm 14$
$\Lambda\Lambda \text{ Li}^9 \rightarrow \Lambda \text{ Li}^8 + \text{H}^1$	$11.0 \pm 0.6$	$\Lambda \text{ Be}^9 \rightarrow 2\text{He}^4 + \text{H}^1 + \pi^-$	$7.2 \pm 0.6$	$27 \pm 15$
$\Lambda\Lambda \text{ Li}^{10} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{ Li}^8 + \text{H}^1 + n + \pi^-$	$< 7.5 \pm 0.5$	$\Lambda \text{ Li}^8 \rightarrow \text{He}^4 + \text{H}^3 + \text{H}^1 + \pi^-$	$5.4 \pm 0.6$	$27 \pm 15$

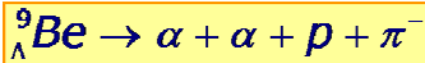
$\Xi + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be} + p + 2n$   
 $\hookrightarrow {}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be} + p + \pi^-$   
 $\hookrightarrow {}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be} \rightarrow \alpha + \alpha + p + \pi^-$

<sup>a</sup> Large errors in the determination of the range and direction of this track results from the observational difficulties and are to be treated as maximum errors.

<sup>d</sup> A capture star is observed at the end of this track.

# Can we determine the $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction?

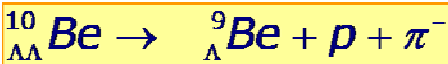
- ▶ The binding energy  $B_\Lambda$  of a  $\Lambda$  particle in a hypernucleus can be determined from **energy balance of the decay products** at point **C**
  - ▶ for example



$$m({}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}) = m(\alpha) + m(\alpha) + m(p) + m(\pi^-) + \sum T''_{kin}$$

$$B_\Lambda({}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}) = m({}^8\text{Be}) + m(\Lambda) - m({}^9_\Lambda\text{Be})$$

$$= m({}^8\text{Be}) + m(\Lambda) - m(\alpha) - m(\alpha) - m(p) - m(\pi^-) - \sum T''_{kin}$$



$$m({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}) = m({}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}) + m(p) + m(\pi^-) + \sum T'_{kin}$$

$$B_\Lambda({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}) = m({}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}) + m(\Lambda) - m({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be})$$

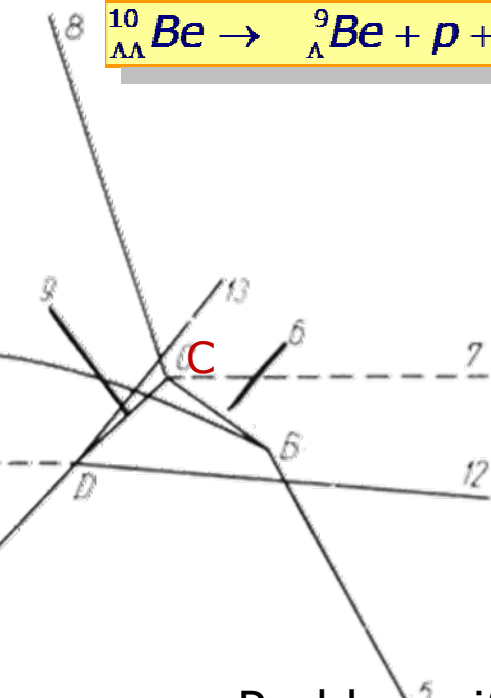
$$= m({}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}) + m(\Lambda) - m({}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}) - m(p) - m(\pi^-) - \sum T_{kin}$$

$$= m(\Lambda) - m(p) - m(\pi^-) - \sum T_{kin}$$

$$B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}) = m({}^8\text{Be}) + 2m(\Lambda) - m({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be})$$

$$= m({}^8\text{Be}) + 2m(\Lambda) - m({}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}) - m(p) - m(\pi^-) - \sum T'_{kin}$$

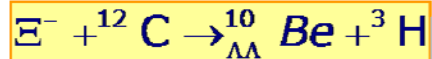
$$= m({}^8\text{Be}) + 2m(\Lambda) - 2m(\alpha) - 2m(p) - 2m(\pi^-) - \sum T_{kin}$$



- ▶ Problem: if excited states in  ${}^9_\Lambda\text{Be}$  involved  $\rightarrow B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  overestimated
- ▶ Result:  $B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 17.5 \pm 0.4 \text{ MeV}$

# Production analysis

- ▶ Capture of the negative  $\Xi$  by an atom
- ▶  $\Xi^-$  Binding energy  $B_{\Xi}$
- ▶  $B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  from point **B**



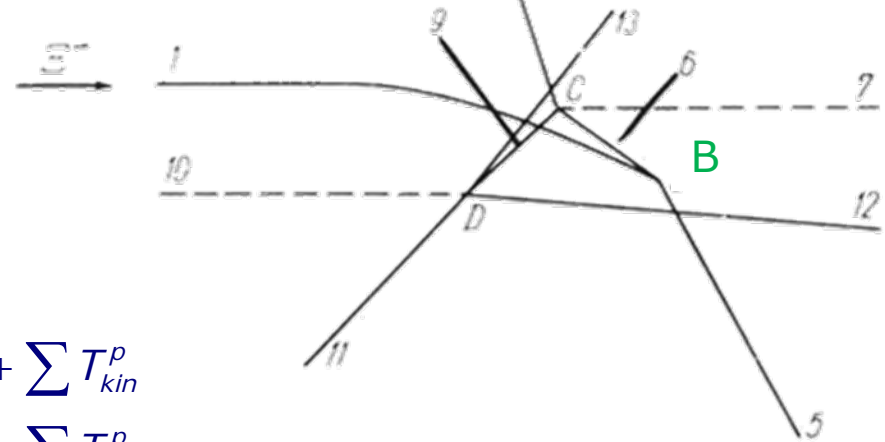
$$m(\Xi) - B_{\Xi} + m({}^{12}\text{C}) = m({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}) + m({}^3\text{H}) + \sum T_{kin}^p$$

$$m({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}) = m(\Xi) - B_{\Xi} + m({}^{12}\text{C}) - m({}^3\text{H}) - \sum T_{kin}^p$$

$$B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}) = m({}^8\text{Be}) + 2m(\Lambda) - m({}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be})$$

$$= m({}^8\text{Be}) + 2m(\Lambda) - m(\Xi) + B_{\Xi} - m({}^{12}\text{C}) + m({}^3\text{H}) + \sum T_{kin}^p$$

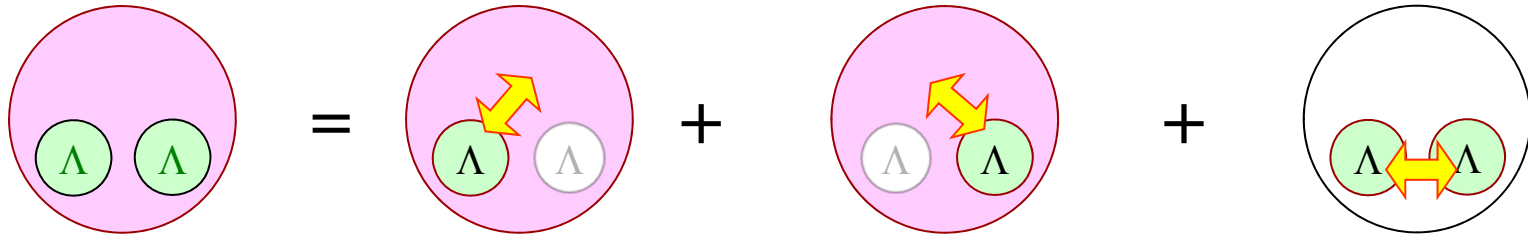
- ▶  $B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 10.9 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV}$
- ▶ Lower limit





# First approach to the $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction

- ▶ We are mainly interested in the additional binding energy *between* the two  $\Lambda$ s



$$B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ) = -B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^{A-1}Z) - B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^{A-1}Z) = \Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ)$$

- ▶ in the case of the Danysz-event one obtains

$$B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ) = B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ) + B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^{A-1}Z) = (17.7 \pm 0.4)\text{MeV}$$

$$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ) = B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^AZ) - B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^{A-1}Z) = (4.3 \pm 0.4)\text{MeV}$$

- ▶ positive  $\Rightarrow$  attractive interaction
- ▶ this is the net  $\Lambda\Lambda$  binding provided that
  - ▶ the core is not distorted by adding one  $\Lambda$  after the other
  - ▶ the core spin is zero
  - ▶ no  $\gamma$ -unstable excited states are produced

note:

$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  is proportional to the kinetic energy of the produced pions

## $\Lambda\Lambda$ He<sup>6</sup> DOUBLE HYPERFRAGMENT\*

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An event has been found in an emulsion stack exposed to about  $10^6$   $K^-$  mesons at 4 to 5 BeV which appears to be consistent with the production and decay of a  $\Lambda\Lambda$ He<sup>6</sup> double hyperfragment. It confirms that double hyperfragments exist and confirms the value of the low-energy  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$  interaction, first measured by Danysz *et al.*,<sup>1</sup> at some  $4.6 \pm 0.5$  MeV.

Description of the event.—(1) Production: The event shown in Fig. 1 is initiated by a  $\Xi^-$  hyperon which is apparently captured at rest by a light emulsion nucleus producing only two products, which are collinear. Their ranges are 13.4 and 30.0  $\mu$ ; the shorter track appears by inspection to be caused by a fragment of a higher charge than the other track. Assuming that the fragment initiating the two-star

chain is a double hyperfragment, there are three interpretations involving double hyperfragments and a relatively stable recoil fragment which balance momentum, and which are consistent with the capture of a  $\Xi^-$  hyperon by a light emulsion nucleus.

These interpretations, shown in Table I, are  $\Lambda\Lambda$ He<sup>6</sup> together with Li<sup>7</sup>,  $\Lambda\Lambda$ He<sup>8</sup> with Be<sup>7</sup>, or  $\Lambda\Lambda$ Li<sup>7</sup> with Be<sup>10</sup>. The visible energies for each of these possibilities are 14.5, 18.3, and 23.9 MeV, respectively. The  $Q$  values for the nuclear capture of a  $\Xi^-$  hyperon giving two free  $\Lambda$  hyperons are negative except for the  $\Lambda\Lambda$ He<sup>6</sup> possibility. The total binding energies of the  $\Lambda$  hyperons necessary to explain the measured visible energies are 10.9, 27.8, and 32.0 MeV, respectively.

# The Prowse event (2)

- ▶ interpreted as  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}$
- ▶ very likely no excited state
- ▶ core spin is zero

$$B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}) = (10.9 \pm 0.5)\text{MeV}$$

$$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}) = (4.7 \pm 0.6)\text{MeV}$$

- ▶ no independent study of the event
- ▶ reconsidered by Dalitz *et al.*, Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A426, 1 (1989)
- ▶ event is now regarded as questionable

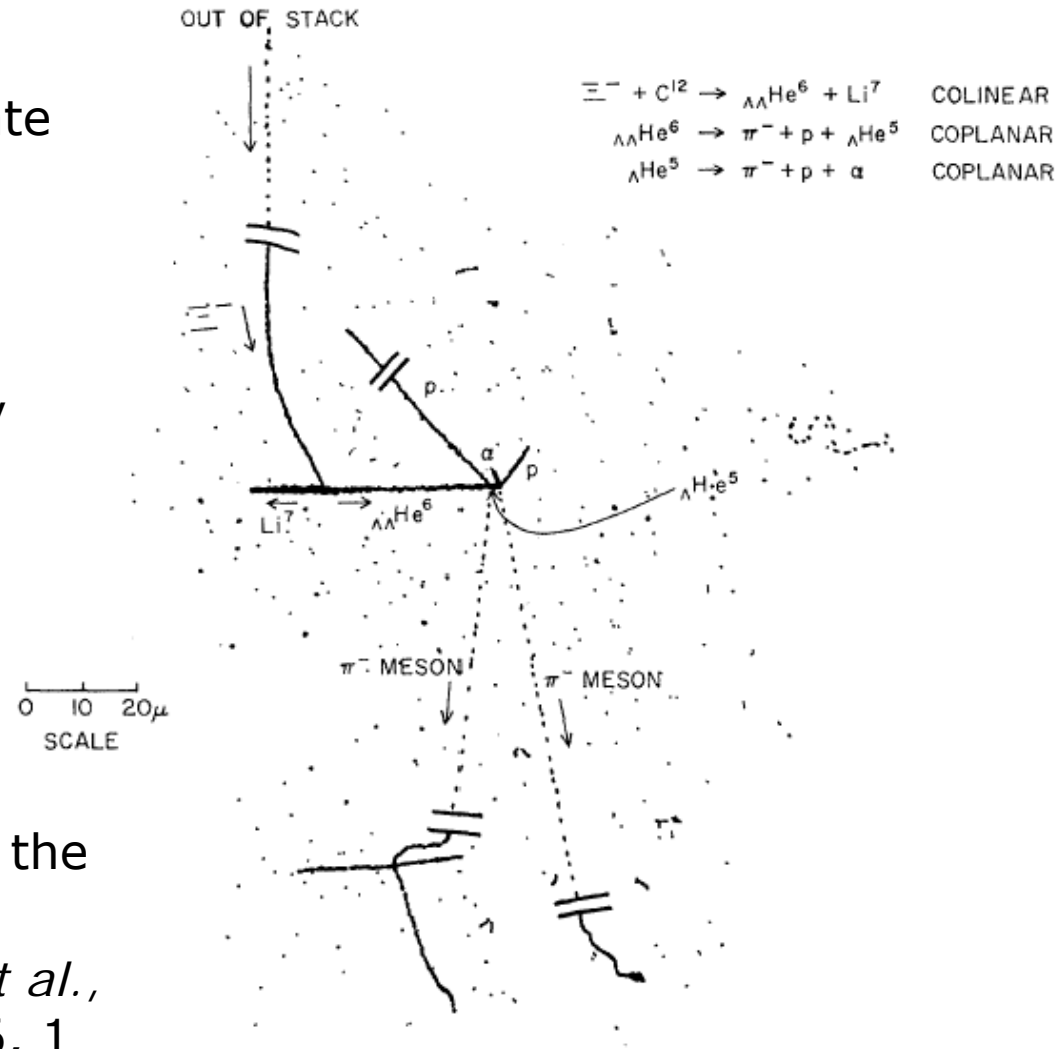


FIG. 1. Drawing of the event.

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## DOUBLE-HYPERFRAGMENT EVENT PRODUCED BY $K^-$ INTERACTION AT 2.3 BeV/c IN NUCLEAR EMULSION\*

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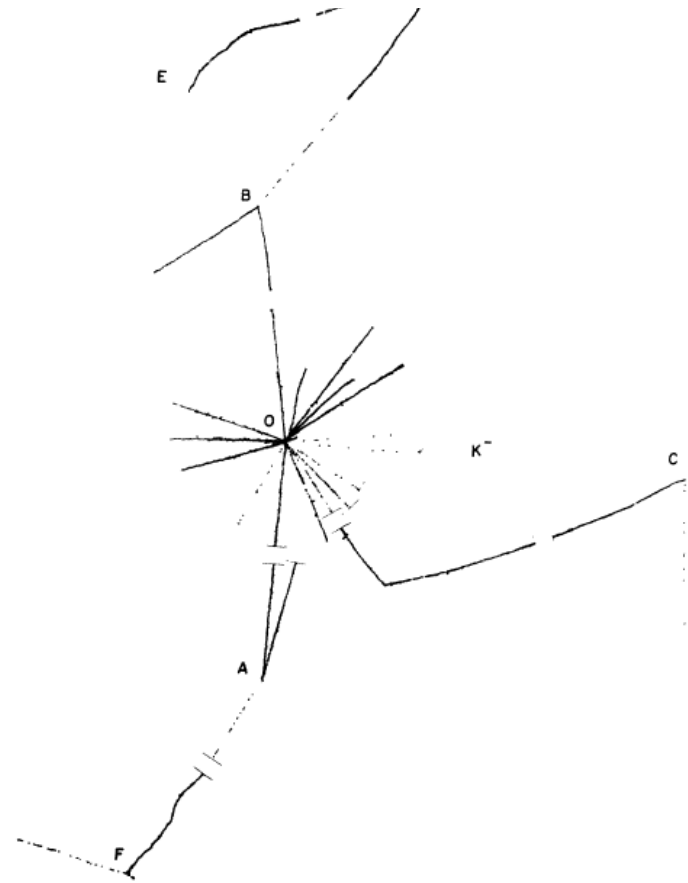


FIG. 1. Camera-ludica drawing of double-hyperfragment event.





# Emulsion Hybrids

With a little help  
from my friends

# Pros and Cons of Emulsion Technique

- + excellent track resolution
- time consuming analysis: it just takes a long time to find the very few interesting events
- ▶ higher K-rates needed
- ▶ combine emulsion technique with electronic counters
  - ▶ use ( $K^-$ ,  $K^+$ ) to produce  $\Xi^-$
  - ▶ track  $K^-$  and  $K^+$  to determine interaction point in the emulsion/target
  - ▶ e.g. suggested 1989 by Dalitz *et al.*

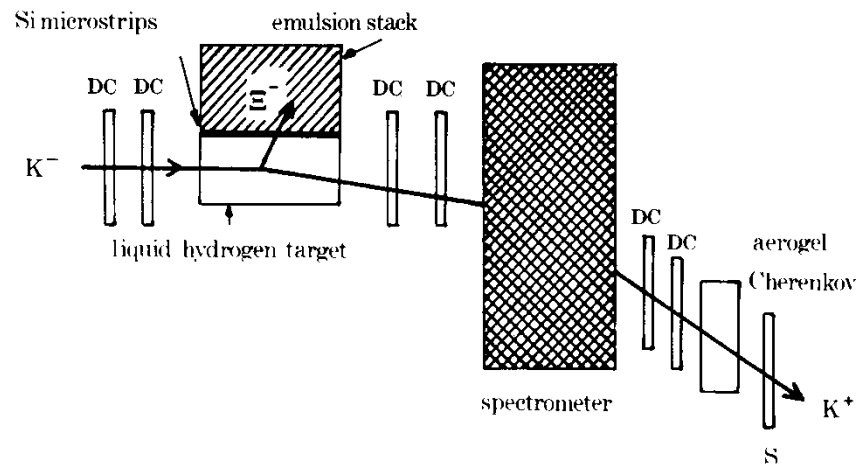
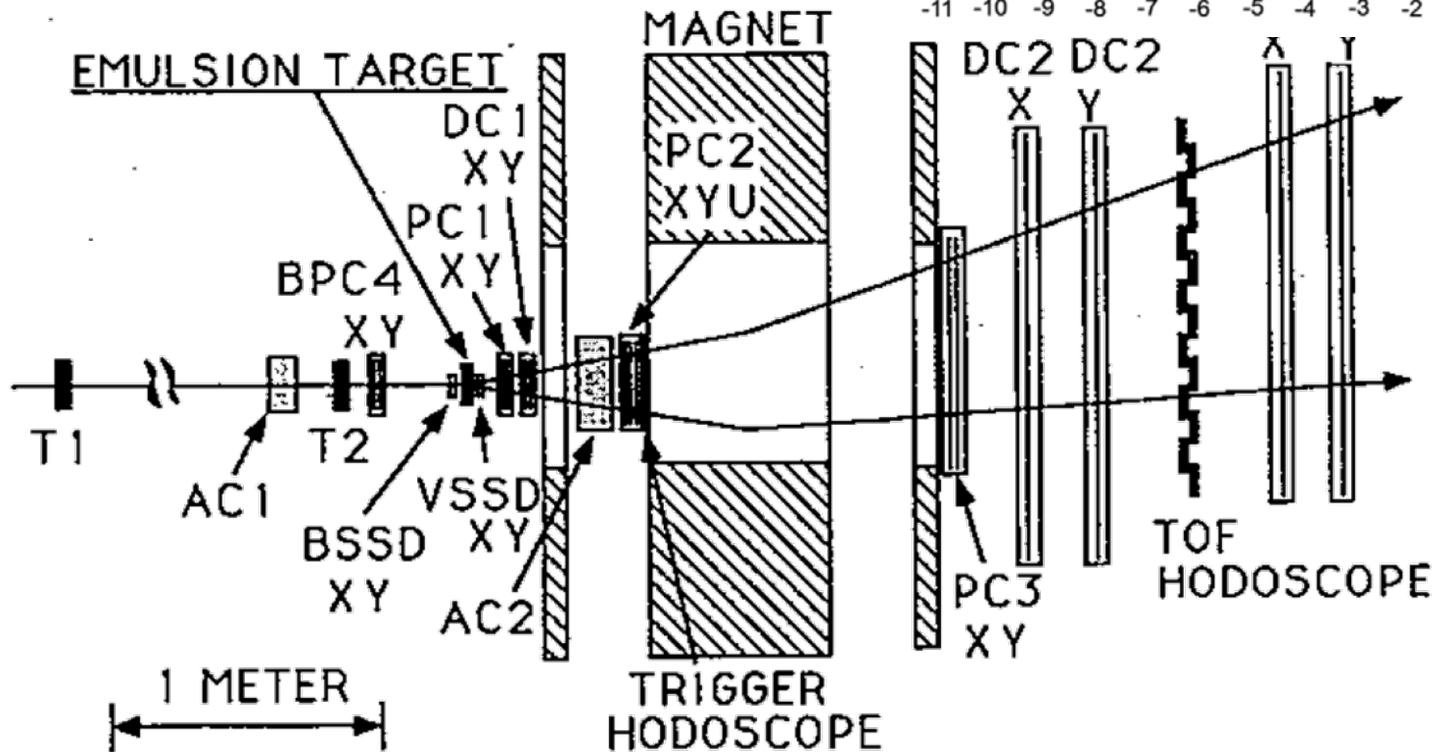
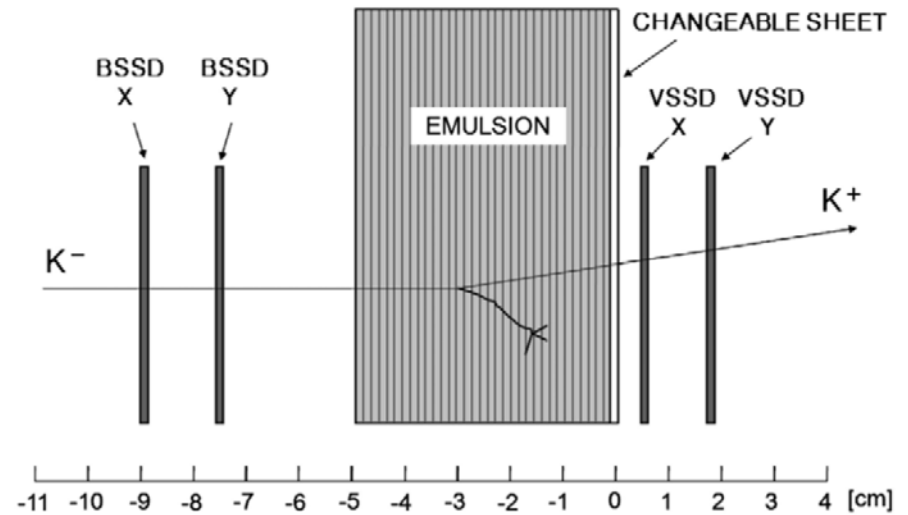


FIGURE 3. Schematic diagram of proposed hybrid emulsion experiment to study double hypernuclei. (DC is drift chamber and S is scintillator.)

- ▶ applied by KEK-E176 and KEK-E373 collaboration

# KEK-E176 Experiment

- ▶  $\Xi^-$  stops:  $77.6 \pm 5.1$  events
- ▶ Captured
  - ▶ 43.3% by light elements
  - ▶ 57.7% by heavy elements





# The KEK-E176Event (Aoki-event)

- ▶ S. Aoki *et al.*, Prog. Theor. Phys. **85**, 1287 (1991)

at point A:  $\Xi^- + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^3\text{H} + {}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{10}\text{Be}$

at point B:  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{10}\text{Be} \rightarrow {}_{\Lambda}^{10}\text{B} + \pi^-$

at point C:  ${}_{\Lambda}^{10}\text{B} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} + p + 2n$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = -4.9 \pm 0.7 \text{ MeV}$$

- ▶ repulsive  $\Lambda\Lambda$  interaction!?

- ▶ re-interpretation:

C.B. Dover, D.J. Millener, A. Gal  
and D.H. Davis, Phys. Rev. C  
44, 1905 (1991)

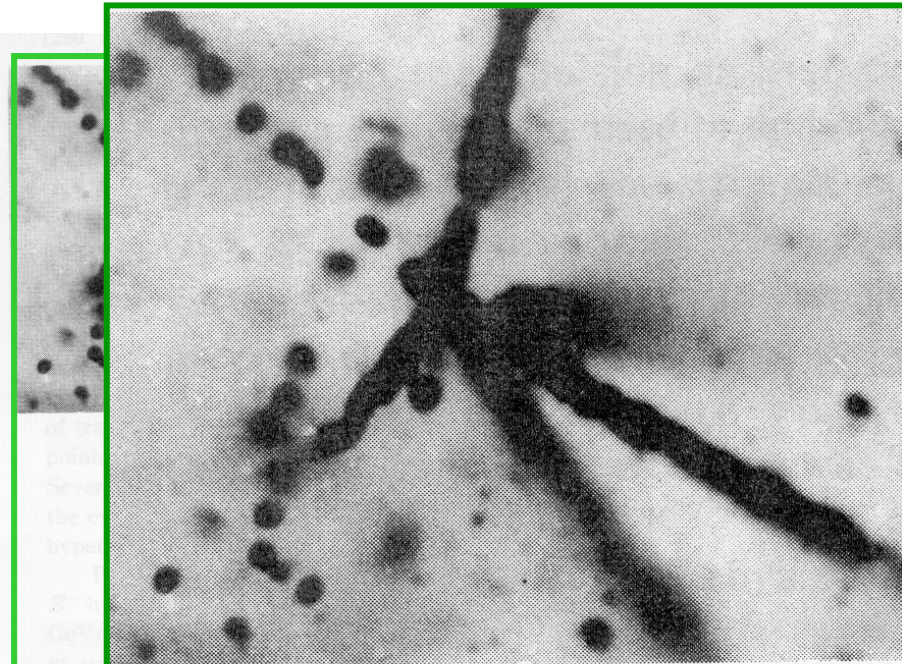
at point A:  $\Xi^- + {}^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow n + {}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{14}\text{C}^* \rightarrow n + p + {}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{13}\text{B}$

at point B:  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{13}\text{B} \rightarrow {}_{\Lambda}^{13}\text{C} + \pi^-$

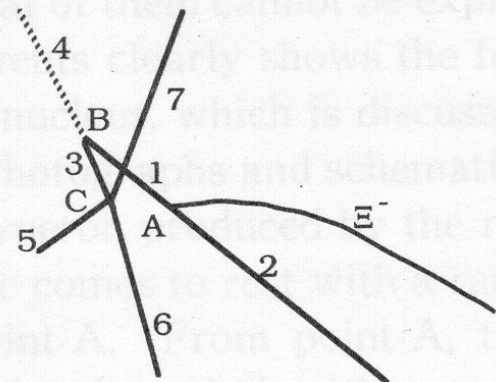
at point C:  ${}_{\Lambda}^{13}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} + 2n$

or  $\rightarrow {}^6\text{Li} + {}^4\text{He} + p + 2n$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = +4.8 \pm 0.7 \text{ MeV}$$



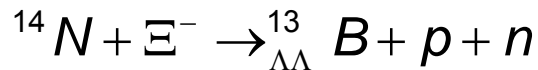
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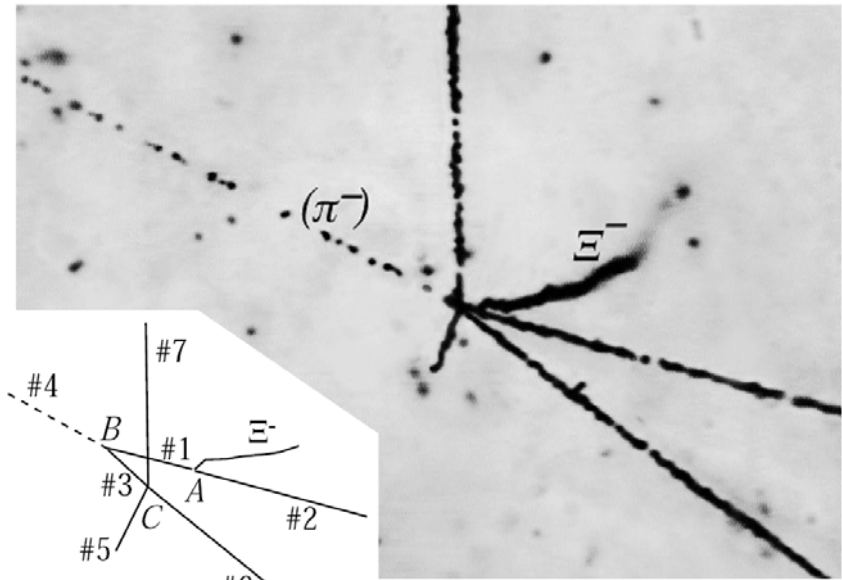
# Reanalysis of E176 Event

- ▶ Hitoshi Takahashi, thesis 2003; S. Aoki *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. **A828** (2009) 191;
- ▶ Allow for excited state
- ▶ Use recalibrated range-energy relation
- ▶ Updated values of hyperon and meson masses
  - ▶ PDG 2006:  $M(\Xi^-) = 1321.31 \pm 0.13$  MeV
  - ▶ PDG 2008:  $M(\Xi^-) = 1321.71 \pm 0.07$
- ▶  $B_{\Xi} = 0.17$  MeV (atomic 3D state in  $^{14}\text{N} + \Xi$  system)



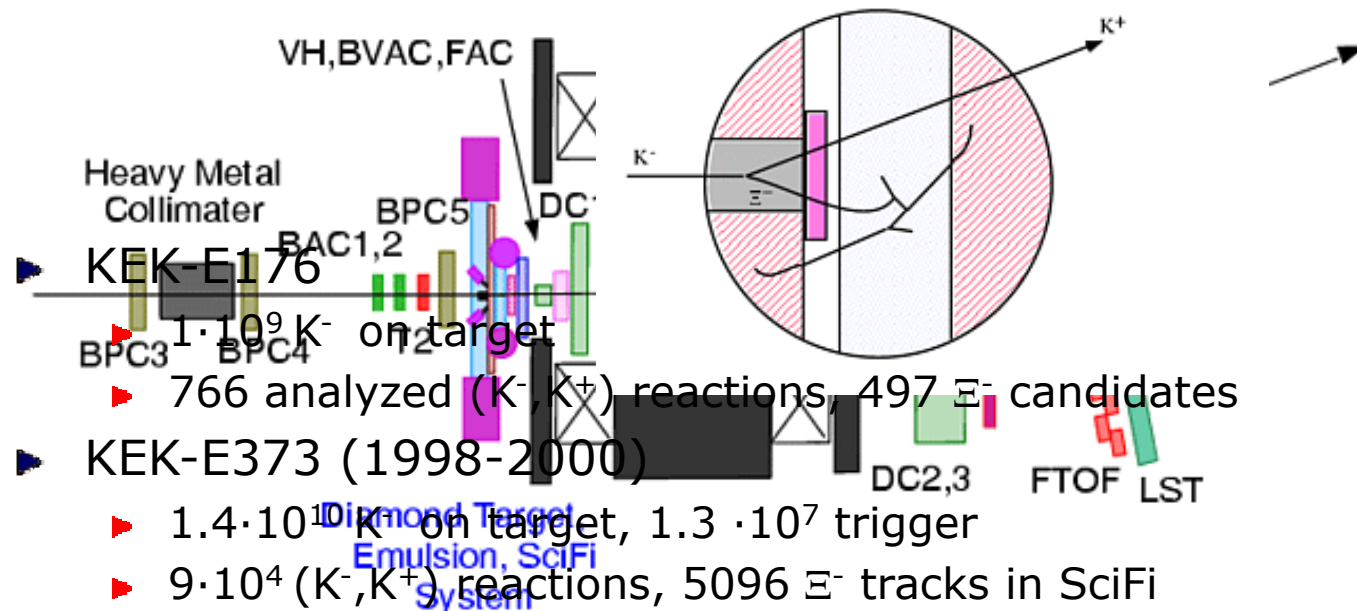
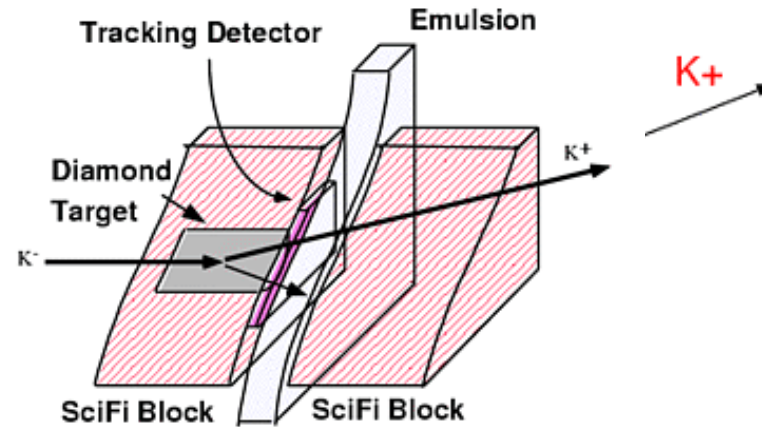
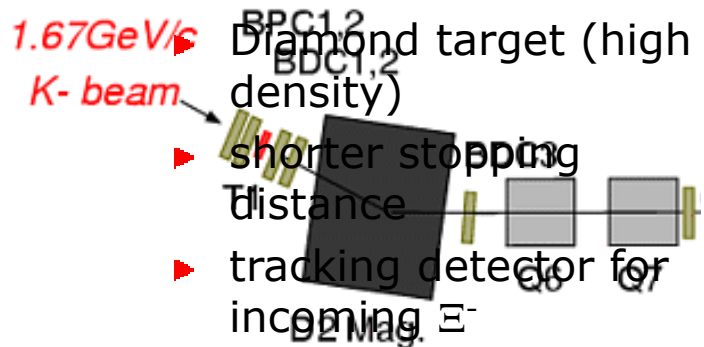
$$B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 23.3 \pm 0.7 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 0.6 \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV}$$



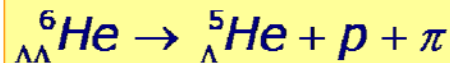
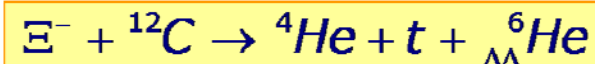
# The KEK-E373 Experiment

- ▶ KEK proton synchrotron
- ▶ 1.66 GeV/c  $K^-$  beam



# KEK-E373: the NAGARA event

- ▶ H. Takahashi *et al.*, PRL 87, 212502-1 (2001)
- ▶ hybrid emulsion technique
- ▶ cleanest event so far (also theoretically)

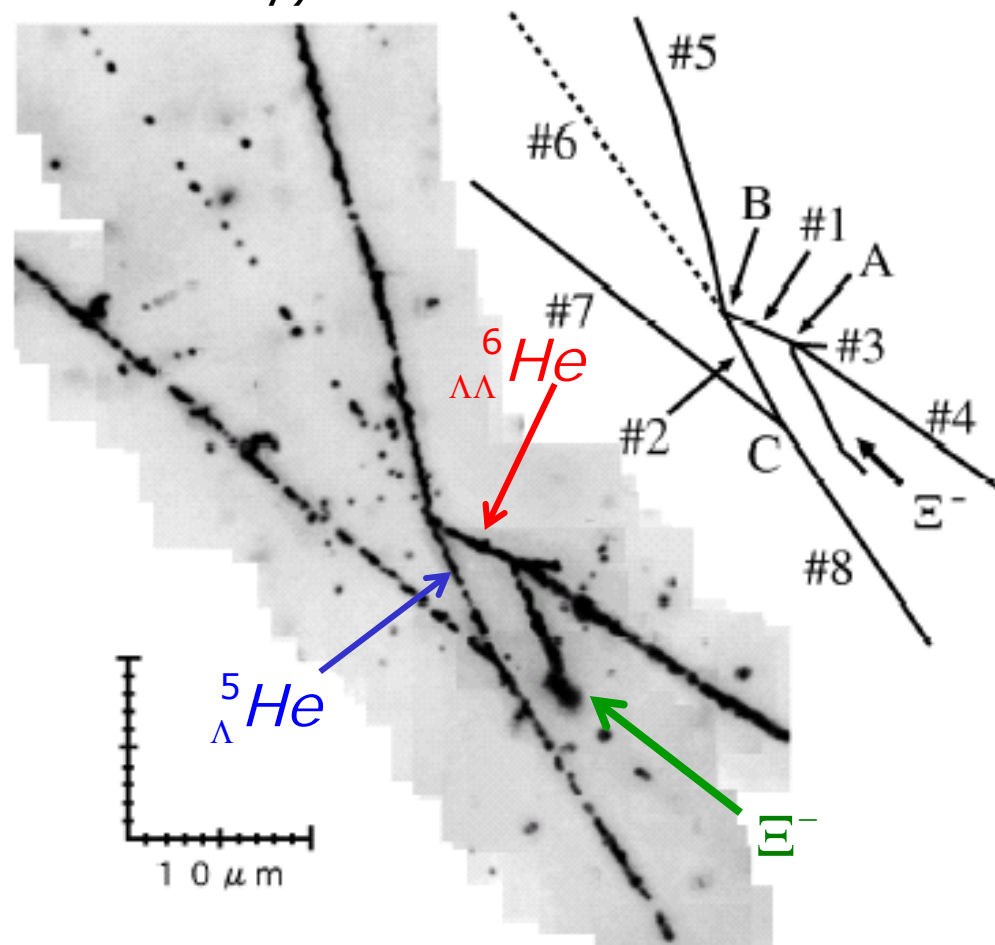


$$\Rightarrow \Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = +1.01 \pm 0.2^{+0.18}_{-0.11} \text{ MeV}$$

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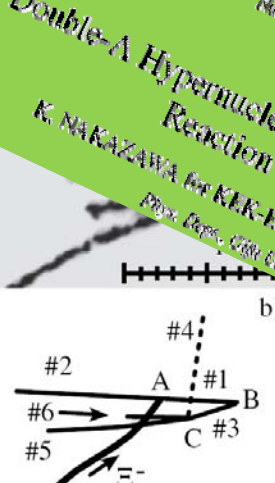
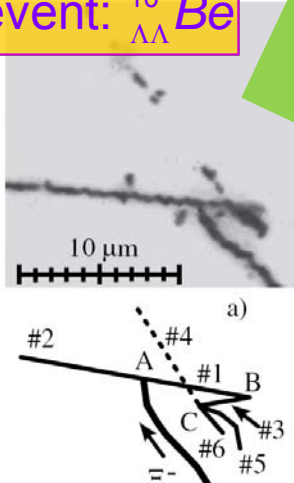
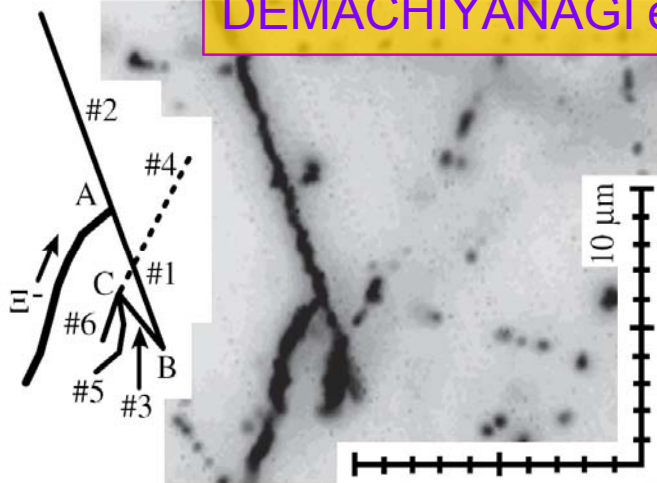
$$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 0.67 \pm 0.17$$

- ▶ inconsistent with Prowse event



# After HYP-X 2009

DEMACHIYANAGI event:  $^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}Be$



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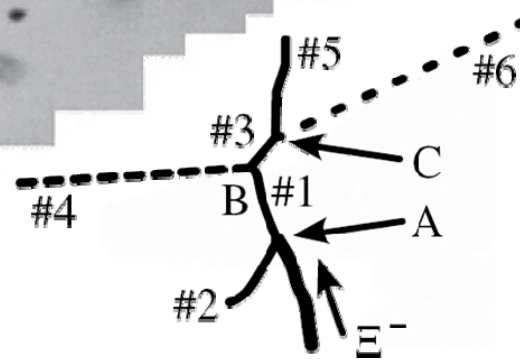
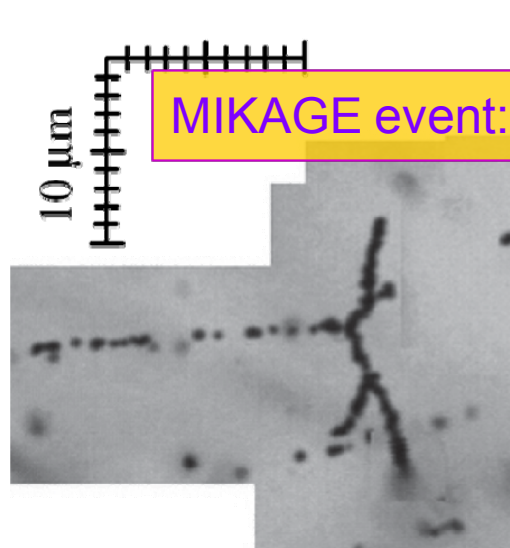
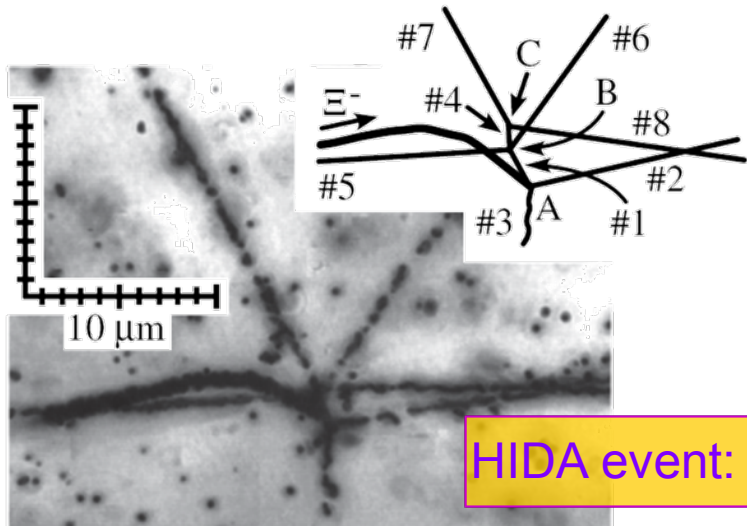
Double- $\Lambda$  Hypernuclei via the  $E^-$ -Hyperon Capture at Rest

Reaction in a Hybrid Emulsion

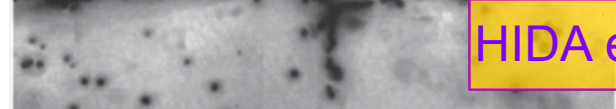
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Phys. Lett. B 698 (2010) 457–462, hep-ex/0911.1763

MIKAGE event:  $^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}He$



HIDA event:  $^{11}_{\Lambda\Lambda}Be$  or  $^{12}_{\Lambda\Lambda}Be$





# Summary and perspective (1)

By checking consistency of  $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  (NAGARA) within 3 STD. errors,

$B_{\Lambda\Lambda} - B_{\Xi^-}$     $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} - B_{\Xi^-}$    Assumed    $B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$     $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  (eV)



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## Double- $\Lambda$ Hypernuclei via the $\Xi^-$ Hyperon Capture at Rest Reaction in a Hybrid Emulsion

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Experiment	Reaction	$Ex$ (MeV)	3D	$B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ (MeV)	$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ (MeV)
E176	$^{13}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{B} \rightarrow ^{13}_{\Lambda}\text{C}^*$	4.9	23.5	$14.7 \pm 0.7$	$0.6 \pm 0.8$
Dalitz	$^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be} \rightarrow ^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be}^*$	3.0	not checked, yet.	$14.7 \pm 0.4$	$1.3 \pm 0.4$

M.Danysz et al., PRL.11(1963)29;  
R.H.Dalitz et al., Proc. R.S.Lond.A436(1989)1

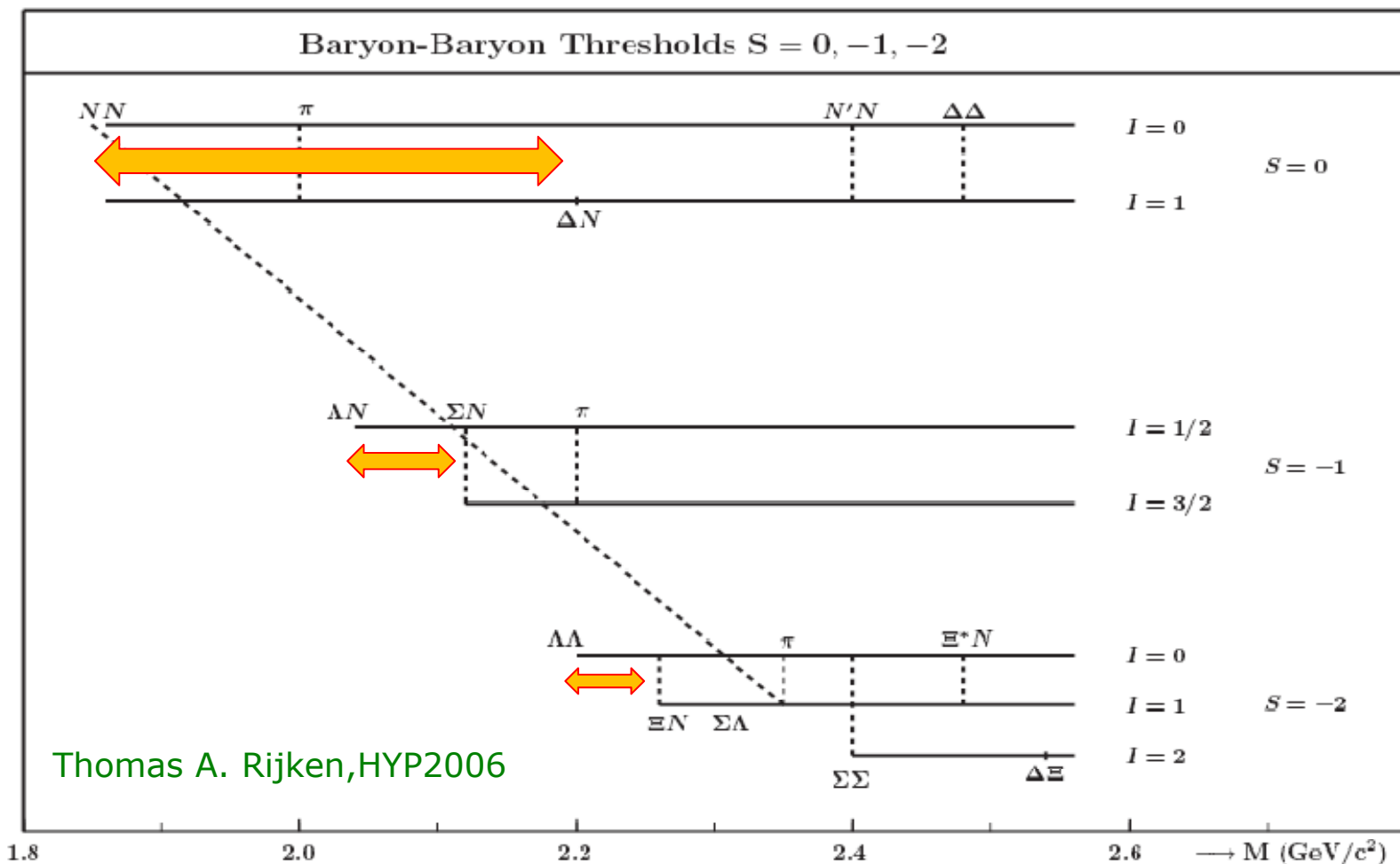
$B_{\Xi^-}$  (atomic 3D) = **0.13 MeV** [ $^{12}\text{C}-\Xi^-$ ], **0.17 MeV** [ $^{14}\text{N}-\Xi^-$ ], **0.23 MeV** [ $^{16}\text{O}-\Xi^-$ ].

Experiment	Observed stopped $\Xi^-$	Double Hypernuclei
Emulsion		$\sim 1$
KEK E176	$\sim 100$	1
KEK E373	$\sim 1000$	4
AGS-E906		
<b>Future Experiments</b>		
J-PARC E07	$\sim 10000$	
FAIR-PANDA		

Tulio Bressani:  
„One event contains all (physics)“

# Y-N or Y-Y Interaction in Hypernuclei

- ▶ Mass difference between  $\Sigma$  and  $\Lambda$  in single hypernuclei and  $\Lambda\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi N$ ,  $\Lambda\Sigma$  in double hypernuclei are small
  - ▶  $m(\Xi^0 n) - m(\Lambda\Lambda) = 23\text{MeV}$       $m(\Sigma^0 \Lambda) - m(\Lambda\Lambda) = 77\text{MeV}$
- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  mixing important





## $\Lambda\Lambda$ bond energy from the Nijmegen potentials

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The  $\Lambda\Lambda$  bond energy  $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  in  $\Lambda\Lambda$  hypernuclei is obtained from a  $G$ -matrix calculation which includes the coupling between the  $\Lambda\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi N$ , and  $\Sigma\Sigma$  channels, as well as the effect of Pauli blocking to all orders. The Nijmegen NSC97e model is used as bare baryon-baryon interaction in the strangeness  $S=-2$  sector. The  $\Lambda\Lambda$ - $\Xi N$  coupling increases substantially the bond energy with respect to the uncoupled  $\Lambda\Lambda$  case. However, the additional incorporation of the  $\Sigma\Sigma$  channel, which couples simultaneously to  $\Lambda\Lambda$  and  $\Xi N$  states, has a surprisingly drastic effect and reduces the bond energy down to a value closer to that obtained in an uncoupled calculation. We find that a complete treatment of Pauli blocking reduces the repulsive effect on the bond energy to about half of what was claimed before.

TABLE II.  $\Lambda\Lambda$  scattering length and  $\Lambda\Lambda$  bond energy in  ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$ , for various channel couplings. Results within brackets ignore Pauli blocking effects.

	$a_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ [fm]	$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ [MeV]
$\Lambda\Lambda$	-0.25	0.16 (0.16)
$\Lambda\Lambda, \Xi N$	-0.84	0.78 (1.02)
$\Lambda\Lambda, \Xi N, \Sigma\Sigma$	-0.49	0.28 (0.54)

# $\Lambda\Lambda$ - $\Xi N$ - $\Sigma\Sigma$ coupling in ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$ with the Nijmegen soft-core potentials

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The  $\Lambda\Lambda$ - $\Xi N$ - $\Sigma\Sigma$  coupling in  ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$  is studied with the  $[\alpha + \Lambda + \Lambda] + [\alpha + \Xi + N] + [\alpha + \Sigma + \Sigma]$  model, where the  $\alpha$  particle is assumed as a frozen core. We use the Nijmegen soft-core potentials, NSC97e and NSC97f, for the valence baryon-baryon part, and the phenomenological potentials for the  $\alpha$ - $B$  parts ( $B=N, \Lambda, \Xi$ , and  $\Sigma$ ). We find that the calculated  $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  of  ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$  for NSC97e and NSC97f are, respectively, 0.6 and 0.4 MeV in the full coupled-channel calculation, the results of which are about half in comparison with the experimental data,  $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{exp} = 1.01 \pm 0.20$  MeV. **Considering the experimental information, any conclusion might be still premature**

**More precision data are needed**

NSC97e and NSC97f Nijmegen potential describe single hypernuclei reasonably well

<i>Potential</i>	$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ (MeV)	$P_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ (%)	$P_{\Xi N}$ (%)	$P_{\Sigma\Sigma}$ (%)
NSC97e	0.61	99.77	0.21	0.01
NSC97f	0.36	99.81	0.18	0.01

## Faddeev calculations for the $A=5,6$ $\Lambda\Lambda$ hypernuclei

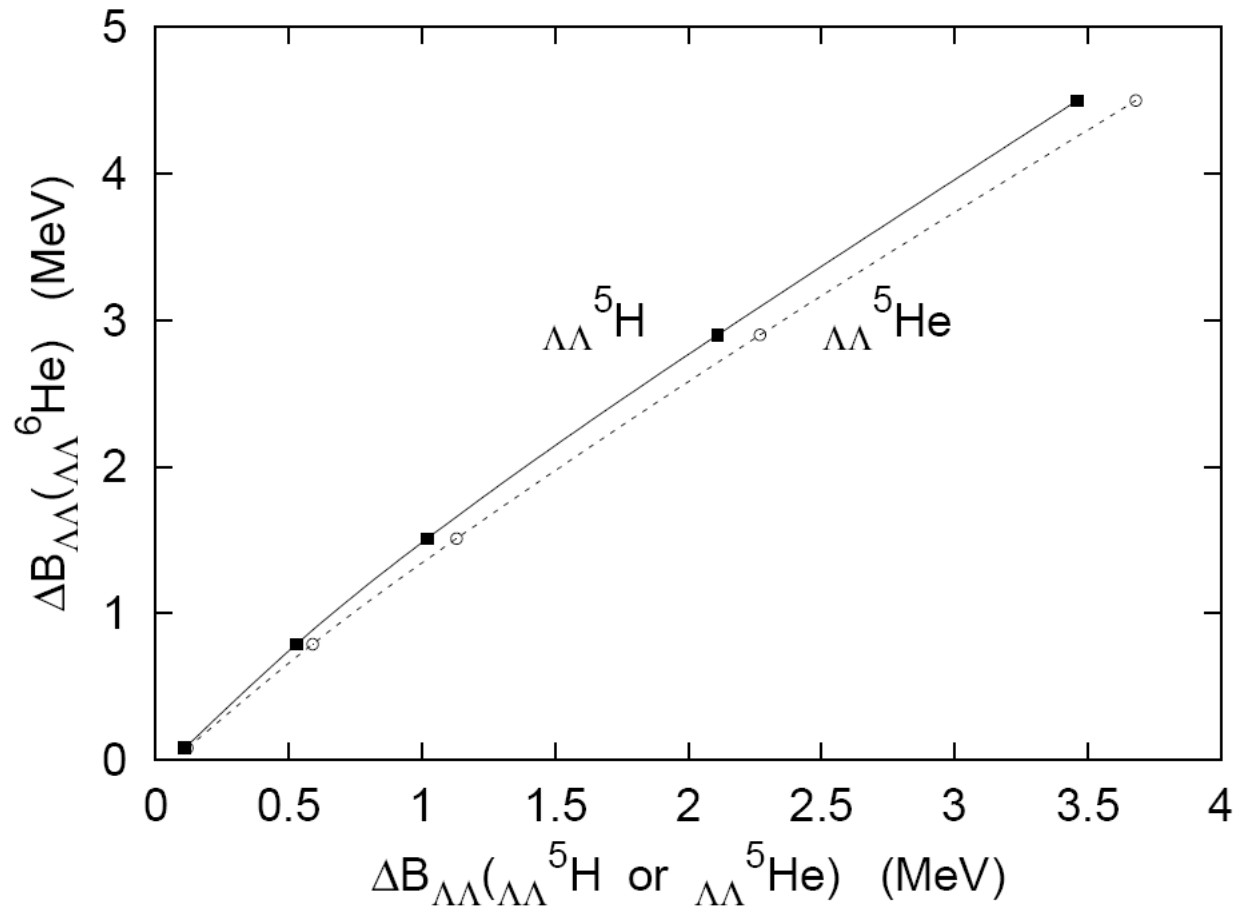
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# Variational Monte Carlo calculation of ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}$ and other $s$ -shell hypernuclei

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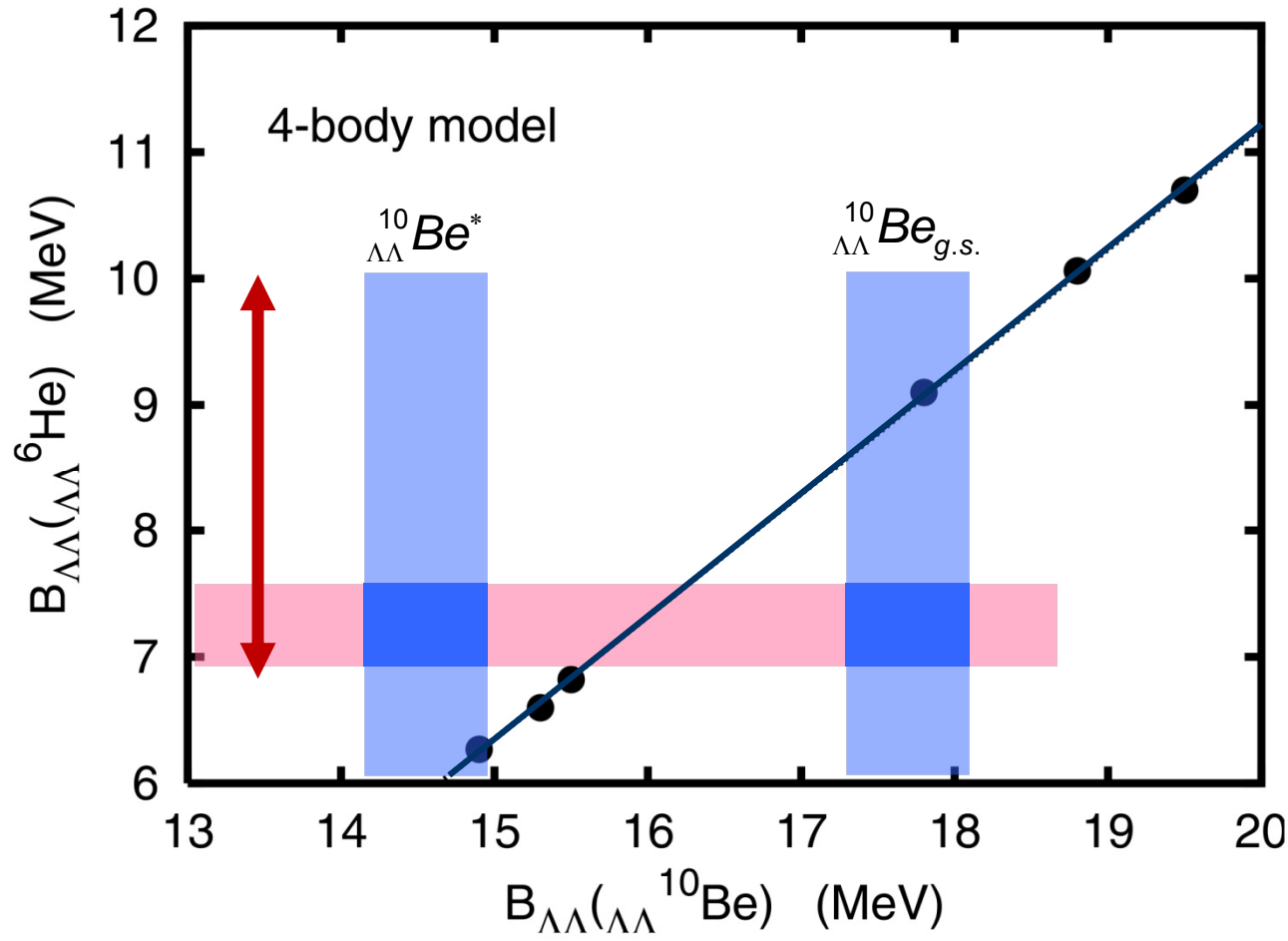
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A variational Monte Carlo analysis of recent binding energy data of the hypernucleus  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}$  has been made treating this as a six-body problem. A phenomenological central Urbana-type  $\Lambda\Lambda$  potential which fits the new data, predicts a bound state for the charge symmetric pair  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^5\text{H}$ ,  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^5\text{He}$  and just or weakly bound state for  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^4\text{H}$  is obtained. A three-range Gaussian  $\Lambda\Lambda$  potential phase equivalent to the Nijmegen model D over estimates by 25–80 % the binding energy of  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}$  and pair  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^5\text{H}$ ,  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^5\text{He}$  compared to an Urbana potential. The simulated potential predicts bound  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^4\text{H}$ . The incremental  $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  value, leaving  ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^4\text{H}$ , for the above potentials is about half of that found in recent cluster model calculation which uses a  $\Lambda\Lambda$  potential phase equivalent to the ND type in the Faddeev method.



# Consistent Description - not yet!


- ▶ I.N. Filikhin, A. Gal, Phys. Rev. C 65, 041001 (R) (2002)
  - ▶ Faddeev-Yakubovsky calculation



- ▶ no convincing consistent description possible so far

# Summary and perspective (1)

By checking consistency of  $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  (NAGARA) within 3 STD. errors,

$\Lambda\Lambda Z$ Captured	$B_{\Lambda\Lambda} - B_{\Xi^-}$ [MeV]	$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} - B_{\Xi^-}$ [MeV]	Assumed level	$B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ [MeV]	$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ [MeV]
NAGARA ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$ ${}^{12}\text{C}$	$B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 6.79 + 0.91B_{\Xi^-}$ (+/- 0.16) $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 0.55 + 0.91B_{\Xi^-}$ (+/- 0.17) $B_{\Xi^-} < 1.86$		3D	6.91 +/- 0.16	0.67 +/- 0.17
MIKAGE ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$ ${}^{12}\text{C}$	9.93 +/- 1.72	3.69 +/- 1.72	3D	10.06 +/- 1.72	3.82 +/- 1.72
DEMACHI-YANAGI ${}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}^*$ ${}^{12}\text{C}$	11.77 +/- 0.13	-1.65 +/- 0.15 <i>cf. Ex = 3.0</i>	3D	11.90 +/- 0.13	-1.52 +/- 0.15 <i>cf. Ex = 3.0</i>
HIDA ${}^{11}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}$ ${}^{16}\text{O}$	20.26 +/- 1.15	2.04 +/- 1.23	3D	20.49 +/- 1.15	2.27 +/- 1.23
${}^{12}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}$ ${}^{14}\text{N}$	22.06 +/- 1.15	-----	3D	22.23 +/- 1.15	-----
E176 ${}^{13}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{B} \rightarrow {}^{13}_{\Lambda}\text{C}^*$ <i>Ex = 4.9</i>	-----	-----	3D	23.3 +/- 0.7	0.6 +/- 0.8
 ${}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be}^*$ <i>Ex = 3.0</i>	-----	-----	not checked, yet.	14.7 +/- 0.4	1.3 +/- 0.4

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# JPARC: E07 experiment

- ▶ 1.7GeV K- beam
- ▶  $3 \cdot 10^5$  K-/4.8s
- ▶ 3 times larger emulsion volume
- ▶  $\Xi$  atomic transissions?
- ▶ Factor of 10

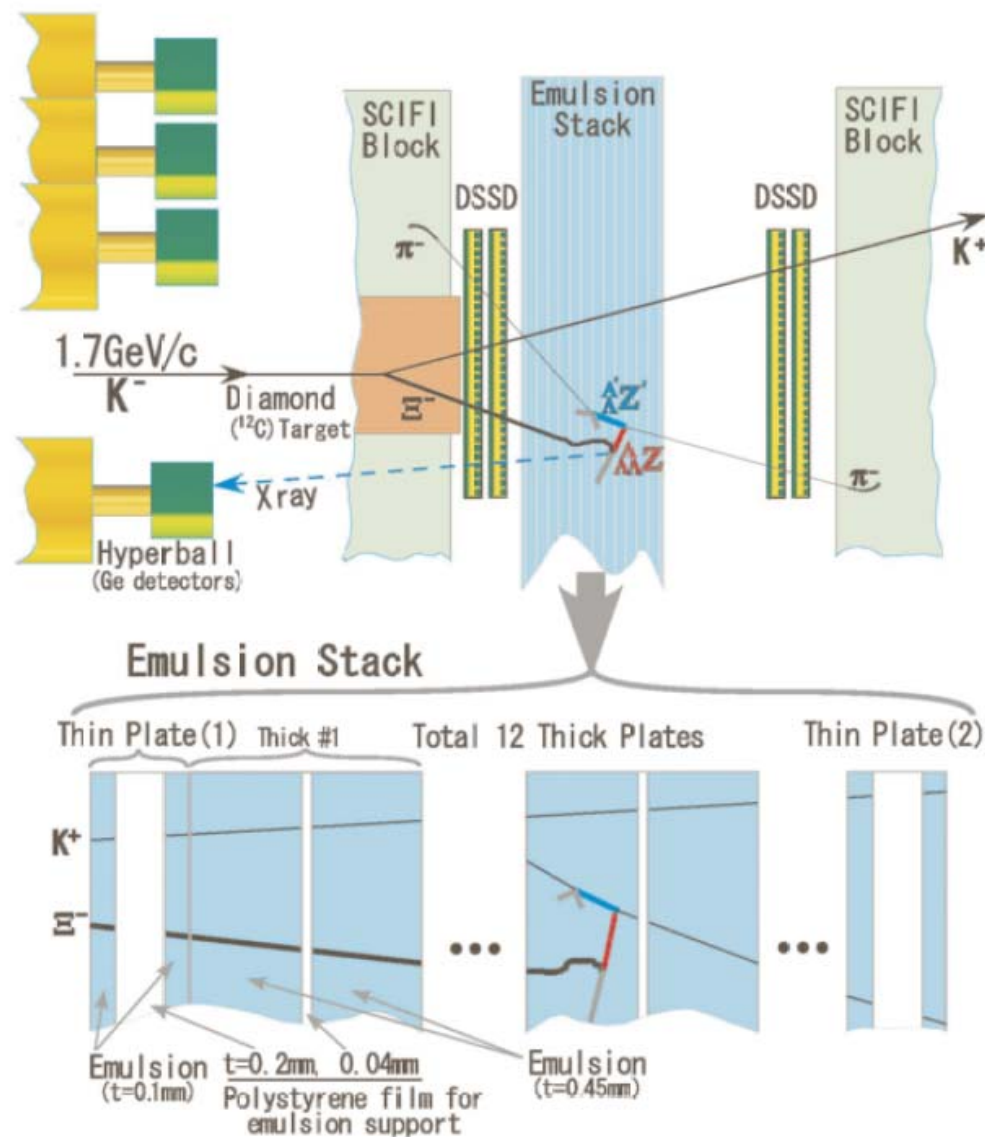


Figure 6: Setup of the E07 experiment at J-Parc.

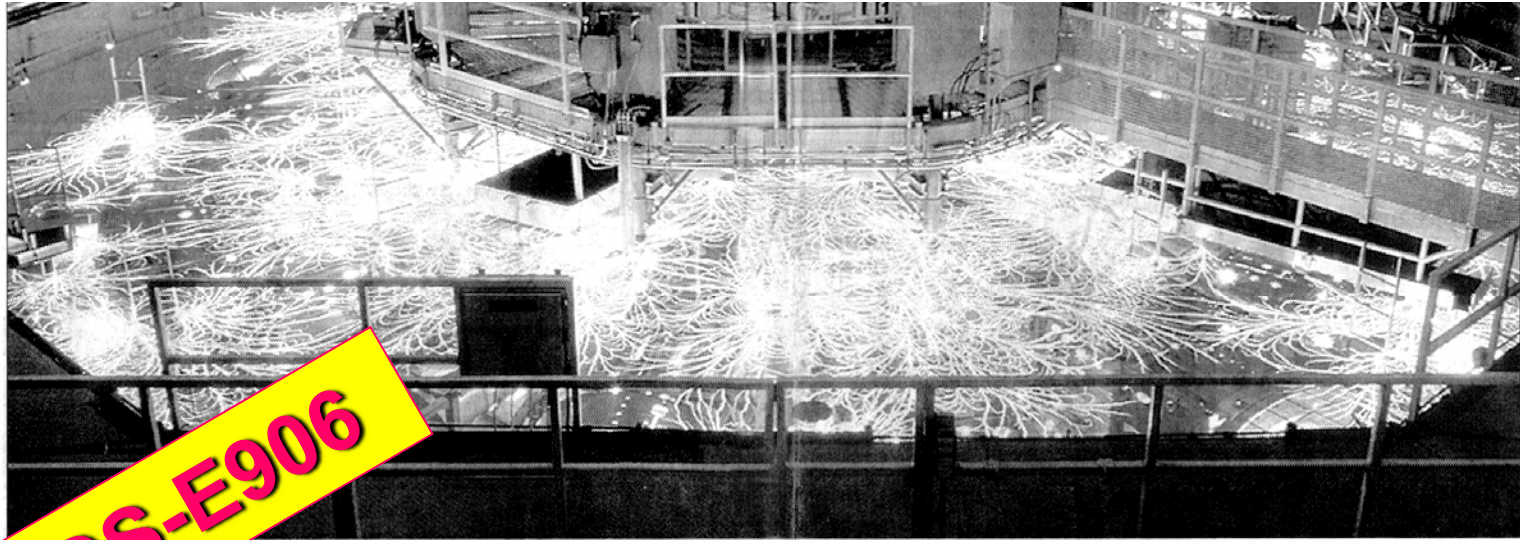




# The E906 Experiment

The magical mystery tour





AGS-E906

... die modernen Alchimisten Materie ineinander um oder erzeugen gar Materieformen, die es auf der Erde überhaupt nicht gibt. Das Foto zeigt eine Kernfusionsanlage in Neu-Mexiko

## Doppelt seltsame Atomkerne synthetisiert

Nach 40 Jahren gelingt Physikern in den USA die Herstellung von exotischer Neutronenstern-Materie

VON BRIGITTE RÖTHLEIN

**Brookhaven** – Drei Jahre nach Abschluss einer Serie von Experimenten konnten Forscher im Brookhaven National Lab auf Long Island bei der Auswertung der Ergebnisse eine bisher nicht bekannte Art von Materie nachweisen. Sie entstand 1998 bei Zusammenstößen von Wolframatomen mit superschnellen Protonen.

Die Physiker sprechen von „doppelt seltsamen Kernen“ und bringen damit zum Ausdruck, dass sich bei den Kollisionen im Beschleuniger ein Komplex aus mehreren Teilchen gebildet hat, der normalen Atomkernen nicht unähnlich ist. Das Besondere daran ist jedoch, dass diese

Gebilde je zwei „seltsame“ Teilchen enthalten.

Die Experimente von Teilchenforschern laufen in Sekundenbruchteilen ab. Man lässt dabei beschleunigte Elementarteilchen auf Ziele prallen und untersucht mit Hilfe großer Detektoren, welche Bruchstücke dabei entstehen. Die Vielzahl der in den letzten Jahrzehnten auf diese Weise entdeckten Teilchen hat gezeigt, dass sich unsere „normale“ Materie auf zwei so genannte Quarks (mit den Namen „up“ und „down“) und Elektronen zurückführen lässt.

Daneben gibt es aber auch noch exotische Arten von Materie, die aus schwereren Teilchen bestehen und auf der Erde üblicherweise nicht

vorkommen. Zur Unterscheidung erhielten die Quarks dieser Materie die willkürlich gewählten Namen „strange“ (seltsam) und „charm“.

Aus den Millionen von Daten, die während einer Messkampagne entstehen, müssen die Physiker am Ende die wirklich relevanten „Ereignisse“ herausfinden, die sprichwörtliche Nadel im Heuhaufen. In Brookhaven hat sich die Mühe offenbar gelohnt; aus 100 Millionen infrage kommenden Ereignissen filterten Computer zunächst 100 000 heraus, unter denen man dann 30 bis 40 mit den gesuchten Eigenschaften fand. „Hier wurde zum ersten Mal eine größere Anzahl von seltsamen Atomkernen erzeugt“, erklärt Adam Rusek, der

stellvertretende Sprecher der 50 beteiligten Physiker aus sechs Ländern.

40 Jahre lang hatte man in den USA, Europa und Japan nach den Gebilden gesucht, aber nur je eines davon gefunden, zum Teil mit zweifelhafter Sicherheit. Nun gelang es nachzuweisen, dass über einen mehrstufigen Zerfallsprozess Strukturen entstanden waren, die aus einem Neutron, einem Proton und zwei Lambda-Teilchen bestanden. Diese enthalten je ein up- und ein down-Quark und ein seltsames (strange) Quark. Die Lambda-Paare sind nun die bejubelten „doppelt seltsamen Kerne“. Es ist allerdings sehr schwierig, sie näher zu untersuchen, da sie bereits nach weniger

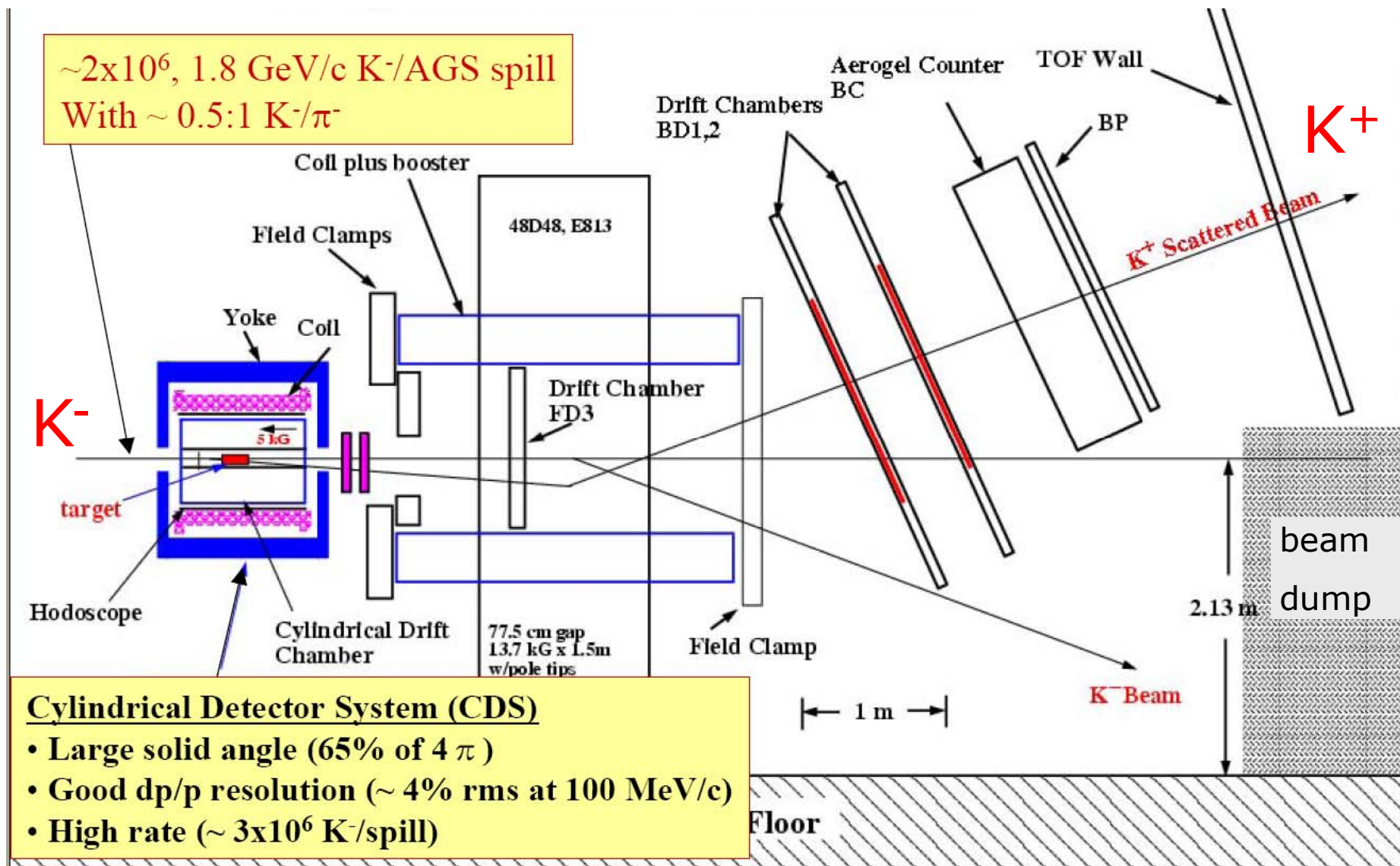
als einer Milliardstel Sekunde wieder zerfallen.

Die Forscher erhoffen sich vom Studium der seltsamen Kerne Erkenntnisse über jene Kräfte, die zwischen den Teilchen wirken. Daraus wollen sie Rückschlüsse auf die Prozesse in so genannten Neutronensternen ziehen. Diese Himmelskörper entstehen, wenn heiße Sterne am Ende ihres Lebens ausgebrannt sind und in sich zusammenstürzen. Man vermutet, dass sie große Mengen seltsamer Teilchen enthalten und dass sie der einzige Ort im All sind, wo seltsame Materie stabil existiert.



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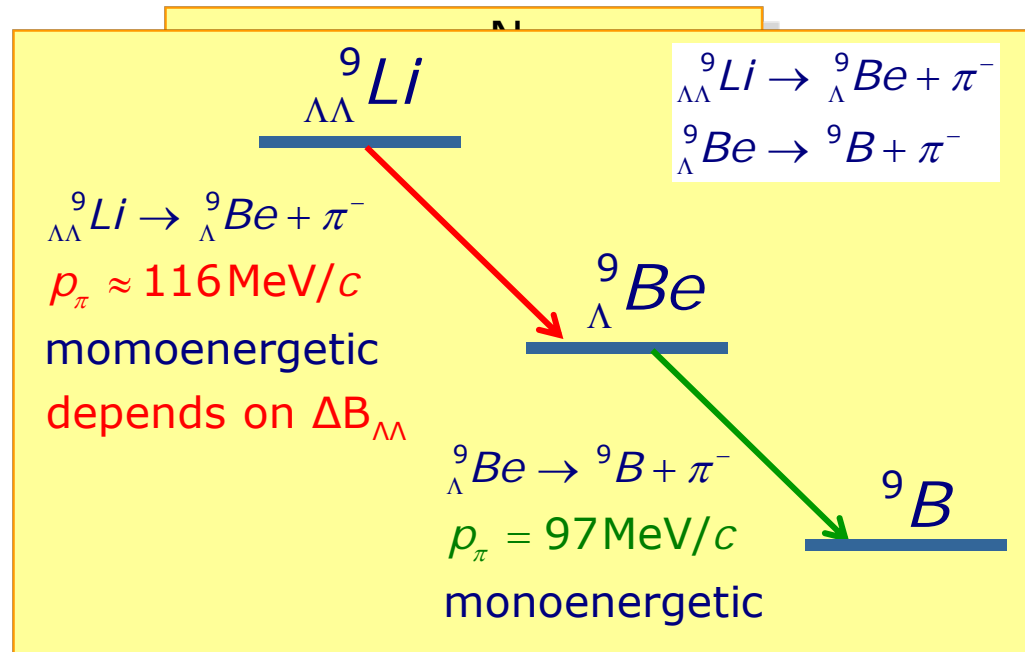
# The E906 experiment



# The E906 strategy

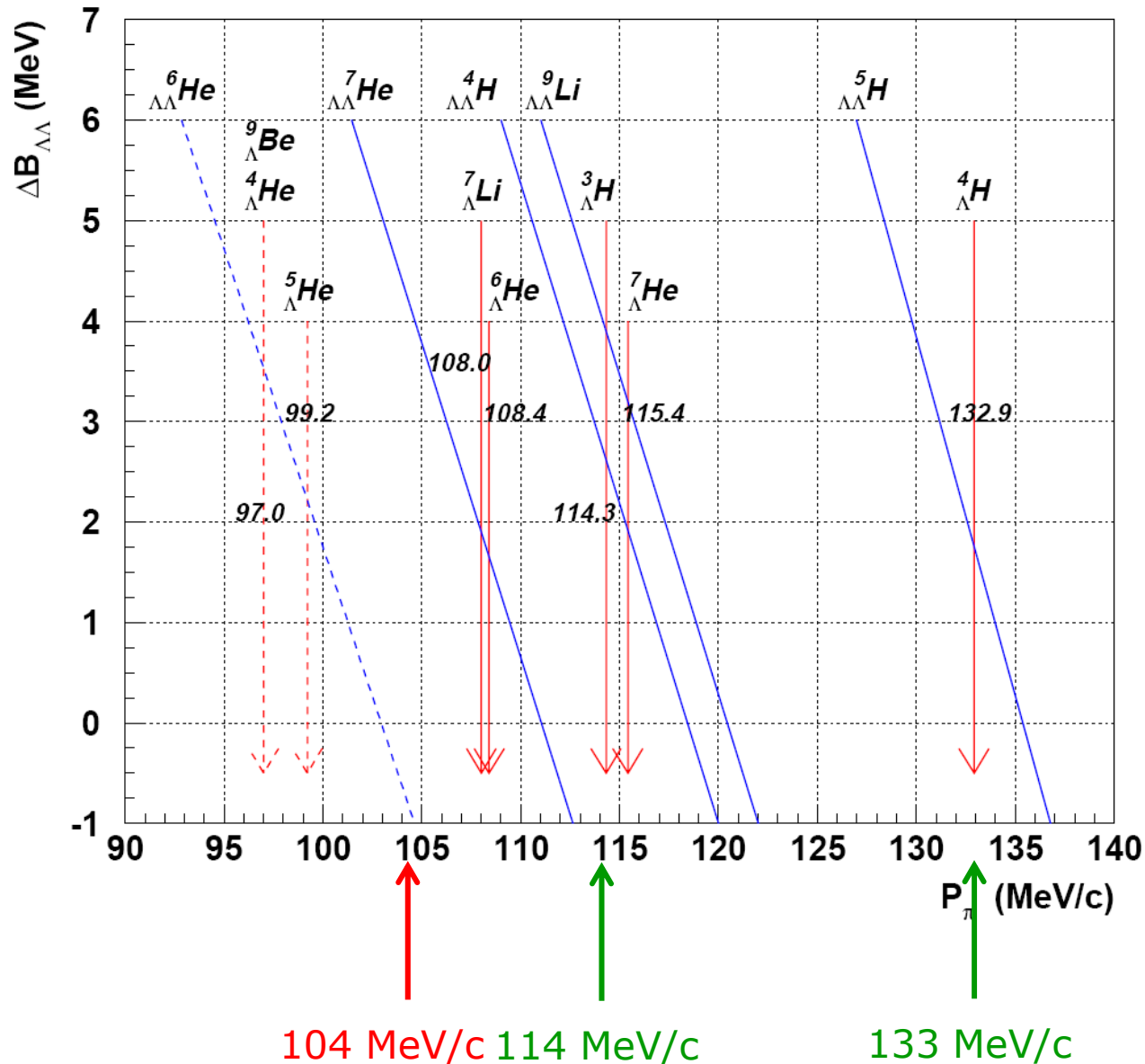
- ▶ fully electronic detector
- ▶ use  $p(K^-, K^+) \Xi^-$  to produce  $\Xi^-$  on a nuclear target
- ▶  $\Xi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \Lambda$  conversion after capture by another target ( ${}^9\text{Be}$ )
- ▶ Identification of  $\Lambda \Lambda$  hypernucleus through sequential weak decay via  $\pi^-$  emission
  - ▶ in light nuclei the pionic weak decay significant
  - ▶ the pion kinetic energy is proportional to  $\Delta B_{\Lambda \Lambda}$
  - ▶ coincidences between two pions help to trace the decay of the  $\Lambda \Lambda$ -nucleus

## ▶ example





# Assignment of pion momenta



► ...is not straight forward



# Double Hypernuclei an experimental challenge

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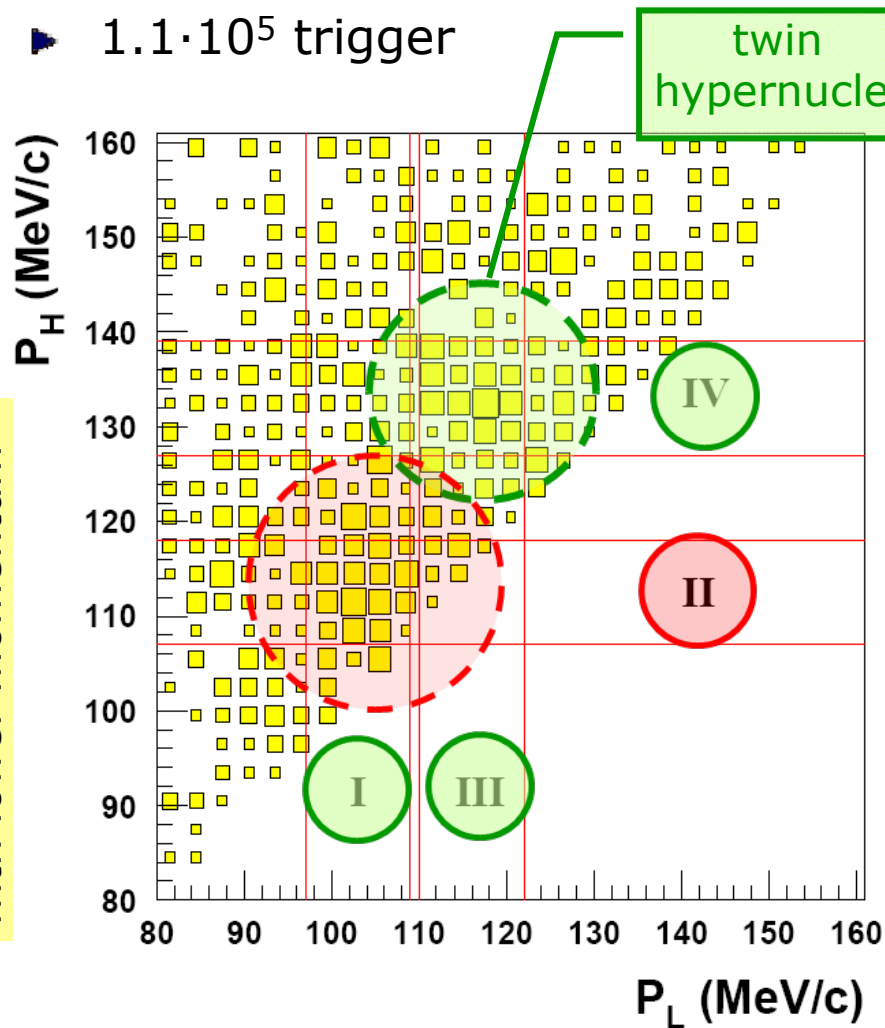
- introduction/reminder
- present data
  - emulsion data
  - hybrid emulsion experiments
  - E906 - a fully electronic experiment
- future options
  - PANDA
  - $\Lambda\Lambda$  Hypernuclei in central RHIC ?
- summary



▶  $9 \cdot 10^{11}$   $K^-$  on **Be** target

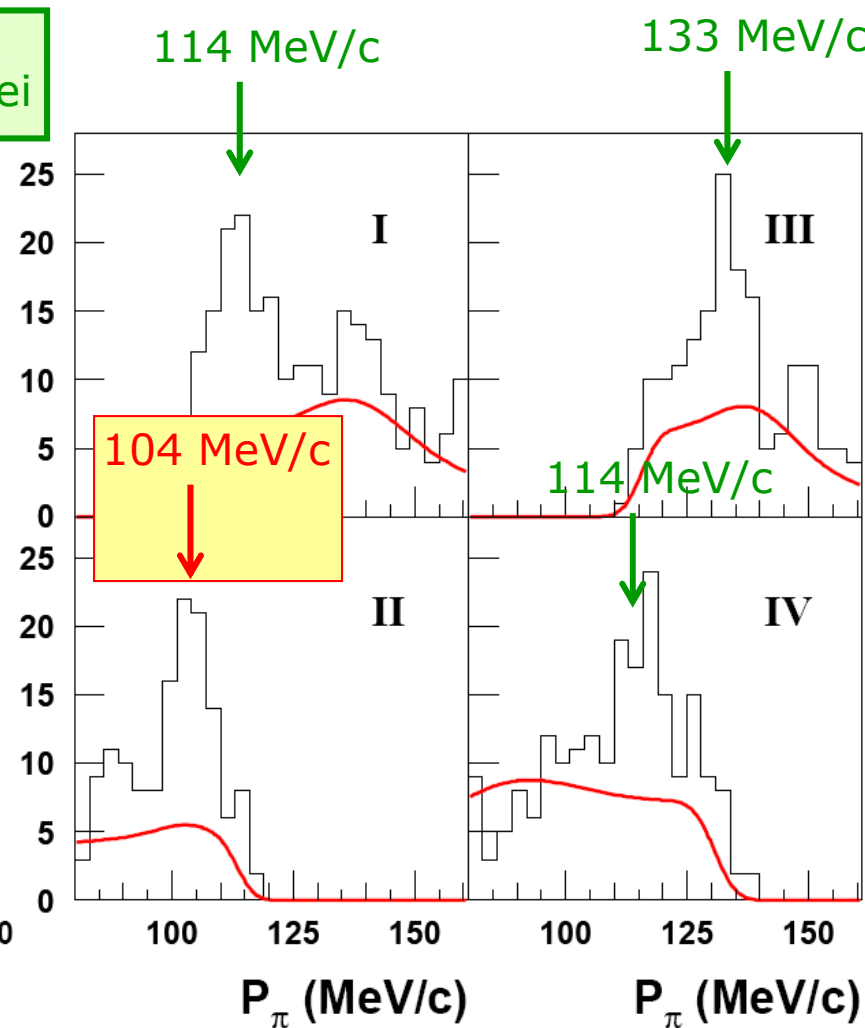
▶  $1.1 \cdot 10^5$  trigger

momentum of the pion  
with lower momentum



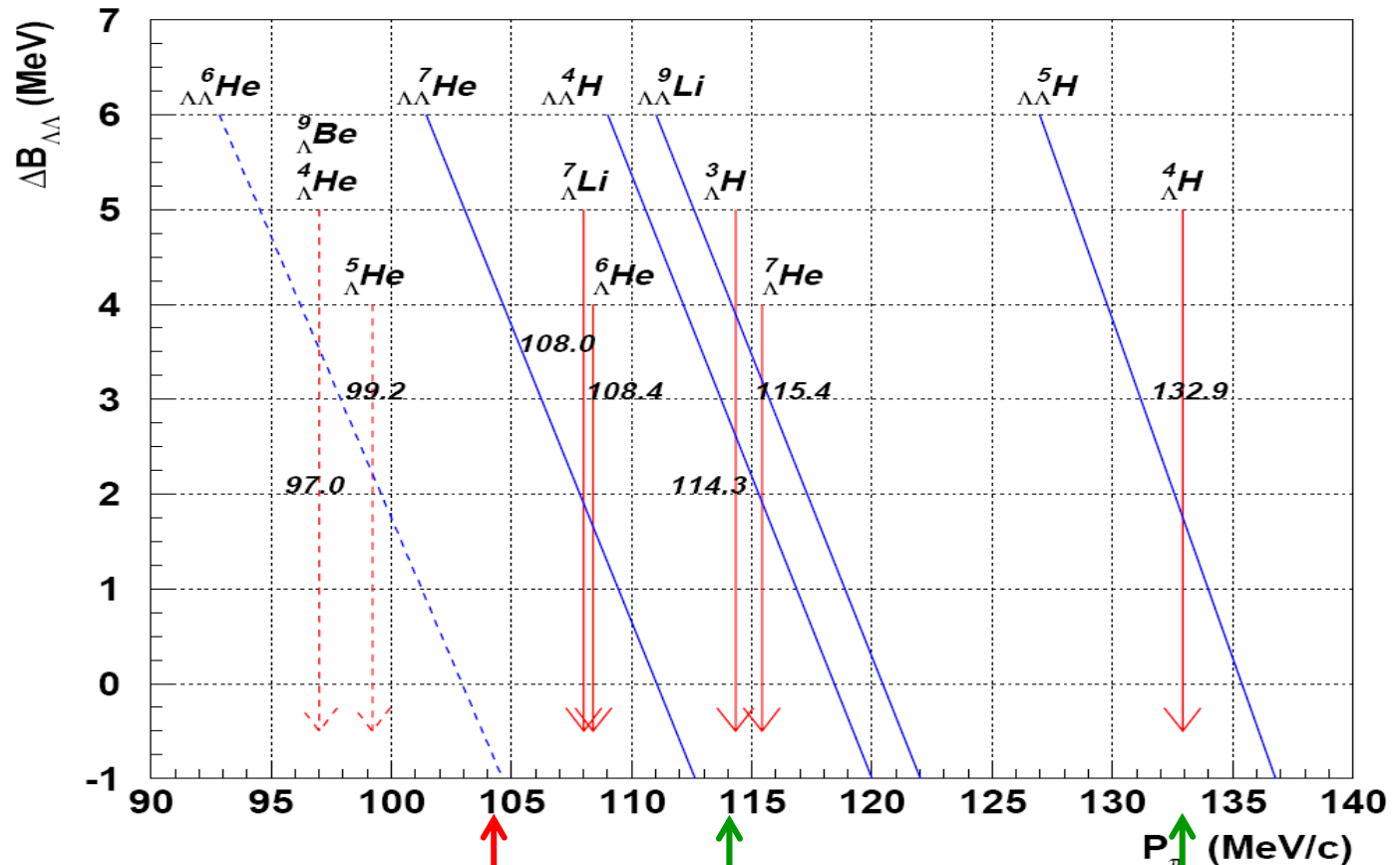
momentum of the pion  
with lower momentum

consistent with single  $\Lambda$  hypernuclei



# 9Be(K<sup>-</sup>,K<sup>+</sup>) at E906

- Two options  $\Xi^-$  Stopping & Fusion:  $\Xi^- + {}^9\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}^*$   
 $p(K^-, K^+)\Xi^-$  & nucleon kickout  $\Rightarrow {}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}^*$  or  ${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}^*$



- Correlated pion momenta

- ▶ (104, 114)  $\Rightarrow$  ?

104 MeV/c    114 MeV/c

133 MeV/c

- ▶ (114, 133)  $\Rightarrow {}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} + {}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

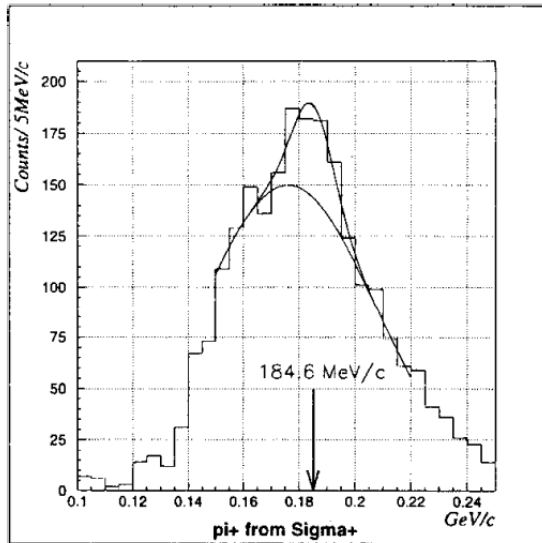
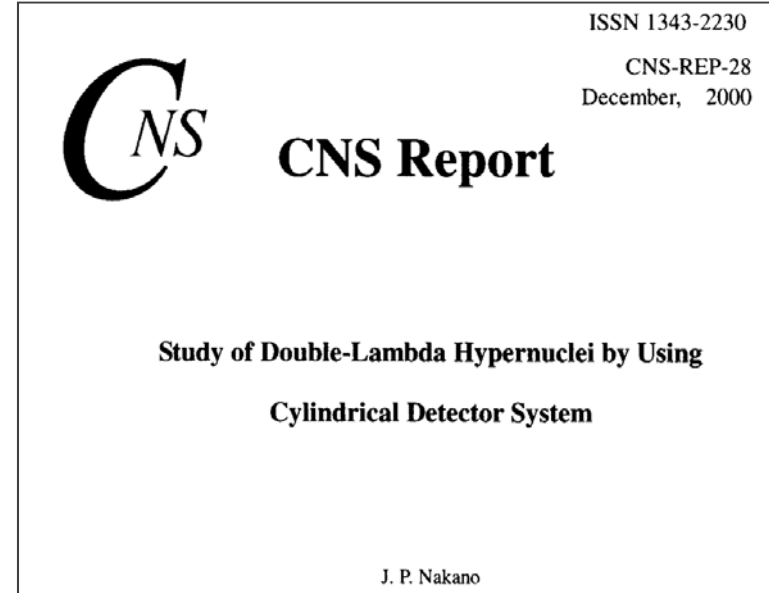


Figure 4.8: A histogram of the  $\pi^+$  momentum from  $\Sigma^+$  decay

It consists of a peak of the stopped- $\Sigma^+$  and a broad bump from in-flight decay. The component of in-flight decay shows a slightly asymmetric shape with a tail to higher momentum, which is caused by the CDS acceptance. When the histogram from 0.14 to 0.22 GeV/c was fitted with two gaussians, it gives a centroid of stopped  $\Sigma^+$  peak;  $184.7 \pm 1.9$  MeV/c and the width;  $7.07 \pm 1.91$  MeV/c, whereas the momentum of  $\pi^+$  from  $\Sigma^+$  decay is known to be 184.6 MeV/c.

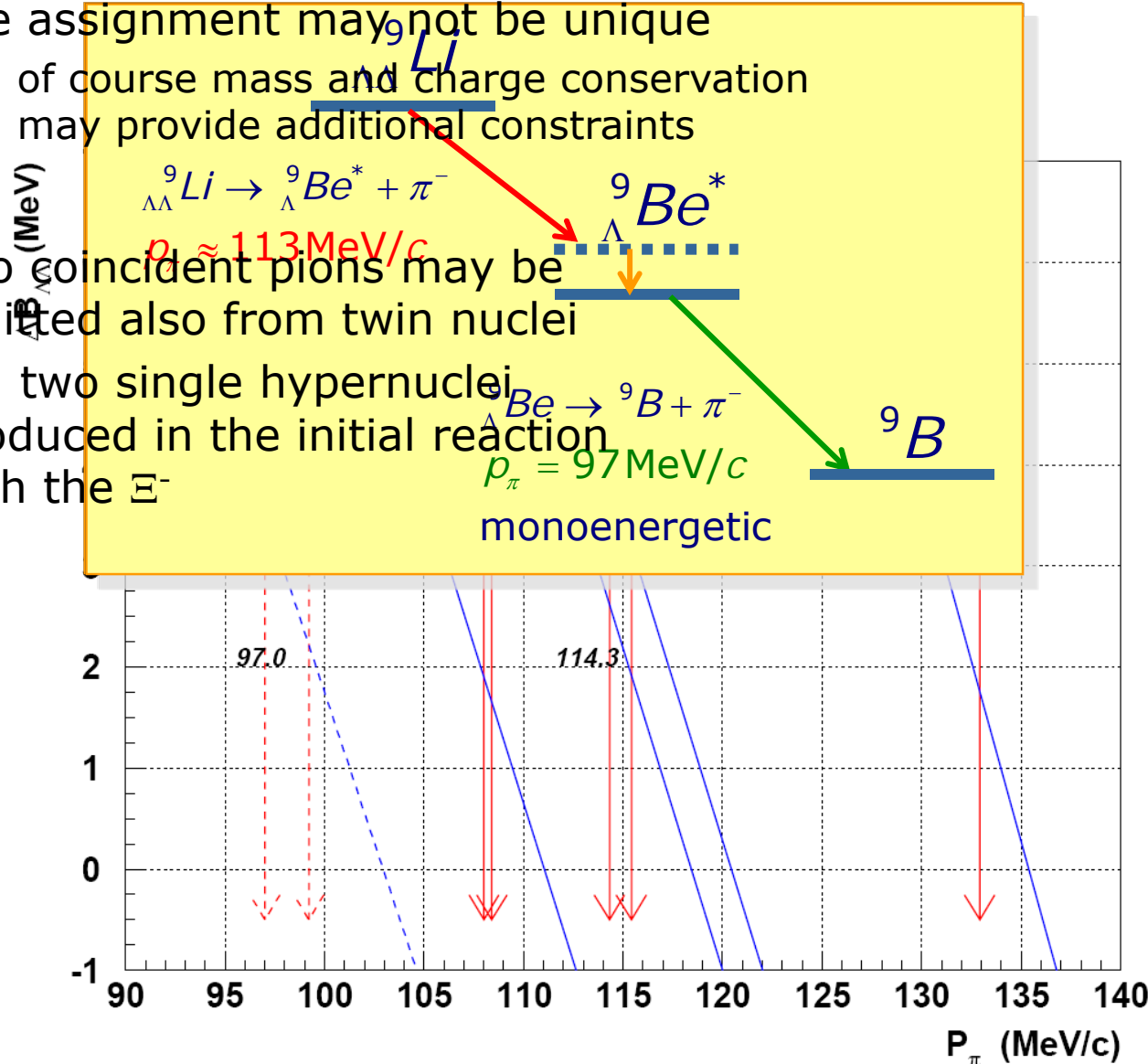
In searching for  $\Lambda\Lambda$  hypernuclei among  $2\pi^-$  data, a large enhancement is observed, which corresponds to the decay from the twin hypernuclear production,  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ; This gives two more calibration points for the  $\pi^-$  momentum. The details will be described in the Chapter 5.



# ...but life is not so easy

- ▶ there may be excited states involved
- ▶ the assignment may not be unique
  - ▶ of course mass and charge conservation may provide additional constraints

- ▶ two coincident pions may be emitted also from twin nuclei i.e. two single hypernuclei produced in the initial reaction with the  $\Xi^-$

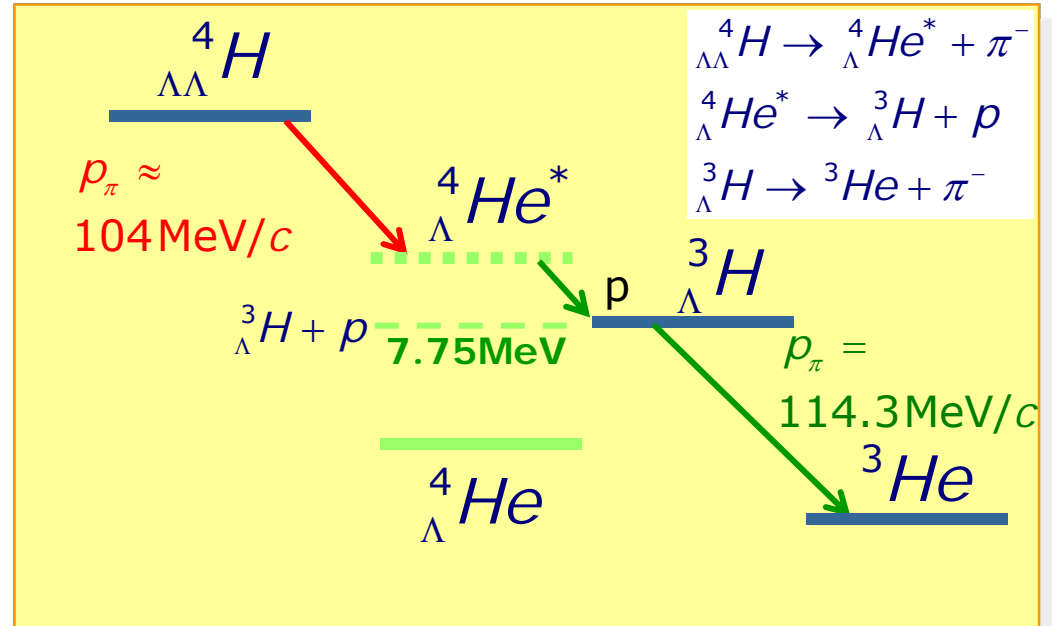




# Suggested decay mode (104/114)

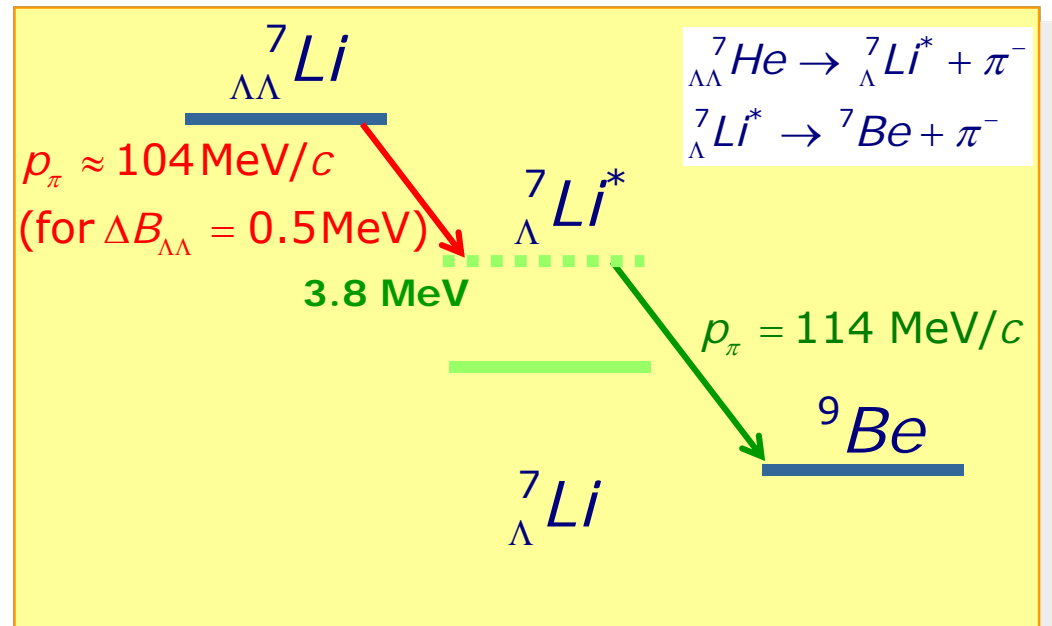
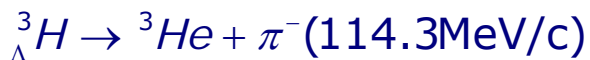
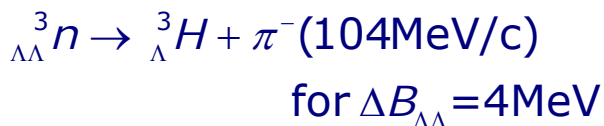
- ▶ PRL 87, 132504-1 (2001)
  - ▶  $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$  depends then on excitation energy

$E_x$ (MeV)	$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ (MeV)
7.75	1.8
8.75	0.8
9.84	-0.26



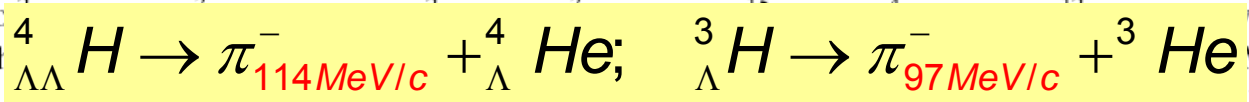
- ▶ Hungerford (HYP03)
  - ▶ requires **isomeric** state at 3.8 MeV

- ▶ Gal (HYP03)



## Production of ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^4\text{H}$ Hypernuclei

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## Pionic weak decay of the lightest double- $\Lambda$ hypernucleus ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^4\text{H}$

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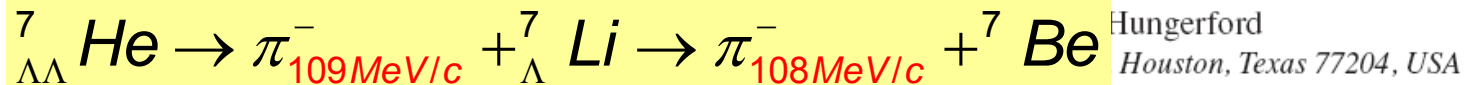
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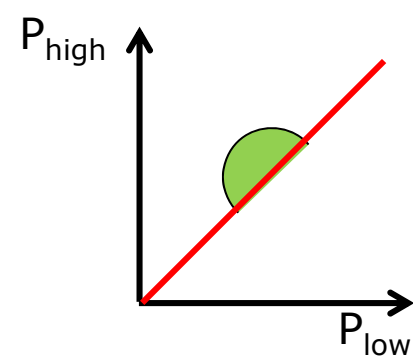
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## Reevaluation of the reported observation of the ${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^4\text{H}$ hypernucleus



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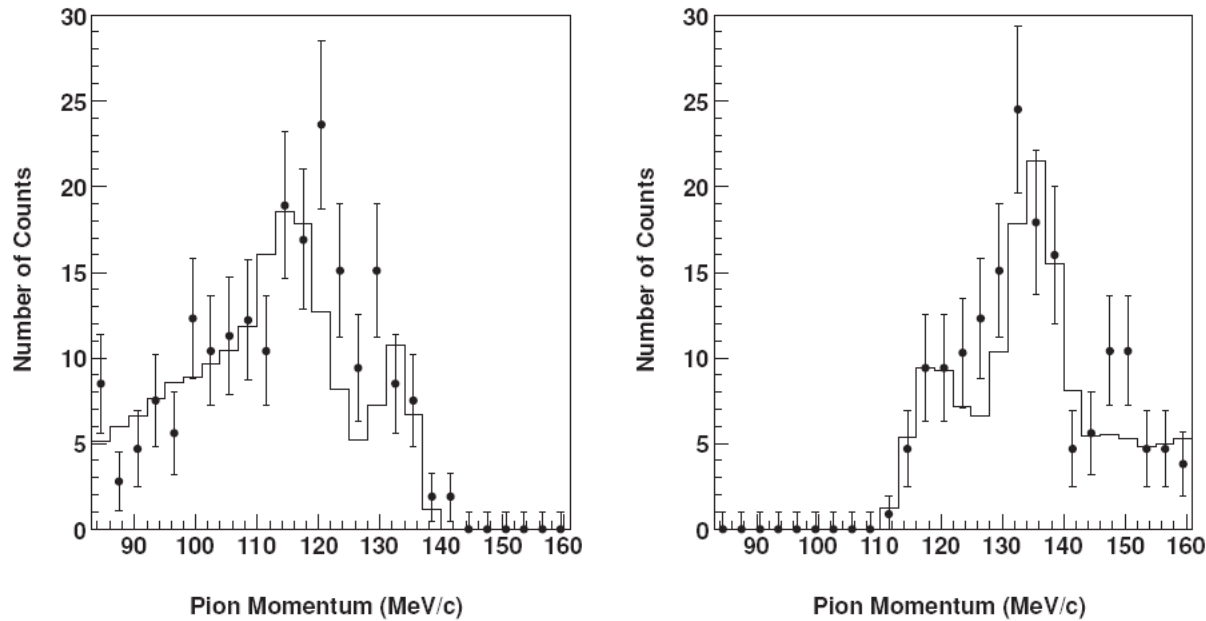
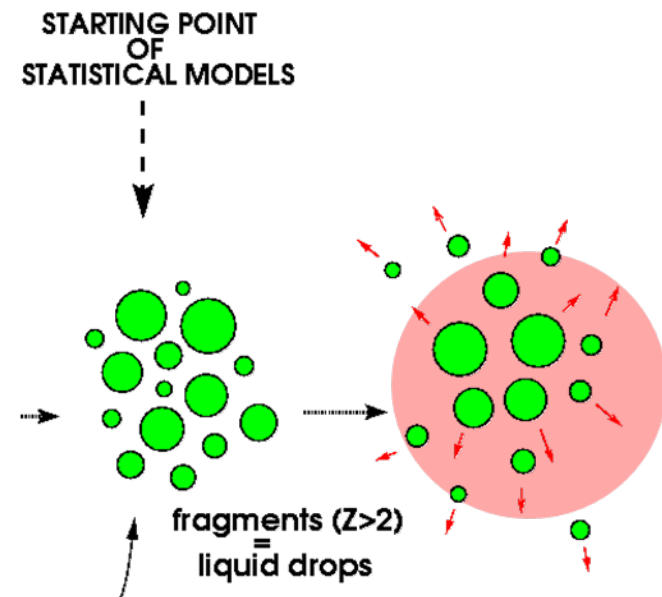


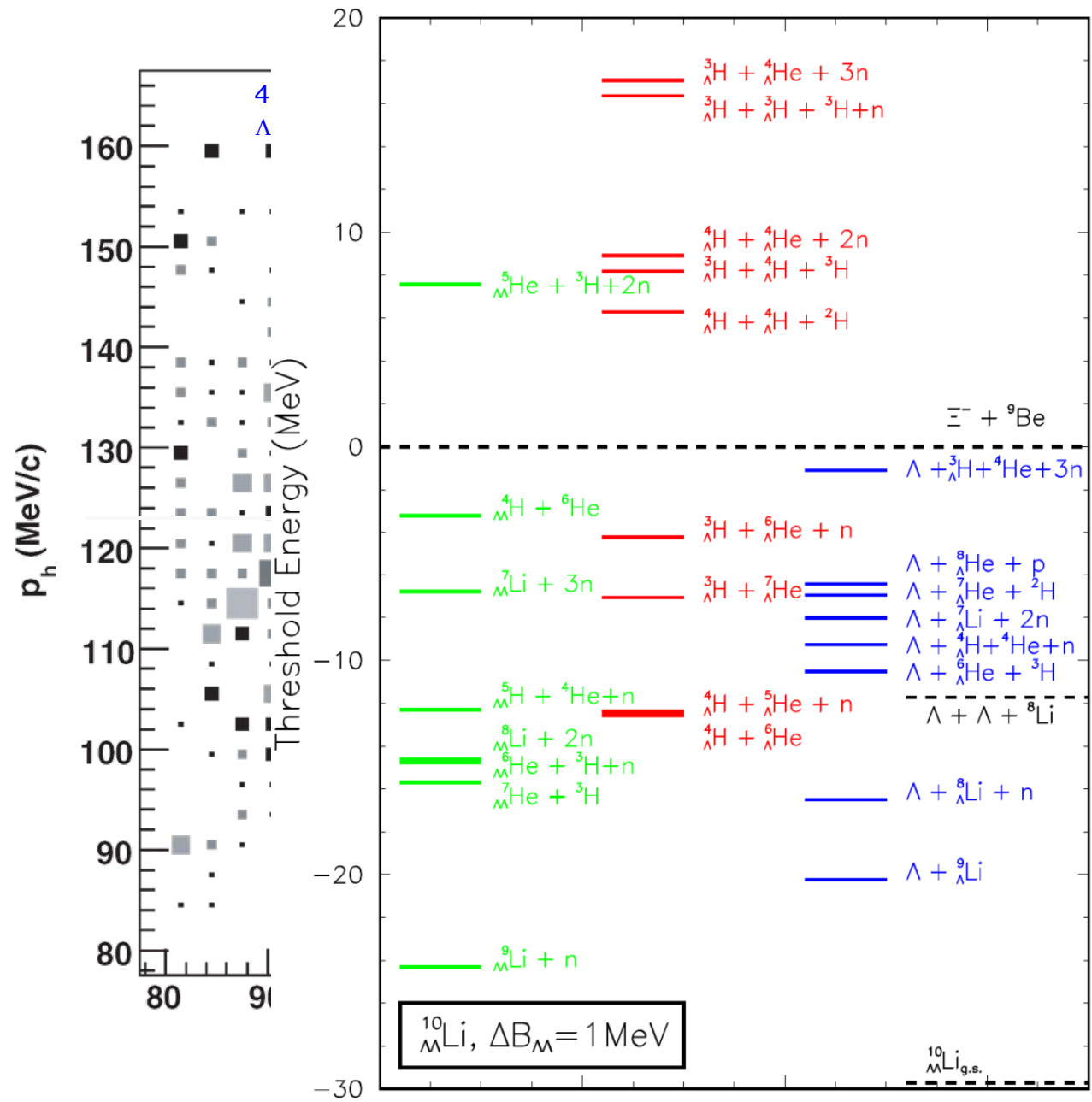
FIG. 3. The projected pion spectra for the coincident pion decays comparing the simulation (histogram) to the data (points with errors) using scheme 2. The left figure shows the projection onto the  $p_l$  (IV) axis and the right the  $p_h$  axis (III).

${}^7_{\Lambda\Lambda} \text{He}$	0.005043	0.005847	10900
${}^3_{\Lambda} \text{H}/{}^4_{\Lambda} \text{H}$	0.002361	0.001975	45000
${}^3_{\Lambda} \text{H}/{}^3_{\Lambda} \text{H}$	0.000597	0.000754	45000
${}^4_{\Lambda} \text{H}/{}^4_{\Lambda} \text{H}$	0.002330	0.001194	45000

- ▶ conversion width  $\Xi + p \approx \Lambda\Lambda$  around  $\Gamma = 1 \text{ MeV}$
- ▶ excitation energy  $\sim 40 \text{ MeV}/12 \approx 3 \text{ MeV/nucleon}$ 
  - ▶ fragmentation of excited projectile remnants are well understood in that regime
- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  Statistical decay models may work (*E. Fermi; J.P. Bondorf et al.*)
  - ▶ De-excitation of light nuclei via Fermi break-up process
  - ▶ Conservation of  $A, Z, H$ , Energy and momentum
- ▶ Input
  - ▶ All normal bound nuclei ( $p, d, t, {}^3\text{He} \dots$ ) and their particle stable excited states
  - ▶ All known stable single hypernuclei and their particle stable states
  - ▶ All bound double hypernuclei and their excited states
    - ▷  $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 1 \text{ MeV}$
    - ▷ Theoretically predicted states + core excited states

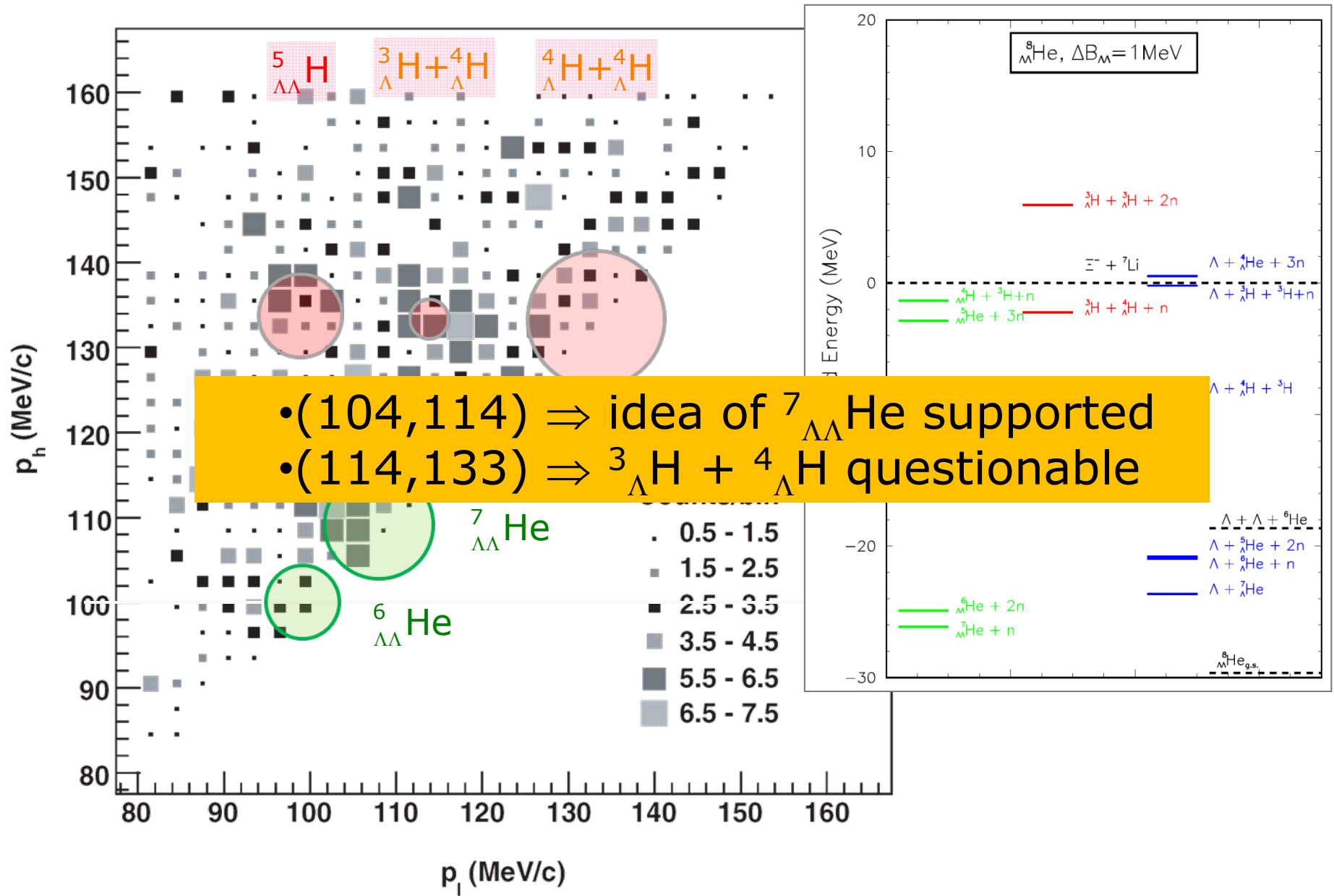


# $\Xi^-$ Stopping & Fusion: $\Xi^- + {}^9\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}^*$





# $p(K^-, K^+) \Xi^-$ & N kickout $\Rightarrow$ ${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda} \text{He}^*$ or ${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda} \text{H}^*$

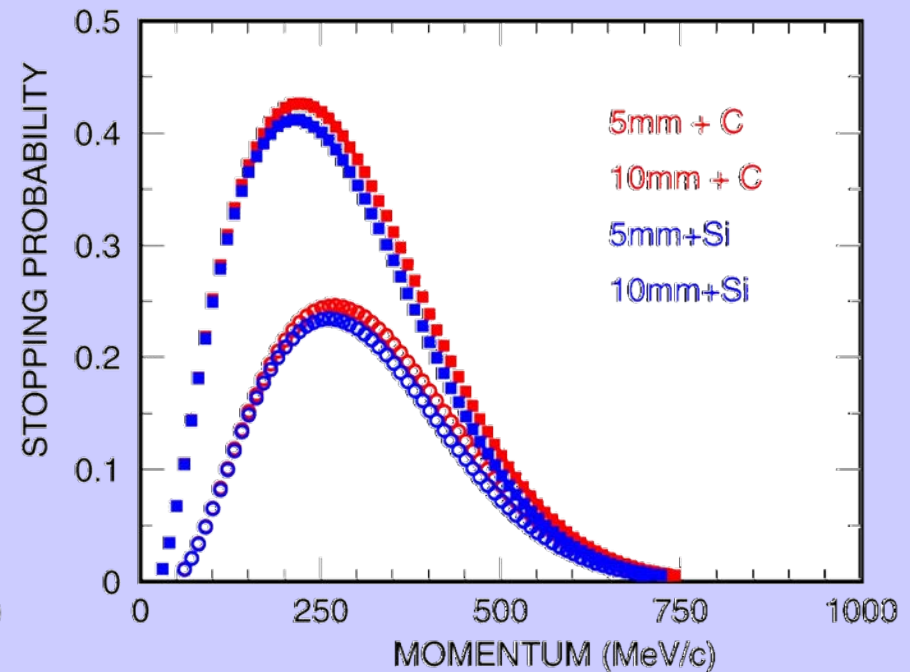
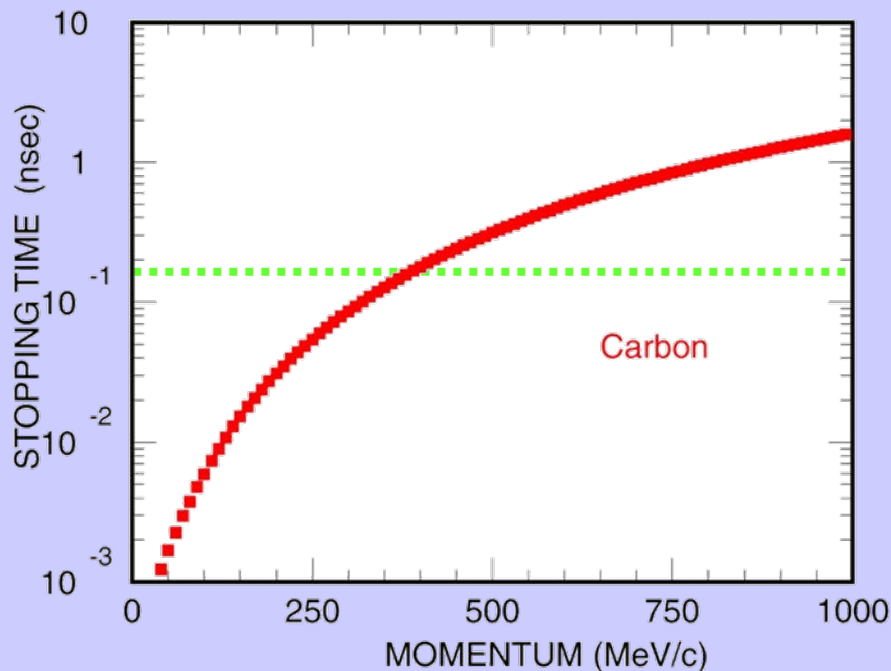




# The PANDA Experiment

*The long and winding road  
or  
When I´m sixty four*

- ▶  $\Xi^-$  mean lifetime 0.164 ns

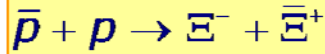


- ▶ minimal distance production  $\leftrightarrow$  capture
- ▶ initial momentum 100-500 MeV/c  $\rightarrow$  range  $\sim$  few g/cm<sup>2</sup>



# The Discovery of the anti-Xi

► discovered simultaneously at CERN and SLAC



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## OBSERVATION OF PRODUCTION OF A $\Xi^- + \bar{\Xi}^+$ PAIR\*

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## EXAMPLE OF ANTICASCADE ( $\bar{\Xi}^+$ ) PARTICLE PRODUCTION IN $\bar{p}$ - $p$ INTERACTIONS AT 3.0 Gev/c

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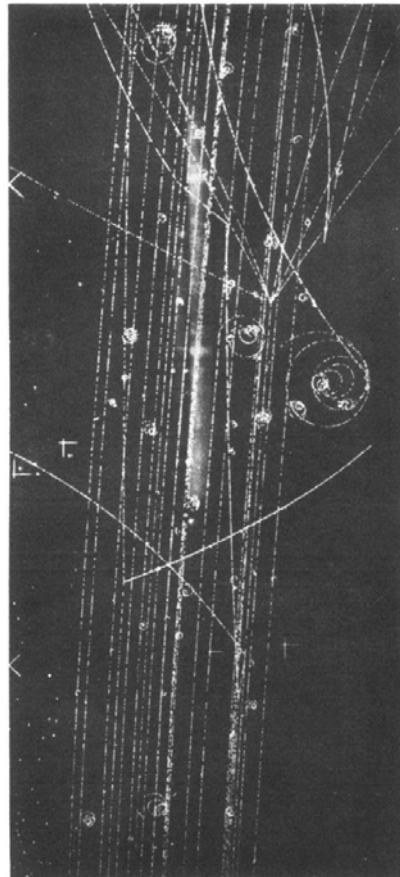
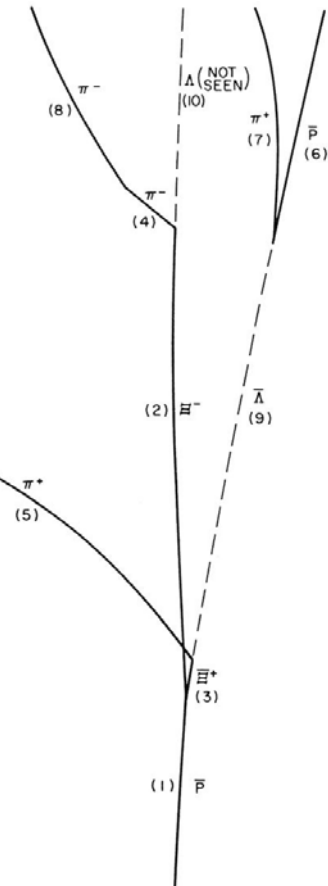
An experiment is in progress at the CERN proton synchrotron to study the interactions of fast antiprotons with protons. A high-energy separated beam<sup>1</sup> has been installed and optimized to provide, in the first instance, a high-purity beam of 3.0-GeV/c antiprotons. The interactions are being produced and observed in the Saclay 81-cm hydrogen bubble chamber.<sup>2</sup>

In the methodical scanning of the first ten thousand photographs (with an average of seven antiprotons per photograph) an event has been found showing the production of an anticascade particle ( $\bar{\Xi}^+$ ). The object of this Letter is to present the data and the analysis leading to this conclusion.

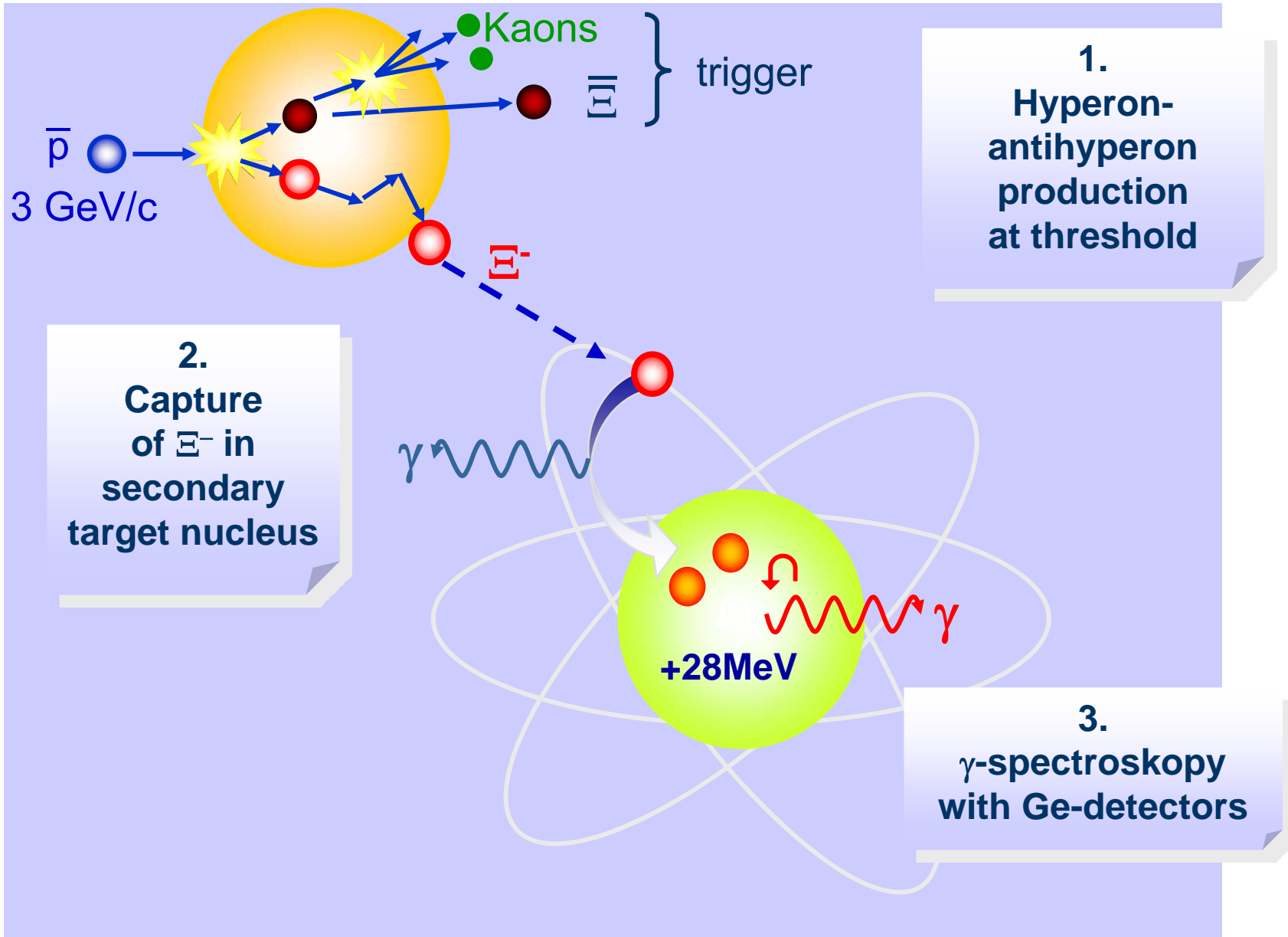
One of the three views of the event is reproduced in Fig. 1. Briefly, the event is as follows: After travelling 20 cm in the chamber, a beam particle

interacts at point A, producing two charged particles. The positive particle decays at point B (distant 6 cm from A) and the negative at point D (4 cm from A). Both decay secondaries are light particles, as we will see. At C—about 20 cm downstream from B—there appears a  $V^0$ , which will be identified later as the decay of a  $\bar{\Lambda}^0$  particle. Near point B another two-prong interaction can be seen at point I: Stereoscopic reconstruction shows that there is no direct link between this interaction and the  $\bar{\Lambda}^0$  decay.

The event can be analyzed in several ways. We have chosen to proceed in two steps: We first analyze the event connected with the positive particle from apex A, and then with the improved knowledge thus derived we analyze the complete interaction at the same apex.



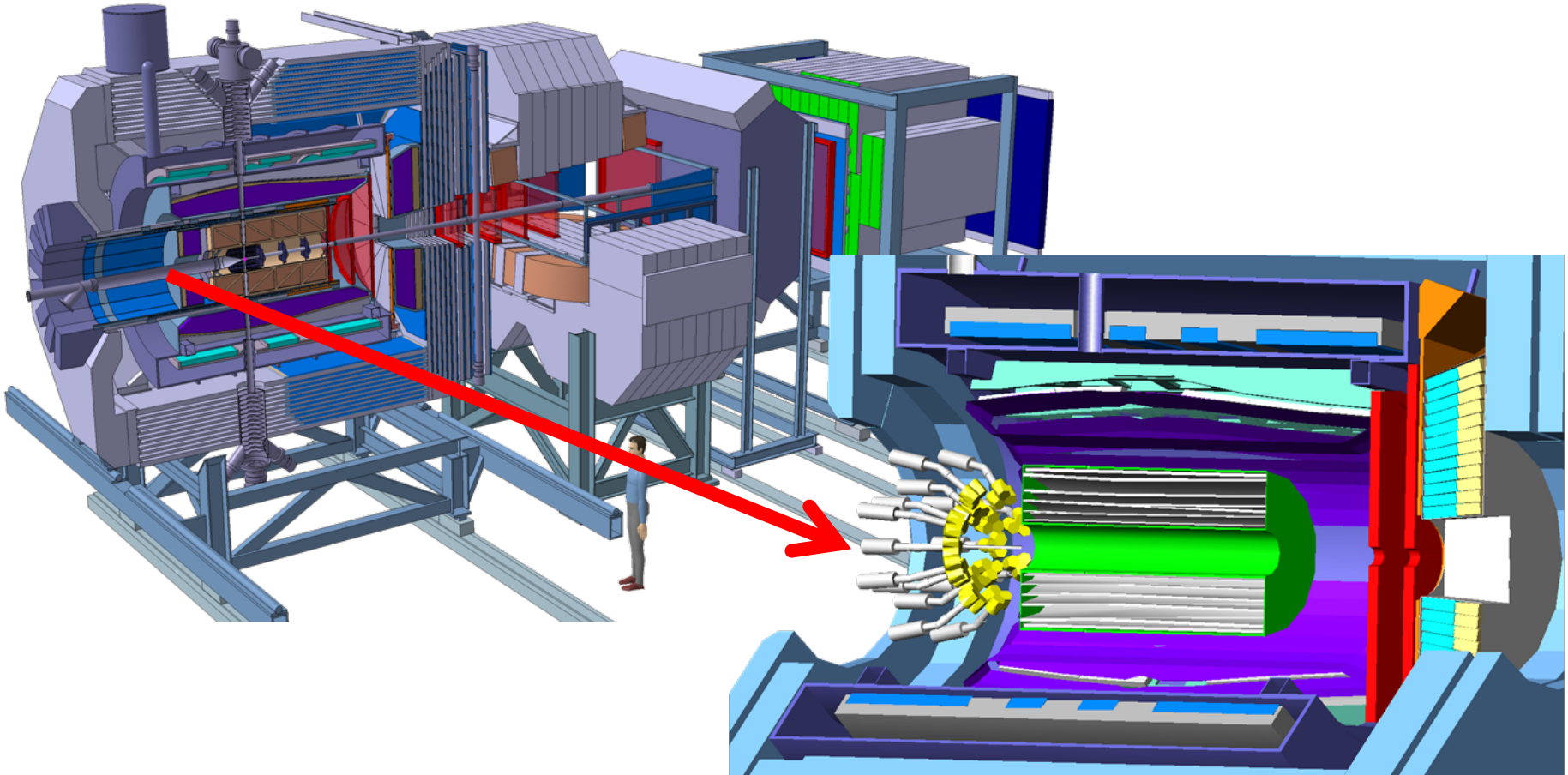
# Production of Double Hypernuclei



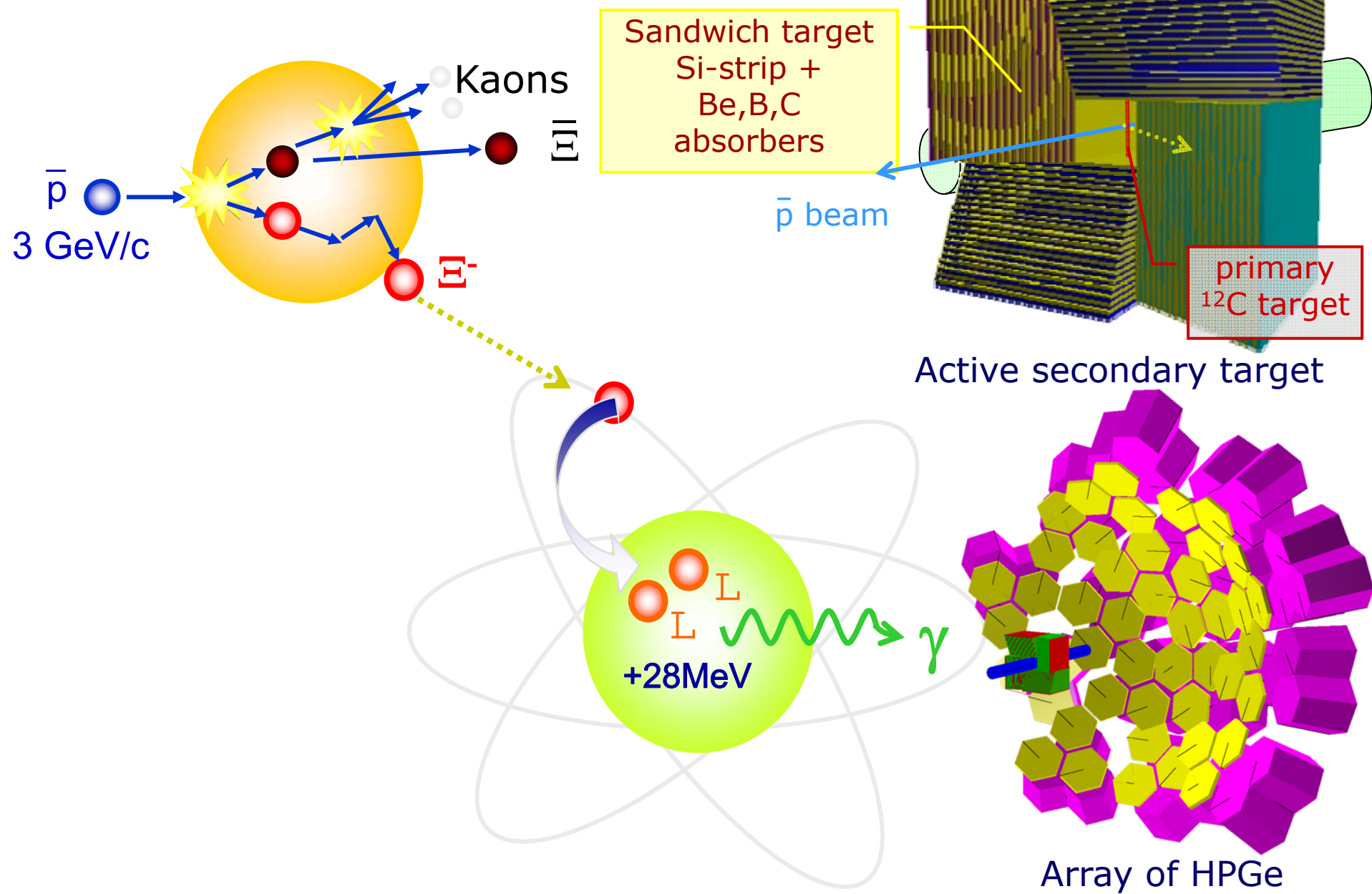


# PANDA Setup

- ▶  $\theta_{\text{lab}} < 45^\circ$ :  $\Xi^-$ , K- trigger (PANDA)
- ▶  $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 45^\circ - 90^\circ$ :  $\Xi$ -capture, hypernucleus formation
- ▶  $\theta_{\text{lab}} > 90^\circ$ :  $\gamma$ -detection Euroball (?) at backward angles

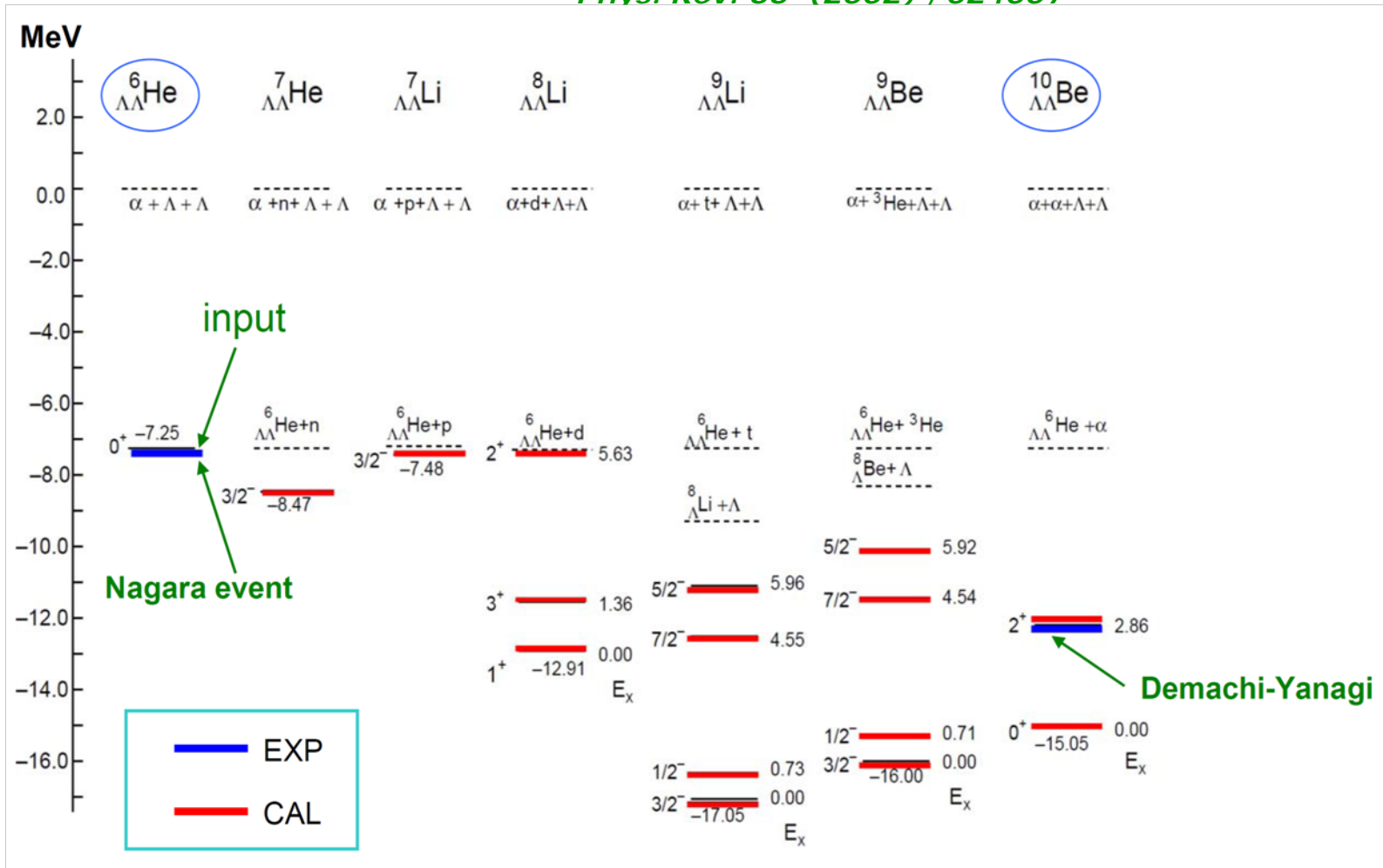


# Production of $\Lambda\Lambda$ Hypernuclei at PANDA



# Spectroscopy of $\Lambda\Lambda$ -hypernuclei

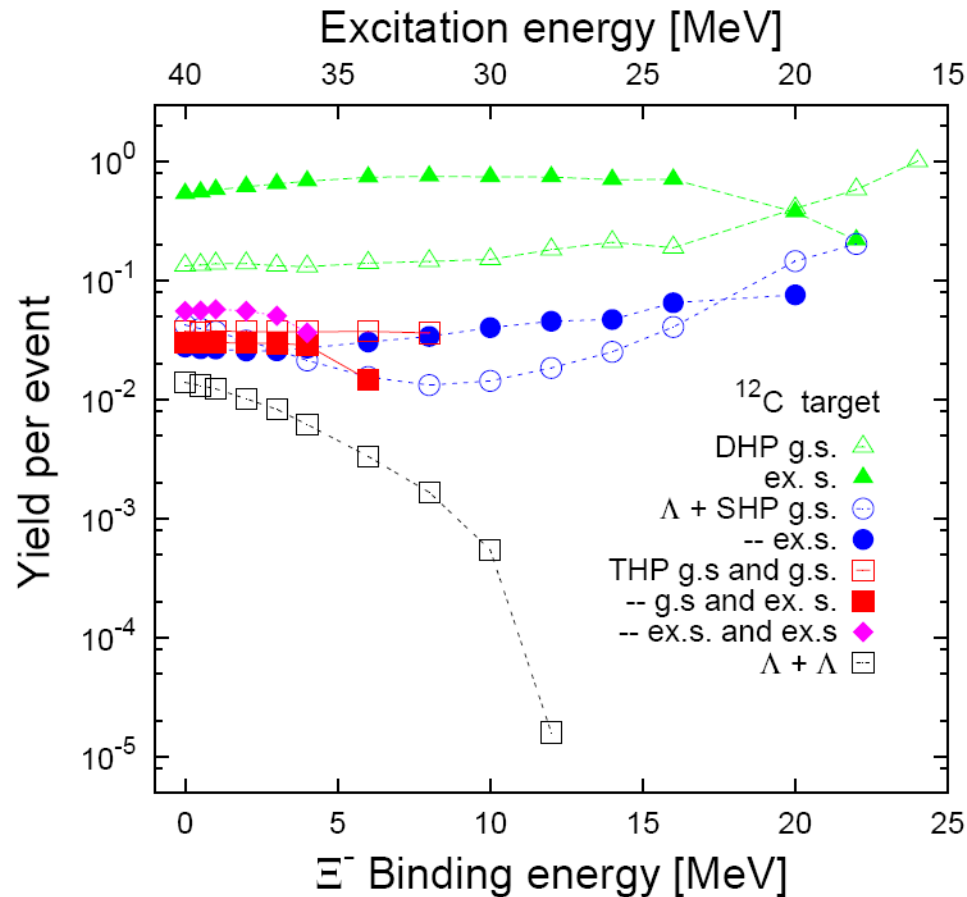
*E. Hiyama, M. Kamimura, T. Motoba, T. Yamada and Y. Yamamoto  
Phys. Rev. 66 (2002), 024007*



- ▶ many excited, particle stable states in double hypernuclei predicted
- ▶ level structure reflects levels of core nucleus

# Excitation Function for ${}^{13}_{\Lambda\Lambda}B^*$ decays

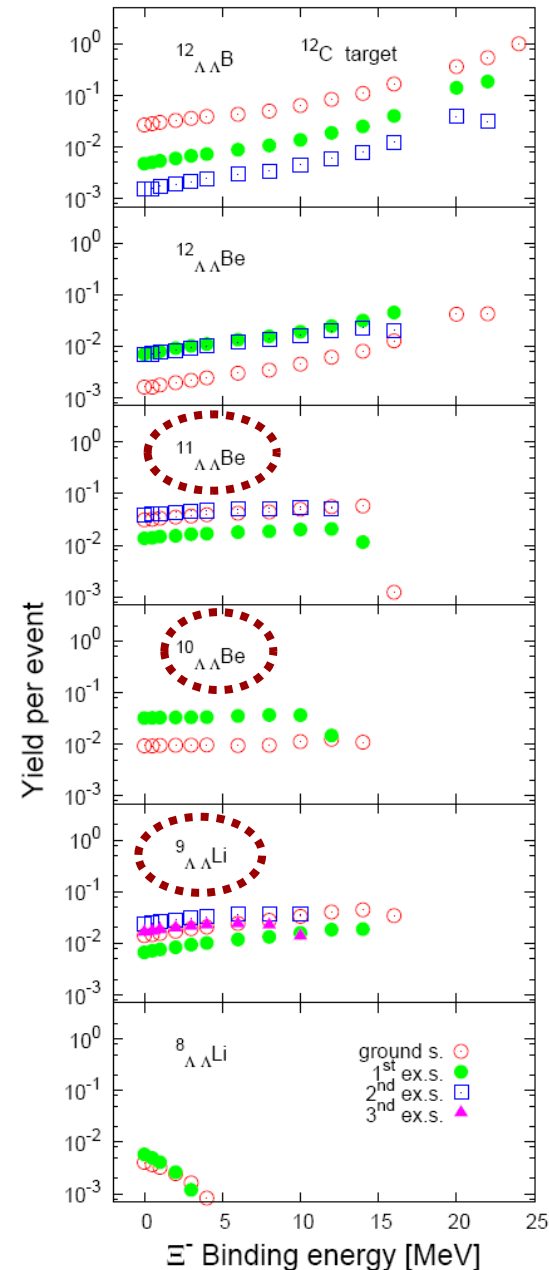
- ▶ DHP  $\blacktriangledown\blacktriangle$ : double hypernuclei dominates
- ▶ SHP  $\bullet\circ$ : single hypernuclei below  $B_{\Xi} = -12\text{MeV}$  only  ${}^{12}_{\Lambda}B$  states
- ▶ THP  $\square\blacktriangle\circ$ : twin hypernuclei  $\sim 10\%$



- ▶ note: relevant range probably  $B_{\Xi} \approx 0\text{MeV}$

# Population of individual states for $^{12}\text{C}$

- ▶  $^9_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}$ ,  $^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{11}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}$  dominate (few percent)
- ▶ excited state in  $^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}$  more likely than ground state  $\Rightarrow$  c.f. E. Hiyama
- ▶ relative large probability ( $\sim 5\%$ ) for individual *excited* states ● □

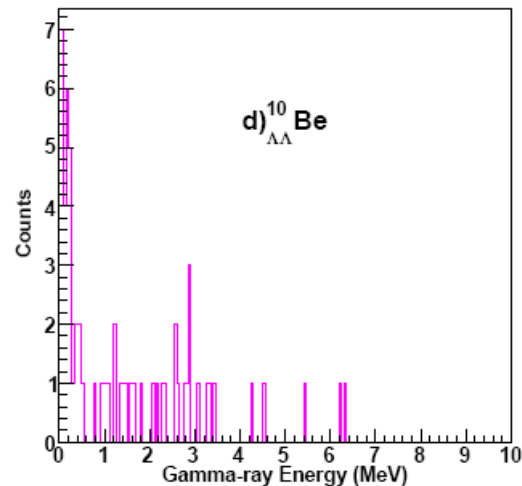
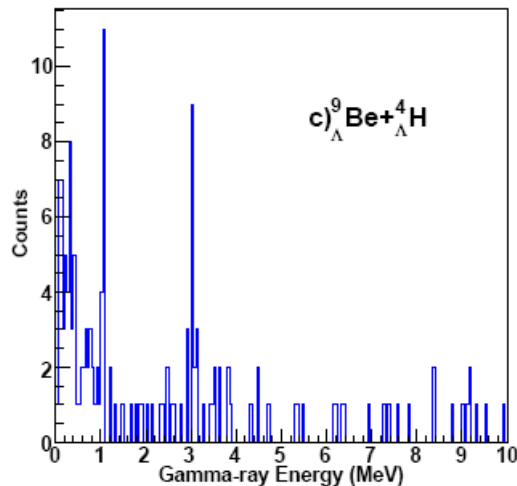
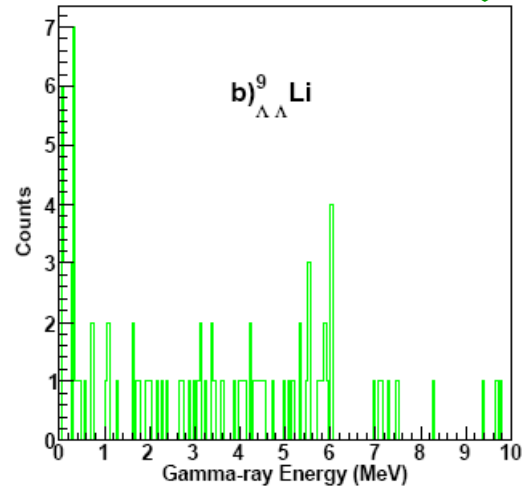
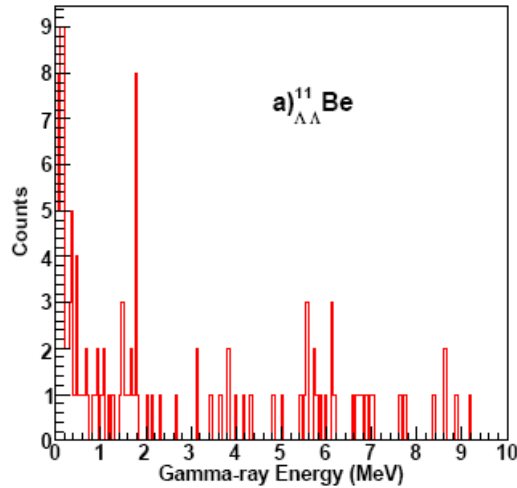




# Simulation within PANDA\_ROOT

- ▶ Example: secondary  $^{12}\text{C}$  target ( $\sim 2$  weeks<sup>\*)</sup>)

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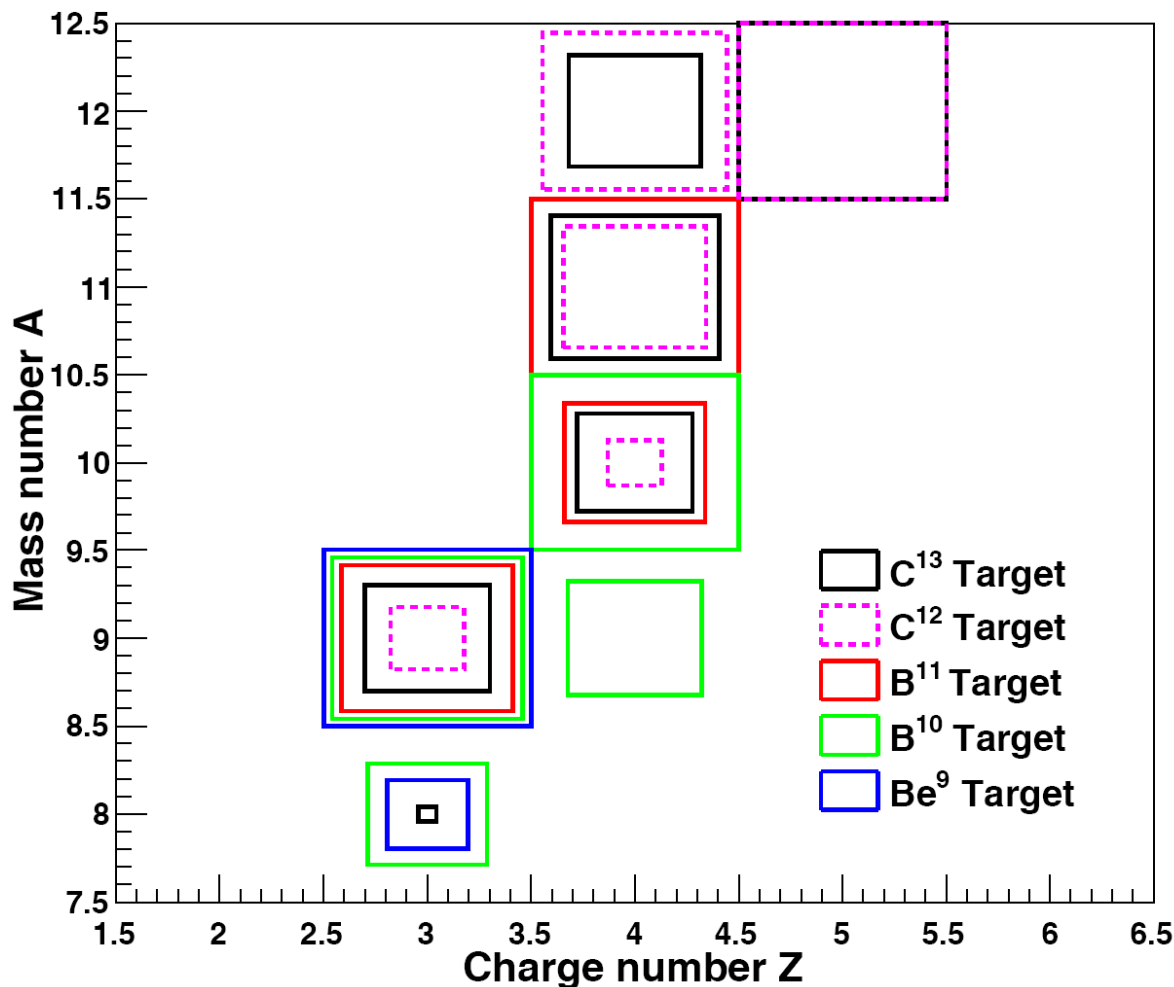


\*)In these simulations we assume a  $\Xi$  capture and conversion probability of 5%

(arXiv:0903.3905)

# Identification of double hypernuclei

- ▶ PANDA will explore several targets:  ${}^9\text{Be}$ ,  ${}^{10}\text{B}$ ,  ${}^{11}\text{B}$ ,  ${}^{12}\text{C}$ ,  ${}^{13}\text{C}$
- ▶ Sum of dominating first and second **excited** state



- ▶ caveat: probabilities need to be folded with efficiency



# Other options

*Here, there and everywhere*

# International Hypernuclear Network

**STAR @ RHIC**

- HI collider
- anti  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- exotica?

**PANDA @ FAIR**

- anti-proton beam
- double  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\gamma$

**Dubna**

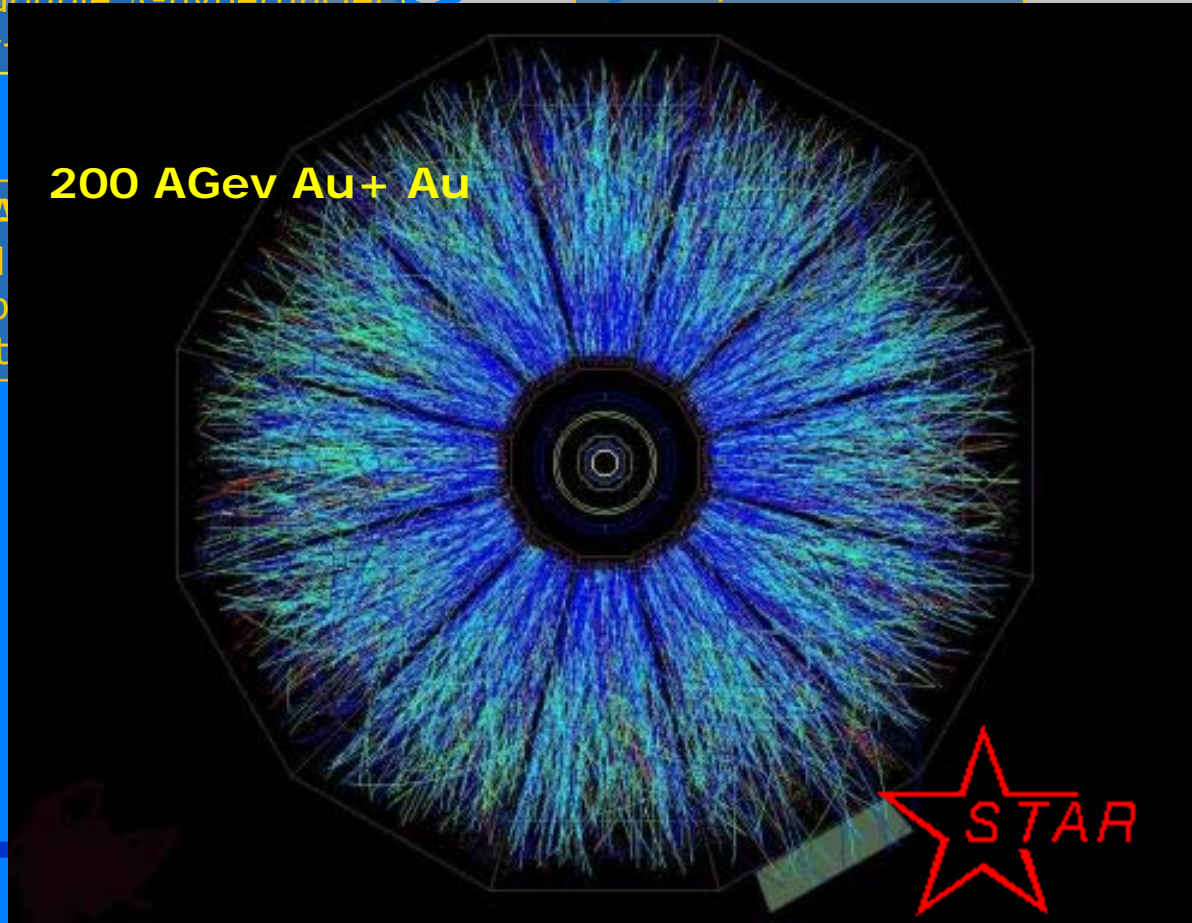
- heavy ion beam

**KAOS @ MAMI**

- electro-prod
- single  $\Lambda$ -hyp
- $\Lambda$ -wavefunct

**JLab**

- electro-production
- single  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\Lambda$ -wavefunction



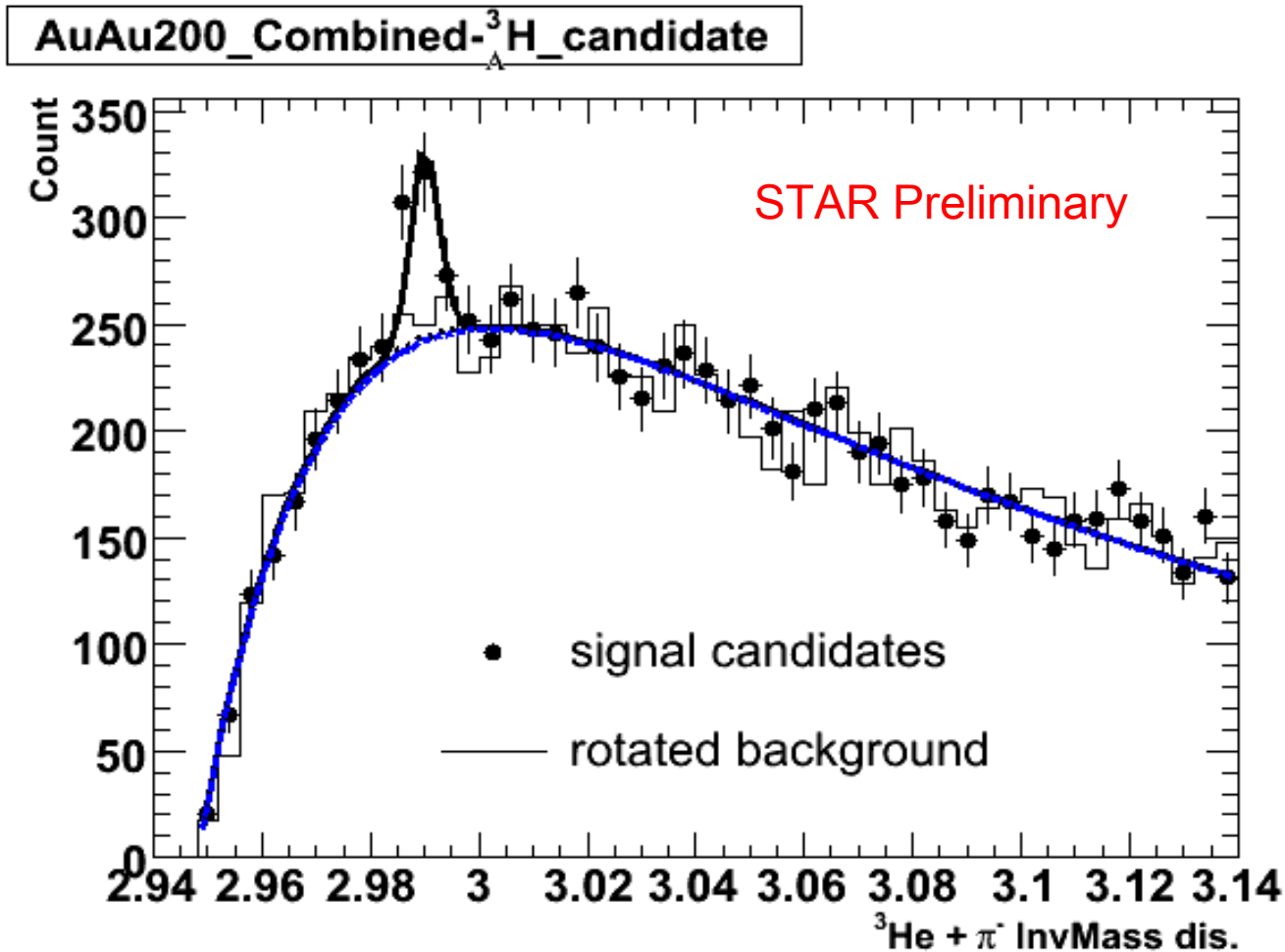
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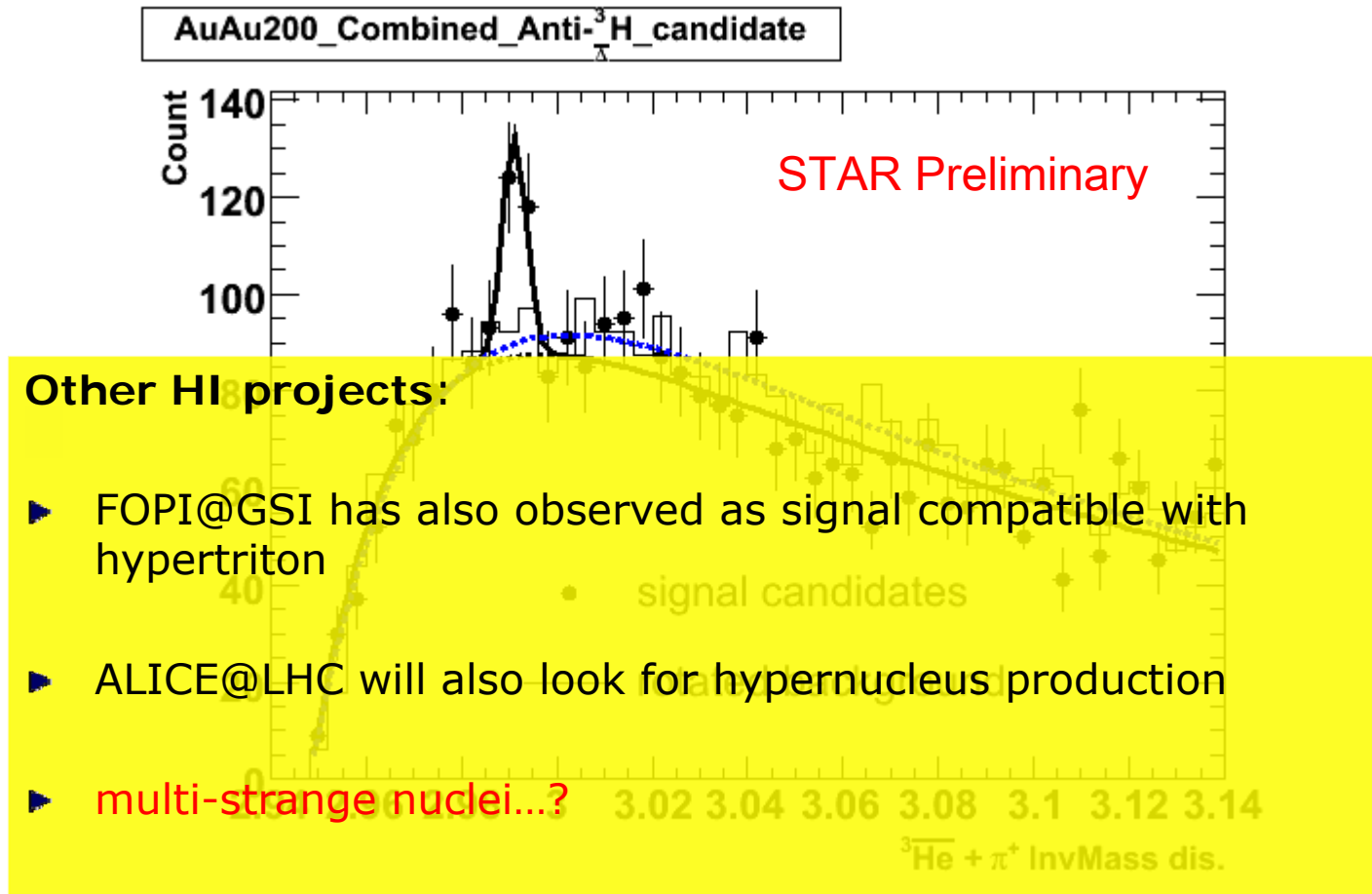




- ▶ background shape determined from rotated background analysis
- ▶ Signal observed from the data (bin-by-bin counting):  $177 \pm 30$
- ▶ Mass:  $2.990 \pm 0.001$  GeV; Width (fixed): 0.0025 GeV.

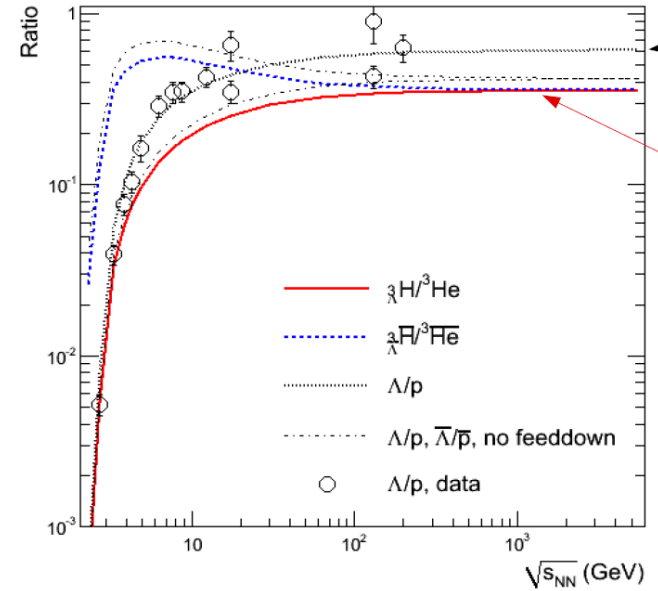
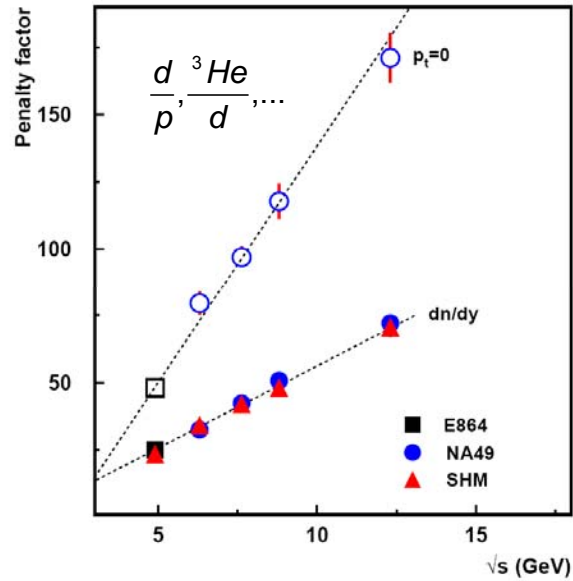
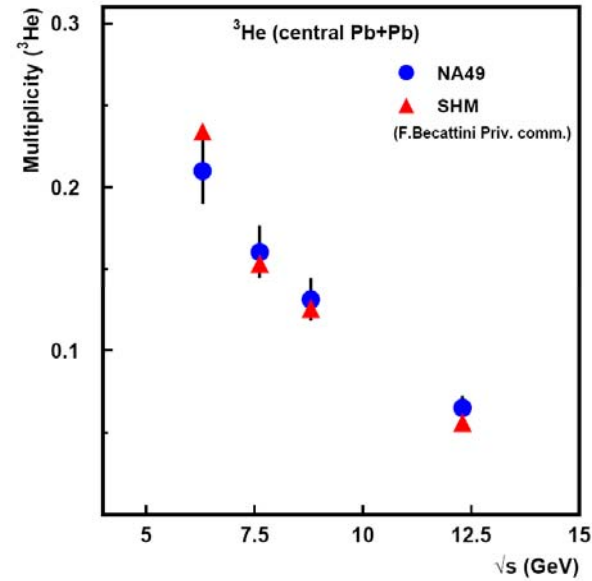


# The first antihypernucleus: ${}^3_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}}$ @ STAR



- ▶ Signal observed from the data (bin-by-bin counting):  $68 \pm 18$
- ▶ Mass:  $2.991 \pm 0.001$  GeV; Width (fixed): 0.0025 GeV

# $6_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ He Production in central RHIC



$$M({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He}) = M({}^3\text{He}) \times \text{penalty}_{nucleon}^3 \times \text{penalty}_{\Lambda}^2$$

$$= M({}^3\text{He}) \times \left(\frac{d}{p}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{\Lambda}{p}\right)^2$$

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$\sqrt{s}$

5

10

60

100

1000

$M({}_{\Lambda\Lambda}^6\text{He})$

$5 \cdot 10^{-8}$

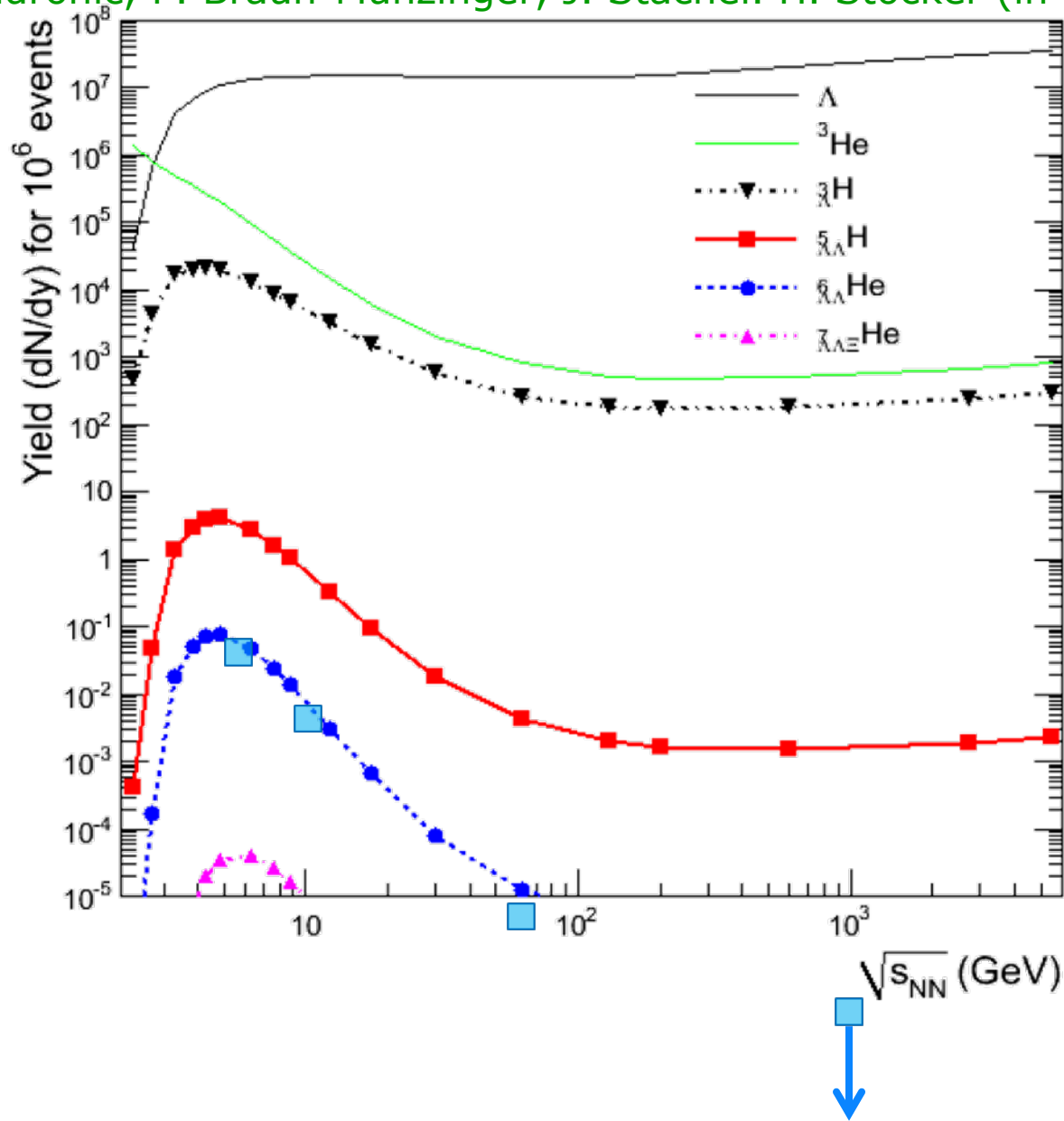
$2 \cdot 10^{-9}$

$1.5 \cdot 10^{-12}$

$1 \cdot 10^{-13}$

$10^{-18}$

- ▶ A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel. H. Stöcker (in preparation)





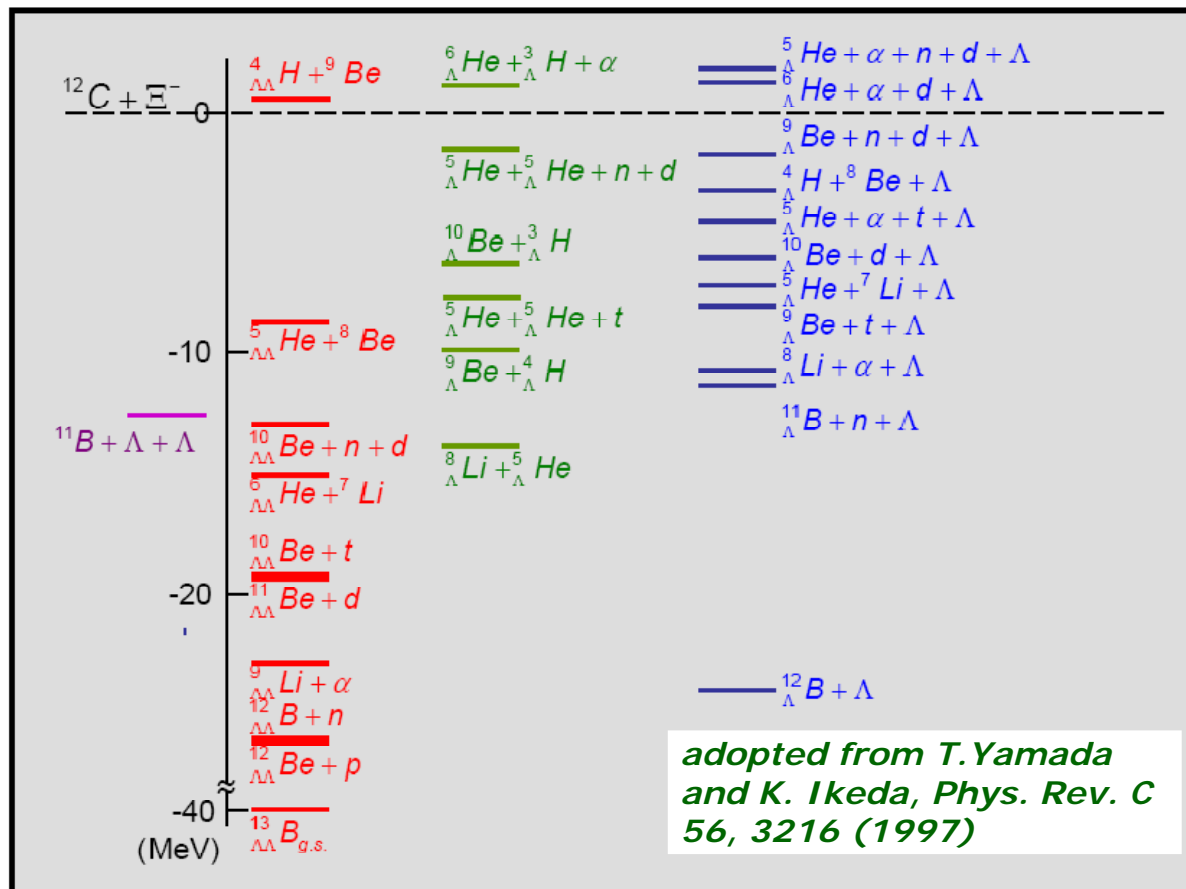
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# Energy Balance for $\Xi$ conversion

- ▶ Maximum energy available with respect to  ${}^{13}_{\Lambda\Lambda}B_{g.s.} \approx 40$  MeV

$$E_x = m({}^{12}C) + m(\Xi^-) + B_{\Xi} - m({}^{13}_{\Lambda\Lambda}B)$$

- ▶  $\Xi^-$  binding energy unknown
  - ▶ Theoretical calculations on  $\Xi$  nuclear potential leads to 0.6 – 3.7 MeV  
(*C.J Batty et al, Aoki et al.,...*)

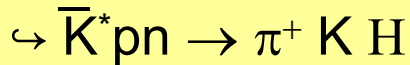




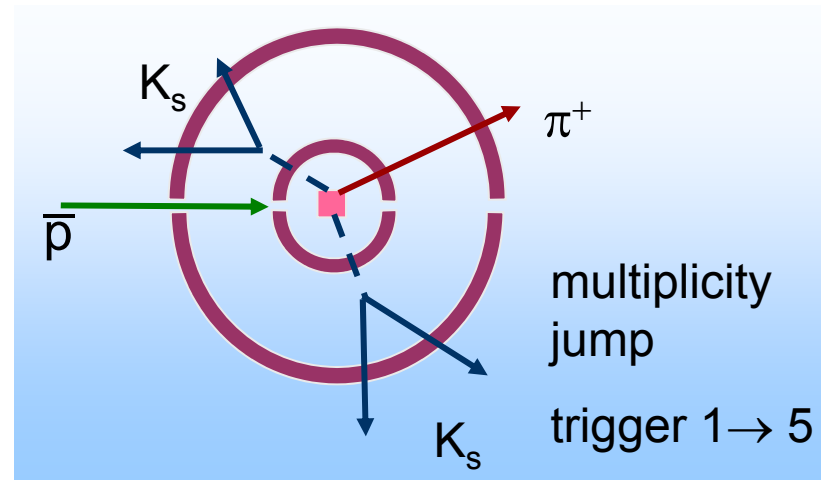
# $\bar{p}$ – Annihilation at Rest

- ▶ K. Kilian (1987)

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow K^*\bar{K}^* \quad p(K^*(892)) = 285 \text{ MeV}/c$$

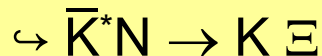


$$p \text{ } ^3\text{He} \rightarrow KK\pi^+H$$



- ▶ ...FLAIR

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow K^*\bar{K}^* \quad p(K^*) = 285 \text{ MeV}/c$$



- ▶ count rate

- ▶  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  probability for  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow K^*\bar{K}^*$
- ▶ 20% survival probability of  $K^*$  prior interaction
- ▶  $10^{-3}$  probability for  $\bar{K}^*N \rightarrow K^+\Xi^-$
- ▶ stopping probability 20%
- ▶  $10^6$  antiprotons/s
- ⇒ 5000 stopped  $\Xi^-$  per day

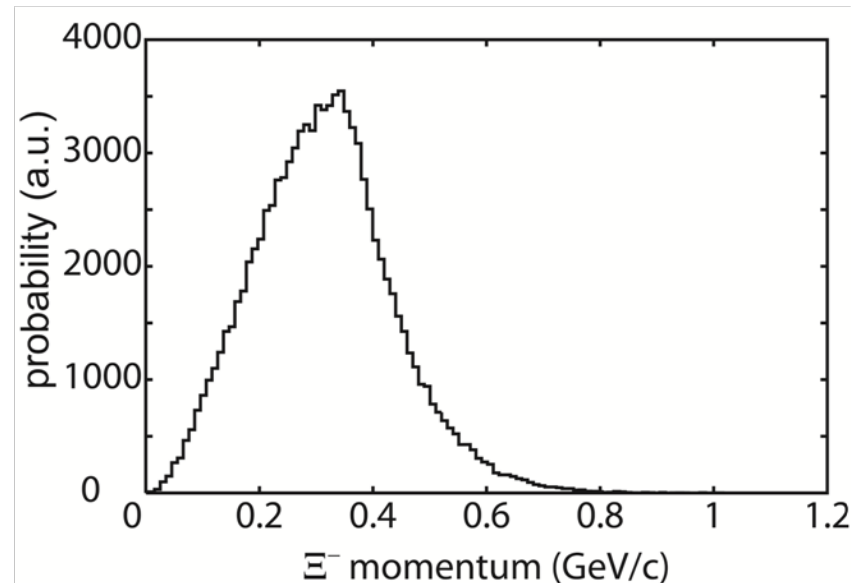


Table 2: Total production probability of particle stable twin and double hypernuclei after the capture of a  $\Xi^-$  by a  ${}^9\text{Be}$  target and the conversion into an excited  ${}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}^*$  hypernucleus (third and forth [12] column). The four last columns are the results assuming the production of excited  ${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}^*$  and  ${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}^*$  nuclei after a knock-out process with an excitation energy of 33 MeV [11]. Here columns 5 and 6 are results of the present work, the last two columns are again from Ref. [12]. A – indicates that this particular channel cannot be reached or was not considered.

decay channel	$\pi$ pair momenta (MeV/c)		decaying system and probability					
			${}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}^*$	${}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}^*$ [12]	${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}^*$	${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}^*$	${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}^*$ [12]	${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}^*$ [12]
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}+{}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	114	114	–	0	0	–	0	–
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}+{}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{gs}$	114	133	–	0	0.008	–	0.018	–
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}+{}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{1.05}$	114	134	–	–	0.014	–	–	–
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}+{}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	114	99	0.0001	0.011	–	–	–	–
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}+{}^6_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	114	108	0.004	0.012	–	–	–	–
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}+{}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}_{gs}$	114	115	0.026	0.018	–	–	–	–
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}+{}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}_{1.66}$	114	118	0.046	0.018	–	–	–	–
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}+{}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}_{1.74}$	114	118	0.068	0.018	–	–	–	–
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{gs}+{}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{gs}$	133	133	–	0.005	0.017	–	0.055	–
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{gs}+{}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{1.05}$	133	134	–	–	0.096	–	–	–
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{1.05}+{}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{1.05}$	134	134	–	–	0.137	–	–	–
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{gs}+{}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	133	99	0.022	0.045	–	–	–	–
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{1.05}+{}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	134	99	0.055	–	–	–	–	–
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{gs}+{}^6_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	133	108	0.031	0.049	–	–	–	–
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}_{1.05}+{}^6_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	134	108	0.088	–	–	–	–	–
${}^4_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$	117	98	0.0006	0.026	0.003	0.0002	0.026	0
${}^5_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$	134	99	0.007	0.139	0.069	0.635	0.108	0.877
${}^5_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$	–	–	–	0.0	0	–	0.009	–
${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$	100	99 [67]	0.028	0.147	0.051	–	0.128	–
${}^7_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$	109	108	0.117	0.133	0.116	–	0.157	–
${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}_{gs}$	116	124	0.022	small	–	–	–	–
${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}_{ex}$	119	124	0.096	–	–	–	–	–
${}^9_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}_{gs}$	117	121	0.021	0.025	–	–	–	–
${}^9_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}_{ex}$	122	121	0.027	–	–	–	–	–
${}^7_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}$	101	96	0.0001	0.008	–	–	–	–
${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}_{gs}$	109	97	0.012	0.028	–	–	–	–
${}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}_{ex}$	111-117	97	0.028	–	–	–	–	–
${}^9_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}_{gs}$	123	97	0.028	0.026	–	–	–	–
${}^9_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}_{ex}$	124-131	97	0.098	–	–	–	–	–

