

# Status and Prospect of Hypernuclear Physics

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**Two motivations**

**Brief Overview**

**Rumsfeld Hypernuclei**

**A keyhole to the future**



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International Workshop XXXIX on  
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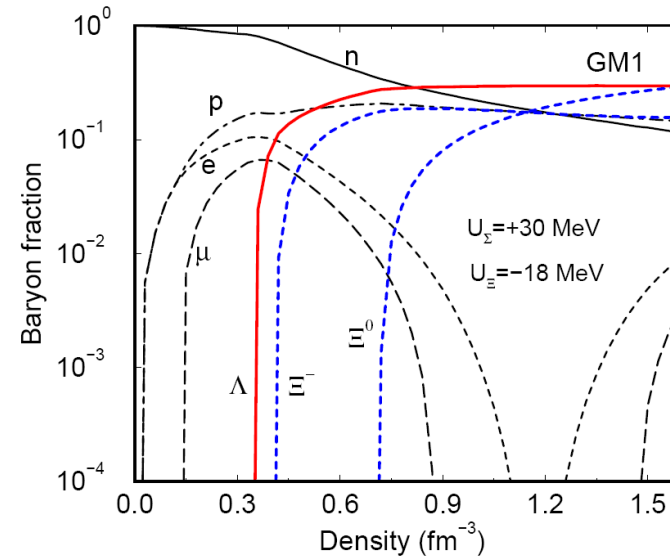
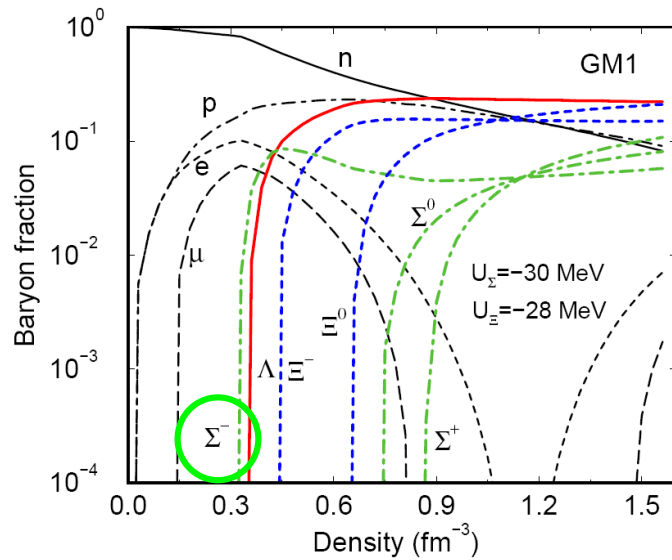
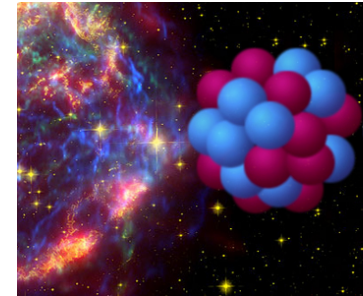


...for the visionary



What's (hyper)nuclear physics about?

Bridging the gap  
between nuclei and stars



J. Schaffner-Bielich, NPA 804 (2008) 309

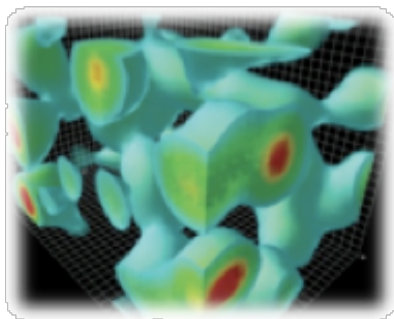
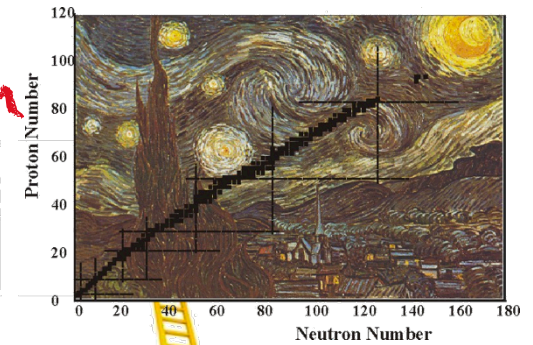


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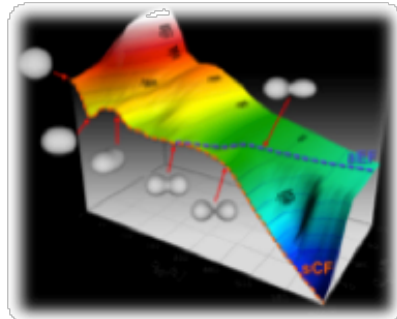


What's (hyper)nuclear physics about?

Describing complexity in term of fundamental interactions



Cold QCD and Nuclear Forces



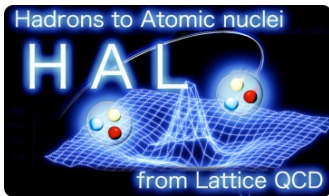
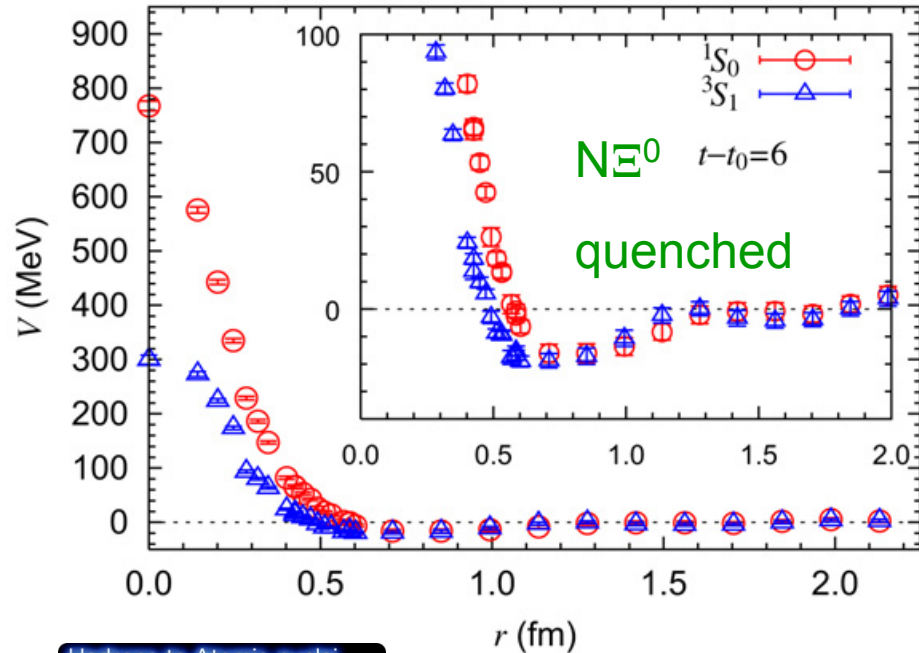
Nuclear Structure and Reactions

Theoretical Methods:

- Lattice QCD  $A=0,1,2...$
- NCSM Faddeev-Yakubowsky, GFMC, ...:  $A=3\div 16$
- Coupled cluster, ...:  $A=16\div 100$
- Density functional theory, ...:  $A\geq 100$

# Nuclear forces from Lattice QCD

Nemura, Ishii, Aoki, Hatsuda, Phys.Lett.B673 (2009)136



Meson Interactions

Meson-Baryon Interactions

parity violating  
pion-nucleon coupling

Baryon-Baryon Interactions

Deuteron

B-B w/ Currents

deuteron axial charge

3- and 4-Body  
Interactions

p-shell  
Nuclei

$10^0$   $10^1$   $10^2$   $10^3$   $10^4$   $10^5$   $10^6$

Tflop-year

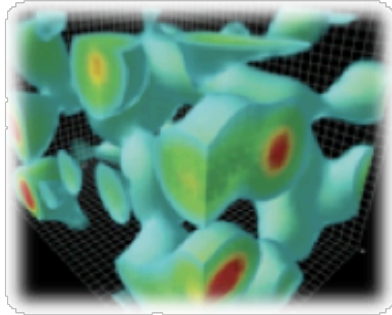
Two motivations

Forefront Questions in Nuclear Science and the Role of  
High Performance Computing, January 26-28, 2009.  
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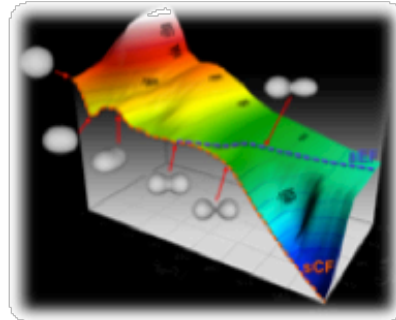




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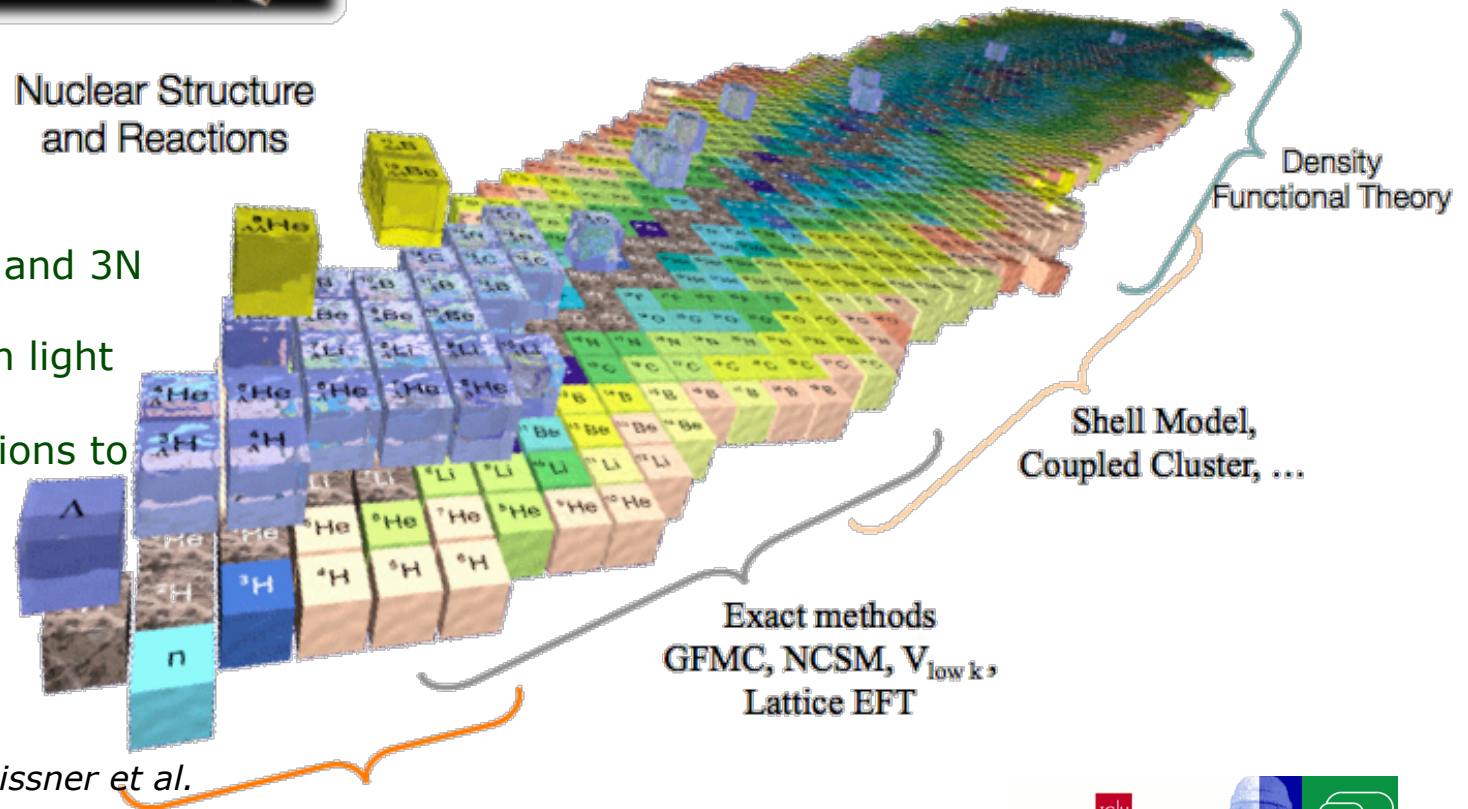
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Chiral EFT:

- Provides accurate NN and 3N forces
- Successfully applied in light nuclei with  $A=2,3,4$
- Combine with simulations to get to larger  $A$

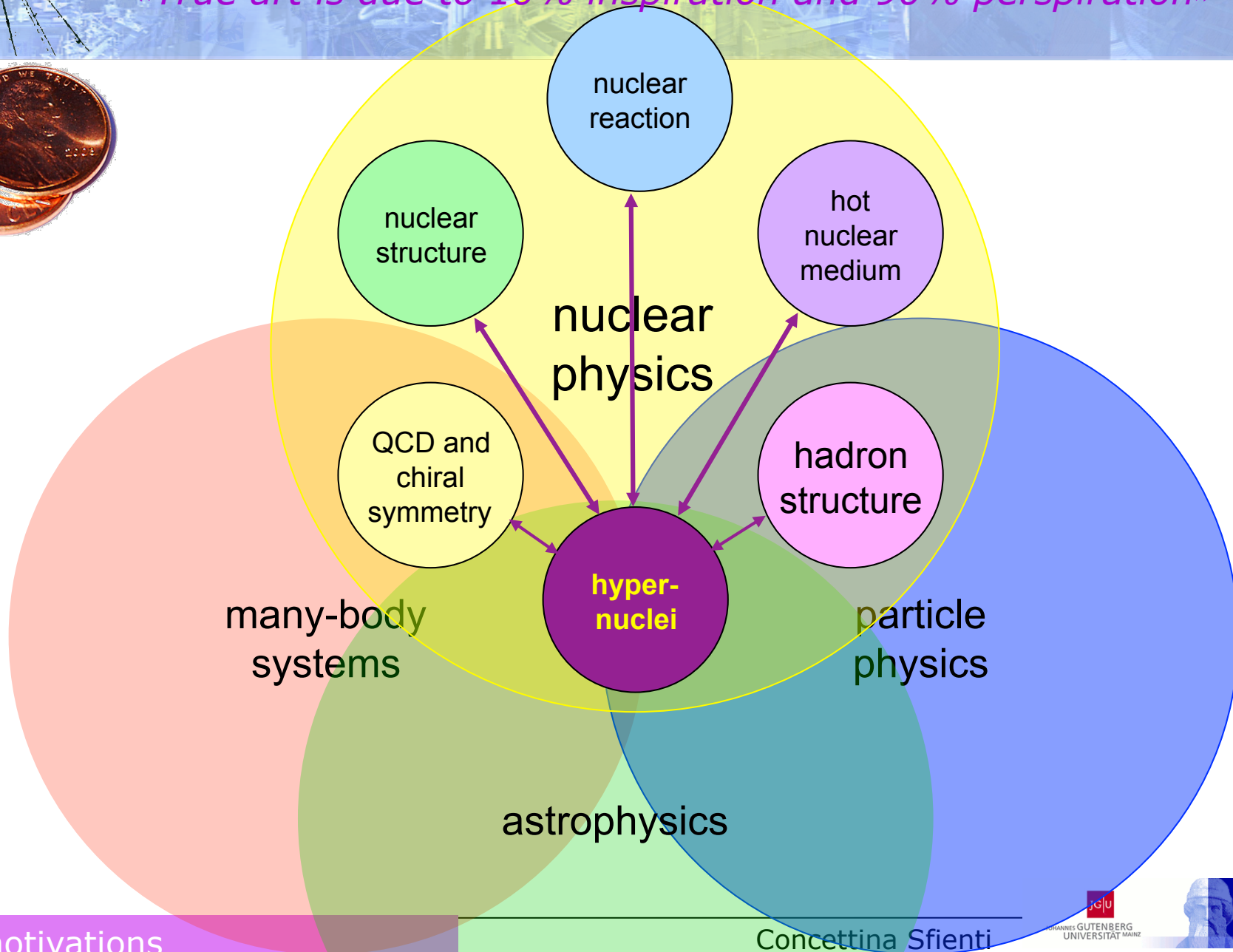
**NN,YN,YY forces from chiral EFT**

*U-G Meissner et al.*



# Hypernuclear physics: a multicultural activity

«True art is due to 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration»





# Getting introduced



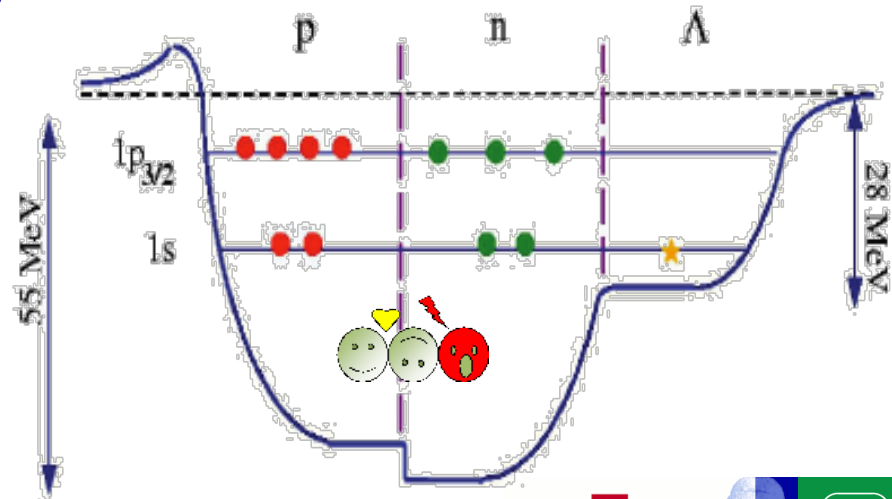
- ✦ Make the hyperon
  - ✦ Get it into the nucleus
  - ✦ Make sure it sticks there,
  - ✦ Know all this has happened. → RESOLUTION!
- Complementary methods and facilities

Known hypernuclei (beginning with 1953):

- $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei (~50 species)
- $\Sigma$ -hypernucleus ( ${}^4_\Sigma\text{He}$  only??)
- $\Lambda\Lambda$ -hypernuclei (a few events)



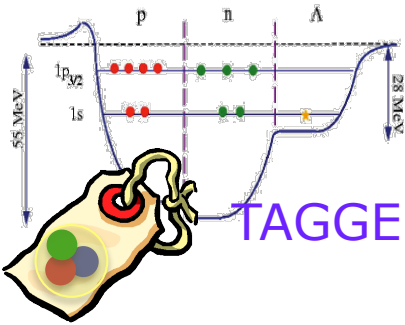
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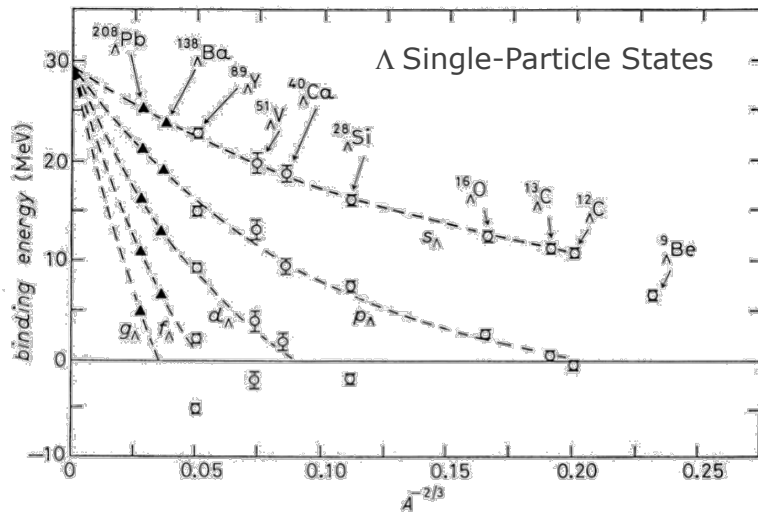


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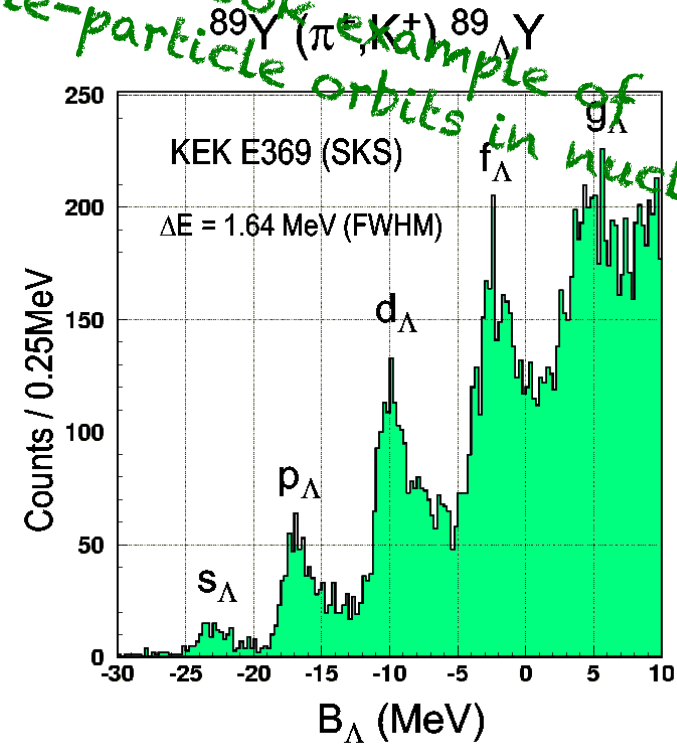
TAGGED NUCLEAR PHYSICS!



D. J. Millener et al., PRC38 (1988) 2700

$\Lambda$ 's motion within the nucleus **not influenced** by the presence of the nucleons

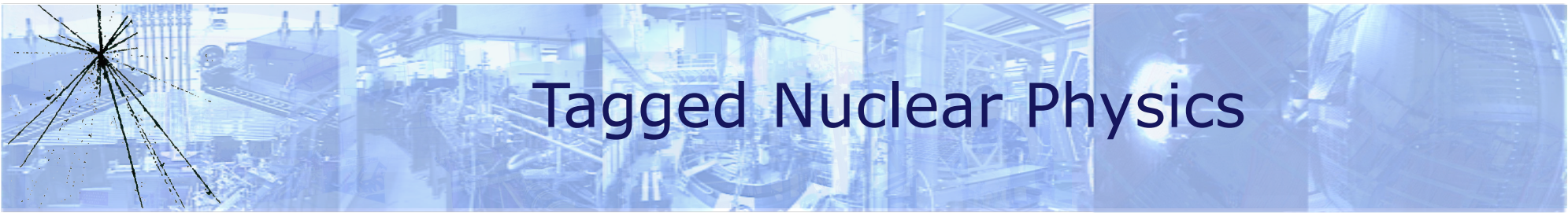
Textbook example of single-particle orbits in nucleus



Hotchi et al., PRC 64 (2001) 044302

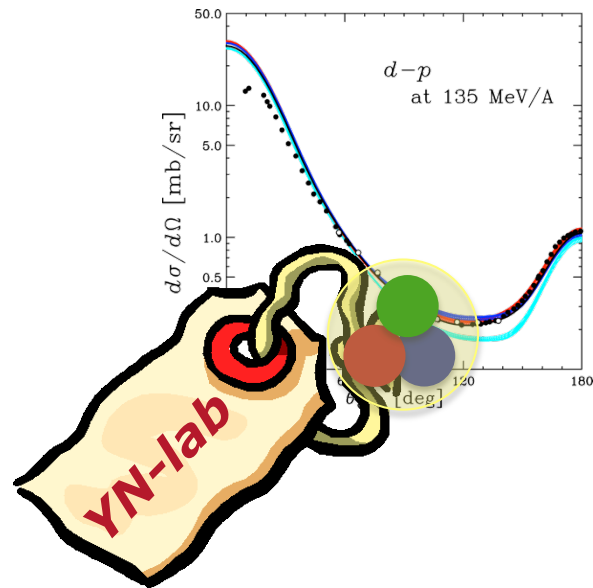
The peak positions is well described by a **Wood-Saxon** potential



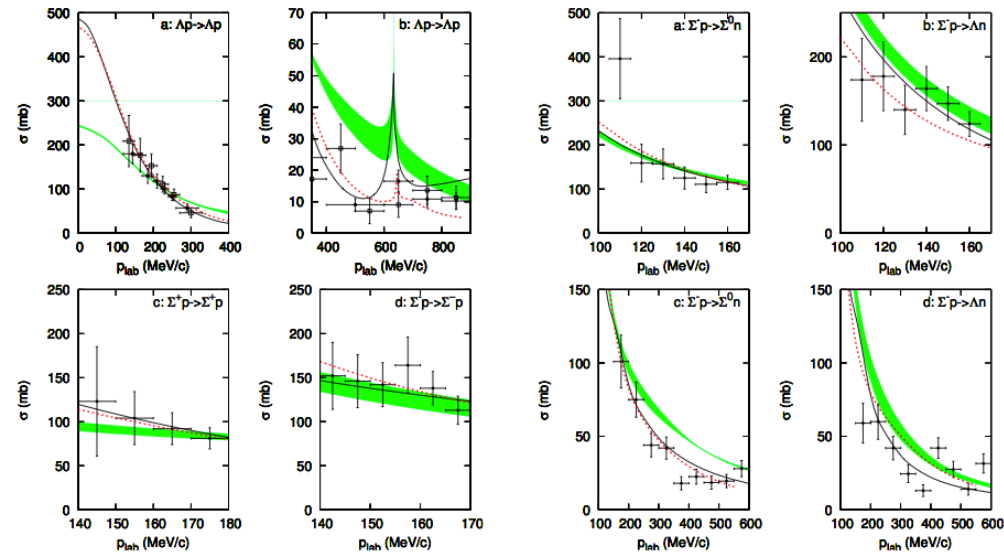


# Tagged Nuclear Physics

NN scattering → NN interaction



Polinder, Haidenbauer, M., Nucl. Phys. A 779 (2006)



- Y-N interaction
- Low momentum YN scattering
- Exotic  $s = -1$  Hypernuclei

YN/YY interaction → YN/YY scattering ?

Only ~600 data points exist

➔ Hyperons live for only **fractions of a ns**  
(ex.:  $\tau_{\Lambda} = 0.26 \text{ ns}$ )

- Y-Y interaction
- Exotic  $s = -2$  Hypernuclei

# Birth, life and death of a hypernucleus



target nucleus

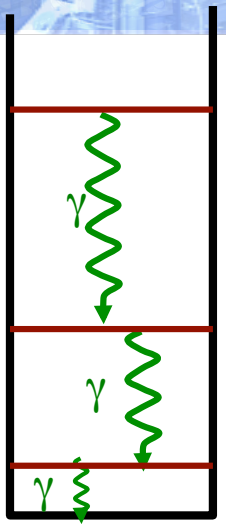
strangeness deposition  
 $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow K^+ + K^-$   
 $K^-_{stopped} + {}^A Z \rightarrow {}^A_{\Lambda} Z + \pi^-$   
 FINUDA

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

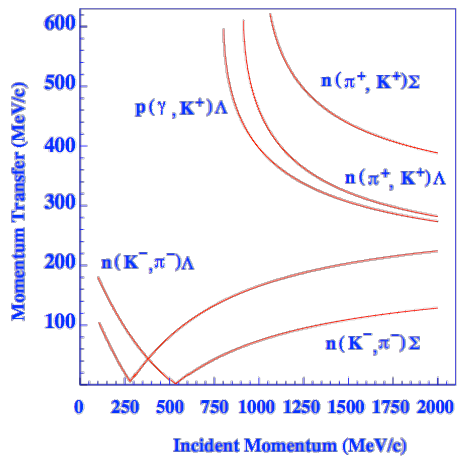
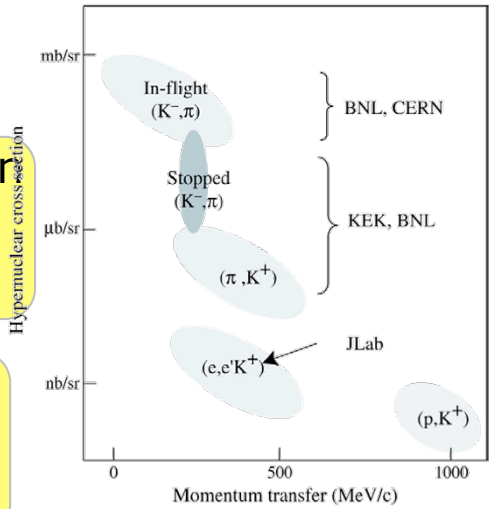
strangeness exchange  
 $(K^-, \pi^-), (K^-, \pi^0)$   
 BNL, KEK, JPARC

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

$p, n \rightarrow \Lambda$

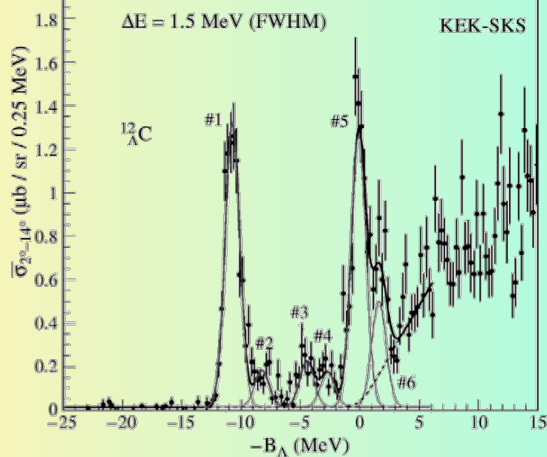
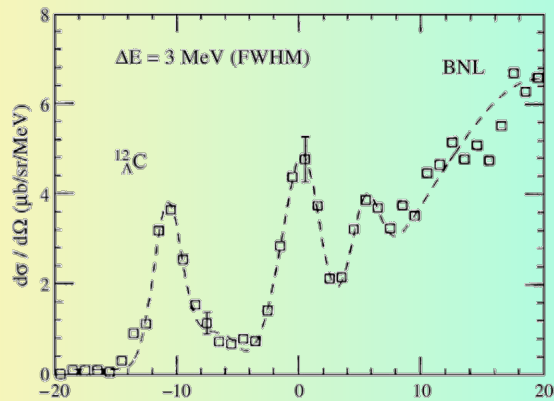


electromagnetic decays

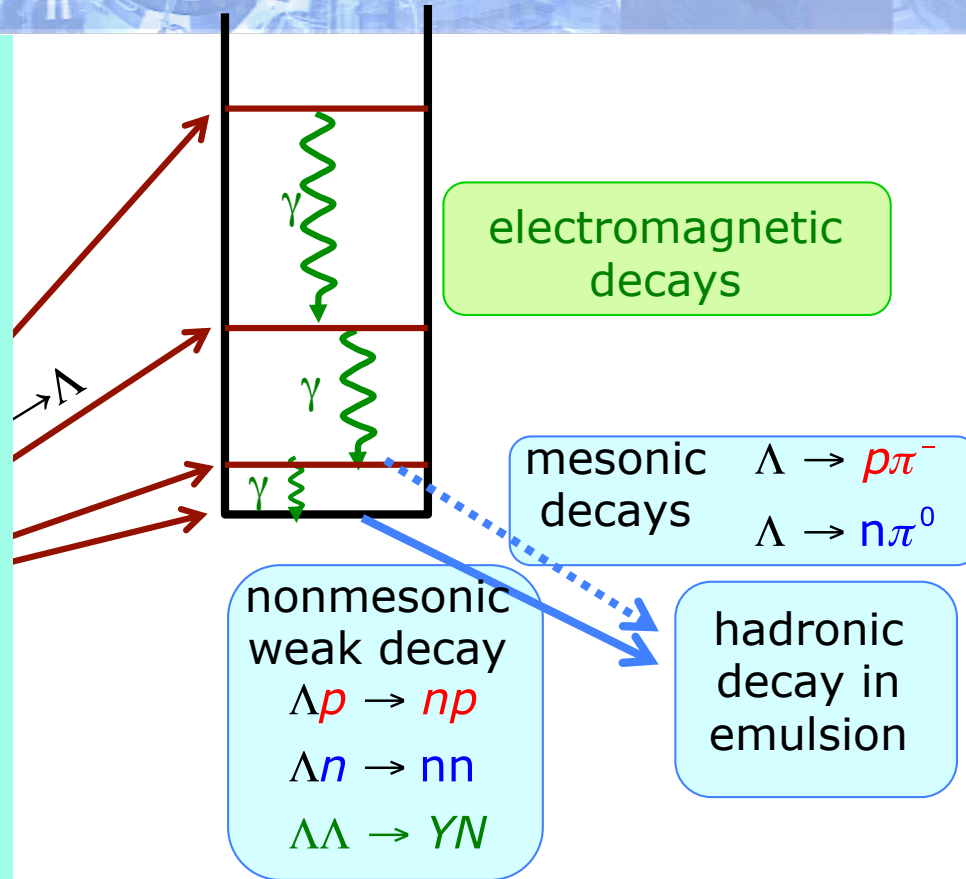


# Birth, life and death of a hypernucleus

BNL-AGS Energy Resolution = 3MeV (FWHM)  
(P.H.Pile et al., PRL 66 (1991) 2585)



KEK-SKS Energy Resolution = 1.5 MeV (FWHM)  
(H.Hotch et al., PRC 64(2001) 044302)



## Energy resolution

- K,p: 1-2 MeV
- K<sub>stopped</sub>: 1 MeV
- e: 0.5 MeV
- γ-transitions: 5 keV

# International Hypernuclear Network

## STAR@RHIC

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

## PANDA @ FAIR

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

## ALICE@LHC

- URHIC Collider
- anti  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- exotica?

## Dubna

- heavy ion beam
- single  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- weak decays

## KAOS @ MAMI

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

## HypHI@GSI

- heavy ion beams
- single  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei at extreme isospins
- Magnetic moments

## JLab

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

## FINUDA @ DAFNE

- $e^+e^-$  collider
- stopped- $K^-$  reaction
- single  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy

## J-PARC

- intense  $K^-$  beam
- single and double  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy for single  $\Lambda$

2010

2020

KEK JLAB HYPHI

PANDA

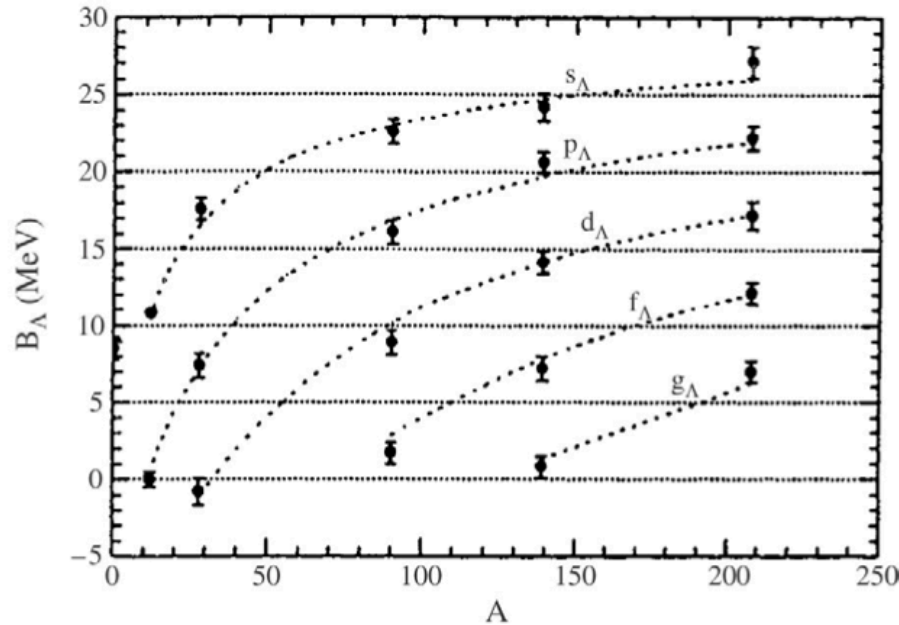
FINUDA RHIC JPARC

LHC MAMI



# "There are known knowns"

O. Hashimoto, H. Tamura Prog. in Part. and Nucl. Phys. 57 (2006) 564



Nuclear potential of  $\Lambda$   
 $V_0^\Lambda = -30\text{MeV}$  (c.f.  $U_N = -50\text{MeV}$ )

$\Lambda N$  force is **attractive** but weaker than NN

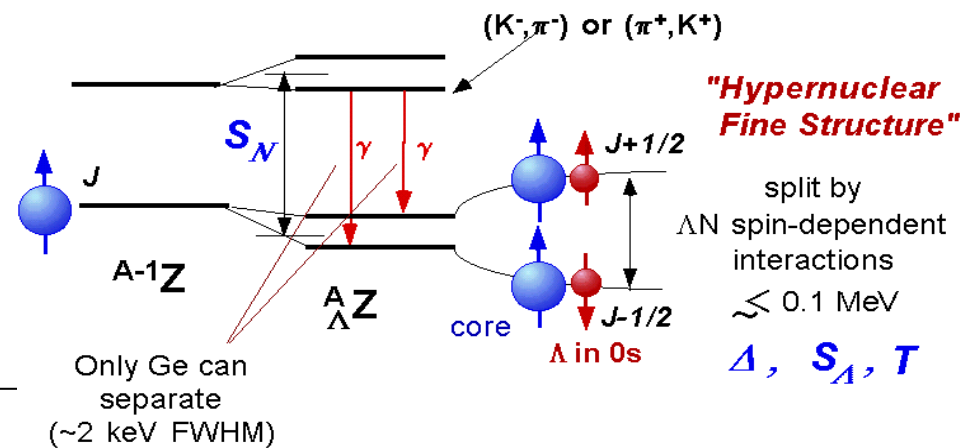
Better resolution is necessary for  $\Lambda N$  spin-dependent forces,  $\Lambda N$ - $\Sigma N$  force, ..

Woods-Saxon for the  $\Lambda$  hypernuclear potential

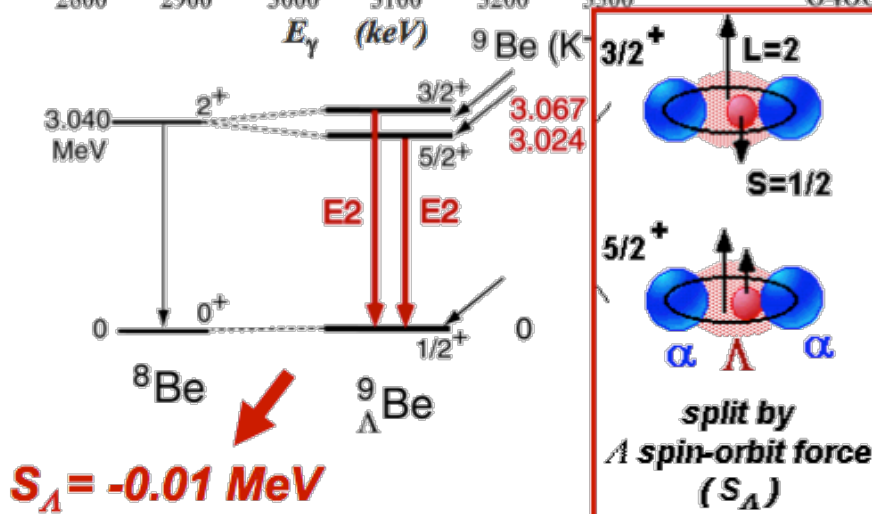
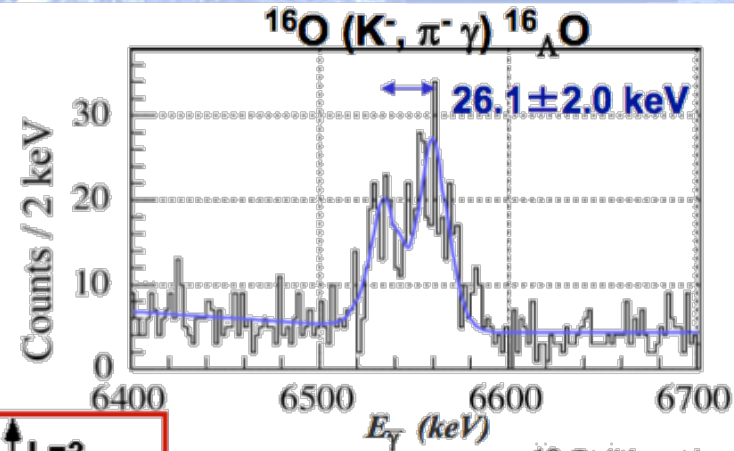
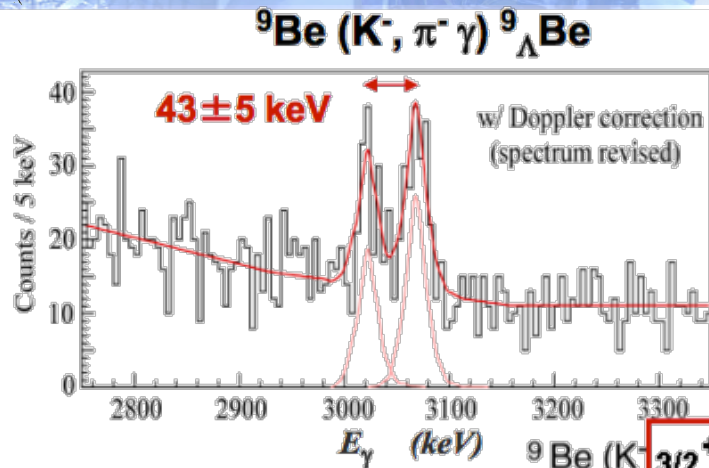
$$U_\Lambda = V_0^\Lambda f(r) + V_{LS}^\Lambda \left( \frac{\hbar}{m_\pi c} \right)^2 \frac{1}{r} \frac{df(r)}{dr} ls$$

$$f(r) = [1 + \exp((r - R)/a)]^{-1}.$$

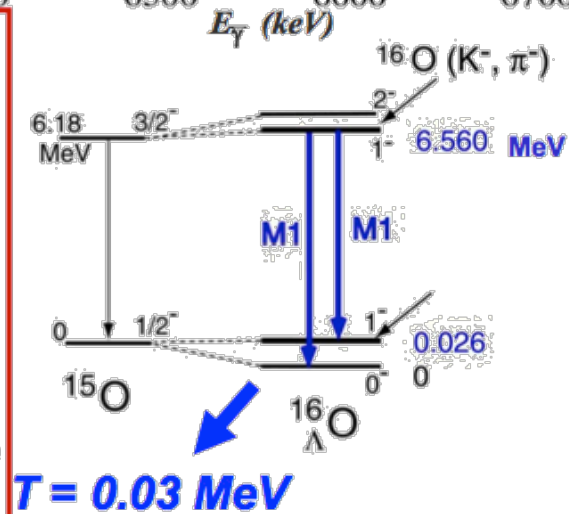
## Low-lying levels of $\Lambda$ Hypernuclei



# Spin-Orbit force in Hypernuclei



PRL 88 ('02) 082501



PRL 93 (2004) 232501

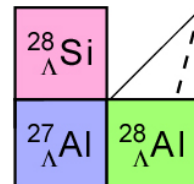
- ▶ surprisingly small spin-orbit force ( $\sim$ few percent of NN case)
- ▶ **Precision** is the key issue



# Single $\Lambda$ Hypernuclei

## $\Lambda$ Hypernuclear Chart (2005)

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$$V_{\Lambda N}^{eff} = V_0 + \Delta(\vec{s}_{\Lambda} \cdot \vec{s}_N) + S_N(\vec{l}_{\Lambda N} \cdot \vec{s}_N) + S_{\Lambda}(\vec{l}_{\Lambda N} \cdot \vec{s}_{\Lambda}) + T(s_{12})$$

$^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$  ( $3/2^+, 1/2^+$ )

$^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$  ( $5/2^+, 1/2^+$ )

$^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$  ( $3/2^+, 5/2^+$ )

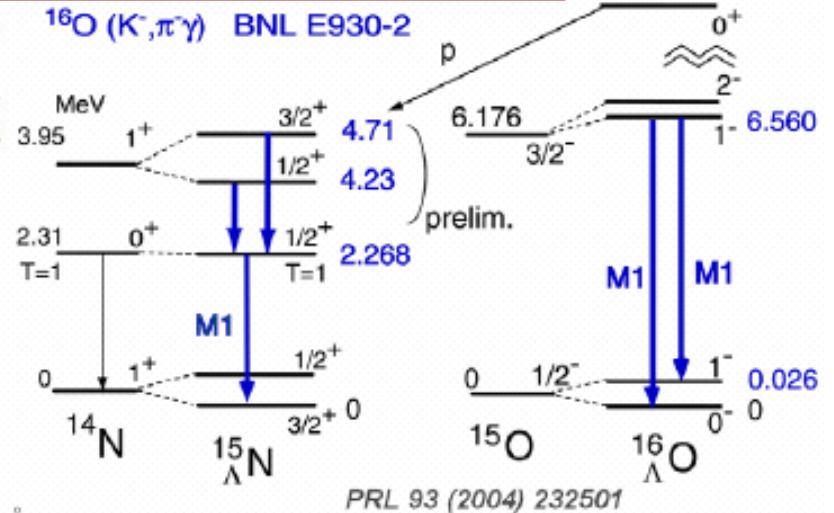
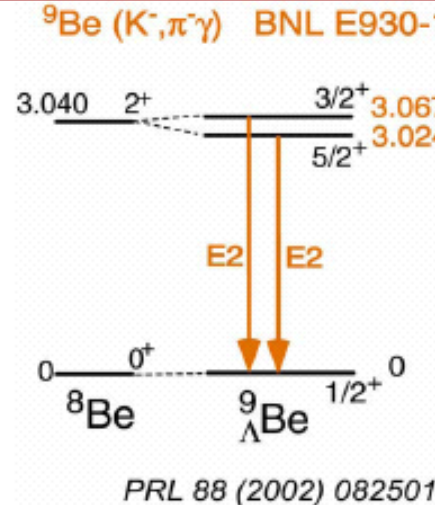
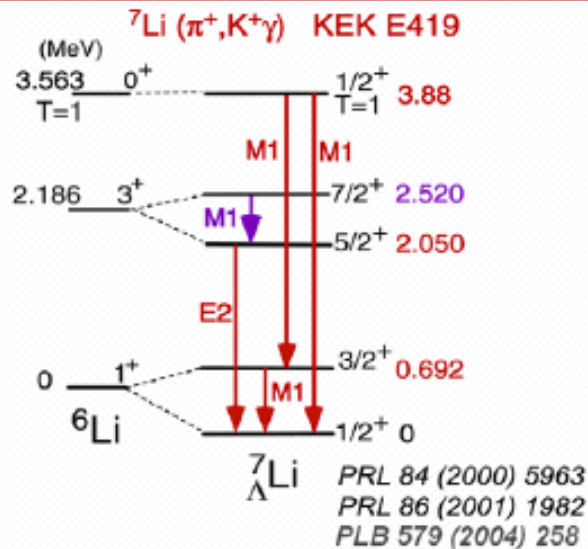
$^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{O}$  ( $1^-, 0^-$ )

$\Delta = 0.4 \text{ MeV}$

$S_N = -0.4 \text{ MeV}$

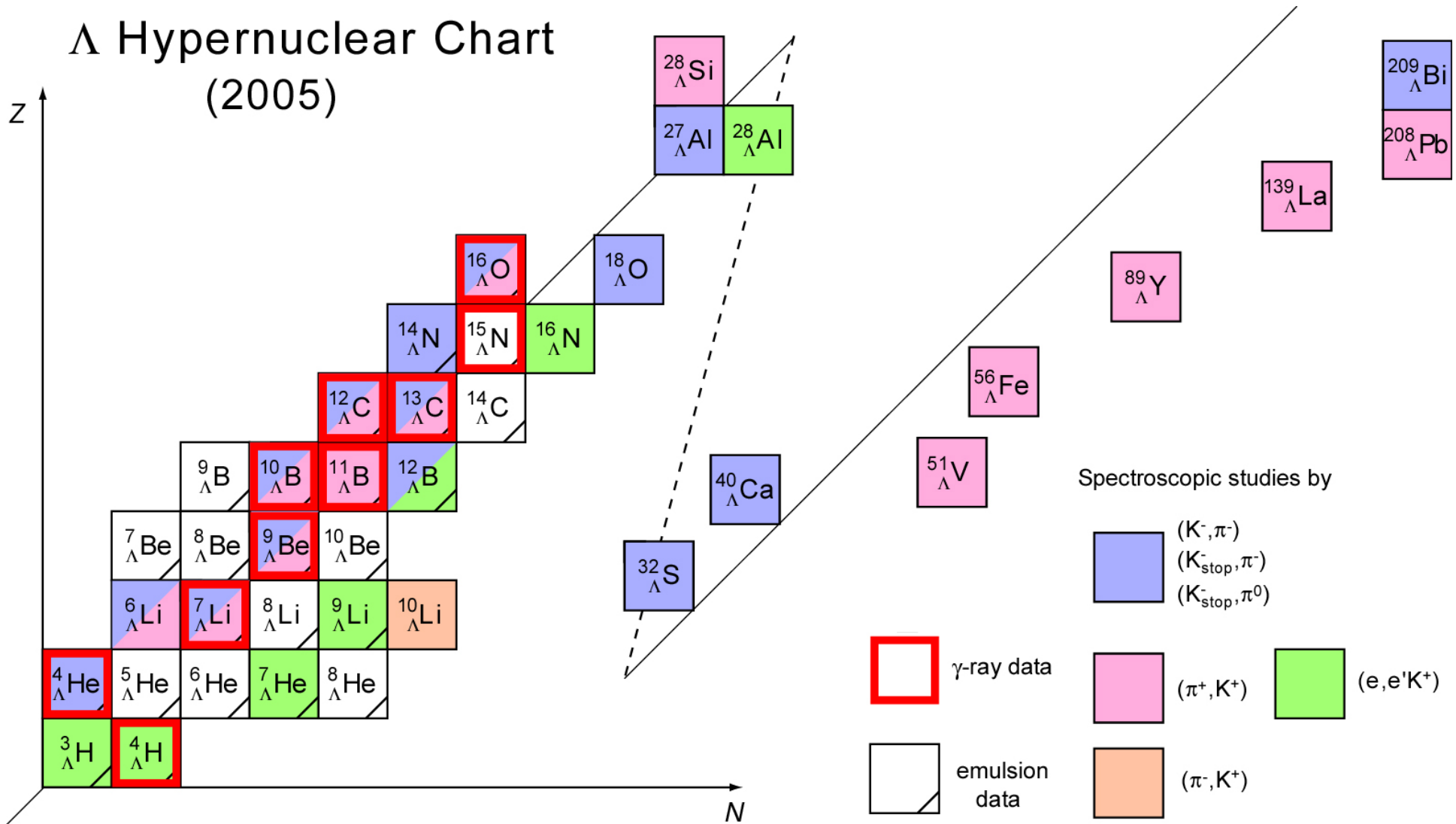
$S_{\Lambda} = -0.01 \text{ MeV}$

$T = 0.03 \text{ MeV}$





# Single $\Lambda$ Hypernuclei



Updated from: O. Hashimoto and H. Tamura, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 57 (2006) 564.





# Impurity Effects

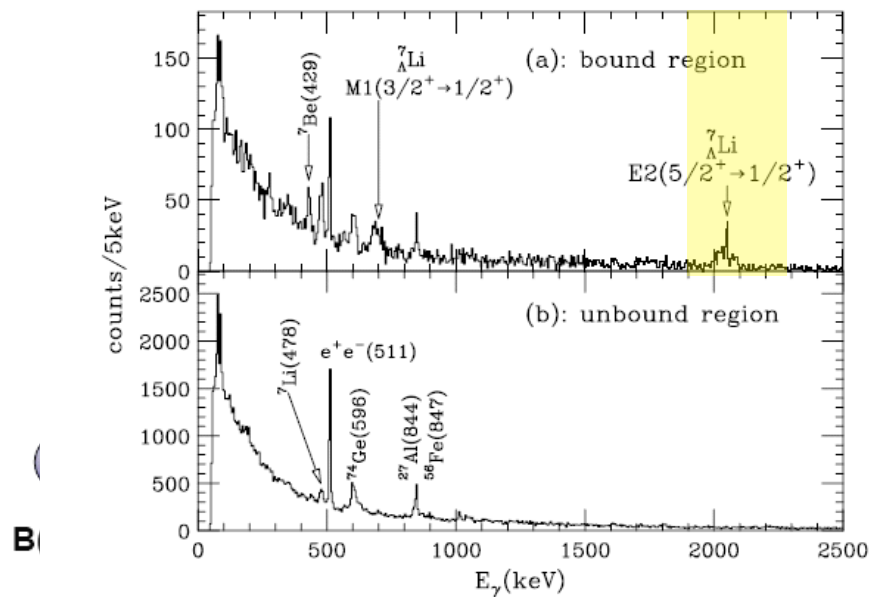
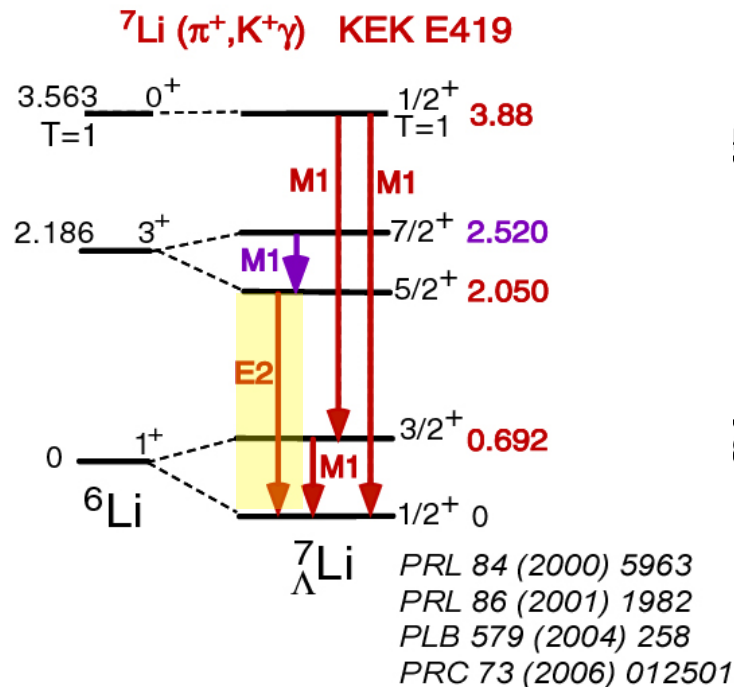
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## Measurement of the $B(E2)$ of ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$ and Shrinkage of the Hypernuclear Size

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"There are known unknowns"

## $\Sigma$ hyperons:

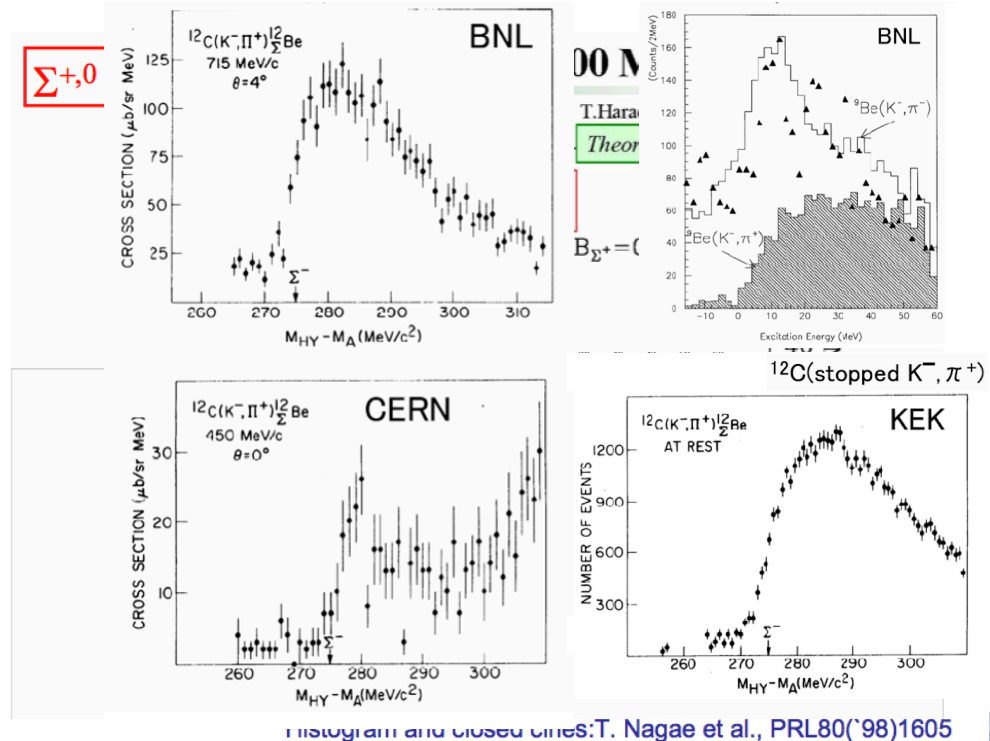
Isospin dependent  $U_{\Sigma}$  in light systems:

A bound state in  $A=4$  at KEK (R.S.Hayano et al., PLB231(1989)355)

at BNL (T. Nagae et al, PRL80(1998)1605)

Systematics of  $(K^-, \pi^{\pm})$  in  $A=4,6,9$  (S. Bart et al., PRL83(1999)5238)

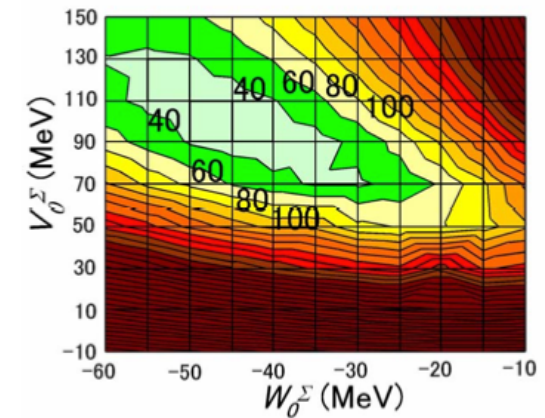
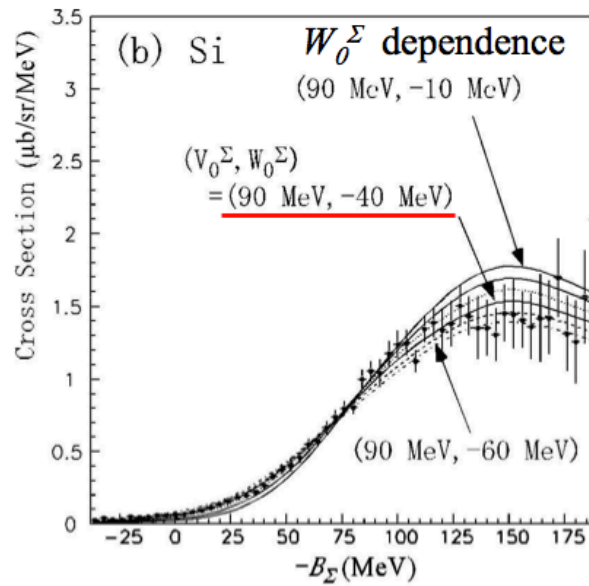
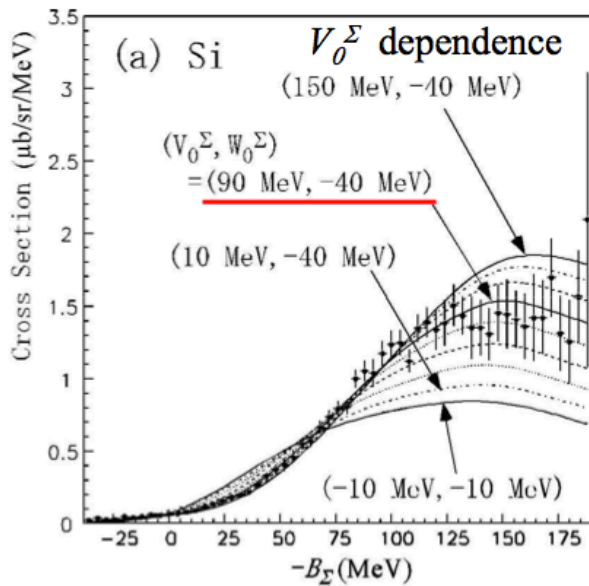
Poor YN Scattering data  
 $(K^-, \pi^{\pm})$  spectra on  $A \leq 16$





**Sigma-Nucleus Potential in  $A = 28$**

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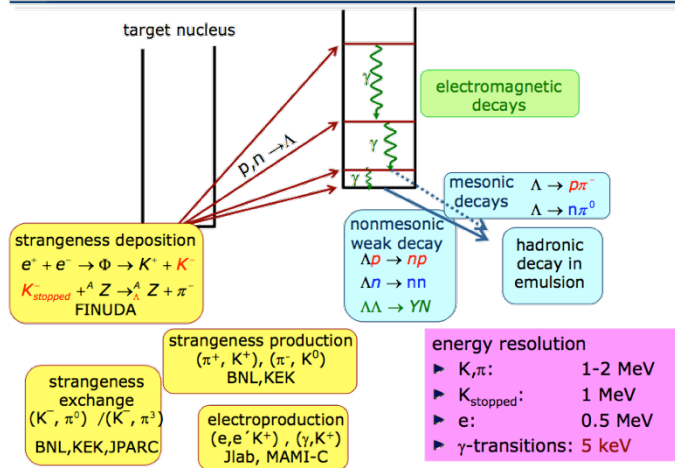


DIWA Analysis

Wood-Saxon Potential  $\approx (V_0^\Sigma + iW_0^\Sigma) \times f(r)$

# Weak Decay

## Birth, Life and Death of a Hypernucleus



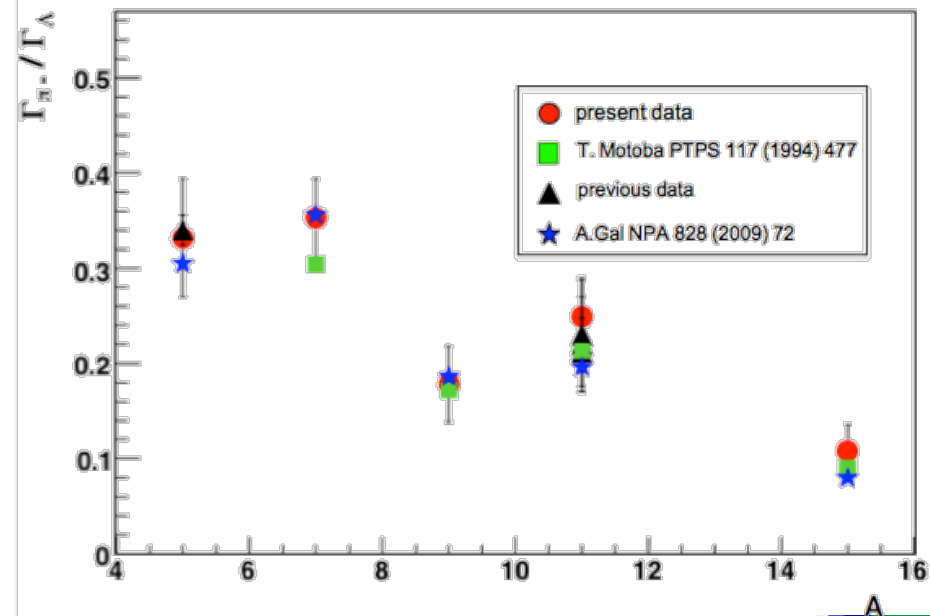
## HYP Weak Decay:

- 👤 Spin-parity of gs. hypernuclei
- 👤 NMWD: 4-baryons strangeness changing weak interaction
- 👤 Final State Interaction
- 👤 ...

## The FINUDA Era:

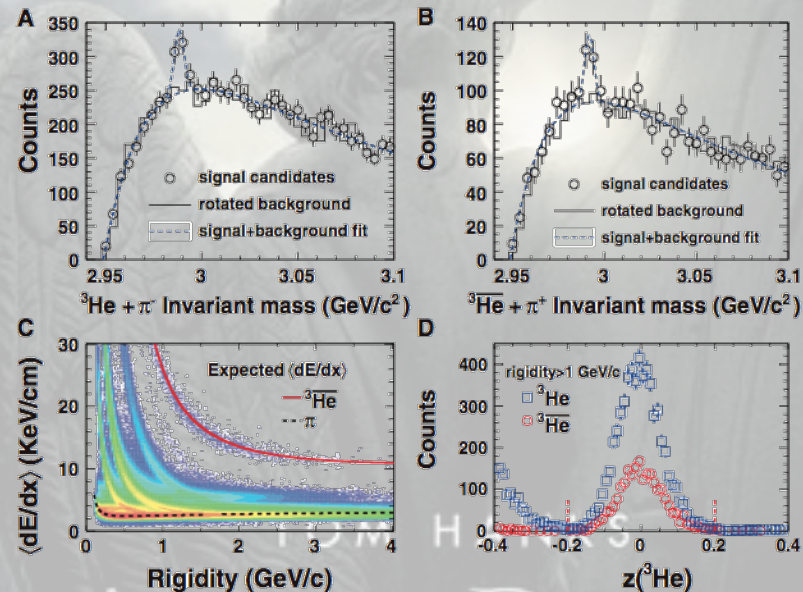
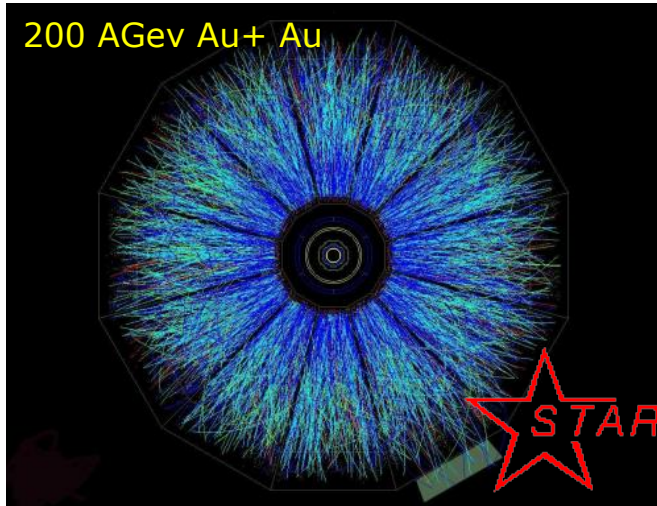
- 👤 Mesonic of p-shell HYP: Spin – parity assignment
- 👤 Nuclear Structure effects!
- 👤 First systematic study of p-induced NMWD (coincidence measurements)
- 👤 Final State Interactions!

S. Bufalino SPHERE & JSPS Meeting, Prague, Czech (2010)



# Hypernuclei in Heavy Ion Reactions

200 AGeV Au+ Au



## Other HI projects:

FOPI@GSI has also observed as signal compatible with hypertriton

ALICE@LHC will also look for hypernucleus production

HYPHI@GSI: (*T. Saito – this afternoon, D. Nakajima – Friday afternoon –*)

# "There are unknown unknowns"

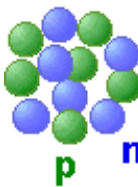
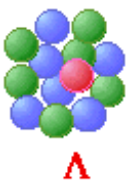


$Nu \sim Nd \sim Ns$



$p, n, \Lambda, \Xi^0, \Xi^-$

Higher density



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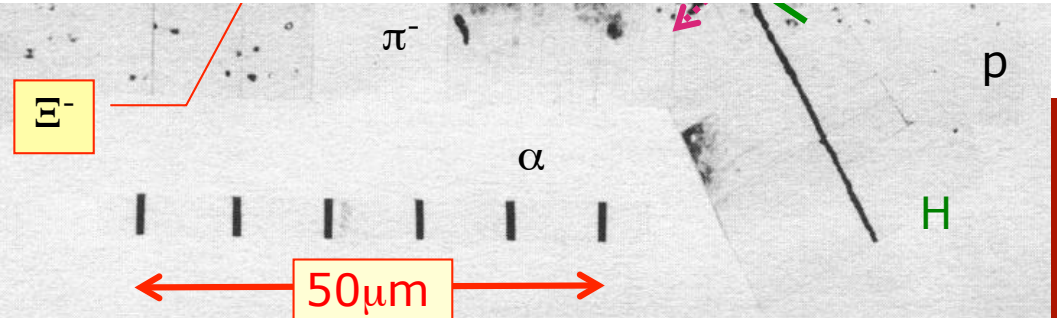
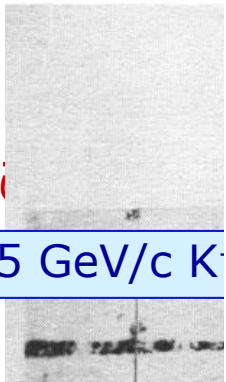
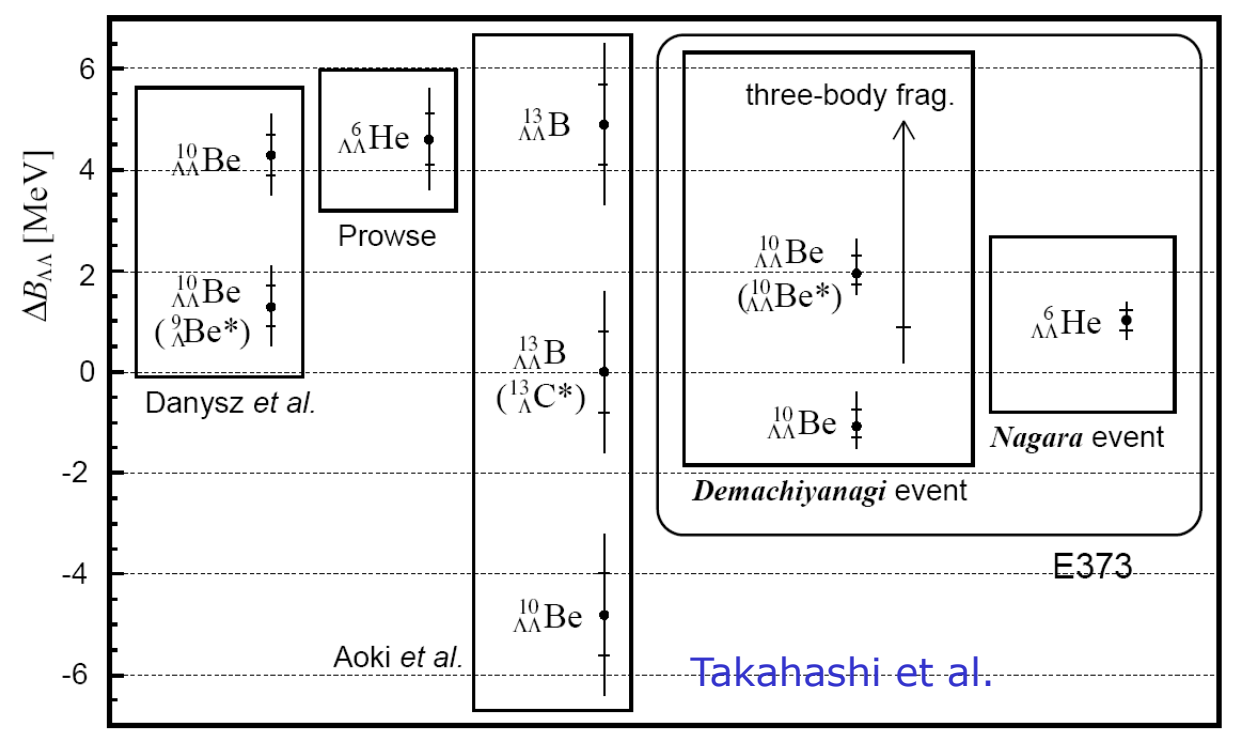
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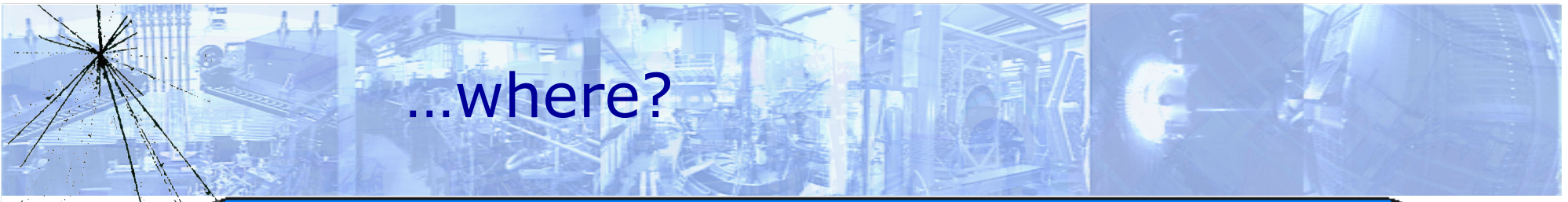
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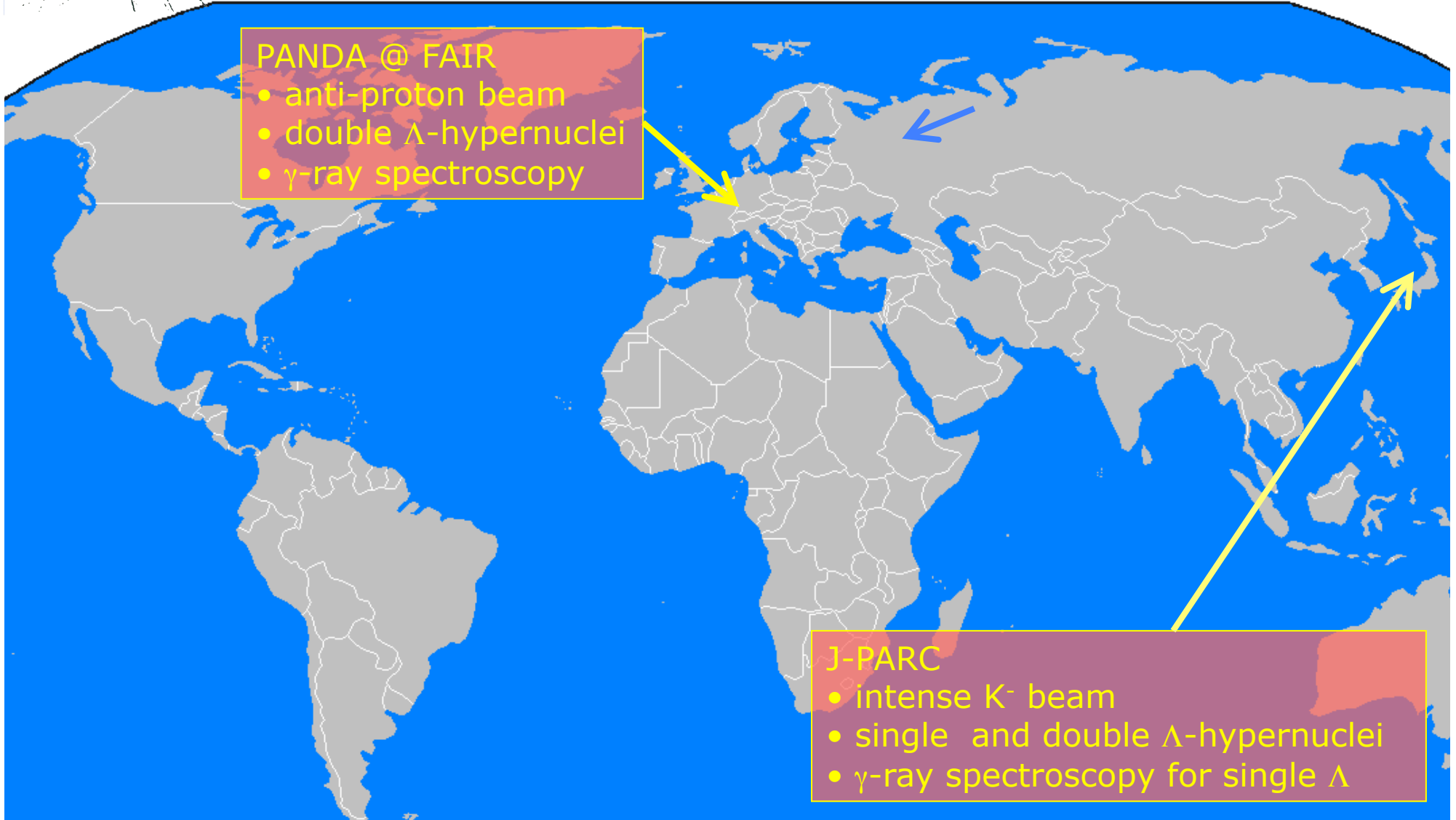
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$^4_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$   
 $^4_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}??$  (~15)



...where?



**PANDA @ FAIR**

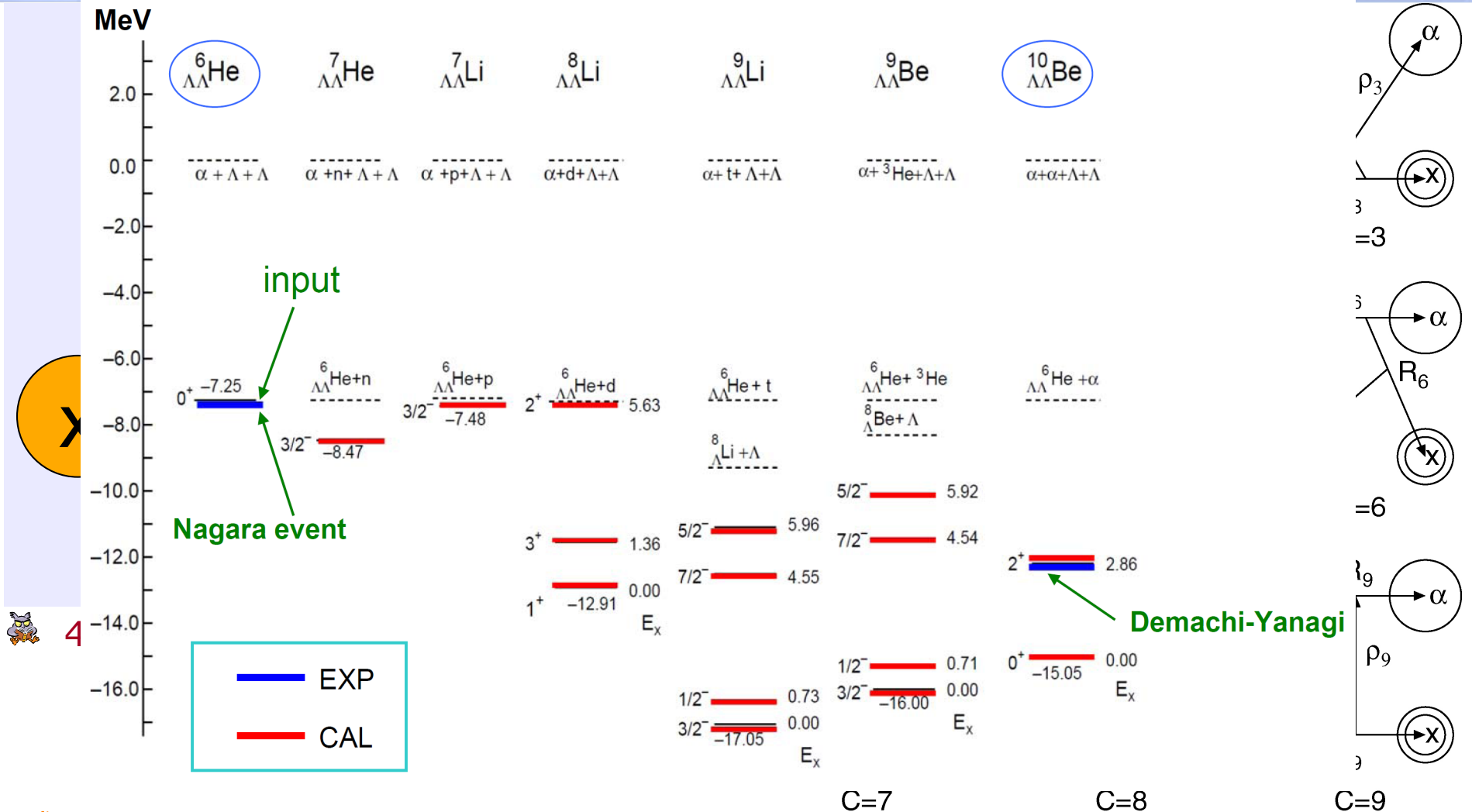
- anti-proton beam
- double  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy

**J-PARC**

- intense  $K^-$  beam
- single and double  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy for single  $\Lambda$

# 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
- $\gamma$ -spectroscopy of these states is mandatory to study them

A keyhole to the future

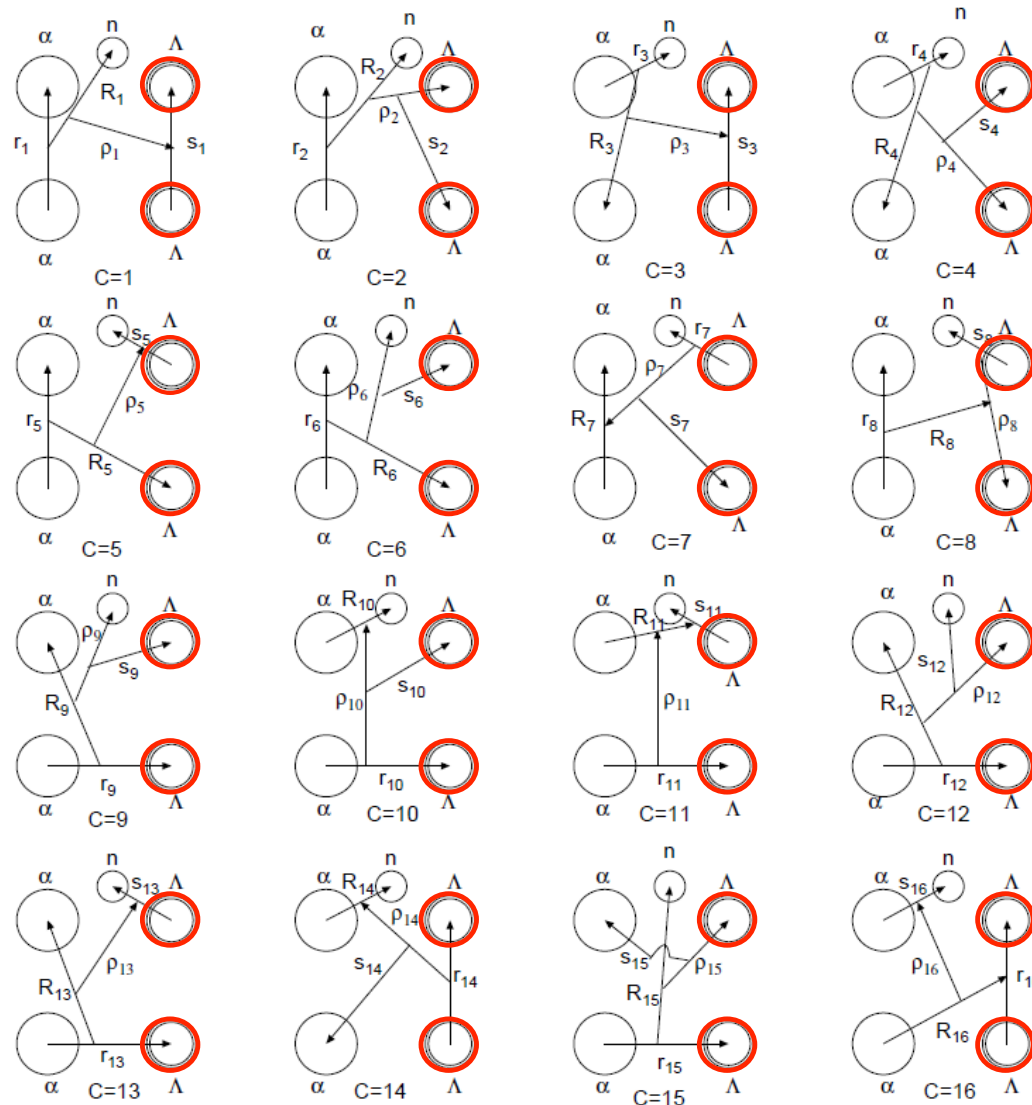
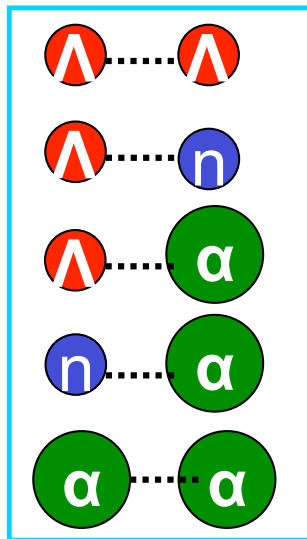
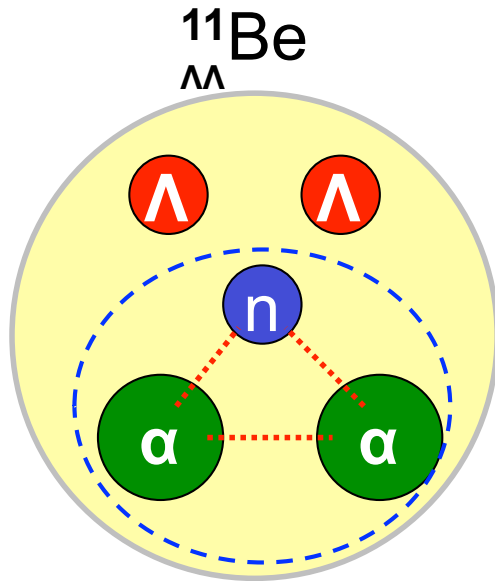
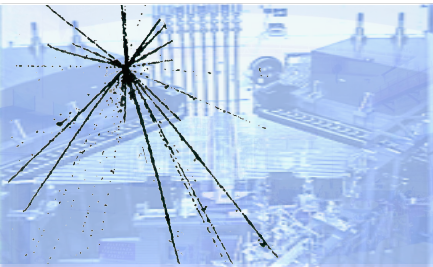
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### Five-Body Cluster Structure of the Double- $\Lambda$ Hypernucleus $^{11}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}$

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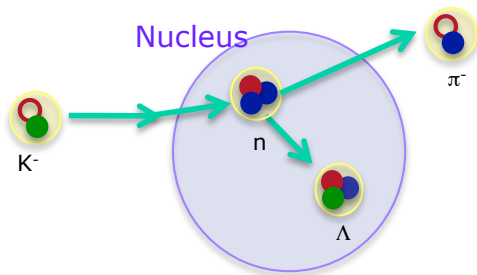


A keyhole to the future **120 sets of Jacobi coordinates.**


# Strangeness@JPARC

T.Takahashi (KEK/J---PARC)

Strangeness exchange



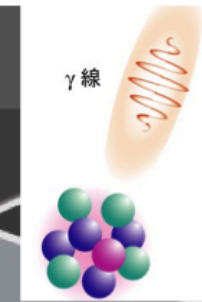
Intense  $K-\pi$  beams  
Spectrometers  $\Delta p/p$   
 $\gamma$ -ray with HPGe



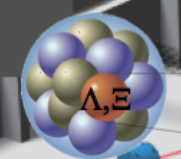
## Nuclear & Hadron Physics at Hadron Hall

### Hypernuclear Physics

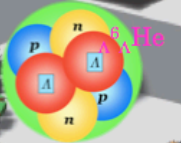
$\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy



multi-strangeness hypernuclei

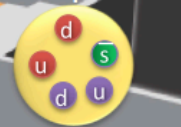


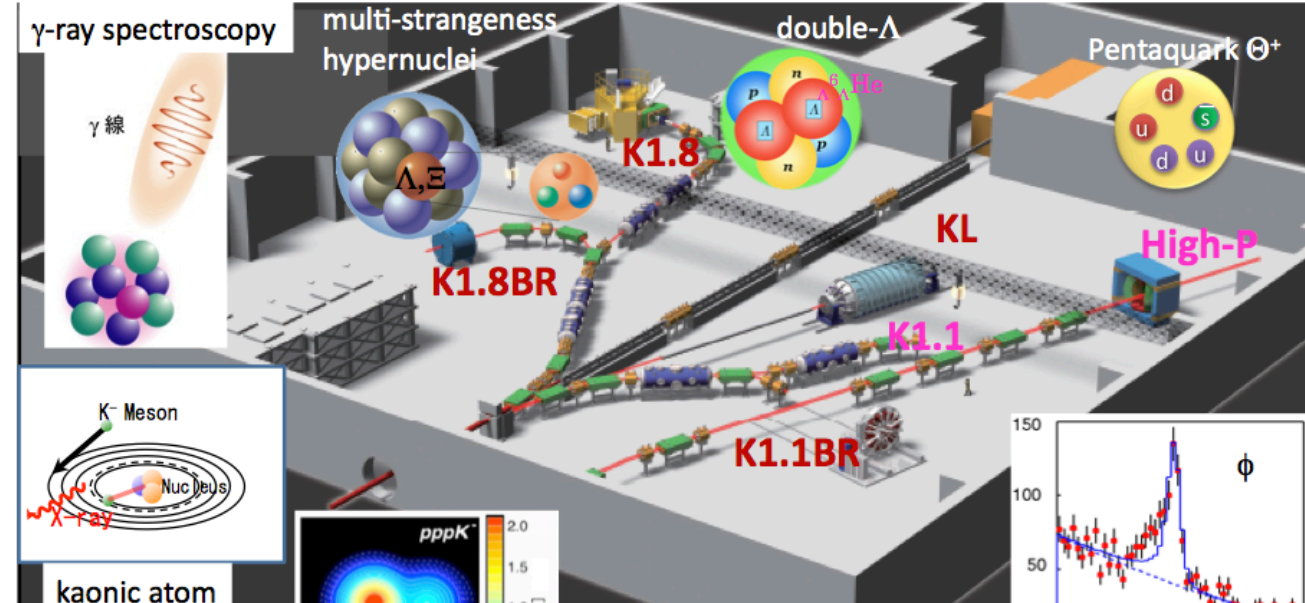
double- $\Lambda$



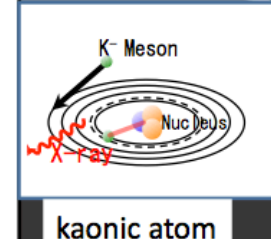
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Pentaquark  $\Theta^+$



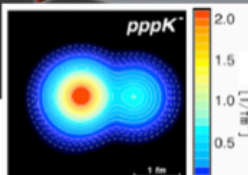


$K^-$  Meson



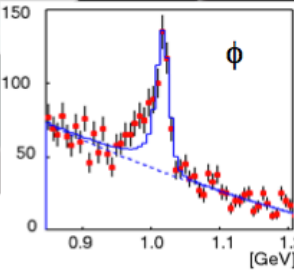
kaonic atom

$\bar{K} N$  Interaction



kaonic nuclei

Origin of Hadron Mass

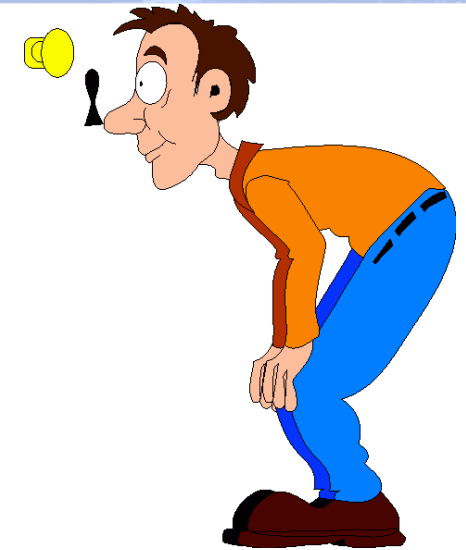


# J-PARCs promises

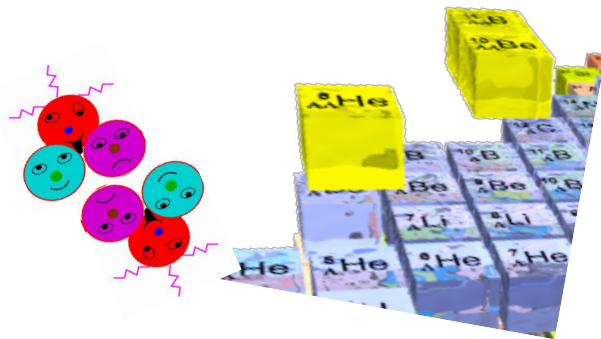
## Approved Strangeness Experiments at J-PARC

Glossary: Stage-1 Stage-2 Stage-2 Day-1

- E03: X rays from  $\Xi^-$  atoms (Tanida)
- E05:  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)_{\Xi}^{12}\text{Be}$  (Nagae)
- E07: S=-2 emulsion-counter studies (Imai, Nakazawa, Tamura)
- E10: DCX studies of neutron-rich  ${}^A_{\Lambda}Z$  (Sakaguchi, Fukuda)
- E13:  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy of  $\Lambda$  hypernuclei (Tamura)
- E15: search for  $K^-pp$  in  ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n)$  (Iwasaki, Nagae)
- E17: kaonic  ${}^3\text{He } 3d \rightarrow 2p$  X rays (Hayano, Outa)
- E18:  ${}^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$  weak decays (Bhang, Outa, Park)
- E19: search for  $\Theta^+$  pentaquark in  $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^-X$  (Naruki)
- E22: weak interactions in  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H} - {}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  (Ajimura, Sakaguchi)
- E27: search for  $K^-pp$  in  $d(\pi^+, K^+)$  (Nagae)
- E31: study of  $\Lambda(1405)$  by in-flight  $d(K^-, n)$  (Noumi)



# Strange Recipes @ PANDA



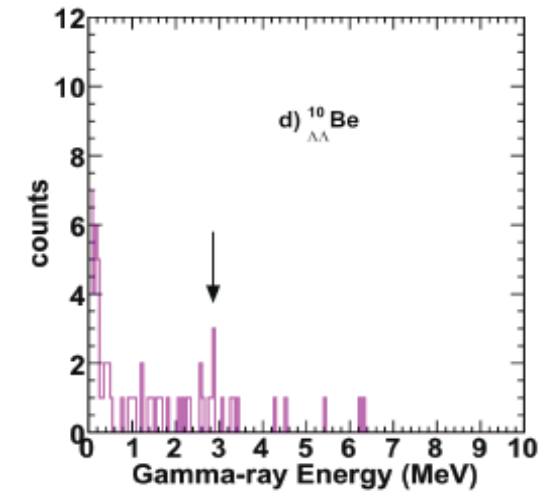
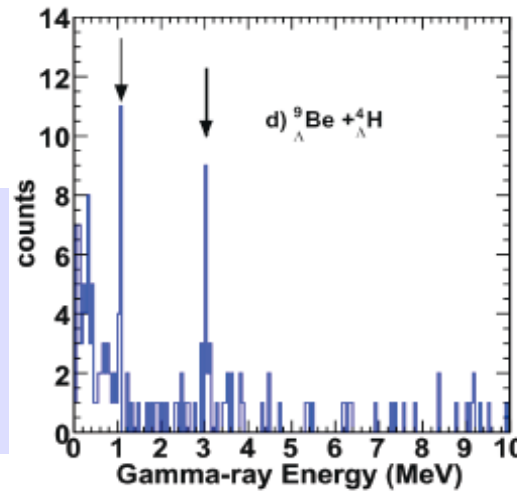
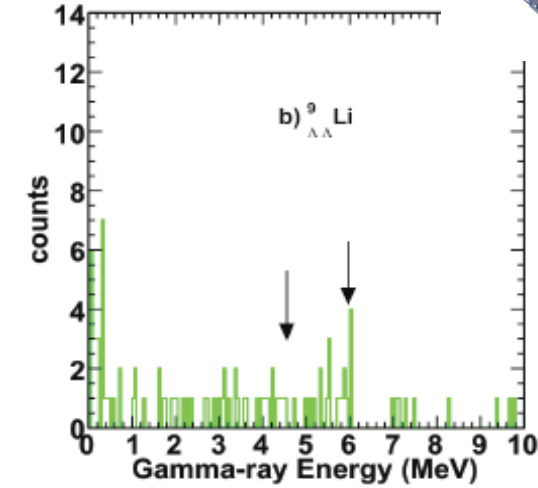
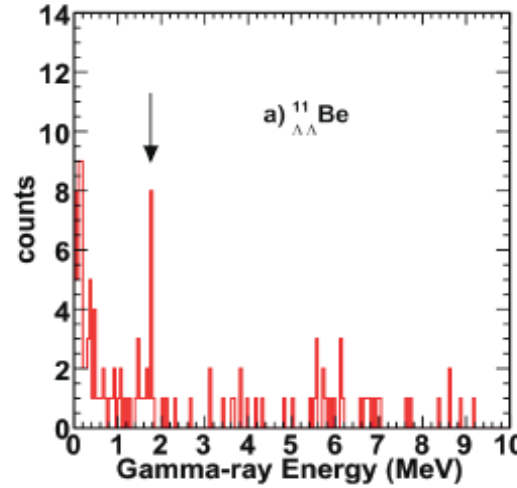
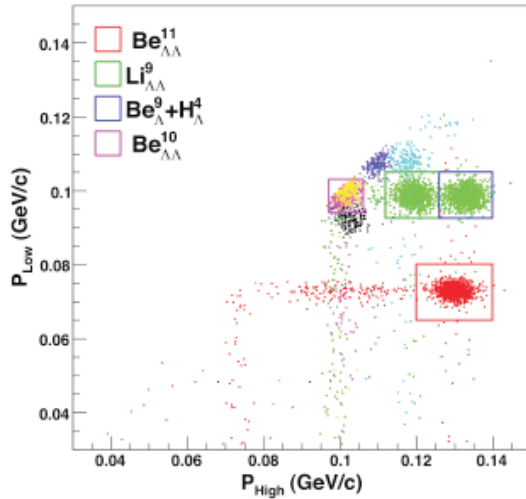
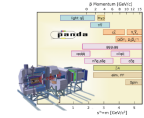
- High resolution  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy of double  $\Lambda\Lambda$  hypernuclei
- weak decays

## Ingredients

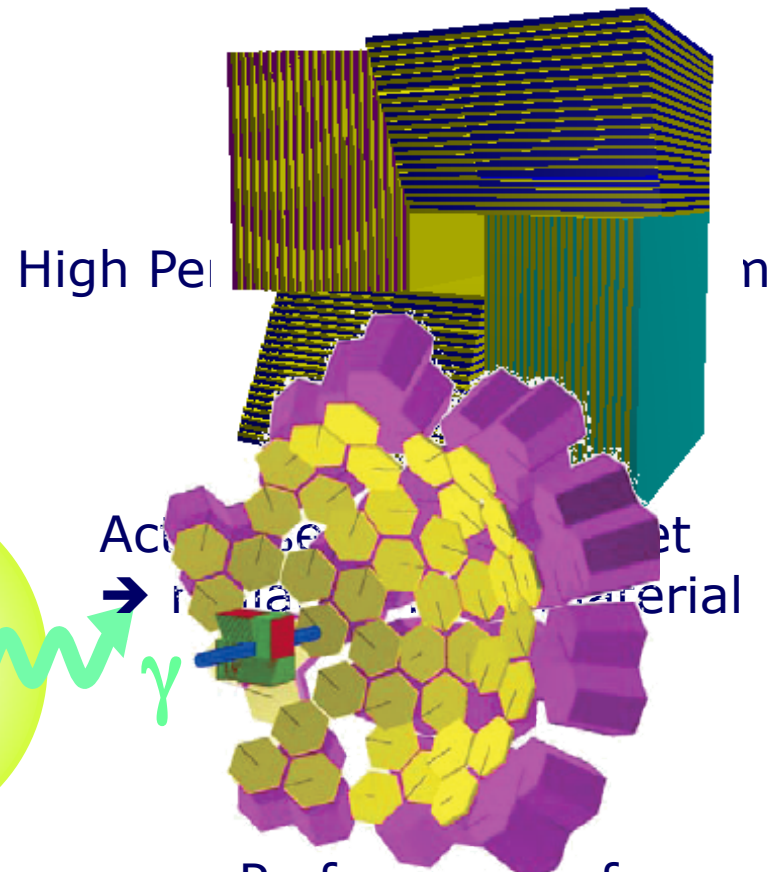
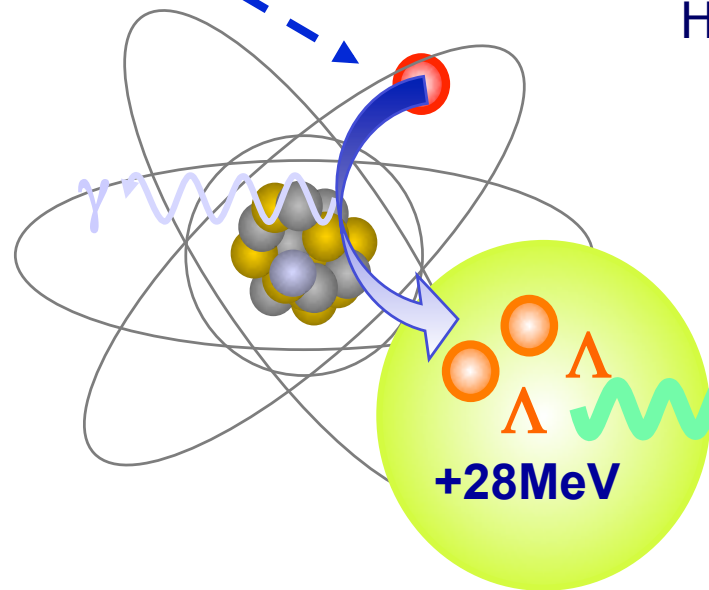
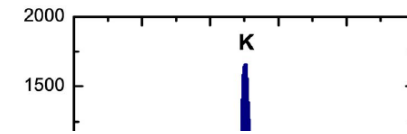
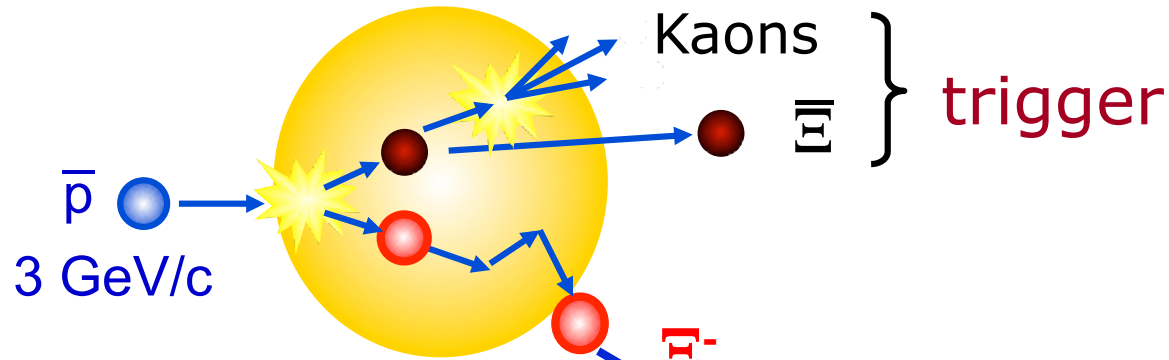
- luminosity  $L = 5 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- $E^+E^-$  cross section  $\sigma = 2 \text{ mb}$
- stopping and capture probability of  $\Xi^-$  (with momentum in: 100-500 MeV/c)  $p_{\text{CAP}} \approx 0.002$
- total captured  $\Xi^- \rightarrow 22000 / \text{day}$
- $\Xi^-$  to  $\Lambda\Lambda$ -nucleus conversion probability  $p_{\Lambda\Lambda} \approx 0.05 + 28 \text{ MeV}$
- total  $\Lambda\Lambda$  hyper nucleus production  $\rightarrow$  large probability  $\rightarrow 4500 / \text{month}$
- gamma sticks to same nucleus  $p_{\text{stick}} \approx 0.5$
- $\gamma$ -ray peak efficiency  $p_{\text{GE}} \approx 0.1$

- $\sim 7 / \text{day}$  "golden"  $\gamma$ -ray events via the decay products

high resolution  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy of double hypernuclei will be feasible



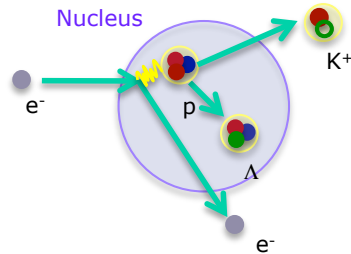
*The background of  $\Xi$  free decay and  $\Xi^+$  annihilation*  
**S/B  $\rightarrow$  3:1**



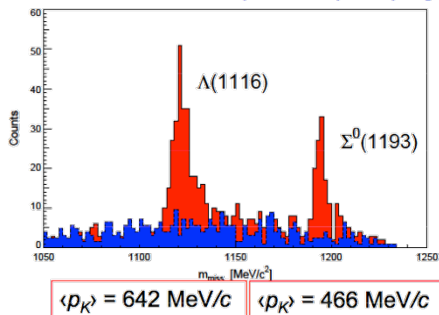


...meanwhile...

### Electroproduction



[Kaon at MAMI: preliminary analysis]



6			$^{12}\Lambda\text{C}$	$^{13}\Lambda\text{C}$	$^{14}\Lambda\text{C}$	$^{15}\Lambda\text{C}$	$^{16}\Lambda\text{C}$
5			$^9\Lambda\text{B}$	$^{10}\Lambda\text{B}$	$^{11}\Lambda\text{B}$	$^{12}\Lambda\text{B}$	$^1\Lambda$
4		$^7\Lambda\text{Be}$	$^8\Lambda\text{Be}$	$^9\Lambda\text{Be}$	$^{10}\Lambda\text{Be}$	$^{11}\Lambda\text{Be}$	$^{12}\Lambda$
3		$^6\Lambda\text{Li}$	$^7\Lambda\text{Li}$	$^8\Lambda\text{Li}$	$^9\Lambda\text{Li}$	$^{10}\Lambda\text{Li}$	$^1\Lambda$
2	$^4\Lambda\text{He}$	$^5\Lambda\text{He}$	$^6\Lambda\text{He}$	$^7\Lambda\text{He}$	$^8\Lambda\text{He}$	$^9\Lambda\text{He}$	
1	$^3\Lambda\text{H}$	$^4\Lambda\text{H}$	$^5\Lambda\text{H}$	$^6\Lambda\text{H}$	$^7\Lambda\text{H}$	$^8\Lambda\text{H}$	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	

### Main features

- Proton to  $\Lambda$  conversion  
→ *mirror and/or neutron-rich nuclei*
- Thin enriched target  
→ *access to new isotopes*
- Higher energy resolution than with meson beams  
→ *detailed information on hyp. structure*

### Pionic decay:



High resolution absolute mass (L. Tang, O. Hashimoto)

### Light Hypernuclei:

$n(2n)$ halos hpy – borromean  
Mirror nuclei and CSB

### $\Sigma$ hyperons:

Light hypernuclei  
Coulomb Assisted States?

# Some keywords to conclude with...

- ▶ Modern theoretical approaches offer the chance to extract Y-N and Y-Y interaction from hypernuclei
- ▶ Hypernuclei offer a wide range of unique opportunities to study strong QCD in a multi-body environment

observable	n-rich	stable	p-rich
groundstate mass, energy levels			
$\Lambda$ momentum distribution			
lifetime			
g-factors (M1, spinrotation)			
$\gamma$ -decays			
weak decays			
$\Lambda\Lambda$ -nuclei			
K-nuclei			
antibaryon-nuclei			

- ▶ Worldwide, several new activities will help to overcome present limitation
- ▶  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy is among the key words