

# New Approaches to Light Hypernuclei with Heavy Ion Beams, Image Analyses and Machine Learning

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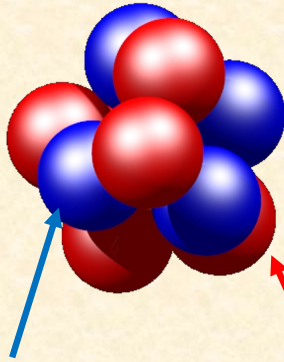
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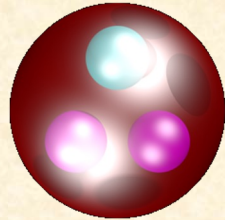
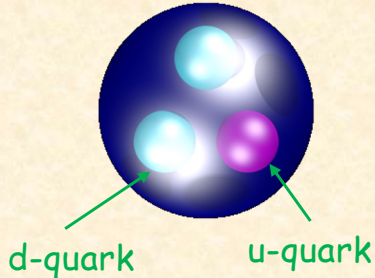
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Sub-atomic nucleus



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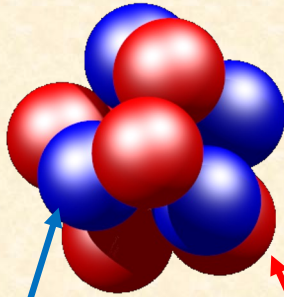


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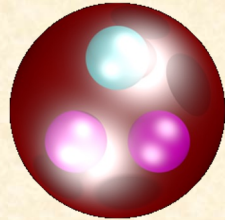
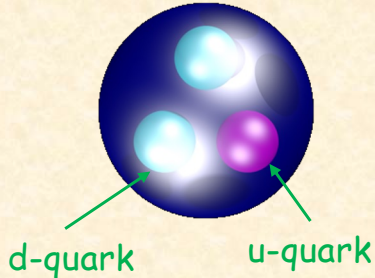
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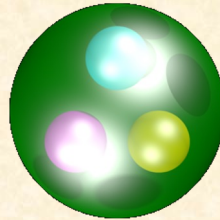


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hyperon ( $\Lambda$ )



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## INSIDE A NEUTRON STAR

A NASA mission will use X-ray spectroscopy to gather clues about the interior of neutron stars — the Universe's densest forms of matter.

### Outer crust

Atomic nuclei, free electrons

### Inner crust

Heavier atomic nuclei, free neutrons and electrons

### Outer core

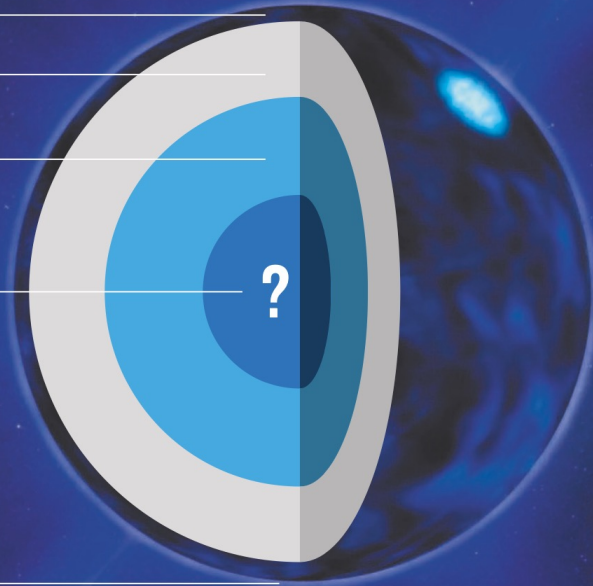
Quantum liquid where neutrons, protons and electrons exist in a soup

### Inner core

Unknown ultra-dense matter. Neutrons and protons may remain as particles, break down into their constituent quarks, or even become 'hyperons'.

### Atmosphere

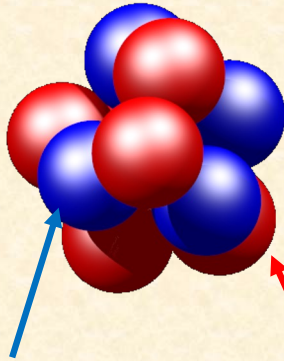
Hydrogen, helium, carbon



Beam of X-rays coming from the neutron star's poles, which sweeps around as the star rotates.

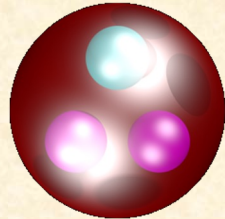
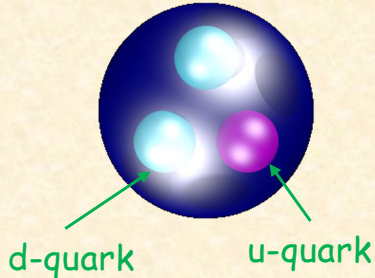
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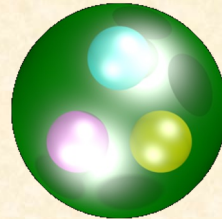


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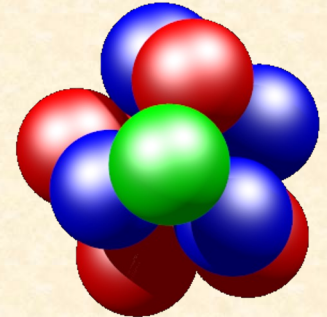
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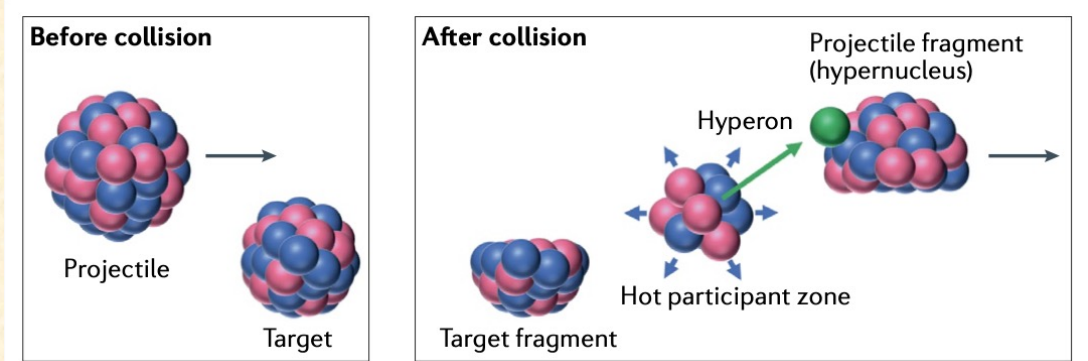
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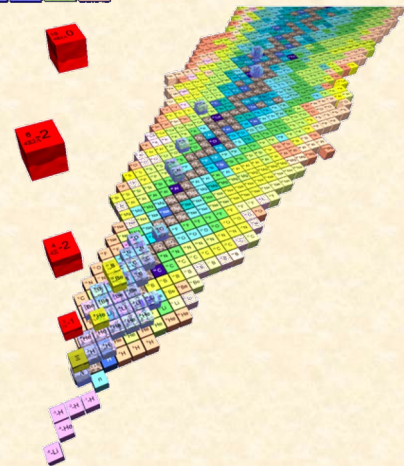
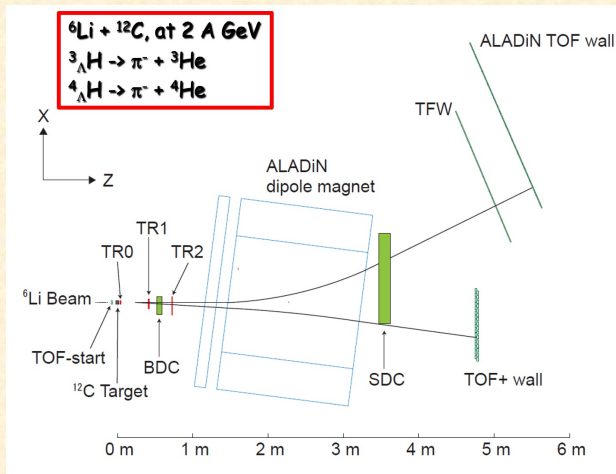
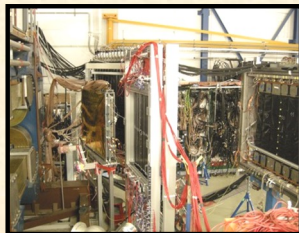
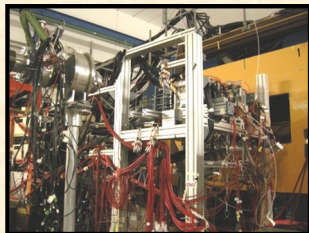
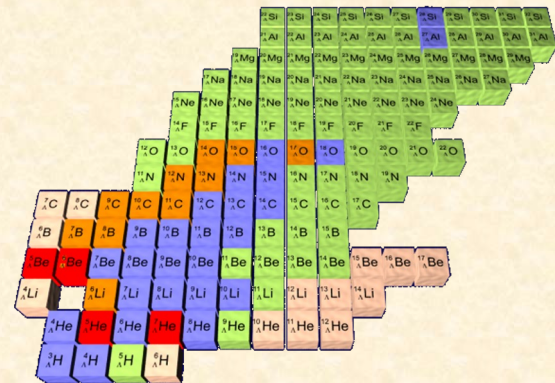


Micro-laboratory to study baryonic-interactions

# The HypHI Phase 0 at GSI (2006-2012)



TRS et al., Nature Reviews Physics 3, 803-813 (2021)



# Two outcomes (mysteries) by HypHI

## Signals indicating $nn\Lambda$ bound state

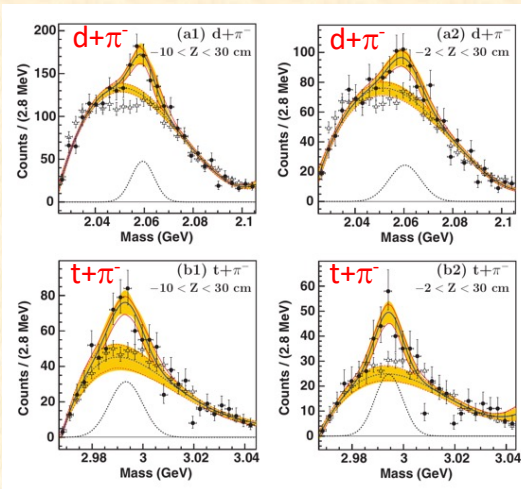
All theoretical calculations are negative

- E. Hiyama et al., Phys. Rev. C89 (2014) 061302(R)
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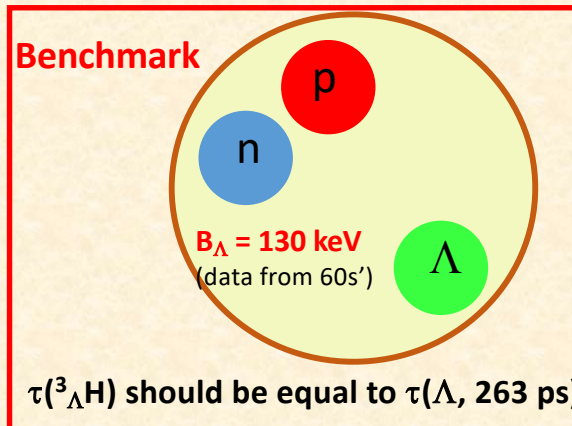
and much more publication

**Short lifetime of  ${}^3\Lambda\text{H}$**  C. Rappold et al., Nucl. Phys. A 913 (2013) 170

- HypHI Phase 0:  $183^{+42}_{-32}$  ps



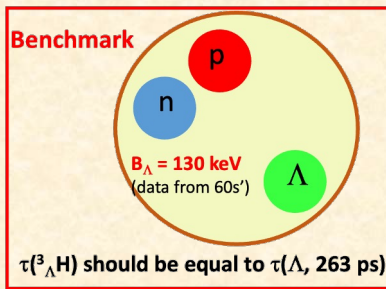
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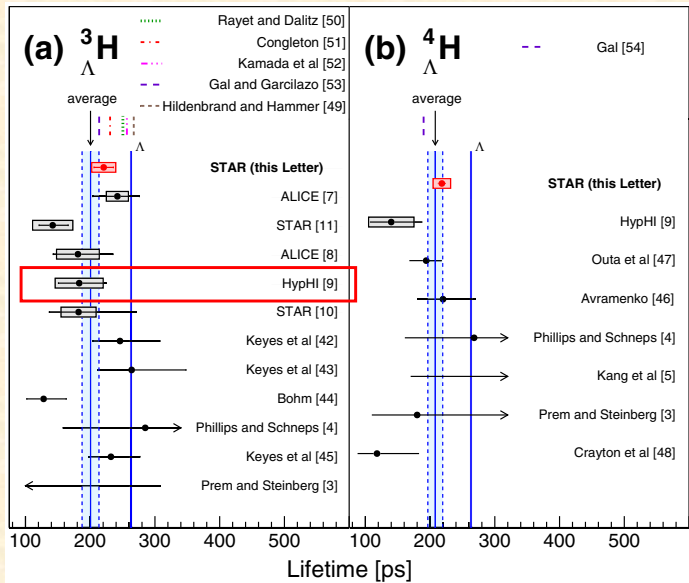
Stimulated other **big** experiments

# The world situation of three-body hypernuclei

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STAR Collaboration, PRL **128** (2022) 202301

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## STAR (2020)

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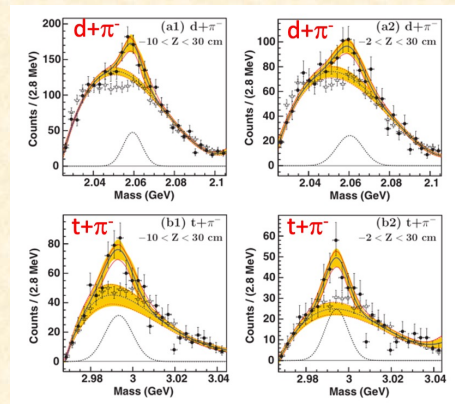
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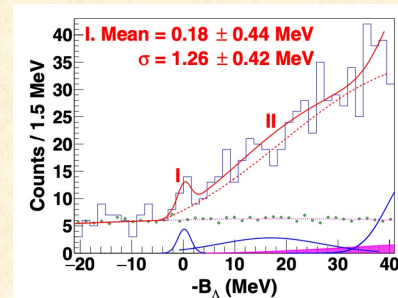


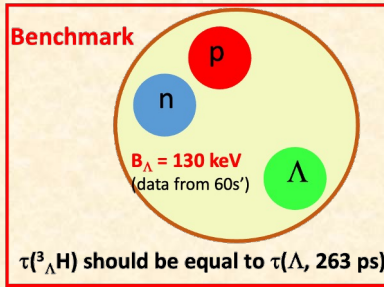
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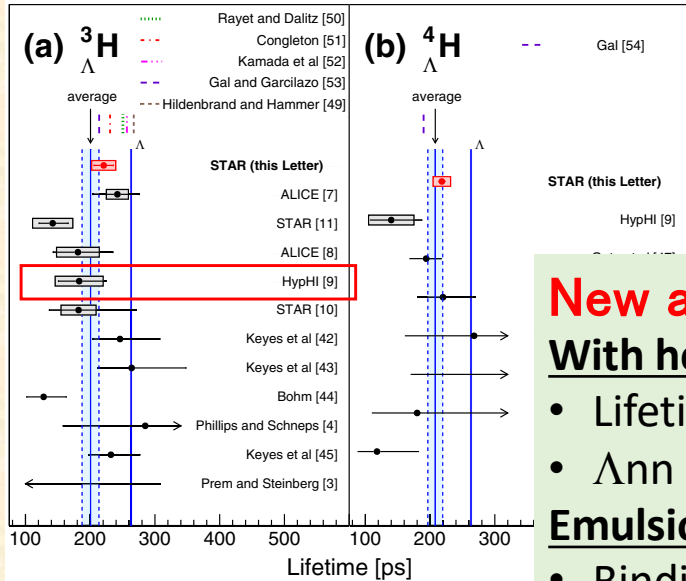


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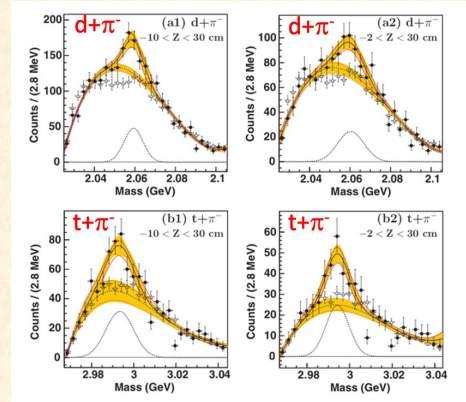
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**New approaches with new developments**  
**With heavy ion beams:**

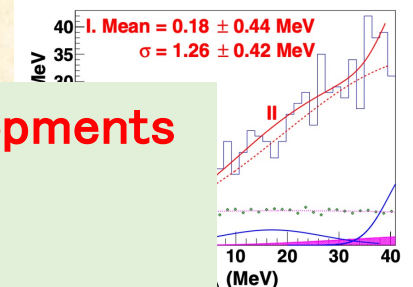
- Lifetime
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### Emulsion + Machine Learning

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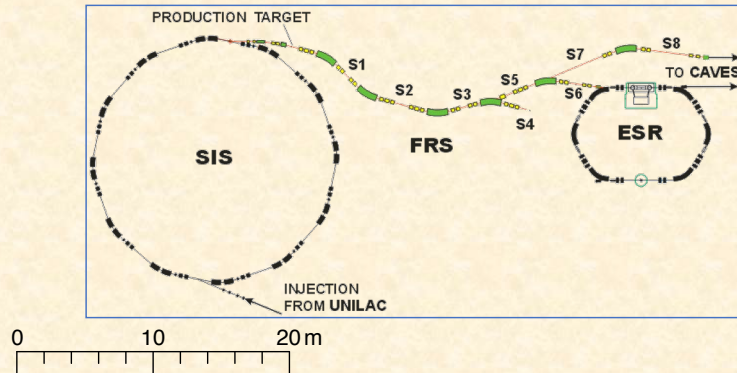
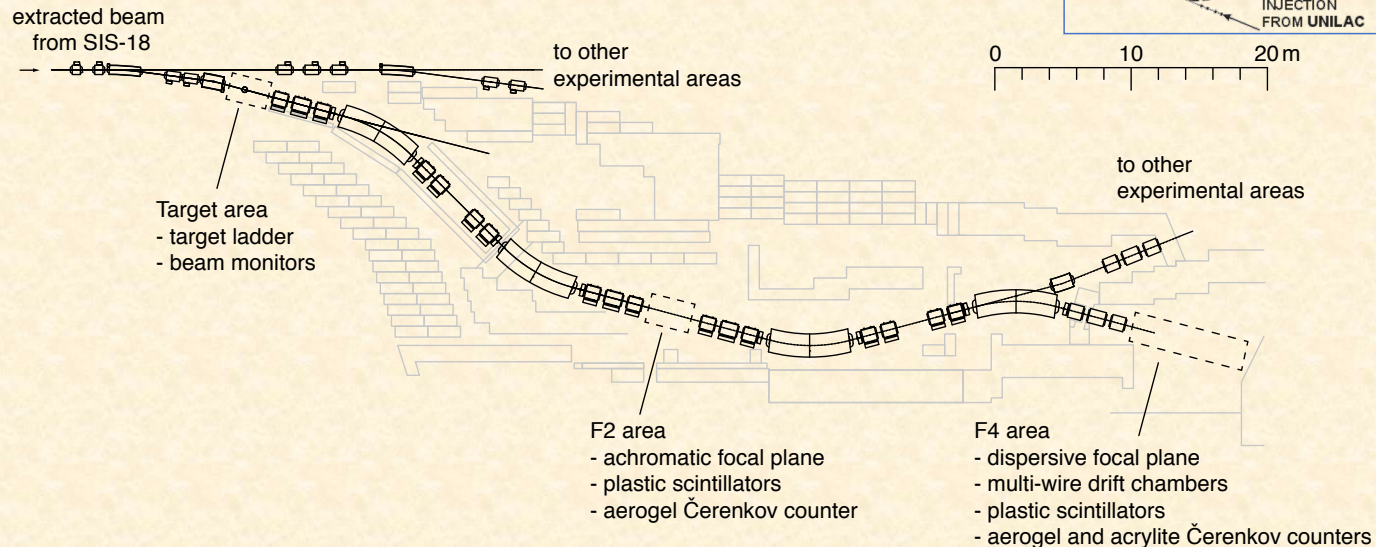
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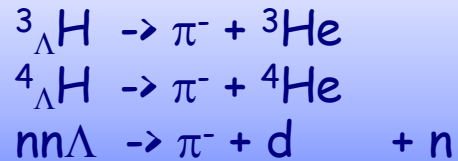
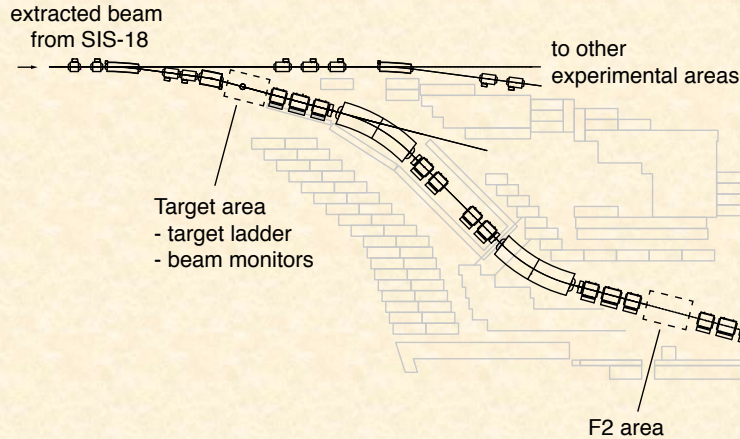
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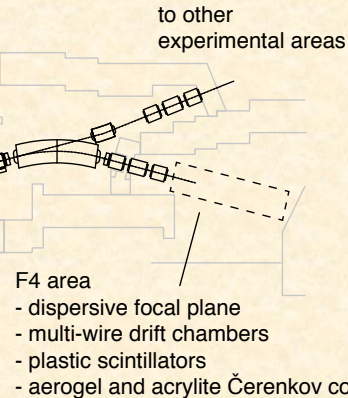
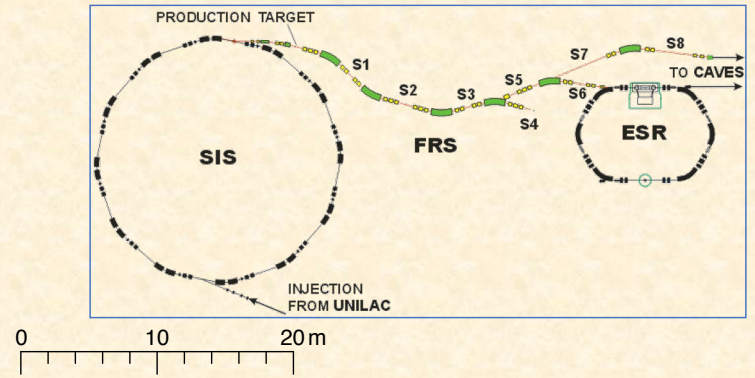
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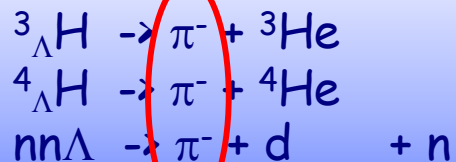
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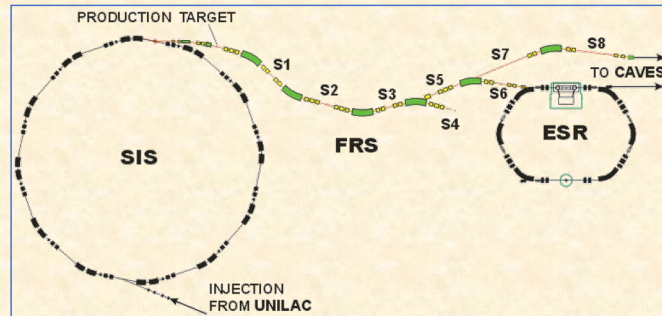
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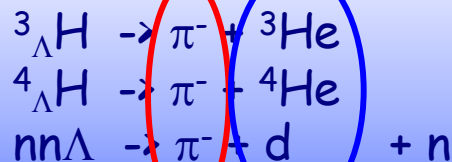
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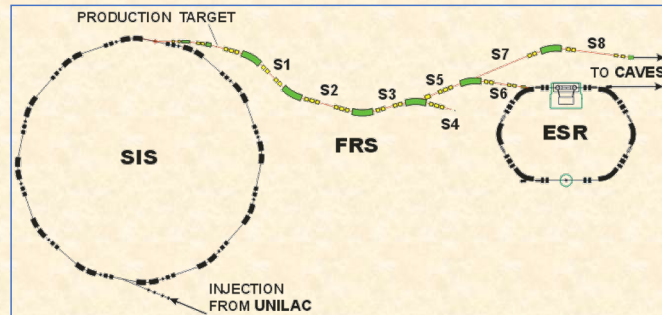
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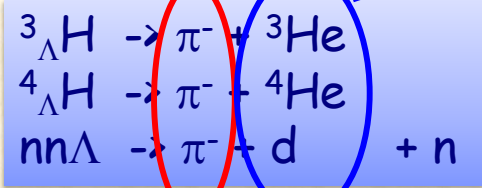
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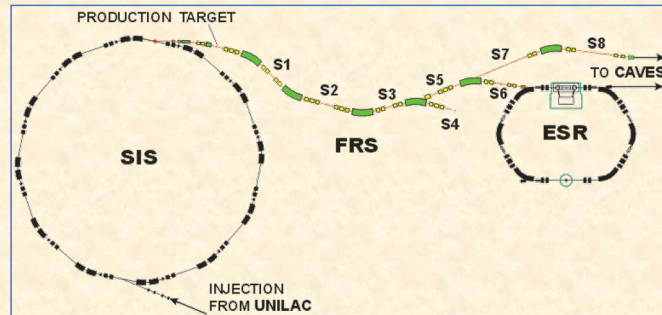
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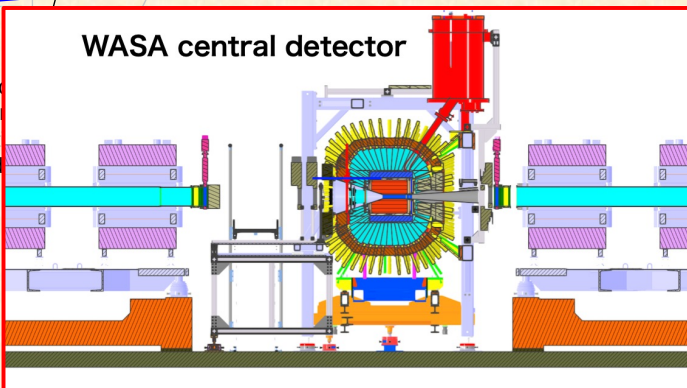


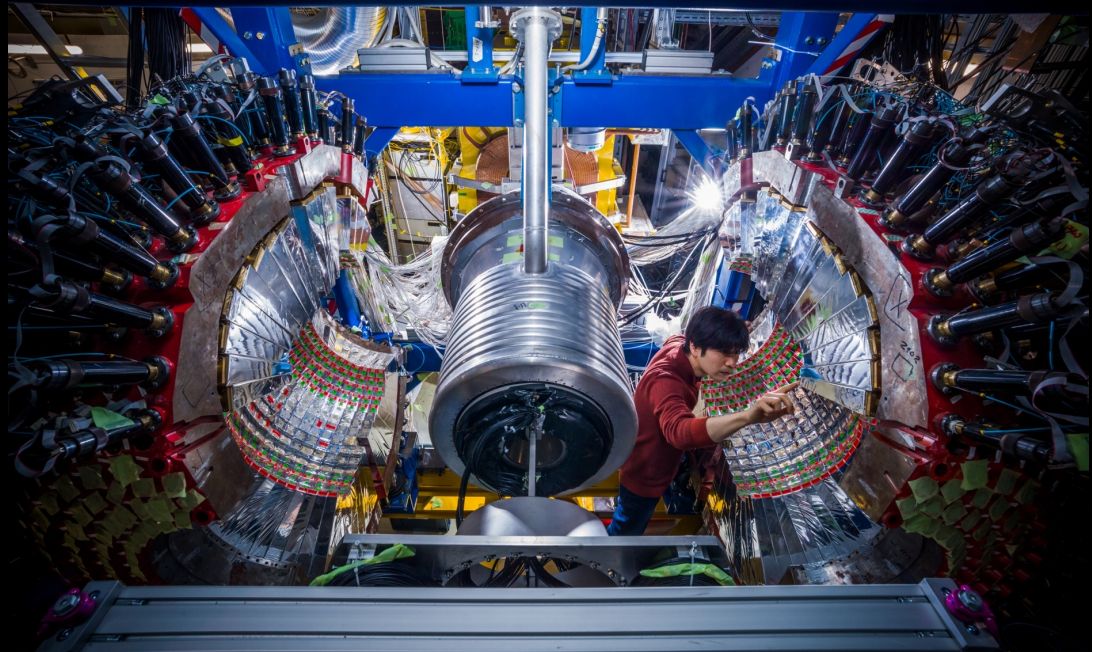
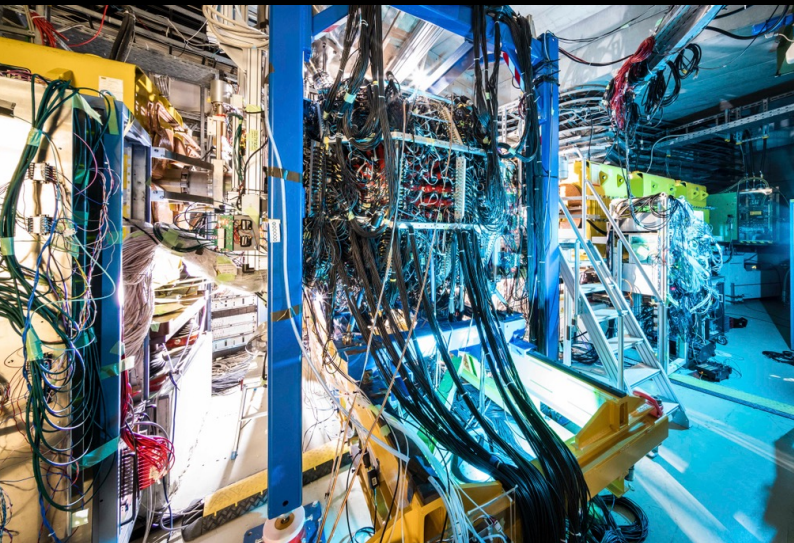
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Preparation at GSI started in March 2019  
Experiment conducted in January-March 2022

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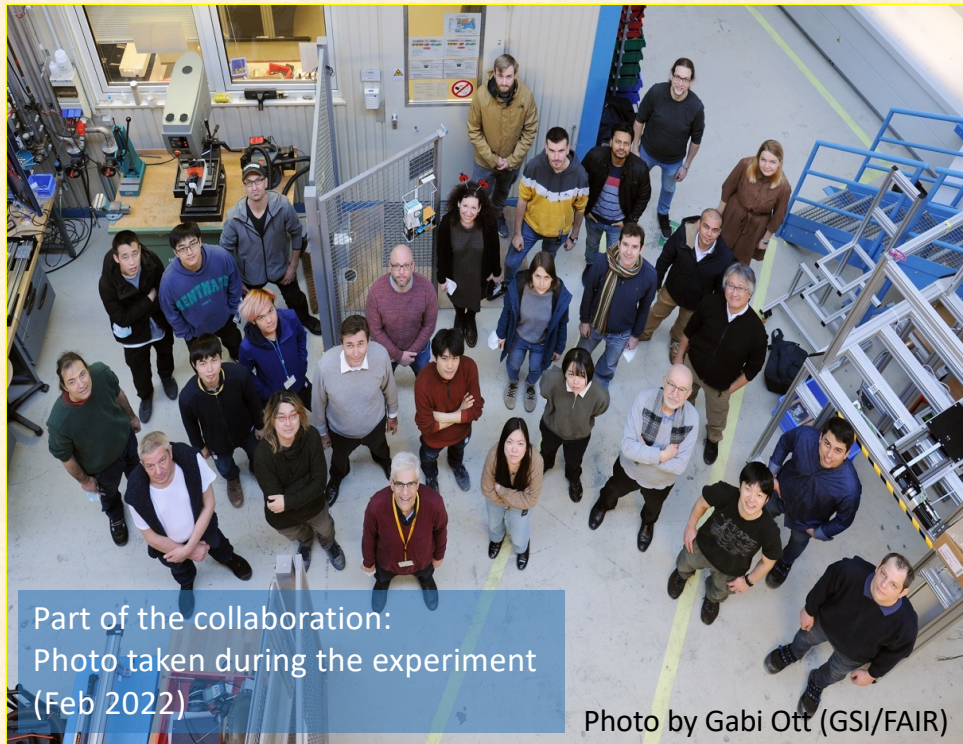
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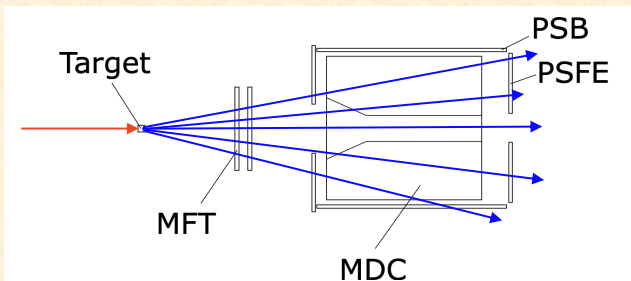
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**Collaboration of  
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# Graph Neural Network (GNN) for WASA

## Track Finding

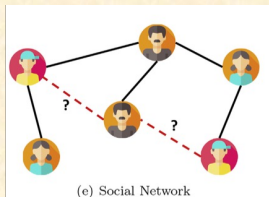
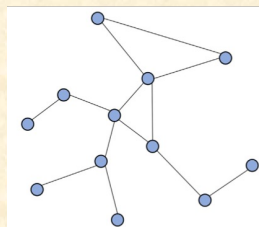


- Multi particles in HI reaction
- Combinatorial background

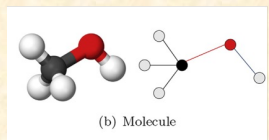


Track Finding with  
Graph Neural Network  
(GNN)

## Graph



(e) Social Network



(b) Molecule

- Node : Data point
- Edge : Connection

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## Development of machine learning analyses with graph neural network for the WASA-FRS experiment

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**Abstract** The WASA-FRS experiment aims to reveal the nature of light  $A$  hypernuclei with heavy-ion beams. The lifetimes of hypernuclei are measured precisely from their decay lengths and kinematics. To reconstruct a  $\pi^-$  track emitted from hypernuclear decay, track finding is an important issue. In this study, a machine learning analysis method with a graph neural network (GNN), which is a powerful tool for deducing the connection between data nodes, was developed to obtain track associations from numerous combinations of hit information provided in detectors based on a Monte Carlo simulation. An efficiency of 98% was achieved for tracking  $\pi^-$  mesons using the developed GNN model. The GNN model can also estimate the charge and momentum of the particles of interest. More than 99.9% of the negative charged particles were correctly identified with a momentum accuracy of 6.3%.

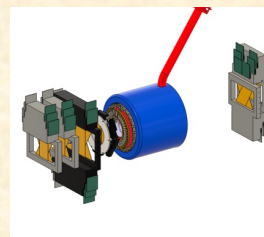
stand for the middle- and long-range interactions based on a variety of nuclear experiments. To reveal the unknown features of the nuclear force, such as short-range interaction, considering a more detailed structure inside the baryons is essential. All baryons consist of three quarks, and nucleons such as neutrons and protons consist of up and down quarks. By introducing other types of quarks into ordinary nuclear systems, one can study the nuclear force in a more general picture. In particular, because the mass of the strange quark is close to that of the up and down quarks, interactions among these three quarks are described under flavoured-SU(3) symmetry. Therefore, a hyperon, which is a type of baryon that contains strange quark(s), plays an important role in investigating baryon–baryon interactions. As the lifetime of hyperon is short ( $\sim 10^{-10}$  s), using them as projectiles or targets is difficult. Therefore, hyperon–nucleon interactions have been studied via hypernuclei, which contain at least

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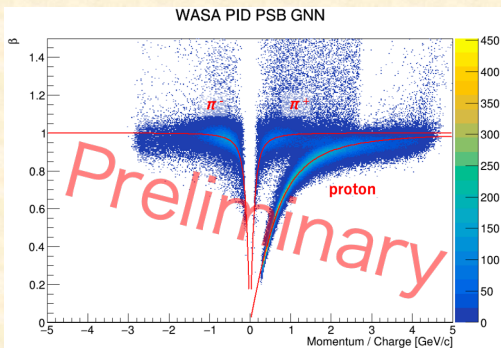
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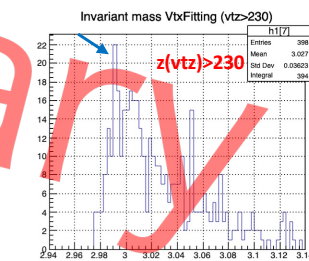
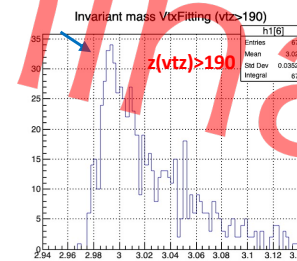
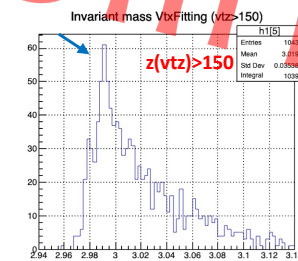
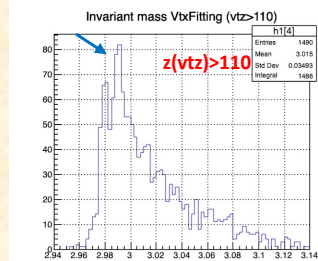
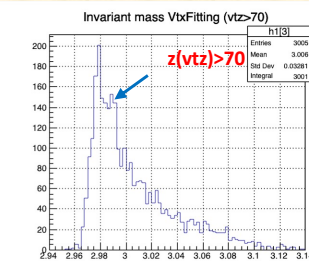
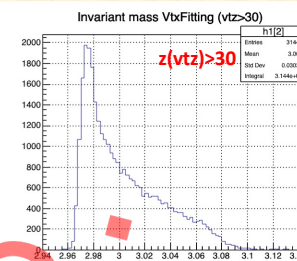
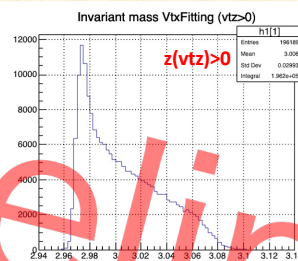
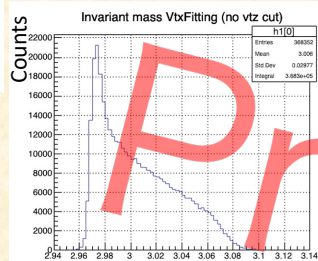
Only **partial data** with

- T0
- Fiber detectors
- MDC
- PSB
- FRS



- With vertex fitting,  $\chi^2 < 20$
- Beam tracking with the T0 hodoscope and two fiber stations

- GNN node clustering score  $> 0.995$
- MDC hit mul.  $\geq 6$



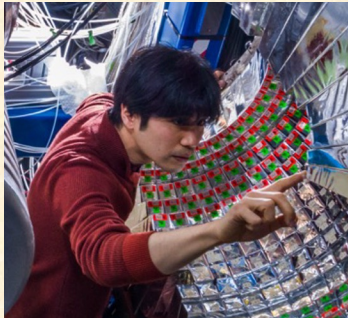
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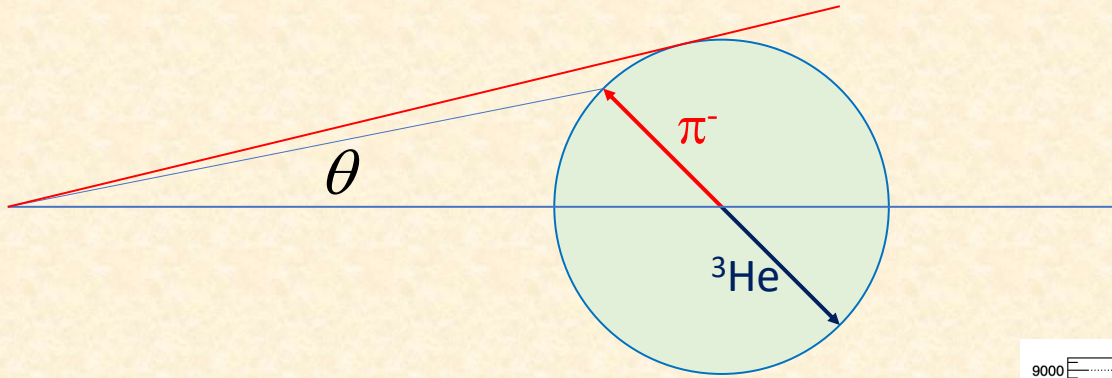
# Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Hans Geissel and the FRS

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1953 – April 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 (age of 73)

- **The father of the FRS**
- Played a pioneering role for the science programs at GSI
- **Fostered many young people**  
Including Yoshiki Tanaka

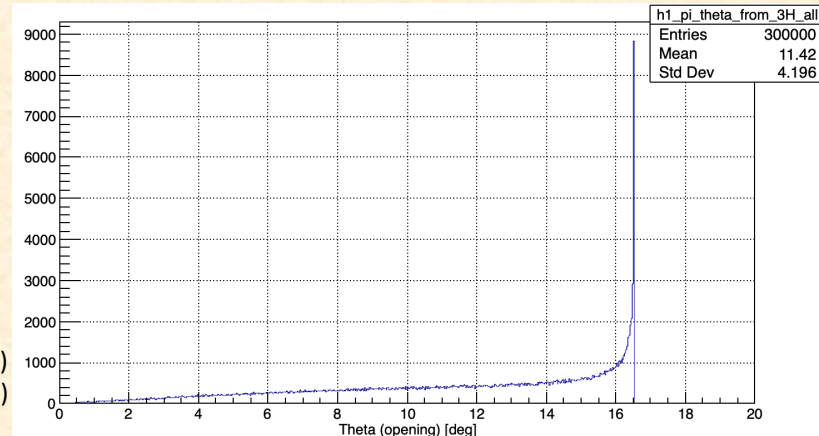


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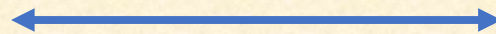
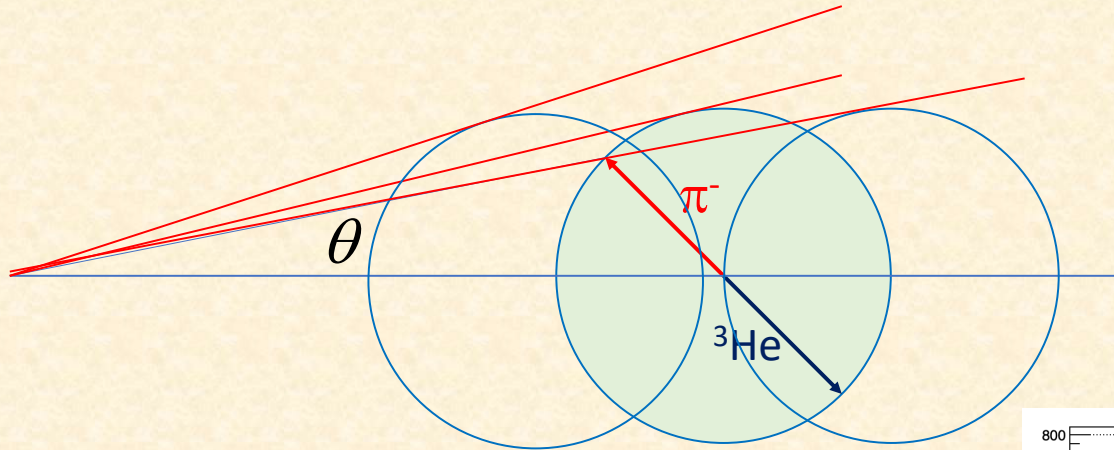


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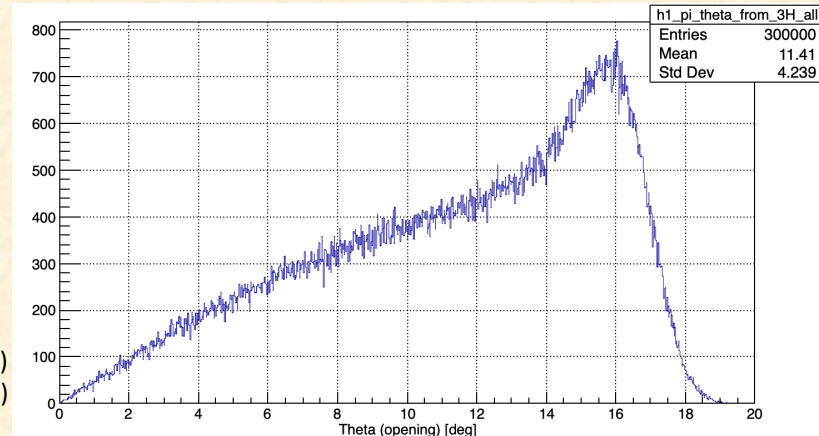
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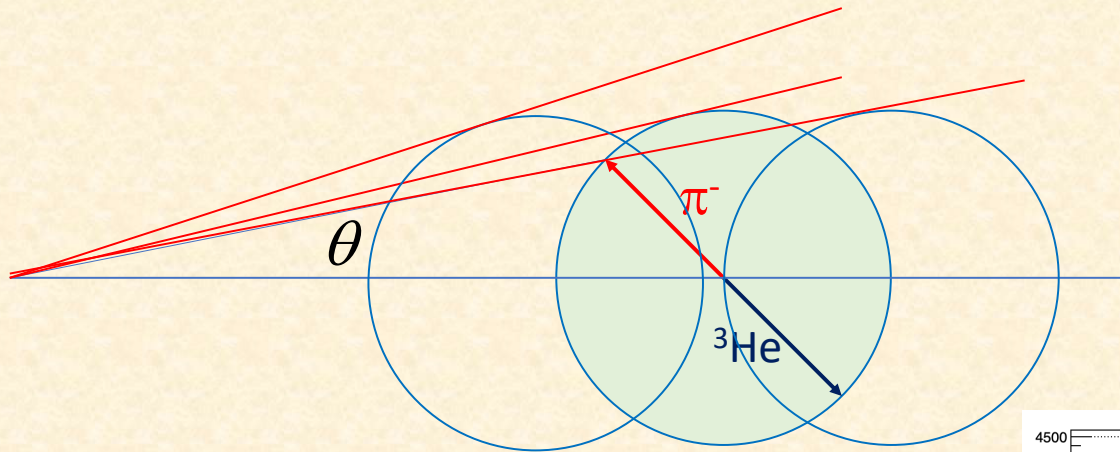
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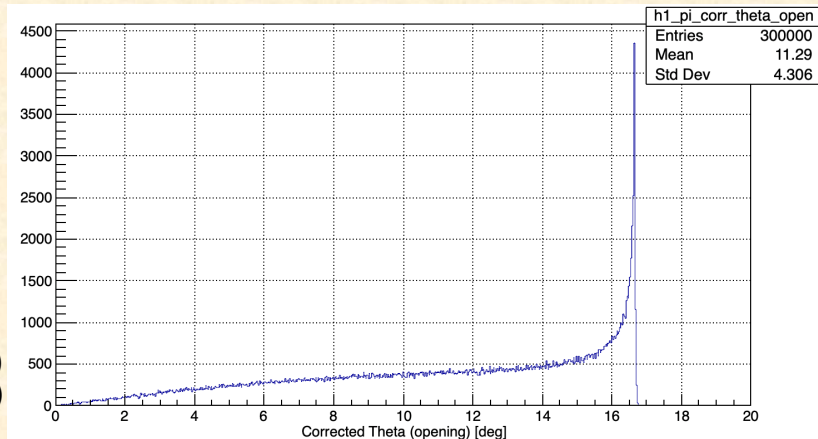
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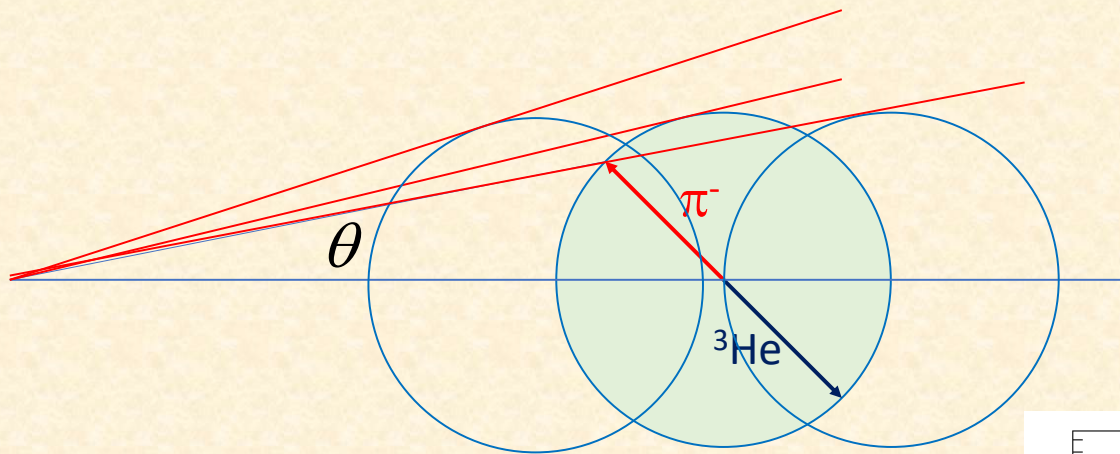
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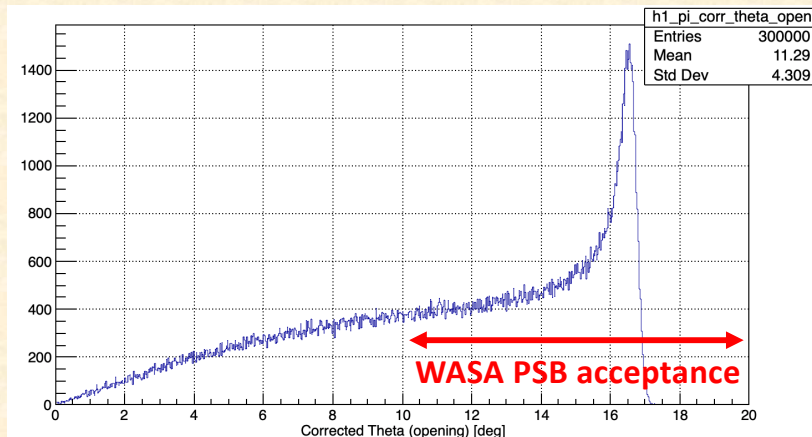
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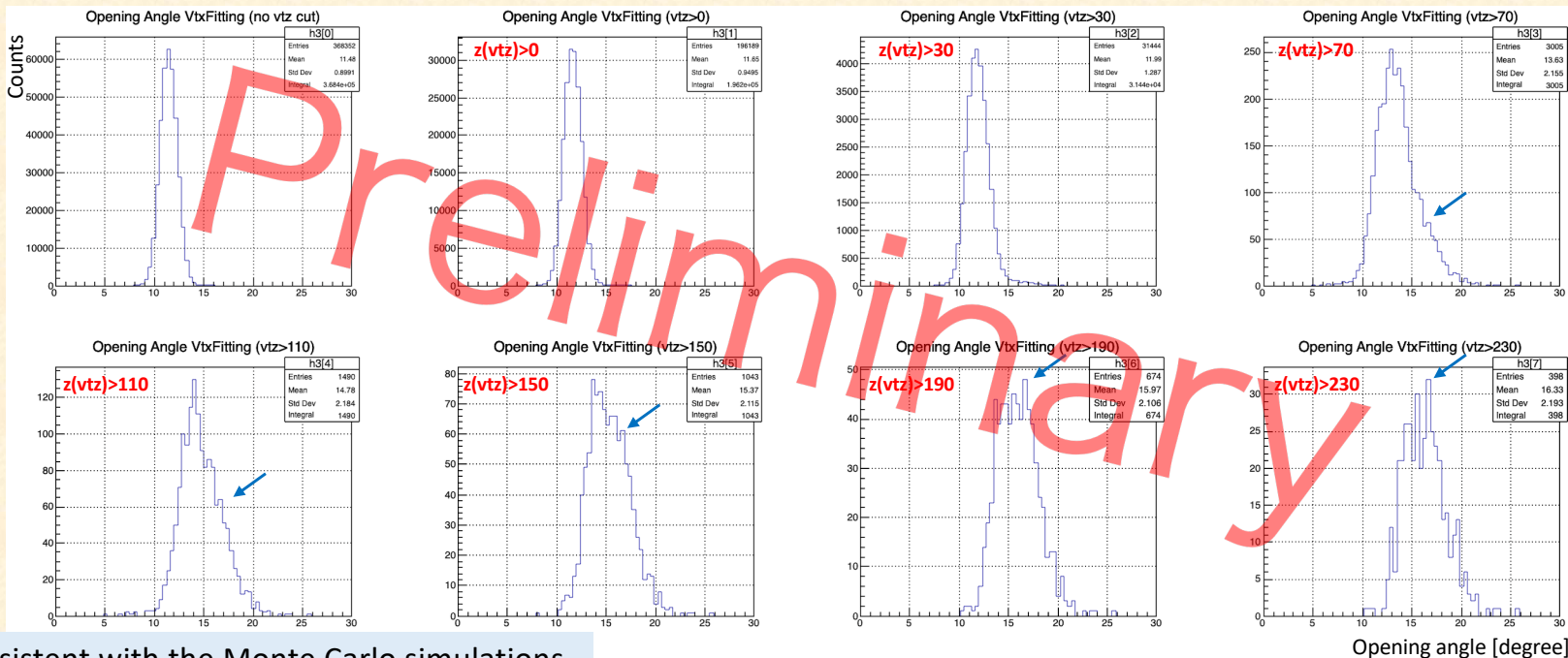
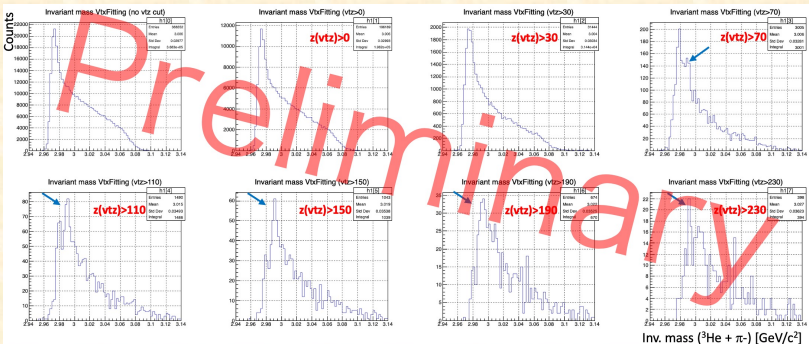
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$$\text{Angular res. (WASA)} = 3 \text{ m rad}$$



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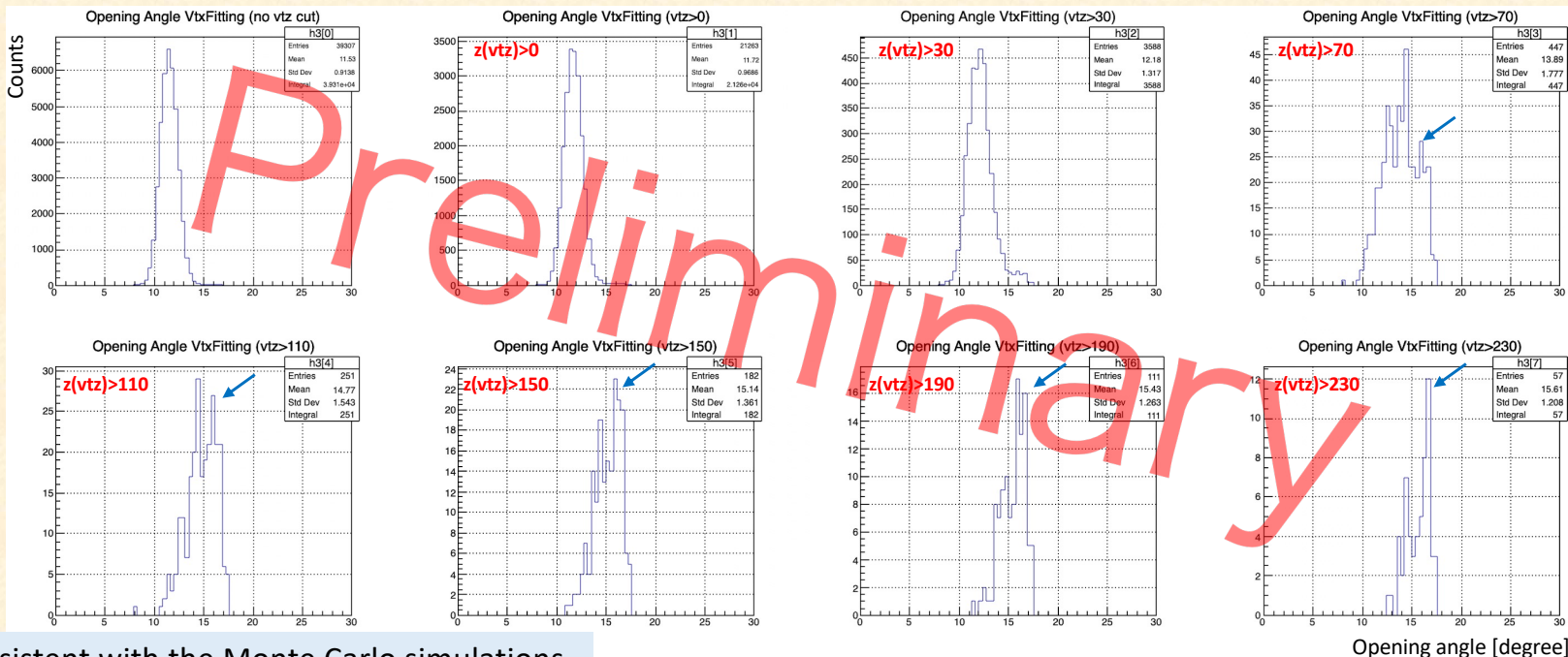
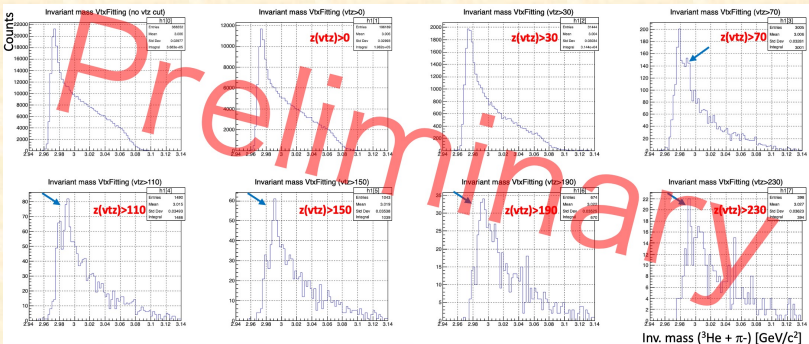
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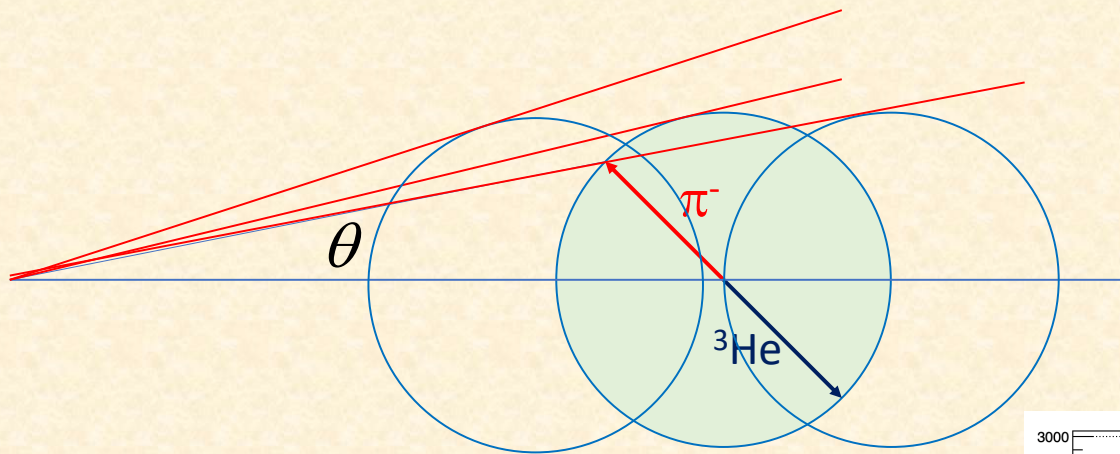
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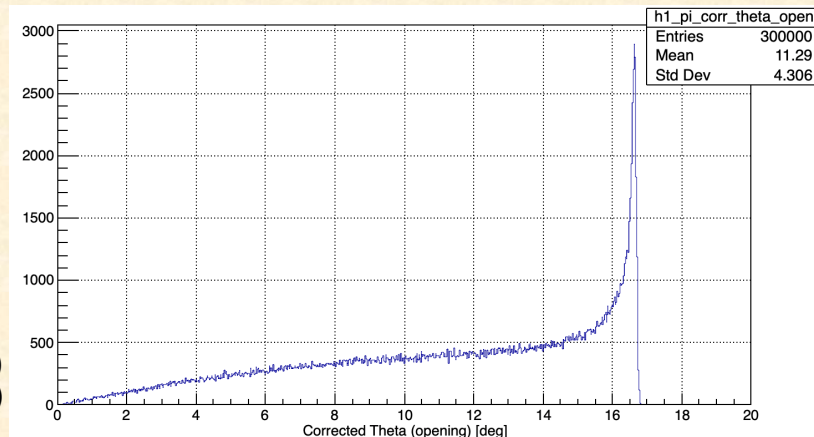
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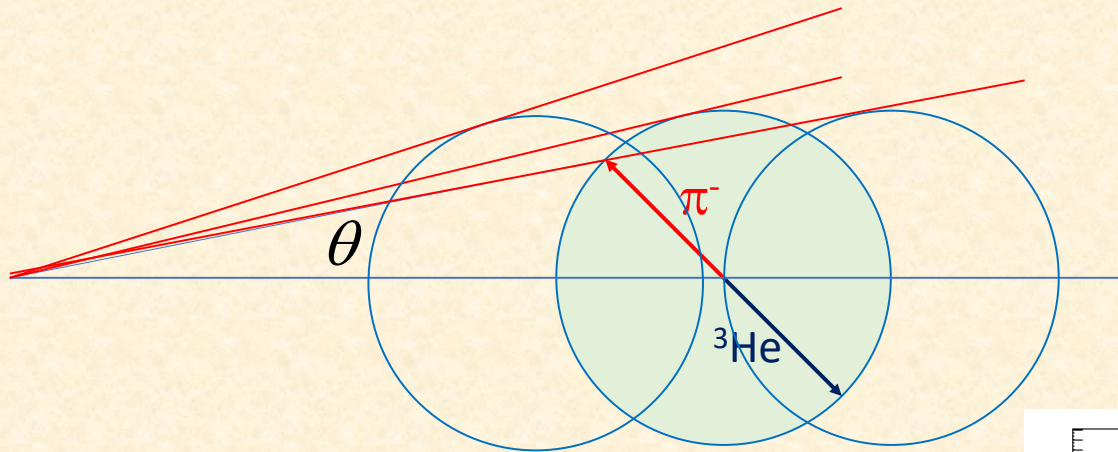
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Angular res. = 0.7 m rad

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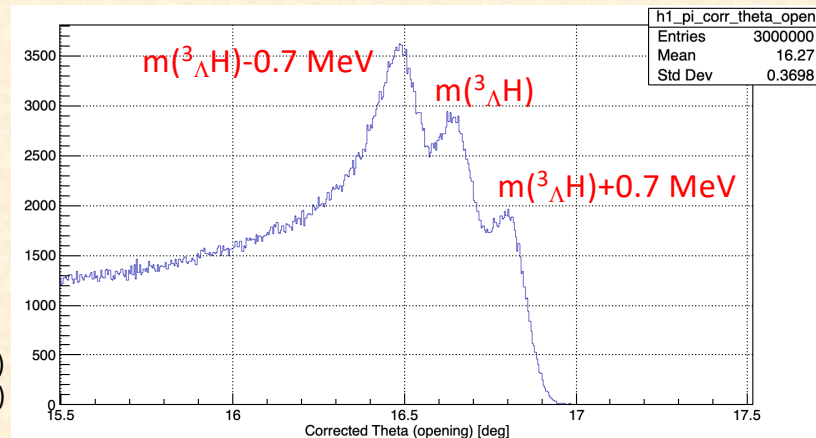
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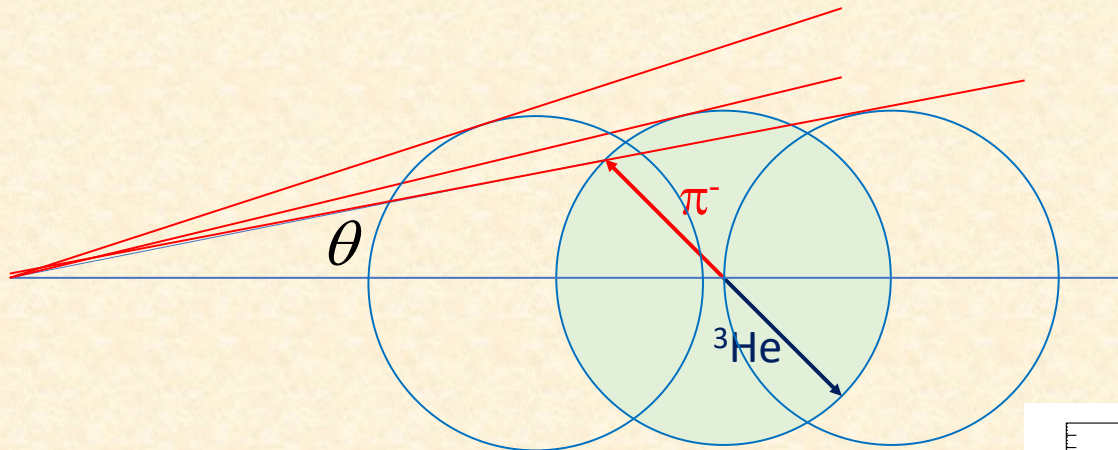
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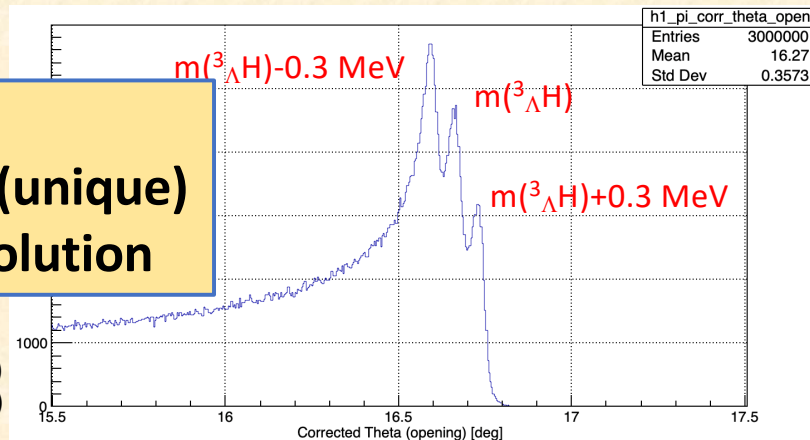
Future possibility at R3B/FAIR

For the precise mass measurements

- Excellent FRS resolution is mandatory (unique)
- Not depending on the momentum resolution

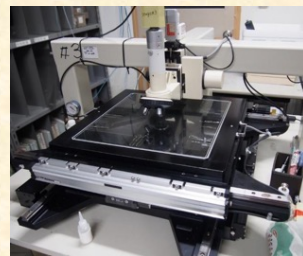
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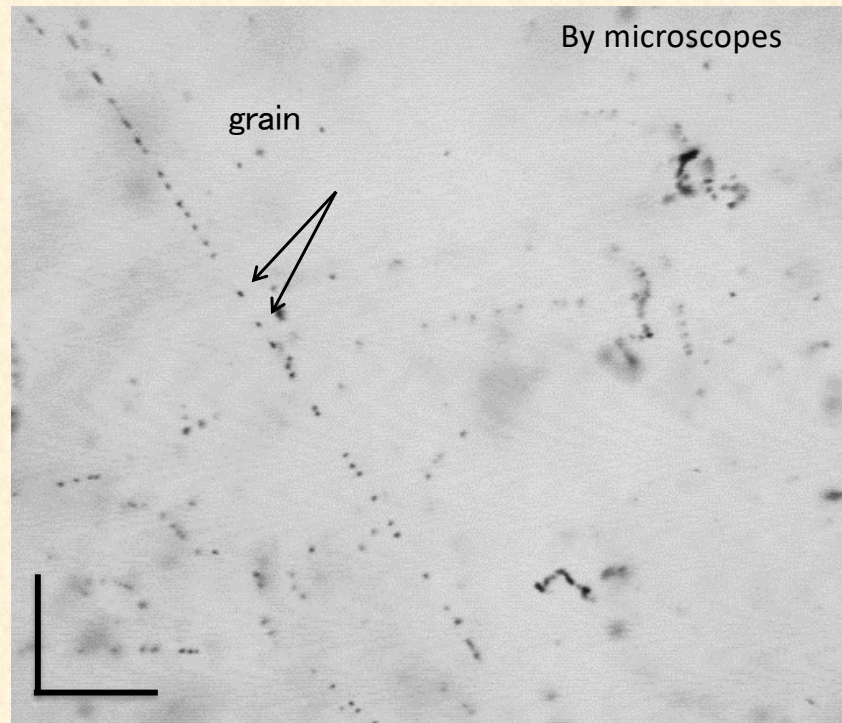
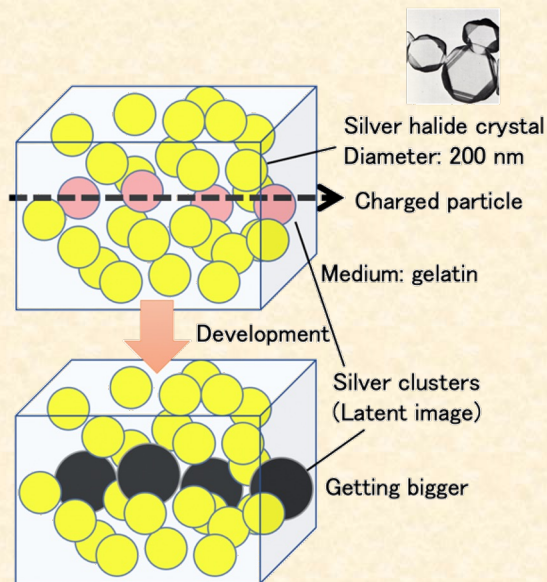
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with image analyses  
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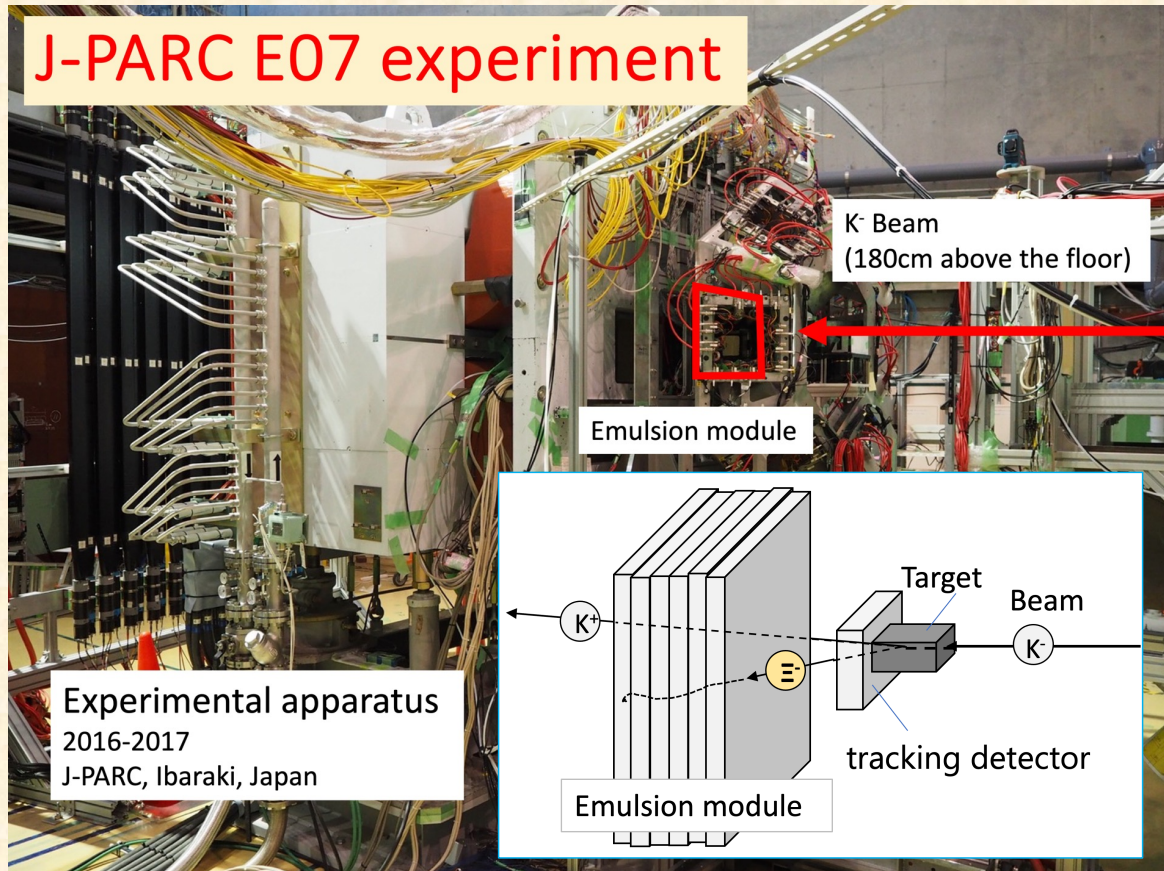
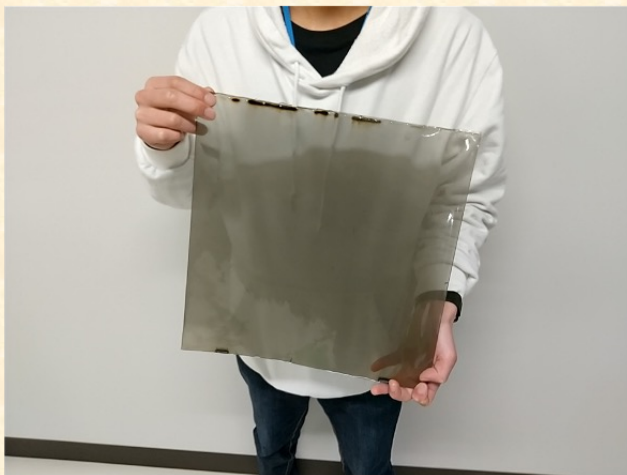


# Nuclear Emulsion:

Charged particle tracker with  
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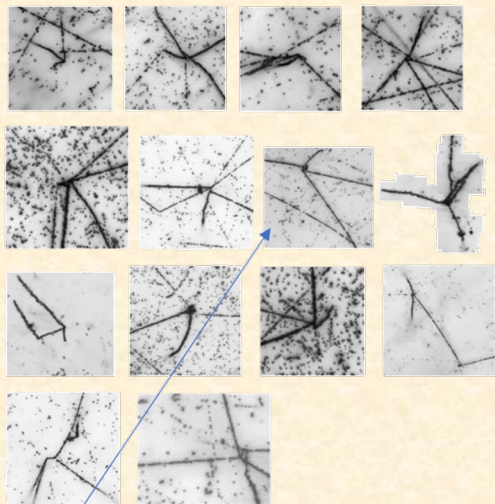


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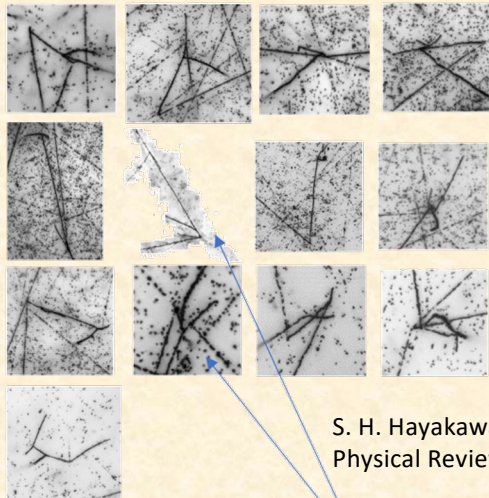
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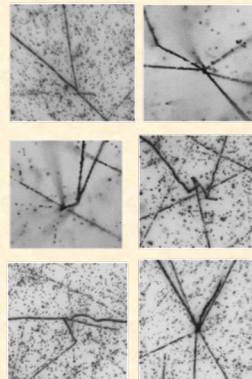
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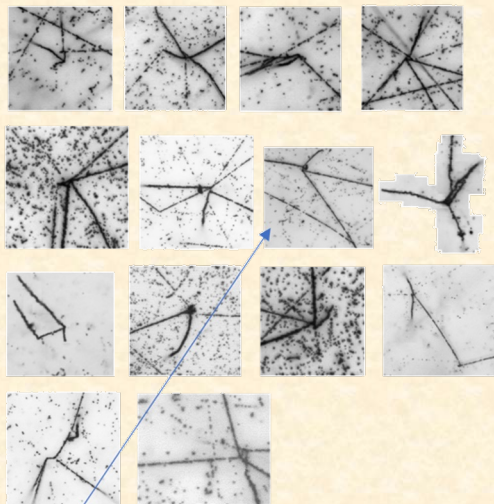
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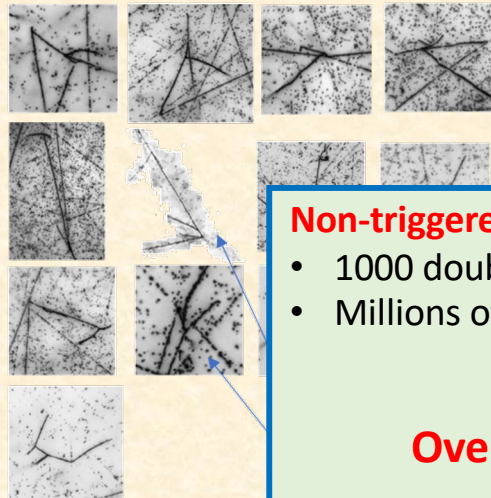
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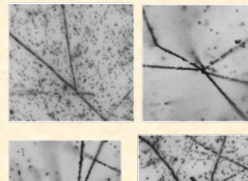
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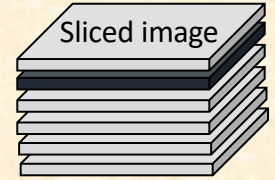
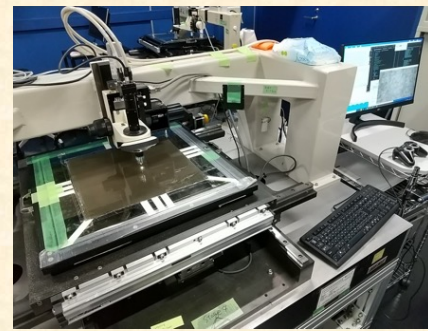
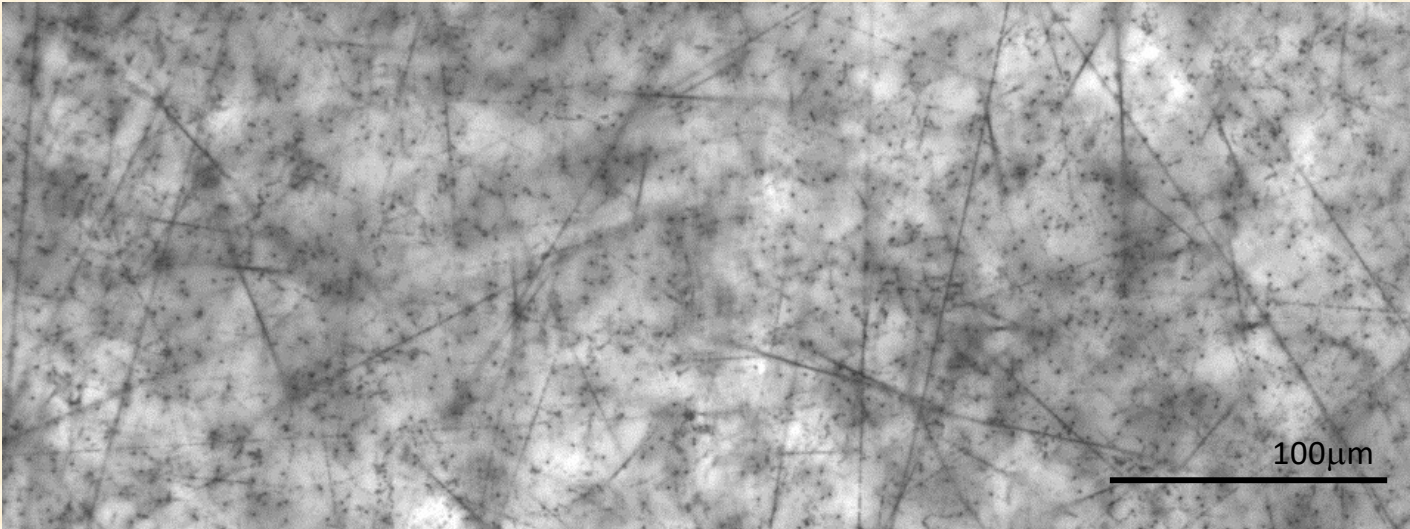
**Non-triggered events recorded in 1300 emulsions sheets**

- 1000 double-strangeness ( $\Lambda\Lambda$ - and  $\Xi$ -) hypernuclear events
- Millions of single-strangeness hypernuclear events

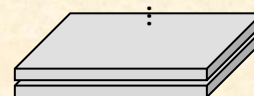
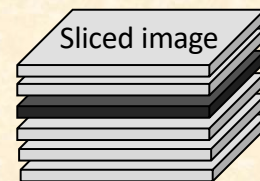
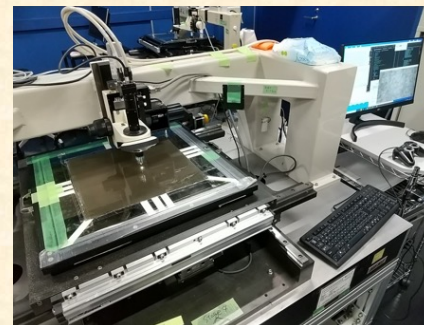
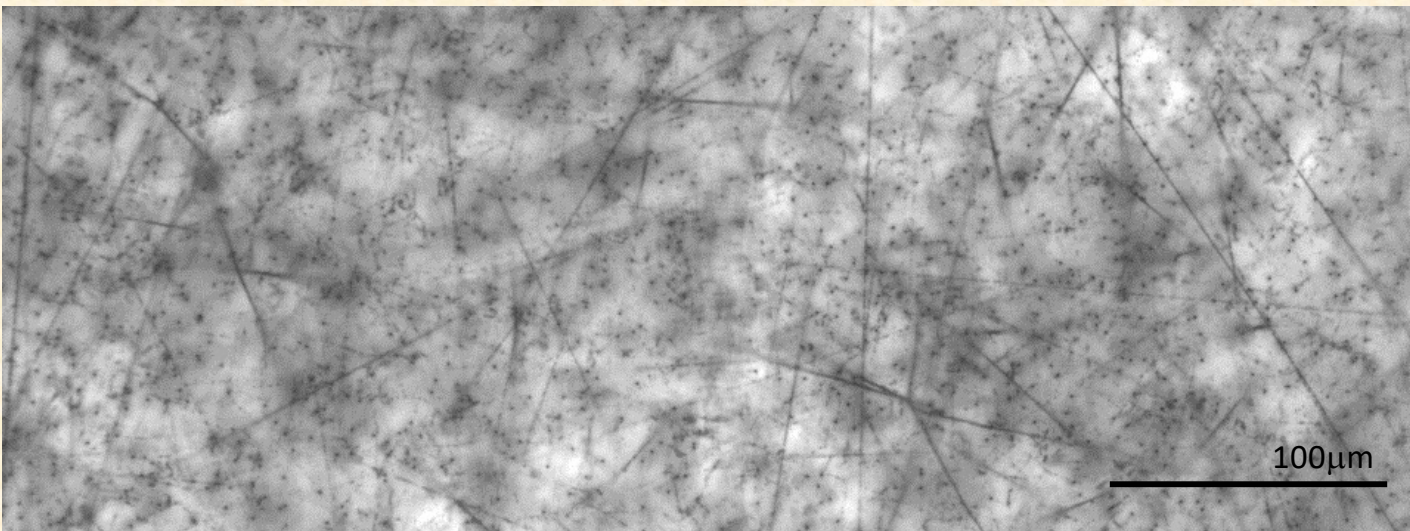


**Overall scanning of all emulsion sheets  
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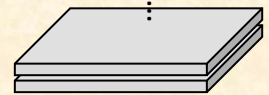
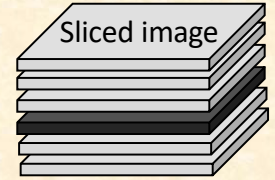
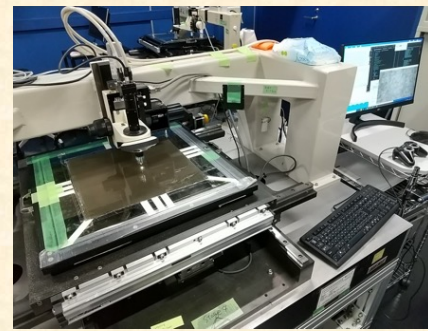
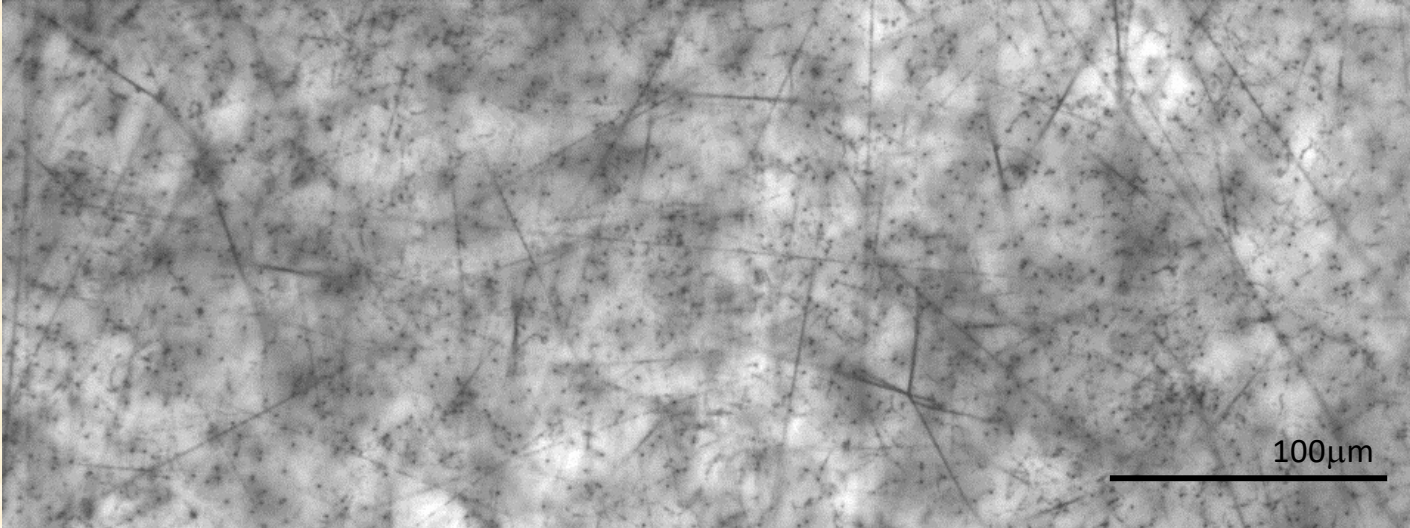
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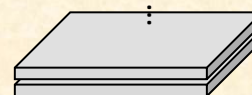
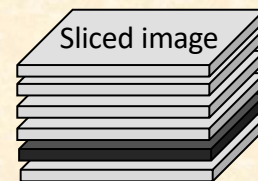
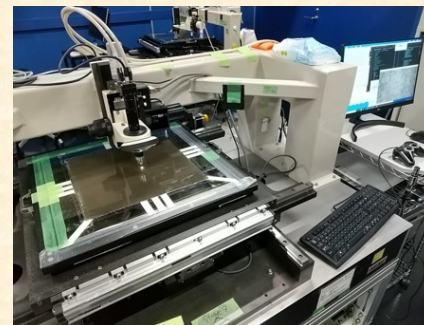
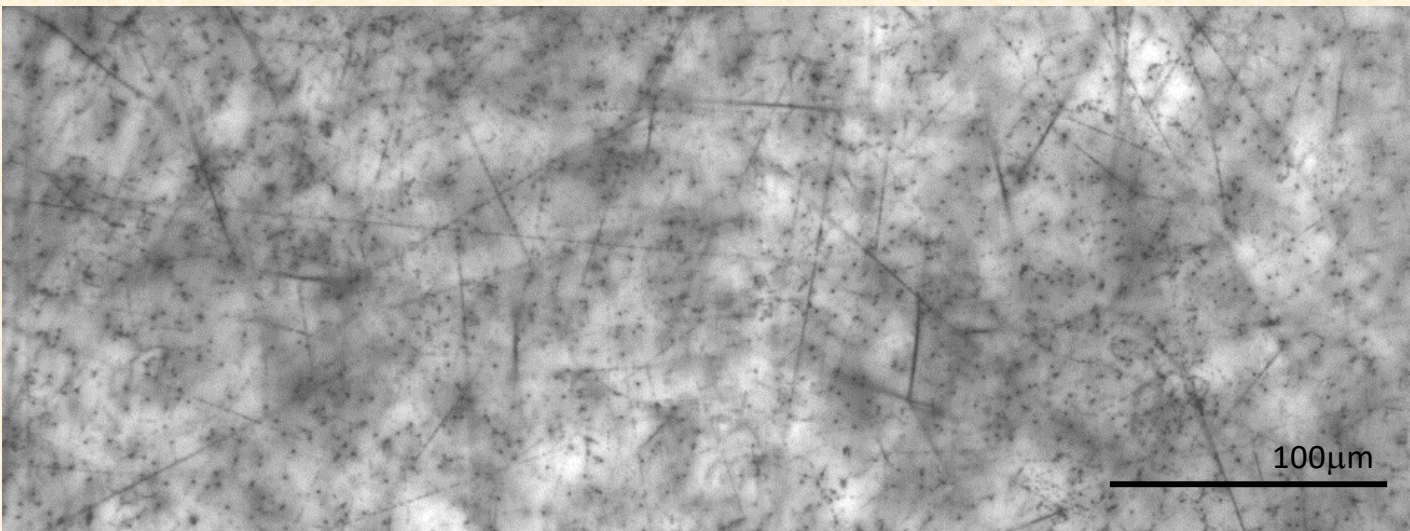
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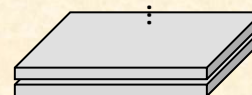
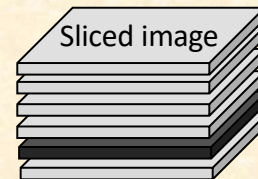
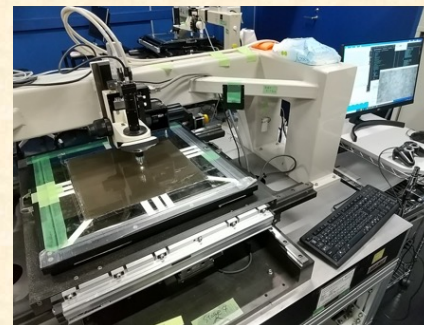
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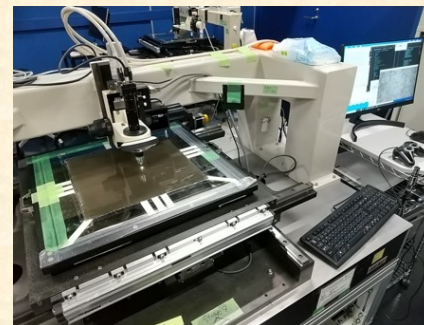
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with visual inspections

560 years

100 $\mu\text{m}$



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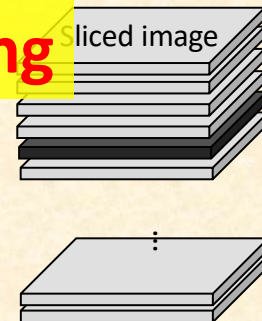
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3 years

**Machine Learning**

Sliced image



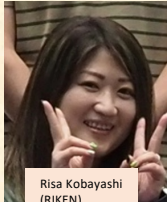
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Millions of single-strangeness hypernuclei  
1000 double strangeness hypernuclei (formerly only 5)

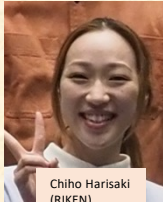
# Setup for analyzing emulsions at the High Energy Nuclear Physics Laboratory in RIKEN

- Hypernuclear physics
- Neutron imaging

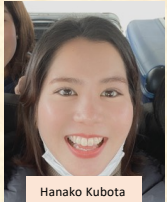
Part-timer staffs working  
for emulsion &  
microscopes



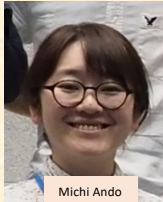
Risa Kobayashi  
(RIKEN)



Chiho Harisaki  
(RIKEN)



Hanako Kubota  
(RIKEN)



Michi Ando  
(RIKEN)



**Currently 7 microscope stages running**



# Challenges for Machine Learning Development

MOST IMPORTANT:

- **Quantity and quality of training data**

**However,**

**No existing data for hypertriton with emulsions for training**

**Our approaches:**

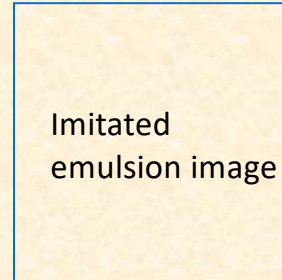
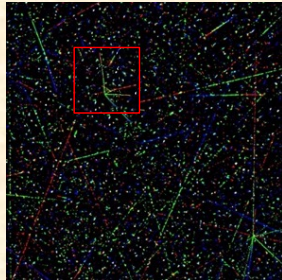
**Producing training data with**

- Monte Carlo simulations
- Image transfer techniques

# Production of training data

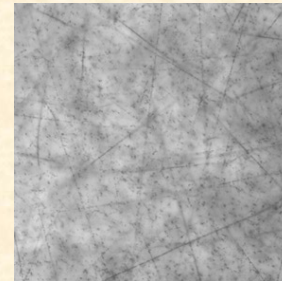
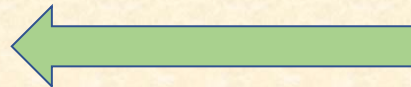
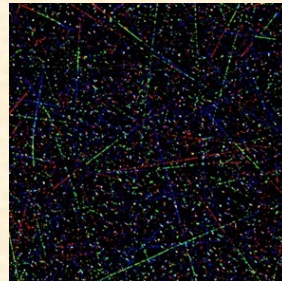
## Monte Carlo simulations and GAN(Generative Adversarial Networks)

Binarized tracks from MC simulations  
+ background from the real data



GAN: pix2pix

Edges to Photo



Binarized (like for simulations)

Real emulsion image

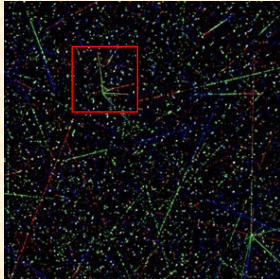
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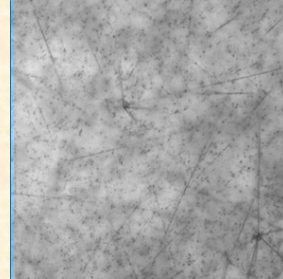
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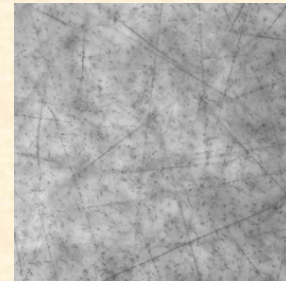
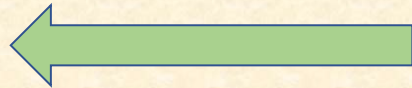
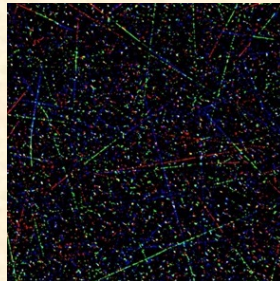


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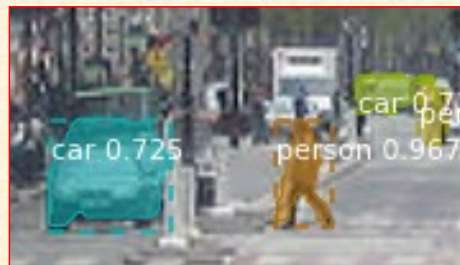
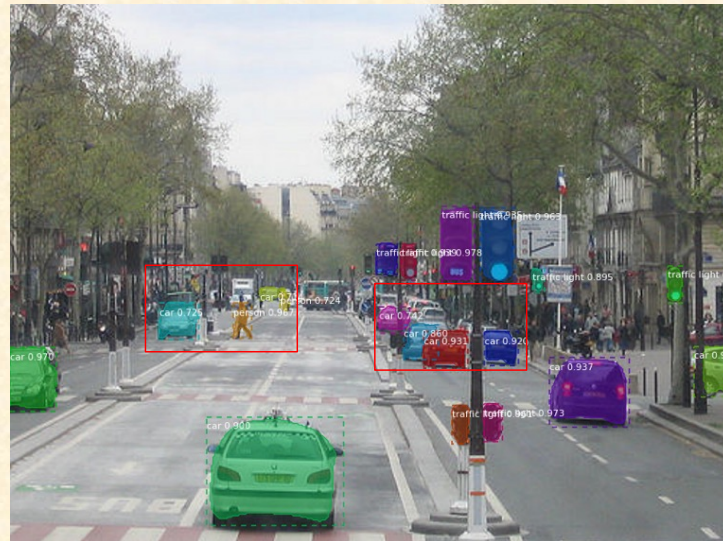
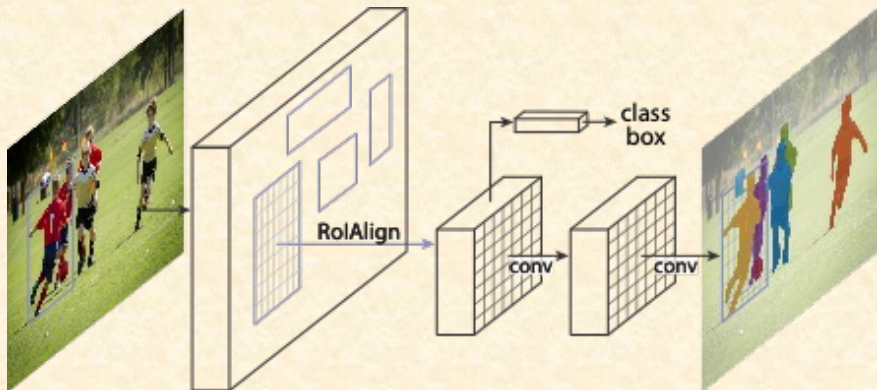
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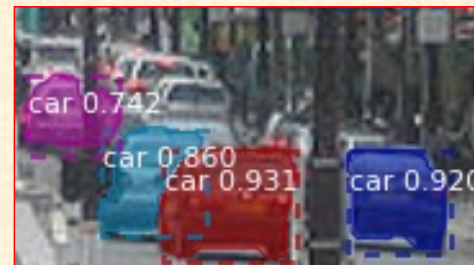
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# Detection of hypertriton events

With Mask R-CNN model



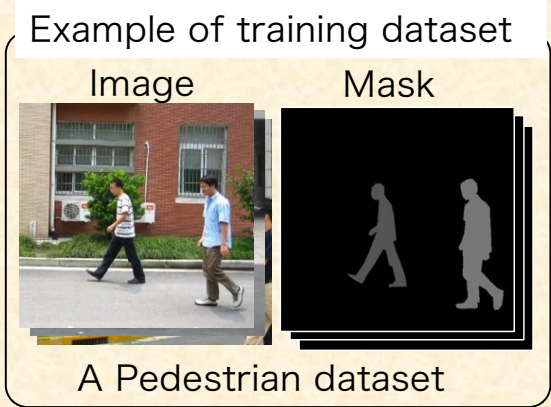
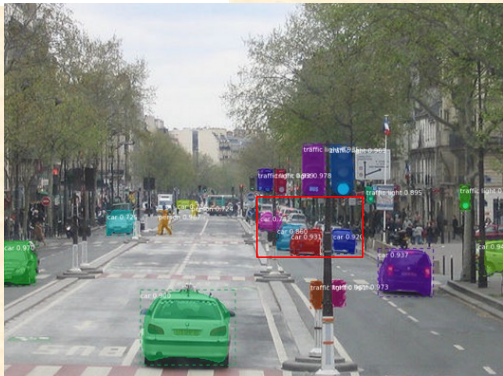
Detection of each object



At large object density

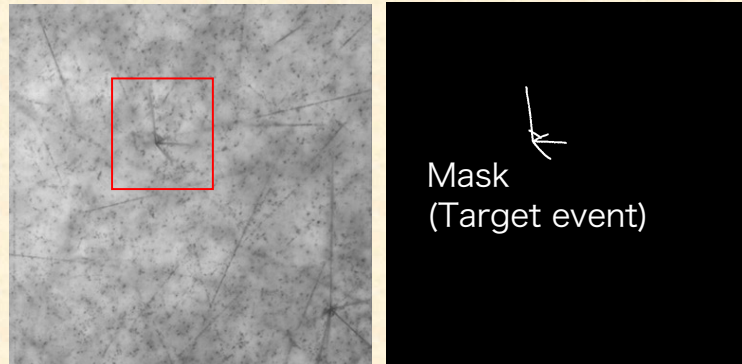
# Training of Mask R-CNN with Simulated image

Mask R-CNN



[https://www.cis.upenn.edu/~jshi/ped\\_html/](https://www.cis.upenn.edu/~jshi/ped_html/)

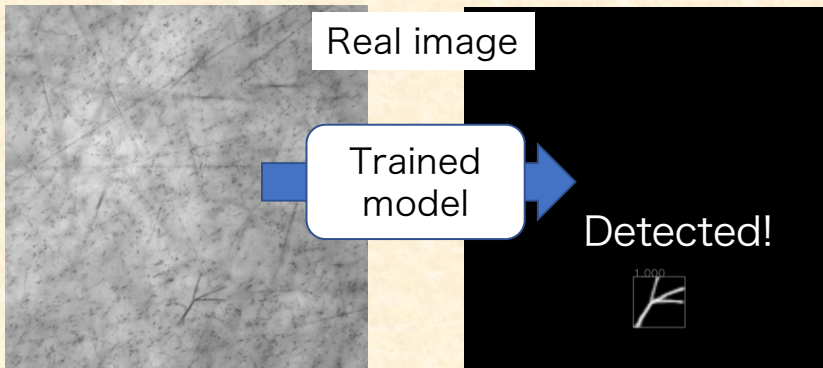
Training data (Simulated image)



Masks are automatically produced

50  $\mu$ m

Performance of  $\alpha$ -decay detection



50  $\mu$ m

Efficiency = No. detected/No. total  
Purity = Truth Positive/No. candidates

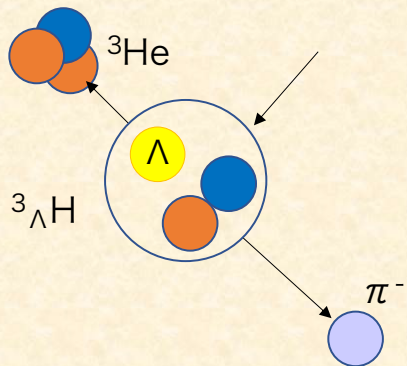
	Efficiency [%]	Purity [%]
Vertex picker	~40%	~1%
Mask R-CNN	~80%	~20%

→ 2<sup>nd</sup> step done

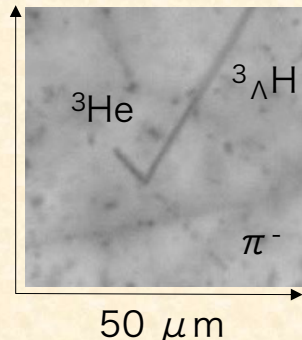
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# Hypertriton search with Mask R-CNN

Two body decay of  $^3_\Lambda\text{H}$

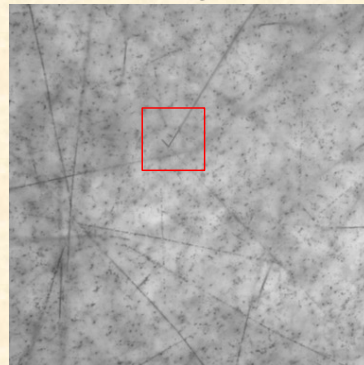


Simulated image

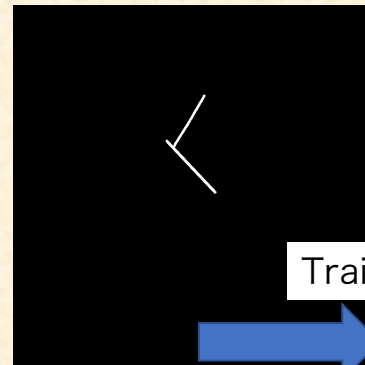


Training dataset (Simulated images)

Image



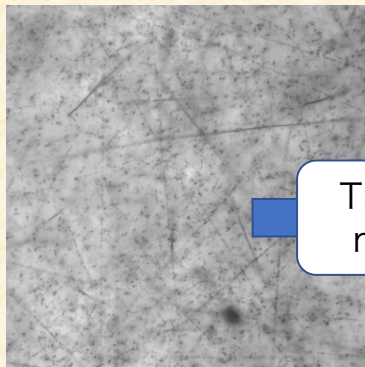
Mask



Training

model

Real image



Trained model

Detected!



# Discovery of the first hypertriton event in E07 emulsions

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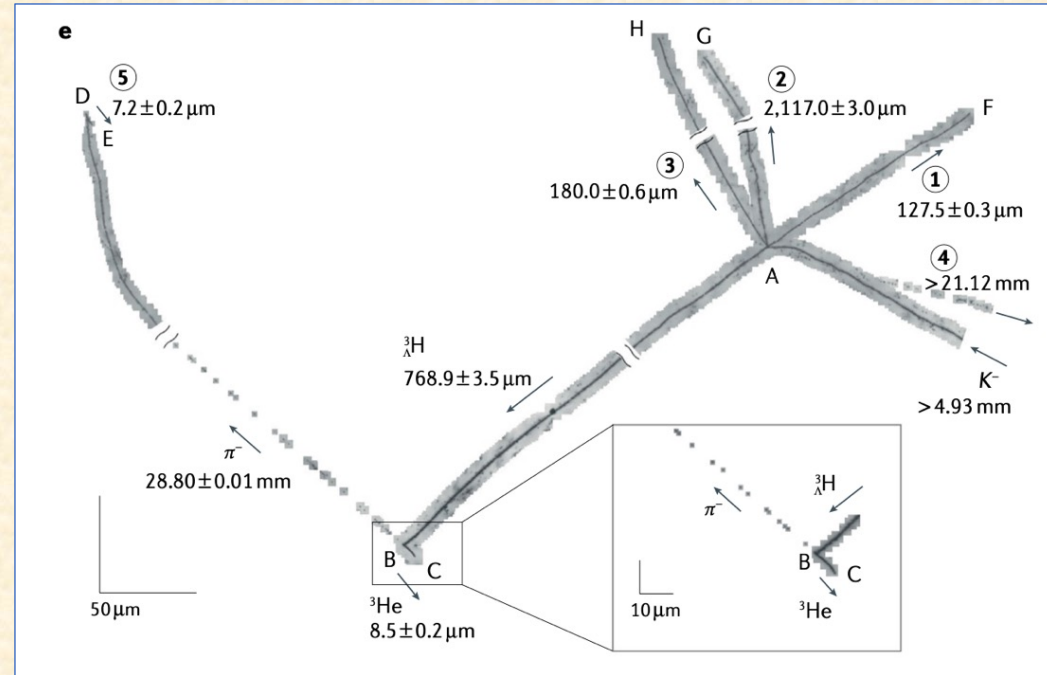
TRS et al., Nature Reviews Physics, 803-813 (2021)  
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**Guaranteeing the determination of the hypertriton binding energy SOON**

**Precision: 28 keV**

**E. Liu et al., EPJ A57 (2021) 327**

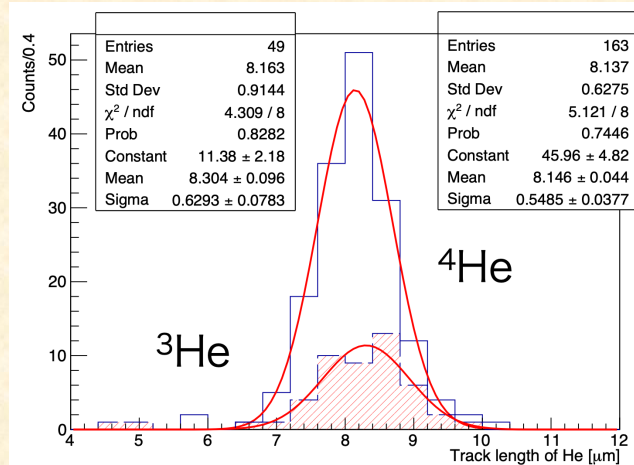
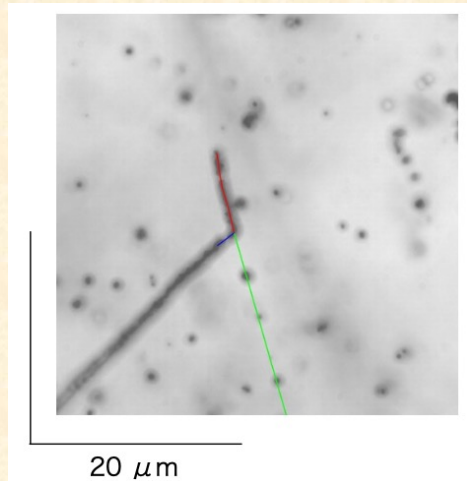


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# Towards the hypertriton binding energy

- Calibration of the nuclear emulsion (density/shrinkage) for each event
- Increasing statistics (so far only 0.6 % of the entire data)

	Identified	Calibrated
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	49	49
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	101 (163 detected)	101 (138 detected)

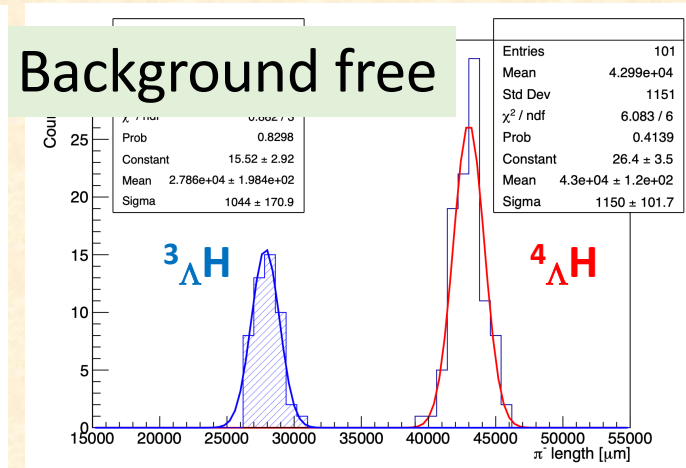
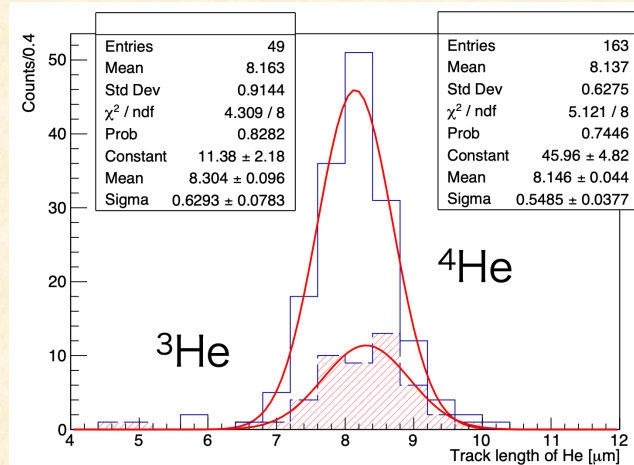
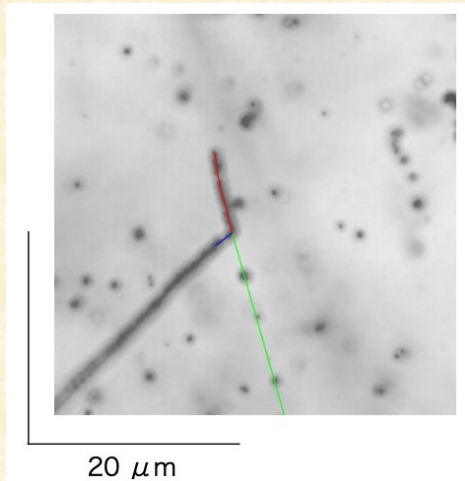




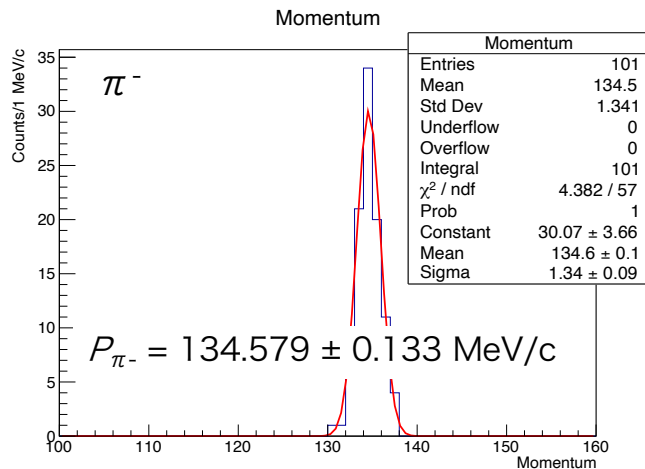
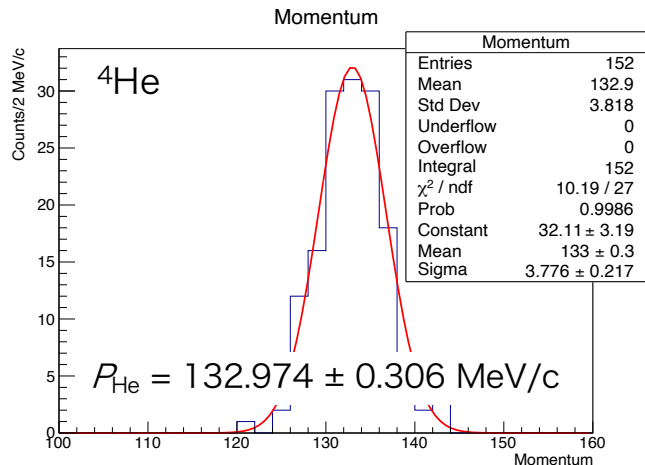
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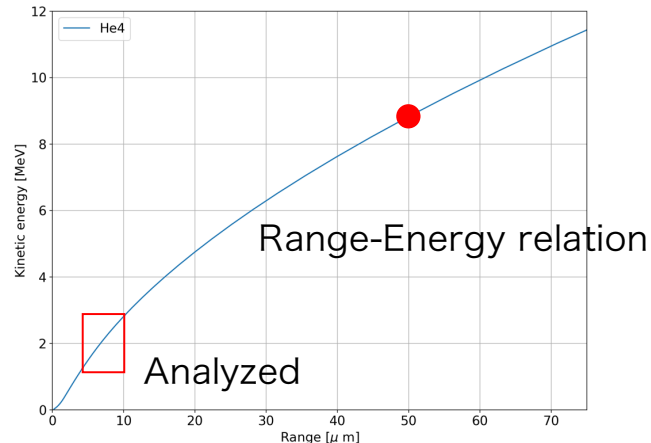
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# Problems on $\pi^-$



MAMI:  $P_{\pi^-} = 132.851 \pm 0.011 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.101 \text{ (syst.) MeV/c}$



We confirmed that the Range-Energy Relation for energetic  $\pi^-$  is not correct



Affecting all emulsion results at KEK and J-PARC

A. Kasagi et al., to be published soon

# Range of the deduced binding energy

**Possible range of  $B_{\Lambda}(^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$ : 196 – 693 keV  
with about 100 keV uncertainty**

**(only 0.6 % of the entire data)**

## **$^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ Binding energy**

$B_{\Lambda}(^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}) : 0.13 \pm 0.05 \text{ MeV}$

G. Bohm et al., NPB **4** (1968) 511

M. Juric et al., NPB **52** (1973) 1

## **STAR (2020)**

**$0.41 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.11 \text{ MeV}$**

STAR Collaboration,

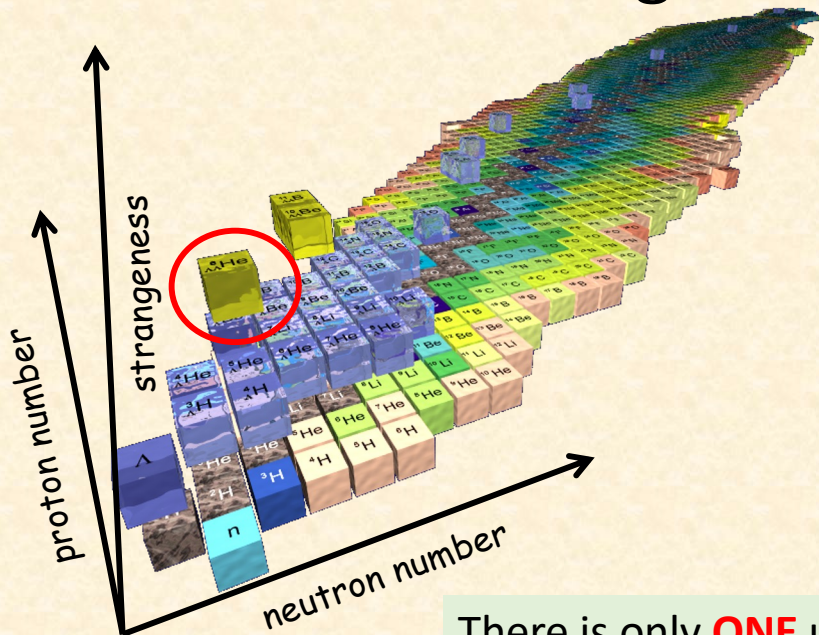
Nat. Phys. **16** (2020) 409

## **ALICE**

**$0.102 \pm 0.063 \pm 0.067 \text{ MeV}$**

Phys. Rev. Lett. **131**, 102302 (2023)

# Chart of double-strangeness hypernuclei



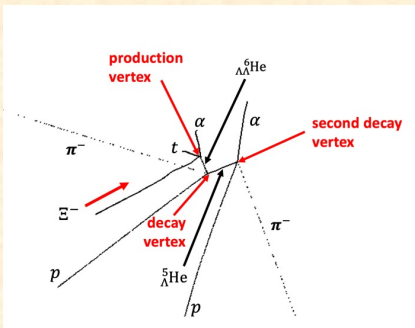
There is only ONE uniquely unidentified S=-2 hypernucleus  
Nagara event,  ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$

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

# Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclei

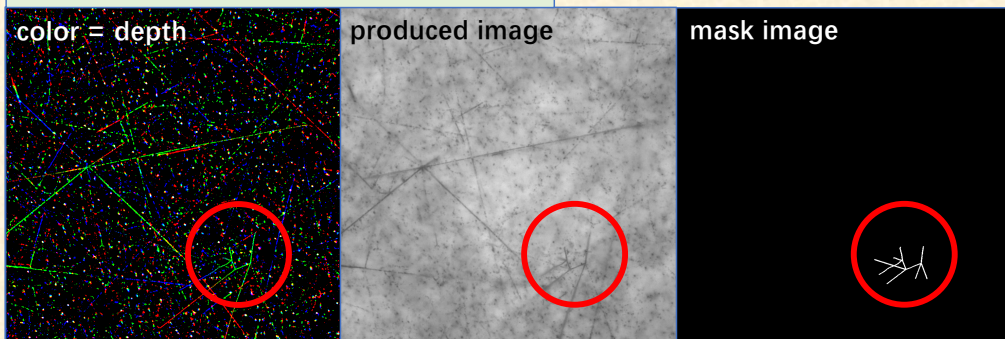
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Prepare training dataset

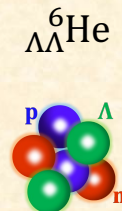
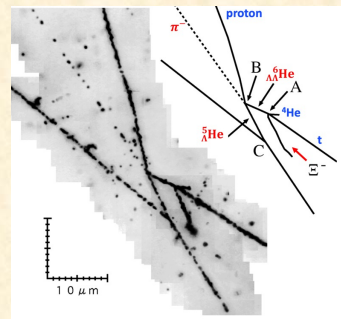


Double-strangeness hypernuclei event topology — **“three vertices”**

Geant4 simulation, image process, machine learning — GAN: pix2pix

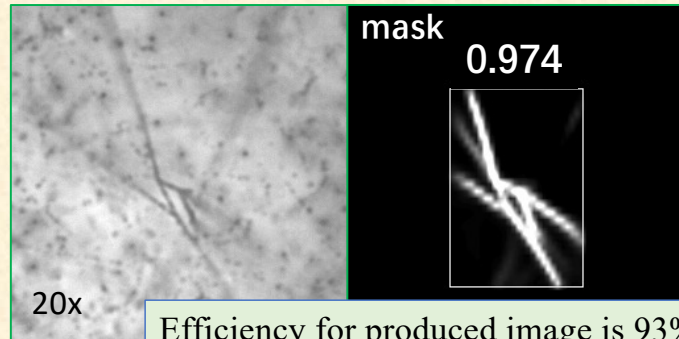


Model performance



**triple-close shell**

H.Takahashi et. al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 87 (2001) 212502.



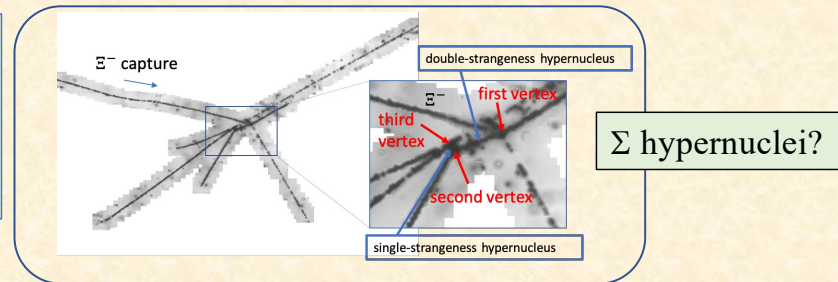
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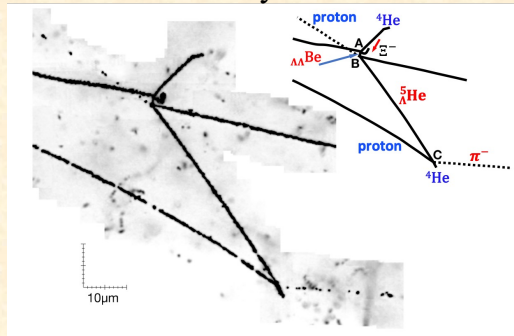
## Current status and near future

- Analyzed **0.2%** of the entire data, **6 candidates** found.
- Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclei with newly developed machine-learning method is in progress.

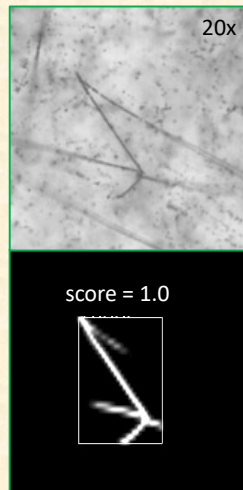
## One of new candidates



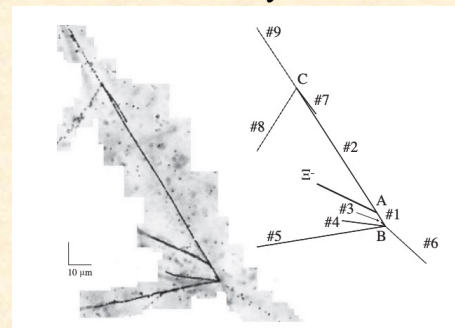
## MINO event from E07 hybrid



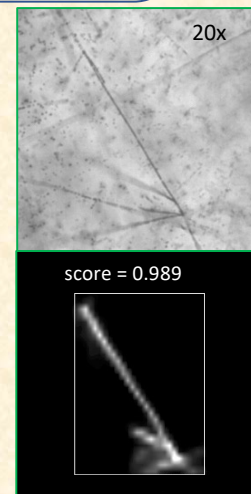
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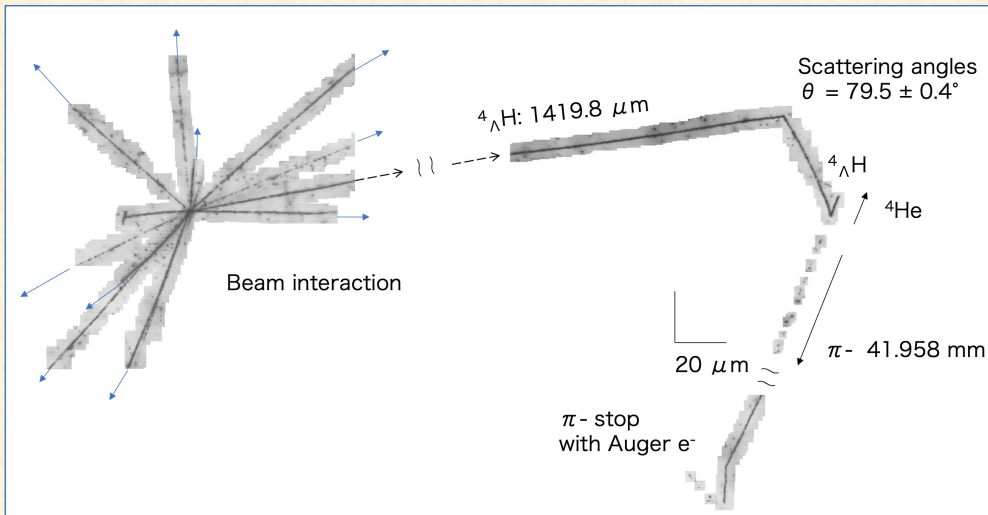
## IBUKI event from E07 hybrid



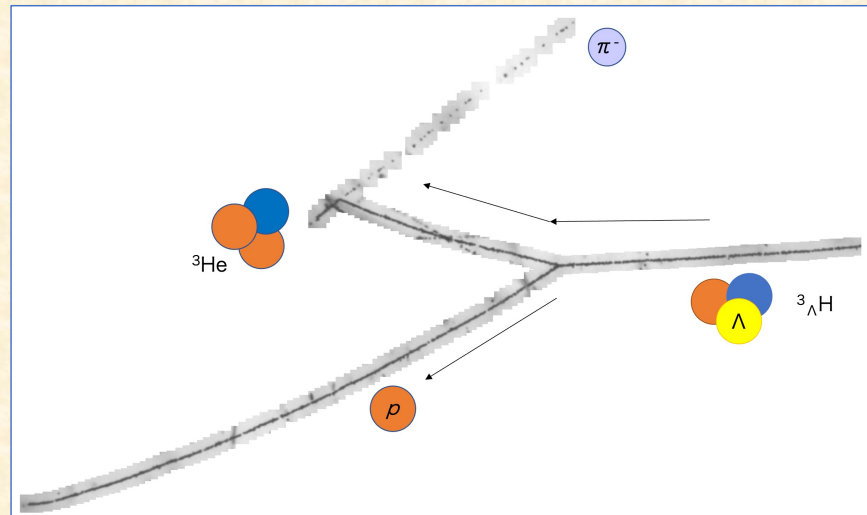
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# Hypernuclear scattering



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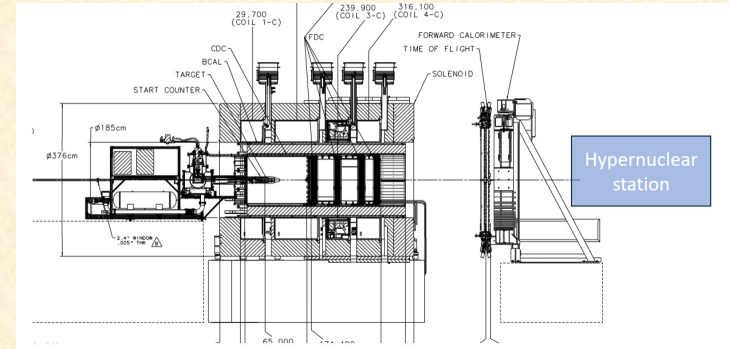


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Neutral-K beams behind the Glue-X setup

Hypernuclear station behind the Glue-X



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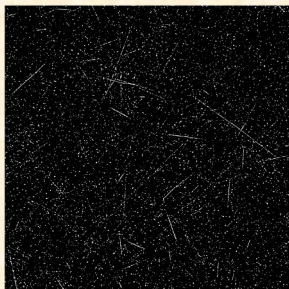
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- No beam tracks in the emulsion

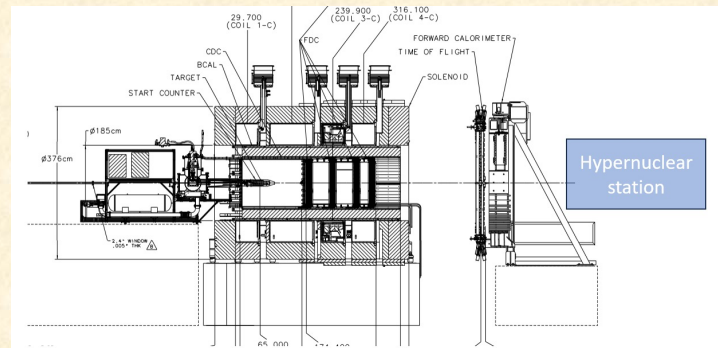
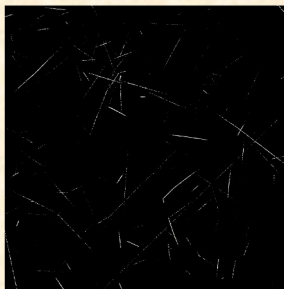
- We can leave emulsions, no movement
- Main background: high energy gamma-rays



With  $K^-$  beams  
like in the J-PARC E07 exp.



With  $K^0$  beams  
In the proposed project



- Intensity:  $0.7 \times 10^4$  anti- $K^0$  /s

- Two years from 2027: 200 days per year ( a total of 400 days)
- 2.3 times more than J-PARC E07 (2.3 k double-strangeness hypernuclei) with HIGH QUALITY DATA

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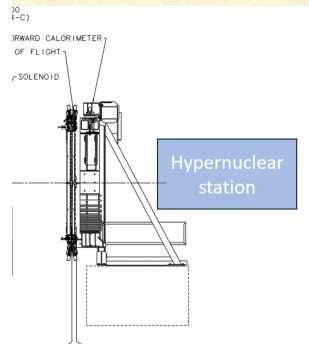
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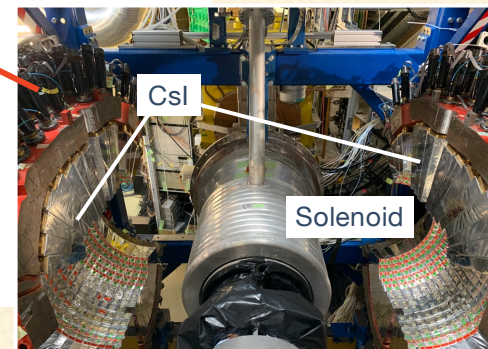
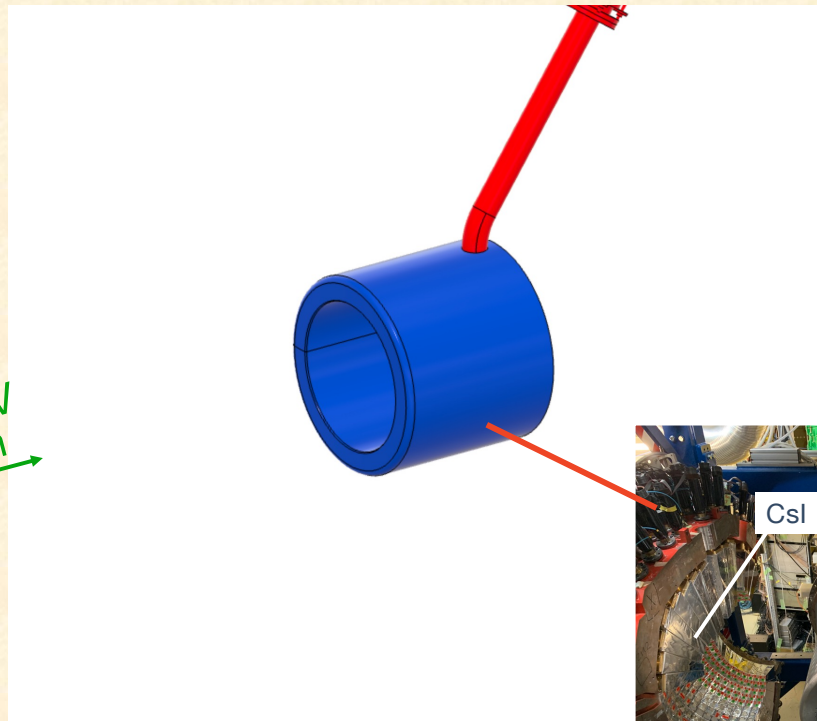
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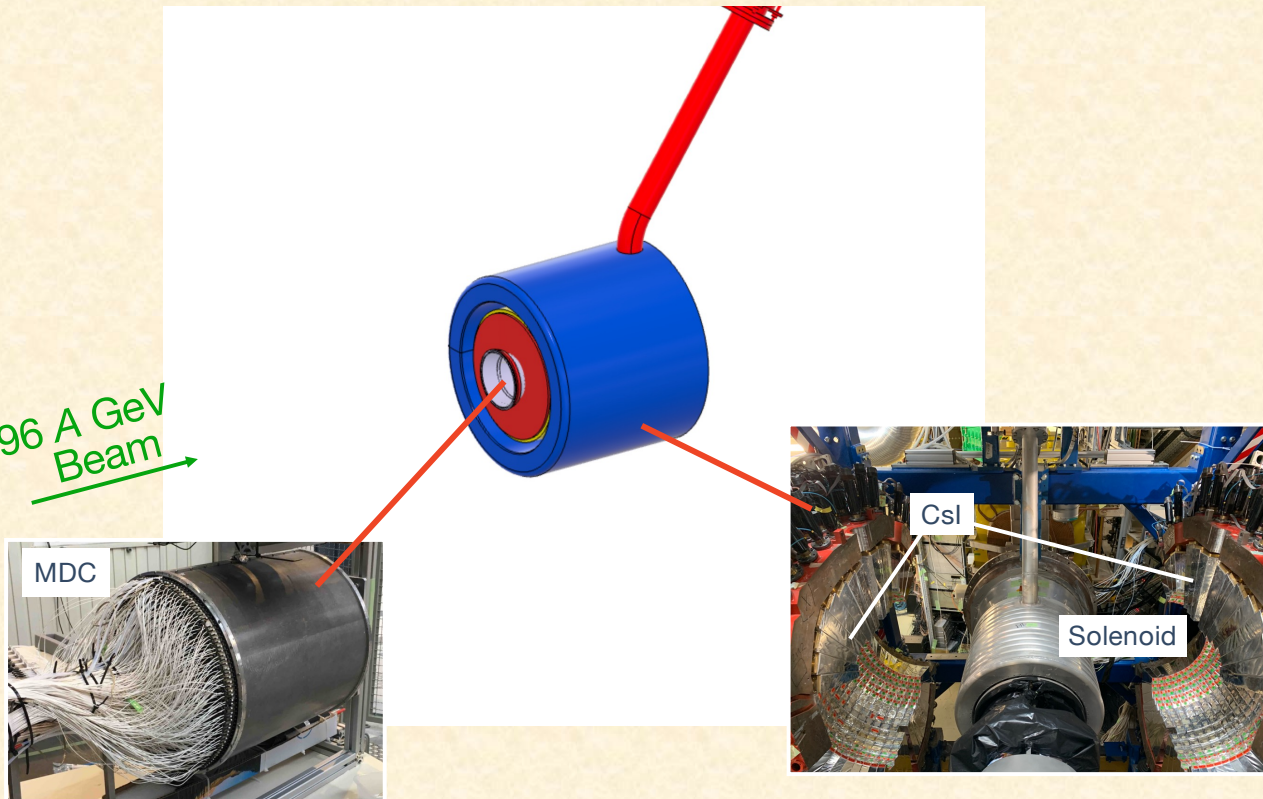
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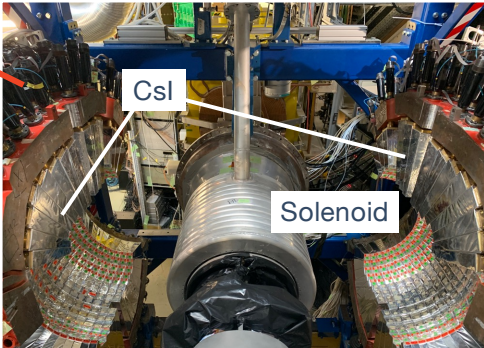
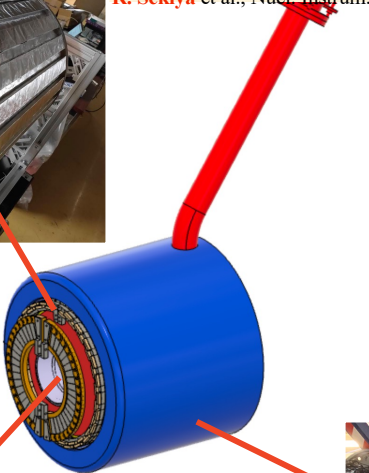
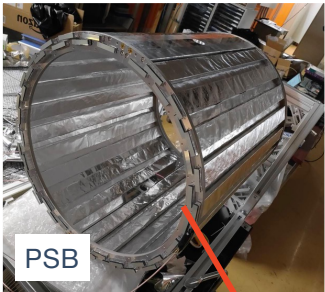
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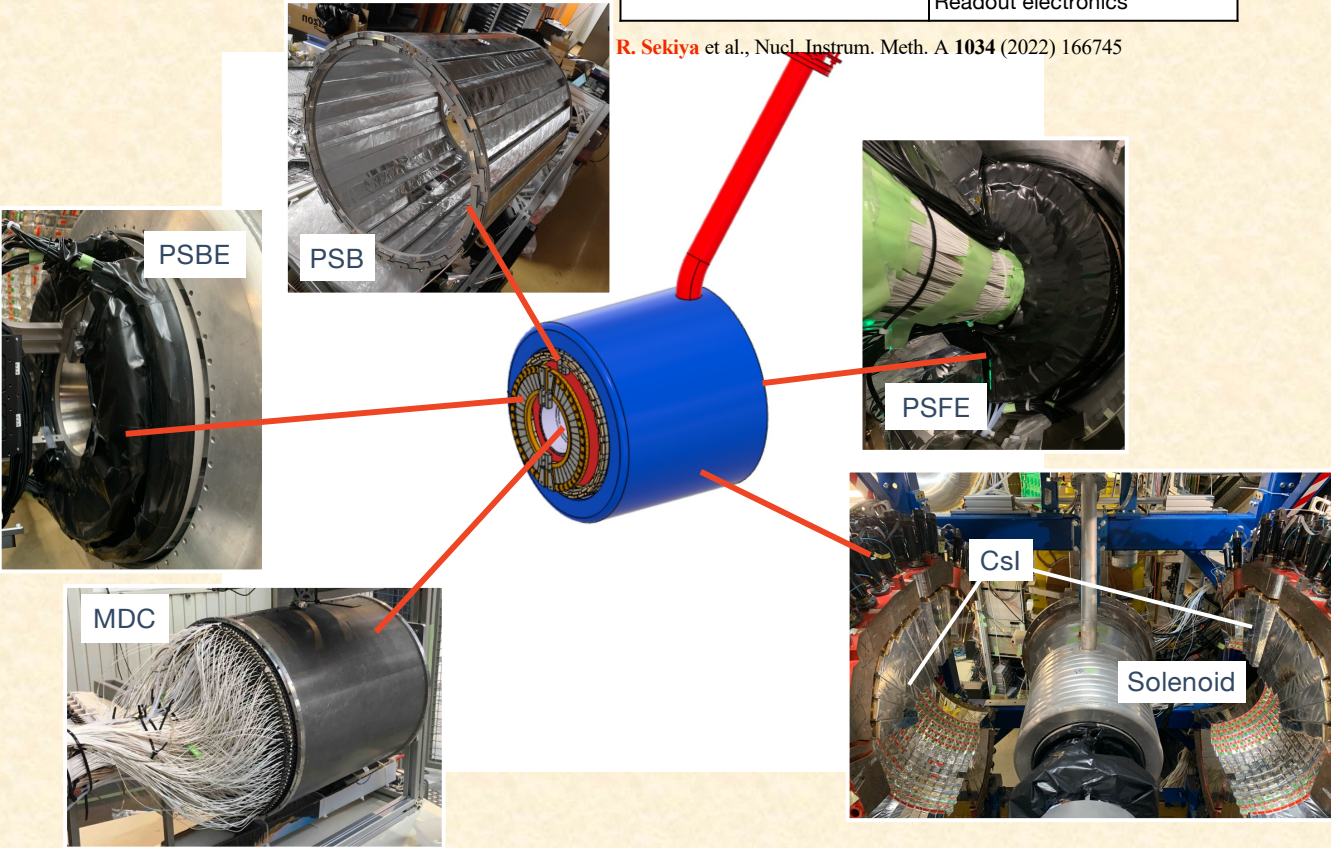




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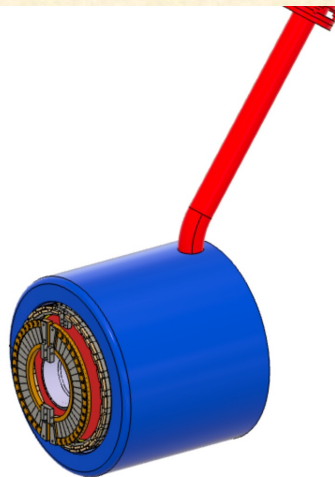


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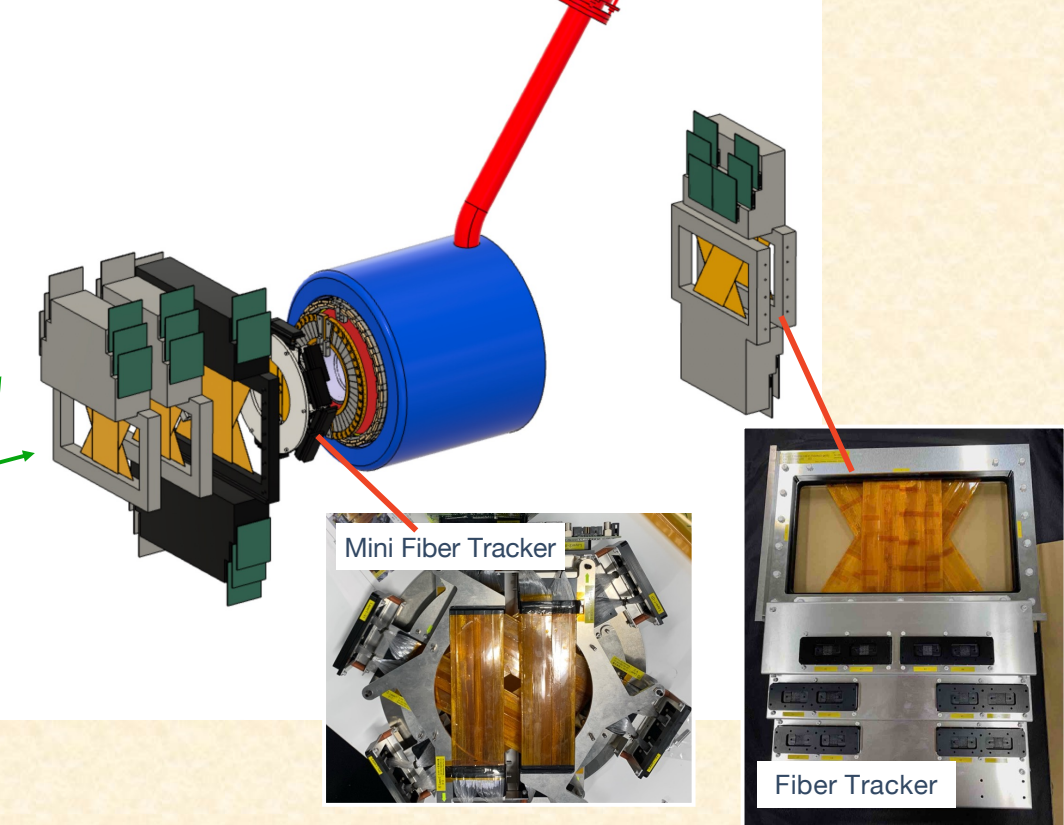
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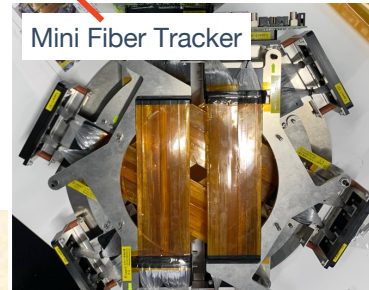
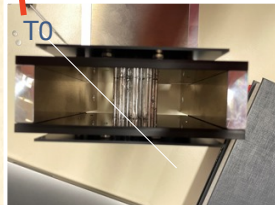
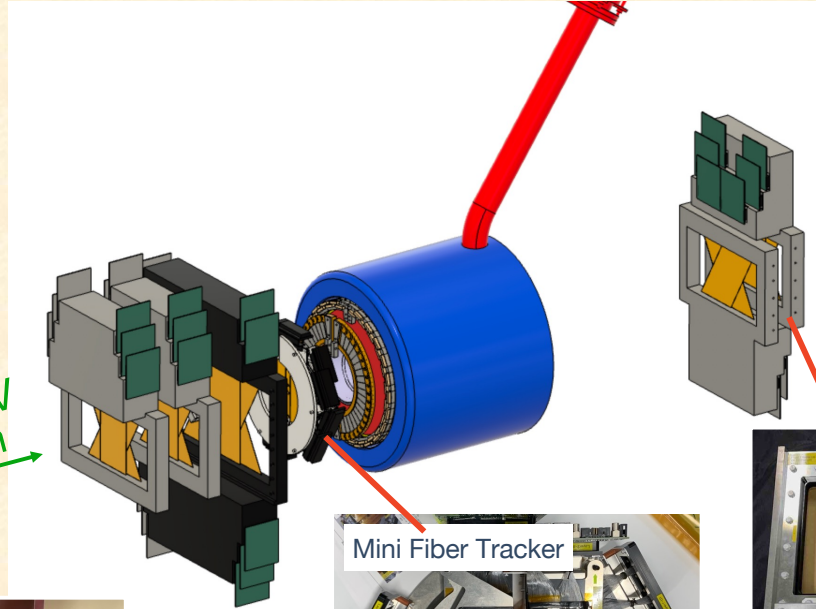
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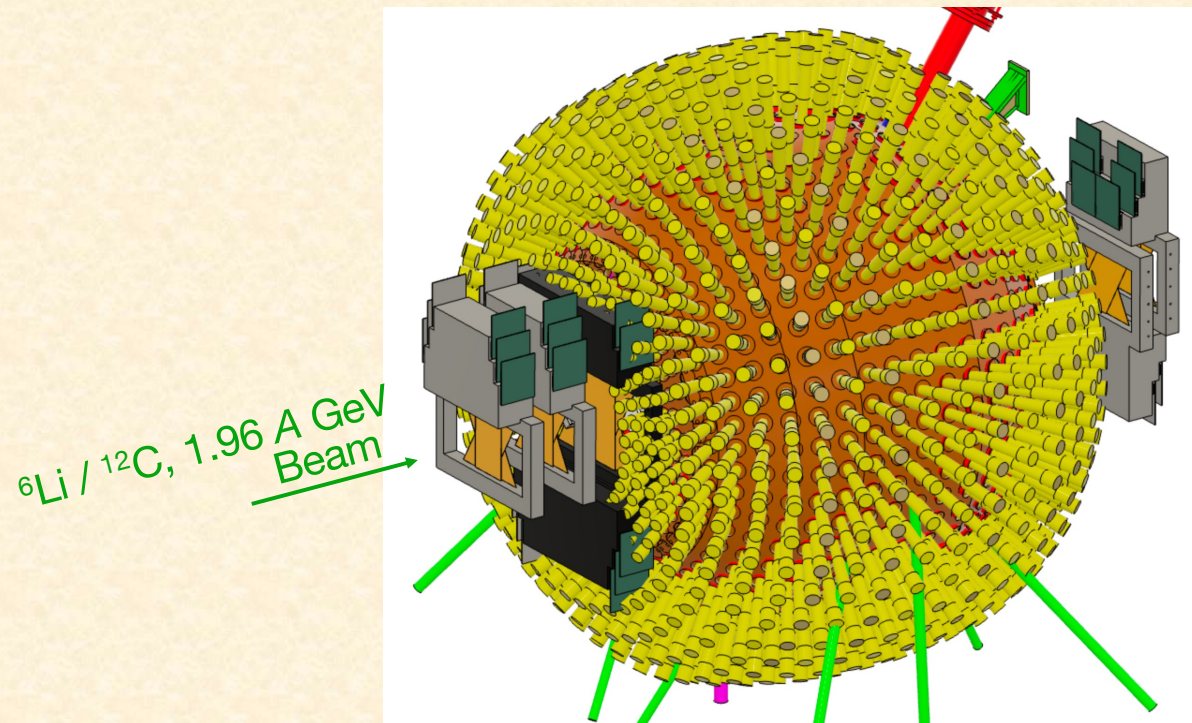


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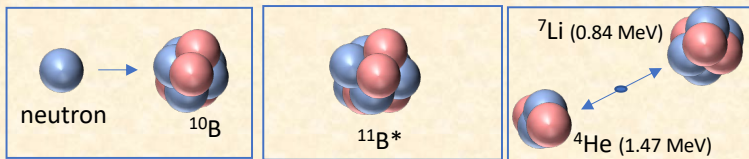
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# Neutron imaging with nuclear emulsion

## Neutron-Boron reaction

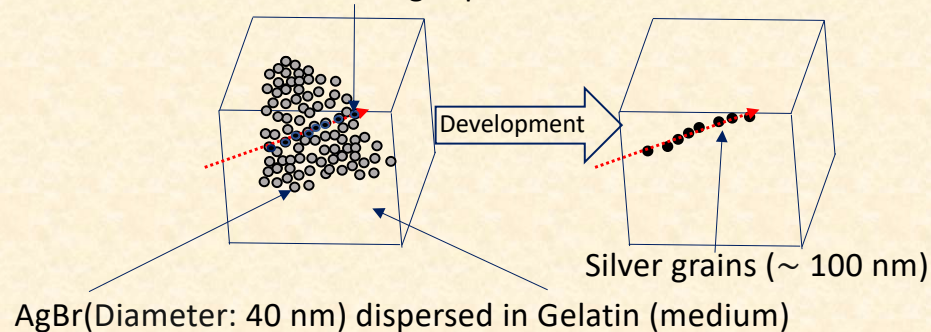


Neutron absorbed by  $^{10}\text{B}$

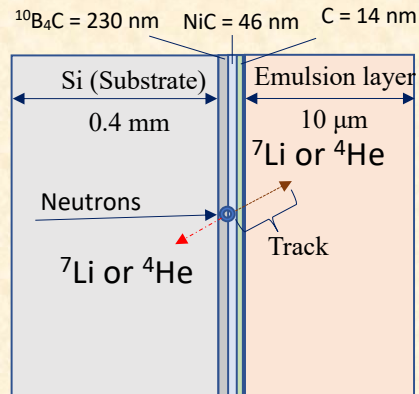
## Basic principle: Nuclear emulsion

- Records the three-dimensional trajectory of charged particles
- High spatial resolution: **sub- $\mu\text{m}$**

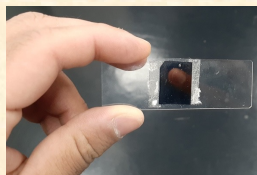
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## Structure of neutron detector

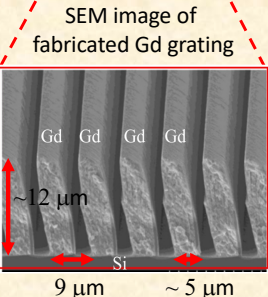
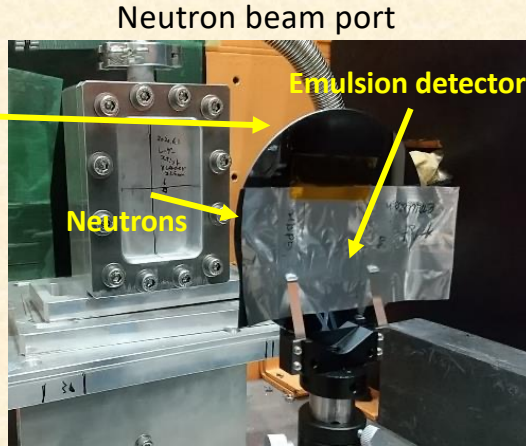
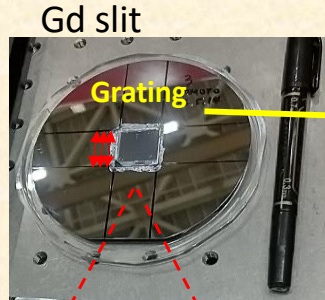


Photograph of detector

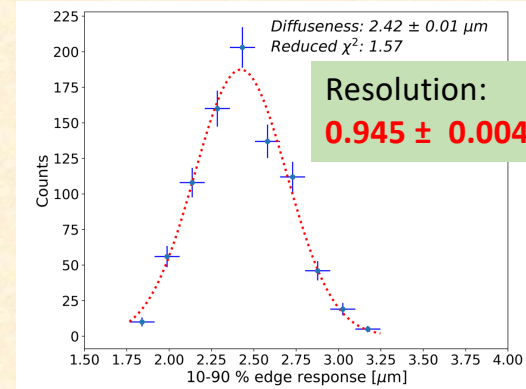
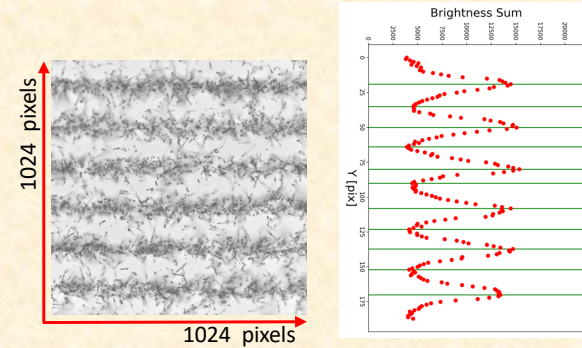


# Neutron Imaging with nuclear emulsion at J-PARC MLF

## Neutron imaging of gadolinium-based grating slit with a periodic structure of 9 $\mu\text{m}$

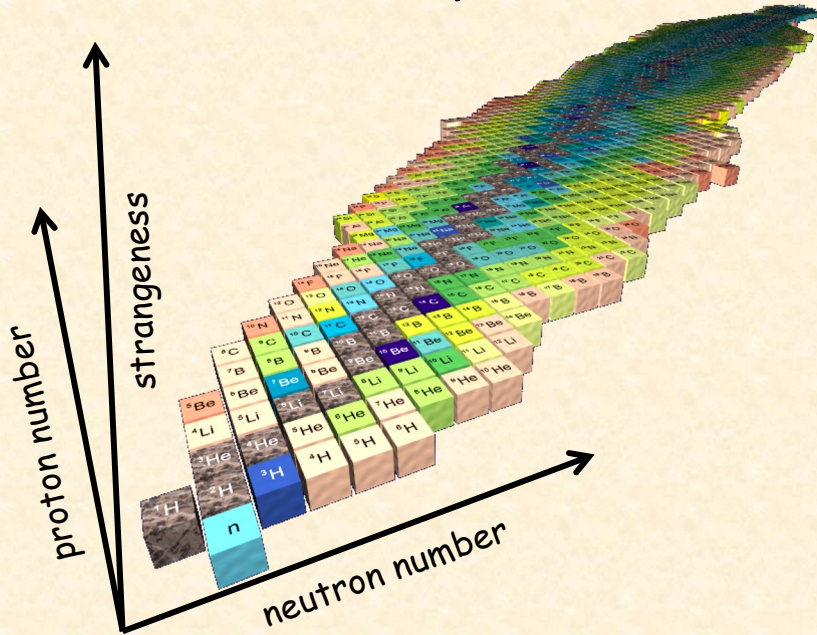


Divergence: X = 0.3 mrad, Y = 10 mrad  
Estimate:  $2 \times 10^6 \text{ n / cm}^2 / \text{sec}$  @ 700kW  
Distance between grating and B layer:  $\sim 1.5 \text{ mm}$   
Neutron irradiation = 3 hours



165 images

# Chart of ordinary nuclei

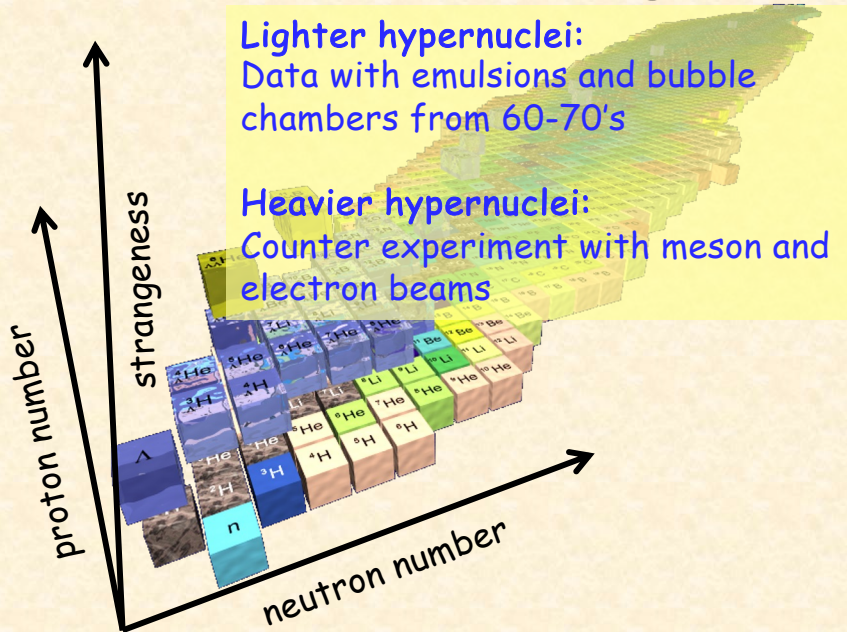








# Chart of double-strangeness hypernuclei



## Advantage

- Precise spectroscopy
  - Structure in detail
- Clean experiment

## Difficulties

- Limited isospin
- Small momentum transfer to separate hypernuclei
- Difficulties on decay studies
- Only up to double-strangeness

Hypernuclear spectroscopy  
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HypHI project,  
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