

Results on light Λ -hypernuclei by the FINUDA experiment

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Overview



- DAΦNE and FINUDA
- FINUDA Scientific Program
- Light Λ -hypernuclei: results
 - ✓ Hypernuclear Spectroscopy
 - ✓ MWD & NMWD
 - ✓ ${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ observation



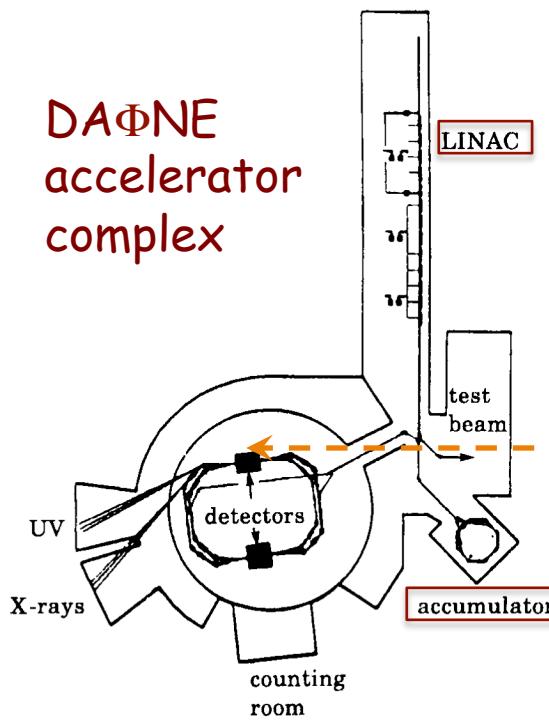
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DAΦNE

Double Annular Φ-factory for
Nice Experiments

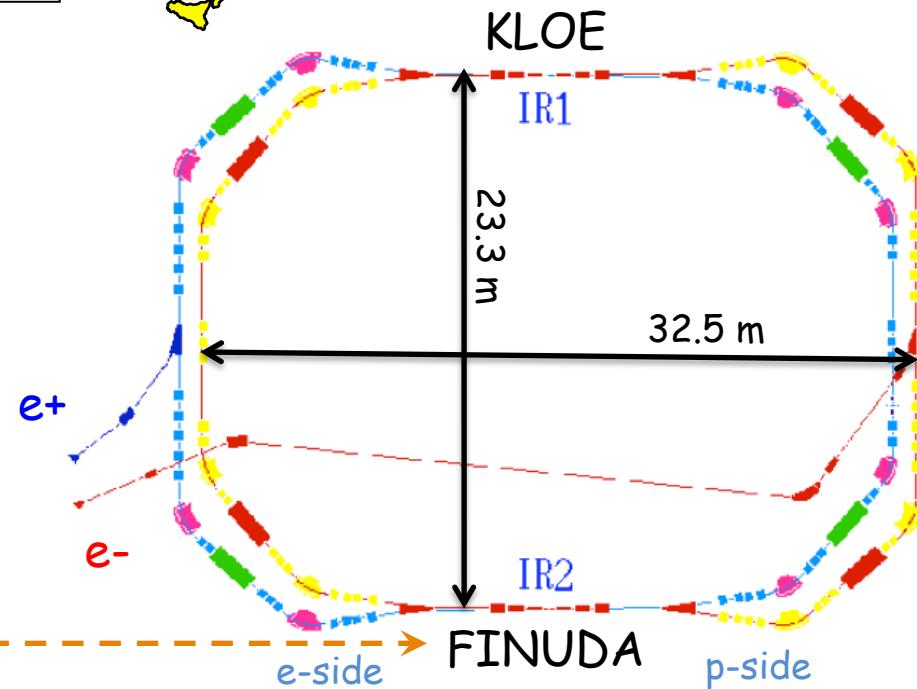
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DAΦNE
accelerator
complex

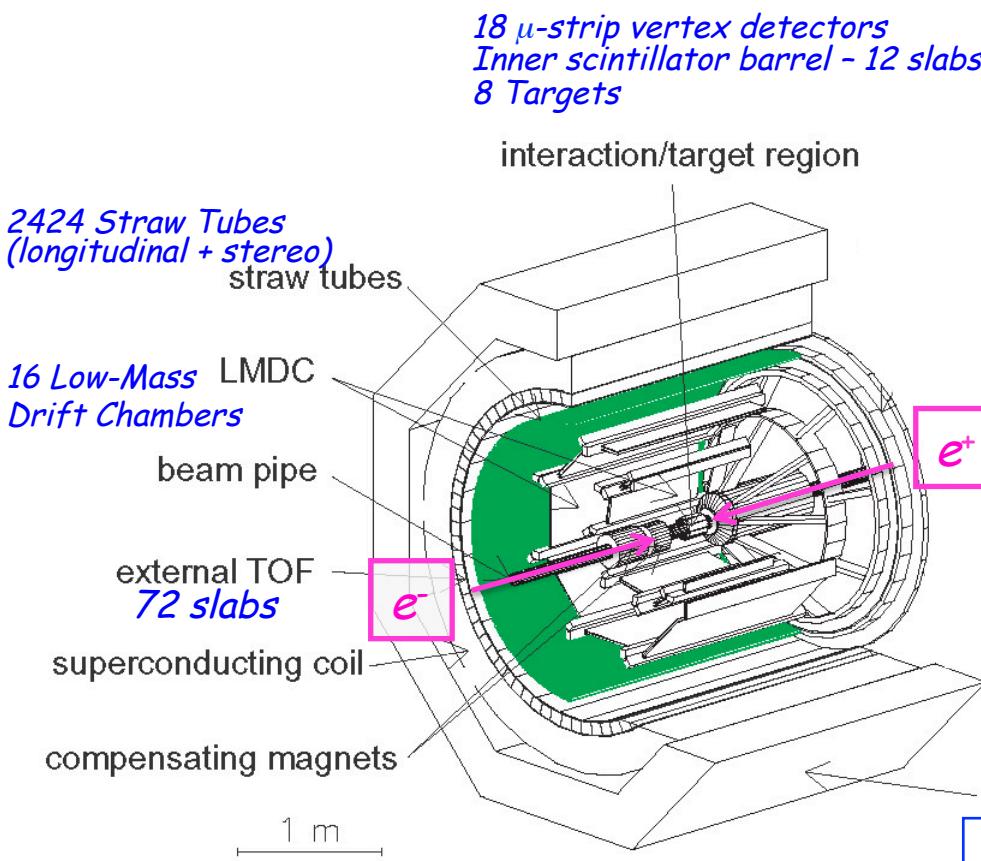


Energy (GeV)	0.51
Luminosity (cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)	10 ³²
Beam Hor. Dim. at IP (mm)	2.11
Beam Vert. Dim. at IP (mm)	0.021
R.M.S. Bunch length (mm)	30
Crossing angle (mrad)	25
Collision frequency (MHz)	380.44
Bunches/ring	120
Max number of particles/bunch	9.0 10 ¹⁰
Max total mean current (A)	5.5

$\phi(1020) \sim$ at rest



The FINUDA detector



Simultaneous study of formation and decay of strange hadronic systems by full event reconstruction

Detector capabilities:

- ⊕ **Selective trigger** based on fast scintillation detectors (TOFINO, TOFONE)
- ⊕ **precise K^- vertex identification** ($< 1 \text{ mm}^3$) (ISIM P.ID.+ x,y,z resolution + K^+ tagging)
- ⊕ p, K, p, d, \dots P.ID. (OSIM and LMDC dE/dx)
- ⊕ **High momentum resolution**

(6% FWHM for π^- @270 MeV/c for spectroscopy)

(1% FWHM for π^- @270 MeV/c for decay study)

(6% FWHM for π^- @110 MeV/c for decay study)

(2% FWHM for p @400 MeV/c for decay study)

(tracker resolution + He bag + thin targets)

- ⊕ **Neutron detection TOF** (TOFONE-TOFINO)

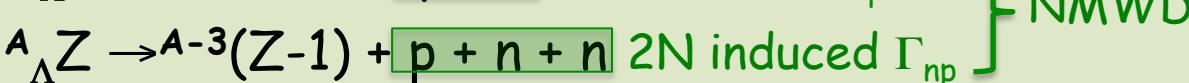
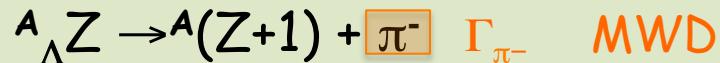
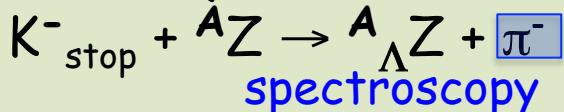
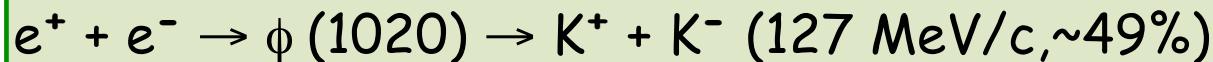
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 $B = 1.0 \text{ T}$

Apparatus designed for a typical collider experiment:

- ⊕ Cylindrical geometry
- ⊕ large solid angle ($\sim 2\pi \text{ sr}$)
- ⊕ multi-tracks analysis

The very first example of a (hyper)nuclear physics fixed-target experiment at a **collider**

Hypernuclear Physics @FINUDA



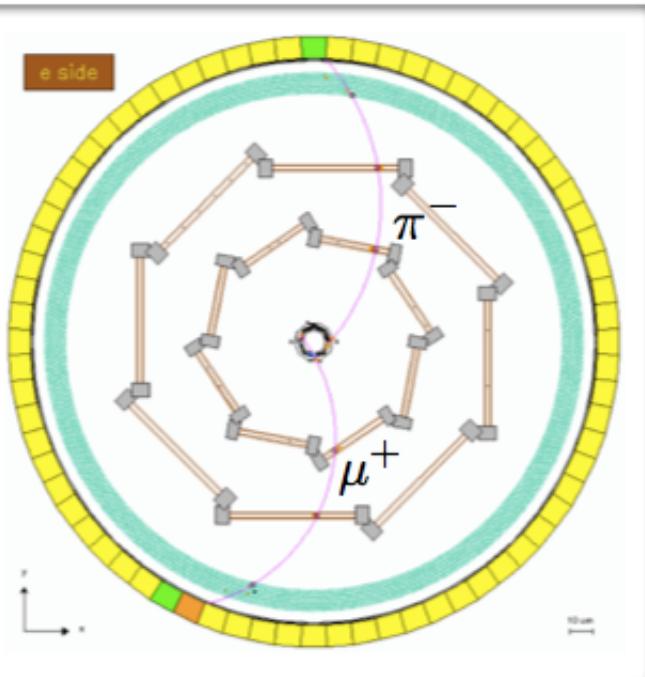
$$\mathcal{L} = 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\phi: \sim 4.4 \times 10^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

(K^+ , K^-) pairs: $\sim 2.2 \times 10^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 collinear, background free,
 very low energy

FINUDA key features

- very thin targets ($0.1 \div 0.3 \text{ g/cm}^2$)
 transparency \rightarrow "high" resolution spectroscopy
- different targets in the same run
 \rightarrow high degree of flexibility
- coincidence measurement with large acceptance
 complete event \rightarrow decay mode study
- simultaneous tracking of μ^+ from the K^+ decay
 $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \rightarrow$ energy and rate calibration



FINUDA Scientific Program

Main topics (.. not complete!):

Hypernuclear spectroscopy: PLB 622 (2005) 35: $^{12}_{\Lambda}C$

PLB 698 (2011) 219: $^{7}_{\Lambda}Li$, $^{9}_{\Lambda}Be$, $^{13}_{\Lambda}C$, $^{16}_{\Lambda}O$

Weak Decay: NPA 804 (2008) 151: NMWD $^{5}_{\Lambda}He$, $^{7}_{\Lambda}Li$, $^{12}_{\Lambda}C$

PLB 681 (2009) 139: MWD ($^{5}_{\Lambda}He$) $^{7}_{\Lambda}Li$, $^{9}_{\Lambda}Be$, $^{11}_{\Lambda}B$, $^{15}_{\Lambda}N$

PLB 685 (2010) 247: NMWD & 2N $^{5}_{\Lambda}He$, $^{7}_{\Lambda}Li$, $^{9}_{\Lambda}Be$, $^{11}_{\Lambda}B$, $^{12}_{\Lambda}C$,
 $^{13}_{\Lambda}C$, $^{15}_{\Lambda}N$, $^{16}_{\Lambda}O$

PLB 701 (2011) 556: NMWD & 2N $^{5}_{\Lambda}He$, $^{7}_{\Lambda}Li$, $^{9}_{\Lambda}Be$, $^{11}_{\Lambda}B$, $^{12}_{\Lambda}C$,
 $^{13}_{\Lambda}C$, $^{15}_{\Lambda}N$, $^{16}_{\Lambda}O$

NPA 881 (2012) 322 : (n, n, p) events from 2N

Rare Decays: NPA 835 (2010) 439; $^{4}_{\Lambda}He$, $^{5}_{\Lambda}He$ 2-body decays

Neutron-rich Hypernuclei: PLB 640 (2006) 145: upper limits $^{6}_{\Lambda}H$, $^{7}_{\Lambda}H$ and $^{12}_{\Lambda}Be$

PRL 108 (2012) 042501: $^{6}_{\Lambda}H$ observation

NPA 881 (2012) 269: $^{6}_{\Lambda}H$ observation

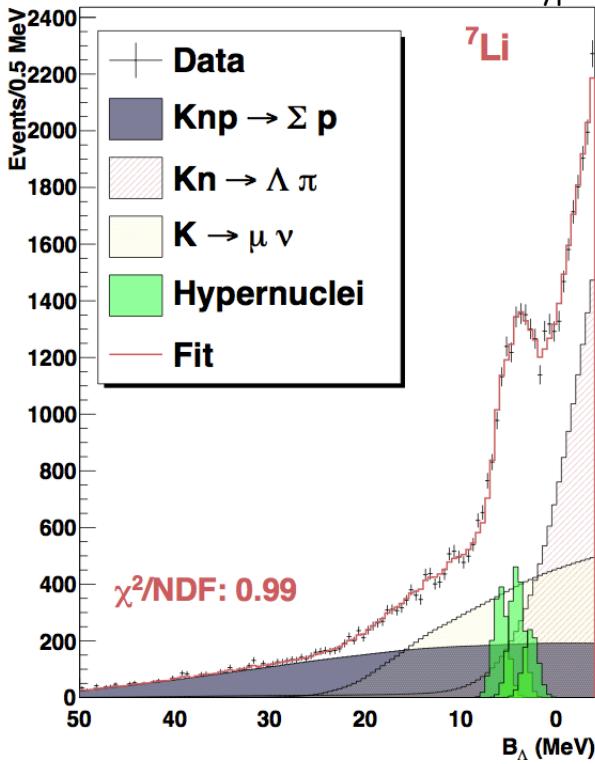
PRC 86 (2012) 057301: $^{9}_{\Lambda}He$ upper limit

Data takings

data taking	oct 2003 - jan 04	nov 2006 - jun 07
int. luminosity	220 pb ⁻¹	960 pb ⁻¹
daily luminosity	6 pb ⁻¹	10 pb ⁻¹
Total events (M)	30	200
Targets	^{6}Li (2), ^{7}Li (1), ^{12}C (3), ^{27}Al (1), ^{51}V (1)	^{6}Li (2), ^{7}Li (2), ^{9}Be (2), ^{13}C (1), D ₂ O (1)

Hypernuclear Spectroscopy: p-shell

$$B_\Lambda = M(^A Z) + M(\Lambda) - M_{\text{hyp}}$$



Absolute energy scale known at the level of 0.3 MeV
(we know from the $K^+ \rightarrow \mu\nu$ - self calibrated apparatus)
momentum resolution: 0.5-0.9% FWHM

Comparison with:

$B_{\Lambda_{\text{Ag.s.}}}$: emulsion exp. M. Juric et al., NPB 52 (1973), 1 (${}^7\Lambda\text{Li}$, ${}^9\Lambda\text{Be}$, ${}^{13}\Lambda\text{C}$)

Excitation energies: (π^+, K^+) KEK experiments: O. Hashimoto, H. Tamura, PPNP 57 (2006) 564 (KEK E336 data) (${}^7\Lambda\text{Li}$, ${}^9\Lambda\text{Be}$, ${}^{16}\Lambda\text{O}$)

γ spectroscopy: ${}^7\Lambda\text{Li}$, ${}^9\Lambda\text{Be}$: KEK E419, H. Tamura et al. NPA 754 (2005) 58c

${}^{13}\Lambda\text{C}$: (K^-, π^- - γ) CERN, PRC 65, 034607

${}^{16}\Lambda\text{O}$: BNL E930('01) PRC 77 (2008) 054315.

M. Agnello et al., PLB 622 (2005) 35: ${}^{12}\Lambda\text{C}$

M. Agnello et al., PLB 698 (2011) 219

First world measurement of formation probability for ${}^7\Lambda\text{Li}$, ${}^9\Lambda\text{Be}$, ${}^{13}\Lambda\text{C}$, ${}^{16}\Lambda\text{O}$

${}^7\Lambda\text{Li}$	B_Λ (MeV)	E_X (MeV)	Formation probability per stopped K^- (10^{-3})
1	5.8 ± 0.4	-	$0.37 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05$
2	4.1 ± 0.4	1.7	$0.46 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.06$
3	2.6 ± 0.4	3.2	$0.21 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03$

the ground state from emulsion data
 $B_\Lambda = -5.58 \pm 0.03$ MeV

Formation probability
connected to the number of events in the peaks, calculated taking into account acceptances and efficiencies
($K^+ \rightarrow \mu\nu$ - rate calibrated apparatus)

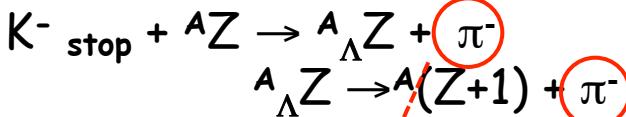
Comparison with theory:
A.Cieply et al., PLB 698 (2011) 226

Constraints on the threshold K-nuclear potential from FINUDA
 ${}^A\text{Z}(K^-_{\text{stop}}, \pi^-){}^A\text{Z}$ spectra: partial formation rates slightly favors a deep K- nuclear potential,
 $\text{Re } V_K(p_0) = 150-200$ MeV

Hypernuclear weak decay studies: p-shell

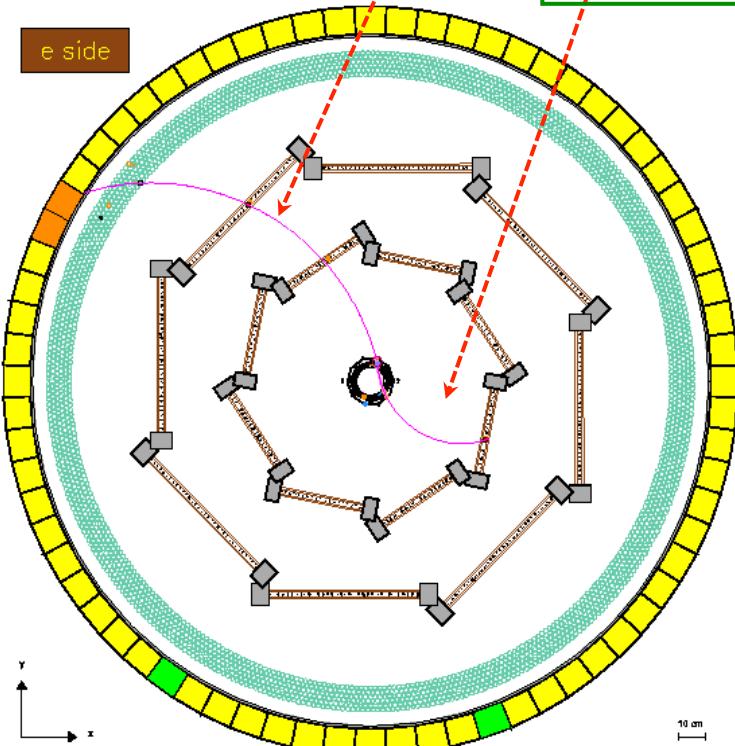
Coincidence measurement: decay from g.s./low lying states

charged Mesonic channel

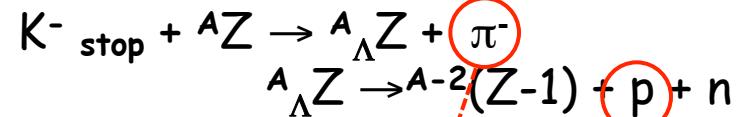


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260-280 MeV/c

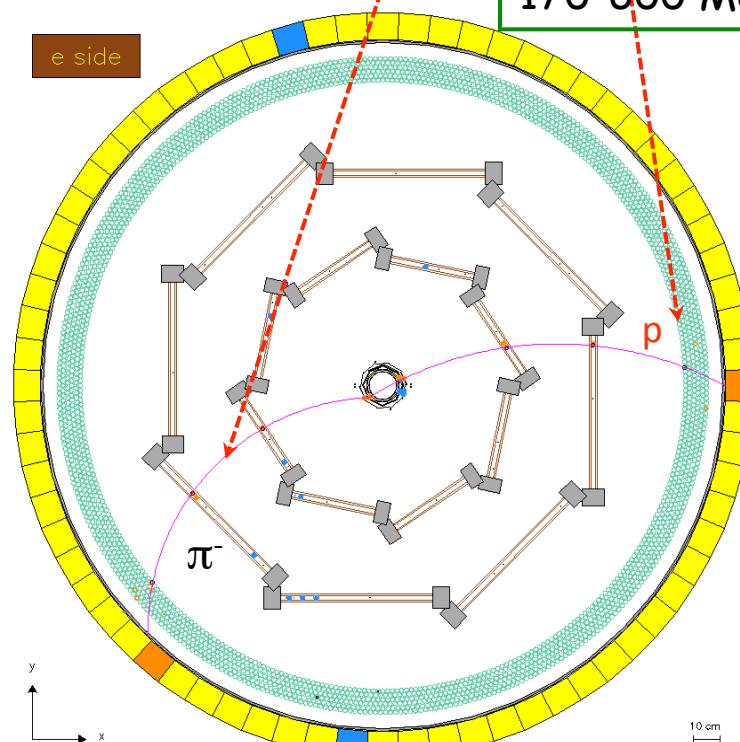
MWD
80-110 MeV/c



charged Non-Mesonic channel

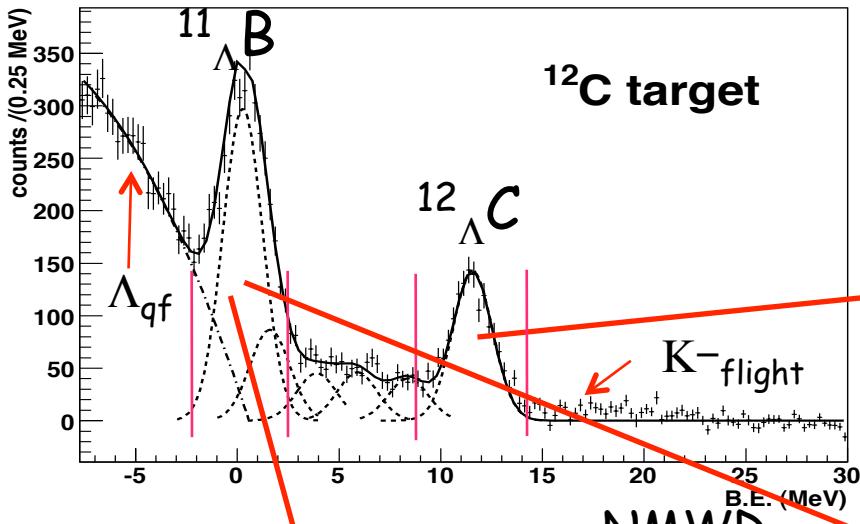


NMWD
170-600 MeV/c

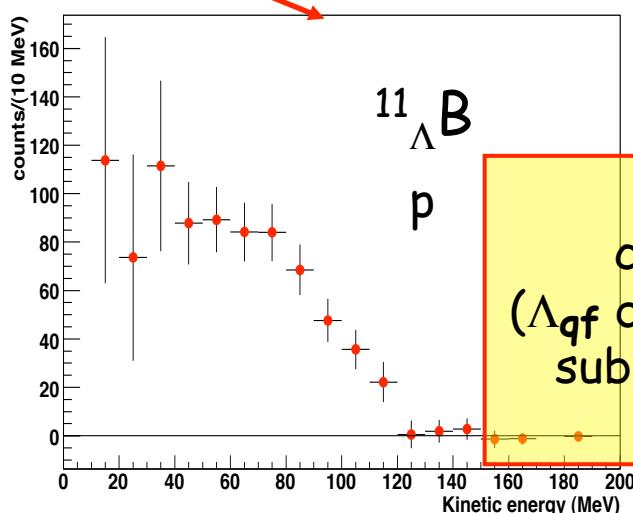
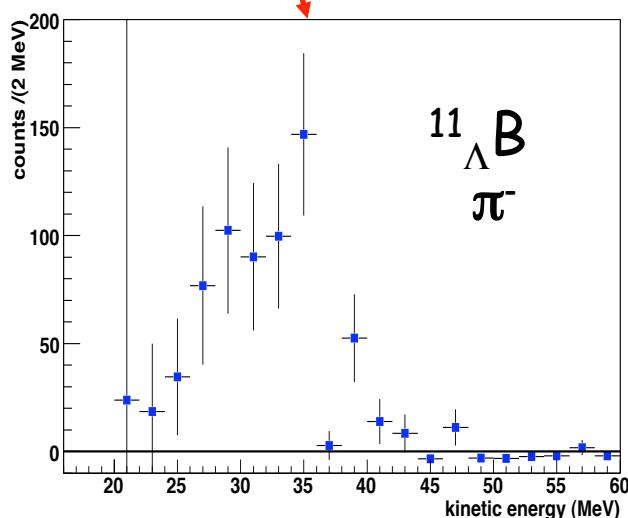
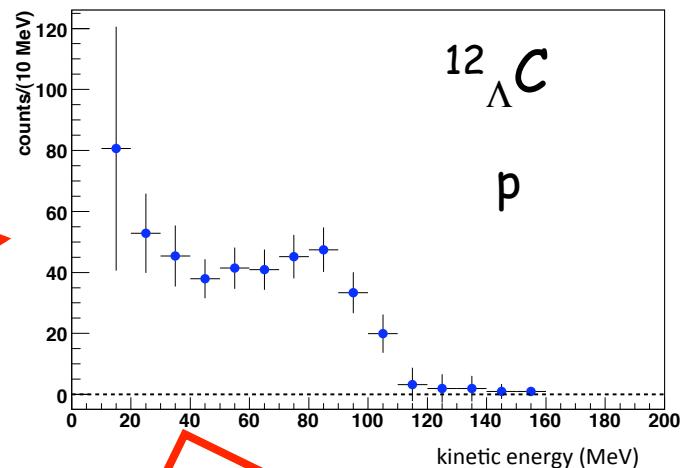


MWD & NMWD in FINUDA: strategy

Inclusive production π^- spectra
 $K^- np$ background corrected



$K^- np \rightarrow \Sigma^- p$
 $\Sigma^- \rightarrow n \pi^-$

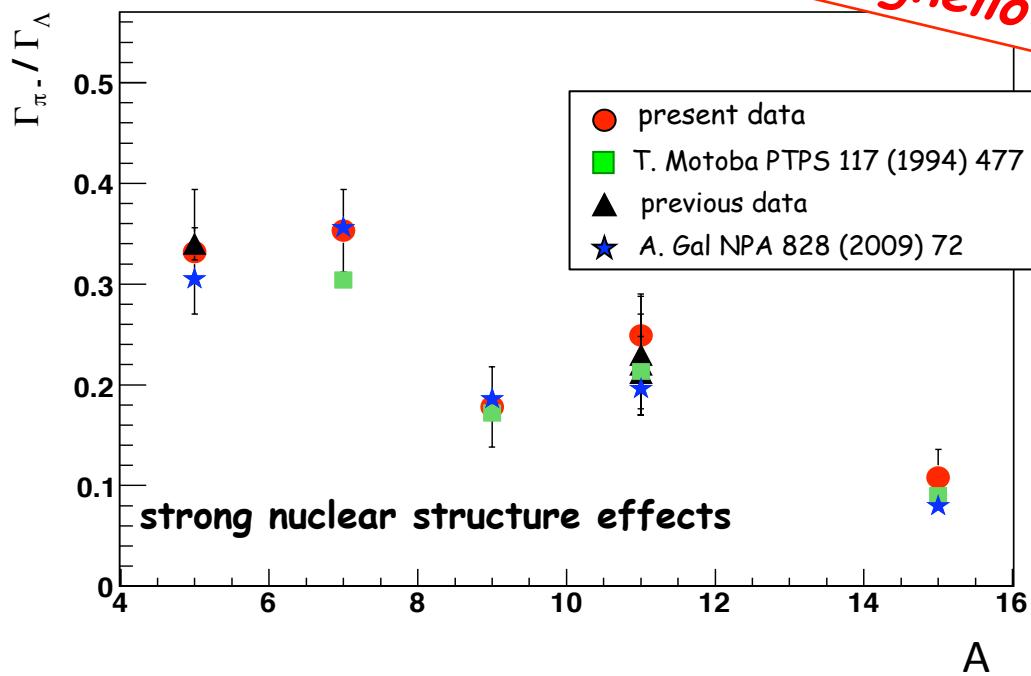


decay π^- and p coincidence spectra
 $(\Lambda_{qf}$ decay)/ $K^- np$ background subtracted & acceptance corrected

Mesonic decay ratio: $\Gamma_{\pi^-} / \Gamma_\Lambda$



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



Extensive calculations:

- Motoba et al., Progr. Theor. Phys. Suppl. 117 (1994) 477
- Gal Nucl. Phys. A 828 (2009) 72.

π distortion, MWD enhancement proved !

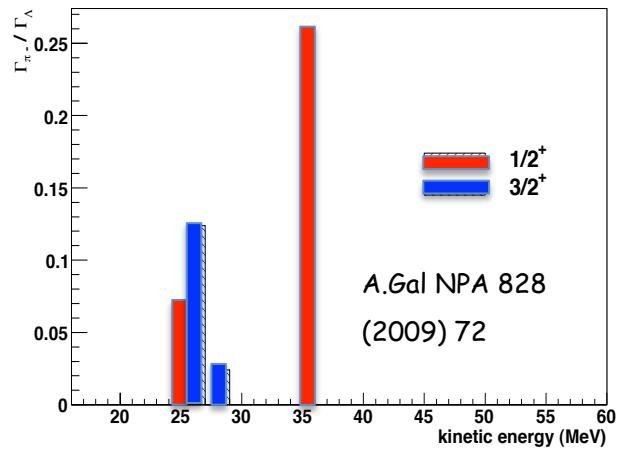
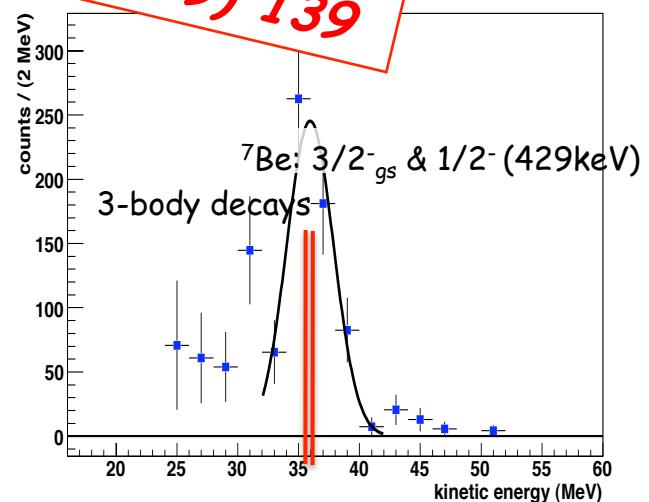
MWD indirect spectroscopic tool !

J^π assignment:

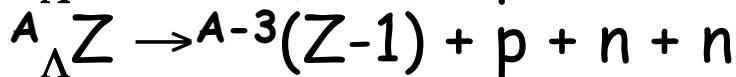
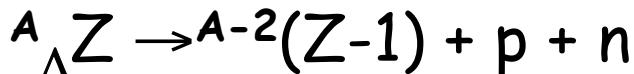
${}^7_\Lambda \text{Li}$ ($1/2^+$), ${}^9_\Lambda \text{Be}$ ($1/2^+$),
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first determination

M. Agnello PLB 681 (2009) 139



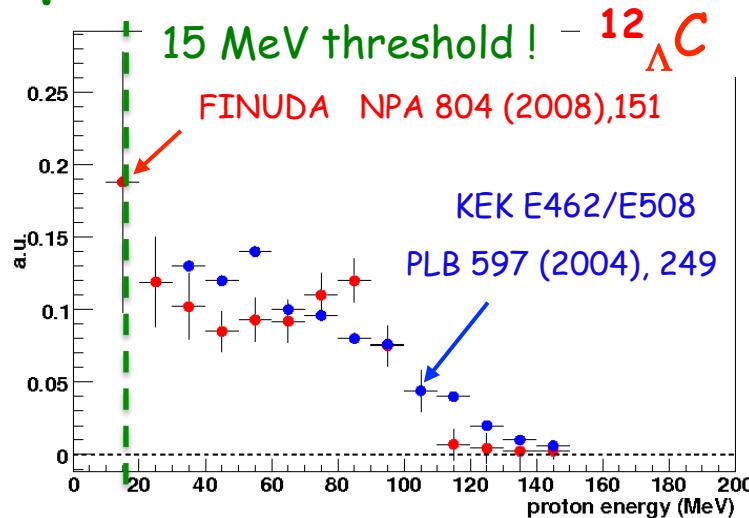
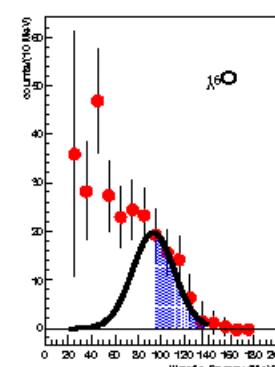
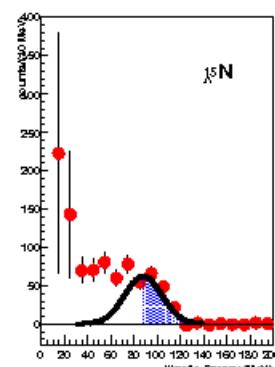
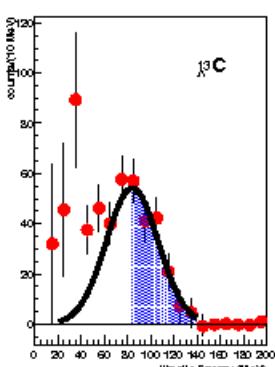
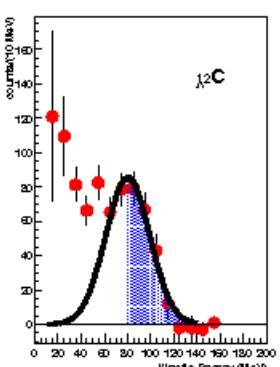
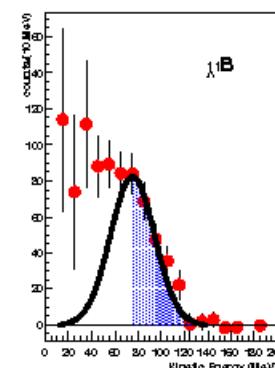
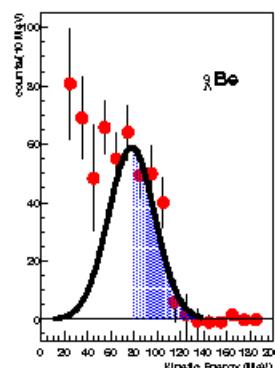
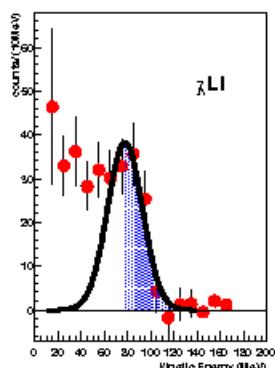
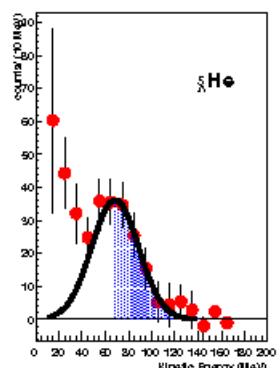
NMWD: single p spectra



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

$^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$, $^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$ and $^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$

2N induced NMWD: W.M. Alberico, A. De Pace, M. Ericson, A. Molinari, PLB 256, 134 (1991).



M. Agnello et al.,
PLB 685 (2010) 247:

$^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$, $^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$, $^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$, $^{11}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$, $^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$,
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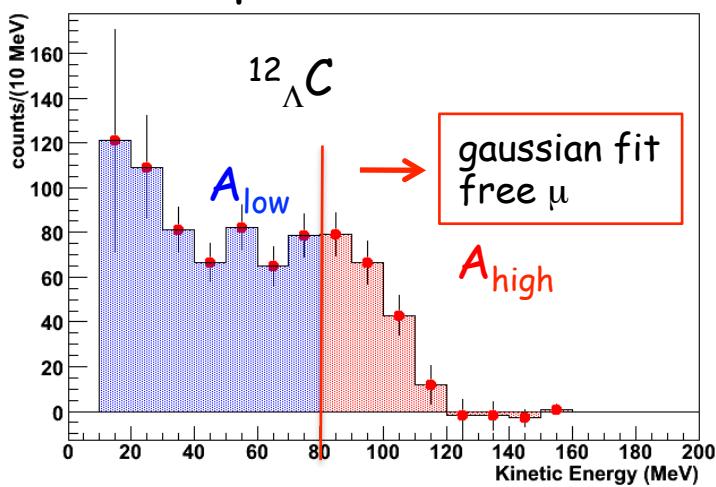
systematics: all p-shell

15 MeV threshold!

NMWD: Γ_{2N} from systematics

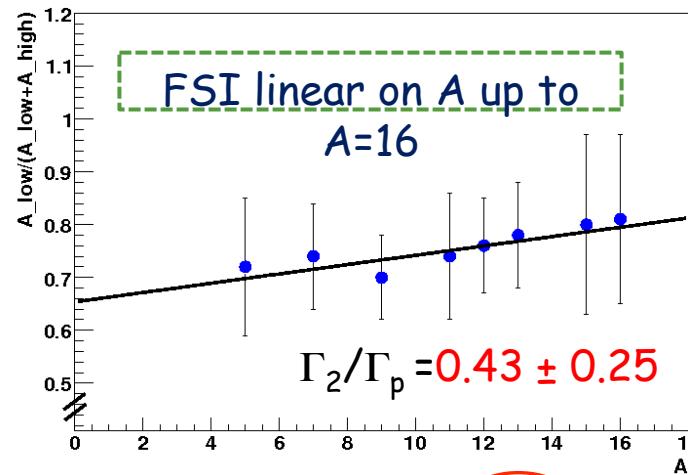
M. Agnello et al. PLB 685 (2010) 247 from (π^- , p) events

NMWD p



1N induced
2N induced
FSI

} Γ not distinguishable
in single spectra



$$R = \frac{A_{\text{low}}}{A_{\text{low}} + A_{\text{high}}} = \frac{0.5 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p + b A}{1 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p}$$

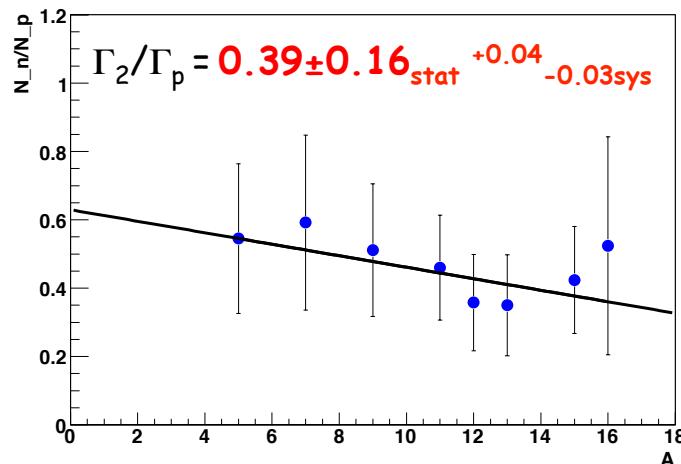
$$\Gamma_2/\Gamma_{\text{NM}} = (\Gamma_2/\Gamma_p)/(\Gamma_n/\Gamma_p + 1 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p) = 0.24 \pm 0.10$$

Bhang et al., EPJ A33 (2007) 259

M. Kim et al., PRL 103 (2009) 182502: 0.29 ± 0.13 $^{12}\Lambda C$

J.D.Parker et al., PRC 76 (2007), 035501: ≤ 0.24 (95% CL) $^4\Lambda He$

M. Agnello et al., PLB 701 (2011) 556 from (π^- , p, n) events



$$R(A) = \frac{N_n (\cos \theta \geq -0.8, E_p < \mu - 20 \text{ MeV})}{N_p (E_p > \mu \text{ p single spectra fit})} = \frac{\Gamma_2}{0.5 \Gamma_p} + b A$$

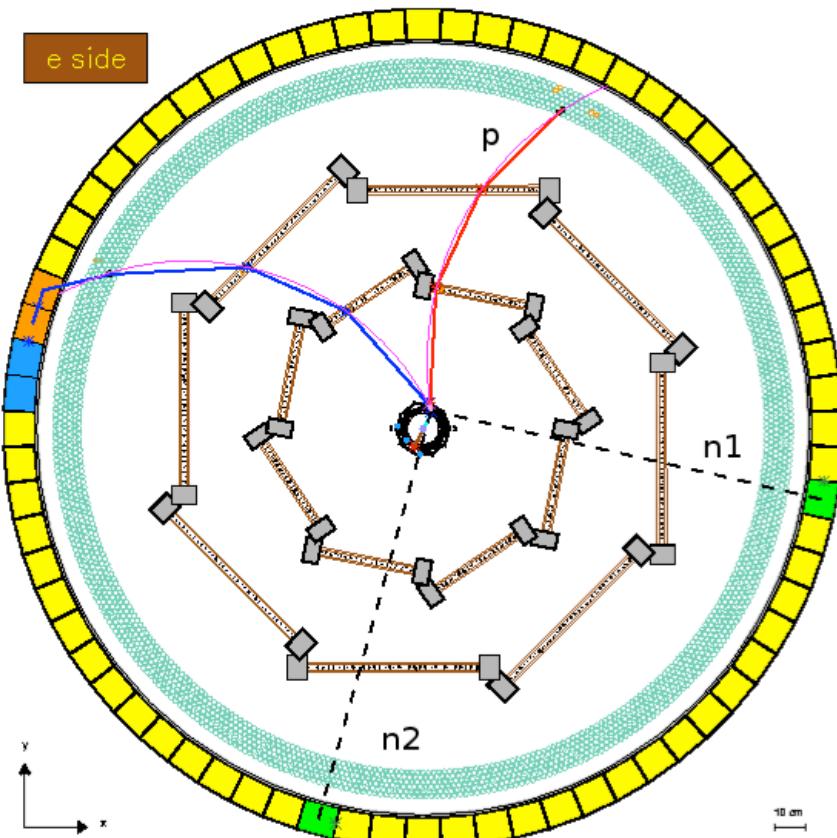
$$\Gamma_2/\Gamma_{\text{NM}} = 0.21 \pm 0.07_{\text{stat}}^{+0.03_{\text{sys}}} - 0.02_{\text{sys}}$$

NMWD: evidence for (π^- , p, n, n) events

3 fourfold coincidence (π^-, n, n, p) events:

1 exclusive ${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^6\text{Li} + p + n + n$ event

2 exclusive $\Lambda np \rightarrow nn p$ ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li} \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + p + n + n$ decay events



$$p_{\pi^-} = 276.93 \text{ MeV}/c$$

$$E_{\text{tot}} = 178.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{Q-value} = 167 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p \text{ miss} = 216.6 \text{ MeV}/c$$

$$E(n1) = 110.2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E(n2) = 16.9 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E(p) = 51.0 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\theta(n1 n2) = 95^\circ$$

$$\theta(n1 p) = 102^\circ$$

$$\theta(n2 p) = 154^\circ$$

no n-n or p/n scattering

Search for light n-rich hypernuclei physics motivations

Hypernuclei with a large neutron excess: R.H. Dalitz, R. Levi Setti., N. Cim. **30** (1963) 489, L. Majling, NP A **585** (1995) 211c, Y. Akaishi et al., Frascati Physics Series **XVI** (1999) 59.

The Pauli principle does not apply to the Λ inside the nucleus + *extra binding energy* (Λ "glue-like" role) \Rightarrow *a larger number of neutrons can be bound with respect to ordinary nuclei.*

Neutron drip-line:

response of neutron halo on embedding of Λ hyperon, hypernuclear species with unstable nuclear core, extending the neutron drip line beyond the standard limits of n-rich nuclei

Hypernuclear physics:

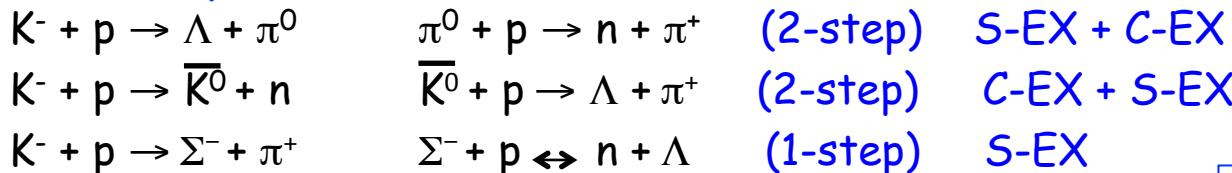
Λ N interactions at low densities, the rôle of 3-body forces
nuclear core compression (${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$ vs ${}^6\text{Li}$: H.Tamura et al., Phys.Rev. Lett. **84** (2000) 5963)

FINUDA physics program: PLB **640** (2006) 145: upper limits ${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$, ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$
PRL **108** (2012) 042501, NPA **881** (2012) 269:

${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ observation
PRC **86** (2012) 057301: ${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ upper limit

Search for light n-rich hypernuclei

- (K^-_{stop} , π^+)



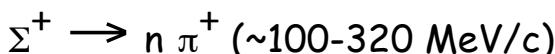
K.Kubota et al, NPA 602 (1996) 327.

${}^9_{\Lambda}He({}^9Be)$ U.L.= $2.3 \cdot 10^{-4}/K^-_{stop}$; ${}^{12}_{\Lambda}Be({}^{12}C)$ U.L.= $6.1 \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{stop}$;
 ${}^{16}_{\Lambda}C({}^{16}O)$ U.L.= $6.2 \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{stop}$ bound core nuclei

M. Agnello et al. Phys. Lett. B 640 (2006) 145

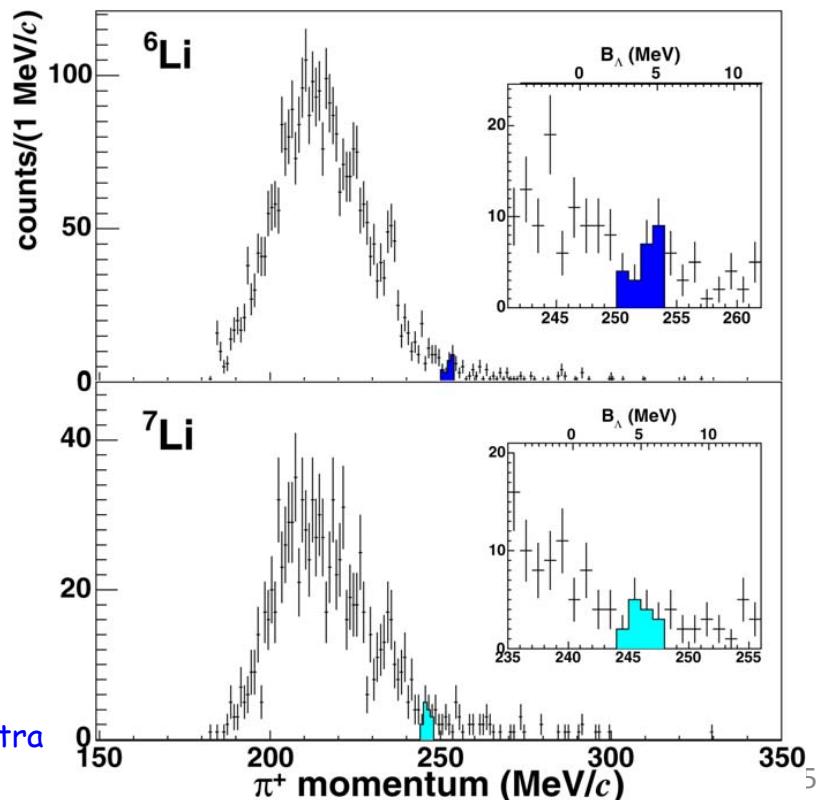
${}^6_{\Lambda}H({}^6Li)$ U.L.= $(2.5 \pm 1.4) \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{stop}$;
 ${}^7_{\Lambda}H({}^7Li)$ U.L.= $(4.5 \pm 1.4) \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{stop}$;
 ${}^{12}_{\Lambda}Be({}^{12}C)$ U.L.= $(2.0 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-5}/K^-_{stop}$
 U.L. @ 90% C.L.

background:



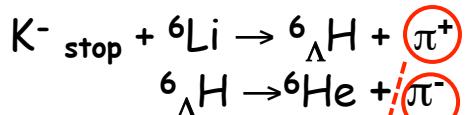
background subtracted spectra
not acceptance corrected

Inclusive π^+ spectrum



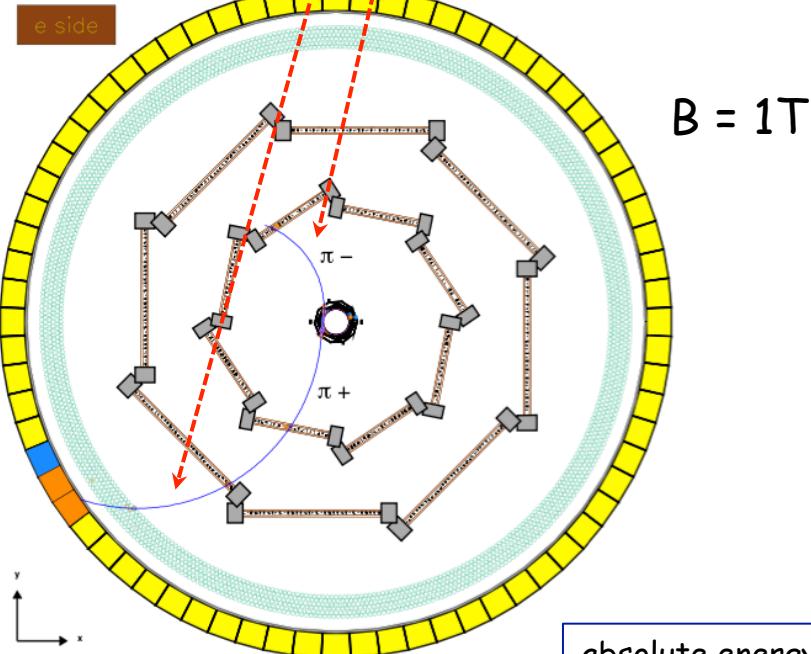
Coincidence measurement

FINUDA π^\pm momentum calibration and resolution:
physical "monochromatic" signals monitoring



D-CEX
~252 MeV/c

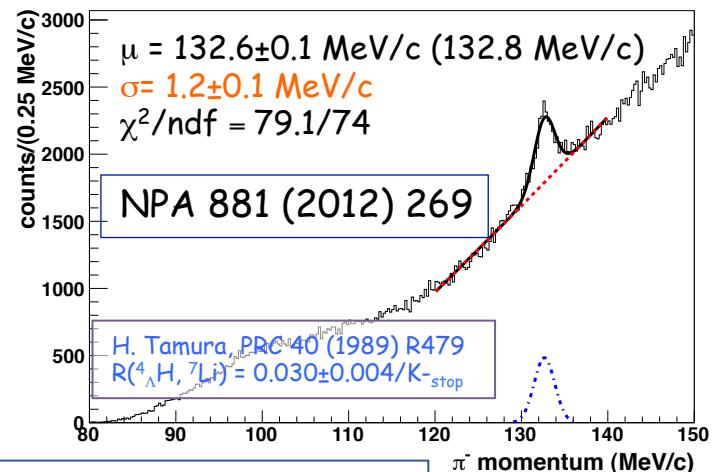
MWD
~134 MeV/c



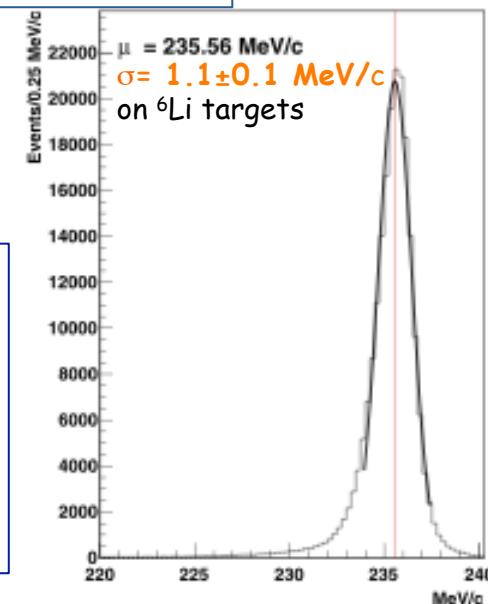
absolute energy scale:
 $\mu_+(235.6 \text{ MeV}/c)$ from $K_{\mu 2}$: $\Delta_p < 0.12 \text{ MeV}/c$
 $\pi_-(132.8 \text{ MeV}/c)$ from ${}^4\Lambda\text{H}$: $\Delta_p < 0.2 \text{ MeV}/c$
 $\sigma T_{\text{sys}} = 0.17 \text{ MeV}$

$\sigma T_{\text{exp}}(\pi^+) = 0.96 \text{ MeV}$, $\sigma T_{\text{exp}}(\pi^-) = 0.84 \text{ MeV}$
 $\sigma T_{\text{exp}} = 1.3 \text{ MeV}$
 $\sigma T = 1.3 \text{ MeV}$

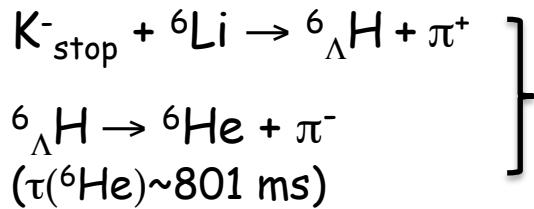
π^- : ${}^4\Lambda\text{H}$ hyperfragment decay at rest



$K_{\mu 2}$ decay: PLB 698 (2011) 219



Coincidence measurement



if ${}^6\Lambda\text{H}$ is a **stable** system independent 2-body reactions: decay at rest

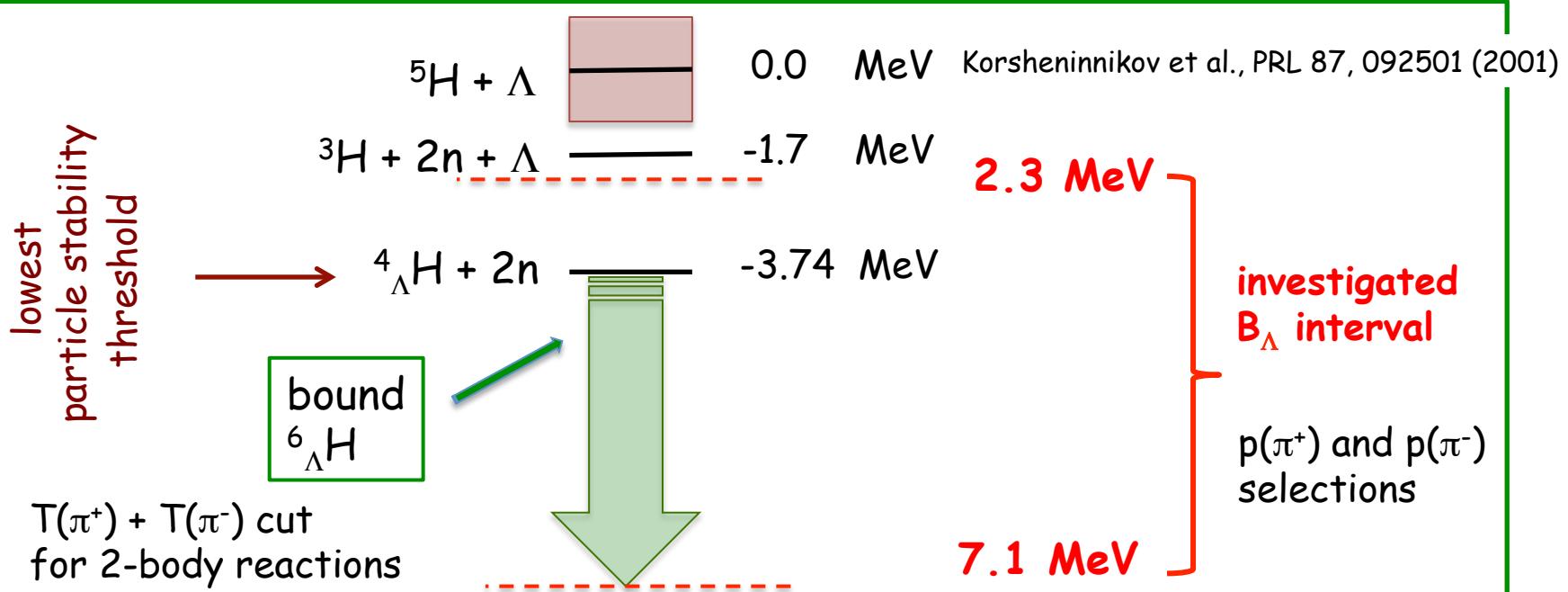
$$T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-) =$$

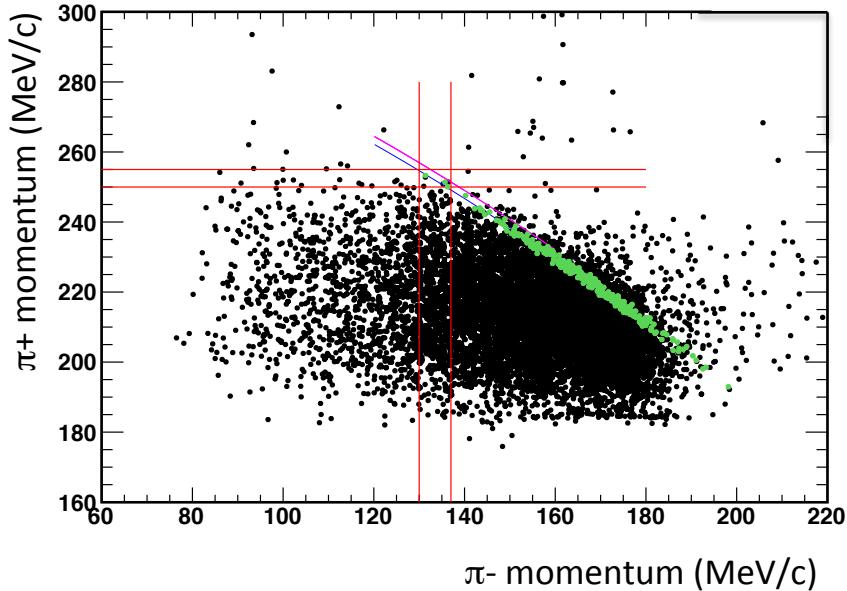
$$\begin{aligned} & M(K^-) + M(p) - M(n) - B({}^6\text{Li}) + B({}^6\text{He}) - T({}^6\text{He}) - T({}^6\Lambda\text{H}) - M(\pi^+) - M(\pi^-) \\ & = 203.0 \pm 1.3 \text{ MeV} \quad (203.5 \div 203.3 \text{ MeV with } B_\Lambda = 0 \div 6 \text{ MeV}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{M^2({}^6\text{He}) + p^2(\pi^-)} - M({}^6\text{He})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{M^2({}^6\Lambda\text{H}) + p^2(\pi^+)} - M({}^6\Lambda\text{H}) \\ & M({}^6\Lambda\text{H}) = M({}^5\text{H}) + M(\Lambda) - B(\Lambda) \end{aligned}$$

cut on $T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-)$: 202÷204 MeV
cut on $p(\pi^+)$ and $p(\pi^-)$





$$T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-) = 202 \div 204 \text{ MeV}$$

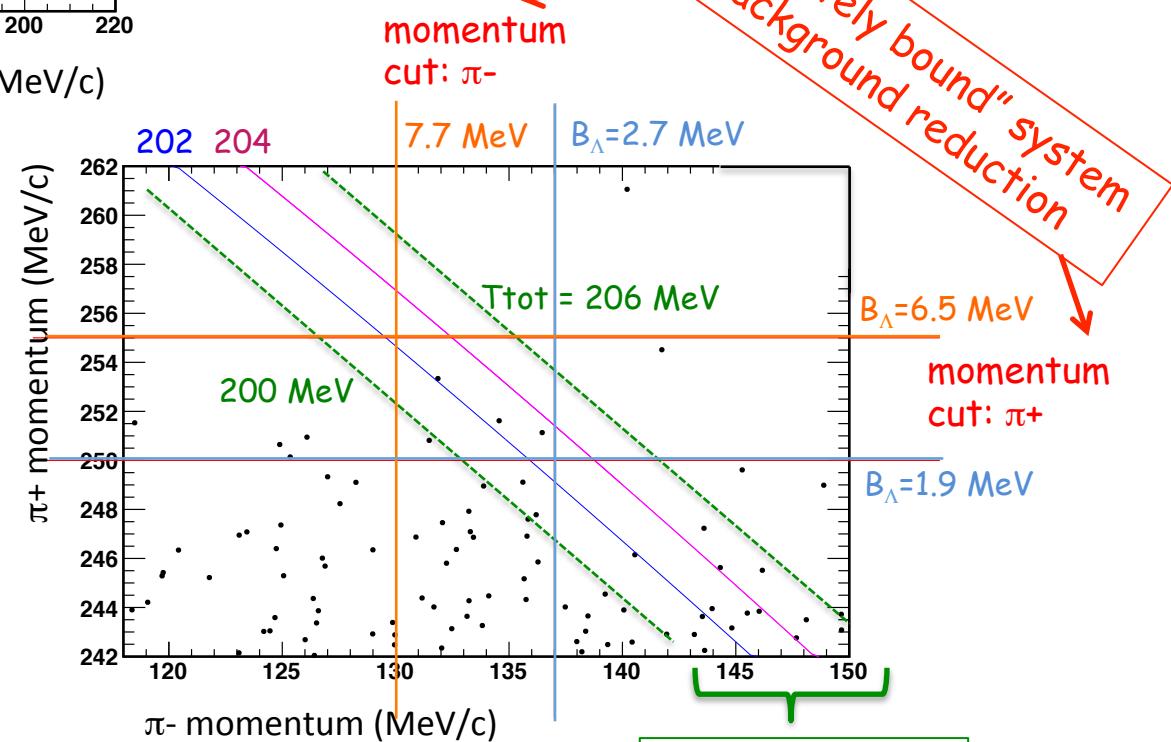
$$250 \div 255 \text{ MeV}/c (\sigma_p = 1.1 \text{ MeV}/c)$$

$$130 \div 137 \text{ MeV}/c (\sigma_p = 1.2 \text{ MeV}/c)$$

$$B_\Lambda = 7.1 \text{ MeV}$$

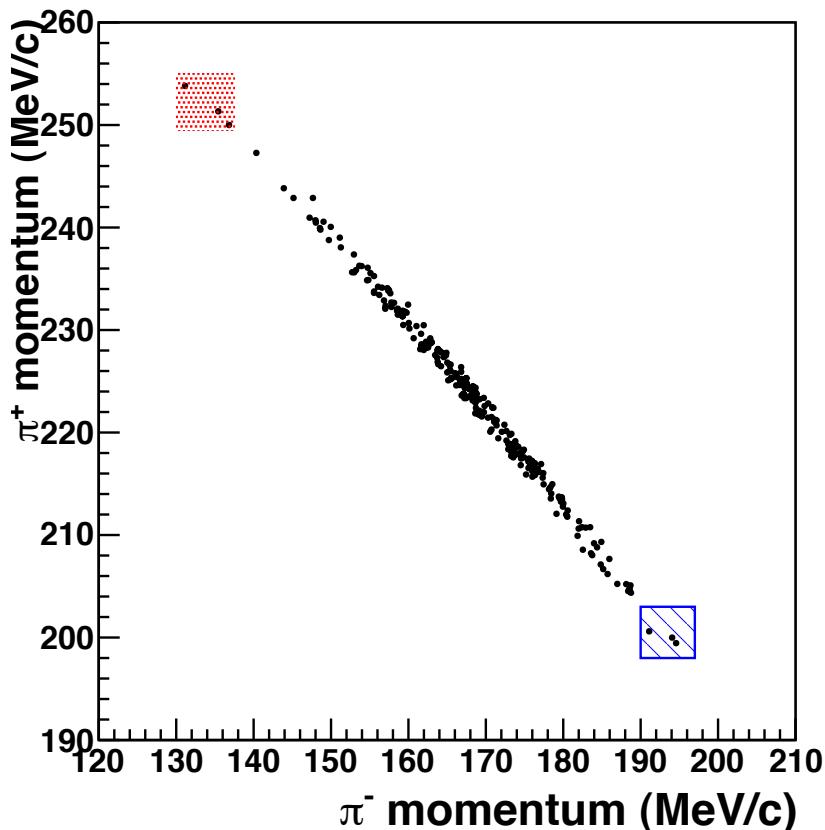
$$B_\Lambda = 2.3 \text{ MeV}$$

Finuda Coll. and A. Gal,
NPA 881 (2012) 269.

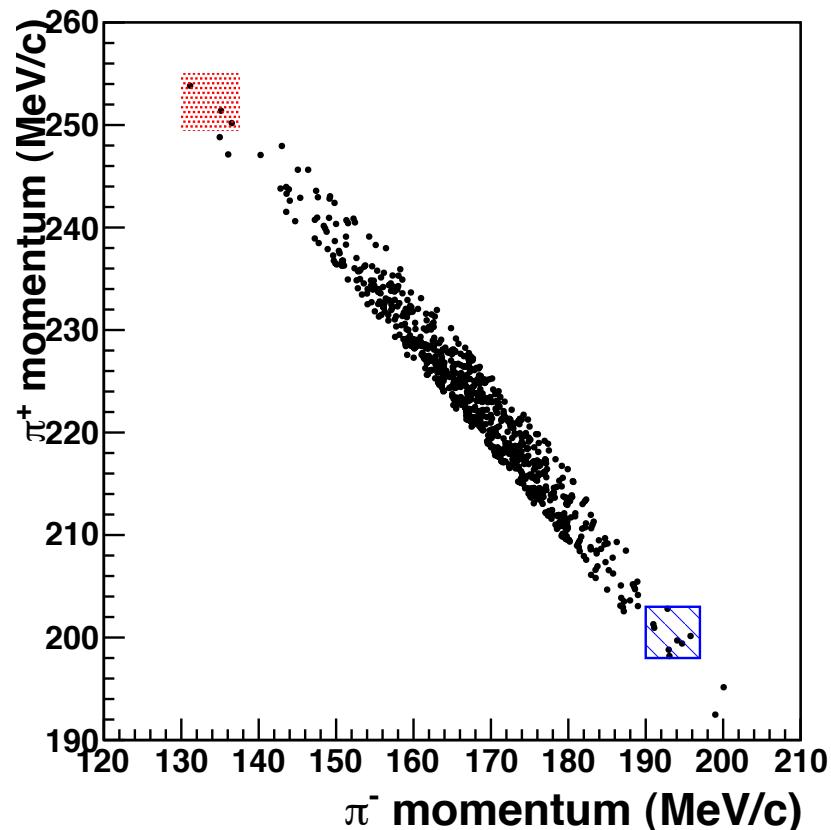


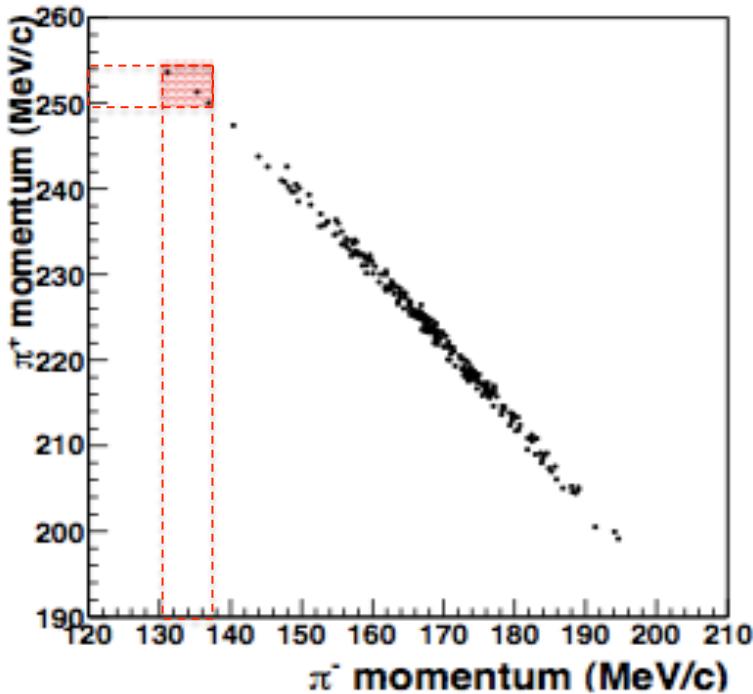
$\text{T}(\pi^+) + \text{T}(\pi^-)$ cut : systematics

$$\text{T}(\pi^+) + \text{T}(\pi^-) = 202 \div 204 \text{ MeV}$$



$$\text{T}(\pi^+) + \text{T}(\pi^-) = 200 \div 206 \text{ MeV}$$



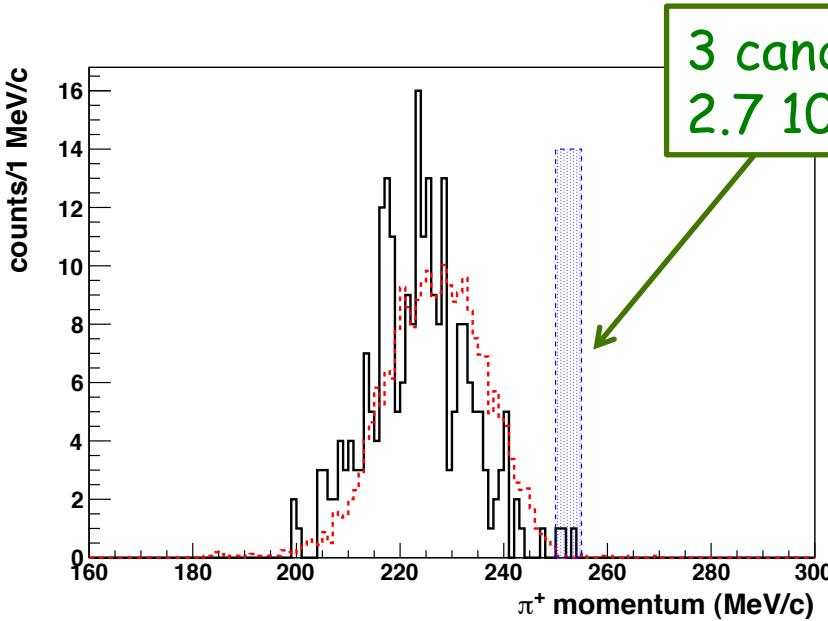


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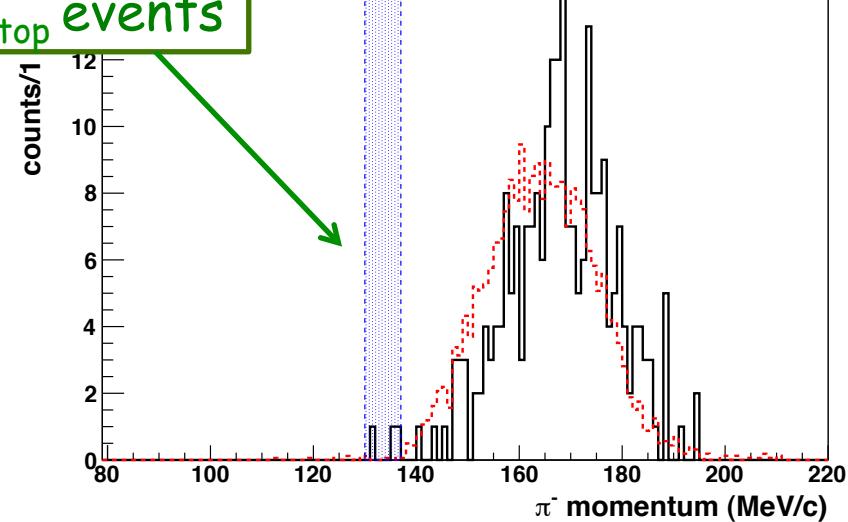
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NPA 881 (2012) 269.

blue bars: p_{π^+/π^-} selection regions
 including ${}^6_\Lambda \text{H}$ lowest particle stability
 threshold ${}^4_\Lambda \text{H} + 2n$ ($p_{\pi^+} = 251.9$ MeV/c,
 $p_{\pi^-} = 135.6$ MeV/c) $B_\Lambda = 2.3 \div 7.1$ MeV



3 candidate events
 $2.7 \cdot 10^7 K_{\text{stop}}$ events



${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}/\text{K}^-$ stop production rate



Background sources:

${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}/\text{K}$ -stop production rate

Total background: $BGD1 + BGD2 = 0.43 \pm 0.28$ events on ${}^6\text{Li}$

Poisson statistics: 3 events DO NOT belong to pure background: C.L.= 99%

$$R^* \cdot BR(\pi^-) = (3 - BGD1 - BGD2) / [\epsilon(\pi^-) \cdot \epsilon(\pi^+) \cdot (n. K_{stop}^- \text{ on } {}^6\text{Li})]$$

$$R^* \text{BR}(\pi^-) = (2.9 \pm 2.0) 10^{-6}/K_{\text{stop}}$$

H. Tamura, et al.,
 PRC 40 (1989) R479
 $\text{BR}(\pi^-)^4 \wedge H = 0.49$

$$R = (5.9 \pm 4.0) \cdot 10^{-6} / K_{\text{stop}}$$

U.L. = $(2.5 \pm 0.4^{+0.4}_{-0.1}) 10^{-5}/K_{stop}$
 Agnello et al., PLB 64(2006) 145

first evidence of ${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ based on 3 events that cannot be attributed to pure instrumental and physical background ($S=3.9$)



kinematics

T_{tot} (MeV)	$p(\pi^+)$ (MeV/c)	$p(\pi^-)$ (MeV/c)	$M({}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H})$ formation (MeV/c ²)	$M({}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H})$ decay (MeV/c ²)	$\Delta M({}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H})$ (MeV)
202.5 ± 1.3	251.3 ± 1.1	135.1 ± 1.2	5802.33 ± 0.96	5801.41 ± 0.84	0.92 ± 1.28
202.7 ± 1.3	250.0 ± 1.1	136.9 ± 1.2	5803.45 ± 0.96	5802.73 ± 0.84	0.71 ± 1.28
202.1 ± 1.3	253.8 ± 1.1	131.2 ± 1.2	5799.97 ± 0.96	5798.66 ± 0.84	1.31 ± 1.28

FINUDA Coll. and A. Gal, PRL 108 (2012) 042501,
NPA 881 (2012) 269

- ✓ B_{Λ} determination
- ✓ formation - decay mass difference

$B_\Lambda(^6_\Lambda H)$ determination

mass mean value = 5801.4 ± 1.1

$B_\Lambda = 4.0 \pm 1.1$ MeV (${}^5\text{He} + \Lambda$)

$B_\Lambda = 5.8$ MeV (${}^5\text{He} + \Lambda$)
 ΛNN force: 1.4 MeV

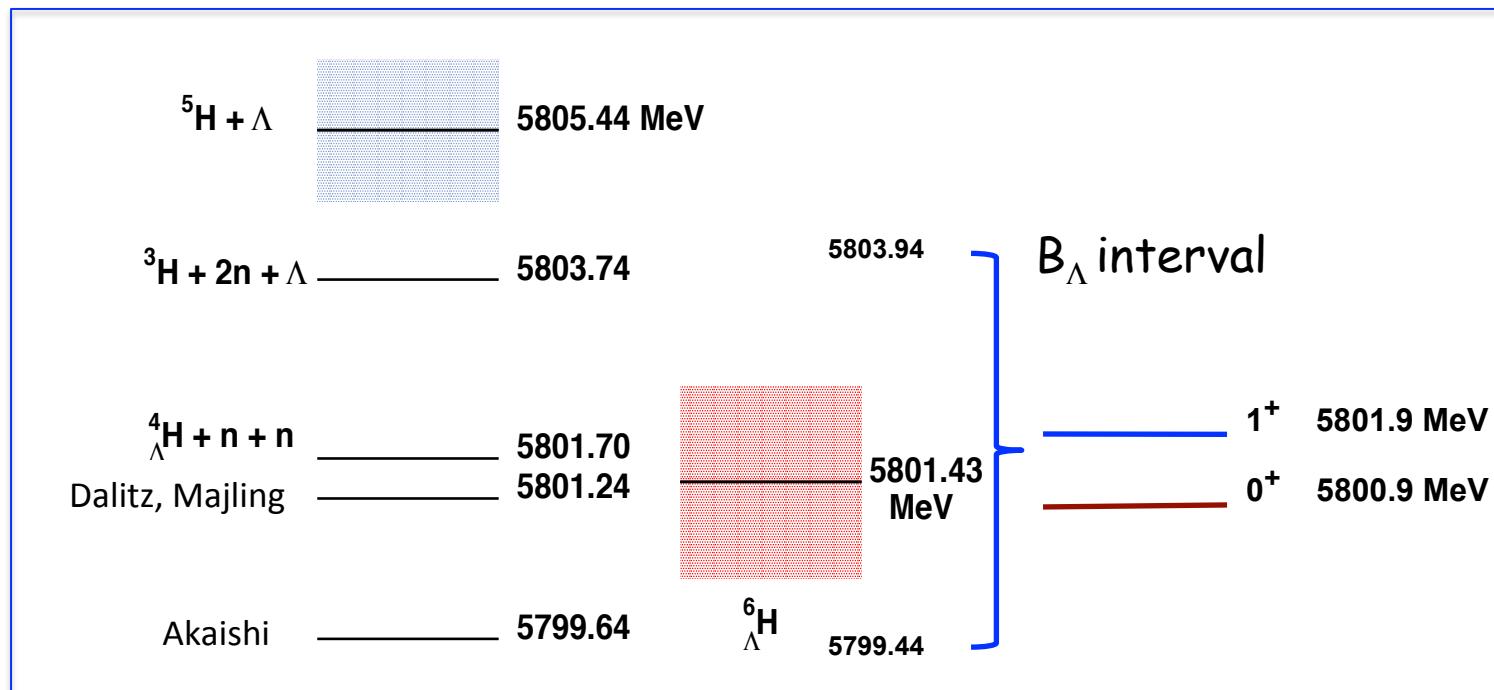
Dalitz et al., N. Cim. 30 (1963) 489 ($B_\Lambda \sim 4.2$ MeV)

L. Majling, NPA 585 (1995) 211c

Y. Akaishi et al., AIP Conf. Proc. 1011 (2008) 277
 "coherent" Λ - Σ coupling in 0^+ states
 → ΛNN three body force:

$B_{\Lambda\text{NN}} = 1.4$ MeV, $\Delta E(0_{g.s.}^+ - 1^+) = 2.4$ MeV

model originally developed for ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ and ${}^4_\Lambda\text{He}$

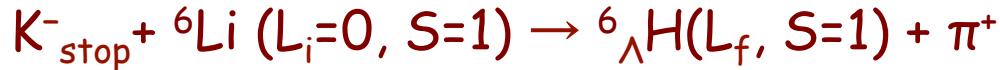


formation - decay = 0.98 ± 0.74 MeV
 → excitation spectrum of ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$

formation - decay ΔM

Finuda Coll. and A. Gal,
NPA 881 (2012) 269.

spin flip is forbidden in production at rest:



$L_f = 0 \rightarrow {}^6\Lambda\text{H}(1^+_{\text{exc.}})$ followed by :

- (i) ${}^6\Lambda\text{H}(1^+ \text{exc.}) \rightarrow \gamma + {}^6\Lambda\text{H}(0^+ \text{g.s.}) (\sim 10^{-13} \text{ s})$ M1
- (ii) ${}^6\Lambda\text{H}(0^+ \text{g.s.}) \rightarrow \pi^- + {}^6\text{He}(0^+ \text{g.s.}) (\sim 10^{-10} \text{ s})$

E. Hiyama et al.,
NPA 908 (2013) 29.

A. Gal, D. J. Millener
PLB 725 (2013) 445.
upper bound: 3.83 MeV

$\rightarrow B_\Lambda({}^6\Lambda\text{H}) = (4.5 \pm 1.2) \text{ MeV}$ vs ${}^5\text{He} + \Lambda$ from decay mass only

little neutron-excess effect compared to $B_\Lambda({}^6\Lambda\text{He}) = (4.18 \pm 0.10) \text{ MeV}$

Excitation energy of the 1^+ spin-flip state from a systematic difference
 $\Delta M = 0.98 \pm 0.74 \text{ MeV}$ between values of ${}^6\Lambda\text{H}$ mass derived separately
from production and from decay.

1^+ particle stable? 0^+ particle stable?

J-PARC E10 (PLB 729 (2014) 39) no signal of ${}^6\Lambda\text{H}$ formation in (π^- , K^+)

$^9_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ search with FINUDA

Finuda Coll. and A. Gal, PRC 86 (2012) 057301.

- $(N+Y)/Z = 3.5$
- stable nuclear core Majling, NPA 585 (1995) 211c: $B_{\Lambda} = 8.5 \text{ MeV}$
- n-halo

Selections:

- $T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-)$: $194.5 \div 197.5 \text{ MeV}$ ($195.8 \div 195.7 \text{ MeV}$ with $B_{\Lambda} = 0 \div 10 \text{ MeV}$)
- $253.5 \div 259 \text{ MeV}/c$ ($\sigma_p = 1.1 \text{ MeV}/c$)
- $114.5 \div 122 \text{ MeV}/c$ ($\sigma_p = 1.2 \text{ MeV}/c$) $B_{\Lambda} = 5 \div 10 \text{ MeV}$
- ✓ 0 observed events
- ✓ $\varepsilon(\pi^-), \varepsilon(\pi^+)$ & n. K_{stop}^- on ^9Be ($2.5 \cdot 10^7 K_{\text{stop}}^-$ events)

$$R * \text{BR}(\pi^-) < (2.3 \pm 1.9) \cdot 10^{-6} / (\text{n. } K_{\text{stop}}^- \text{ on } ^9\text{Be}) \text{ (90% C.L.)}$$

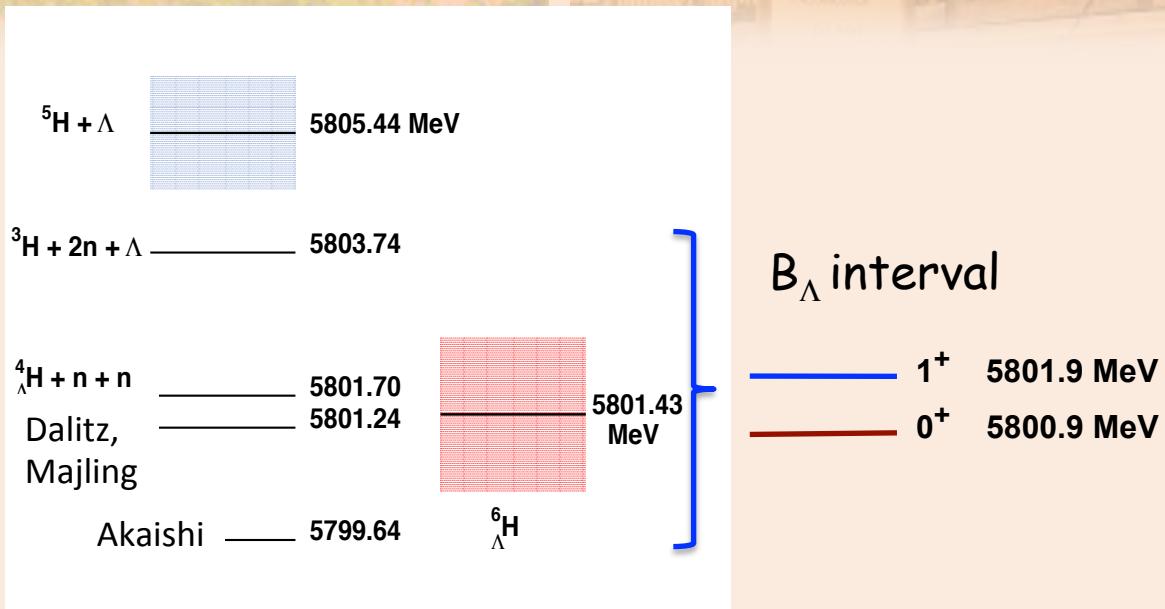
$$\Gamma(^9_{\Lambda}\text{He}_{gs} \rightarrow ^9\text{Li}_{gs} + \pi^-) = 0.261 \Gamma_{\Lambda}$$

from A. Gal, Nucl. Phys. A 828, 72 (2009)

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PRC 86 (2012) 057301

K.Kubota et al, NPA 602 (1996) 327. $^9_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ (^9Be) U.L.= $2.3 \cdot 10^{-4} / K_{\text{stop}}$



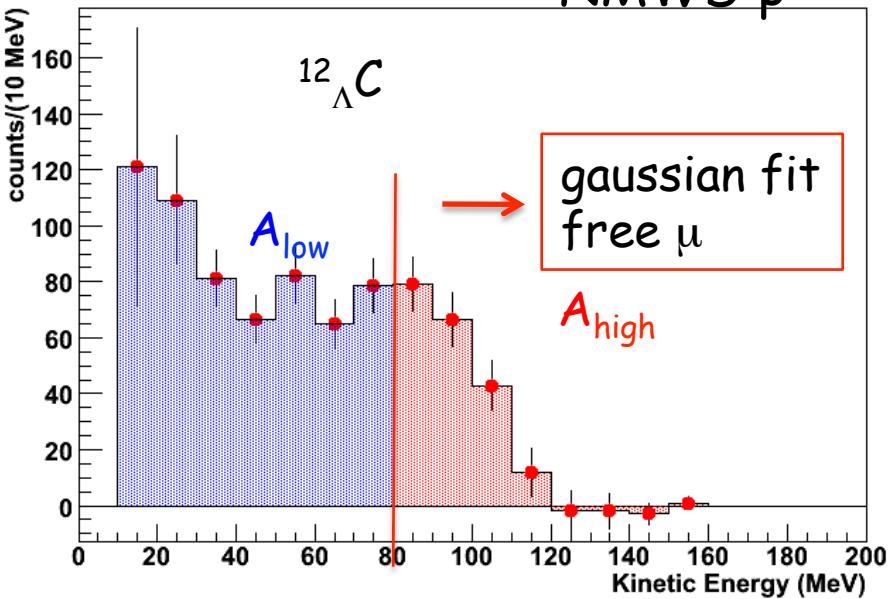
Thank you for your attention!

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NMWD: Γ_{2N} from (π^- , p) events

M. Agnello et al., PLB 685 (2010) 247

NMWD p



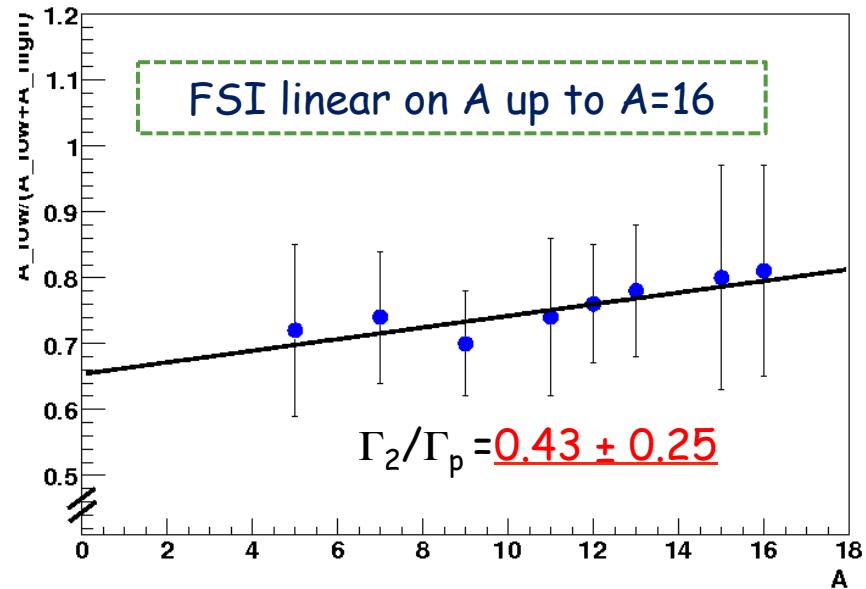
$$R = \frac{A_{\text{low}}}{A_{\text{low}} + A_{\text{high}}} = \frac{0.5 N(\Lambda p \rightarrow np) + N(\Lambda np \rightarrow nnp) + N_p^{\text{FSI}}}{N(\Lambda p \rightarrow np) + N(\Lambda np \rightarrow nnp) + N_p^{\text{FSI}}'}$$

$$R(A) = a + bA = \frac{0.5 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p}{1 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p} + bA$$

$\Gamma_{2N}/\Gamma_{\text{NMWD}}, \Gamma_2/\Gamma_1$ & Γ_n/Γ_p independent on A

A_{low} : spectrum area below μ
1N + 2N + FSI

A_{high} : spectrum area above μ
1N + FSI
 $2N(>70 \text{ MeV}) \sim 5\% 2N_{\text{tot}}$



$$\Gamma_2/\Gamma_{\text{NM}} = (\Gamma_2/\Gamma_p) / (\Gamma_n/\Gamma_p + 1 + \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p) = 0.24 \pm 0.10$$

Bhang et al., EPJ A33 (2007) 259

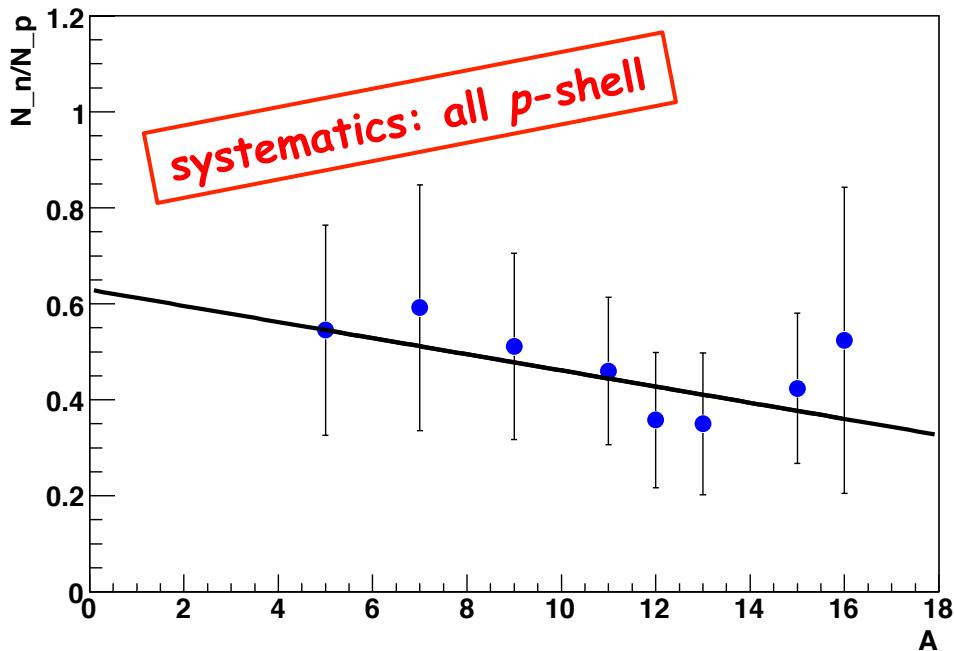
M. Kim et al., PRL 103 (2009) 182502: 0.29 ± 0.13 $^{12}\Lambda C$
J.D.Parker et al., PRC 76 (2007), 035501: ≤ 0.24 (95% CL) $^{28}\Lambda He$

NMWD: Γ_{2N} from (π^- , p, n) events

M. Agnello et al., PLB 701 (2011) 556

$$R(A) = \frac{N_n (\cos \theta \geq -0.8, E_p < \mu-20 \text{ MeV})}{N_p (E_p > \mu \text{ p single spectra fit})} = \frac{N(\Lambda np \rightarrow nnp) + N^{\text{FSI}}}{0.5 N(\Lambda p \rightarrow np) + N^{\text{FSI}}}$$

$$R(A) = a + b A = \frac{\Gamma_2}{0.5 \Gamma_p} + b A \quad \Gamma_2/\Gamma_p \text{ not dependent on } A$$



$$\Gamma_2/\Gamma_p \\ 0.39 \pm 0.16_{\text{stat}} + 0.04_{\text{sys}} - 0.03_{\text{sys}}$$

$$\Gamma_2/\Gamma_{\text{NM}} \\ 0.21 \pm 0.07_{\text{stat}} + 0.03_{\text{sys}} - 0.02_{\text{sys}}$$

M. Kim et al., PRL 103 (2009) 182502:
 $0.29 \pm 0.13 {}^{12}\Lambda_C$
 FINUDA Coll. et al., PLB 685 (2010) 247:
 0.24 ± 0.10

- low statistics
- direct measurement
- reduced error

${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{He}/K^-_{\text{stop}}$ production rate

upper limit evaluation

- ✓ 0 observed events
- ✓ $\varepsilon(\pi^-), \varepsilon(\pi^+)$
- ✓ n. K^-_{stop} on ${}^9\text{Be}$ ($2.5 \cdot 10^7 K^-_{\text{stop}}$ events)

$$R * BR(\pi^-) < (2.3 \pm 1.9) \cdot 10^{-6} / (\text{n. } K^-_{\text{stop}} \text{ on } {}^9\text{Be}) \text{ (90% C.L.)}$$

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PRC 86 (2012) 057301

K.Kubota et al, NPA 602 (1996) 327.
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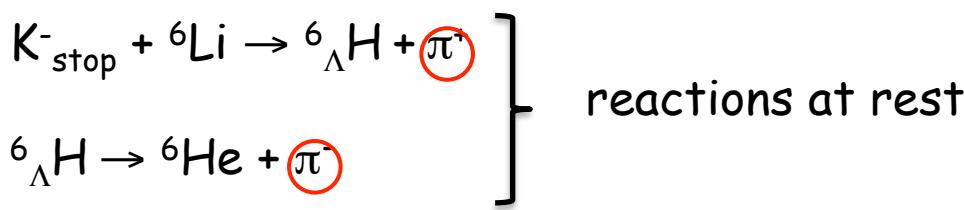
Renewed theoretical interest

- E. Hiyama et al., NPA 908 (2013) 29.
tnnΛ four-body cluster model of ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$: particle unstable, Λ-Σ mixing not explicitly included, complex pole position of ${}^5\text{H}$
- A. Gal, D.J. Millener, PLB 725 (2013) 445.
 - Shell model calculations for p-shell hypernuclei, D.J. Millener, NPA 881 (2012) 298.
 - ΛN effective interactions from γ-ray p-shell data & theoretically motivated Λ-Σ terms: n-rich hypernuclei in p-shell and beyond (${}^9_\Lambda\text{He}$, ${}^{10}_\Lambda\text{Li}$, ${}^{12}_\Lambda\text{Be}$, ${}^{14}_\Lambda\text{B}$, ${}^{49}_\Lambda\text{Ca}$, ${}^{209}_\Lambda\text{Pb}$)
 - beyond mean-field $\Delta B_{\Lambda}^{g.s.}$ ΣM contributions to normal parity g.s. of n-rich hypernuclei
 - modest effect from Λ-Σ coupling
 - beyond mean-field $\Delta B_{\Lambda}^{g.s.}$ generated by ΛN spin dependence terms

${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$: spin-flip production forbidden; is $(1^+_{exc.})$ particle stable? is $(0^+_{g.s.})$ particle stable?

- upper bound: $B_\Lambda({}^6_\Lambda\text{H}) \sim B_\Lambda({}^4_\Lambda\text{H}) + 0.8[B_\Lambda({}^7_\Lambda\text{He}) - B_\Lambda({}^5_\Lambda\text{He})] = 3.83 \text{ MeV}$ (${}^4_\Lambda\text{H} + 2n$: -3.74 MeV);
- very weakly bound ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$ (0^+ g.s.) and particle-unstable ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$ ($1^+_{exc.}$) that decays by emitting a low-energy neutron pair: ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}(1^+_{exc.}) \rightarrow {}^4_\Lambda\text{H}(0^+_{g.s.}) + 2n$.
- strong decay suppressed kinematically and dynamically:
 - kinematically: since s-wave emission requires a 3S_1 dineutron configuration which is Pauli-forbidden,
 - the Pauli allowed p-wave emission, kinematically suppressed at low energy, requires that both ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$ constituents, ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ and $2n$, flip their Pauli spin which is disfavored dynamically.

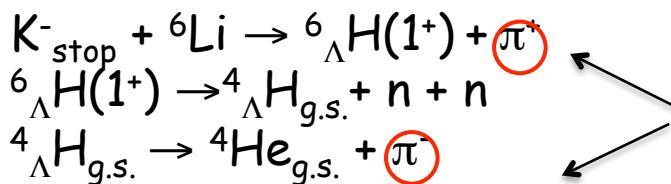
This leaves open the possibility that M1 γ emission to ${}^6_\Lambda\text{H}$ (0^+ g.s.) provides a competitive decay mode of the $1^+_{exc.}$ level.



stable ${}^6\Lambda H$

$$T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(K^-) + M(p) - M(n) - B({}^6Li) + B({}^6He) - T({}^6He) - T({}^6\Lambda H) - M(\pi^+) - M(\pi^-) \\ = 203.0 \pm 1.3 \text{ MeV} \quad (203.5 \div 203.3 \text{ MeV with } B_\Lambda = 0 \div 6 \text{ MeV}) \end{aligned}$$



reactions at rest

$$S({}^6Li) = 1$$

resonant ${}^6\Lambda H$
above ${}^4\Lambda H_{g.s.} + n + n$
threshold

$$T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-) = [T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-)]({}^6\Lambda H) - 203 \text{ MeV}$$

$$[M({}^6\Lambda H(1^+)) - M({}^4\Lambda H_{g.s.}) - 2M(n)] - {}^6\Lambda H(1^+) \text{ available decay energy: } (1\pm1) \text{ MeV}$$

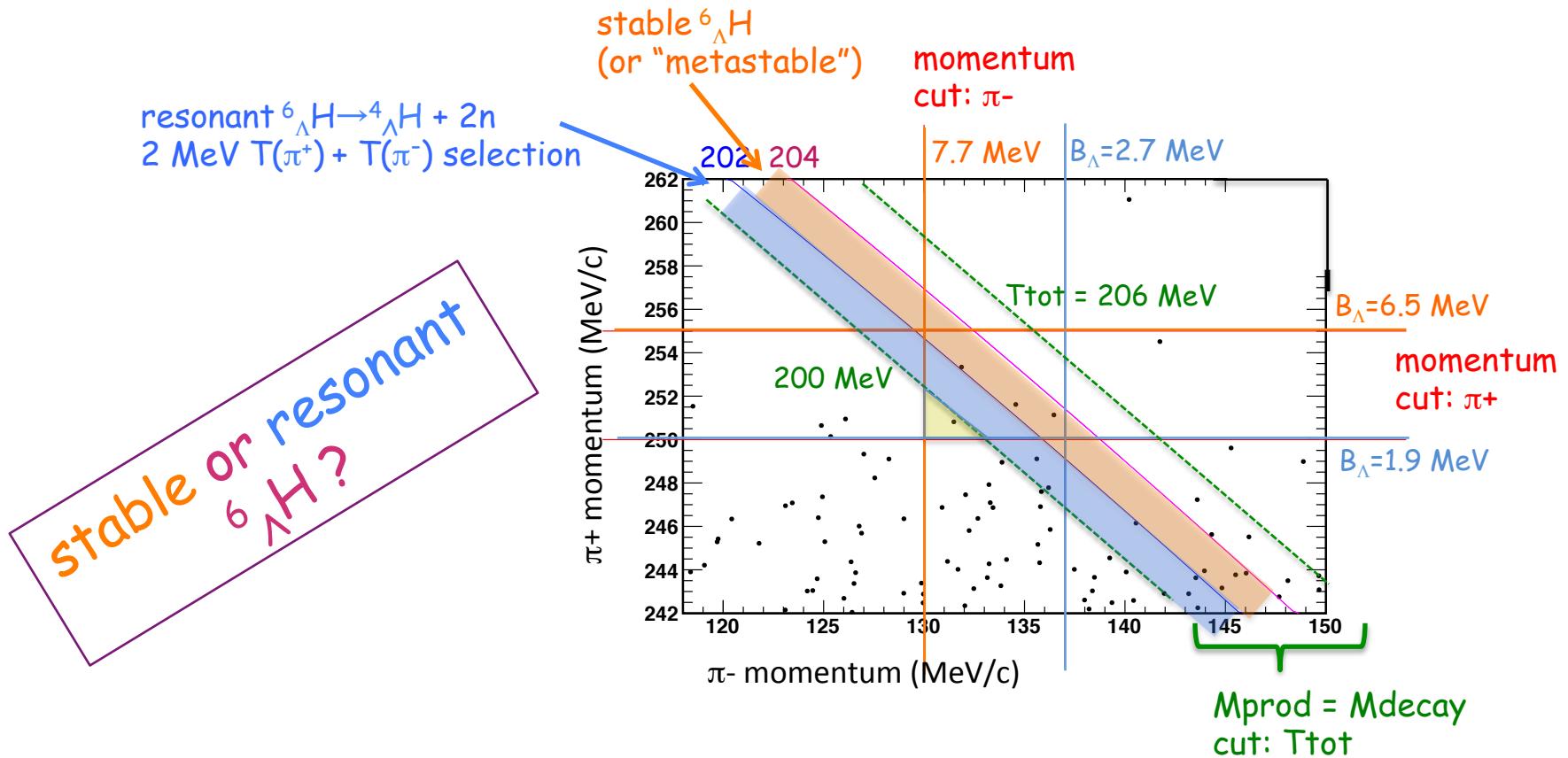
$$[B({}^6He) - B({}^4He)] + (29.3 - 28.3) \text{ MeV}$$

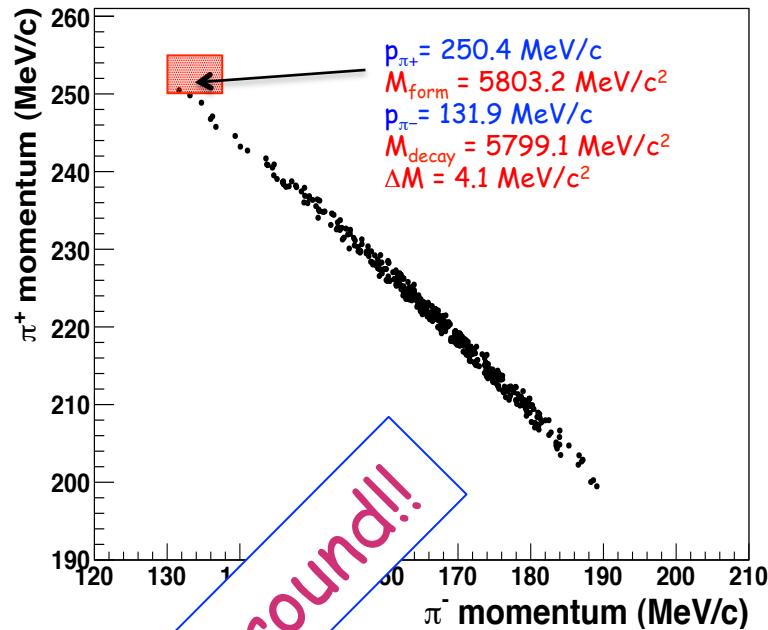
$$[T({}^6He) - T({}^4He)] \ll 1 \text{ MeV, neglected}$$

$$= 201 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{stronger } \Sigma^+ \text{ background})$$

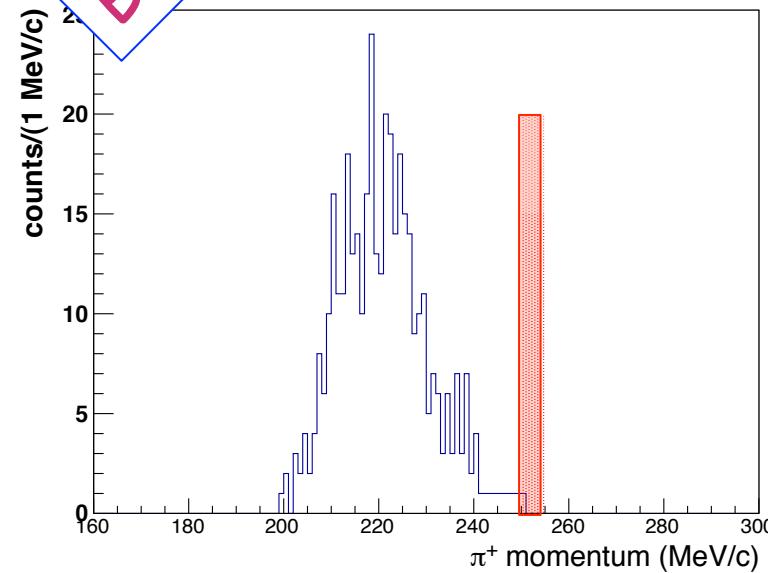
FINUDA's strong **points in favor** of a particle stable ${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 0^+ g.s. and of a M1 γ emission ${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}(1^+ \text{exc.}) \rightarrow {}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}(0^+ \text{g.s.})$:

- observation of a weak-decay π^- with momentum distinctly different from 132.8 MeV/c (${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^4\text{He}_{\text{g.s.}} + \pi^-$)
- kinematic cut on Ttot ($M_{\text{prod}} = M_{\text{decay}}$)





Background!!!

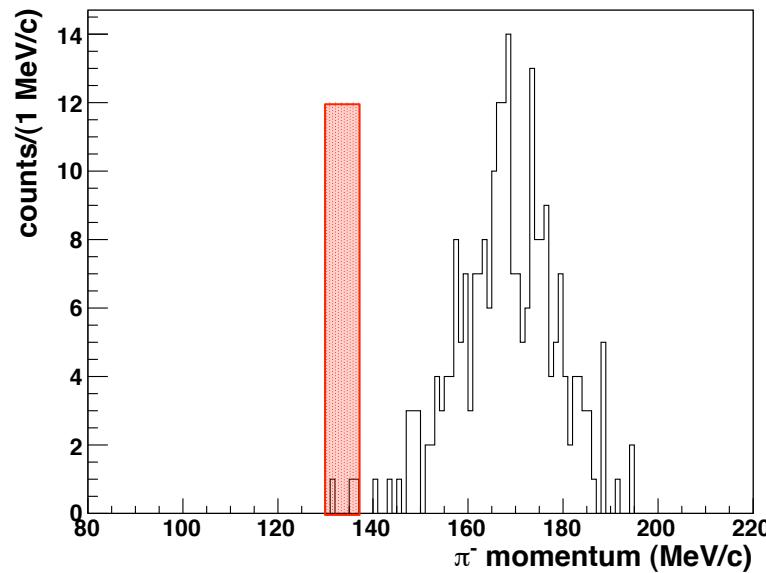


selection:
 $T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-) = 199 \div 201 \text{ MeV}$

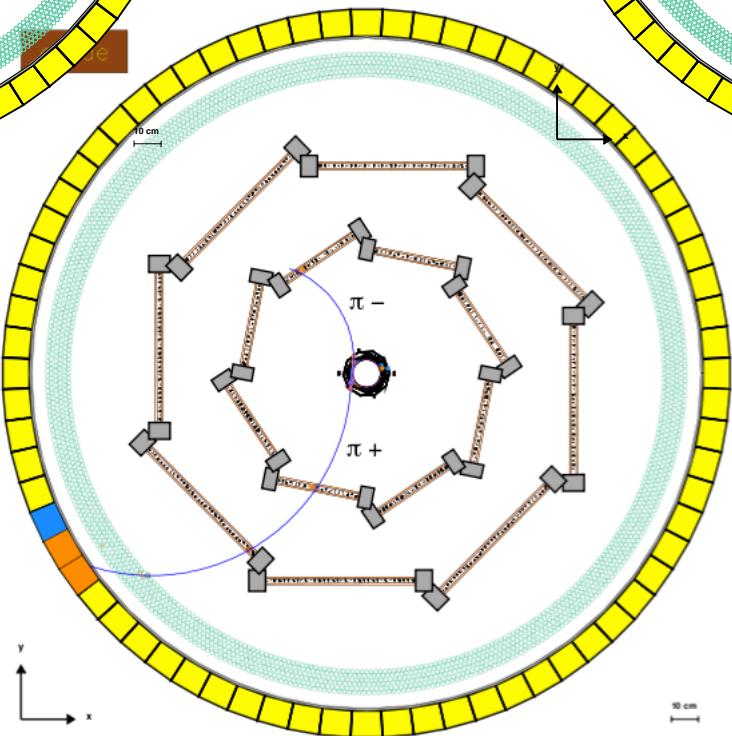
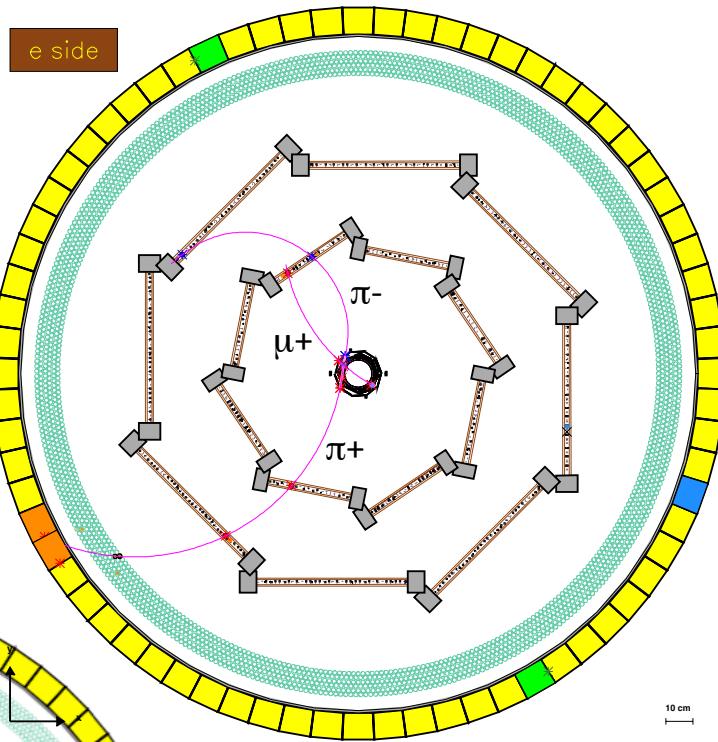
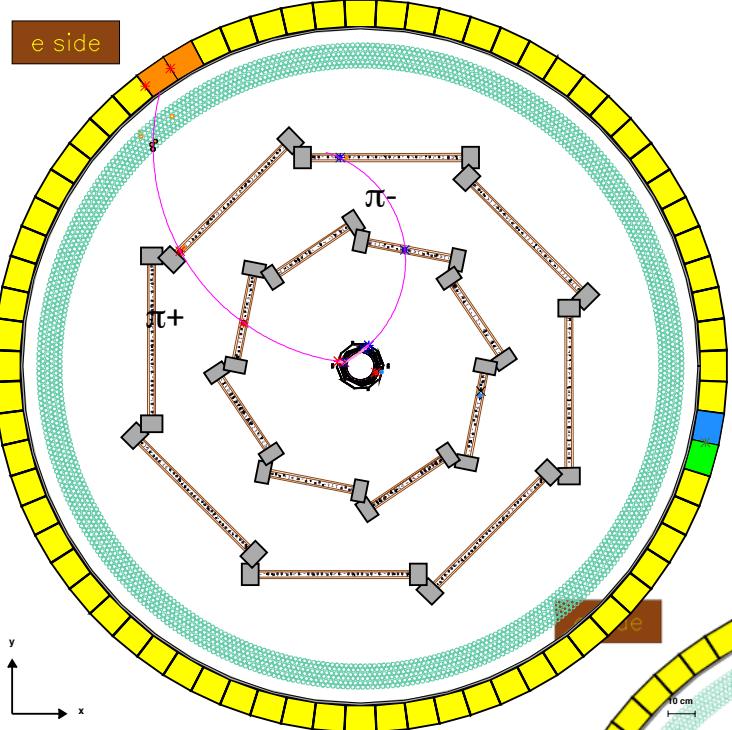
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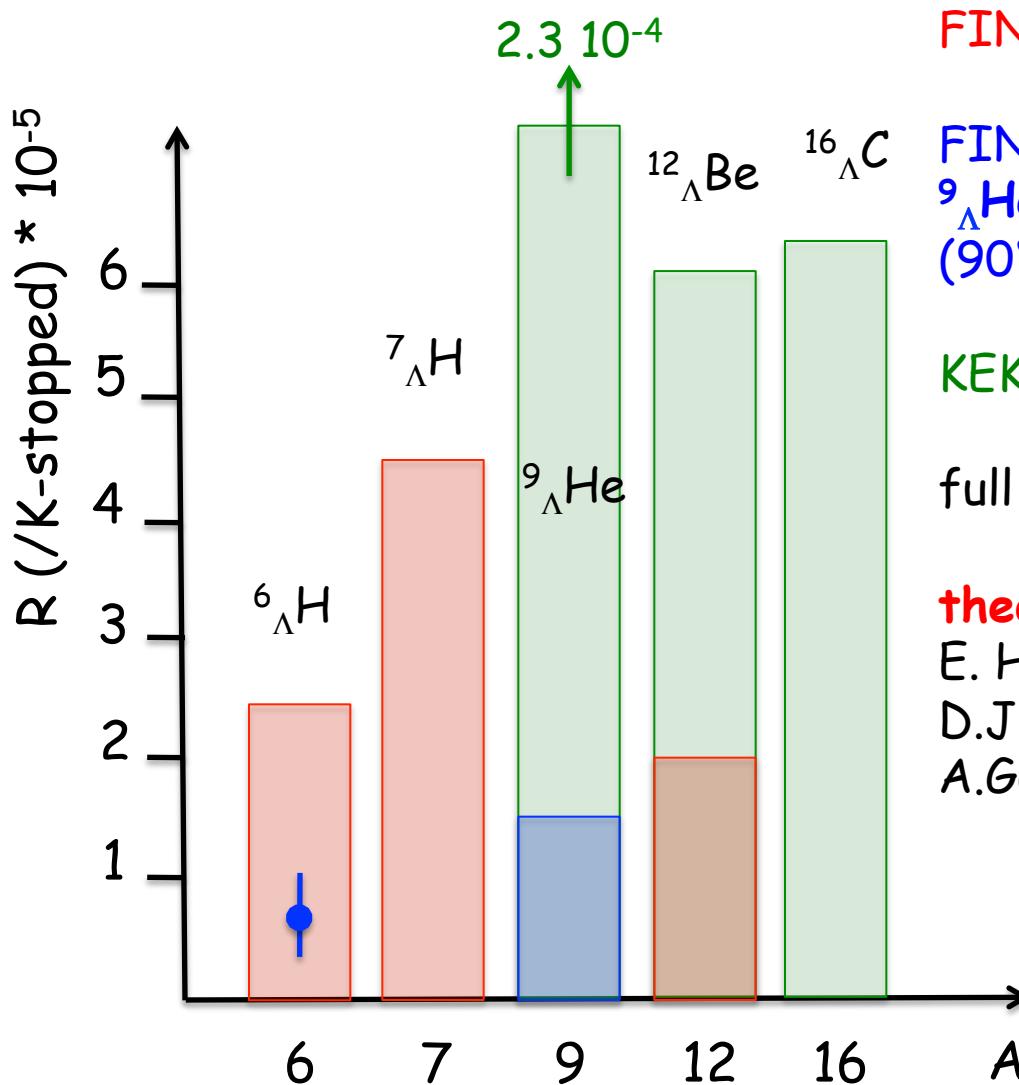
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kinematics compatibility: events scan



Overview of n-rich (K^-_{stop} , π^+) production rate vs A



FINUDA: inclusive spectra

FINUDA: coincidence

${}^9 \Lambda He$: $R < 1.6 \cdot 10^{-5} / (n. K^-_{\text{stop}} \text{ on } {}^9 \text{Be})$
(90% C.L.), PRC 86 (2012) 057301

KEK K.Kubota et al, NPA 602 (1996) 327

full bars: U.L., 90% C.L.

theoretical interest for ${}^6 \Lambda H$

E. Hiyama et al., NPA 908 (2013) 29

D.J. Millener, NPA 881 (2012) 298

A.Gal, D.J.Millener, PLB 725 (2013) 445

${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}/\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}}$ production rate

- **Background sources**

$T(\pi^+) + T(\pi^-)$ (202÷204 MeV) & $p(\pi^+)$ (250÷255 MeV/c) & $p(\pi^-)$ (130÷137 MeV/c):

- fake coincidences 0.27 ± 0.27 ev.

Main physical sources

- $\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}} + {}^6\text{Li} \rightarrow \Sigma^+ + \pi^- + {}^4\text{He} + n$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \xrightarrow{\quad} n + \pi^+$
 $(\text{end point } \sim 190 \text{ MeV/c})$
 $(\text{end point } \sim 282 \text{ MeV/c})$
 0.16 ± 0.07 ev.

- $\text{K}^-_{\text{stop}} + {}^6\text{Li} \rightarrow {}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H} + n + n + \pi^+$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \xrightarrow{\quad} {}^4\text{He} + \pi^-$
 $(\text{end point } \sim 252 \text{ MeV/c})$
 $(p(\pi^-) = 133 \text{ MeV/c})$
negligible

Background sources:

- $K_{stop}^- + {}^6Li \rightarrow {}^4_\Lambda H + n + n + \pi^+$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \hookrightarrow {}^4He + \pi^-$

(end point ~ 252 MeV/c)
 $(p(\pi^-) = 133$ MeV/c) negligible
 $(p(\pi^+)$ cut: phase space strong reduction) $P \sim (2.8 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^{-8}$
- $K_{stop}^- + {}^6Li \rightarrow \Sigma^+ + {}^3H + d + \pi^-$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \hookrightarrow n + \pi^+$

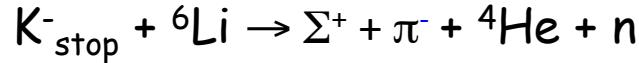
$(p(\pi^-) < 165$ MeV/c)
 $(p(\pi^+) < 250$ MeV/c)
- $K_{stop}^- + {}^6Li \rightarrow {}^3_\Lambda H + 3n + \pi^+$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \hookrightarrow {}^3He + \pi^-$

$(p(\pi^+) < 242$ MeV/c)
 $(p(\pi^-) \sim 115$ MeV/c)
- $K_{stop}^- + {}^6Li \rightarrow \Lambda + {}^3H + 2n + \pi^+$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \hookrightarrow p + \pi^-$

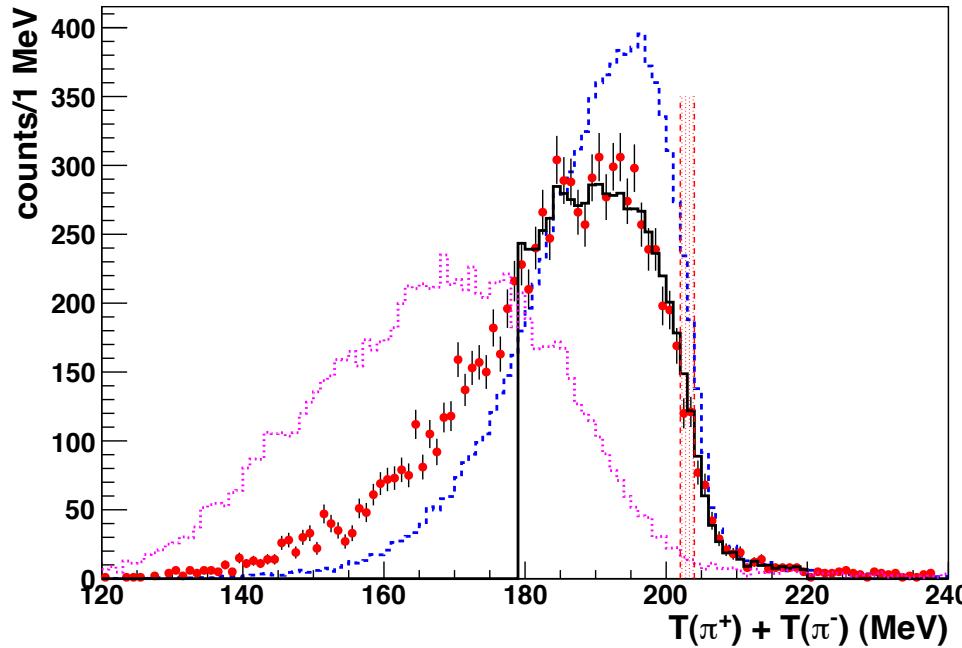
$(p(\pi^+) < 247$ MeV/c)
 $(p(\pi^-) < 195$ MeV/c)
- $K_{stop}^- + {}^6Li \rightarrow {}^6_\Lambda He + \pi^0$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \hookrightarrow {}^6Li + \pi^-$

$(p(\pi^0) \sim 280$ MeV/c)
 $(p(\pi^-) \sim 108$ MeV/c)
 $(p(\pi^+) \sim 280$ MeV/c forw. dir.)

Background sources: Σ^+ production and decay



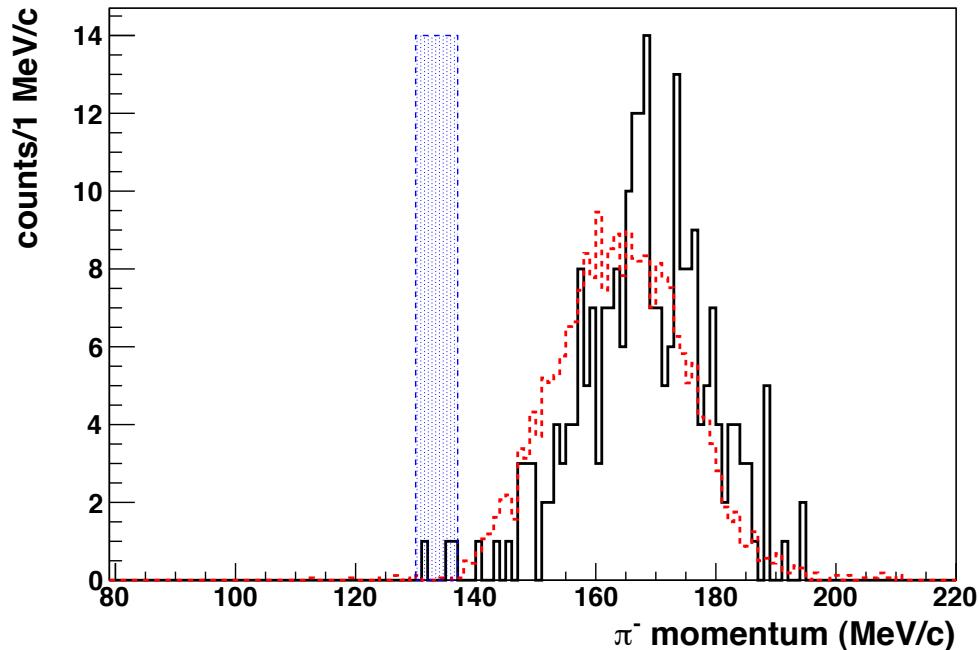
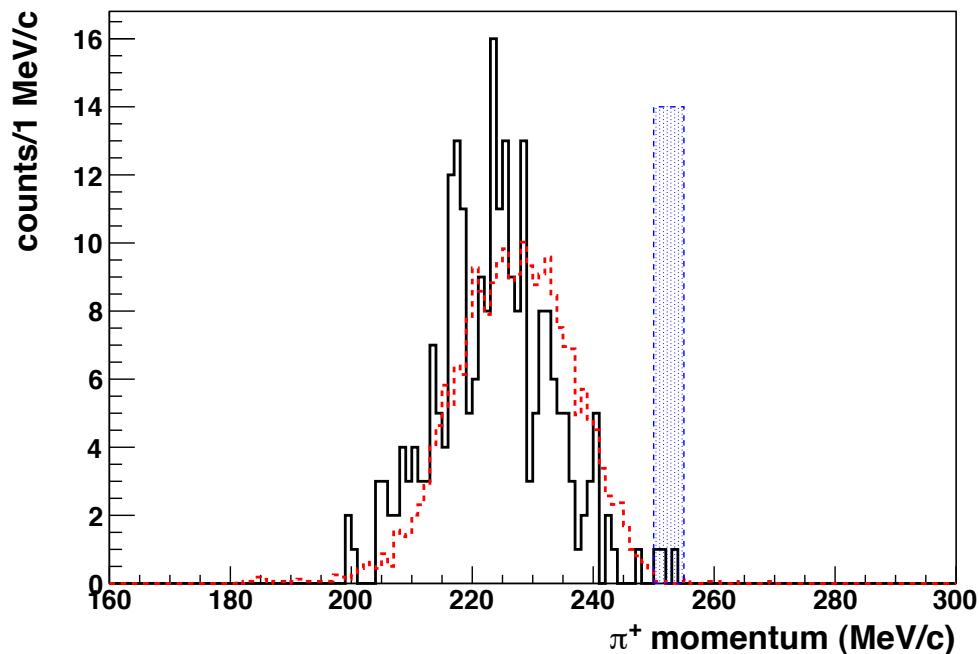
- quasi free approach: 0.743 ± 0.019
- 4-body interaction: $0.257 \pm 0.017 \quad \chi^2/\text{ndf} = 40.0/39$
- ${}^4\text{He} + n$ and " ${}^5\text{He}$ " final state

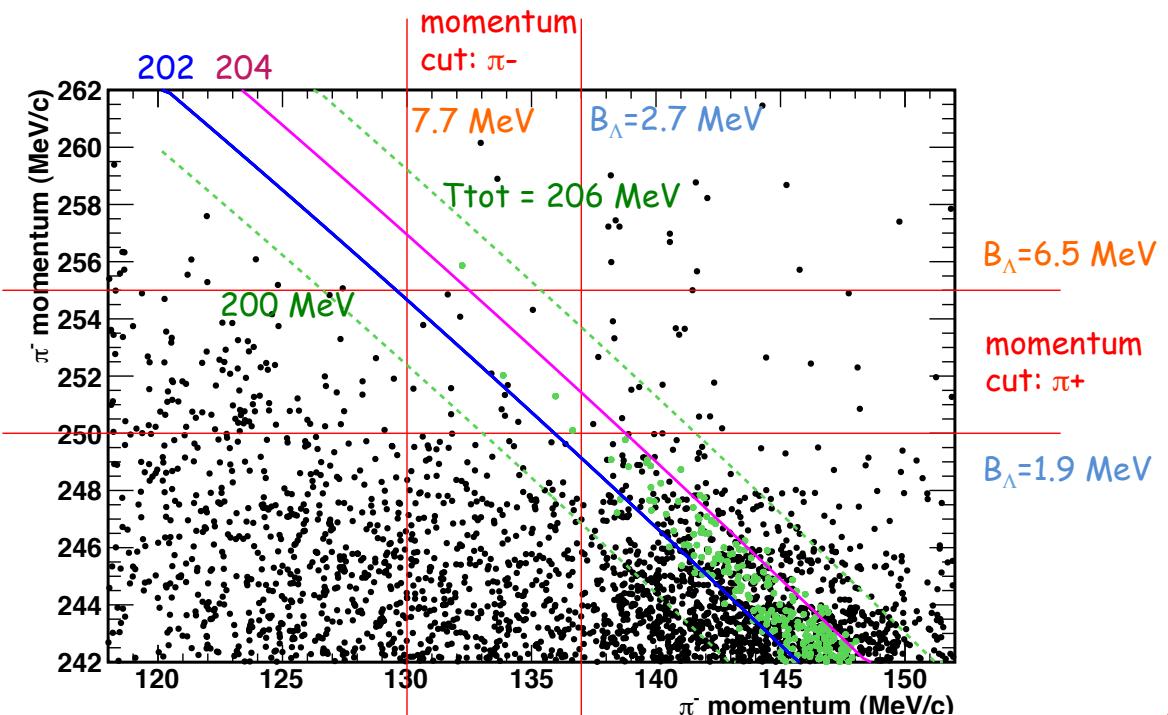


Finuda Coll. and A. Gal, NPA 881 (2012) 269.

130-220 MeV
 χ^2/ndf increases of ~ 3.8
fractions change <0.025 (1.3-1.5 σ)

1-Dim π^+/π^- spectra

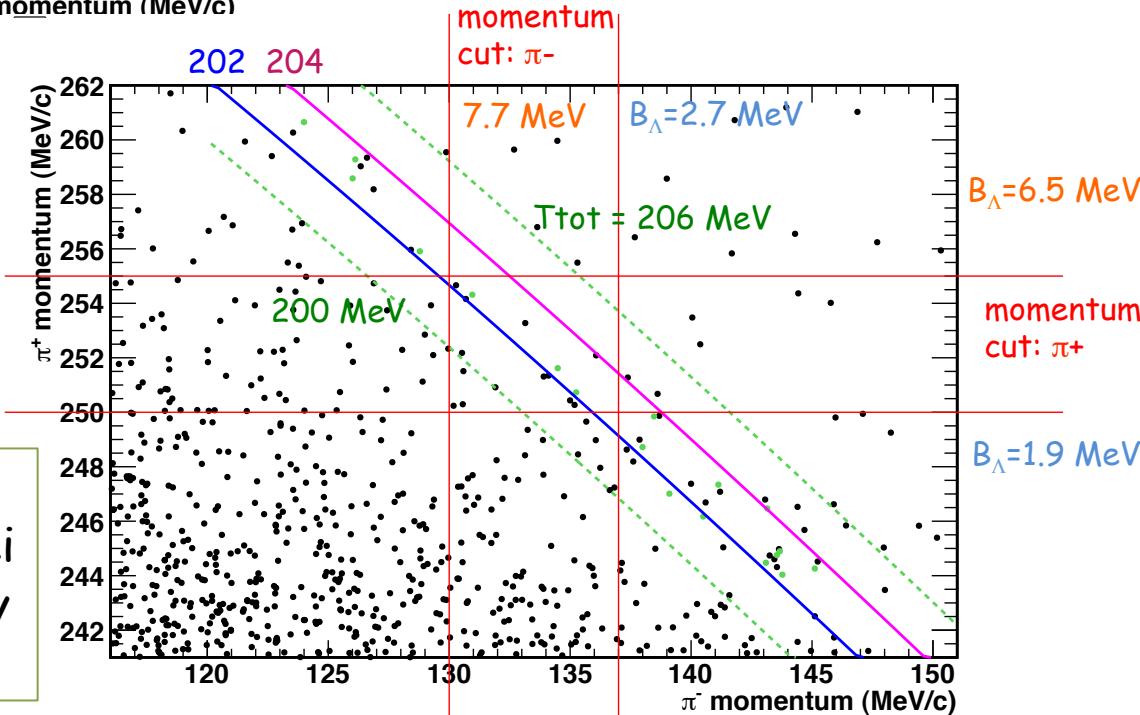




- pure quasi free approach
- ~ $2.2 \cdot 10^7 K_{stop}$ MC events
- $3 \text{ ev.} \rightarrow 0.15 \text{ ev.}$

- pure 4-body interaction
- ~ $2.7 \cdot 10^7 K_{stop}$ MC events
- $5 \text{ ev.} \rightarrow 0.20 \text{ ev.}$

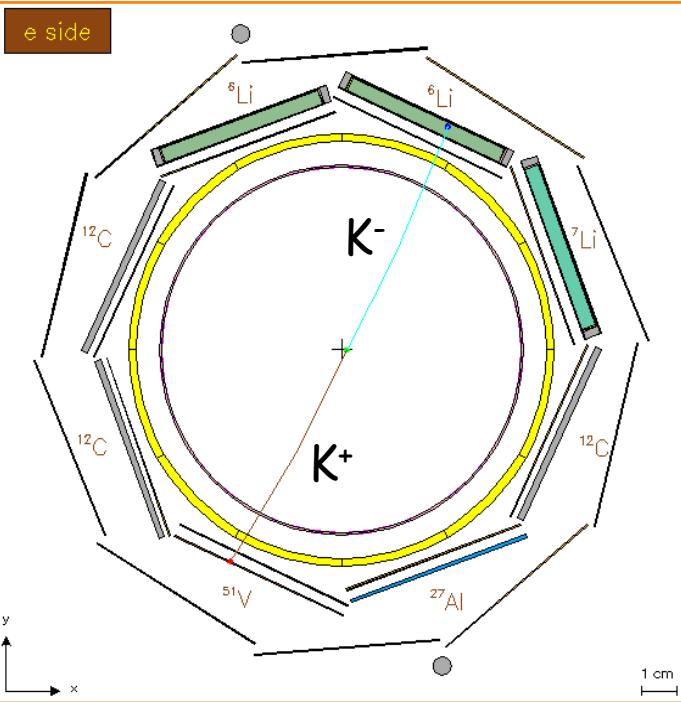
- data: ~ $2.7 \cdot 10^7 K_{stop}$ events
- $\text{BR}(K_{stop} + p \rightarrow \Sigma^+ + \pi^-)$ on nuclei
- $\Sigma^+ + n \rightarrow \Lambda + p$ conv. probability
- $\text{BR}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow n + \pi^+)$



Interaction region

target region

- 12 scintillators (TOFINO)
- 8 silicon microstrips layer (ISIM)
- 8 targets
- 10 silicon microstrip layer (OSIM)



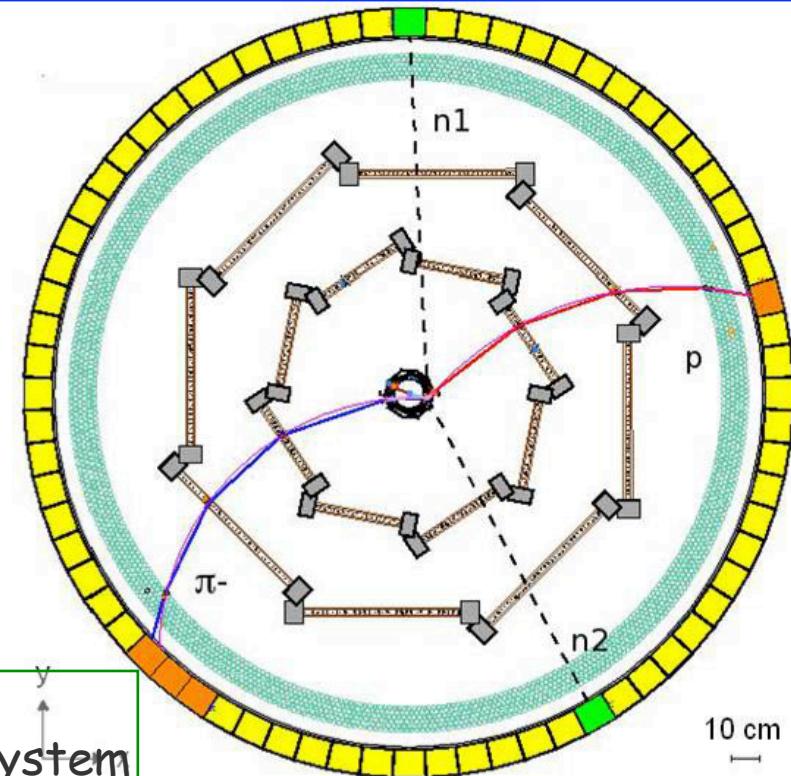
outer region

- 72 scintillator slab system
- trigger
- n detection

Tracking/outer regions

tracker

- 10 silicon microstrip layer (OSIM)
- 2x8 Low Mass Drift Chamber layers
- 6x404 stereo straw tube layer system
- $B=1$ T
- He bag



... coincidence method limits

target	hypernucleus	2-b MWD daughter nucleus	lifetime	MWD 'model'	MWD 'model' BR(π^-) R*BR(π^-)
^6Li	${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	${}^6\text{He}$	801 ms	${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	0.49 H. Tamura, et al., PRC 40 (1989) R479
^7Li	${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	${}^7\text{He}$	unstable	${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	0.49 H. Tamura, et al., PRC 40 (1989) R479
${}^9\text{Be}$	${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	${}^9\text{Li}$	178 ms	${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	0.261 A. Gal, Nucl. Phys. A 828, 72 (2009)
${}^{12}\text{C}$	${}^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$	${}^{12}\text{B}$	20 ms	${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$	0.154 FINUDA PLB 681 (2009) 139
${}^{13}\text{C}$	${}^{13}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$	${}^{13}\text{B}$	17.3 ms	${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$	0.154 FINUDA PLB 681 (2009) 139
${}^{16}\text{O}$	${}^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$	${}^{16}\text{N}$	7.13 s	${}^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$	0.099 Y.Sato et al., PRC 71 (2005) 025203

**production and decay
from the same energy level**

**2-body processes
production&decay**

decreasing MWD BR

${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ binding energy

$(N+Y)/Z=5$

Dalitz et al., N. Cim. 30 (1963) 489 (binding energy 4.2 MeV)

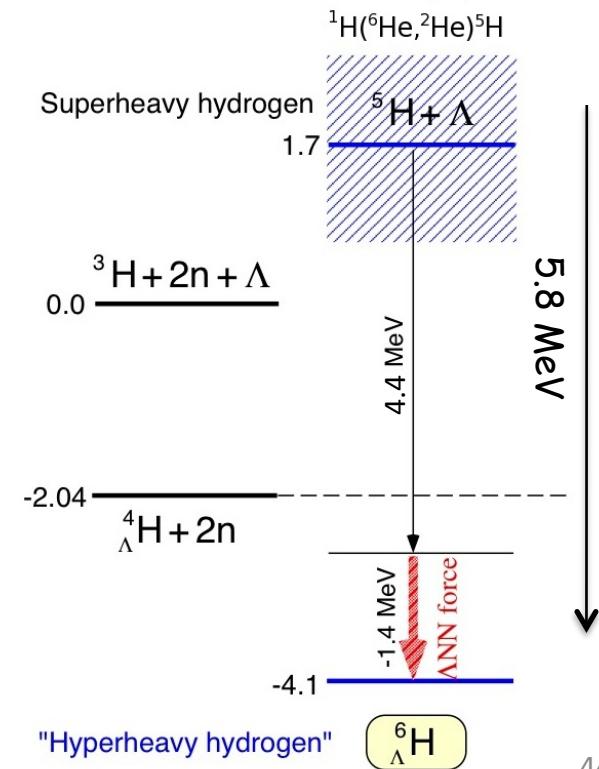
B ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ 2.39 Λ	${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ 3.12 Λ	\diamond ${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ 4.18 n 0.17 xxx	\diamond ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ 5.23 n 2.92 halo	\spadesuit ${}^8_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ 7.16 n 1.49 xxx	\clubsuit ${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ (8.5) n 3.9 halo
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 0.13 Λ	${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ 2.04 Λ	\diamond ${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ (3.1) n -1.8 xxx	\spadesuit ${}^6_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ (4.2) $2n -5$ xxx	\spadesuit ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ (5.2) $3n 0.4$ xxx	4.2 MeV

Y. Akaishi et al., AIP Conf. Proc. 1011 (2008) 277
 K.S. Myint, et al., Few Body Sys. Suppl. 12 (2000) 383
 Y. Akaishi et al., Frascati Phys. Series XVI (1999) 16

"coherent" $\Lambda-\Sigma$ coupling in 0^+ states
 → ΛNN three body force:
 $B_{\Lambda NN} = 1.4 \text{ MeV}$, $\Delta E(0^+_{g.s.} - 1^+) = 2.4 \text{ MeV}$
 model originally developed for ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$

L. Majling, NPA 585 (1995) 211c

- binding energy
- prod. rate $\sim 10^{-2} * \text{hyp. prod. rate in } (\bar{K}_- \text{stop}, \pi^-)$



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Data takings

data taking	oct 2003 - jan 04	nov 2006 - jun 07
int. luminosity	220 pb ⁻¹	960 pb ⁻¹
daily luminosity	6 pb ⁻¹	10 pb ⁻¹
Total events (M)	30	200
Targets	⁶ Li (2), ⁷ Li (1), ¹² C (3), ²⁷ Al (1), ⁵¹ V (1)	⁶ Li (2), ⁷ Li (2), ⁹ Be (2), ¹³ C (1), D ₂ O (1)

