

# Hypernuclear Physics with Heavy Ion Beams

## Projectile fragmentation reactions

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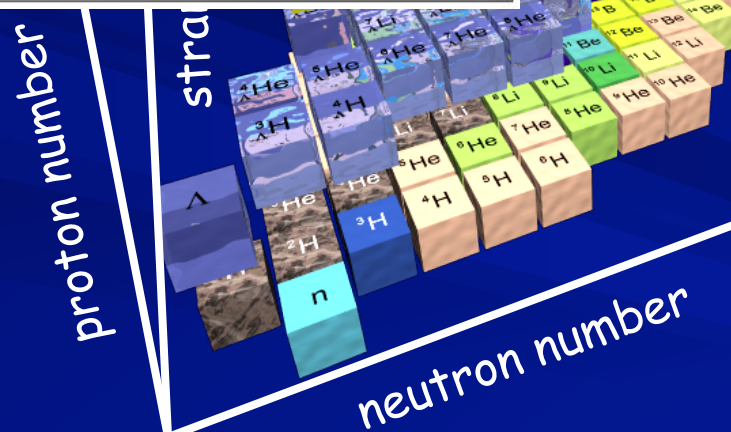
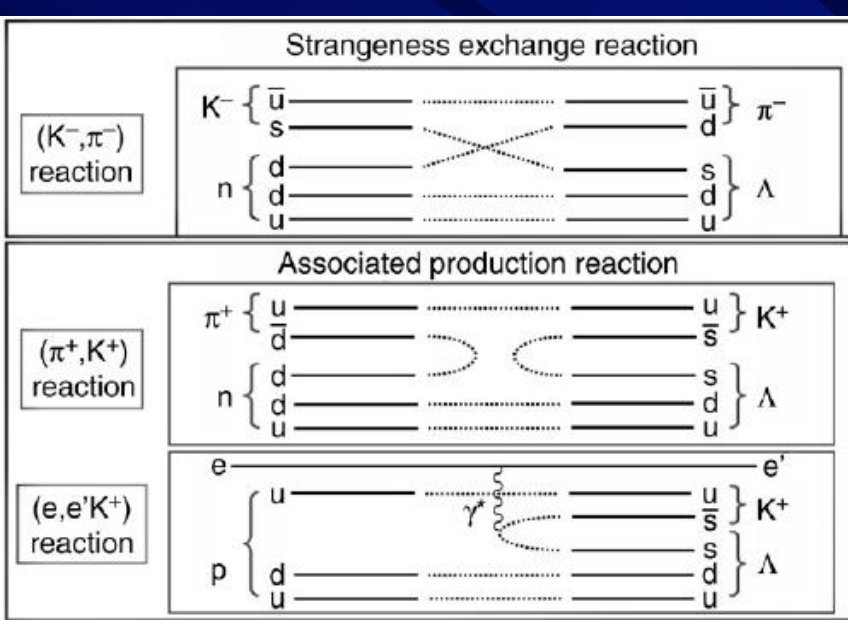
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# clear chart



## Advantage

- Precise spectroscopy
  - Structure in detail
- Clean experiment

## Difficulties

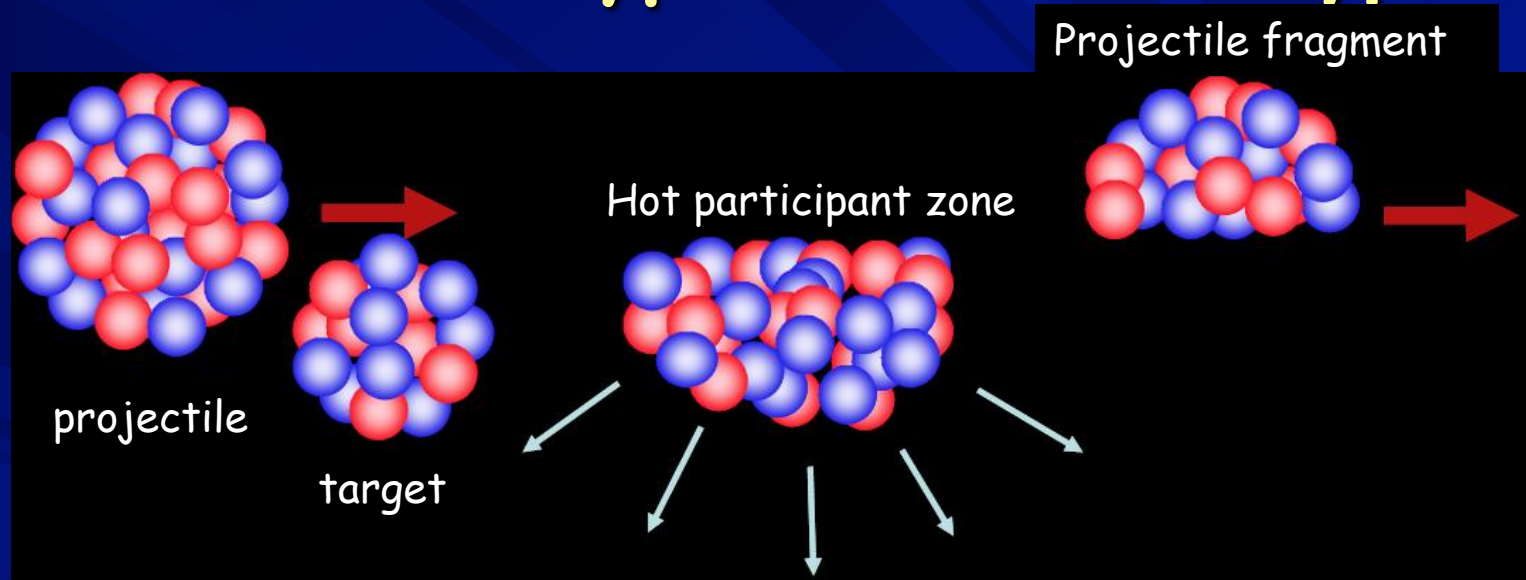
- Limited isospin
- Small momentum transfer to separate hypernuclei
- Difficulties on decay studies
- Only up to double-strangeness

Hypernuclear spectroscopy with heavy ion beams

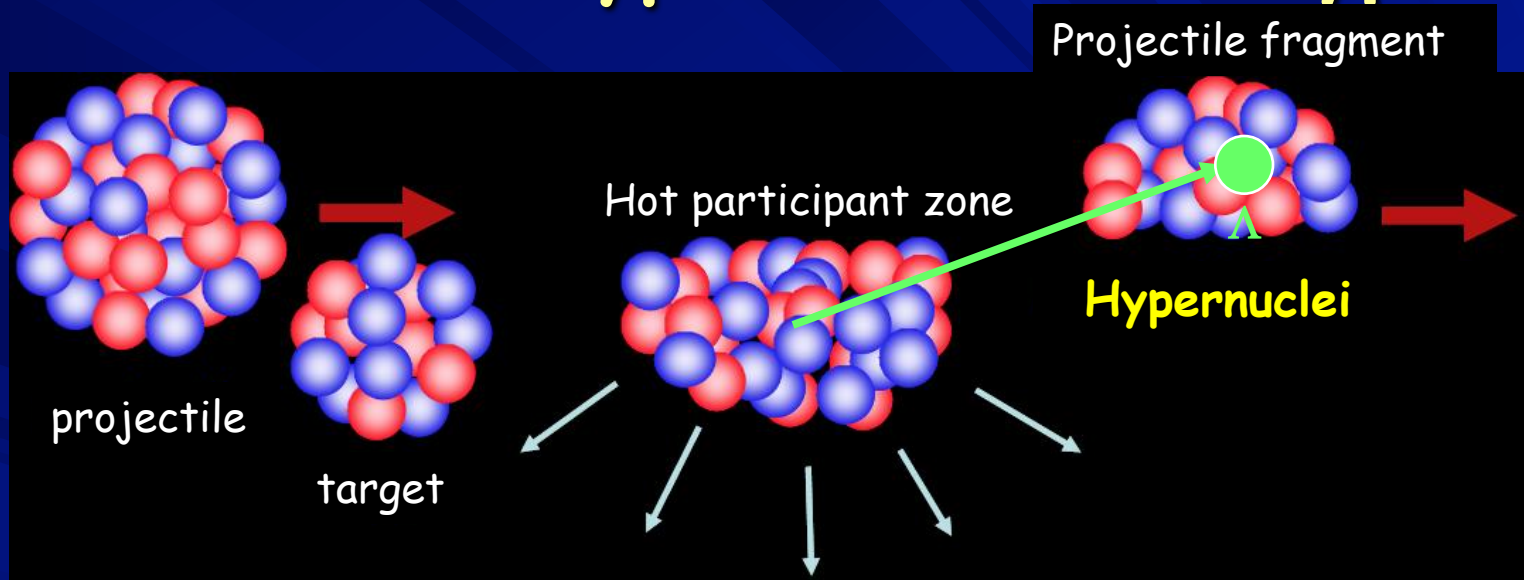
HypHI project, started in 2005

Hypernuclear spectroscopy with Heavy Ion Beam

# Production of Hypernuclei with HypHI

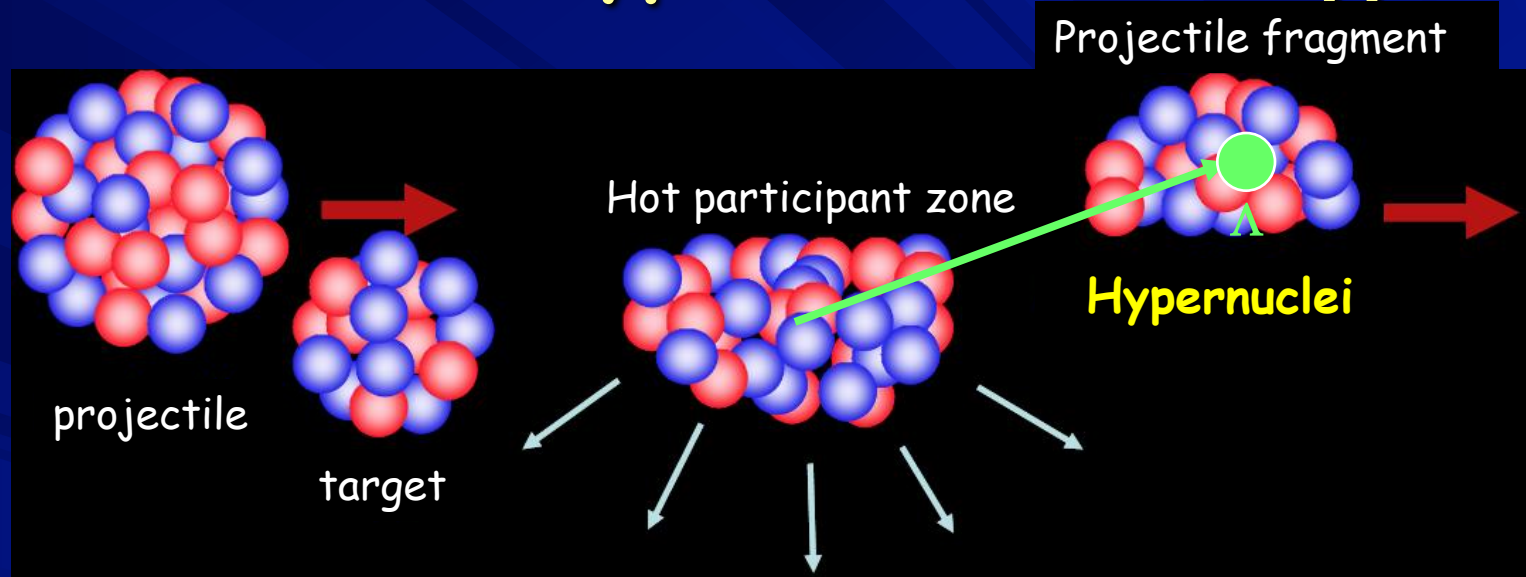


# Production of Hypernuclei with HypHI



- Coalescence of  $\Lambda$  in projectile fragments

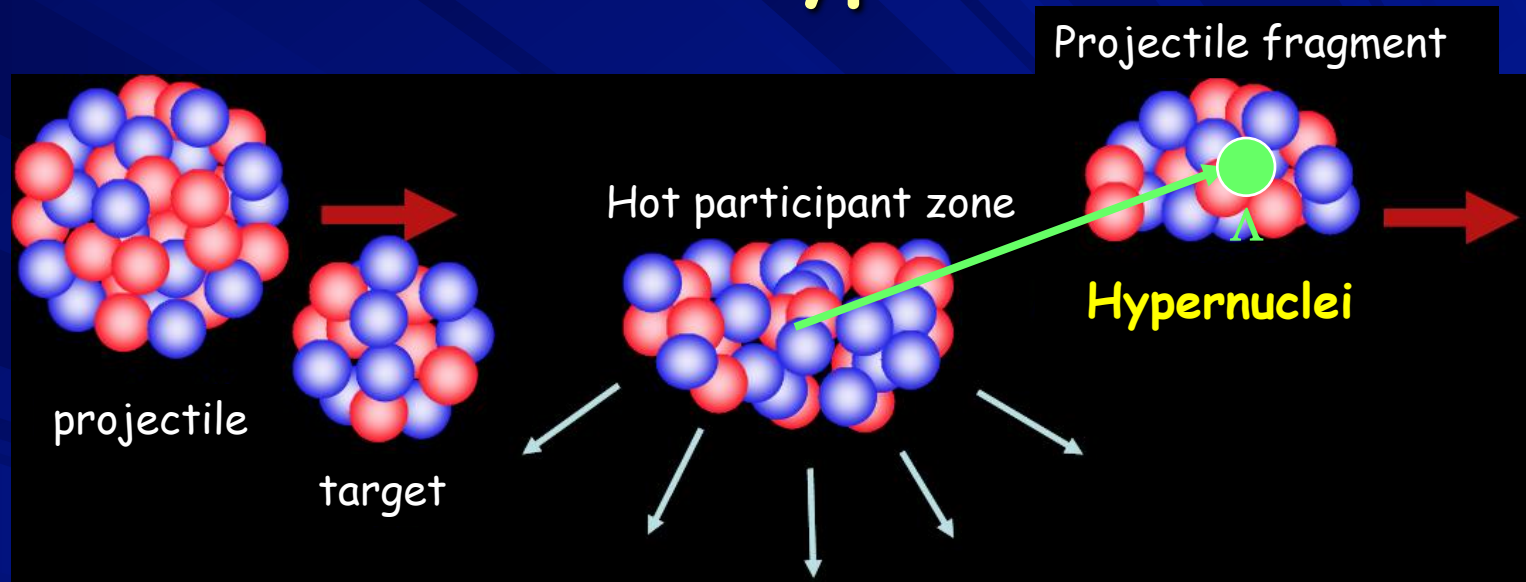
# Production of Hypernuclei with HypHI



- Coalescence of  $\Lambda$  in **projectile fragments**
- NN  $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda$ KN : Energy threshold  $\sim 1.6$  GeV
  - Heavy ion beams with  $E > 1.6$  A GeV needed
    - Stable heavy ion beam at GSI
    - Stable heavy ion beam at FAIR
    - **RI-beam from FRS and super-FRS**

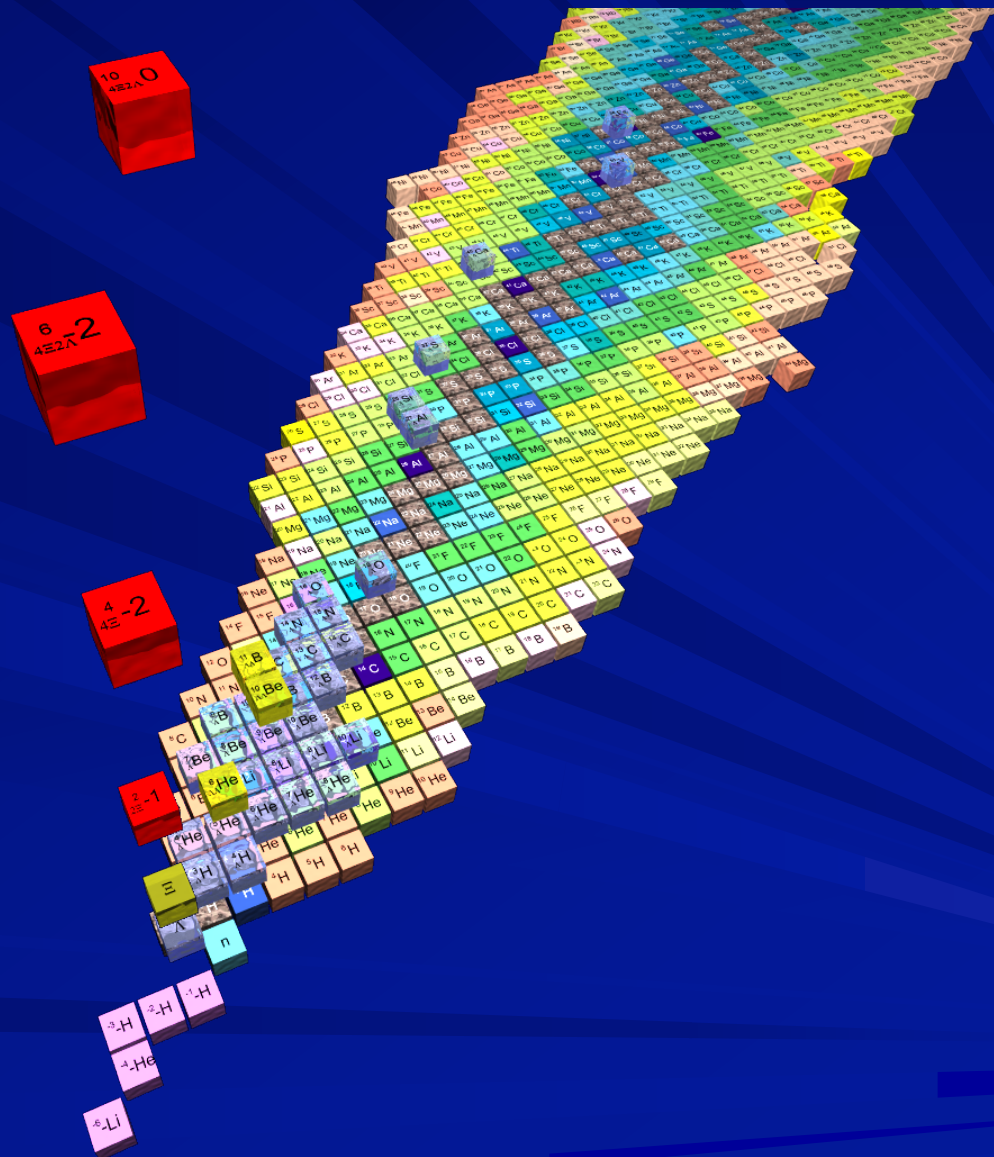
Accessible to neutron- and proton rich hypernuclei

# Relativistic hypernuclei



- **Large Lorentz factor  $\gamma (>3)$** 
  - Effective lifetime : Longer by the Lorentz factor
    - 200 ps  $\rightarrow$  600 ps at GSI (ct  $\sim$  20 cm)
    - 200 ps  $\rightarrow$  4 ns at FAIR (ct  $\sim$  120 cm)
- **Hypernuclear separation and spin precession**

# Nuclear matter with multiple-strangeness



# HypHI at GSI/FAIR: Concept of Experiments

Produced hypernucleus close to projectile velocity

- Large Lorentz factor  $\gamma > 3$
- $c\tau \sim 20$  cm at 2 A GeV

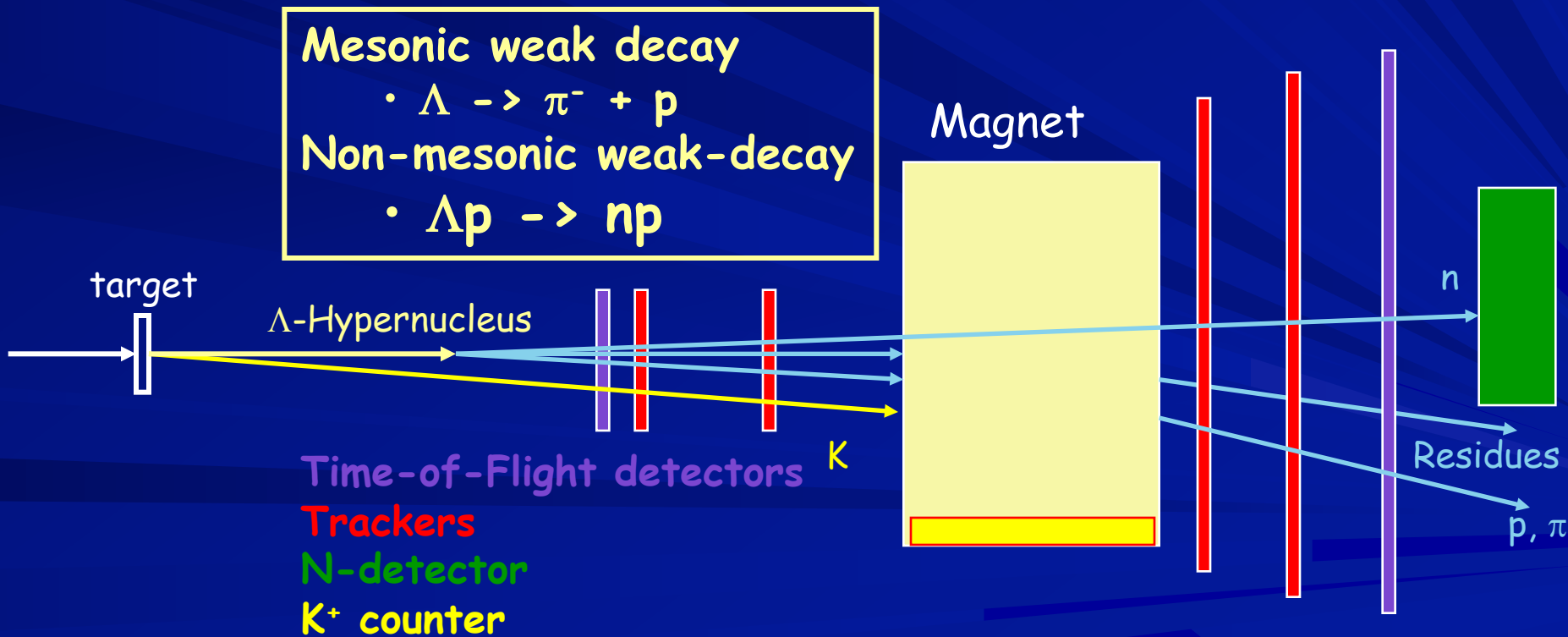
Example :  $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow A_{\Lambda}\text{Z} + \text{K}^{+,0} + \text{X}$

**Mesonic weak decay**

•  $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^{-} + \text{p}$

**Non-mesonic weak-decay**

•  $\Lambda\text{p} \rightarrow \text{np}$

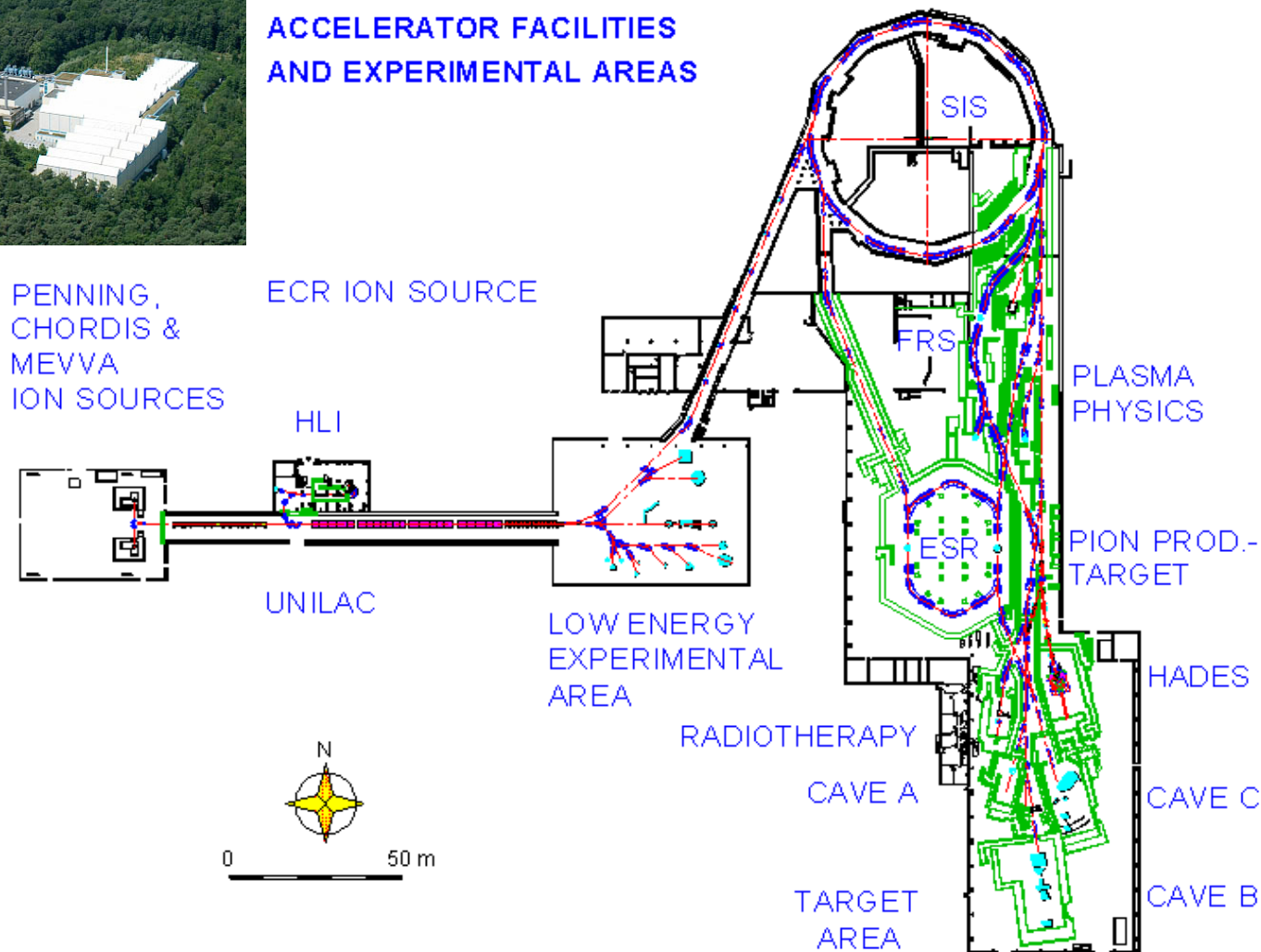




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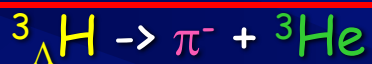


## ACCELERATOR FACILITIES AND EXPERIMENTAL AREAS



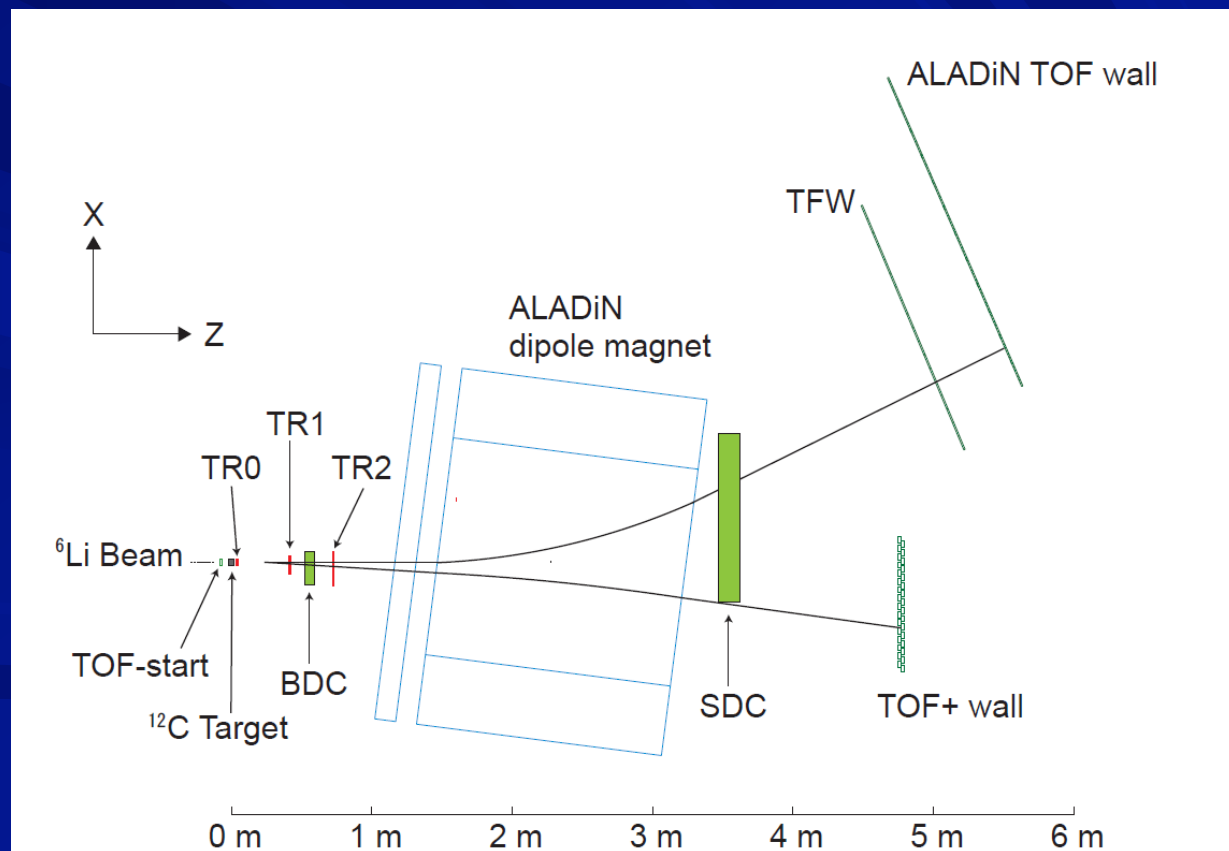
# HypHI Phase 0 in October 2009

- The goal of the Phase 0 experiments
  - To demonstrate the feasibility of precise hypernuclear spectroscopy with  ${}^6\text{Li}$  primary beams at 2 A GeV :  
Mesonic decay  $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- + p$



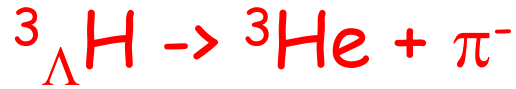
## Funding

- Helmholtz-University Young Investigators Group VH-NG-239, 2006-2012
- DFG grant SA1696/1-1 2007-2009, TOF detectors



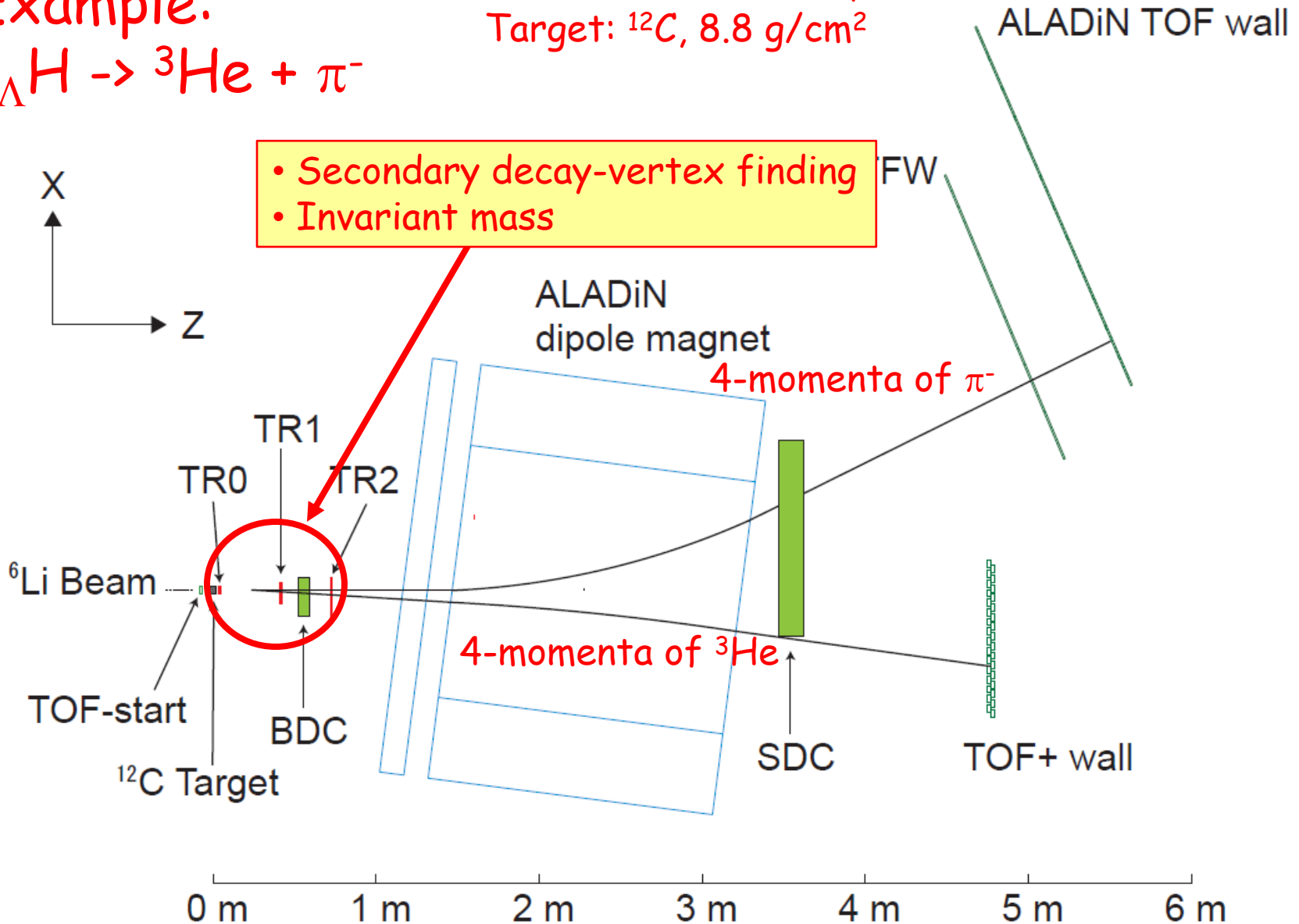
# HypHI Phase 0 (2009), ${}^6\text{Li}+{}^{12}\text{C}$ at 2 A GeV

Example:

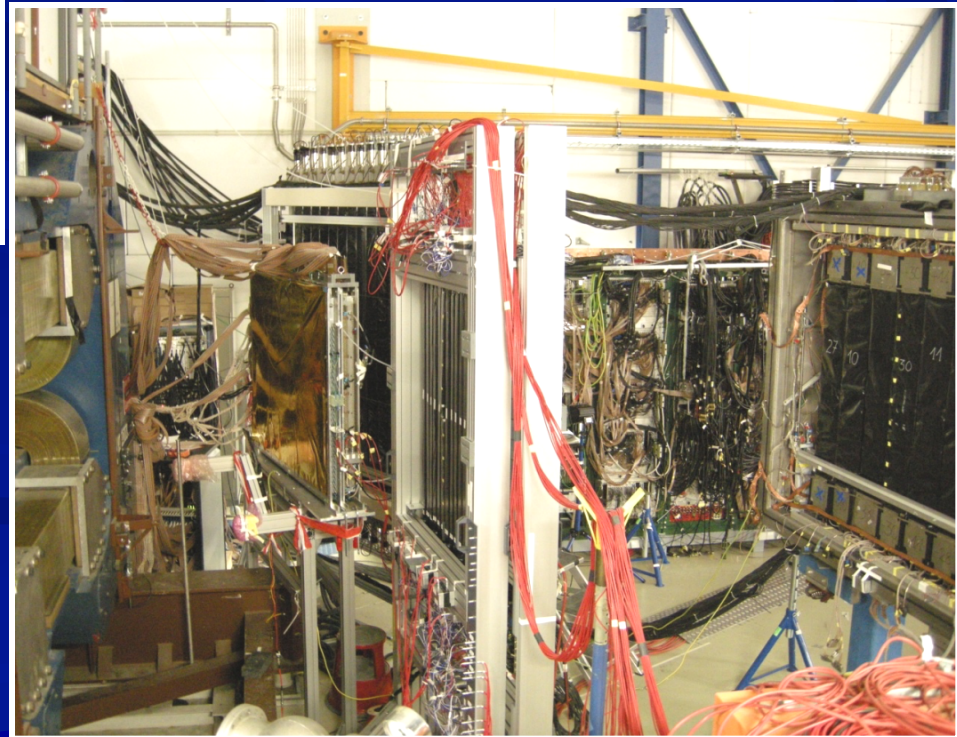
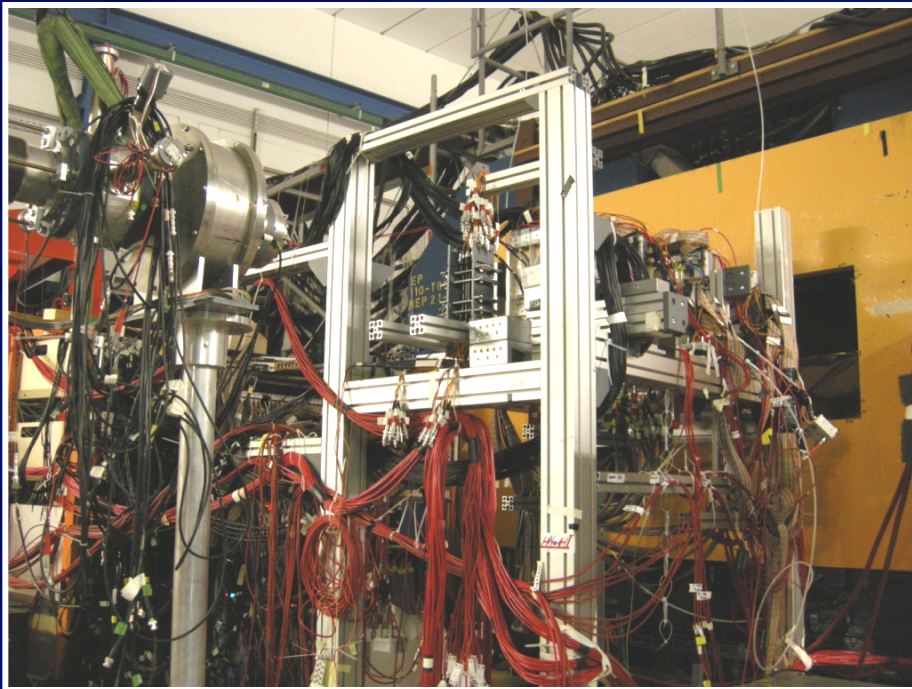


Beam:  ${}^6\text{Li}$  at 2 A GeV,  $3 \times 10^6$  /s

Target:  ${}^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $8.8 \text{ g/cm}^2$



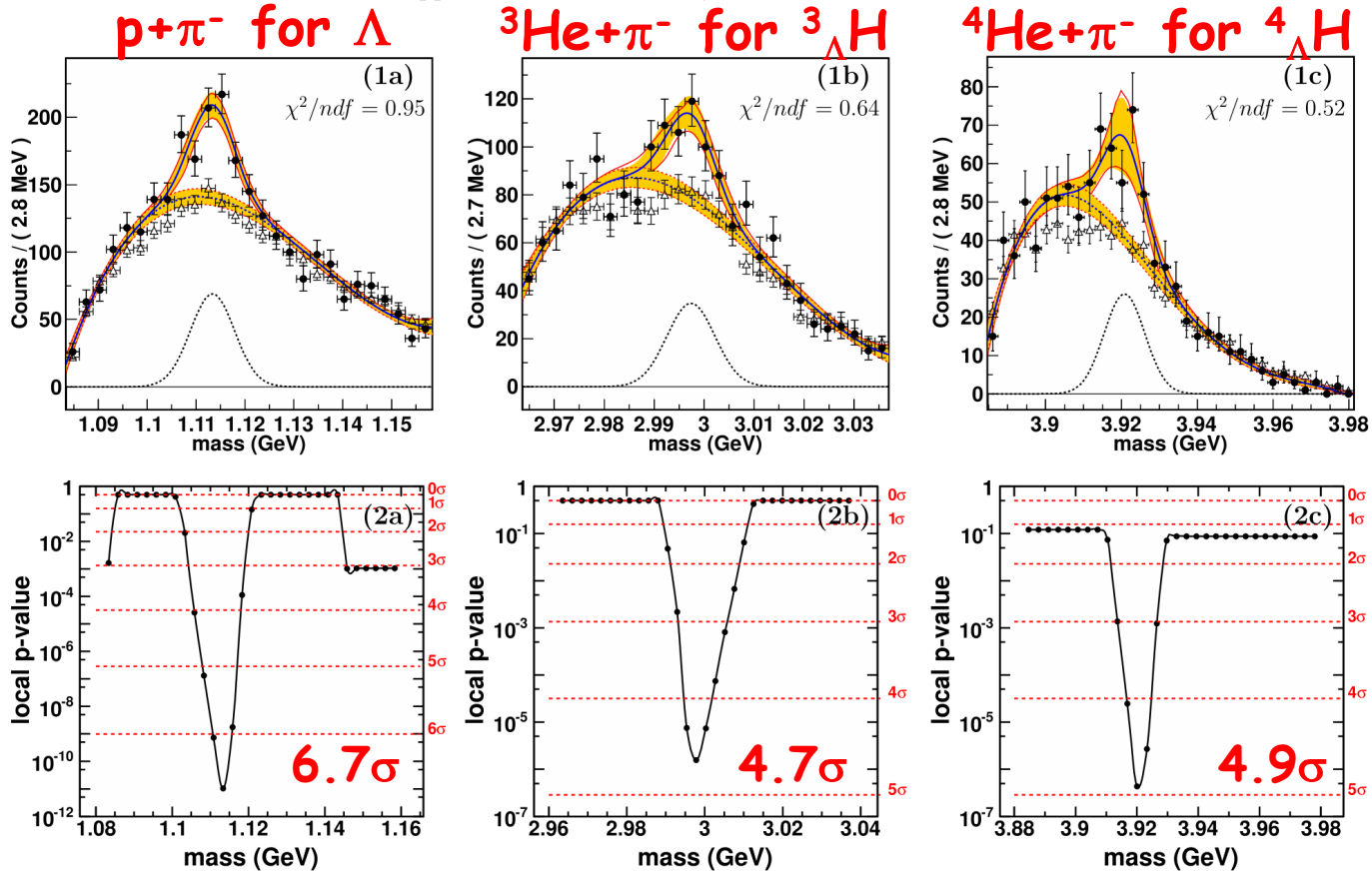
# Setup in 2009



# Invariant mass distribution

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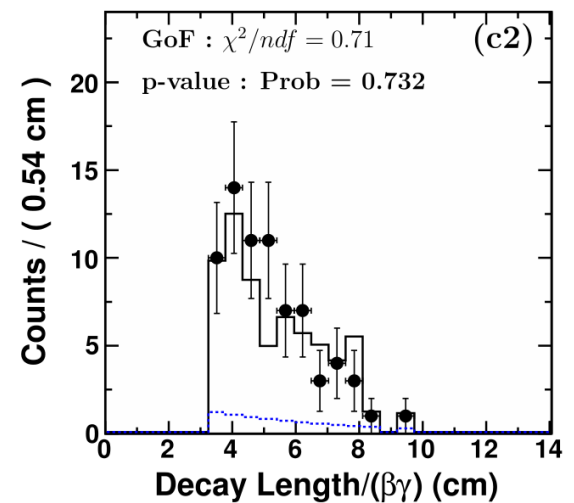
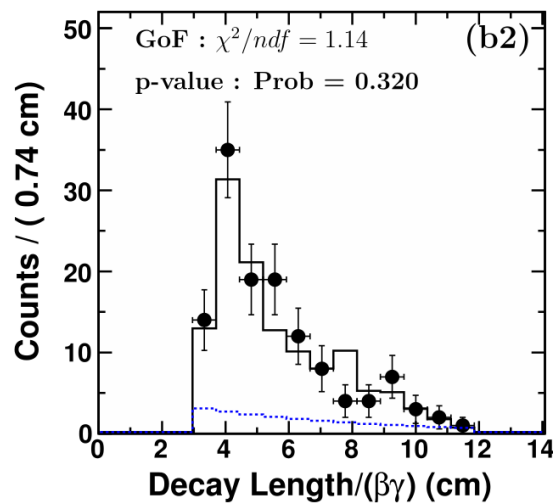
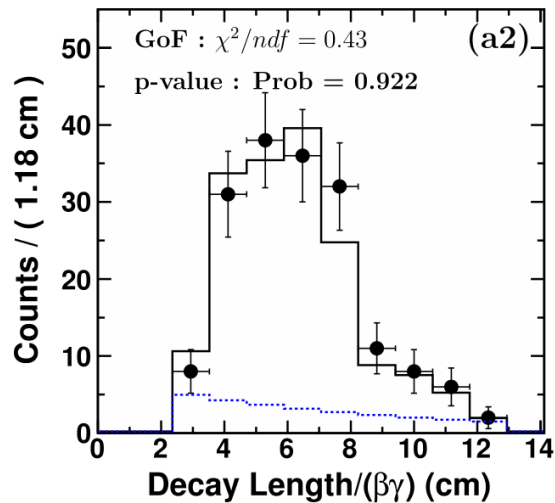
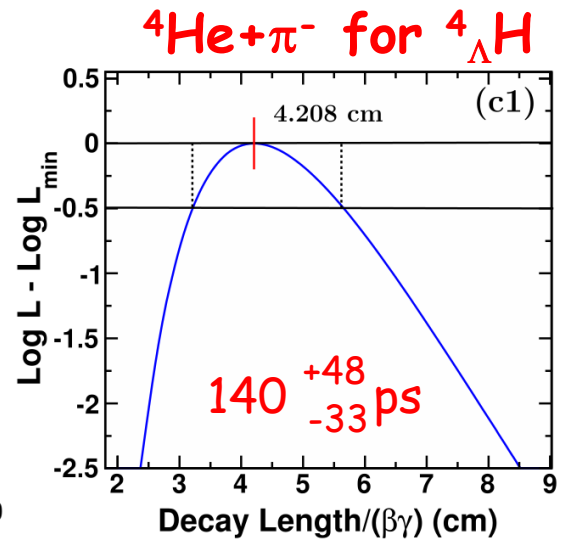
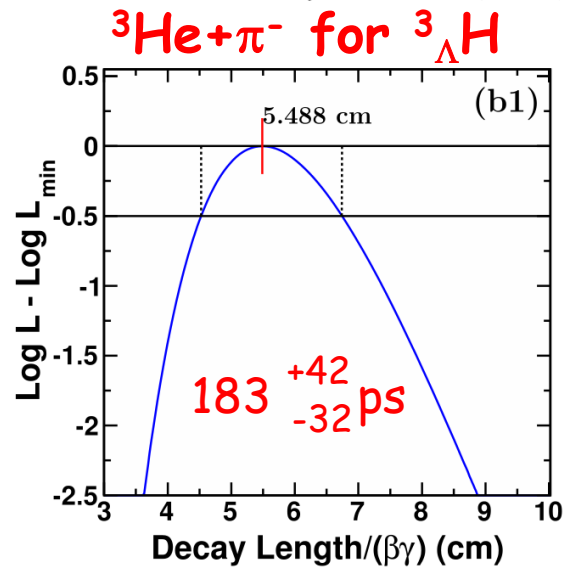
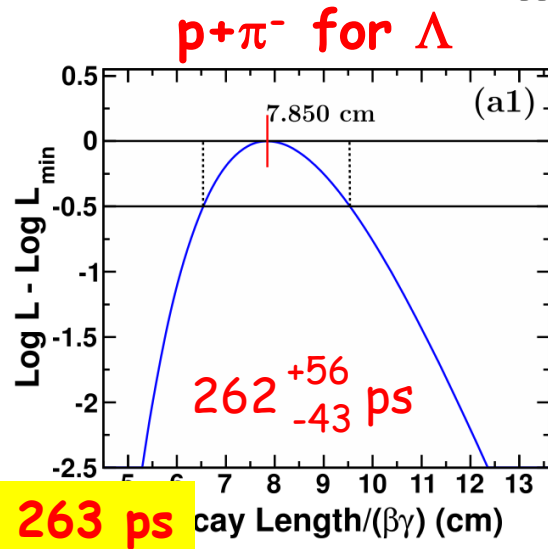


- Statistical analysis of  $\Lambda$  invariant mass (-100 mm < Vertex Z < 300 mm) with RooStats and RooFit package
- Fitting model =  $n_s$  (Gaus: sig\_m, sig\_s) +  $n_b$  (Chebychev: a0, a1, a2)

# Lifetime: Unbinned maximum likelihood fitting

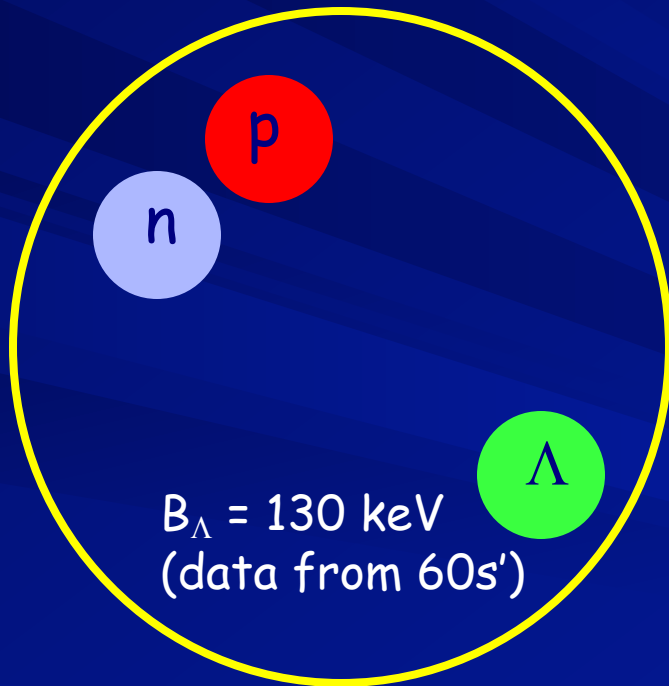
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# ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ (hypertriton)

Benchmark in hypernuclear physics



HypHI Phase 0

$183^{+42}_{-32} \text{ ps}$

$\tau({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  should be equal to  $\tau(\Lambda, 263 \text{ ps})$

# ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$ Lifetime till Summer 2017

## ■ HypHI

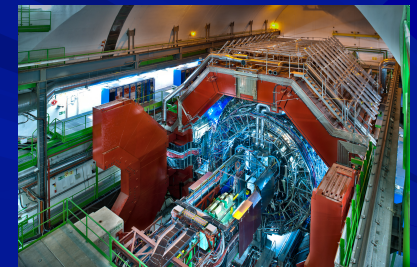
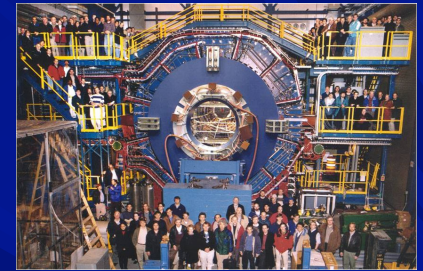
- ${}^6\text{Li}+{}^{12}\text{C}$  and  ${}^{20}\text{Ne}+{}^{12}\text{C}$  at 2 A GeV at GSI
- Phase 0 ( ${}^6\text{Li}+{}^{12}\text{C}$ ),  $183^{+42}_{-32}$  ps ( $\Lambda$ : 263 ps)

## ■ STAR at BNL RHIC

- ${}^{197}\text{Au}+{}^{197}\text{Au}$
- Observation of short lifetime of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$
- Two/three-body decays combined:  $155^{+25}_{-22}$  ps

## ■ ALICE at LHC CERN

- ${}^{208}\text{Pb}+{}^{208}\text{Pb}$
- $181^{+54}_{-39}$  ps



No theories to explain the short lifetime of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$

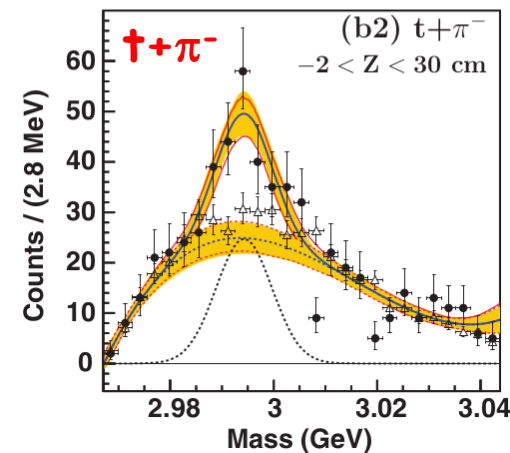
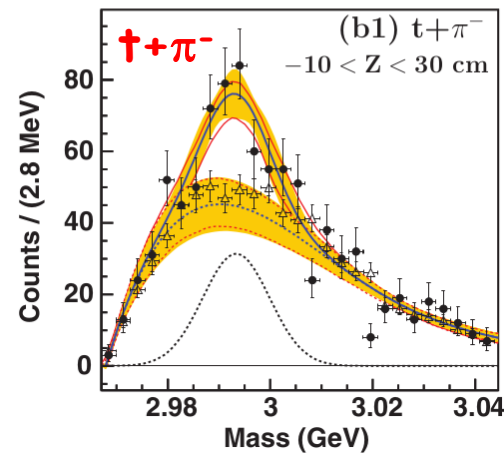
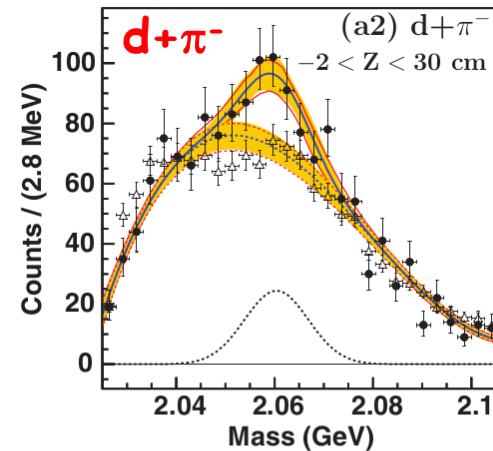
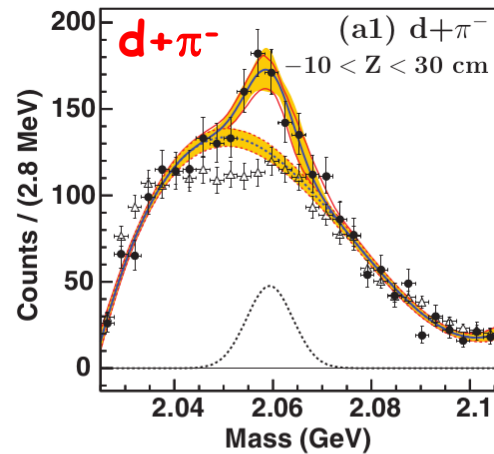


# $d+\pi^-$ and $t+\pi^-$ : Invariant mass

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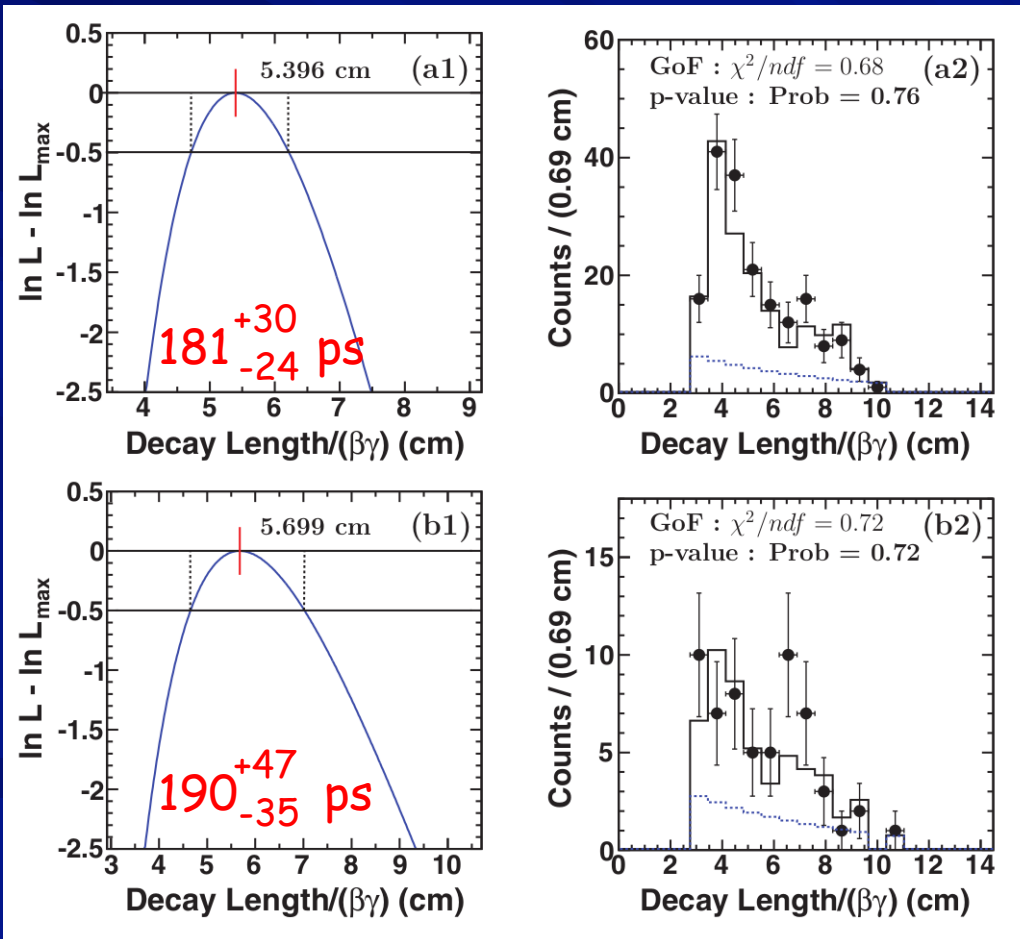
# $d+\pi^-$ and $t+\pi^-$ : Lifetime

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$d+\pi^-$



$t+\pi^-$

# $d+\pi^-$ and $t+\pi^-$ : Signals from others

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Decay channel	Counts
${}^3_{\Lambda}H \rightarrow p+d+\pi^-$	8 to $d+\pi^-$
${}^4_{\Lambda}H \rightarrow d+d+\pi^-$	1 to $d+\pi^-$
${}^4_{\Lambda}H \rightarrow t+p+\pi^-$	6 to $t+\pi^-$
${}^6_{\Lambda}He \rightarrow {}^4He+d+\pi^-$	15 to $d+\pi^-$
${}^4_{\Lambda}He \rightarrow p+p+d+\pi^-$	8 to $d+\pi^-$
${}^5_{\Lambda}He \rightarrow d+{}^3He+\pi^-$	14 to $d+\pi^-$

Observed  $d+\pi^-$  : 202  
Observed  $t+\pi^-$  : 181

Neutral nucleus with  $\Lambda$ ,  $nn\Lambda$  ??

$${}^3_{\Lambda}n \rightarrow t + \pi^-$$

$${}^3_{\Lambda}n \rightarrow t^* + \pi^- \rightarrow n + d + \pi^-$$



# Solving two puzzles

Signals indicating  $nn\Lambda$  bound state

All theoretical calculations are negative

- E. Hiyama et al., Phys. Rev. C89 (2014) 061302(R)
- A. Gal et al., Phys. Lett. B736 (2014) 93
- H. Garcilazo et al., Phys. Rev. C89 (2014) 057001

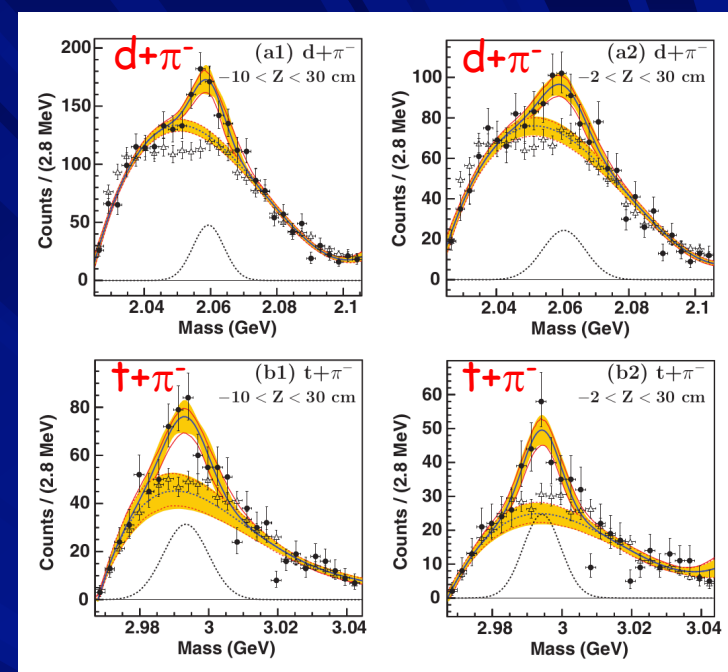
Short lifetime of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

- HypHI Phase 0:  $183^{+42}_{-32}$  ps
- STAR at RHIC:  ~~$155^{+25}_{+22}$  ps~~
- ALICE at LHC:  ~~$181^{+54}_{-39}$  ps~~

$142^{+24}_{-21}$

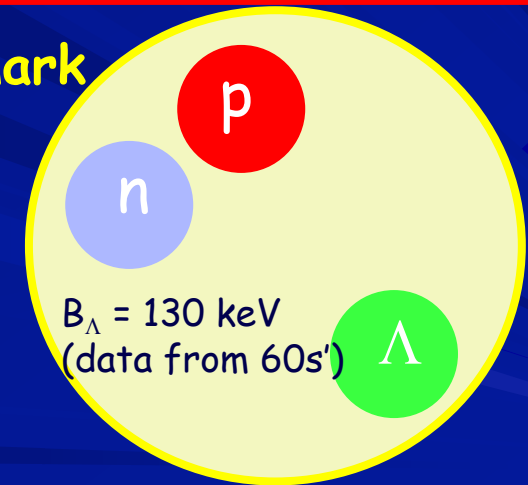
$237^{+33}_{-36}$

No theories to reproduce the short lifetime



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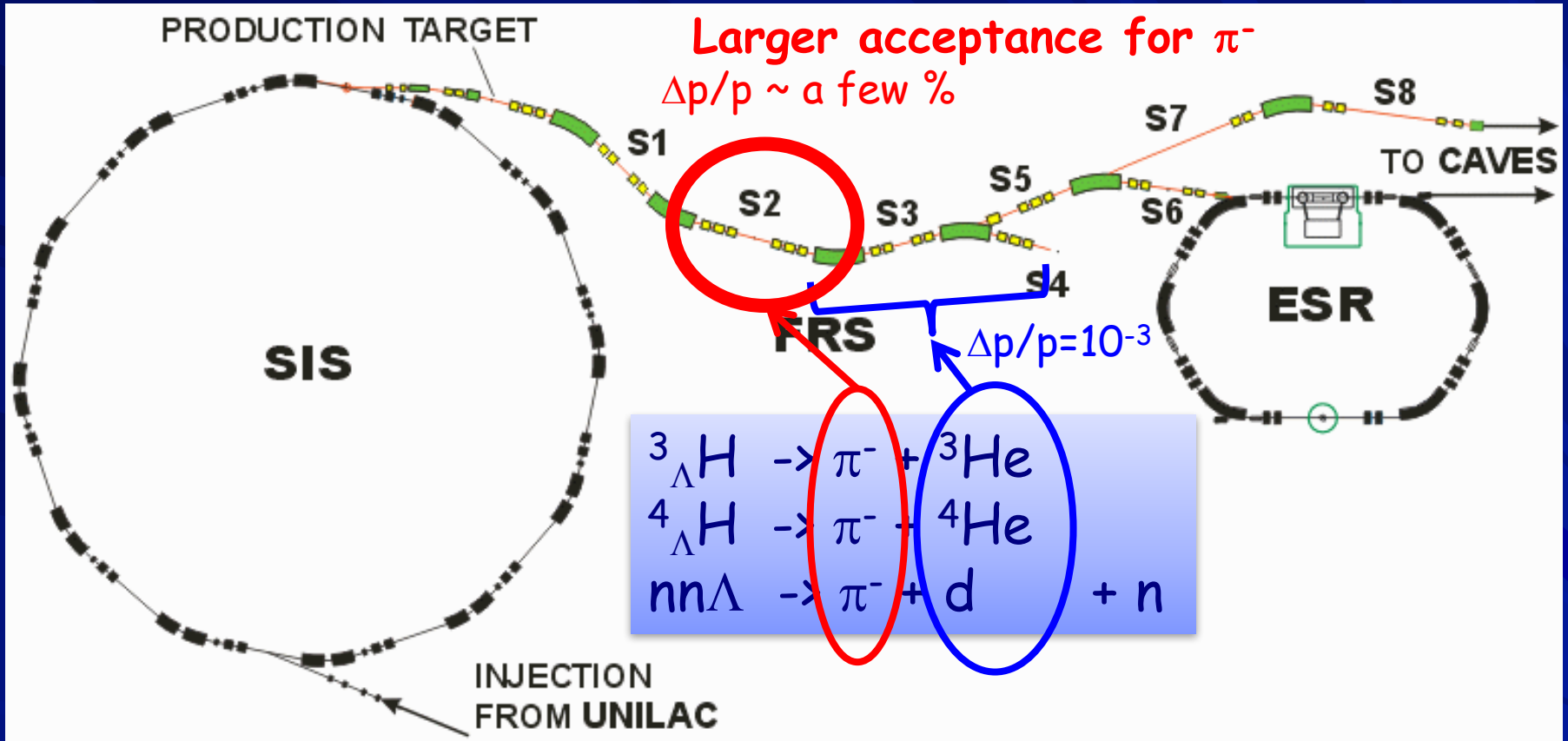
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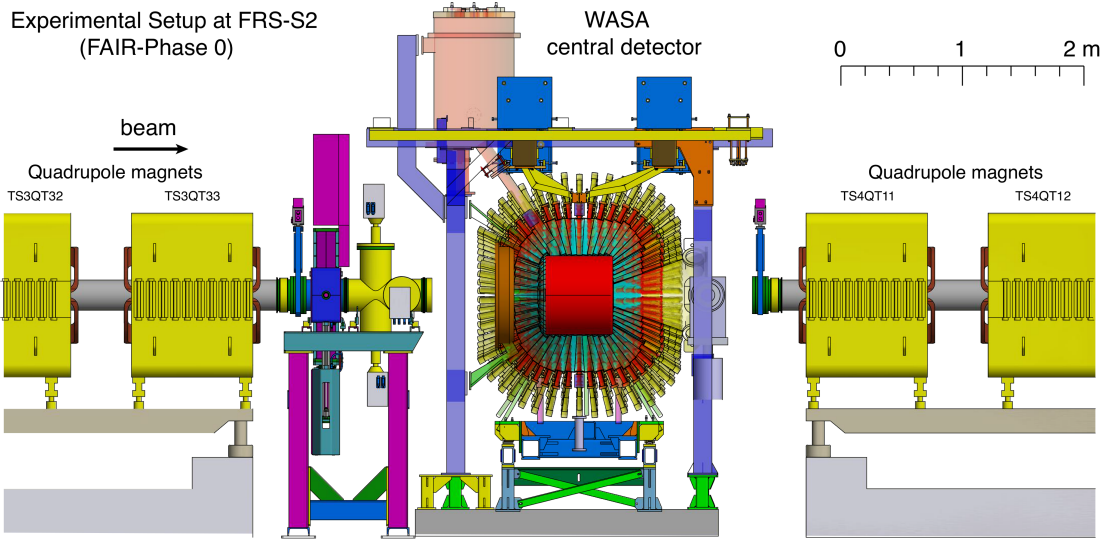
New novel technique  
with FRS  
at FAIR Phase 0 (GSI)

# Accelerator complex and FRS at GSI

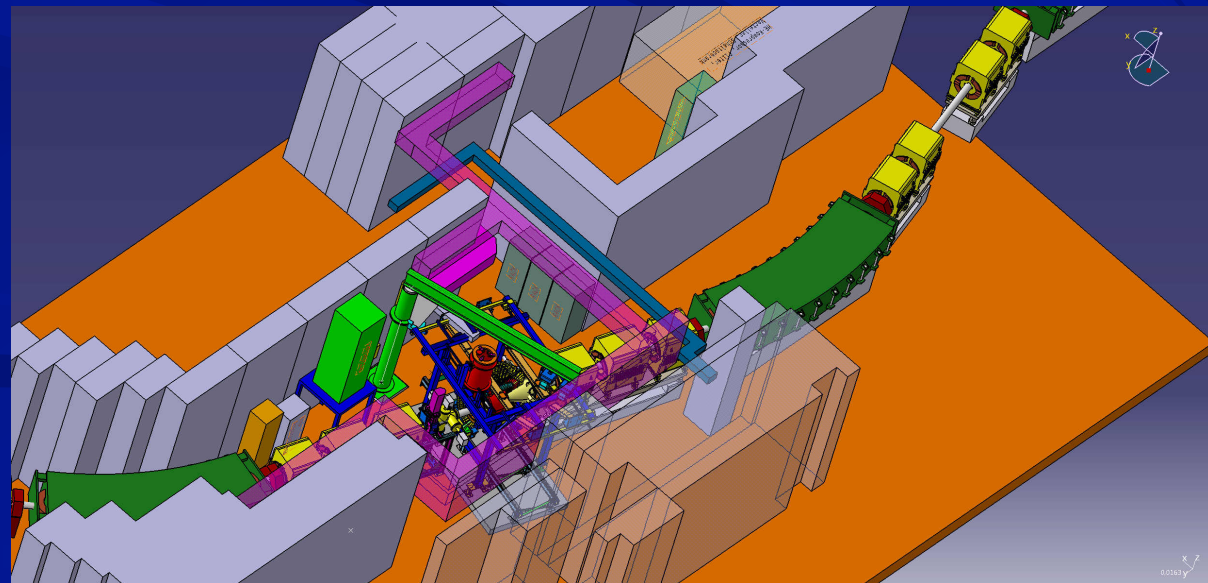


# WASA to S2 of FRS at GSI

Experimental Setup at FRS-S2  
(FAIR-Phase 0)



Experiment planned  
in 2019



# Rate estimation and Simulated invariant mass distribution

Table 2: Summary of the channels of interest, magnetic rigidity setup of FRS, requested shifts for each setup and corresponding expected signal integrals after the event reconstructions.

Channel of interest	FRS rigidity [Tm]	Duration of beams on target	Estimated signal integral
$d + \pi^-$	16.675	24 shifts (8 days)	$4.0 \times 10^3$
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \pi^-$	12.623	9 shifts (3 days)	$1.5 \times 10^3$
${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + \pi^-$	16.675	together with $d + \pi^-$	$5.0 \times 10^3$

10 ~ 40 times more

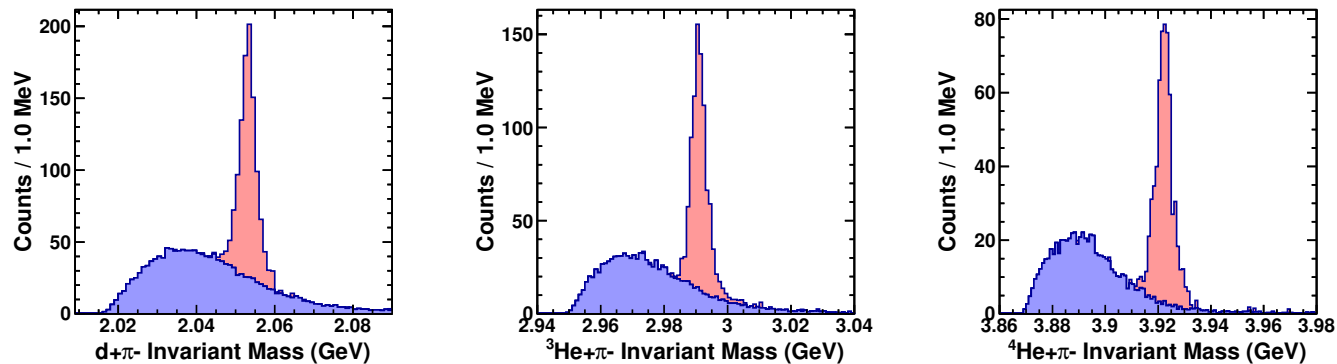


Figure 8: Expected invariant mass distributions of  $d + \pi^-$  from  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{n}$ ,  ${}^3\text{He} + \pi^-$  from  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4\text{He} + \pi^-$  from  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ , together with signals (red) and backgrounds (blue)

5 times better resolution



# Approval by the GSI G-PAC in 2017



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11.10.2017

S447: "Studies of the  $d+\pi^-$  signal and lifetime of the  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  hypernuclei by new spectroscopy techniques with FRS"

Takehiko Saito et al.

Dear Colleague,

The management of GSI/FAIR would like to inform you about the results of our latest 'Call for Proposals for Beam Time' (S447). The Advisory Committee met on September 28, 2017, to evaluate a total of 64 proposals received. The results of the G-PAC were based on the importance of the proposed research, its relevance to the GSI/FAIR facility that are unique. Proposals of category A recommended of great scientific interest but due to the shortage of beam time recommended to run only if beam time is available. Experiments of category B are those that are of less scientific interest and are proposed to a future call, and for category C are not recommended. In total, the G-PAC recommended 27 shifts of main beam time and 18 shifts of parasitic beam time for WASA commissioning. 311 shifts are at UNILAC, 317 shifts at SIS18 and 100 shifts at CRYRING. Shifts granted as experiments category A in this Call will be scheduled between 2018 and 2019 and will expire after that period.

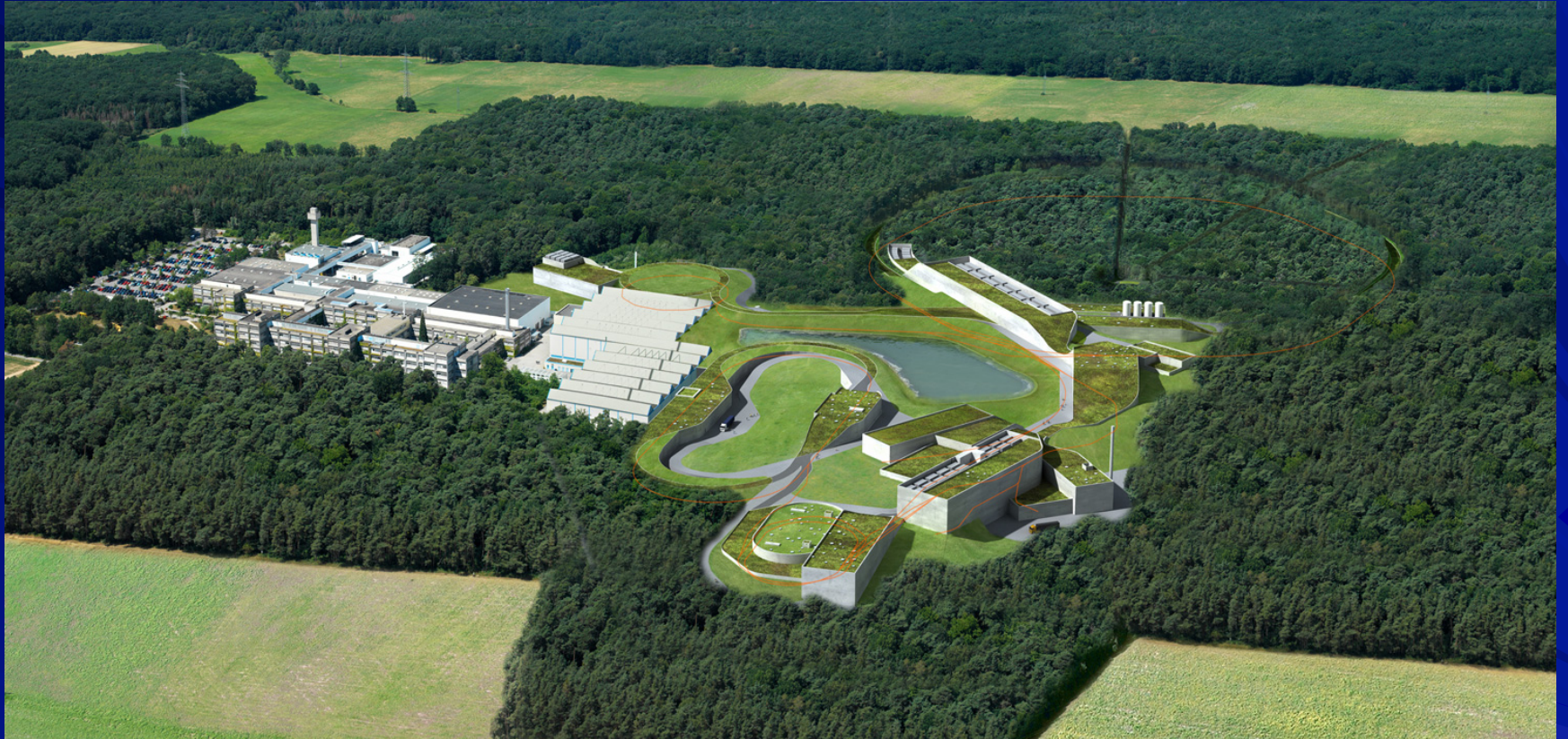
For your proposal S447<sup>1</sup> the G-PAC formulated the following evaluation with which I concur:

Regarding the proposal "Studies of the  $d+\pi^-$  signal and lifetime of the  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  hypernuclei by new spectroscopy techniques with FRS" (Proposal S447), the G-PAC recommends this proposal with **highest priority (A)** and that **27 shifts of main beam time and 18 shifts of parasitic beam time** for WASA commissioning be allocated, including 24 shifts for the study of  $\Lambda_{nn}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ . In view of the shortage of beam time and the availability of three independent measurements the study of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  was considered of less importance.

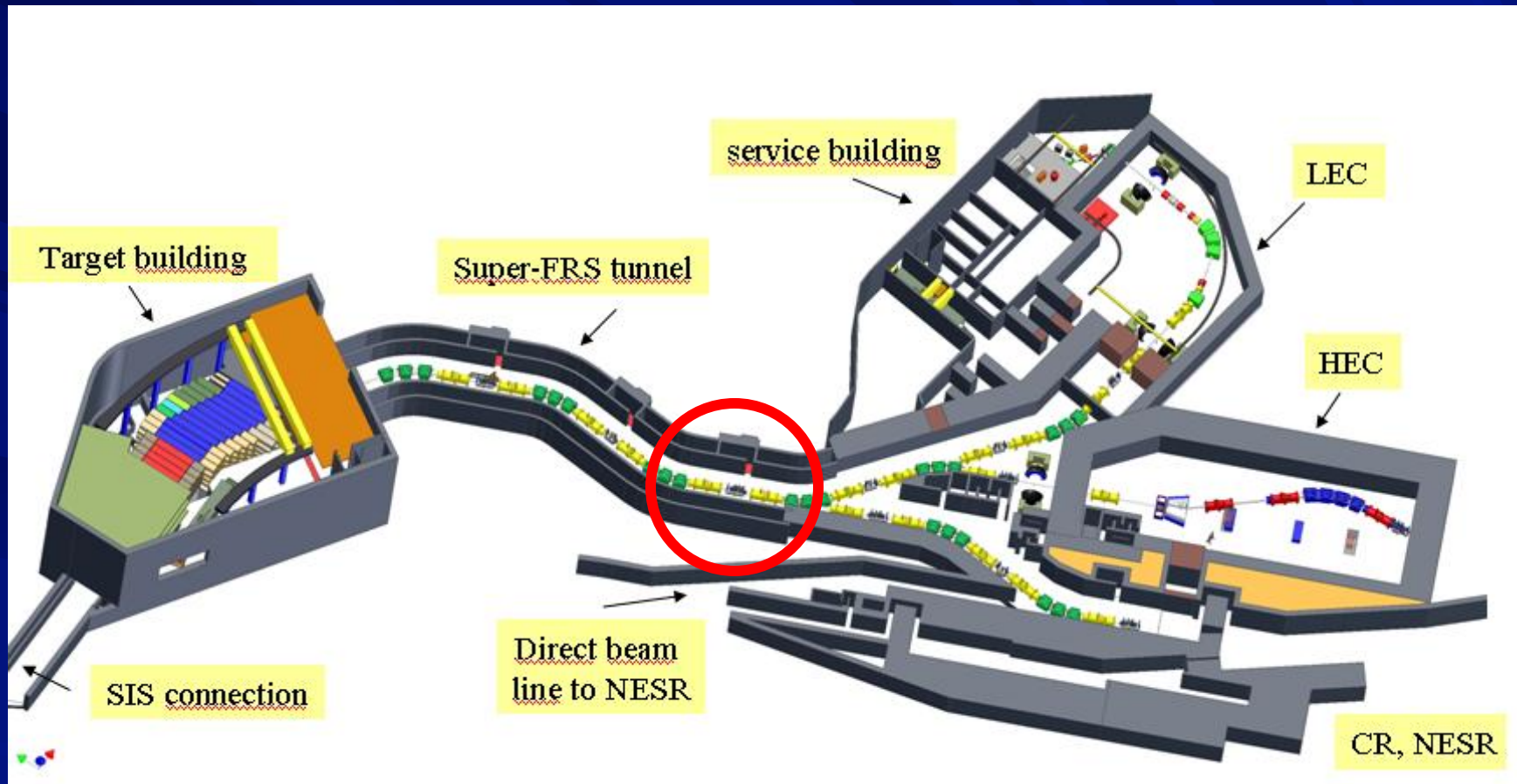
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## In 2019

# FAIR in Germany



# Super-FRS at FAIR



Precise hypernuclear spectroscopy with RI-beams

We can still  
go further



# HIAF in Huizhou/China

## High Intensity Heavy Ion Accelerator Facility

### View of the HIAF campus

New Hypernuclear Project  
Spokesperson: Take Saito

@ 2023

Approved by Chinese government in December 2015  
Under construction

Courtesy of Xinwen Ma

# HIAF



## Configuration of the Facility

### Booster Ring:

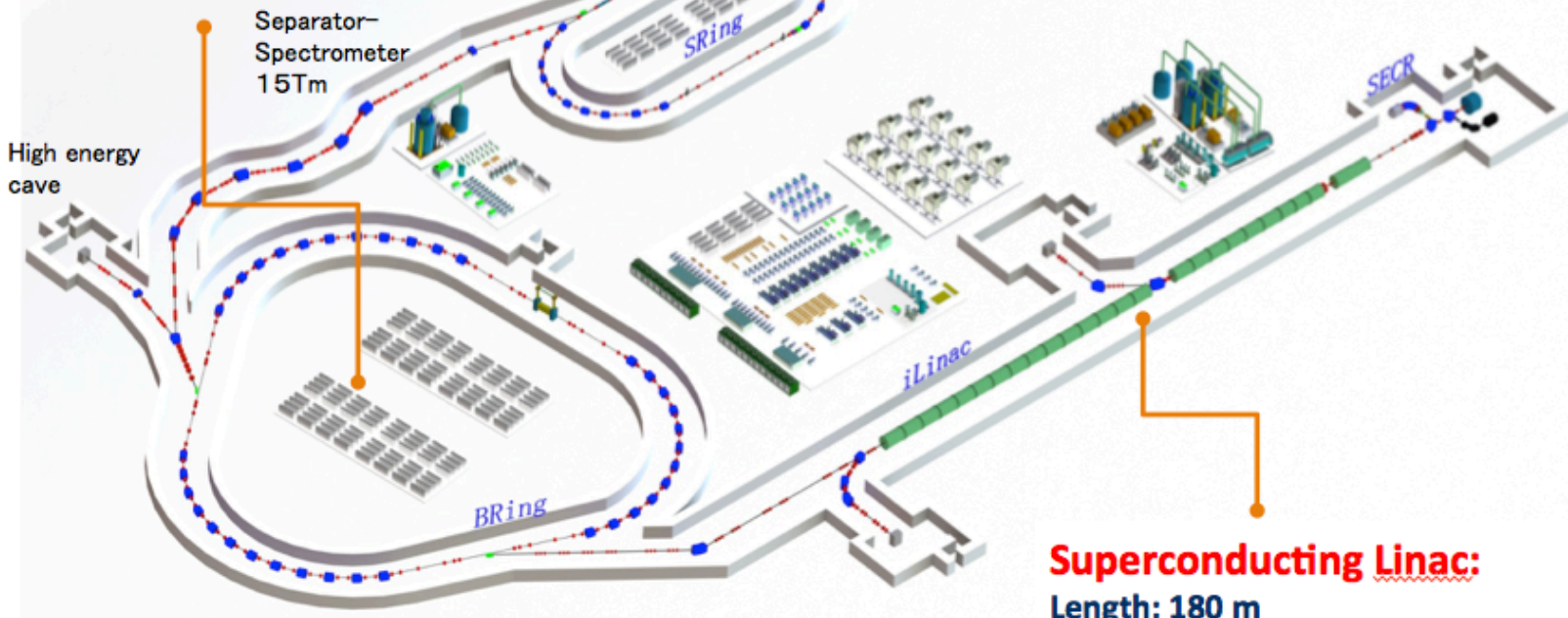
Circumference: 471 m  
Rigidity: 34 Tm  
Beam accumulation  
Beam cooling  
Beam acceleration

4.25 A GeV for  $A/q=2$

	Ions	Energy	Intensity
B Ring	$U^{34+}$	0.8 GeV/u	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^{11}$ ppp

### Spectrometer Ring:

Circumference: 188.7 m  
Rigidity: 13 Tm  
Electron cooling  
Stochastic cooling  
In-ring experiment

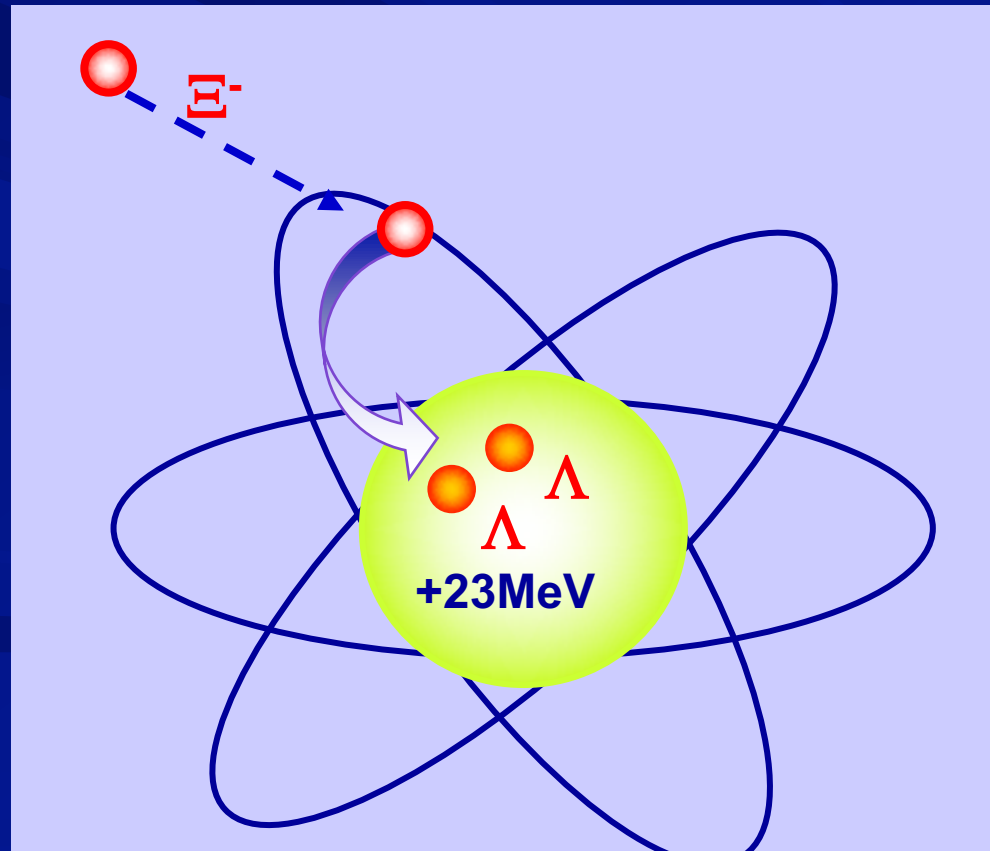


### Superconducting Linac:

Length: 180 m  
Energy: 17 MeV/u ( $U^{34+}$ )  
CW and pulse modes

# Hypernuclei with double-strangeness

- Heavy ion beams at 4.25 A GeV
- Above threshold of  $\Xi^-$ -hyperon (dss) production: 3.747 A GeV
- $\Xi^-p \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$

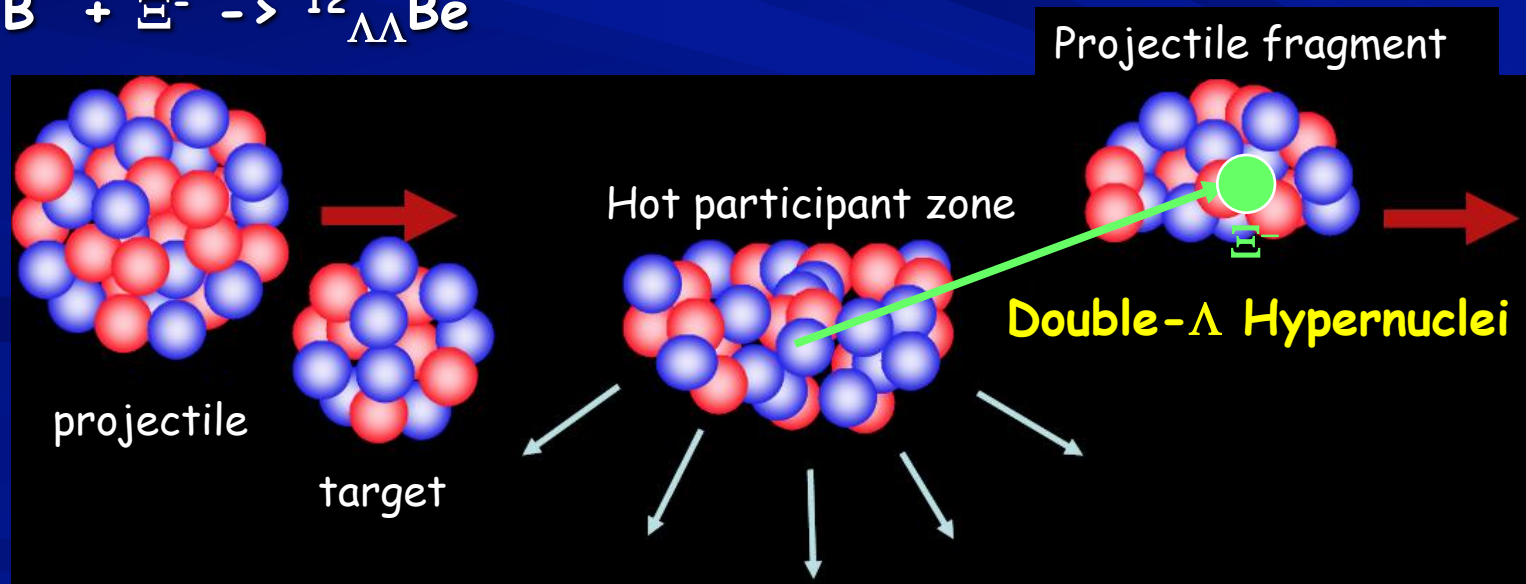




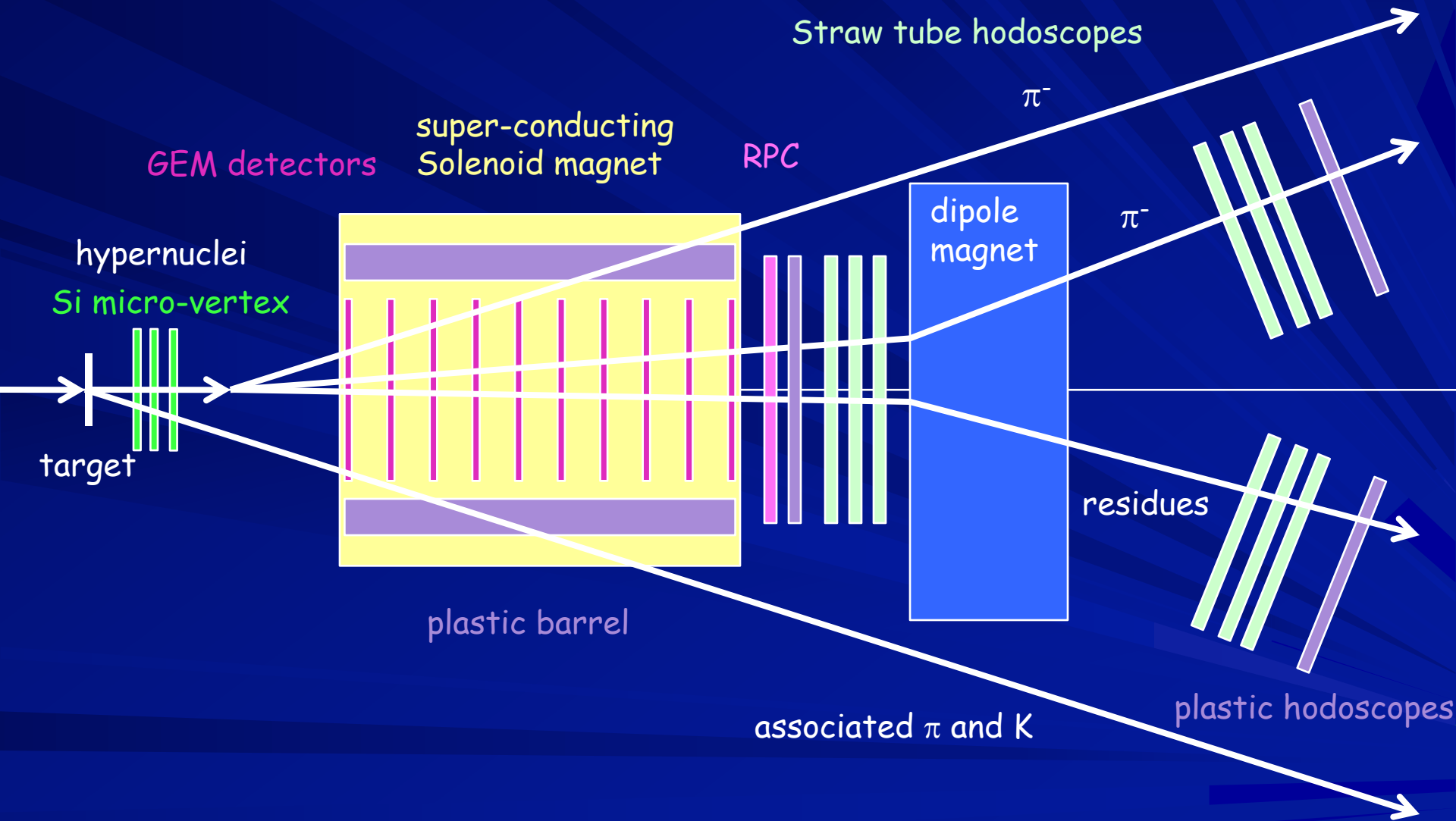
# Production of double- $\Lambda$ hypernuclei

- $d + \Xi^- \rightarrow n\Lambda\Lambda$
- $t + \Xi^- \rightarrow nn\Lambda\Lambda$
- ${}^3\text{He} + \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^4_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$
- ${}^4\text{He} + \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^5_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$
- ${}^6\text{Li} + \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^7_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$
- ${}^7\text{Li} + \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^8_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$
- ${}^9\text{Be} + \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}$
- ${}^{10}\text{Be} + \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^{11}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Li}$
- ${}^{10}\text{B} + \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^{11}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}$
- ${}^{11}\text{B} + \Xi^- \rightarrow {}^{12}_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{Be}$

Examples with only up to Boron fragments

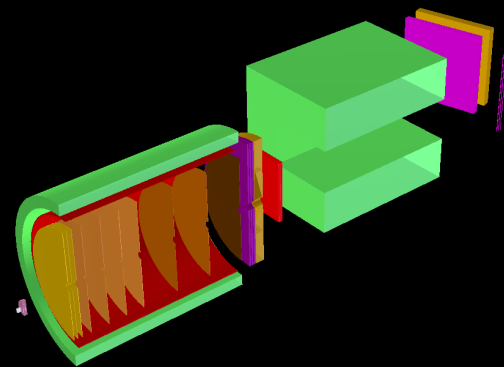
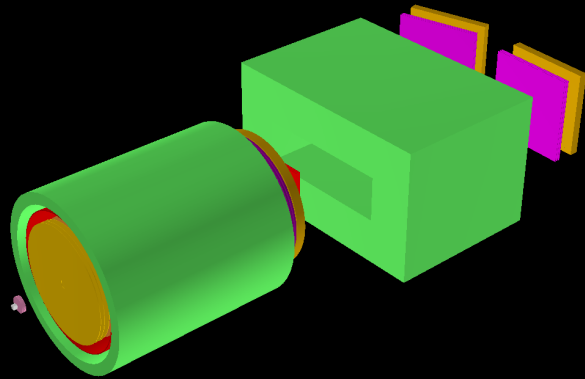


# Current considerations for HIAF



< 10 M Euro

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# Expected reconstructed rate

- $^{20}\text{Ne} + ^{12}\text{C}$  at 4.25 A GeV
- Beam intensity:  $10^7$  /s

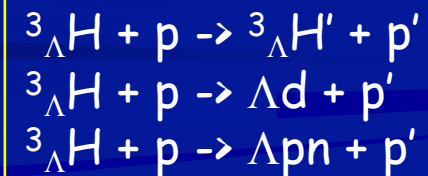
- Small Beam intensity
- Independent to other complexes

**Day-1 experiment at HIAF**

	Single- $\Lambda$ ( $\Sigma$ ) hypernuclei	Double- $\Lambda$ hypernuclei
per day	$8 \times 10^5$	$9 \times 10^1$
per week	$6 \times 10^6$	$6 \times 10^2$
per month	$2 \times 10^7$	$3 \times 10^3$

## Hypernuclear scattering experiments with

- Polarized target(H, HD) + TPC
- Polarized projectiles



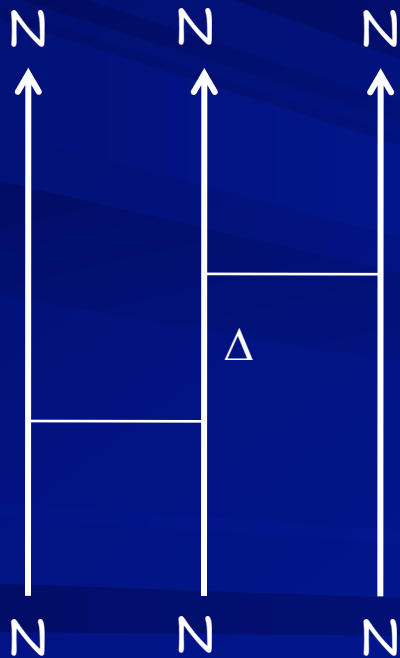
# Three-body force in hypernuclei

$m_{\Sigma} - m_{\Lambda}: 75 \text{ MeV}$

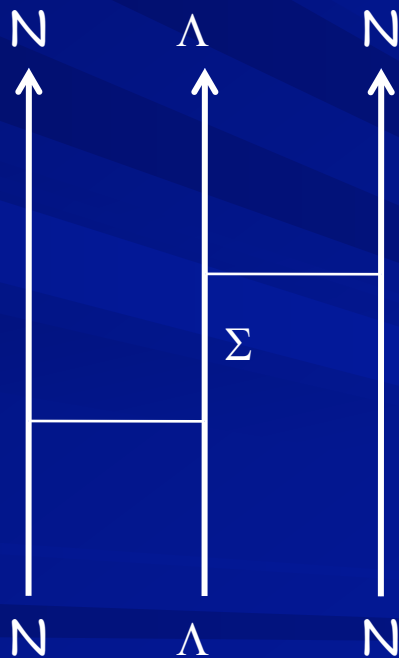
- Large amplitude for  $\Lambda N$ - $\Sigma N$  coupling

$m_{\Xi N} - m_{\Lambda\Lambda}: 28 \text{ MeV}$

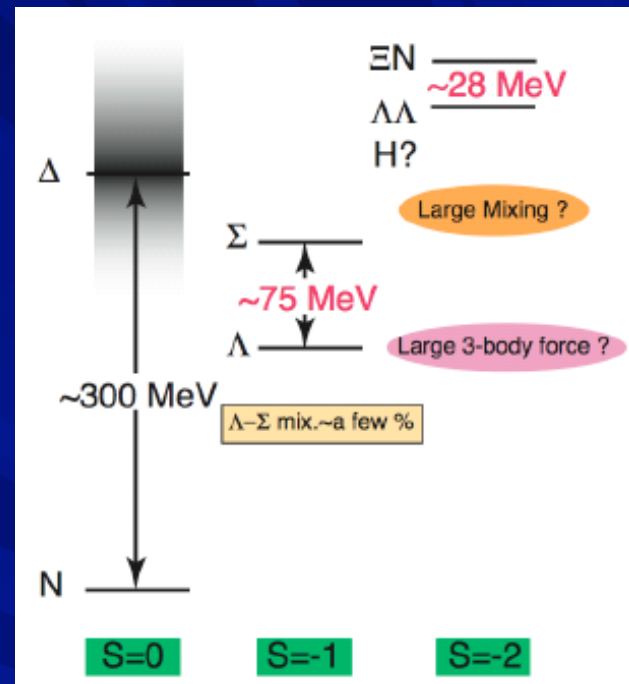
- Large amplitude for  $\Lambda\Lambda N$ - $\Xi\Sigma N$  coupling



Ordinary nuclei  
Suppressed



Hypernuclei nuclei  
Large amplitude



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Beam line for  
Hypernuclear project

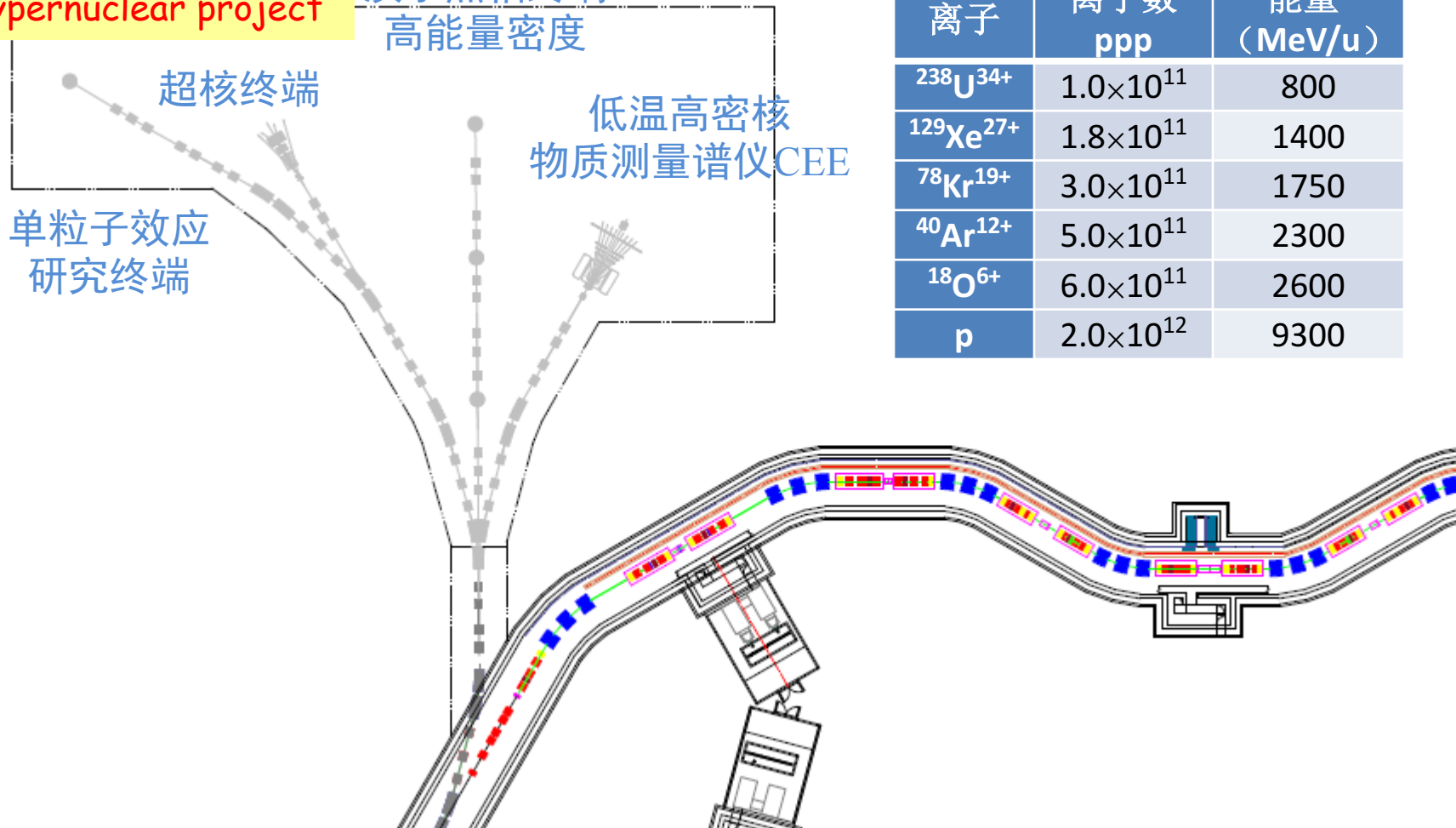
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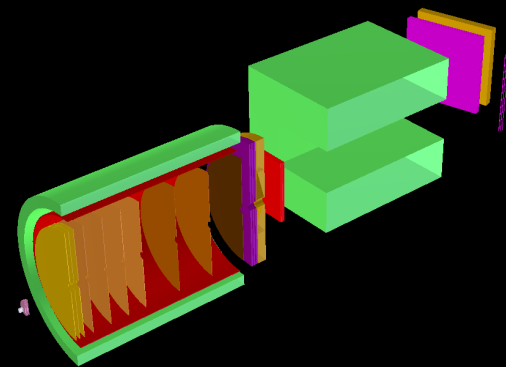
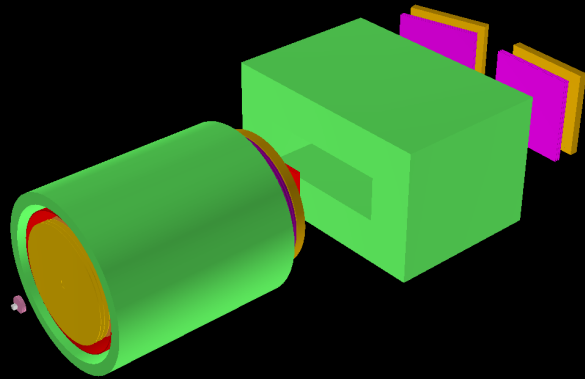
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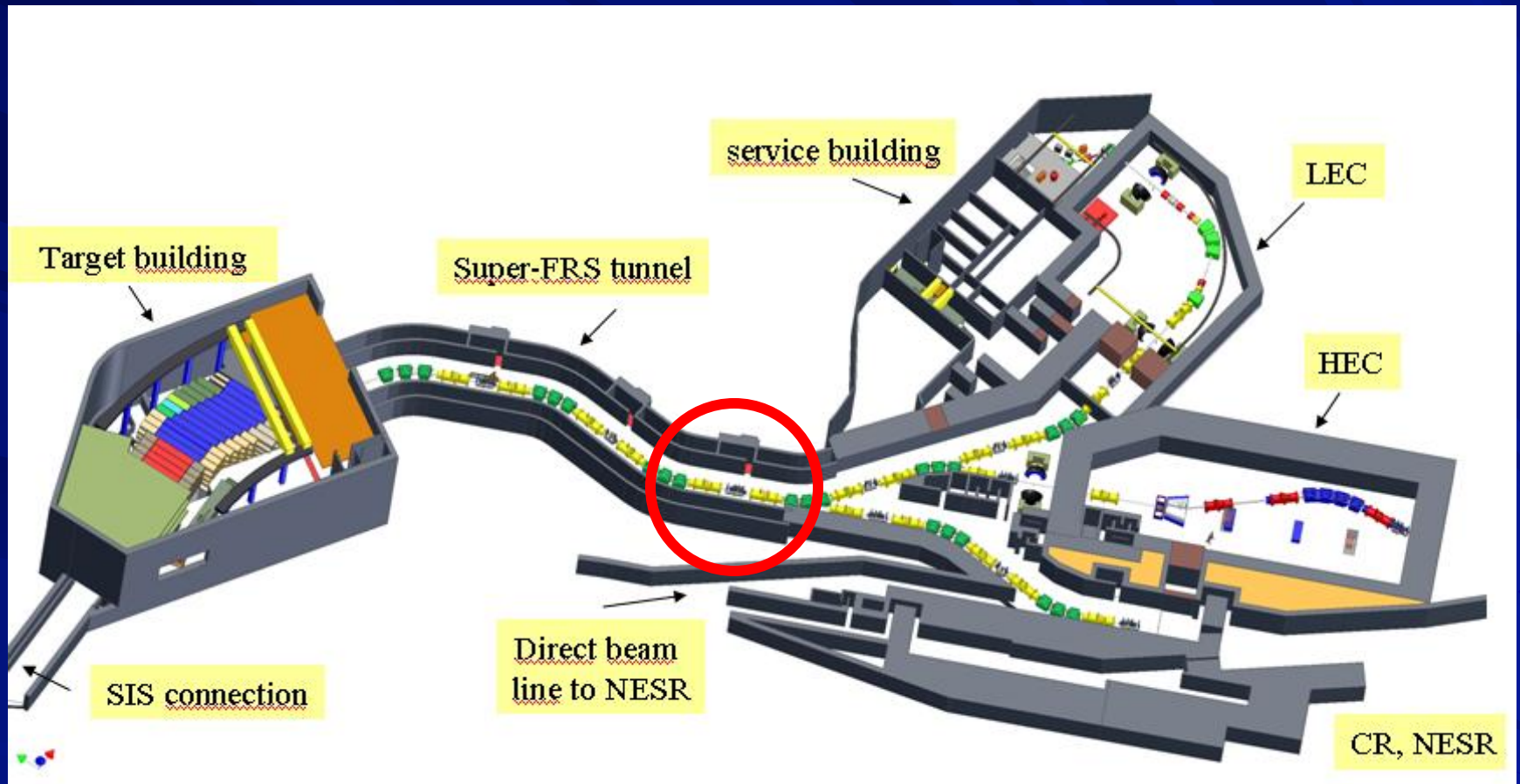
离子	离子数 ppp	能量 (MeV/u)
$^{238}\text{U}^{34+}$	$1.0 \times 10^{11}$	800
$^{129}\text{Xe}^{27+}$	$1.8 \times 10^{11}$	1400
$^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$	$3.0 \times 10^{11}$	1750
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{12+}$	$5.0 \times 10^{11}$	2300
$^{18}\text{O}^{6+}$	$6.0 \times 10^{11}$	2600
p	$2.0 \times 10^{12}$	9300



# Current considerations for HIAF

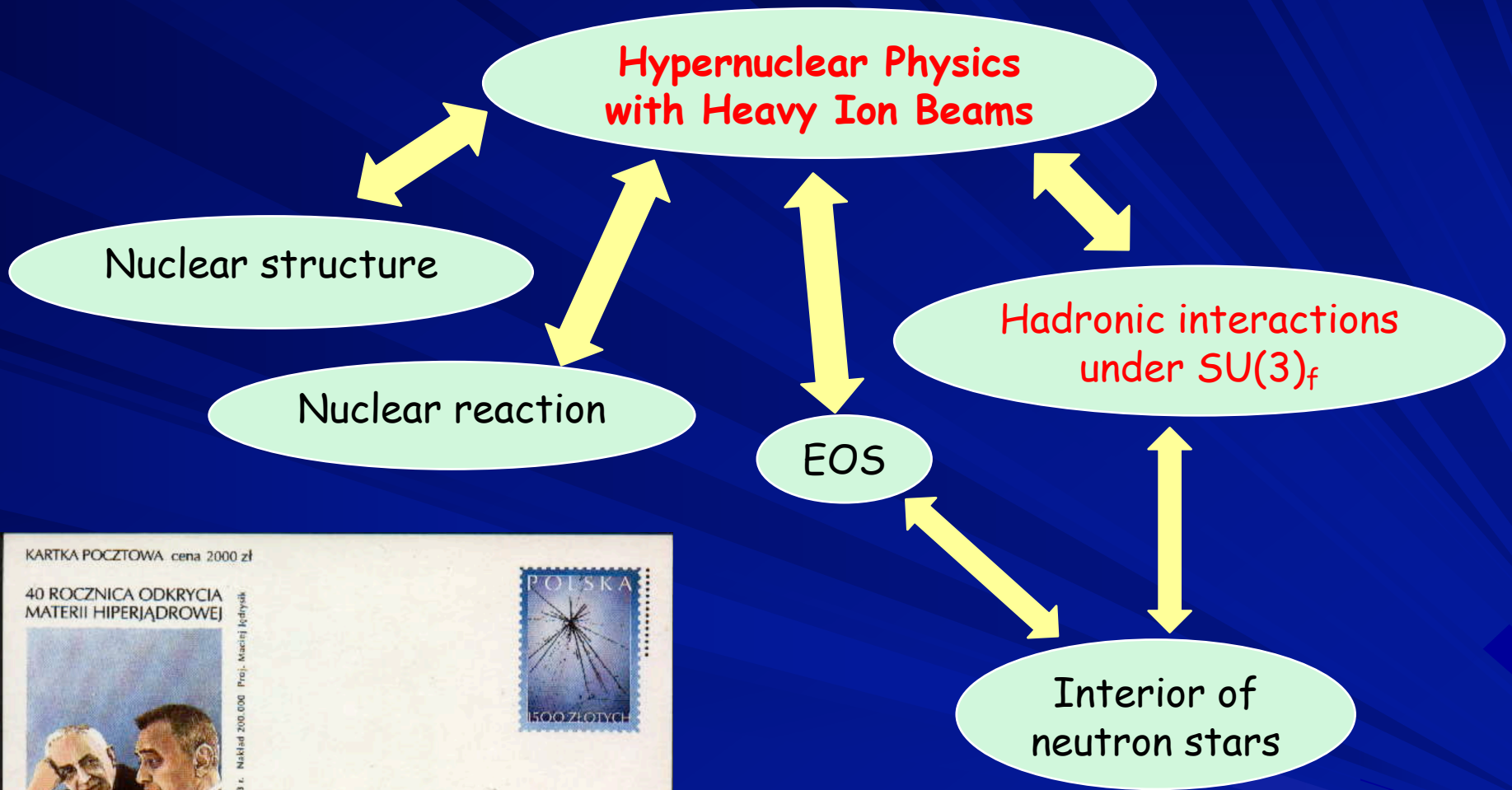


# Super-FRS at FAIR



Precise hypernuclear spectroscopy with RI-beams





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# Summary

- Hypernuclear spectroscopy with heavy ion beams
- Two puzzles by HypHI Phase 0
  - Signals indicating  $nn\Lambda$
  - Short hypertriton lifetime
- Near future project with heavy ions
  - **FRS + WASA at GSI (FAIR Phase 0) in Germany, 2019**
    - $nn\Lambda$  and hypertriton lifetime
  - **Super-FRS at FAIR in Germany, 2023+X**
    - Exotic hypernuclei with RI beams
  - **HIAF in China**
    - Single- and double-strangeness hypernuclei

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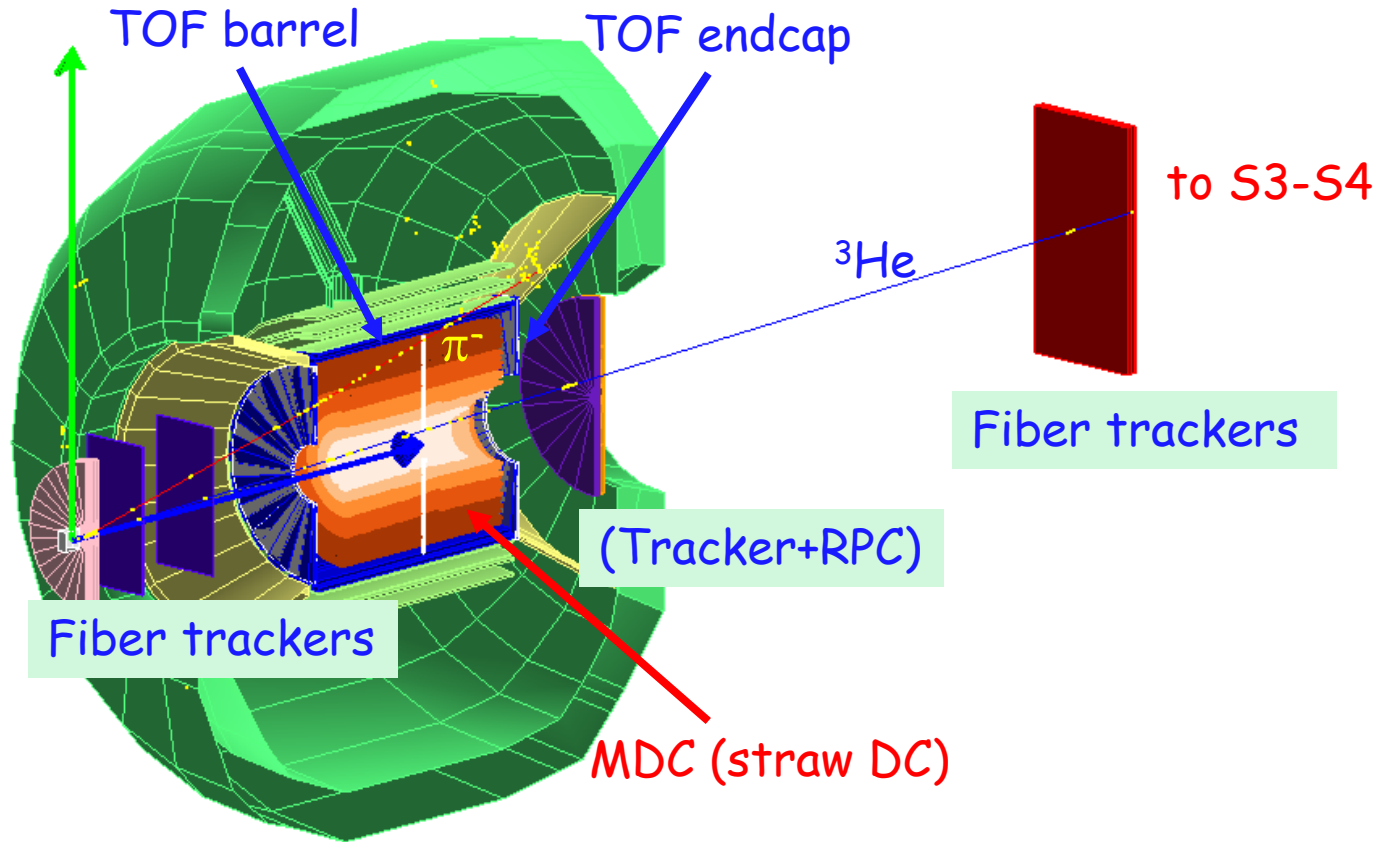


**Spare slides**

# Monte Carlo simulations with WASA at S2 and FRS

${}^6\text{Li} + {}^{12}\text{C}$  at 2 A GeV  
at S2

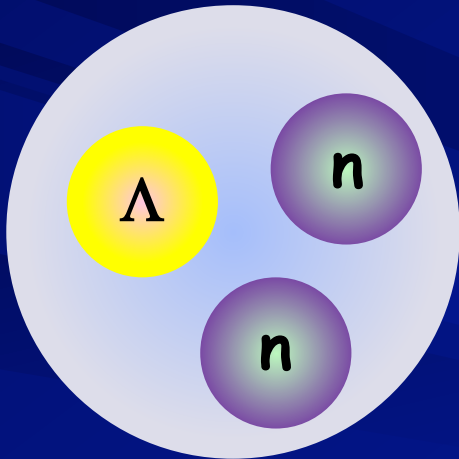
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow \pi^- + {}^3\text{He}$



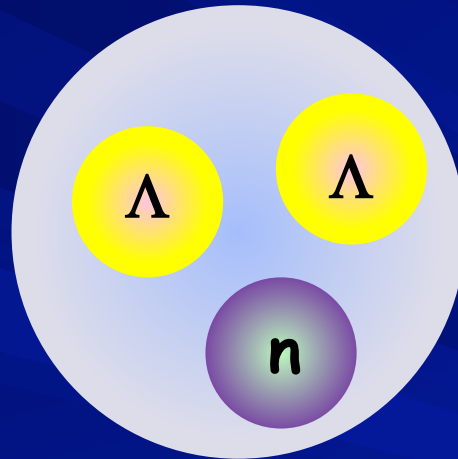
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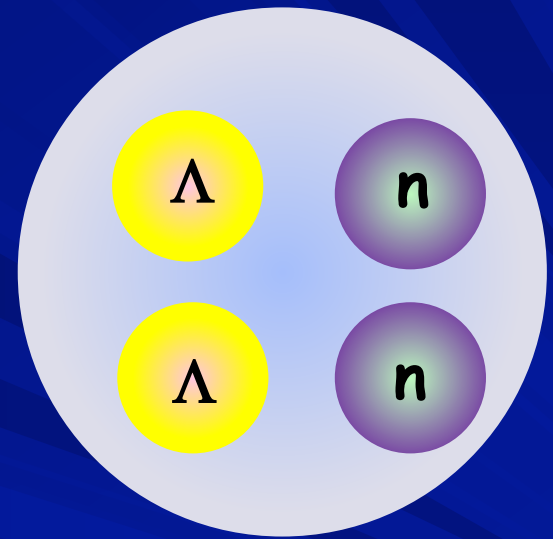
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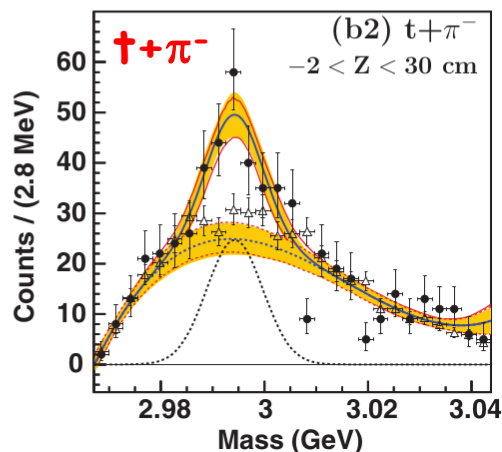
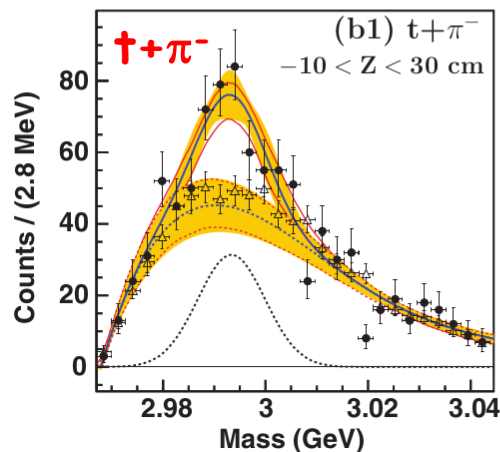
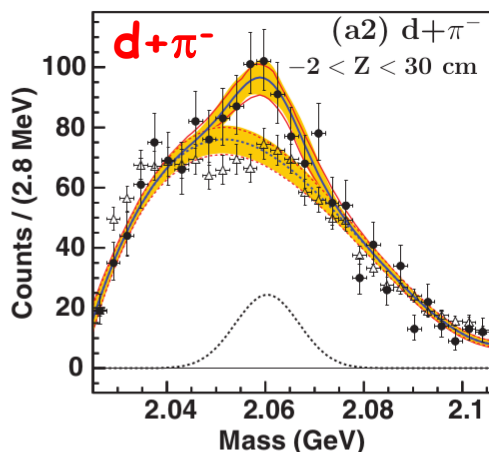
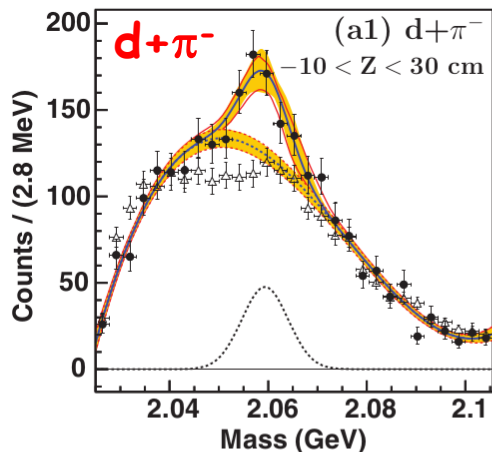


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# Invariant mass signals of HypHI Phase 0



- Poor mass resolution
- Poor S/B ratio
- Signals on top of the bump of the background

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Neutral nucleus with  $\Lambda$ ,  $nn\Lambda$  ??

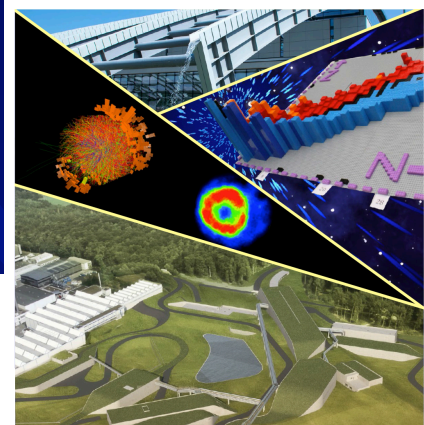




# NuPECC Long Range Plan

## Nuclear structure and reaction dynamics

### Hadron physics



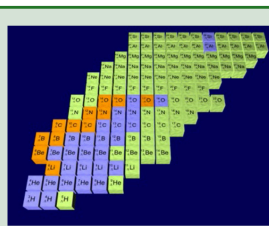
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#### 1. HADRON PHYSICS

##### Box 5: Hypernuclei

Recently, hypernuclear spectroscopy with heavy ion induced reactions has been successfully performed by the HyPHI collaboration at GSI. They have shown that the lifetime of the lightest hypernucleus,  $^{\Lambda}_{\Lambda}H$ , is significantly shorter than the  $\Lambda$ -hyperon, also reported by hadron-collider collaborations. A short  $^{\Lambda}_{\Lambda}H$  lifetime has not yet been explained by any theory so far and remains a puzzle. A signal indicating the existing a neutral strange nucleus,  $^{\Lambda}_{\Lambda}n$  ( $n\Lambda$ ), has been reported, which is still under debate and it requires experimental confirmation. By solving these puzzles with more data on exotic hypernuclei toward nucleon drip-lines, one can deduce essential information on the baryon-baryon interaction under SU(3) including three-body forces. Exotic hypernuclei can only be studied with heavy ions at GSI and FAIR. With these experiments, Europe will play an essential role in nuclear physics with strangeness.



Hypernuclear chart expected to be synthesized and studied at GSI and FAIR. Blue boxes indicate known hypernuclei while orange and green coloured boxes show cases to be populated with  $10^4$  and  $10^7$  reconstructed events per week, respectively.

##### Generalised Parton Distributions (GPDs) and Transverse Spin and Momentum-Dependent Distributions (TMDs)

Our knowledge of nucleon structure has drastically improved in the last few years thanks to the vigorous activity revolving around Generalised Parton Distributions (GPDs) and Transverse

increased the energy of its electron beam from 6 to 12 GeV. Accurate cross-section measurements have shown indications of leading-twist dominance in the accessible kinematic regions. The high precision of the data has stimulated further theoretical analyses to understand the fine details. A variety of beam and target spin asymmetries has been used to constrain models and build GPD reconstructions that have

continuum degrees of freedom are required.

Focused research on constructing improved nuclear EDF that would allow for a precise description of nuclear properties across the nuclear chart, including the spin and isospin channels, restored symmetries, and spectroscopic data is required.

##### Hypernuclei

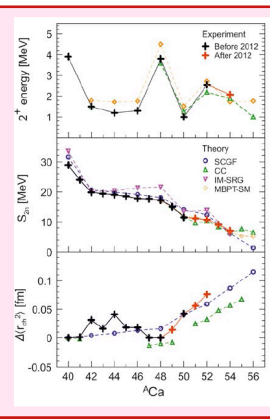
Understanding of the nuclear force can be extended to the flavoured-SU(3) symmetry by studying hypernuclei, nuclei with bound hyperon(s) (baryons with strange quarks where  $\Lambda$  (ud) is the lightest). Hyperons in hypernuclei can

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#### 3. NUCLEAR STRUCTURE AND REACTION DYNAMICS

##### Box 3. Structure of Ca isotopes

Standard magic numbers, well established for stable nuclei, fade away in neutron-rich systems where new ones may appear. How do we determine their location? A shell closure cannot be established from a single experimental signature but rather has to emerge from the concurrence of several features, e.g. in energies of the lowest  $2^+$  excited state, two-nucleon separation energies and charge radii isotopic shifts. Hence, different experiments are typically necessary to assess the evolution of magic numbers, as testified by recent studies of neutron-rich calcium isotopes. Penning-trap measurements at TRIUMF and ISOLDE have extended our knowledge of nuclear masses up to  $^{48}Ca$  (central panel) and pointed to the appearance of a new magic number at  $N=32$ . More recently, charge radii obtained via laser spectroscopy at ISOLDE (lower panel) weakened this conclusion. In parallel, the measurement of the lowest  $2^+$  excited state in  $^{46}Ca$  at RIKEN (upper panel) has opened the same debate on  $N=34$ . Ab initio calculations (coloured curves) have started to access medium-mass isotopic chains systematically. Comparisons between these calculations and current and future experiments in the region, e.g. up to  $^{48}Ca$ , will help unveil how such magic numbers emerge from underlying complex nucleon dynamics.



be used as probes of the inside core of nuclei since the hyperon is not subject to the Pauli principle. Hypernuclei close to stability were studied mainly using reactions of meson- and electron-beams. A recent hypernuclei spectroscopic study of  $^{\Lambda}_{\Lambda}H$  is discussed in chapter 1. These studies open a new degree of freedom related to strangeness, which could be combined with exotic nuclei. For instance few-body systems such as  $2n+\Lambda$  remain to be explained by first principles. These studies are also appealing for future developments.

Testing and constraining three-neutron forces is in turn crucial for neutron-rich nuclei and the equation of state of neutron-rich matter, which is key for understanding and predicting properties of neutron stars. In addition, few-neutron resonances are also considered a milestone calculation in lattice QCD.

##### Electroweak reactions

Electromagnetic and weak interactions play a crucial role in nuclear physics. On the theoretical

One of day-1 experiments of NuSTAR at FAIR

# Hypernuclear physics: How it began

Emulsion exposed to cosmic rays

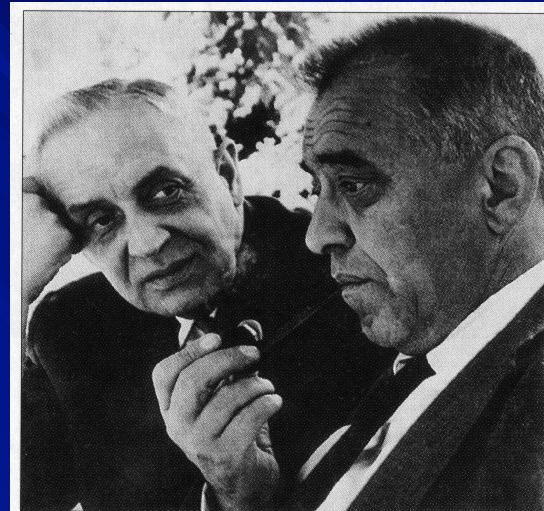
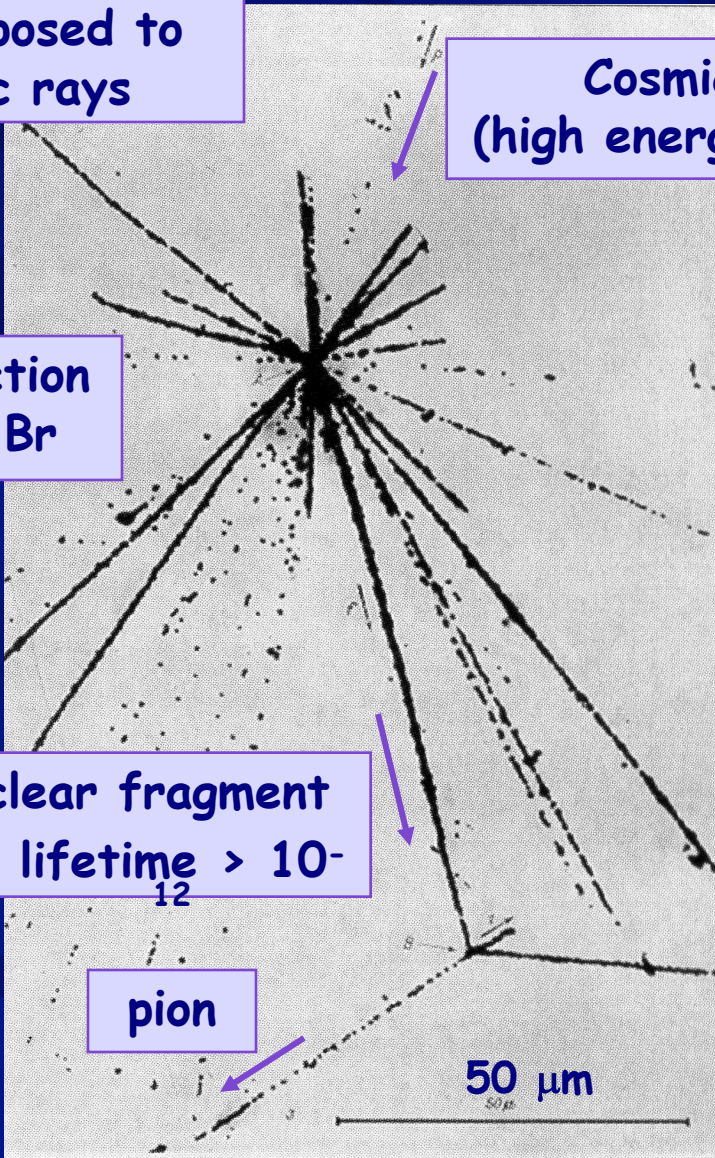
Cosmic ray (high energy proton)

Nuclear reaction with Ag or Br

Nuclear fragment with lifetime  $> 10^{-12}$

pion

50  $\mu\text{m}$



Marian Danysz (left) and Jerzy Pniewski, who first observed a hypernucleus.

“Delayed Disintegration of a Heavy Nuclear Fragment”  
M. Danysz and J. Pniewski,  
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# Hypernuclear physics: How it began

- Postmark for 20<sup>th</sup> International Physics Olympiad in Warsaw, 1989

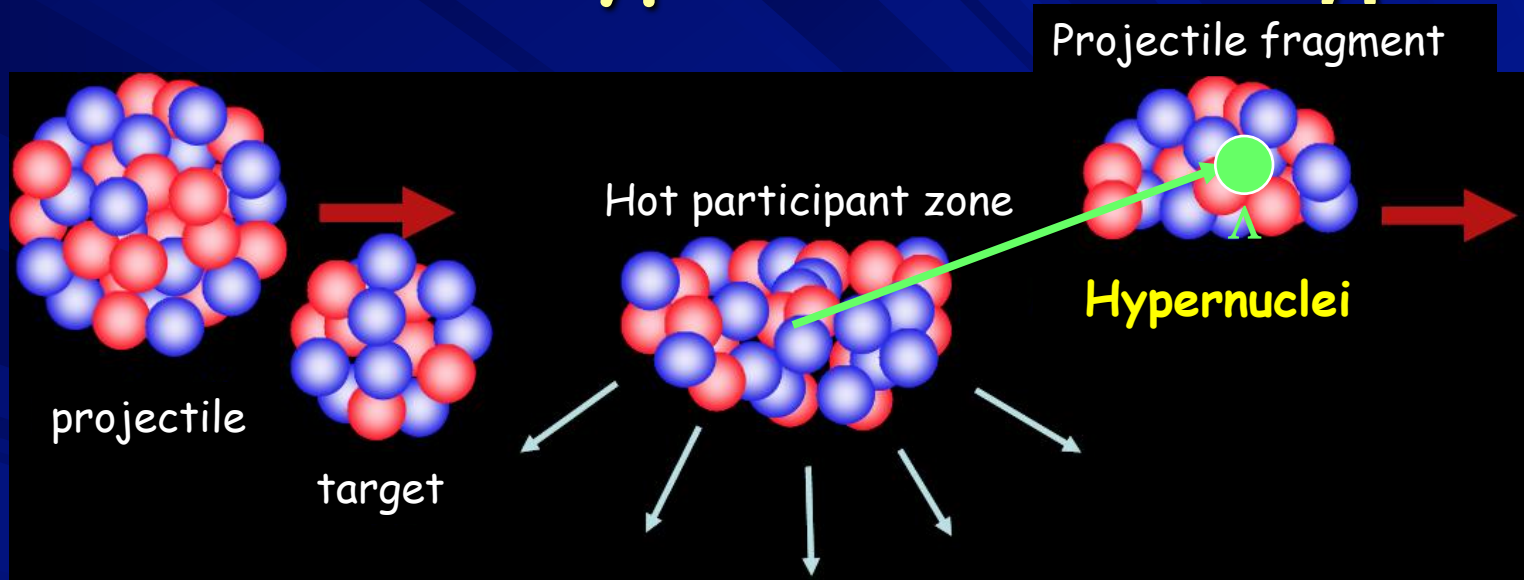


# Hypernuclear physics: How it began

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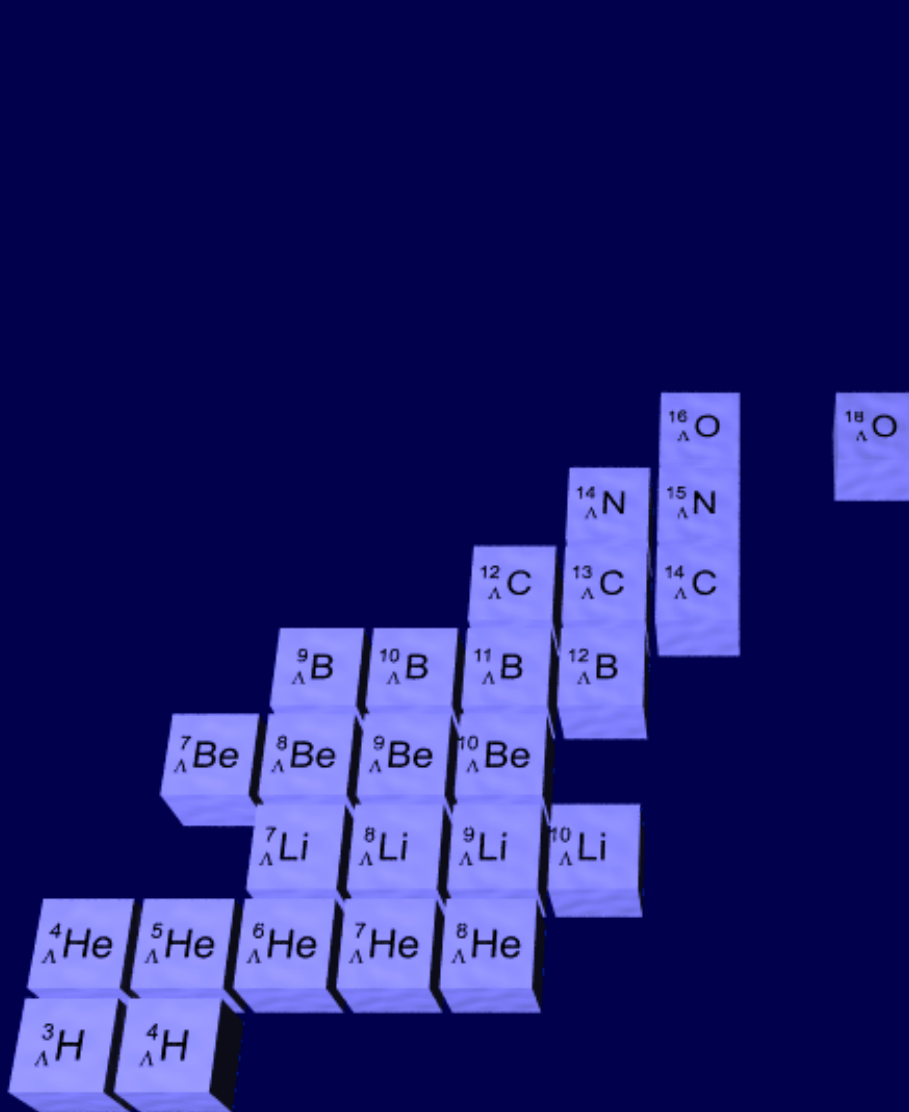
# Production of Hypernuclei with HypHI



- Coalescence of  $\Lambda$  in projectile fragments

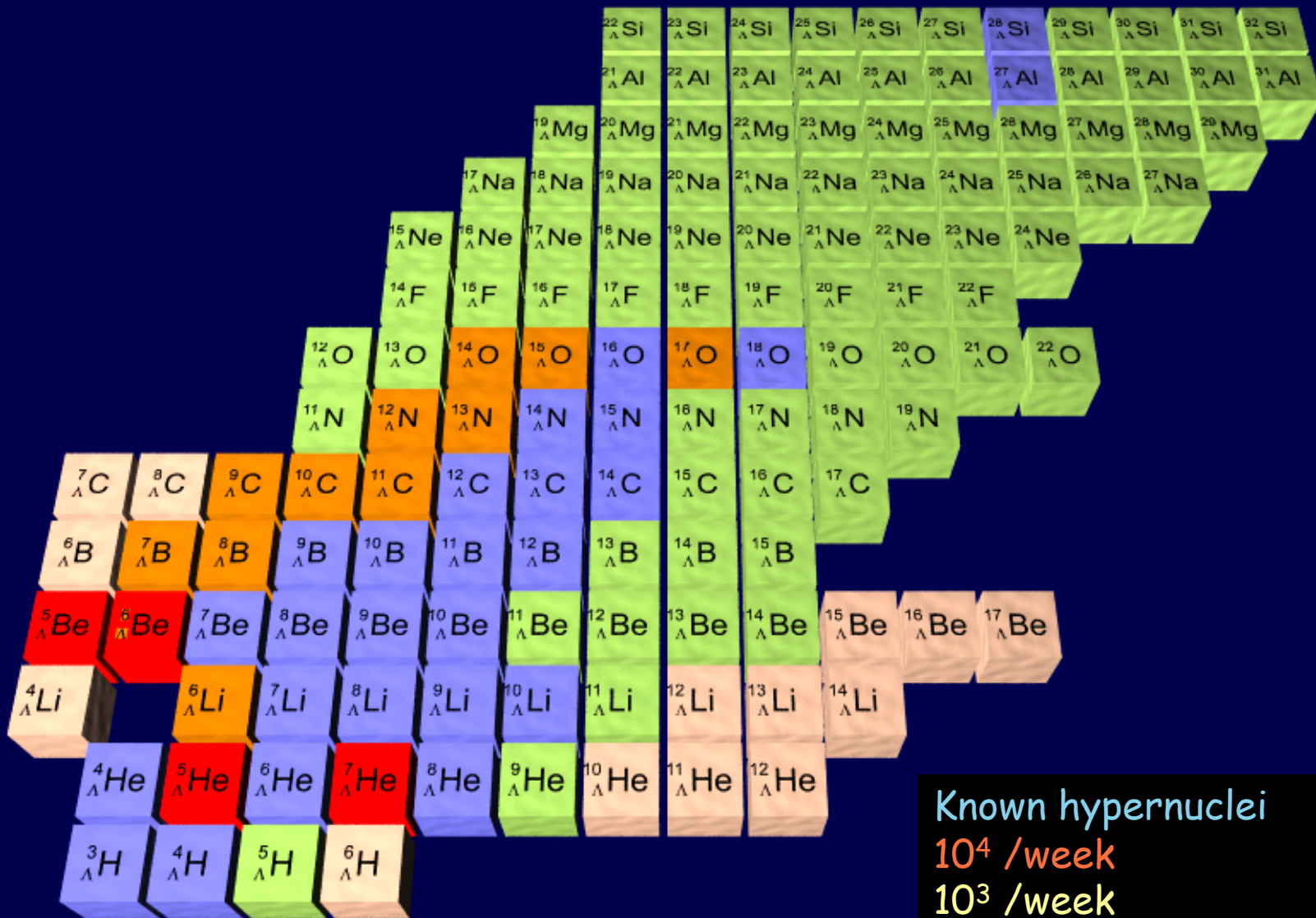
Contributing to  
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# Present hypernuclear landscape



Known hypernuclei

# Hypernuclear landscape with HypHI



Known hypernuclei

$10^4$  /week

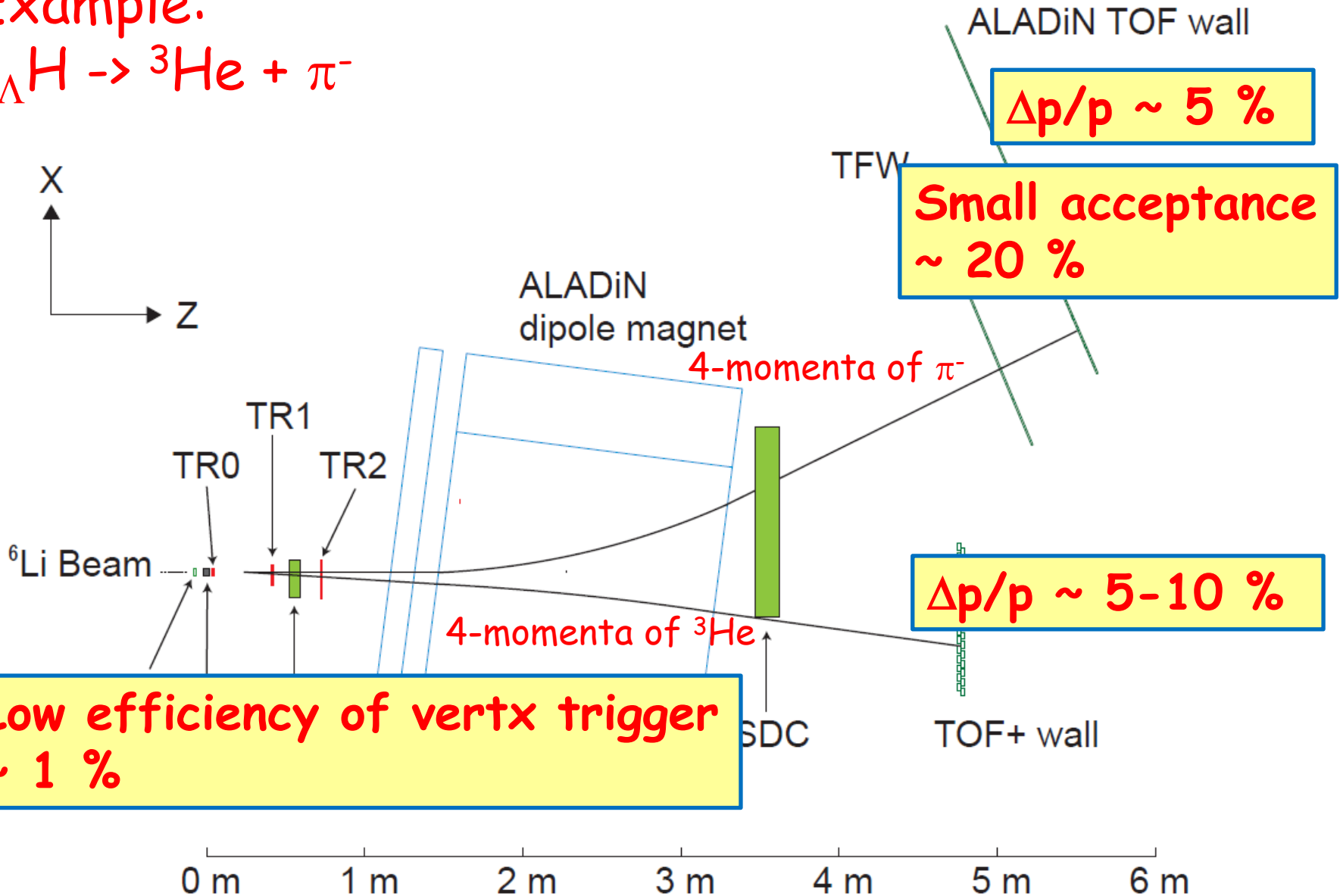
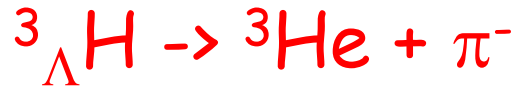
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With hypernuclear separator

Magnetic moments

# HypHI Phase 0 (2009), ${}^6\text{Li}+{}^{12}\text{C}$ at 2 A GeV

Example:



Low efficiency of vertex trigger  
 $\sim 1\%$