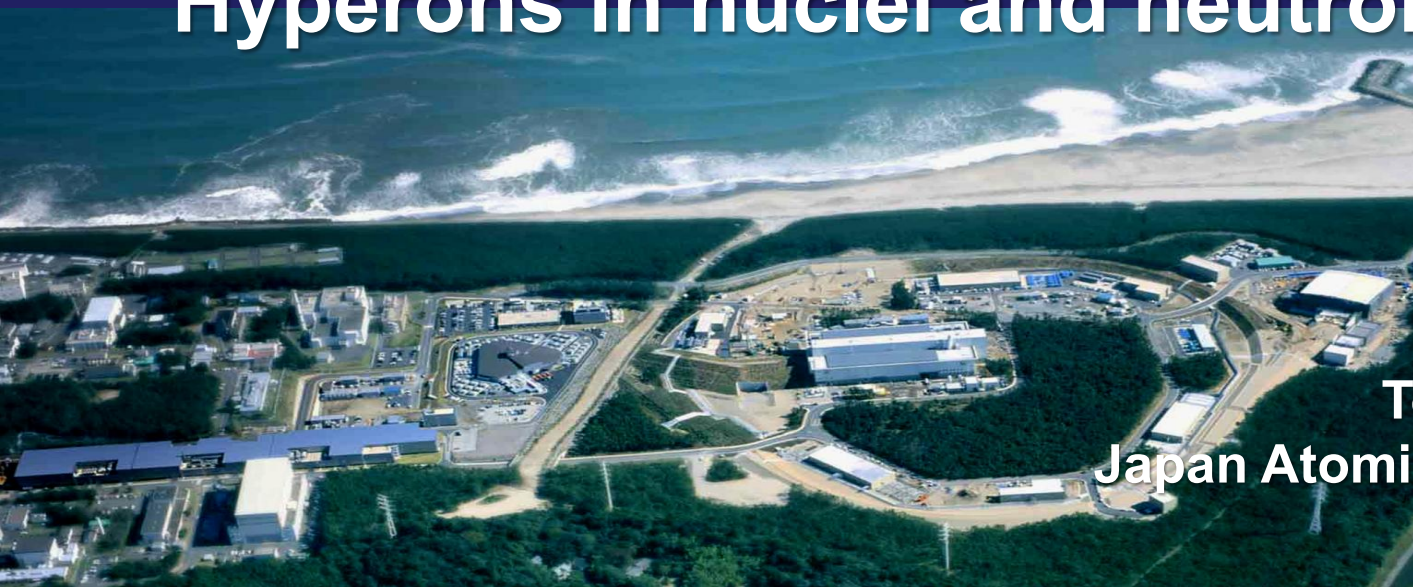


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# Hyperons in nuclei and neutron stars



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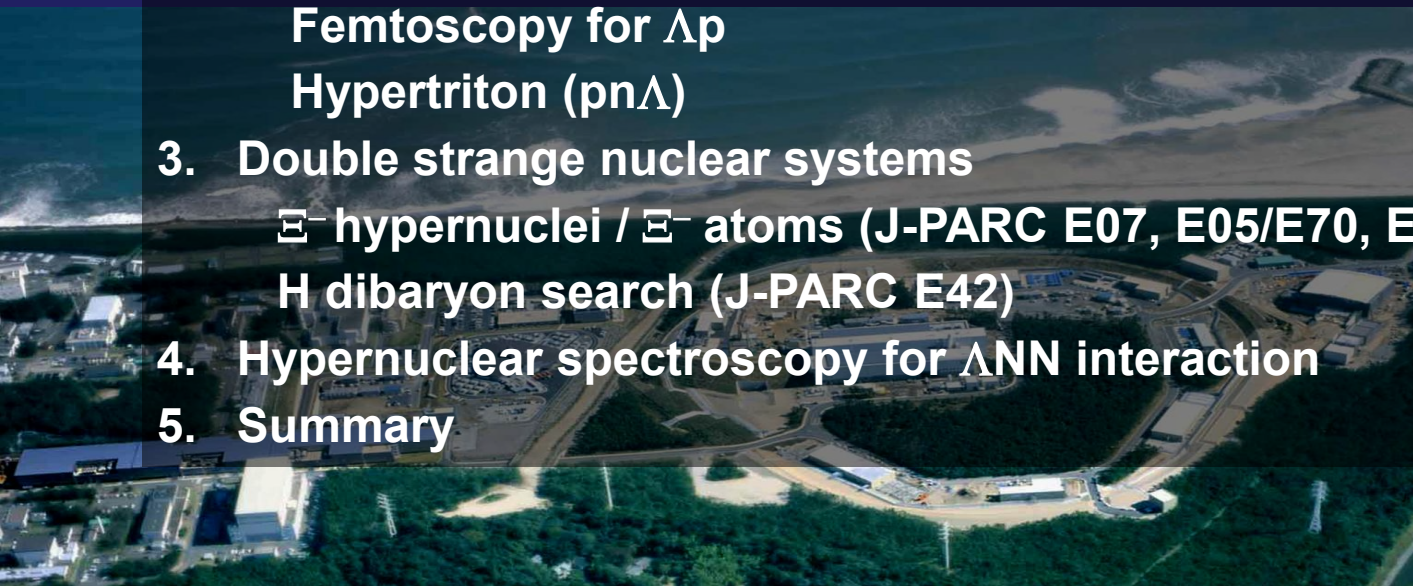
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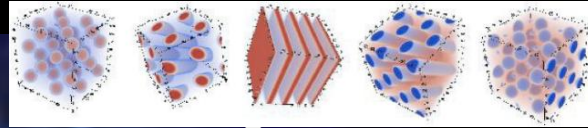
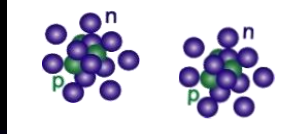
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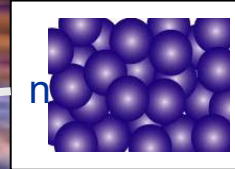
# Mystery of matter in neutron stars

Outer crust  
Neutron-rich nuclei

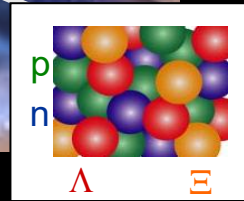


Inner crust  
Pasta nuclei

Outer core  
(Almost pure) Neutron Matter

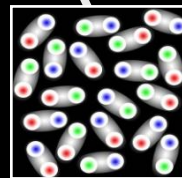


Inner core  
Hyperon Matter (Strange Hadronic Matter)

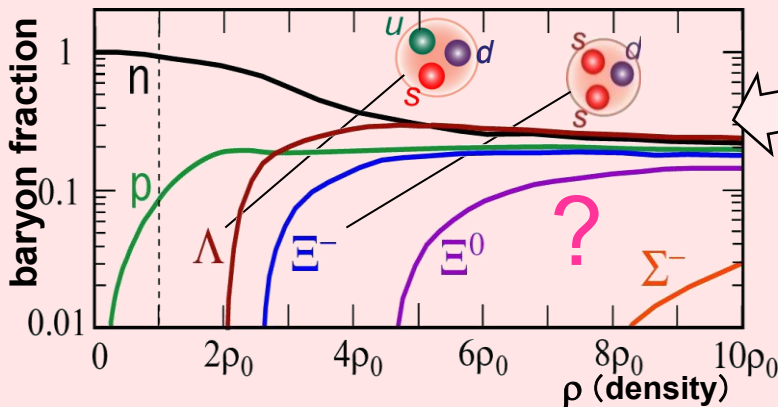


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Inner core  
Deconfined Quark Matter ??



C. Ishizuka et al., J.Phys.G 35 (2008) 085201  
 $U_{\Lambda} = -30 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $U_{\Sigma} = +30 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $U_{\Xi} = -15 \text{ MeV}$   
 assumptions based on experimental suggestions



Sensitive to YN, YY interactions

**Hyperons ( $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi^-$ ) should appear at  $\rho \sim 2-3 \rho_0$**

# Hyperon Puzzle

EOS's with hyperons are too soft to support massive NS's of  $>1.5 M_{\text{sun}}$ .

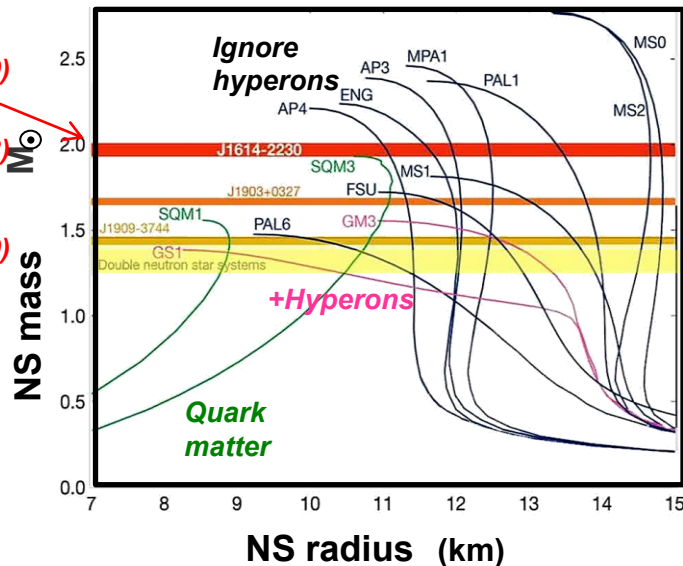
$2.0 M_{\text{sun}}$  neutron stars are observed.

=> Don't use  $U_{\Lambda}$ ,  $U_{\Xi}$ ,  $U_{\Sigma}$  at  $\rho = \rho_0$ !

$1.97 \pm 0.04 M_{\text{sun}}$   
J1614-2230 (2010)

$2.01 \pm 0.04 M_{\text{sun}}$   
J0348-0432 (2013)

$2.14 \pm 0.10 M_{\text{sun}}$   
J0740-6620 (2020)



**Determine YNN 3BF**

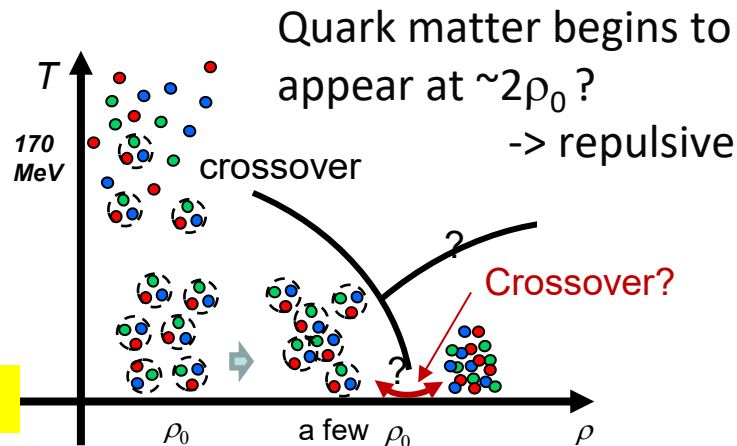
**NS can be described in the hadron level or not**

■ Repulsive three-body force in NNN.

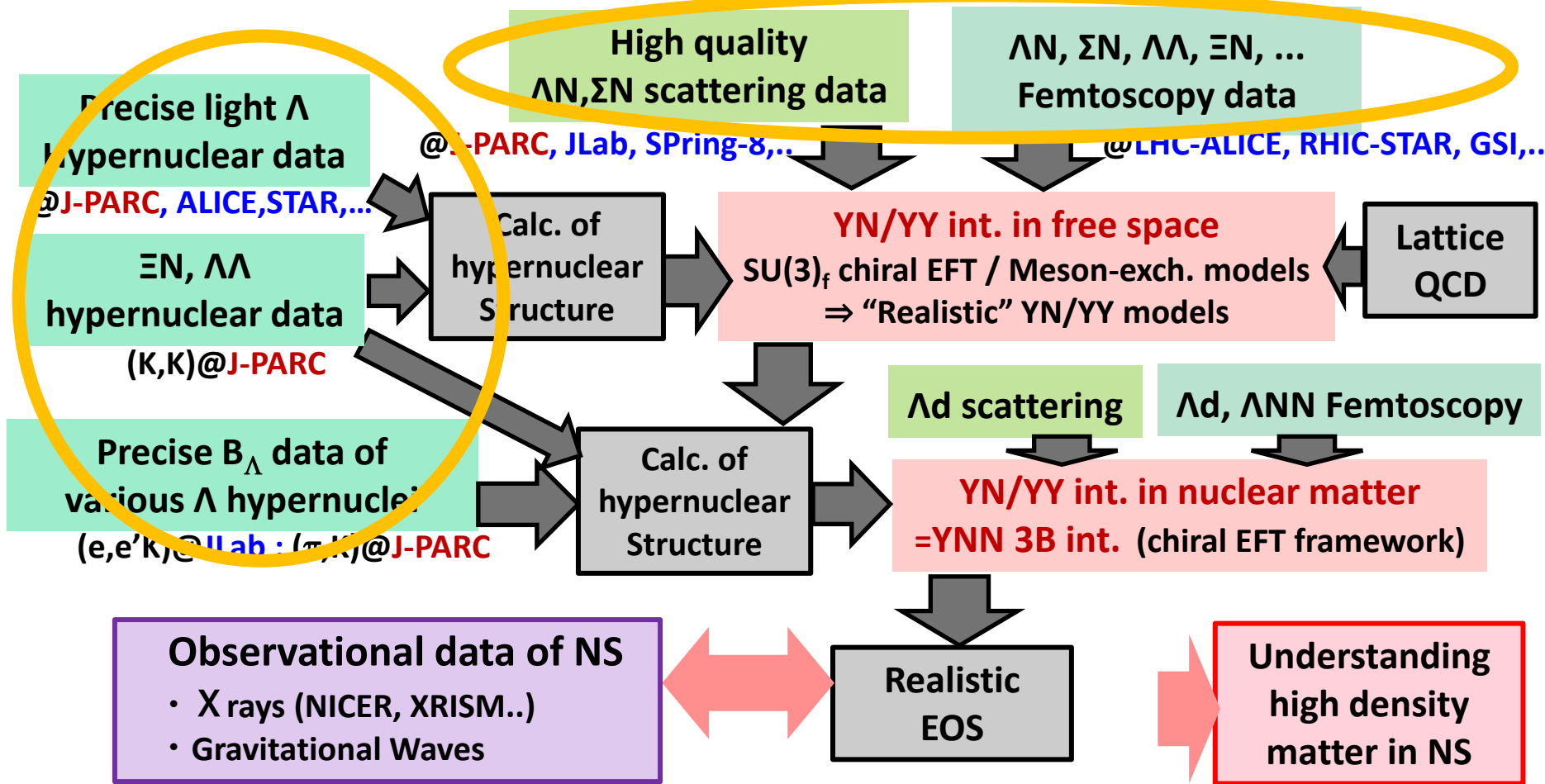
Also in YNN, YYN, YYY ?

but no clear experimental evidence

■ Deconfined quark matter?



# Strategy for solving the hyperon puzzle



## **2. YN interactions in free space**

# YN interaction

$\Lambda p, \Sigma^\pm p$  scattering with bubble chambers in (1960s)  
 $< \sim 0.30$  GeV/c, poor quality,  $\sigma$ , no  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  for  $\Lambda p$

$\Lambda$  hypernuclei (+  $\Sigma$  hypernuclei):  $B_\gamma$  + level scheme (1960-)

YN interaction  
 Models  
 (Nijmegen  
 NSC, ESC)

**But, YN int. in nuclei is significantly different from YN. Int in free space**

▪ High quality YN scattering experiments

$\Sigma^\pm p$  0.44-0.80 GeV/c  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  (J-PARC E40)

$\Lambda p$  0.9-2.0 GeV/c  $\sigma$  (JLab CLAS) *PRL 127, 272303 (2021)*

0.3-0.65 GeV/c  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  (SPring-8) -> started data taking

0.4-0.8 GeV/c Pol. $\Lambda$  ->  $d\sigma/d\Omega$ , Analyzing Power, Depolarization (J-PARC E86, future)

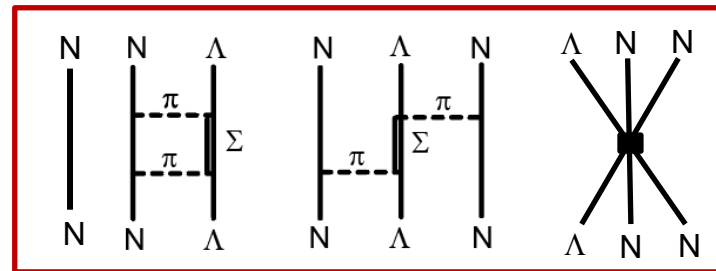
▪ Femtoscopy

$\Lambda p$   $< \sim 0.3$  GeV/c via pp coll. @ $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV (ALICE) -> (ALICE Run3)

▪ Hypertriton (loose pn $\Lambda$  system)

$B_\Lambda \leftrightarrow \tau$  : inconsistent => being converged

Precise data from STAR, ALICE, J-PARC, MAMI,...



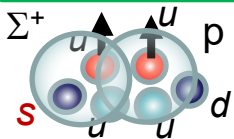


# $\Sigma^\pm p$ scattering at J-PARC

$\Sigma^- p$  elastic

$\Sigma^+ p$  elastic

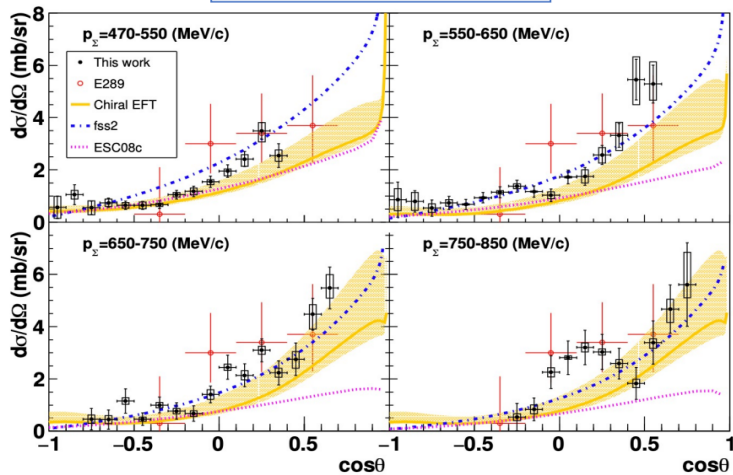
$\Sigma^+ - p$  (spin=1)



Strong repulsion  
by quark Pauli ??

$\Sigma^- p$  elastic scattering

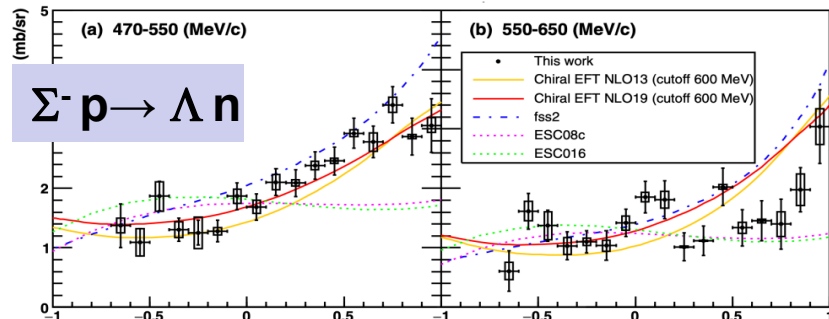
K. Miwa et al., PRC 104, 045204 (2021)



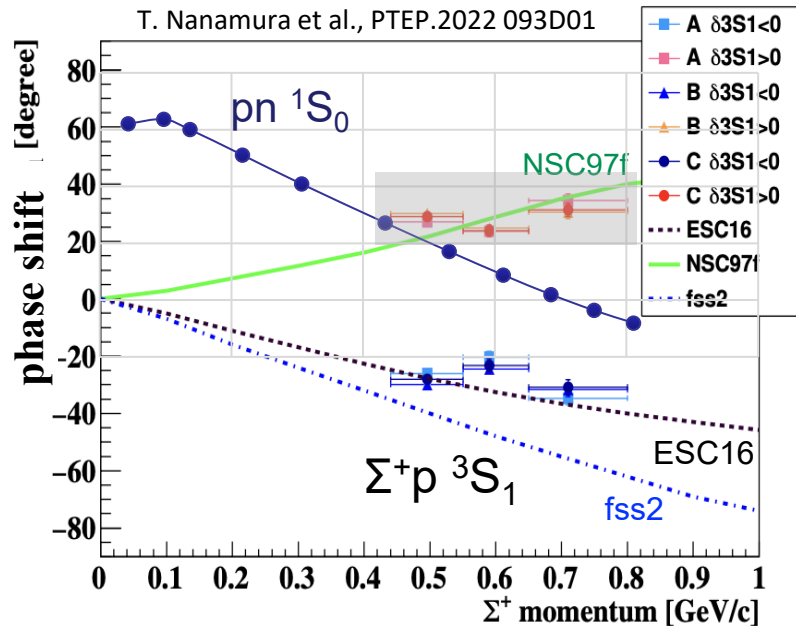
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$\Sigma^- p \rightarrow \Lambda n$  inelastic scattering

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T. Nanamura et al., PTEP.2022 093D01

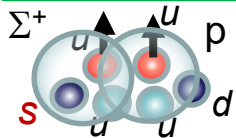


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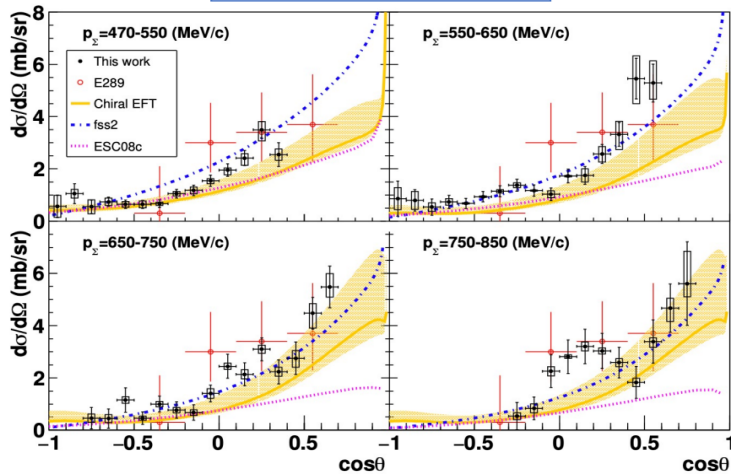
$\Sigma^+ p$  elastic

$\Sigma^+ p$  (spin=1)



$\Sigma^- p$  elastic scattering

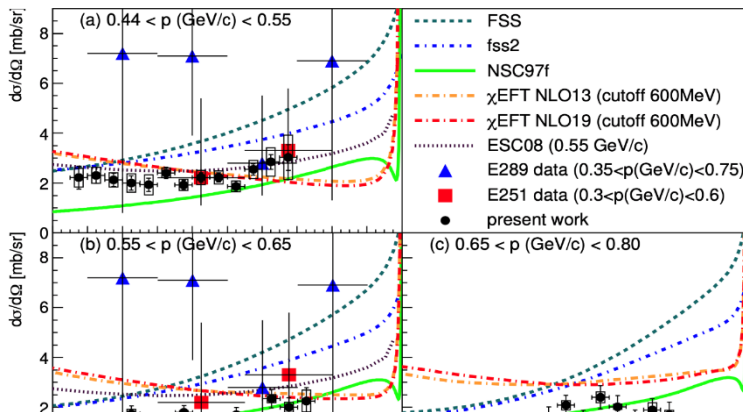
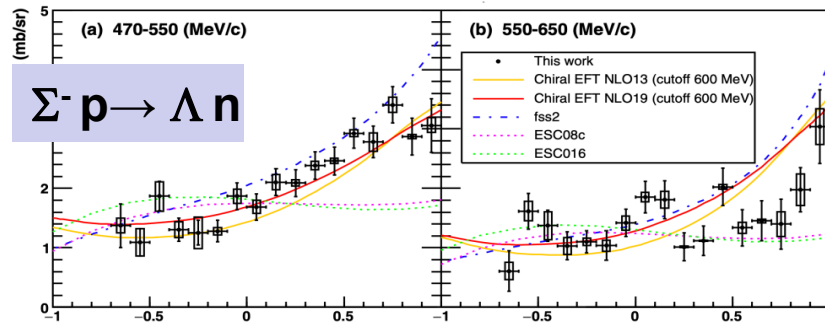
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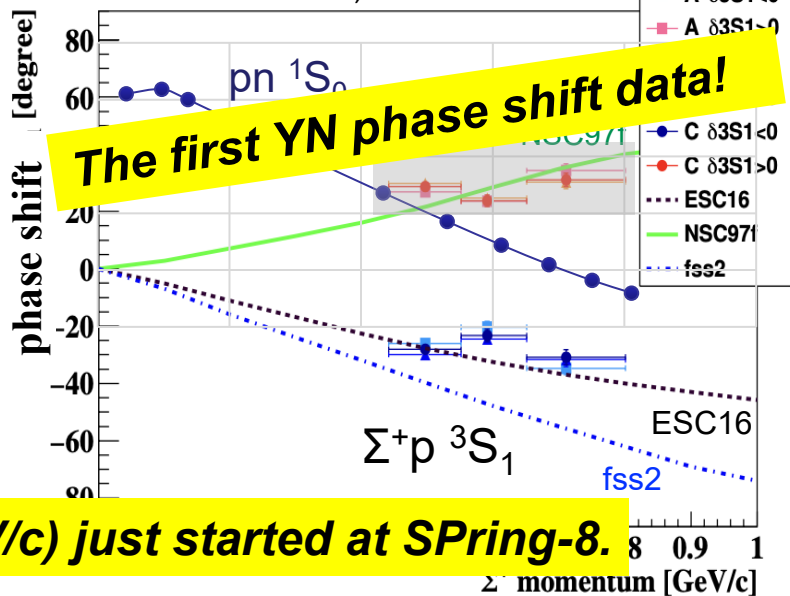
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The first YN phase shift data!

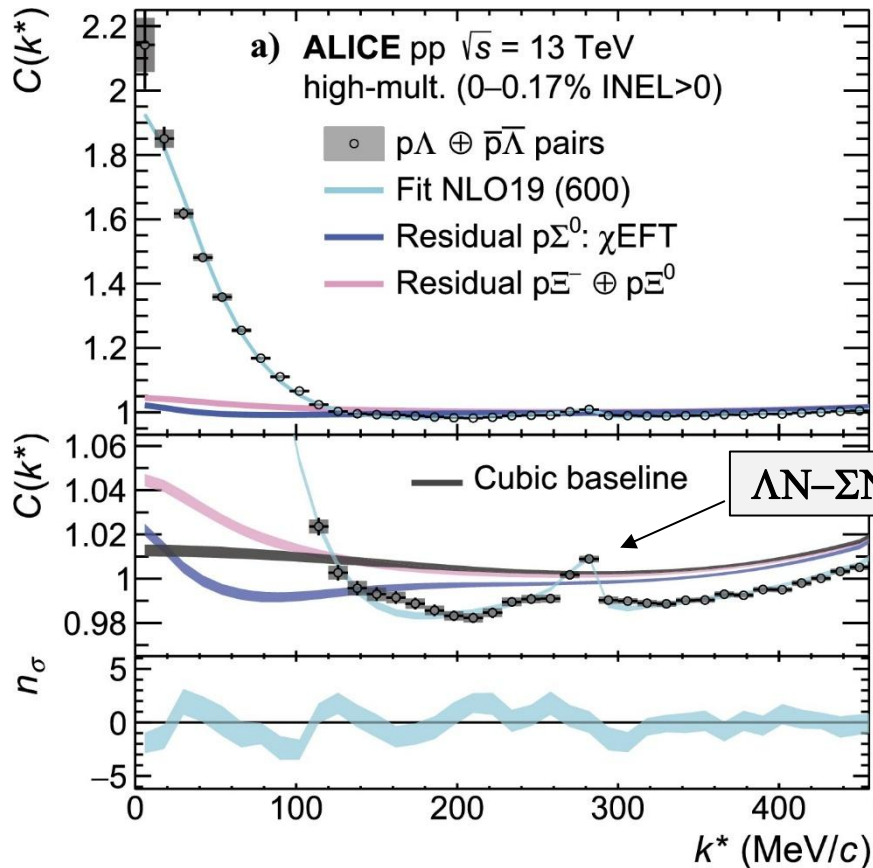
Stroby quantum

A new exp. for  $\Lambda p$  scattering (300-700 MeV/c) just started at SPring-8.

$\Sigma^-$  momentum [GeV/c]

# p $\Lambda$ correlation (femtoscscopy)

ALICE, PLB 833 (2022) 137272



$$C(k^*) = \int S(r^*) |\psi(k^*, r^*)|^2 d^3r^* = \xi(k^*) \frac{N_{\text{same}}(k^*)}{N_{\text{mixed}}(k^*)}$$

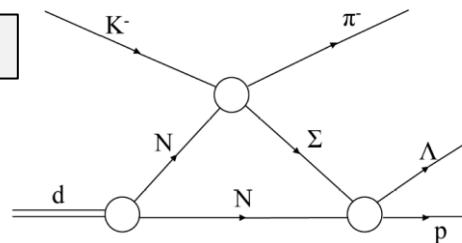
This data + Scattering data in 1960's  
are used to tune the chiral EFT force (NLO19)

PLB 850 (2024) 138550

$$\Rightarrow U_\Lambda = -36 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Hypernuclear data: } U_\Lambda = -30 \text{ MeV}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Suggesting a repulsive  $\Lambda NN$  3BF



Measurement of  $\Lambda N - \Sigma N$  cusp  
via  $K^- d \rightarrow \pi^- \Lambda p$  is planned.

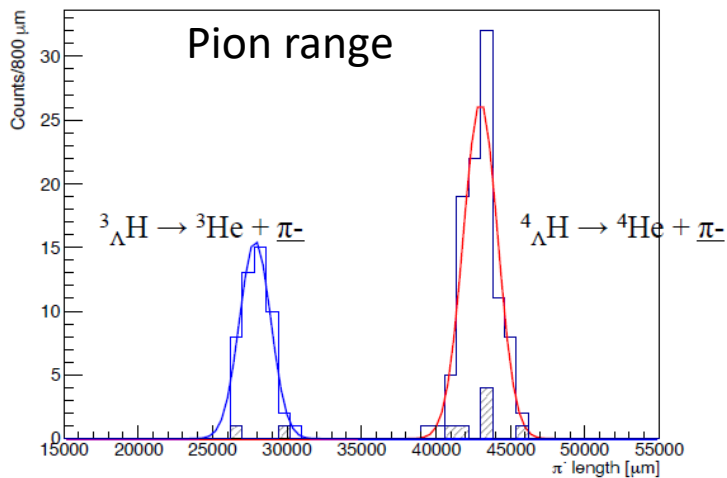
$\Rightarrow$   $\Sigma N$  scattering length (J-PARC E90)

# The benchmark, Hypertyriton ( $\text{pn}\Lambda$ )

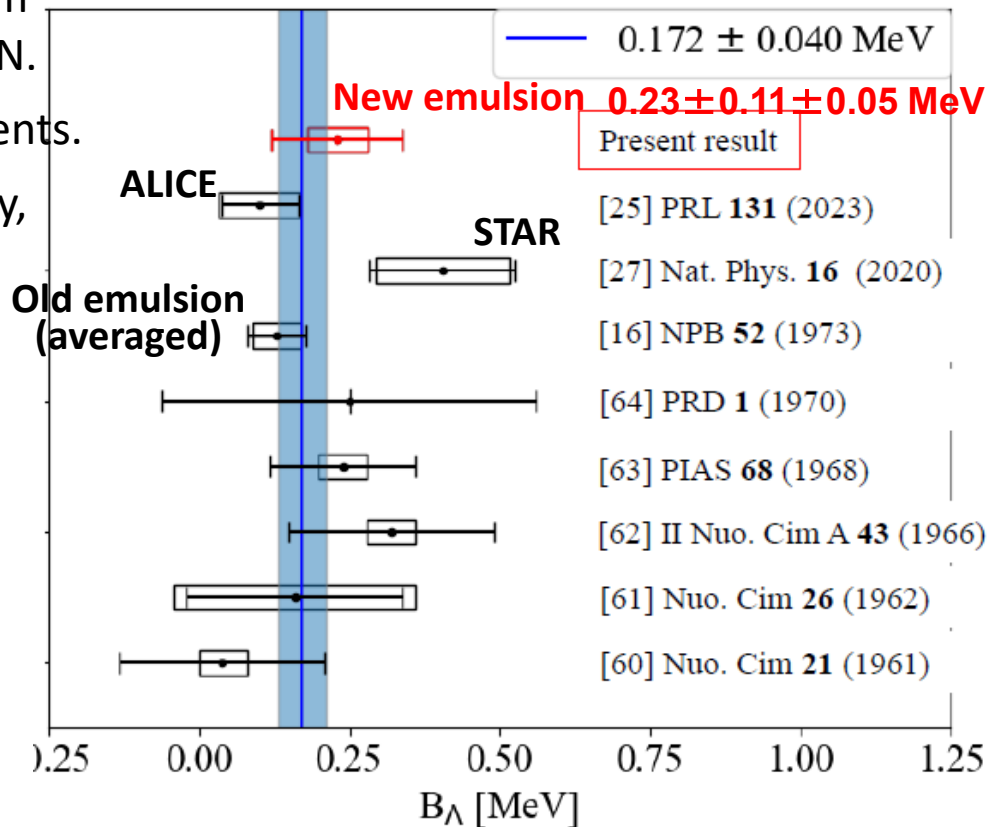
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## A new $B_\Lambda$ value from emulsion

- J-PARC E07 emulsion irradiated by K- beam was analyzed by T.R. Saito's group in RIKEN.
- Machine learning to find  ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} \pi^-$  events.
- $\pi^-$ 's range was converted to the  $\pi^-$  energy, where the systematic error was reduced down to 50 keV.



A. Kasagi et al., arXiv:2504.01601v2



# Status of Hypertriton data

New data  
after 2018

Experiment	Reaction	Method	$\tau (^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$ ps	$B_{\Lambda}(^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$ MeV
<b>STAR</b>	HI (Au+Au) $\sqrt{s}=3\text{GeV}$	decay length inv. mass	$221 \pm 15 \pm 19$	$0.41 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.11$
<b>ALICE</b>	HI (Pb+Pb) $\sqrt{s}=5\text{TeV}$	decay length inv. mass	$253 \pm 11 \pm 6$	$0.102 \pm 0.063$ $\pm 0.067$
<b>HADES</b>	HI (Ag+Ag) $\sqrt{s}=2.55\text{GeV}$	decay length	$256 \pm 22 \pm 36$ (preliminary)	-
<b>WASA-FRS</b>	HI ( $^6\text{Li}+^{12}\text{C}$ ) 2GeVA	decay length	under analysis	under analysis
<b>J-PARC E73</b>	$^3,4\text{He}(K^-, \pi^0)$	decay $\pi$ timing	Under analysis	-
<b>J-PARC E07</b>	$K^-$ on emulsion	decay $\pi$ range	-	$0.23 \pm 0.11$ $\pm 0.05$
<b>MAMI</b>	$^7\text{Li}(e, K^+)$	decay $\pi$ momentum	<b>Kino (Thu)</b>	under analysis $\Delta M \sim \pm 0.02$

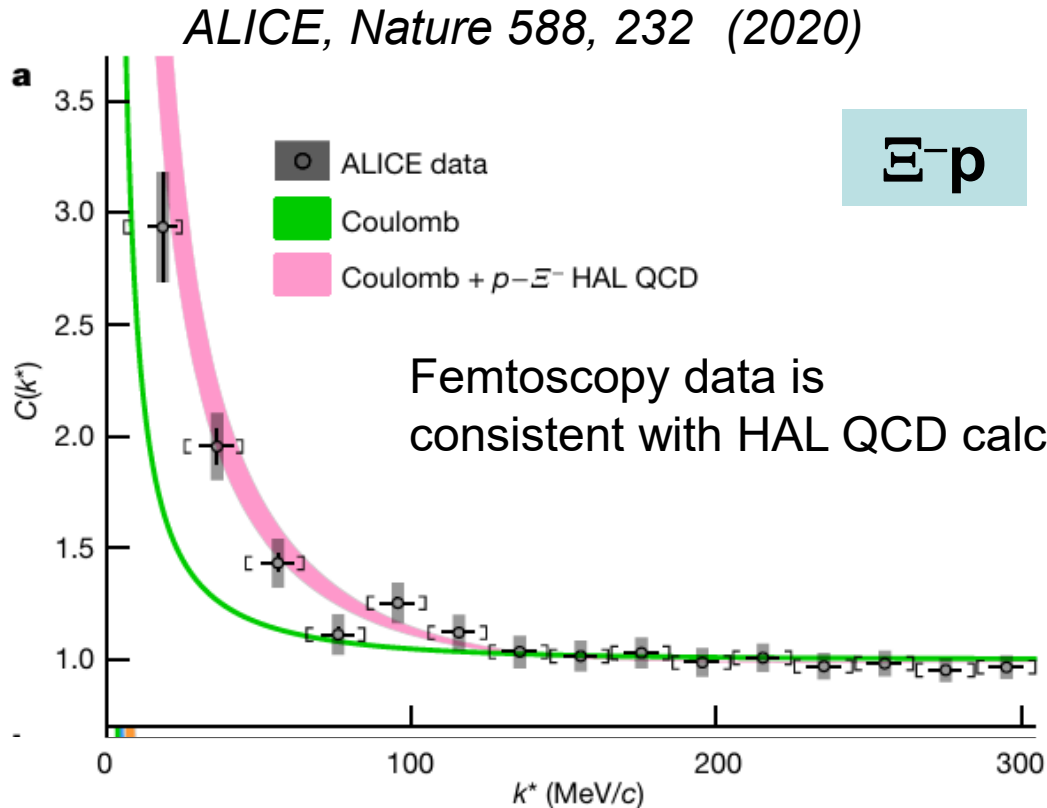
$^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow ^3\text{He} \pi^-$

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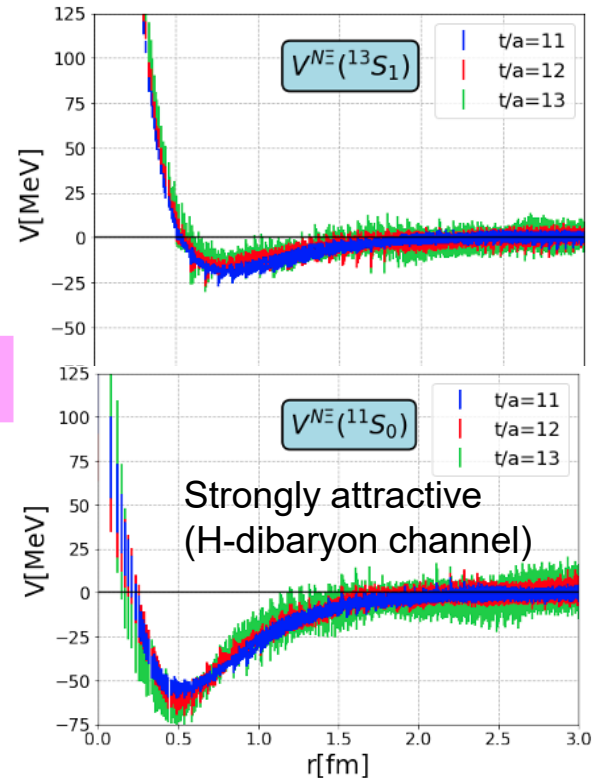
Hypertriton is an excellent benchmark on  $\Lambda N$  interaction in free space but with a little effect of  $\Lambda NN$  3BF.

# **3. Studies of Double strange systems at J-PARC**

# $\Xi^-p$ from femtoscopy and lattice



## HAL QCD



# $\Xi$ -hypernuclei in emulsion (J-PARC E07)

$K^- + \text{“p”} \rightarrow \Xi^- + K^+$ , then  $\Xi^-$  is stopped in emulsion and captured by C, N, O nuclei.

IBUKI  
event

*S. H. Hayakawa,  
PRL 126 (2021) 062501*

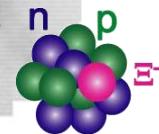
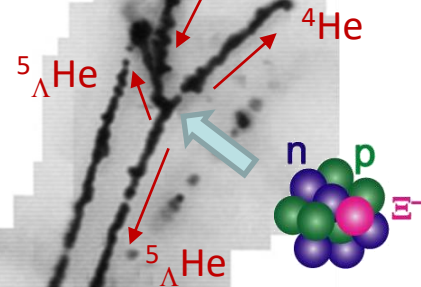
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*M. Yoshimoto et al.,  
PTEP 2021, 073D02*

First precise  
determination of  $B_{\Xi^-}$



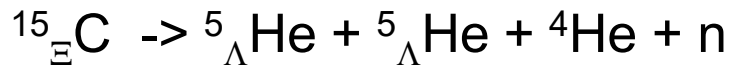
10  $\mu\text{m}$



20  $\mu\text{m}$



$$B_{\Xi^-} = 1.27 \pm 0.21 \text{ MeV}$$

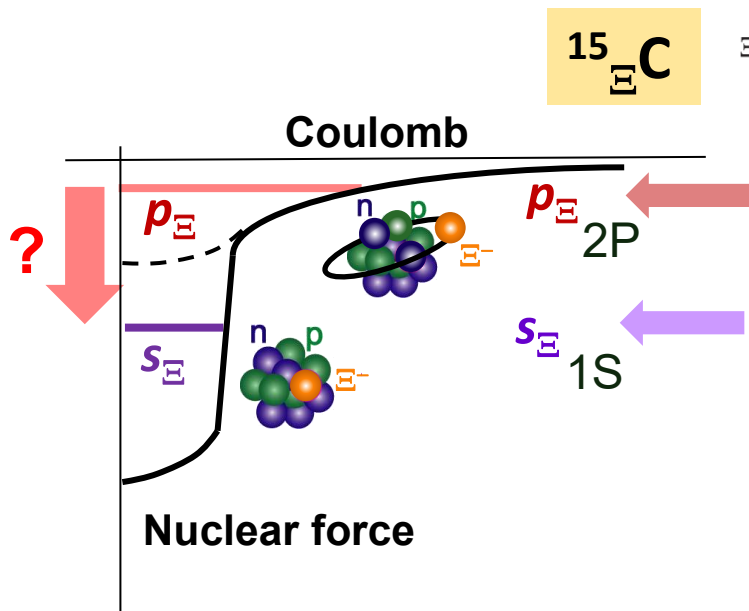


$$B_{\Xi^-} = 6.27 \pm 0.27 \text{ MeV}$$

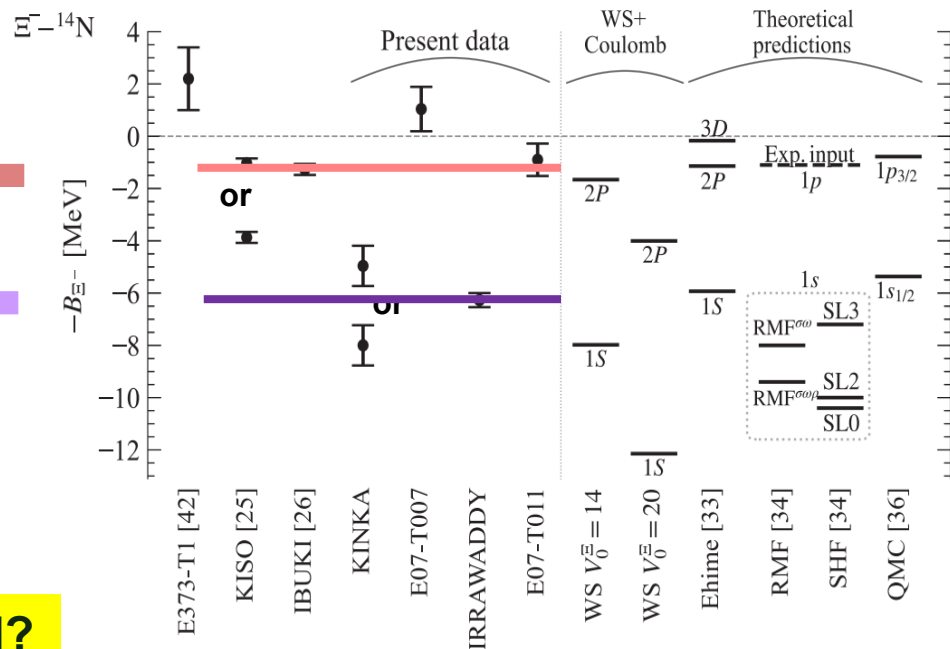


# Observation of $p$ - and $s$ -state $\Xi$ hypernuclei (?)

M. Yoshimoto et al., *Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys.* 2021, 073D02



**$\Xi N \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$  strength very small?**



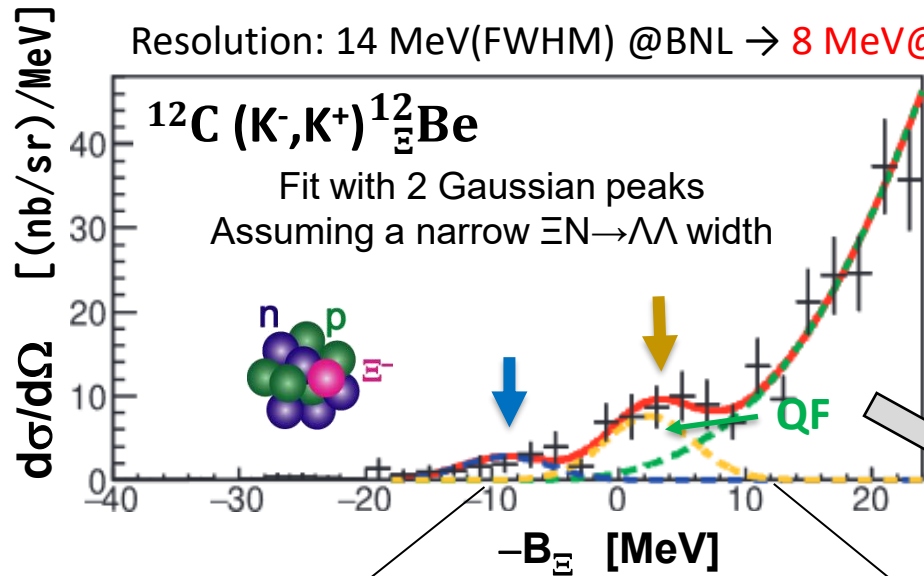
Nijmegen NSC:  $\Xi$  absorption mainly from 3D, 4%-0.3% from 2P orbit (T. Koike)

HAL QCD ( $\sim 1/10$  of NSC)  $\rightarrow$  2P/3D absorption comparable, but 1S absorption still negligible

$m(\Xi^{-}) - m(\Xi^0) = 6.9$  MeV  $\Rightarrow$  p( $\Xi^0$ ) state via  $\Xi^{-}-\Xi^0$  mixing? (Gal-Friedman, *PLB* 837 (2023) 137669)

# $^{12}\text{C}(\text{K}^-, \text{K}^+) ^{12}_{\Xi}\text{Be}$ missing-mass spectroscopy (J-PARC E05)

Resolution: 14 MeV(FWHM) @BNL  $\rightarrow$  8 MeV@J-PARC E05

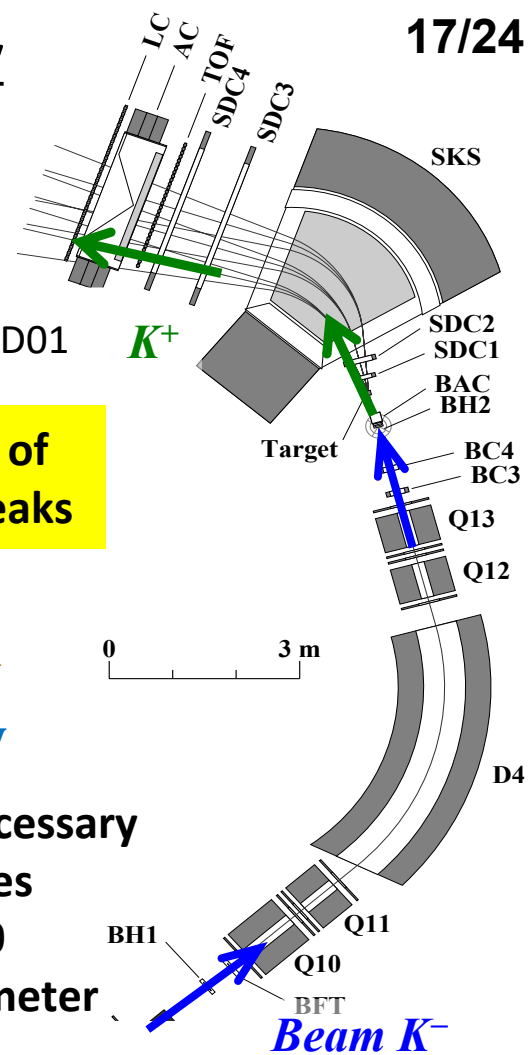


Y. Ichikawa et al.,  
PTEP 2024 (2024) 091D01

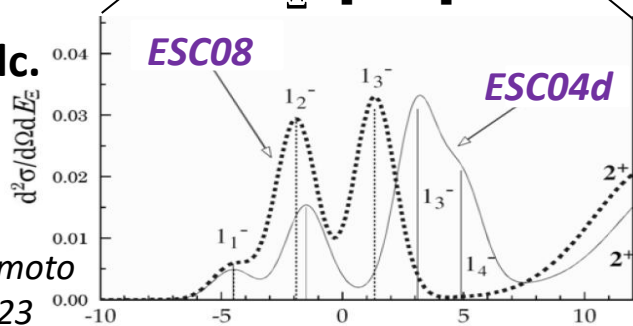
**First observation of  $\Xi$ -hypernuclear peaks**

$\text{B}_{\Xi}$  values  
 $-2.4 \pm 1.3^{+2.8}_{-1.2}$  MeV  
 $8.9 \pm 1.4^{+3.8}_{-3.1}$  MeV

**Better resolution necessary  
to identify states  
 $\rightarrow$  J-PARC E70  
w/ a new spectrometer**

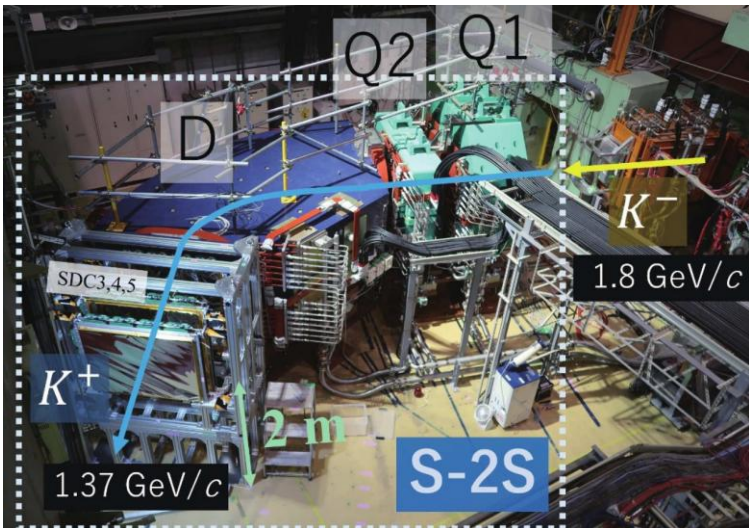


DWIA calc.



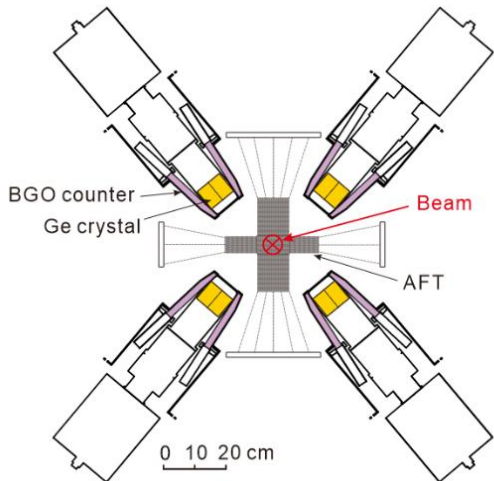
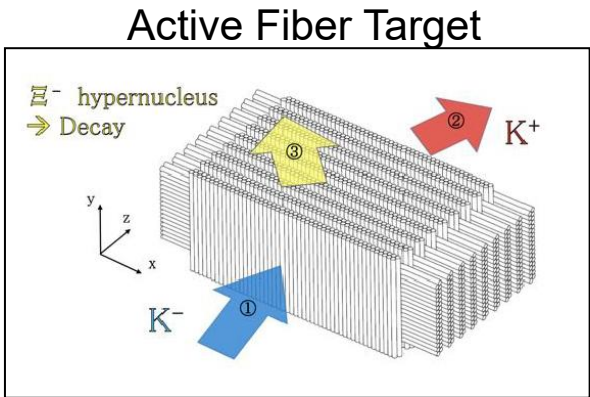
T.Motoba, S.Sugimoto  
NPA835 (2019) 223

# New experiments have been just finished



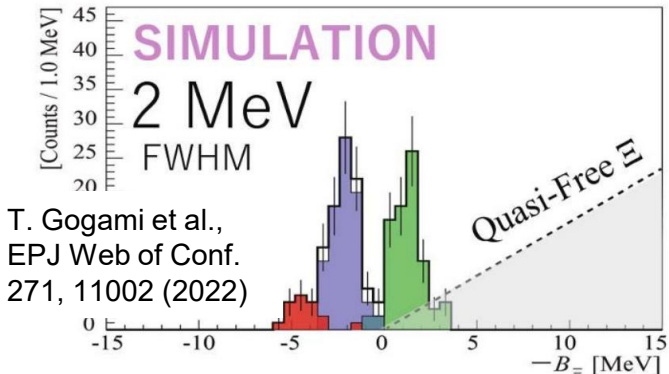
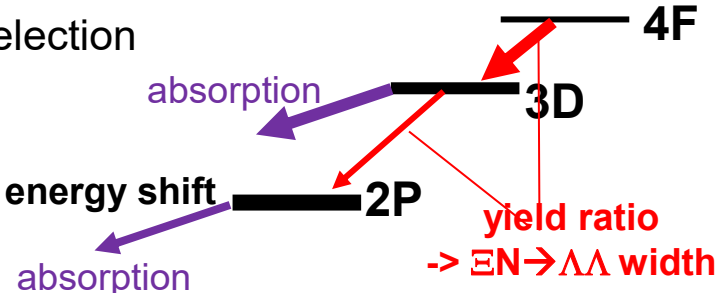
**E70:**  
 $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)^{12}_{\Xi}\text{Be}$   
w/ a new spectrometer

**E96:**  
 $^{12}\text{C} \Xi$  atomic X-rays



Energy loss correction  
Stopped  $\Xi$  selection

Data-taking just finished



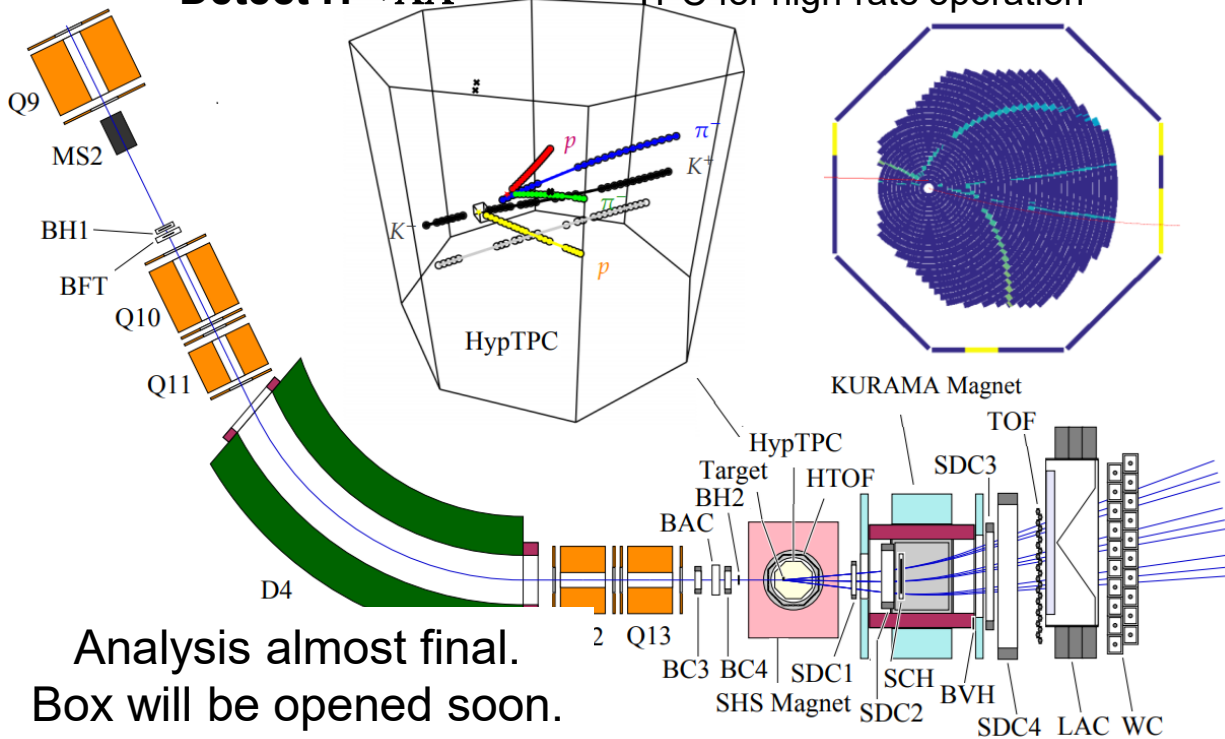
# H-dibaryon search and study of $\Xi N$ interaction

(J-PARC E42, J.K. Ahn et al.)

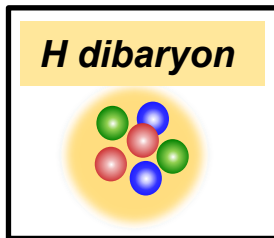
Above  $\Lambda\Lambda$  threshold

Detect  $H \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$

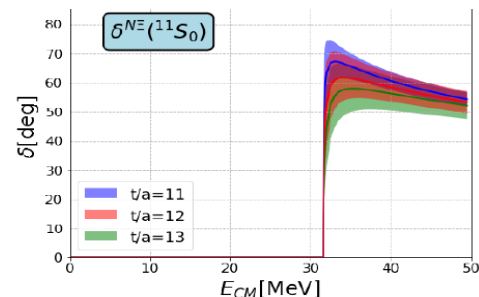
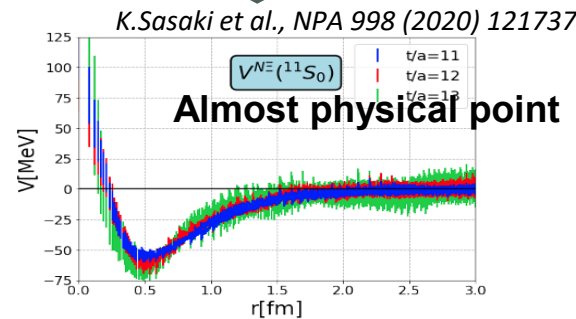
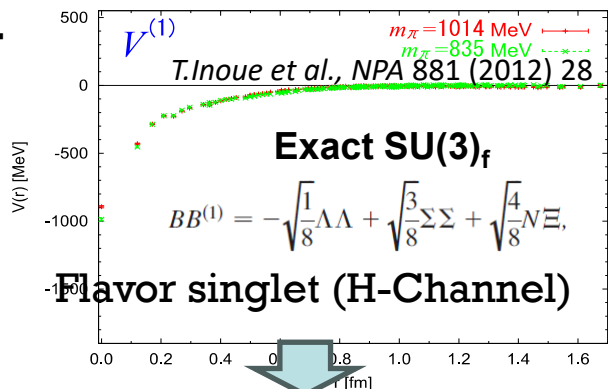
TPC for high-rate operation



Analysis almost final.  
Box will be opened soon.

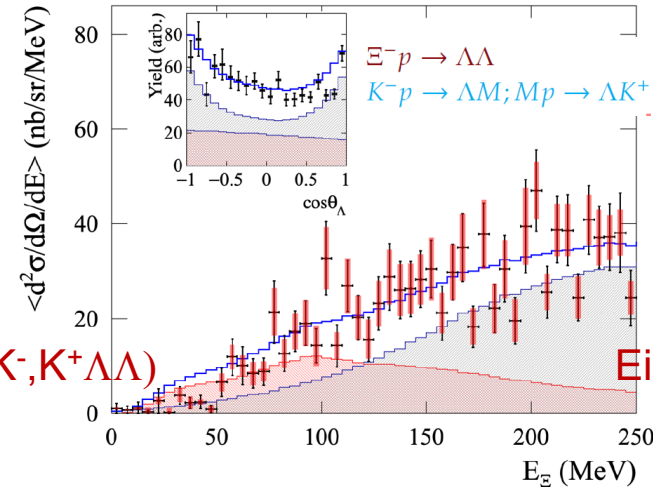
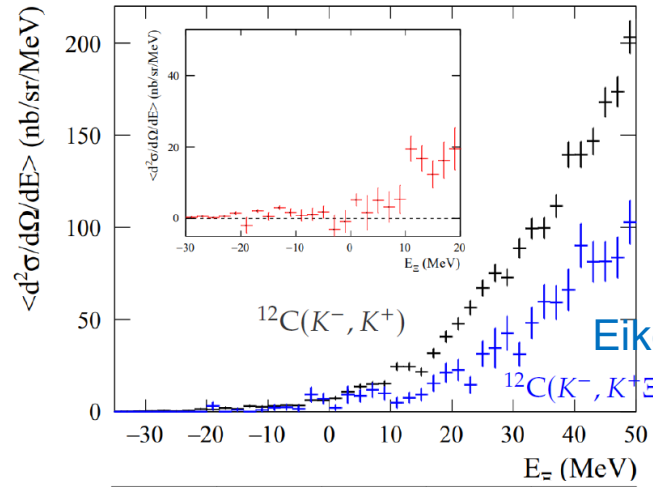


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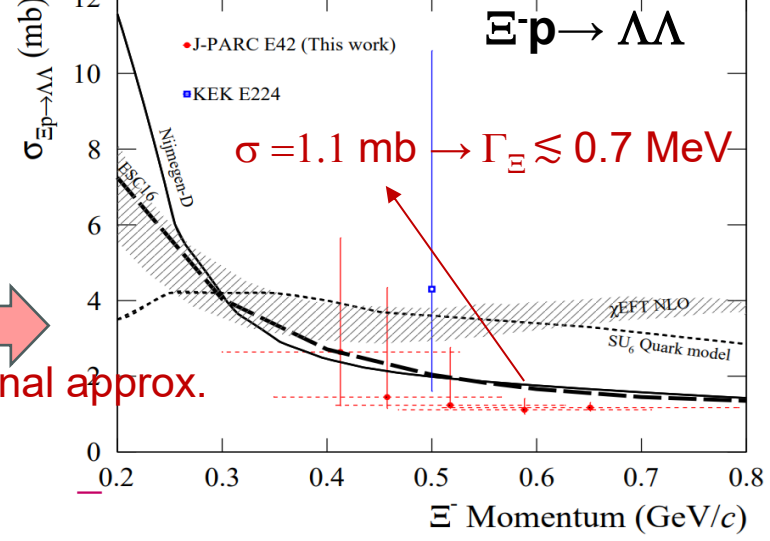
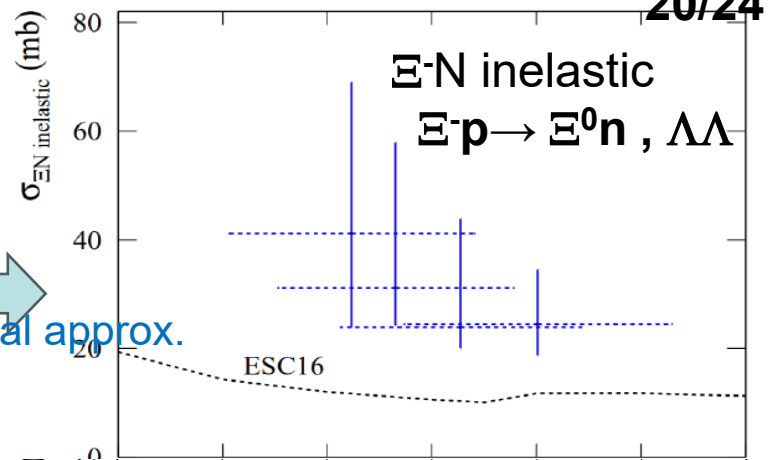
Resonance just above the threshold?

$^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+ \Xi^-)$   
and  
 $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+ \Lambda\Lambda)$   
Spectra  
 (J-PARC E42)



Eikonal approx.

Eikonal approx.

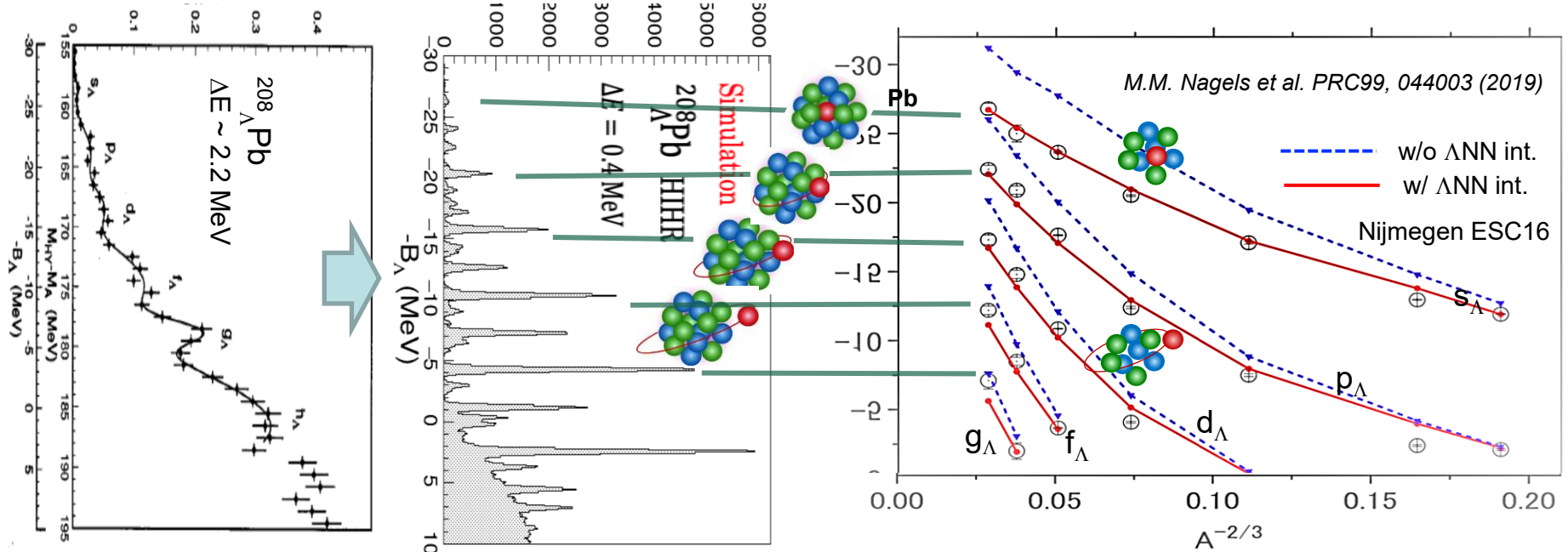


## **4. Hypernuclear spectroscopy for $\Lambda$ NN interaction**

# How can we extract YNN 3-body force effect ?

Single particle energies of  $\Lambda$  in hypernuclei => **sensitive to  $\Lambda N$  density dep. (=  $\Lambda NN$  3BF)**

- $\Lambda$  is distinguishable from nucleons. No Pauli from nucleons.
- We know the local density where the  $\Lambda$  is located.
- Different mass numbers, orbitals -> probe different densities



# Experimental Plans

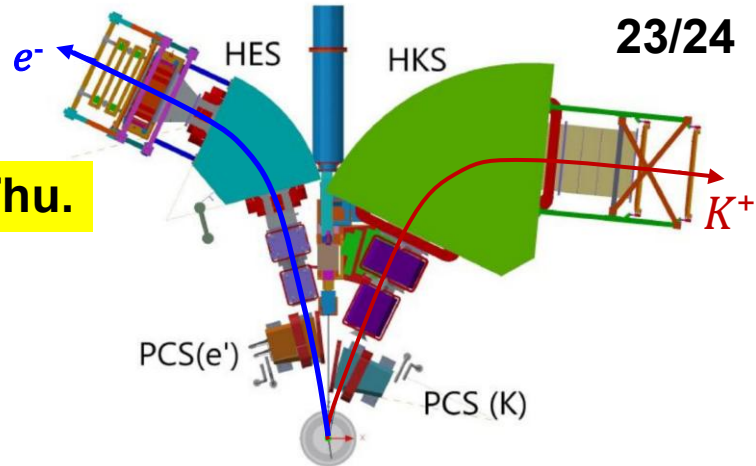
## JLab @Hall C

Umeya, Thu.

E12-15-008:  $^{40,48}\text{Ca}(e, e'K^+) ^{40,48}\text{K}$

E12-18-013:  $^{208}\text{Pb}(e, e'K^+) ^{208}\text{Ti}$

**T=1  $\Delta$ NN force  $\Rightarrow$   $\Delta$ nn force in NS**



## J-PARC @HIHR line

HIHR

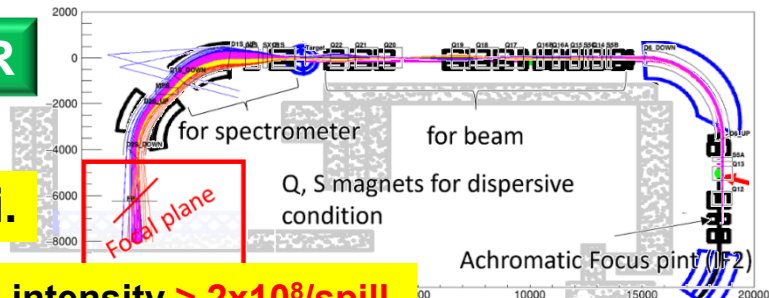
at the extended Hadron Facility

Sakuma, Fri.

P84:  $(\pi^+, K^+) \dots ^{12}\text{C}, ^{28}\text{Si}, ^{40}\text{Ca}, ^{51}\text{V}, ^{89}\text{Y}, ^{139}\text{La}, ^{208}\text{Pb}$

$\Delta M < 400$  keV (FWHM)

Together with  $\Delta$ N scattering exp. (E86 @K1.1), those  $B_\Lambda$  values give info. on  $\Delta$ NN strength.

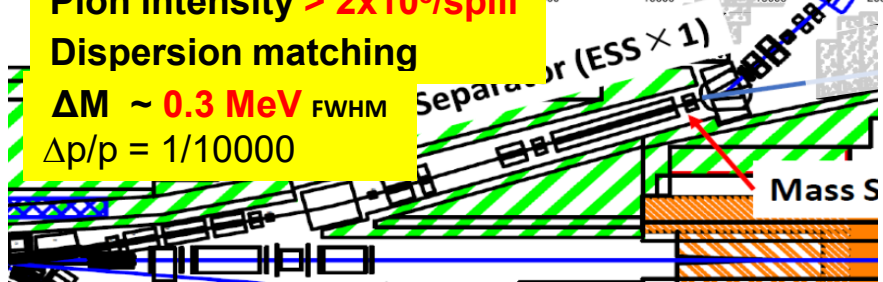


**Pion intensity  $> 2 \times 10^8$ /spill**

**Dispersion matching**

$\Delta M \sim 0.3$  MeV FWHM

$\Delta p/p = 1/10000$





# Summary

- 1. In order to solve the hyperon puzzle of NS, we need YN/YY interactions both in free space and in nuclear matter to extract information on YNN 3BF.**
- 2. High quality  $\Sigma^\pm p$  scattering data at J-PARC and high statistics  $\Lambda p$  correlation data are being used to improve Hypertriton binding energy data from various experiments including J-PARC emulsion data will be also used.**
- 3.  $\Xi$  hypernuclear data in emulsion and from  $(K^-, K^+)$  spectroscopy indicate an attractive  $\Xi$ -nucleus potential with a narrow  $\Xi N - \Lambda\Lambda$  width.**
- 4. To investigate  $\Lambda NN$  interaction, precise  $\Lambda$  hypernuclear spectroscopy as are planned at Jlab and at the extended J-PARC Hadron Facility.**