

# Strangeness production with real-photon beam at LEPS/LEPS2

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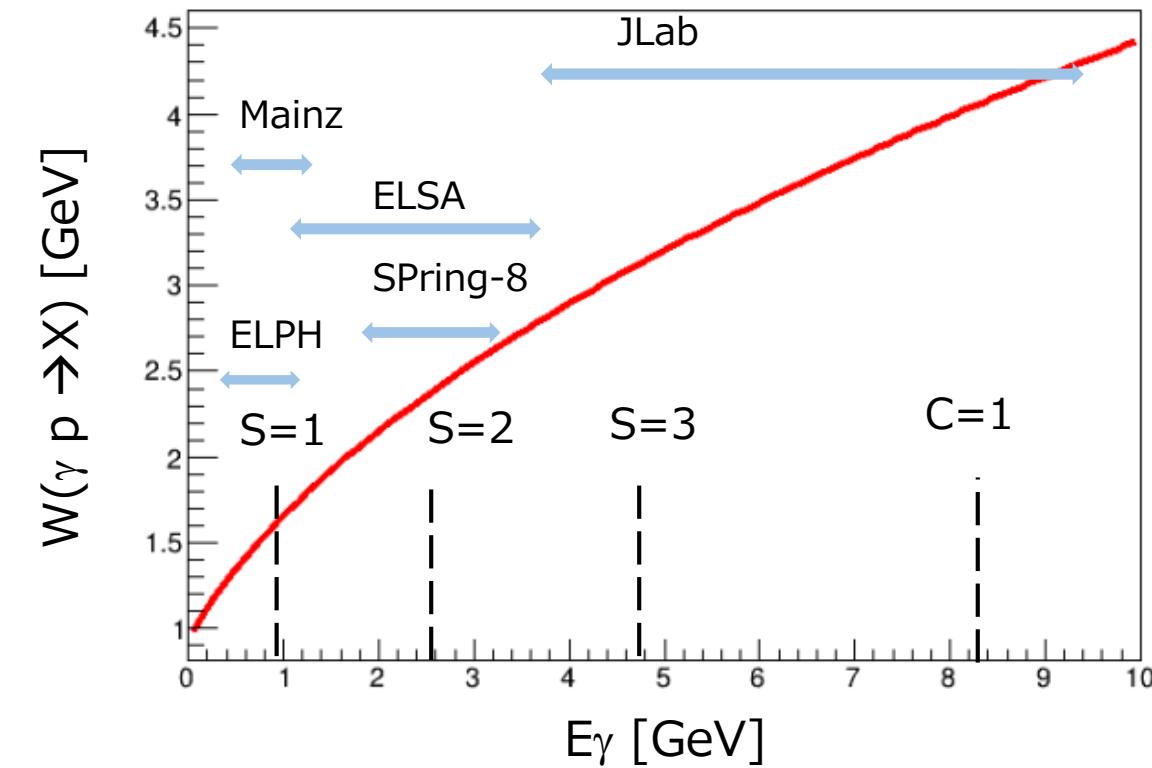
## 1. Flavor blind

$\gamma + p \rightarrow \pi + p$	$E_{th} = 150 \text{ MeV}$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow K + \Lambda$	$E_{th} = 912 \text{ MeV}$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow \phi + p$	$E_{th} = 1.57 \text{ GeV}$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow K + K + \Xi$	$E_{th} = 2.37 \text{ GeV}$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow K + K + K + \Omega$	$E_{th} = 4.83 \text{ GeV}$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow J/\Psi + p$	$E_{th} = 8.21 \text{ GeV}$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow D + \Lambda_c$	$E_{th} = 8.73 \text{ MeV}$

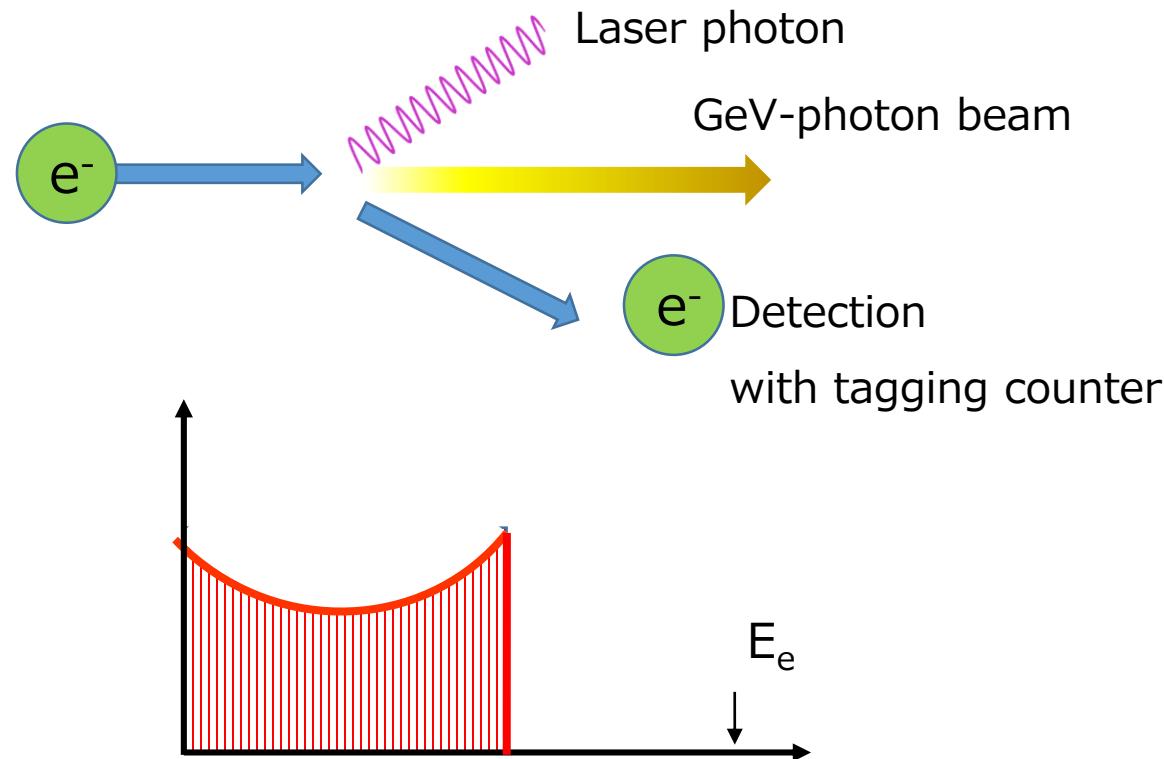
## 2. Spin-parity of real photon is $1^-$

Polarization observables

- \* s-channel → Determination of Spin-parity of excited baryons
- \* t-channel → Specification of the exchange mesons



1. Backward Compton scattering (BCS)

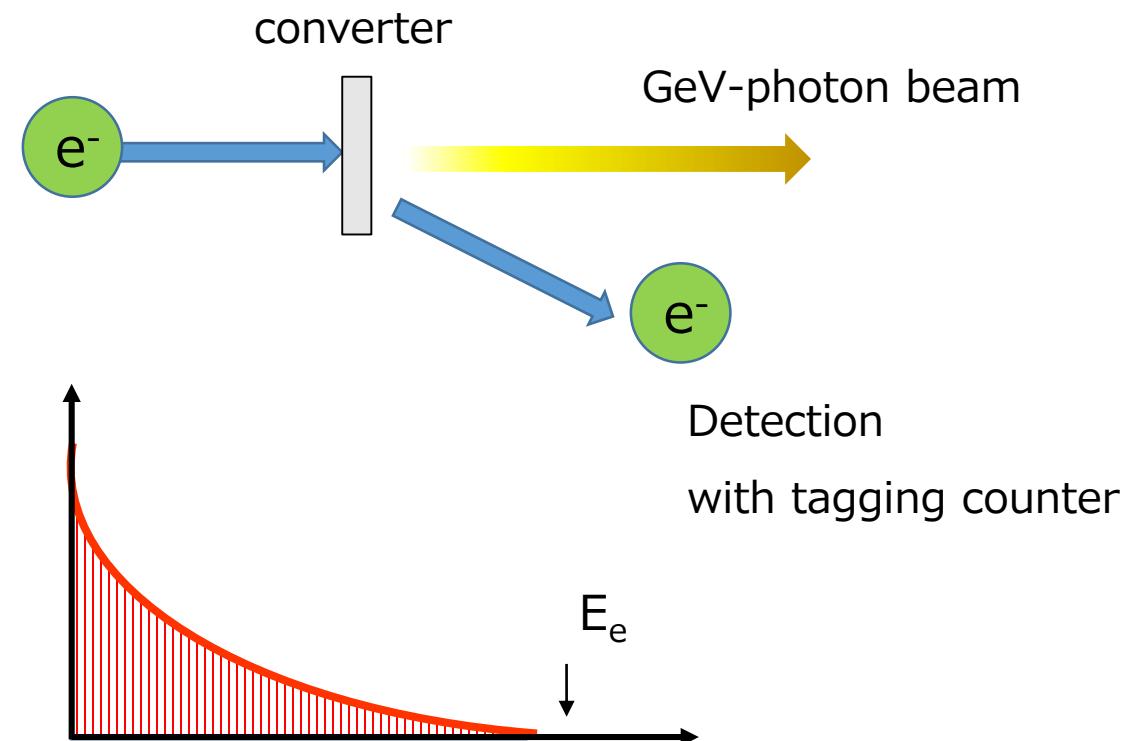


\* $E_{\gamma\text{max}}$  dep. on wave length of laser photon

\*Maximum at highest photon energies

\*Highly polarized beam

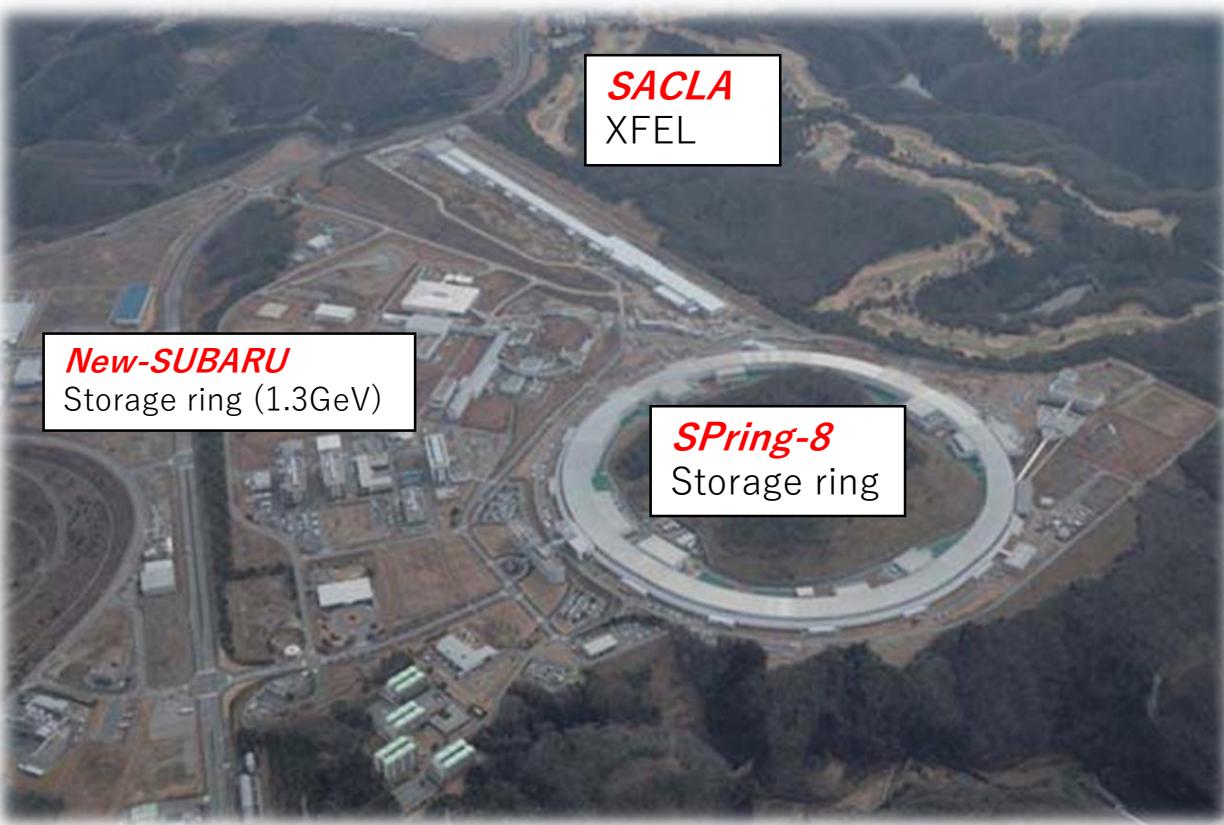
2. Bremsstrahlung



\* $E_{\gamma\text{max}} \sim E_e$

\*High intensity beam

\*Tagged photon energy resolution is better



**New-SUBARU**  
Storage ring (1.3GeV)

**SPring-8**  
Storage ring

Study of hadron photo-production mechanism  
by using real photon beam from Backward Compton  
scattering

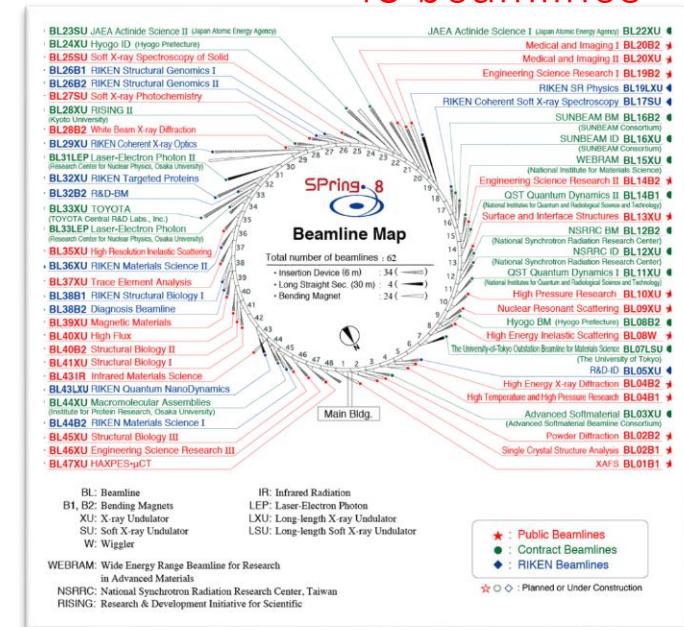
BL33LEP :LEPS experiment (terminated)

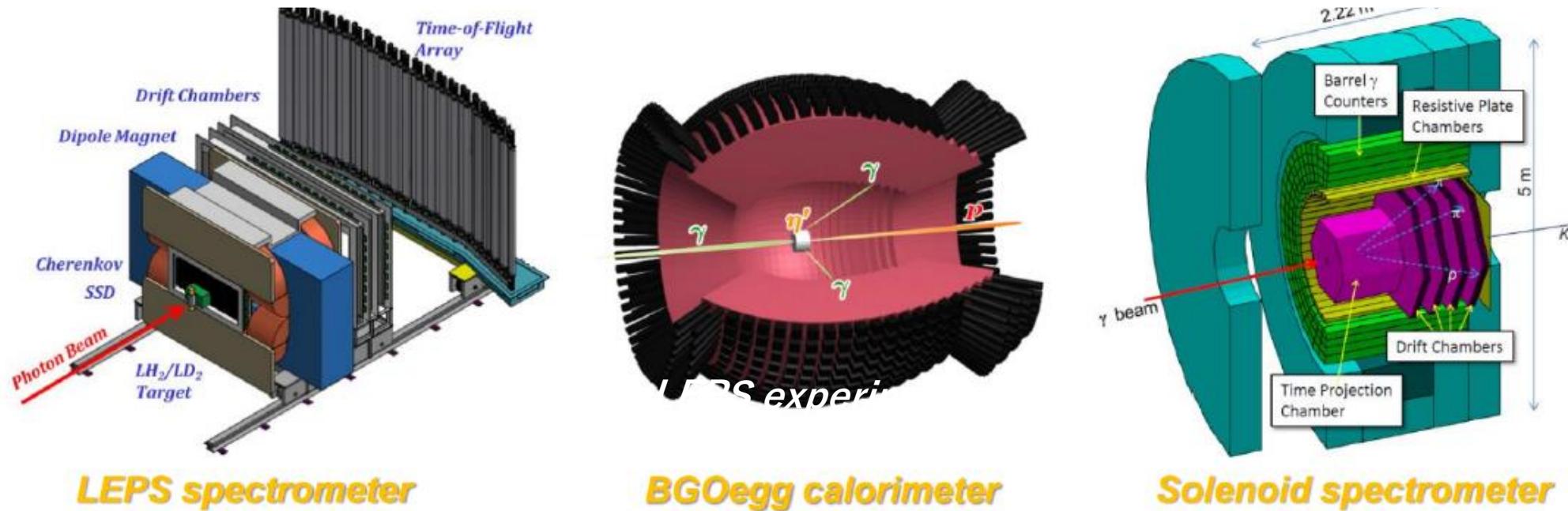
BL31LEP :LEPS2 experiment

SPring-8 : The largest synchrotron  
radiation facility in the world.

beam energy	< 8 GeV
circumference	1435.95 m
nominal stored current	100 mA
critical photon energy / wavelength	28.9 keV / 0.429 Å
natural emittance	2.4 nm•rad

48 beamlines



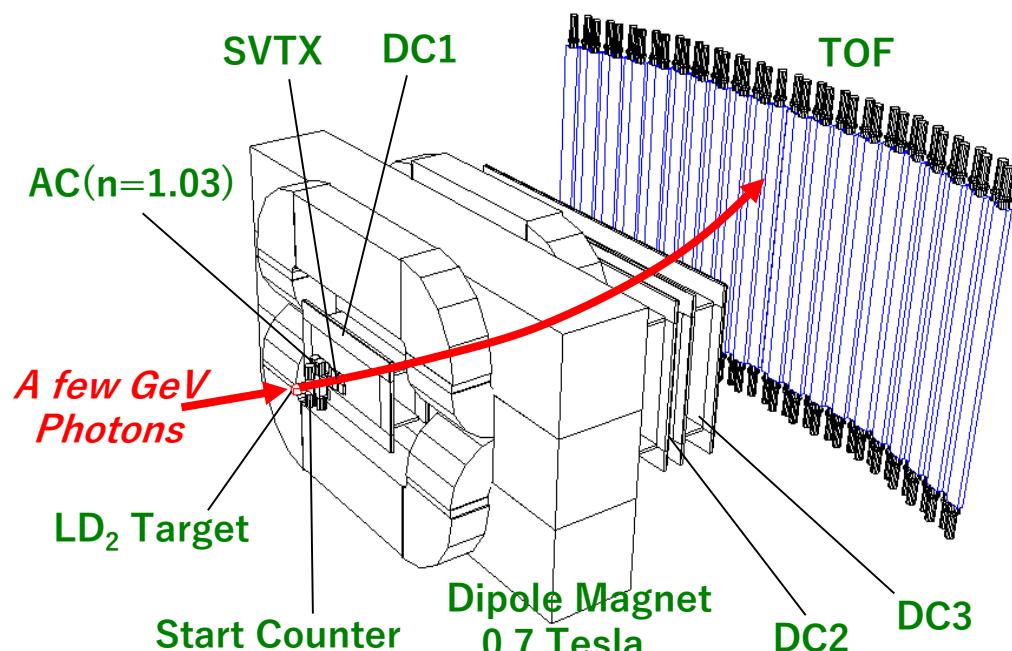


**LEPS spectrometer**

**BGOegg calorimeter**

**Solenoid spectrometer**

	LEPS (2000 – 2020)	LEPS2 (2013 – )
Tagged $\gamma$ Energy	$1.5 < E_\gamma < 2.4$ GeV (UV laser) $1.5 < E_\gamma < 2.9$ GeV (DUV laser)	$1.3 < E_\gamma < 2.4$ GeV (UV laser) $1.3 < E_\gamma < 2.9$ GeV (DUV laser)
Photon Beam Intensity	Two laser injection $2 \times 10^6$ cps (UV laser) $2 \times 10^5$ cps (UV laser)	Four laser injection $< 10^7$ cps (UV laser) $< 10^6$ cps (DUV laser)
Detector	Forward Dipole Spectrometer	BGOegg EM Calorimeter
		Solenoid Spectrometer



Charged particle tracking in the forward region.

(Acceptance < 15 deg.  $\Delta p/p < 1 \%$ )

→ t-channel reaction was studied mainly.

Large data set for 20-years is available.

# of tagged photon

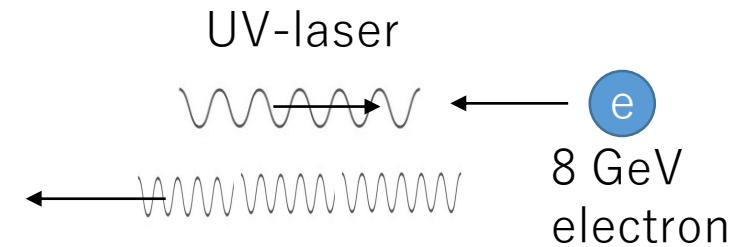
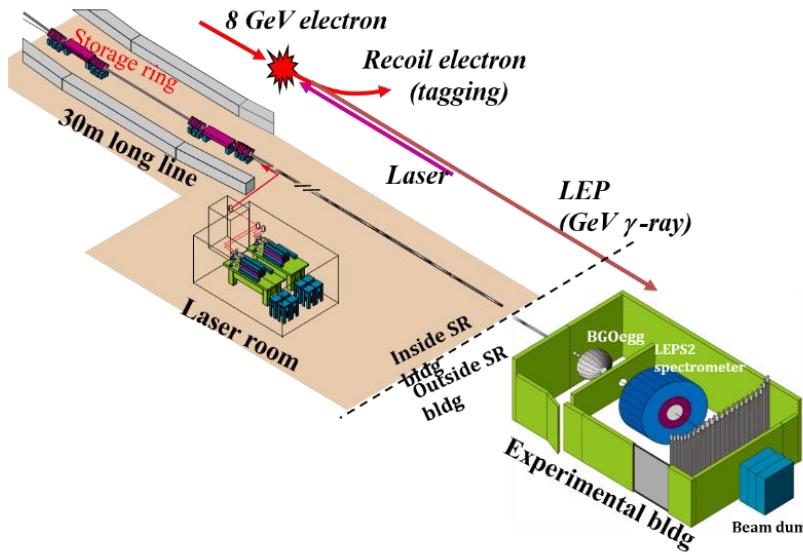
$\sim 10^{13}$  for various target (LH<sub>2</sub>, LD<sub>2</sub>, LHe, Li, C, Cu, Pb)

27 publications for the hadron photo-production  
(19 publications for the K<sup>-</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> production reaction)

\*Measurement of the cross section  
polarization observables  
(especially beam asymmetry) of  $\gamma p \rightarrow Y/Y^* + K^+$

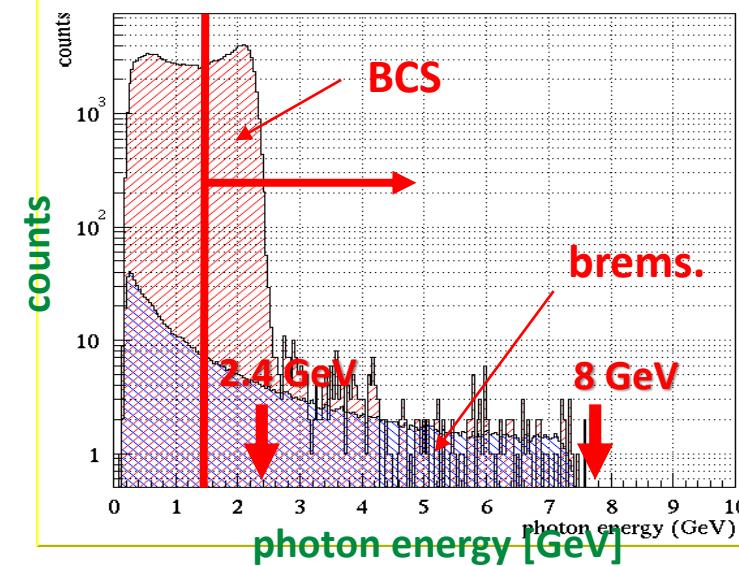
\*Search for the exotic hadrons like  
Θ<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>-</sup>p bound state, η' n bound state

High intensity photon beam/  
Large acceptance detector systems  
→ LEPS2 beamline.

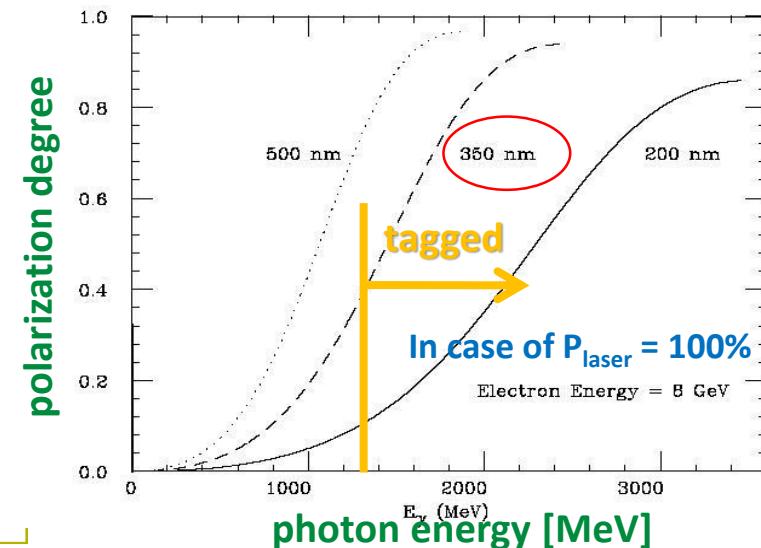


backward-Compton scattering (BCS)  
with 355nm UV laser and 8 GeV electron.  
→ Small BG of low energy  $\gamma$   
 $E_\gamma$  1.3 – 2.4 GeV  
beam intensity  $\sim$  2 Mcps  
beam polarization  
 $> 90\%$  at maximum energy

$E_\gamma$  spectrum (PWO calorimeter)



Linear polarization



1. BGOegg experiment  
→ High resolution calorimeter experiment
2. LEPS2-solenoid experiment  
→ Large acceptance spectrometer experiment

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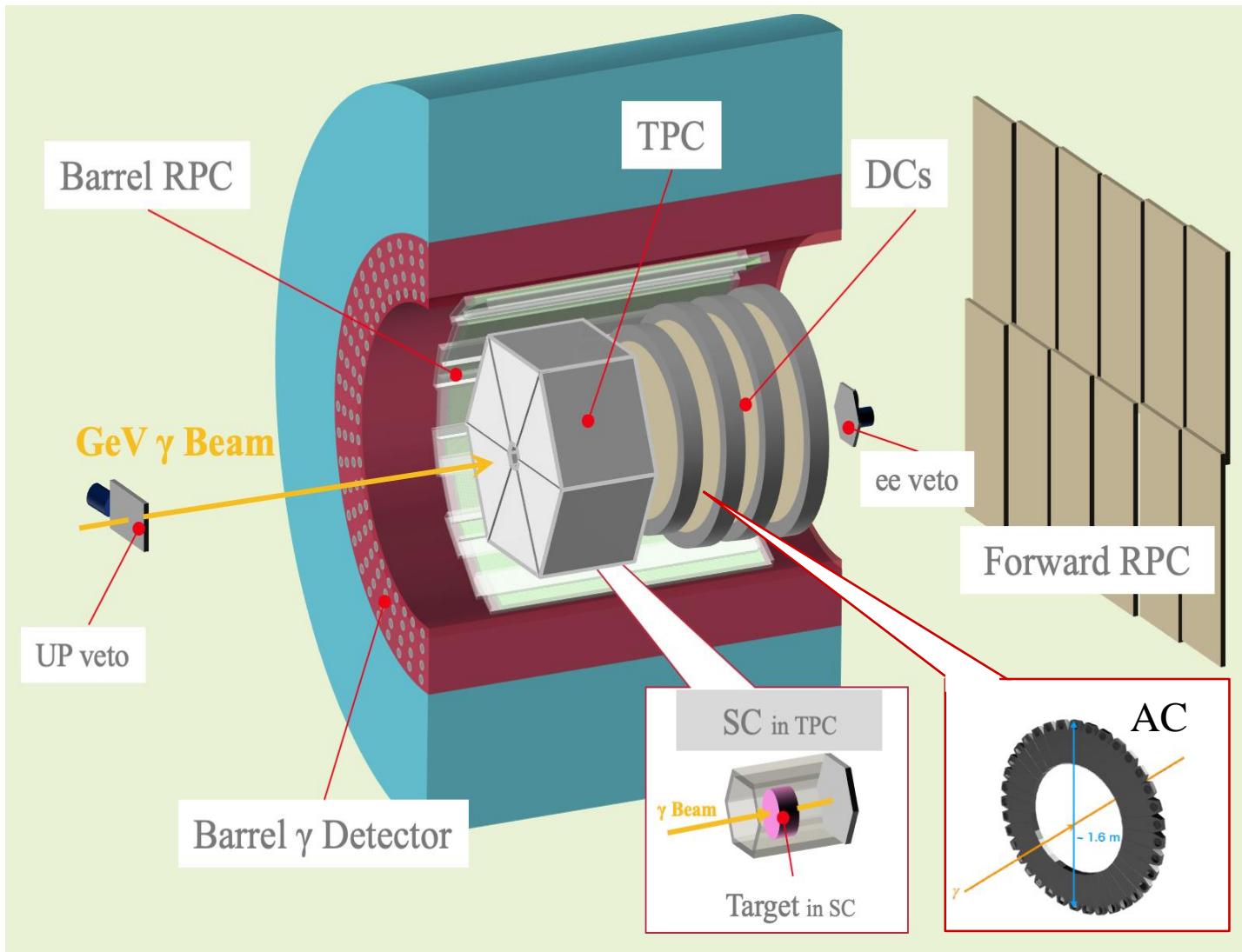
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# LEPS2 spectrometer

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\* Charged particles tracking:  
Acceptance :  $7^\circ$  –  $110^\circ$   
Side: Time Projection Chamber (TPC)  
Forward : Drift Chamber (DC x 4)

\*  $\gamma$ -rays  
Acceptance :  $40^\circ$  –  $110^\circ$   
Barrel- $\gamma$  1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> layer (  $6.48 X_0$ , Full : 4 layers)

\* Particle Identification ( $\pi/K/p$ )  
Side: Barrel Resistive Plate Chamber (RPC)  
Middle : Aerogel Cherenkov Counter  
Forward: Forward RPC

\* Data is taken with a minimum-bias trigger.  
(one-hadron is produced)

## LH<sub>2</sub> target

- \* Study of property of  $\Lambda(1405) : \Sigma\pi$  ? KbarN?

$$\gamma + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda(1405), \Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0$$

- \* Search for Meson-Baryon bound state ( $\rho-\Delta$ ) Ref) *Phys.Rev.C*79 (2009) 025209

$$\gamma + p \rightarrow \Delta(1930) \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$$

## LD<sub>2</sub> target

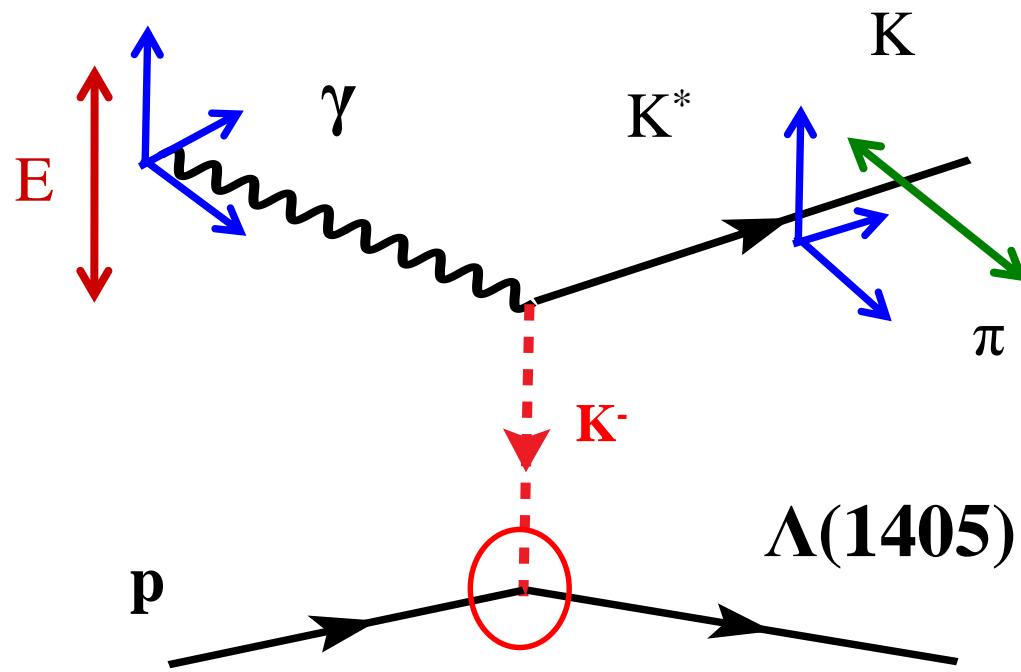
- \* Search for penta-quark, Resolve the contradiction between LEPS and CLAS results

$$\gamma + n \rightarrow K^- \Theta^+, \Theta^+ \rightarrow K_s p$$

- \* **Search for the Mesonic nuclei**

$$-\gamma + d \rightarrow K^- pp + K^0$$

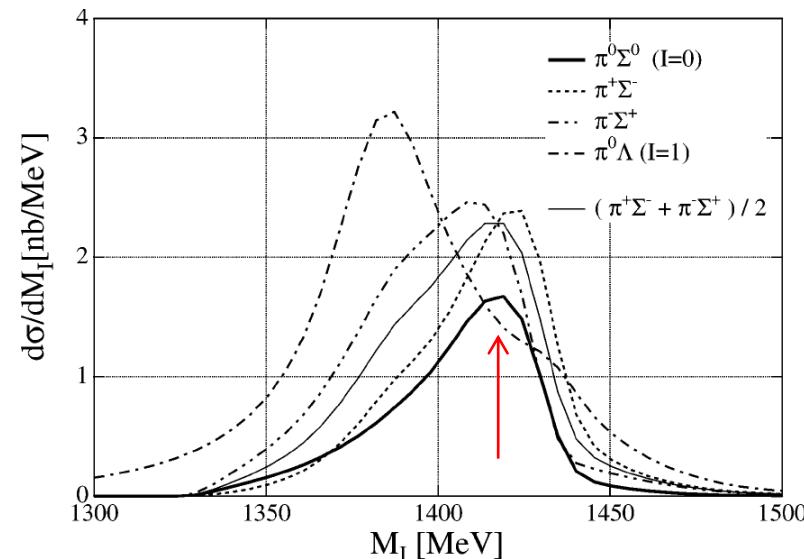
$$-\gamma + d \rightarrow \eta' n + p/n$$



parity filter with linearly polarized photon

$E_\gamma \perp K\pi \rightarrow$  unnatural parity ex ( $K$ )

$E_\gamma // K\pi \rightarrow$  natural parity ex( $K^*, \kappa$ )



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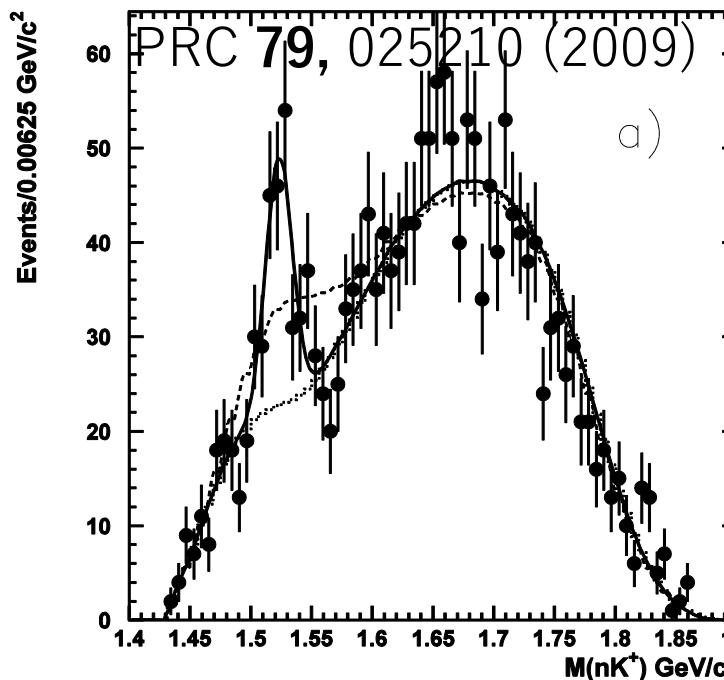
couple to higher pole

Information of transition form factor

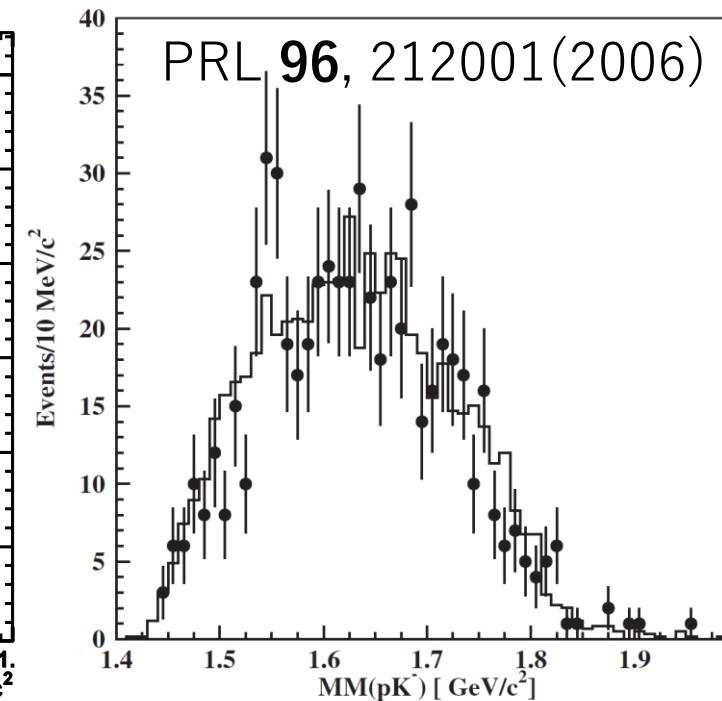


Information of size of  $\Lambda(1405) ???$

$\Theta^+$ : penta-quark in the strangeness sector  
 $\gamma + d \rightarrow \Theta^+ + K^- + p_{\text{spec}}$ ,  $\Theta^+ \rightarrow K^- + n$



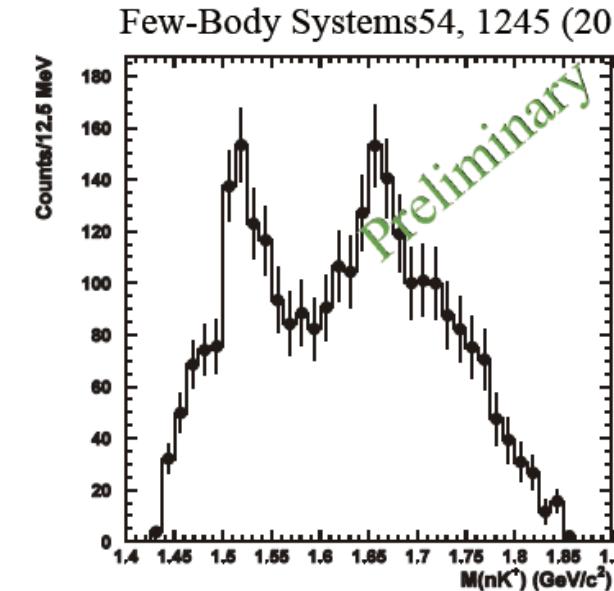
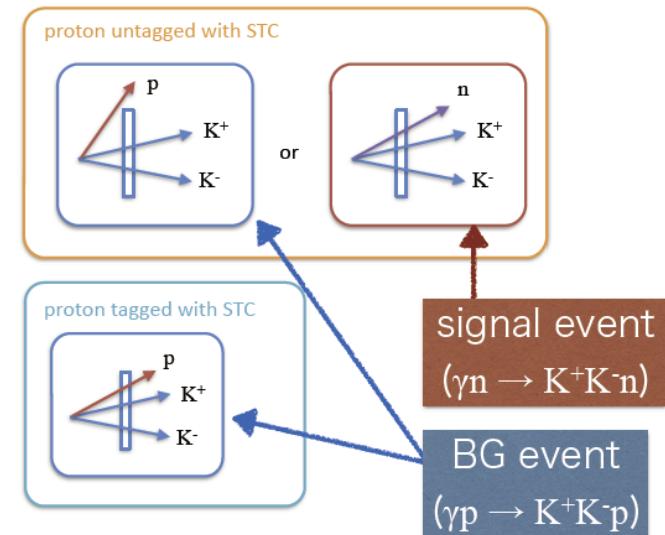
LEPS M( $nK^+$ )  
Forward angle

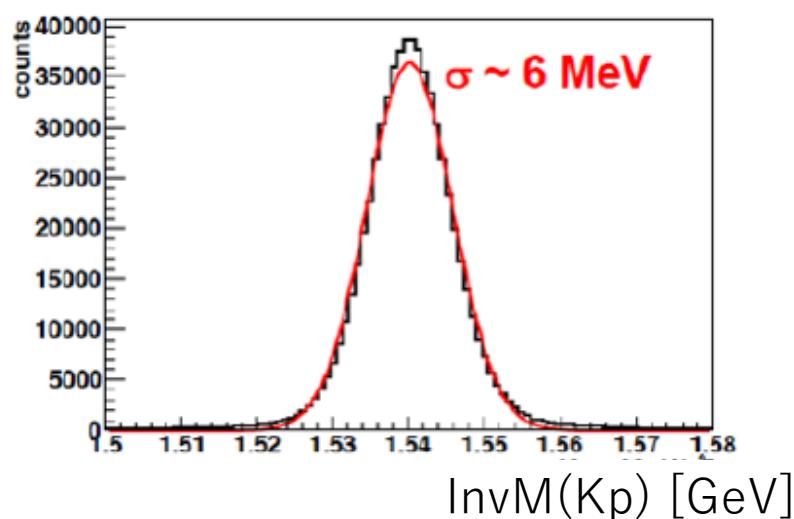
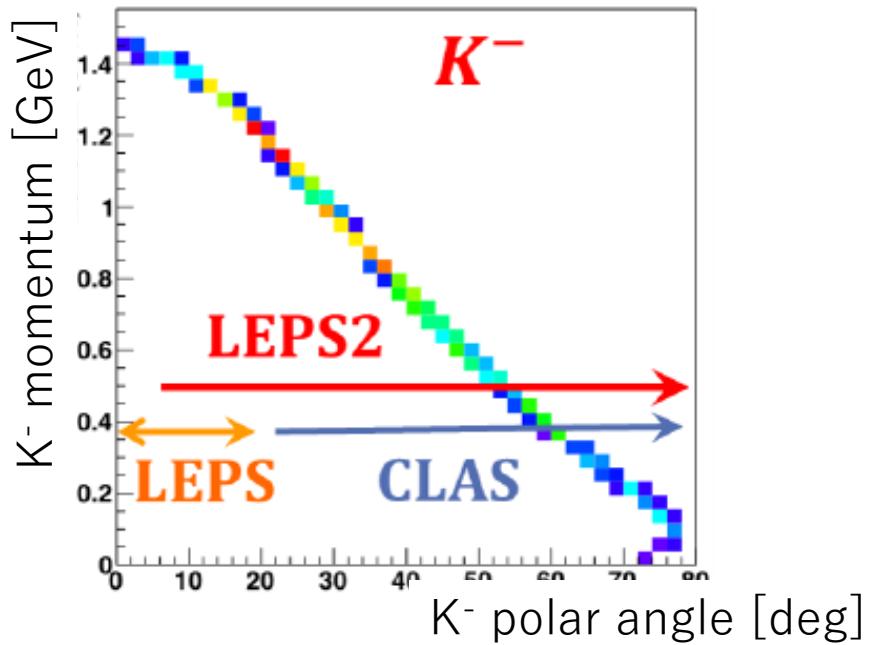


CLAS MM( $pK^-$ )  
large angle

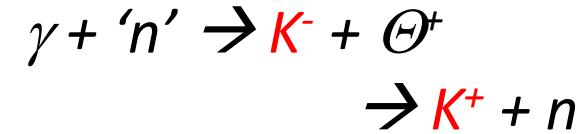
LEPS2 detector system covers large angles.

< proton rejection cut >



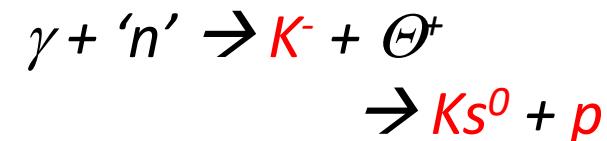


**LEPS:**



- \* Search in the  $MM(K^-)$
- \* Large background from  $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$
- \* Fermi correction technique (MMSA)

**LEPS2:**



- \* Search in the  $M(K_s^0 p)$
- \* 4 π detector system

## $\bar{K}N$ interaction

Known to be strongly attractive  
from  $K^-p$  atomic X-ray shift and low energy  $K^-p$  scattering data

## The simplest kaonic nuclei $\bar{K}NN(I = 1/2)$

Theoretical prediction of B.E. and  $\Gamma$  depend on  
the  $\bar{K}N$  interaction and theoretical framework.

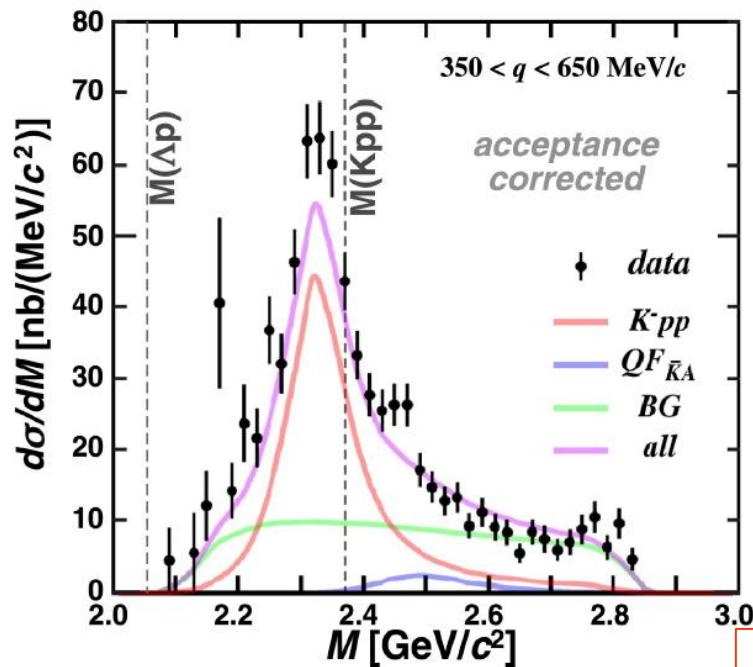
Table 1: Calculated  $K^-pp$  binding energies  $B$  & widths  $\Gamma$  (in MeV).

	chiral, energy dependent			non-chiral, static calculations			
	var. [7]	var. [8]	Fad. [9]	var. [10]	Fad [11]	Fad [12]	var. [13]
$B$	16	17–23	9–16	48	50–70	60–95	40–80
$\Gamma$	41	40–70	34–46	61	90–110	45–80	40–85

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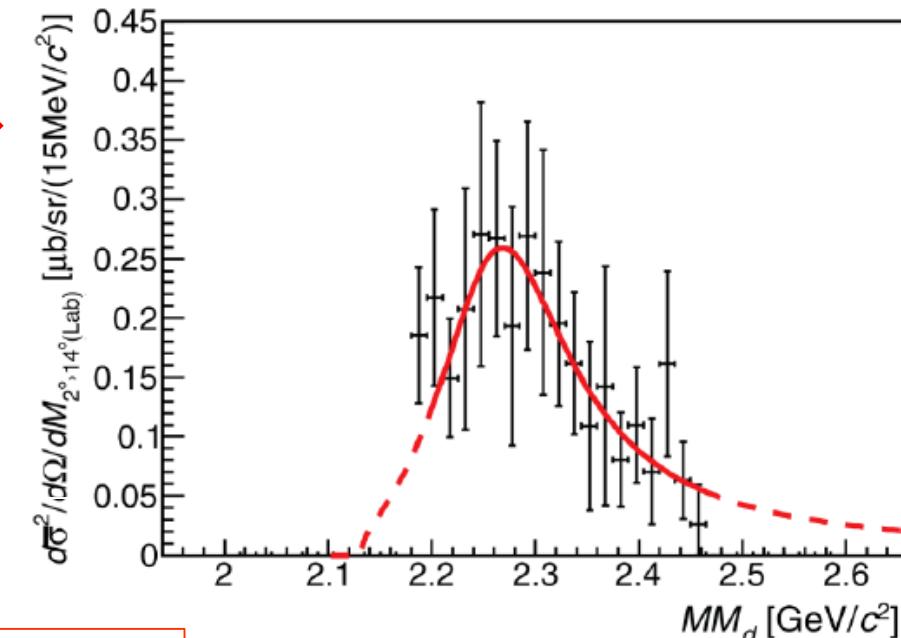
E15:  ${}^3\text{He}(\text{K}^-, \text{n}) \Lambda\text{p}$

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E27:  $d(\pi^+, \text{K}^+)X$  (2p tag)

Theor. Exp. Phys (2015) 021D01



$$\text{B.E.} = 47^{+3}_{-3}(\text{stat})^{+3}_{-6}(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 115^{+7}_{-7}(\text{stat})^{+10}_{-20}(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}$$

*photo-induced reaction*

$$\text{B.E.} = 95^{+18}_{-17}(\text{stat})^{+20}_{-21}(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 162^{+87}_{-45}(\text{stat})^{+66}_{-78}(\text{syst}) \text{ MeV}$$

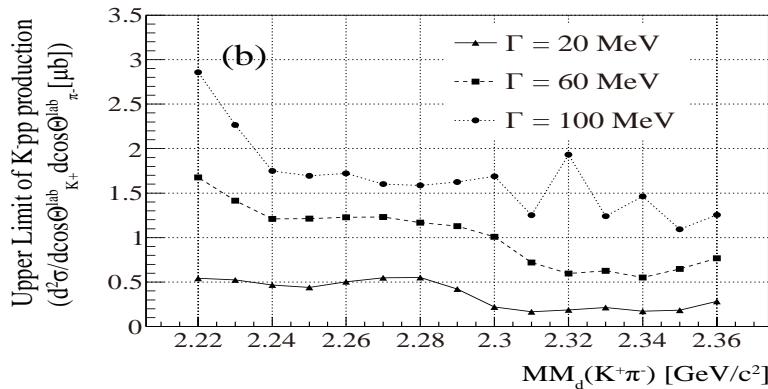
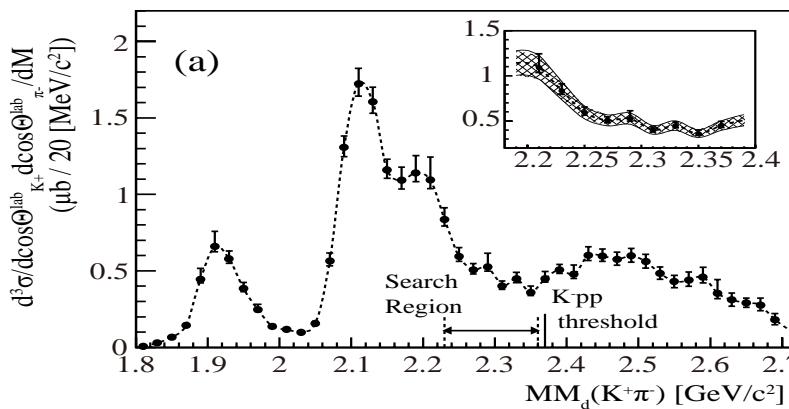
B.E. and G  
are different

*"K-pp puzzle"*



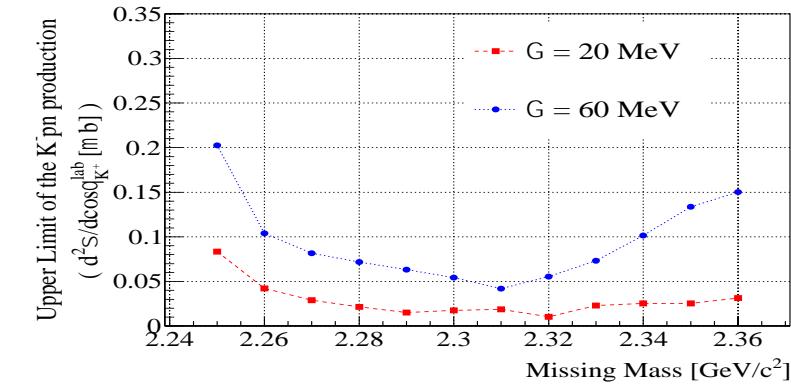
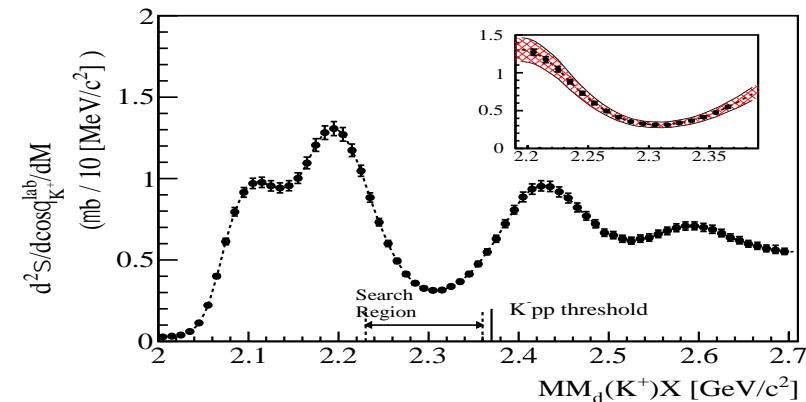
# Search results at LEPS

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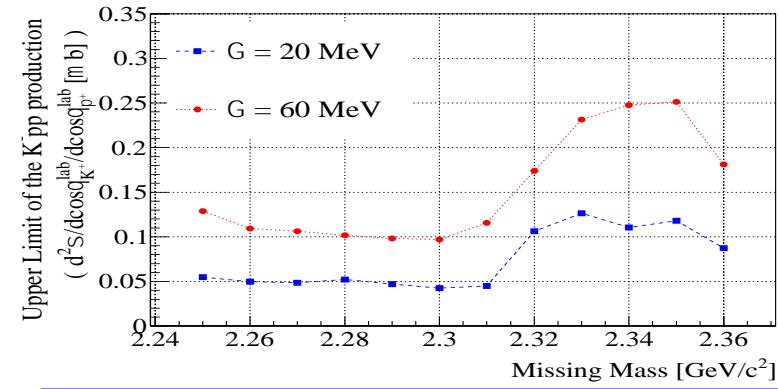
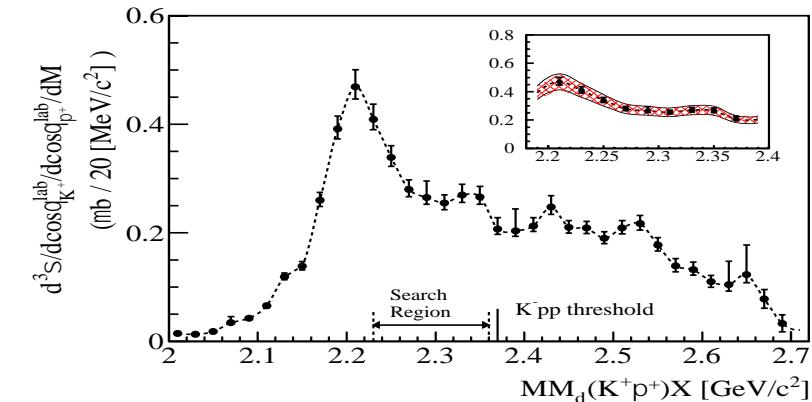


No peak structure  
in the inclusive spectra

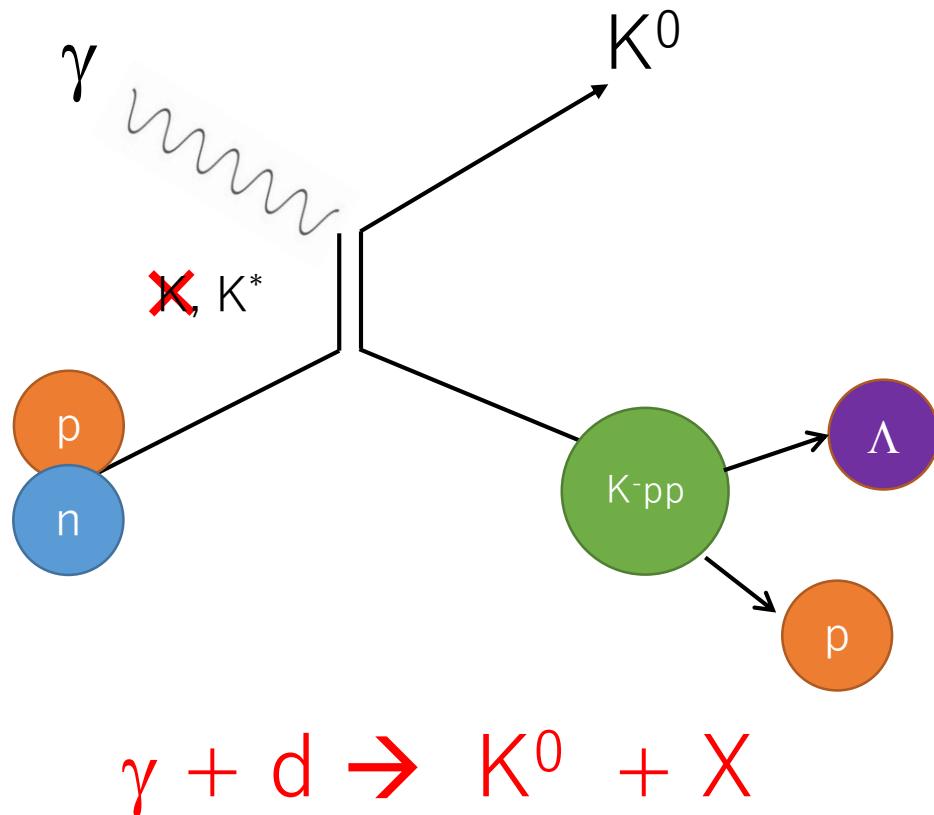
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Upper limit of cross section (95% C.L.)  
~ 10% of Y\*

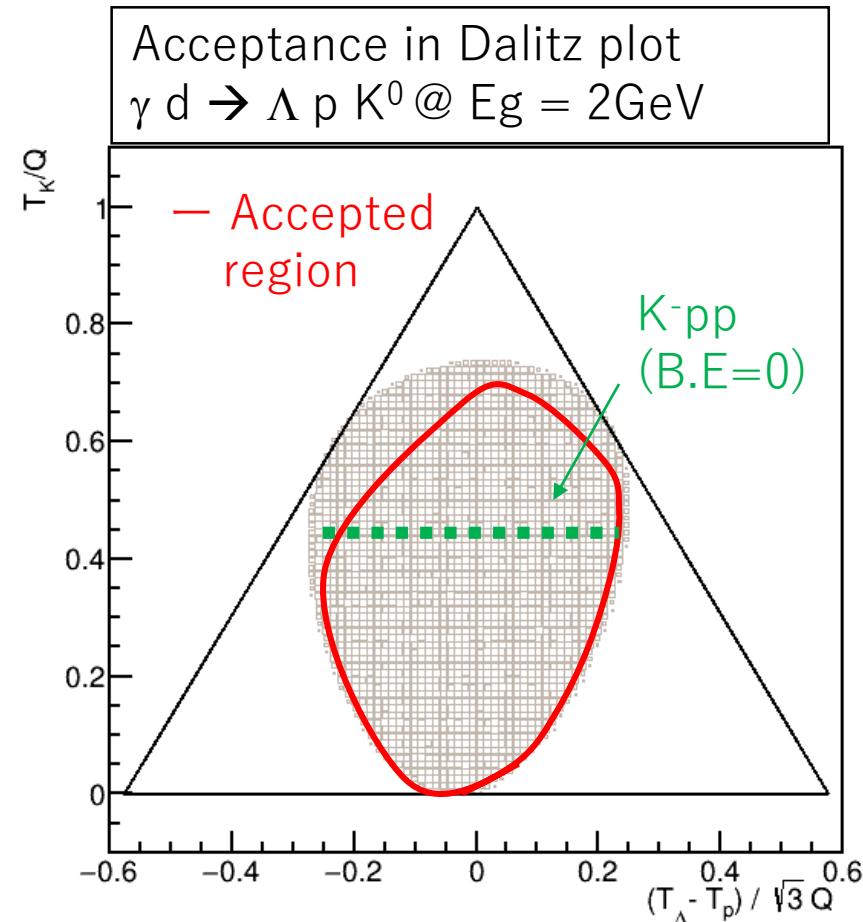


Exclusive measurement  
at LEPS2



Similar to the E27 reaction:

$\pi^+ + d \rightarrow K^+ + X$  (J-PARC E27)



- ★ Full simulation based on Geant4:

$\gamma d \rightarrow K^0 + K^- pp$ ,  
 $K^- pp \rightarrow \Lambda p$  (B.E. = 50 MeV,  $\Gamma = 0$  MeV)

$\Lambda, p$  : identified with TPC.

$K^0$  : identified by missing mass spectrum

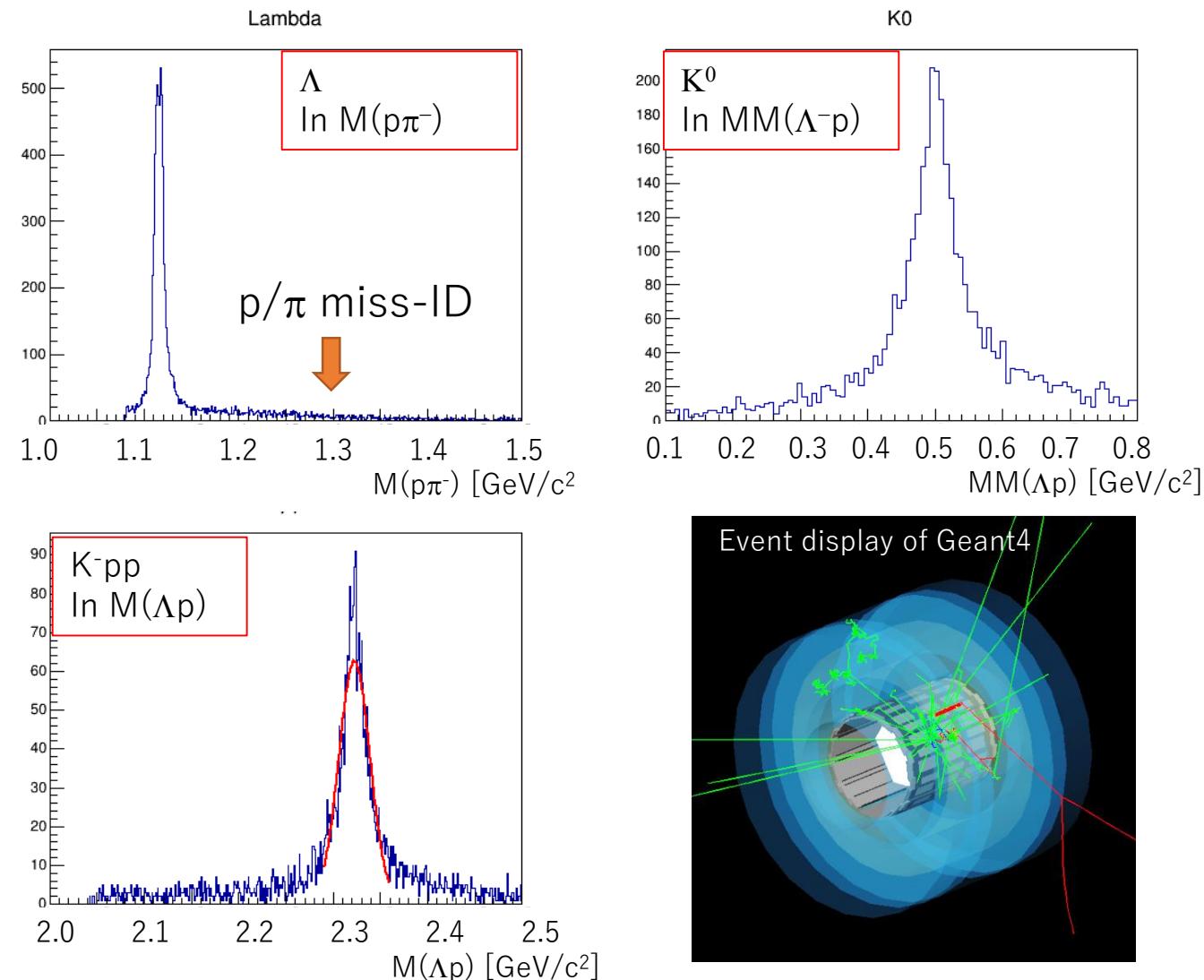
## 1. the resolution of invariant mass spectrum.

- Accuracy of B.E. < 0.5 MeV (5000 eV)

-  $\Delta M \sim 17$  MeV

## 2. Acceptance :

$\sim 10\%$  (including BR( $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ ))



$Y(K^-pp \text{ in the } \Lambda P \text{ decay mode})$

= photon number ( $8 * 10^{12}$  photon 1Mcps, 100 days)

\* target number ( $7 * 10^{23}$  deuteron in 14cm LD2 target)

→ \* cross section (1 nb - 30 nb ← ambiguity)

→ \* BR(YP) (1/5 from stopped  $K^-$  data)

~ 100000 ev/100days  
(if  $\sigma$  is ~10 nb)

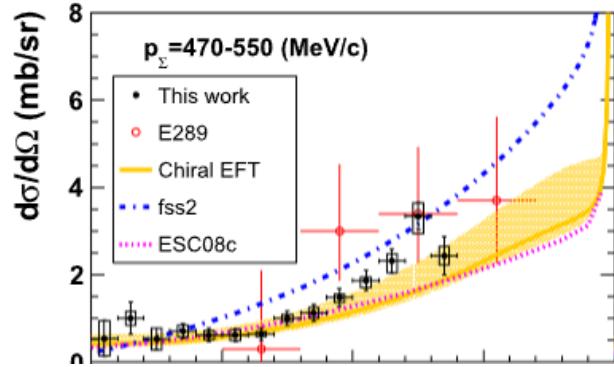
\* Acceptance (10 %)

= ~5000 ev/100days

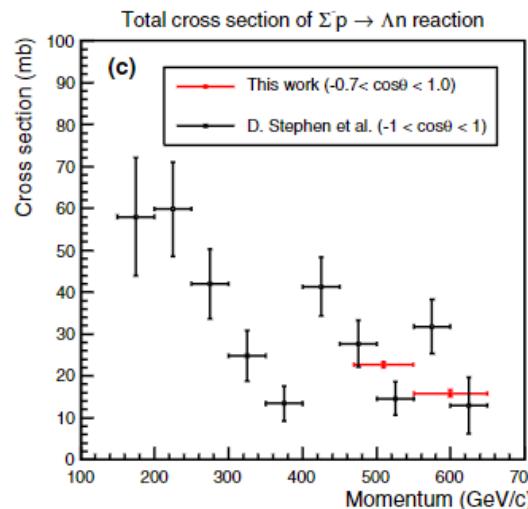
# Other physics: Hyperon scattering experiment

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J-PARC E40



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CLAS

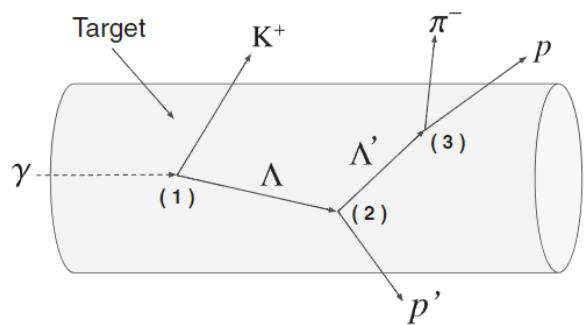
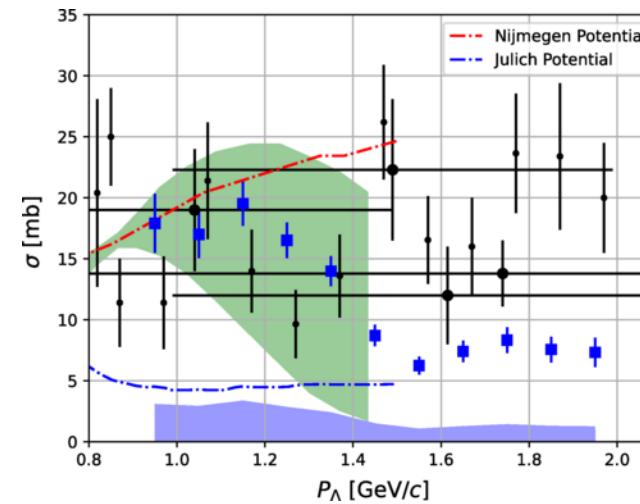


FIG. 1. Pictorial representation of the reaction inside the liquid-hydrogen target. A two-part reaction occurs where the incident  $\Lambda$  is created at vertex (1), followed by scattering with a proton at rest in the target at vertex (2), before the  $\Lambda'$  decays at vertex (3).



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Similar studies at LEPS2?

elastic scattering of Yp  
 $\Lambda p \rightarrow \Lambda p$   
 $\Sigma^0 p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p$

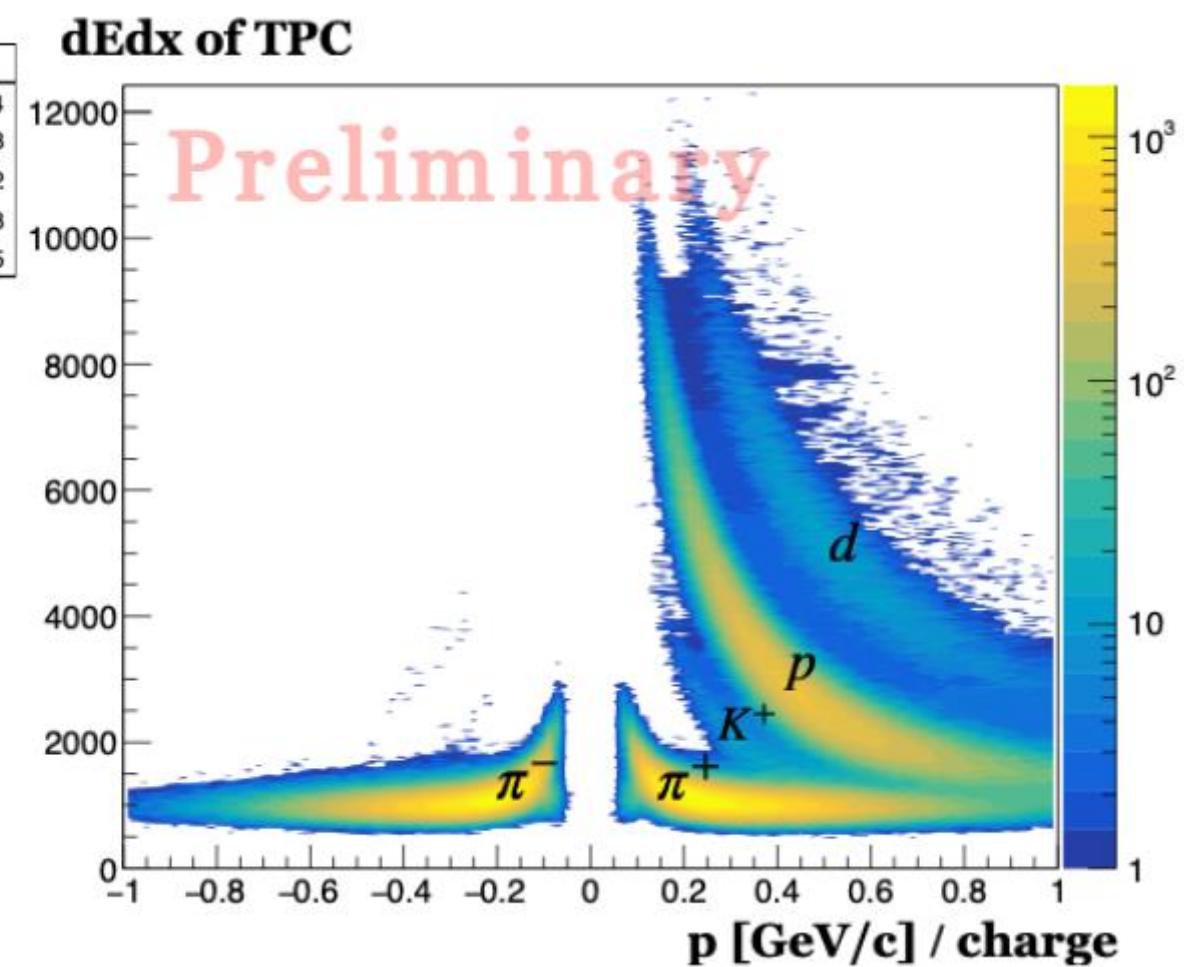
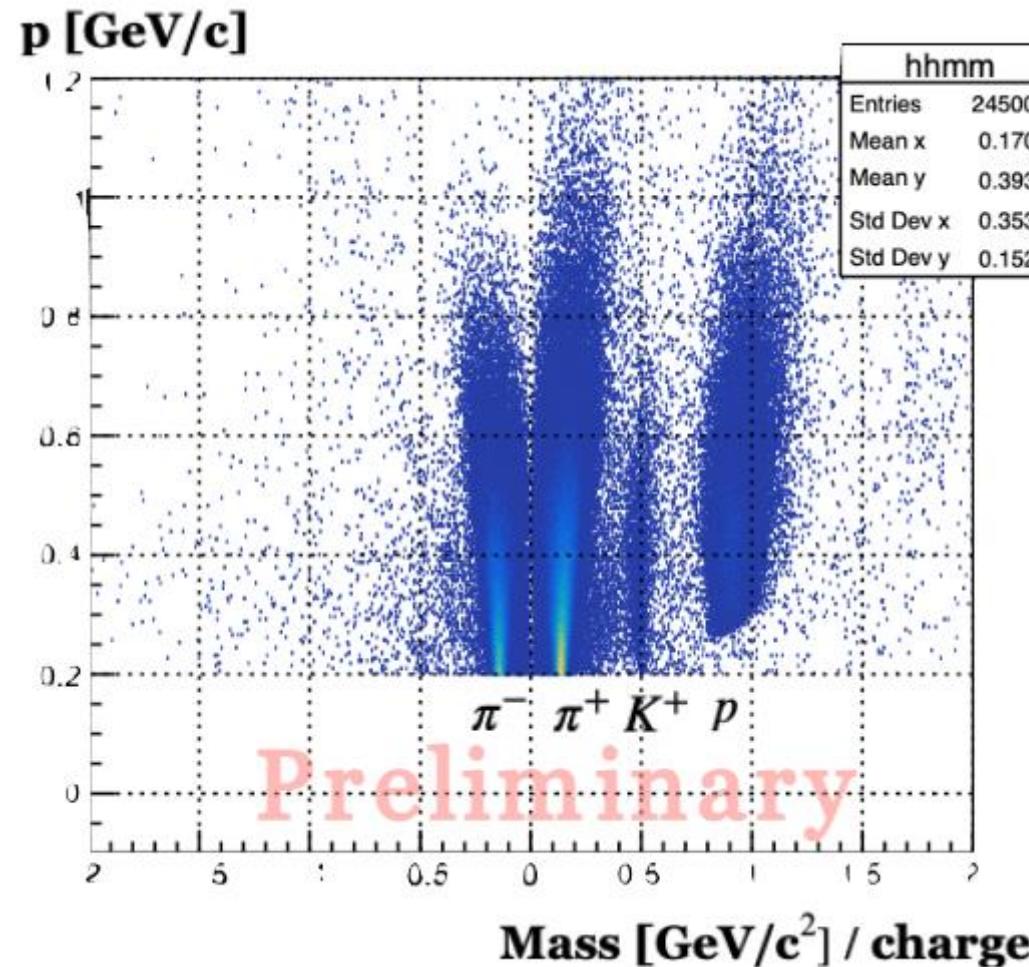
Inelastic scattering of Yp  
 $\Lambda p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 p$   
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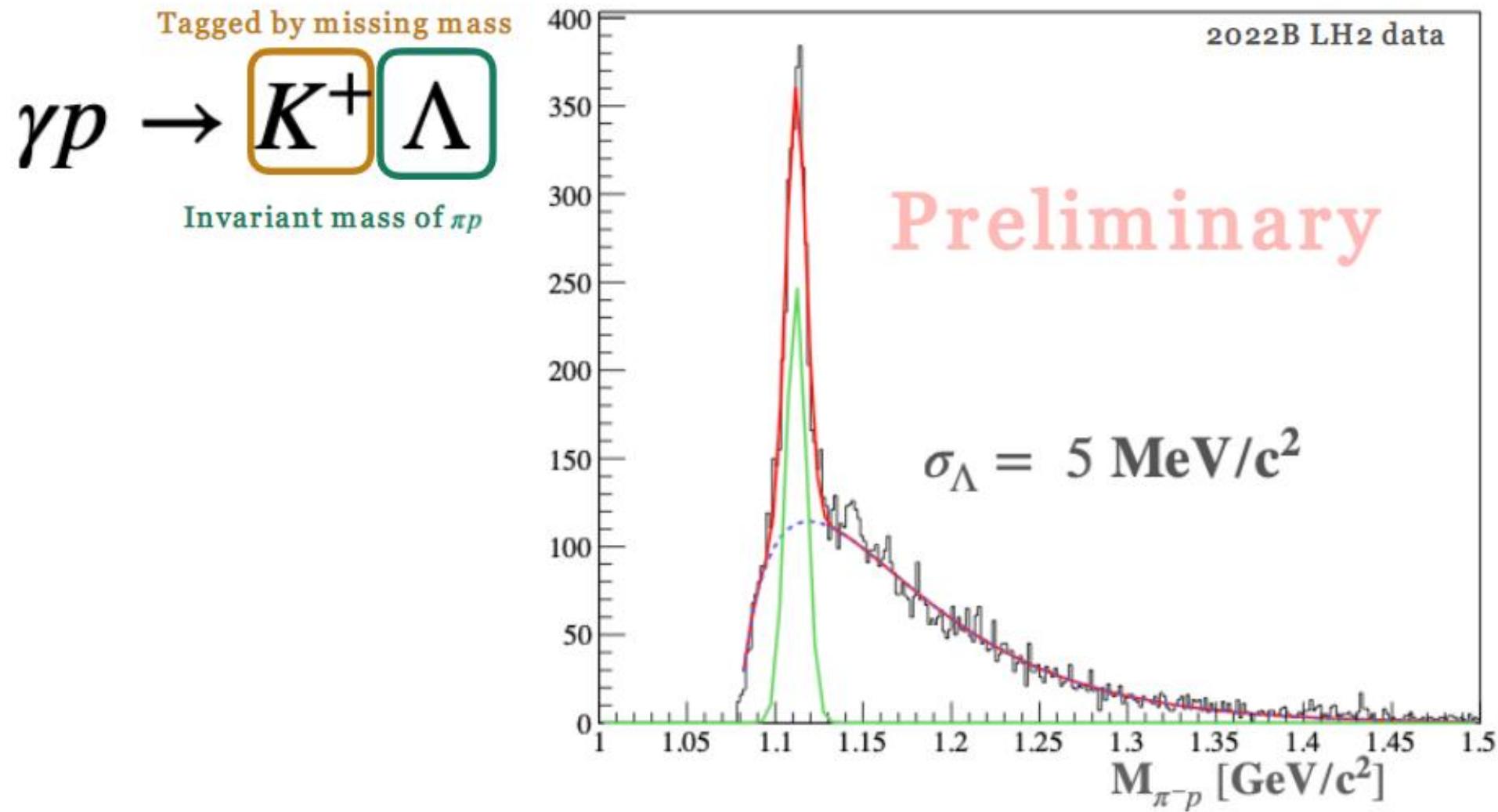
elastic scattering of Y\*p  
 $\Lambda(1520)p \rightarrow \Lambda(1520)p$   
 $\Sigma(1385)p \rightarrow \Lambda(1385)p$

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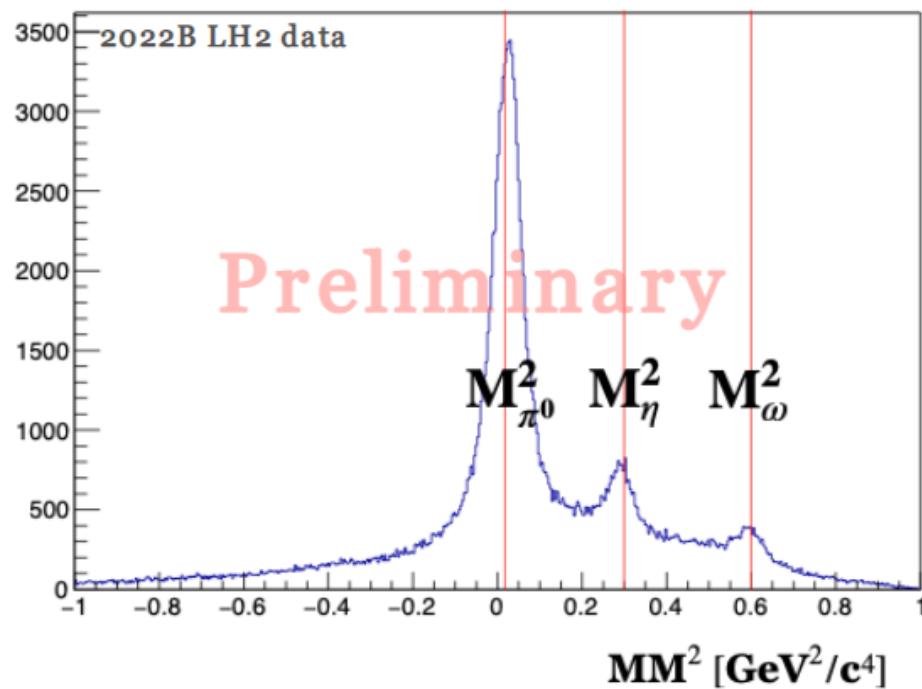
Feasibility study is on-going.

- 2021B (Oct. 2021 – Dec. 2021)
  - LH2 :  $0.56 \times 10^{12}$  photon on target.
  - LD2 :  $2.28 \times 10^{12}$  photon on target.
- 2022A (May. 2022 – Jul. 2022)
  - LH2 :  $0.80 \times 10^{12}$  photon on target.
  - LD2 :  $1.51 \times 10^{12}$  photon on target.
- 2022B (Oct. 2022 - )

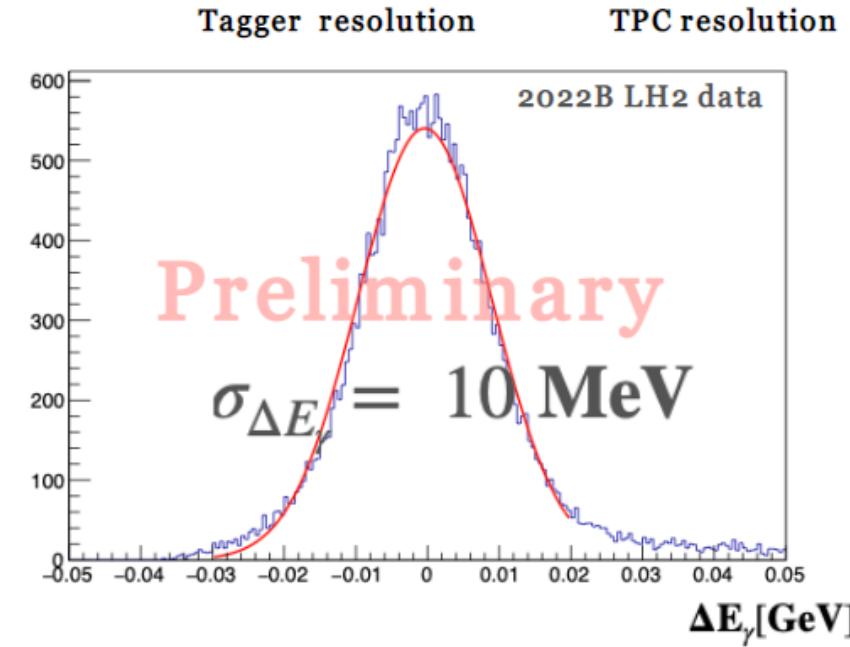




$\gamma p \rightarrow X p$   TPC & BRPC



$$\Delta E_\gamma = E_\gamma \text{ measured} - E_\gamma \text{ expected}(\pi^0)$$



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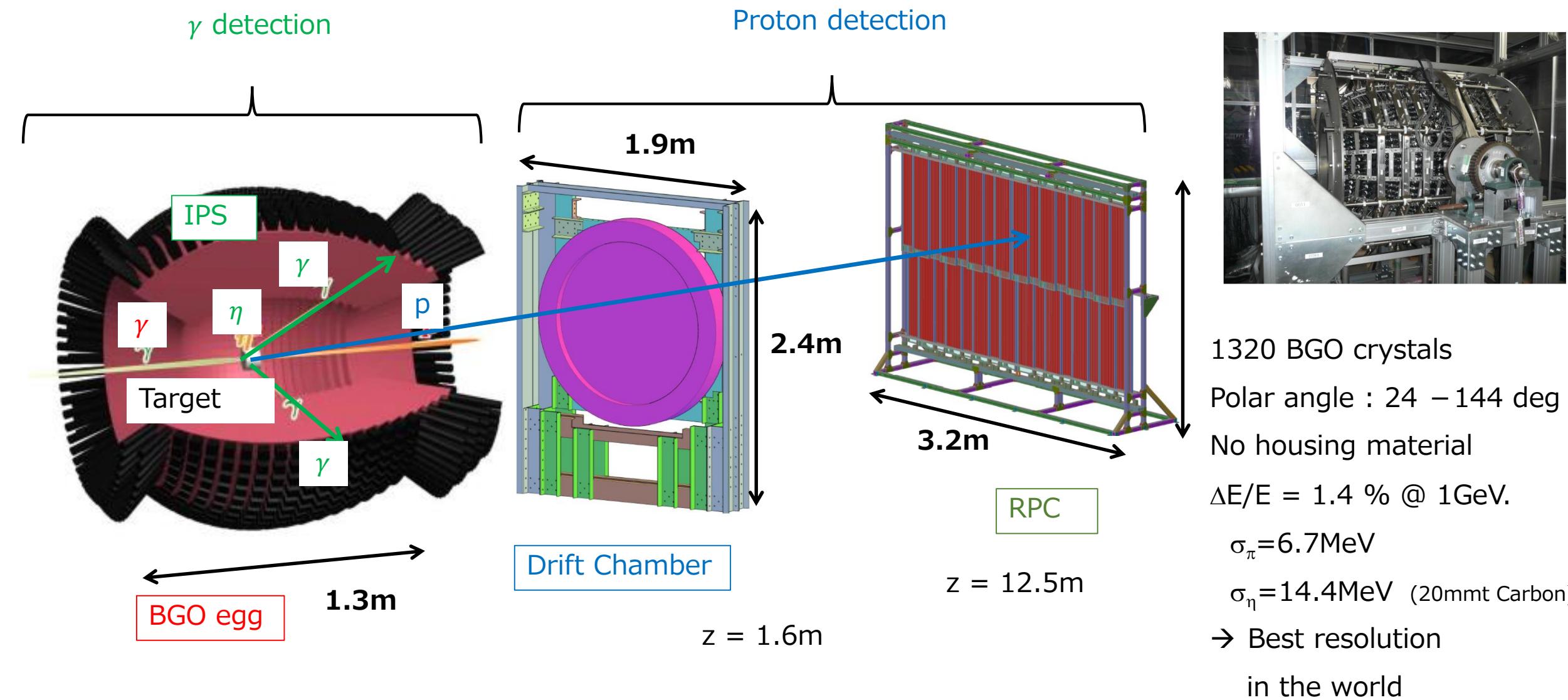
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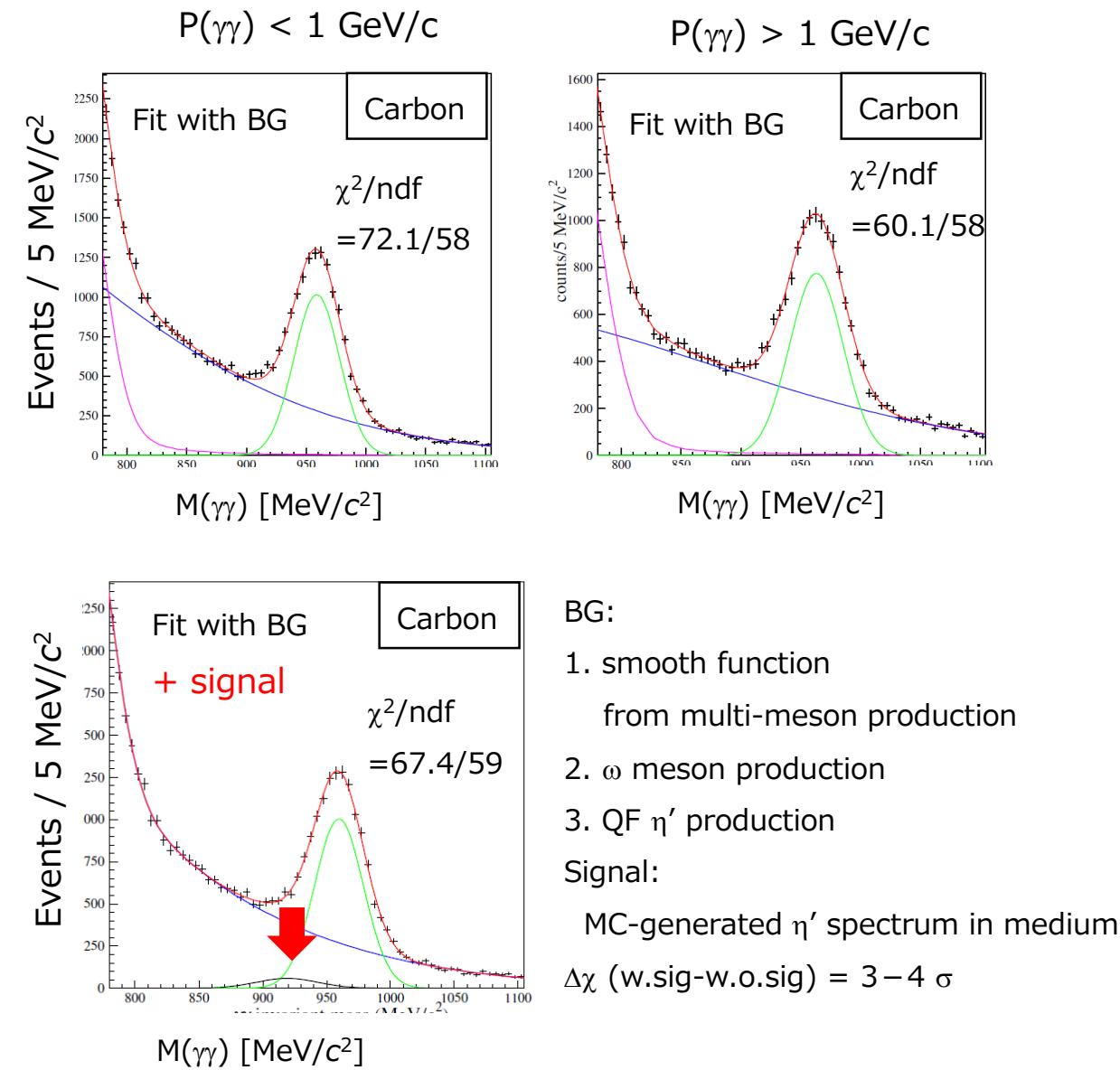
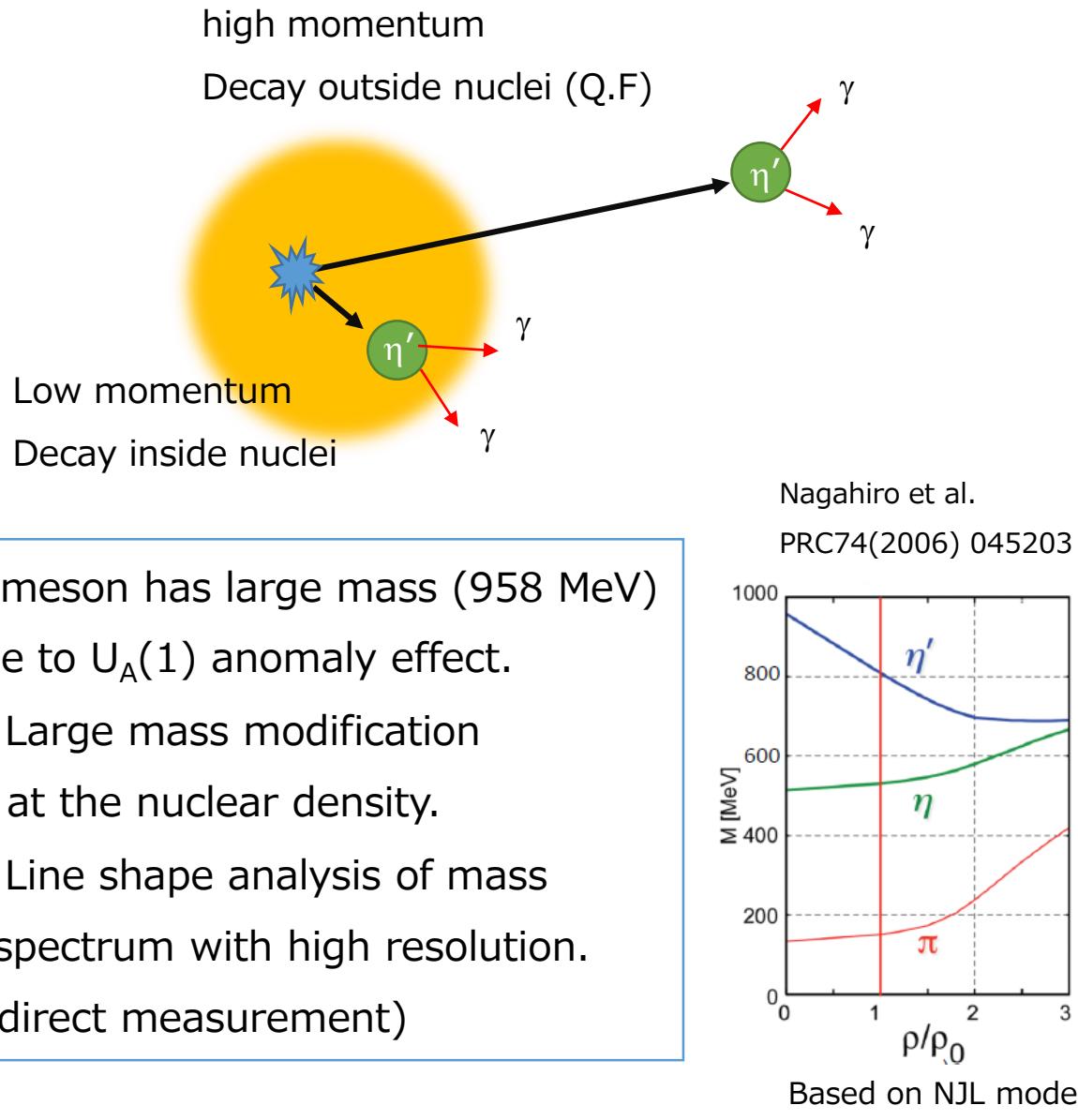
# Overview of BGOegg experiment

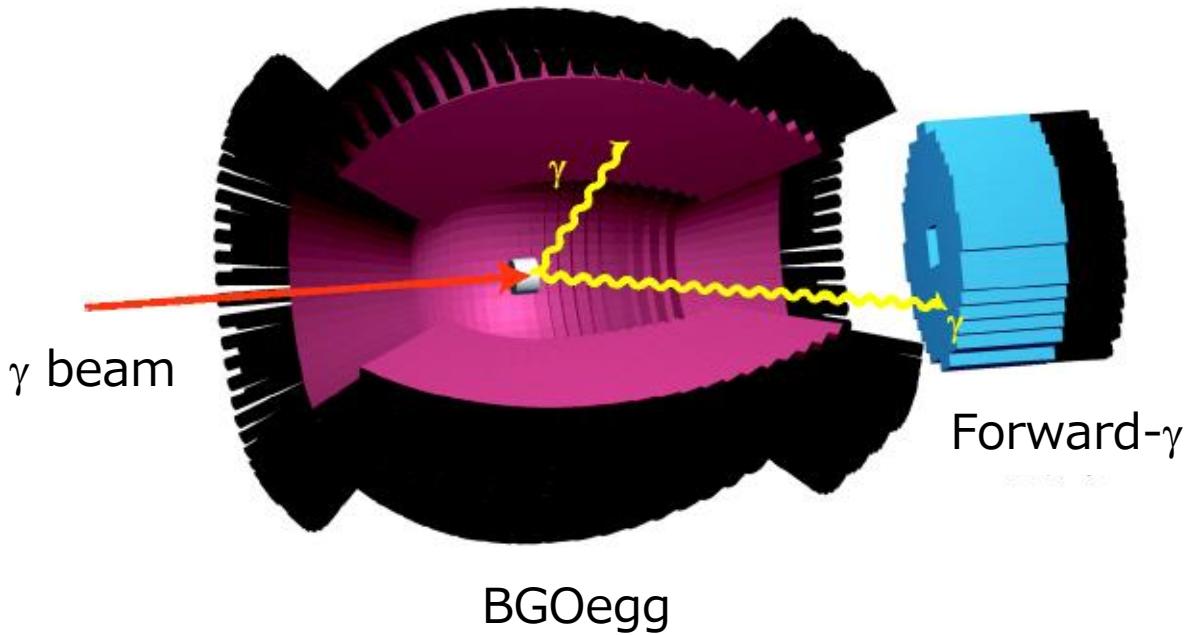
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### 3. Direct measurement of $\eta'$ mass spectrum

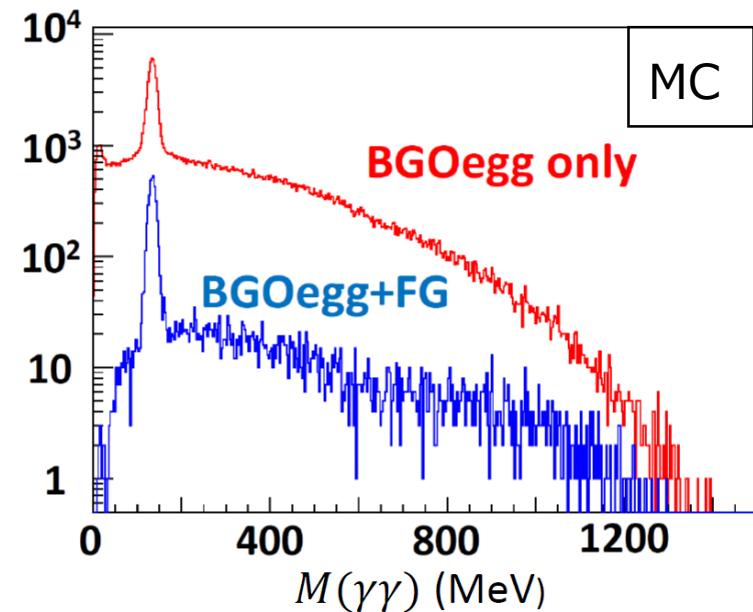
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256 PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystal  
 Size: 22 x 22 x 180 mm  
 $\rho$  : 8.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
 $X_0$  : 0.89 cm  
 $R_m$  : 2.0 cm

- BGOegg : 24 – 144 degree
- Forward- $\gamma$  : 3 – 16 degree
- Increase acceptance of  $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Decrease background from multi-meson production



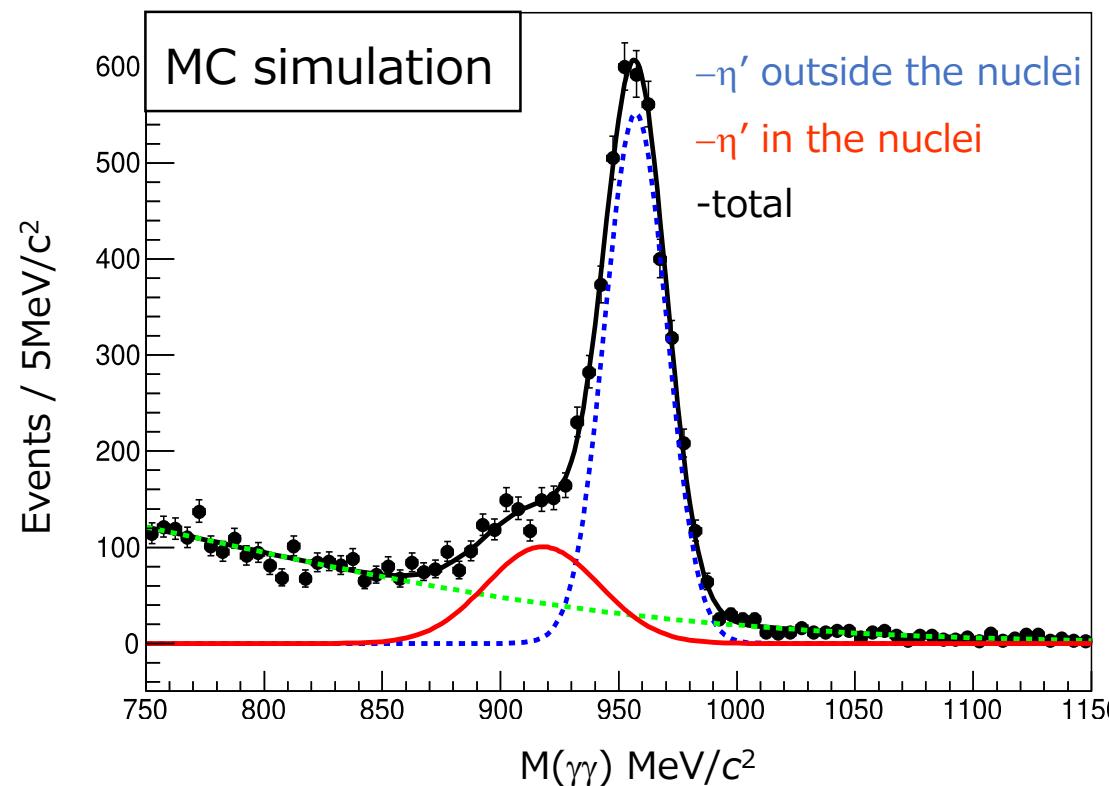
## Confirmation of mass modification of $\eta'$ with Cu target

Carbon : A = 12

  $\times \sim 1.75$  (radius)

Copper : A = 64

Decay rate of  $\eta'$  inside  
the nuclei is increased



Expected  $\eta'$  spectrum with Cu target ( $P_{\eta'} < 600 \text{ MeV}/c$ )

\*  $N_{in} / N_{QF} = 0.073$  for  $P_{\eta'} < 1\text{GeV}/c$   
with C target

\* Pilot run

with Cu target (1.5mm t,  $0.1 X_0$ )



Target : Cu (7.5 mmt,  $0.5 X_0$ )

Beam time : 3 Mcps,  $\sim 2$  months

Quasi-free  $\eta'$  : 3600 events

BG : 3302 events

$N_{in}/N_{QF} = 0.35$  for  $P_{\eta'} < 600 \text{ MeV}/c$

$\sigma_{sig} = 24 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \rightarrow \text{Significance} : 28 \sigma$

- \* Real photon beam ( $E_g = 1.5 - 2.9 \text{ GeV}$ ) can be used at SPring-8.
- \* LEPS: Data taking completed. Analysis is on-going.
- \* LEPS2:
  - Physics topics
    - Search for  $\Theta^+$  :
    - $\gamma + p \rightarrow \Lambda(1405) + K^*$  : Selection of  $K/K^*$  exchange.
    - Search for  $K^-pp$  bound state : Solution of the “ $K^-pp$  puzzle”
  - \* BGOegg: in-medium effect of  $\eta'$ . upgrade experiments