



Workshop of Electro- and Photoproduction of  
Hypernuclei and Related Topics 2022

# Current status of hypertriton binding energy measurement at MAMI

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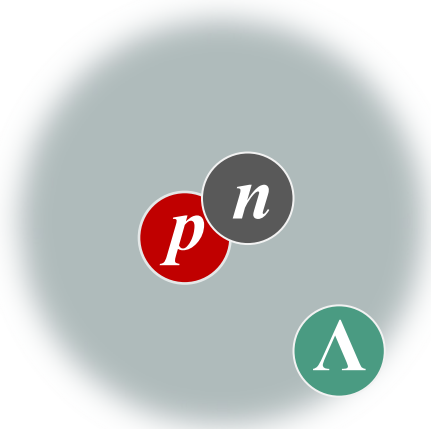
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# $\Lambda$ Binding Energy of Hypertriton

## Hypertriton

d- $\Lambda$  binding system



➤ Still large experimental uncertainties:

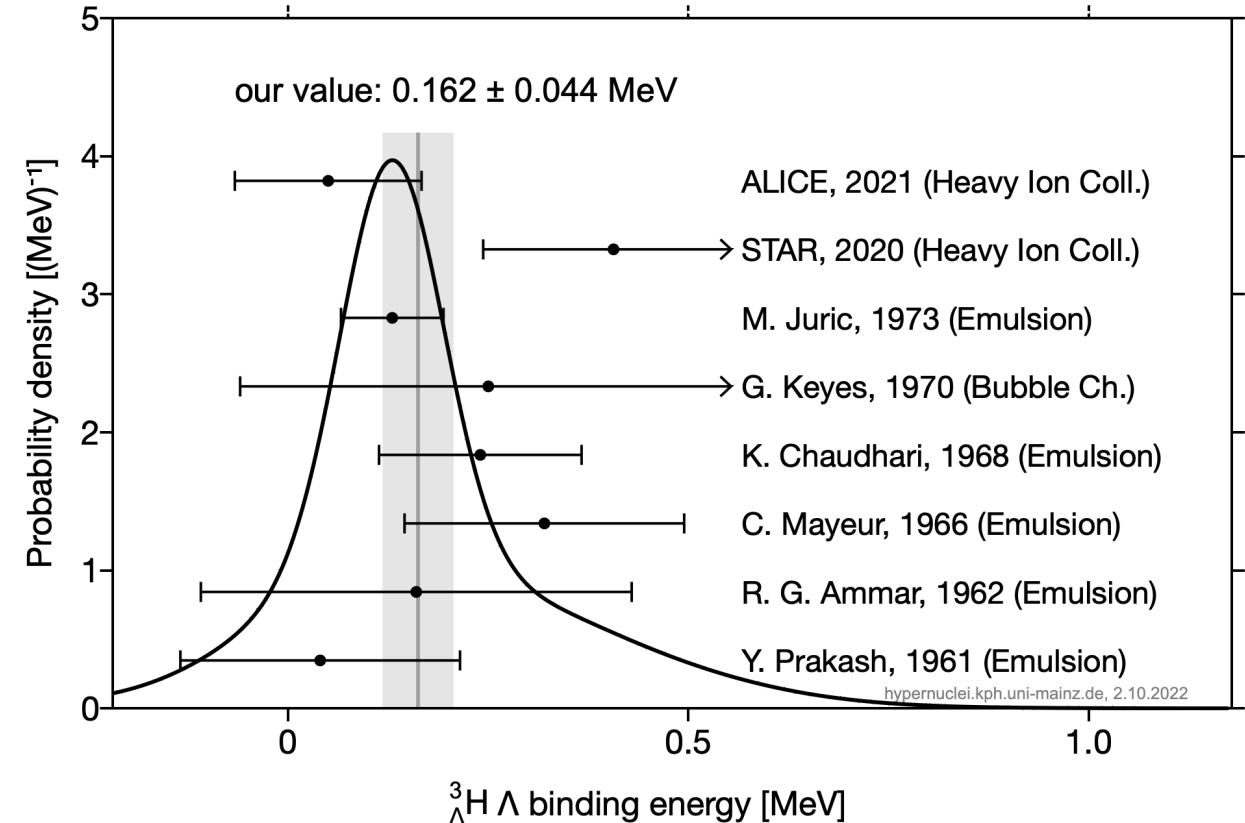
STAR 2020 :  $0.406 \pm 0.120_{(\text{stat.})} \pm 0.110_{(\text{syst.})}$  MeV

ALICE 2021 :  $0.050 \pm 0.060_{(\text{stat.})} \pm 0.100_{(\text{syst.})}$  MeV

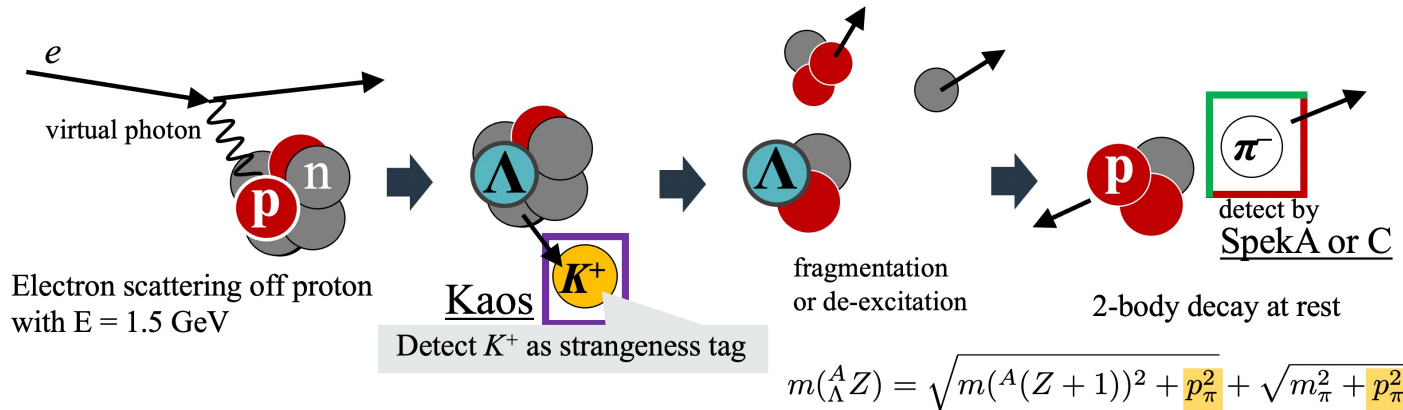
➤ Value still dominated by Emulsion data – 77 %

**Precise measurement is needed!**

➤ [Hypernuclear database](#)



# Decay-pion spectroscopy at MAMI



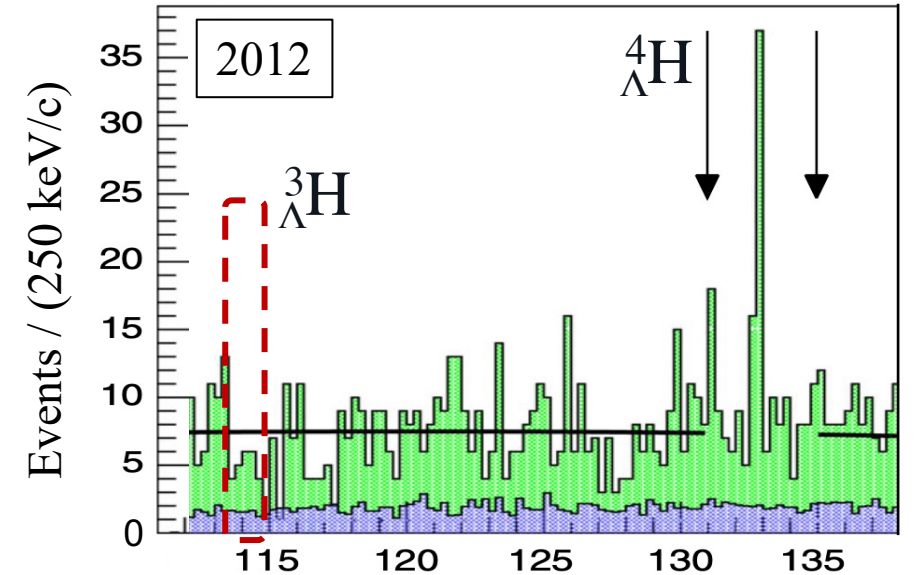
$${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}: B_{\Lambda} = 2.12 \pm 0.01 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.09 \text{ (syst.) MeV} \quad (2012)$$

$$B_{\Lambda} = 2.157 \pm 0.005 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.077 \text{ (syst.) MeV} \quad (2014)$$

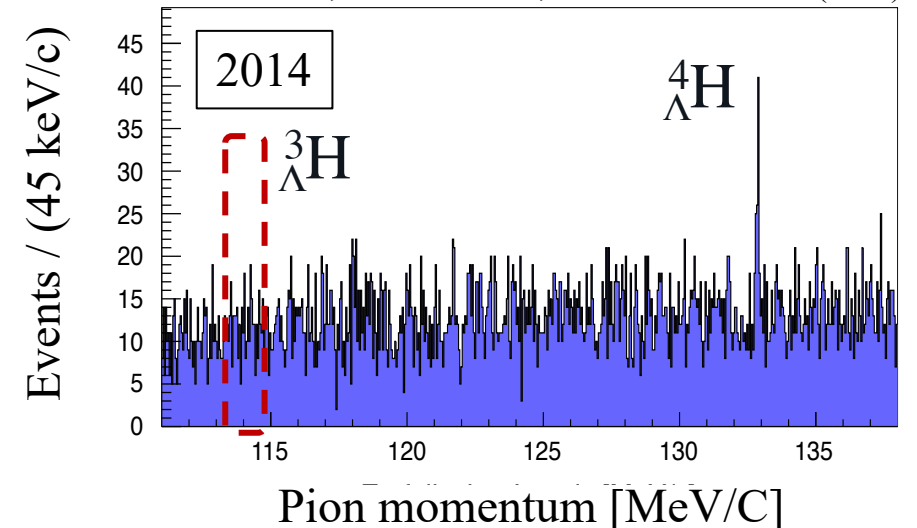
## the new experiment

- Suppression of systematic errors
- Ensuring the yield of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

A. Esser, S. Nagao *et al.*, PRL 114 (2015) 232501.



F. Schulz, Doctoral thesis, J.G. Univ. of Mainz (2015)





# Setup for the experiment

## Magnetic spectrometer A & C

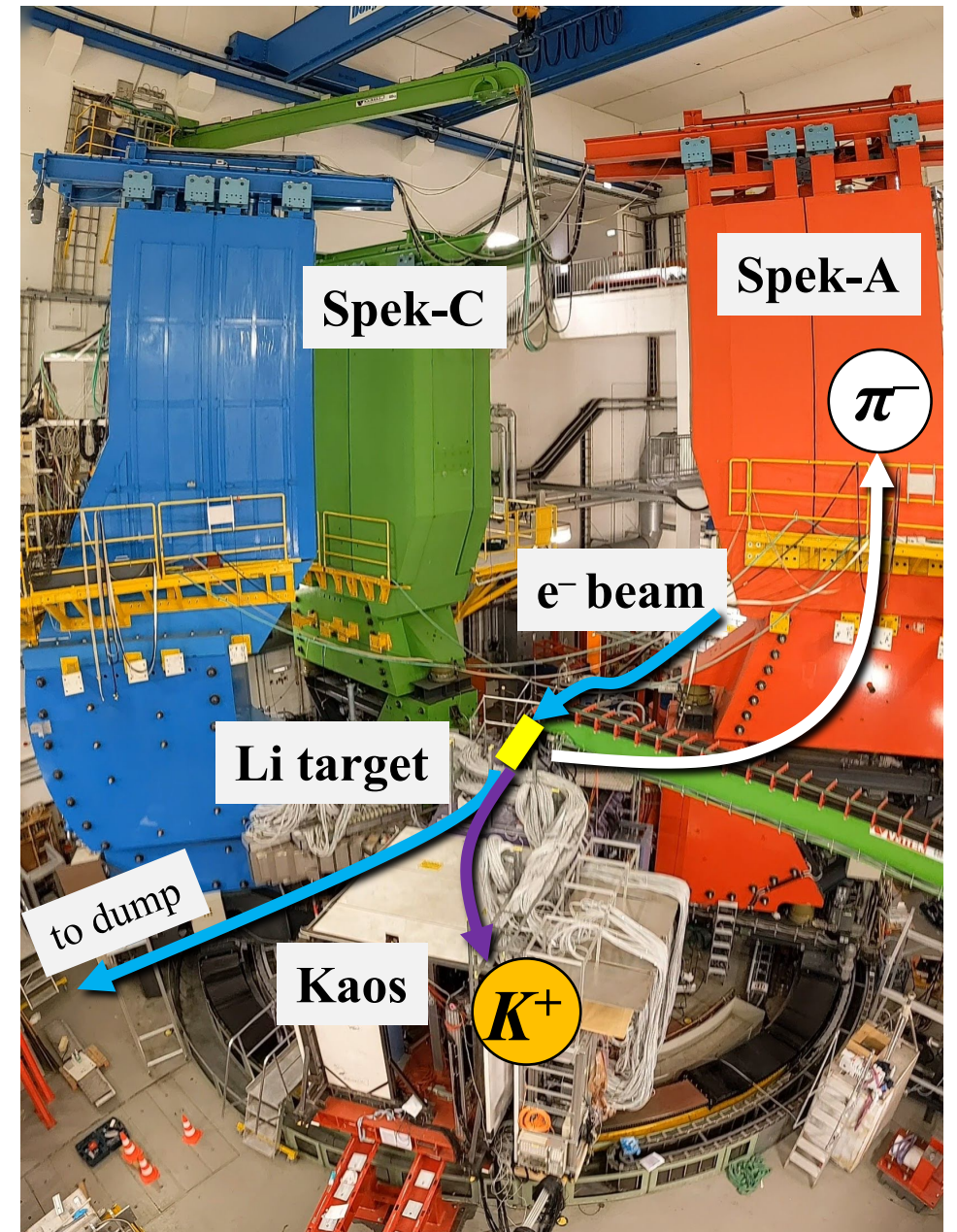
- Offer high momentum resolution of  $\sim 10^{-4}$
- calibration limited to  $10^{-4}$  by MAMI energy

## Kaos

Detection of kaons  
→ Identify hyperon production events

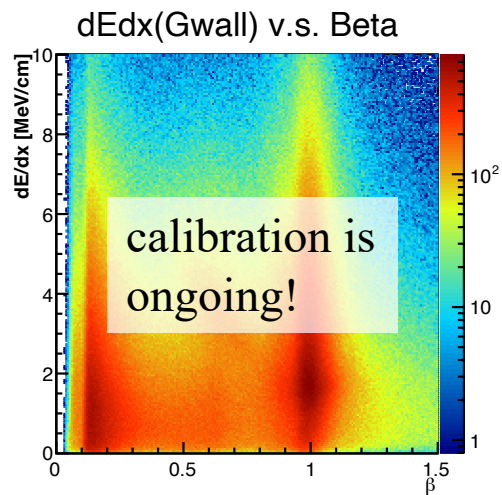
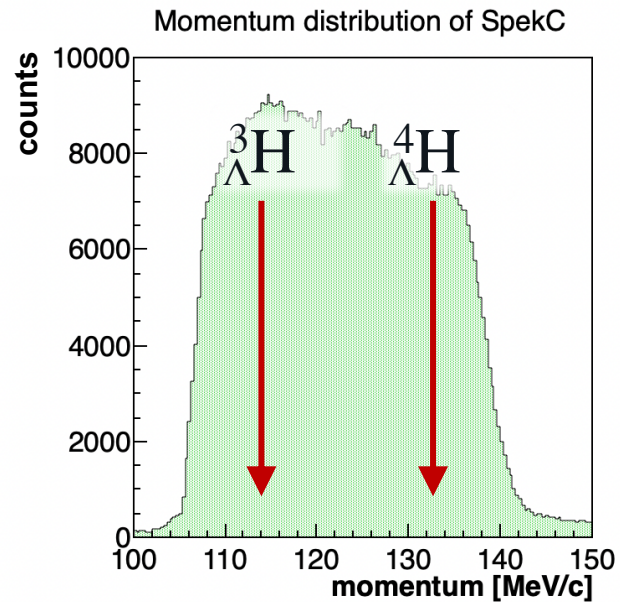
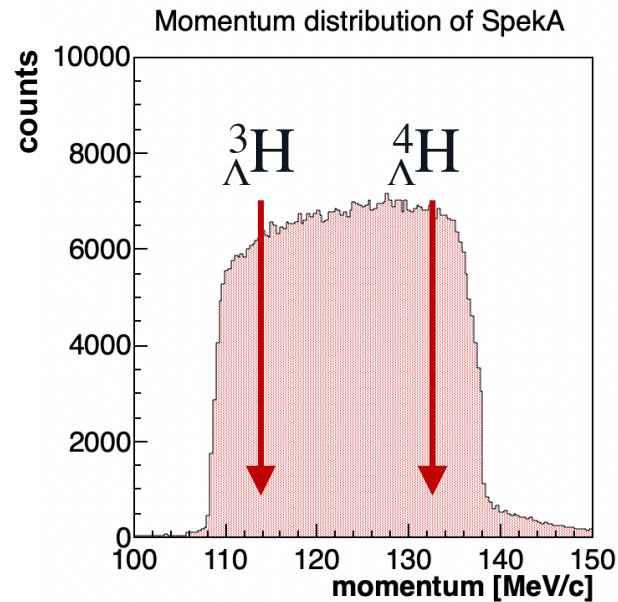
- Short central orbital length ( $\sim 6.4$  m)  
→ Suitable for short-live kaons ( $c\tau \sim 3.7$  m)
- Wide momentum acceptance  
→ High yield of kaons

**Coincidence events: Kaos and (A or C)**



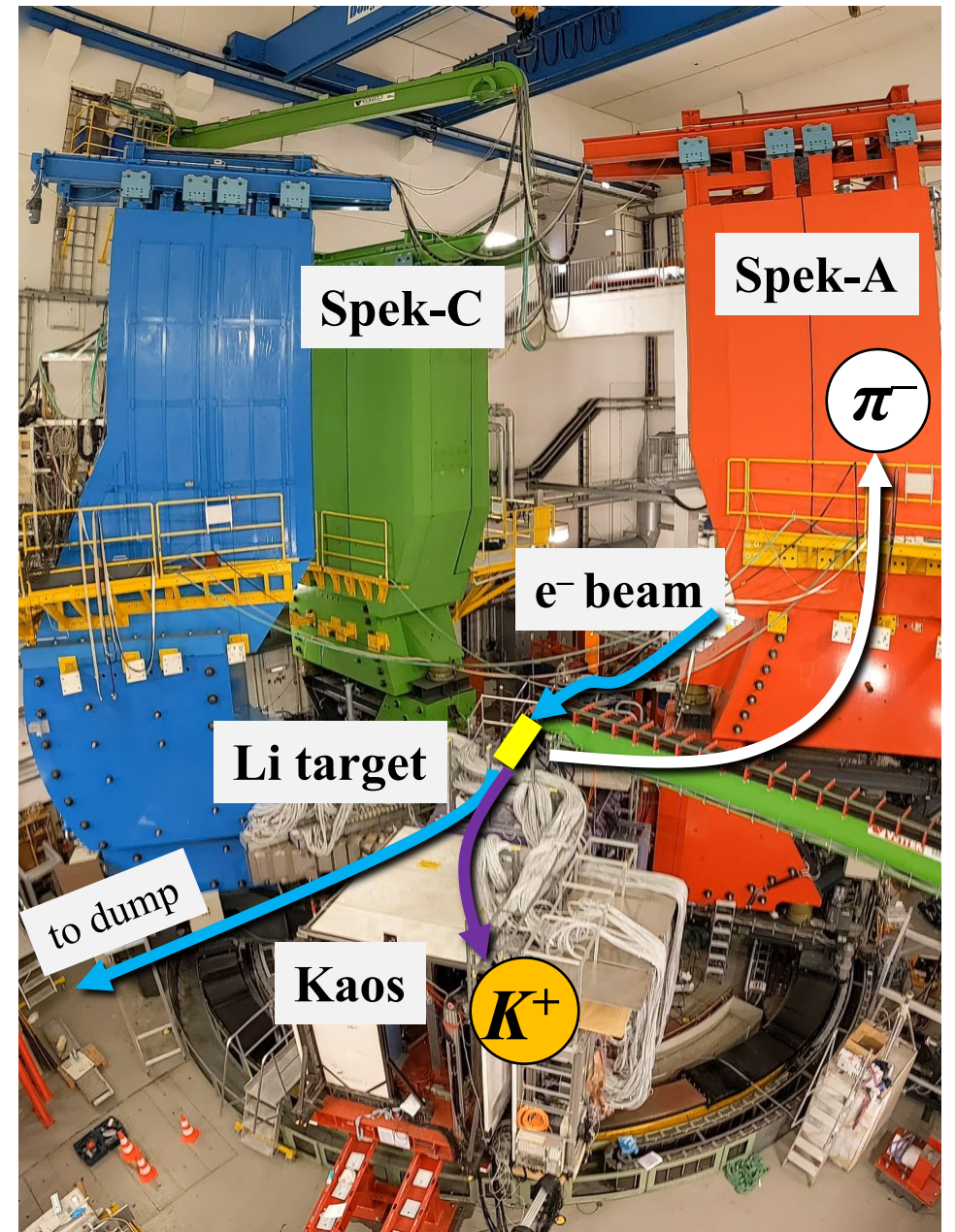


# Setup for the experiment



▲ Both of spectrometers covering momentum range

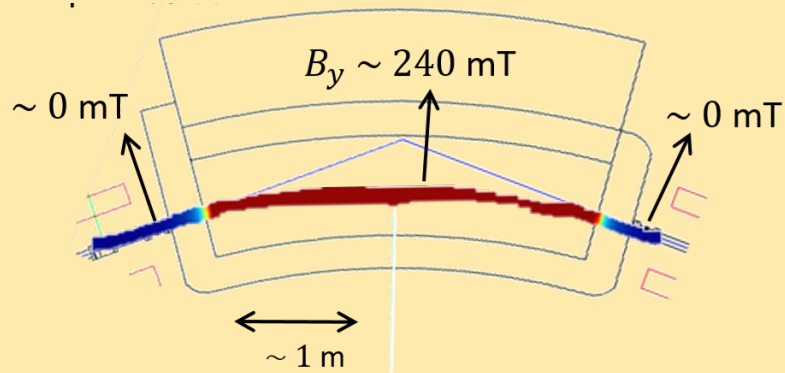
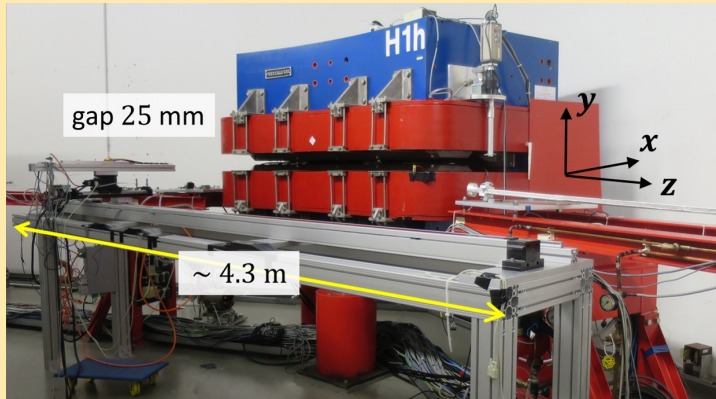
◀ Kaos can see protons & pions  
precise calibration is needed  
to see Kaons





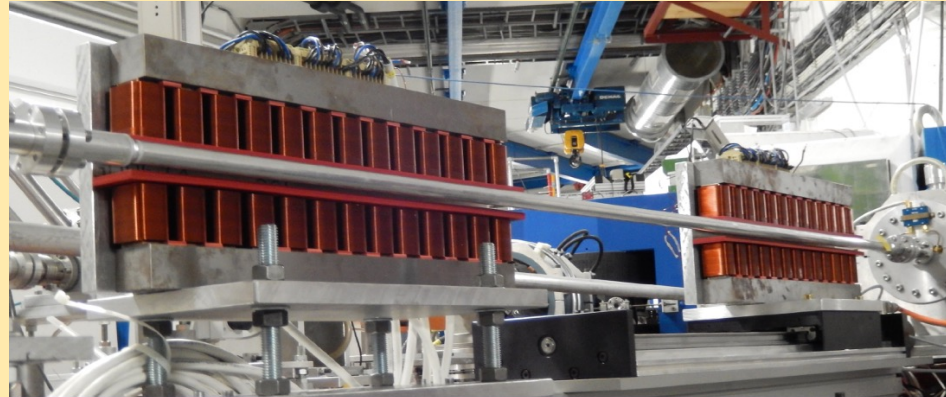
# Suppression of systematic errors

## Precise field measurement of an Acc. dipole magnet



S. Tomita, Master thesis, Tohoku Univ. (2016)

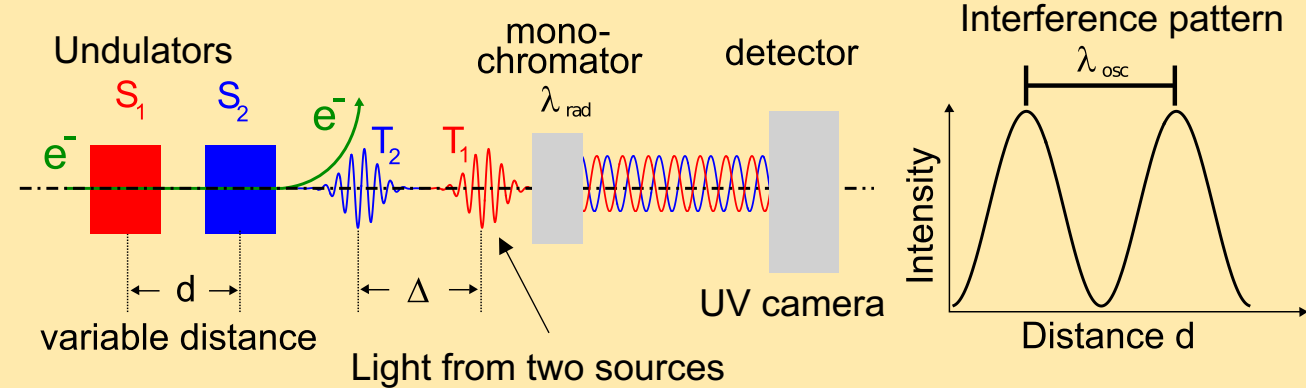
## Interference of undulator radiation



Relativistic  $\gamma$  via undulator eq.:

$$\lambda_{osc} = 2\gamma^2 \lambda_{light}$$

→ Precision of 18 keV possible



P. Klag *et al.*, NIM A 910 (2018) 147–156

# Target design of ${}^7\text{Li}$

${}^9\text{Be}$  47mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 40 – 60  $\mu\text{A}$   $\longrightarrow$   ${}^7\text{Li}$  2430 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>,  $\sim 1 \mu\text{A}$

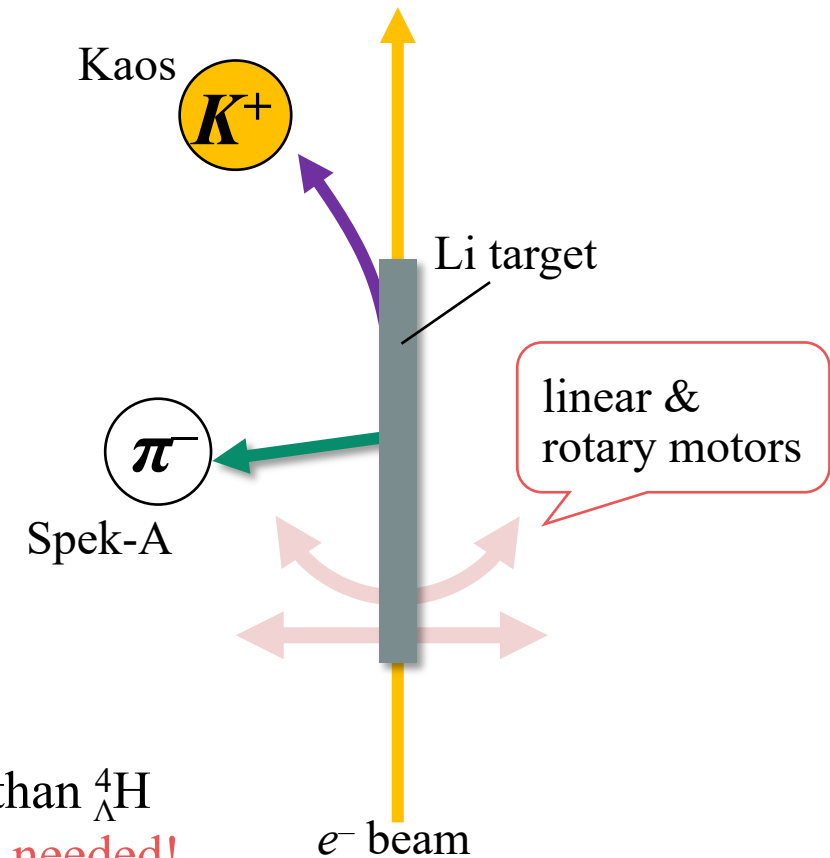
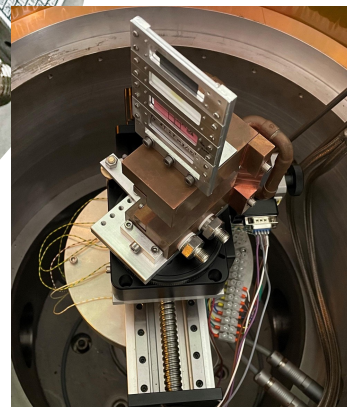
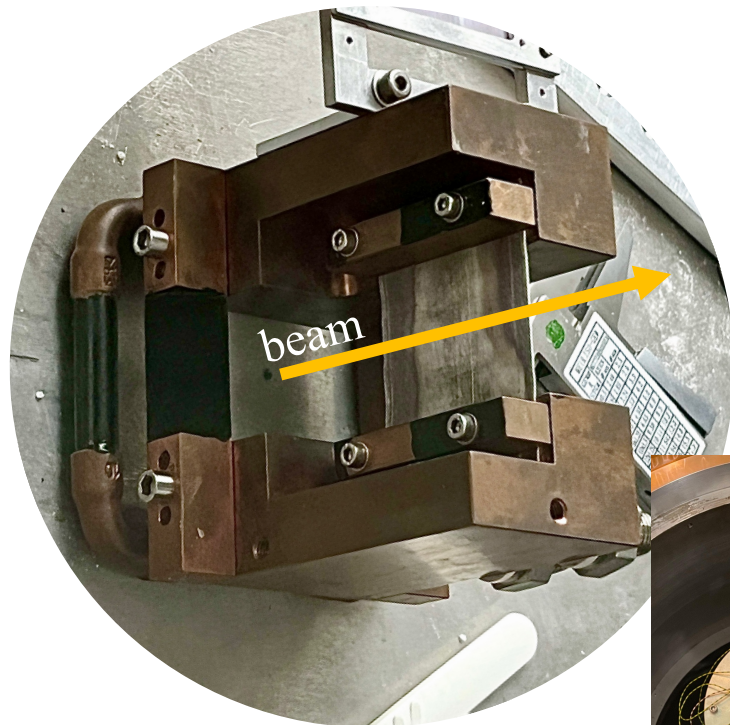
- Less background as  ${}^9\text{Be}$   
No heavy He with similar decay pion momenta:

${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ : 115.7     ${}^8_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ : 116.5 [MeV/c]  
( ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ : 114.3 MeV/c)

Yield estimate:

${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  factor of  $\sim 10$  lower than  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$   
 $\longrightarrow$  **Higher luminosity is needed!**

- Beam direction – 45 mm long  
 $\longrightarrow$  Maximized rate of hypernuclei





# Summary

➤ Beamtime schedule 2022

July 11<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> : Commissioning run  
(Kaos started up again, confirmed coincidence peak)

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> : Physics run → **ongoing!**

Apr. – May 2023 : Spectrometer calibration run

➤ Momentum setting to observe both of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

➤ New target system → **suppress BG & higher luminosity**

➤ New calibration via undulator light interference → **minimize syst. error**

**Our goal: total error of  $\pm 20$  keV in  $\Lambda$  binding energy**

