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➤ Introduction

➤ Experiment

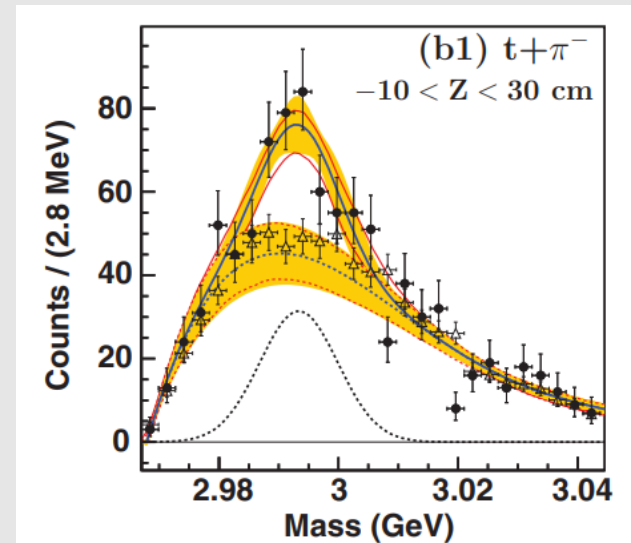
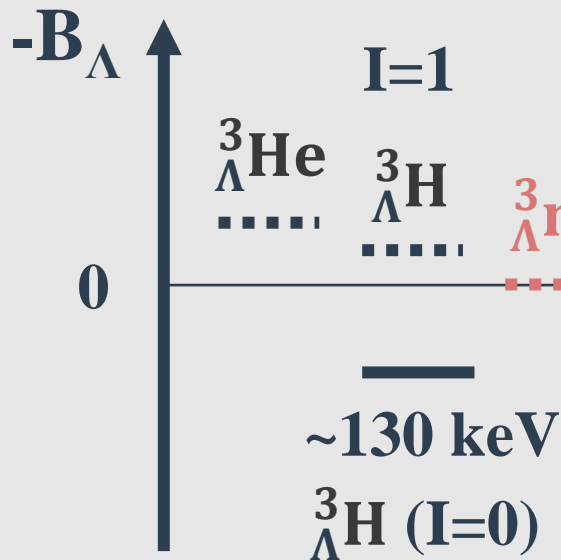
➤ Analysis

➤ Summary



Introduction

- ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ($I=0$) is the only established state in $A = 3$ hypernuclear system.
- HypHI Collaboration indicated $nn\Lambda$ signal at GSI in 2013.



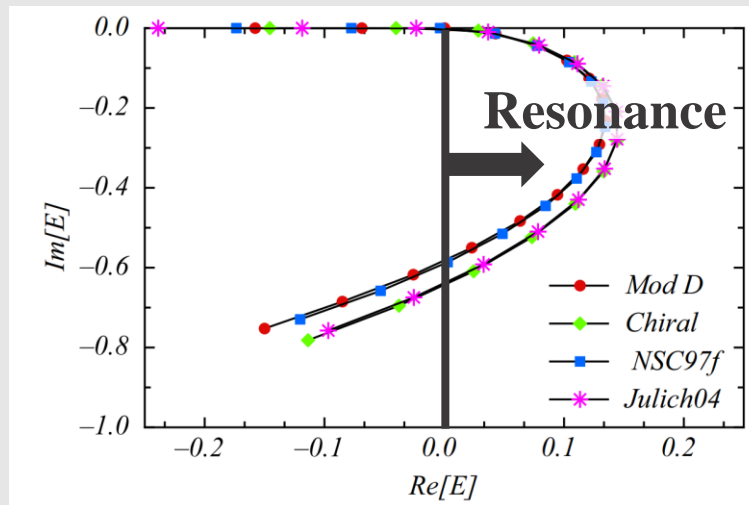
C. Rappold et al., Phys. Rev. C. **88**, 041001 (2013)

- Almost all calculations have shown that the existence of the bound state is difficult.

Author	Method	YN interaction	Bound	Regards
Downs [12]	variational method	exponential	×	-
Miyagawa [13]	Faddeev	Nijmegen	×	-
Hiyama [14]	variational method	NSC97f	×	-
Gal [15]	Faddeev	Nijmegen	×	-
Garcilazo [16, 17]	Faddeev	CCQM	×	-
Ando [18]	coupled integral equation	π EFT	Δ	Efimov state?
Belyaev [19]	hyperspherical harmonics	Minesota	×	$V \uparrow$ 50% bound
Afnan [21]	Faddeev	Yamaguchi	×	$\Lambda n \uparrow$ 25% bound
Filikhin [22]	Faddeev	NSC97f	×	-
Kamada [23]	Faddeev	Nijmegen	×	YN \uparrow 20% bound

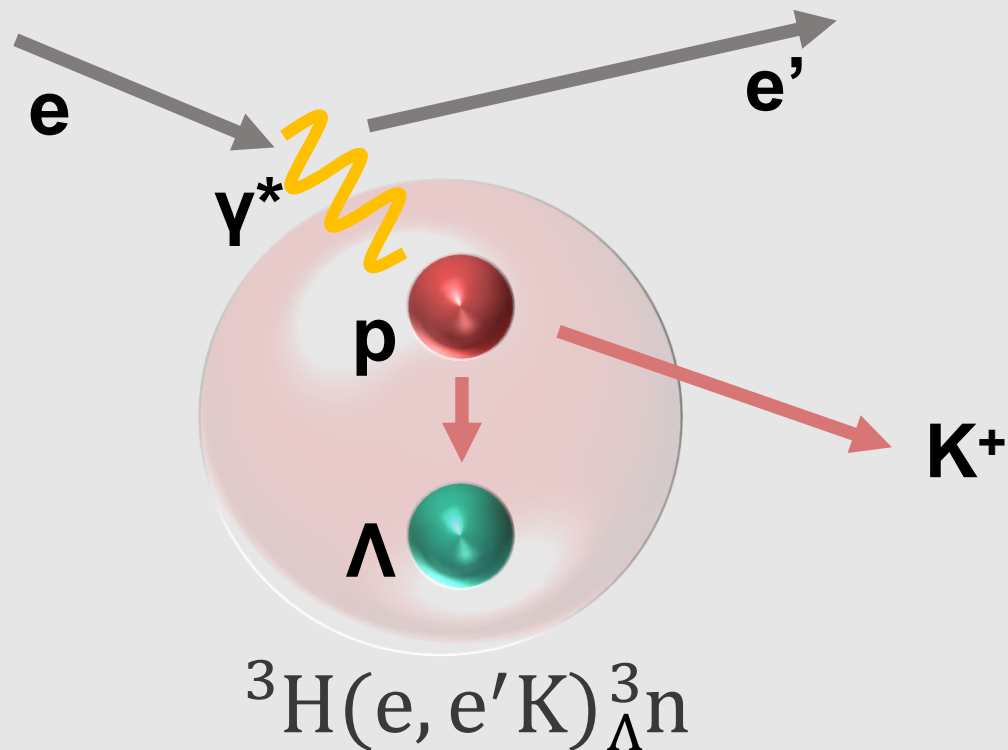
- Many papers have suggested the existence of the resonant states.
- There are large uncertainties in their binding energies and widths.

Author	Method	YN interaction	Resonance	Regards
Belyaev [19]	hyperspherical harmonics	Minesota	○	-
Afnan [21]	Faddeev	Yamaguchi	×	$\Delta n \uparrow$ 5% resonance
Filikhin [22]	Faddeev	NSC97f	○	-
Kamada [23]	Faddeev	Nijmegen	○	-
Schäfer [24,25]	IACCC, CSM	NSC97f, χ EFT	○	-



Iraj R. Afnan and Benjamin F. Gibson.
 Phys. Rev. C, Vol. 92, p. 054608, 2015

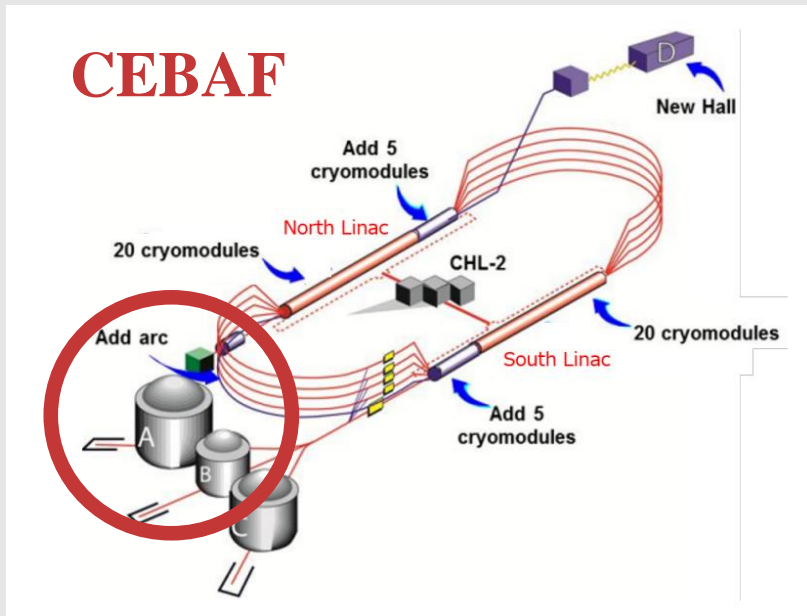
- Changing p to Λ ➡ nnp target to $nn\Lambda$
- High resolution primary beam ➡ $\Delta M = 1.5 \text{ MeV}$ (σ)
- Missing mass method ➡ Sensitive to bound/resonance



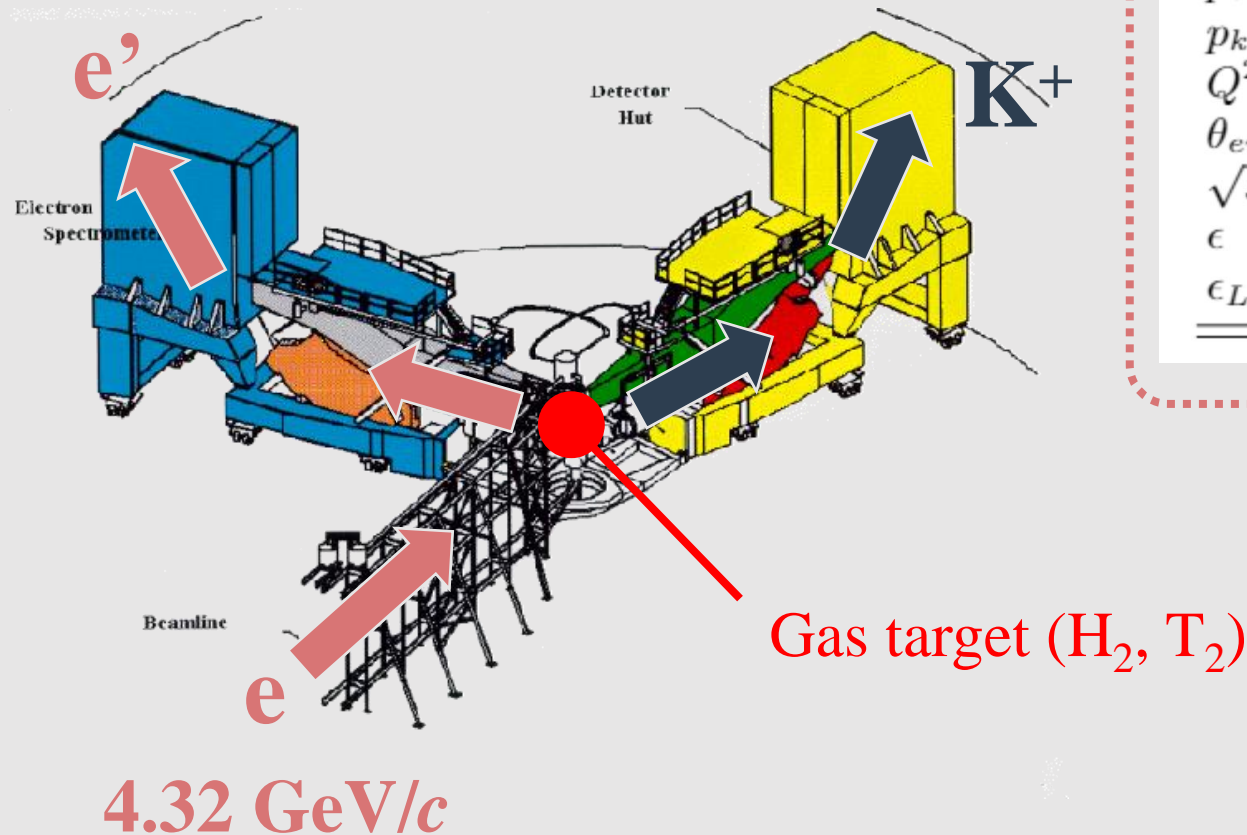


Experiment

- 12 GeV continuous electron beam (Max)
- High Quality Beam
 - $\Delta E/E = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ (FWHM)
 - Intensity 100 μA (22.5 μA for T_2)
- Data taken in Nov 2018



- $\Delta p/p = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ (FWHM)
- Momentum bite / $p \sim \pm 4.5\%$

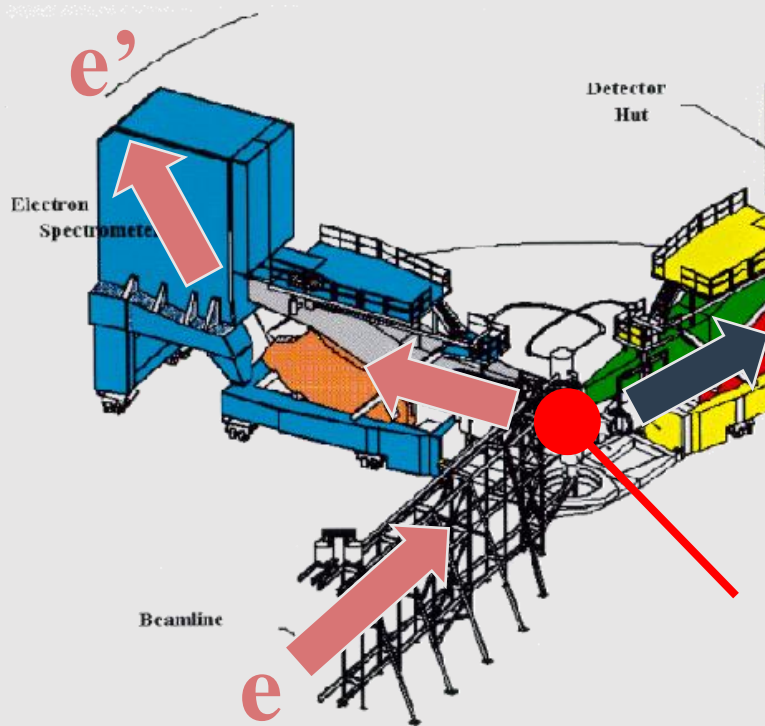


Kinematics

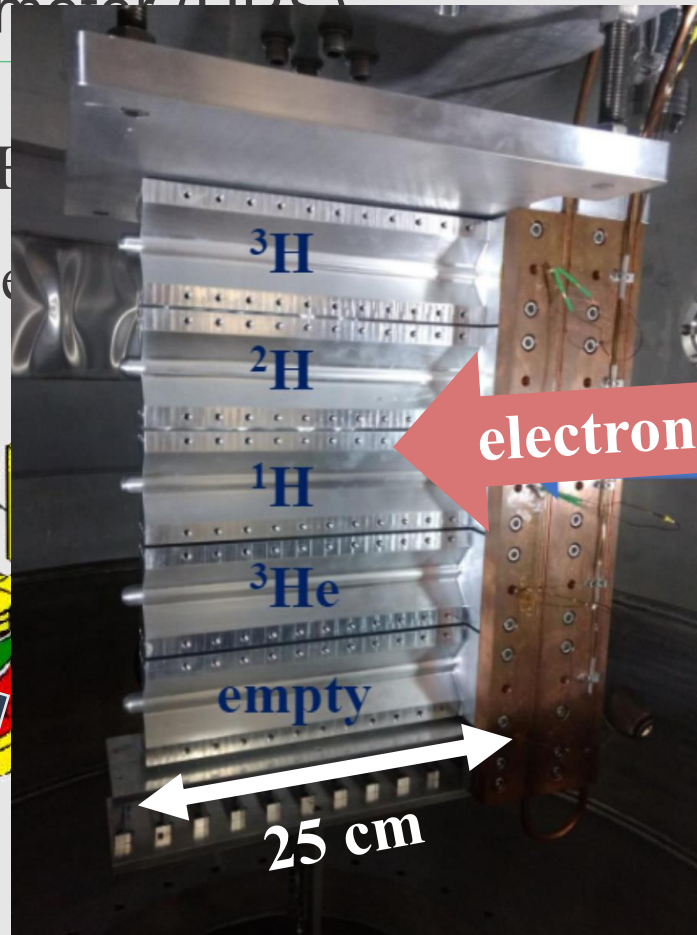
p_e	2.218 GeV/c
p_k	1.823 GeV/c
Q^2	0.506
$\theta_{e\gamma}$	13.2°
\sqrt{s}	2.08
ϵ	0.794
ϵ_L	0.091

High Resolution Spectrometer (HRS)

- $\Delta p/p = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ (FWHM)
- Momentum acceptance



4.32 GeV/c



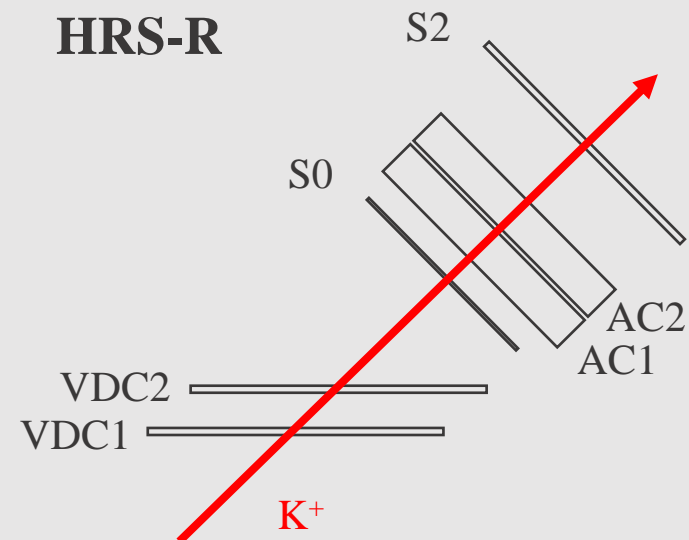
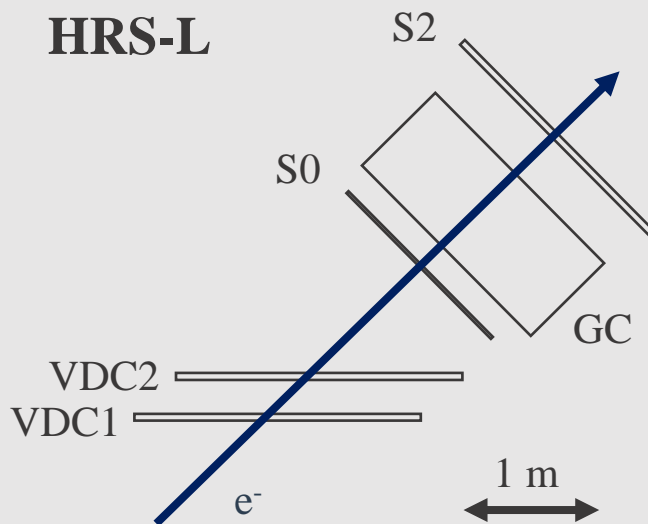
Gas target (H_2 , T_2)

S.N. Santiesteban et al., Nucl. Inst. Met A. 940,(2019)

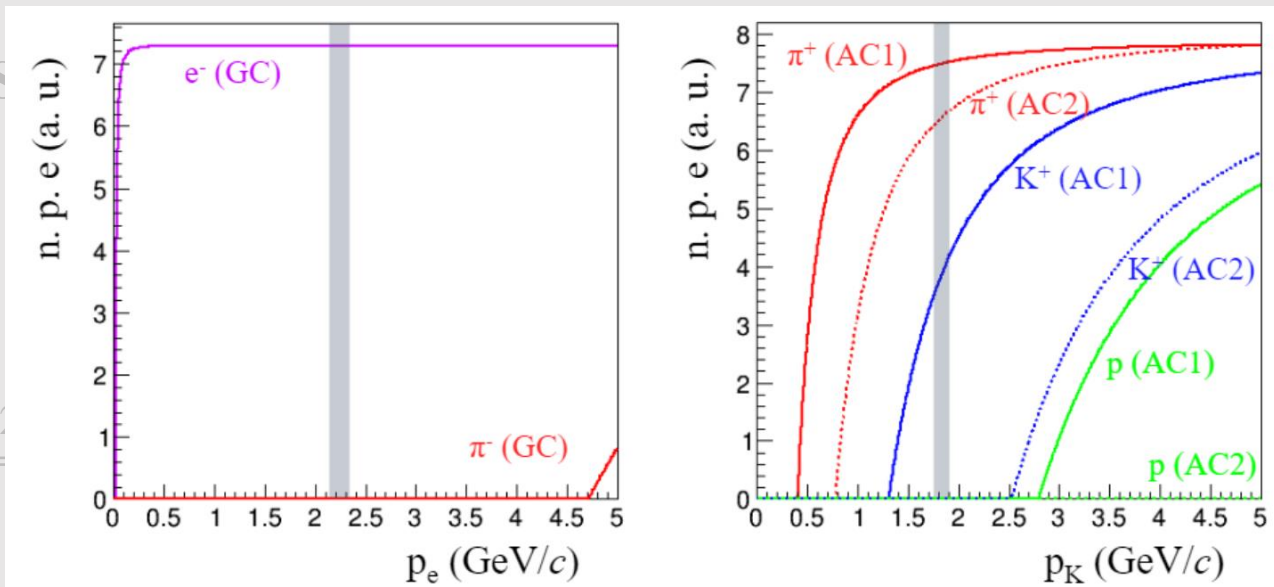
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- Almost the same configuration
 - Vertical Drift Chamber (VDC)
 - Scintillator (S0 and S2)
- PID is different
 - Gas Cherenkov (HRS-L, π^- rejection)
 - AC1, AC2 (HRS-R, π^+ , p rejection)



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Analysis

The same spectrum has been analyzed in three groups independently.

This talk



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Focus on

Cross section
Upper limit

Peak search

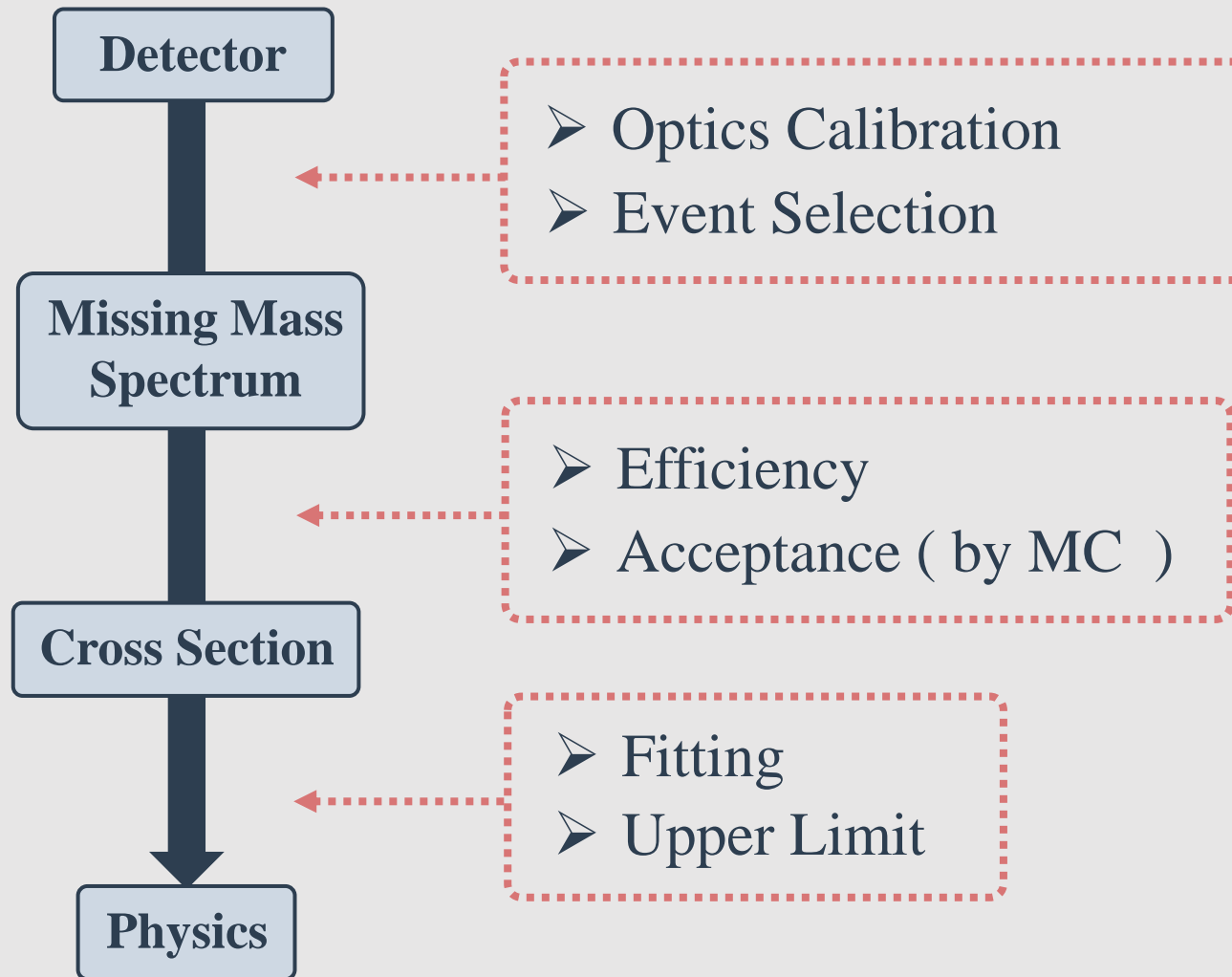
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Acceptance
Estimation

Geant4

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SIMC

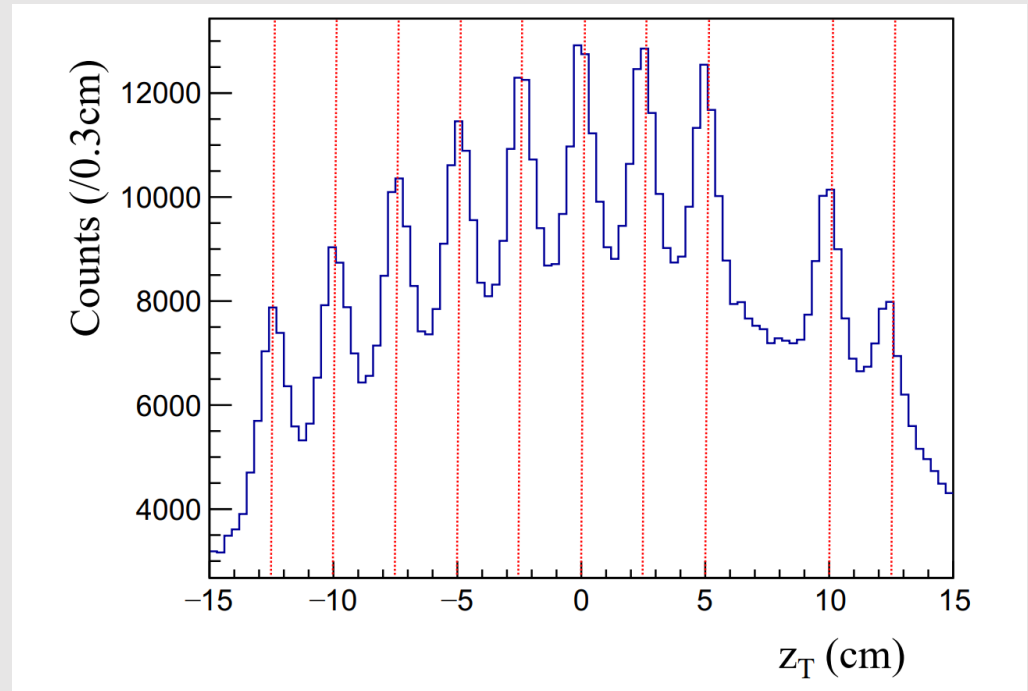
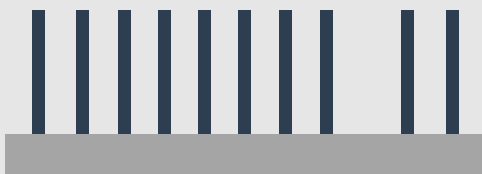


- Vertex optics were calibrated with the carbon foil data.

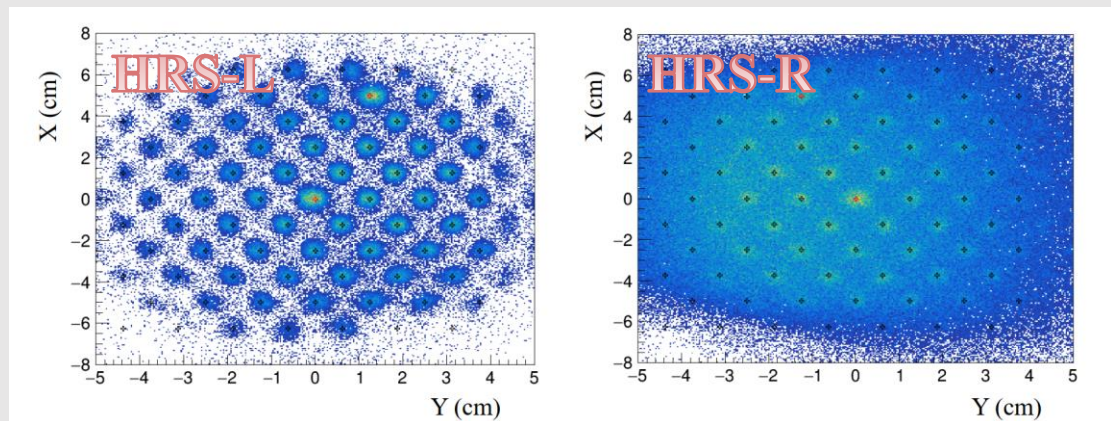
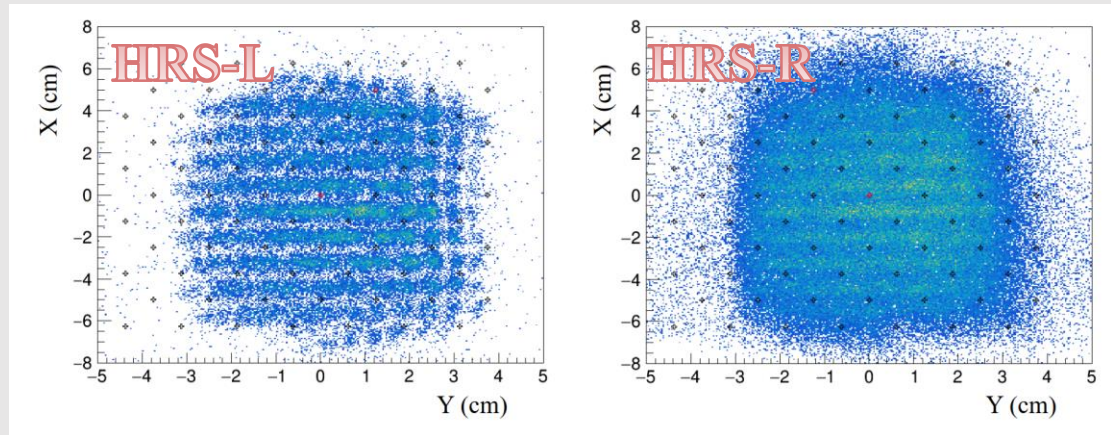
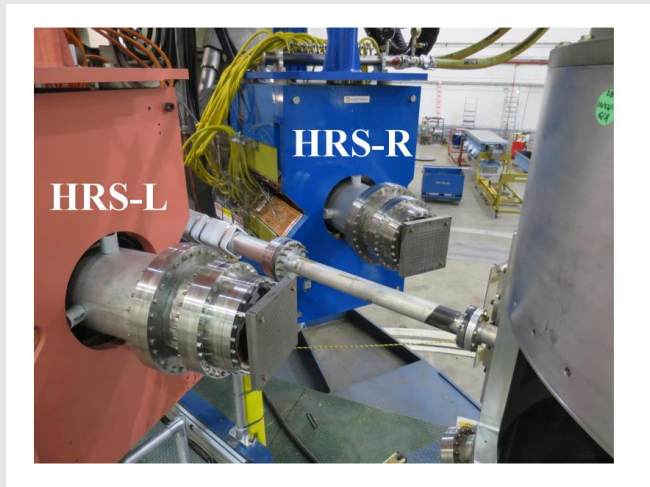
z optics

$$z_T = \sum_{a+b+c+d=0}^n C_z(a, b, c, d) x^a x'^b y^c y'^d$$

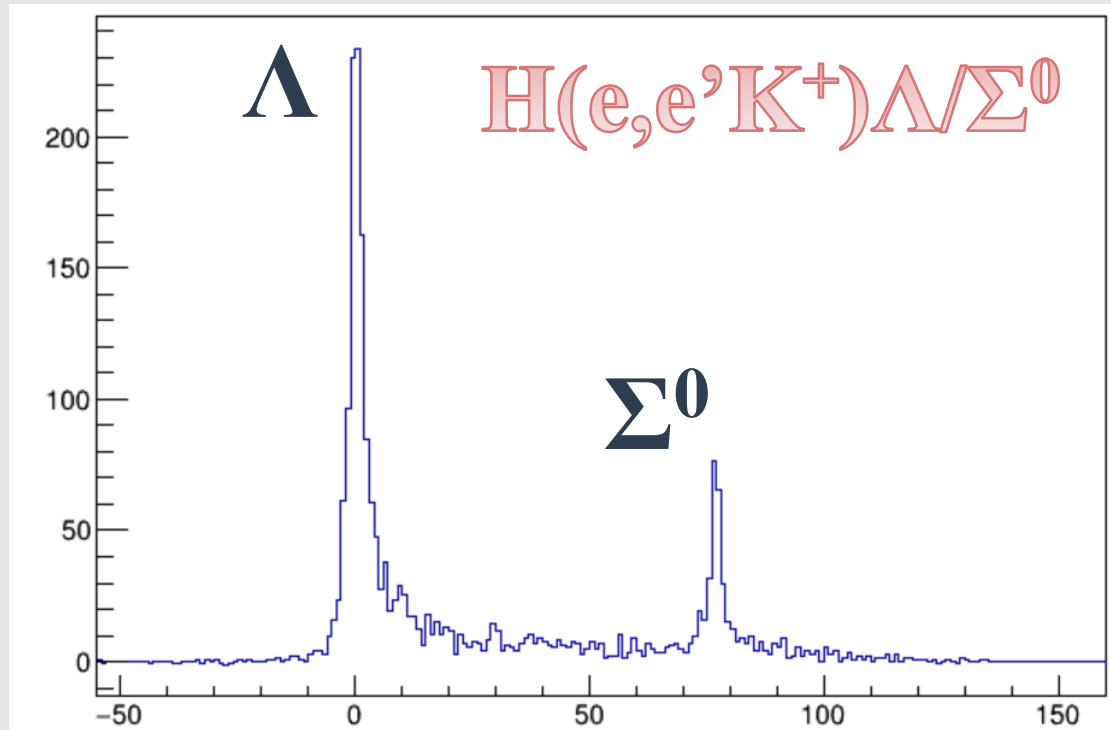
Carbon foil × 10



- Angle parameters were calibrated with sieve-slit data

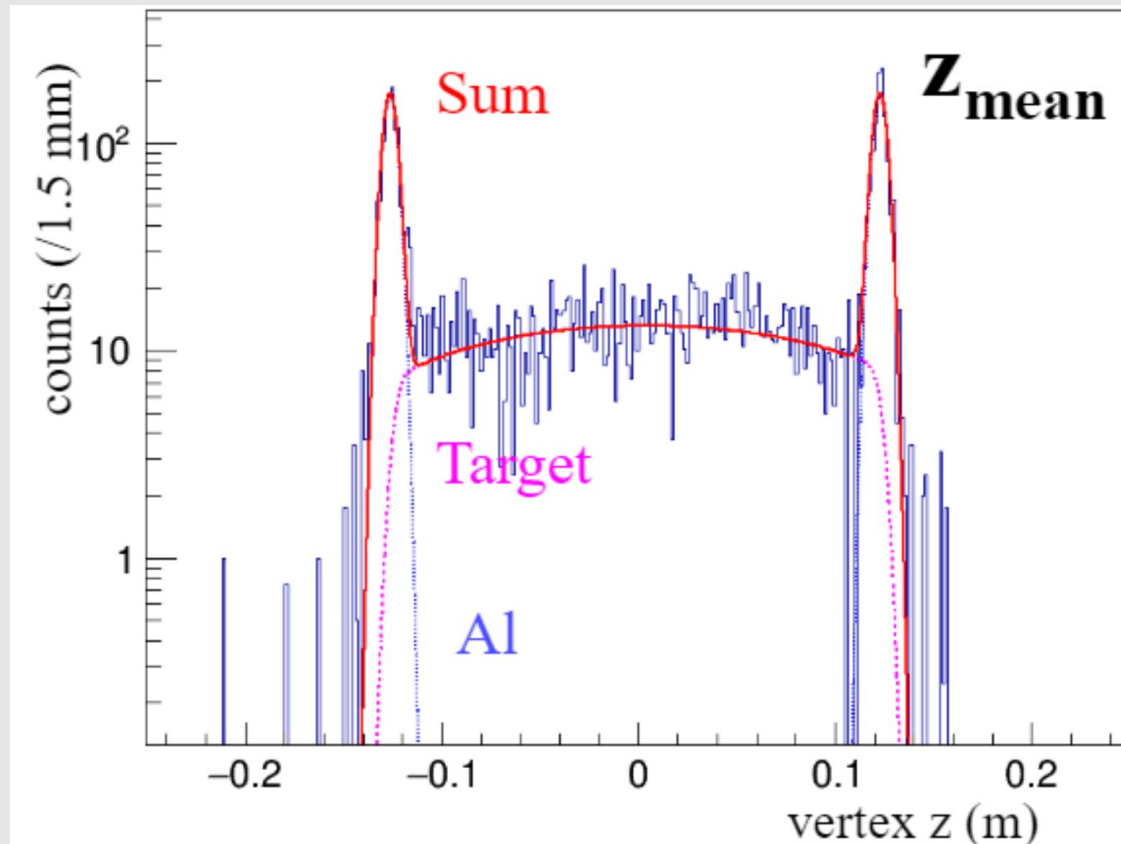


- Momentum parameters were calibrated with $H(e,e'K^+)\Lambda/\Sigma^0$

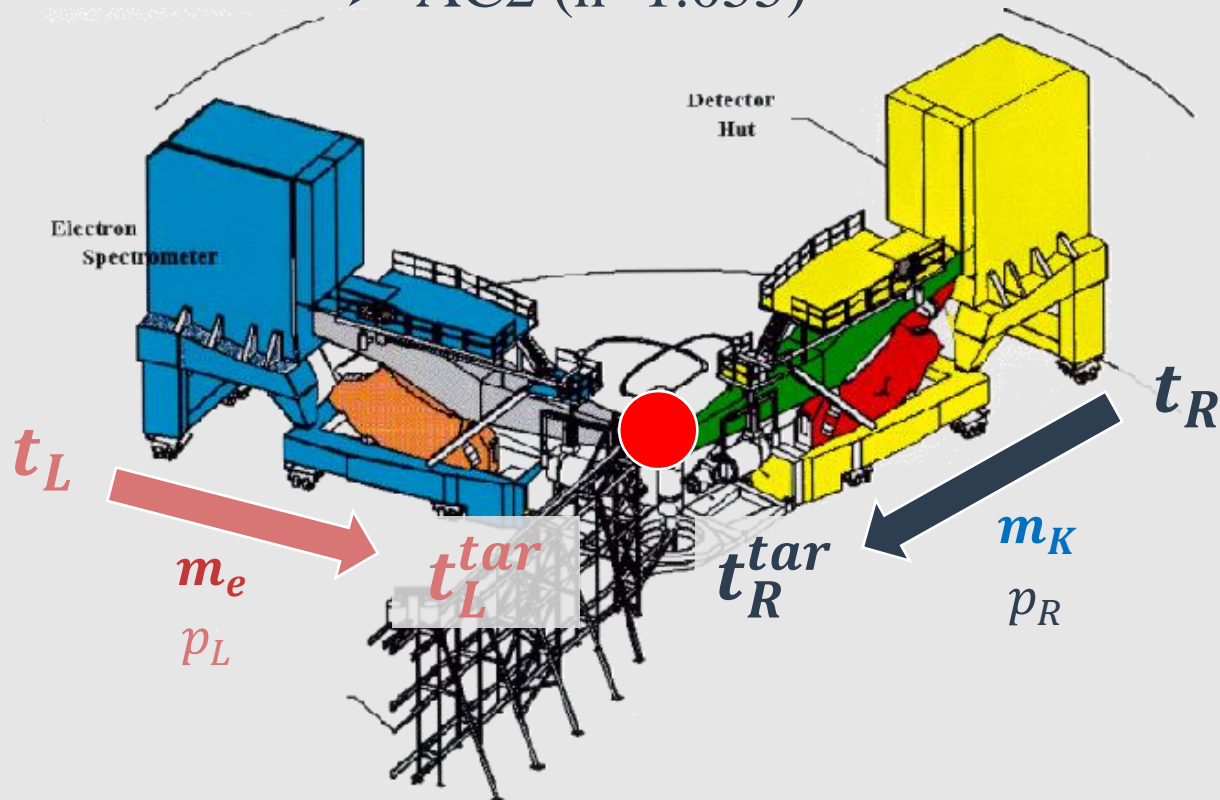


$$\Delta M = 1.3 \text{ MeV } (\sigma)$$

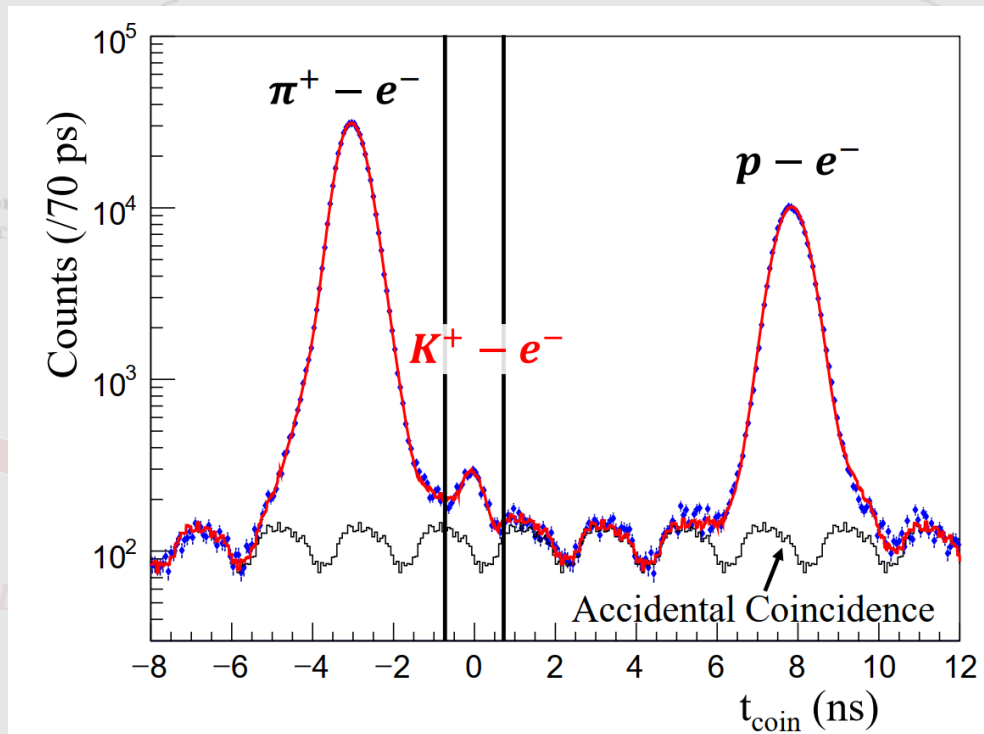
- There are Al cell contamination in the edge.
- Target region $|z| < 0.1$ m was selected.



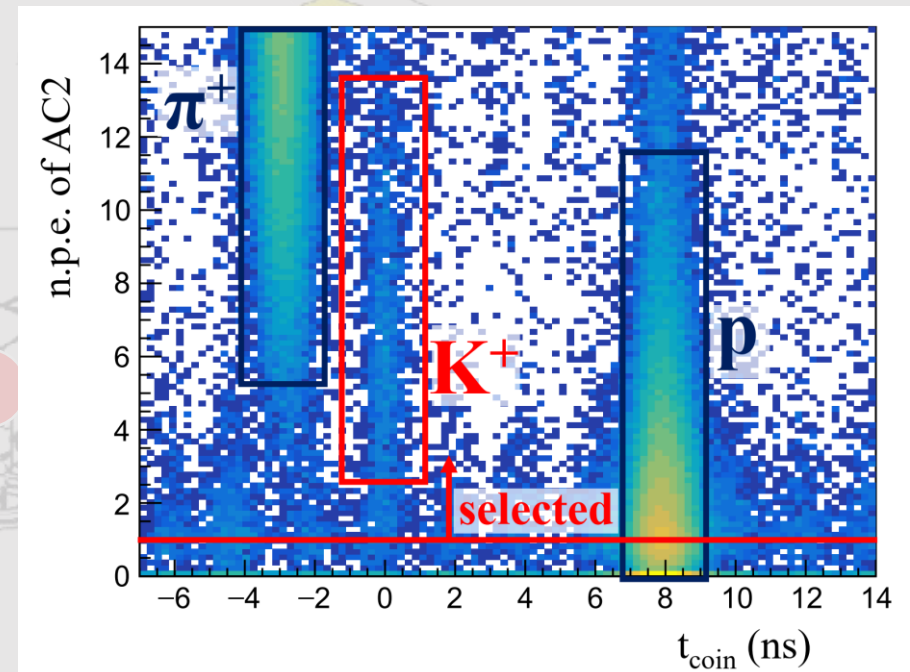
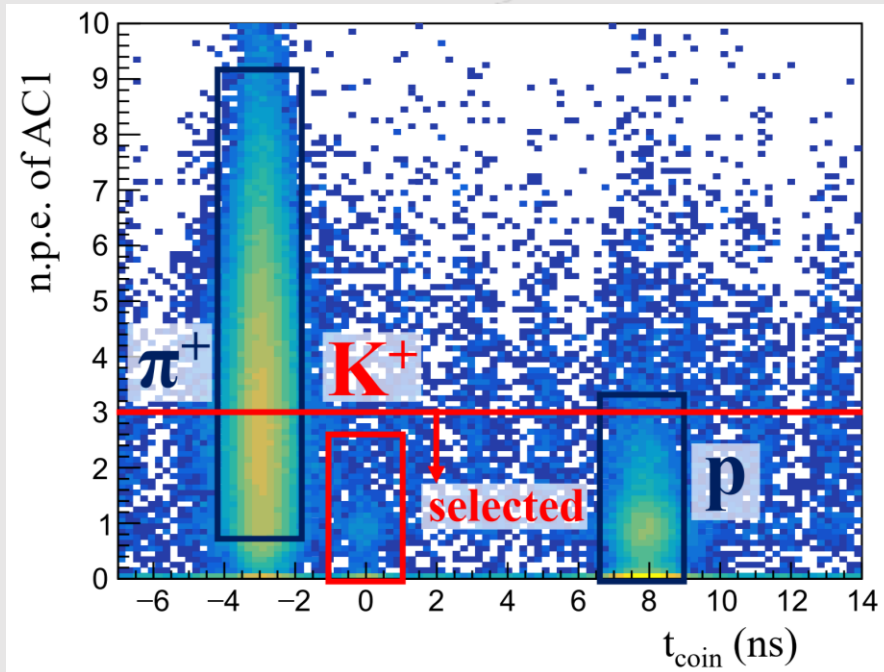
- Coincidence time : $t_L^{tar} - t_R^{tar}$
- Aerogel Cherenkov
 - AC1 (n=1.015)
 - AC2 (n=1.055)

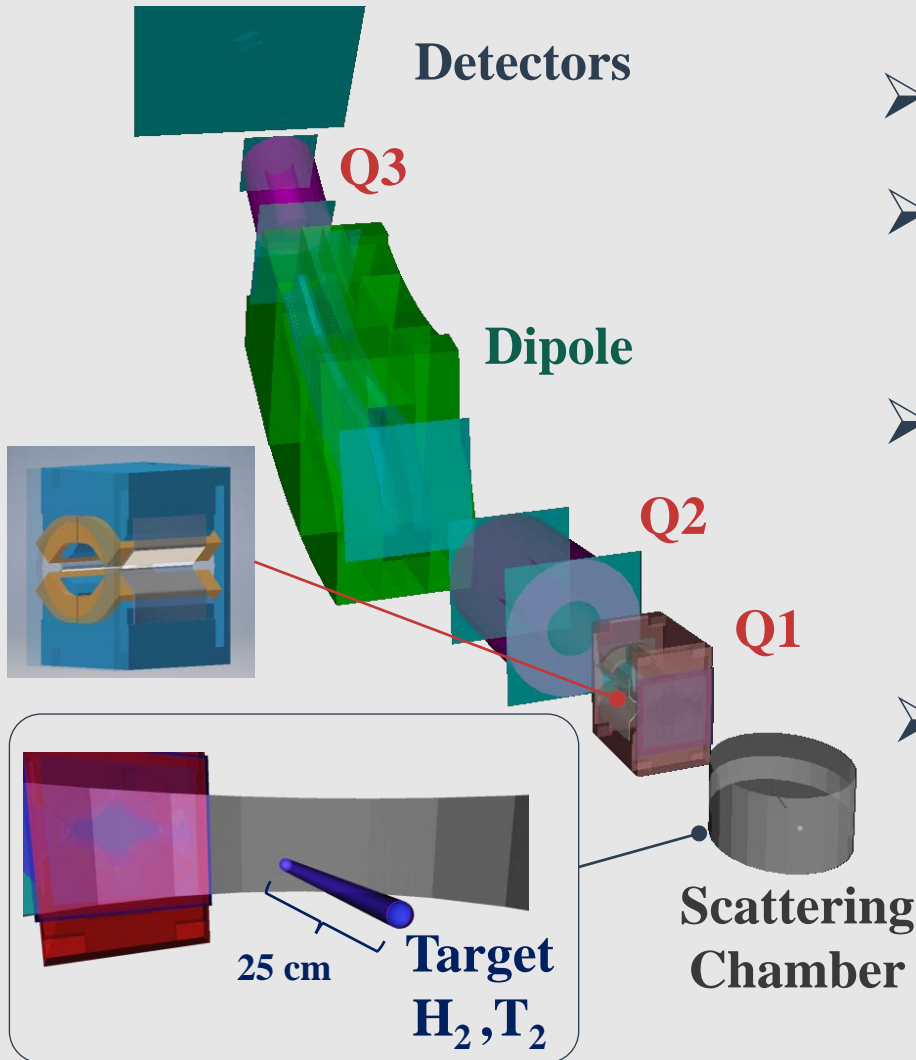


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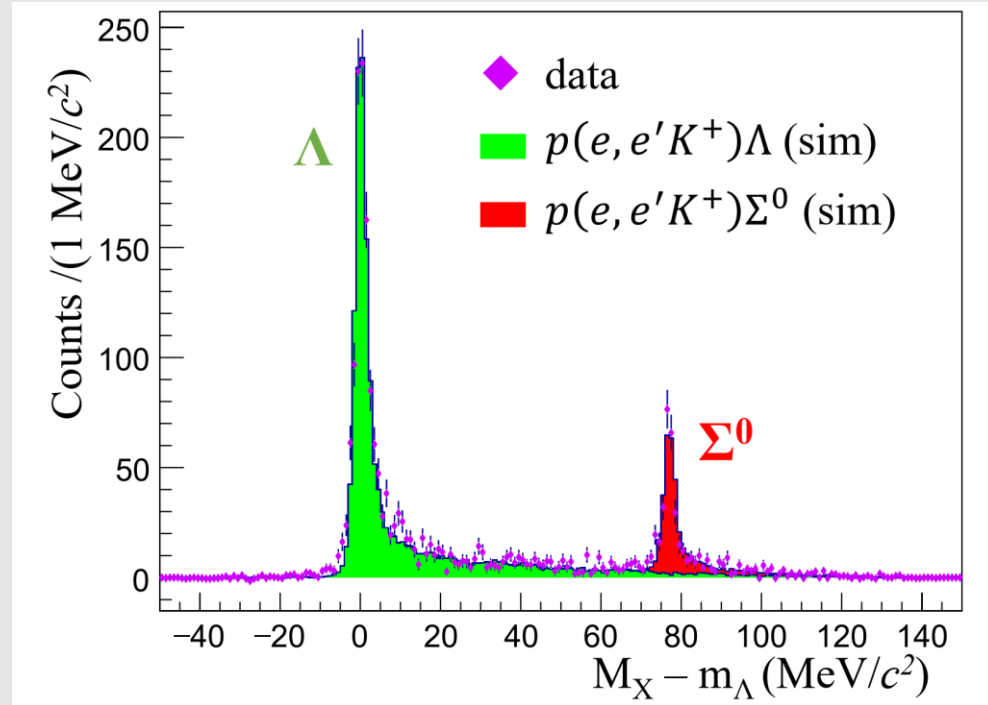
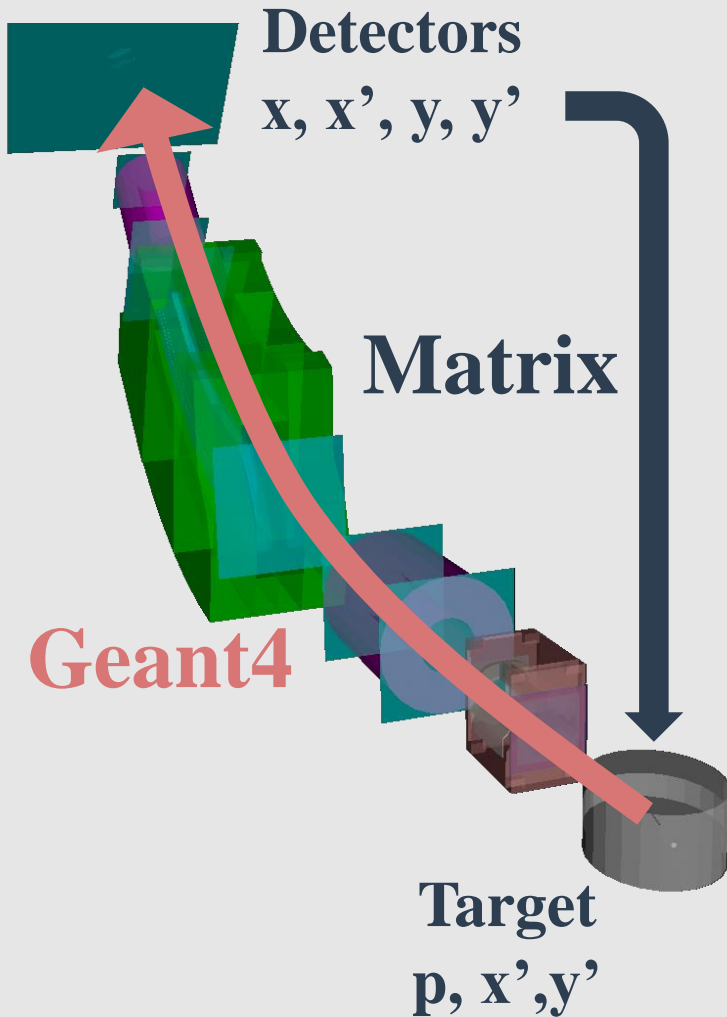


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- Original simulator
- Realistic geometry:
target cell, Q1 and Dipole
- Magnetic field:
Dipole → TOSCA
Quadrupole → Kato-eq.
- Material included:
Target cell, Air,
Isolator etc...

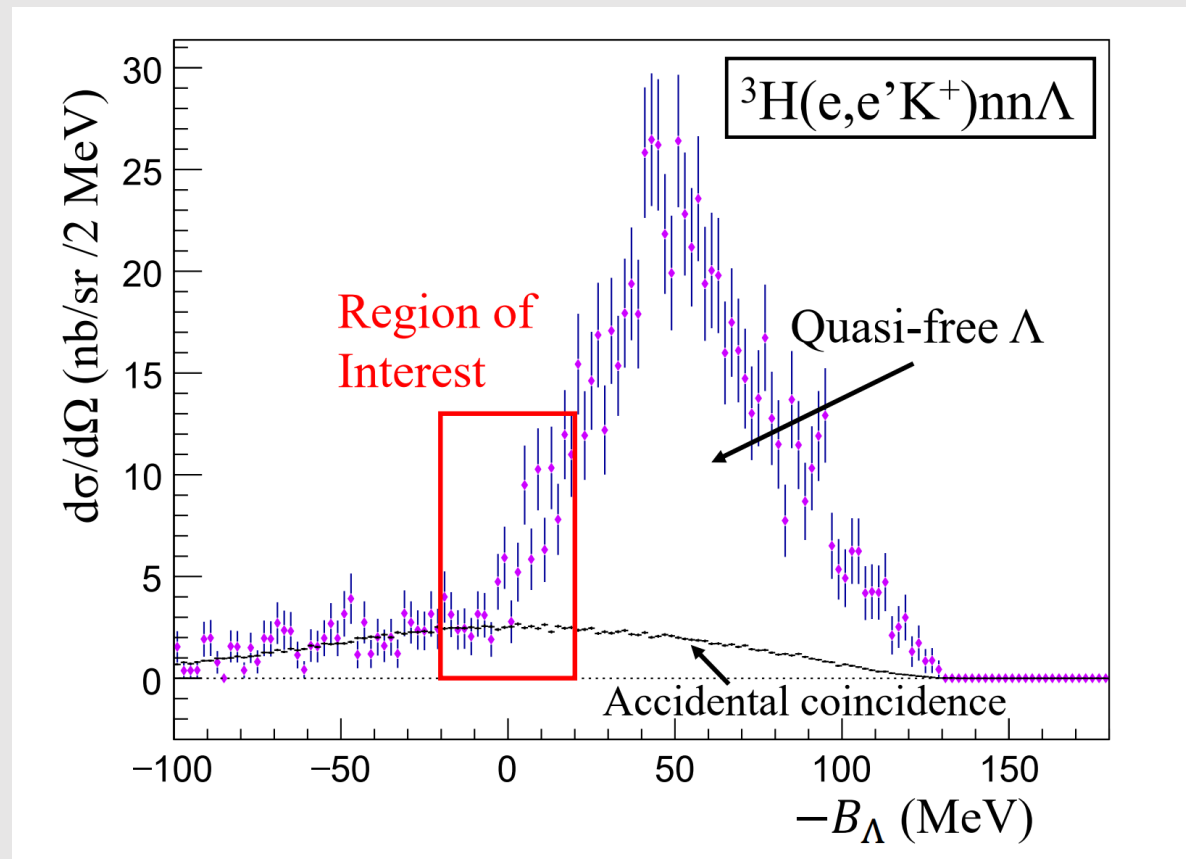


Estimated Resolution

$\Lambda: 1.4 \pm 0.1$ MeV \rightarrow $nn\Lambda: 1.5 \pm 0.2$ MeV

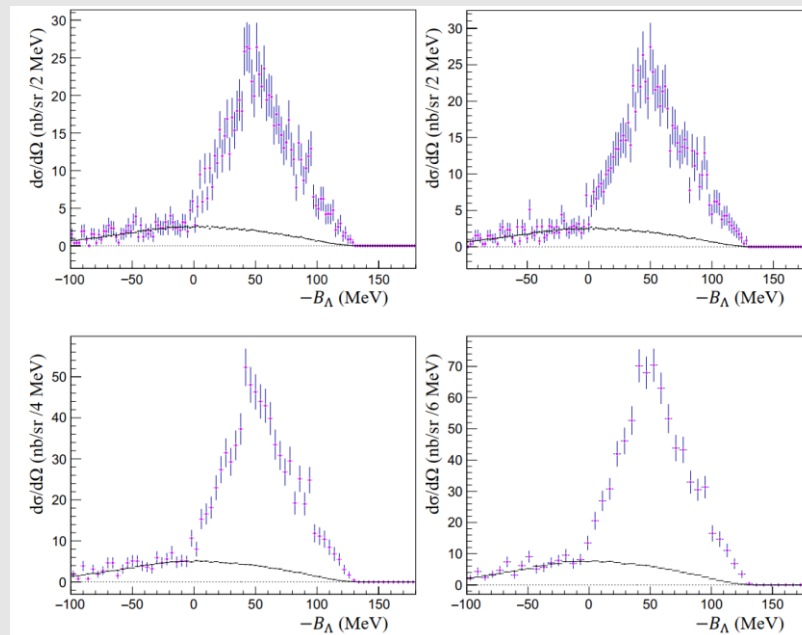
Item	Efficiency or correction factor	Regard
ϵ_{track}	0.981	Tracking efficiency estimated from the data analysis and a simple MC simulation.
ϵ_{decay}	0.15 at $p^{\text{cent.}}$	K^+ survival ratio against its decay estimated by Geant4 MC simulation.
ϵ_{T}	0.986	Survival ratio of the tritium gas against its decay with ${}^3\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$.
$1/\epsilon_{\text{He}}$	0.97	Correction factor to correct the ${}^3\text{He}$ contamination from the tritium decay. A ratio of Q.F. Λ production from ${}^3\text{H}$ to that of ${}^3\text{He}$ was assumed to be the same as that of the $(e, e'p)$ reaction [40].
ϵ_{DAQ}	0.95	Efficiency of data acquisition system and trigger counters [41].
ϵ_{ctime}	0.96	Efficiency for the real coincidence selection by the coincidence time (Fig. 6).
ϵ_{absorp}	0.91 at $p^{\text{cent.}}$	Survival ratio of K^+ against its absorption in materials due to the K^+N interaction. It was estimated by the Geant4 MC simulation.
$\epsilon_{\text{density}}$	0.901	Density-reduction effect of the gas due to the heat by beam irradiation [20].
ϵ_{vertex}	0.71	z_{diff} and z_{mean} cuts shown in Sec. 3.2.
ϵ_{PID}	0.91	Survival ratio of signals after the particle identification by the gas and aerogel Cherenkov detectors.
$1/\epsilon_{\pi}$	0.98	Correction factor to correct the π contamination.

- The cross section of ${}^3\text{H}(e,e'\text{K}^+)nn\Lambda$ were calculated with the efficiencies.

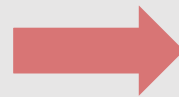
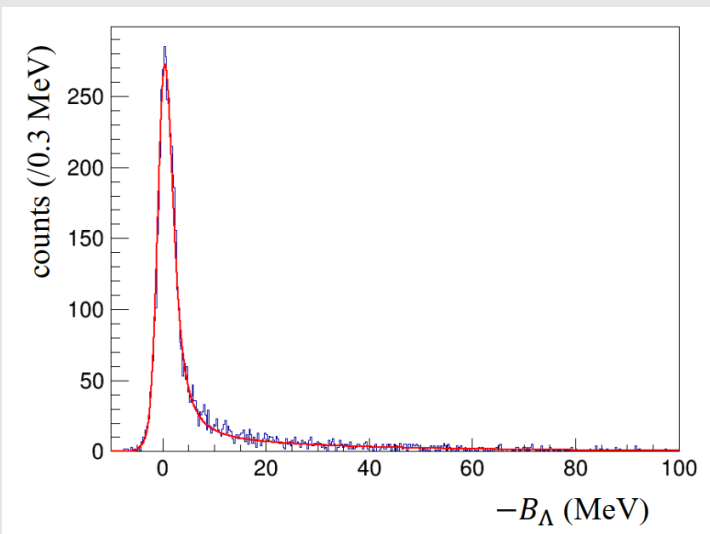


- A systematic error due to the binning effect is large in the threshold region where the number of events is limited
- Fitting was performed with unbinned-maximum-likelihood

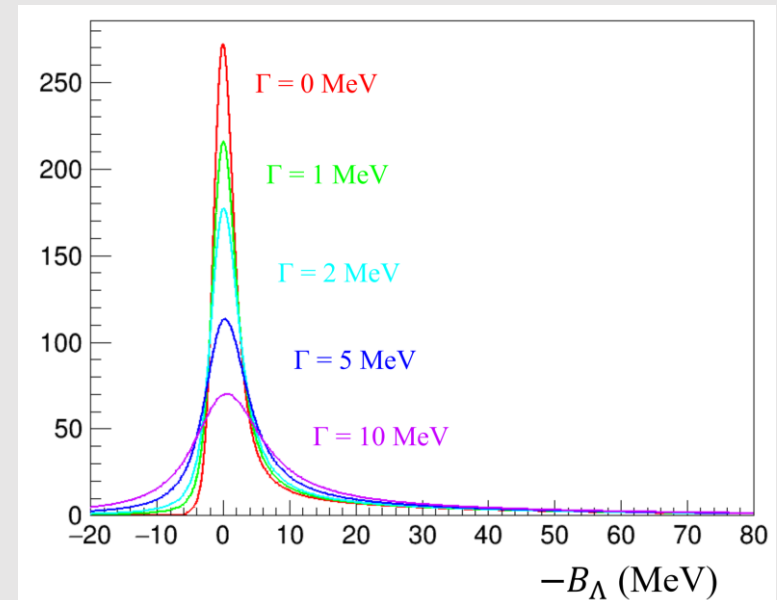
$$L(x; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N f(x_i, \theta).$$



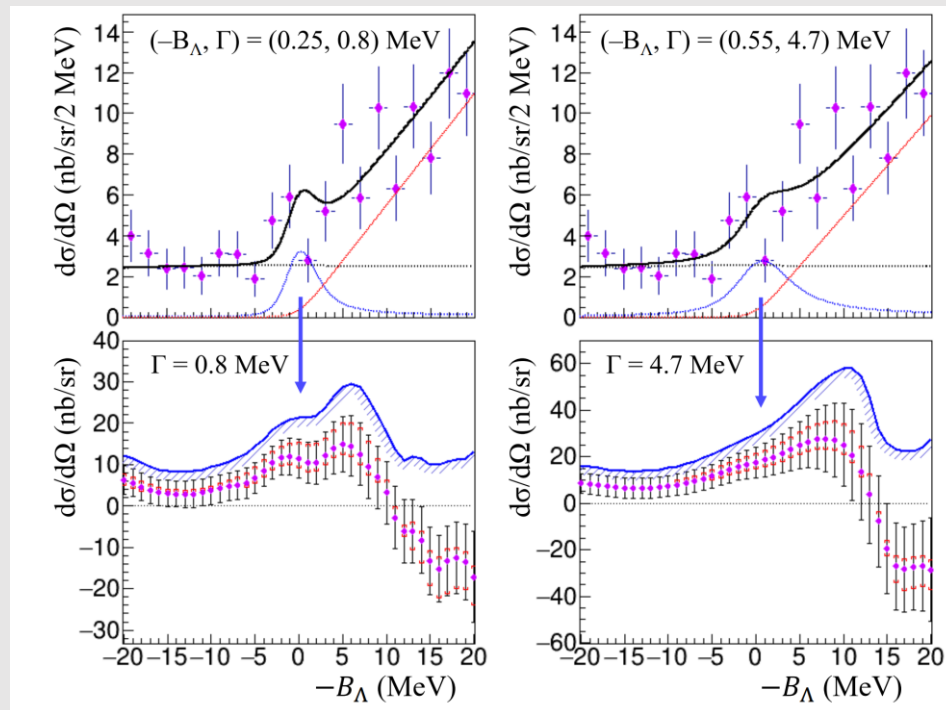
- nn Λ signal with $\Gamma = 0$ MeV was simulated with the Geant4.
- BW function with finite width Γ was convoluted.



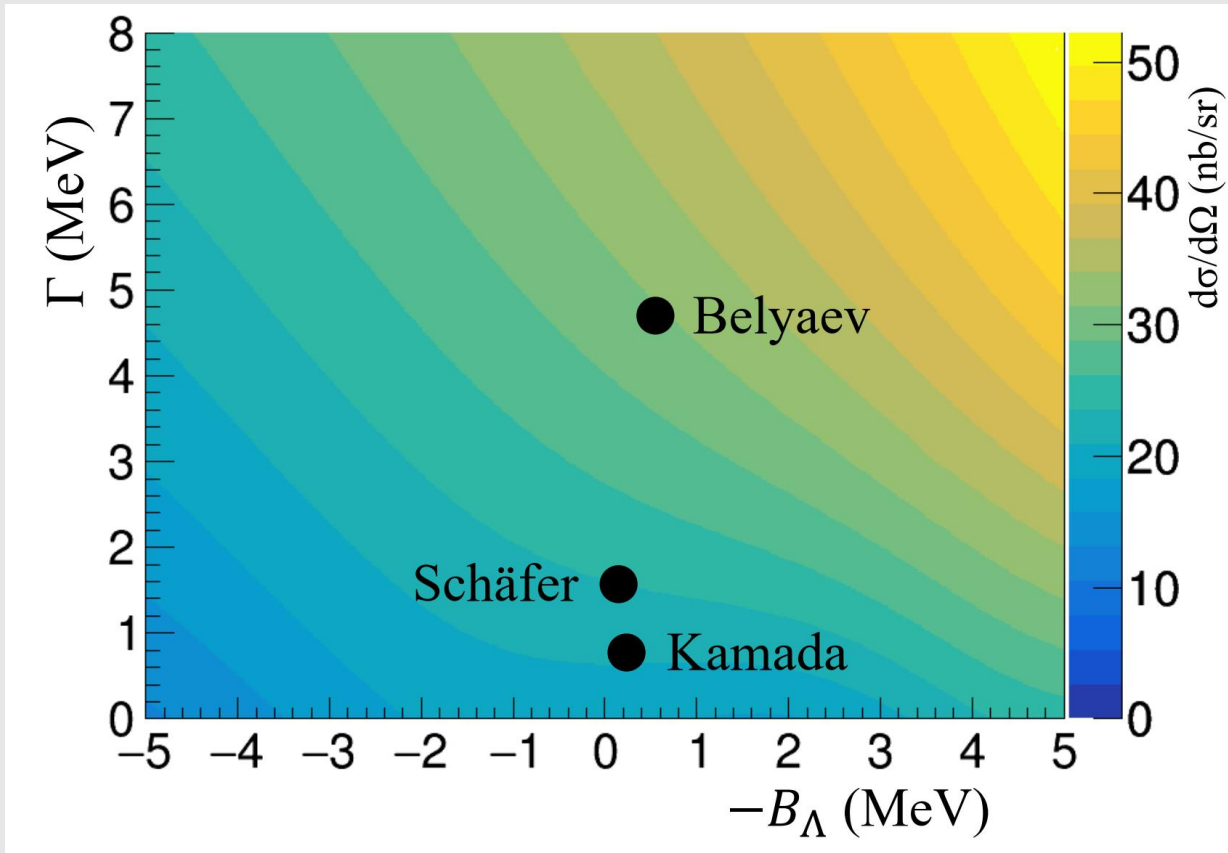
Convolution



- The upper panels show the result with $(B_\Lambda, \Gamma) = (0.25, 0.8)$ and $(0.55, 4.7)$ MeV.
- No peak structure with a significance exceeding 3σ was found.
- The bottom show the 90% upper limit. $(0.25, 0.8)$ MeV : 21 nb
 $(0.55, 4.7)$ MeV : 31 nb



- Two-dimensional scans of B_Λ and Γ for upper limit were performed.



${}^3\text{H}(e,e'\text{K})nn\Lambda$ reaction was measured with HRS-L and HRS-R at Jefferson Laboratory HallA in 2018.

- The cross section was obtained with efficiencies and correction estimation.
- No significant peak was observed, and upper limit was estimated.
- This is expected to provide significant information on the $nn\Lambda$ existence and Λn interaction