

# Studies of hypernuclei with heavy ion beams, nuclear emulsions and machine learning

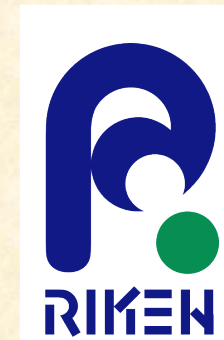
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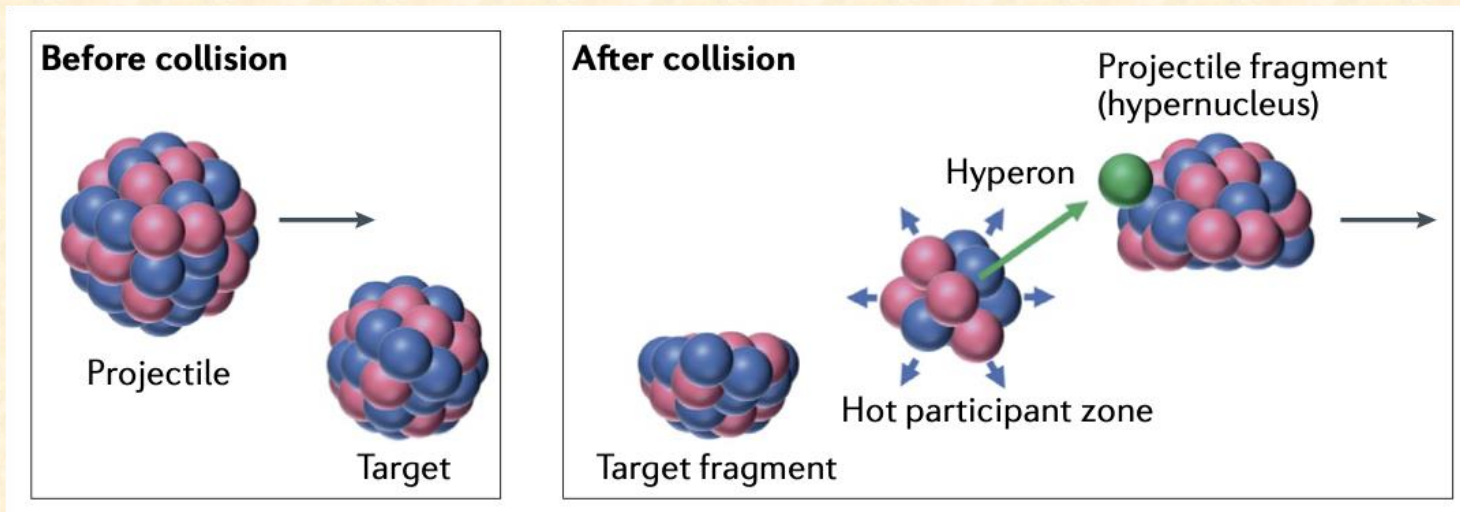
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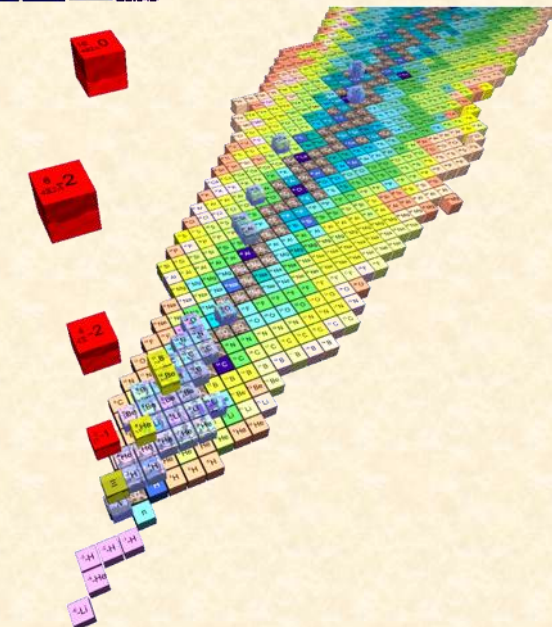
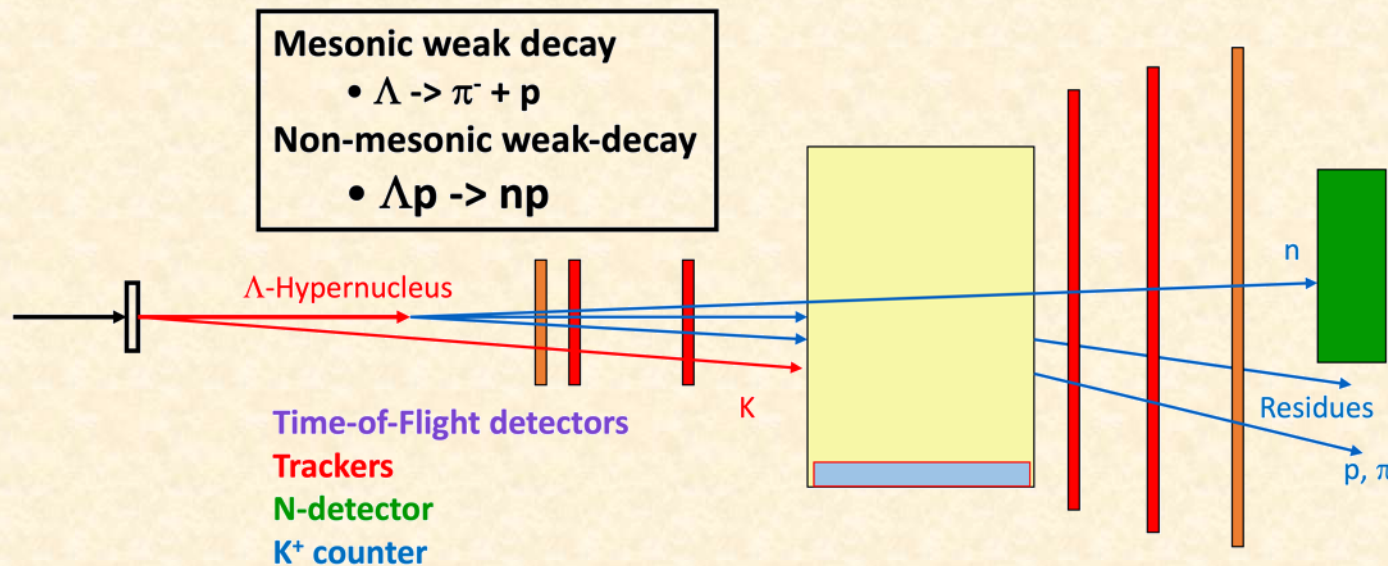
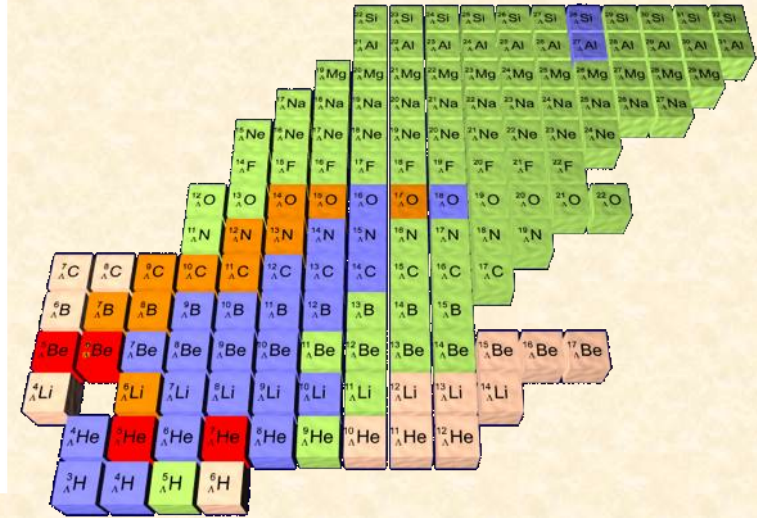
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# Our way to produce hypernuclei

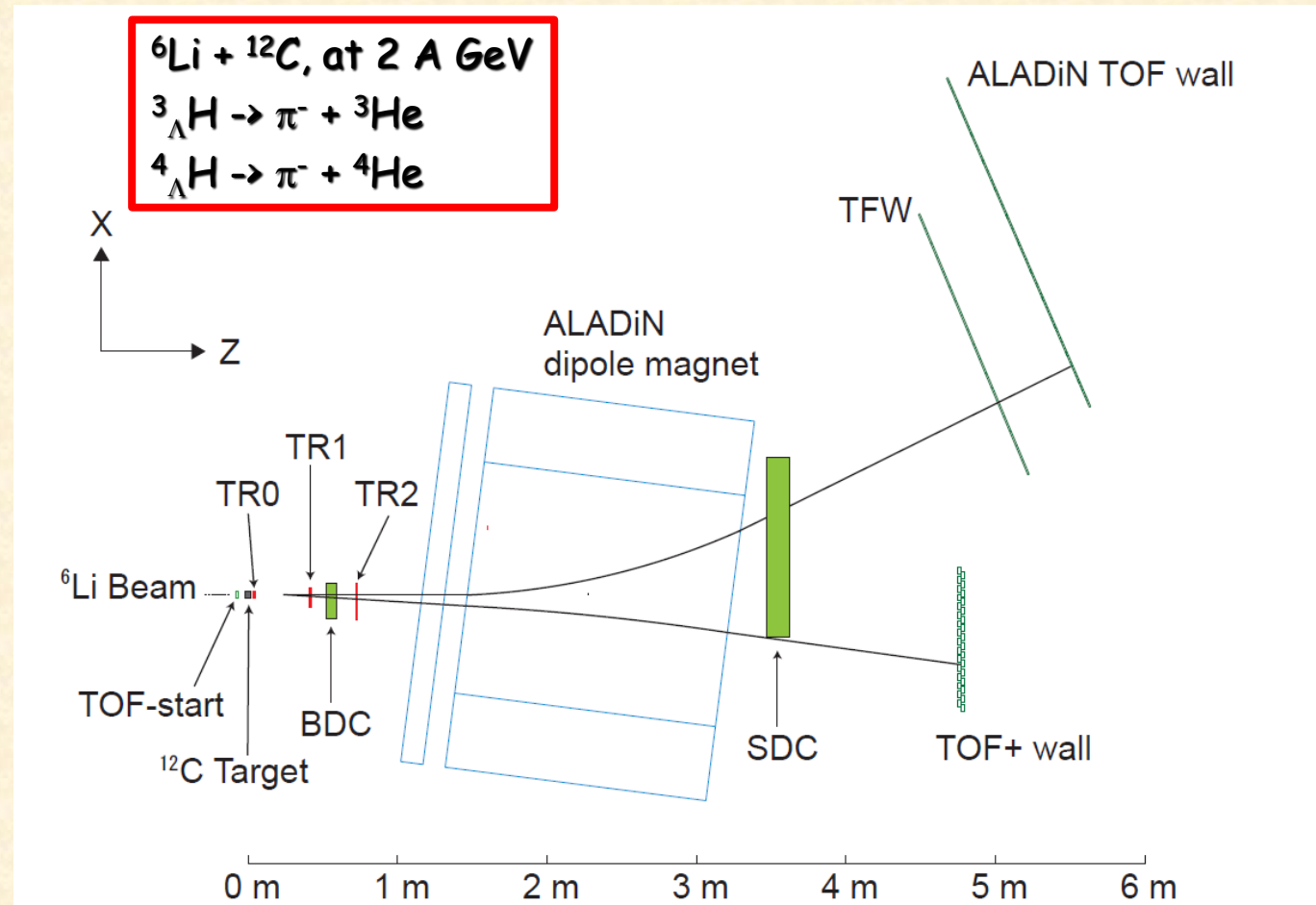
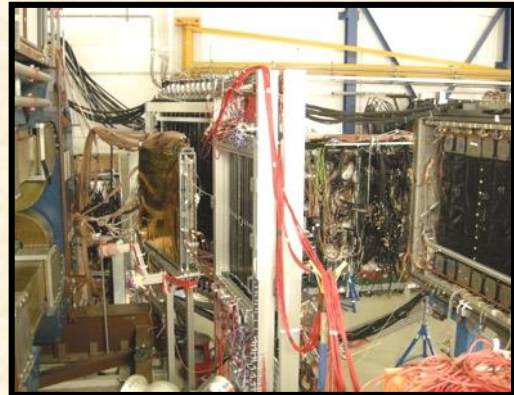
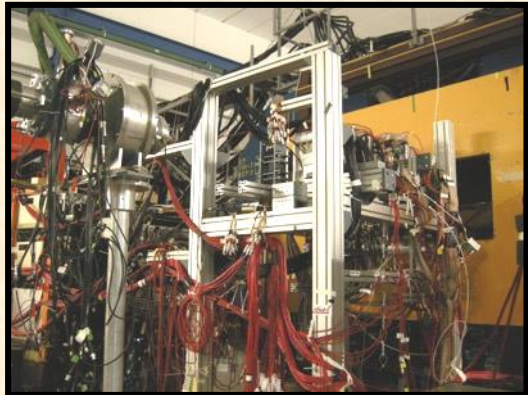


TRS et al., Nature Reviews Physics 3, 803-813 (2021)



# Pioneering experiment: HypHI Phase 0 (2009)

- To demonstrate the feasibility of precise hypernuclear spectroscopy with  ${}^6\text{Li}$  primary beams at 2 A GeV on a carbon target



# Two puzzles initiated by HypHI

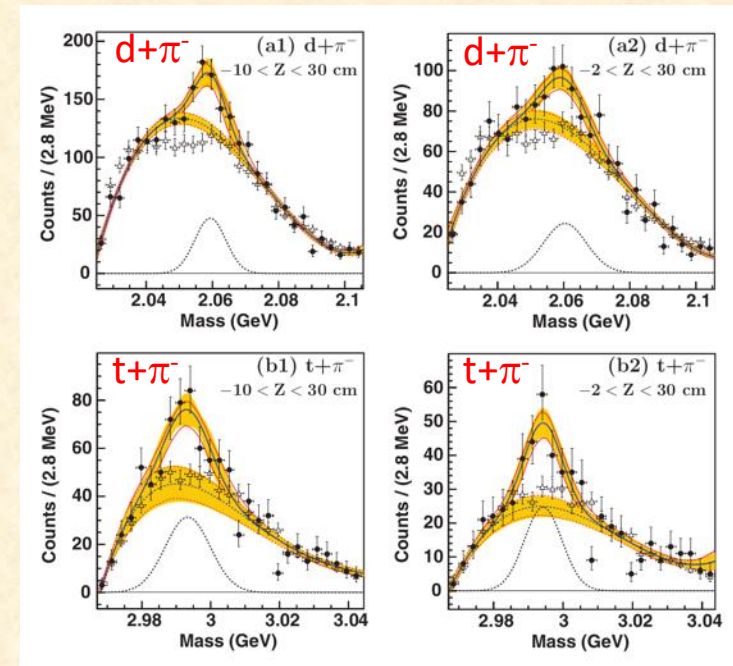
## Signals indicating $nn\Lambda$ bound state

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  
and much more publication

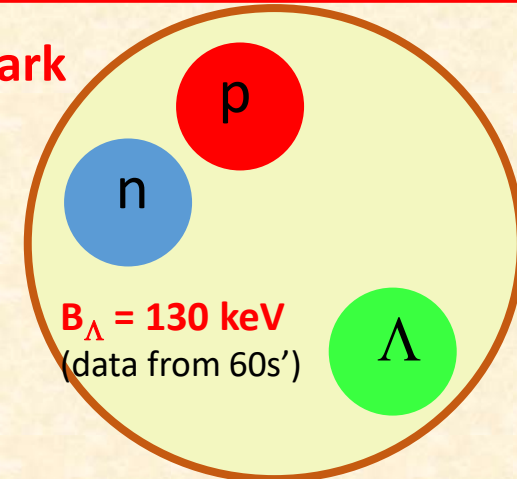
**Short lifetime of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$**  C. Rappold et al., Nucl. Phys. A 913 (2013) 170

- HypHI Phase 0:  $183^{+42}_{-32}$  ps



C. Rappold et al., PRC 88 (2013) 041001

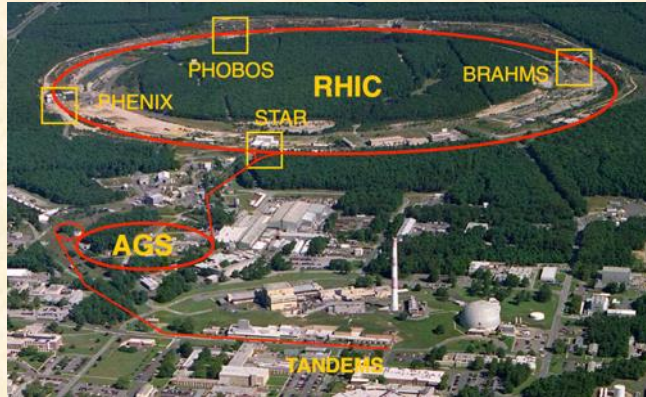
## Benchmark



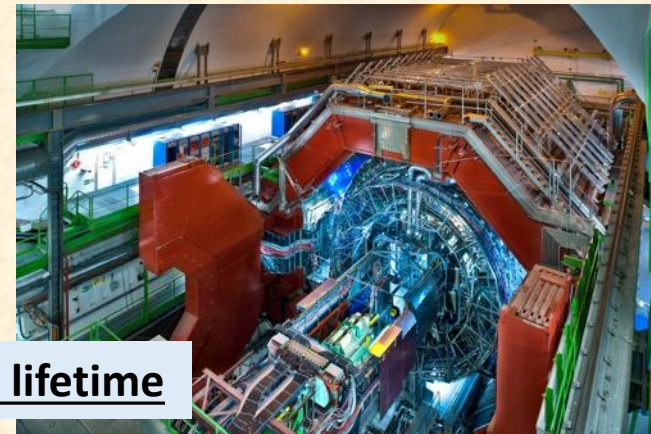
$\tau({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  should be equal to  $\tau(\Lambda, 263$  ps)

# Lifetime of hypertriton

## STAR at RHIC



## ALICE at LHC



No theories to reproduce the short lifetime

$155^{+25}_{-22}$  ps



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



$221 \pm 15$  ps

PRL 128 (2022) 202301

**HypHI**  
 $183^{+42}_{-32}$  ps

$181^{+54}_{-39}$  ps



$237^{+34}_{-38}$  ps

PLB 128 (2019) 134905

# Very recent result from STAR

Hot topics in nuclear experiments:  
**STAR, ALICE, J-PARC, ELPH and WASA-FRS**

**We would provide one data point with very small errors**

The combined results are  $221 \pm 15(\text{stat}) + 19(\text{syst})$  for  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  $218 \pm 6(\text{stat}) + 13(\text{syst})$  for  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ . As shown in Fig. 2, they are consistent with previous measurements from ALICE [7,8], STAR [10,11], HypHI [9], and early experiments using imaging techniques [3–5,10,42–48]. Using all the available experimental data, the average lifetimes of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  are  $200 \pm 13$  ps and  $208 \pm 12$  ps, respectively, corresponding to  $(76 \pm 5)\%$  and  $(79 \pm 5)\%$  of  $\tau_{\Lambda}$ . All data from ALICE, STAR, and HypHI lie within  $1.5\sigma$  of the global averages. These precise data clearly indicate that the  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  lifetimes are considerably lower than  $\tau_{\Lambda}$ .

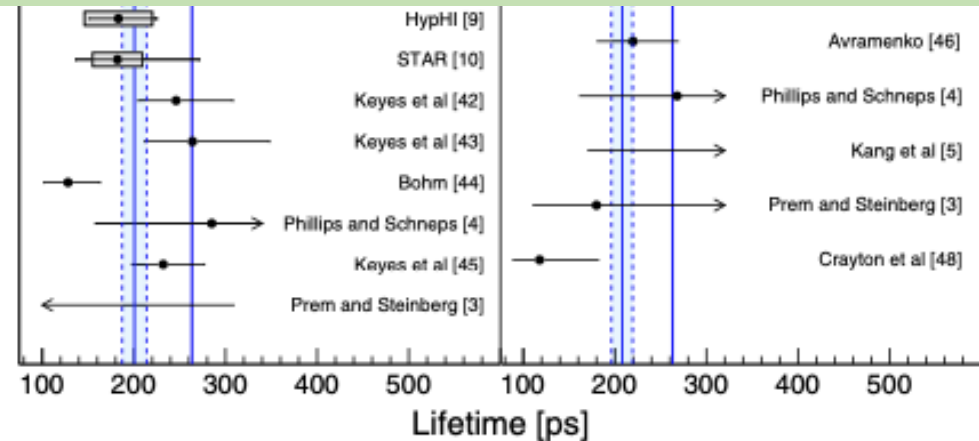


FIG. 2.  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  (a) and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  (b) measured lifetime, compared to previous measurements [3–5,7–11,42–48], theoretical calculations [49–54], and  $\tau_{\Lambda}$  [41]. Horizontal lines represent statistical uncertainties, while boxes represent systematic uncertainties. The experimental average lifetimes and the corresponding uncertainty of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  are also shown as vertical blue shaded bands.

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# Binding energy of hypertriton

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## Measurement of the mass difference and the binding energy of the hypertriton and antihypertriton

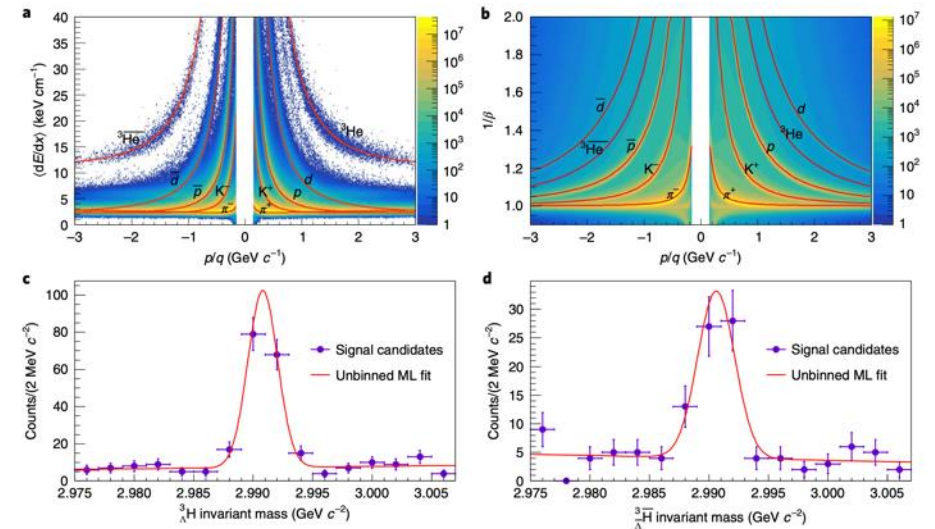
The STAR Collaboration\*

The  $\Lambda$  binding energy,  $B_\Lambda$ , for  ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$  and  ${}^3_{\bar{\Lambda}}\bar{\text{H}}$  is calculated using the mass measurement shown in equation (1). We obtain

$$B_\Lambda = 0.41 \pm 0.12(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV} \quad (3)$$

Former value by emulsion (data from 60's)

**$0.13 \pm 0.05 \text{ MeV}$**



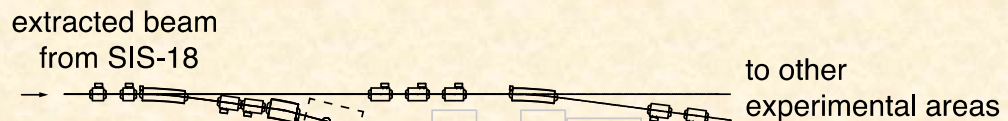
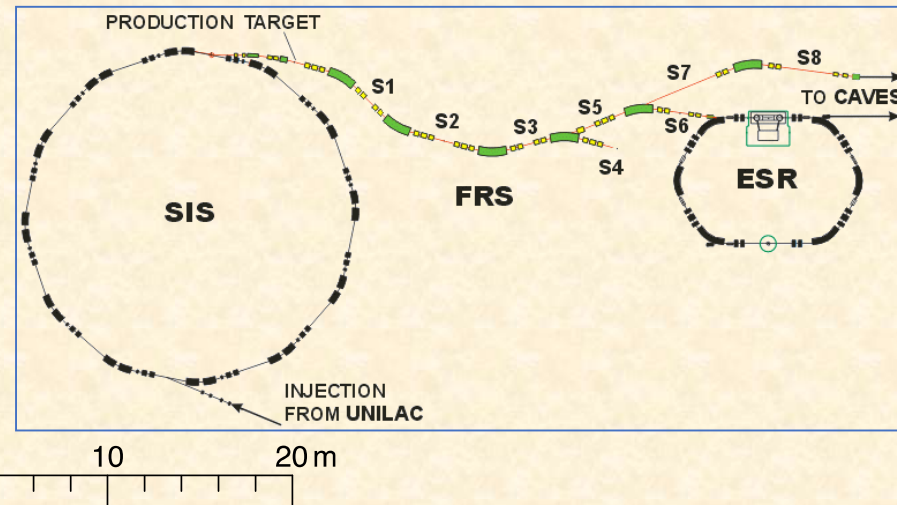
**Fig. 2 | Particle identification and the invariant mass distributions for  ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$  and  ${}^3_{\bar{\Lambda}}\bar{\text{H}}$  reconstruction. a, b,  $\langle dE/dx \rangle$  (mean energy loss per unit track length in the gas of the TPC) versus  $p/q$  (where  $p$  is the momentum and  $q$  is the electric charge in units of the elementary charge  $e$ ) (a) and  $1/\beta$  (where  $\beta$  is the speed of a particle in units of the speed of light) versus  $p/q$  (b).  $\langle dE/dx \rangle$  is measured by the TPC and  $1/\beta$  is measured by the TOF detector in conjunction with the TPC. In both cases, the coloured bands show the measured data for each species of charged particle, while the red curves show the expected values. Charged particles are identified by comparing the observed  $\langle dE/dx \rangle$  and  $1/\beta$  with the expected values. c, d, Utilizing both 2-body and 3-body decay channels, the invariant mass distributions of  ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$  (c) and  ${}^3_{\bar{\Lambda}}\bar{\text{H}}$  (d) are shown. The error bars represent statistical uncertainties (s.d.). The red curves represent a fit with a Gaussian function plus a linear background, using the unbinned maximum likelihood (ML) method.**

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Our challenges on  
the hypertriton lifetime



# The novel technique with FRS at GSI

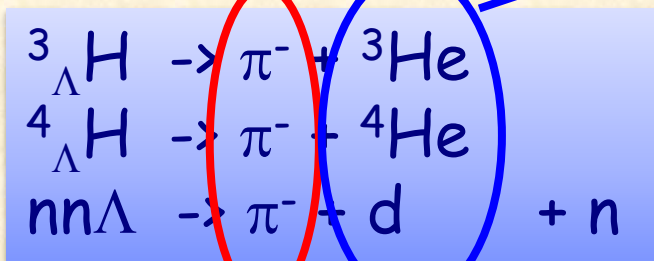


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Larger acceptance for  $\pi^-$   
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to other experimental areas

$\Delta p/p = 10^{-4}$



F4 area  
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 - multi-wire drift chambers  
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 - aerogel and acrylite Čerenkov counters

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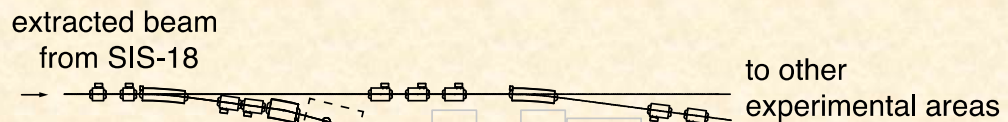
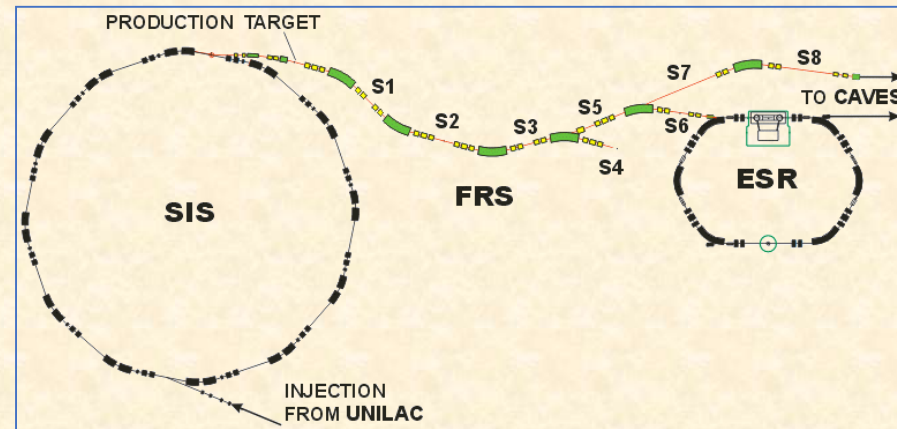
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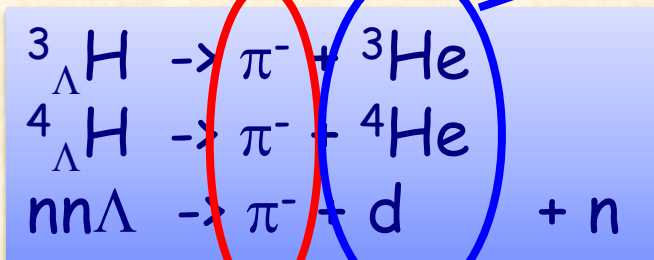


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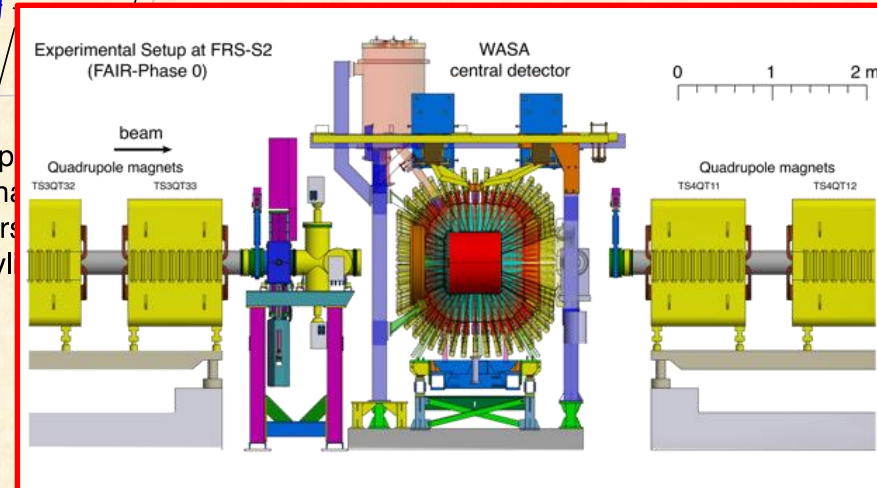
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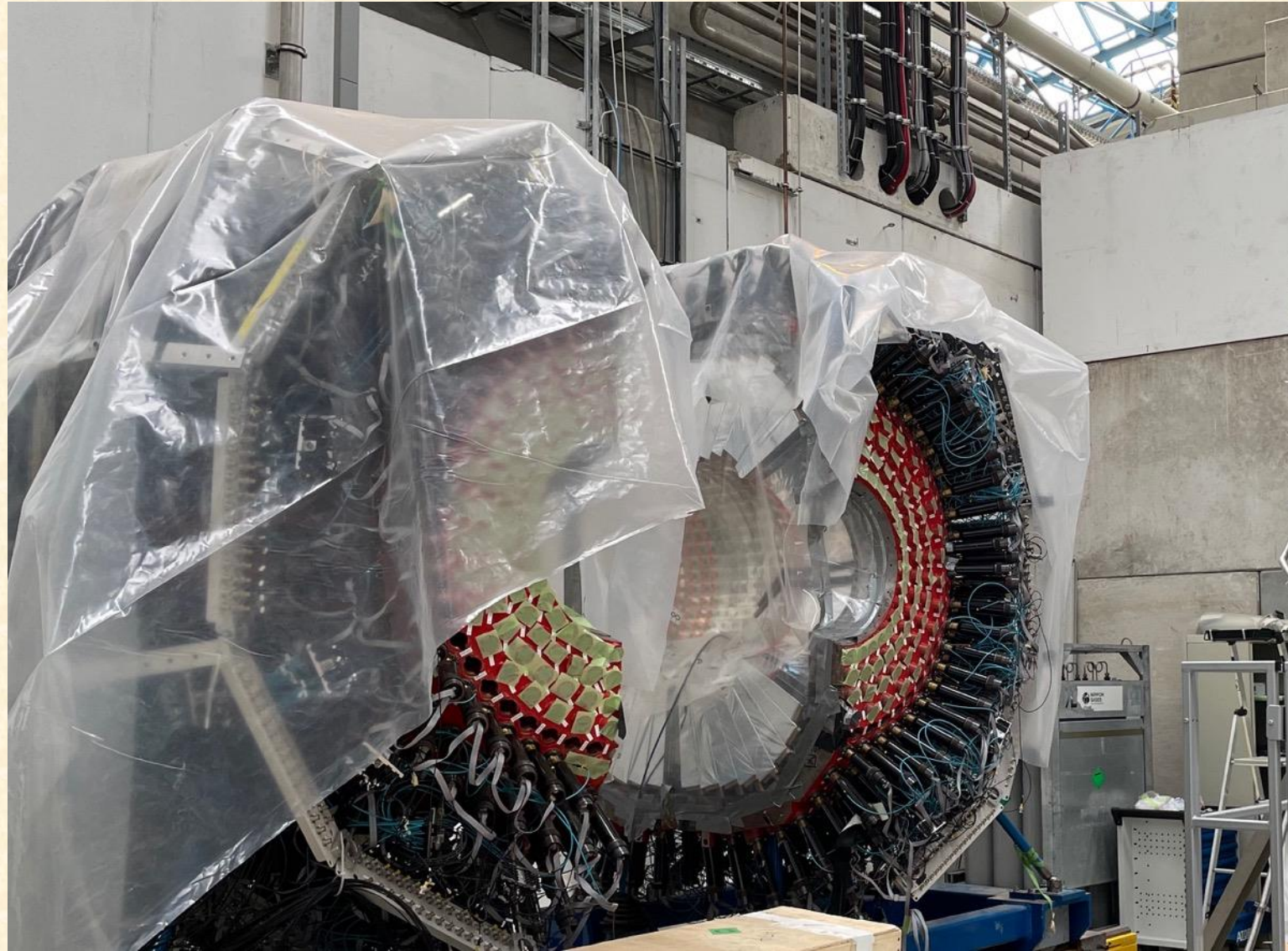
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# March 2019: WASA moved from Juelich to GSI



Yoshiki Tanaka (RIKEN)

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Vasyl Drozd (GSI, Groningen, RIKEN)

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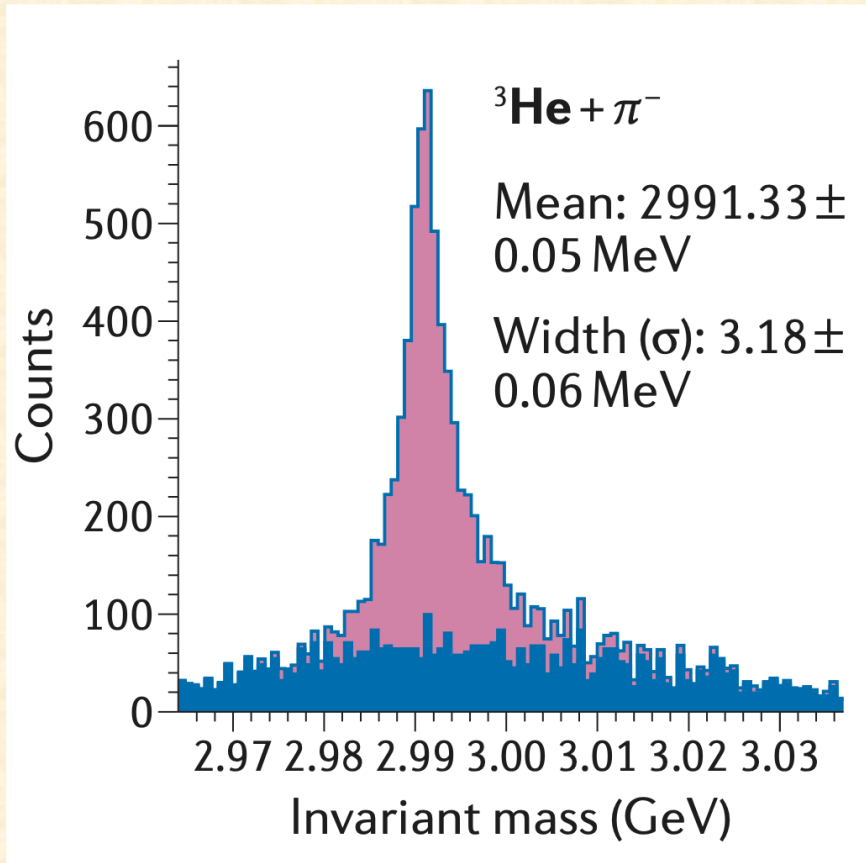
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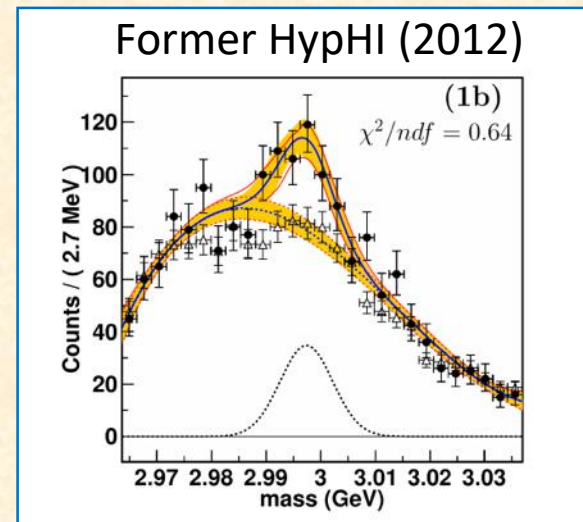
# Expected performance of the WASA-FRS at GSI

Expected results by updated MC simulations



4 days measurement

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Supplement



target position:  $z=25$  cm  
vertex  $z$  cut: 35 – 50 cm  
#layer(MDC): > 6  
cldst cut: < 0.3 cm

Mass resolution:

- 3.2 MeV/ $c^2$  (1 T field)

- 1.5 times better than HypHI

Statistics

- About 5800 in the peak for 4 days
- 38 times more than HypHI
- 120  $\sigma$  significance

Expected Lifetime accuracy

- 8 ps
- 5 times better than HypHI

**The existence or not of  $nn\Lambda$  will be confirmed with large confidence level**

Also with GNN

→ Talk by Hiroyuki Ekawa, 18:00 on Wednesday (Wed-Iva)

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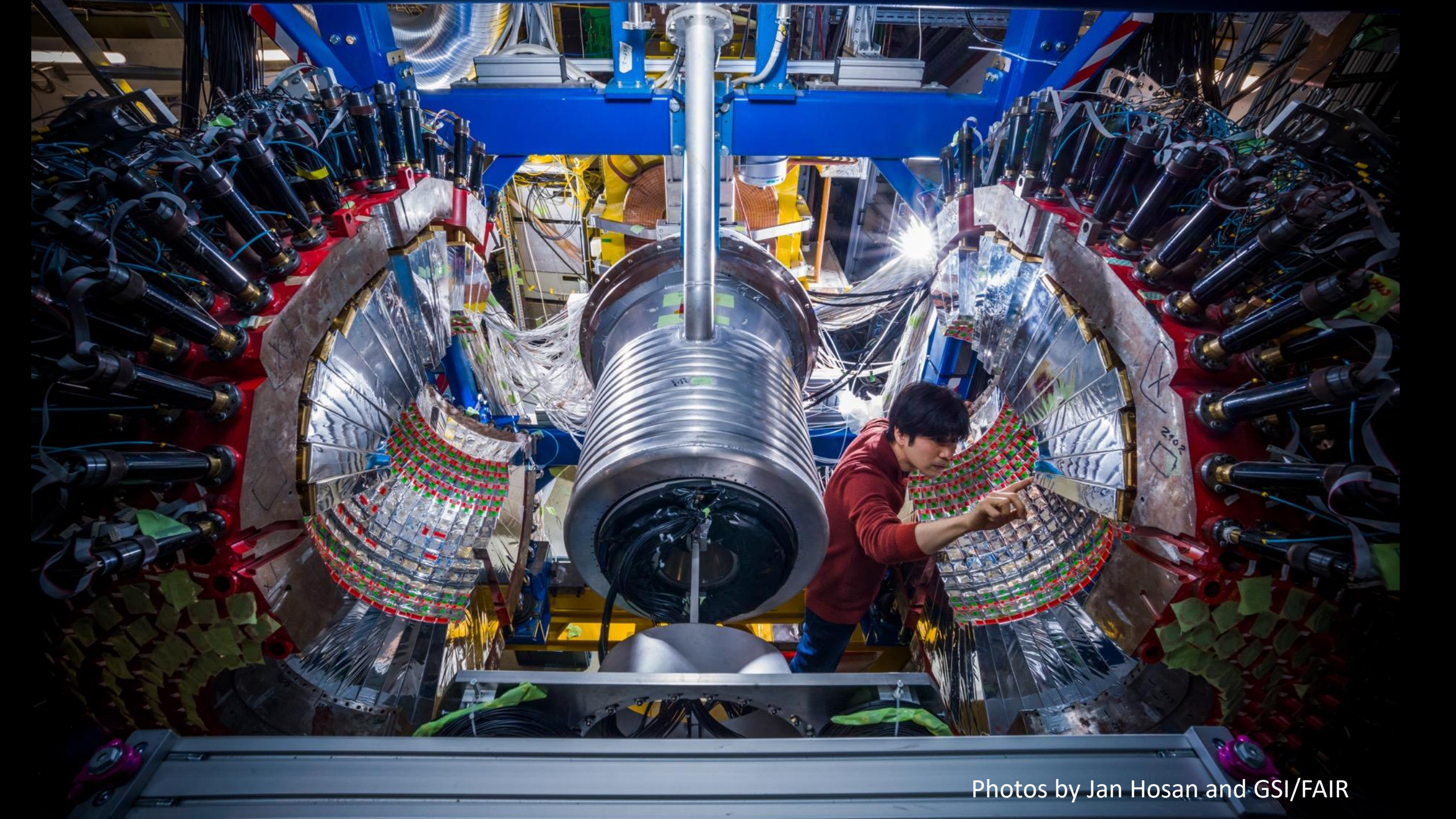
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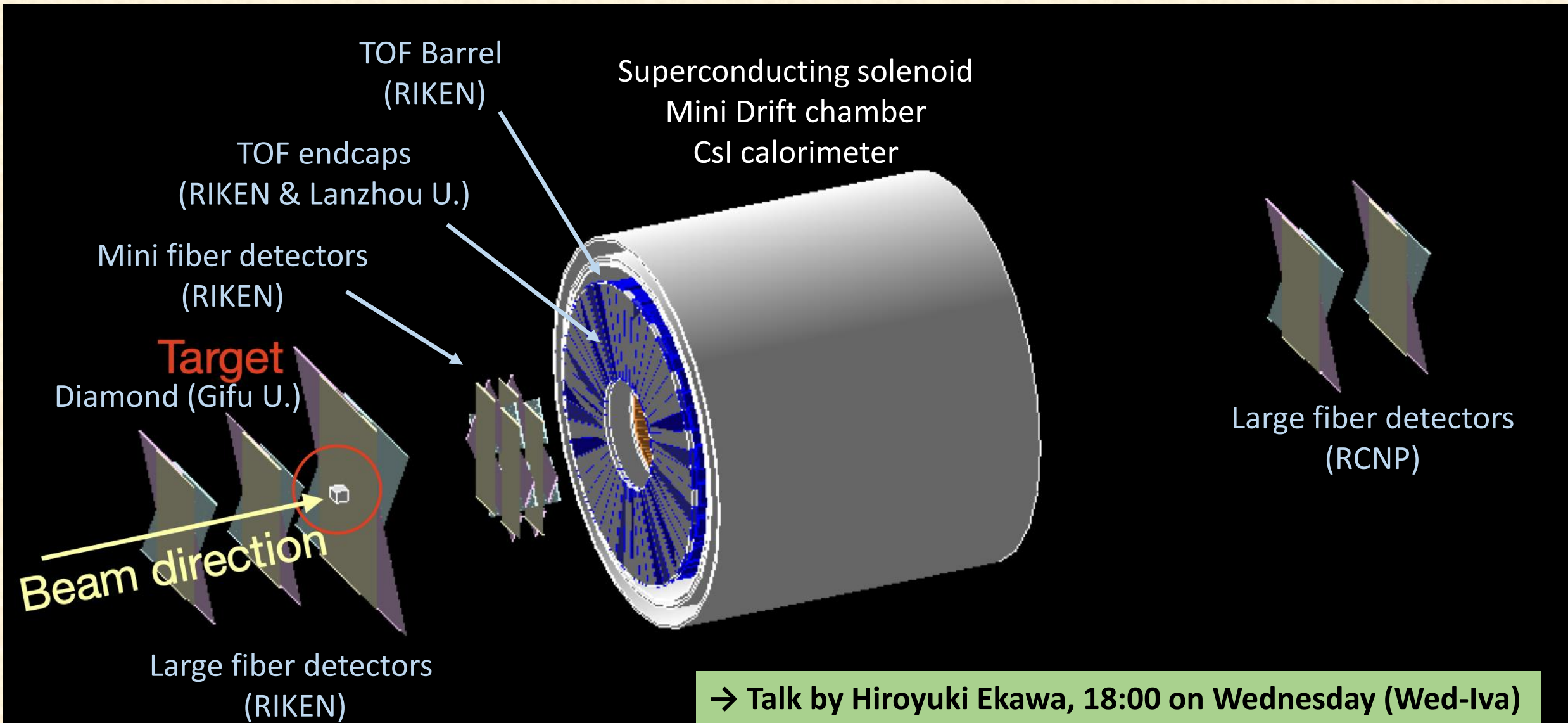
2022 -: the war in Ukraine

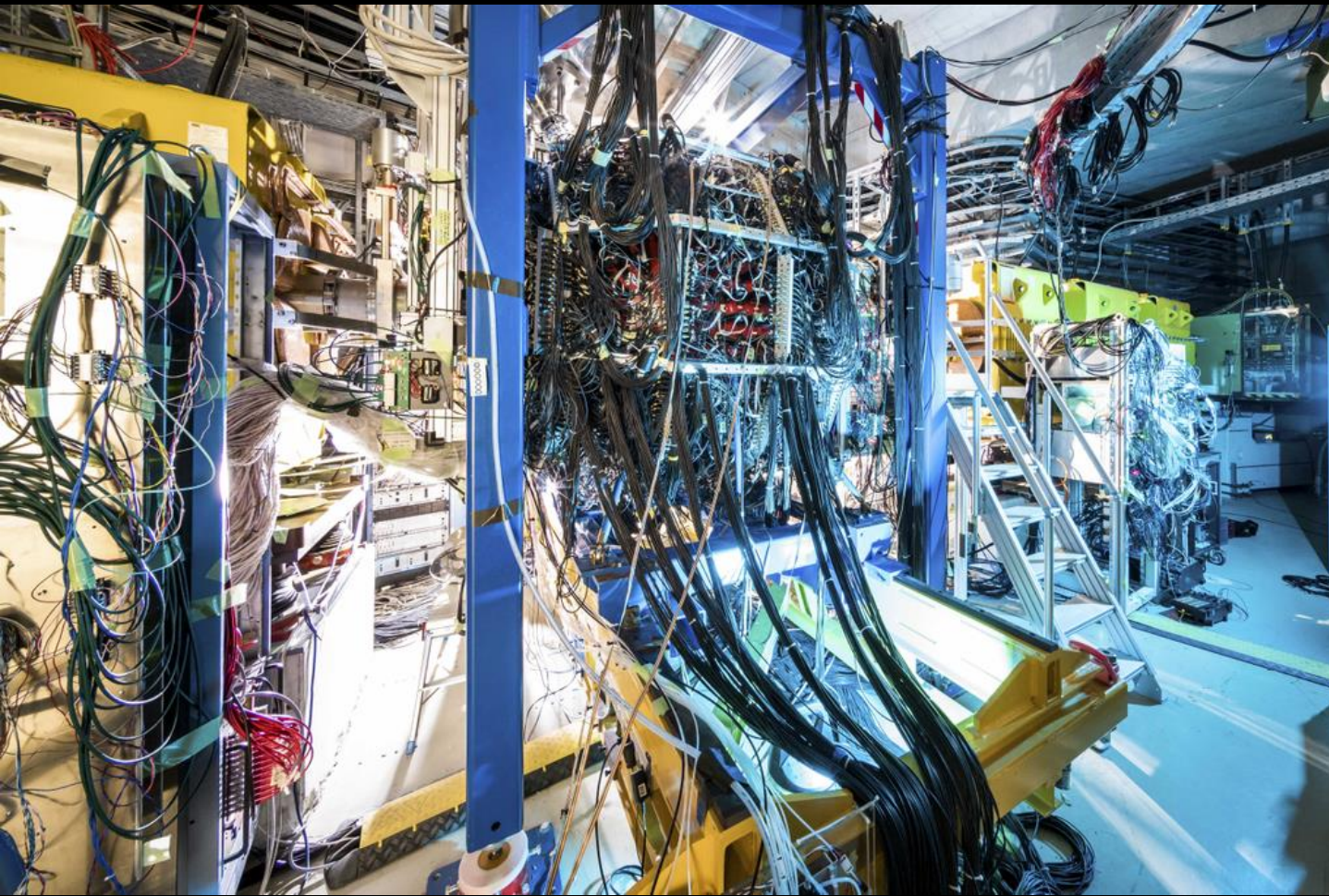




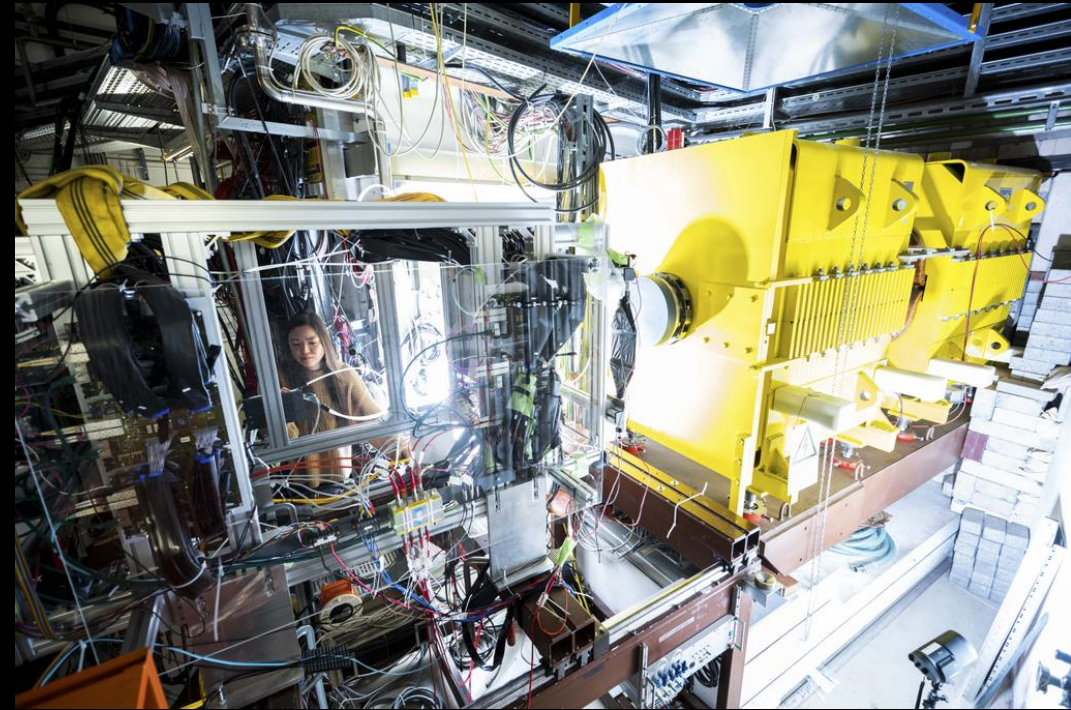
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# The WASA-FRS experiment at GSI (FAIR Phase 0)

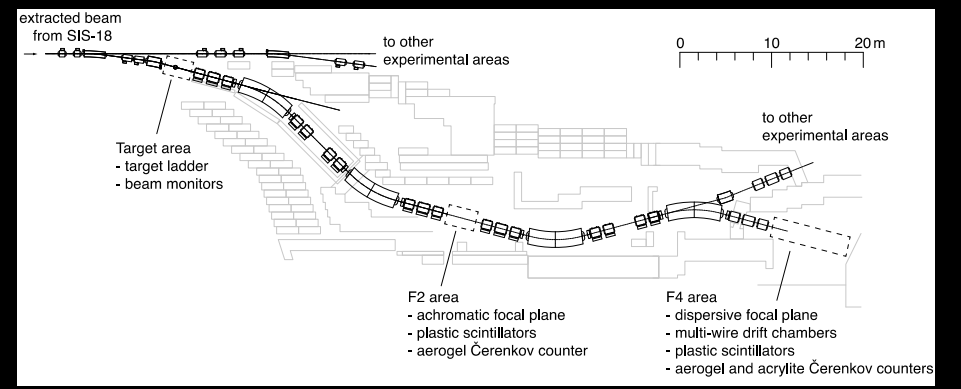




WASA at S2 of FRS



S4 of FRS



# Experiment at JLab searching for $nn\Lambda$

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Letter

## Spectroscopic study of a possible $\Lambda nn$ resonance and a pair of $\Sigma NN$ states using the $(e, e'K^+)$ reaction with a tritium target

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Possibility for  $nn\Lambda$

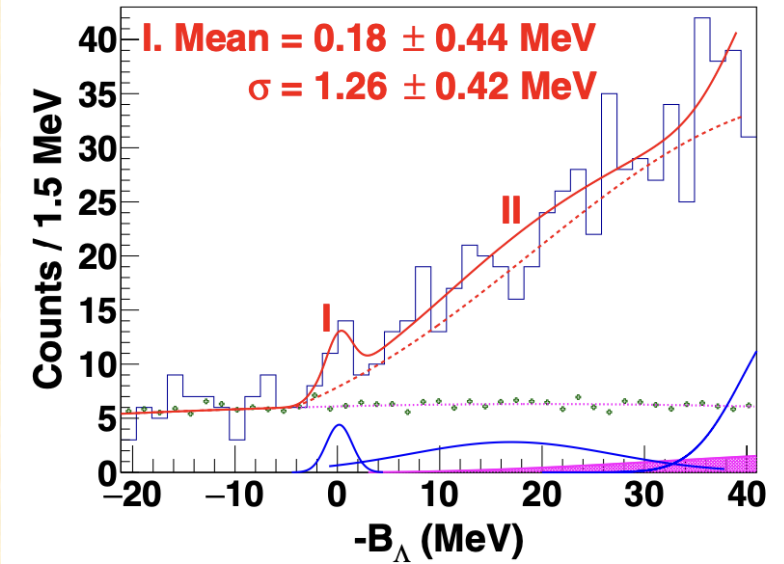


FIG. 5. The enlarged mass spectrum around the  $\Lambda nn$  threshold. Two additional Gaussians were fitted together with the known contributions (the accidentals, the  $\Lambda$  quasifree, the free  $\Lambda$ , and the  ${}^3\text{He}$  contamination). The one at the threshold is for the small peak, while the broad one is for the additional strength above the predicted quasifree distribution.

However, different interpretation from the same collaborati

- K. Itabashi et al., Few Body Syst. 63 (2022) 1, 16 (January 2022)
- K.N. Suzuki et al, PTEP, Volume 2022, Issue 1, January 2022, 013D01

We have  $1.8 \times 10^8$   
deuterons recorded at S4

# What to be studied/concluded (soon)

## Invariant mass and lifetime

- ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
- ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
- $\Lambda$

## Existence or not of the $nn\Lambda$ state

- By invariant mass and lifetime with  $d+\pi^-$

## Challenges with heavier projectile, ${}^{12}\text{C}$

- ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
- ${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{B}$  (proton rich hypernucleus)

→ Talk by Hiroyuki Ekawa, 18:00 on Wednesday (Wed-Iva)

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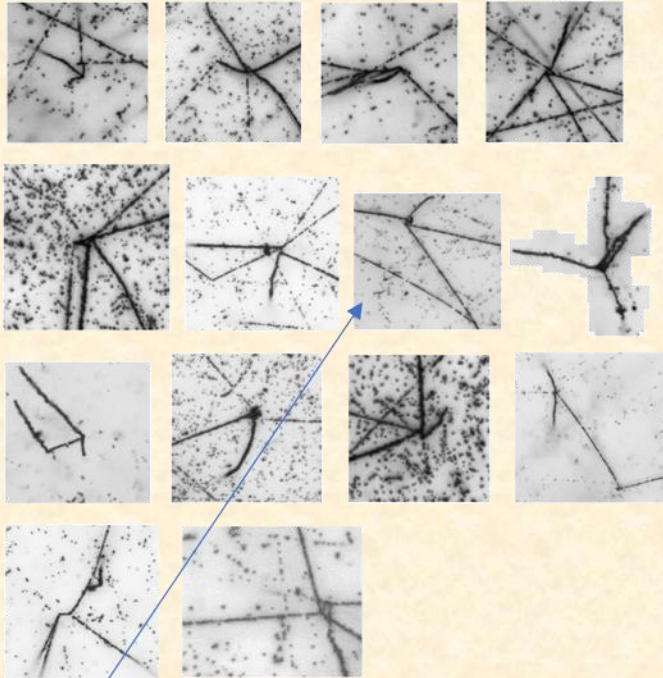
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How about  
the hypertriton binding energy?



# Results from J-PARC E07 (Hybrid method)

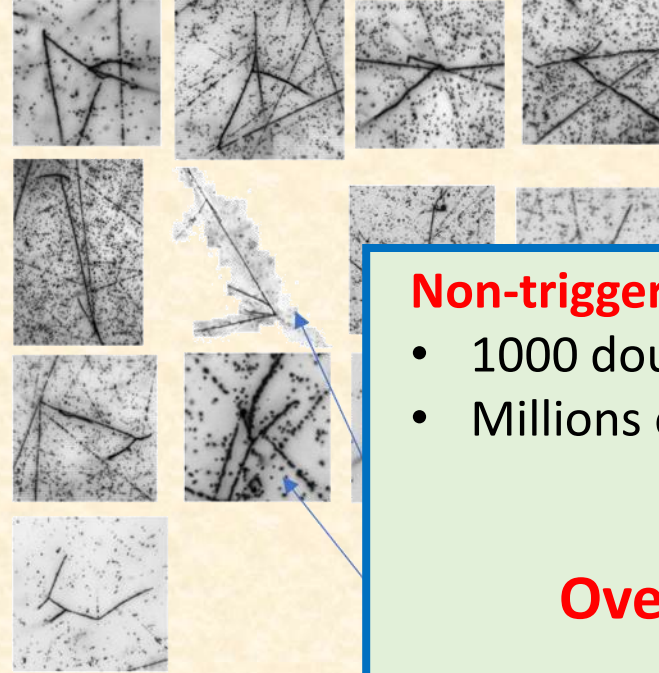
$\Lambda\Lambda$  candidates: 14



$\Lambda\Lambda$  Be

H. Ekawa et al., Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2019, 021D02

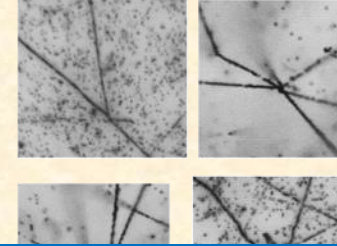
Twin  $\Lambda$  events: 13



$^{15}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$

S. H. Hayakawa et al.,  
Physical Review Letters, 126, 062501 (2021)

Others: 6



**Non-triggered events recorded in 1000 emulsions sheets**

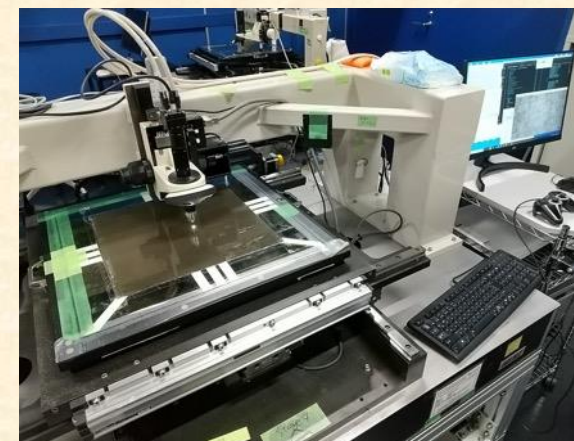
- 1000 double-strangeness hypernuclear events
- Millions of single-strangeness hypernuclear events



**Overall scanning of all emulsion sheets  
(35 X 35 cm<sup>2</sup> X 1000)**

→ Talk by Manami Nakagawa, 17:45 on Wednesday (Wed-Iva)

# Overall scanning for E07 emulsions



## Data size:

- $10^7$  images per emulsion (100 T Byte)
- $10^{10}$  images per 1000 emulsions (100 P Byte)

## Number of background tracks:

- Beam tracks:  $10^4/\text{mm}^2$
- Nuclear fragmentations:  $10^3/\text{mm}^2$

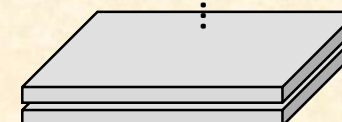
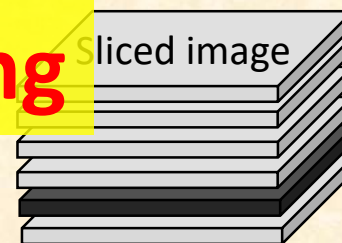
Current equipments/techniques  
with visual inspections

560 years

3 years



**Machine Learning**



100 $\mu\text{m}$

Millions of single-strangeness hypernuclei  
1000 double strangeness hypernuclei (formerly only 5)

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# Emulsion scanning system at HENP/RIKEN

## Five microscope stations for emulsions

- Three stations are operational since April 2020
- Two additional stations from Gifu University are arrived TODAY



On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022



# Challenges for Machine Learning Development

MOST IMPORTANT:

- Quantity and quality of training data

However,

No existing data for hypertriton with emulsions for training

What have been done since 2020:

## Production of training data

- Monte Carlo simulations
- Image transfer techniques, GAN(Generative Adversarial Networks)

## Detection of stopped-hypertriton decay ( ${}^3\text{He} + \pi^-$ )

- Mask R-CNN model

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# Discovery of the first hypertriton event in E07 emulsions

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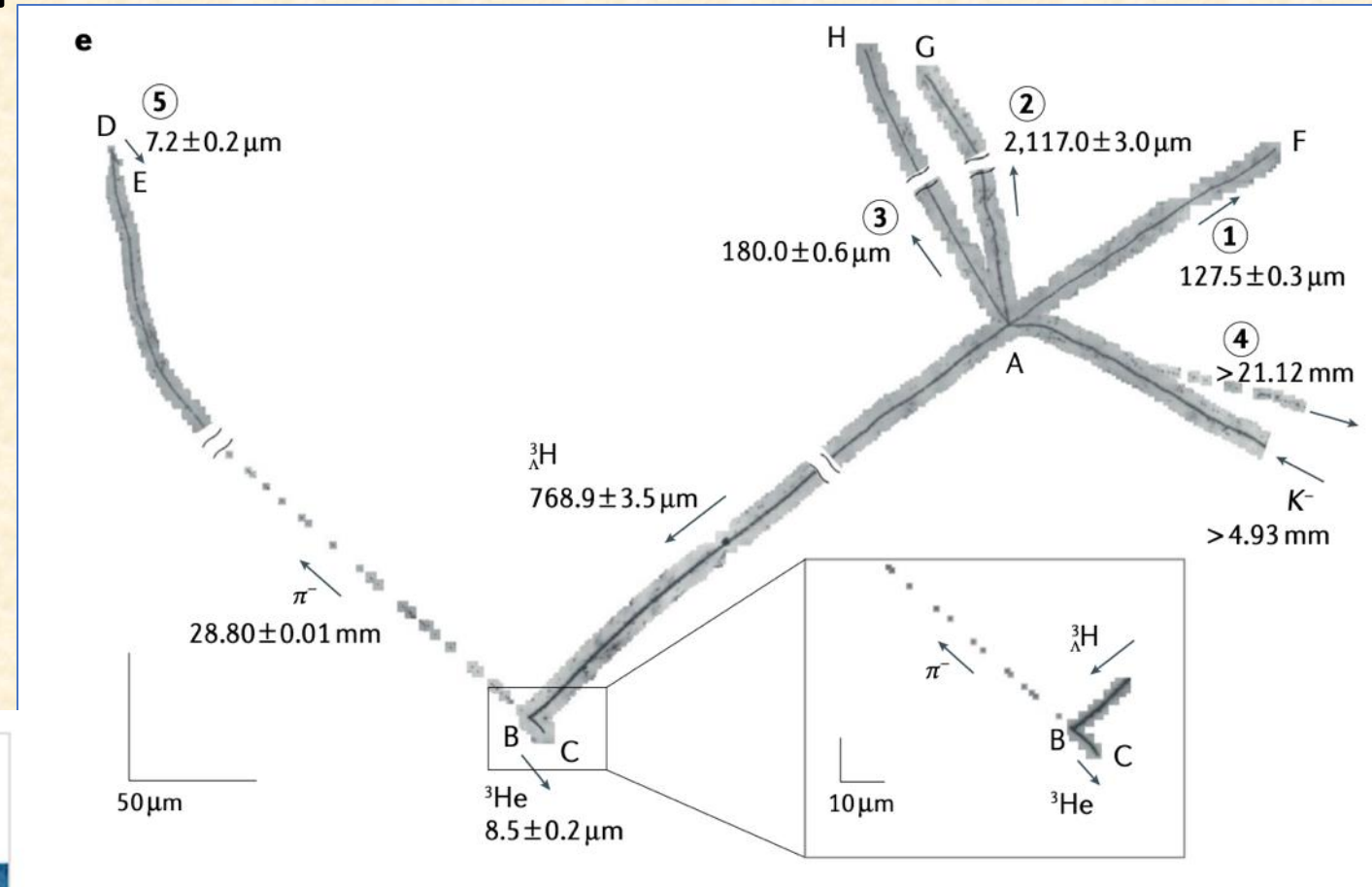
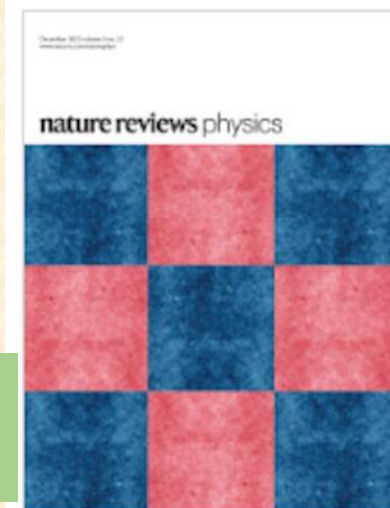
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**Guaranteeing the determination of the hypertriton binding energy SOON**

**Precision: 28 keV**

**E. Liu et al., EPJ A57 (2021) 327**

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# Hypernuclear experiments with Super-FRS

One of Day-1 experiments of NUSTAR at FAIR

## Single-strangeness hypernuclei

Up to  $A \sim 20$

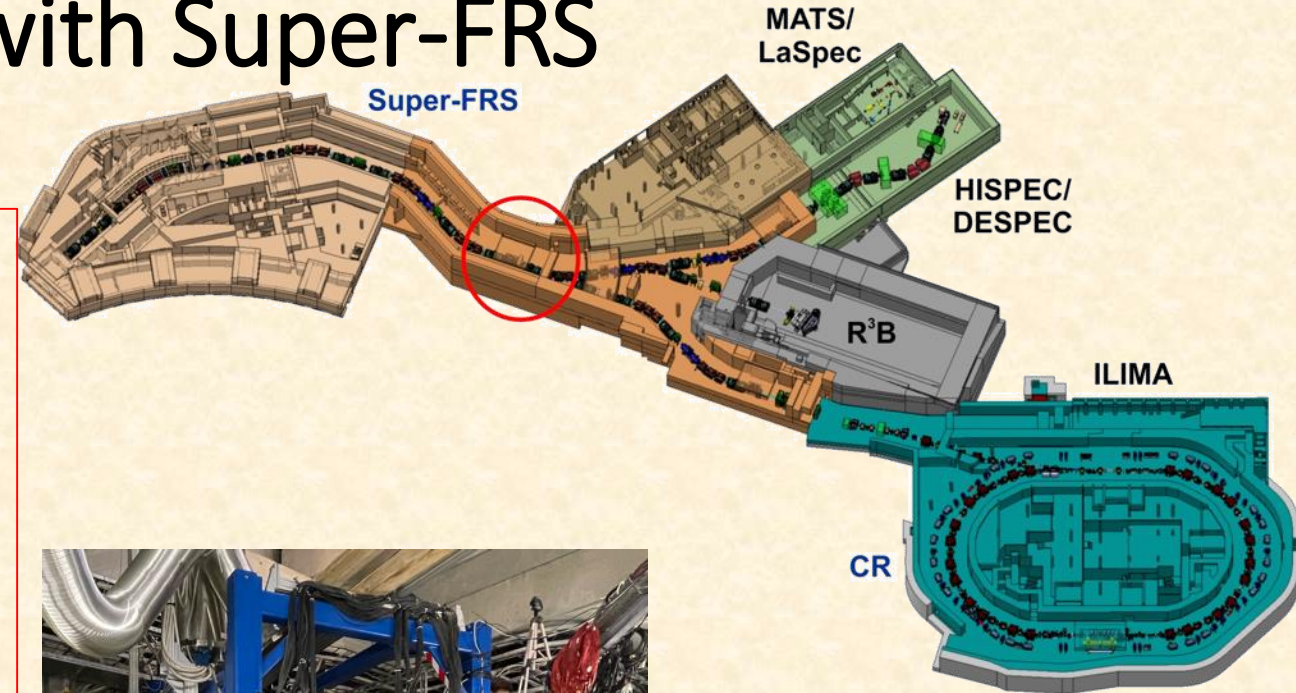
Also with multibody-decay channels

- Hypernuclear lifetime very precisely
- Hypernuclear binding energy reasonably precise
- Hypernuclear resonance
- **Hypernuclear cross section and kinematics**  
**Revealing the production mechanism**
- Proton rich hypernuclei with proton-rich RI-beams  
C. Rappold et al., Phys. Rev. C 94, 044616 (2016)

- **Extremely neutron-rich hypernuclei with charge exchange reactions**

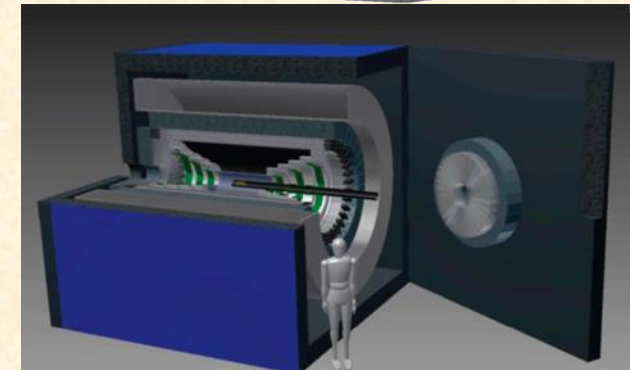
## **MISSING MASS method**

TRS et al., EPJ A57 (2021) 159



## Upgrading the WASA

- Inner drift chamber  
In progress with the MOST fund at Lanzhou University
- Magnet upgrade with  $MgB_2$  and Cryocooler



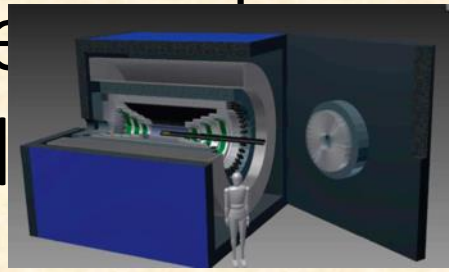
## New detector development

- Large super-conducting solenoid
- Inner- and outer-detectors

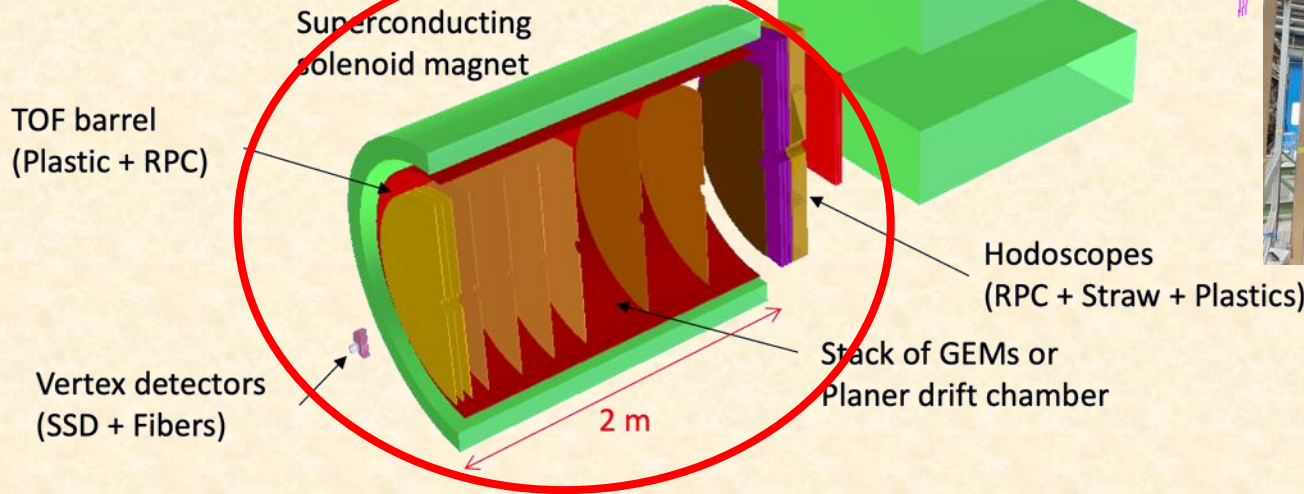


# Hypernuclear project (4.25 A GeV)

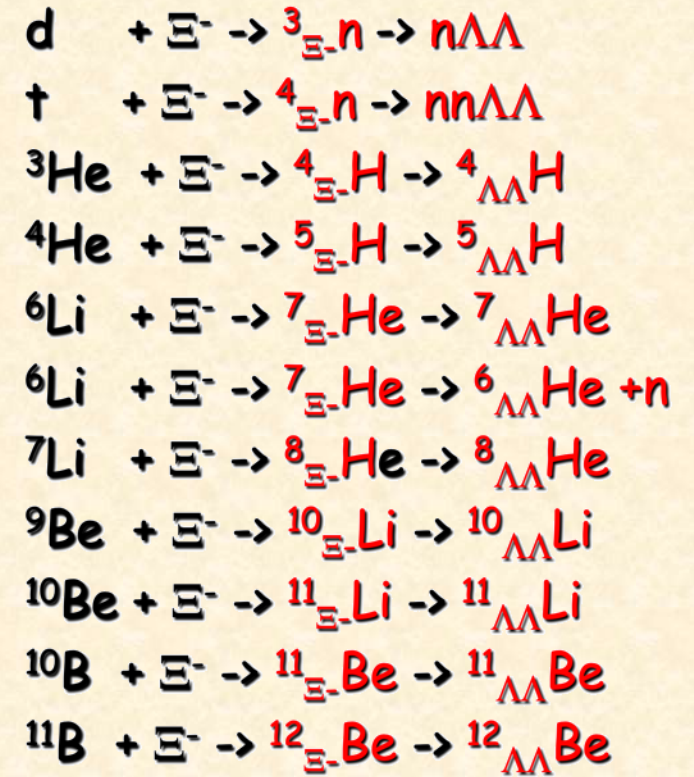
at HIRAC



Post-WASA detector

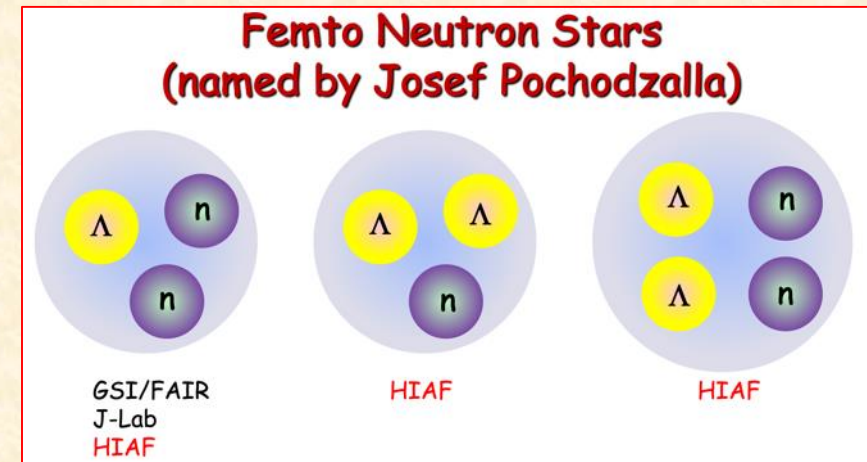


Hodoscopes (RPC + Straw + Plastics)



	Single-strangeness hypernuclei	Double-strangeness hypernuclei
Observation per week	$6 \times 10^6$	$6 \times 10^2$
<b>Lifetime accuracy</b>	<b>~ 1 ps</b>	<b>~ 10 ps</b>
Binding energy accuracy	~ 100 keV	Sub MeV

**Hypernuclear scattering experiment feasible**

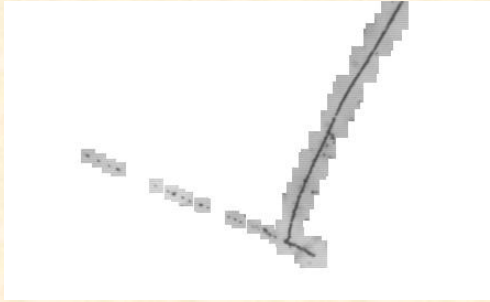


# Precise measurement of Hypernuclei

## Binding energy

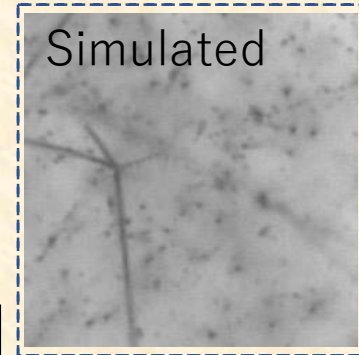
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ,  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ,  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ ,  ${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ ...

${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  (2-body decay)

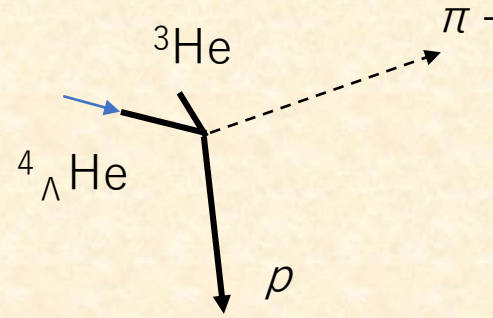


Charge symmetry breaking

${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  (3-body decay)



10 μm

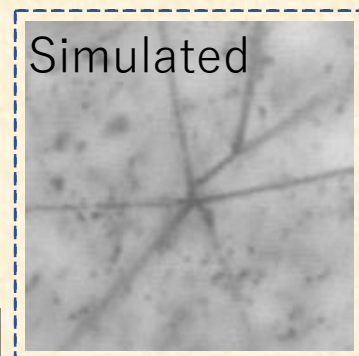
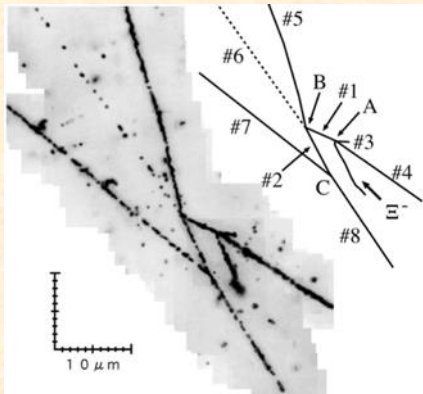


Measurements for Lifetime,  
Decay mode, Magnetic moment  
Hypernuclear scattering etc...

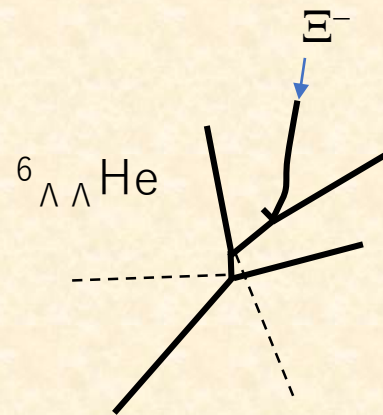
at FAIR in Germany ( $S = -1$ )



Double-strangeness hypernuclei



10 μm



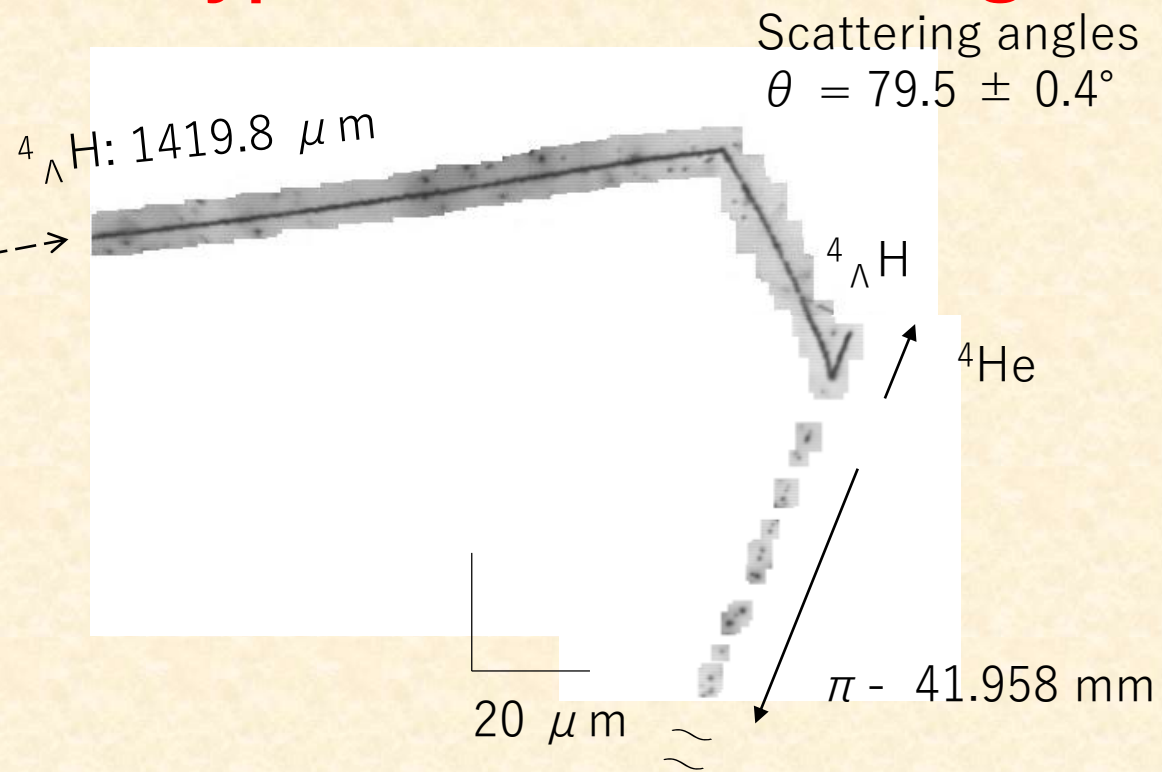
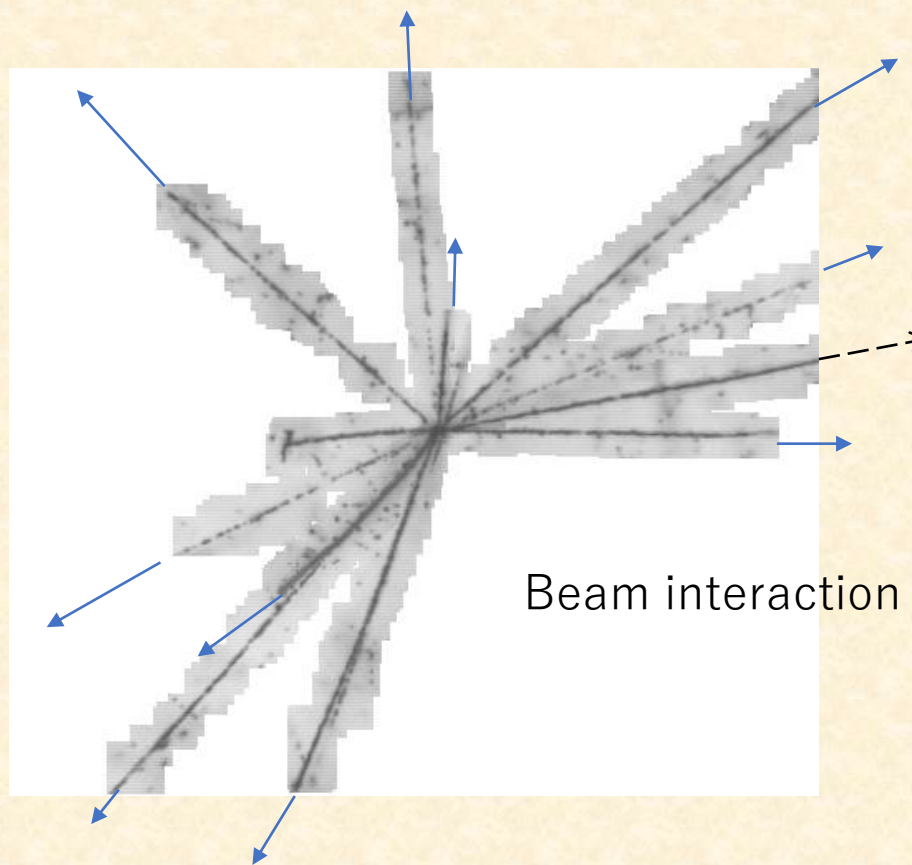
at HIAF in China ( $S = -2$ )



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# New discovery 1:

## Hypernuclear scattering

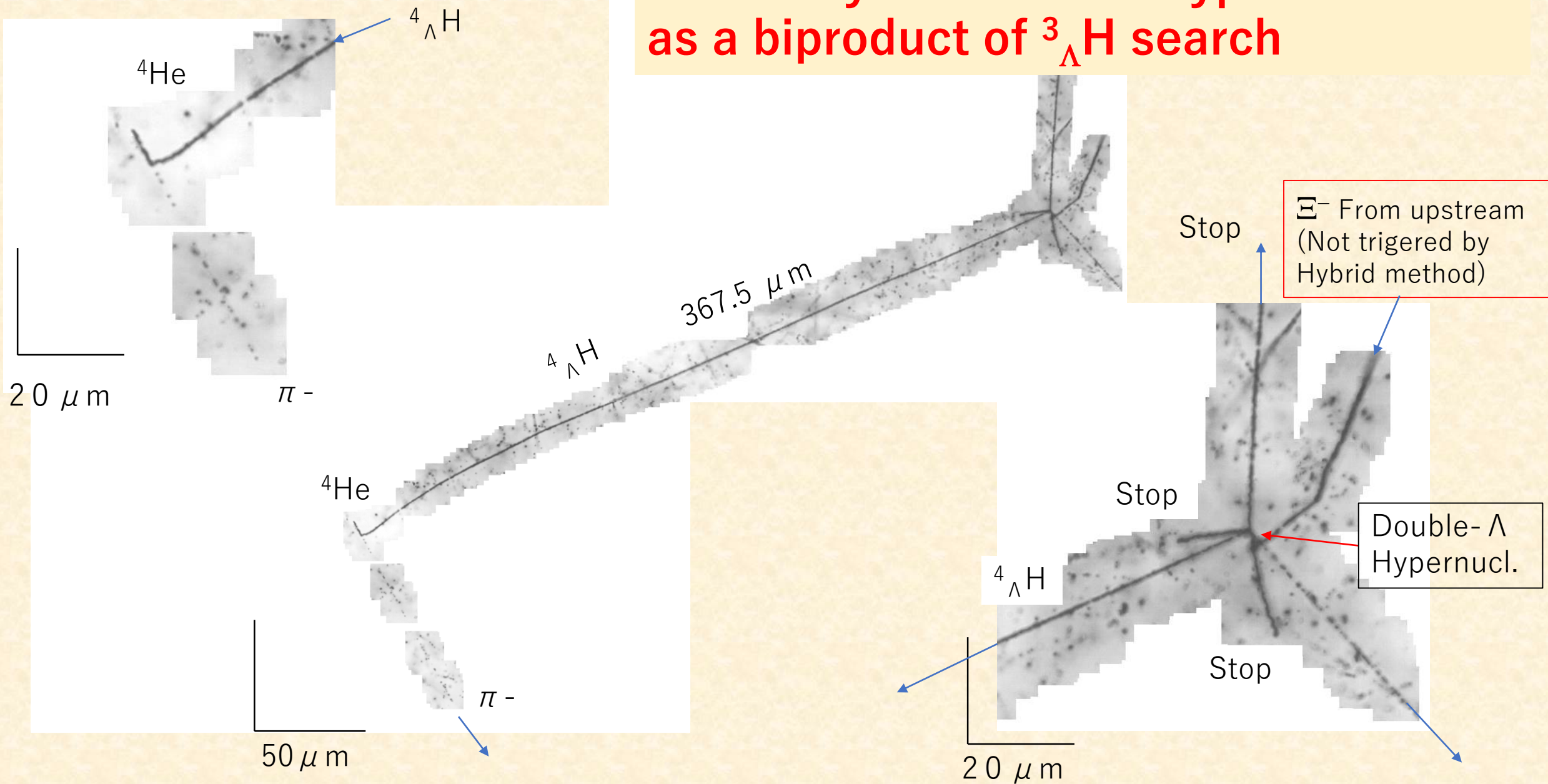


$\pi^-$  - stop  
with Auger  $e^-$



# New discovery 2:

## Discovery of double- $\Lambda$ hypernucleus as a biproduct of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ search



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# Summary

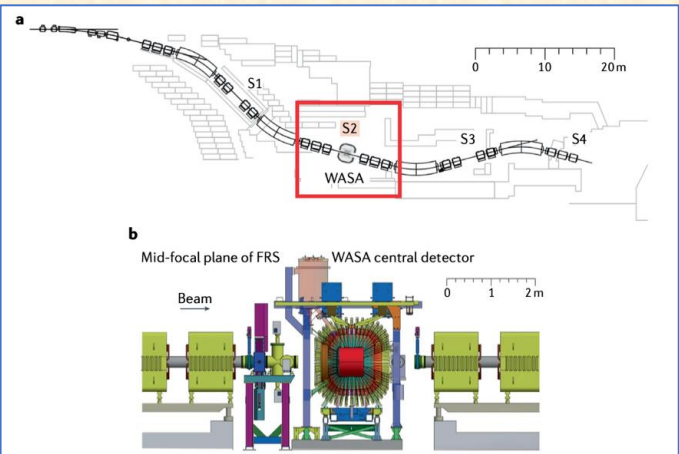


Fig. 1 | **The WASA-FRS hypernuclear experiment.** **a** | Schematic drawing of the fragment separator (FRS) at GSI. The  ${}^6\text{Li}$  primary beams at 2 A GeV are delivered to the diamond target located at the mid-focal plane of the FRS, referred to as S2, to produce hypernuclei of interest. Residual nuclei of the  $\pi^-$  weak decays of hypernuclei are transported from S2 to S4 in the FRS, and measured precisely with a momentum-resolving power of  $10^{-4}$ . The  $\pi^-$  mesons produced by the hypernuclear decays are measured at S2 by the Wide Angle Shower Apparatus (WASA) central detector. Panel b is adapted with permission from REF.<sup>76</sup>. **b** | The WASA central detector. Panel b is adapted with permission from REF.<sup>76</sup>.

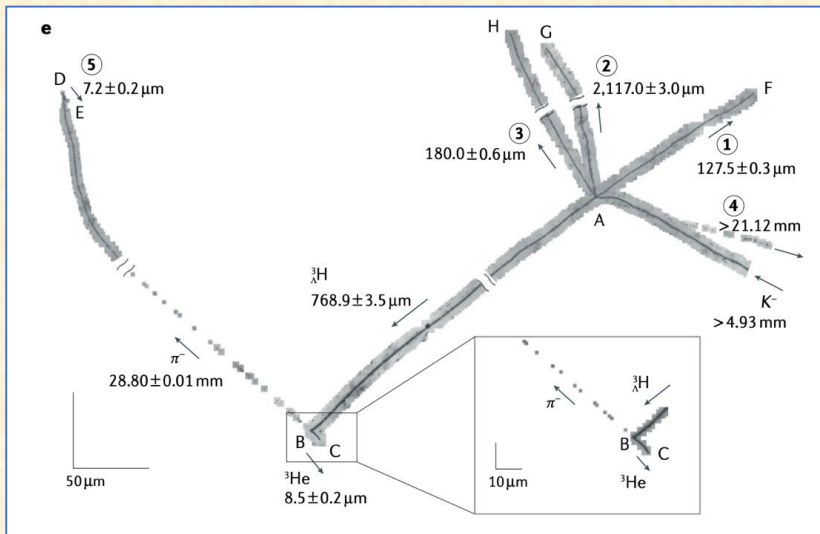


Fig. 2 | **Layout of the HIAF accelerator complex.** **e** | The proposed detector setup in the high-energy cave. A part of the setup with the superconducting solenoid magnet will also be used in the mid-focal plane (indicated by the red circle in panel d) of the high-energy fragment separator (HFRS). GEMs, gas electron multipliers; RPC, resistive plate chamber; SSD, Si-strip detector; TOF, time-of-flight. Panel e is adapted with permission from REF.<sup>75</sup>.

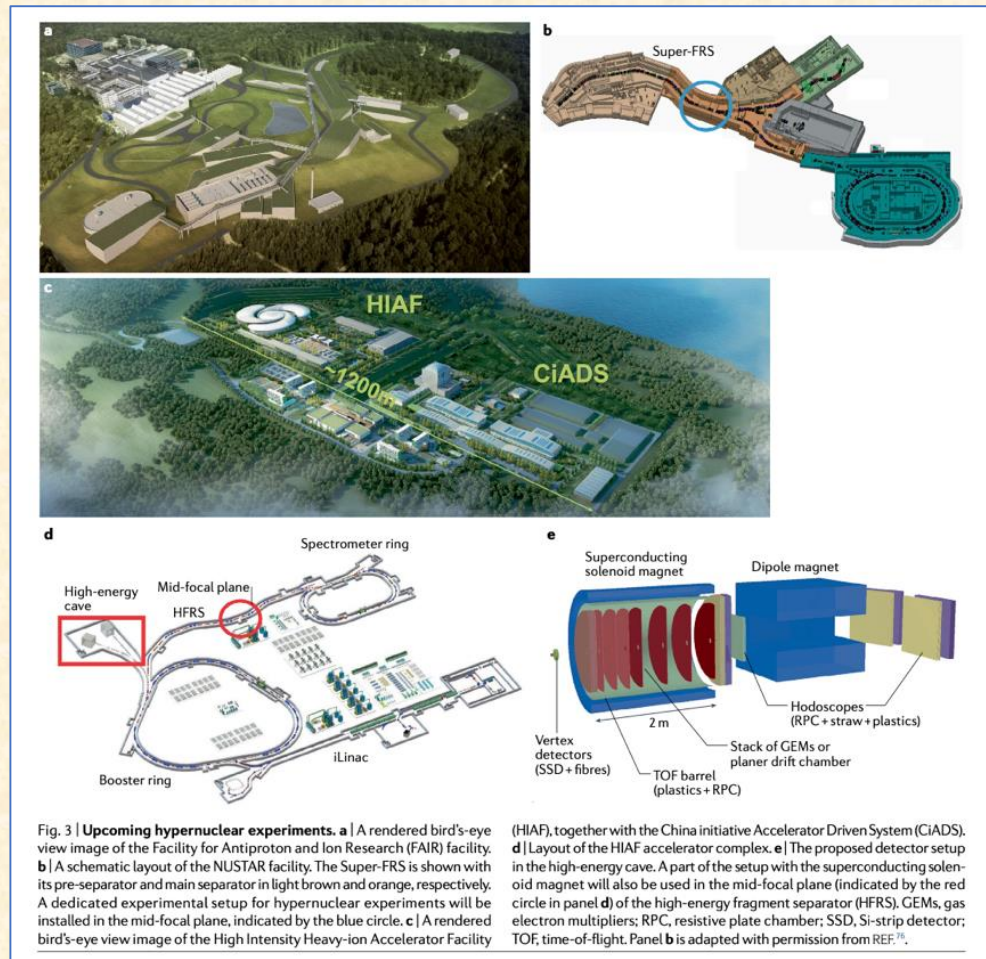


Fig. 3 | **Upcoming hypernuclear experiments.** **a** | A rendered bird's-eye view image of the Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR) facility. **b** | A schematic layout of the NUSTAR facility. The Super-FRS is shown with its pre-separator and main separator in light brown and orange, respectively. A dedicated experimental setup for hypernuclear experiments will be installed in the mid-focal plane, indicated by the blue circle. **c** | A rendered bird's-eye view image of the High Intensity Heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF), together with the China initiative Accelerator Driven System (CIADS). **d** | Layout of the HIAF accelerator complex. **e** | The proposed detector setup in the high-energy cave. A part of the setup with the superconducting solenoid magnet will also be used in the mid-focal plane (indicated by the red circle in panel d) of the high-energy fragment separator (HFRS). GEMs, gas electron multipliers; RPC, resistive plate chamber; SSD, Si-strip detector; TOF, time-of-flight. Panel e is adapted with permission from REF.<sup>75</sup>.

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18:00 on Wednesday (Wed-Iva)



Manami Nakagawa, “nuclear emulsion + ML”  
17:45 on Wednesday (Wed-Iva)

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

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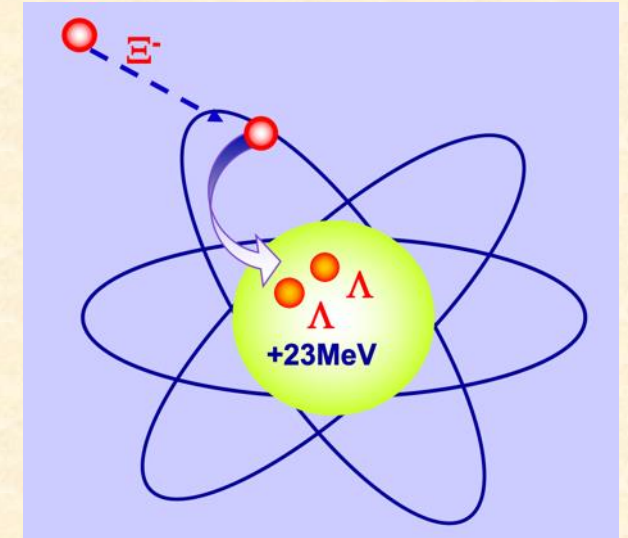
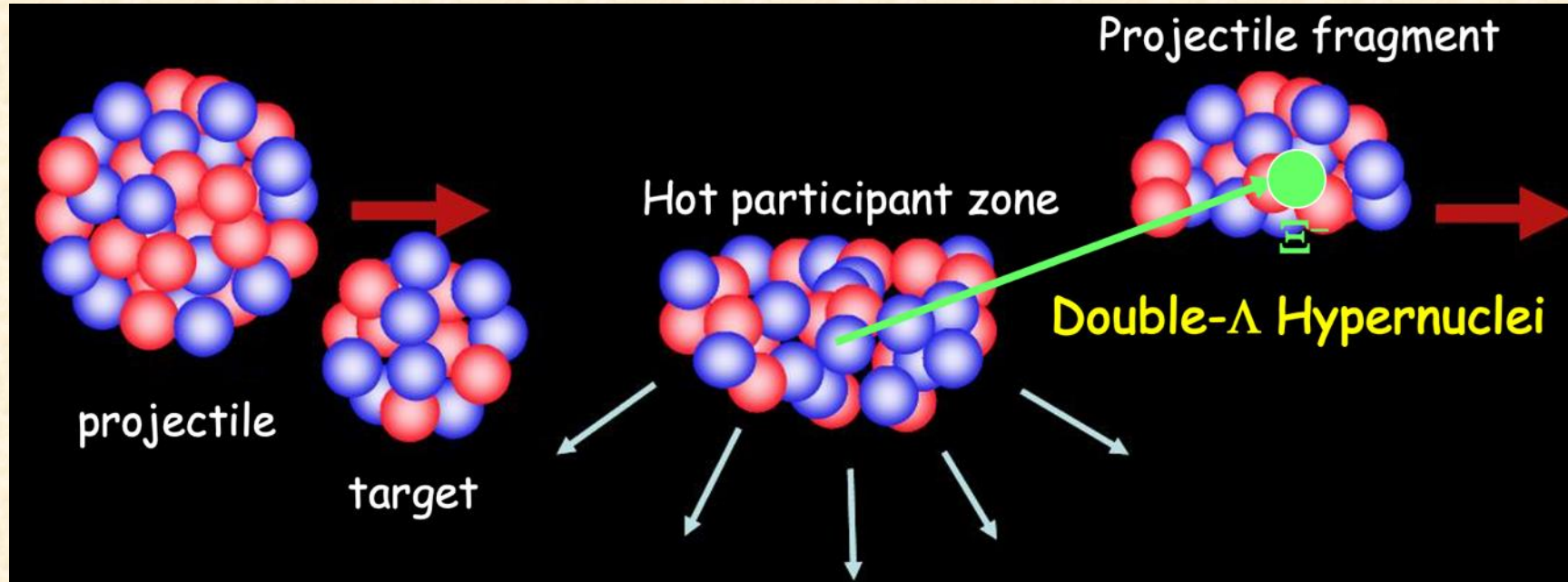
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**Spare slides**

# Hypernuclear project at HIAF in China

Towards double-strangeness hypernuclei:  $E > 3.75 A \text{ GeV}$

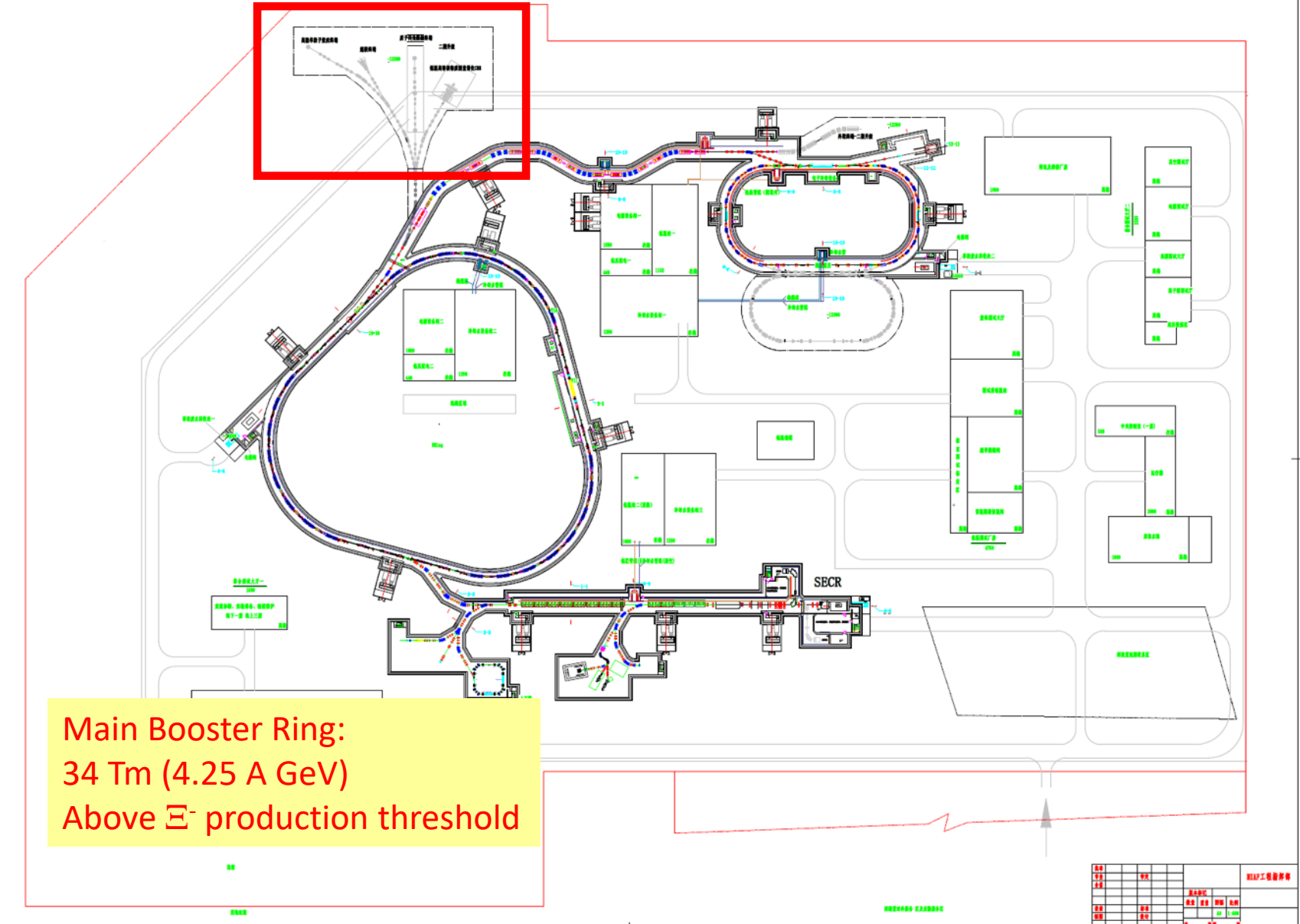


Huge variety of

- $\Lambda$  hypernuclei
- $\Sigma$  hypernuclei
- $\Xi$  hypernuclei
- Double- $\Lambda$  hypernuclei



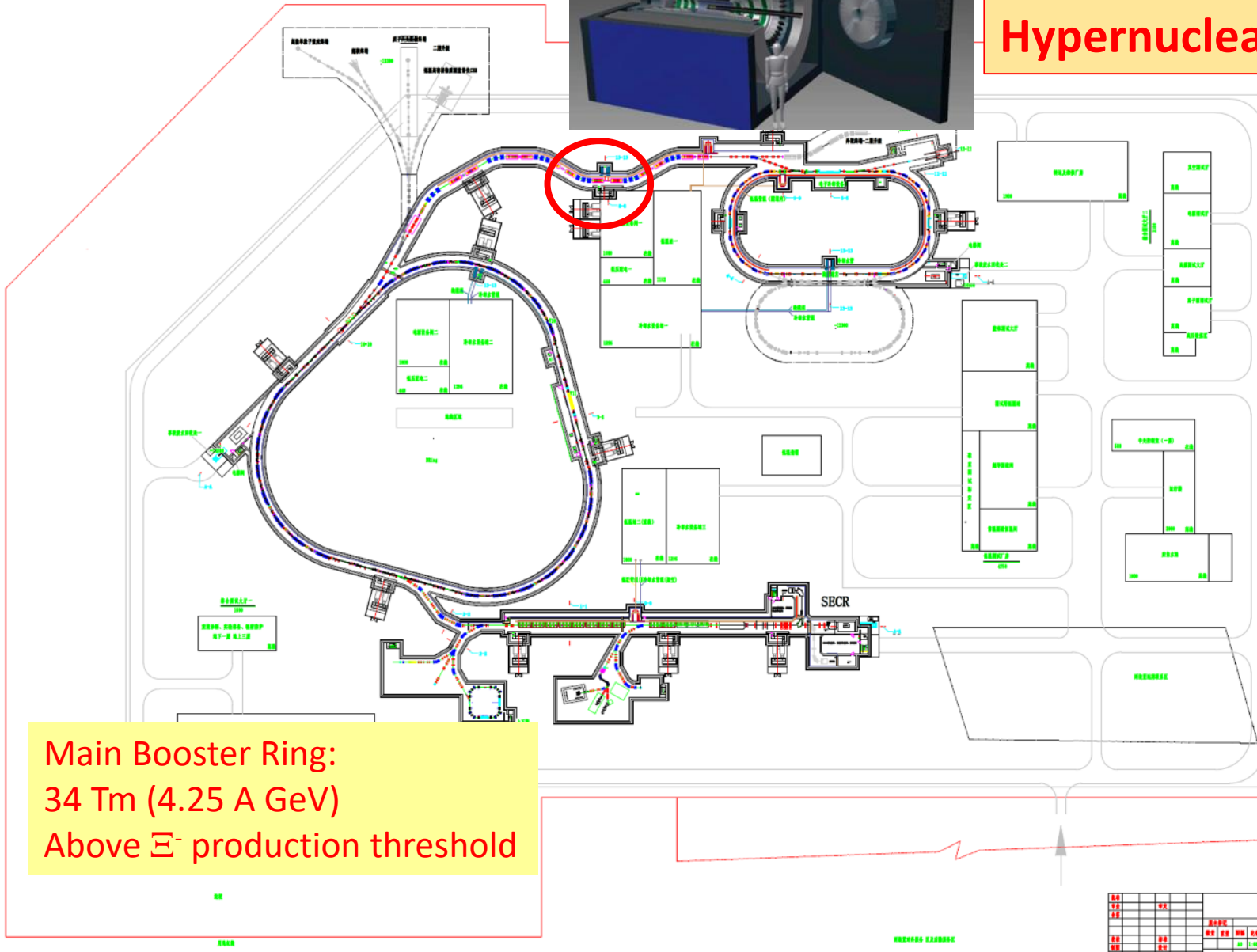
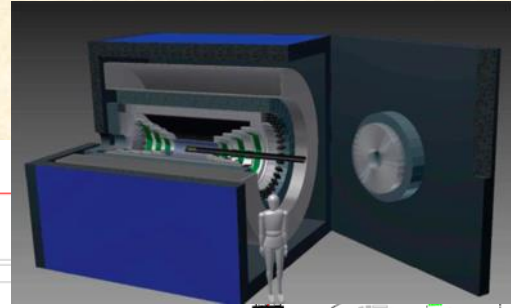
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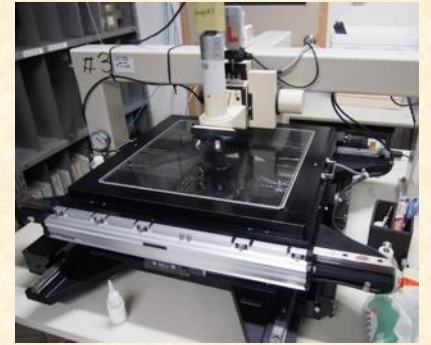
# HIAF in China

Hypernuclear and nuclear physics



Main Booster Ring:  
34 Tm (4.25 A GeV)  
Above  $\Xi^-$  production threshold

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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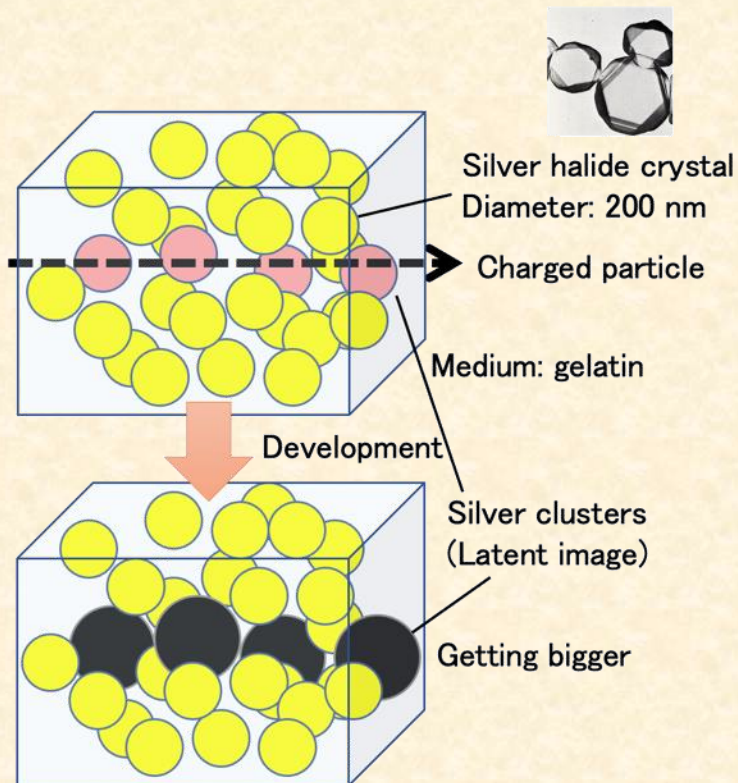


# Nuclear Emulsion:

Charged particle tracker with

the best spatial resolution

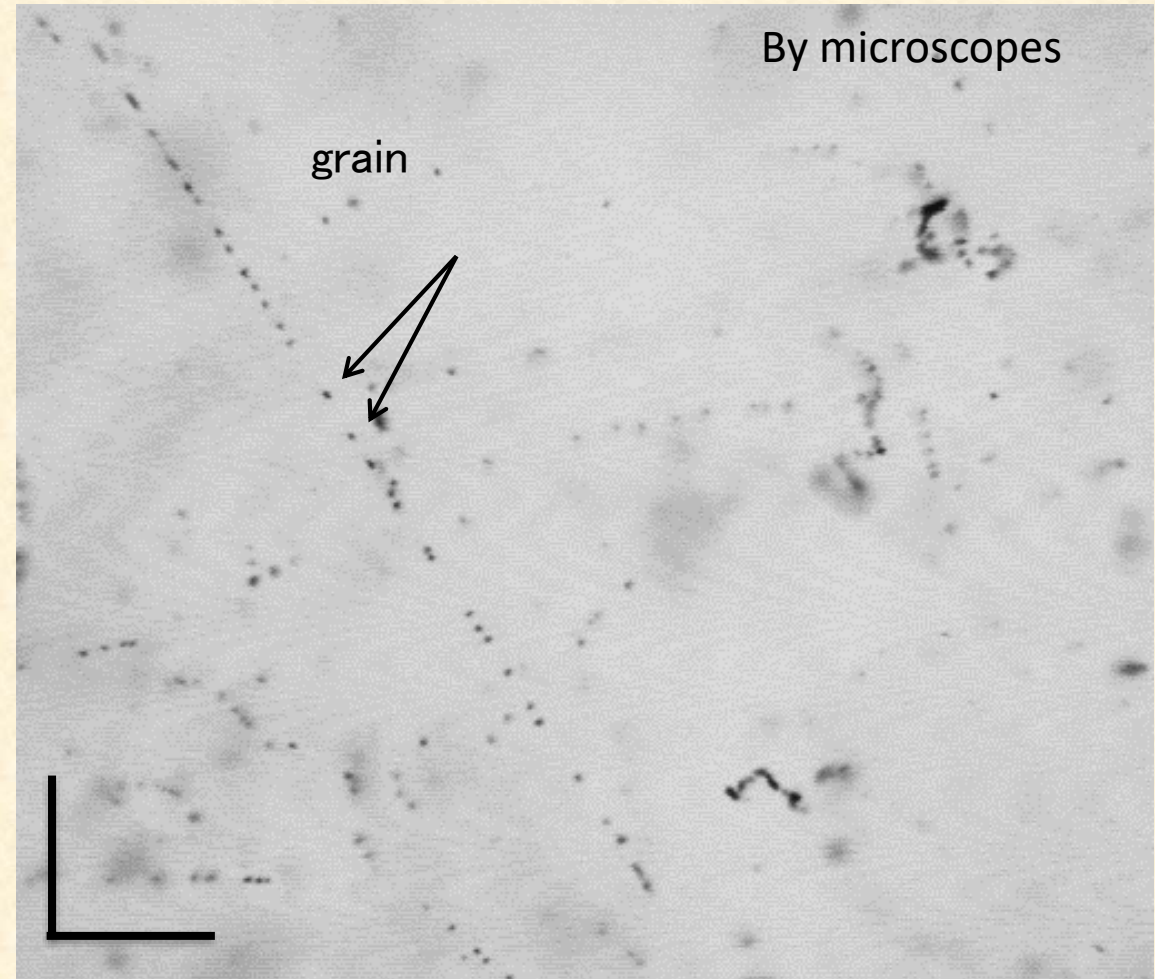
(easy to be  $< 1 \mu\text{m}$ , 11 nm at best)



By microscopes

grain

20 $\mu\text{m}$



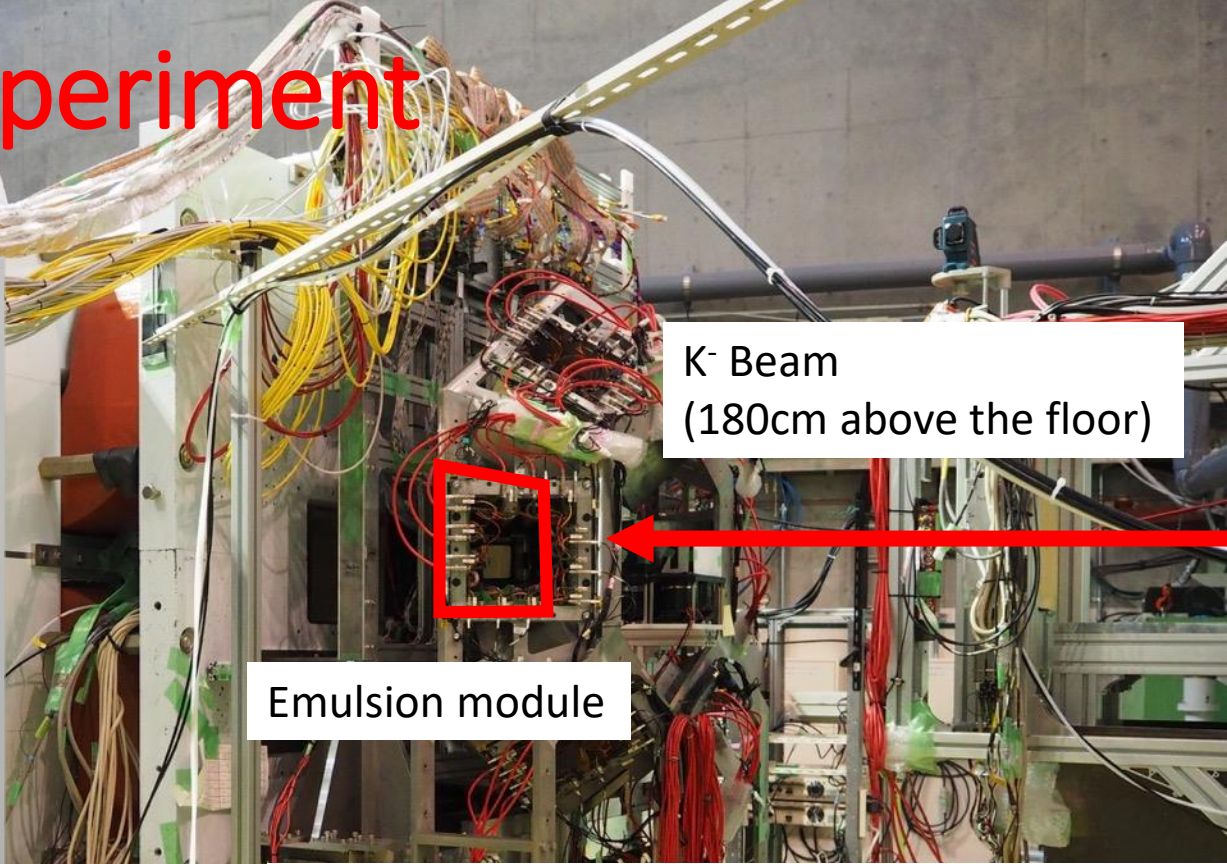
# J-PARC accelerator facility



# J-PARC E07 experiment

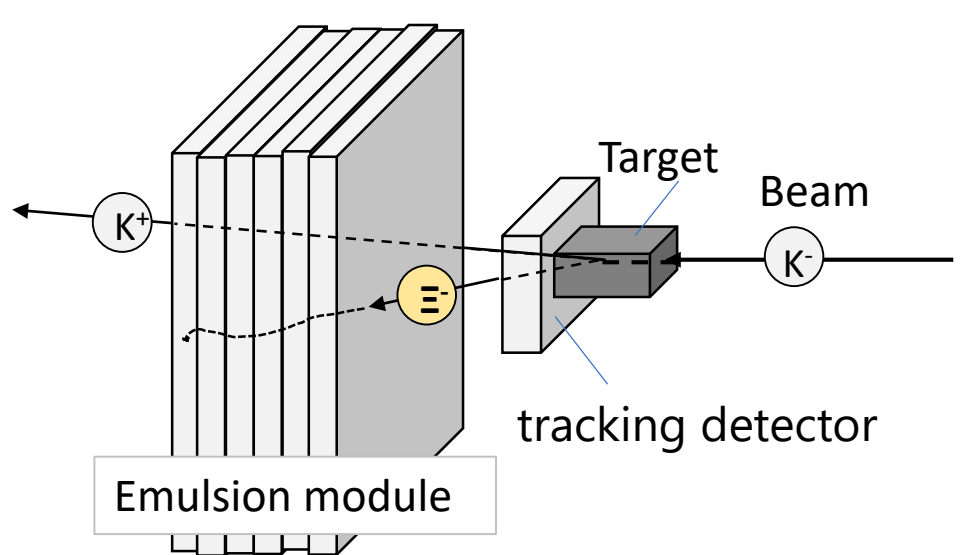


Experimental apparatus  
2016-2017  
J-PARC, Ibaraki, Japan



$K^-$  Beam  
(180cm above the floor)

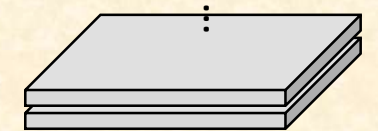
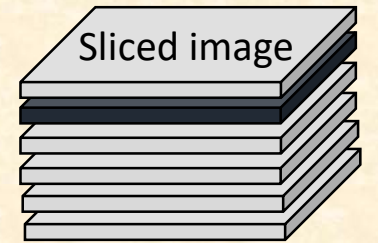
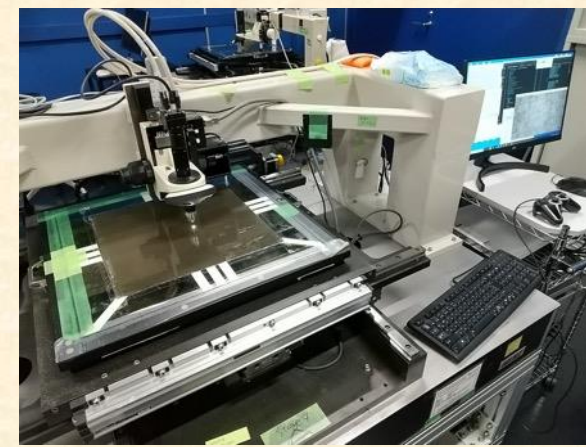
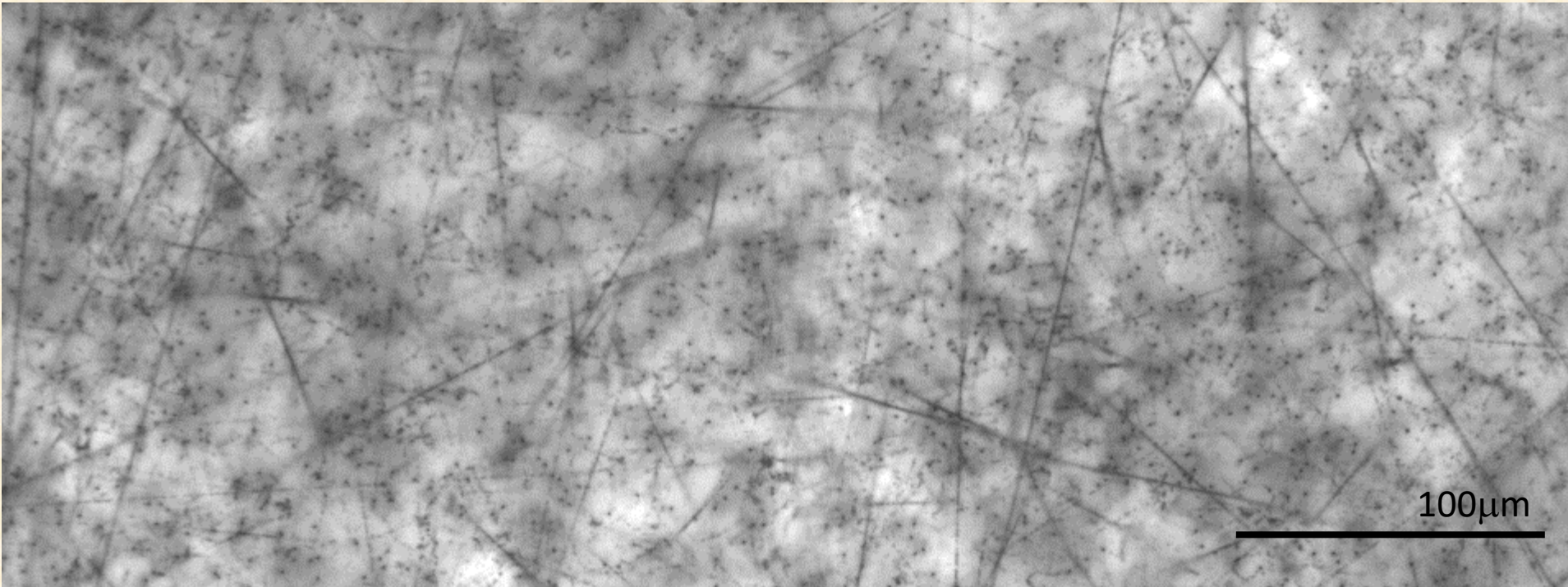
Emulsion module



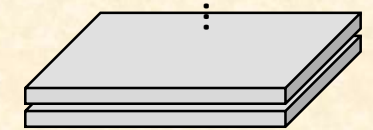
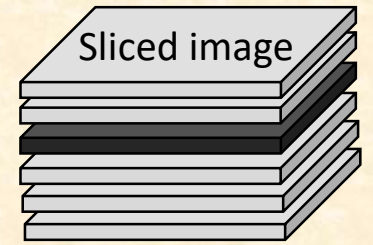
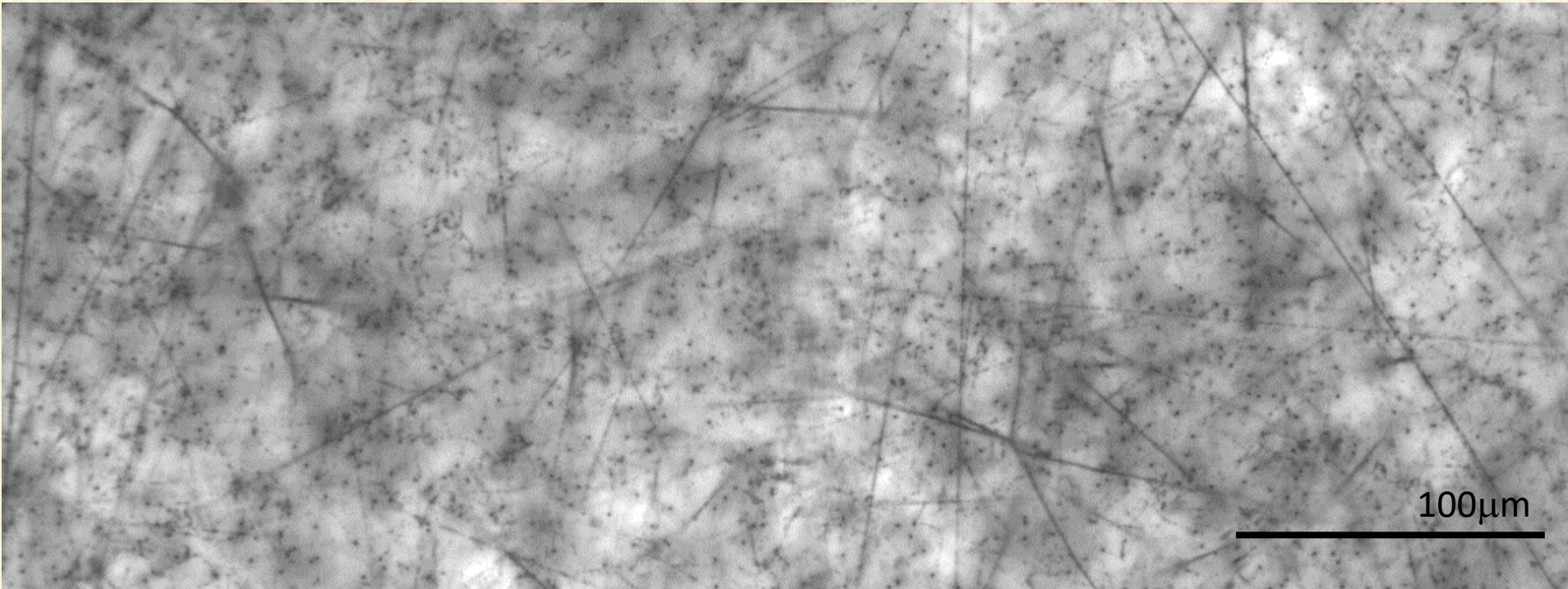
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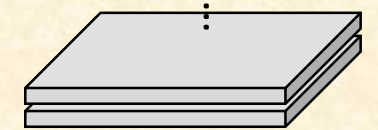
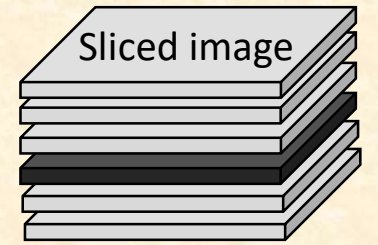
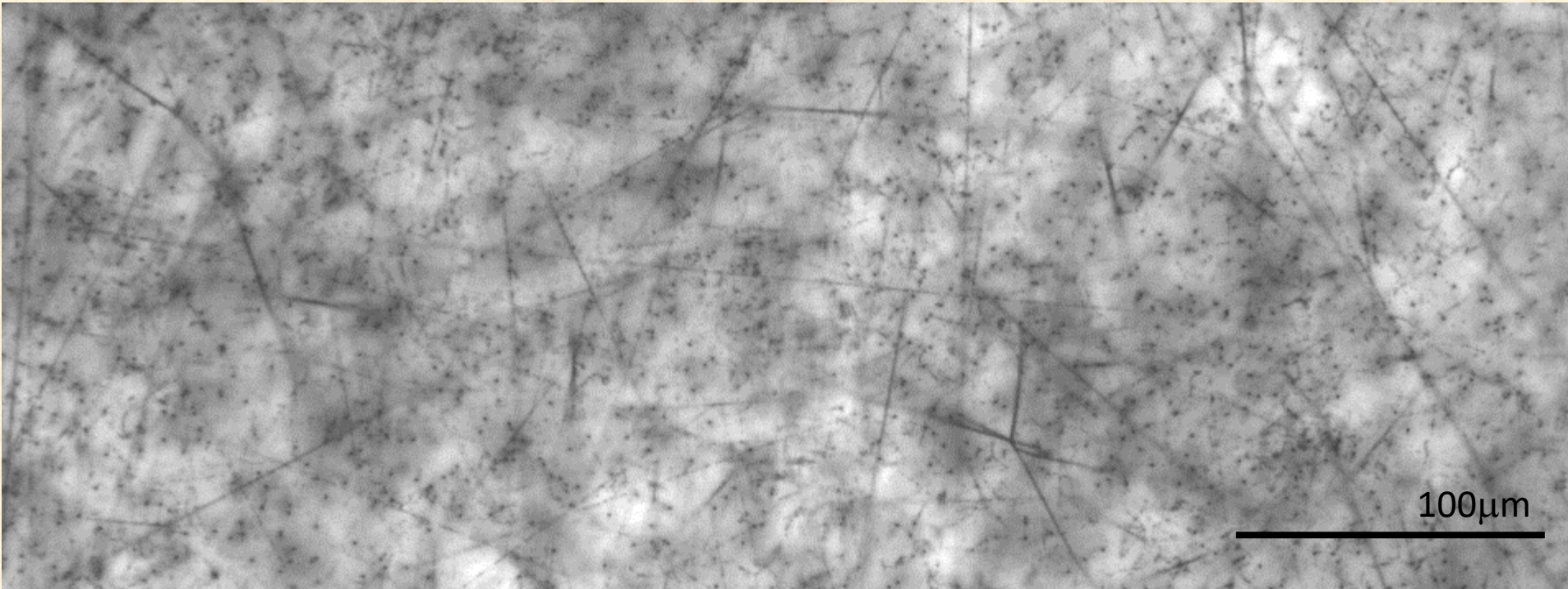
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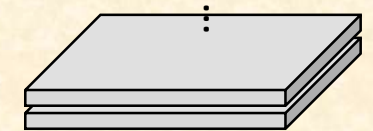
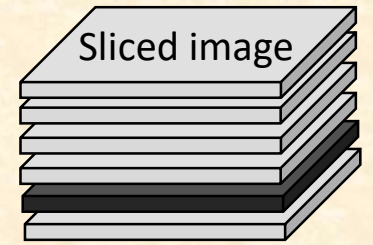
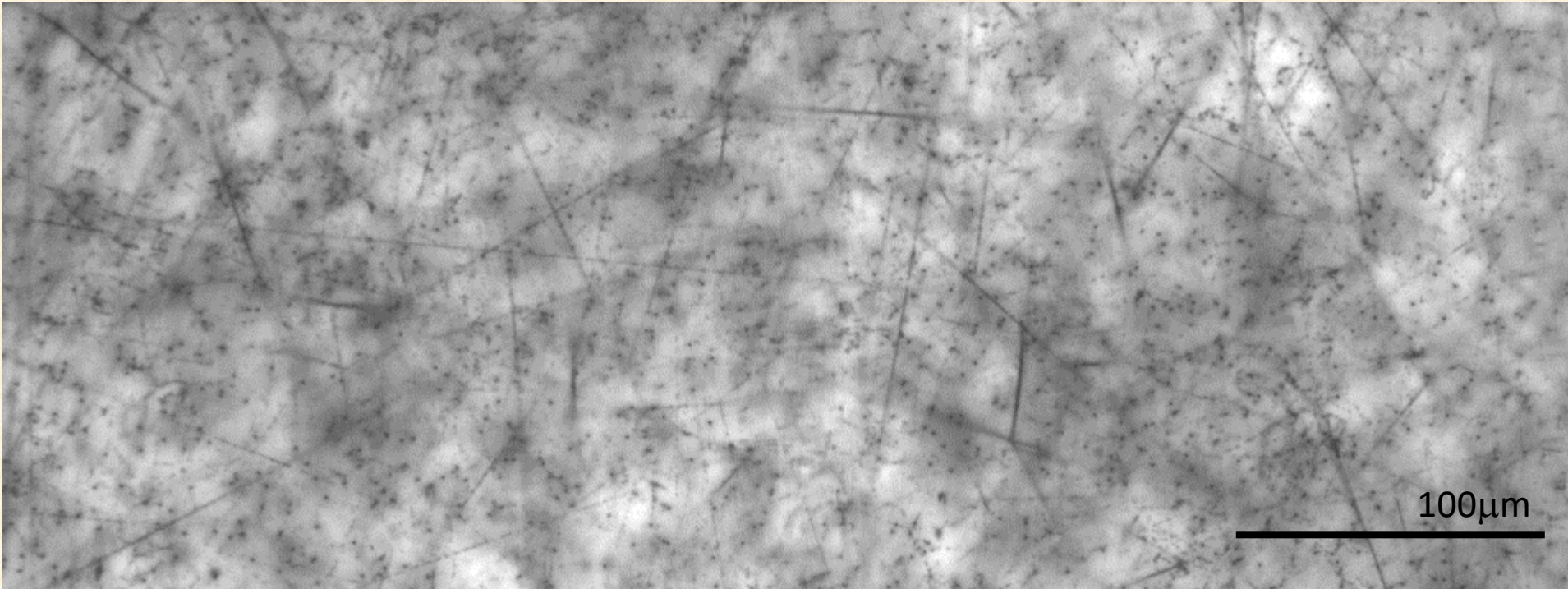


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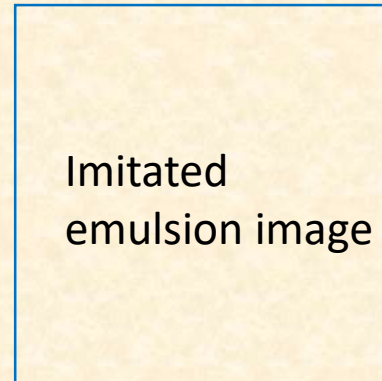
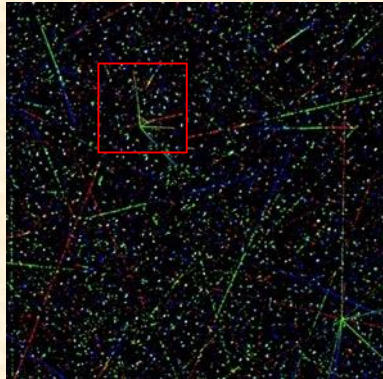
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**Challenge:**  
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# Production of training data

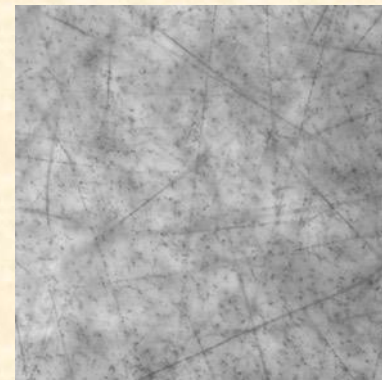
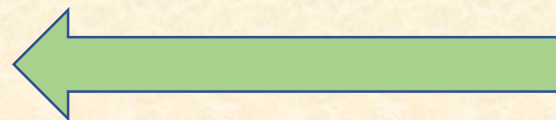
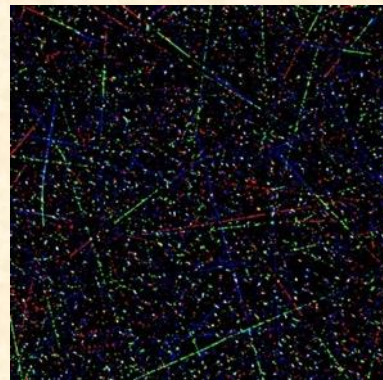
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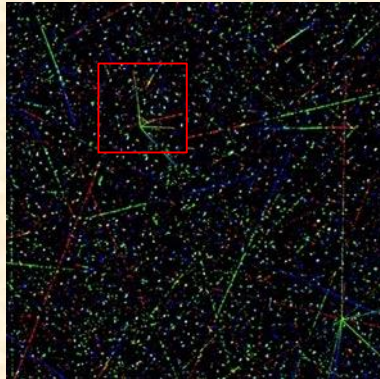
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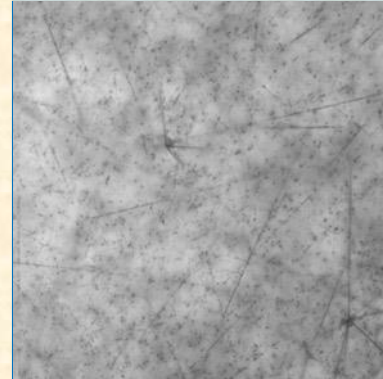
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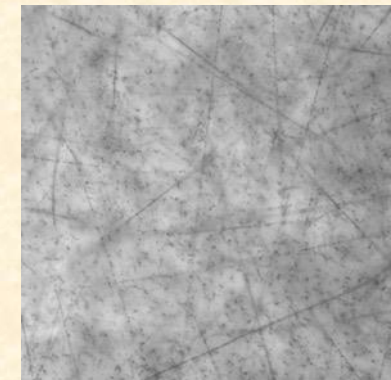
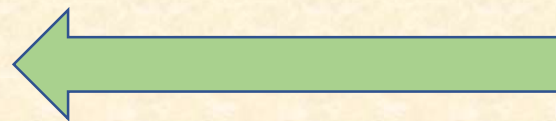
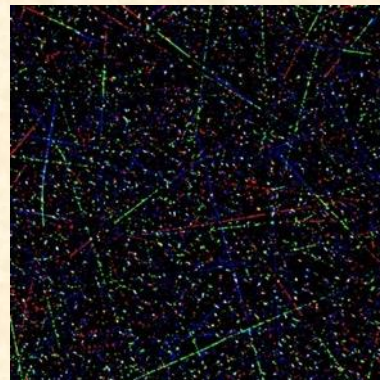


**Produced training data**



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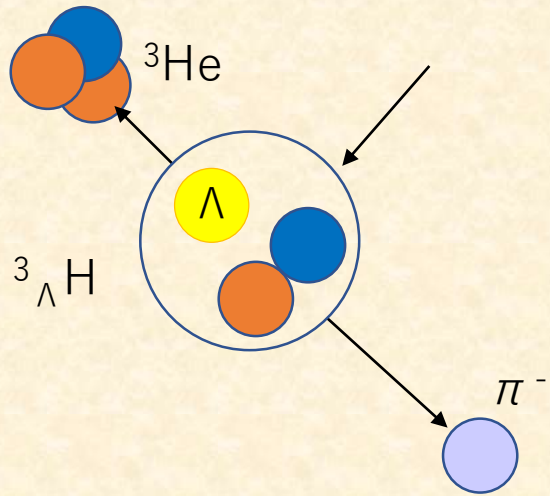
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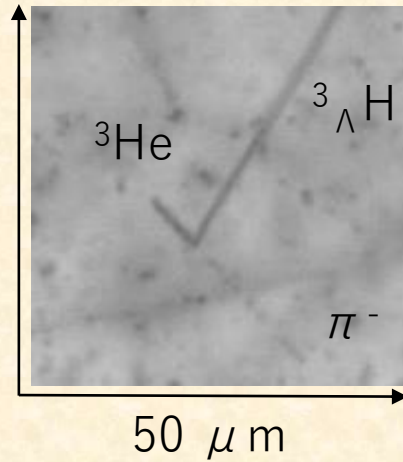
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# Hypertriton search with Mask R-CNN

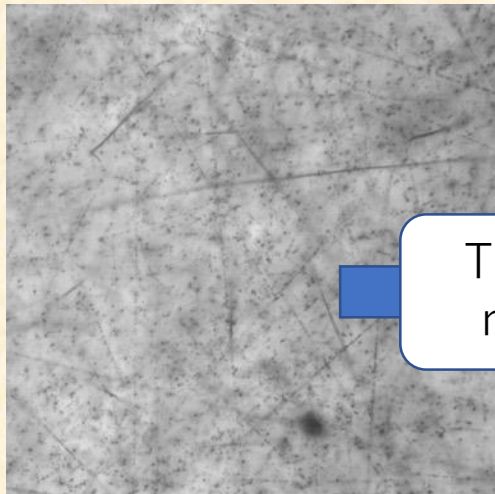
Two body decay of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$



Simulated image



Real image

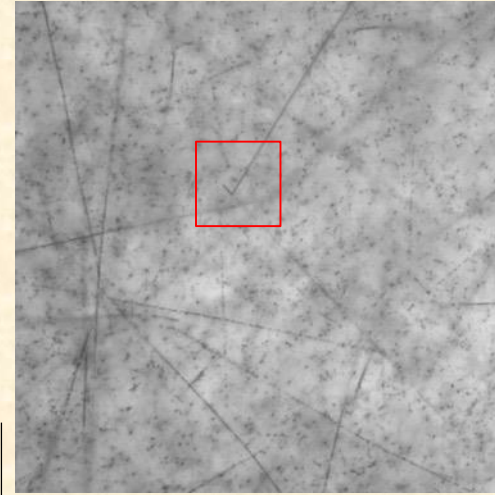


Trained model

Detected!

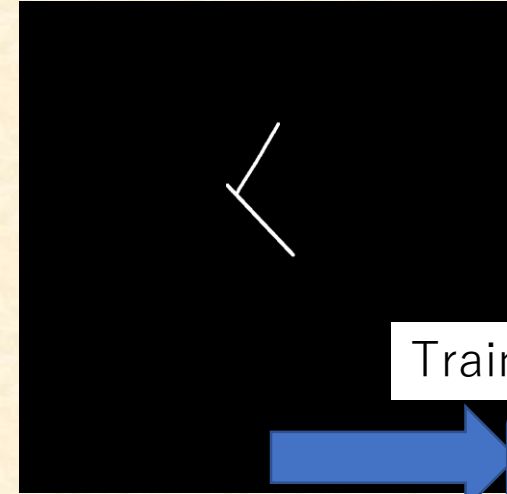
Training dataset (Simulated images)

Image



$50 \mu m$

Mask



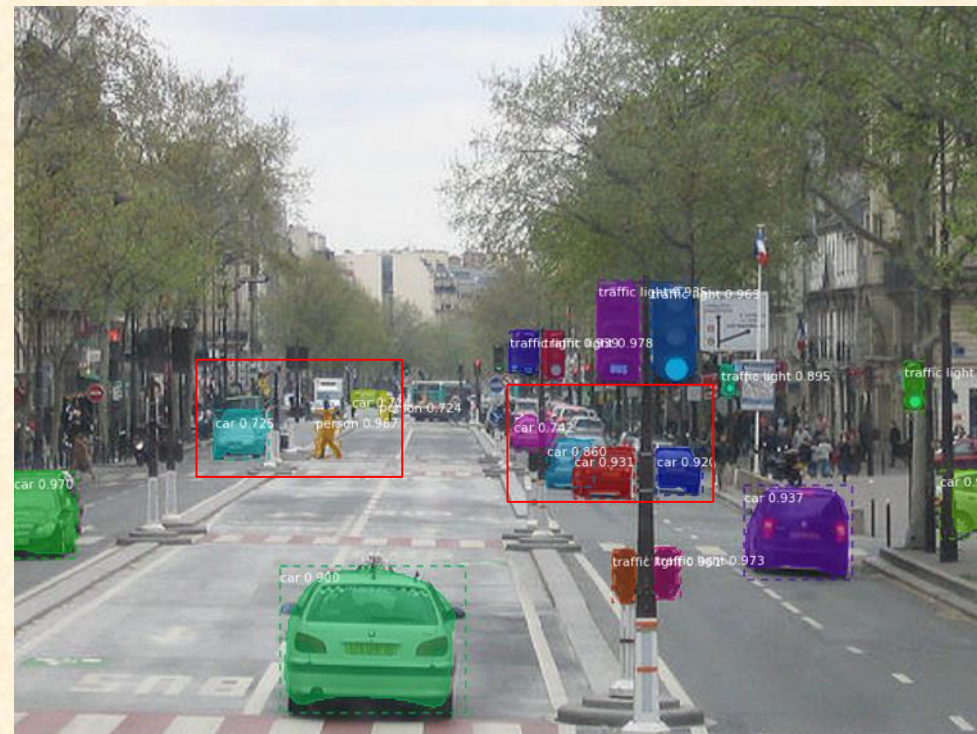
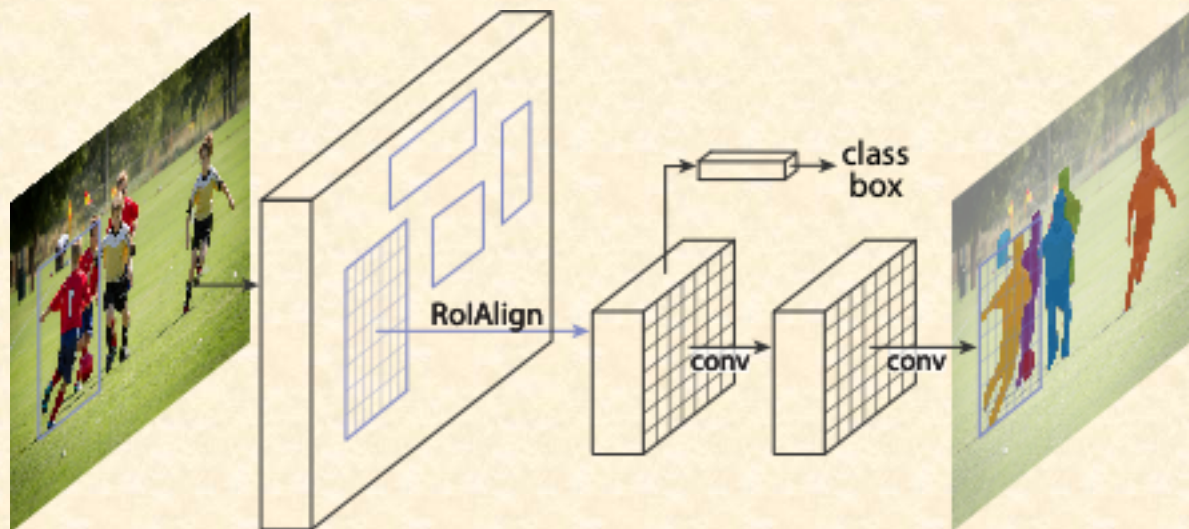
Training

model

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# Detection of hypertriton events

With Mask R-CNN model



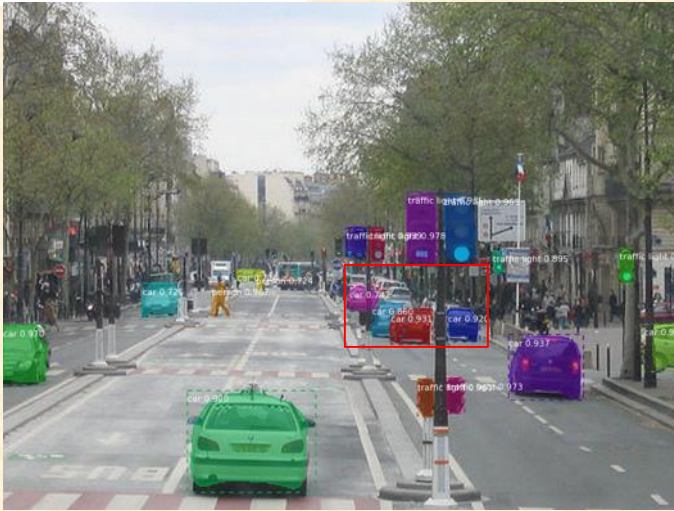
Detection of each object



At large object density

# Training of Mask R-CNN with Simulated image

Mask R-CNN



Example of training dataset

Image

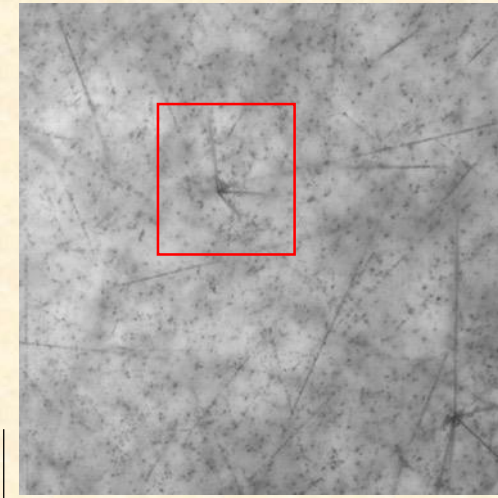
Mask



A Pedestrian dataset

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Training data (Simulated image)

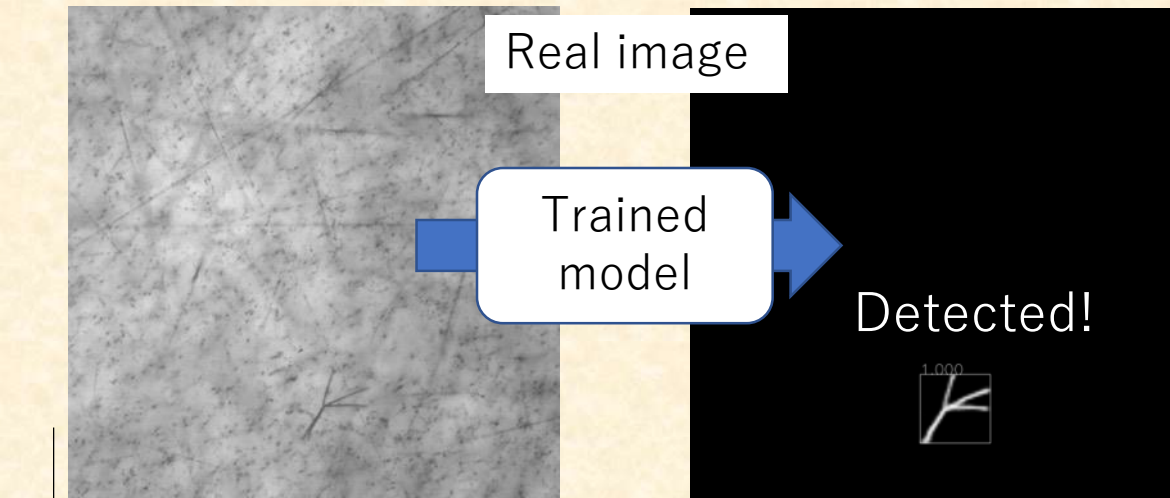


Mask  
(Target event)

50  $\mu$  m

Masks are automatically produced

Performance of  $\alpha$ -decay detection



50  $\mu$  m

Efficiency

= No. detected/No. total

Purity

= Truth Positive/No. candidates

	Efficiency [%]	Purity [%]
Vertex picker	~40%	~1%
Mask R-CNN	~80%	~20%

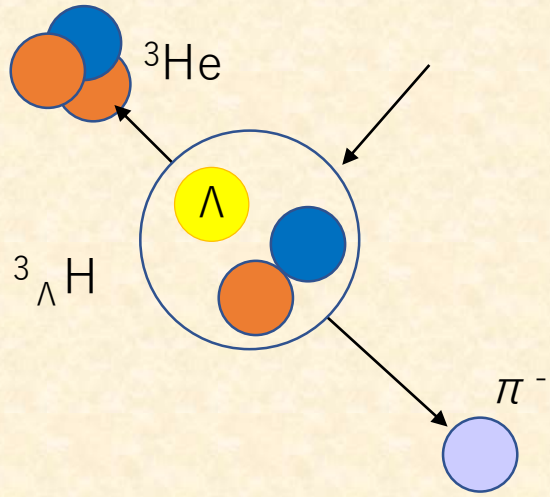
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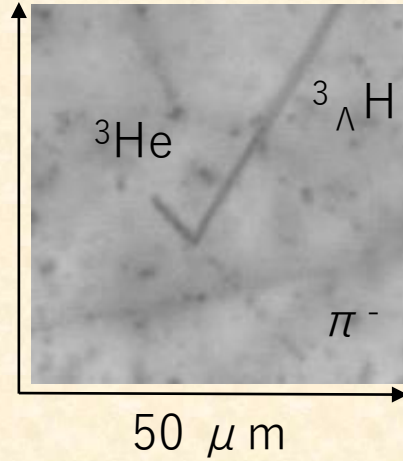
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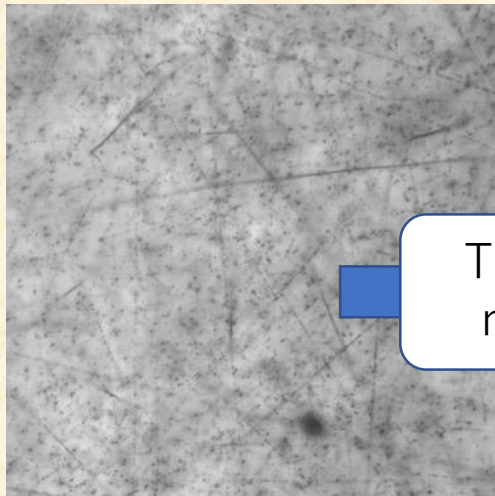
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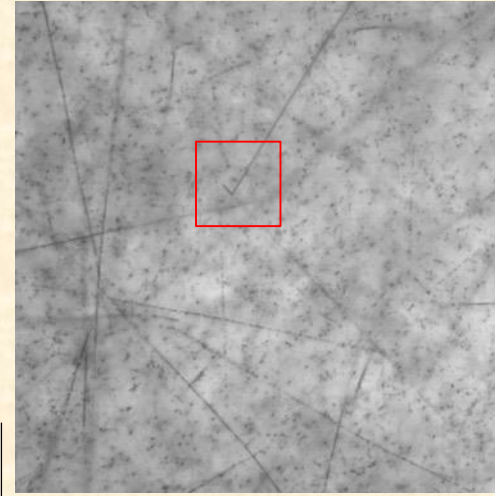


Real image

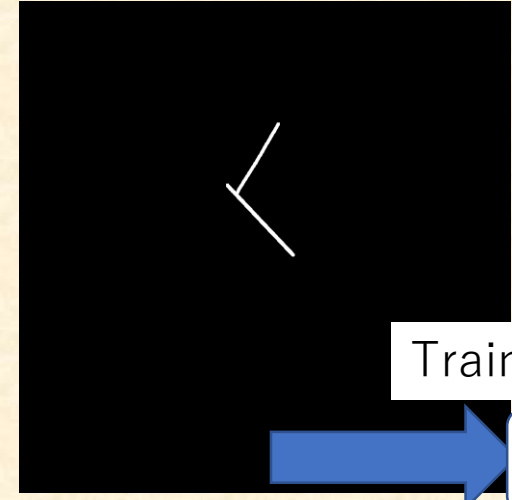


Training dataset (Simulated images)

Image



Mask



Training

model

Trained model

Detected!





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# Systematic error for hypertriton $B_{\Lambda}$ with emulsion

Approximately 28 keV

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## Revisiting the former nuclear emulsion data for hypertriton

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# Recent theoretical calculation

## Revisiting the hypertriton lifetime puzzle

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**Concluding remarks.** Reported in this work is a new microscopic three-body calculation of the  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  pionic two-body decay rate  $\Gamma({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \pi^-)$ . Using the  $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$  rule and a branching ratio taken from experiment to connect to additional pionic decay rates, the lifetime  $\tau({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  was deduced. As emphasized here  $\tau({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  varies strongly with the small, rather poorly known  $\Lambda$  separation energy  $B_{\Lambda}({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$ ; it proves possible then to correlate each one of the three distinct RHI experimentally reported values  $\tau_{\text{exp}}({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  with a theoretical value  $\tau_{\text{th}}({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  that corresponds to its own underlying  $B_{\Lambda}({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  value. The  $B_{\Lambda}({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  intervals thereby correlated with these experiments are roughly  $B_{\Lambda} \lesssim 0.1$  MeV,  $0.1 \lesssim B_{\Lambda} \lesssim 0.2$  MeV and  $B_{\Lambda} \gtrsim 0.2$  MeV for ALICE, HypHI and STAR, respectively. New experiments proposed at MAMI on Li target [39] and at JLab, J-PARC and ELPH on  ${}^3\text{He}$  target [40] will hopefully pin down precisely  $B_{\Lambda}({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H})$  to better than perhaps 50 keV, thereby leading to a unique resolution of the ‘hypertriton lifetime puzzle’.

## Other recent theoretical works

### For hypertriton:

#### Effective field theory

F. Hildenbrand et al., Phys. Rev. C 102, 064002 (2020)

- $R = \Gamma_{3\text{He}} / (\Gamma_{3\text{He}} + \Gamma_{\text{pd}})$  is sensitive to the binding energy

### For nn $\Lambda$ :

#### Pionless effective field theory

S.-I. Ando et al., Phys. Rev. C 92, 024325 (2015)

F. Hildenbrand et al., Phys. Rev. C 100 034002 (2019)

Not yet excluding the bound state

STAR, HypHI, ALICE: from 121 to 270 ps



# Novel method for producing very-neutron-rich hypernuclei via charge-exchange reactions with heavy ion projectiles

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**Abstract** We propose a novel method for producing very-neutron-rich hypernuclei and corresponding resonance states by employing charge-exchange reactions via  $pp(^{12}\text{C}, ^{12}\text{N } K^+)n\Lambda$  with single-charge-exchange and  $ppp(^9\text{Be}, ^9\text{C } K^+)nn\Lambda$  with double-charge-exchange, both of which produce  $\Lambda K^+$  in a target nucleus. The feasibility of producing very-neutron-rich hypernuclei using the proposed method was analysed by applying an ultra-relativistic quantum molecular dynamics model to a  $^6\text{Li} + ^{12}\text{C}$  reaction at 2 A GeV. The yields of very-neutron-rich hypernuclei, signal-to-background ratios, and background contributions were investigated. The proposed method is a powerful tool for studying very-neutron-rich hypernuclei and resonance states with a hyperon for experiments employing the Super-FRS facility at FAIR and HFRS facility at HIAF.

the nature of fragmentation reactions of heavy ion beams, the isospin values of the produced hypernuclei were widely distributed. Therefore, neutron-rich and proton-rich hypernuclei could be studied.

One of the problems revealed by the results of the HypHI Phase 0 experiment is the possible existence of an unprecedented bound state of a  $\Lambda$ -hyperon with two neutrons, denoted as  $\Lambda nn (^3_\Lambda n)$  [3]. Neutral nuclear states with neutrons and  $\Lambda$ -hyperons are of particular interest because the natures of these states should have an impact on our understanding of the deep cores of neutron stars. However, theoretical calculations have shown negative results for the existence of  $\Lambda nn$  bound states [4–7]. Although there is disagreement between the results of the HypHI Phase 0 experiment and theoretical calculations, whether or not the  $\Lambda nn$  state can exist has recently become a hot topic in experimental and theoretical

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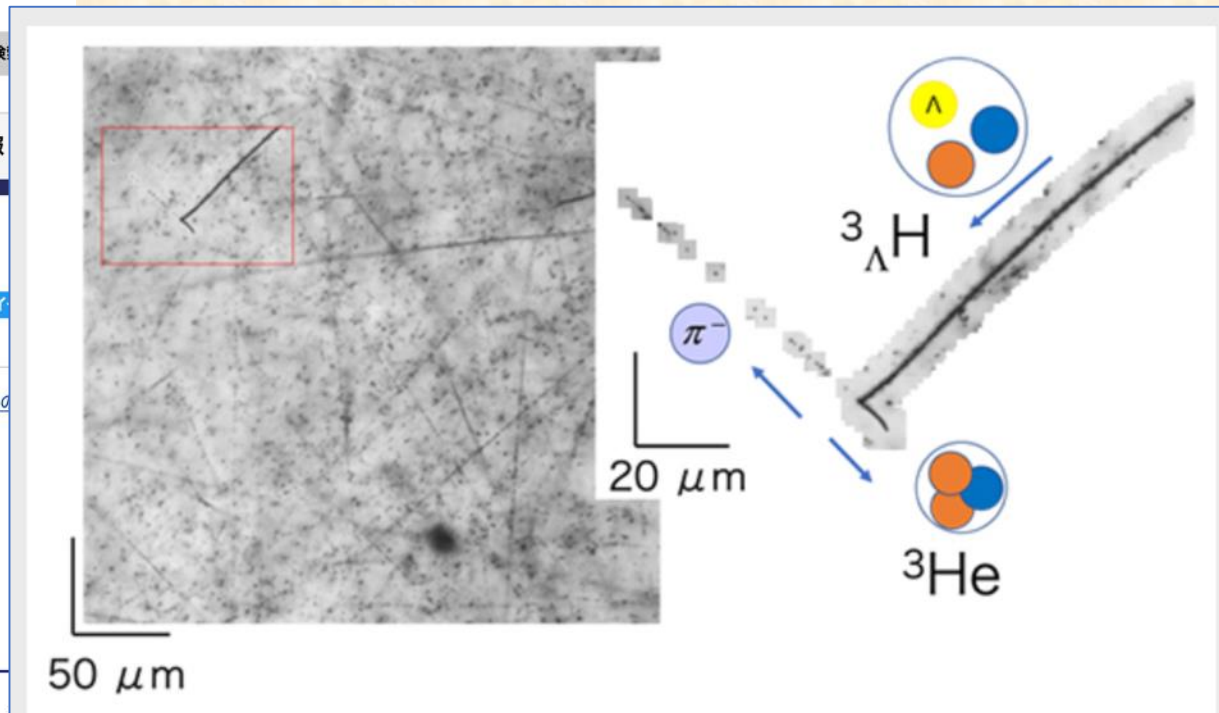
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## ハイパー核の束縛エネルギー精密測定へ -ハイパートライトンパズルの解明に向けて-

理化学研究所 (理研) 開拓研究本部齋藤高エネルギー原子核研究室の齋藤武彦主任研究員、岐阜大学教育学部・工学研究科の仲澤和馬シニア教授、大学大学院理学研究科の吉田純也助教、立教大学大学院人工知能科学研究科の瀧雅人准教授らの国際共同研究グループは、大強度陽子加速器施設「PARC」<sup>[1]</sup>においてK中間子<sup>[2]</sup>ビームが照射された写真乾板データを、独自に開発した機械学習<sup>[3]</sup>モデルによって解析し、ハイパー核<sup>[4]</sup>の一種である「ハイパートライトン<sup>[4]</sup>」の生成と崩壊の事象を可視的に検出することに成功しました。

本研究成果は、写真乾板からハイパートライトンを大量に効率良く検出できることを示しており、その束縛エネルギー<sup>[5]</sup>を世界最高精度で決定することで「ハイパートライトンパズル」と呼ばれる謎の解決への貢献が期待できます。



発見されたハイパートライトンの崩壊事象

[https://www.riken.jp/press/2021/20210914\\_3/](https://www.riken.jp/press/2021/20210914_3/)

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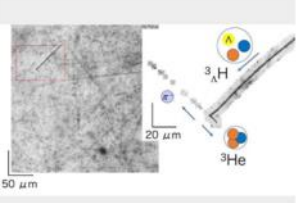
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## ハイパー核の飛跡、AIで検出成功、宇宙誕生の解明に道筋 岐阜大の仲澤シニア教授ら

2021年09月15日 09:27

国立研究開発法人の理化学研究所（理研）は14日までに、岐阜大の仲澤馬シニア教授らが参加する国際共同研究グループが、物質を構成する原子の中心にある原子核の研究で、原子核の一種であるハイパー核のうち最も軽い「ハイパートライトン」が生成されてから崩壊するまでの飛跡を効率的に検出することに成功したと発表した。近年技術的な進化が著しい人工知能（AI）を活用することで、人の手では数百年かかる検出作業が数年に短縮するという。



実際に検出されたハイパートライトン（ $3\Lambda\text{H}$ ）の崩壊までの飛跡（左）と仕組み。崩壊後にパイオン（ $\pi^-$ ）とヘリウム3原子核（ $3\text{He}$ ）が左右に放出されている。単位にある「 $\mu$ 」はマイクロメートルで、 $1\mu\text{m}$ は1,000分の1である。

研究グループは理研の研究員を中心に、仲澤シニア教授ら国内外の研究者15人で組織。岐阜大大学院の笠置歩さんも理研の大学院生リサーチ・アシリエットとして参加した。物質の構造や起源を探るための研究の一環で、宇宙誕生の解明につながる。

13日の記者説明会で解説した理研の齋藤武彦主任研究員によると、「原子核を構成する陽子と中性子の間に働く引力を調べる中で、鍵となるのが特殊な原子核であるハイパー核だという。ただ、ハイパー核の理論の基準となるハイパートライトンの性質は未知のまま、原子核と粒子の間に働く引力などが正確に測定されていない課題があった。

研究グループは、2016～17年に仲澤シニア教授が茨城県東海村の大強度陽子加速器施設「J-PARC」で行った実験で得られ、ハイパートライトンの飛跡が記録されていると思われる1300枚の写真乾板に注目。これまでは顕微鏡を使って人の目で丹念に探す必要があったが、AIで自動検出する手法に挑戦した。

AIが検出の参考にする飛跡の観測写真は無いものの、飛跡情報をシミュレーションし、モデルとなる模擬画像を画像変換技術を用いて作成。それと同じものを写真乾板の膨大な記録から抜き出すと、車の自動運転などにも使われる物体検出の技術を使い、ハイパートライトンが生成されてから崩壊するまでの飛跡の自動検出に成功した。今後も複数の飛跡を検出することで、未知だったハイパートライトンの性質を世界最高精度で明らかにできるという。

齋藤主任研究員は「物質の成り立ちの解明への大きな一歩になる」とし、仲澤シニア教授も「これまでの理論が根底から変わるかもしれない」と話している。研究結果をまとめた論文は14日、英文の科学雑誌「Nature」に掲載された。

Gifu Shinbun, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

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古い技術AIで生まれ変わる

### 写真乾板と組み合わせ「ハイパー核」精密測定



写真乾板から検出されたハイパートライトンの崩壊現象（赤枠内）と拡大図（下）。右から飛行してきたハイパートライトンが、へり内を3原子核とパイオン中間子に崩壊し、それぞれ右下と左上方向に飛行して静止した。飛跡からハイパートライトンの性質を調べます（理化学研究所提供）

模倣画像を作成。ハイパートライトンが写真乾板上で静止し崩壊した飛跡の検出に成功しました。従来の手法なら50年以上かかる画像解析を3年以内で実現したい。研究チームは、国際共同研究グループの齋藤武彦主任研究員は、写真乾板の精密測定を進めています。

古い技術や、電子顕微鏡を駆使して検出されてきた飛跡を、AIで検出することで、人の手では数百年かかる作業が数年に短縮するという。

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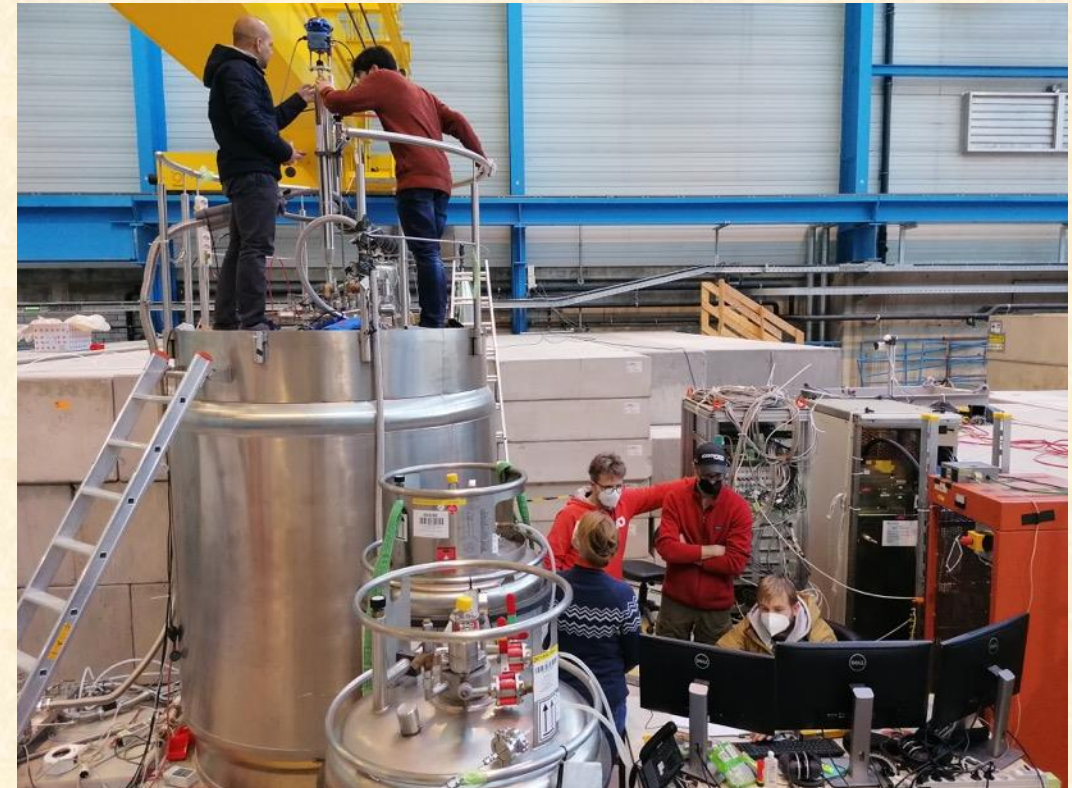
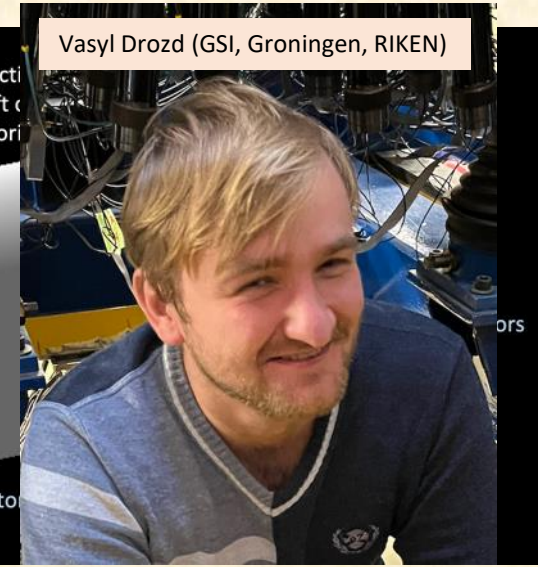
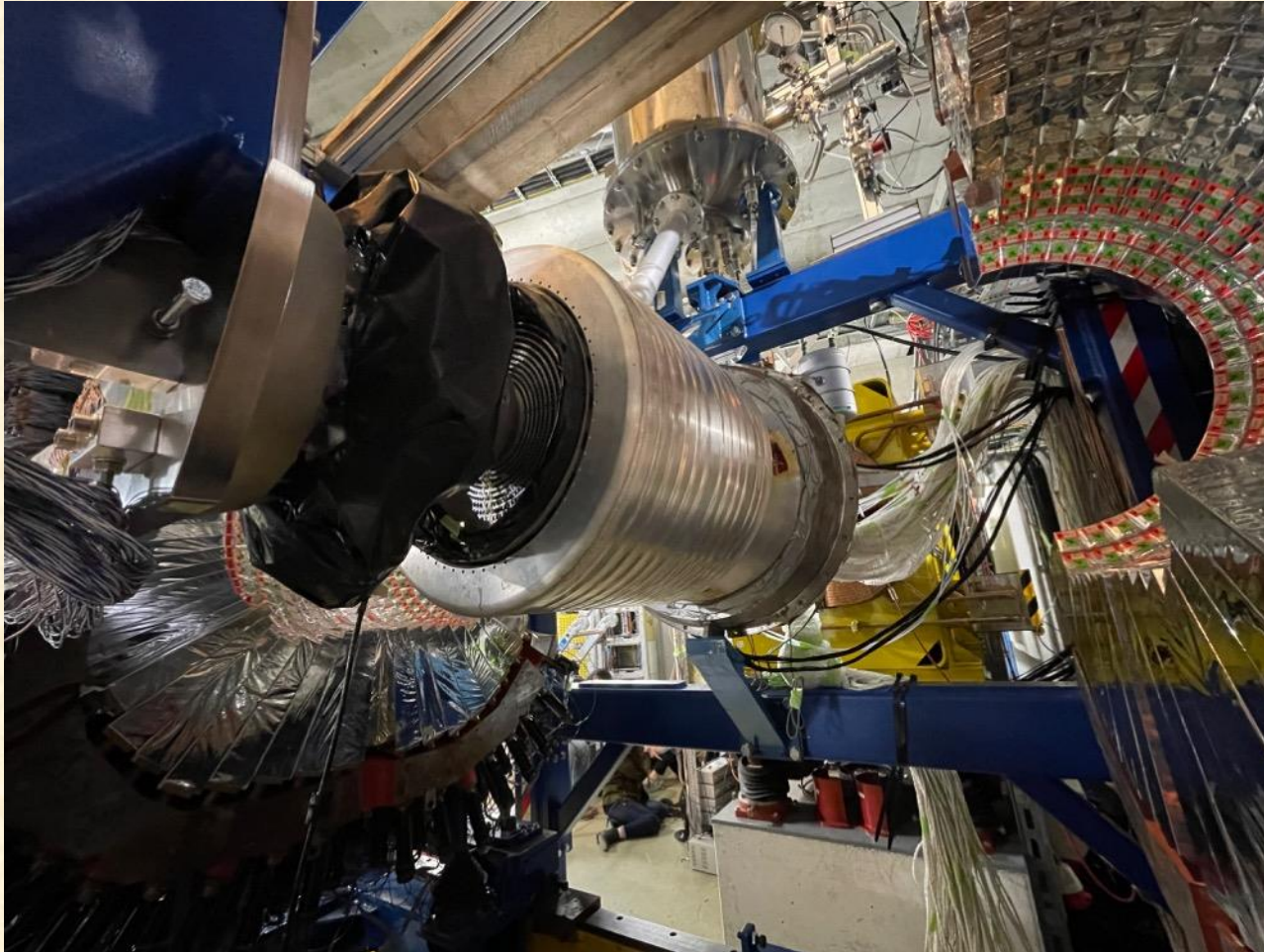
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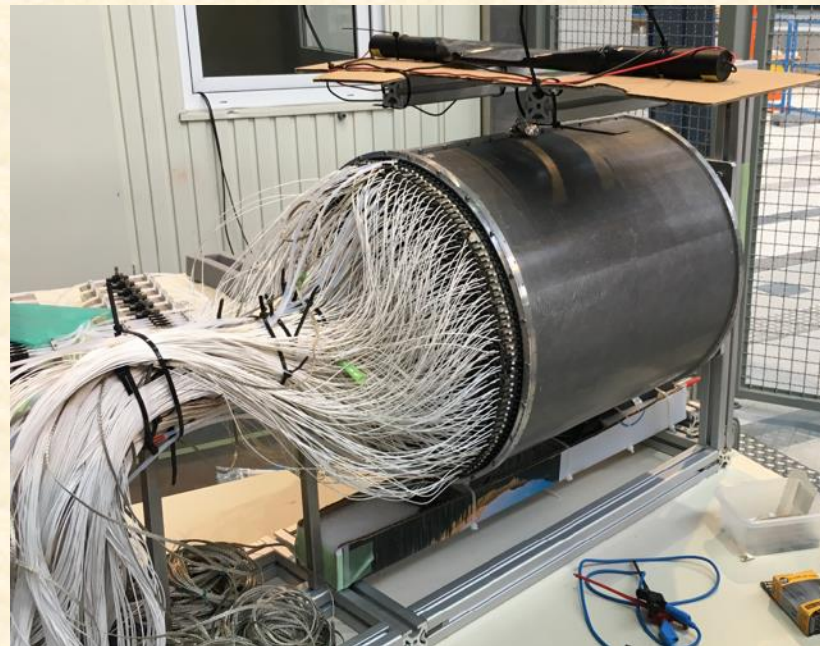
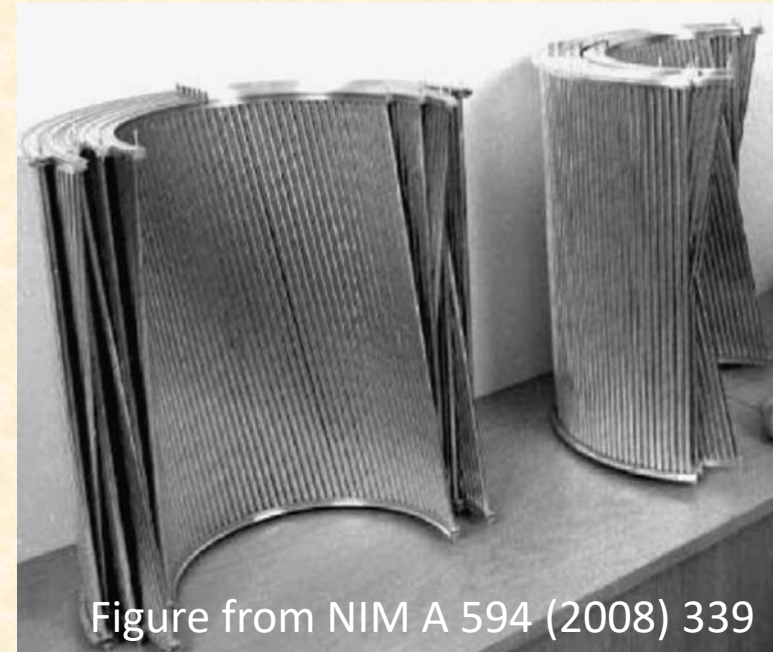
# Superconducting magnet

- Superconducting solenoid
- Excited up to 1 T
- New cryogenic and control systems developed by GSI and High Energy Nuclear Physics Lab. at RIKEN



# Mini Drift Chamber (MDC)

- 1738 drift tubes
- 17 stereo layers
  - ✓ 9 layers parallel to the beam axis
  - ✓ 8 layers with small skew angles (6-9 degrees)
- New readout system with Clock-TDCs developed by GSI

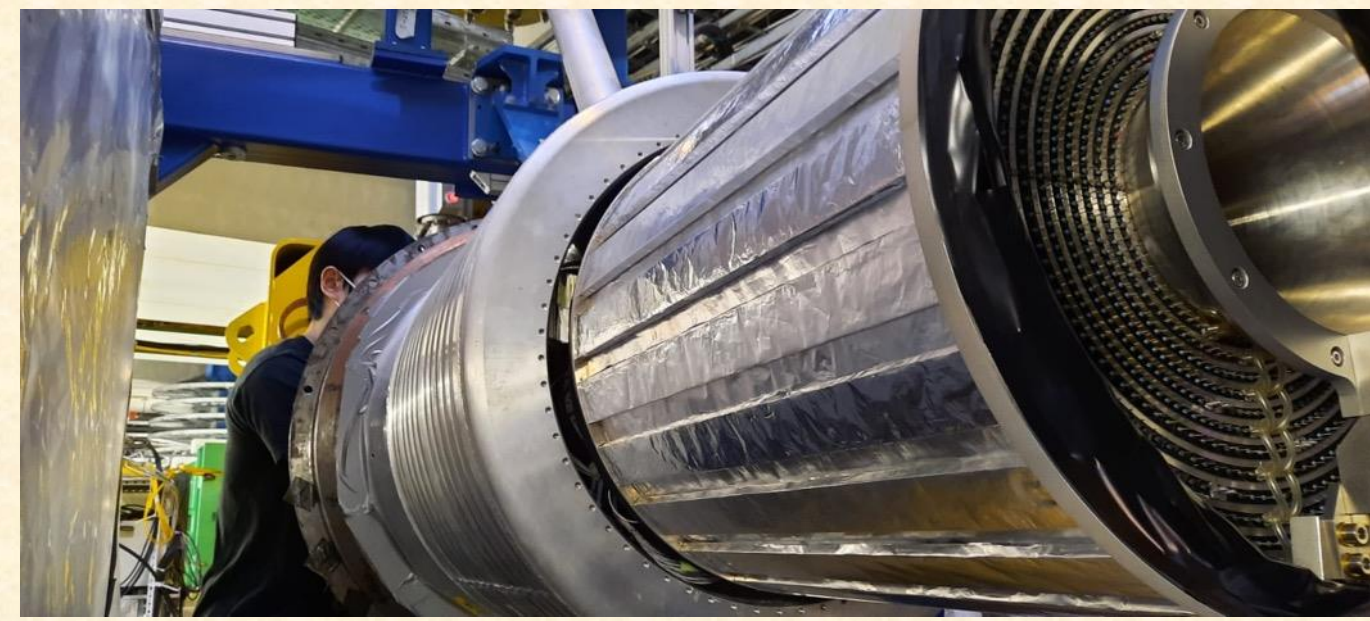




# Plastic Scintillator Barrel (PSB)

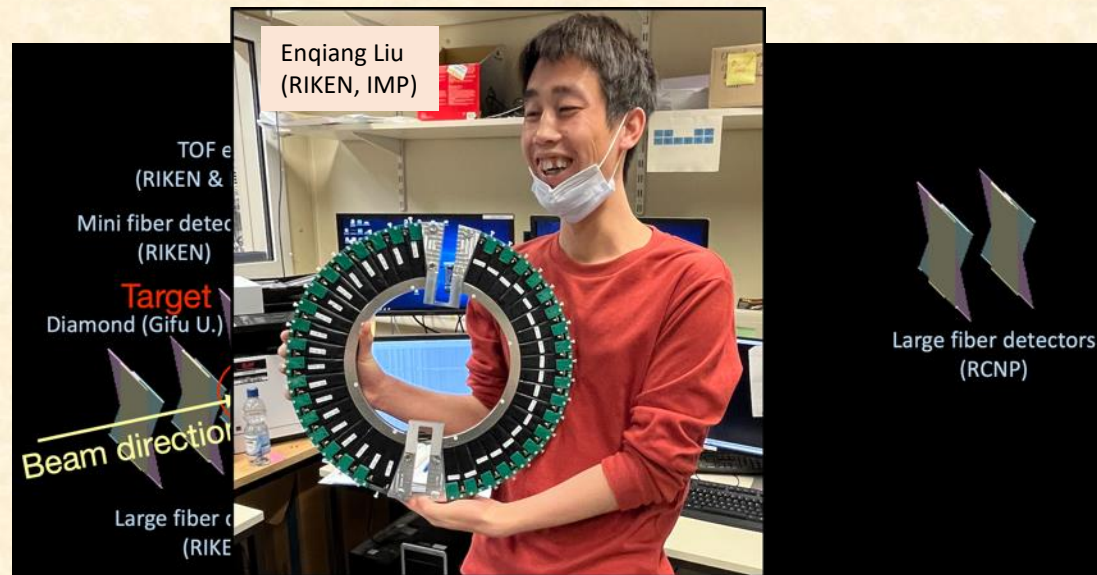
- Newly developed by Meson Science Laboratory at RIKEN
- MPPCs readout in both-ends
- Wave form readout implemented
- Time resolutions
  - ✓ 140 ps with TDC/QDC
  - ✓ 70 ps with wave-forms

The composite image includes a schematic diagram on the left showing the detector layout: TOF (RIKEN), TOF endcaps (RIKEN & Lanzhou), Mini fiber detectors (RIKEN), Target Diamond (Gifu U.), Beam direction, and Large fiber detectors (RIKEN). In the center is a portrait of Ryohei Sekiya (RIKEN, Kyoto U.). On the right is a logo for Large fiber detectors (RCNP).




# Plastic End-caps (PSFE & PSBE)

- Newly developed by High Energy Nuclear Physics Lab. at RIKEN, Lanzhou University and GSI
- 44 sector-plastics for PSFE, 38 sectors for PSBE
- MPPCs readout with TDC/QDC
- Additional wave-form readout implemented for PSFE



# CsI calorimeter

- 1020 CsI crystals
- New readout system with FEBEX developed by GSI
- High energy gamma-rays from  $\pi^0$  decay
- Charge particle PID with  $\Delta E(\text{PSB})-\Delta E(\text{CsI})$
- Participating in tracking



TOF end (RIKEN & Lar)

Mini fiber detector (RIKEN)

Target Diamond (Gifu U.)

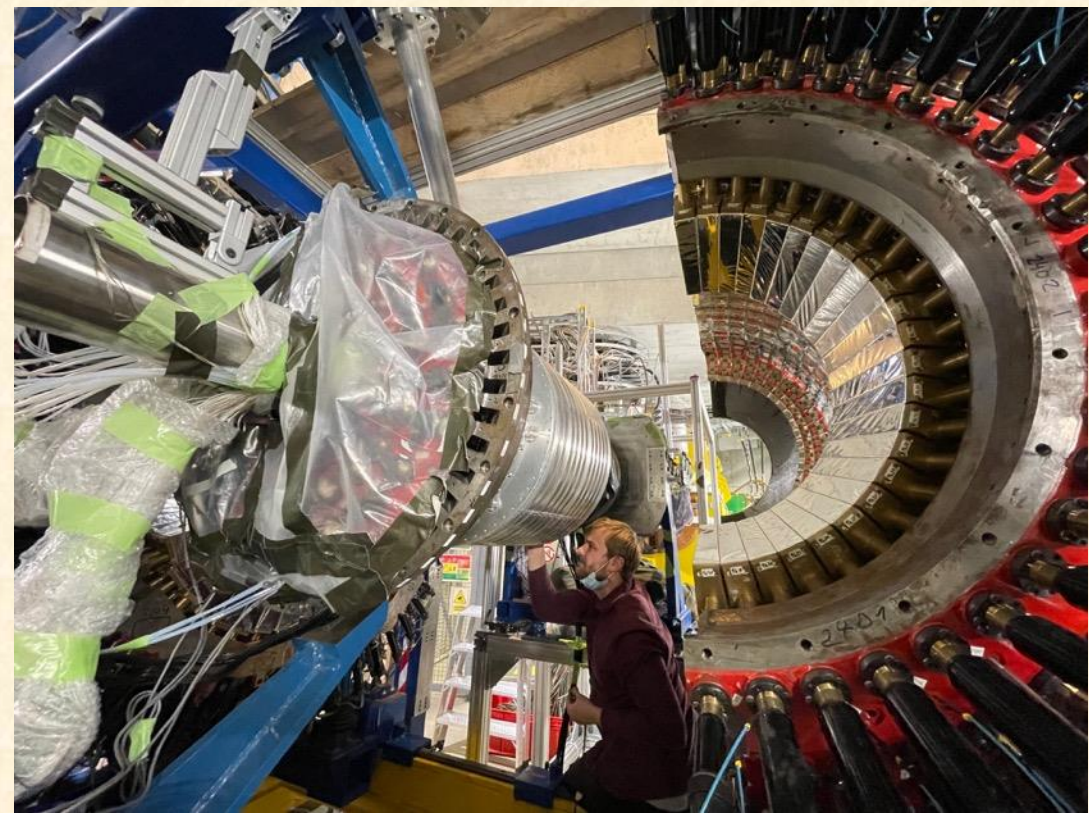
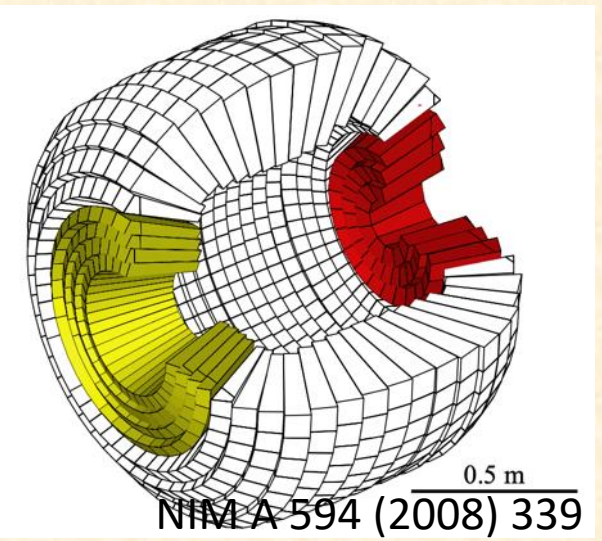
Beam direction

Large fiber detector (RIKEN)

Large fiber detectors (RCNP)

Ayumi Kasagi (RIKEN, Gifu U.)

The diagram shows a cross-section of the detector components. A beam enters from the left, passing through a target diamond and a mini fiber detector. It then reaches a large fiber detector. The TOF end and another large fiber detector are also shown. A portrait of Ayumi Kasagi is overlaid on the right side of the diagram.



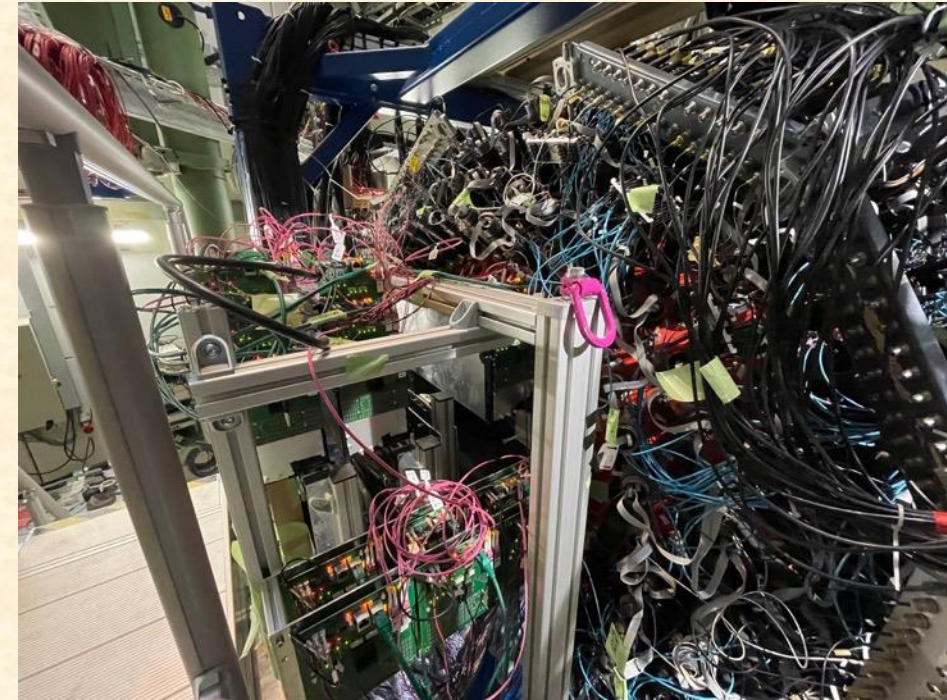
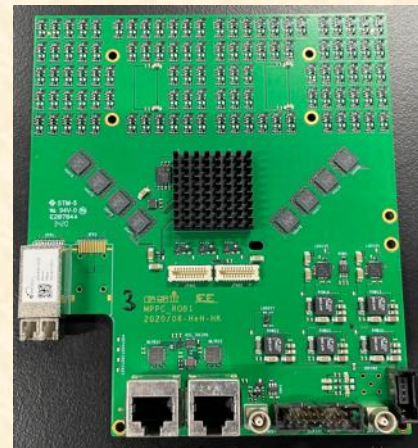
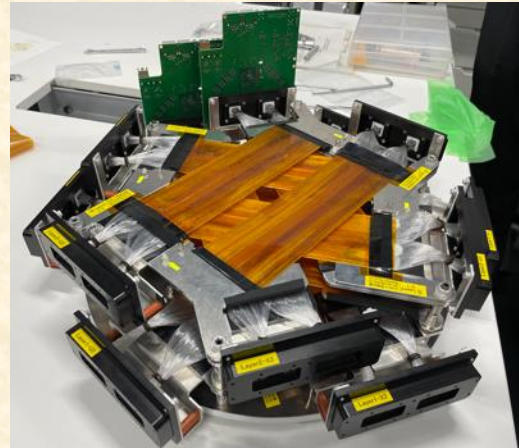
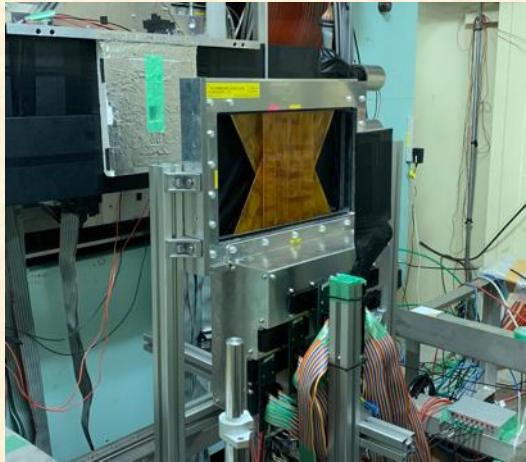
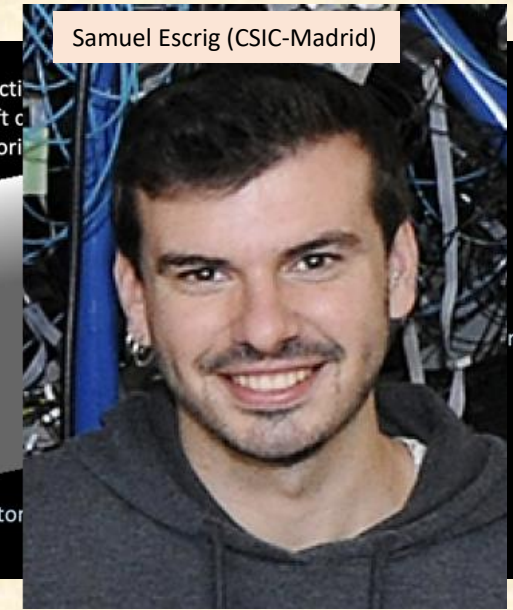
# Scintillating fiber detectors

- 5 large stations developed by High Energy Nuclear Physics Lab. at RIKEN and by RCNP
- Mini fiber station developed by High energy Nuclear Physics Lab. at RIKEN
- xx'-uu'-vv', fibers with a diameter of 0.5 mm
- Matrix (8X8)-MPPC readout
- Readout electronics (MPPC\_rob) developed by GSI

Hiroyuki Ekawa (RIKEN)

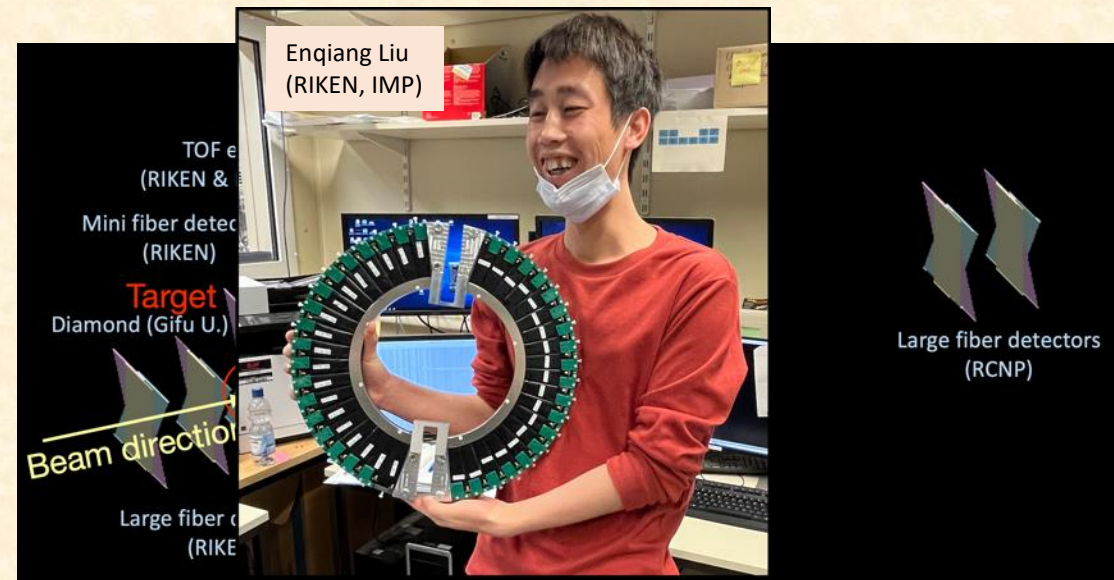
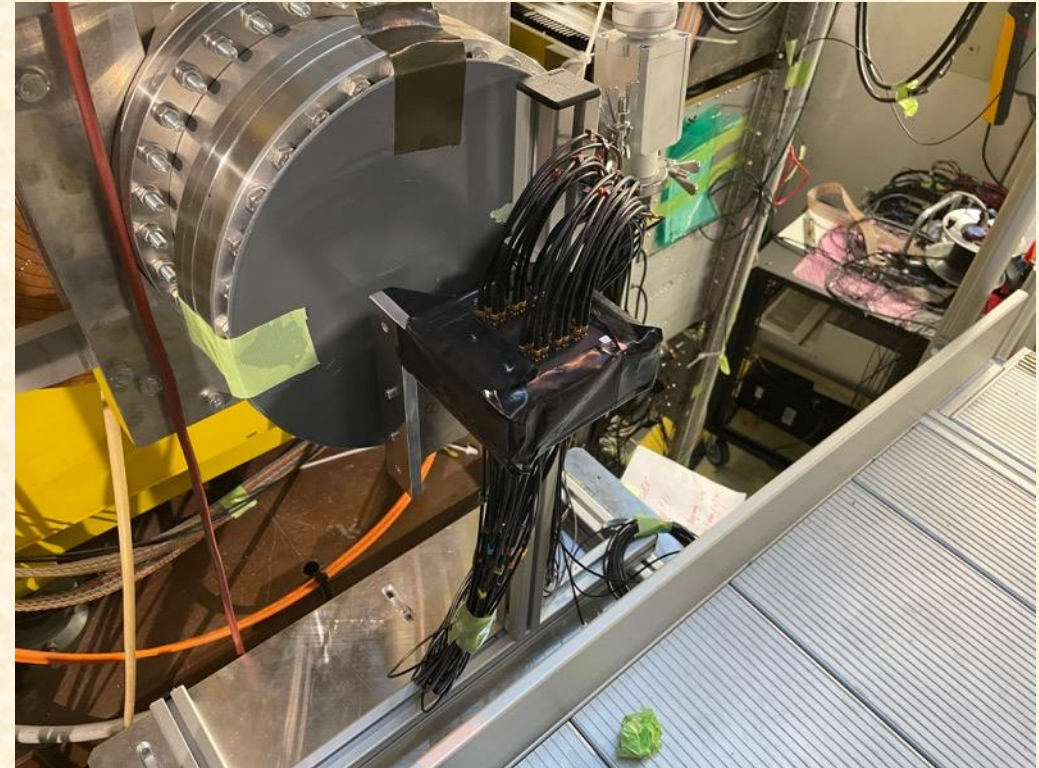


Samuel Escrig (CSIC-Madrid)



# T0 counter

- Newly developed by High Energy Nuclear Physics Lab. at RIKEN, GSI and Lanzhou University
- 28 plastic fingers (1.5 mm X 1.5 mm X 28 mm)
- MPPCs readout in both-ends
- Time resolutions
  - ✓ Better than 100 ps with TDC/QDC



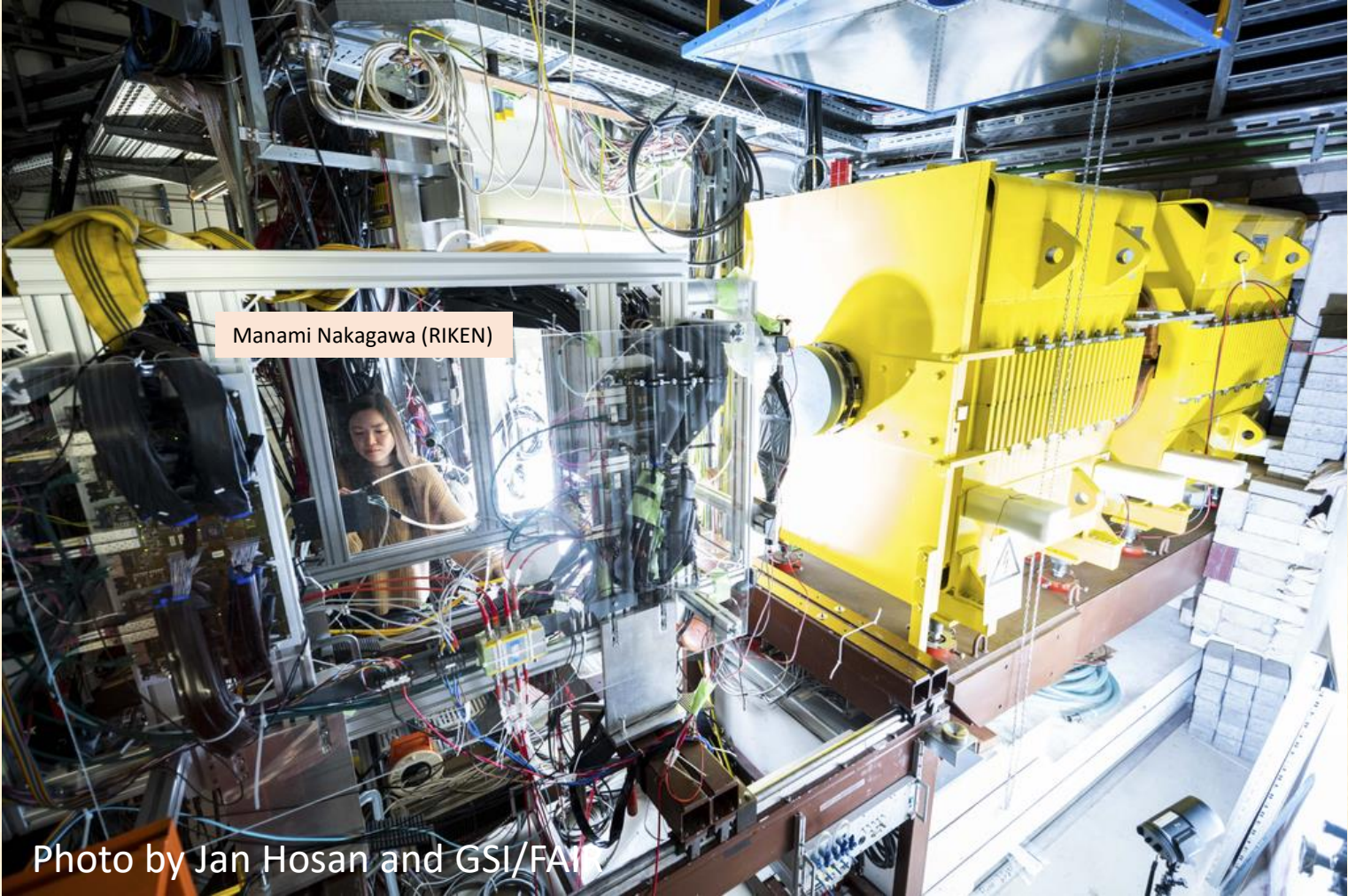
# FRS detectors

S3:

- Plastic scintillators and TPC

S4:

- MWDC, plastic scintillators and Cherenkov detector



Manami Nakagawa (RIKEN)

Photo by Jan Hosan and GSI/FAIR



Yan He (LZU, RIKEN)



Yiming Gao (RIKEN, IMP)

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# Very tight schedules for WASA at FRS

## **October 2021 – January 2022 (only 4 months)**

- Finalizing all the detectors and commissioning
- Integration of the data acquisition systems
- Implementation of the cryogenic system for the superconducting magnet
- Development of the online-monitoring system

## **December 2021**

- Final test for the superconducting magnet
- Decision to purchase 8000 litre liquid-He from the company
  - 120 k Euro from GSI and 120 k Euro from RIKEN (High Energy Nuclear Physics Lab, CPR)

## **Additional difficulties**

- COVID-19
- The war in Ukraine (from February 24th, 2022)

# The WASA-FRS HypHI experiment

## With ${}^6\text{Li}$ beams at 1.96 A GeV:

- ${}^3\text{He}$  at S4 (near the projectile rapidity) :  $3.3 \times 10^8$  (40 hours 56 minutes, 5569 files)
- $\text{d}/{}^4\text{He}$  at S4 (near the projectile rapidity) :  $2.7 \times 10^8$  (43 hours 51 minutes 5251 files)  
the ratio of  $\text{d}/{}^4\text{He}$  is approximately 2/1
- Protons at S4 (mid-rapidity) :  $5.3 \times 10^6$  (3 hours 9 minutes, 680 files)

## With ${}^{12}\text{C}$ beams at 1.96 A GeV:

- ${}^3\text{He}$  at S4 (near the projectile rapidity) :  $1.0 \times 10^8$  (13 hours 29 minutes, 1861 files)
- ${}^9\text{C}$  at S4 (near the projectile rapidity) :  $2.4 \times 10^5$  (in the same data set of  ${}^3\text{He}$ )



# GSI press release on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021



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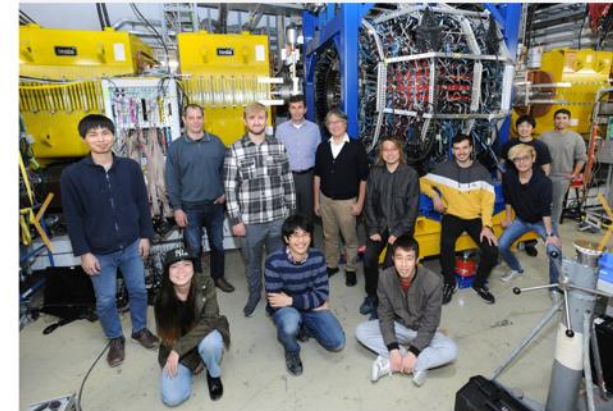
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## On the hunt for hypernuclei: The WASA detector at GSI/FAIR



Members of the WASA@FRS collaboration on site at GSI/FAIR to install the detector at FRS.

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Very special exotic nuclei are in the focus of researchers in the upcoming experiment period: so-called hypernuclei. Regular atomic nuclei are made of protons and neutrons, which in turn are composed of a total of three up and down quarks. If one of these quarks is replaced by another type, a so-called strange quark, a hyperon is formed. Atomic nuclei that contain one or more hyperons are called hypernuclei. They can be produced in particle collisions at accelerators, and their decay can then be observed in experiment setups such as the WASA detector and the FRS in order to study their properties in detail.

Professor Takehiko Saito, leading scientist in the GSI/FAIR research pillar NUSTAR, is the first author of the paper "New directions in hypernuclear physics" in the journal Nature Reviews Physics, which highlights previous results, open questions and new possibilities in the field of hypernuclear research. "Hypernuclei could shed light on what happens inside neutron stars. According to current predictions, hypernuclei should exist there abundantly. However, some of their properties have not yet been accurately



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### Teilchenphysiker auf der Jagd nach Hyperkernen

Hyperkerne, die in Neutronensternen in großer Zahl vorgekommen könnten, sollen mit dem WASA-Detektor erforscht werden

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Herkömmliche Atomkerne bestehen aus Protonen und Neutronen. Zerlegt man diese Atombausteine weiter, stellt man fest, dass sie sich aus insgesamt drei sogenannten Up- und Down-Quarks zusammensetzen. Neben drei weiteren Quark-Arten, den Charm-, Top- und Bottom-Quarks, existieren auch noch die Strange-Quarks. Diese seltsamen Partikel haben bei Kollisionen von Elementarteilchen eine vergleichsweise lange Lebensdauer.



Die Messgeräte des WASA-Detektors ragen wie Stacheln nach außen. Der riesige WASA-Aufbau besteht aus Szintillations- und Gasdetektoren, die geladene und neutrale Teilchen nachweisen können.

Foto: G. Otto, GSI/FAIR



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#### Große Esstische brauchen Raum zum Wirken

So wirken große Tafeln im Zuhause stilvoll und passend.

WERBUNG

Ersetzt man ein Up- oder Down-Quark eines Protonens oder Neutrons durch ein solches Strange-Quark, dann erhält man ein Hyperon. Atomkerne, in denen ein oder mehrere Hyperonen eingebaut sind, heißen Hyperkerne. Sie lassen sich mithilfe von Teilchenkollisionen an Beschleunigern erzeugen. Diese durchaus exotischen Hyperkerne will man nun mithilfe des WASA-Detektors, einem neuen Messgerät am GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung in Darmstadt, näher unter die Lupe nehmen.

#### Hyperkerne in Neutronensternen

"Die Hyperkerne könnten Licht auf die Vorgänge im Inneren von Neutronensternen werfen. Nach aktuellen Vorhersagen sollten Hyperkerne dort sehr zahlreich vorkommen", sagt Takehiko Saito, leitender Wissenschaftler beim Forschungsprojekt NUSTAR. Allerdings sind einige ihrer Eigenschaften noch

<https://www.derstandard.at/story/2000130648525/teilchenphysiker-uf-der-jagd-nachhyperkernen-nach>

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### Hyperkerne im Visier

22.10.2021 - Der WASA-Detektor in Darmstadt wird Teilchenspuren aus hochenergetischen Kernkollisionen verfolgen.

Ganz besonderen exotischen Atomkernen wollen die Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler in der kommenden Experimentierzeit nachjagen: Hyperkernen. Gewöhnliche Atomkerne bestehen aus Protonen und Neutronen, die sich wiederum aus insgesamt drei Up- und Down-Quarks zusammensetzen. Ersetzt man eins der Quarks durch ein Strange-Quark, erhält man ein Hyperon. Atomkerne, in denen ein oder mehrere Hyperonen eingebaut sind, heißen Hyperkerne. Sie lassen sich mithilfe von Teilchenkollisionen an Beschleunigern erzeugen. Anschließend können ihre Zerfälle in Messaufbauten wie dem WASA-Detektor und dem FRS am GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung in Darmstadt beobachtet und ihre Eigenschaften im Detail untersucht werden.



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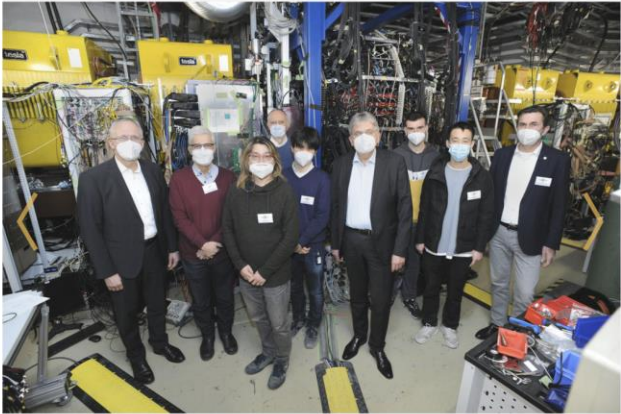
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## GSI/FAIR directors visit WASA detector setup at the fragment separator FRS




At the detector setup


16.05.2022 | "It is very impressive to see how such a large collaboration of international scientists works together and I am impressed by the great scientific achievements", says Professor Paolo Giubellino, the Scientific Managing Director of GSI and FAIR. Together with his colleagues Jörg Blaurock and Dr. Ulrich Breuer, the Technical Managing Director and the Administrative Managing Director of GSI and FAIR, he visited the WASA detector, which is presently installed at the GSI fragment separator FRS, a few days after the successful commissioning of the experiment in February and March 2022. All three directors wanted to obtain first-hand information of this milestone experiment and get a direct impression of the ongoing work and its first results.

In the meantime, several experiments have been performed successfully to search for and study very special exotic atoms, especially mesic atoms and hypernuclei. The experiments build on a long-standing and intense collaboration between GSI and RIKEN, Japan's largest comprehensive research institution renowned for high-quality research in a wide range of modern scientific disciplines.


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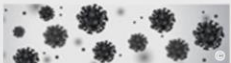


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