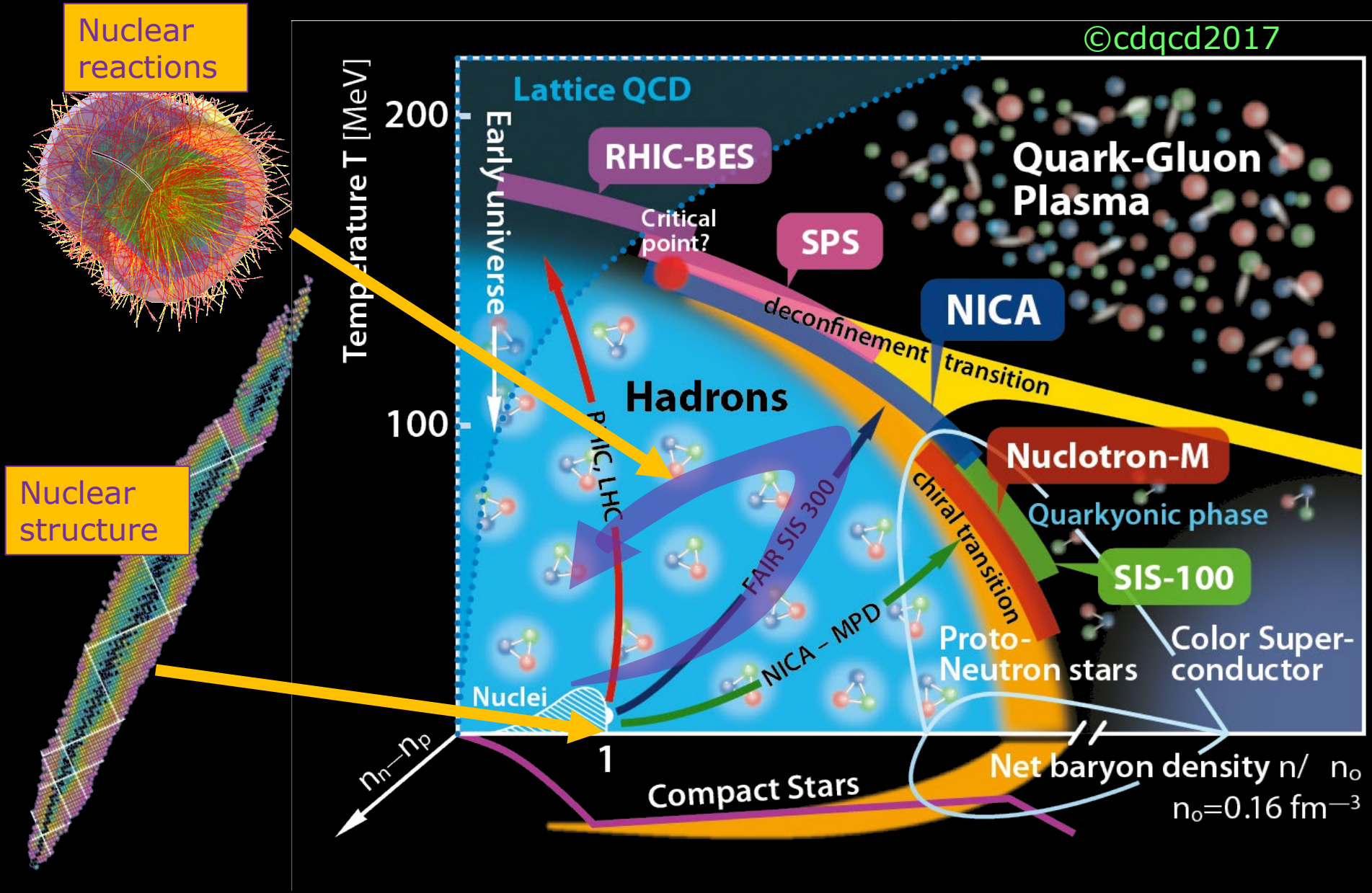
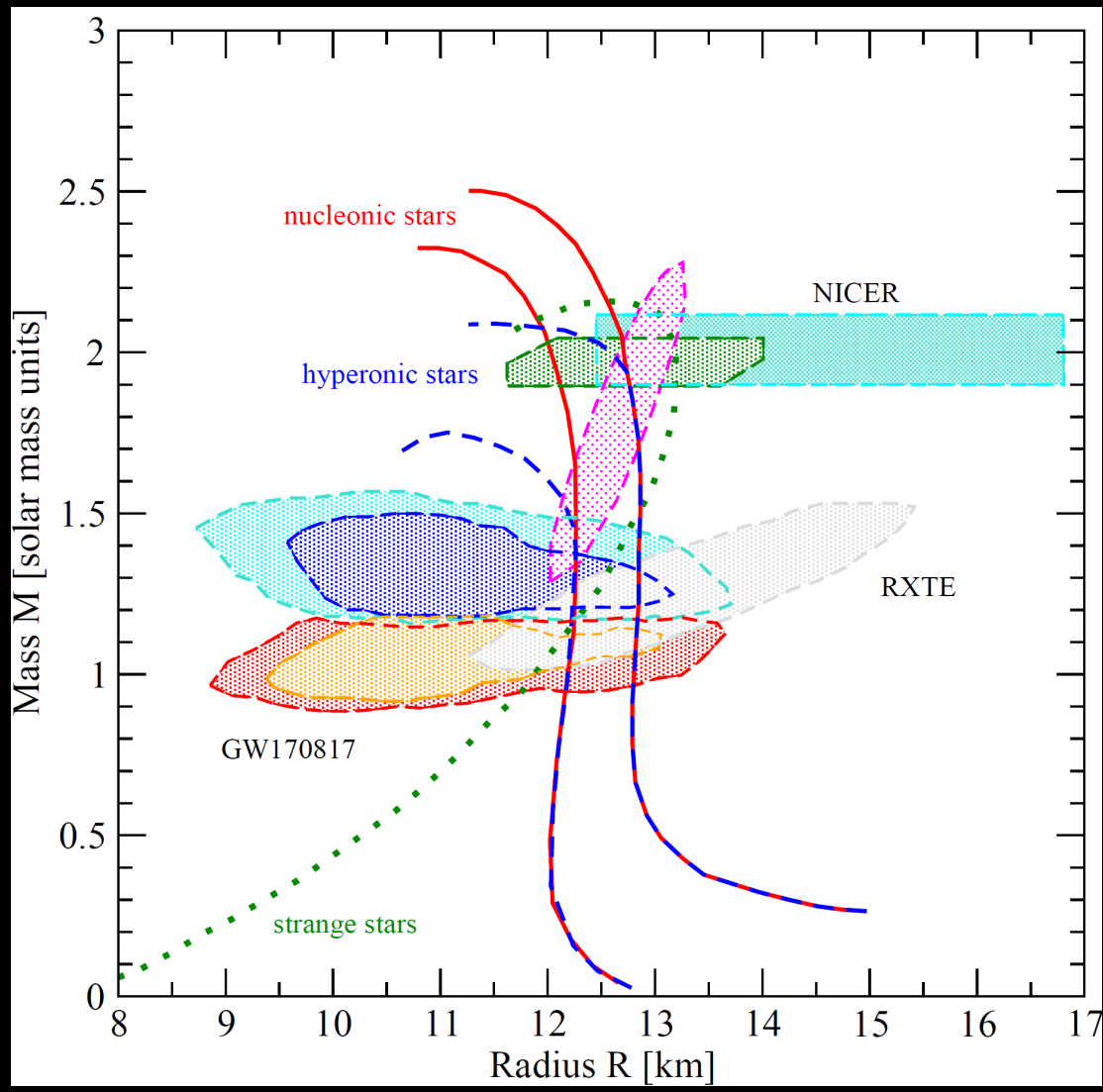


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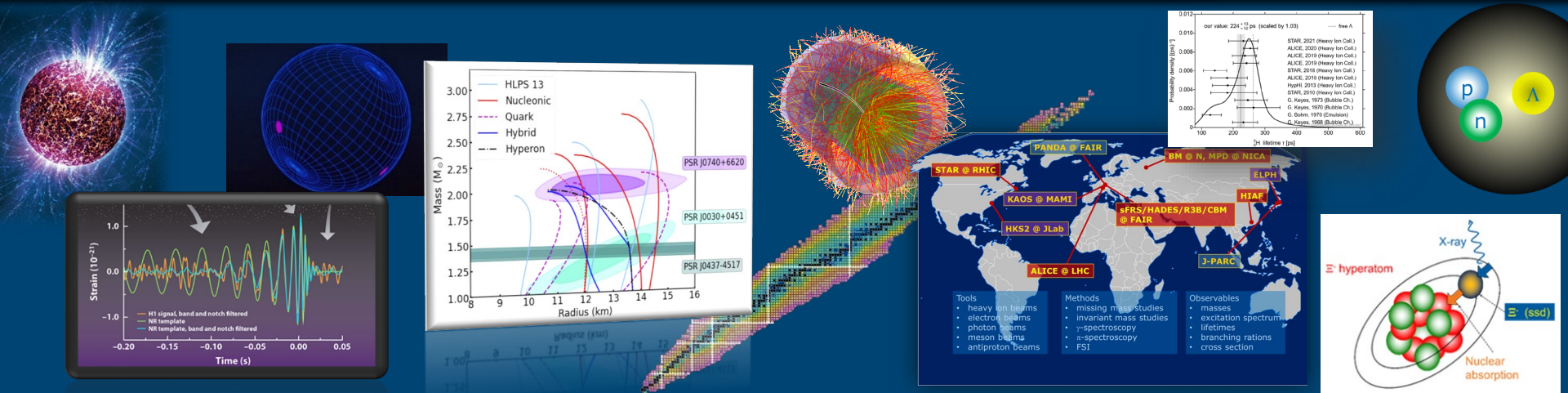




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The hypertriton – what we know about and what we want to know

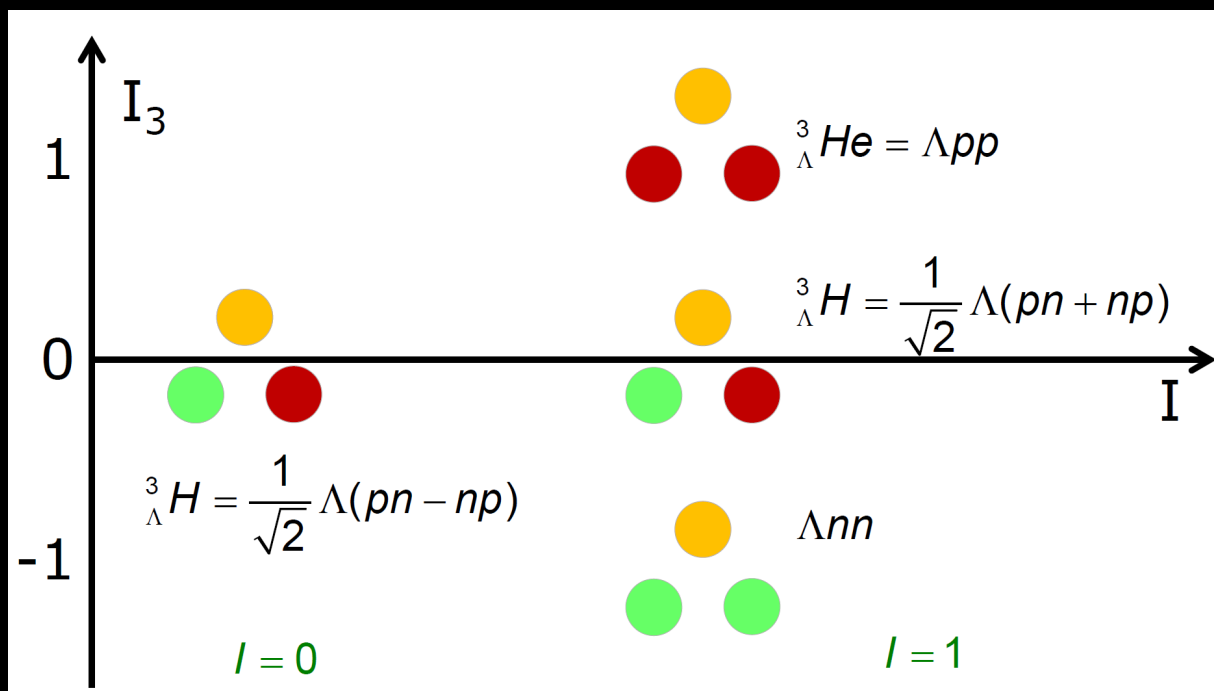


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- Three-baryon forces are essential to describe complex nuclei
- $A=3$ hypernuclei are important cornerstones

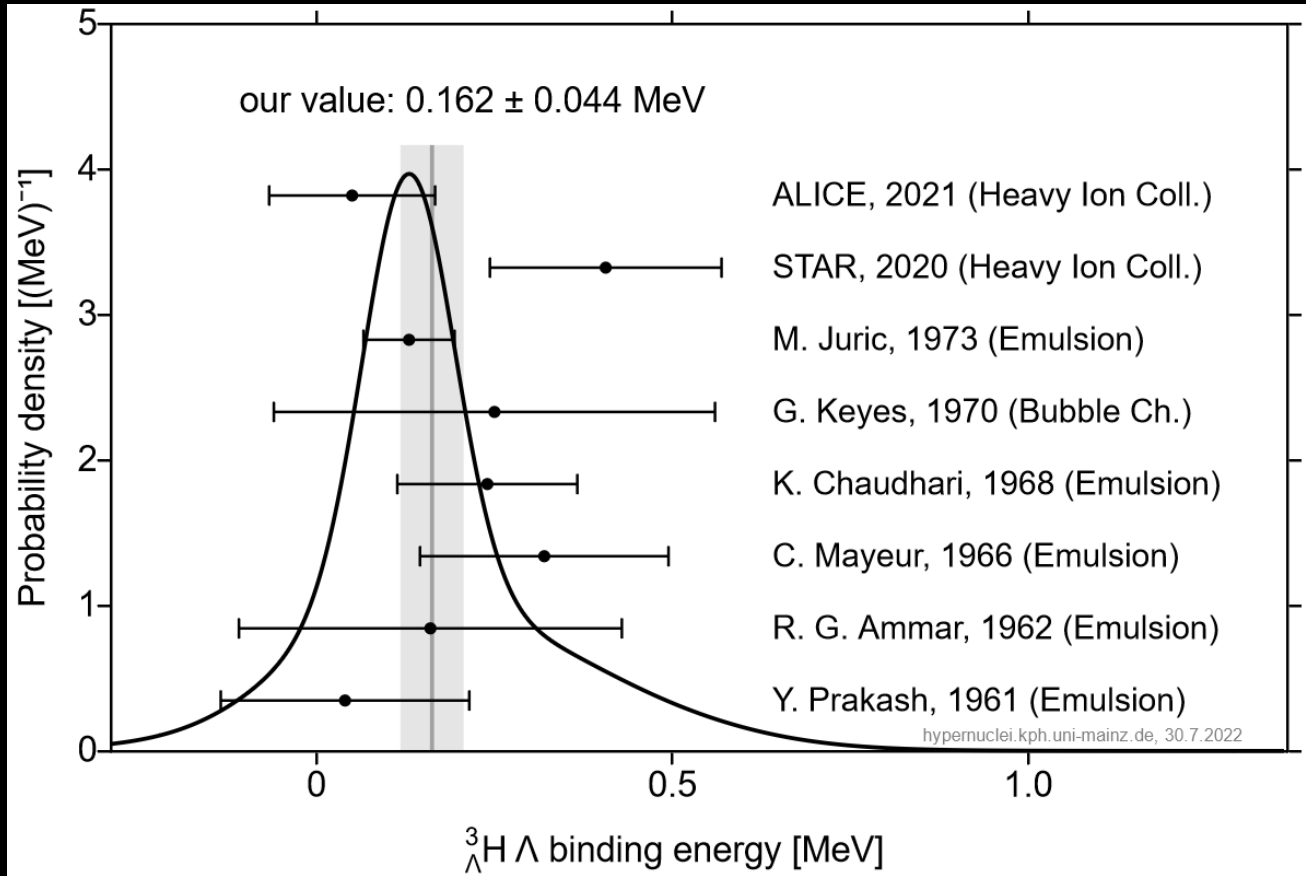


- $I=0, J^{\pi}=1/2^{+}$ is only nucleus known for sure to be bound
- Observed branching ratio

$$R_3 = \frac{\Gamma({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \pi^{-})}{\Gamma({}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow X + \pi^{-})} = 0.35 \pm 0.04$$

and small binding energy suggest groundstate spin $J^{\text{P}}=1/2^{+}$

- No experimental evidence for bound excited state



- Consider near-threshold s-wave state
- Size of bound state \sim scattering length

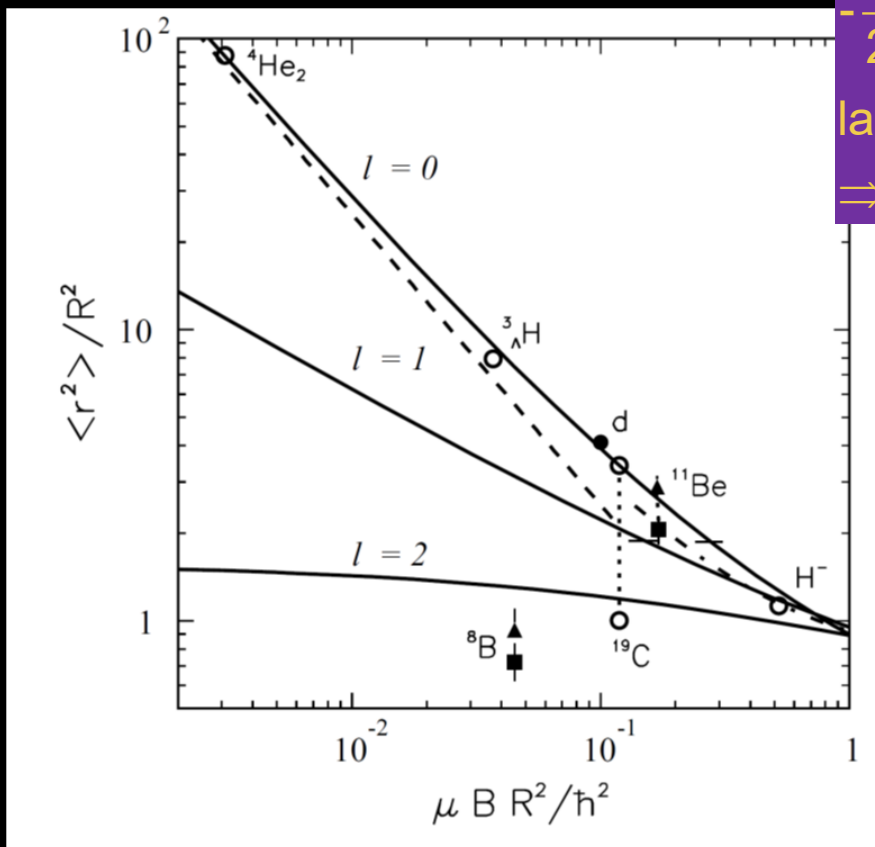
$$|a| \sim \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2\mu B}}$$

Schrödingerequation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} u(r) + V(r) \cdot u(r) = B \cdot u(r)$$

large distance ($V(r) \rightarrow 0$) and $B \rightarrow 0$
 $\Rightarrow u(r) = C(r-a)$

ratio of halo and core-potential square radii

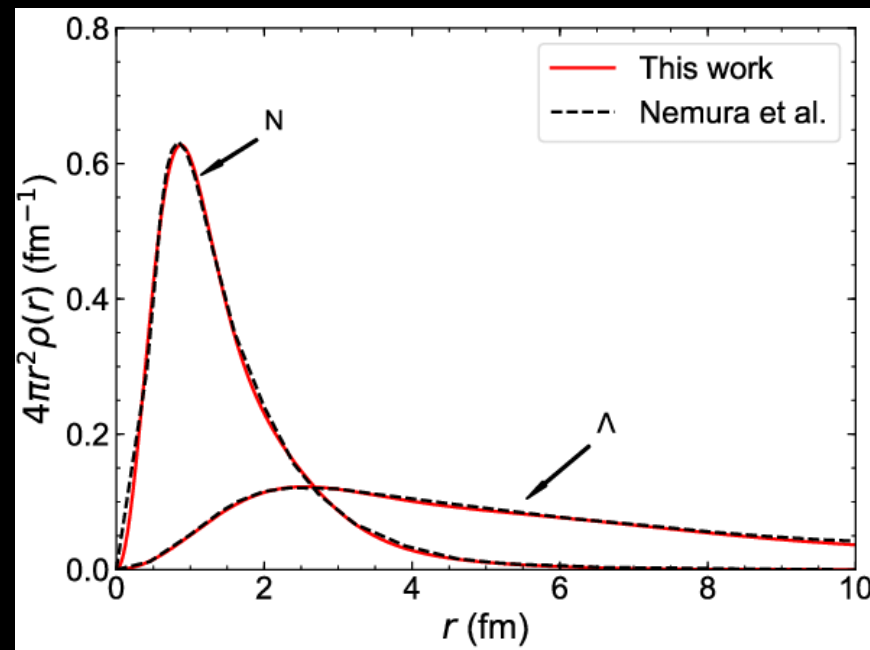
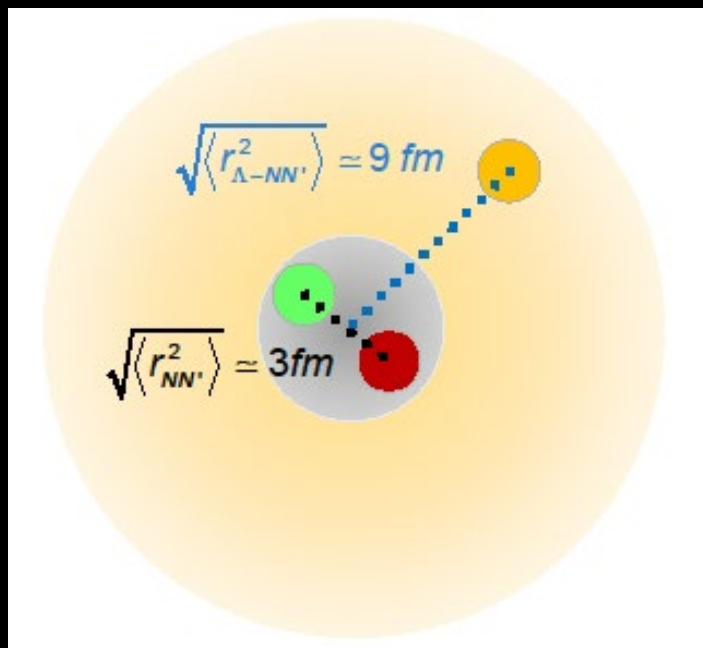


scaled separation energy

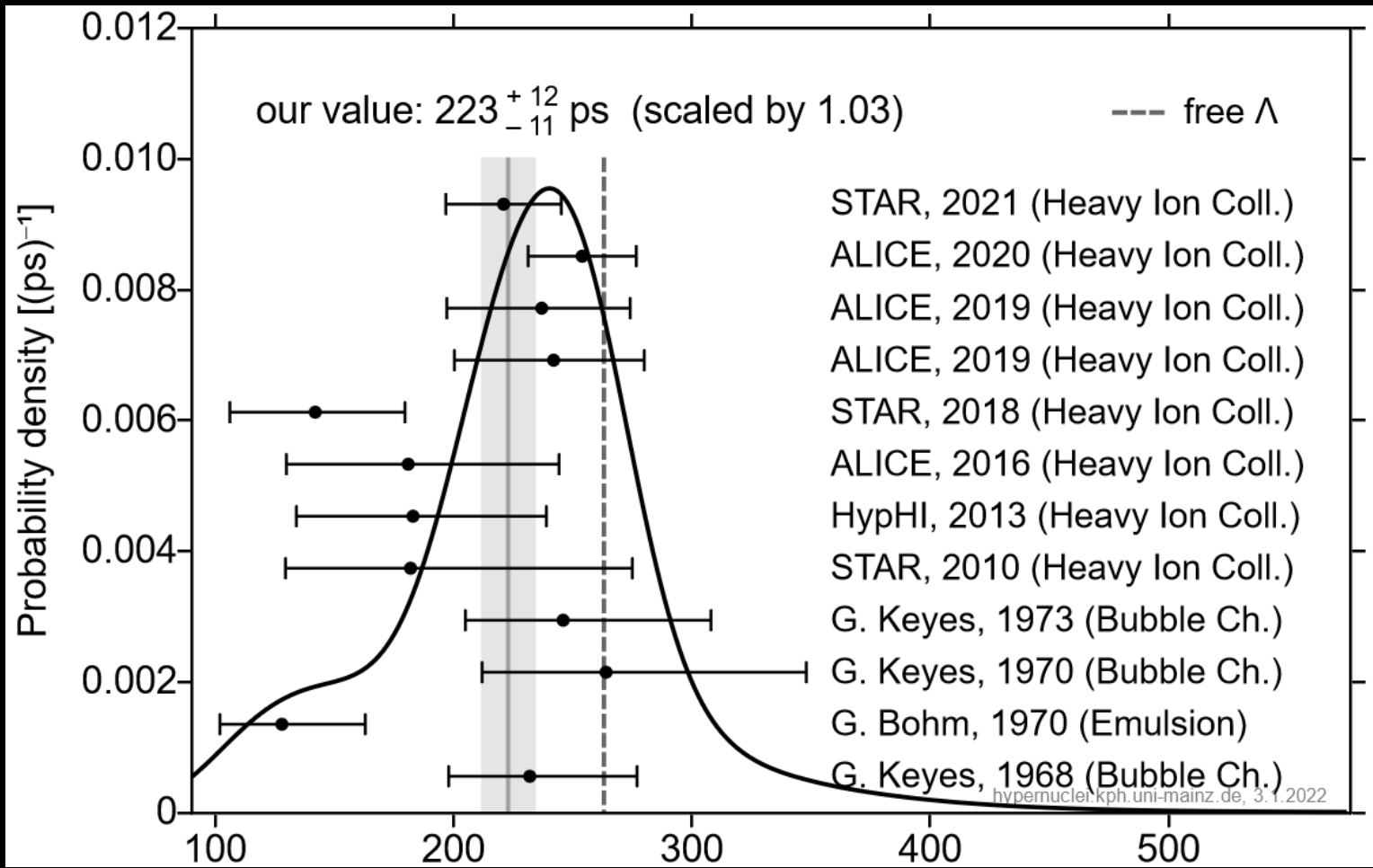
K.Riisager, D.V.Fedorov and A.S.Jensen,
 Europhys. Lett 49, 547 (2000)

- Binding energy $\approx 162\text{keV}$ \Rightarrow Characteristic length of two-body s-wave halo system

$$\langle \Delta r^2 \rangle = \hbar^2 / (4\mu B) \xrightarrow{{}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}} 9 \text{ fm}$$



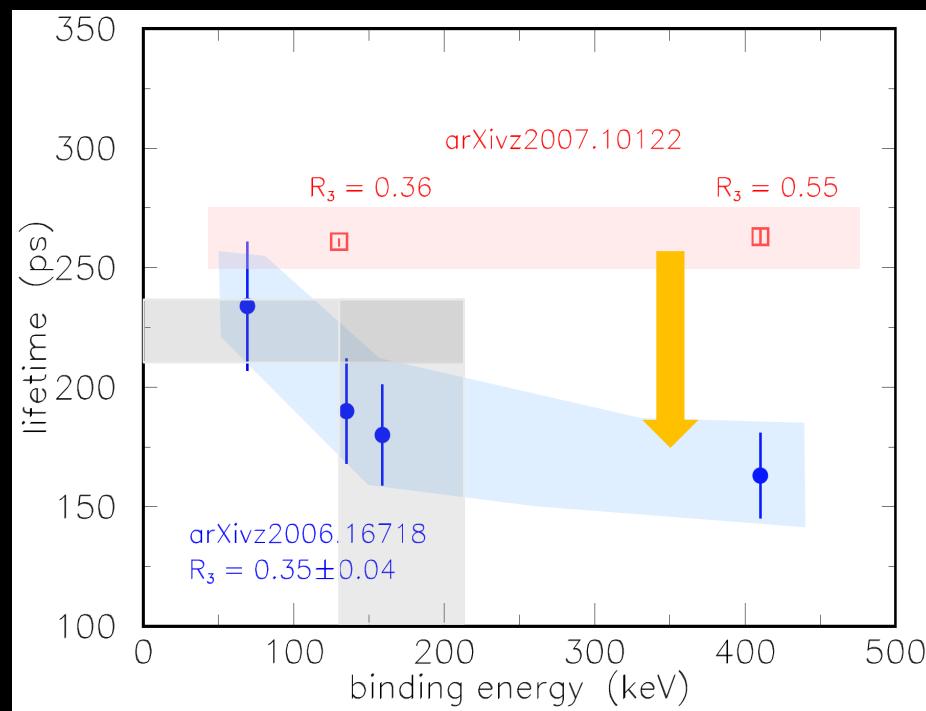
H. Nemura *et al.* (2000)
Z. Zhang *et al.* (2018)



- Hildebrand & Hammer, EFT
PRC 102, 064002 (2020)
 - exp. $R_3 \approx 0.35$ favors small BE

- Obiol et al., EFT
PLB 811, 135916 (2020)
 - π distorted waves and
 - ΣNN admixture important
 - \Rightarrow strong relation between BE and τ

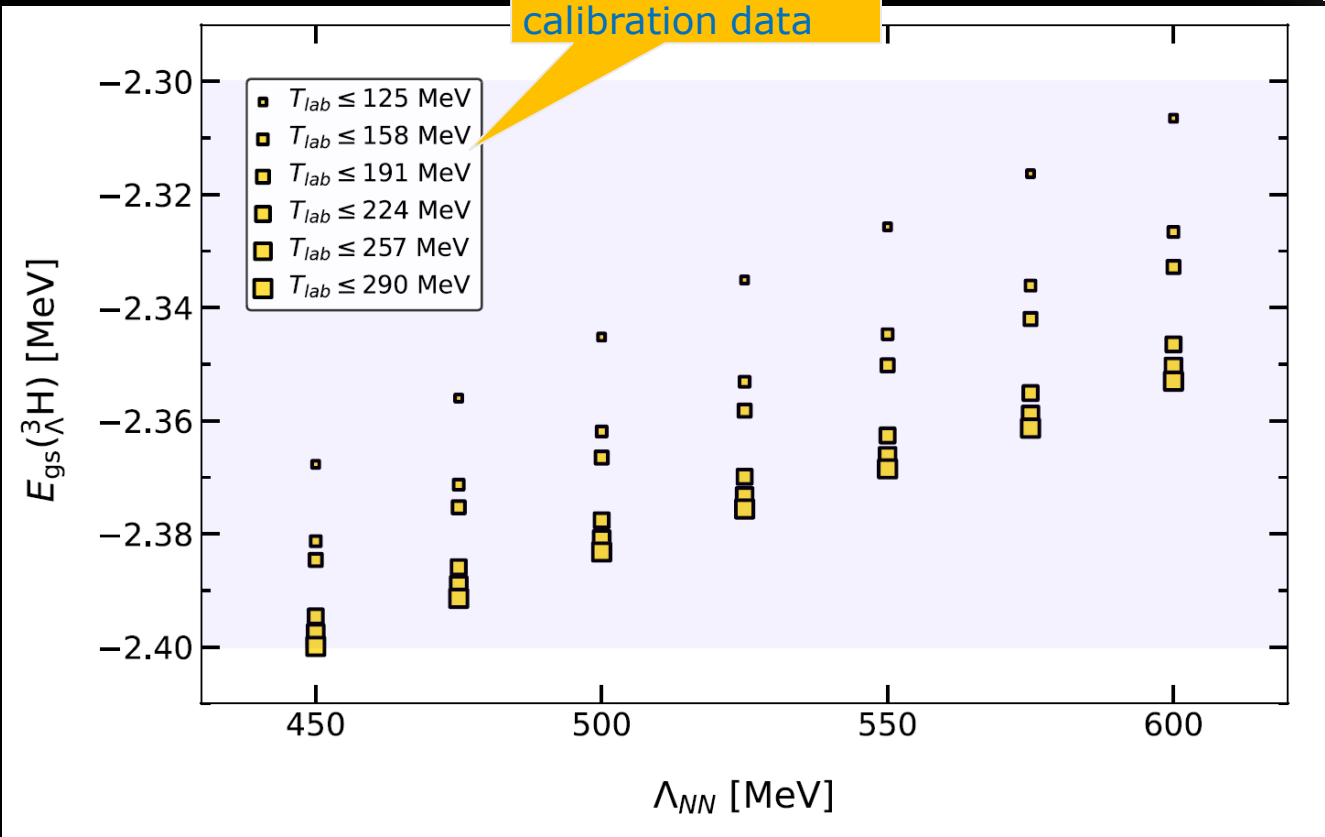
- Precise measurements of BE and τ will provide a stringent test of models



- Systematic study of hypertriton binding energy in 42 different NNLO interactoin models

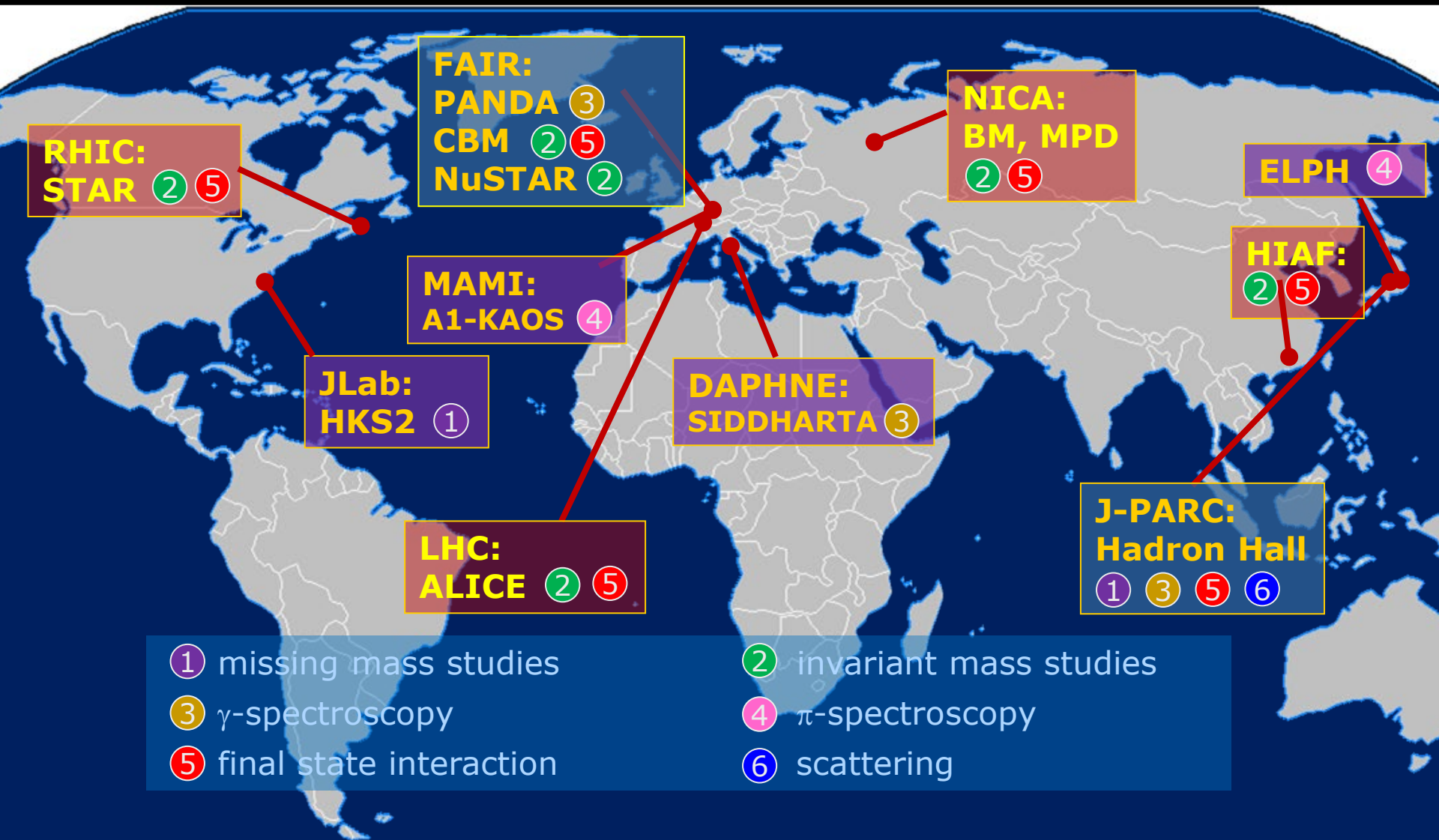
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Systematic Nuclear Uncertainties in the Hypertriton System

truncations of the NN scattering calibration data

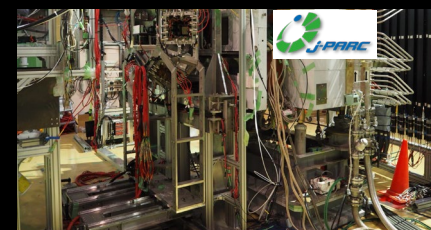


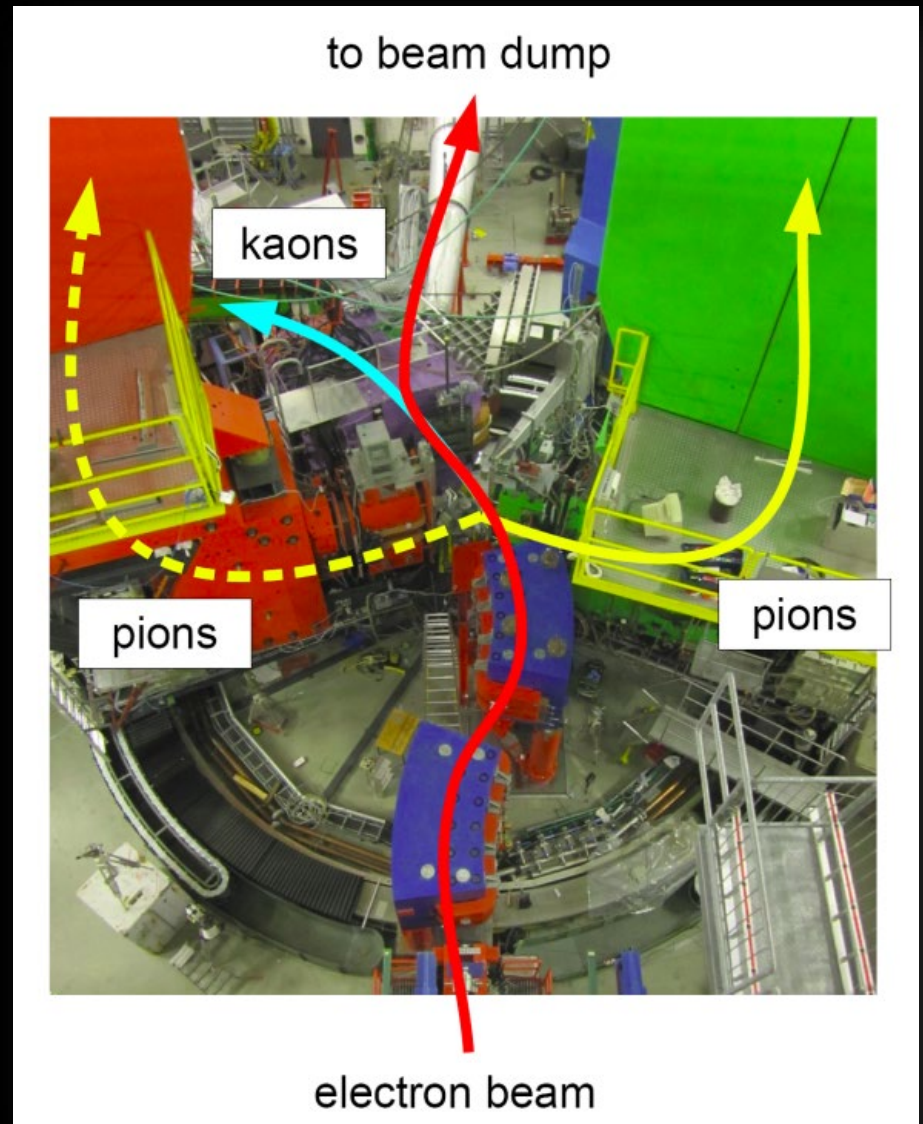
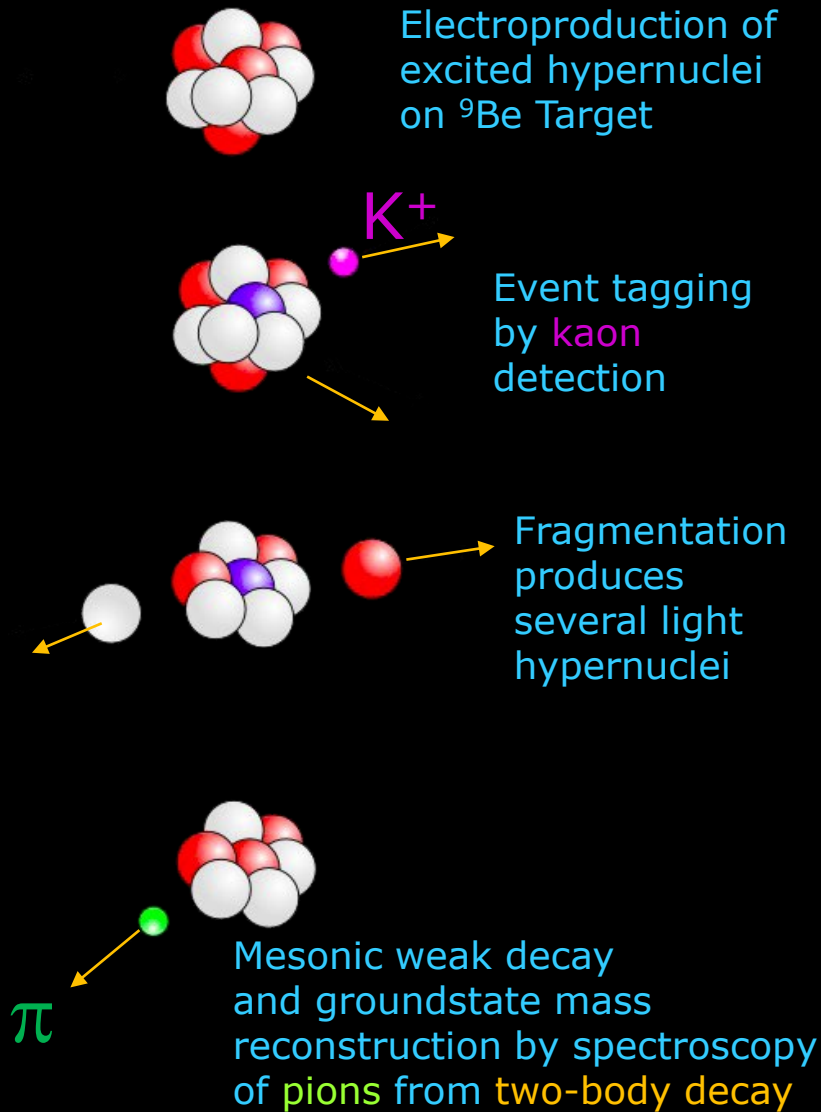
regulator cutoff parameter

~100 keV

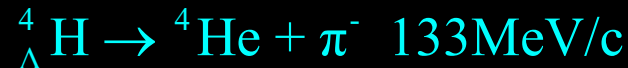
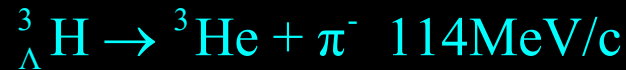


- At the Mainz Mikrotron (MAMI), a new high precision **pion spectroscopy** experiment aims at a measurement with a systematic uncertainty which is comparable to the statistical error of ≤ 20 keV
- At JLab, a **missing-mass** measurement of the hypertriton mass with a accuracy of less than **100 keV** has been proposed.
- The J-PARC E07 collaboration plans to analyse hypertriton decays in their **emulsion** plates. Using Monte Carlo simulations, the statistical and systematic errors for the hypertriton binding energy in this emulsion measurement has been estimated to be approximately **30 keV** each. (*see Take Saito*)
- Improved measurements by **heavy ion experiments** ALICE and STAR expected



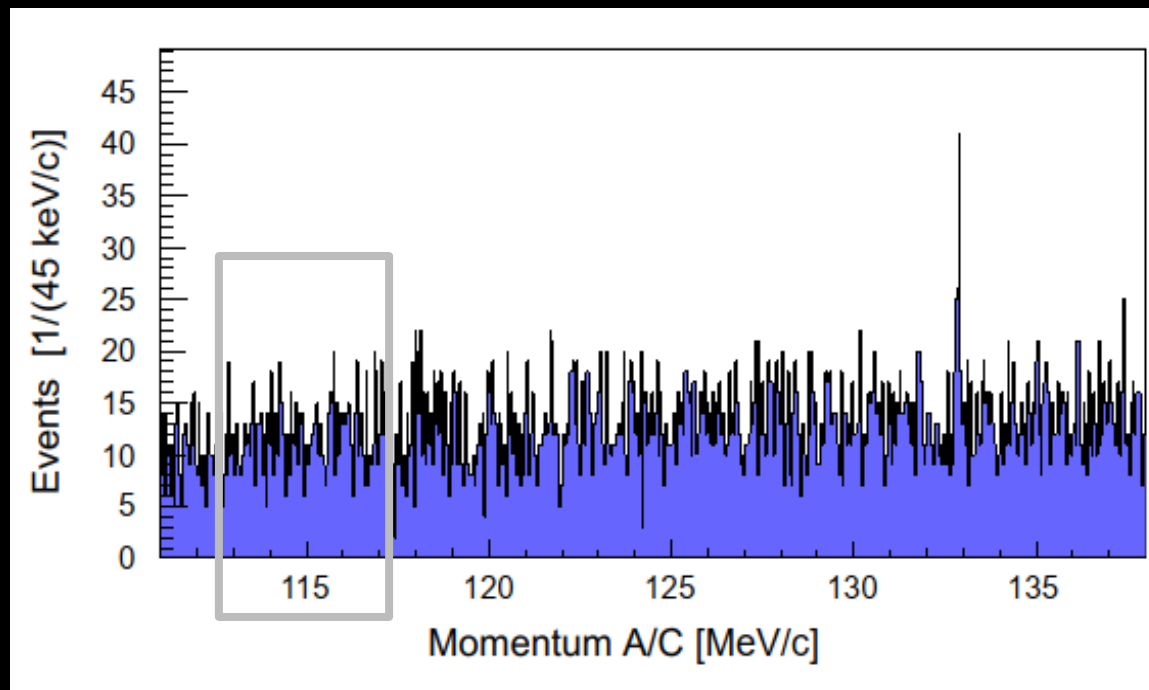


- Two body decays of hypernuclei:



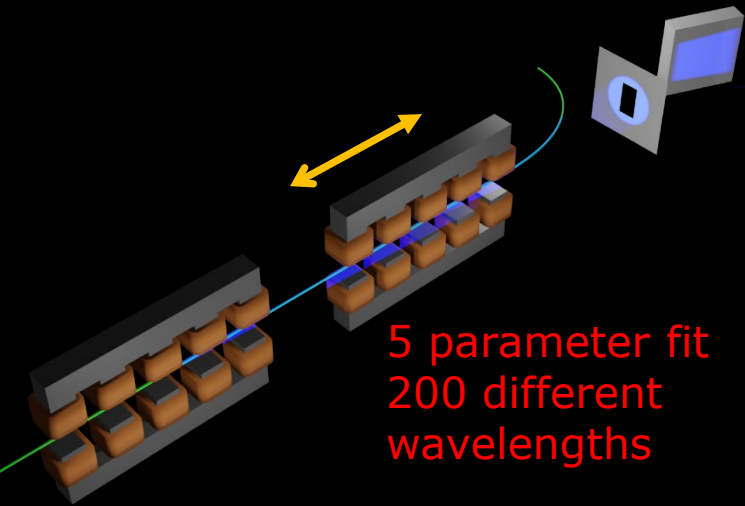
- $B_{\Lambda} = 2157 \pm 5$ (stat.) ± 77 (syst.) keV¹
- However: Hypertriton not observed
- From fragmentation model: 1/10 of ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ yield

Decay pion
momentum



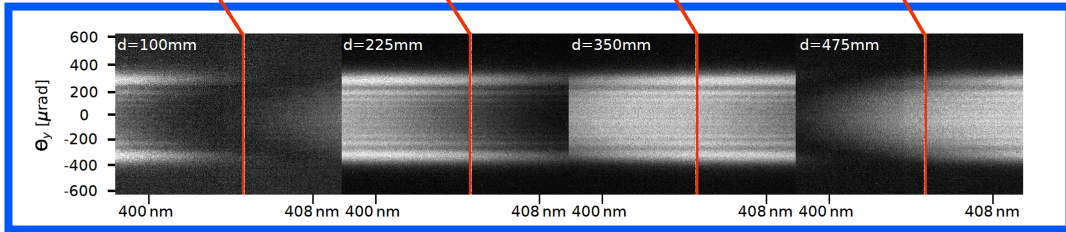
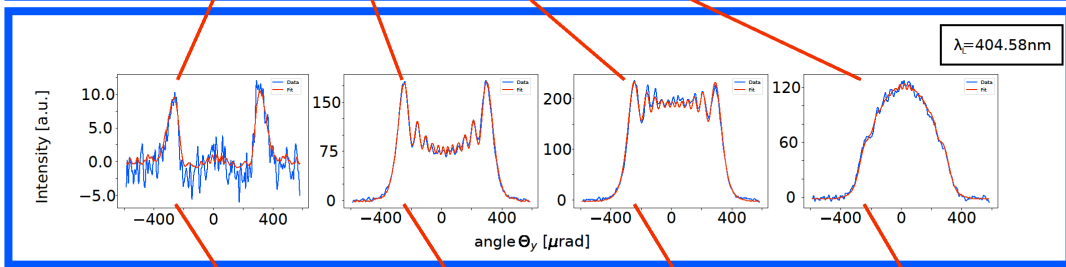
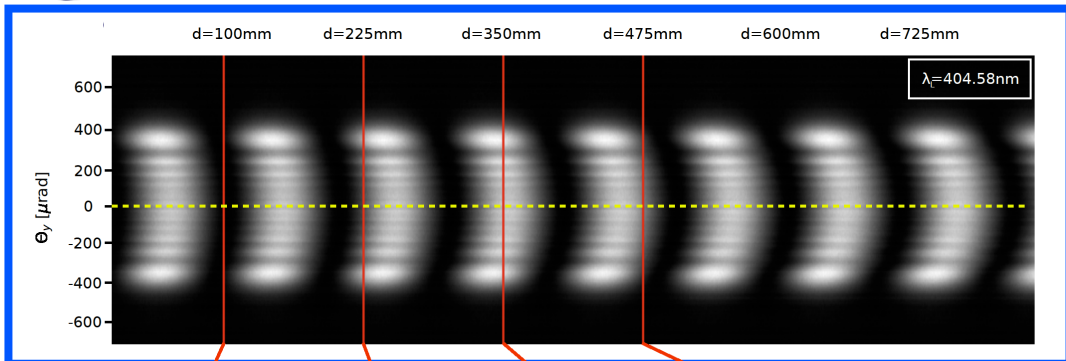
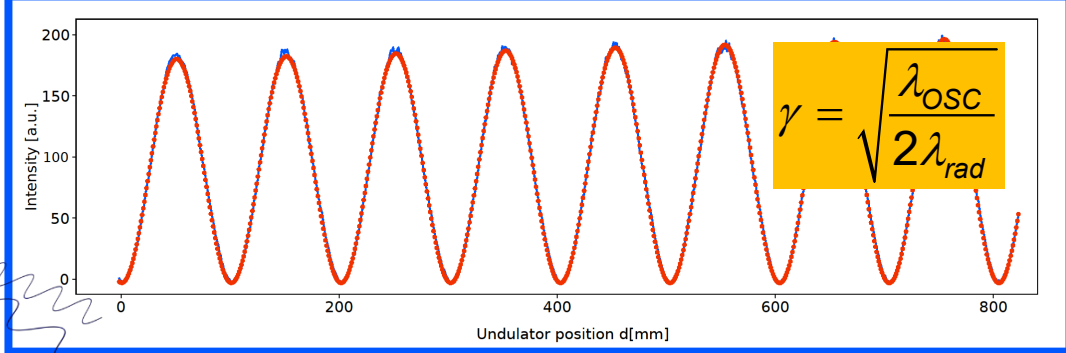
¹ F. Schulz, NPA 954, 149 (2016)

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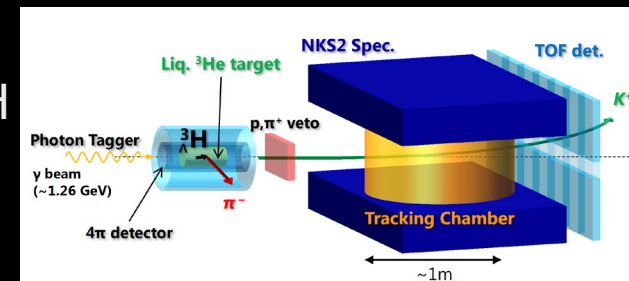
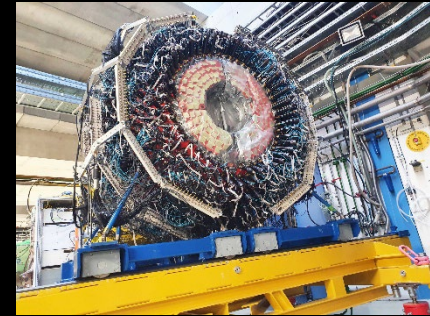


5 parameter fit
200 different
wavelengths

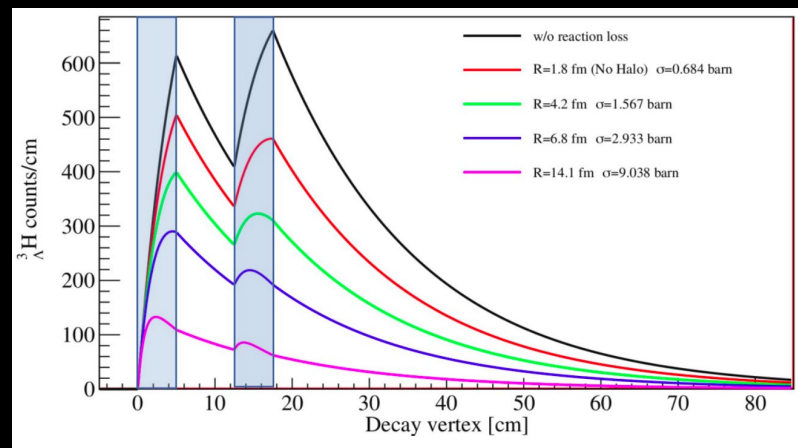
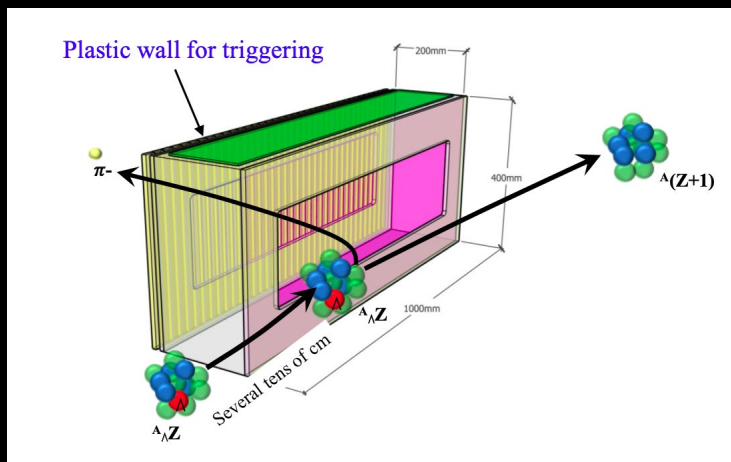
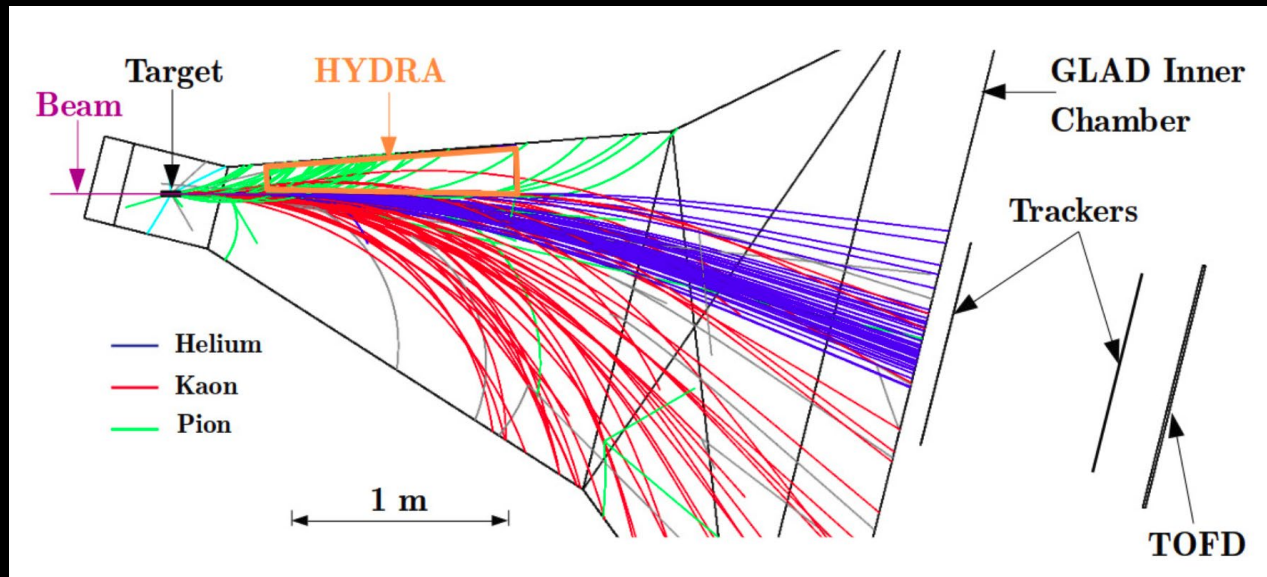
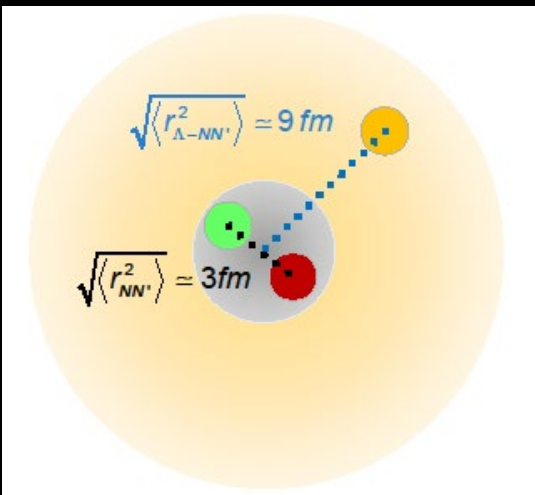
Hypertriton measurement
running right now!



- Data taken by WASA-FRS Collaboration in March 2022 at GSI/FAIR might provide an improved lifetime measurement of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ analyzing **decay vertices**.
- During the LHC RUN3 and Run4 in the coming decade 2022-2030, ALICE will increase the data rates by a factor larger than 50.
- The P73/P77 collaboration at J-PARC plans to measure the ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ lifetime with a K^- beam. The lifetime is determined event-by-event by **the time difference** between the starting time and the decay product pion of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$. The collaboration aims at a **uncertainty of about 20%**.
- An experiment at the Tohoku University at ELPH plans to employ a photon beam to produce ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and measure the **decay time** spectrum. Goal **$\Delta t = 10\text{ps}$**



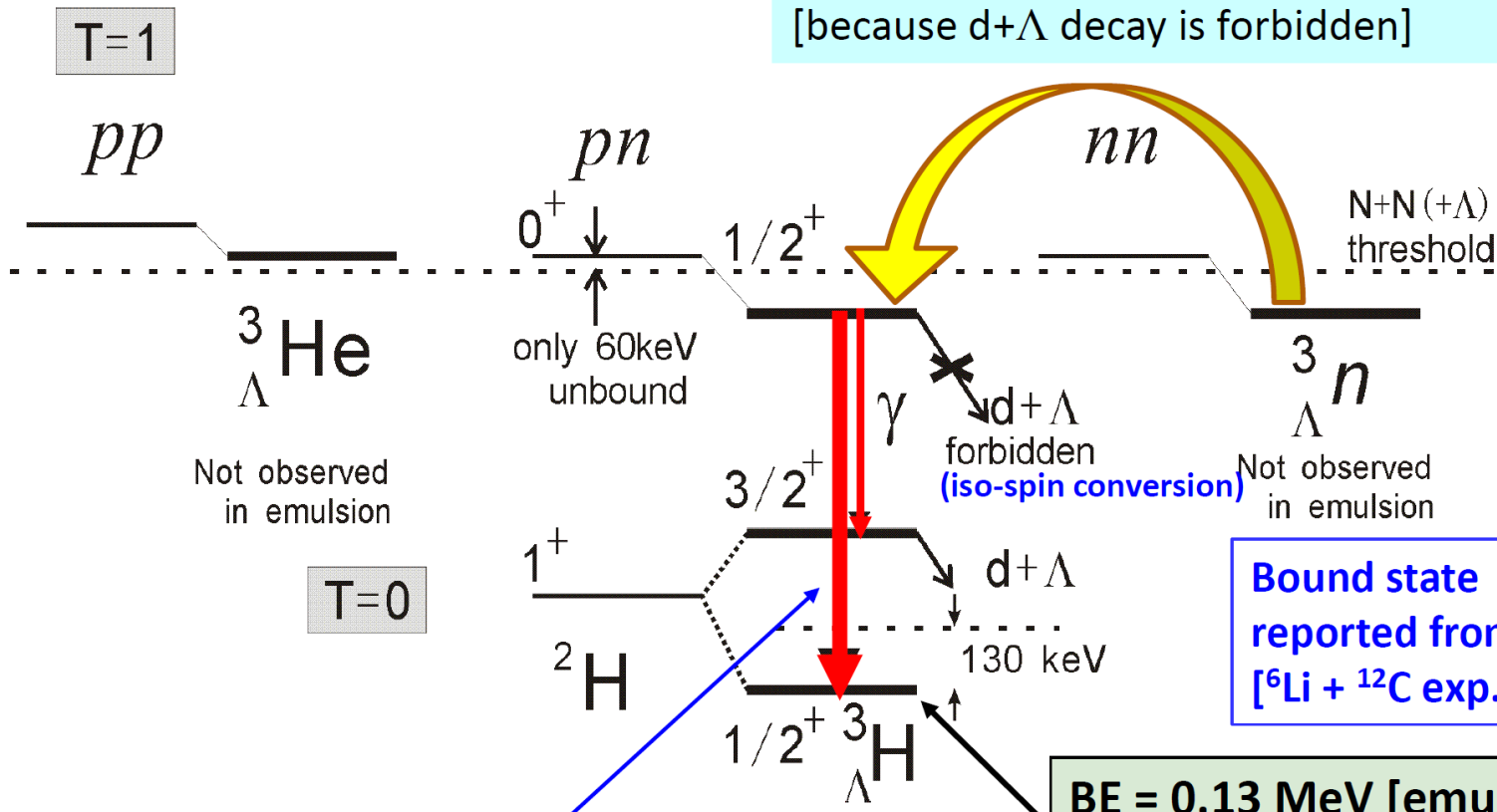
- HYDRA: Measure reaction cross section of $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
- Primary production and secondary reaction target



Does an excited state exist?

Present status of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

Same isospin group
 $\rightarrow {}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} (1/2^+, T=1)$ is particle bound state?
 [because $d+\Lambda$ decay is forbidden]

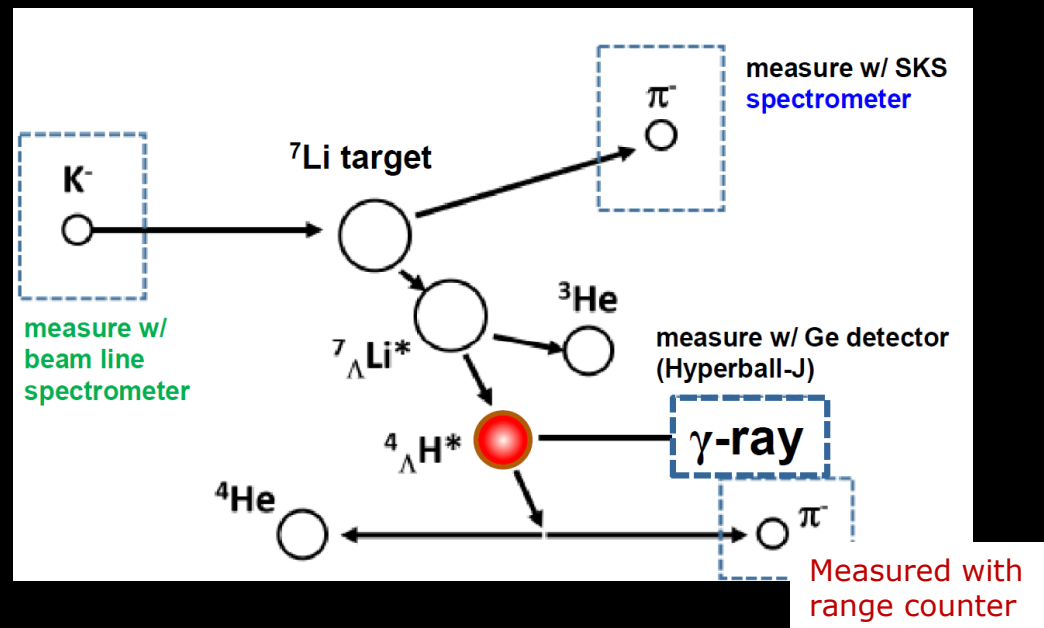


If ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} (1/2^+, T=1)$ is particle bound state,
 we can observe γ transition $(1/2^+, T=1) \rightarrow (1/2^+)$

BE = 0.13 MeV [emulsion]
 BE = 0.41 MeV [STAR, 2019]

Deeper bound?

- Combine **missing mass** + **π -spectroscopy** + **γ -spectroscopy**
- γ -ray spectroscopy of hypernuclei at the K1.1 beamline of J-PARC
- Selecting in the **${}^7\text{Li}(K^-, \pi^-)$ missing mass reaction** the unbound region and by tagging the 2-body weak decay ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He}$ by the **monoenergetic π^-**
- A high resolution Ge array can then be used to search for the **γ -ray** transitions of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$.



- Strangeness nuclear physics is embedded in the quest to determine the EOS of dense stellar systems
- Hypernuclei and hyperatoms are femto-laboratories for $Y^n N^m$ interaction
- After 60 years still many puzzles: hypertriton, existence of neutral hypernuclei $nn\Lambda$, $nn\Lambda\Lambda$, ...hyperon puzzle of NS...
- Several complementing studies at different laboratories using different techniques
- Coming generation of experiments focus on precision studies
- Worldwide activities offer a wide variety of unique and highly relevant opportunities for studying strangeness nuclear physics
- Guidance by nuclear theory (EFT, Lattice,...) is indispensable!

