# JLab PAC 49 Conditional Experiment: JLab C12-19-002

# High accuracy measurement of nuclear masses of hyperhydrogens

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# REQUEST SUMMARY (C12-19-002)

- ☆ HRS-HKS @ Hall A
- 1200 50- $\mu$ A beam on <sup>3</sup>He and <sup>4</sup>He gas targets
- $\Rightarrow$  Beamtime = 14.5 days
  - √ 12 days for Physics
  - ✓ 2.5 days for Calibrations





- $\rightarrow$  World best accuracy in measuring  $B_{\Lambda}(^{3,4}H)$
- → Hypertriton Puzzle / Charge Symmetry Breaking

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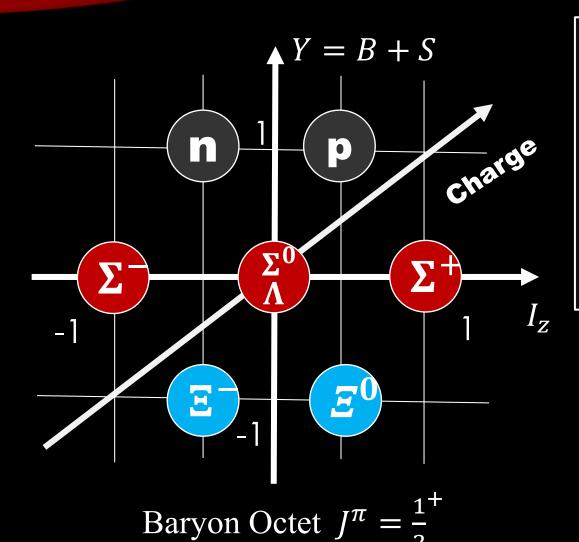
- Hypernuclear Study
- Physics motivation for  $^{3,4}_{\Lambda}$ H measurement

#### 2. Experiment

#### 3. Summary

# INTRODUCTION (HYPERNUCLEAR STUDY)

## STUDY ON BARYON INTERACTION (BB INT.)



#### **Nuclear Sector (NN)**

- Rich data of scattering experiment
- Nuclear data > 3000

#### Strangeness Sector (ΛN, ΣN, ΞN etc.)

- Scarce data of scattering experiment
- Hypernuclear data ∼ only 40!!

Available facilities for HN experiments:

$$\bullet$$
  $S = -1$ : CERN, RHIC, GSI, J-PARC, MAMI, JLab

$$\diamond S = -2$$
: J-PARC

### HOW TO INVESTIGAE THE BB INTERACTION 2/18



### **Method** A

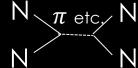
#### Data

- Scattering experiment
- (hyper)nuclear spectroscopy
- Phemtoscopy (ALICE, PRL123, 112002 (2019))

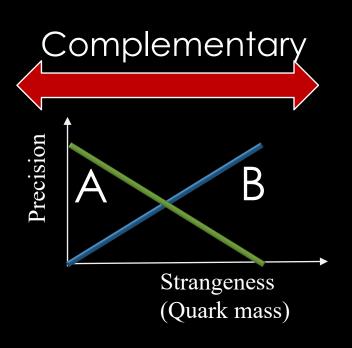
#### **Phenomenological Theories**

- Meson exchange model
- Effective field theory
- Quark cluster model etc.





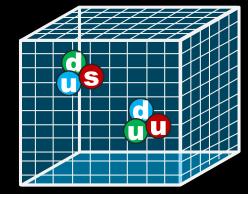
H. Yukawa (Kyoto Univ.) Novel Prize 1949

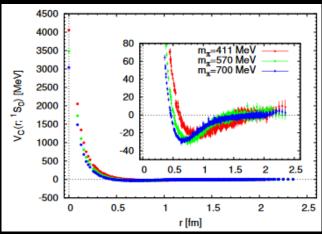


**BB** interaction (Strong force)

### **Method B**

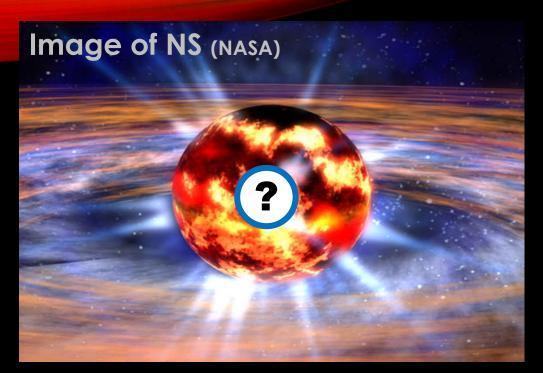
**Lattice QCD** (First principle calc.)



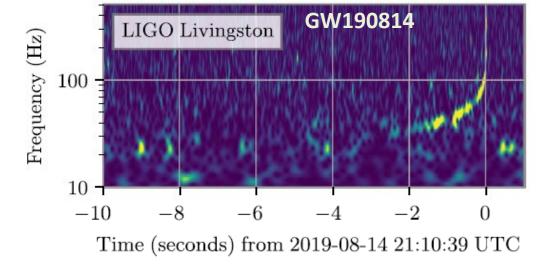


arXiv:2003.10730v2 [hep-lat] 12 Jul 2020

## NEUTRON STARS AND HYPERONS



The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 896:L44 (20pp), 2020 June 20





 $23.2^{+1.1}_{-1.0}M_{\odot}$  - **2. 59**<sup>+0.08</sup><sub>-0.09</sub> $M_{\odot}$ 

What's inside?

- Strange Hadrons?
- Quark matter?
- Meson condensate?

Hyperons make a NS softer

- $\rightarrow \geq 2M_{\odot}$  is hard to support by only 2BF
- → Multi body repulsive forces may play a role



More precise studies on the strange BB/BBB interactions are needed

# INTRODUCTION (PHYSICS MOTIVATION)



# HYPERTRITON ( $^3$ H) PUZZLE



VS.

## Short Lifetime



$$B_{\Lambda} = 0.13 \pm 0.05 \; \text{MeV (emulsion}^1) \leftarrow B_{\Lambda} = 0.41 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.11 \; \text{MeV (STAR}^2)$$

RMS radius,  $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle} \cong \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{4\mu B_{\Lambda}}}$ 

 $\rightarrow \tau = 0.97 \tau_{\Lambda}$ 

(H. Kamada et al., Phys. Rev. C 57, 4 (1998))

Fadeev calcuation with realistic NN/YN interactions

 $\tau = (0.5 \sim 0.92) \tau_{\Lambda}$ 

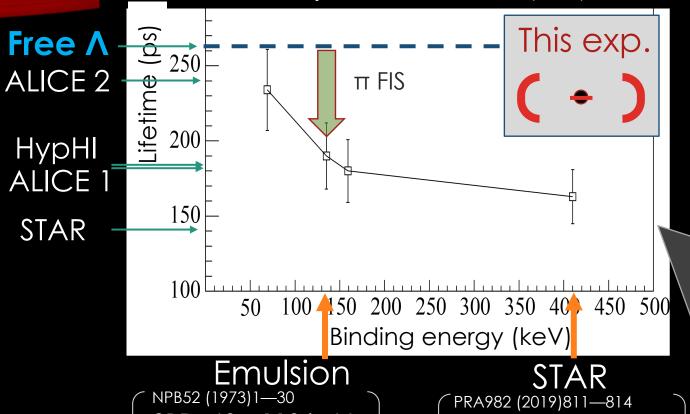
(HypHI, STAR, ALICE)

<sup>2</sup> The STAR Collaboration, *Nature Physics* (2020); https://doi.org/10.1038/s41567-020-0799-7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> M. Juric *et al.*, *Nucl. Phys. B* **52**, 1-30 (1973).

# LIFETIME VS. BINDING ENERGY OF 3H

A.Pérez-Obiol et al., Phys Lett. B 811, 135916 (2020)



2BD:  $60 \pm 110 \text{ keV}$ 

3BD: 230±110 keV ∫

2BD: 176±150 keV

3BD:  $586 \pm 160 \text{ keV}$ 

#### ex.) Decay width of 2BD channel:

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\Lambda}^{3} \text{H} \to^{3} \text{He} + \pi^{-}}{(G_{F} m_{\pi}^{2})^{2}} \approx \frac{q}{\pi} \frac{M_{^{3} \text{He}}}{M_{^{3} \text{He}} + \omega_{\pi^{-}}(q)} \times \left[ \mathcal{A}_{\Lambda}^{2} + \frac{1}{9} \mathcal{B}_{\Lambda}^{2} \left( \frac{k_{\pi^{-}}}{2M} \right)^{2} \right] 3|F^{\text{PV}}(q)|^{2}$$

Spin indep. amp.

Spin dep. amp.

Form factor (π FSI is included)

 $\propto \sqrt{B_{\Lambda}}$ 

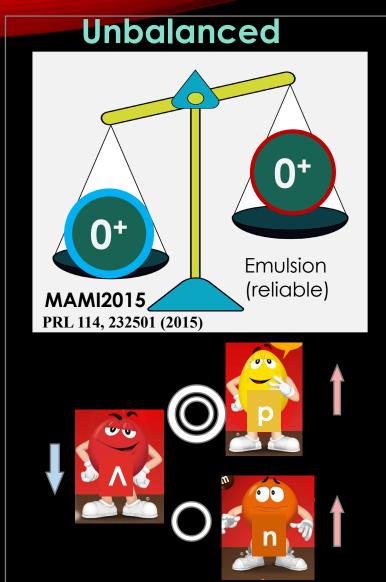
Proposed experiment (C12-19-002)

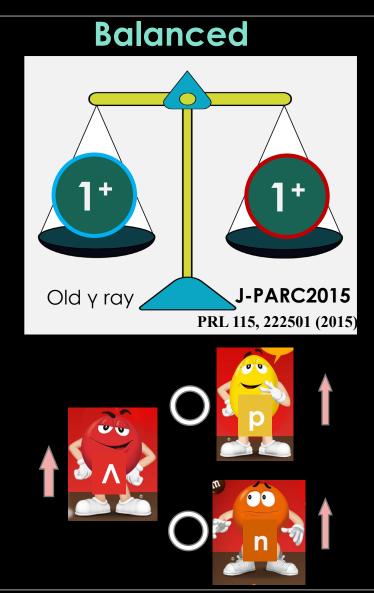
 $|\Delta B^{\text{stat.}}| = 20 \text{ keV}, |\Delta B^{\text{sys.}}| = 55 \text{ keV}$ 

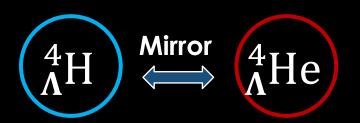
### Best Accuracy on $B_{\Lambda}(^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$

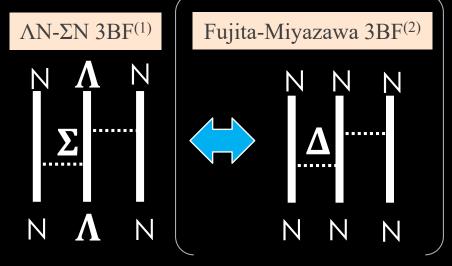
→ Pin down the hyperon puzzle

# CHARGE SYMMETRY BREAKING IN THE AN INTERACTION







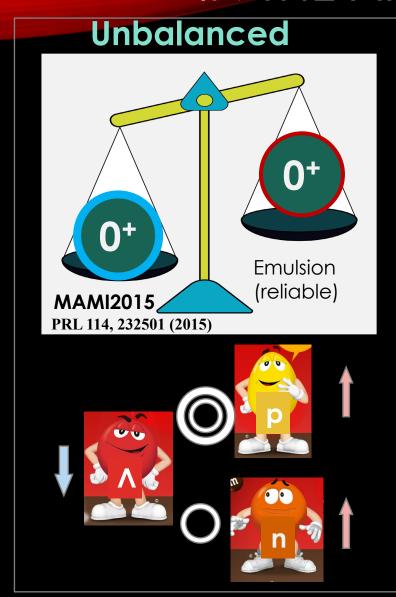


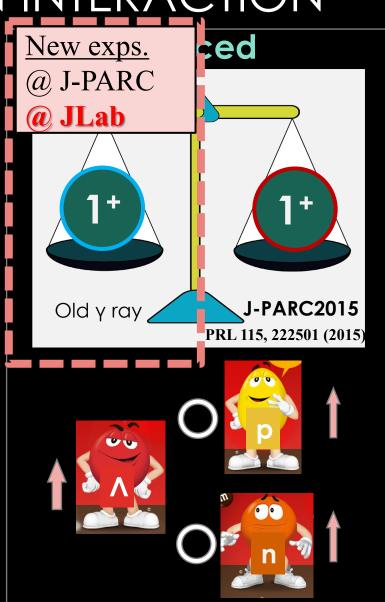
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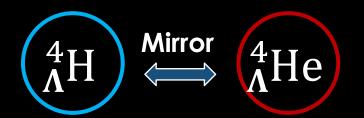
(1) Y. Akaishi et al., PRL 84, 3539 (2000)

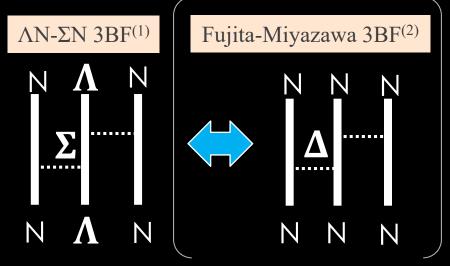
(2) J. Fujita and H. Miyazawa, Prog. Theor. Phys., 17, 3, 360–365 (1957)

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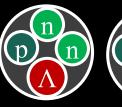


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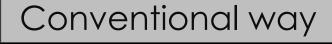
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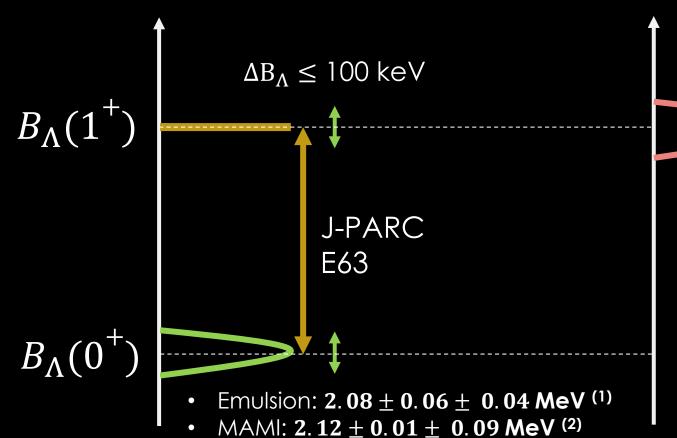
# HOW WE CONFIRM THE $B_{\Lambda}(^{4}_{\Lambda}\text{H}; 1^{+})$

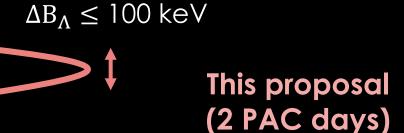






Proposed exp.







#### Absolute Energy Measurement:

- Very unique (direct meas.)
- Complementary with other data

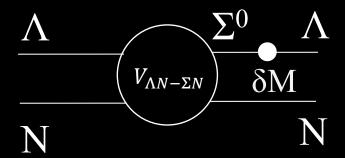
- **(1)** NPB 52, 1-30 (1973)
- (2) PRL 114, 232501 (2015)

## BASIC INFORMATION FOR THE AN CSB STUDY: ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}\text{He} - {}^{4}_{\Lambda}\text{H}$

#### Explicit inclusion of $\Sigma$

A. Gal, Phys. Lett. B 744, 352 (2015)

A. Gal et al., IOP Conf. Series: Jour. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 966 (2018) 012006



 $\langle N\Lambda | V_{CSB} | N\Lambda \rangle = -0.0297 \tau_{NZ} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \langle N\Sigma | V_{CS} | N\Lambda \rangle$ 

#### Phenomenological potential

E. Hiyama *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. C* **80**, 054321 (2009). M. Isaka et al., Phys. Rev. C 101, 024301 (2020).

$$\begin{split} V_{\Lambda N}^{\mathrm{CSB}}(r) &= -\frac{\tau_z}{2} \Big[ \frac{1 + P_r}{2} \Big( v_0^{\mathrm{even,CSB}} + \sigma_{\mathbf{\Lambda}} \cdot \sigma_{\mathbf{N}} v_{\sigma_{\mathbf{\Lambda}} \cdot \sigma_{N}}^{\mathrm{even,CSB}} \Big) e^{-\beta_{\mathrm{even}} r^2} \\ &+ \frac{1 - P_r}{2} \Big( v_0^{\mathrm{odd,CSB}} + \sigma_{\mathbf{\Lambda}} \cdot \sigma_{\mathbf{N}} v_{\sigma_{\mathbf{\Lambda}} \cdot \sigma_{N}}^{\mathrm{odd,CSB}} \Big) e^{-\beta_{\mathrm{odd}} r^2} \Big] \end{split}$$

Basic Input (This proposal)

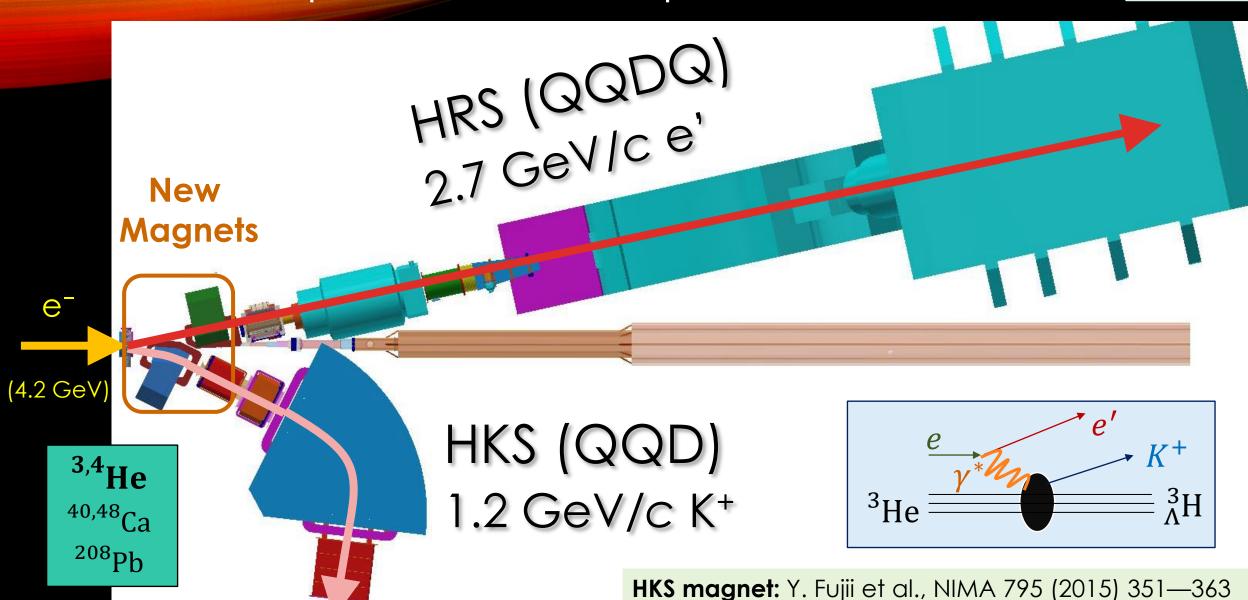


CSB interaction

A=5 A=7 A=9 A=10

HKS, PRL 110, 012502 (2013) HKS, PRC 94, 021302(R) (2016) Hall A, PRC 91,034308 (2015) HKS, PRC 103, L041301 (2021) HKS, PRC 93, 034314 (2016) HKS, PRC 90, 034320 (2014) ...

# PROPOSED EXPERIMENT



**KID:** TG et al., NIMA 729 (2013) 816—824

# PCS IS READY TO BE TRANSPORTED TO JLAB

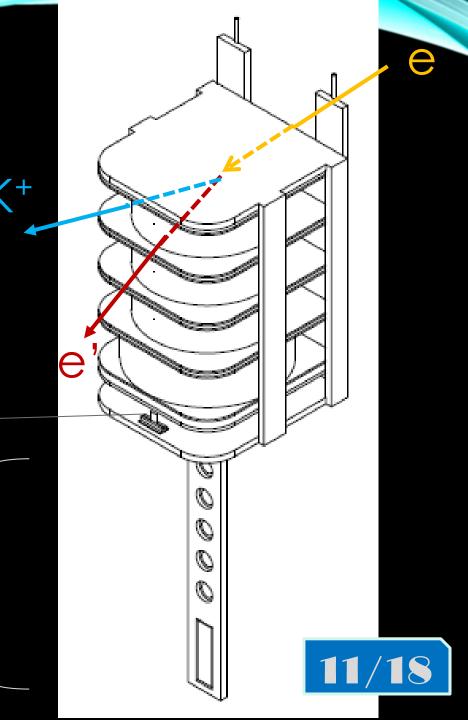




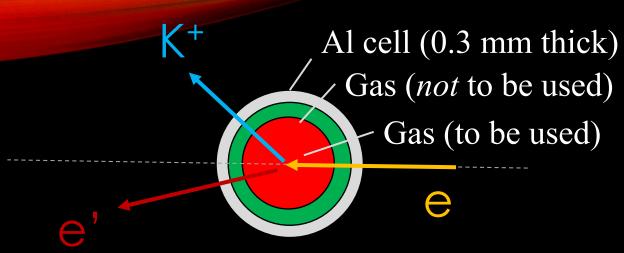
Gas targets ( $\phi$ 200 mm, height = 50 mm)

Multi carbon targets

Solid targets (E12-15-008, E12-20-013)

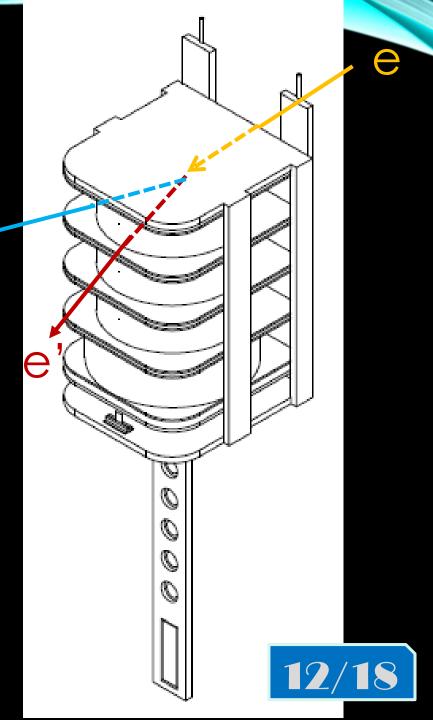


## TARGET CELLS (TUNA CAN)



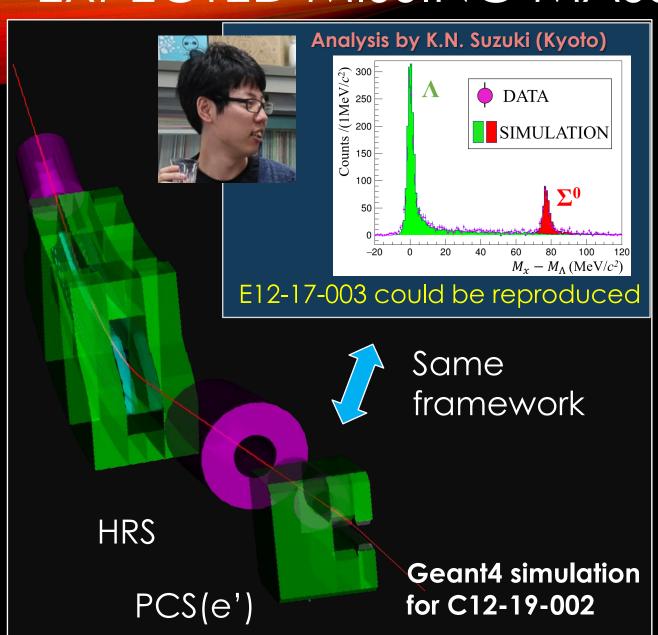


Target	Density [/(g/cm³)]	Temperature [/K]	Pressure [/atm]
<sup>3</sup> He	9.5	10	
<sup>4</sup> He	13.1	12	3
<sup>1</sup> H <sub>2</sub>	2.8	30	



## EXPECTED MISSING MASS RESOLUTION





$$\mathbf{z_{T,HRS}} = \sum_{i+j+k+l=0}^{n_1} a_{ijklm} x_{\text{FP}}^i x_{\text{FP}}^{\prime j} y_{\text{FP}}^k y_{\text{FP}}^{\prime l}$$

$$\overline{p^{\text{HRS,HKS}}} = \sum_{i+j+k+l+m=0}^{n_2} a_{ijklm} x_{\text{FP}}^i x_{\text{FP}}^{\prime j} y_{\text{FP}}^k y_{\text{FP}}^{\prime l} (\mathbf{z_{T,HRS}^m})$$

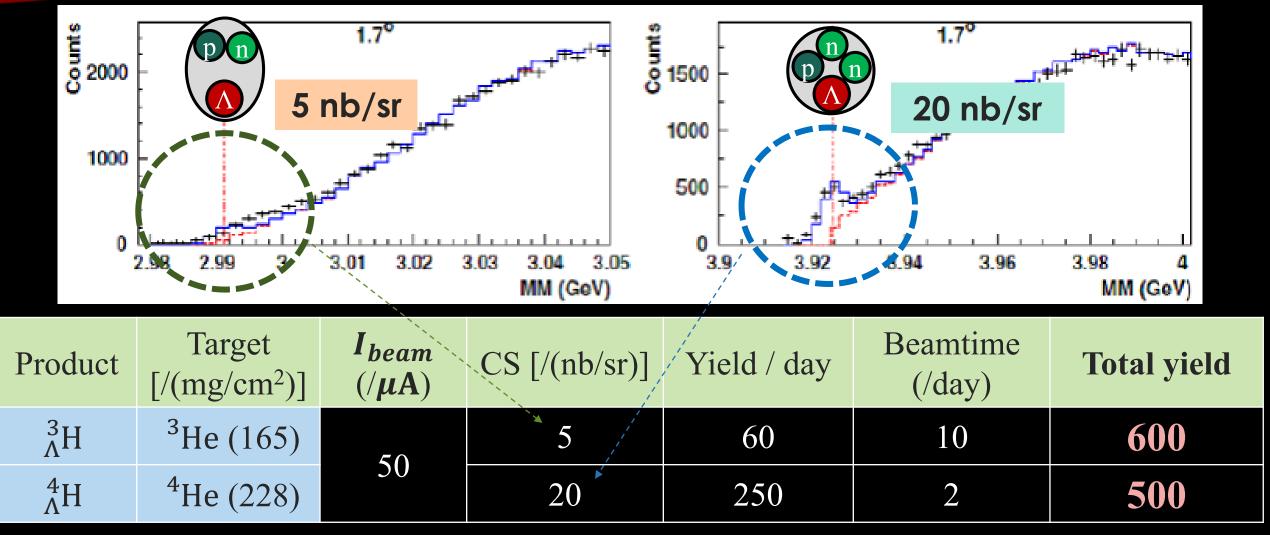
w/ materials (e.g. target cell):

Spectrometer	$\Delta p/p$ (FWHM)			
HRS (e')	$3.2 \times 10^{-4}$			
HKS (K+)	$5.7 \times 10^{-4}$			

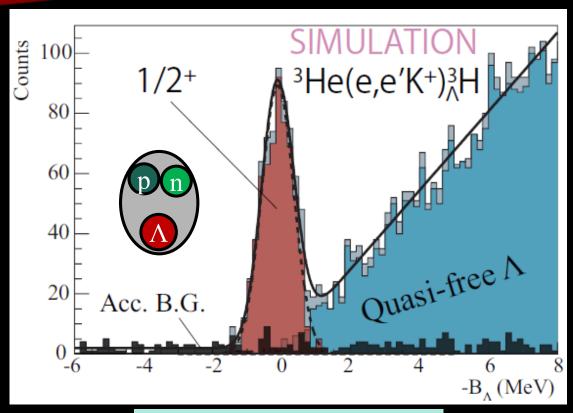
 $\Delta M_{HYP} = 1.1 \text{ MeV/c}^2 \text{ (FWHM)}$ 

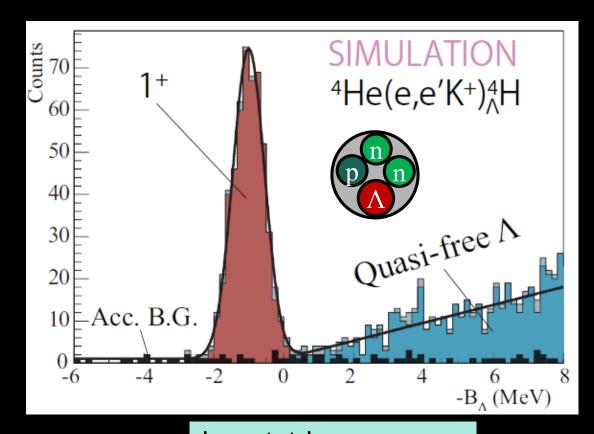
## YIELD ESTIMATION

F. Dohrmann et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 242501 (2004).



## EXPECTED SPECTRA AND STATISTICAL ERRORS





 $|\Delta B_{\Lambda}^{\text{stat.}}| = 20 \text{ keV}$ 

 $|\Delta B_{\Lambda}^{\text{sol}}| =$ 

= 20 keV



Hypertriton Puzzle +  $\Lambda$ N int. (g.s. or excited states)



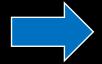
 $\Lambda N CSB in A = 4$ 

## CALIBRATIONS AND A SYSTEMATIC ERROR ON $B_{\Lambda}$

Calibration	Target + Sieve Slit	Reaction	z <sub>t</sub> range (mm)	Beamtime (day)	Remarks
$Mom. + z_t$	Н	$p(e,e'K^+)\Lambda,\Sigma^0$		1	$\Lambda$ : 3500, $\Sigma$ <sup>0</sup> : 1150
$Mom. + z_t$	<sup>12</sup> C (multi foils)	$^{12}\text{C}(e, e'K^+)^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$	$-110 < z_t < 110$	1	$^{12}_{\Lambda} B^{g.s.}: 300 \times 5$
Angle + z <sub>t</sub>	<sup>12</sup> C (multi foils) + SS	-		0.2	
77	Empty	-	100 / 7 / 100	0.1	+ Background study
<b>Z</b> t	Empty (or gas) $+$ SS	-	$-100 < z_t < 100$	0.2	+ Angle resolution check
Physics	<sup>3,4</sup> He	<sup>3,4</sup> H	$-100 < z_t < 100$	12	

#### Major contributions to a systematic error on $B_{\Lambda}$

- Energy scale calibration<sup>(\*)</sup>: ±50 keV
- Energy loss correction: ±23 keV
  - target density: ±3%
  - cell thickness uniformity:  $\pm 25 \mu m$



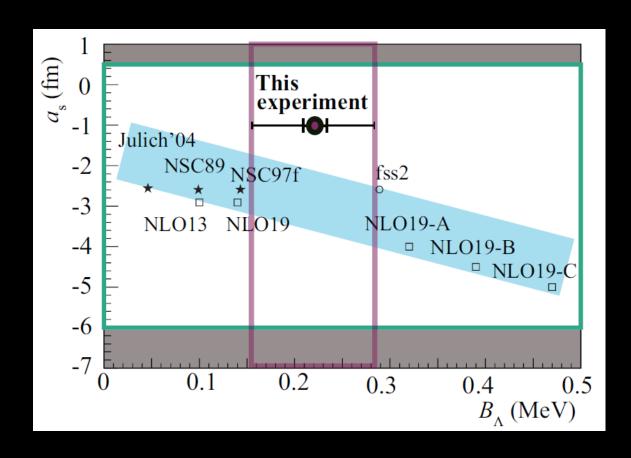




(T. Toyoda, "Basic design of gas targets for precise hypertriton mass measurement at JLab", Master's Thesis, Kyoto Univ. JFY2020)



# GROUND STATE OF $^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H $(T=0,J^{\pi}=1/2^{+})$



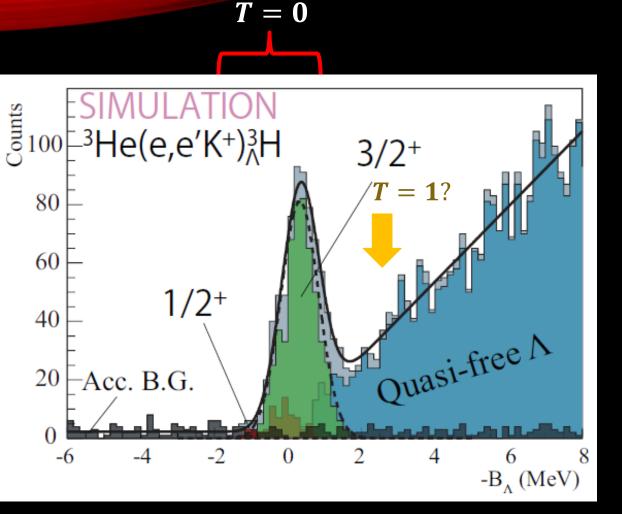
#### **Hypertriton Puzzle**

- Ad rm radius  $(|\Delta r| \le 1 \text{ fm})$ 
  - → Better estimation for the lifetime

#### **AN** interaction

- Constraint for
  - Interaction models
  - The  $\Lambda N$  spin singlet scattering length  $(|\Delta a_s| \sim 1 \text{ fm}; \text{ cf. } a_s = 1.8^{+2.3}_{-4.2} \text{ fm})$

# EXCITED STATES OF <sup>3</sup>H



- (1) T. Mart et al, Nucl. Phys. A 640, 235-258 (1998)
- (2) M. Schäfer et al., Phys. Lett. B 808, 135614 (2020)

$$_{A}^{3}H(T=0, J^{\pi}=3/2^{+})$$

- Has NOT been measured
- Emulsion / HI experiments cannot measure
- Does it exist?
  - If yes, the CS is larger than ½ by a factor of 8 (1)
  - If no, only the  $1/2^+$  state will be observed
    - $\leftarrow$  #EFT predicts  $3/2^+$  as a virtual state (2)
- Strong constraint for the AN spin triplet interaction

### ${}_{\Lambda}^{3}\mathrm{H}\left( T=1,\ J^{\pi}=1/2^{+}\right)$







- Isospin partner of  $nn\Lambda$  (and  $pp\Lambda$ )
  - $\rightarrow$  significant information on the existence of  $nn\Lambda$
- CSB study in the A = 3 hypernuclear system
- If the CS is 0.5 nb/sr  $\rightarrow |\Delta B_{\Lambda}^{\text{stat.}}| \sim 90 \text{ keV}$

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## RESPONSES TO TAC REPORT

## 1. TARGET

#### TAC COMMENT 1:

The authors indicate that a new target system design was developed in collaboration with the JLab Target Group to accommodate the restricted space at the target pivot and for compatibility with the E12-15-008 experiment. Some existing cryogenic gas handling systems can be utilized with modified operating parameters specific to this application. It is noted a new ladder and motion system (which can be similar to that used for PREX) will need to be built. It was not clear the cost or how much time is needed for these developments. While the authors note a similar effort to that of PREX/CREX is likely, it would be useful to illustrate further details of the setup (e. anticipated power load, conceptual drawings, etc.) and required labor.

Our response is shown in the next slide

## 1. TARGET

#### Our response 1:

- We gave up the high density targets (roughly 10 times larger density than that proposed this year was assumed last year) because of the space limitation.
- To compensate the density reduction, a larger cell is assumed in this proposal;
  - $50 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 200 \text{ mm}$  for He gas targets (4 times thicker target).
  - In addition, 2 times longer beamtime is requested for <sup>4</sup>He.
- Manpower and cost
  - Designer and scientist 6 months working at about 60% to complete the design of the target.
  - Fabrication of the target will take about 6 months and about \$500K in material and fabrication labor.
  - The installation will be about 6 weeks and require 80% of the target group technical staff, 1 engineer and 2 scientists.
- Heat load  $\leq$  25 W (gas + cell)

## 2. PERFORMANCE CHECK IN E12-17-003

#### TAC comment 2:

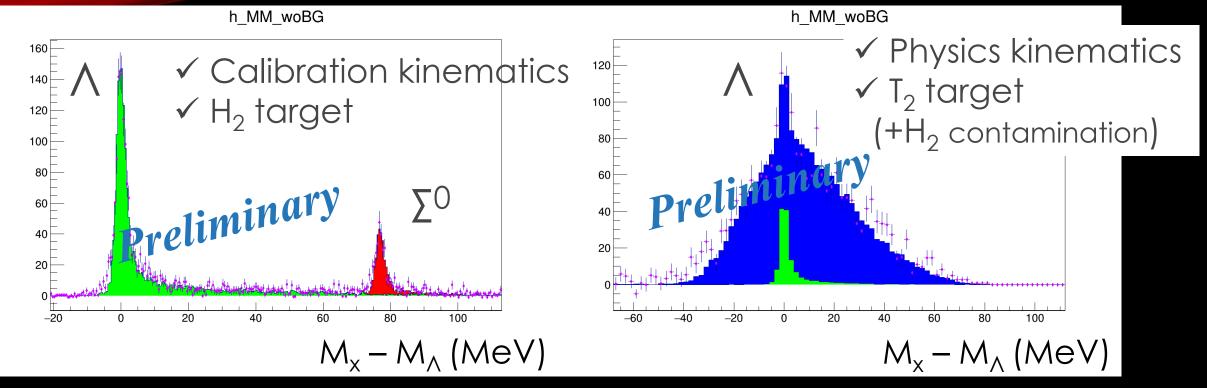
Regarding the feasibility of the nnA measurement/search, it would be very helpful and interesting to see at least preliminary results from the previous experiment E12 17 003 that performed this measurement. This can show what is already achievable and items for improvement that can be applied to this proposal.

#### Our response 2:

• Preliminary results are shown in the next page to show the analysis worked as expected. The similar analysis will be applied to the proposed experiment. The performance of the proposed experiment in terms of resolution was evaluated by the full modeled Geant4 MC simulation.

## 2. PERFORMANCE CHECK IN E12-17-003

(Figures made by K.N. Suzuki (Kyoto Univ.))



- Geant4 MC data + real data analysis = histograms
- Real Data + real data analysis = markers with error bars

#### Consistent

→ System worked as expected

The same Geant4 framework was used for estimations of the present proposal

# 3. The 3/2+ state on QF background

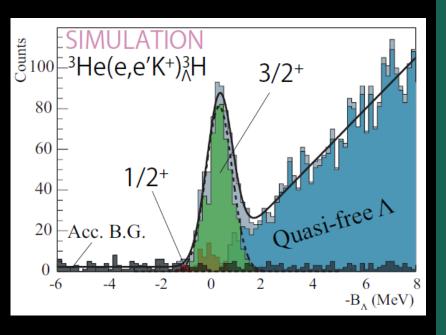
#### TAC comment 3:

The authors show how a cut on the z vertex can suppress the quasi free  $\Lambda$  background by a factor of 10 (p. 27). This significant reduction appears to be sufficient for the analysis. Figure 15 shows a simulated binding energy spectrum from the 3 He(e,e'K) 3 H  $\Lambda$  reaction. It appears that the quasi free  $\Lambda$  background falls off relatively quickly, though is roughly 25% of the peak amplitude of the 3/2+ excited state under investigation (if found). It is not clear if this represents the expectation before or after the vertex z cut is applied to the data. Given the narrow width of the 3/2+ peak, it would be interesting to see how sensitive the binding energy is to this background (if this plot represents what is seen after the vertex z cut).

Our response is shown in the next slide

## 3. The 3/2+ state on QF background

After z vertex cut



Our response 3:

- The QF background increases the statistical error on the 3/2<sup>+</sup> state by about a few ~ 5 keV
- MC simulation was done changing assumed peak position in order to estimate a systematic error. It was found that the systematic shift would be 10— 30 keV due to the QF background. → This corresponds to a few keV deterioration of the total error (there are about 60 and 20 keV uncertainties for other systematic errors and the statistical error, respectively)

The effect of the QF background is negligible small

# BACKUP

# TRIGGER RATE ESTIMATION

(K. Katayama, "Development of HRS-HKS coincidence trigger with FPGA - Precise Hypernuclear Spectroscopy at JLab -", Master's Thesis, Kyoto Univ. JFY2020)

# SIMULATION

Geant4 (PCS+HRS+HKS) + Physics Event Generators

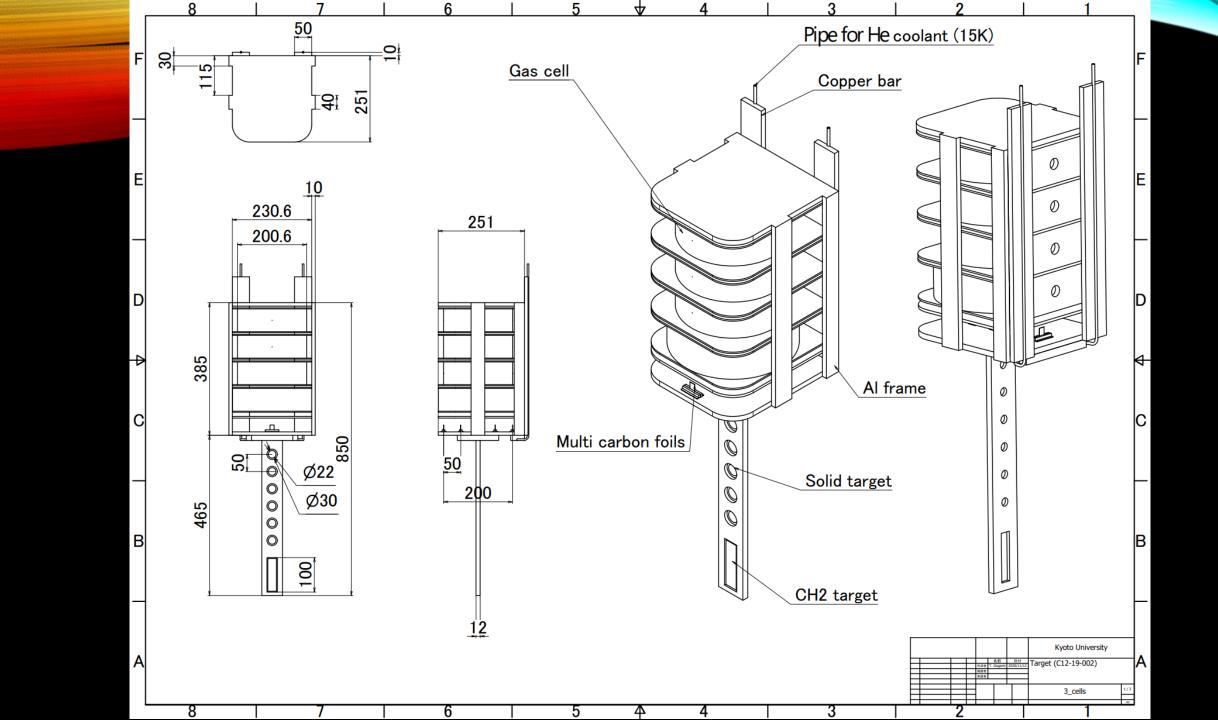


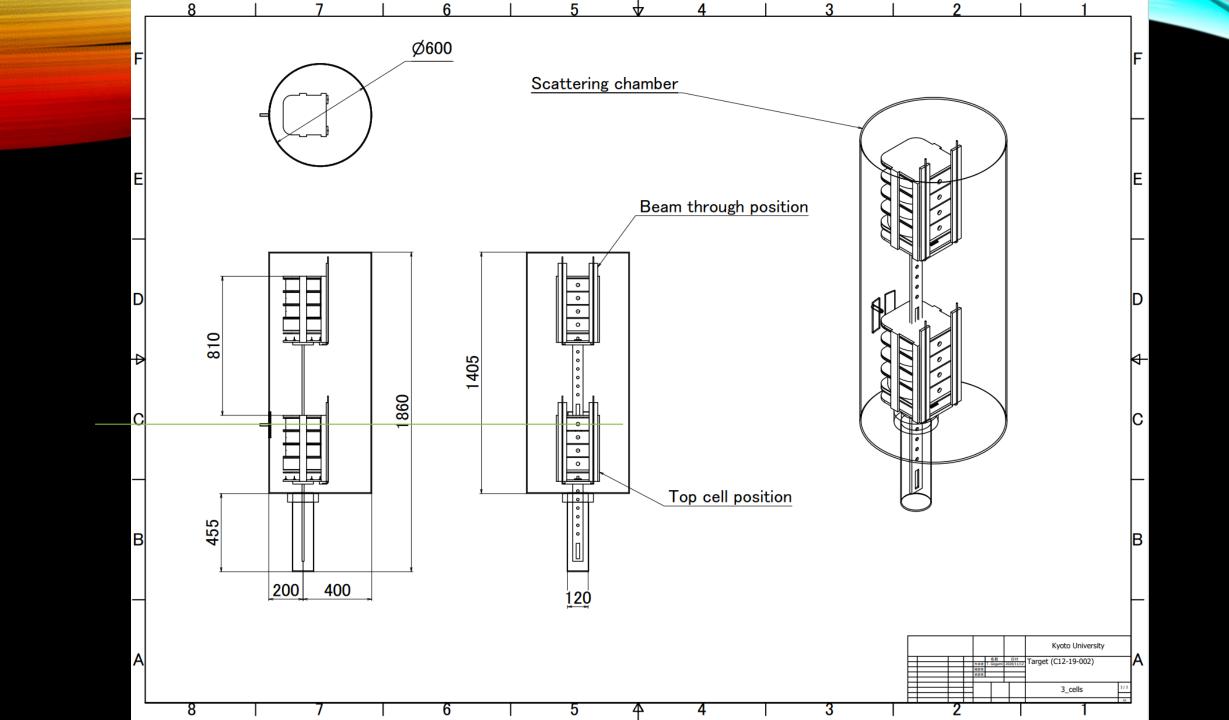
Target	Thickness (mg/cm²)	Beam Current (µA)	e' (kHz)	p (kHz)	π (kHz)	Acc. rate (kHz)	Acc. rate w/ Chernkovs (kHz)
<sup>12</sup> C	100	100	21.5	56	71	0.4	0.023
<sup>40</sup> Ca	100	50	64.5	48	71	1.2	0.060
<sup>208</sup> Pb	100	25	97.0	22	33	8.0	0.041
<sup>3</sup> He+ <sup>27</sup> Al	190+162	50	90.8	163.2	252.5	3.2	0.15
<sup>4</sup> He+ <sup>27</sup> Al	262+162	50	91.2	201.6	355.9	4.9	0.23

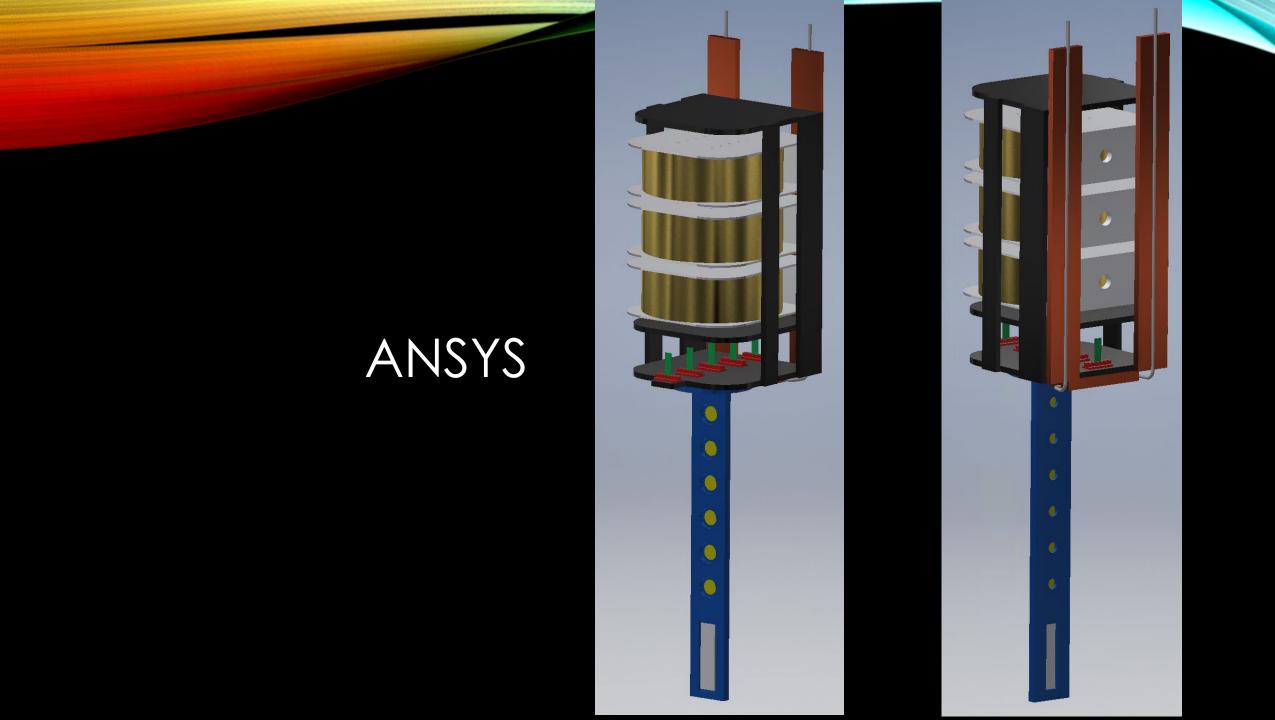
Particle identification by HKS: TG et al., NIMA 729, 816—824 (2013).

## BEAMTIME REQUEST (C12-19-002)

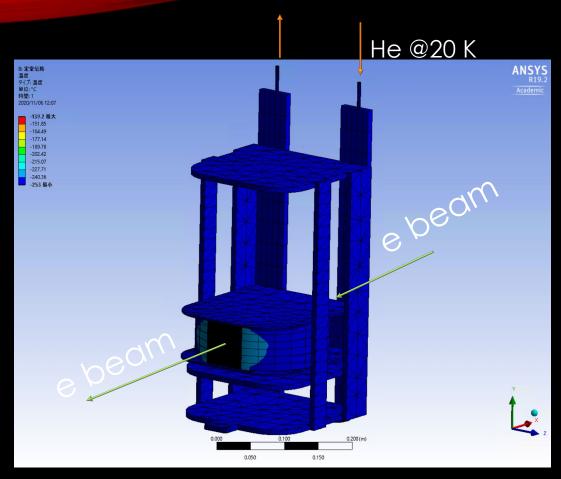
Physics						
Target (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	$I_e$ ( $\mu$ A)	Product	Beamtime (day)	Yield		
<sup>3</sup> He (165)	50	$^3_\Lambda { m H}$	10	600		
<sup>4</sup> He (228)	50	$^4_\Lambda { m H}$	2	500		
S	Subtotal	12				
Calibration						
Target	$I_e$ ( $\mu$ A)	Reaction	Beamtime (day)	Remarks		
H (30)	50	$p(e, e'K^+)\Lambda, \Sigma^0$	1	$Λ: 3500, Σ^0: 1150$		
Multi foils $(100 \times 5)$	50	$^{12}C(e, e'K^{+})^{12}_{\Lambda}B$	1	$^{12}_{\Lambda} B^{g.s.}: 300 \times 5$		
Multi Foils + SS	50	-	0.2			
Empty	50	-	0.1	+ Background study		
Empty (or gas) + SS	50	-	0.2	+ Angle resolution check		
Subtotal			2.5			
Total			14.5			



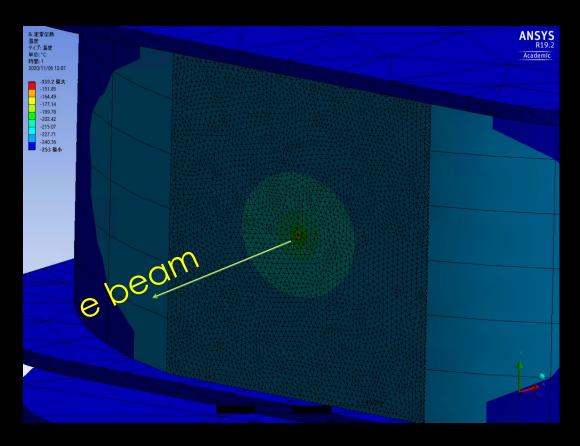




# HEAT SIMULATION BY ANSYS (0.3 MM THICK AL)



- 50µA electron beam
- 0.3 mm Al
- → 6 W



Thermal contact coefficient h = 300 W/m²K

→ Max temp. = 130 K