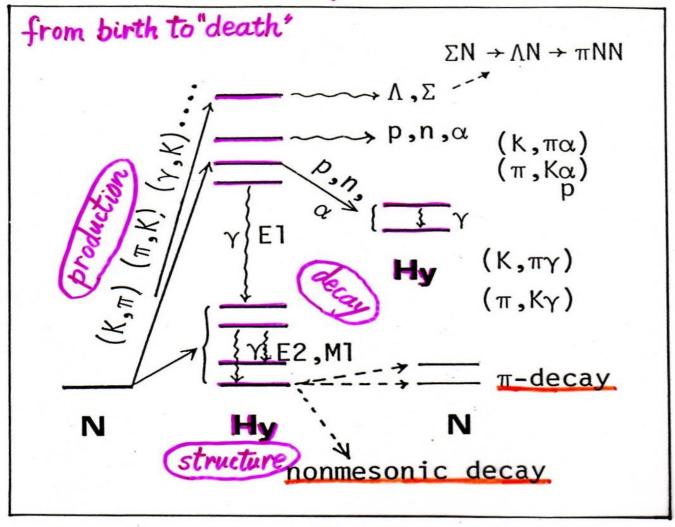
# (Weak decay of hypernuclei) focusing on Pionic decay of hypernuclei

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# Life of strangeness many-body systems

## Life of the Hypernucleus



## Hypernuclear weak decay : 2 modes

 $q(\pi) = 100 \text{ MeV/c}$ Mesonic mode (MWD)  $\Lambda \to p + \pi^- + 37.8 \text{ MeV} (64.2\%),$  $\Lambda \to n + \pi^0 + 41.1 \text{ MeV} (35.8\%).$ Nonmesonic mode (NMWD) q(NM)= 400 MeV/c  $\Lambda + p \rightarrow n + p + 176 \quad \text{MeV},$ 

 $\Lambda + n \rightarrow n + n + 176 \quad \text{MeV}$ 

(from Outa slide)

#### Mesonic Weak Decay

- $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^{-} 2$  $\Lambda \rightarrow n + \pi^{0} 1$   $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule
- Free A decay
- $\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^{-} (\sim 2/3) \\ \Lambda \rightarrow n + \pi^{0} (\sim 1/3) \end{array}$
- L=0 s-wave; PV L=1 p-wave; PC
  - $I(\theta) \propto 1 \alpha P \cos \theta$

1/2+ 1/2+ 0-

88% s-wave 12% p-wave

$$\alpha = \frac{2a_s \operatorname{Re} a_p^*}{\left|a_s\right|^2 + \left|a_p\right|^2}$$

## **Theoretical framework**

Pi-mesonic decay interaction is expressed as

$$\mathcal{H}_{\pi} = i g_w \bar{\psi}_N (1 + \lambda \gamma_5) \tau \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \psi_A \end{pmatrix} \phi_{\pi},$$
  
 $g_w = 0.233 \times 10^{-6} \text{ and } \lambda = -6.9$ 

Non-relativistic expression is employed:

$$H_{\pi} = \left[ s_{\pi} X^{(s)}(r) + i p_{\pi} X^{(p)}(r) \frac{\sigma \cdot \nabla}{q_0} \right] \chi_{\pi}^{(-)*}(\boldsymbol{q}; \boldsymbol{r}) ,$$
$$s_{\pi} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4\pi}} g_{\omega} = 0.96 \times 10^{-7} , \quad s_{\pi^0} = -s_{\pi^-}/\sqrt{2} ,$$

$$p_{\pi^{-}} = \frac{q_{0}}{2\sqrt{M_{A}M_{N}}} \lambda s_{\pi^{-}} = -0.35 \times 10^{-7} , \quad p_{\pi^{0}} = -p_{\pi^{-}}/\sqrt{2} .$$

# Solve pion distorted waves with the optical potential

 $2\omega U_{\pi}^{\text{FULL}} = -4\pi [b(r) + B(r)] + 4\pi \nabla \cdot \mathcal{L}(r) [c(r) + C(r)] \nabla$ 

$$-4\pi \left[ \frac{p_1 - 1}{2} \nabla^2 c(r) + \frac{p_2 - 1}{2} \nabla^2 C(r) \right],$$
$$\mathcal{L}(r) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4\pi}{3} \lambda [c(r) + C(r)]}$$

$$\begin{split} M_A + E(^A_A Z; J_i T_i) &= M_N + E(^A Z'; J_f T_f) + \frac{q^2}{2M_A} + \omega_q ,\\ \omega_q &= \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + q^2} \end{split}$$

Pion distorted waves 
$$\chi_{\pi}^{(s)}(q;r)$$
  
solve Klein-Gordon Eq.  
Optical potential (MSU group)  
J.A. Carr et al. P.R. C25 (1992) 752  
effective form:  
 $2\omega U_{\pi} = -4\pi [b_{eff} p(r) - c_{eff} \nabla P(r) \nabla + c_{eff} \frac{\omega}{2M} \nabla^2 P(r)]$   
adopted  
general form:  $(Pertex renormalization M.Ericson & H.Bando, P.L. B273 (1910) 167
 $2\omega U_{\pi} = -4\pi [b(r) + B(r)] + 4\pi \nabla \cdot \{d_{r}^{(r)}[c(r) + Cw]\} \nabla LLEE$   
 $-4\pi \{\frac{P-1}{2} \nabla^2 c(r) + \frac{Pa-1}{2} \nabla^2 C(r)\}$   
b(r) = Pi [b_{0} P(r) - c_{n} b_{0} p(r)]  
 $b(r) = P_{2} [b_{0} P(r) - c_{n} b_{0} p(r)]$   
 $b(r) = P_{2} [b_{0} P(r) - c_{n} b_{0} p(r)]$   
 $b(r) = f_{n} [c_{0} P(r) - c_{n} b_{0} p(r)]$   
 $d(r) = f_{n} [c_{0} P(r) - c_{n} b_{0} p(r)]$   
 $d(r) = f_{n} [c_{0} P(r) - c_{n} b_{0} p(r)]$$ 

# **Decay rate** is expressed with suppression factors S<sup>(s)</sup> and S<sup>(p)</sup>

 $\Gamma_{\pi}({}^{A}_{\Lambda}Z;J_{i}T_{i}\tau_{i}) = \sum_{f} \Gamma_{\pi}(J_{i}T_{i}\tau_{i} \rightarrow J_{f}T_{f}\tau_{f}), \qquad \Gamma_{\pi}^{\text{free}} = \frac{2q_{0}}{1 + (\omega_{q_{0}}/M_{N})} (s_{\pi}^{2} + p_{\pi}^{2}),$ 

$$\Gamma_{\pi}(J_{i}T_{i}\tau_{i} \to J_{f}T_{f}\tau_{f}) = \frac{2q}{1 + (\omega_{q}/M_{A})} \left[ s_{\pi}^{2} S_{\pi}^{(s)}(i, f; q) + p_{\pi}^{2} \left(\frac{q}{q_{0}}\right)^{2} S_{\pi}^{(p)}(i, f; q) \right],$$

$$S_{\pi}^{(s,p)}(i,f;q) = \frac{4\pi}{2J_i+1} \sum_{K} \left| \sqrt{A} \langle \Psi(^{A}Z';J_fT_f\tau_f) \| F_{K}^{(s,p)} \theta_{\pi} \| \Phi(^{A}Z;J_iT_i\tau_i) \rangle \right|^2$$

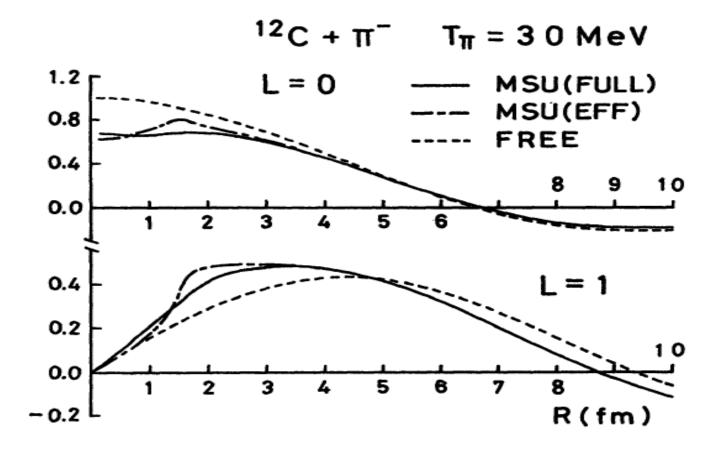
$$F_{\kappa}^{(s)} = \tilde{j}_{\kappa}(q; r) X^{(s)}(r) Y_{\kappa}(\hat{r}),$$

 $F_{K}^{(p)} = -i \sum_{k=K\pm 1} (10K0|k0) f_{k}^{K}(q;r) X^{(p)}(r) [\sigma \times Y_{k}(\hat{r})]_{K}$ 

$$f_{k}^{K}(q;r) = \frac{\partial \tilde{j}_{K}(q;r)}{q\partial r} + \left\{1 - \frac{k(k+1) - K(K+1)}{2}\right\} \frac{\tilde{j}_{K}(q;r)}{qr}.$$

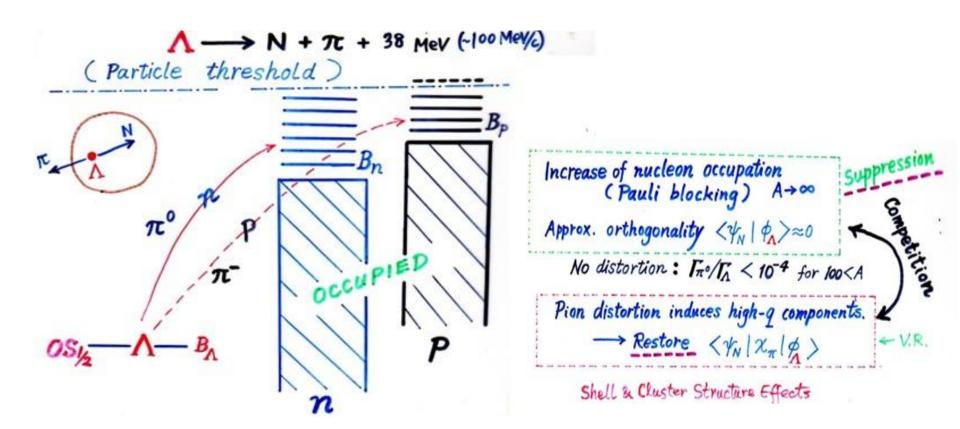
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# Effect of pion wave distortion



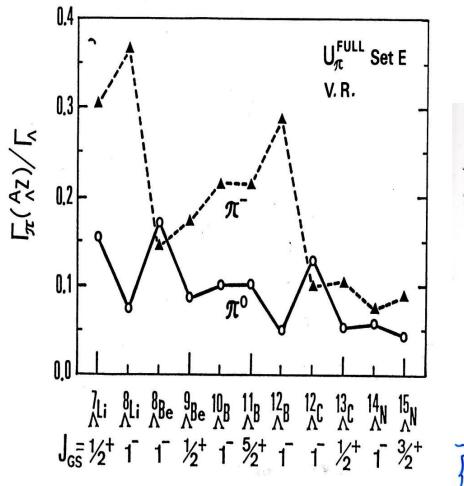
DW vs. PW:  $e^{-i\boldsymbol{q}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}}$  if there is no distortion

# Actual process (illustrative)



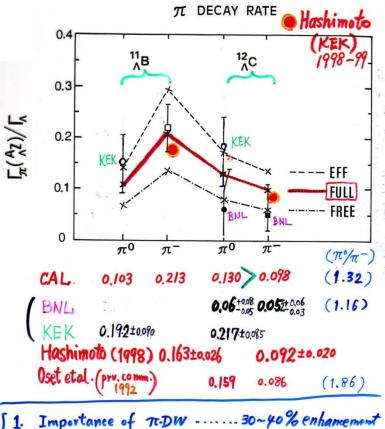
Decay rate and decay pattern are very sensitive to shell structure (spin and binding energy) --→ Useful tool to identify the hypernucleus

#### Very sensitive shell dependence predicted.

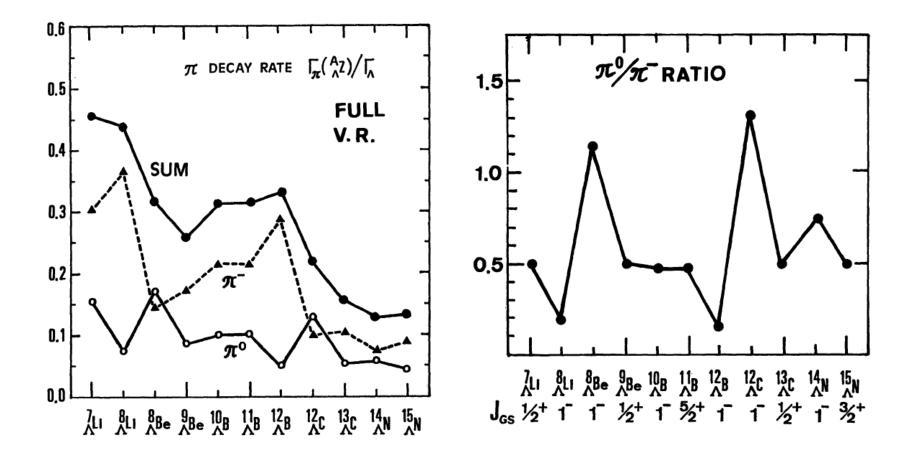


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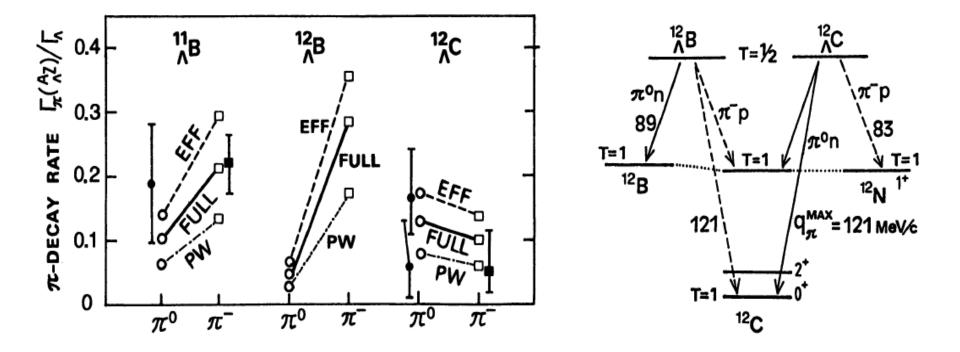
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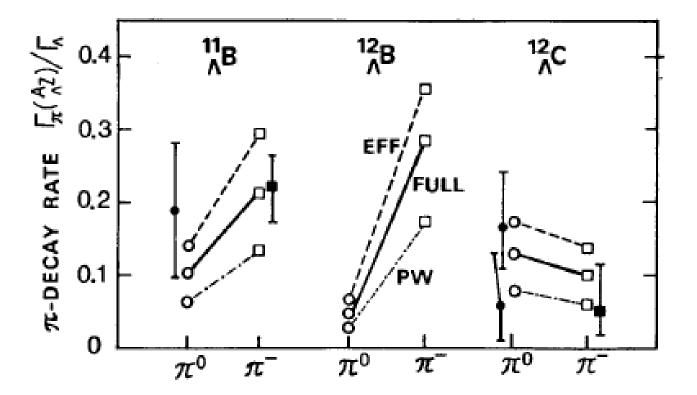
2. The > The in 1°C has been confirmed by Exp. → sensitive to shall structure



# Shell dependence comes from energy-momentum available for $\pi$

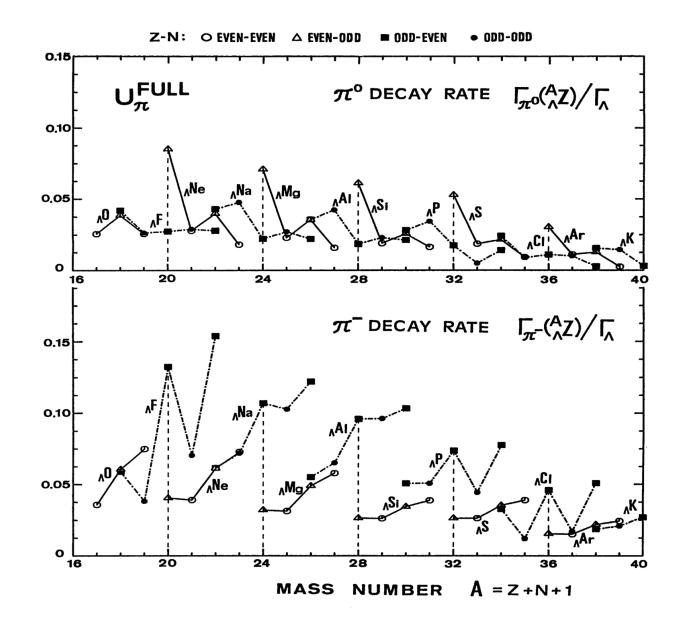


## Potential dependence of decay rate



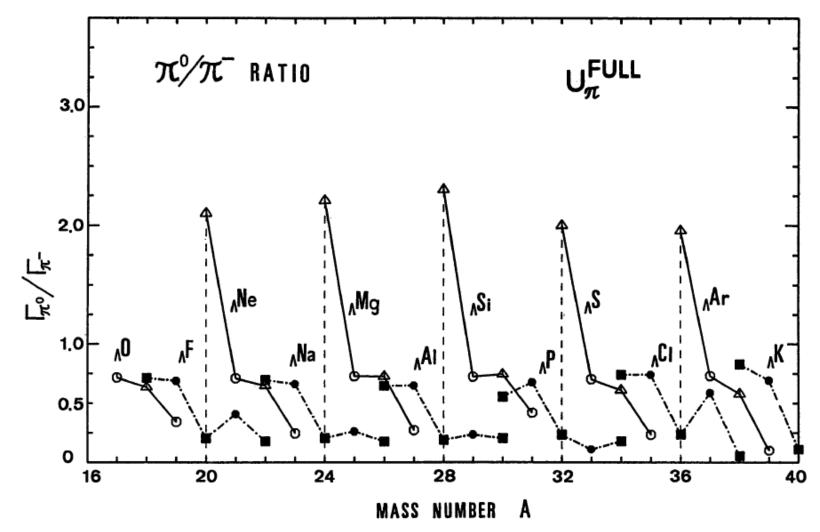
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## sd-shell hypernuclear π-decays

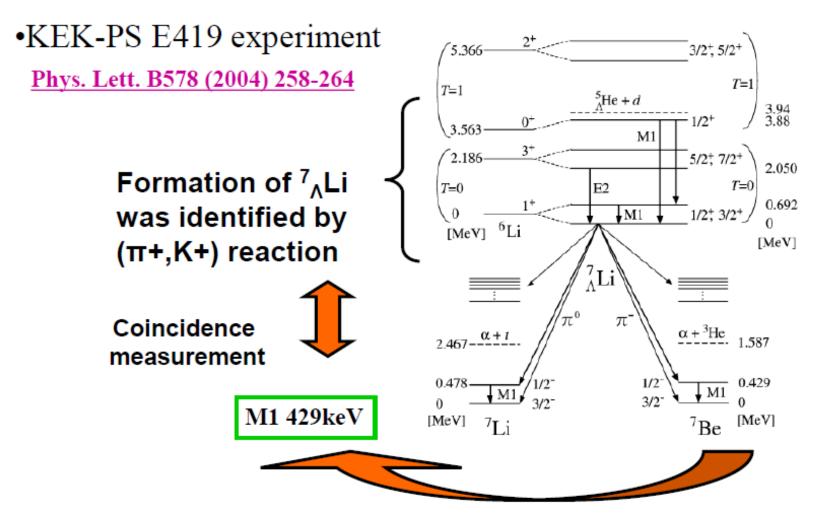


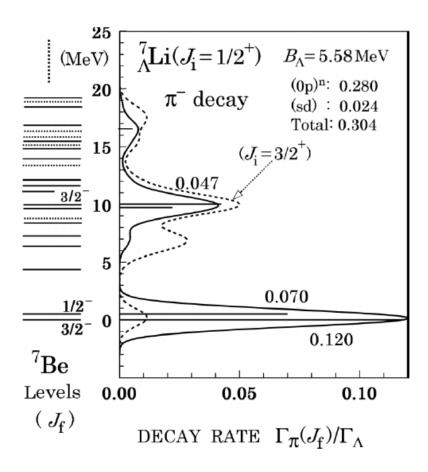
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## Ratio for Mdecay in sd-shell

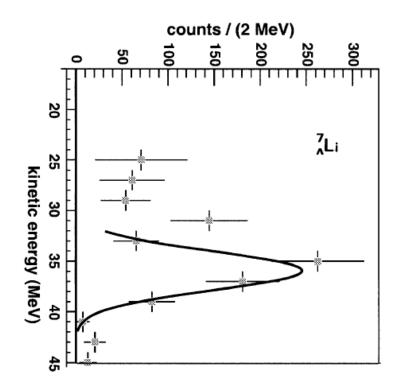


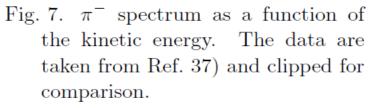
#### Very recent assignment of 7 Li w/ Ge ball & SKS





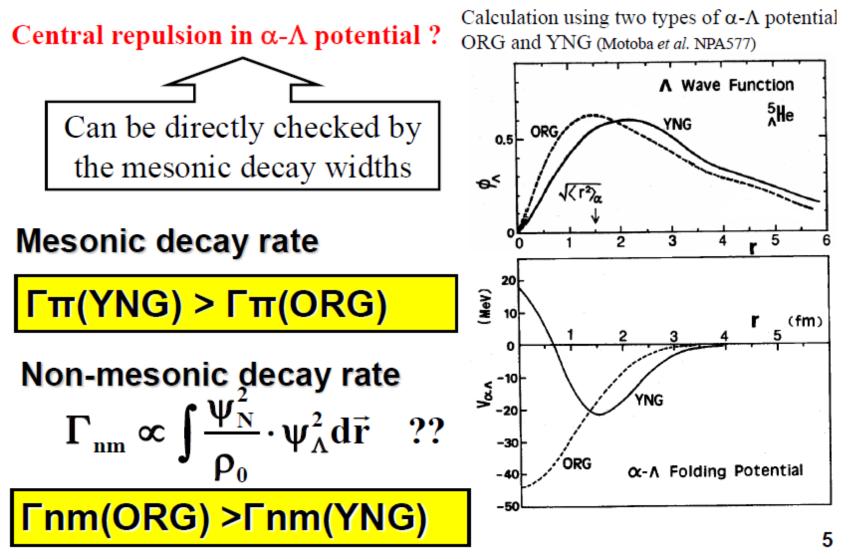
## Fig. 6. Calculated $\pi$ -decay spectrum as a function of <sup>7</sup>Be excitation energy.



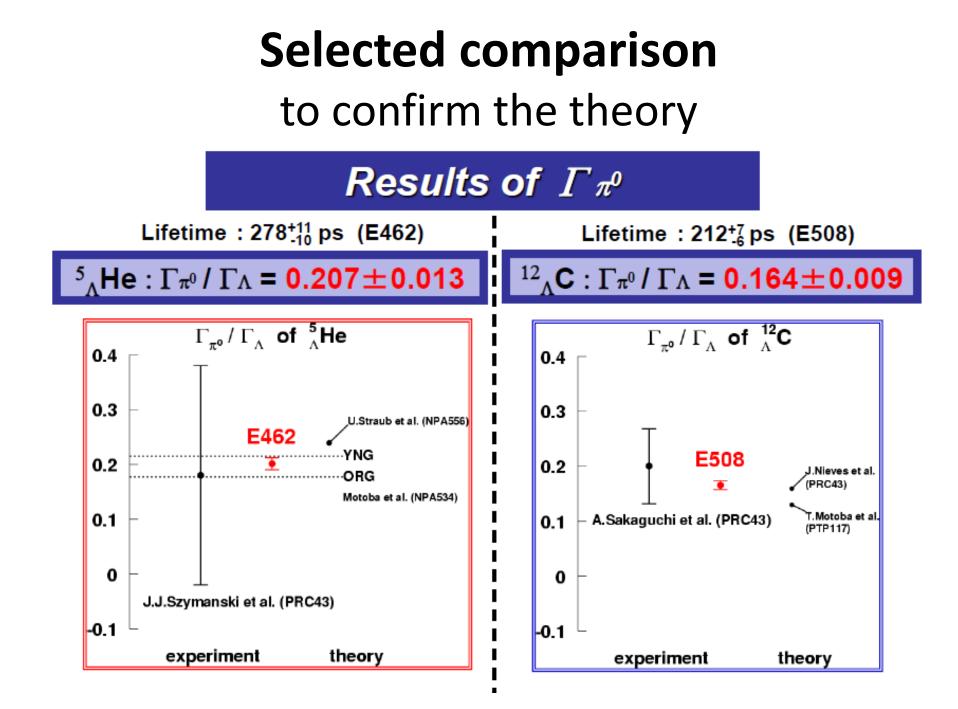


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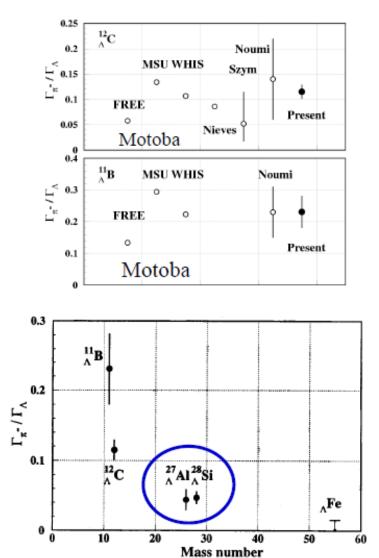
#### **Γ**π/**Γ**nm and Λ-Nucleus Potential



	Refs.	$\Gamma_{tot}/$ $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$	$\Gamma_{\pi^-}/\Gamma_{\Lambda}$	$\Gamma_{\pi^0}/\Gamma_{\Lambda}$	$\Gamma_{nm}/\Gamma_{\Lambda}$
${}_{\Lambda}^{5}$ He (exp.)	[2]	$1.03 \pm 0.08$	$0.44{\pm}0.11$	$0.18 \pm 0.20$	$0.41{\pm}0.14$
${}_{\Lambda}^{5}$ He (ORG,SG)	[1][5]		0.321(ORG), 0.271(SG)	0.177(ORG), 0.158(SG)	
${}_{\Lambda}^{5}$ He (YNG,Isle)	[1][5]		0.393(YNG), 0.354(Isle)	0.215(YNG), 0.205(Isle)	
$^{12}_{\Lambda}$ C (exp.)	[3][4]	$1.14{\pm}0.08$	$0.113 {\pm} 0.015$	$0.200 \pm 0.068$	$0.828 \pm 0.087$
${}^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He (exp.)	present	$0.940 \pm 0.040 \pm 0.007$	$0.322 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.003$	$0.207 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.005$	$0.411 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.006$
$^{12}_{\Lambda}C$ (exp.)	present	$1.213 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.009$	$0.120 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.005$ [3]	$0.164 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.004$	$0.929 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.016$



# Results of $\pi^-$ Mesonic decay width (Outa slide)



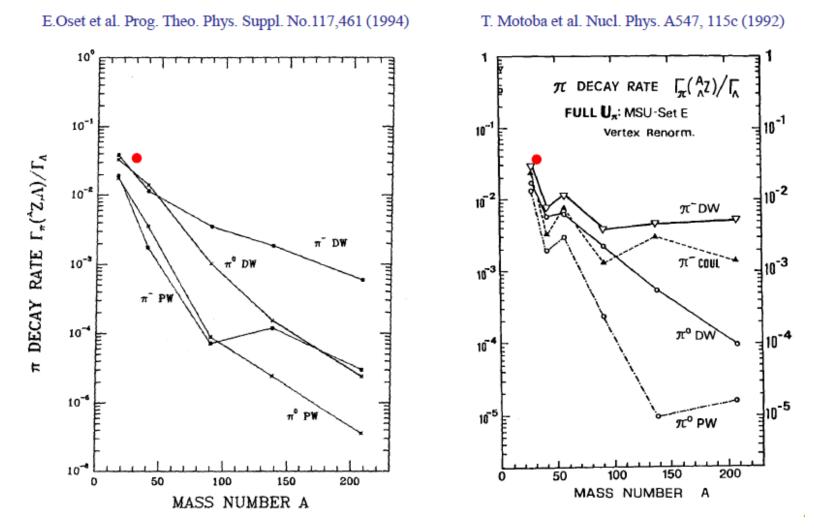
#### Y.Sato *et al.* PRC Branching ratio $B_{\pi^-} ({}^{12}_{\Lambda}C) = 0.099 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.004$ $B_{\pi^-} ({}^{11}_{\Lambda}B) = 0.170 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.036$ $B_{\pi^-} ({}^{28}_{\Lambda}Si) = 0.036 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.002$

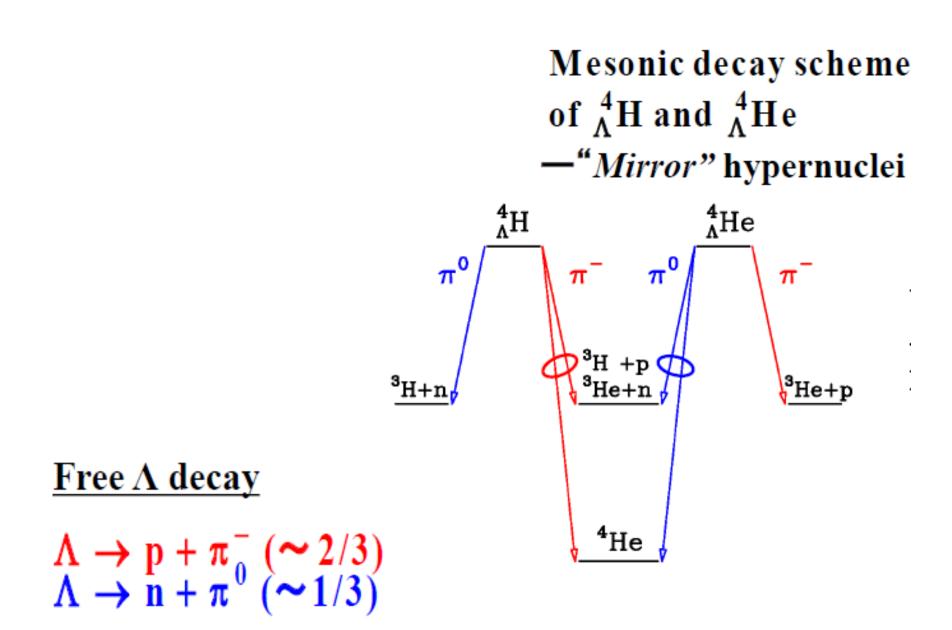
 $B_{\pi^{-}} ({}^{27}_{\Lambda}Al) = 0.032 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.015$  $B_{\pi^{-}} ({}_{\Lambda}Fe) < 0.012$  (90% CL)

 $\pi^{-} \text{ Mesonic decay width}$   $\Gamma_{\pi^{-}} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{12}_{\Lambda}C \end{pmatrix} = 0.113 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.005 \Gamma_{\Lambda}$   $\Gamma_{\pi^{-}} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{11}_{\Lambda}B \end{pmatrix} = 0.212 \pm 0.036 \pm 0.045 \Gamma_{\Lambda}$   $\Gamma_{\pi^{-}} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{28}_{\Lambda}Si \end{pmatrix} = 0.046 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.002 \Gamma_{\Lambda}$   $\Gamma_{\pi^{-}} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{27}_{\Lambda}Al \end{pmatrix} = 0.041 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.019 \Gamma_{\Lambda}$   $\Gamma_{\pi^{-}} \begin{pmatrix} {}^{27}_{\Lambda}Al \end{pmatrix} = 0.015 \Gamma_{\Lambda} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$ 

## **Gross behavior**

#### Gross behavior of hypernuclear $\pi$ -mesonic decay rate





## **EXAMPLE 1** Test of $\Lambda$ - nucleus potential for ${}_{\Lambda}^{4}$ H and ${}_{\Lambda}^{4}$ He

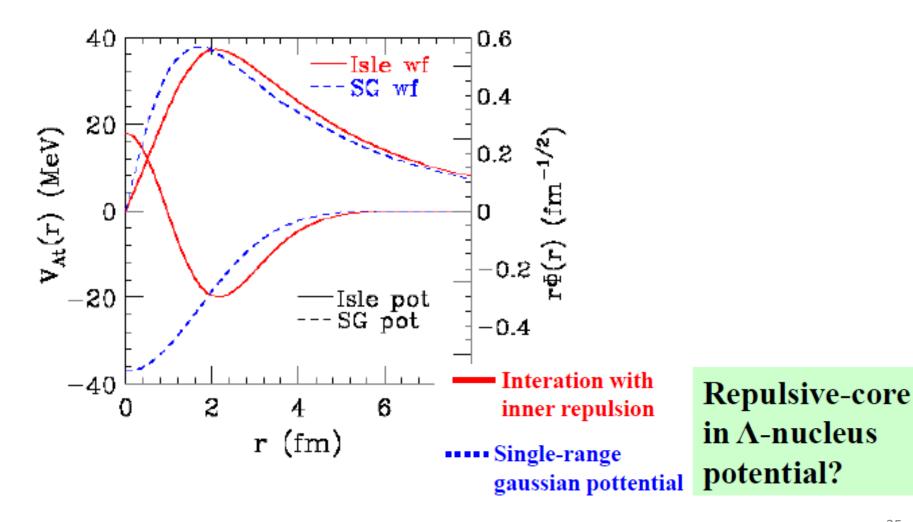


Table II. Calculated decay rates, $\Gamma_n/\Gamma_p$ ratios and intrinsic asymmetry parameters of s- and p-shell
and medium-to-heavy hypernuclei. The interaction $V_{\pi} + V_{2\pi/\rho} + V_{2\pi/\sigma} + V_{\omega} + V_K + V_{\rho\pi/a_1} + V_{\sigma\pi/a_1}$
is adopted. For p-shell hypernuclei, calculations with configuration-mixed nuclear SM + $\Lambda$
particle wave functions are shown without parentheses and those with simple nuclear SM $+$
$\Lambda$ particle wave functions are shown in parentheses. Calculations are done with restriction of
$L_0 = 0$ only. The decay rates are given in units of the free $\Lambda$ decay rate $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$ . See the text.

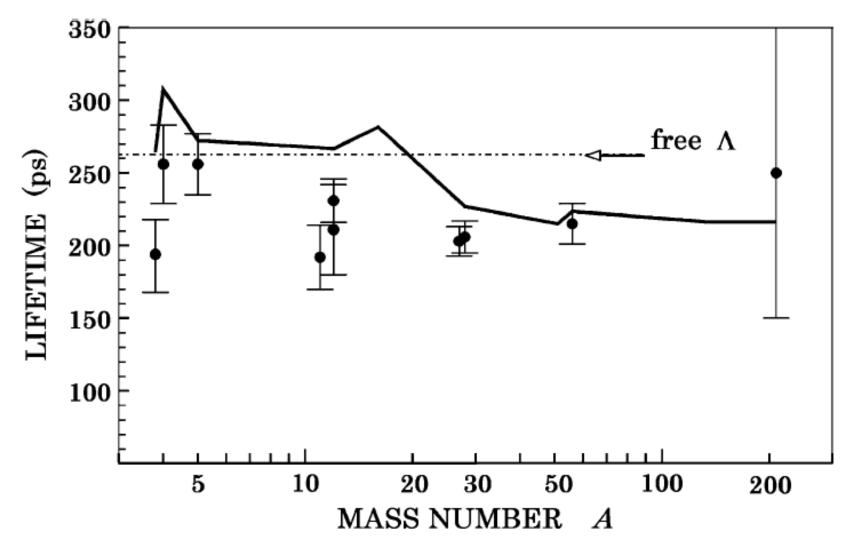
	$\Gamma_p$	$\Gamma_n$	$\Gamma_{nm}$	$\Gamma_n/\Gamma_p$	$\alpha_A$				
${}^{4}_{\Lambda}{ m H}~(0^{+})$	0.006	0.099	0.105	16.02					
${}^{4}_{\Lambda}{\rm He}~(0^{+})$	0.185	0.012	0.198	0.066					
${}_{\Lambda}^{5}{\rm He}~(1/2^{+})$	0.237	0.121	0.358	0.508	0.083				
$^{7}_{\Lambda}$ Li $(1/2^{+})$	0.297	0.152	$0.449 \ [0.481]$	$0.512 \ [0.505]$	$0.138 \ [0.093]$				
${}^{8}_{\Lambda} \text{Li} (1^{-})$	0.297	0.200	$0.498\ [0.501]$	$0.673 \ [0.657]$	$0.120 \ [0.113]$				
${}^{9}_{\Lambda} \text{Be} (1/2^+)$	0.401	0.200	0.601 [0.601]	$0.499 \ [0.499]$	$0.053 \ [0.053]$				
${}^{10}_{\Lambda}{\rm B}~(1^{-})$	0.442	0.198	$0.640 \ [0.635]$	0.448 [0.452]	0.083 [0.086]				
${}^{10}_{A}\text{B}^{*}(2^{-})$	0.492	0.198	0.690 [0.688]	0.403[0.412]	0.024 [0.029]				
${}^{11}_{A}{ m B}~(5/2^+)$	0.444	0.223	0.667 [0.660]	0.502 [0.503]	0.072 [0.079]				
$^{12}_{\Lambda}{\rm B}~(1^{-})$	0.446	0.266	0.711 [0.697]	$0.596 \ [0.617]$	0.061 [0.082]				
$^{12}_{\Lambda}C(1^{-})$	0.535	0.223	0.758 [0.754]	0.418 [0.407]	0.044 $[0.045]$				
${}^{12}_{\Lambda} C^* (2^-)$	0.536	0.237	0.773 [0.778]	0.443 [0.451]	0.044 [0.045]				
${}^{13}_{A}C(1/2^+)$	0.495	0.247	0.741 [0.740]	0.499 [0.498]	0.023 $[0.019]$				
$^{14}_{\Lambda}N(1^{-})$	0.551	0.246	0.797 [0.803]	0.446 [0.451]	$0.034 \ [0.045]$				
${}^{15}_{A}N~(3/2^+)$	0.555	0.278	0.833 $[0.832]$	0.502 [0.503]	0.037 [0.049]				
$^{16}_{\Lambda}N(1^{-})$	0.519	0.298	0.816 [0.818]	0.574 [0.571]	0.038 $[0.038]$				
$^{16}_{\Lambda}O(0^{-})$	0.586	0.275	0.860[0.861]	0.469[0.470]					
$^{16}_{\Lambda} O^* (1^-)$	0.586	0.264	0.850 [0.850]	0.451 [0.452]	$0.037 \ [0.035]$				
${}^{28}_{A}{\rm Si}~(2^+)$	0.735	0.336	1.071	0.456	0.024				
${}^{51}_{A}V~(11/2^+)$	0.792	0.412	1.203	0.520	0.017				
${}^{56}_{\Lambda} {\rm Fe} \ (1^-)$	0.764	0.392	1.156	0.513	0.008				
${}^{89}_{\Lambda} Y (7/2^{-})$	0.774	0.418	1.192	0.540	-0.003				
$^{139}_{A}$ La $(9/2^+)$	0.757	0.455	1.212	0.601	-0.007				
${}^{209}_{A}{\rm Bi} (9/2^+)$	0.733	0.477	1.210	0.651	-0.016				

# Calculated MWD and NMWD rates

Table VIII. Calculated hypernuclear weak decay rates and lifetimes for s-shell, p-shell, medium and heavy hypernuclei. The decay rates are given in units of the free  $\Lambda$  decay rate  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$ . The lifetimes are given in units of picosecond. Experimental data of nonmesonic decay rates and lifetimes are listed for comparison. See the text.

	$\Gamma_{\pi}$	$\Gamma_{nm}$	$\Gamma_{\pi} + \Gamma_{nm}$	au	$\Gamma^{exp}_{nm}$	$\tau^{exp}$
$^4_{\Lambda}{ m H}$	0.891	0.105	0.996	264.1	$0.17 \pm 0.11$ [Ref. 62)]	$194^{+24}_{-26}$ [Ref. 62)]
$^4_{\Lambda}{ m He}$	0.658	0.198	0.856	307.2	$0.17 \pm 0.05$ [Ref. 62)]	$256 \pm 27$ [Ref. 62)]
					$0.20 \pm 0.03$ [Ref. 63)]	
$^{5}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{He}$	0.608	0.358	0.966	272.3		$256 \pm 21$ [Ref. 64)]
$^{11}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{B}$	0.316	0.667	0.983	267.5	$0.95 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.04$ [Ref. 67)]	$192 \pm 22$ [Ref. 65)]
					$0.861 \pm 0.063 \pm 0.073$ [Ref. 51)]	$211 \pm 13$ [Ref. 66)]
$^{12}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{C}$	0.228	0.758	0.986	266.7		$211 \pm 31$ [Ref. 65)]
						$231 \pm 15$ [Ref. 66)]
$^{16}_{\Lambda}{\rm O}~(0^{-})$	$0.074^{*}$	0.860	0.934	281.6		$86^{+33}_{-26}$ [Ref. 68)]
$^{28}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{Si}$	0.088	1.071	1.159	226.9	$1.125 \pm 0.067 \pm 0.106$ [Ref. 51)]	$206 \pm 12$ [Ref. 66)]
${}^{51}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{V}$	$0.02^{*}$	1.203	1.223	215.0		
$^{56}_{\Lambda}{ m Fe}$	$0.02^{*}$	1.156	1.176	223.6	$1.21 \pm 0.08$ [Ref. 51)]	$215 \pm 14^{**}$ [Ref. 66)]
$^{89}_{\Lambda}$ Y	$0.005^{*}$	1.192	1.197	219.7		
$^{139}_{\Lambda}$ La	$0.005^{*}$	1.212	1.217	216.1		
$^{209}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{Bi}$	$0.005^{*}$	1.210	1.215	216.5		$250^{+250}_{-100}$ [Ref. 69)]

# Lifetimes (light to heavy hypernuclei)



# MWD rates for p-shell hypernuclei

Table IX.  $\pi^-$ -decay rates of *p*-shell hypernuclei in units of the free  $\Lambda$  decay rate  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$ .

	$^{7}_{\Lambda}$ Li	$^{8}_{\Lambda}$ Li	$^{8}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{Be}$	$^9_{\Lambda}{ m Be}$	$^{10}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{B}$	$^{11}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{B}$	$^{12}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{B}$	$^{12}_{\Lambda}{ m C}$	$^{13}_{\Lambda}{ m C}$	$^{14}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{N}$	$^{15}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{N}$
$J_{\rm gs}$	$1/2^{+}$	1-	1-	$1/2^{+}$	1-	$5/2^{+}$	1-	1-	$1/2^{+}$	1-	$3/2^{+}$
$(0p)^n$	0.280	0.344	0.130	0.144	0.197	0.195	0.256	0.077	0.079	0.053	0.067
(1s0d)	0.024	0.024	0.019	0.029	0.018	0.018	0.030	0.022	0.025	0.020	0.023
$\Gamma_{\pi^{-}}^{(\mathrm{Sum})}$	0.304	0.368	0.149	0.172	0.215	0.213	0.286	0.099	0.105	0.073	0.090
$\Gamma_{\pi^{-}}^{(AG)}$	0.332			0.157		0.178					0.066
$\operatorname{Exp}^{37)}$	0.353			0.178		0.249					0.108
$\pm \mathrm{error}$	$\pm 0.059$			$\pm 0.050$		$\pm 0.051$					$\pm 0.038$
$\mathrm{Exp}^{65),82)}$						0.218		0.05			
$\pm \mathrm{error}$						$\pm 0.046$		$^{+0.06}_{-0.03}$			

# **Comparison with FINUDA data**

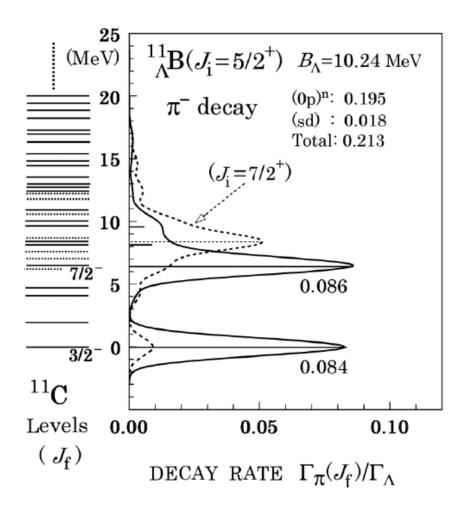


Fig. 10. Calculated  $\pi$ -decay spectrum as a function of <sup>11</sup>C excitation energy.

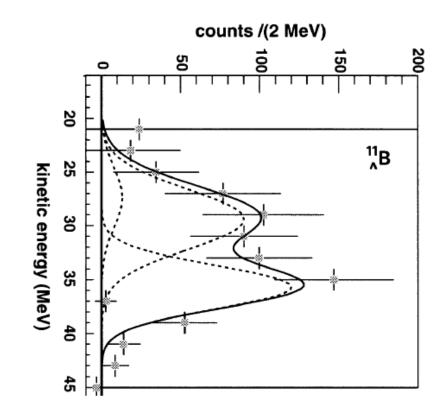
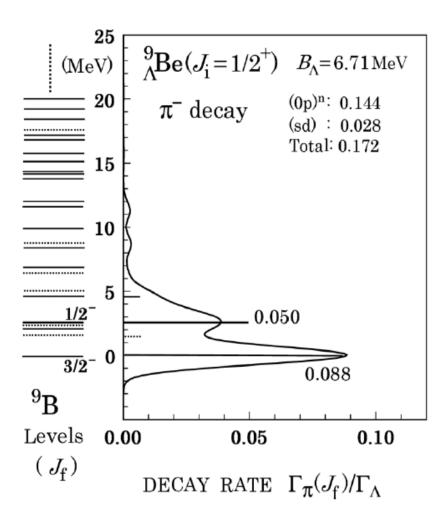
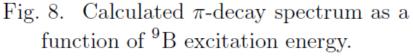


Fig. 11.  $\pi^-$  spectrum as a function of the kinetic energy. The data are taken from Ref. 37) and clipped for comparison.

## Comparison with recent FINUDA exp.





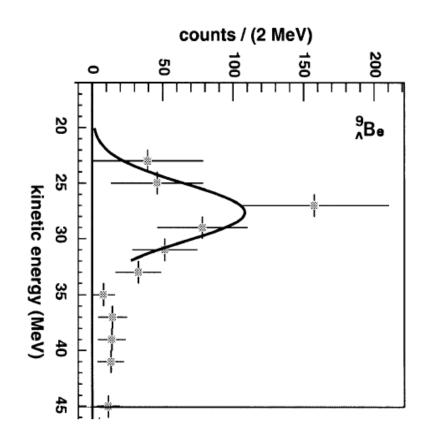
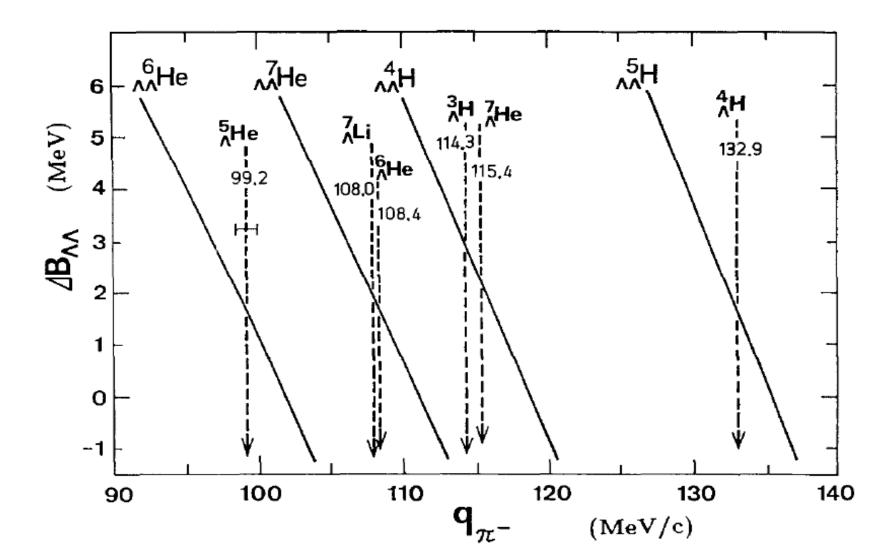


Fig. 9.  $\pi^-$  spectrum as a function of the kinetic energy. The data are taken from Ref. 37) and clipped for comparison.

# Characteristic pion momentum helps to identify the hypernucleus



# Case of 2-body and 3-body deays

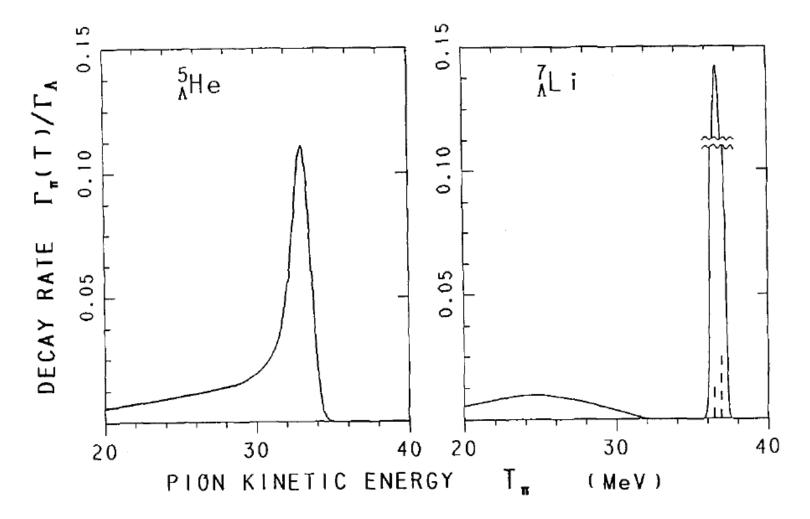


Fig. 10. The continuum pion spectrum calculated for the weak decay  ${}_{A}^{5}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{4}\text{He} + p + \pi^{-}(\text{left})$  and that for the two-body and three-body  $\pi^{-}$  decay of  ${}_{A}^{7}\text{Li}$  (right).

## 2-body and 3-body decays

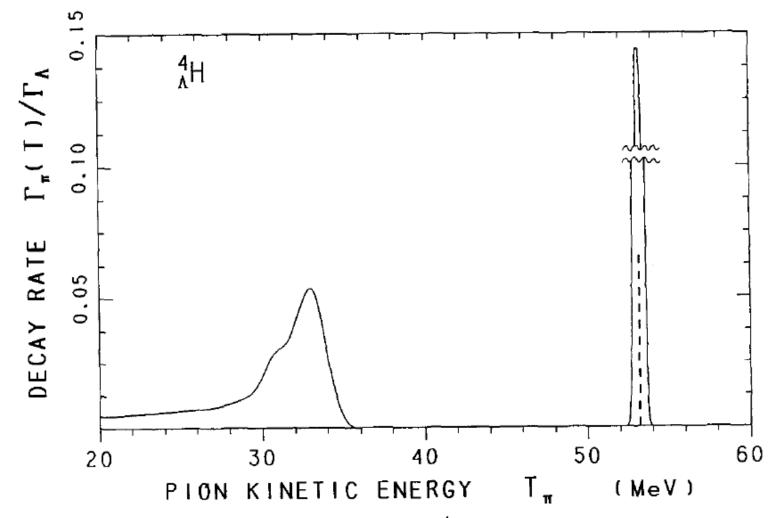


Fig. 11. The calculated  $\pi^-$  spectrum from the weak decay of  ${}^4_A$ H, which consists of the monochromatic peak for the two-body decay ( ${}^4\text{He}+\pi^-$ ) and the continuum part for the three-body decays ( ${}^3\text{H}+p+\pi^-$ ).

## Pion spectrum helps

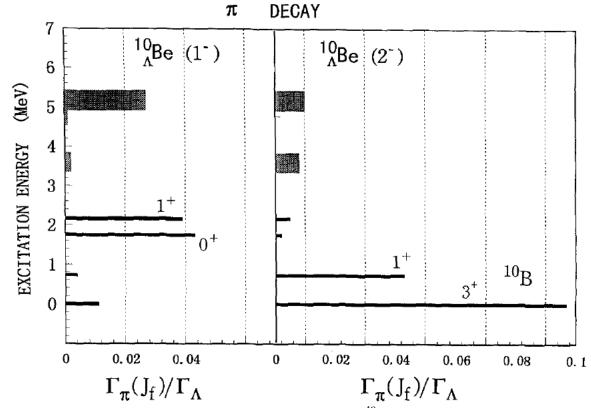
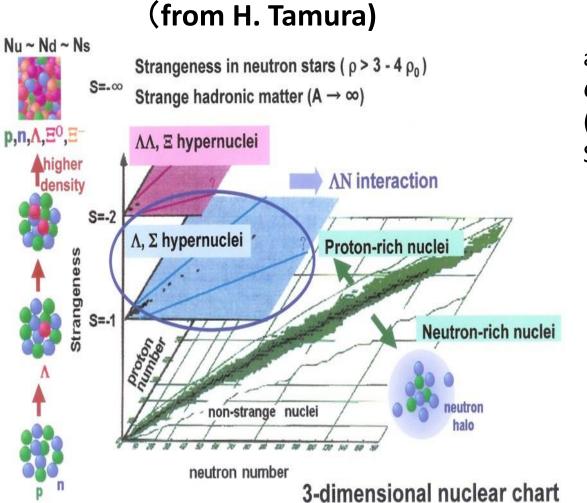


Fig. 18. The calculated  $\pi^-$  spectrum from the weak decay of  ${}^{10}_{A}Be(1^-, 2^-)$ . Comment as for Fig. 13.

# Summary

- 1) Pionic decay rates and spectra have been extensively calculated, using pion optical potential which reproduces nucleus-pion scattering at low energies.
- Sensitivity of pi-decay momentum helps to identify the hypernucleus unambiguously.
- 3) Pionic decay spectrum also helps to determine the Ground-state spin.
- 4) Coincidence measurements are promising

# Three-dimensional nuclear chart



#### (First 3D illustration

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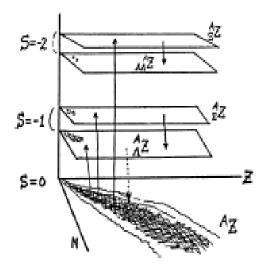


Fig. 3. 3D-illustration of hypernuclear chart drawn for the first time with the strangeness axis added (1986).<sup>61</sup>