

Future Hypernuclear Program at Hall A

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- Physics
- Experimental challenge
 - Forward angle - Septum magnets
 - Energy Resolution
 - PID : the RICH
- Targets, expected rates
- Conclusions

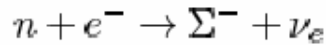
Hypernuclear Physics

- Create a laboratory to study Λ - \mathcal{N} interaction
- Extension of \mathcal{N} - \mathcal{N} physics to $S \neq 0$ systems
- Spectroscopy of hypernuclear physics
 - Λ , Σ (?) coexist with nucleons,
 - deeply bound hyperon (Pauli princ. work?)
- Non-mesonic weak decays of hypernuclei
($\Delta I=1/2$ rule, strength of $\Lambda p \rightarrow np$ vs $\Lambda n \rightarrow nn$)
- Bound state of Σ hypernuclei ??
(see ref. PRL 80(1998)1605)

Main experimental goals

Energy levels, splittings
cross sections
weak decays
(polarizations)

- ▶ Strange baryons may appear in neutral β -stable matter through processes like

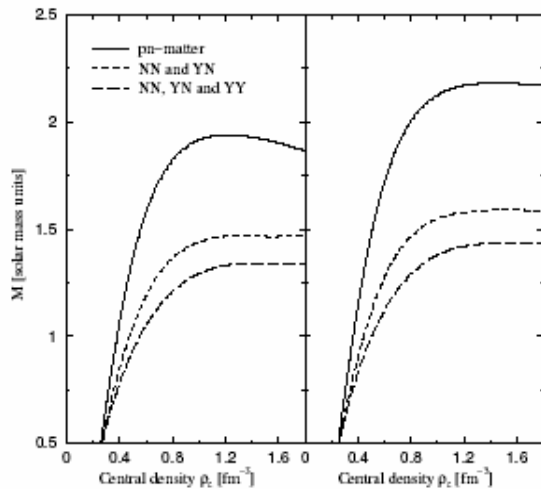


as soon as the chemical potentials are such that

$$\mu_n + \mu_e > M_{\Sigma^-}$$

- ▶ The presence of strange baryons in neutron stars strongly affects their properties.

Example: mass-central density relation for a nonrotating (left) and rotating (right) star



- ▶ The effect strongly depends upon the poorly known interactions of strange baryons.

- ▶ More data needed to constrain theoretical models

There is growing evidence that hyperons appears the first of the strange hadrons in neutron stars at around twice normal density... The onset of the hyperon formation is controlled by the attractive hyperon-nucleon interaction which can be extracted from hypernucleon scattering data and hypernuclear data (J. Shaffner-Bielich et al: Hyperstars: Phase Transition to (meta)-Stable Hyperonic matter in neutron Stars, arXiv: astro-ph/0005490

Additional experimental data from hypernuclei will be useful in establishing the foundations of high density matter models. This is especially relevant for the hyperon-nucleon interactions, for which relevant systems are more likely to be produced in current accelerators than for hyperon-hyperon interactions", in S. Balberg et al: Roles of hyperons in Neutron Stars, arXiv: astro-ph/9810361

Precision Λ hypernuclear spectroscopy

Hypernuclear structure vs $\Lambda\mathcal{N}$ interaction

- hypernuclear data well described by
weak coupling model

$$\Lambda \text{ (s-shell)} + \mathcal{J} \mathcal{A}-1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J} \mathcal{A}-1 \pm 1/2$$

(Λ hyperon) (parent nucleus) (created **doublet** state)
(\mathcal{J} state)

- many particle shell model:

$$(|s^4 p^{\mathcal{A}-5} s\Lambda; \mathcal{J}T \rangle \text{ configurations})$$

- Hypernuclear Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{N}} + h_{\Lambda} + \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda\mathcal{N}}$$

$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{N}}$ = hamiltonian for the NUCLEAR CORE

h_{Λ} = Kinetic term for the hyperon

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda\mathcal{N}} = \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{A}-1} V_{\Lambda\mathcal{N}}(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{\Lambda}) \text{ Residual } \Lambda\mathcal{N} \text{ interaction}$$

$$V_{\mathcal{N}\Lambda} = V_o(r) \quad \mathcal{V} \text{ (central)}$$

$$+ V_{\sigma}(r) \sigma_{\mathcal{N}} \cdot \sigma_{\Lambda} \quad \Delta \text{ (spin-spin)}$$

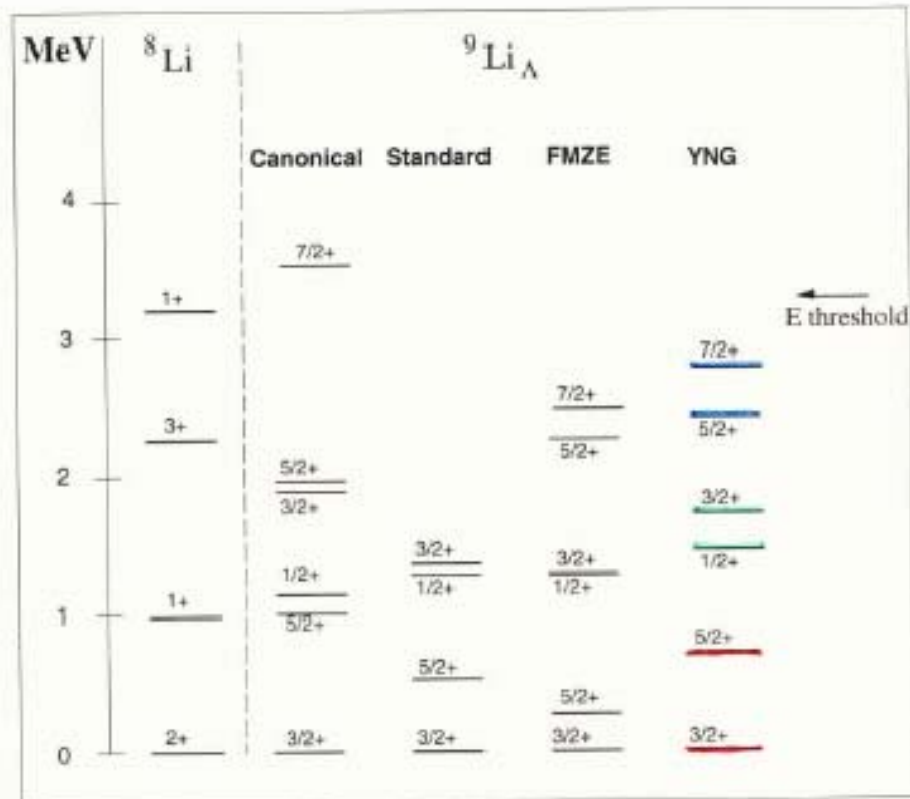
$$+ V_{so}(r) \vec{l}_{\Lambda\mathcal{N}} \cdot \sigma_{\Lambda} \quad \sigma_{\Lambda} \text{ (spin-orbit)}$$

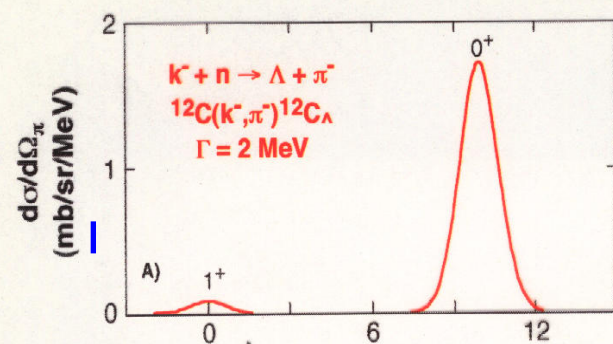
$$+ V_{so}(r) \vec{l}_{\Lambda\mathcal{N}} \cdot \sigma_{\mathcal{N}} \quad \sigma_{\mathcal{N}} \text{ (spin-orbit)}$$

$$+ V_T(r) S_{12} \quad T \text{ (tensor)}$$

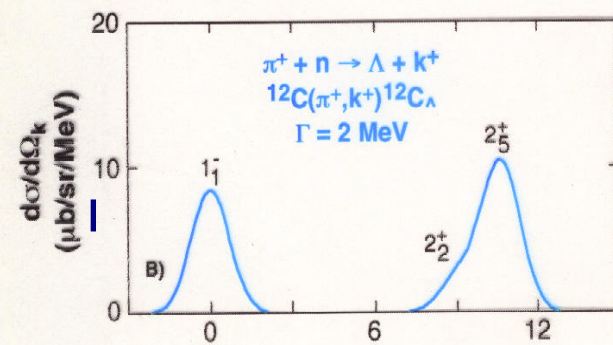
$$(S_{12} = 3(\sigma_{\mathcal{N}} \cdot \mathbf{r})(\sigma_{\Lambda} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - \sigma_{\mathcal{N}} \cdot \sigma_{\Lambda})$$

- doublet splitting determined mainly by Δ , σ_{Λ} , T
($\sigma_{\mathcal{N}}$ affect the spacing between doublets)

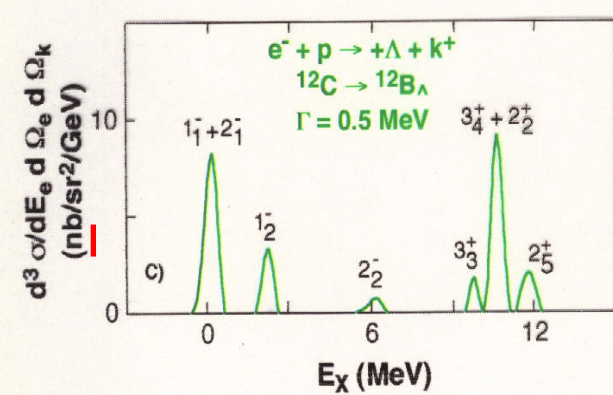




$q \approx 100$ MeV/c $\rightarrow \Delta\ell = 0$
 \rightarrow substitutional states
 $\Delta s = 0 \rightarrow$ no spin flip
 \rightarrow natural parity
 $(J = 0^+)$
absorption



$q \approx 300$ MeV/c $\rightarrow \Delta\ell = 1, 2$
 spin flip (weak for $\Theta_k < 10^\circ$)
 $\Delta s = 0 \rightarrow$ natural parity
 $(J = 1^-, J = 2^+)$
absorption



$q \approx 300$ MeV/c $\rightarrow \Delta\ell = 1, 2$
 \rightarrow non substitutional states
 $\Delta s = 0, 1$ (spin flip)
 \rightarrow unnatural parity
 $(J = 2^-, J = 3^+)$
no absorption

----> new aspects of hypernuclear structure

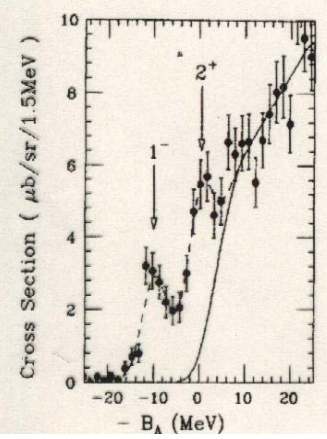
* production of hypernuclei not available otherwise ($^7\text{He}_\Lambda, ^9\text{Li}_\Lambda$)

* energy resolution ≈ 350 keV

~~* no data~~

$^{12}\text{C}(\pi^+, K^+)^{12}\text{C}_\Lambda$ data taken from M.Akei et al., NP A534 (1991) 478

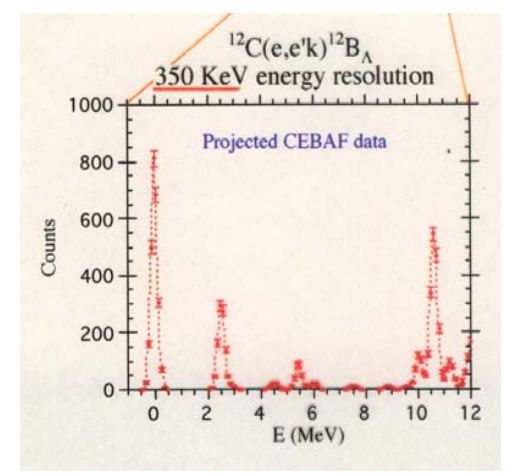
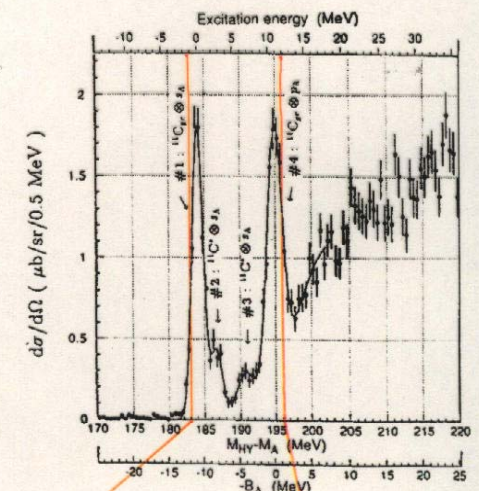
Energy resolution **4 MeV**



More recent KEK data INS-Rep-1037, Univ. of Tokyo, 1994

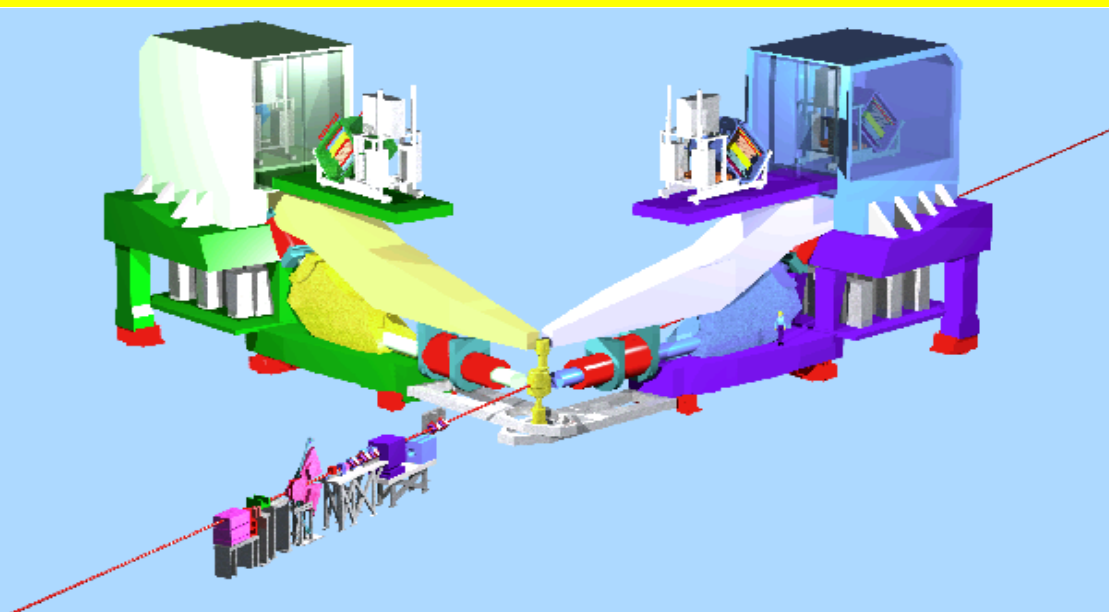
Energy resolution **2 MeV**

$^{12}\text{C}(\pi^+, K^+)^{12}\text{C}_\Lambda, p_r = 1.06$ GeV/c

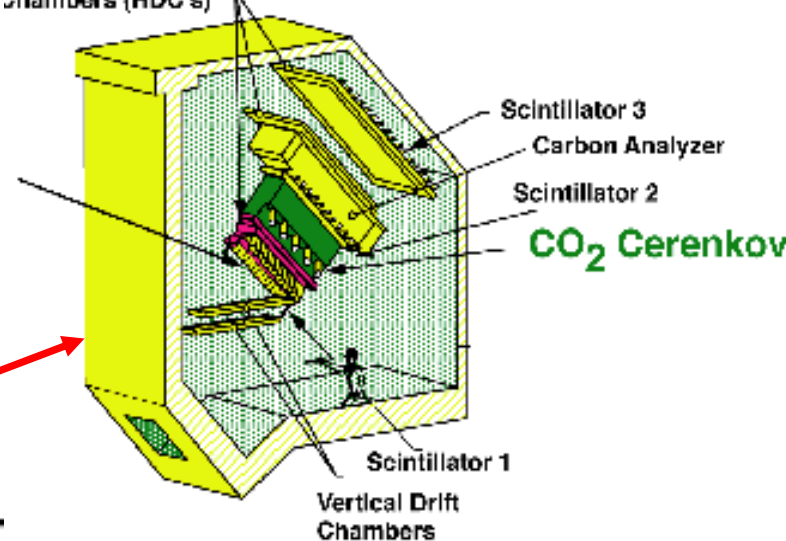


Hall A - Two High Resolution Spectrometers

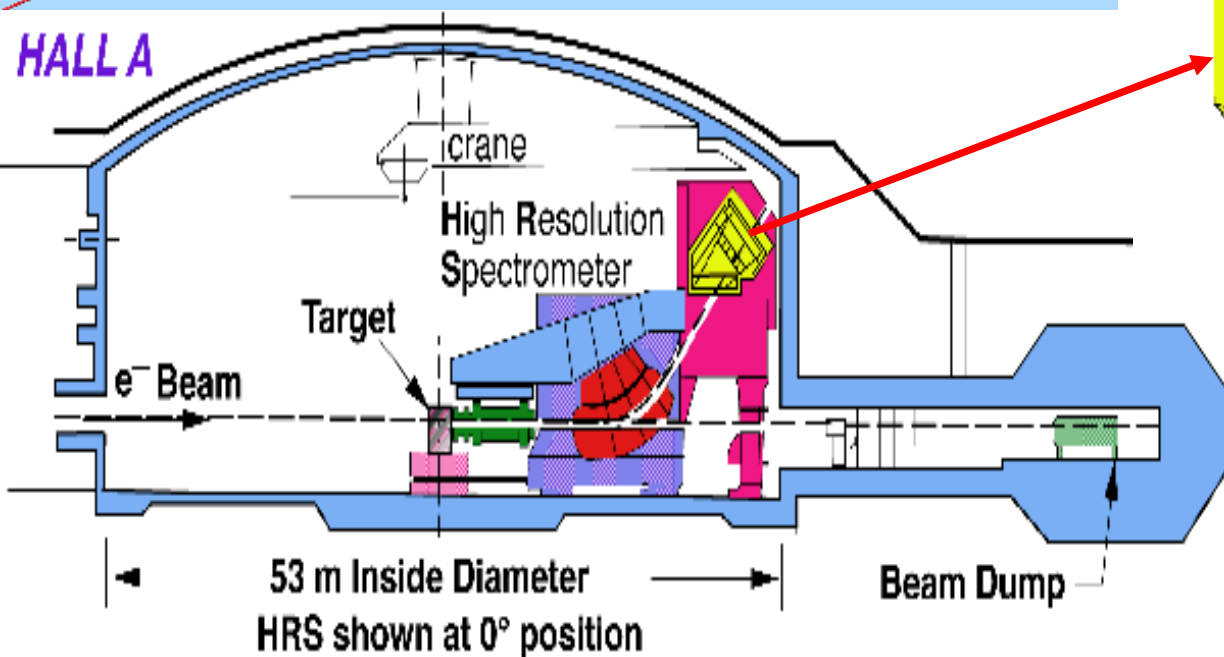
QDQ - Momentum Range: 0.3 - 4 GeV/c $\Delta p/p : 1 \times 10^{-4}$ - $\Delta p = -5\%$ - $\Delta\Omega = 5 - 6$ mr



Polarimeter Wire Chambers (HDC's)



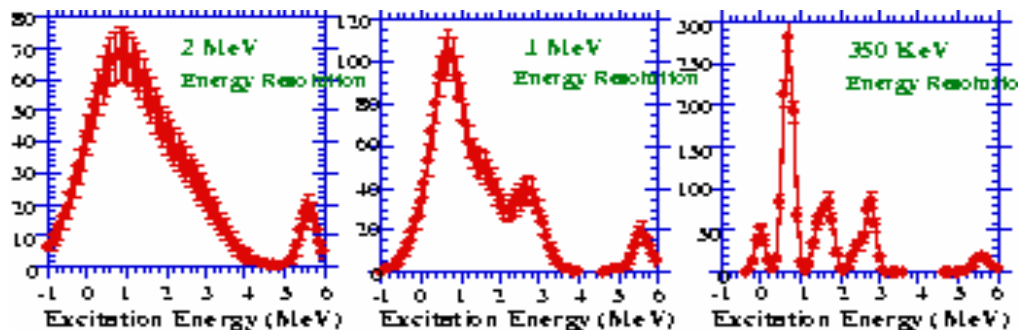
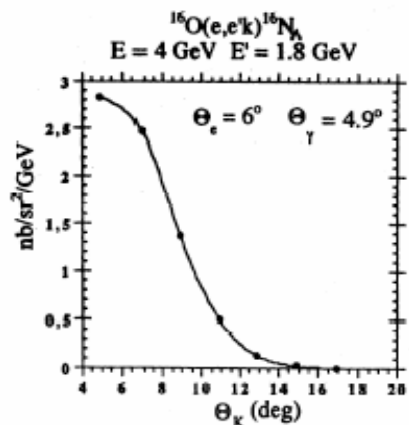
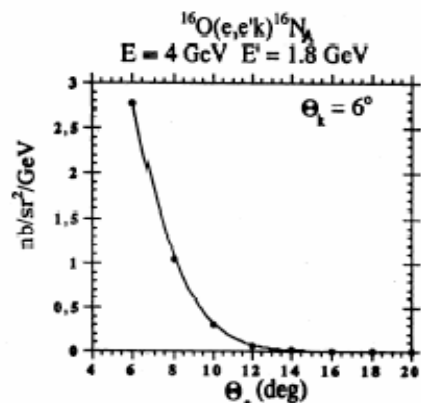
HALL A



E-94-107 - High Resolution 1p shell Hypernuclear Spectroscopy

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Cross section VS. angles



$^9\text{Be}(e,e'K)^9\text{Li}_\Lambda$

very good energy resolution

forward angle reasonable counting rates

very good PID unambiguous kaon identification

→ very forward angle detection capability is required

$$E_i = 4 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\omega = E_\gamma \sim 2.2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_k = 1.9 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\theta_e = \theta_k = 6^\circ$$

$$Q^2 = 0.0789 \text{ GeV}^2$$

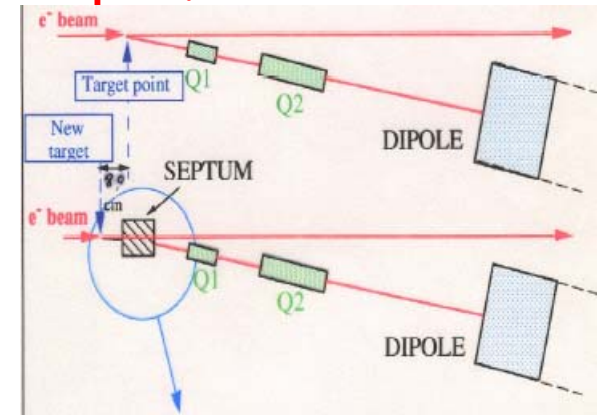
Energy Resolution

1. $\Delta E/E : 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$
2. $\Delta P/P$ (HRS + septum) $\sim 10^{-4}$
3. Straggling, energy loss...

Forward angle - Septum magnets

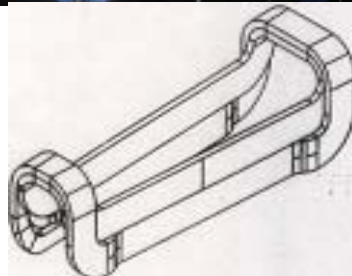
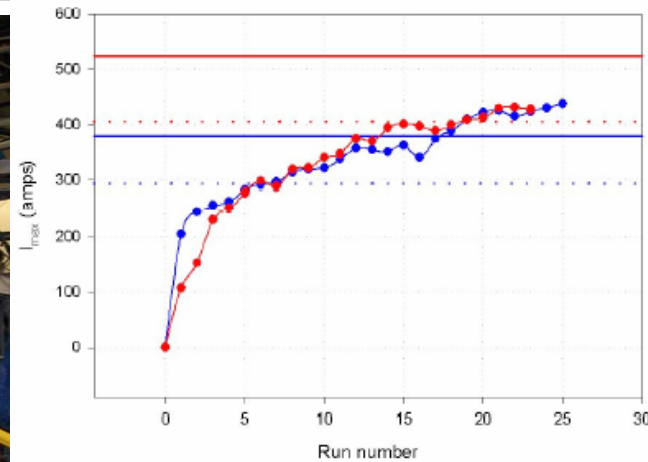
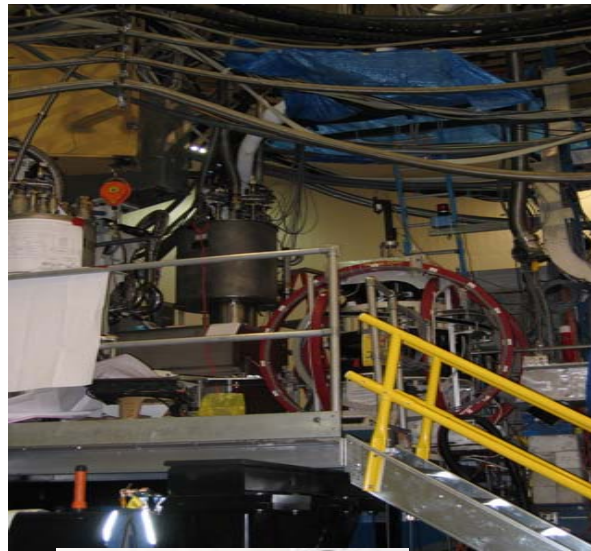
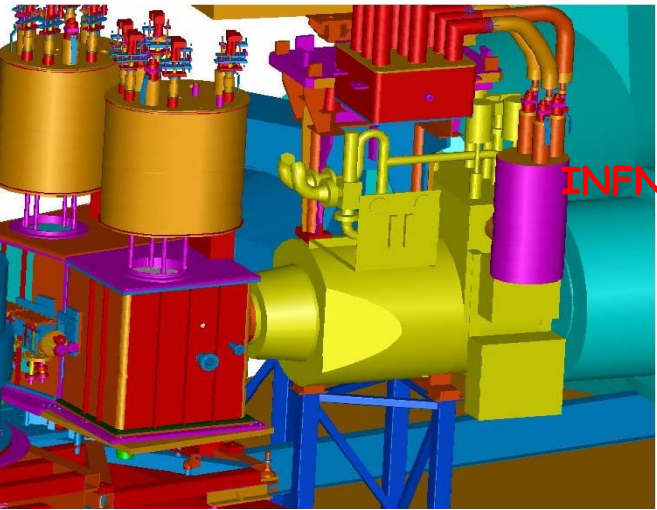
- Meet the requirements of the 94-107 and all "possible" experiments in Hall A

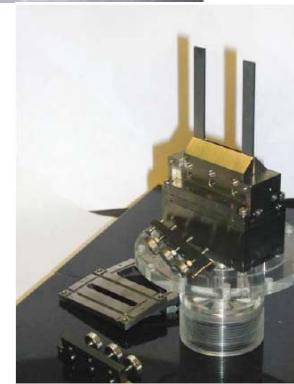
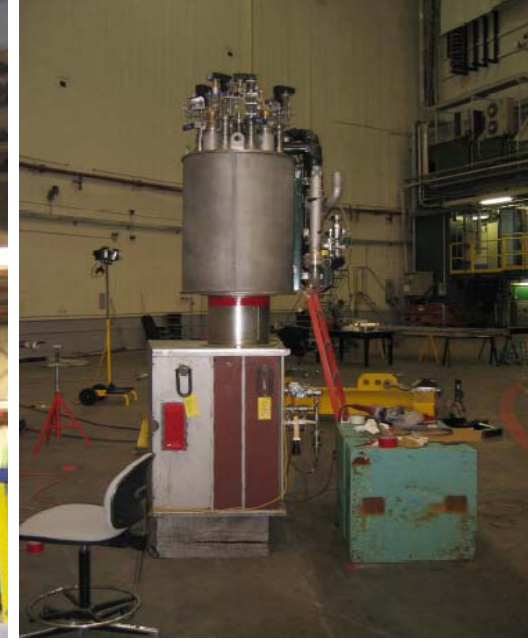
- Small scattering angle (12.5 --> 6)
- No degradation in HRS performances
- General purpose device
 - Continuous covering scattering angles (6 --> 12.5)
 - Two independent arms



Length	88 cm
Magnetic length	84 cm
Height of the gap	25 cm
Width of the gap central edge	10.4 cm
Width of the gap exit edge	18.4 cm
Angular acceptance	4.7 mr

p (GeV/c)	θ (degrees)	β (degrees)	R (cm)	$\int B \cdot dl$ (Tesla .m)	B_0 (Tesla)
2	6	6.5	740.8	0.76	0.9
2	12.5	11.9	404.6	1.39	1.65
4	6	6.5	740.8	1.51	1.8
4	12.5	11.9	404.6	2.77	3.3





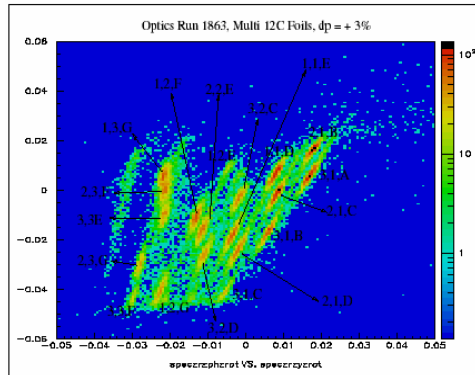
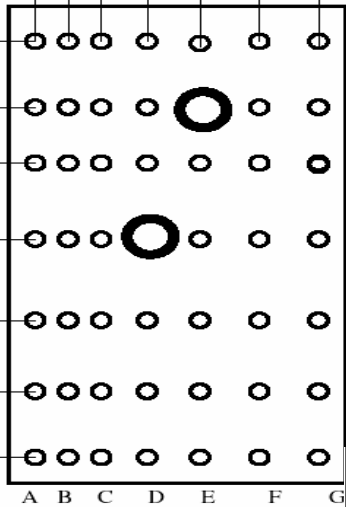
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sieve slit

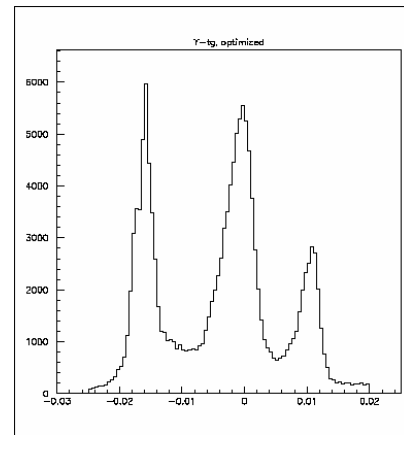
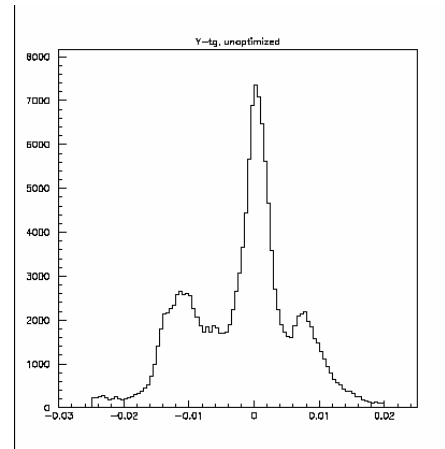
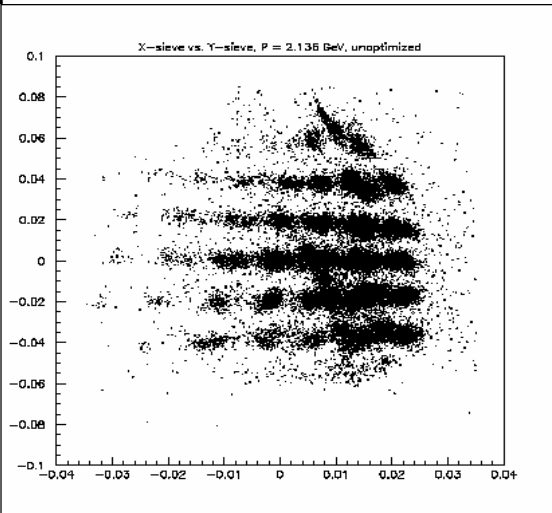
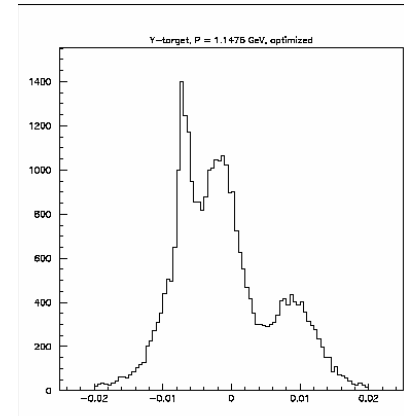
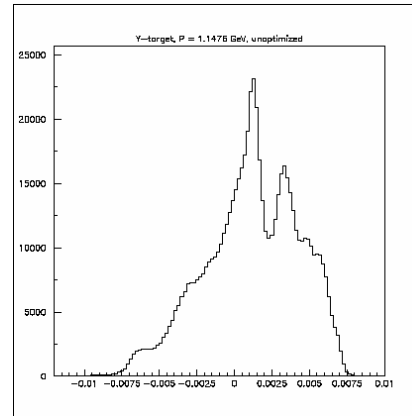
I period

Y target
non optimized

optimized



II period

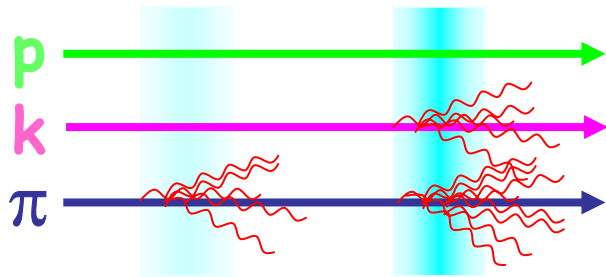


The PID Challenge

Very forward angle ---> high background of π and p

-TOF and 2 aerogel in not sufficient for unambiguous K identification !

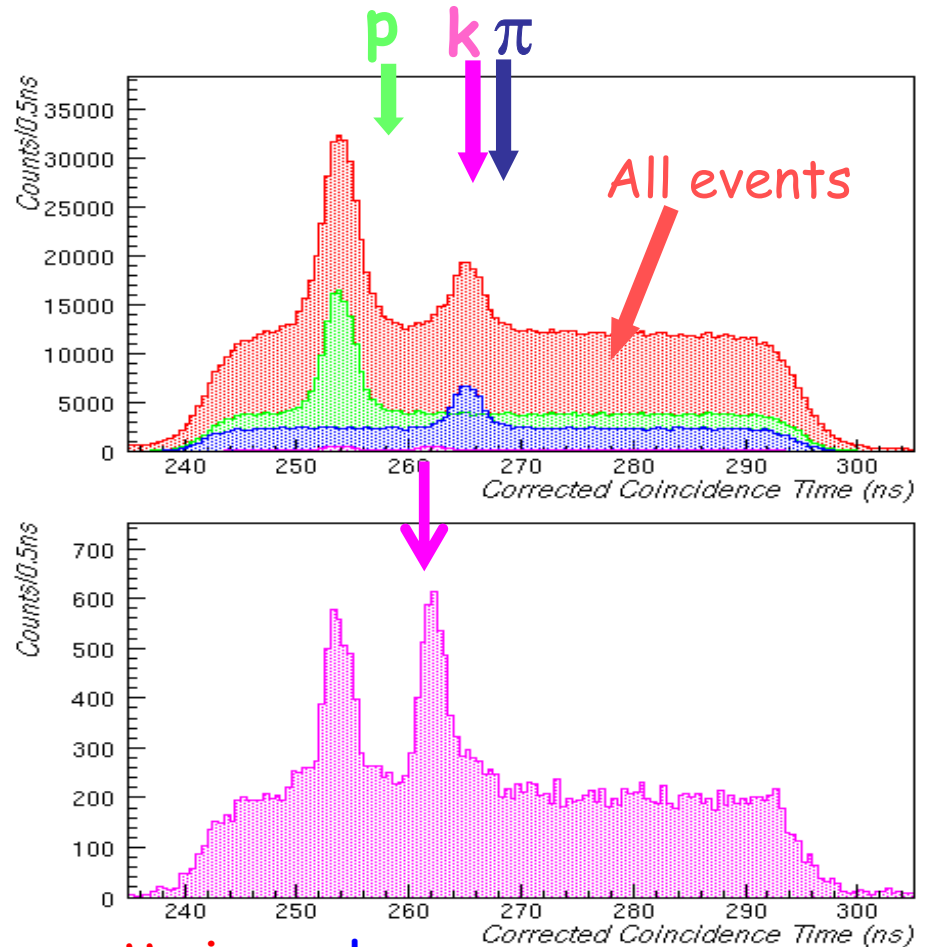
Kaon Identification through Aerogels:



AERO1
 $n=1.015$

AERO2
 $n=1.055$

$$\text{KAONS} = \overline{\text{AERO1} \cdot \text{AERO2}}$$



Hypernuclei -> smaller scattering angle
-> higher background --> something else is needed

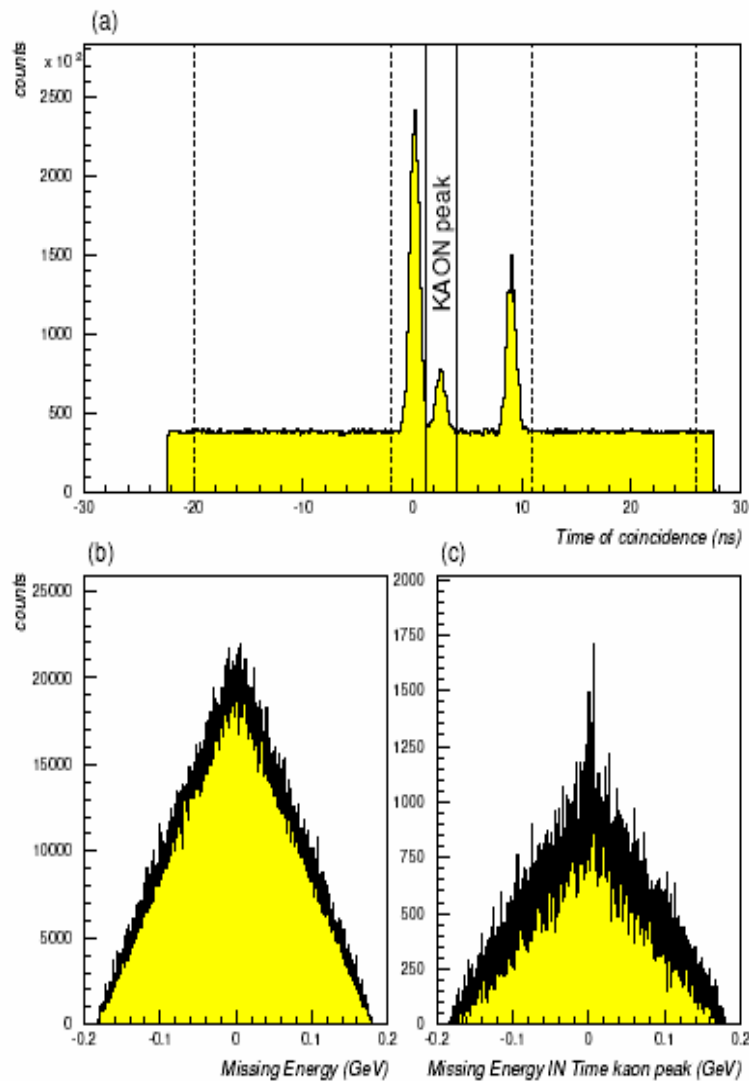


Figure 2: $^{16}\text{O}(e, e'K)^{16}\text{N}_A$ reaction. (a) Timing spectrum: solid lines set a cut for events "IN the kaon peak", dashed lines select events "OFF k peak" used for subtraction. (b) Missing Mass spectrum for all the events entering spectrum (a). (c) Missing Mass spectrum for events "IN the kaon peak".

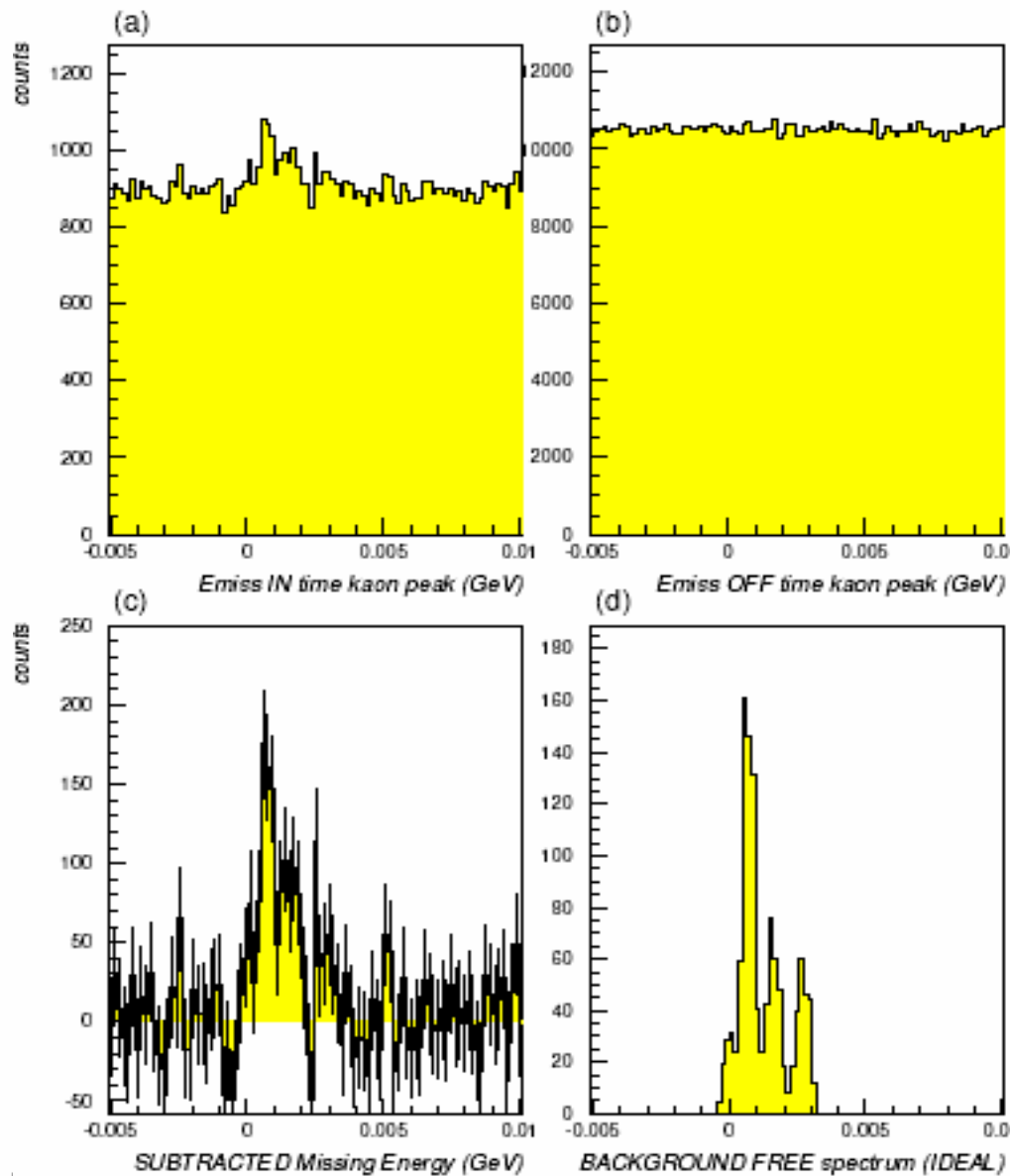
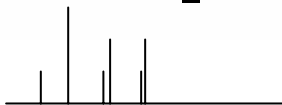
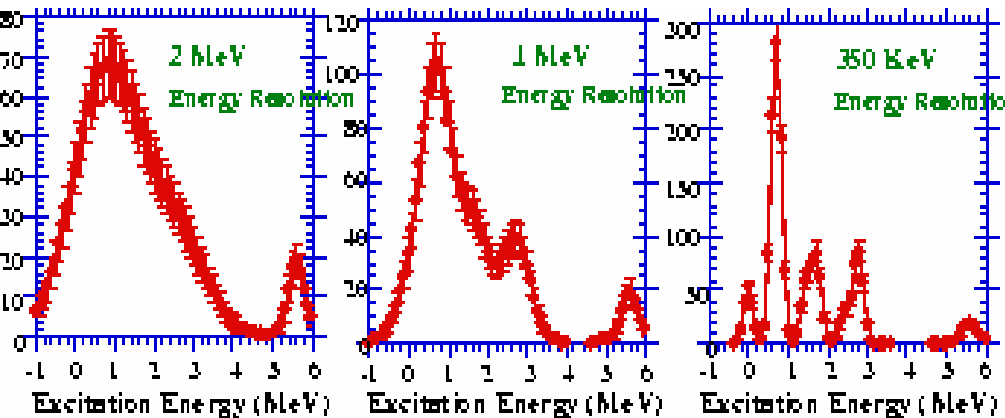


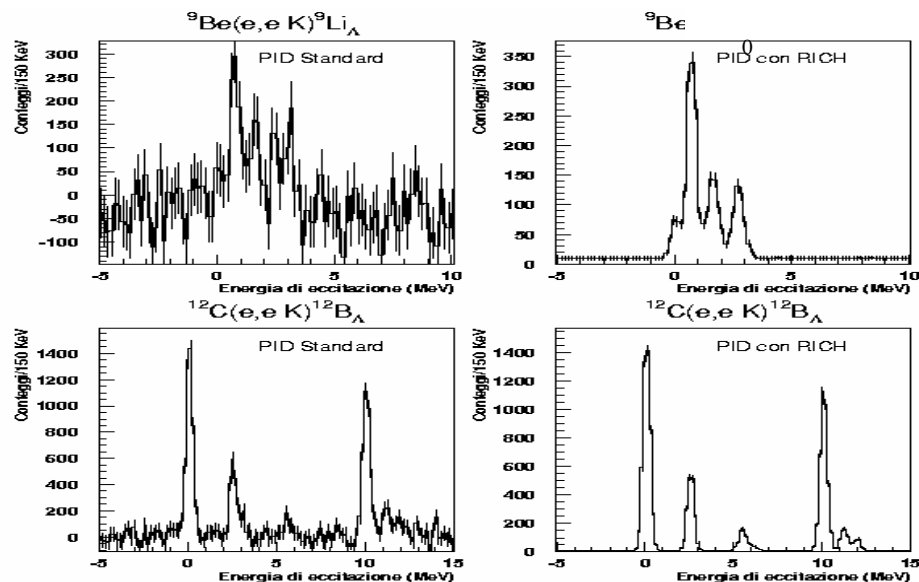
Figure 5: Same as fig 3 for the $^9\text{Be}(e, e'K)^9\text{Li}_A$ reaction

RICH



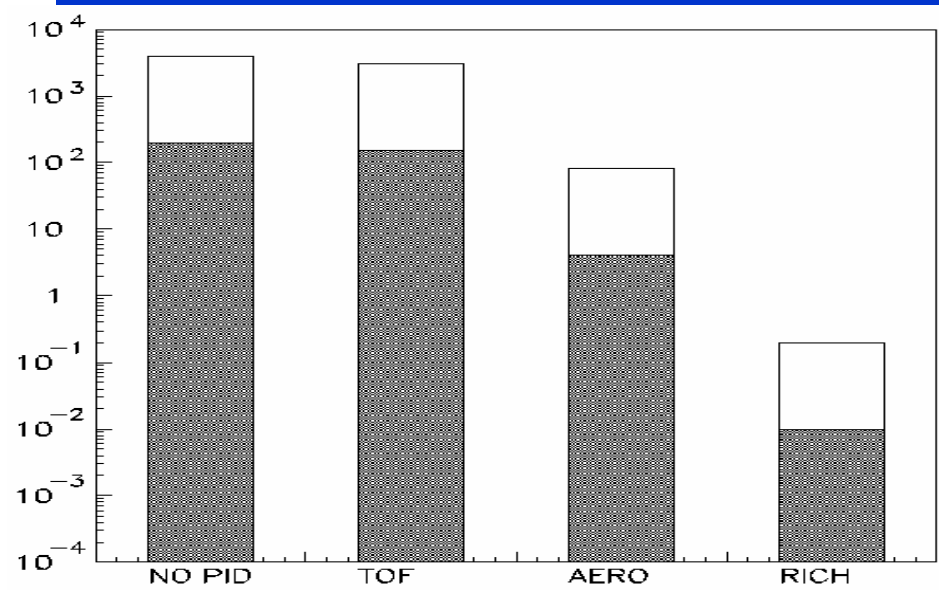
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with RICH

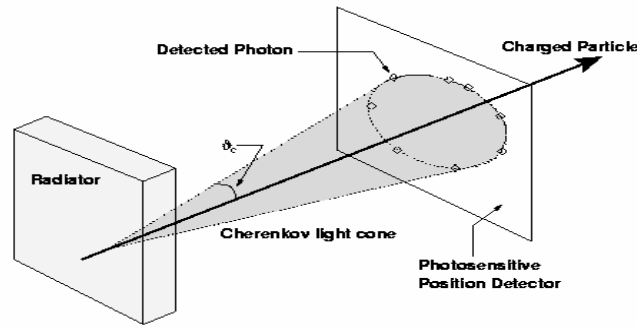


	Process	Rates
signal	$(e,e'K)$	$10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$
accidentals	$(e,e')(e,\pi)$	100
	$(e,e')(e,p)$	100
	$(e,e')(e,k)$	0.1

Contamination of pion and proton on the K signal with different PID systems, for the counting rates of two levels (10^{-2} Hz and 10^{-4} Hz)

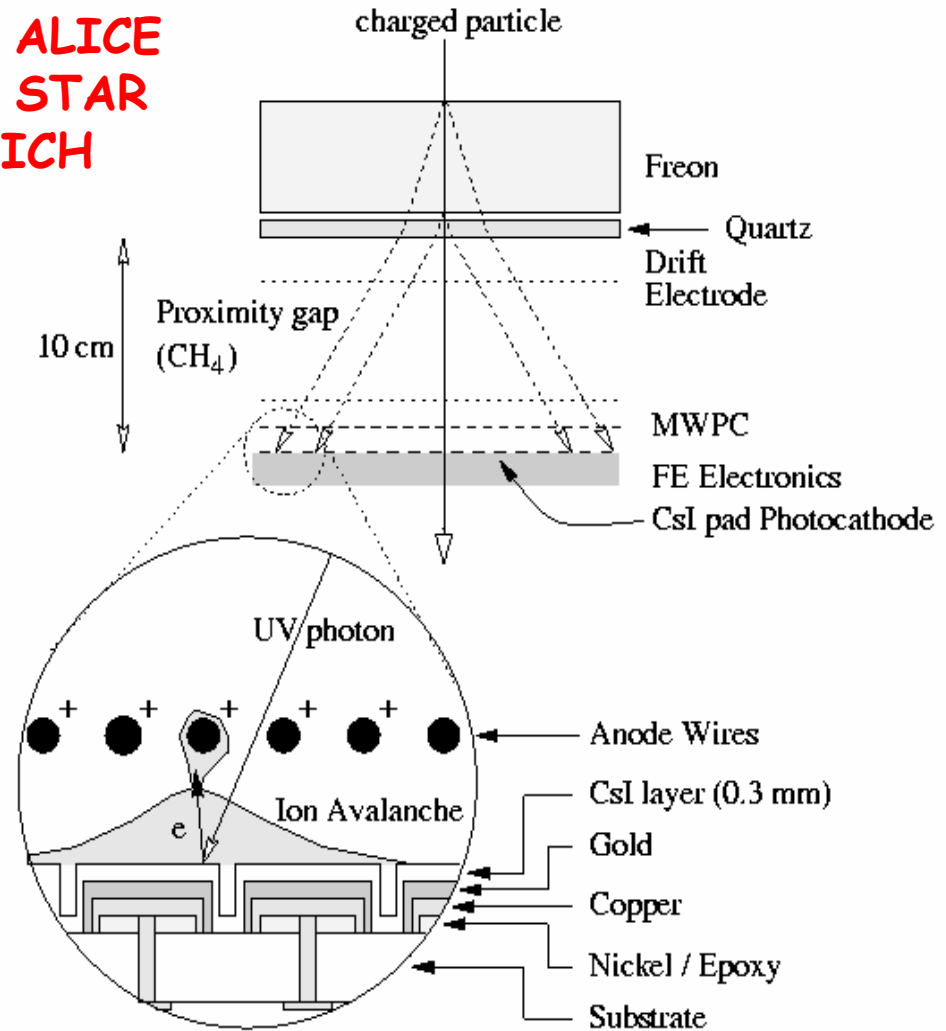


Ring Imaging CHerenkov Detector



Detect single photon positions to reconstruct the Cherenkov angle:

Like ALICE
and STAR
RICH



$$\cos \theta = 1/n\beta \quad \Delta\beta/\beta = \tan \Delta\theta$$

$$N = \text{p.e. per ring}$$

$$\Delta\theta \rightarrow \Delta\theta / \sqrt{N}$$

- n fixed by the momentum (2 GeV/c)
- C6 F14, transparent down to 160 nm
- compact (~ 50 cm)
- relatively thin (18% X0)
- 310 x 1820 mm²
- quartz window 5 mm

Optics	Proximity Focusing
Radiator	Liquid Freon (C ₆ F ₁₄ , n=1.28) 15 mm
Photo converter	CsI film coated on a Pad Plane 300 nm
Position Detector	Multi Wire and Pad Proportional Chamber filled with Methane at STP
FE Electronics	11520 analog chs, multiplexed S&H

N. of detected photoelectrons

$$N_{p.e.} = 370L \sin^2 \bar{\mathcal{G}}_c \prod_i \varepsilon_i \Delta E \approx 20 - 50$$

Separation power

$$\mathcal{G}_2 - \mathcal{G}_1 = n_\sigma \sigma_{\mathcal{G}_c}$$

Particle mass m_1 Particle mass m_2

Cherenkov angle resolution

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{G}_c} = \frac{\sigma_{\mathcal{G}}^{p.e.}}{\sqrt{N_{p.e.}}}$$

← Minimize
← Maximize

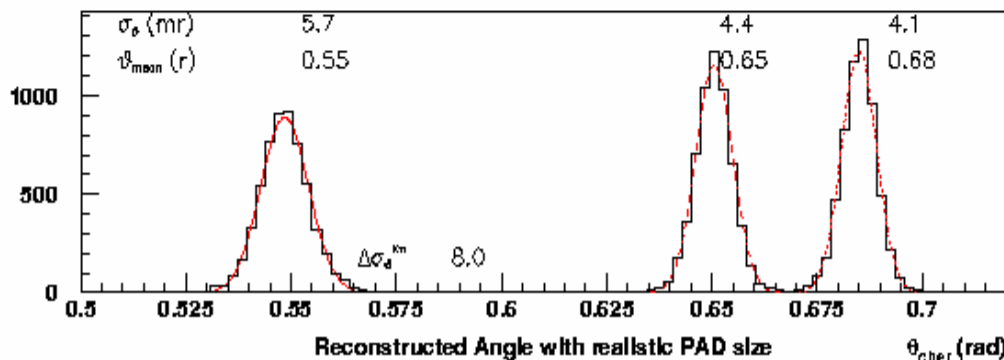
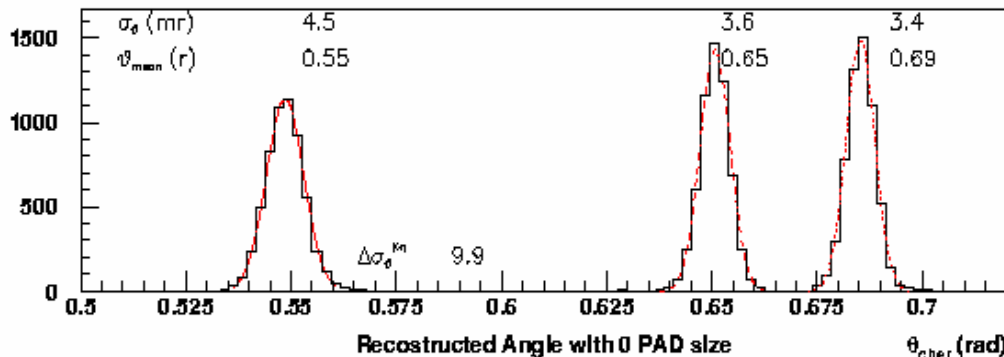
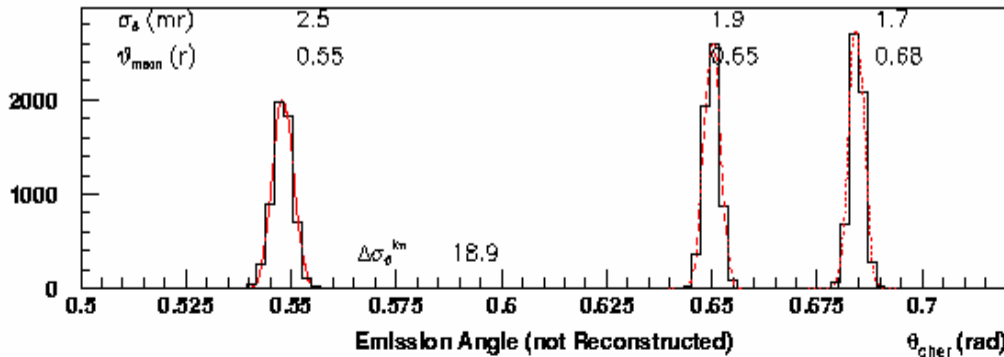
π, K separated by 30 mrad
with 3 mrad: 10 σ

Simulation (spectra) done with 6 σ

5 mrad good enough

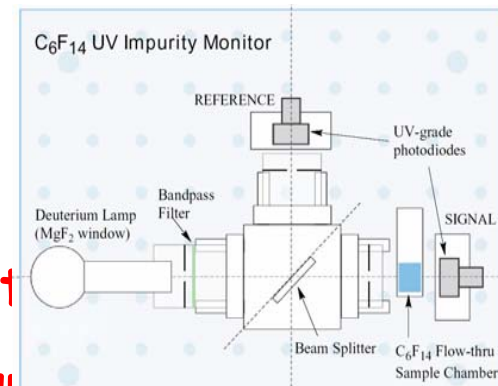
check the # p.e.
check the single photon ang. res.
(FPP tracking would help)

Angle Reconstruction (Freon= 1.4 cm, Gap= 10 cm, P=2 GeV/c)



Many parameters affect the detector performances (# p.e.)

- **quartz transparency** in the v.w. region of interest (160 - 220 nm)
- **freon purity** to not absorb the emitted Cherenkov light
 - freon purity circuit + continuously monitoring
- **CsI photocathode**
 - evaporation + on line **QE absolute measurement**
 - **QE** is strongly affected by oxygen and moisture
 - Careful handling of photocathodes after evaporation
 - Continuous monitoring of gas "purity"







CERN tests 11/01



CERN tests

7 GeV/C p beam

Argon CH4
(25/75)

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photocathodes

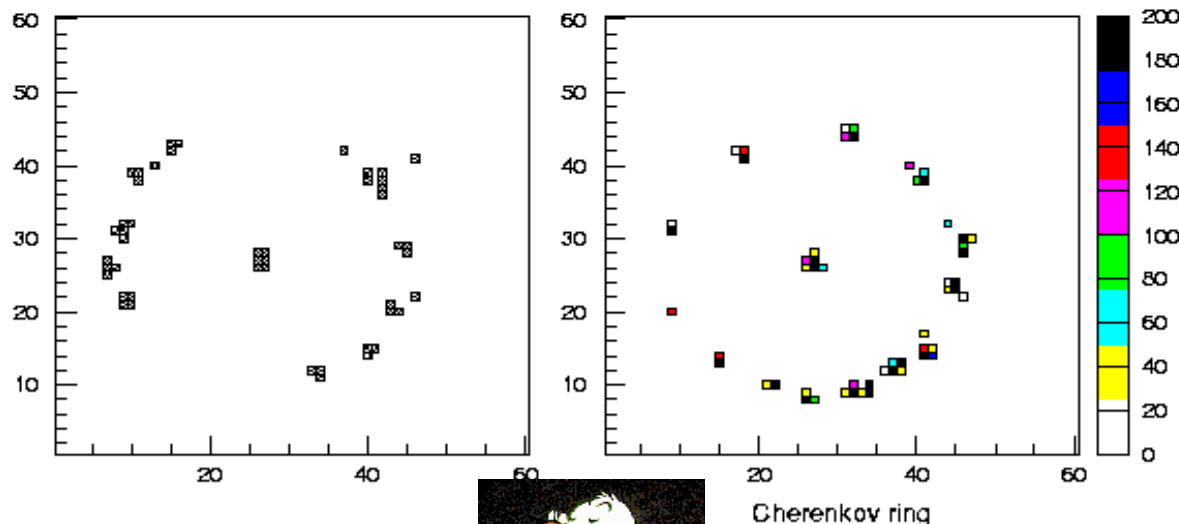
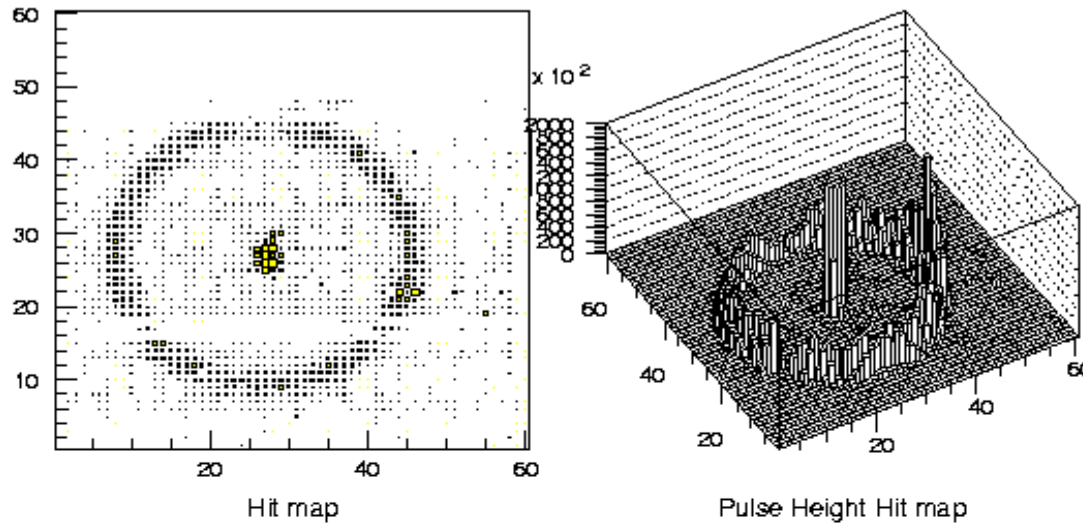
Rome and CERN

Equal
performances

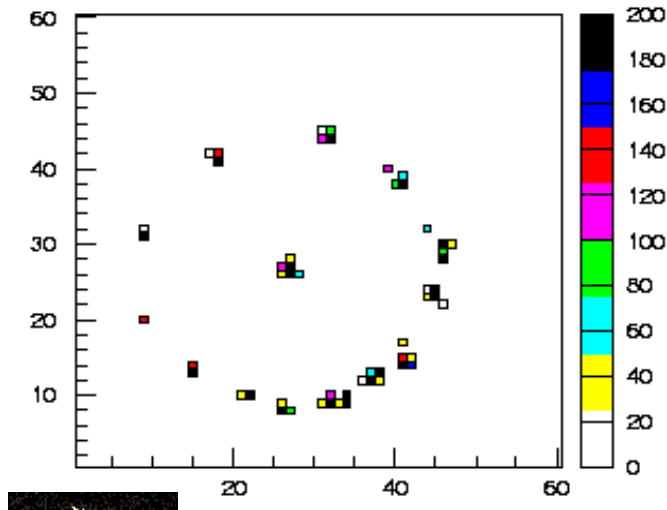
$N = \sim 12$

Can be be
extrapolated

to ~ 14 with CH4

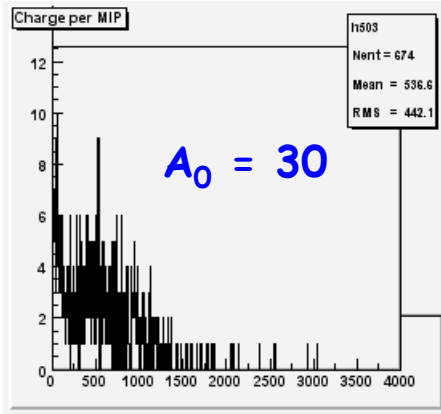


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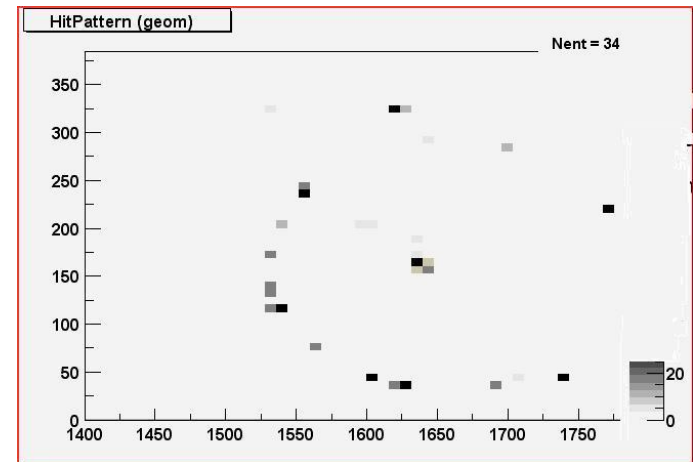
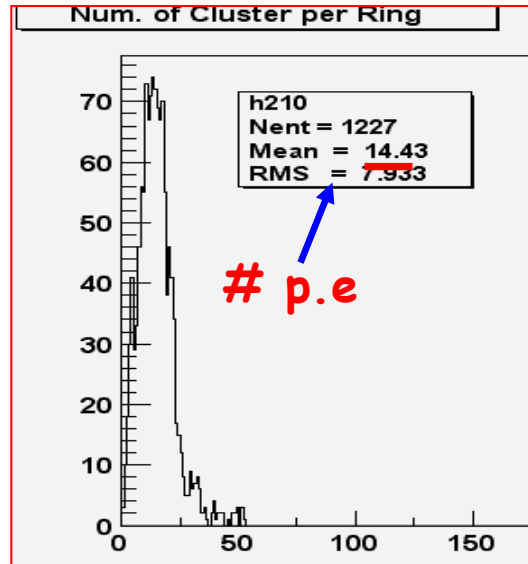


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Cosmics Jlab September 2003



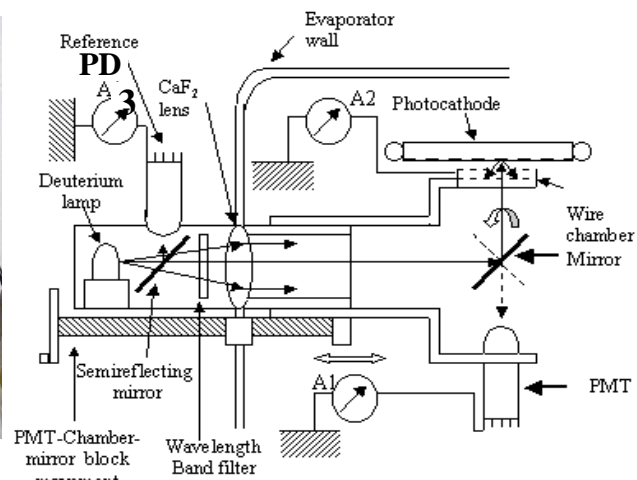
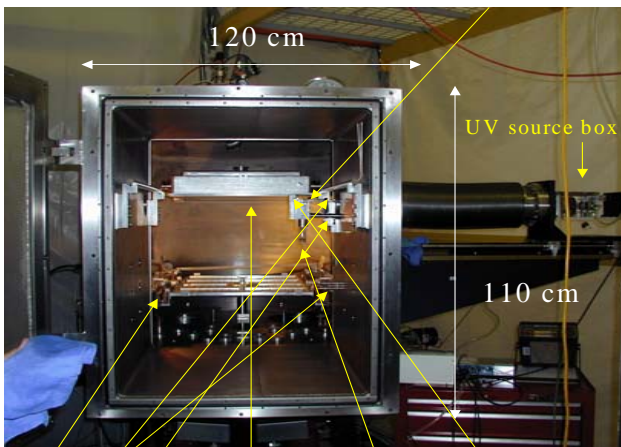
MIP peak=550
 $G \sim 8 \times 10^4$



Evaporation system

10^{-6} mbar vacuum, 2 nm/s CsI deposition at $T = 60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (CERN experts indications). Vacuum - heating conditions start 15 - 24 h before evaporation. A post-evaporation heat treatment is done for 12 hours.

Rotating mirror (CaF_2)

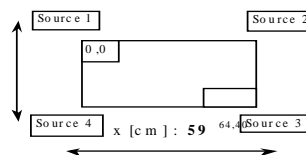


Evaporation layout

Crucibles positions

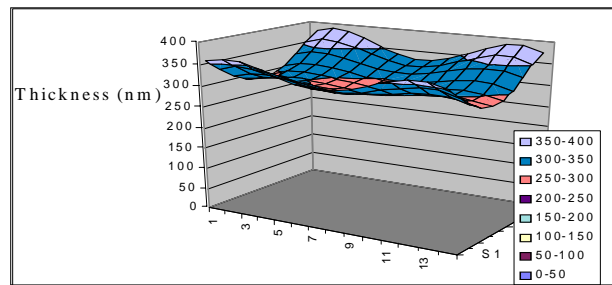
	Pos. X	Pos. Y
Source #1 :	2.5	53.15
Source #2 :	61.5	53.15
Source #3 :	61.5	-12.85
Source #4 :	2.5	-12.85

y [cm] : 66

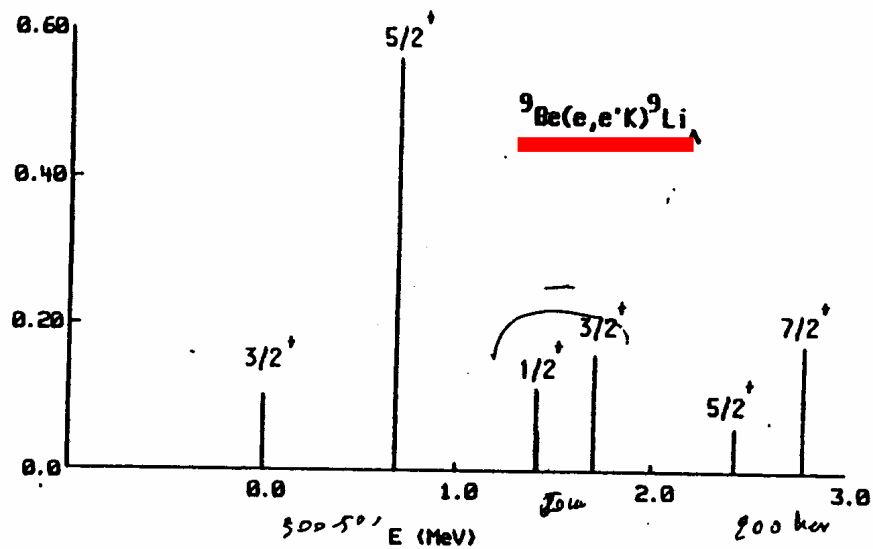
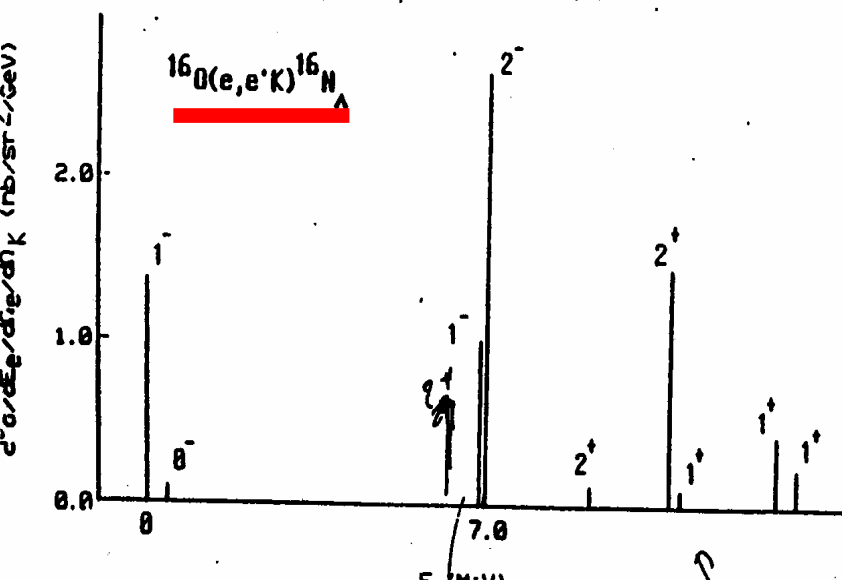
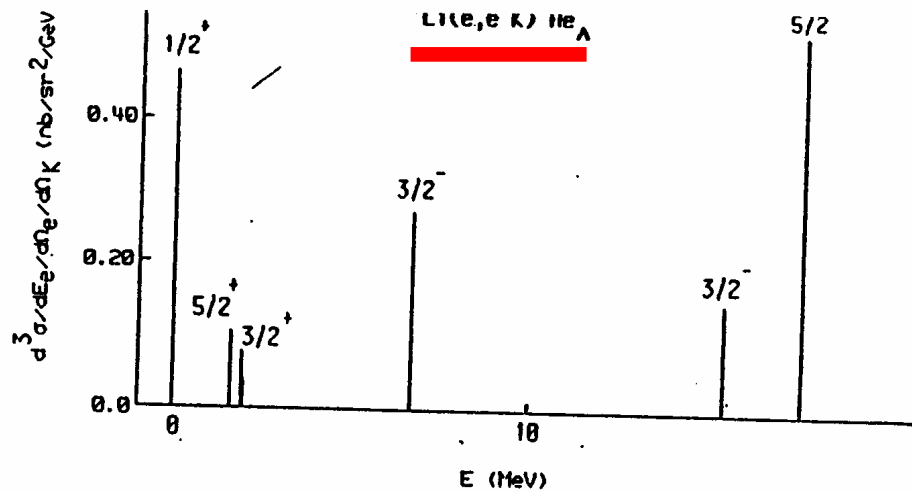
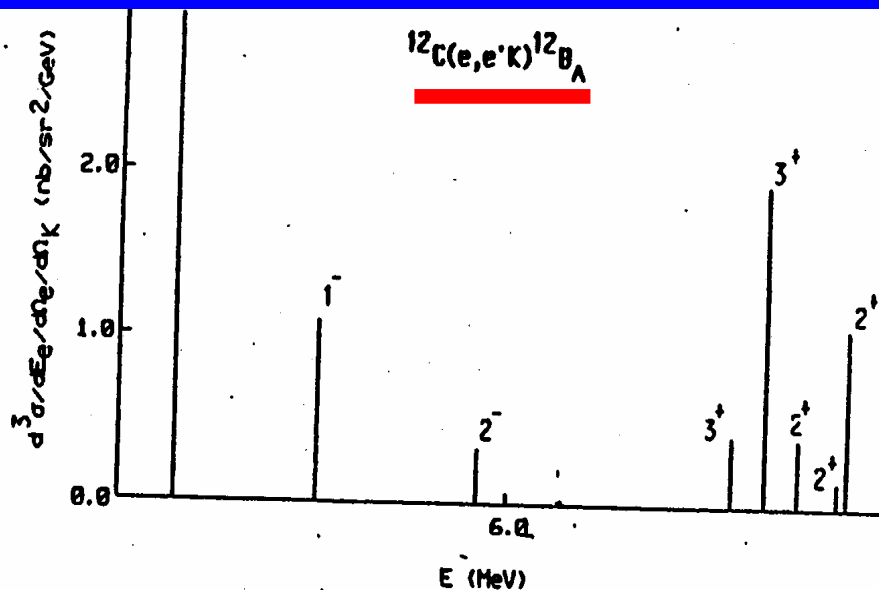


- PhotoCathode - crucibles plane distance: 42 cm
- 4 μm Ni - 1 μm Au support
- crucible quantity: 0.8 g weight each one, corresponding to ~ 320 nm thickness (expected and measured)

Expected thickness



Targets



Kinematics

$$E_i = 4 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\omega = E_\gamma \sim 2.2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_k = 1.9 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\theta_e = \theta_k = 6^\circ$$

$$Q^2 = 0.0789 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Energy resolution

SOURCE	RESOLUTION	Error FWHM (kev)
beam	10^{-4} of 4 GeV (4 σ)	235
e'	10^{-4} of 1.8 GeV	180
k	10^{-4} of 1.9 GeV	190
k straggling	40 KeV	40
Total		≈ 350

Beam Current: $i = 100 \mu\text{A}$

Target thickness = 100 mg/cm^2

Counting rates

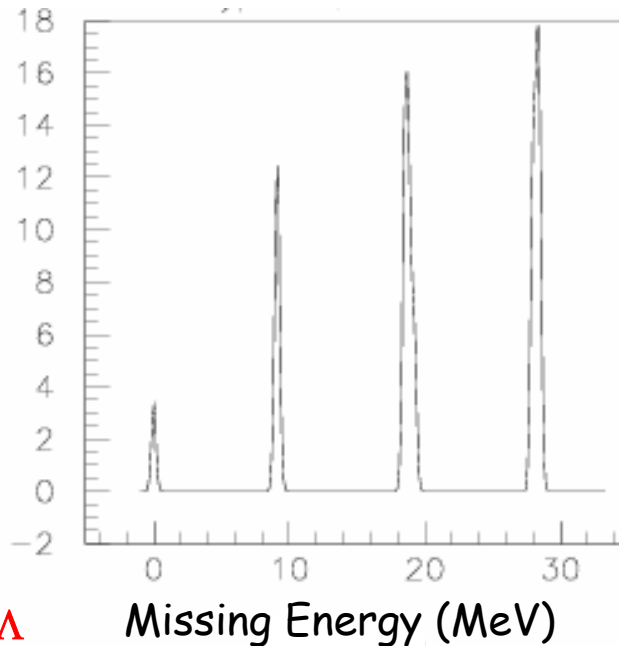
	<i>E</i> (MeV)	<i>J</i>	(e,e'K) nb/GeV/sr ²	Rate hr ⁻¹	Error (120 H)
⁷ Li	0.0	1/2+	0.796	10.2	2.0
	1.59	5/2+	0.181	2.3	6.5
	1.94	3/2+	0.138	1.7	8.2
	15.46	3/2-	0.345	4.25	4.3
	17.67	3/2-	1.14	14.6	2.4
⁹ Be	0.0	3/2+	0.179	1.78	8.
	0.69	5/2+	0.975	9.7	3.
	1.42	1/2+	0.196	1.95	7.6
	1.71	3/2+	0.282	2.8	11.5
	2.43	5/2+	0.108	1.07	7.3
	2.78	7/2+	0.306	3.04	5.8

¹² C	0.0	1-	0.789	5.89	4
	0.03	2-	4.57	34.6	1.6
	2.54	1-	2.0	14.9	2.4
	5.46	2-	0.599	4.47	4.6
	6.05	3+	0.12	0.98	14
	10.03	3+	0.778	5.81	4
	10.63	3+	3.58	27.1	1.8
	11.22	2+	0.609	4.54	4.6
	11.93	2+	0.293	2.18	7.3
¹⁶ O	0.0	1-	2.78	20.7	2.0
	0.44	0-	0.26	1.91	7.8
	6.89	1-	2.01	15	6.6
	7.03	2-	5.28	39.4	1.5

1. ^{12}C : comparison with present data, better understanding of the data with hadronic probes (additional peaks found with respect to the predictions).
2. ^9Be : spin doublets, s-s potential parameter clarification.
3. ^7Li : large neutron excess
4. ^{16}O : "simple" structure, ground state doublet investigation

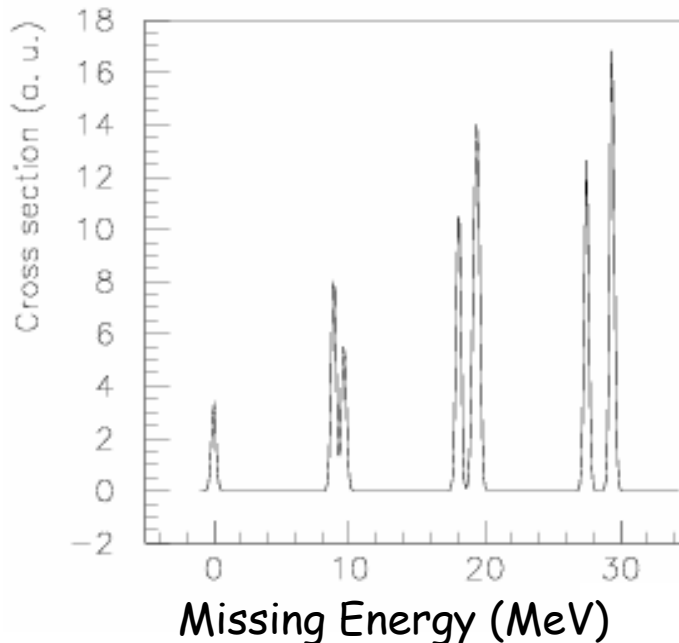
^{52}Cr ? : due to the stability of ^{51}V core, the **level structure** should be rather **simple**. Expectation supported by **spectroscopy on ^{51}V** . Typically the **cross section** for heavier target are **lower**. It is observed that this **suppression is dependent to $2J+1$** . **For this reason** the cross section for electroproduction of $^{52}\text{V}_\Lambda$ should be **comparable with $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{12}\text{B}_\Lambda$ or $^9\text{Be} \rightarrow ^9\text{Li}_\Lambda$ cases**

Expected spectra for ^{52}Cr



- Calculations (M. Sotona)** from Woods-Saxon potential with two different hypothesis:
1. $V_{LS} = 0.4$ MeV, to fit splitting measured in γ spectroscopy
 2. $V_{LS} = 2.0$ MeV, to fit widening of d peak in $^{51}\text{V}_\Lambda$ found by hadronic probes (Hotchi et al., Phys. Rev. C64, 2001, 044302).

Note: this 2-nd **widening** may be **partially** attributed to other **structure effects**



$^{52}\text{Cr} \rightarrow ^{52}\text{V}_\Lambda$

(e,e'K) Expected resolutions

June 2002 optics tests

(Target (^{12}C): 114 mg/cm 2)

Kinematics:

$$E_i = 4.7 \text{ GeV}$$

$$P_e = 3.8 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$P_{\text{hadr}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$$

Resolution 720 KeV

**with our setup (no windows)
and kinematics**

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$$Q^2 = 0.0789 \text{ GeV}^2$$

~ 350 keV

	Waterfall Target	Waterfall Target	Waterfall Target	Waterfall Target
	100 mg/cm 2	100 mg/cm 2	100 mg/cm 2	100 mg/cm 2
	0.10 m	0.10 m	0.10 m	0.10 m
				Thicker Be window
Electrons				
P MeV/c	2300	1800	1500	1800
θ	6.0 °	6.0 °	6.0 °	6.0 °
T MeV	2299.5	1799.5	1499.5	1799.5
dT/dP	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
σ p/p tgt and window multi scat	3.7E-06	4.6E-06	5.5E-06	5.7E-06
σ p/p exit multi scat	4.5E-05	4.5E-05	4.5E-05	4.5E-05
quad sum	4.5E-05	4.5E-05	4.5E-05	4.5E-05
σ P (MeV/c)	0.104	0.081	0.068	0.082
σ T total	0.104	0.081	0.068	0.082
FWHM Total	245 KeV	192 KeV	160 KeV	192 KeV
Kaons				
P MeV/c	2020	1900	1710	1900
θ	6.0 °	6.0 °	6.0 °	6.0 °
T MeV	1585.8	1469.4	1286.2	1469.4
dT/dP	0.971	0.968	0.961	0.968
σ p/p tgt and window multi scat	3.9E-06	4.1E-06	4.6E-06	5.2E-06
σ p/p exit	4.5E-05	4.5E-05	4.5E-05	4.5E-05
quad sum	4.5E-05	4.5E-05	4.5E-05	4.5E-05
σ P (MeV/c)	9.1E-02	8.6E-02	7.7E-02	8.6E-02
σ I total (MeV)	0.089	0.083	0.074	0.083
FWHM Total	209 KeV	196 KeV	175 KeV	196 KeV
Beam				
E (MeV)	4600	4000	3500	4016
Spot size (σ)	50 microns	50 microns	50 microns	75 microns
σ E/E (from spot)	1.00E-05	1.00E-05	1.00E-05	1.50E-05
σ E/E	2.00E-05	2.00E-05	2.00E-05	2.00E-05
σ E	1.03E-01	8.94E-02	7.83E-02	1.00E-01
FWHM E (MeV)	0.242	0.211	0.184	0.236
Straggling Be window FWHM (MeV)	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
Total Beam (FWHM)	242 KeV	211 KeV	184 KeV	236 KeV
StragglingTarget (FWHM)	123 KeV	123 KeV	123 KeV	123 KeV
Missing Mass Resolution (FWHM)	421 KeV	367 KeV	325 KeV	383 KeV

Conclusions

- very good energy resolution hypernuclear spectroscopy experiment on 1p shell nuclei will be performed in Hall A
- first septum magnet used for GDH: performances as expected
- second septum being installed
- challenging PID
 - aerogel and RICH performing as expected
- we are ready!