E10 status

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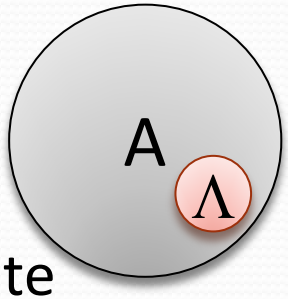
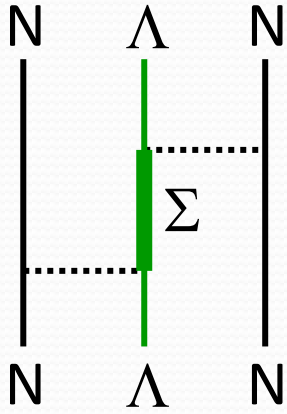
Study of Λ hypernuclei and ΛN interaction



- Λ hypernucleus
  - System made of a Λ hyperon and a nucleus(A)
    - ΛN interaction strong enough to form a bound state
  - Binding energies and structures of Λ hypernuclei give us the information of the ΛN interaction
- How far can we extend the hypernucler chart?
  - Importance of "glue-like role" of Λ hyperon
  - ΛN interaction also stabilize host nucleus
- How about ΛNN 3-body force?
  - Prediction of a strong ΛNN 3-body force
  - Force comes from ΛN-ΣN mixing process



Aims of E10 experiment

- E10 is proposing study of neutron-rich Λ hypernuclei
- **Aim 1**: Λ hypernuclei close to the neutron drip-line
  - Highly neutron-rich Λ hypernuclei
    - ${}^{6}_{\Lambda}$H (1p, 4n and 1Λ), ${}^{9}_{\Lambda}$He (2p, 6n and 1Λ)
  - "glue-like role" of Λ hyperon is critical in such loosely bound hypernuclei
- **Aim 2**: ΛN interaction at the extreme condition
  - Effect of ΛN-ΣN mixing or ΛNN 3-body force may be observed in structures of neutron-rich Λ hypernuclei
  - Neutron-rich Λ hypernuclei are good laboratories to study these effects

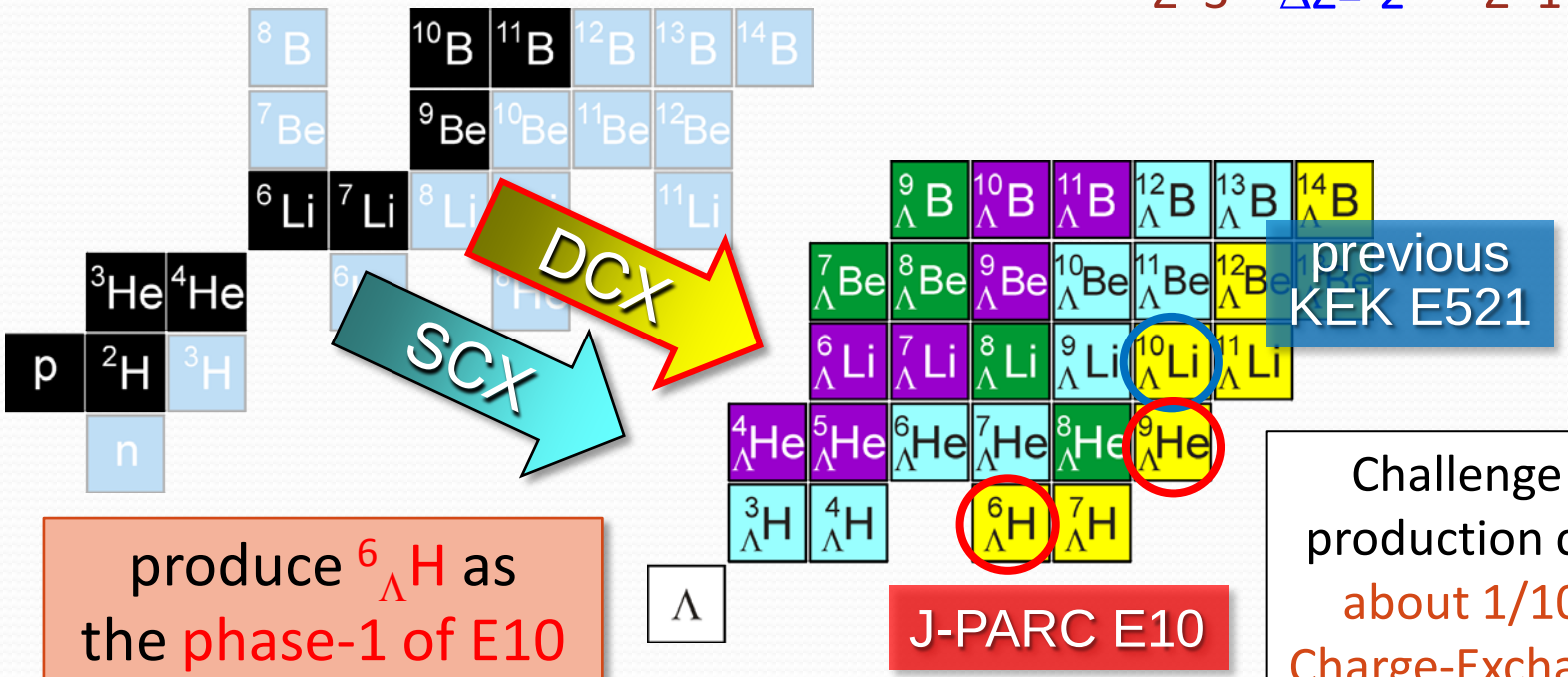
Production of neutron-rich Λ hypernuclei

- How to produce?
  - Double Charge-eXchange (DCX) reaction

$$\pi^- + p + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda + n$$

$$^{6}Li\left(\pi^-, K^+\right)\,^{6}_{\Lambda}H$$

Z=3 ΔZ=-2 Z=1

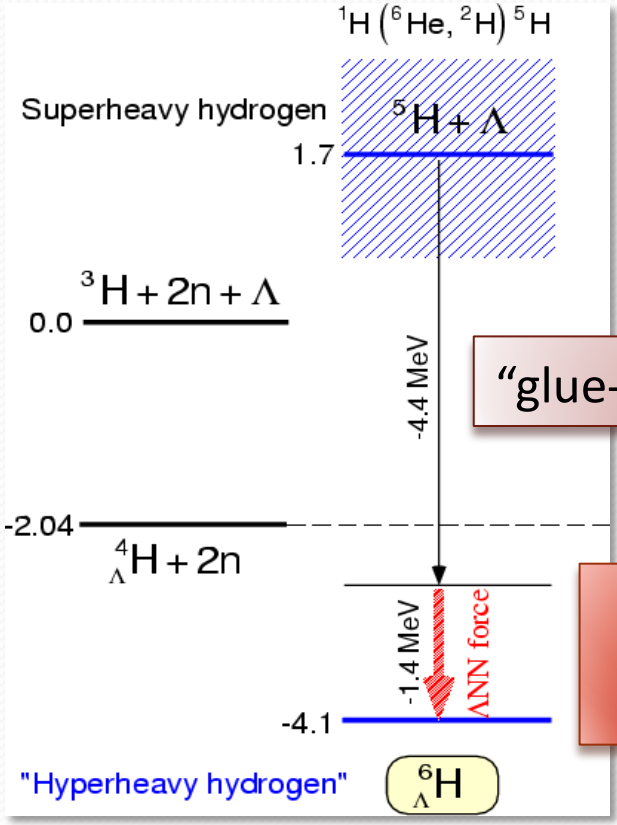


produce $^{6}_{\Lambda}H$ as the phase-1 of E10

Challenge is the tiny production cross section about 1/1000 of Non Charge-Exchange reaction

${}^{6}_{\Lambda}$H hypernucleus and ΛN interaction

- Possible contribution due to strong ΛN-ΣN mixing
- FINUDA reported bound states of ${}^{6}_{\Lambda}$H



"glue-like role" of Λ

coherent ΛN-ΣN mixing

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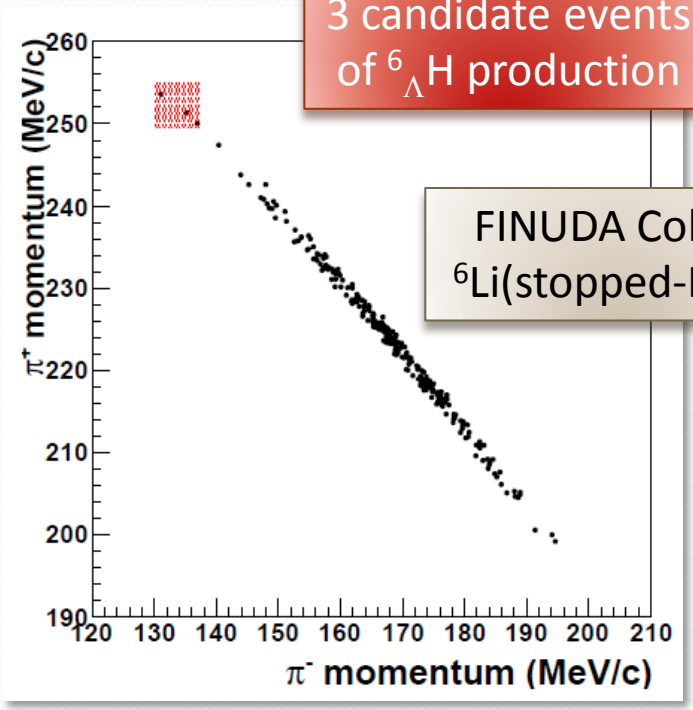

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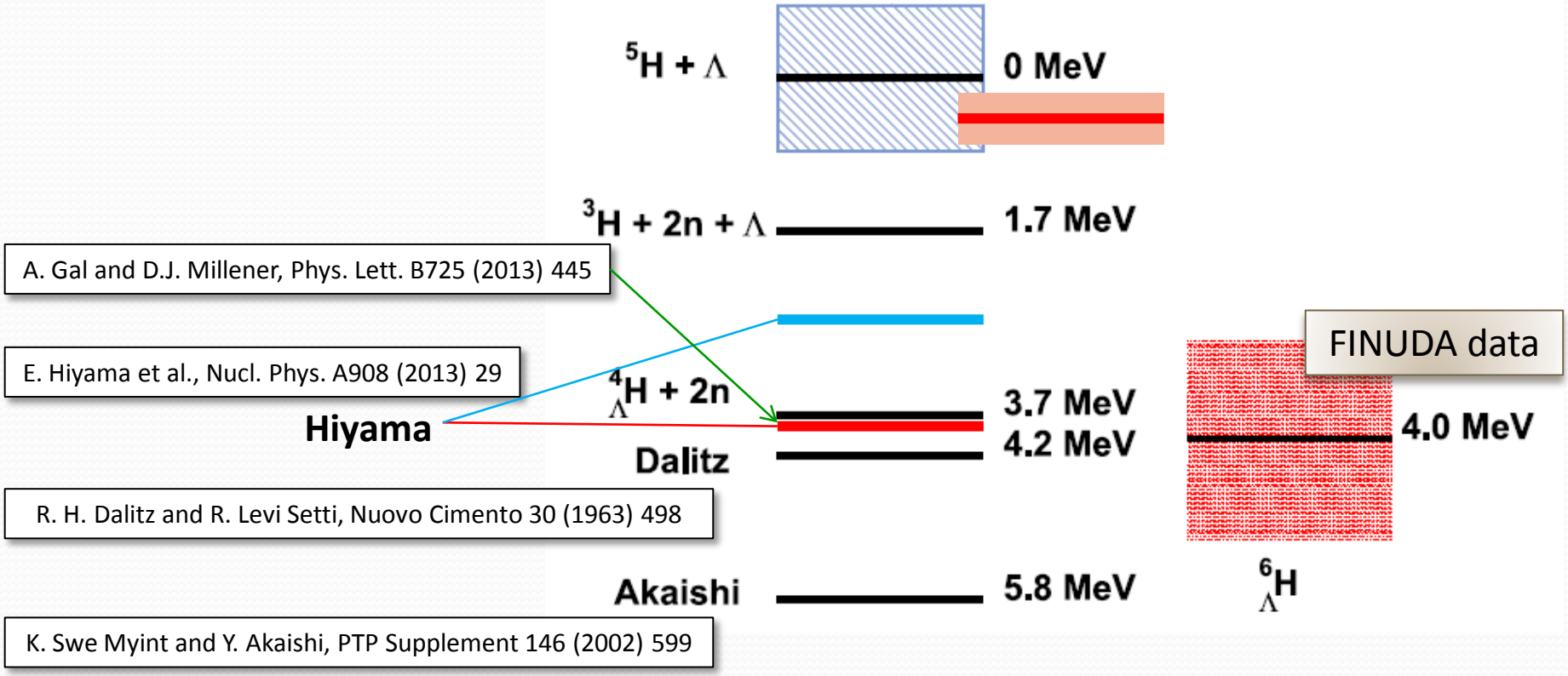
${}^{6}_{\Lambda}$H hypernucleus and ΛN interaction (2)

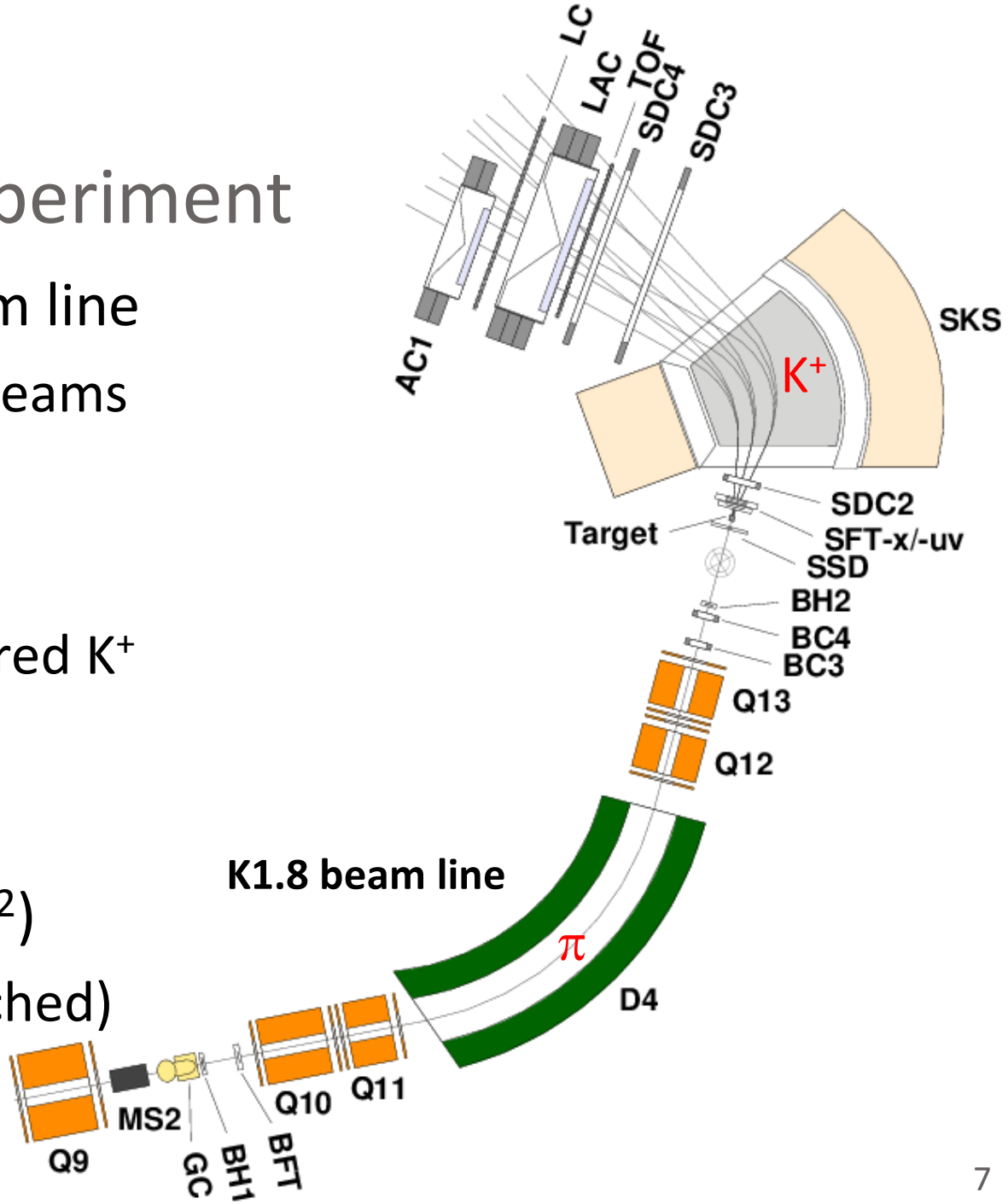
- Theoretical estimations compared with FINUDA data
- Sensitive to ΛN interaction and also properties of ^{5}H



More accurate measurement is awaited

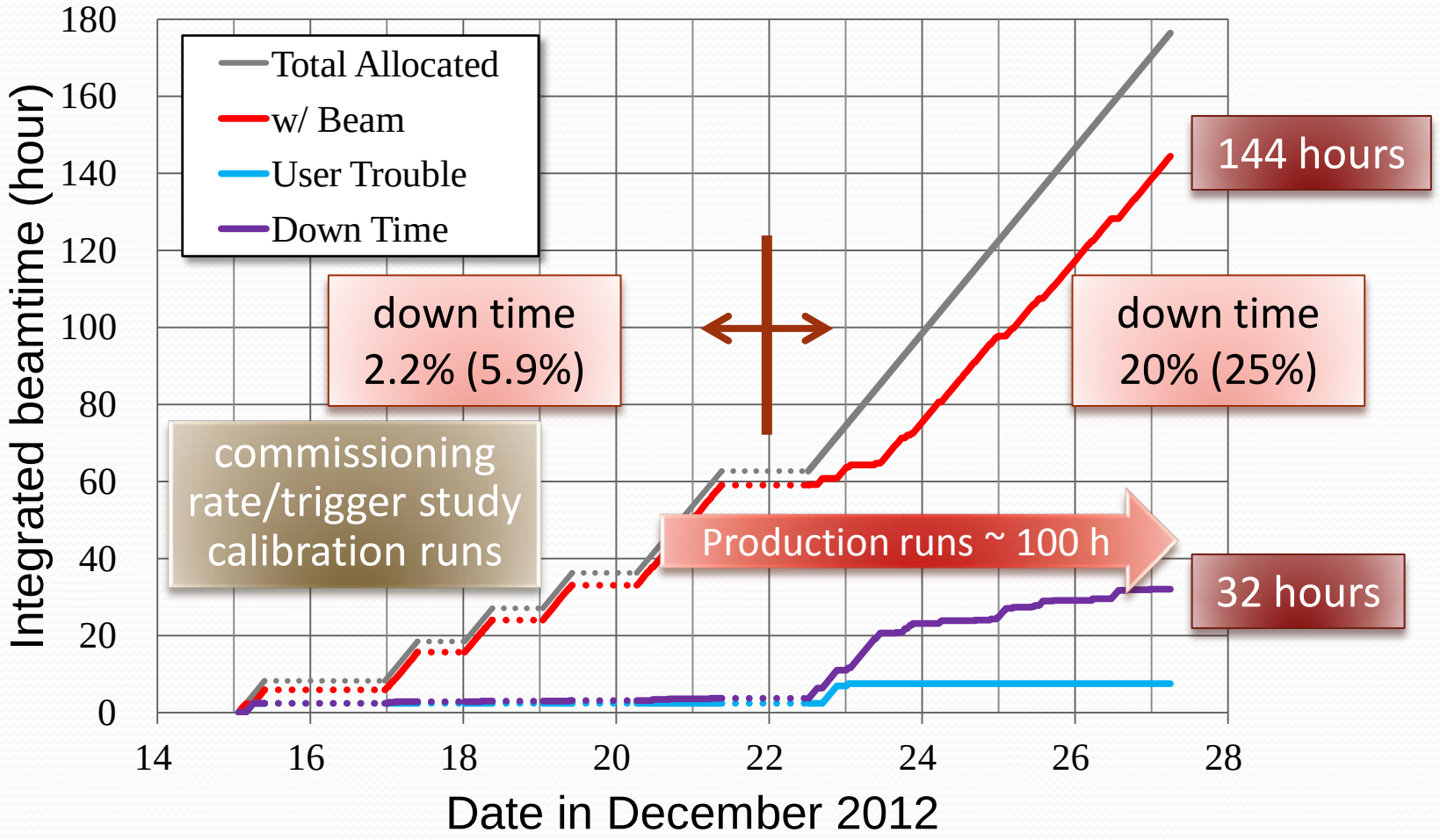
Setup of E10 experiment

- Done at K1.8 beam line
  - 1.2 GeV/c pion beams
  - dp/p ~ 3.3×10^{-4}
- SKS spectrometer
  - 0.9 GeV/c scattered K^+
  - dp/p ~ 10^{-3}
  - $d\Omega$ ~ 100 msr
- Target (~3.5 g/cm^2)
  - ^{6}Li (95.54% enriched)
  - C and $(CH_2)_n$



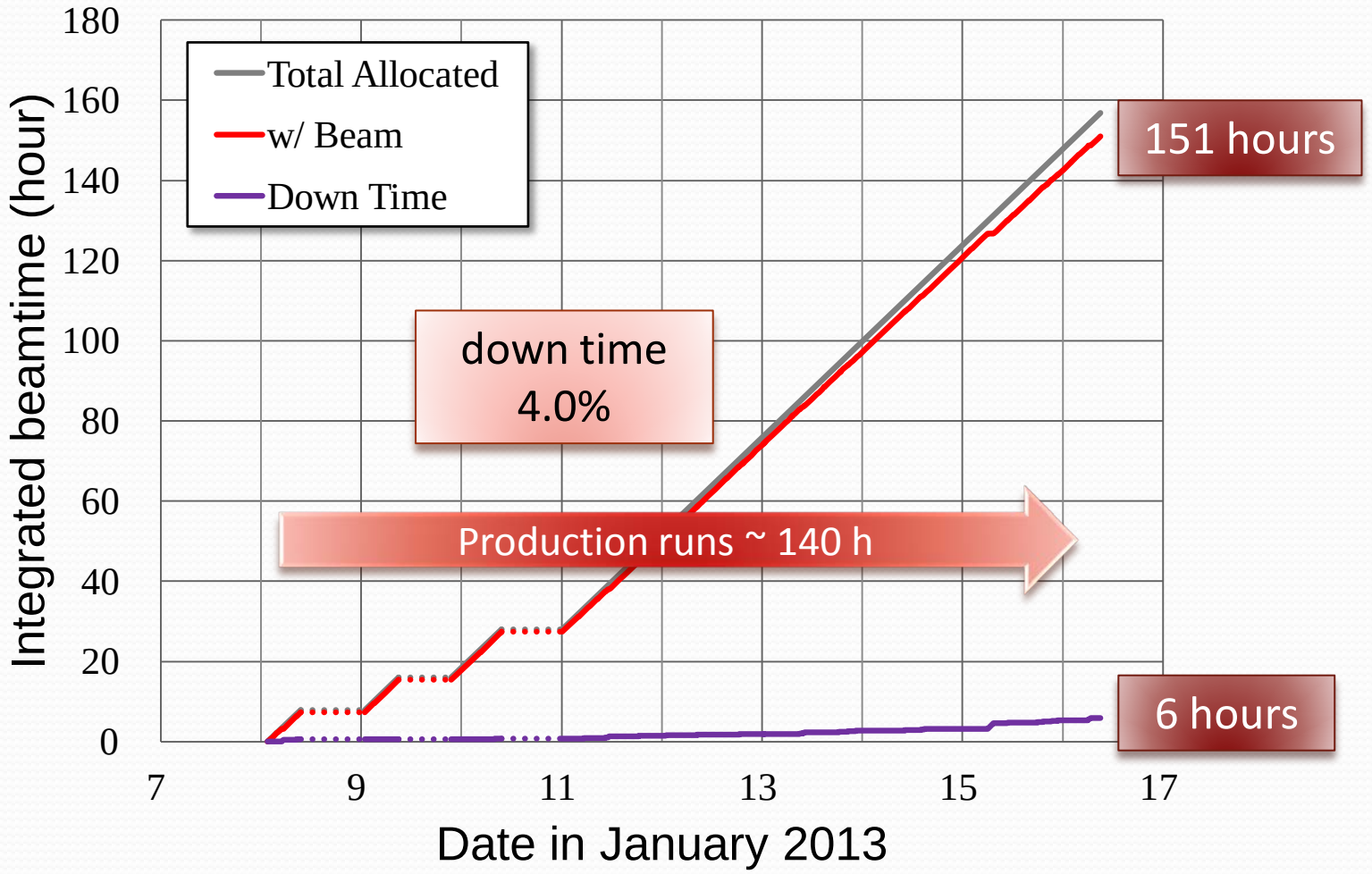
Summary of 2012 December beamtime

- Beamtime summary (from 15/Dec to 27/Dec)



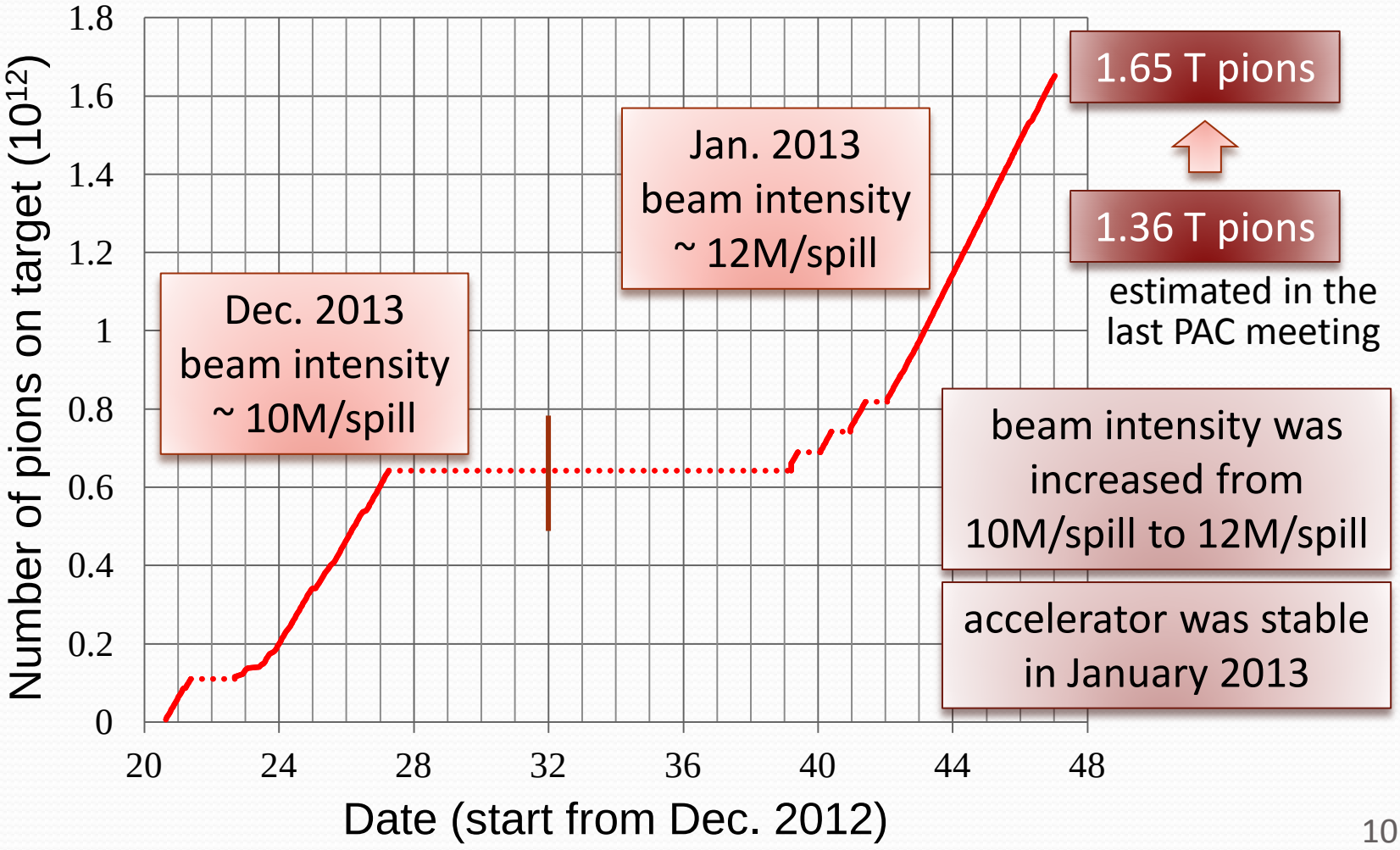
Summary of 2013 January beamtime

- Beamtime summary (from 8/Jan to 16/Jan)



Summary of E10 beamtime

- Number of pion beams on target in production runs

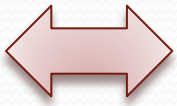


E10 proposal and actual run conditions

- High intensity pion beams could be used
- Production runs were performed efficiently

Proposed values

Parameters	Values
Pion beam momentum	1.2 GeV/c
Pion beam intensity	10M/spill
Beamtime for production run	500 hours
Total number of pion beams	3T pions
Target thickness (^{6}Li)	3.5 g/cm^2
DCX cross section (assumed)	10 nb/sr
SKS acceptance	100 msr
K decay loss	0.5
Analysis efficiency	0.5
Estimated $^{6}_{\Lambda}$H yield	265



Actual run conditions

Values
1.2 GeV/c
10M,12M/spill
240 hours
1.65T pions
3.5 g/cm^2
10 nb/sr
100 msr
0.5
0.3
90

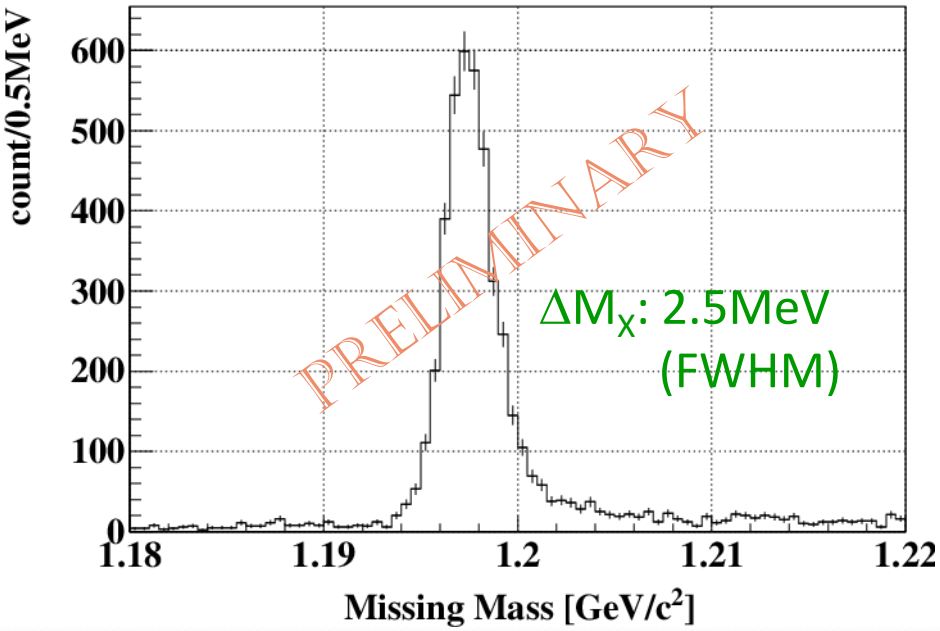
Sensitivity
~ 0.1 nb/sr

Results of calibration runs

- Calibration of momenta of beams and scatt. particles
  - Σ^- production, 1197.449 GeV/c^2 (missing-mass calib.)
  - Σ^+ production, 1189.37 GeV/c^2 (missing-mass calib.)

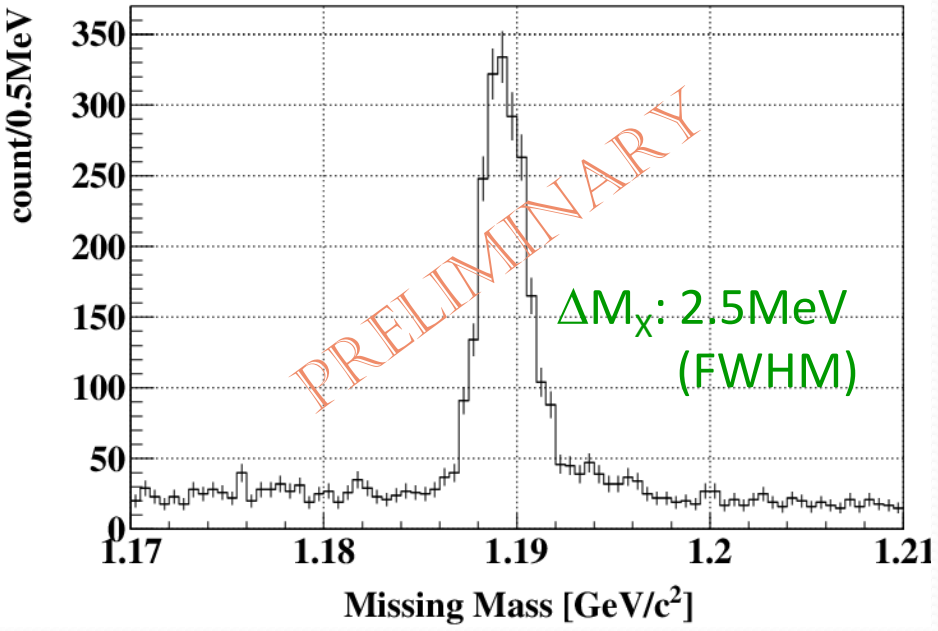
5 hours

$p(\pi^-,K^+)\Sigma^-$



1 hour

$p(\pi^+,K^+)\Sigma^+$

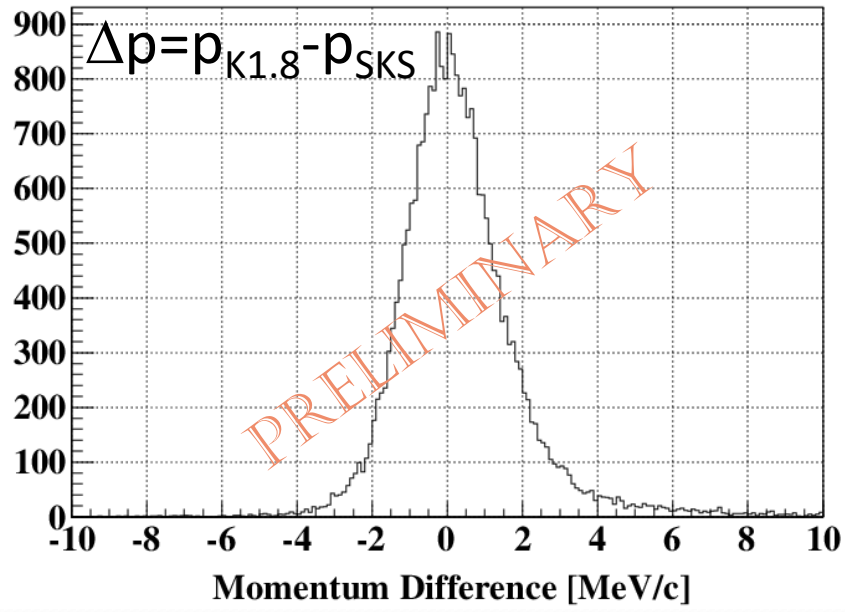


Results of calibration runs (2)

- Momentum calibrations and resolution estimation
  - Beam through runs (K1.8-SKS mom. mismatch)
  - $^{12}_{\Lambda}$C production (missing-mass resolution)

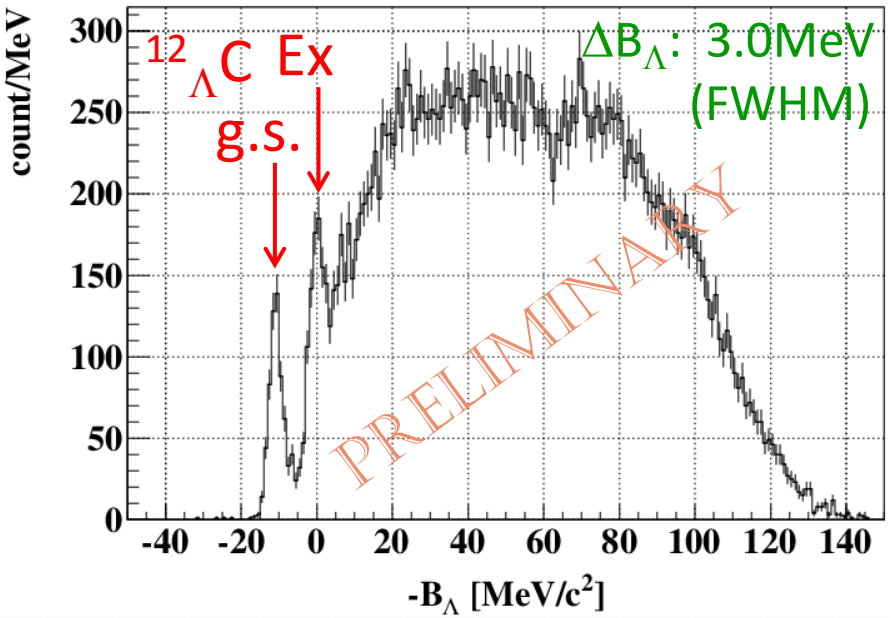
1 hour (8 settings)

π^+ beam through



13+6 hours

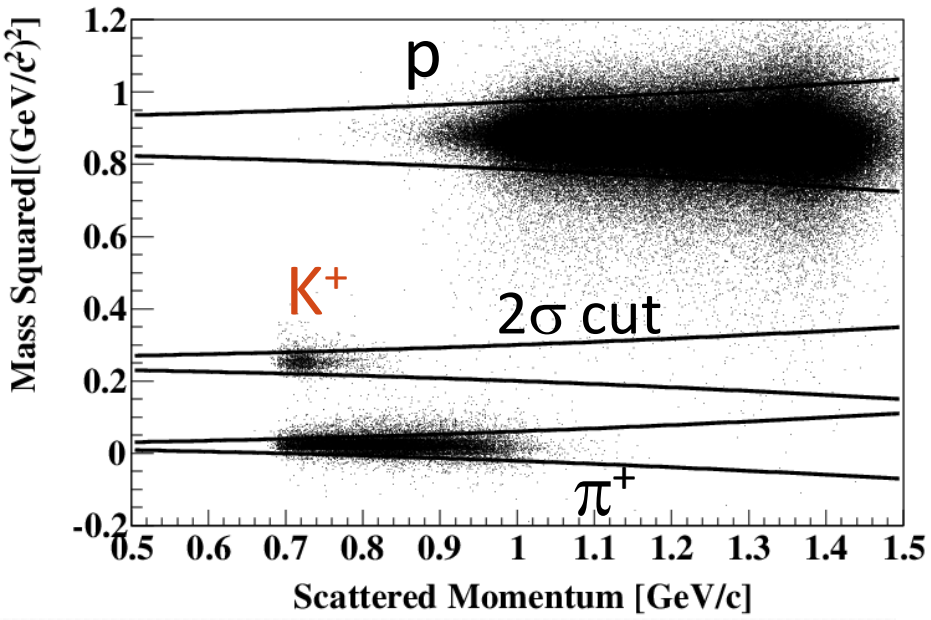
^{12}C(π^+,K$^+$)X



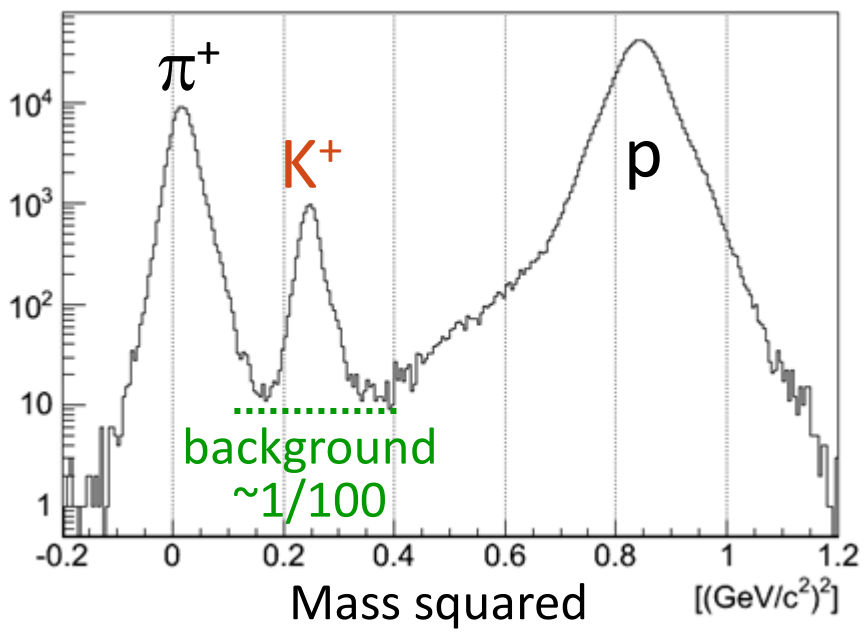
Results of production runs

- PID of scattered kaons
  - Momentum(SKS) + time of flight → Mass squared (m^2)
  - Momentum dependent selection of Kaon (2-3σ cuts)

^{6}Li(π^-,h^+)X

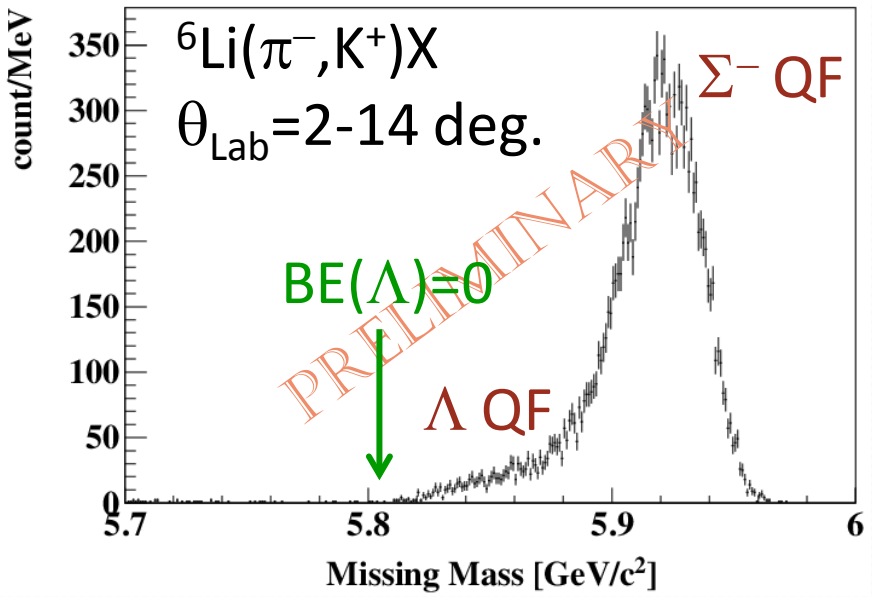


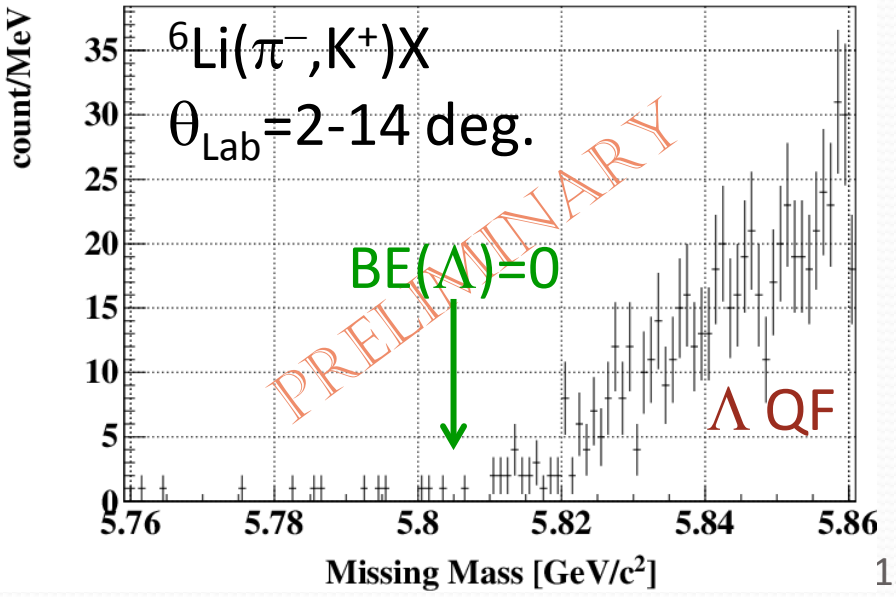
^{6}Li(π^-,h^+)X



Results of production runs (2)

- Missing-mass spectra of the ^{6}Li(π^-,K$^+$)X reaction
  - Current precision of missing-mass is 1-2 MeV/c^2 level
  - No significant peak structure in the threshold region
    - Cross section looks smaller than we assumed (< 1nb/sr)
  - Studies are in progress to improve the sensitivity





Summary

- 2012-Dec./2013-Jan. beamtimes done successfully
  - Run at high beam intensity 10M-12M/spill
  - Measured ^{6}Li(π^{-},K^{+})X reaction as phase-1 of E10
  - 1.65 T pion beams on target (55% of proposal)
- All calibration runs were also done successfully
  - $\Sigma^{\pm}$ and $^{12}_{\Lambda}$C production and beam through runs
  - Current precision of missing-mass scale is 1-2MeV/c^2
  - Missing-mass resolution is 3.0 MeV/c^2 (FWHM)
- Analyses of $^{6}_{\Lambda}$H production data are in progress
  - No significant peak structure in the threshold region
  - Studies are in progress to improve the sensitivity