



Experimental investigation of  
vector mesons in medium through  
dielectron decay at J-PARC.

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REIMEI workshop : Hadron interactions with strangeness and charm

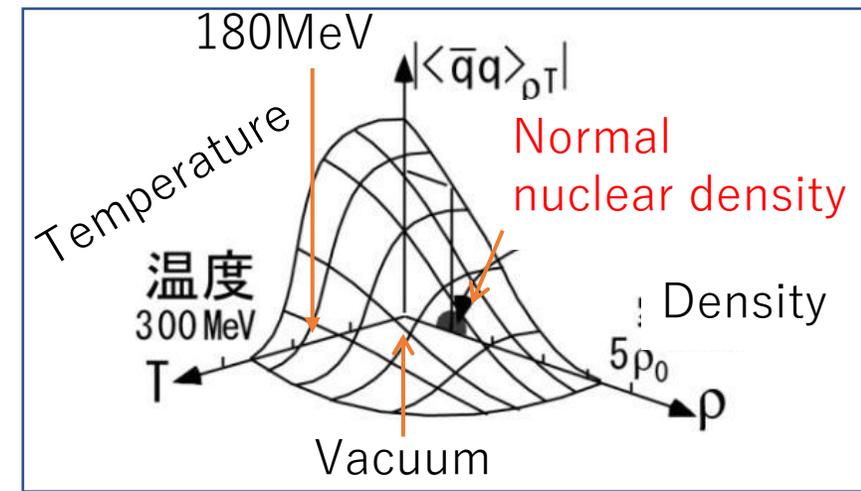
(June 27, 2024. Jeju)

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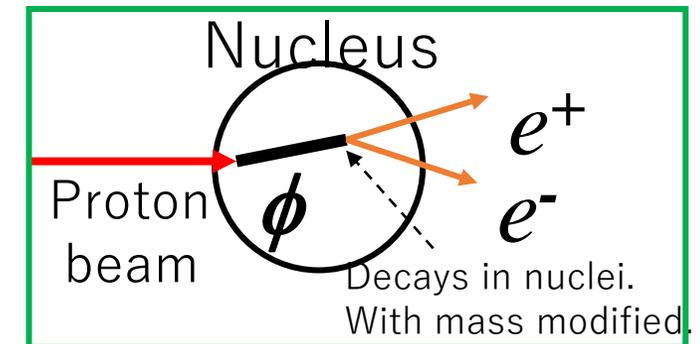
- J-PARC E16 experiment ( $p+A \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ )
  - Physics motivation (measure in-medium spectral change of VM)
  - Experimental setup
  - Staging strategy
  - Expected results.
  - Recent commissioning run (ended 24:00 June 3)
- Measurement of polarization dependence of spectral change.
  - Motivation and principle of spin dependent measurement
  - Expected spectra
  - How to extract spin dependence
- Summary

# Physics

- The origin of Hadron mass.
- The study of QCD vacuum
  - **Spontaneous breaking of the chiral symmetry.**
    - An order parameter:  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0$
    - Depends on temperature, and density
    - **Partially restored even at normal nuclear density.**
    - Could result in a measurable change in mass.
    - $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \sim 35\%$  reduction at  $\rho_0$  for ***u*** and ***d***. what about ***s***?
  - $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \leftarrow$  QCD sum rule  $\rightarrow$  mass
- **J-PARC E16 experiment:**
  - Use  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \rho / \omega / \phi \rightarrow \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{e}^-$ , (  $\mathbf{K}^+ \mathbf{K}^-$  E88)
  - Dielectron mass spectra are obtained.
    - mixture of decay inside and outside the nuclear target.
    - Sensitive to spectral change of vector mesons in the nuclear medium.
  - Similar to KEK-E325, but collecting more data and doing more systematic study.



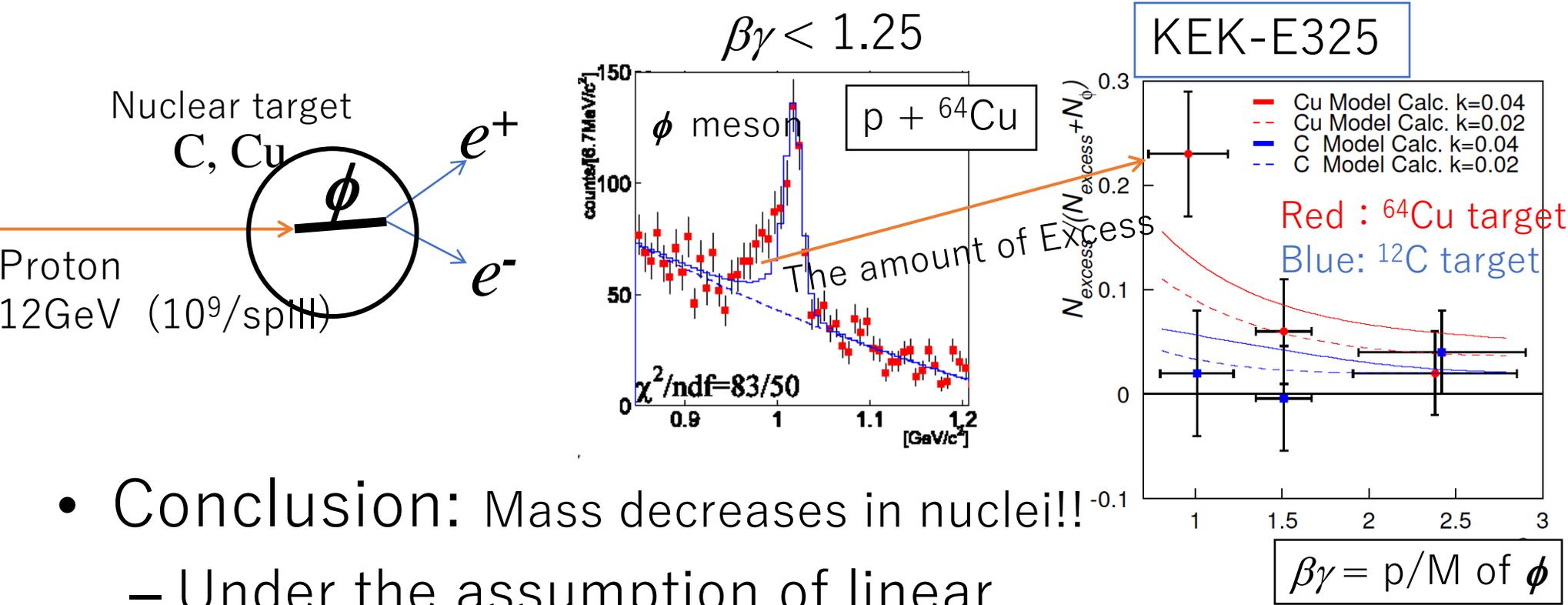
NJL model  
 M. Lutz et al.  
 Nucl. Phys. A542,52(1992)



J-PARC E16

# KEK-E325 results of $\phi$ meson

- The world's first results of  $\phi$  modification.



Assumption  
In analysis

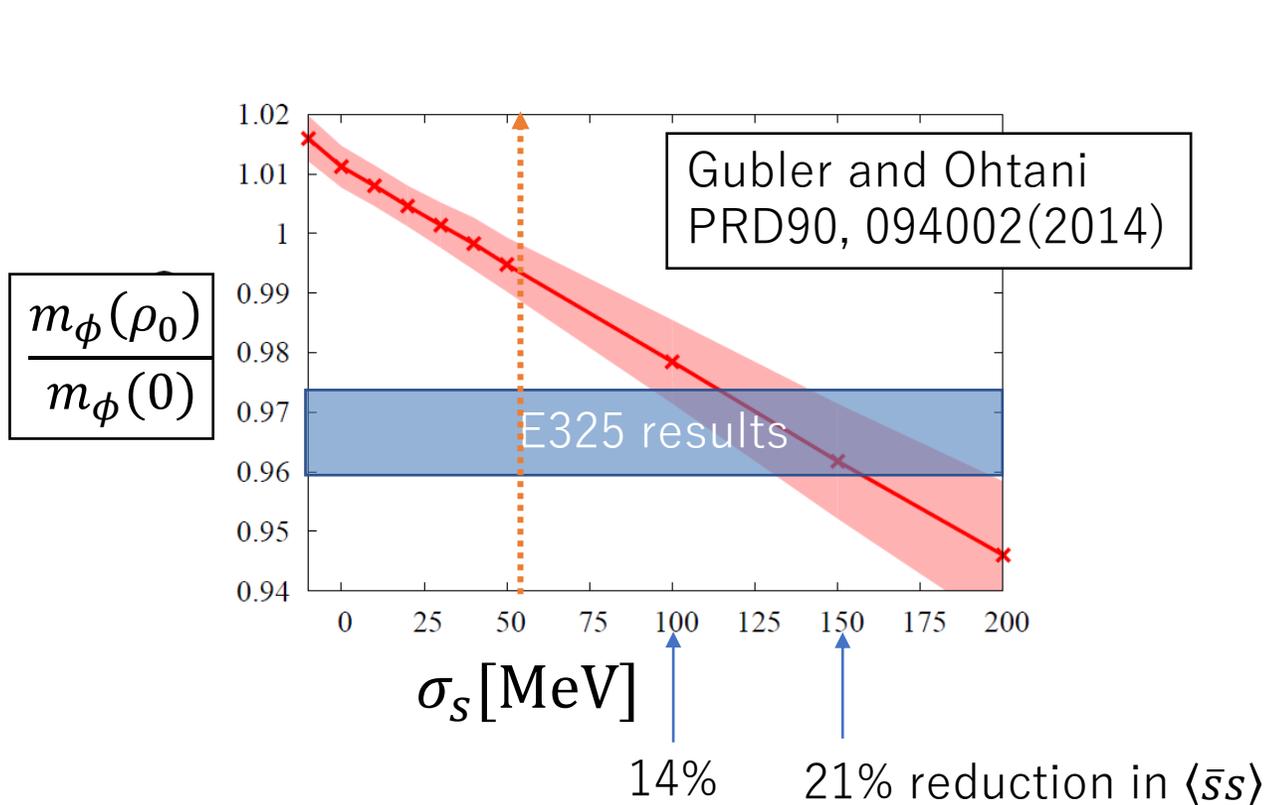
$$\frac{m(\rho)}{m(0)} = 1 - k_1 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(\rho)}{\Gamma(0)} = 1 + k_2 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)$$

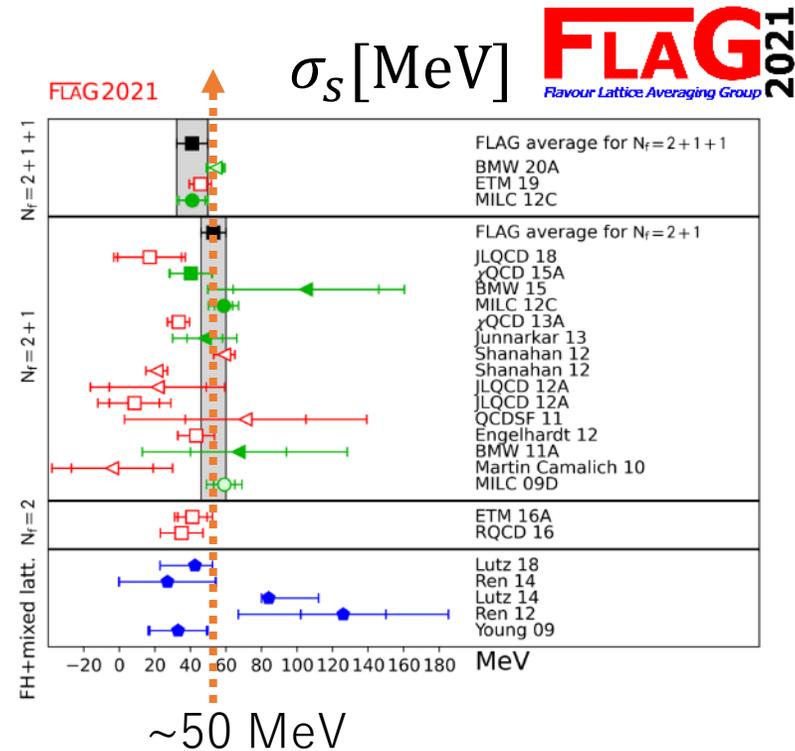
- Conclusion: Mass decreases in nuclei!!
  - Under the assumption of linear dependence of mass and width on density.
    - Mass:  $-3.4^{+0.6}_{-0.7}\%$   $\downarrow$  At normal nuclear density
    - Width:  $\times 3.6^{+1.8}_{-1.2}$

# QCD sum rule results

They provide mass of  $\phi$  meson vs  $\sigma_s$  (strangeness sigma term)  
 The  $\sigma_s$  indicates how much  $\langle \bar{s}s \rangle$  is reduced in nuclear matter.



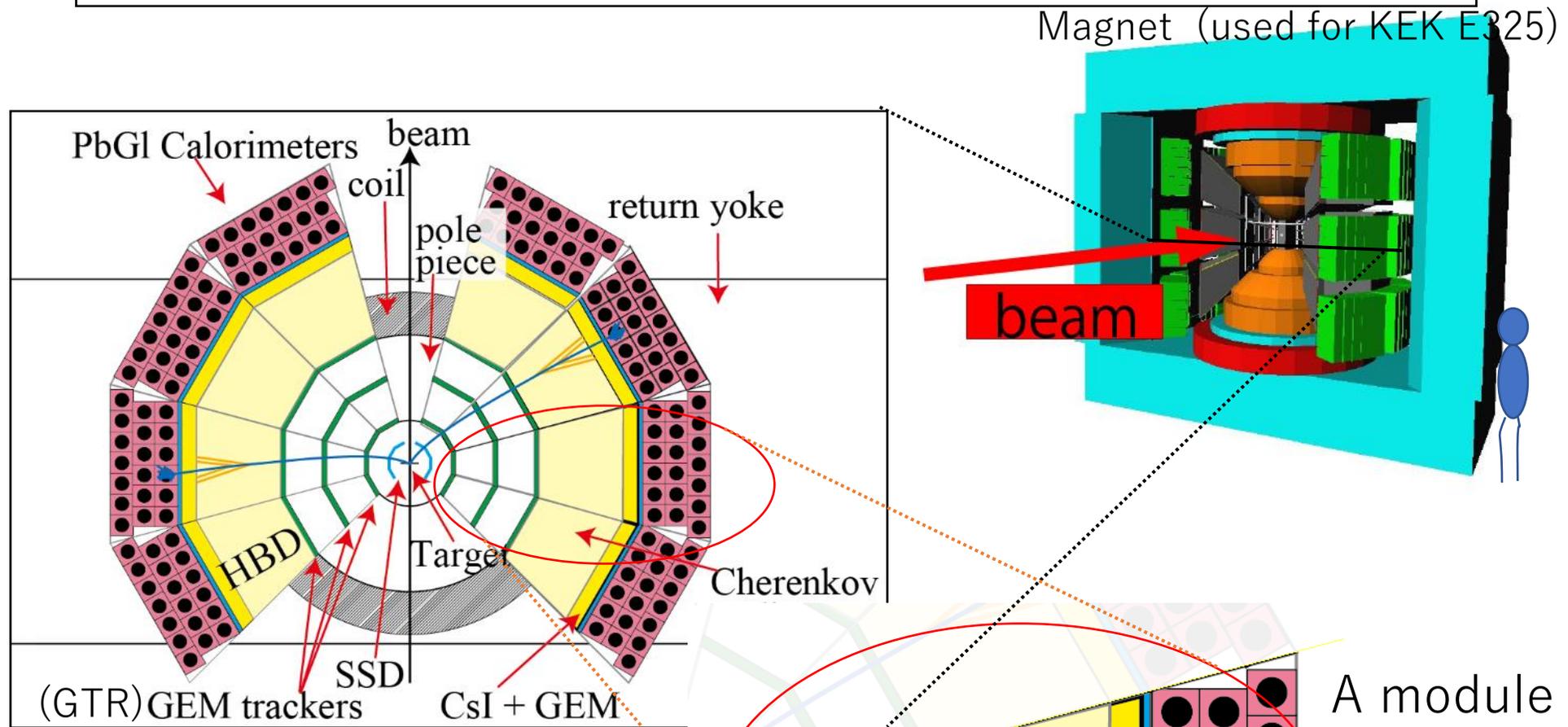
If one takes  $\sigma_s$  from Lattice and QCD sum rule,  
 Mass reduction should be much smaller. ( $dM < \sim 1\%$ )



$$\langle \bar{s}s \rangle_\rho = \langle \bar{s}s \rangle_0 + \langle N|\bar{s}s|N \rangle \rho$$

$$\sigma_s = m_s \langle N|\bar{s}s|N \rangle \quad (= m_s \frac{\partial M_N}{\partial m_s})$$

# The J-PARC E16 spectrometer



SSD : Tracking  
GTR : Tracking  
HBD : eID (Cherenkov)  
LG : eID (Calorimeter)  
26 modules in total. 8 for the 1<sup>st</sup> physics run.

A module

X 26

# Staging approach

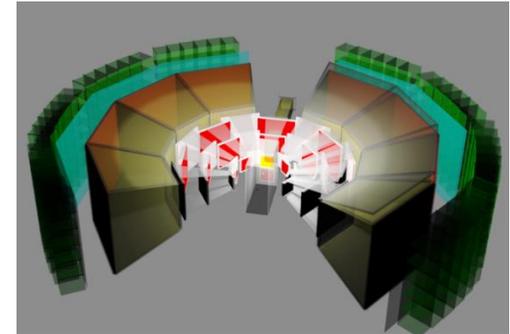
- **RUN 0a/b/c/d - 2020,2021,2023** – 413hrs.
  - **10 (SSD) + 8 (GTR) + 8 (HBD) + 8 (LG)** at last
    - Gradually increased acceptance and reached interm. Goal.
  - C+Cu targets
  - Beam / Detector commissioning
- **RUN 0e - 2024 (Apr.19-Jun.3) -- 206 hours.**
  - **8(SSD) + 10 (GTR) + 8 (HBD) + 8 (LG)**
  - Beam / Detector comm. + yield.
  - Upgraded Accelerator / DAQ. / Detectors.

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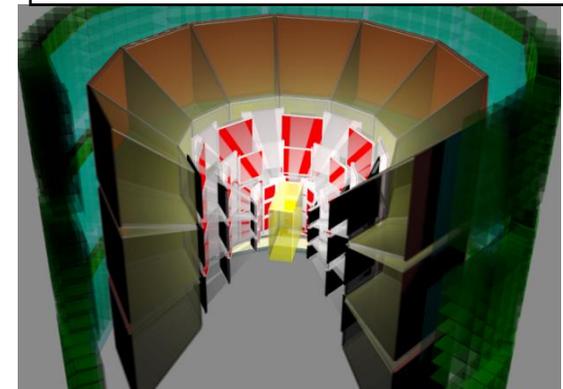
- **RUN 1 2025(?)** -- 1280hrs (~53days)
  - **10 (SSD) + 10 (GTR) + 8 (HBD) + 8(LG)**
  - Physics data taking.  $\phi$  : 15k for Cu.
  - Needs PAC approval based on comm. Runs.
- **RUN 2** -- 2560 hrs (~107 days)
  - **26 (SSD) + 26 (GTR) + 26 (HBD) + 26 (LG)**
  - + Pb/CH2 target
  - Needs additional budget.

↑  
PAC  
Executed!  
Approved!

RUN 1 (8 modules)

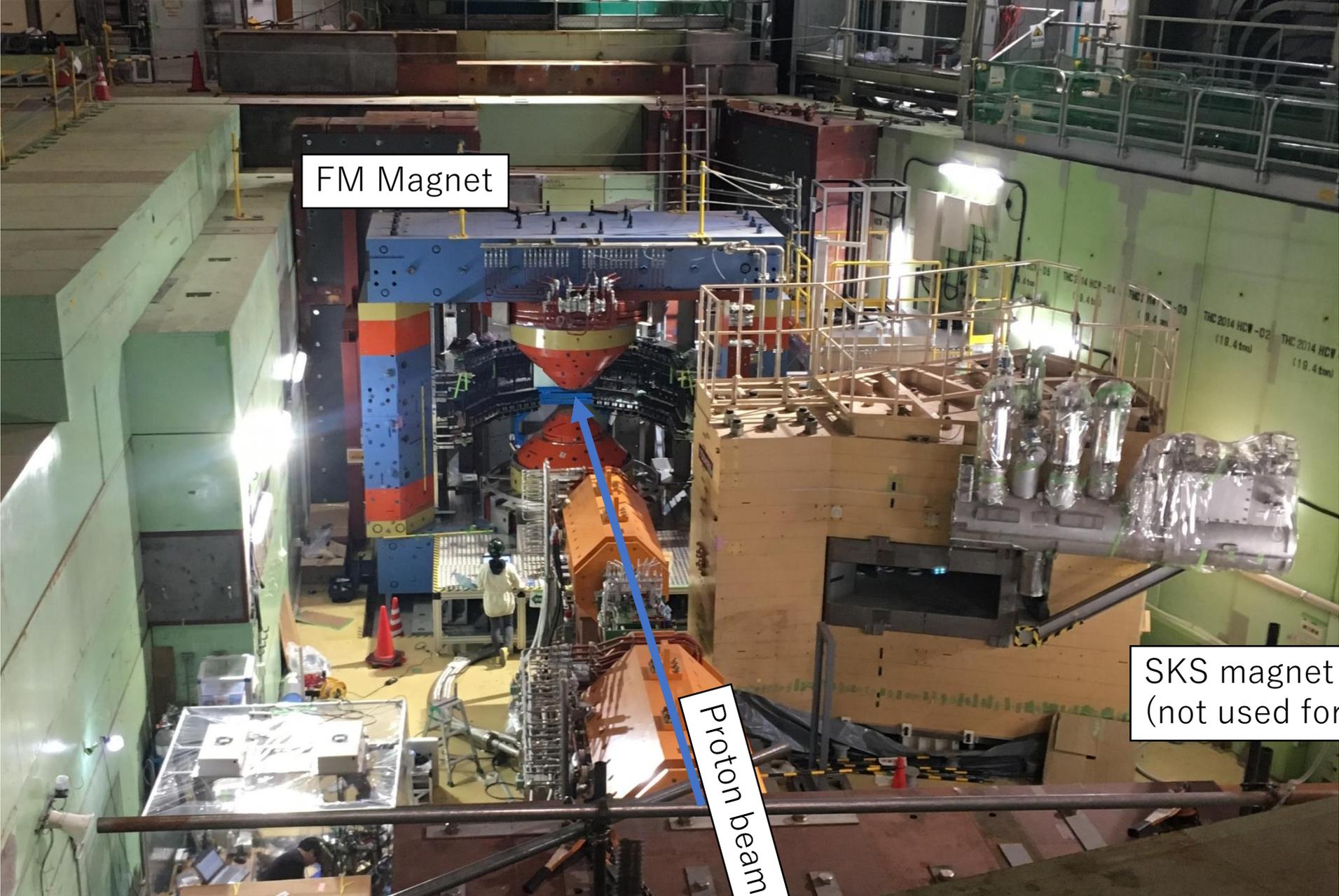


RUN 2 (26 modules)



# High-p Area

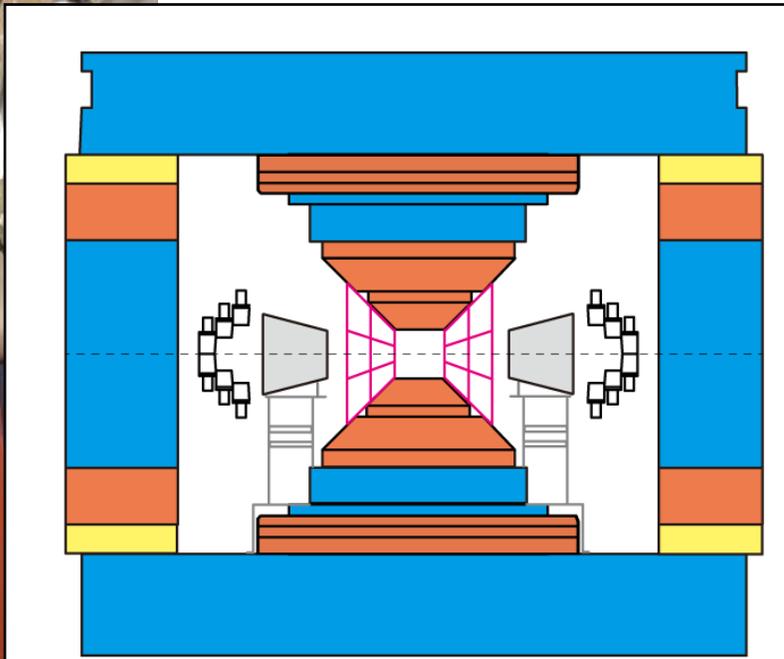
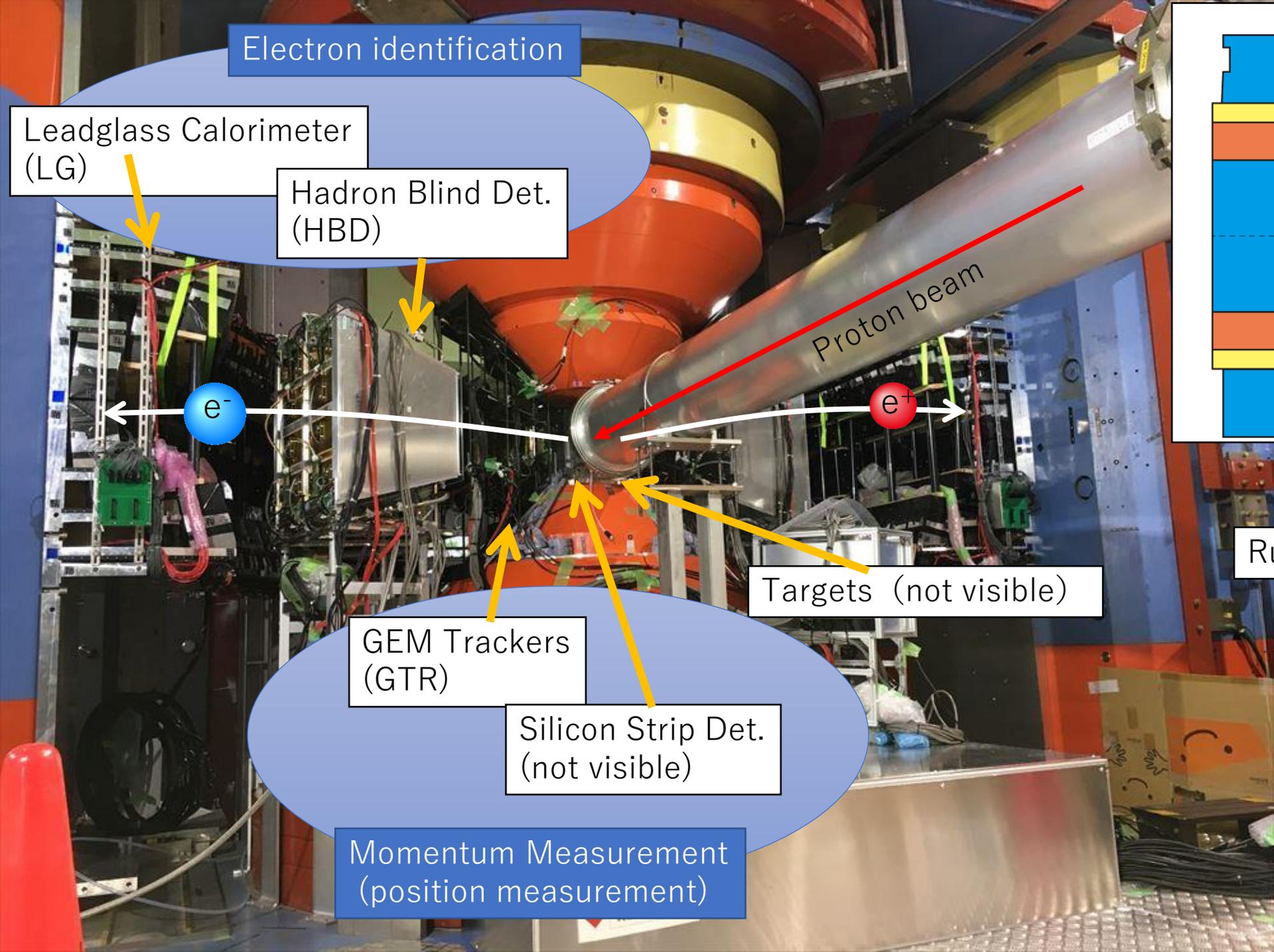
Photo taken in 2019 or so.  
Shield blocks now cover the area and hard to get this view.



FM Magnet

SKS magnet  
(not used for E16)

Proton beam



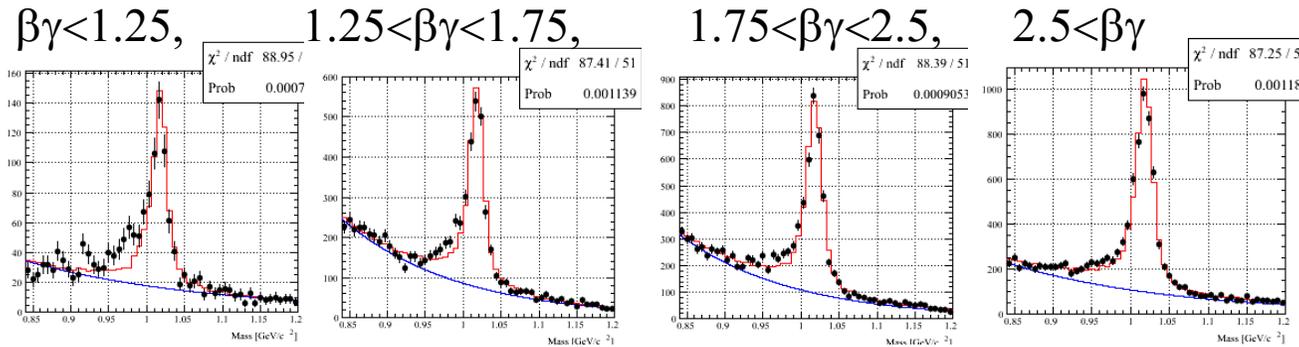
Run0b/c configuration(2021)

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# RUN1, Cu (INPUT:E325-BW)

## Excess ratio vs $\beta\gamma$

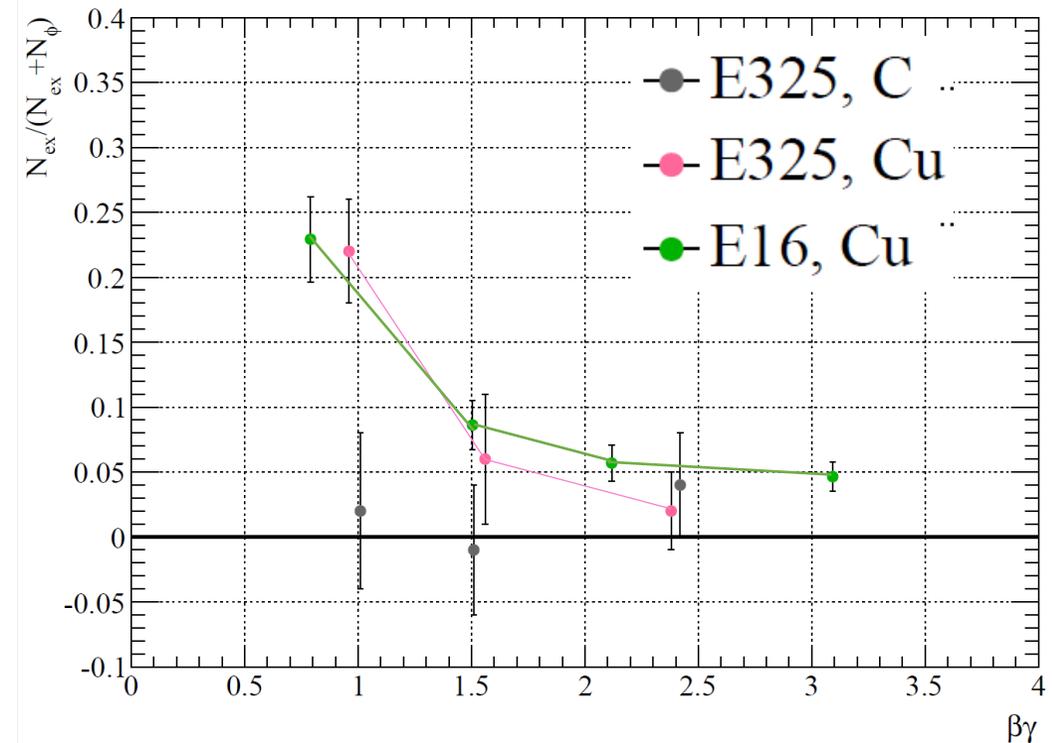
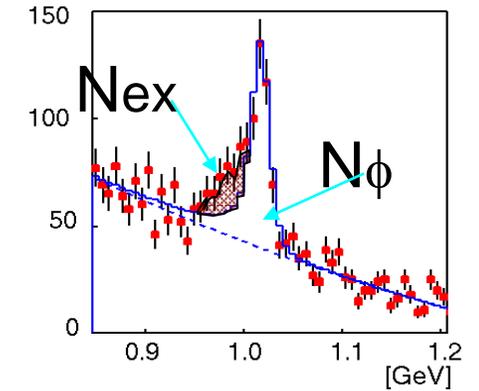


(Fit fails when vacuum shapes are used.)

- ~15k  $\phi$  for Cu target expected in RUN1
- All  $\beta\gamma$  bins for Cu are significant in E16
- (cf) E325 only fastest  $\beta\gamma$  bin is significant.

- Larger excess in lower  $\beta\gamma$  bin.
- The tendency becomes clearer and more significant compared to E325.

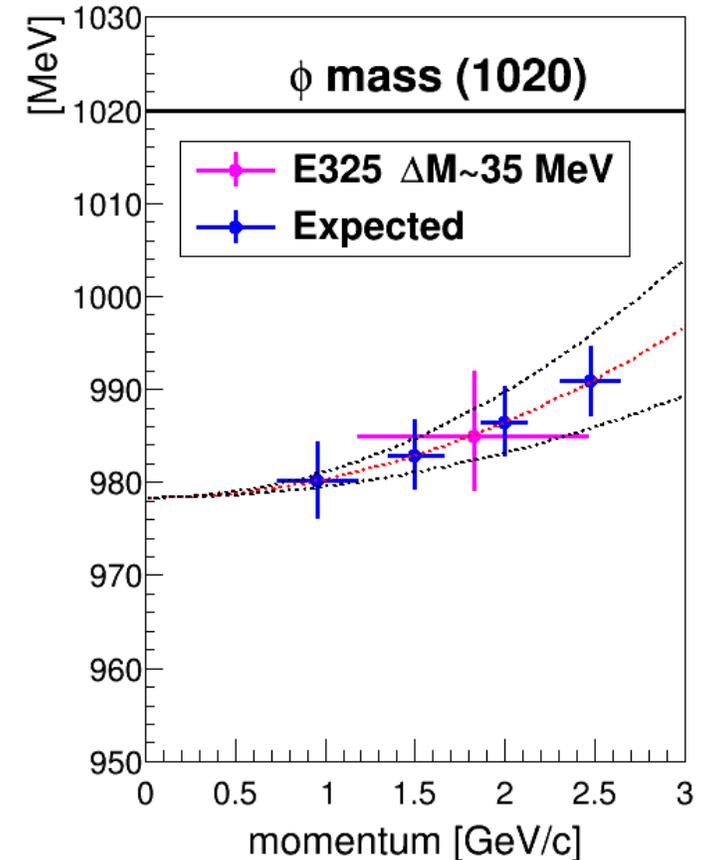
$$\frac{N_{excess}}{N_{excess} + N_{\phi}}$$



# Momentum dependence (Dispersion relation)

- Momentum dependence of mass can be obtained for the first time.
- Expectation of  $RUN1 \times 1.7$  is shown.
- Dispersion relation itself is an important property of pseudo particles.
- We can extrapolate mass into 0 momentum, where most of the QCDSR calculation results apply.
- More discussion on later slides.

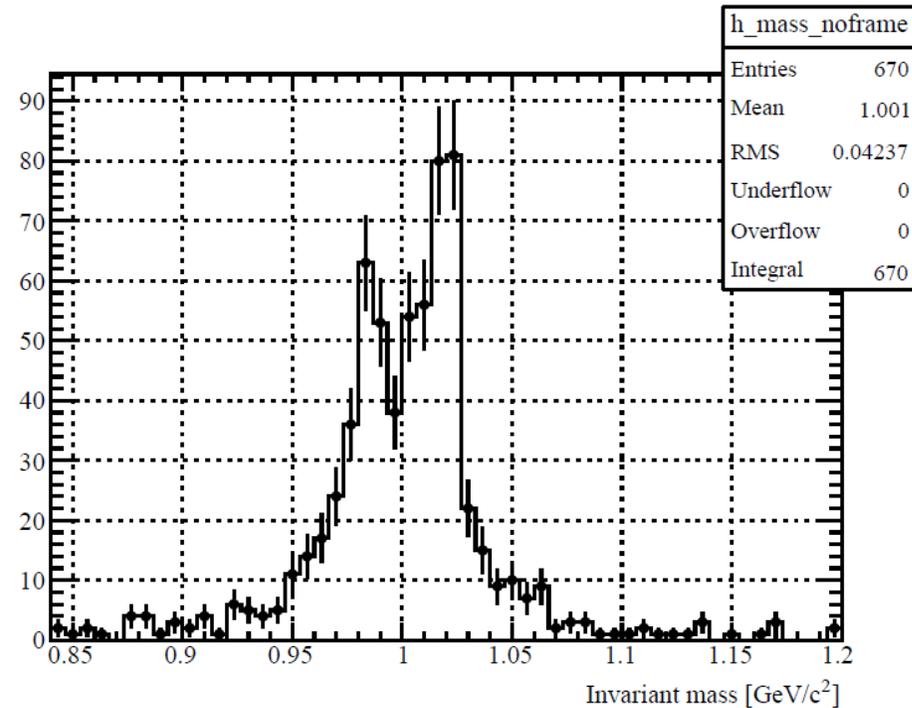
H.Kim P. Gubler PLB805, 10 (2020) extends the validity of momentum range.  
Show you on later slides.



S.H. Lee PRC57, 927(1998)

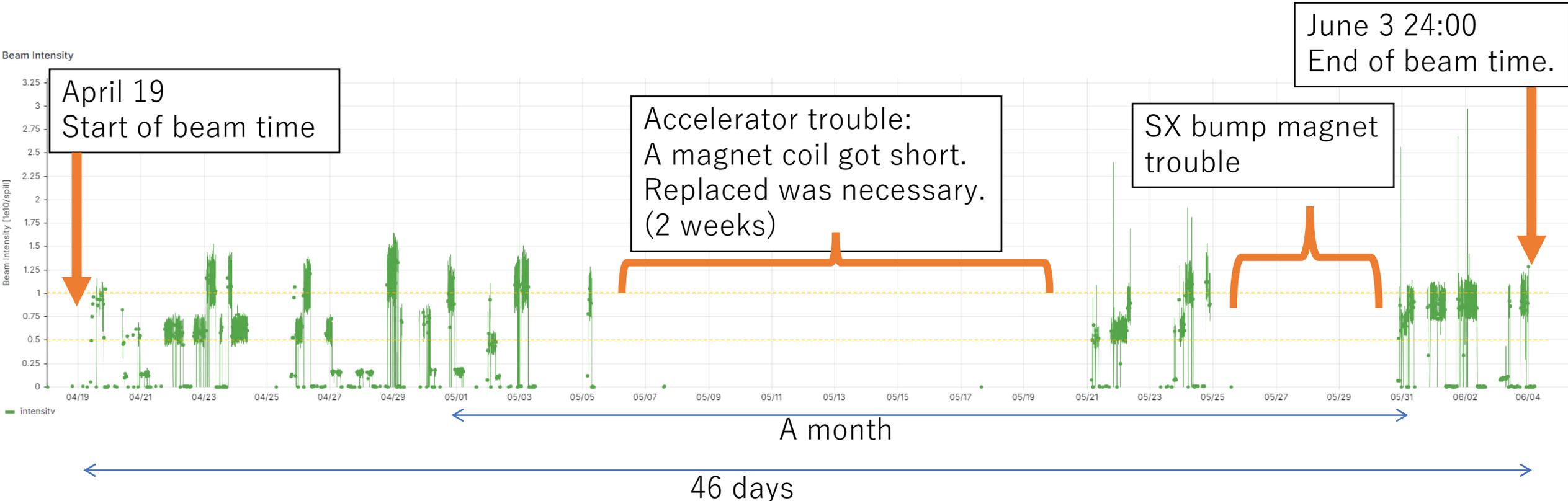
# Expected in RUN2

- RUN2 stat (320shifts)
- INPUT: E325-BW
  
- Pb target
- $\beta\gamma < 0.5$



# Beam intensity history of Run0e

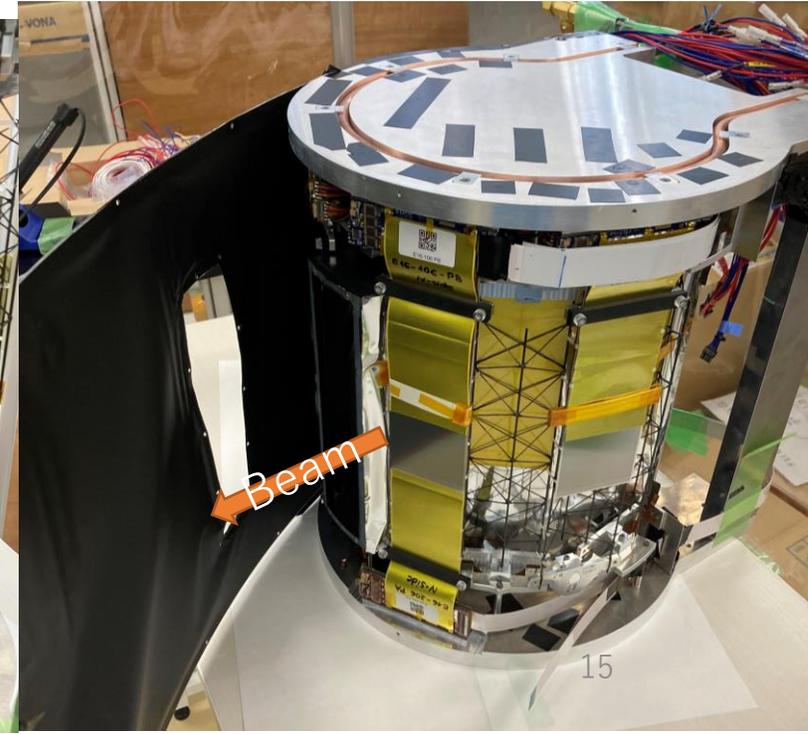
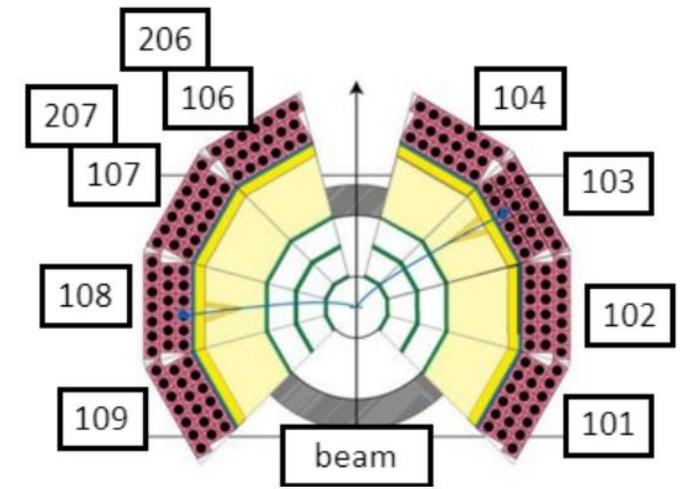
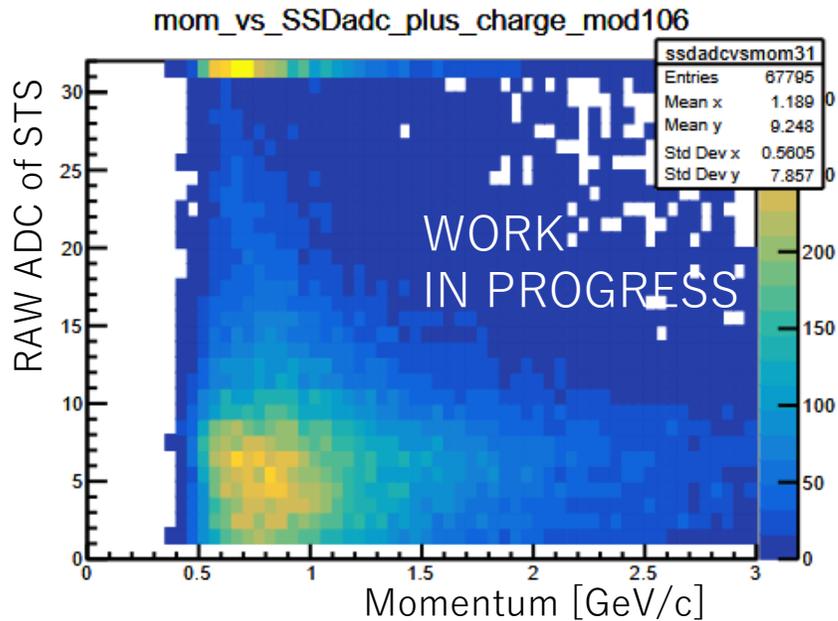
- Beam time: April 19 – June 3 (46 days...)
  - We had two major breaks (2 + 1 weeks) due to accelerator trouble and recovery process.
- Intensity of proton beam
  - Design :  $1e10/\text{spill}$  (spill = 2sec+2.4sec)
  - Three intensity settings.
- Beam from evening to morning.
  - That's why we have short breaks day by day.
- Accepted 206 h (+ 31h of beam tuning) beam
  - 60h of data taking incl. ramp up.
  - + detector setup / study / calibration.



# Run0e

- DAQ live rate > 80% (was 15% @ run0c) thanks to DAQ upgrade
  - Live rate : Accepted / Triggered
- Calibration / analysis of data on-going.
- Maintenance work / preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> physics run on-going.
- Convince PAC that we are ready to proceed to the 1<sup>st</sup> physics run

- Silicon Tracking System (STS)
  - STS developed with GSI-CBM.
  - Successful operation during Run0e
  - Semi-online plot of Energy loss vs mom
    - proton locus

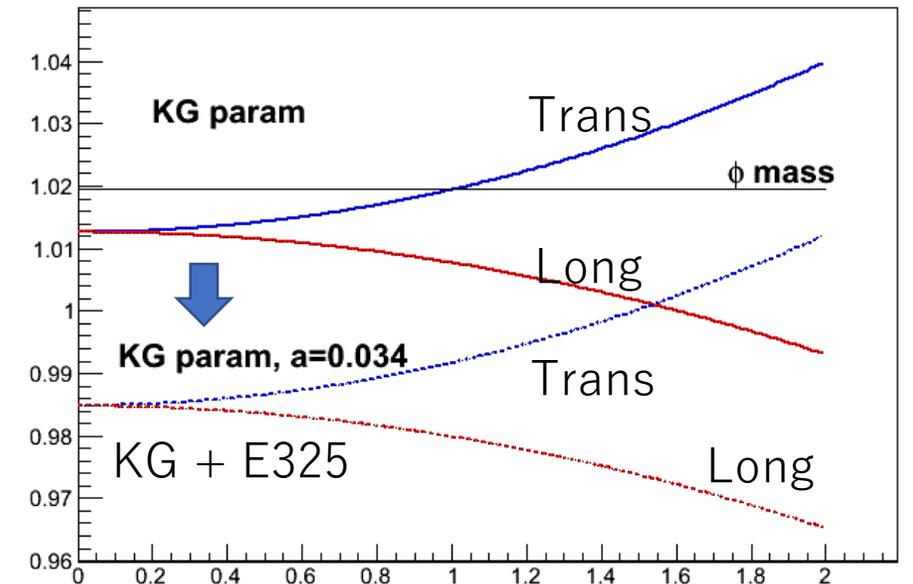
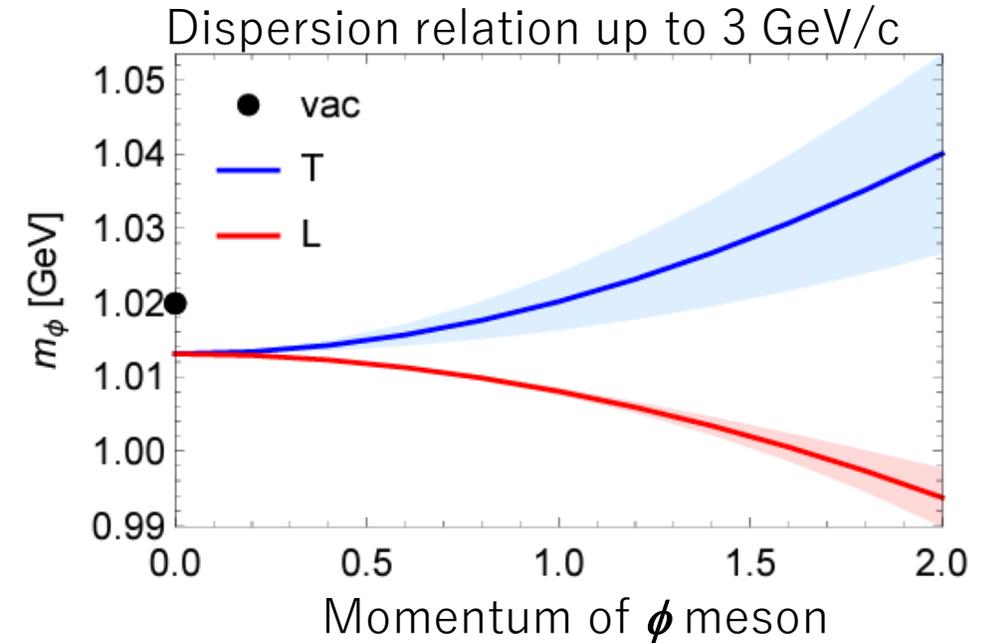


Measurement of  
polarization  
dependence



# Pol dependence of mass distribution

- PLB805 (2020) 135412, Kim-Gubler
  - Prediction of the dispersion relation of phi meson based on the QCD sum rule.
  - Polarization dependence.
  - Interesting to see it experimentally.
- Polarization dep can be studied through decay angle  $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^- / K+K^-$
- Expected spectrum
  - Based on E325-type model calc.
- A method to experimentally separate
  - Finding orthogonal functions.



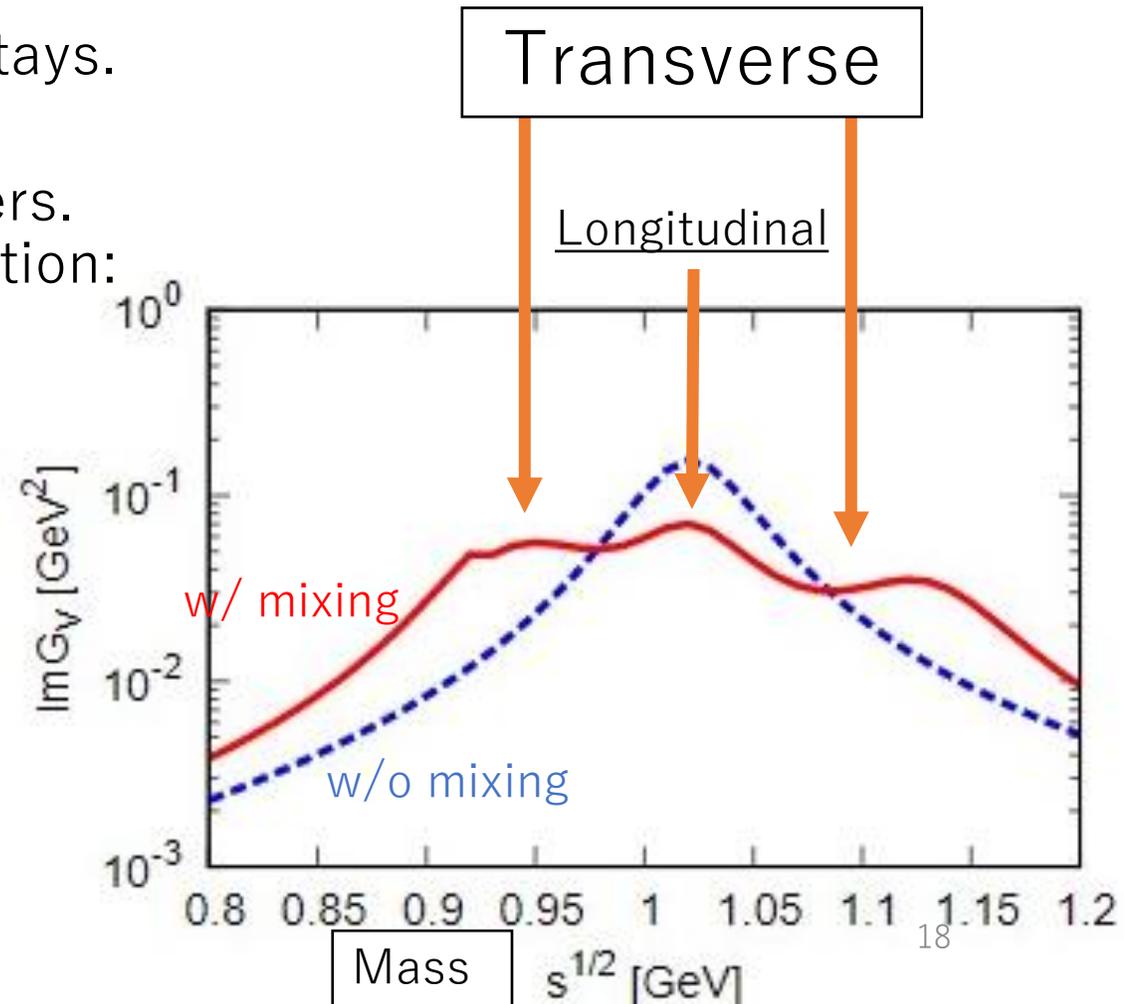
# Anomaly-induced chiral mixing of $\phi$ and $f_1(1420)$

- Phys. Rev. D106, 5 (2022) C. Sasaki
  - Chiral mixing effect in dense matter can be seen in  $e+e-$  channel when chiral symmetry is restored. And it behaves differently for different pol.
  - T(Transverse) affected. L(Longitudinal) stays.
- $\phi$  and  $f_1(1420)$  are parity partner.
  - Part of their components are chiral partners.
  - Genuine signal of chiral symmetry restoration: Degeneracy of chiral partner!
  - $K^* K1$  case  $\rightarrow$  tomorrow by InWoo.

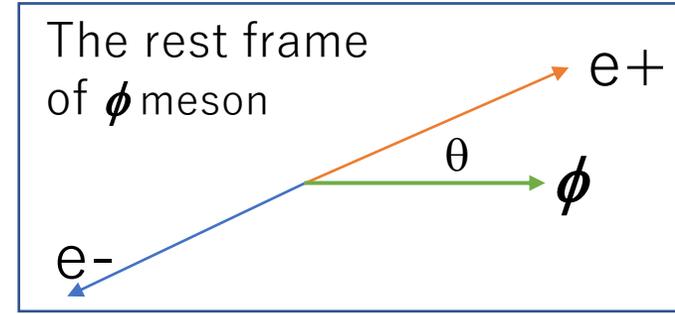
$$\rho = 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$T = 50 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\rho = 2.5\rho_0$$



# Polarization $\leftrightarrow$ Angular dist.



## $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$

- Spin 1 is taken by ee **pol.**

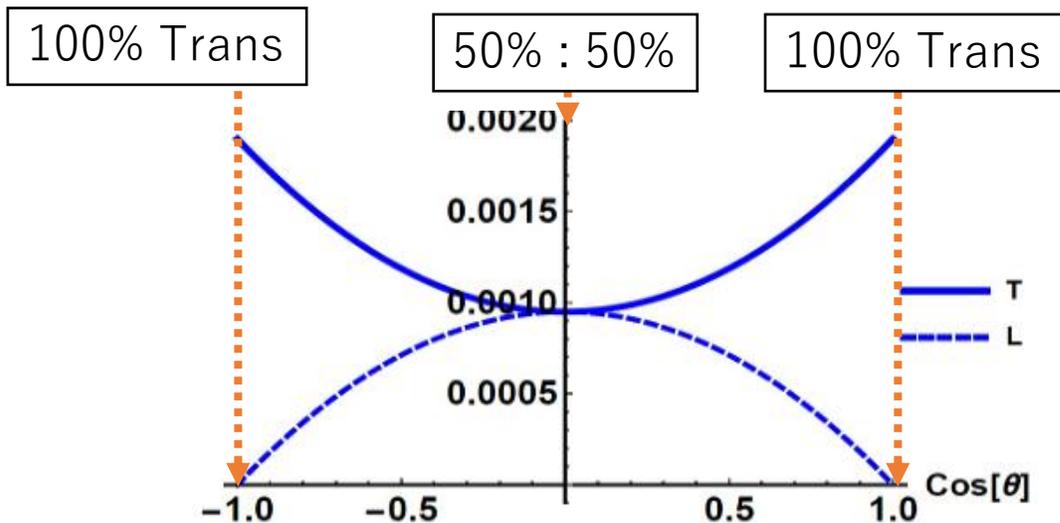
😊 •  $\cos \theta = \pm 1$  : T 100%

😞 •  $\cos \theta = 0$  : L 50%, T 50%

😊 • Small FSI

- Small BR ( $2.98 \times 10^{-4}$ )

😞 • 15k for 53 days (E16 Run1)



## $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$

- Spin 1 is taken by KK **OAM**

😊 •  $\cos \theta = \pm 1$  : L 100%

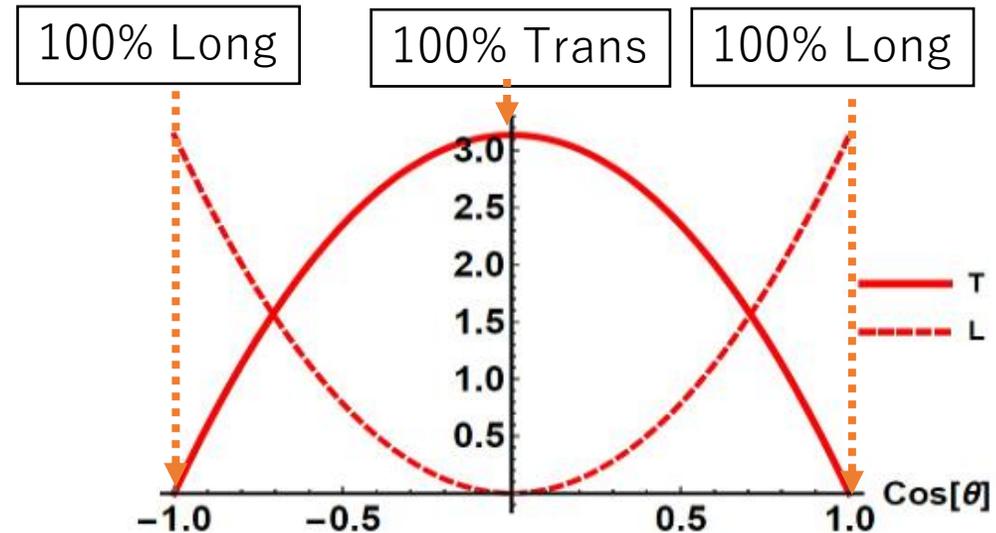
😊 •  $\cos \theta = 0$  : T 100%

😞 • Suffer from FSI

- Treated by transport model (P. Gubler)

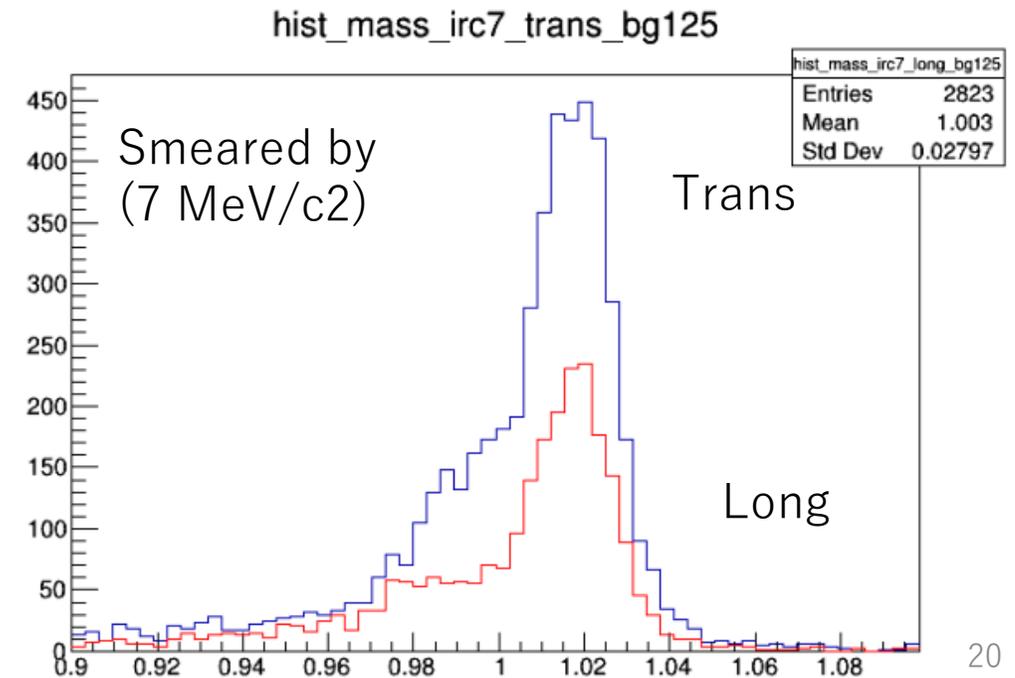
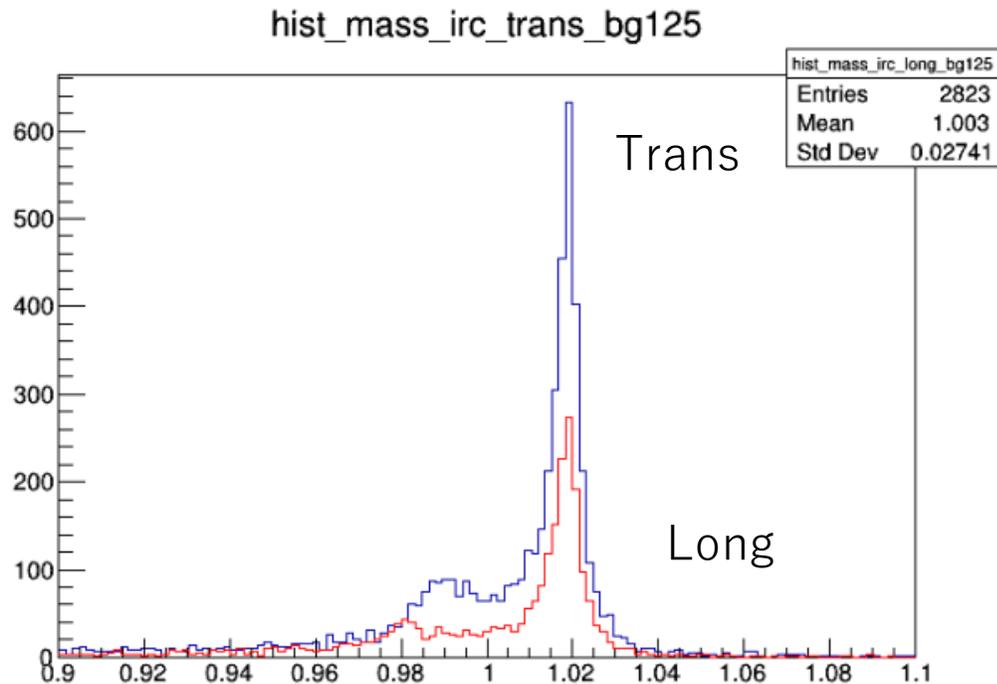
- Large BR (49.1%)

😊 • 260k for 30 days (E88)



# E325-type calculation using KG param.

- E325 model assumption
  - Density assumed to be WS potential shape.
  - $\phi$  production probability proportional to density.
    - According to mass-number dependence of  $\sigma$  ( $\sigma_{pA} \sim A$ )
  - # of entries is arbitrary.
    - (cf) Run1 exp:  $\sim 1.7k$  ( $\beta\gamma < 1.25$ ), Run2 exp: 12k for ( $\beta\gamma < 1.25$ )
- Smearing (mimic experimental effect)
  - Mass by 7 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>,  $\cos(\theta)$  by 0.01



Basic idea: find orthogonal func. (to extract T. mass)

- $G(m, x)$ : Measured mass ( $m$ ) and angle ( $x = \cos \theta$ ) distribution:

$$G(m, x) = g_T(m) f_T(x) + g_L(m) f_L(x)$$

Measured

Want to know

Known

Want to know

Known

- $g_{T,L}(m)$ : Mass distribution for T and L.
- $f_{T,L}(x)$ : Daughter particle's angular distribution for T and L.

$$f_T(x) \propto (1 + x^2)$$

$$f_L(x) \propto (1 - x^2).$$

- If we can find a function  $h_T(x)$  that is orthogonal to  $f_L(x)$

- $h_T(x)$ : eliminates L and what's left is T.

$$\int_a^b h_T(x) G(m, x) = h_T(x) g_T(m) f_T(x) + h_T(x) g_L(m) f_L(x)$$

Measured

Want to know

Known

Want to know

Known

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b G(m, x) h_T(x) dx &= \int_a^b [g_T(m) f_T(x) h_T(x) + g_L(m) f_L(x) h_T(x)] dx \\ &= g_T(m) \int_a^b f_T(x) h_T(x) dx \\ &= g_T(m) \times \text{Const.} \end{aligned}$$

# Finding orthogonal functions

- The Gram-Schmidt's method:
  - Assume we have  $\alpha_1(x), \alpha_2(x)$  and build two functions:

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 - \frac{\langle \alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \rangle}{\langle \alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_1 \rangle} \alpha_1 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \curvearrowright \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} \text{Orthogonal to each other.} \quad \langle \alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \rangle = \int_a^b \alpha_1(x) \alpha_2(x) dx$$

- $h_L(x)$  : (orthogonal to  $f_T$  = eliminates T) extracts L.
- $h_T(x)$  : (orthogonal to  $f_L$  = eliminates L) extracts T.

$$x = \cos \theta = [-1, 1]$$

$$f_T = 1 + x^2$$

$$f_L = 1 - x^2$$

$$h_T = 5x^2 - 1$$

$$h_L = 2 - 5x^2$$

$$x = \cos \theta = [-0.8, 0.8]$$

$$f_T = 1 + x^2$$

$$f_L = 1 - x^2$$

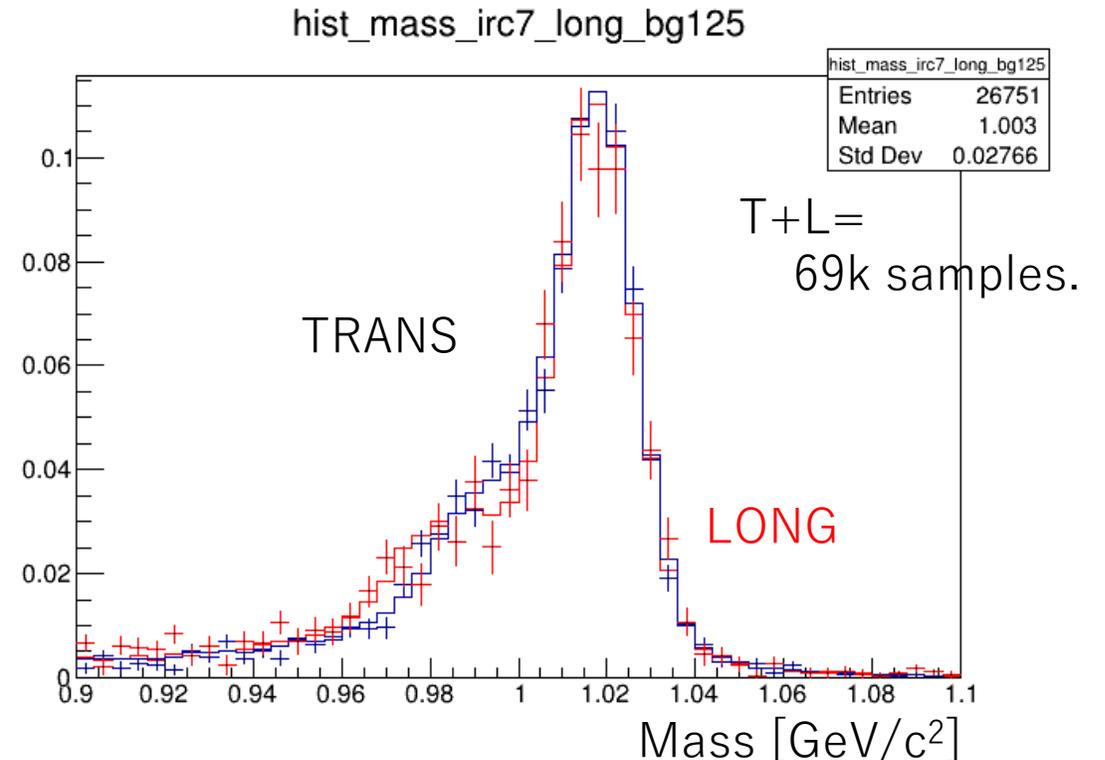
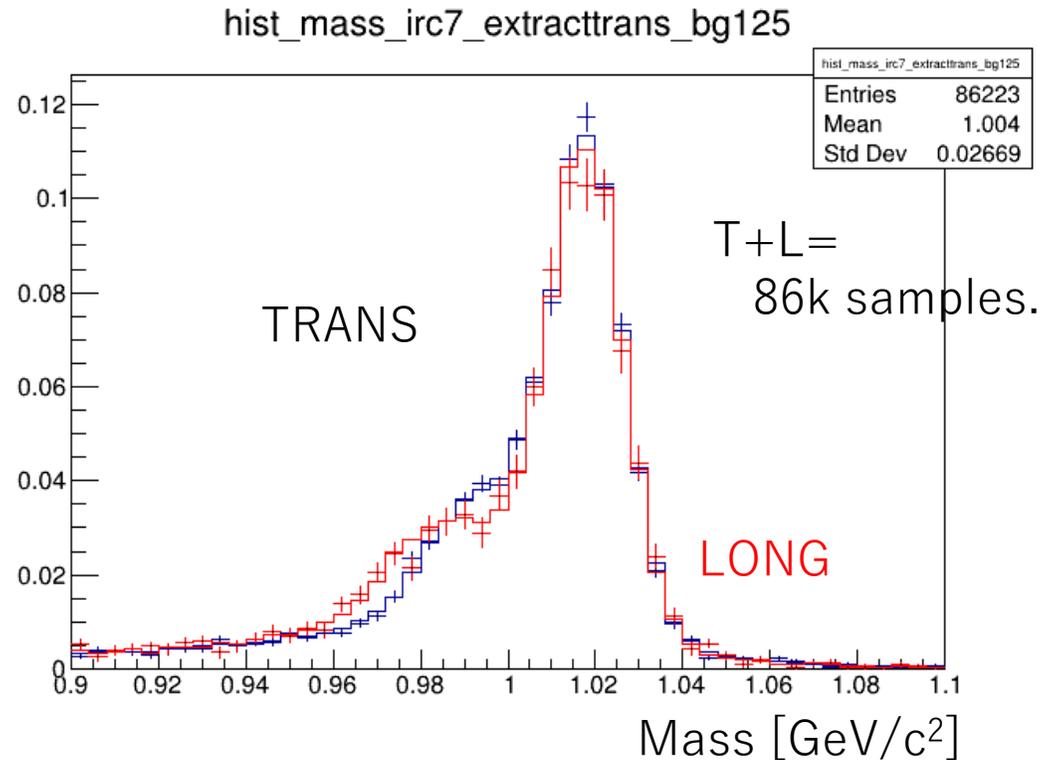
$$h_L = 3.1897 - 13.108x^2$$

$$h_T = 13.1077x^2 - 2.18963$$

# The method applied. for $\beta\gamma < 1.25$ sample.

- $\cos \theta = [-1,1]$

- $\cos \theta = [-0.8,0.8]$

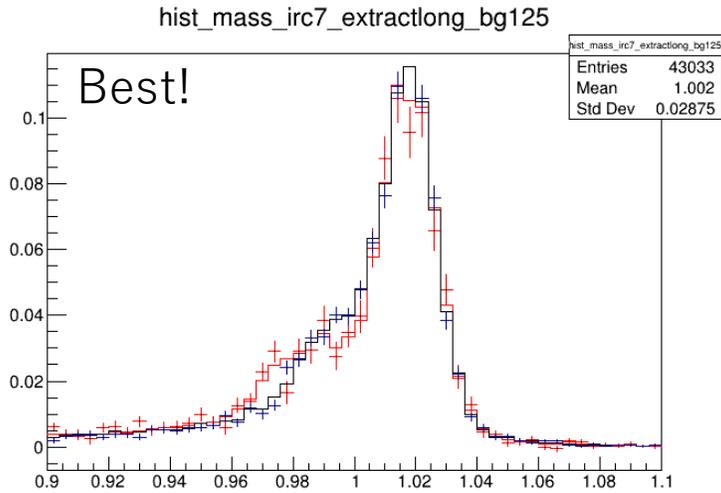


LINE : According to polarization information which God only knows

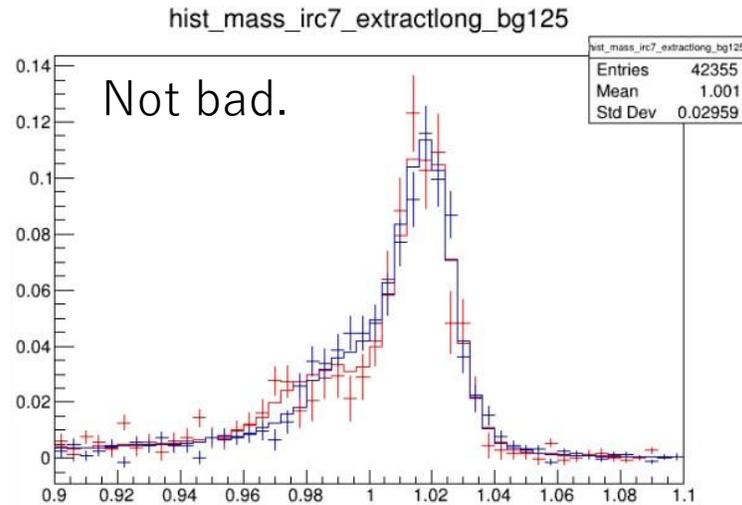
+ : Extracted using the orthogonal functions  $h_T(x), h_L(x)$

# Same statistics but different angular acceptance in the rest frame of $\phi$ .

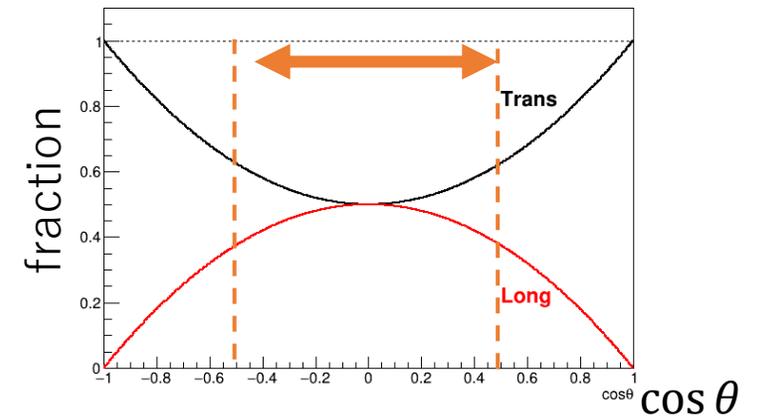
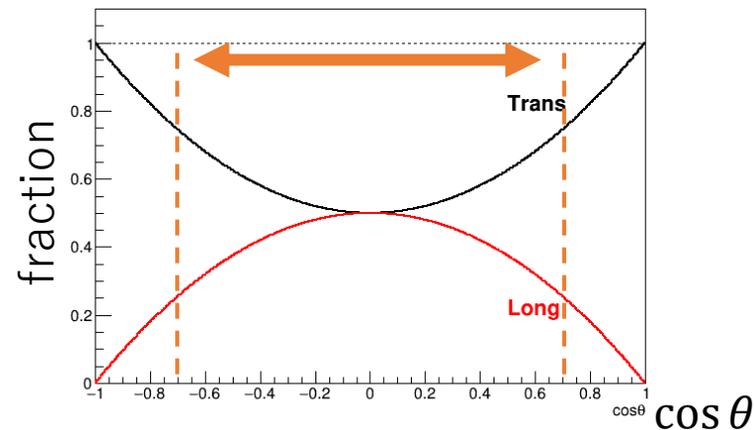
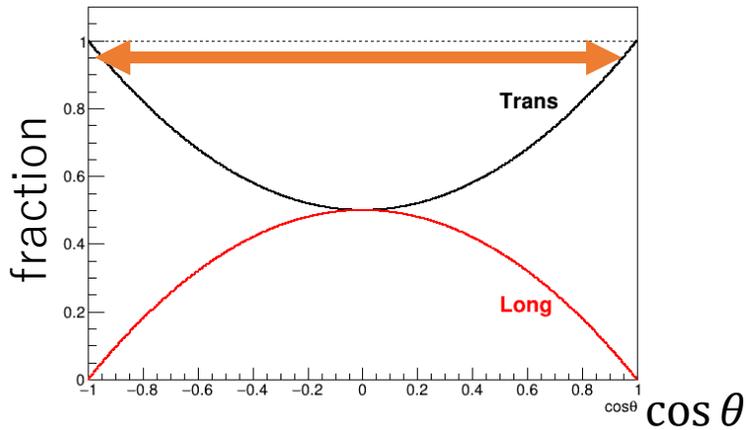
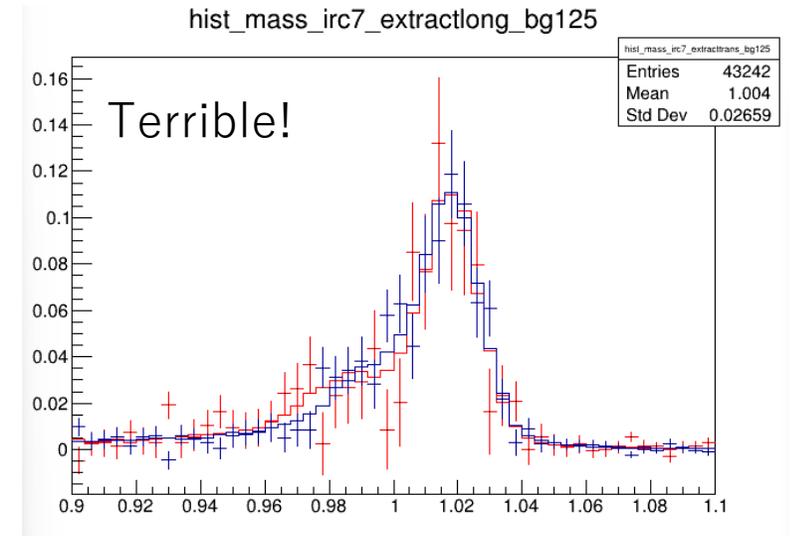
- $\cos \theta = [-1, 1]$



- $\cos \theta = [-0.7, 0.7]$



- $\cos \theta = [-0.5, 0.5]$

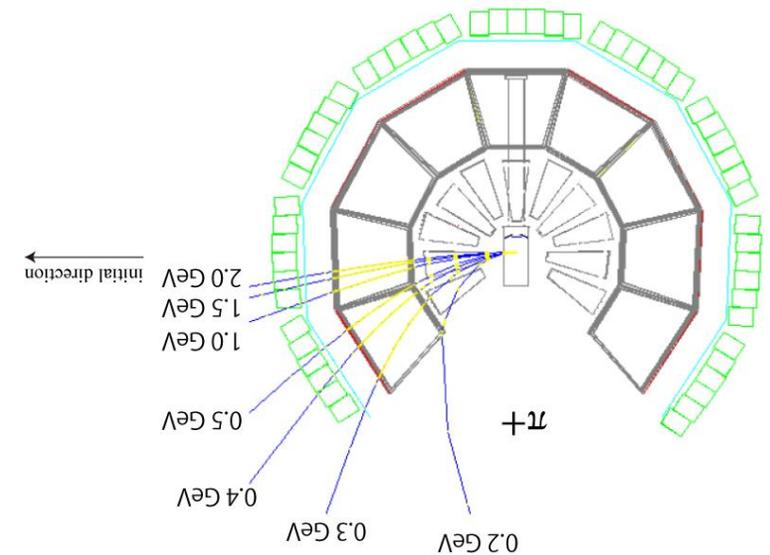
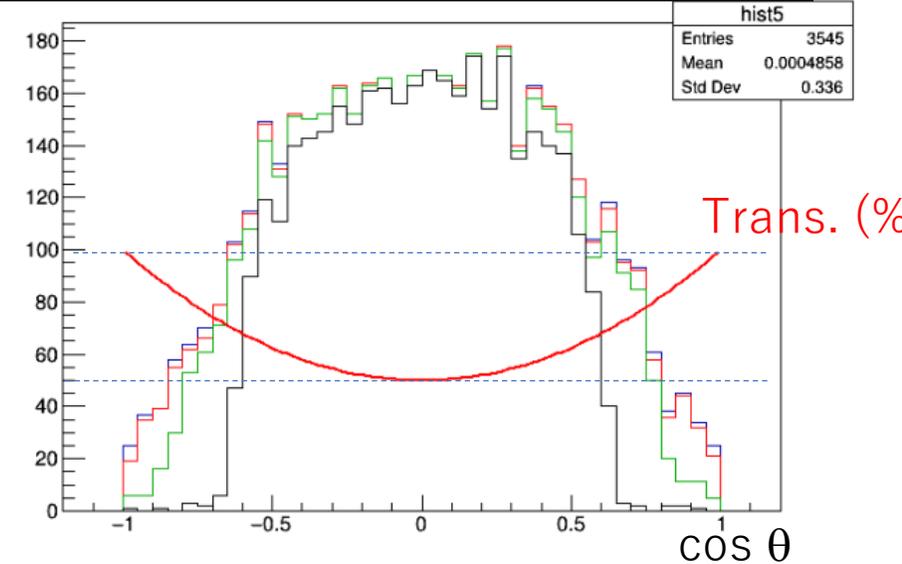


# Angular acceptance of $\phi$ . E16 case.

- GEANT4 as an acceptance filter.
- Results
  - Smaller acceptance for  $\cos \theta = \pm 1$
  - LG trig eff  $\sim 90\%$  0.4GeV,  $\sim 75\%$  0.3GeV
  - Reality is between Green and black.
- Needs acceptance correction for analysis.
- $\cos \theta = [-0.7, 0.7]$  maybe used w/ correction but rather marginal.
- More compact configuration to catch and PID low momentum particles is necessary.

In the acceptance & phi mom < 1.25 & e+ - momentum cut

none  
>0.2  
>0.3  
>0.4



# Summary

- J-PARC E16 will measure  $e+e-$  spectra in pA collisions at 30GeV to investigate spectral change of vector mesons in medium.
- We gradually increased our acceptance and reached an intermediate goal (RUN1), which is 1/3 of the design configuration(RUN2).
- Commissioning run on April 19-June 3 ended successfully.
- Based on the outcome, we request PAC approval for Run1
- Possibility of measuring polarization dependence of phi meson in medium.
  - E88 (KK) performs better in terms of pol measurement in current setup.
  - Complimentary each other.