

# Vector mesons in nuclear matter

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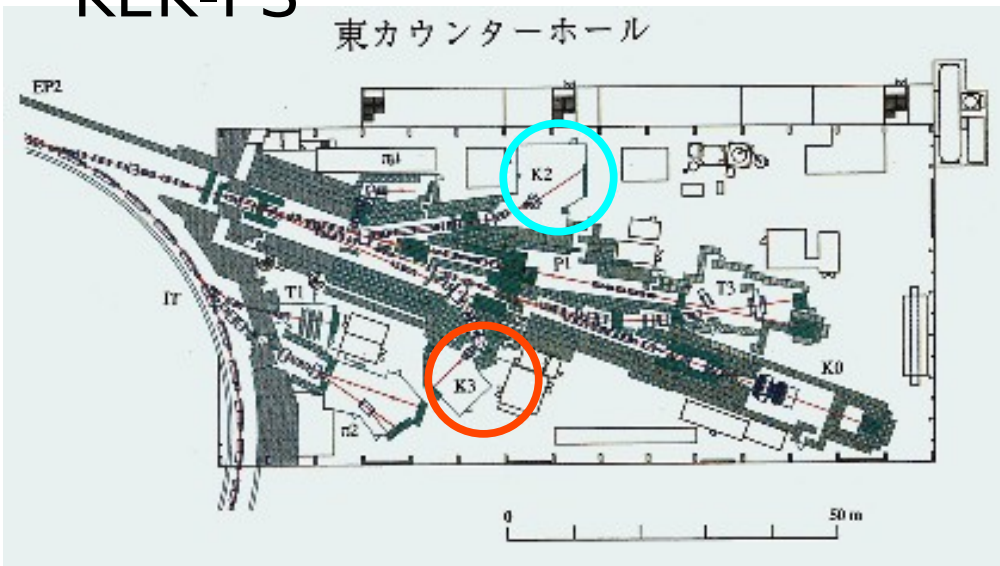
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# Introduction

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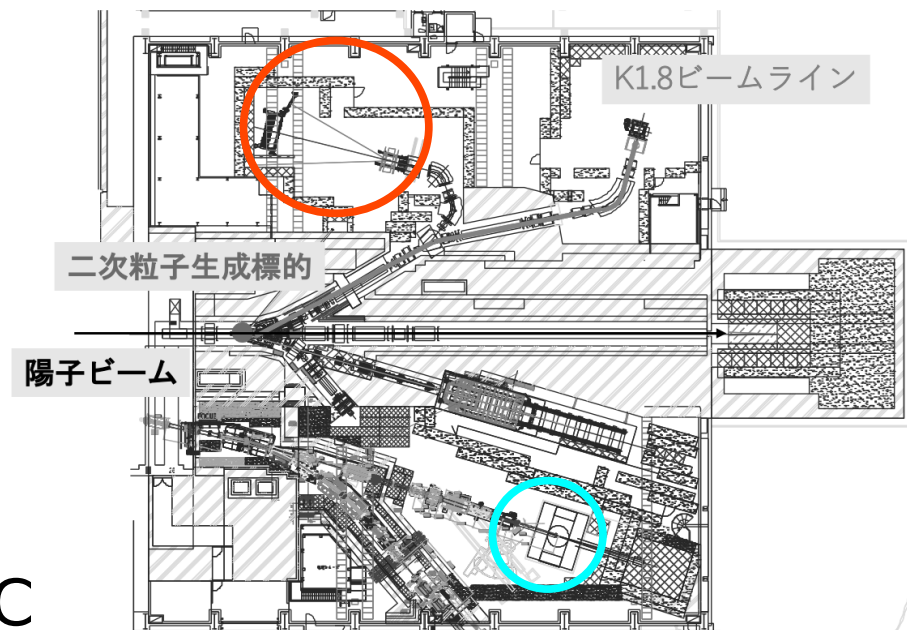


	Yokkaichi	Iwasaki-san
early 90's	E224/251@K2	E228(KpX)@K3
early 00's	E325@EP1B	E471/549 @K5
2009-		J-PARC E15
2009-12	<i>Proposal of RIKEN-J-PARC Center</i>	
2020-	J-PARC E16	
2022	Join to Iwasaki-Lab at the closing of En'yo Lab	

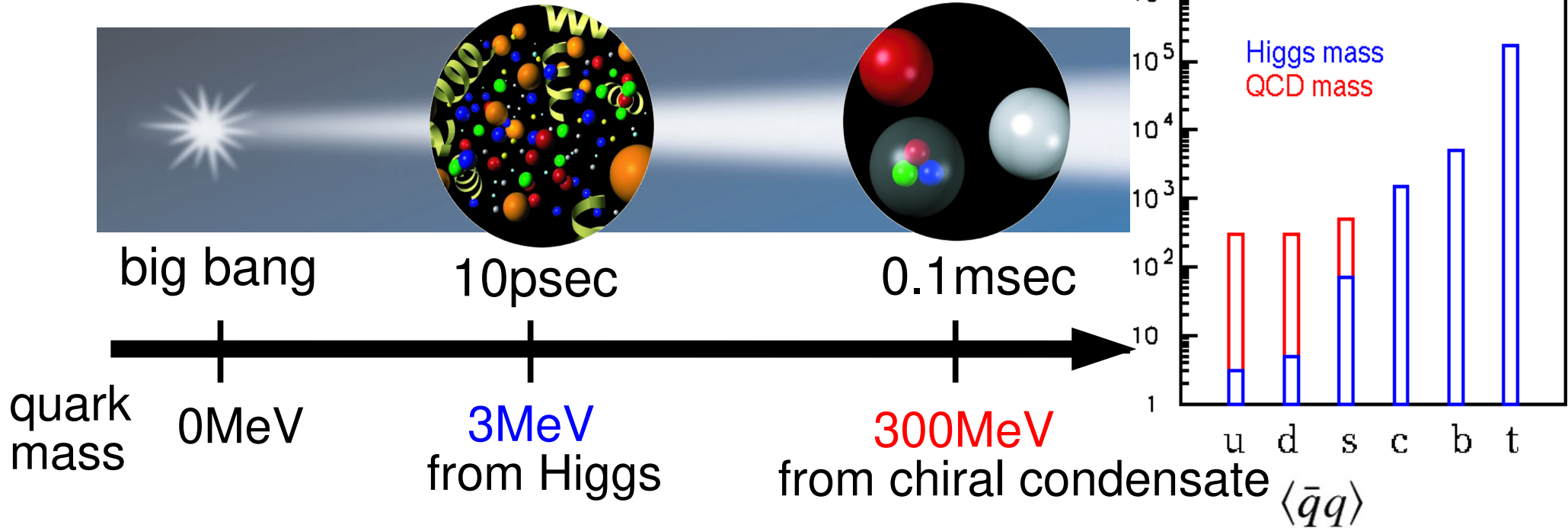
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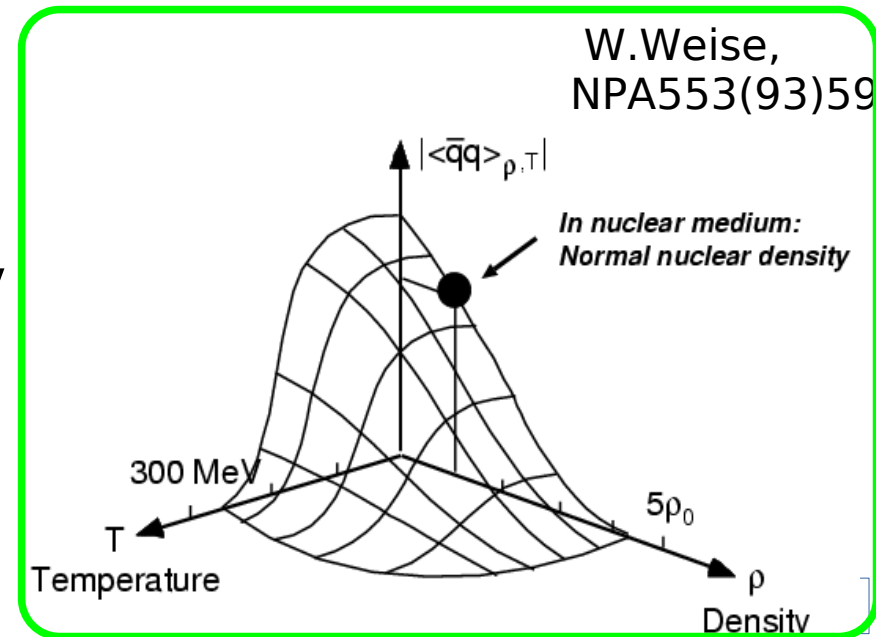
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# Chiral symmetry in dense matter



- Origin of hadron mass : spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry
- In hot/dense matter, chiral symmetry is expected to be restored
  - hadron modification is also expected
  - many theoretical predictions...



# In-medium mass modification of hadrons<sup>4</sup>

- hadron as the elementary excitation (quasi particle) of QCD vacuum
  - elementary excitation on a ground state : changed when the ground state is changed
    - change of excitation reflects the vacuum nature : symmetry, phase
    - experimental examples in condensed matter: “softening” around  $T_c$
  - hadronic spectral function could be changed (mass, width and more complicated structure) in hot and/or dense matter, different vacuum on the QCD phase diagram
    - various theoretical calculations

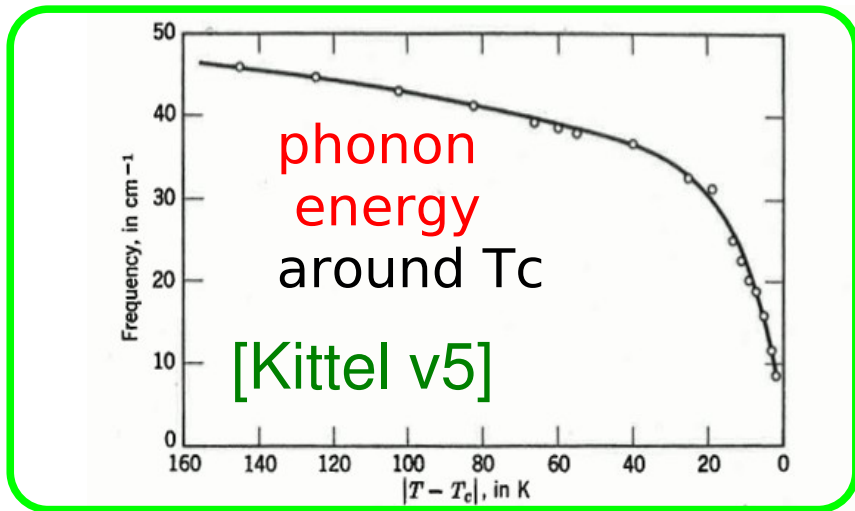
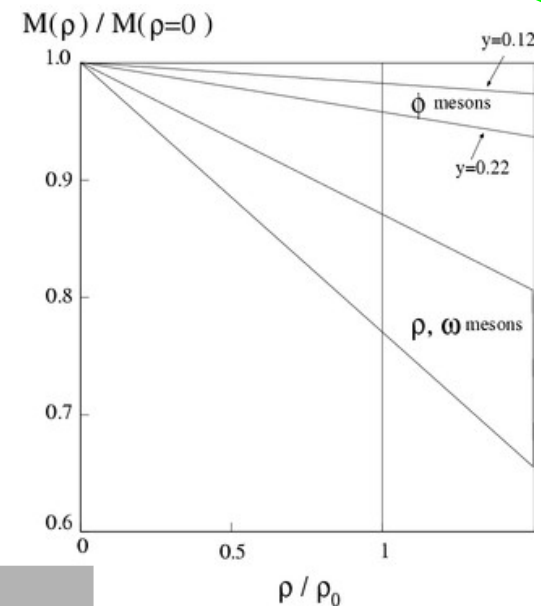


Figure 18 Decrease of a transverse phonon frequency as the Curie temper-

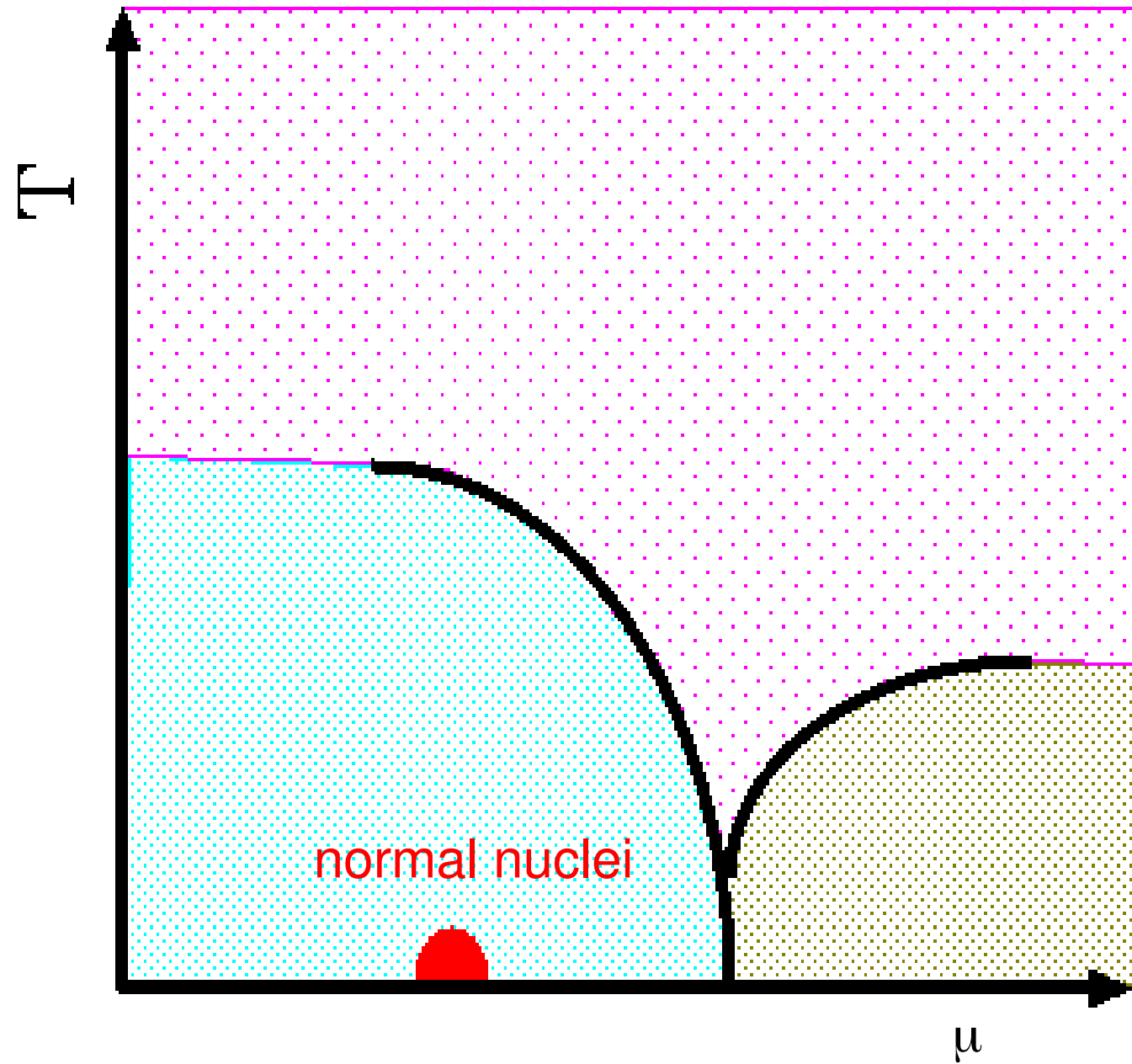
Hatsuda & Lee  
[PRC46(92)R34,  
PRC52(95)3364]

vector meson  
mass  
density around  $\rho_0$

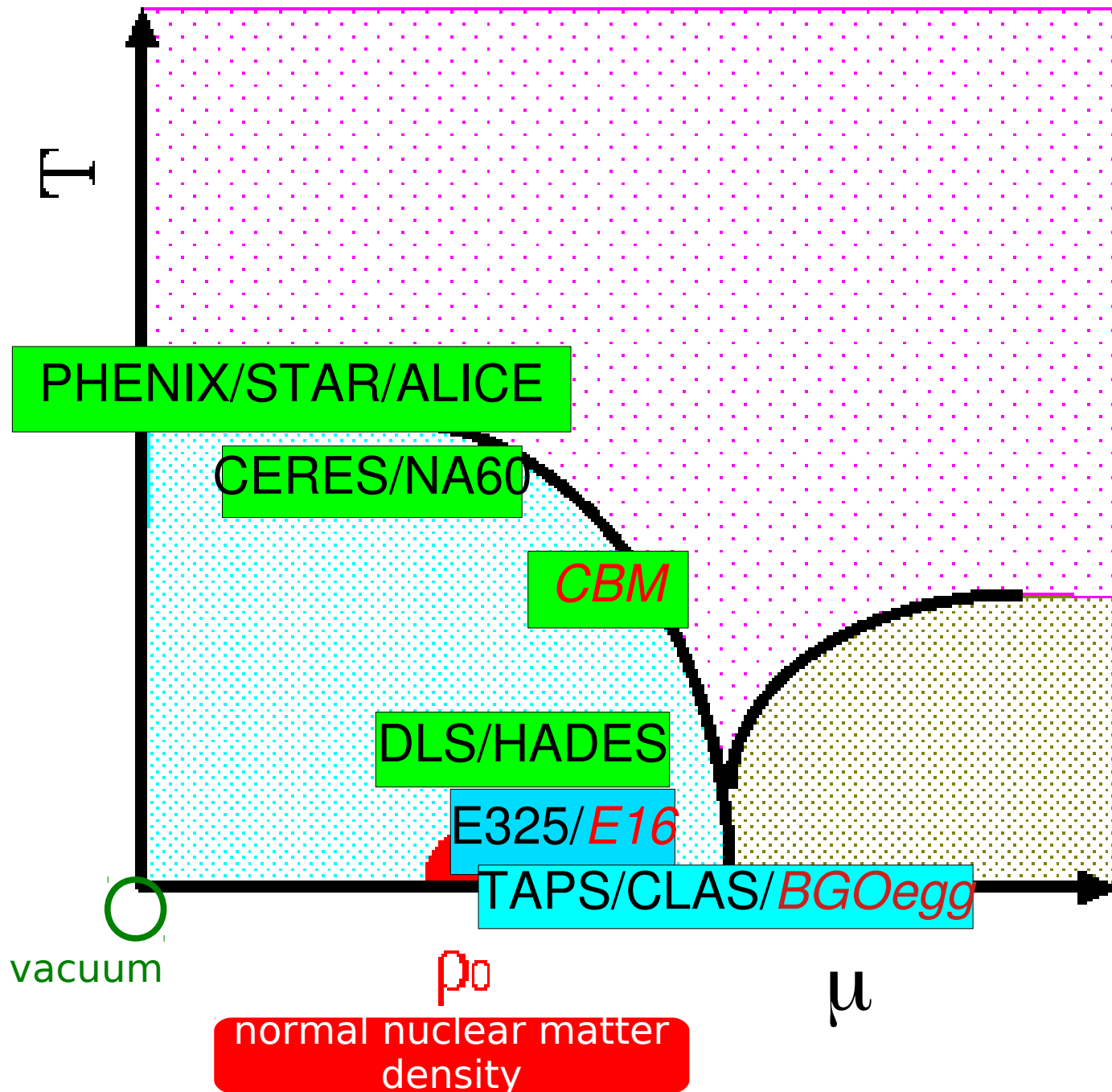


	condensed matter case	QCD matter case
elementary excitation	phonon	meson
medium	SbSI (ferroelectric) crystal	nuclear matter
excited by...	laser	incident hadrons/photons
depending on...	temperature	density, temperature
to be measured	scattered photon	dilepton decay

# QCD phase diagram



# Experiments (inv. mass of dilepton etc.)<sup>6</sup>



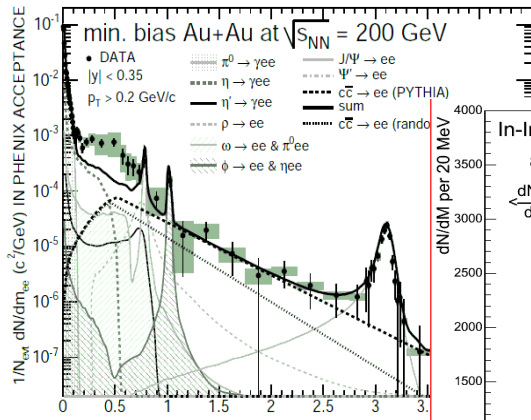
spectral change  
(not only  
mass/width)  
of vector mesons  
( $\rho, \omega, \phi$ ) is expected  
in hot/dense matter

- HI collision
- proton induced
- photon induced

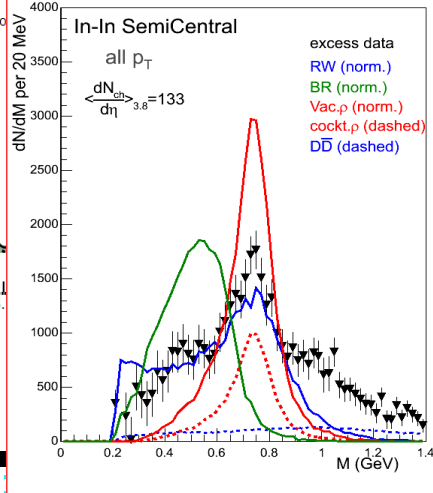
RED : on-going  
or future experiment



# observed dilepton spectra in the world<sup>7</sup>



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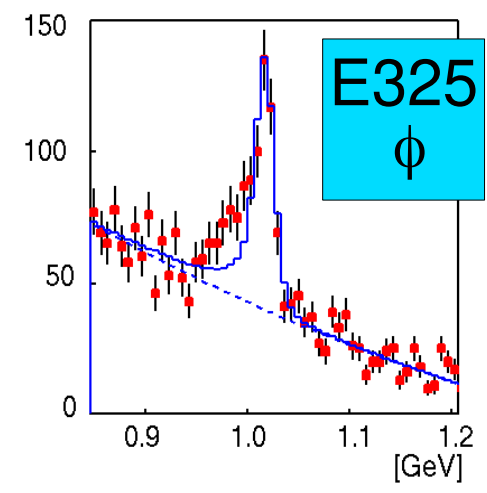
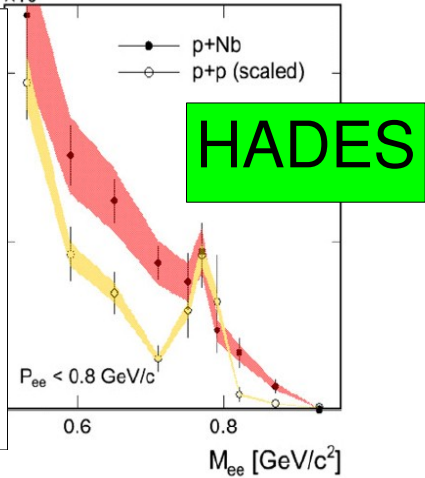
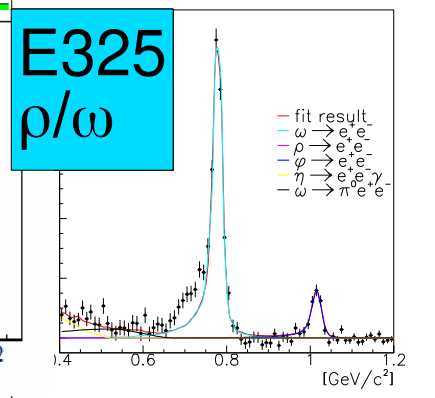
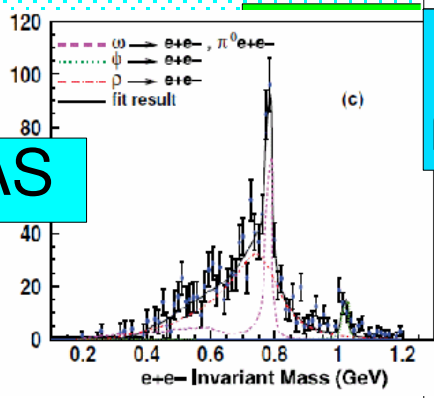
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“low mass enhancement”  
 below the  $\omega$  meson peak  
 in HI collisions and HADES p+Nb

there is no consensus on the  
 change of  $\rho/\omega$  mesons around  $\rho_0$

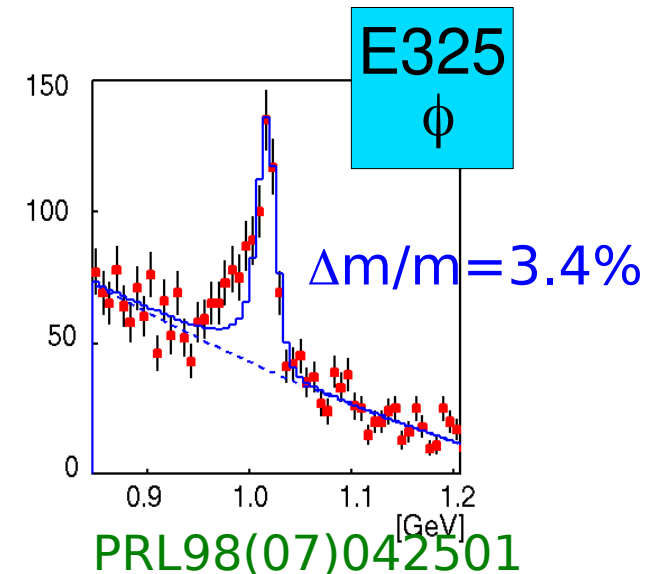
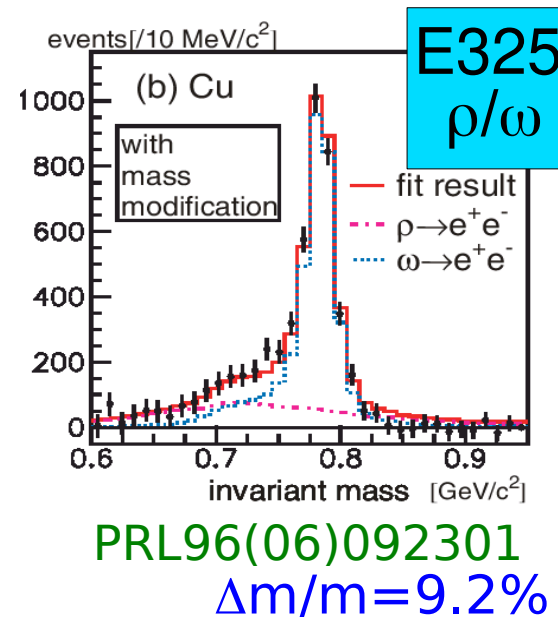
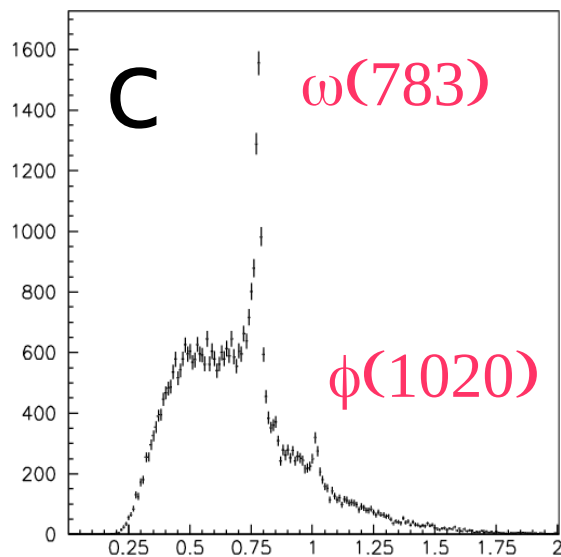
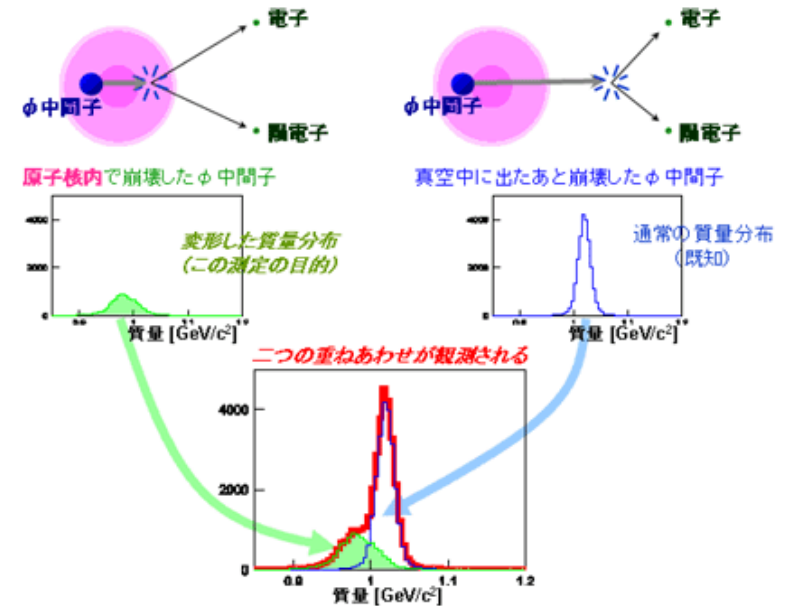
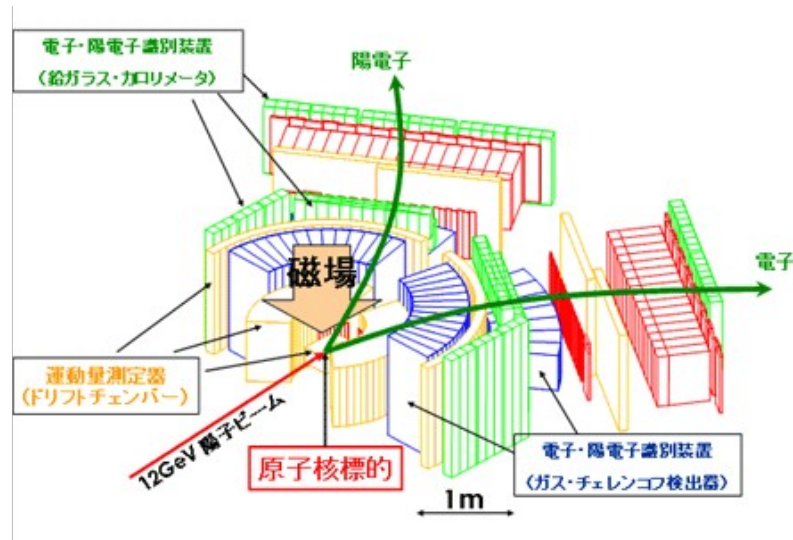
change of  $\phi$  meson is observed  
 only by KEK-PS E325  
 w/ good mass resolution  
 & high statistics

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# KEK-PS E325 (1997-2002)

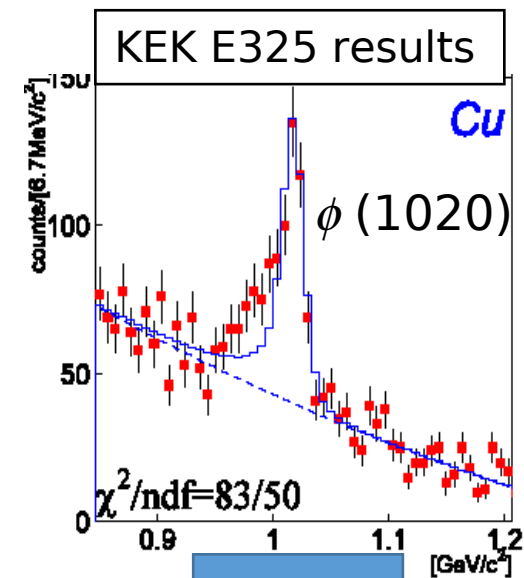
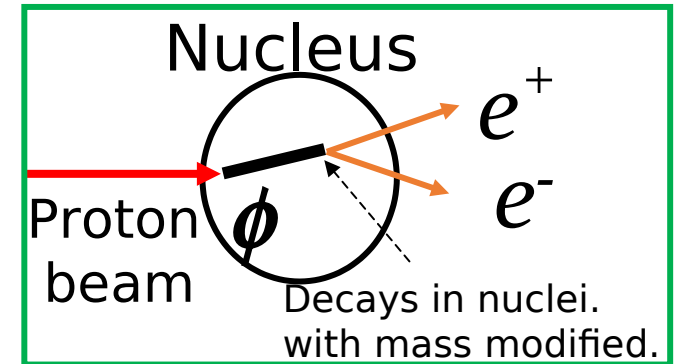
- 12 GeV p+A (C, Cu, etc.) reactions
- $e^+e^-$  decay of  $\rho/\omega/\phi$





# J-PARC E16 experiment

- E16 will measure the  $e^+e^-$  decay of  $\rho/\omega/\phi$  produced in 30-GeV  $p+A$  (C, Cu, Pb, etc.) reactions.
- spectral change of mesons in nuclear matter can be observed through the inside-nucleus decay of mesons.
- Only E325 observed the change of  $\phi$  meson in nuclear matter in the dilepton channel, which can be related to  $\langle \bar{s}s \rangle_\rho$ , a measure of (partial) restoration of chiral symmetry in dense matter.
- Goal of E16
  - establish the spectral change of vector mesons, particularly  $\phi$  meson
  - more precise information of spectra, e.g. the momentum dependence of change,
  - through the systematic study
    - higher statistics (x10-100 of E325)
    - various nuclear targets
    - improved mass resolution (11MeV- $\rightarrow$  6-8 MeV)



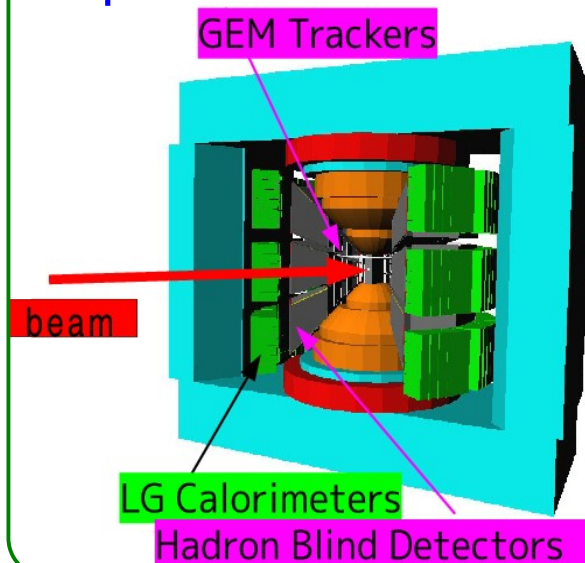
High stat.  
Better res

## J-PARC E16

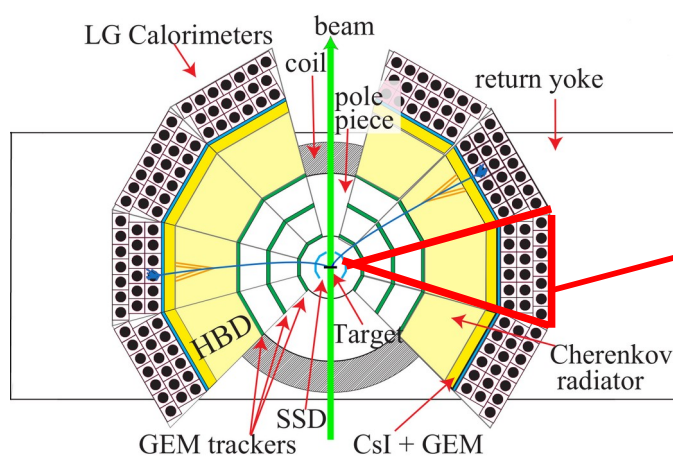
# E16 Detectors

- Use higher beam intensity:  $1 \times 10^{10}$  protons/ 2 sec spill ( 5~6 sec cycle) of 30 GeV proton beam at the high-p line in the hadron hall.
- Electron ID : Hadron Blind Detector(HBD) & lead glass EMC (LG)
- Tracking: GEM Tracker (3 layers of X&Y) / SSD (1layer of X  $\rightarrow$  double side X+U, most inner)
  - 5 kHz/mm<sup>2</sup> at the most forward, 100 $\mu$ m resolution(x) for 5-6 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> mass resolution
  - to avoid mistracking due to the accidental hits, SSD is introduced
- Trigger : two electron candidates: separated  $\sim 60$  deg. to suppress bkg pairs from  $\pi^0$  Dalitz &  $\gamma$  conversion
  - e-candidate = GTR\*HBD (e-mode)\*LG(>0.4GeV) position and timing matching.

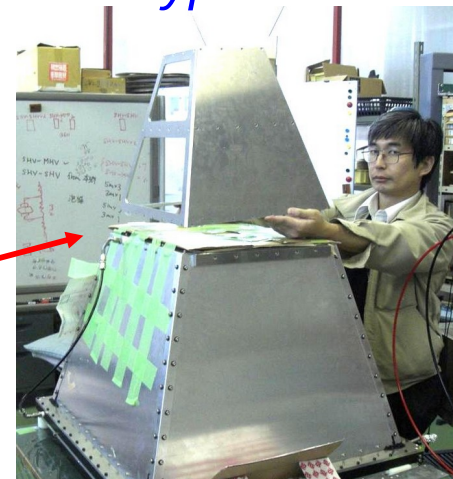
## Proposed Spectrometer



## Plan View



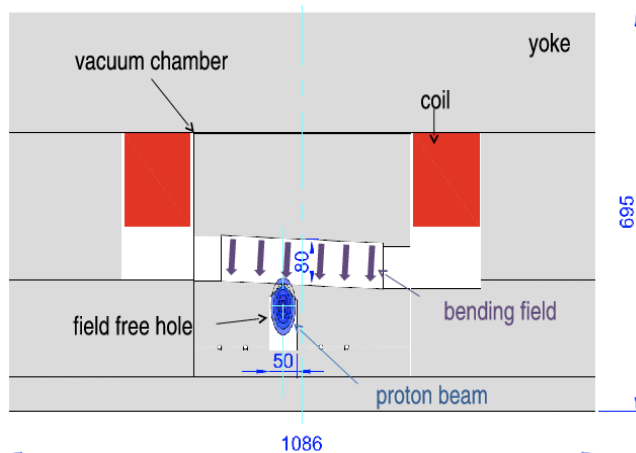
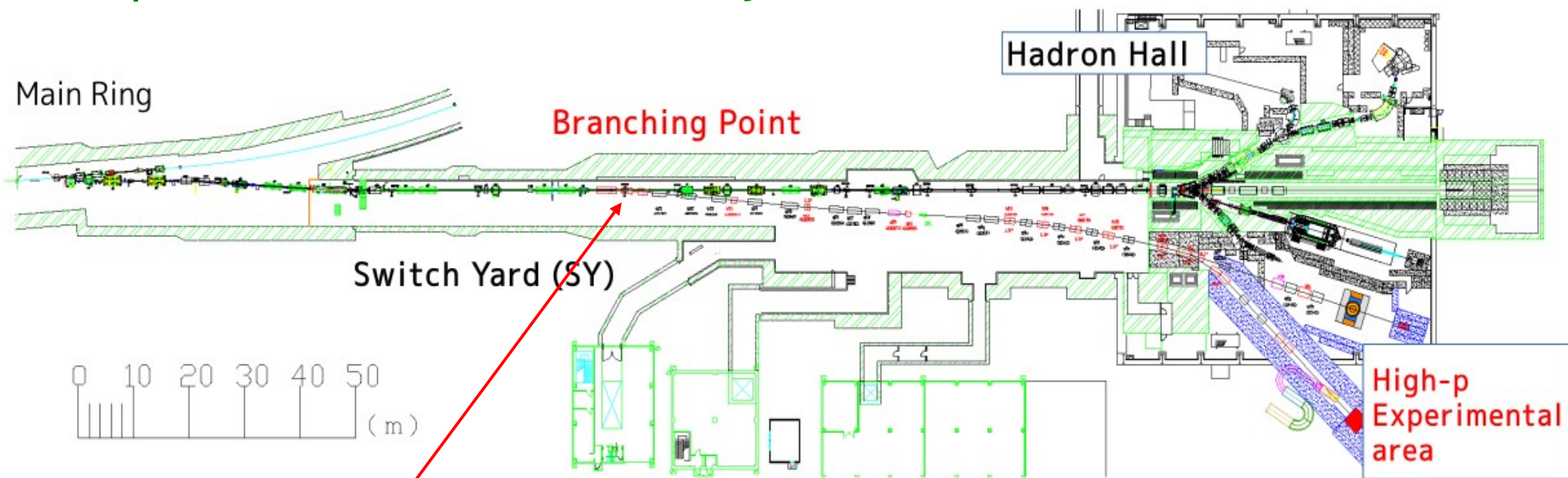
## Prototype Module



*26 detector modules*

# High-p line (B-line) and Branching point

Operation started in 2020/June

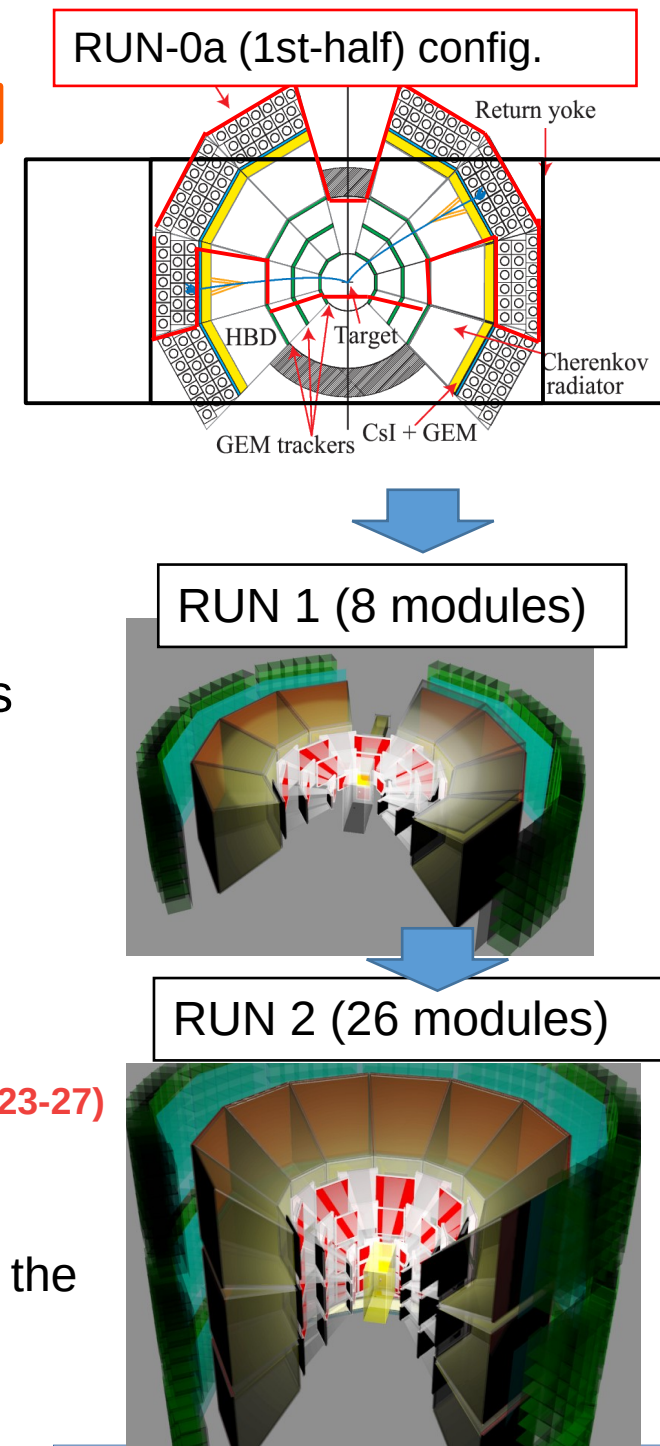


Lambertson septum magnet  
only  $\sim 0.01\%$  of protons in A-line  
are branched

# Staging strategy

approved in 2017

- **RUN-0 -- 2020-** -- 414 hours, C/Cu targets
  - Beamline / Detector commissioning + cross section
  - Prove that the E16 spectrometer works under the huge bkg.
  - **6 (SSD) + 6 (GTR) + 2 (HBD) + 2 (LG) proposed in 2017**
- **6 (SSD) + 8 (GTR) + 6 (HBD) + 6 (LG) were operated**
  - with KAKENHI-Kiban-S (2018-22).
- **RUN-1 -- 2024-25:** -- 1280 hours, C/Cu targets
  - Physics run
  - **8 (SSD) + 8 (GTR) + 8 (HBD) + 8(LG)**
    - Physics data taking. 15k of phi mesons
  - **The full 8-module configuration is completed**
    - by KAKENHI-Kiban-S (2020-24)
    - personnel/operation cost are also secured by **new Kiban-S (2023-27)**
- **RUN-2 –** -- 2560 hours, C/Cu/Pb targets
  - Physics run to accumulate more statistics to approach the slowest mesons, with various targets.
  - **26 (SSD) + 26 (GTR) + 26 (HBD) + 26 (LG)**
  - not secured budgetary

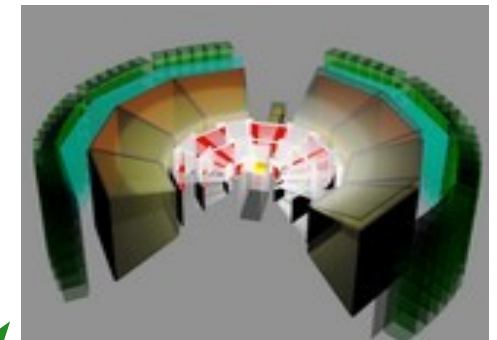
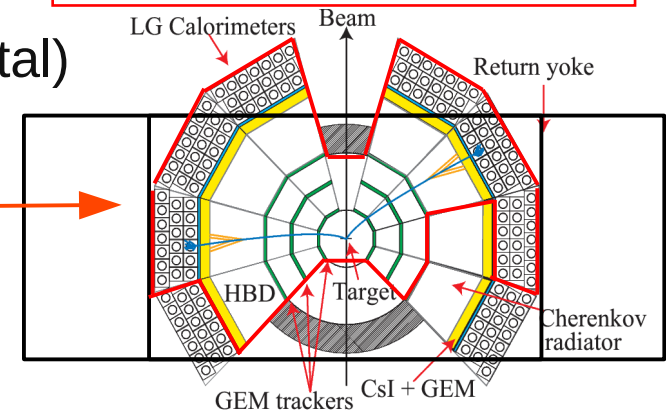




# E16 status

- Three commissioning runs (Run-0a/b/c, 403 hours in total) were performed successfully in 2020/Jun.-21/Jun.
  - With 6(SSD)-8(GTR)-6(HBD)-6(LG)
  - three target foils (Cu-C-Cu) were used in-line
    - » total interaction length was  $\sim 0.2\%$
    - » beam intensity was  $1e10/\text{spill} = 5e9 \text{ Hz}$ ,
    - » thus 10 MHz interactions was expected
  - Electron ID and tracking performance were confirmed.
  - Unexpected micro beam structures, which deteriorates the DAQ live time, was found. Countermeasures are discussed.
- Updated TDR was submitted in 2022/May and reviewed
  - beam and trigger studies (233h) were approved
- Full 8 modules and upgraded DAQ were operated in June 2023 (Run-0d), as reported in the previous PAC.
  - 10.5h beam tuning (B-only) & 10.5h test data taking (A+B), out of 233h plan, due to accidents in facilities.
    - New optics was applied, and improvement of micro-structure was observed.
    - Upgraded DAQ was tested and worked well.

RUN-0b/c (2nd-half) config.



# Persons working for each subsystem

- GTR : Ozawa, Murakami, Kakunaga (Tokyo), Nakai (KEK), Ejima(Hiroshima)
- HBD : Aoki (KEK), Kanno (RIKEN) Nakasuga(Kyoto), Kakunaga
- LG: Naruki, Nakasuga (Kyoto)
- SSD: Aoki, Ochiai(Kyoto), Yamaguchi, Yamada (Hiroshima)
- Trigger/DAQ/Software : Takahashi(RCNP), Nakai Ichikawa Nagafusa (Kyoto), Honda (KEK), W.-C. Chang, P-H. Wang (Academia Sinica)
- H.Sako/S.Sato (JAEA), T.Nonaka (U-Tsukuba) participated in construction works and data taking.



At the end of E16 Run-0a  
2020/June/22

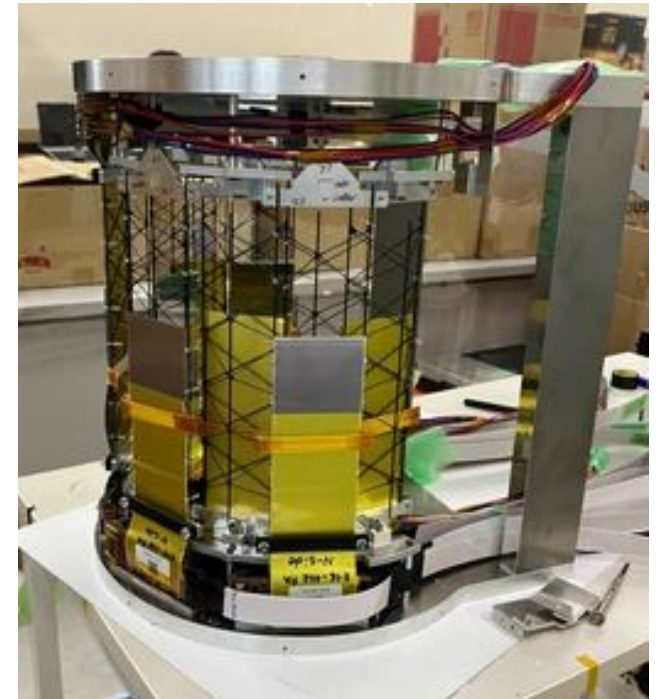
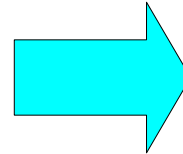
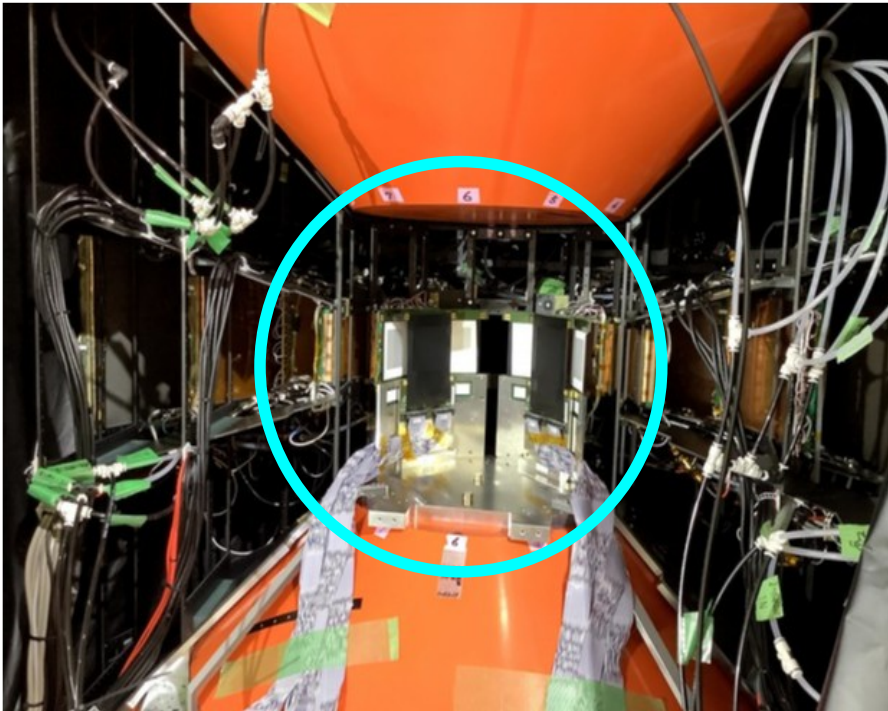
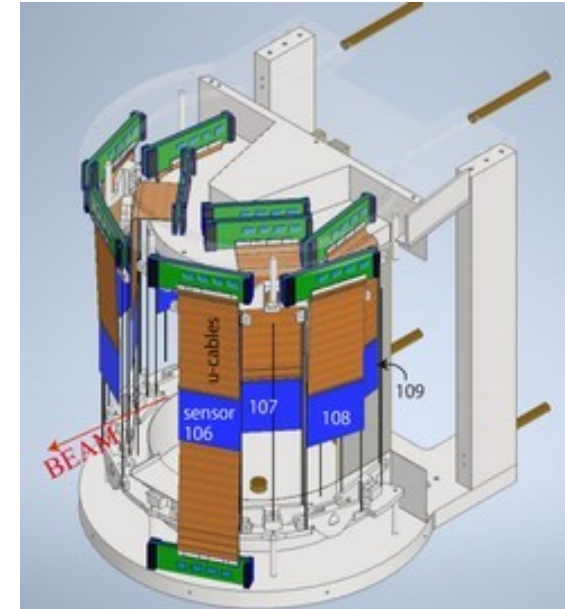


counting room E16 Run-0d  
2023/June/18



# SSD upgrade

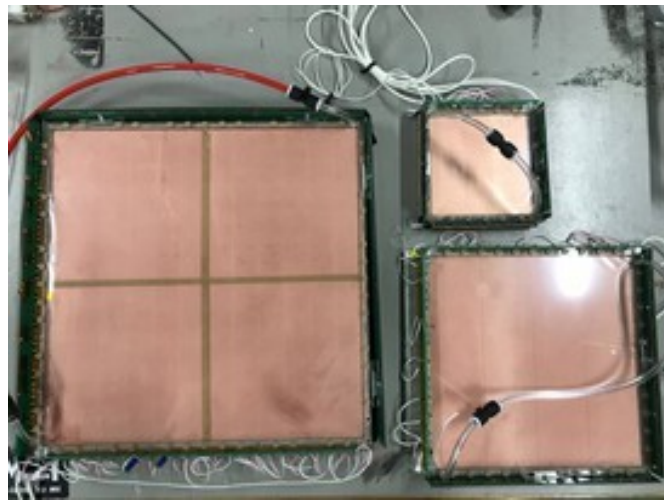
- Thanks to J-PARC E03 group, 6 SSDs were borrowed and operated in Run-0a/b/c, and the commissioning was successfully completed. We appreciate help by Dr. Tanida and Dr. Hayakawa from E03/JAEA.
- New 8 modules of SSD (expandable design to 26 modules) will be operated in Run-0d, developed in cooperation with CBM-STS group.



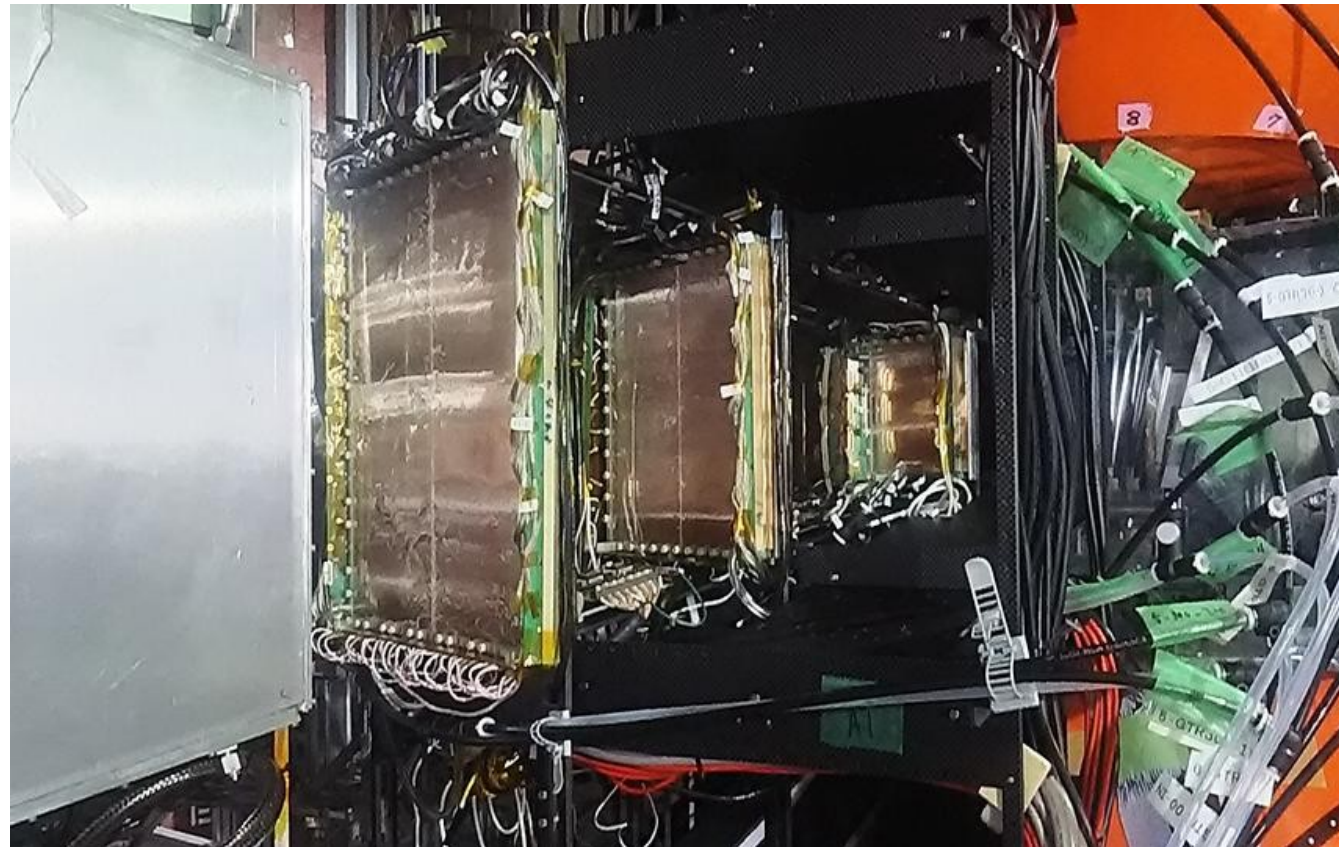
# GEM Tracker



Assembled in AQBRC @ J-PARC



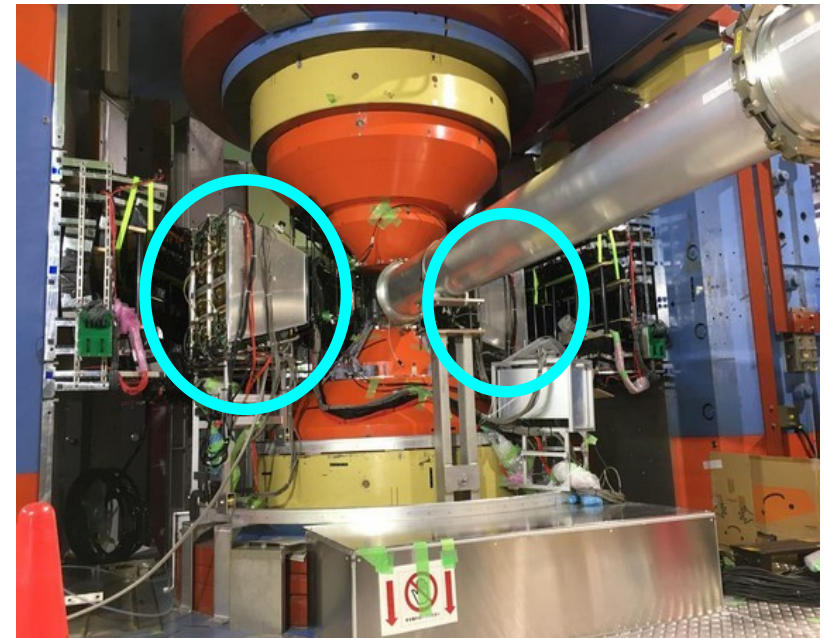
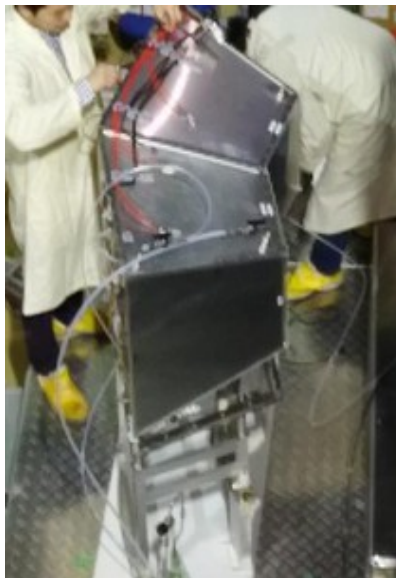
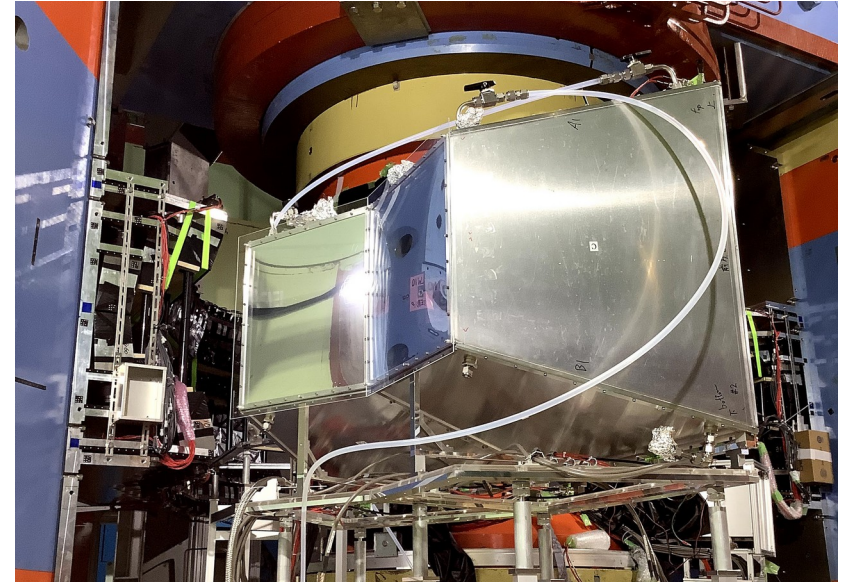
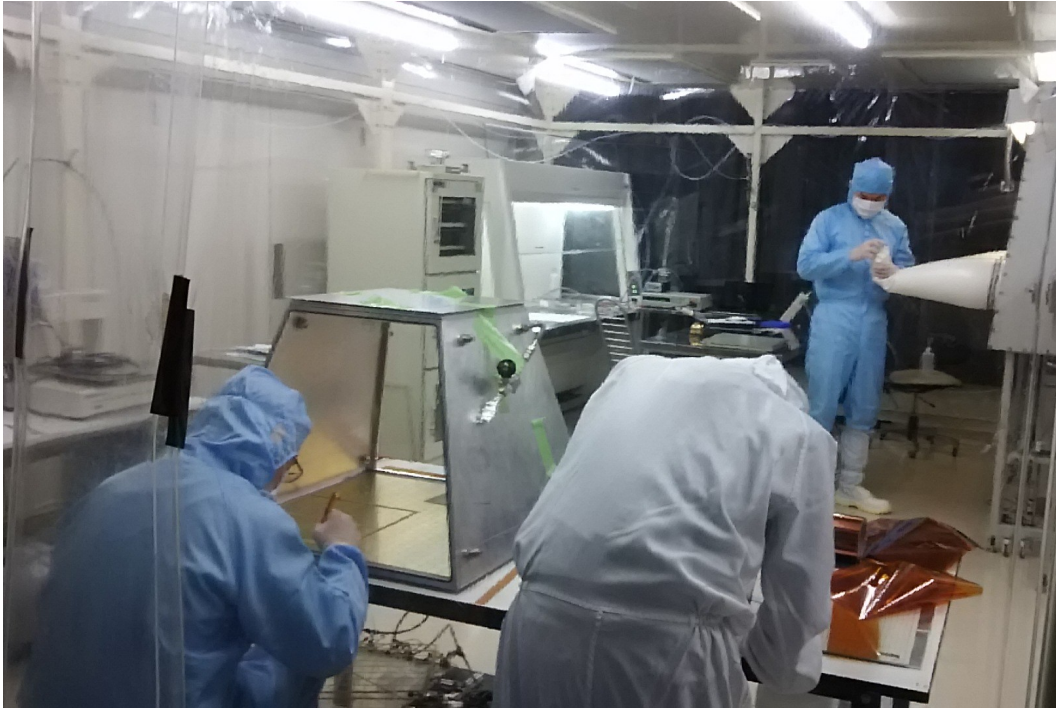
100x100mm, 200x200mm,  
300x300mm chambers





# HBD

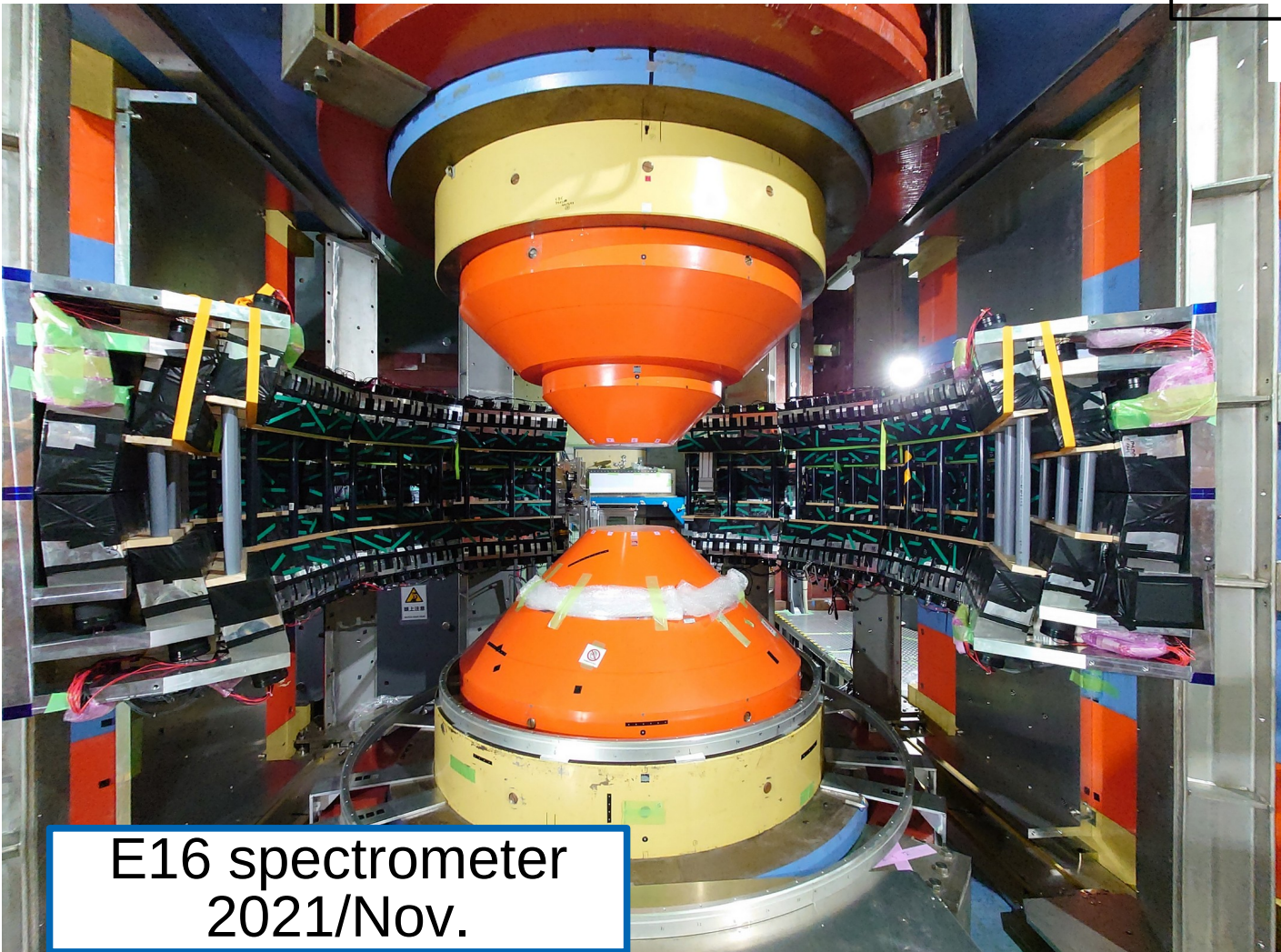
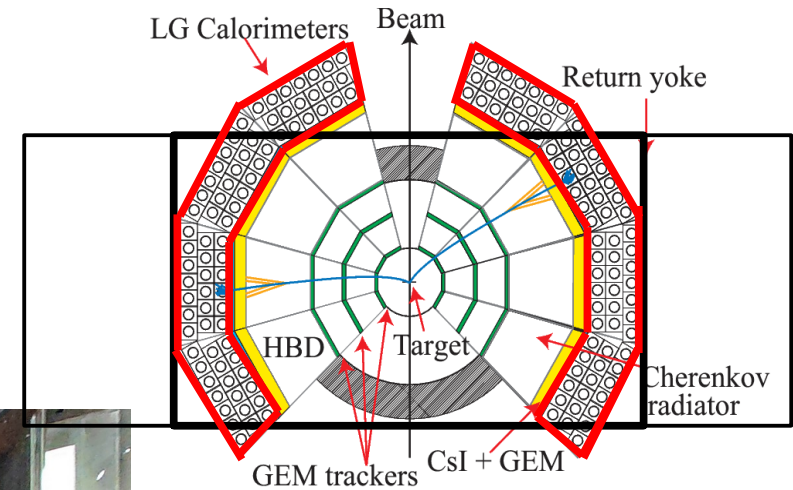
- assembled in RIKEN, moved to J-PARC





# LG

- 8-modules were already installed in 2021/Nov. : 304 blocks in total
- (GTR/HBD are in maintenance)



E16 spectrometer  
2021/Nov.

# expected results

examples of

model -independent analysis

(prove the spectral modification using the excess ratio)

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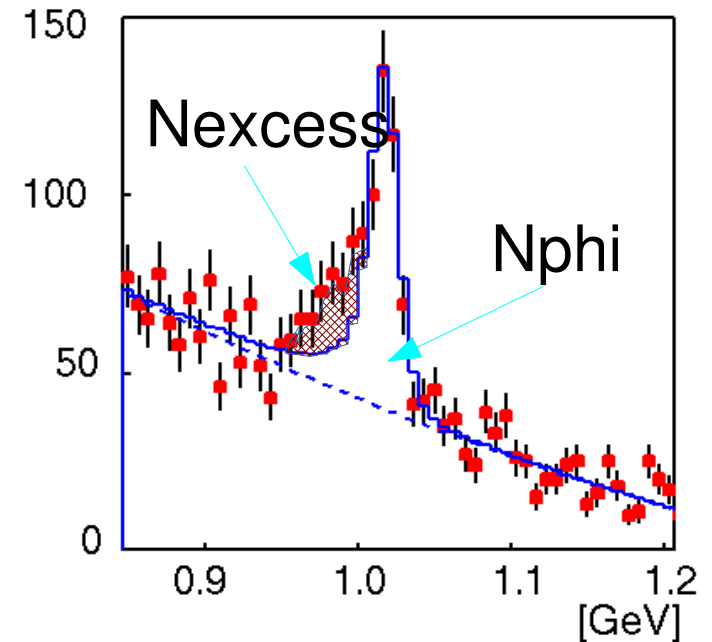
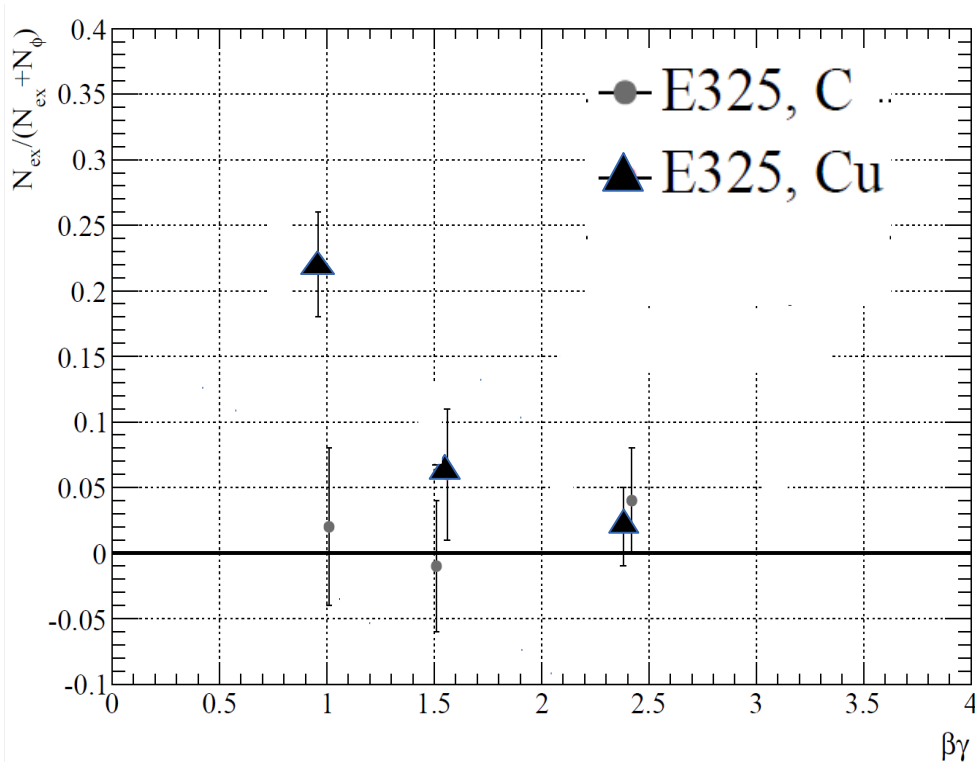
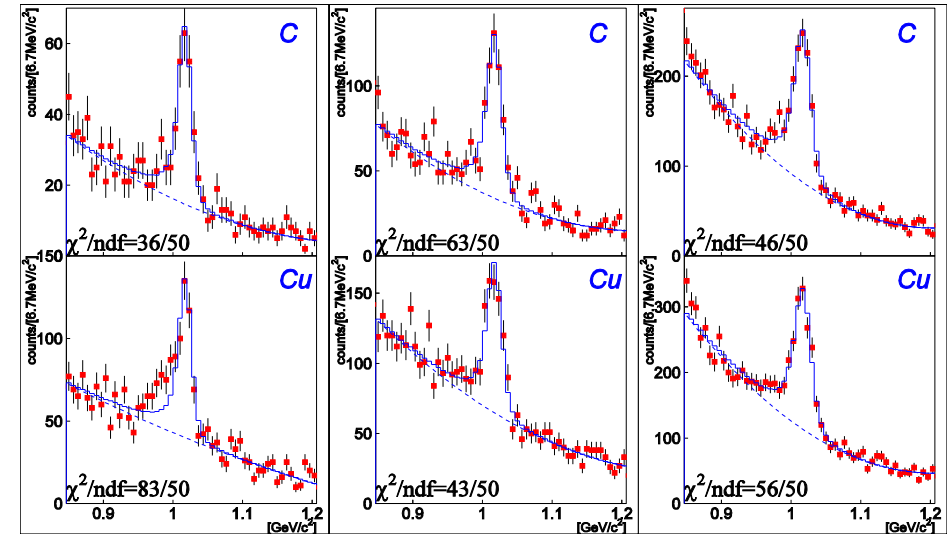
model-dependent analysis

(momentum dependence of mass)

for  $\phi$  meson

# excess ratio in E325

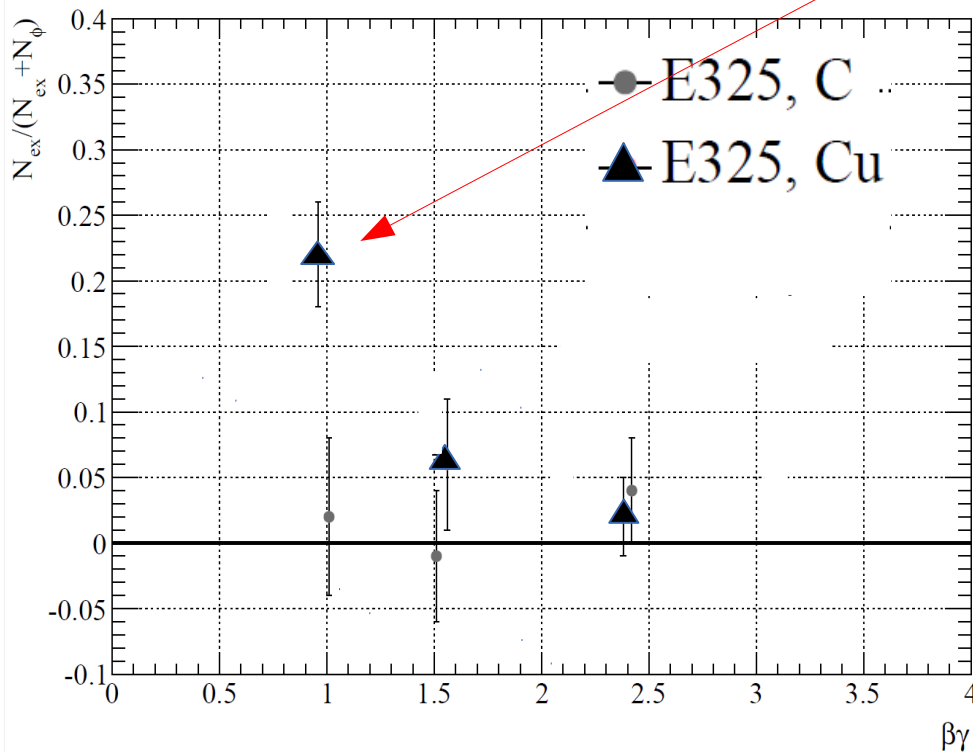
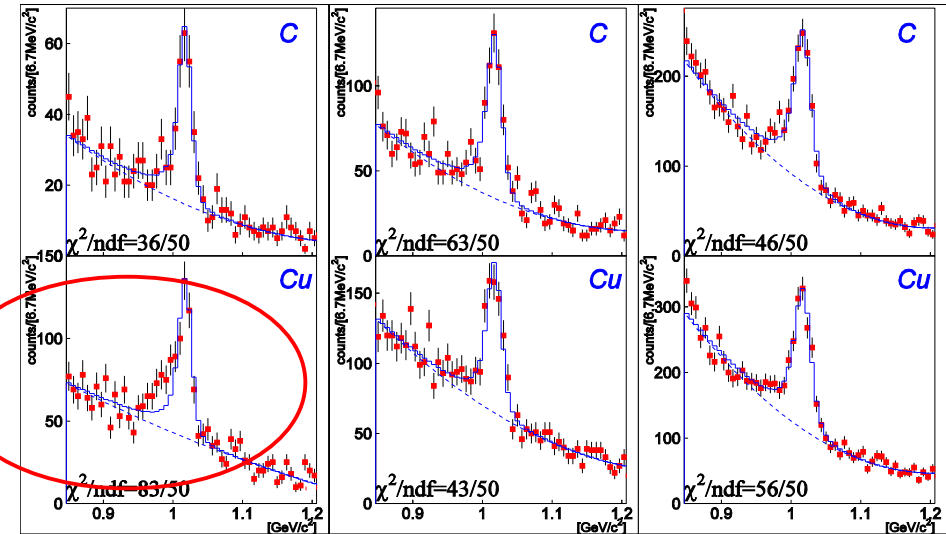
- $N_{\text{excess}}/(N_{\text{excess}}+N_{\text{phi}})$ 
  - index of the modification





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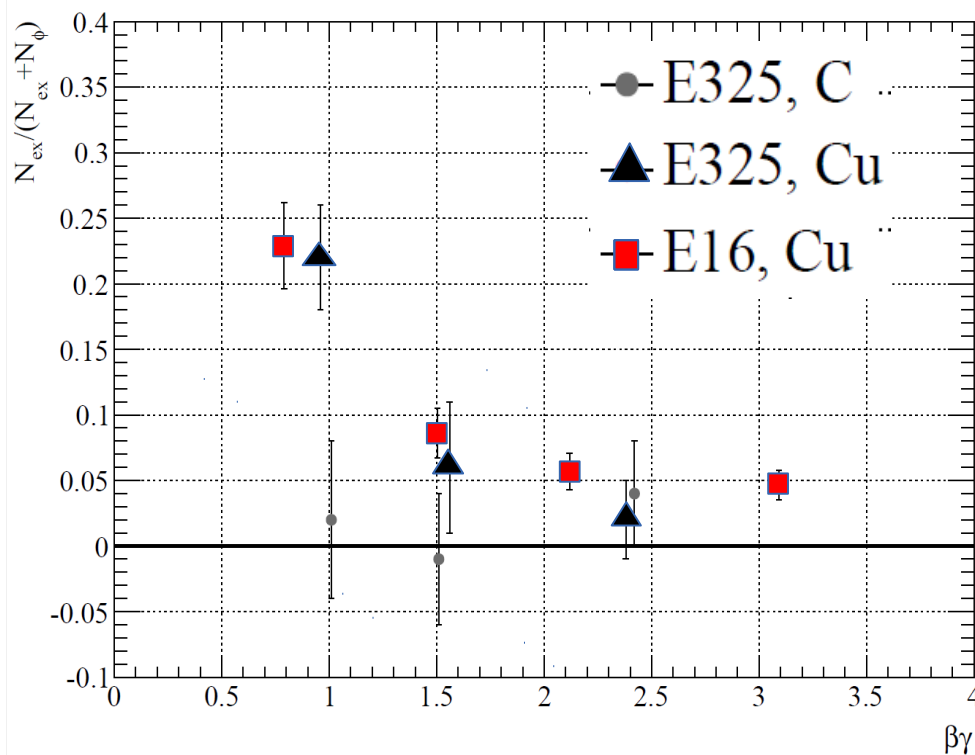
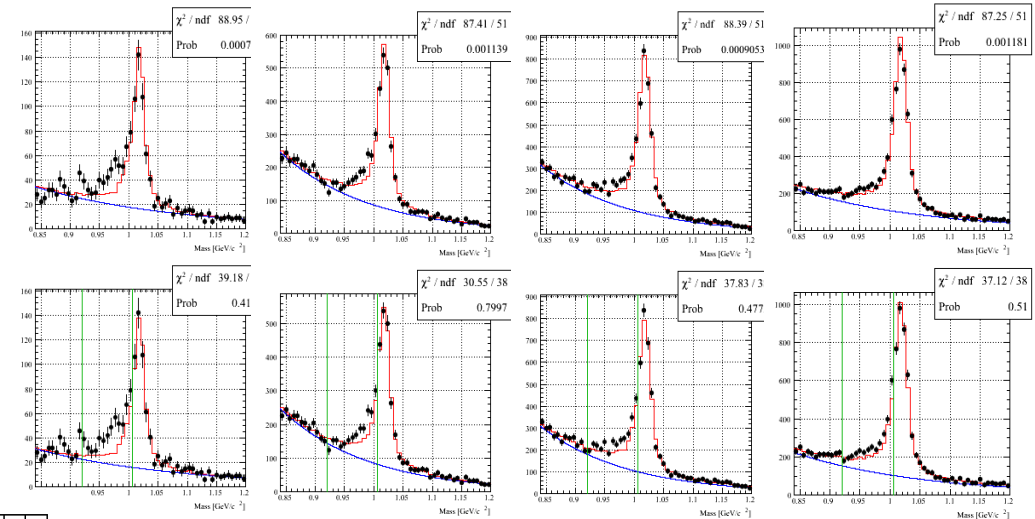
- $N_{\text{excess}}/(N_{\text{excess}}+N_{\text{phi}})$ 
  - only slow Cu is significant in E325



- larger excess in lower  $\beta\gamma$  (slower) bin : consistent with the modification in nuclei

# excess ratio in E16 Run-1 [sim.]

- $N_{\text{excess}}/(N_{\text{excess}}+N_{\text{phi}})$ 
  - all bins for Cu are significant in E16 Run-1
  - 15k  $\phi$  : x6 stat. of E325

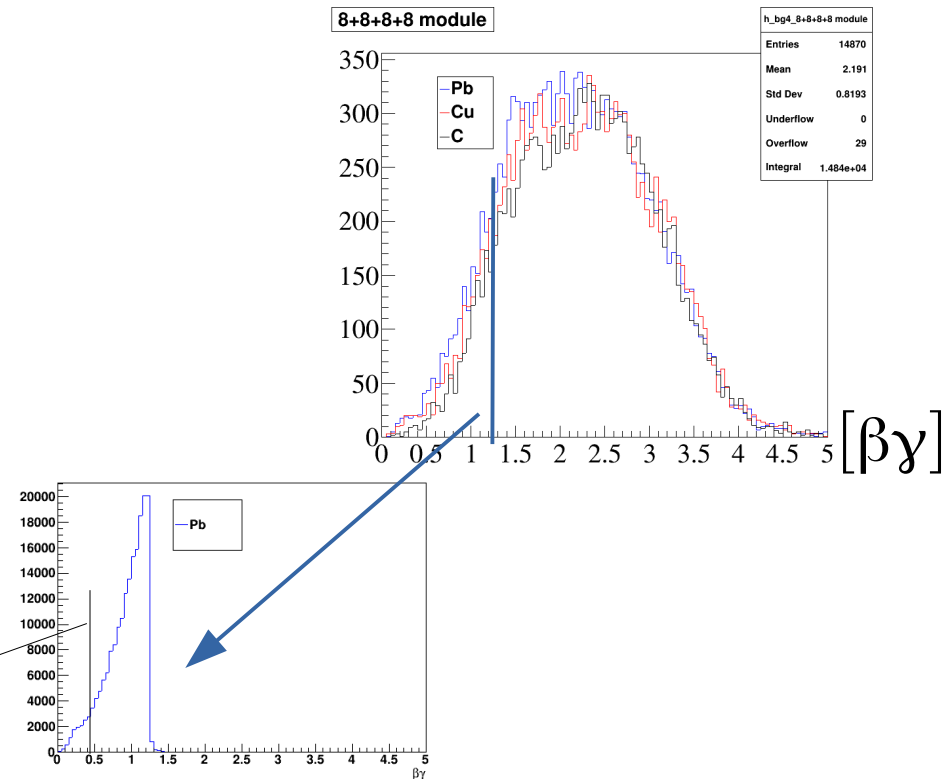
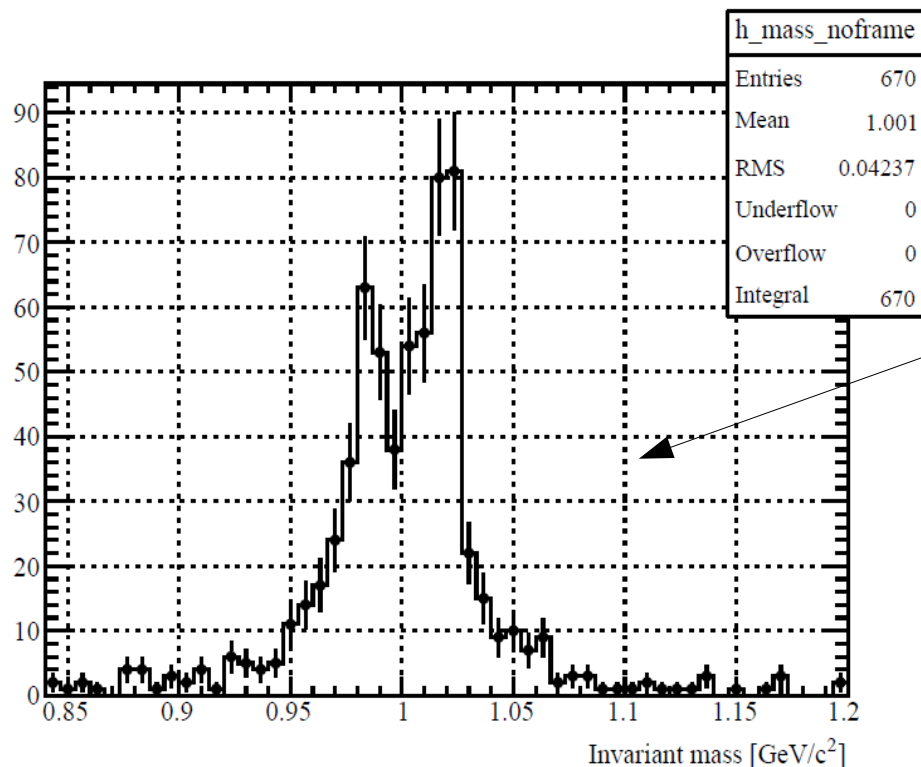


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the tendency become more clear and significant than that of E325.
- clear signal of modification

# E16 Run-2 prospect [sim.]

- Pb targets (30um x 3)
- full (26) modules x 106 days
- modified BW ( $k_1=0.034$  &  $k_2=2.6$ )
- (combinatorial bkg is not shown)

- selecting only  $\beta\gamma < 0.5$   
(very slow, only 1% of accepted)



- mass resolution  $5.8 \pm 0.1$  MeV  
(excluding frame-hit events)

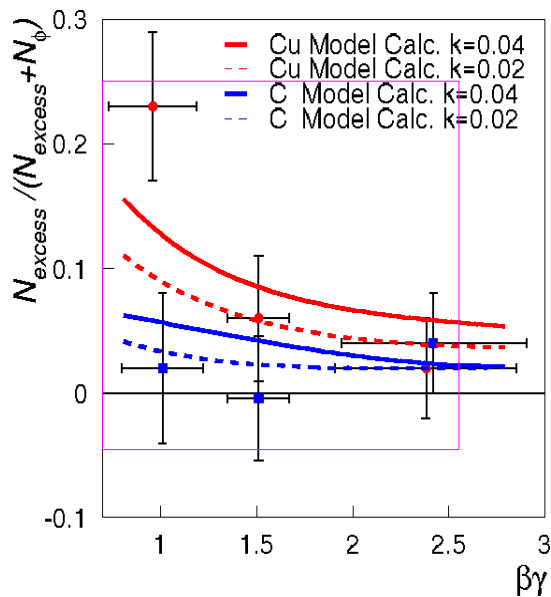
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# momentum dependence

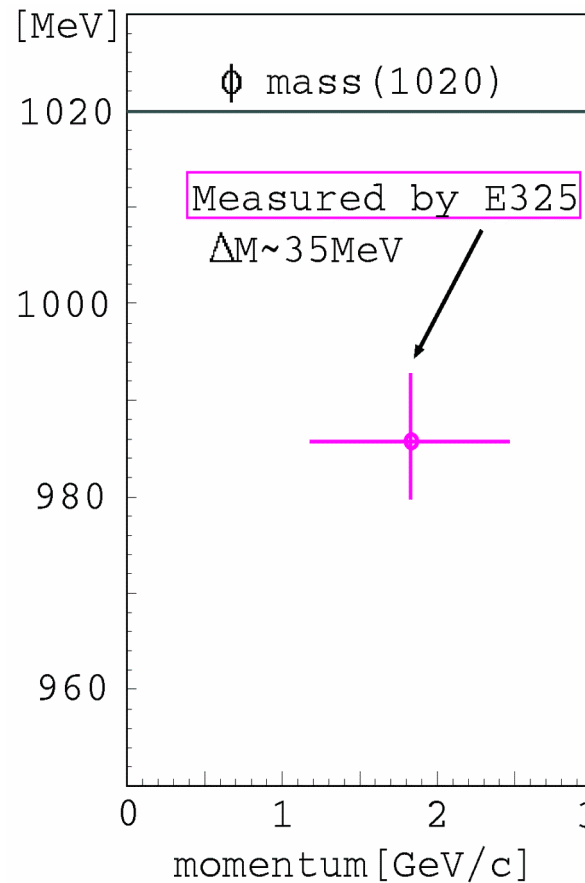
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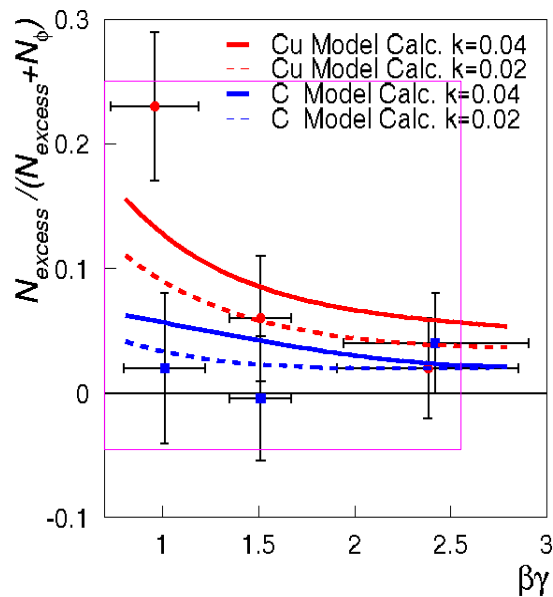


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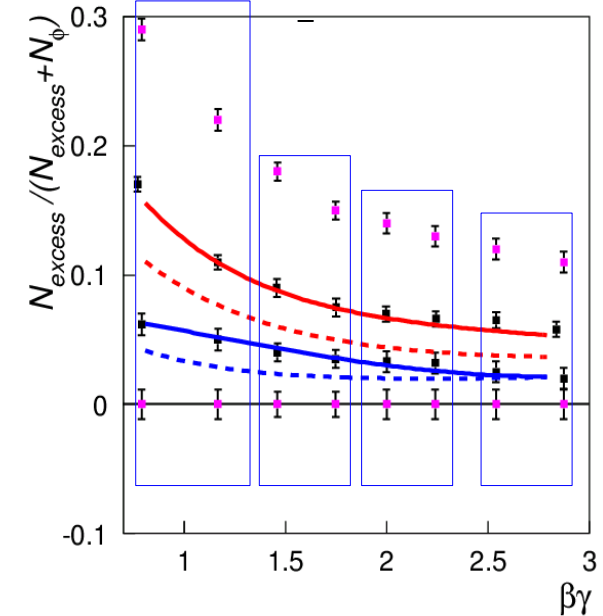
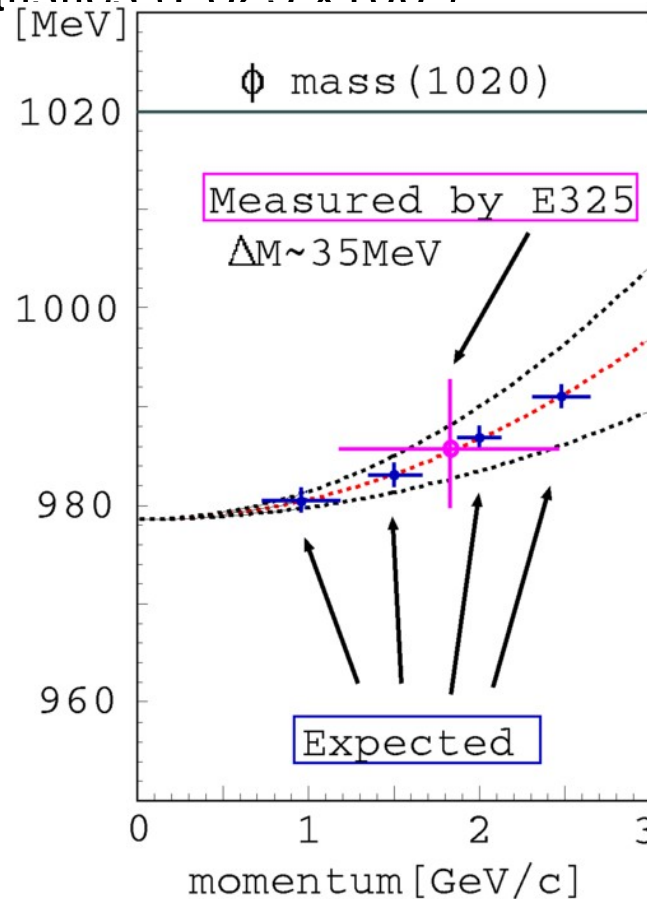


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E325



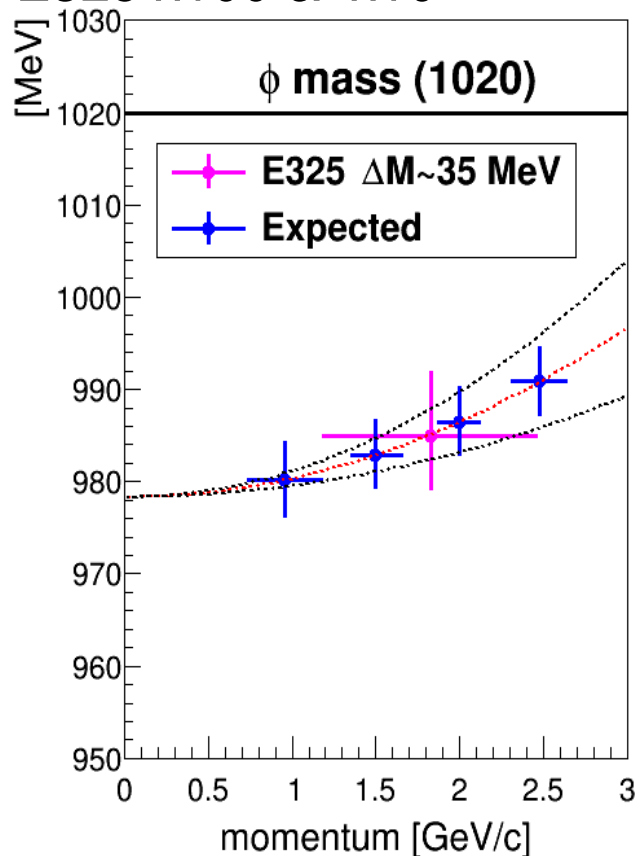
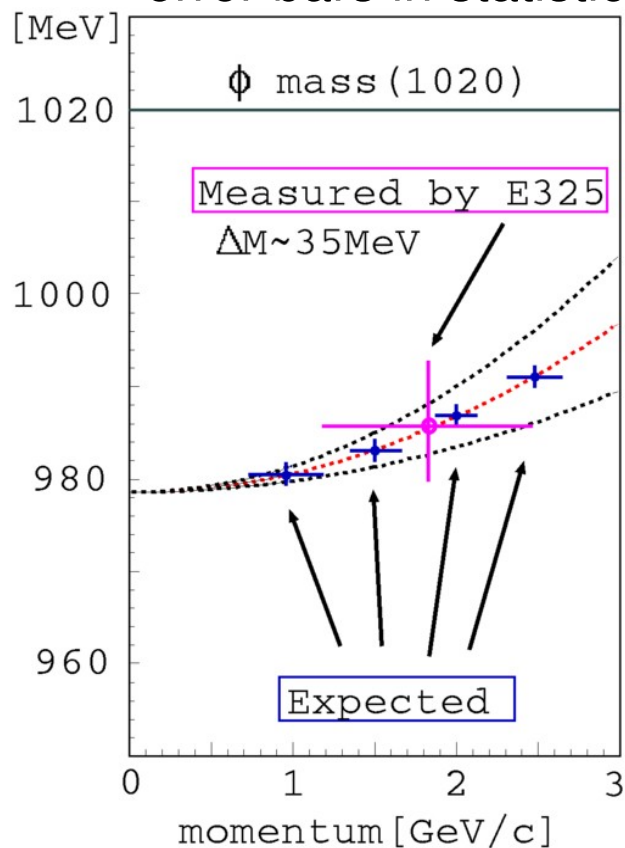
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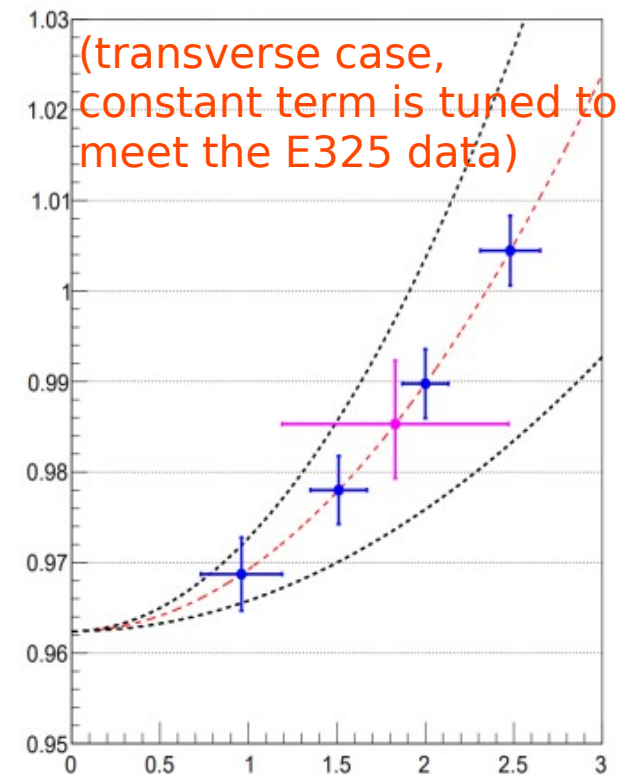
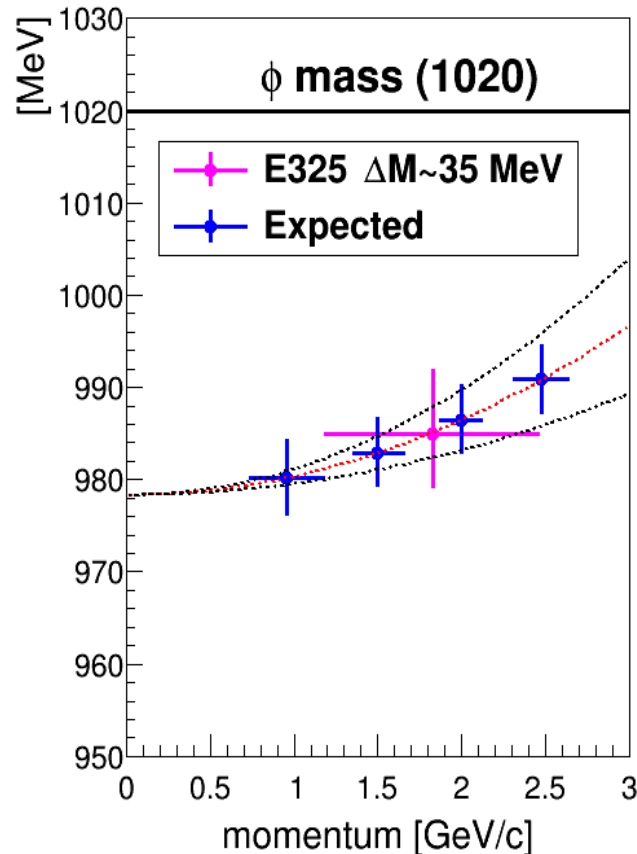
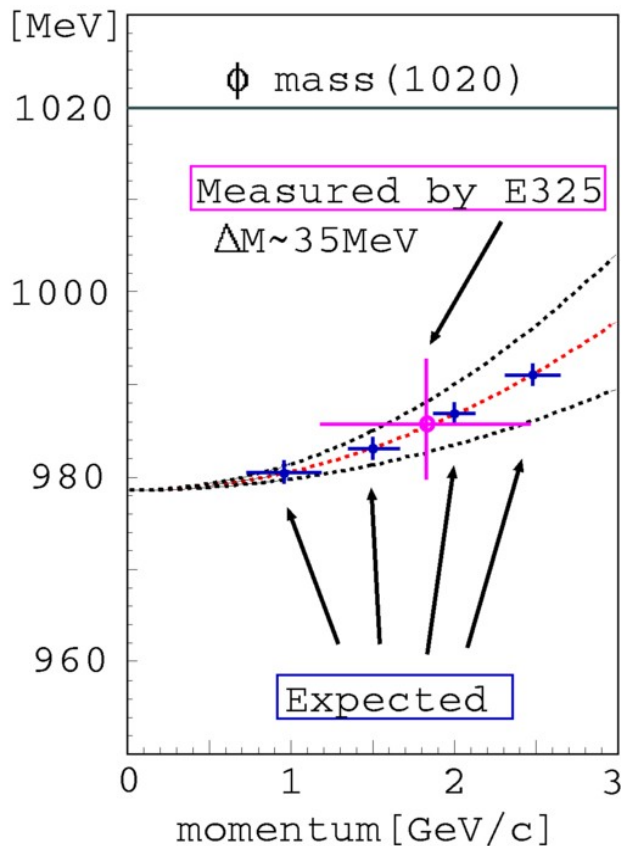
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# Timeline: Run-1 and after

JFY	2023				2024				2025				2026				2027				2028				2029				20								
	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-1	1-3	
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<b>E16 plan (24 Jan.)</b>	study				study	Run-1							E88												Run-2												

- Budget is secured for Run-1 w/ KAKENHI-S (2023-27)
  - detector gas, maintenance, personnel expenses, etc.
- Required beam time will be re-calculated based on the result of next beam in April: depends on the micro structure and trigger rate.
  - Maybe 50-80 days are required: 3-4 cycles.
    - In the original proposal, 53 days (1280h) were requested.
    - In the TDR 2022/May, 80 days (1920h) were requested, conservatively.
    - The change of MR cycle (5.2 to 4.2 sec ) may help to reduce the beam time.
  - We would like to complete Run-1 within JFY2025.
- After that, E88 ( $\varphi \rightarrow$  KK measurements) will run in 30 days.
  - not secured budgetary yet: now KAKENHI-S application is under hearing.
- E16 Run-2 (not secured): twice of Run-1 in the original plan.

# Summary

- Hadron as a quasi particle in the QCD vacuum
  - spectral change is expected in different  $T$  and/or  $\rho$
  - analogy of “softening” , approaching  $T_c/\rho_c$
- J-PARC E16 will measure the spectral change of vector mesons in nuclei with the  $e^+e^-$  decay channel, using 30-GeV primary proton beam in the High-momentum beam line
  - confirm the observation by E325 and obtain more precise information of the **spectral change of vector mesons in dense nuclear matter**
- Commissioning runs (Run-0a/b/c/d) were performed in 2020-23 (414h)
  - eID detectors worked as designed, GTR has slightly worse efficiency
  - trigger rate was higher and DAQ performance was worse than the design, mainly due to the beam micro structure
    - countermeasures in beamline and DAQ were applied in 2023, just 10h-run.
- Run-0e to confirm the beam improvement, in Apr. 2024
  - Run-1 approval will be requested based on the result
- First Physics Run (Run-1) in 2024-25 is planned
  - spectral change will be shown model-independently
  - **spectral shapes and momentum dependence of mass will be compared with theoretical predictions**