Hypernuclear production on HI Collisions Take R. Saito and more

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Quarks and sub-atomic nuclei







There are many identical quarks

Quarks and sub-atomic nuclei



Hyperon	Quarks	I(J ^P)	Mass (MeV)
Λ	uds	0(1/2+)	1115
Σ^+	uus	1(1/2+)	1189
Σο	uds	1(1/2+)	1193
Σ-	dds	1(1/2+)	1197
Ξο	uss	1/2(1/2+)	1315
Ξ~	dss	1/2(1/2+)	1321
Ω-	555	0(3/2+)	1672

Neutron stars and dense nuclear matter













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hypernucleus						

Micro-laboratory to study baryonic-interactions

History of hypernuclear Experiments before HI (only a major part)



Chart of ordinary nuclei



Chart of single-strangeness hypernuclei



Chart of double-strangeness hypernuclei



Chart of double-strangeness hypernuclei

Lighter hypernuclei: Data with emulsions and bubble chambers from 60-70's

Heavier hypernuclei: Counter experiment with meson and electron beams

neutron number

proton number

strangeness

Advantage

- Precise spectroscopy
 - Structure in detail
- Clean experiment

Difficulties

- Limited isospin
- Small momentum transfer to separate hypernuclei
- Difficulties on decay studies
- Only up to double-strangeness

Hypernuclear spectroscopy with heavy ion beams

Hypernuclear spectroscoy with Heavy Ion Beam

HypHI project, started in 2005

The way to produce hypernuclei with HypHI



The way to produce hypernuclei with HypHI





Hypernuclear production with Rare-Isotope beams



HypHI Phase 0 experiment (2006 – 2012)

 To demonstrate the feasibility of precise hypernuclear spectroscopy with ⁶Li primary beams at 2 A GeV on a carbon target



Results of HypHI Phase 0 (2009)

- Observations of ${}^{3}{}_{\Lambda}H$, ${}^{4}{}_{\Lambda}H$ and Λ -hyperon
 - Nucl. Phys. A 913 (2013) 170
- Short lifetime of ${}^3_\Lambda H$ and ${}^4_\Lambda H$
 - Nucl. Phys. A 913 (2013) 170
 - Phys. Lett. B 728 (2014) 543
- Indications of the nnA bound state
 - Phys. Rev. C 88 (2013) 041001-1-6(R)
- Production cross section of ${}^3_\Lambda$ H, ${}^4_\Lambda$ H and Λ -hyperon with 6 Li+ 12 C at 2 A GeV
 - Phys. Lett. B 747 (2014) 129
- Summary paper
 - Nucl. Phys. A 954 (2016) 199

Two puzzles from HypHI

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and much more publication



• HypHI Phase 0: 183^{+42}_{-32} ps STAR Collaboration, Phys. Rev. C 97 (2018) 054909

- STAR at RHIC: 155+25 ps
- ALICE at LHC: 181+54 -39 PS
 No theories to reproduce
 the short lifetime



ALICE Collaboration, Phys. Lett. B 797 (2019) 134905



Hot topics in hypernuclear and few-body physics

Remarks on the most recent STAR result on $\tau({}^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$ New results on ${}^{3}_{\Lambda}H$ and ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}H$ lifetime



Yue-Hang Leung Presented in the Reimei-THEIA Web-seminar, April 22nd, 2021

Remarks on the most recent STAR result on $\tau({}^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$ STAR BES-II

- Higher baryon density at lower beam energies
 - STAR BES-II -> great opportunity to study hypernuclei production





Coalescence(DCM))

250M events at

 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3$ GeV with

STAR fixed target mode

PLB 697 (2011)203 (Thermal Model)

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PLB 754 (2016)360 (ALICE)

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Remarks on the most recent STAR result on $\tau({}^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$

Relativistic HI collision

- Penalty factor for forming heavier fragments/clusters
- Ex.: Yield of ⁴_ΛH is much smaller than the hypertriton with STAR and ALICE

Fixed-target HI collision

- Variety of fragments/clusters up to the mass of the projectile
- Ex. HypHI, 3.9 μ b for hypertriton and 3.1 μ b for ⁴_AH with ⁶Li + ¹²C at 2 A GeV



Remarks on the most recent STAR result on $\tau({}^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$ Hypernuclei reconstruction and acceptance





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${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ He should be produced

Contaminants from ${}^{4}{}_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow \pi^{-} + {}^{3}\text{He} + p$

 Good mid-rapidity coverage at 3 GeV

*KFParticle package used for reconstruction ore computer architectures in the CBM experiment at FAIR", thesis, urn:nbn:de:hebis:30:3-414288

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All the channels involving π^- + ³He from heavier hypernuclei should be considered

- ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow \pi^{-} + {}^{3}\text{He} + p$
- ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}H \rightarrow \pi^{-} + {}^{3}He + n$
- ${}^{5}_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow \pi^{-} + {}^{3}\text{He} + n + p$
- ${}^{6}_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow \pi^{-} + {}^{3}\text{He} + n + n + p$
- ${}^{6}_{\Lambda}\text{Li} \rightarrow \pi^{-} + {}^{3}\text{He} + n + p + p$
- ${}^{7}_{\Lambda}\text{Li} \rightarrow \pi^{-} + {}^{3}\text{He} + n + n + p + p$ and much more

Contamination in ${}^{3}{}_{\Lambda}H \rightarrow \pi^{-} + {}^{3}He$ reconstruction

> **Lifetime of** ⁴_A**He: 254 ± 24 ps** Phys. Rev. C 76 (2007) 035501

HypHI and WASA-FRS: Using ⁶Li beams to minimize contamination from heavier hypernuclei

Strongly correlated

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Recent theoretical calculation

Revisiting the hypertriton lifetime puzzle

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Other recent theoretical works

For hypertriton:

Effective field theory

- F. Hildenbrand et al., Phys. Rev. C 102, 064002 (2020)
- R = Γ_{3He} /(Γ_{3He} + Γ_{pd}) is sensitive to the binding energy

For nn Λ :

Pionless effective field theory

S.-I. Ando et al., Phys. Rev. C 92, 024325 (2015)F. Hildenbrand et al., Phys. Rev. C 100 034002 (2019)Not yet excluding the bound state

Concluding remarks. Reported in this work is a new microscopic three-body calculation of the ${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H pionic twobody decay rate $\Gamma(^{3}_{\Lambda}\text{H}\rightarrow^{3}\text{He}+\pi^{-})$. Using the $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$ rule and a branching ratio taken from experiment to connect to additional pionic decay rates, the lifetime $\tau(^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$ was deduced. As emphasized here $\tau(^3_{\Lambda}H)$ varies strongly with the small, rather poorly known Λ separation energy $B_{\Lambda}(^{3}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{H})$; it proves possible then to correlate each one of the three distinct RHI experimentally reported values $\tau_{\exp}(^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$ with a theoretical value $\tau_{th}(^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$ that corresponds to its own underlying $B_{\Lambda}(^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$ value. The $B_{\Lambda}(^{3}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{H})$ intervals thereby correlated with these experiments are roughly $B_{\Lambda} \lesssim 0.1$ MeV, $0.1 \lesssim B_{\Lambda} \lesssim 0.2$ MeV and $B_{\Lambda} \gtrsim 0.2$ MeV for ALICE, HypHI and STAR, respectively. New experiments proposed at MAMI on Li target 39 and at JLab, J-PARC and ELPH on ³He target [40] will hopefully pin down precisely $B_{\Lambda}(^{3}_{\Lambda}H)$ to better than perhaps 50 keV, thereby leading to a unique resolution of the 'hypertriton lifetime puzzle'.

STAR, HypHI, ALICE: from 121 to 270 ps

Urgent issues

Hypertriton

Lifetime (HypHI,STAR,ALICE): **121** ~ **270** ps Binding Energy: **130** ± **50** keV (Very old emulsion) **410** ± **120** ± **110** keV (STAR 2020)

 $nn\Lambda$ Does it exist?

Very precise measurements for hypertriton on

- Lifetime
- Binding energy

Confirmation of nn Λ with large statistics

And, much more information for double-strangeness hypernuclei

The WASA-FRS experiment at GSI in Germany







Fig. 1. CAD view of the WASA detector facility. The zero-degree spectrometer is located further downstream to the right.



Already approved by the GSI PAC (highest priority)

9 days for hypernuclear physics run

2017 and 2020

6 days commissioning

WASA-FRS collaboration with Super-FRS Experiment Collaboration

- hypernuclei
- η'-nucleus

Table 2: Summary of the channels of interest, magnetic rigidity setup of FRS, requested shifts for each setup and corresponding expected signal integrals after the event reconstructions.

Channel of interest	FRS rigidity [Tm]	Duration of beams on target	Estimated signal integral
$d + \pi^-$	16.675	24 shifts (8 days)	4.0×10^{3}
$^{3}_{\Lambda}\text{H}\rightarrow ^{3}\text{He}+\pi^{-}$	12.623	9 shifts (3 days)	1.5×10^3
${}^{4}_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^{4}\text{He} + \pi^{-}$	16.675	together with $d + \pi^-$	5.0×10^3

$10 \sim 40$ times more



At least 2 times better resolution

Figure 8: Expected invariant mass distributions of $d+\pi^-$ from ${}^3_{\Lambda}n$, $3He+\pi^-$ from ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$ and $4He+\pi^-$ from ${}^4_{\Lambda}H$, together with signals (red) and backgrounds (blue).

The WASA-FRS experiment at FAIR Phase O (GSI) WASA already at GSI since March 2019





- Commissioning of
 - Mini drift chamber: DONE
 - Superconducting magnet: already at 4K
- Upgrading of
 - Time-of-Flight Barrel: in progress, by summer of 2021
- Development and construction of
 - Large Scintillating fiber detectors: DONE
 - Mini fiber detector inside the iron yoke: DONE
 - Electronics for fiber detectors: in progress, Almost DONE
 - New holding structures: in progress, by summer 2020













Mini fiber detector






Upgrading the endcap detectors

Lanzhou University Institute of Modern Physics RIKEN







The WASA-FRS experiment at FAIR Phase O (GSI) Development of the machine learning model for data analyses

Graph Neural Network (GNN)





Dataset	π^{-} (perfect)	π^- (valid)	Other (perfect)	Other (valid)	Node AP(test)	Edge AP(test)
100k	96.31 %	99.77 %	95.12 %	98.66 %	0,94924	0,99932
300k	97.35 %	99.79 %	96.21 %	98.75 %	0,95876	0,99964
1M	98.09 %	99.92 %	97.05 %	99.07 %	0,97219	0,99980

H. Ekawa et al., To be submitted to Journal of Computational Physics

The WASA-FRS experiment at FAIR Phase 0 (GSI)

Updated Monte Carlo simulations



4 days measurement



target position: z=25 cm vertex z cut: 35 – 50 cm #layer(MDC): > 6 cldst cut: < 0.3 cm

Mass resolution:

- 3.2 MeV/c² (1 T field)
- 1.5 times better than HypHI

Statistics

- About 5800 in the peak for 4 days
- 38 times more than HypHI
- 120 σ significance

Expected Lifetime accuracy

- 8 ps
- 5 times better than HypHI

The existence or not of nnL will be confirmed with large confidence level

To be performed in February – March, 2022

J-PARC accelerator facility





Analysis of J-PARC E07 data with Machine Learning at RIKEN

Outcome of the E07 experiments

 $\Lambda\Lambda$ candidates: 14















Non-triggered events recorded in 1000 emulsions sheets

- 1000 double-strangeness hypernuclear events •
- Millions of single-strangeness hypernuclear events

Overall scanning of all emulsion sheets (35 X 35 cm² X 1000)

AABe H. Ekawa et al., Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2019, 021D02



S. H. Hayakawa et al., Physical Review Letters, 126, 062501 (2021)

































Data size:

- 10⁷ images per emulsion (100 T Byte)
 10¹⁰ images per 1000 emulsions (100 P Byte)
 Number of background tracks:
- •Beam tracks: 10⁴/mm²
- Nuclear fragmentations: 10³/mm²

Current equipments/techniques with visual inspections

560 years





liced image

1000 double strangeness hypernuclei (formerly 5)

Machine Learning

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Alpha decay chains in the nuclear emulsion



Image classifier using a Convolutional Neural Network

J. Yoshida, et al., Nuclear Instrument and Method A, 989 (2021) 164930

"Deep Learning"

- Multistage convolutional networks
- Effective to detect various features





This method 0.571 +- 0.017 0.788 350 +- 10

- Machine learning reduced the load of visual inspection by approximately 1/7.
- We acquired basic techniques for modern machine learning.

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Challenge: Training data produced with Monte Carlo simulations

Generating training data



Object detection (Mask R-CNN)

- · Convolutional operation on the region of interest (ROI)
- Determine the category and banding box for each object.



https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.06870 https://github.com/matterport/Mask_RCNN

- Direct detection of objects in images.
- Can be adapted to regions crowded with multiple objects.

Can we adapt to events in nuclear emulsion?







Classification of each object For crowded region.

Training & result of Mask R-CNN



Hypertriton search by Mask R-CNN



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In progress

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Status of the analysis of the emulsion

Analyzed data: 0.03 % of the entire data (as of May 3rd 2021)

Identified

- Hypertriton: 4 events The local emulsion density has been determined event-by-event and B_{Λ} has been deduced
- ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ H: 16 events

For seven events, the local emulsion density has been determined event-by-event and ${\rm B}_{\Lambda}$ has been deduced

For 100 events achieving an accuracy of 50 keV for the binding energy

- 0.75 % of the whole data for hypertriton (in 2022)
- 0.19 % of the whole data for ${}^{4}{}_{\Lambda}$ H (in this year)

Systematic error: better than 25 keV

E. Liu et al., to be published

With all data

• 5 keV accuracy

Systematic error: around a few keV with event-by-event density calibration

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 ${}^{4}{}_{\Lambda}$ He binding energy Charge-symmetry breaking Hypertriton detection and binding energy 1000 double hypernuclear candidates In progress New experiments at J-PARC Huge binding energy data for Λ -, Σ -, $\Lambda\Lambda$ -, $\Lambda\Sigma$ -, $\Sigma\Sigma$ - and Ξ -hypernuclei Development of the machine learning model (mask-R CNN) with training data produced by Monte Carlo simulations and GAN technique Completed. A. Kasagi, to be published soon. Completed Development of the Machine Learning model with J. Yoshida et al., Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) Nuclear Instrument and Method A, Detecting α -decay events for calibrating 989 (2021) 164930 the emulsion sheet (density, shrinkage, ...) **Challenge:** Starting in April 2020 Training data produced with Monte Carlo simulations

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Av18+TNI Av18+TNI+ESC08b



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Regular Article - Experimental Physics

Novel method for producing very-neutron-rich hypernuclei via charge-exchange reactions with heavy ion projectiles

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Abstract We propose a novel method for producing veryneutron-rich hypernuclei and corresponding resonance states by employing charge-exchange reactions via $pp({}^{12}C, {}^{12}N K^+)n\Lambda$ with single-charge-exchange and $ppp({}^{9}Be, {}^{9}C K^+)nn\Lambda$ with double-charge-exchange, both of which produce ΛK^+ in a target nucleus. The feasibility of producing very-neutron-rich hypernuclei using the proposed method was analysed by applying an ultra-relativistic quantum molecular dynamics model to a ${}^{6}Li + {}^{12}C$ reaction at 2 A GeV. The yields of very-neutron-rich hypernuclei, signal-tobackground ratios, and background contributions were investigated. The proposed method is a powerful tool for studying very-neutron-rich hypernuclei and resonance states with a hyperon for experiments employing the Super-FRS facility at FAIR and HFRS facility at HIAF. the nature of fragmentation reactions of heavy ion beams, the isospin values of the produced hypernuclei were widely distributed. Therefore, neutron-rich and proton-rich hypernuclei could be studied.

One of the problems revealed by the results of the HypHI Phase 0 experiment is the possible existence of an unprecedented bound state of a Λ -hyperon with two neutrons, denoted as Λ nn $\binom{3}{\Lambda}$ n) [3]. Neutral nuclear states with neutrons and Λ -hyperons are of particular interest because the natures of these states should have an impact on our understanding of the deep cores of neutron stars. However, theoretical calculations have shown negative results for the existence of Λ nn bound states [4–7]. Although there is disagreement between the results of the HypHI Phase 0 experiment and theoretical calculations, whether or not the Λ nn state can exist has recently become a hot topic in experimental and theoretical

Production of neutral and very-neutron-rich hypernuclei with charge exchange reactions



Production of neutral and very-neutron-rich hypernuclei with charge exchange reactions





Production of neutral and very-neutron-rich hypernuclei with charge Table 1 Summary of hypernuclei/resonances and proposed charge-exchange reactions for

 $Z = 0 \sim 8$

exchange reactions

Single charge exchange pp (¹²C, ¹²N) np with $K^+\Lambda$ production from proton pp (${}^{12}C, {}^{12}N K+$) nA

Double charge exchange ppp (⁹Be, ⁹C) nnp with $K^+\Lambda$ production from proton ppp (⁹Be, ⁹C K+) nn Λ

	Single-charge	Double-charge	Produced	Former
Target	exchange	exchange	hypernuclei	observation
0.00	$(^{12}C, ^{12}N K^+)$	$({}^{9}\text{Be}, {}^{9}\text{C} K^{+})$	or resonance	
$^{3}\mathrm{He}$	✓		$^{3}_{\Lambda}$ n (Λ nn)	[3]
$^{4}\mathrm{He}$	1		$^{4}_{\Lambda}$ n	
6 Li		\checkmark	$^{6}_{\Lambda}$ n	
7 Li		\checkmark	$^{7}_{\Lambda}$ n	
⁶ Li	1		$^{6}_{\Lambda}$ H	[12]
$^{7}\mathrm{Li}$	1		$^{7}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{H}$	
$^{9}\mathrm{Be}$		\checkmark	$^{9}_{\Lambda}$ H	
$^{9}\mathrm{Be}$	~		$^{9}_{\Lambda}$ He	
^{10}B		\checkmark	$^{10}_{\Lambda}{ m He}$	
^{10}B	✓		$^{10}_{\Lambda}$ Li	[14]
^{11}B	1		$^{11}_{\Lambda}$ Li	
^{12}C		\checkmark	$^{12}_{\Lambda}$ Li	
^{12}C	1		$^{12}_{\Lambda}{ m Be}$	
^{14}N		~	$^{14}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{Be}$	
^{14}N	1		$^{14}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{B}$	
^{16}O		✓	$^{16}_{\Lambda}{ m B}$	
¹⁶ O	1		$^{16}_{\Lambda}$ C	
^{19}F		1	$^{19}_{\Lambda}$ C	
^{19}F	1		$^{19}_{\Lambda}$ N	
$^{20}\mathrm{Ne}$		1	$^{20}_{\Lambda}$ N	
20 Ne	1		20 O	
²³ Na		1	23 O	

30 – 50 pb

Both bound and resonance states

Possibility on γ -ray spectroscopy





distributions based on observing ⁶He and K^+ for the case of ⁶Li + ¹²C at 2 A GeV \rightarrow ⁶He + K⁺ + ¹¹C + A (red colour) and ⁶Li + ¹²C at 2 A GeV $\rightarrow {}^{6}$ He + K^{+} + 10 C + n + Λ (blue colour) with the ${}^{12}_{\Lambda}$ C peak. The width of the ${}^{12}_{\Lambda}$ C peak is approximately 4.5 MeV in σ

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With the proposed setup at NUSTAR/FAIR

Projectile fragmentation reaction (like HypHI and WASA-FRS)

- Precise measurements for light hypernuclei
- Proton-rich hypernuclei with proton-rich RI beams
- Binding energy, decay branches
- Production cross section

Charge exchange reactions

- Neutral hypernuclei
- Very-neutron-rich hypernuclei
- Associated resonance states
- γ-ray spectroscopy

Others

- Mesic-nuclei such as η '-nuclei
- Nucleon resonances in exotic nuclei
- Charged pion production: as a source of muon productions for nuclear transmutation
- Complete measurement for nuclear reaction studies
Hypernuclear project at HIAF in China Towards double-strangeness hypernuclei: E > 3.75 A GeV



Hypernuclear project at HIAF in China HIAF (High Intensity heavy ion Accelerator Facility)

• To be operational in 2025

T.S. is leading the new hypernuclear project since 2016







New institute to be built in Huizhou

Hypernuclear project at HIAF in China





	Single-strangeness hypernuclei	Double-strangeness hypernuclei
Observation per week	6 X 10 ⁶	6 X 10 ²
Lifetime accuracy	~ 1 ps	~ 10 ps
Binding energy accuracy	~ 100 keV	Sub MeV

 $d + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{3}_{\Xi} n \rightarrow n\Lambda\Lambda$ $t + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{4}_{\Xi} n \rightarrow nn\Lambda\Lambda$ ${}^{3}He + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{4}_{\Xi} H \rightarrow {}^{4}_{\Lambda\Lambda}H$ ${}^{4}He + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{5}_{\Xi} H \rightarrow {}^{5}_{\Lambda\Lambda}H$ ${}^{6}Li + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{7}_{\Xi} He \rightarrow {}^{7}_{\Lambda\Lambda}He$ ${}^{6}Li + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{7}_{\Xi} He \rightarrow {}^{6}_{\Lambda\Lambda}He + n$ ${}^{7}Li + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{8}_{\Xi} He \rightarrow {}^{8}_{\Lambda\Lambda}He$ ${}^{9}Be + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{10}_{\Xi} Li \rightarrow {}^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}Li$ ${}^{10}Be + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{11}_{\Xi} Be \rightarrow {}^{11}_{\Lambda\Lambda}Be$ ${}^{11}B + \Xi^{-} \rightarrow {}^{12}_{\Xi} Be \rightarrow {}^{12}_{\Lambda\Lambda}Be$



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Femto Neutron Stars (named by Josef Pochodzalla) n Λ Λ Λ Λ n Λ n n GSI/FAIR HIAF HIAF J-Lab HIAF

Hypernuclear scattering experiment feasible



Summary

Our approach for hypertriton and nn Λ

- The WASA-FRS experiment
 - Lifetime of hypertriton: ~ 8ps accuracy
 - > To confirm whether or not the nnL bound state can exist
- J-PARC E07 nuclear emulsion + Machine learning
 - Binding energy of hypertriton: 50 keV accuracy within a year, 5 keV accuracy within a few years

Perspective

- Post-WASA-FRS experiment at FAIR
 - Proton rich hypernuclei with projectile fragmentation reaction
 - Neutral and very-neutron-rich hypernuclei/resonances with charge exchange reactions
- J-PARC E07 nuclear emulsion + Machine learning
 - > Binding energy of ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ He and other light hypernuclei
 - 1000 double-strangeness hypernuclear candidates

• HIAF in China

- Double-strangeness hypernuclei
- Hypernuclear scattering measurement
- With HFRS
- J-PARC Heavy Ion program
 - Hypernuclear separator

Hypernuclear studies with heavy ion beams

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