Experimental study of double hypernuclei at J-PARC



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NAGARA, double Λ hypernucleus (2001)



PHYSICAL REVIEW C 88, 014003 (2013)

$$\Xi^{-} + {}^{12}C \rightarrow {}^{6}_{\Lambda\Lambda}He + {}^{4}He + t$$
$${}^{6}_{\Lambda\Lambda}He \rightarrow {}^{5}_{\Lambda}He + p + \pi^{-}$$

 $B_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 6.91 + 0.16 \text{ MeV}$





Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2015, 033D02

$$\Xi^{-} + {}^{14}N \rightarrow {}^{15}_{\Xi}C \rightarrow {}^{10}_{\Lambda}Be + {}^{5}_{\Lambda}He \rightarrow {}^{10}_{\Lambda}Be^{*} + {}^{5}_{\Lambda}He$$

 $B_{\Xi^-} = 1.03 + 0.18$ or 3.87 + 0.21 MeV



Photographic emulsion sheet for double strangeness nuclei



* Thick sheets: Thickness =~1 mm -> ~0.5 mm (after photographic development)
* Optical microscope with computer controlled stage and digital image sensor





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100 µm



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- Tagging Ξ⁻ production by K⁺ spectrometer
- Tracking the Ξ^- with SSD-tracker
- Detecting the E⁻ track in the 1st emulsion sheet
- Detecting double hypernucleus at the endpoint of Ξ^- track



* ~80 Ξ^{-} stop events

Nuclear Physics A 828 (2009) 191–232

* Existence of double Lambda hypernucleus has been confirmed











PHYSICAL REVIEW C 88, 014003 (2013)

* At least ~650 Ξ⁻ stop events * NAGARA, KISO



J-PARC E07 (2016-17)

* ~10k Ξ stop events

* Systematic study of S=-2 system







J-PARC Hadron hall K1.8 beamline







"Emulsion mover" for J-PARC E07



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Beam exposure

2016 May-Jun. KURAMA Commissioning : 5.0 days Physics : 4.9 days

2017 4/15 - 4/19 (44 kW) Emulsion exposure : 50 h calibration : 19 h

2017 5/25 - 6/29 (10 - 37.5 kW) Emulsion exposure : 23.4 days calibration : 8.5 h



Jul. 1st 2017, Run end photo @K1.8 counting room

Year	Beam power [kW]	K ⁻ intensity [/spill]	K⁻ purity	Time [h/mod.]	Integrated K ⁻ [G/mod.]	DAQ Eff.	Emulsion modules
2016	42	260	81%	6.5	0.92	83%	18
2017	44	310	83%	5.6	1.0	84%	8
2017	37.5	280	82%	6.0	1.0	89%	78
2017	10 - 35	120 - 270	50% - 82%	6.5 – 9.0	0.52 - 1.0	89-92%	14

<u>118</u> emulsion modules * 13 emulsion sheets

Photographic processing: completed in Feb. 2018







Automated Track Following (Sample Movie) https://youtu.be/3fiWI5tDx2U

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Ξ^{-} stop with nuclear fragment	430	1.8k
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How we identify the nuclides?

Step1: Measurement of geometrical feature by image processing



How we identify the nuclides?

Step2: Evaluation of kinematic consistency for all possible cases.



Taking all possible combinations of nuclide for the parent and daughter particles.

Туре	# of case	Example
Daughters without strangeness	65	π^{-} , p, d, t, ³ He, ⁴ H, ⁴ He, ¹⁹ B, ¹⁹ C, ¹⁹ N, or ¹⁹ O
Neutral particles	10	n, 2n, 3n, π^0 , π^0 +n, π^0 +2n, Λ , Λ +n, Λ +2n, or none
Single Λ hypernuclei	41	${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H, ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ H, ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ He, ${}^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He,, ${}^{17}_{\Lambda}$ N, or ${}^{18}_{\Lambda}$ N

Single- Λ hypernucleus (#2)		#7	#8	#9	χ^2	Range (#9) [μ m]	Comment	
4 He	\rightarrow	³ He	p	π^{-}	33.1	16800	- rejected	
$^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He	\rightarrow	⁴ He	p	π^-	5.23	16270	5	Possible solution.
$\frac{8}{\Lambda}$ Li	\rightarrow	⁶ Li	_d_	π^{-}	93.6	7906	- rejected	
$\frac{9}{\Lambda}$ Li	\rightarrow	⁷ Li	d	π^{-}	105	10 660	- rejected	

Blackness of tracks are consistent to the solution.



Possible interpretations	B _{^/} [MeV]	kinematic fitting χ^2 (DOF=3)
Ξ^{-} + ¹⁶ O -> $_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{10}$ Be + ⁴ He + t	15.05 +- 0.11	11.5
Ξ^{-} + ¹⁶ O -> $_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{11}$ Be + ⁴ He + d	19.07 +- 0.11	7.3
Ξ^{-} + ¹⁶ O -> $_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{12}Be^{*}$ + ⁴ He + p	13.68 +- 0.11 + E _{ex}	11.3

• $_{\Lambda\Lambda}^{11}$ Be is the most probable in term of kinematic analysis.







	$\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ [MeV]
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}{}^{6}\text{He}$	0.67 +- 0.17
	where, B ₌₋ = 0.13 MeV

MINO Event (2019) Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2019, 021D02



where, $B_{\Xi_{-}} = 0.23 \text{ MeV}$

New information on $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction in other nuclide

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Condition:

 $(\Xi^{-}+{}^{12}C,{}^{14}N, \text{ or }{}^{16}O) \rightarrow 2 \text{ single } \Lambda \text{ hypernuclei (+ neutrons)}$

- Only " $_{\Lambda}^{10}$ Be + $_{\Lambda}^{5}$ He" was accepted at the 1st vertex
- The decay of #1 and #2 are consistent with that of ${}_{\Lambda}{}^{10}$ Be and ${}_{\Lambda}{}^{5}$ He

Measured $B_{\underline{z}}$ is significantly larger than that of atomic 3D state (0.174 MeV) $\rightarrow \Xi$ hypernucleus!





* $B_{\Xi_{-}}$ of IBUKI is determined without uncertainty due to the excitation of daughters. * **Multiple candidates of** Ξ **hypernucleus (B**_{Ξ_{-}} > **3D atomic level) are found.**

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Double Λ event (D004)







- Possible candidates are 3 listed above.
- The uncertainties of $B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ of these candidate modes are large (more than 1 MeV)
- Anyway, something $_{\Lambda\Lambda}C$ was produced.

Nuclides of found double Λ hypernuclei

			Ca	aptured	l by	Daughter					
			¹² C	¹⁴ N	¹⁶ O	н	Не	Li	Ве	В	С
	Danysz								•		
	E176#15-	03-37		\bullet							
F373	NAGARA		\bullet				•			A consister	it solution w
2070	MIKAGE		0	0			0		0		
-	DEMACHI	-YANAGI	0	0					0	0	
	HIDA			0	0				0		
	Other 3 e	vents									
ſ	D001		0	0				0	0		
	D002		0	0	0				0	0	0
	D003				$\bullet Pr$	elir	ni				\bullet
	D004				•		קווי	arv			
E07	D005				\bullet			Y Y			
	D006			0	0					0	0
	D007, MI	NO			\bullet				•		
	D008										
	D009		0	0				0	0		
	D010										
	D011	- To be reported	soon								
	D012										

•: Uniquely identified, O: Multiple interpretations

• Statistical analysis with multiple events will provides information on $\Lambda\Lambda$ and ΞN interactions.

Nuclides of found twin single Λ events

			Ca	ptured	by	Daughter					
			¹² C	¹⁴ N	¹⁶ O	Н	Не	Li	Ве	В	C
	E176#10-9	-6	•			1			1		
	E176#13-1	1-14	•			1			1		
	E176#14-0	3-35		0	0						
E272	run429_sp	ill438_1		•			3				
L3/3	KISO			•			1		1		
	KINKA			•			1		1		
	T001										
	T002			\bullet	h	rol	1		1		
F07	T003			0	OM	1611	Mir				
207	T004, aton	nic			•		1	larv		1	
	T005							Y Y			
_	T006, IBUKI			lacksquare			1		1		
	T007										
	T008										
	T009 To be reported		soon								
	T010										
	T011										

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J-PARC E07 makes a breakthrough in the study of S=-2 system.

New nuclide events and $B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ and B_{Ξ} are being accumulated by event-by-event analysis.

"MINO event" ($_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ Be): Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2019, 021D02. "IBUKI event" ($_{\Xi}$ ¹⁵C): Under preparation for publicaton

Statistical analysis of double strangeness system is started.

Event hunting is ongoing.

We will detect additional several tens events within a year.

"X-ray measurement from Ξ^- atoms" is ongoing.

X-ray measurement from Ξ^- atom with Hybrid method combined Ge detector and emulsion



J-PARC E07 Collaboration

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USA	Ohio University University of New Mexico

Back up slides:

Physics motivation and design of the experiment.





Nagara event



H. Takahashi, et.al.: Phys. Rev. Lett. 87 (2001) 212502. J. K. Ahn, et.al.: Phys. Rev. C 88 (2013) 014003.



 $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction is weekly attractive

 $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ = 0.67 +- 0.17 MeV Where, B₌ = 0.13 MeV

Kiso Event: *PTEP*. (2015) 033D02.



	KEK-PS E373	J-PARC E07 (in proposal)
Emulsion gel	0.8 tons	2.1 tons
Purity of K ⁻ beam	25%	~85%
Ξ^- stop yield	~650	10k
S=-2 hypernuclei	9	~10 ²

Physics motivations



$\Lambda\Lambda$ - ΞN coupling effect



 $\Lambda\Lambda$ - ΞN coupling effect is small in ${}^{6}_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ He and the p-shell double Λ hypernuclei

•I.R. Afnan and B.F. Gibson, Phys. Rev. C67, 017001 (2003).

•Khin Swe Myint, S. Shinmura and Y. Akaishi, nucl-th/029090.

•T. Yamada and C. Nakamoto, Phys. Rev.C62, 034319 (2000).



If the strength of $\Lambda\Lambda$ - ΞN coupling is enough large, ${}^{4}_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ H can be bound.

Comparison between our and other emulsion experiments



J. Yoshida et al., N. I. M. A 847 (2017) 86–92

Long walk to J-PARC E07

- 2001 Emulsion experiment BNL E964 was accepted
- 2006 E964 was cancelled
- 2007 J-PARC E07 was accepted
- 2011 Earthquake
- 2013 Radiation leak accident
- 2016 1st physics run
- 2017 2nd physics run

successfully completed

2012-Emulsion facility in Gifu-Univ.



2013-2014 Emulsion sheet making

2014-2017 Storage in Kamioka mine 2016-2017 Refreshing



Back up slides:

Event hunting in photographic emulsion sheet

 Ξ^{-} selection from the (K-, K+) reaction by off-line analysis



Criteria	for	Ξ	track	se	lection

by simulation for 118 modules

Leve	el E⁻ stop	prediction	prediction /mod.	
1	9k	52k	~440	High S/N & stop ratio
2	1k	100k	~850	Realistic selection (+ a few year)
3	1k	~0.7M	6.2k	All Ξ⁻ stop
4	negligible	~1.9M	16k	All combination





Tracks in X-Y space (1mm)²







 Ξ - tracking in thick-type sheet





* Tracking with image processing



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 Ξ - tracking in thick-type sheet





Case2. dizzy track -> stop (~30 tracks/sheet)



Around stop point -> eye-check

Observation of endpoint



Estimation by simulation



Progress of track following



Current event finding efficiency is about 50% The Inefficiency is due to...



* The correction technique is being developed

Back up slides:

Event by event analysis

$$\Xi^{-} + {}^{14}N \rightarrow {}^{10}Be + {}^{5}He$$

The Q-value of this decay mode is the highest among any channel producing "Twin single Λ hypernucleus".



KEK-PS E373 KISO J-PARC E07 IBUKI



A twin single Λ hypernuclear event in mod062 pl11



Possible solution:

$$\Xi^{-} + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow {}^{5}\text{He} + {}^{12}\text{B} (B_{\Xi^{-}} = ~0.1 + -0.1 \text{ MeV})$$

Consistent to atomic bound state, Not a Ξ hypernucleus.

Alpha decay event search by "Vertex-picker"





Back up slides:

X-ray measurement from Xi atoms by Ge detector



First measurement of X-ray from Ξ -atoms



- * $10^4 \Xi^-$ -stop events in emulsion sheets, with emulsion analysis.
- * Energy resolution for Ge : 2keV FWHM
- * Statistical accuracy of shift energies : Br(316 keV): 0.4 keV, Ag(370 keV): 0.2 keV
- * BGO suppression (gate 20 ns) ightarrow 30% BG suppress and 100% signal survival ratio

* $P_{\Xi} = 0.6$

Hybrid method : Ge detector and emulsion



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3	1k	6.2k	All Ξ ⁻ stop	
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Back up slides:

Emulsion sheet handring



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40 degrees Celsius, 3.1kg

The emulsion facility at Gifu University









Tanks for photographic development





