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Double Λ hypernuclei and Ξ hypernuclei, collectively called "double hypernuclei", have come to play important roles in hadron nuclear physics as valuable information sources of baryon-baryon interaction. The most effective method to investigate them is event-by-event analysis with photographic emulsion sheets. An emulsion experiment to detect double hypernuclei has been performed in the J-PARC hadron facility in 2016-17.

By this experiment, quantitative data on $\Lambda\Lambda$ or ΞN interaction in a nucleus are being accumulated successfully. A new nuclide of double hypernucleus, _{$\Lambda\Lambda$}Be, was observed in this experiment. This event was interpreted as the production and decay of ¹⁰_{$\Lambda\Lambda$}Be, ¹¹_{$\Lambda\Lambda$}Be, or ¹²_{$\Lambda\Lambda$}Be* via Ξ ⁻ capture in Oxygen-16.

Several other interesting events have been found and further event search is going on.

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