Possibilities of Hypernuclear Studies with High Energy Proton Beams

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Just Brainstorming

What can we do with high energy proton beams for studying hypernuclei?

- With direct production by proton beams
- With secondary produced hyperons
- Comment for a possible new beamline for producing secondary meson beams

The HypHI Phase 0 at GSI (2006-2012)



Two outcomes (mysteries) by HypHI

Signals indicating nn Λ bound state

All theoretical calculations are negative

- E. Hiyama et al., Phys. Rev. C89 (2014) 061302(R)
- A. Gal et al., Phys. Lett. B736 (2014) 93
- H. Garcilazo et al., Phys. Rev. C89 (2014) 057001
 and much more publication

Short lifetime of ³_A**H** C. Rappold et al., Nucl. Phys. A 913 (2013) 170

• HypHI Phase 0: 183⁺⁴²-32 ps

Stimulated other experiments







STAR Collaboration, PRL 128 (2022) 202301



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Hypernuclear production with proton beams $p + ^{AZ} \rightarrow ^{A+1}_{\Lambda}Z + K^{+}$

- Large momentum transfer to produced Λ
- Small production cross section

$p + {}^{A}Z \rightarrow {}^{A}_{\Lambda}(Z-1) + p + K^{+}$

- Selecting a proper (large) momentum region of out-going momentum
 - $\rightarrow \Lambda$ with a small momentum transfer
- H. Jing et al., arXiv:0805.0398v2 (2008)
- However, not very competitive to other production methods

Spallation-like production

Spallation-like hypernuclear production



My consideration in 2008 (presented in NP08 conference in Mito/Japan): Can we measure hypernuclear magnetic moments?

Hypernuclear magnetic moments

- Very sensitive probe of Λ -wave function in hypernuclei
- Small ΛN configuration mixing due to weak ΛN interactions
 - Theoretical calculations rather straight forward
 - Schmidt diagrams, Y. Tanaka, Phys. Lett B 227 (1989) 195.
- Simplest case : ${}^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He (Λ + 4 He), Nucl. Phys. A 625 (1997) 95
 - Pure isoscaler and only one Kaon exchanging current (two kaon exchange is negligible),
 - Core polarization effect suppressed (tensor forces, no pion exchanging current),
 - Small Λ - Σ mixing (incoherent Λ - Σ coupling),
 - Kaon exchanging current is only the source of the deviation of the magnetic moment of free- $\Lambda\,$ -> -8.8%

 ${}^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He is a good case to look for exotic phenomena like the quark Pauli effect and the medium modification of the Λ magnetic moment (Nucl. Phys. A 446 (1985)467c).

Hypernuclear magnetic moments on ${}^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He

If the magnetic moment of ${}^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He is deviated from the theoretical prediction (8.8 % reduction from the Λ value)

- Modification of Λ properties in nuclei?
- A sort of EMC effect?
- Quark-gluon contributions?
- Some unexpected sources?

Maybe important for compressed nuclear matters

Initial idea of hypernuclear magnetic moments measurement (2004)

- With meson and electron beam induced hypernuclear production
 - Very small recoil momentum of produced hypernuclei
 - Almost impossible to perform direct measurements of hypernuclear magnetic moments
 - B(M1) measurements with γ-ray spectroscopy
 - Hyperball-J at J-PARC
 - Contributions from nuclear collective motion have to be subtracted
- Initial idea with with heavy ion beams (2004)
 - Hypernuclei at projectile rapidity \rightarrow relativistic hypernuclei
 - Hypernuclei can be separated by a magnetic spectrometer
 - Precession of hypernuclear spin alignment in magnetic field
 - Perturbed π asymmetry \rightarrow magnetic moments
 - Can be performed only at FAIR in near future



Initial idea of hypernuclear magnetic moments measurement (2004, HypHI Phase 3)







Spallation-like hypernuclear production

GIBUU calculations for the case of J-PARC at 50 GeV (2008)



T. Gaitanos et al. / Physics Letters B 675 (2009) 297–304

 γ
 γ

 1.0
 1.5

 2.0
 3.8

 3.0
 10.1

 4.0
 27.3

 5.0
 74.2

 $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln((1+\beta_{z})/(1-\beta_{z}))$

Fig. 9. Rapidity distributions of different particle types for the system $p + {}^{12}C@50$ GeV.

Estimation for ${}^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He with CBM

For 50 GeV proton beams (similar to the SIS100 case) With the current CBM magnet

- Lorentz factor: $\gamma \sim 3$
- Magnetic rigidity for
 - Making nuclear precession: 0.3 Tm (0.3 m)
 - Decay volume 0.4 Tm (0.4 m)
 - Separation and bending 0.3 Tm (0.4 m)
- Estimated production cross section: $\sim 100 \ \mu b$
- Beam intensity: 10¹² /s
- Target: ¹²C, 12 g/cm²

Expected rate: 8.6X10⁴ reconstructed events /week Spin precession angle: 1.5 degrees



Estimation for ${}^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He with CBM

For 50 GeV proton beams (similar to the SIS100 case) With a longer and stronger magnet (2 T * 3 m = 6Tm)

- Lorentz factor: $\gamma \sim 3$
- Magnetic rigidity for
 - Making nuclear precession: 2 Tm (1 m, additional magnet)
 - Decay volume: free space 0 Tm (1 m)
 - Separation and bending 1 Tm (CBM magnet)
- Estimated production cross section: $\sim 100 \ \mu b$
- Beam intensity: 10¹² /s
- Target: ¹²C, 12 g/cm²

Expected rate: 1X10⁵ reconstructed events /week Spin precession angle: 20 degrees

With secondary produced hyperons



Similar to the J-PARC E07 experiment or/and Using our machine learning technique for emulsions

Ring Time of Flight Imaging Silicon Cherenkov Dipole Tracking Magnet System p+p, p+ATransition A+A (low mult.) Radiation Micro Detector /ertex Detector **DAO/FLES HPC cluster** Projectile Spectator Muon Detector

CBM detector

Nuclear Emulsion:

Charged particle tracker with the best spatial resolution

(easy to be < 1 µm, 11 nm at best)



20µm



By microscopes

grain

J-PARC E07 experiment





Results from J-PARC E07 (Hybrid method)



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

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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

3 vears



liced image

Millions of single-strangeness hypernuclei 1000 double strangeness hypernuclei (formerly only 5)

Machine Learning

Setup for analyzing emulsions at the High Energy Nuclear Physics Laboratory in RIKEN

- Hypernuclear physics
- Neutron imaging

Part-timer staffs working for emulsion & microscopes











Challenges for Machine Learning Development MOST IMPORTANT: • Quantity and quality of training data

However,

No existing data for hypertriton with emulsions for training

Our approaches: Producing training data with

- Monte Carlo simulations
- Image transfer techniques

Production of training data

Monte Carlo simulations and GAN(Generative Adversarial Networks)



Production of training data

Monte Carlo simulations and GAN(Generative Adversarial Networks)

Binarized tracks from MC simulations + background from the real data









GAN: pix2pix





Binarized (like for simulations)

Real emulsion image

Ayumi Kasagi. Ph.D. thesis (2023) A.Kasagi et.al, NIM A1056, (2023) 168663

Production of training data

Monte Carlo simulations and GAN(Generative Adversarial Networks)



Detection of hypertriton events

With Mask R-CNN model





Detection of each object

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At large object density

car 0.920

car 0.860 car 0.931

Training of Mask R-CNN with Simulated image



Trained	
model	Detected!

50 µm

Efficiency Purity	= No. detected/No. total= Truth Positive/No. candidates		
	Efficiency [%]	Purity [%]	
Vertex picker	~40%	~1%	
Mask R-CNN	~80%	~20%	
→ 2 nd step done			

A.Kasagi et.al, NIM A1056, (2023) 168663.

Hypertriton search with Mask R-CNN

Two body decay of ³^AH Training dataset (Simulated images) Mask Image Simulated image ³He $^{3}\Lambda H$ ³He ³∧H π^{-} Training π^{-} model $50 \mu m$ 50 µm Real image Detected! Trained model

Our unique machine learning development

π

(RIKEN Saitama)

Producing training data by Monte Carlo simulations and machine learning techniques

• Development with Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)

Detection of 2-dody hypernuclear decay at rest

 Development with Mask-R CNN model Monte Carlo simulations + binarized image from real emulsions



Produced training data



Real nuclear emulsion data



A. Kasagi, et al., NIM A1056, (2023) 168663.







With two AI experts: Masato Taki (Rikkyo U.) and Nami Saito (RIKEN)





Discovery of the first hypertriton event in E07 emulsions

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TRS et al., Nature Reviews Physics, 803-813 (2021) Cover of December 2021 issue

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nature reviews physics



Guaranteeing the determination of the hypertriton binding energy SOON Precision: 28 keV E. Liu et al., EPJ A57 (2021) 327



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Current status (as of December 2023)

No. events: 188 (0.6% of the entire E07 data) • 3 H: 41

• ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ H: 147 (Identified: 91 + Penetrated: 56)

Calibrated events: 174

- ³_^H: 36
- ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ H: 138 (Identified: 87 + Penetrated: 51)
 - Deducing the ${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H binding energy is in progress
 - Statistics can be <u>167 times larger</u>
 - Estimated systematic error: 28 keV or smaller

Current machine learning developments

Improvements for the hypertriton binding energy

- Automated pion tracking
- Automated emulsion calibration





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Beam int

Shohei Sugimoto, Master thesis





Detection of three- and multi-body single- Λ hypernuclear decay

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Search for double-strangeness hypernuclei

(from June 2022)

(from May 2022)



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(RIKEN, Lanzhou)

Yan He, Ph.D. thesis

Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclei

Prepare training dataset



Geant4 simulation, image process, machine learning — GAN: pix2pix



Yan He (LZU/RIKEN) Ph.D. thesis











triple-close shell

H.Takahashi et. al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 87 (2001) 212502.



Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclei

Current status and near future

- Analyzed 0.2% of the entire data, one candidate found.
- Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclei with newly developed machine-learning method is in progress.

■ MINO event from E07 hybrid



H. Ekawa et al., Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2019, 021D02 (2019b) E.



New candidate

Yan He (LZU/RIKEN) Ph.D. thesis





With secondary produced hyperons

CBM detector

Example:

 $p + {}^{12}C \rightarrow \Xi^- + K^+ + K^0 + X$

HADES PP, PA A+A (low mult) Were Detector Detector A+A (low mult) Micro Detector Detector Detector Detector Detector

To secondary target (nuclear emulsion)



Complementary to hypernuclear studies with heavy ion beams at CBM

- Heavier hypernuclei
- Very precise binding energies (even with one event)

Additional comment J-PARC hadron hall

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- In addition, a program with heavy ion beams with a fixed target (J-PARC HI) in under discussion



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The original CBM experiment

- Very unique program with heavy ion beams with a fixed target
- Now, we are discussing physics opportunities with proton beams
- Can we also consider to make a secondary beam line for K and π ?



Summary (my personal considerations)

Spallation-like hypernuclear production with proton beams

Hypernuclear magnetic moments with the CBM setup

Double-strangeness hypernuclei with secondary produced Ξ^-

- Using developed technology with nuclear emulsions and machine learning models by the RIKEN High Energy Nuclear Physics Laboratory
- With kaon trigger by the CBM detector (not mandatory) for hybrid method

Secondary meson beam line together with the CBM setup

High Energy Nuclear Physics Lab. at RIKEN since 2019

Hypernuclear physics with

- Heavy ion beams
- Machine learning + Emulsion <u>Mesic-nuclei and mesic-atoms</u> <u>Short-range correlations for NN and ΛN in exotic nuclei</u> <u>Very precise neutron imaging and CT</u>



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