Status of the recent WASA-FRS experiments at GSI/FAIR

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WASA-FRS and Super-FRS Experiment collaborations



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- Introduction
- Experimental setup
- Experiments performed in 2022
 - * η'-mesic nuclei
 - * hypernuclei (by T. Saito, afternoon)
- Summary + outlook

WASA (Wide-Angle Shower Apparatus)

WASA Central Detector

- Superconducting solenoid magnet (~1.3 T)
- Output Mini drift chamber (MDC) for tracking
- \diamond Plastic scintillator barrel (PSB) for $\Delta E, TOF$



"internal experiment" with pellet target





WASA + FRS at GSI



MDC (Mini-Drift Chamber)

- Orift chambers base on straw tubes for charged particle tracking
- 17 cylindrical layers (9 layers parallel to z axis, 8 layers "stereo"), in total 1738 channels
- ◊ New readout electronics with GSI Clock-TDC



Offline test in 2018-2019



Y.K. Tanaka, V. Serdyuk, J.L.Rodiguez Sanchez, K. Itahashi, S.Y. Matsumoto, T. R. Saito` DAQ update with GSI Clock-TDC (2021)



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Constructed new PSB

at RIKEN (2021)

PSFE/BE endcap





<u>R. Sekiya,</u> V. Drozd, Y.K. Tanaka et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A1034, 166745 (2022) JSPS Kakenhi (Itahashi)

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Csl electromagnetic calorimeter

 \diamond CsI(Na) scintillator for TKE (charged particle) and Ey measurement

- → additional charged-particle PID
 Reconstruction of neutral meson decay (π⁰, η, η')
- \diamond 24 layers in θ and up to 48 segments in φ
- ◊ New readout system with 50MHz FADC (GSI-FEBEX3) for 800 channels

JSPS Kakenhi (Itahashi) + support from EE and NUSTAR collaboration





Scintillator Electromagnetic Calorimeter	
Amount of sensitive material	135 g/cm^2
[radiation lengths]	≈ 16
[nuclear interaction length]	≈ 0.8
Geometric acceptance:	96%
polar angle	$\approx 20^{\circ} - 169^{\circ}$
azimuth angle	$\approx 0^{\circ} - 360^{\circ}$
Max kinetic energy for stopping	
$\pi^{\pm}/\text{proton/deuteron}$	190/400/500
Scattering angle resolution	$\approx 5^{\circ}(\text{FWHM})$
Time resolution	
charged particles	5 ns(FWHM)
photons	$\approx 40 \text{ ns}(\text{FWHM})$
Energy resolution	
charged particles	$\approx 3\%$ (FWHM)
photons	$\approx 8\%$ (FWHM)

Table from WASA-at-COSY proposal

Fiber tracking detector

Fiber tracker for vertex reconstruction in Hypernuclei experiment (HypHI)
 * 0.5 mm pitch * readout by MPPC array (Hamamtsu S13361)

Newly designed readout board (amplifier + TDC)



FRS-F4 detectors for WASA experiments



DAQ Trigger for WASA-FRS

Clean PID trigger from FRS-F3/F4

- \diamond Bp is selected by FRS within 2% → Bp selection
- ◊ TOF-based F3-F4 coincidence on hardware → A/Q selection
- $\diamond \Delta E$ selection with Plastic scintillators $\rightarrow Z$ selection



WASA detectors are exposed to very high rate, but trigger is very clean with well-defined timing

η'-mesic nuclei spectroscopy







η' meson

 η' meson in vacuum

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U_A(I) anomaly contributes η' mass through ChSB

H. Nagahiro, D. Jido et *al*, PRC 87, 045201 (2013).

D. Jido, H. Nagahiro, S. Hirenzaki, PRC 85, 032201 (2012).

η'

meson



100

0.04

0.08

Nuclear Density [fm⁻³]

0.12

0.16

S. Sakai et al., D. Jido, PRC 88, 064906 (2013). S.D. Bass, A.W. Thomas, PLB 634, 368 (2006).

π

 ρ/ρ_0

2

3

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 η' meson at nuclear density

 \Box Partial restoration of chiral symmetry ($\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ reduced ~ 30%)

• Mass reduction is expected

Attractive potential

$$V_{\eta'A}(r) = \Delta m_{\eta'}(\rho_0) \frac{\rho(r)}{\rho_0}$$

Bound states (mesic-nuclei)

direct probe for studying meson properties in medium

η'

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 $\begin{aligned} \eta' - p \text{ scattering length by COSY-II} & E. Czerwiński et al., PRL 113, 062004 (2014) \\ & \circ \text{Re}(a_{\eta' p}) = 0 \pm 0.43 \text{ fm}, \ \text{Im}(a_{\eta' p}) = 0.37^{+0.40}_{-0.16} \text{ fm} \\ & \rightarrow |V_0| < 38 \text{ MeV}, \ W_0 = -(33^{+40}_{-14}) \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{low density approx.}) \end{aligned}$



























Semi-exclusive measurement with decay tagging



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FRS: missing-mass spectroscopy (d) WASA: tagging decay particles (p)

Semi-exclusive measurement with decay tagging



WASA: tagging decay particles (p)

in Signal / BG ratio

Simulation of semi-exclusive measurements



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Beam Time in February 2022











Performance of WASA-PSB and MDC



Track and momentum reconstruction analysis in progress

Performance of WASA-CsI



Refinement of analysis, Reconstruction of γ (π^0 , η , η' decay) are in progress

Over the set of the

- high resolution forward (0°) spectroscopy with FRS
- decay particle measurement in large solid angle by WASA
- - * η'-mesic nuclei spectroscopy (S490) with ¹²C(*p,dp*) reaction with decay particle tagging
 - \square a probe to study in-medium η' meson properties
 - $\hfill\square$ with extended sensitivity to shallow potential case
 - $\hfill\square$ aimed statistics of the 1st semi-exclusive measurement was achieved.

* Hypernuclei spectroscopy (S447): Talk by T. Saito afternoon

Over the second of the second also new experiments further with WASA + FRS at GSI and with (Super-)WASA + Super-FRS at FAIR

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