

# Y-Nucleus potentials from Hypernuclei

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## $\Lambda NN$ vs. $\Lambda N$ content of $V_\Lambda$

A  $V_\Lambda^{\text{opt}}$  applied to  $1s_\Lambda$ ,  $1p_\Lambda$  states,  $12 \leq A \leq 208$ , suggests  $\approx 14$  MeV repulsive  $\Lambda NN$  component, thereby constraining the ‘hyperon puzzle’.

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## $V_\Xi$ from $\Xi^-$ capture events

All five KEK & J-PARC  $\Xi^- + {}^A Z \rightarrow {}^{A'}_\Lambda Z' + {}^{A''}_\Lambda Z''$  capture events in light-nuclei emulsion occur in  $1p_{\Xi^-}$  nuclear states, suggesting attractive  $V_\Xi \geq 20$  MeV.

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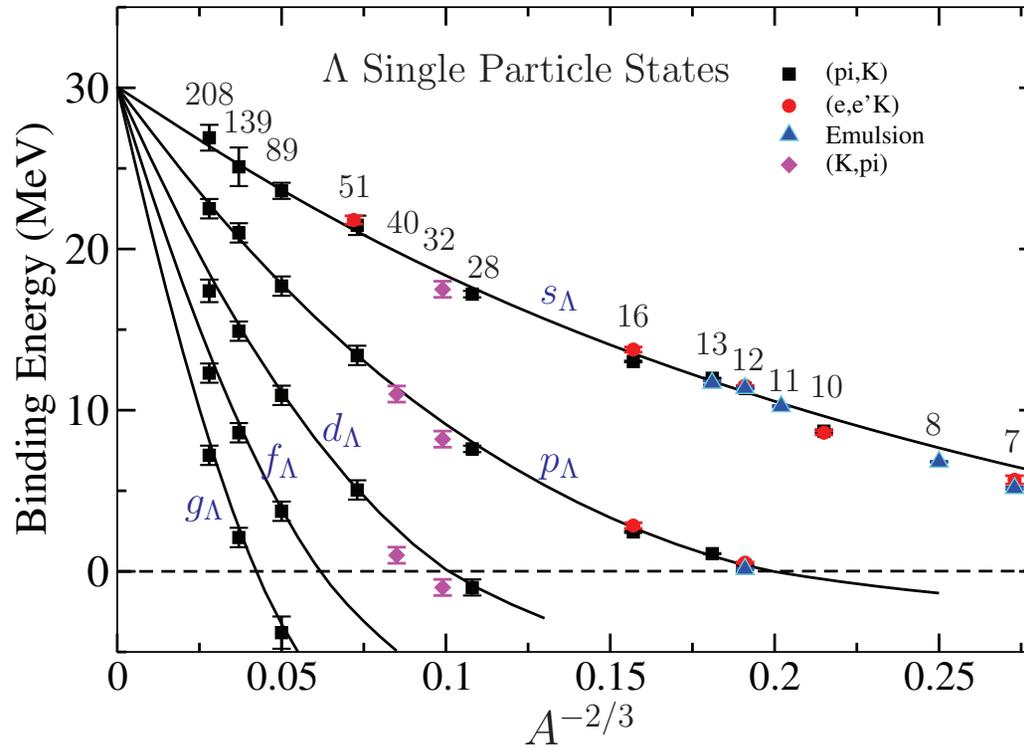
J-PARC E07  $1s_{\Xi^-}$  assignments in  ${}^{14}\text{N}$  are questioned.

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$\Lambda NN$  vs.  $\Lambda N$  content of  $V_{\Lambda}^{\text{opt}}$

from  $\Lambda$  hypernuclei

Update: Millener, Dover, Gal PRC 38, 2700 (1988)



Woods-Saxon  $V = 30.05$  MeV,  $r = 1.165$  fm,  $a = 0.6$  fm

**$B_\Lambda$  values in  ${}^7_\Lambda\text{Li}$  to  ${}^{208}_\Lambda\text{Pb}$  from experiment**  
 and as calculated from a 3-parameter WS potential,  
 suggesting a  $\Lambda$ -nucleus potential depth  **$D_\Lambda \approx -30$  MeV.**  
**Data: Table IV Gal-Hungerford-Millener, RMP 88 (2016) 035004.**

# $D_\Lambda$ in $\Lambda\text{N}-\Sigma\text{N}$ models

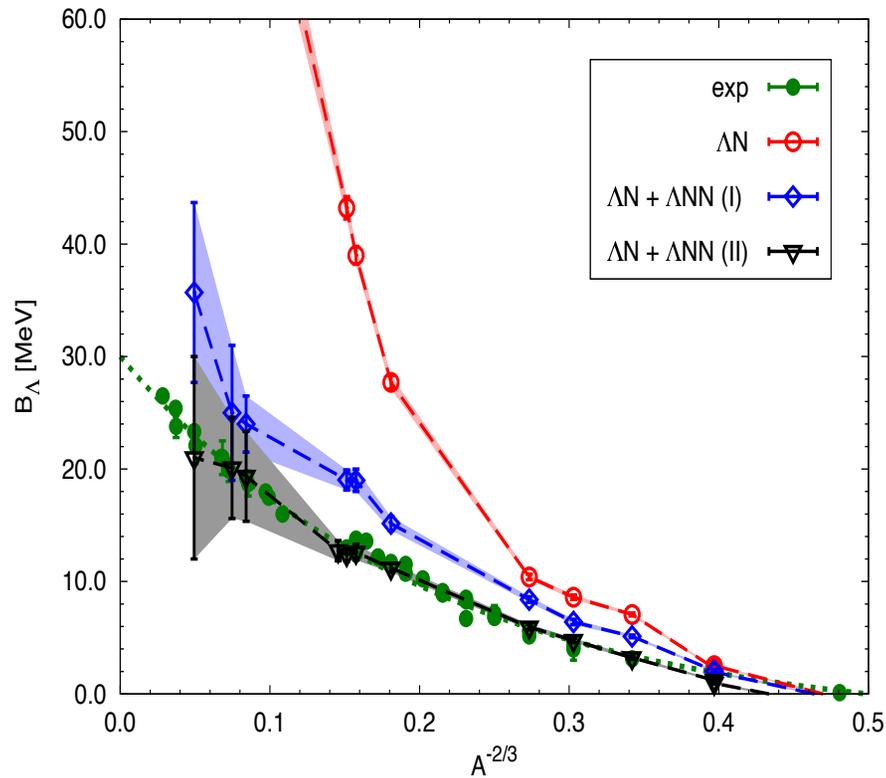
Most 2-body YN models overbind:  $|D_\Lambda^{(2)}| > 30$  MeV.

- NSC and ESC models overbind, with  $D_\Lambda^{(2)} \sim -40$  MeV.
- $\chi\text{EFT(LO)}$  overbinds, substantial cutoff dependence.
- $\chi\text{EFT(NLO)}$ : substantial model & cutoff dependence. NLO13 underbinds, but does best for repulsive  $D_\Sigma^{(2)}$ .
- $\chi\text{EFT(N}^2\text{LO)}$  overbinds,  $D_\Lambda^{(2)} \approx -(33 \pm 3)$  MeV.

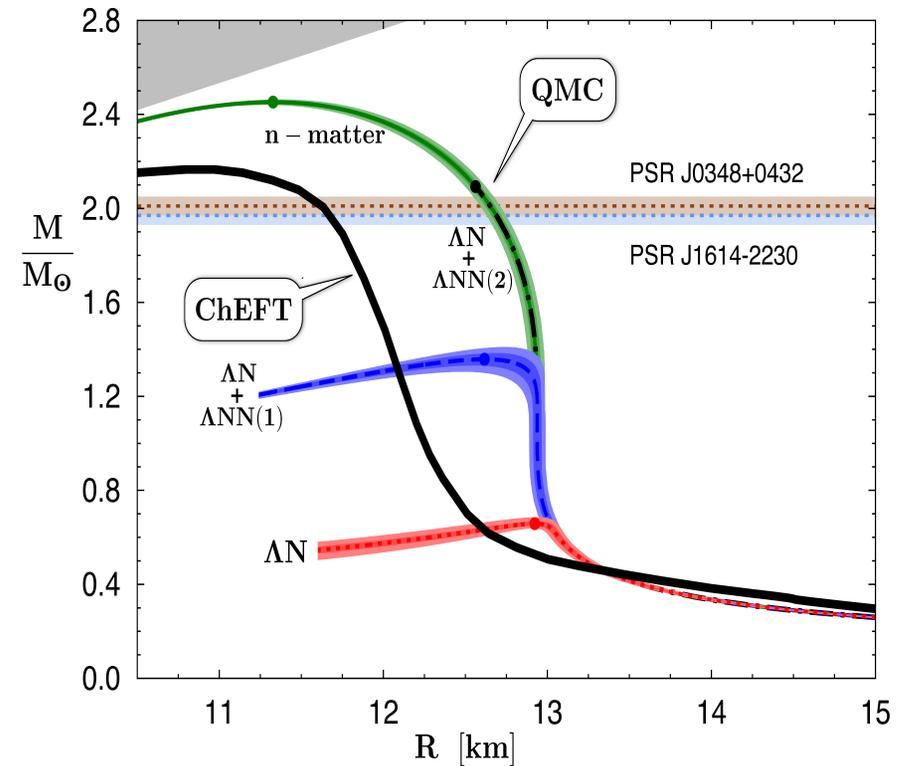
Underbinding would be disastrous for neutron-star matter considerations, implying attractive  $\Lambda\text{NN}$  contribution  $D_\Lambda^{(3)}$  which will soften the EoS at sufficiently large density.

If repulsive, how large  $D_\Lambda^{(3)}$  is?

# Hyperon puzzle: AFDMC calculations



Lonardoni et al, PRC 89 (2014) 014314



PRL 114 (2015) 092301

- $\Lambda N$  overbinds; added  $\Lambda NN$  stiffens neutron-star EoS.
- However, problematic  ${}^5_\Lambda\text{He}$  & unlisted  ${}^{17}_\Lambda\text{O}$   $B_\Lambda$  input.
- Produced nuclear radii are  $\approx 20\%$  too small.

# Critique of Skyrme-Hartree-Fock (SHF)

Millener-Dover-Gal, PRC 38 (1988) 2700

Schulze-Hiyama, PRC 90 (2014) 047301

$$V_{\Lambda}(\rho_N) = [V_{\Lambda}^{(2)}(\rho_N) = a_0\rho_N] + [V_{\Lambda}^{(3)}(\rho_N) = a_3\rho_N^2]$$

is fitted to some  $B_{\Lambda}(A)$  data **points** [ $\rho_0=0.17 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ]

Ref.	Points	$V_{\Lambda}^{(2)}(\rho_0)$	$V_{\Lambda}^{(3)}(\rho_0)$	$V_{\Lambda}(\rho_0)$ (MeV)
MDG88	3	-57.8	31.4	-26.4
SH14	35	-55.4	20.4	-35.0 <sup>†</sup>
present (Q)	2	-57.6	30.2	-27.4

<sup>†</sup>  $\approx -31$  MeV adding  $M_{\text{eff}}(\Lambda)$  contribution.

- Introduce (**WRW**) Pauli correlations at  $\rho^{4/3}$ , affecting higher density powers, e.g.,  $\rho^2$ .
- **WRW**: Waas-Rho-Weise, NPA 617 (1997) 449, practised since 2013 in  $K^-$  atoms analyses.

# WRW density dependence of $V_\Lambda$

$$\Lambda N \Rightarrow V_\Lambda^{(2)}(\rho) = -\frac{4\pi}{2\mu_\Lambda} b_0^{\text{lab}}(\rho) \rho$$

$$b_0^{\text{lab}}(\rho) = \frac{b_0^{\text{lab}}}{1 + \frac{3k_F}{2\pi} b_0^{\text{lab}}} \quad b_0^{\text{lab}} = \left(1 + \frac{A-1}{A} \frac{\mu_\Lambda}{m_N}\right) b_0$$

for Pauli correlations, with  $k_F = (3\pi^2 \rho / 2)^{1/3}$ .

Short-range correlations negligible at  $\rho \leq \rho_0$ .

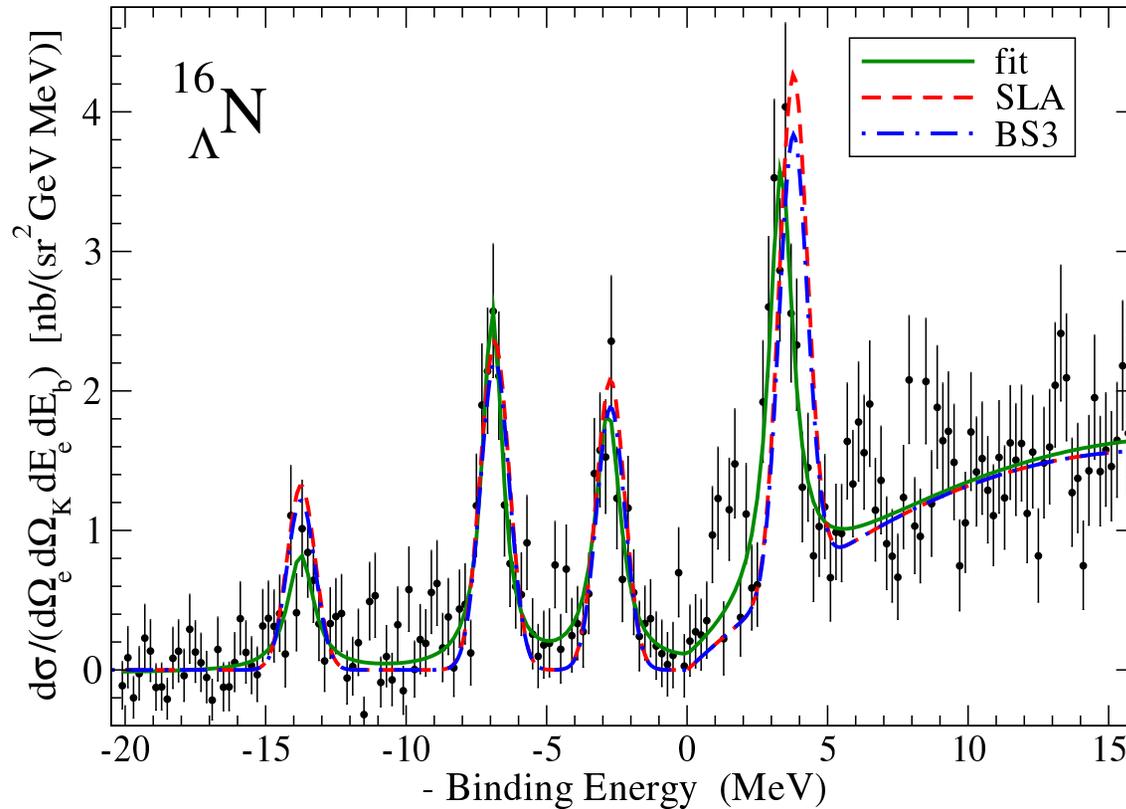
Pauli affects terms beyond  $\rho^{4/3}$ , e.g.,  $\rho^2$ .

Low density limit:  $b_0 = \Lambda N$  scattering length.

$$\Lambda NN \Rightarrow V_\Lambda^{(3)}(\rho) = +\frac{4\pi}{2\mu_\Lambda} B_0^{\text{lab}} \frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0}$$

Applying Pauli to  $V_\Lambda^{(3)}(\rho)$  has a minor effect.

Fit  $b_0$  and  $B_0^{\text{lab}}$  to  $\mathbf{B}_\Lambda^{1s,1p}(^{16}_\Lambda \mathbf{N})$ .

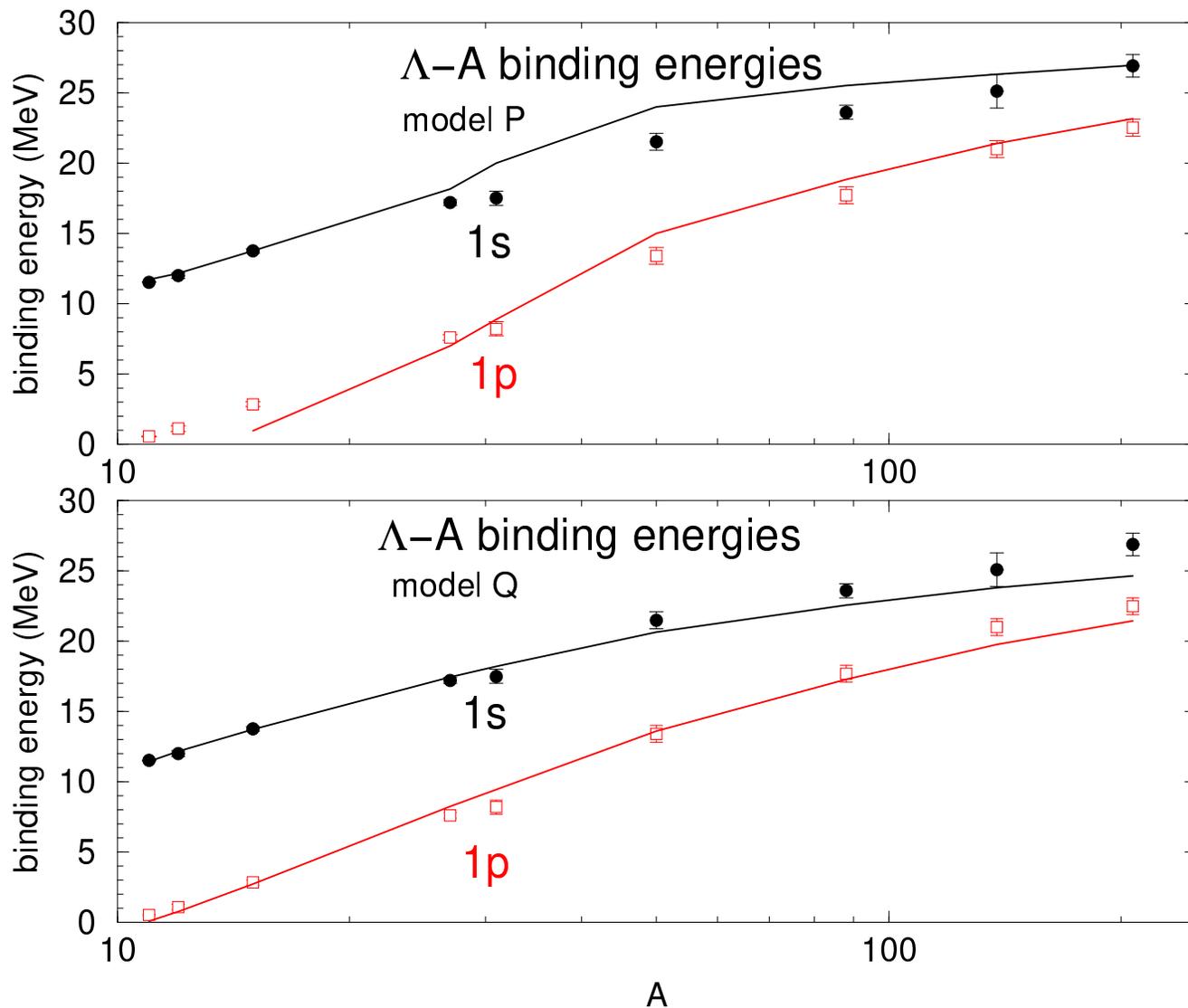


$^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{N}$  spectrum from JLab Hall A ( $e, e'K^+$ ) experiment

PRL (2009) & PRC 99 (2019) 054309

Why  $^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{N}$ ? – (i) very accurate data

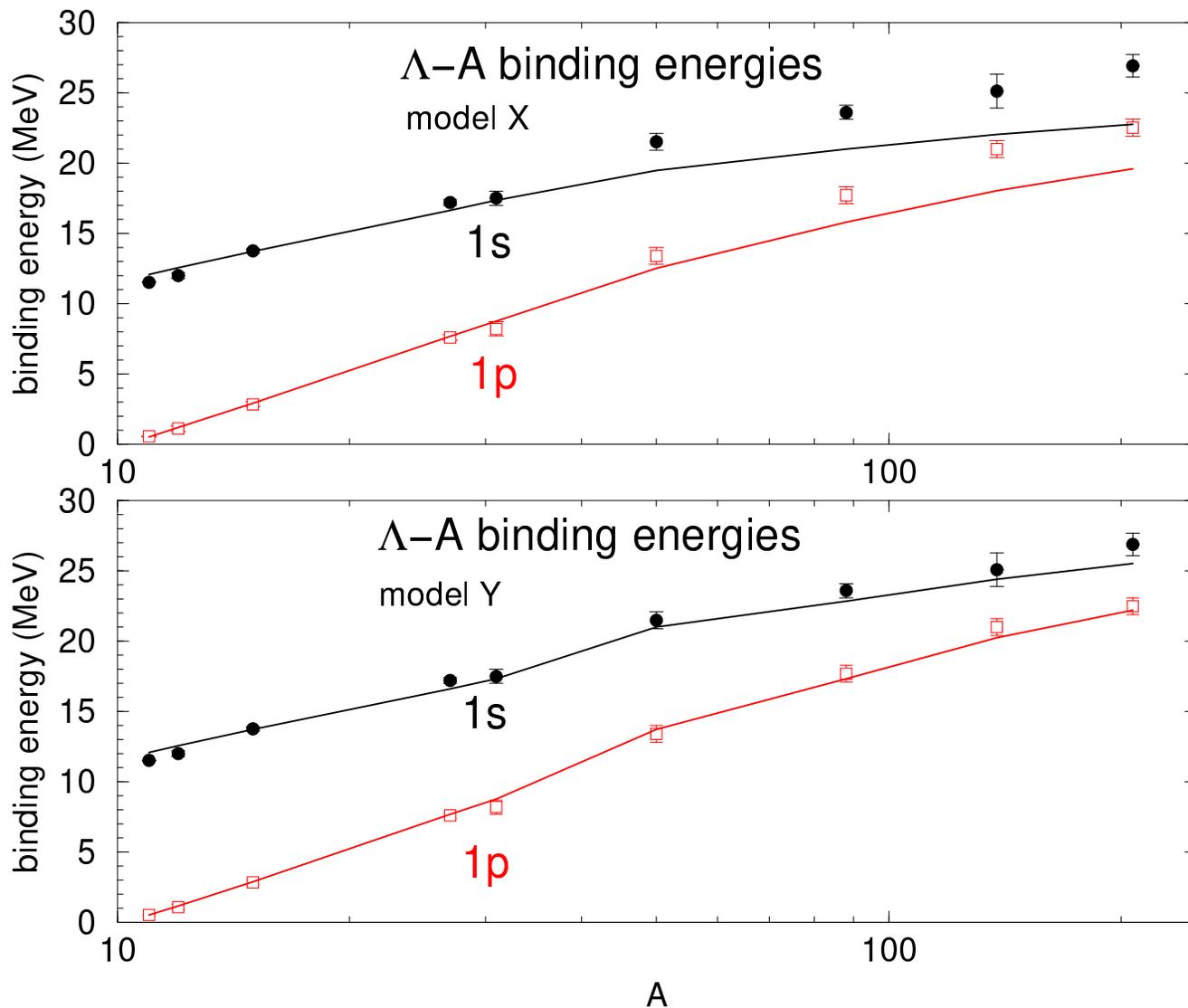
(ii) end of p-shell, very simple s.p. structure



$B_{\Lambda}^{1s,1p}(A)$  in Models P,Q fitted to  ${}^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{N}$ . **No Pauli**

Model P:  $b_0 \neq 0, B_0 = 0$       Model Q:  $b_0 \neq 0, B_0 \neq 0$

**Model Q results close to SHF results**



$B_{\Lambda}^{1s,1p}(A)$  in Models X,Y fitted to  ${}^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{N}$ . **Pauli** added to  $b_0 \neq 0$  &  $B_0 \neq 0$ . In Model Y, **neutron excess** is decoupled from sym. nucl. matter:  $\rho^2 = (\rho_{\text{sym}} + \rho_{\text{exc}})^2 \rightarrow (\rho_{\text{sym}}^2 + \rho_{\text{exc}}^2)$ .

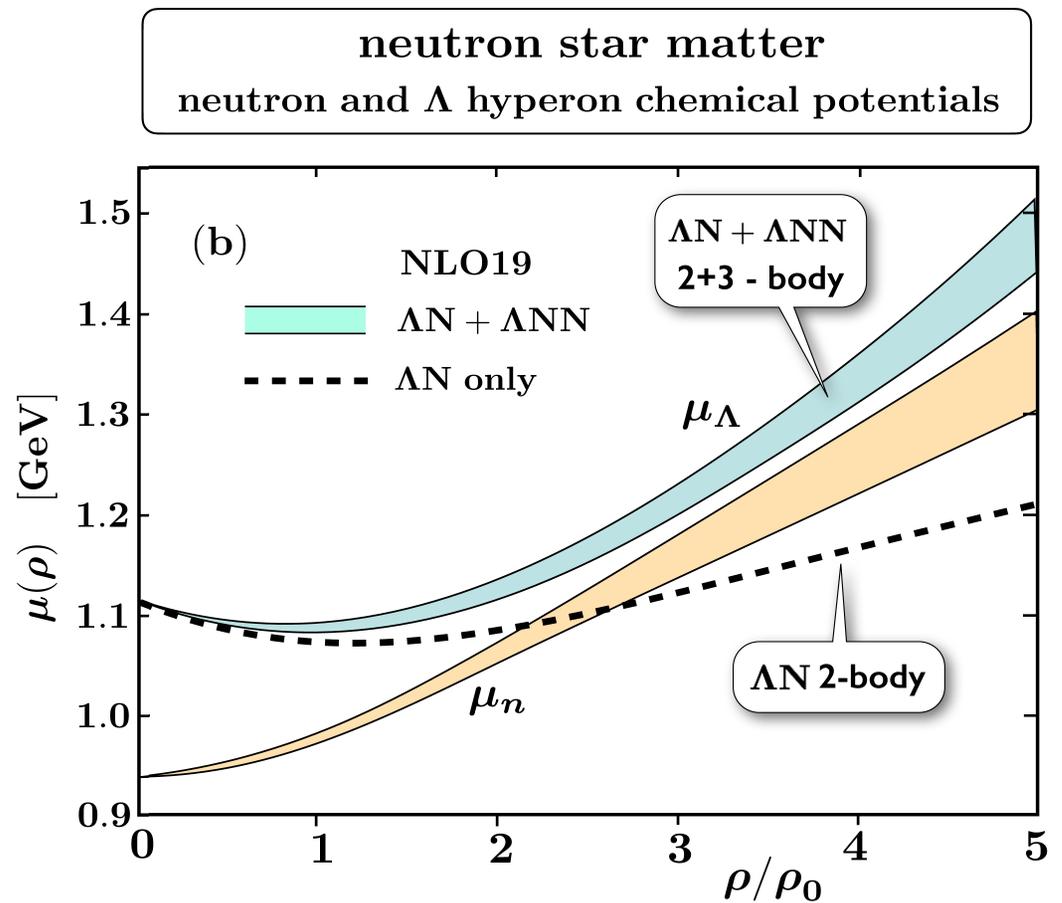
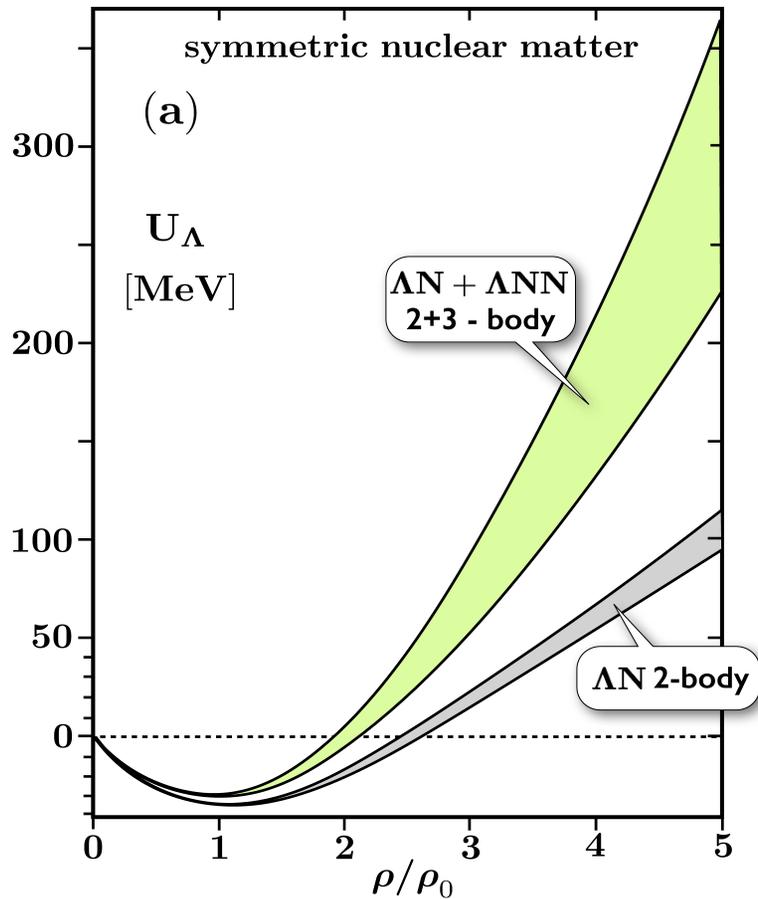
# $\Lambda N$ & $\Lambda NN$ contributions to $D_\Lambda$

Model	Pauli	$D_\Lambda^{(2)}$	$D_\Lambda^{(3)}$	$D_\Lambda$ (MeV)
P	No	-34.1	-	-34.1
P'	Yes	-31.3	-	-31.3
MDG88	No	-57.8	31.4	-26.4
Q	No	-57.6	30.2	-27.4
X,Y	Yes	-39.9	13.9	-26.0

- Final depth values, including uncertainties:**  
 $D_\Lambda^{(2)} = -40.4 \pm 0.6$  MeV,  $D_\Lambda^{(3)} = 13.9 \pm 1.4$  MeV  
 $D_\Lambda = -26.5 \pm 1.5$  MeV.
- AFDMC depths: scale  $\rho_0 = 0.17$  fm $^{-3}$  by  $r_N^{-3}$ .**  
 $D_\Lambda^{(2)} = -78.9 \pm 1.2$  MeV,  $D_\Lambda^{(3)} = 53.0 \pm 5.3$  MeV  
 $D_\Lambda = -26.5 \pm 1.5$  MeV.

# $\Lambda$ NN summary & outlook

- $V_{\Lambda}^{\text{opt}}$  applied to  $\Lambda$  single-particle states across the periodic table.
- Pauli corrected  $\Lambda N$  term, plus  $\Lambda NN$  term.
- Implicit isospin dependence in  $\Lambda NN$  term: **neutron-excess density** decoupled from **symmetric nuclear-matter density**.
- Final depth values, including uncertainties:  
 $D_{\Lambda}^{(2)} = -40.4 \pm 0.6$  MeV with  $b_0 \approx 1.7$  fm,  
 $D_{\Lambda}^{(3)} = 13.9 \pm 1.4$  MeV,  $D_{\Lambda} = -26.5 \pm 1.5$  MeV.
- $D_{\Lambda}^{(3)} \approx 14$  MeV excludes in EFT  $\Lambda$  hyperons from dense neutron-star matter,  $\mu_{\Lambda} > \mu_n$ , see Gerstung-Kaiser-Weise, EPJA 56 (2020) 175.



W. Weise, EPJ Web Conf. 271 (2022) 06003

Following Gerstung-Kaiser-Weise, EPJA 56 (2020) 175

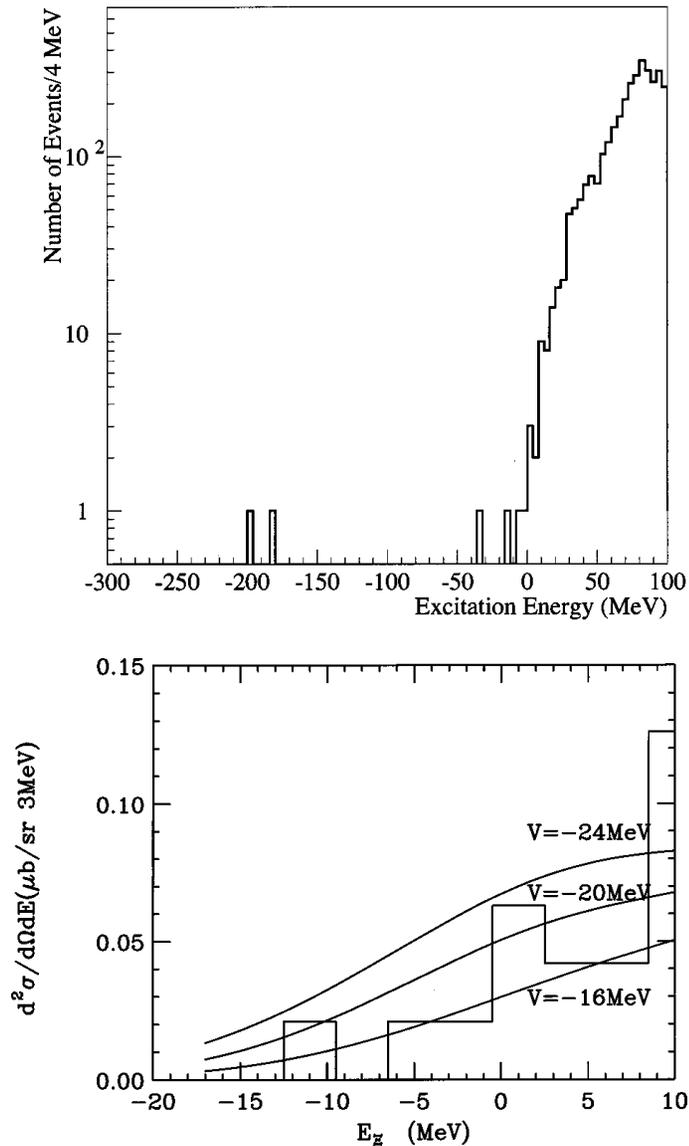
$\Xi^-$  nuclear physics

from counter experiments,

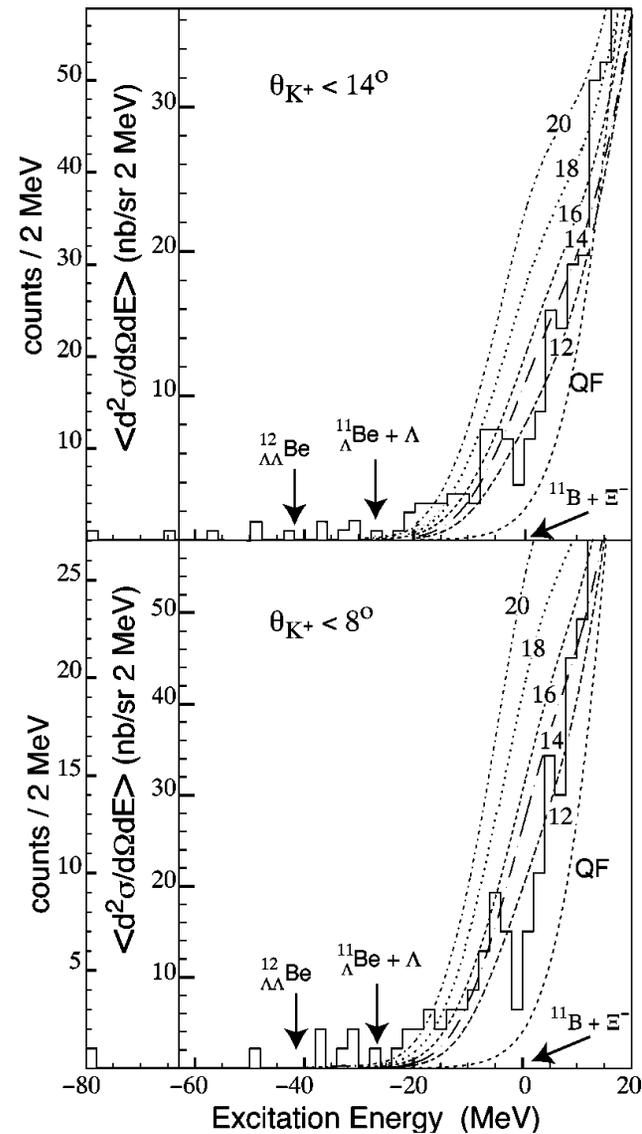
from theory and femtoscopy,

& from capture in emulsion nuclei

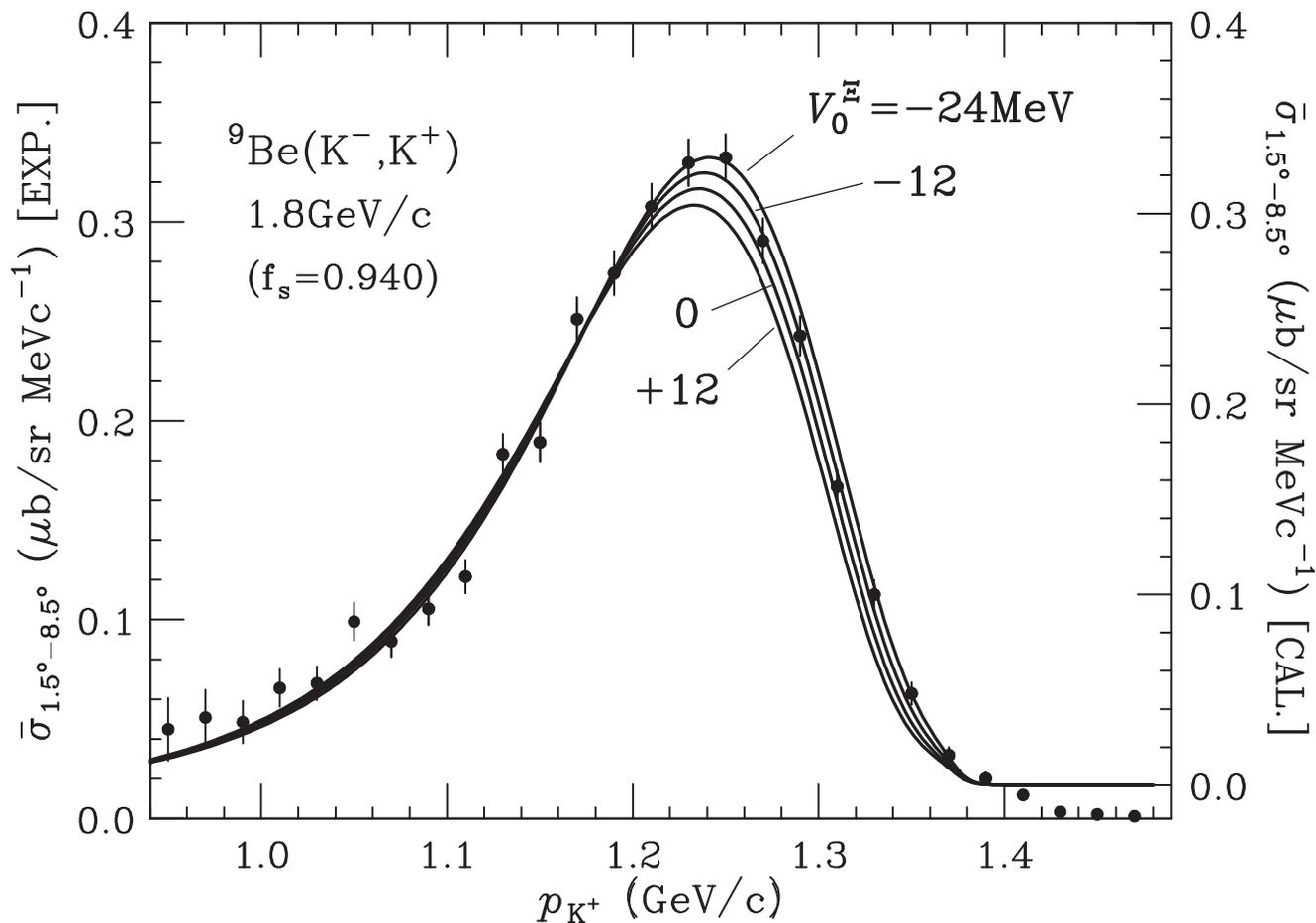
E224 (KEK)



E885 (BNL)

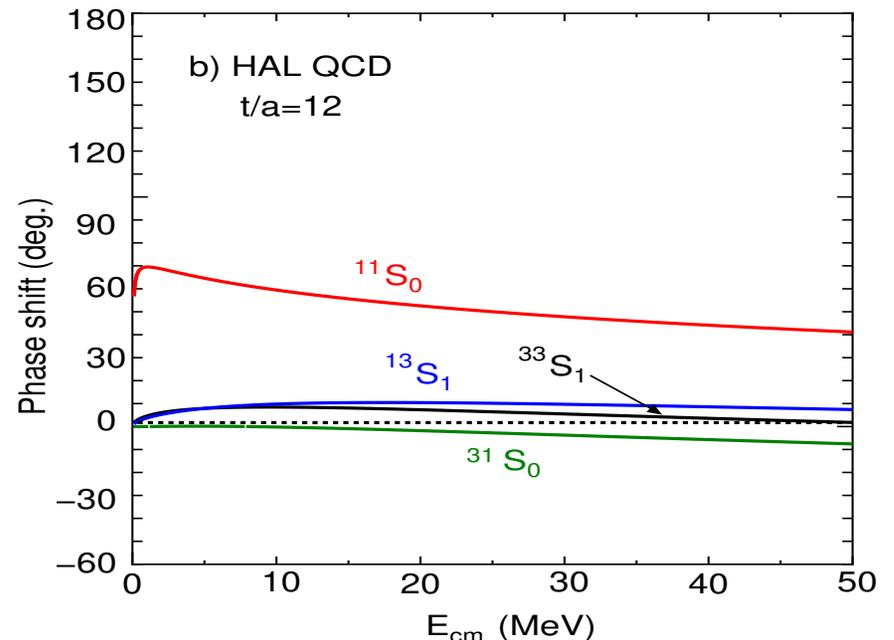
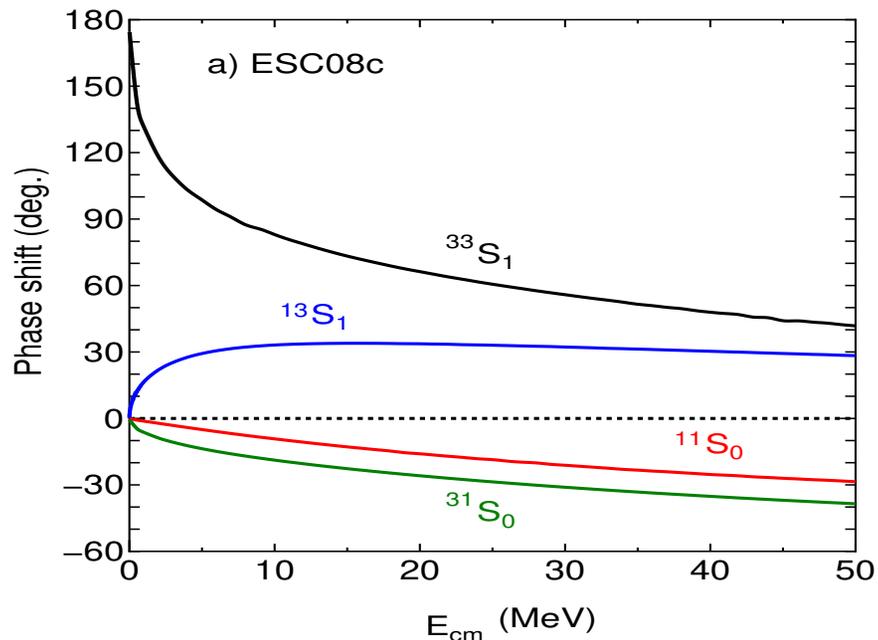


$^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)$  counter experiments, end of 1990s.  
 Unresolved bound states, if any,  $V_{\Xi}$  of order 15 MeV



BNL AGS-906 on  ${}^9\text{Be}$ . A QF calculation by Harada & Hirabayashi, PRC 103 (2021) 024605 concludes  $V_{\Xi} = 17 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}$ . Yet, no  $\Xi^-$  bound-state smoking gun from  $(\text{K}^-, \text{K}^+)$  experiments. Await J-PARC final E05 & future E70 results.

# $\Xi N$ s-wave model interactions



Nijmegen ESC08c version

HAL-QCD version

Hiyama et al. PRL 124 (2020) 092501:  $A \leq 4$   $\Xi$  hypernuclei

Substantial model dependence

HAL-QCD: LQCD calculation at  $m_{\pi(K)} = 146(525)$  MeV

Sasaki et al. NPA 998 (2020) 121737

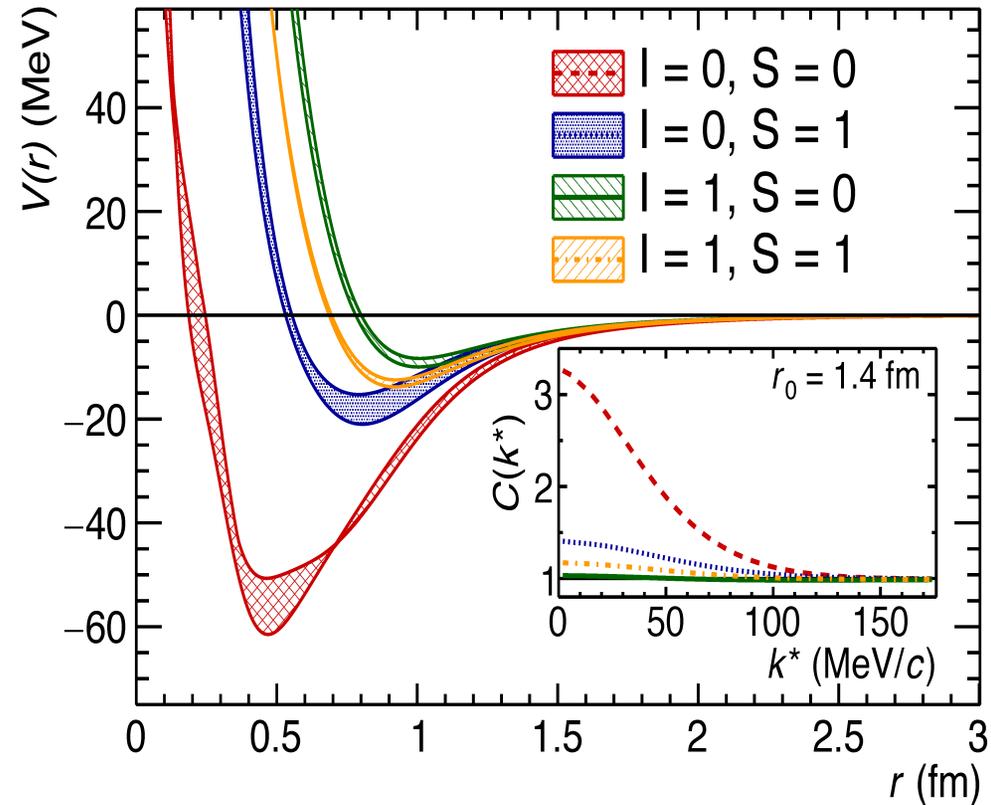
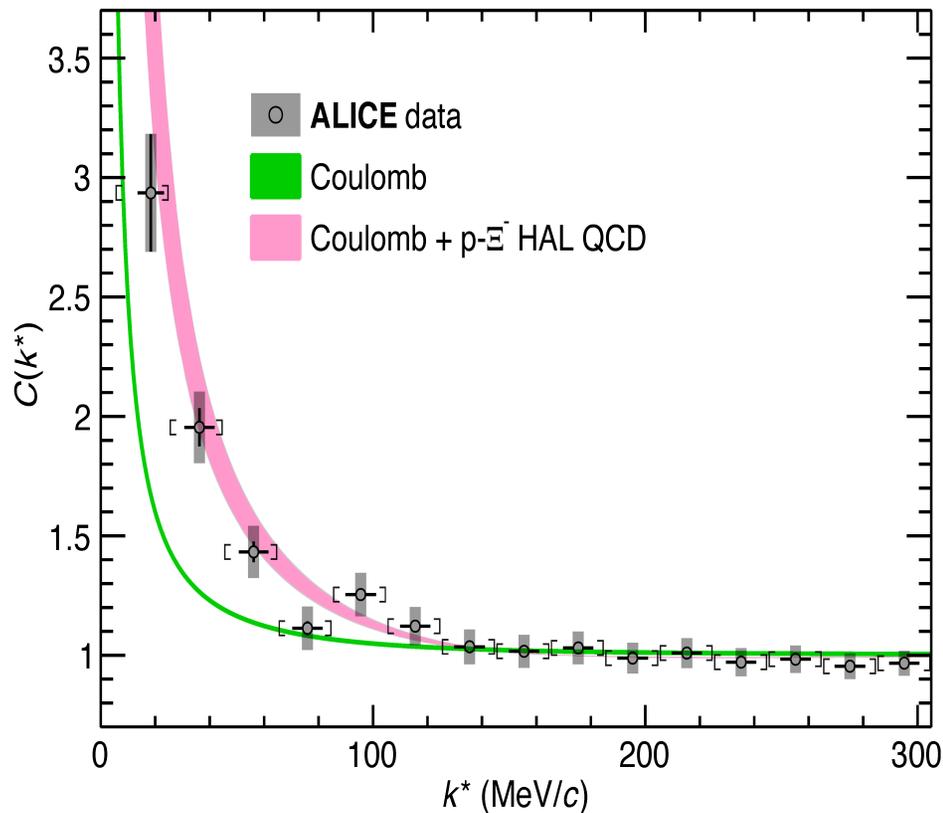
Inoue et al. AIPCP 2130 (2019) 020002:  $V_{\Xi}^{\text{LQCD}} = 4 \pm 2$  MeV

Kohno, PRC 100 (2019) 024313:  $V_{\Xi}^{\text{EFT}} \approx 10$  MeV

# Femtoscscopy study of $p\text{-}\Xi^-$ correlations

ALICE, PRL 123 (2019) 112002

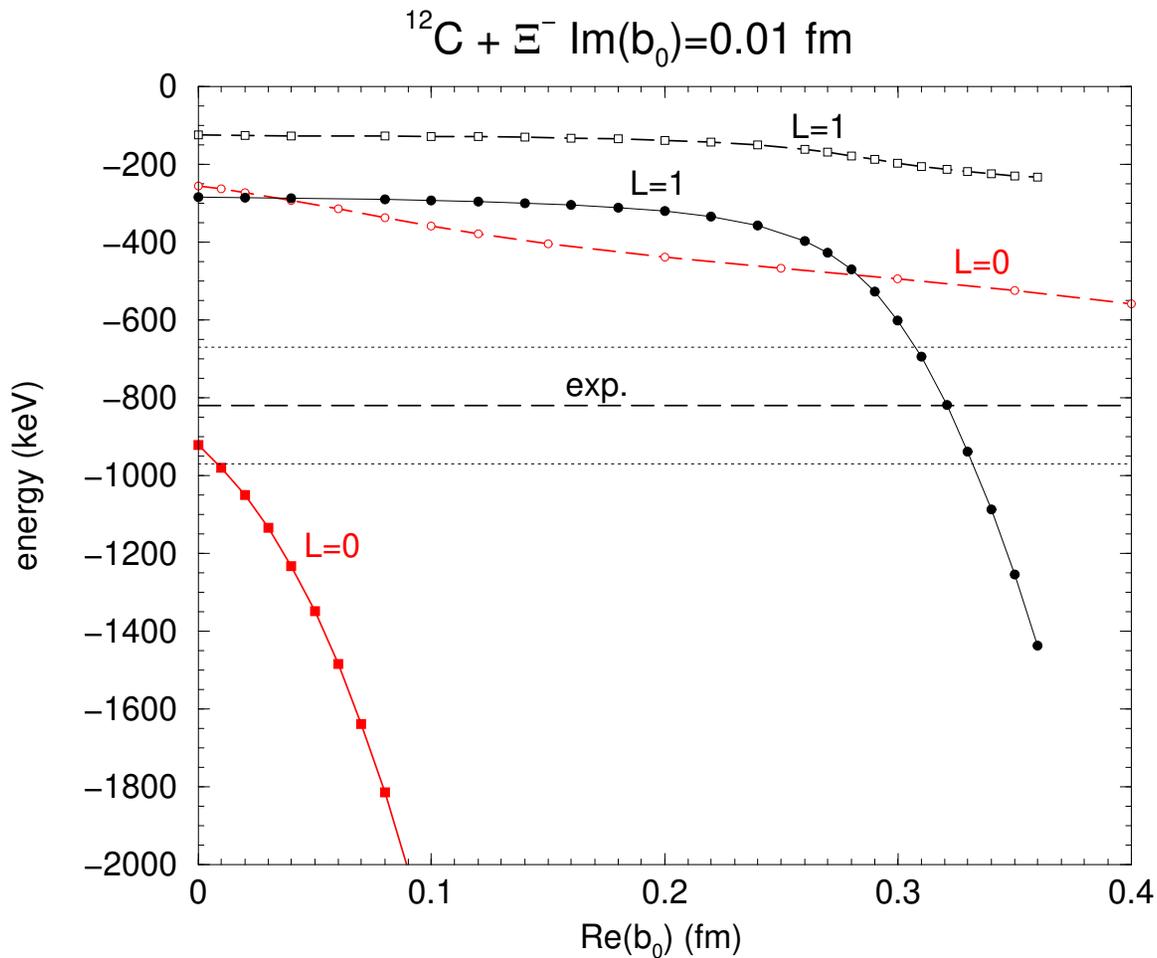
attractive HAL-QCD – yes  
repulsive Nijmegen ESC16 – no



# Two-body $\Xi^-$ capture emulsion events

Experiment	Event	${}^AZ$	${}_{\Lambda}^{A'}Z' + {}_{\Lambda}^{A''}Z''$	$B_{\Xi^-}$ (MeV)
KEK E176	10-09-06	${}^{12}\text{C}$	${}_{\Lambda}^4\text{H} + {}_{\Lambda}^9\text{Be}$	$0.82 \pm 0.17$
KEK E176	13-11-14	${}^{12}\text{C}$	${}_{\Lambda}^4\text{H} + {}_{\Lambda}^9\text{Be}^*$	$0.82 \pm 0.14$
KEK E176	14-03-35	${}^{14}\text{N}$	${}_{\Lambda}^3\text{H} + {}_{\Lambda}^{12}\text{B}$	$1.18 \pm 0.22$
KEK E373	KISO	${}^{14}\text{N}$	${}_{\Lambda}^5\text{He} + {}_{\Lambda}^{10}\text{Be}^*$	$1.03 \pm 0.18$
J-PARC E07	IBUKI	${}^{14}\text{N}$	${}_{\Lambda}^5\text{He} + {}_{\Lambda}^{10}\text{Be}$	$1.27 \pm 0.21$

- $\Xi^-$  capture occurs mostly from 3D atomic state ( $B_{\Xi^-} = 126, 175$  keV in  ${}^{12}\text{C}, {}^{14}\text{N}$ , respectively).
- To form  $1s_{\Lambda}^2$  in  $\Xi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$  need  $l_{\Xi^-} = l_p$ , hence expect capture from a Coulomb-assisted  $1p_{\Xi^-}$  nuclear state bound by  $\sim 1$  MeV, evolving by Strong Interaction from a 2P atomic state.



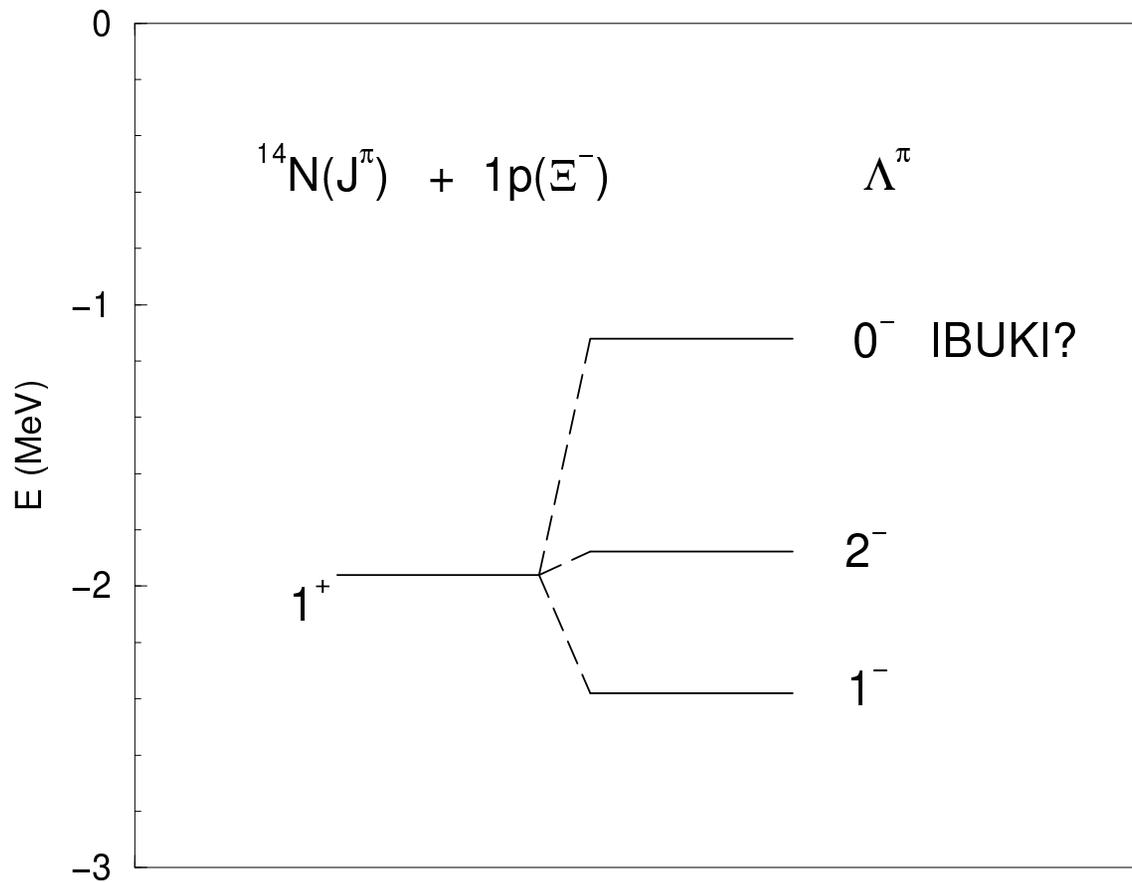
$V_{\text{opt}} = t\rho \sim b_0\rho(r)$ : scan over  $\text{Re } b_0$

Rearrangement:  $3P \rightarrow 2P$ ,  $2S \rightarrow 1S$ ,  $2P \rightarrow 1p$ ,  $1S \rightarrow 1s$

$1p$  fit:  $\text{Re } b_0 = 0.32 \pm 0.01 \text{ fm} \Rightarrow V_{\Xi} = 24.3 \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV}$

Pauli corrected:  $21.9 \pm 0.7 \text{ MeV}$ . It fails in  $^{14}\text{N}$ :

$B_{1p}^{\Xi^-}$  (calc.) =  $1.96 \pm 0.25$  vs.  $B_{1p}^{\Xi^-}$  (exp.) =  $1.15 \pm 0.20 \text{ MeV}$



$^{14}\text{N}_{\text{g.s.}}(1^+)$  split by shell-model residual interaction

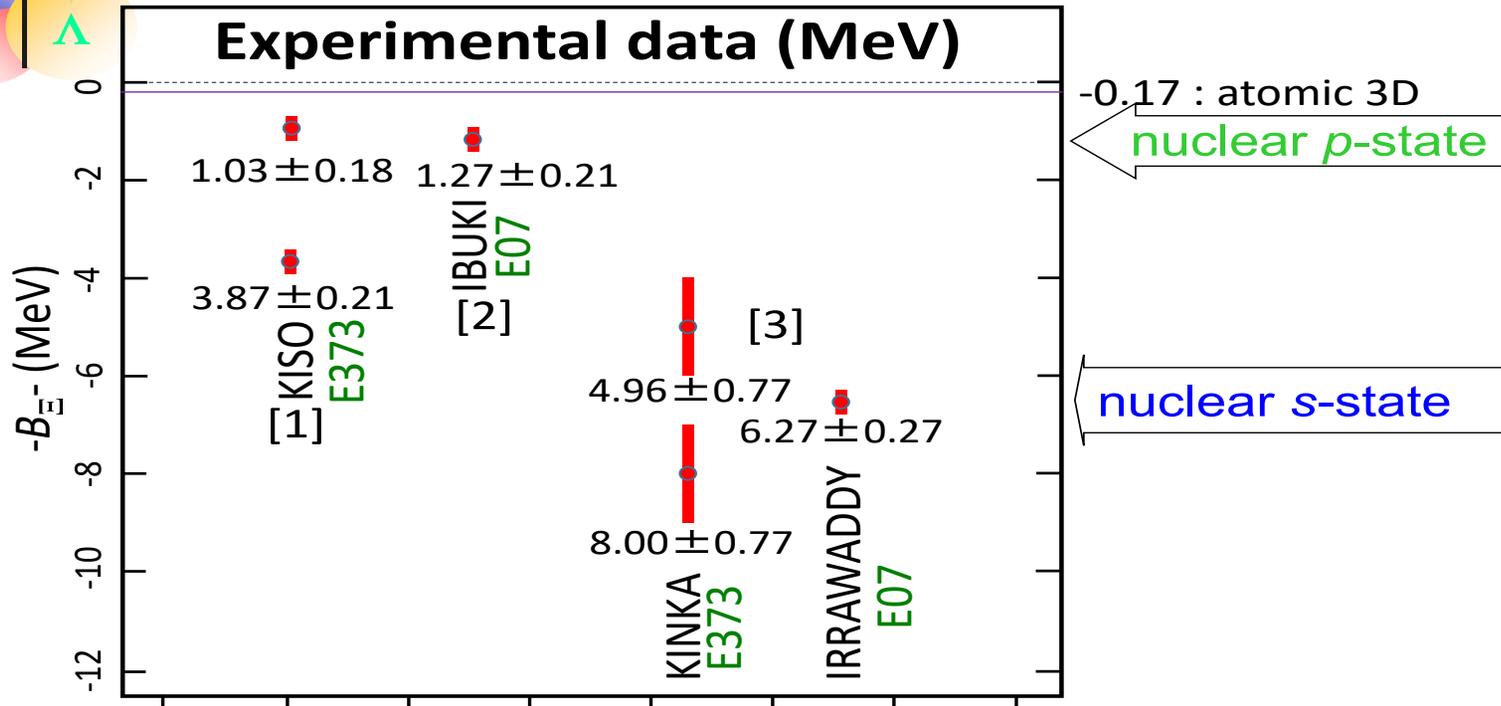
$$\mathbf{F}_{\Xi N}^{(2)} \mathbf{Q}_N \cdot \mathbf{Q}_\Xi \quad \mathbf{Q} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \mathbf{Y}_2(\hat{r})$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\Xi N}^{(2)} = -3 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B}_{1p}^{\Xi^-}(0^-) = 1.12 \pm 0.25 \text{ MeV}$$

agrees with  $\mathbf{B}_{1p}^{\Xi^-}(\text{exp.}) = 1.15 \pm 0.20 \text{ MeV}$

# J-PARC E07 $^{14}\text{N}$ events

Level scheme of  $\Xi$  hypernucleus ( $^{15}_{\Xi}\text{C}$  [ $\Xi^{-}-^{14}\text{N}$ ])



- [1] K. Nakazawa, et. al., Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. **2015**, 033D02 (2015),  
 E. Hiyama and K. Nakazawa, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. **68**, 131 (2018).  
 [2] S. Hayakawa, et. al., Phy. Rev. Lett., **126**, 062501 (2021).  
 [3] M. Yoshimoto, et. al., Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. **2021**, 073D02 (2021).

Yoshimoto et al., PTEP 2021 073D02

$1s_{\Xi^-}$  states reported only in  $^{14}\text{N}$



# Twin $\Lambda$ : capture & decay vertices

\*\*\*\* IBUKI (J-PARC E07) PRL 126 (2021) 062501

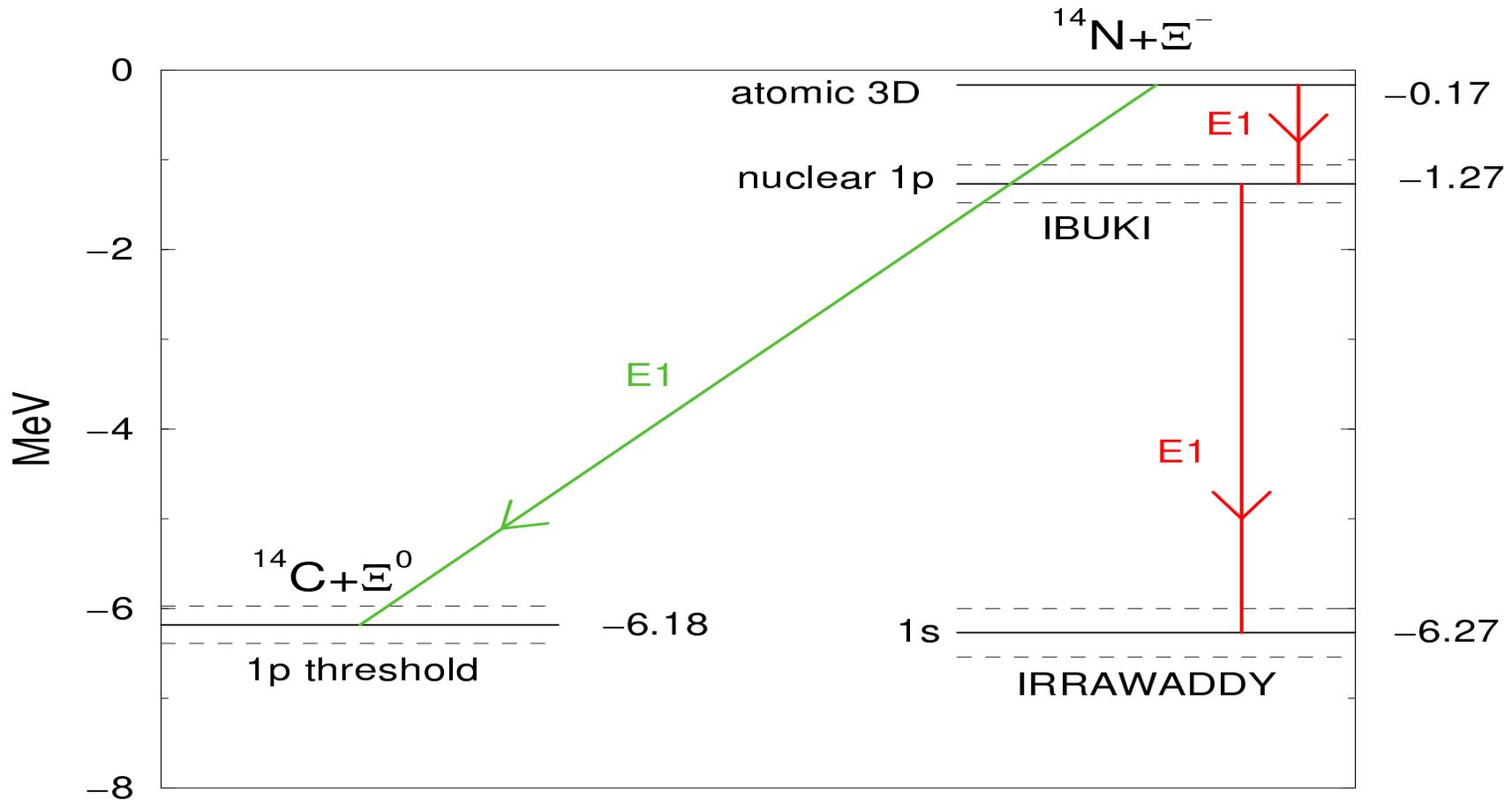
- A: capture  $\Xi_{1p}^- + {}^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow {}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} + {}^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$
- B: decay  ${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + \text{p} + \pi^-$
- C: decay  ${}^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Be} \rightarrow 3 \text{ or } 4 \text{ nuclei} + \text{neutrons}$

\*\* KINKA (KEK E373) PTEP 2021 073D02

- A: capture  $\Xi_{1s}^- + {}^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow {}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be} + {}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} + \text{n}$
- B: decay  ${}^9_{\Lambda}\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^6\text{He} + 2\text{p} + \text{n}$
- C: decay  ${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nuclei} + \text{neutrons}$

Furthermore,  $1s_{\Xi^-}$  capture rate is only  
a few % of  $1p_{\Xi^-}$  capture rate

# $1s_{\Xi^-}$ reinterpreted as $1p_{\Xi^0}$



Friedman-Gal, PLB 837 (2023) 137640

$\Xi^0$  relevance **unique to  $^{14}\text{N}$** , not in  $^{12}\text{C}$  or  $^{16}\text{O}$ .

$\Xi^- p \leftrightarrow \Xi^0 n$  ch. exch. induces  $^{14}\text{N} + \Xi_{1p}^- \leftrightarrow ^{14}\text{C} + \Xi_{1p}^0$  mixing.

$^{14}\text{N} + \Xi_{3D}^-$  decays by E1 to both  $^{14}\text{N} + \Xi_{1p}^-$ ,  $^{14}\text{C} + \Xi_{1p}^0$ .

# Remarks on SHF Calculations

Guo-Zhou-Schulze, PRC 104 (2021) L061307

Suppressing SHF nonlocal terms and assuming

$m_{\Xi}^* = m_{\Xi}$ , the SHF  $\Xi$  mean field depth  $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0)$  in

n.m. density  $\rho_0 = 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3}$  is fixed by fitting

$$V_{\Xi}(\rho_N) = [V_{\Xi}^{(2)}(\rho_N) = a_0 \rho_N] + [V_{\Xi}^{(3)}(\rho_N) = a_3 \rho_N^2]$$

in  $^{14}\text{N}$  to  $B_{\Xi^-(1s)} \approx 8.00 \text{ MeV}$  (KINKA)

and  $B_{\Xi(1p)} \approx 1.15 \text{ MeV}$  (KISO & IBUKI).

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Method	Pauli	$V_{\Xi}^{(2)}(\rho_0)$	$V_{\Xi}^{(3)}(\rho_0)$	$V_{\Xi}(\rho_0)$ (MeV)
SHF	No	34.1	-20.4	13.7
$V_{\text{opt}}$	No	27.5	-12.6	14.9
$V_{\text{opt}}$	Yes	24.6	-11.0	13.6

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# $\Xi^-$ capture: Summary & Outlook

- $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0)=24.3\pm 0.8 \Rightarrow 21.9\pm 0.7$  MeV with Pauli, from twin- $\Lambda$  **two-body**  $\Xi_{1p}^-$ - $^{12}\text{C}$  capture events.
- KEK-E224 & BNL-E885:  $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0)\approx 16\pm 2$  MeV.
- BNL-E906:  $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0)=17\pm 6$  MeV (QF in  $^9\text{Be}$ ).
- EFT & LQCD suggest  $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0)\leq 10$  MeV.
- SHF using E07  $^{14}\text{N}$  input:  $V_{\Xi}\approx 14\pm 1$  MeV, with attractive  $\Xi N$  & repulsive  $\Xi NN$  terms.
- Why **all** E07  $\Xi_{1s}^-$ -assigned events are in  $^{14}\text{N}$ ?  
A  $\Xi_{1p}^0$ - $^{14}\text{C}$  assignment is more natural.
- Challenge: find one good  $\Xi_{1s}^-$ - $^{12}\text{C}$  capture event.

**Thanks for your attention!**