Hypernuclear physics with heavy ion beams, nuclear emulsions and machine learning

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Quarks and sub-atomic nuclei



Mass (MeV)

INSIDE A NEUTRON STAR

A NASA mission will use X-ray spectroscopy to gather clues about the interior of neutron stars — the Universe's densest forms of matter.

Outer crust Atomic nuclei, free electrons

Inner crust Heavier atomic nuclei, free neutrons and electrons

Outer core Quantum liquid where neutrons, protons and electrons exist in a soup

Inner core -

Unknown ultra-dense matter. Neutrons and protons may remain as particles, break down into their constituent quarks, or even become 'hyperons'.

> Beam of X-rays coming from the neutron star's poles, which sweeps around as the star rotates.

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Chart of ordinary nuclei



Chart of single-strangeness hypernuclei





Chart of double-strangeness hypernuclei



Chart of double-strangeness hypernuclei

Lighter hypernuclei: Data with emulsions and bubble chambers from 60-70's

Heavier hypernuclei: Counter experiment with meson and electron beams

neutron number

proton number

strangeness

Structure in detailClean experiment

Difficulties

Advantage

Limited isospin

Precise spectroscopy

- Small momentum transfer to separate hypernuclei
- Difficulties on decay studies
- Only up to double-strangeness

Hypernuclear spectroscopy with heavy ion beams

Hypernuclear spectroscoy with Heavy Ion Beam

HypHI project, started in 2005

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 **big** experiments





The world situation of three-body hypernuclei



STAR Collaboration, PRL 128 (2022) 202301

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JLab E12-17-003., PRC 105 (2022) L051001

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Our approach:

- With heavy ion beams:
- Lifetime
- Ann

Emulsion + Machine Learning

• Binding energy



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The novel technique with FRS at GSI (2016-)





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PRODUCTION TARGET

SIS

S2

FRS

S4

ESR

With ⁶Li+¹²C at 2 A GeV







⁶Li / ¹²C, **1.96** A GeV Beam

Existing	Newly developed
WASA Solenoid Csl MDC	PSB / PSFE / PSBE / T0 Fiber Trackers Cryogenics Readout electronics



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PSB	R. Sekiya et al., Nucl. Instrum. Meth.	A 1034 (2022) 166745	
		Csl Solenoid	

PSB

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Part of the collaboration: Photo taken during the experiment (Feb 2022)

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Collaboration of hypernuclear physicists and low-energy nuclear physicists

Data taking (January – March 2022)

Run	Period	Data size
Commissioning run	28th Jan 7th Feb.	7 TB
Physics run for η' nuclei	22nd Feb 28th Feb.	40 TB
Physics run for HypHI	10th Mar 19th Mar.	48 TB

92 % of the prop.

Acquired data for S447 (hypernuclei)

Beam	Fragment at S4	Amount	Time	Accepted trigger rate	
S. 1828. 183	³ He	3.3 × 10 ⁸	40.9 hours	2600 Hz	з ^у Ч
And the first	⁴ He	0.9 × 10 ⁸	42.0 hours	1800 H-	⁴ ∧⊢
⁶ Li beam	deuteron	1.8 × 10 ⁸	43.9 Hours	1000 HZ	nn
	proton (mid- rapidity)	5.3 × 10 ⁶	3.2 hours	680 Hz	Λ
12C hoom	³ He	1.0 × 10 ⁸	12.5 hours	2400 H-	³ _A H
-C beam	O ⁶	2.4 × 10 ⁵	13.5 Hours	2400 HZ	⁹ ^E

FRS analysis



Fragments PID

- identified in S3 S4
- Plastic scintillators
- TOF, dE

Momentum and Angle reconstruction

- S2 DFTs & S4 MWDC
- Momentum : 5×10^{-4} (σ)
- Angular : ~0.8 mrad (σ)



Enqiang Liu Ph.D. thesis, May 2024, Lanzhou University

Graph Neural Network (GNN) for WASA

Track Finding



- Multi particles in HI reaction
- Combinatorial background

Graph





- Track Finding with Graph Neural Network (GNN)
 - Node : Data point
 - Edge : Connection



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Development of machine learning analyses with graph neural network for the WASA-FRS experiment

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Abstract The WASA-FRS experiment aims to reveal the nature of light A hypernuclei with heavy-ion beams. The lifetimes of hypernuclei are measured precisely from their decay lengths and kinematics. To reconstruct a π^- track emitted from hypernuclear decay, track finding is an important issue. In this study, a machine learning analysis method with a graph neural network (GNN), which is a powerful tool for deducing the connection between data nodes, was developed to obtain track associations from numerous combinations of hit information provided in detectors based on a Monte Carlo simulation. An efficiency of 98% was achieved for tracking π^{-} mesons using the developed GNN model. The GNN model can also estimate the charge and momentum of the particles of interest. More than 99.9% of the negative charged particles were correctly identified with a momentum accuracy of 63%

stand it for the middle- and long-range interactions based on a variety of nuclear experiments. To reveal the unknown features of the nuclear force, such as short-range interaction, considering a more detailed structure inside the baryons is essential. All baryons consist of three guarks, and nucleons such as neutrons and protons consist of up and down quarks. By introducing other types of quarks into ordinary nuclear systems, one can study the nuclear force in a more general picture. In particular, because the mass of the strange quark is close to that of the up and down quarks, interactions among these three quarks are described under flavoured-SU(3) symmetry. Therefore, a hyperon, which is a type of baryon that contains strange quark(s), plays an important role in investigating baryon-baryon interactions. As the lifetime of hyperon is short ($\sim 10^{-10}$ s), using them as projectiles or targets is difficult. Therefore, hyperon-nucleon interactions have been studied via hypernuclei, which contain at least

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Jie Zhou et al., AI Open 1 (2020) 57-81





Data analyses with the GNN





2.94 2.96

Invariant mass VtxFit (no vtz cut) only with PSB



Only partial data with

- T0
- Fiber detectors
- MDC
- PSB
- FRS

Our challenges on the hypertriton binding energy

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





J-PARC E07 experiment K⁻ Beam (180cm above the floor) al at at at Emulsion module Target Beam Ξ Experimental apparatus 2016-2017 tracking detector J-PARC, Ibaraki, Japan **Emulsion module**

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:
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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

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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

Detection of hypertriton events

With Mask R-CNN model





Detection of each object

rson

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

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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

Discovery of the first hypertriton event in E07 emulsions

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





Towards the hypertriton binding energy

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- Increasing statistics (so far only 0.6 % of the entire data)

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Problems on π^-



MAMI: $P_{\pi} = 132.851 \pm 0.011$ (stat.) ± 0.101 (syst.) MeV/c



for energetic π is not correct

Affecting all emulsion results at KEK and J-PARC

Range of the deduced binding energy

Manner / B_{Λ}		π - only [MeV]		π - & Helium [MeV]	
		³ ∧H	⁴ ∧H	³ ∧H	⁴ ∧H
	Momentum	0.265 ± 0.108	2.175 ± 0.096	0.274 ± 0.118	2.196 ± 0.103
Factor	K.E	0.239 ± 0.108	2.175 ± 0.096	0.250 ± 0.108	2.196 ± 0.103
Factor	Density	0.196 ± 0.105	2.175 ± 0.096	0.210 ± 0.117	2.184 ± 0.101
	Range	0.216 ± 0.108	2.175 ± 0.096	0.228 ± 0.118	2.183 ± 0.103
	Momentum	0.417 ± 0.109	2.176 ± 0.097	0.417 ± 0.119	2.196 ± 0.103
Shift	K.E	0.514 ± 0.110	2.176 ± 0.098	0.509 ± 0.119	2.182 ± 0.105
Shirt	Density	0.198 ± 0.105	2.176 ± 0.093	0.211 ± 0.117	2.184 ± 0.101
	Range	0.693 ± 0.107	2.176 ± 0.096	0.673 ± 0.117	2.182 ± 0.103

${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H: <u>196 – 693 keV</u> (with only 0.6 % of the entire data)

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Our current shopping list

S = -1

- ANN: Hypertriton puzzle:
- Charge symmetry braking(A = 4): ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ H, ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ He ⁶∧He
- · A = 6 Hypernuclei as $\Lambda \alpha N$:
- Caribration for HIHR in J-PARC: $12_{\Lambda}C$

S = -2

 $\cdot \Lambda \Lambda$ -EN mixing $\cdot \Xi_{1s}$ nuclear state:

$${}^{5}_{\Lambda\Lambda}H, {}^{5}_{\Lambda\Lambda}He, {}^{6}_{\Lambda\Lambda}He$$

 ${}^{13}_{\Xi}B, {}^{15}_{\Xi}C, {}^{17}_{\Xi}N$

3^VH



Shohei Sugimoto, Master thesis

Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclei

Prepare training dataset





Double-strangeness hypernuclei event topology — **"three vertices"**

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



Model performance





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Ph.D. thesis



triple-close shell

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



Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclei

20x

score = 1.0

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

- Current status and near future
- Analyzed 0.2% of the entire data, 6 candidates found.
 Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclei with newly developed machine-learning method is in progress.

One of new candidates



MINO event from E07 hybrid

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

V3451: MOD100 PL02 AREA00

#7

- density: 3.6401 ± 0.018
- shrinkage factor: 1.877

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• angle and range error decided by track fitting and measurement

Vertex	Track id	Range[µm]	Theta[°]	Phi[°]	
	#0	2-2-2-2	113.09±0.87	344.40 <u>±</u> 0.67	E_
	#1	9.49 <u>±</u> 0.34	125.28±0.90	20.88±0.81	double-A hypernucleus
Α	#3	18.20±0.50	8.19±0.48	308.04 <u>±</u> 3.43	
	#4	22.61±0.34	53.58±0.80	211.87±0.73	
	#5	3294.17 <u>+</u> 36.31	123.25±0.96	117.55 <u>+</u> 0.79	
В	#2	3.26±0.49	158.54 <u>+</u> 2.95	282.63±7.55	single-∧ hypernucleus
	#6	30.87±0.27	72.43±0.94	58.81 <u>+</u> 0.80	
	#7	7093.55 <u>+118.55</u>	121.97±0.98	210.79 <u>+</u> 0.81	
С	#8	72.47±0.24	90.11±1.31	38.22 <u>+</u> 0.75	
	#9	26.33±0.29	92.89±1.19	25.02±0.76	





V3451: MOD100 PL02 AREA00

without neutron, momentum balance

- No minimum Q value cut -20 MeV
- 10 solutions remain when momentum balance in "3σ"



• #4 stop and no other particle emitted



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Segmentation task to detect hit infomation



Nuclear Emulsion + Machine Learning Collaboration

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New proposal at KLF/Jlab (Mikhail Bashkanov and TRS)

Neutral-K beams behind the Glue-X setup

- No beam tracks in the emulsion
 - We can leave emulsions, no movement
 - Main background: high energy gamma-rays

With K⁻ beams like in the J-PARC E07 exp.





With K⁰ beams

Talk by Professor Moskov Amaryan, at 10:00 today



Intensity: 0.7 X 10⁴ anti-K⁰ /s

- Two years from 2027: 200 days per year (a total of 400 days)
- 2.3 times more than J-PARC E07 (2.3 k double-strangeness hypernuclei) with **HIGH QUALITY DATA**

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