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## HYPERNUCLEI: YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW

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### PLAN

#### Hypernuclei INTRODUCTION

#### Yesterday (1953 – 1975)

DISCOVERY : Random Hyperfragments  
 EKC *Pauli Principle*

#### Today (1975 – 2000)

PRODUCTION : Systematic studies  
 BNL *BB STRONG Interaction*  
 KEK  $\tau (A)$

#### Tomorrow (2000 – 2010)

DEDICATED experiments :

HYPERBALL  $\gamma$  spectroscopy  
 FINUDA *HN with Neutron Halo*  
 NUCLOTRON *NM WEAK Decay*  
 J-PARC, PANDA  $\Lambda\Lambda$  Hypernuclei

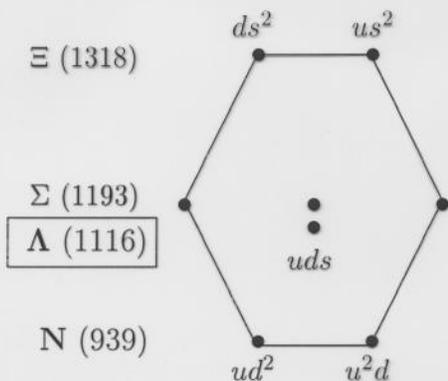
BARYONS  $SU(3)_f$  MULTIPLETS

PENTAQUARKS

$q^4 \bar{q} : \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} (02) \otimes (01) = (03)$

OCTUPLET

$q^3 : \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} (11)$



DECUPLET

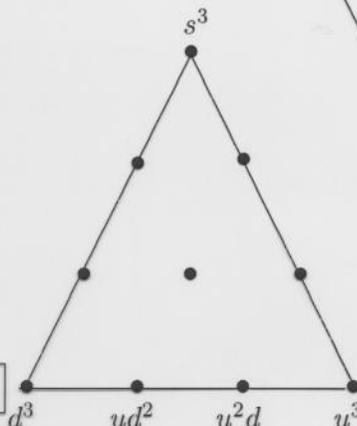
$q^3 : \square \square (30)$

$\Omega (1672)$

$\Xi (1530)$

$\Sigma (1385)$

$\Delta (1232)$



$d^2 s^2 \bar{u} \quad d^2 s^2 \bar{d} \quad u^2 s^2 \bar{u} \quad u^2 s^2 \bar{d} \quad \Xi (1862)$

$\Sigma (1754)$

$N (1646)$

$\Theta (1539)$

$u^2 d^2 \bar{s}$

## NOMENCLATURE

Hypernucleus is specified by

N - the number of neutrons

Z - the number of protons

Y - the number of hyperons

$$N + Z + Y = B$$

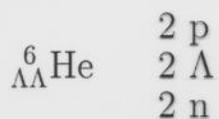
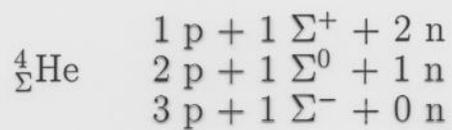
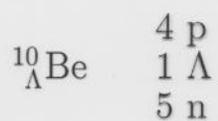
X : element - total CHARGE

(not number of protons !)



number & type of hyperons = Y

## EXAMPLES



## HYPERNUCLEI

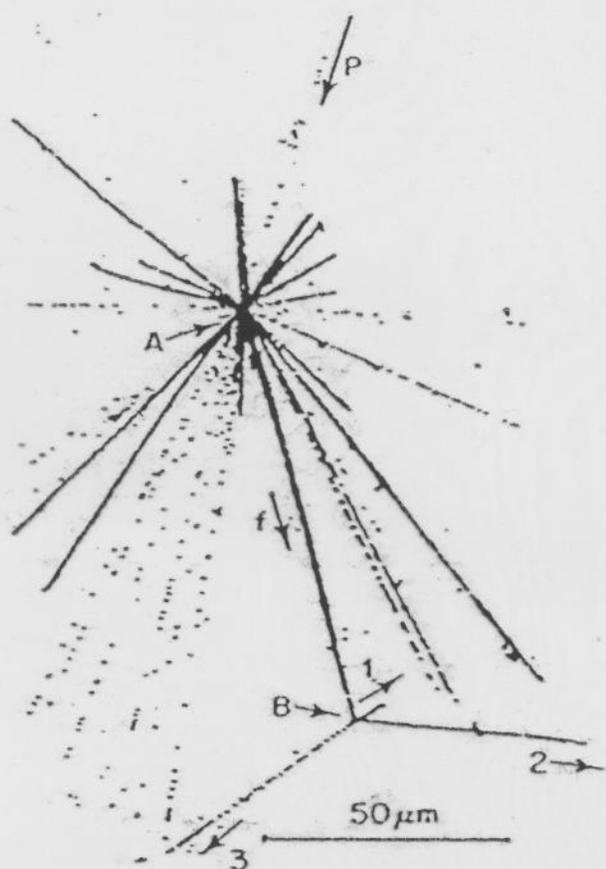
Hypernuclei were discovered by M. Danysz and J. Pniewski

Bull. Acad. Polon. Sci. 3, 42 (1952); Phil. Mag. 44, 348 (1953)

in a balloon-flown emulsion stack where salient picture

**TWIN stars :**

**strong production** of primary hypernucleus and



The first observation of the decay of a hypernucleus.

weak decay of hyperfragment connected with a path corresponding to lifetime  $\approx 10^{-10}$  sec were easily recognized.

## CONSEQUENCES of the DISCOVERY

The original discovery suggesting that  $\Lambda$ -hyperons can exist not only as free particles but also bound within nuclei was due to Danysz and Pniewski.

An excited hydrogen atom, to use the simplest example, consists of a proton and electron in a state of higher energy than in the normal atom. The analogy might then suggest that the excited nucleon consists of a proton and an associated  $\pi^-$  - that the  $\Lambda$  is a composite particle.

Such a view could not have been finally excluded while our knowledge was confined to the decay of free  $\Lambda$ -particle.

These considerations suggest that

**the  $\Lambda$ -particle is an excited state nucleon**

**in a different sense from that suggested by familiar analogies.**

**We are entering a new field where basically new concepts remain to be established.**

**C. N. Powell:** *Excited Nucleons*  
Nature, 173 (1954) 469

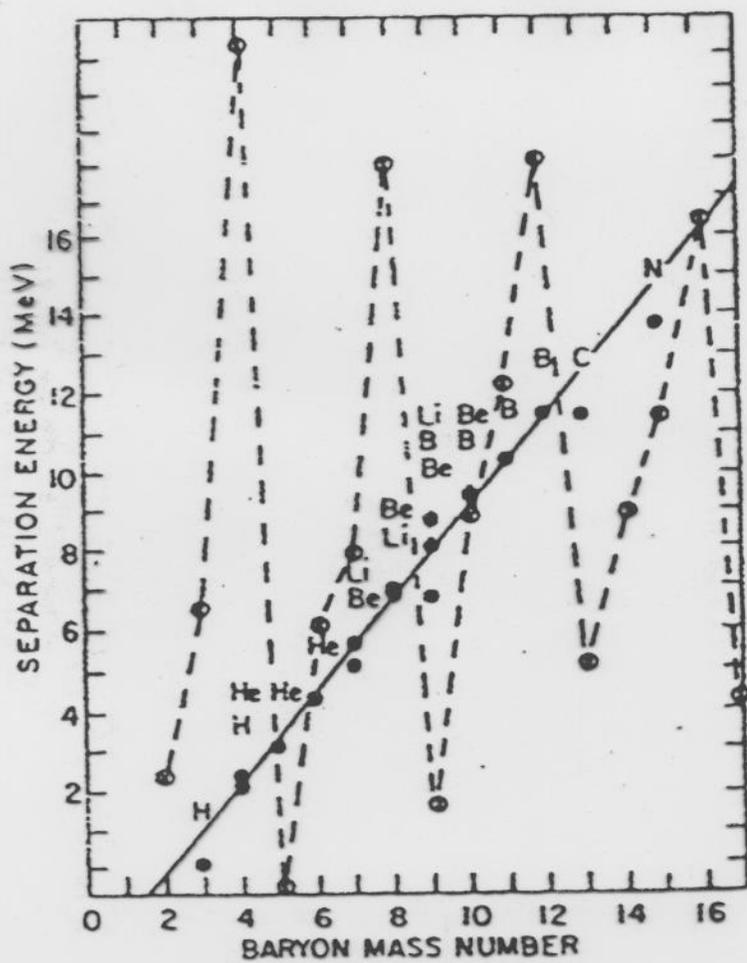
The hypothesis was made that the nuclear fragment contained a bound  $\Lambda$  in a nucleus like an ordinary nucleon.

**It is an essential fact in the chain of reasoning which makes of hyperon just a new species of baryons, and hence leads to  $SU_3$ , quarks etc.**

**Ch. Peyrou:** *The role of cosmic rays in the development of particle physics*  
Colloque International sur l'Histoire de la Physique des Particules, Paris, 1982

From

**A. Wròblewski:** Hypernuclei (and strange particles) - how it all began ?  
XXVIII Mazurian Lakes School of Physics, Poland, September 2003  
Acta Physica Polonica B **35** (2004) 901 - 927



## Production and Decay of Hypernucleus

## FORMATION

primary

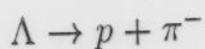
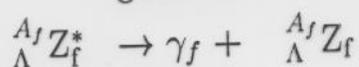
$A_i Z_i$	$(K^-, \pi^-)$	${}_{\Sigma}^{A_i} Z_i^*$	strangeness exchange	$K^- + N \rightarrow \Sigma + \pi$
$A_i Z_i$	$(K^-, \pi^-)$	${}_{\Lambda}^{A_i} Z_i^*$	strangeness exchange	$K^- + n \rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^-$
$A_i Z_i$	$(\pi^+, K^+)$	${}_{\Lambda}^{A_i} Z_i^*$	associative reaction	$\pi^+ + n \rightarrow \Lambda + K^+$
$A_i Z_i$	$(p, p' K^+)$	${}_{\Lambda}^{A_i} Z_i^*$	associative reaction	$p + p \rightarrow p' + \Lambda + K^+$

secondary

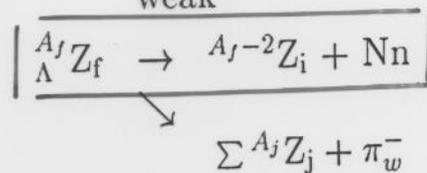
$\Sigma$ conversion	${}_{\Sigma}^{A_i} Z_i^*$	$\rightarrow N + {}_{\Lambda}^{A_j} Z_f^*$
B-emission	${}_{\Lambda}^{A_i} Z_i^*$	$\rightarrow B + {}_{\Lambda}^{A_j} Z_f^*$

## DECAY

gamma



weak



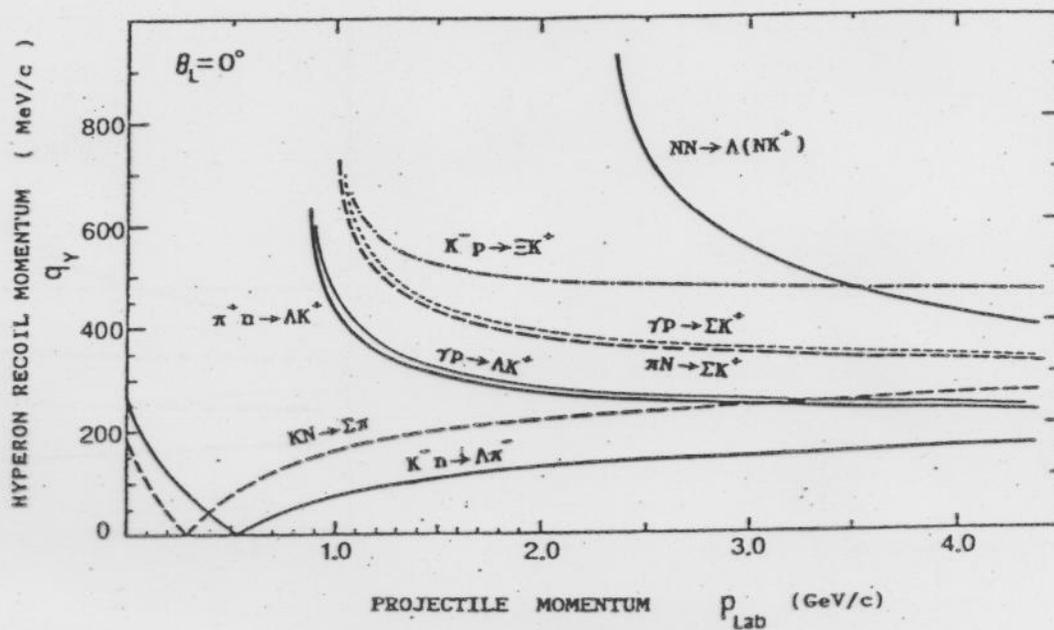
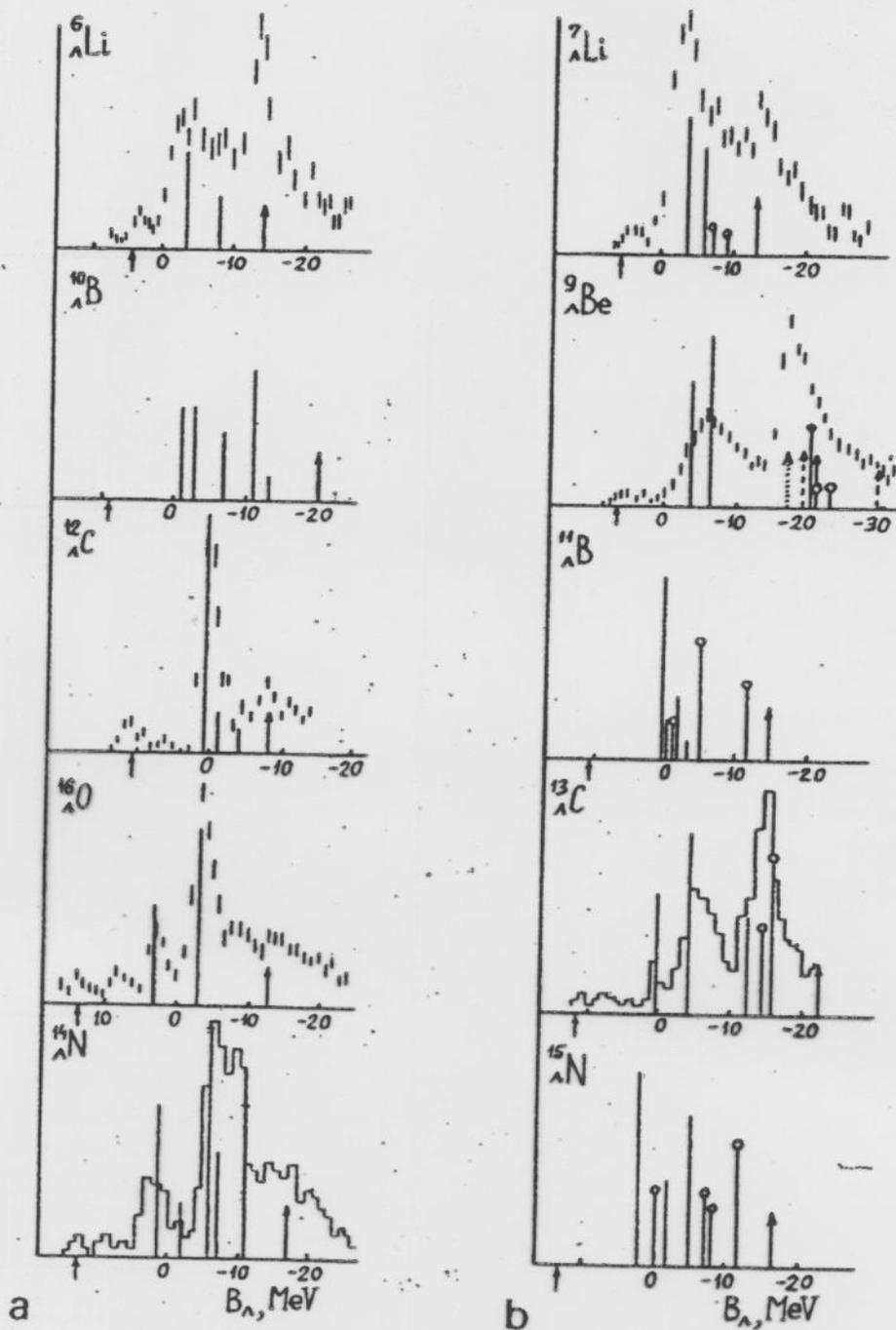
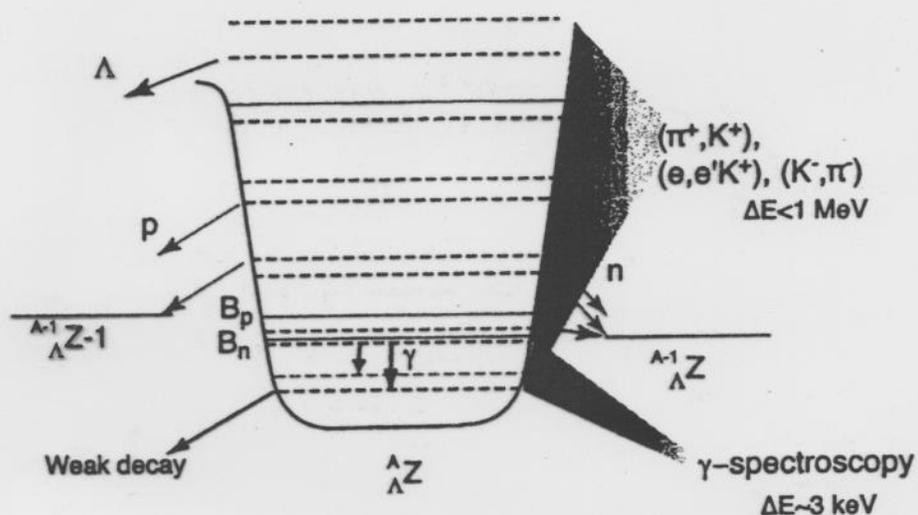


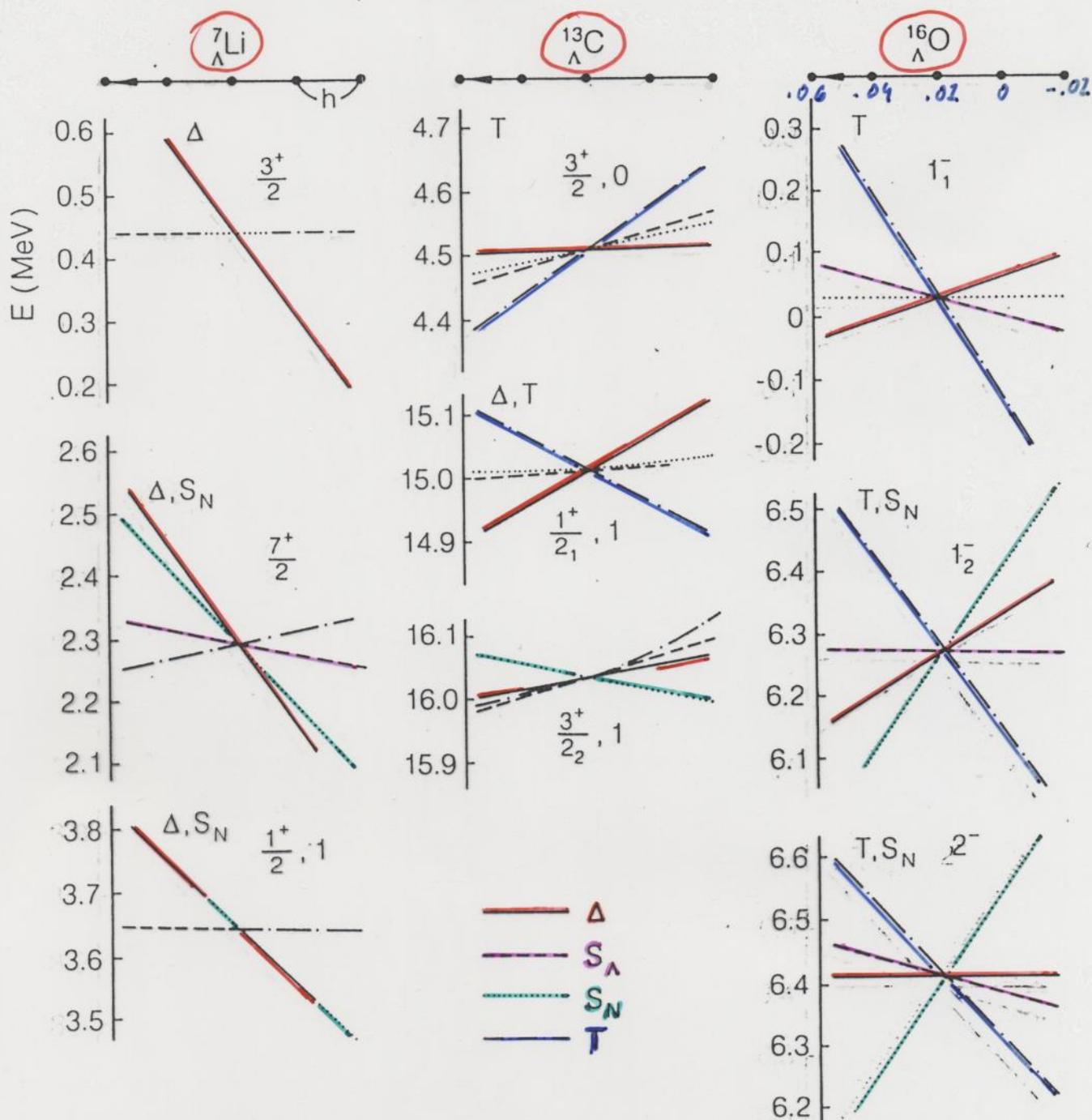
Fig. 2.3. The momentum  $q_Y$  transferred to the hyperon  $Y$  as a function of the projectile momentum  $p_{proj} = p_a$  in the reaction  $aN \rightarrow Yb$  at  $\theta_{b,L} = 0^\circ$ .

$$A(K^-, \pi^-)_\Lambda$$





Excitation energy levels of heavy  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei and their decay modes. The low excitation region could be explored with gamma-ray spectroscopy in very high precision, while for the higher excitation region missing-mass spectroscopy such as the  $(\pi^+, K^+)$  spectroscopy would be a good tool.

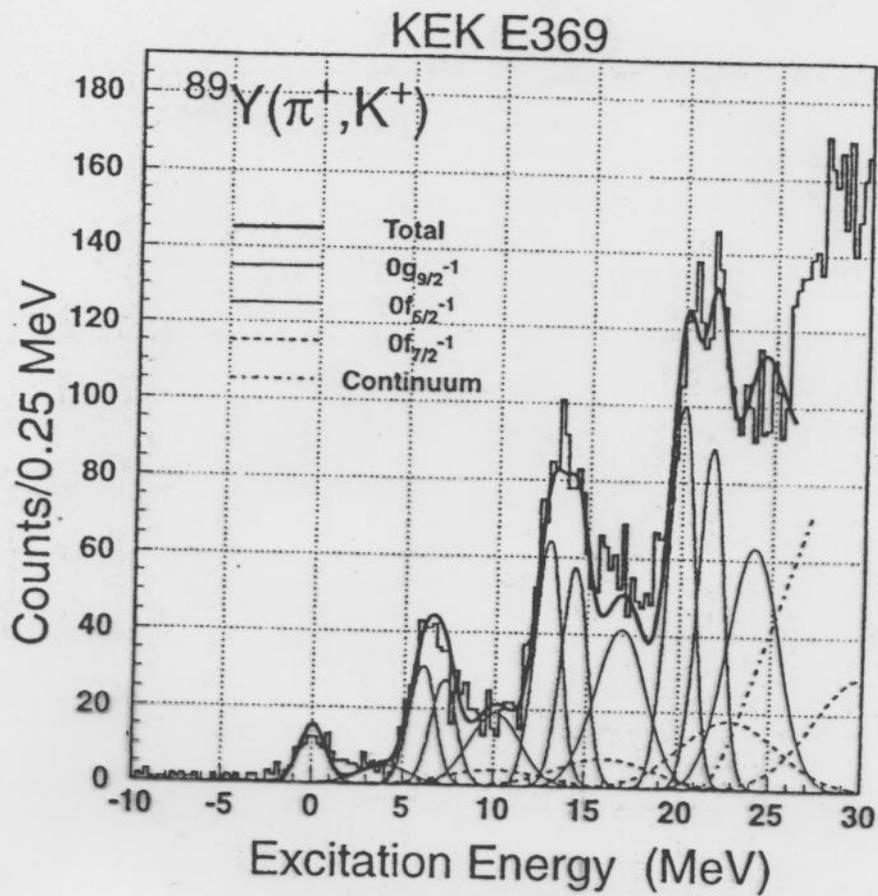


**Fig. 4.** The dependence of the  ${}^7_\Lambda\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^{13}_\Lambda\text{C}$ , and  ${}^{16}_\Lambda\text{O}$  level energies, on the parameters  $\Delta$ ,  $S_\Lambda$ ,  $S_N$ , and  $T$ . The arrows in the upper part of each figure show the direction of increase of the one of the parameters (at fixed values of the remaining three parameters) and indicate the interval of the values of a varied parameter with step  $h$  within the following intervals:

$$0.5 \geq \Delta \geq 0.1 \quad (h=0.1), \quad 0.02 \geq S_\Lambda \geq -0.06 \quad (h=0.02),$$

$$0.1 \geq S_N \geq -0.3 \quad (h=0.1), \quad 0.06 \geq T \geq -0.02 \quad (h=0.02).$$

For  ${}^7_\Lambda\text{Li}$ , the parameters  $S_N$  and  $T$  were varied within intervals  $-0.05 \geq S_N \geq -0.65$  ( $h=0.15$ ),  $0.08 \geq T \geq 0$  ( $h=0.02$ )



An excitation energy spectrum of  $^{89}_{\Lambda}\text{Y}$  obtained in E369.

There are several realistic models for the free  $YN$  interactions, based on boson exchanges.

Well-known are  $YN$  potentials of the **Jülich** group constructed along the same guidelines as in the Bonn  $NN$  potential  
 B. Holzenkamp, K. Holinde, J. Speth, Nucl. Phys. A 500 (1989) 483  
 A. G. Reuber, K. Holinde, J. Speth, Czech. J. Phys. 42 (1992) 1115

The **Nijmegen** group for many years has developed several one-boson exchange potential models: NSC89, NSC97a-f, ESC00  
 Th. A. Rijken, Nucl. Phys. A 691 (2001) 322c

They use  $SU(3)$  constraints on the coupling constants to fit about **4300**  $pp+np$  data (cross sections and spin correlations) together with **35** scattering  $\Lambda N$  and  $\Sigma N$  data.

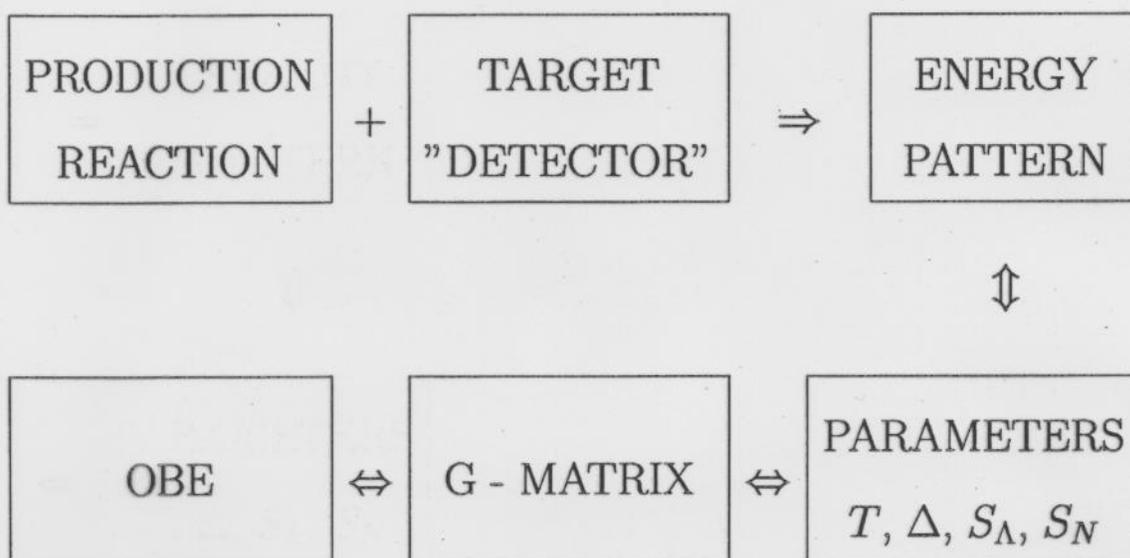
Very important result was obtained by Miyagawa and Glöckle  
 K. Miyagawa, H. Kamada, W. Glöckle, V. Stocks, Phys. Rev. C 51 (1995) 2905  
 Faddeev equations were solved for coupled  $\Lambda NN$ - $\Sigma NN$  system.  
 For the  $\Upsilon N$  system, various interactions were used, and only NSC89 and NSC97f bind the  ${}^3_\Lambda H$  at correct binding energy.  
 The Jülich  $\tilde{A}$  interaction cannot generate a bound state.  
 These results do not depend on the choice of  $NN$  potentials.

**The  $\Lambda$ - $\Sigma$  conversion was found  
 to be crucial for binding energy.**

	SC89	SC97d	SC97e	SC9f	Experiment
$B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^3\text{H})$	0.37	0.01	0.10	0.18	$0.13 \pm 0.05$
$P_{\Sigma}$	0.65	0.06	0.15	0.23	
$B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^4\text{H})$	2.55	1.67	2.06	2.16	$2.04 \pm 0.04$
$P_{\Sigma}$	3.73	1.27	1.49	1.88	
$B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^4\text{H}^*)$	un-	1.20	0.92	0.63	$1.00 \pm 0.04$
$P_{\Sigma}$	bound	1.37	0.98	1.09	
$B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^4\text{He})$	2.47	1.62	2.02	2.11	$2.39 \pm 0.03$
$P_{\Sigma}$	3.59	1.24	1.45	1.83	
$B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^4\text{He}^*)$	un-	1.17	0.90	0.62	$1.24 \pm 0.04$
$P_{\Sigma}$	bound	1.35	0.96	1.08	
$B_{\Lambda}({}_{\Lambda}^5\text{He})$	0.35	3.17	2.75	2.10	$3.12 \pm 0.02$
$P_{\Sigma}$	1.33	2.09	1.55	1.87	

H. Nemura, Y. Akaishi and Y. Suzuki, PRL 89 (2002) 142504

## HYPERON - NUCLEON INTERACTION



## HYPERNUCLEAR WEAK DECAY

The properties of the **free**  $\Lambda$  hyperon are well known:  
it decays nearly 100 % via a nonleptonic mode  $\Lambda \rightarrow N + \pi$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{free} &= 1/\Gamma_{\Lambda} = 2.63 \cdot 10^{-10}\text{s} \\ \Gamma^{\pi^-}/\Gamma_{\Lambda} &= 0.639, \quad \Gamma^{\pi^0}/\Gamma_{\Lambda} = 0.358,\end{aligned}$$

in agreement with other hyperon decays Particle Data Properties.

The energy release in the pionic decay produces a nucleon having a momentum of only some 100 MeV/c ( $T_N \approx 5$  MeV).  
Thus, the pionic decay modes are severely inhibited by Pauli blocking.

The dominant mechanism of a **hypernuclear** decay is  
a far more complex  $\Lambda + N \rightarrow n + N$  process.

The 176 MeV energy release corresponds  $p_N \approx 400$  MeV/c.

The total decay width of a hypernucleus,  $\Gamma_{tot}$ , is defined in terms of its mesonic and nonmesonic decay modes

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{tot} &= \Gamma_{mesonic} + \Gamma_{nonmesonic} \\ \Gamma_{tot} &= \Gamma^{\pi^-} + \Gamma^{\pi^0} + (\Gamma^{\pi^+}) + \underline{\Gamma^p} + \underline{\Gamma^n} + (\Gamma^{mb}),\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma^{mb}$  as well as  $\Gamma^{\pi^+}$  are the possible many-body decay modes.

The main observables, which can be measured experimentally and should be confronted with theoretical calculations, include

- the hypernuclear lifetime  $\tau$ ;
- the partial widths  $\Gamma^{\pi^-}$ ,  $\Gamma^{\pi^0}$ ,  $\Gamma^p$  and  $\Gamma^n$ ;
- the ratio of parity-violating to parity-conserving decay,  
(proton asymmetry in a polarized hypernuclear decay).

$\Lambda$  DECAY MODES

$p \pi^-$	0.639	$\pm 0.005$	101 MeV
$n \pi^0$	0.358	$\pm 0.005$	104 MeV
$n \gamma$	0.00175	$\pm 0.00015$	162 MeV
$p \pi^- \gamma$	0.00084	$\pm 0.00014$	101 MeV
$p e^- \bar{\nu}_e$	0.000832	$\pm 0.000034$	163 MeV
$p \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	0.000157	$\pm 0.000035$	131 MeV

Particle Data Group (K. Hagivara *et al.*) Phys. Rev. D **66** 010001-61.

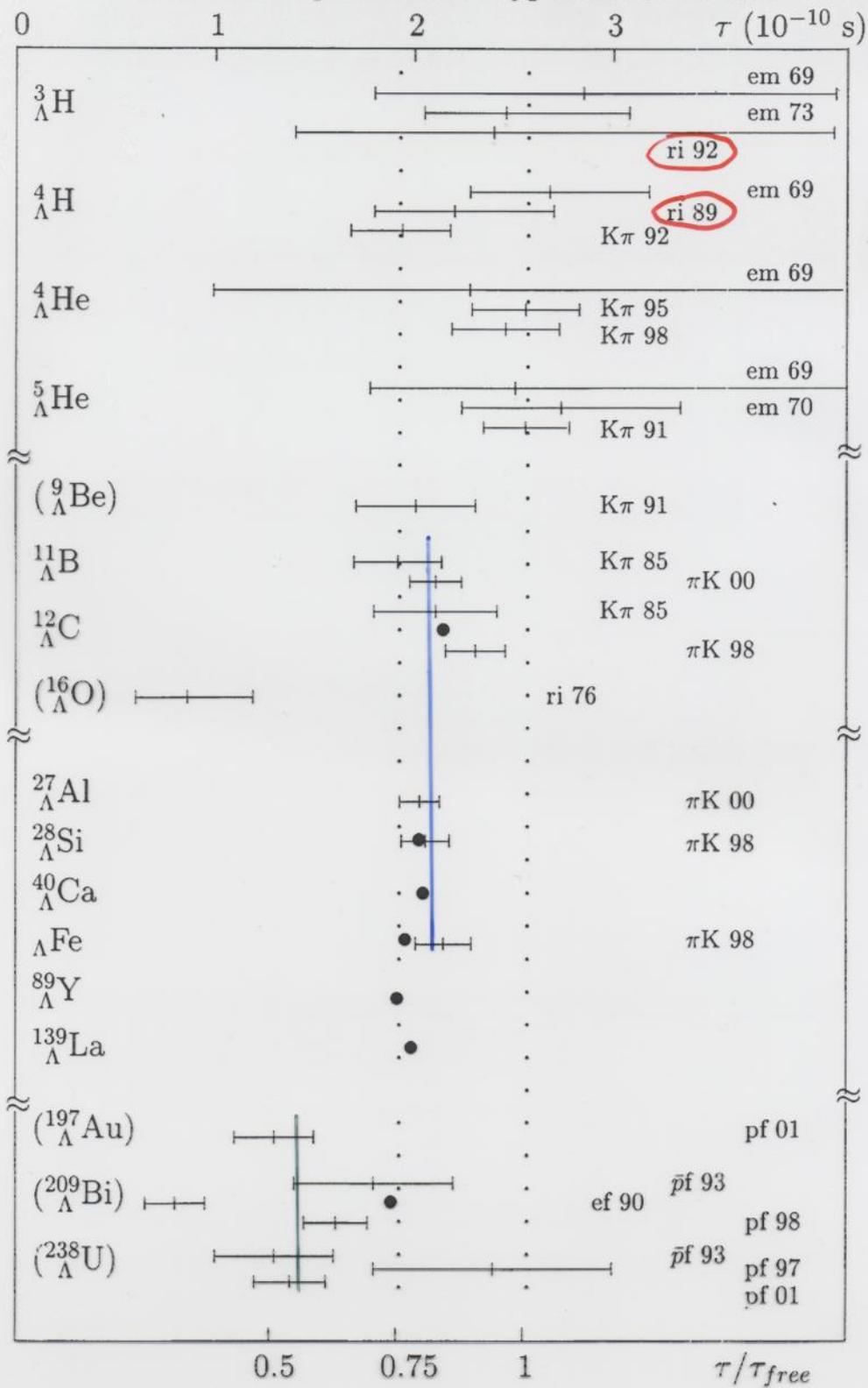
## Charged electroweak currents

	lepton currents			hadron currents								
	$e\nu_e$	$\mu\nu_\mu$	$\tau\nu_\tau$	ud	<b>us</b>	ub	cd	cs	cb	td	ts	tb
$(e\nu_e)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
$(\mu\nu_\mu)$		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
$(\tau\nu_\tau)$				✓	✓							
<b>(ud)</b>				✓	✓	✓			✓			
(us)												
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leptonic processes			semi leptonic processes		
$(e\nu_e)$	$(e\nu_e)$	$\nu_e e \rightarrow \nu_e e$	$(e\nu_e)$	(du)	$n \rightarrow p e \nu_e$
$(e\nu_e)$	$(\mu\nu_\mu)$	$\mu \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\mu$	$(e\nu_e)$	(us)	$K \rightarrow \pi e \nu_e$
non leptonic processes					
<b>(ud)</b>	<b>(ud)</b>	P viol NN	<b>(ud)</b>	<b>(cs)</b>	$D \rightarrow K \pi \pi$
<b>(ud)</b>	<b>(us)</b>	$\Lambda \rightarrow N \pi$	<b>(ud)</b>	<b>(cb)</b>	$B \rightarrow D \pi \pi$

## The mass dependence of hypernuclei lifetime



## HYPERNUCLEAR WEAK DECAY

At present, there are four hypernuclei for which the complete set of partial rates has been measured. The survey of the results for the  $\Gamma^n / \Gamma^p$  ratio is displayed in Figure.

We see that

$$0.5 \leq (\Gamma^n / \Gamma^p)^{exp} \leq 2$$

and

$$(\Gamma^n / \Gamma^p)^{th} \ll (\Gamma^n / \Gamma^p)^{exp}.$$

The main problem concerning the weak decay of  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei is the disagreement between the theoretical and experimental values for the ratio  $\Gamma^n / \Gamma^p$ .

In order to solve the  $\Gamma^n / \Gamma^p$  puzzle, many attempts have been made up to now, but without success. Among these we recall

- the introduction of mesons heavier than the pion in the  $\Lambda N \rightarrow NN$  transition potential  
 J. F. Dubach, Nucl. Phys. **A 450** ('86) 71c;  
 J. F. Dubach *et al.*, Ann. Phys. **249** ('96) 146.  
 A. Parreño, A. Ramos and C. Bennhold, Phys. Rev. **C 56** ('97) 339.
- the role of the two-nucleon stimulated decay  
 W. Alberico *et al.*, Phys. Lett. **B 256** ('91) 134.  
 A. Ramos *et al.*, Phys. Rev. **C 50** ('94) 2314.  
 W. Alberico *et al.*, Phys. Rev. **C 61** ('00).
- the description of the short-range baryon-baryon interaction in terms of quark degrees of freedom  
 D. P. Heddle and L. S. Kisslinger, Phys. Rev. **C 33** ('86) 608.  
 K. Sasaki, T. Inoue and M. Oka, Nucl. Phys. **A669** ('00) 331; **A678** ('00) 455.

One has to point out that present experiments cannot identify the final state of the residual ( $A-2$ ) nucleus in the case of nonmesonic decays



and an **average** over many nuclear final states has to be performed.

Now, we focus your attention on one peculiar case which makes it possible to detect some of such final states.

## "ALPHA DECAYS" of $^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$ and $^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$ HYPERNUCLEI

We propose to use the unique feature of the  $^9\text{Be}$  nucleus, namely that after removing a neutron from its ground state several groups of  $\alpha$ -particles appear from different excited states of a residual nucleus  $^8\text{Be}$

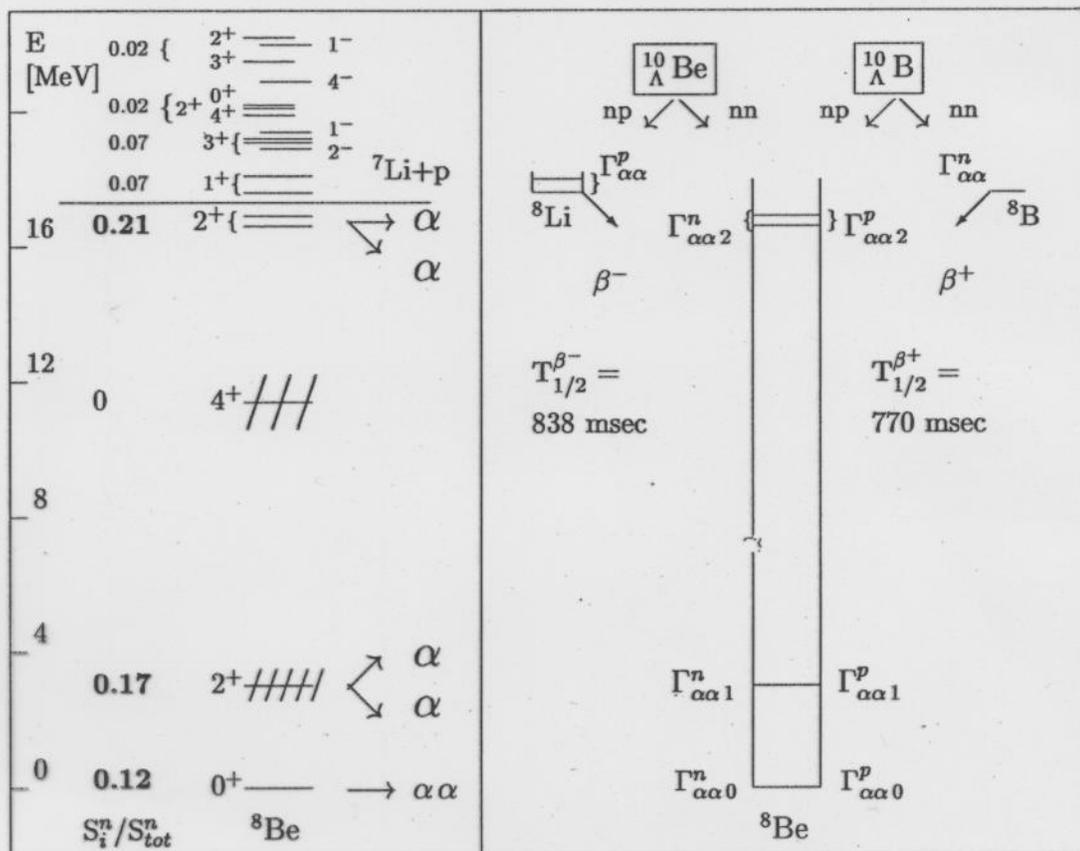


Figure 1: Left panel: pattern of the  $^8\text{Be}$  spectra produced in the  $^9\text{Be}(p,d)\text{Be}^*$  reaction. Right panel: " $\alpha\alpha$ "-decay of  $^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$  and  $^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$  hypernuclei and notation of  $\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha i}^{\tau}$ .

Due to their specific cluster structure – **alpha alpha NA** – it may be possible to measure in the  $^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$  and  $^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$  hypernuclei the partial decay widths  $\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha i}^{\tau}$  corresponding to states of the residual nucleus  $^8\text{Be}$  decaying through the  $\alpha\alpha$ -channel.

In such a way we can determine not only a **partial rate** (including **neutron** ones), but also an **exactly ONE-nucleon** stimulated process  $\Lambda N \rightarrow nN$ .

The study of  $\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha i}^{\tau}$  offers a unique possibility to determine **ALL NEEDED** matrix elements of the weak interaction  $\Lambda N \rightarrow nN$ .

Experiment is approved for **NUCLOTRON** accelerator at Dubna.

## PARTIAL DECAY WIDTHS of the ${}^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$ and ${}^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{B}$

A one meson exchange model to describe the  $\Lambda N \rightarrow NN$  transition including pseudoscalar ( $\pi, \eta, K$ ) and vector ( $\rho, \omega, K^*$ ) meson exchanges was developed in J. F. Dubach, NP A 450 ('86) and AP 249 ('96).

Following these lines, a **full One Meson Exchange** potential was constructed to study the nonmesonic decay of finite mass hypernuclei

A. Parreño, A. Ramos, C. Bennhold, Phys. Rev. C56 ('97).

Hadronic weak matrix elements  $\langle B'M | H_{weak} | B \rangle$  were implanted into the nucleus with usual many-body shell model wave functions.

A convenient compact expression for the potential is given by

$$V_{weak}(r) = \sum_i \sum_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}^{(i)}(r) O_{\alpha} I_{\alpha}^{(i)},$$

where the index  $i$  runs over mesons exchanged ( $\pi, \rho, K, K^*, \eta, \omega$ ), and index  $\alpha$  runs over spin operators  $O_{\alpha}$  (central, tensor, PV); the isospin operator  $I_{\alpha}^{(i)}$  depends on meson type.

The nonmesonic decay rate  $\Gamma_{nm}$  can be written as

$$\Gamma_{nm} = \sum_{\tau} \Gamma^{(\tau)} = \sum_{\tau=n,p} \sum_i \Gamma_i^{(\tau)}$$

where the partial width  $\Gamma_i^{(\tau)}$  is

$$\Gamma_i^{(\tau)} = |\langle \Psi^{A-2}(\{i\}) \otimes \psi^{NN}(JT) | V_{weak} | [\Psi^{A-1}(\{c\}) \otimes \psi^{\Lambda}(\frac{1}{2}) ]^{\mathcal{J}} \rangle|^2$$

Shorthand notation  $\{i\} \equiv E_i, J_i, T_i, \tau_i$  (see Fig. 3) and  $\{c\} \equiv E_c, J_c, T_c, \tau_c$  is used.

OVERSIMPLIFIED  $\tilde{\Gamma}_i^\tau$ 

Recently the values of  $\Gamma^\tau({}^4_\Lambda\text{H})$  and  $\Gamma^\tau({}^4_\Lambda\text{He})$  were calculated with several models of weak interactions between hyperons and nucleons

Two Pion Exchange	Itonaga, Ueda, Motoba: PR C65 (2002),
Hybrid Quark	Sasaki, Inoue, Oka: NP A707 (2002),
One Meson Exchange	Krmotić, Tadić, nucl-th/0212040.

Now it is possible now to extract ratios of  $R_{\tau S}$  from theoretical  $\Gamma^\tau({}^4_\Lambda\text{H})$  and  $\Gamma^\tau({}^4_\Lambda\text{He})$  values.

We use results A. Parreño, A. Ramos, C. Bennhold, Phys. Rev. C56 ('97):

The interaction matrix elements for  $L=1$  are very small, so we neglect them for a moment and write extremely simple expression for  $\tilde{\Gamma}_i^\tau$

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_i^\tau = \nu_i \varepsilon_1^2 \beta_0 [G_i^0 R_{\tau 0} + G_i^1 R_{\tau 1}], \quad (1)$$

where  $R_{\tau S}$  are phenomenological rates introduced by Dalitz and Block;  $\nu_i$  - normalization of the spectroscopic factor; and  $G_i^0$  ( $G_i^1$ ) - weight of the singlet (triplet) state in the wave function of the  $N\Lambda$  pair.

The coefficients  $\nu_i$  and  $\varepsilon_i$  actually are related to strong interaction. They disappear in the ratio:

$$\gamma_i^{np} \equiv \frac{\tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\alpha i}^n({}^{10}_\Lambda\text{Be})}{\tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\alpha i}^p({}^{10}_\Lambda\text{B})} = \frac{R_{n0}}{R_{p0}} \cdot \frac{G_i^{(0)} + (1 - G_i^{(0)})(R_{n1}/R_{n0})}{G_i^{(0)} + (1 - G_i^{(0)})(R_{p1}/R_{p0})}, \quad (2)$$

which depends on single structure characteristic,  $G_i^{(0)}$ , only.

But it differs strongly for two  $2^+$  states in  ${}^8\text{Be}$ :

$$G_1^{(0)} = 0.5 \quad \text{for state at } E = 3 \text{ MeV : } [4] 11\text{D}_2,$$

and

$$G_2^{(0)} = 0.1 \quad \text{for state } E = 16.7 \text{ MeV : } [31] ({}^{13}\text{P}_2 + {}^{33}\text{P}_2),$$

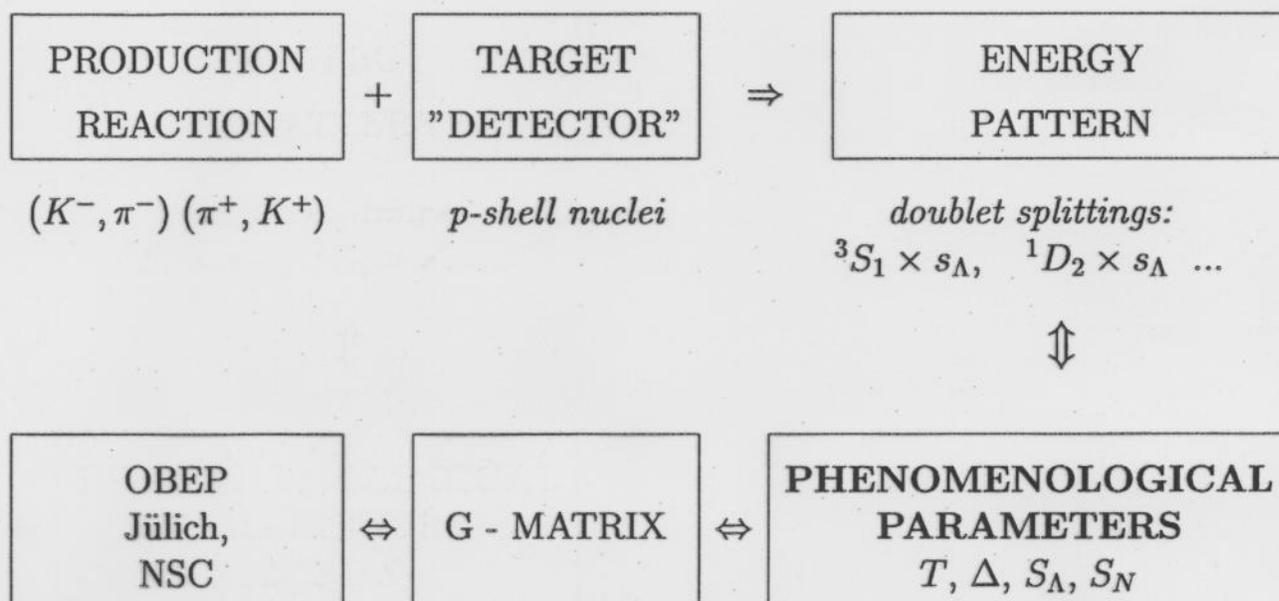
## PHENOMENOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Ratios  $\gamma_i^{n/p}$  for different models of weak interaction.

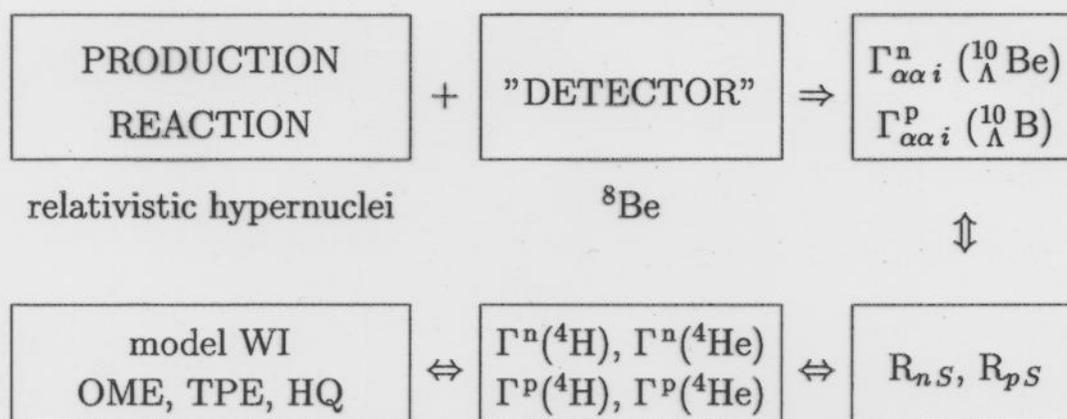
model	A = 4			A = 10	
	$R_{n0}/R_{p0}$	$R_{n1}/R_{n0}$	$R_{p1}/R_{p0}$	$\gamma_1^{n/p}$	$\gamma_2^{n/p}$
IUM	$V_\pi$	2.0	1.0	27.0	0.14 0.08
	+ $V_{2\pi/\rho}$	2.5	2.6	35.0	0.25 0.19
	+ $V_\omega$	2.0	0.57	10.0	0.28 0.14
	+ $V_{2\pi/\sigma}$	2.0	0.39	3.40	0.63 0.28
SIO	$\pi$	2.0	0.54	15.0	0.19 0.09
	$\pi + K$	1.8	4.6	19.0	0.50 0.44
	HQ	0.85	1.3	0.74	1.12 1.41
	all	0.13	26	4.40	0.65 0.75
OME	$\pi$	2.0	0.7	12.1	0.25 0.13
	PS	2.0	7.6	30.0	0.56 0.51
	PS+PV	2.0	35	21.3	3.22 3.26
phenomenological					
	AG1	0.6	2.2	1.2	0.87 1.06
	AG2	2.0	2.2	5.0	1.07 0.90

## PHENOMENOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

## STRONG INTERACTION



## WEAK INTERACTION



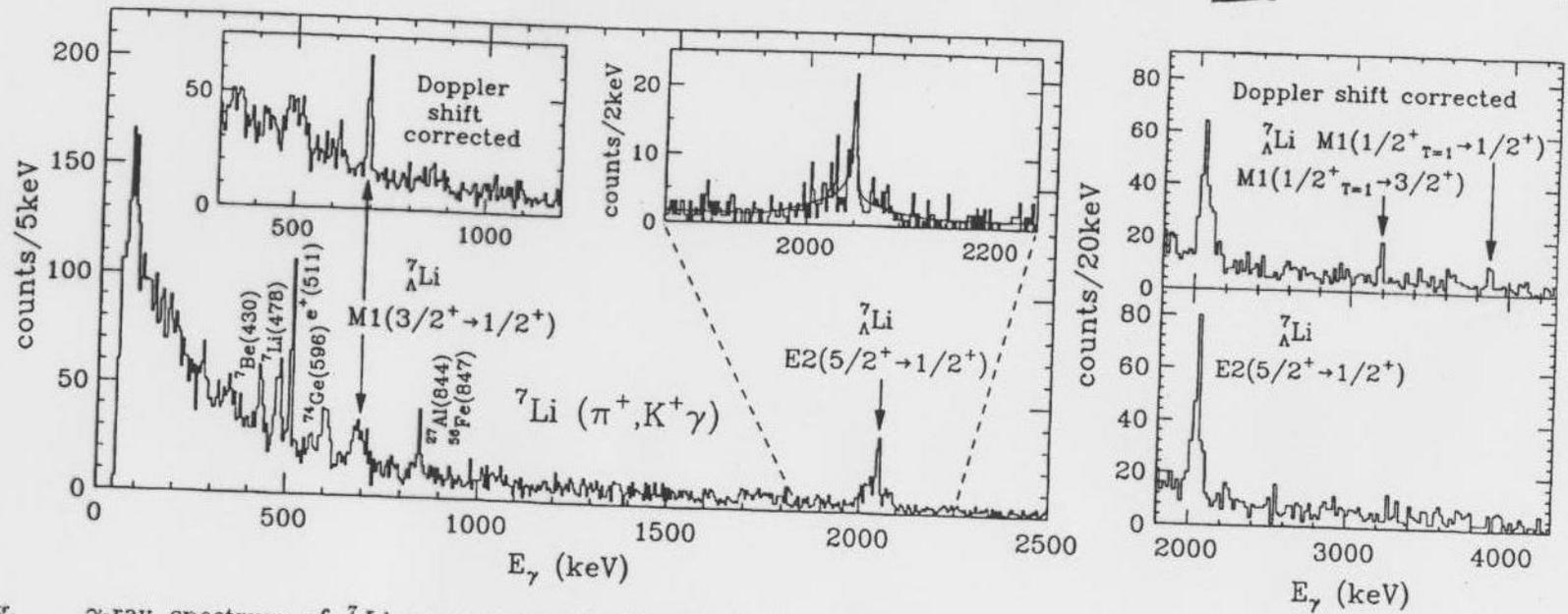
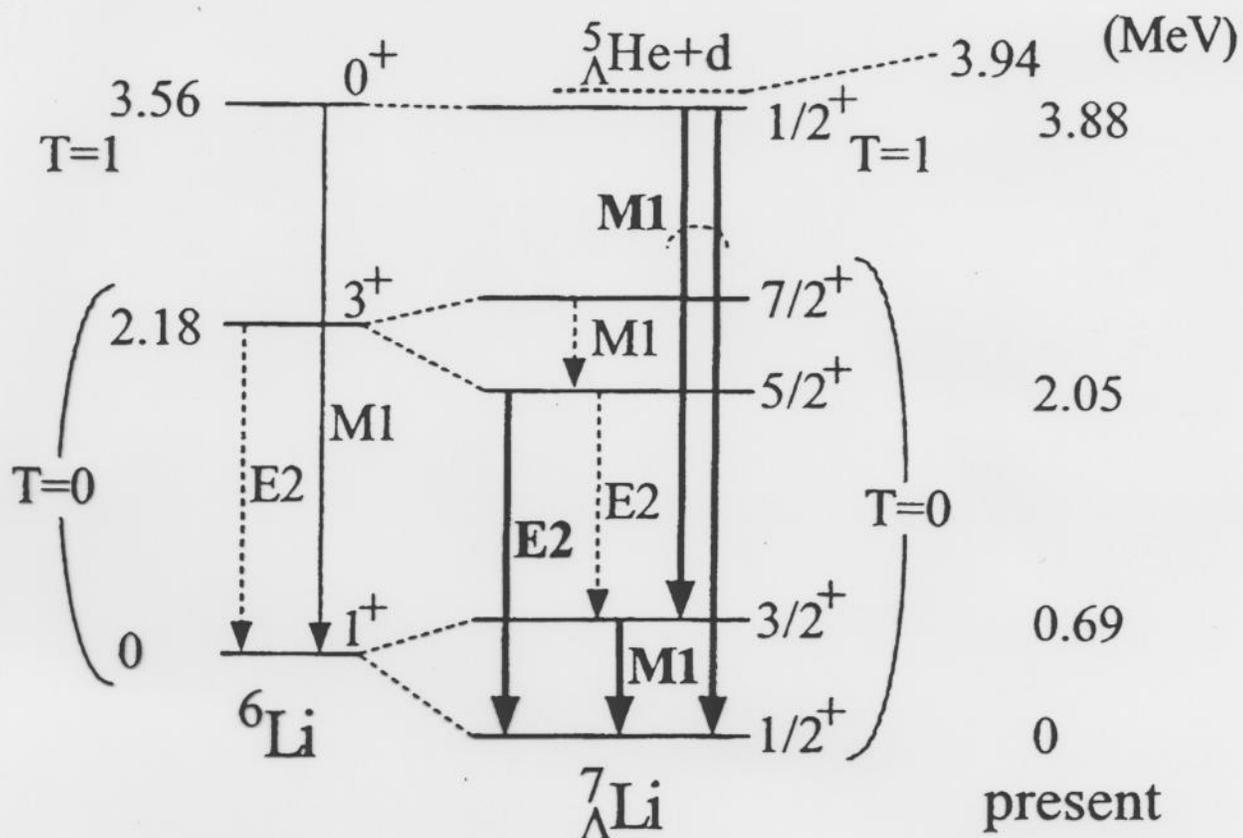
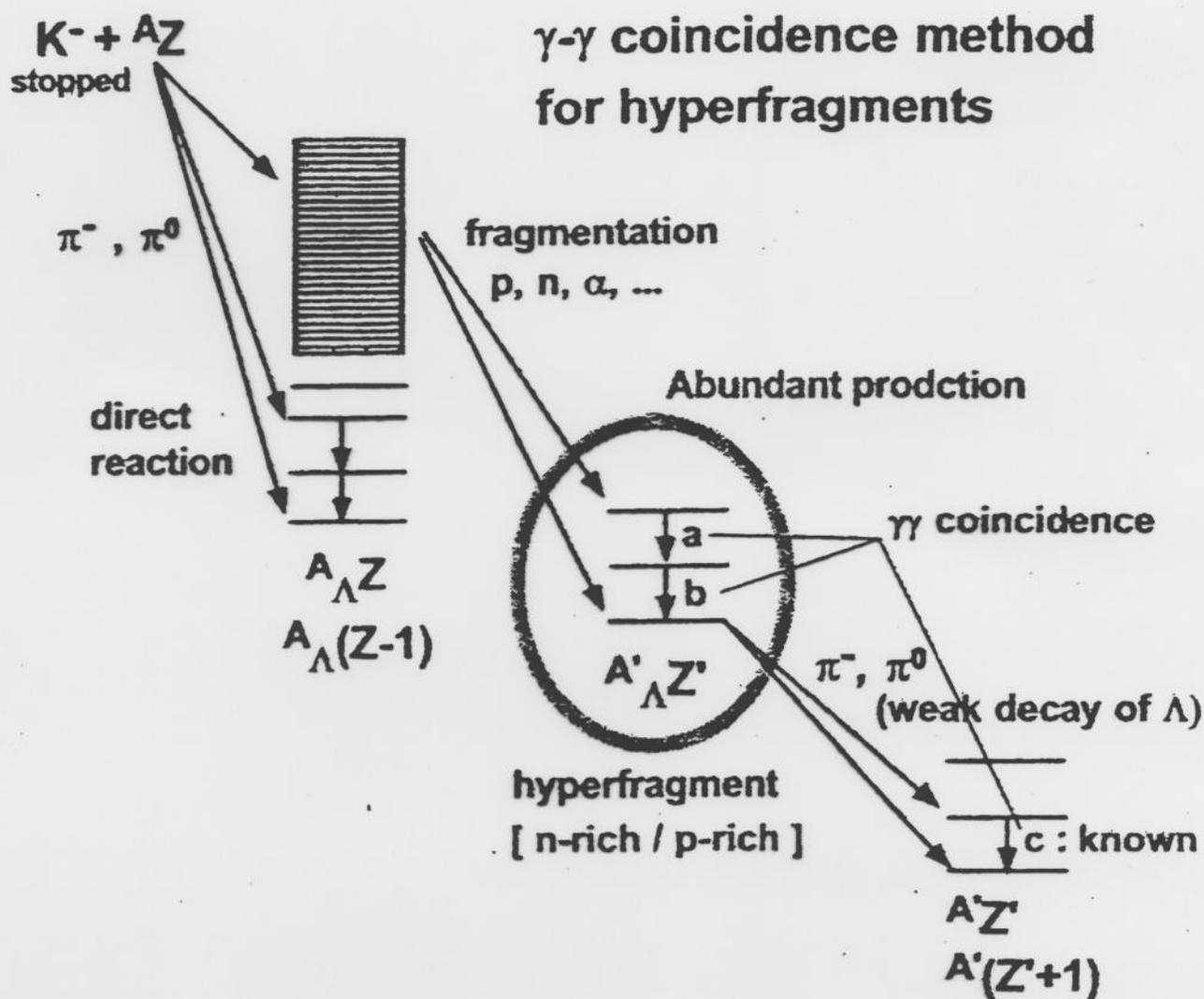


Fig.  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum of  ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$  measured with Hyperball. Four hypernuclear transitions,  $M1(\frac{3}{2}^+ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+)$ ,  $E2(\frac{5}{2}^+ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+)$ ,  $M1(\frac{1}{2}^+(T=1) \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}^+)$ , and  $M1(\frac{1}{2}^+(T=1) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+)$ , were observed.



**Fig.** Level scheme of  ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$  established by the E419 experiment, shown together with the level scheme of the core nucleus  ${}^6\text{Li}$ . Observed transitions are shown in thick arrows.



**Fig. 8.**  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  coincidence method for hyperfragments produced from stopped  $K^-$  absorption.

## RELATIVISTIC HYPERNUCLEI

## KINEMATICS

beam	target		SLOW secondaries		FAST secondaries
$K^-$	+ ${}^AZ$	$\rightarrow$	${}^AZ$	+	$\pi^-$
${}^AZ$	+ p	$\rightarrow$	$K^+$	+	${}^AZ + n$

## FIRST EXPERIMENTS

1976	Berkeley	T. Bowen		PR C13	${}^{16}_\Lambda\text{O}$
1989	Dubna	S. Khorozov, J. Lukstins		NC A 102	${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$
1992	Dubna	S. Khorozov, J. Lukstins		NP A 547	${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$

## NEW PROPOSALS:

Dubna, Nuclotron, Juris Lukstins: Nucl. Phys A 691 (2001)

KEK, 50 GeV PS, A. Sakaguchi:

Int. Workshop on Nuclear and Particle Physics , KEK, Dec. 2001

## RELATIVISTIC HYPERNUCLEI

The production of hypernuclei in relativistic heavy ion collision has several advantages:

- The points of the production and decay of relativistic hypernuclei are separated by many centimeters (instead of some microns in the emulsion);
- decay products are emitted into small laboratory solid angle.

M. I. Podgoretskii, E. O. Okonov,

in Proc. Sem. Nuclotron and Relativistic Nuclear Physics, June 1974, Dubna

J. Bartke *et al.*, in Proc. Int. Workshop on RELATIVISTIC NUCLEAR PHYSICS: from HUNDREDS of MeV to TeV, Varna, Bulgaria, September 2001.

At the end of the 80-ies hypernuclear experiments were performed on the Dubna synchrotron ion beams ( $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^6\text{Li}$ ) using the streamer chamber. The production cross sections as well as the lifetimes of  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  were measured S. Avramenko *et al.*, NP A 547 ('92).

The advantage of these experiments were low background and unambiguous identification of observed hypernuclei.

The same group has prepared program for the Nuclotron accelerator: to measure the lifetimes for  $^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ,  $^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  $^6_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  hypernuclei during the initial runs of the Nuclotron J. Lukstins, NP A 691 ('01).

The next step of the suggested hypernuclear experiments program will be investigation of nonmesonic decays by searching two  $\alpha$ 's from  $^8\text{Be}$ . If  $^8\text{Be}$  decays from the ground state, then the back to back momentum of two  $\alpha$ 's is very low and both  $\alpha$ 's hit the detectors at the same point. However, prevailing part of  $\alpha$ 's proceeds from excited states of  $^8\text{Be}$ .

These events can be registered by high resolution devices.

So, the new trigger tuned to search for two tagged  $\alpha$  particles, opens an unprecedented possibility to determine

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha 2}^n(^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}), \quad \Gamma_{\alpha\alpha 1}^n(^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}), \quad \Gamma_{\alpha\alpha 2}^p(^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{B}) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_{\alpha\alpha 1}^p(^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{B})$$

at the Dubna Nuclotron.

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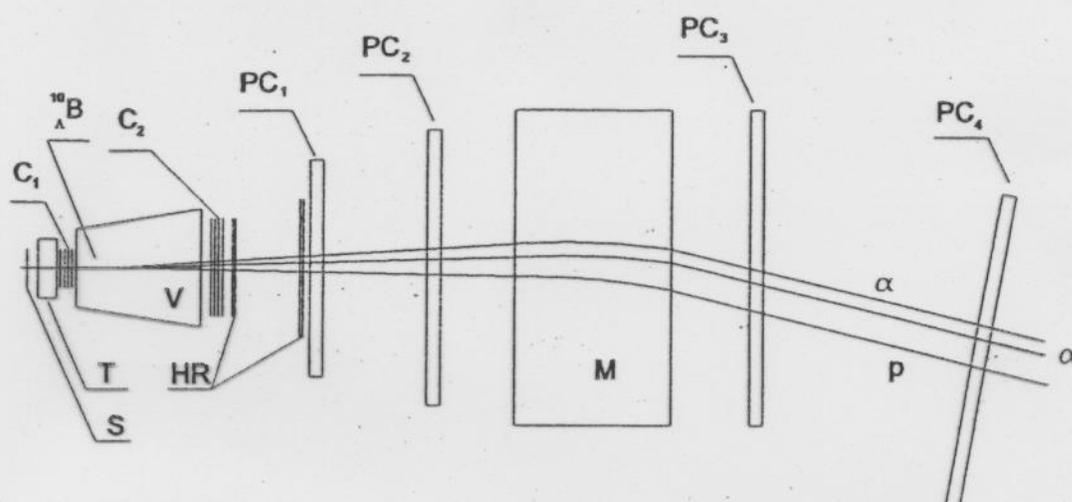
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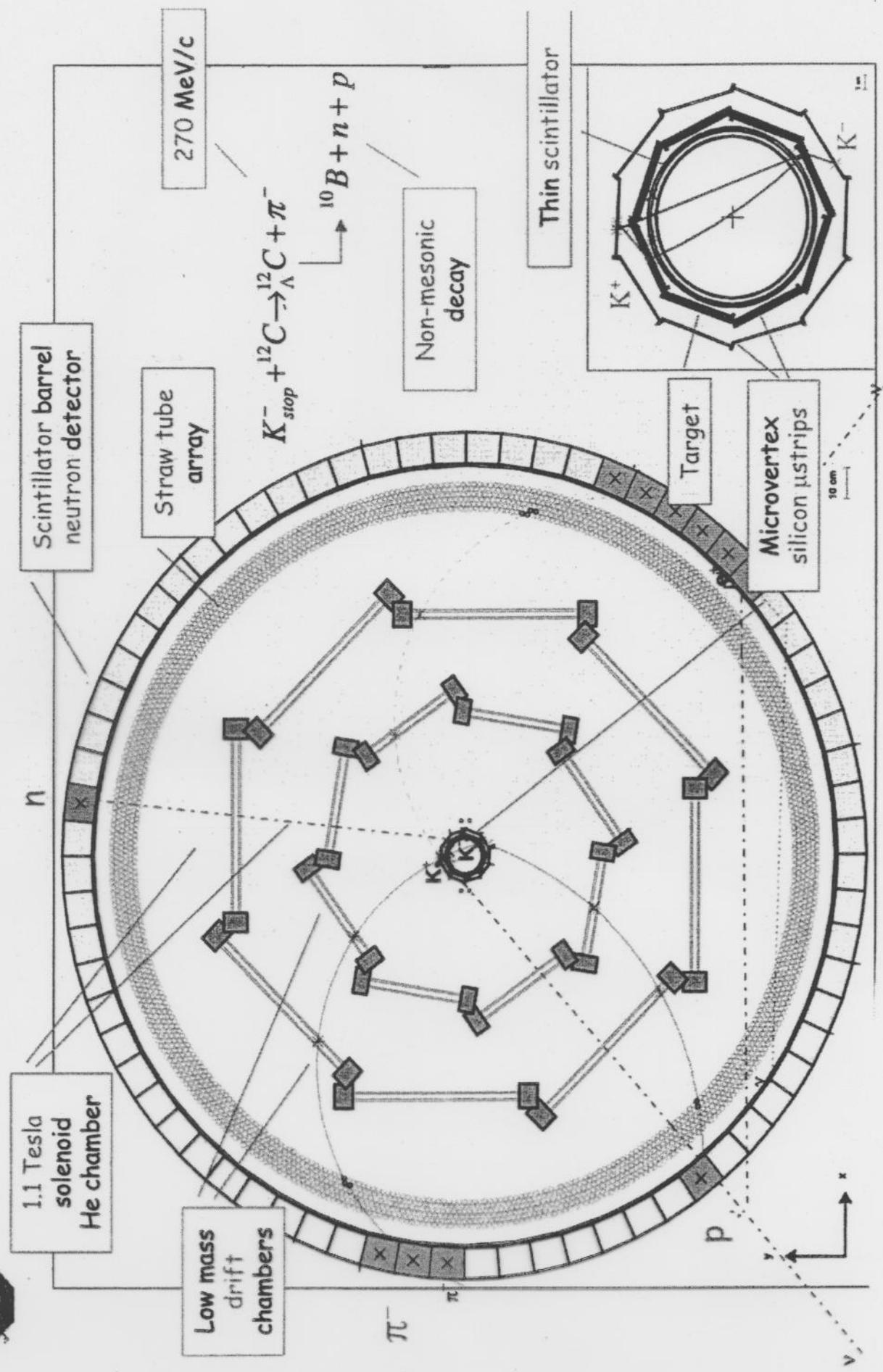
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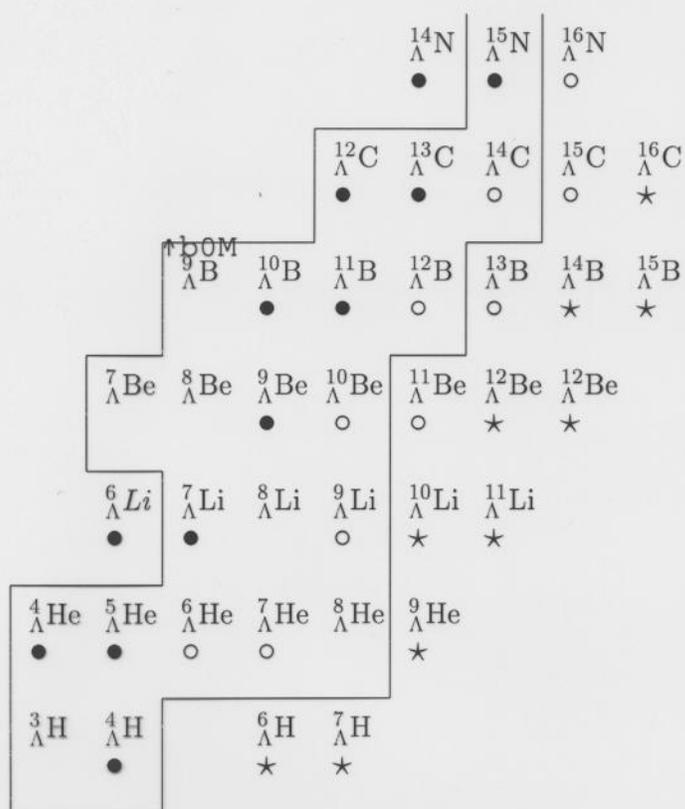
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Typical (p-n) non-mesonic decay event



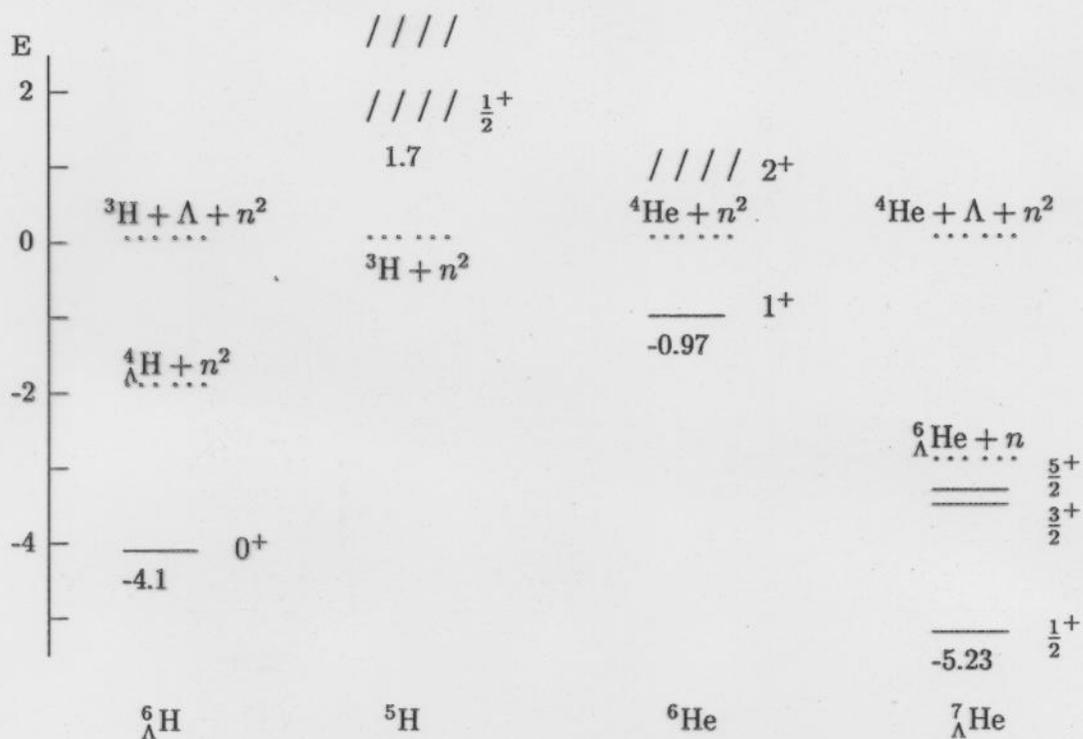
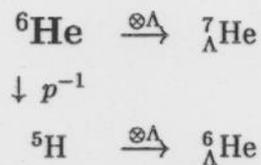
## CHART of light hypernuclei



## Notation

- $n \rightarrow \Lambda$  ( $K^-, \pi^-$ ) and/or ( $\pi^+, K^+$ )
- $p \rightarrow \Lambda$  ( $K^-, \pi^0$ ) and/or ( $\gamma, K^+$ )
- ★  $pp \rightarrow n\Lambda$  ( $K^-, \pi^+$ ) and/or ( $\pi^+, K^-$ )

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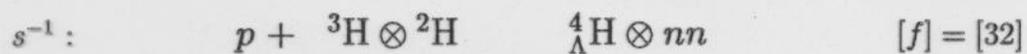
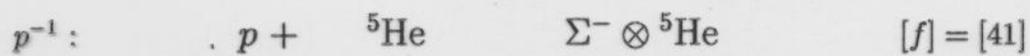
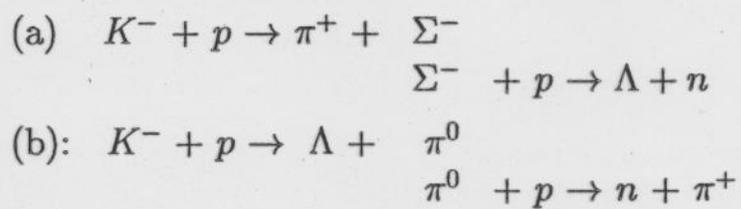
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elementary processes:



## The Hypernuclei with Neutron Halo

### 2 Hypernucleus ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ and the Structure of the Neutron Halo in ${}^6\text{He}$

Although the most spectacular nucleus of that class is  ${}^{11}\text{Li}$ , some characteristics of the neutron halo, e.g., three particle (core+n+n) bound state, are studied in the simplest  ${}^6\text{He}$  nucleus [10].

The wave functions of  $0^+$  and  $2^+$  ( $T=1$ ) states are extremely simple in the  $\alpha+n+n$  model:

$$|2^+1\rangle = \cos \theta_2 |{}^{31}D_2\rangle + \sin \theta_2 |{}^{33}P_2\rangle,$$

$$|0^+1\rangle = \cos \theta_0 |{}^{31}S_0\rangle + \sin \theta_0 |{}^{33}P_0\rangle,$$

therefore, the structure of the  ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  states is also transparent:

$$|\frac{5}{2}^+\rangle = |2^+\rangle \times |s_{\Lambda}\rangle,$$

$$|\frac{3}{2}^+\rangle = \cos \beta |2^+\rangle \times |s_{\Lambda}\rangle + \sin \beta |1^+\rangle \times |s_{\Lambda}\rangle,$$

$$|\frac{1}{2}^+\rangle = \cos \alpha |0^+\rangle \times |s_{\Lambda}\rangle + \sin \alpha |1^+\rangle \times |s_{\Lambda}\rangle.$$

The location of the thresholds and energy levels in  ${}^6\text{He}$  nucleus [11] and  ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  hypernucleus is displayed in Fig.1.

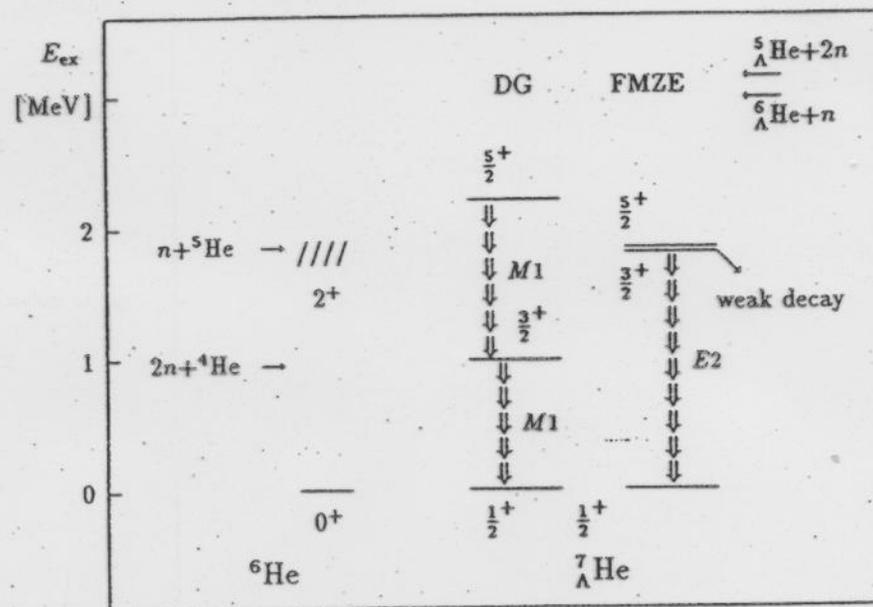


Figure 1. Spectrum of the  ${}^6\text{He}$  (experiment) and  ${}^7_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  (calculations [12], [13])

The current calculations (see also [14]) locate the doublet of excited states *well below* the neutron threshold (2.92 MeV). Obviously, the electromagnetic decay rates for the excited states

$$\frac{5}{2}^+ \xrightarrow{M1} \frac{3}{2}^+ \xrightarrow{M1} \frac{1}{2}^+ \quad \text{and/or} \quad \frac{5}{2}^+ \xrightarrow{E2} \frac{1}{2}^+$$

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Table 2. Differential cross sections (in nb/sr) of the  $(\pi^-, K^+)$  reaction at zero angle at  $p_\pi = 1.05$  GeV/c

Final hypernucleus	State	One-step mechanism	Two-step mechanism
${}^{10}_{\Lambda}\text{Li}$	$2^-$		66.8
	$1^-$		3.2
${}^{12}_{\Lambda}\text{Be}$	$1^-$	1.4	6.5
	$0^+$	0.1	2.1
${}^{16}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$	$2^+$	0.3	0.4
	$0^+$	0.01	0.1

# $^{10}\text{B}(\pi^-, \text{K}^+)$ spectrum with Year02+Year03

In total, about 40 counts in the bound region

