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Review of recent progress in di-baryonic sector

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Several new findings in the four, five and six quark systems have catalysed new interest in the field of multi-quark states. Very significant progress has recently been made in the $6q$ sector, on both the theoretical and experimental fronts. The first theoretical work on di-baryonic states can be dated back to Dyson and Xoung (1964) when they predicted an existence of six non-strange dibaryons based on $SU(6)$ symmetry. Finally, we were able to identify the last members of this sextet experimentally, by detecting isotensor dibaryon.

Major progress has been made by extending di-baryonic studies from hadronic beams to electromagnetic probes. Latest results from ELPH and MAMI facilities confirm the feasibility of dibaryon production in photo-induced reactions. Clean and controlled environment of photon beams allows to pin down our knowledge about the size and internal structure of di-baryonic states.

A lot of progress has been made by heavy-ion experiments in extracting baryon-baryon interaction strength in the strange quark sector.

A progress in experimental part was complimented by the theoretical studies. Latest results in quark models and lattice QCD calculations demonstrated significant improvement in our understanding of di-baryonic physics.

The results on di-baryonic states also got a new pace in astrophysical direction, where the property of the lightest genuine hexaquark state was linked to a neutron star dynamics and the limits on heaviest possible neutron star mass.

In my talk I will review recent experimental results and outline future perspectives in di-baryonic sector.

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