

High-resolution hypernuclear decay pion spectroscopy at MAMI and future

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Precise measurements of Λ hypernuclear binding energies are essential in understanding the interaction between Λ and nucleons. Thanks to the recent progress of accurate theoretical calculations and cutting-edge experiments for Λ hypernuclei around the light mass regions, the studies of the interaction of the hypernuclear medium have progressed well; for example, the effect of Λ - Σ coupling and the Λ -N Charge Symmetry Breaking. Though recent ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ mass and lifetime results from the heavy-ion collision experiments have significantly impacted reconsidering the hypernuclear picture, more accurate measurements are necessary to discuss further.

We have developed a new technique “decay pion spectroscopy” to measure the Λ binding energies of the hypernuclear ground states with an accuracy of better than $100 \text{ keV}/c^2$. In 2015, we successfully measured the Λ binding energy of ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ by measuring the momentum of two-body decay pion from ${}^4_\Lambda\text{H}$ with a resolution of $<100 \text{ keV}/c$ in FWHM.

We applied the same spectroscopic technique to ${}^3_\Lambda\text{H}$ by updating the target system and the energy calibration method. The physics data taking was already done in 2022, and the analysis is ongoing.

I will present the updated experiment and the latest analysis status. I will also introduce a plan for high-resolution spectroscopy of Λ hypernuclei.

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