The Hypernuclear Physics Program at Jefferson Lab

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- Jefferson Lab and how hypernuclear physics experiments fit in
- Current hypernuclear proposals and letters of intent to JLab PAC



Jefferson Lab and How Hypernuclear Physics Experiments Fit In

CEBAF at Jefferson Lab



Cryomodules in the accelerator tunnel



Superconducting Niobium radiofrequency cavities



- How does QCD generate the masses of the baryons and mesons?
- Why is the spin of the nucleon '1/2'?
- What are emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?

Hypernuclear Physics Collaboration Workshop 2023



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Connections Across Collaborations

TEASING STRANGE MATTER FROM THE ORDINARY



New insights from Jefferson Lab reveal details of how strange matter forms in ordinary matter

NEWPORT NEWS, VA – In a unique analysis of experimental data, nuclear physicists have made the first-ever observations of how lambda particles, so-called "strange matter," are produced by a specific process called semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (SIDIS). What's more, these data hint that the building blocks of protons, quarks and gluons, are capable of marching through the atomic nucleus in pairs called diquarks, at least part of the time. These results come from an experiment conducted at the U.S. Department of Energy's Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

NEWS

Daily Press

How nuclear physicists at Jefferson Lab found something 'strange' in the ordinary

By **Eliza Noe** Daily Press • Apr 25, 2023 at 7:32 am

PARTICLE PHYSICS

Physicists See 'Strange Matter' Form inside Atomic Nuclei

New research attempts to discern how bizarre particles of strange matter form in the nuclei of atoms

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN_®

By Stephanie Pappas on April 27, 2023



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Connections Across the Sciences





- JLab probes nuclear forces by electron scattering
- Neutron skin results lead to implication for neutron stars
- LIGO observes neutron star mergers
- Gravitational waves carry signatures of nuclear forces and nuclear matter





[Abbott et al., PRL 119, 161101 (2017)]

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An Active and Unresolved Topic

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Necessity of extra repulsion in hypernuclear systems: Suggestion from neutron stars

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Letter

Impact of chiral hyperonic three-body forces on neutron stars

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Hyperon mixing and universal many-body repulsion in neutron stars

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Multi-Pomeron repulsion and the neutron-star mass

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Hyperon Puzzle: Hints from Quantum Monte Carlo Calculations

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Regular Article - Theoretical Physics

Hyperon-nucleon three-body forces and strangeness in neutron stars

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Three-Body Force as an "Extra Repulsion" Suggested from Hyperon-Mixed Neutron Stars

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Estimation of the effect of hyperonic three-body forces on the maximum mass of neutron stars

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Constraints from Λ hypernuclei on the ΛNN content of the Λ -nucleus potential and the 'hyperon puzzle'

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week ending

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Connections Across the World

- J-PARC is one of the key labs sharing the same objectives in understanding hadron physics, hadron structure, hadron interaction, and hadron mass
- Proposal for "International Leading Research" has been submitted in Feb 2023: Formation of baryons with multiple strange quarks; Λ-p interactions; Emergence of hadron mass



<u>Hall A</u>

Hall A/C Plans Beyond 2025

Jan 2025 – Jan 2026: Installation of MOLLER

Jan 2026 – 2029: Running of MOLLER

<u>Hall C</u>

Jul 2025 - Mar 2026: Standard SHMS/HMS experiments



Early in Jan 2026: Hypernuclear solid targets installation

Jul 2026 – Mar 2027: Running of hypernuclear experiments

[Mark Jones, Hypernuclear Workshop, Mar. 2023]

Jefferson Lab's Future Positron Program

12 GeV Ce⁺BAF : present high level goals

[Joe Grames, Positron Workshop, Mar. 2023]



- Positrons (e+) in the LERF (former FEL) with transport to CEBAF
- Energy Upgrade for 650 MeV Electron (e-) Injection in the LERF

Beam Energy Doubling in CEBAF

- Large momentum acceptance fixed-field alternating-gradient (FAA) cells
- Transporting six beams with energies spanning a factor of two
- Through same string of relatively little expensive permanent magnets
- Closely spaced orbits for all six beams (~ 1 cm)
- CBETA demonstrated 42, 78, 114, and 150 MeV in common chamber



A CEBAF Energy Upgrade – The Big Picture

Addresses:

- Emergence of hadrons from QCD
- Quark-gluon dynamics
- Structure of hadrons
- Hadron-hadron interactions
- Experimental approaches:
 - Spectroscopy
 - Excited states
 - TMDs, GPDs
 - Hadronization

Important aspects:

- Builds upon program of investigation in the valence region (x > -0.1)
- Validation of QCD inspired models
- New opportunities in the charm sector



White paper in preparation: "Hadronic Structure at the Luminosity Frontier: JLab at 22 GeV"

Jefferson Lab's Long-Term Schedule

Notional CEBAF & upgrade schedule (FY24 – FY42)

- · Accelerator/engineering team have worked up an early schedule and cost estimate
 - Schedule assumptions based on a notional timing of when funds might be available (near EIC ramp down based on EIC V3 profile)
 - For completeness, Moller and SoLID (part of 12 GeV program) are shown; early positron source development also shown

	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
Moller (funded)																		
SoLID (science rev)																		
Positron Source Dev																		
PreProject/Project Dev						ļ												
Upgrade Phase 1																		
Transport comm/e+																		
Upgrade Phase 2																		
CEBAF Up																		

- JLab to run 12 GeV electron beam until 2032
- JLab to run 12 GeV positron beam 2035–37
- JLab to run 22 GeV electron beam from 2040

[Thia Keppel, Positron Workshop, Mar. 2023]

Hypernuclear Physics Proposals and Lols to JLab PAC

E12-15-008 (In Jeopardy): An Isospin Dependence Study of the Lambda-N Interaction Through the High Precision Spectroscopy of Lambda Hypernuclei with Electron Beam

E12-20-013: Studying Λ interactions in nuclear matter with the ²⁰⁸Pb(*e,e'K*+) ²⁰⁸ TI reaction

The Role of Symmetries: Isospin



Study of Isospin-Dependence



Current experimental information in this mass region cannot provide ANY information on the possible isospin dependence of hypernuclear forces

Experimental Setup



Study of Light and Medium-Mass Hypernuclei

Target	CH_2	⁶ Li	⁹ Be	$^{11}\mathrm{B}$	$^{12}\mathrm{C}$	$^{27}\mathrm{Al}$	^{40}Ca	^{48}Ca
Hyperon/Hypernucleus	Λ	$^6_{\Lambda}{ m He}$	$^9_{\Lambda}$ Li	$^{11}_{\Lambda}{ m Be}$	$^{12}_{\Lambda}\mathrm{B}$	$^{27}_{\Lambda}{ m Mg}$	$^{40}_{\Lambda}{ m K}$	$^{48}_{\Lambda}{ m K}$
Target thickness $[/(mg/cm^2)]$	500	-150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Cross section $[/(nb/sr)]$	1000	10	10	30	90	60	50	50
Beam intensity $[/(\mu A)]$	2	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Yield (g.s.) $[/(/h)]$	8.6	1.5	1.0	2.5	6.8	2.0	1.1	0.9
Acc. BG $[/(/MeV/h)]$	0.03	0.86	0.84	0.96	1.2	1.8	2.4	1.9



Study of Heavy Hypernuclei



Due to extended region of constant density and large neutron excess heavy hypernuclei provide best available proxy of neutron star matter

Heavy hypernuclei provide an environment, in which three-body interactions are expected to play an important role

LOI12-23-011: High-resolution Spectroscopy of Light Hypernuclei with the Decay-Pion Spectroscopy

Hypernuclear Decay-Pion Spectroscopy in Emulsion



$$\Lambda^{\mathrm{H}^{4}\rightarrow\mathrm{He}^{4}}+\pi^{-}Q,$$

where $Q = 54.6 \pm 1.0$ Mev.

[A.G. Ekspong et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 3 (1959) 103]

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Hyperfragment Decay-Pion Spectroscopy with Electron Beams



Method Established at Mainz Microtron MAMI



Binding energies of light hyperisotopes could be measured with improved precision by decay-pion spectroscopy

Continuation of Study at JLab



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LOI12-23-013: Study of Charge Symmetry Breaking in *p*-Shell Hypernuclei



... can be studied in mirror nuclei after correcting for Coulomb effects

- ... is dominated by electromagnetic effects
- ... nuclear part very small, ~ 80 keV in case of ${}^{3}H {}^{3}He$
- ... is well understood and reproduced by theory using ρ^0 - ω mixing

[R. Machleit et al., Phys. Rev. C 63, 034005 (2001)]

Charge Symmetry Breaking in Hypernuclei



[F. Schulz et al. (A1 Collab.), NPA 954, 149 (2016)]

- Is CSB in the A = 4 system a feature of spin-dependent interactions?
- Is CSB a general feature of SU(3) interactions in light systems?

Answers can only be found in systematic studies across different nuclei

Hypernuclear Isospin Multiplets



Study of Partner States



LOI12-23-016: Study of a Triaxially Deformed Nucleus Using a Lambda Particle as a Probe

Genuine Hypernuclear States







⁹Be analog states:

p orbit perpendicular to 2α (short axes)



States in Triaxially Deformed Hypernuclei



Summary

Strange meson & hypernuclear spectroscopy are now becoming a precision science

Study of isospin dependence is linked to understanding of *NN* and *AN* interactions

Study of charge symmetry breaking in hypernuclei uniquely reveals features of nuclear interactions

Study of coupling of Λ to deformed nuclei uniquely reveals cluster and shape structures

Research program will develop our knowledge of nuclear equation-of-state and stability of neutron stars