



# STRANGE HADRONS: Bridge BETWEEN QUARKS And StARS

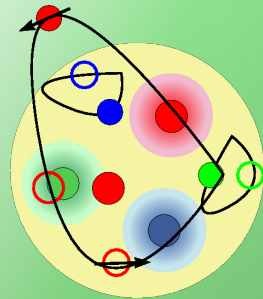
- Motivation
- HADRONS in COLD NUCLEI
  - EXOTIC HYPERNUCLEI
  - Double hyper nuclei
  - ANTIBARYONS in nuclei
- conclusion



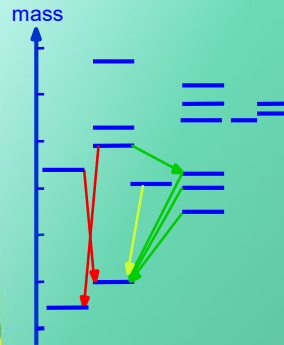
# Pillars of Hadron Physics

## HADRON PHYSICS

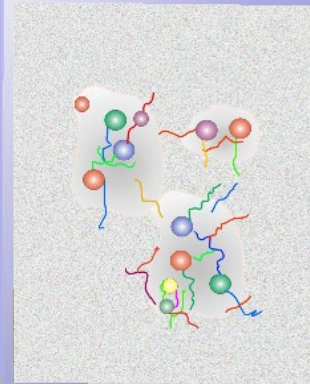
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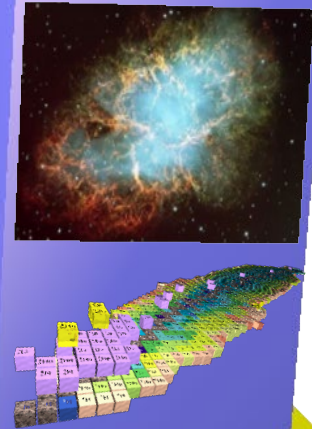
### SPECTROSCOPY



### INTERACTION



### COMPLEXITY

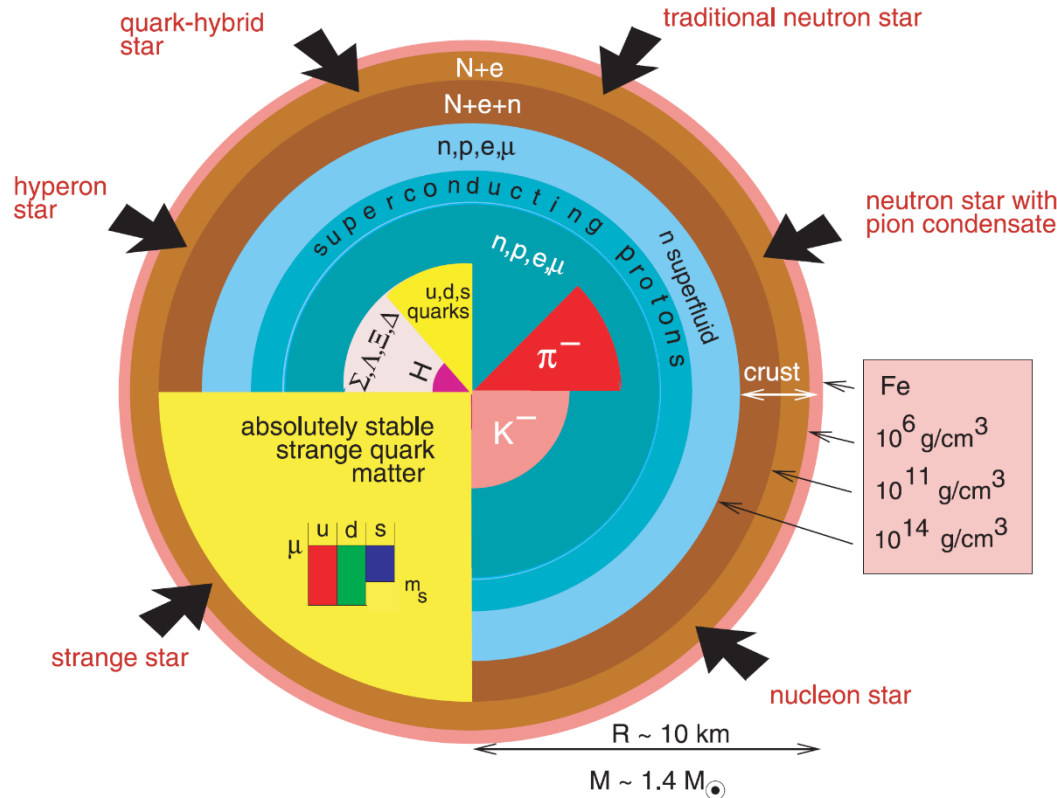


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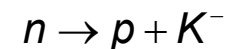
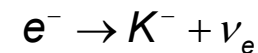
# What is the heart of a Neutronstar?

picture: Fridolin  
Weber

$\mu_n$   
 $m_n$   
 $e^- + p \rightarrow \nu_e + \Sigma^-$   
 $e^- + n \rightarrow \nu_e + \Lambda$   
 $\rho_F \geq \sqrt{m_\Lambda^2 - m_N^2} \approx 3fm^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \rho > 2\rho_0$



$\mu_e$   
 $m_K$   
 $e^-$   
 $K^-$



Kaplan & Nelson 1986

- ▶ ...even more speculations: supersymmetric baryons  
S. Balberg *et al.*, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 548:L179–L182 (2001)b
- ▶ present data on neutron star masses do not (yet) exclude exotic cores
- ▶ simultaneous treatment of all possible ingredients (K,Y,q...) missing

- ▶ Baryons and their mutual interactions is a complex, quantum-fieldtheoretical, non-perturbative many-body problem

- ▶ Experimental approaches

- ▶ low energy baryon-baryon scattering

- ▷ N-N:  $\sim 10^4$  data points available

- ▷ charged hyperon - proton:

**Martin J. Savage:**

**"The first lattice QCD calculation of the deuteron will be a milestone for nuclear physics."**

- JPARC 1.05 GeV by day

[hep-lat/0509048](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-lat/0509048)

- ▶ hyperon-hyperon final state interaction

- ▷ feasible but difficult to interpret

- ▶ hyperons bound in nuclei

- ▶ hyperon-antihyperon pair production in nuclei

after H.R. Fiebig,  
[hep-lat/0212037](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-lat/0212037)



exotic  
hypernuclei

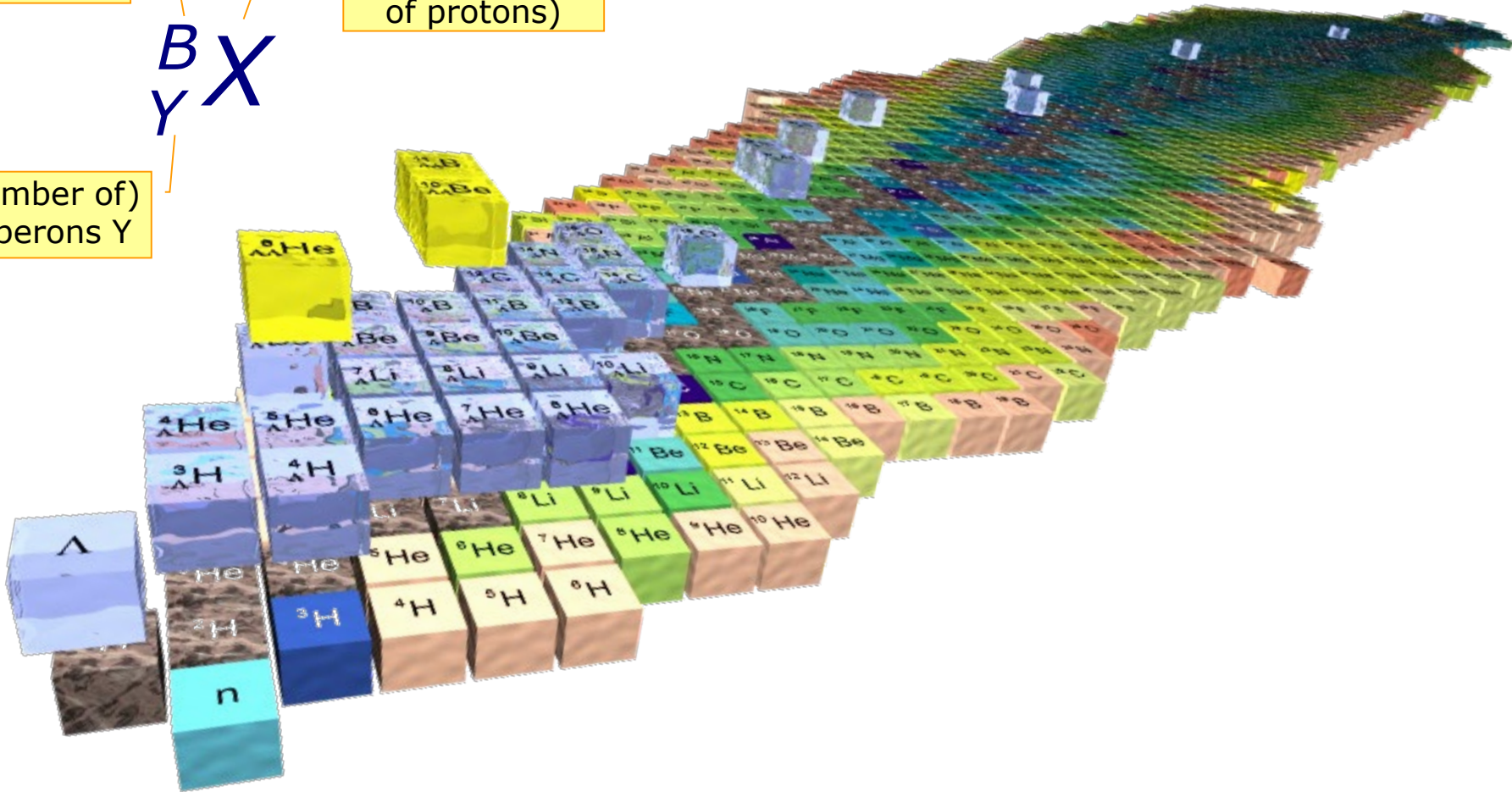
# Baryon-baryon interaction

number of  
baryons  
 $N+Z+Y$

element =  
total charge  
(**not** number  
of protons)

$B$   
 $Y$   $X$

(number of)  
hyperons  $Y$



- ▶ Isospin dependence of  $Y$ - $N$  and  $Y$ - $Y$  interaction?  
⇒ Information on hyperons in neutron rich matter/nuclei needed

# International Hypernuclear Network

**PANDA at FAIR**

- Anti-proton beam
- Double  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy

**HypHI at FAIR**

- Heavy ion beam
- Single  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- At extreme isospins
- Magnetic moments

**MAMI C**

- Electro-production
- Single  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\Lambda$ -wavefunction

**JLab**

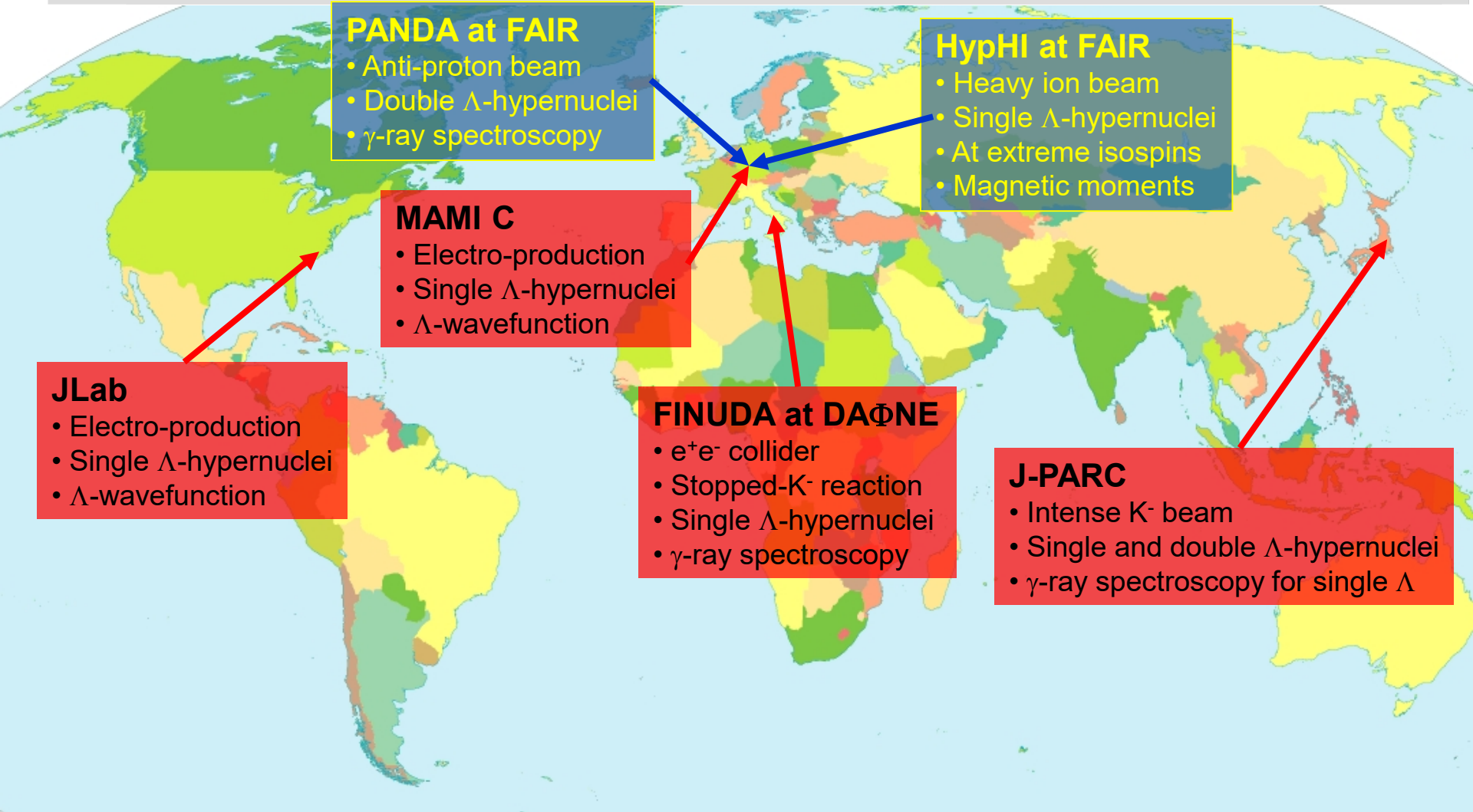
- Electro-production
- Single  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\Lambda$ -wavefunction

**FINUDA at DAΦNE**

- $e^+e^-$  collider
- Stopped- $K^-$  reaction
- Single  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy

**J-PARC**

- Intense  $K^-$  beam
- Single and double  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy for single  $\Lambda$





# Relativistic Hypernuclei

- ▶ Production of hypernuclei in relativistic heavy ion collisions
  - ▶ Production of many hyperons
  - ▶ Multiple Coalescence of hyperons with fragments
  - ▶  $(\pi, K)$ ,  $(K, \pi)$  and  $(K^-, K^+)$  reactions on fragments
- ▶ Many predictions based on coalescence model

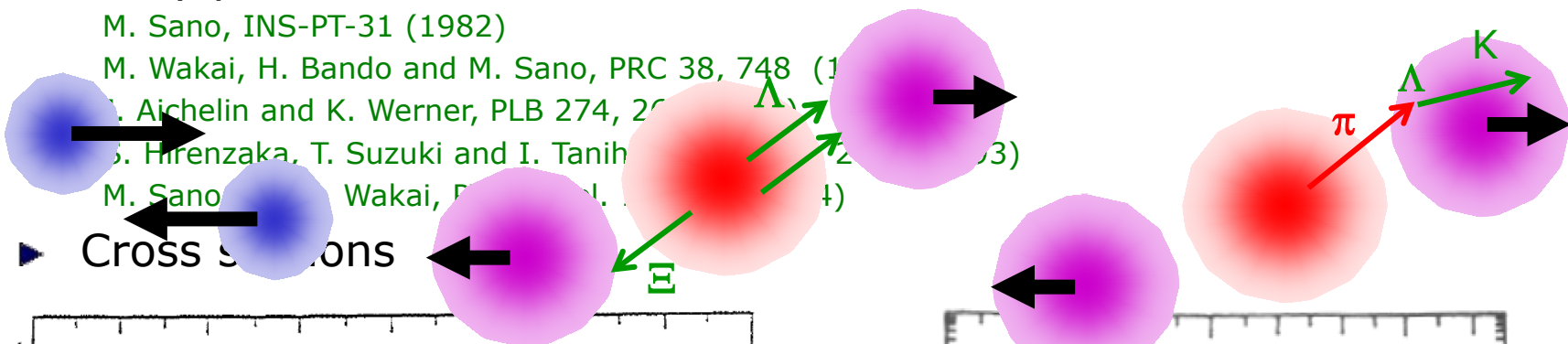
M. Sano, INS-PT-31 (1982)

M. Wakai, H. Bando and M. Sano, PRC 38, 748 (1988)

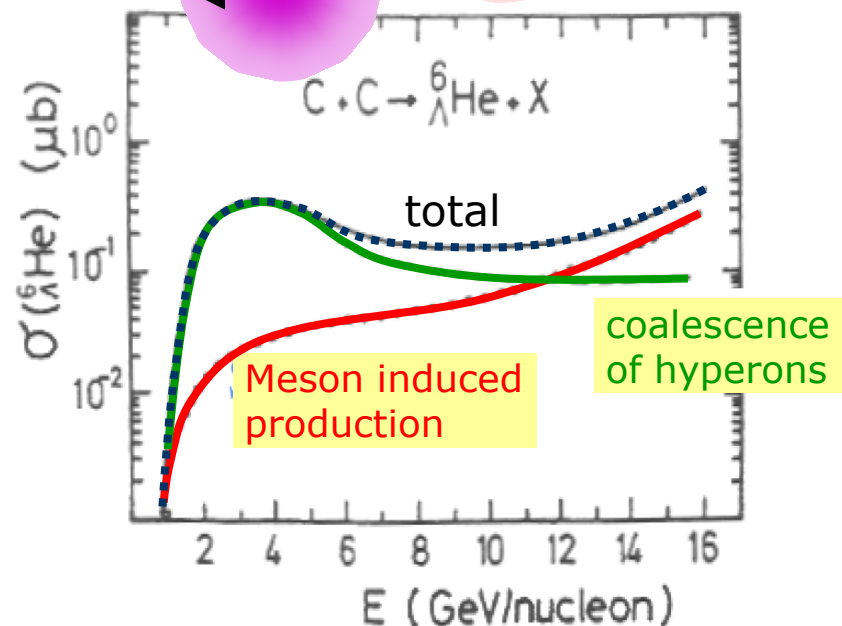
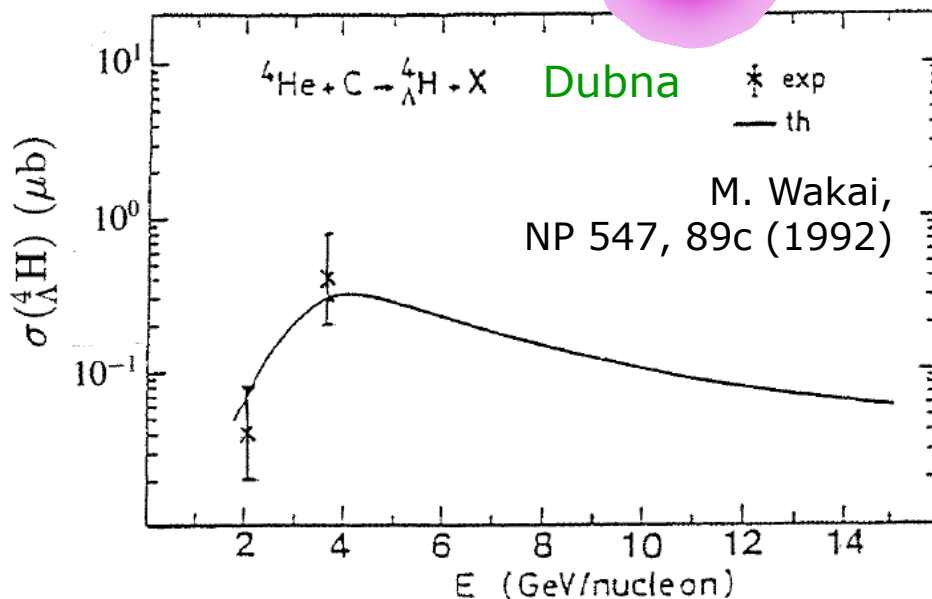
J. Aichelin and K. Werner, PLB 274, 267 (1991)

S. Hirenzaka, T. Suzuki and I. Tanihara, PRC 47, 2202 (1993)

M. Sano, M. Wakai, PRC 47, 2202 (1993)



- ▶ Cross sections



# The HYPHI Project T. Saito

- ▶ HypHI project started
- ▶ LOI and progress report to the GSI PAC, Design study

2004

2005

- ▶ Design study, preparation for the phase 0 experiment

2006

- ▶ Phase 0: experiment with  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ ,  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$

2007

- ▶ Design study for the setup for hypernuclear non-mesonic weak decay measurements

2008

- ▶ Phase 1: Experiments for proton rich hypernuclei

2009

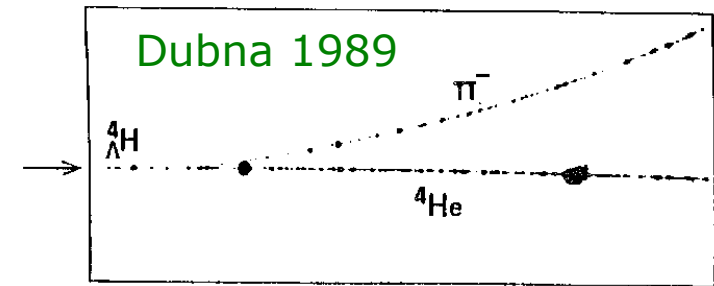
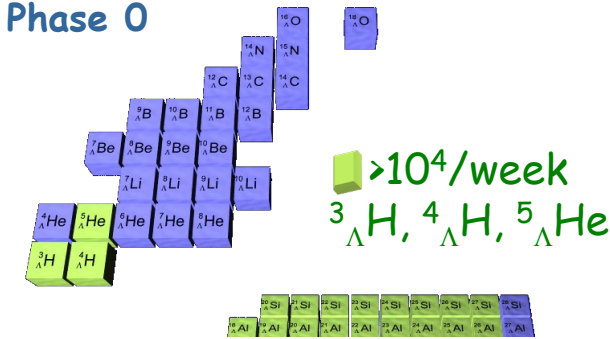
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- ▶ Phase 2: Experiment for neutron rich hypernuclei at NuSTAR/FAIR

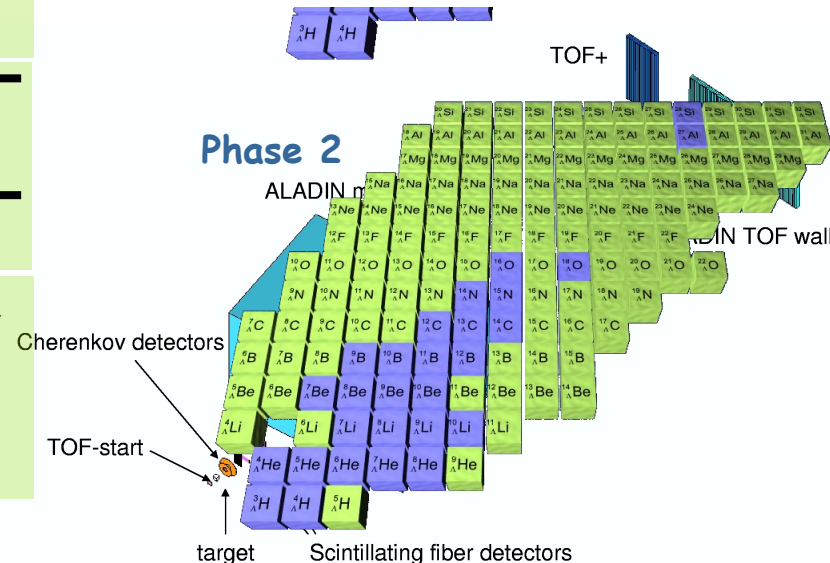
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- ▶ Phase 3: Hypernuclear separator
  - ▶ Hypernuclear magnetic moments
  - ▶ Hypernuclear driplines

Phase 0



Phase 2

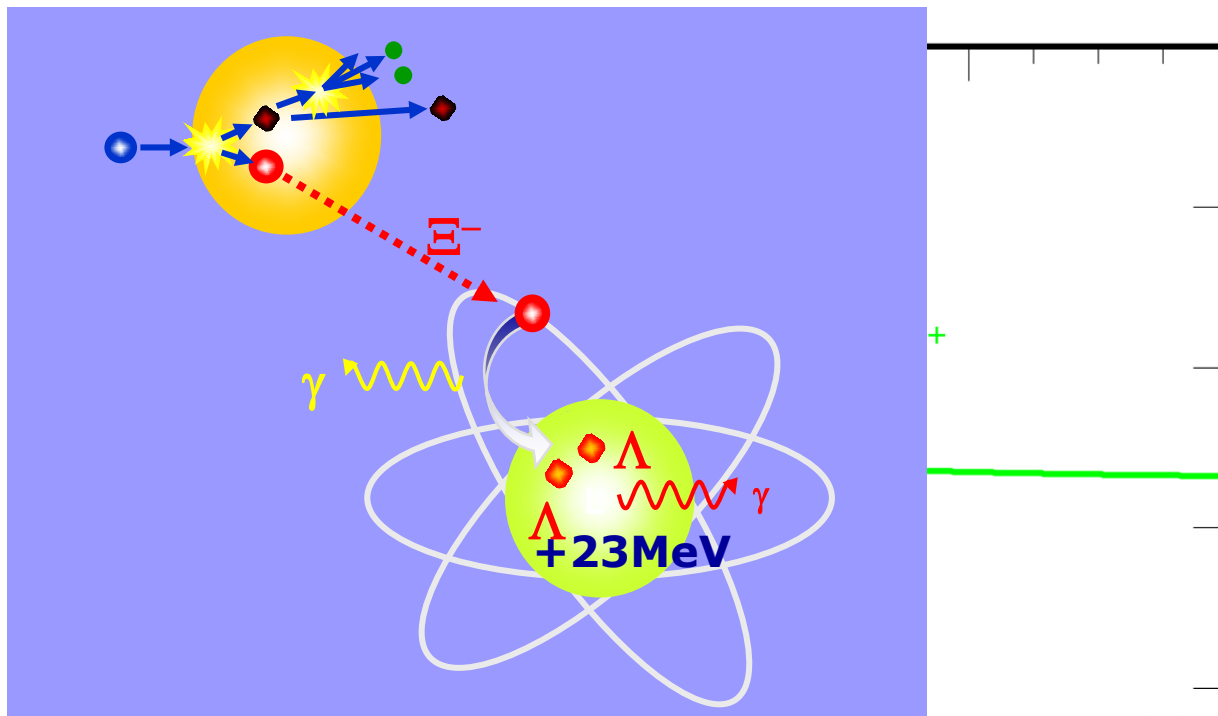




double  
hypernuclei

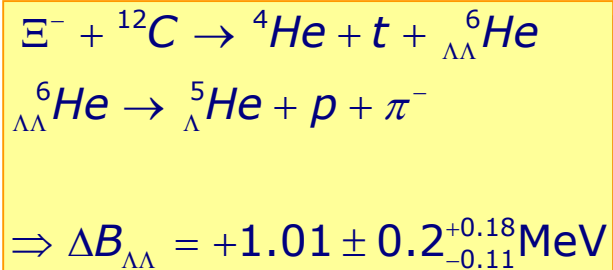
# Production of $\Lambda\Lambda$ -Hypernuclei

- ▶ simultaneous implantation of two  $\Lambda$  is not feasible
- ▶ reaction with lowest Q-value:  $\Xi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$ : 26 MeV
- ▶ direct implantation of a  $\Xi^-$  via a two-body reaction difficult because of large momentum transfer

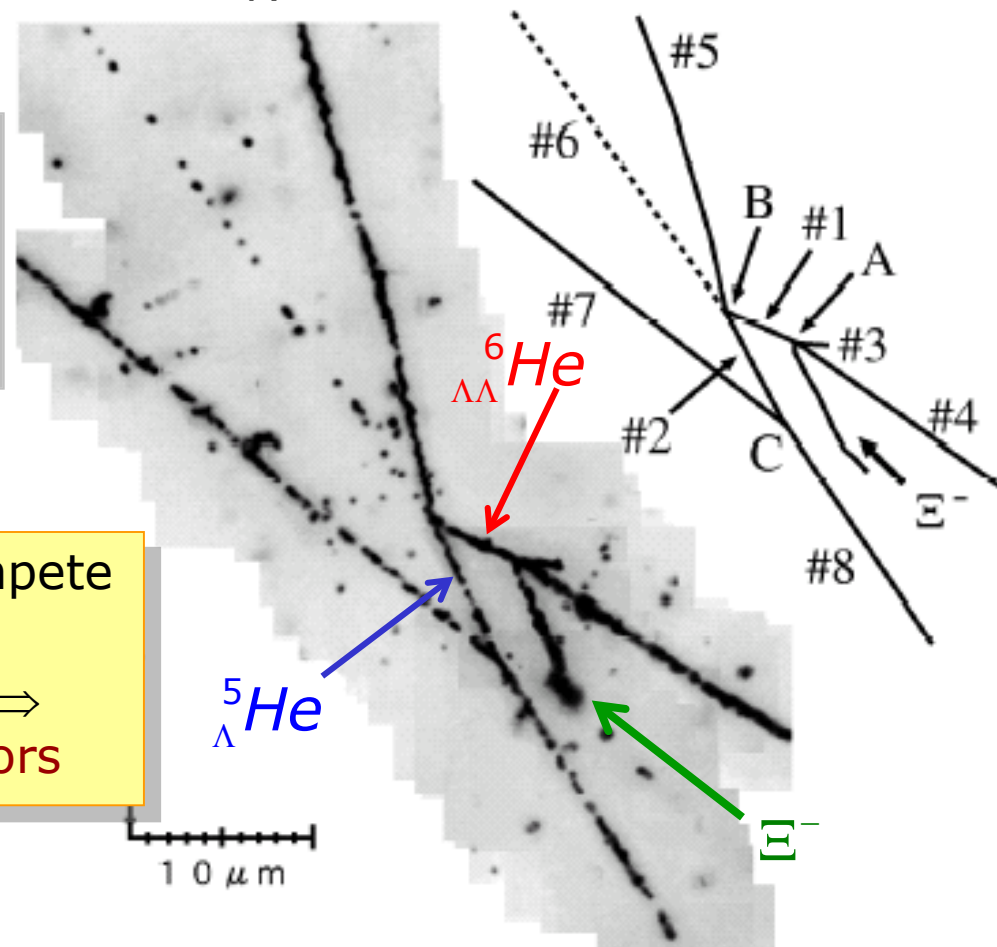


- ▶ in most cases two-step process  $K\eta \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$ 
  - ▶ production of  $\Xi^-$  in primary nucleus
  - ▶ slowing down and capture in secondary target nucleus
- ▶ spectroscopic sources only possible via decay products

- ▶ H. Takahashi *et al.*, PRL 87, 212502-1 (2001)
  - ▶ hybrid emulsion technique
  - ▶ cleanest event so far (also theoretically)

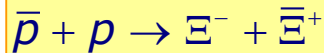


- ▶ no electronic detector can compete with emulsions
- ▶ structure with high resolution  $\Rightarrow$   $\gamma$ -spectroscopy with Ge detectors



# The Discovery of the anti-Xi

- discovered simultaneously at CERN and SLAC



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## OBSERVATION OF PRODUCTION OF A $\Xi^- + \bar{\Xi}^+$ PAIR\*

H. N. Brown, B. B. Culwick, W. B. Fowler, M. Gailloud,<sup>†</sup> T. E. Kalogeropoulos, J. K. Kopp, R. M. Lea, R. I. Louttit, T. W. Morris, R. P. Shutt, A. M. Thorndike, and M. S. Webster  
Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York

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Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut  
(Received February 19, 1962)

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## EXAMPLE OF ANTICASCADE ( $\bar{\Xi}^+$ ) PARTICLE PRODUCTION IN $\bar{p}$ - $p$ INTERACTIONS AT 3.0 GeV/c

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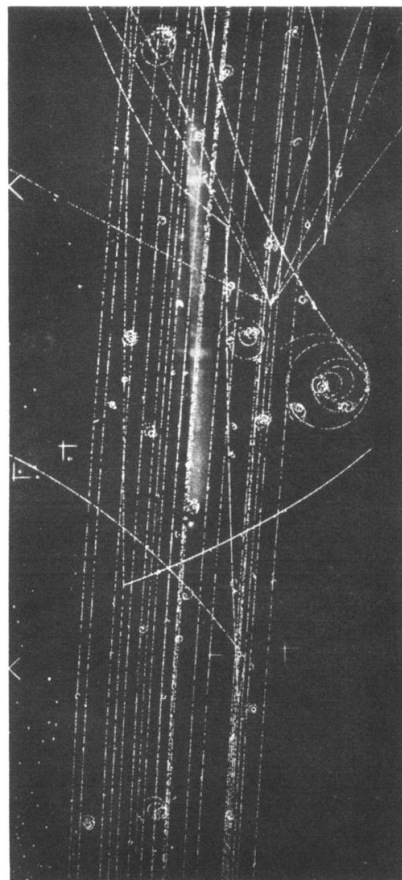
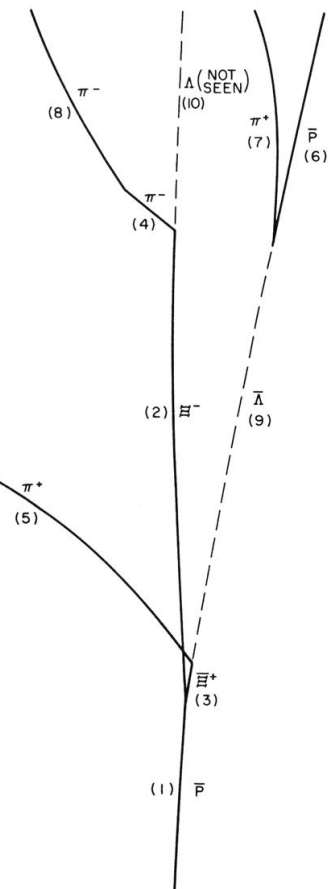
An experiment is in progress at the CERN proton synchrotron to study the interactions of fast antiprotons with protons. A high-energy separated beam<sup>1</sup> has been installed and optimized to provide, in the first instance, a high-purity beam of 3.0-GeV/c antiprotons. The interactions are being produced and observed in the Saclay 81-cm hydrogen bubble chamber.<sup>2</sup>

In the methodical scanning of the first ten thousand photographs (with an average of seven antiprotons per photograph) an event has been found showing the production of an anticascade particle ( $\bar{\Xi}^+$ ). The object of this Letter is to present the data and the analysis leading to this conclusion.

One of the three views of the event is reproduced in Fig. 1. Briefly, the event is as follows: After travelling 20 cm in the chamber, a beam particle

interacts at point A, producing two charged particles. The positive particle decays at point B (distant 6 cm from A) and the negative at point D (4 cm from A). Both decay secondaries are light particles, as we will see. At C—about 20 cm downstream from B—there appears a  $V^0$ , which will be identified later as the decay of a  $\bar{\Lambda}^0$  particle. Near point B another two-prong interaction can be seen at point I: Stereoscopic reconstruction shows that there is no direct link between this interaction and the  $\bar{\Lambda}^0$  decay.

The event can be analyzed in several ways. We have chosen to proceed in two steps: We first analyze the event connected with the positive particle from apex A, and then with the improved knowledge thus derived we analyze the complete interaction at the same apex.



# Production of $\Xi^-$

▶  $\Xi^-$  conversion in 2  $\Lambda$ :  $\Xi^- + p \rightarrow \Lambda + \Lambda + 28.5\text{MeV}$

▶  $\Xi^-$  production

▶  $p(K^-, K^+)\Xi^-$

▷ needs  $K^-$  beam ( $c \cdot \tau = 3.7\text{cm}$ )

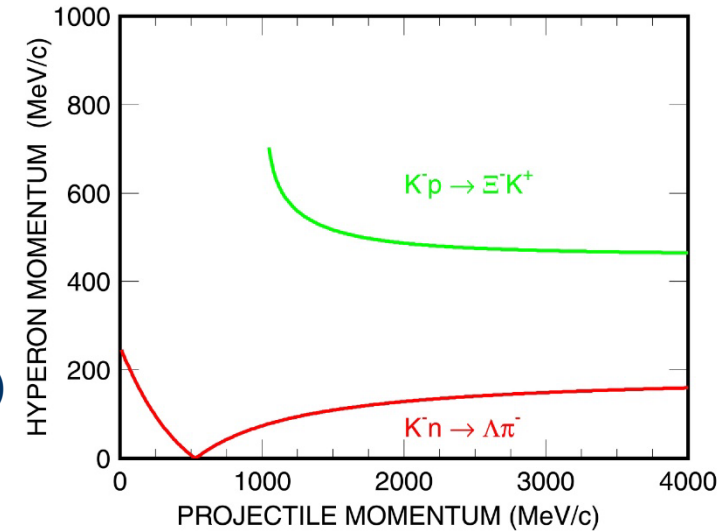
▷ recoil momentum  $> 460\text{ MeV}/c$

▶ KEK-E176:  $10^2$  stopped  $\Xi$

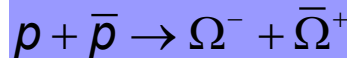
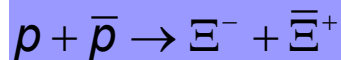
▶ KEK-E373:  $10^3$  stopped  $\Xi$

▶ AGS-E885:  $10^4$  stopped  $\Xi$

} per week(s)

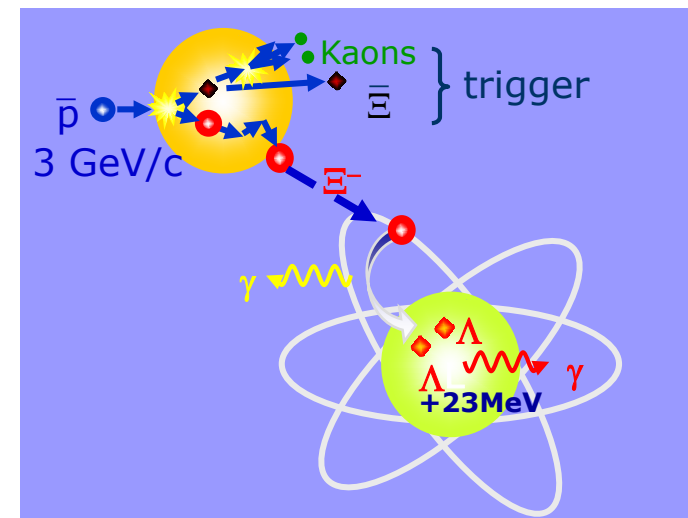


▶ antiproton storage ring HESR



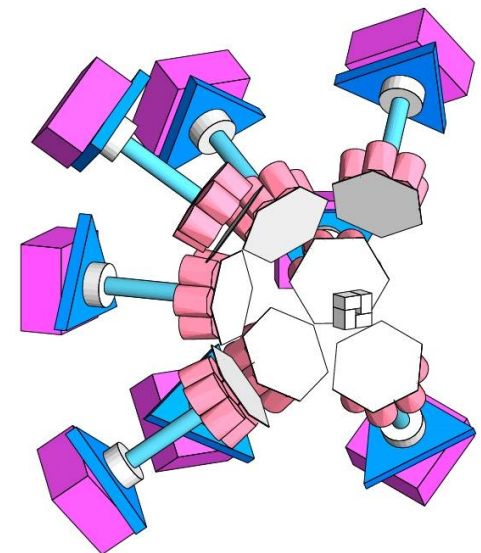
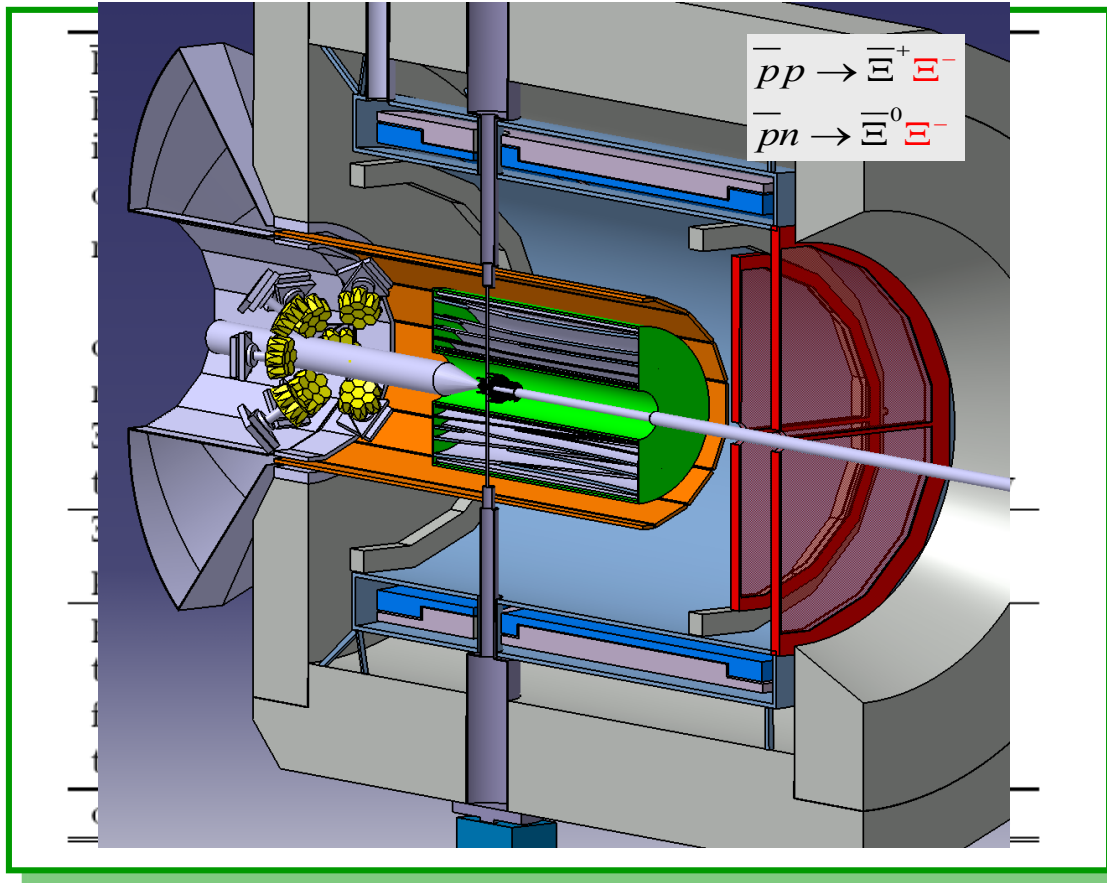
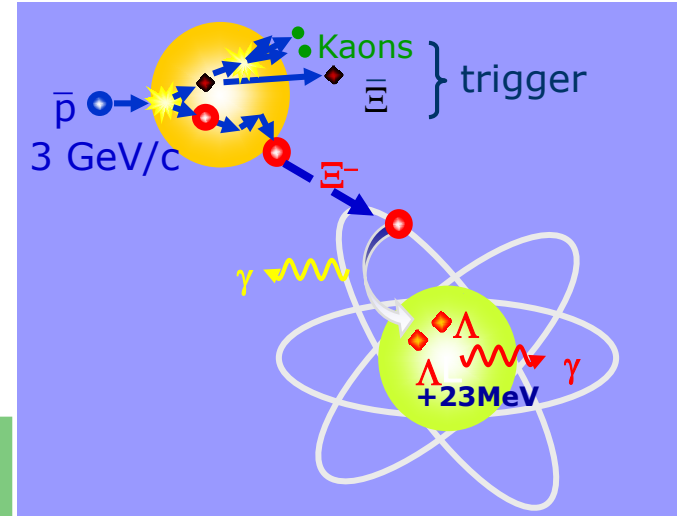
▶ few times  $10^5$  stopped  $\Xi$  per day

⇒  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy feasible



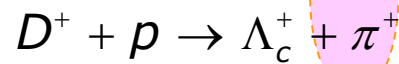
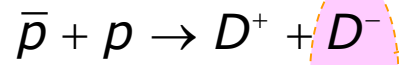
# PANDA setup

- ▶  $\theta_{\text{lab}} < 45^\circ$ :  $\Xi$ -bar, K trigger (PANDA)
- ▶  $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$ :  $\Xi^-$ -capture, hypernucleus formation
- ▶  $\theta_{\text{lab}} > 90^\circ$ :  $\gamma$ -detection (Euroball)
  - ▶ neutron background ( $4000\text{n cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )






- ▶ triple hypernuclei via  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \Omega\bar{\Omega}$      $\Omega pn \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda\Lambda + 203\text{MeV}$  ?
  - ▶ lower cross section
  - ▶ large momenta  $\Rightarrow$  lower stopping probability
  - ▶ large Q-value  $\Rightarrow$  low probability for triple  $\Lambda$  nuclei
  - ▶  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy most likely not practical at the beginning
- ▶  $\Lambda_c$  hypernuclei
  - ▶ production via primary + secondary target not possible because of short lifetime of  $\tau_{\Lambda_c} = 0.2\text{ps}$  which exceeds stopping time
  - ▶ direkt production via  $pp \rightarrow \Lambda_c\Lambda_c\text{bar}$  or  $\pi^-p \rightarrow \Lambda_c D^-$  difficult because of high momenta involved (very low sticking probability)
  - ▶ does a two-step process *within one nucleus* work?



detected

captured in the  
nucleus A-2

- ▶ determination of the  $\Lambda_c$  hypernucleus mass via missing mass
  - ▷ needs good knowledge of beam momentum ( $10^{-4}$ )
  - ▷ excellent momentum resolution for  $\pi^+$  and  $D^-$  (resp. decay products)
- ▶ expected rate  $\sim 0.01 \text{ day}^{-1}$  (??? rescattering  $\rightarrow 1\text{day}^{-1}$ ???)



antibaryons  
in  
nuclei

# G-Parity and $N\bar{N}$ Potential

- ▶ strong interaction conserves isospin and C-parity
- ▶  $G$ =charge conjugation +  $180^\circ$  rotation around 2nd axis in isospin
  - ▶ Lee und Yang 1956, L. Michel 1952 „Isoparity“
  - ▶ G-parity of particle-antiparticle multiplets

$$G|\bar{f}\bar{f}\rangle = (-1)^I C|\bar{f}\bar{f}\rangle = (-1)^{I+L+S}|\bar{f}\bar{f}\rangle$$

$$G|\pi^{\pm 0}\rangle = (-1)^1 C|\pi^{\pm 0}\rangle = -|\pi^{\pm 0}\rangle$$

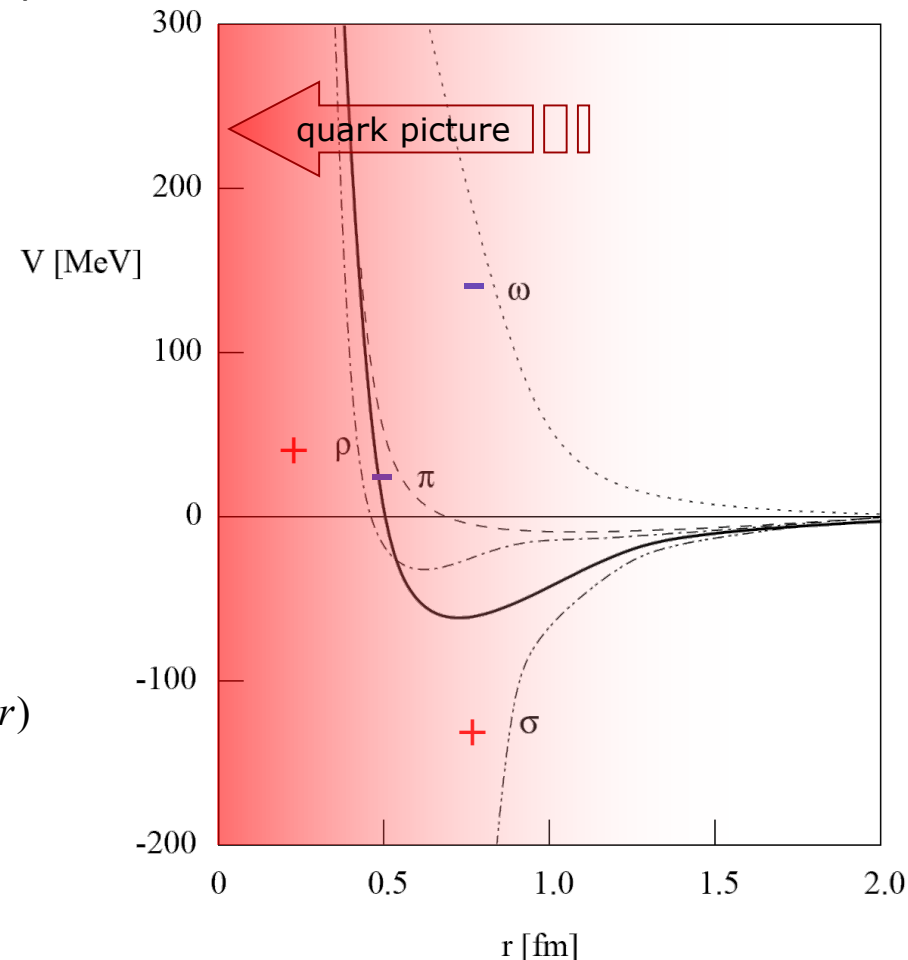
$$G|\rho\rangle = (-1)^1 C|\rho\rangle = +|\rho\rangle$$

$$G|\omega\rangle = (-1)^0 C|\omega\rangle = -|\omega\rangle$$

$$G|\sigma\rangle = (-1)^0 C|\sigma\rangle = +|\sigma\rangle$$

- ▶ Hans-Peter Dürr and Edward Teller, Phys. Rev. **101**, 494 (1956)
  - ▶ sign change in coupling constant

$$V(NN)(r) = \sum_M V_M(r) \rightarrow V(N\bar{N})(r) = \sum_M G_M V_M(r)$$



# Elastic Antiproton-Nucleus Scattering

## Elastic Scattering of Antiprotons from Complex Nuclei\*

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University of California, Berkeley, California*

(Received May 5, 1958)

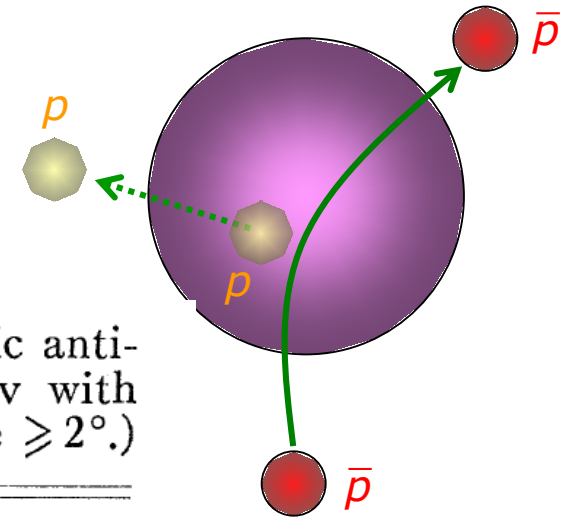


TABLE III. Comparison of experimental data for elastic antiproton-nucleus scattering of energy  $T_{\bar{p}}=80$  to 200 Mev with Glassgold's calculations at  $T_{\bar{p}}=140$  Mev. (Projected angle  $\geq 2^\circ$ .)

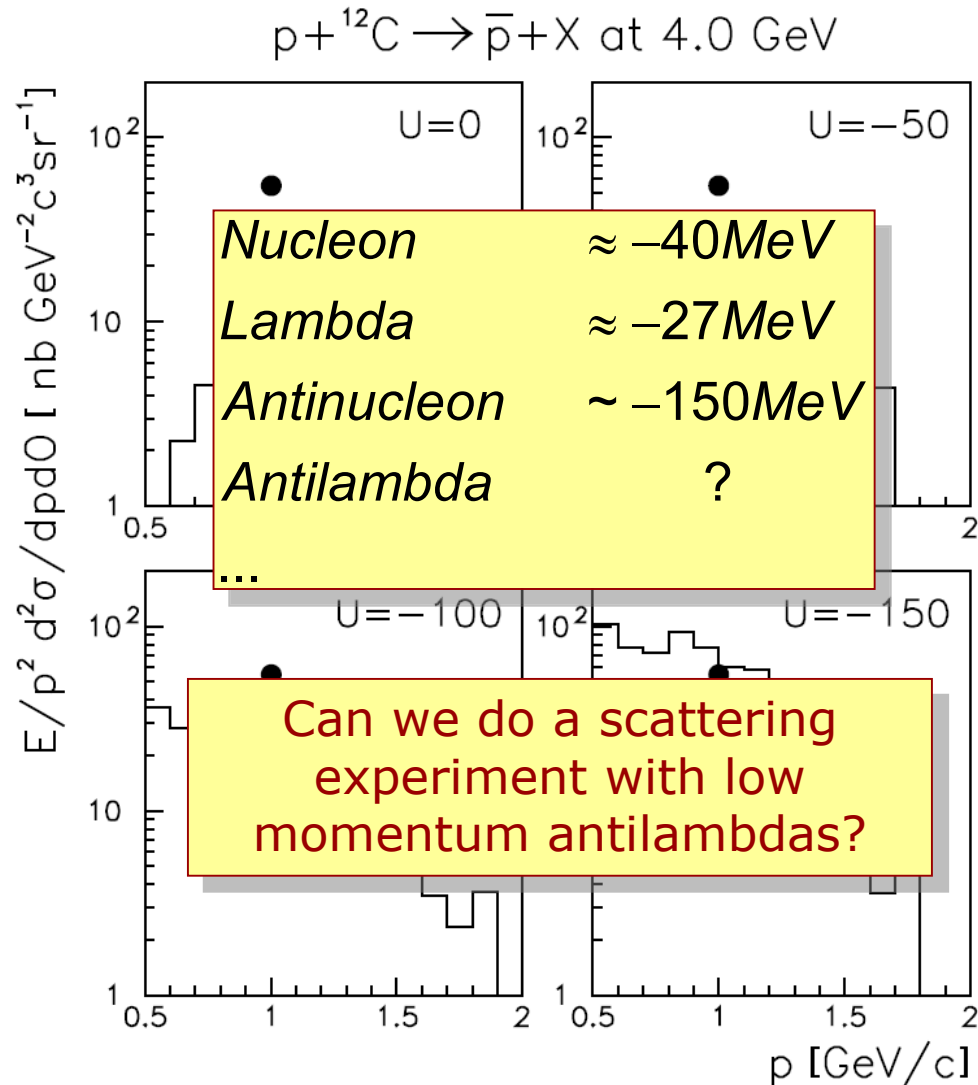
Angular interval (degrees)	Experimental ( $T_{\bar{p}}=80$ to 200 Mev)	Number of events	
		Calculated for potential <sup>a</sup> $V = -15$ Mev $W = -50$ Mev	Calculated for potential <sup>a</sup> $V = -528$ Mev $W = -50$ Mev
2-6	54	56	71
6-12	20	17.1	24
12-24	5	4.3	10
24-180	1	1.4	9.5
2-180	80	78.8	114.5

# Antiprotonproduction in HI Collisions

► see e.g.

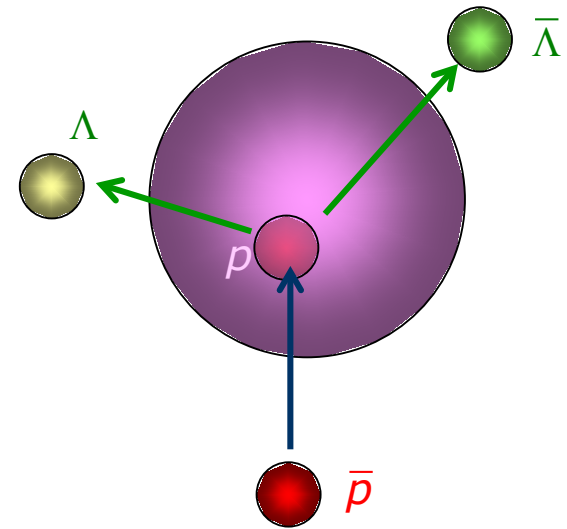
A. Sibirtsev, W. Cassing *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. A **632**, 131 (1998)

C. Spieles *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **53**, 2011-2013 (1996)



# Can we measure the potential for $\bar{Y}$ ?

- ▶  $p + \bar{p} \rightarrow \Lambda + \bar{\Lambda}$  close to threshold within **complex nuclei**
- ▶ **Question: is the momentum of the  $\Lambda$  and anti- $\Lambda$  equal?**
- ▶ If yes,  $\Lambda$  and anti- $\Lambda$  that leave the nucleus will have different asymptotic momenta
  - ▶ the momentum difference is sensitive to the potential difference



- ▶ experimental complications
  - ▶ Fermi motion
  - ▶ leading effect
  - ▶ exclusiveness

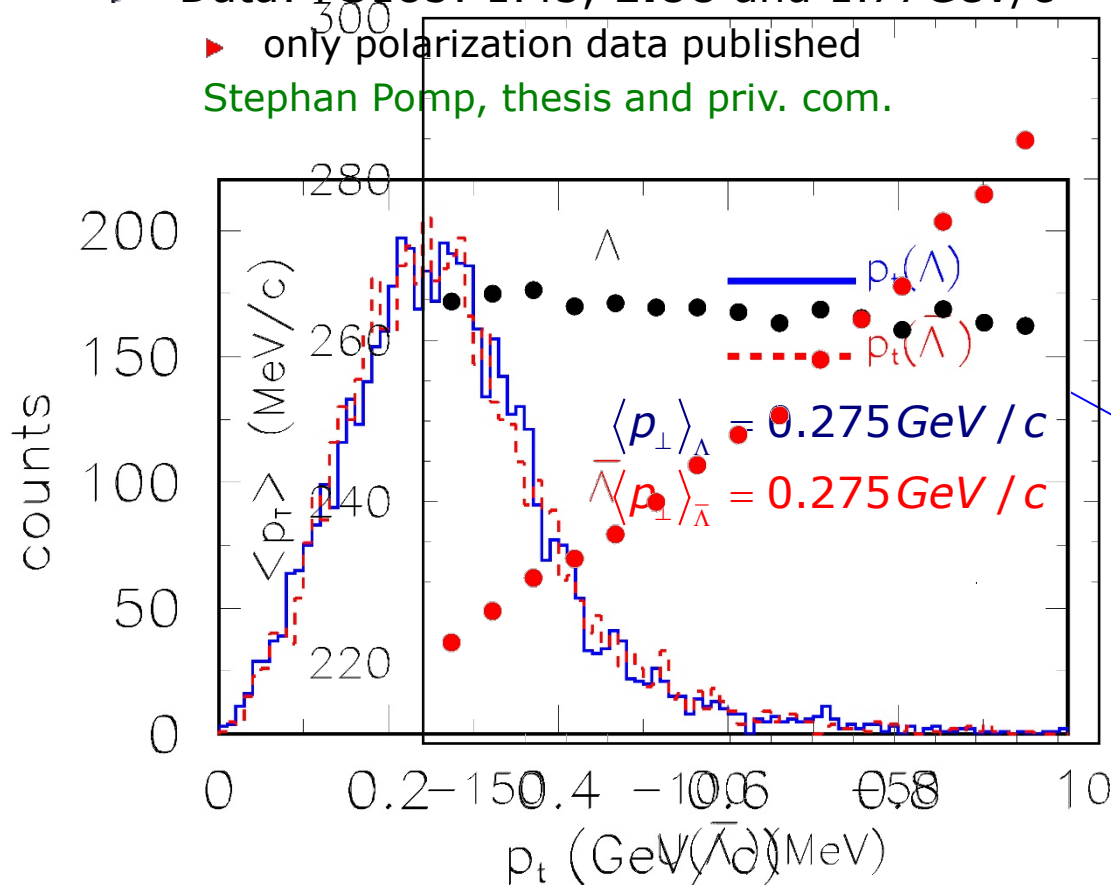
⇒ need to look at **average transverse momentum** close to threshold of **coincident  $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  pairs**

# Pair production in Nuclei: $\bar{p}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\Lambda X$

- ▶ Simulations: Antiproton momentum: 1.66 GeV
  - ▶  $\Lambda$  potential: -28MeV
  - ▶ Fermi motion ( $1s_{1/2}$  and  $1p_{3/2}$  single-particle wf)
  - ▶ angular distribution (leading effect)
  - ▶ absorption (still crude)

- ▶ Data: PS185: 1.45, **1.66** and 1.77GeV/c

- ▶ only polarization data published
- Stephan Pomp, thesis and priv. com.

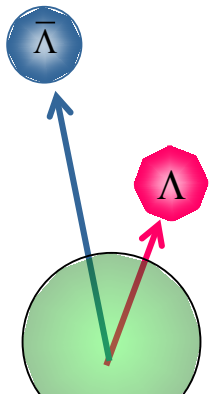
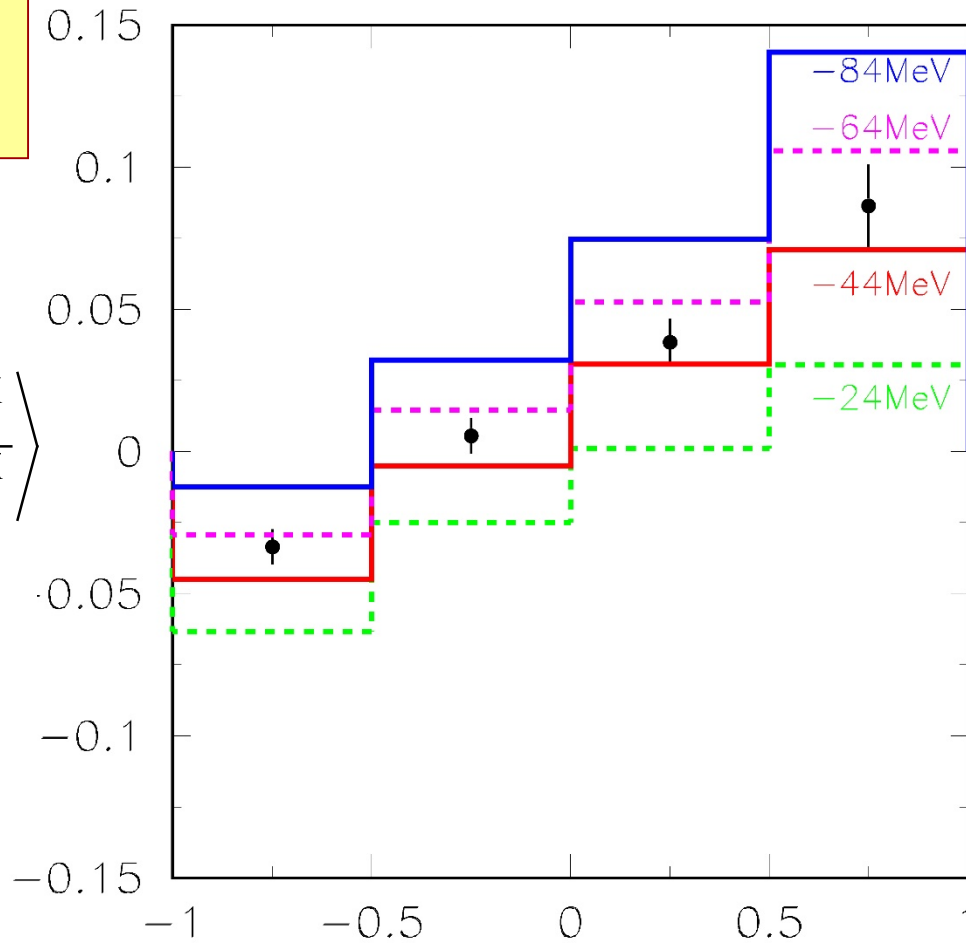


$\bar{\Lambda}$  have larger momenta  $\Rightarrow$  less influenced by potential or Fermi motion

# A Closer Look...

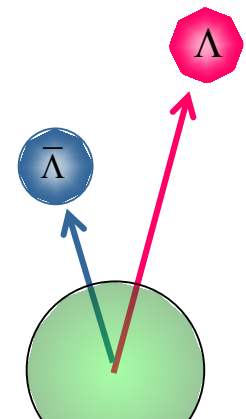
this has to be =0 in case of elementary  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  reaction

$$\left\langle \frac{p_{\perp}^{\Lambda} - p_{\perp}^{\bar{\Lambda}}}{p_{\perp}^{\Lambda} + p_{\perp}^{\bar{\Lambda}}} \right\rangle$$



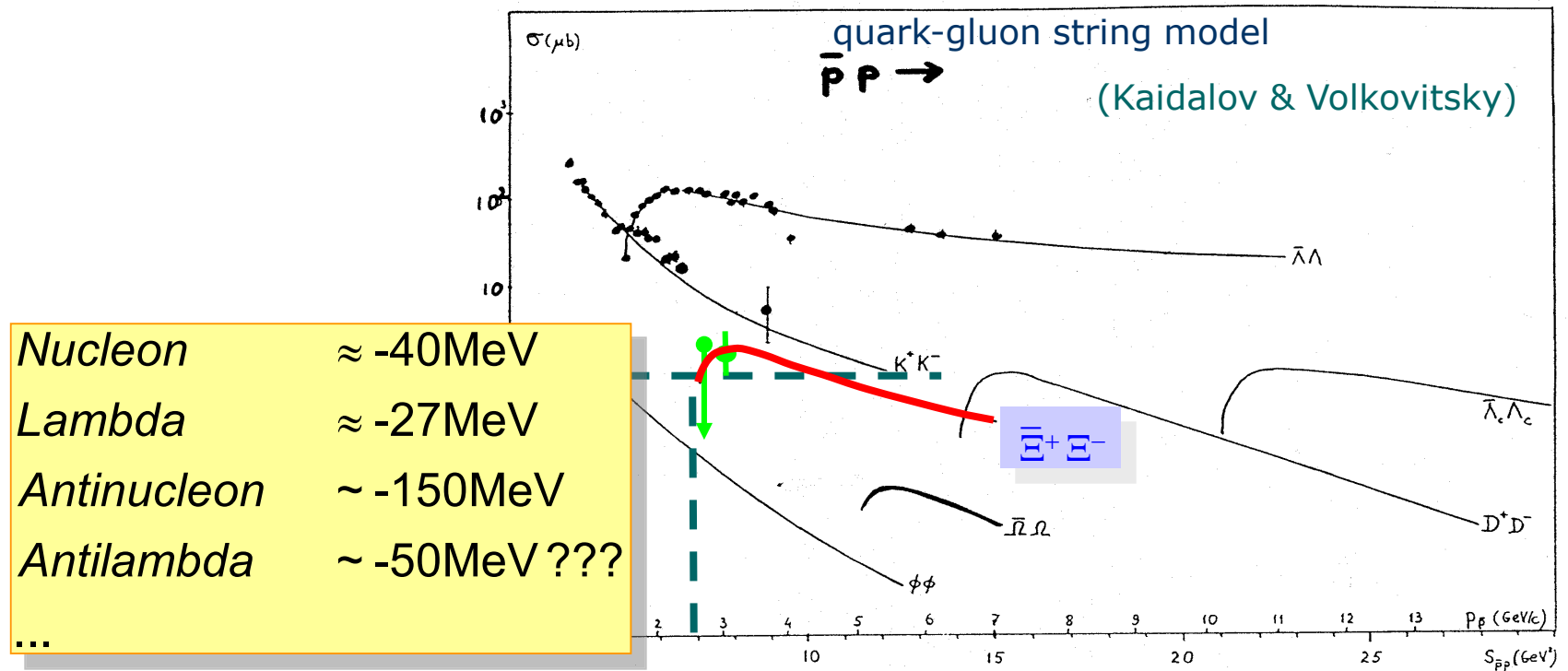
$$\frac{p_{\parallel}^{\Lambda} - p_{\parallel}^{\bar{\Lambda}}}{p_{\parallel}^{\Lambda} + p_{\parallel}^{\bar{\Lambda}}}$$

← yield





- ▶ the (exclusive) production of  $B\bar{B}$  pairs in nuclei by antiproton beams may offer the possibility to study the behaviour of antibaryons in nuclei



- ▶ Open tasks
  - ▶ momentum dependent absorption
  - ▶ momentum dependent rescattering
  - ▶ formation time
  - ▶ ...and probably many more

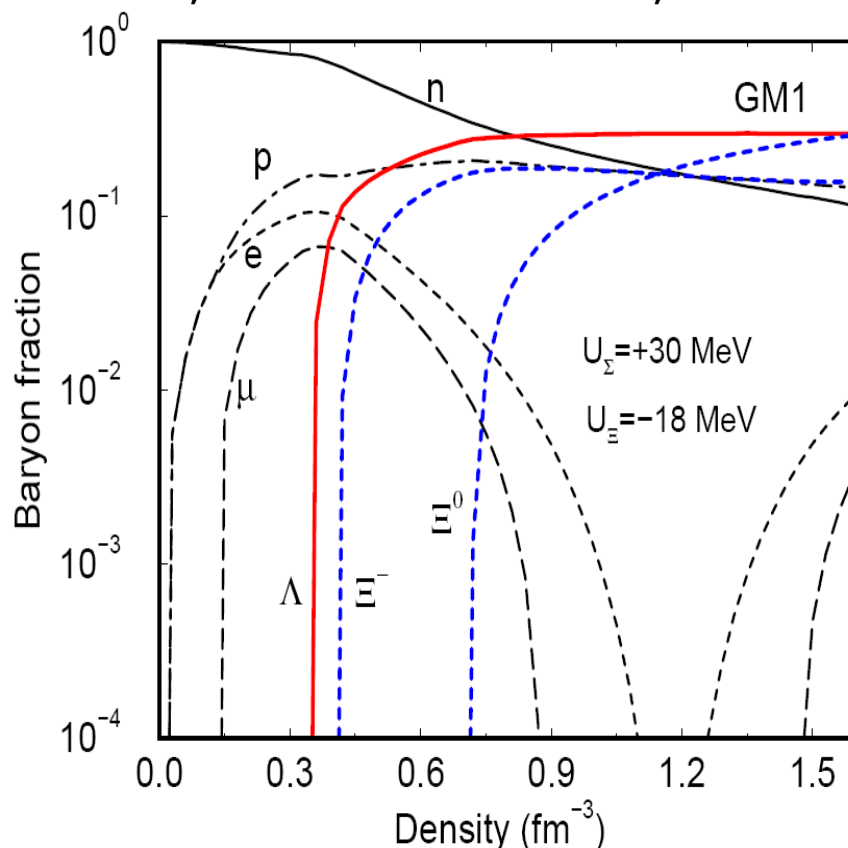
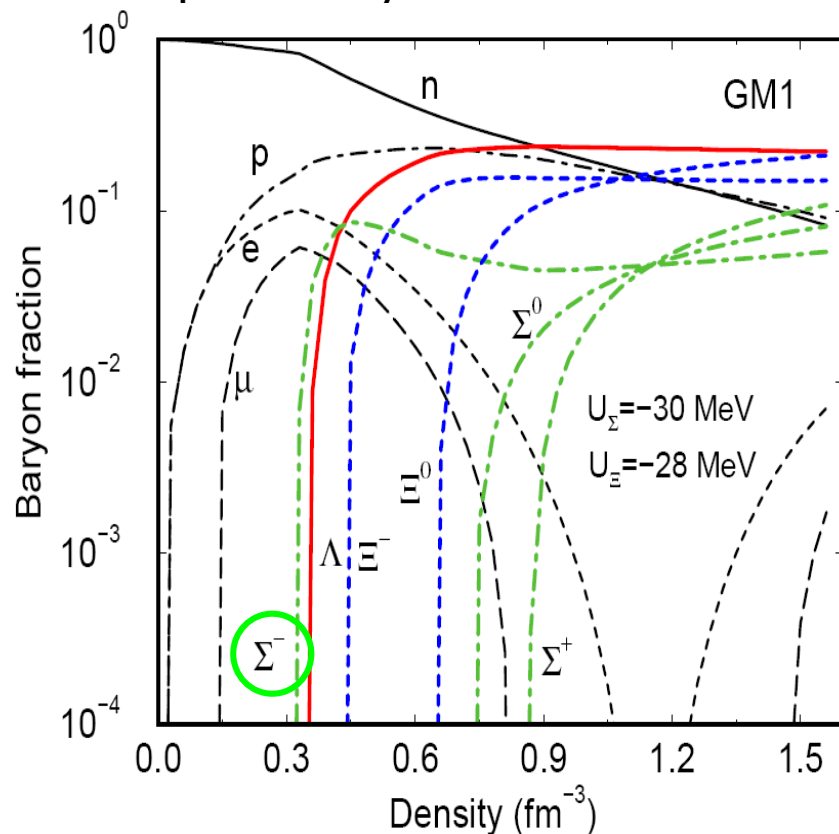


conclusion

- ▶ Antiproton collisions with nuclei offer many opportunities to study strange baryons in cold nuclei
  - ▶ baryon-baryon interaction
  - ▶ properties of (anti-)baryons in nuclei
  - ▶ spectroscopy of baryonic atoms
  - ▶ weak decay
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ These studies are made possible by a unique combination of experimental facilities at **FAIR**
  - ▶ hypernuclei spectrometer ⊕ **secondary relativistic HI beams**
  - ▶  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy with Ge detectors ⊕ **antiproton beams**



- ▶ Input: Baryons in chemical Equilibrium, conservation laws, interaction

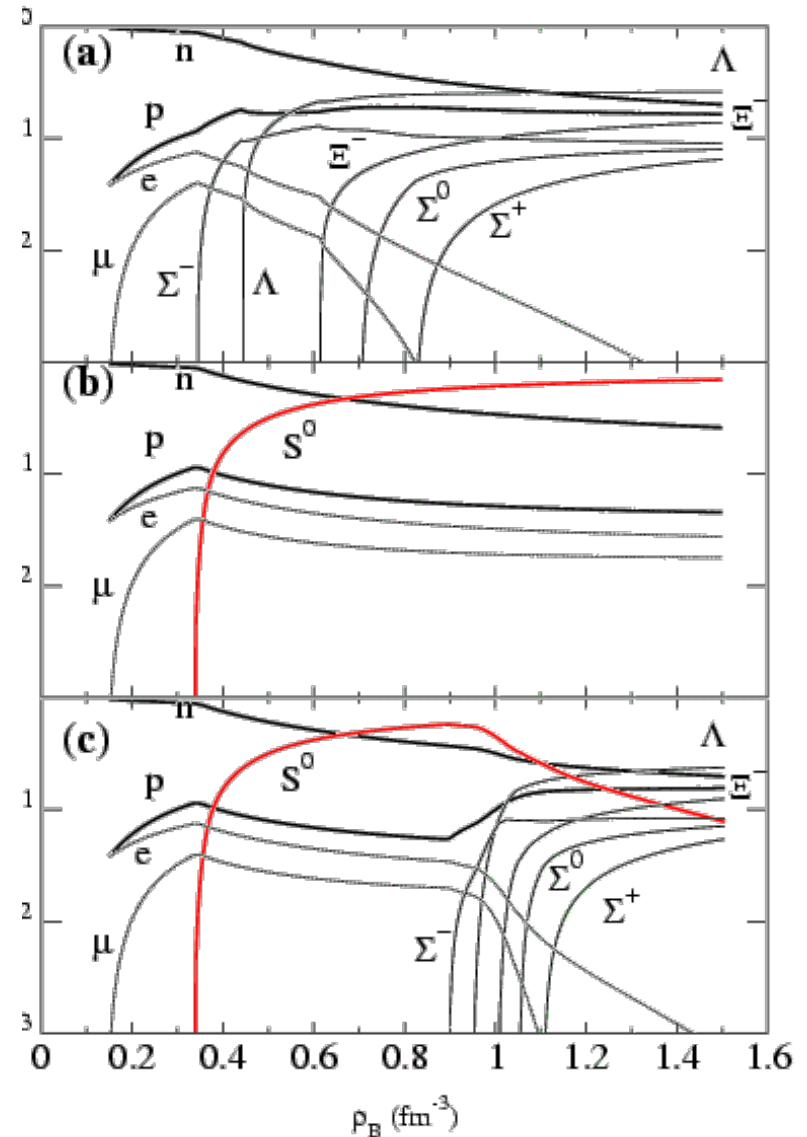
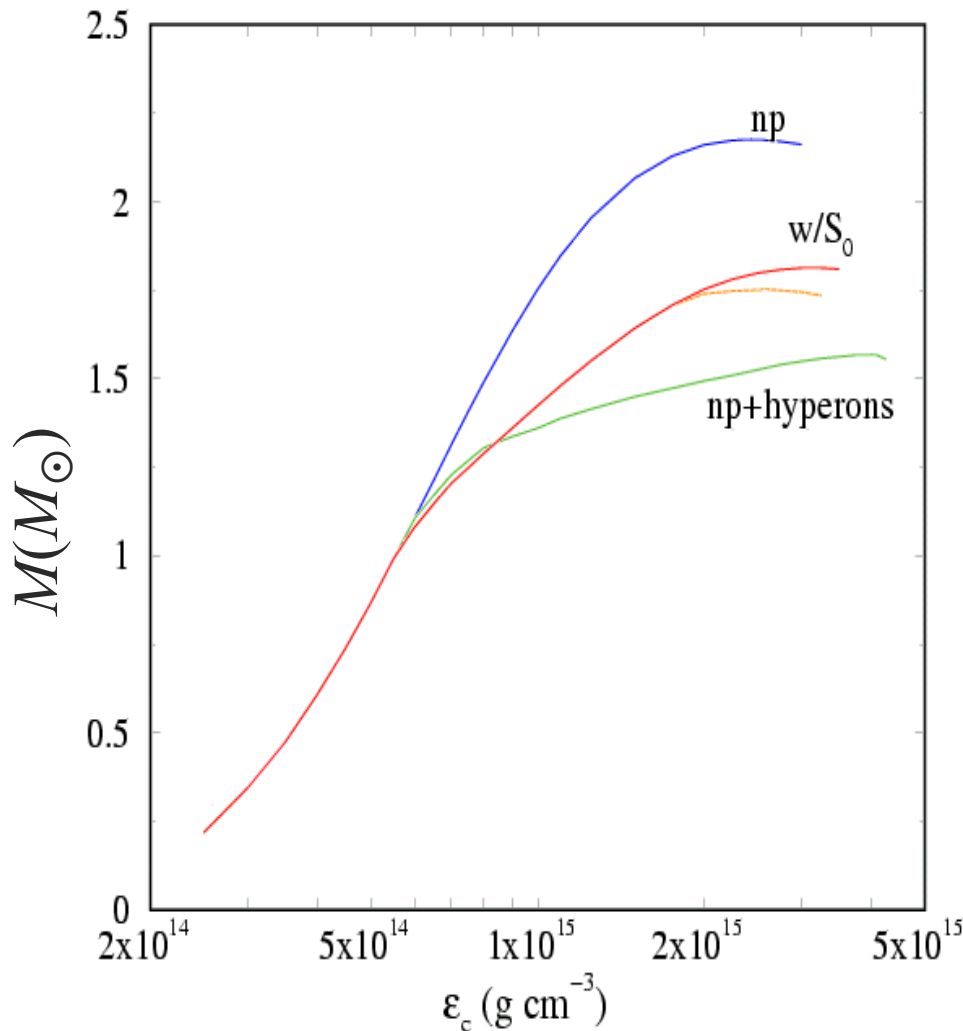


N. K. Glendenning, *Phys. Rev. C* **64**, 025801 (2001)

- ▶ beyond  $2\rho_0$  hyperons may play a significant role in neutron stars
- ▶ in the core hyperons may even be more abundant than neutrons
- ▶ needed: BB interaction at high density= at small distances

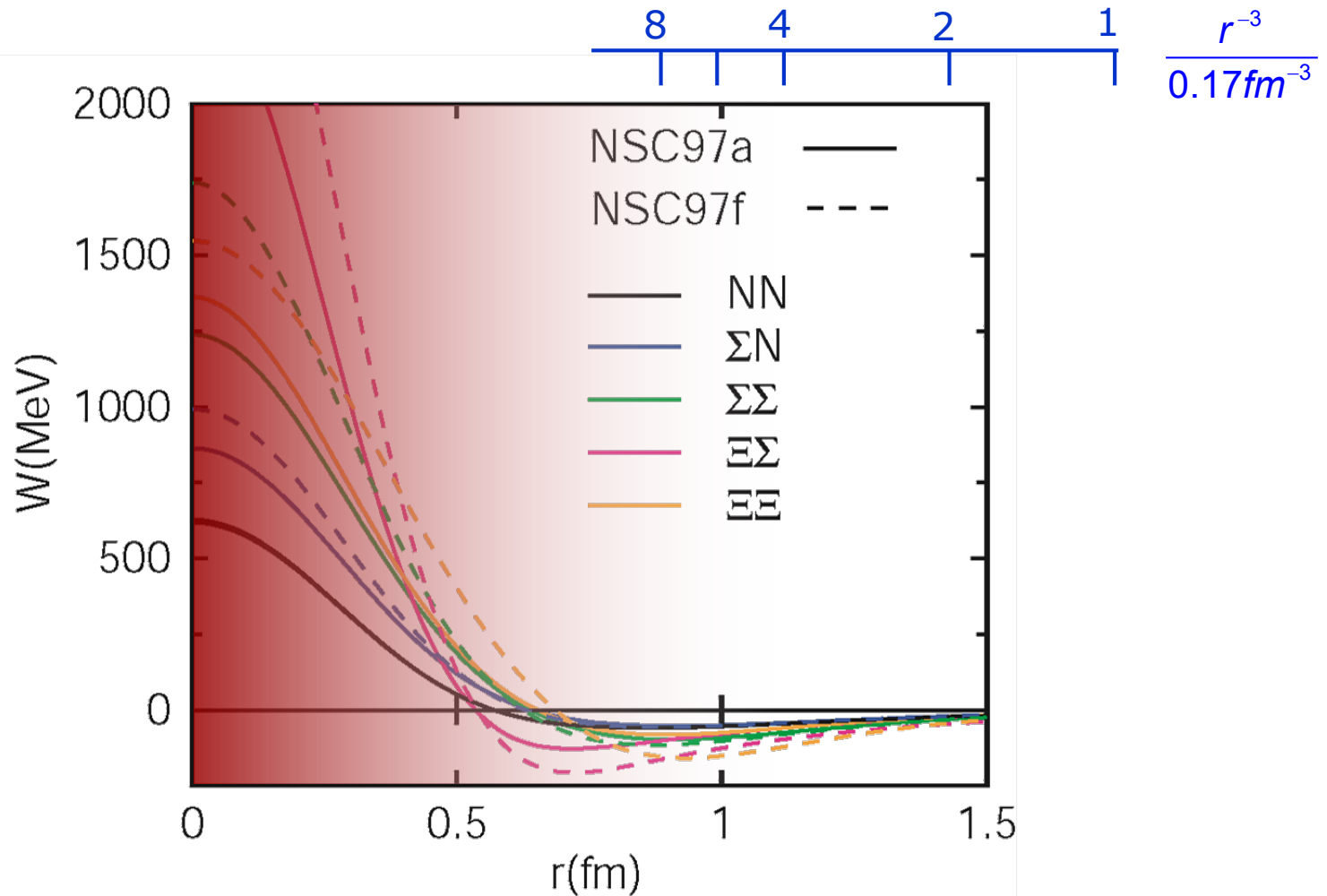
# Supersymmetric Particles

- ▶ The Astrophysical Journal, 548:L179–L182, 2001
- ▶ Shmuel Balberg, Glennys R. Farrar, and Tsvi Piran



# Baryon-Baryon „Potential“

- ▶ Baryon-Stars  $\Leftrightarrow$  BB interaction at high density = at small distances

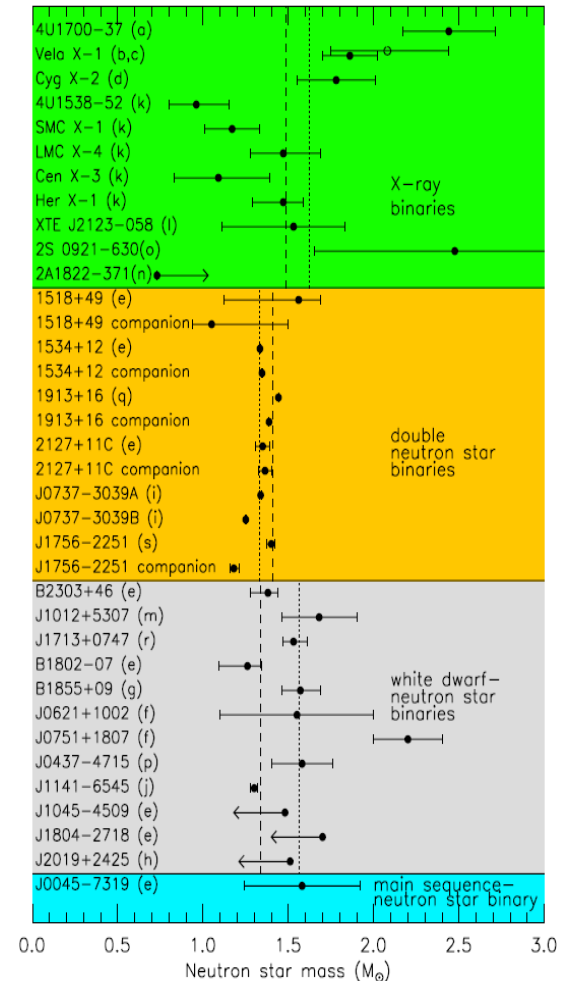
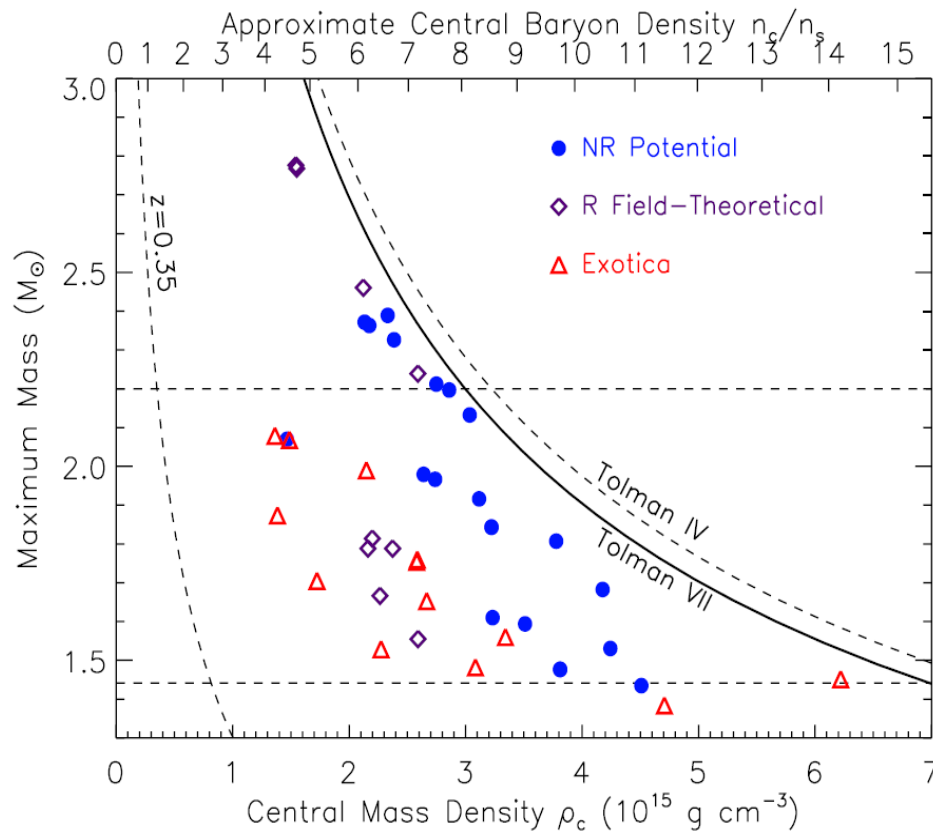


- ▶ Nijmegen OBE Potential fitted to  $\Lambda N$  Daten + SU(3) Symmetrie  
Th.A. Rijken, V.G.J. Stoks, Y. Yamamoto, Phys. Rev. C 59, 21 (1999)

# Observable Consequence

- ▶ Main consequence of hyperons and other exotica in neutron stars: softer EOS  $\Rightarrow$  lower mass and smaller central density

James M. Lattimer and Madappa Prakash  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 111101 (2005)

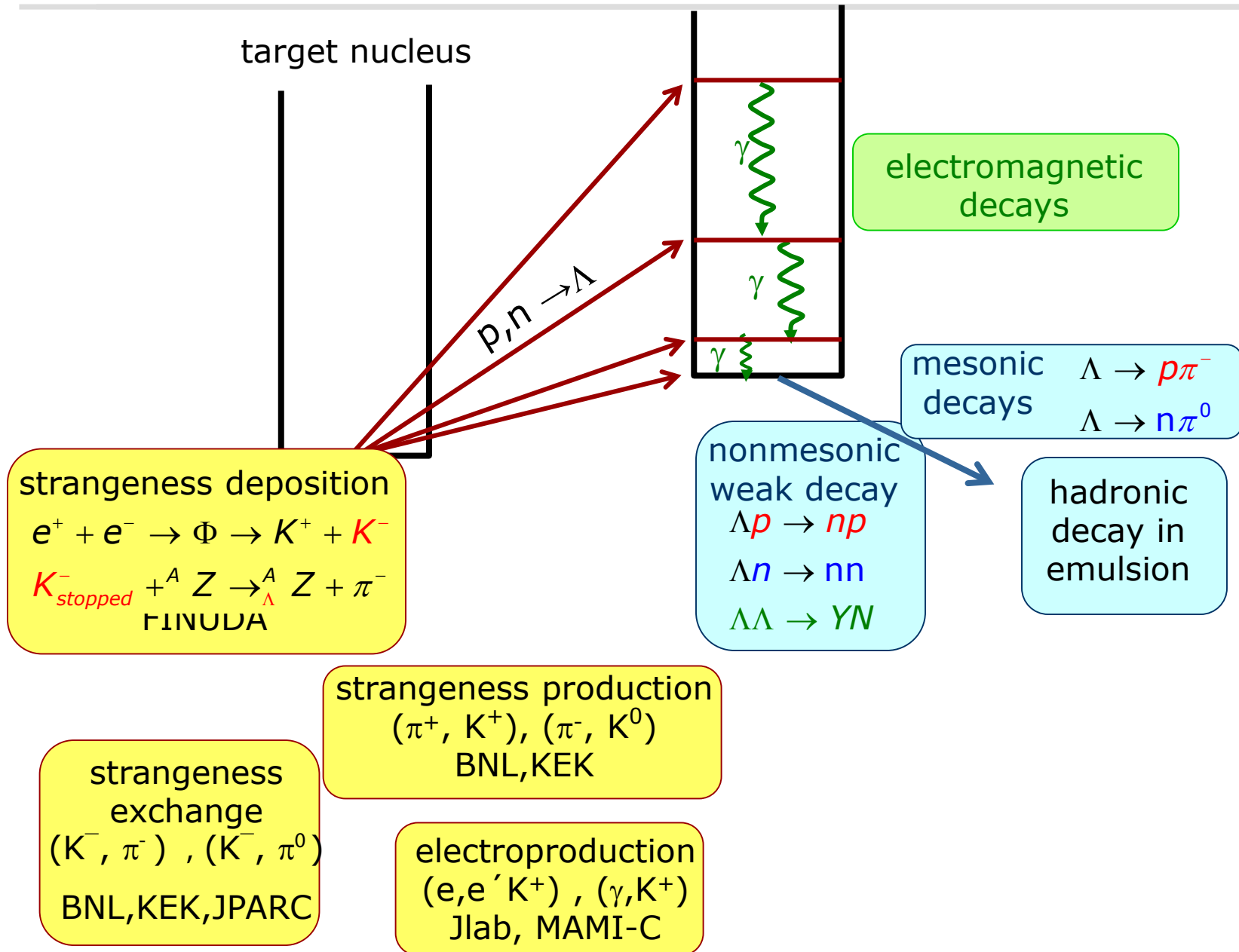


- ▶ present data on neutron star masses do not exclude exotic cores
- ▶ simultaneous treatment of all possible ingredients (K,Y,q...) missing



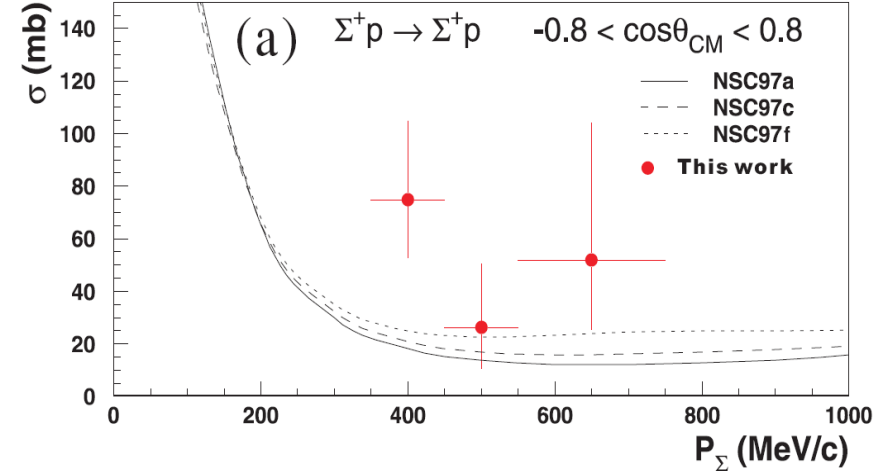
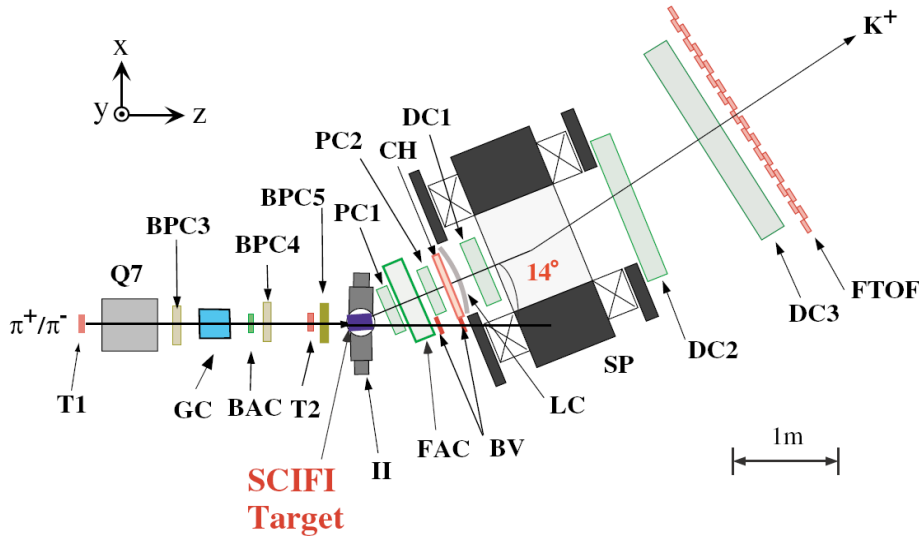
# Birth, life and death of a hypernucleus

target nucleus



# Exp. Approaches to $\Lambda$ -N interactions

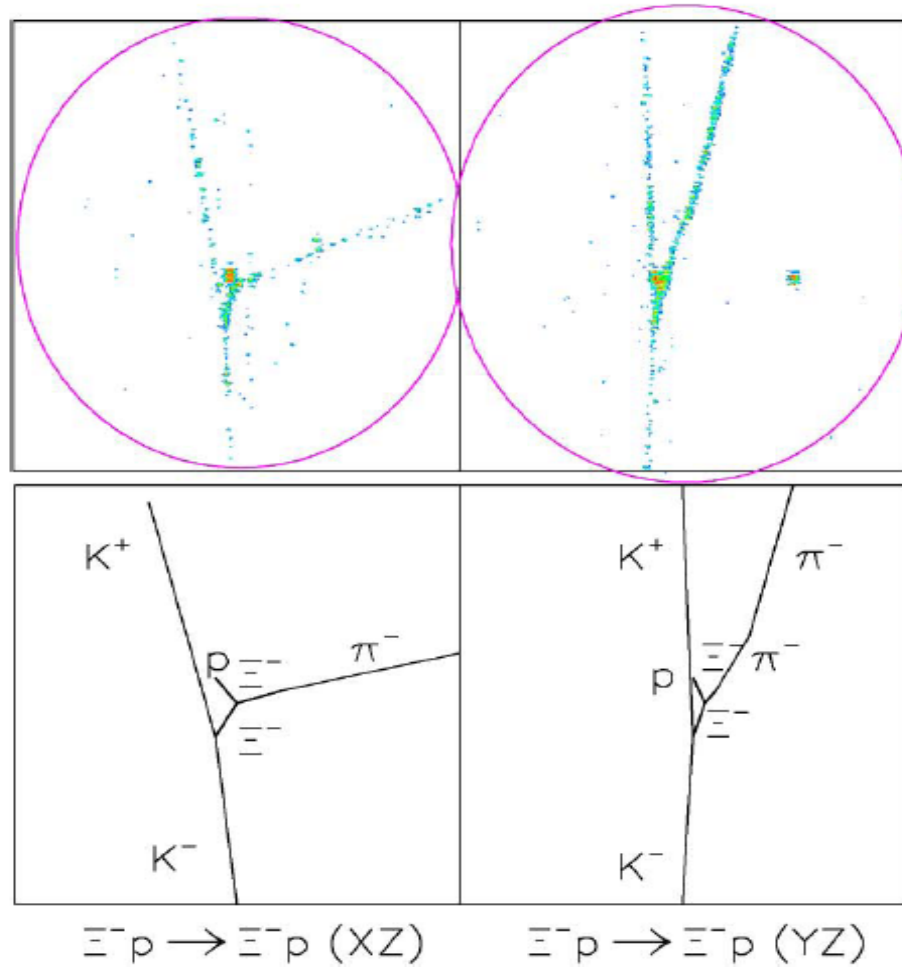
- ▶ low energy baryon-baryon scattering
  - ▶ N-N:  $\sim 10^4$  data points available
  - ▶ charged hyperon – proton: scattering in a scintillator target
    - ▷  $\Sigma^- p$ : KEK-PS E289 ( $\pi^-, K^+$ )  $\Rightarrow$  30 events
    - ▷  $\Sigma^+ p$ : KEK-PS 251 & KEK-PS E289 ( $\pi^+, K^+$ )  $\Rightarrow$  31 events each
    - ▷  $\Xi^- p$ : ( $K^-, K^+$ )  $\Rightarrow$  1 candidate



▷ JPARC:  $\sim 1000$  events/day

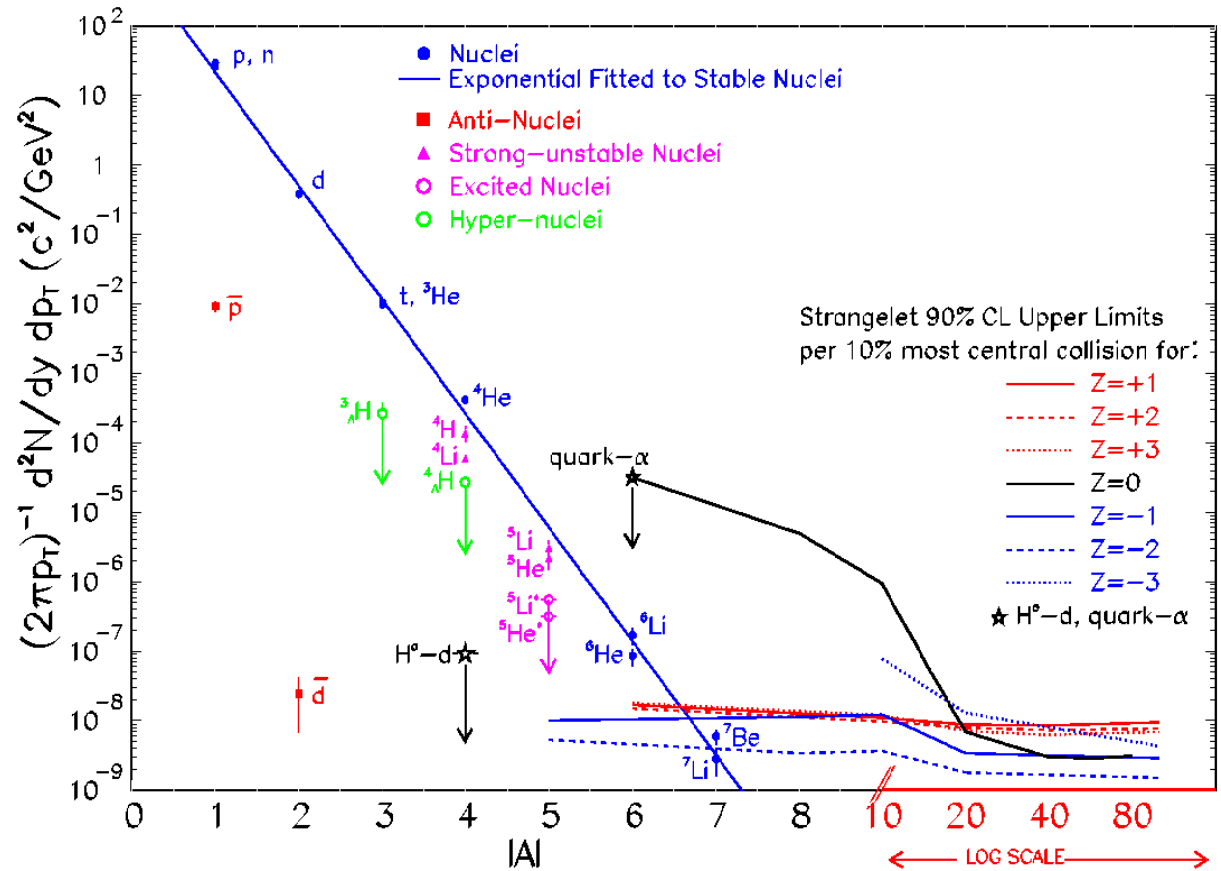
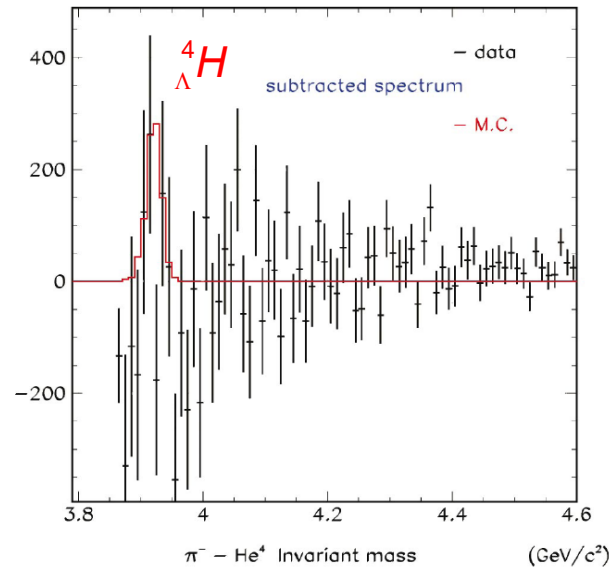
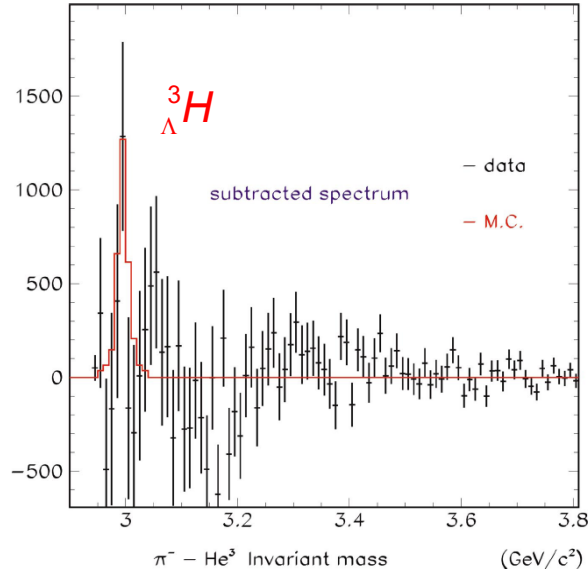
- ▶ hyperon-hyperon final state interaction
  - ▶ feasible but difficult to interpret
- ▶ hyperons bound in nuclei
- ▶ hyperon-antihyperon pair production in nuclei

- ▶ Ahn et al.



# Summary of E864

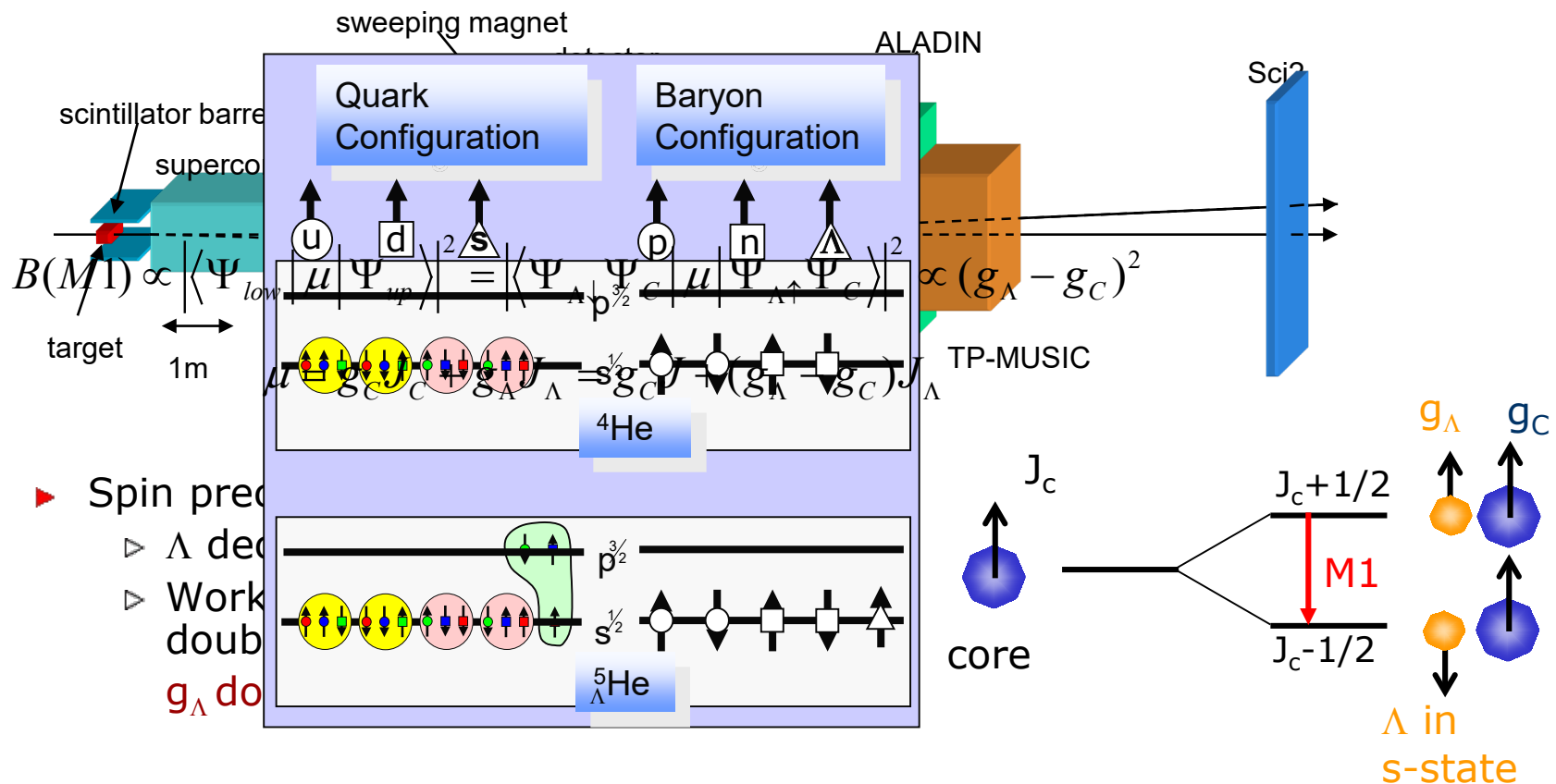
► Phys. Rev. C **70**, 024902 (2004)



► Limits compatible with coalescence taking low binding energy and large size of hypernuclei into account

# Magnetic moment of $\Lambda$ in nuclei

- ▶ Baryons do not „melt“ in nuclei: quark effects are small
- ▶ EMC-effect: Whether there is any change in nucleon properties in nuclei remains controversial.
  - ▶ If mass and size of a baryons changes inside nuclei, also it's magnetic moment might change
  - ▶ If so, why? Meson current,  $\Lambda\Sigma$  mixing, partial deconfinement...?

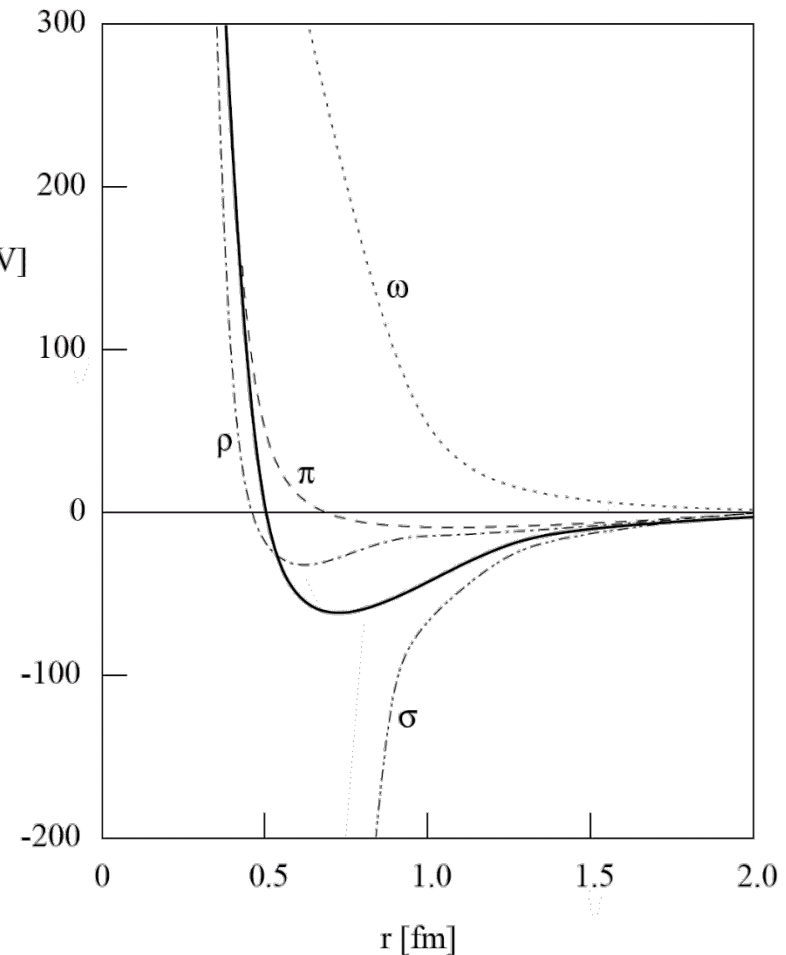


# Traditional View of the N-N Interaction

- ▶ Experimental observation
  - ▶ short range ( $r < 0.5 \text{ fm}$ ) repulsion
  - ▶ intermediate ( $r \approx 1 \text{ fm}$ ) strong attraction
  - ▶ long range ( $r > 1.5 \text{ fm}$ ) attraction
- ▶ Boson exchange model
  - ▶ Yukawa (1935)
  - ▶ Klein-Gordon equation

$$\left(\partial^2 + m^2\right)\varphi(x) = g\bar{\psi}\psi \quad V [\text{MeV}]$$

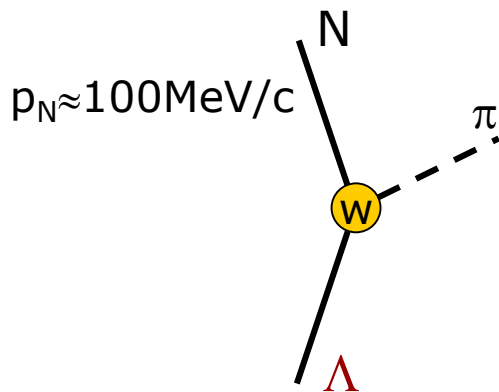
- ▶ range of N-N interaction  $R \approx 2 \text{ fm}$
- ▶  $R = \hbar c / mc^2 \Rightarrow m \approx 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \Rightarrow \text{pion}$



after R. Machleidt,  
Adv. Nucl. Phys. **19**, 189 (1989)

# Weak Decay of $\Lambda$ Hypernuclei

free  $\Lambda$  decay



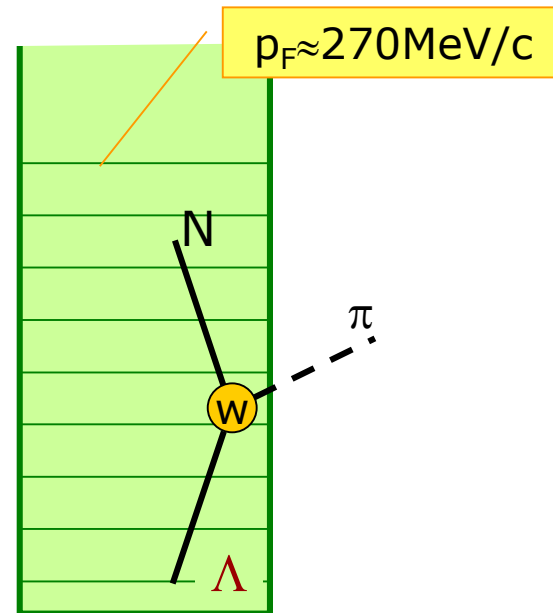
$$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^- + 38\text{MeV} \quad (64\%)$$

$$\Lambda \rightarrow n\pi^0 + 41\text{MeV} \quad (36\%)$$

$$\tau_\Lambda = 263\text{ps}$$

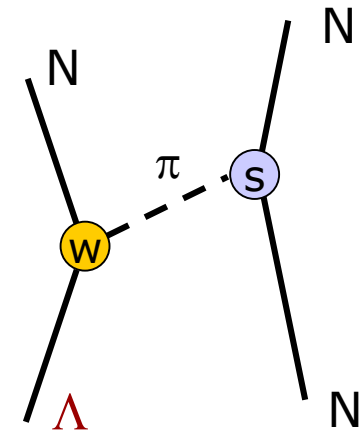
$\Delta I = 1/2$  rule

mesonic decay  
of hypernuclei



suppressed by  
Pauli blocking

non-mesonic  
decay  
of hypernuclei



$$\Lambda p \rightarrow np + 176\text{MeV}$$

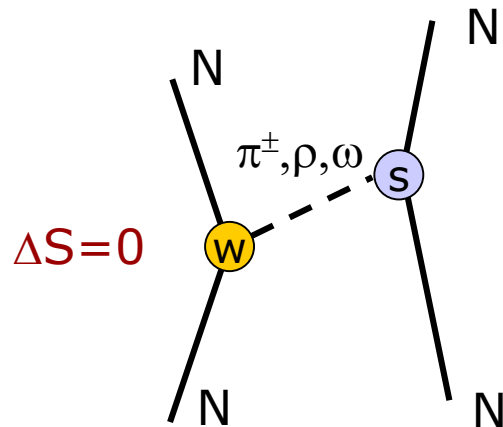
$$\Lambda n \rightarrow nn + 176\text{MeV}$$

dominant in all  
but the lightest  
hypernuclei

# Weak baryon-baryon interaction (1)

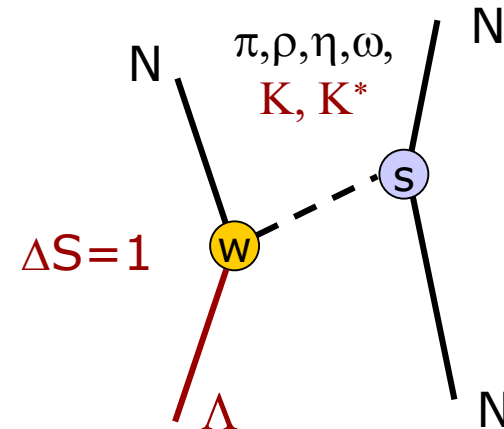
- ▶ non-mesonic weak decay of hypernuclei explore the baryon-baryon weak interaction

## N-N scattering



- ▶ only parity violating part of weak interaction
- ▶ parity-conserving part masked by strong interaction

## $\Lambda N \rightarrow N N$

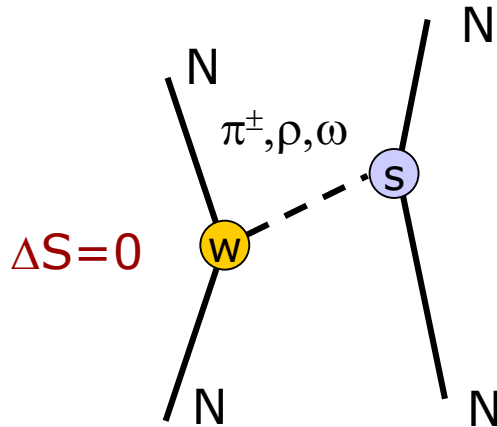


- ▶ parity violating *and* parity-conserving part of weak, strangeness changing, interaction
- ▶  $q \sim 400 \text{ MeV}/c$   
 $\Rightarrow$  probes short distances

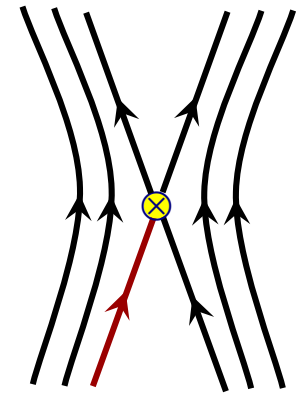
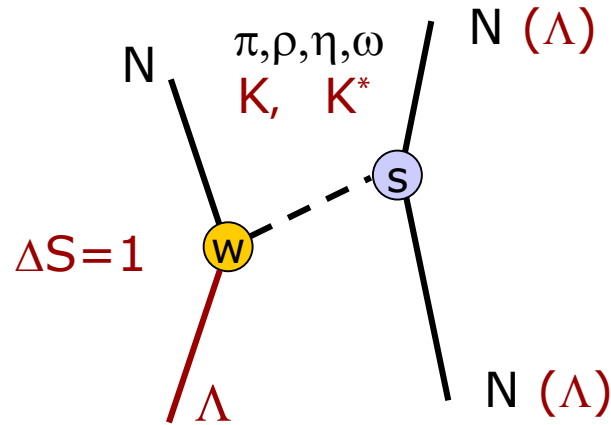


# Weak decay in double Hypernuclei

## N-N scattering



## $\Lambda N \rightarrow N N$ and $\Lambda \Lambda \rightarrow Y N$



- ▶ only parity violating part of weak interaction
- ▶ parity-conserving part masked by strong interaction

- ▶ parity violating *and* parity-conserving part of weak, strangeness changing interaction
- ▶ meson vs. direct quark process

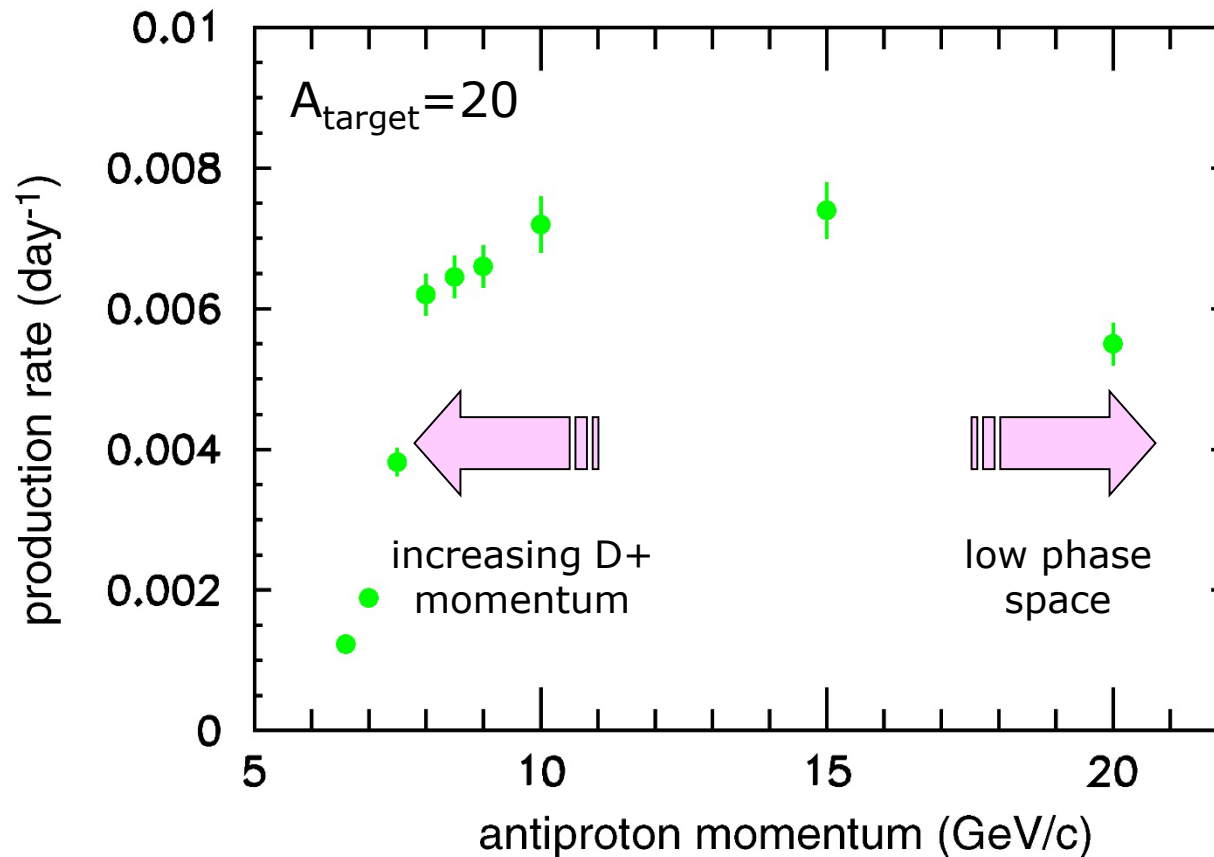
- ▶ Interesting theoretical developments:
  - ▶ Effective Field Theories in S=-1 sector

[A. Parreno, C. Bennhold and B.R. Holstein, nucl-th/0308074 & 0308056](#)

weak decay studies need the detection of the decay pion or nucleon

[S.R. Beane et al., nucl-th/0311027](#)

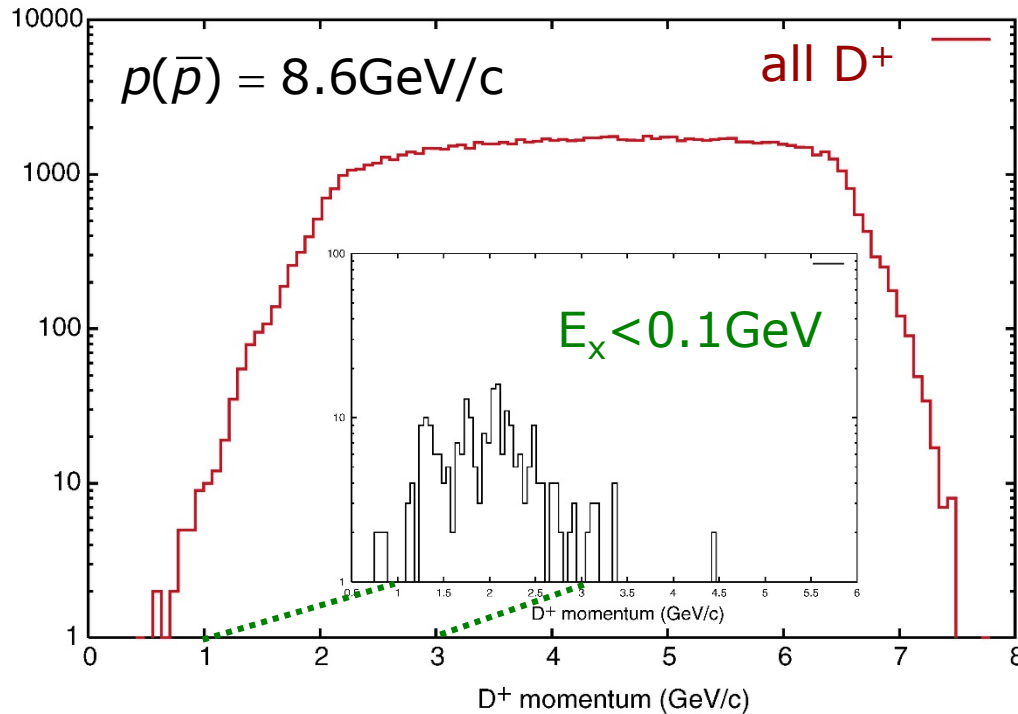
- ▶ with increasing antiproton momentum decreasing *minimum* D<sup>+</sup> momentum
- ▶ smaller phase space at larger antiproton momenta



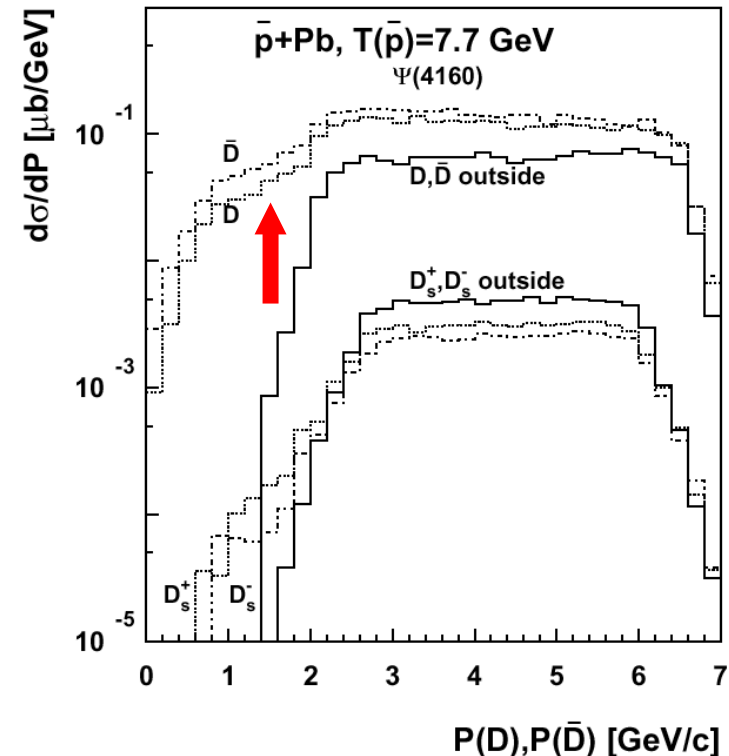
- ▶ production rate  $\sim 0.01 \text{ day}^{-1}$ ....*hopeless!?*

# Is there still a happy end possible?

- ▶ relevant for  $\Lambda_c$  production are  $D^+$  momenta  $< 1-2$  GeV/c



- ▶ significant broadening by rescattering
  - ▶ Ye.S. Golubeva *et al.*,  
Eur. Phys. J. A14, 255 (2002)
  - ▶ increase of yield by order(s) of magnitude may be possible



# Chiral Symmetry (John Cramer)

**Question 1:** The up and down "current" quarks have masses of 5 to 10 MeV. The  $\pi^-$  (a down + anti-up combination) has a mass of  $\sim 140$  MeV.

**Where does the observed mass come from?**

**Answer 1:** The quarks are more massive in vacuum due to "dressing". Also the pair is tightly bound by the color force into a particle so small that quantum-uncertainty *zitterbewegung* gives both quarks large average momenta. Part of the  $\pi^-$  mass comes from the *kinetic energy* of the constituent quarks.

**Question 2: What happens** when a pion is placed in a hot, dense medium?

**Answer 2:** Two things happen:

1. The binding is reduced and the pion system expands because of external color forces, reducing the *zitterbewegung* and the pion mass.
2. The quarks that were "dressed" in vacuum become "undressed" in medium, causing up, down, and strange quarks to become more similar and closer to massless particles, an effect called "chiral symmetry restoration". In many theoretical scenarios, chiral symmetry restoration and the quark-gluon plasma phase usually go together.

**Question 3: How can a pion regain its mass** when it goes from medium to vacuum?

**Answer 3:** It must do work against an *average attractive force*, losing kinetic energy while gaining mass. In effect, it must climb out of a potential well that may be 140 MeV deep.

