

# News from emulsion $\Xi^-$ capture events

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## $V_\Xi$ from $\Xi^-$ capture events

All five KEK & J-PARC  $\Xi^- + {}^A_Z \rightarrow {}^{A'}_\Lambda Z' + {}^{A''}_\Lambda Z''$  capture events in light-nuclei emulsion occur in  $1p_{\Xi^-}$  nuclear states,  
suggesting attractive  $V_\Xi \geq 20$  MeV.

E. Friedman, A. Gal, PLB 820 (2021) 136555

## Questioning E07 $1s_{\Xi^-}$ assignments in ${}^{14}\text{N}$

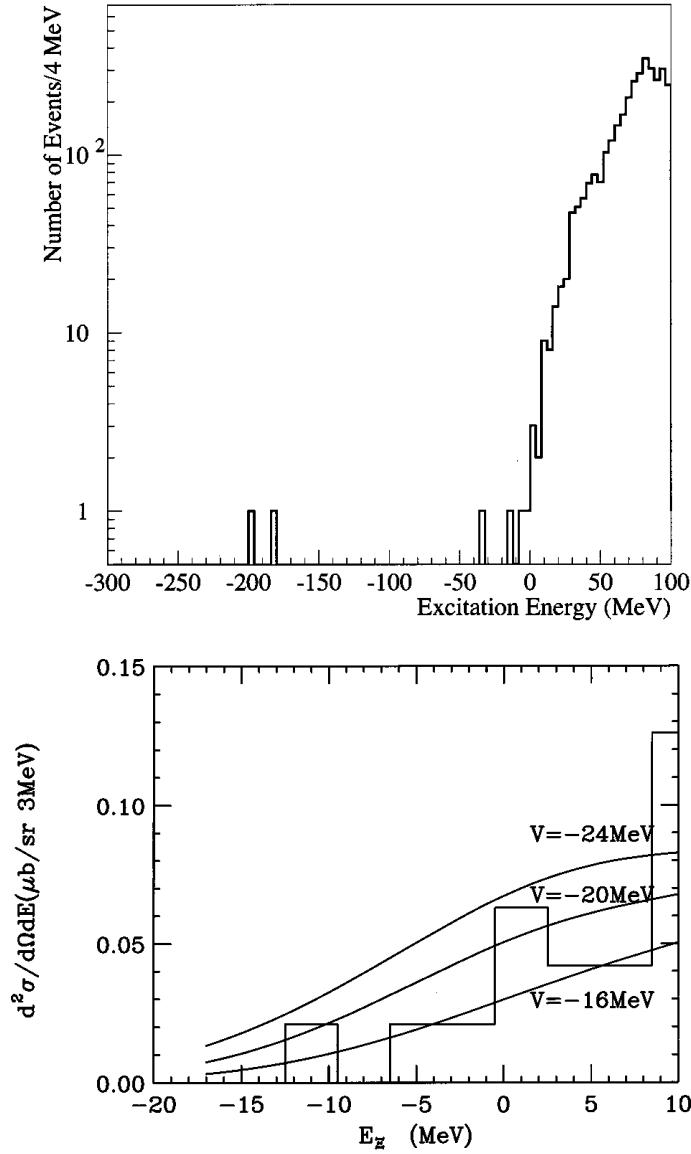
$1p_{\Xi^-} - {}^{14}\text{N} \leftrightarrow 1p_{\Xi^0} - {}^{14}\text{C}$  coupling helps reach  $1p_{\Xi^0} - {}^{14}\text{C}$ ,  
assigned  $1s_{\Xi^-} - {}^{14}\text{N}$  by E07.

E. Friedman, A. Gal, arXiv:2209.01606

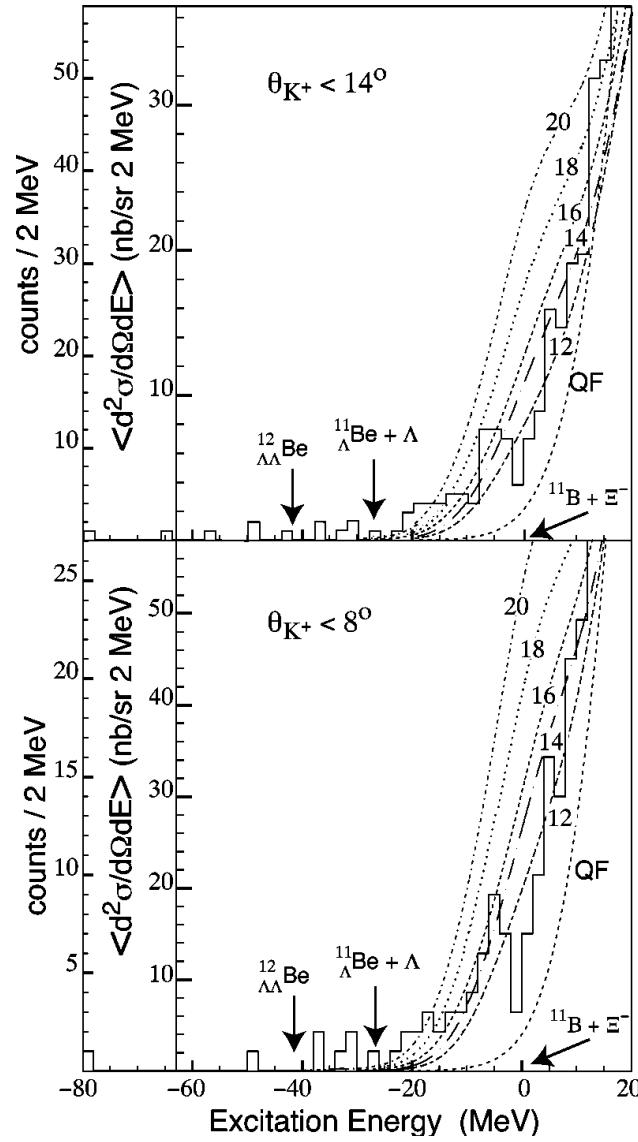
# $E^-$ nuclear physics

from counter experiments,  
from theory and femtoscopy,  
& from capture in emulsion nuclei

E224 (KEK)

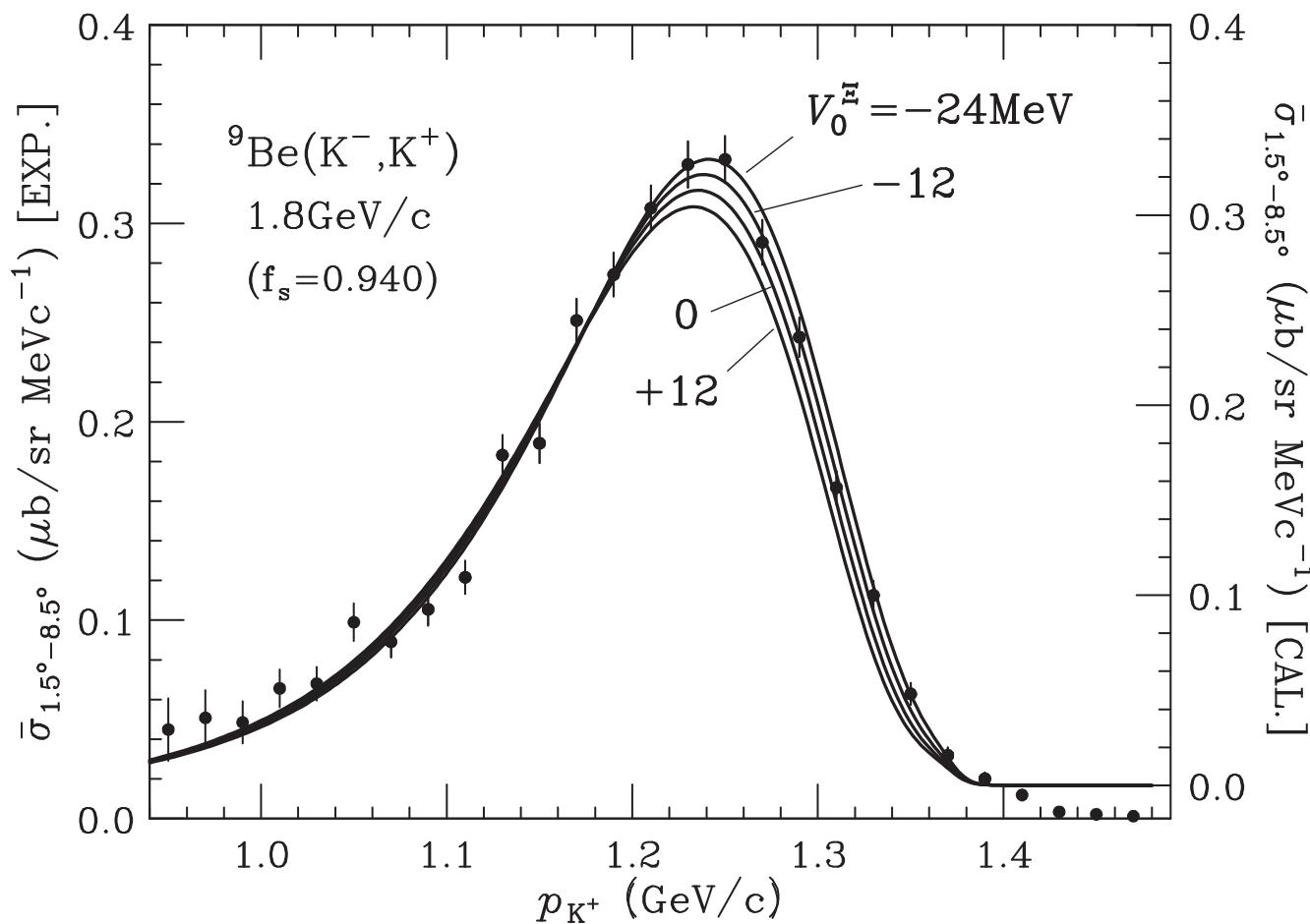


E885 (BNL)



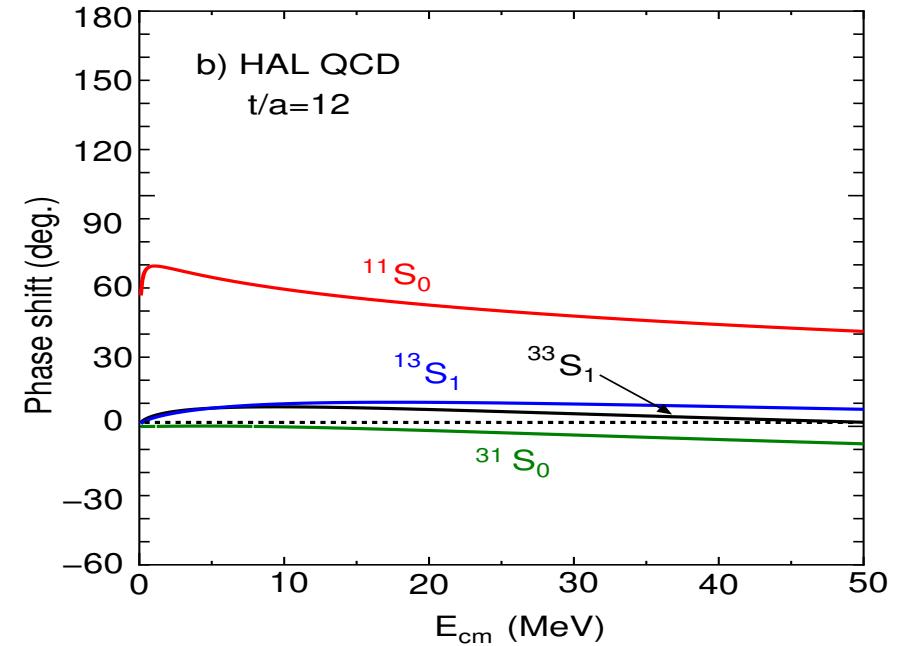
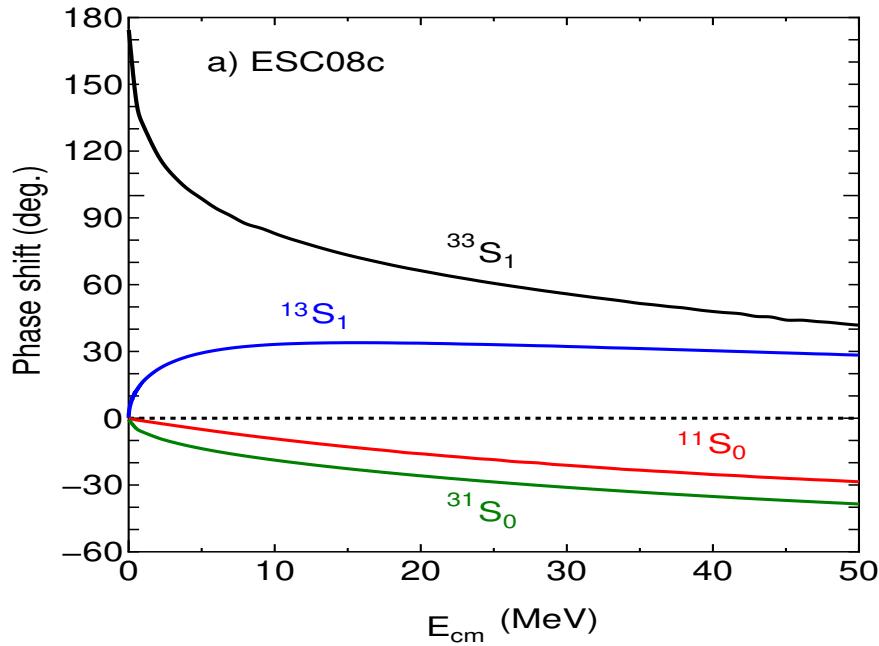
$^{12}\text{C}(\text{K}^-, \text{K}^+)$  counter experiments, end of 1990s.

Unresolved bound states, if any,  $V_\Xi$  of order 15 MeV



BNL AGS-906 on  ${}^9\text{Be}$  claiming a stable  ${}^4\Lambda\Lambda$ .  
 QF calculation, Harada-Hirabayashi (PRC 2021),  
 concludes  $V_\Xi = 17 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}$ . Yet, no  $\Xi^-$  bound state  
 smoking gun from  $(\text{K}^-, \text{K}^+)$  experiments.  
 Await J-PARC final E05 & future E70 results.

# $\Xi N$ s-wave model interactions



Nijmegen ESC08c version

HAL-QCD version

Hiyama et al. PRL 124 (2020) 092501:  $A \leq 4$   $\Xi$  hypernuclei  
Substantial model dependence

HAL-QCD: LQCD calculation at  $m_{\pi(K)} = 146(525)$  MeV

Sasaki et al. NPA 998 (2020) 121737

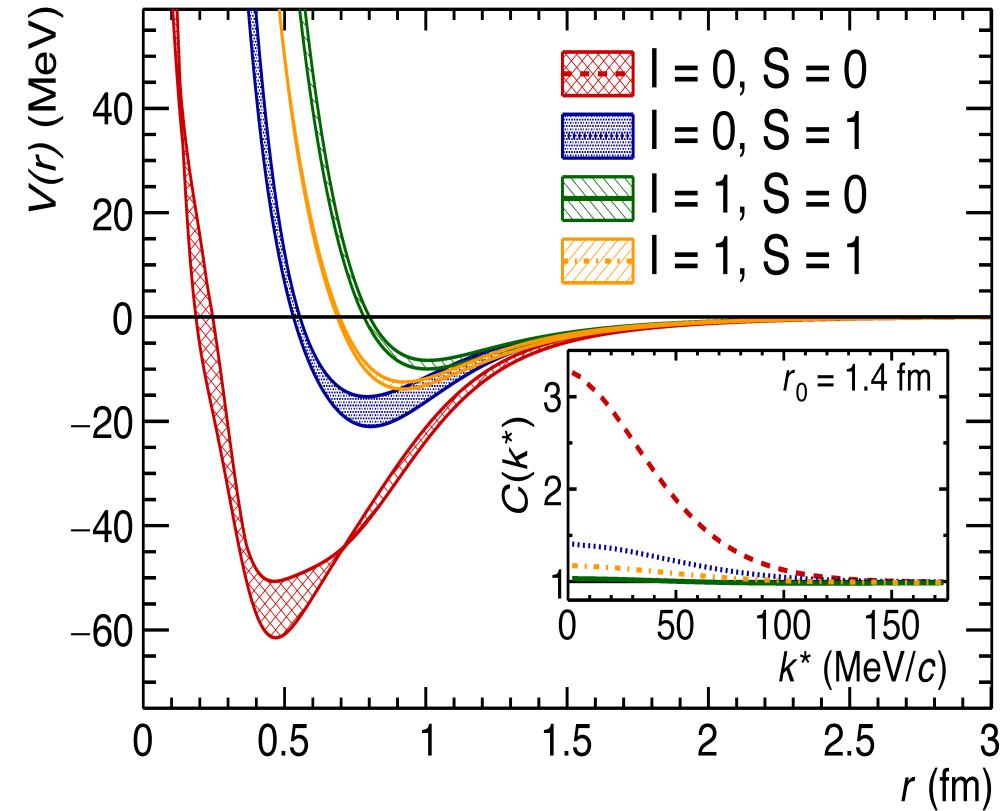
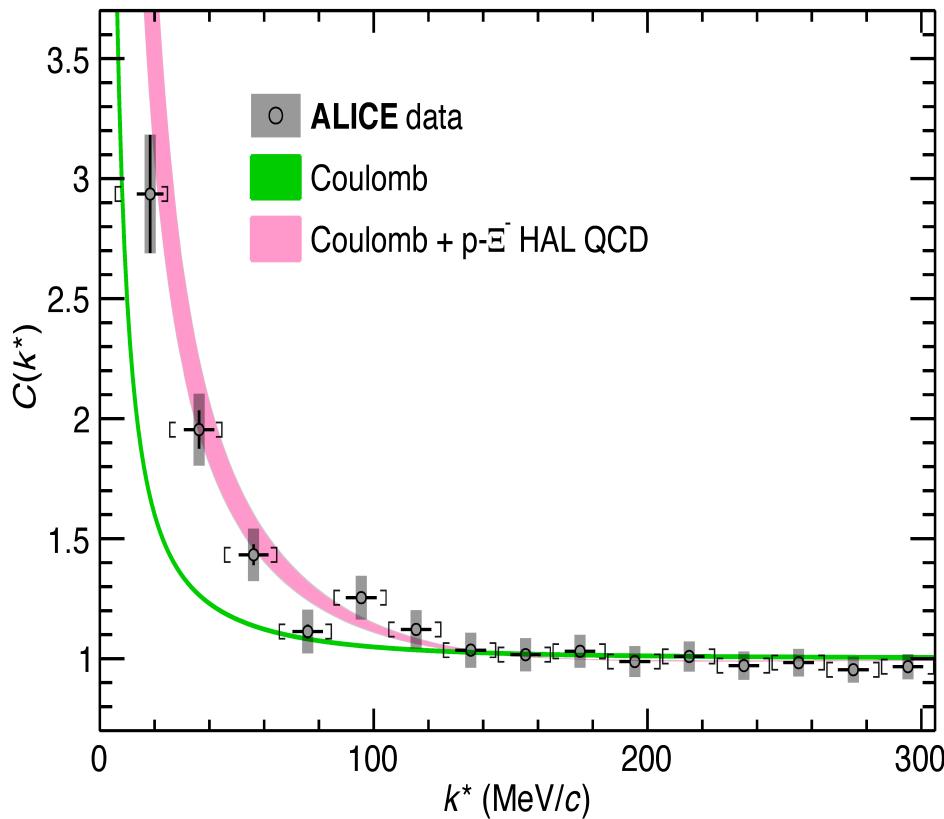
Inoue et al. AIPCP 2130 (2019) 020002:  $V_{\Xi}^{\text{LQCD}} = 4 \pm 2$  MeV

Kohno, PRC 100 (2019) 024313:  $V_{\Xi}^{\text{EFT}} \approx 10$  MeV

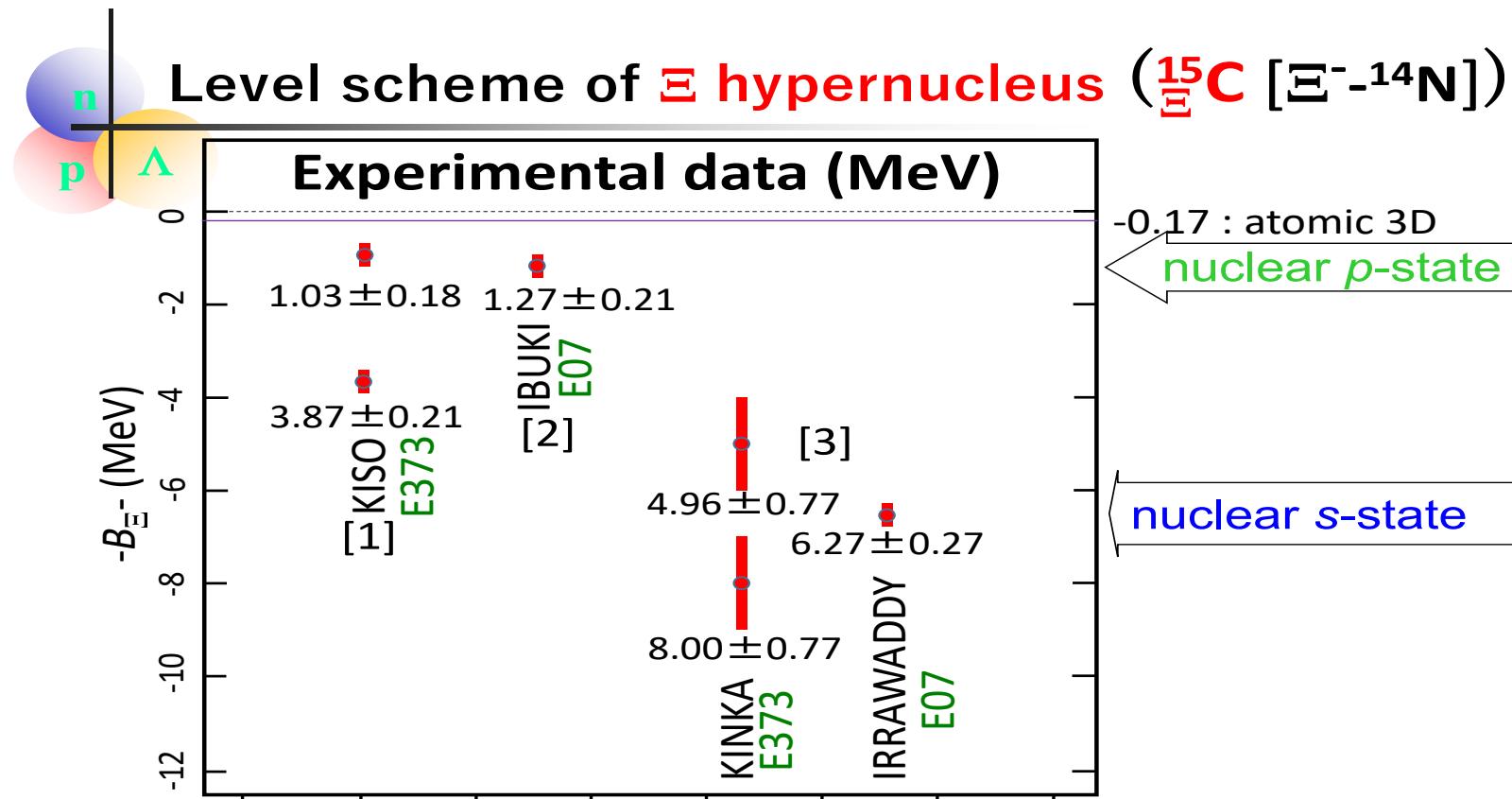
# Femtoscopy study of p- $\Xi^-$ correlations

ALICE, PRL 123 (2019) 112002

attractive HAL-QCD – yes  
repulsive Nijmegen ESC16 – no



# J-PARC E07 $^{14}\text{N}$ $\Xi^-$ capture events



- [1] K. Nakazawa, et. al., Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. **2015**, 033D02 (2015),  
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Yoshimoto et al., PTEP 2021 073D02

KEK E176 too observed  $1p_{\Xi^-}$  nuclear states in  $^{12}\text{C}$  &  $^{14}\text{N}$   
 $1s_{\Xi^-}$  states reported only in  $^{14}\text{N}$  so far

# Twin $\Lambda$ : capture & decay vertices

\*\*\*\* IBUKI (J-PARC E07) PRL 126 (2021) 062501

- A: **capture**  $\Xi_{1p}^- + {}^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow {}^5_\Lambda\text{He} + {}^{10}_\Lambda\text{Be}$
- B: **decay**  ${}^5_\Lambda\text{He} \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + \text{p} + \pi^-$
- C: **decay**  ${}^{10}_\Lambda\text{Be} \rightarrow 3 \text{ or } 4 \text{ nuclei} + \text{neutrons}$

\*\* KINKA (KEK E373) PTEP 2021 073D02

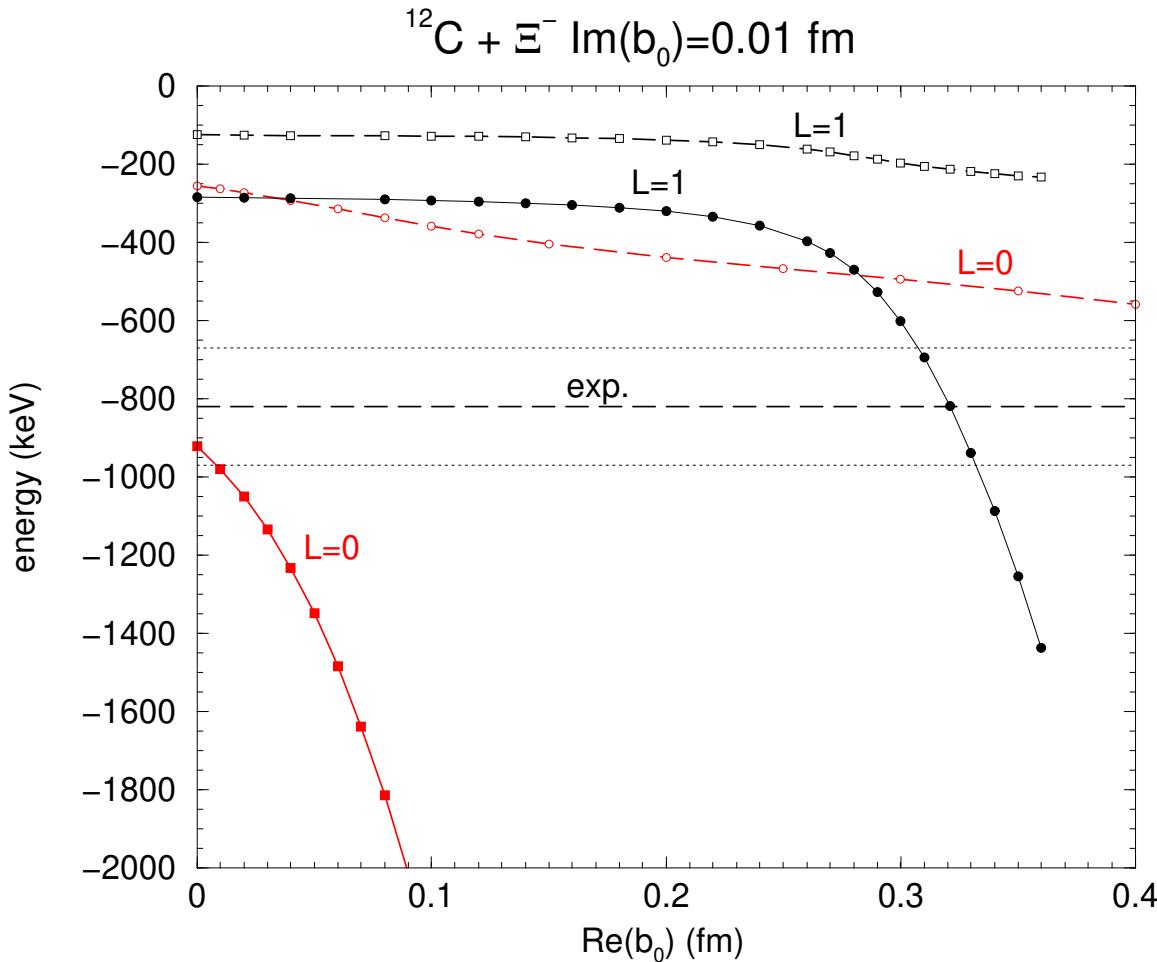
- A: **capture**  $\Xi_{1s}^- + {}^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow {}^9_\Lambda\text{Be} + {}^5_\Lambda\text{He} + \text{n}$
- B: **decay**  ${}^9_\Lambda\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^6\text{He} + 2\text{p} + \text{n}$
- C: **decay**  ${}^5_\Lambda\text{He} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nuclei} + \text{neutrons}$

Furthermore,  $1s_{\Xi^-}$  capture rate is only  
a few % of  $1p_{\Xi^-}$  capture rate

# Two-body $\Xi^-$ capture emulsion events

Experiment	Event	$^A_Z$	${}_{\Lambda}^{A'} Z' + {}_{\Lambda}^{A''} Z''$	$B_{\Xi^-}$ (MeV)
KEK E176	10-09-06	$^{12}\text{C}$	${}_{\Lambda}^4 \text{H} + {}_{\Lambda}^9 \text{Be}$	$0.82 \pm 0.17$
KEK E176	13-11-14	$^{12}\text{C}$	${}_{\Lambda}^4 \text{H} + {}_{\Lambda}^9 \text{Be}^*$	$0.82 \pm 0.14$
KEK E176	14-03-35	$^{14}\text{N}$	${}_{\Lambda}^3 \text{H} + {}_{\Lambda}^{12} \text{B}$	$1.18 \pm 0.22$
KEK E373	KISO	$^{14}\text{N}$	${}_{\Lambda}^5 \text{He} + {}_{\Lambda}^{10} \text{Be}^*$	$1.03 \pm 0.18$
J-PARC E07	IBUKI	$^{14}\text{N}$	${}_{\Lambda}^5 \text{He} + {}_{\Lambda}^{10} \text{Be}$	$1.27 \pm 0.21$

- $\Xi^-$  capture occurs mostly from 3D atomic state ( $B_{\Xi^-} = 126, 175$  keV in  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{14}\text{N}$ , respectively).
- To form  $1s_{\Lambda}^2$  in  $\Xi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$  need  $l_{\Xi^-} = l_p$ , hence expect capture from a Coulomb-assisted  $1p_{\Xi^-}$  nuclear state bound by  $\sim 1$  MeV, evolving by Strong Interaction from a 2P atomic state.



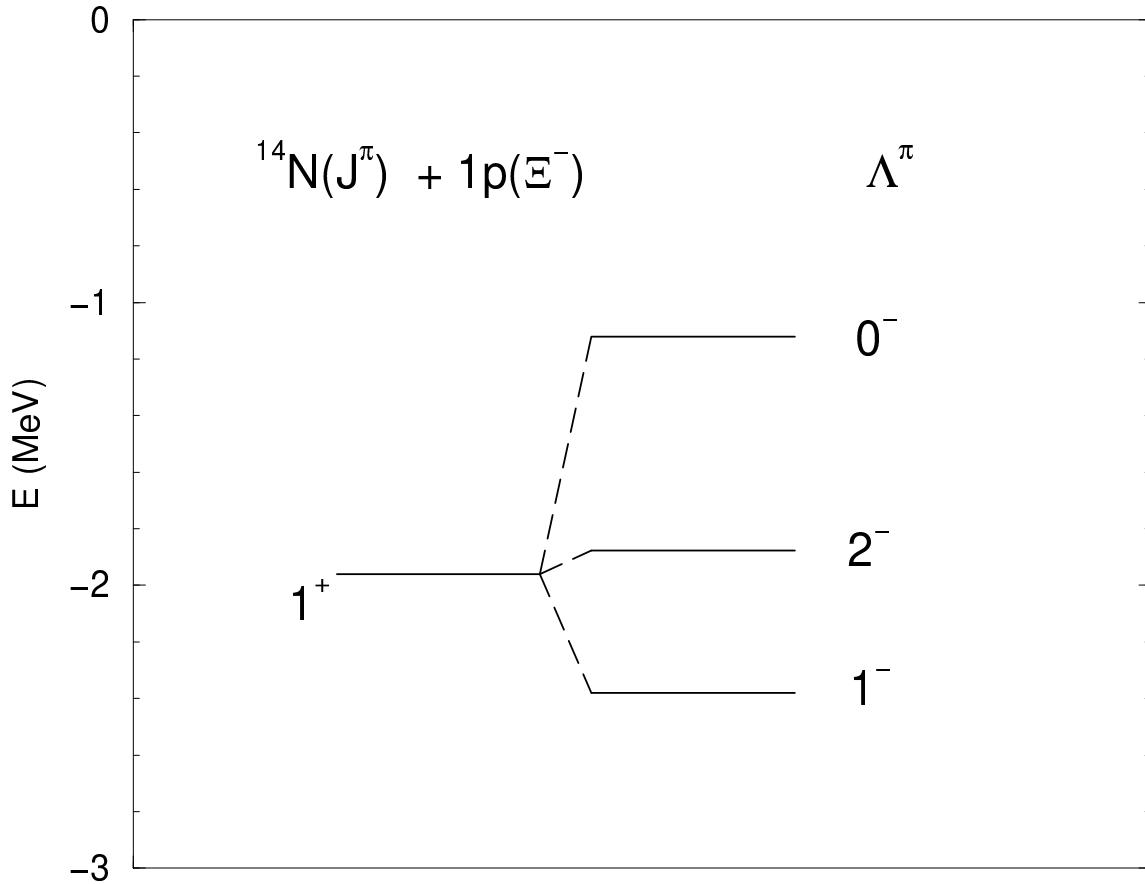
$V_{\text{opt}} = t\rho \sim b_0\rho(r)$ : scan over  $\text{Re } b_0$

Rearrangement:  $3\text{P} \rightarrow 2\text{P}$ ,  $2\text{S} \rightarrow 1\text{S}$ ,  $2\text{P} \rightarrow 1\text{p}$ ,  $1\text{S} \rightarrow 1\text{s}$

Fit exp.:  $\text{Re } b_0 = 0.32 \pm 0.01 \text{ fm} \Rightarrow V_{\Xi} = 24.3 \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV}$

Pauli corrected:  $21.9 \pm 0.7 \text{ MeV}$ , but fails in  $^{14}\text{N}$ :

$B_{1p}^{\Xi^-}(\text{calc.}) = 1.96 \pm 0.25 \text{ vs. } B_{1p}^{\Xi^-}(\text{exp.}) = 1.15 \pm 0.20 \text{ MeV}$



$^{14}\text{N}_{\text{g.s.}}(1^+)$  split by shell-model residual interaction

$$\mathbf{F}_{\Xi N}^{(2)} \mathbf{Q}_N \cdot \mathbf{Q}_\Xi \quad \mathbf{Q} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \mathbf{Y}_2(\hat{r})$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\Xi N}^{(2)} = -3 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow B_{1p}^{\Xi^-}(0^-) = 1.12 \pm 0.25 \text{ MeV}$$

agrees with  $B_{1p}^{\Xi^-}(\text{exp.}) = 1.15 \pm 0.20 \text{ MeV}$

# Density Dependence of $V_\Xi$

$$b_0 \rightarrow b_0(\rho) : \quad \text{Re } b_0(\rho) = \frac{\text{Re } b_0}{1 + \frac{3k_F}{2\pi} \text{Re } b_0^{\text{lab}}}$$

for Pauli correlations, with  $k_F = (3\pi^2\rho/2)^{1/3}$ ,  
reducing  $V_\Xi(\rho_0) = 24.3 \pm 0.8$  to  $21.9 \pm 0.7$  MeV,  
with a systematic uncertainty of  $\approx 1$  MeV.

- A similar procedure fitting both 1s & 1p states in  $^{16}_\Lambda\text{N}$ :  $V_\Lambda(\rho_0) \approx 30$  MeV (FG22).
- $B_{1s}(\Xi^-) \approx 10$  MeV in  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $\approx 11.5$  MeV in  $^{14}\text{N}$ ,  
much larger than Kinka's  $8.0 \pm 0.8$  MeV.
- Expect  $B_{1s}(\Xi^-) \approx 8\text{--}9$  MeV in  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)$   
(J-PARC E05 → E70).
- Could  $\Xi\text{NN}$  contributions prove useful?

# Remarks on SHF Calculations

Guo-Zhou-Schulze, PRC 104 (2021) L061307

Suppressing SHF nonlocal terms and assuming  $m_{\Xi}^* = m_{\Xi}$ , the SHF  $\Xi$  mean field depth  $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0)$  in n.m. density  $\rho_0=0.17 \text{ fm}^{-1}$  is fixed by fitting

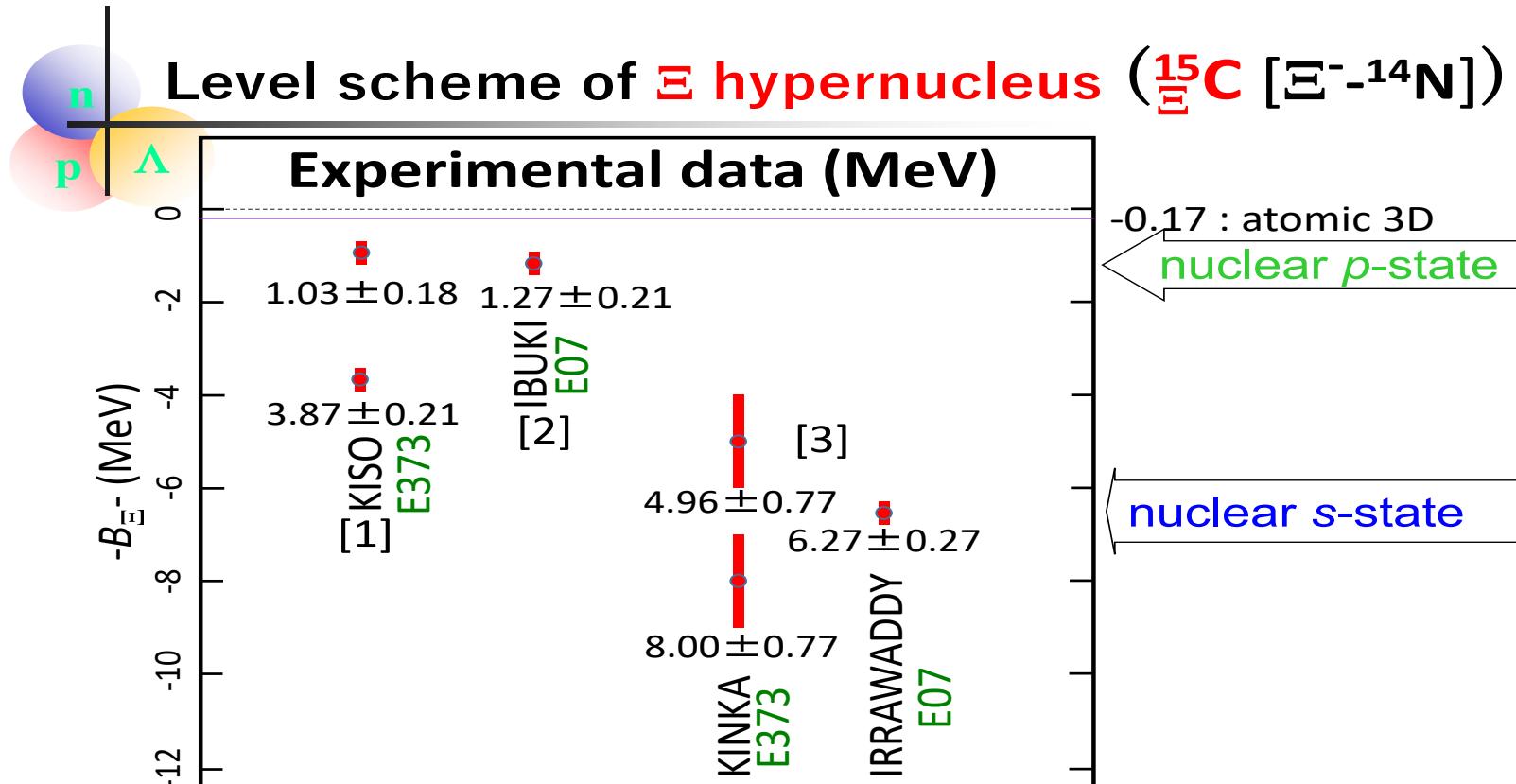
$$V_{\Xi}(\rho_N) = [V_{\Xi}^{(2)}(\rho_N) = a_0\rho_N] + [V_{\Xi}^{(3)}(\rho_N) = a_3\rho_N^2]$$

in  ${}^{14}\text{N}$  to  $B_{\Xi^-}(1s) \approx 8.00 \text{ MeV}$  (KINKA)

and  $B_{\Xi}(1p) \approx 1.13 \text{ MeV}$  (KISO & IBUKI).

Method	Pauli	$V_{\Xi}^{(2)}(\rho_0)$	$V_{\Xi}^{(3)}(\rho_0)$	$V_{\Xi}(\rho_0)$ (MeV)
SHF	No	34.1	-20.4	13.7
$V_{\text{opt}}$	No	27.5	-12.6	14.9
$V_{\text{opt}}$	Yes	24.6	-11.0	13.6

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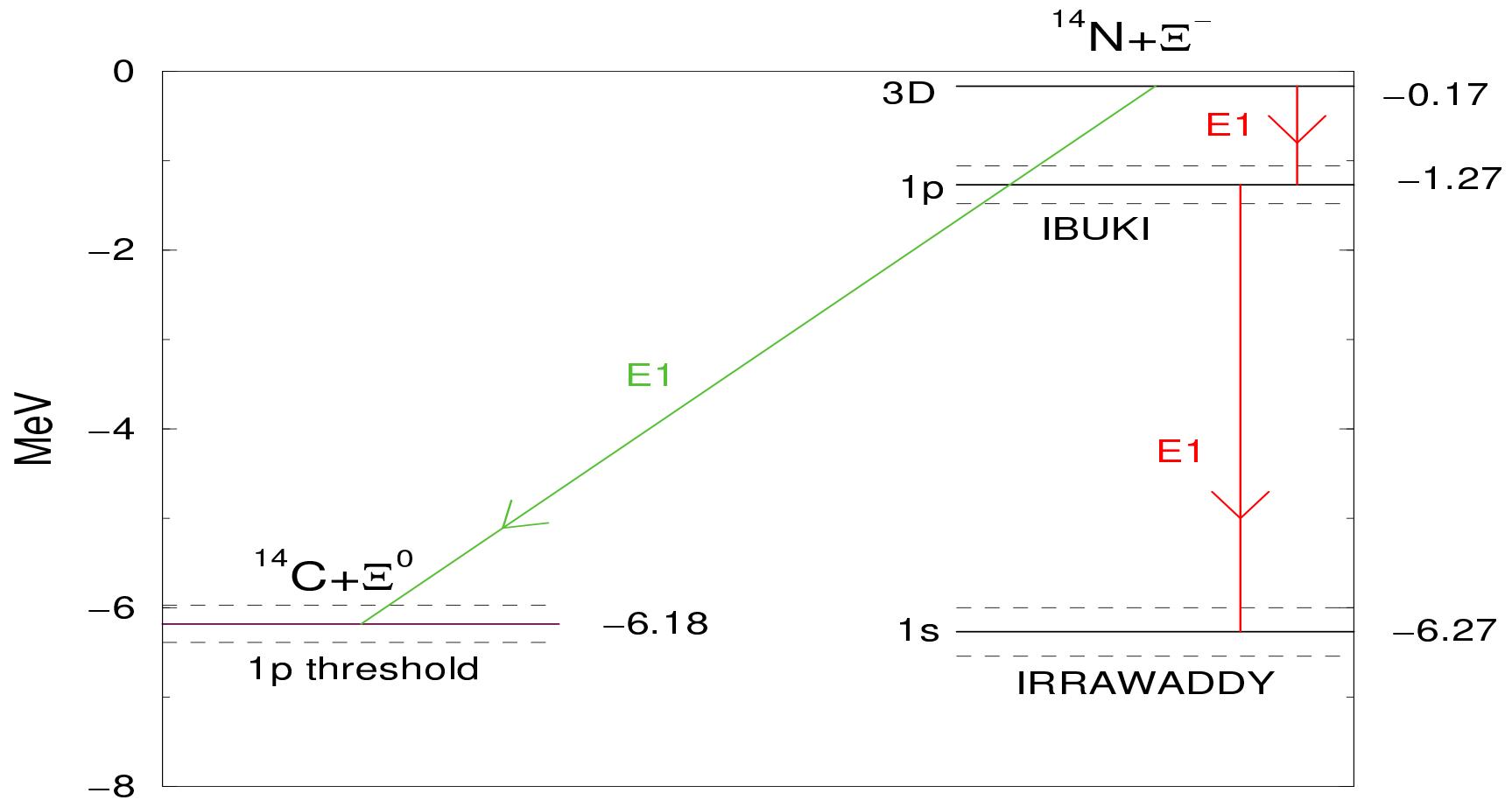
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# $1s_{\Xi^-}$ interpreted as $1p_{\Xi^0}$



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$\Xi^0$  relevance unique to  $^{14}\text{N}$ , not in  $^{12}\text{C}$  or  $^{16}\text{O}$ .

$^{14}\text{N} + \Xi_{1p}^- \rightarrow ^{14}\text{C} + \Xi_{1p}^0$  E1 transition  
induced by  $\Xi^- p \leftrightarrow \Xi^0 n$  mixing.

# $\Xi^-$ capture: Summary & Outlook

- $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0) = 24.3 \pm 0.8 \Rightarrow 21.9 \pm 0.7$  MeV with Pauli from twin- $\Lambda$  two-body  $\Xi^-$  capture events.
- KEK-E224 & BNL-E885:  $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0) \approx 16 \pm 2$  MeV.
- BNL-E906:  $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0) = 17 \pm 6$  MeV (recent HH).
- EFT & LQCD suggest  $V_{\Xi}(\rho_0) \leq 10$  MeV.
- SHF using E07  $^{14}\text{N}$  input:  $V_{\Xi} \approx 14 \pm 1$  MeV, with attractive  $\Xi N$  & repulsive  $\Xi NN$  terms.
- Why all E07-assigned  $1s_{\Xi^-}$  events (Kinka...) are in  $^{14}\text{N}$ ? Need just one good  $1s_{\Xi^-}$  event in  $^{12}\text{C}$ .
- Implications to dense neutron-star matter?

Thanks for your attention!