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High accuracy spectroscopy of 3- and 4-body Lambda hypernuclei at Jefferson Lab

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Missing-mass spectroscopy by using the $(e,e'K^+)$ reaction was developed at Jefferson Lab (JLab). The energy resolution of 0.5 to 1 MeV/ c^2 in FWHM is achievable thanks to a high quality beam provided by JLab and high resolution spectrometers dedicated to hypernuclear measurements. In addition, one of important features is an accurate energy calibration by using Λ and Σ^0 productions from a proton target, leading to the energy accuracy of $|\Delta B_{\Lambda}| < 100 \ {\rm keV}$.

We are preparing for experiments in which light to heavy mass targets will be used [E12-19-002 (A = 3, 4), E12-15-008 (A = 40, 48), E12-20-013 (A = 208)]. I will present an experimental overview and the expected results for $^3_\Lambda H (1/2^+ \text{ or } 3/2^+)$ and $^4_\Lambda H (1^+)$ measurements which have been approved by JLab PAC last year. We aim to measure Λ binding energies of these Λ hypernuclei with the energy accuracy of less than 100 keV to investigate a puzzle of contradiction between the lifetime and binding energy of hypertriton, and to study the ΛN charge symmetry breaking.

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