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Bringing Heaven to Earth: From Neutron Stars to Strange Nuclei



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The quantitative understanding of dense stellar systems like neutron stars is one of the most burning challenges in physics. Since more than 5 decades, the high-density nuclear equation-of-state is indeed the holy grail of nuclear physics. Recently, the remarkable progress made by astrophysical observations provided additional severe constraints on the mass-radius relation of neutron stars and hence on the EoS. Hyperons are expected to appear at 2-3 times nuclear density in the core of these stars. However, the appearance of hyperons depends crucially on the strong interactions. Multi-baryon interactions are expected to play a decisive role. Indeed, precise studies of hypernuclei are a unique tool to study such interactions in the laboratory. In my talk I will motivate our

efforts to study hypernuclei. This motivation will be followed by an overview on ongoing world-wide activities. I

will focus on a few selected examples of planned experiments.

Το προφίλ του ομιλητή

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