Optimization of the target system for the hypernuclear experiment at PANDA

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Primary target



Picture of the carbon filament prototype (3 µm x 100 µm)



Design of a steerable and exchangeable wire target using piezo motors

Secondary target



Simulation of 200,000 Ξ^- in the uniform momentum range from 0.1 to 1.0 GeV/c by the box generator



Stability tests of target chambers with different shapes, materials (brass, Ti, AIMg, Kapton) and thicknesses under vacuum:

a compromise between low bending and minimal energy loss as well as photon absorption has to be found



Lowest bending for material titanium (1.22 mm, 200 μ m round) and rectangular shape without material fatigue after 10 cycles

Piezo motor and vacuum chamber with holding frame:

proper running in vacuum proved for some weeks
dynamic force confirmed at 0.15 N and holding force



and beryllium absorbers (gray, 1.0 mm)

Momentum distribution of Ξ^- from GiBUU simulations and their results after stopping in the secondary target Momentum distribution at the vertex and of stopped Ξ^{-} at the entrance of the secondary target



is even 0.88 N - no influence of a magnetic field of 1.3 T - measured average step size: 0.95 µm



Simulated pion track (100 MeV/c) crossing the sensors of the secondary target (black dots) and the two outer detector layers (red cross) Reconstruction of low momentum pions in the secondary target based on the GEANE package combined with a generic Kalman filter

- \rightarrow momentum resolution sufficient to separate $\pi\text{-}\pi$ pairs from the different dominant double Λ hypernuclei
- \rightarrow further optimization with simple event generator





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