Search for the Kaonic Bound State K^{bar}NN via ³He(K⁻, Λp/πΣp)n Reactions

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Kaonic Nuclei

- Bound states of nucleus and anti-kaon
- Predicted as a consequence of attractive K^{bar}N interaction in I=0
 m^{*}_K/m_K in nuclear matter



Will provide new insight on K^{bar}N interaction in media

K^{bar}N interaction - A good probe for low-energy QCD



Present Status of K^{bar}NN = "K⁻pp"



Theoretical Calculations on K^{bar}NN

| K ^{bar} N int. | Chiral SU(3) (energy dependent) | | | Phenomenological (energy independent) | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Method | Variational | | Faddeev | Variational | | Faddeev | |
| | Barnea, Gal, Liverts | Dote, Hyodo, Weise | lkeda, Kamano, Sato | Yamazaki, Akaishi | Wyceck, Green | Shevchenko, Gal, Mares | Ikeda, Sato |
| B (MeV) | 16 | 17-23 | 9-16 | 48 | 40-80 | 50-70 | 60-95 |
| Γ (MeV) | 41 | 40-70 | 34-46 | 61 | 40-85 | 90-110 | 45-80 |

• K^{bar}N interaction model:

- − Chiral SU(3) [energy dependent]
 → B.E. ~ 20 MeV
- − Phenomenological [energy independent] → B.E. ~ 40-70 MeV

Calculation method:

Almost the same results

Strongly depending on K^{bar}N interaction

"K⁻pp" Search via Stopped-K⁻



"K⁻pp" Search via pp Collision



"K⁻pp" Search via d(π ⁻,K⁺)X



- Need more statistics
- Expect a new experiment with 4π detector @ J-PARC

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J-PARC E15 Experiment

³He(*in-flight* K⁻,n) reaction @ 1.0 GeV/c
 2NA processes and Y decays can be discriminated kinematically



" K^-pp ", a \overline{K} -Meson Nuclear Bound State, Observed in ${}^{3}\text{He}(K^-,\Lambda p)n$ Reactions

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below the mass threshold of $M(K^-pp)$. By selecting a relatively large momentum-transfer region $q = 350 \sim 650 \text{ MeV}/c$, one can clearly separate the resonance peak from the quasi-free process, $\overline{K}N \to \overline{K}N$ followed by the non-resonant absorption by the two spectator-nucleons $\overline{K}NN \to \Lambda N$. We found that the simplest fit to the observed peak gives us a Breit-Wigner pole at B_{Kpp} $47 \pm 3 (stat.) {}^{+3}_{-6} (sys.)$ MeV having a width $\Gamma_{Kpp} = 115 \pm 7 (stat.) {}^{+10}_{-9} (sys.)$ MeV, and the S-wave Gaussian reaction form-factor parameter $Q_{Kpp} = 381 \pm 14 (stat.)^{+57}_{-0} (sys.) \text{ MeV}/c$, as a new form of the nuclear bound system with strangeness - "K⁻pp".

Since the prediction of the π -meson by Yukawa [1], there has been a long-standing question as to whether a mesonic nuclear bound state exists. Mesons are introduced as mediators between nucleons to confine them in vacuum one needs energy m to produce them. If a mesonic nuclear bound state exists, it will form a quantum state at an energy E_M below m whose binding energy $B_M = m - E_M$. Many mesons have been examined

Experimental Setup @ K1.8BR

beam dump beam sweeping magnet neutron counter liquid ³He-target charge veto counter system proton counter CDS Neutron 10 m Counte Beam sweeping Trajectory of the neutron target system spech CDS& Beam line Trajectory of the beam center beam line spectrometer K. Agari et. al., PTEP 2012, 02B011

³He + K⁻ $\rightarrow \Lambda$ p n Selection



- $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- p$ and p are detected with CDS
 - A missing neutron is identified by missing-mass of ³He(K⁻,Λp)n
- Λpn_{miss} events are selected by log-likelihood method (*In*L)
 - distance-of-closest-approach for each vertex
 - kinematical constraint



IM(Λp) vs. cos(θ_n^{CM})



IM(Λp) vs. Momentum Transfer q_{Kn}



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E15 collab., arXiv:1805.12275 IM(Λp) 400 M(Kpp) b Крр **stuno** 200 data $QF_{\overline{K}A}$ BG all counts 100 100 150 50 0 C) 1.0 9.5 0.5 0.5 a 0.0⊾ 2.0 2.2 2.4 2.6 2.8 3.0 $M_{inv.Ap}$ [GeV/ c^2]

* We conduct the fitting in each 2D bin

• Fit with 3 components

<u>Bound state</u>

- centroid NOT depend on q_{Kn}
- BW*(Gauss form-factor) $f_{\{Kpp\}}(M,q) = \frac{A_{Kpp} (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}{(M - M_{Kpp})^2 + (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{q}{Q_{Kpp}}\right)^2},$

<u>Qasi-elastic K⁻ abs.</u>

- centroid depends on q_{Kn}
- Followed by Λp conversion

- Background

• Broad distribution

"K⁻pp" Bound-State



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Present Status of "K⁻pp"



For further understandings: $\checkmark \Lambda(1405)$ production $\rightarrow \Lambda^* N$ doorway $\checkmark \pi \Sigma N$ decay channel \rightarrow new info. of K^{bar}NN

<mark>Λ(1405)</mark> in ³He(Κ⁻,πΣp)n



Λ(1405)p and "K⁻pp"

- Theoretically, "K⁻pp" is expected to be produced via <u>Λ(1405)+p→"K⁻pp" door-way process</u>
 - comparison between $\Lambda(1405)p$ and "K⁻pp" production would give us an important information



K^{-3} He → $π\Sigma$ pn @ E15



CDS

• Experimental challenge of neutron detection with thin scintillation counter (t=3cm)

n detection efficiency ~ 3%



$\pi\Sigma pn$ Events



IM($\pi\Sigma$) vs. cos(θ_n^{CM})



IM($\pi\Sigma$) vs. Momentum Transfer q_{Kn}

- To compare "K⁻pp" and Λ* production CS's, we select q_{Kn}<0.65 GeV/c region
 - "K⁻pp" and Λ^* signals can be seen in this region





Y^{*} CS (q_{Kn}<0.65)





Large CS of Λ^* compared to "K⁻pp" formation

"K⁻pp" in ³He(K⁻,πΣp)n

Search for "K⁻pp" $\rightarrow \pi \Sigma N$ decay channel



Two Decay Mode of "K⁻pp"



Theoretically, $\pi\Sigma N$ decay is expected to be the dominant channel



IM($\pi\Sigma p$) vs. cos(θ_n^{CM})



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IM($\pi\Sigma p$) vs. Momentum Transfer q_{Kn}



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IM($\pi^{\pm}\Sigma^{\mp}$) vs. IM($\pi^{\pm}\Sigma^{\mp}p$)



Conclusions

- We have observed a resonance peak below the K⁻pp threshold in ³He(K⁻,Λp)n, "K⁻pp"
 - Binding energy: ~50 MeV
 - Width: ~100 MeV
 - S-wave form factor: ~400 MeV
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- Λ (1405) was clearly observed in $\pi^{\pm}\Sigma^{\mp}p$ n_{miss} final state
 - Large CS of Λ^* compared to "K⁻pp" formation

heed theoretical feedbacks

- Weak structure below the K⁻pp threshold is seen in IM($\pi^{\pm}\Sigma^{\mp}p$)
 - Non-meonic YN decay modes would be dominant

← need further investigation of "K⁻pp" → $\pi\Sigma N$



What we have to do next

- More quantitative studies of the "K⁻pp"
 - **—** J^P
 - Angular distributions of "K⁻pp"→Λp and Λ→π⁻p are consistent with S-wave, in current statistics
 - $-\pi\Sigma p$ decay mode
 - Due to phase-space, or, detector acceptance(?)
- Series of the kaonic nuclei searches:
 - "K⁻ppn" via [K⁻ + ⁴He], "K⁻ppnn/K⁻pppnn" via [K⁻ + ⁶Li], etc.
 - "K⁻K⁻pp" via [p^{bar} + ³He annihilation]

We need a 4π detector system with γ /n sensitive detectors

Thank You!

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Spares



A Theoretical Interpretation of E15



K^{bar}NN or NOT? --- Other Possibilities

A structure near K^{bar}NN threshold

- <u>Λ(1405)N bound state</u>
 - loosely-bound system, I=1/2, $J^{\pi}=0^{-1}$
 - various decay modes, $\Lambda N / \Sigma N / \pi \Sigma N$

A structure near $\pi\Sigma N$ threshold

- $\pi \Lambda N \pi \Sigma N$ dibaryon
 - structure near $\pi\Sigma N$ threshold
 - − I=3/2, J^{π}=2⁺ → no Λ p decay (I=1/2)?
- **Double-pole** K^{bar}NN A. Dote, T. Inoue, T. Myo, PTEP (2015) 043D02.
 - loosely-bound K^{bar}NN, &
 - broad resonance near the $\pi\Sigma N$ threshold $\rightarrow \pi\Sigma N$ decay
- Partial restoration of Chiral symmetry
 - enhancement of the K^{bar}N interaction in dense nuclei

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³He(K⁻,Λp)n: Decay Channel



 $\Gamma(\Lambda p) > \Gamma(\Sigma^{0}p) !?$











Neutron ID with CDS

- $\pi^+\pi^-p$ events (3 tracks) in CDS with 4 CDH hits are selected
- a CDH hit with CDC-veto (outer-layer) is applied to identify the "neutral hit"



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Neutron can be identified with CDS

Λ^* pn Events





 $K^{-} + {}^{3}\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda(1520) + p + n: ~ 70 \,\mu\text{b}$

IM($\pi\Sigma p$) vs. Momentum Transfer q_{Kn}

Detector Acceptance: Ap vs. $\pi\Sigma p$

