Kaonic atoms studies at DAFNE

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Hadronic atoms in QCD

Objects of type (K X), (π^-, X) with X = p, d, ³He, ⁴He,.. or even $\pi^+ \pi^-$ or πK

Bound electromagnetically, binding well known Strong interaction (mediated by QCD) \rightarrow modify binding \rightarrow decay of object

in some cases: small perturbation \rightarrow energy shift and width can be related to T-matrix elements at threshold (Deser type formulas) compare to results from low energy scattering experiments²

Low energy phenomena in strong interaction can not (yet?) be described in terms of quarks and gluons, instead effective theories are used (they have some degrees of freedom to accomodate experimental data)

¹Deser relation in some cases not sufficient to compare to high precision experimental data

² Problems: extrapolation to E=0 and quality of old experimental data

QCD predictions

Chiral perturbation theory was extremely successful in describing systems like π H, but <u>can not be used for KH</u>. Main reason is the presence of the $\Lambda(1405)$ resonance only 25 MeV below threshold.



There exist non-perturbative coupled channel techniques which are able to generate the $\Lambda(1405)$ dynamically as a Kbar N quasibound state and as a resonance in the $\pi \Sigma$ channel

Kaonic hydrogen: formation, level transitions

Negative kaons stopped in $H_2 \rightarrow$ initial atomic capture (n ~ 25) \rightarrow \rightarrow electromagnetic cascade \rightarrow X-ray transitions



Note: radiationless transitions: KH(n,I) + H \rightarrow KH(n',I') + H + E_{kin} Doppler broadening is a correction in the π H case where the width ~1 eV, in KH width= 200-400 eV

Kaonic hydrogen – Deser formula

With a_0 , a_1 standing for the I=0,1 S-wave KN scattering lengths in the isospin limit ($m_d = m_u$), μ being the reduced mass of the K⁻p system, and neglecting isospin-breaking corrections, the relation reads:

$$\varepsilon + i\frac{\Gamma}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{\mu} 2\alpha^{3}\mu^{2}a_{K^{-}p} = 412 \text{ fm}^{-1} \cdot eV \cdot a_{K^{-}p}$$

$$a_{K^{-}p} = \frac{1}{2}(a_{0} + a_{1}) \qquad \qquad \text{in ear combinal scattering lengths a state of the state of$$

... a linear combination of the isospin scattering lengths a_0 and a_1 to disentangle them, also the kaonic deuterium scattering length is needed

"By using the non-relativistic effective Lagrangian approach a complete expresson for the isospin-breaking corrections can be obtained; in leading order parameter-free modified Deser-type relations exist and can be used to extract scattering lenghts from kaonic atom data^{"2}

²Meißner,Raha,Rusetsky, 2004

Influence of the nuclear medium on the Kbar N interaction



Real (dashed lines) and imaginary parts (solid lines) of the K⁻ p scattering amplitude in nuclear matter at different values of the Fermi momentum $p_{\rm F} = (3\pi^2 \rho/2)^{1/3}$, as a function of the total c.m. energy \sqrt{s}

a) free space, $p_F = 0$; b) ~ 0.2 ρ_0 , $p_F = 150 \text{ MeV/c}$; c) ~ 1.4 $\rho_{0,}$ $p_F = 300 \text{ MeV/c}$; $\rho_0 = 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3}$

Kaonic deuterium

For the determination of the isospin dependent scattering lengths a₀ and a₁ the hadronic shift and width of kaonic hydrogen and kaonic deuterium are necessary !

Elaborate procedures needed to connect the observables with the underlaying physics parameters.

"To summarize, one may expect that the combined analysis of the forthcoming high-precision data from DEAR/SIDDHARTA collaboration on kaonic hydrogen and deuterium will enable one to perform a stringent test of the framework used to describe low–energy kaon deuteron scattering, as well as to extract the values of a0 and a1 with a reasonable accuracy. However, in order to do so, much theoretical work related to the systematic calculation of higher-order corrections within the non-relativistic EFT is still to be carried out." (from: Kaon-nucleon scattering lengths from kaonic deuterium, Meißner, Raha, Rusetsky, 2006, arXiv:nucl-th/0603029)



Summary of physics framework and motivation

- Exotic (kaonic) atoms probes for strong interaction
 - > hadronic shift ε_{1s} and width Γ_{1s} directly observable
 - experimental study of low energy QCD. Testing chiral symmetry breaking in strangeness systems
- Kaonic hydrogen
 - Kp simplest exotic atom with strangeness
 - kaonic hydrogen "puzzle" solved but: precision data missing
 - kaonic deuterium never measured before
 - > atomic physics: new cascade calculations (to be tested !)
- Information on $\Lambda(1405)$ sub-threshold resonance
 - responsible for repulsive interaction at threshold
 - important for research on deeply bound kaonic states present / upcoming experiments (KEK,GSI,DAFNE,J-PARC)
- Determination of the isospin dependent KN scattering lengths
 - no extrapolation to zero energy

K⁻p shift and width: experiments and theory



experimantal results: gray boxes,

- value in ^{a)} if the authors apply the Deser formula on scattering lengths derived from a fit using scattering data, branching ratios, the $\pi \Sigma$ mass spectrum and the kaonic atom data from DEAR.
- value in ^{a)} when they include isospin breaking corrections.
- □ their fit restricted to DEAR data
- result from ^{b)}

^{a)} B. Borasoy, R. Nißler and W. Weise, Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 213401 (2005) ^{b)} A.N. Ivanov et al., Eur. Phys. J. A21 (2004) 11, J. Phys. G 31 (2005) 769

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compare situation during DEAR data taking (2002) currents ~ 1200/800 ~ 1 pb⁻¹ per day, peak ~ 3×10^{31} cm⁻² s⁻¹ electron-positron collider, energy at phi resonance. phi produced nearly at rest. (boost: 55 mrad crossing angle) charged kaons from phi decay: $E_k \sim 16$ MeV degrade to < 4MeV to stop in gas target.



 Φ production cross section ~ 3000 nb (loss-corrected) Integr. luminosity currently ~ 6 pb⁻¹ per day¹) (~10⁷ K[±]) (DAFNE working in crabbed waist scheme) Peak luminosity ~ 3 × 10³² cm⁻² s⁻¹ = 450 Hz K[±]

¹⁾ total luminosity 3 times higher, but we can use only kaons produced between injections.

KLOE data analyzed within the AMADEUS project

Kaon momentum - at the Φ vertex



Simulation of kaon stopping



The challenge

to do low energy X ray spectroscopy at an accelerator !

The radiation environment produces a lot of charge in Si detectors

"Beam background" – Touschek scattering – stray 510 MeV e[±] - **Showers** (not correlated to e[±] collisions)

Babha scattering - Showers

Pions from Phi or K⁰ decay

Muons, pions, electrons **from charged K decay** - hadronic background – - trigger signal – remains in triggered setup

The DEAR experimental precision was limited by the signal vs. background ratio. The yield for deuterium is expected to be \sim 10 times smaller then for hydrogen, so a powerfull background suppression is needed!

From DEAR to SIDDHARTA

Need new X-ray detectors providing

- timing capability → background suppression by using the kaon - X ray time correlation
- excellent energy resolution
- high efficiency, large solid angle
- performance in accelerator environment

SDD (silicon drift detectors) arrays of large SDDs in development I3 Hadron Physics EU FP6 – Joint Research Activity: **SIDDHARTA**

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S: Signal, B: background, T: trigger rate, S_T : signal per trigger Δt : coincidence width, A: accidental rate, H_T : hadronic background per trigger





Triple coincidence: $SDD_X * Scint_K * Scint_K$

Function principle



The small capacitance results in a large amplitude and a short rise time of the signal

Compared to conventional photodiodes SDDs can be operated at higher rates and have better energy resolution. A lateral field makes the produced charge drift to the collecting anode.

different from standard electronic devices:

- double sided structure
- not passivated
- large area chips
- arrangement of bond pads in the center

SIDDHARTA setup



GEANT geometry model



Kaon trigger



First siddharta experimental spectra



Test: Fe-55 source and Ti fluorescence lines used for inline energy calibration (simultaneously measuring the kaonic helium signal and the calibration lines)

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Data of ~ 250 pb⁻¹ already acquired, *currently being analyzed*. 2nd data taking period with *improved setup* will start in September

First kaonic hydrogen spectrum (for data subset)



Summary

DEAR: most precise experimental result on K⁻p shift and width up to now

Efforts in theory continue

SIDDHARTA well under way. beam time NOW $K^{-}p$ up to 10 times higher precision then in DEAR expected $K^{-}d$ first measurement ever

Further perspectives at DAFNE: LOI for a search of kaonic nuclear clusters using the KLOE detector plus additional components

