# Studies on the antikaon-nucleon interaction with the KLOE Drift Chamber





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# Low energy QCD

- QCD has been nicely tested in the high momentum transfer region but for low momentum transfer, perturbative techniques are no longer applicable (quarks cannot be considered massless and Chiral symmetry is sponaneously broken).
- The most rigorous treatment is in terms of 'chiral perturbation theory' **ChPT**, that works well for low energy  $\pi\pi$  and  $\pi$ N interactions, but not for systems with strangeness S=-1 (KN,  $\pi\Sigma$ , ...) since the resonance  $\Lambda(1405)$  lies just below the K<sup>-</sup>p threshold, and non-perturbative techiniques, **requiring an indeterminated number of free parameters**, must be used.
- To understand and study the structure of the nucleus, particles with strangeness are excellent, since they can travel deeper inside the nucleus than other particles (no Pauli bocking) and cold dense baryonic matter can be studied.

# Kaons in nuclei

- For kaons, even the scattering amplitudes with protons and nucleons in vacuum are very uncertain
- The theories predict **strong modifications** of the (anti)kaon properties in **dense** hadronic enviroments.
- A **repulsive** KN potential of few MeV for **K+** is expected
- For K- could be attractive up to 100 MeV depending on the model
- Kaonic atom data and K- yield in heavy ion collisions favour an attractive K- nucleus interaction.



# The DAONE accelerator at Frascati

• e+ e- beams at ~ 500 MeV/c

- • $\Phi \rightarrow K$ + K- (49.1%)
- •Monochromatic low-energy K- (~127 MeV/c)

•Low hadronic background due to beam characteristics (compared with hadron beam lines, as KEK)



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Spectroscopy of Kaonic atom x-ray

Fundamental study of strong interaction between anti-K & nucleus at low energy

The simplest Kaonic atom Kaonic Hydrogen





Through the precision measurement of the shift and width of the K $\alpha$  line of kaonic hydrogen and kaonic deuterium, one can determine the isospin dependent KN scattering lengths

Deser-Truman Formula

Kaonic hydrogen

SHIFT & WIDTH

$$\Delta E_1^{\rm s} - \frac{{\rm i}}{2} \, \Gamma_1 = -2\alpha^3 \mu_c^2 \, a_{K^- p}$$

S-wave scattering length " $a_{K-p}$ " expressed with isospin dependent scattering lengths  $a_0$  (I=0),  $a_1$  (I=1)  $a_{K-p} = \frac{1}{2} (a_0 + a_1)$ 

Together with shift & width of K-d atom,  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  can be disentangled by taking into account higher order contributions associated with the K-d three-body interaction



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reached a quality which will demand refined calculations of the low-energy KN interaction

## The first Kd paper of SIDDHARTA

## determined the upper limit of Kd K-transitions yields



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Preliminary study of kaonic deuterium X-rays by the SIDDHARTA experiment at DAΦNE

> Upper limit of Kd(2→1) yield < 0.4% (CL 90%)



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How deeply is bound a kaon in a nucleus?

Discussion triggered by the prediction of deeply bound kaonic nuclear states, that require the presence of a strong attractive  $\overline{K}N$  interaction in the isospin I=0 channel

**Strong attractive I=0** KN interaction favors discrete nuclear states high B and small Γ.

#### Intense theoretical debate with several different approaches:

- Few-body calculations solving Faddeev equations
- Variational calculations with phenomenological KN potential
- KN effective interactions based on Chiral SU(3) dynamics



For **K**-**pp** system, predicted values both for **B** and **Γ** expand over the range **from 0 to 200 MeV** 

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#### Analysis status

- Analyses of the 2002-2005 KLOE data: Stopped K<sup>-</sup> absorption in light nuclei (<sup>9</sup>Be,<sup>12</sup>C, <sup>4</sup>He)
  - **Ap** from 1NA or 2NA (single or multi-nucleon absorption)
  - Ad and At channels
  - Λ(1405) -> **Σ**<sup>0</sup>π<sup>0</sup>
  - Λ(1405) -> **Σ**<sup>+</sup>π<sup>-</sup>
  - Σ(1385) -> Λ π<sup>-</sup>
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  - $\Sigma N/\Lambda N$  internal conversion rates
- Dedicated 2012 run with pure Carbon target inside KLOE
- R&D for more refined setup
- Future possible scenario

#### KLOE data on K- nuclear absorption

Use of two different data samples:

- KLOE data from 2004/2005 (2.2 fb<sup>-1</sup> total, 1.5fb<sup>-1</sup> analyzed)
- Dedicated run in november/december **2012** with a **Carbon target** of 4/6 mm of thickness (~90 pb<sup>-1</sup>; analyzed 37 pb<sup>-1</sup>, x1.5 statistics)

Position of the K<sup>-</sup> hadronic interaction inside KLOE:





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Normalization 1:1 (no efficiency evaluation)

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•  $\Lambda \pi^-$  analysis: 1N absorption process  $K^- N \rightarrow Y \pi^-$ 



 $\Lambda\pi^{-}$  analysis: 1N absorption process  $K^{-} N \rightarrow Y\pi^{-}$ •



- The data in this channel is of great value to confirm the predicted branching ration modifications in medium for  $^{A}Z(K^{-},\pi^{-})$ 

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MC simulations of **1NA**, **2NA**, **\SigmaN/\LambdaN** and taking into account:

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- Direct  $\Lambda\pi$  formation process not well described
- Collaboration with S. Wycech for a complete description taking into account, besides the S-wave, isospin I=1 non resonant transition amplitude, also the P-wave process, with the intermediate state Σ(1385).
### **Ap** analysis

#### **Conclusions**

- **ΣN/ΛN** conversion process **dominates** both low and high invariant mass regions
- Low invariant mass structure well reproduced by 1NA
- High invariant mass region well reproduced by 2NA
- Excess of low momentum protons in the low invariant mass region could be explained by a 2 step process involving deuteron.
- Very small contribution from direct production of Λ in 2NA processes. Unexpected if this comes from <sup>4</sup>He mainly, according to Katz et. al.

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### **Ap** analysis

### **Conclusions (II)**

- The extraction of the signal of a bound state in processes involving more than 1 nucleon is very **difficult** unless it is very **narrow** and with **high** formation rate.
- ΣN/ΛN conversion process rates for this energy range can be extracted for <sup>4</sup>He and <sup>12</sup>C...
- ...but we need some INPUTS: double scattering process probability, correct efficiency treatment, P-wave and S-wave resonant/nonresonant Λπ formation.



















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## **SPARE**

### $\Sigma/\Lambda$ conversion in the nuclear

### <u>medium</u>

 $\Lambda\pi^-$  analysis: 1N absorpt

p<sub>π</sub> (MeV/®

200

150

100

50



Undergo internal conversion within the residual nucleus  $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N$ 

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- High invariant mass and momentum components are lost
- **CHECK**: Missing mass OK!

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-A good vertex resolution in esential to identify the "interaction" and "lambda" vertices .



- **dE/dx** in the DC wires
- •(actually the only study
- •using this information)



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The signal is compatible with a K<sup>-</sup>d absorption with pion production







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# **Ap** analysis: coincidence with fast d



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Use of the calorimeter: Photon detection


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