# (π+, K+)反応を用いたK中間子原子核の探索 Search for kaonic nuclei by the (π+, K+) reaction

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# **KNN bound state**

•  $[\overline{K}(NN)_{T=1}]_{T=1/2}$  : isospin mixing between K<sup>-</sup>p and  $\overline{K}^0$ n



Y. Akaishi and T. Yamazaki, Phys. Rev. C 65, 044005 (2002)

# Theoretical calculation on KNN state

	B (MeV)	Г (MeV)
Akaishi, Yamazaki (ATMS variational) PLB535, 70 (2002)	48	61
Dote, Hyodo, Weise (variational) PRC79, 014003 (2009)	17-23	40-70
Shevchenko, Gal, Mares (Faddeev) PRC76, 044004 (2007)	50-70	90-110
Ikeda, Sato (Faddeev) PRC79, 035201 (2009)	60-95	45-80
Wycech, Green (variational) PRC79, 014001 (2009)	40-80	40-85

## **Experimental "observations" of KNN state**



$$B = 115^{+6+3}_{-5-4} \,\text{MeV}$$
$$\Gamma = 67^{+14+2}_{-11-3} \,\text{MeV}$$

T. Yamazaki et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 132502 (2010)

$$B = 103 \pm 3 \pm 5 \,\mathrm{MeV}$$
$$\Gamma = 118 \pm 8 \pm 10 \,\mathrm{MeV}$$

## **Forthcoming experiment**

- FOPI @ GSI :  $p+p \rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda + p$
- J-PARC E15 :  ${}^{3}$ He(K<sup>-</sup>, n)K<sup>-</sup>pp, K<sup>-</sup>pp $\rightarrow \Lambda + p / \Sigma^{0} + p$
- J-PARC E27 :  $d(\pi^+, K^+)K^-pp, K^-pp \rightarrow \Lambda + p / \Sigma^0 + p$
- AMADEUS @ DAΦNE : stopped K<sup>-</sup> + <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>4</sup>He

# J-PARC E27 experiment @ K1.8 beamline + SKS spectrometer



T. Yamazaki and Y. Akaishi, Phys. Rev. C 76, 045201 (2007)



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## cf. d( $\gamma$ , K<sup>+</sup>)X<sup>0</sup>, d( $\gamma$ , K<sup>+</sup> $\pi$ <sup>-</sup>)X<sup>+</sup> reactions @ LEPS



J. D. Parker for the LEPS collaboration, Mod. Phys. Lett. 23, 2544 (2008)

#### Background reduction by two-proton tagging

• Signal: K<sup>-</sup>pp $\rightarrow \Lambda p \rightarrow (p\pi)p$ ,  $\Sigma^0 p \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma p \rightarrow (p\pi)\gamma p$ 





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## **Thickness of range counter**

• Good p/ $\pi$  separation by using information on "stopping layer", velocity, dE/dx



#### Test experiment @ J-PARC K1.8 (Nov. 2010)



## **Results ("stopping layer ID=3" vs velocity)**

- consistent with Monte Carlo simulation
- some background inside "proton region"
  - --> further cut with dE/dx



#### **Further cut with PID Function**

- PID =  $(dE_{i-1} + dE_i)^{\alpha} dE_i^{\alpha} (\alpha \sim 1.75)$ -- independent of incident energy
- Much better separation with 2D cut



- First data taking (~2.5% of requested beam time)
  - •1M/spill \* 7 days [cf. 5M/spill \* 40 days (proposal)]
- Inclusive measurement (for the first time!)
  - d( $\pi^+$ , K<sup>+</sup>) & p( $\pi^+$ , K<sup>+</sup>) for comparison @ 1.6GeV/c
- Exclusive measurement with **one**-proton tagging
  - Background reduction : protons from hyperon decay are almost out of acceptance of the range counter!

## Expected background (@1.69GeV/c)

 based on the cross sections by Thomas et al. (NPB 56, 15 (1973)) and Pan et al. (PRD 2, 449 (1970)).



# Summary

- Search for K<sup>-</sup>pp bound state via (π<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>) reaction
- Two-proton tagging for distinguishing non-mesonic decay of K<sup>-</sup>pp from other quasi-free processes.
- Range counter for good  $p/\pi$  separation is almost ready, and will be installed within a month.
- First experiment will start in April 2011. One-proton tagging method will be applied to reduce backgrounds.