



Few-body Systems in Nuclear Physics

- a. Anti-kaonic Nuclear Systems**
- b. Few-body Faddeev Method**

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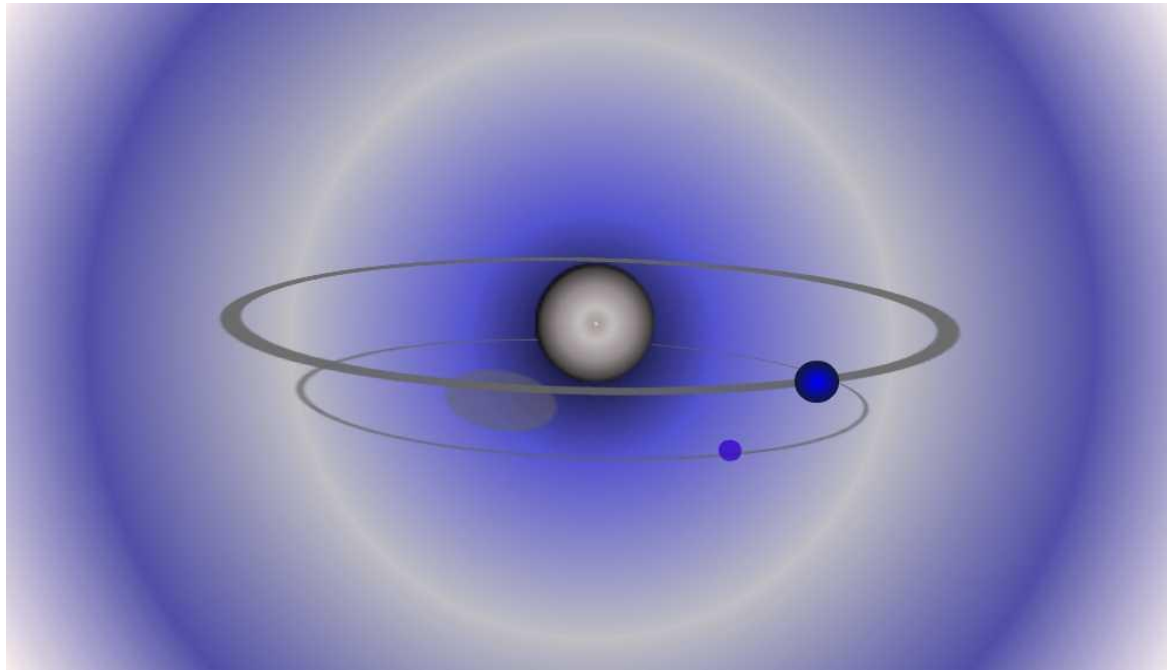
Outline

- Exotic atom and nuclei
- The $\bar{K}N$ interaction
- Antikaonic nuclear bound states
- Faddeev method
- Kaonic systems in production reactions

Exotic atoms (Kaonic Hydrogen)

A key experiment in $K_{\text{bar}}N$ interaction

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- ❑ A negatively charged particle, other than an electron, orbits a nucleus
- ❑ The principal interaction with the nucleus is electromagnetic.



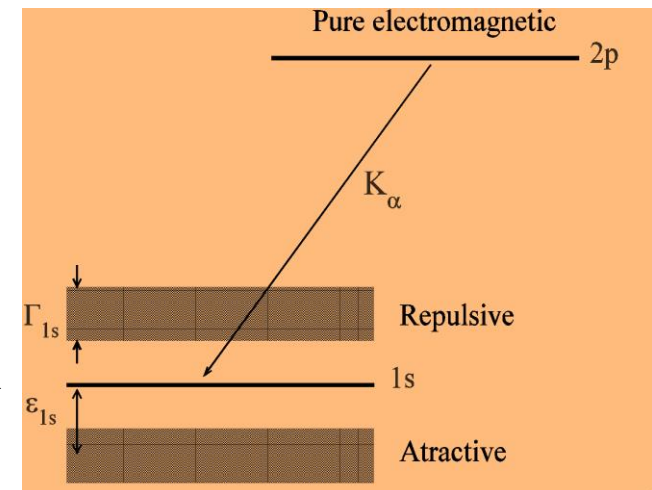
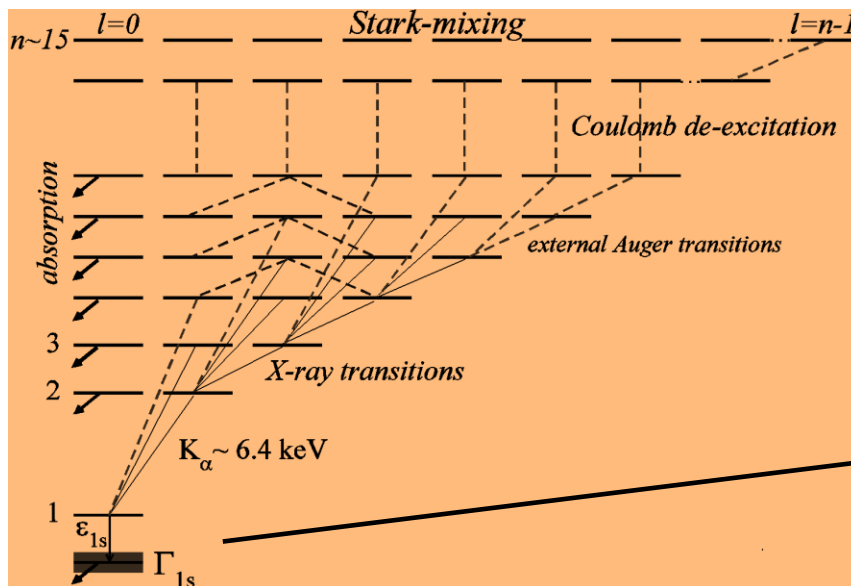
Exotic atoms as probes for strong interaction at threshold



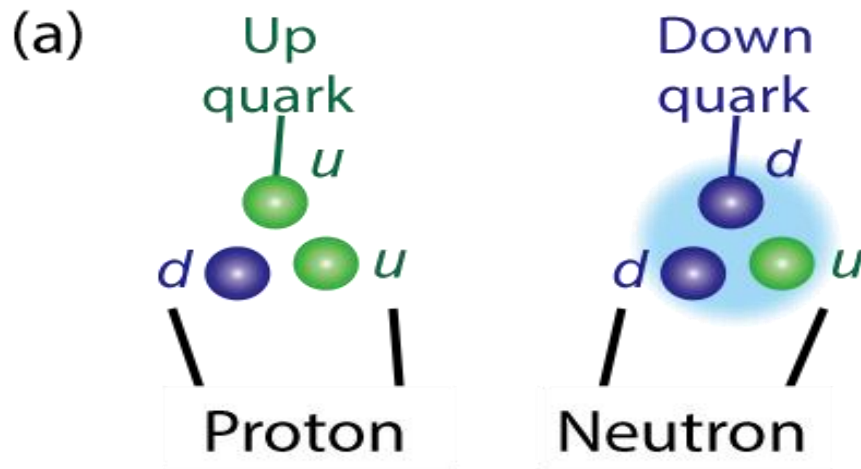
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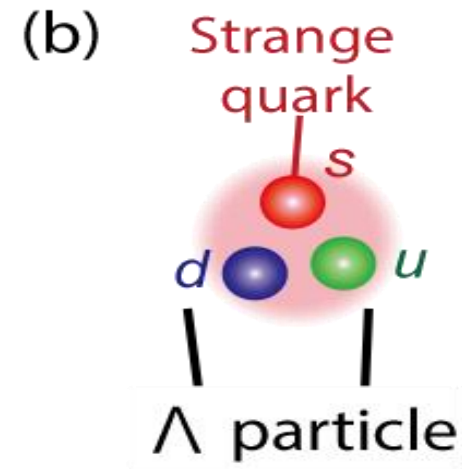
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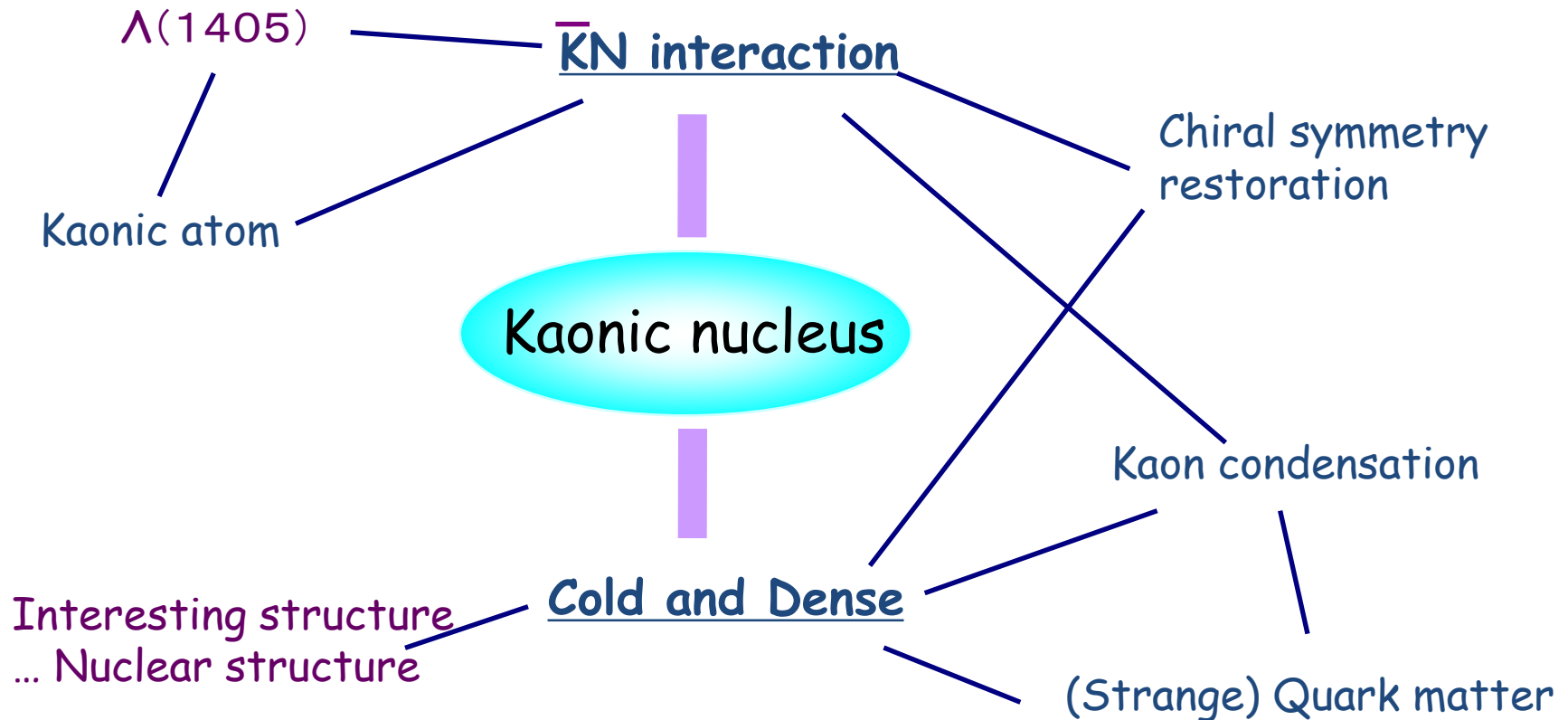


Normal nucleus



Λ hypernucleus

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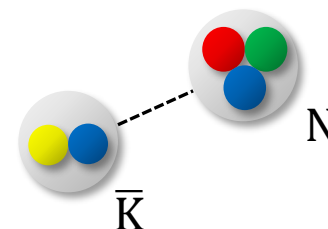


... related to various fields!!

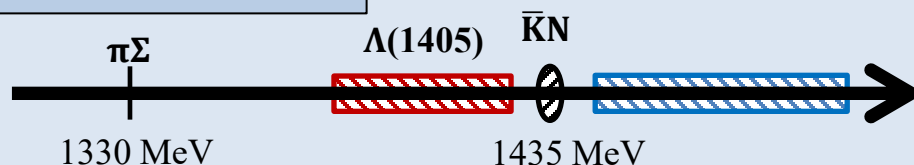
Experimental constraints on kaon-nucleon interaction



In order to understand the structure of $\Lambda(1405)$, precise determination of $\bar{K}N - \pi\Sigma$ ($I=0$) interaction is necessary.



experimental constraint



above KN threshold energy:

- $K^- p$ cross section

at/just-below KN threshold energy:

- Branching ratio

- kaonic atoms(new data by SIDDHARTA)

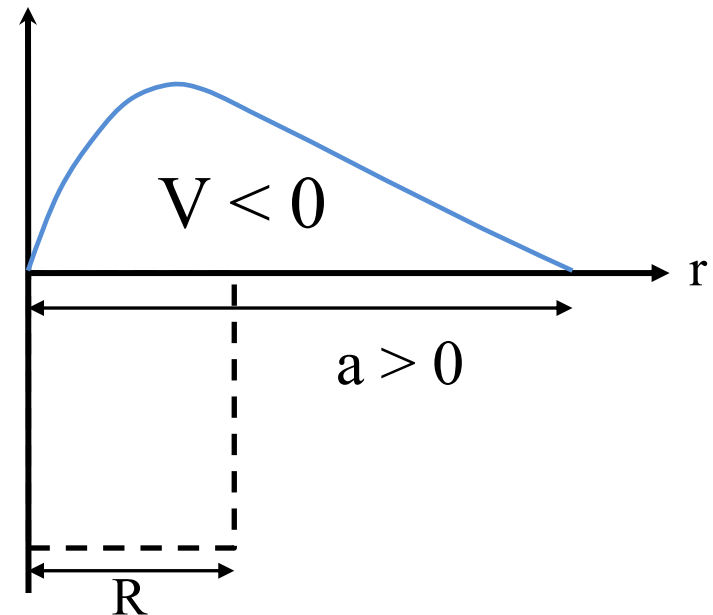
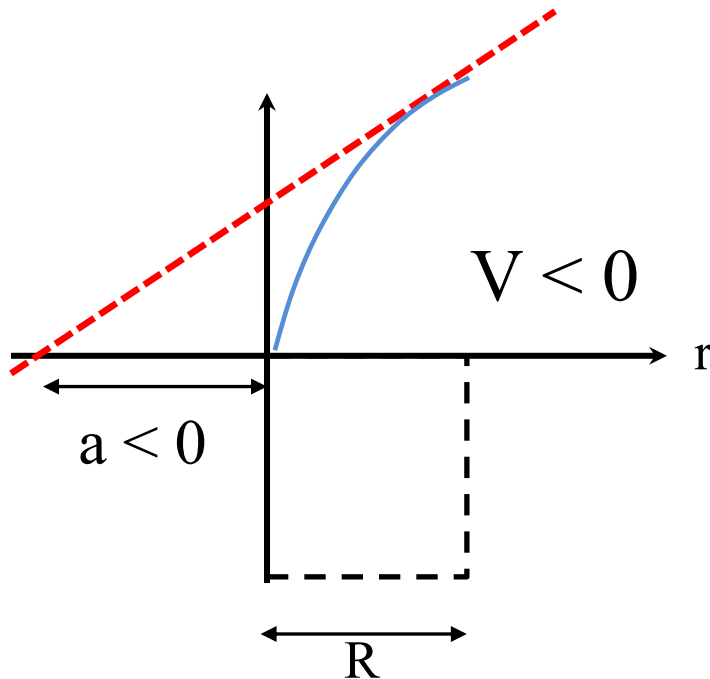
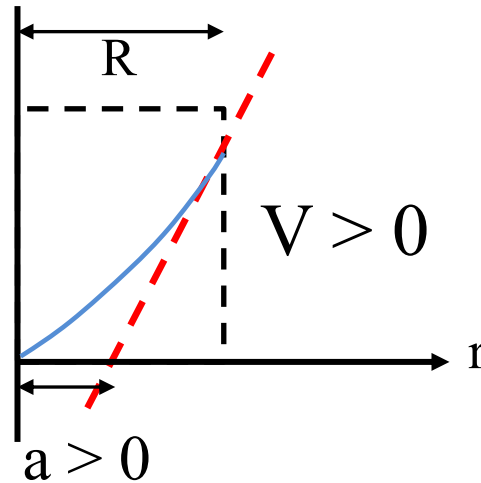
below the KN threshold energy:

-So far, cannot perform $\pi\Sigma$ elastic scattering experimentally

- $\pi\Sigma$ mass spectra from $\Lambda(1405)$ production reactions

(CLAS, LEPS, HADES, J-PARC)

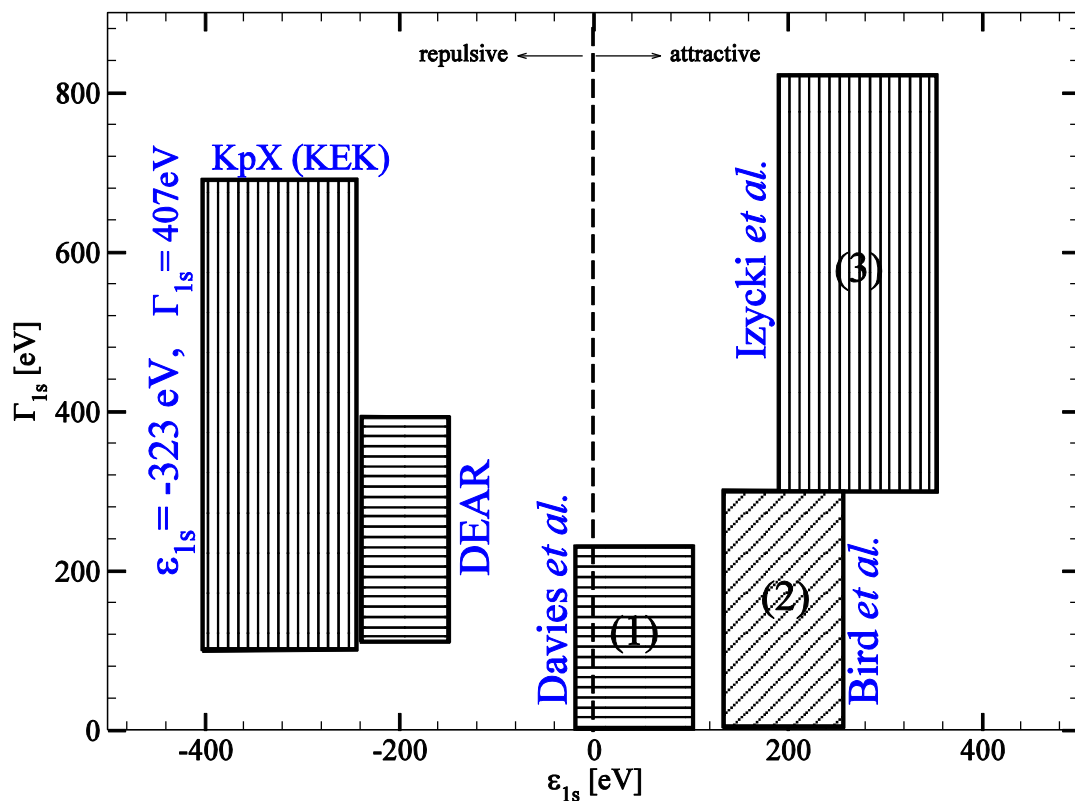
potentials... Scattering length!



Kaonic Hydrogen puzzle



- ❖ Most precise values for shift and width from **DEAR** experiment
- ❖ But still precision limited (e.g. error bar of width > 50%)
- ❖ shift vs. width (1 σ errors) see below



DEAR (2005)

$$\epsilon_{1s} = -193 \pm 37 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 6 \text{ (syst.) eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{1s} = 249 \pm 111 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 30 \text{ (syst.) eV}$$

$$a_{K-p} = (-0.468 \pm 0.090 \pm 0.015) + i(0.302 \pm 0.135 \pm 0.036) \text{ fm}$$

KpX (1998)

$$\epsilon_{1s} = -323 \pm 63 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 11 \text{ (syst.) eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{1s} = 407 \pm 208 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 100 \text{ (syst.) eV}$$

$$a_{K-p} = (-0.78 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.03) + i(0.49 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.12) \text{ fm}$$

using Deser-Trueman (i.e. lowest order)

Reliable theory has to be consistent with these informations

Starting from:

K^-p atom

$\bar{K}N$ scattering

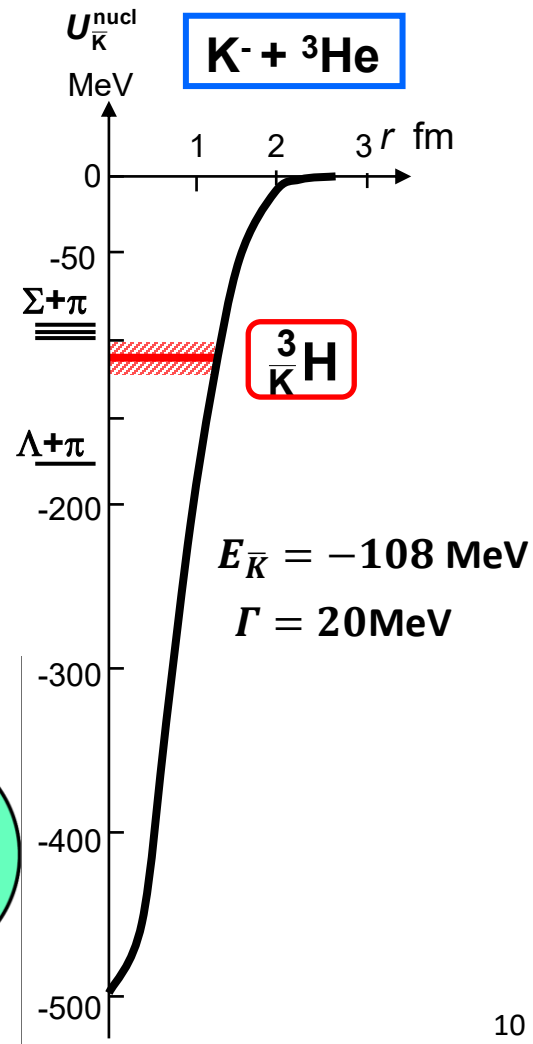
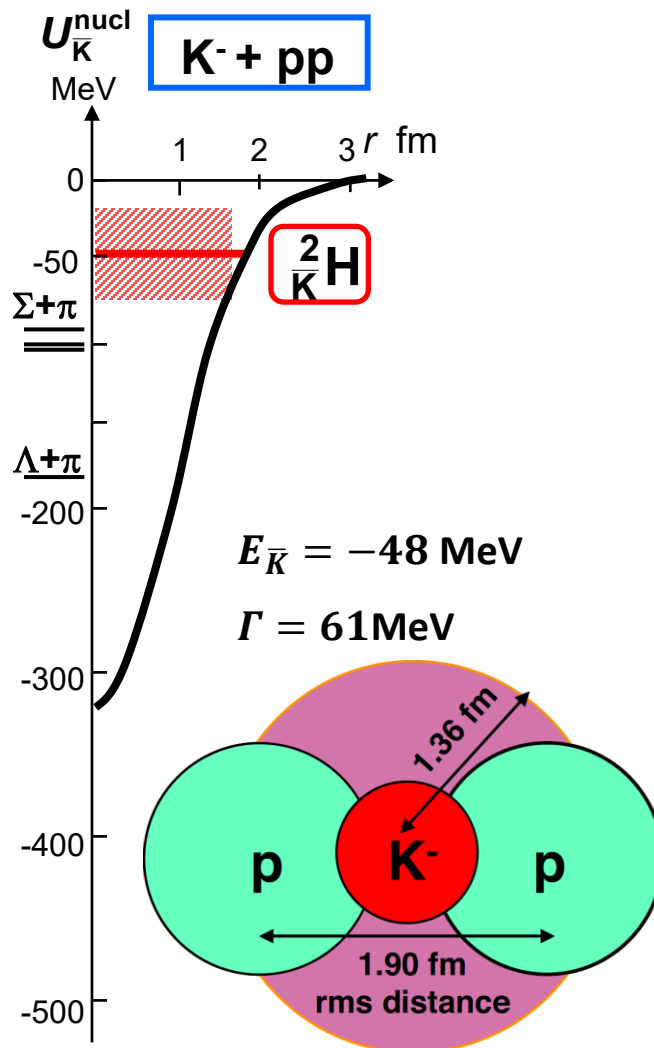
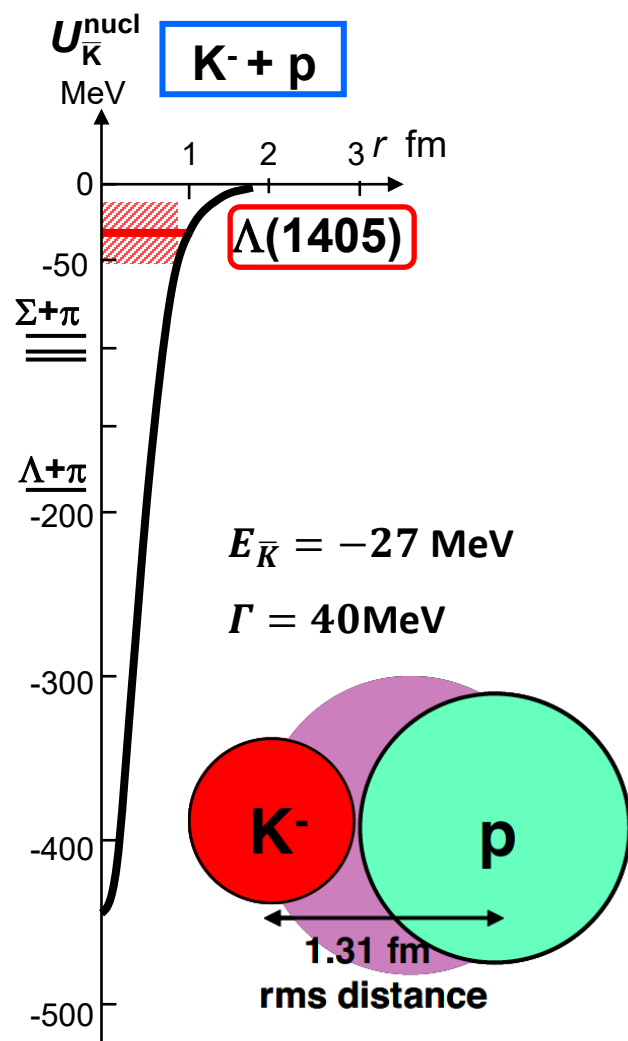
$\Lambda(1405)$

Strong $K^- - p$ attraction (Weise:1996)

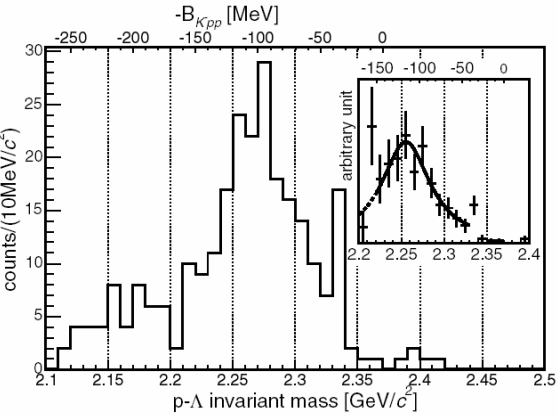
Nuclear shrinkage predicted 2002

Y. Akaishi and T. Yamazaki, PRC 65 (2002) 044005

T. Yamazaki and Y. Akaishi, PLB 535 (2002) 70



Evidence for $(K^- pp)$ by FINUDA @ DaΦne



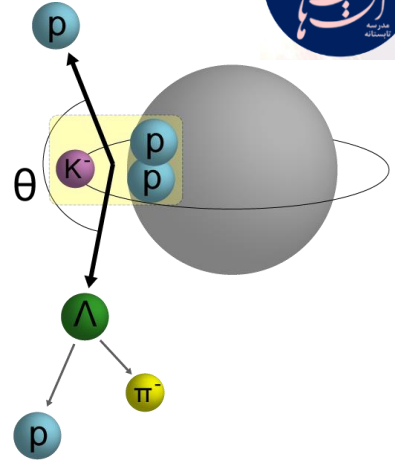
$$e^- + e^+ \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow K^- + K^+$$

$$K^- + A \rightarrow (K^- pp) + X \rightarrow \Lambda + p + X$$

V.K. Magas, E. Oset, *et al.*, nucl-th/0601013

$$M = 2.255 \pm 0.009 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 67^{+14+2}_{-11-3} \text{ MeV}$$



M. Agnello *et al.*, PRL 94, 212303 (2005)

reanalysis of old DISTO data

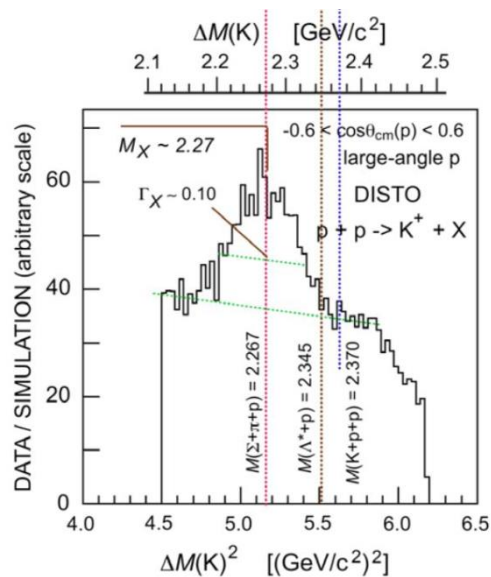
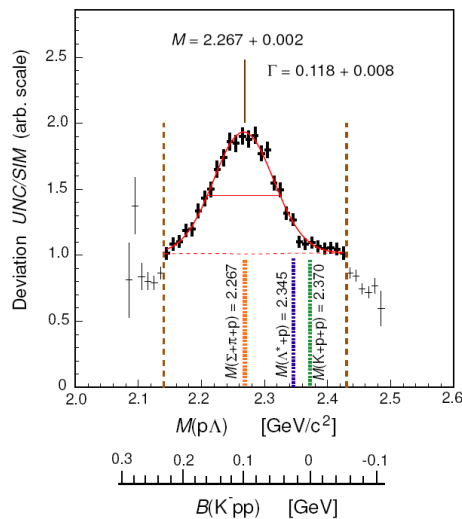
T. Yamazaki *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104**, 132502 (2010).

$$p + p \rightarrow K^+ + X$$

$$\rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda + p \text{ at } 2.85 \text{ GeV}$$

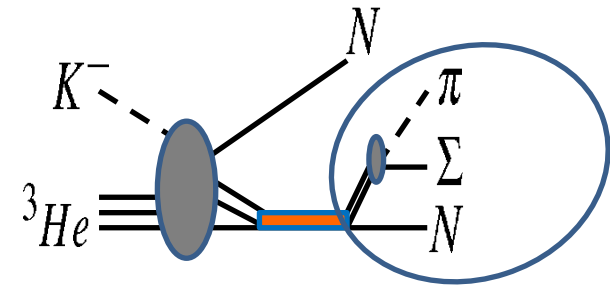
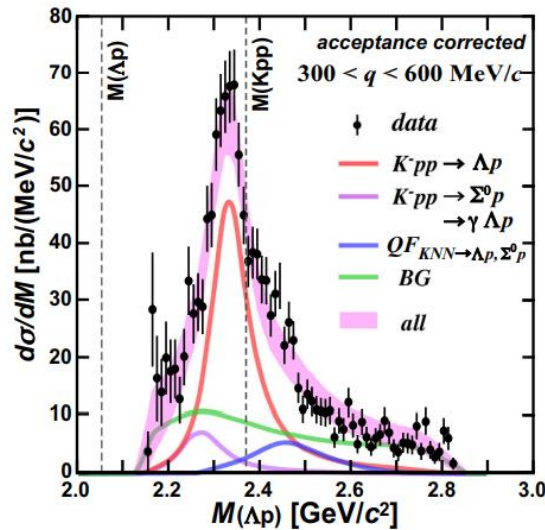
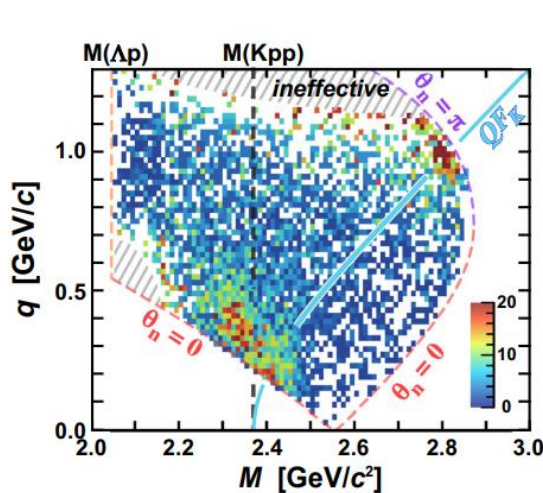
$$M = 2.265 \pm 0.002 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 118 \pm 0.008 \text{ MeV}$$



proving $K^- pp \rightarrow$ strongly bound, dense

signal of K^-pp in production reactions ... JPARC-E15

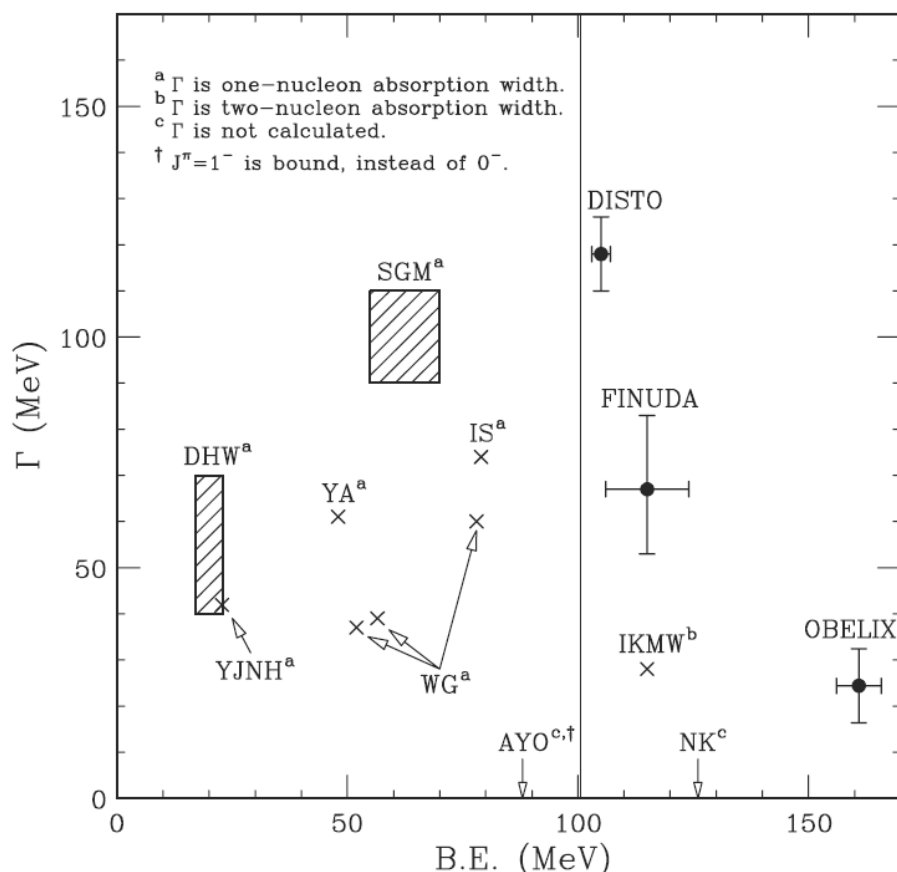
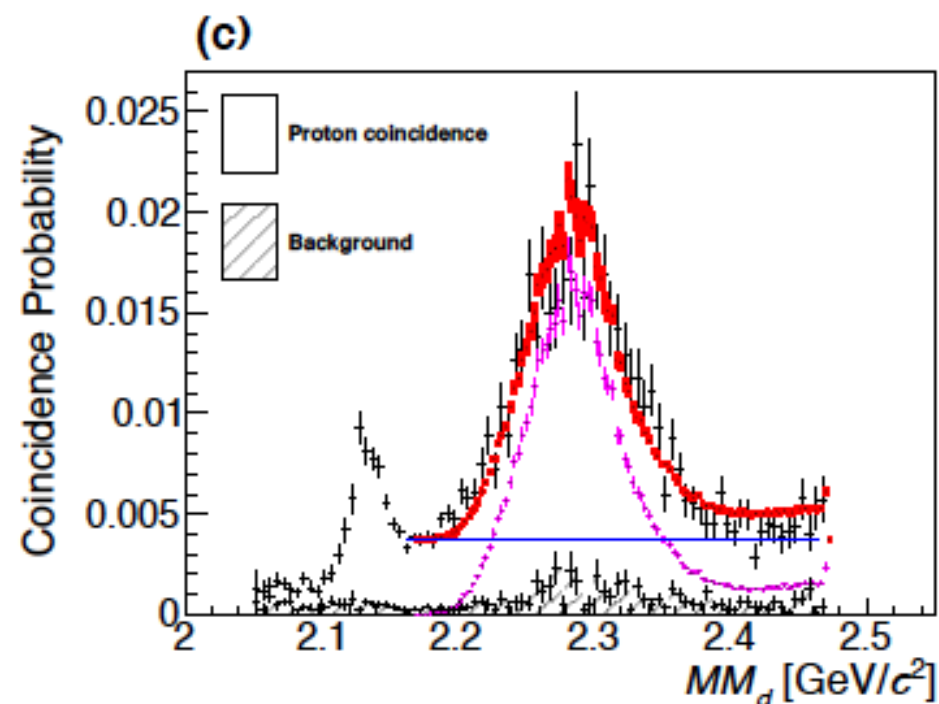


PHYSICAL REVIEW C **102**, 044002 (2020)

Observation of a $\bar{K}NN$ bound state in the ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ reaction

T. Yamaga,^{1,*} S. Ajimura,² H. Asano,¹ G. Beer,³ H. Bhang,⁴ M. Bragadireanu,⁵ P. Buehler,⁶ L. Busso,^{7,8} M. Cargnelli,⁶ S. Choi,⁴ C. Curceanu,⁹ S. Enomoto,¹⁴ H. Fujioka,¹⁵ Y. Fujiwara,¹² T. Fukuda,¹³ C. Guaraldo,⁹ T. Hashimoto,²⁰

Observation of the “ K^-pp ”-like structure in the $d(\pi^+, K^+)$ reaction at 1.69 GeV/c



$$B(K\text{-}pp) = 95^{+18}_{-17}{}^{+30}_{-21} \text{ MeV}$$



To solve a two-body system

- Schrodinger Equation with boundary conditions

$$H\psi = E\psi$$

- Lippmann-Schwinger Equation with boundary conditions

$$T = V + VGT$$



To solve an n -body system

Faddeev method:

A technique to convert the Schrodinger equation with boundary conditions for a three-body system to a set of integral equation

- The theoretical foundation of the three-body problem was carried out by Faddeev

L. D. Faddeev, sov. Phys, JETP 12 1014 (1961)

- After important reformulation by Alt, Grassberger and sandhas and Glokle

E. O. Alt et al, Nucl. Phys. B2, 167 (1967)

W. Glokle, Nucl. Phys. A141, 620 (1970)

the kernel of Faddeev eq. is compact, Which guarantees the convergence and uniqueness of solution.

Faddeev Yakubovsky Method

O.A. Yakubovsky, Yad. Fiz. 5, 1312 (1967)

Wave function and binding energy

Faddeev AGS Method

P. Grassberger and W. Sandhas, Nucl. Phys. B2, 181 (1967).

E.O. Alt, P. Grassberger, and W. Sandhas, PRC 1, 85 (1970).

Scattering amplitudes and binding energy



Why Faddeev method?

The usual LS equation does not have a unique solution for scattering state in three-body problem.

$$\langle \vec{k}'_a \vec{p}'_a | G_0(z) V_a | \vec{k}_a \vec{p}_a \rangle = \delta(\vec{p}'_a - \vec{p}_a) \left\langle \vec{k}'_a \left| G_0\left(z - \frac{p^2}{2v_a}\right) V_a \right| \vec{k}_a \right\rangle$$

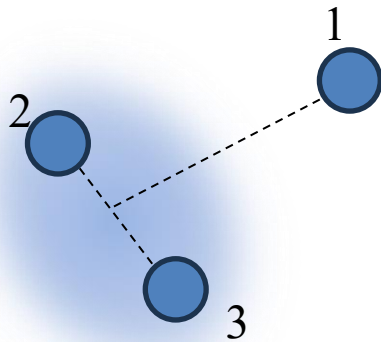
This fact prevents the kernel $K = G_0(z) V_a$ from being a Hilbert-Schmidt operator. That is, its Schmidt-norm (trace of $KK^\dagger$)

$$|K|^2 = \int d\vec{k}' d\vec{p}' d\vec{k} d\vec{p} |\langle \vec{k}'_a \vec{p}'_a | G_0(z) V_a | \vec{k}_a \vec{p}_a \rangle|^2$$

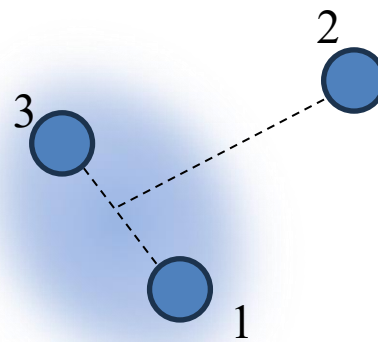
is not a finite quantity (the kernel is not square integrable). Thus, standard methods of solution of Fredholm theory can not be applied as in the two-body case.

Faddeev partitions

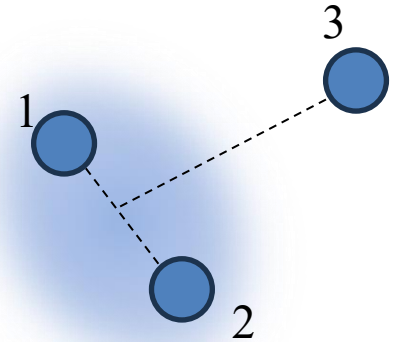
Three-body case:



$1+(23)$



$2+(31)$



$3+(12)$

Faddeev AGS equations

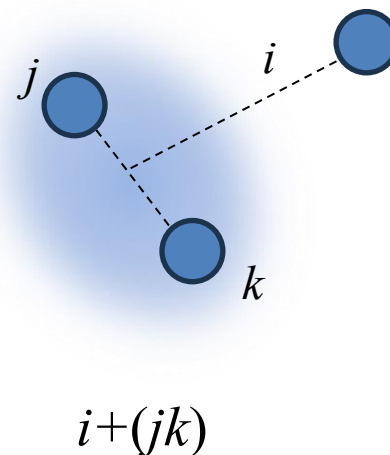


$$\square U_{ij} = (1 - \delta_{ij})G_0^{-1} + \sum_{k=1}^3 (1 - \delta_{ik}) T_k G_0 U_{kj}$$

U_{ij} is the Faddeev transition operators

$$j+(ki) \rightarrow i+(jk)$$

$$\square T_i = V_i + G_0 V_i T_i$$

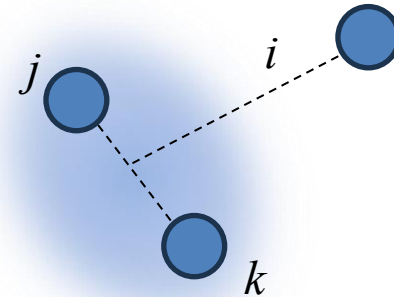


Faddeev Yakubovsky equations



$$(H_0 + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i) |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$$

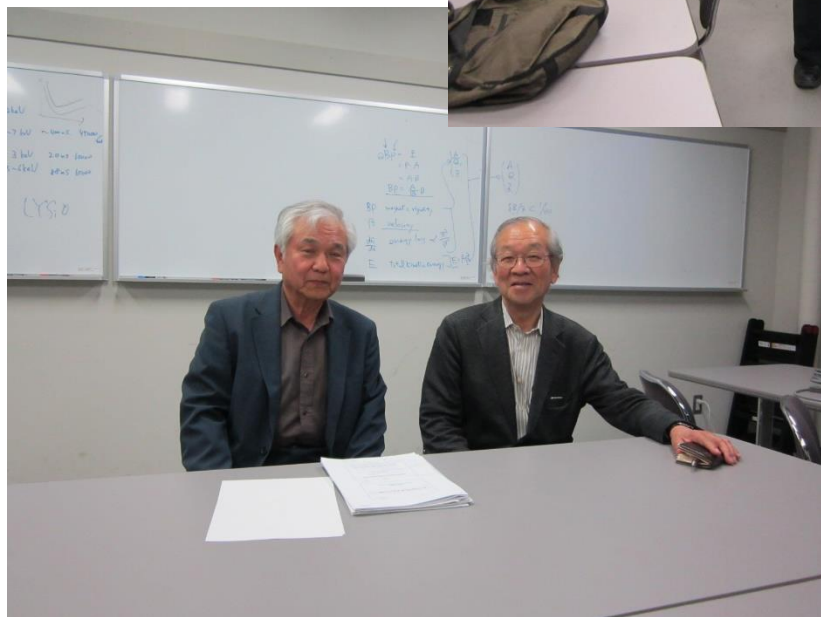
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^3 |\Psi\rangle_i$$



$$|\Psi\rangle_i = G_0 t_i \sum_{j \neq i}^3 |\Psi\rangle_j$$

$$t_i = V_i + G_0 V_i t_i$$

Our contribution to this field ...



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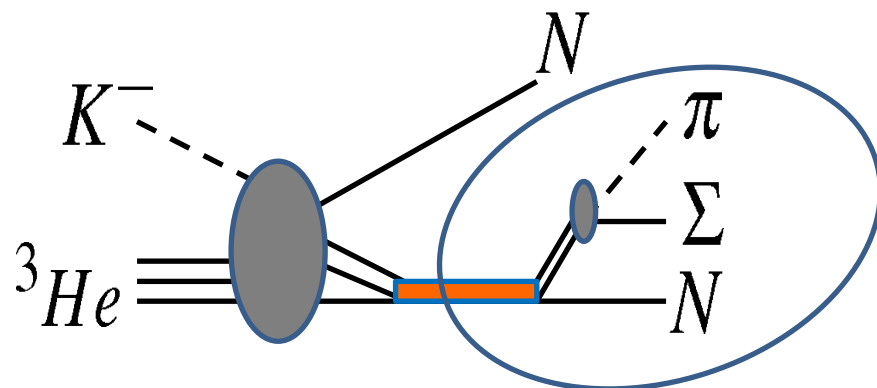
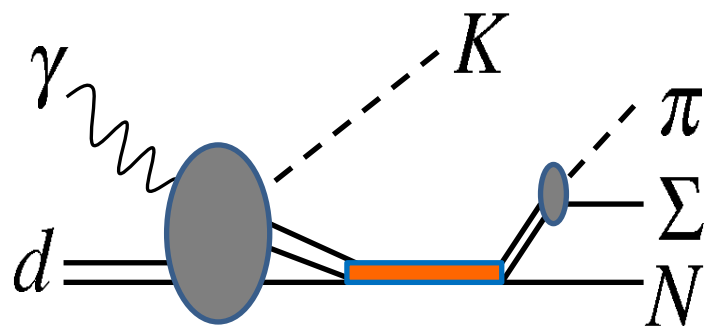


❑ The suitable scenario to describe the $\Lambda(1405)$!

❑ The structure of the K^{bar} Nuclear Clusters!!

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signal of K^-pp in production reactions



Purpose of the work: within Faddeev approach

- signal of strange dibaryon resonances
- dynamics of $\bar{K}N - \pi\Sigma$ in resonance production reaction

با تشکر از توجه شما



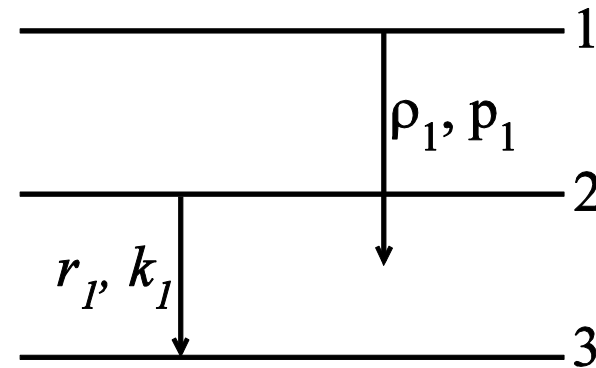
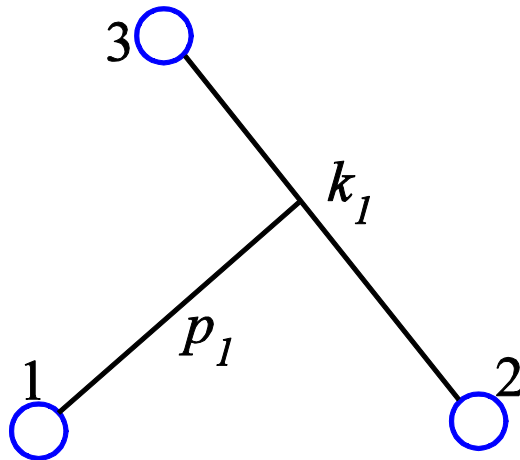
Kaonic Nuclear Clusters

contribution to fundamental physics

- information concerning the *modification of the kaon mass and of the KN interaction in the nuclear medium* => interesting and important from the viewpoint of the spontaneous and explicit symmetry breaking of QCD
- information on the *transition from the hadronic phase to a quark-gluon phase* => changes of vacuum properties of QCD and quark condensate
- kaon condensation in nuclear matter => implications in astrophysics (neutron stars, strange stars)
- *nuclear dynamics under extreme conditions (nuclear compressibility, etc)* could be investigated

Faddeev partitions:

Variables. Kinematic transformations



$$\vec{r}_1 = \vec{R}_2 - \vec{R}_3,$$

$$\vec{k}_1 = \mu_1 \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} = \frac{m_3 \vec{K}_2 - m_2 \vec{K}_3}{m_2 + m_3}$$

$$\vec{\rho}_1 = \vec{R}_1 - \frac{m_2 \vec{R}_2 + m_3 \vec{R}_3}{m_2 + m_3},$$

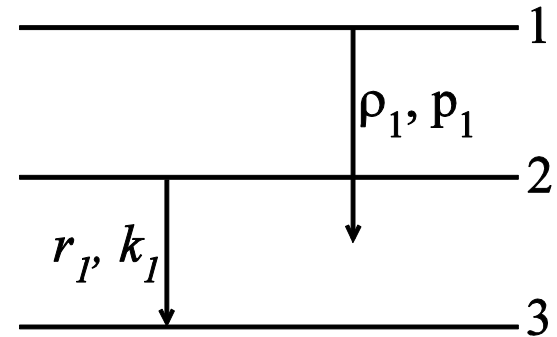
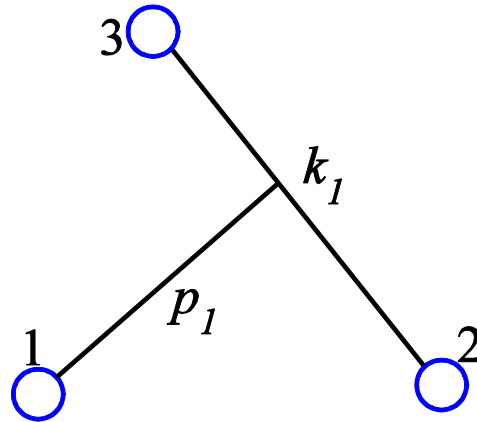
$$\vec{p}_1 = v_1 \frac{d\vec{\rho}_1}{dt} = \frac{(m_2 + m_3) \vec{K}_1 - m_1 (\vec{K}_2 + \vec{K}_3)}{m_2 + m_3}$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{m_2 m_3}{m_2 + m_3},$$

$$v_1 = \frac{m_1 (m_2 + m_3)}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

Faddeev partitions:

Variables. Kinematic transformations



$$h_0 = \frac{k_a^2}{2\mu_a} + \frac{p_a^2}{2\nu_a}$$

$$\langle \vec{k}'_a \vec{p}'_a | \vec{k}_a \vec{p}_a \rangle = \delta(\vec{k}'_a - \vec{k}_a) \delta(\vec{p}'_a - \vec{p}_a)$$

$$\langle \vec{k}'_b \vec{p}'_b | \vec{k}_a \vec{p}_a \rangle = \delta \left(\vec{k}_a + \frac{m_b}{m_b + m_c} \vec{k}'_b - \frac{m_c(m_a + m_b + m_c)}{(m_a + m_c)(m_b + m_c)} \vec{p}'_b \right) \times \delta \left(\vec{p}_a + \vec{k}'_b + \frac{m_a}{m_a + m_c} \vec{p}'_b \right)$$