Systematic Investigation of the Light Kaonic Nuclei

-from the $\overline{K}N$ to $\overline{K}NNNN$ systems -





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This proposal aims to <u>expand</u> the physics successfully developed by the J-PARC <u>E15</u>

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Letter

Search for the deeply bound K^-pp state from the semi-inclusive forward-neutron spectrum in the in-flight K^- reaction on helium-3

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" K^-pp ", a \overline{K} -meson nuclear bound state, observed in ${}^{3}\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ reactions

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Letter

Structure near the $K^- + p + p$ threshold in the in-flight ³He(K^- , Λp)*n* reaction

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

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Physiker erzeugen in Japan neue Materieform



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Am japanischen Teilchenbeschleunigerzentrum J-PARC (Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex) nahe Tokio ist es unter Mitwirkung der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften gelungen, erstmals eine neue Form von äußerst dichter Materie mit Anti-Kaonen nachzuweisen. Die Forscher hoffen, dass das Verständnis dieser Materie neue Antworten auf grundlegende Fragen der modernen Physik eröffnen wird.



O nouă formă de materie NUCLEARĂ STRANIE descoperită în Japonia! Toată omenirea într-un DEGETAR?

Autor: CătălinaCurceani

f ♥ ∞ ∞ Un grup de cercetatori din care face parte si autoarea acestui articol a descoperit o noua forma de materie, stranie" in cadrul unui experiment efectuat la acceleratorul J-PARC in Japonia. Aceasta descoperire ne va ajuta sa intelegem mai bine originea masei imediat dupa Big Bang si inima stelelor de

CEL MAI BUN PORTAL DE STIRI Doli infecțioase

2000 - The New York Times: Deceniul chinez 4:30 - Scolarizarea gratuită pentru studenții UE va fi eliminată în Scoția

studenții UE va fi eliminată în Scoția 4:00 - USA Today: Partidul Republican este tot mai dezbinat în privința lui Trump

3:00 - Financial Times: Gove anunță un pachet de măsuri menit să întărească granițele după Brexit

2:30 - Londra nu va participa la programul european de vaccinuri

2:00 - Arestări și controale în urma votului din Rusia privind reforma constituțională

> 1:41 - Venus, primul leagăn al omenirii?! HOROSCOPUL LUI DOM' PROFESOR

1:00 - ABC: Italia va prelungi starea de urgență pănă în decembrie

 O:30 - Cum și-a speriat Antonia fanii. ii Ce a pățit într-un club...

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0:06 - Bulgaria redeschide cluburile de noapte, la trei zile după ce a decis să le închidă

What We Did - Experimental Search for the $\overline{K}NN$ -

We measured the ³He(K⁻,Λp)n reaction



What We Observed

PLB789(2019)620. arXiv:2006.13433 submitted to RPC 80 acceptance corrected "K-pp" state 300 < q < 600 MeV/cīΣ *do/dM* [nb/(MeV/c²)] data 60 $K^{-}pp \rightarrow \Lambda p$ 50 $\begin{array}{c} K^{-}pp \to \mathbf{\Sigma}^{0}p \\ \to \mathbf{\gamma} \Lambda p \end{array}$ 40 $QF_{\bar{K}NN\to\Lambda p,\Sigma^0p}$ BG 30 all 20 10 0∟ 2.0 2.2 2.4 3.0 2.6 2.8 *М*(Лр) [GeV/*c*²]

What We Have Learned



What We Have Learned



Size of "K⁻pp"

Fit with PWIA $\sigma(M,q) \propto \rho(M,q) \times \frac{(\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2}{(M-M_{Kpp})^2 + (\Gamma_{Kpp}/2)^2} \times exp\left(-\frac{q^2}{Q_{Kpp}^2}\right)$

B_{Kpp} ~ 40 MeV

Q_{kpp} ~ 400 MeV B_{Kpp} ~ 40 MeV Q_{kpp} ~ 400 MeV → large binding energy → wide momentum transfer

suggest the "K⁻pp" is quite compact (R_{Kpp} ~ 0.6 fm) \rightarrow Need more realistic theoretical calculations



What We Have Learned with Theorists

• A theoretical calculation in chiral unitary approach reproduces the mass spectrum with the $\overline{K}NN$

→ Theoretical investigations for experimental results are indispensable

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PTEP2016(2016)123D03. JPS Conf. Proc.26(2019)023009.



Many Questions to be Answered

- Further details of the KNN
 - Spin and parity of the "K⁻pp"?
 - Strength of $\overline{K}N$ interaction?
 - Really compact and dense system?
- Λ(1405) state
 - $-\overline{K}N$ molecular state as considered?
 - Size?
 - Relation between $\overline{K}N$ and $\overline{K}NN$?
- More heavier kaonic nuclei?
 - Mass number dependence?
- Double kaonic nuclei?
 - Much compact and dense system?





K⁻pp



K⁻p









Experimental Task for the New Project

• Further details of the $\overline{K}NN$

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K⁻ppnn



K⁻K⁻pp

K⁻ppn



K⁻p

K⁻pp

Strategy of the New Project

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- for systematic study from the $\overline{K}N$ to $\overline{K}NNNN$ systems -

	Reaction	Decays	Кеу	
K N	d(K⁻,n)	$\pi^{\pm 0}\Sigma^{\mp 0}$	n/γ identification	
<i>K</i> NN	³ He(K⁻,N)	Λ p/ Λ n	<u>polarimeter</u>	- Feasibility study
<i>K</i> NNN	⁴ He(K⁻,N)	Λ d/ Λ pn	large acceptance 🧲	<mark>- A first step</mark>
<i>K</i> NNNN	⁶ Li(K⁻,d)	Λdn/Λpnn	many body decay <mark><</mark>	- Feasibility study
$\overline{K}\overline{K}NN$	$ar{p}$ + 3 He	ΛΛ	$ar{p}$ beam yield	

We take a step-by-step approach

• To realize the systematic measurements, we utilize

a large acceptance spectrometer

detect/identify all particles to specify the reaction

high-intensity kaon beam

more K⁻ yield than the existing beamline



Goals of the proposed experiment:

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- ① Observe the K⁻ppn state via 2-body Ad decay
 ➢ Establish the existence of the kaonic nuclei
- ② Reconstruct the K⁻ppn state via 3-body Apn decay
 ➢ As a feasibility study to access heavier system
- Feasibility study of the polarization measurement
 > e.g., by installing a prototype module of the polarimeter

A New Cylindrical Detector System



A new 4π spectrometer with n/ γ detection capability

A New Cylindrical Detector System



 Electromagnetic Calorimeter (constructed in 2nd-stage)

(~1.5x15%)

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Improvement of Kaon Intensity



• We propose a new configuration of the beamline

• K- yield is expected to increase by ~ 1.4 times @ 1.0 GeV/c

Expected Yield of $\overline{K}NNN$

$$N = \sigma \times N_{beam} \times N_{target} \times \epsilon,$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{DAQ} \times \epsilon_{trigger} \times \epsilon_{beam} \times \epsilon_{fiducial} \times \Omega_{CDS} \times \epsilon_{CDS},$$

 We assume the K⁻ppn cross section of

$$\begin{aligned} &\sigma(K^-ppn)\cdot Br(\Lambda d) ~\sim 10~\mu b \\ &\sigma(K^-ppn)\cdot Br(\Lambda pn) \sim 10~\mu b \end{aligned}$$

The same CS of "K-pp" → Λp in E15
As for Λd decay, we refer to the absorption of stopped K⁻ on ⁴He
→ decay fraction to Σ⁻pd : Σ⁻ppn ~ 1 : 1

absorption of stopped K⁻ on ⁴He

Reaction	Events/(stopping K^-) (%)
$K^{-}\text{He}^{4} \rightarrow \Sigma^{+}\pi^{-}\text{H}^{3}$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{+}\pi^{-}dn$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{+}\pi^{-}pnn$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{+}\pi^{0}nnn$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{+} nnn$ $\text{Total } \Sigma^{+} = (17.0 \pm 2.0)$	9.3 \pm 2.3 1.9 \pm 0.7 1.6 \pm 0.6 3.2 \pm 1.0 1.0 \pm 0.4 7)%
$K^{-}\text{He}^{4} \rightarrow \Sigma^{-}\pi^{+}\text{H}^{3}$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{-}\pi^{+}dn$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{-}\pi^{0} \text{He}^{3}$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{-}\pi^{0} pd$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{-}\pi^{0} pd$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{-} pd$ $\rightarrow \Sigma^{-} pd$ $\text{Total } \Sigma^{-} = (13.8 \pm 1)$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.2\pm1.2\\ 1.6\pm0.6\\ 1.4\pm0.5\\ 1.0\pm0.5\\ 1.0\pm0.5\\ 1.0\pm0.4\\ 1.6\pm0.6\\ 2.0\pm0.7\\ \end{array}$
$K^{-}\text{He}^{4} \rightarrow \pi^{-}\Lambda \text{ He}^{3}$ $\rightarrow \pi^{-}\Lambda \text{ pd}$ $\rightarrow \pi^{-}\Lambda \text{ pbn}$ $\rightarrow \pi^{-}\Sigma^{0} \text{ He}^{3}$ $\rightarrow \pi^{-}\Sigma^{0} (pd, ppn)$ $\rightarrow \pi^{0}\Lambda (\Sigma^{0}) (pnn)$ $\rightarrow \pi^{+}\Lambda (\Sigma^{0}) nnn$ $\text{Total }\Lambda (\Sigma^{0}) = (69.2 \pm 1000)$	$\begin{array}{c} 11.2\pm2.7\\ 10.9\pm2.6\\ 9.5\pm2.4\\ 0.9\pm0.6\\ 0.3\pm0.3\\ 22.5\pm4.2\\ 11.7\pm2.4\\ 2.1\pm0.7\\ 6.6)\%\end{array}$
$Total = \Lambda + \Sigma = (100_{-7}^{+0})\%$	

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Expected Yield of $\overline{K}NNN$

$$V = \sigma \times N_{beam} \times N_{target} \times \epsilon,$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{DAQ} \times \epsilon_{trigger} \times \epsilon_{beam} \times \epsilon_{fiducial} \times \Omega_{CDS} \times \epsilon_{CDS},$$

• N_{beam} = **100 G** K- on target

 \mathbb{N}

- under the MR beam power of 90 kW with 5.2 s repetition cycle. around 2023
 - 3.2 x 10⁵ K- on target / spill @ 1.0 GeV/c
- 3 weeks data taking (90% up-time)
- N(K⁻ppn→Λd) ~ 1.9 x 10⁴
- N(K⁻ppn→∧pn) ~ 2.8 x 10³
 - c.f. 1.7 x 10³ "K⁻pp" → Λp accumulated in E15-2nd (40 G K⁻)

	Λd / Λpn
σ(K⁻ppn)*Br	10 µb
N(K ⁻ on target)	100 G
N(target)	2.65 x 10 ²³
ε (DAQ)	0.9
ε(trigger)	0.93
ε(beam)	0.55
Ω(CDC)	0.27 / 0.077
ε(CDC)	0.6 / 0.3
N(K ⁻ ppn)	19 k / 2.8 k

Expected Spectrum of K⁻+⁴He



- Similar parameters obtained with the K⁻+³He→Apn (arXiv:2006.13433) are adopted to K⁻ppn/QF/BG shapes
- K-ppn signal [q-independent] can be seen clearly

Expected Spectrum of K⁻+⁴He



- The signals can be enhanced by selecting 0.3 < q < 0.6 GeV/c
- The K⁻ppn signal will be observed if the σ(K⁻ppn)*Br is more than ~ µb

Schedule & Cost

• We would like to perform the proposed experiment around 2023

Design & construction: ~2022
Commissioning run : 2023
Performance run followed by Physics run : 2023~

- Most of the construction cost will be covered by "MEXT Grant-In-Aid" and "RIKEN internal budget"
 - ✓We are now applying "Specially Promoted Research (特推)"



Summary of the New Project

- •The new project aims to reveal the properties of the light kaonic nuclei from the *KN* to *KNNNN*
 - a powerful probe to understand low energy QCD
 - The best approach to cold & high-density nuclear matter
- •We take a step-by-step approach:
 - a *KNNN* search via 4He(K-,N) reactions as a first step
 - followed by a spin/parity measurement of the $\overline{K}NN$ soon
 - experimental challenges of $\overline{K}N$, $\overline{K}NNNN$, and $\overline{K}\overline{K}NN$ will also be followed
- We realize the systematic measurements with
 □ a new 4π cylindrical detector system (CDS)
 □ the improved K1.8BR beamline spectrometer

Requests to PAC

 stage-1 approval of "the KNNN search via ⁴He(K⁻,N) reactions"

2. Endorse of "the K1.8BR beamline upgrade"

We would like to perform the upgrade during the long shutdown in 2021-22



Collaboration of the New Project



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Thank you for your attention!

A first step of the project



Appendix

Physics Background

Physics Goal

Reveal the \overline{K} meson property inside nuclei via the $\overline{K}N$ interaction



Kaonic Nuclei

Predicted from **attractive** \overline{KN} interaction in I=0



1 *fm*

T=1, J=3/2

1 *fm*

0

T=0, J=1/2

fm

Kaonic Nuclei



Are Kaonic Nuclei Really Compact?

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In the case of the $\overline{K}NN$ system ($J^{P}=0^{-}$)



New Project



- Theoretically, $\Lambda(1405)$ is consider to be the $\overline{K}N$ quasi-free bound state
- We have revealed the line shape of the $\overline{K}N \to \pi\Sigma$ channel via the (K⁻,n) reaction at $\theta_n = 0^\circ$ in E31



- Size of the $\Lambda(1405)$ is still important subject to be determined \rightarrow Clarify the picture whether a baryonic state or a $\overline{K}N$ molcuer
- We deduce the $\Lambda(1405)$ size via form factor measurement in a wide range of q



- The $\overline{K}NN$ system is expected to have $J^P = 0^-$
- To determine the spin/parity, "topological analysis of decay particles" or "direct measurement of decay particle polarization" is essential

Exploratory analysis at E15



- We determine the spin/parity of the system via its Λp decay
 - by introducing a polarimeter composed of a hodoscope and a tracker
- We precisely deduce the system size
 - with more statistical data in corporation with theoretical analyses

Task for *KNNN* and *KNNNN*



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- Beyond the $\overline{K}NN$, more heavier system must be explored to establish the kaonic nuclei
 - ✓ In particular, the $\overline{K}NNNN$ system is expected to be the most compact system due to an α particle configuration
- We reveal the mass number dependence of the binding energy, decay width, and system size





 We also wish to access the S = -2 kaonic nuclei such as the theoretically predicted "K⁻K⁻pp" state

> ✓ as previously submitted LoI ✓ A good probe to the $\overline{K}N$ int.

 The K̄K̄NN system could give us a chance to access much higher density than the S = −1 kaonic nuclei



The $\overline{K}\overline{K}NN$ production cross section would be quite small \rightarrow roughly 1/1000 of that of the $\overline{K}NN$

"K⁻ppn" Candidates so far


Schedule of Preparation

	2020			2021				2022				2023				2024				
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
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VFT				cor	nstruc	tion	t cor	est an mmisio	d ning											
CDC																				
Backward DC			design and construe			untion														
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Chamber Readout				R	&D	produ	uction													
внт			constr	uction		test and														
снс				constr	uction		comm	isionin	g											
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Summary of the Experiment for $\overline{K}NNN$

Beamline	K1.8BR					
Primary beam	30 GeV, 90 kW (5.2 s spill interval)					
Secondary beam	1.0 GeV/c K⁻					
Beam intensity	3.2 x 10 ⁵ K ⁻ on target per pulse					
Dotostoro	Improved K1.8BR beamline spectrometer,					
Delectors	New cylindrical detector system (CDS)					
Target	Liquid ⁴ He					
	1 week for commissioning run,					
Beam time	1 week for performance study run with LH ₂ ,					
	3 weeks for physics run with L ⁴ He					
Expected yield	1.9 x 10 ⁴ K⁻ppn→ Λ d,					
Expected yield	2.8 x 10³ K⁻ppn→Λpn					

Collaboration with Experimental & Theoretical Group



Apparatus

Kaon Beam Momentum



• Use 1.0 GeV/c K⁻ beam (\sqrt{s} = 1.8 GeV)

- $K^-N \rightarrow \overline{K}N$ reactions have the maximum cross section
 - Due to the intermediate state of Y*(1800)
- low-momentum back-scattered kaon as a 'off-shell kaon' beam
- We also plan to perform momentum scan (0.9-1.15 GeV/c) in the near future

Target System

- Pulse tube refrigerator system developed for P73
- Liquefy all types of $H_2/D_2/^3$ He/⁴He gases
- Pure Be target cell developed for E15
- System has been successfully operated





SC Solenoid Magnet

- The same design of the "COMET Detector-Solenoid"
 - developed by the KEK
 Cryogenic Science Center
- Solenoidal magnetic field of 0.7T is used (max ~1T)
- external dimensions:

3.4m × 3.4m × 3.9m (25t)_{⊠ 3}

No need to dig the floor of the HD hall





真空容器鳥瞰図(内筒のレール台座、補強等は表示されていない)

CDC

- Conical-shaped end-plates
 - 29° < θ < 151°
 - 15cm < r < 50cm
 - wire support: feed-though
 - longest wire length: 2.2m
- readout channels is ~2,150
 - existing ASD preamps and HUL boards



Super		Wire	Radius	Cell width	Cell width	Stereo angle	Signal channel
layer	Layer	direction	(mm)	(degree)	(mm)	(degree)	per layer
A1	1, 2, 3	X, X' X	190 - 230	5.00	~ 18.0	0	72
U1	$\overline{4}, \overline{5}$	Ū, Ū,	250 200	2 60			100
V1	6, 7	V, V'	250 - 500	3.00	~ 10.0	$\sim \pm 0.0$	100
A2	8, 9, 10	<u>X</u> , <u>X</u> , <u>X</u>	320 - 360	3.00	~ 18.0	0	120
U2	11, 12	Ū, Ū [,] – –	280 420	2.25			160
V2	13, 14	V, V'	380 - 430	2.20	~ 17.0	$\sim \pm 0.0$	100
Ā3	15, 16, 17	$\overline{X}, \overline{X'} \overline{X}$	450 - 490	2.00	~ 16.5	0	180

BDC/FDC

- Planner chambers
 - XX'YY'XX'YY' config.
- BDC/FDC: 3/3 modules
 - placed at 0.5 m, 0.8 m, and 1.1m up/down-stream
 - 30 cm, 50 cm, and 70 cm inscribed circle diameters
- ~3,072 channels
 - ~(32*8, 64*8, 96*8)*2
- We plan to construct DCs = in stages



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NC

- Aiming to detect low-p neutron ranging from 100 to 500 MeV/c
- 15cm plastic scintillator divided by ~3 layers & ~32 segments
 - Neutron detection eff. = 15~45% depending on momentum
- FM-PMT and MPPC readout for barrel and end-cap, respectively
 - Barrel NC has ~ 2.5m length



- NC is used for trigger counters together with CHC (Charge Hodoscope Counter)
 - 3mm plastic scintillator with MPPC readout
 - Charged/neutral-trigger are generated using combination of CHC/NC hits

ECAL

- A sampling-type calorimeter
 - ~15 radiation length is required
- KLOE type or conventional sandwich type
 - KLOE type
 - Lead scintillating-fiber
 - Excellent performance
 - σ_E/E = 5.7%/sqrt(E(GeV))
 - σ_t = 54/sqrt(E(GeV)) + 50 ps
 - Quite expensive: ~ 700M JPY
 - sandwich type
 - Lead scintillator-slab with wave-length shifting fibers
 - Rather low cost: < 100M JPY





Improved Acceptance of the New CDS

e.g. $\overline{K}NN \rightarrow \Lambda p$, which has been well studied in E15



 \rightarrow enables us to specify the reaction channel unambiguously

Improved Acceptance of the New CDS

e.g. $\overline{K}NN \rightarrow \Lambda n$, which cannot be seen in E15



 \rightarrow enables us to specify the reaction channel unambiguously

Results of E15

What We Did in E15 - experimental search for the $\overline{K}NN$ -

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via the ³He(*in-flight* K⁻,n) reaction @ 1.0 GeV/c



- $K^-N \rightarrow \overline{K}N$ reactions have the maximum cross section
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Identification of Λpn Final State

arXiv:2006.13433

Missing-n identification

 Λ reconstruction











Can be interpreted as 3 components

<u>Bound state</u>

 centroid DOES NOT depend on q_{Kn}





Can be interpreted as 3 components

– <u>Bound state</u>

- centroid DOES NOT depend on q_{Kn}
- <u>Quasi-elastic K⁻ abs.</u>
 - centroid depends on q_{Kn}



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• Fit with 3 components

<u>Bound state</u>

- centroid DOES NOT depend on q_{Kn}
- BW*(Gauss form-factor)



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- Fit with 3 components
- A <u>Quasi-elastic K⁻ abs.</u>
 - centroid depends on q_{Kn}

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• Followed by Λp conversion



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- Fit with 3 components
 <u>Background</u>
 - Broad distribution



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Fit with 3 components
 a – Bound state

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

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- <u>Quasi-elastic K⁻ abs.</u>
 - centroid depends on q_{Kn}
 - Followed by Λp conversion

$$M_F(q) = \sqrt{4m_N^2 + m_K^2 + 4m_N\sqrt{m_K^2 + q^2}},$$

Background

Broad distribution

arXiv:2006.13433 (submitted to PRC)

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m_n

 $MM(\Lambda p)$

selected

600

200

Counts 400 $(m_n + m_\pi) m_\Lambda$

- We have improved the analysis with
 - Σ⁰pn channel
 - Σ⁻pp background
- Parameters have been updated

• consistent with previous values





We need further understanding

• Spin/Parity of the "K⁻pp"

- New 4π detector system is needed
- Other decay channels $K^{-3}He \rightarrow \pi \Sigma pn$
 - $\pi\Sigma N$ mesonic decay is theoretically expected to be the dominant channel
 - Only YN non-mesonic decays were reported

Reaction mechanism

- Relation between $\Lambda(1405)$ & "K⁻pp"
 - Λ(1405) has been considered as <u>"K-p"</u>
 - Theoretically, "K⁻pp" is expected to be produced via <u>Λ(1405)+p→"K⁻pp" door-way process</u>

K^{- 3}He → πΣpn Measurement



CDS

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

n detection efficiency ~ 3-10%



$\pi\Sigma pn$ Events



$\pi\Sigma$ pn Identification



BG Subtracted IM($\pi^{\pm}\Sigma^{\mp}$) in $\pi^{\pm}\Sigma^{\mp}pn$



Y^{*}**pn** Final State



$\Lambda(1405)pn$ Final State Selection



IM($\pi\Sigma p$) in Λ (1405)pn Final State



- IM(Λ(1405)p) distributes above the M(Kpp)
- QF K⁻N \rightarrow K^{bar}n followed by K^{bar}NN \rightarrow Λ (1405)p

"Крр" → π ∑р Decay?



PS Limitation of "K⁻pp" $\rightarrow \pi \Sigma p$ **Decay**


Comparison of $\Lambda pn \& \Lambda(1405)pn$



Comparison of $\Lambda pn \& \Lambda(1405)pn$



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Conclusion

We observed the "K⁻pp" bound state in ³He(K⁻,Λp)n

- Binding energy: ~40 MeV
- Width: ~100 MeV

← PLB789(2019)620./arXiv:2006.13433[™]

We found large CS of the Λ(1405)p formation compared to the "K⁻pp"

 quite important information on the production mechanism of the "K⁻pp"

← paper in preparation





Added Materials

K1.8BR Beamline Optics



Spin-Parity of $\overline{K}NN$



T.Nagae, "The 4th Symposium on Clustering as a window on the hierarchical structure of quantum systems", May 28th, 2020

Spin-Parity of *K*NN



- Proton polarization is measured with a polarimeter
 - Tracking system --
 - Plastic scintillator --

