New precision measurements of the strong interaction in kaonic hydrogen



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Exotic atoms – a broad research field



Hadronic atoms

Unique laboratory for studying strong interaction at zero kinetic energy



Motivation

- K-p simplest exotic atom with strangeness
- strong interaction shift $ε_{1s}$ and width $Γ_{1s}$ directly observable by X-ray spectroscopy
- kaonic hydrogen "puzzle" solved but: precision data missing
- ♦ K-p: Information on $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow$ kaonic nuclear clusters
- kaonic deuterium never measured before
- ✤ atomic physics: new cascade calculations to be tested
 → see talk given by M. Faifman at this Conference

Kaonic Hydrogen - Goals

- Measurement of strong interaction shift and width of kaonic hydrogen and kaonic deuterium at the highest precision
- Determination of the isospin-dependent scattering lengths near threshold
 - no extrapolation to zero energy
- Testing chiral symmetry breaking in systems with strangeness

Experimental method



Kaonic hydrogen

With a_0 , a_1 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:

$$\varepsilon + i\frac{\Gamma}{2} = 2\alpha^{3}\mu^{2}a_{K^{-}p} = 412 \, fm^{-1} \cdot eV \cdot a_{K^{-}p}$$
$$a_{K^{-}p} = \frac{1}{2}(a_{0} + a_{1})$$

"By using the non-relativistic effective Lagrangian approach a complete expression 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 lengths from kaonic atom data" (Meißner, Raha, Rusetsky, 2004)

$$\epsilon_{1s} - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_{1s} = -2\alpha^3 \mu_c^2 a_p \{ 1 - (2\alpha\mu_c (\ln \alpha - 1)) a_p \}$$

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

Theoretical procedures are needed to connect the observables with the isospin-dependent scattering lengths



K-p and K-d atom properties

K⁻p (K⁻d) e.m. bound kaonic atoms Bohr radius ~80 fm, binding energy ~9 keV

Kaonic atom	e.m. position of K _α line (eV)	e (eV)	Г (eV)	X-ray Yield
hydrogen	6480	≈ 200	≈ 250	~1-3 %
deuterium	7810	≈ 325*	≈ 630*	~0.2 %

*) A.N. Ivanov, M. Cargnelli, M. Faber, H. Fuhrmann, V.A. Ivanova, J. Marton, N.I. Troitskaya, J. Zmeskal, Eur.Phys.J. A 23 (2005) 79

Kaonic Atoms @ DAΦNE: DEAR





DAΦNE (LN Frascati)



Setup at DAΦNE



X-ray detection by CCDs



K-p

D6

x-ray

D4

D1

D2

D3



Resulting K⁻p X-ray Spectrum



DEAR Results



DEAR – Comparison with theory



light gray box [20]. The fit restricted to the DEAR data is

represented by the small full rectangle (empty rectangle without

isospin breaking corrections).

the text. The data points represent the real and imaginary parts of the $K^- p$ scattering length, derived from the DEAR experiment [1] with inclusion of isospin breaking corrections according to Ref. [18].



Precision data are urgently needed

From DEAR to SIDDHARTA

- Precision of the DEAR result limited by high soft X-ray background (S/N ~ 1:70)
- Next step: background reduction by using kaon – X-ray time correlation (S/N ~ 10:1 for kaonic hydrogen)



→ New X-ray detectors SDDs: JRA in I3HP (EU FP6) in cooperation with LNF, MPG, PNSensor, Politecnico Milan, IFIN-HH and new dedicated target-detector set-up International Conference on Muon Catalyzed Fusion 2007





Silicon Drift Detectors for Hadronic Atom Research by Timing Application





Silicon Drift Detector SDD





- SDD has small capacitance → low noise
- Good energy resolution comparable with CCD
- But most important: timing capability

Large area SDD with 1 cm² active area 3 SDDs on 1 chip



SIDDHARTA Setup cont'd



Cryogenic target cell



SDD unit (2x3x3 SDDs)



Layout of the kaon trigger



SIDDHARTA apparatus TMP Target cooling SDD cooling HV- and voltage supply for SDDs and readout electronics

SIDDHARTA setup @ DAΦNE



SIDDHARTA: Schedule

- Tuning of setup / optimization
 100 pb⁻¹
- Precision measurement of kaonic hydrogen 400 pb⁻¹
- Measurement of kaonic deuterium
 600 pb⁻¹

• Further options:

Kaonic helium studies (³He and ⁴He)

Monte Carlo Simulations

Monte Carlo simulated X-ray spectra Measurement with SDD array and kaon trigger



SIDDHARTA - Outlook



Summary

SIDDHARTA is well under way: KH, KD, ...

Theoretical studies continue

DEAR finished successfully: most precise data on KH shift and width up to now





Kaon: 60th Anniversary

1947

Discovery of the kaon (K meson). 'Strange' long lived particles discovered in cosmic ray events by Clifford Butler and George Rochester.

