

Status and perspectives for low energy kaon-nucleon interaction studies at DAFNE: from SIDDHARTA to SIDDHARTA-2

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Silicon Drift Detector for Hadronic Atom Research by Timing Applications

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The scientific aim

To perform precision measurements

of kaonic atoms X-ray transitions (shift and width)

to obtain unique information about QCD in the non -perturbative regime in the strangeness sector

Starting with the

- most precise measurement for kaonic hydrogen done by SIDDHARTA in 2009
- NOW first measurement of kaonic deuterium autumn 2021 by SIDDHARTA -2

To extract the antikaon-nucleon isospin dependent scattering lengths

• chiral symmetry breaking (mass problem), EOS for neutron stars

Deser Formula

Deser-type relation (including the isospin-breaking corrections) connects shift ε_{1s} and width Γ_{1s} to the real and imaginary part of σ_{K-p}

$$\varepsilon_{1s} + \frac{\iota}{2}\Gamma_{1s} = 2\alpha^3 \mu^2 a_{K-p} \left[1 - 2\alpha \mu (\ln \alpha - 1) a_{K-p} + \dots \right]$$

A similar formula holds for a_{K-d}

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$$\varepsilon_{1s} + \frac{\iota}{2}\Gamma_{1s} = 2\alpha^3 \mu^2 a_{K-d} [1 - 2\alpha \mu (\ln \alpha - 1)a_{K-d} + \dots]$$

The connection between the scattering lengths α_{K-p} and α_{K-d} and the s-wave KN isospin dependent (I=0,I) isoscalar a_0 and isovector a_1 scattering length:

$$a_{K-p} = \frac{1}{2} [a_0 + a_1]$$

$$a_{K-n} = a_1$$

$$a_{K-d} = \frac{4[m_N + m_K]}{[2m_N + m_K]} Q + C$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \left[a_{K-p} + a_{K-n} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[a_0 + 3a_1 \right]$$

C, includes all higher-order
contributions, namely all other physics
associated with the K⁻d three-body
interaction.

Fundamental inputs of low-energy QCD effective theories.



Kaonic atoms history





starting from 2019 at DAFNE accelerator

SIDDHARTA-2 improvements

SIDDHARTA-2 is a development both on the

DAFNE collider side and on the experiment side.

SIDDHARTA-2 apparatus consists in a series of improvements with respect to the SIDDHARTA aiming to dramatically:

increase the S/B ratio and also the signal rate:

- by gaining in solid angle
- taking advantage of new SDDs technology

and

of the reduction of the background:

- by improving the SDDs timing
- implementing of an additional veto system

New interaction region on DAFNE collider

New optics for collisions with reduced horizontal and vertical beam dimensions



New beam pipe

flanges removed major source of asynchronous background

carbon fiber reinforcement thickness ~ 500 micron internal ultra pure aluminum ø 55mm, thickness ~ 150 micron



 $DA\Phi NE$ luminosity monitor

Light target and Silicon Drift Detector assembly



increase the target stopping power

almost double gas density with respect to SIDDHARTA (3% LHD)

SDDs placed 5 mm from the target wall



The new advance technology allow to setup a cryogenic target (20K) detector system with an efficient detector packing density, covering a solid angle for stopped kaons in the gaseous target of $\sim 2\pi$.



calibration foils inserted near to the SDD are activated by the X-ray tubes

New technology for SDD detectors

difference with respect to the SDDs in SIDDHARTA:

- the change the JFET structure on the SDD chip to a complementary metal-oxide semiconductor integrated charge sensing amplifier CUBE
- able to operate at very low temperatures (< 50 K)
- better drift time (400ns vs. 800ns)
- reduction of the single element size more compact assembly (from 10×10 to 8×8mm2 = 64mm2 – less dead area



Monolitic 4x2 SDD array produced by Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK) in Trento, Italy





The Veto systems The veto-2 system:

The veto-1 system:



an inner ring of scintillator tiles (SciTiles) placed as close as possible behind the SDDs for charge particle tracking







outer barrel of scintillators, acting as a gas stopping detector to identify the products of K- absorption on gas nuclei, characterized by a long moderation time (4-5 ns) (suppress the X-rays produce by the kaons stopped in gas from kaons stopped in setup material)





SIDDHARTA-2 @ DA Φ NE installation



... precise adjustments ...

SIDDHARTA-2: Kaonic Deuterium measurement

Kaonic deuterium run

for S/B as 1/3: for an integrated luminosity of 800 pb⁻¹

to perform the first measurement of the strong interaction induced energy shift and width of the kaonic deuterium ground state (similar precision as K⁻p)!



Simulated SIDDHARTA-2 kaonic deuterium spectrum, assuming a shift of -800 eV and width Γ ~ 750 eV of the 1s state, as well as a Kα yield of 10⁻³.

SIDDHARTA-2 targeted precision for deuterium

Theory – SIDDHARTA-2



The experimental result will set essential constraints for theories and will help to disentangle between different theoretical approaches



SIDDHARTA-2 PRESENT STATUS

We conclude the Phase1 in June 2021 SIDDHARTINO setup

During the commissioning of DAFNE (new colliding optics, new interaction region) we perform refined optimization and the K-⁴He test measurement with the SIDDHARTINO setup (only 8 SDD arrays)



Aim: confirm when DAFNE background conditions are similar to the one measured in SIDDHARTA 2009

SIDDHARTINO = SIDDHARTA-2 with 8 SDDs arrays



SIDDHARTINO – K-⁴He test measurement



SIDDHARTINO measured spectrum for ~ 15 pb⁻¹

Aim:

to set the working conditions for SIDDHARTA-2 by a comparison with SIDDHARTA (S/B)



S/B was 10/1 for the K-⁴He measurement with ~ 30 pb⁻¹

SIDDHARTA 2009 measured spectrum for ~ 30 pb⁻¹

SIDDHARTA-2 action plan

Action plan for Kaonic Deuterium measurement:

Install all the SDDs (48 SDD arrays), veto systems and start the *kaonic deuterium measurement* for a total integrated luminosity of **800 pb**⁻¹

 First run with SIDDHARTA-2 setup as planned (about 300 pb⁻¹ integrated) – start in October 2021

 Second run with optimized shielding, readout electronics and other necessary optimizations; (for other 500 pb⁻¹ integrated) – after summer 2022

Test runs for futures kaonic atoms measurements (HPGE, 1mm SDD, ...)

Future plans at DA Φ NE

DAONE is a unique machine to perform fundamental physics measurements at the strangeness frontier with a strong impact on many sectors:

- selected targets for heavy (KPb) kaonic atoms transitions (HPGe) strong impact in solving the charged kaon mass puzzle
- light (KHe, KLi, KBe) kaonic atoms transitions (Cd(Zn)Te, Imm SDD's)
- Ultra-High precision (under eV) kaonic atoms measurements (VOXES)
- low-energy kaon-nucleon scattering processes (GEM-TPC active target)
- low-energy kaon-nuclei interactions

<u>more details in: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2104.06076.pdf</u> Towards LOI/Technical Design Report in preparation

Heavy (high Z) kaonic atoms using High Purity GE

Charged Kaon Mass puzzle: ready for a feasibility test run using Pb target

Possible kaome transitions to be measured

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{KC}(2 \rightarrow 1) : 340 \text{ keV} \\ \text{KC}(3 \rightarrow 1) : 402 \text{ keV} \end{array}$

KSe(4→3): 733 keV KSe(5→4): 339 keV KSe(5→3): 1073 keV KSe(6→5): 184 keVKSe(6→4): 524 keV

 $\frac{\text{KZr}(4\to 3): 1015 \text{ keV}}{\text{KZr}(5\to 4): 470 \text{ keV}}$ $\frac{\text{KZr}(5\to 3): 1485 \text{ keV}}{\text{KZr}(6\to 5): 255 \text{ keV}}$ $\frac{\text{KZr}(6\to 4): 725 \text{ keV}}{\text{KZr}(6\to 4): 725 \text{ keV}}$

KTa(6→5): 853 keV KTa(7→6): 514 keV KTa(7→5) : 1367 keV KTa(8→7): 334 keV KTa(8→6): 848 keV

<u>KPb(6→5)</u>: 1076 keV <u>KPb(7→6)</u>: 649 keV <u>KPb(8→7)</u>: 421 keV <u>KPb(8→6)</u>: 1070 keV <u>KPb(9→8)</u>: 289 keV



Light kaonic atoms measurements

Expected impact:

- kaon²-nuclei potential and chiral models below threshold and the nature of $\Lambda(1405)$.
- e astrophysics: search for dark matter with strangeness and the equation of state for neutrons stars



 In particular, the first measurement of 3He,4He (2p → 1s) transition, will put stronger constraints on the theoretical models describing the kaon-nucleon interaction in systems with more than two nucleons

Targets : ^{3,4}He, ^{6,7}Li, ^{8,9}Be, ^{10,11}B

both low level and high level transitions with $\Delta n = 1, 2, ...5$, and energies in the range 10-100 keV

New detectors - SDD Imm thickness / Cd(Zn)Te



Ultra-High precision (under eV) kaonic atom measurements (VOXES spectrometer)



Mosaic crystal consist in a large number of nearly perfect small crystallites.

Mosaicity makes it possible that even for a fixed incidence angle on the crystal surface, an energetic distribution of photons can be reflected

Spectrometer with Highly Annealed Pyrolitic Graphite - HAPG mosaic crystals in Von Hamos configuration

> From MC simulations, assuming $L = 1.4 \times 10^{32}$ (~ 10 pb⁻¹ / day):

• ~ 1,4 recorded signals / day • σ = 3,6 eV @ 8 keV (from Cu lab measurements)

 ~ 250 total events goal ($\delta E \sim 0.2-0.3~eV)$ $\sim 2000~pb^{-1}~(\sim 200~days)$ of beamtime requested

 ~ 50 total events goal ($\delta E \sim 0.5-0.6~eV$) $\sim 400~pb^{-1}~(\sim 40~days)$ of beamtime requested



First run with KC for a feasibility test and background evaluation



Conclusions

SIDDHARTINO apparatus was fully working and we conclude the phase 1 of the project performing the Kaonic 4Helium test measurement

• We are ready and very motivated to go on with SIDDHARTA-2 for kaonic deuterium measurement (full installation is ongoing)

 Several proposals and many interesting developments are already in advanced state





Spares

Kaon-nuclei scattering and interaction

- The present knowledge of total and differential cross sections of low energy kaonnucleon reactions is very limited.
- Below 150 MeV/c there is a "desert" the experimental data are very scarce and with large errors and practically no data exist below 100 MeV/c.
- Studies of Hyperon-nucleon, Hyeron-multinucleon (AMADEUS experience)
- Kaon-nucleon scattering/interaction data are fundamental to validate theories: chiral symmetries; lattice calculations; potential models etc.



Measurement of the low-energy scattering process of kaons, and of the $\Lambda(1405)$ kaon induced production, on various targets such as hydrogen, deuterium, helium-3 and helium-4 using a GEM-TPC active target.

elastic scattering, layout

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Time Projection Chamber (TPC) with a Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM) readout device, allows the study of kaons interactions directly in the TPC gas/target volume