# Studies of low-energy K<sup>-</sup> hadronic nucleus/nuclei interactions with light nuclei by AMADEUS



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# **Plan**

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# **Motivation and Scientific Case**

The investigation of the in-medium modification of the KN interaction is of fundamental for the low-energy QCD in the non perturbative regime.

**Chiral perturbation theory (ChPT):** effective field theory where mesons and baryons represent the effective degrees of freedom instead of the fundamental quark and gluon fields.

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{mesons}(\Phi) + \mathcal{L}_B(\Phi, \Psi_B)$$

- The chiral symmetry is **spontaneously broken**  $\rightarrow$  the existence of massless and spinless Nambu-Goldstone bosons which are identified with the pions. Explicitly broken by **q** masses.
- Very successful in describing the  $\pi N$ ,  $\pi \pi$  and NN interactions in the low-energy regime and is considered as the theory of the low-energy strong interaction in the SU(2) flavour sector.

The extension of the theory to the sector with the <u>quark s</u> turns out to be more problematic since it is not directly applicable to the KN channel.

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$$\Sigma$$
 (1385)  $\Lambda$  (1405)

1500

 $\Lambda\pi$   $\Sigma\pi$ 
 $\overline{K}N$ 

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$$\Lambda \pi \Sigma \pi$$
 $\overline{K}N$ 

(1405)

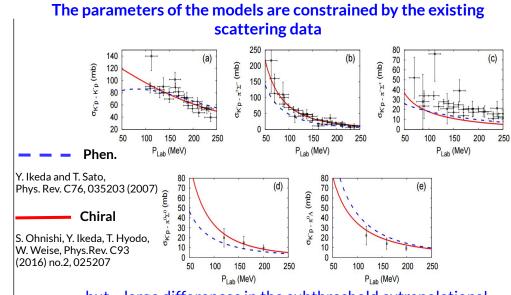
 $I = 0$ 
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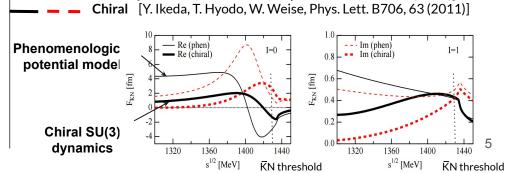


...but... large differences in the subthreshold extrapolations!

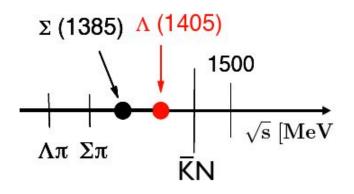
Significantly weaker attraction in chiral SU(3) models than in phenomenological potential models.

Phen. [Y. Akaishi, T. Yamazaki, Phys. Rev. C65, 044005 (2002)]

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# The controversial nature of the $\Lambda(1405)$

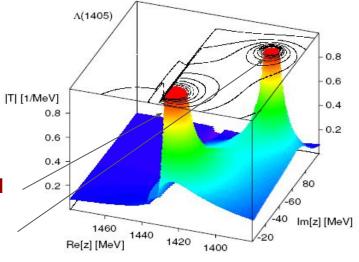


The  $\Lambda(1405)$  state does not fit with the simple three quarks model (*uds*) and it is commonly accepted that it is, at least partially, a  $\overline{KN}$  bound state.

• Chiral SU(3) coupled channel dynamics: the state is given by the superpositions of two poles of the KN scattering amplitude.

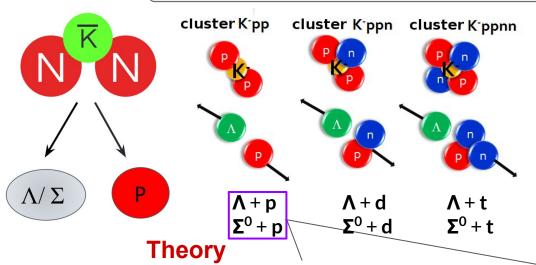
M = 1425 MeV → mainly coupled to the KN channel

M = 1380 MeV  $\rightarrow$  mainly coupled to the Σπ channel



• Phenomenological potentials models: the  $\Lambda$ (1405) is a pure  $\overline{KN}$  bound state with mass M=1405 MeV, binding energy BE = 27 MeV and width  $\Gamma$ =50 MeV.

# Possible existence of kaonic bound states



Wycech (1986) - Akaishi & Yamazaki (2002)



Predicted in the **KN interaction in the I=0** channel due to the strong interaction

**Essential impact on the EoS of Neutron Stars** 

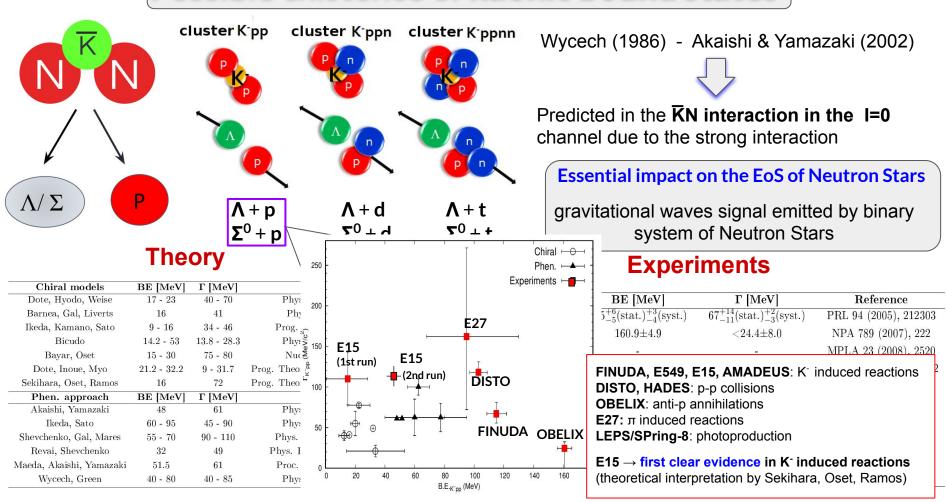
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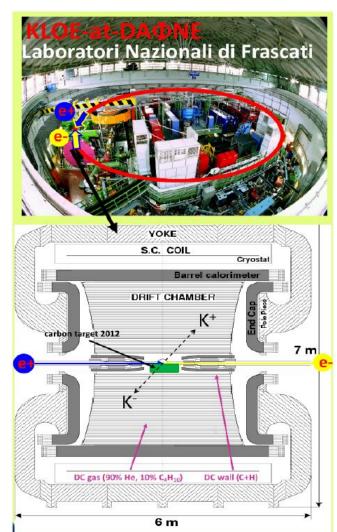
## **Experiments**

Chiral models	BE [MeV]	$\Gamma  [{ m MeV}]$	Reference
Dote, Hyodo, Weise	17 - 23	40 - 70	Phys. Rev. C 79 (2009) 014003
Barnea, Gal, Liverts	16	41	Phys. Lett. B 712 (2012) 132
Ikeda, Kamano, Sato	9 - 16	34 - 46	Prog. Theor. Phys. (2010) 124 (3)
Bicudo	14.2 - 53	13.8 - 28.3	Phys. Rev. D 76 (2007) 031502
Bayar, Oset	15 - 30	75 - 80	Nucl. Phys. A 914 (2013) 349
Dote, Inoue, Myo	21.2 - 32.2	9 - 31.7	Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2015 (2015) 043D02
Sekihara, Oset, Ramos	16	72	Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2016 (2016) 123D03
Phen. approach	BE [MeV]	$\Gamma  [{ m MeV}]$	Reference
Akaishi, Yamazaki	48	61	Phys. Rev. C 65 (2002) 044005
Ikeda, Sato	60 - 95	45 - 90	Phys. Rev. C 76 (2007) 035203
Shevchenko, Gal, Mares	55 - 70	90 - 110	Phys. Rev. Lett. 98 (2007) 082301
Revai, Shevchenko	32	49	Phys. Rev. C 90 no. 3 (2014) 034004
Maeda, Akaishi, Yamazaki	51.5	61	Proc. Jpn. Acad. B 89 (2013) 418
Wycech, Green	40 - 80	40 - 85	Phys. Rev. C 79 (2009) 014001

Experiment	BE [MeV]	$\Gamma  [{ m MeV}]$	Reference
FINUDA	$115^{+6}_{-5}(\text{stat.})^{+3}_{-4}(\text{syst.})$	$67^{+14}_{-11}(\text{stat.})^{+2}_{-3}(\text{syst.})$	PRL 94 (2005), 212303
OBELIX	$160.9 {\pm} 4.9$	$< 24.4 \pm 8.0$	NPA 789 (2007), 222
E549	-1	=	$\mathrm{MPLA}\ 23\ (2008),\ 2520$
DISTO	$103\pm3(\mathrm{stat.})\pm5(\mathrm{syst.})$	$118 \pm 8 (\mathrm{stat.}) \pm 10 (\mathrm{syst.})$	$PRL\ 104\ (2010),\ 132502$
${ m LEPS/SPring-8}$	Upper limit		PLB 728 (2014), 616
HADES	Upper limit		PLB 742 (2015), 242
E27	$95^{+18}_{-17}(\text{stat.})^{+30}_{-21}(\text{syst.})$	$162^{+87}_{-45}(\text{stat.})^{+66}_{-78}(\text{syst.})$	PTEP (2015), 021D01
AMADEUS	Upper limit		PLB 758 (2016), 134
E15 1st run	$15^{+6}_{-8}(\text{stat.}) \pm 12(\text{syst.})$	$110^{+19}_{-17}(\text{stat.})\pm27(\text{syst.})$	PTEP (2016), 051D01
E15 2nd run	$47\pm3(\text{stat.})^{+3}_{-6}(\text{syst.})$	$115\pm7({\rm stat.})^{+10}_{-20}({\rm syst.})$	PLB 789 $(2019)$ , $612$

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## AMADEUS @ DAONE

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- Cilindrical DC with 4π geometry & electromagnetic calormeter
- 96% acceptance
- high efficiency and resolution for charged and neutral particles
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#### AT-REST

 $K^-$  absorbed from atomic orbitals  $(p_{\nu} \sim 0 \text{ MeV/c})$ 

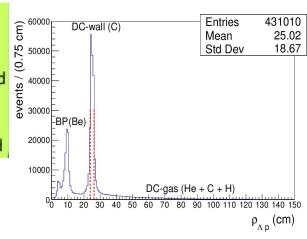


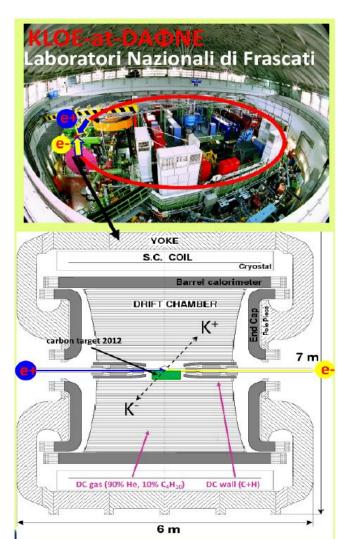


AMADEUS: KLOE 2004-2005 dataset analysis ( $\mathcal{L}$  = 1.74 pb-1)

# Possibility to use KLOE materials as an active target

- DC wall (750 μm C foil, 150 μm Al foil);
- DC gas (90% He,  $10\% C_4 H_{10}$ ).





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#### **AMADEUS** scientific case

- nature of Λ(1405) and K<sup>-</sup>N amplitude below threshold
- low-energy charged K cross section (for p=100MeV)



Yπ correlation studies  $(\Lambda \pi, \Sigma \pi)$  final states)

- K<sup>-</sup> multiN absorption
- kaonic nuclear clusters

YN correlation studies  $(\Lambda p, \Sigma^0 p, \Lambda t \text{ final states})_{10}$ 

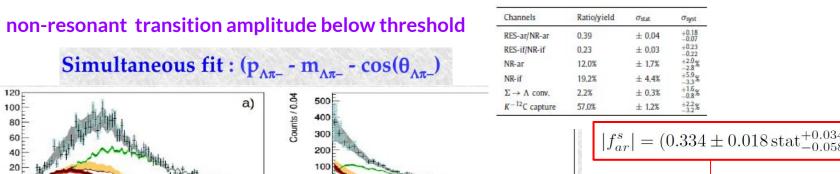
## <u>Λπ</u> analysis: K n non-resonant transition amplitude 1.0 First determination of the non-resonant 0.5 transition amplitude below threshold 0.0 Kn (fm) **Investigated using:** $K^-$ "n" $\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$ direct formation in <sup>4</sup>He (DC volume) -1.01400 1450 $s^{1/2}$ (MeV) K-Im F<sub>K'n</sub> (fm) <sup>4</sup>He $|f|^{N-R}$ $_{\Lambda\pi}$ (I=1) 1500 1400 1450

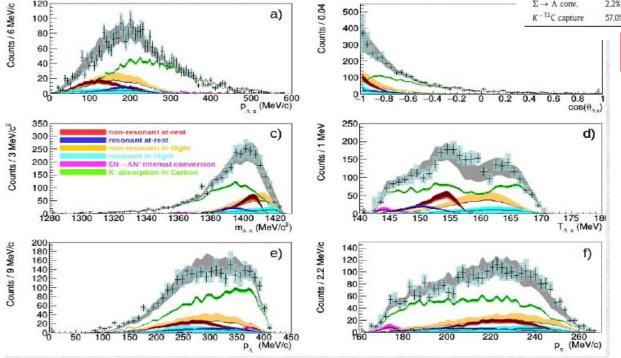
K<sup>-</sup>n scattering amplitude with Chiral models

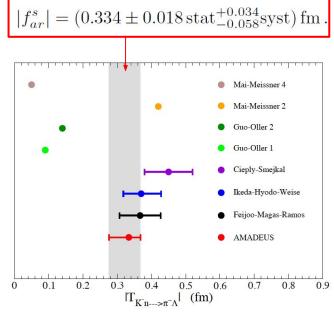
s<sup>1/2</sup> (MeV)

J. Hrtankova, J. Mares, Phys. Rev. C96, 015205 (2017)A. Cieply et al, Nycl. Phys. A 954, 17 (2016)

The detailed characterisation of the yield and spectral shape of the non-resonant antiKN absorption is fundamental reference to extract the  $\Lambda(1405)$  properties in KN absorption experiments







Investigated using:  $K^{-}$  "n"  ${}^{3}He \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^{-} {}^{3}He$ 

K. Piscicchia, et. al., Phys. Lett. B782, 339 (2018) K. Piscicchia, S. Wycech, C. Curceanu, Nucl. Phys. A 954, 75 (2016)

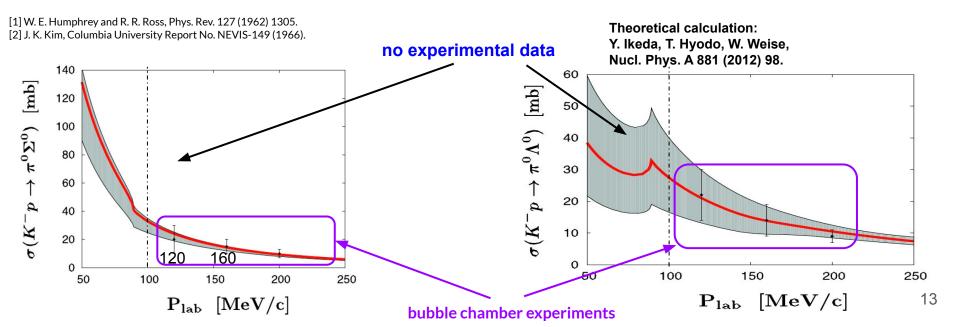
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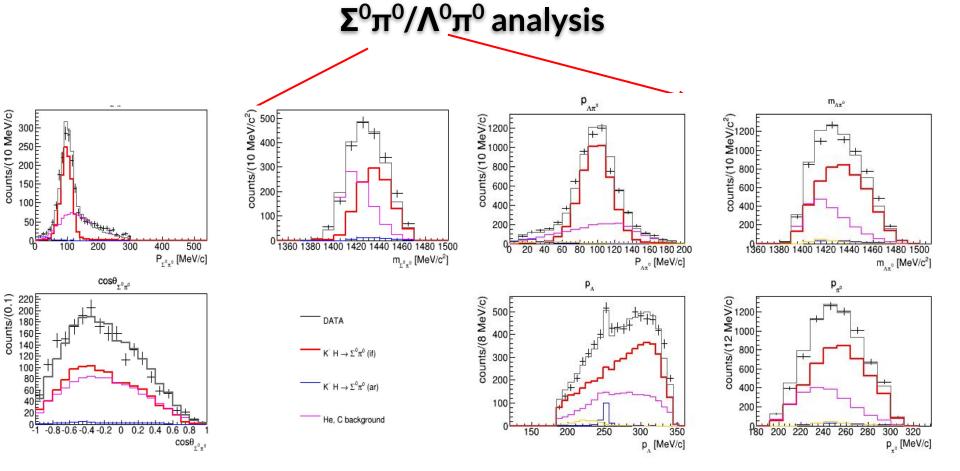
# $\Sigma^0$ π<sup>0</sup>/ $\Lambda^0$ π<sup>0</sup> analysis

#### **Motivation:**

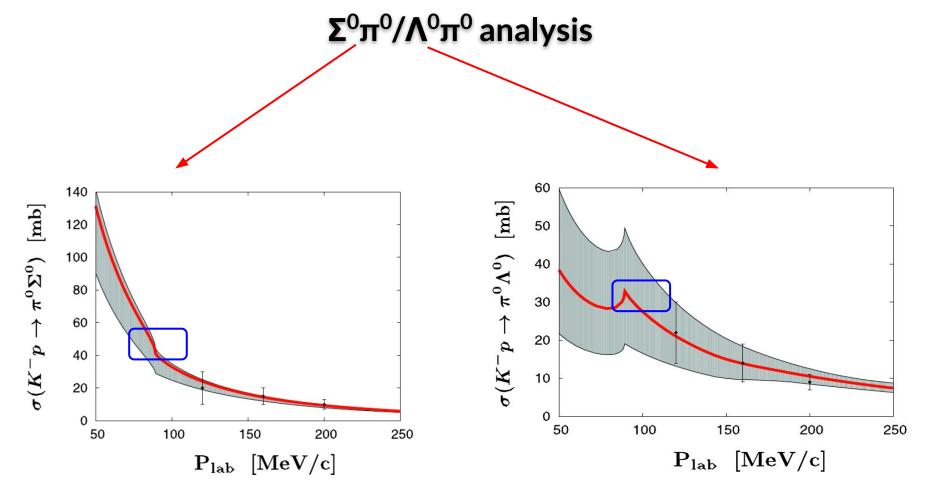
- 1) The available data for the inelastic  $K^{\text{-}}\,p\to\Sigma^0\,\pi^0$  cross section close to threshold:
- three points in the p<sub>K</sub>=120-200 MeV/c range (bubble chamber experiments),
- uncertainties larger than 30%,
- the K<sup>-</sup> p  $\to \Sigma^0$   $\pi^0$  cross sections are obtained **not directly but** on the basis of the isospin symmetry argument, from the measurement of K<sup>-</sup> p  $\to \Lambda \pi^0$  events

Low momentum K<sup>-</sup> scattering cross sections in this Isospin I = 0 channel represent a fundamental input for the non-perturbative low energy QCD models





## **PRELIMINARY**



Cross sections for  $p_K = 98\pm10 \text{ MeV/c}$ 

# K<sup>-</sup> multi-nucleon absorptions

In K<sup>-</sup>-nuclei optical potential a K<sup>-</sup> multi-nucleon absorption term is necessary to fit the kaonic atoms data:

$$V_{K^{-}}(\rho) = V_{K^{-}}^{(1)}(\rho) + V_{K^{-}}^{(2)}(\rho) \longrightarrow \text{multi-nucleon term}$$
 [E. Friedman, A. Gal, Nucl. Phys. A 959, 66 (2017)] [Hrtánková, J. & Mareš, J. Phys. Rev. C96, 015205 (2017)]

single nucleon term from chiral models

- $K^{-}$  "N"  $\rightarrow Y \pi$  pionic processes Single nucleon absorption (1NA):
- Two nucleon absorption (2NA):  $K^{-}$  "NN"  $\rightarrow$  Y N

[E. Friedman, A. Gal, Nucl. Phys. A 959, 66 (2017)]

- Three nucleon absorption (3NA):  $K^{-}$  "NNN"  $\rightarrow$  Y (NN)
- Four nucleon absorption (4NA):  $K^{-}$  "NNNN"  $\rightarrow$  Y (NNN)

bound nucleons = "N", "NN", "NNN", "NNNN"  
bound or unbound nucleons = (NN), (NNN)  
$$Y = \Lambda, \Sigma$$

non-pionic processes

## <u>Λp analysis:</u> K<sup>-</sup> multi-nucleon absorption BRs and σ

#### Simultaneous fit of:

- Ap invariant mass;
- angular correlation;
- proton momentum;
- $\Lambda$  momentum.

Total reduced  $\chi^2$ :  $\chi^2/dof = 0.94$ 

Counts / $(5.3 \text{ MeV/c}^2)$	180 160 2 140 120 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10			The state of the s	
	2050	2100 21	50 2200 225	50 2300 2350 m. (MeV	2400 (c <sup>2</sup> )

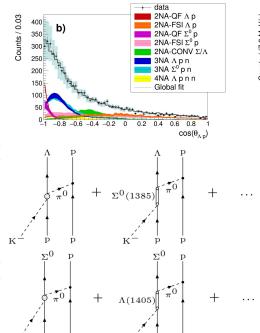
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4NA Λpnn	$0.13 \pm 0.09(\text{stat.})  {}^{+0.08}_{-0.07}(\text{syst.})$	-		
Global $\Lambda(\Sigma^0)$ p	$21 \pm 3(\text{stat.})  ^{+5}_{-6}(\text{syst.})$	-		

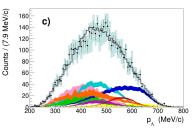
The ratio between the branching ratios of the 2NA-QF in the  $\Lambda p$  channel and in the  $\Sigma^0 p$  is measured to be:

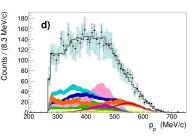
$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{BR(K^{-}pp \to \Lambda p)}{BR(K^{-}pp \to \Sigma^{0}p)} = 0.7 \pm 0.2(stat.)^{+0.2}_{-0.3}(syst.)$$

and the ratio between the corresponding phase spaces is  $\mathcal{R}' \simeq 1.22$ .

#### R. Del Grande et al., Eur. Phys. J. C79 (2019) no.3, 190







information on the in-medium properties of the  $\Lambda(1405)$ .

According to the pion exchange model:

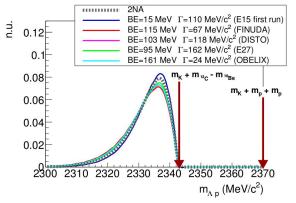
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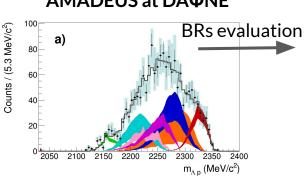
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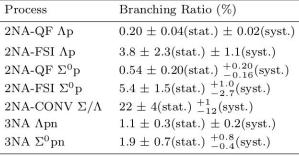
# <u>Ap analysis:</u> K⁻pp bound state search

#### Using BE and $\Gamma$ from experiments:



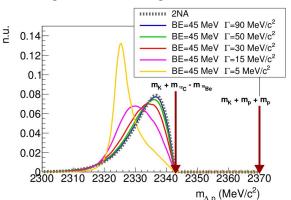


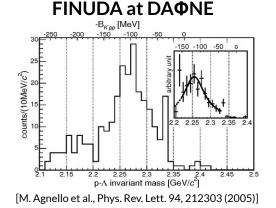


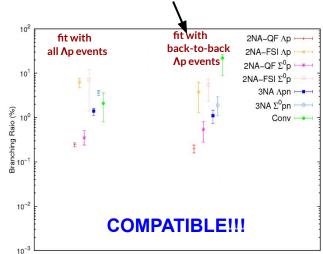


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K<sup>-</sup>pp bound state contribution completely overlaps with the K<sup>-</sup>2NA

## **<u>At analysis</u>**: Cross section and BR for 4NA in $K^{-4}He$ → **At** process

### **Previous data:**

- in <sup>4</sup>He: bubble chamber experiment

/M. Roosen, J. H. Wickens, Il Nuovo Cimento 66, 101 (1981)/ only 3 events compatibile with Λt kinematics found

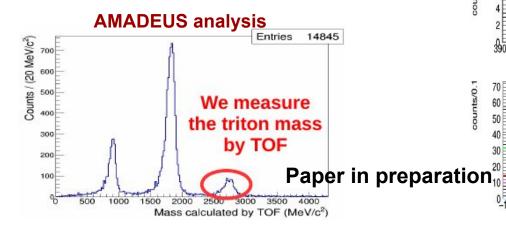
$$BR(K^{-4}He \rightarrow \Lambda t) = (3 \pm 2) \times 10^{-4}/K_{ston} \rightarrow global, no 4NA$$

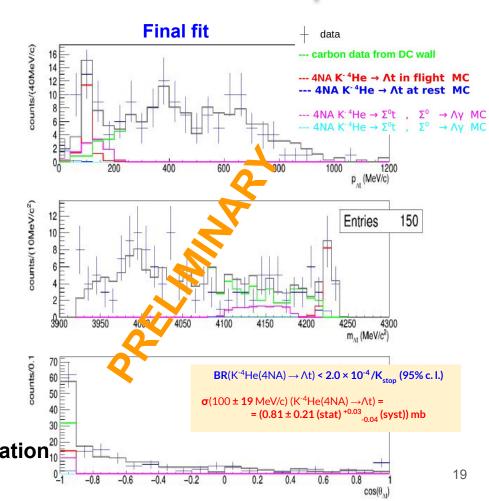
- in **solid targets:** <sup>6,7</sup>**Li**, <sup>9</sup>**Be** (FINUDA)

/Phys. Lett. B, 229 (2008)/

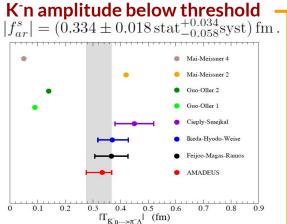
40 events, only back-to-back data

 $\Lambda t \text{ emission yield } \rightarrow 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} / \text{ K}_{\text{stop}}^{-} \rightarrow \text{global, no 4NA}$ 





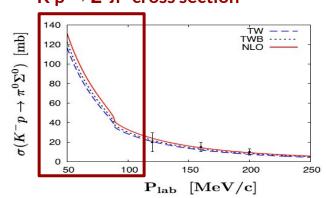
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#### $\Lambda$ p channel: 2NA, 3NA and 4NA BRs and $\sigma$

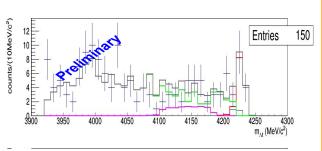
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## $K^{-}p \rightarrow \Sigma^{0}\pi^{0}$ cross section



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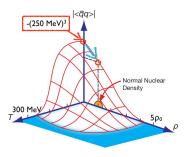
BR(K<sup>-4</sup>He(4NA)  $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda$ t) < 2.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup>/K<sub>stop</sub> (95% c. l.)  $\sigma$ (100 ± 19 MeV/c) (K<sup>-4</sup>He(4NA)  $\rightarrow$   $\Lambda$ t) = =  $(0.81 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.03} \text{ (syst)}) \text{ mb}$ 





# Impact on in-medium KN interaction

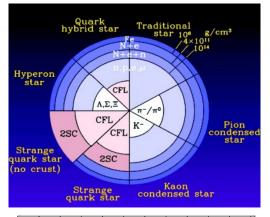
 Partial restoration of chiral symmetry in medium

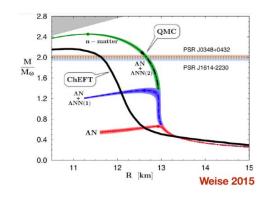


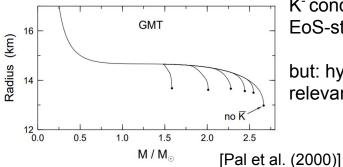
kaon mass modification:

$$m_{\mathrm{K}}^{*2} = m_{\mathrm{K}}^2 - \frac{\Sigma_{\mathrm{KN}}}{f_{\pi}^2} \rho + \mathcal{O}\left(k_F^4\right)$$

• Impact on Equation of State (EoS) of Neutron Stars:



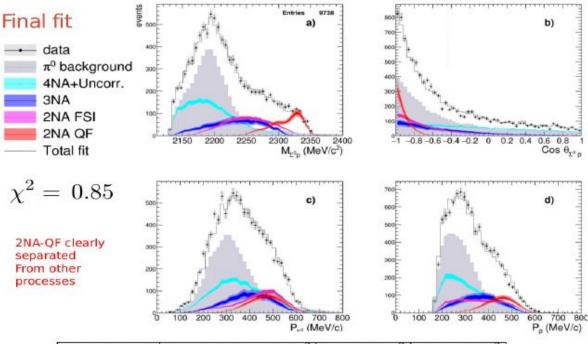




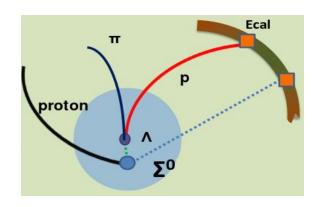
K<sup>-</sup> condensate can change EoS-stiffness

but: hyperons become more relevant at higher densities [Gal et al. (2016)]

# **Σ**<sup>0</sup>**p analysis**: K<sup>-</sup> multi-nucleon absorptions in <sup>12</sup>C



 $K^{-12}C \rightarrow \Sigma^{0} p R \rightarrow (p \pi^{-}) \gamma p R$ detected particles



No statistically significant bound state emerges at 2σ level

	yield / $K_{stop}^- \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{stat} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{syst} \cdot 10^{-2}$
2NA-QF	0.127	$\pm \ 0.019$	+0.004 -0.008
2NA-FSI	0.272	$\pm 0.028$	+0.022 -0.023
Tot 2NA	0.376	$\pm 0.033$	+0.023 $-0.032$
3NA	0.274	$\pm 0.069$	+0.044 -0.021
Tot 3body	0.546	$\pm 0.074$	+0.048 -0.033
4NA + bkg.	0.773	$\pm \ 0.053$	+0.025 -0.076

O. Vazquez Doce, et. al., Phys. Lett. B758, 134 (2016)

# <u>Λπ analysis</u>: K n non-resonant transition amplitude

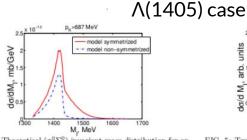


FIG. 4: Theoretical  $(\pi^0\Sigma^0)$  invariant mass distribution for an initial kaon lab momenta of 687 MeV. The non-symmetrized distribution also contains the factor 1/2 in the cross section.

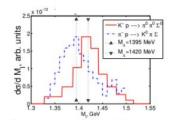
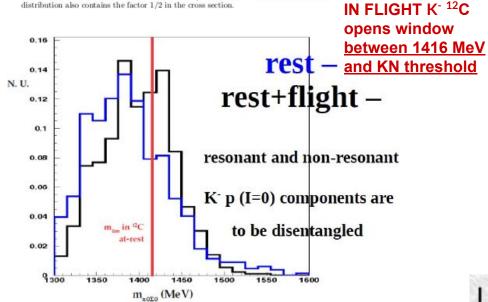
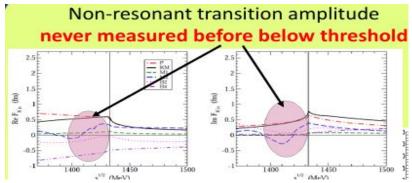


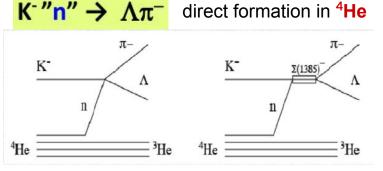
FIG. 5: Two experimental shapes of  $\Lambda(1405)$  resonance. See text for more details.

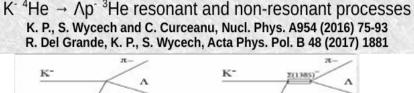


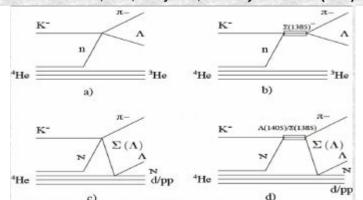
**Goal:** how much comes from resonance in  $K^-N \to Y_{\pi}$ 



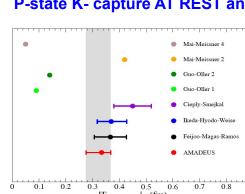
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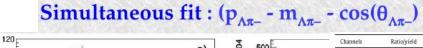
# Simulations for resonant and non-resonant processes performed based on calculations for both S-state and P-state K- capture AT REST and IN FLIGHT

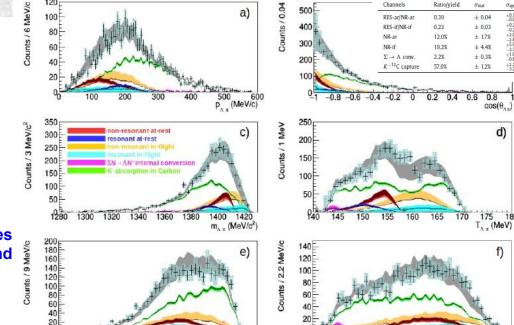


# From the well known $\Sigma^*$ transition probability:

$$\frac{\text{NR} - \text{ar}}{\text{RES} - \text{ar}} = \frac{\int_0^{pmax} \frac{P_{ar}^{nr}(p_{\Lambda\pi}) dp_{\Lambda\pi}}{\int_0^{pmax} \frac{P_{ar}^{res}(p_{\Lambda\pi}) dp_{\Lambda\pi}}{P_{ar}^{res}(p_{\Lambda\pi}) dp_{\Lambda\pi}}}{= |f_{ar}^s|^2 \cdot 8,94 \cdot 10^5 \text{MeV}^2}$$

 $|f_{ar}^{nr}| = |A_{K-n \to \Lambda \pi^-}| = (0.334 \pm 0.018 \, \text{stat}^{+0.034}_{-0.058} \, \text{syst}) \, \text{fn}$ 





1) extract the amplitude for each model ..  $A_{K-n} = (ReF_{K-n}^2 + ImF_{K-n}^2)^{1/2}$ 

Phase spaces ratios

2) scale the amplitudes for the K n couplings to the  $\Sigma \pi^0$  and  $\Sigma^0 \pi$  channels:

$$\frac{Prob_{K^-n\to\Lambda\pi^-}}{Prob_{K^-n\to\Sigma^-\pi^0}} = \frac{Ph_{K^-n\to\Lambda\pi^-}}{c_1Ph_{K^-n\to\Sigma^-\pi^0}}$$
Isospin (1, 1) =
$$= (1, -1) \text{ component}$$

$$\frac{Prob_{K^-n\to\Lambda\pi^-}}{Prob_{K^-n\to\Lambda\pi^-}} = \frac{Ph_{K^-n\to\Lambda\pi^-}}{Ph_{K^-n\to\Lambda\pi^-}}$$

K. Piscicchia, et. al., Phys. Lett. B782, 339 (2018)