# Search for \$\$\phi\$ meson-nuclear bound state

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## Introduction

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#### • $\phi$ meson :

• Vector meson,  $J^{PC} = 1^{-1}$ 

the lightest bound state of hidden strangeness (ss)

narrow width = 4.43 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>, Long life time = 45 fm/c

 Interaction between φ-nucleon
 φ-N interaction could be attractive.
 → QCD van der waals interaction ( multi-gluon exchange )

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QCD Sum Rules for  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\phi$  Meson-Nucleon Scattering Lengths and the Mass Shifts in Nuclear Medium

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$$a_{
ho} = -0.47 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm},$$
  
 $a_{\omega} = -0.41 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm},$   
 $a_{\phi} = -0.15 \pm 0.02 \text{ fm},$ 

Expected mass shift of  $\phi \sim 1-2\%$ (@  $\rho = \rho_0$ ) = 10 MeV to 20 MeV



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#### **Theoretical prediction?**

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#### Formation of $\phi$ Mesic Nuclei

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#### No clear structure.



**Table 3.** Bound state results (in MeV) for the  $\phi$ NN and  $\phi\phi$ NN systems. The number in parentheses corresponds to the root mean square radius (in fm).

		Singlet			Triplet	
System	EAA	SEM	Other	EAA	SEM	Other
$\phi$ NN	22.88	23.609	21.8 [5]	39.364	39.842	37.93 [5]
	(1.0844)			(0.8345)		
$\phi\phi NN$	75.473			124.590		
	(0.4671)			(0.4239)		

#### ♦NN bound state are expected : BE~20-30 MeV

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#### The $\phi$ -NN and $\phi\phi$ -NN mesic nuclear systems

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## $\phi$ meson in nucleus - experiment -



## About Decay Width

## *ø* meson in normal nuclear media

Transparency ratio,  $T_A = \overline{\sigma_{\gamma A-\phi X}} / \overline{A(\sigma_{\gamma p-\phi X})}$ ,



• Data : PLB 608(2005)215  $\gamma A \rightarrow \phi X$  : Extracted  $\sigma_{\phi N} = 30 \text{ mb}$ 

 Analysis : NPA 765(2006)188
 σ<sub>φN</sub> expected (Theo.) ~10 mb

 discrepancy between σ<sub>φN</sub>
 measured and expected
 is explained by width broadening
 of φ in nuclear media by factor 16!
 (Γ<sub>in nucleus</sub> ~70 MeV)

 $\sigma_{\phi N} \sim 10 \text{ mb} : \lambda_{\text{interaction}} = 7.0 \text{ fm}$  $\sigma_{\phi N} \sim 20 \text{ mb} : \lambda_{\text{interaction}} = 3.5 \text{ fm}_{0}$ 

#### $\phi$ meson with deuteron



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Measurement of the incoherent  $\gamma d \rightarrow \phi pn$  photoproduction near threshold

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The extraction of  $\phi$ -N total cross section from  $d(\gamma, pK^+K^-)n$ 

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Experiment :  $\gamma d \rightarrow \phi X$ Extracted  $\phi N$  cross section  $\sigma_{\phi N} = 20 \text{ mb}$ Again  $\sigma_{\phi N}$  Expected,  $\sigma_{\phi N} = 11 \text{ mb (upper limit)}$ How to explain this discrepancy? Again width broadening of  $\phi$  meson in nuclear matter even on deuteron?

Why absorption of  $\phi$  takes place on deuteron? Is this only a case with gamma induced experiment?

#### One more

 Momentum dependence of transparency ratio by COSY-ANKE

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#### Momentum dependence of the $\varphi$ -meson nuclea

Abstract

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Width increasing ? as a function of momentum less absorption with low momentum  $\phi$  meson ?



## At High Temperature



New experiment needed to answer the question about  $\phi$  meson in nucleus Two experiments are proposed at J-PARC 1) Study on meson mass modification in nuclei using primary proton beam at J-PARC  $\rightarrow$  detail study of  $\phi$ ->e+e- in nucleus (J-PARC E16 experiment) **2)** Search for  $\phi$  meson bound state his taik!

#### Key point to produce $\phi$ meson bound state

• What we need ?

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#### **Background processes**

#### List of background

Process	$\sigma_{Total}$
	(mb)
$\operatorname{signal}$	$23. \times 10^{-3}$
$\pi^+\pi^0\pi^-$	33.
$2\pi^{+}2\pi^{-}$	47.
$\pi^{+}2\pi^{0}\pi^{-}$	14.
$2\pi^{+}\pi^{0}2\pi^{-}$	224.
$2\pi^{+}2\pi^{0}2\pi^{-}$	125.
$3\pi^+3\pi^-$	18.
$2\pi^{+}3\pi^{0}2\pi^{-}$	86.
$2\pi^{+}4\pi^{0}2\pi^{-}$	22.

Event selection like 3 strangeness, i.e. 3 Kaons in a events reduce background significantly





## Anti-proton beam at J-PARC

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#### J-PARC secondary beam line Low momentum p beam available



#### Study of in medium mass modification for the $\phi$ meson using $\phi$ meson bound states in nucleus

#### J-PARC E29 experiment

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#### What we need?



High resolution forward Kaon spectrometer

Large angle charged particle Spectrometer for decay product  $\phi N \rightarrow K\Lambda$ , for example.

## Conceptual design of the detector Large solid angle charged particle spectrometer (with large gap dipole magnet)



Using antiproton beam with 1.0 – 1.1 GeV/c

Large acceptance for forward going  $\phi$  meson (for missing mass analysis)

Large solid angle for the decay particles,  $K^+ / \Lambda$ , from  $\phi$  mesic nucleus <sup>24</sup>



Detector simulation using GEANT4 is in progress







#### Expected Signal + background

 Expected missing mass distribution with background (On Carbon target) :



270 kW, one month

#### $\phi$ meson reconstructed with $\Lambda$



## However, problems? on double $\phi$ meson production



#### Double $\phi$ meson production

• Recently,  $\omega \phi$  bound system has been observed? at BESII (PRL96(2006)162002)

Moreover  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \phi\phi$ has been measured at Belle with high statistics (PRL108(2012)232001).

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> phase for E29

We are now planing to perform 1<sup>st</sup> phase experiment using spectrometer at K1.8BR beamline

- Maximum momentum for anti-proton at J-PARC/K1.8BR → 1.1 GeV/c
- Unfortunately, cross section of double φ meson production only available from p monemtum
   = 1.2 GeV/c and higher

• Thus, we are planed to perform the experiment to confirm the cross section of  $pp \rightarrow \phi \phi$  with p momentum lower than 1.2 GeV/c (no data available ) on hydrogen target

Also planed to take data with deuteron (or light nuclei)

#### Idea for phase-1 experiment

- Using E15 spectrometer
- Large acceptance charged particle spectrometer surrounding target (CDS).
- Calculate invariant mass of K+K- and missing mass, then we can identify double φ production

Good enough to investigate elementary process !



### Idea for phase-1 experiment

#### Signal



#### Angular acceptance







#### Plane for next years

- We will ask to J-PARC PAC (probably next January) for approval of E29 1<sup>st</sup> phase experiment
  - Perform the experiment at K1.8BR
  - Using Detector ready exist
     → Problem might be a beam time availability

 Once we finish to taking data and confirm the cross section of double φ production we will go forward to perform full
 experiment to search for φ meson bound state

#### Summary

The project to searching for  $\phi$  meson bound state has been proposed to J-PARC and now we got stage-1 approval (E29)

The most promising elementary process for the  $\phi$  mesic nucleus production will be  $pp \rightarrow \phi \phi$  channel

Preparation for the E29 phase-1 is in progress