

Kaonic atoms spectroscopy: overview and perspectives

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Connected with the proposal:

Resonance photoproduction of pionic and kaonic atoms at the Gamma Factory

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We present a possibility of direct resonance production of pionic atoms (Coulomb bound states of a negative pion and a nucleus) with a rate of up to $\sim 10^{10}$ per second using the gamma-ray beams from the Gamma Factory. We also estimate the rate of kaonic atoms production.

On self-gravitating strange dark matter halos around galaxies

Dark Matter studies

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The modern era of light kaonic atom experiments

Fundamental physics New Physics

Kaonic atoms

Kaon-nuclei interactions (scattering
and nuclear interactions)

Part. and Nuclear physics
QCD @ low-energy limit
Chiral symmetry

Kaonic Atoms to Investigate
Global Symmetry Breaking
Symmetry 12 (2020) 4, 547

Astrophysics
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Merger of compact stars in
the two-families scenario

width of the $1s$ level as

$$\Gamma_{tot}(Z, n = 1) \approx \frac{20Z^4}{Z^3 - 9Z^2 + 100Z - 60} \text{ keV.} \quad (16)$$

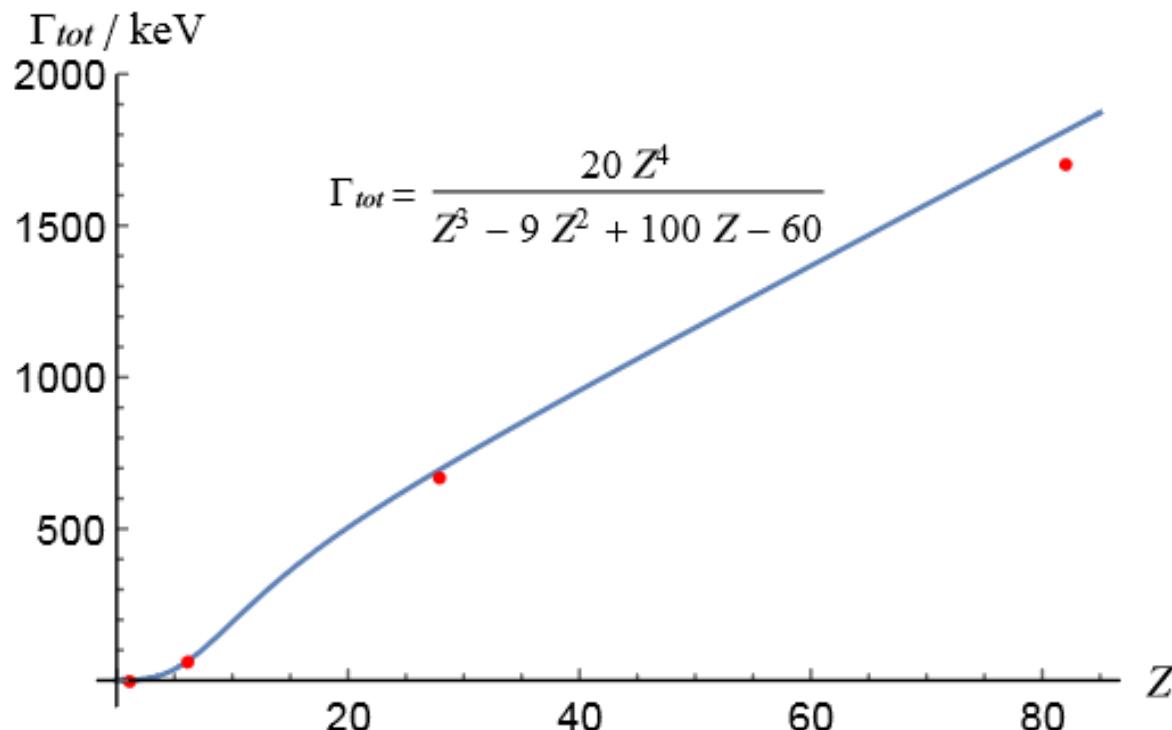


FIG. 3. Fitting of $1s$ width data (red dots on the graph) for kaonic atoms. The width data for carbon, nickel and lead are from Refs. [22, 23]; the $1s$ width of kaonic deuterium is from Ref. [6].

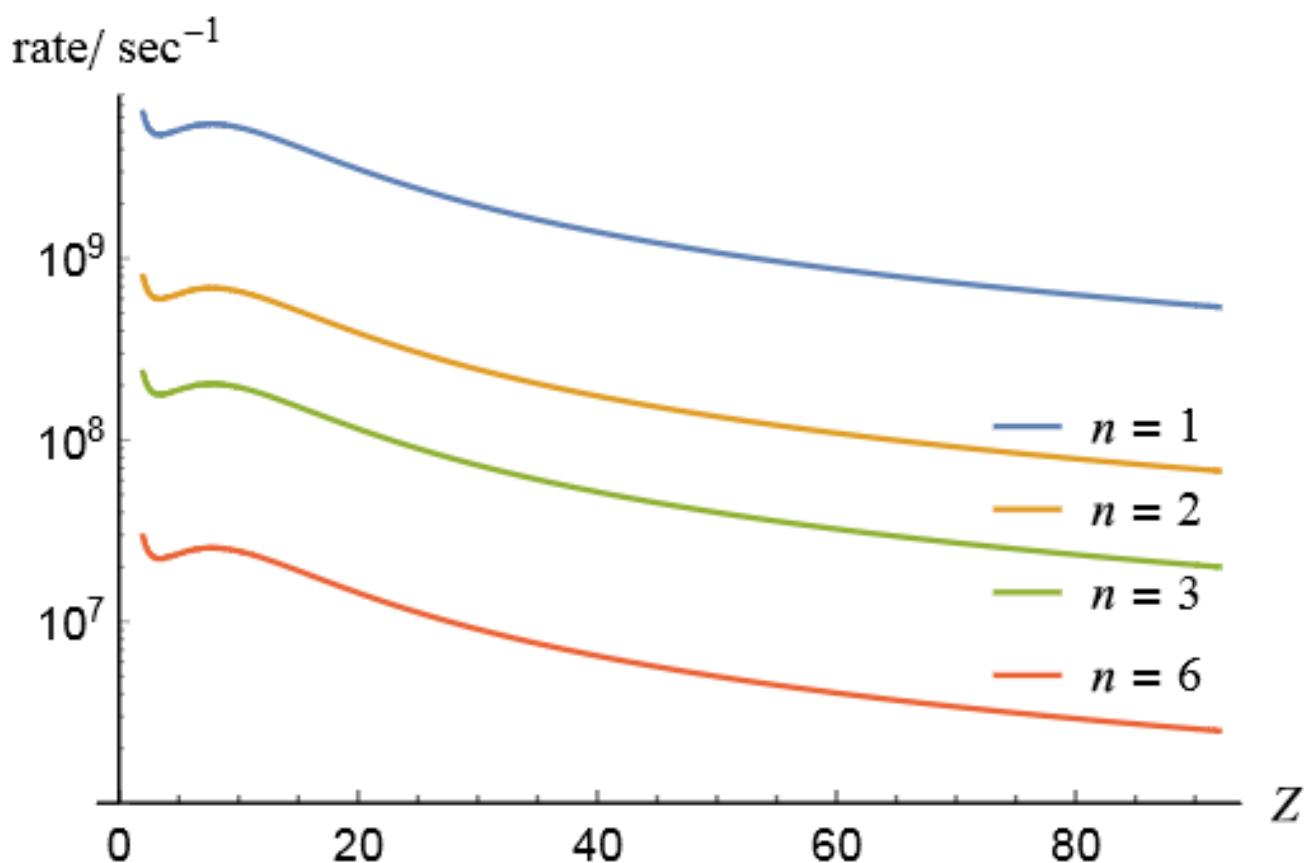


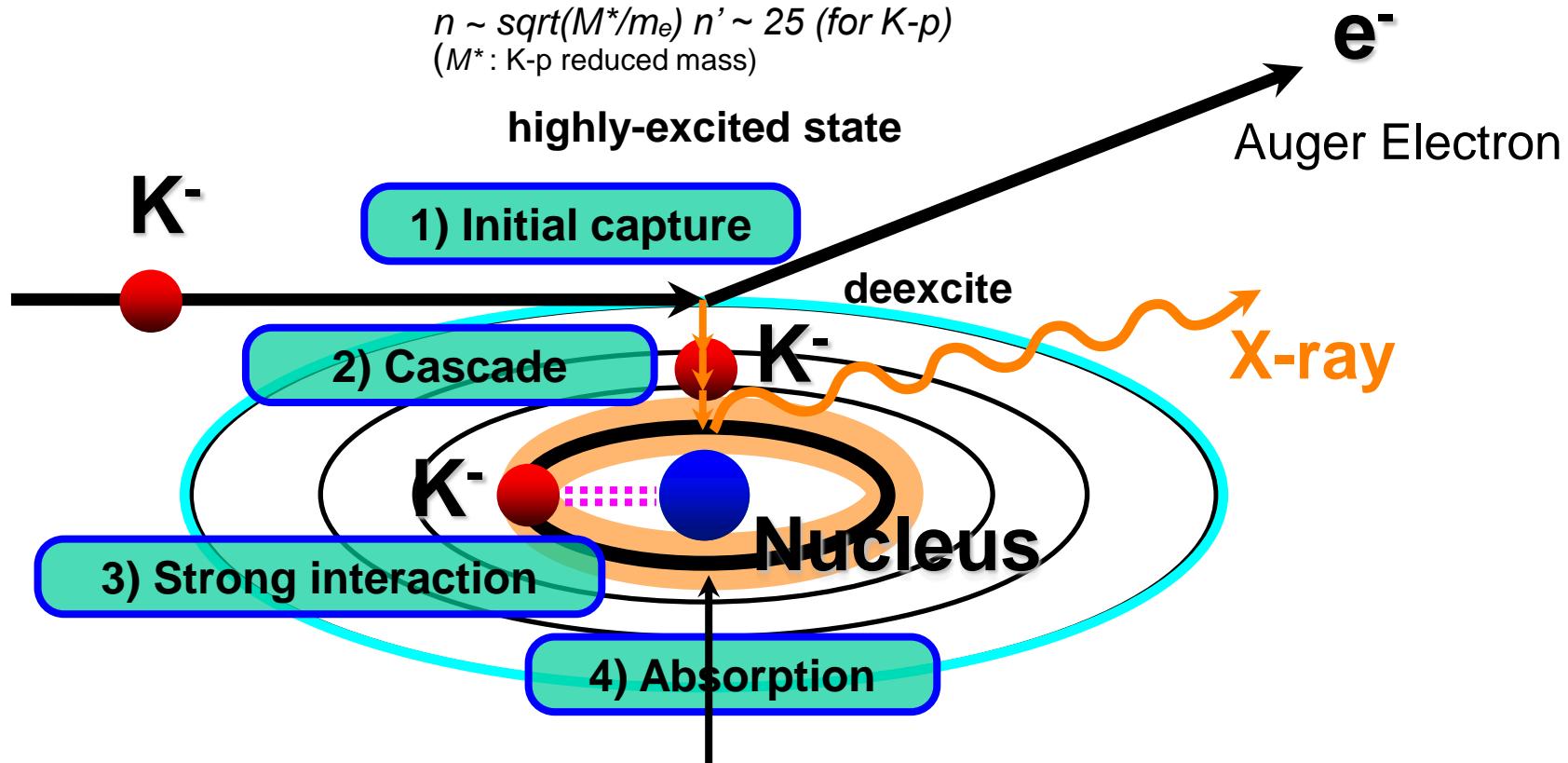
FIG. 4. Estimate of the maximal production rate of kaonic atoms in the $1s$, $2s$, $3s$ and $6s$ states utilizing photons from the GF.

Kaonic atoms spectroscopy: at DAFNE



Kaonis atoms: brief introduction

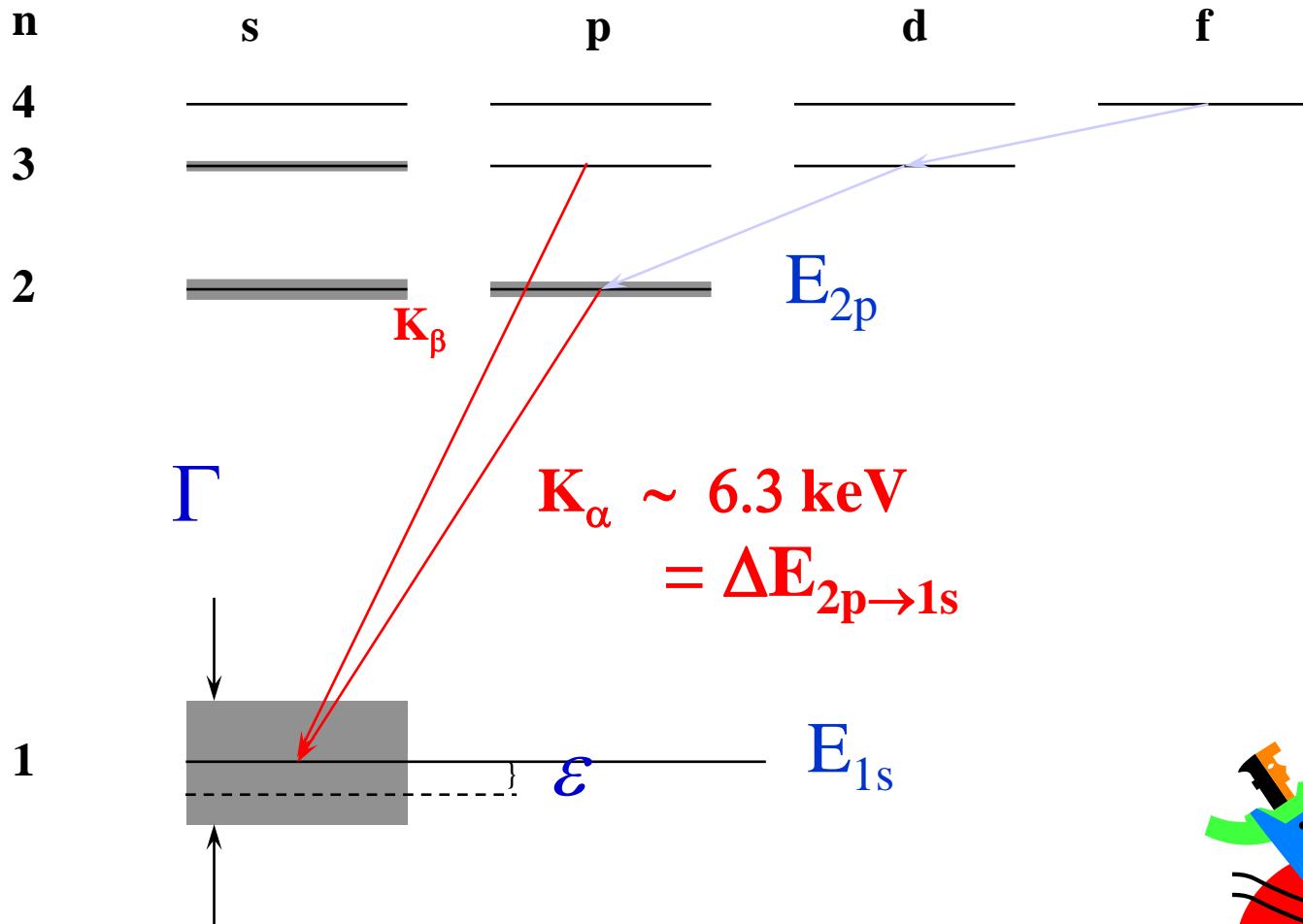
Kaonic atom formation



The strong stoppage in the target medium
Shift and Width of last orbit
of last orbit

· 2p for K-He

Kaonic cascade and the strong interaction



The (main) scientific aim

the determination of the *isospin dependent
KN scattering lengths* through a

—
*~ precision measurement of the shift
and of the width*

of the K_{α} line of **kaonic hydrogen**

and

of **kaonic deuterium**

Measurements of kaonic Helium 3 and 4 as well (2p level)
And other types of exotic atoms

Antikaon-nucleon scattering lengths

Once the shift and width of the 1s level for kaonic hydrogen and deuterium are measured -) scattering lengths
(isospin breaking corrections):

$$\varepsilon + i \Gamma/2 \Rightarrow a_{K^- p} \text{ eV fm}^{-1}$$

$$\varepsilon + i \Gamma/2 \Rightarrow a_{K^- d} \text{ eV fm}^{-1}$$

one can obtain the isospin dependent antikaon-nucleon scattering lengths



$$a_{K^- p} = (a_0 + a_1)/2$$

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

Importance of the kaonic atoms studies

Measuring the $\bar{K}N$ scattering lengths with the precision of a few percent will drastically change the present status of low-energy $\bar{K}N$ phenomenology and also provide a clear assessment of the SU(3) chiral effective Lagrangian approach to low energy hadron interactions.



1. Breakthrough in the *low-energy $\bar{K}N$ phenomenology*;
2. Threshold amplitude in QCD
3. Information on $\Lambda(1405)$
4. Contribute to the determination of the *KN sigma terms*, which give the degree of chiral symmetry breaking;
5. Related also with the determination of the *strangeness content of the nucleon* from the KN sigma terms

Kaons atoms are fundamental tools for understanding QCD in non-perturbative regime:

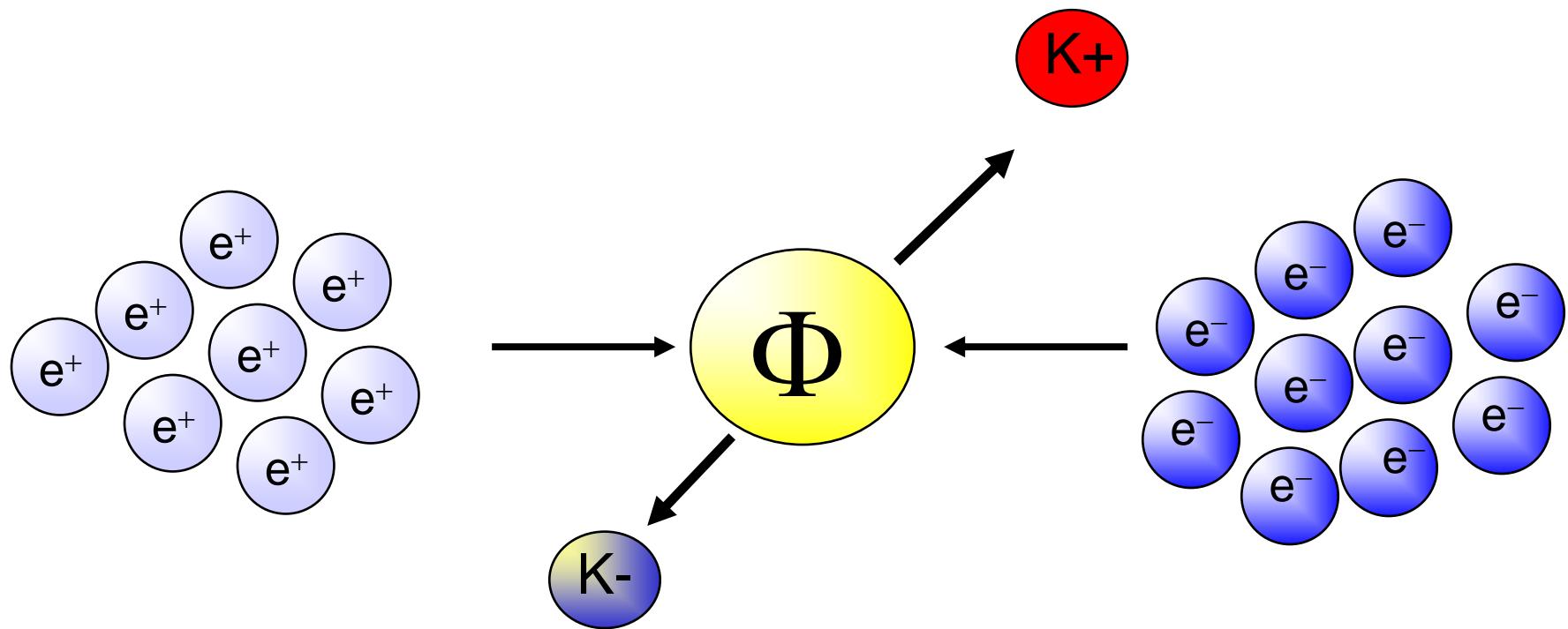
- **Explicit and spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking (mass of nucleons)**
- **Dense baryonic matter ->**
- **Neutron (strange?) stars EOS**

Role of Strangeness in the Universe from particle and nuclear physics to astrophysics

DAΦNE



The DAFNE principle



Flux of produced kaons: about 1000/second

DAFNE

e⁻ e⁺ collider

- $\Phi \rightarrow K^- K^+ (49.1\%)$
- Monochromatic low-energy K⁻ ($\sim 127 \text{ MeV}/c$)
- Less hadronic background due to the beam
(compare to hadron beam line : e.g. KEK /JPARC)

Suitable for low-energy kaon physics:
kaonic atoms
Kaon-nucleons/nuclei interaction
studies



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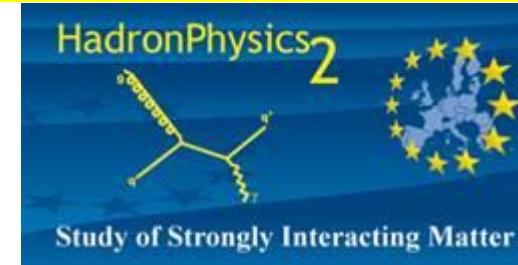


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Silicon Drift Detector for Hadronic Atom Research by Timing Applications

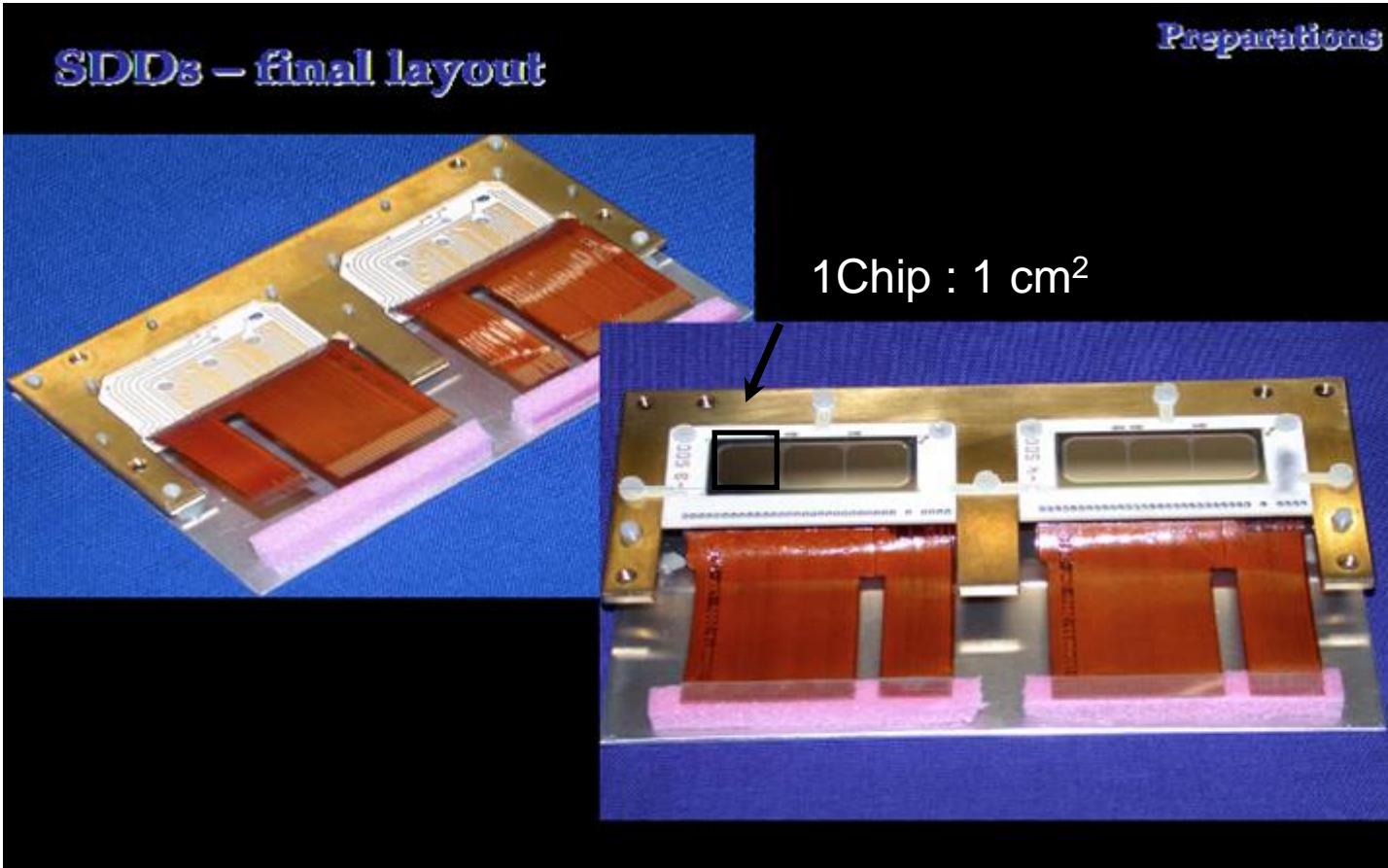


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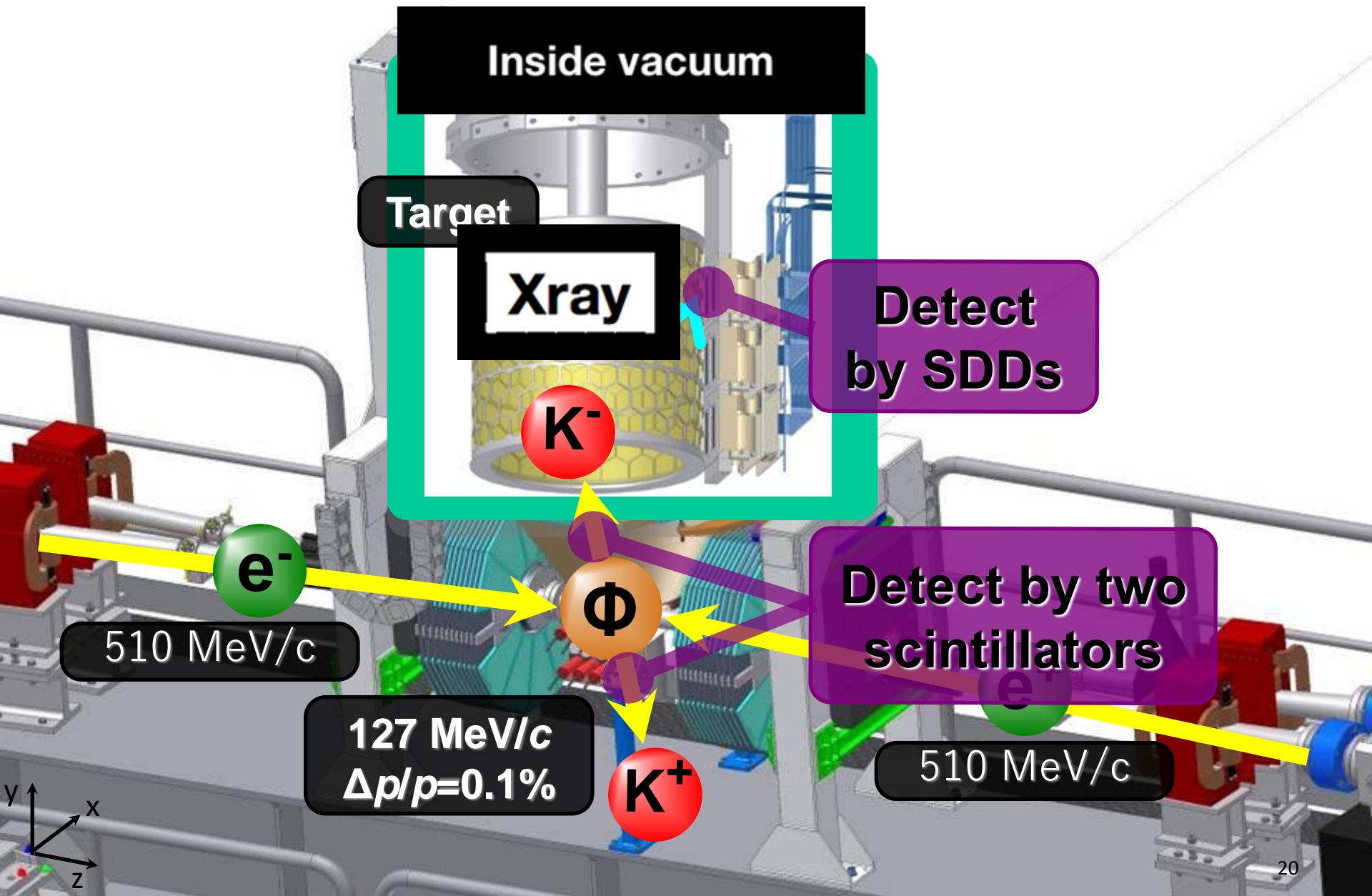
Silicon Drift Detector - SDD



Silicon Drift Detectors

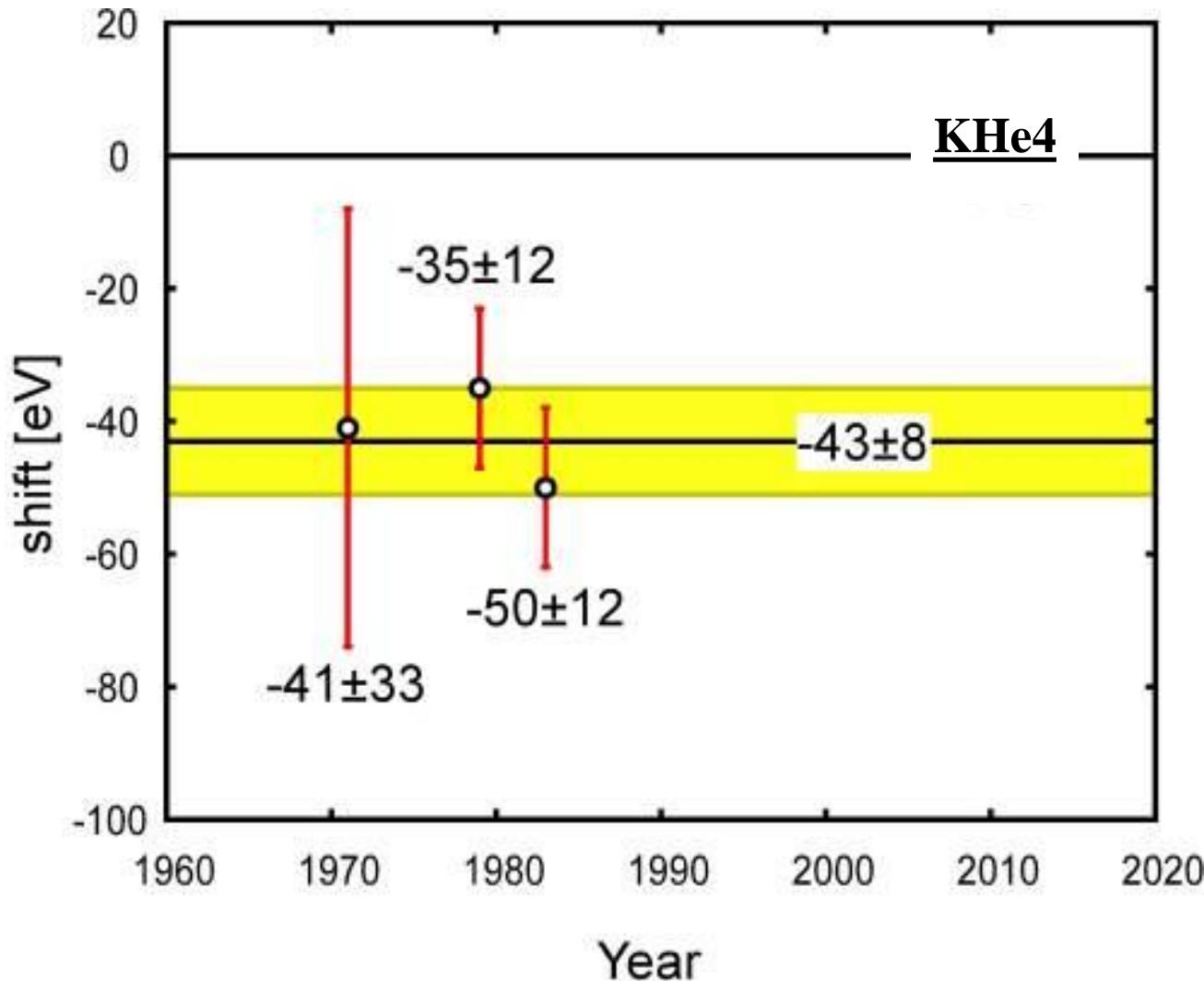
1 cm² x 144 SDDs

SIDDHARTA overview

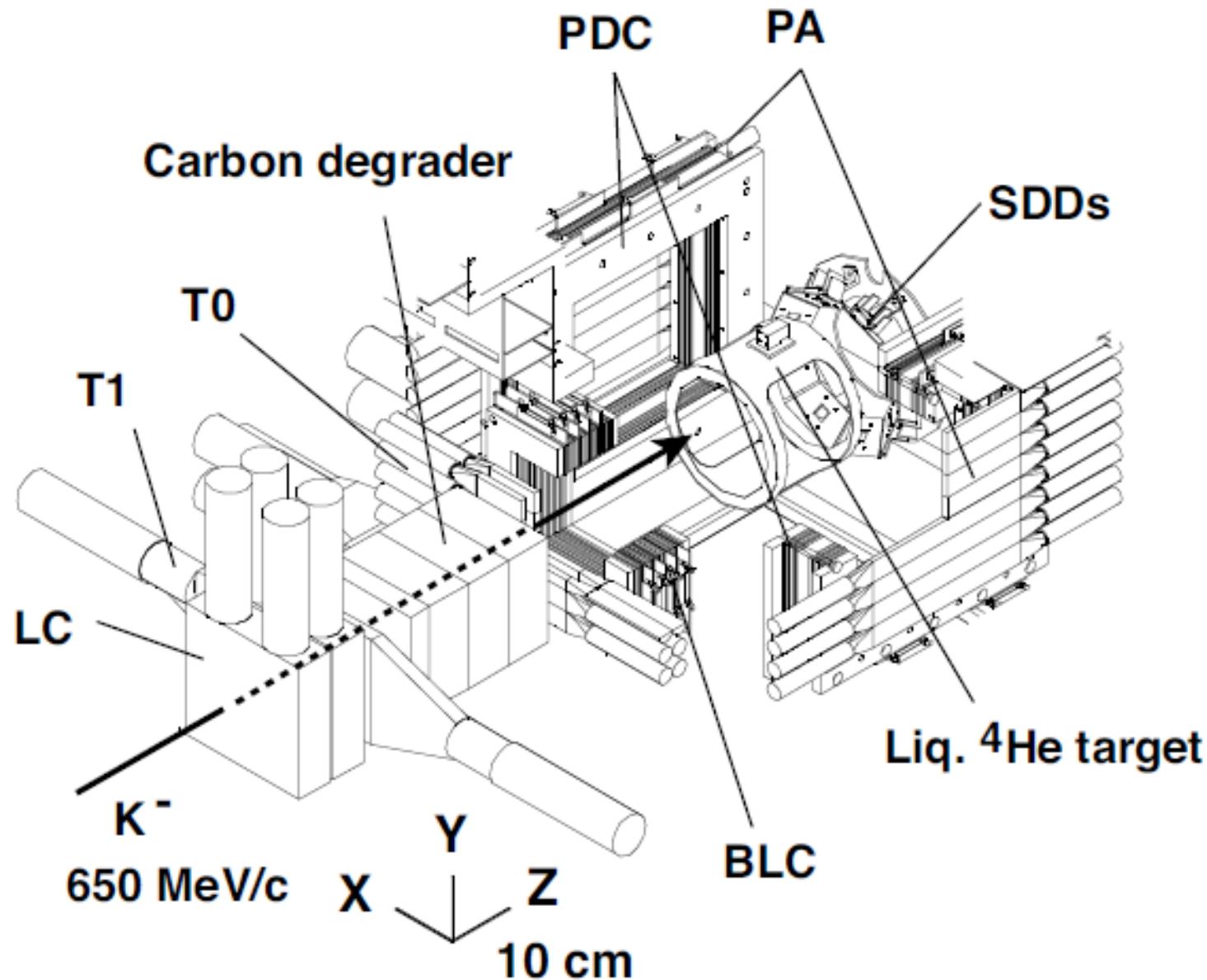


Kaonic helium (puzzle)

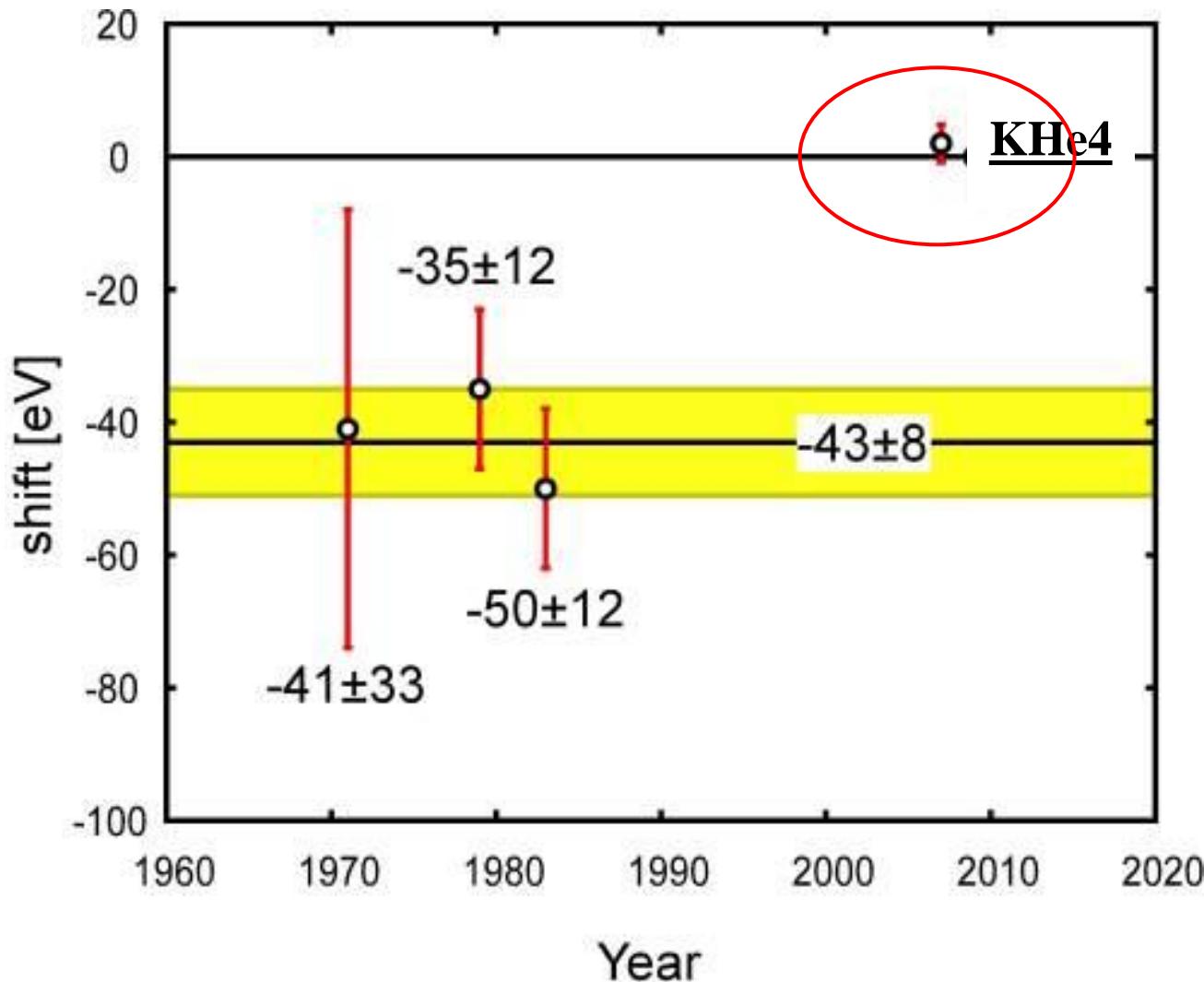
Kaonic 4 old data



E570 KEK

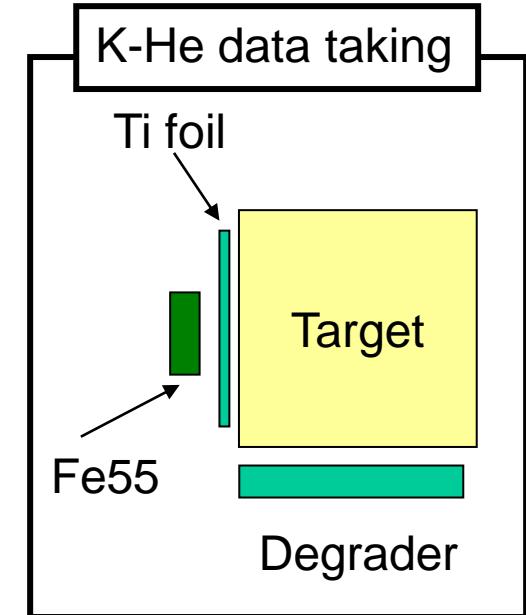
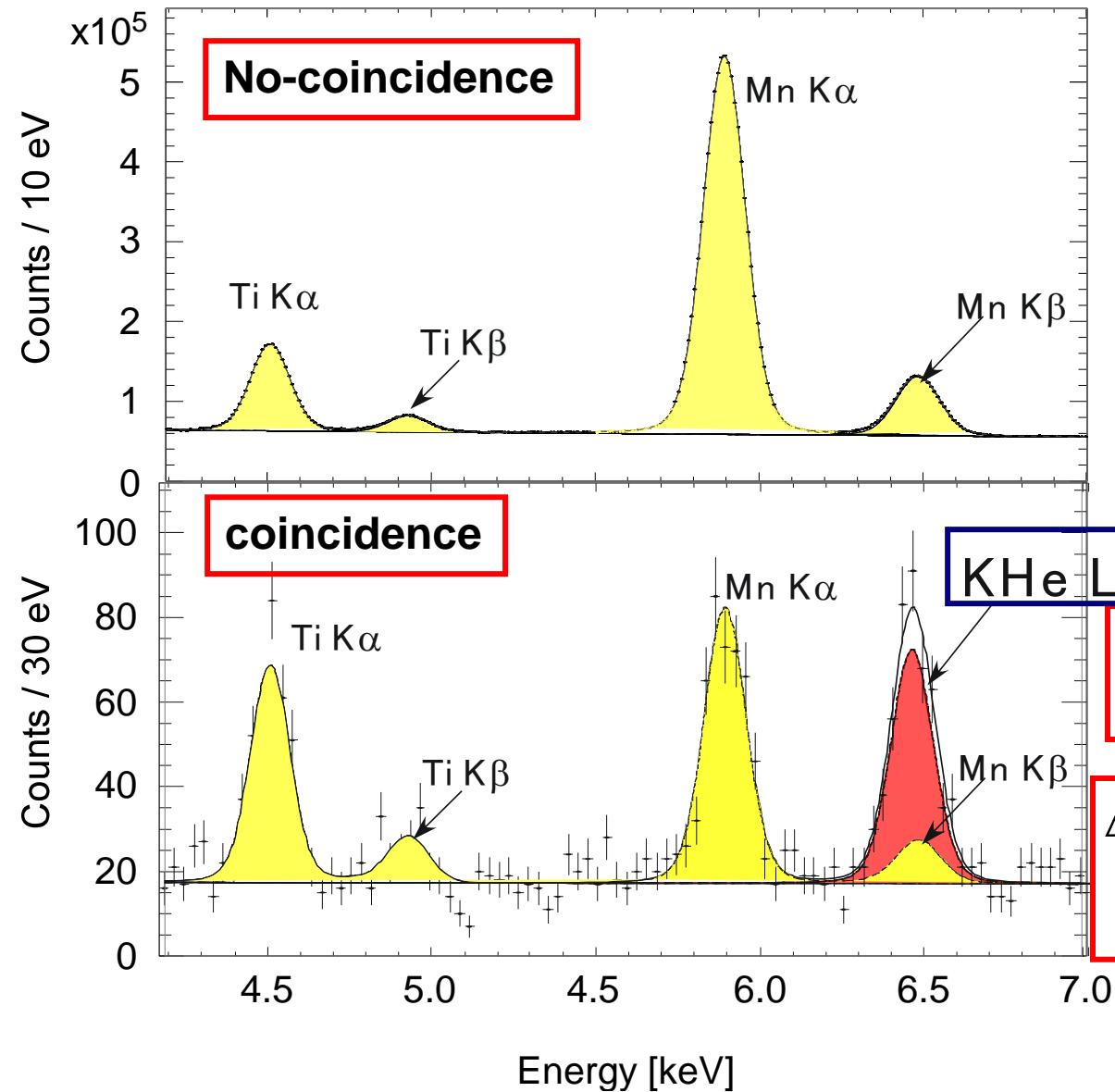


E570 solved the kaonic hydrogen puzzle



KHe-4 energy spectrum at SIDDHARTA

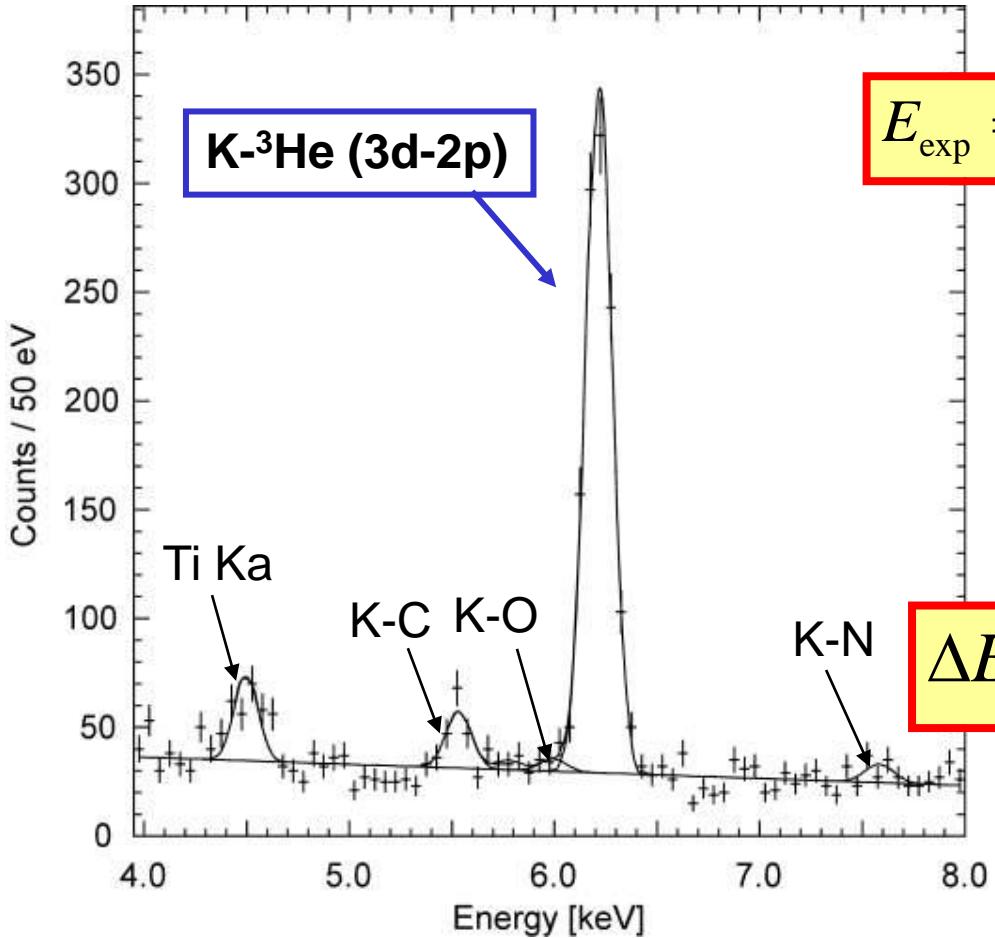
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$$E_{\text{exp}} = 6463.6 \pm 5.8 \text{ eV},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E &= E_{\text{exp}} - E_{e.m.} \\ &= 0 \pm 6(\text{stat}) \pm 2(\text{syst}) \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

Kaonic Helium-3 energy spectrum



X-ray energy of K-³He 3d-2p

$$E_{\text{exp}} = 6223.0 \pm 2.4(\text{sta}) \pm 3.5(\text{sys}) \text{ eV}$$

QED value: $E_{e.m.} = 6224.6 \text{ eV}$

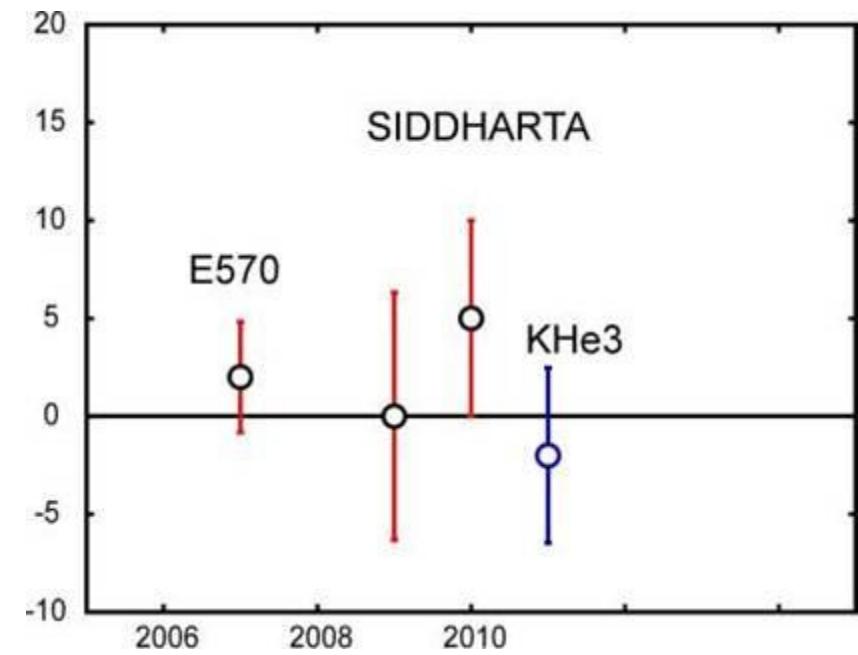
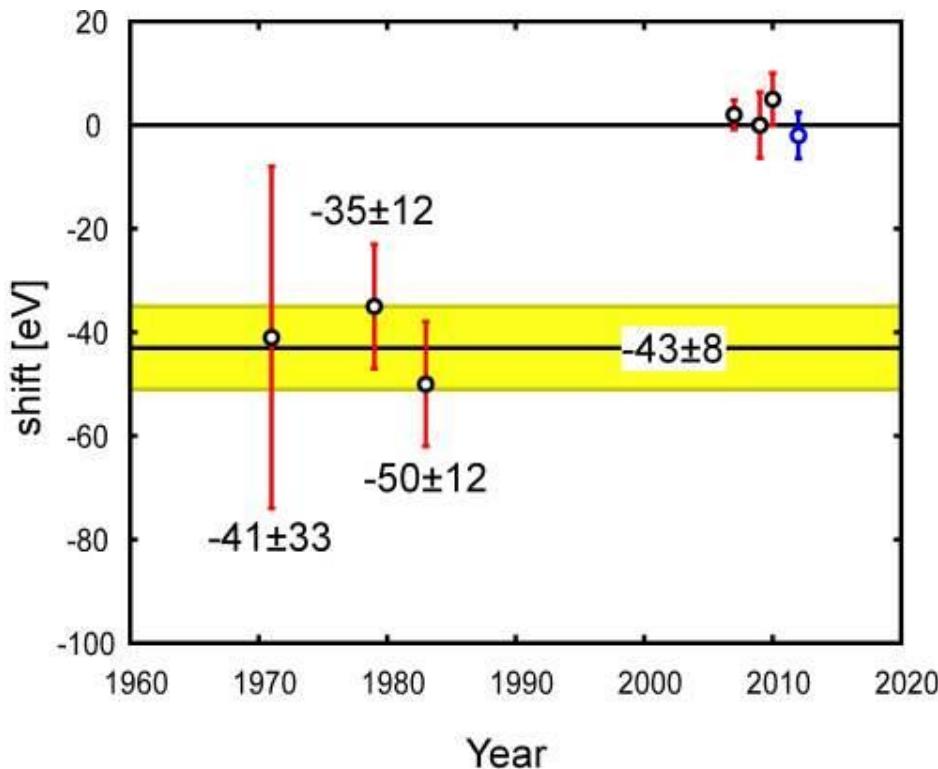
$$\Delta E_{2p} = E_{\text{exp}} - E_{e.m.}$$

$$\Delta E_{2p} = -2 \pm 2(\text{sta}) \pm 4(\text{sys}) \text{ eV}$$

World First !
Observation of K-³He X-rays
Determination of
strong-interaction shift

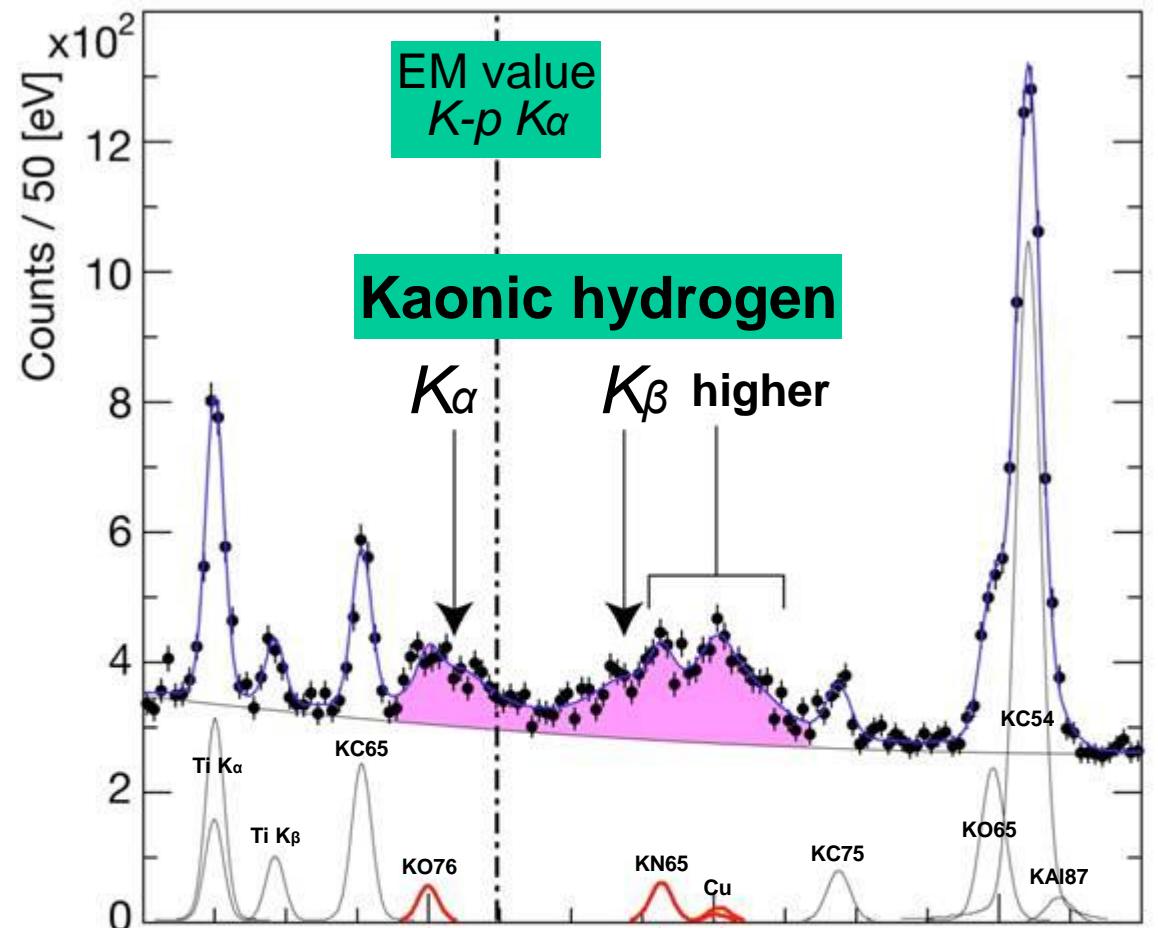
Comparison of results

	Shift [eV]	Reference
KEK E570	+2±2±2	PLB653(07)387
SIDDHARTA (He4 with 55Fe)	+0±6±2	PLB681(2009)310
SIDDHARTA (He4)	+5±3±4	arXiv:1010.4631,
SIDDHARTA (He3)	-2±2±4	PLB697(2011)199



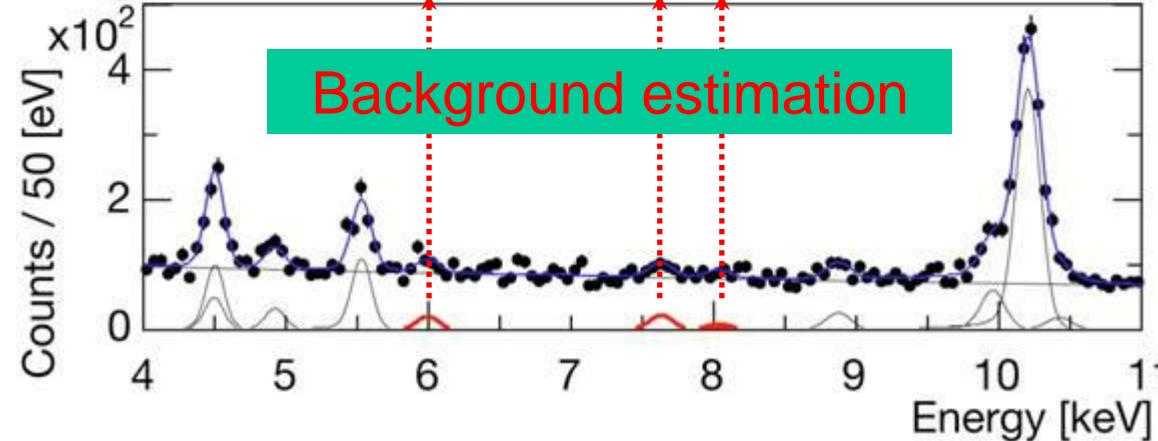
$$\text{*error bar} = \pm \sqrt{(\text{stat})^2 + (\text{syst})^2}$$

Hydrogen spectrum

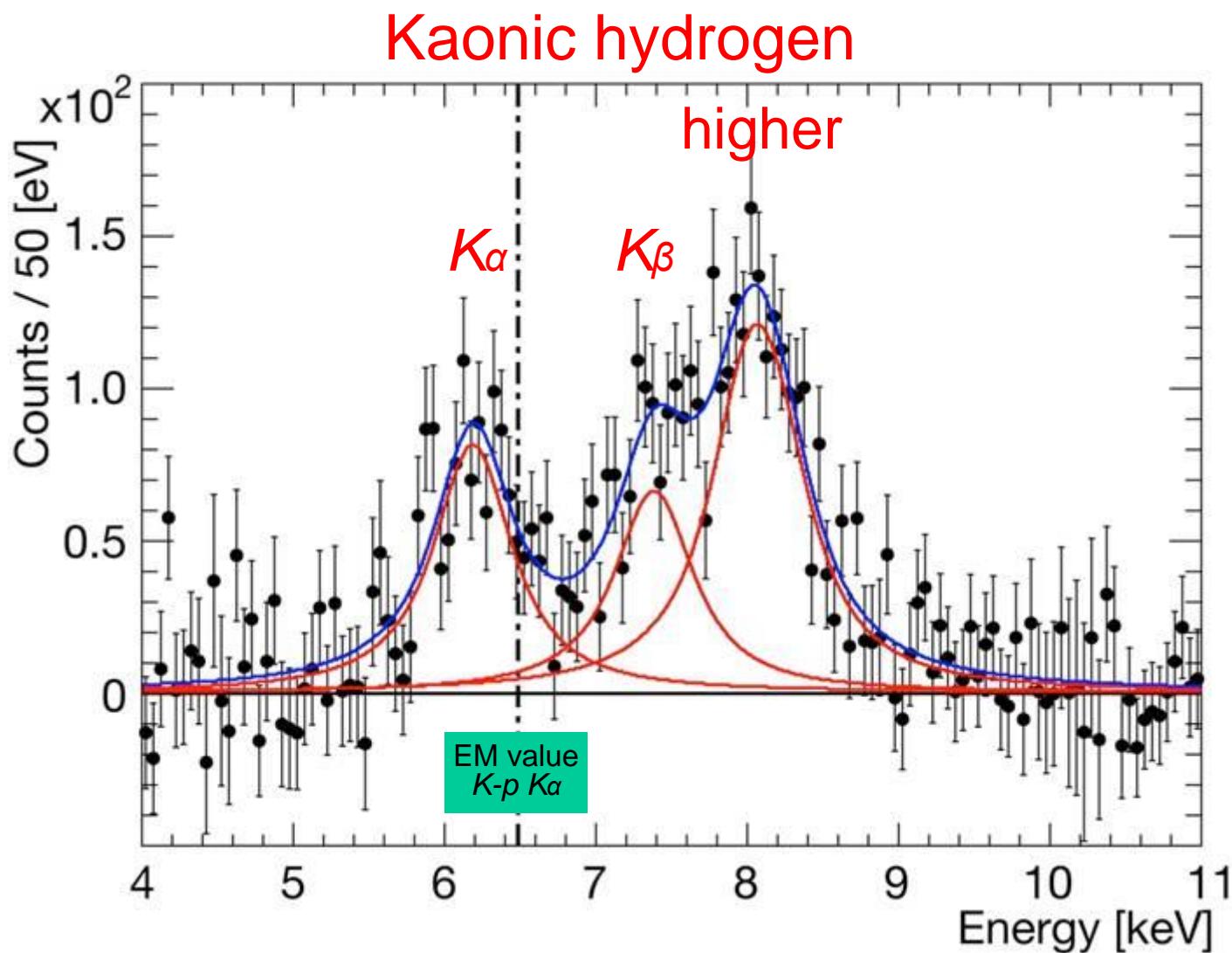


simultaneous fit

Deuterium spectrum



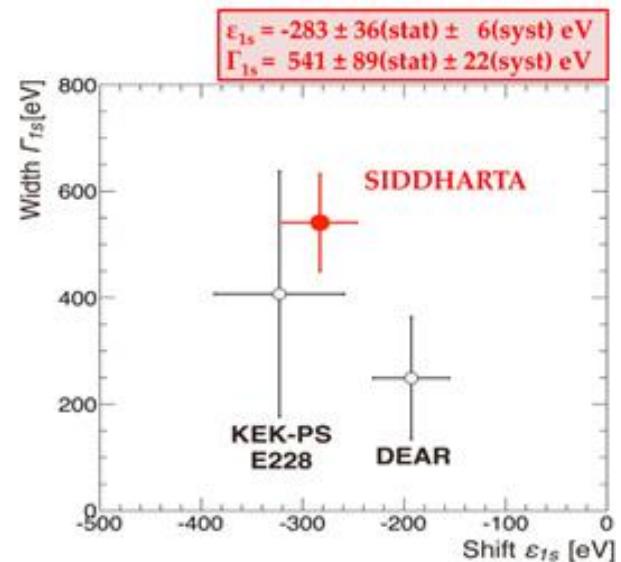
Residuals of K-p x-ray spectrum after subtraction of fitted background



KAONIC HYDROGEN results

$\varepsilon_{1s} = -283 \pm 36(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$

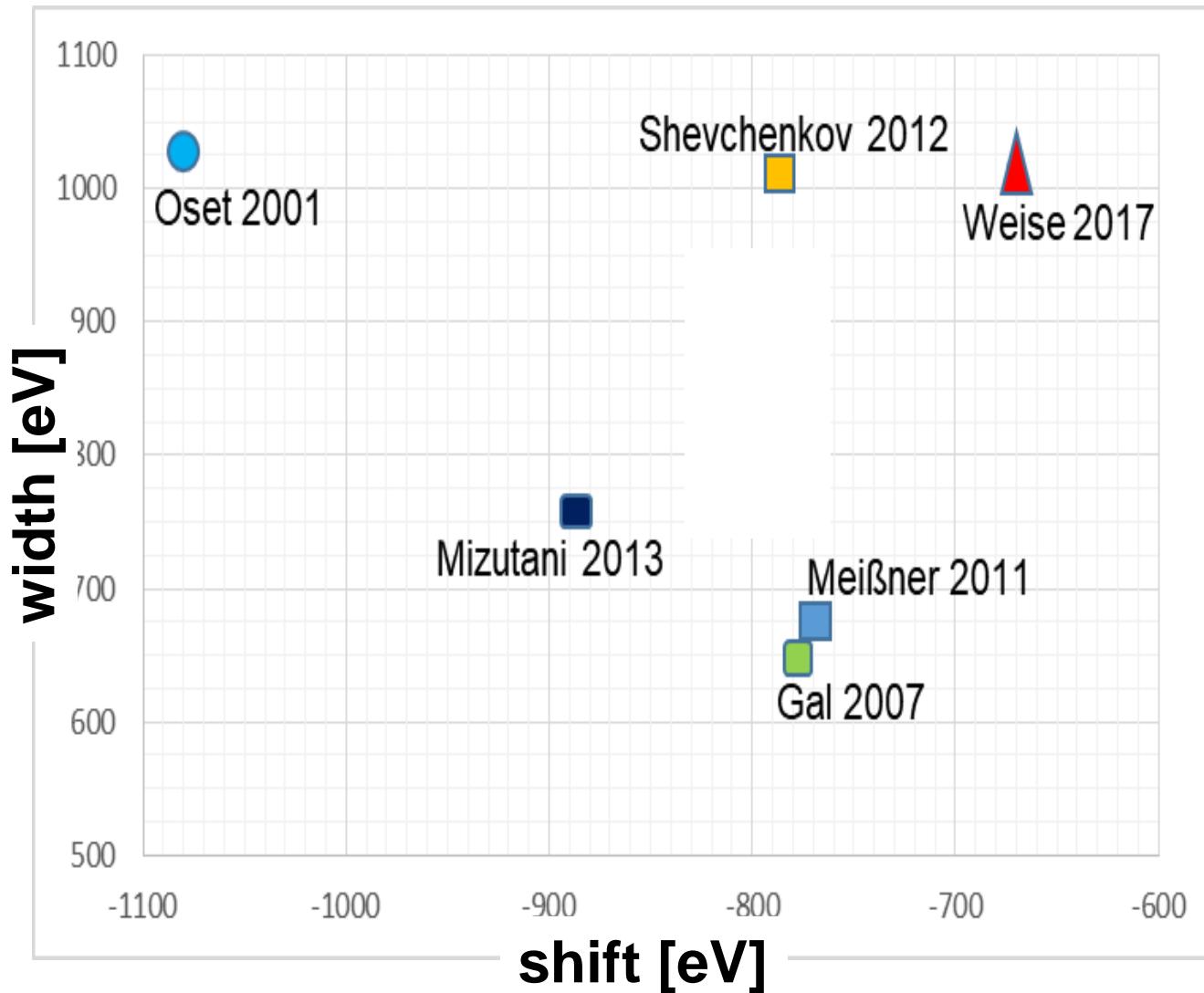
$\Gamma_{1s} = 541 \pm 89(\text{stat}) \pm 22(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$



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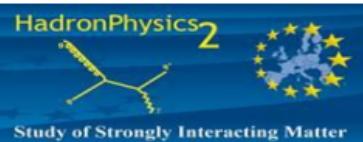
Kaonic Deuterium

Theory for kaonic deuterium



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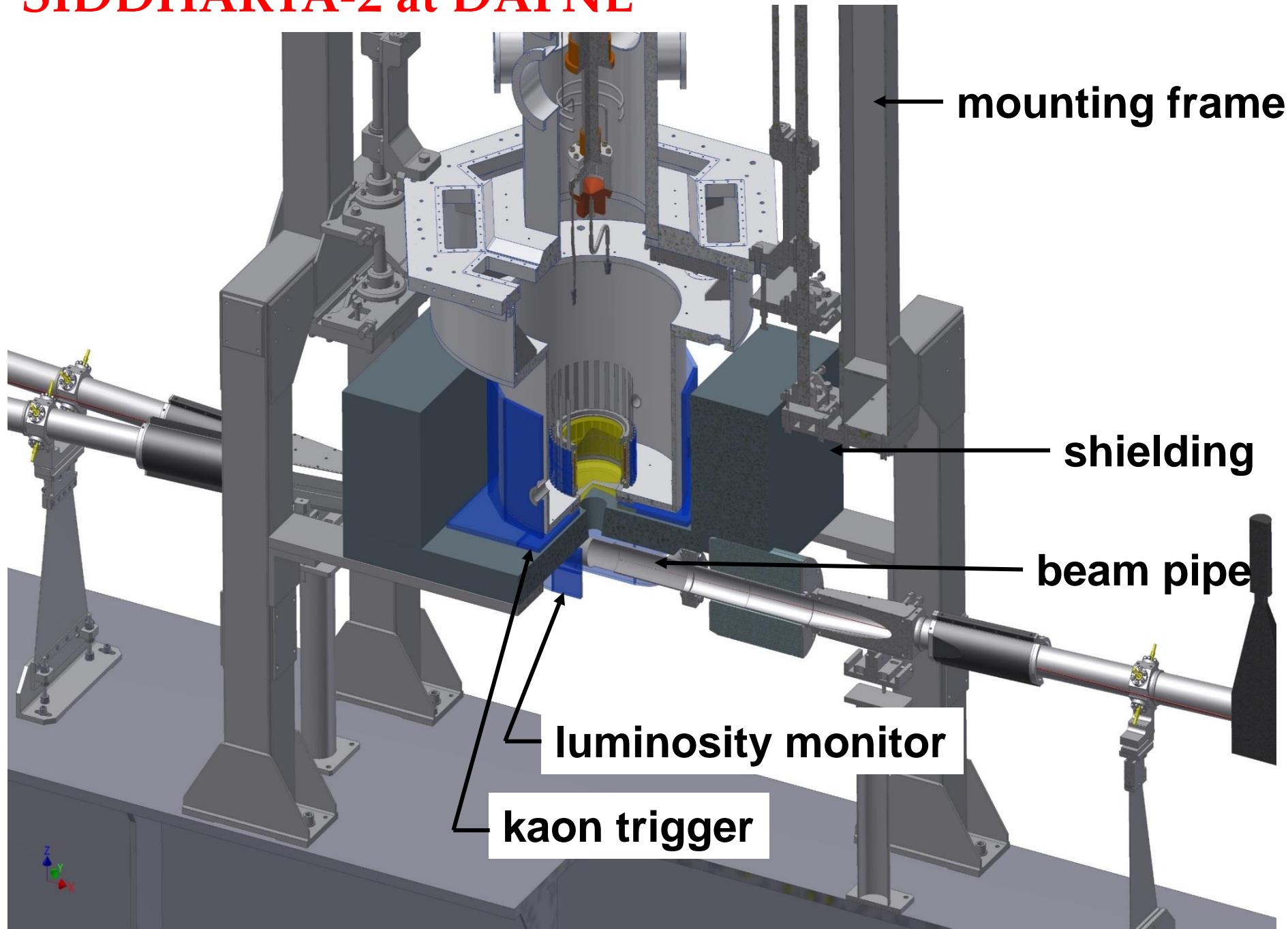
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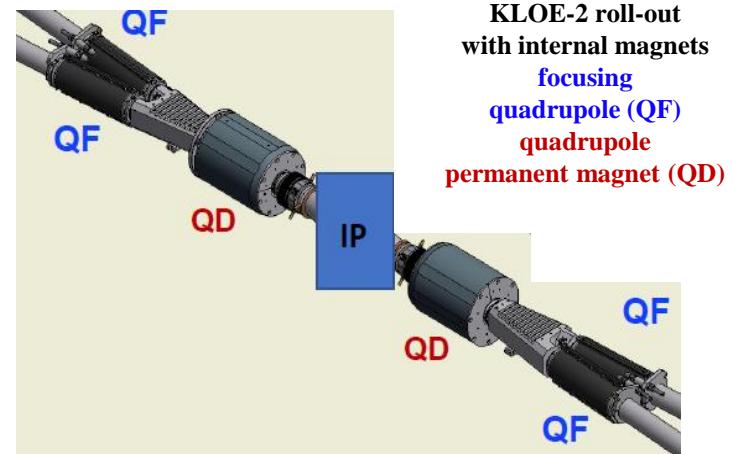
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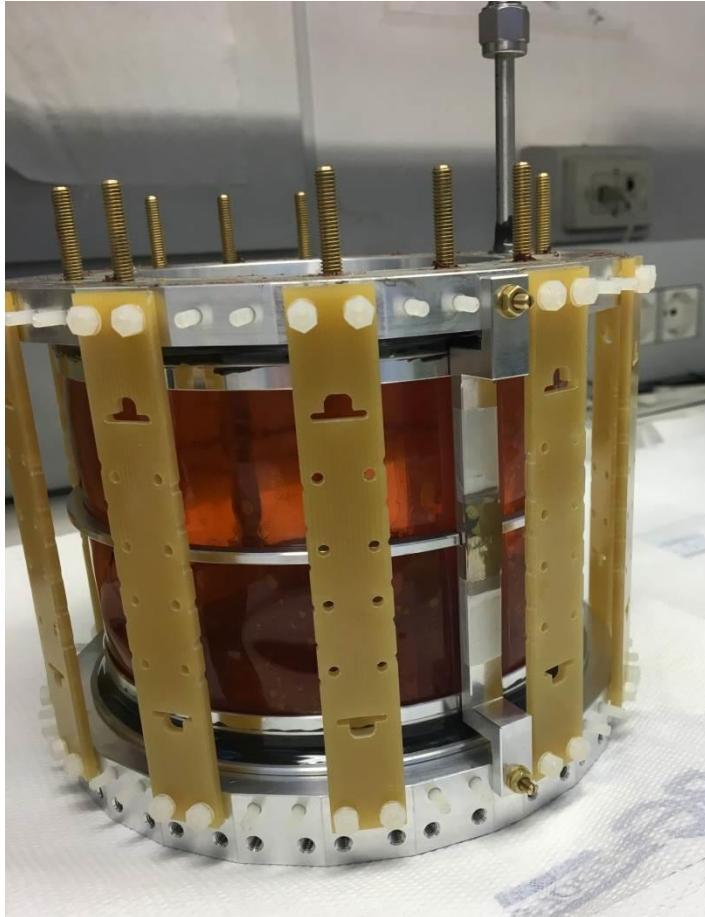
SIDDHARTA-2 at DAFNE



New platform near to interaction region



Light target and Silicon Drift Detector assembly

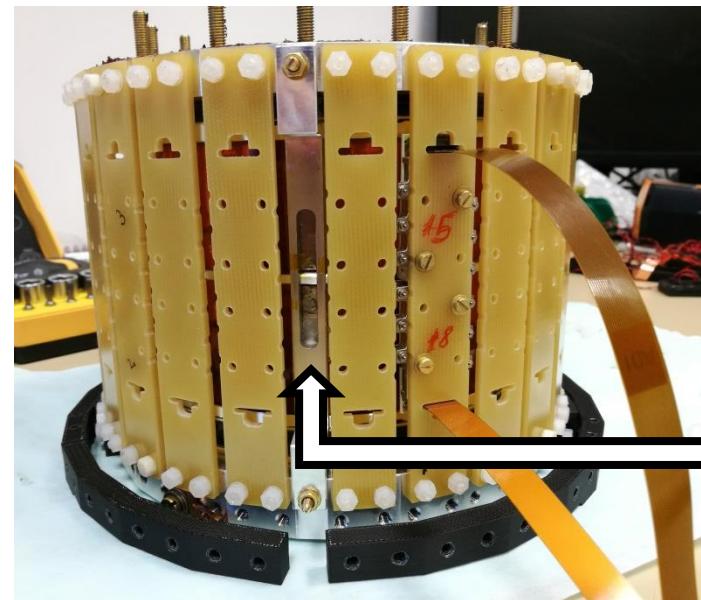


Target cell wall is made of a
2-Kapton layer structure
(75 μm + 75 μm + Araldit)

increase the target
stopping power

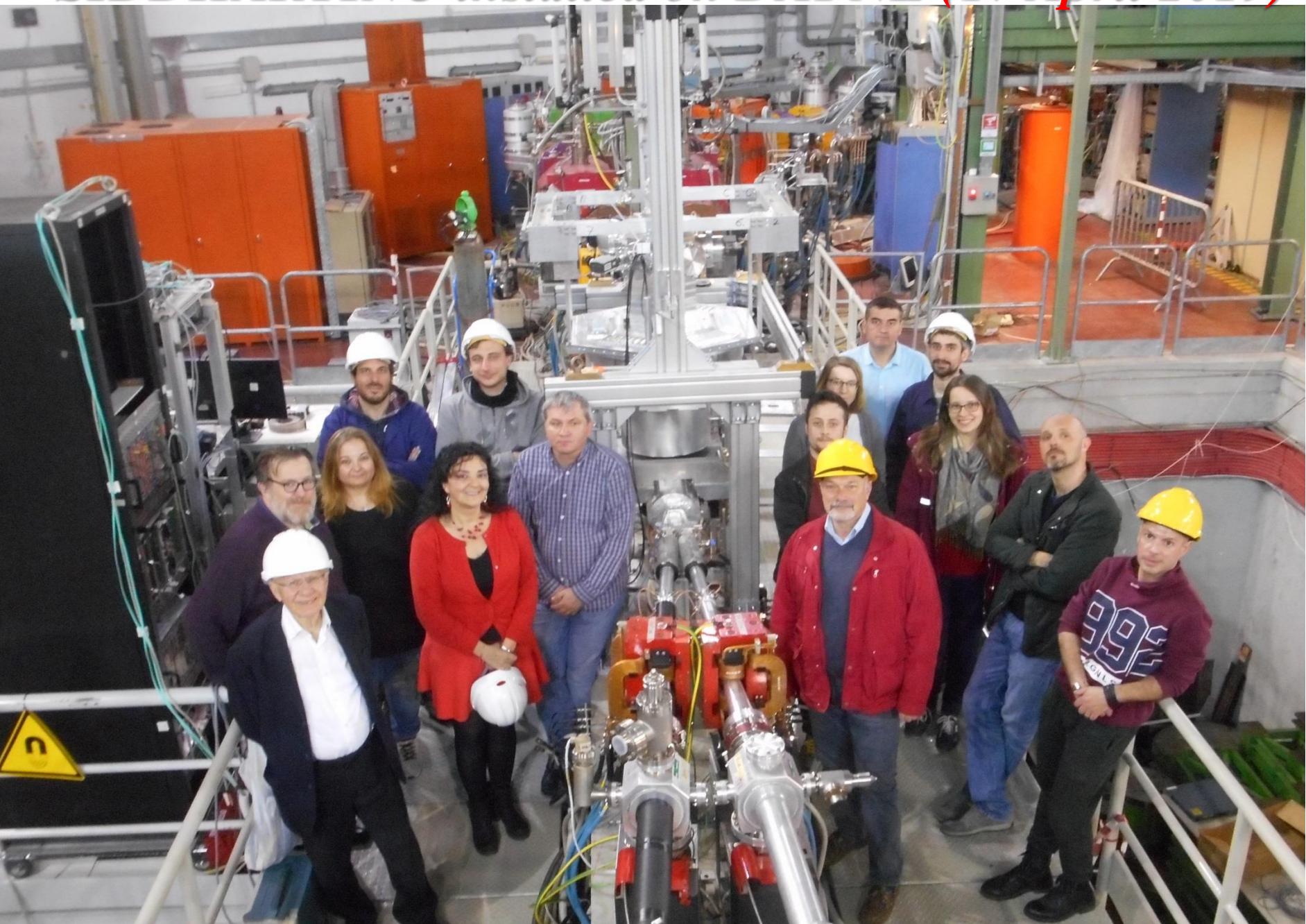
almost double gas
density with
respect to
SIDDHARTA (3%
LHD)

SDDs placed 5 mm
from the target wall



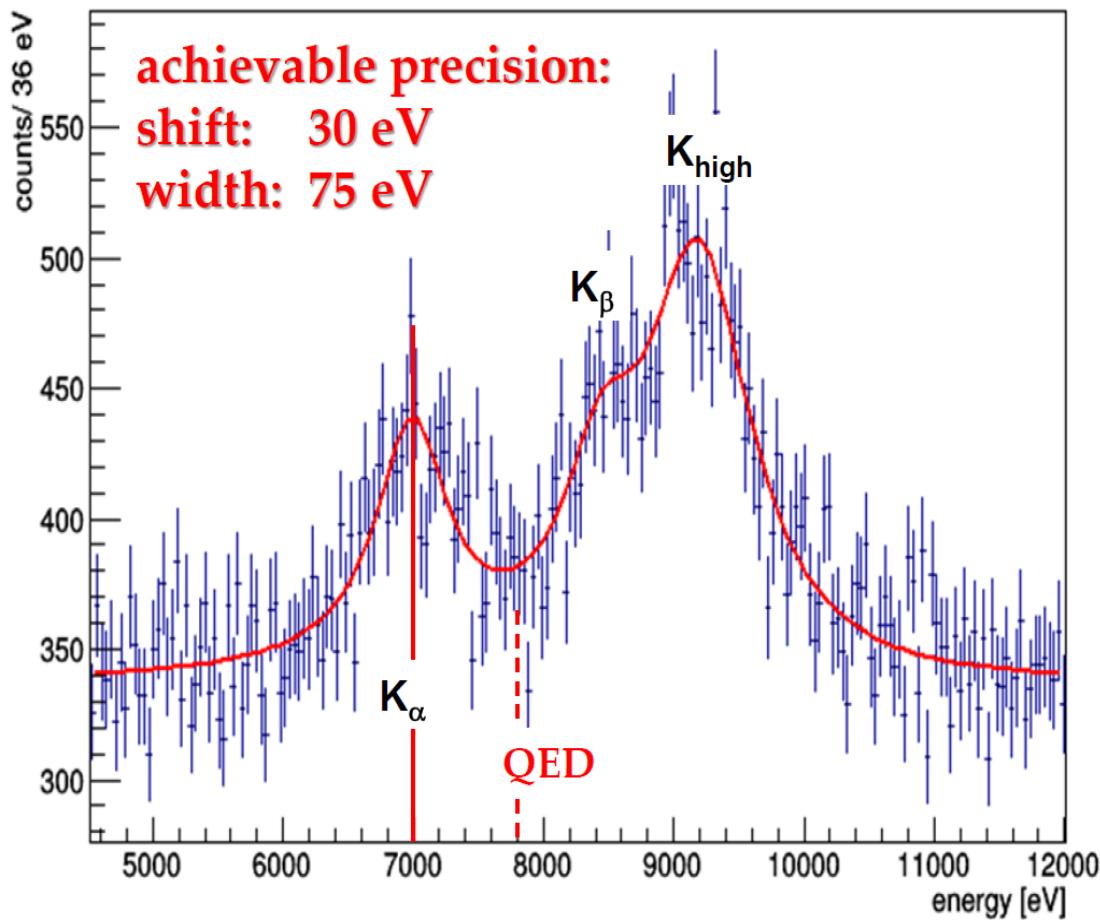
*calibration
foils
inserted
near to the
SDD are
activated by
the X-ray
tubes*

SIDDHARTINO installed on DAFNE (17 April 2019)



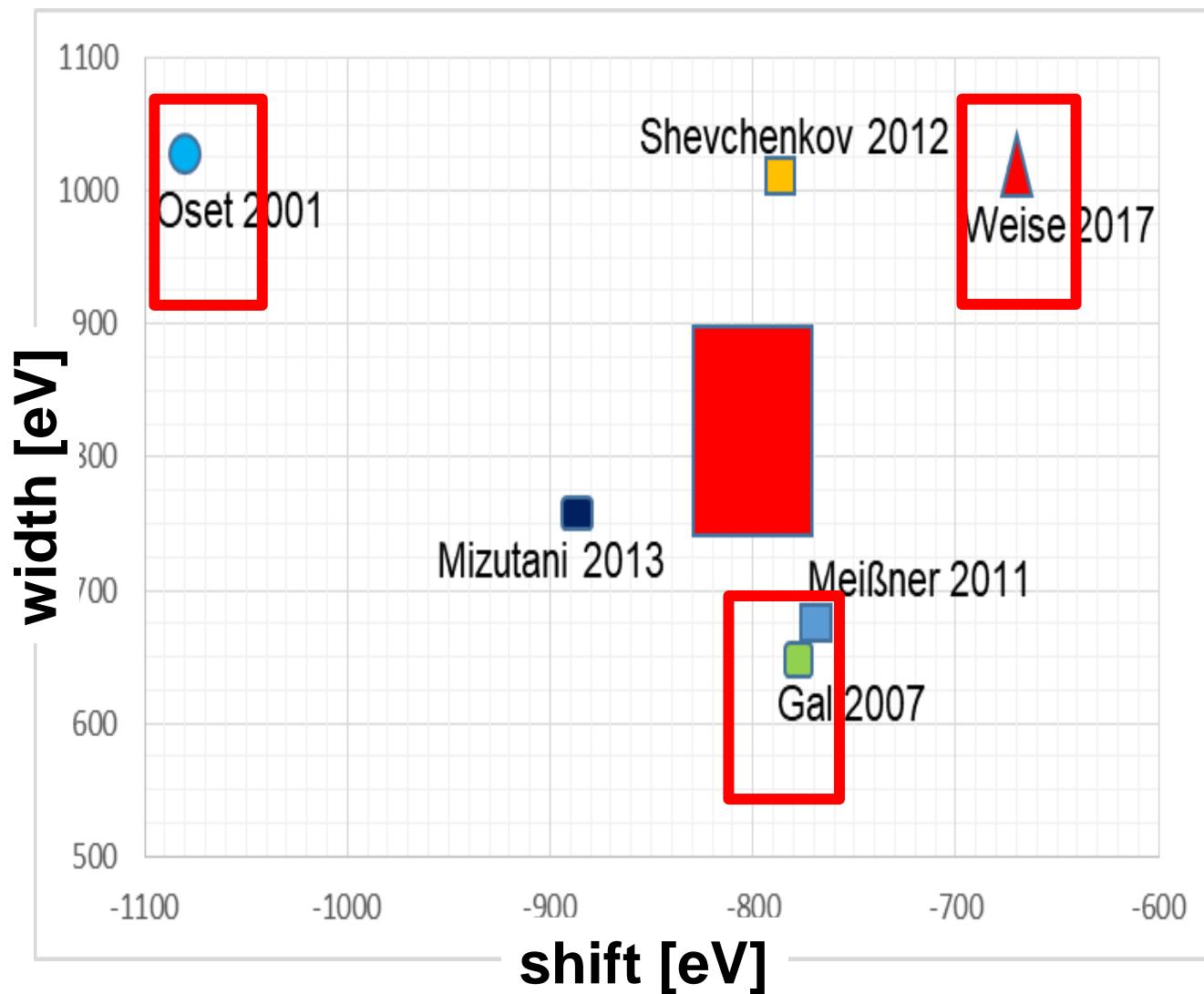
SDDHARTA-2 expected result (2021)

Geant4 simulated K⁻d X-ray spectrum for 800 pb⁻¹



- charged particle veto
- asynchronous BG

SIDDHARTA-2 kaonic deuterium at DAFNE



Future programme and perspectives:

- Feasibility studies in parallel with Siddharta-2
(Ge and VOXES crystal spectrometer)
- Proposal for Extension of the Scientific Program at DAFNE
- Kaon mass - precision measurement at a level $< 7 \text{ keV}$
- Kaonic helium transitions to the 1s level
- Other light kaonic atoms (K^-O , K^-C ,...)
- Heavier kaonic atoms (K^-Si , K^-Pb ...)
- Radiative kaon capture – $\Lambda(1405)$ study
- Investigate the possibility of the measurement of other types of hadronic exotic atoms (sigmonic hydrogen ?)
- *Gamma Factory? Access kaonic atom states which cannot be accessed at DAFNE/JPARC*

Kaonic atoms have been less studied than pionic atoms, so this problem may be especially interesting. The rest energy of negative kaons is $m_{K^-}c^2 = 494$ MeV, so we need much higher photon energies than those for pionic atoms. This may, in principle, be achieved with higher-energy laser photons. At the GF, the energy of secondary photons is $\approx 4\gamma^2$ times larger than that of primary photons with γ up to 3000. When $\gamma = 3000$, primary photons should have energies of 13.7 eV to get 494 MeV secondary photons.

tween the pion or kaon with nucleons, nuclear structure and nuclear forces forming the structure, including, for example, the neutron skin problem related to the prediction of the neutron-star equation of state and maximal neutron-star mass. Understanding the kaon-nucleus interaction is important for testing the hypothesis of a possible K -condensation in neutron stars (see, for example, Ref. [25]). This study of the strong interaction effects is, in fact, the main aim of the pion- and kaon-atom production. Production of $1s$ states in heavy elements, so

*Needs further work and understanding
– how to detect? More on physics insight
We are moving ☺*

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The modern era of light kaonic atom experiments

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ABSTRACT

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This review article covers the modern era of experimental kaonic atoms studies, encompassing twenty years of activity, defined by breakthroughs in technological developments which allowed performing a series of long-awaited precision measurements. Kaonic atoms are atomic systems where an electron is replaced by a negatively charged kaon, containing the strange quark, which interacts in the lowest orbits with the nucleus also by the strong interaction. As a result, their study offers the unique opportunity to perform experiments equivalent to scattering at vanishing relative energy. This allows to study the strong interaction between the antikaon and the nucleon or the nucleus "at threshold", namely at zero relative energy, without the need of $\{\}$ extrapolation to zero energy, as in scattering experiments. The fast progress achieved in performing precision light kaonic atoms experiments, which also solved

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**Future measurements planned at DAFNEpromise
to boost even farther our comprehension in
“strangeness physics” and help having a better
understanding of the role of strangeness in the
Universe and of how Nature works.**

There is no exquisite
beauty without
some **STRANGENESS**
in the proportion.

Edgar Allan Poe

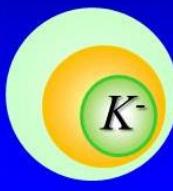
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The Modern Era of precision measurements of hadronic (kaonic) atoms fosters a deeper understanding of the antikaon-nuclei interactions at threshold, which is fundamental to unveil the mechanisms at work on non-perturbative strangeness QCD.

Implications going from particle and nuclear physics to astrophysics.

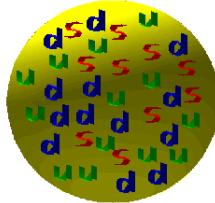
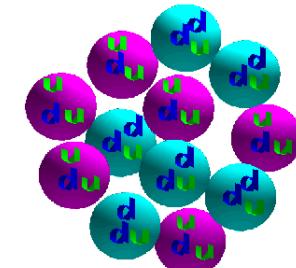
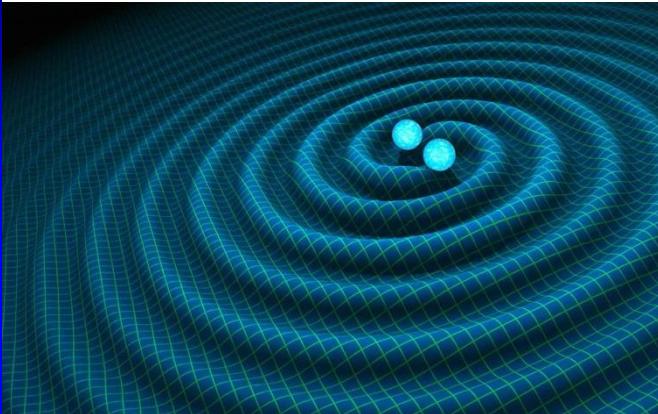
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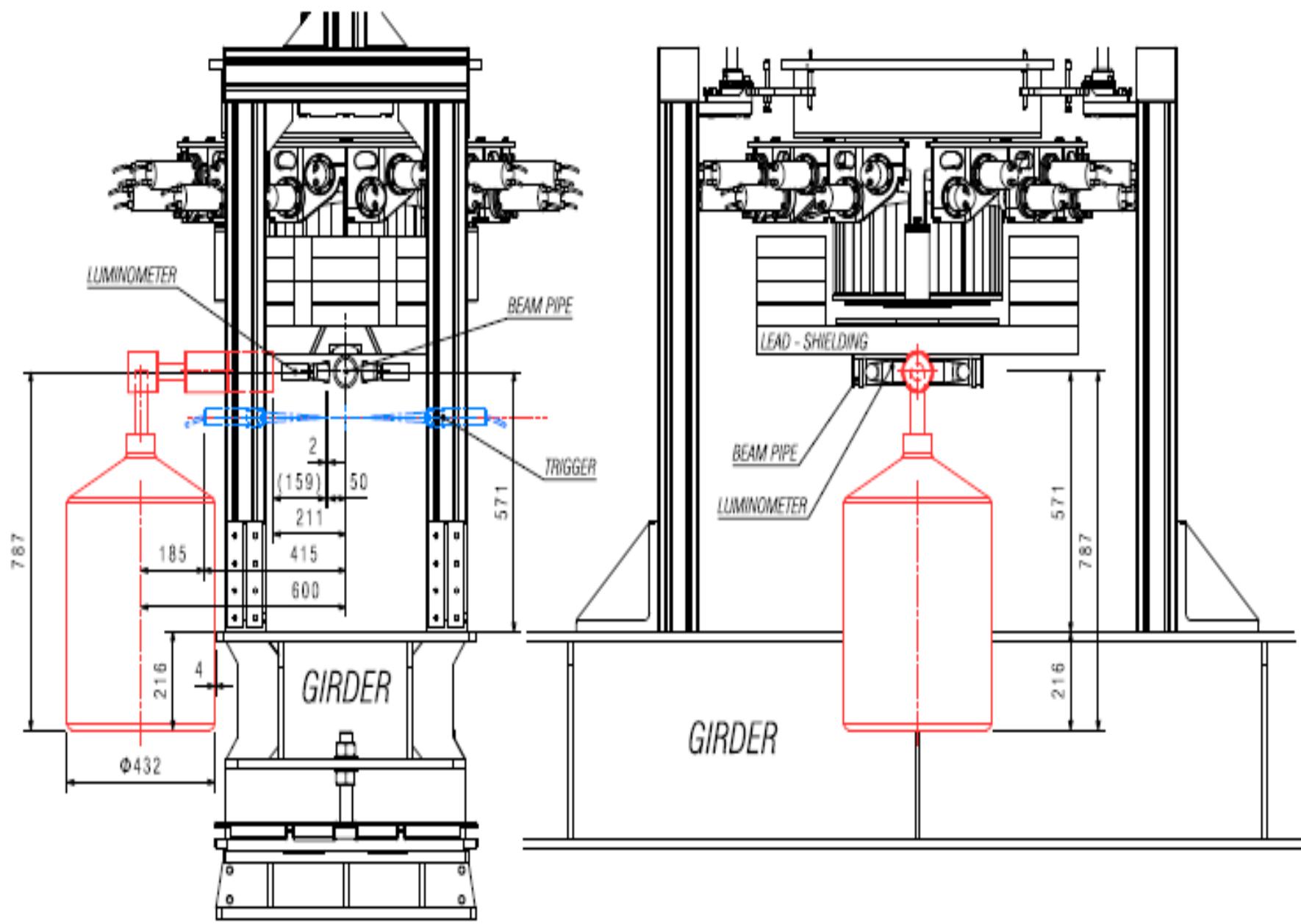
- Self-bound $K^{\bar{b}ar}$ -nuclear system

• Nuclear structure change.
Highly dense state.

if the interaction is so attractive...



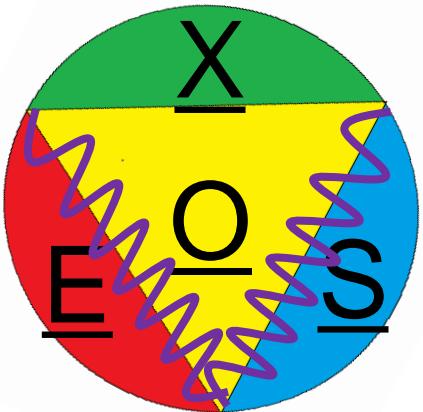
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VO_n hamos X-ray spectrometer for Extended Sources: VOXES

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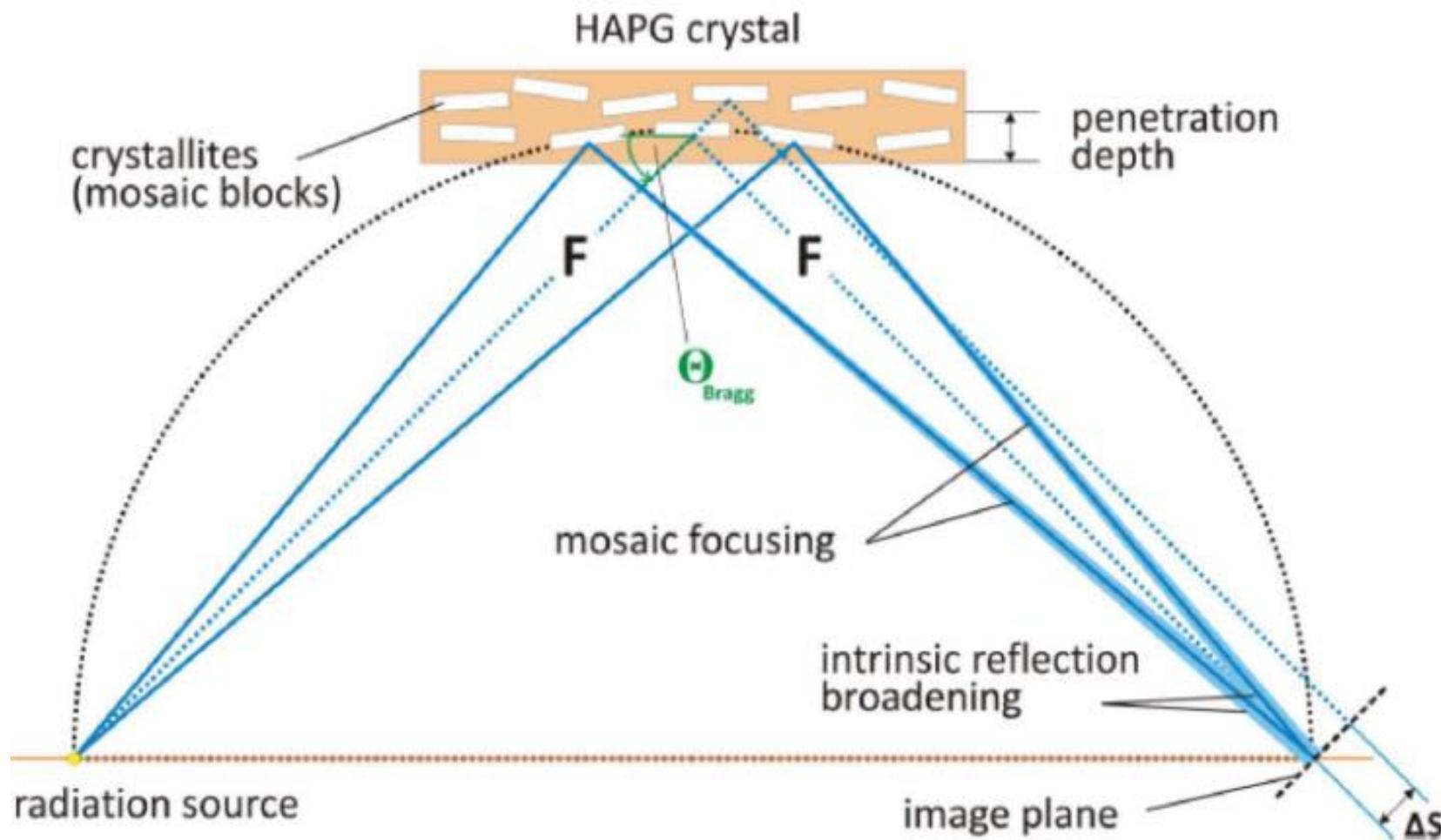
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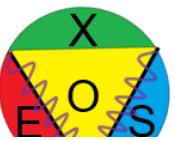
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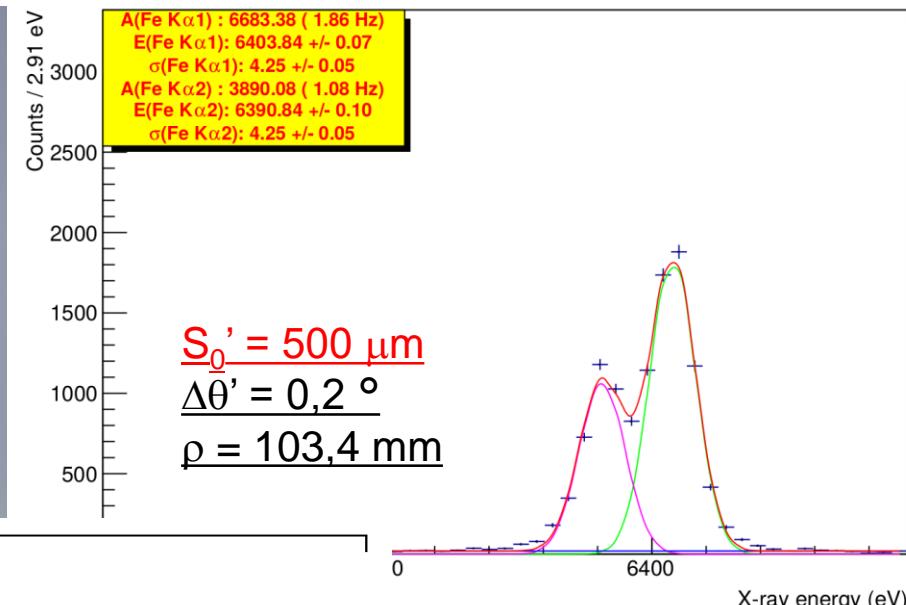
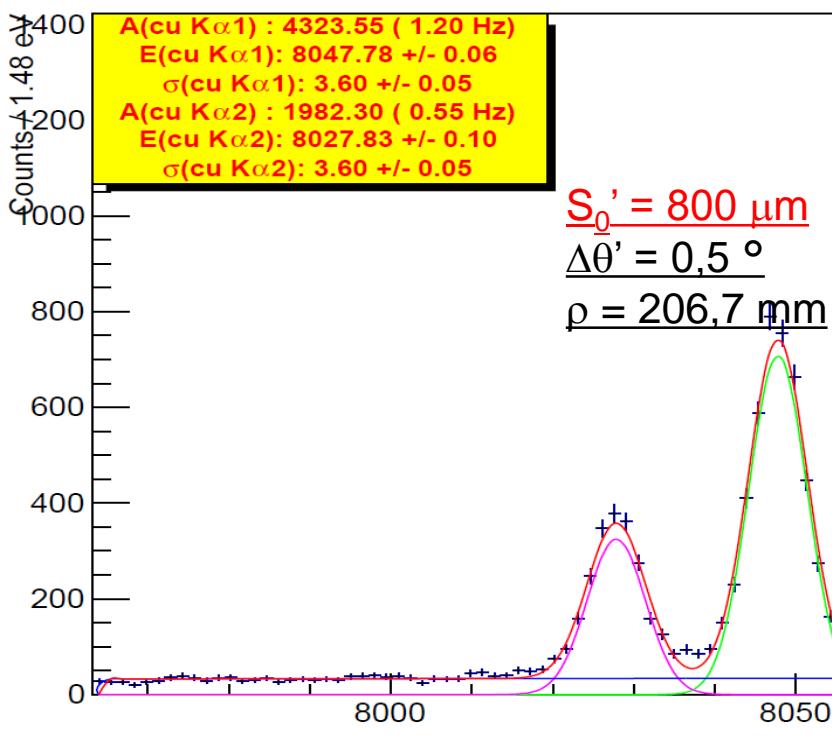
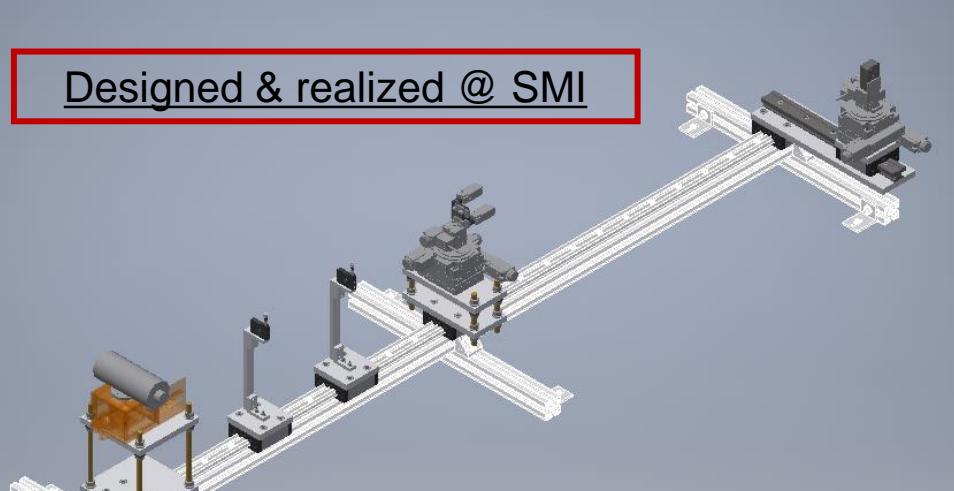
VOXES (Scordo @ LNF)



Multi line setup and complete characterization



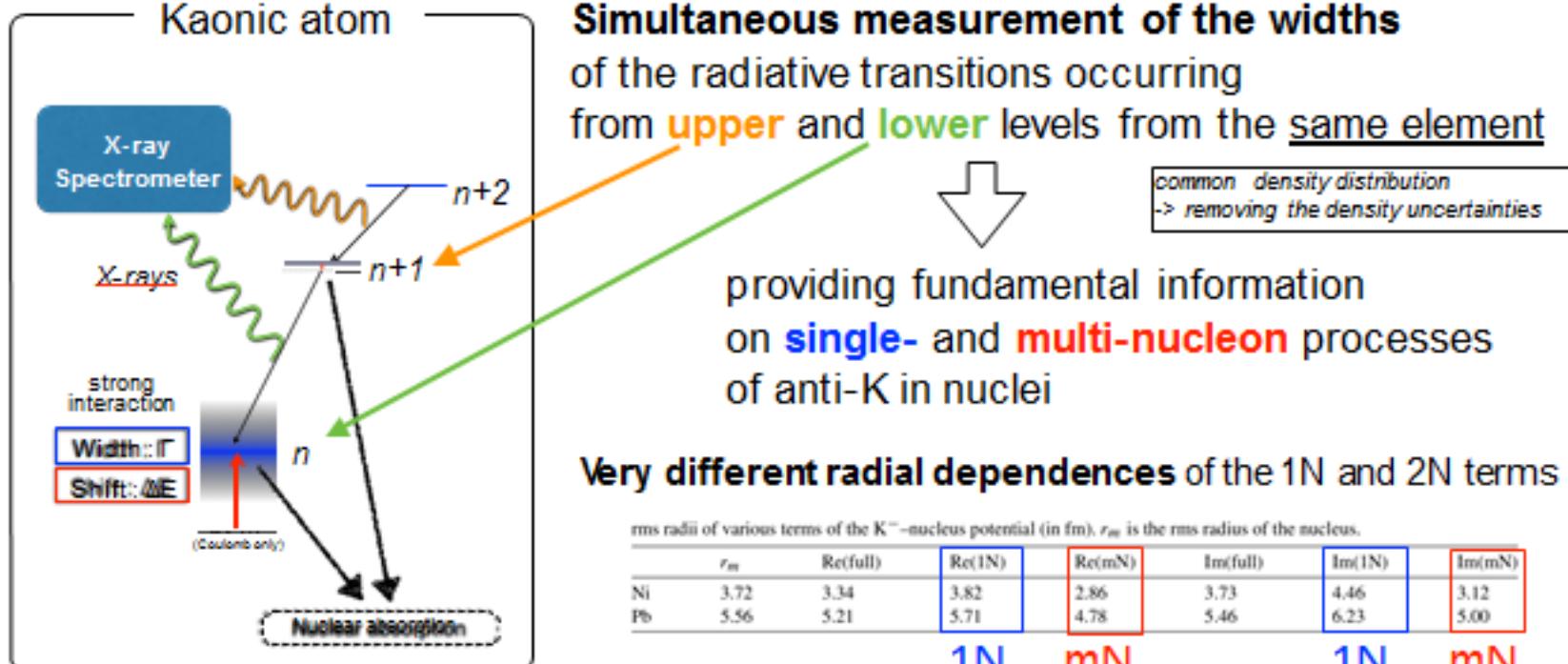
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Feasibility tests for future measurements – (II)

WIKAMP proposal presented at DAFNE as ICFA, LNF December 17, 2018

Investigation of single-and multi-nucleon processes of antikaons in nuclei by simultaneous measurements of upper and lower levels transition widths of selected kaonic atoms with ultra-high energy resolution detectors

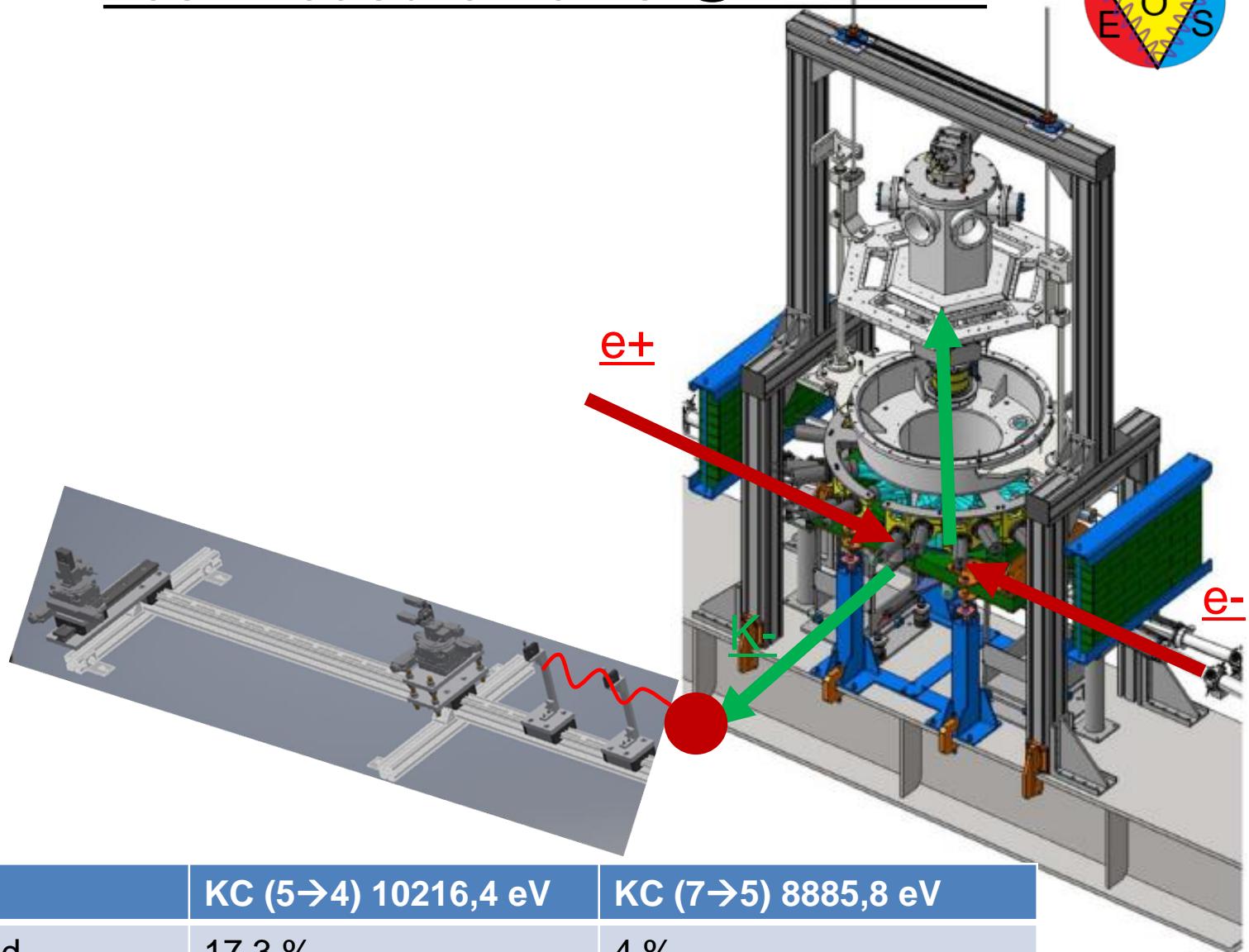


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E. Friedman, S. Okada, Nucl. Phys. A915 (2013) 170-178
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- ❖ kaon single-and multi-nucleon processes using VOXES / TES
- ❖ determination of the charged kaon mass (K^-) using VOXES / TES

Test measurements @ DAΦNE



	KC (5→4) 10216,4 eV	KC (7→5) 8885,8 eV
Yield	17,3 %	4 %
ev / 200 gg	95	16
δE (200 gg)	(≤) 0,7 eV	(≈) 1,6 eV