

Kaonic atoms research at the DAΦNE collider:

# THE SIDDHARTA-2 EXPERIMENT

and future perspectives

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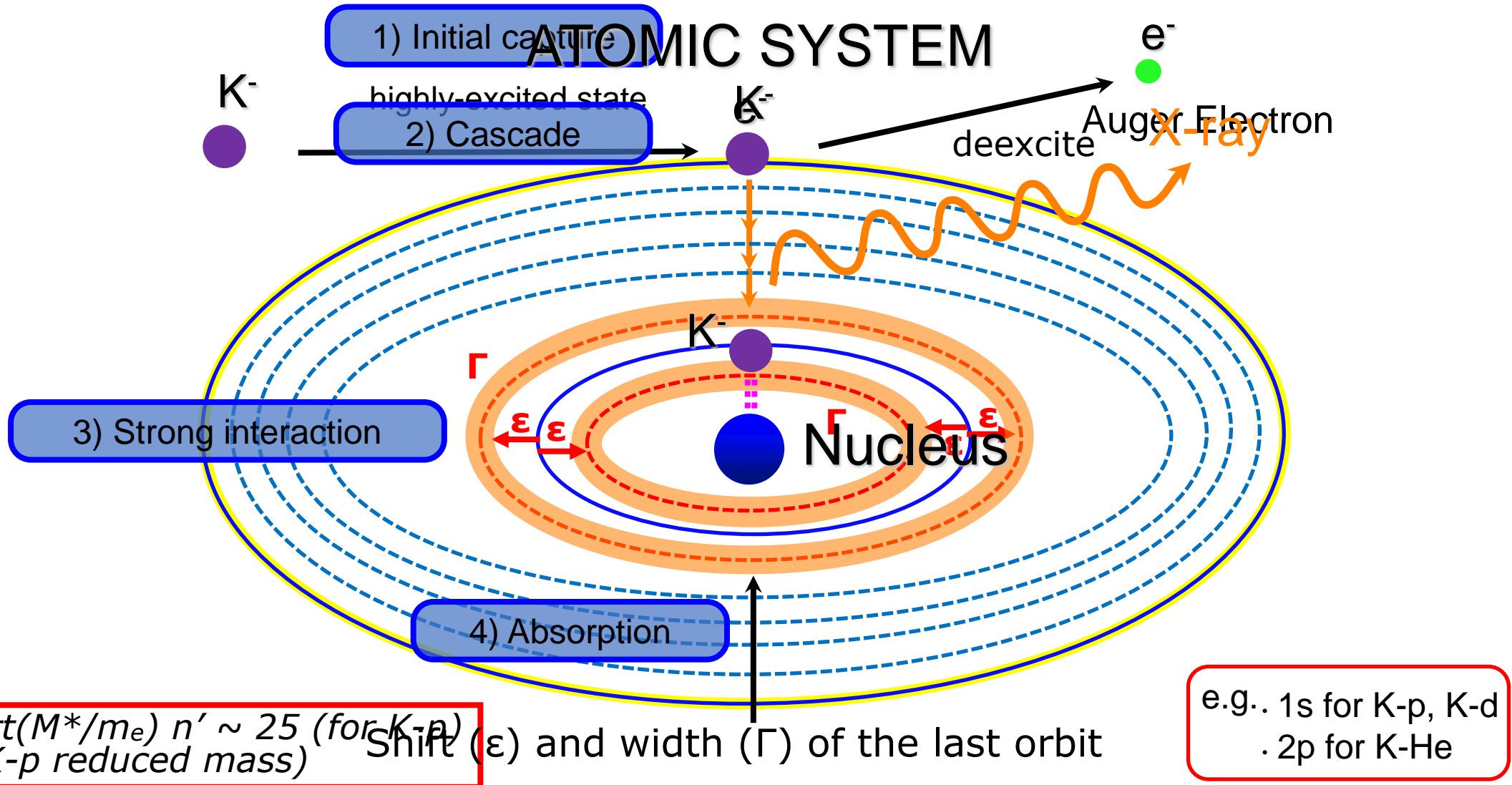


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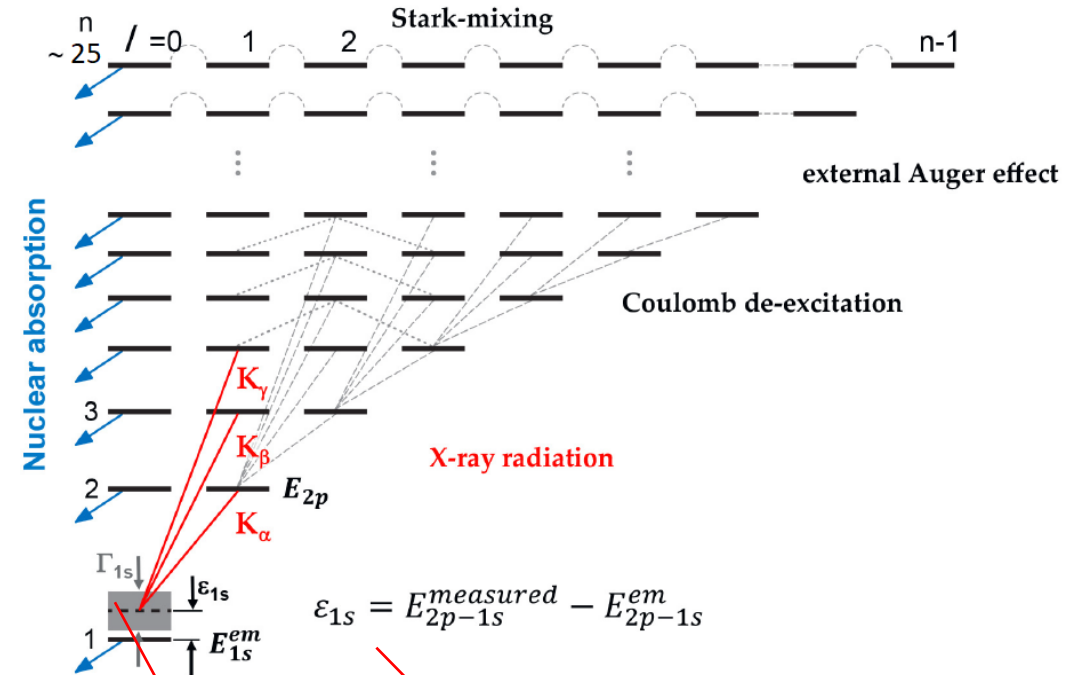
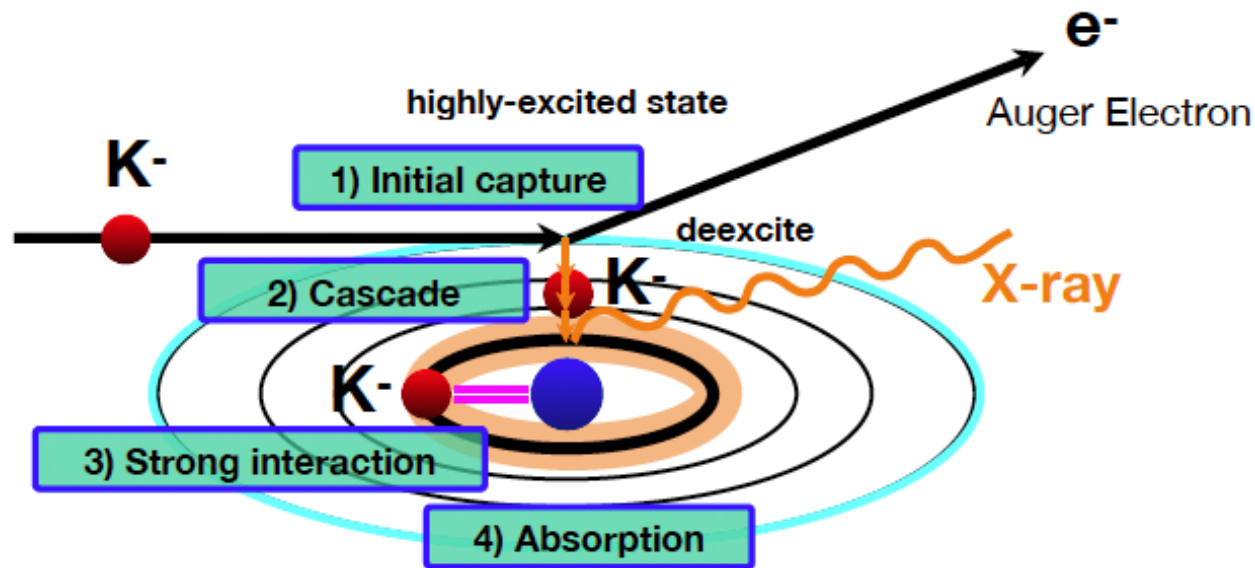
# Kaonic atoms formation

Kaonic atoms are formed by stopping a negatively charged kaon in a target medium



# Kaonic atoms formation

In kaonic atoms, part of the shift ( $\varepsilon$ ) and width ( $\Gamma$ ) of the innermost atomic levels is due to the strong kaon-nucleus interaction, thus allowing the study of the strong interaction at low energy (keV) in the *strange* sector.



The measurement of shift and width of the  $1s$  orbital in **Kaonic Hydrogen** and **Kaonic Deuterium**, provides fundamental and unique information on kaon-proton and kaon-neutron strong interaction at low energies.

Width  $\Gamma$  and shift  $\varepsilon$  obtained by measuring the X-rays emitted

# The Scientific Goal

The  $\bar{K}p$  and  $\bar{K}d$  scattering lengths ( $a_{\bar{K}p}, a_{\bar{K}d}$ ) are connected to the shift and width of kaonic hydrogen ( $\varepsilon_{1s}^H, \Gamma_{1s}^H$ ) and kaonic deuterium ( $\varepsilon_{1s}^D, \Gamma_{1s}^D$ ) by the Deser-Trueman Formula, improved by Meissner et al., taking into account the isospin breaking connections:

$$\varepsilon_{1s}^H + \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_{1s}^H = 2\alpha^3 \mu_{\bar{K}p}^2 a_{\bar{K}p} (1 - 2\alpha \mu_{\bar{K}p}^2 (\ln \alpha - 1) a_{\bar{K}p})$$

$$\varepsilon_{1s}^D + \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_{1s}^D = 2\alpha^3 \mu_{\bar{K}d}^2 a_{\bar{K}d} (1 - 2\alpha \mu_{\bar{K}d}^2 (\ln \alpha - 1) a_{\bar{K}d})$$

Next-to-leading order

$\alpha$  is the fine-structure constant and  $\mu_{\bar{K}p}$  and  $\mu_{\bar{K}d}$  are the reduced masses of  $\bar{K}p$  and  $\bar{K}d$  systems

U.-G. Meißner, U. Raha, A. Rusetsky,  
*Eur. J. Phys. C* **35** (2004) 349



$$a_{\bar{K}p} = \frac{1}{2}(a_0 + a_1)$$

$$a_{\bar{K}n} = a_1$$

$$a_{\bar{K}d} = \frac{k}{4}(a_0 + 3a_1) + C = \frac{k}{2}(a_{\bar{K}p} + a_{\bar{K}n}) + C$$

Where:

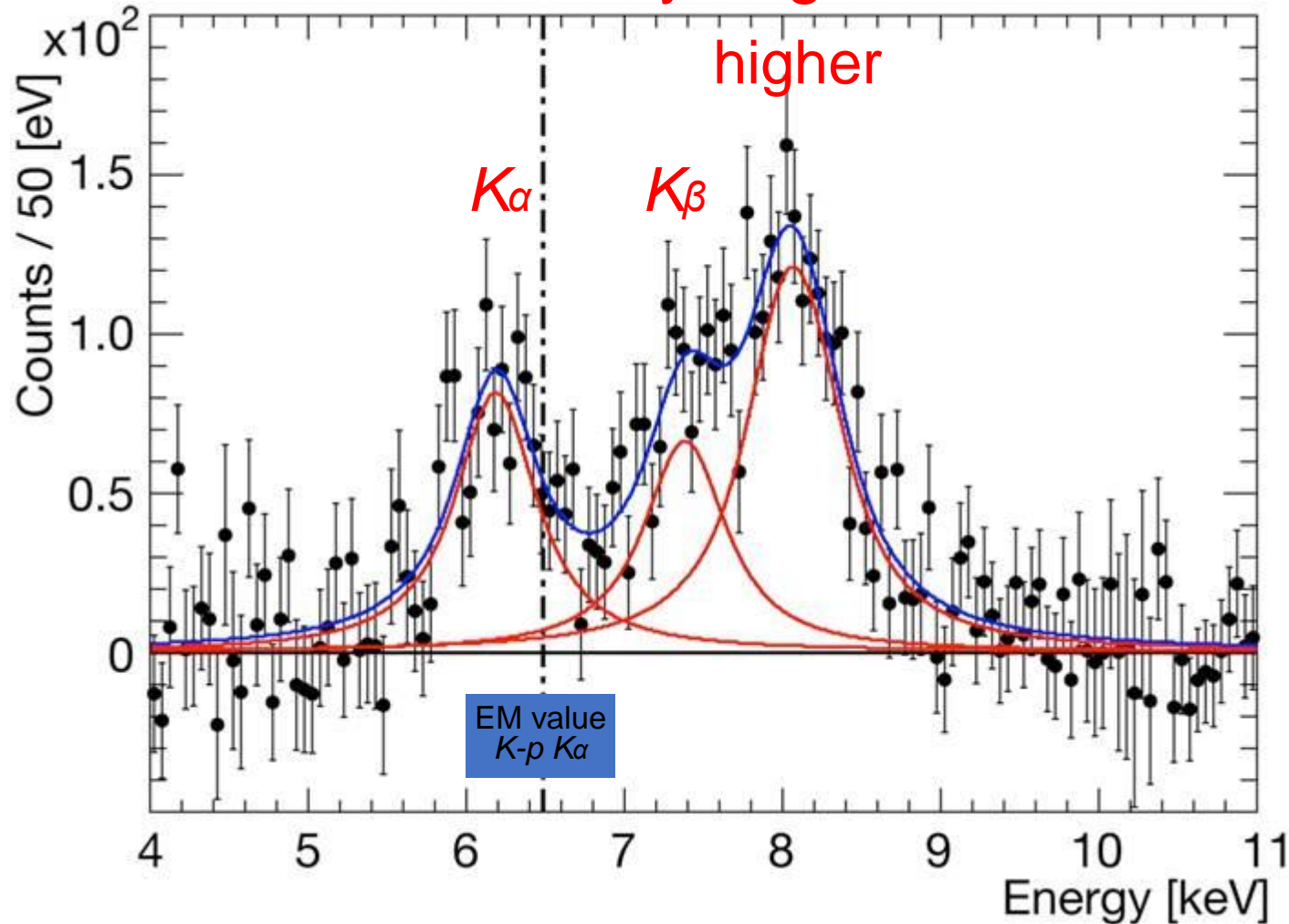
- $a_0$  and  $a_1$  are  $\bar{K}N$  isospin-dependent ( $I = 0, 1$ ) lengths,
- $k = \frac{4(m_N + m_K)}{2m_N + m_K}$ , with  $m_N$  and  $m_K$  respectively Nucleon and Kaon masses
- $C$  is a term including all higher orders.

completely solve Isospin-dependent K-N scattering length

# The SIDDHARTA experiment

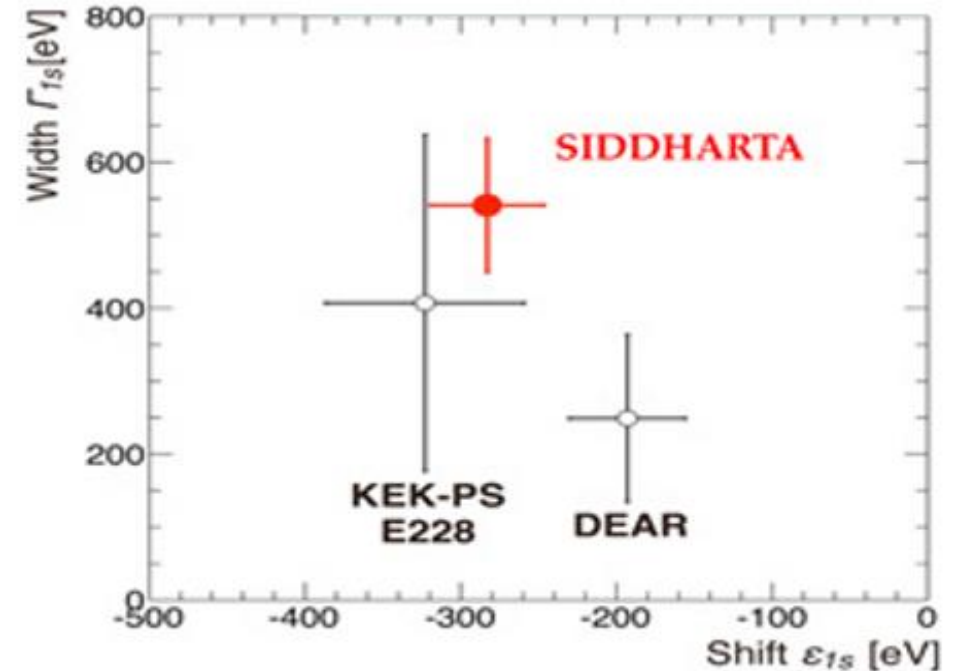
The SIDDHARTA experiment performed the first measurements of shift and width of kaonic hydrogen in 2011 at National Laboratories of Frascati (LNF-INFN).

## Kaonic hydrogen



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

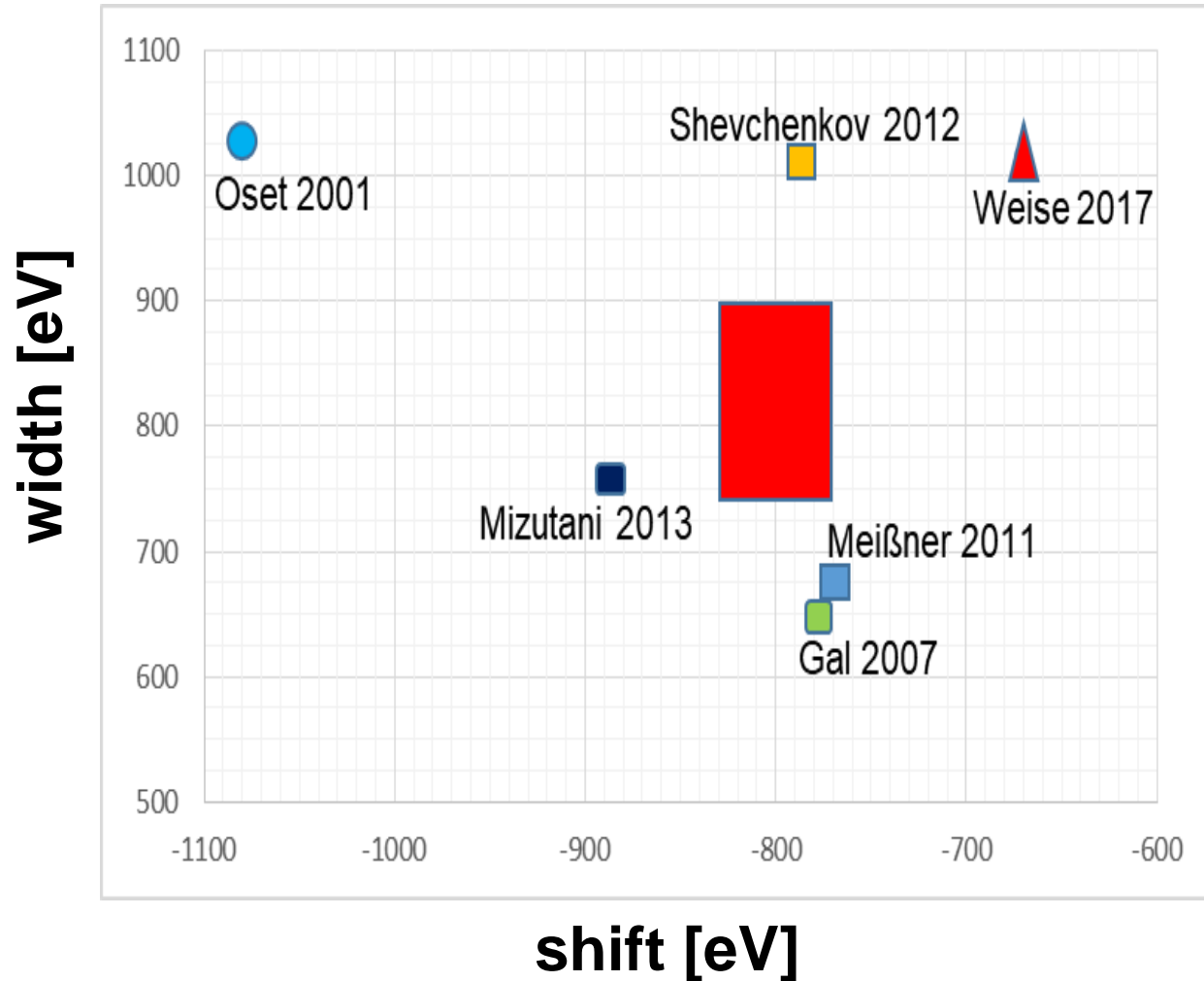
$$\Gamma_{1s}^H = 541 \pm 89(\text{stat}) \pm 22(\text{syst}) \text{eV}$$



C. Curceanu et al., *Phys. Lett. B* **704** (2011) 113

# The SIDDHARTA-2 scientific goal

The SIDDHARTA-2 experiment aims to perform the first measurement of shift and width of kaonic deuterium at the DAΦNE e+e- collider at LNF-INFN.



**ISOSPIN-DEPENDENT K-N  
SCATTERING LENGTH WILL  
BE COMPLETELY SOLVED**

# SIDDHARTA-2

## Silicon Drift Detector for Hadronic Atom Research by Timing Applications



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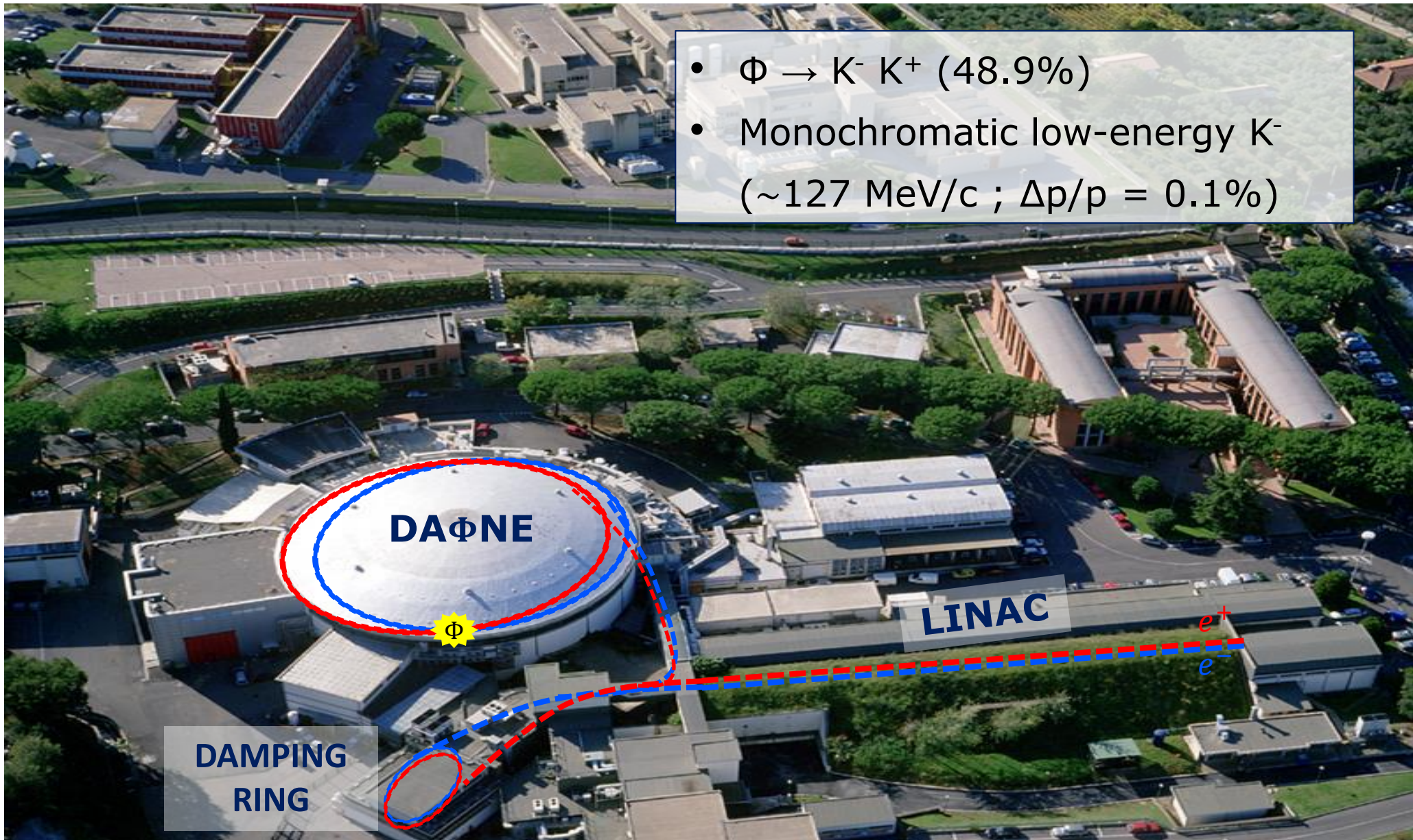
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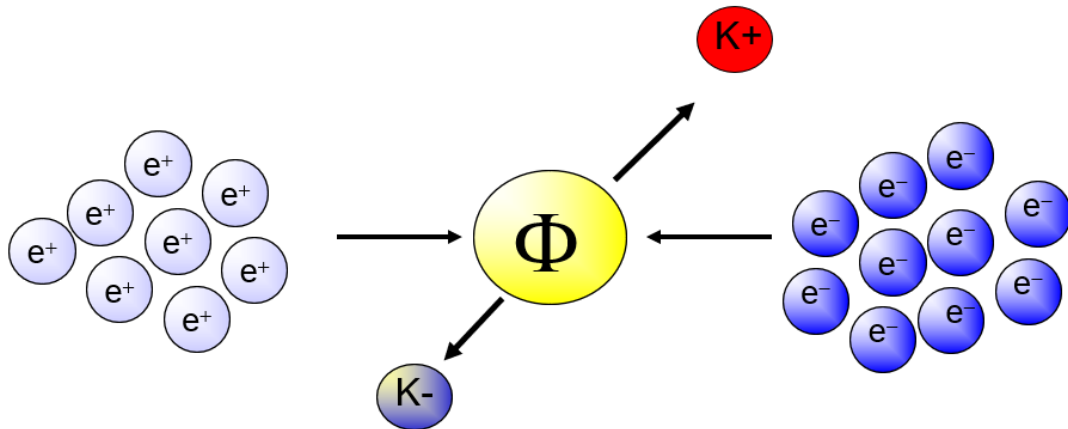
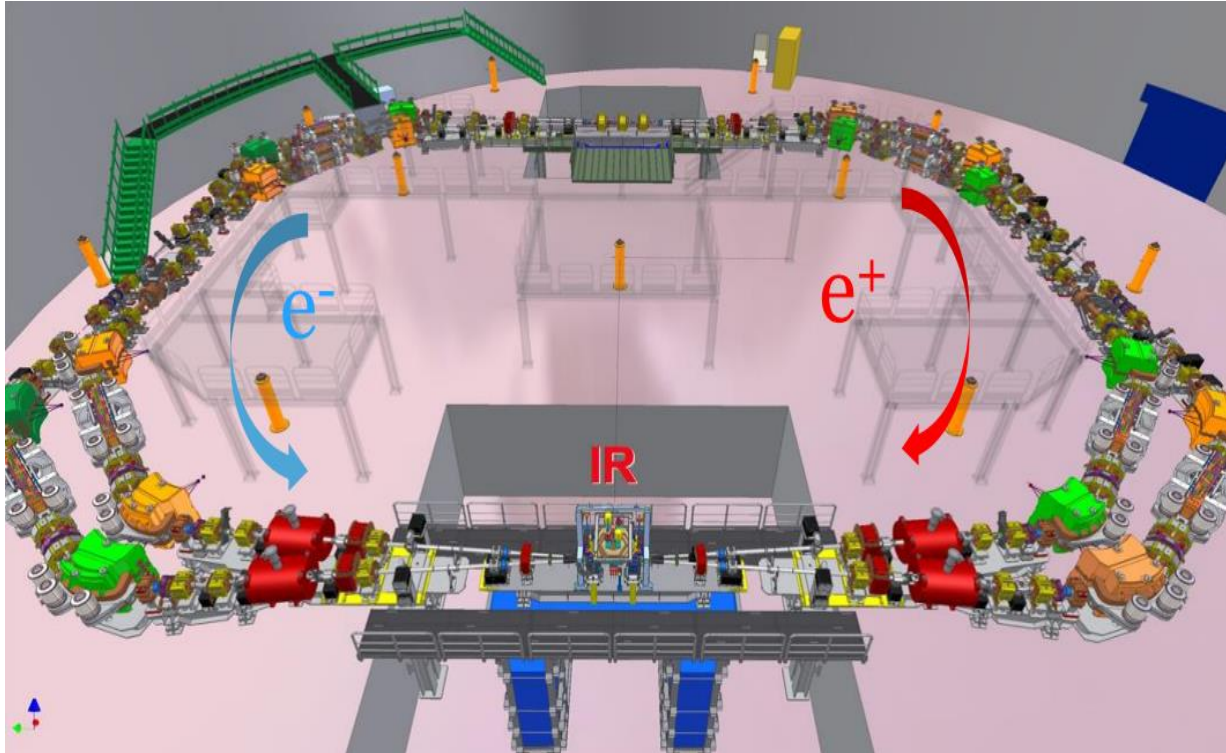


# LNF $e^+e^-$ Accelerators complex





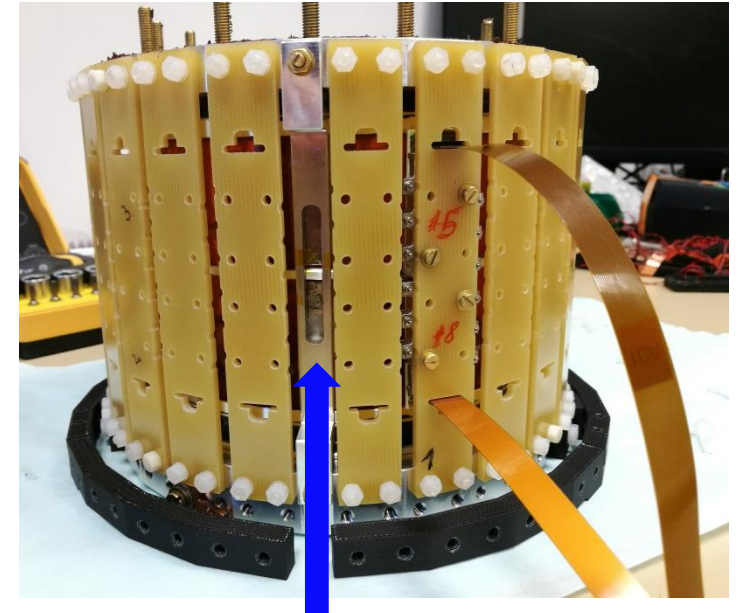
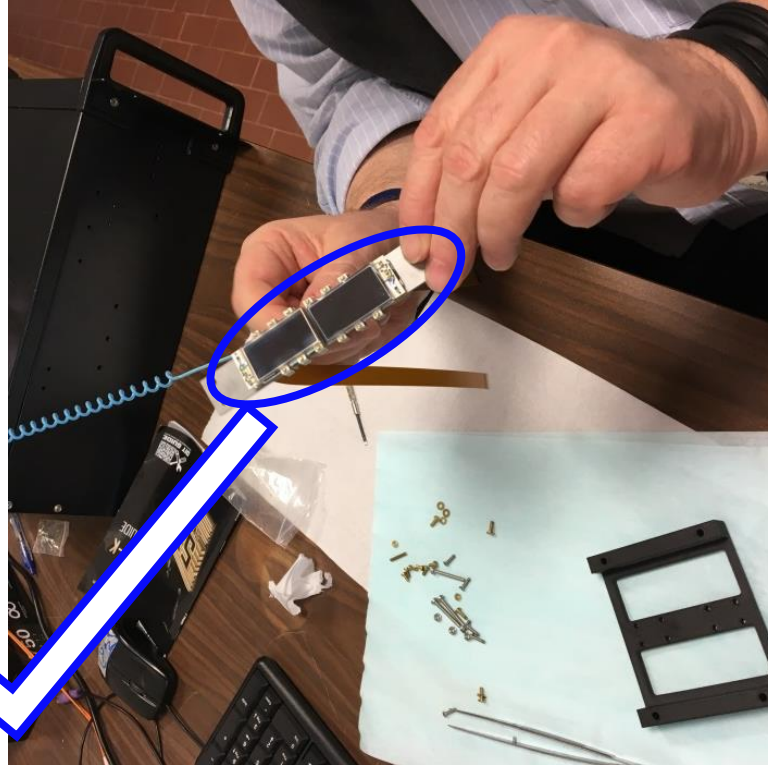
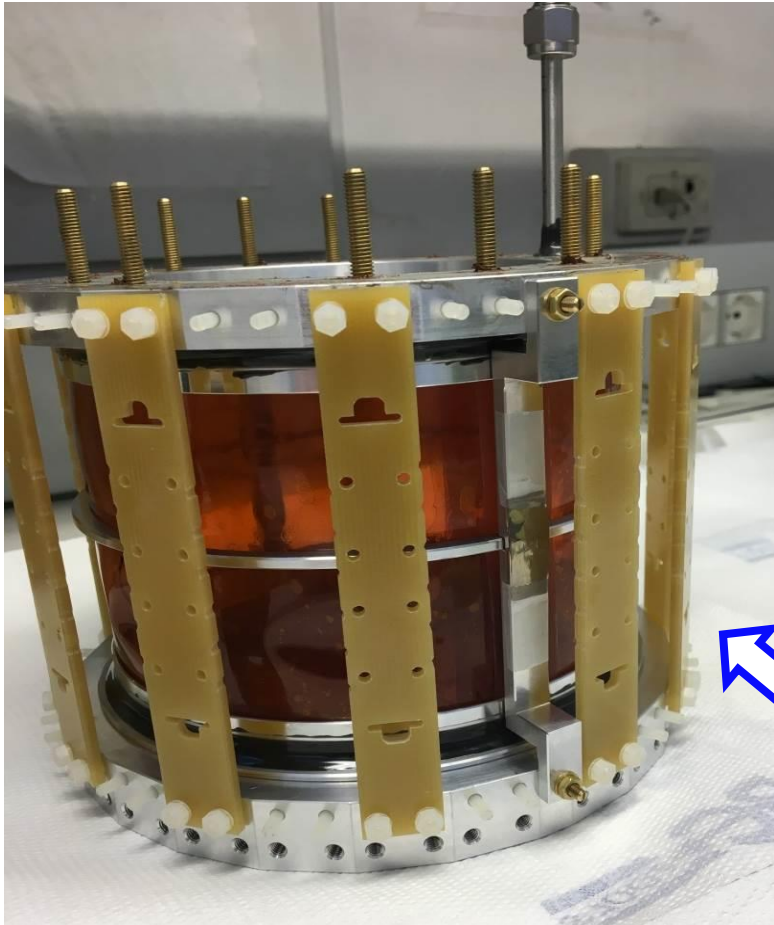
# The DAΦNE $e^+e^-$ Collider



- $\Phi \rightarrow K^- K^+$  (48.9%)
- Monochromatic low-energy  $K^-$  ( $\sim 127$  MeV/c ;  $\Delta p/p = 0.1\%$ )
- **Flux of produced kaons: about 1000/second**

# The SIDDHARTA-2 target

The cylindric target cell consists of a wall made of a 2-Kapton layer structure (75  $\mu\text{m}$  + 75  $\mu\text{m}$  + Araldit), placed on aluminum support.



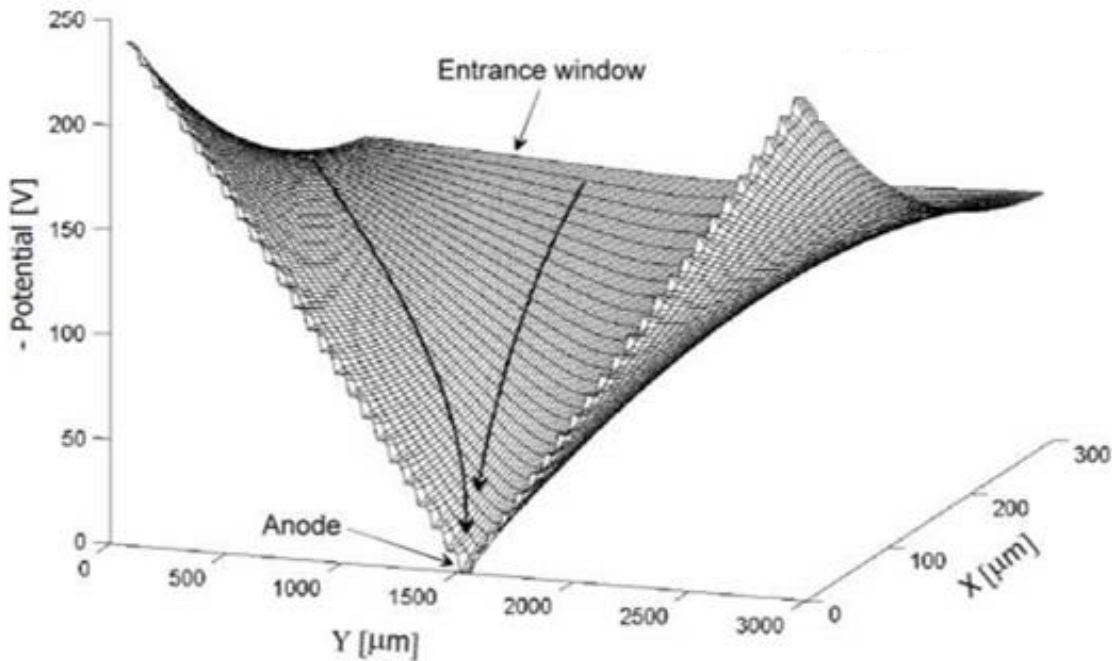
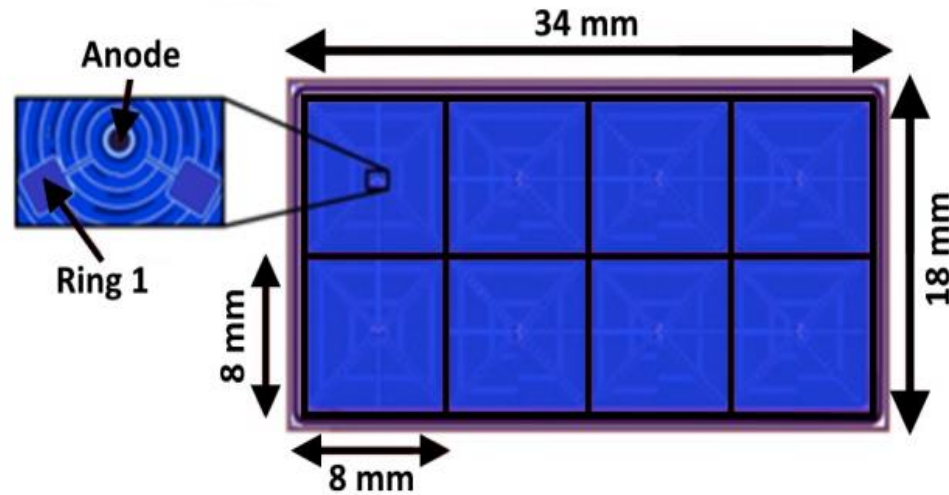
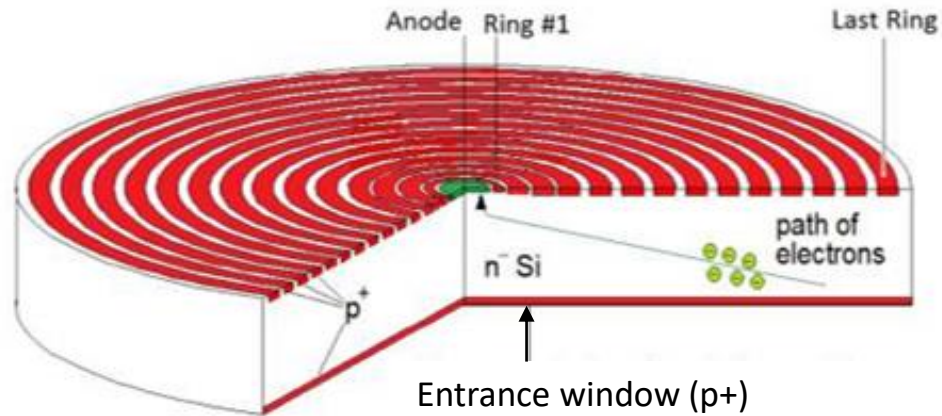
calibration foils inserted near to the SDD are activated by the X-ray tubes

Silicon Drift Detectors (SDDs) are placed 5 mm from the target wall for the x-ray spectroscopy

**GASEOUS DEUTERIUM IS FLUXED WITHIN THE TARGET CELL**

# The Silicon Drift Detectors

## SDD CELL CROSS SECTION



Each array consists of 8 SDD cells with 0.64 cm<sup>2</sup> of active area and 450 μm thickness each, which ensures a high collection efficiency for X-rays of energy between 5 keV and 12 keV

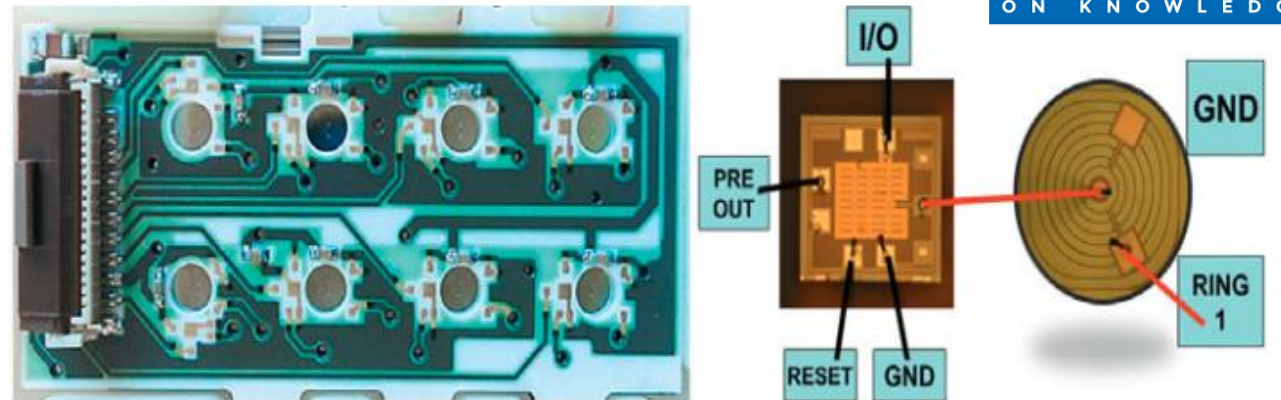
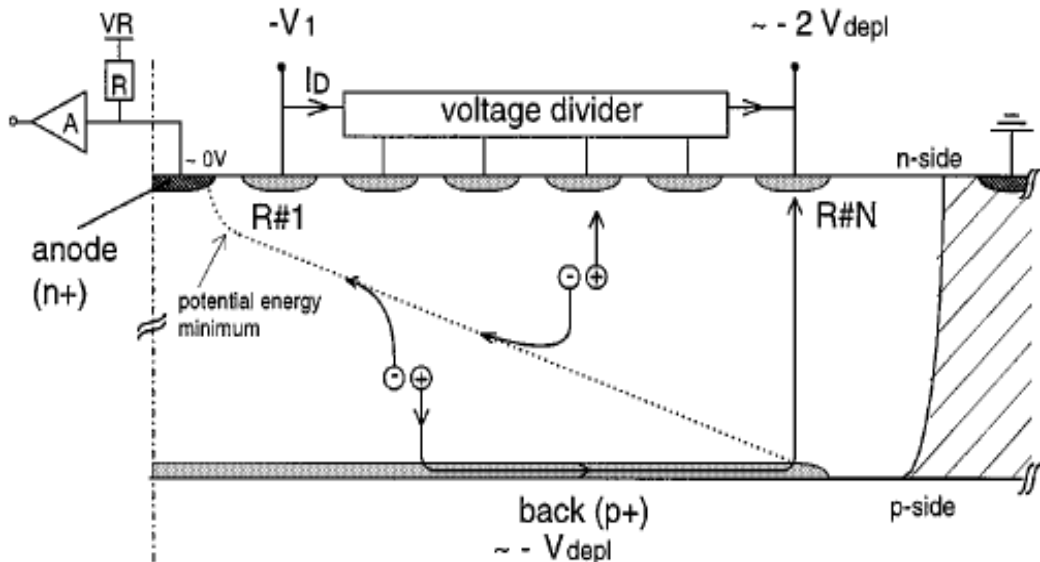
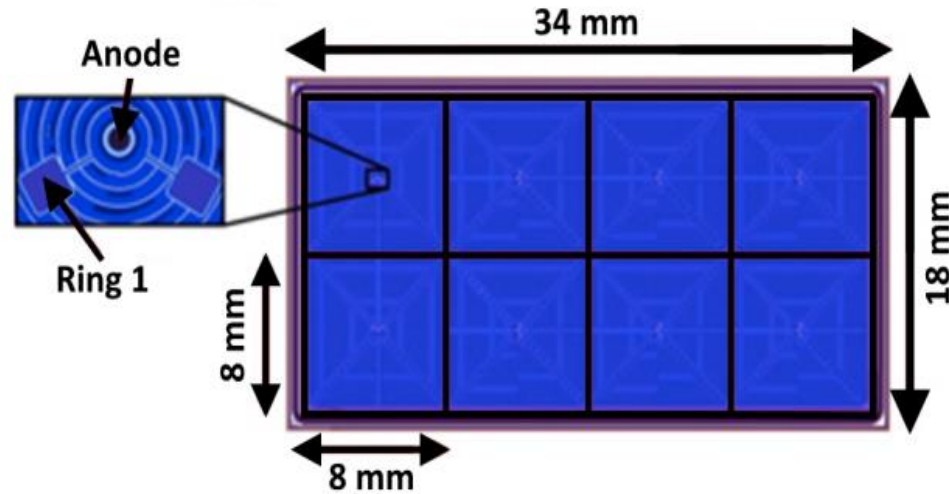
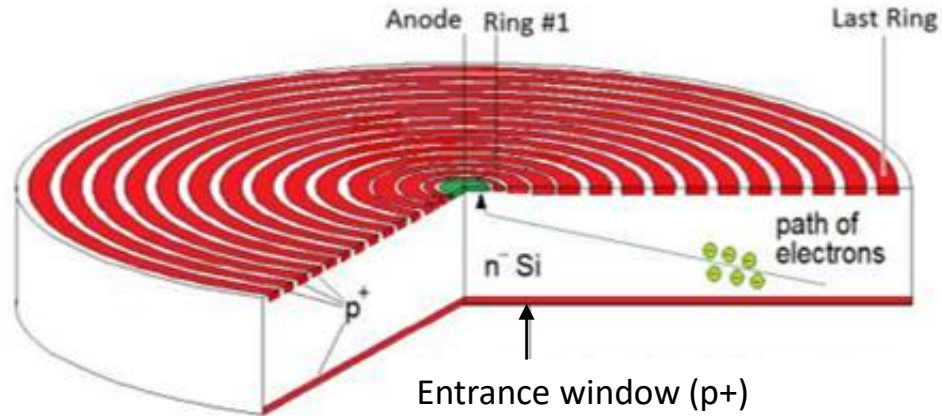


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# The Silicon Drift Detectors

## SDD CELL CROSS SECTION



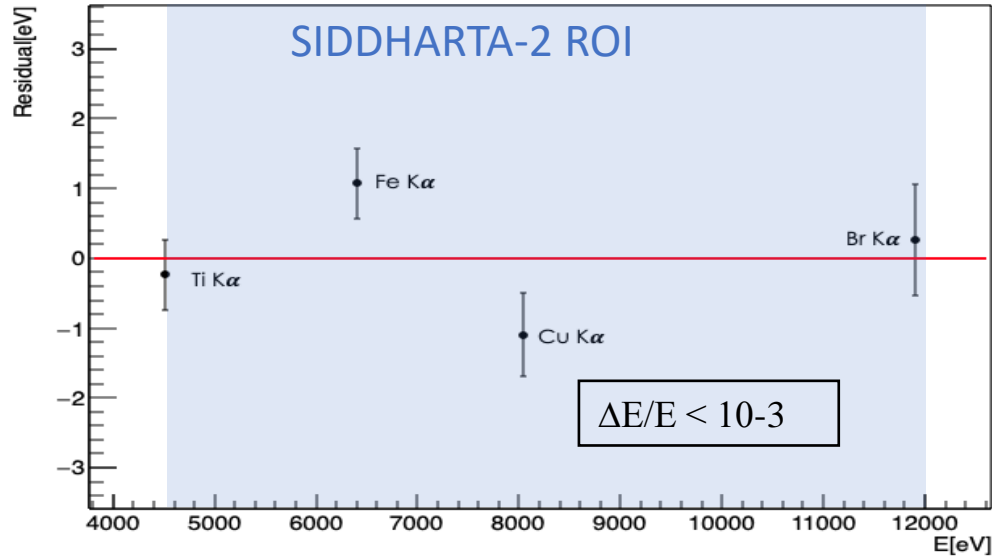
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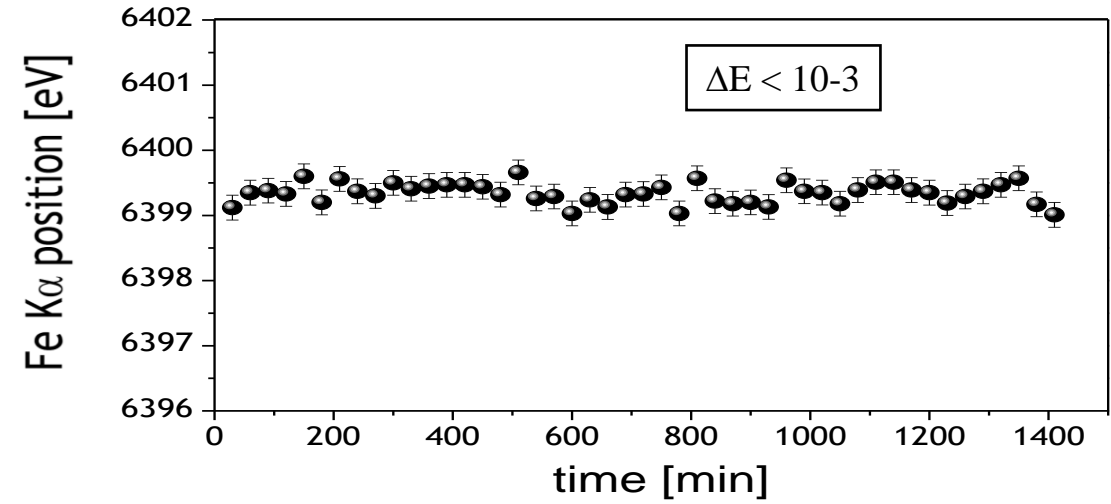
The SIDDHARTA-2 experiment equips 48 SDD arrays, for a total of 384 SDD cell detectors. Each SDD array has a total active area of  $5.12 \text{ cm}^2$

# The Silicon Drift Detectors

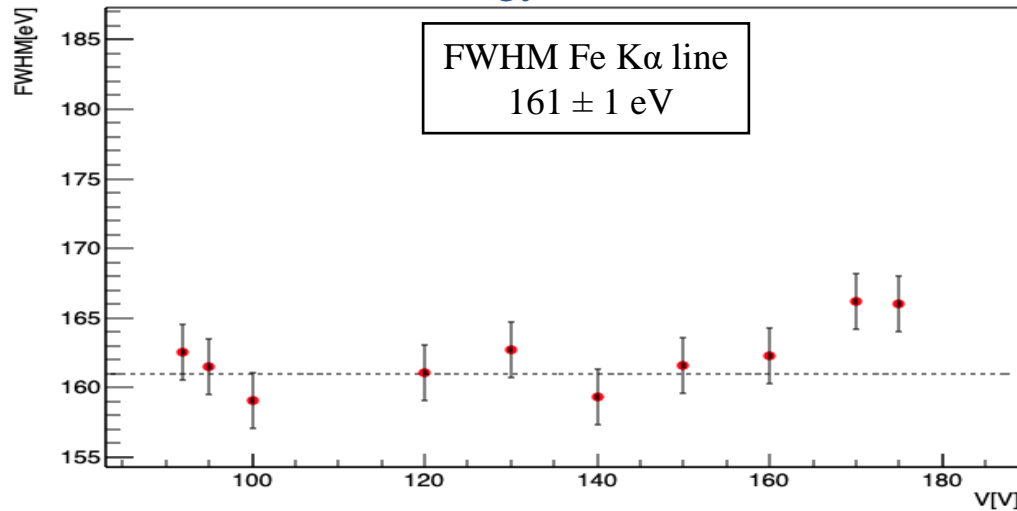
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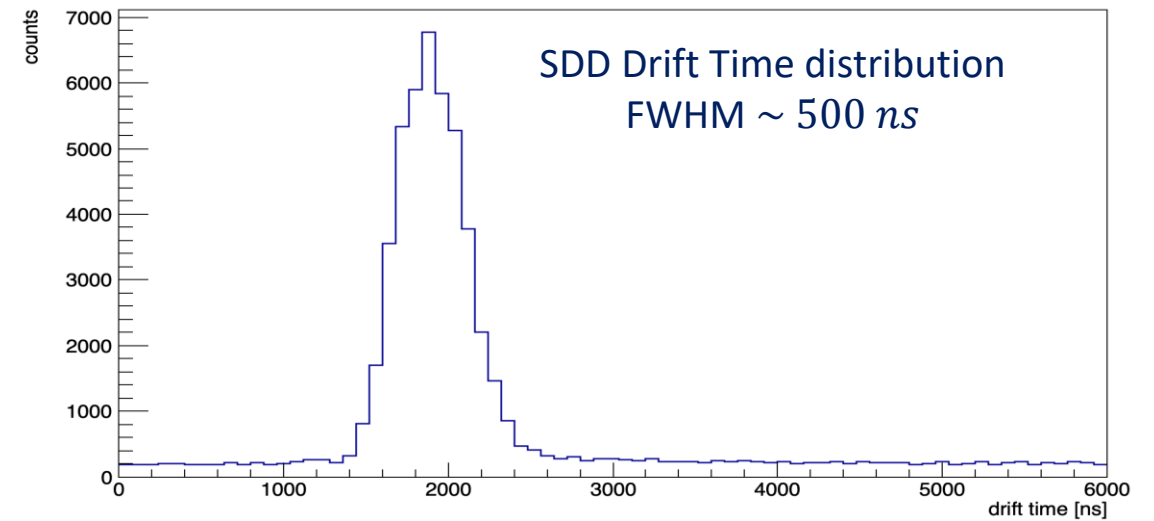
## Stability



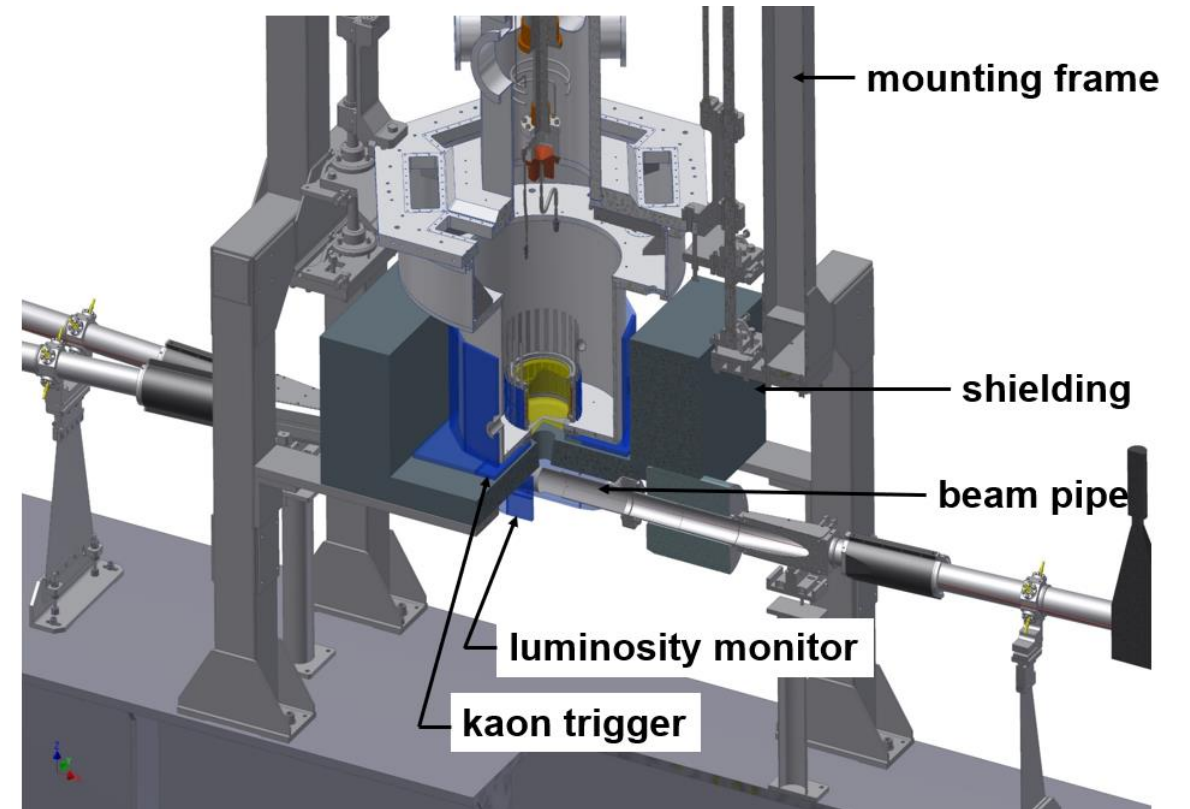
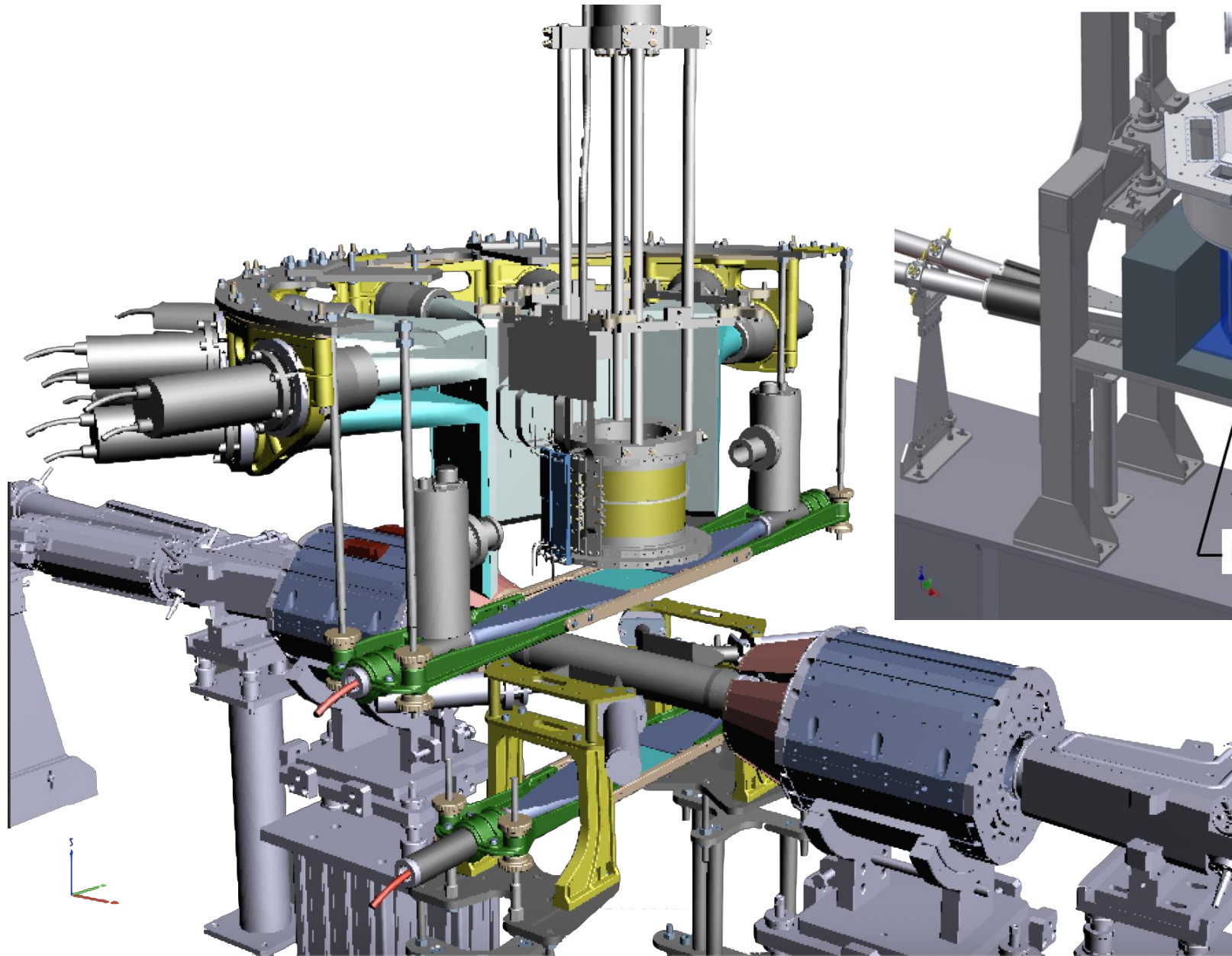
## Energy Resolution



## Timing Resolution

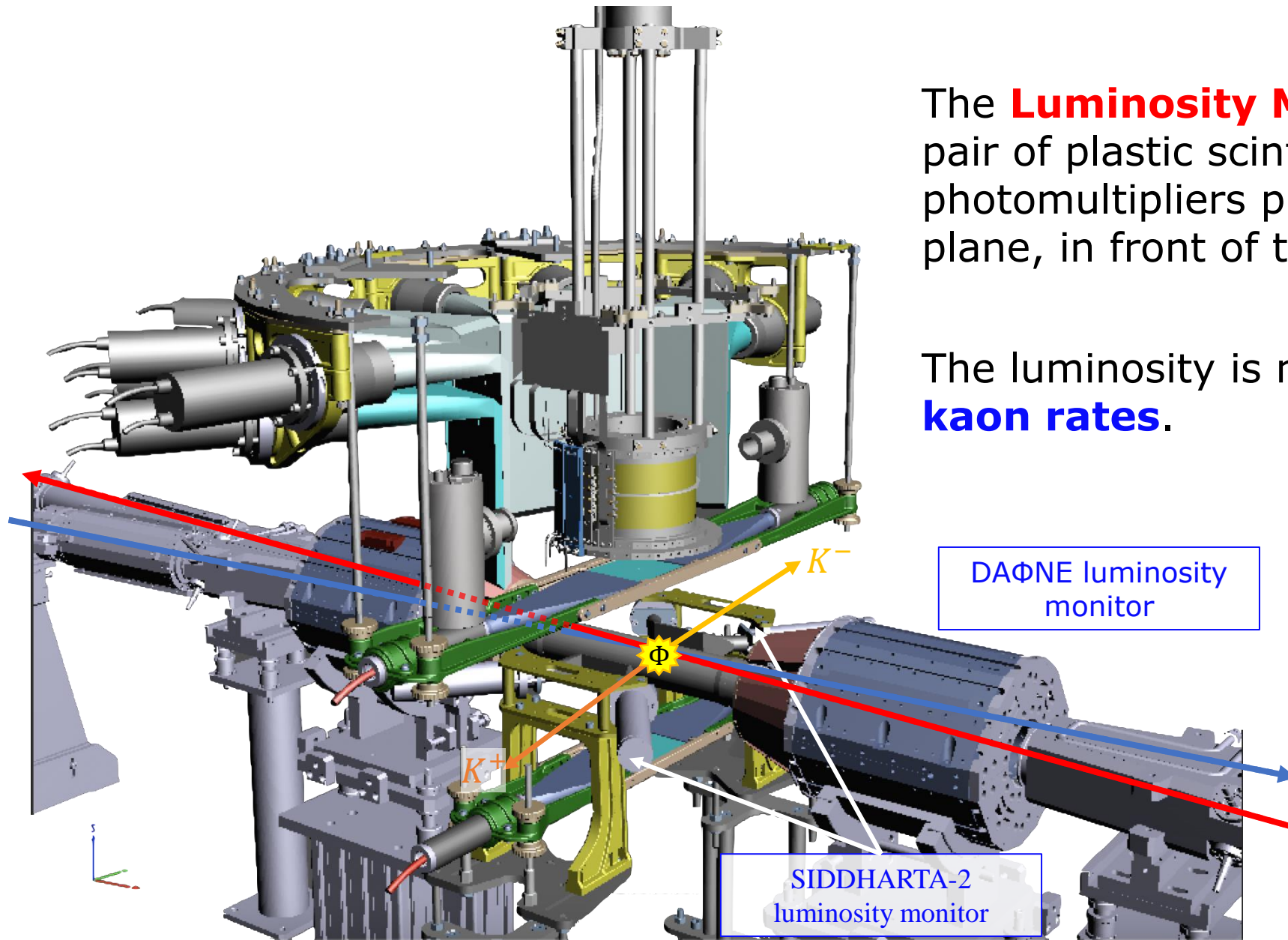


# The SIDDHARTA-2 setup



The SIDDHARTA-2 experiment is actually installed in the DAΦNE collider at LNF.

# The SIDDHARTA-2 setup



The **Luminosity Monitor** consists of a pair of plastic scintillators read by photomultipliers placed on the longitudinal plane, in front of the interaction region.

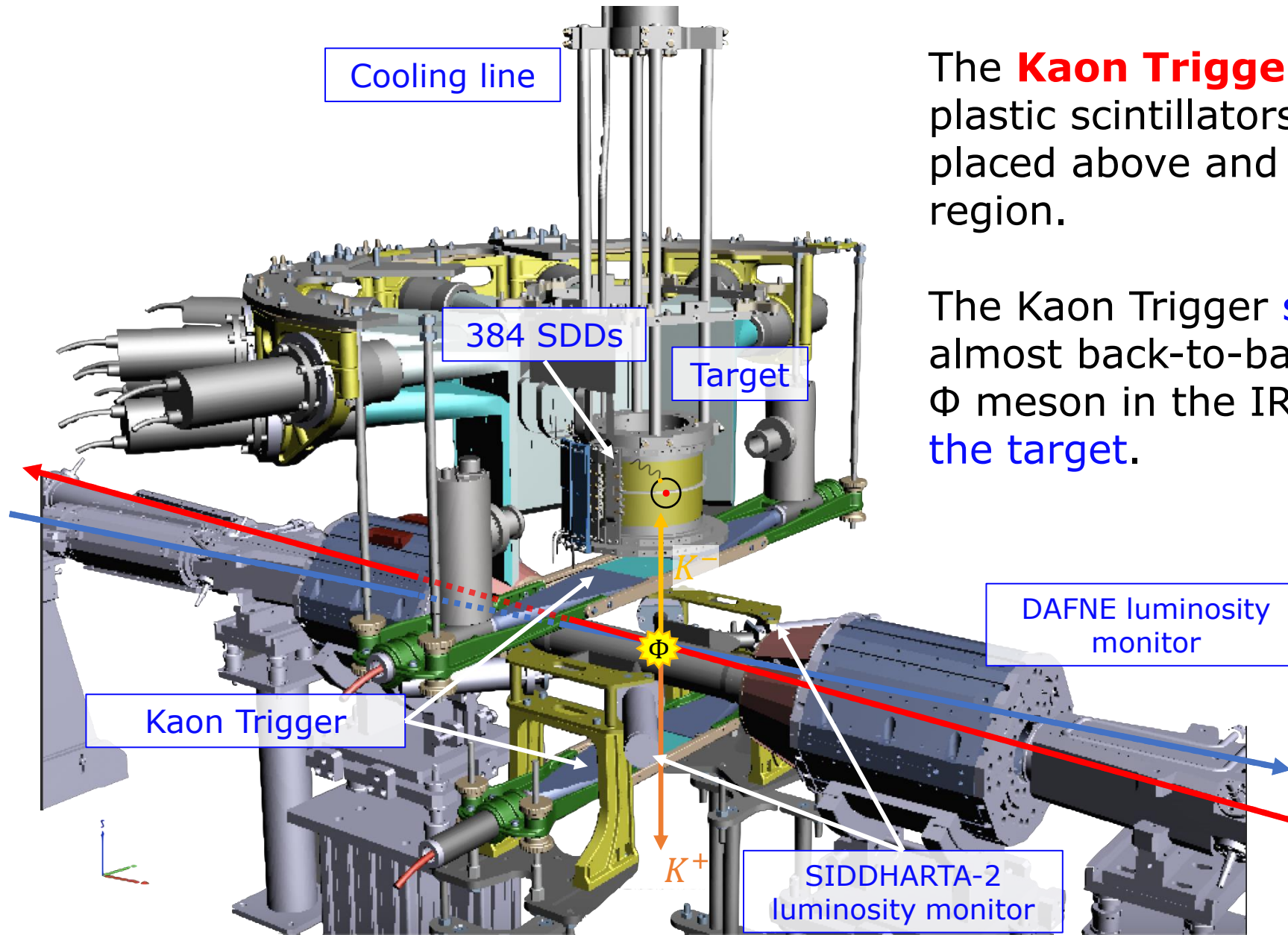
The luminosity is measured using the **kaon rates**.

DAΦNE luminosity monitor

SIDDHARTA-2 luminosity monitor

The SIDDHARTA-2 luminosity monitor is complementary to the DAΦNE luminosity monitor, which use the Bhabha scattering  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$

# The SIDDHARTA-2 setup



The **Kaon Trigger** consists of two pair of plastic scintillators read by photomultipliers placed above and below the Interaction region.

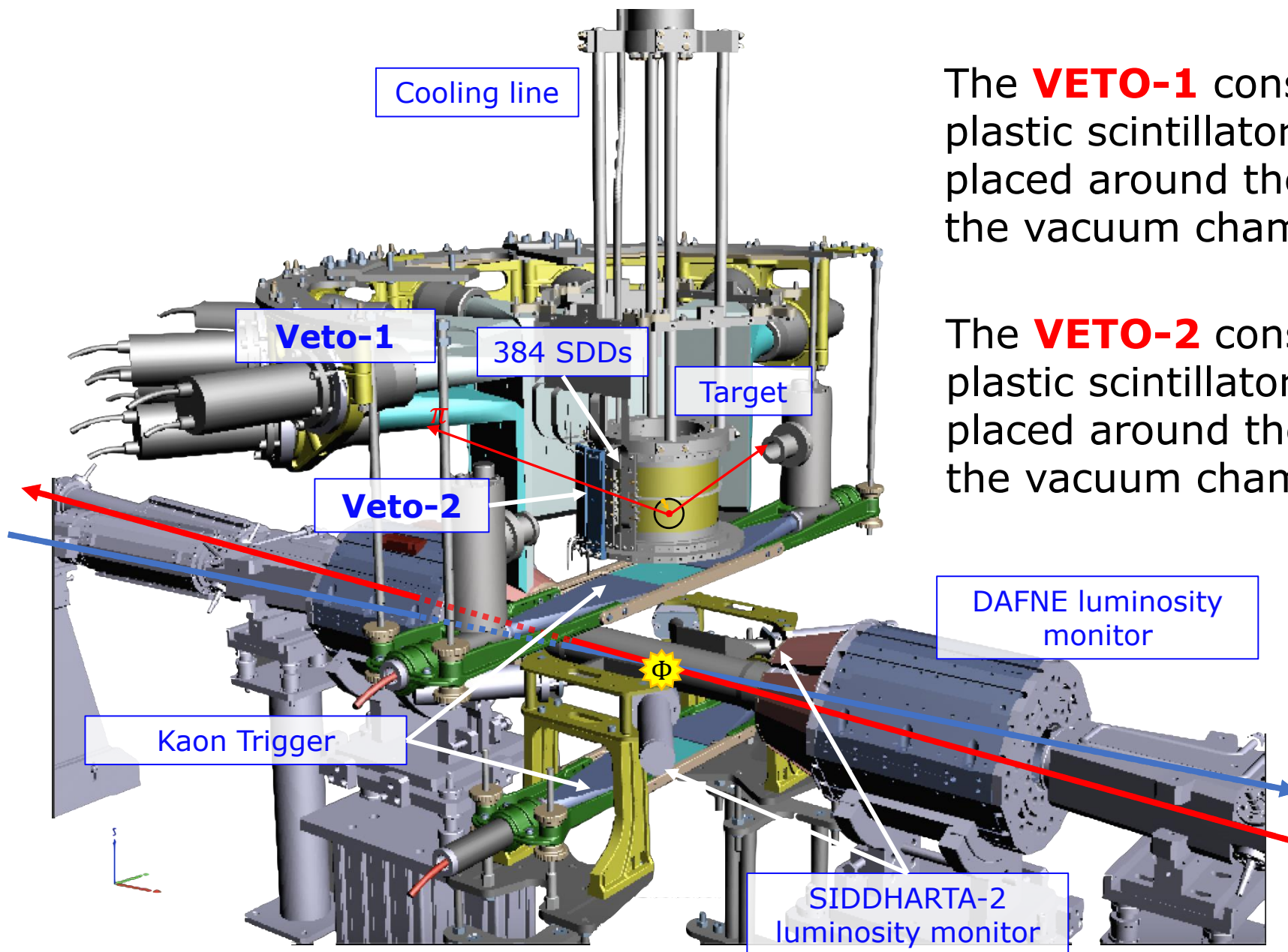
The Kaon Trigger **selects kaons** emitted almost back-to-back from the decay of the  $\Phi$  meson in the IR and **directed towards the target**.

A cylindrical vacuum chamber is placed above the interaction point and contains target and SDDs.

SDDs are cooled to 170 K.



# The SIDDHARTA-2 setup



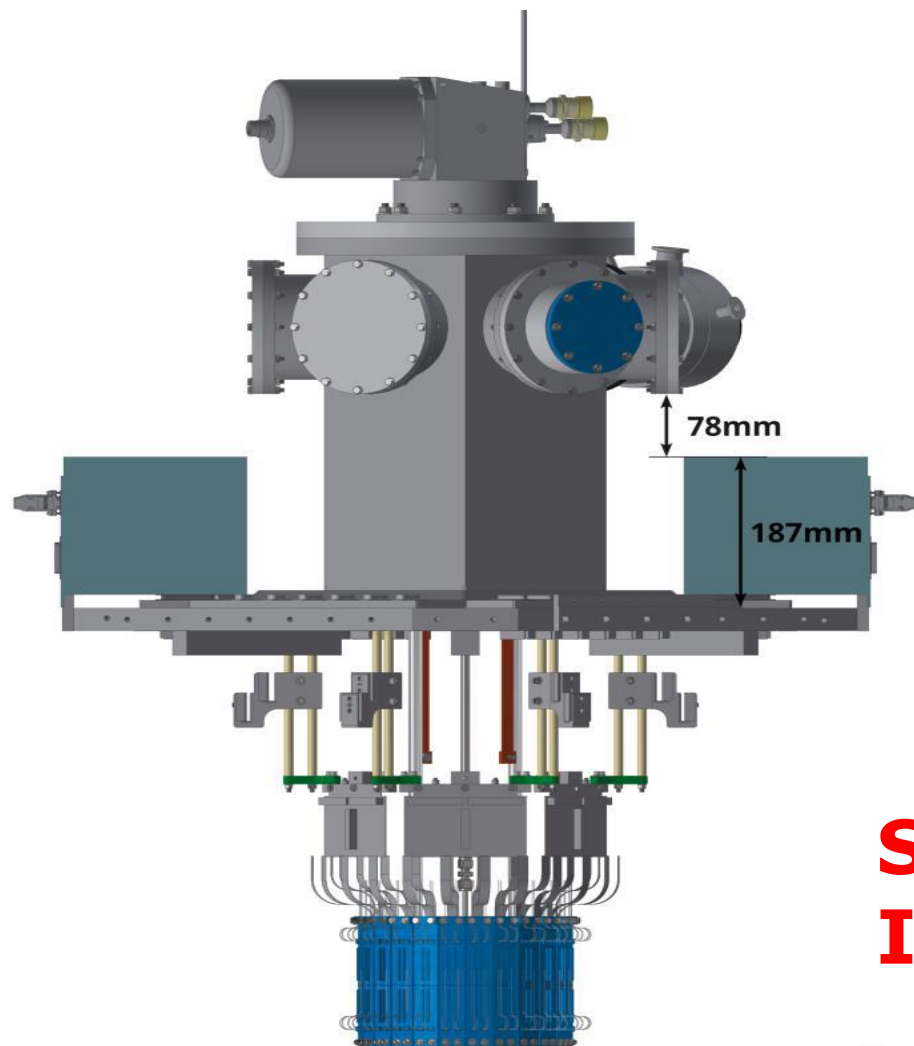
The **VETO-1** consists of twelve pair of plastic scintillators read by photomultipliers placed around the cryogenic target, outside the vacuum chamber.

The **VETO-2** consists of smaller pair of plastic scintillators read by photomultipliers placed around the cryogenic target, inside the vacuum chamber.

The **Veto systems** are used to **suppress the synchronous and asynchronous background** from the accelerator, and limit the fake signals due to **minimum ionizing particles (MIPs)**

# SIDDHARTINO

SIDDHARTINO was the phase 1 of the SIDDHARTA-2 experiment, which consisted of 1/6 of the SIDDHARTA-2 apparatus, installed in the DAΦNE collider during the DAΦNE beams commissioning phase

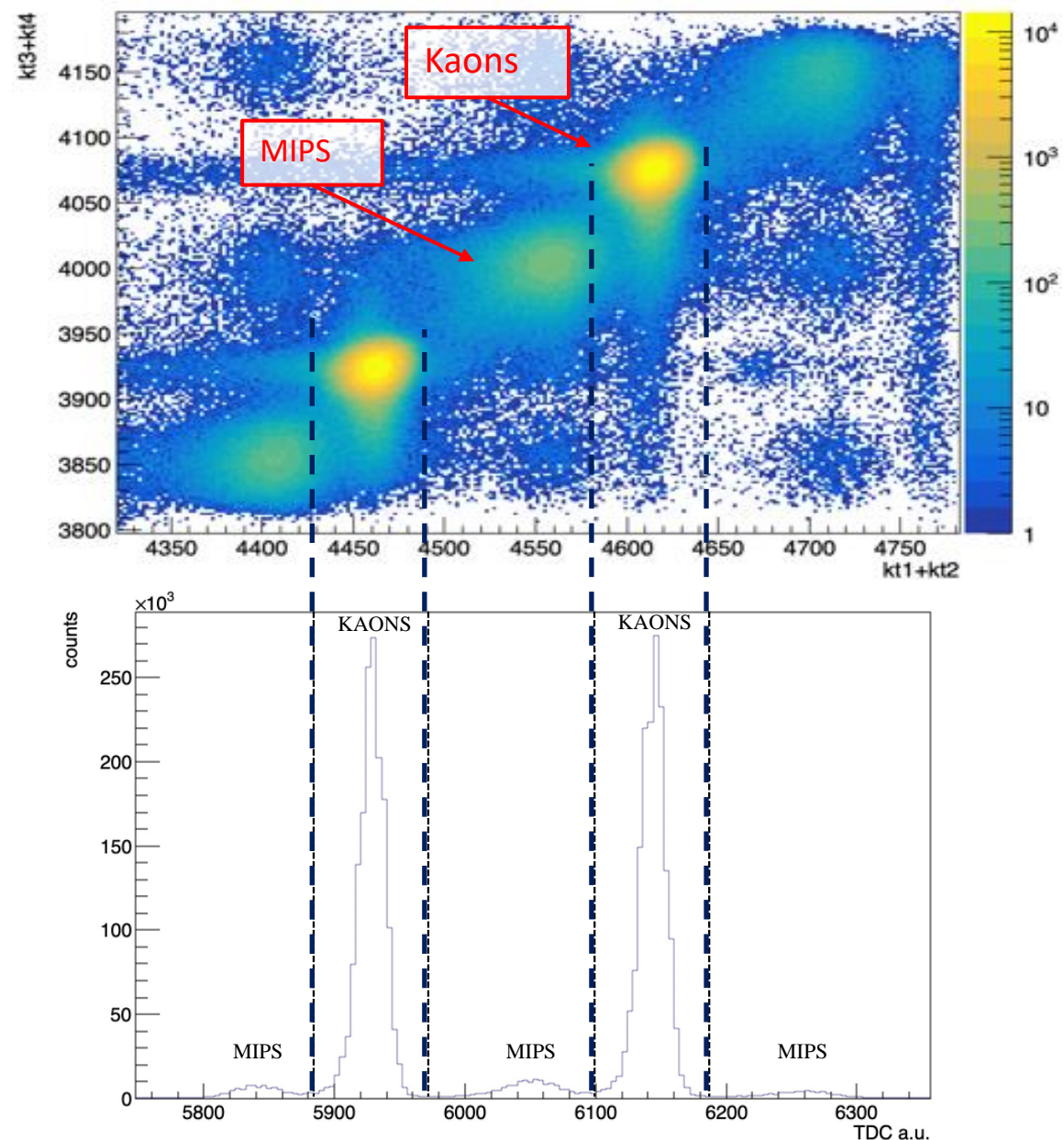
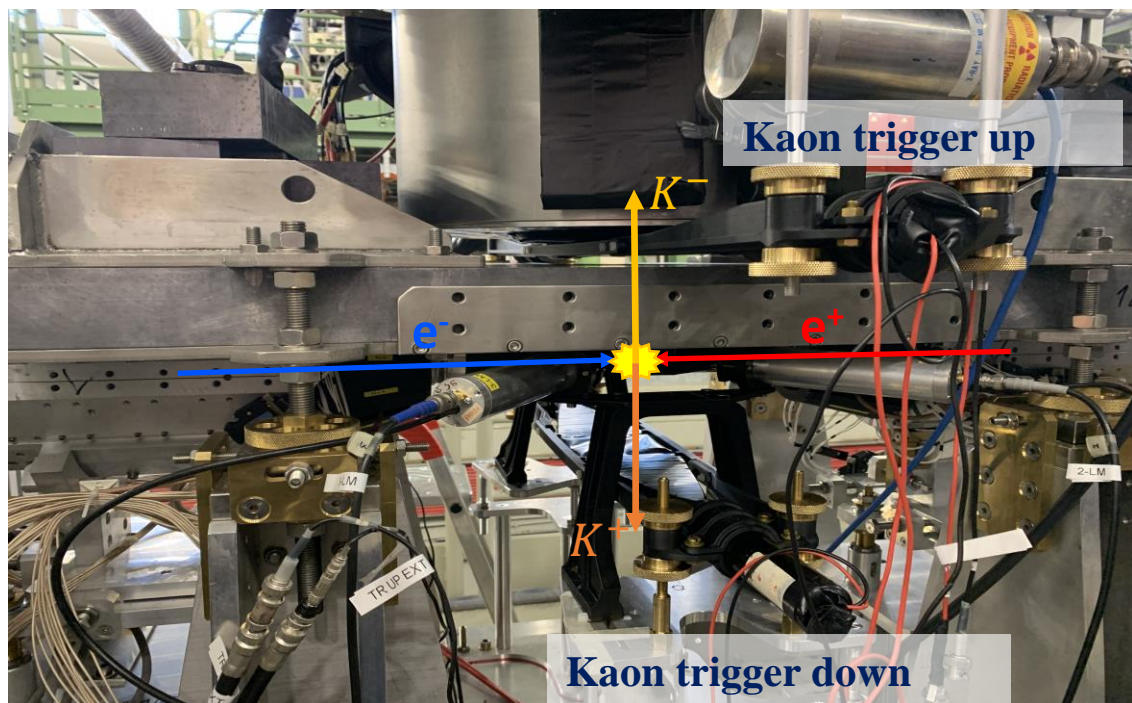


## SIDDHARTINO goals:

- Evaluation of the machine background (in preparation for the K-d run) through the measurement of the shift  $\varepsilon_{2p}$  and width  $\Gamma_{2p}$  in kaonic Helium 4
- Tuning of the SDD detectors
- Test and tuning of the Kaon trigger

**SIDDHARTINO WAS CONCLUDED  
IN 2021**

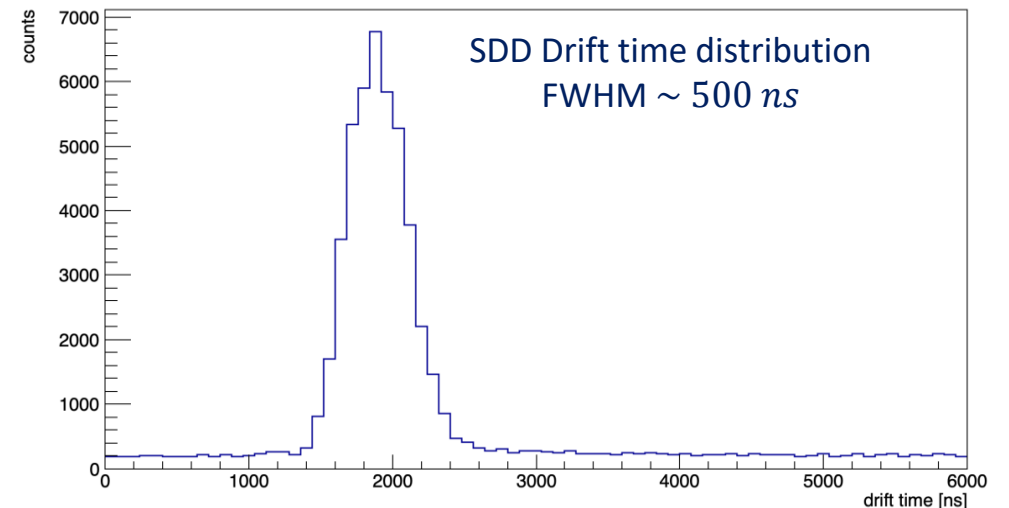
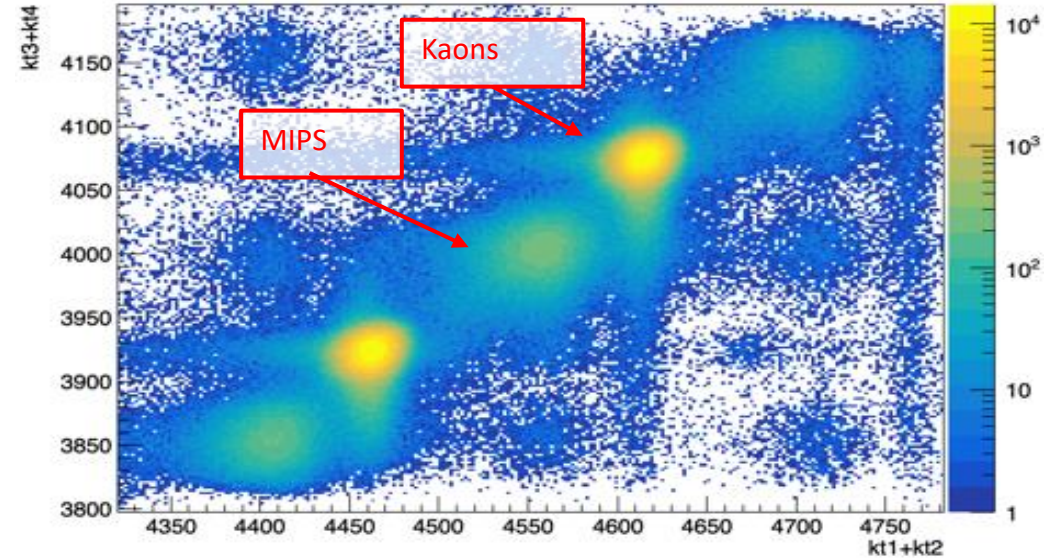
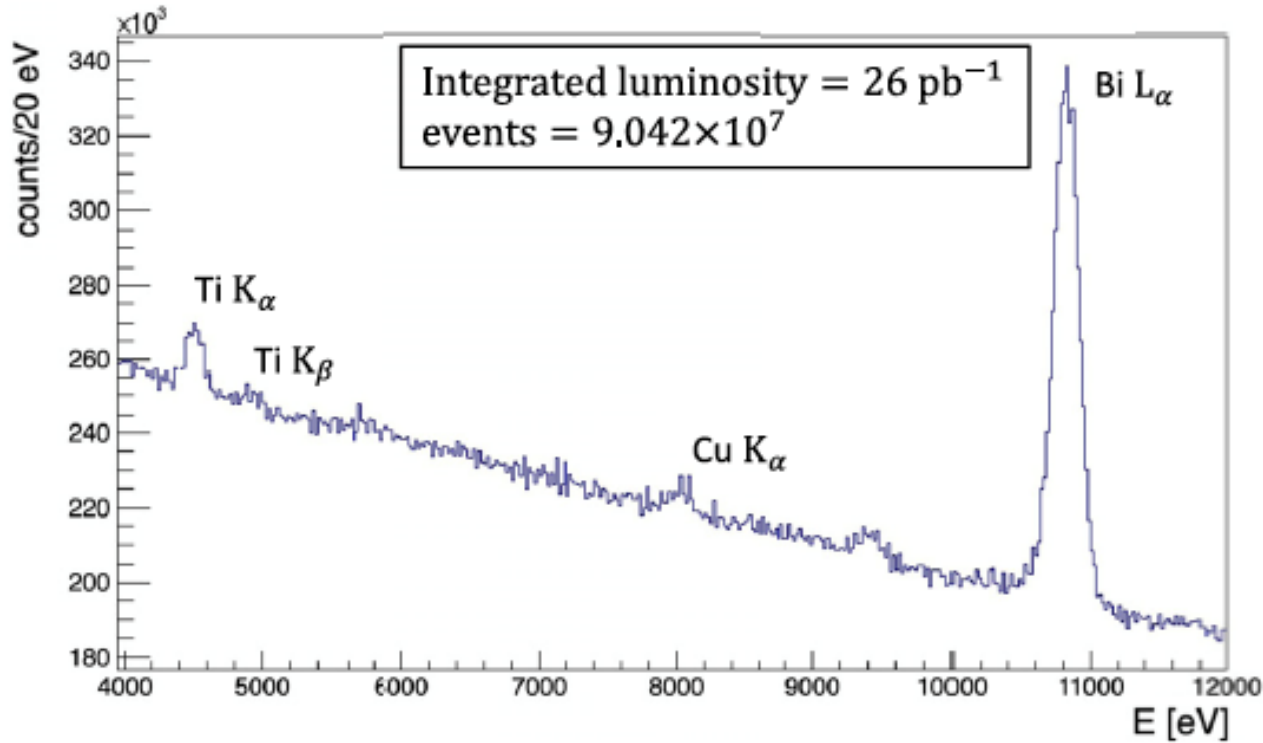
# The Kaon Trigger



The Time of Flight (ToF) is different for Kaons,  $m(K) \sim 500 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  and light particles originating from beam-beam and beam-environment interaction (MIPs).  
Can efficiently discriminate by ToF Kaons and MIPs!

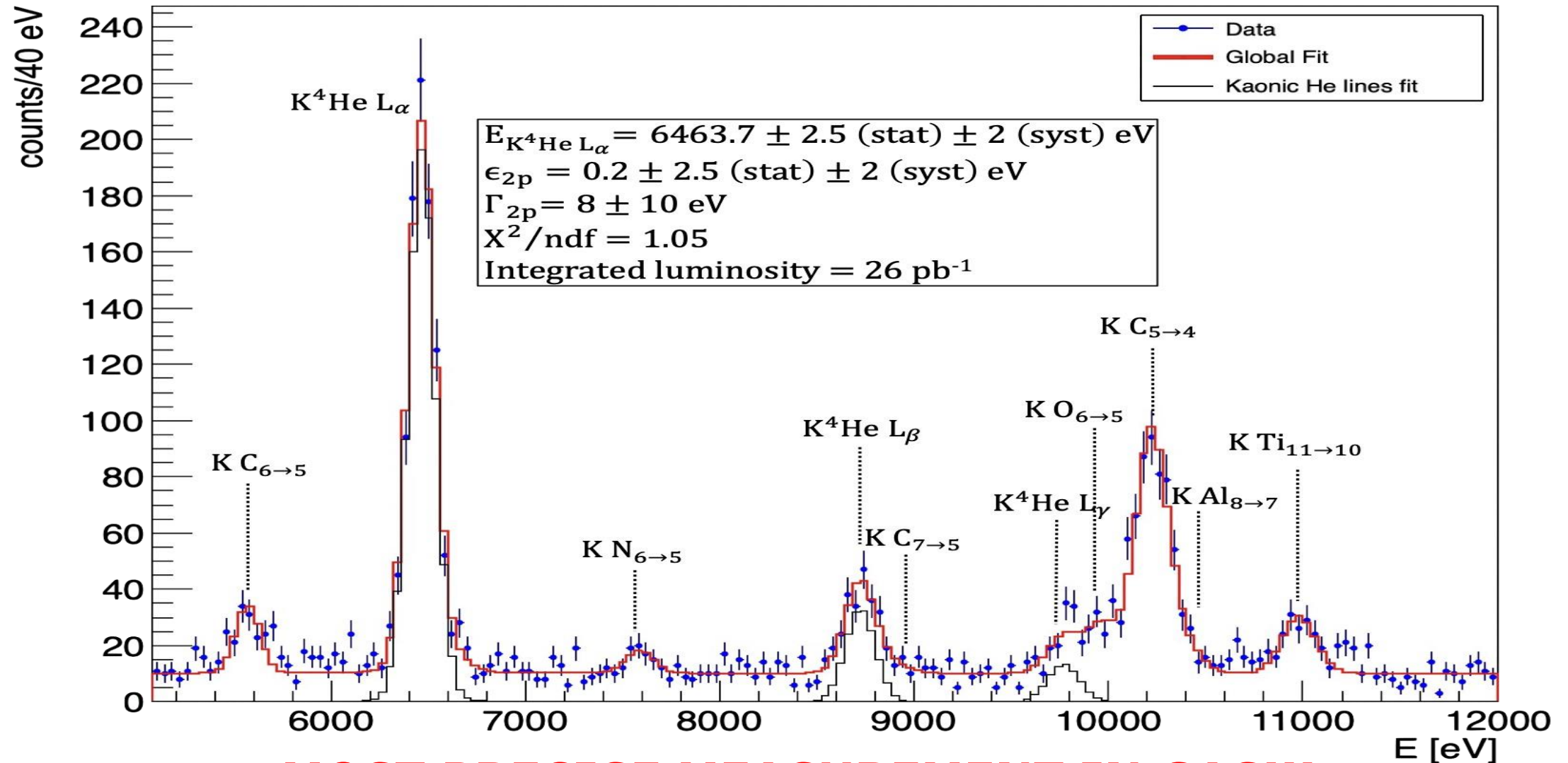
# The Kaon Trigger

SIDDHARTINO spectrum before applying the **kaon trigger** and the **drift time rejection**



Triggered rejection factor  $\sim 10^{-5}$

# $K^{-}{}^4_2\text{He}$ measurement with SIDDHARTINO



**MOST PRECISE MEASUREMENT IN GAS!!!**

Sirghi *et al* 2022 *J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys.*

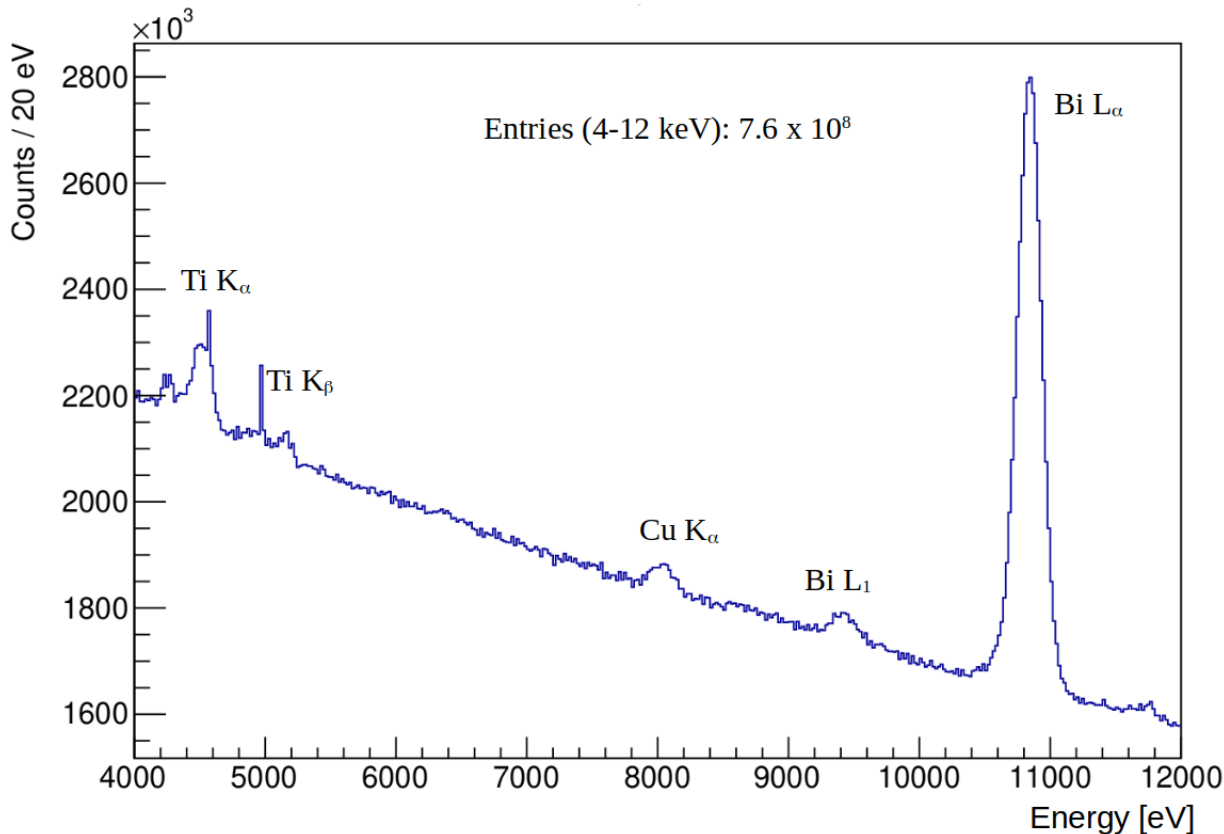
# SIDDHARTA-2 setup Ready for Run



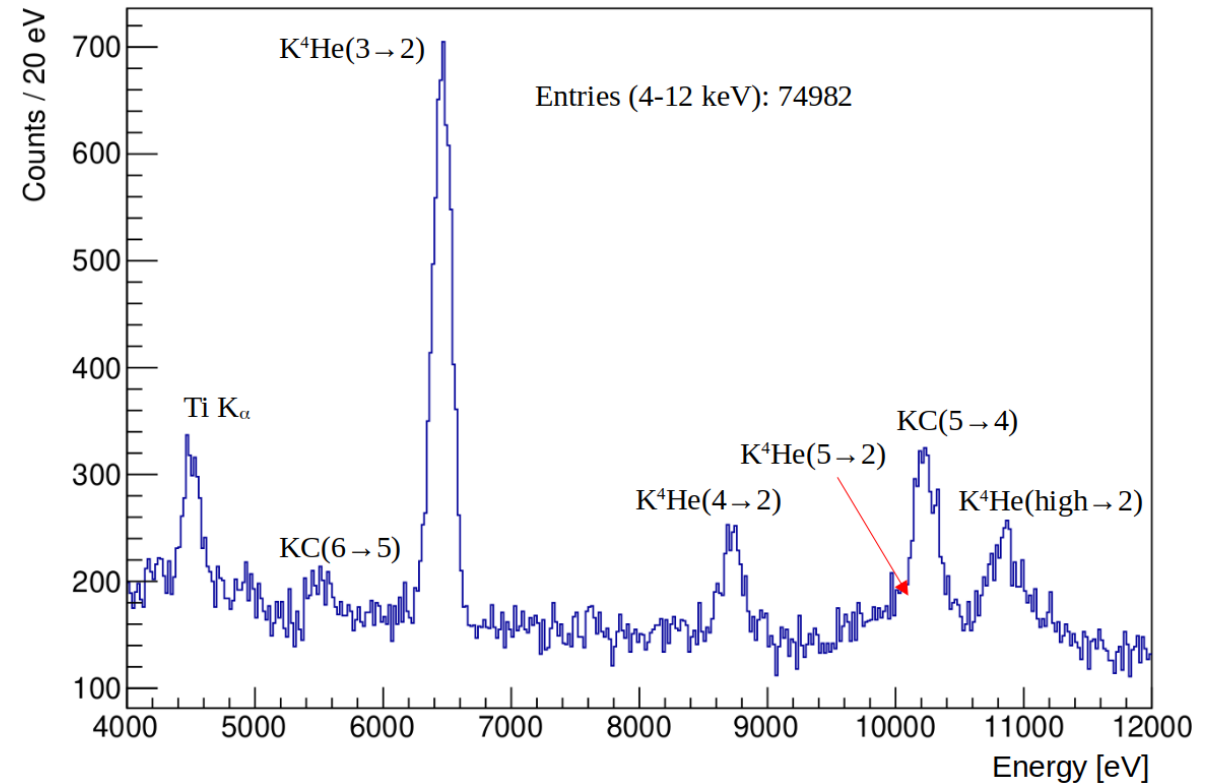
# $K^{-4}_2He$ measurement with SIDDHARTA2

The SIDDHARTA-2 installation was completed in the second half of 2021. In May 2022 a new measurement of  $K^{-4}_2He$  was performed to confirm the great performance shown by SIDDHARTINO, for the SIDDHARTA-2 apparatus.

**COMPLETE SPECTRUM ACQUIRED BY SIDDHARTA-2**

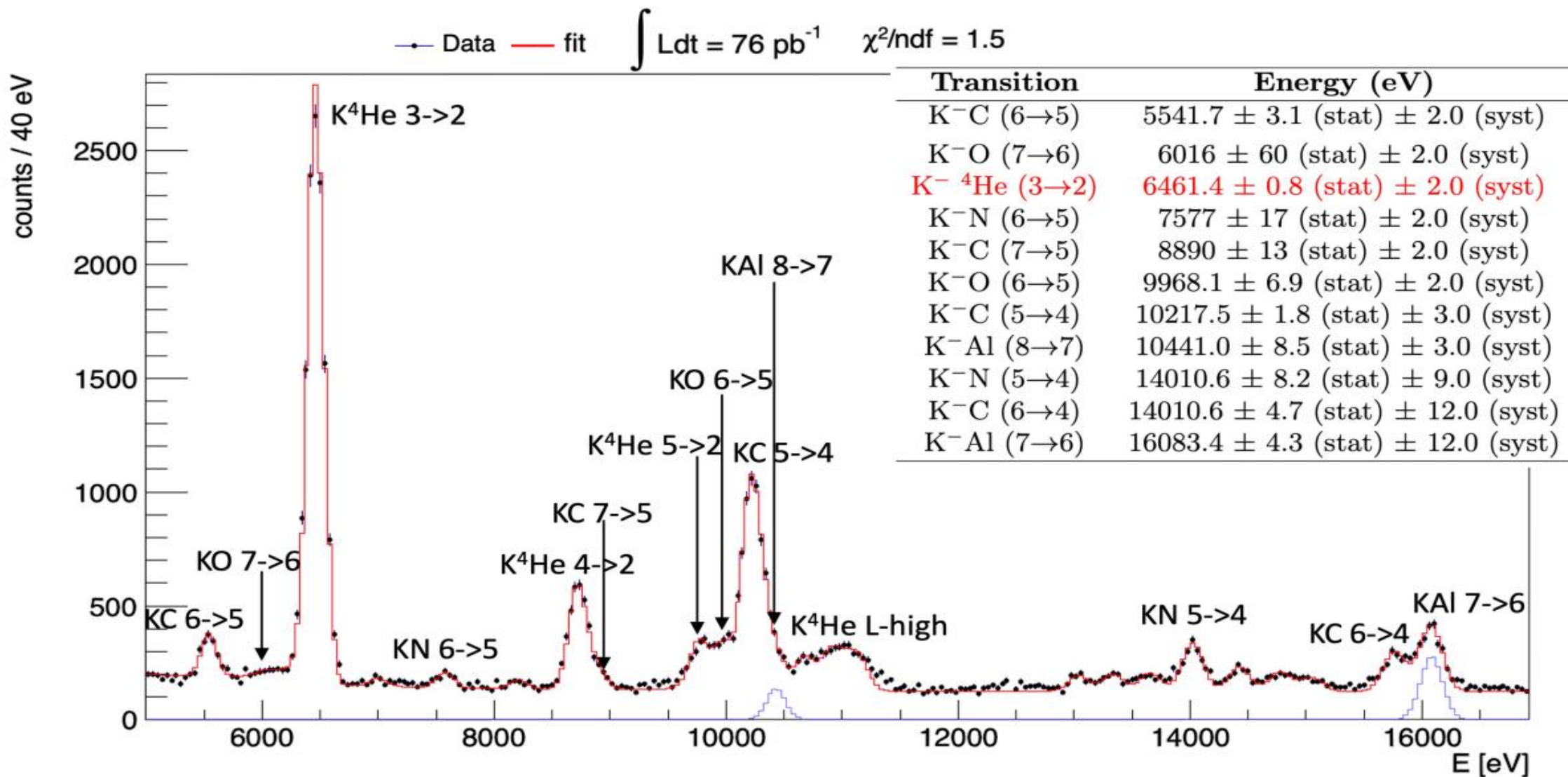


**$K^{-4}_2He$  SPECTRUM APPLYING KAON TRIGGER**



Triggered rejection factor  $3.15 \times 10^{-5}$

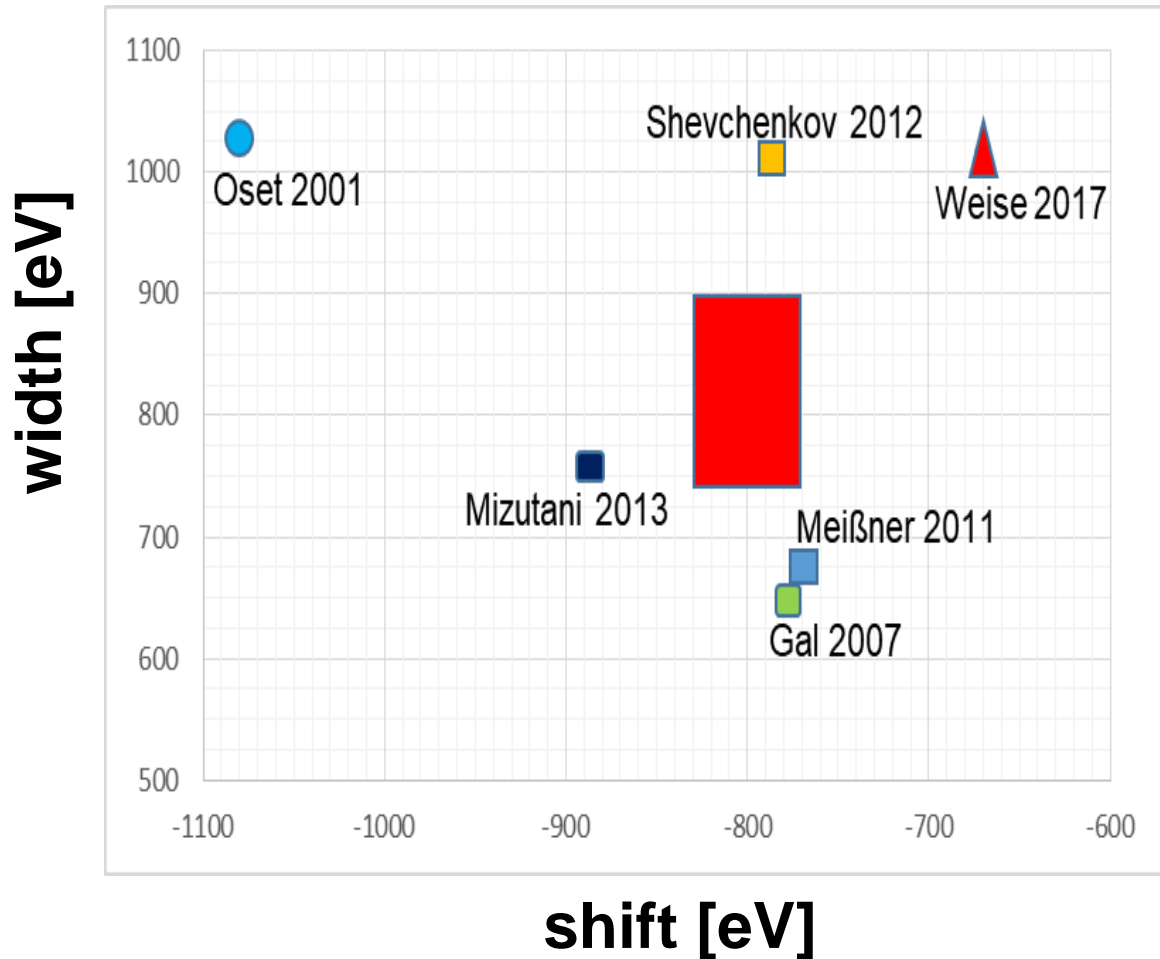
# $K^- \frac{4}{2}\text{He}$ measurement SIDDHARTINO + SIDDHARTA-2



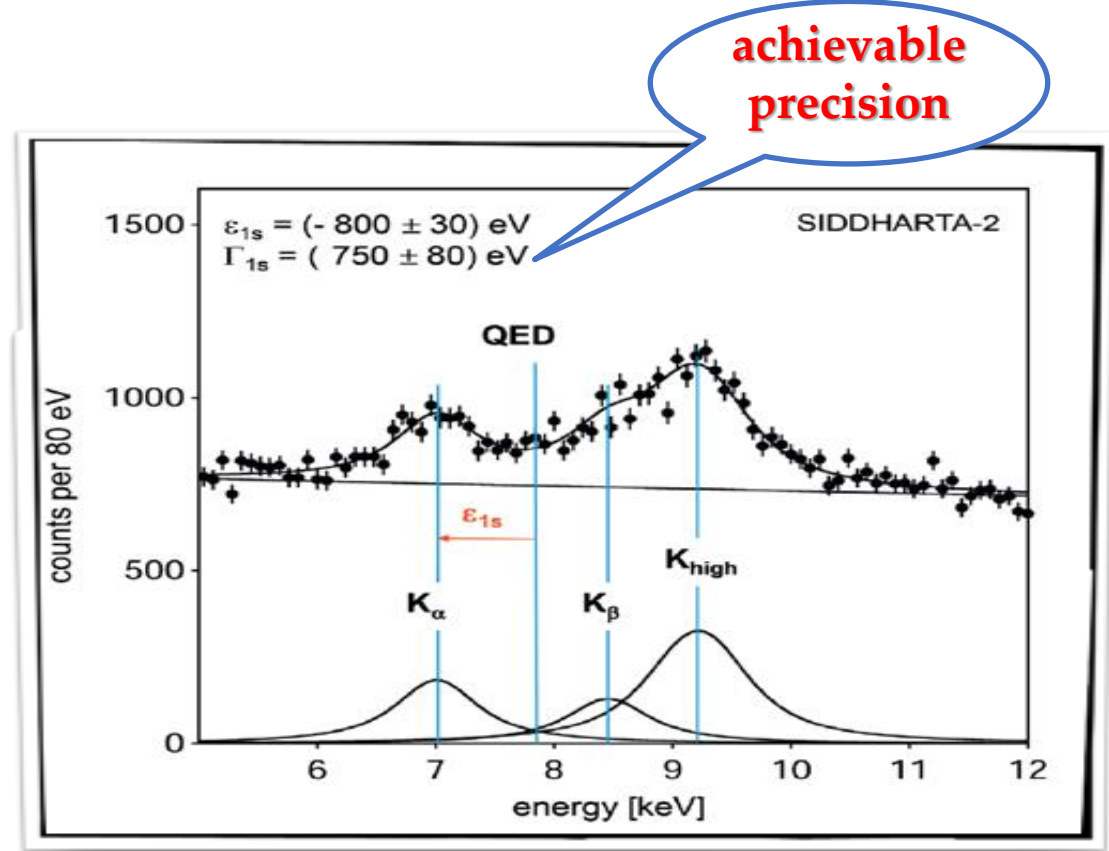
**READY TO START KAONIC DEUTERIUM MEASUREMENT!!!**



# SIDDHARTA-2 $\bar{K}d$ measurement



**SIDDHARTA-2 WILL RUN DURING 2023 TO PERFORM THE FIRST  $\bar{K}d$  1s ATOMIC LEVEL SHIFT AND WIDTH MEASUREMENT**



**Monte Carlo for an integrated luminosity of 800 pb<sup>-1</sup> 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) !**

# Beyond SIDDHARTA-2

## ➤ Feasibility studies in parallel with Siddharta-2

## ➤ Various setups in preparation:

- *HPGe*
- *Crystal spectrometers (VOXES)*
- *CdZnTe detectors*
- *SDD 1mm for kaonic atoms measurement*

## ➤ Proposal for Extension of the Scientific Program at DAFNE:

- *Kaon mass - precision measurement at a level  $< 7$  keV*
- *Kaonic helium transitions to the 1s level*
- *Other light kaonic atoms ( $K^-$  Bi, Li, B,,  $K^-$  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 )*
- *Measurement of Nuclear Resonance Effects in Kaonic Molybdenum Isotopes ( ${}_{42}^{94}\text{Mo}$ ,  ${}_{42}^{96}\text{Mo}$ ,  ${}_{42}^{98}\text{Mo}$ ,  ${}_{42}^{100}\text{Mo}$ ) with investigation on nuclear periphery changement adding pair of neutrons from the lightest isotope (possible implication in neutrinoless double beta ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ ) decay)*

*Thank you!*

