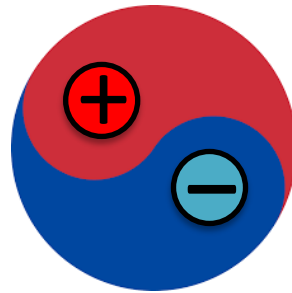


# Fabrication and Data Acquisition of the KAPAE Phase II Detector for Investigating Invisible Decay in Positronium Annihilation



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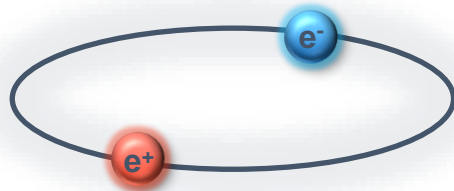
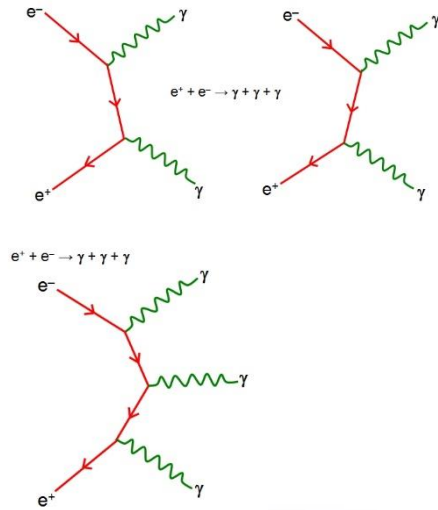
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## KAPAE

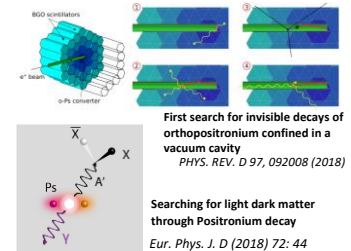
### ■ KNU Advanced Positronium Annihilation Experiment (KAPAE)



Electron-Positron Pair



## Physics



- Rare decay, QED verification
- New particle searches



## Application



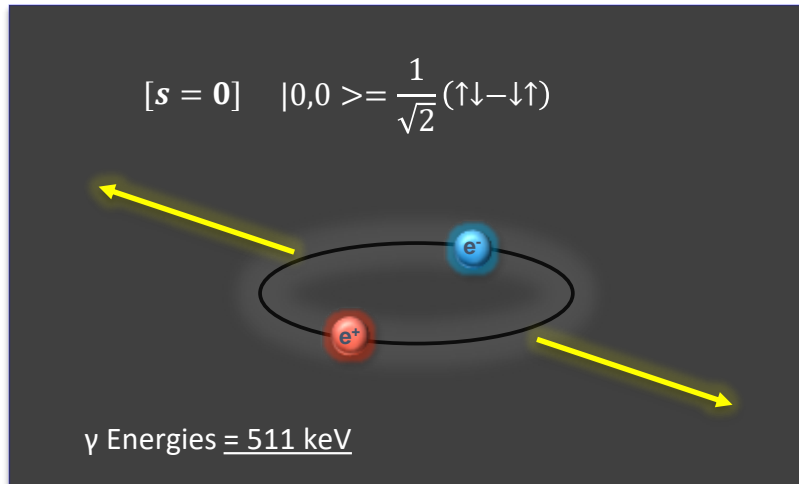
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET)



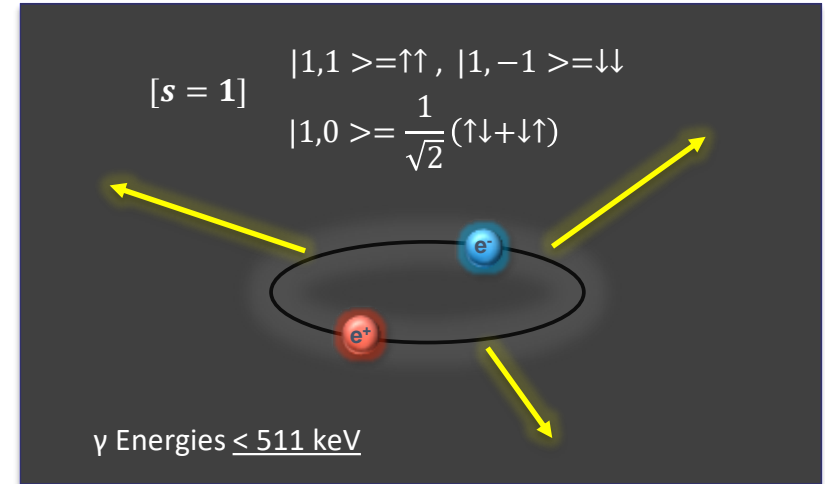
## Positronium

- Unstable hydrogen-like atoms ( $M_p \rightarrow m_{e^+}$ )
- The spin state of Ps can be calculated using the hydrogen atomic model
- Positronium (Ps)
  - Singlet spin state (para-Positronium, p-Ps) : Lifetime = 125 ps
  - Triplet spin state (ortho-Positronium, o-Ps) : Lifetime =  $142 \pm 0.02$  ns

### Singlet Spin State (p-Ps)



### Triplet Spin State (o-Ps)





## New Particle Searches

- Totally Invisible Exotic Decay (Mirror world, Extra dimensions, Mili-charged Particle, etc)

### Milli-charged particles

- The grand unified theory (GUT) model
- Electric charge particles ("shadow" photon  $\llll e^-$ )

$$\Gamma(o-Ps \rightarrow X\bar{X}) = \frac{\alpha^5 Q_X^2 m_e}{6} \cdot k \cdot F\left(\frac{m_X^2}{m_e^2}\right)$$

### Extra dimensions

- $k > 2.7 \text{ TeV}$

$o-Ps \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow$  additional dimension(s)

$$\text{Br} = \frac{9\pi}{4(\pi^2 - 9)} \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{16} \left(\frac{m_0 - Ps}{k}\right)^2 \approx 3 \times 10^4 \left(\frac{m_0 - Ps}{k}\right)^2$$

### Mirror world

- The mirror universe model
- Vibration of o-Ps and mirror o-Ps

$$\text{Br}(o-Ps \rightarrow \text{invisible}) = \frac{2(2\pi\epsilon f)^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4(2\pi\epsilon f)^2}$$

$3 \times 10^{-5}$  at 90% C.L.

*A.Badertsher et. al,*  
*PRL 124 101803 (2020)*

**Searching for Ps- $\rightarrow$  Invisible :  $2 \times 10^{-8}$**

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*PHYS. REV. D 95, 032004 (2007)*



## New Particle Searches

- Partially Invisible Exotic Decay (Axion Like Particle (ALP), Dark Photon, Dark Z, etc)

### Axion Like Particle

PDG 2024: Best limit :  $\sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-6}$

#### $A^0$ (Axion) Searches in Positronium Decays

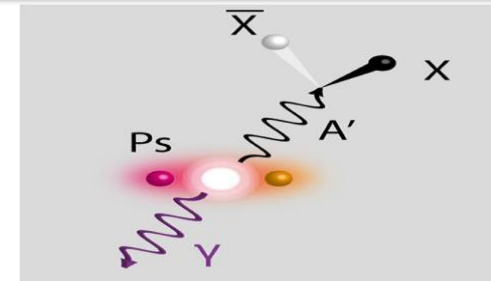
Decay or transition of positronium. Limits are for branching ratio.

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
●●● We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. ●●●				
$<4.4 \times 10^{-5}$	90	<sup>1</sup> BADERT...	02 CNTR	$\alpha\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \gamma X_1 X_2, m_{X_1} + m_{X_2} \leq 900 \text{ keV}$
$<2 \times 10^{-4}$	90	MAENO	95 CNTR	$\alpha\text{-Ps} \rightarrow A^0 \gamma, m_{A^0} = 850\text{-}1013 \text{ keV}$
$<3.0 \times 10^{-4}$	90	<sup>2</sup> ASAI	94 CNTR	$\alpha\text{-Ps} \rightarrow A^0 \gamma, m_{A^0} = 30\text{-}500 \text{ keV}$
$<2.8 \times 10^{-5}$	90	<sup>3</sup> AKOPYAN	91 CNTR	$\alpha\text{-Ps} \rightarrow A^0 \gamma (A^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma), m_{A^0} < 30 \text{ keV}$
$<1.1 \times 10^{-6}$	90	<sup>4</sup> ASAI	91 CNTR	$\alpha\text{-Ps} \rightarrow A^0 \gamma, m_{A^0} < 800 \text{ keV}$
$<3.8 \times 10^{-4}$	90	GNINENKO	90 CNTR	$\alpha\text{-Ps} \rightarrow A^0 \gamma, m_{A^0} < 30 \text{ keV}$
$<(1\text{-}5) \times 10^{-4}$	95	<sup>5</sup> TSUCHIAKI	90 CNTR	$\alpha\text{-Ps} \rightarrow A^0 \gamma, m_{A^0} = 300\text{-}900 \text{ keV}$
$<6.4 \times 10^{-5}$	90	<sup>6</sup> ORITO	89 CNTR	$\alpha\text{-Ps} \rightarrow A^0 \gamma, m_{A^0} < 30 \text{ keV}$
		<sup>7</sup> AMALDI	85 CNTR	Ortho-positronium
		<sup>8</sup> CARBONI	83 CNTR	Ortho-positronium

### Dark Photon

- Light vector particle

$$p\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \gamma XX$$



J. Perez-Rios, S. T. Love *Eur. Phys. J. D* (2018) 72: 44

### Dark Z

- Light vector particle

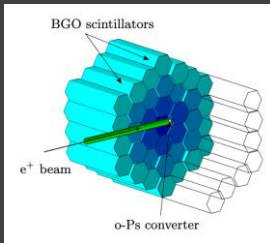
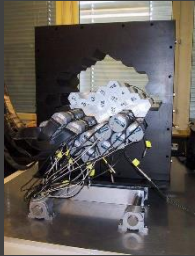
$$p\text{-Ps}, o\text{-Ps} \rightarrow \gamma Z$$

JUNG, LEE, and YU, *Phys. REV. D* (2022) 105, 095023

# Introduction : Positronium experiments

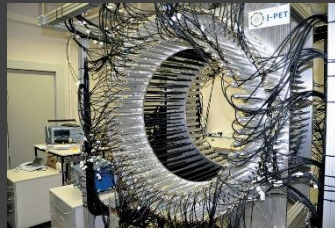


## Positronium Experiments

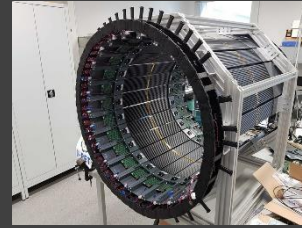


- Invisible decay study
- Plastic + BGO + PMT
- o-Ps totally Invisible :  $2.1 \times 10^{-7}$

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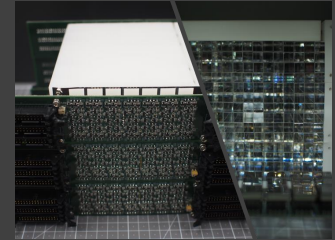


- CP, CPT study
- Plastic + PMT



- Plastic + SiPM (ver. II)

**J-PET** (Poland)  
The Jagiellonian University



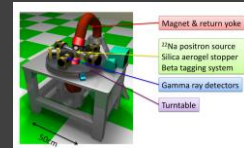
- BGO + SiPM
- Rare decay
- C, CP, CPT study
- Invisible decay search

**KAPAE** (Korea)  
Kyungpook Nat'l Univ.

- CPT study
- NaI + PMT



**APEX** (U.S.A.)  
Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratory



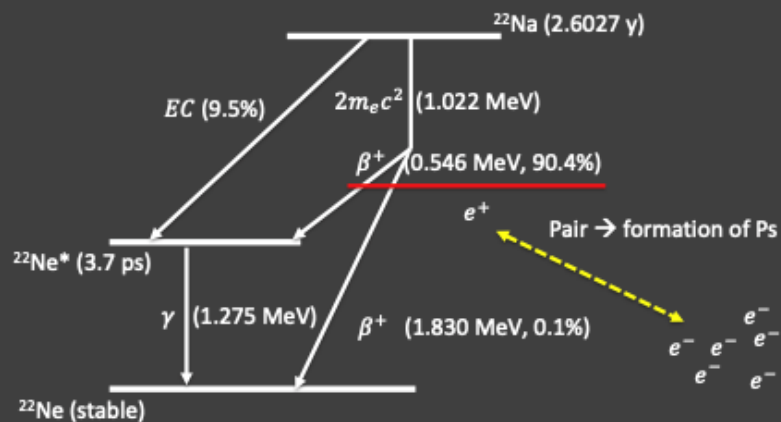
- CP & CPT study
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**ICEPP** (Japan)  
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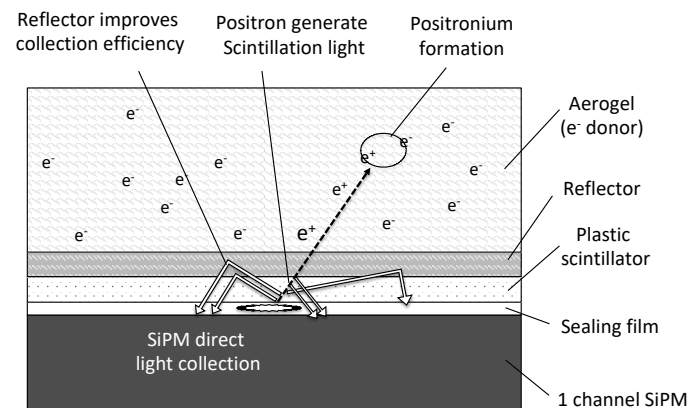


## The concept of trigger for KAPAE

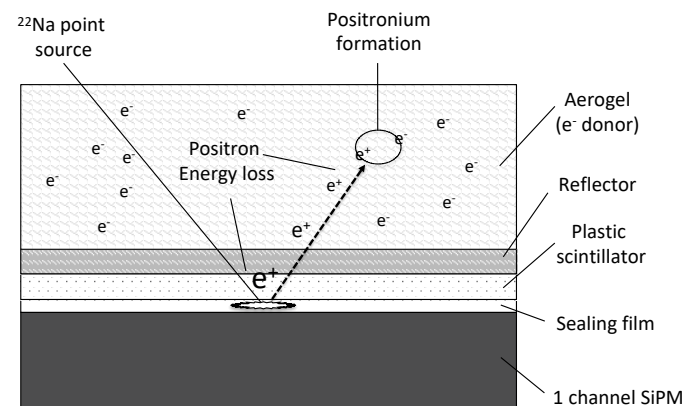
- Positronium = Electron + Positron
  - Positron  $\rightarrow \beta^+$  decay ( $^{22}\text{Na}$ )
  - Electron  $\rightarrow$  aerogel
- Trigger signal
  - $\rightarrow$  Plastic scintillator (PS)



## Generation of trigger signal



## Positronium formation in aerogel



Trigger signal : PS + 1.275 MeV coincidence trigger

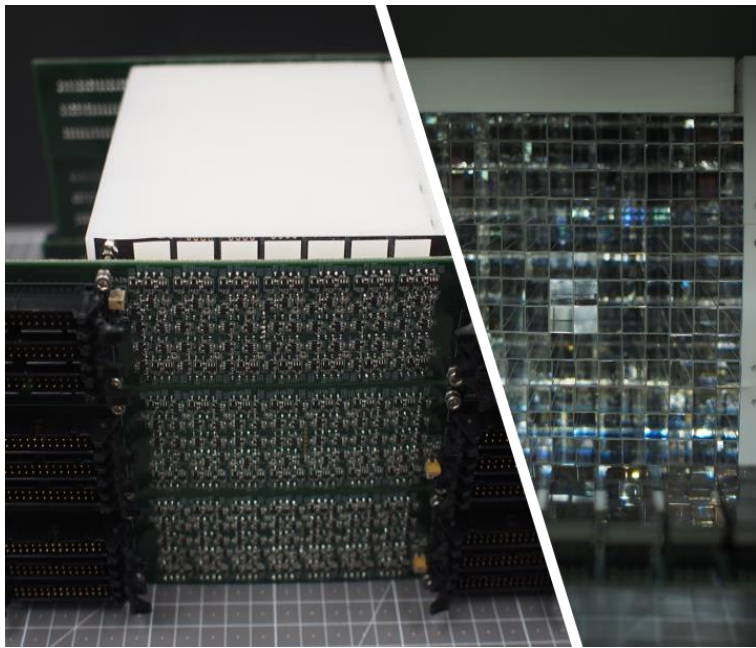
# Concept of KAPAE-II Detector



## KAPAE-II

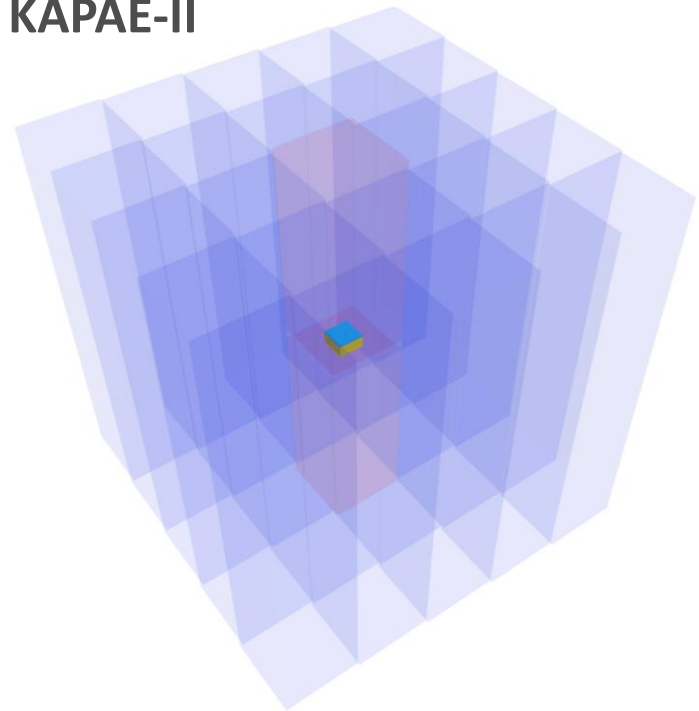
- Goal : Improvement of sensitivity of Invisible decay search
- Design : Minimization of dead area, thicker BGO system and minimize dead material of the trigger
- Sensitivity : KAPAE phase II  $\rightarrow$   **$3 \times 10^{-9}$  at 90% CL**

## KAPAE-I

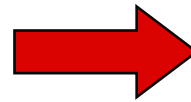


0.75x0.75x15cm, 14x14 Array : 10.5x10.5 cm

## KAPAE-II



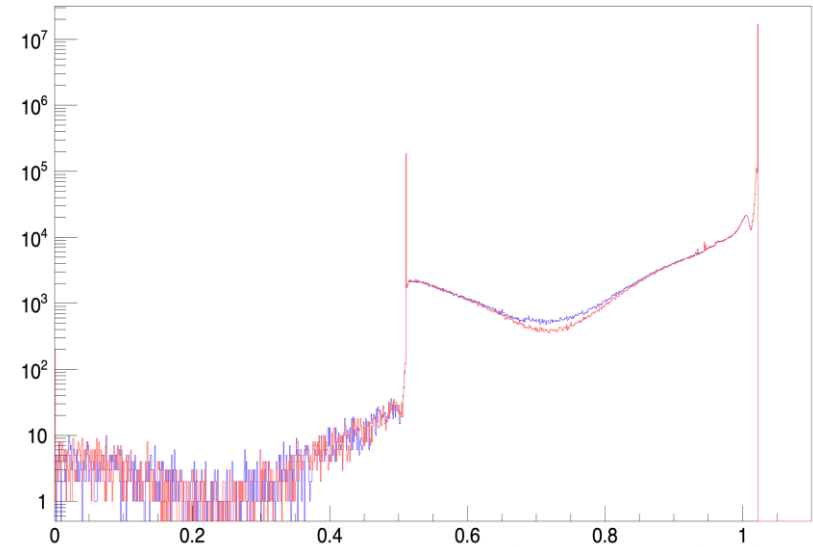
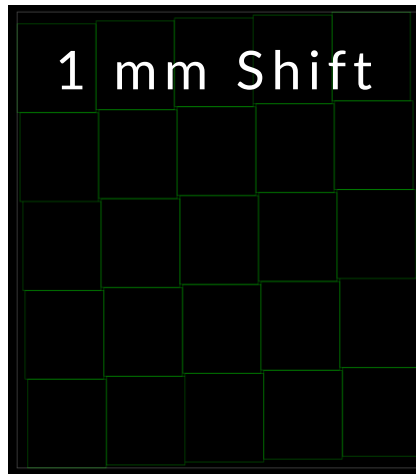
3x3x15cm, 5x5 Array : 15x15 cm





## KAPAE-II

- GEANT4 with 100 million events with 2 gamma events
- The red line with no shift, the blue line with a 1 mm shift.
- With  $E < 60$  keV, the sensitivity is  $3 \times 10^{-9}$  with 90% C.L.
- Maximum trigger rate: 100,000 Hz (Notice Korea KAPAE DAQ)





## KAPAE-II

- Optimization for the KAPAE-II from KAPAE-I

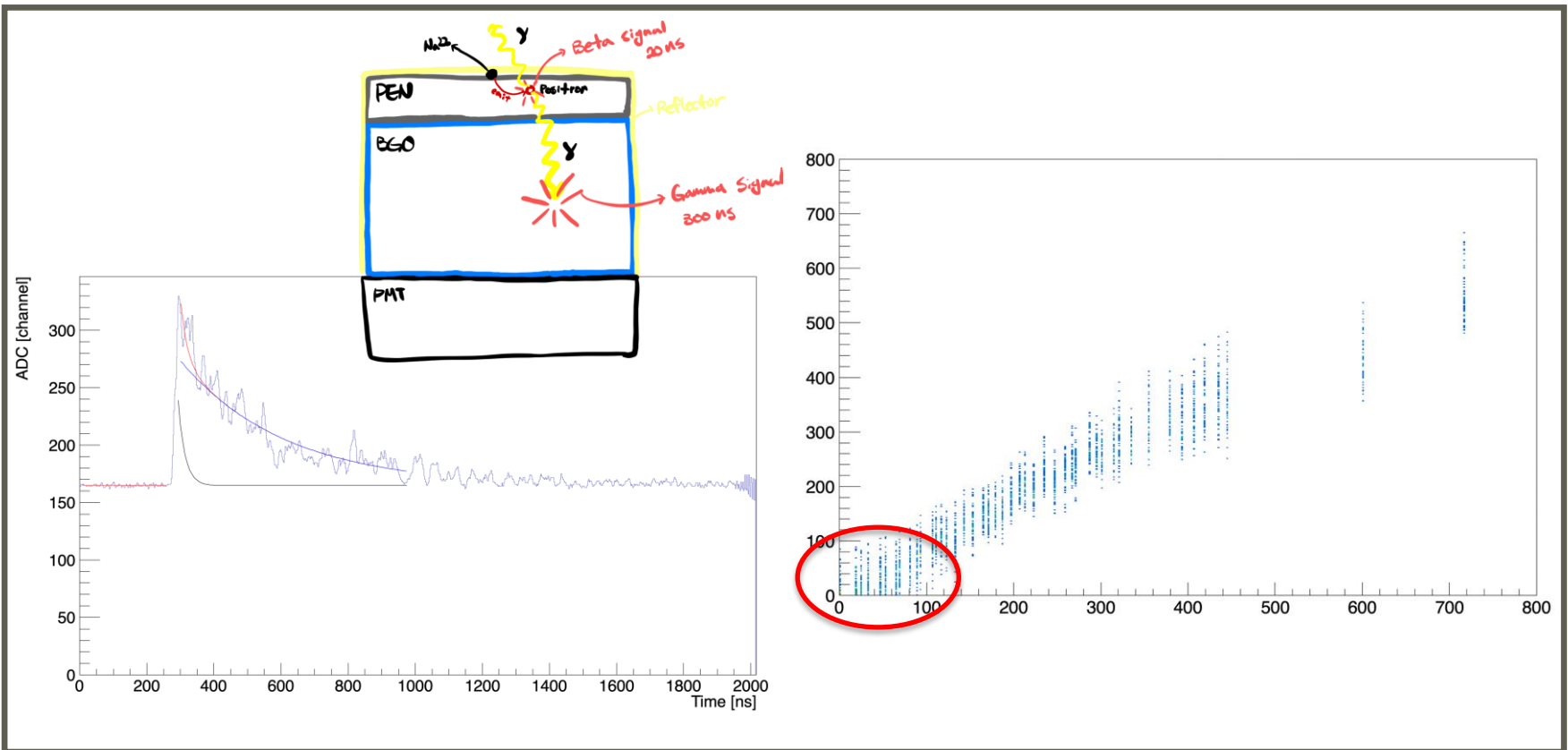
- 1) Upgraded Trigger Setup : Phoswich vs **SiPM without a board.**
- 2) BGO surface treatment : Polishing vs **Diffusing**
- 3) Temperature dependence : RT vs **-30 degree**
- 4) Readout : Double vs **Single side readout**
- 5) Light sensor : 3x3 cm Metal package PMT vs **4x4 array of SiPM**

# Optimization of KAPAE-II Detector



## KAPAE-II

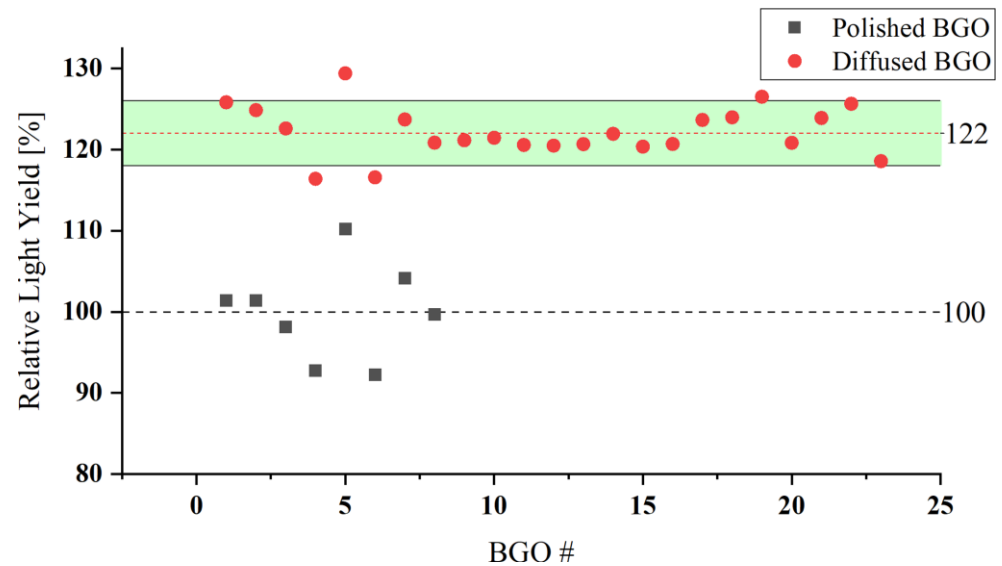
- BGO +PEN film phoswich can be used for the trigger
- Decay time of BGO is 300 ns while decay time of PEN is 18 ns
- Even if PEN energy is reconstructed good, there are still fake events that this option is abandoned.



## KAPAE-II

- All test crystals show 22% better light yield for the diffused BGO than polished ones.
- GEANT4 also confirm that about 20% better performance with diffused BGO
- We decide use diffused BGO for the KAPAE-II

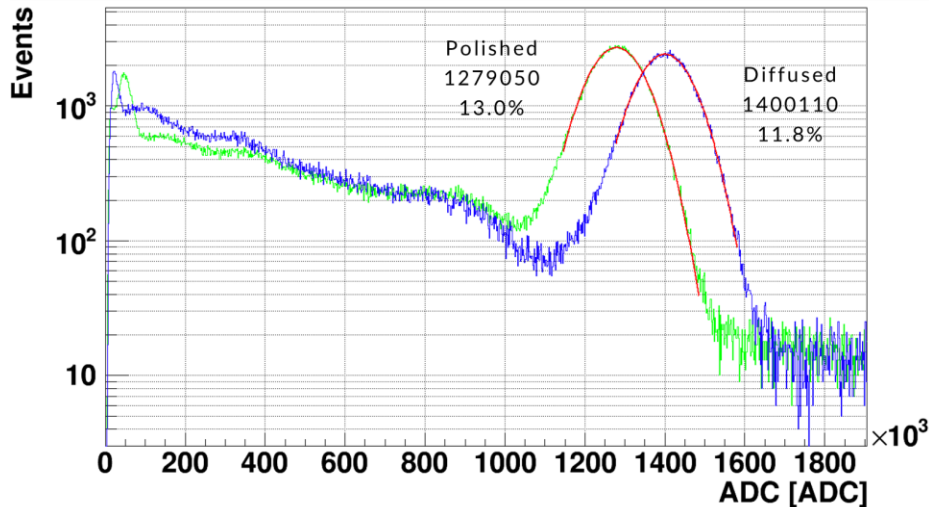
Absorption length [m]	Light collection rate		Light improvement [%]
	Polished [%]	Diffused [%]	
2	33	42	26
3	43	52	21
4	50	60	18
5	56	65	15
6	61	69	14



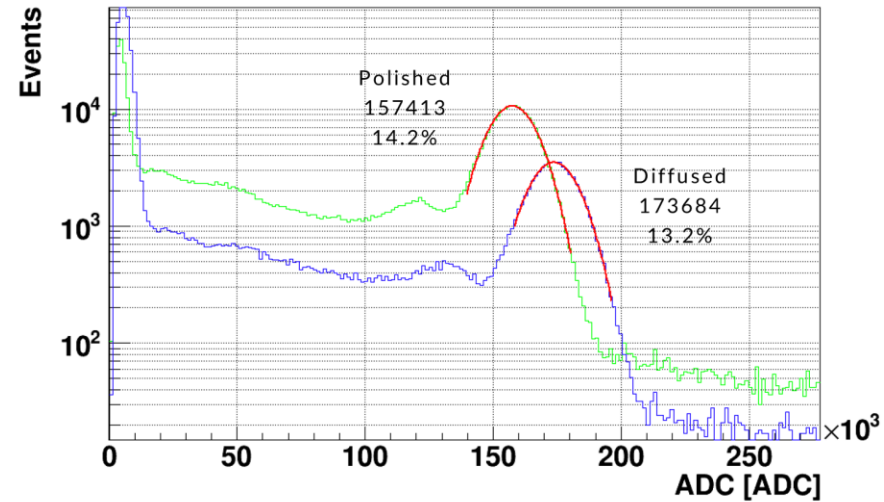
## KAPAE-II

- At low temperature, the BGO light yield will be increased and SiPM noise will be decreased.
- Energy resolution of -32 deg. With diffused BGO is 11.8% while 13.2% at RT.
- We will setup our detector in the refrigerator that we can low the temperature to -30 deg.

-32°C Polished VS Diffused

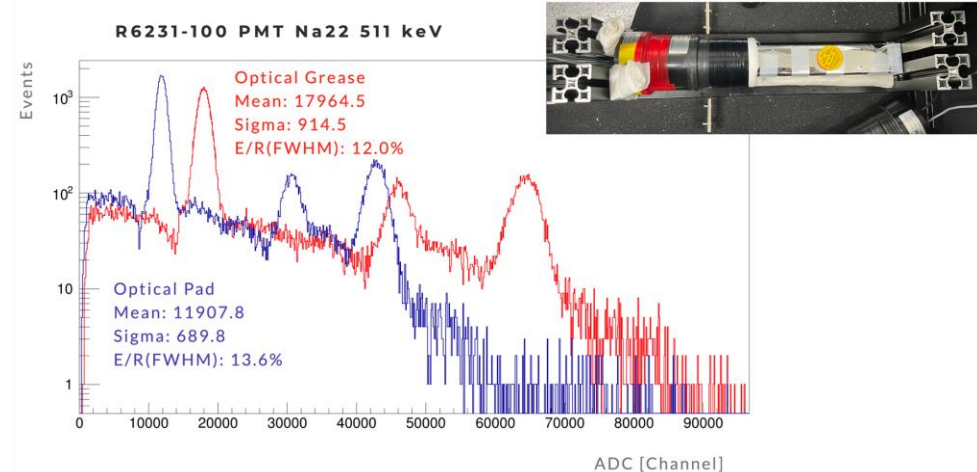
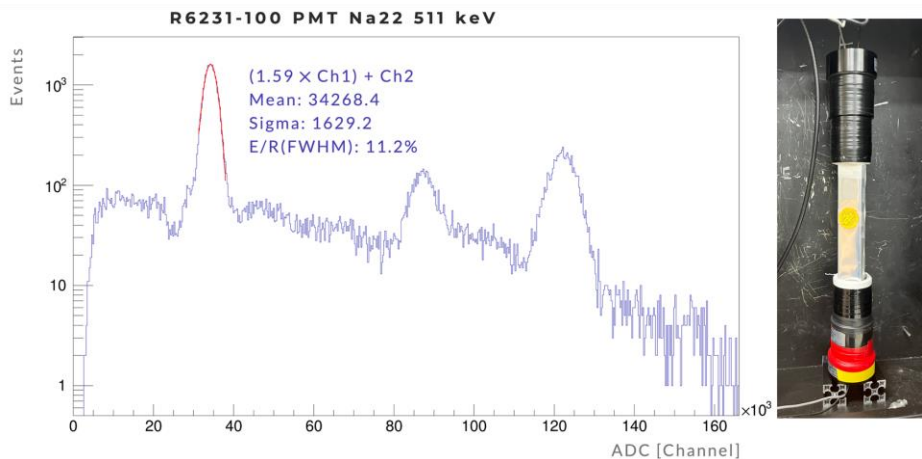


25°C Polished VS Diffused



## KAPAE-II

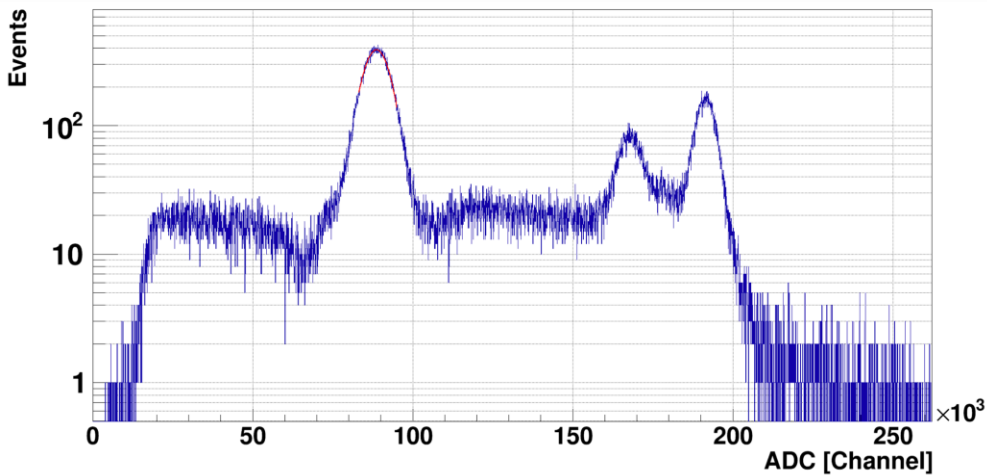
- A BGO crystal was tested with one side readout and both side readout
- Both side readout shows 11.2% energy resolution while 12% for single side readout
- We will use single side readout for the first stage and will be upgraded with both side readout.



## KAPAE-II

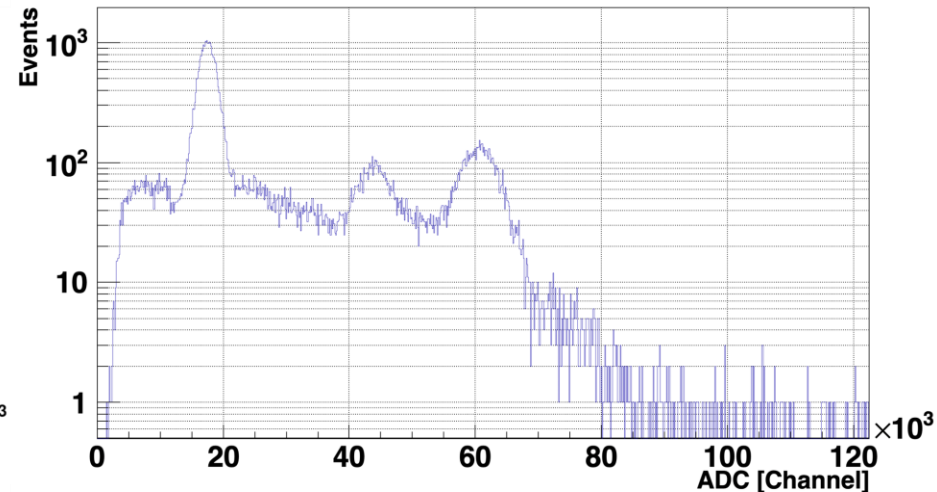
- 4x4 array of SiPM energy resolution is 11.8% while 18.2% for metal PMT.
- One of the reason for the worse energy resolution of PMT is active area of metal PMT (2x2cm)
- We will used SiPM array for the readout.

S13360-6075PE 4x4 array SiPM



• 511 keV Energy resolution : 11.8 %

R11265U-300 PMT



• 511 keV Energy resolution : 18.2 %

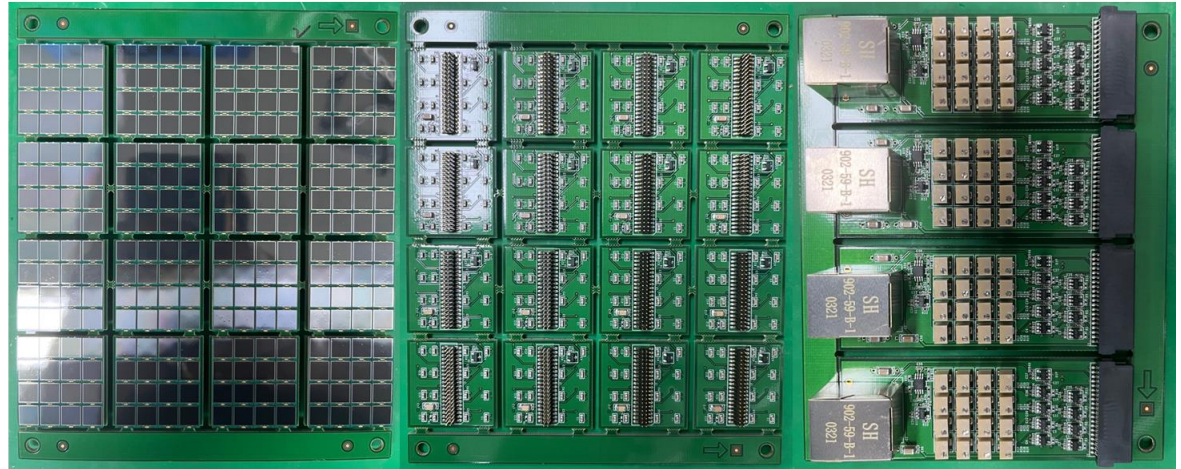
# DAQ of KAPAE-II Detector



(a)

(b)

(c)



(d)

(e)

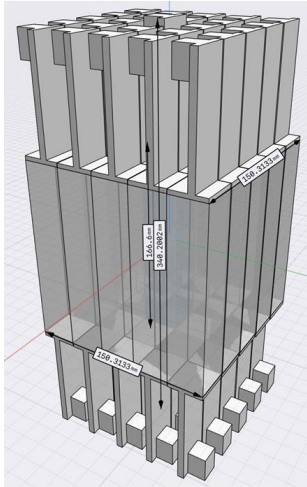




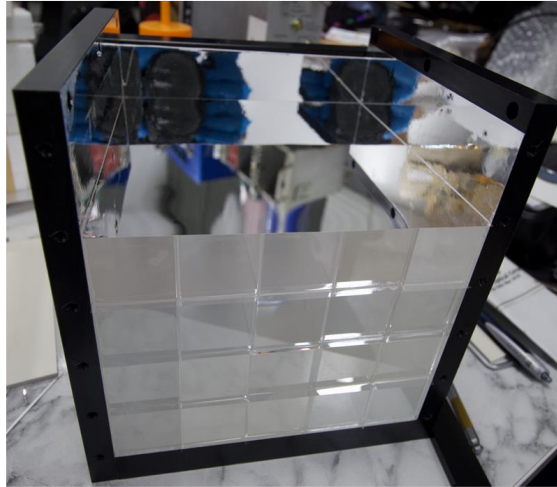
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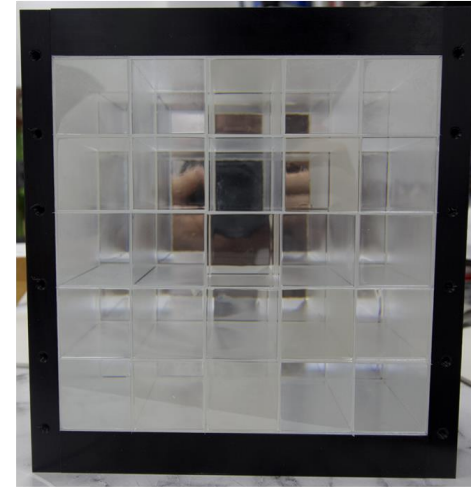
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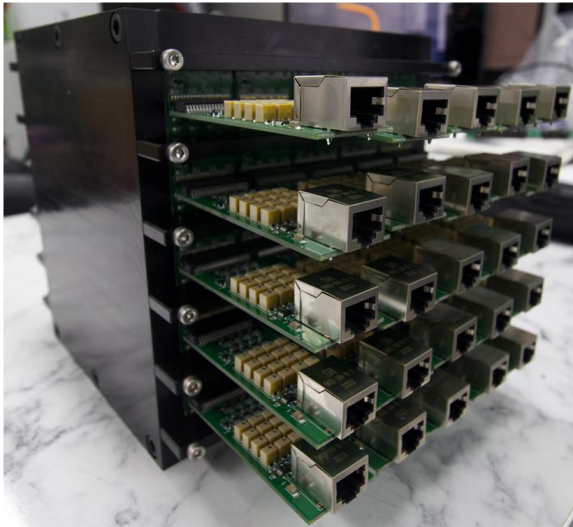
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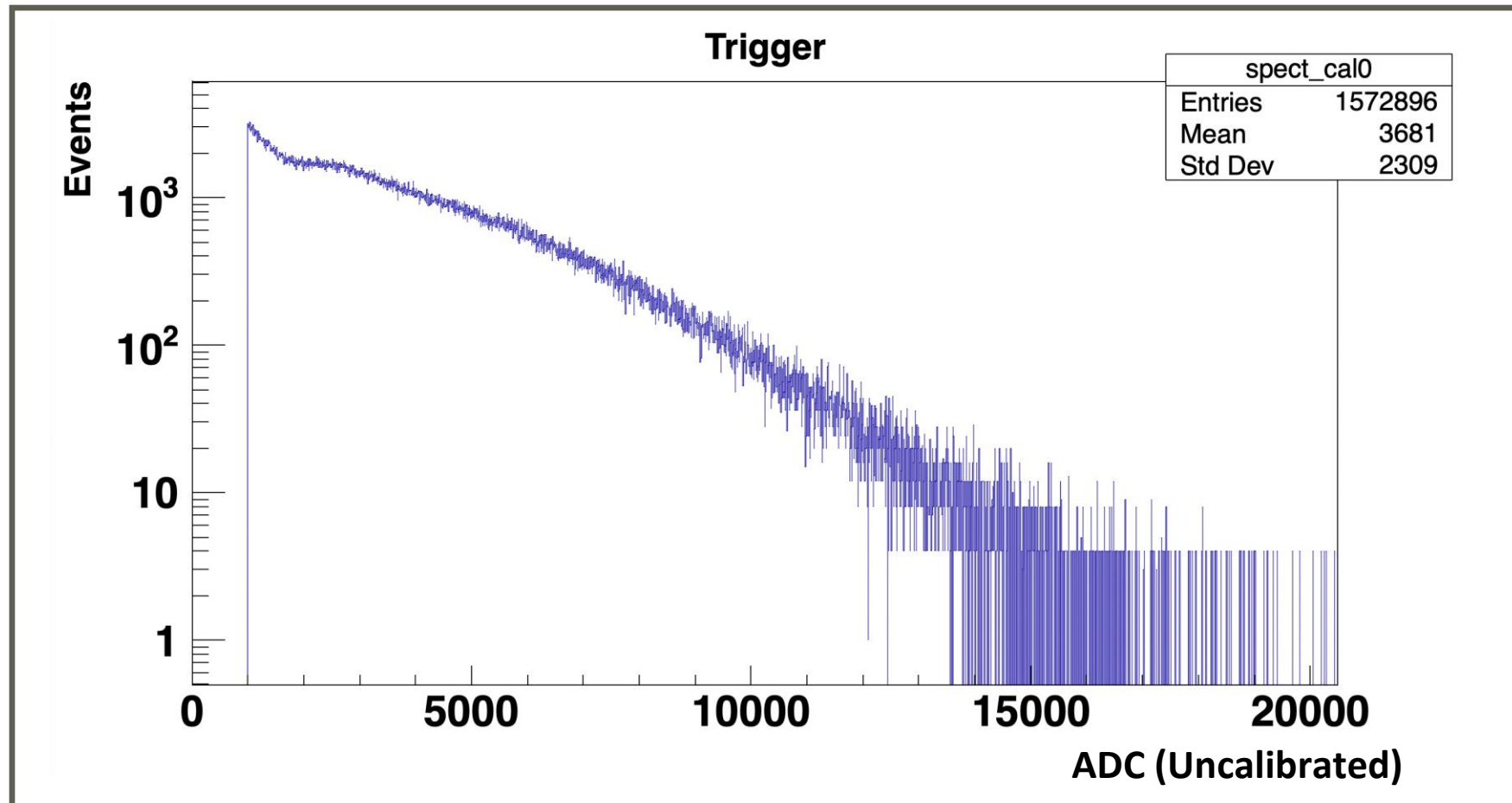
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## KAPAE-II

- Condition : Air, 27 degree
- Energy deposition in SiPM with PEN film by e+ energy

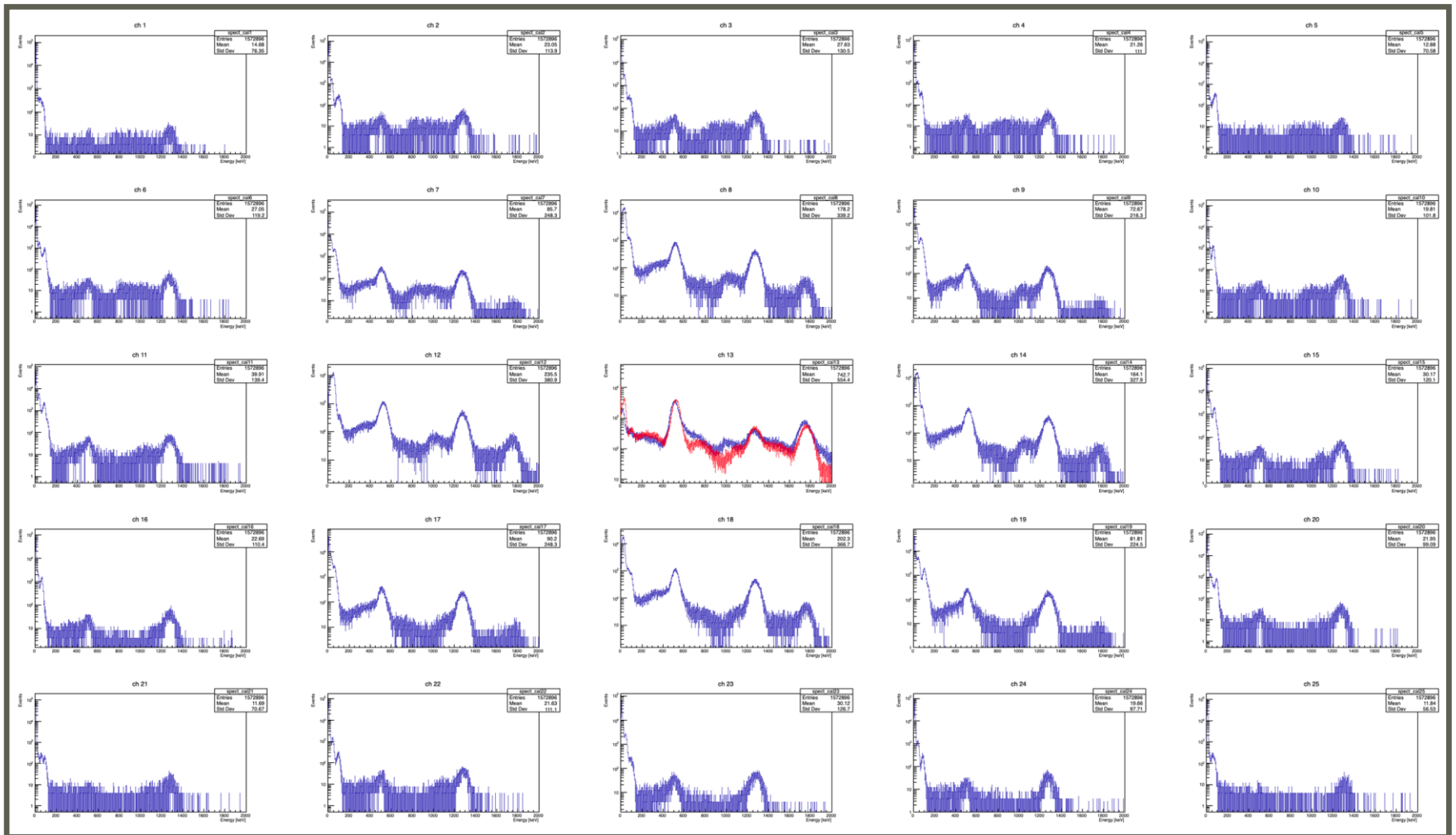


# First data of KAPAE-II Detector



## KAPAE-II

- Condition : Air, 27 °C
- Energy distribution of 25 BGO crystals





- **New particle searches such as mirror world, extra dimension, mili-charged particle, axion like particles, dark photon and dark Z can be performed through positronium invisible decay.**
- **KAPAE-II was constructed for the new particle searches and data taking is on-going in the Air for the p-Ps mode.**
- **In the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, dark photon search with p-Ps will be performed and the sensitivity could reach to  $10^{-9}$  level with 3 month of data taking.**
- **KAPAE-II will be installed deep underground laboratory at Yemi underground laboratory if cosmic-ray background become a problem.**

Thank You !