

# Progress and perspectives in the low-energy kaon-nucleon/nuclei interaction studies at the DAΦNE collider

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# SIDDHARTA collaboration

Siicon Drift Detector for Hadronic Atom Research

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# Hadronic atoms

Objects of type  $(\bar{K} X)$ ,  $(\pi^- X)$  with  $X = p, d, {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, \dots$  or  $\pi^+ \pi^-, \pi K$

Bound electromagnetically, binding well known

Strong interaction → modifies the binding (energy shift with respect to EM value)  
→ induces the meson absorption on the nuclei (enlarges significantly the lowest levels width)

in some cases (mostly for light atoms): small perturbation, transition to significantly modified levels possible before nuclear absorption occurs -> **emitted Xrays are carrying info about the strong interaction**

→ energy **shift** and **width** can be related to **T-matrix** elements at threshold (Deser<sup>1</sup> type formulas)

compare to results from low energy scattering experiments<sup>2</sup>

Low energy phenomena in strong interaction are hardly described in terms of quarks and gluons; instead, *effective theories* are used (they have some degrees of freedom to accomodate experimental data)

<sup>1</sup> Deser relation in some cases not sufficient to compare to high precision experimental data

<sup>2</sup> Problems: extrapolation to  $E=0$  and quality of old experimental data

# Kaonic atom processes

0) Moderated, then stopped in a target medium

1) Capture

Auger

highly-excited state

$n \sim \sqrt{M^*/m_e}$   $n' \sim 25$  (for K-p)  
( $M^*$ : K-p reduced mass)

$e^-$   
Auger Electron

2) Cascade

Collision induced  
de-excitation

5) Nuclear absorption

e.g. 1s for K-p, K-d  
2p for K-He

On the lowest levels

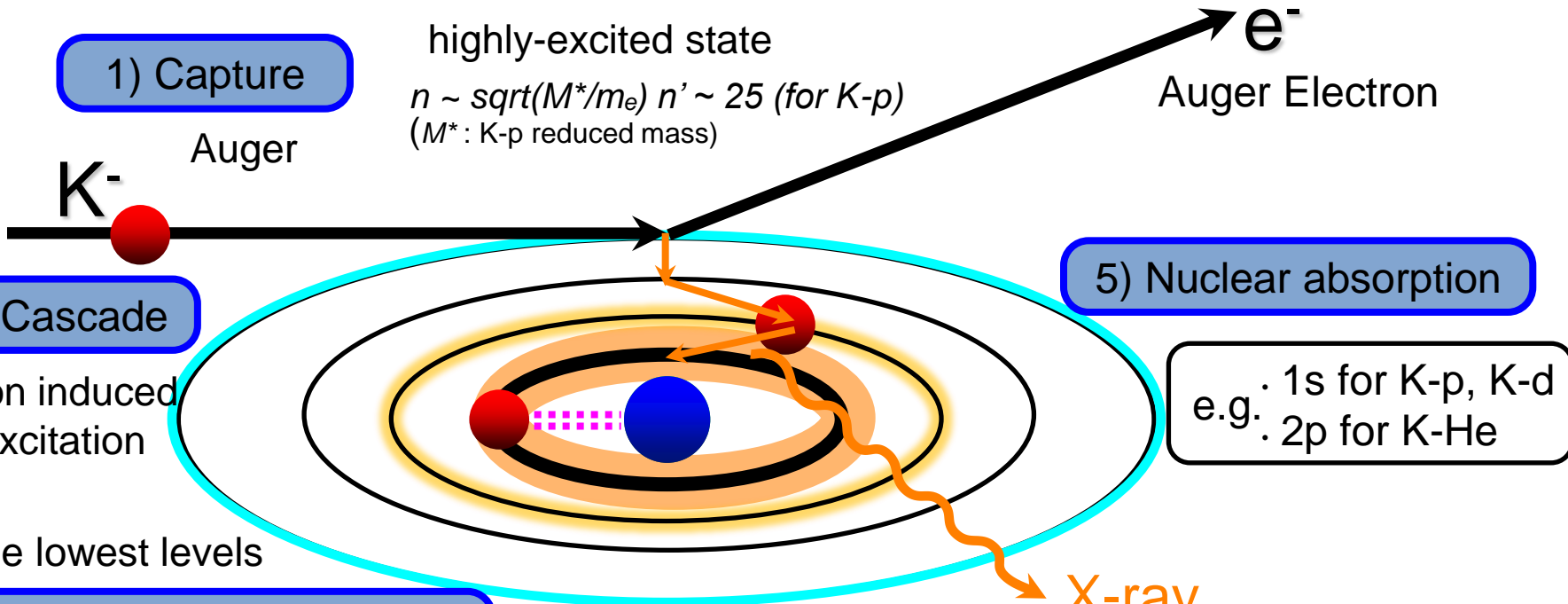
3) Strong interaction

If survives to Stark mixing effect

4) Radiative transition

X-ray

The strong interaction width  $\gg$  E.M. radiative transition width  
The level shift is of the same order of magnitude ->  
**direct information about the scattering amplitude at threshold**



# QCD predictions

Chiral perturbation theory was successful in describing systems like  $\pi H$ , but encountered serious difficulties in  $KH$ . Main reason is the presence of the  $\Lambda(1405)$  resonance only 25 MeV below threshold.

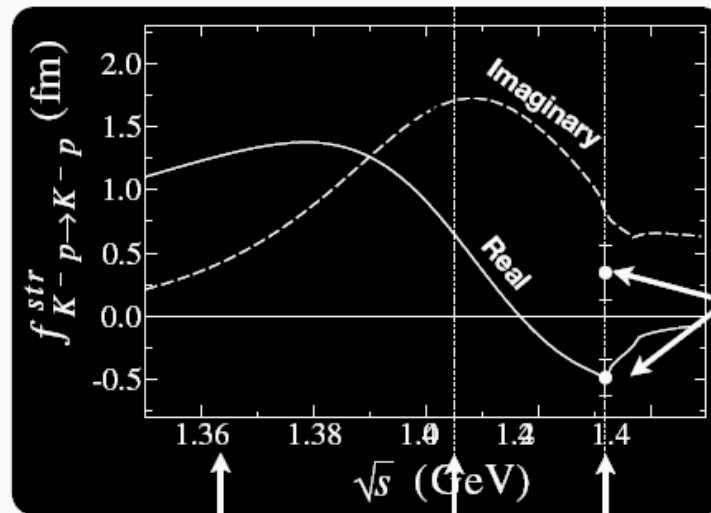
Effective field theory  $\leftarrow$  scattering data  
 $\leftarrow$  atomic X ray data  
 $\leftarrow$  energy, width of resonances

There are non-perturbative coupled channel techniques which are able to generate the  $\Lambda(1405)$  dynamically as a  $K\bar{K} N$  quasibound state and as a resonance in the  $\pi \Sigma$  channel

Chiral  $SU(3)$  effective theory  
 in combination with a relativistic  
 coupled-channels approach

Strong elastic  $K\bar{K} N$  amplitude

$$f_{K^+ p \rightarrow K^+ p}^{str} = 1 / (8\pi\sqrt{s}) T_{K^+ p \rightarrow K^+ p}^{str}$$



DEAR exp. ('95)  
 with correction of isospin  
 braking effect

$\Sigma\pi$   $\Lambda(1405)$  KN threshold  
 Kaon-nucleus deeply-bound state ?  
 -> Kaon condensation in dense matter.

B. Borasoy, R. Nisler & W. Weise  
 PRL 94, 213401 (2005)

# Kaonic hydrogen – Deser formula

With  $a_0, a_1$  standing for the  $I=0,1$  S-wave  $\bar{K}N$  complex scattering lengths in the isospin limit ( $m_d = m_u$ ),  $\mu$  being the reduced mass of the  $K^-p$  system, and neglecting isospin-breaking corrections, the relation reads:

$$\varepsilon + i \frac{\Gamma}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{\mu} 2\alpha^3 \mu^2 a_{K^-p} = 412 \text{ fm}^{-1} \cdot eV \cdot a_{K^-p}$$

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

... a linear combination of the isospin scattering lengths  $a_0$  and  $a_1$ ; to disentangle them, the kaonic deuterium scattering length is needed, as well

“By using the non-relativistic effective Lagrangian approach a complete expression for the isospin-breaking corrections can be obtained; in leading order, parameter-free modified Deser-type relations exist and can be used to extract scattering lengths from kaonic atom data“<sup>1</sup>

$$\Delta E_n^s - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_n = - \frac{\alpha^3 \mu_c^3}{2\pi M_{K+n^3}}$$

<sup>1</sup>Meißner, Raha, Rusetsky, 2004

$$\times \mathcal{T}_{KN} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\alpha \mu_c^2}{4\pi M_{K+}} \mathcal{T}_{KN}(s_n(\alpha) + 2\pi i) + \delta_n^{\text{vac}} \right\}$$

# Kaonic deuterium

For the determination of the isospin dependent scattering lengths  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  the hadronic shift and width of **kaonic hydrogen and kaonic deuterium** are necessary !

**Elaborate procedures** needed to connect the observables with the underlying physics parameters.

“To summarize, one may expect that the combined analysis of the forthcoming high-precision data from DEAR/SIDDHARTA collaboration on kaonic hydrogen and deuterium will enable one to perform a stringent test of the framework used to describe low-energy kaon deuteron scattering, as well as to extract the values of  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  with a reasonable accuracy. However, in order to do so, much theoretical work related to the systematic calculation of higher-order corrections within the non-relativistic EFT is still to be carried out.” (from: Kaon-nucleon scattering lengths from kaonic deuterium, **Meißner, Raha, Rusetsky, 2006**, arXiv:nucl-th/0603029)

$$a_{K^-p} = \frac{1}{2} [a_0 + a_1]$$

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

$$a_{K^-d} = \frac{4[m_N + m_K]}{[2m_N + m_K]} \cdot a^{(0)} + C$$

larger than leading term

$$a^{(0)} = \frac{1}{2} [a_{K^-p} + a_{K^-n}] = \frac{1}{4} [a_0 + 3a_1]$$

# Summary of physics framework and motivation

- Exotic (kaonic) atoms – probes for strong interaction
  - hadronic shift  $\varepsilon_{1s}$  and width  $\Gamma_{1s}$  directly observable
  - experimental study of **low energy QCD**. Testing chiral symmetry breaking in strangeness systems (intermediate sector between light and heavy quark)
- Kaonic hydrogen
  - Kp simplest exotic atom with **strangeness**
  - kaonic hydrogen “puzzle” solved – but: more precise **experimental data** important
  - kaonic deuterium **never** measured before
- Information on  $\Lambda(1405)$  sub-threshold resonance
  - responsible for negative real part of scattering amplitude at threshold
  - important for the search for the controversial “**deeply bound kaonic states**”
  - present / upcoming experiments (KEK, GSI, DAFNE, J-PARC)
- Determination of the isospin dependent KN scattering lengths
  - **no extrapolation to zero energy**

## **Experimental data available:**

- **$K^-$  p cross section** for elastic and inelastic processes.
- **Branching ratios** for  $K^-$  p absorption at rest.
- **$\pi\Sigma$  invariant mass** distribution below  $K^-$  p threshold, which exhibits the  $\Lambda(1405)$  resonance.
- **1s level shift and width** of  $K^-$  p atom determined through X-ray measurements. (**SIDDHARTA**)



# Why it takes so long?

**“A measurement of the energy-level shifts and widths for the atomic levels of kaonic hydrogen (and deuterium) would give a valuable check on analyses of the NK amplitudes, since the energy of the K p atom lies roughly midway between those for the two sets of data.” Dalitz 1981**

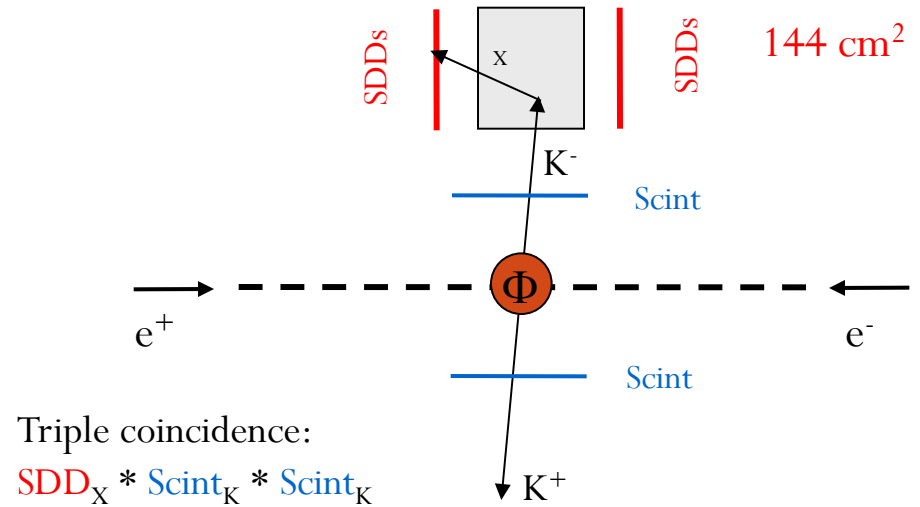
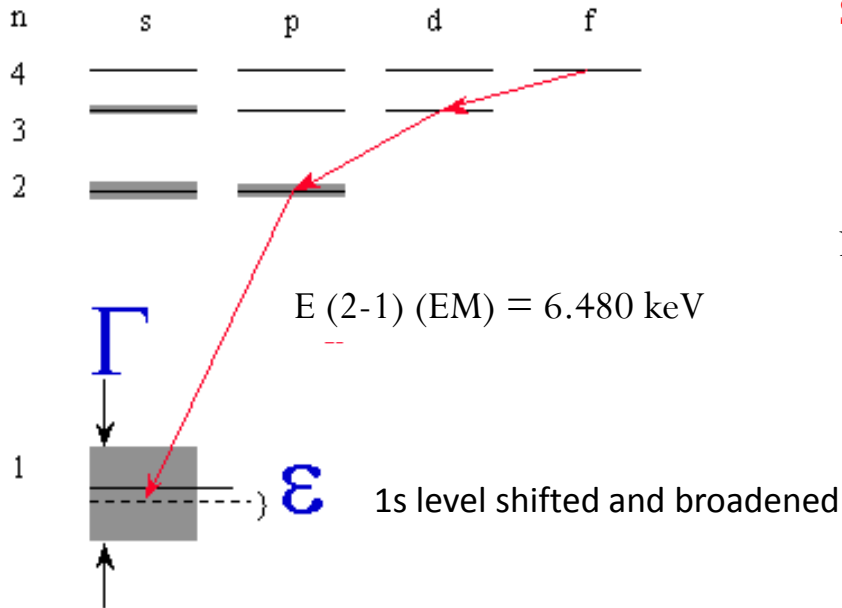
-yield strongly reduced by the Stark mixing ( $\sim 10^{-2}$  KH,  $10^{-3}$  or below for KD)  
(monochromatic pure kaon beam, high density gaseous target)

-large area, fast, high resolution X-ray detectors are required, not available before  
SIDDHARTA

-X-ray background is huge, either on extracted beams, due to pion contamination and on colliders, due to cm range placement of the target with respect to the interaction point, in a region where large EM showers are induced by the particles lost from the beam.

# SIDDHARTA experimental method

- Goal: measure the **shift** and **broadening** of the X ray transition of light kaonic atoms.
- The **ground state** is affected by the **strong interaction** of the **kaon** and the nucleus.
- Delivers **input** for **effective theories** in low energy QCD.

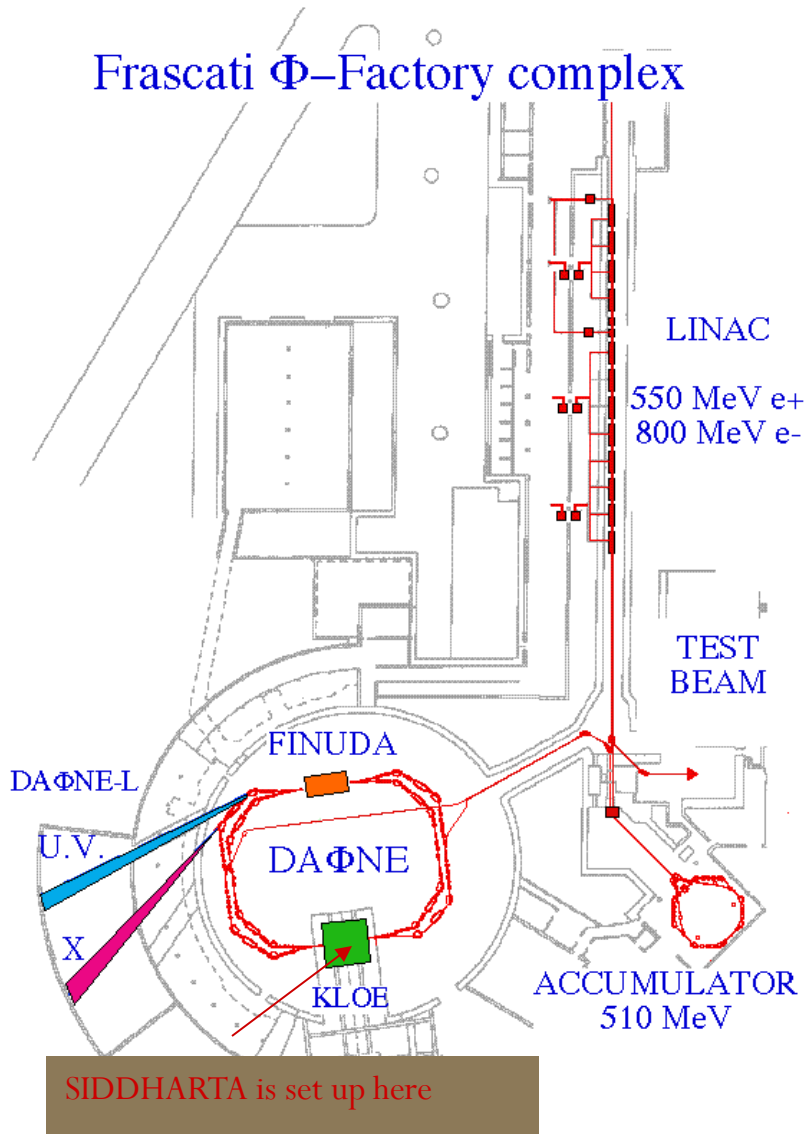


New X-ray detectors (SDD Silicon Drift Detectors)

- timing capability (trigger for background suppression)
- excellent energy resolution (140 eV at 6.0 KeV)
- high efficiency, large solid angle.
- good performance in accelerator environment

# DAΦNE

## Frascati $\Phi$ -Factory complex



during DEAR data taking (2002)

currents  $\sim 1200/800 \sim 1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  per day, peak  $\sim 3 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

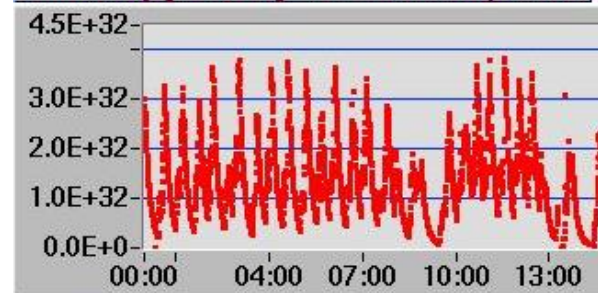
Electron-positron collider, energy at  $\Phi$  resonance  
(produced nearly at rest)

boost: 55 mrad crossing angle  $\rightarrow 28 \text{ MeV}/c$

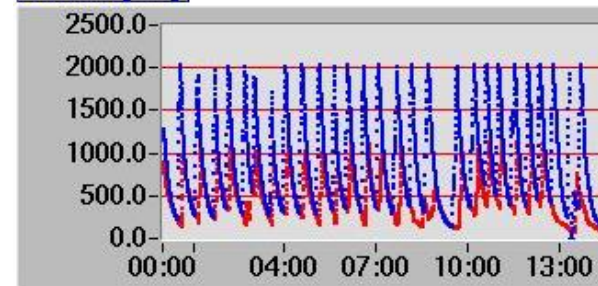
charged kaons from phi decay:  $E_k = 16 \text{ MeV}$

degrade to  $< 4 \text{ MeV}$  to stop in gas target

**Luminosity [ $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ] - on line FARM process**



**current [mA]**



$\Phi$  production cross section  $\sim 3000 \text{ nb}$  (loss-corrected)  
Integr. luminosity 2009  $\sim 6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  per day <sup>1)</sup> ( $\sim 10^7 \text{ K}^\pm$ )  
(increased by crabbed waist scheme)

**Peak luminosity  $\sim 4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} = 550 \text{ Hz K}^\pm$**

<sup>1)</sup> we can not use kaons produced during injections.

# Why at DAΦNE?

- Almost monochromatic charged kaon beam from  $\Phi$  decay => facilitates stopping the kaons in a *small volume* => allows to produce the exotic atoms before kaons decay and enhance the detection efficiency for rare events
- Minimum beam-related hadronic background ( $\Phi$  decays in 49% back-to-back charged and 31% neutral kaons)
- High luminosity
- $\Phi$  is polarized, so the kaon flux emitted mostly on transverse plane to machine beam pipe ( $\sin^2$  distribution) => easier to capture a high fraction on a reduced solid angle

# DAFNE background

**SYNCHRONOUS:** It's associated to K production, or other  $\Phi$  decay channels. It can be considered a hadronic background.

**ASYNCHRONOUS:** It's due to the final component of electromagnetic cascade produced in the accelerator pipe and other setup materials invested by electrons lost from the beam. The main contribution comes from Touschek effect (particle scattering inside the bunch).

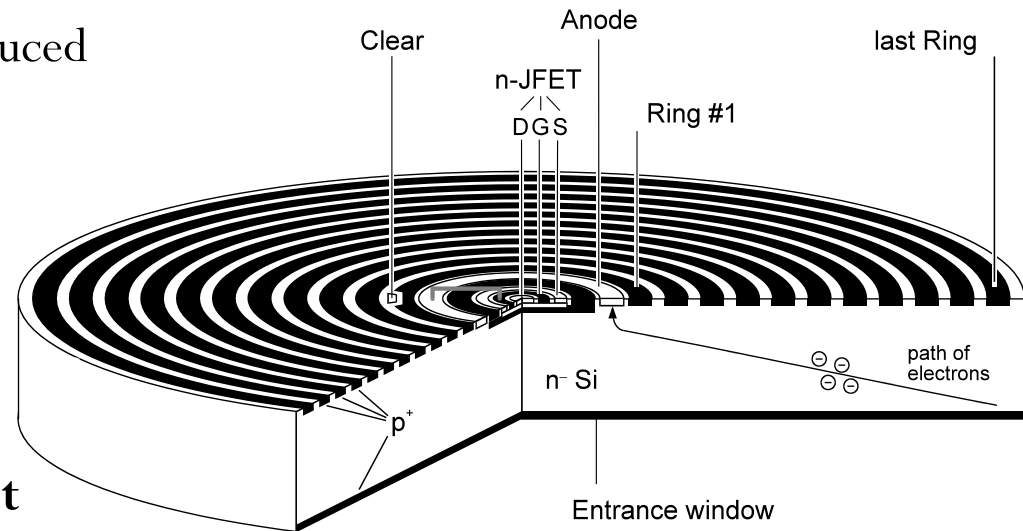
The asynchronous background can be reduced by shielding, trigger and the use of fast response X-ray detectors:

SDD (Silicon Drift Detector of a new design, developed inside the SIDDHARTA collaboration)

**-large area ( $3 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$ )**

**-high resolution, near to Fano limit**

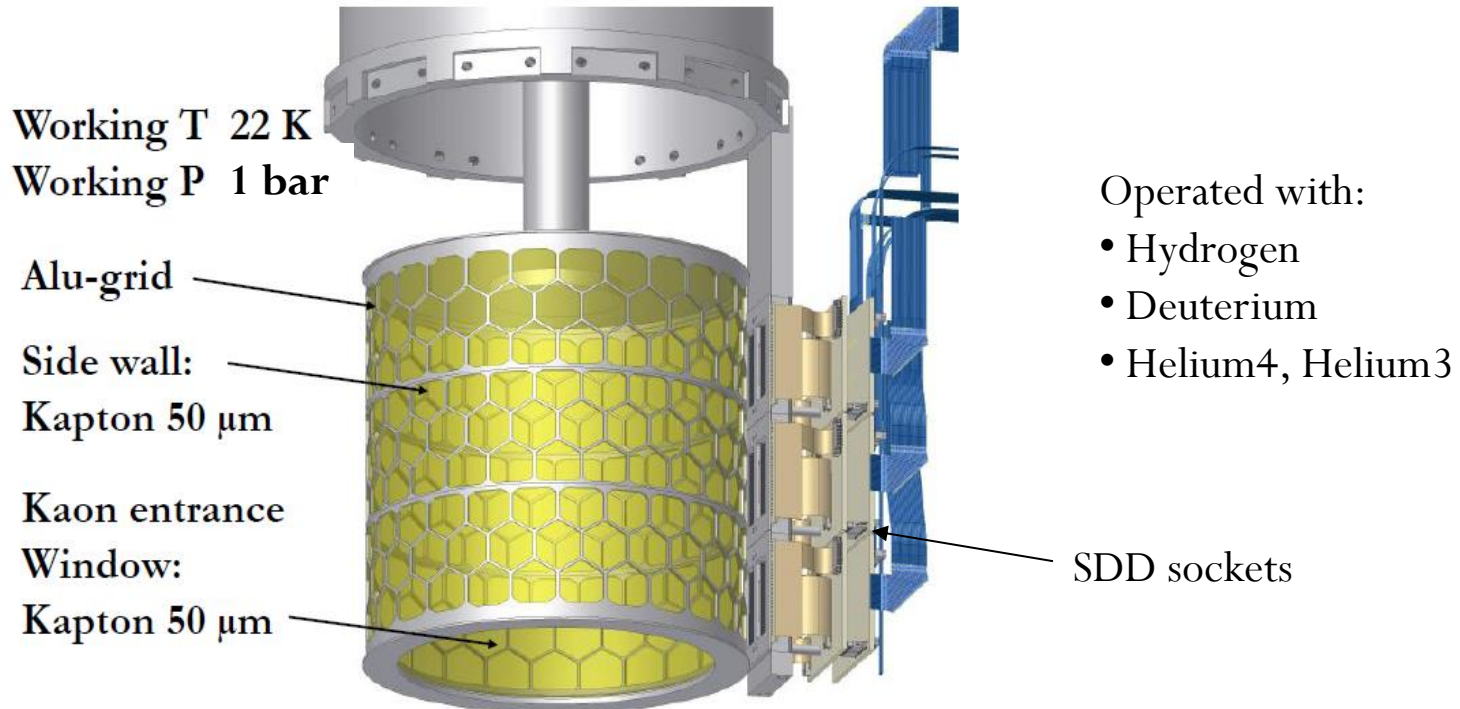
**-charge collection time (drift)  $\sim 700 \text{ ns}$**

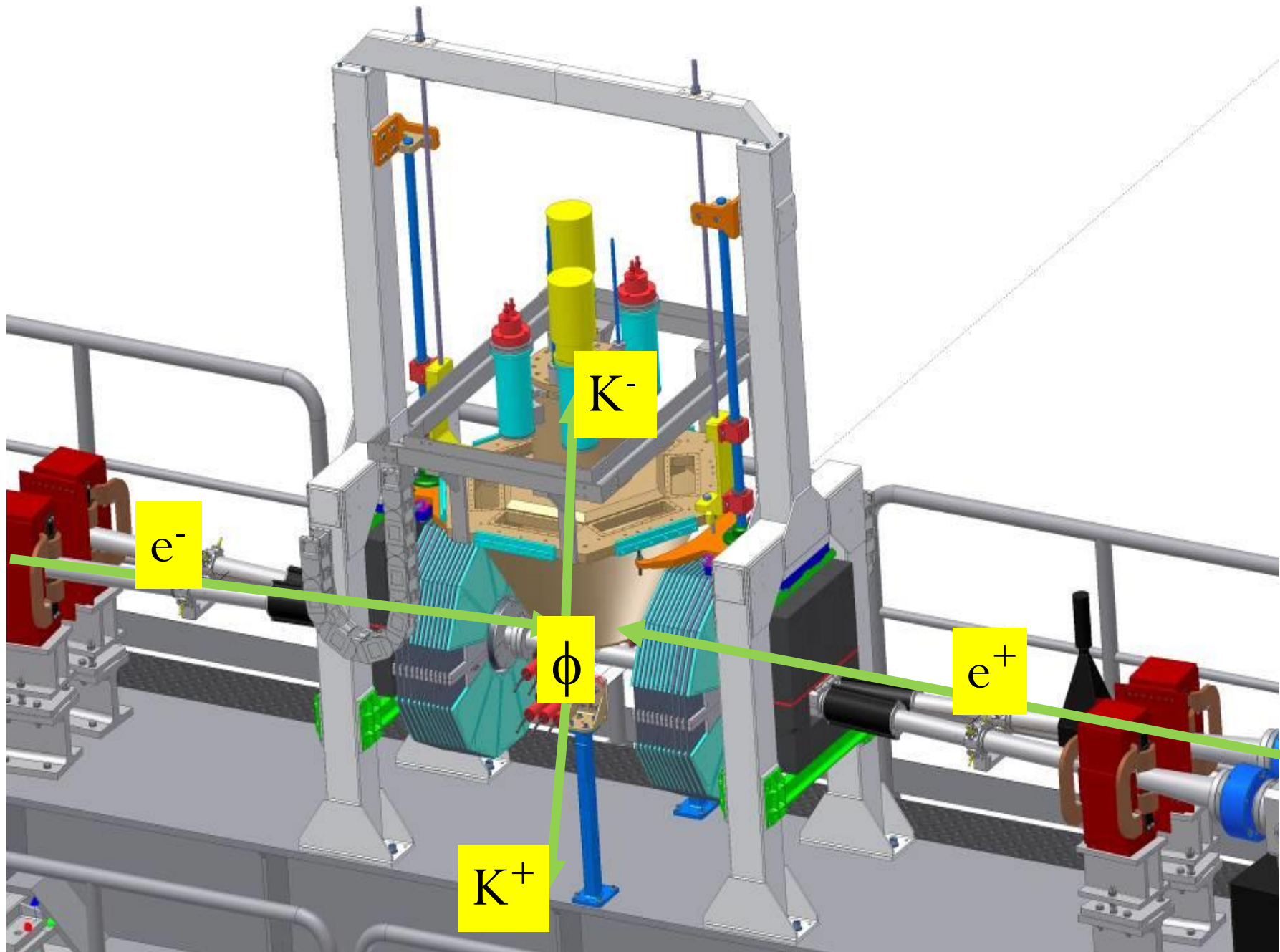


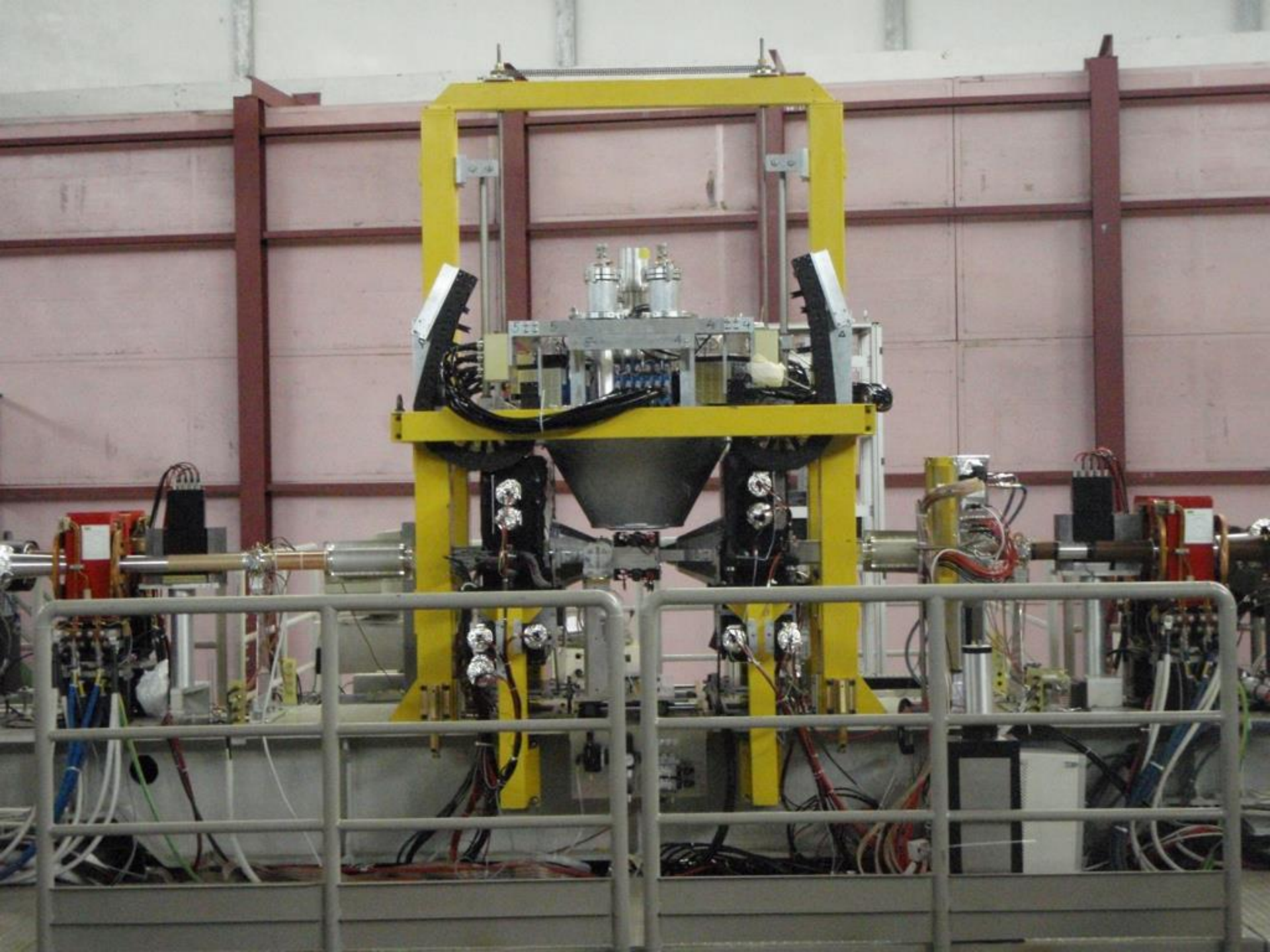
# Cryo target

The optimization of the target density took into account the balance between the Stark effect and kaon stopping power. The chosen density was  $\sim 30\times$  STP, which would require thick windows to stand the high corresponding pressure. Since thick windows would not allow X-rays to reach the SDD detectors, a cryogenic target was designed and build, operating near the H<sub>2</sub> L.P. A 2-stage He expansion cryostat grants the necessary cooling. In order to minimize the detector noise, the SDDs were also operated under cryogenic conditions ( $\sim 150\text{K}$ ). The whole setup is installed in a high vacuum insulation chamber.

## Cryogenic target cell

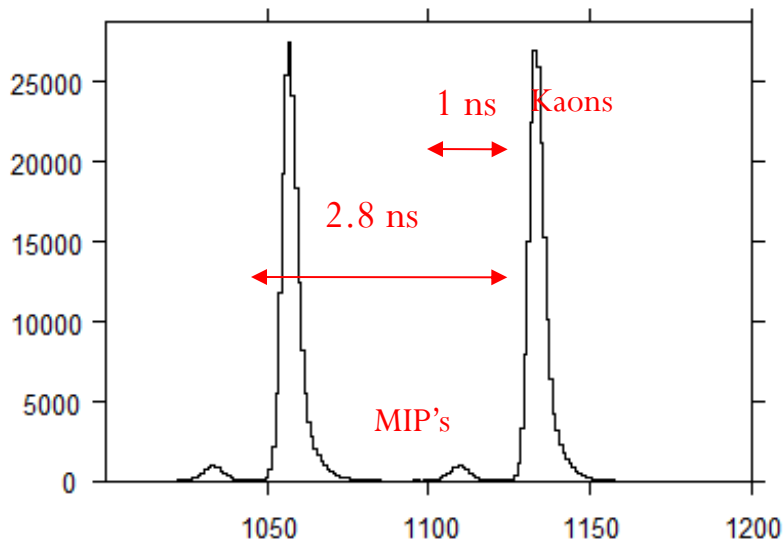




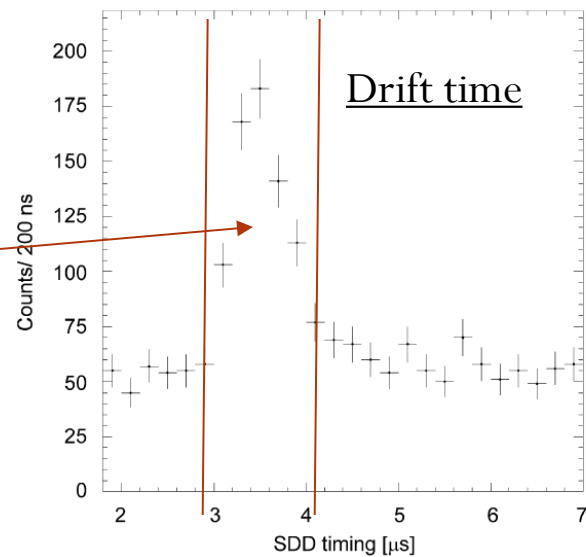
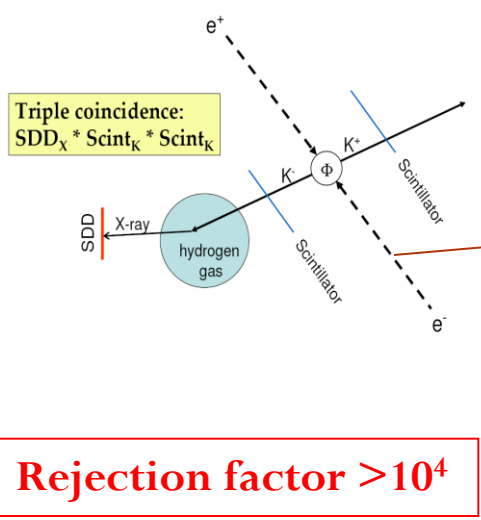
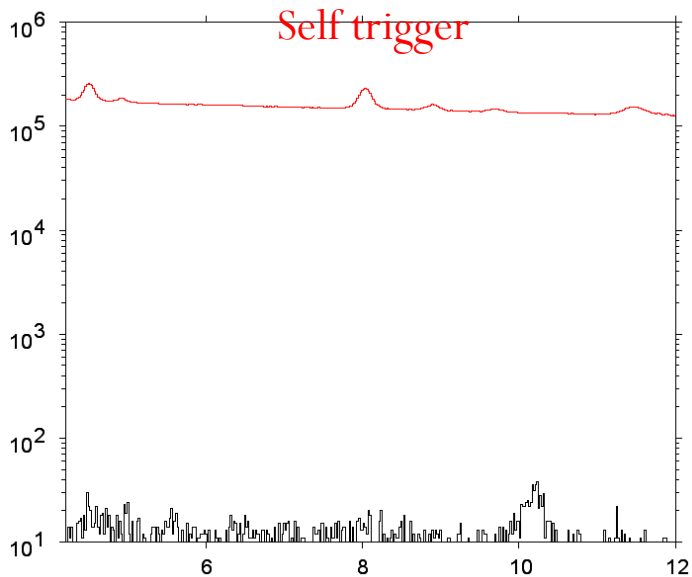
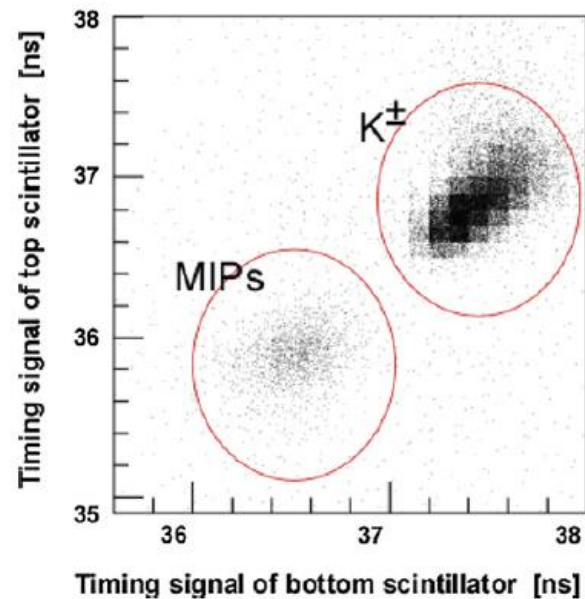




# Trigger



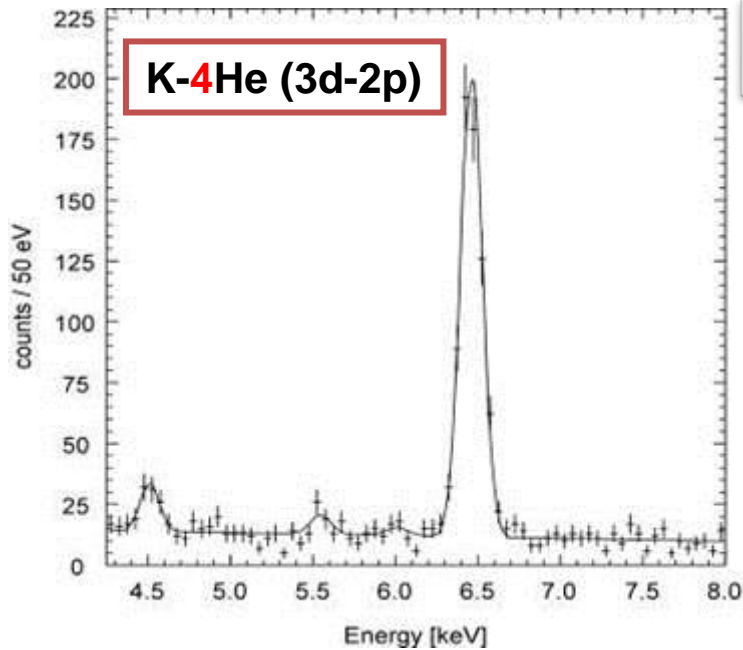
The trigger is generated by the coincidence of 2 back-to-back scintillators. Further kaon ID is given by the specific TOF, measured from the collision time, marked by RF.



## **SIDDHARTA results:**

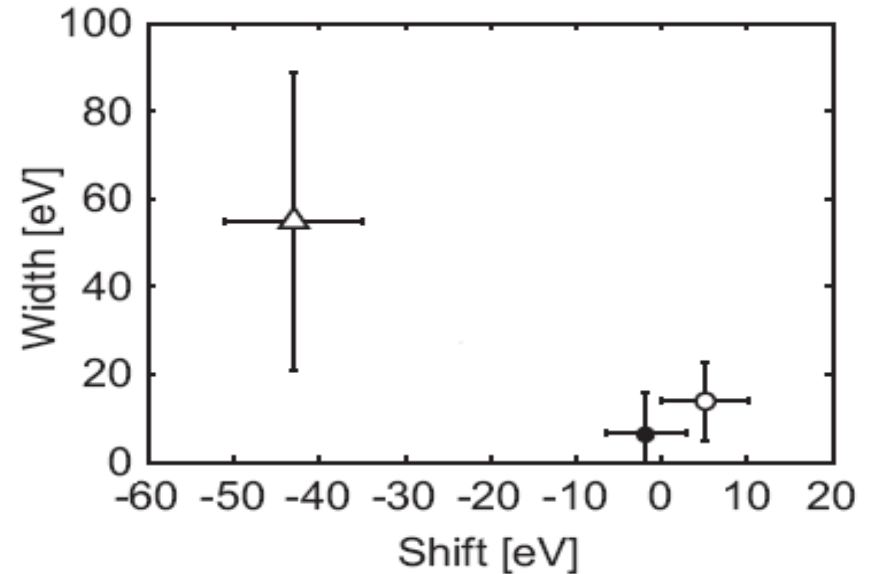
- **Kaonic Hydrogen**:  $400\text{pb}^{-1}$ , most precise measurement to date, *Phys. Lett. B* 704 (2011) 113, *Nucl. Phys.* A881 (2012) 88; Ph D
- **Kaonic Deuterium**:  $100\text{pb}^{-1}$ , as an exploratory first measurement, *Nucl. Phys.* A907 (2013) 69; Ph D
- **Kaonic Helium 4** – first measurement ever in gaseous target; published in *Phys. Lett. B* 681 (2009) 310; *NIM* A628 (2011) 264 and *Phys. Lett. B* 697 (2011);; PhD
- **Kaonic Helium 3** –  $10\text{pb}^{-1}$ , first measurement in the world, shift value published in *Phys. Lett. B* 697 (2011) 199; Ph D, **(Successive analysis of the Kaonic Helium 3 strong interaction width )** *Phys. Lett.* B714 (2012) 40
- **Widths and yields of KHe3 and KHe4** - *Phys. Lett.* B714 (2012) 40; ongoing: KH yields; kaonic kapton yields -> draft for publications

# Kaonic Helium results

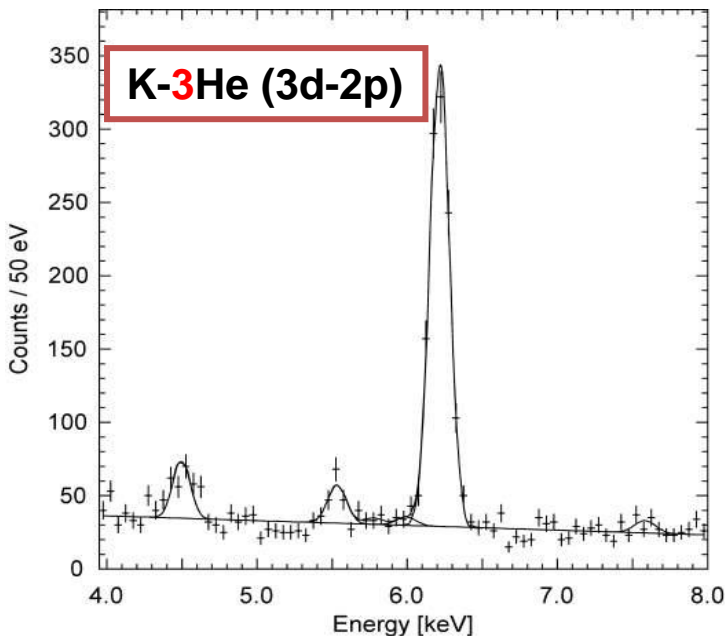


$$\Delta E_{2p} = +5 \pm 3(\text{sta}) \pm 4(\text{sys}) \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{2p} = 14 \pm 8(\text{stat.}) \pm 5(\text{syst.}) \text{ eV,}$$



Open circle: K-4He 2p state; filled circle: K-3He 2p state. Both are determined by the SIDDHARTA experiment. The open triangle is the average value of the previous K-4He experiments.

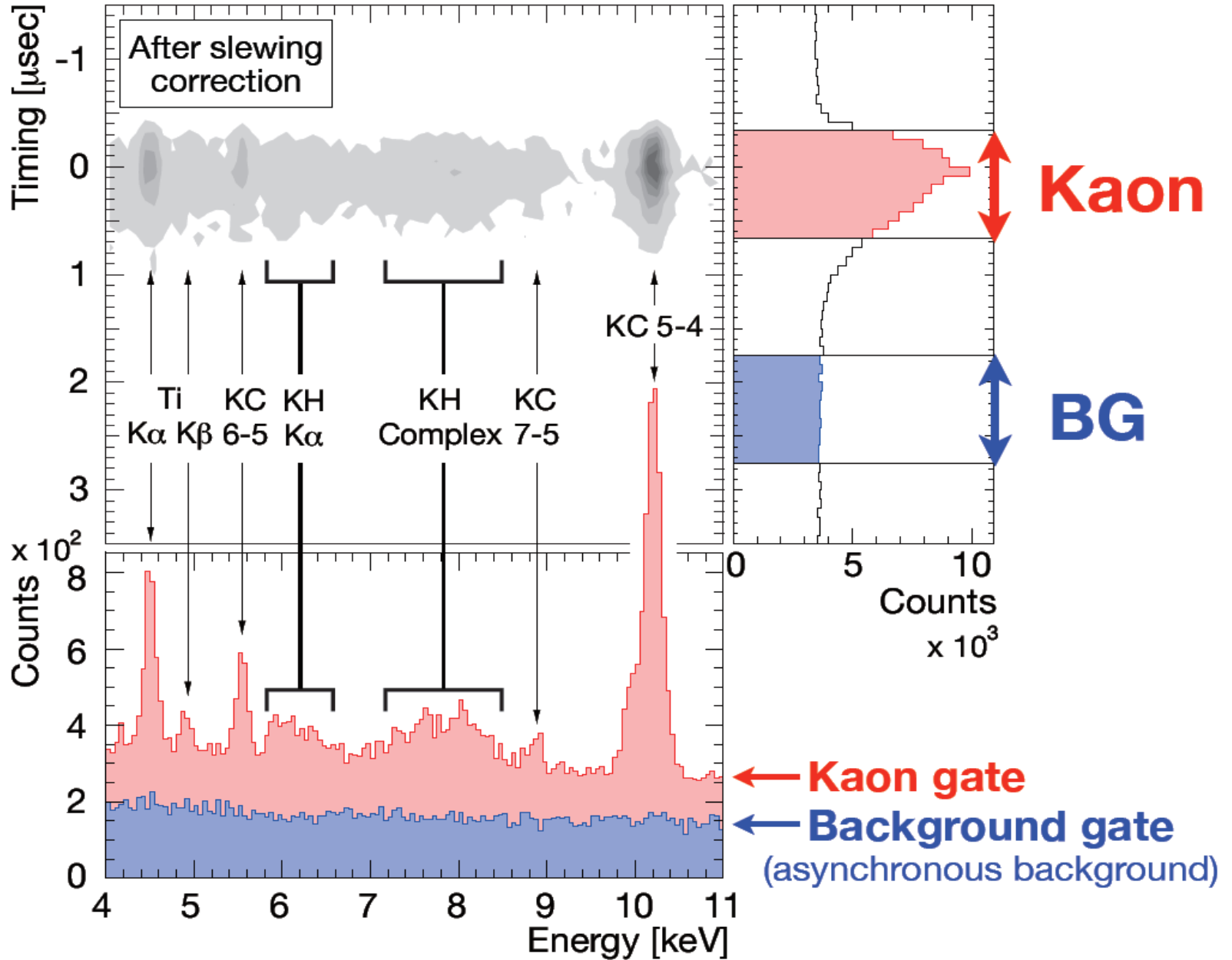


$$\Delta E_{2p} = -2 \pm 2(\text{sta}) \pm 4(\text{sys}) \text{ eV}$$

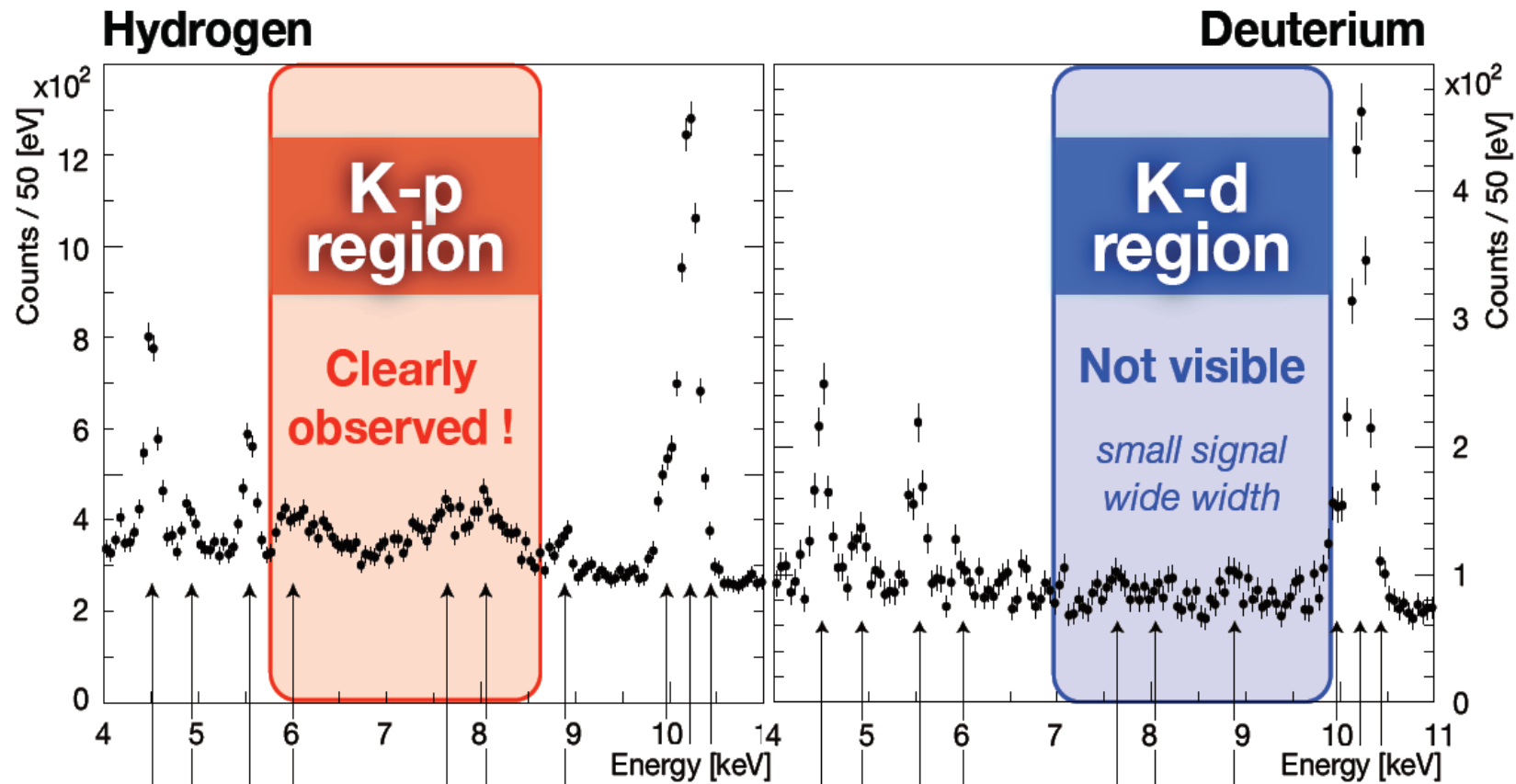
$$\Gamma_{2p} = 6 \pm 6(\text{stat.}) \pm 7(\text{syst.}) \text{ eV,}$$

# Kaonic hydrogen data

KH dataset



# Kaonic hydrogen and kaonic deuterium



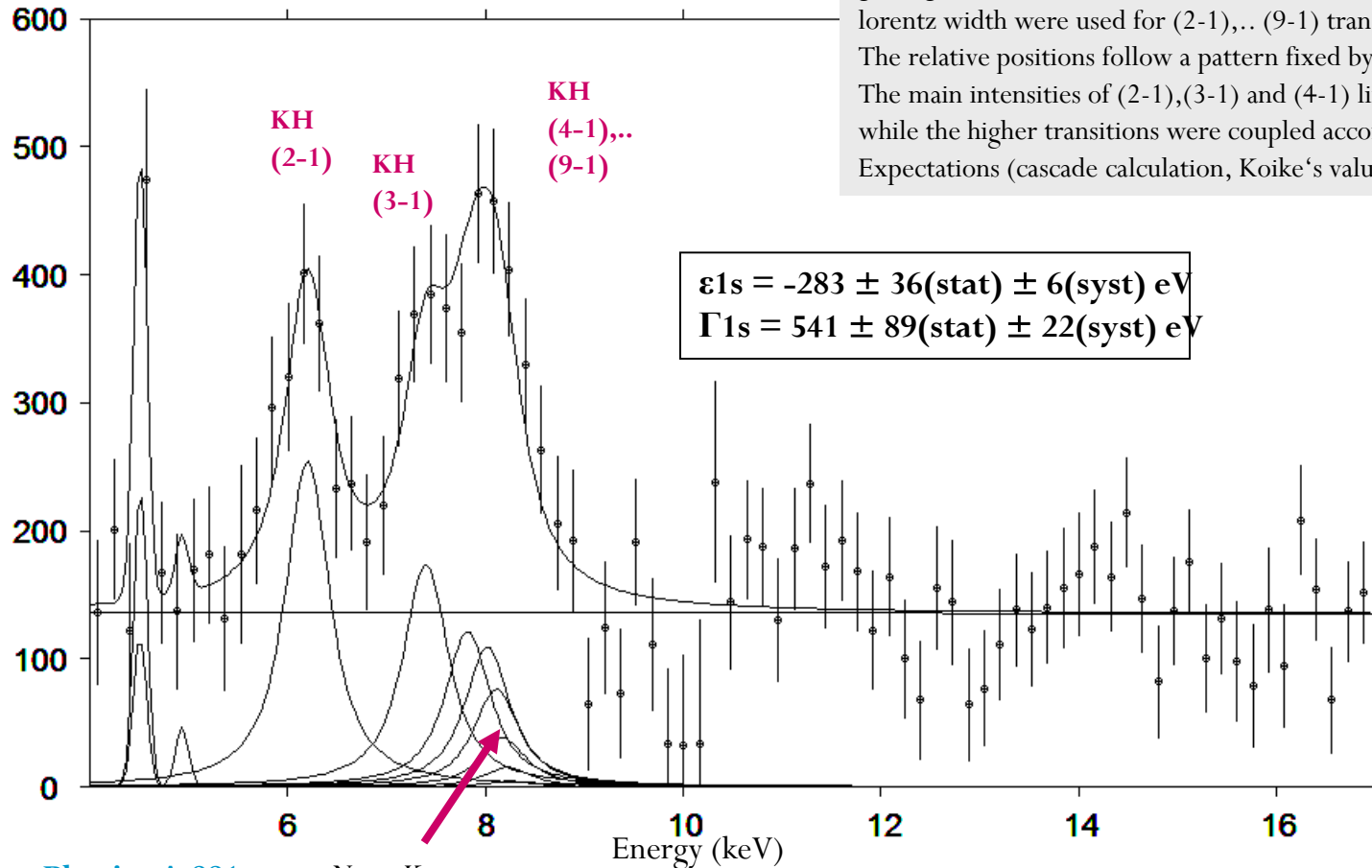
Fluorescence  
X-ray

Kaonic Kapton X-rays

**Kapton**  
 $C_{22}H_{10}O_5N_2$

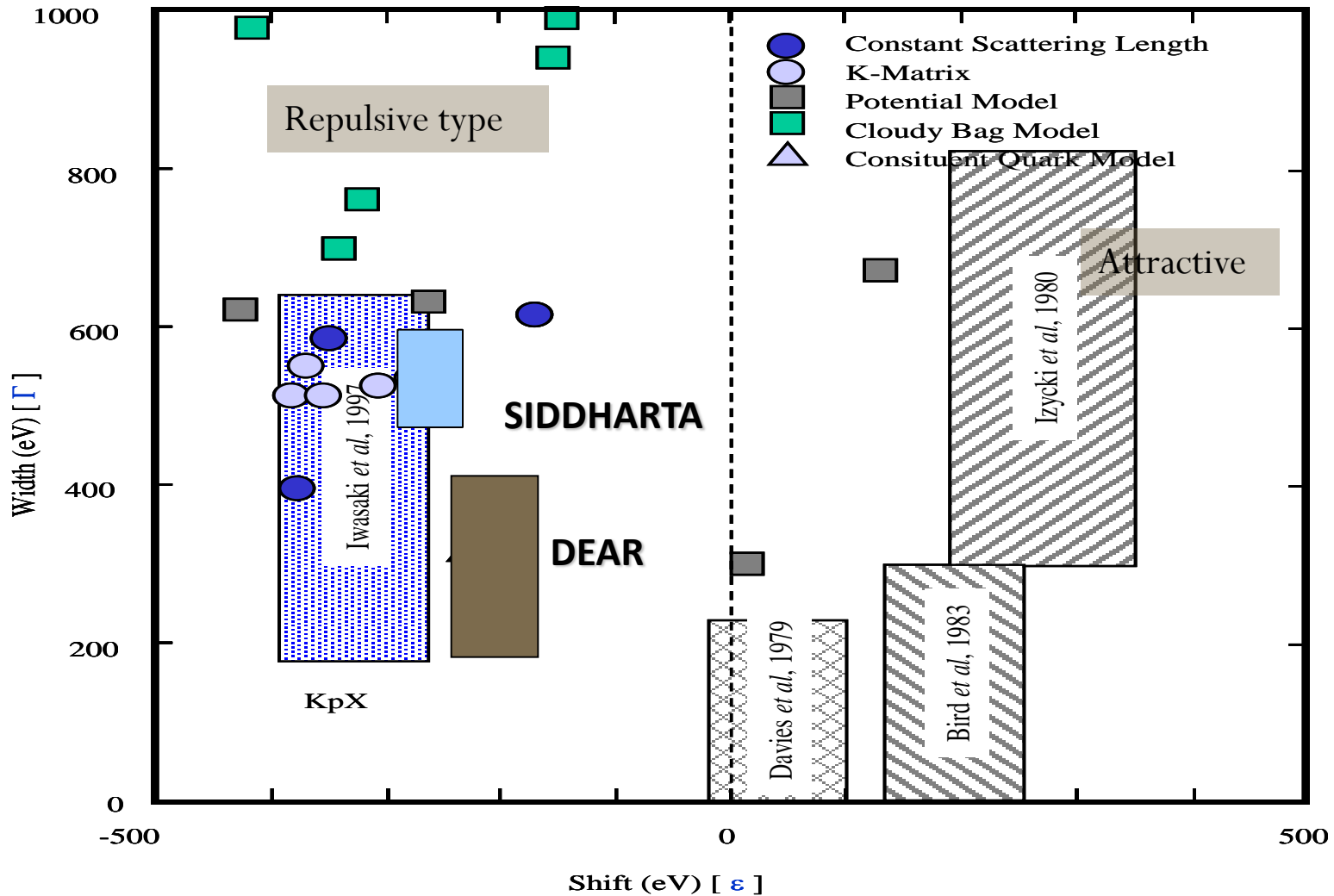
# Kaonic hydrogen fit

The Kd spectrum was subtracted from the kaonic hydrogen one, to get rid of the kaonic background lines (KO, KN). The overall integrated luminosity for the KH run was 290 pb<sup>-1</sup>.



For the signal component 8 voigtians with given gauss resolution and free identical lorentz width were used for (2-1),.. (9-1) transitions. The relative positions follow a pattern fixed by the QED values. The main intensities of (2-1),(3-1) and (4-1) lines were left are free, while the higher transitions were coupled according to theoretical Expectations (cascade calculation, Koike's values).

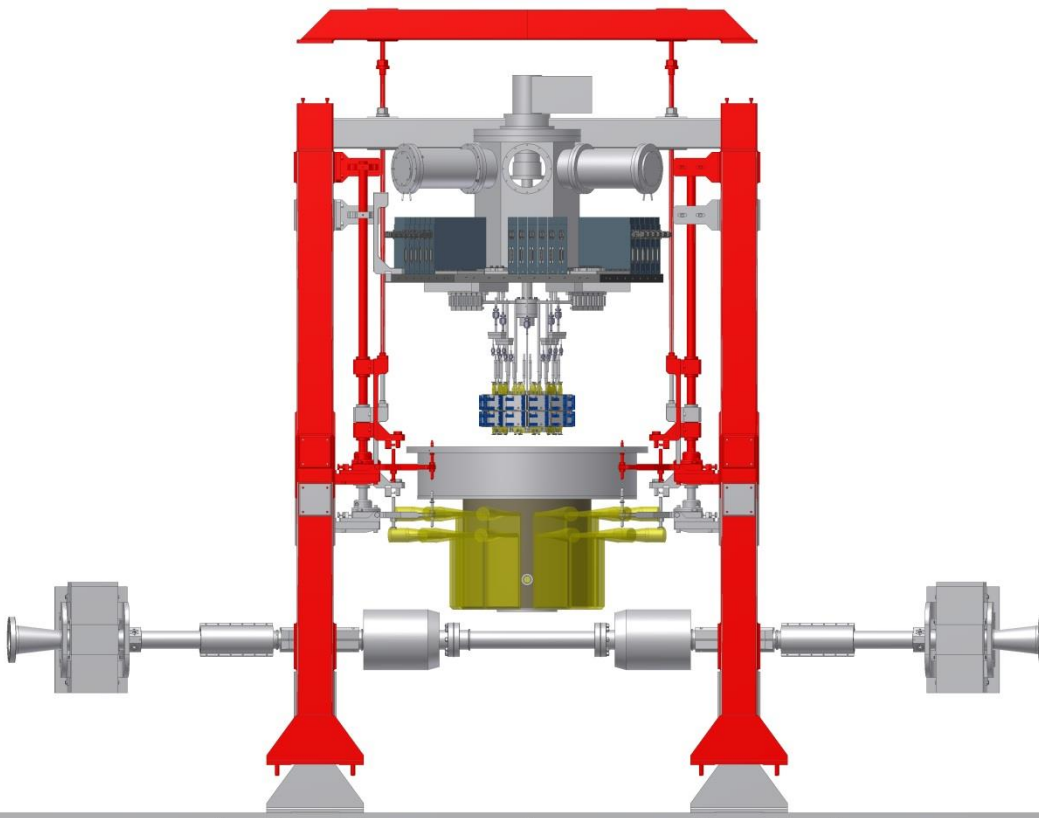
# Kaonic Hydrogen X-ray measurements summary



# SIDDHARTA 2

SIDDHARTA upgrade for :

- **Kaonic deuterium** precision measurement
- Other kaonic atoms (light and heavy) (Si,Pb ...)
- **Charged kaon mass** precision measurement.
- Feasibility study for **Sigmonium** atoms.
- **Kaonic Helium** transitions to the **1s level**.

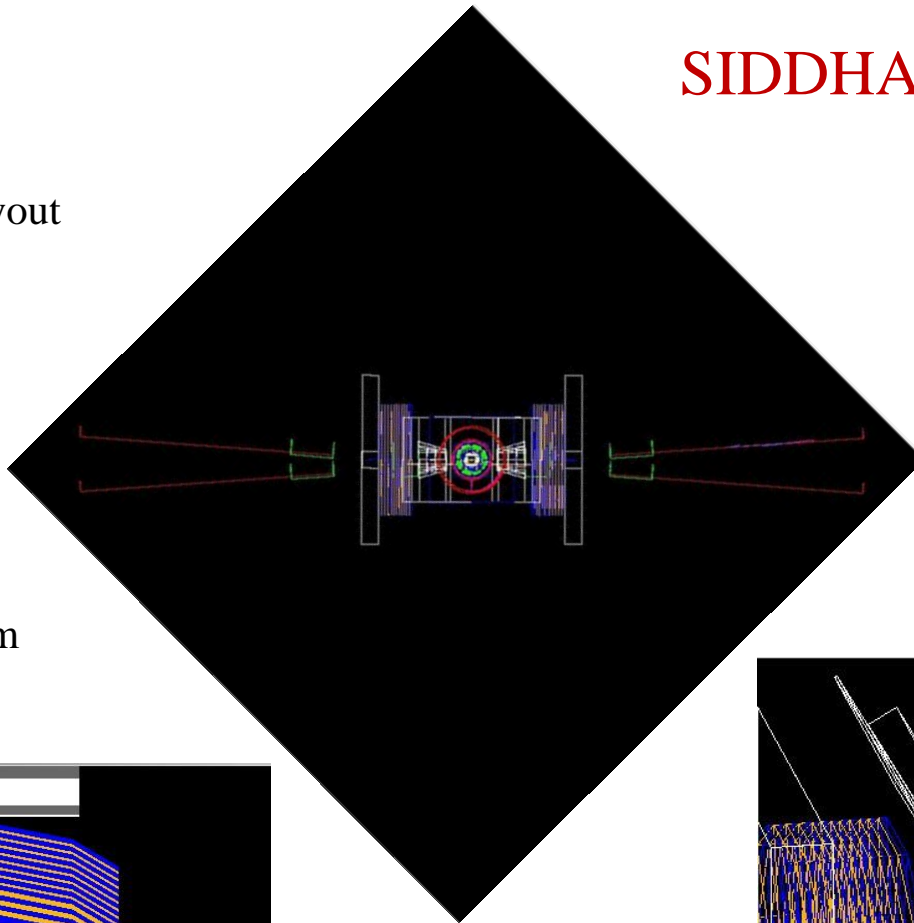


-larger target, higher density  
-better shielding and trigger system  
-new detectors for kaon gas  
moderation timing  
-anticoincidence detectors  
-additional SDD arrays  
(under development)  
overall signal/background  
improvement: 20~30x



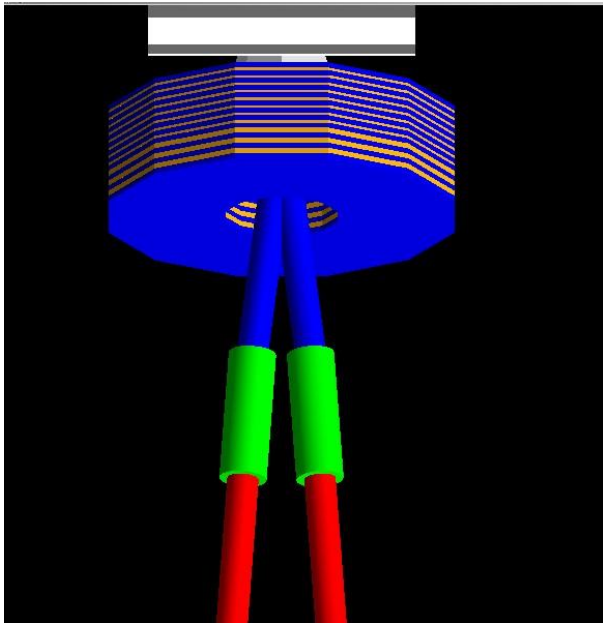
# SIDDHARTA 1 (MC check)

General layout

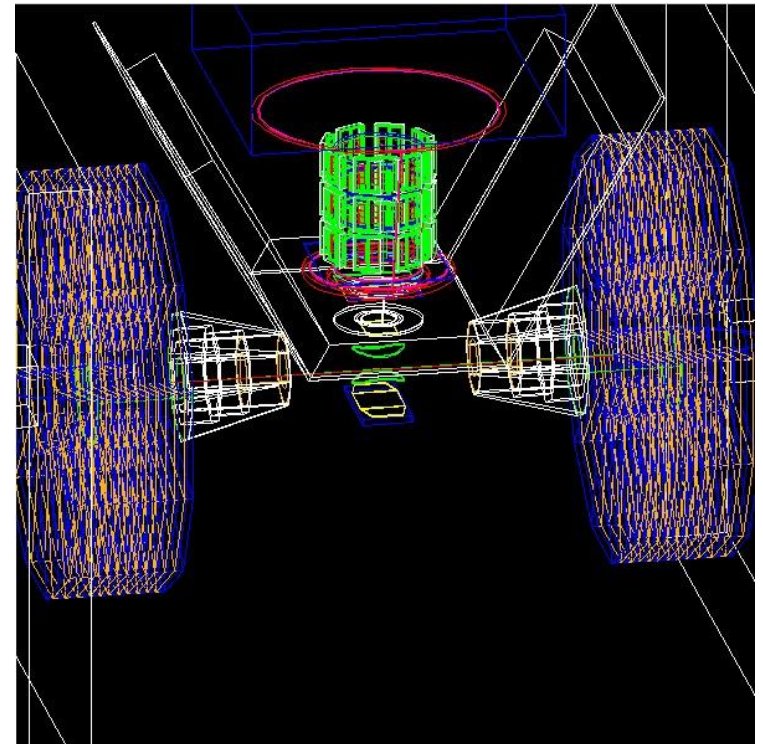


Performed after completion, due to the new, experimental machine regime under crab-waist optics.

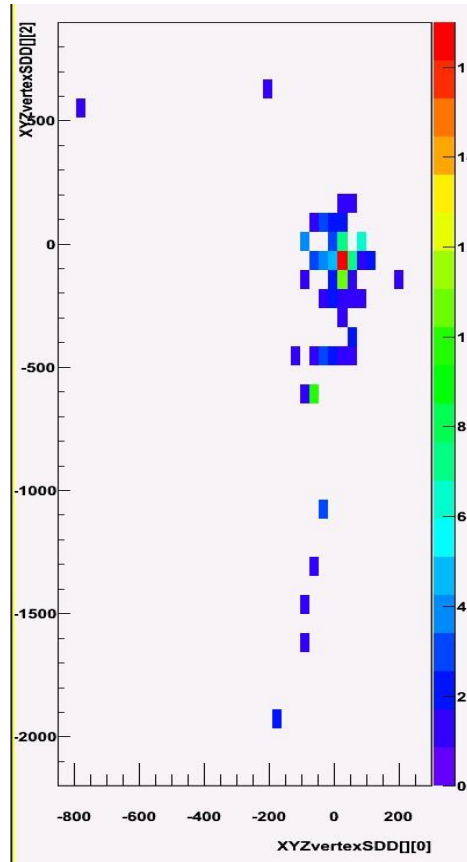
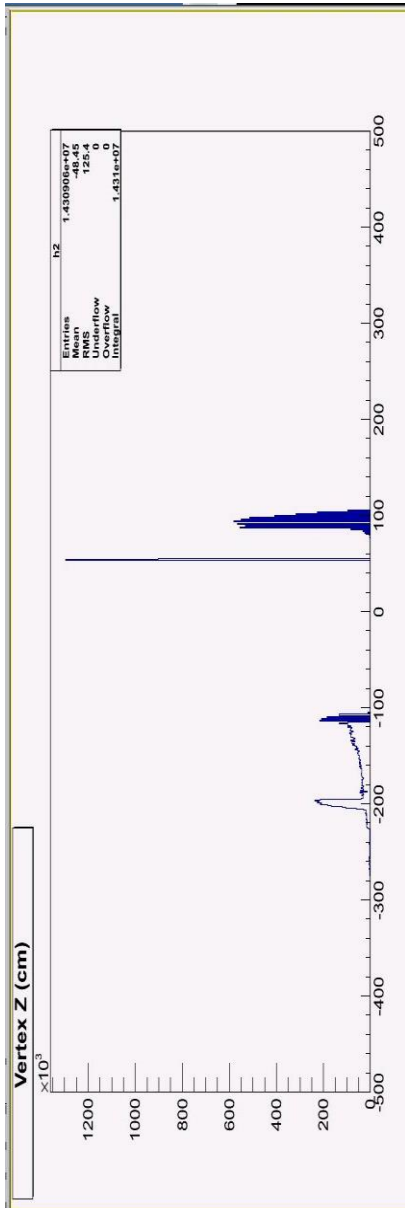
Detail of the beam pipes outside IR



Setup detail



# Simulation of Touschek background



Rate<sub>(MC)</sub>: 49-62 Hz/2 A

Rate<sub>(measured)</sub>: 60-80 Hz/2 A

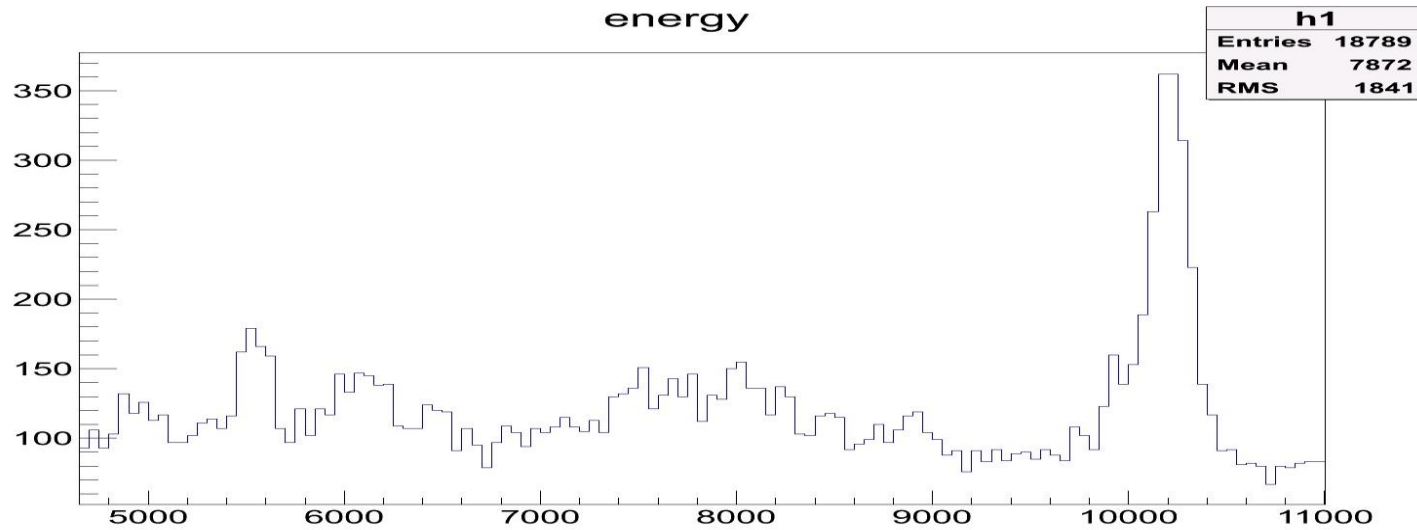
(obs: data file for 1 A, rates not linear)

HT/X (3-18keV) (MC) =  $7.5 \pm 2.3$

HT/X (3-18keV)(measured) = 6.2 (1 run)

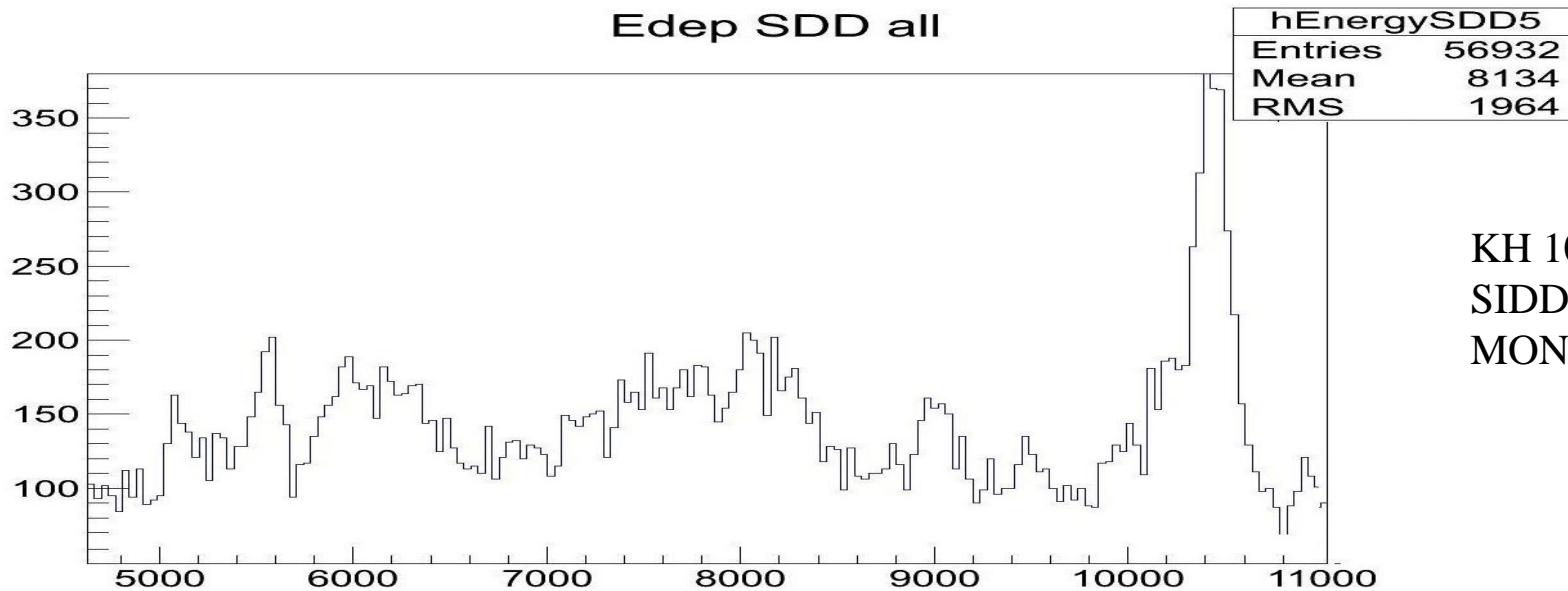
DAFNE simulated distribution of particles lost due to Touschek effect (left) and SIDDHARTA SDD vertex distribution (right)

# Comparison between MC and real data for SIDDHARTA 1



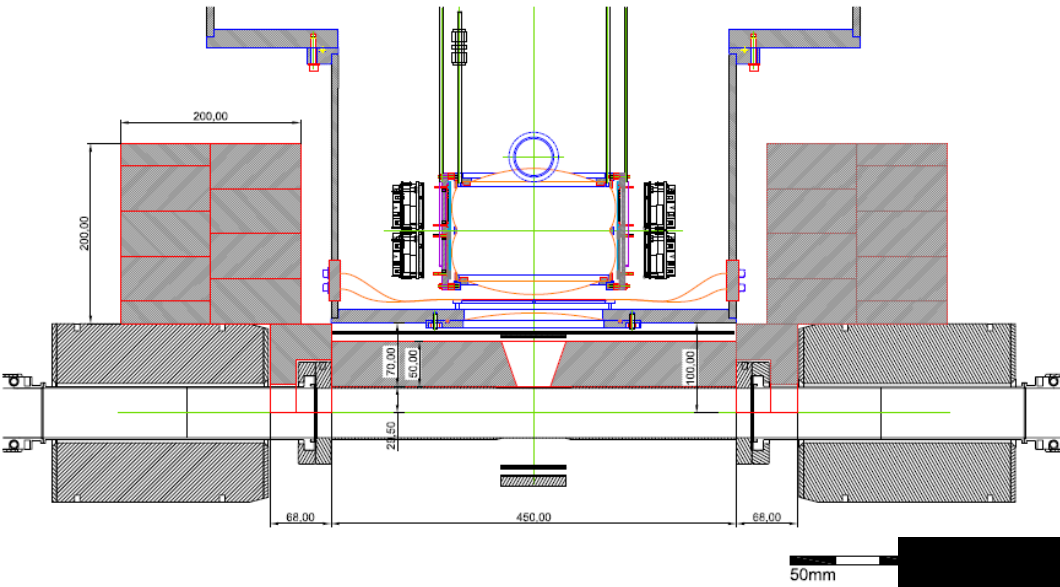
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SIDDHARTA2  
REAL DATA

Edep SDD all



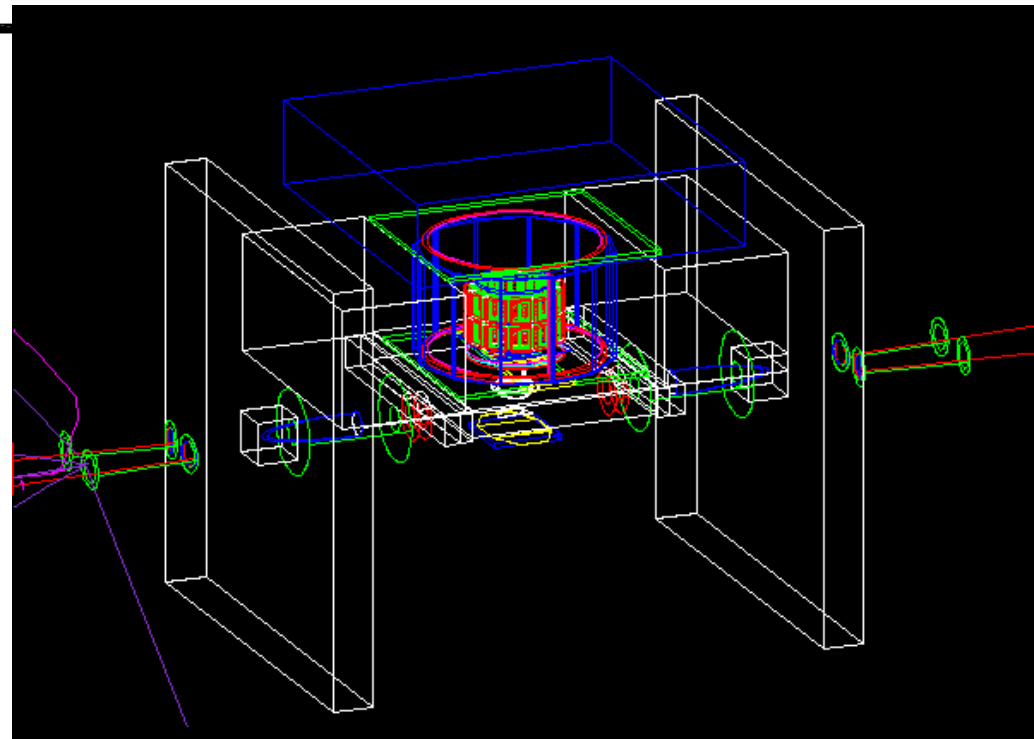
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# SIDDHARTA 2 MC implementation

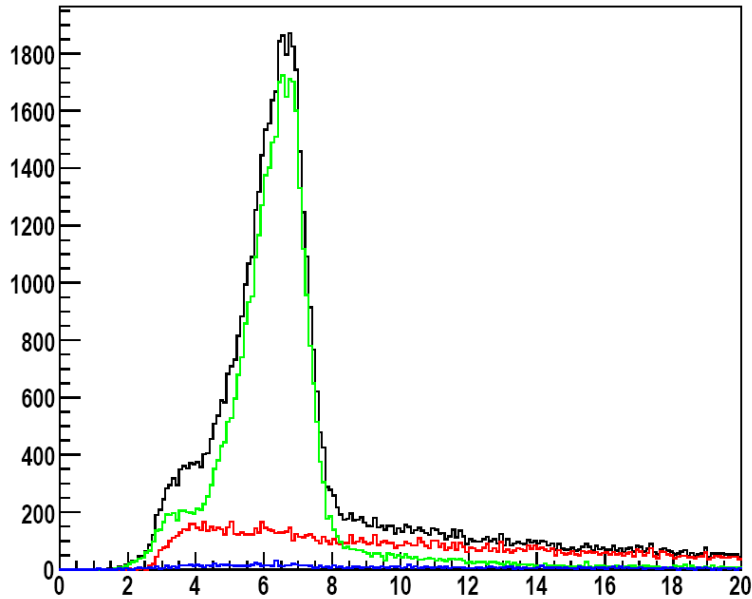


Technical drawing

Monte Carlo geometry

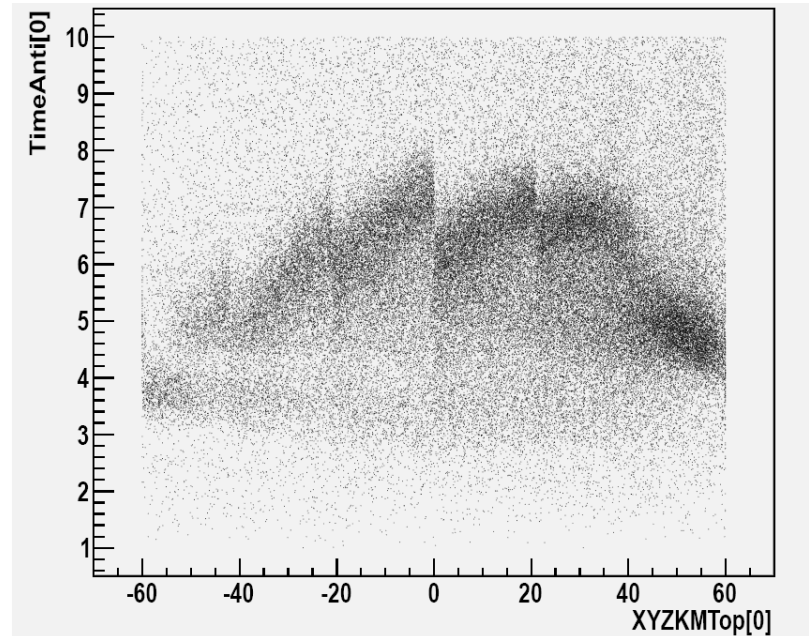


# Trigger 2 for kaon gas moderation prompt signal



Time prompt on Trigger 2 for  $k^-$  (green)  $k^+$  (red) and non-kaonic  $\Phi$  decay (black)  
FWHM  $\sim 2$  ns, so  $<1$  ns detector required

Degrader optimization by using the Trigger 2 barrel and the top scintillator of Ktrigger.



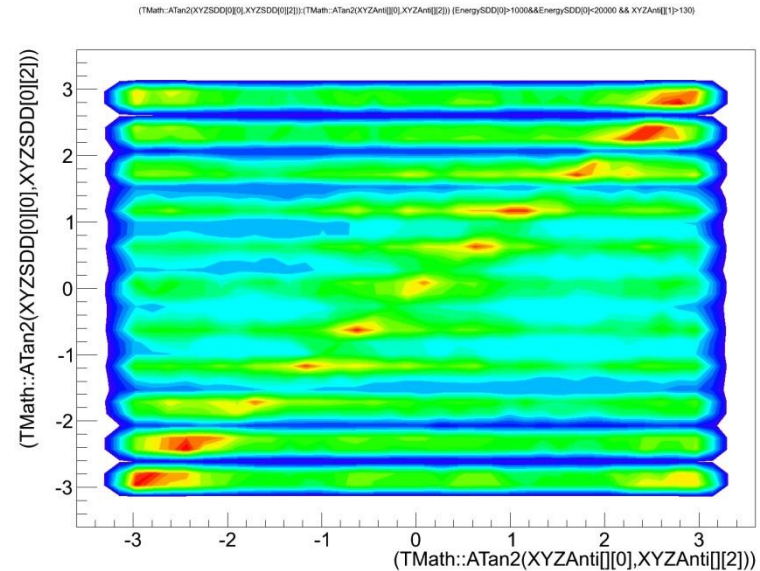
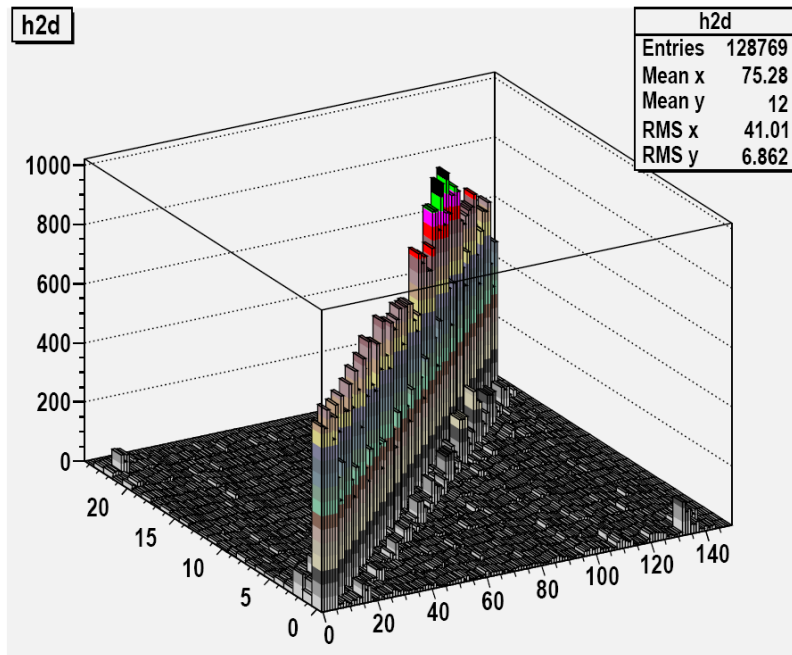
The MC factors for signal and background  
corresponding to each optimization step

	N of triggers	Signal	Hadr. background	Machine background	Total background
Target closer to IP	1.0	1.38	1.33	-	-
Density 3% LHD	1.0	1.64	1.08	-	-
Geometry change	0.67	1.25	0.56	0.25	0.47
Trigger 2	0.33	0.72	0.39	0.33	0.16
K detector	0.73	0.93	0.76	0.73	-
Drift time	-	-	-	0.63	0.12
All	0.16	1.89	0.24	0.038	0.12

Overall S/B improvement factor  $\approx 16$

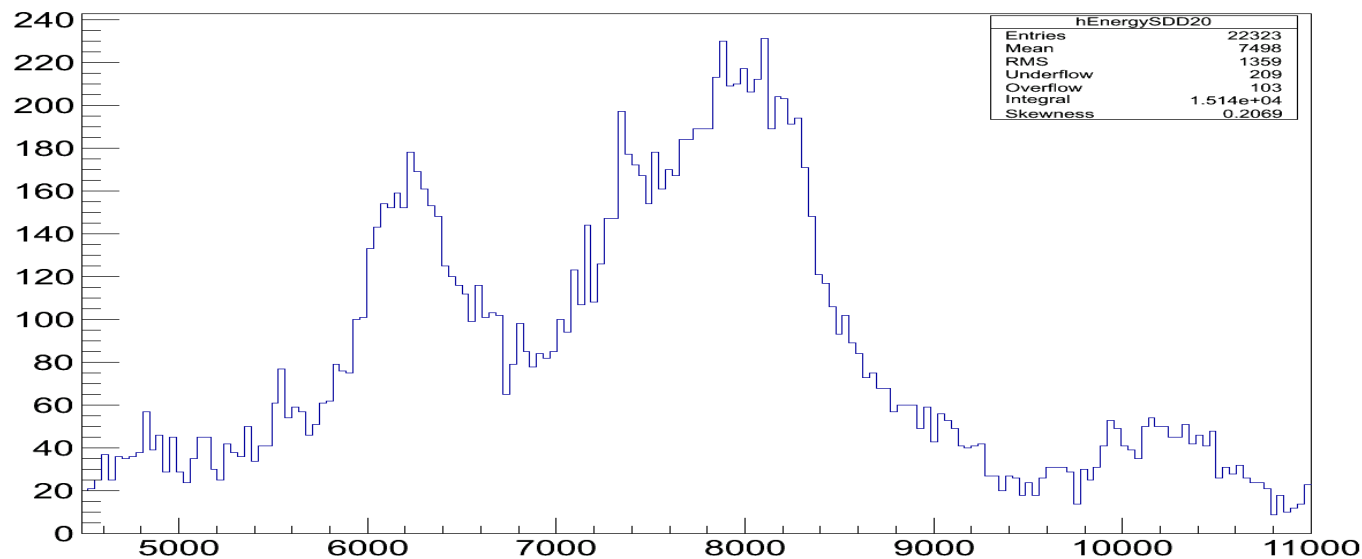
# Other background reduction tools

- anticoincidence scintillators placed behind SDDs  $\sim 0.6$  Hbkg
- anticoincidence with Trigger 2 scintillators  $\sim 0.8$  Hbkg (not multiplicative to the first)
- K<sup>+</sup> detector  $\sim 0.8$
- Trigger 2 as active shielding  $\sim .65$  (on EM bkg)
- anticoincidence with upper K trigger  $\sim .85$  (on EM bkg)

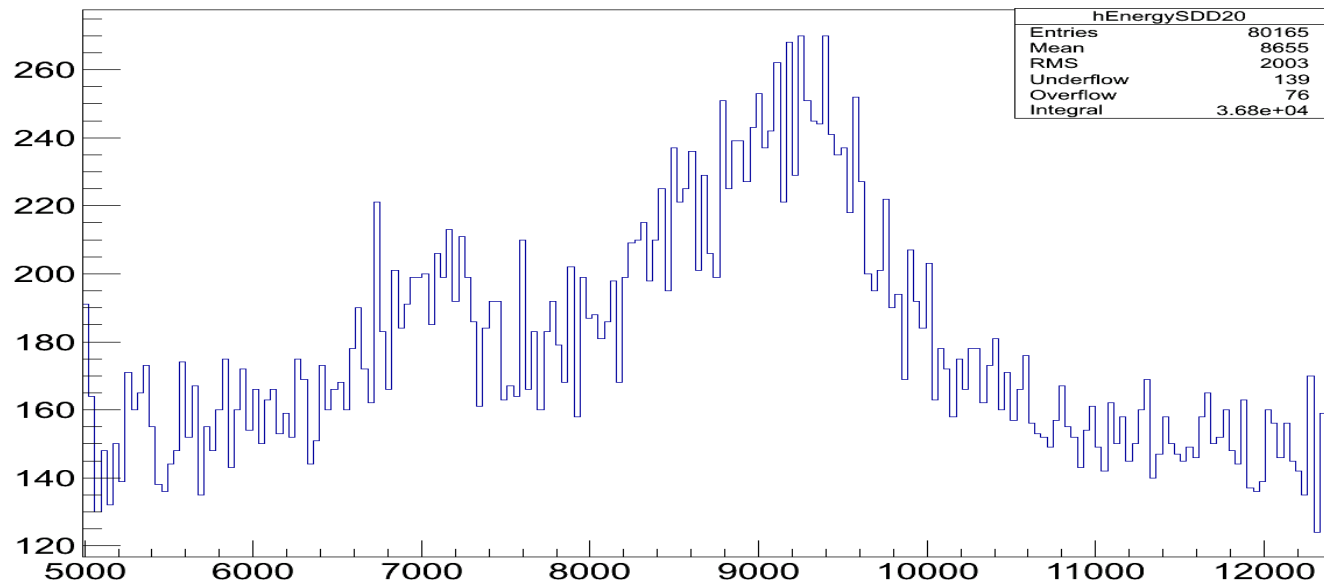


Correlation between SDDs and back scintillators (left) and Trigger 2 scintillators (right)

# MC results for SIDDHARTA2 (only “basic” reduction applied)



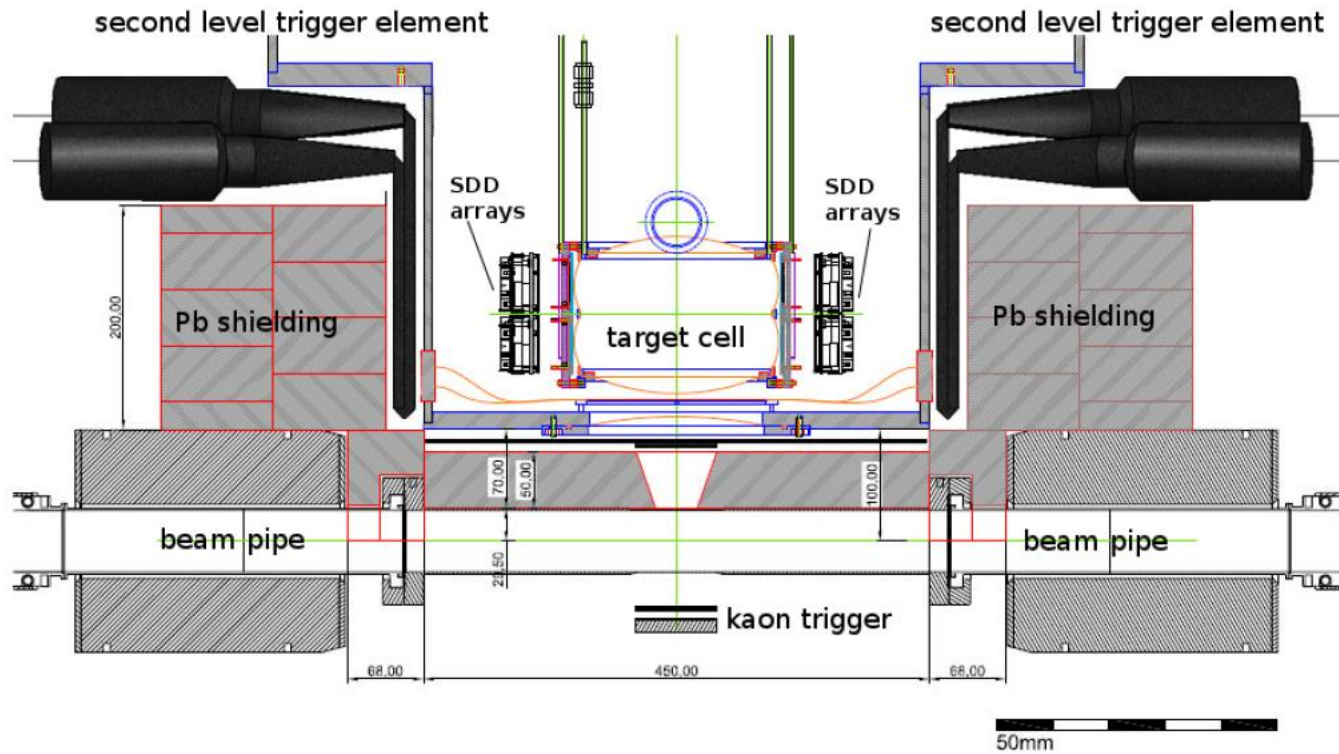
KH 106 pb  
SIDDHARTA2  
MONTE CARLO



KD 800 pb  
SIDDHARTA2  
MONTE CARLO  
800 eV width  
 $y=1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$

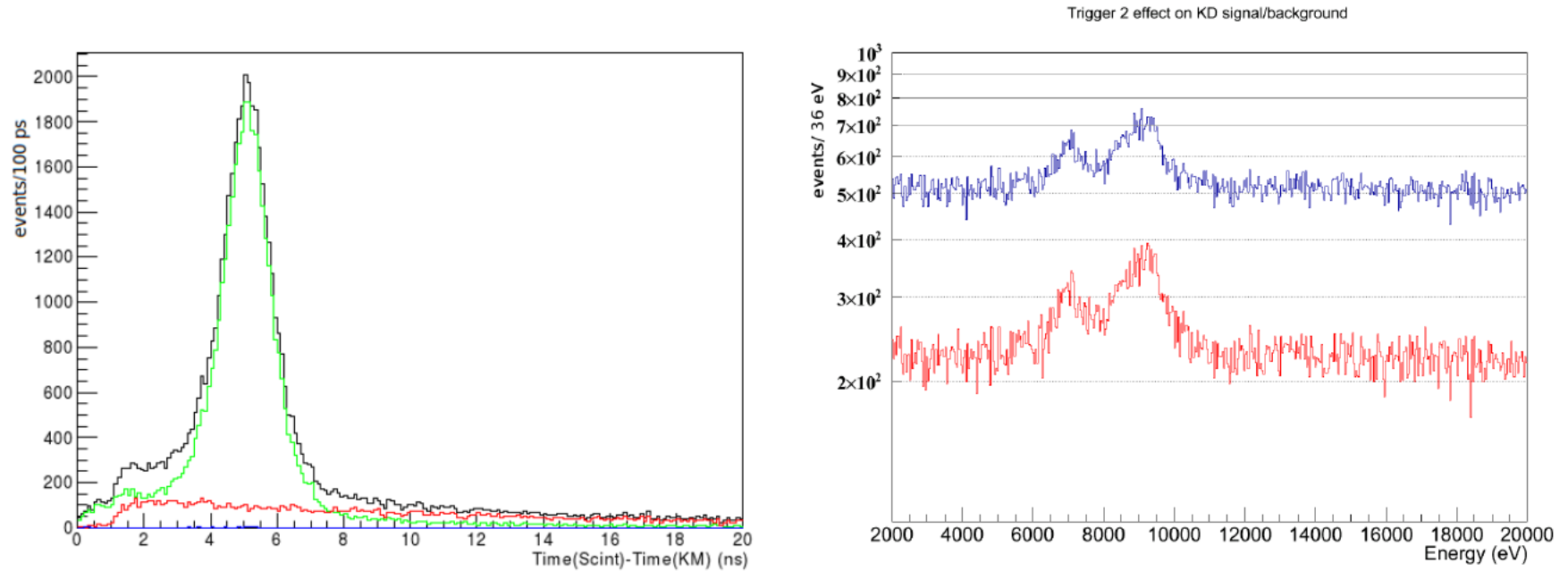


## SIDDHARTA-2 Trigger level 2



. A detailed technical drawing of the SIDDHARTA-2 experimental setup sideview section (details can be found in text and in [12]). The elements of the second level trigger (T2L), placed around the vacuum chamber, are showed in black.

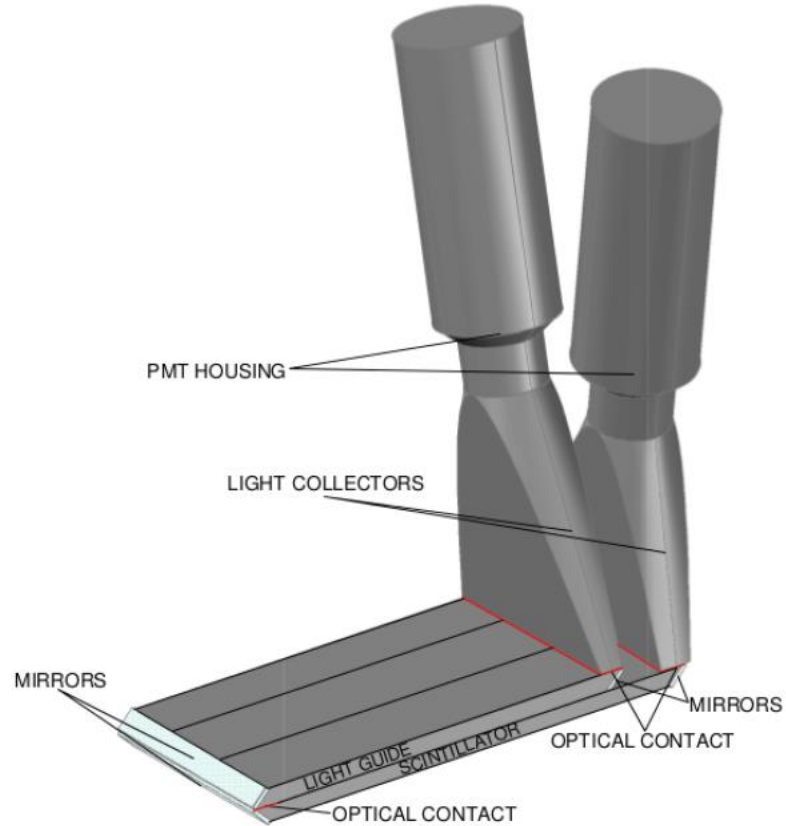
## SIDDHARTA-2 Trigger level 2



Left: GEANT4 simulated time spectrum for  $2 \times 10^6$   $\Phi$  decays of a scintillator placed outside the vacuum chamber. The main peak corresponds to particles produced by the  $K^-$  absorption by a gas nucleus. Right: Simulated KD X-ray spectrum (in a logarithmic scale) using the T2L (red) and without it (blue).

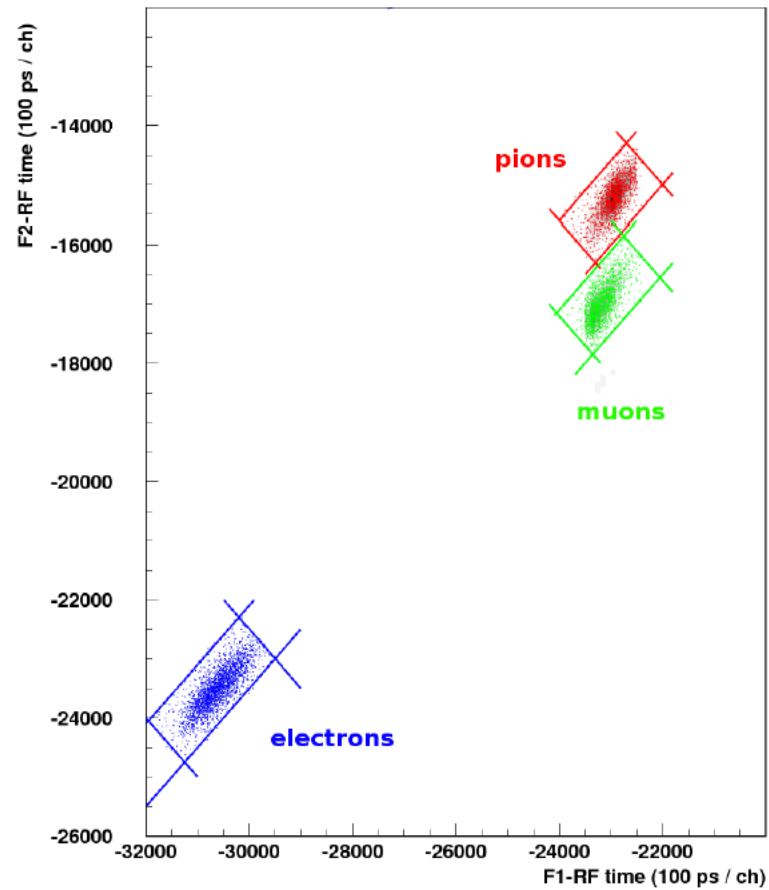
In the left part of fig. 2 the black line represents the time difference between a trigger signal ( $K^+K^-$  produced by the  $\Phi$  decay in DAΦNE in a back-to-back configuration) and a  $\pi^\pm$  signal on the scintillator. The green peak shows the subset of events in which a  $K^+$  crosses the bottom side of the kaon detector (implying a  $K^-$  reached the target) while the red one shows the ones in which a

## SIDDHARTA-2 Trigger level 2



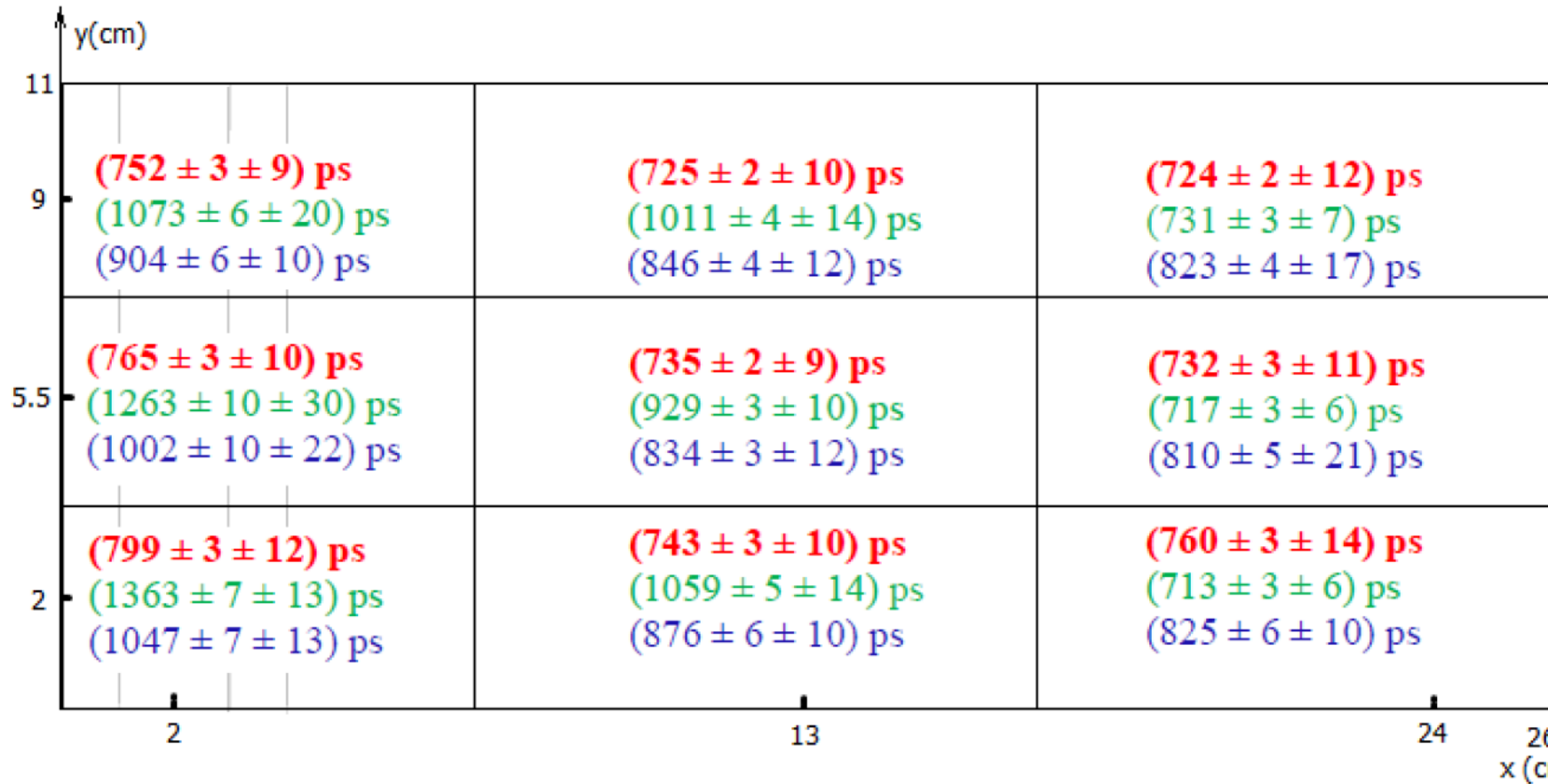
The T2L prototype scheme; 3 stripes of scintillator are coupled each with a stripe of light guide by an optical grease. Light collectors leading to photomultipliers (PMTs) are glued both on scintillators and light guides by optical glue. At the ends of the  $45^\circ$  cuts of the scintillators and light guides there are aluminized mirrors placed to lead the photons towards the PMTs.

## SIDDHARTA-2 Trigger level 2



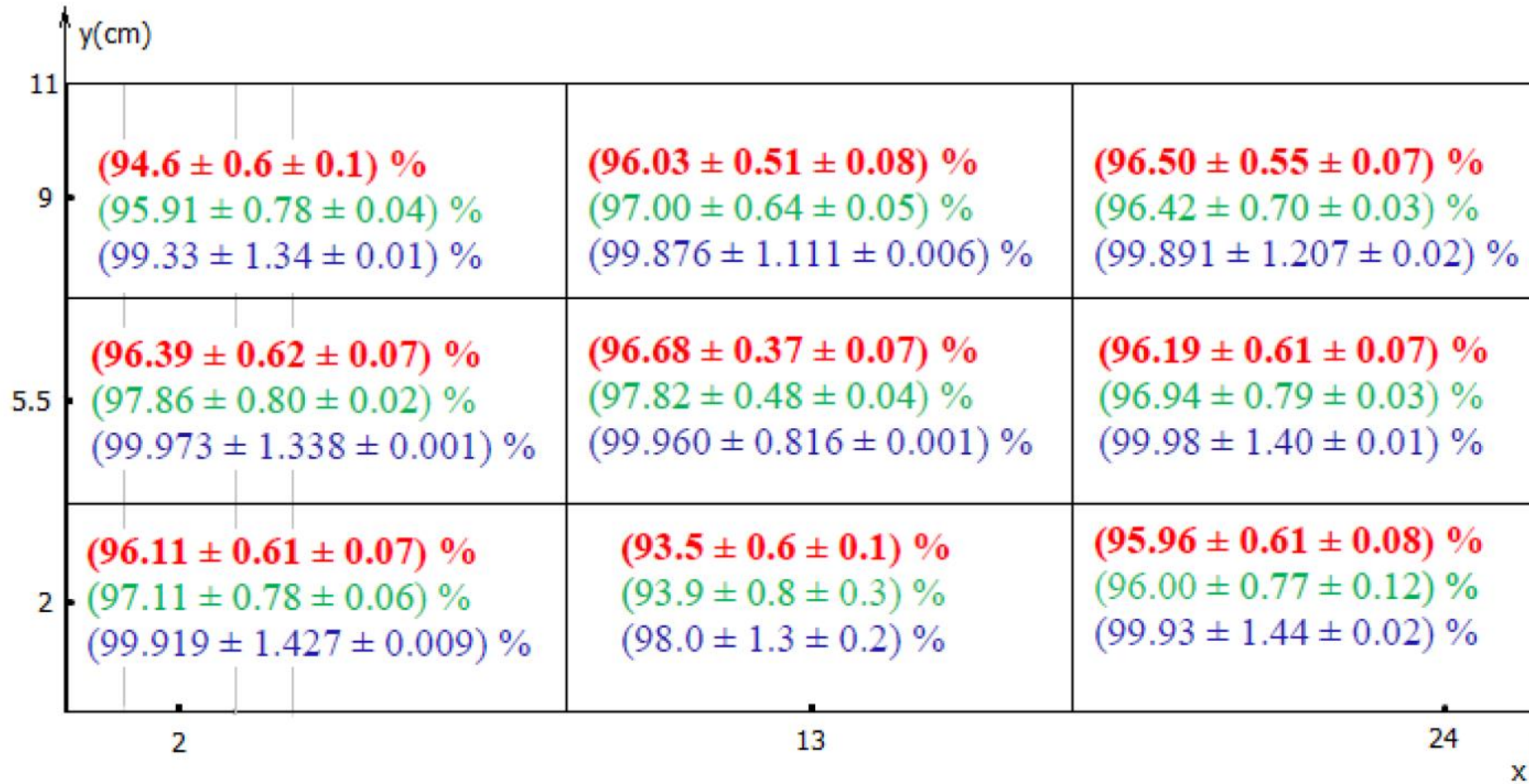
2D graph of the TDC signals of F1 and F2. The selection plot for the 170 MeV/c momentum

## SIDDHARTA-2 Trigger level 2



Measured mean time resolutions (FWHM) for 170 MeV/c momentum pions (red), muons (green) and electrons (blue).

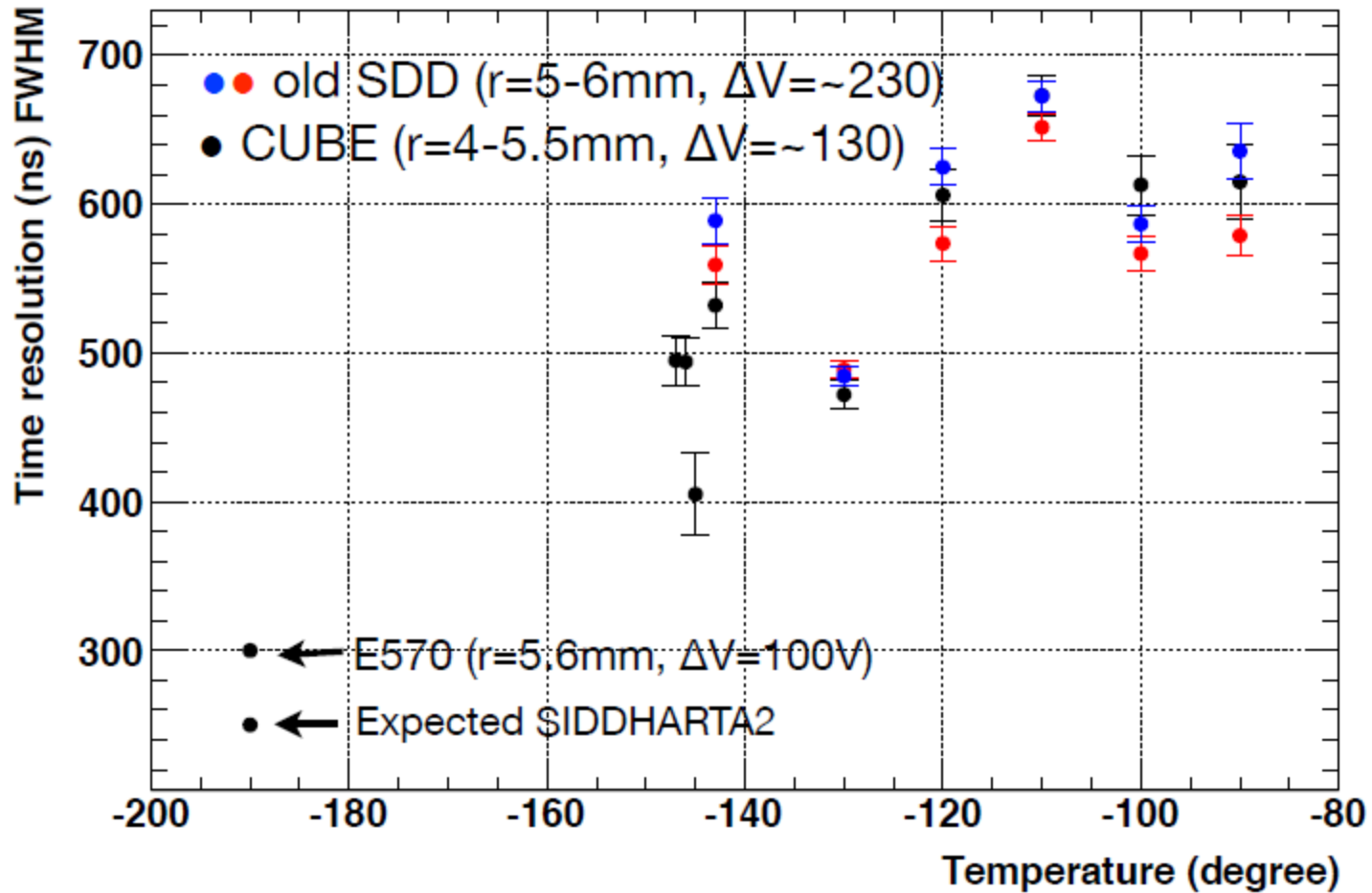
## SIDDHARTA-2 Trigger level 2



Measured efficiencies (MT) for the 170 MeV/c momentum pions (red) muons (green) and neutrons (blue).

# Temperature dependence of time resolution

almost same resolution for old and CUBE SDDs



# AMADEUS

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AMADEUS collaboration

116 scientists from 14 Countries and 34 Institutes

[Inf.infn.it/esperimenti/siddharta](http://Inf.infn.it/esperimenti/siddharta)

and

LNF-07/24(IR) Report on [Inf.infn.it](http://Inf.infn.it) web-page (Library)

AMADEUS started in 2005 and

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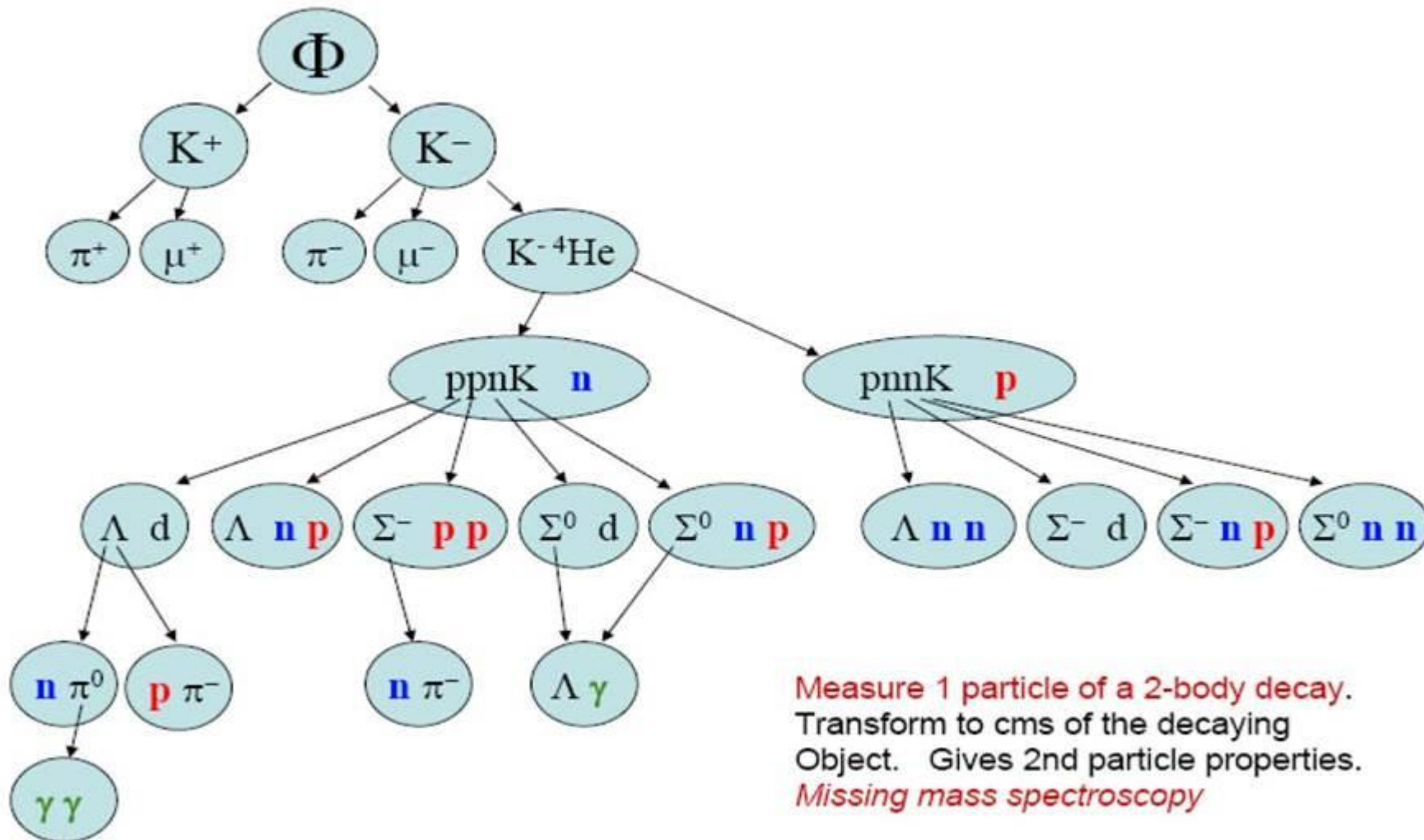


# Experimental program of AMADEUS

Unprecedented studies of the low-energy charged kaons interactions in nuclear matter: solid and gaseous targets (d,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ ) in order to obtain unique quality information about:

- Nature of the controversial  $\Lambda(1405)$
- Possible existence of **kaonic nuclear clusters** (deeply bound kaonic nuclear states)
- Interaction of  $K^-$  with **one** and **two nucleons**.
- Low-energy charged kaon **cross sections** for momenta lower than 100 MeV/c (missing today)
- Many other processes of interest in the low-energy QCD in strangeness sector -> implications from particle and nuclear physics to astrophysics (dense baryonic matter in **neutron stars**)

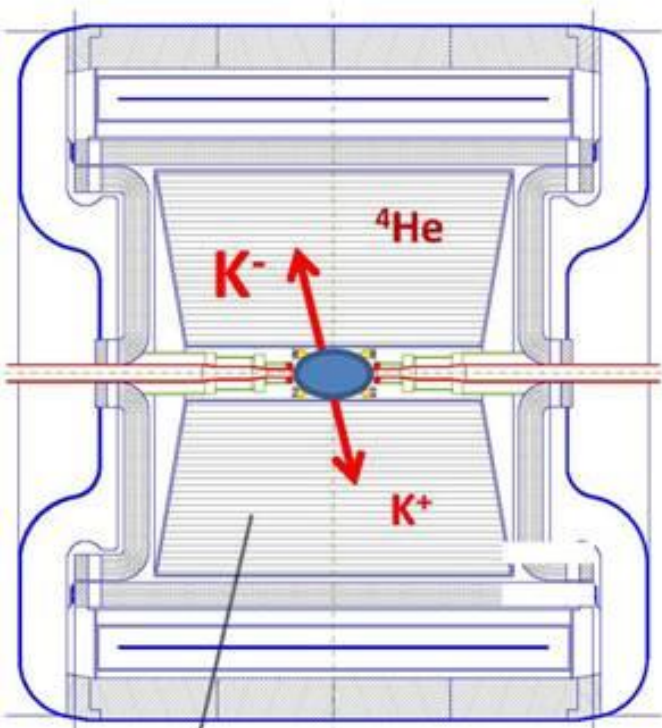
## Reactions channels (simplified)



Measure 1 particle of a 2-body decay.  
 Transform to cms of the decaying  
 Object. Gives 2nd particle properties.  
*Missing mass spectroscopy*

Measure all outgoing particles to obtain the  
 total cms energy = *invariant mass of the object*

## Hadronic interactions of $K^-$ in KLOE



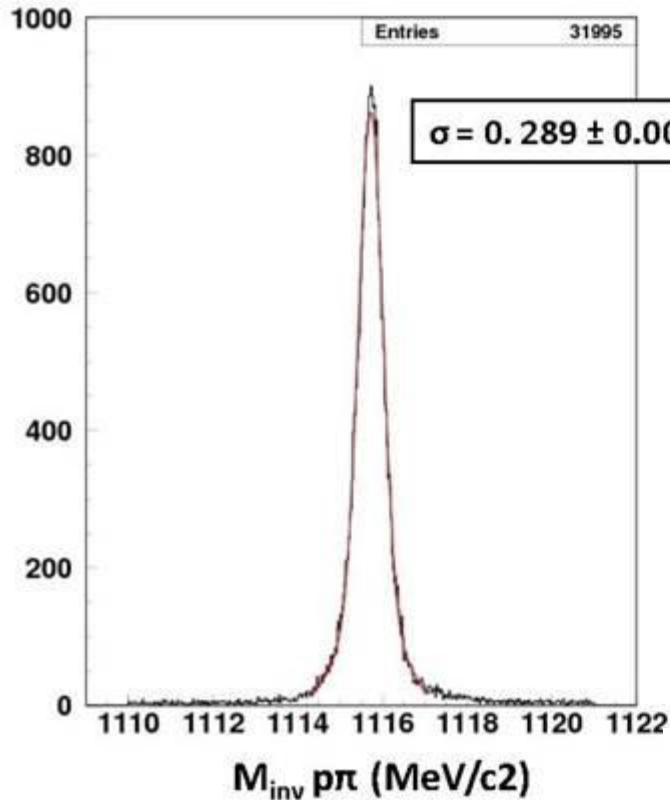
KLOE Drift Chamber

- The Drift Chambers of KLOE contain mainly  $^4\text{He}$
- From analysis of KLOE data and Monte Carlo:  
**0.1 % of  $K^-$  from  $da\Phi$ ne should **stop** in the DC volume**
- This would lead to hundreds of possible kaonic clusters produced in the  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of KLOE data.

# AMADEUS status

- Analyses of the 2002-2005 KLOE data:
- Dedicated 2012 run with pure Carbon target inside KLOE
  - $\Lambda p$  from 1NA or 2NA (single or multi-nucleon absorption)
  - $\Lambda d$  and  $\Lambda t$  channels
  - $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0$
  - $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^-$
  - $\Sigma N / \Lambda N$  internal conversion rates
- R&D for more refined setup
- Future possible scenario

# Lambda invariant mass



- Dedicated event selection to avoid Energy loss in the DC wall
- Best  $\chi^2$  tracks and vertices

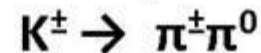
PRELIMINARY

$$M_{\text{inv}} = 1115,723 \pm 0.003 \text{ stat} \quad (\text{MeV}/c^2)$$

PDG:  $M_{\Lambda} = 1115,683 \pm 0.006 \text{ stat} \pm 0.006 \text{ syst} \text{ (MeV}/c^2)$

- Sistematics dependent of momentum calibration

Preliminary evaluation with 2-body decay

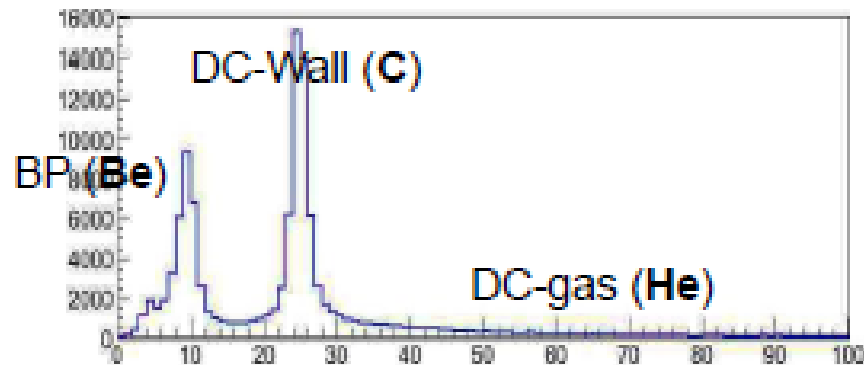


# KLOE data on $K^-$ nuclear absorption

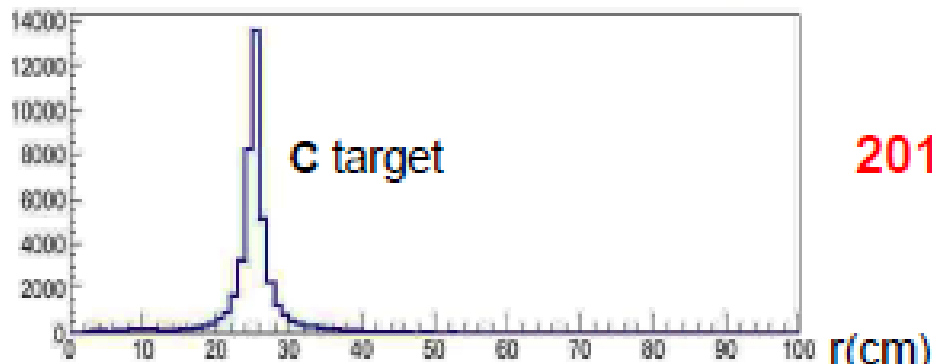
Use of two different data samples:

- KLOE data from 2004/**2005** (2.2 fb<sup>-1</sup> total, 1.5fb<sup>-1</sup> analyzed)
- Dedicated run in november/december **2012** with a **Carbon target** of 4/6 mm of thickness (~90 pb<sup>-1</sup>; analyzed 37 pb<sup>-1</sup>, x1.5 statistics)

Position of the  $K^-$  hadronic interaction inside KLOE:



2005 data



2012 with Carbon target



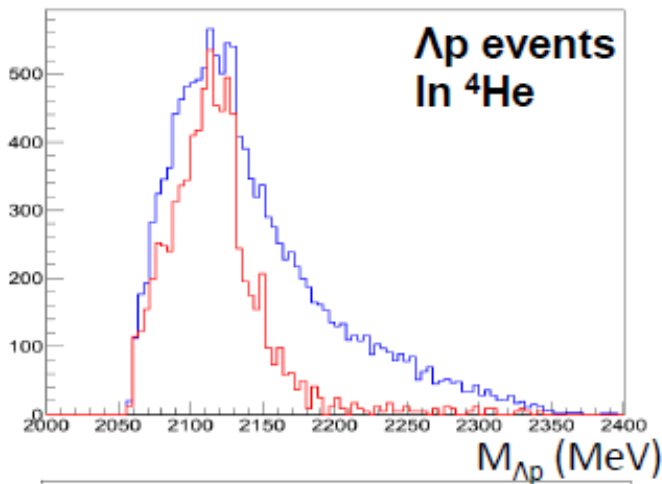
# $\Lambda p$ analysis

-Competing processes:

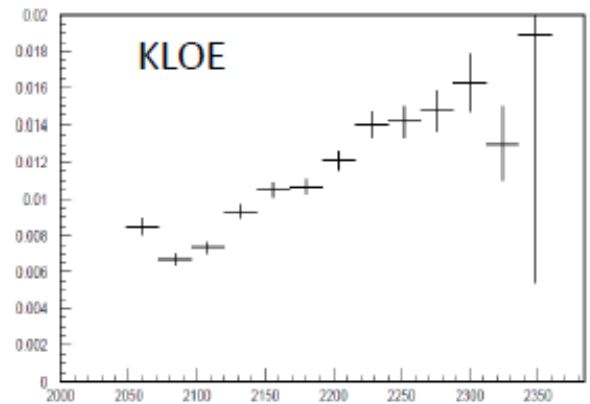
1NA:  $K \cdot N \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$  (N from residual nucleus)

2NA:  $K \cdot NN \rightarrow \Lambda N$  (pionless)

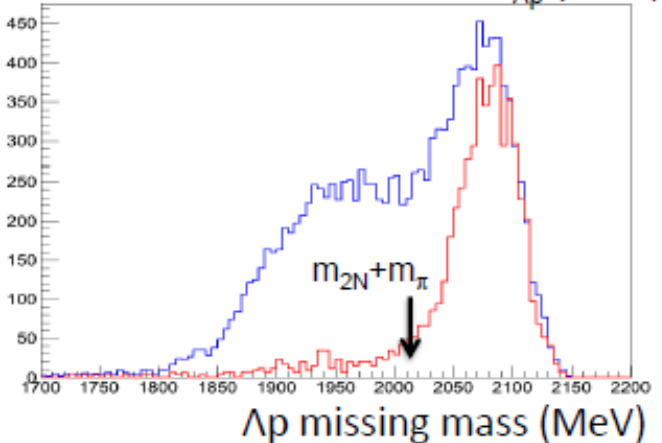
A perfect disentanglement between single and multi-nucleon absorption can be achieved thanks to the nice acceptance:



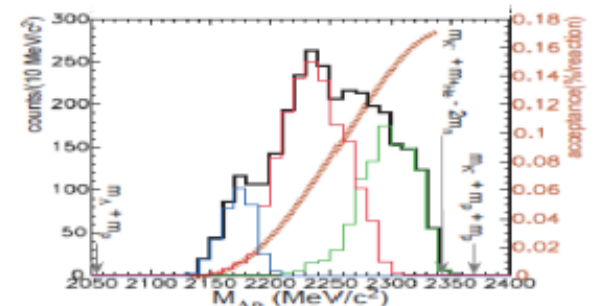
$\Lambda p$  all events  
 $\Lambda \pi(p)$  events  
(arbitrary normalization)



Acceptance in  $M_{\Lambda p}$  (MeV)  
(arbitrary normalization)



The  $\Lambda p$  missing mass for the  $\Lambda \pi(p)$  events lies exactly in the  $2N + \pi$  mass region

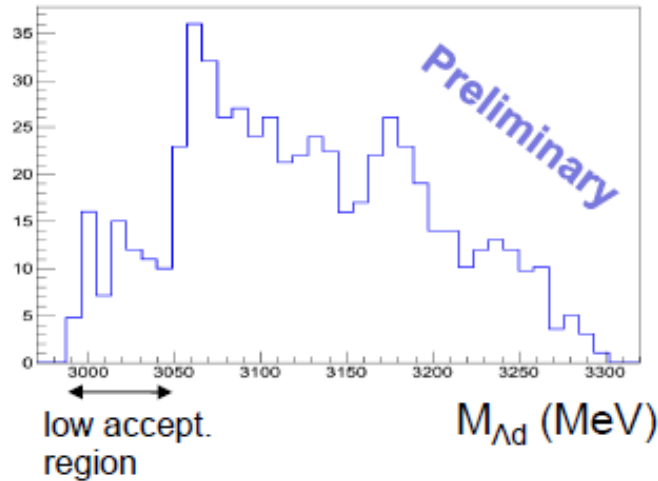
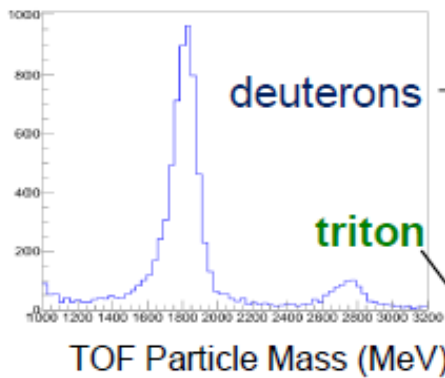


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# $\Lambda d$ , $\Lambda t$ analyses

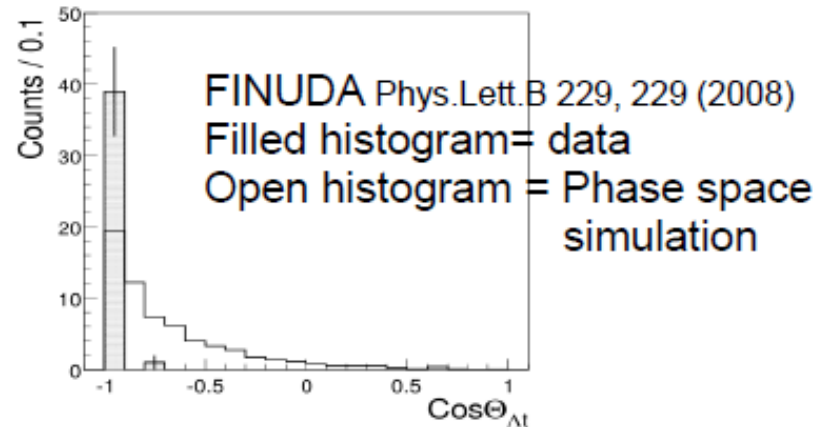
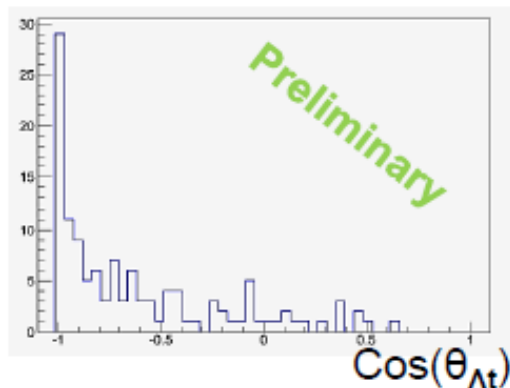
- Search for signal of bound states in the  $\Lambda d$  channel. Candidate to be a  $K$ -ppn cluster. Observed spectra from FINUDA and KEK again showing possible bound states in the in the high invariant mass region.



$\Lambda d$  events  
In  ${}^4\text{He}$

Only FINUDA and an old experiment (with only 4 events!) have shown  $\Lambda t$  spectra from  $K^-$  absorption

$\Lambda t$  events  
In  ${}^4\text{He}$





# $\Lambda(1405)$ scientific case

$(M, \Gamma) = (1405.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}, 50 \pm 2) \text{ MeV}, I = 0, S = -1, J^P = 1/2^-, \text{ Status: ****, strong decay into } \Sigma\pi$

Its nature is being a puzzle now for decades:

1) *three quark state*: expected mass  $\sim 1700 \text{ MeV}$

2) *penta quark*: more unobserved excited baryons

3) *unstable KN bound state*

4) *two poles*: ( $z_1 = 1424^{+7}_{-23}, z_2 = 1381^{+18}_{-6}$ ) MeV (Nucl. Phys. A881, 98 (2012))

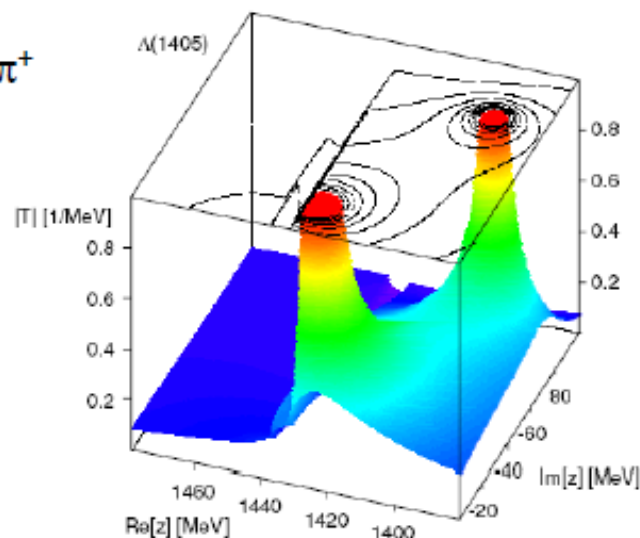
Higher mass pole  
mainly coupled to KN

mainly coupled to  $\Sigma\pi \rightarrow$  line-shape depends on  
production mechanism

Line-shape also depends on the decay channel :  $\Sigma^0\pi^0 \quad \Sigma^+\pi^- \quad \Sigma^-\pi^+$

## BEST CHOICE:

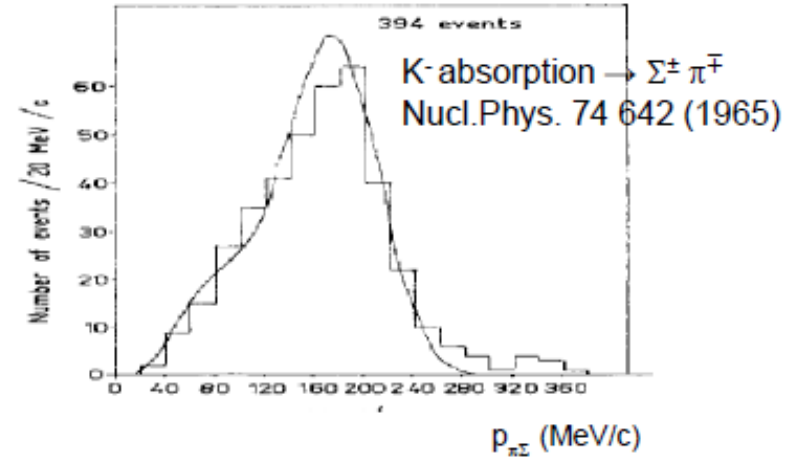
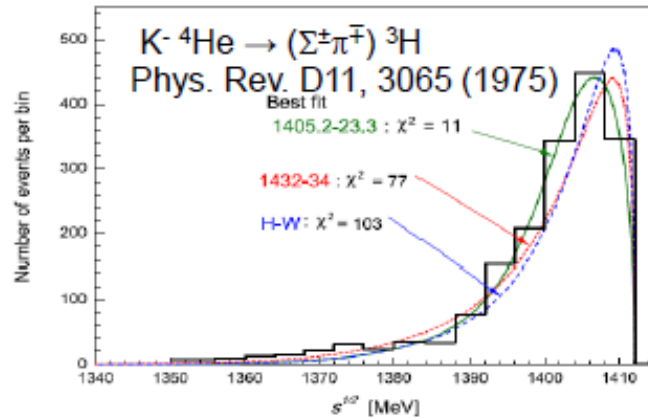
production in KN reactions (only chance to observe the high mass pole) decaying in  $\Sigma^0\pi^0$  (free from  $\Sigma(1385)$  background)



# $\Lambda(1405)$ previous experiments

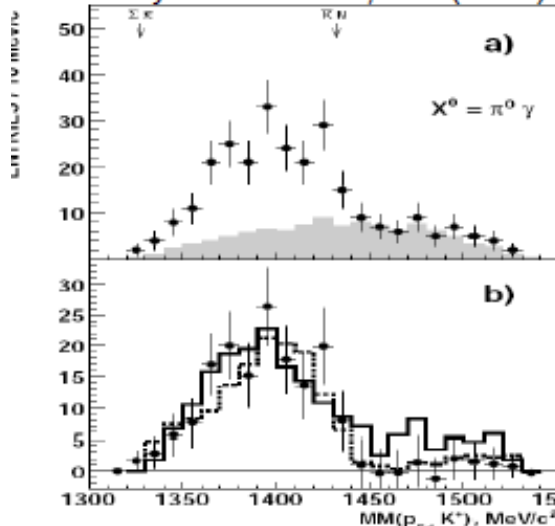
Old absorption experiments:

- $M_{\pi\Sigma}$  spectra always cut at the atrest limit
- $\Sigma^\pm \pi^\mp$  spectra suffer  $\Sigma(1385)$  contamination

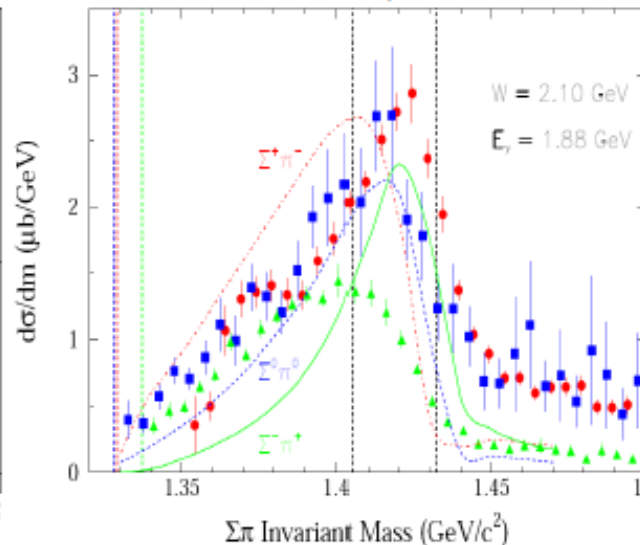


Other (non-absorption) experiments present spectra in the  $\Sigma^0 \pi^0$  channel (only three experiments...with different lineshapes!):

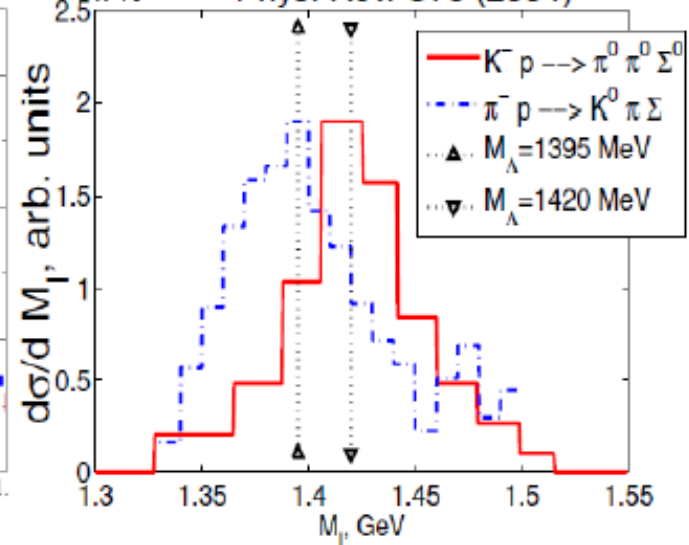
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CLAS Collaboration, ArXiv:1301.5000v3



$\times 10^{-12}$  Phys. Rev. C70 (2004)

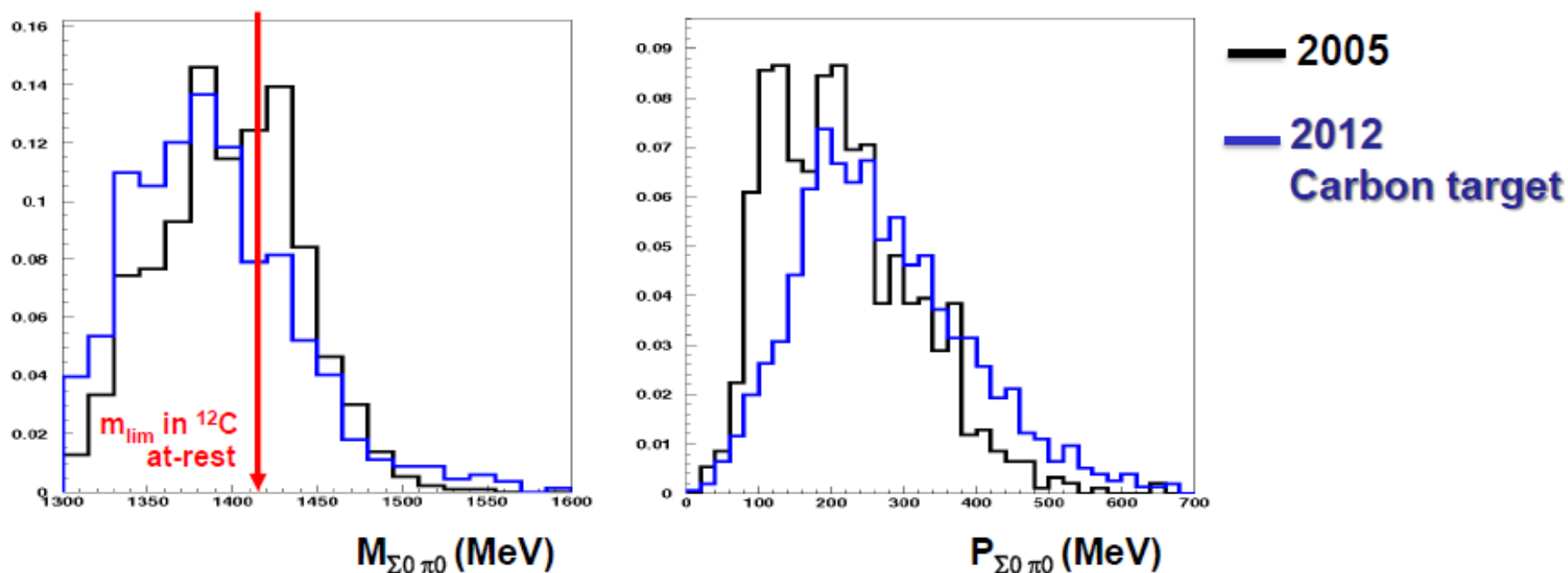


# Analysis of $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ channel

$\Lambda(1405)$  signal searched by  $K^-$  interaction with a **bound proton** in Carbon

$K^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0$  detected via:  $(\Lambda\gamma)$   $(\gamma\gamma)$

$K^-$  absorption in the DC wall (mainly  $^{12}\text{C}$  with H contamination –epoxy–)

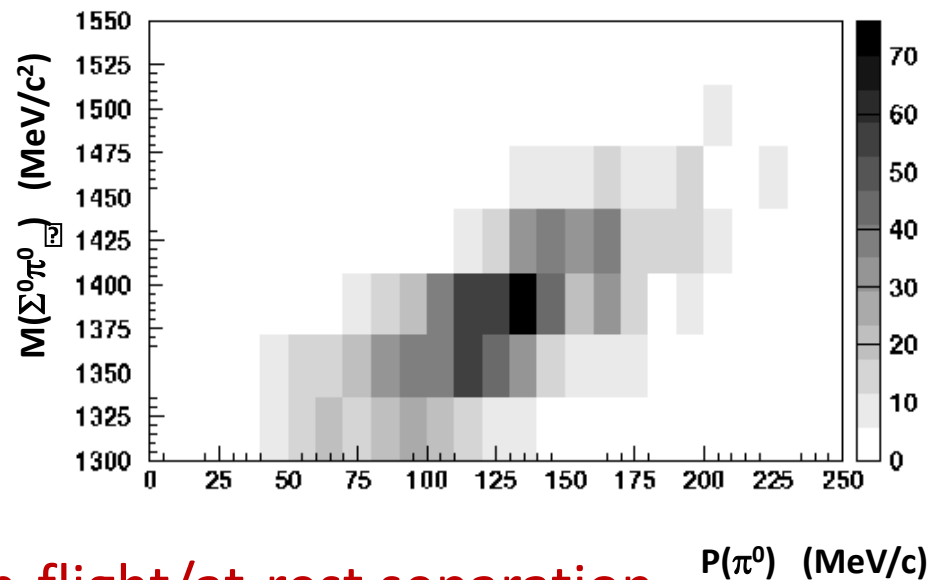
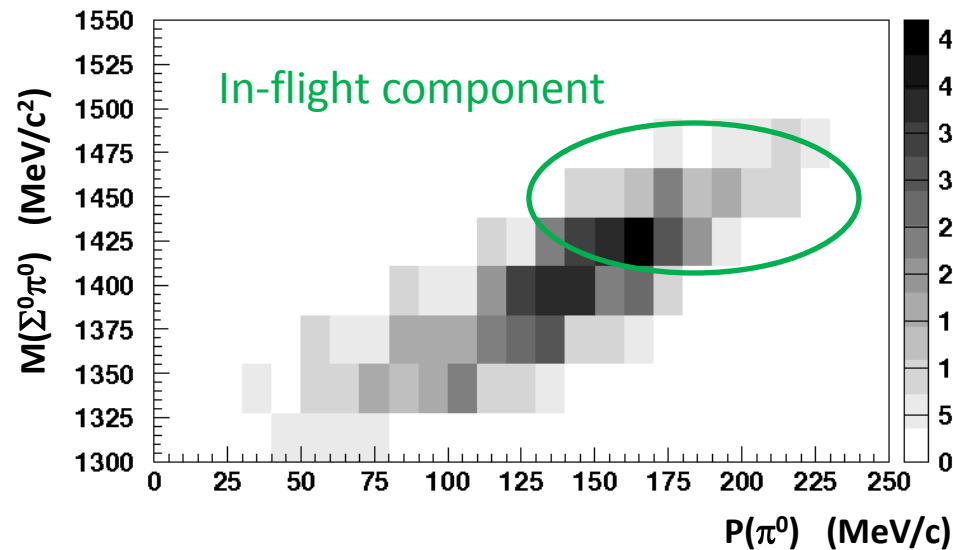
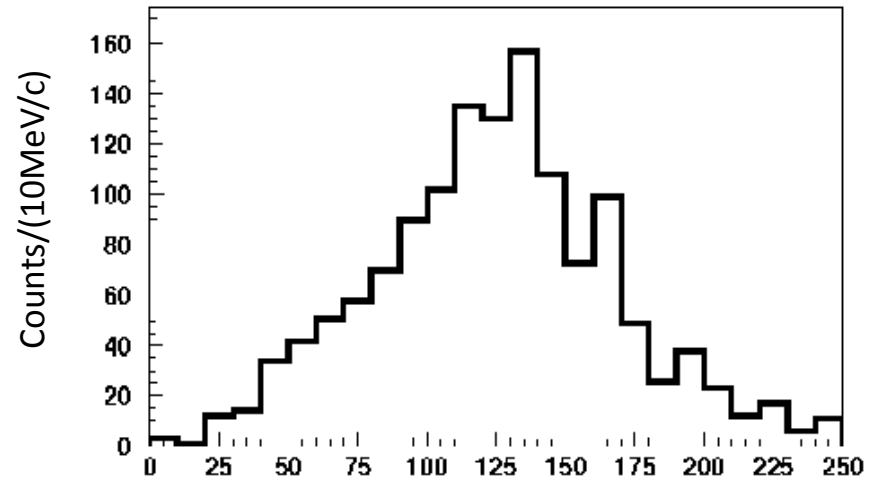
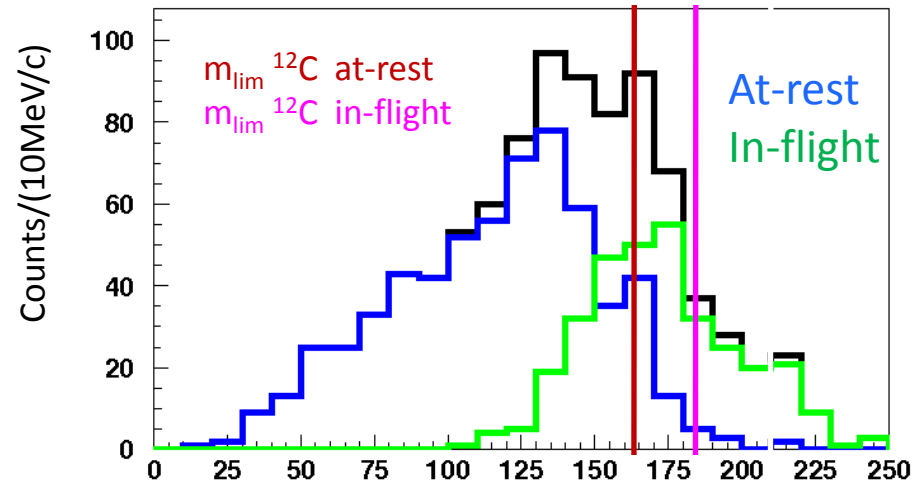


$m_{\pi^0\Sigma^0}$  resolution  $\sigma_m \approx 32 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  ;  $p_{\pi^0\Sigma^0}$  resolution:  $\sigma_p \approx 20 \text{ MeV}/c$ .

Negligible ( $\Lambda\pi^0$  + internal conversion) background =  $(3 \pm 1)\%$ , no  $I=1$  contamination

# $\Sigma^0 \pi^0$ channel : the $\pi^0$ momentum

$P(\pi^0)$  resolution:  $\sigma_p \approx 12$  MeV/c

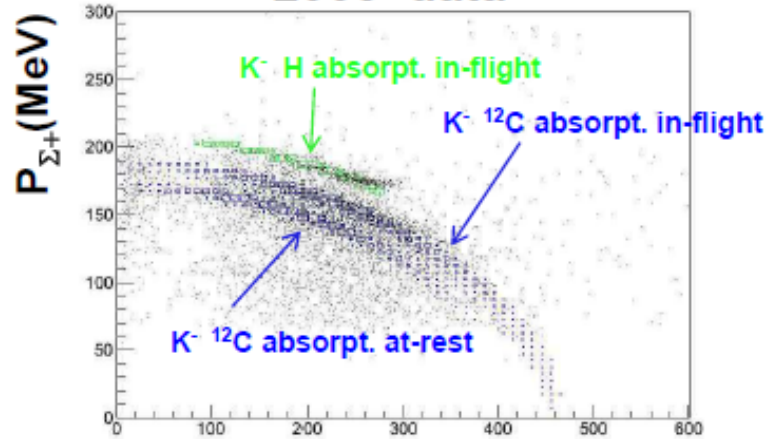


$P(\pi^0)$  could be used for in-flight/at-rest separation

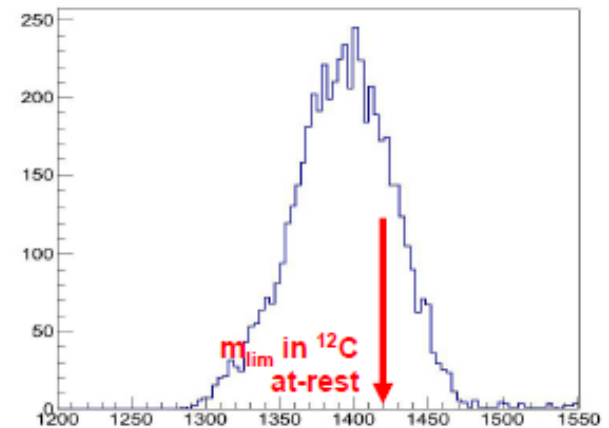
# $\Lambda(1405)$ charged channel: $\Sigma^+\pi^-$

$\Lambda(1405)$  signal searched in  $K^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^-$  detected via:  $(p\pi^0)\pi^-$

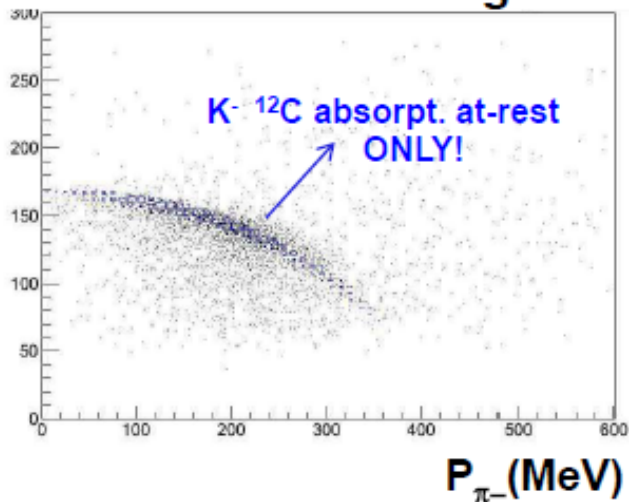
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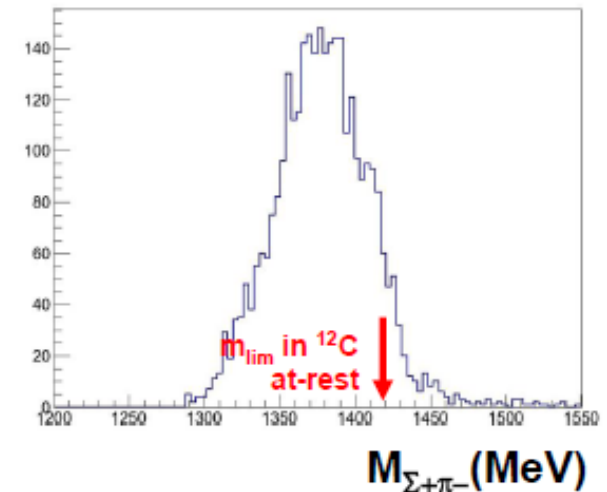
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2012 Carbon target

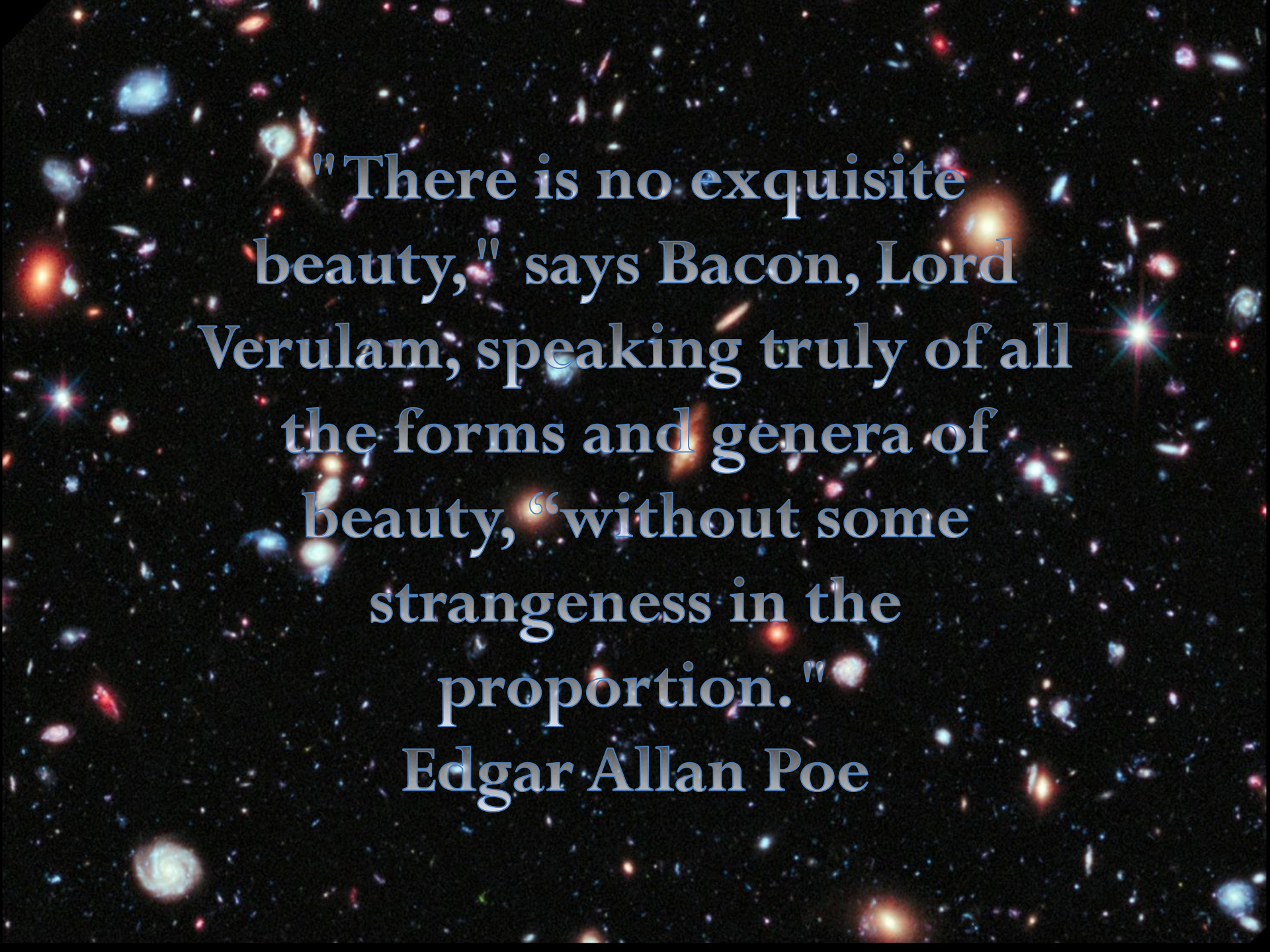


2012 Carbon target



# Conclusions for AMADEUS

- **AMADEUS has a strong potential to perform complete measurements of low-energy kaon-nuclei interactions in various targets**
- **Data analyses ongoing**
- **For future: use of other dedicated targets (gas and solid)**



"There is no exquisite beauty," says Bacon, Lord Verulam, speaking truly of all the forms and genera of beauty, "without some strangeness in the proportion."

Edgar Allan Poe