

DIRAC Report

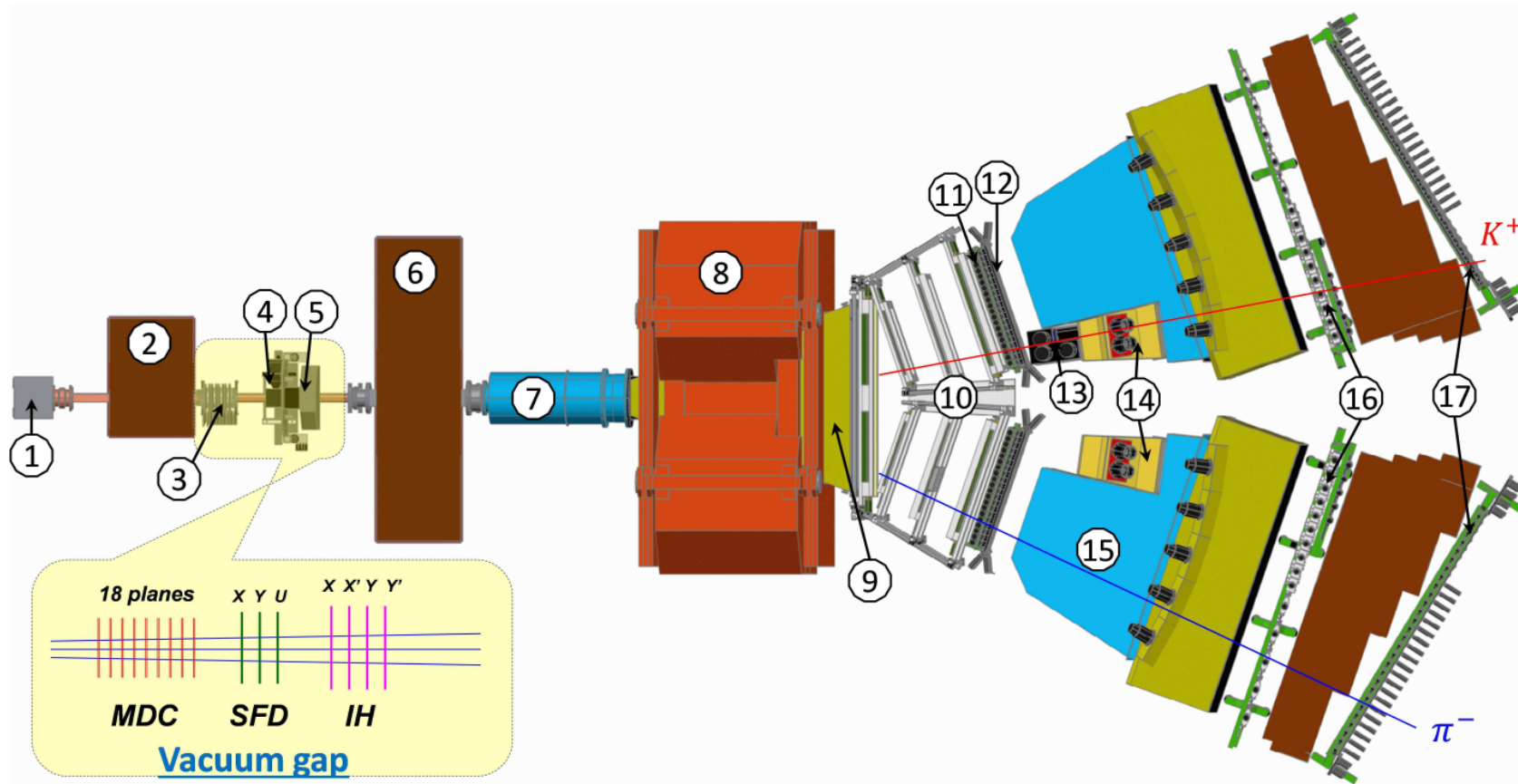
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DIRAC setup, experimental and theoretical data



Lifetime of long-lived $\pi^+\pi^-$ atoms

The lifetime of the long-lived atom in 2p state is:

$$\tau_{2p} = 0.45^{+1.08}_{-0.30} \Big|_{\text{tot}} 10^{-11} \text{s}$$

$$\text{QED: } \tau_{2p} = 1.17 \times 10^{-11} \text{s}$$

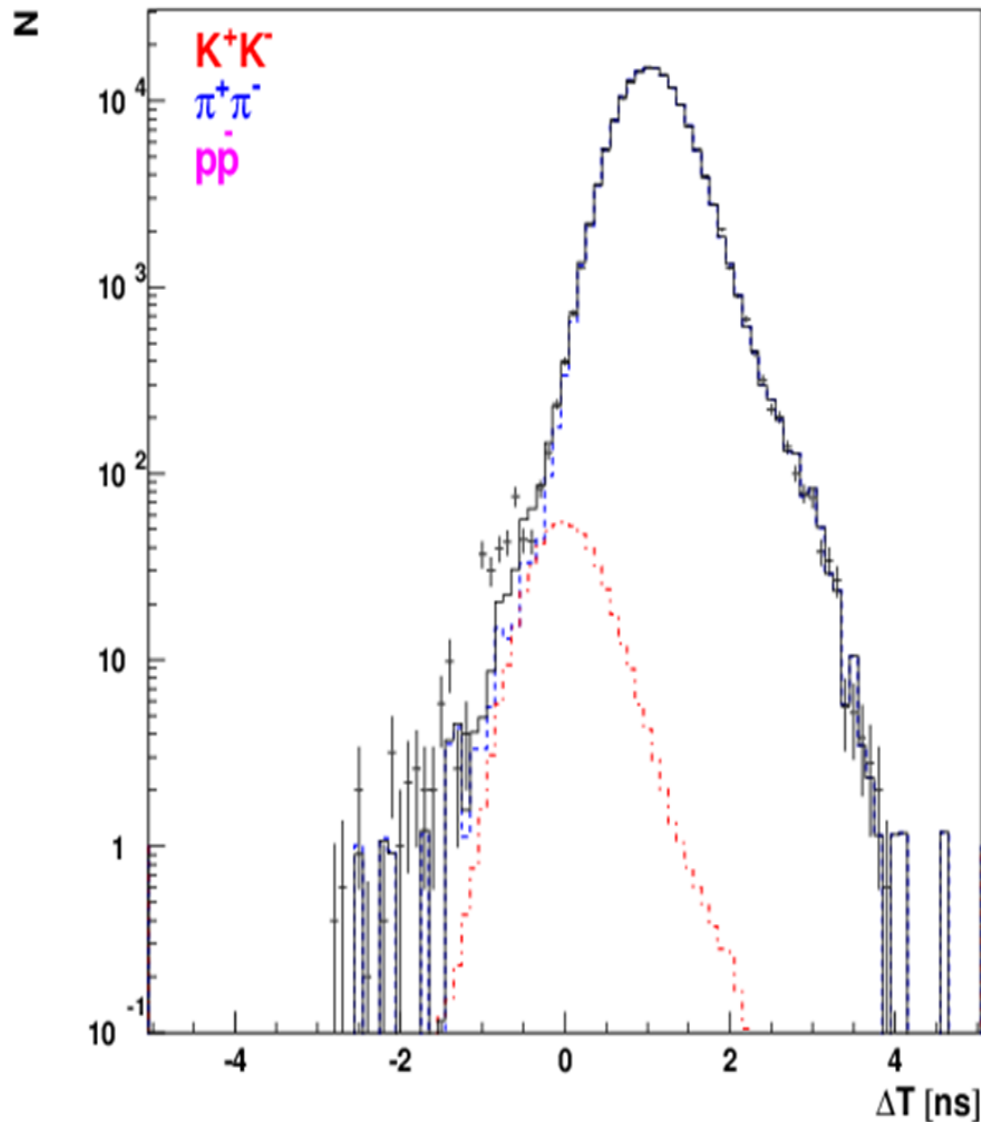
The measured ground state lifetime is: $\tau_{1s} = 3.15^{+0.28}_{-0.26} \Big|_{\text{tot}} \times 10^{-15} \text{s}$

$$\tau_{2p} = 0.60^{+1.34}_{-0.30} \Big|_{\text{tot}} 10^{-11} \text{s}$$

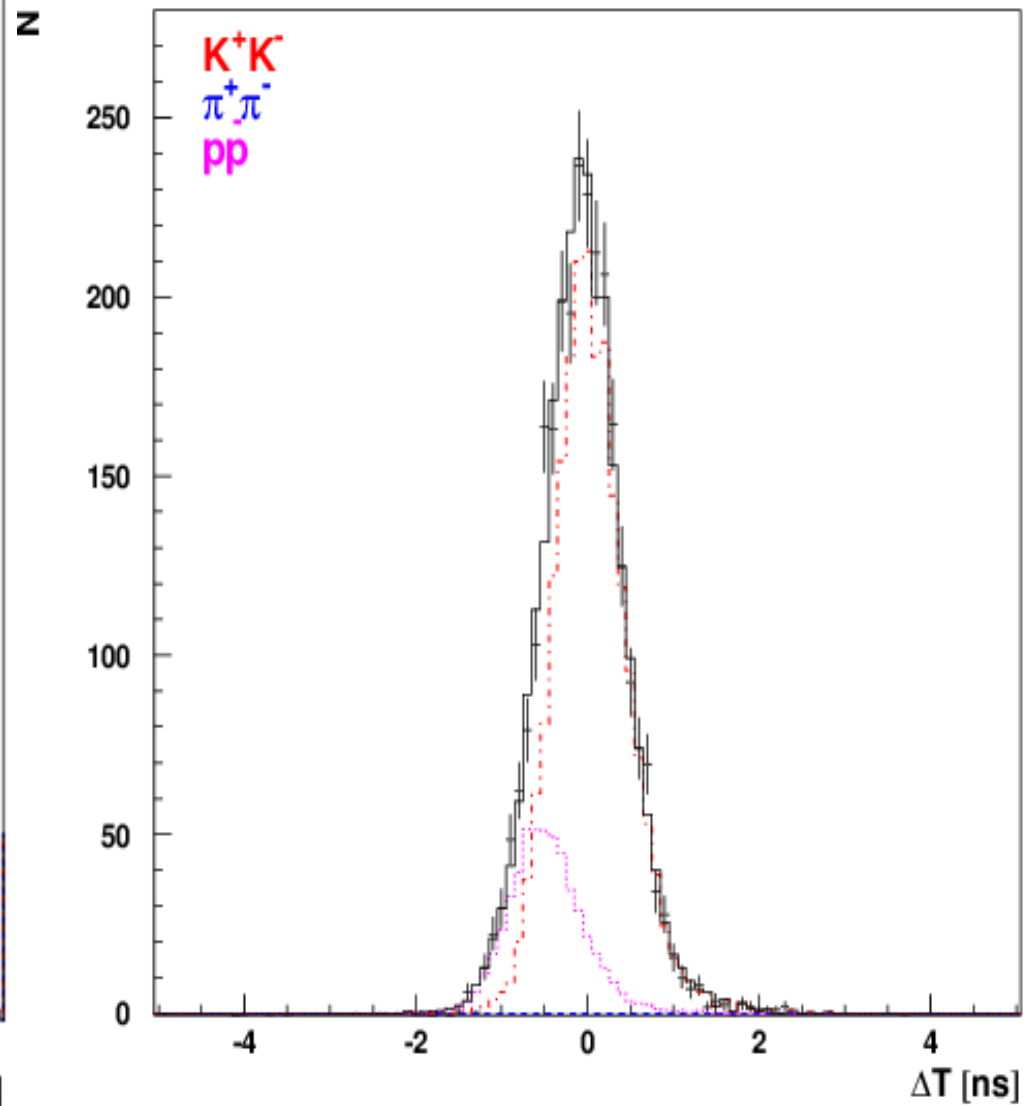
One-third of the long-lived atoms have a lab. decay length of 40 – 140cm. It opens the possibility to measure the Lamb shift and $\pi\pi$ scattering lengths. The experimental results were published :

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K^+K^- pair analysis



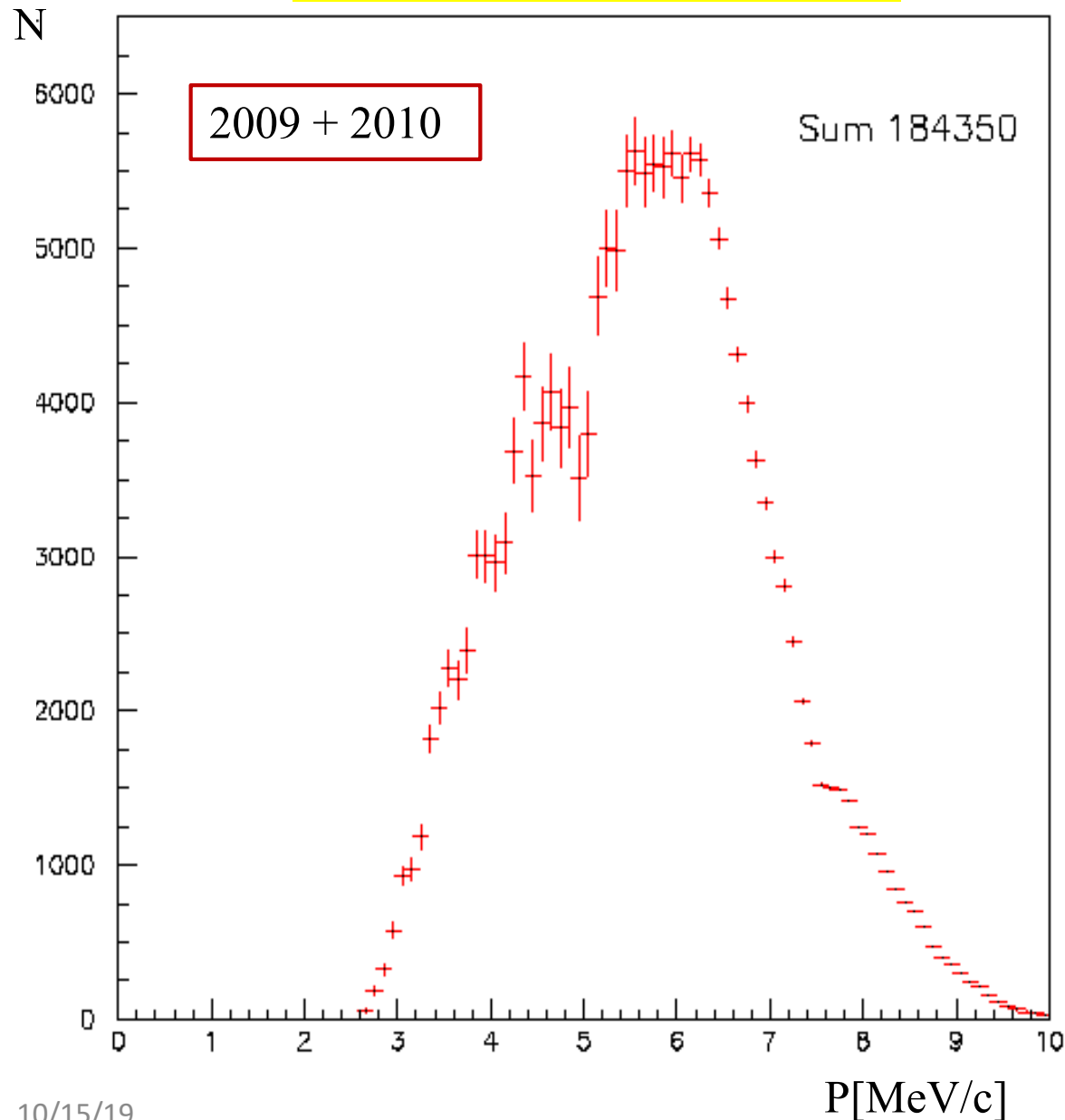
The time-of-flight distribution for the low momentum interval



The time-of-flight distribution for the high momentum interval

K^+K^- pair analysis

K^+K^- Coulomb pairs signal



Distribution of K^+K^- pairs in the RUN 2009 + 2010 over the full pair momentum in laboratory system.

Experimental data

Experimental distributions 2009, 2010 years evaluated with different (30%, 50%, 70%) cuts on the Time of Flight spectra for K^+K^- separation and $\pi^+\pi^-$, $p\bar{p}$ background suppression (with Q_T cuts on the trigger only)

2009	Experimental data				Correction ratios		
Sample	all	30%	50%	70%	30%/all	50%/all	70%/all
$\pi^+\pi^-$	7.77E+06	17290	3540	620	0.22%	0.05%	0.008%
K^+K^-	90840	25660	15040	8210	28.2%	16.6%	9.0%
$p\bar{p}$	7670	2960	1930	880	38.6%	25.2%	11.5%

2010	Experimental data				Correction ratios		
Sample	all	30%	50%	70%	30%/all	50%/all	70%/all
$\pi^+\pi^-$	7.96E+06	15230	2970	80	0.19%	0.04%	0.001%
K^+K^-	92960	25550	15910	8330	27.5%	17.1%	9.0%
$p\bar{p}$	7200	2950	1780	770	41.0%	24.7%	10.7%

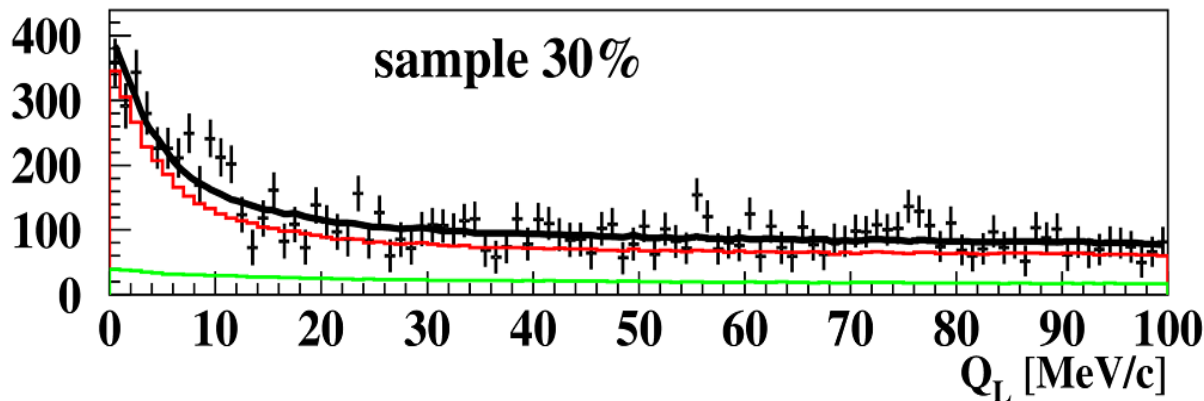
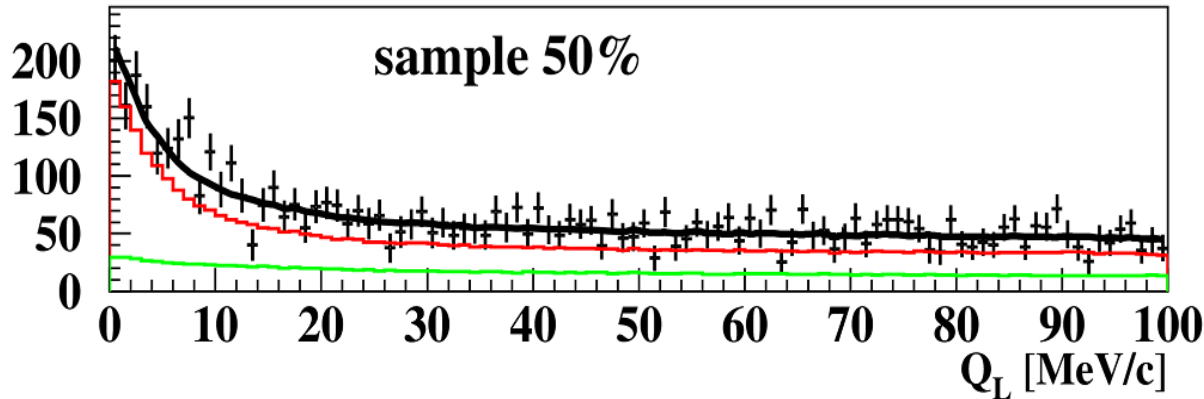
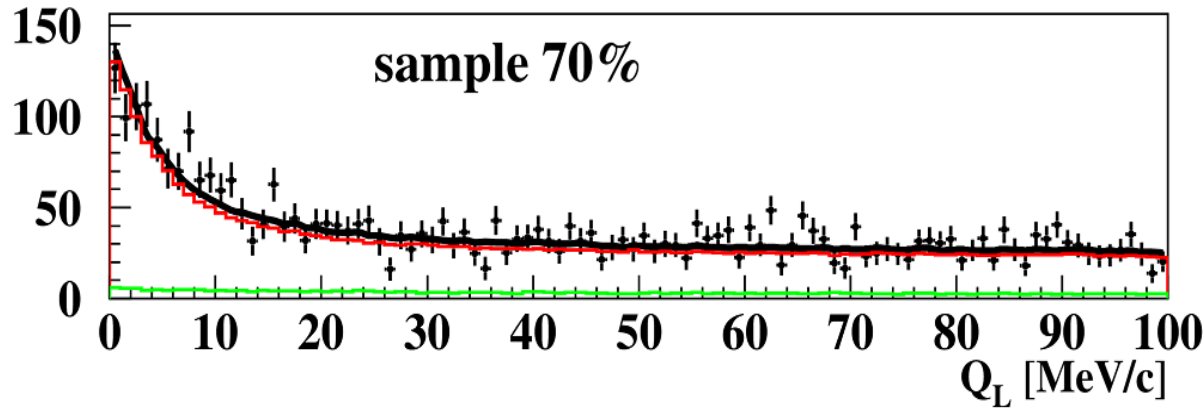
Experimental data

Experimental distributions 2009, 2010 years evaluated with different (30%, 50%, 70%) cuts on the Time of Flight spectra for K^+K^- separation and $\pi^+\pi^-$, $p\bar{p}$ background suppression (with $Q_T < 8\text{MeV}/c$)

2009	Experimental data				Correction ratios		
Sample	all	30%	50%	70%	30%/all	50%/all	70%/all
$\pi^+\pi^-$	4.59E+06	9970	2030	380	0.22%	0.04%	0.008%
K^+K^-	50500	14470	8350	4510	28.7%	16.5%	8.9%
$p\bar{p}$	3730	1520	990	450	40.8%	26.5%	12.1%

2010	Experimental data				Correction ratios		
Sample	all	30%	50%	70%	30%/all	50%/all	70%/all
$\pi^+\pi^-$	4.69E+06	8590	1660	90	0.18%	0.04%	0.002%
K^+K^-	50200	14140	8750	4510	28.2%	17.4%	9.0%
$p\bar{p}$	3180	1470	880	390	46.2%	27.7%	12.3%

Experimental Q_L distributions 2009 + 2010



The experimental distributions fitted in the interval $0 < Q_L < 100 \text{ MeV/c}$ by simulated distributions of K^+K^- pairs (red line) and $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs (green line). The black line is the sum of K^+K^- and $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs.

K^+K^- and $\pi^+\pi^-$ experimental Q_L distribution 2009 and 2010 data

Analysis of the 2009, 2010 years experimental Q_L distributions evaluated by different (30%, 50%, 70%) cuts on the Time of Flight pair spectra .

The Q_L spectra fitted in $0 < Q_L < 100 \text{ MeV}/c$ interval by the simulated distributions of K^+K^- and $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs.

year	cut on ToF	total events	$(K^+K^-) \pm \sigma_{K^+K^-}$	$(\pi^+\pi^-) \pm \sigma_{\pi^+\pi^-}$	χ^2 / DF
2009	70%	1870	1820 ± 240	-40 ± 230	1.016
	50%	3340	2260 ± 360	990 ± 370	0.931
	30%	6080	3970 ± 660	2040 ± 680	0.770
2010	70%	1920	1460 ± 210	370 ± 210	1.016
	50%	3080	2320 ± 360	700 ± 360	0.931
	30%	4960	4740 ± 630	180 ± 650	0.770
2009 + 2010	70%	3790	3280 ± 320	330 ± 310	
	50%	6420	4580 ± 510	1690 ± 510	
	30%	11050	8720 ± 910	2220 ± 940	

K^+K^- and $\pi^+\pi^-$ experimental Q distribution 2009 and 2010 data

Analysis of the 2009, 2010 years experimental Q distributions evaluated by different (30%, 50%, 70%) cuts on the Time of Flight pair spectra .

The Q spectra fitted in $0 < Q < 100 \text{ MeV}/c$ interval by the simulated distributions of K^+K^- and $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs.

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2009	70%	1870	1840 ± 240	-70 ± 240	1.180
	50%	3340	2310 ± 380	950 ± 380	1.129
	30%	6070	4150 ± 680	1860 ± 710	0.928
2010	70%	1920	1620 ± 220	220 ± 220	0.962
	50%	3080	2470 ± 370	550 ± 370	0.790
	30%	4960	4910 ± 650	0 ± 670	0.688
2009 + 2010	70%	3790	3460 ± 330	150 ± 320	
	50%	6420	4780 ± 530	1490 ± 530	
	30%	11030	9060 ± 940	1860 ± 980	

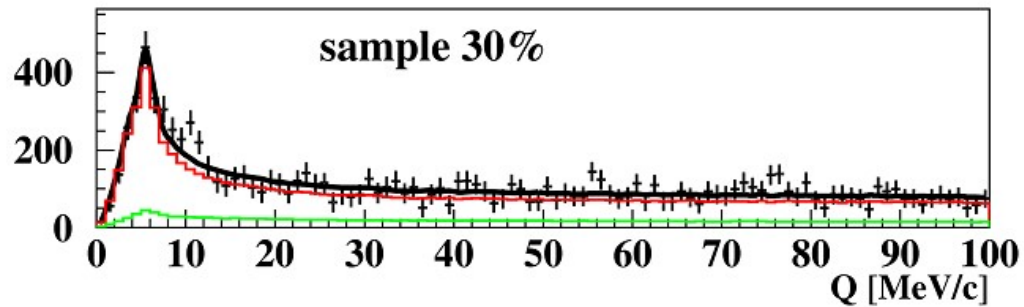
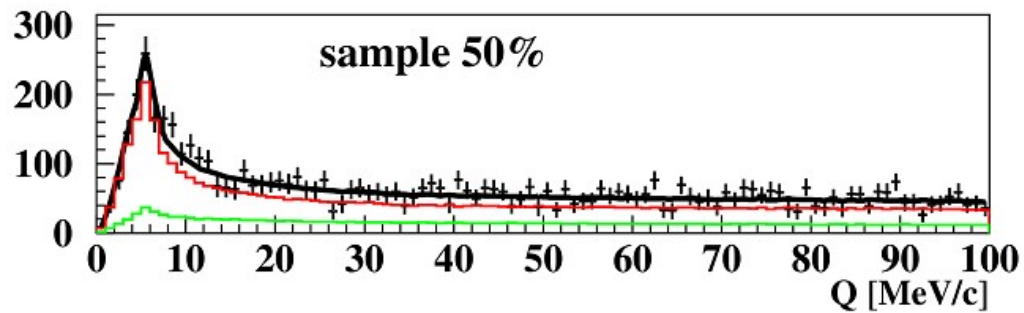
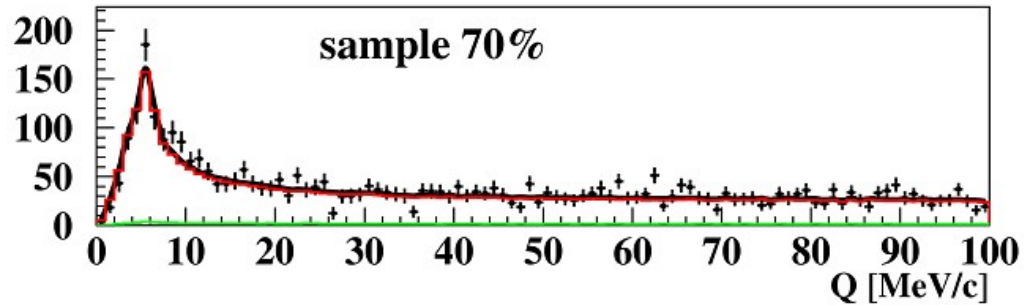
K^+K^- and $\pi^+\pi^-$ experimental Q distribution 2009 and 2010 data

Analysis of the 2009, 2010 years experimental Q distributions evaluated by different (30%, 50%, 70%) cuts on the Time of Flight pair spectra .

The Q spectra fitted in $0 < Q < 30 \text{ MeV}/c$ interval by the simulated distributions of K^+K^- and $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs.

year	cut on ToF	total events	$(K^+K^-) \pm \sigma_{K^+K^-}$	$(\pi^+\pi^-) \pm \sigma_{\pi^+\pi^-}$	χ^2 / DF
2009	70%	1870	1880 ± 290	-140 ± 330	1.324
	50%	3340	2300 ± 450	930 ± 540	1.124
	30%	6070	4830 ± 830	780 ± 1030	1.124
2010	70%	1920	1560 ± 260	280 ± 290	1.067
	50%	3080	2420 ± 440	620 ± 530	0.504
	30%	4960	4640 ± 780	410 ± 960	0.831
2009 + 2010	70%	3790	3440 ± 380	140 ± 440	
	50%	6420	4720 ± 630	1550 ± 760	
	30%	11030	9470 ± 1140	1190 ± 1410	

Experimental Q distributions 2009 + 2010

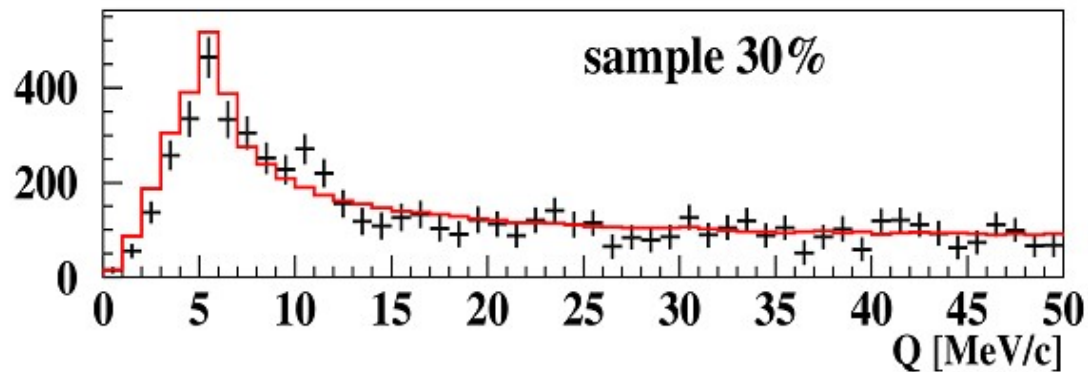
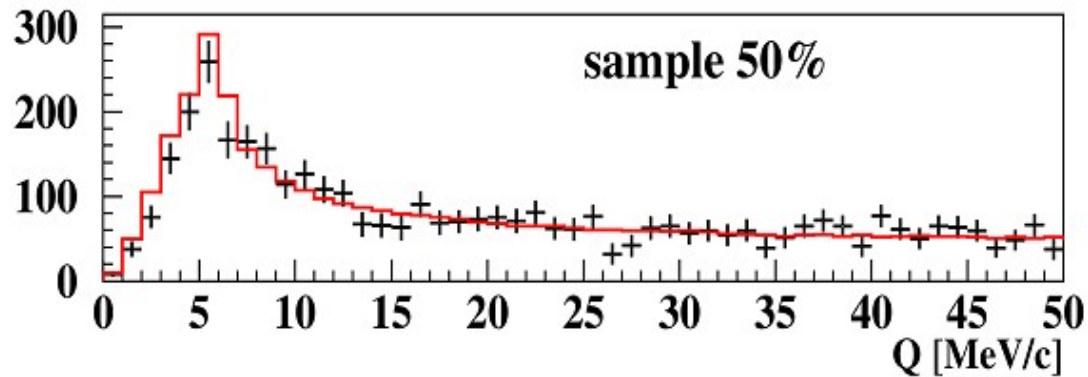
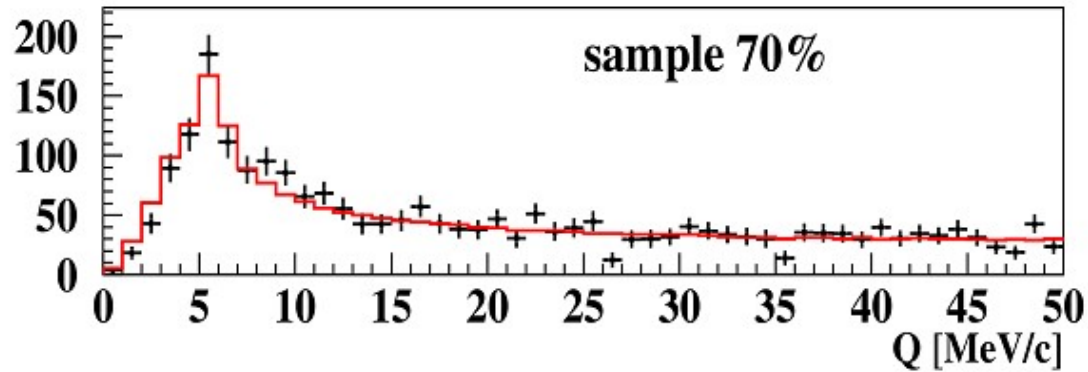


The experimental distributions fitted in the interval $0 < Q < 100$ MeV/c by simulated distributions of K^+K^- pairs (red line) and $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs (green line). The black line is the sum of K^+K^- and $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs.

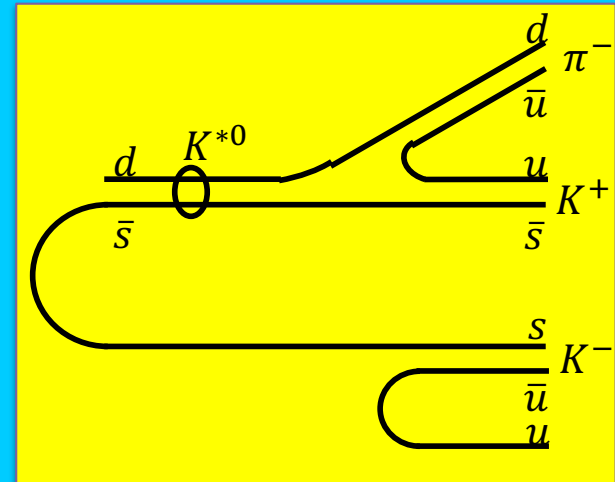
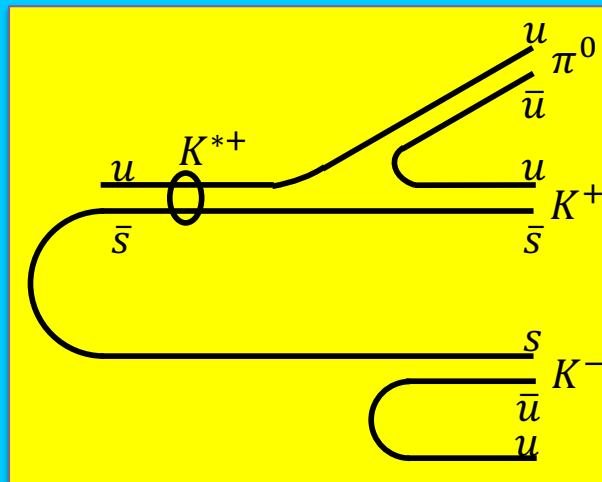
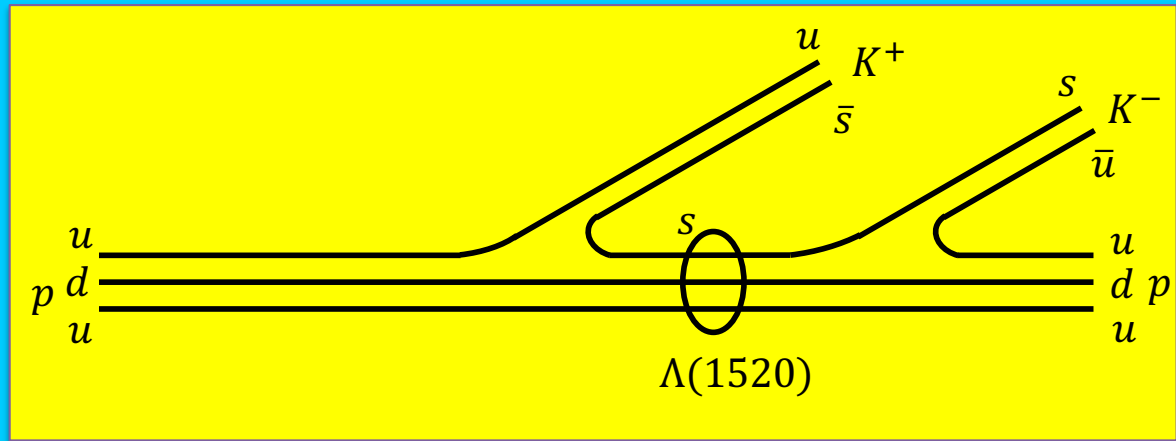
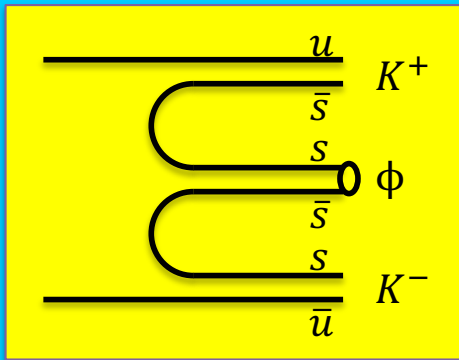
Similarities of the Q and Q_L distribution analysis

Year	cut on ToF	total events	$(K^+K^-) \pm \sigma_{K^+K^-}$	$(\pi^+\pi^-) \pm \sigma_{\pi^+\pi^-}$
2009 + 2010	70%	Q	3460 ± 330	150 ± 320
		Q_L	3280 ± 320	330 ± 310
	50%	Q	4780 ± 530	1490 ± 530
		Q_L	4580 ± 510	1690 ± 510
	30%	Q	9060 ± 940	1860 ± 980
		Q_L	8720 ± 910	2220 ± 940

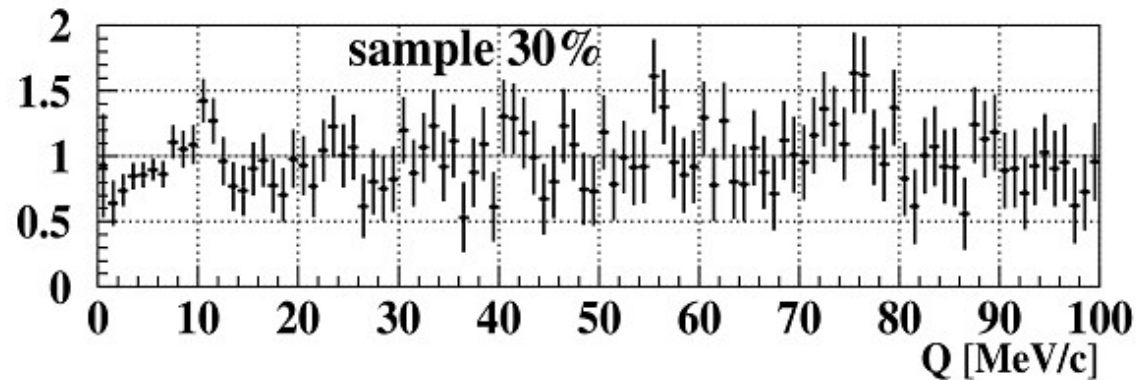
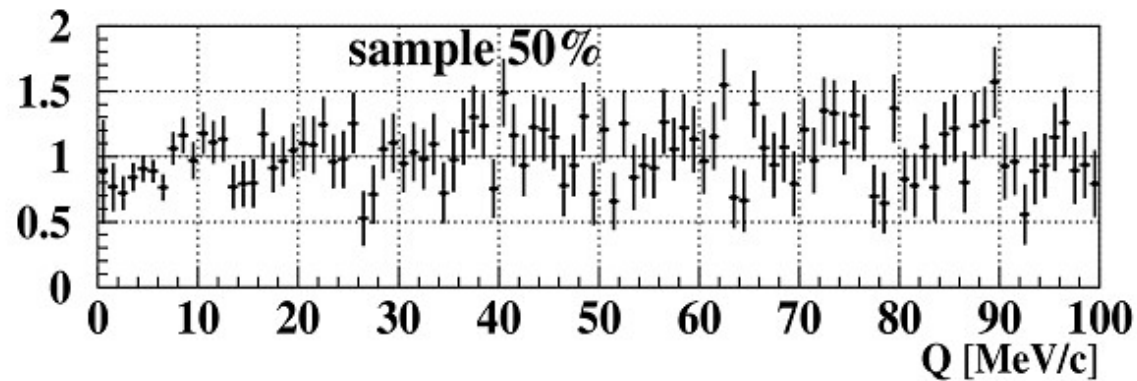
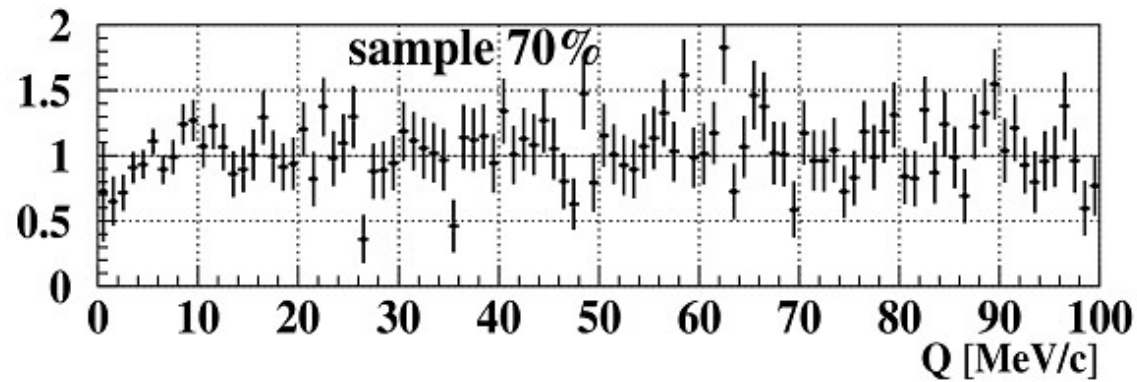
Experimental Q distributions 2009 + 2010 K^+K^- data



The experimental distributions fitted by simulated distributions of K^+K^- pairs (red line). The simulated distributions are normalized to the experimental one in the interval $50 < Q < 100$ MeV/c



Ratio experimental/simulated 2009 + 2010 K^+K^- data



The fitted Q spectra in
 $0 < Q < 100$ MeV/c interval
without subtraction of
 $\pi^+\pi^-$ background

KK Coulomb pairs and KK atoms

For charged pairs from short-lived sources and with small relative momenta Q , Coulomb final state interaction has to be taken into account.

This interaction increases the production yield of the free pairs with Q decreasing and creates atoms.



There is a precise ratio between the number of produced Coulomb pairs (N_C) with small Q and the number of atoms (N_A) produced simultaneously with Coulomb pairs:

$$N_A = K(Q_0)N_C(Q \leq Q_0), \frac{\delta K(Q_0)}{K(Q_0)} \leq 10^{-2}$$

$$n_A - \text{atomic pairs number}, P_{br} = \frac{n_A}{N_A}$$

K^+K^- atom and its lifetime

Properties of the K^+K^- atom (kaonium or A_{2K}) [1]:

$$\begin{aligned} a_B &= [\alpha m_K/2]^{-1} = 109.6 \text{ fm} \quad \dots \text{ Bohr radius} \\ p_B &= \alpha m_K/2 = 1.80 \text{ MeV} \quad \dots \text{ Bohr momentum} \\ |E_{1s}| &= \alpha^2 m_K/4 = 6.57 \text{ keV} \quad \dots \text{ binding energy} \\ \tau(A_{2K}) &= [\Gamma(A_{2K})]^{-1} = \quad ? \quad \dots \text{ lifetime} \end{aligned}$$

The A_{2K} lifetime is strongly reduced by strong interaction (OBE, scalar f_0 and a_0) as compared to the annihilation of a purely Coulomb-bound system (K^+K^-).

K^+K^- interaction complexity ↓	$\tau (A_{2K} \rightarrow \pi\pi, \pi\eta)$	K^+K^- interaction
	$1.2 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}$ [2]	Coulomb-bound
	$8.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}$ [3]	momentum dependent potential
	$3.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}$ [2]	+ one-boson exchange (OBE)
	$1.1 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}$ [2]	+ f_0' (I=0) + $\pi\eta$ -channel (I=1)
	$2.2 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}$ [4]	ChPT

- References:** [1] S. Wycech, A.M. Green, NPA562 (1993) 446;
 [2] S. Krewald, R. Lemmer, F.P. Sasson, PRD69 (2004) 016003;
 [3] Y-J Zhang, H-C Chiang, P-N Shen, B-S Zou, PRD74 (2006) 014013;
 [4] S.P. Klevansky, R.H. Lemmer, PLB702 (2011) 235.

Total number of K^+K^- atoms

The number of K^+K^- pairs evaluated in the Q analysis

year	cut on ToF	$(K^+K^-) \pm \sigma_{K^+K^-}$	Ratio	total number of K^+K^-
2009	70%	1840 ± 240	$9.0 \pm 0.7\%$	20400 ± 3110
	50%	2310 ± 380	$16.6 \pm 1.4\%$	13950 ± 2540
	30%	4150 ± 680	$28.2 \pm 2.8\%$	14680 ± 2820
2010	70%	1620 ± 220	$9.0 \pm 0.7\%$	18050 ± 2830
	50%	2470 ± 370	$17.4 \pm 1.4\%$	14160 ± 2410
	30%	4910 ± 650	$28.2 \pm 2.7\%$	17440 ± 2850

The number of evaluated K^+K^- atoms

cut on ToF	$(K^+K^-) \pm \sigma_{K^+K^-}$ ($Q < 4 \text{ MeV}/c$)	Ratio	Total N_c	$N(K^+K^- \text{ atoms})$
30%	420 ± 40	28 %	1490 ± 150	2080 ± 210
50%	230 ± 30	17 %	1330 ± 150	1860 ± 210
70%	150 ± 20	9 %	1690 ± 180	2360 ± 250

Experimental results

$K \rightarrow 3\pi$:

(scattering length in m_π^{-1})

2009 NA48/2 (EPJ C64, 589)

$$\Rightarrow a_0 - a_2 = 0.2571 \pm 0.0048 \Big|_{stat} \pm 0.0025 \Big|_{syst} \pm 0.0014 \Big|_{ext} = \dots \pm 2.2\%$$

plus additional 3.4% theory uncertainty

$Ke4$:

2010 NA48/2 (EPJ C70, 635)

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 0.2220 \pm 0.0128 \Big|_{stat} \pm 0.0050 \Big|_{syst} \pm 0.0037 \Big|_{theo} = \dots \pm 6.4\%$$

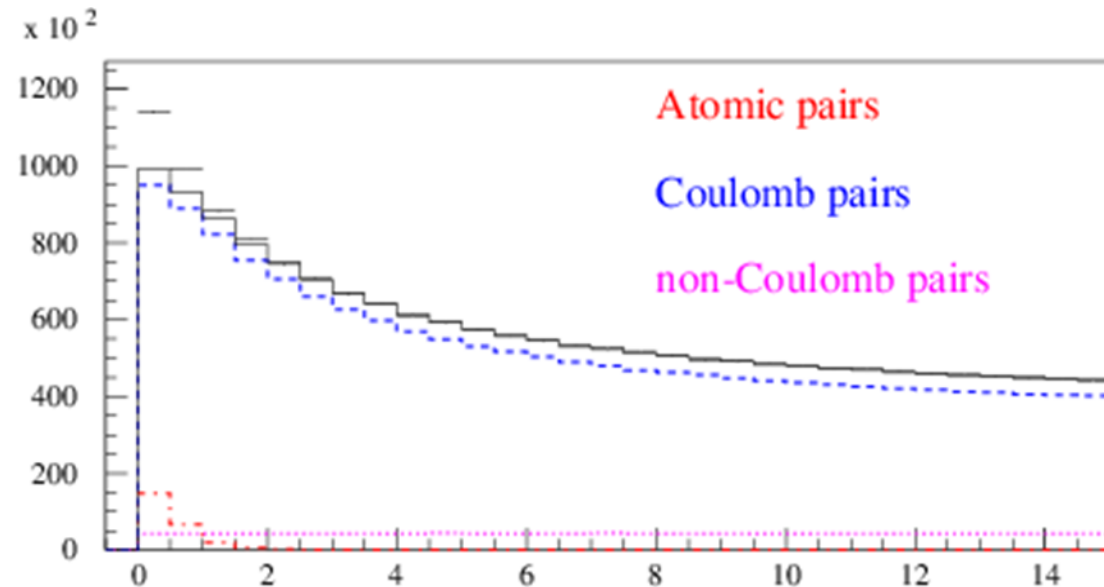
$$\Rightarrow a_2 = -0.0432 \pm 0.0086 \Big|_{stat} \pm 0.0034 \Big|_{syst} \pm 0.0028 \Big|_{theo} = \dots \pm 22\%$$

$\pi^+ \pi^-$ atom:

2011 DIRAC (PLB 704, 24)

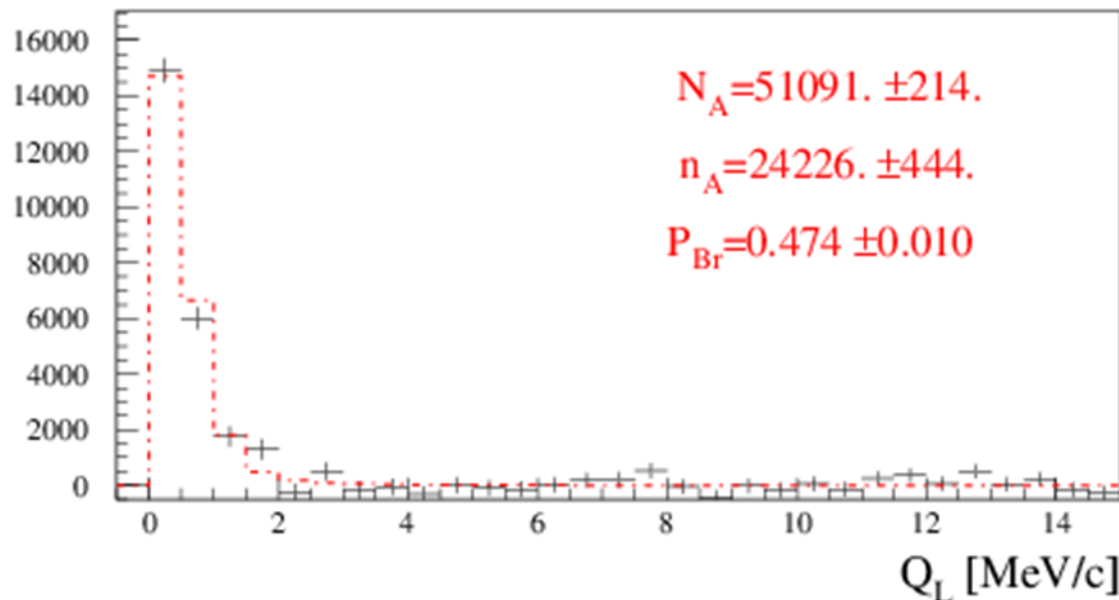
$$\Rightarrow |a_0 - a_2| = 0.2533 \begin{array}{l} +0.0078 \\ -0.0080 \end{array} \Big|_{stat} \begin{array}{l} +0.0072 \\ -0.0077 \end{array} \Big|_{syst} = \dots \begin{array}{l} +4.2\% \\ -4.4\% \end{array}$$

III. The short-lived $\pi^+\pi^-$ atom lifetime measurement

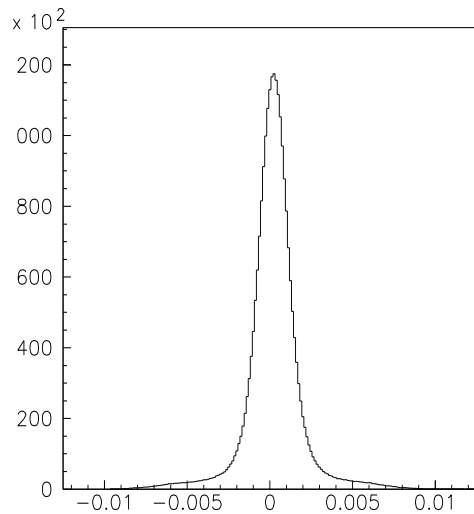


Preliminary results on the short-lived atom lifetime measurement based on all available 2008-2010 data are presented in Fig. 1 and 2.

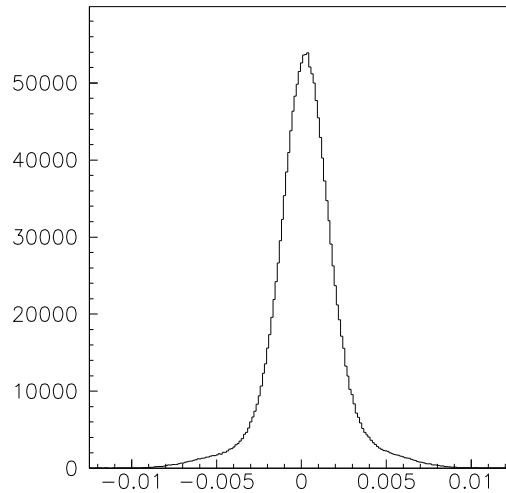
Fig.1. Distribution over $|Q_L|$ for events, selected with criterion $Q_T < 4$ MeV/c. Fractions of atomic, Coulomb and non-Coulomb pairs were obtained by fitting the distribution over $(|Q_L|, Q_T)$ with criteria: $|Q_L| < 15$ MeV/c, $Q_T < 4$ MeV/c. N_A , n_A and P_{br} are the number of produced atoms, detected atomic pairs and probability of the atoms breaking in the target respectively.



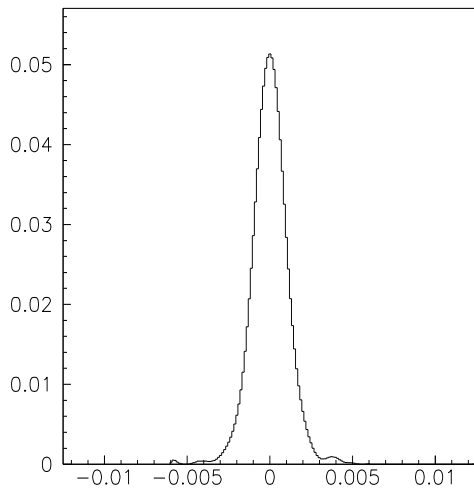
Multiple scattering evaluation



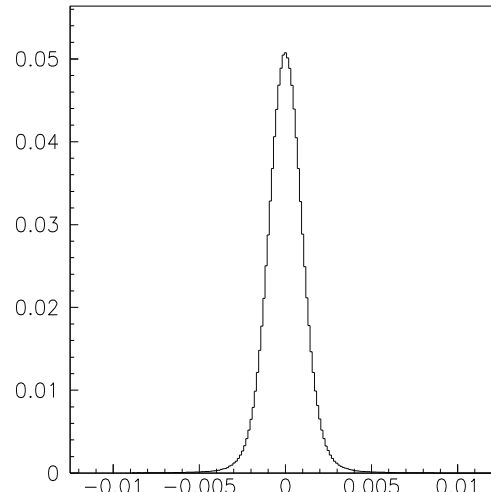
Ni-109 Drift Chamber
Resolution



Ni-109 Scatter



Ni-109 Reconstructed
Distribution



Ni-109 Multiple
Scattering Simulation

The Ratio RMS(exp)/RMS(Mol) evaluated for intervals

$\bar{\mp}1$ RMS(Mol), $\bar{\mp}2$ RMS(Mol), $\bar{\mp}3$ RMS(Mol)

SCATTERER	RMS(Mol)	$\bar{\mp}1$ RMS (Mol)	$\bar{\mp}2$ RMS (Mol)	$\bar{\mp}3$ RMS (Mol)
Ni-50	0.7913E-03	1.01217	0.95509	0.99187
Ni-100	0.1118E-02	0.98192	0.96447	0.95943
Ni-150	0.1369E-02	0.97556	0.96181	0.95436
Ti-250	0.1113E-02	1.00850	0.98617	0.99082
Ni-109	0.1167E-02	0.99661	0.97571	0.95421
Pt-30	0.1361E-02	0.98962	0.95817	0.94733
Be-2mm	0.9705E-03	1.00103	0.94648	0.93091

Plan for 2020

1. The theoretical paper about the influence of a magnetic field on long-lived np states for any n will be published in 2020.
2. The preprint about the K^+K^- pair investigation will be submitted in the beginning of 2020.
3. The evaluation of the short-lived atom lifetime and $\pi\pi$ scattering lengths, based on all available data, will be finished in 2020.
4. The proton-antiproton pair analysis, using the same strategy as for KK , will be finished soon and the corresponding preprint be submitted in fall 2020.
5. The multiple scattering study will be fully accomplished.

Thank you