

# High precision measurements of kaonic atoms

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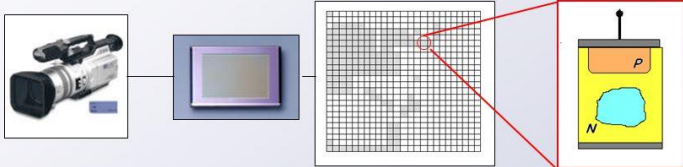
# Kaonic atoms spectroscopy: at DAFNE

A long story started in...last century...

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## A new method to obtain a precise value of the mass of the charged kaon

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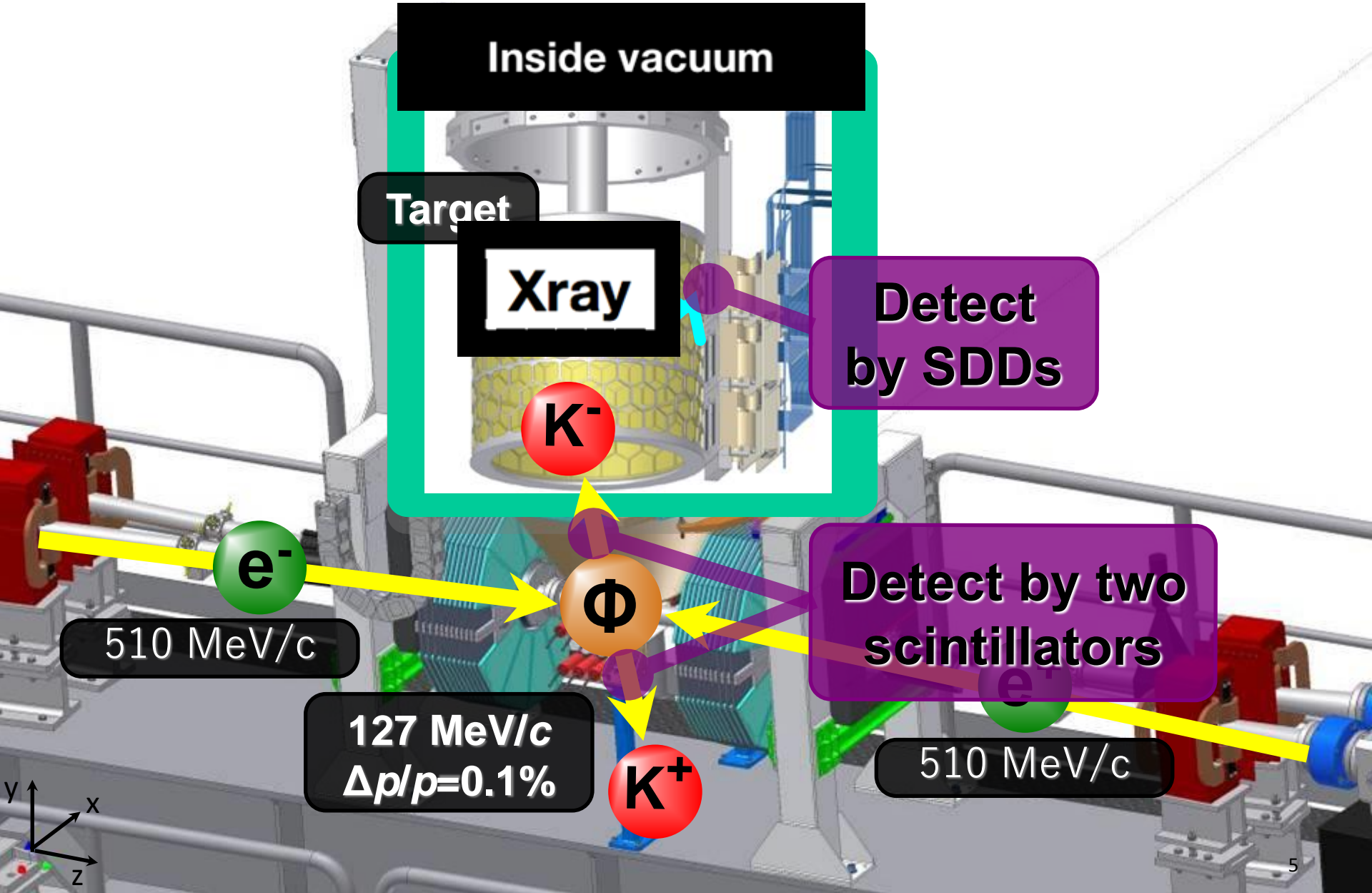
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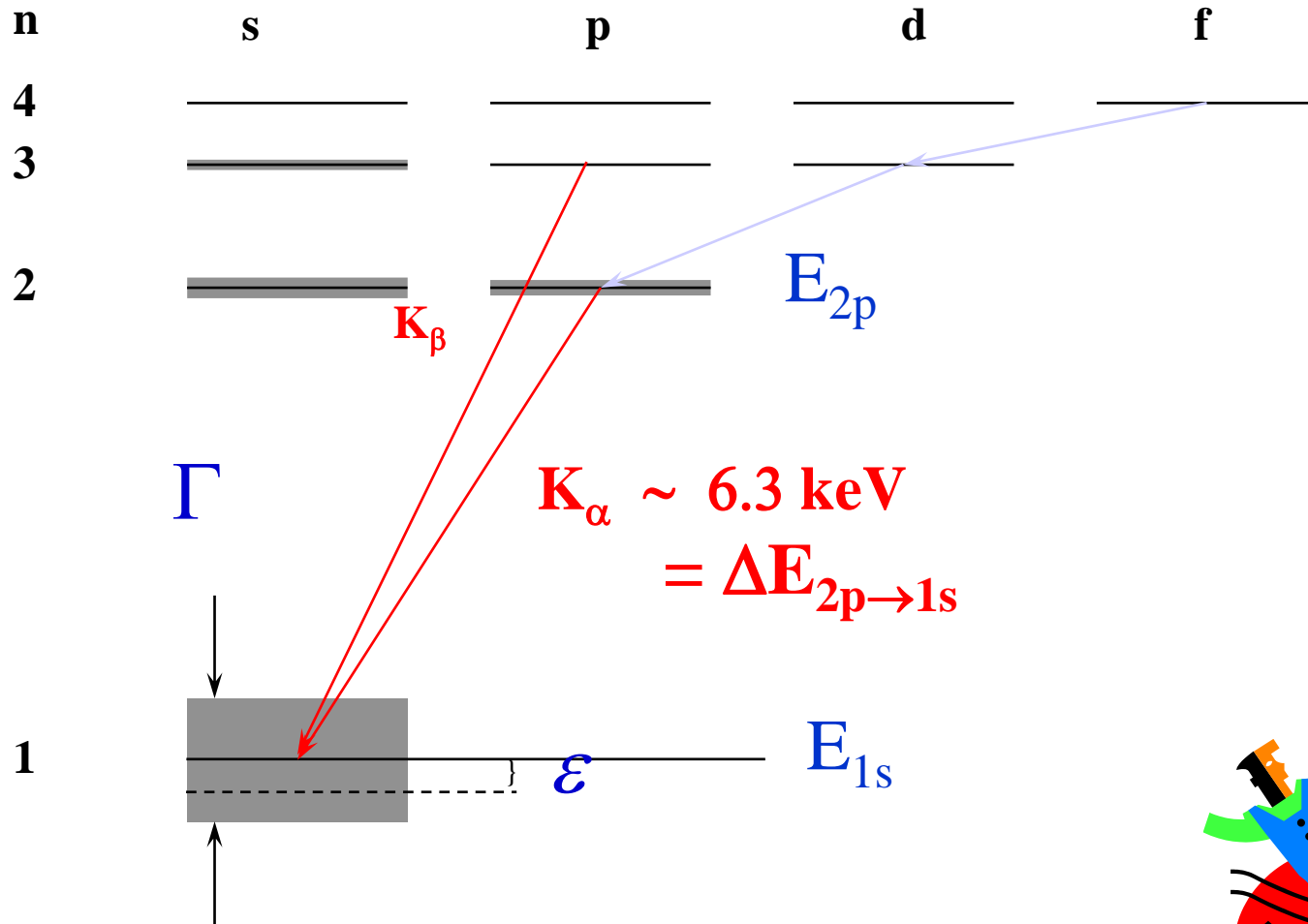
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# SIDDHARTA overview



# *Kaonic cascade and the strong interaction*



# The (main) scientific aim

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

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

of the  $K_{\alpha}$  line of **kaonic hydrogen**

and

of **kaonic deuterium**

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

# *Antikaon-nucleon scattering lengths*

Once the shift and width of the 1s level for kaonic hydrogen and deuterium are measured -) scattering lengths

*(isospin breaking corrections):*

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

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

one can obtain the isospin dependent antikaon-nucleon scattering lengths



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

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



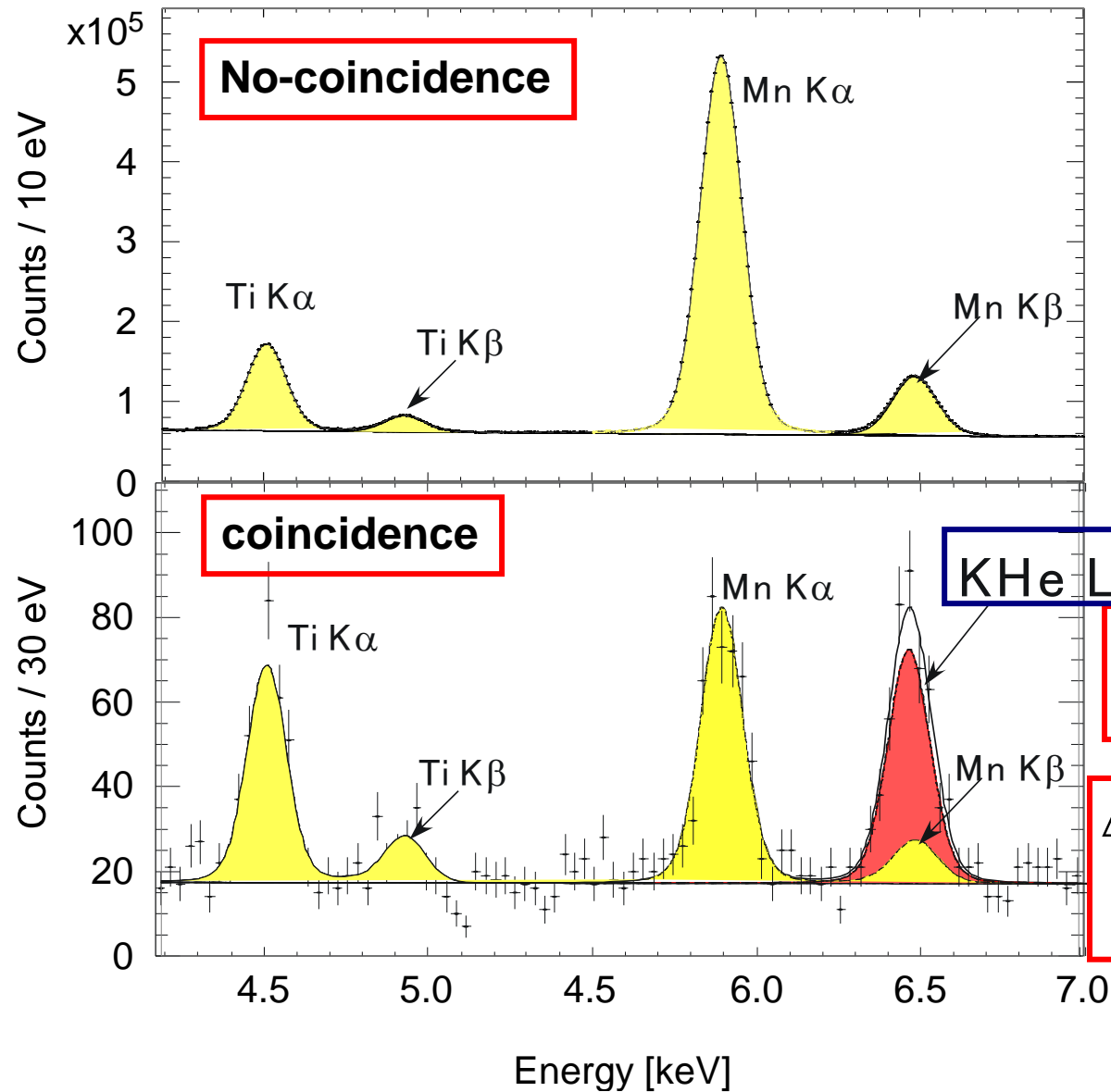
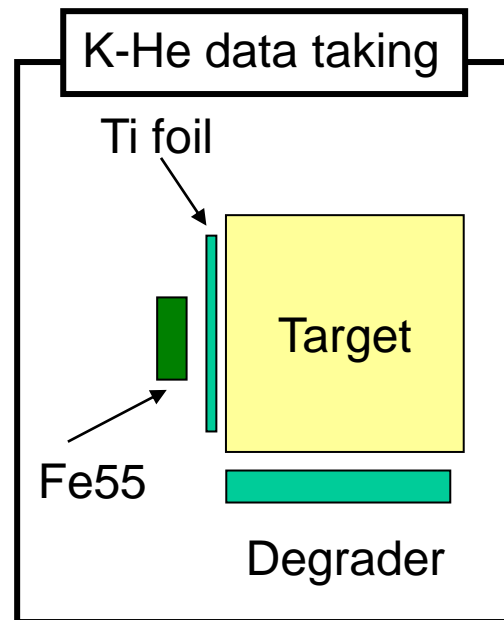
**Kaonics atoms are fundamental tools for understanding QCD in non-perturbative regime:**

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

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

# KHe-4 energy spectrum at SIDDHARTA

PLB681(2009)310; NIM A 628(2011)264

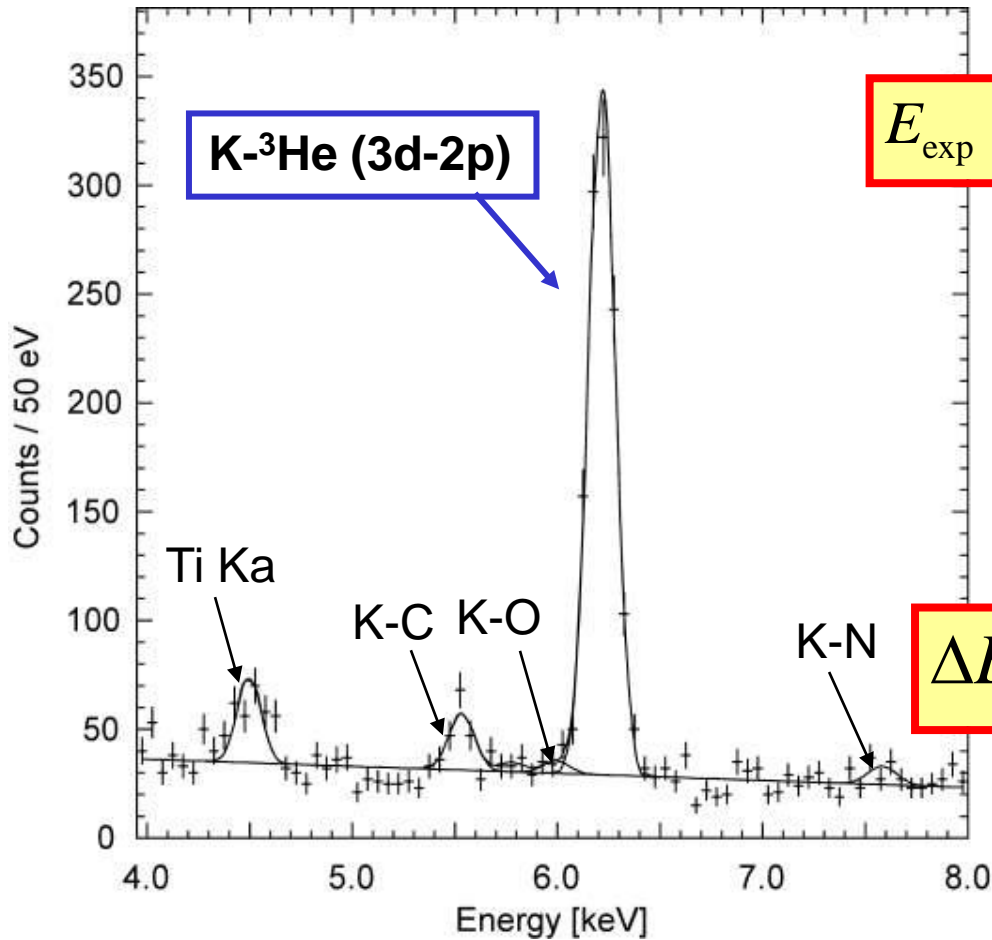


$$E_{\text{exp}} = 6463.6 \pm 5.8 \text{ eV,}$$

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

# Kaonic Helium-3 energy spectrum

X-ray energy of K-3He 3d-2p



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

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

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

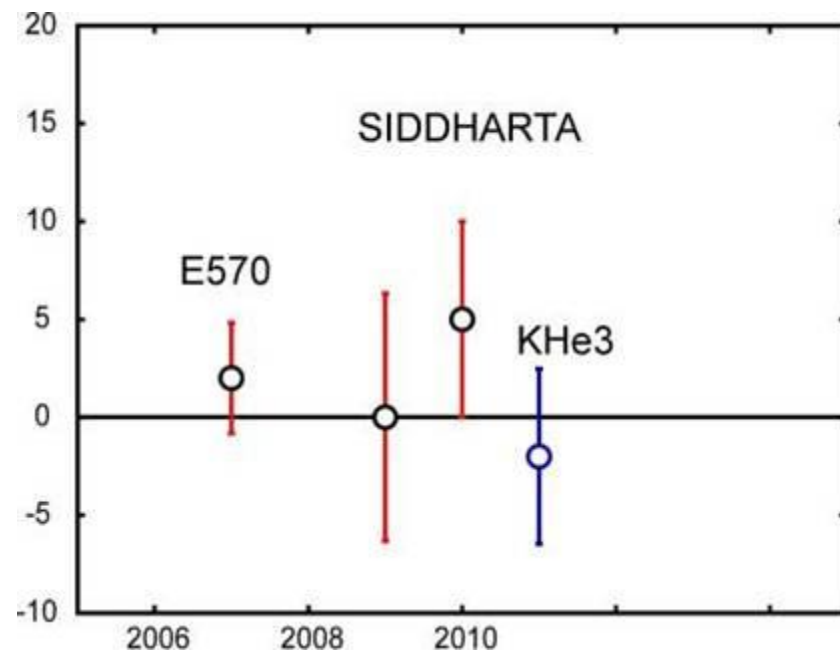
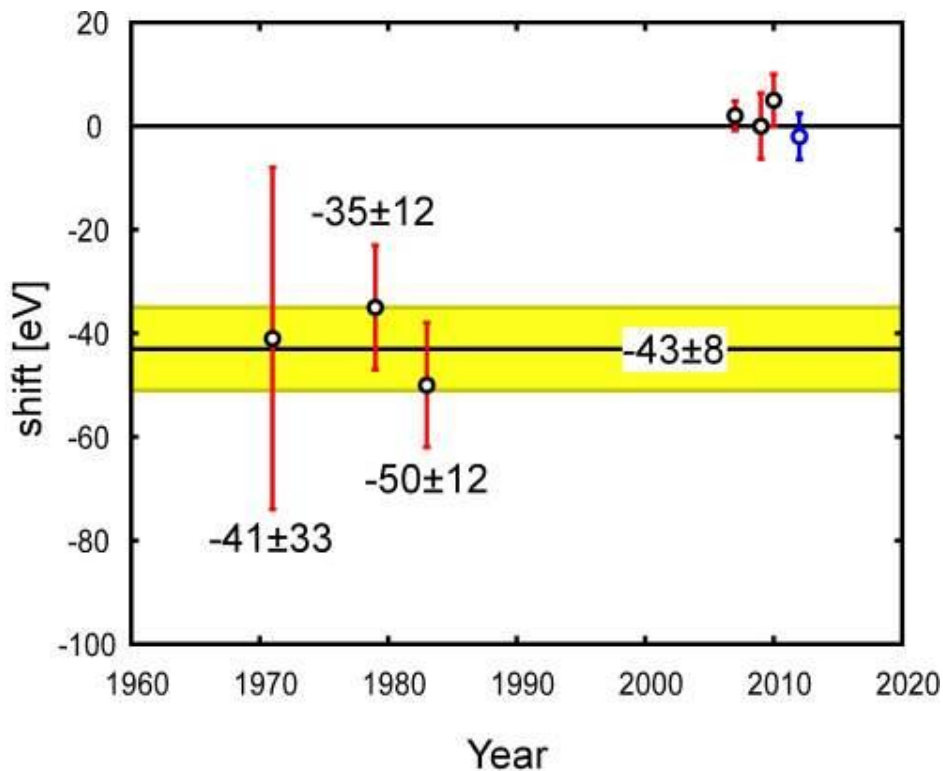
$$\Delta E_{2p} = -2 \pm 2(\text{sta}) \pm 4(\text{sys}) \text{ eV}$$

arXiv:1010.4631v1 [nucl-ex], PLB697(2011)199

World First !  
Observation of K-<sup>3</sup>He X-rays  
Determination of  
strong-interaction shift

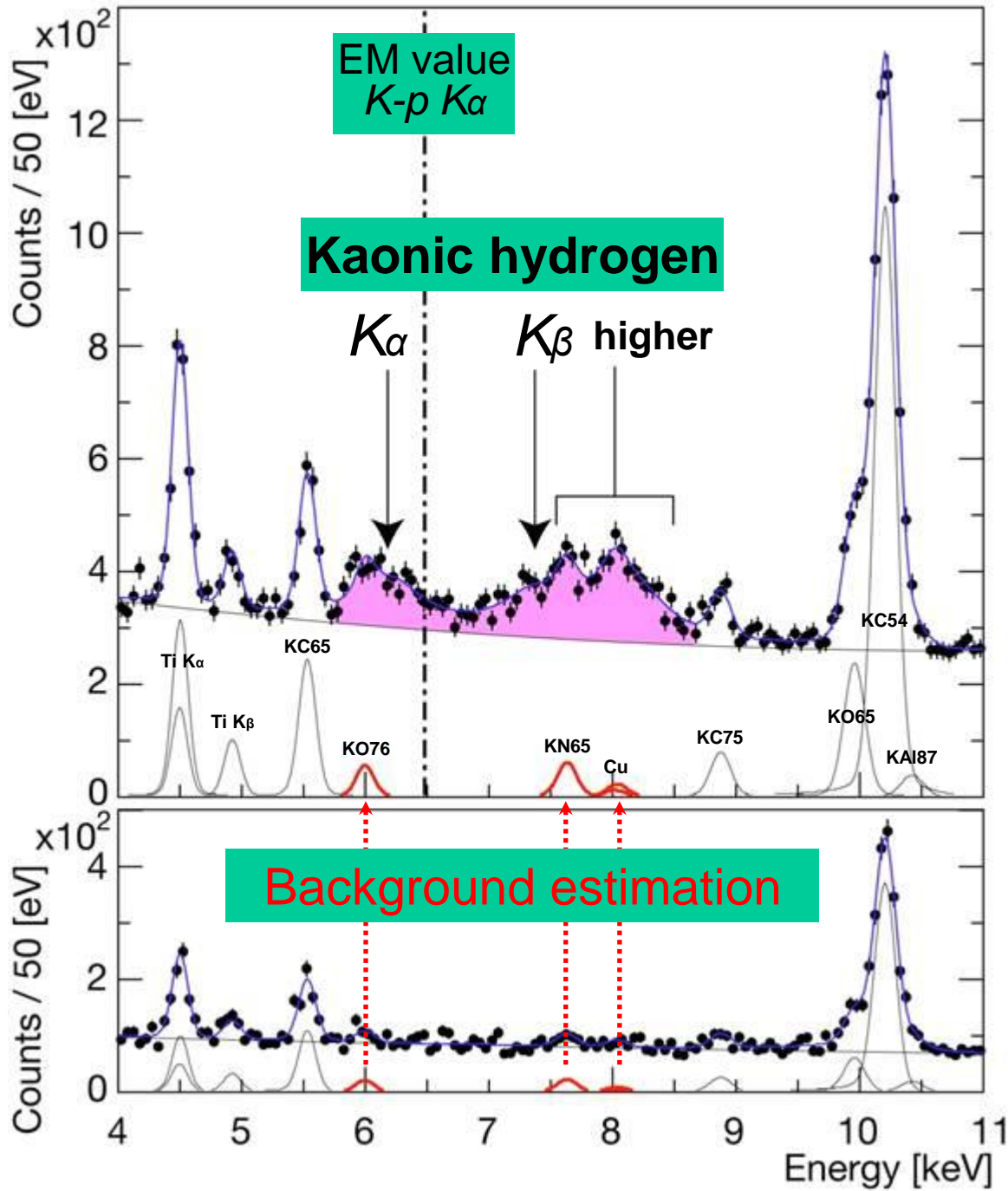
# Comparison of results

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



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

**Hydrogen spectrum**

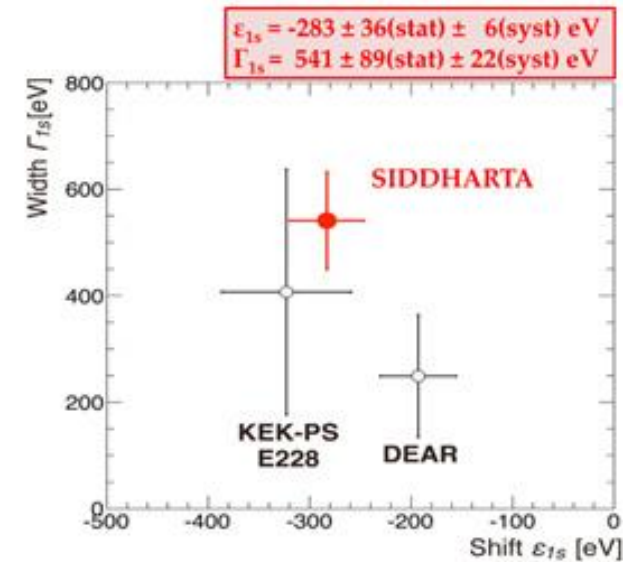


**Deuterium spectrum**

# KAONIC HYDROGEN results

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

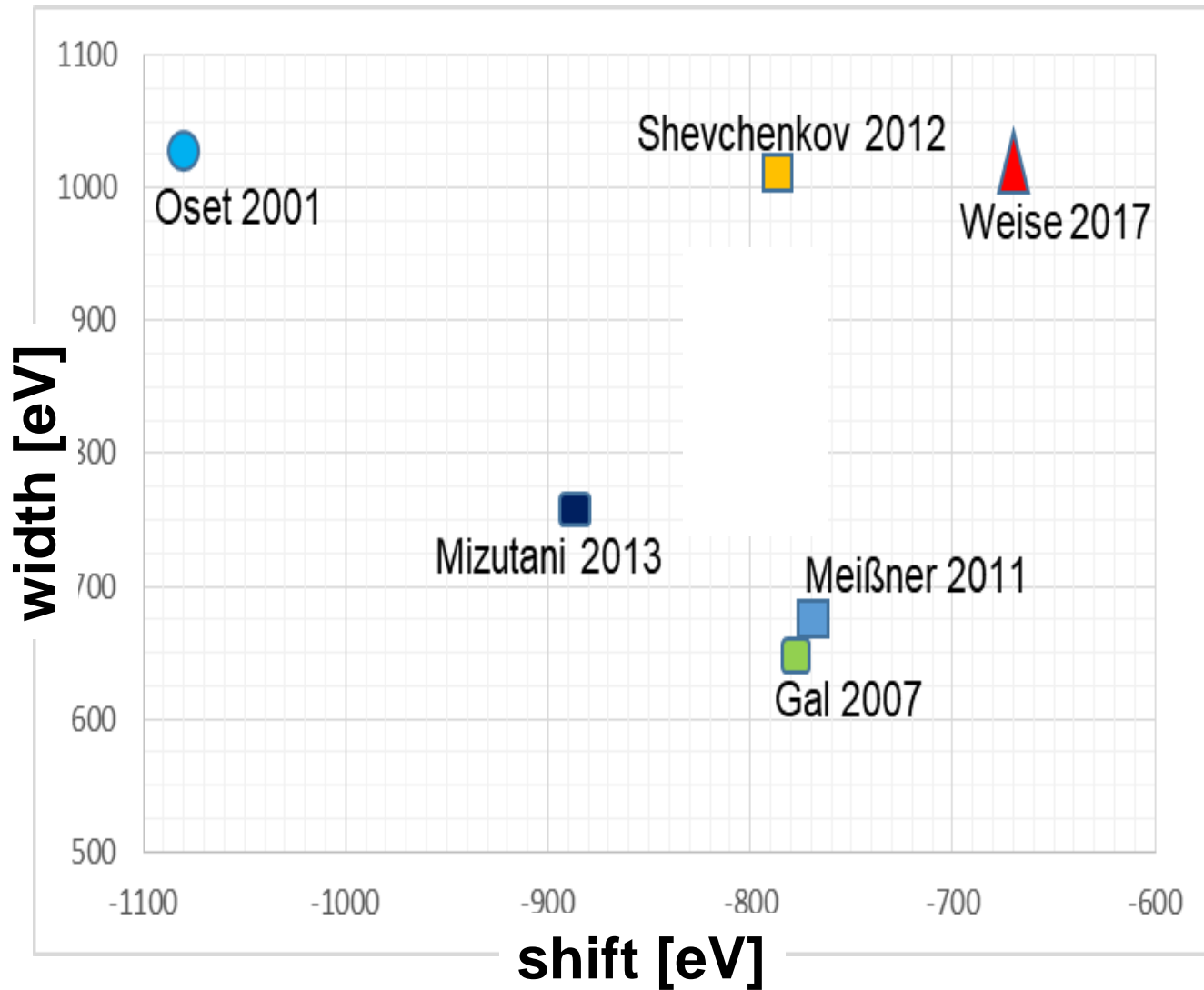
$$\Gamma_{1S} = 541 \pm 89(\text{stat}) \pm 22(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$$



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*SIDDHARTA-2*  
*Kaonic Deuterium*

# Theory for kaonic deuterium





# SIDDHARTA-2 Collaboration

Silicon Drift Detectors for Hadronic Atom  
Research by Timing Application

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SMI-ÖAW, Vienna, Austria

Politecnico di Milano, Italy

IFIN-HH, Bucharest, Romania

TUM, Munich, Germany

RIKEN, Japan

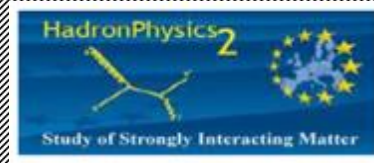
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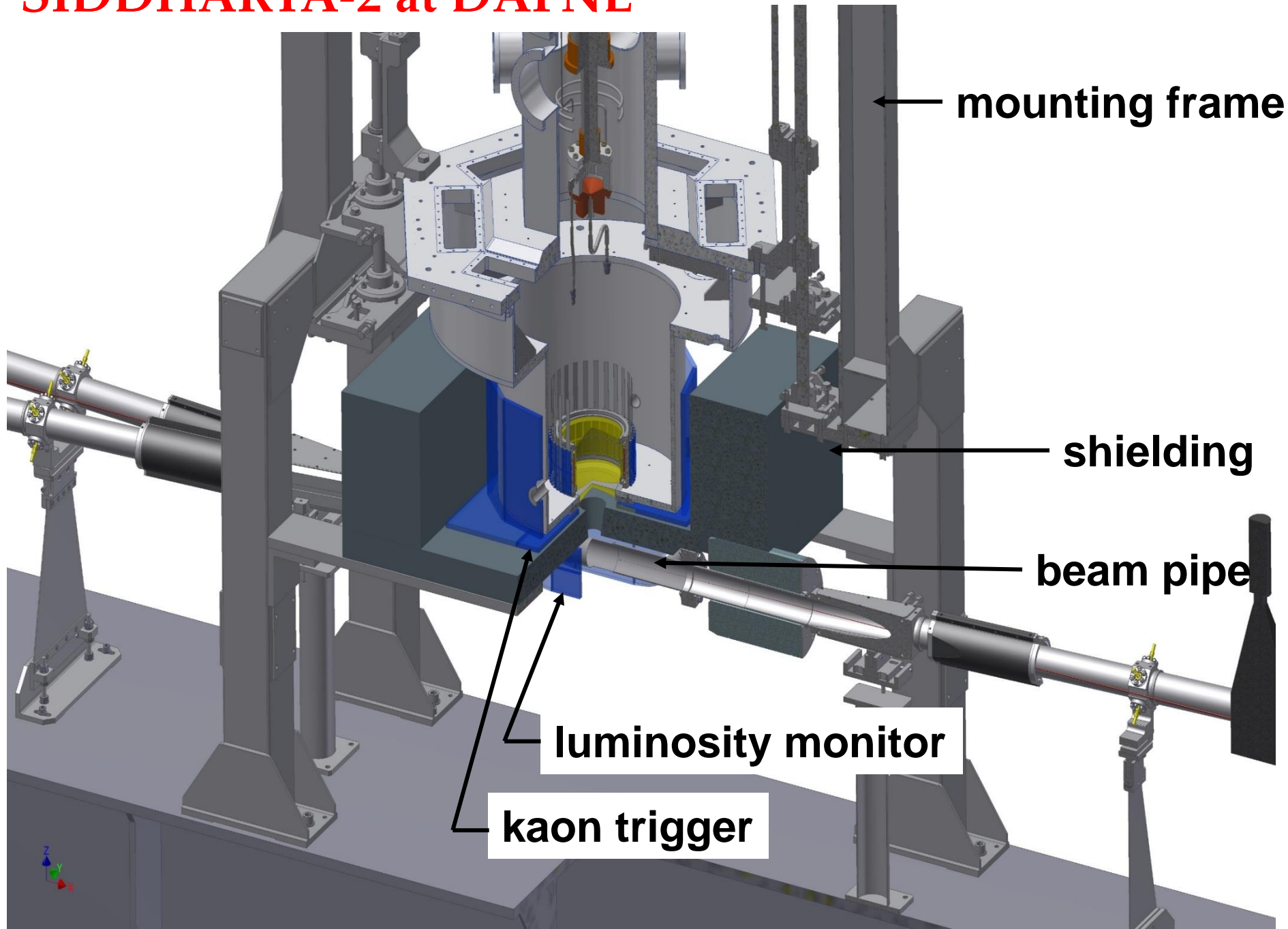
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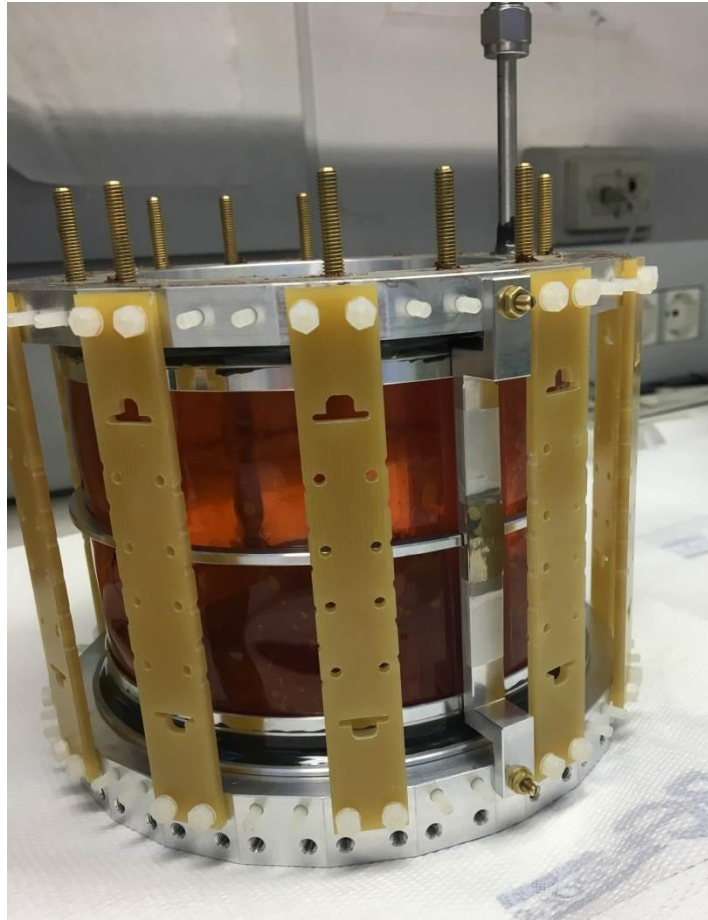
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# SIDDHARTA-2 at DAFNE



# *Light target and Silicon Drift Detector assembly*

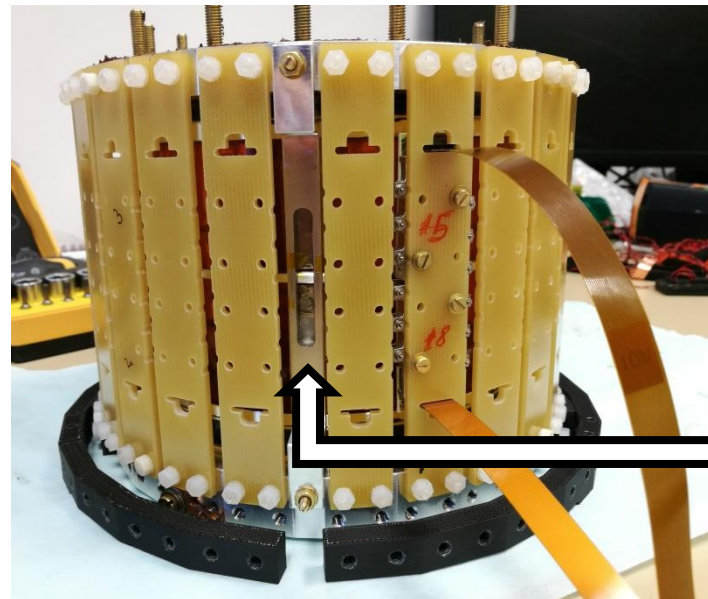


**Target cell wall is made of a  
2-Kapton layer structure  
(75  $\mu\text{m}$  + 75  $\mu\text{m}$  + Araldit)**

**increase the target  
stopping power**

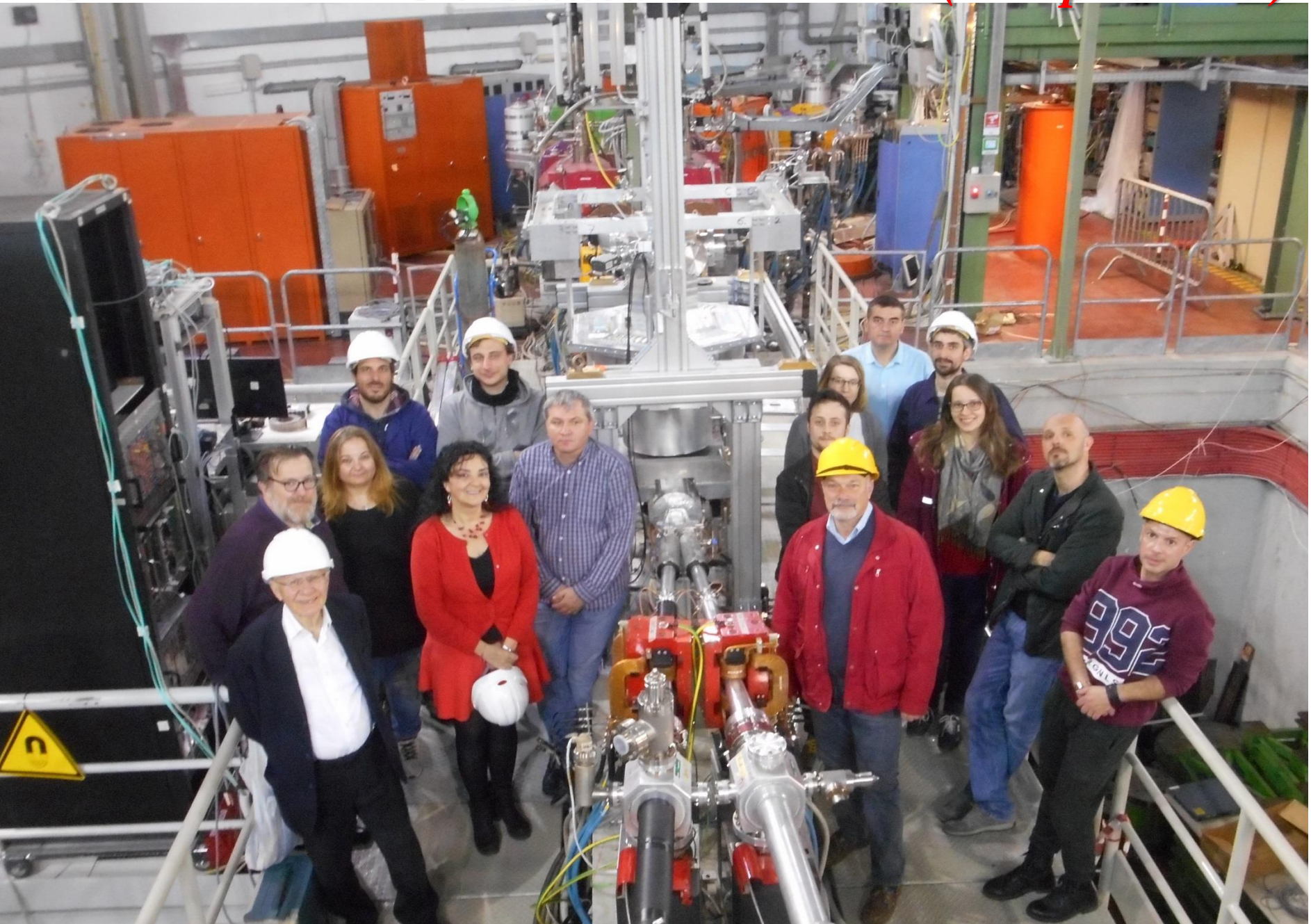
**almost double gas  
density with  
respect to  
SIDDHARTA (3%  
LHD)**

**SDDs placed 5 mm  
from the target wall**

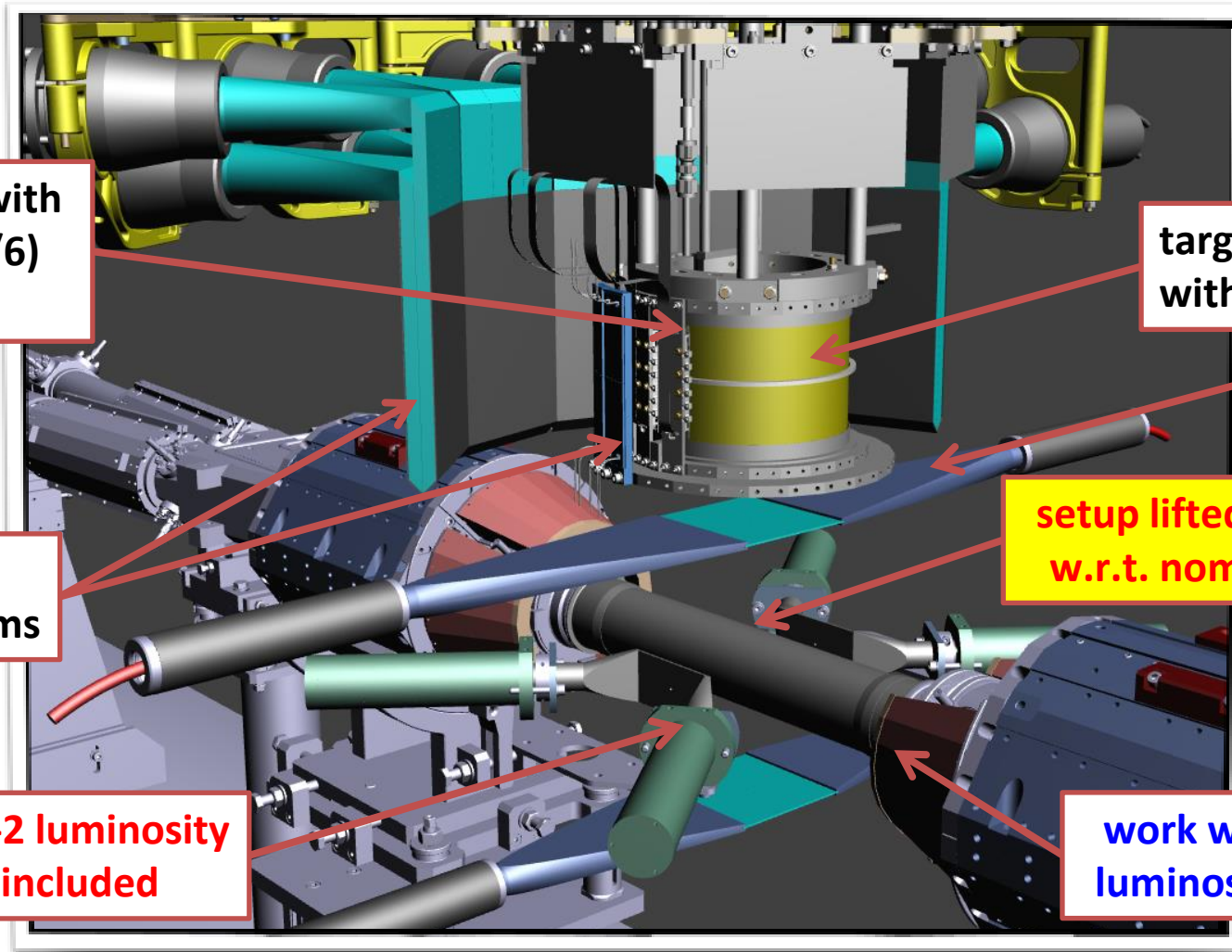


***calibration  
foils  
inserted  
near to the  
SDD are  
activated by  
the X-ray  
tubes***

# ***SIDDHARTINO installed on DAFNE (17 April 2019)***



# *SIDDHARTINO* apparatus and constraints



equipped with  
8 SDD (1/6)  
arrays

target filled  
with He-4 gas

trigger

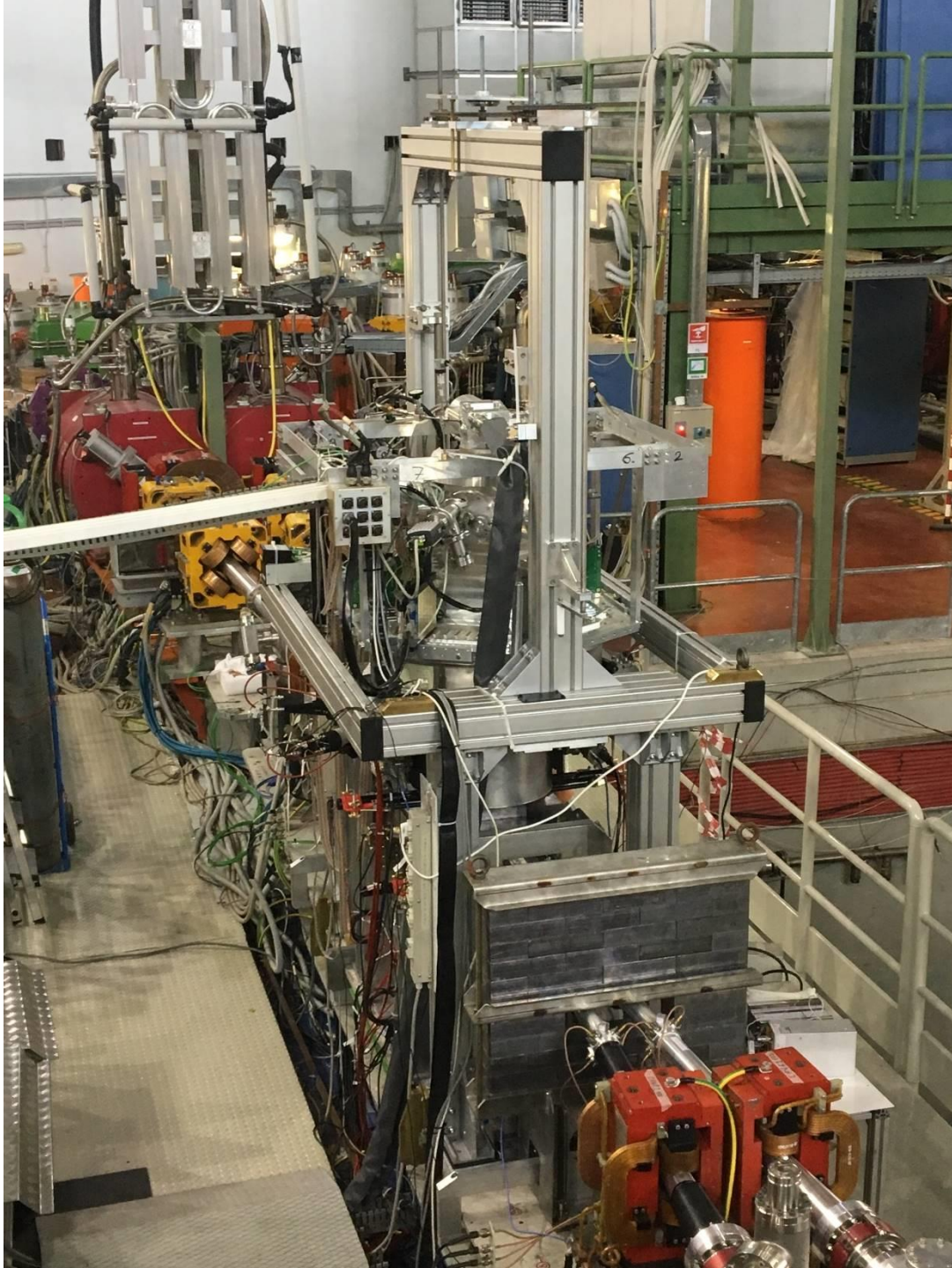
complete  
Veto systems

setup lifted by ~100 mm  
w.r.t. nominal position

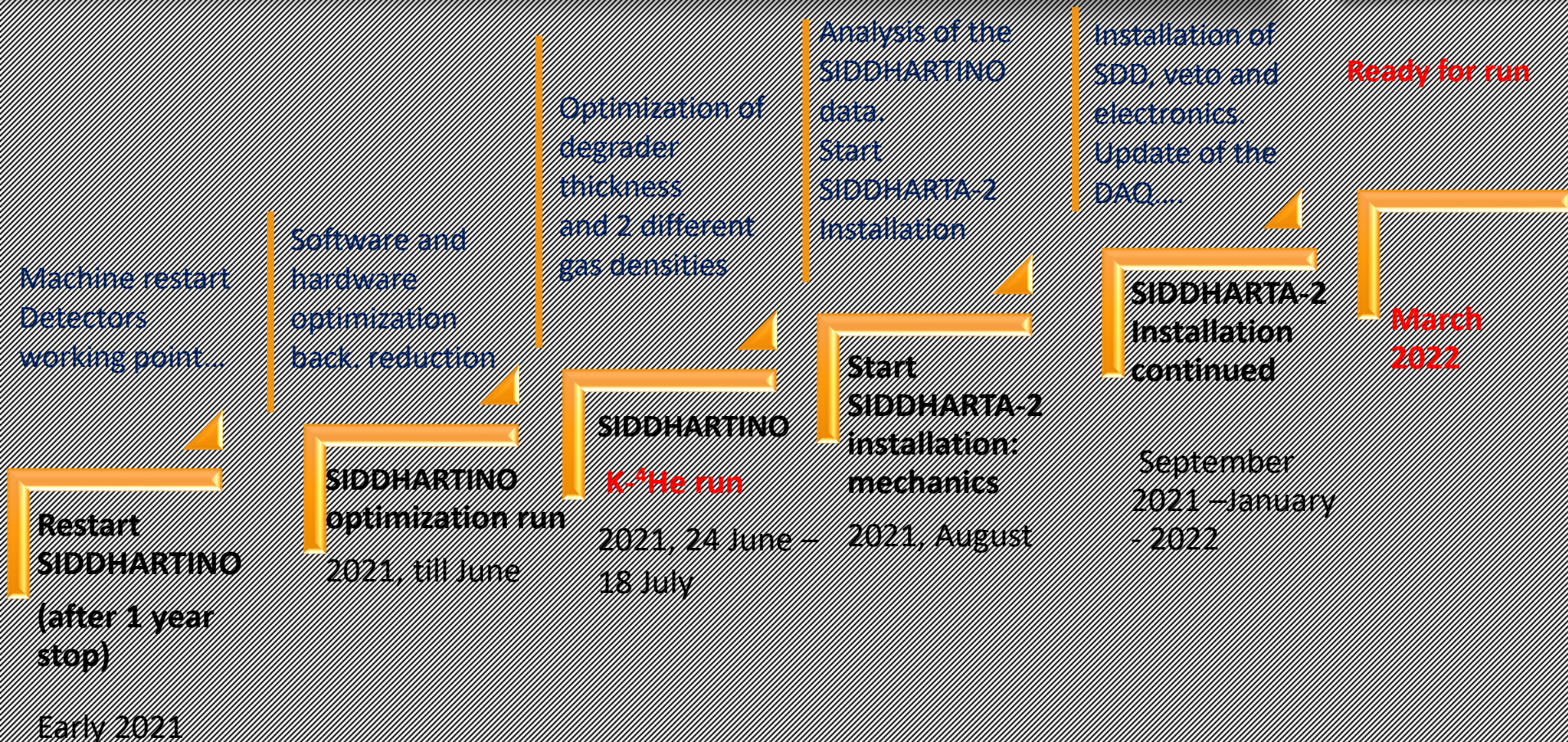
SIDDHARTA-2 luminosity  
monitor included

work with DAΦNE  
luminosity monitor

**Aim:** confirm when DAΦNE background conditions are similar  
to those in SIDDHARTA 2009



# SIDDHARTA-2 timeline



# A new kaonic helium measurement in gas by SIDDHARTINO at the DAΦNE collider

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## Abstract.

The SIDDHARTINO experiment at the DAΦNE Collider of INFN-LNF, the pilot run for the SIDDHARTA-2 experiment which aims to perform the measurement of kaonic deuterium transitions to the fundamental level, has successfully been concluded. The paper reports the



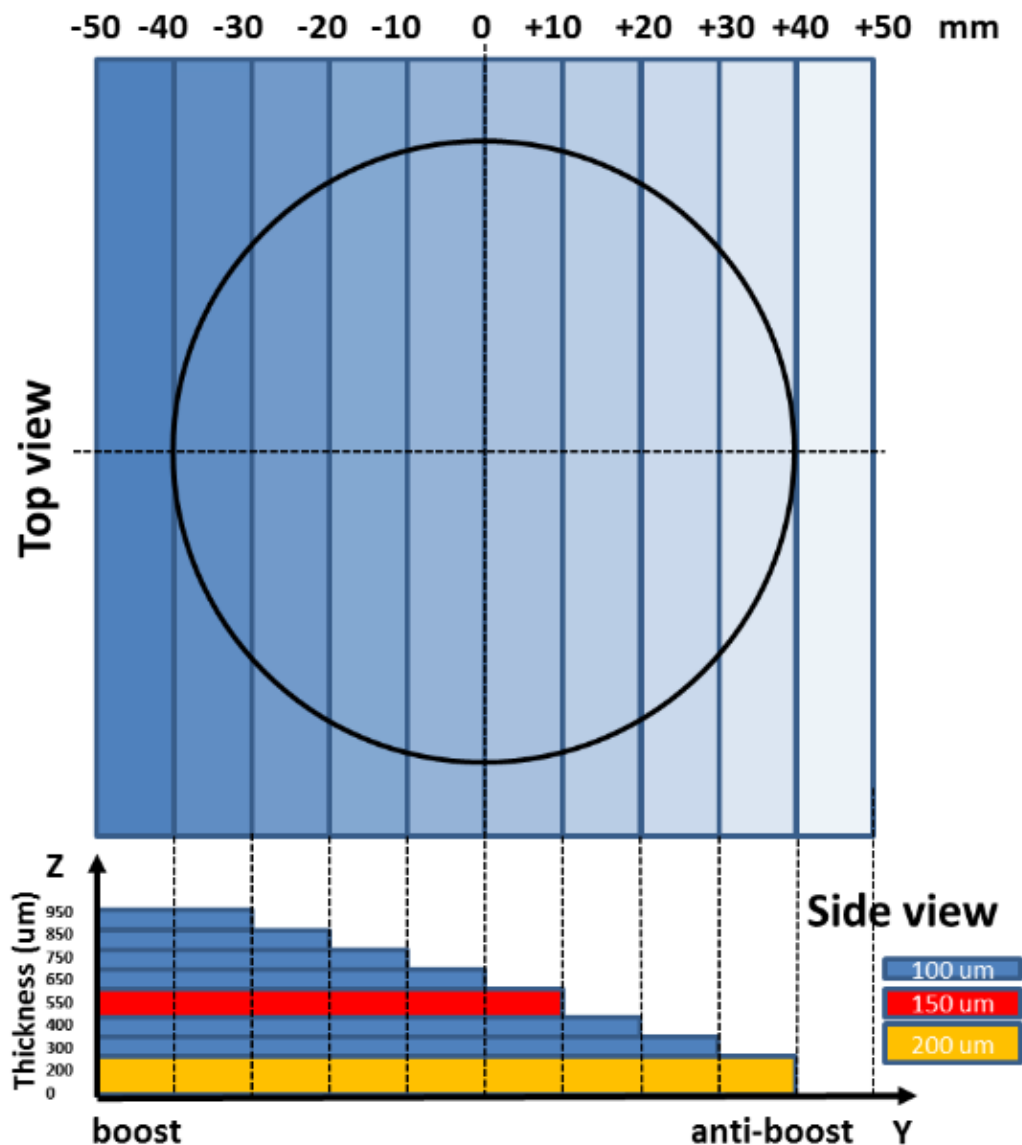


Figure 5: The final Mylar degrader configuration: the circle represents the size of the entrance window of the vacuum chamber; direction “Y” points to the outer side of the DAΦNE ring, corresponding to the anti-boost side for kaons. The degrader has eight steps to compensate for the boost effect, with thicknesses shown in the lower part of the figure.

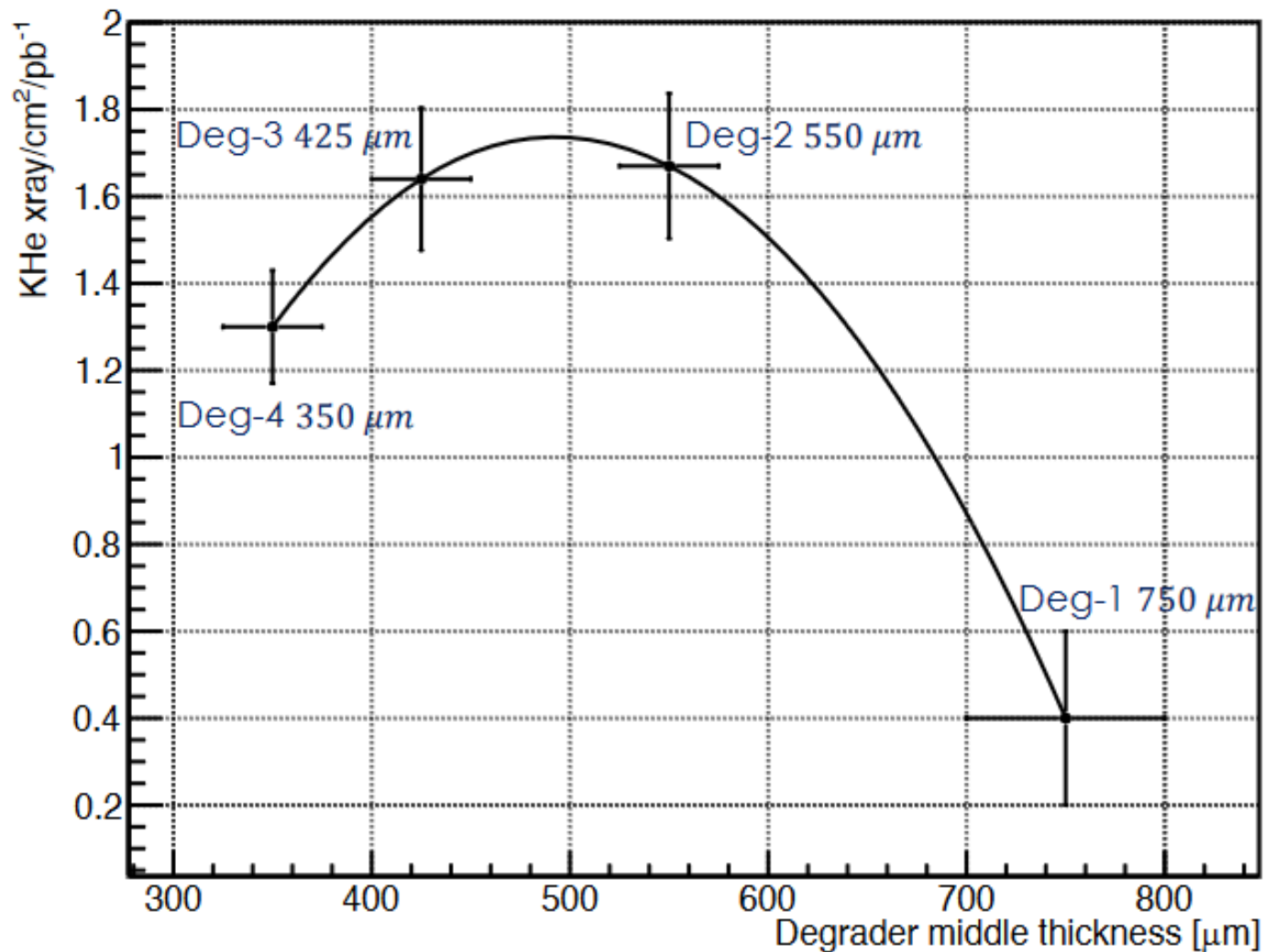


Figure 6: Degraded optimization curve: the horizontal axis is the central thickness and the vertical one the corresponding  $K^4He(3d \rightarrow 2p)$  signal normalized by integrated luminosity and effective detection surface.

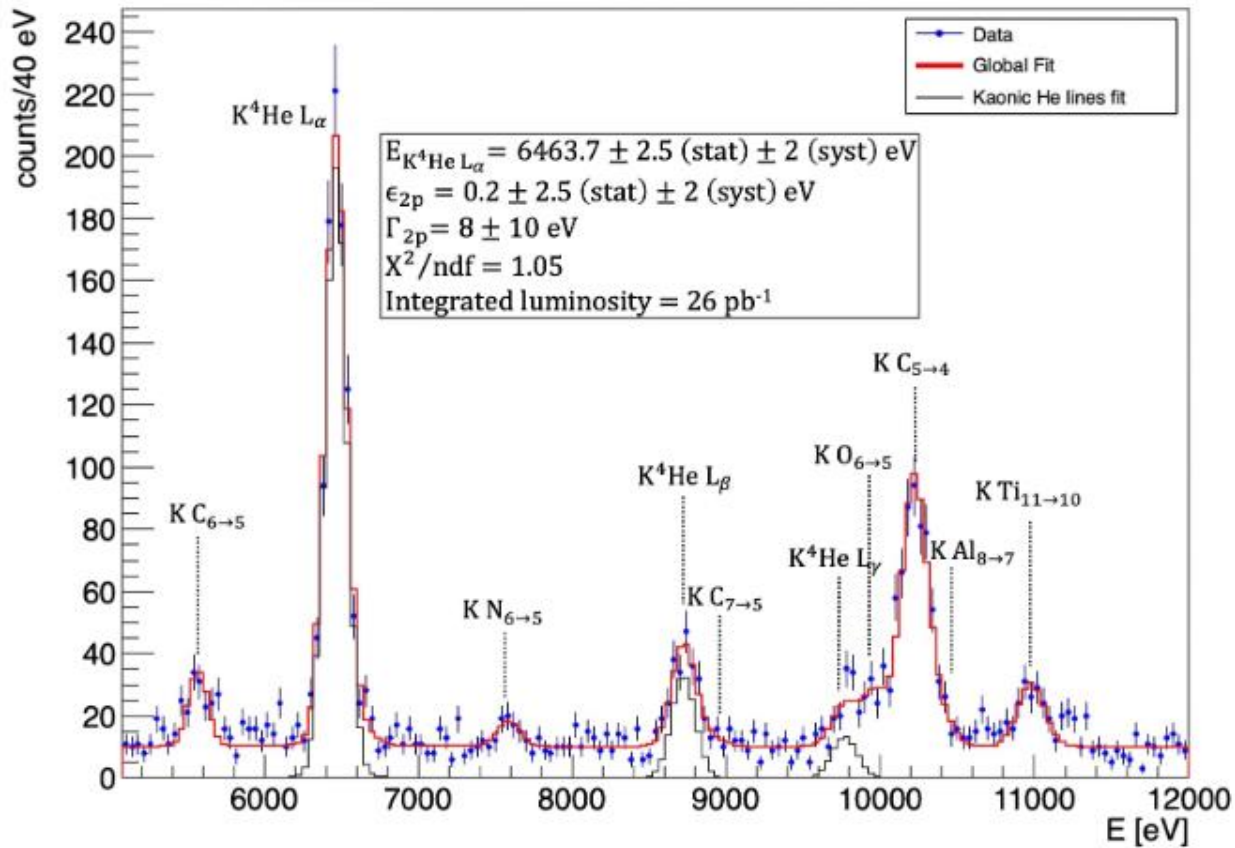


Figure 7: Fit (red line) of the  $K^4He$  energy spectrum. The  $L\alpha$  peak is seen together with the  $L\beta$  and  $L\gamma$  ones (black lines). The peaks labeled as KN, KC, KAl, KTi (dotted lines) are the kaonic atoms lines produced by the kaons stopped in the Kapton ( $C_{22}H_{10}O_5N_2$ ) walls of the target cell and in other parts of the setup (see text for details).

$$\epsilon_{2p} = E_{\text{exp}} - E_{\text{e.m}} = 0.2 \pm 2.5(\text{stat}) \pm 2(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{2p} = 8 \pm 10 \text{ eV (stat)}$$

# *SIDDHARTA-2 strategy and requests*

**Phase 2**

**SIDDHARTA-2**

Setup with all the SDDs (48 SDD arrays) **2022/2023**  
and the *kaonic deuterium measurement* for a run of 800  
 $\text{pb}^{-1}$

Action plan for Kd measurement:

- **First run** with SIDDHARTA-2 setup as planned (about 300  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  integrated)
- **Second run** with **optimized shielding, readout electronics and other necessary optimizations;** (for other 500  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  integrated)

**Test runs for other kaonic atoms measurements**

# Phase-2: SIDDHARTA-2 K-d measurement

Kaonic deuterium run in **(all)**

**2022**

**for S/B as 1/3:**

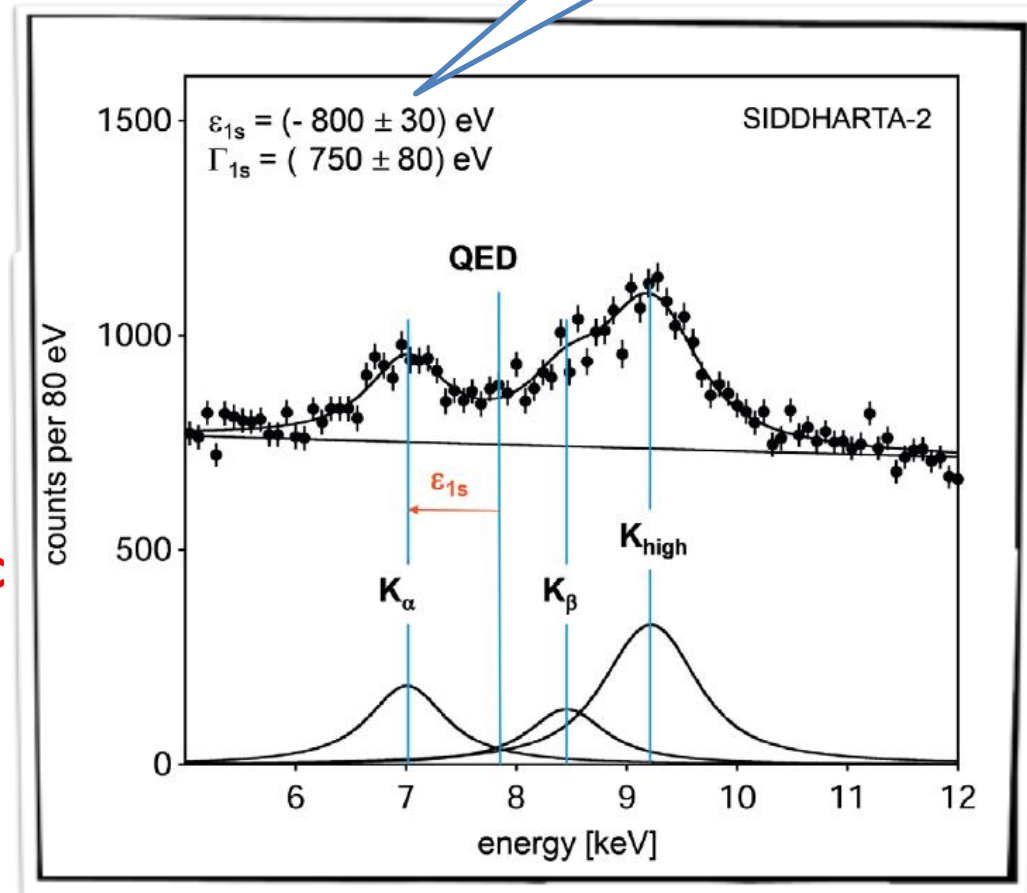
**for an integrated luminosity  
of  $800 \text{ pb}^{-1}$**

**to perform the first  
measurement of the strong  
interaction induced **energy  
shift and width** of the **kaonic  
deuterium** ground state  
(similar precision as  $K^-p$ ) !**

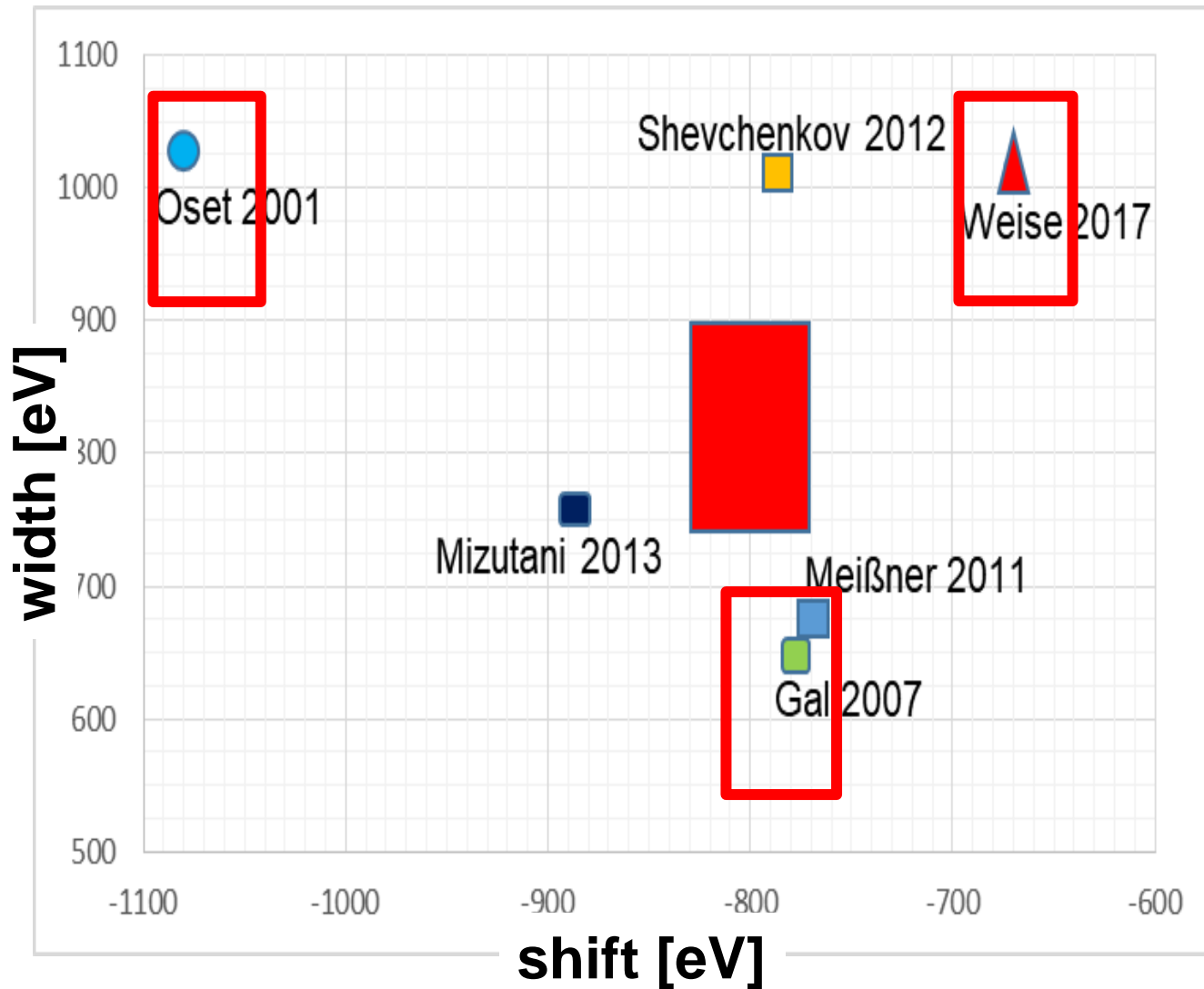
**Includes:**

- **veto-2 second layer**
- **Optimizations SDD, veto1**
- **Shielding, trigger....**

**achievable  
precision**



# SIDDHARTA-2 kaonic deuterium at DAFNE



# *Future programme and perspectives:*

- **Feasibility studies in parallel with Siddharta-2 (Ge and VOXES crystal spectrometer)**
- **Proposal for Extension of the Scientific Program at DAFNE**

- **Kaon mass - precision measurement at a level  $< 7$  keV (VOXES); kaon radius?**

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Access to the Kaon Radius with Kaonic Atoms

Niklas Michel and Natalia S. Oreshkina\*

- **Kaonic helium transitions to the 1s level**
- **Other light kaonic atoms ( $K^-$  Bi, Li, B,,  $K^-$  C,...): 1mm SDDs, Cd(Zn)Te**
- **Heavier kaonic atoms ( $K^-$  Si,  $K^-$  Pb...): HPGe**
- **Radiative kaon capture –  $\Lambda(1405)$  study**
- **Investigate the possibility of the measurement of other types of hadronic exotic atoms (sigmonic hydrogen ?)**

## SELECTED PROPOSED MEASUREMENTS: scientific interest, feasibility, community...

Fundamental physics at the strangeness frontier at DAΦNE.  
Outline of a proposal for future measurements.

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The DAΦNE collider at INFN-LNF is a unique source of low-energy kaons, which was used by the DEAR, SIDDHARTA and AMADEUS collaborations for unique measurements of kaonic atoms and kaon-nuclei interactions. Presently, the SIDDHARTA-2 collaboration is underway to measure the kaonic deuterium exotic atom. With this document we outline a proposal for fundamental physics at the strangeness frontier for future measurements of kaonic atoms and kaon-nuclei interactions at DAΦNE, which is intended to stimulate discussions within the broad scientific community performing research directly or indirectly related to this field.

### SciCom:

The proponents of the kaonic physics proposal are invited to elaborate an updated scheme with a reduced but realistic scope, in particular in terms of the required integrated luminosity that can realistically be delivered within the upcoming 3-5 years.



**Part. and Nuclear physics**  
**QCD @ low-energy (Ph1)**

**Astrophysics**  
**EOS Neutron Stars (Ph2)**

**Kaonic atoms high precision  
measurements**

**Dark Matter studies (Ph3)**

**Fundamental physics**  
**New Physics (Ph4)**

**Theoreticians support from (but not only):**

**(Ph1) (Ph2) STRONG-2020 EU, i.e. THEIA WP Strange Hadrons  
and the Equation-of-State of Compact Stars; ISNEUMAT-INFN,...**

**(Ph3) Merafina, Yamazaki, Akaishi...**

**(Ph4) Pospelov; Pohl, Indelicato...**

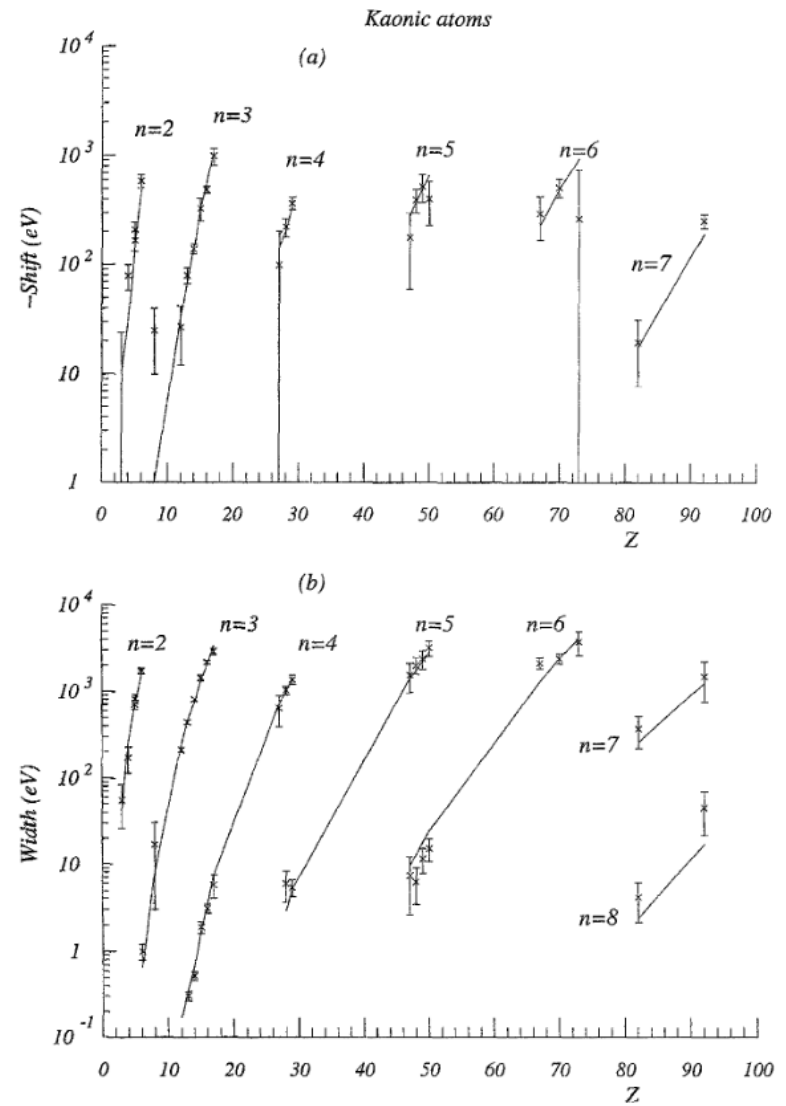
# Strangeness precision frontier at DAΦNE: a unique opportunity for measurements of kaonic atoms along the periodic table: will represent a reference in physics with strangeness

Present status: old and very old measurements with low precision (some even wrong: kaonic helium puzzle)

**We propose to do precision measurements along the periodic table at DAΦNE for:**

- Selected light kaonic atoms
  - Selected intermediate mass kaonic atoms
  - Selected heavy kaonic atoms
- charting the periodic table

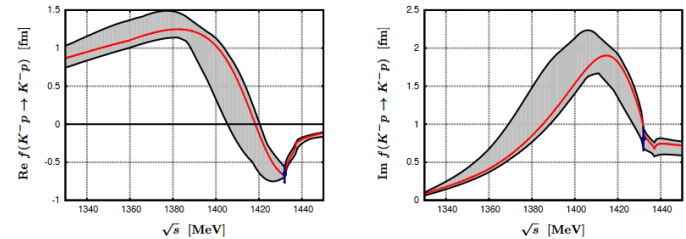
*C.J. Batty et al. / Physics Reports 287 (1997) 385-445*



# Light and Heavy Kaonic Atoms measurements: LHKA

- 1) **KH Kaonic Hydrogen:  $200 \text{ pb}^{-1}$**  – with **SIDDHARTA-2 setup** – to get a precision  $< 10 \text{ eV}$  (present precision about  $40 \text{ eV}$  shift and  $90 \text{ eV}$  width) very important for theory (QCD at threshold with strangeness – physic below threshold) – as soon as possible! (Weise, Nucl Phys A 2021)

**Ph1, Ph2**



- 2) **Setup with 1 mm SDD detectors:**

**Kaonic Li; Be; B; He** in the energy region  $10\text{-}40 \text{ keV}$ – precision  $< 2\text{-}3 \text{ eV}$

SDDs are financed and ordered (FBK)

**Ph1, Ph2, Ph4**

Will be ready within 2022!

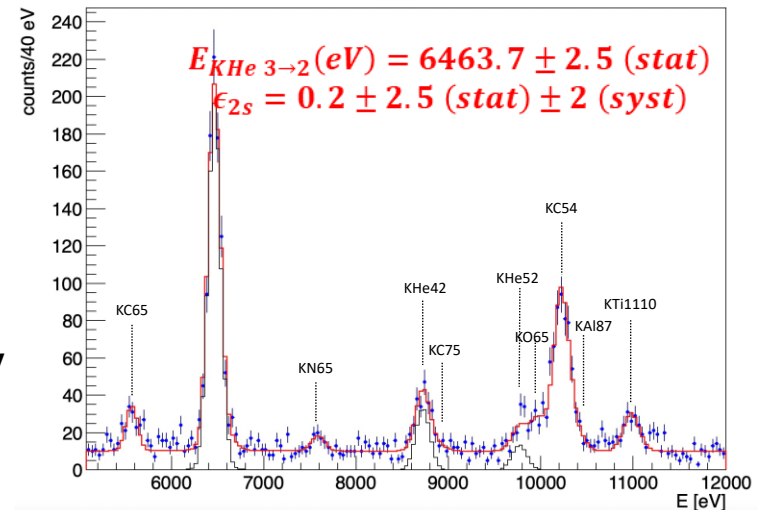
- 2) **Setup with 2 HPGe detectors**

Heavy kaonic atoms: transitions above  $70 \text{ keV}$

**Kaonic Pb, W** – precision at the level of  $3\text{-}10 \text{ eV}$

**Ph2, Ph4**

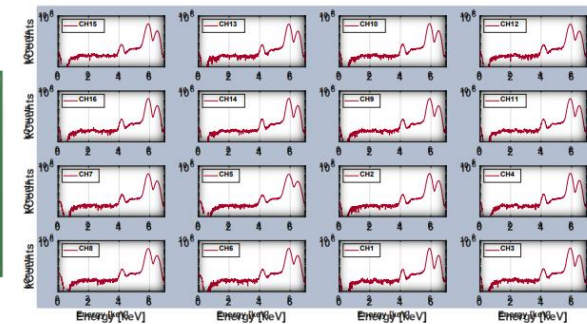
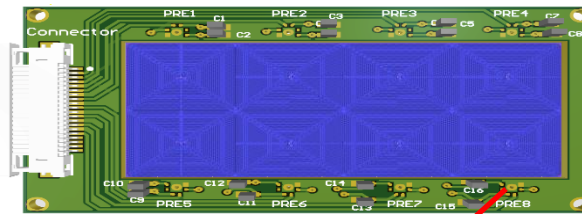
HPGe available (Zagreb) and ready for use



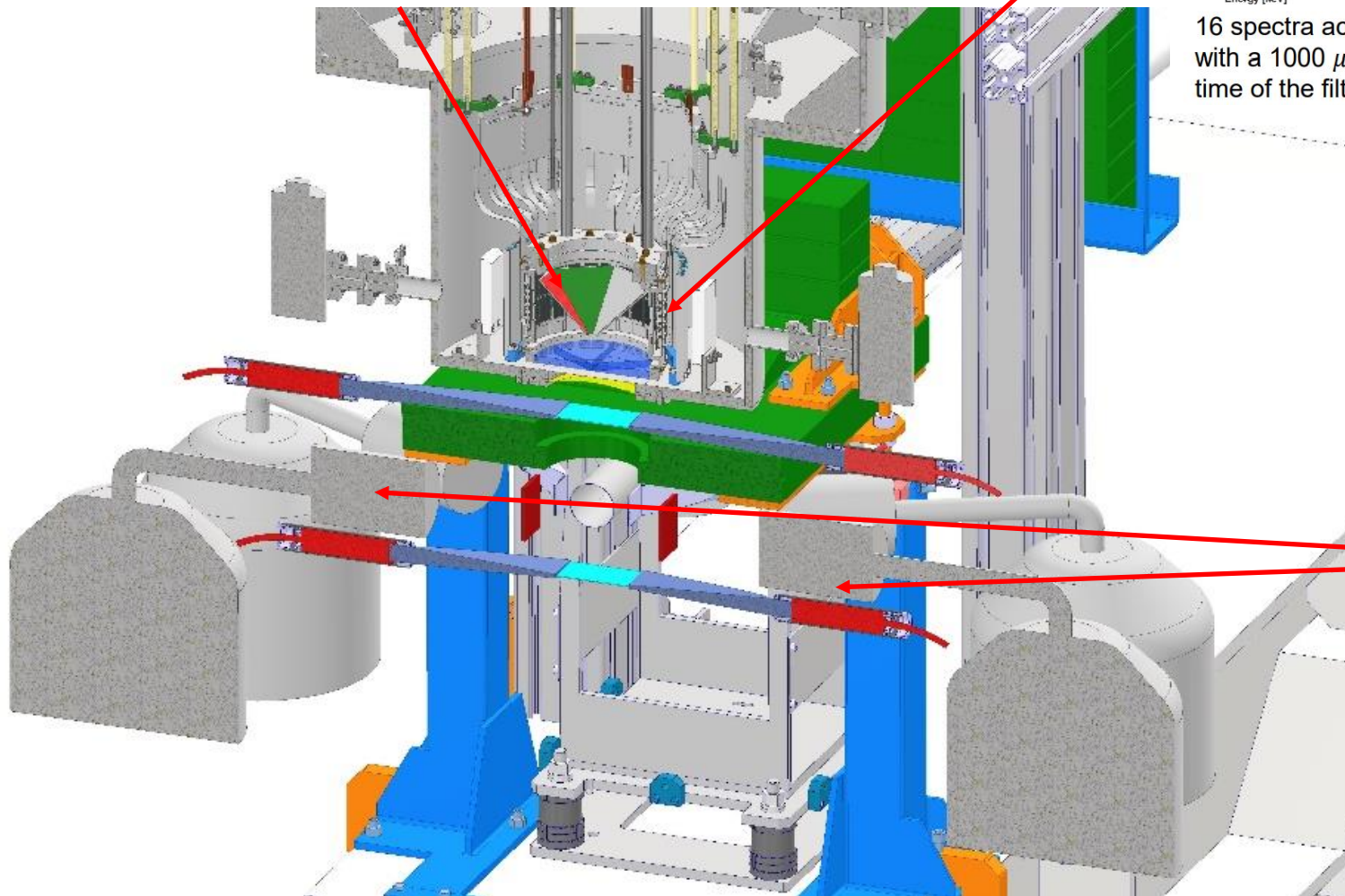
**Total required integrated luminosity:  $200 + 400 (200) \text{ pb}^{-1}$**

# Light and heavy kaonic atoms measurements: LHKA setup

Li, Be, B  
targets



16 spectra acquired with an  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  source with a  $1000\ \mu\text{m}$  thick SDD array (peaking time of the filter was set to  $3\ \mu\text{s}$ )



# Intermediate and Heavy Kaonic Atoms measurements IHKA

## 1) Setup with CdZnTe detectors:

*Kaonic Ti, V, Zr, Ag*, between 40 and 200 keV – precision 3-5 eV

**CdZnTe** are developed within **ASTRA STRONG-2020 project**

Will be ready within 2023

**Ph1, Ph2, Ph3**

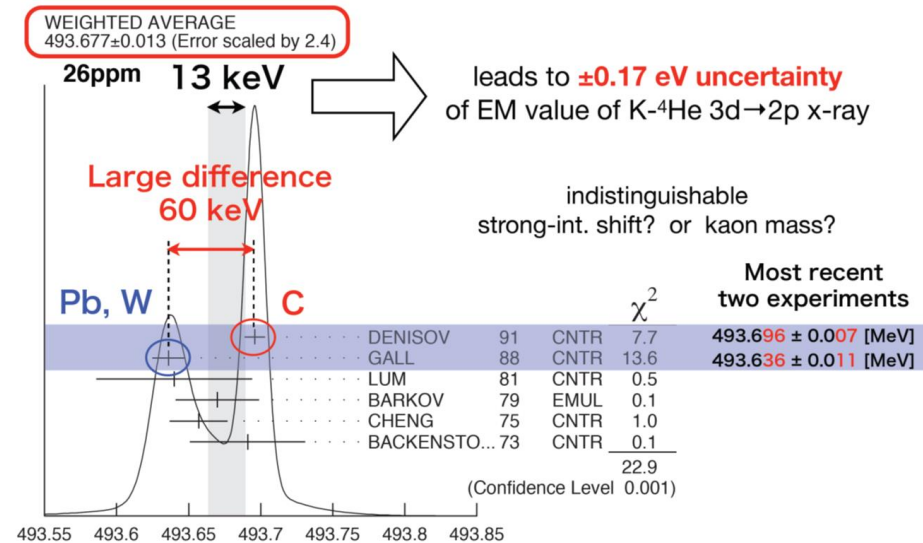
## 3) Setup with 2 HPGe detectors continued

Heavy kaonic atoms: transitions above 70/100 keV

*Kaonic Co, Au, Pt* – precision at the level of 5-10 eV (depending on energy of transition)

**HPGe** available and ready for use (Zagreb Univ. plus Mainz – additional HPGe)

**Ph1, Ph2, Ph3**



leads to  $\pm 0.17$  eV uncertainty of EM value of K-<sup>4</sup>He 3d→2p x-ray

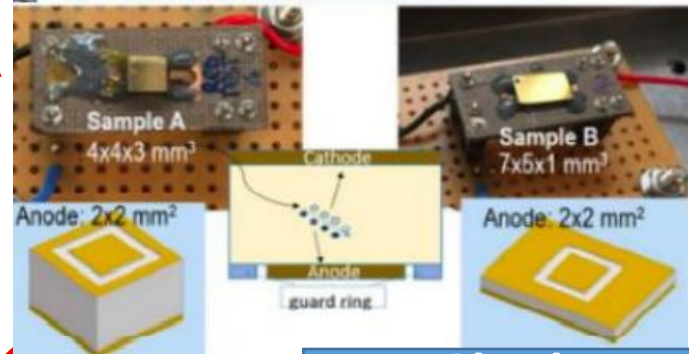
indistinguishable strong-int. shift? or kaon mass?

Uncertainty in electron screening. Gamma-ray contamination(Pb,W).  
→ new measurement with low-Z gas targets

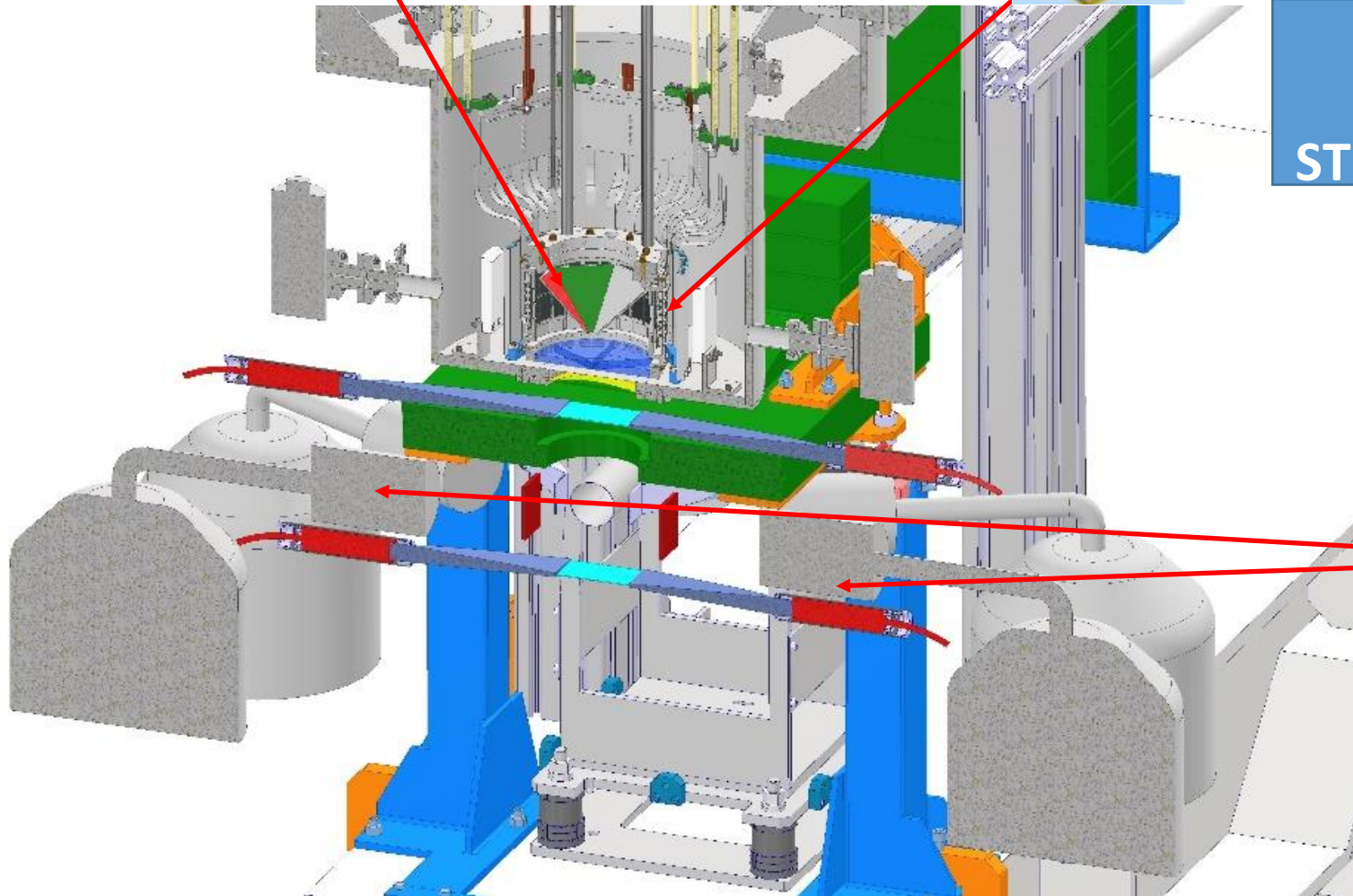
**Total required integrated luminosity: 400 (200) pb<sup>-1</sup>**

# Intermediate and heavy kaonic atoms measurements: IHKA

Ti, V, Zr, Ag targets



Cd(Zn)Te  
ASTRA  
STRONG-2020



# Ultra-High precision measurements of Kaonic Atoms

## UHKA

### 1) Setup with 8 VOXES lines (crystal HAPG spectrometer):

*Kaonic C, N, He*: precision < 0.5 eV

VOXES detector developed; financing for building 8 lines required (possibility of external funding)

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Will be ready within early 2025

**Ph4, Ph1, Ph3, Ph2**

### Testing Quantum Electrodynamics with Exotic Atoms

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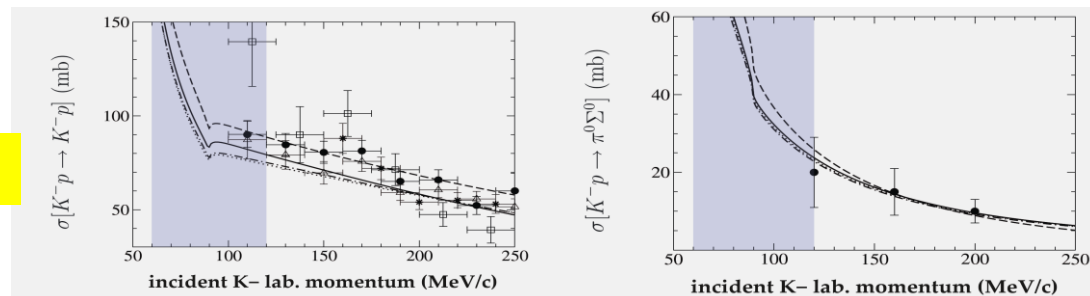
### 2) Feasibility test (measurements) for kaon-nuclei scattering exp.

With TPG detector

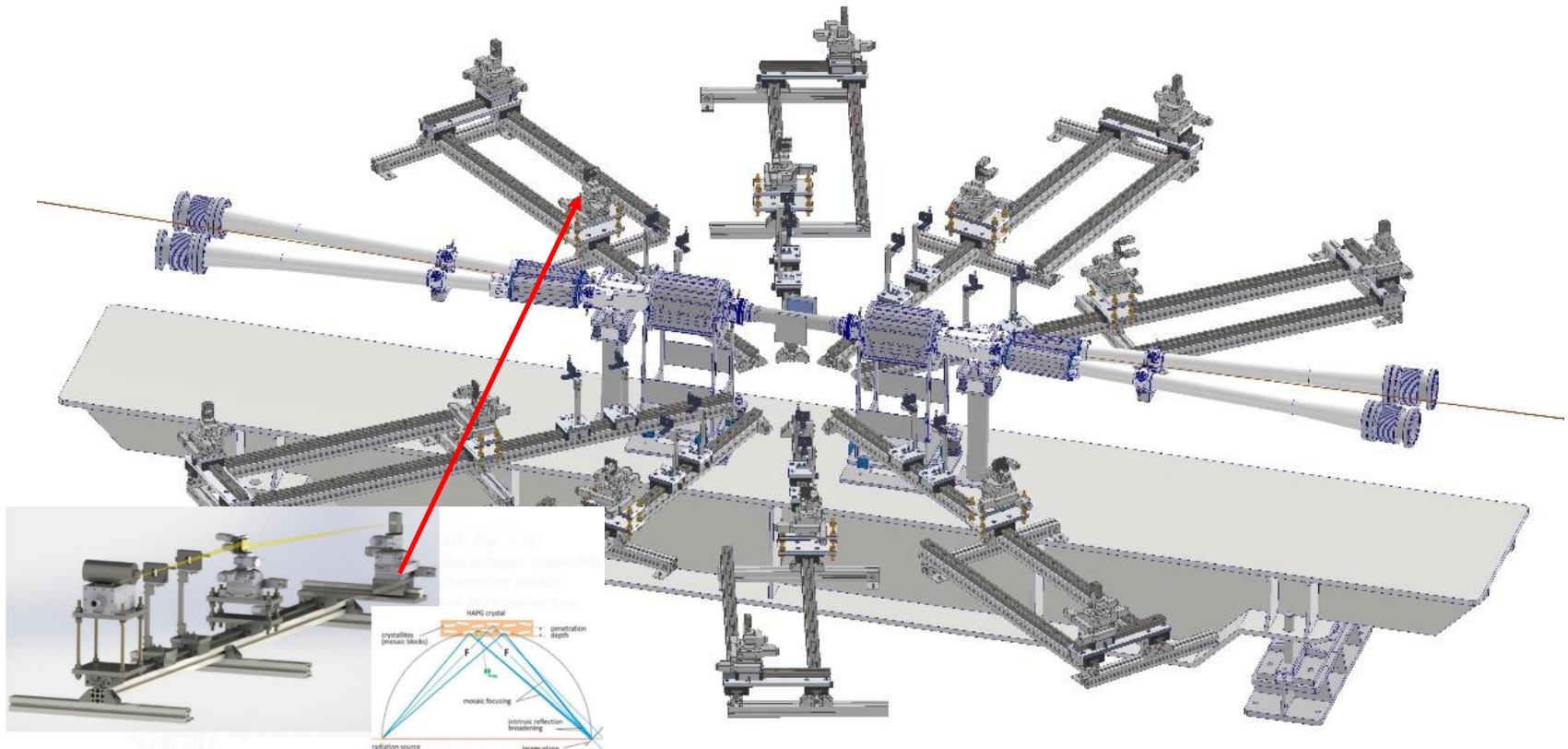
TPC developed by Sendai ELPH Japan, SMI-Vienna and LNF-INFN (HP2, HP3 EU)

KP nuclear scattering – feasibility for FUTURE MEASUREMENTS (2 years after KA)

**Total required integrated luminosity: 400 pb<sup>-1</sup>**



# Ultra-high precision measurements of kaonic atoms UHKA



HAPG mosaic crystals in Von Hamos configuration:  
 - Higher intrinsic reflectivity wrt standard crystals  
 - VH configuration to exploit sagittal focusing  
 - Optical optimisation to work with millimetric/centimetric sources



We proposed to perform fundamental Physics at the strangeness frontier at DAΦNE studies:

**High Precision Kaonic Atoms Measurements on**

**DAΦNE:**

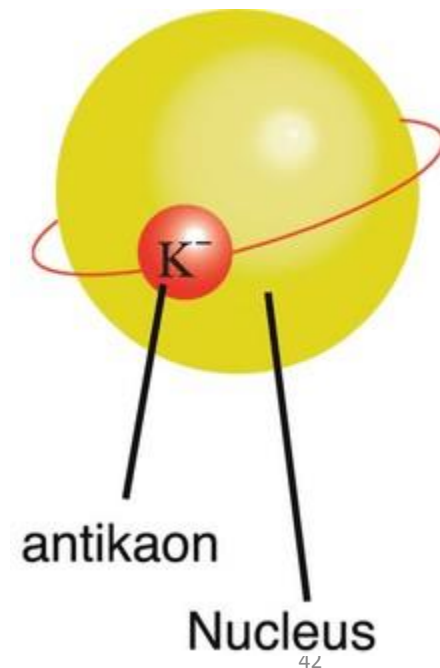
***The strangeness Mendeleev table***

We presented a program for performing unique measurements of kaonic atoms along the periodic table to contributing to understand physics going from the strong interaction (symmetry breaking) to neutron stars, and from Dark Matter to Physics Beyond Standard Model, setting LNF in forefront of these studied.

**Cascade calculations are FUNDAMENTAL**

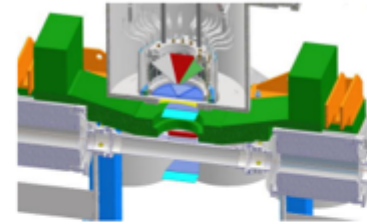
**Extensive Kaonic Atoms research:  
from *Lithium* and *Beryllium* to *Uranium***

***EXKALIBUR***





**We anticipate the request for an extension of run with same setup with solid targets**

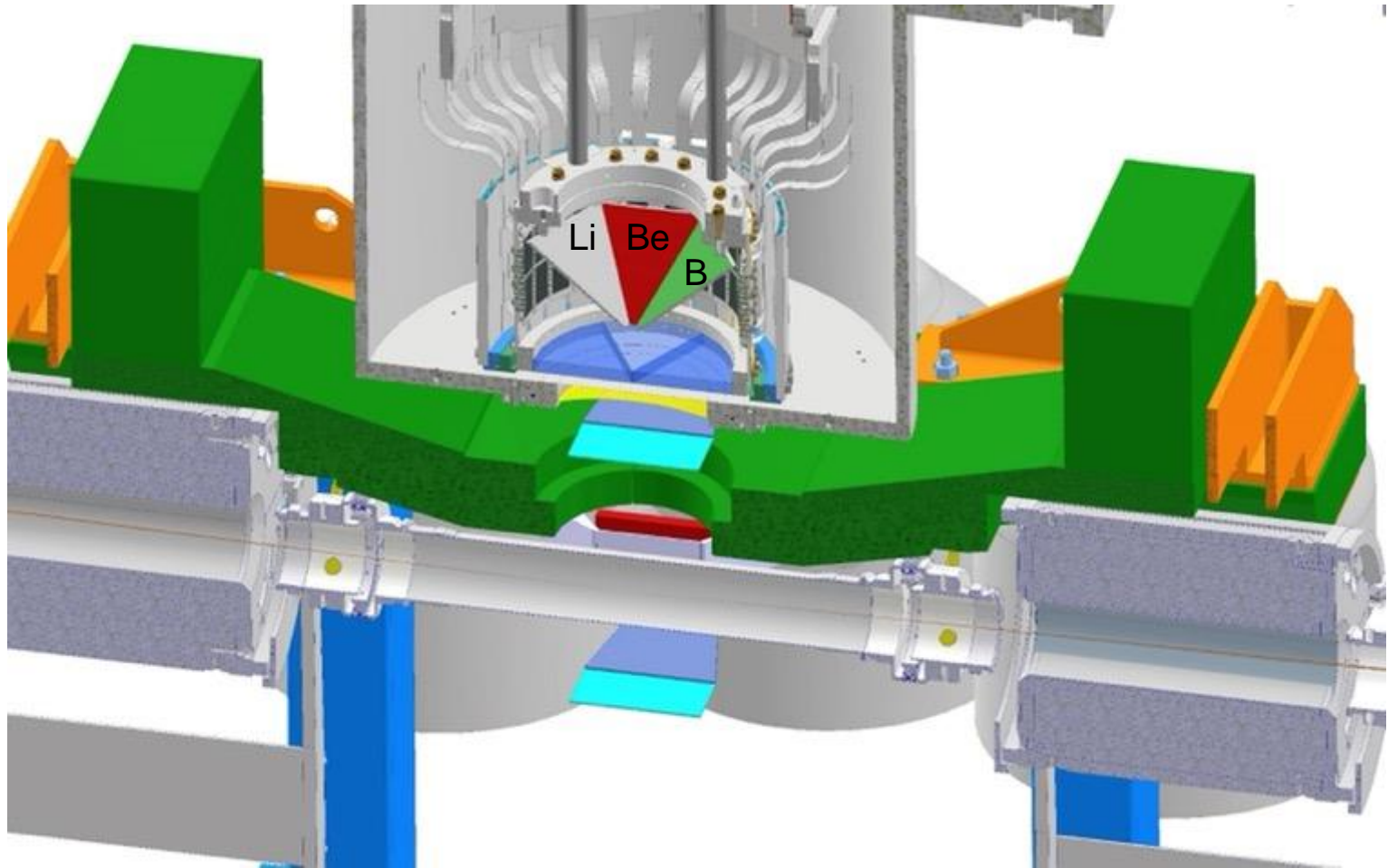


**Light Kaonic Atoms  
Measurements  
with  
SIDDHARTA-2  
after Kd run**

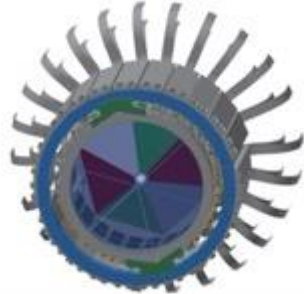
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*The SIDDHARTA-2 Collaboration*

Use of present SDDs: Solid target system for light kaonic atoms:  
e.g. **Li – Be - B** financed by INFN Nuclear physics (gr 3) as first  
step towards Future (see Curceanu talk)



# Solid target system for light kaonic atoms: e.g. Li – Be – B



## kaonic Li-transitions

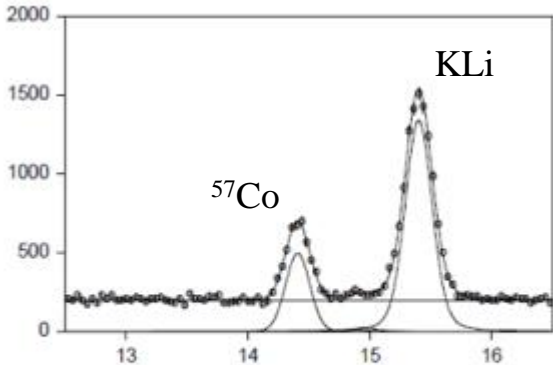
- 3-2 ~15 keV
- 4-2 ~21 keV
- 5-2 ~23 keV

- 4-3 ~ 5 keV
- 5-3 ~ 8 keV
- 6-3 ~ 9 keV

- 5-4 ~2.5 keV
- 6-4 ~ 4 keV

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KLi	V Int02= 10064.8 +- 183.1	Pos02= 15.4010 +- 0.0016	LG02= 0.0498 +- 0.0082	Sig02= 0.0991 cpl. Sig01
Y_Ka1	V Int03= 135.0 +- 37.5	Pos03= 14.9564 cpl. Pos01	LG03= 0.0000 fixed	Sig03= 0.0991 cpl. Sig01
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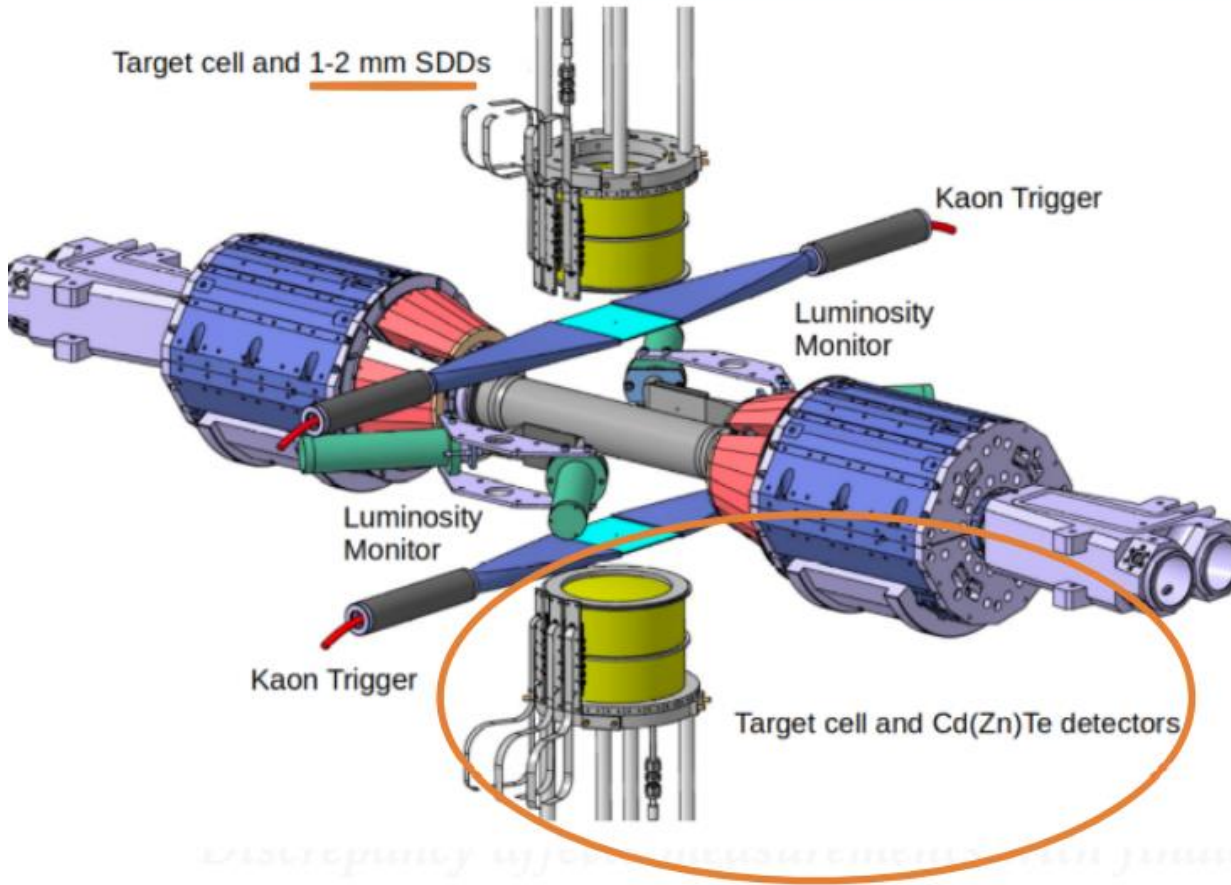
The energy spectra of light kaonic atom transitions for Li, Be and B targets below 17 keV can achieve a precision below 2-3 eV, for an integrated luminosity of **about 150 pb<sup>-1</sup>** (including calibrations and test).

We anticipate the request of this additional run post-SIDDHARTA-2

# Future Plans

Two most *Light Kaonic atoms measurements* compatible:  
the charged *K<sup>±</sup>*

**Targets :  ${}^3,4\text{He}$ ,  ${}^6,7\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^8,9\text{Be}$ ,  ${}^{10,11}\text{B}$**



HPGe Detector

- ${}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}$  ( $2p \rightarrow 1s$ ) transition: stronger constraints on the theoretical models describing the kaon-nucleon interaction in systems with more than two nucleons
- Information on the nature of the  $\Lambda(1405)$  state can be obtained from the upper-level transitions of light kaonic atoms

# Future Plans

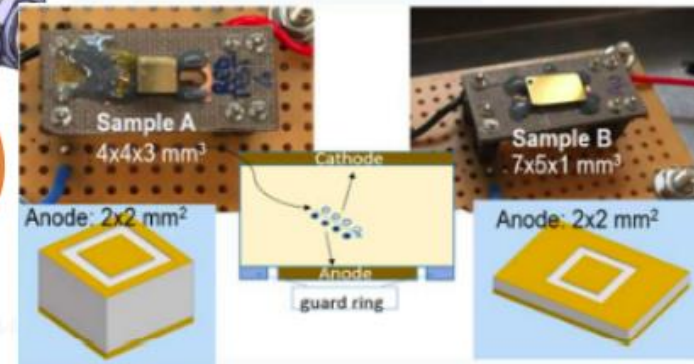
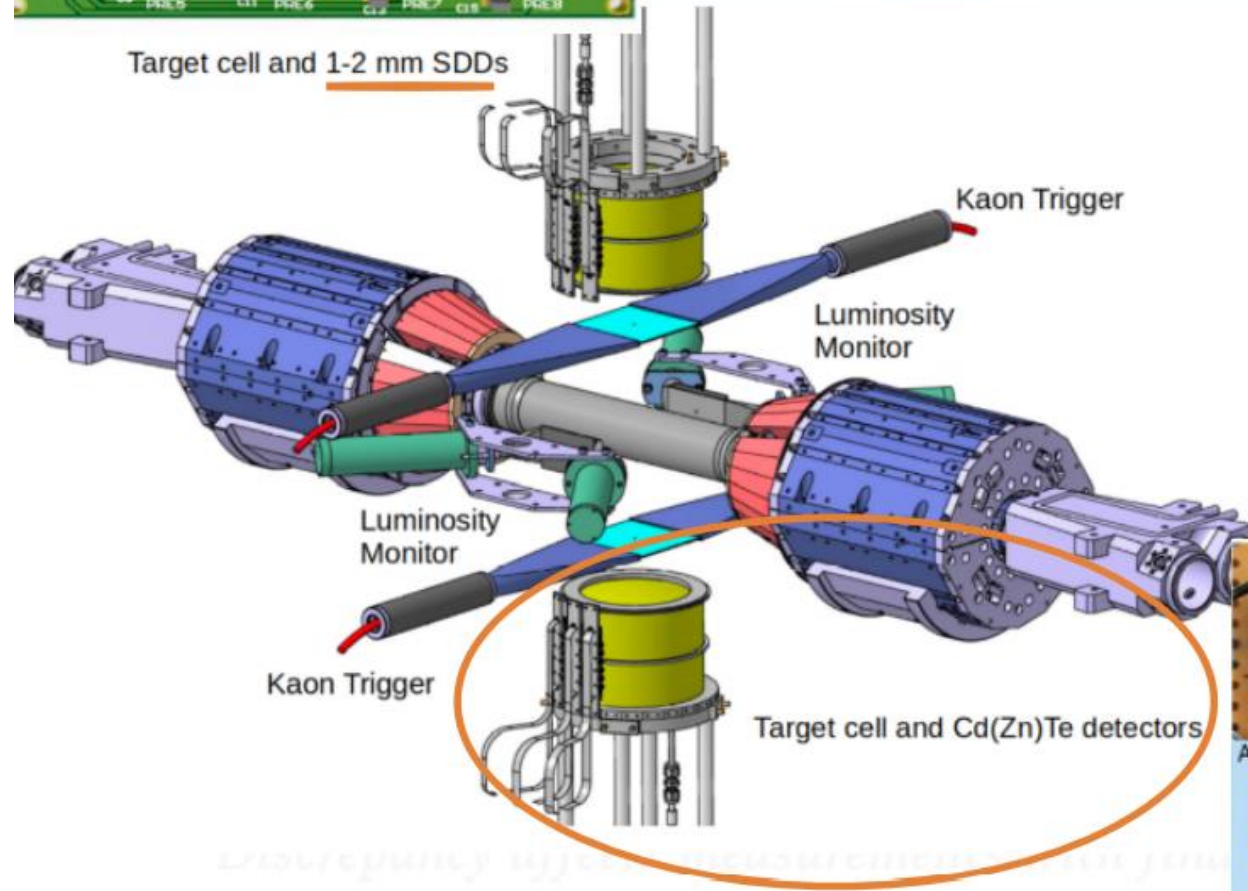
Light Kaonic atoms measurements *not compatible:*

**Targets :  $^3,4\text{He}$ ,  $^6,7\text{Li}$ ,  $^8,9\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10,11}\text{B}$**

Large Detector

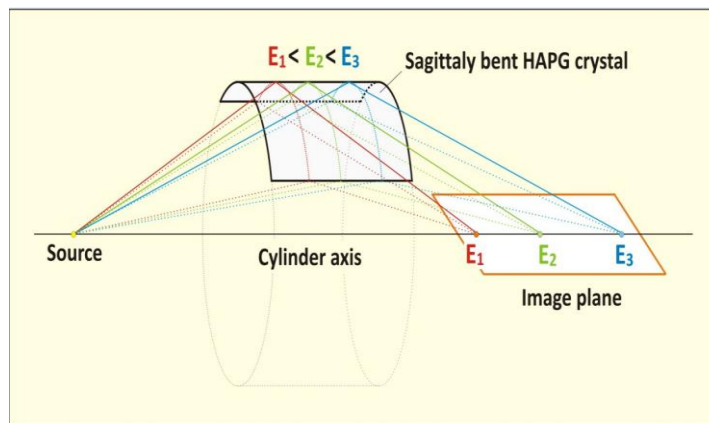
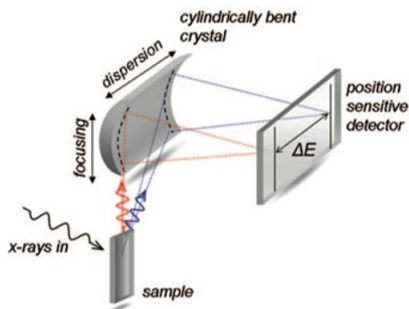
- $^3\text{He}, ^4\text{He}$  ( $2p \rightarrow 1s$ ) transition: stronger constraints on the theoretical models describing the kaon-nucleon interaction in systems with more than two nucleons

Target cell and 1-2 mm SDDs





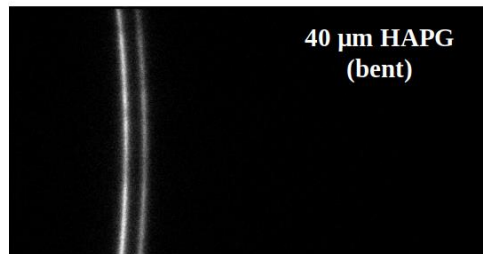
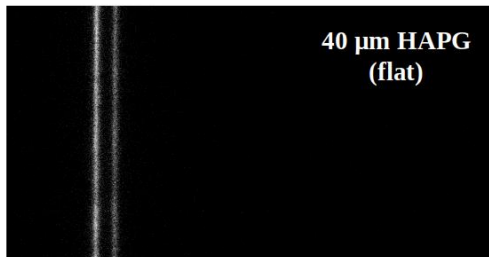




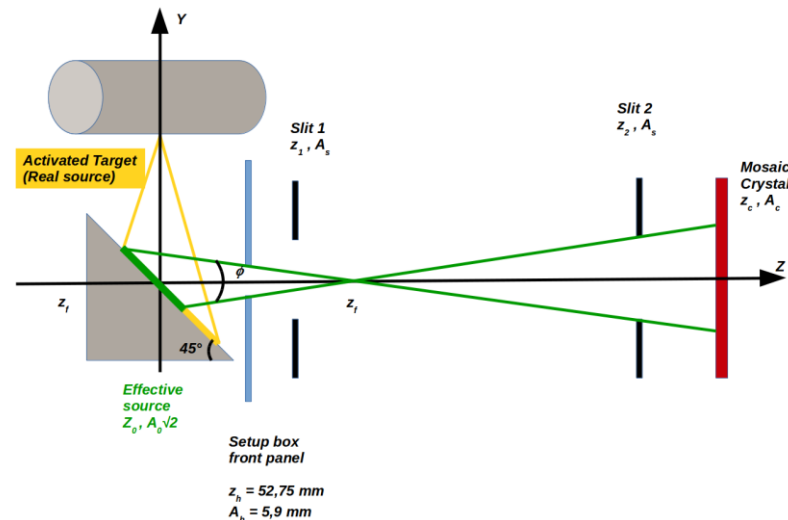
VH configuration can further improve the signal collection efficiency.

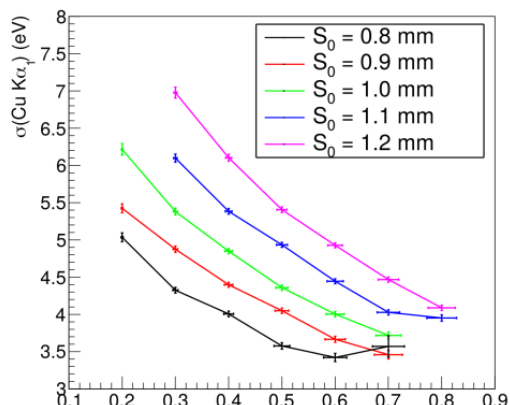
In this configuration, also the vertical dimension of the X-ray source can be exploited

distance:  $F = 400$  mm in (004)-reflexion @ 8 keV (Cu  $K_{\alpha}$ )



*Spectral resolution of bent HAPG/HOPG crystal is comparable to the flat one !*





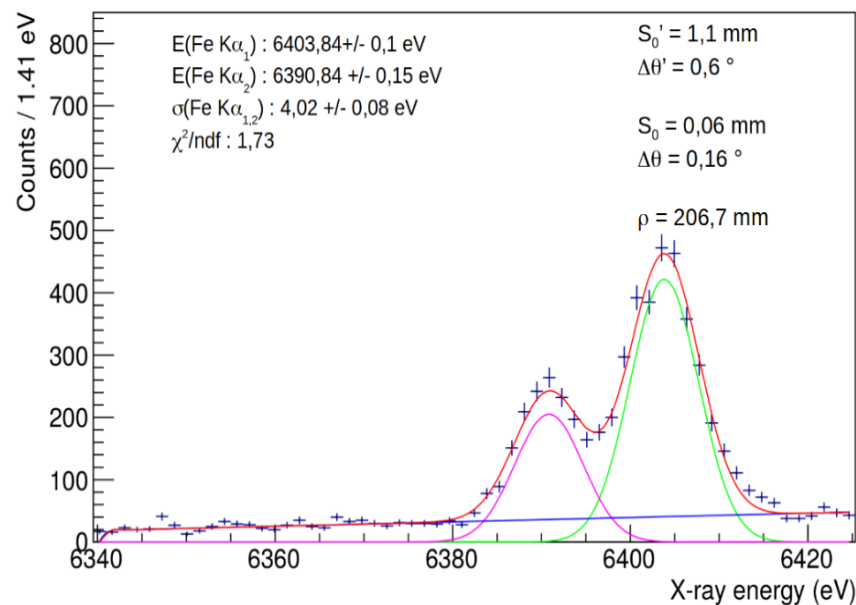
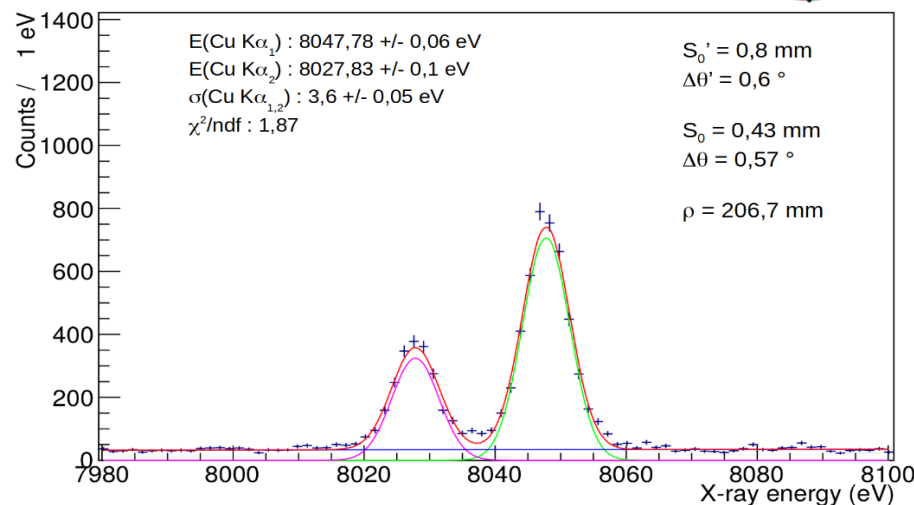
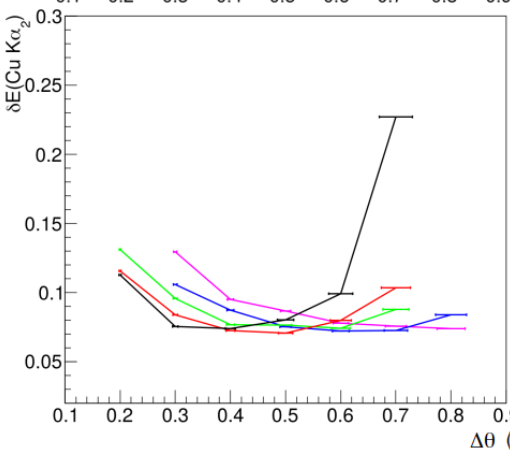
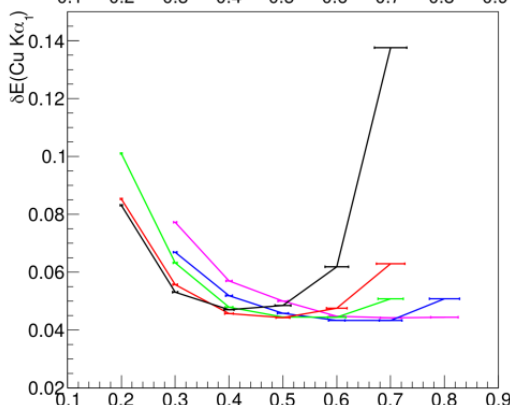
In the limit of a background free pure gaussian peak, the precision is related to the resolution via:

$$\delta E = \frac{\sigma E}{\sqrt{N}}$$

$$\frac{3,6}{\sqrt{4323}} = 0,0547 \text{ eV}$$

Given the energy and  $\rho_c$  it is always possible to find the optimal configuration to obtain the best peak position precision

Valid for all energies (tested for 6-20 keV)



Possible kaonic transitions to be measured with HAPG crystal spectrometer:

$K^3\text{He}(3 \rightarrow 2)$  : 6.2 keV  
 $K^3\text{He}(4 \rightarrow 2)$  : 8.4 keV  
 $K^3\text{He}(5 \rightarrow 2)$  : 9.4 keV  
 $K^3\text{He}(6 \rightarrow 2)$  : 9.9 keV  
 $K^3\text{He}(7 \rightarrow 2)$  : 10.2 keV

$K^4\text{He}(3 \rightarrow 2)$  : 6.4 keV  
 $K^4\text{He}(4 \rightarrow 2)$  : 8.7 keV  
 $K^4\text{He}(5 \rightarrow 2)$  : 9.7 keV  
 $K^4\text{He}(6 \rightarrow 2)$  : 10.3 keV  
 $K^4\text{He}(7 \rightarrow 2)$  : 10.7 keV

$KN(6 \rightarrow 5)$  : 7.6 keV  
 $KN(7 \rightarrow 5)$  : 12.1 keV  
 $KN(8 \rightarrow 5)$  : 15.1 keV  
 $KN(7 \rightarrow 6)$  : 4.6 keV  
 $KN(8 \rightarrow 6)$  : 7.5 keV  
 $KN(9 \rightarrow 6)$  : 9.6 keV  
 $KN(10 \rightarrow 6)$  : 11 keV  
 $KN(11 \rightarrow 6)$  : 12.1 keV  
 $KN(10 \rightarrow 7)$  : 6.5 keV  
 $KN(11 \rightarrow 7)$  : 7.5 keV  
 $KN(12 \rightarrow 7)$  : 8.3 keV

## Expected Impact:

- **Kaon mass measurements** from different lines in parallel
- **Cascade processes**
- Impact on dark matter search driven experiments using exotic atoms in space (accurate cascade models calculations)
- Upper level measurements with very small  $\Gamma$
- Proton radius puzzle (???)

Manifestation of interest from international institution and research centers (PSI, ...)

## Feasibility:

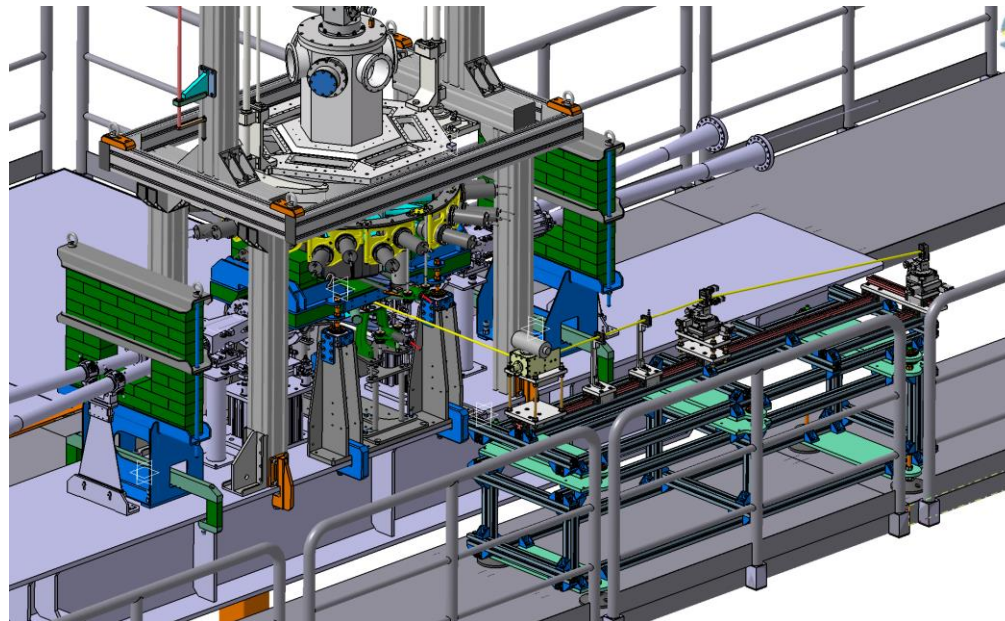
- Working principle tested in laboratory
- Dependence from HAPG parameters well investigated and published (thickness, mosaicity, ...)
- Consistent Ray Tracing simulations available
- Few eV resolutions confirmed for solid sources with millimetric dimensions

# VOXES: a possible preliminary run



First run with KC for a feasibility test and background evaluation

- Available:
- 1) Multi - Crystal support structure
  - 2) Target (Solid or Liquid/Gas)
  - 3) Optics
  - 4) Alignment support
  - 5) Target box
  - 6) Detector
  - 7) DAQ (integ. KM)



- Future implementations:
- Shielding around Detector
  - Solid support structure

Possible run in parallel with SIDDHARTA-2 @ LNF  
in spring 2022

## *X-ray detectors:*

- *Silicon Drift Detectors (0.5, 1 mm)*
- *Cd(Zn)Te*
- *HPGe*
- *VOXES*

*We are also doing tests on quantum mechanics (VIP experiment) – if interested ask me 😊*

*There are a plethora of other applications (food quality, medicine, industrial) – IDEAS?*