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High precision kaonic atoms X-ray spectroscopy with the SIDDHARTA-2 experiment at the DAFNE collider



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**Silicon Drift Detectors for Hadronic Atom
Research by Timing Application**

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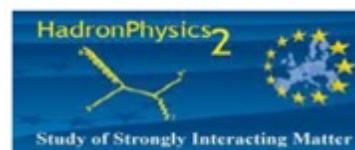
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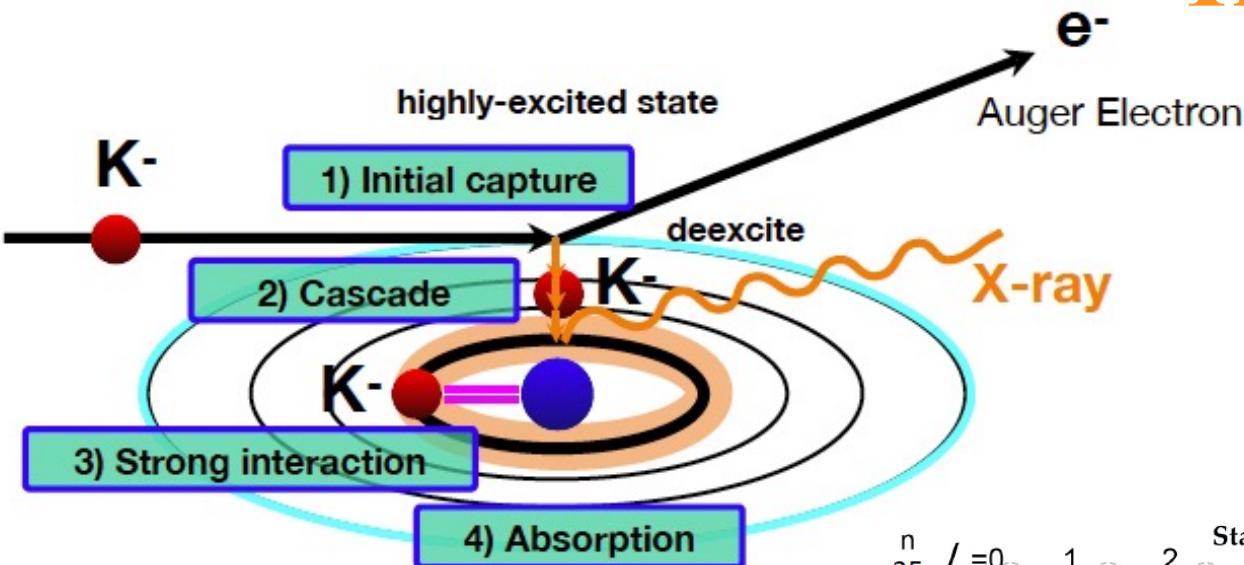
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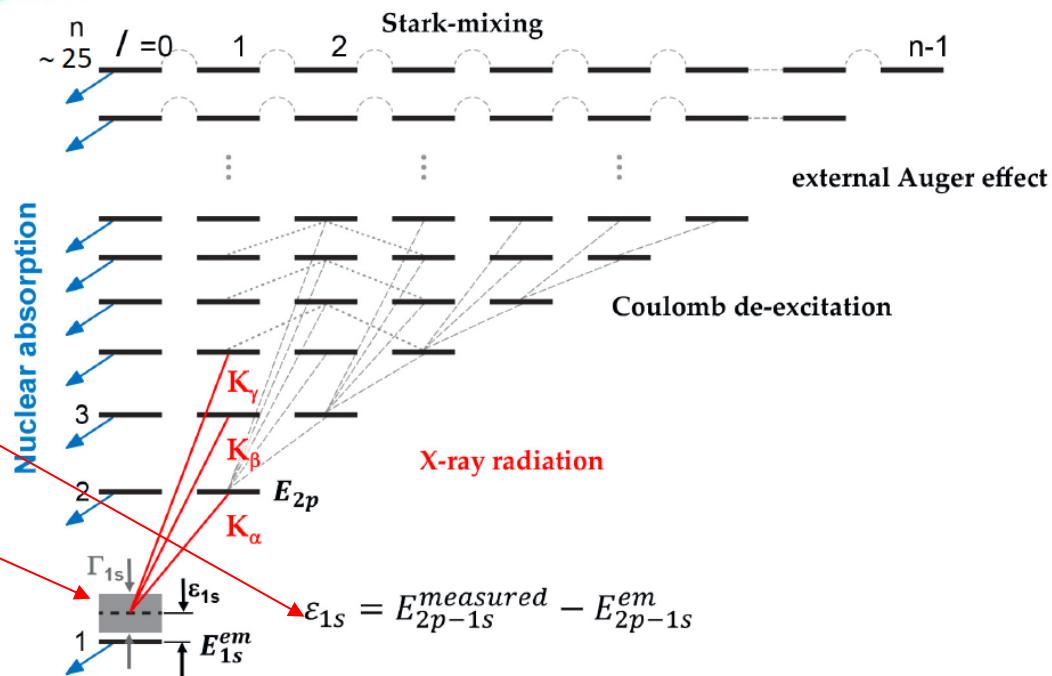
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Kaonic Atom



Strong interaction induced width Γ and shift ε obtained by measuring the X-rays emitted



Scientific Goal

To perform the first measurement ever of kaonic deuterium X-ray transition to the ground state (1s-level) such as to determine its shift and width induced by the presence of the strong interaction.



Analysis of the combined measurements of kaonic deuterium and kaonic hydrogen

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

(μ_c reduced mass of the K-p system, α fine-structure constant)

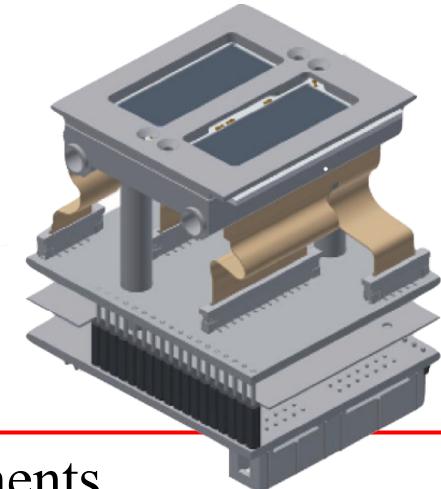
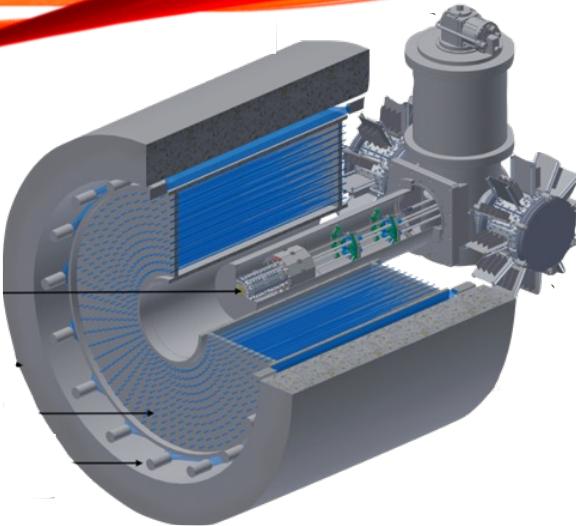
U.-G. Meißner, U.Raha, A.Rusetsky, Eur. phys. J. C35 (2004) 349
next-to-leading order, including isospin breaking

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



$$a_{K^- d} = \frac{k}{2} [a_{K^- p} + a_{K^- n}] + C = \frac{k}{4} [a_0 + 3a_1] + C$$
$$k = \frac{4[m_n + m_K]}{[2m_n + m_K]}$$

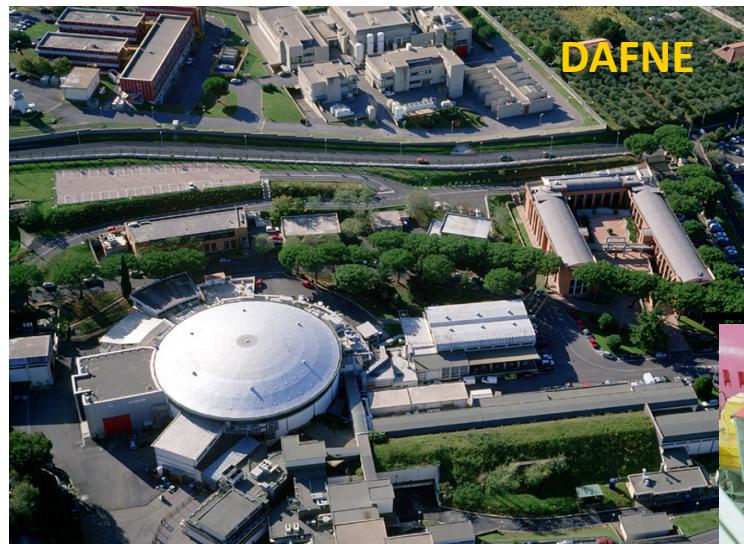
Experimental determination of the isospin-dependent
K-N scattering length



The modern era of light kaonic atom experiments

Catalina Curceanu, Carlo Guaraldo, Mihail Iliescu, Michael Cargnelli, Ryugo Hayano, Johann Marton, Johann Zmeskal, Tomoichi Ishiwatari, Masa Iwasaki, Shinji Okada, Diana Laura Sirghi, and Hideyuki Tatsuno

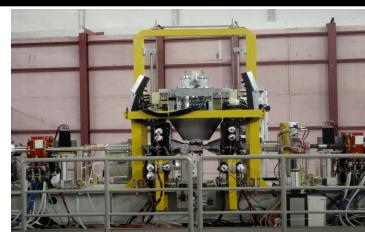
Rev. Mod. Phys. **91**, 025006 – Published 20 June 2019



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**SIDDHARTA
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**SIDDHARTA-2
2022**



LNF – e^+e^- Accelerator Complex

- $\Phi \rightarrow K^- K^+$ (48.9%)
- Monochromatic low-energy K^- (~ 127 MeV/c ; $\Delta p/p = 0.1\%$)
- Less hadronic background compared to hadron beam line

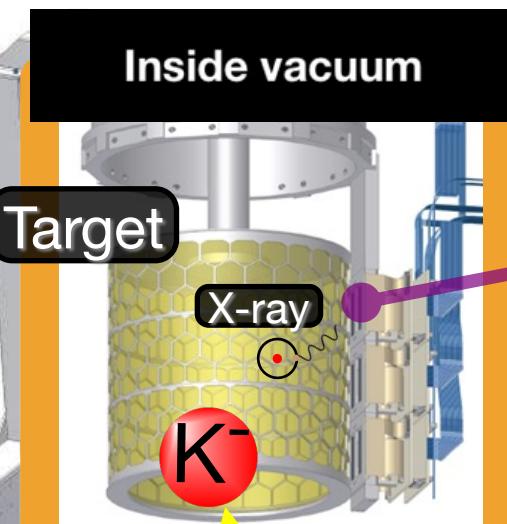


Suitable for low-energy kaon physics:
kaonic atoms
Kaon-nucleons/nuclei interaction studies

The SIDDHARTA Experiment (2009)

Silicon Drift Detectors

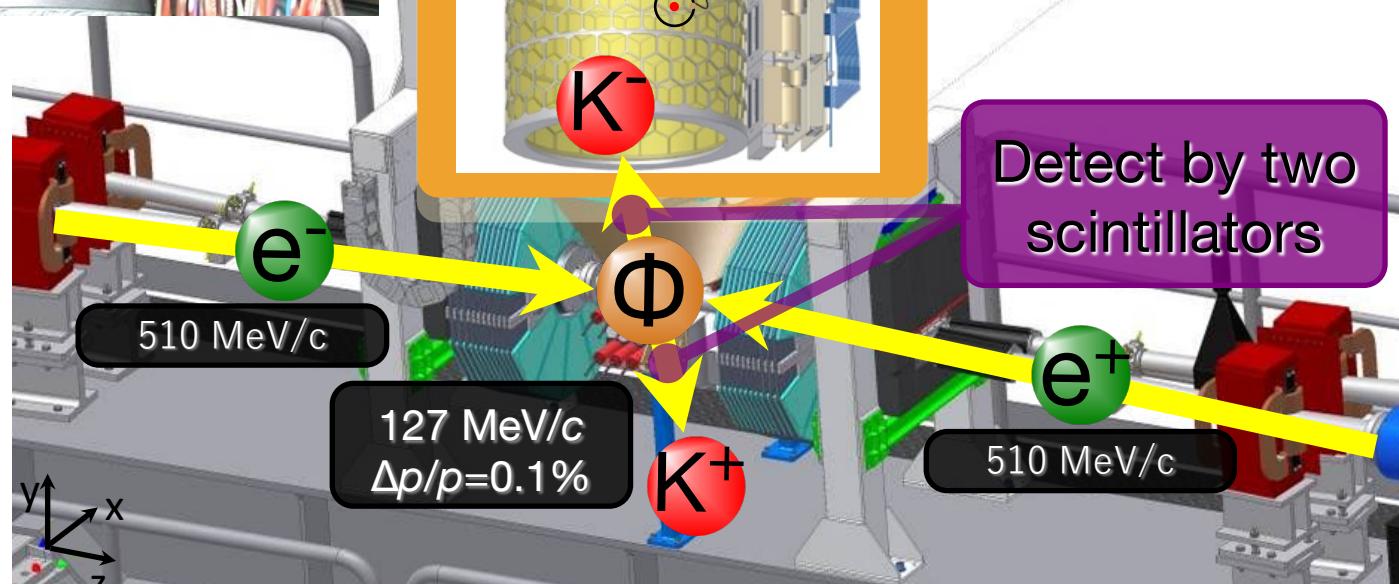
1 cm² x 144 SDDs



Target

Inside vacuum

Detect
by SDDs



Detect by two
scintillators

510 MeV/c

127 MeV/c
 $\Delta p/p=0.1\%$

e^-

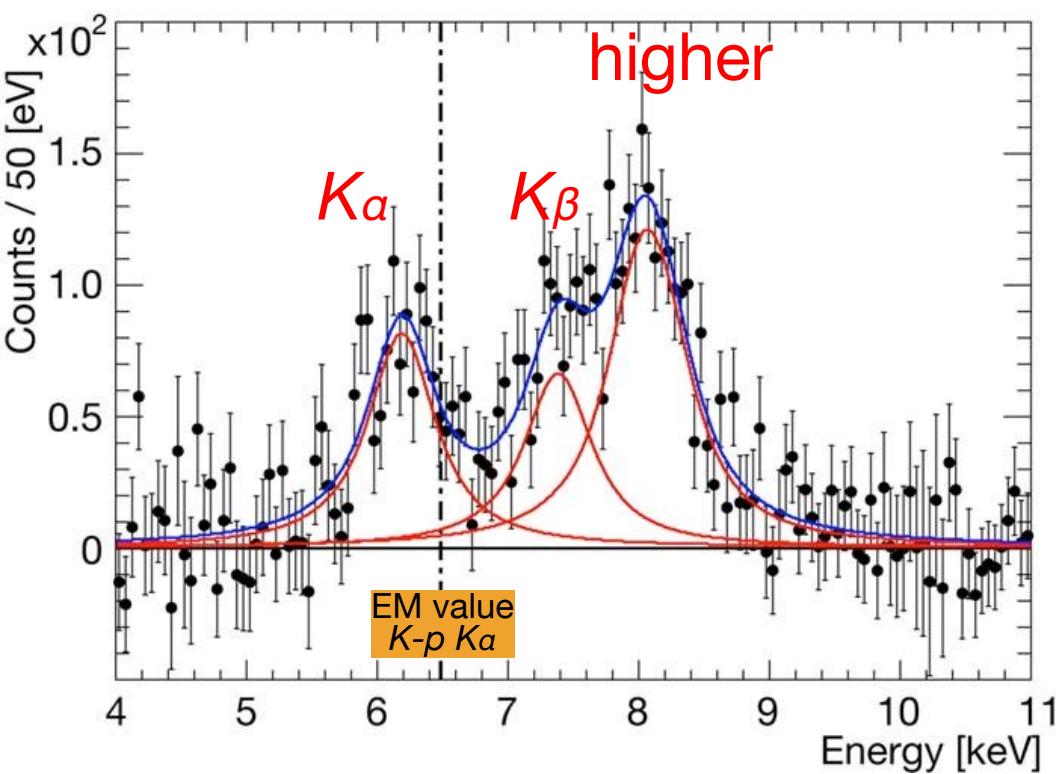
510 MeV/c

K^+

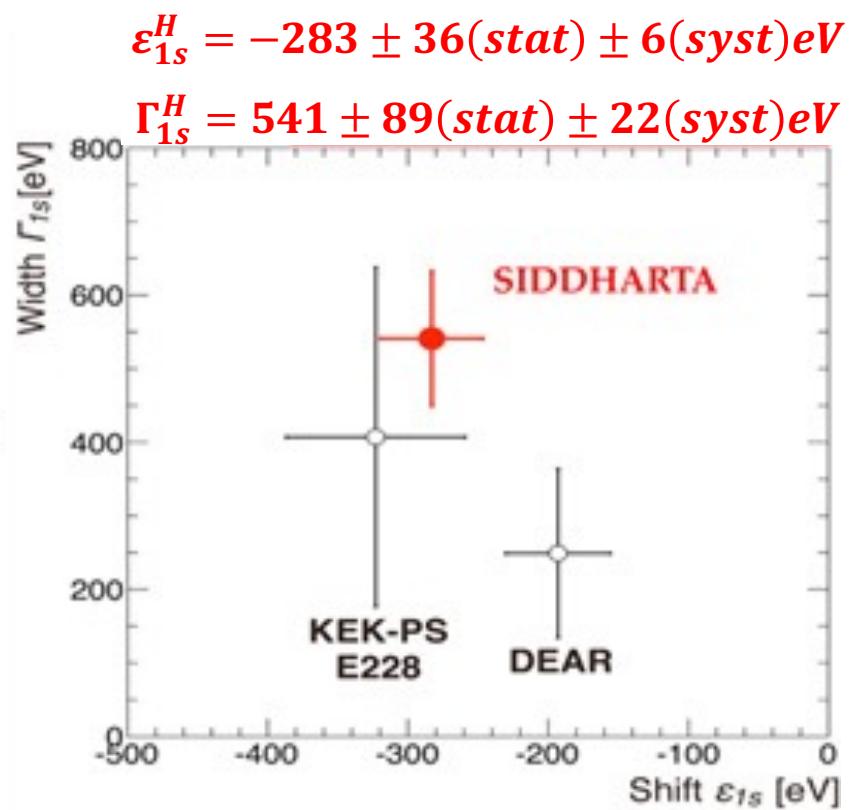
e^+

The SIDDHARTA Experiment (2009)

Kaonic hydrogen

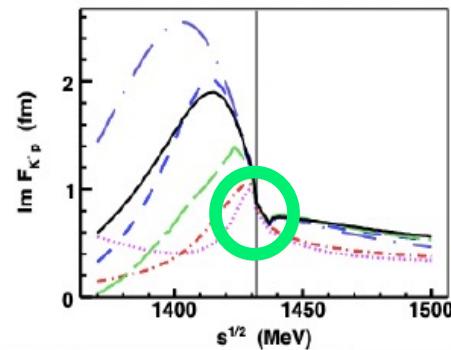
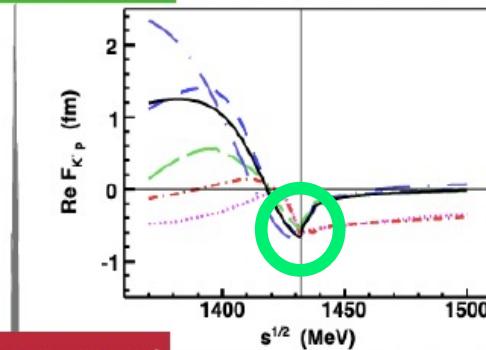


C. Curceanu et al., *Phys. Lett. B* **704** (2011) 113



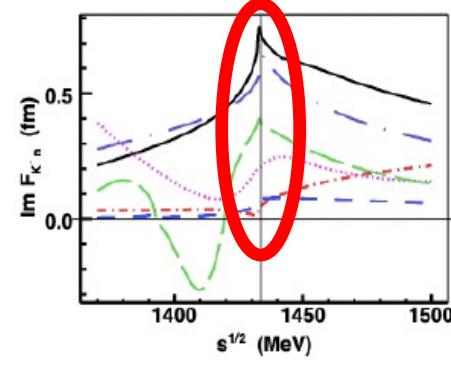
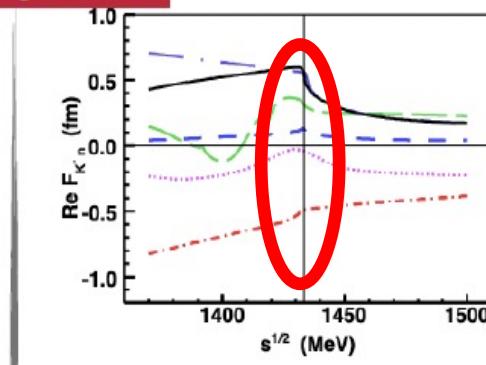
Kaon nucleon scattering amplitude

K-p: agreement



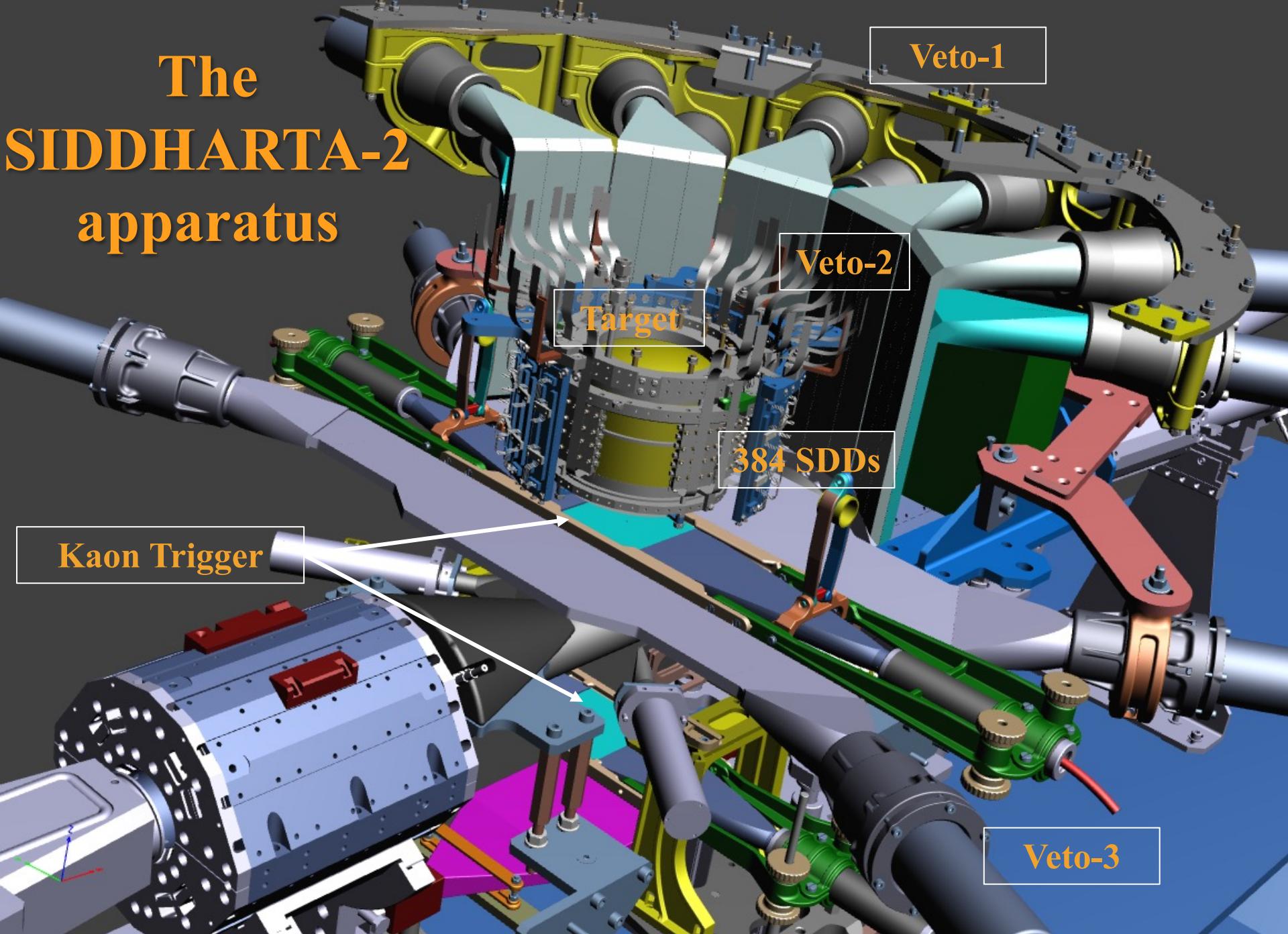
Bonn (B_2)
Bonn (B_4)
Murcia (M_I)
Murcia (M_{II})
Prague (P_{NLO})
Kyoto-Munich ($KMNLO$)

K-n: disagreement

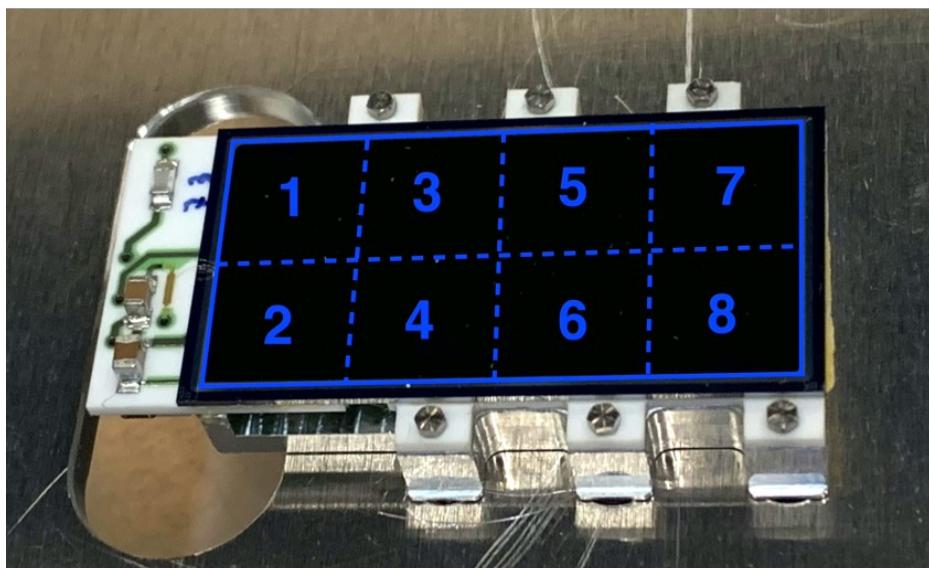


A. Cieplý, M. Mai, Ulf-G. Meißner, J. Smejkal, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.02531v2>

The SIDDHARTA-2 apparatus



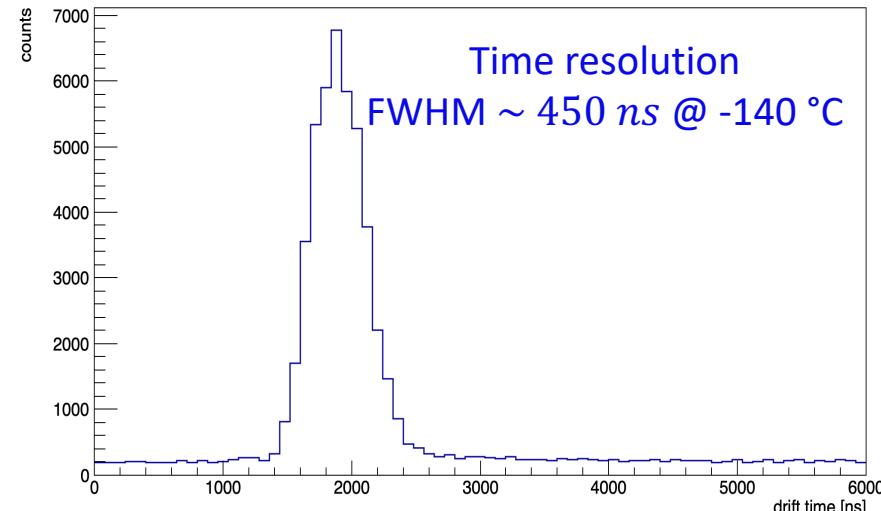
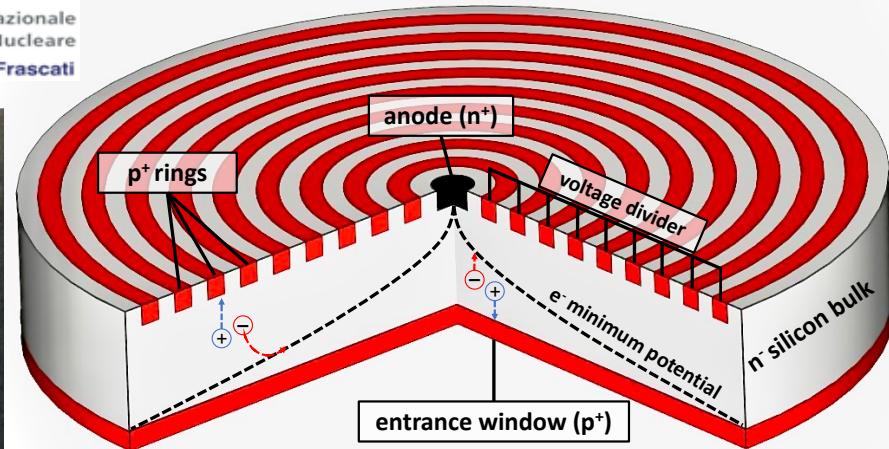
Silicon Drift Detectors



48 arrays with 8 SDD units (0.64 cm^2)
for a total active area of 246 cm^2

The thickness of $450 \mu\text{m}$ ensures a high
collection efficiency for X-rays of energy
between 5 keV and 12 keV

M Miliucci *et al* 2021 *Meas. Sci. Technol.* **32** 095501



F Sgaramella *et al* 2022 *Phys. Scr.* **97** 114002

SIDDHARTINO (2021)

The degrader optimization

Degrader optimization: sensitivity to 100 microns over all material budget (about 4 mm materials of various densities)! – a very delicate and fundamental operation (knowledge of material budget at 2.5 % level)

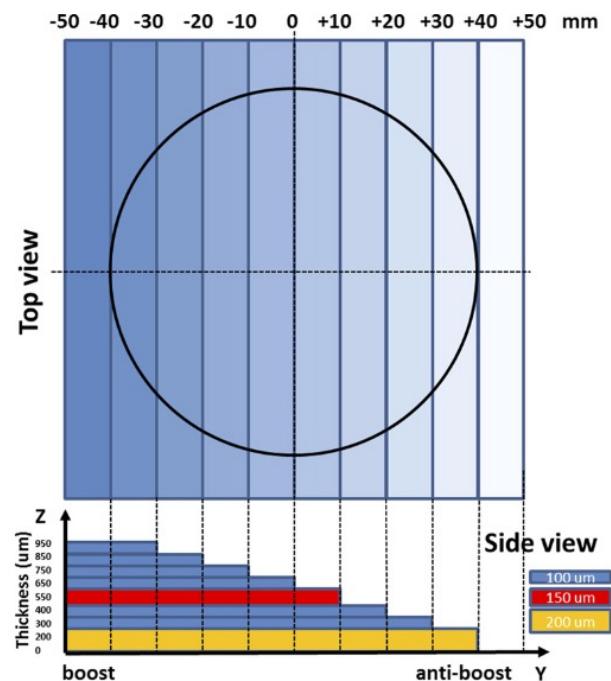
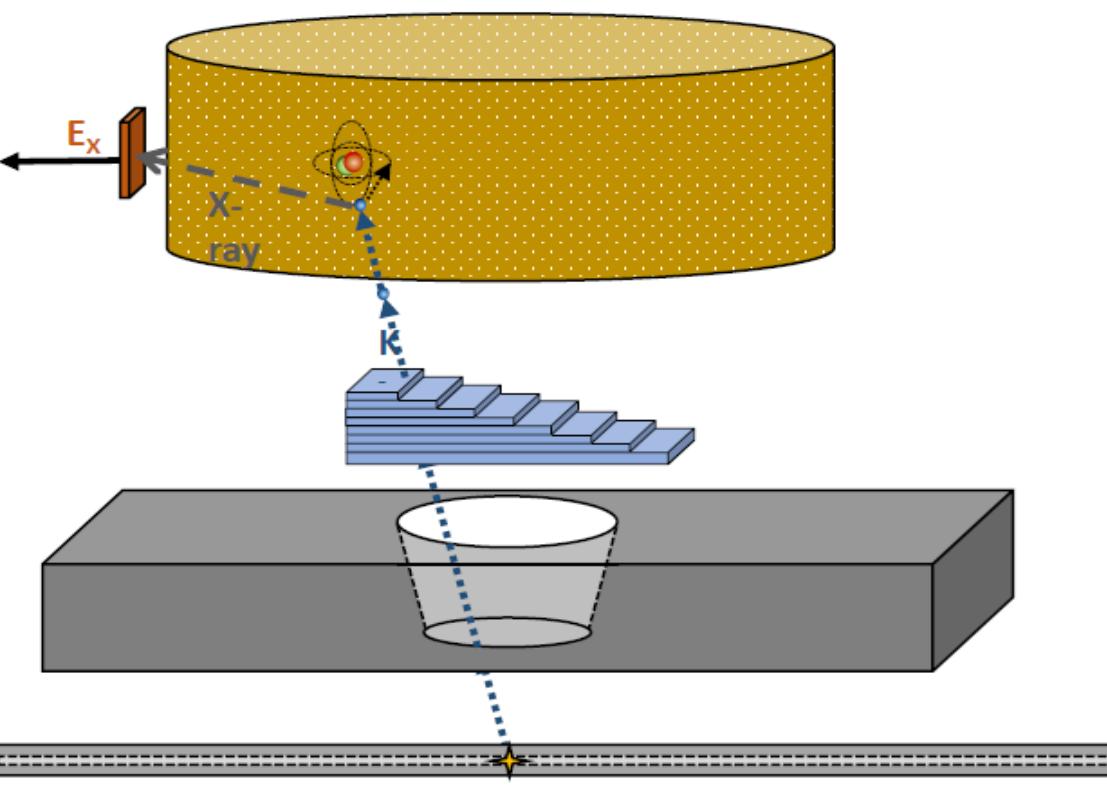


Figure 6. Nearest to optimal configuration of the Mylar degrader: the circle represents the size of the entrance window of the vacuum chamber; direction 'Y' points to the outer side of the DAFNE ring, corresponding to the anti-boost side for kaons. The degrader has eight steps to compensate for the boost effect, with thicknesses shown in the lower part of the figure.

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The kaonic ${}^4\text{He}$ 3d->2p (L_α) measurement

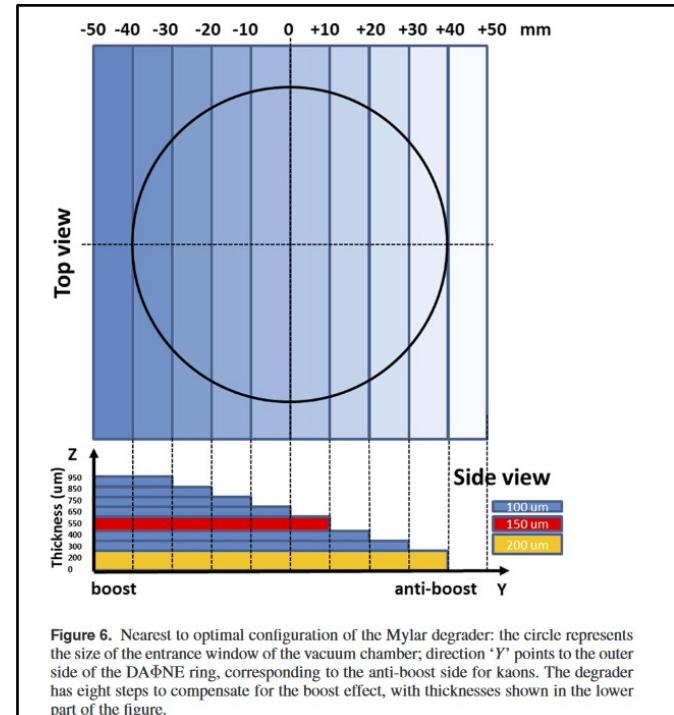
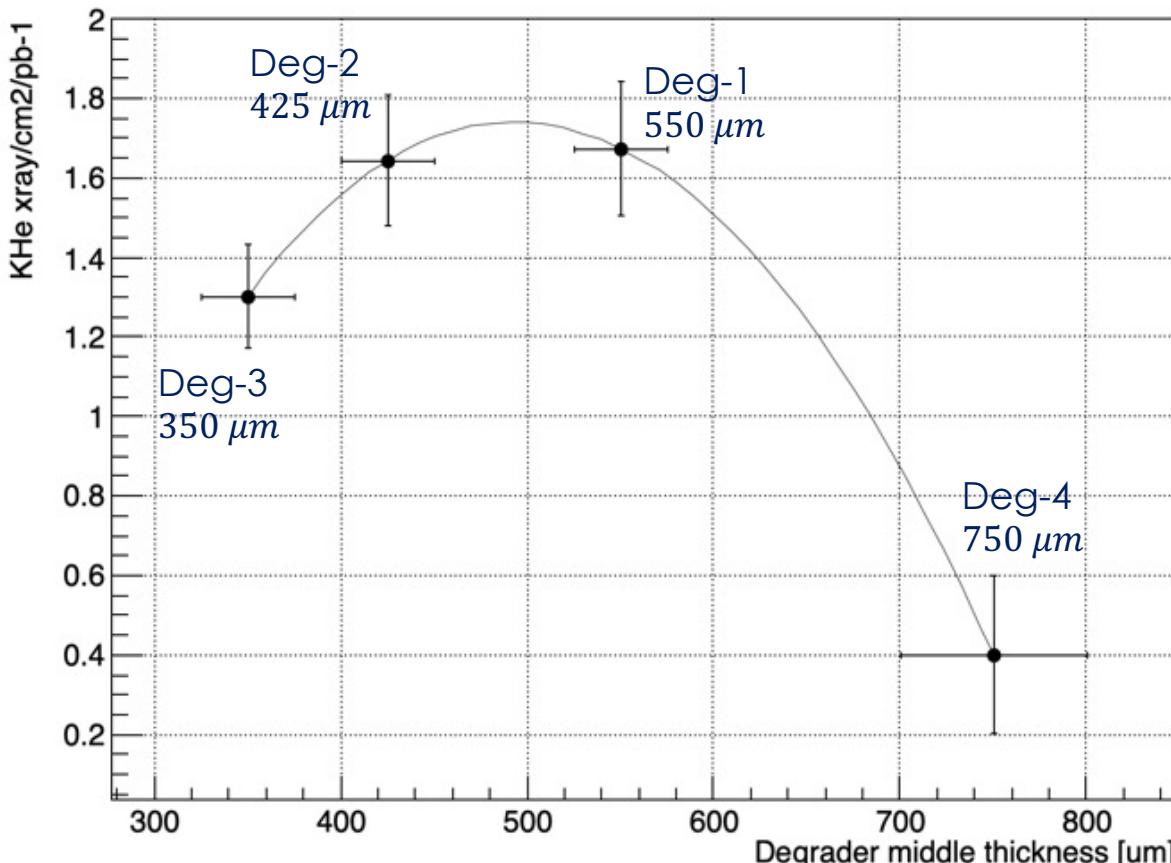


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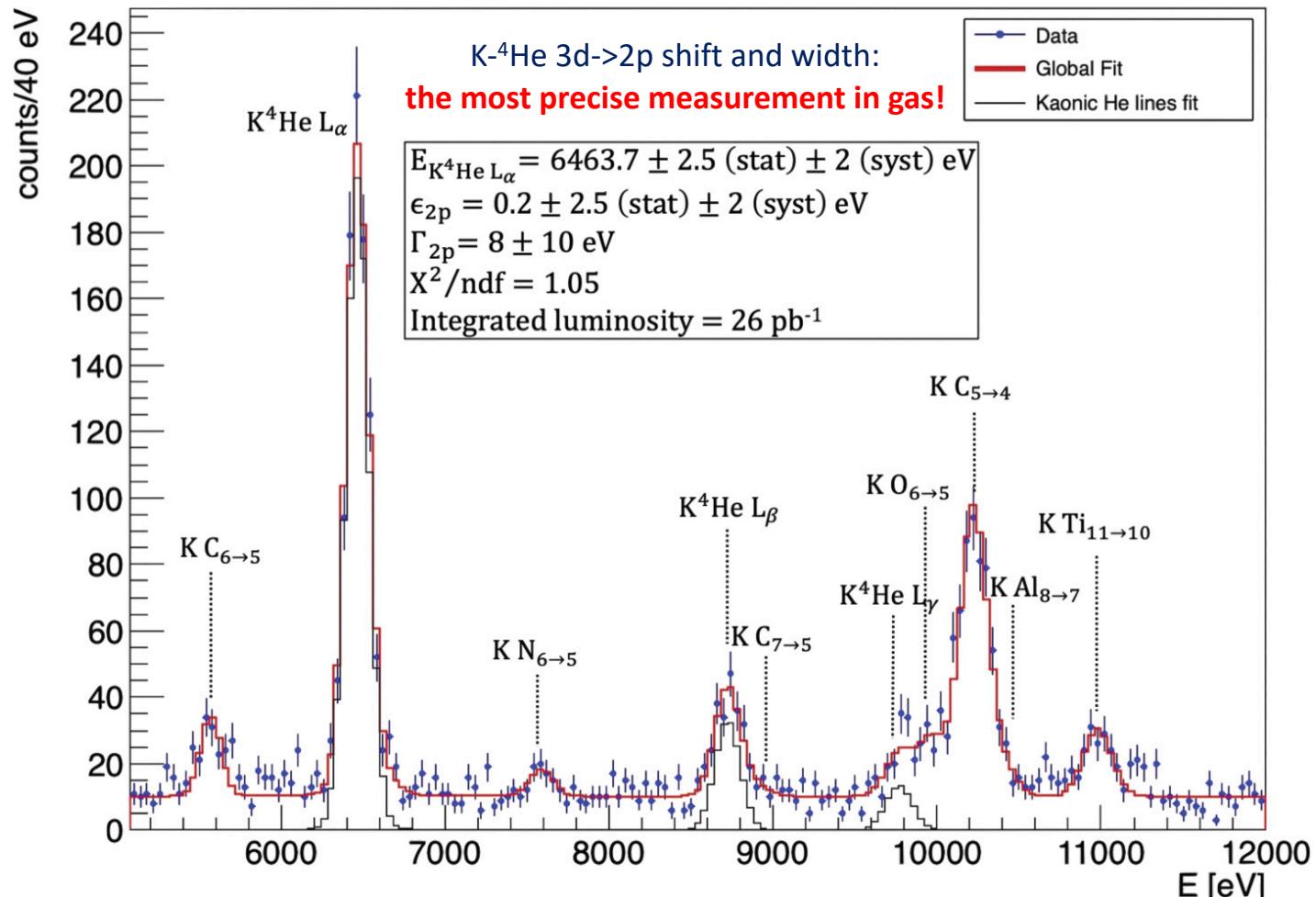
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**A new kaonic helium measurement in gas
by SIDDHARTINO at the DAΦNE collider***

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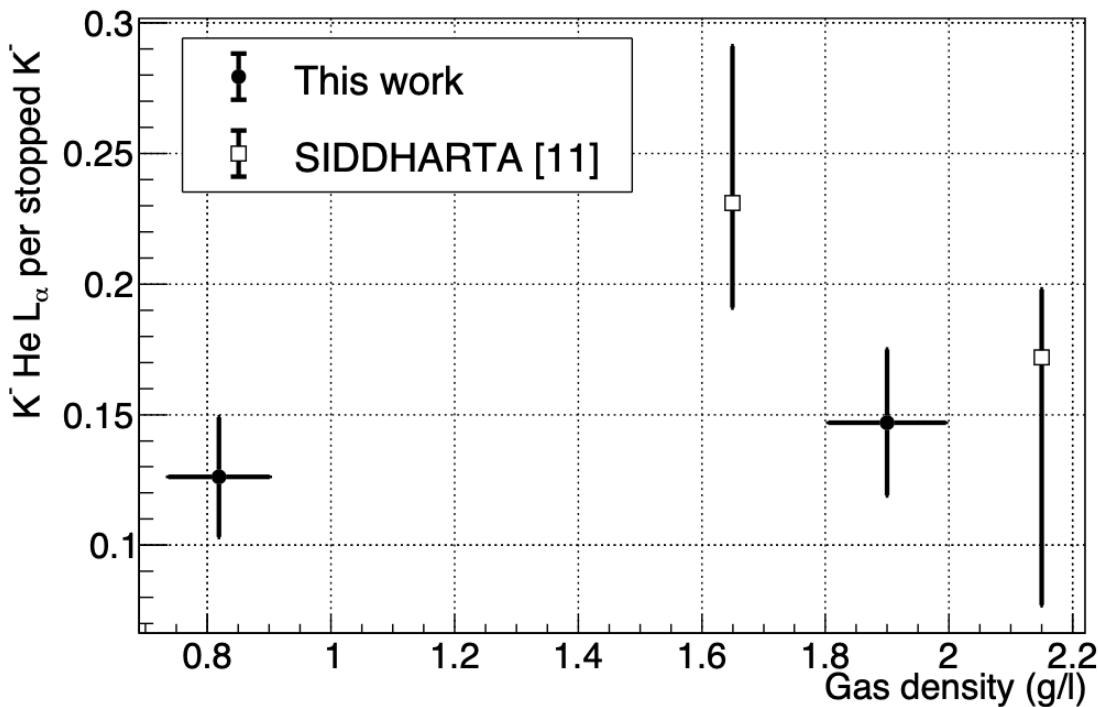
The kaonic ${}^4\text{He}$ $3\text{d} \rightarrow 2\text{p}$ (L_α) measurement



D Sirghi *et al* 2022 *J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys.* **49** 055106

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The kaonic ${}^4\text{He}$ yield measurement



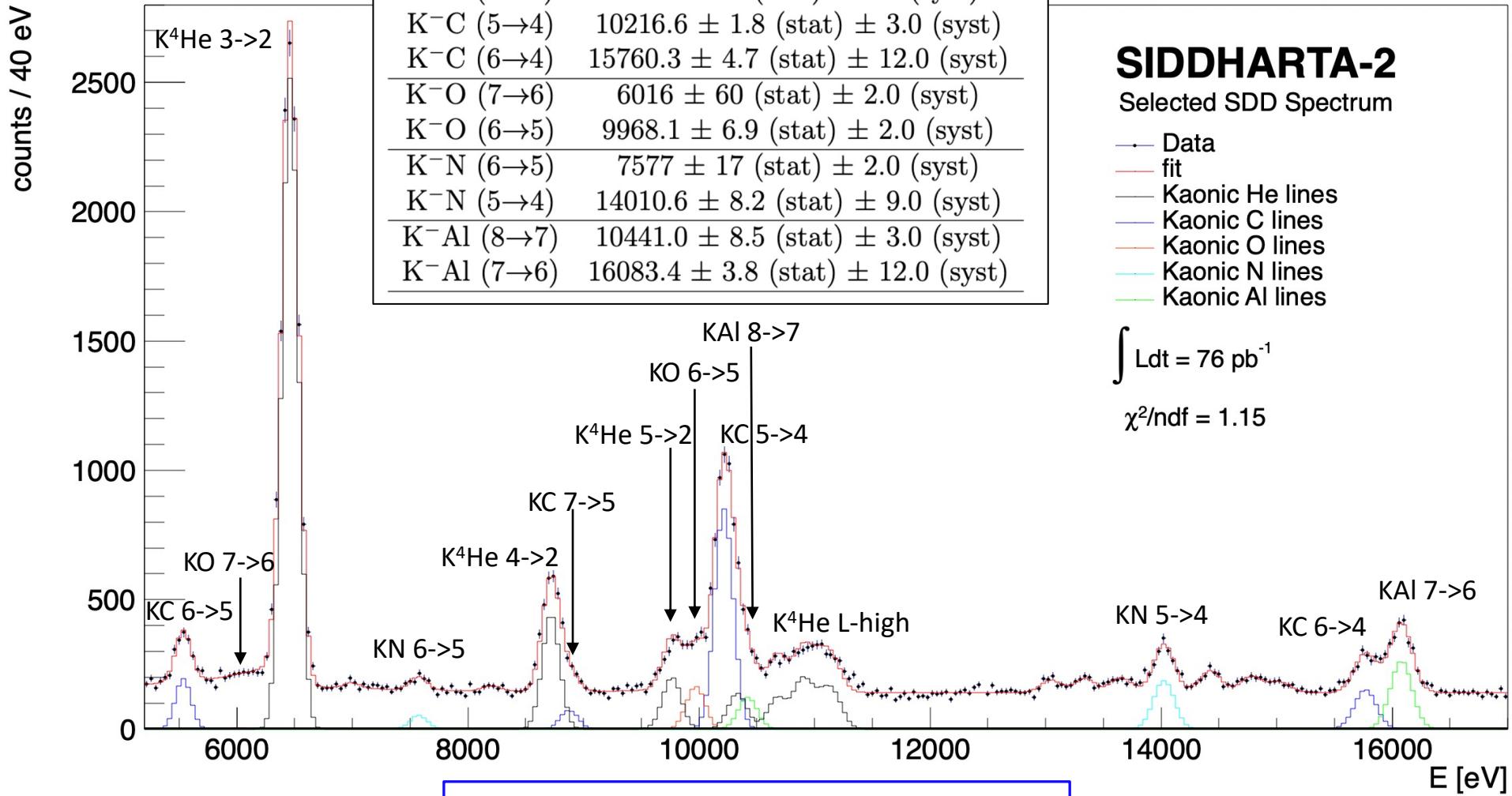
K- ${}^4\text{He}$ LOW DENSITY RUN: 0.75% LIQUID
HELIUM DENSITY -> YIELDS AT LOWEST
MEASURED DENSITY

D.L. Sirghi, et al. Nuclear Physics A 1029 (2023) 122567

	Density	1.90 g/l	0.82 g/l
L_α yield	0.148 ± 0.027	0.126 ± 0.023	
L_β/L_α	0.193 ± 0.042	0.133 ± 0.037	
L_γ/L_α	0.035 ± 0.015	not detected	

Measurements of high-n transitions in intermediate mass kaonic atoms

SIDDHARTA-2
(2022)



Sgaramella, F., al. Eur. Phys. J. A 59, 56 (2023)

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Kaonic ${}^4\text{He}$ – M-type transitions

Line	Energy [eV]
$\text{K}^{-} {}^4\text{He} \text{M}_{\beta}$	$3300.8 \pm 13.2 \text{ (stat)} \pm 2.0 \text{ (sys)}$
$\text{K}^{-} {}^4\text{He} \text{M}_{\gamma}$	$3860.4 \pm 13.6 \text{ (stat)} \pm 2.2 \text{ (sys)}$
$\text{K}^{-} {}^4\text{He} \text{M}_{\eta}$	$4214.1 \pm 19.6 \text{ (stat)} \pm 2.2 \text{ (sys)}$

KHe 6->3
(M_{γ})

KHe 7->3
(M_{η})

KHe 8->3
4435.4 eV

KHe 9->3
4587.3 eV

KHe 11->3
4696.6 eV

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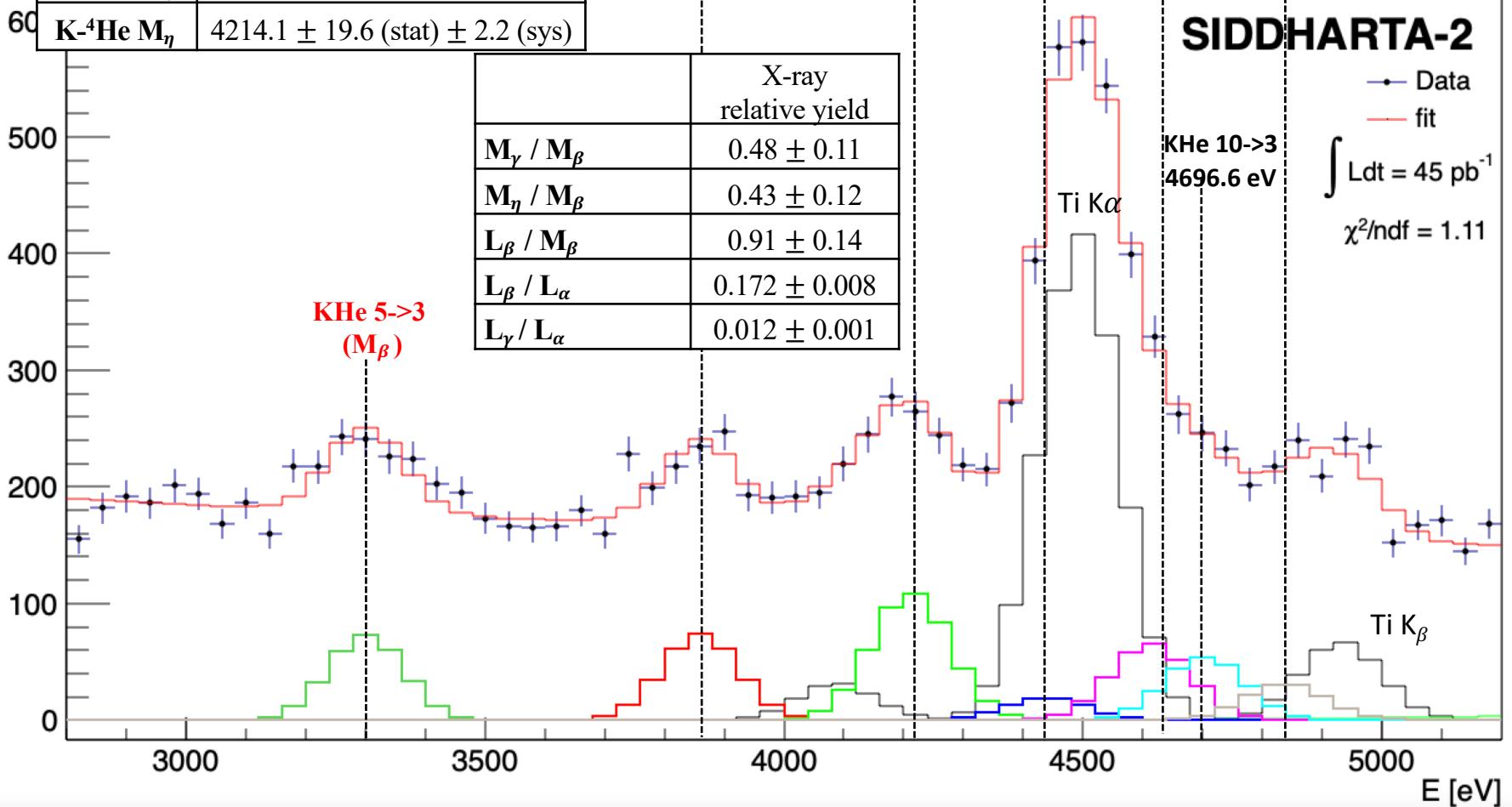
— Data
— fit
 $\int \text{Ldt} = 45 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

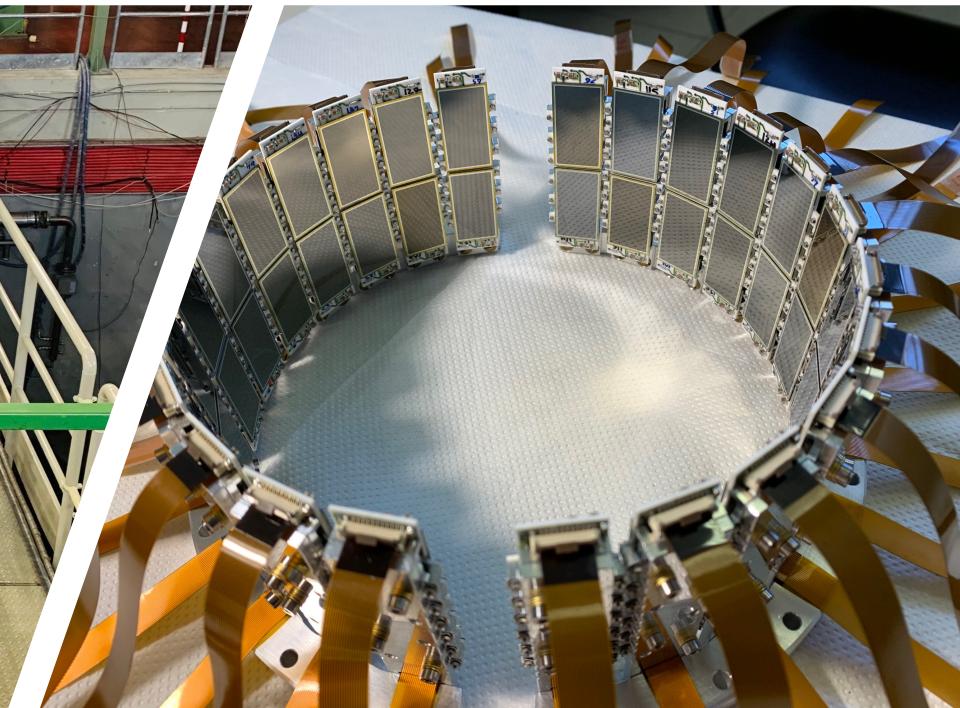
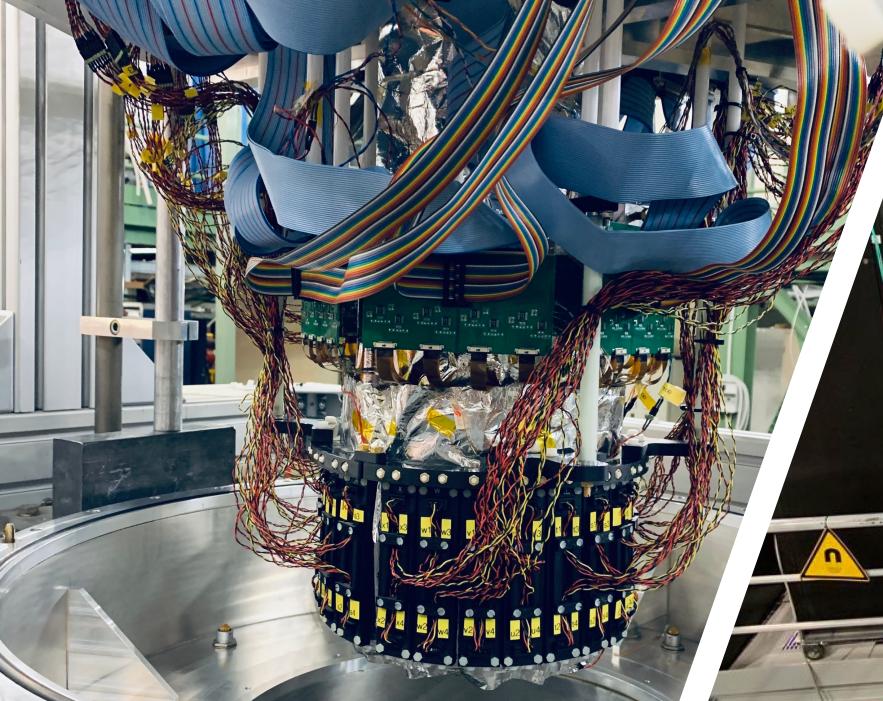
$\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 1.11$

KHe 5->3
(M_{β})

	X-ray relative yield
$\text{M}_{\gamma} / \text{M}_{\beta}$	0.48 ± 0.11
$\text{M}_{\eta} / \text{M}_{\beta}$	0.43 ± 0.12
$\text{L}_{\beta} / \text{M}_{\beta}$	0.91 ± 0.14
$\text{L}_{\beta} / \text{L}_{\alpha}$	0.172 ± 0.008
$\text{L}_{\gamma} / \text{L}_{\alpha}$	0.012 ± 0.001

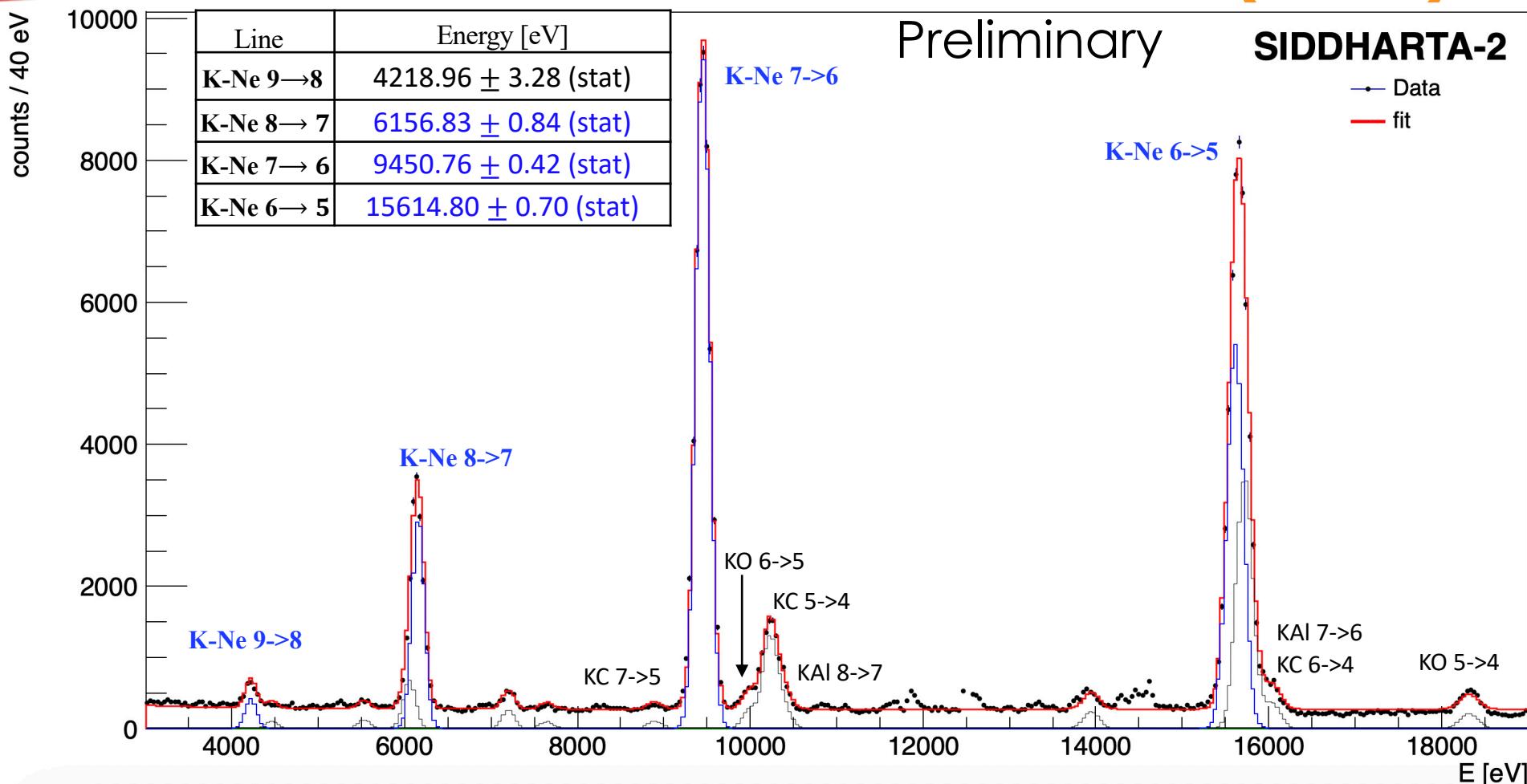
counts / 40 eV





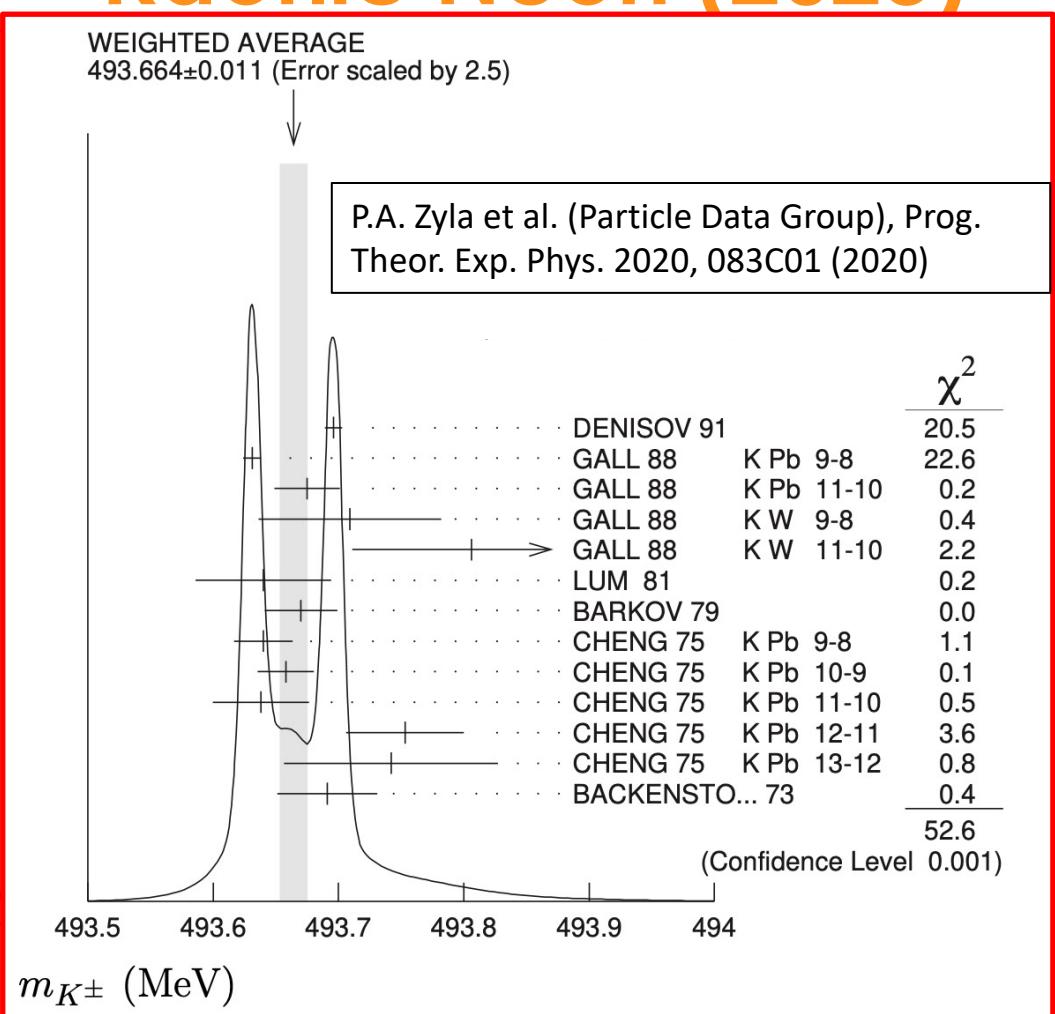
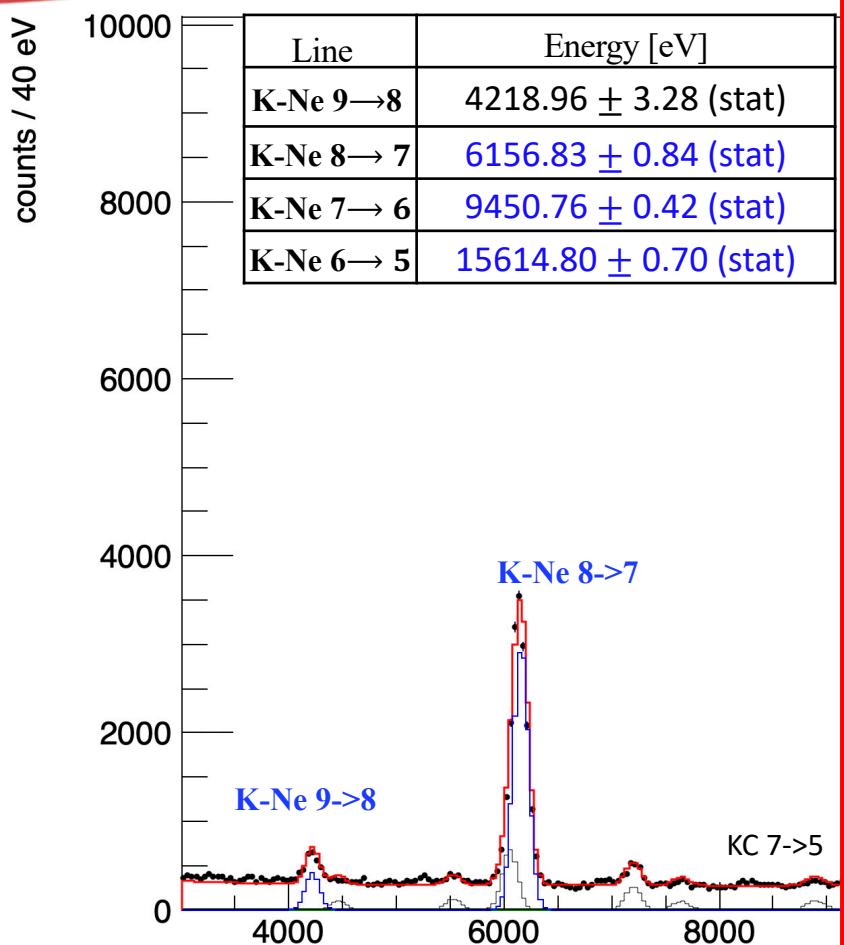
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Kaonic Neon (2023)



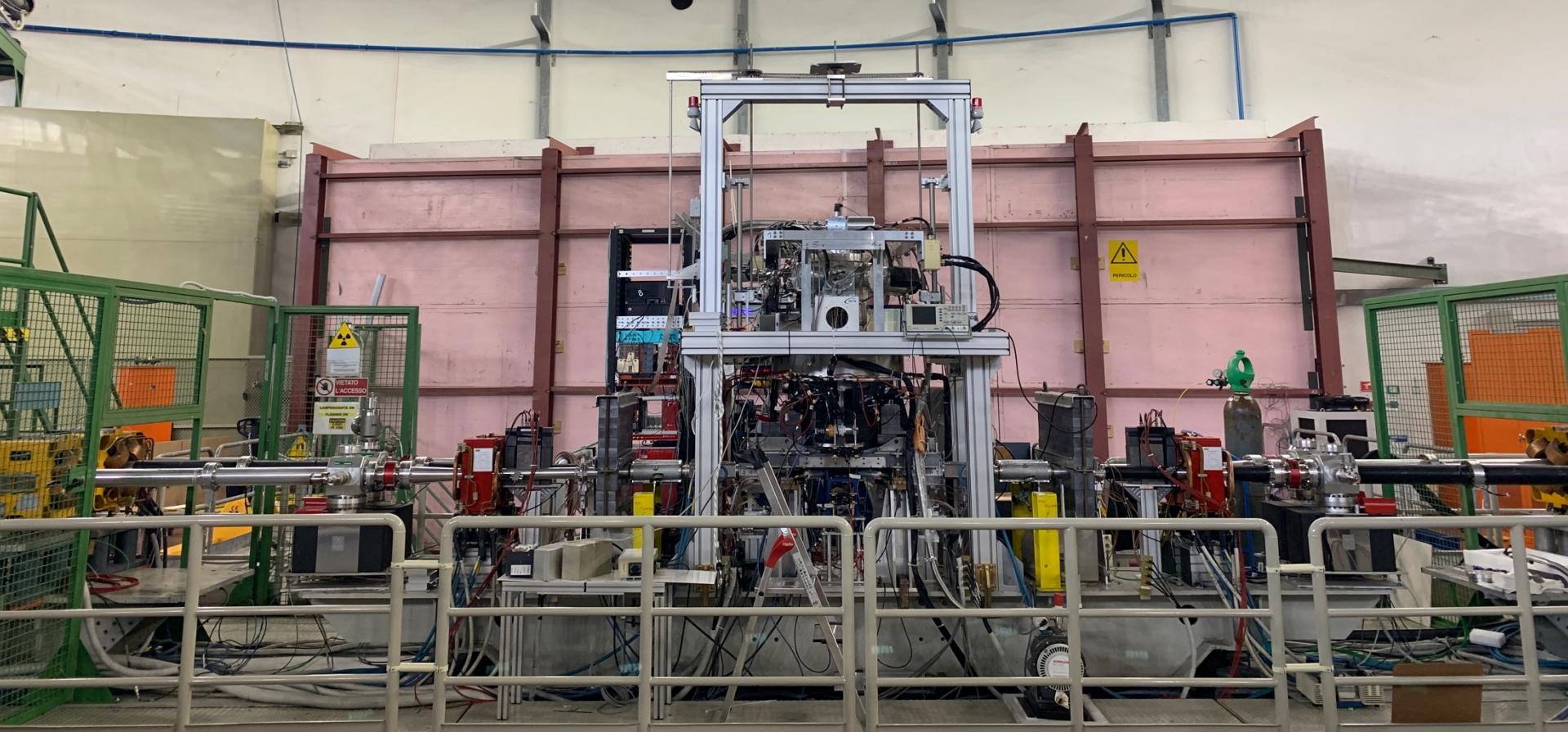
First K-Ne measurements – possible implications on
K- multinucleon interaction and kaon mass

Kaonic Neon (2023)



First K-Ne measurements – possible implications on
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SIDDHARTA-2 ready for the kaonic deuterium measurement



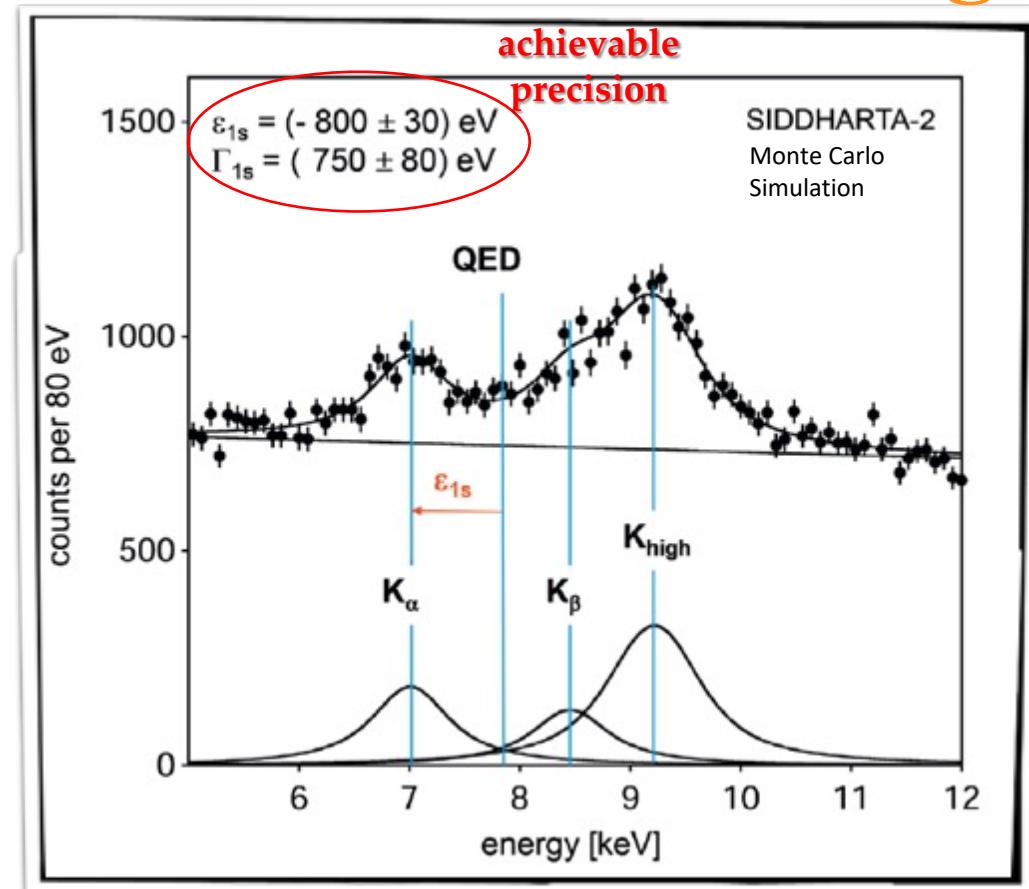
Kaonic deuterium data taking

Kaonic deuterium run ongoing

2023/24

Monte Carlo for an integrated luminosity of 800 pb^{-1}

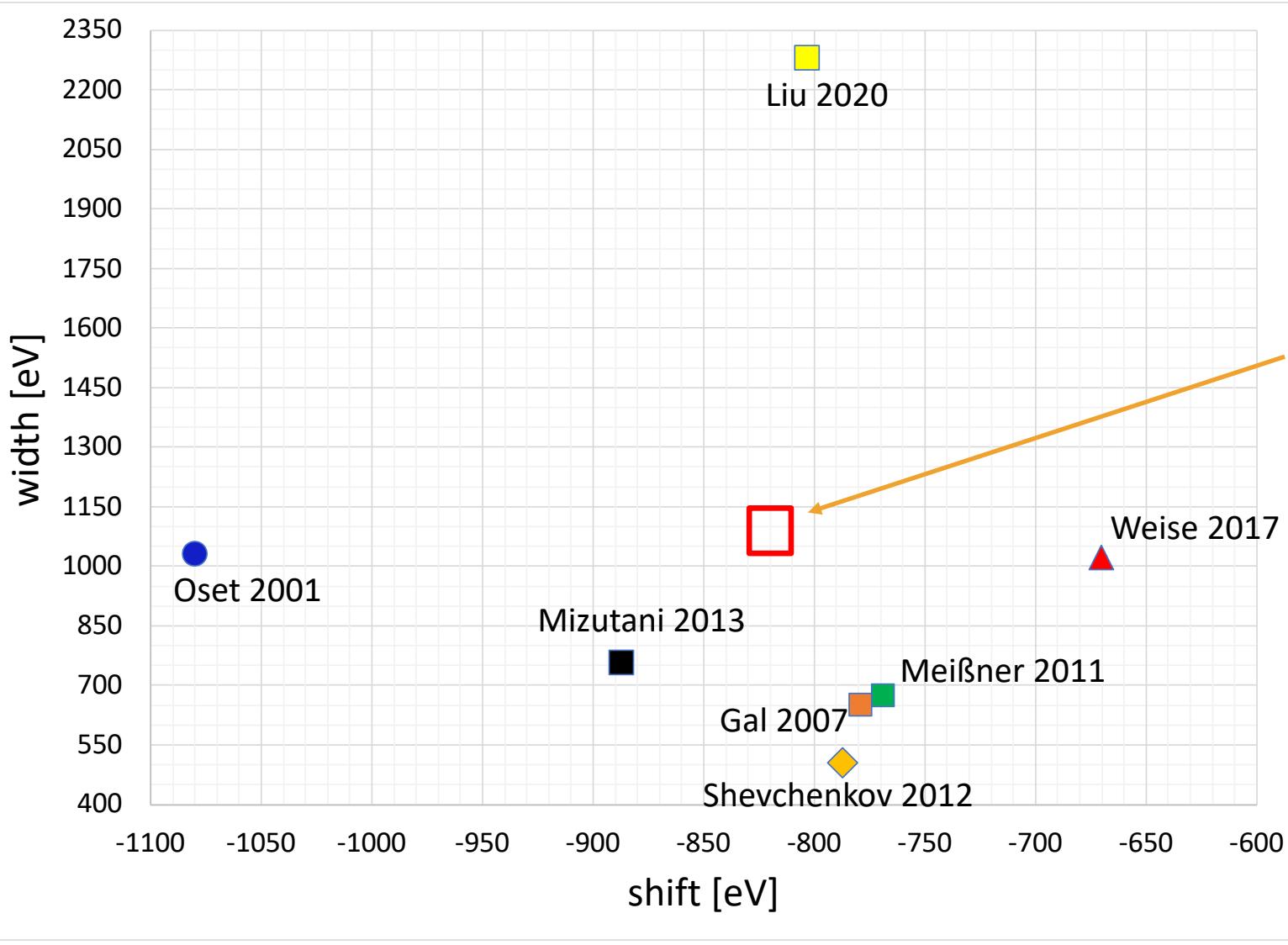
to perform the first measurement of the strong interaction induced energy shift and width of the kaonic deuterium ground state (similar precision as K-p) !



Significant impact in the theory of strong interaction with strangeness

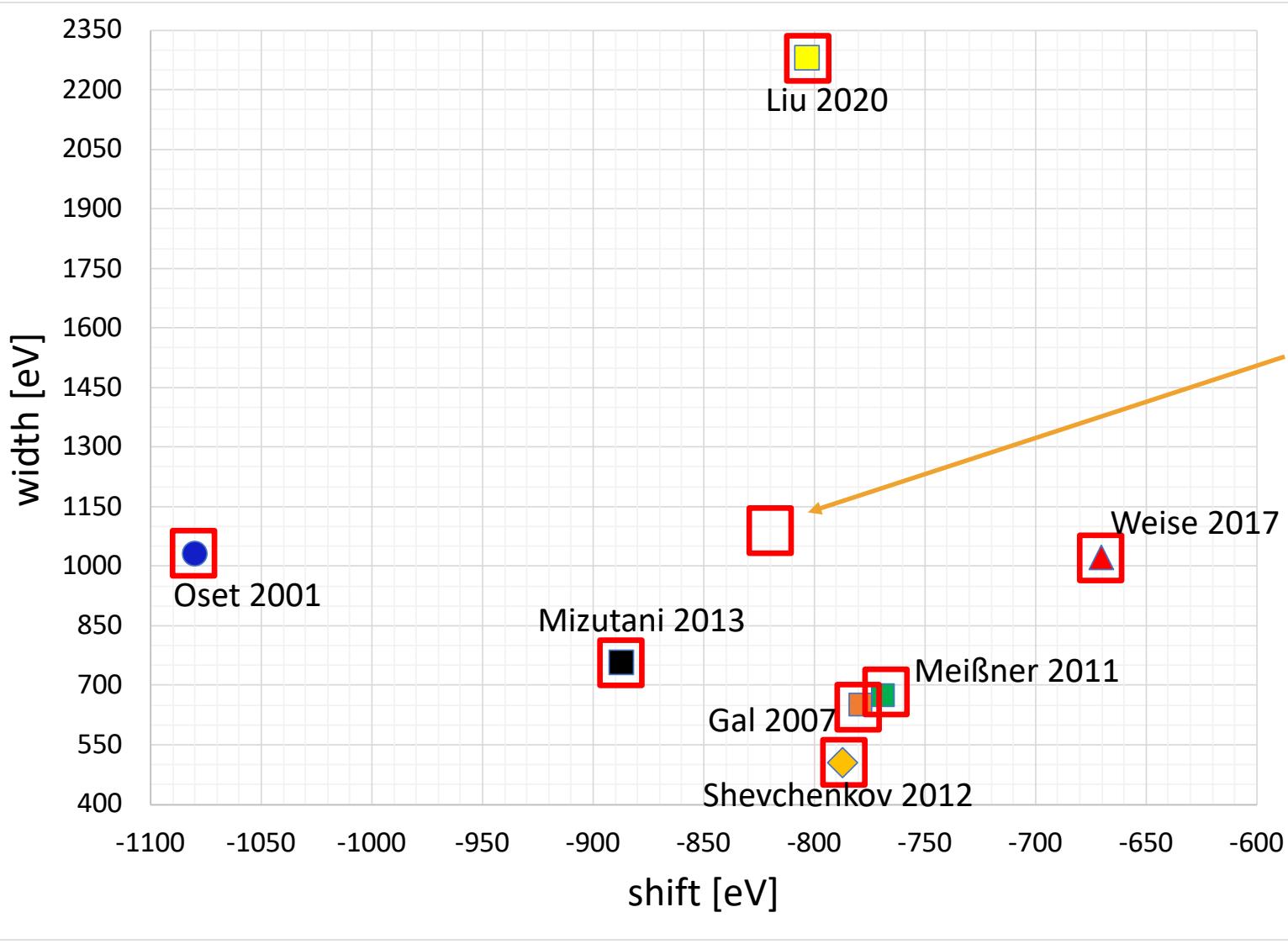
Kaonic deuterium shift and width

achievable precision



Kaonic deuterium shift and width

achievable precision



Beyond SIDDHARTA-2: EXKALIBUR

*proposal to perform fundamental physics at the strangeness frontier at DAFNE
for a 3-years period (post-SIDDHARTA-2)*

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

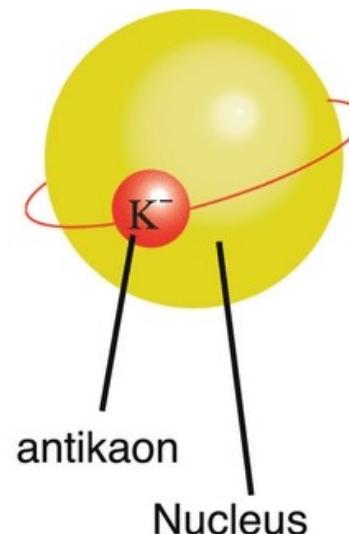
- Kaonic Hydrogen: 200 pb⁻¹ – with SIDDHARTA-2 setup – to get a precision < 10 eV (KH)
- Selected light kaonic atoms (LHKA)
- Selected intermediate and heavy kaonic atoms charting the periodic table (IMKA)
- Ultra-High precision measurements of Kaonic Atoms (UHKA)

Dedicated runs with different types of detectors: CZT detectors, HpGe, SDD 1mm, crystal HAPG spectrometer from VOXES project

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

C. Curceanu et al., e-Print: 2104.06076

EXtensive
Kaonic
Atoms research: from
LIthium and
Beryllium to
URanium



EXKALIBUR

Beyond SIDDHARTA-2: why still kaonic atoms?

Except for the most recent measurements at DAΦNE and JPARC on KHe and KH,
the database on kaonic atoms dates back to 1970s and 1980s

These data are the experimental
basis for all the developed
theoretical models

These theoretical models are used
to derive, for example:

- KN interaction at threshold
- KNN interaction at threshold
- Nuclear density distributions
- Possible existence of kaon condensates
- Kaon mass
- Kaonic atoms cascade models

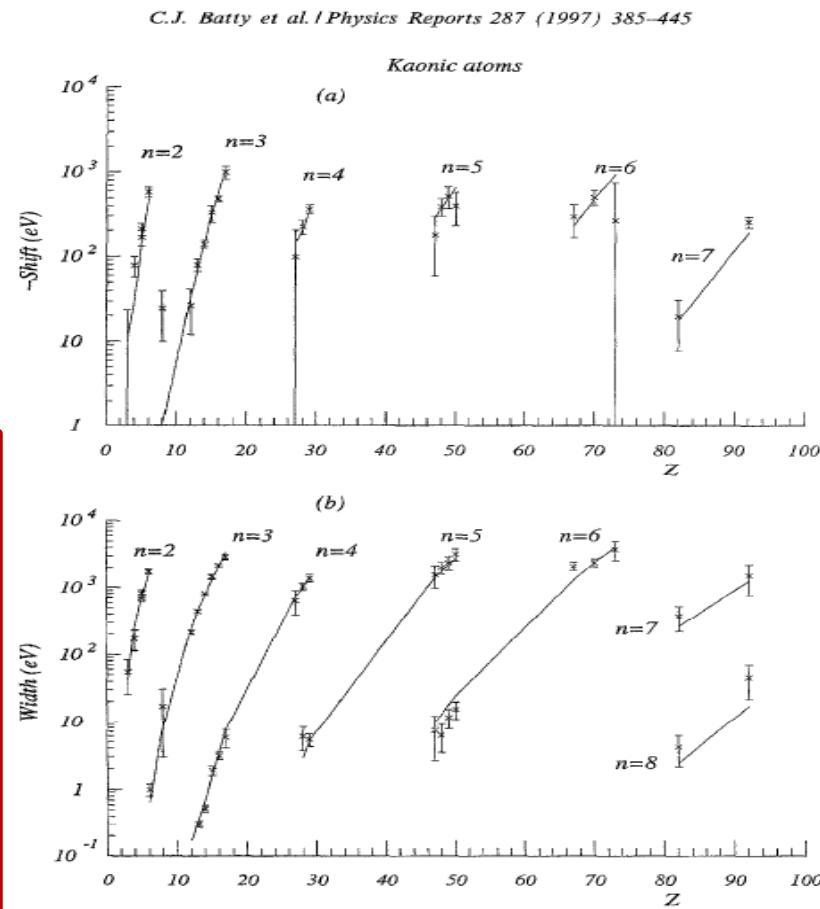


Fig. 7. Shift and width values for kaonic atoms. The continuous lines join points calculated with the best-fit optical potential discussed in Section 4.2.

Beyond SIDDHARTA-2: why still kaonic atoms?

1. The available data on “lower levels” have big uncertainties
2. Many of them are actually UNmeasured
3. Many of them are hardly compatible among each other
4. Relative yields with upper levels are not always measured
5. Absolute yields are basically unknown (except for few transitions)
6. The REmeasured ones have been proved WRONG

This situation would already be a proper justification for new measurements

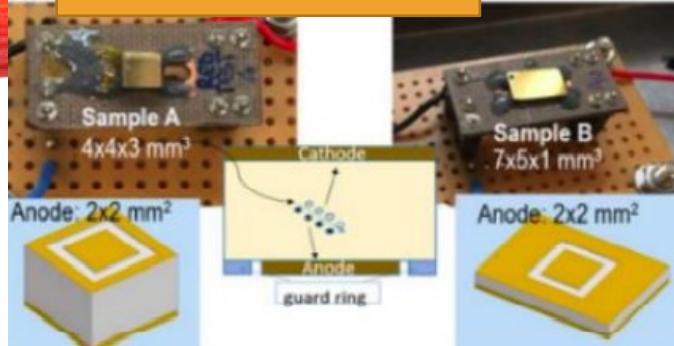
E. Friedman et al. / Nuclear Physics A579 (1994) 518–538

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Table 1
Compilation of K^- atomic data

Nucleus	Transition	ϵ (keV)	Γ (keV)	Y	Γ_u (eV)	Ref.
He	$3 \rightarrow 2$	-0.04 ± 0.03 -0.035 ± 0.012	$-$ 0.03 ± 0.03	$-$	$-$	[15]
Li	$3 \rightarrow 2$	0.002 ± 0.026	0.055 ± 0.029	0.95 ± 0.30	$-$	[16]
Be	$3 \rightarrow 2$	-0.079 ± 0.021	0.172 ± 0.58	0.25 ± 0.09	0.04 ± 0.02	[17]
^{10}B	$3 \rightarrow 2$	-0.208 ± 0.035	0.810 ± 0.100	$-$	$-$	[18]
^{11}B	$3 \rightarrow 2$	-0.167 ± 0.035	0.700 ± 0.080	$-$	$-$	[18]
C	$3 \rightarrow 2$	-0.590 ± 0.080	1.730 ± 0.150	0.07 ± 0.013	0.99 ± 0.20	[18]
O	$4 \rightarrow 3$	-0.025 ± 0.018	0.017 ± 0.014	$-$	$-$	[19]
Mg	$4 \rightarrow 3$	-0.027 ± 0.015	0.214 ± 0.015	0.78 ± 0.06	0.08 ± 0.03	[19]
Al	$4 \rightarrow 3$	-0.130 ± 0.050 -0.076 ± 0.014	0.490 ± 0.160 0.442 ± 0.022	$-$ 0.55 ± 0.03	$-$ 0.30 ± 0.04	[20]
Si	$4 \rightarrow 3$	-0.240 ± 0.050 -0.130 ± 0.015	0.810 ± 0.120 0.800 ± 0.033	$-$ 0.49 ± 0.03	$-$ 0.53 ± 0.06	[19]
P	$4 \rightarrow 3$	-0.330 ± 0.08	1.440 ± 0.120	0.26 ± 0.03	1.89 ± 0.30	[18]
S	$4 \rightarrow 3$	-0.550 ± 0.06 -0.43 ± 0.12 -0.462 ± 0.054	2.330 ± 0.200 2.310 ± 0.170 1.96 ± 0.17	0.22 ± 0.02 $-$ 0.23 ± 0.03	3.10 ± 0.36 $-$ 2.9 ± 0.5	[18]
Cl	$4 \rightarrow 3$	-0.770 ± 0.40 -0.94 ± 0.40 -1.08 ± 0.22	3.80 ± 1.0 3.92 ± 0.99 2.79 ± 0.25	0.16 ± 0.04 $-$ $-$	5.8 ± 1.7 $-$ $-$	[18]
Co	$5 \rightarrow 4$	-0.099 ± 0.106	0.64 ± 0.25	$-$	$-$	[19]
Ni	$5 \rightarrow 4$	-0.180 ± 0.070	0.59 ± 0.21	0.30 ± 0.08	5.9 ± 2.3	[20]
Cu	$5 \rightarrow 4$	-0.246 ± 0.052	1.23 ± 0.14	$-$	$-$	[19]
		-0.240 ± 0.220	1.650 ± 0.72	0.29 ± 0.11	7.0 ± 3.8	[20]
		-0.377 ± 0.048	1.35 ± 0.17	0.36 ± 0.05	5.1 ± 1.1	[19]
Ag	$6 \rightarrow 5$	-0.18 ± 0.12	1.54 ± 0.58	0.51 ± 0.16	7.3 ± 4.7	[19]
Cd	$6 \rightarrow 5$	-0.40 ± 0.10	2.01 ± 0.44	0.57 ± 0.11	6.2 ± 2.8	[19]
In	$6 \rightarrow 5$	-0.53 ± 0.15	2.38 ± 0.57	0.44 ± 0.08	11.4 ± 3.7	[19]
Sn	$6 \rightarrow 5$	-0.41 ± 0.18	3.18 ± 0.64	0.39 ± 0.07	15.1 ± 4.4	[19]
Ho	$7 \rightarrow 6$	-0.30 ± 0.13	2.14 ± 0.31	$-$	$-$	[23]
Yb	$7 \rightarrow 6$	-0.12 ± 0.10	2.39 ± 0.30	$-$	$-$	[23]
Ta	$7 \rightarrow 6$	-0.27 ± 0.50	3.76 ± 1.15	$-$	$-$	[23]
Pb	$8 \rightarrow 7$	$-$	0.37 ± 0.15	0.79 ± 0.08	4.1 ± 2.0	[24]
		-0.020 ± 0.012	$-$	$-$	$-$	[25]
U	$8 \rightarrow 7$	-0.26 ± 0.4	1.50 ± 0.75	0.35 ± 0.12	45 ± 24	[24]

Cd(Zn)Te



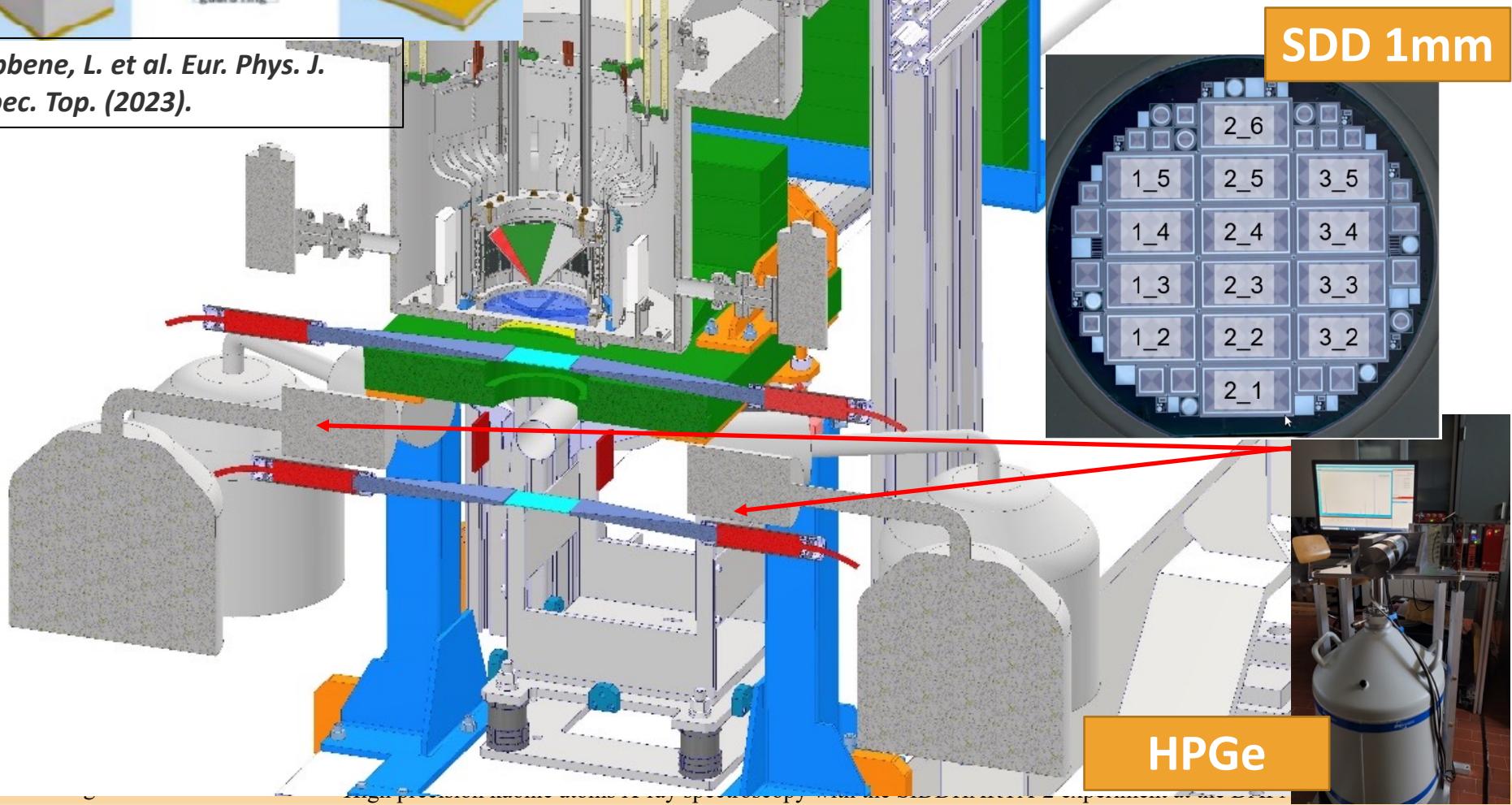
Abbene, L. et al. Eur. Phys. J. Spec. Top. (2023).

➤ Feasibility studies in parallel with Siddharta-2

➤ Various setups in preparation:

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

SDD 1mm



HPGe

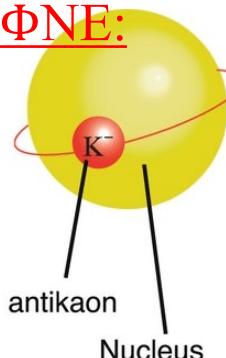
Conclusions

- **Kaonic Atoms are a unique tool to study the kaon-nucleon interaction**
 - Tool to directly probe low energy QCD
 - Rich of implications from nuclear and particle physics to astrophysics
- **Measurement of Kaonic-Deuterium key to fully disentangle isospin dependence on KN scattering lengths**
- **SIDDHARTA-2 at DAFNE**
 - ✓ **Kaonic ${}^4\text{He}$ $3d \rightarrow 2p$ sub eV (stat) precision measurement**
 - Energy shift and width
 - Yield at two different density 1.9 g/l and 0.82 g/l
 - ✓ **Several solid target high-n transition energies measured for the first time**
 - ✓ **First kaonic Neon measurement -> implications on kaon mass**

we plan to perform fundamental Physics at the strangeness frontier at DAΦNE:

High Precision Kaonic Atoms Measurements on DAΦNE:

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Thank You

