



#### Novel CZT Detectors for Kaonic Atoms Spectroscopy Francesco Artibani

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#### (See F. Clozza talk for progress in 1mm SDDs)

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#### **CZT Detectors: Properties**

- **Compound semiconductor** (interesting because of the possibility to grow materials with many physical properties making them **suitable to almost any application**)
- Good spectroscopy performances at room temperature, from tens to hundreds keV. Ideal to build compact systems without the need of cooling.
- Intense studies to upgrade the quality of the crystals and electronics in last decades can lead to a **further improvement in terms of resolution, efficiency, especially at high rate**. In recent years successful applications in the field of medical imaging and astrophysics.



#### More details on A.Zappettini and A. Buttacavoli talks

#### **CZT Detector at DAFNE Collider**

- Use of quasi-hemispherical CZT crystals grown by REDLEN (Canada) and IMEM-CNR (Parma) (A. Zappettini talk)
- Expertise of the **UniPa DiFC** group (A. Buttacavoli, L. Abbene, F. Principato) for the custom electronics.
- First tests and Data Analysis done in **Frascati National** Laboratories (LNF)
- ★ GOAL: Measure Intermediate Mass Kaonic Atoms.



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#### **Kaonic Atoms: Importance**

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• Cascade model studies

• High precision QED measurements



#### More details in F. Sgaramella Talk

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- double ring lepton collider working at the c.m. energy of Φ resonance (Φ-factory) (m<sub>Φ</sub>= 1.02 GeV)
- Φ decays in a couple of charged kaons with a BR(Φ → K<sup>+</sup>K<sup>-</sup>) = 48%
- The kaons are produced almost at rest (m<sub>K</sub> = 493 MeV ⇒ p<sub>K</sub> =127 MeV, β~0.26) with a small boost through the center of the rings.
- The Ks' momentum spread is almost null (Δp/p < 0.1%)</li>

### The Setup in DAFNE Collider



2 modules with four 13 mm x 15 mm x 5 mm CZT detectors, enclosed in an Aluminum box with the electronics.

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Time difference between trigger and signal ~10-100 ns

ood timing for **background rejection capability.** 

#### **Analysis: Calibration**



$$f_{peak}(x) = N \times \exp\left(-\frac{x-\mu}{2\sigma^2}\right) +$$
Gaussian  
+ 
$$K \times \exp\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\beta\sigma}\right) \times \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\beta}\right)$$
Tail

Energy (keV)	Intensity (%)	Туре	Origin	ID <sup>1</sup>
40.1186 (-)	37.7 (5)	Χ Κ <sub>α1</sub>	Sm	Eu1
121.7817 (3)	28.41 (13)	$\gamma$	<sup>152</sup> Sm	Eu3
344.2785 (12)	26.59 (12)	$\gamma$	<sup>152</sup> Gd	Eu5
39.5229 (-)	20.8 (3)	Χ Κ <sub>α2</sub>	Sm	Eu1
45.4777 (-)	11.78 (19)	$X K_{\beta 1}$	Sm	Eu2
244.6974 (8)	7.55 (4)	$\gamma$	<sup>152</sup> Sm	Eu4
46.6977 (-)	3.04 (8)	Χ Κ <sub>β2</sub>	Sm	Eu2

### Analysis: Calibration and Stability



All Relative Differences respect to Nominal Value (RDNV) are 1‰ or below, from 40 keV to 344 keV

#### Analysis: Time of Flight + Delta t Cuts





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#### Kaon reconstruction through Signal selection through a cut on the time time-of-flight cut with LUMI scints difference between trigger and event on CZT 120000 170 ns window 200 -100000 - 70 Counts in LUMIboost 80000 150 Delta t (ns) - 50 6 60000 40000 20000 1400 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 TAC Signal (ADC) 50 100 200 Energy (keV)

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Transition	Energy (keV)	Th. Energy (keV)
KAI 4-3	106.48 ± 0.16	106.57
KAI 5-4	49.049 ± 0.068	49.23
KAI 6-5	26.67 ± 0.10	26.707
ΣΑΙ 6-5	62.73 ± 0.50	63.2

Transition	Energy (keV)	Th. Energy (keV)
KF 4-3	50.58 ± 0.29	50.59
KF 5-4	23.60 ± 0.15	23.4

work in progress:

Analyzing data with different targets

evaluating the impact of the results on fundamental physics

### Conclusions

- CDZnTe is a promising semiconductor to build compact X-ray detection systems at room temperature in the range from tens to hundreds keV.
- The SIDDHARTA-2 collaboration managed to first apply this new technology in a high background environment as the DAFNE collider, for fundamental physics research linked to kaonic atoms.
- The last data taking at DAFNE collider is promising and already led to first observations of intermediate mass kaonic atoms transitions with the new detection system.
- These results represent a solid basis for the future EXCALIBUR project at DAFNE, and for future applications in other accelerators (JPARC).

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

### Why Cadmium Zinc Telluride?

- Silicon represents the best semiconductors in terms of availability, efficiency and resolution, to build a compact X-ray detectors, but his efficiency falls down fast to tens of keV energies.
- **Germanium** is a natural semiconductor, which is a great advantage for producing high-quality crystals for detectors. However, HPGe detectors **cannot be operated at room temperature**, and need invasive setups.



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# Fit without Sigmonic line shows a clear excess

## Kaonic Atoms: K-N Interaction



In the last level of the atom kaon interact with nucleus also by strong interaction, and then **interact at threshold with nucleons and** is absorbed.

The time to reach the last level is 1e-9s - 1e-12s, while  $\tau_{k}$ =1e-8s

