

Novel CZT Detectors for Kaonic Atoms Spectroscopy

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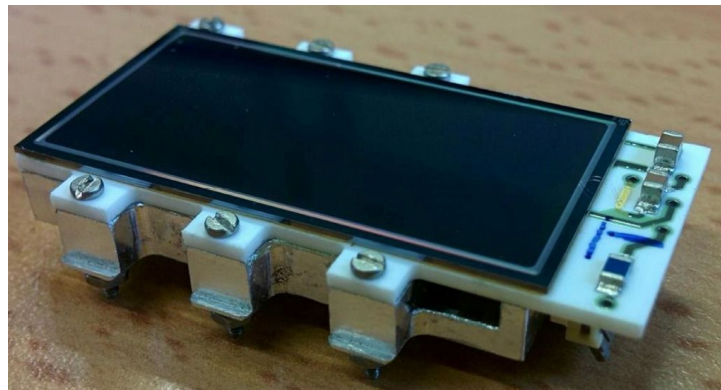
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- **Germanium** is a natural semiconductor, which is a great advantage for producing high-quality crystals for detectors. However, HPGe detectors **cannot be operated at room temperature**, and need invasive setups. See D. Bosnar talk



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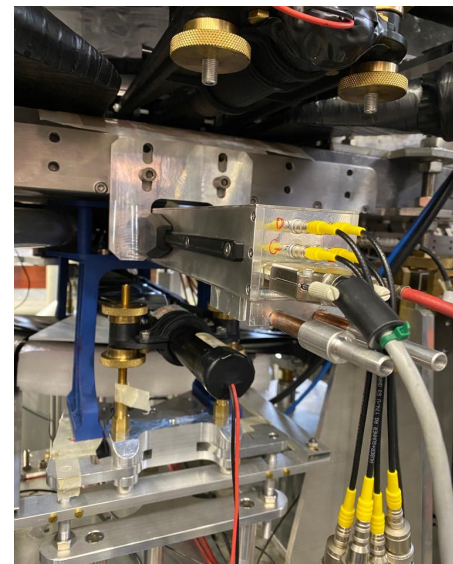
CZT Detectors: Properties

- **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.

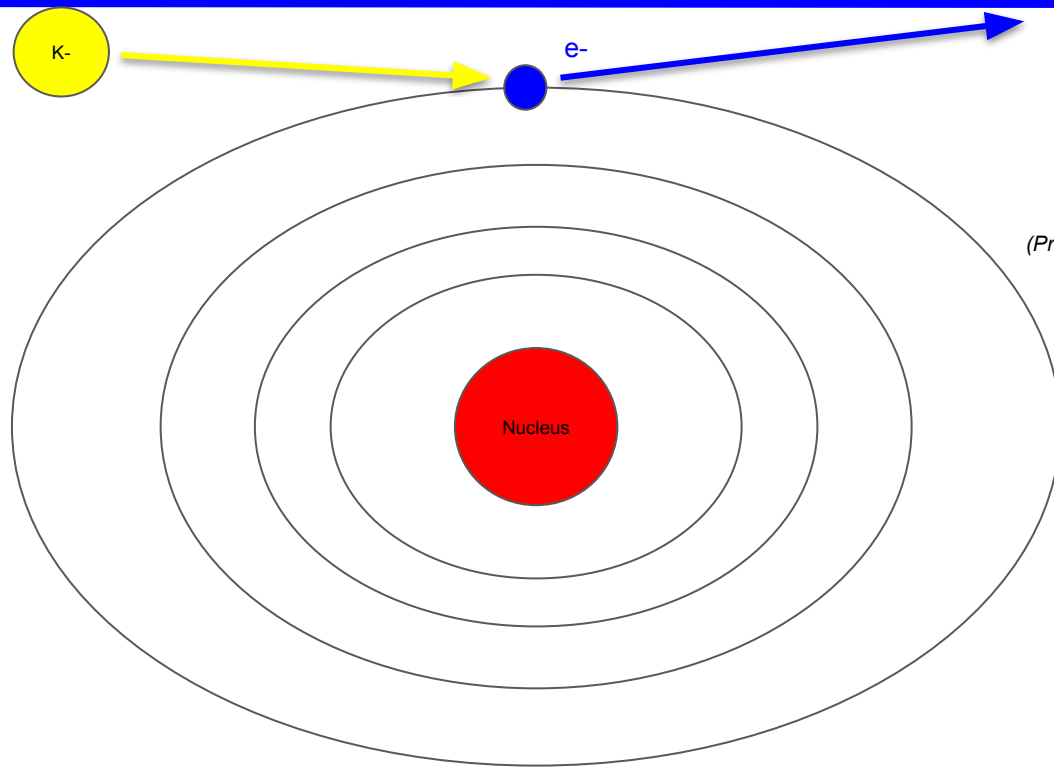


CZT Detector at DAFNE Collider

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



Kaonic Atoms: Formation



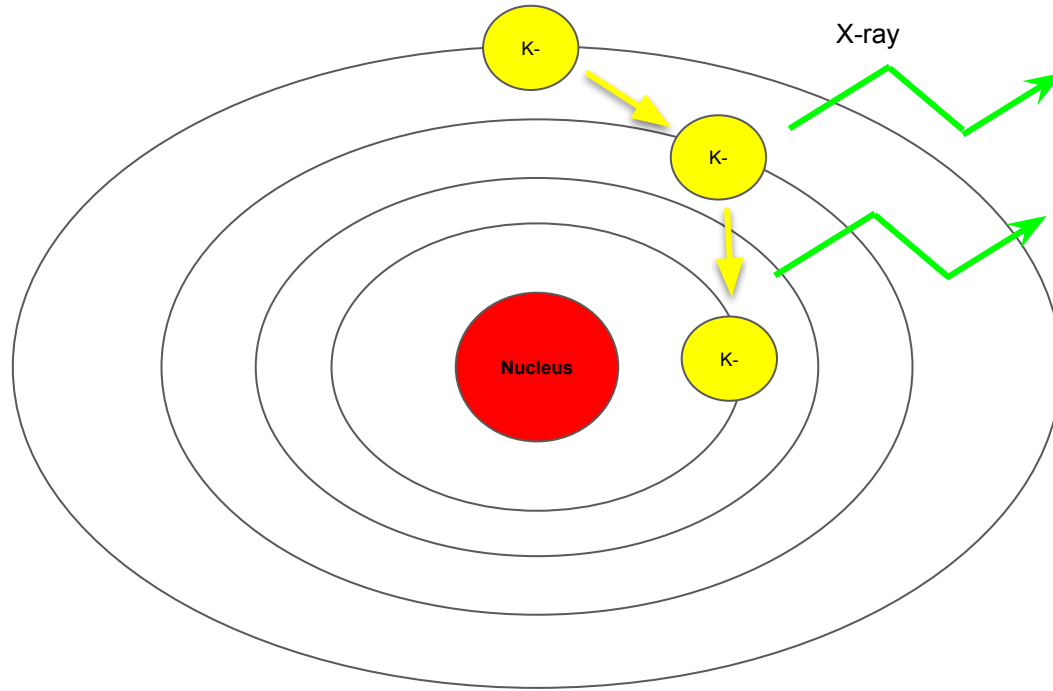
$$r_b^e \sim r_b^k$$

(*Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* **61**, 512–550, 2008)

$$n \approx \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{m_e}} n_e$$

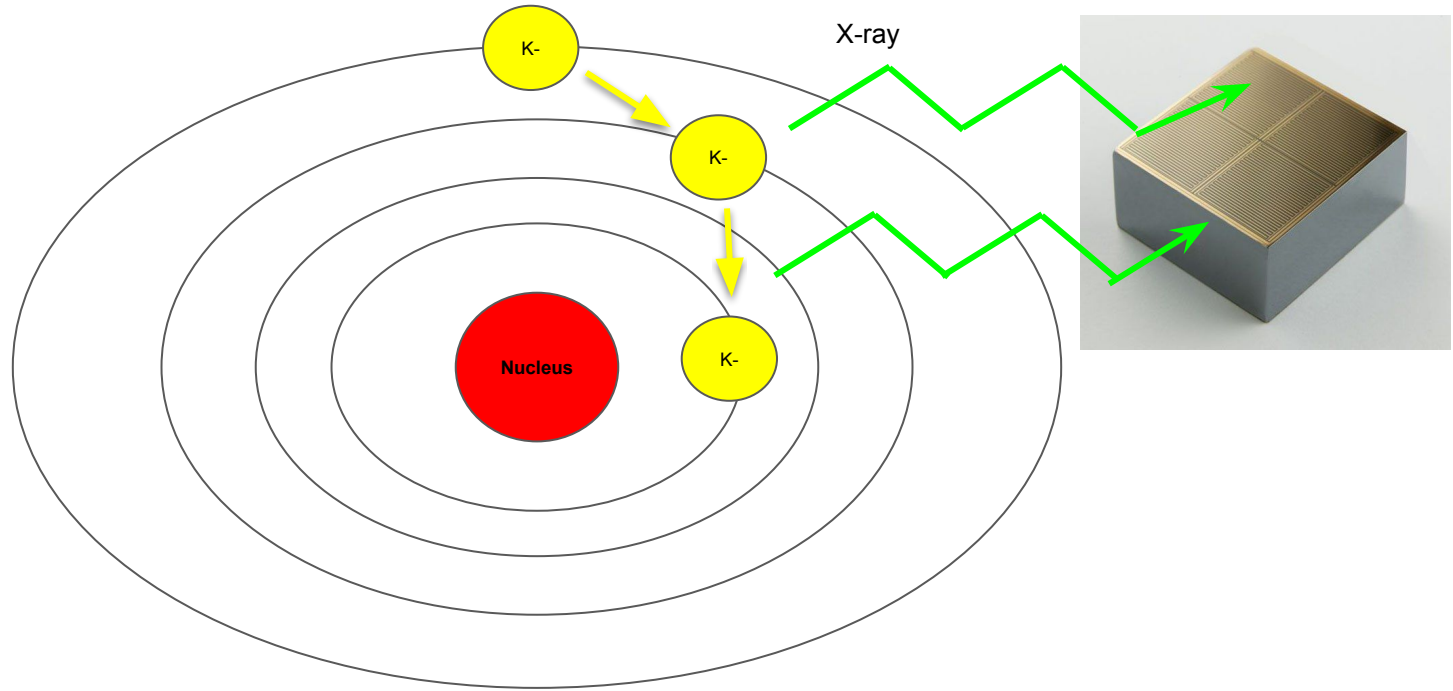
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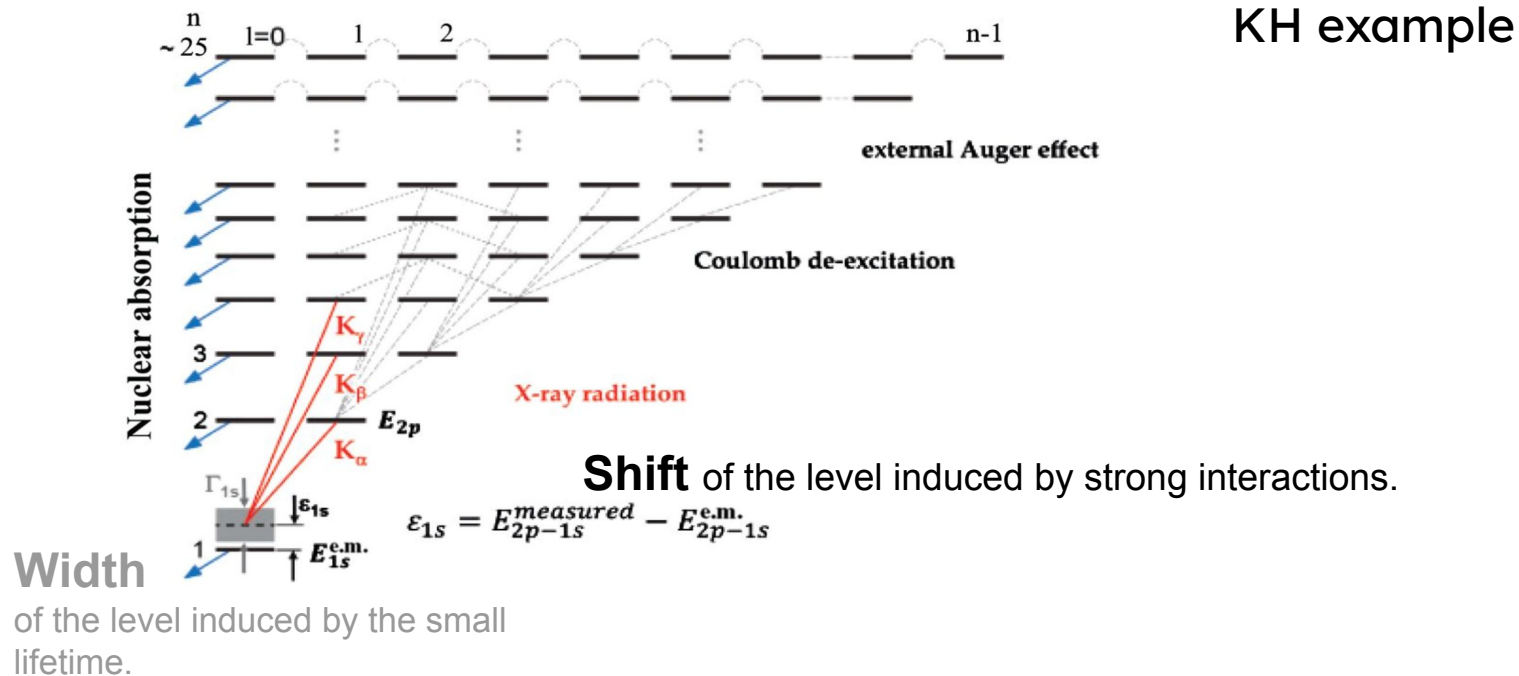
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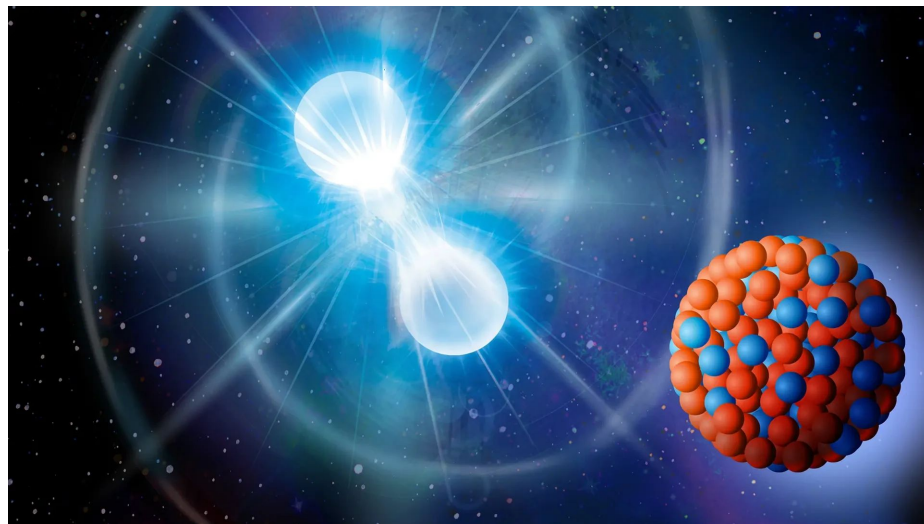
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- Strong Interaction studies
- Cascade model studies
- High precision QED measurements



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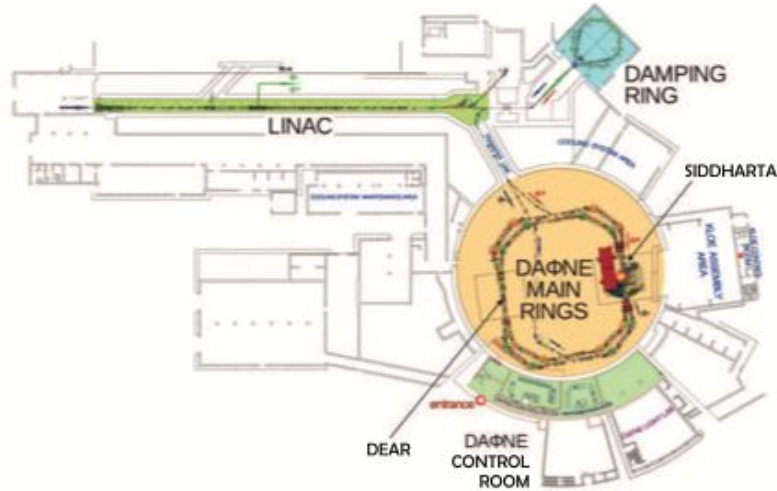
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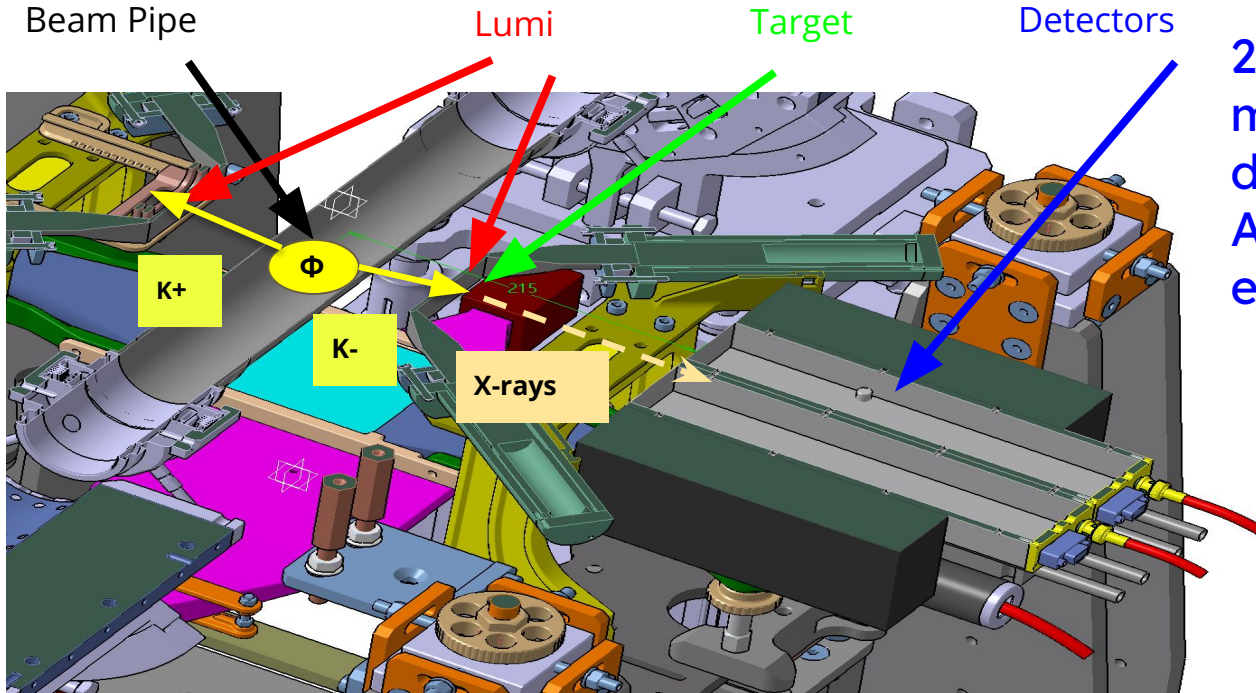
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The DAΦNE Collider



- double ring lepton collider working at the **c.m. energy of Φ resonance** (Φ -factory) ($m_\Phi = 1.02$ GeV)
- Φ decays in a couple of charged kaons with a **$BR(\Phi \rightarrow K^+K^-) = 48\%$**
- The kaons are produced almost at rest ($m_K = 493$ MeV $\Rightarrow p_K = 127$ MeV, $\beta \sim 0.26$) with a small boost through the center of the rings.
- The Ks' momentum spread is almost null ($\Delta p/p < 0.1\%$)

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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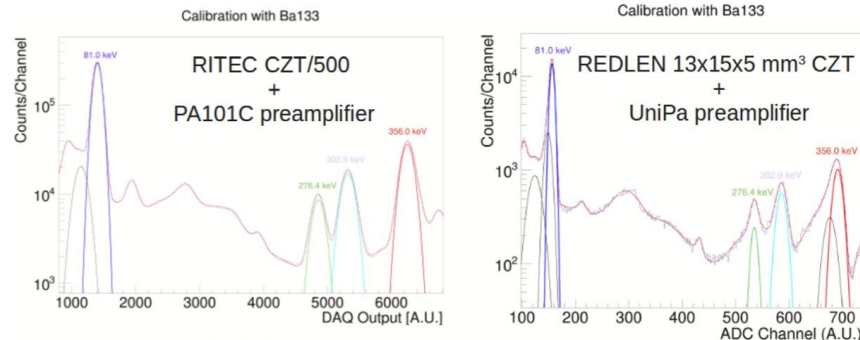
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81.0	1.3	0.110	-2.4	0.064
276.4	-0.7	0.048	1.4	0.028
302.9	-0.4	0.046	-0.2	0.036
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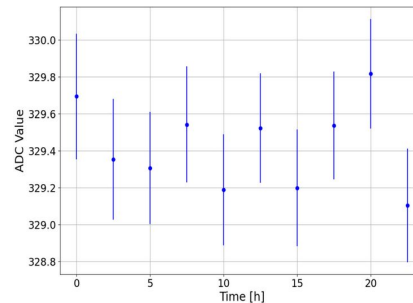
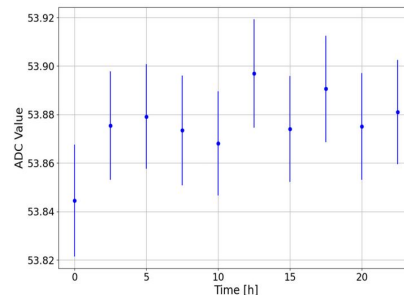
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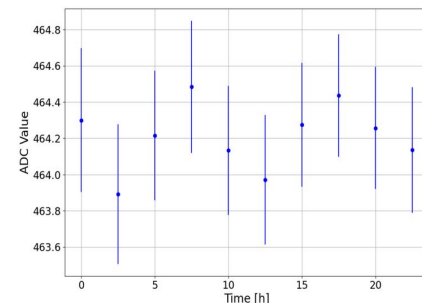
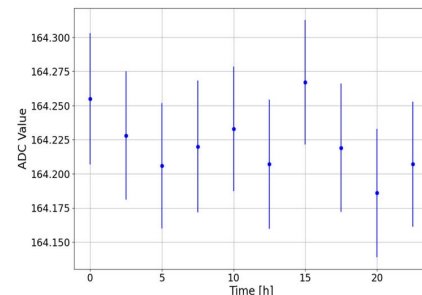
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40 keV



121 keV



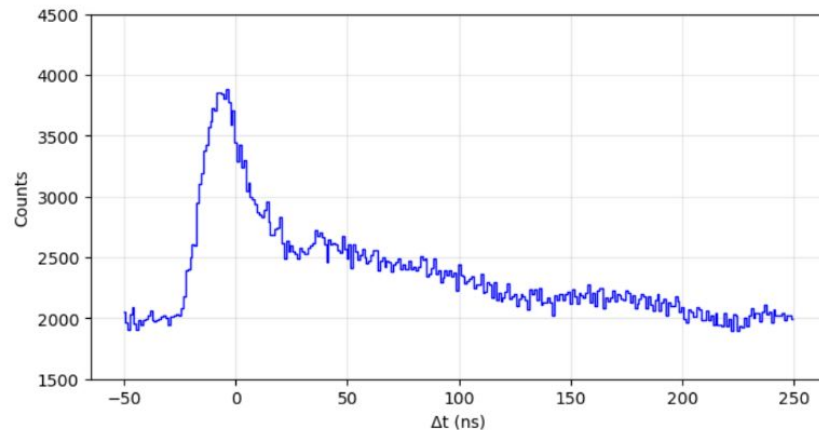
244 keV

344 keV

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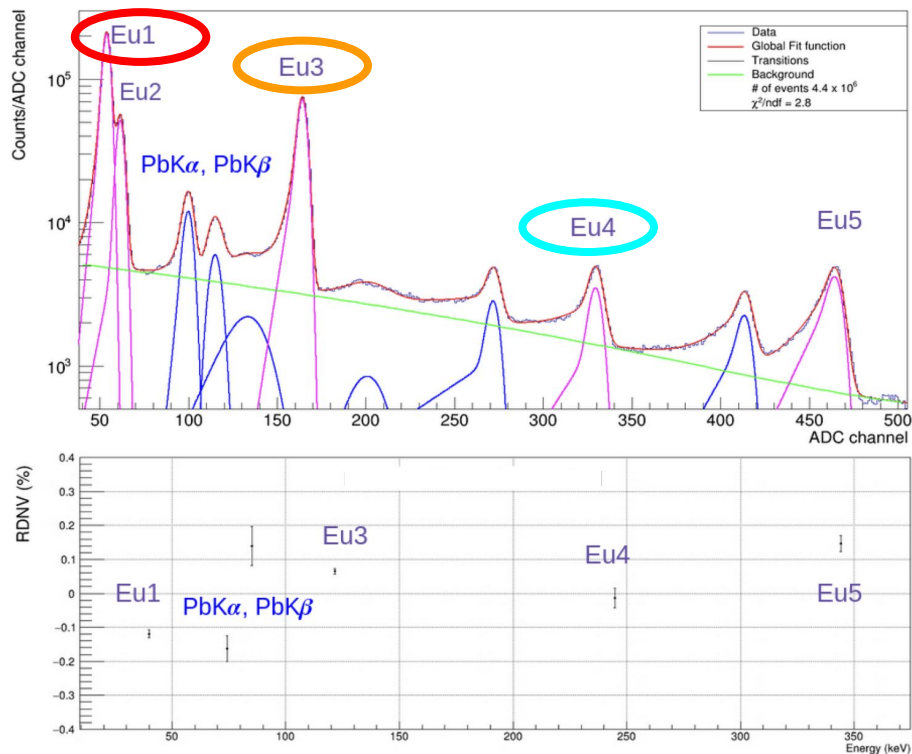
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Time difference between
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Analysis: Calibration

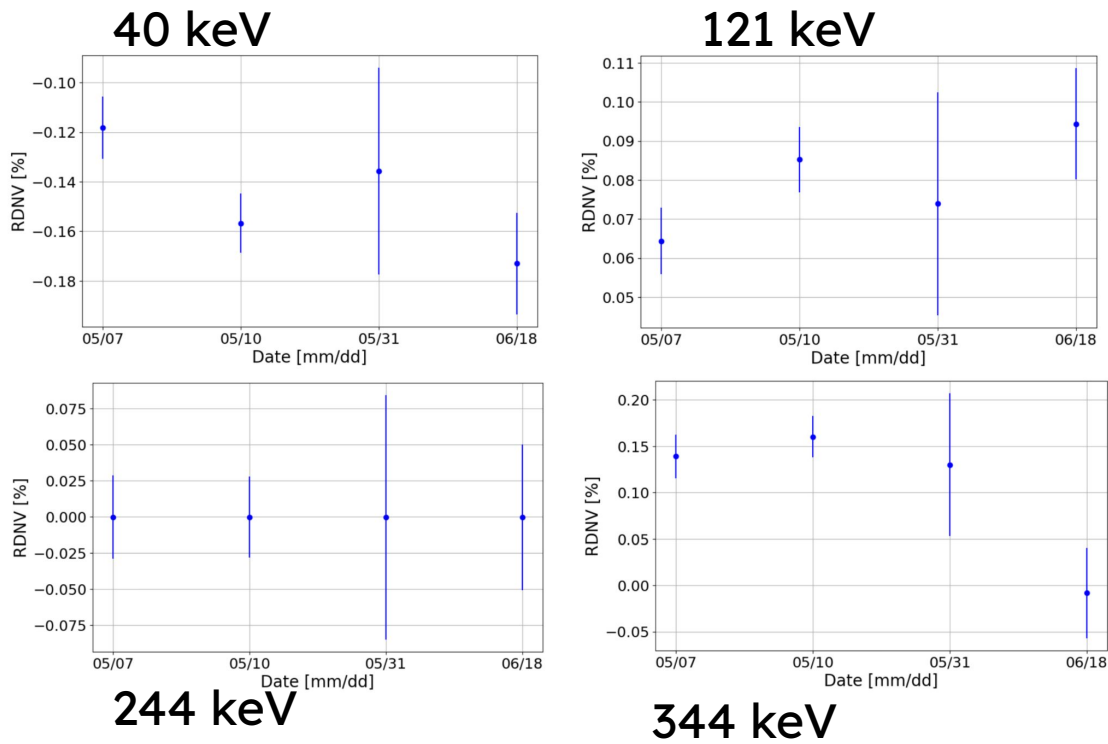


$$f_{peak}(x) = N \times \exp\left(-\frac{x - \mu}{2\sigma^2}\right) + \epsilon \times N \times \exp\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\beta\sigma}\right) \times \text{erfc}\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\beta}\right)$$

**Gaussian
+
Tail**

Energy (keV)	Intensity (%)	Type	Origin	ID ¹
40.1186 (-)	37.7 (5)	X K α_1	Sm	Eu1
121.7817 (3)	28.41 (13)	γ	¹⁵² Sm	Eu3
344.2785 (12)	26.59 (12)	γ	¹⁵² Gd	Eu5
39.5229 (-)	20.8 (3)	X K α_2	Sm	Eu1
45.4777 (-)	11.78 (19)	X K β_1	Sm	Eu2
244.6974 (8)	7.55 (4)	γ	¹⁵² Sm	Eu4
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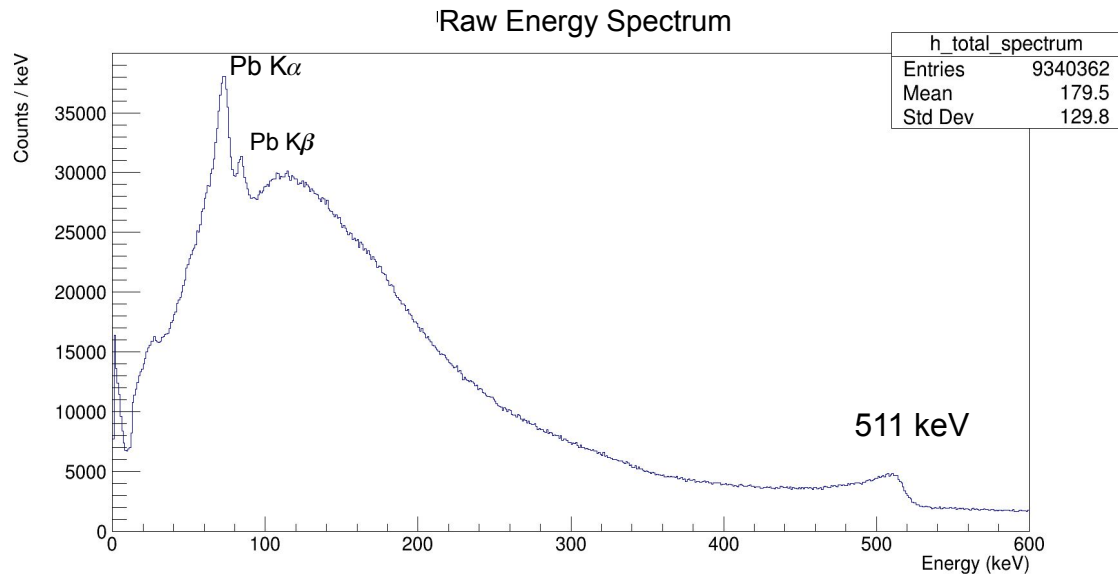
Analysis: Calibration and Stability



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

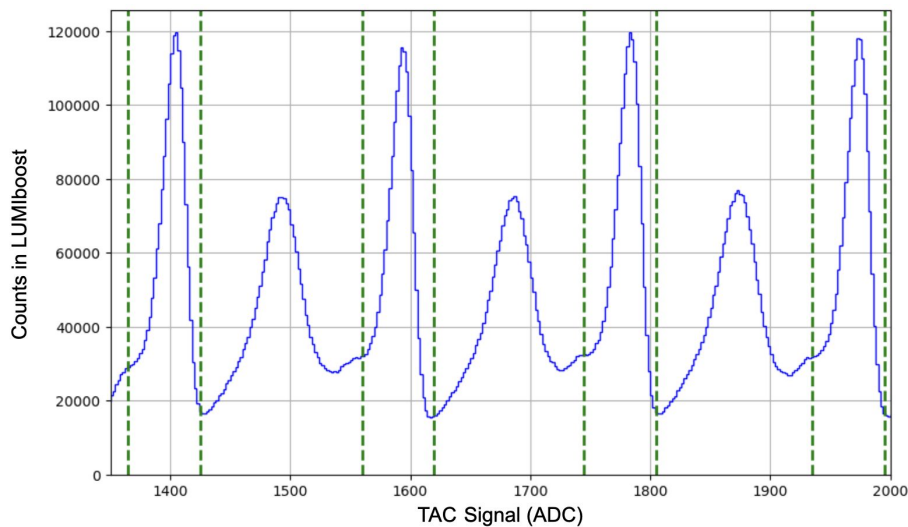
Analysis: Time of Flight + Delta t Cuts

~ 40 pb-1 delivered

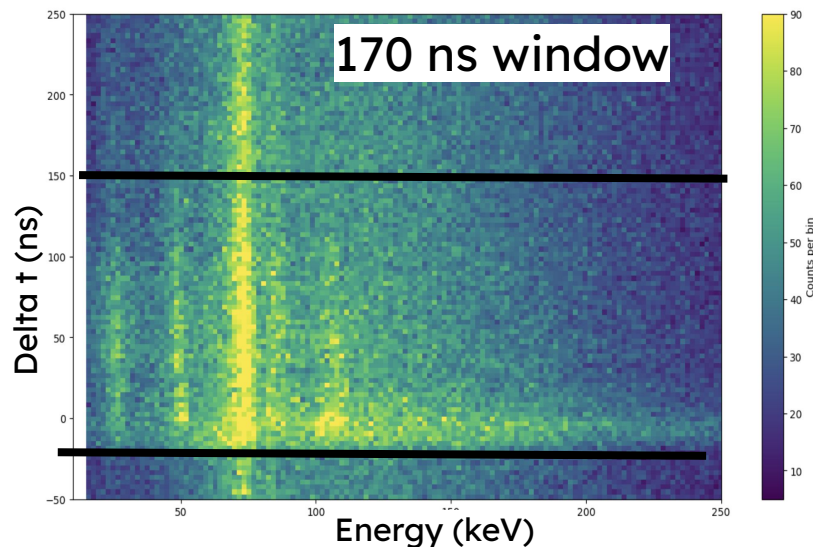


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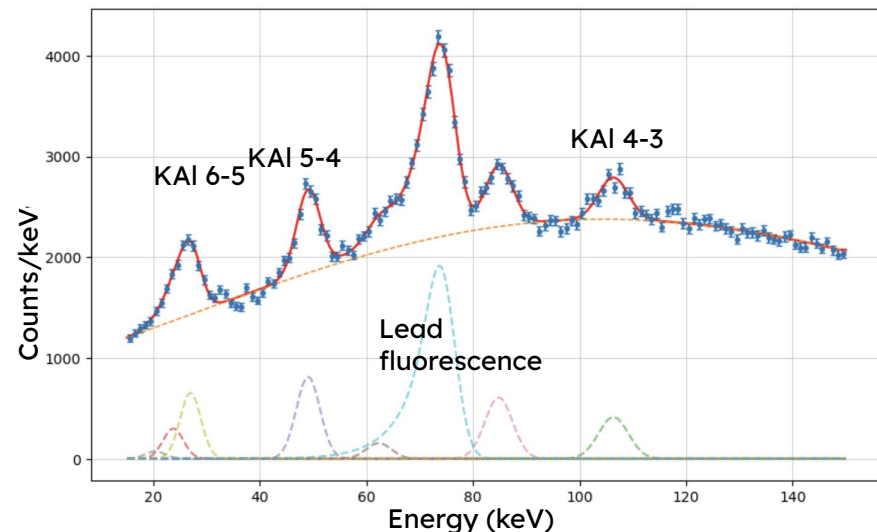
Kaon reconstruction through
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Signal selection through a cut on the time
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Firsts Results: Aluminum

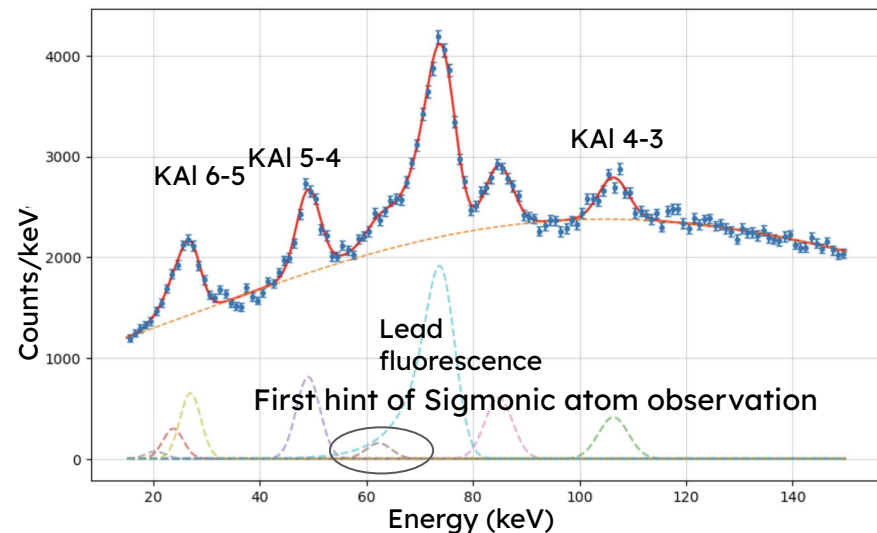


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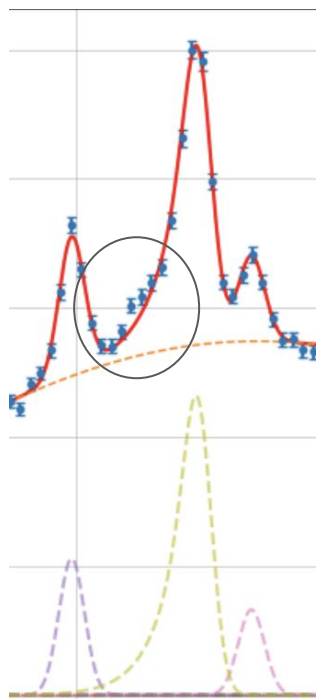
width KAI 4-3: < 0.3 keV
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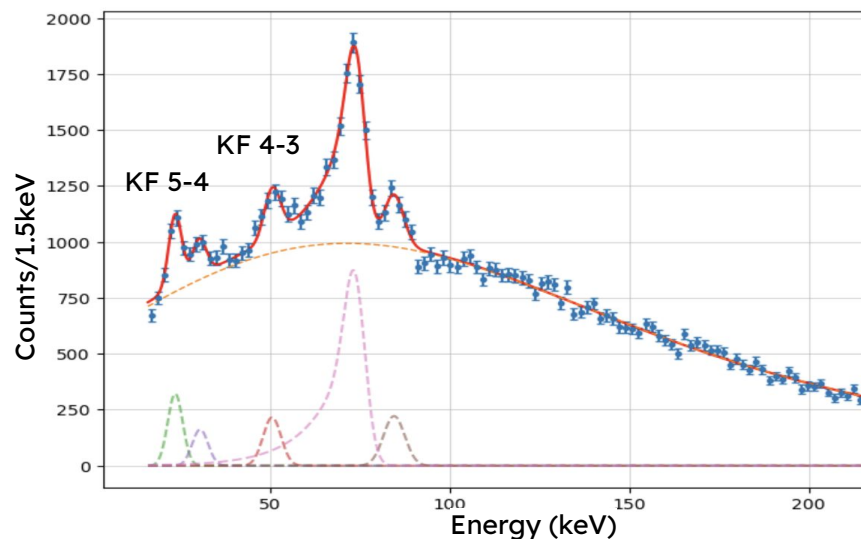
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**Fit without Sigmonic line
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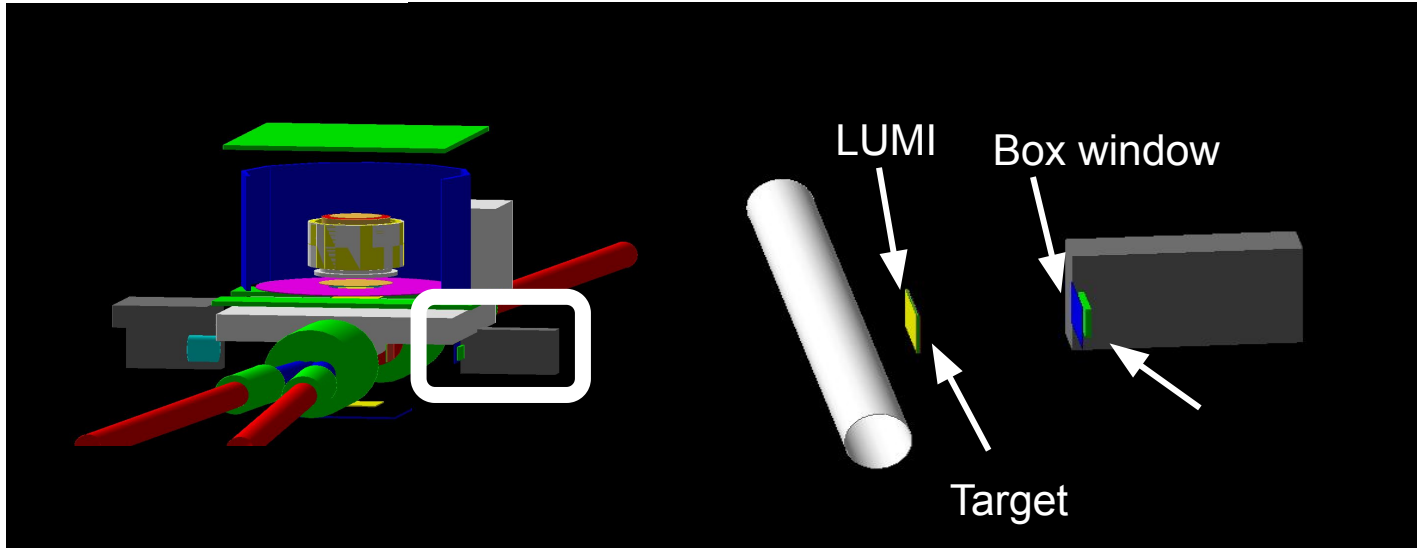
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KF 4-3	50.58 ± 0.29	50.59
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18 days run with Teflon (C₂F₄) Target
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work in progress:

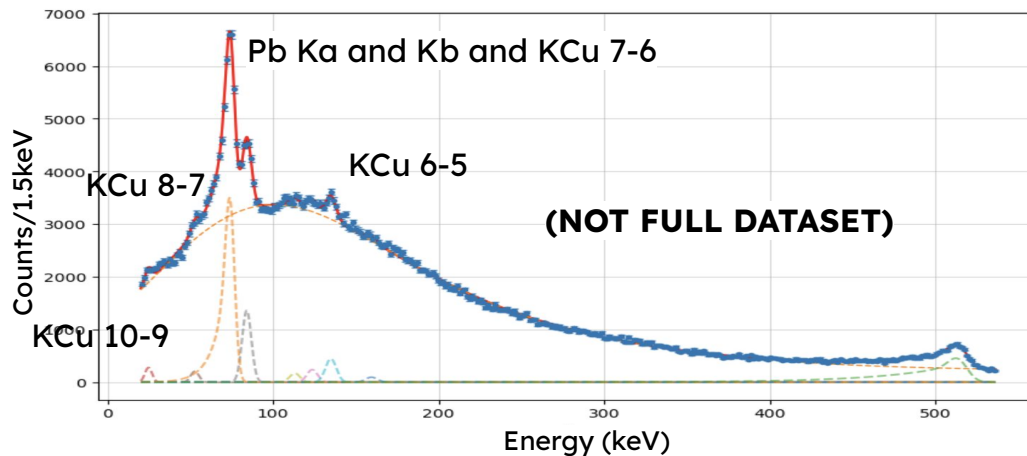
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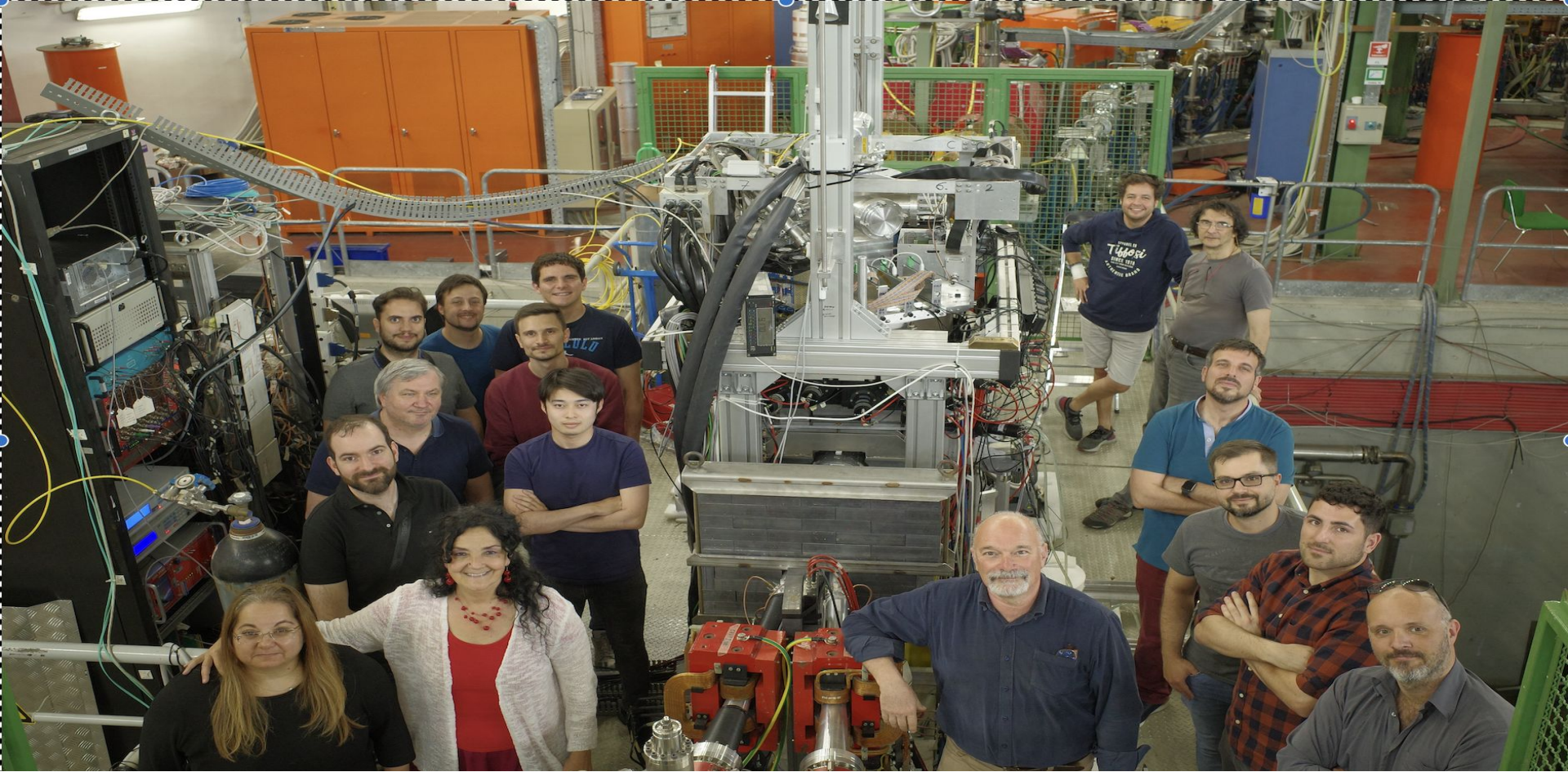
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Conclusions

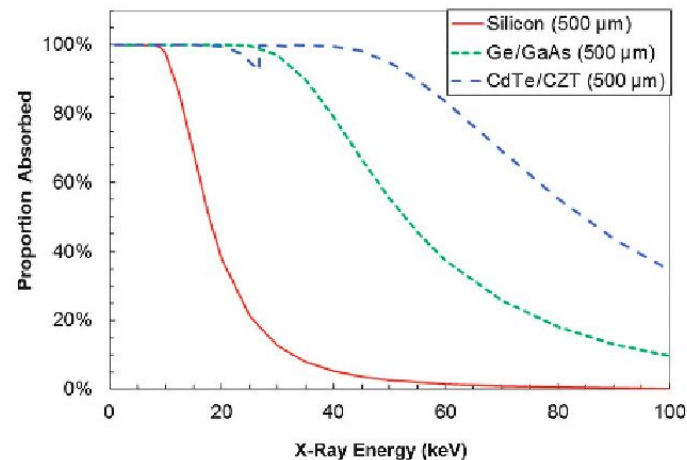
- CDZnTe is a promising semiconductor to build compact X-ray detection systems at room temperature in the range from tens to hundreds keV.
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- The last data taking at DAFNE collider is promising and already led to first observations of intermediate mass 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

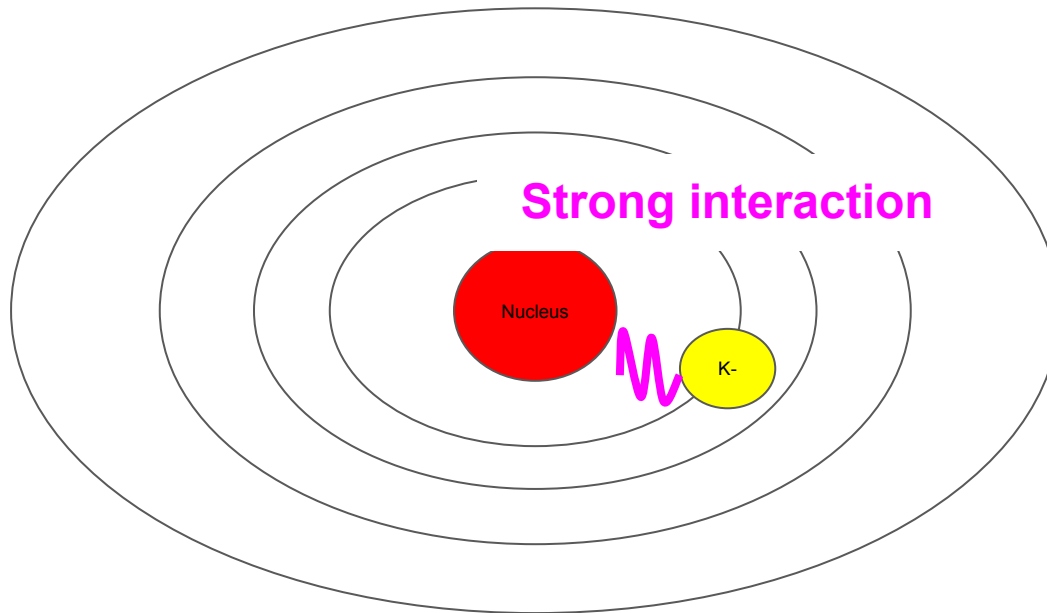
Why Cadmium Zinc Telluride?

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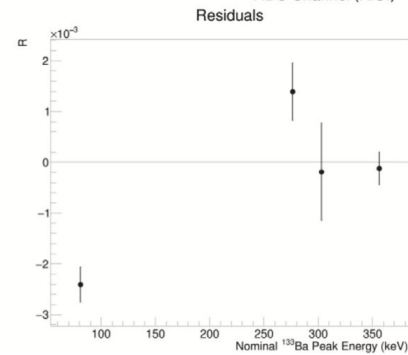
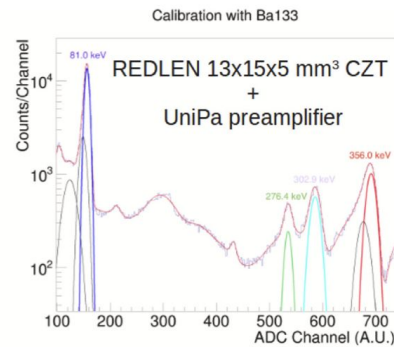
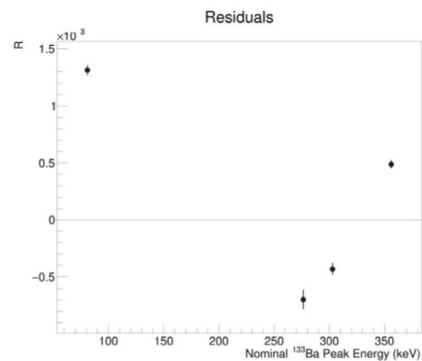
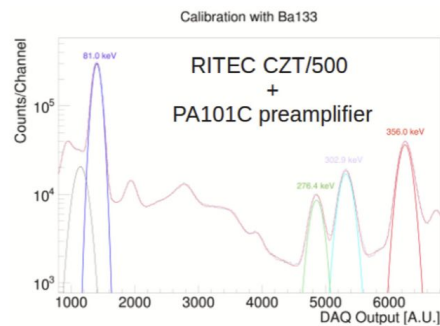
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Kaonic Atoms: K-N Interaction



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 $1\text{e-}9\text{s}$ - $1\text{e-}12\text{s}$, while $\tau_K=1\text{e-}8\text{s}$



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