



**Advances and perspectives in the low-energy  
Kaon-nucleon/nuclei interaction studies  
At the DAFNE Collider**

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***(On behalf of SIDDHARTA and AMADEUS collaborations)***

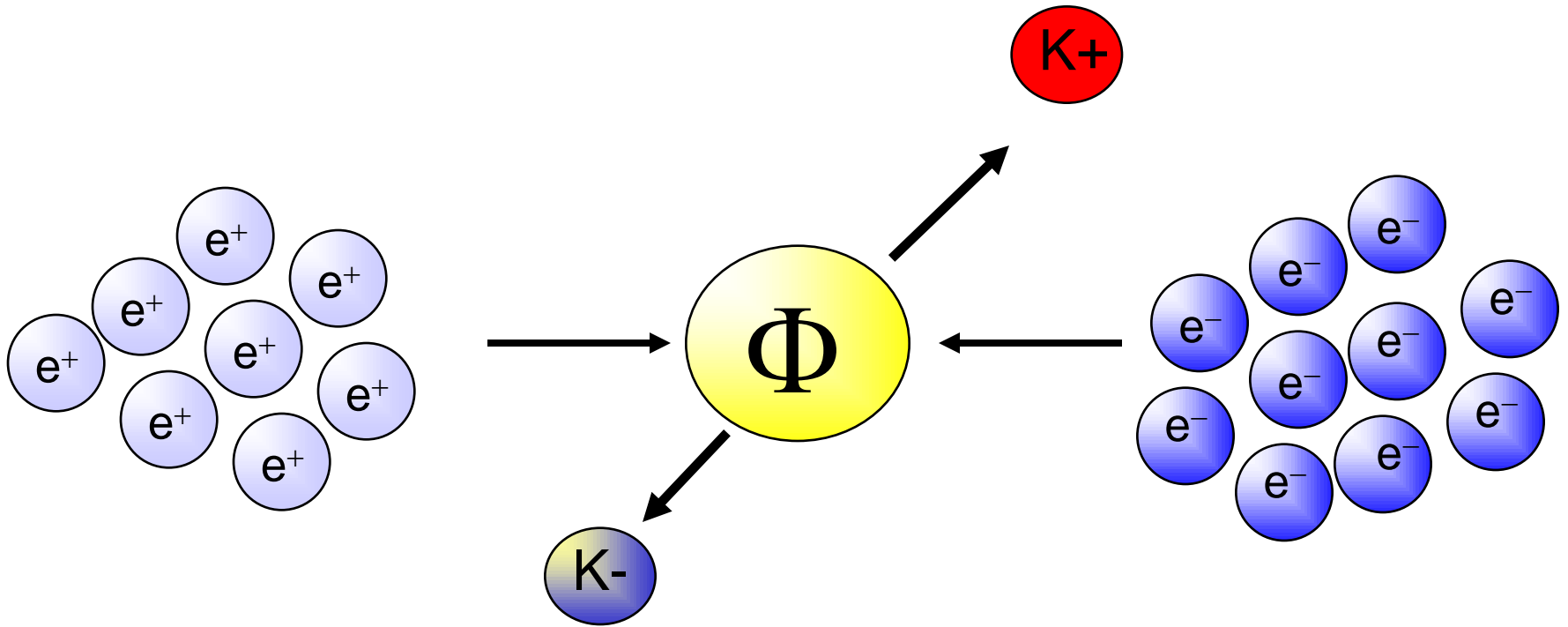
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***Hadrons in Nuclei, YITP, 30 October – 2 November 2013, Kyoto***



***The DAFNE collider  
or the best possible  
beam of low energy kaons***

# *The DAFNE principle*



Flux of produced kaons: about 1000/second

# *DAΦNE, since 1998*



# DAFNE

$e^- e^+$  collider

- $\Phi \rightarrow K^- K^+$  (49.1%)
- Monochromatic low-energy  $K^-$  ( $\sim 127\text{MeV}/c$ )
- Less hadronic background due to the beam  
(compare to hadron beam line : e.g. KEK /JPARC)

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

## ***KAONNIS (Integrated Initiative):***

***Unique studies of the low-energy kaon-nucleon/nuclei interactions -> low-energy QCD in strangeness sector with implications from particle ( $\Lambda(1405)$ ) and nuclear (kaonic nuclear clusters?) physics to astrophysics (equation of state -> role of strangeness)***

***- exotic atoms: SIDDHARTA data analyses and SIDDHARTA-2 experiment***

***- kaon-nuclei interactions at low-energies: AMADEUS  
- AMADEUS carbon target and KLOE 2002-2005 data analyses in collaboration with KLOE***

***Support from : HP3 – WP9: WP24; WP28 is fundamental***



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# SIDDHARTA

## Silicon Drift Detector for Hadronic Atom Research by Timing Applications



- LNF- INFN, Frascati, Italy
- SMI- ÖAW, Vienna, Austria
- IFIN – HH, Bucharest, Romania
- Politecnico, Milano, Italy
- MPE, Garching, Germany
- PNSensors, Munich, Germany
- RIKEN, Japan
- Univ. Tokyo, Japan
- Victoria Univ., Canada





# The 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**

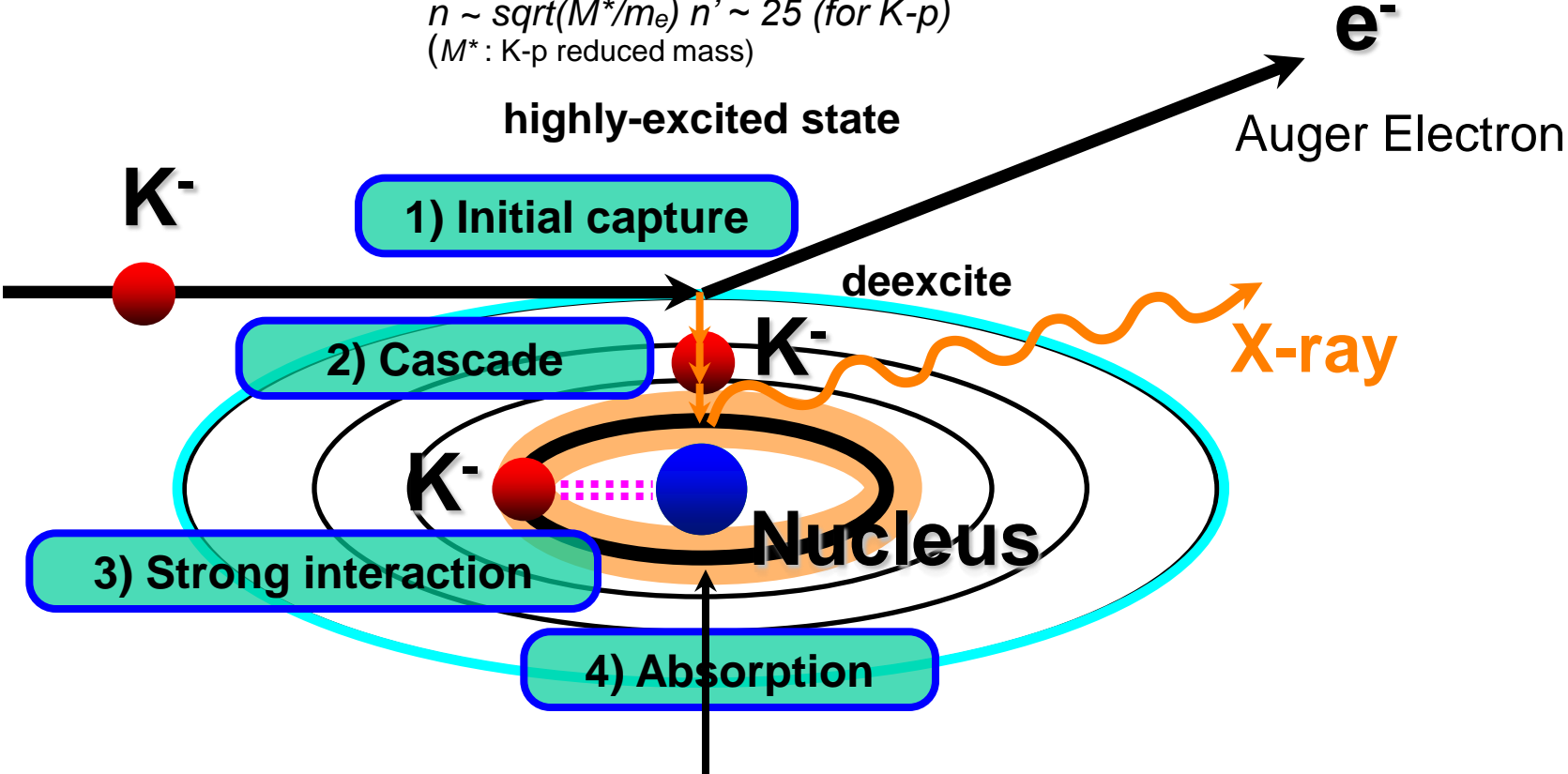
and

the *first measurement* of **kaonic deuterium**

**Measurements of kaonic Helium 3 and 4 as well (2p level)**

# Kaonic atom formation

$n \sim \sqrt{M^*/m_e}$   $n' \sim 25$  (for K-p)  
 ( $M^*$ : K-p reduced mass)

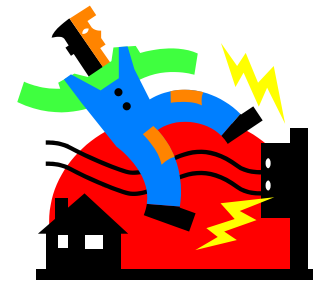
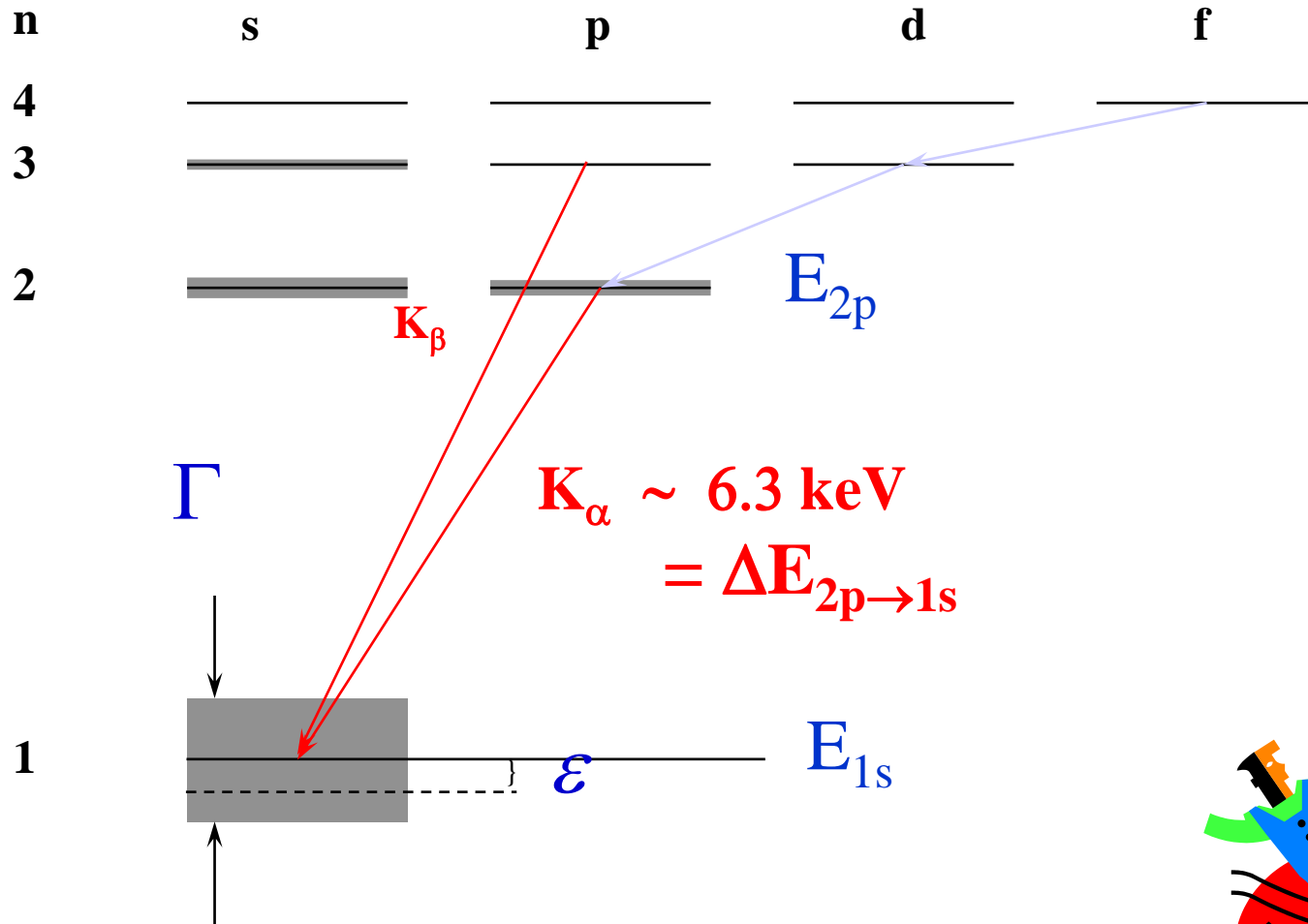


The strong interaction is stopped within a target medium's width of last orbit

Shift and Width of last orbit

$\cdot \underline{2p}$  for K-He

# *Kaonic cascade and the strong interaction*



# ***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



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

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

# ***SIDDHARTA Scientific program***

Measuring the  $\bar{K}N$  scattering lengths with the precision of a few percent will drastically change the present status of low-energy  $\bar{K}N$  phenomenology and also provide a clear assessment of the SU(3) chiral effective Lagrangian approach to low energy hadron interactions.



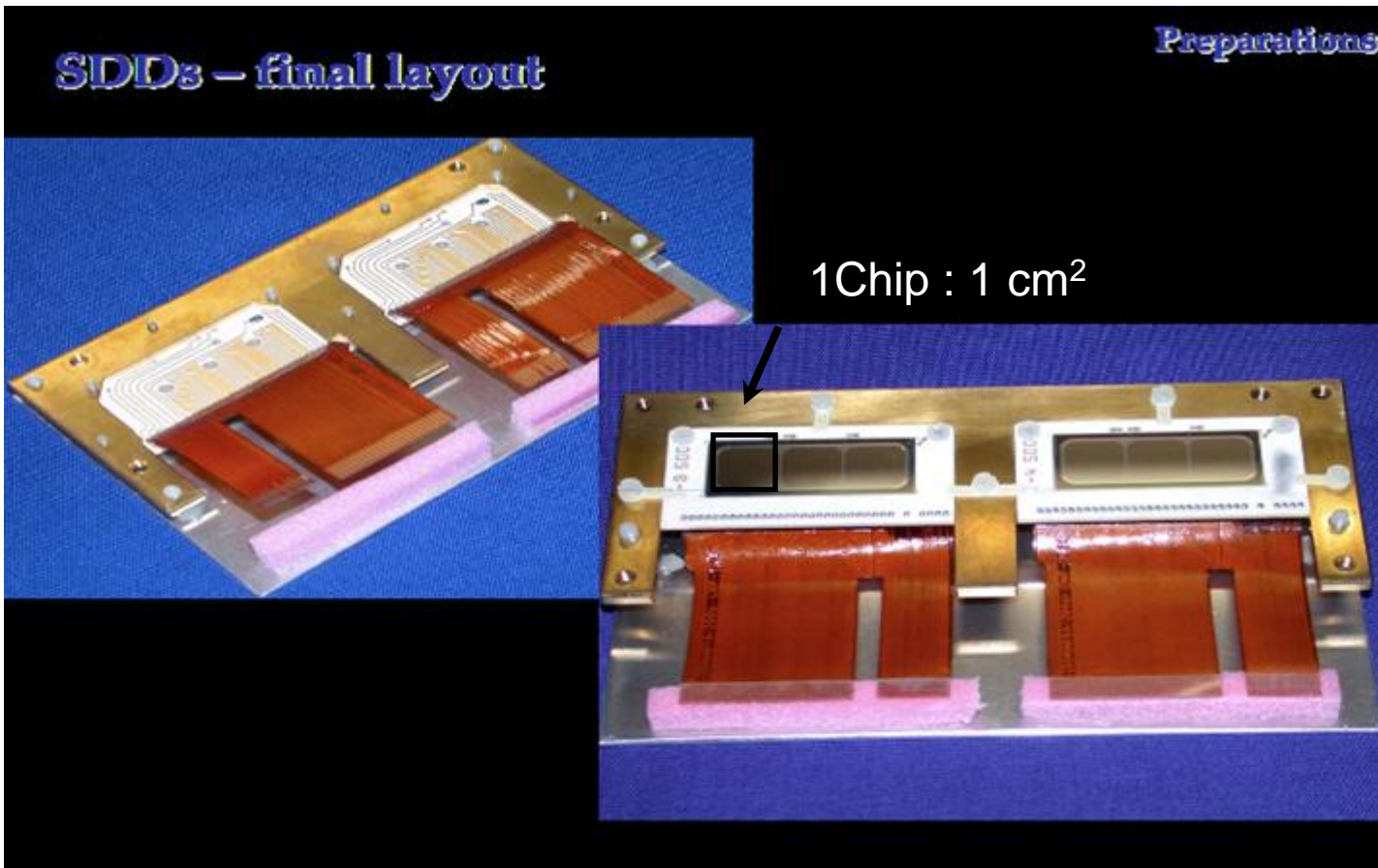
- 1. Breakthrough in the *low-energy  $\bar{K}N$  phenomenology*;**
- 2. Threshold amplitude in QCD**
- 3. Information on  $\Lambda(1405)$**
- 4. Contribute to the determination of the *KN sigma terms*, which give the degree of chiral symmetry breaking;**
- 5. 4 related alado with the determination of the *strangeness content of the nucleon* from the  $KN$  sigma terms**

***SIDDHARTA***

# Target cell



# Silicon Drift Detector - SDD

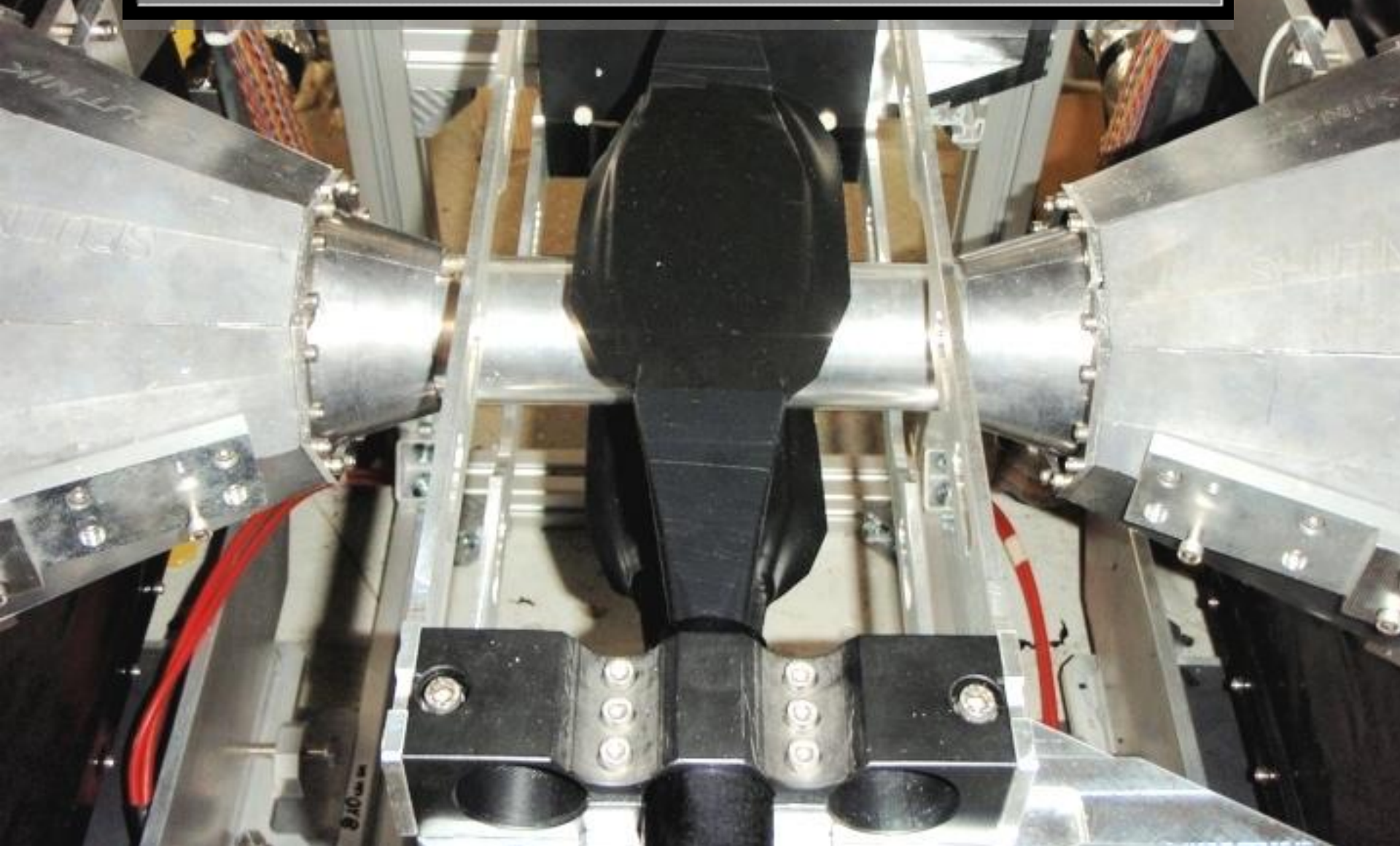




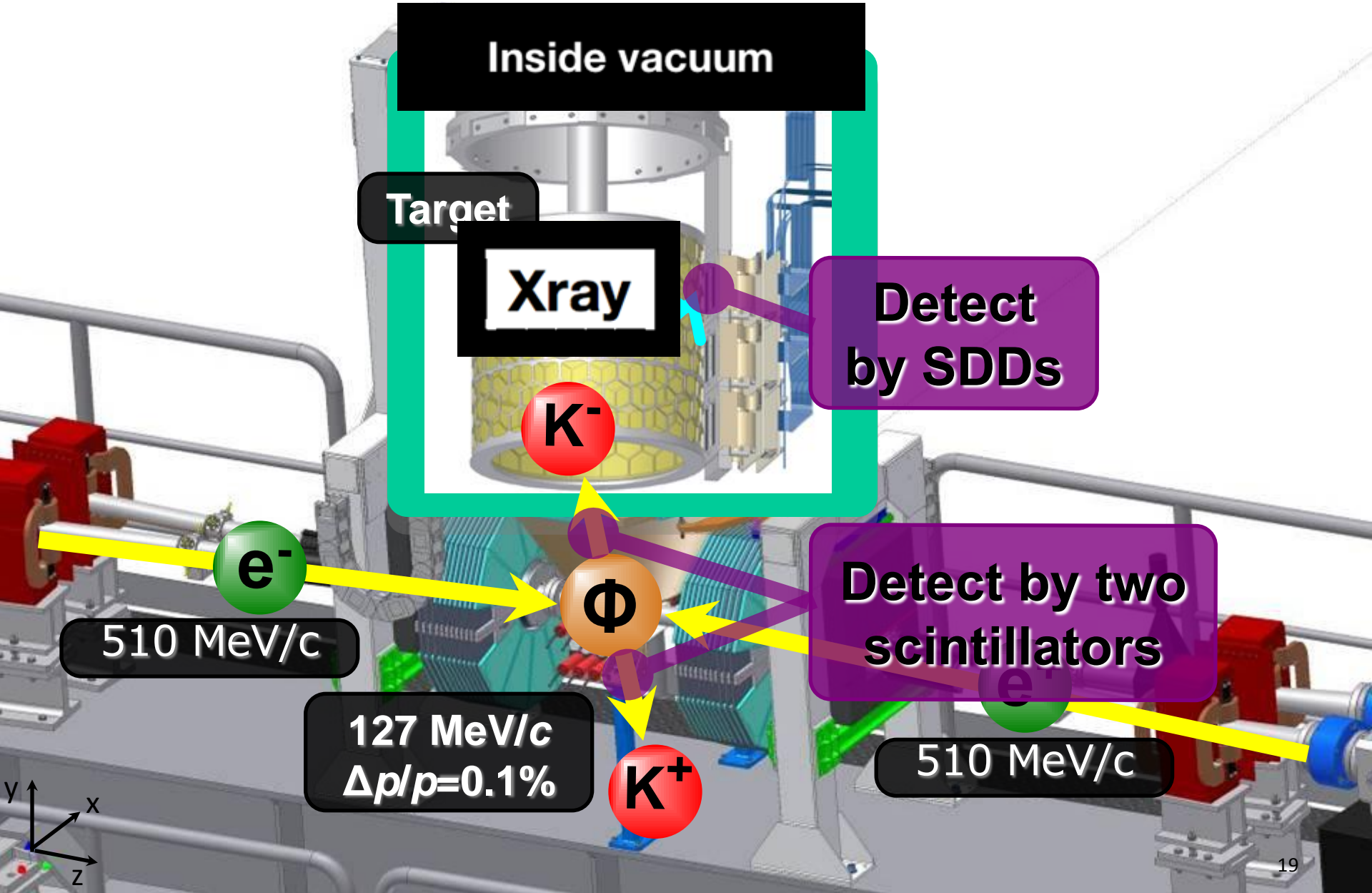
# Silicon Drift Detectors

1 cm<sup>2</sup> x 144 SDDs

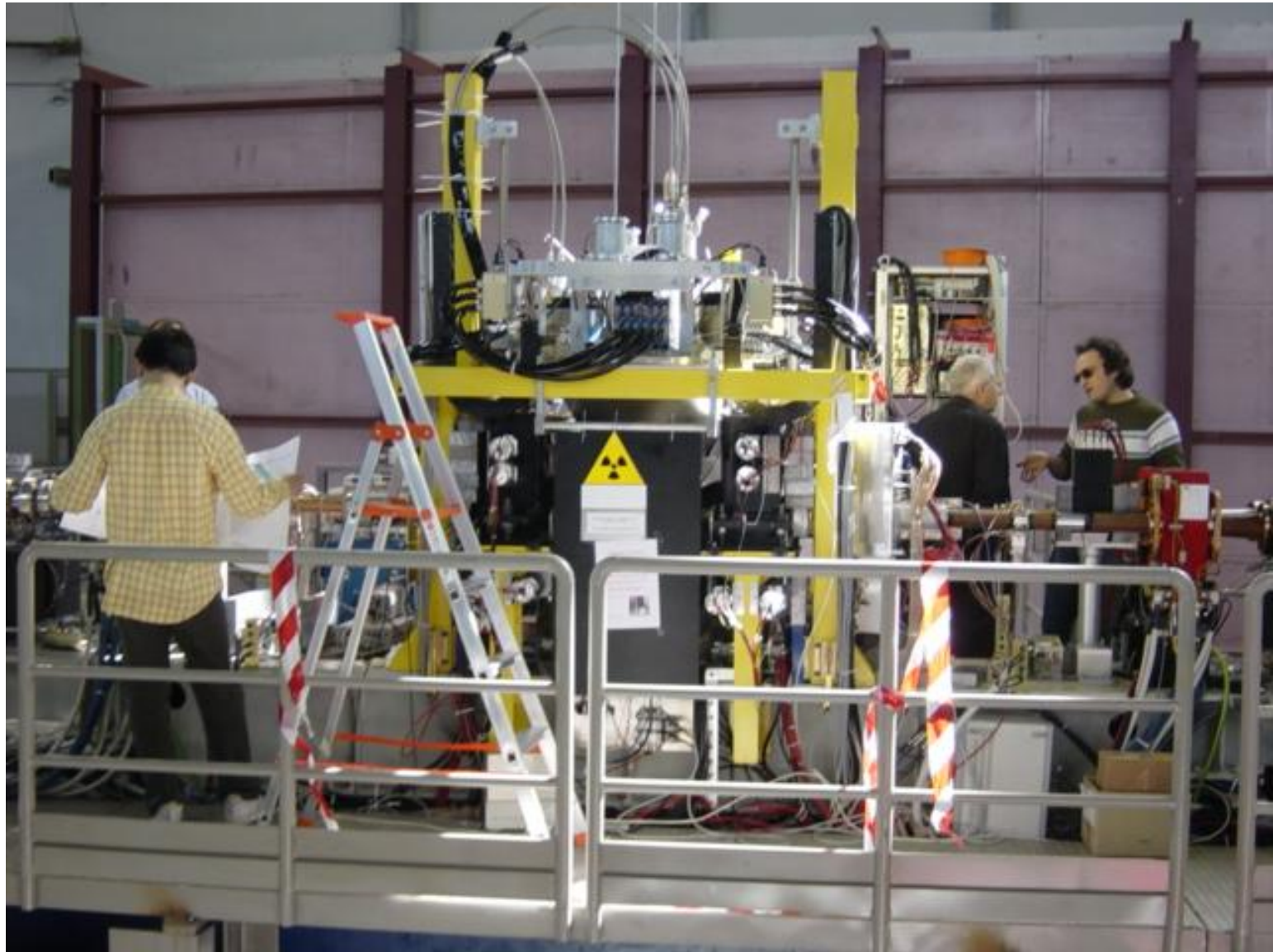
# Kaon detector



# SIDDHARTA overview







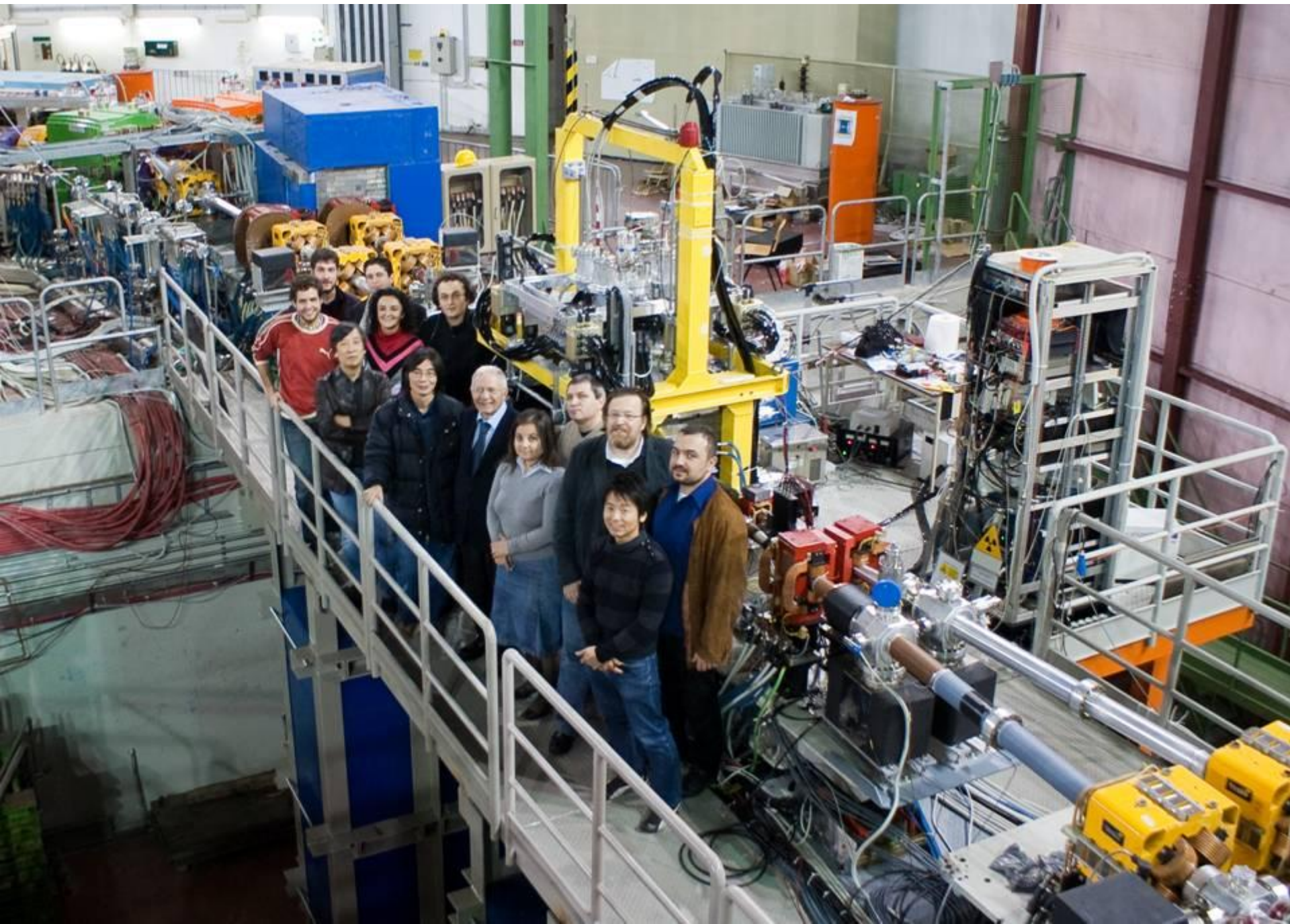


# SIDDHARTA setup

SDDs & Target  
(inside vacuum)

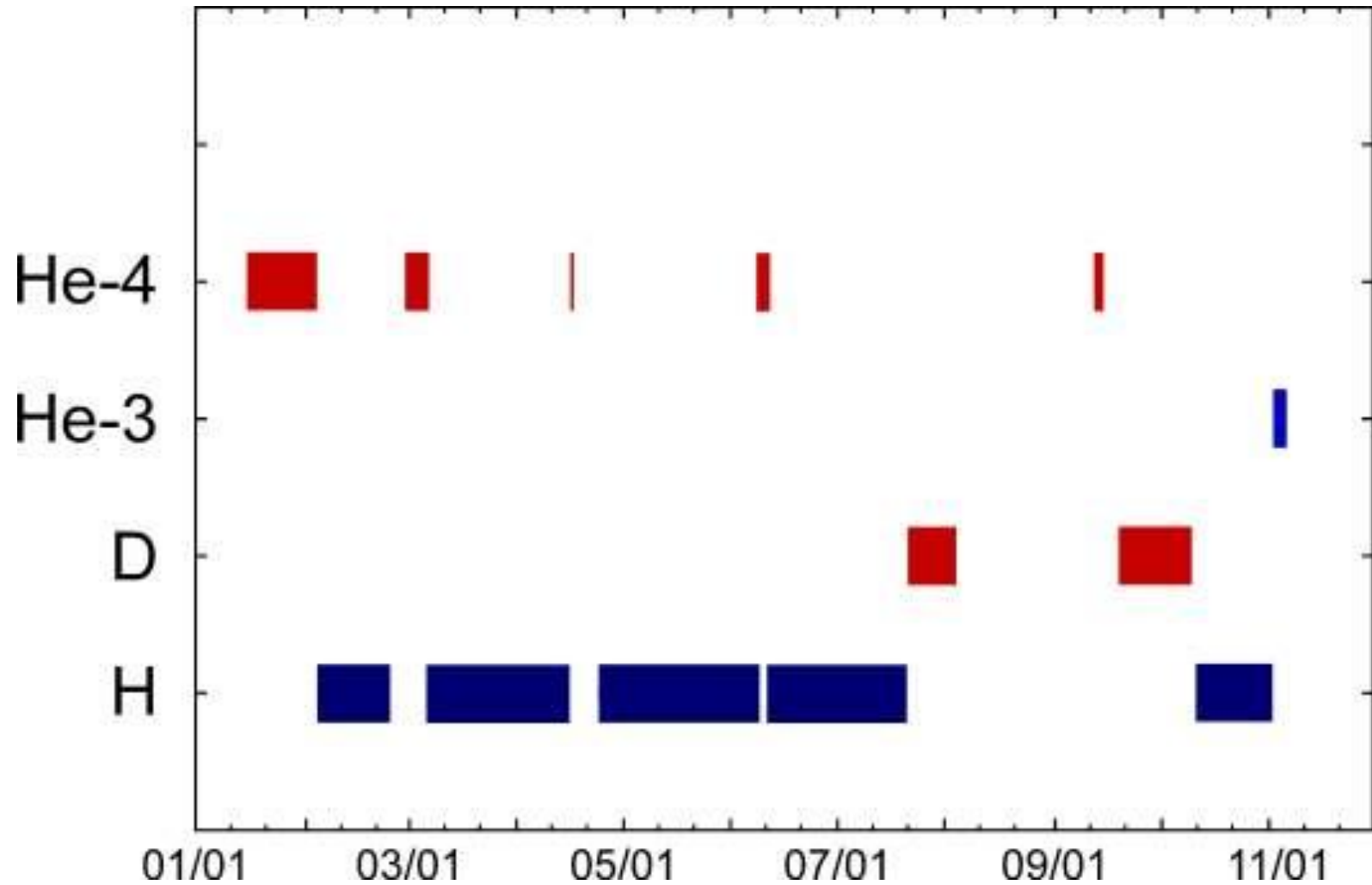
Kaon detector







# *SIDDHARTA data*



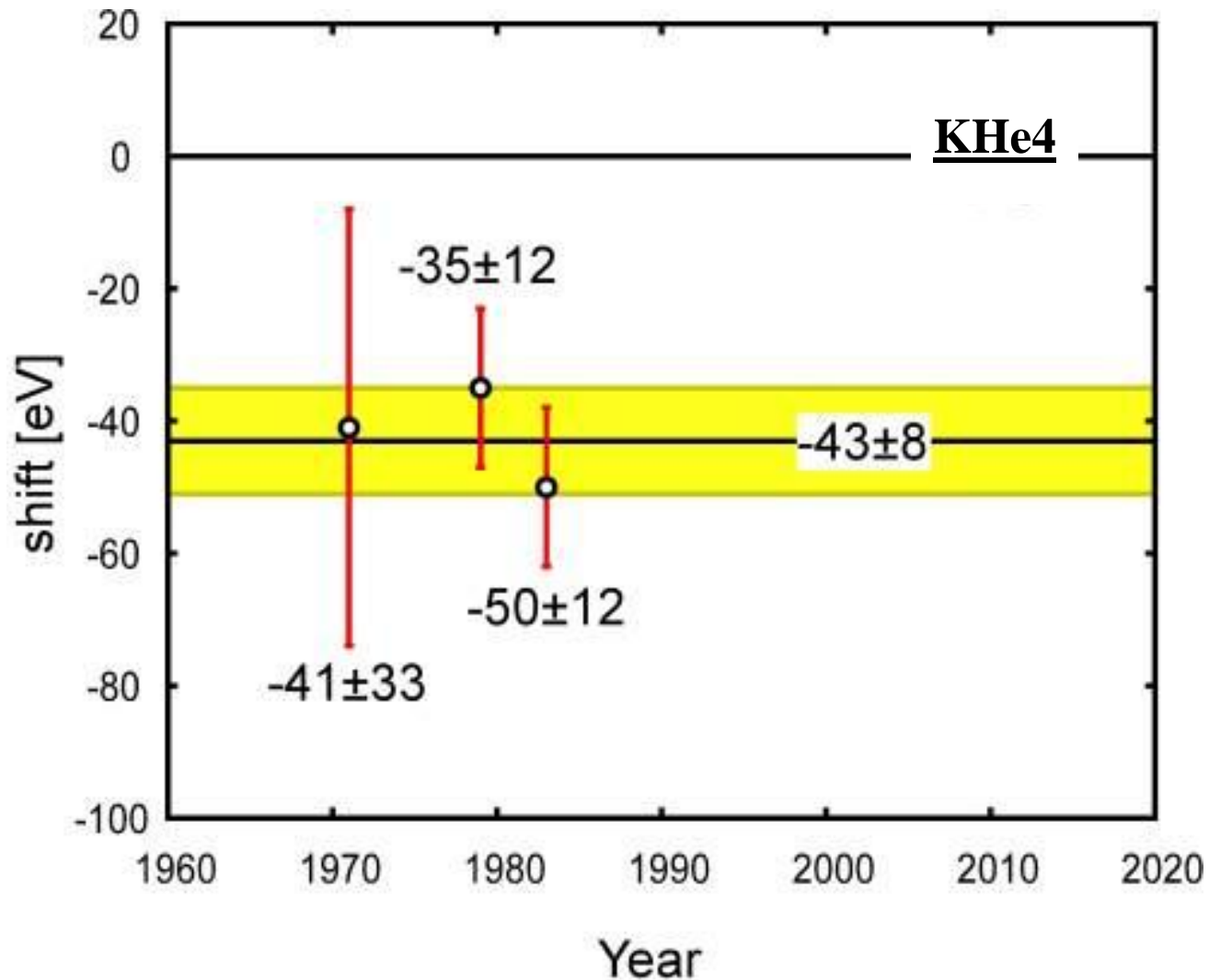
## **SIDDHARTA results:**

- **Kaonic Hydrogen**:  $400\text{pb}^{-1}$ , most precise measurement ever, *Phys. Lett. B* 704 (2011) 113, *Nucl. Phys. A* 881 (2012) 88; Ph D
- **Kaonic deuterium**:  $100\text{pb}^{-1}$ , as an exploratory first measurement ever, *Nucl. Phys. A* 907 (2013) 69; Ph D
- **Kaonic helium 4** – first measurement ever in gaseous target; published in *Phys. Lett. B* 681 (2009) 310; *NIM A* 628 (2011) 264 and *Phys. Lett. B* 697 (2011);; PhD
- **Kaonic helium 3** –  $10\text{pb}^{-1}$ , first measurement in the world, published in *Phys. Lett. B* 697 (2011) 199; Ph D
- **Widths and yields of KHe3 and KHe4** - *Phys. Lett. B* 714 (2012) 40; ongoing: KH yields; kaonic kapton yields -> draft for publications

**SIDDHARTA – important TRAINING for young researchers**

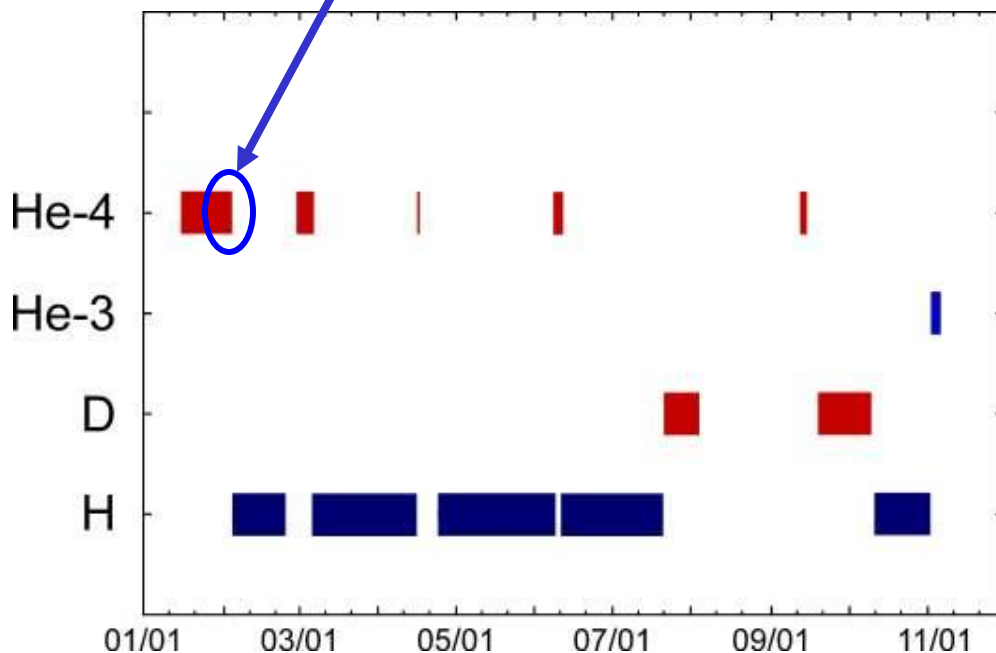
# *Kaonic Helium 3 and 4*

# *Kaonic 4 old data*



# Data taking periods of SIDDHARTA in 2009

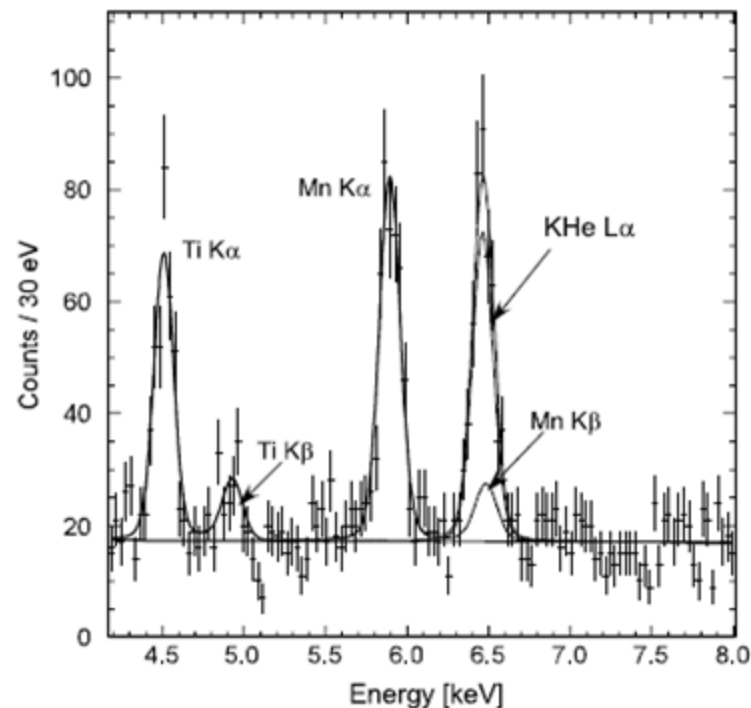
## K-He4 data with Fe source



$^{55}\text{Fe}$  source:  
Good for reduce sys. error on K- $^4\text{He}$   
Bad for "background" events on K-H, K-D

➔ Removed  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  source in other data

PLB681(2009)310



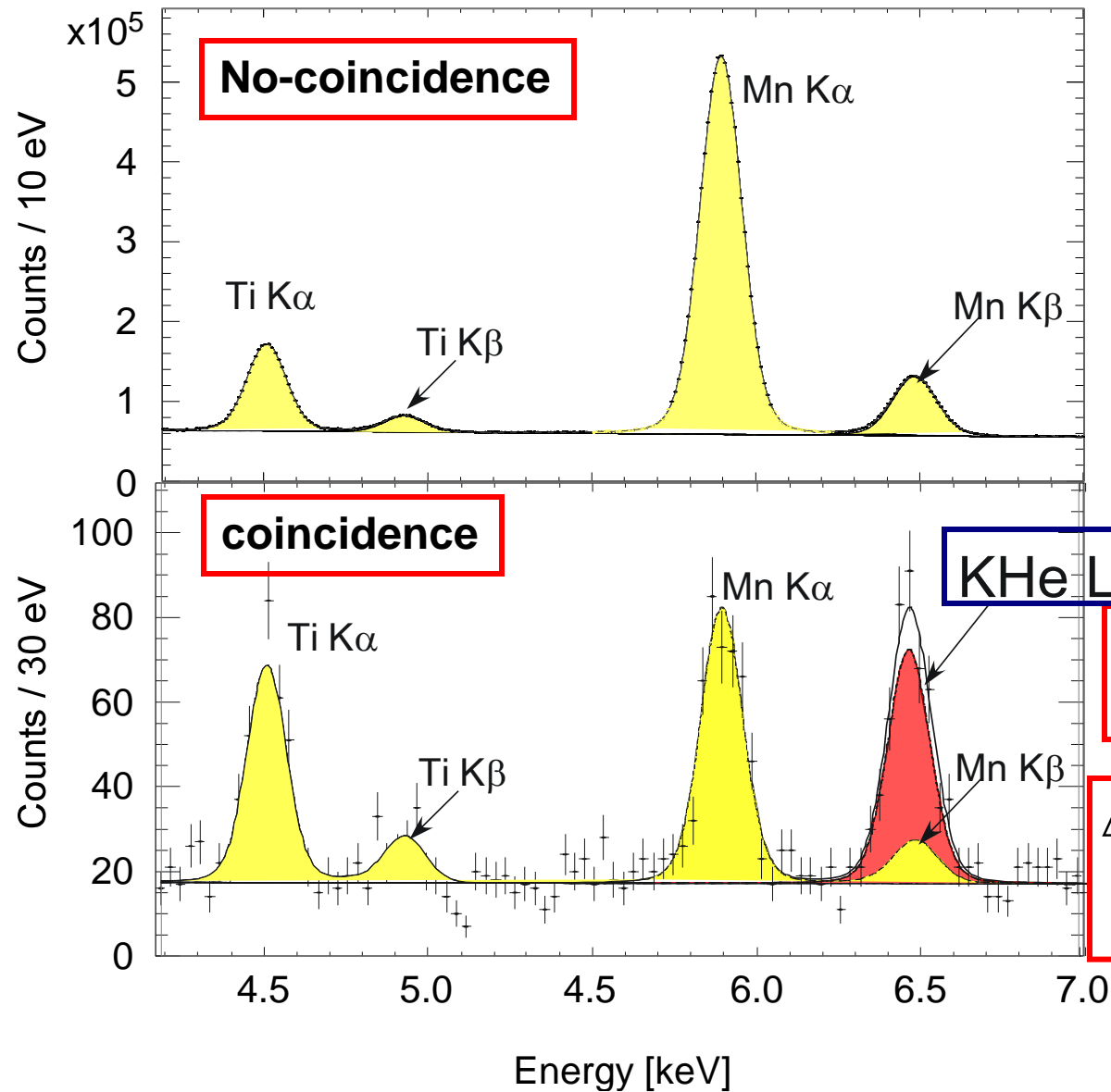
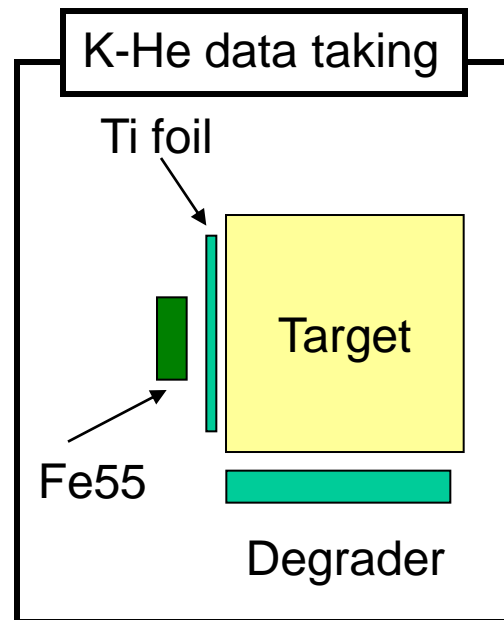
Use of  
Mn K $\alpha$  (5.9 keV) from  $^{55}\text{Fe}$



Systematic error =  $\pm 2$  eV

# KHe-4 energy spectrum at SIDDHARTA

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



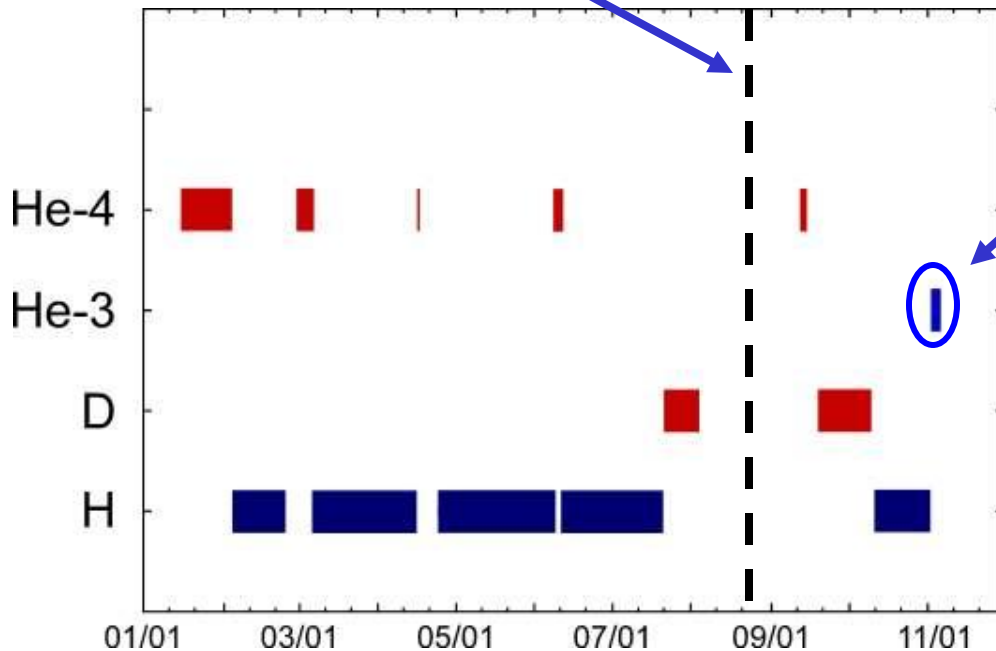
$$E_{\text{exp}} = 6463.6 \pm 5.8 \text{ eV,}$$

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

# Data taking periods of SIDDHARTA in 2009

DAFNE shutdown in Summer

New alignment of setup  
→ Improve S/N ratio



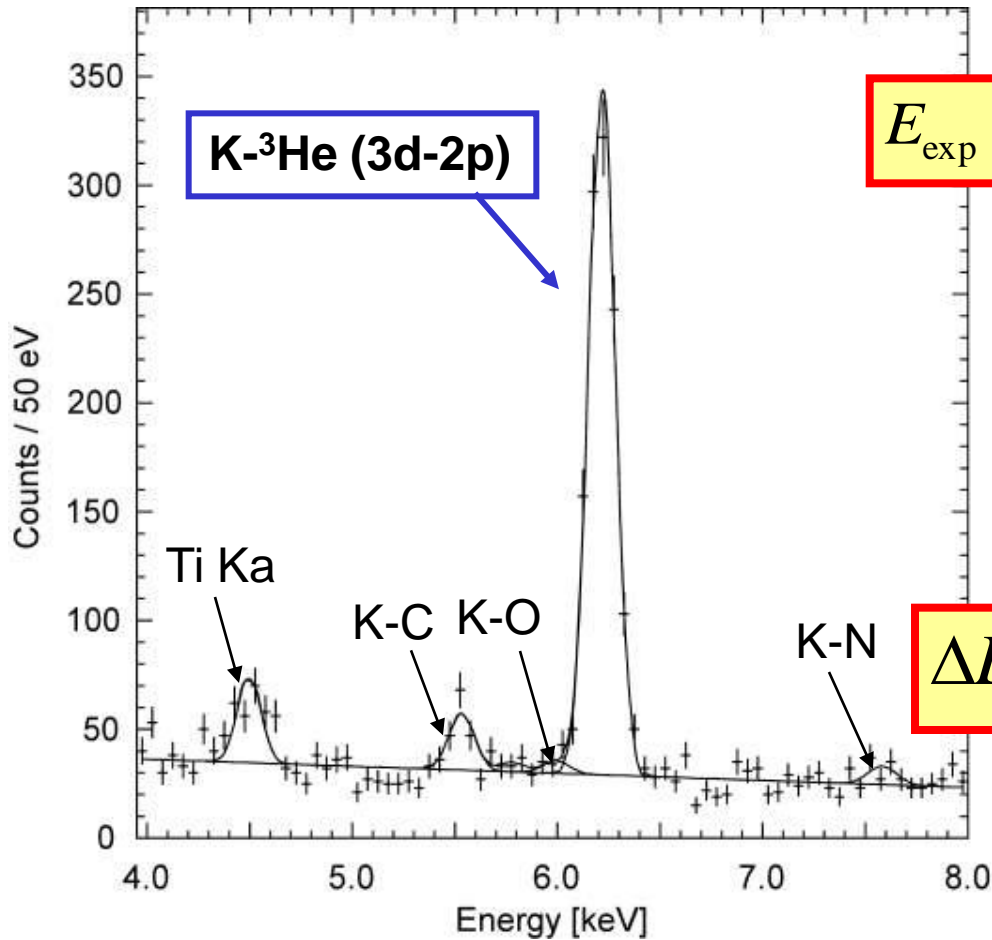
K-He3 data (~4days)

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# Kaonic Helium-3 energy spectrum

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



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

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

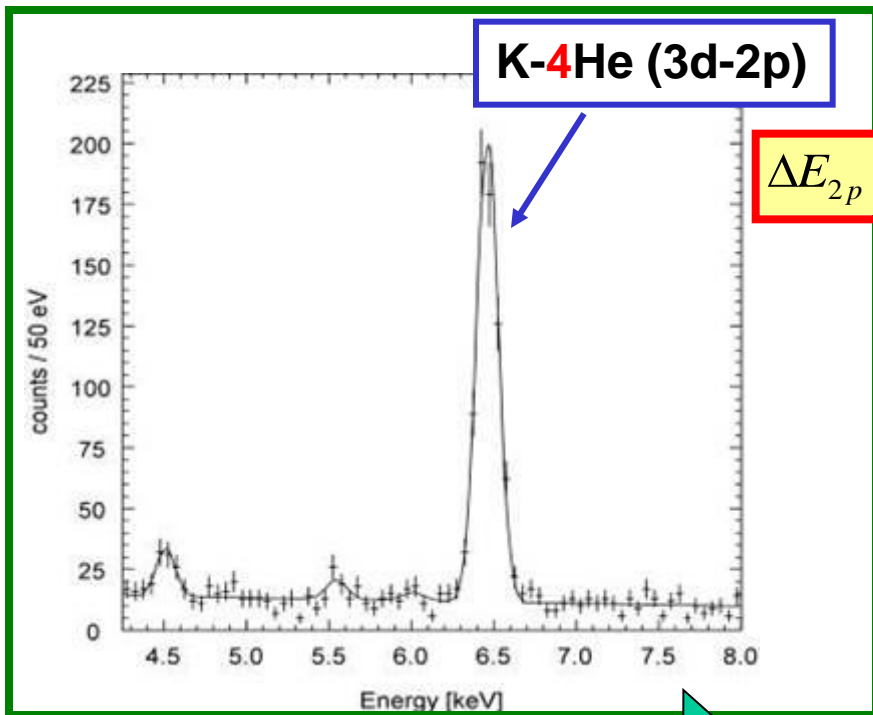
$$\Delta E_{2p} = E_{\text{exp}} - E_{e.m.}$$

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

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

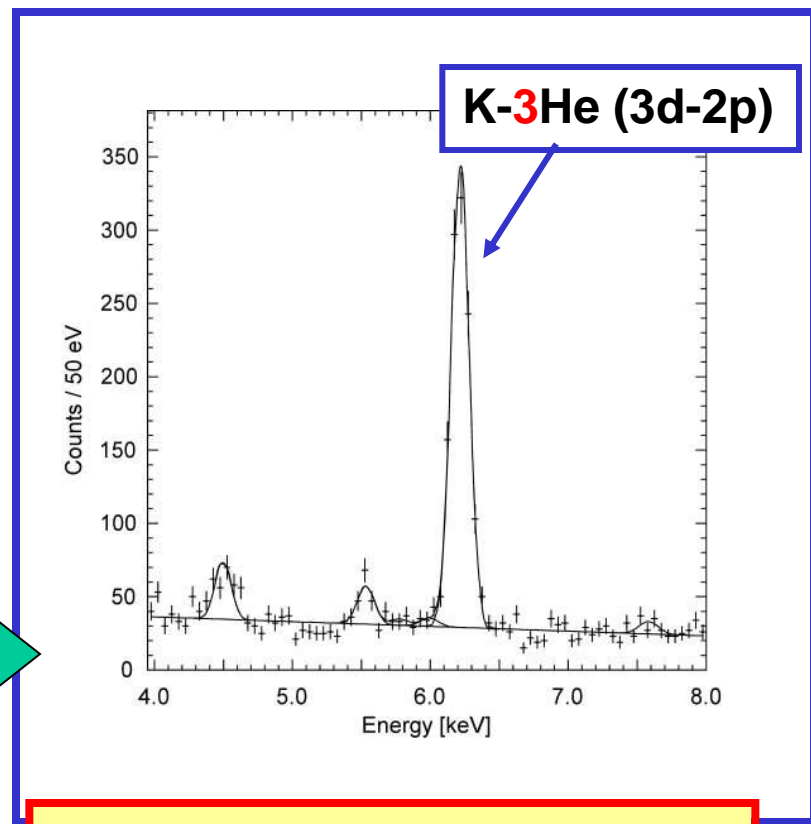
World First !  
Observation of K-<sup>3</sup>He X-rays  
Determination of  
strong-interaction shift





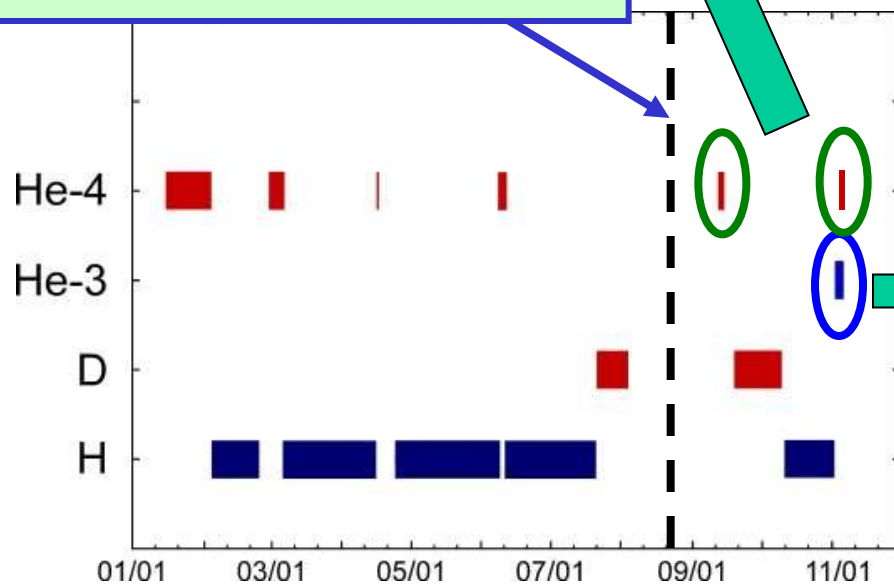
$$\Delta E_{2p} = +5 \pm 3(sta) \pm 4(sys) \text{ eV}$$

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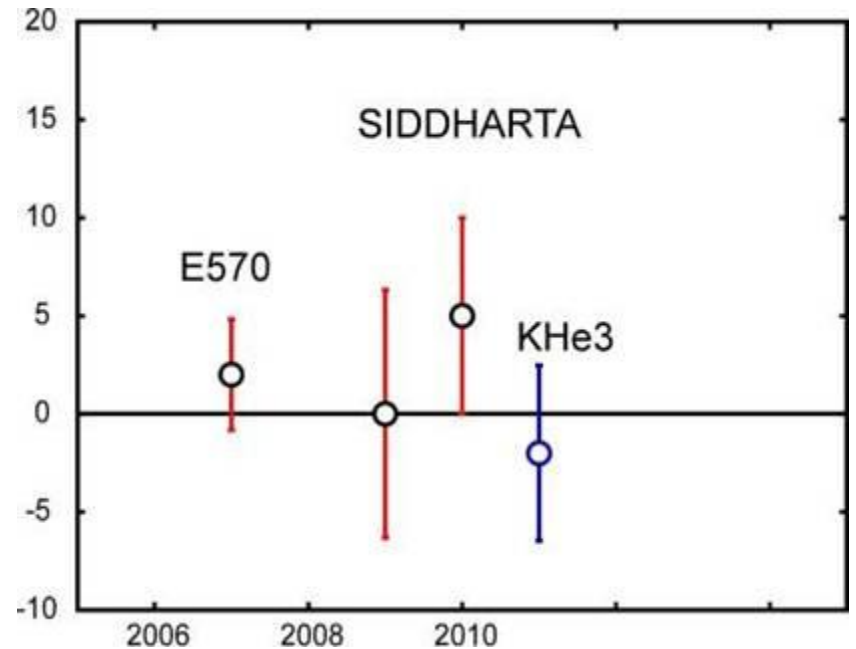
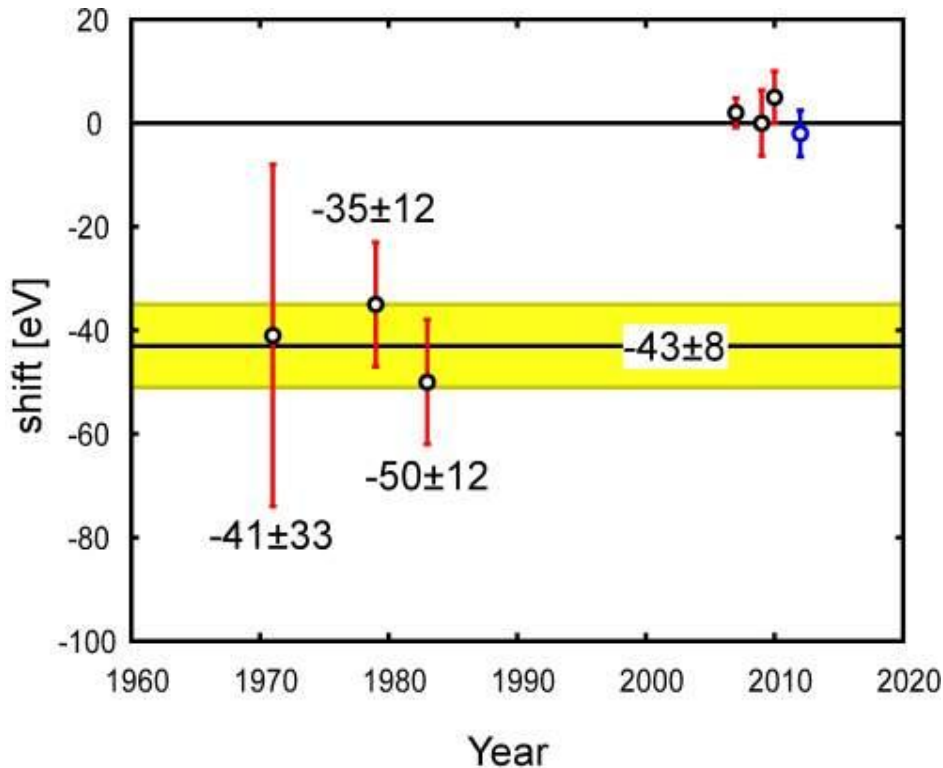
$$\Delta E_{2p} = -2 \pm 2(sta) \pm 4(sys) \text{ eV}$$

DAFNE shutdown in Summer



# 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 =  $\pm\sqrt{(stat)^2 + (syst)^2}$

*Phys. Lett. B714 (2012) 40*

the strong-interaction **width** of  
the kaonic  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}$   
 $2p$  state

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1205.0640v1>

## Old kaonic He4 measurements

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$\Delta E_{2p}$ (eV)	$\Gamma_{2p}$ (eV)
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$-41 \pm 33$	—
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$-35 \pm 12$	$30 \pm 30$
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$-50 \pm 12$	$100 \pm 40$
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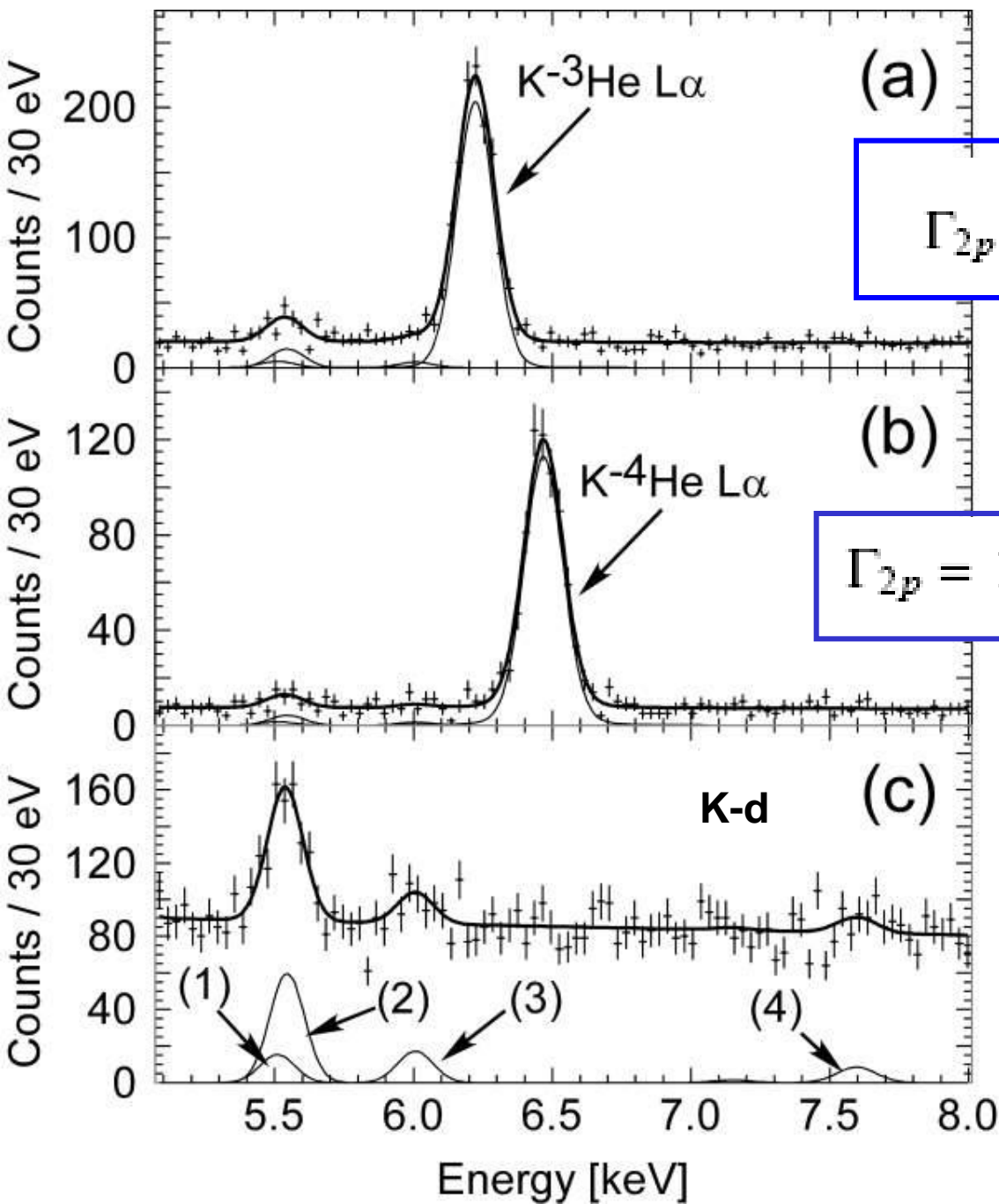
Average

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$-43 \pm 8$	$55 \pm 34$
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Theory:  $-0.13 \pm 0.02$      $1.8 \pm 0.05$



Old average

$$\Gamma^{He^4}_{2p} = 55 \pm 34 \text{ eV}$$

K-3He width

$$\Gamma_{2p} = 6 \pm 6 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 7 \text{ (syst.) eV}$$

K-4He width

$$\Gamma_{2p} = 14 \pm 8 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 5 \text{ (syst.) eV,}$$

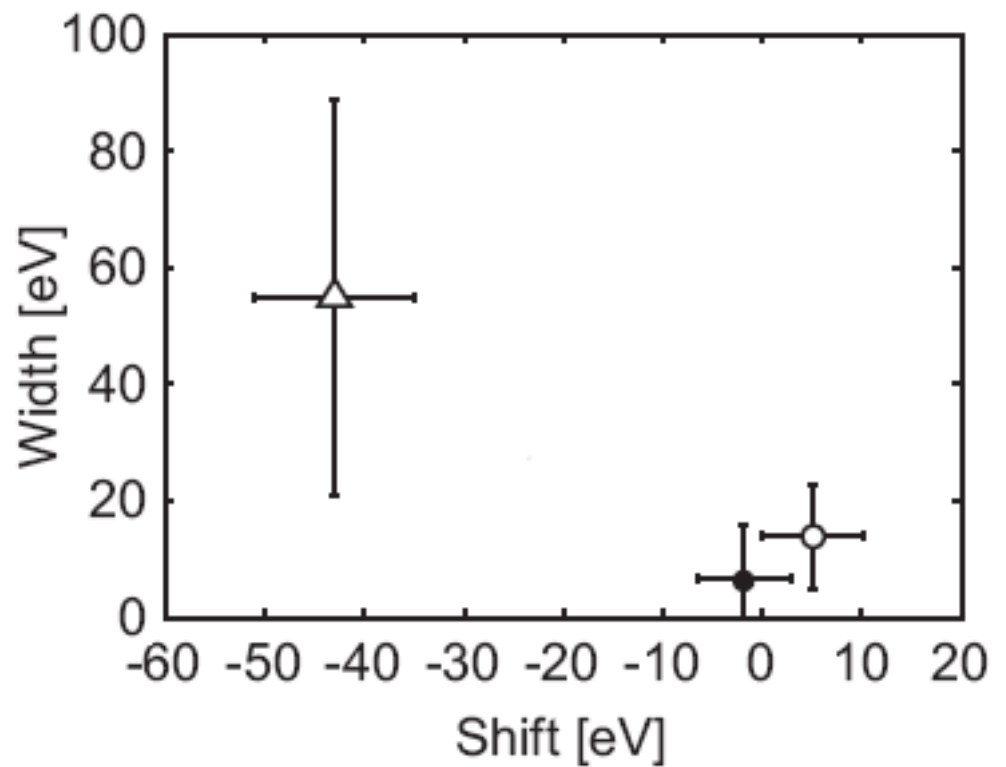


Figure 5: Comparison of experimental results. Open circle: K-4He  $2p$  state; filled circle: K-3He  $2p$  state. Both are determined by the SIDDHARTA experiment. The average value of the K-4He experiments performed in the 70's and 80's is plotted with the open triangle.

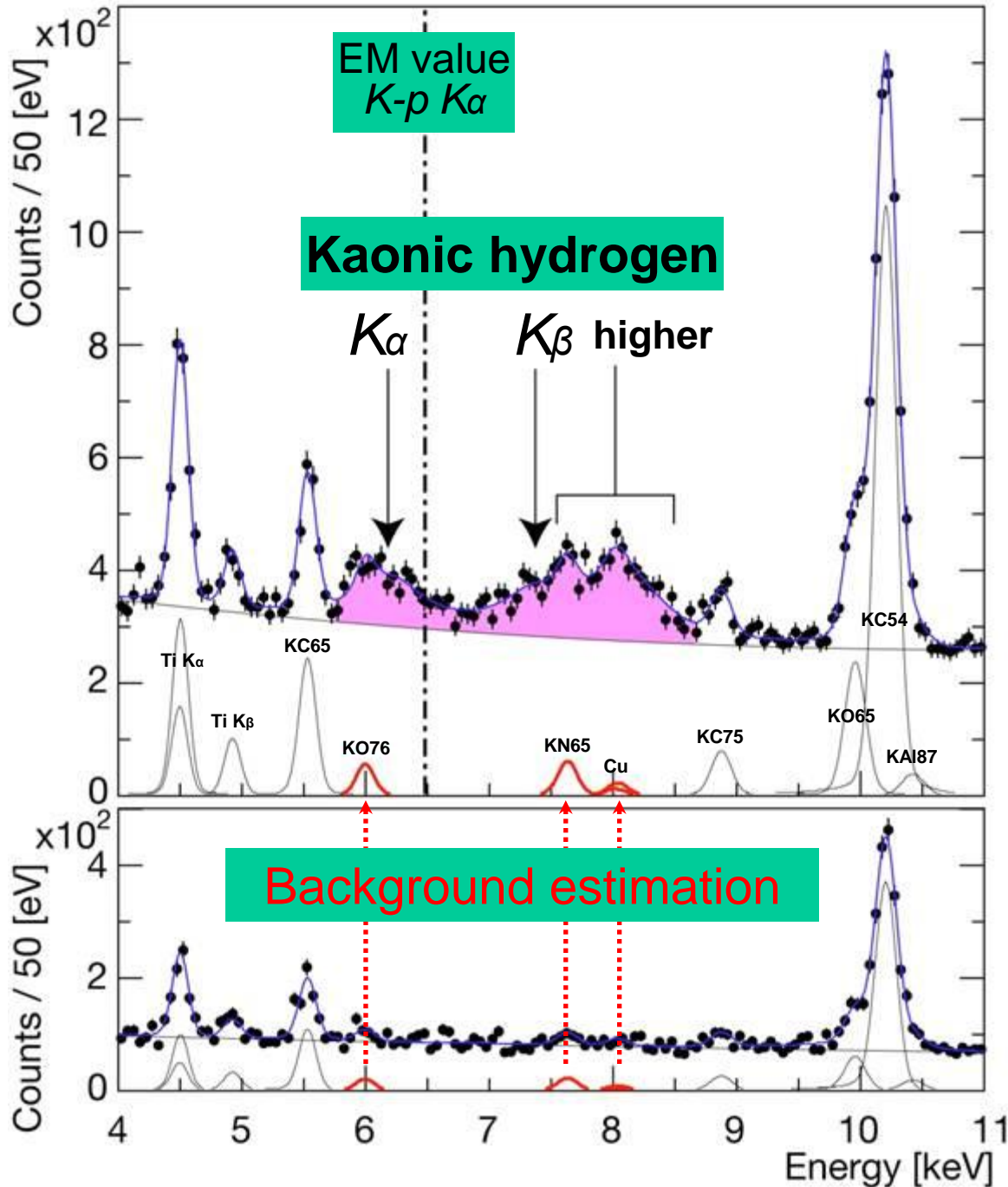
# *Kaonic Helium results:*

- *first measurements of  $K\text{He}3$  and in gas  $\text{He}4$*
- *if any shift of 2 p level is present – is small*
- *$K\text{He}3$  measurement took 3 days!!! – proves how **EXCELLENT** is **SIDDHARTA**-like method at **DAFNE***
  
- ***SIDDHARTA-2** – can do much better:  $K\text{He}3,4$  at eV and try measurement of 1s levels!*

# *Kaonic Hydrogen*



**Hydrogen spectrum**



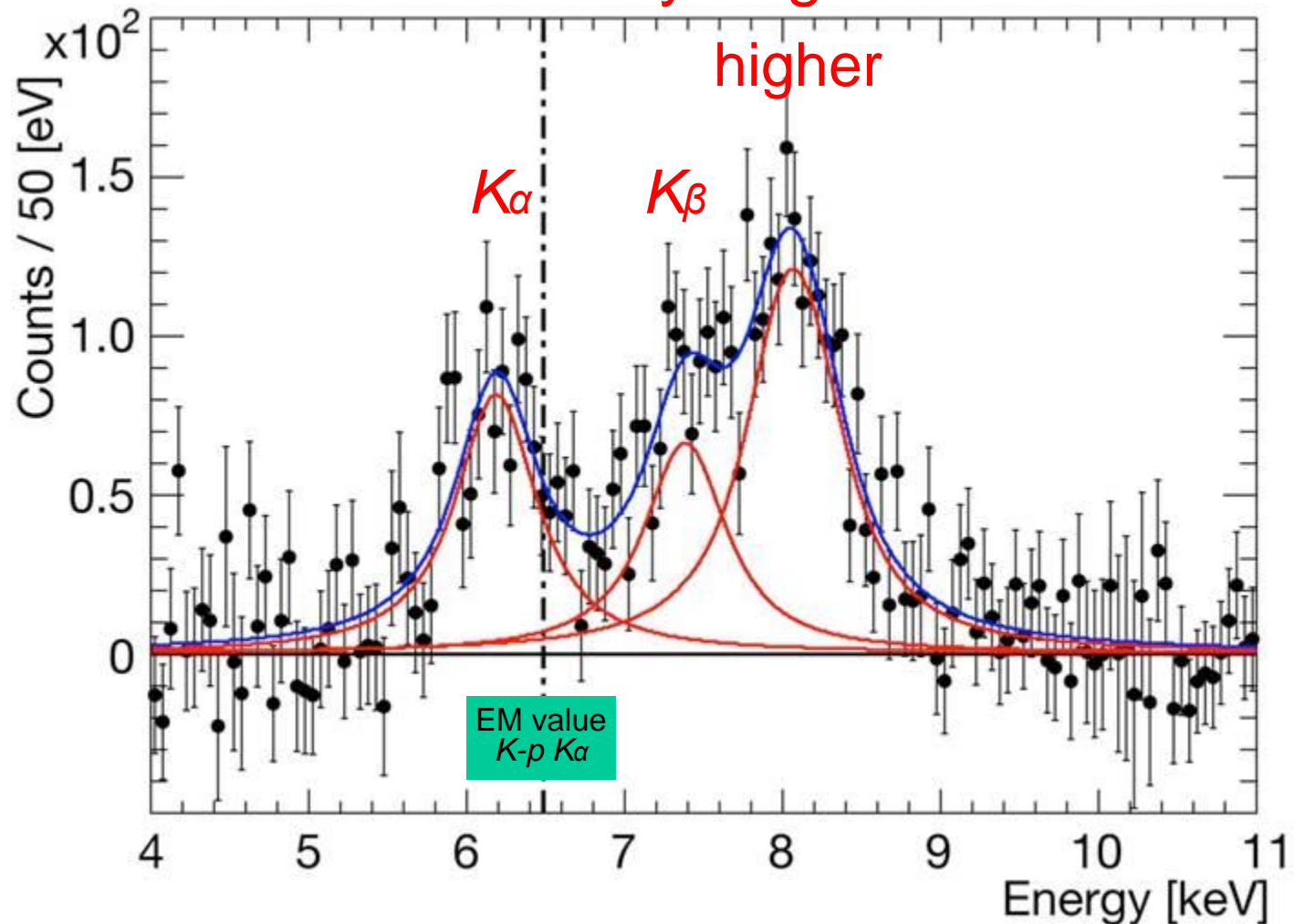
**Deuterium spectrum**

**simultaneous fit**

**Background estimation**

# Residuals of K-p x-ray spectrum after subtraction of fitted background

Kaonic hydrogen



## KAONIC HYDROGEN results

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

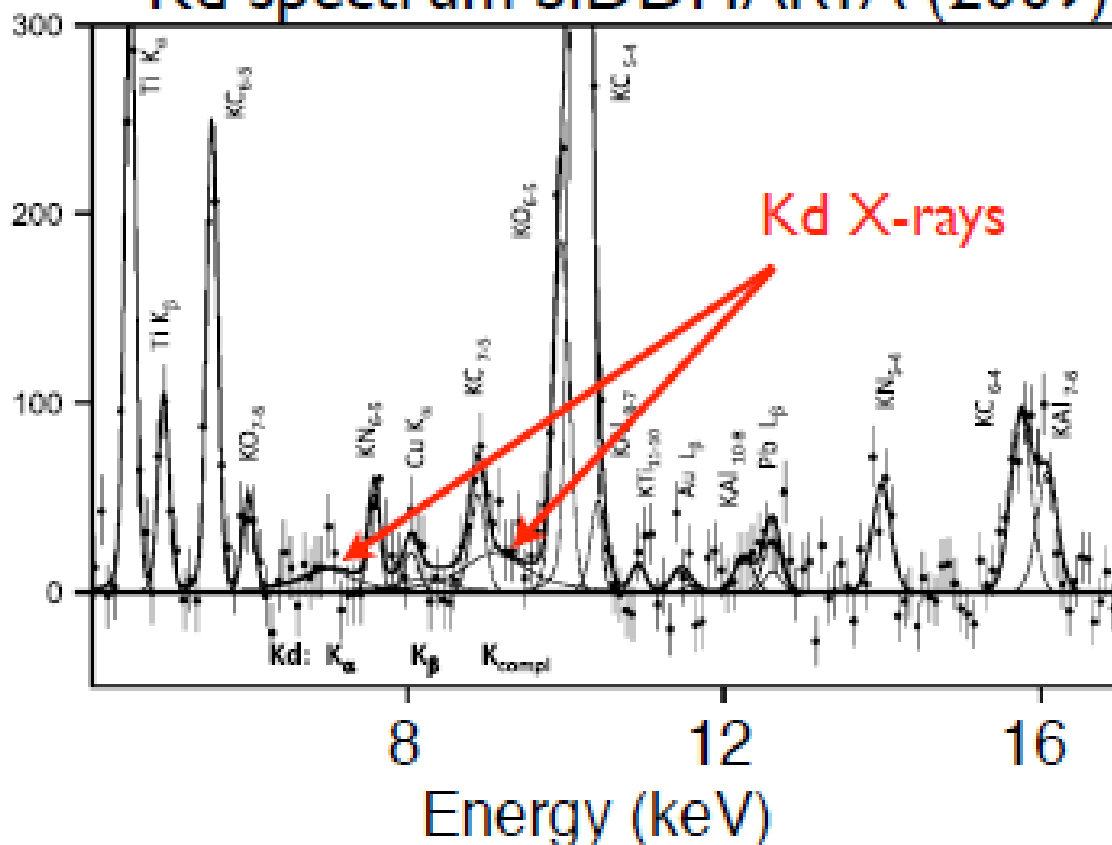
$$\Gamma_{1S} = 541 \pm 89(\text{stat}) \pm 22(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$$

*Kaonic Deuterium*  
*exploratory measurement*

$a_{K-d}$ [fm]	$\epsilon_{1s}$ [eV]	$\Gamma_{1s}$ [eV]	Ref.
$-1.58 + i1.37$	-887	757	Mizutani 2013 [4]
$-1.48 + i1.22$	-787	1011	Shevchenko 2012 [5]
$-1.46 + i1.08$	-779	650	Meißner 2011 [1]
$-1.42 + i1.09$	-769	674	Gal 2007 [6]
$-1.66 + i1.28$	-884	665	Meißner 2006 [7]

shift:  $\sim -800$  eV width: 700 - 1000 eV

### Kd spectrum SIDDHARTA (2009)



fixed parameters in the fit  
 shift = -805 eV  
 Width = 750 eV  
 yield ratios of K transitions

continuous background was subtracted

Upper limit of  $Kd(2 \rightarrow 1)$   
 yield  $< 0.4\%$  (CL 90%)

# The first Kd paper of SIDDHARTA

determined the upper limit of Kd  
K-transitions yields



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Upper limit of  $Kd(2 \rightarrow 1)$   
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Preliminary study of kaonic deuterium X-rays  
by the SIDDHARTA experiment at DAΦNE

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E. Widmann<sup>c</sup>, J. Zmeskal<sup>c</sup>

# *Kaonic Hydrogen results:*

*- most reliable and precise measurement ever*

Our determination of the shift and width does provide new constraints on theories, having reached a quality which will demand refined calculations of the low-energy  $\overline{KN}$  interaction.

*- need to go for  $Kd!$  -> **SIDDHARTA-2***

*DAFNE represents (as always did) an (**THE**)  
**EXCELLENT FACILITY** in the sector of  
low-energy interaction studies of kaons with  
nuclear matter.*

*It is actually the **IDEAL** facility for kaonic atoms  
studies as **SIDDHARTA** has demonstrated*

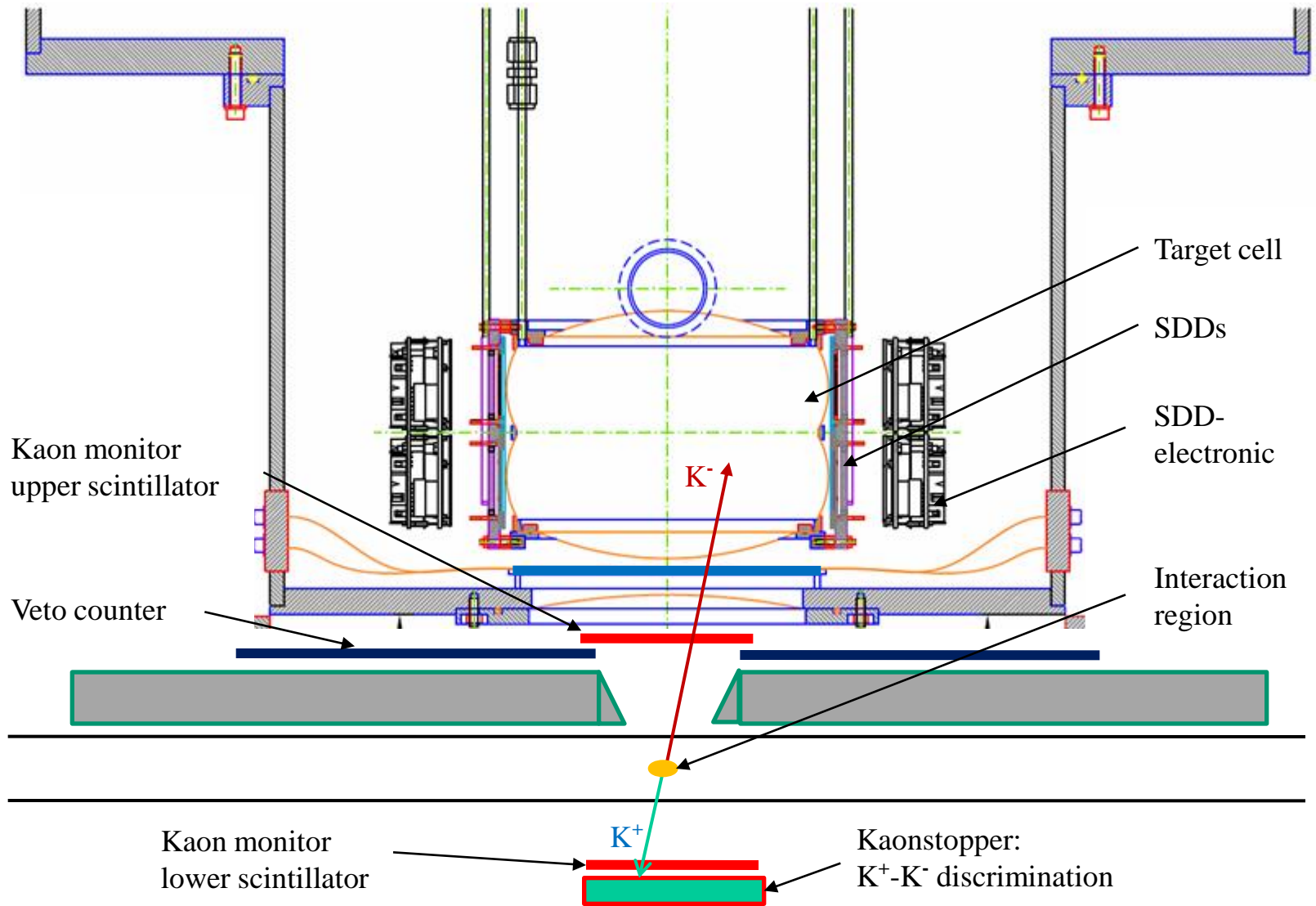
***SIDDHARTA-2** team is ready to restart the  
measurements, having a multi-step strategy,  
starting with the Kaonic deuterium*

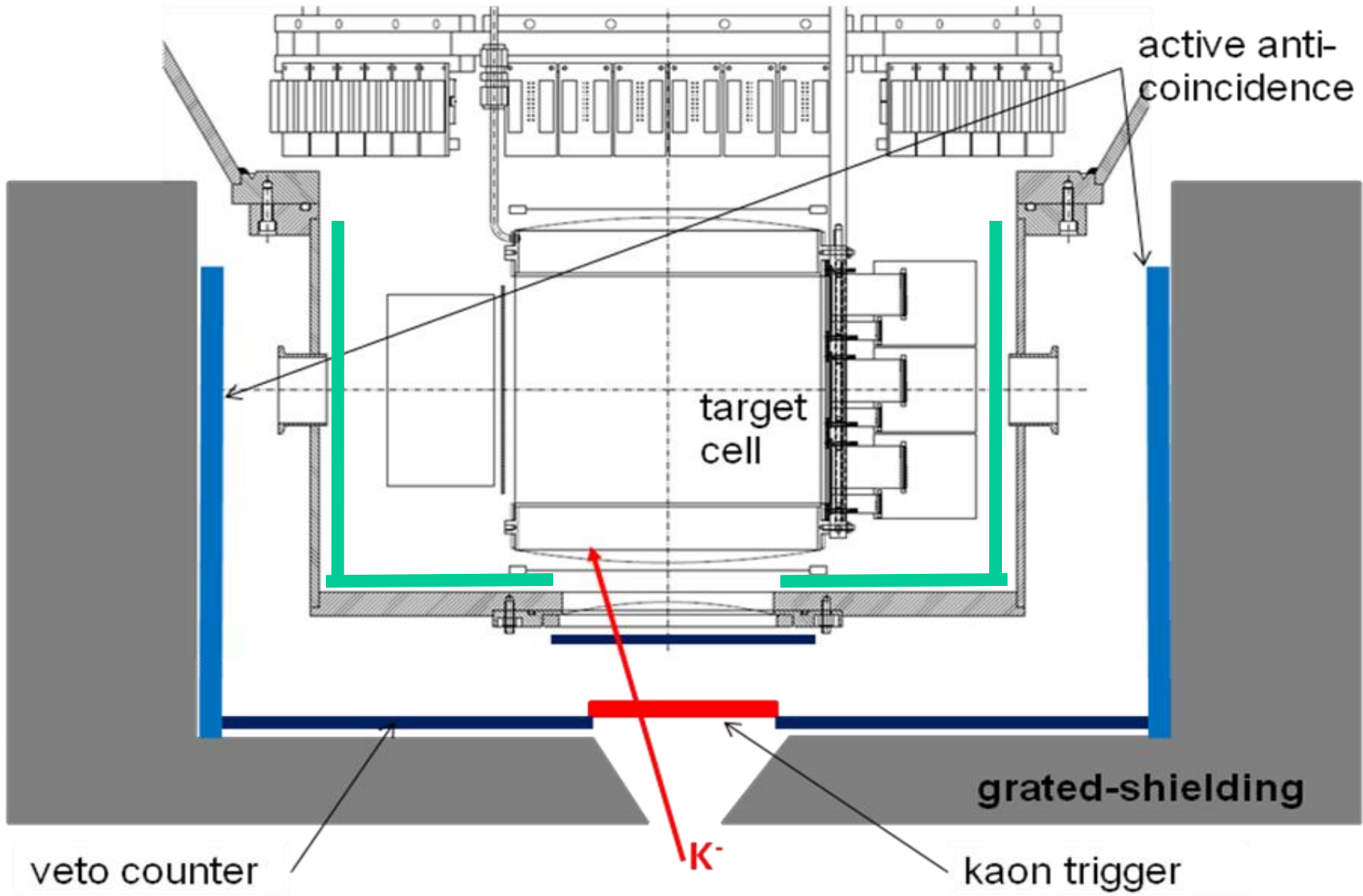


# **SIDDHARTA-2**

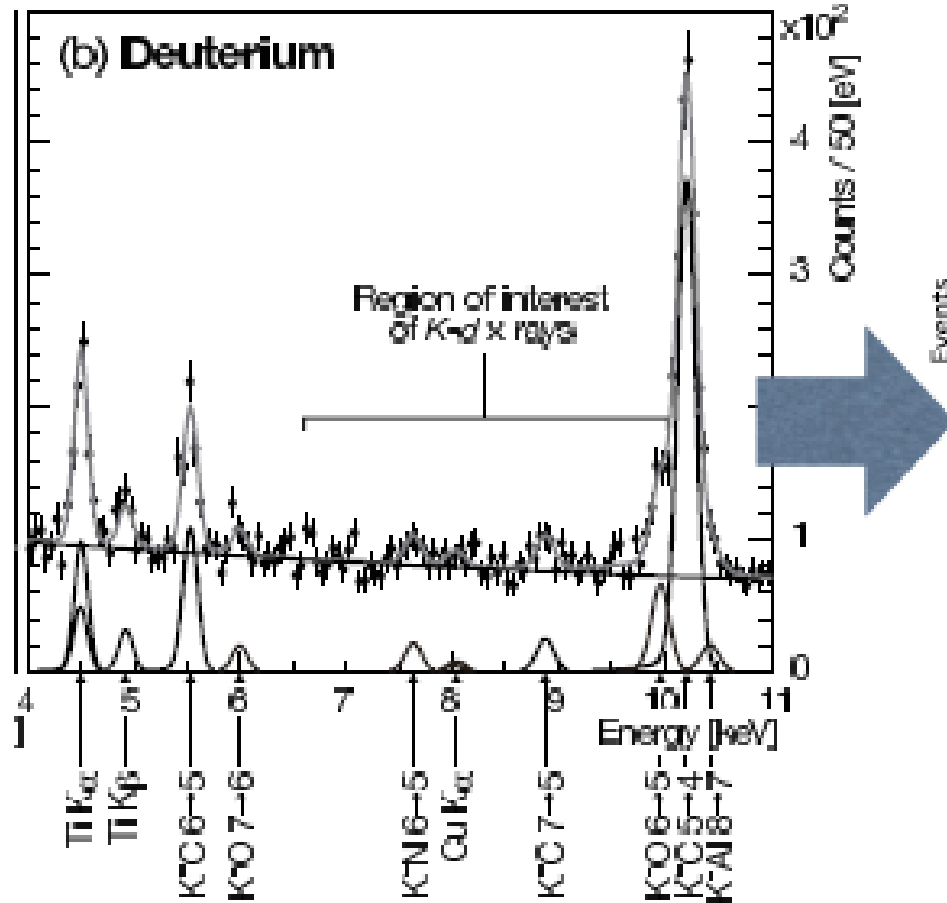
# **The SIDDHARTA-2 setup, essential improvements**

- **new target design**
- **new SDD arrangement**
- **vacuum chamber**
- **more cooling power**
- **improved trigger scheme**
- **shielding and anti-coincidence (veto)**



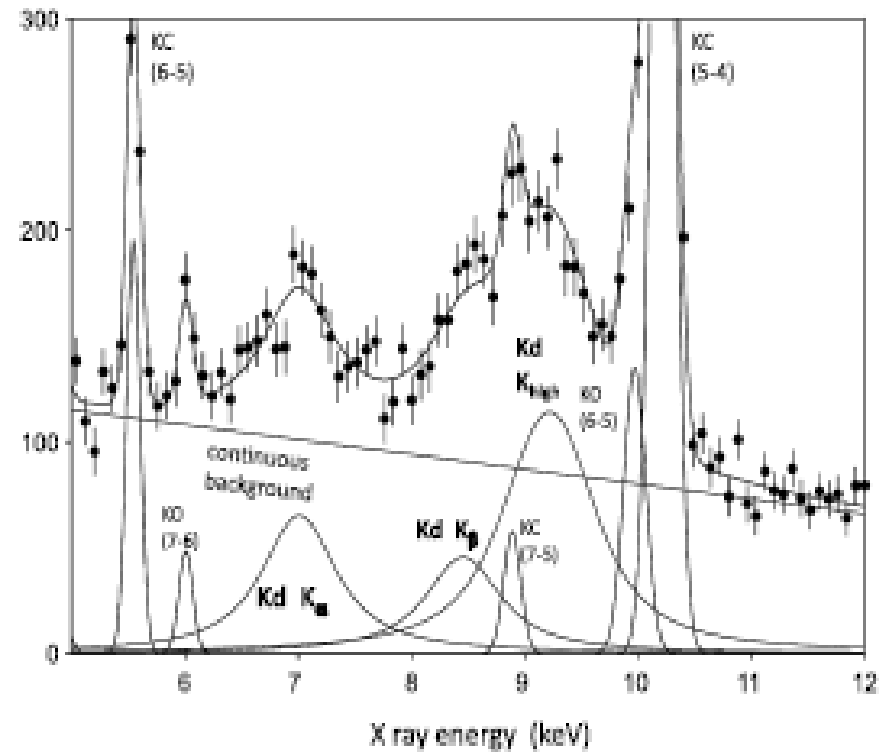


# SIDDHARTA(2009)



$\sim 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

# SIDDHARTA2 (expected spectrum)



assuming

0.1% yield (1/10 of  $K_{\beta}$ )

800  $\text{pb}^{-1}$

fit result (all intensities free) sample 1  
 shift =  $-556 \pm 86 \text{ eV}$  width =  $1284 \pm 145 \text{ eV}$

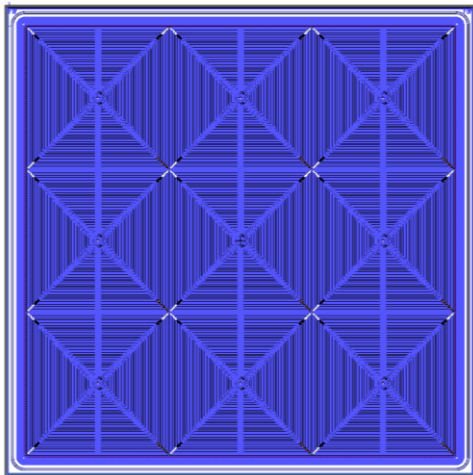
# New development of SDDs by Politecnico & FBK

- Started in 2011 within a project supported by ESA
- Considered very suitable for the upgrade of the Siddharta-2 apparatus, with preliminary evaluation on prototypes in 2012/2013
- Key features of the proposed technological approach:
  - 1) **process of SDD detectors WITHOUT JFET integrated on the SDD itself (as used on current SIDDHARTA apparatus).**  
**advantages:**
    - simplicity
    - much lower production costs (much less techn. steps)
    - faster production times (3-4 months vs. one year)
    - much lower dependence of settings/performances on bias voltages than with the present detectors
    - less sensitivity to latch-up during beam injection
  - 2) **SDD readout based on a new charge preamplifier “Cube”** (recently developed at Politecnico di Milano):
    - allows high performances in X-ray spectroscopy still using ‘conventional’ SDD technology (W/O integrated JFET)

# Present layouts of SDDs developed in the Polimi-FBK collaboration

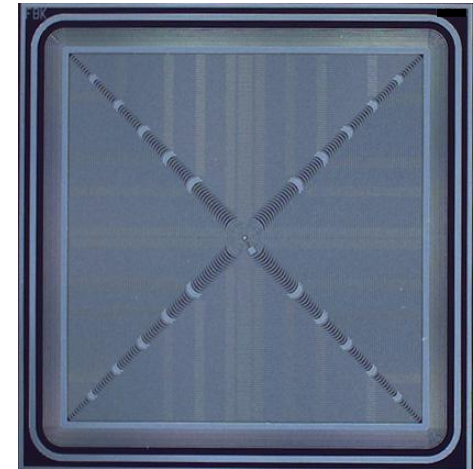
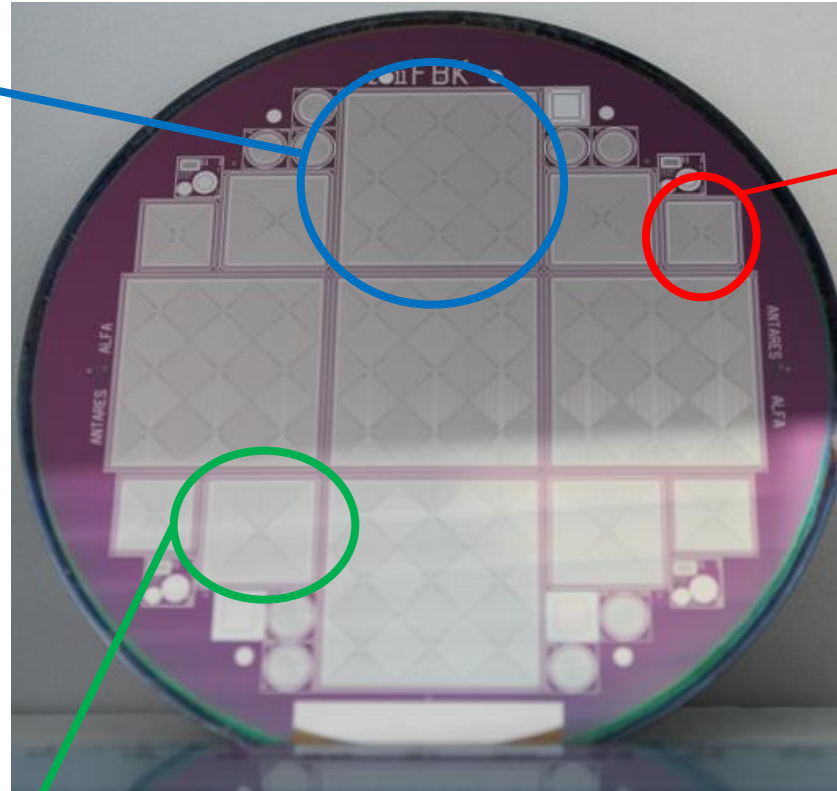
Array: 9  
SDDs (8 x 8  
mm<sup>2</sup> each)

8 x 8 mm<sup>2</sup>  
single SDD



26mm

12 x 12 mm  
single SDD



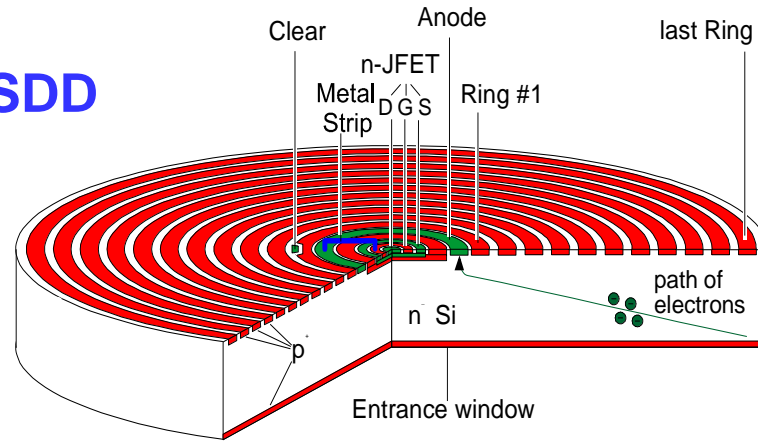
**FBK production:**

- 4" wafer
- 6" wafer upgrade just finished

# Front-end readout strategy

- **JFET integrated on the SDD**

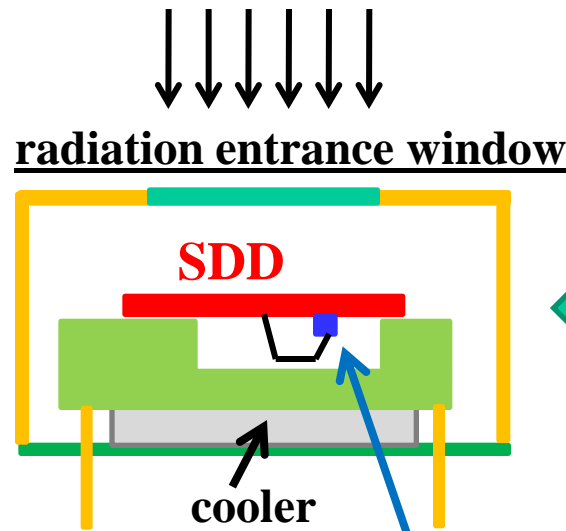
- lowest total anode capacitance
- limited JFET performances (gm, 1/f)
- sophisticated SDD+JFET technology



**Now in Siddharta**

- **external CUBE preamplifier (MOSFET input transistor)**

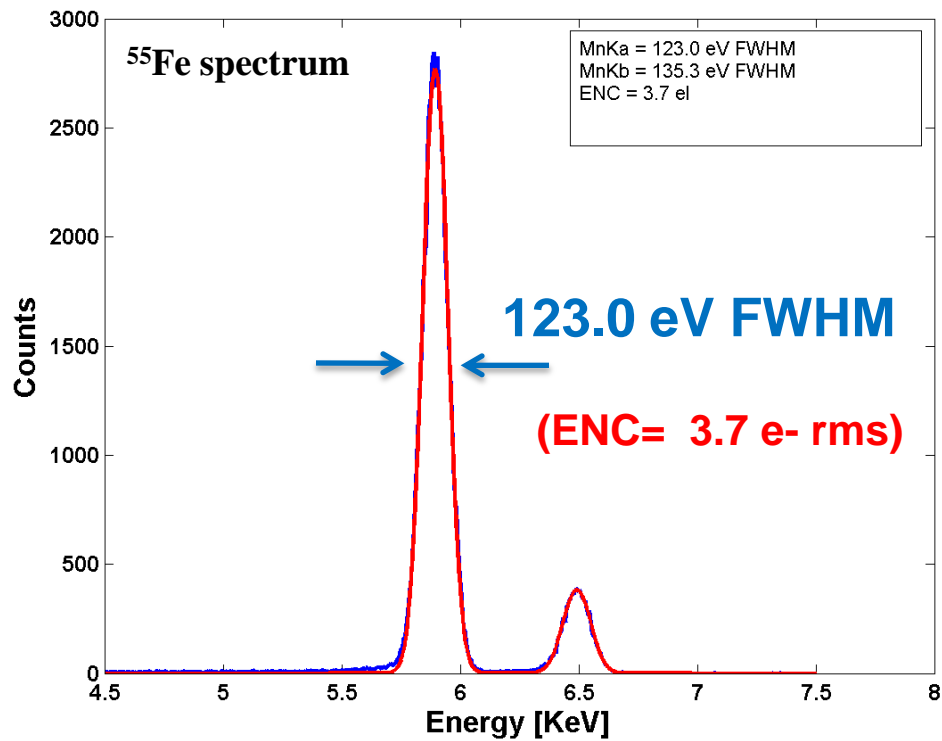
- larger total anode capacitance
- better FET performances
- standard SDD technology



**Proposed for Siddharta-2**

**CUBE**





Best performances of new SDD technology and CUBE preamplifier

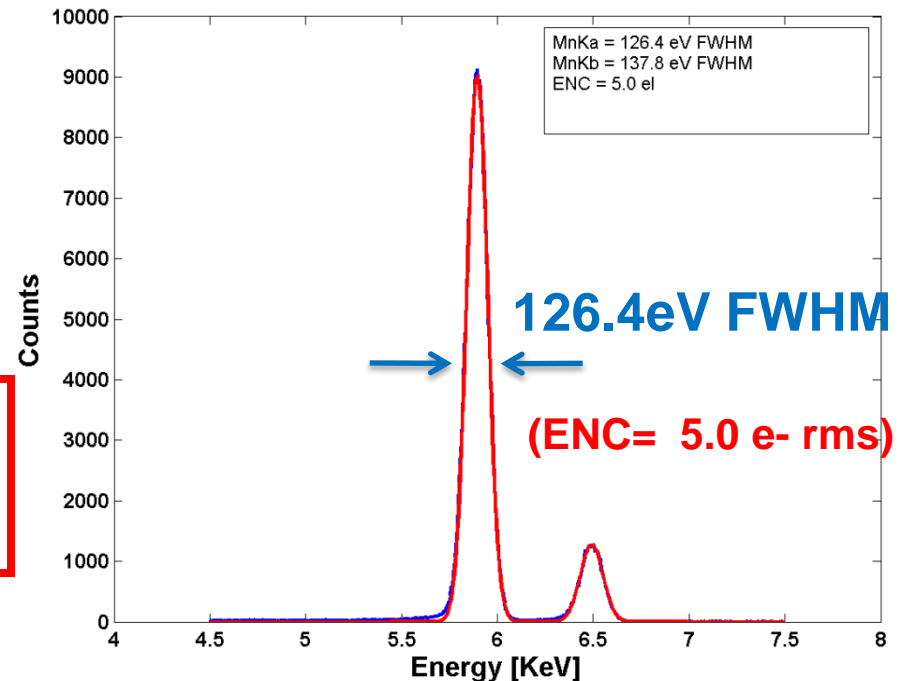
**SDD characteristics:**

- Area = 10mm<sup>2</sup>
- T= -40°C

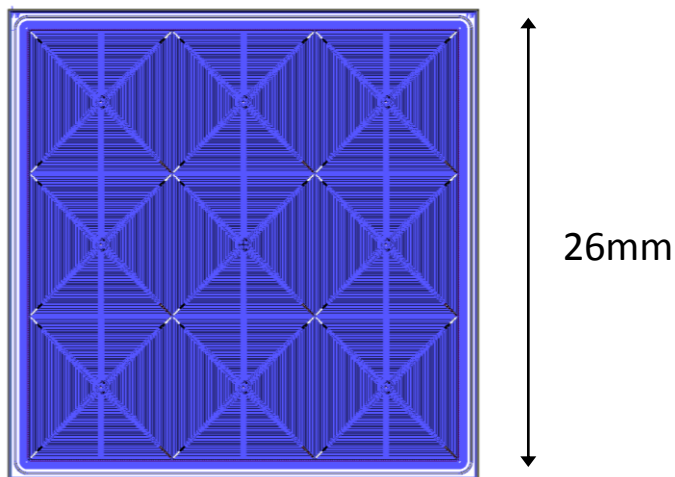
← 1.0 μs shaping time (optimum)

250ns shaping time →

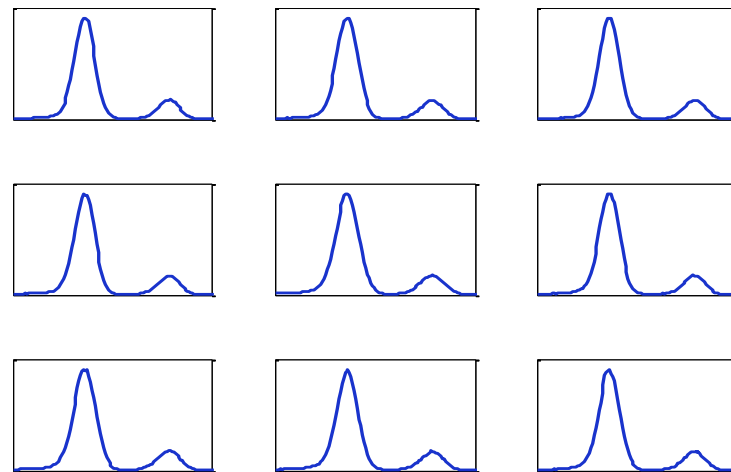
best resolution ever obtained with a SDD (even with integrated JFET) at this short shaping time



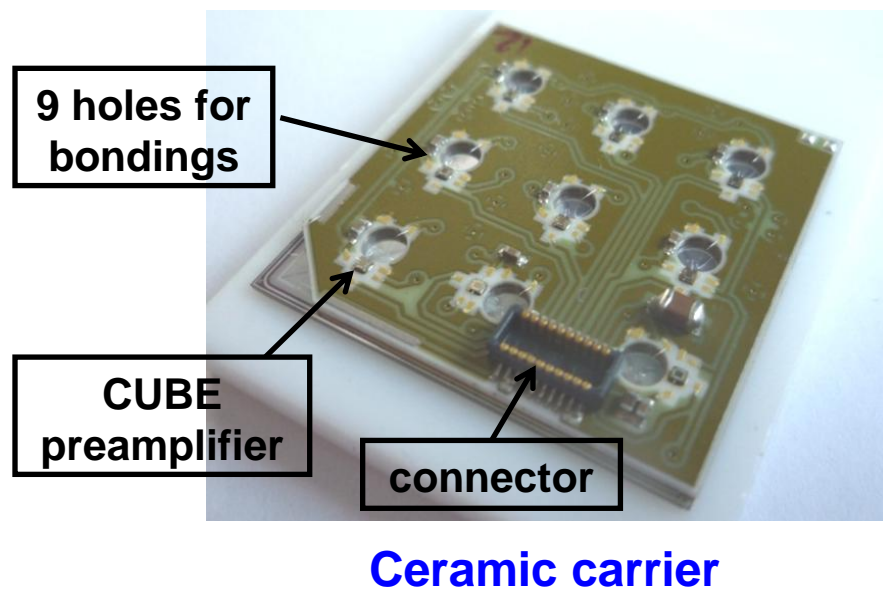
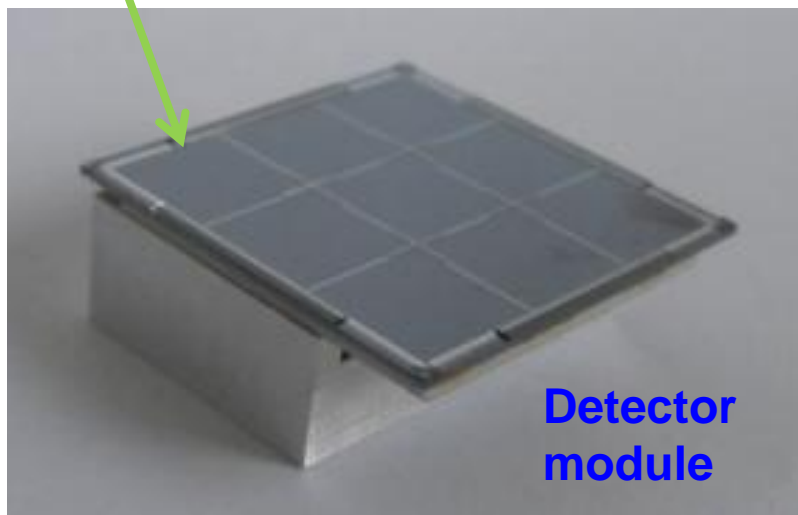
# Monolithic array of 3x3 SDDs: an ideal detector for Siddharta-2 upgrade

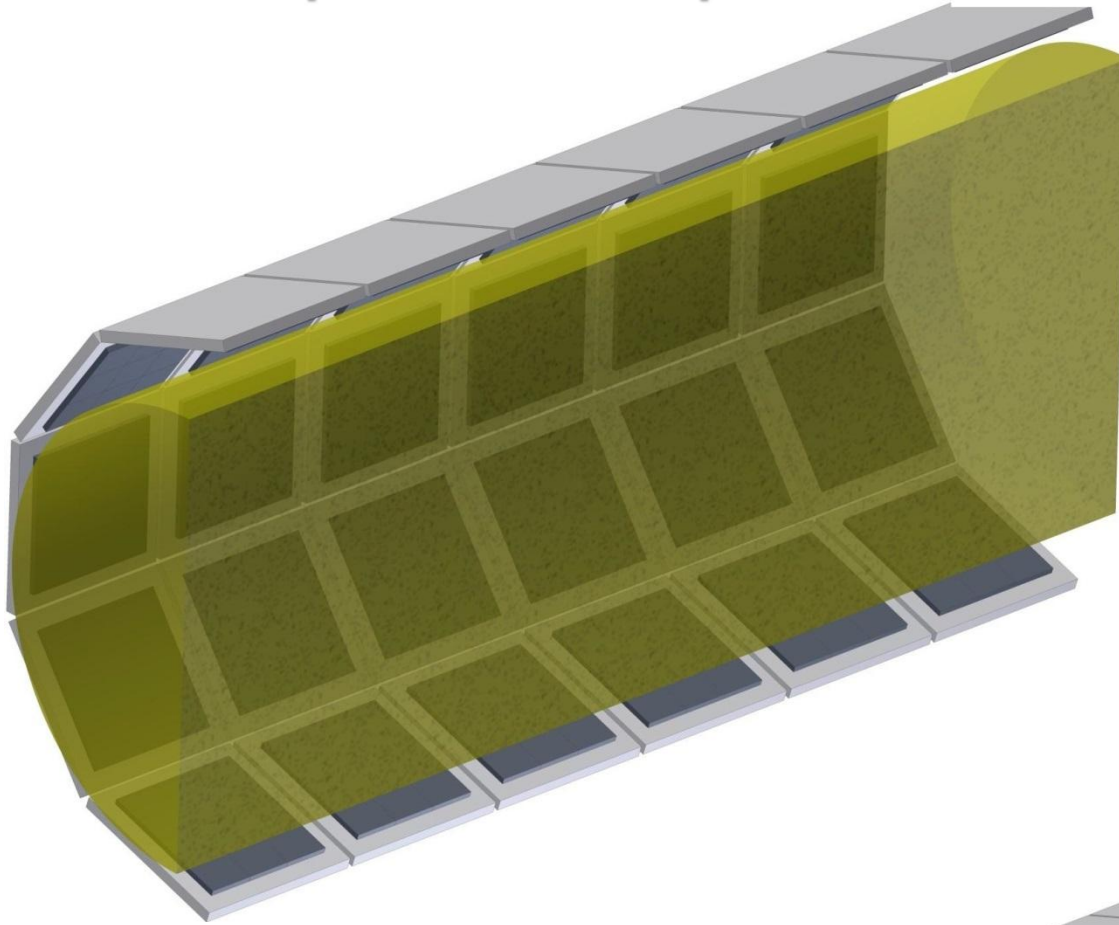


1mm dead space on each side: **85% active area**



- $^{55}\text{Fe}$  spectra
- $T = -20^\circ\text{C}$



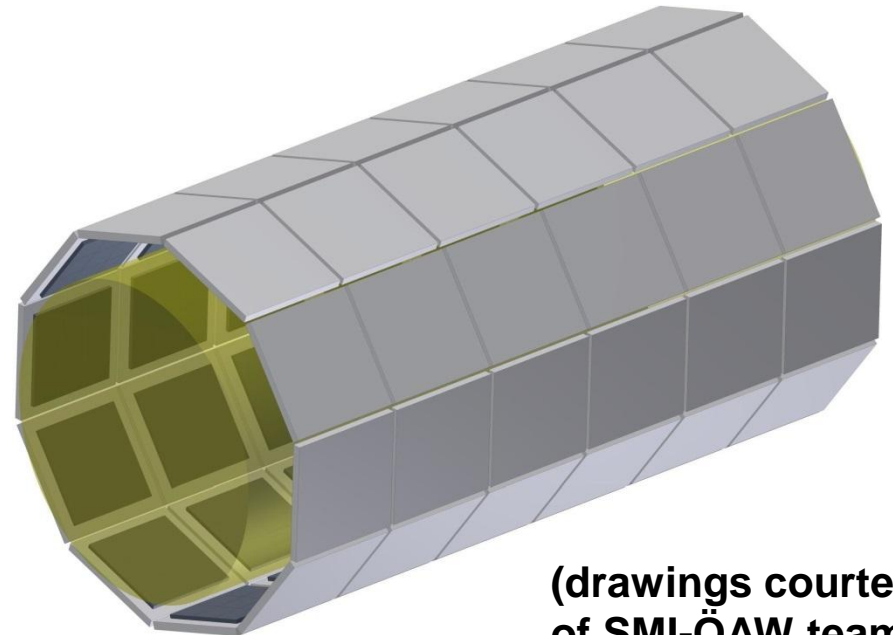


## Upgrade of Siddharta-2 spectrometer based on:

- new SDDs development
- CUBE and ASICs readout
- low dead-area detection module design

### Few numbers:

- 243cm<sup>2</sup> of SDDs arrays
- 36 SDDs monolithic arrays
- 324 readout channels



(drawings courtesy of SMI-ÖAW team)

**What we gain with 200 cm\*\*2 new SDDs?  
(can be placed instead of present ones...)**

**Kaonic hydrogen at 7 eV with 100 pb – very important – tune threshold interaction**

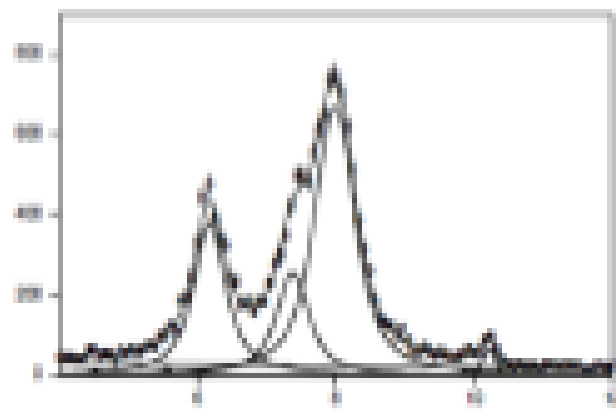
**Kaonic deuterium at about 30 eV with 400 pb**

**Kaonic helium 2p at < 1 eV with 50 pb**

**Kaonic helium 1s – 150 events?**

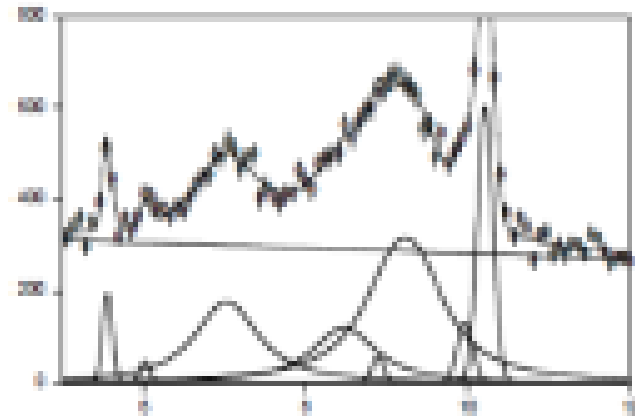
100 pb<sup>-1</sup> hydrogen

K<sub>α</sub> peak 4000 events  
S/B 14:1  
sigma(shift) = 7 eV    sigma(width) = 13 eV



800 pb<sup>-1</sup> deuterium

K<sub>α</sub> peak 3000 events  
S/B 1:1.5  
sigma(shift) = 27 eV    sigma(width) = 72 eV



# SIDDHARTA-2 scientific program

1) Kaonic deuterium measurement - 1st measurement:  
and R&D for other measurements

2) Kaonic helium transitions to the 1s level – 2nd  
measurement, R&D

3) Other light kaonic atoms (KO, KC,...)

ECT\* Workshop in October 2013

Strangeness in the Universe?

Theoretical and experimental challenges and progress

7) Kaon mass precision measurement at the level of  $<10$  keV

*Antikaonic  
Matter  
At  
DAΦNE: an  
Experiment  
Unraveling  
Spectroscopy*



**AMADEUS**

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# AMADEUS

*Antikaon Matter At DAΦNE: Experiments with Unraveling Spectroscopy*

**AMADEUS collaboration**  
**116 scientists from 14 Countries and 34 Institutes**

**[Inf.infn.it/esperimenti/siddharta](http://Inf.infn.it/esperimenti/siddharta)**

**and**

**[LNF-07/24\(IR\) Report on Inf.infn.it web-page \(Library\)](#)**

**AMADEUS started in 2005 and  
was presented and discussed in all the LNF Scientific  
Committees**

**EU Fundings FP7 – I3HP2:  
Network WP9 – LEANNIS;  
WP24 (SiPM JRA);  
WP28 (GEM JRA)**



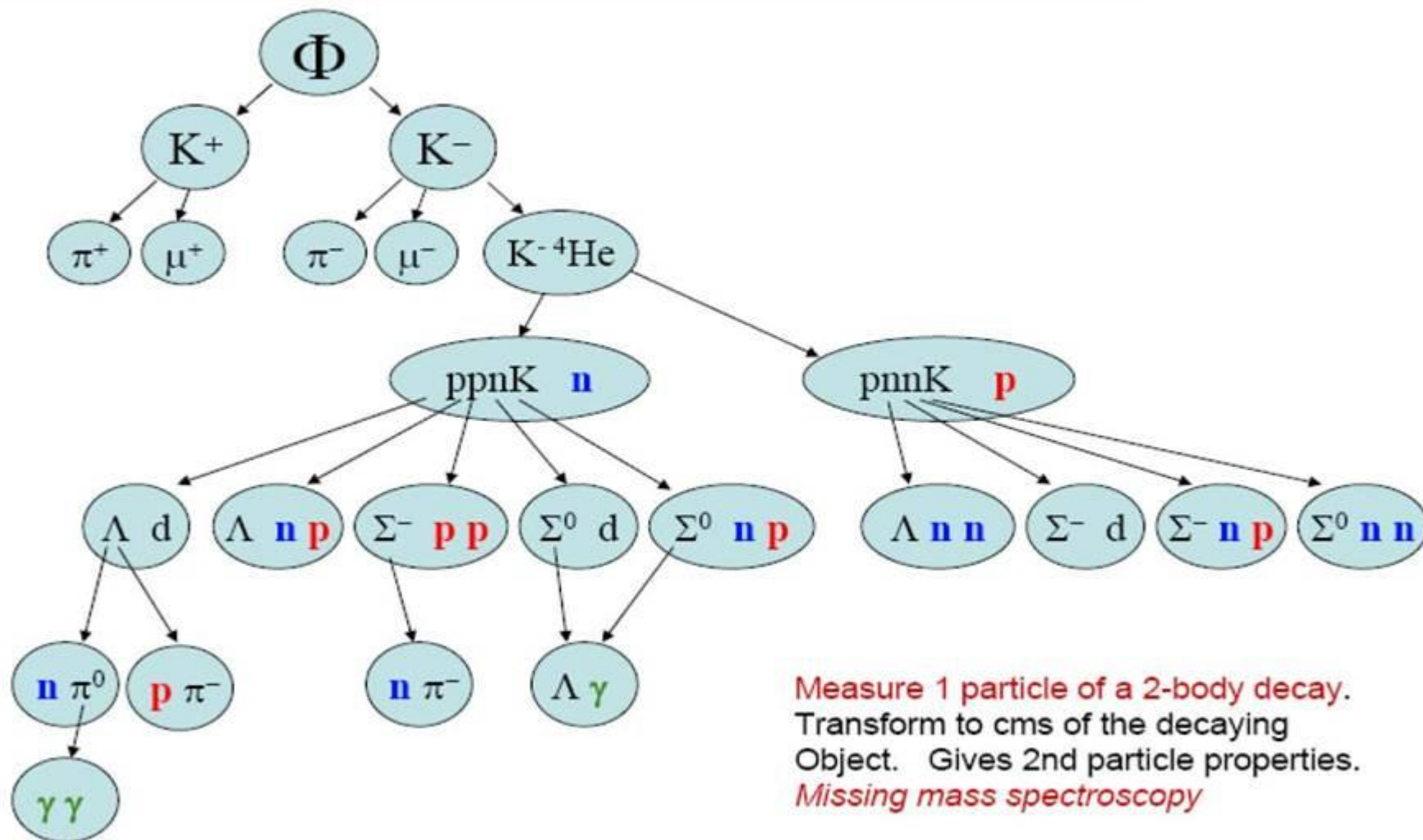


# Experimental program of AMADEUS

Unprecedented studies of the low-energy charged kaons interactions in nuclear matter: solid and gaseous targets (d,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ ) in order to obtain unique quality information about:

- Nature of the controversial  $\Lambda(1405)$
- Possible existence of **kaonic nuclear clusters** (deeply bound kaonic nuclear states)
- Interaction of  $K^-$  with **one** and **two nucleons**.
- Low-energy charged kaon **cross sections** for momenta lower than 100 MeV/c (missing today)
- Many other processes of interest in the low-energy QCD in strangeness sector -> implications from particle and nuclear physics to astrophysics (dense baryonic matter in **neutron stars**)

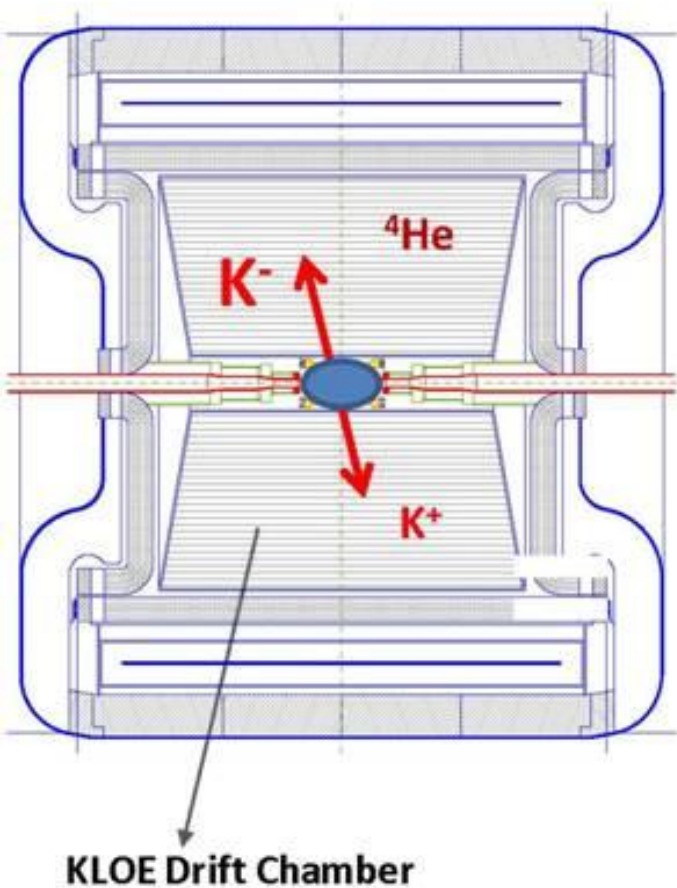
# Reactions channels (simplified)



Measure 1 particle of a 2-body decay.  
 Transform to cms of the decaying  
 Object. Gives 2nd particle properties.  
*Missing mass spectroscopy*

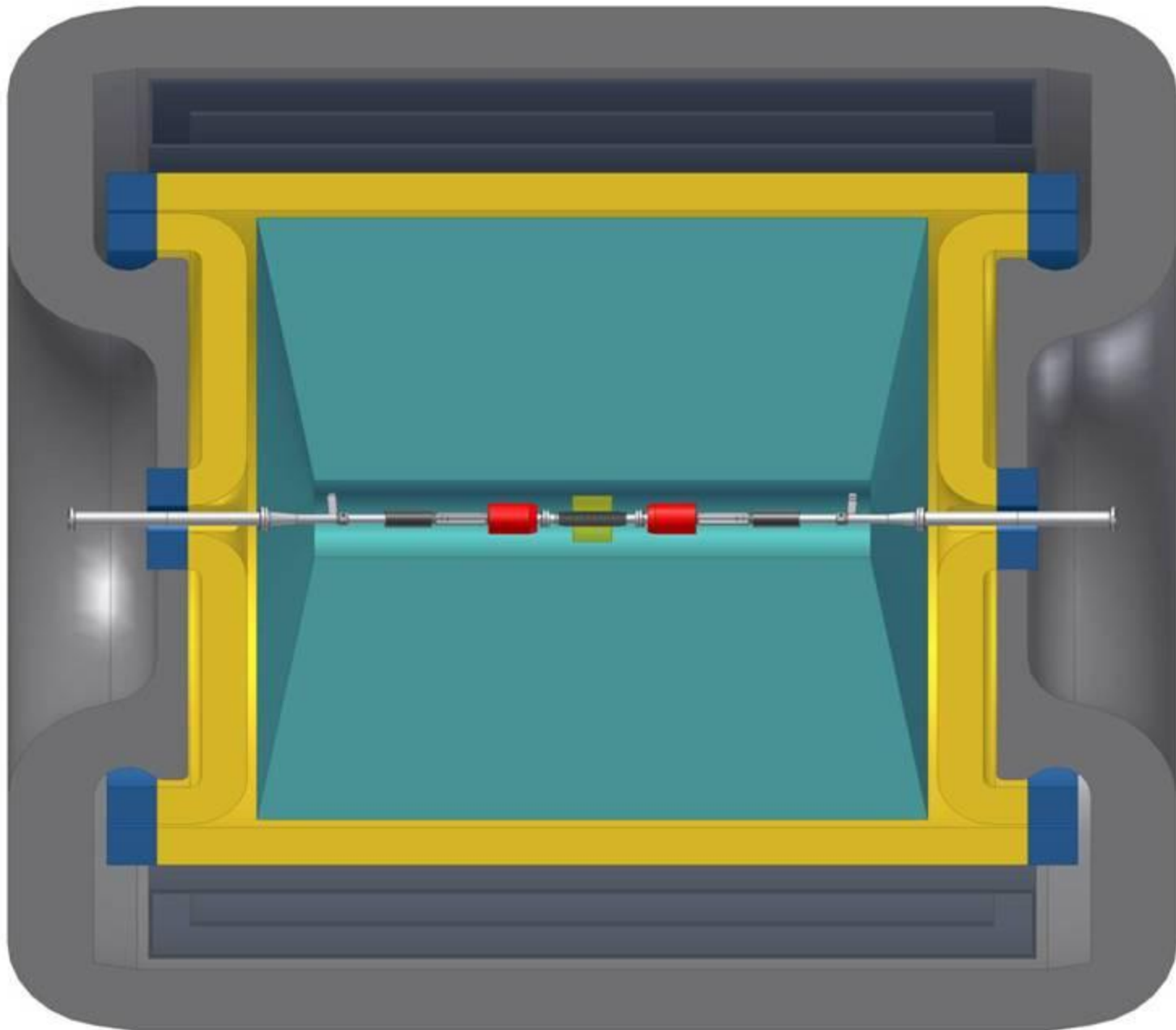
Measure all outgoing particles to obtain the  
 total cms energy = *invariant mass of the object*

# Hadronic interactions of $K^-$ in KLOE



- The Drift Chambers of KLOE contain mainly  $^4\text{He}$
- From analysis of KLOE data and Monte Carlo:  
**0.1 % of  $K^-$  from  $da\Phi$ ne should stop in the DC volume**
- This would lead to hundreds of possible kaonic clusters produced in the  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of KLOE data.

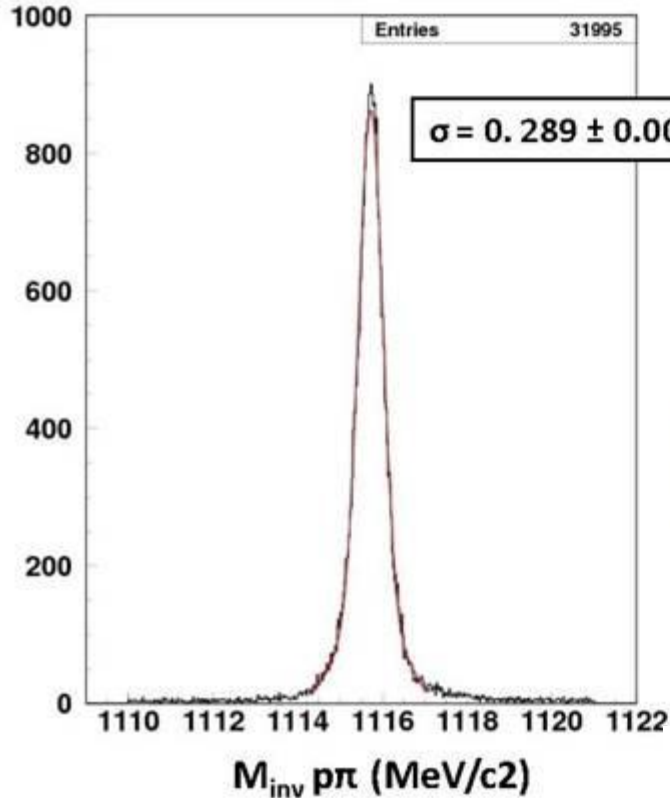
# AMADEUS @ KLOE



# AMADEUS status

- Analyses of the **2002-2005 KLOE data**:
- Dedicated **2012 run** with pure **Carbon target** inside KLOE
  - $\Lambda p$  from 1NA or 2NA (single or multi-nucleon absorption)
  - $\Lambda d$  and  $\Lambda t$  channels
  - $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0$
  - $\Lambda(1405) \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \pi^-$
  - $\Sigma N / \Lambda N$  internal conversion rates
- R&D for more refined setup
- Future possible scenario

# Lambda invariant mass



- Dedicated event selection to avoid **Energy loss** in the DC wall
- Best  $\chi^2$  tracks and vertices

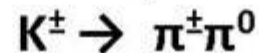
**PRELIMINARY**

$$M_{\text{inv}} = 1115,723 \pm 0.003 \text{ stat} \quad (\text{MeV}/c^2)$$

PDG:  $M_{\Lambda} = 1115,683 \pm 0.006 \text{ stat} \pm 0.006 \text{ syst} \text{ (MeV}/c^2)$

- Systematics dependent of momentum calibration

**Preliminary evaluation with 2-body decay**

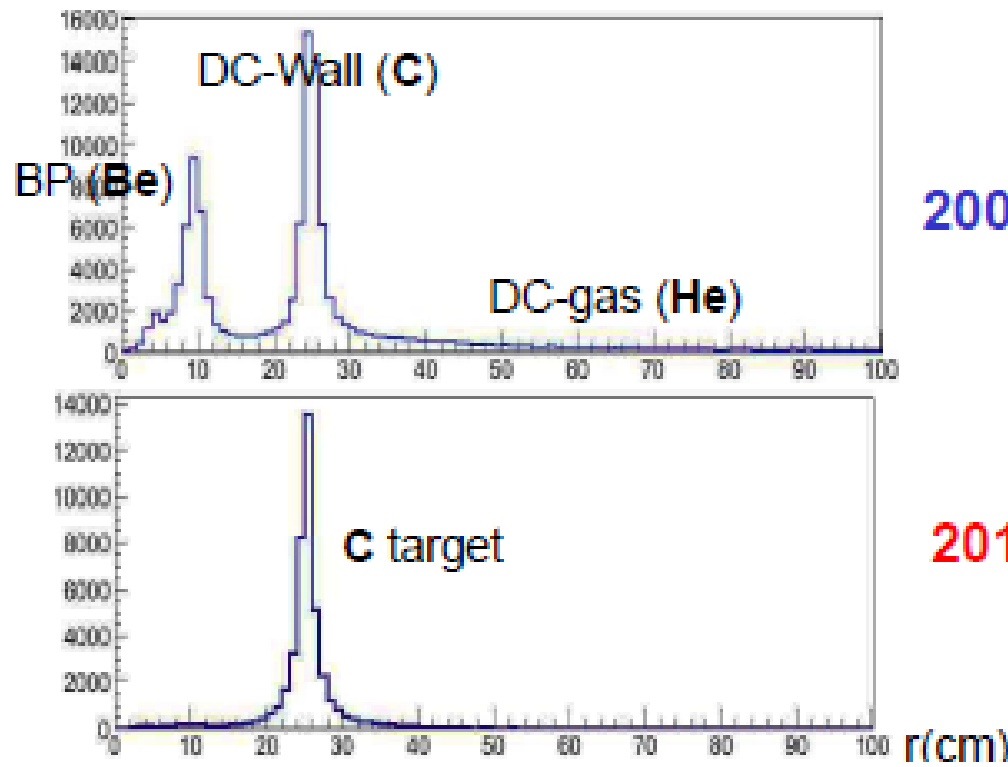


# KLOE data on $K^-$ nuclear absorption

Use of two different data samples:

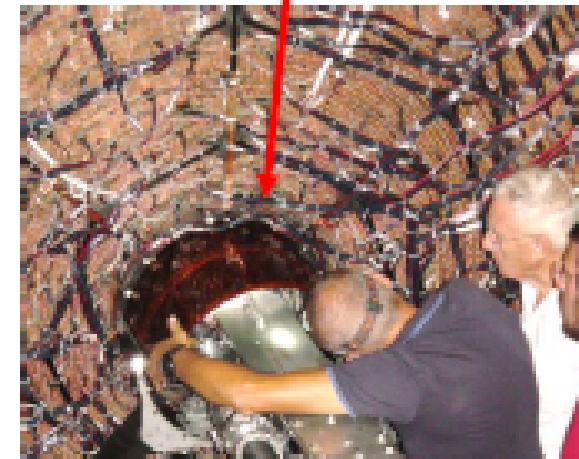
- KLOE data from 2004/2005 (2.2 fb<sup>-1</sup> total, 1.5fb<sup>-1</sup> analyzed)
- Dedicated run in november/december 2012 with a **Carbon target** of 4/6 mm of thickness (~90 pb<sup>-1</sup>; analyzed 37 pb<sup>-1</sup>, x1.5 statistics)

Position of the  $K^-$  hadronic interaction inside KLOE:



2005 data

2012 with Carbon target



- Pure carbon target inserted in KLOE end of August 2012 ; data taking till December 2012





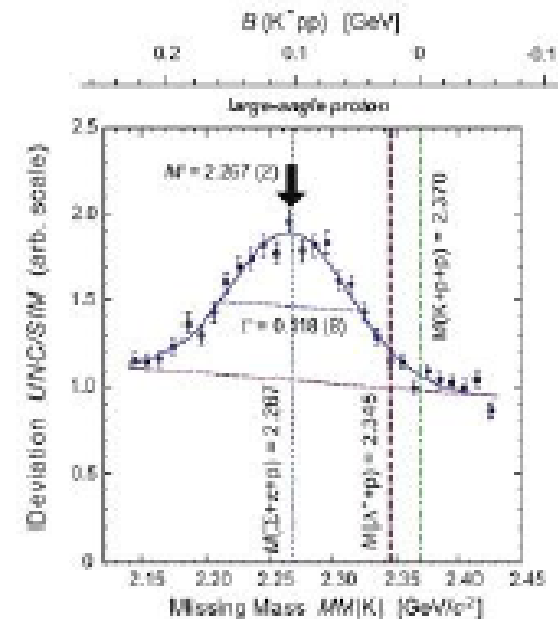
# $\Lambda p$ analysis

Search for signal of bound states in the  $\Lambda p$  channel: candidate to be a  $K^-pp$  cluster. Observed and very debated (FINUDA, KEK, **DISTO**)

-Competing processes:

1NA:  $K^-N \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$  (N from residual nucleus)

2NA:  $K^-NN \rightarrow \Lambda N$  (pionless)



Nucl.Phys.A835, 43 (2010)

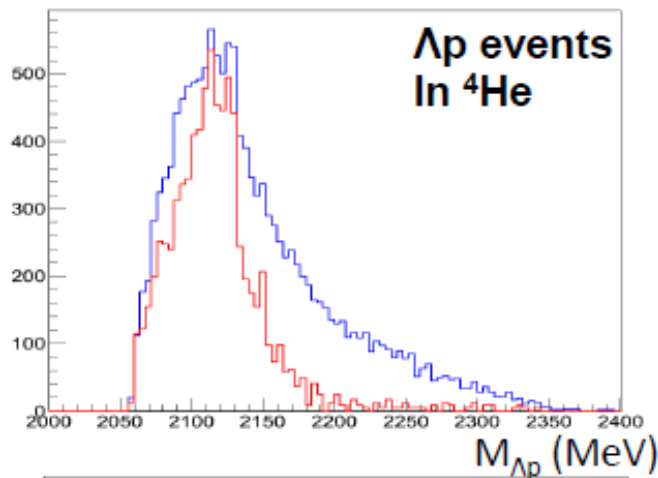
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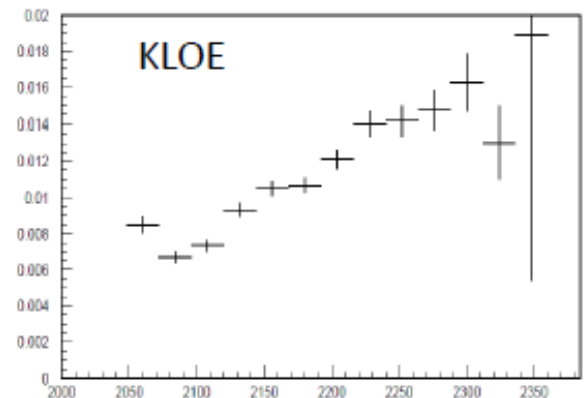
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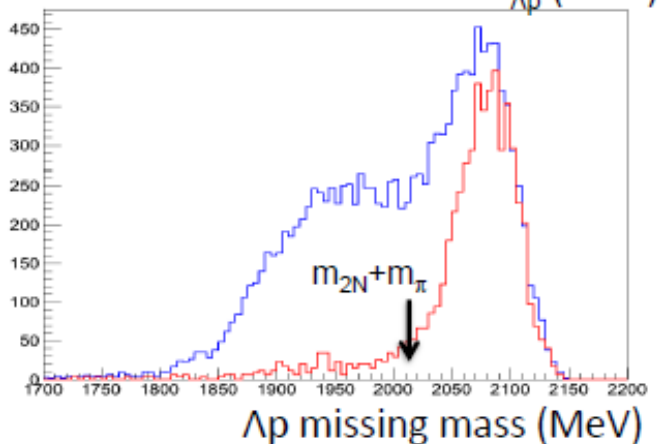
A perfect disentanglement between single and multi-nucleon absorption can be achieved thanks to the nice acceptance:



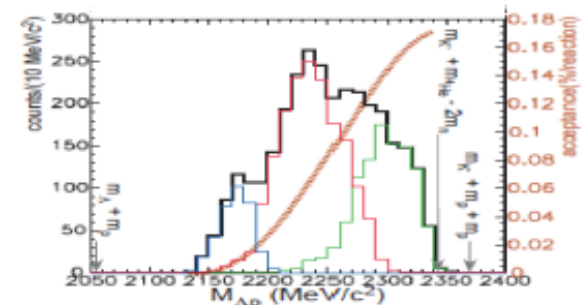
$\Lambda p$  all events  
 $\Lambda \pi^-(p)$  events  
(arbitrary normalization)



Acceptance in  $M_{\Lambda p}$  (MeV)  
(arbitrary normalization)



The  $\Lambda p$  missing mass for the  $\Lambda \pi^-(p)$  events lies exactly in the  $2N + \pi$  mass region

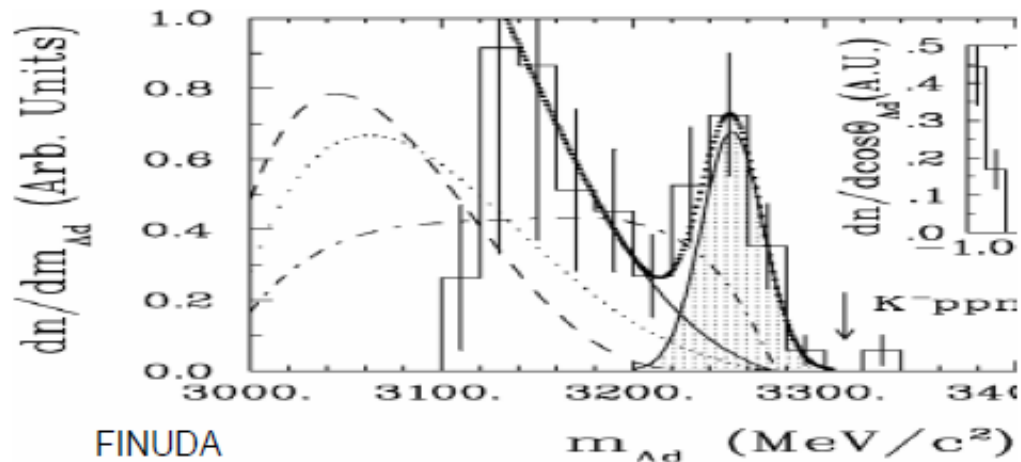
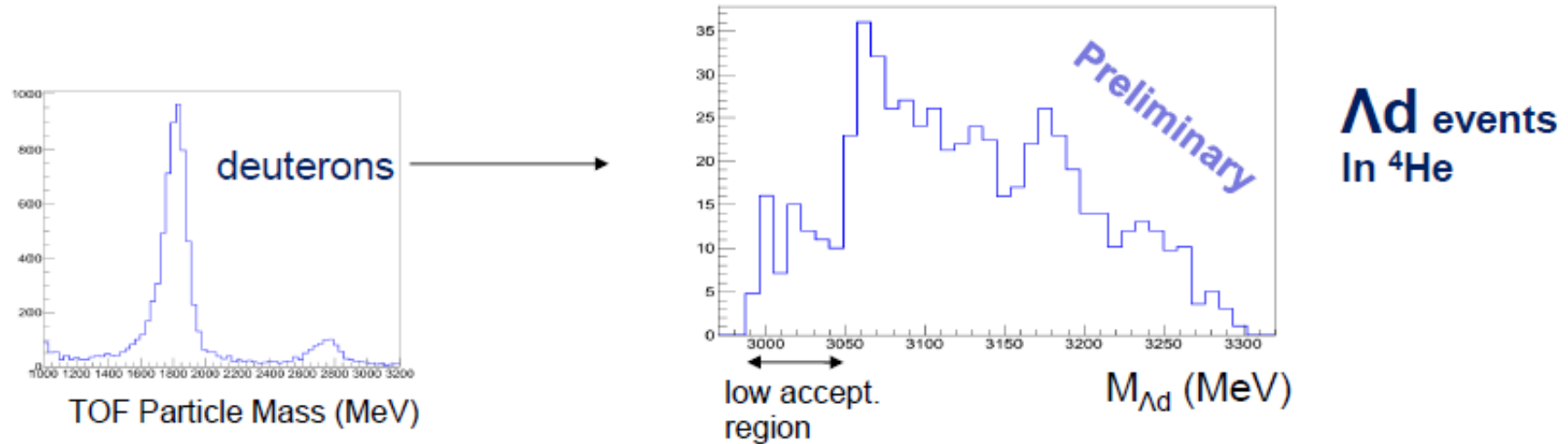


KEK-E549

Mod.Phys.Lett.A23, 2520 (2008)

# $\Lambda_d$ , $\Lambda_t$ analyses

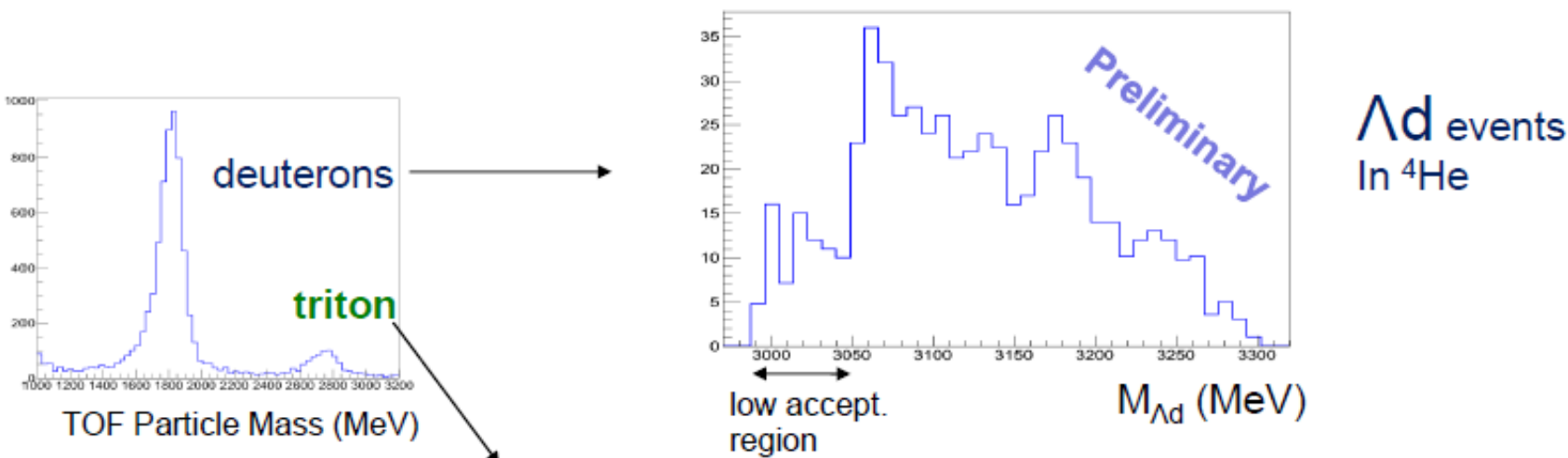
- Search for signal of bound states in the  $\Lambda_d$  channel. Candidate to be a  $K^-ppn$  cluster. Observed spectra from FINUDA and KEK again showing possible bound states in the in the high invariant mass region.



FINUDA  
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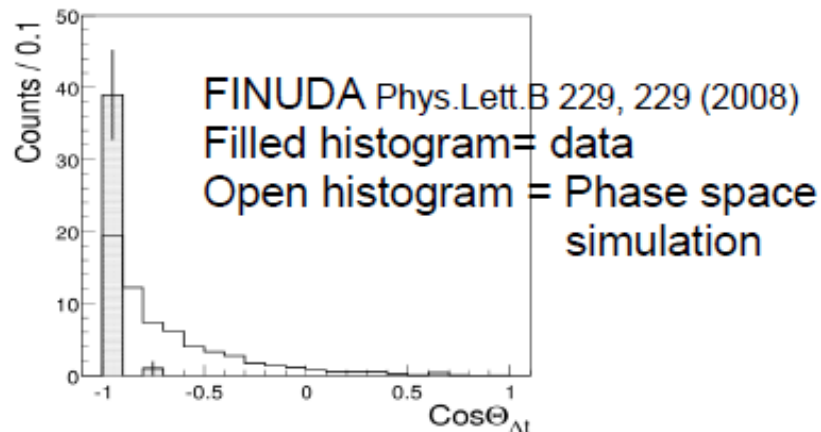
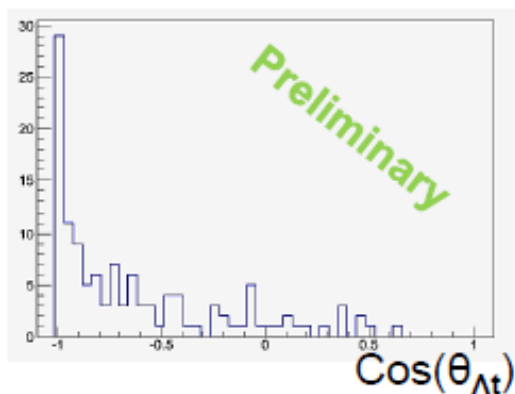
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Only FINUDA and an old experiment (with only 4 events!) have shown  $\Lambda_t$  spectra from  $K^-$  absorption

$\Lambda_t$  events  
In  $^4\text{He}$



# $\Lambda(1405)$ scientific case

$(M, \Gamma) = (1405.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}, 50 \pm 2) \text{ MeV}$ ,  $I = 0$ ,  $S = -1$ ,  $J^P = 1/2^-$ , Status: \*\*\*\*, strong decay into  $\Sigma\pi$

Its nature is being a puzzle now for decades:

1) *three quark state*: expected mass  $\sim 1700 \text{ MeV}$

2) *penta quark*: more unobserved excited baryons

3) *unstable KN bound state*

4) *two poles*: ( $z_1 = 1424^{+7}_{-23}$ ,  $z_2 = 1381^{+18}_{-6}$ ) MeV (Nucl. Phys. A881, 98 (2012))

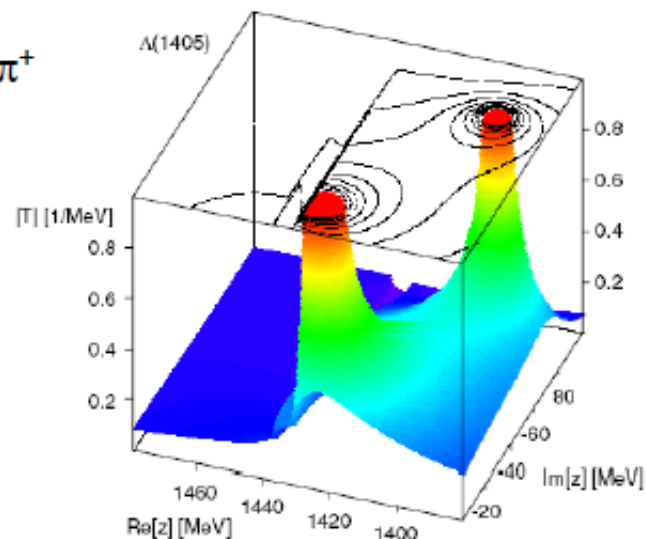
Higher mass pole  
mainly coupled to KN

mainly coupled to  $\Sigma\pi$   $\rightarrow$  line-shape depends on  
production mechanism

Line-shape also depends on the decay channel :  $\Sigma^0\pi^0$   $\Sigma^+\pi^-$   $\Sigma^-\pi^+$

## BEST CHOICE:

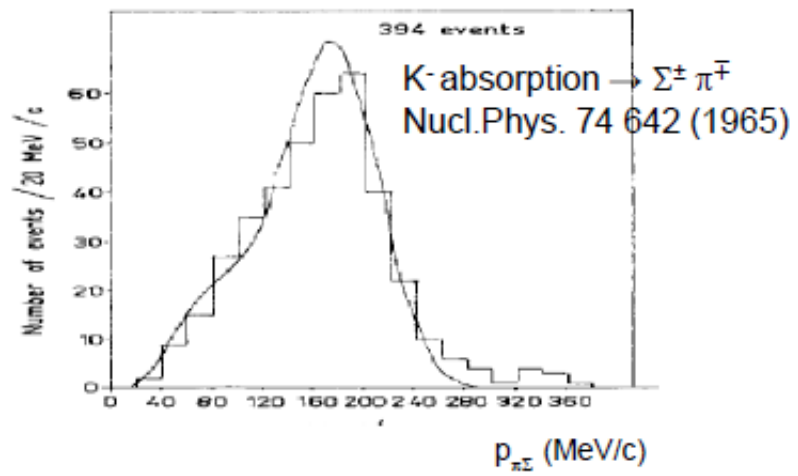
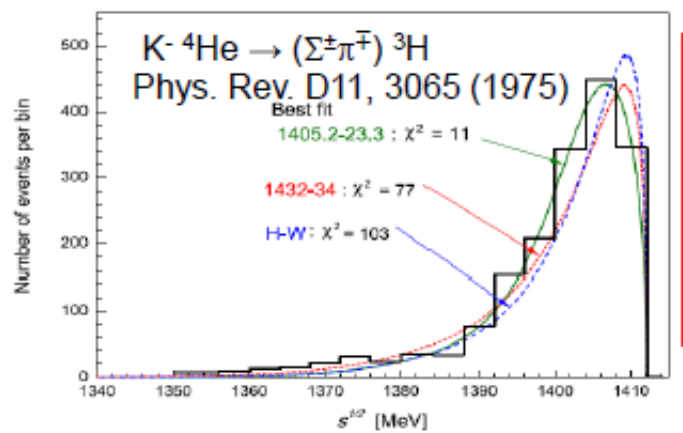
production in KN reactions (only chance  
to observe the high mass pole) decaying  
in  $\Sigma^0\pi^0$  (free from  $\Sigma(1385)$  background)



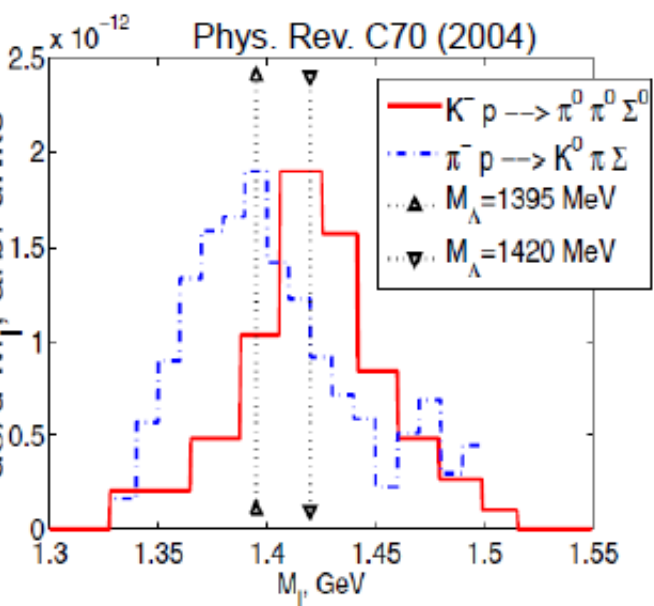
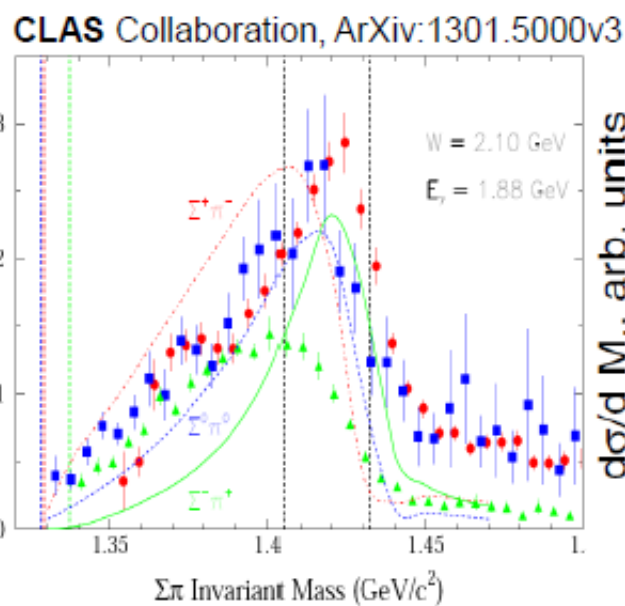
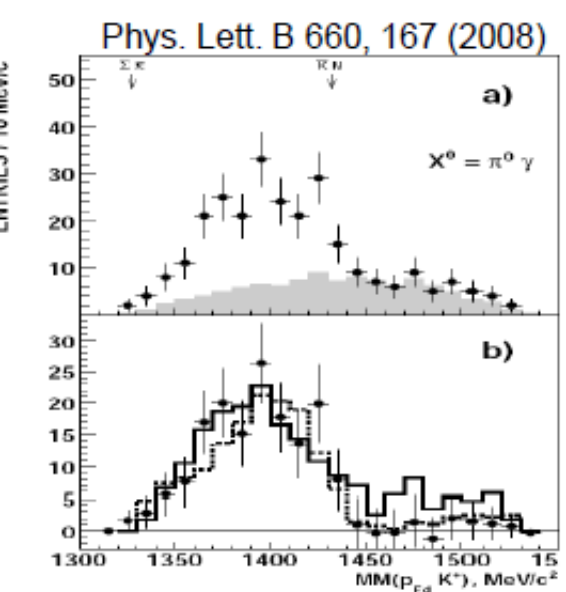
# $\Lambda(1405)$ previous experiments

Old absorption experiments:

- $M_{\pi\Sigma}$  spectra always cut at the atrest limit
- $\Sigma^\pm \pi^\mp$  spectra suffer  $\Sigma(1385)$  contamination



Other (non-absorption) experiments present spectra in the  $\Sigma^0 \pi^0$  channel (only three experiments...with different lineshapes!):

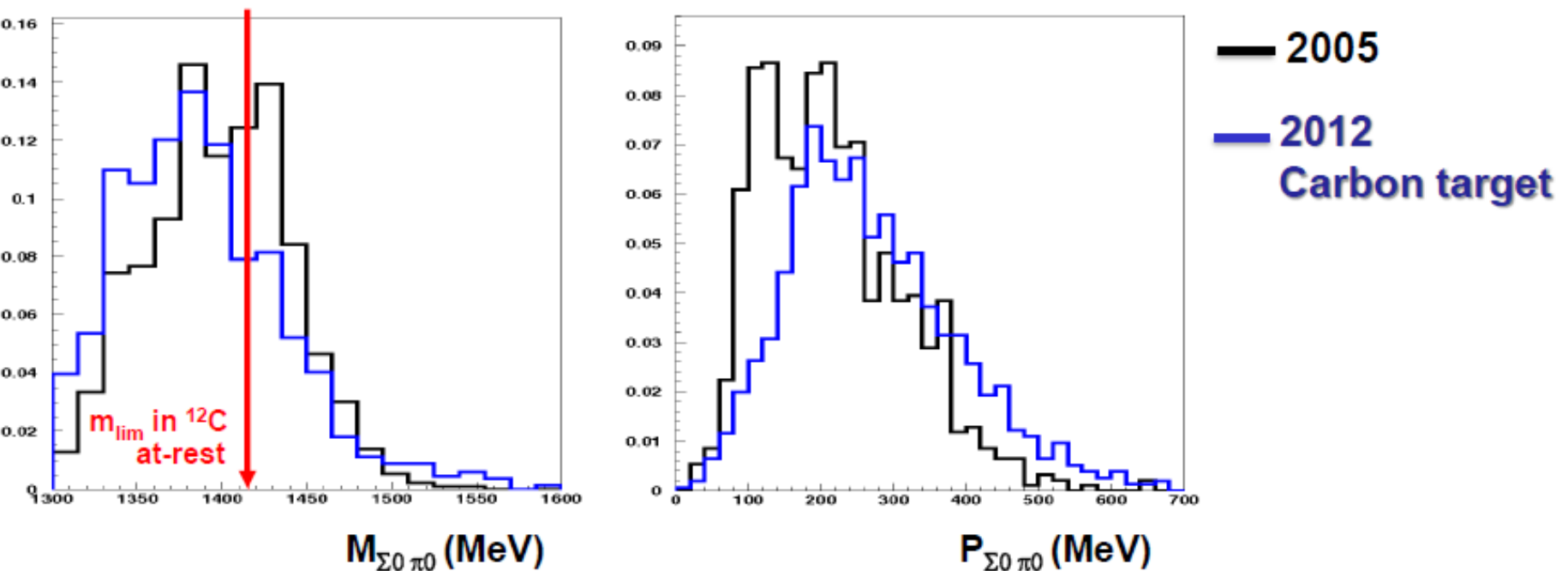


# Analysis of $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ channel

$\Lambda(1405)$  signal searched by  $K^-$  interaction with a bound proton in Carbon

$K^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0$  detected via:  $(\Lambda\gamma)$   $(\gamma\gamma)$

$K^-$  absorption in the DC wall (mainly  $^{12}\text{C}$  with H contamination –epoxy–)



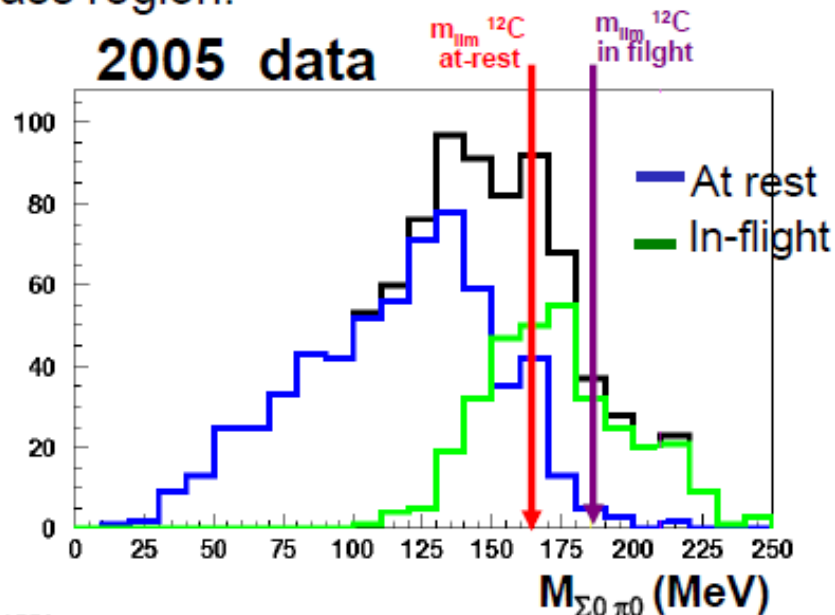
$m_{\pi^0\Sigma^0}$  resolution  $\sigma_m \approx 32 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  ;  $p_{\pi^0\Sigma^0}$  resolution:  $\sigma_p \approx 20 \text{ MeV}/c$ .

Negligible ( $\Lambda\pi^0$  + internal conversion) background =  $(3 \pm 1)\%$ , no  $l=1$  contamination

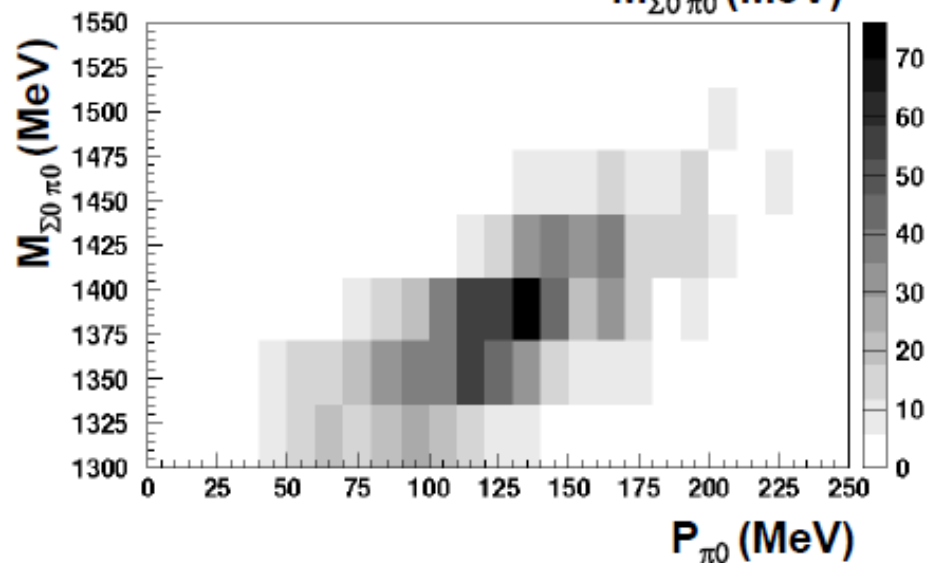
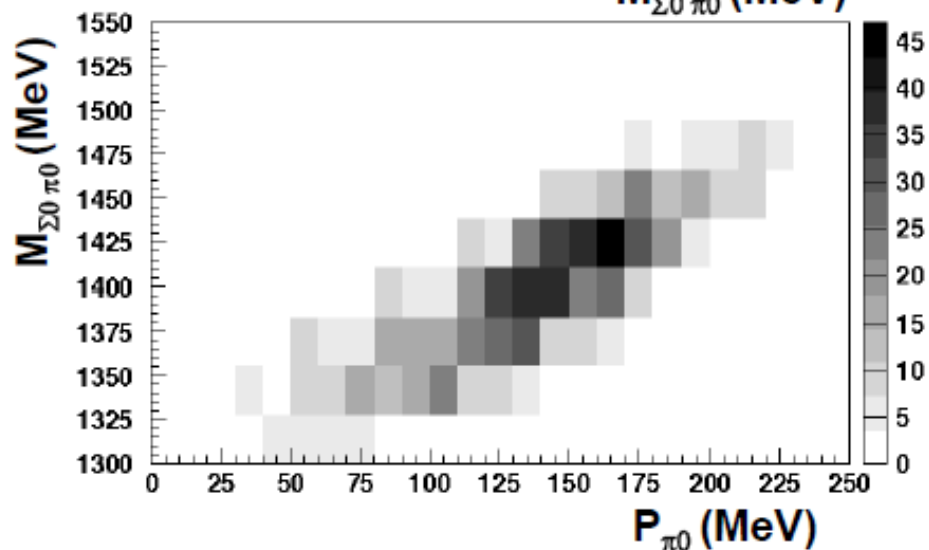
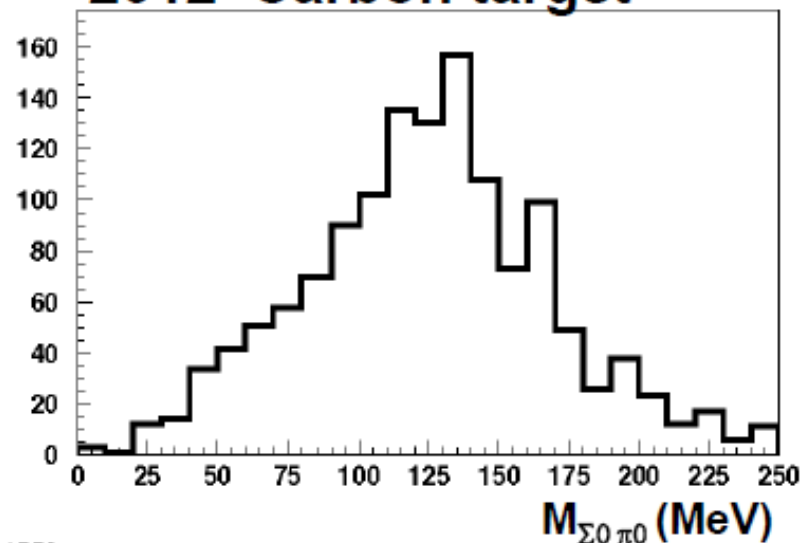
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A clear **in-flight** component (first evidence in K- absorption) open a higher invariant mass region.

2005 data



2012 Carbon target

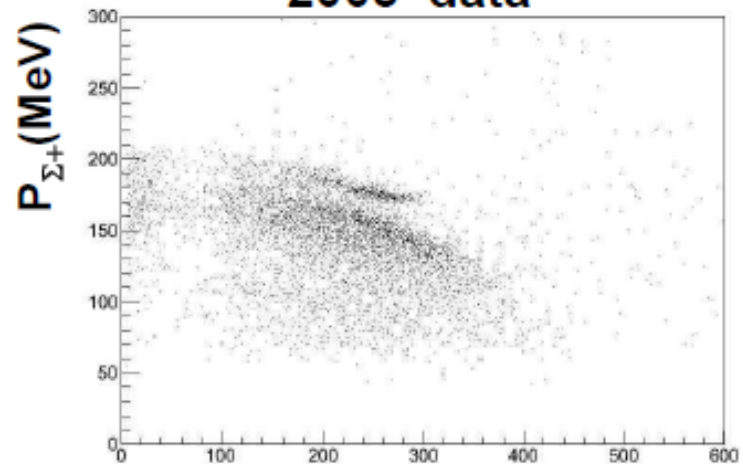




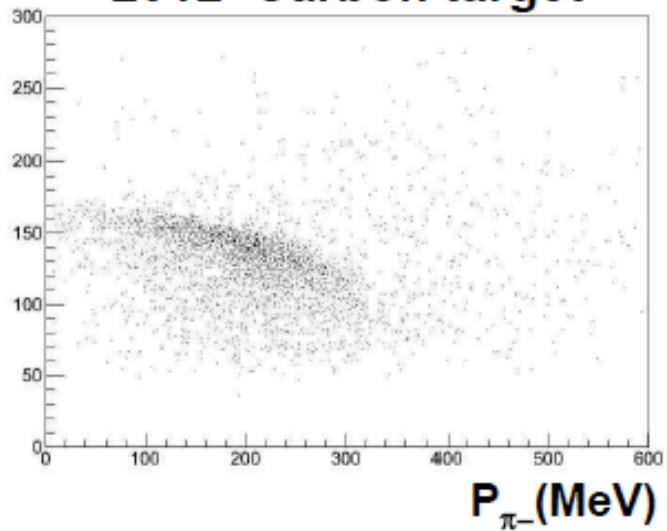
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2005 data



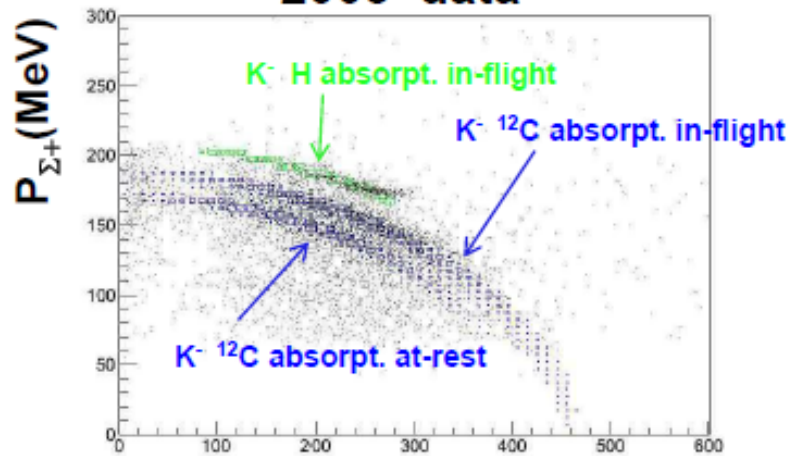
2012 Carbon target



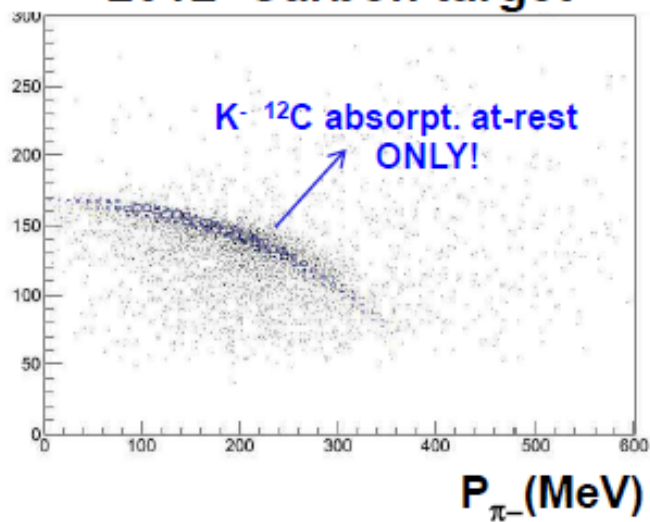
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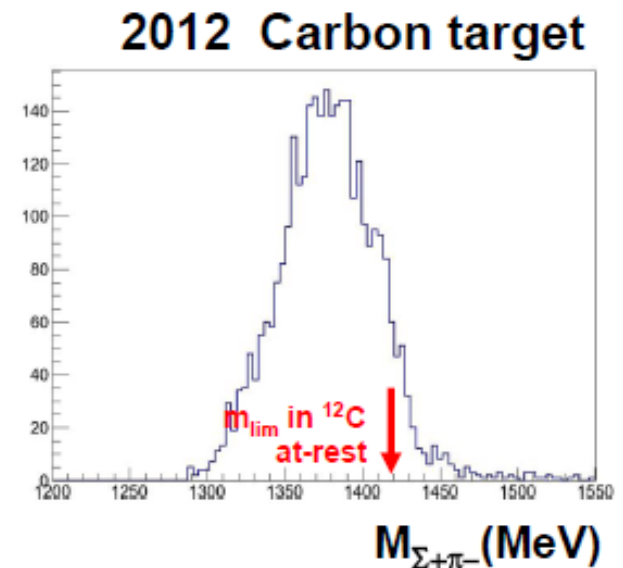
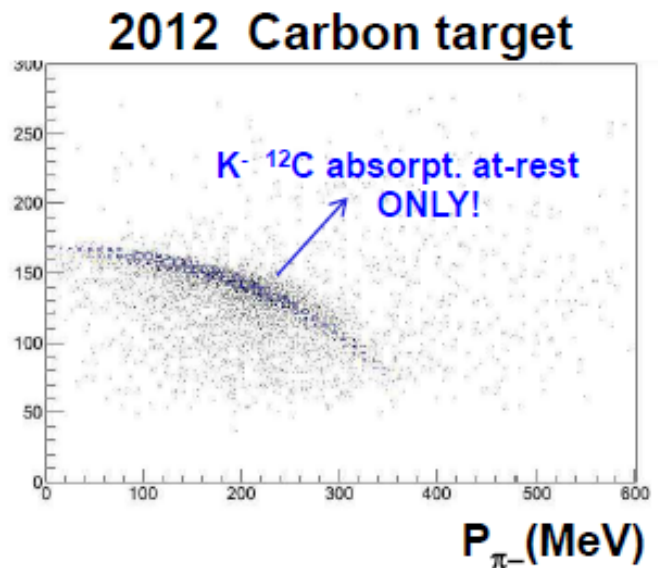
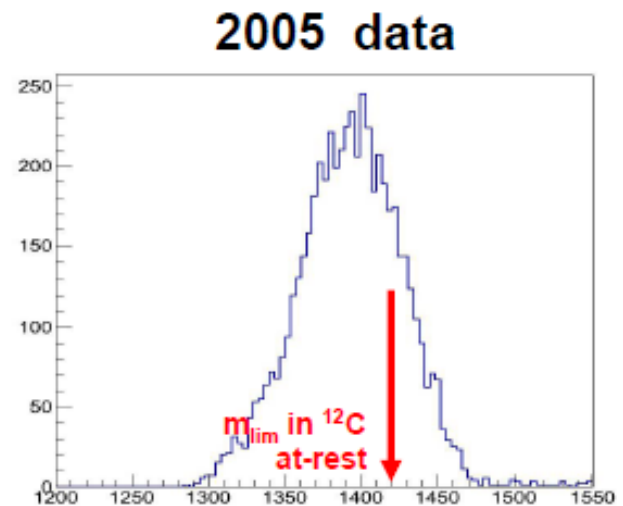
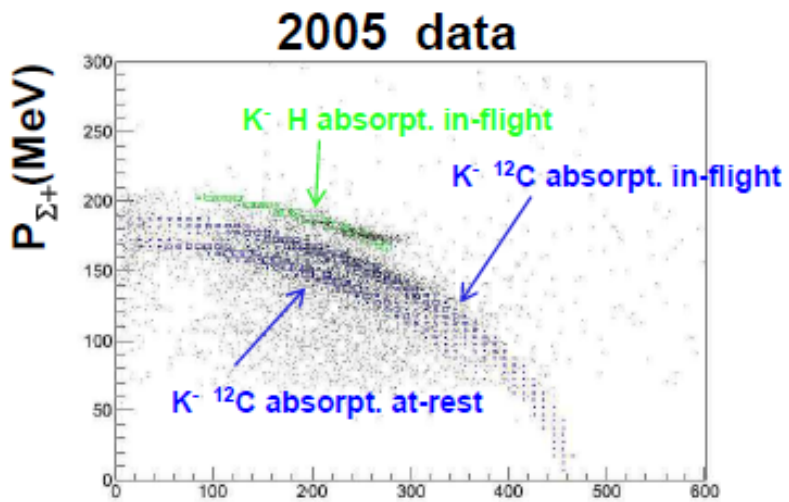


2012 Carbon target



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# Conclusions for AMADEUS

- **AMADEUS has an enormous potential to perform complete measurements of low-energy kaon-nuclei interactions in various targets**
- **Data analyses ongoing**
- **For future: use of other dedicated targets (gas and solid)**

*Epilogue*  
*in memory of PK*



Reflections on the dialogue between experiment and theory

# Dialogues on a blackboard in Garching (continued)

QCD and the origin of mass:

proton =  $u+u+d$  but  $3+3+5 \text{ MeV} = 938 \text{ MeV} ??$

answer:

almost all the of nucleon mass (and of the mass of the visible universe) does **NOT** come from the HIGGS ...

... but instead:

$$E = Mc^2$$

gluonic energy density  $\leftrightarrow$  confinement  
 $\leftrightarrow$  spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking

PK's secret love of Nambu-Goldstone bosons  
PART II: about KAONS and ANTIKAONS

mass of strange quark  $\sim 100$  MeV  $\rightarrow$   
kaon mass = 494 MeV

Spontaneous AND explicit  
chiral symmetry breaking

attractive antikaon-nuclear interaction -  
sufficiently strong to produce  
antikaon-nuclear quasi-bound states ??

... but first: kaonic hydrogen and **SIDDHARTA**



**DAFNE** represents an unique  
opportunity to unveil the  
secrets of the kaon-nucleon/nuclei  
interaction at low energy