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The quest for kaonic atoms' measurements: technological challenges and future perspectives

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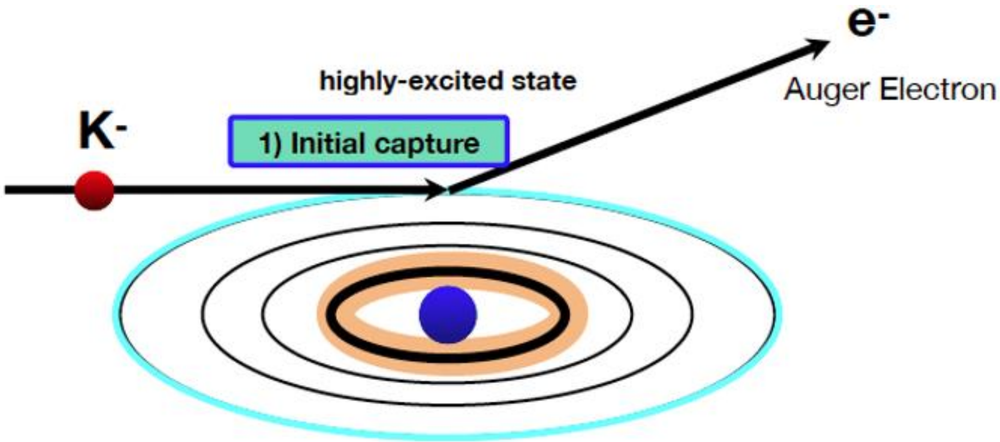

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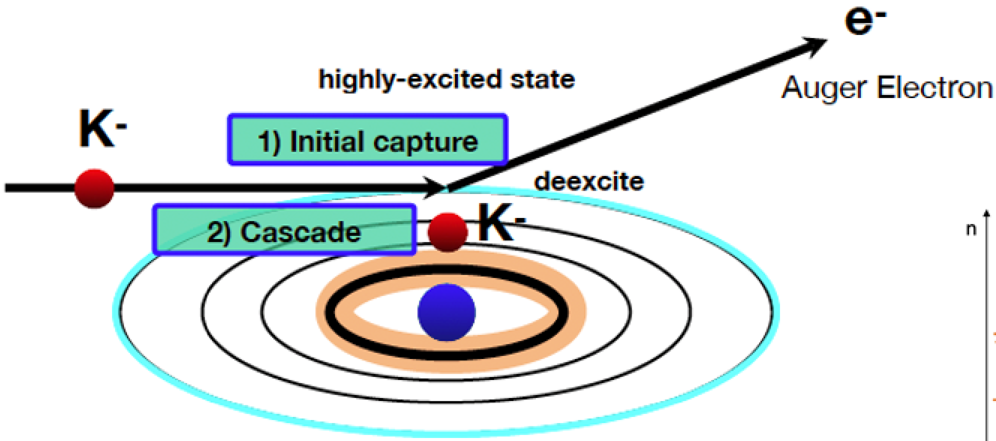

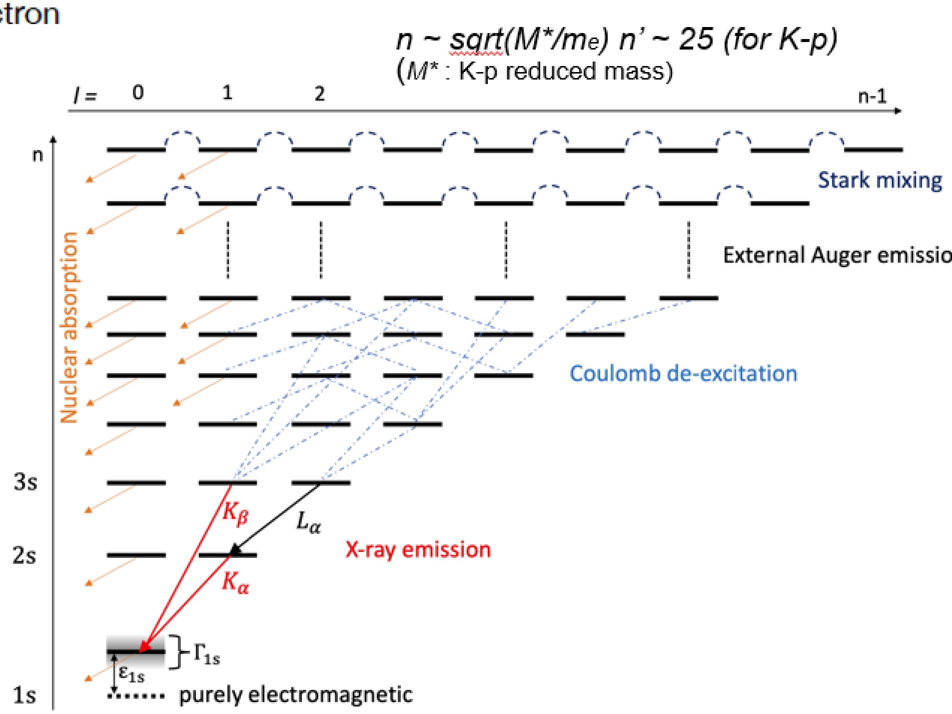

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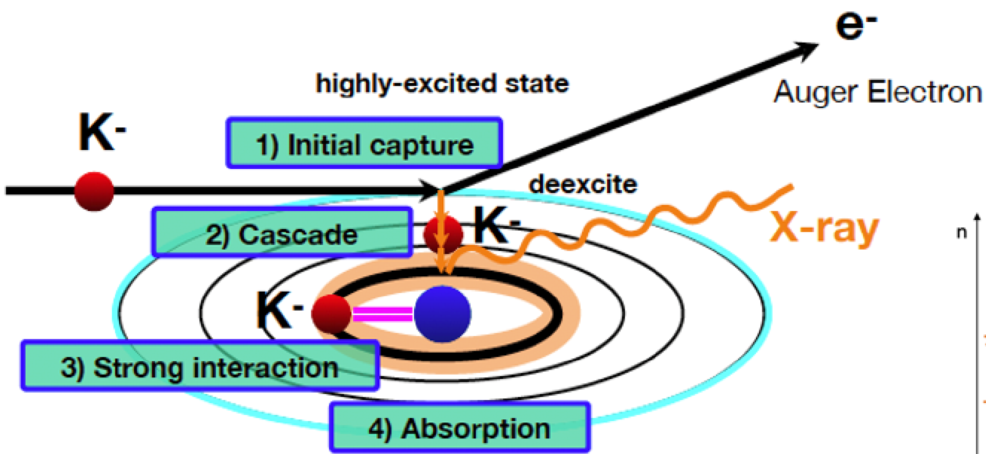

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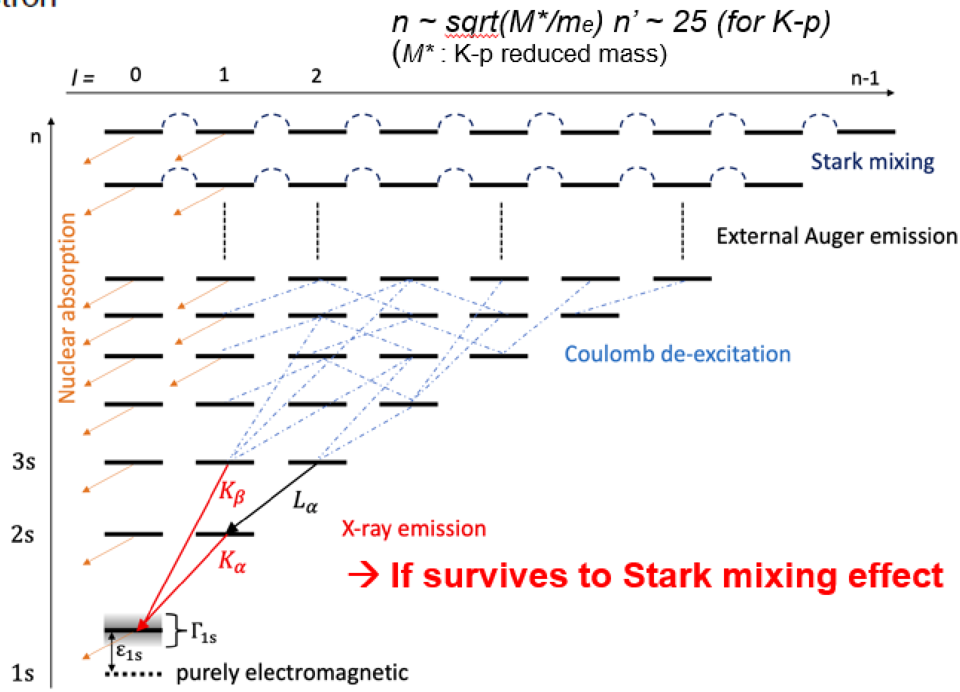
Radiative transitions from low-energy levels: 10^{-17} - 10^{-15} s;



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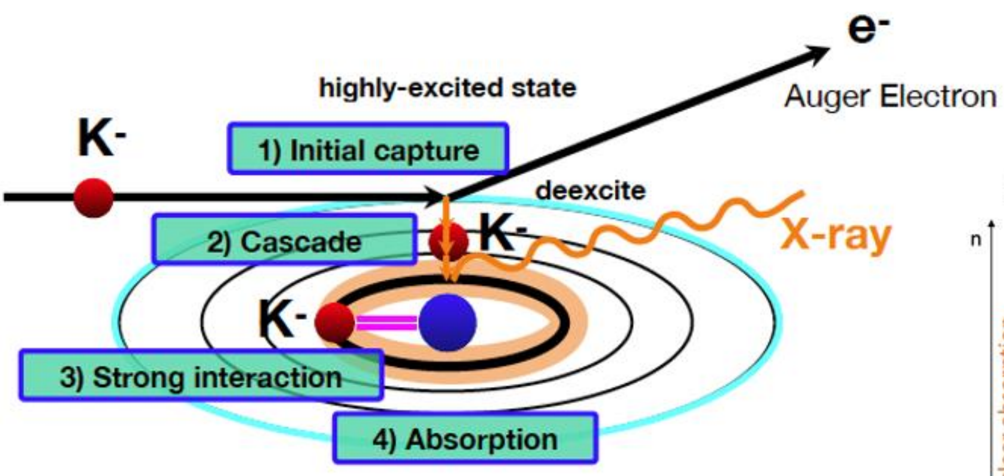
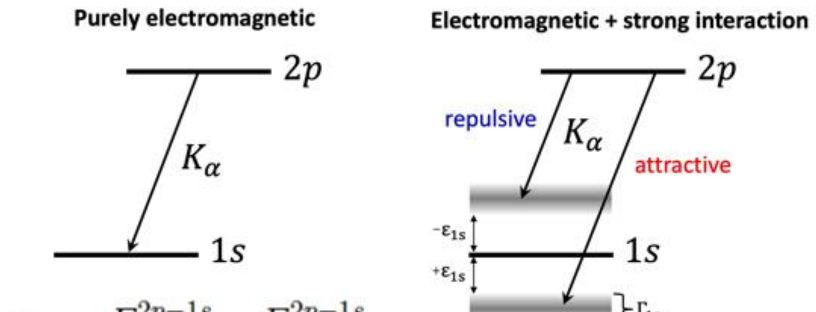
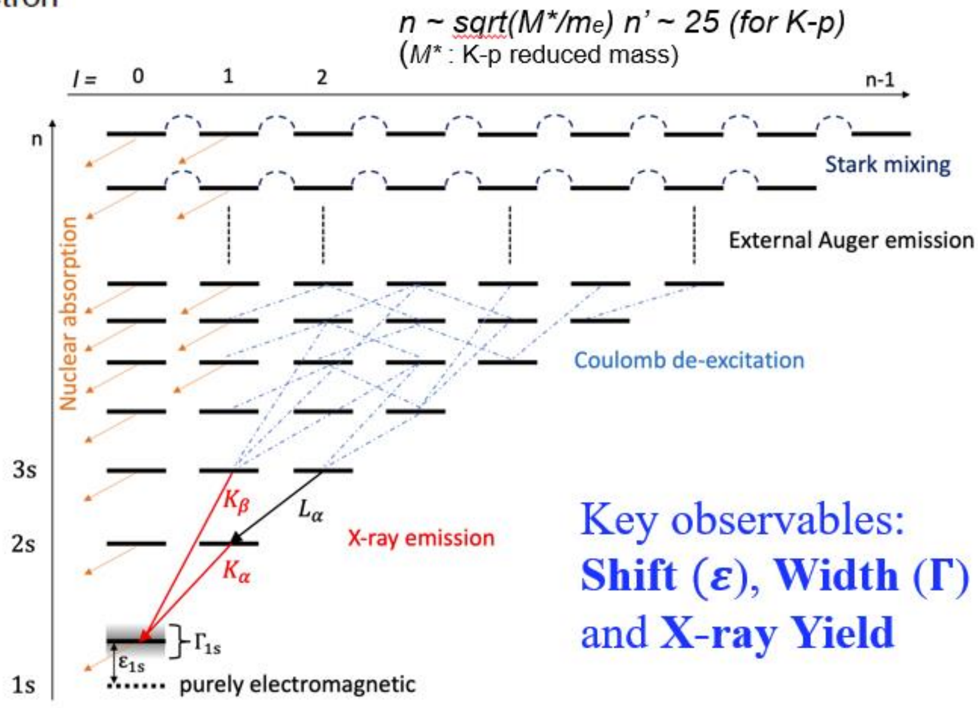




$$\varepsilon_{1s} = E^{2p-1s}_{\text{meas}} - E^{2p-1s}_{e.m.}$$



Key observables:
Shift (ε), Width (Γ) and **X-ray Yield**

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Combined analysis of the kaonic deuterium and kaonic hydrogen measurements

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

(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

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

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

$$k = \frac{4[m_n + m_K]}{[2m_n + m_K]}$$

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

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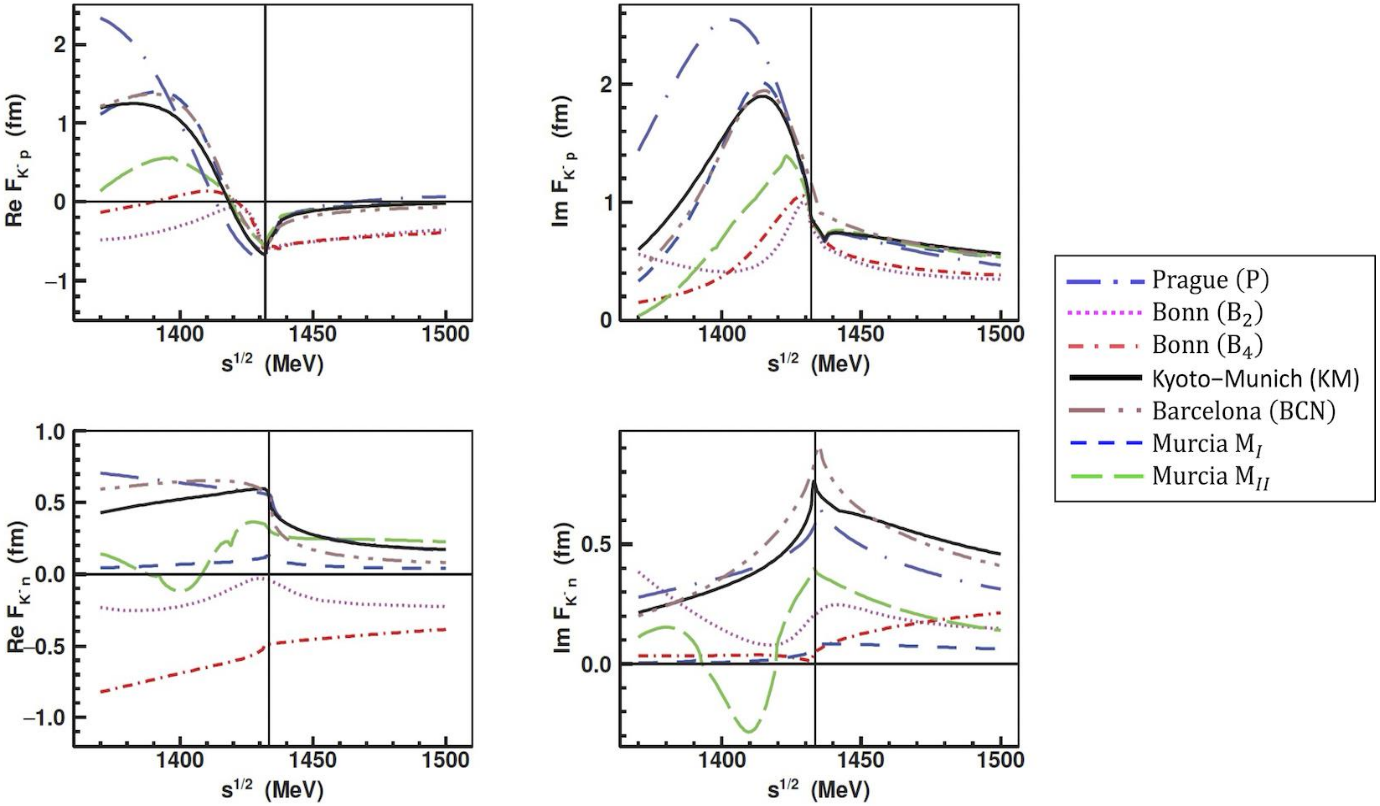

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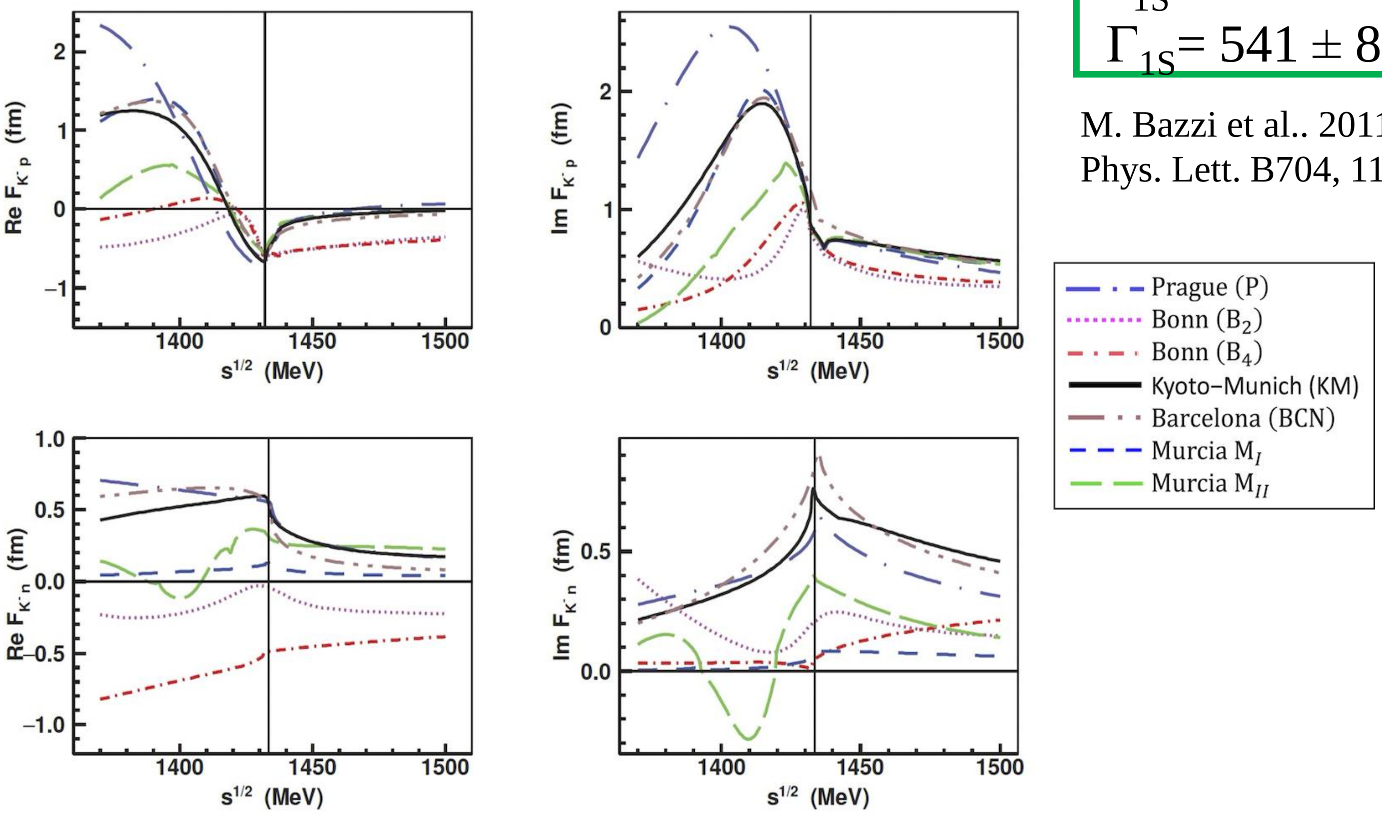

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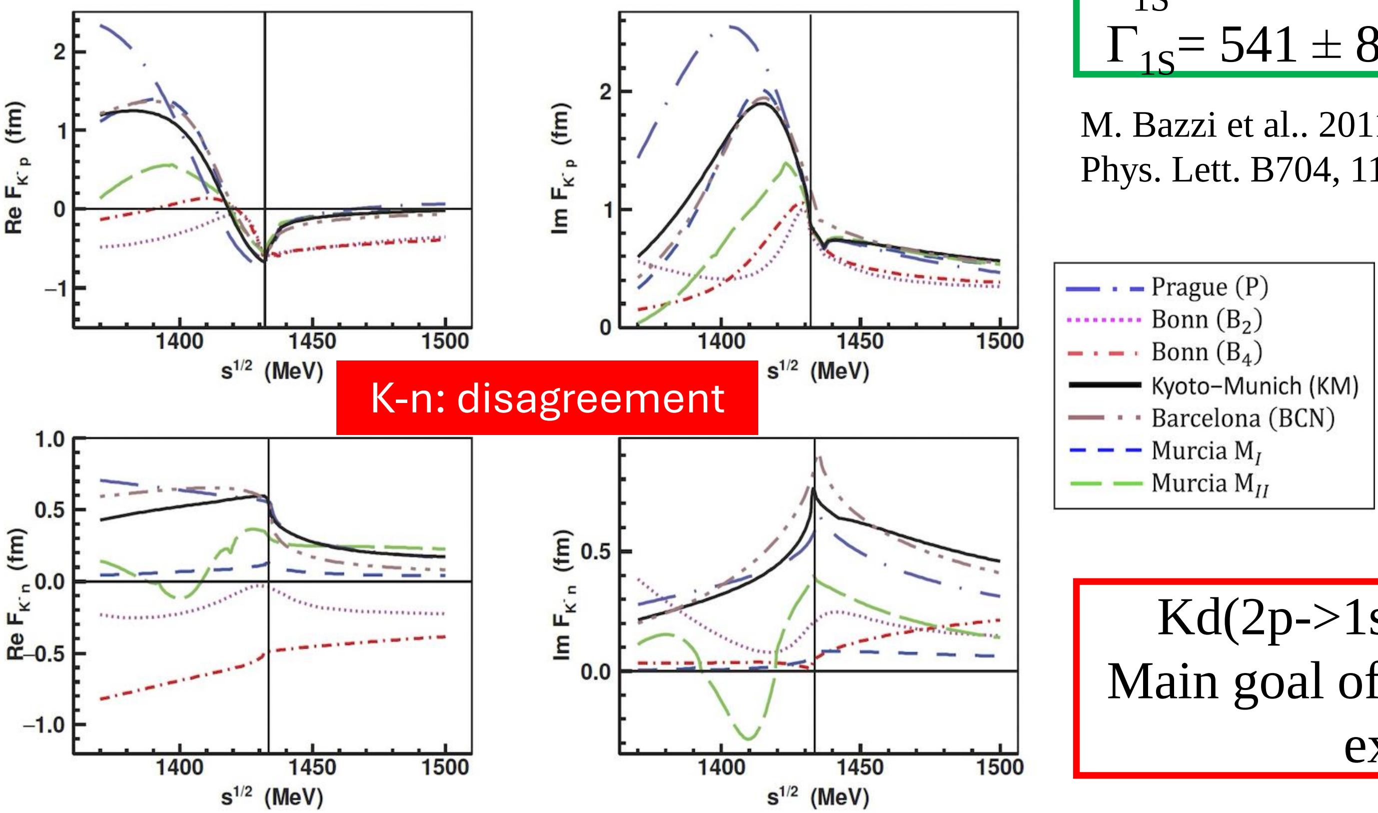

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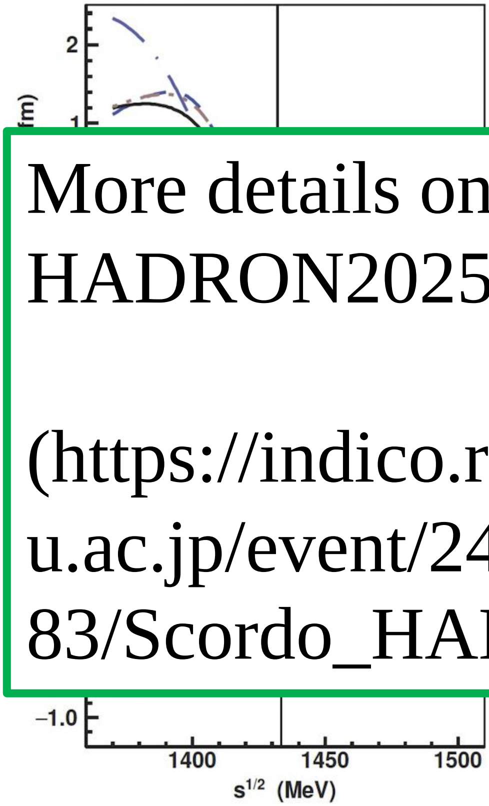

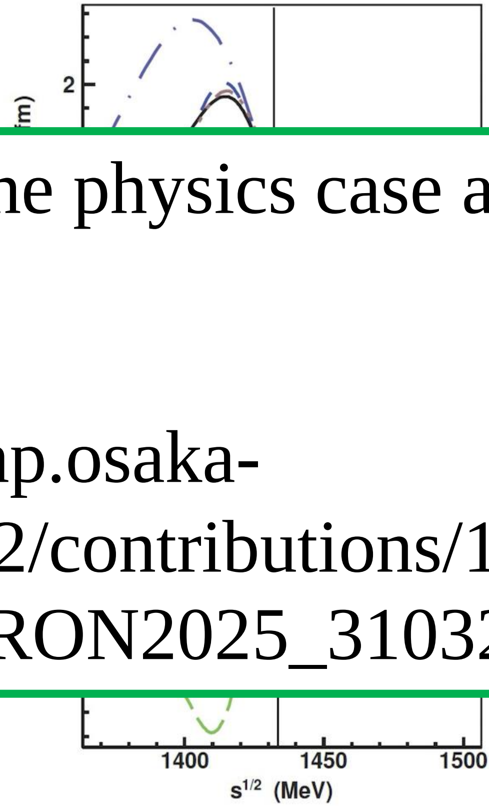

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More details on the physics case and state of art given at HADRON2025

(https://indico.rcnp.osaka-u.ac.jp/event/2402/contributions/14966/attachments/9380/12583/Scordo_HADRON2025_31032025.pdf

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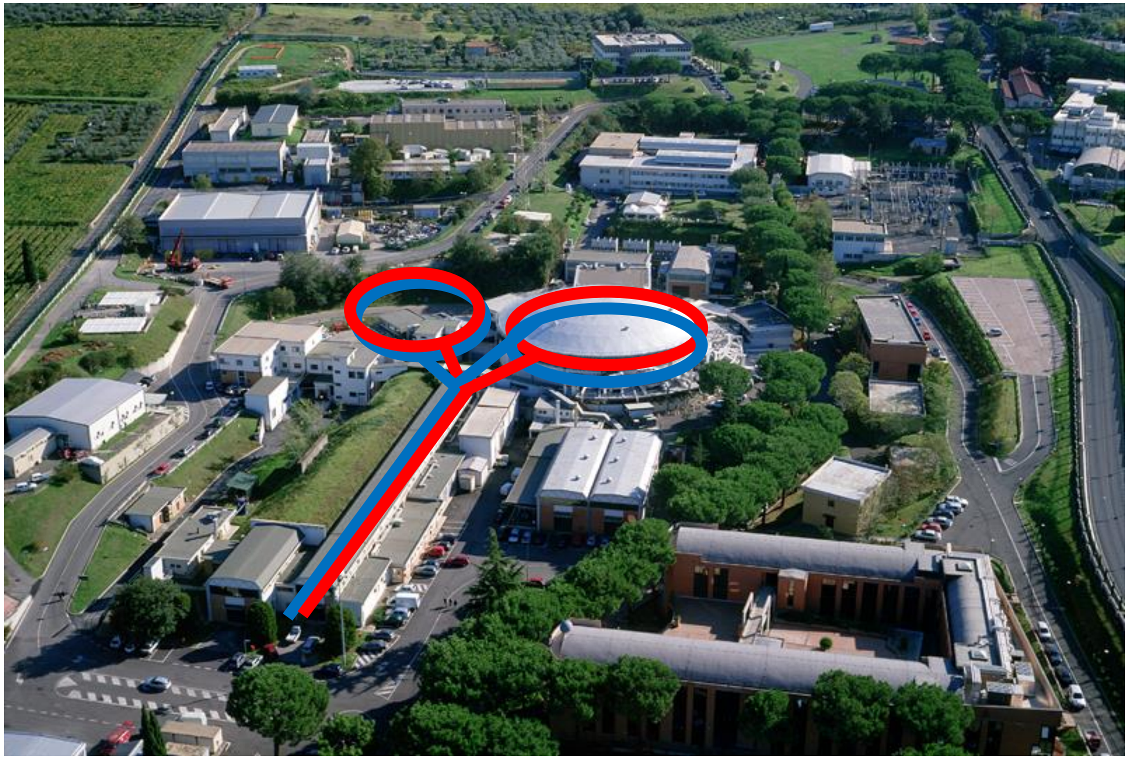

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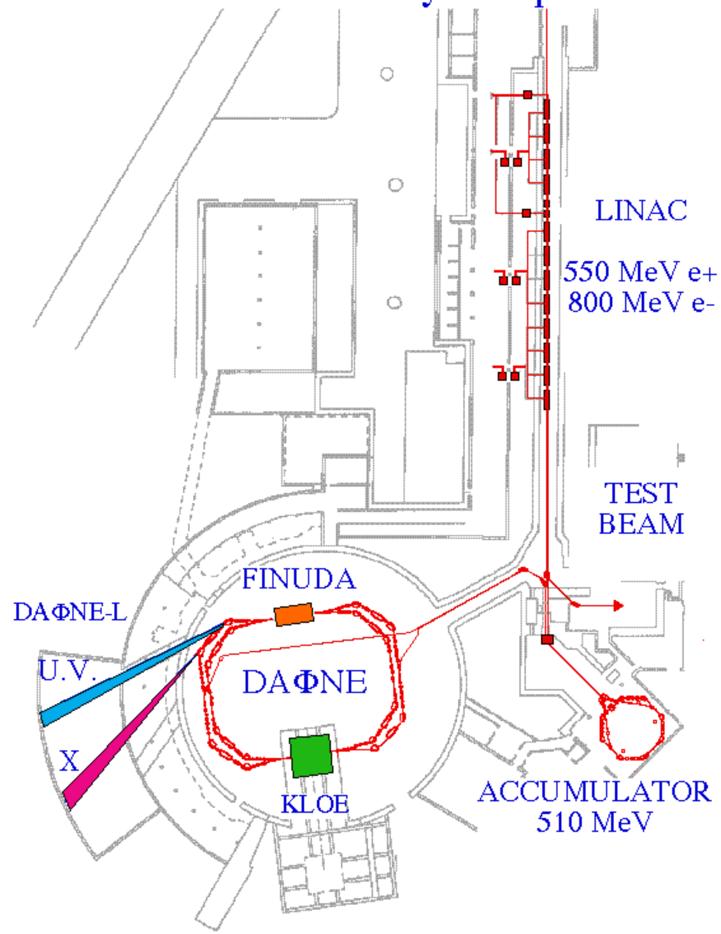

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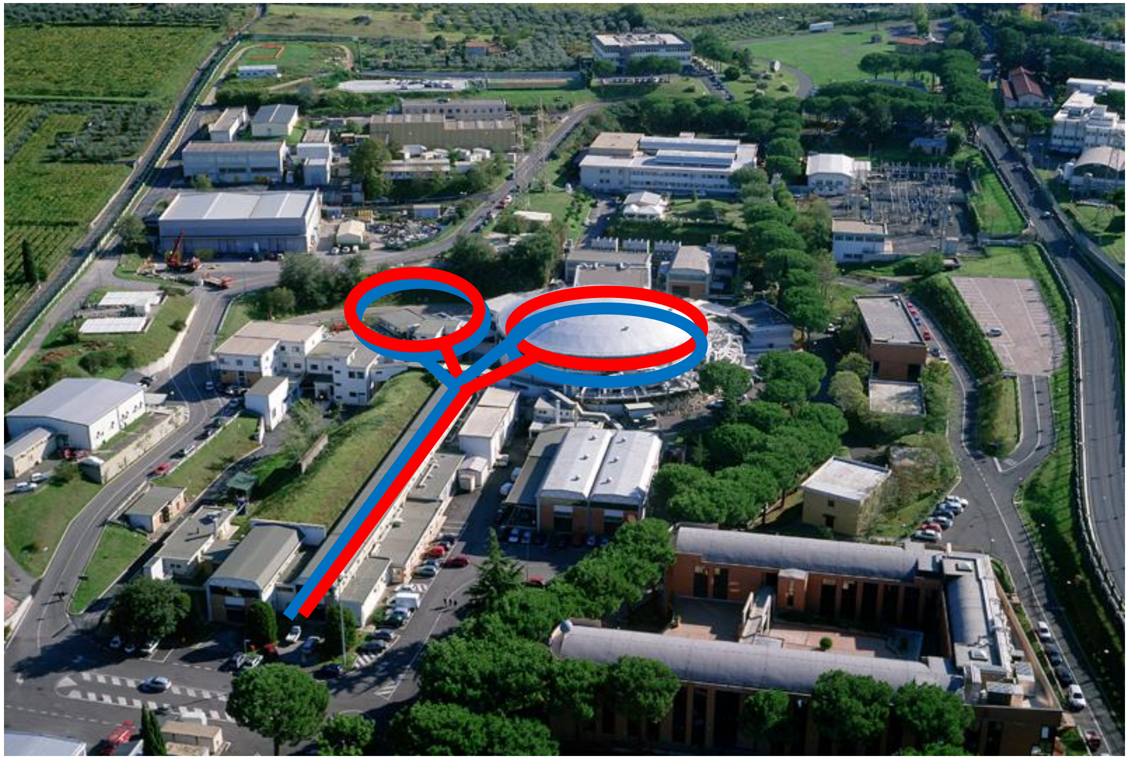

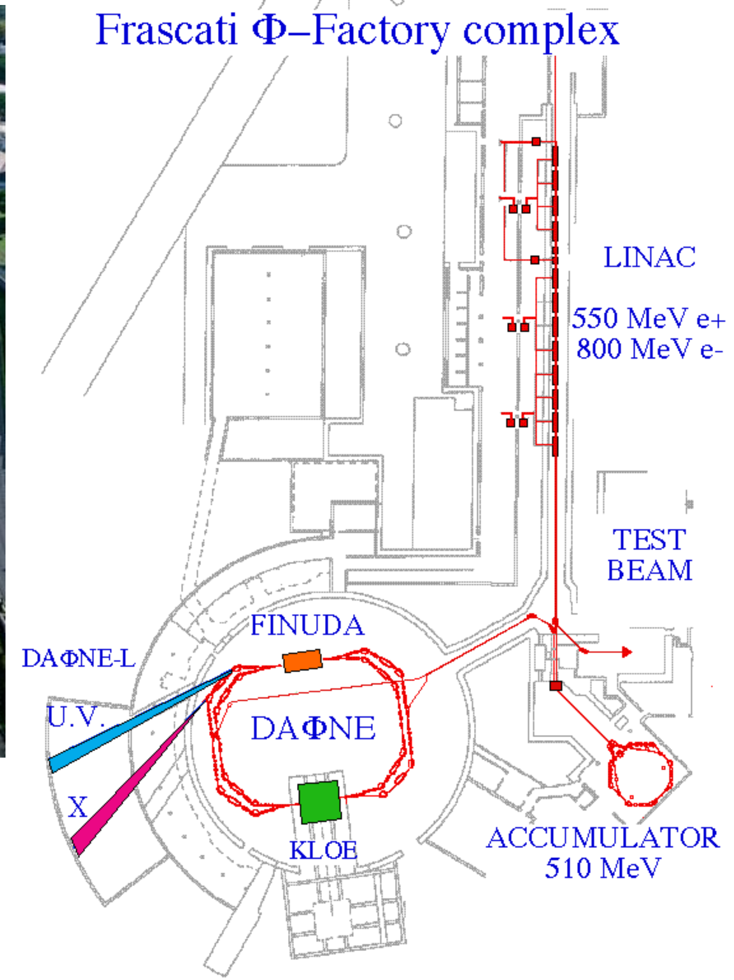

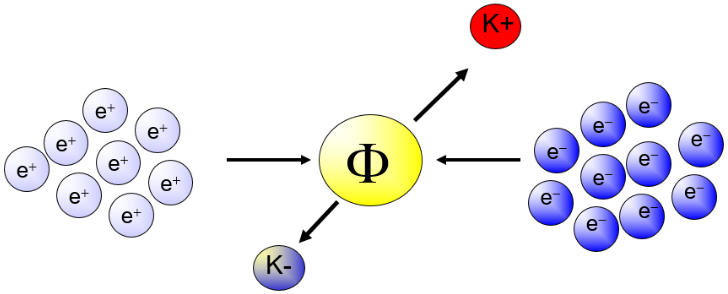

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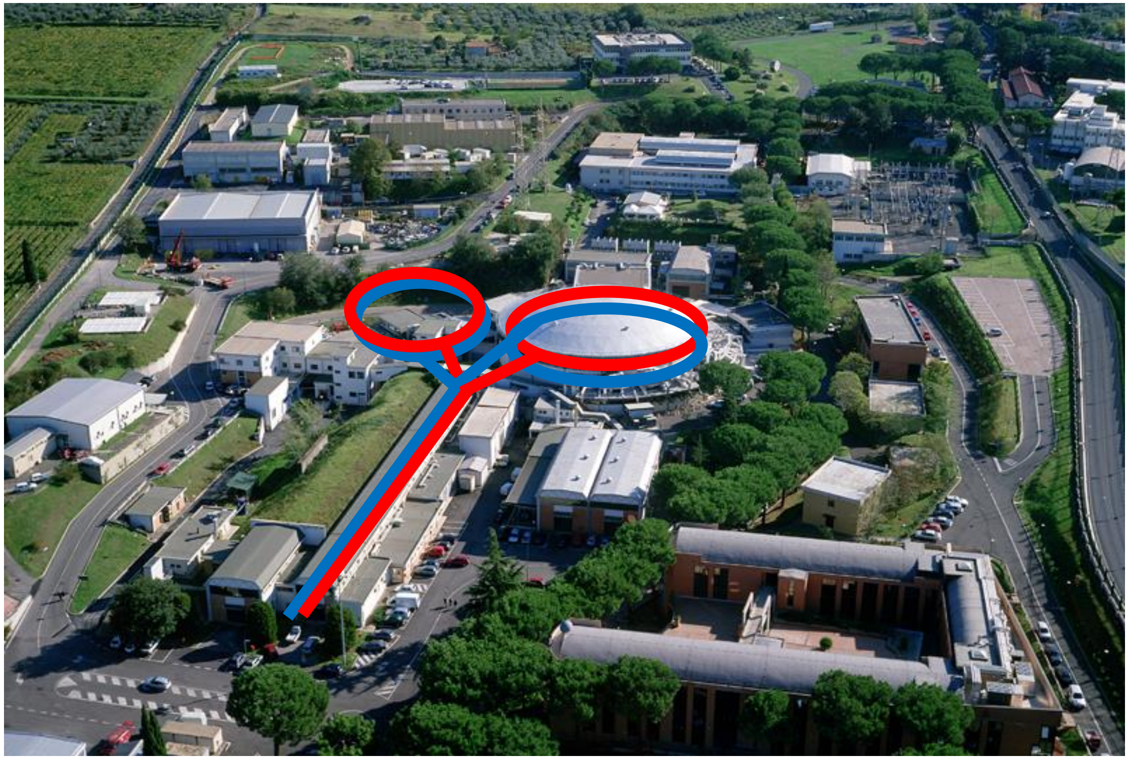

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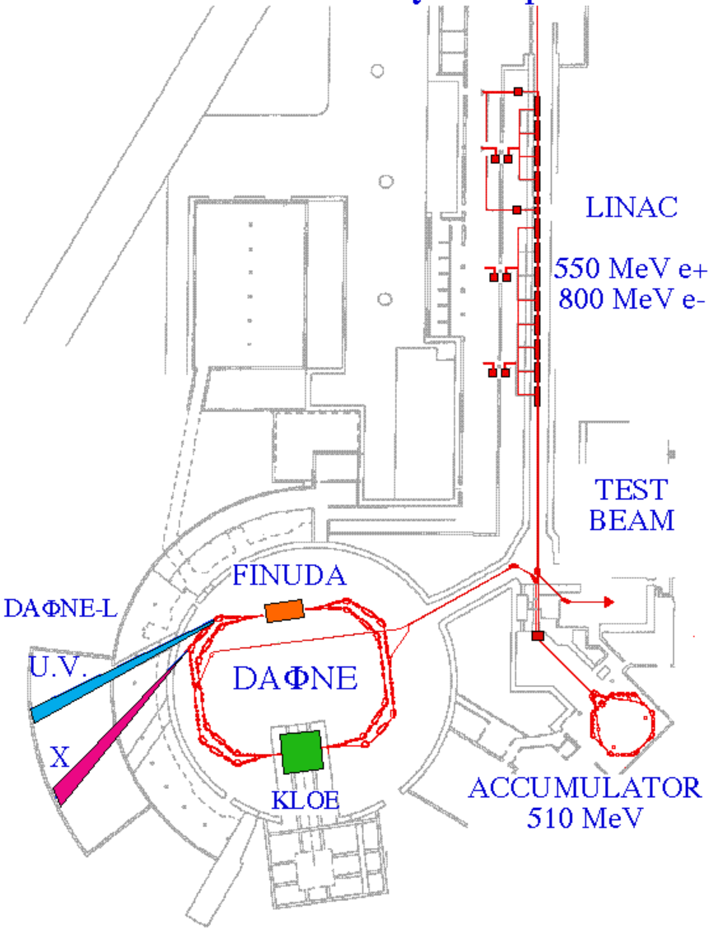

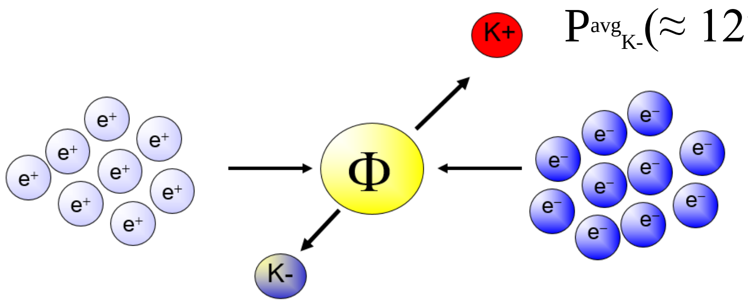

P^{avg}_{K-}(≈ 127 MeV)

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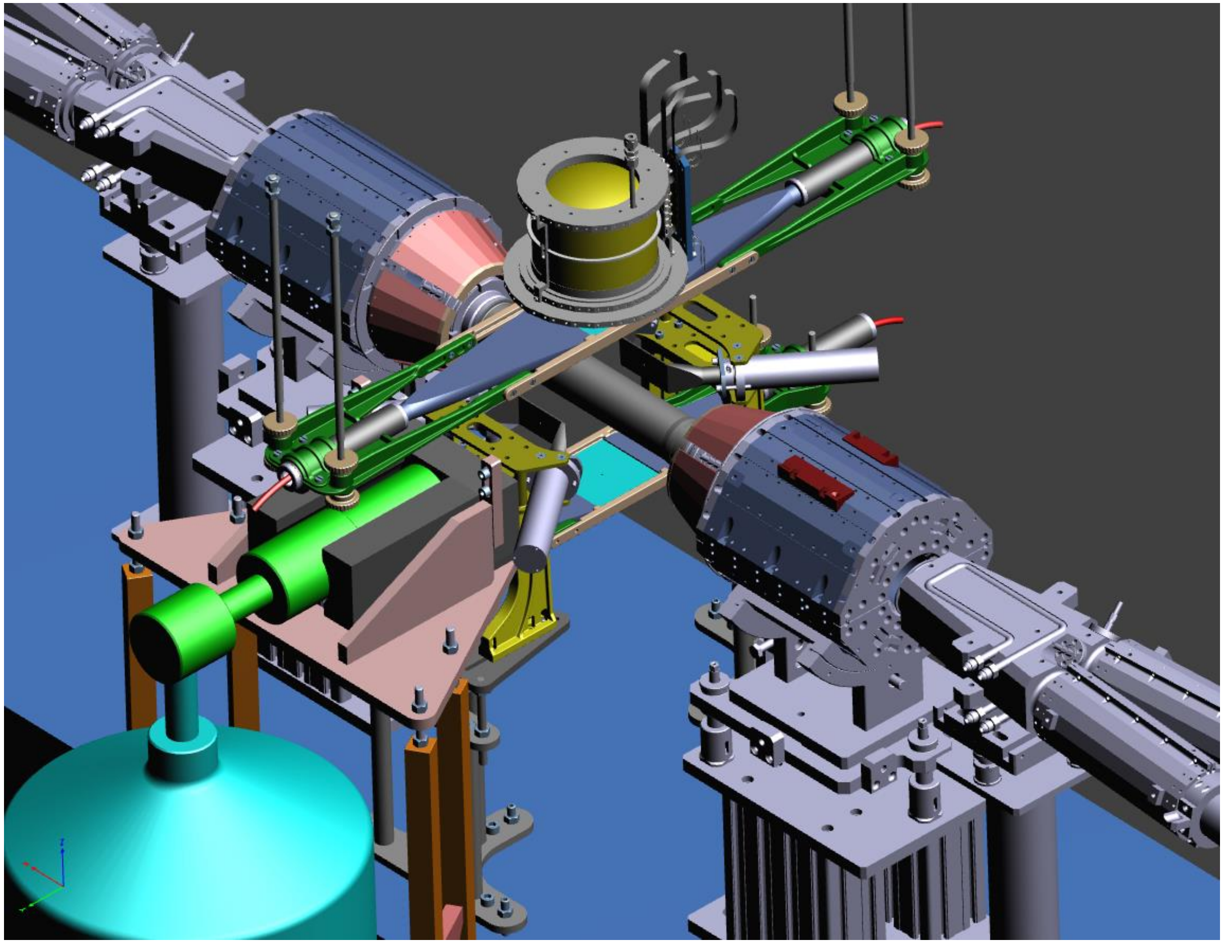

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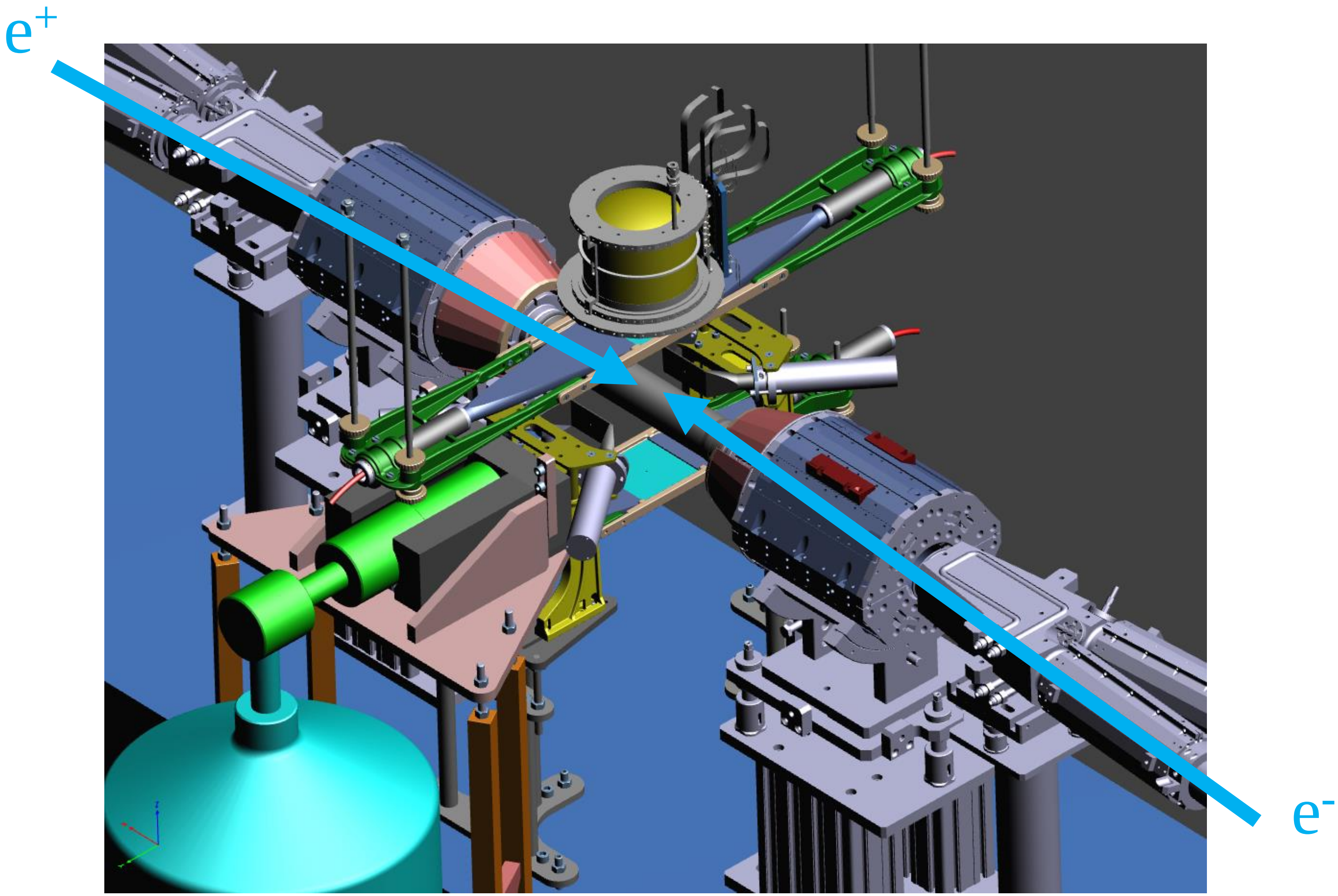

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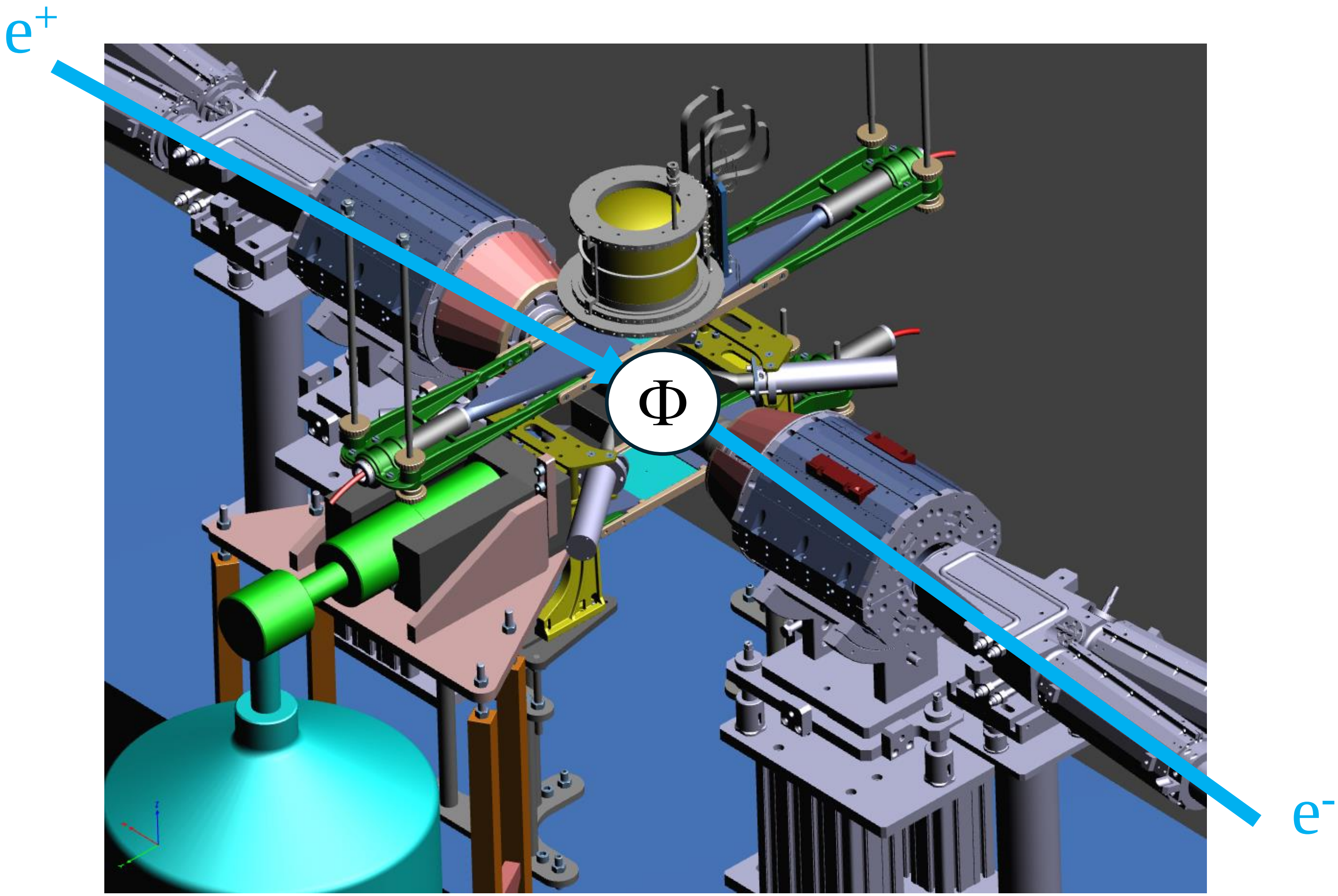

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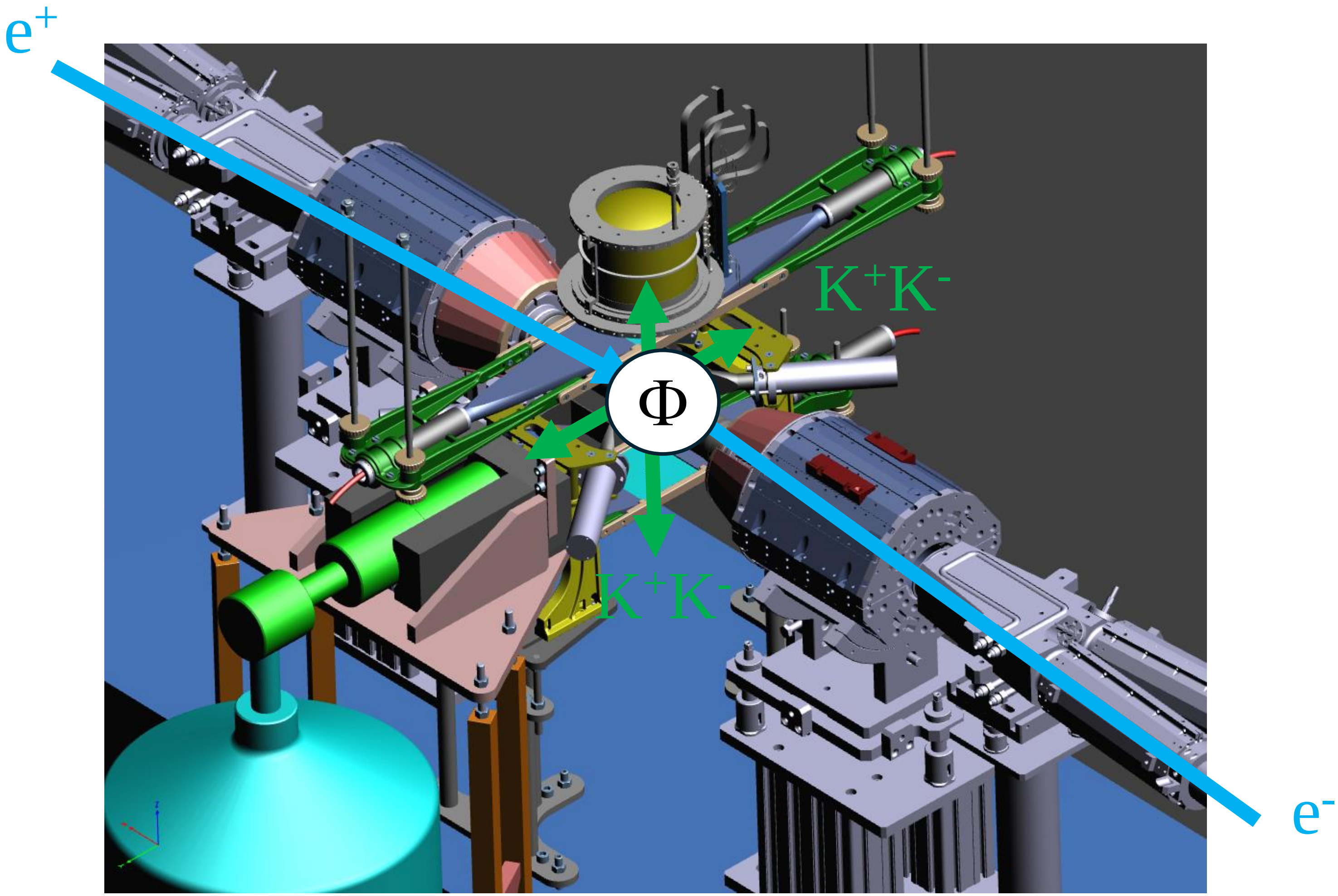

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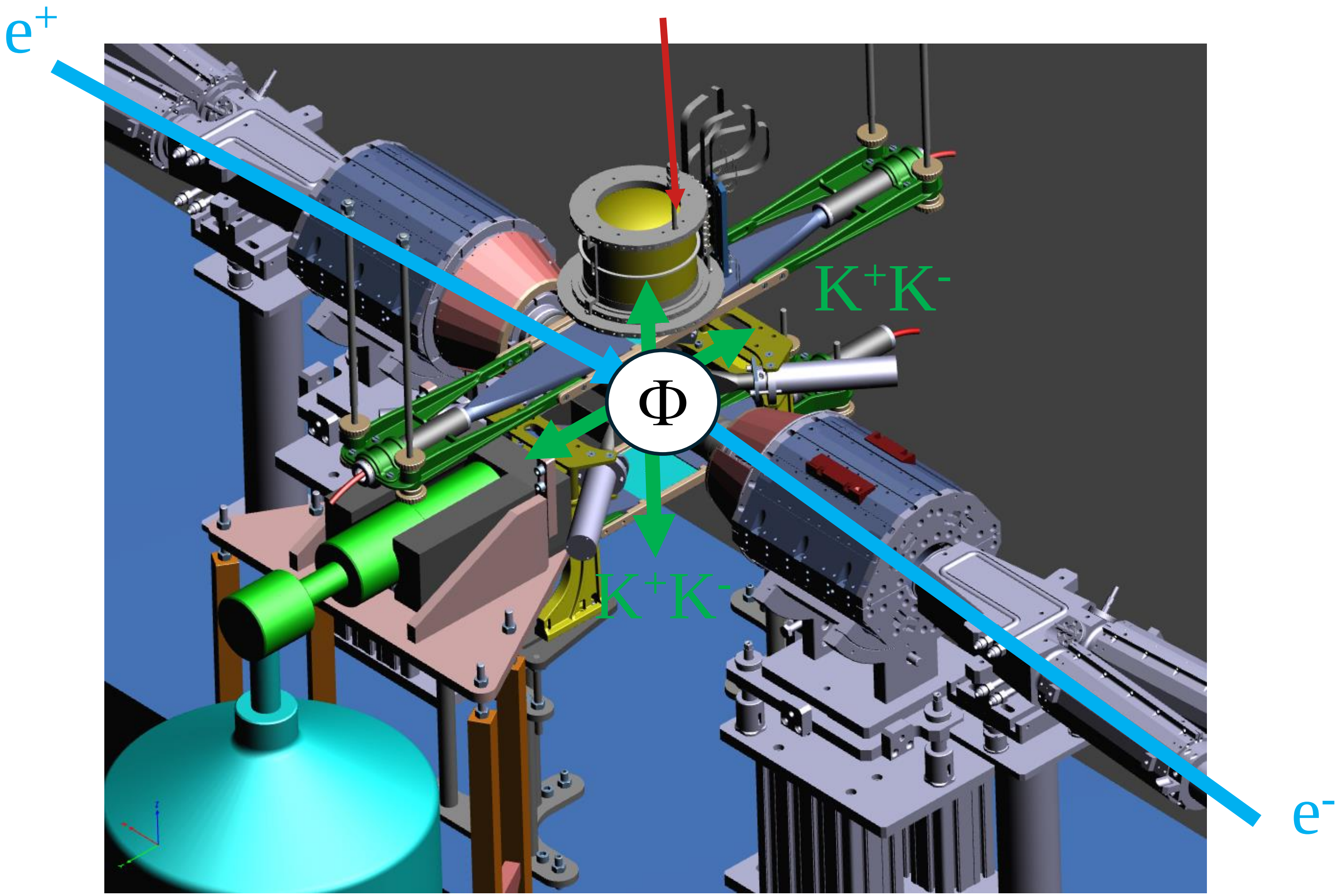

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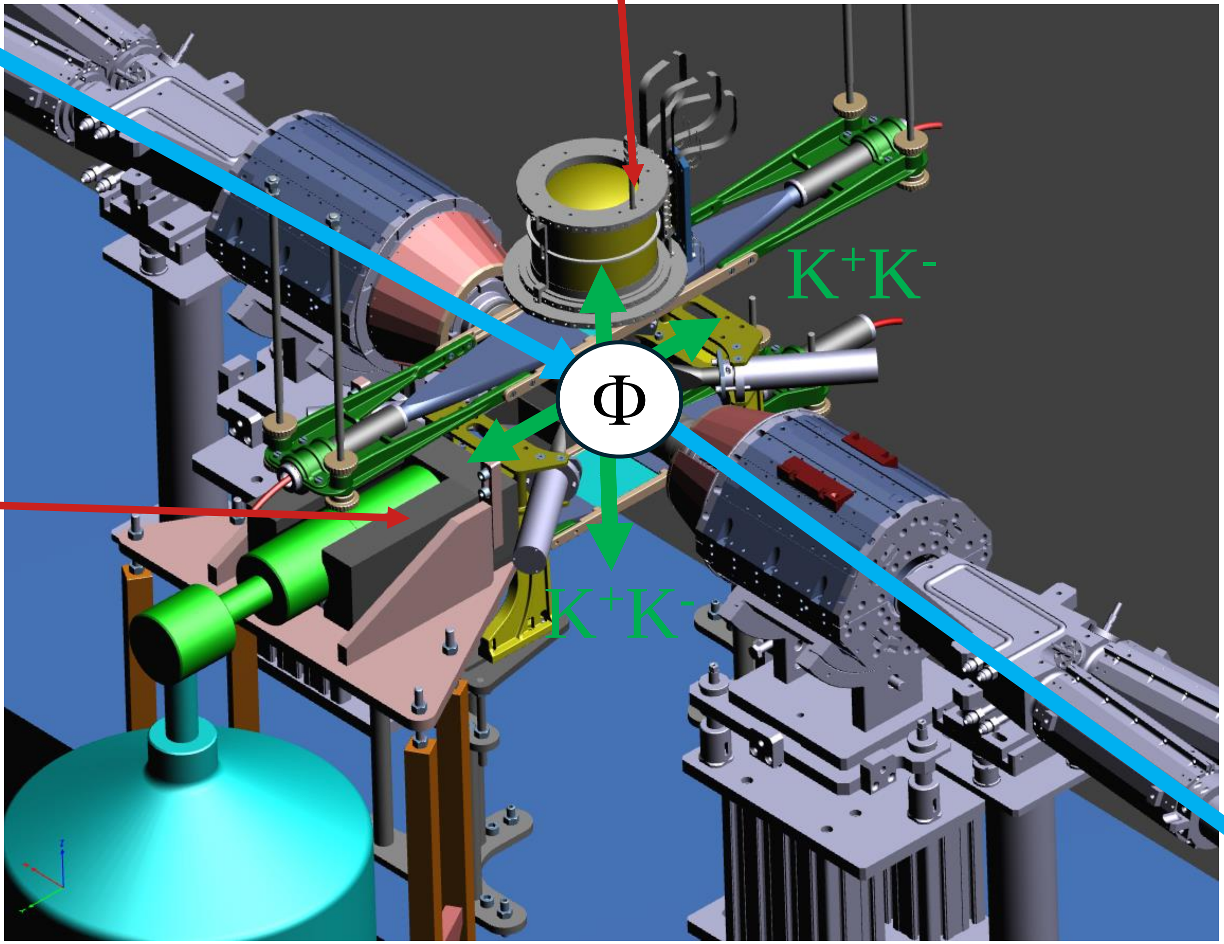

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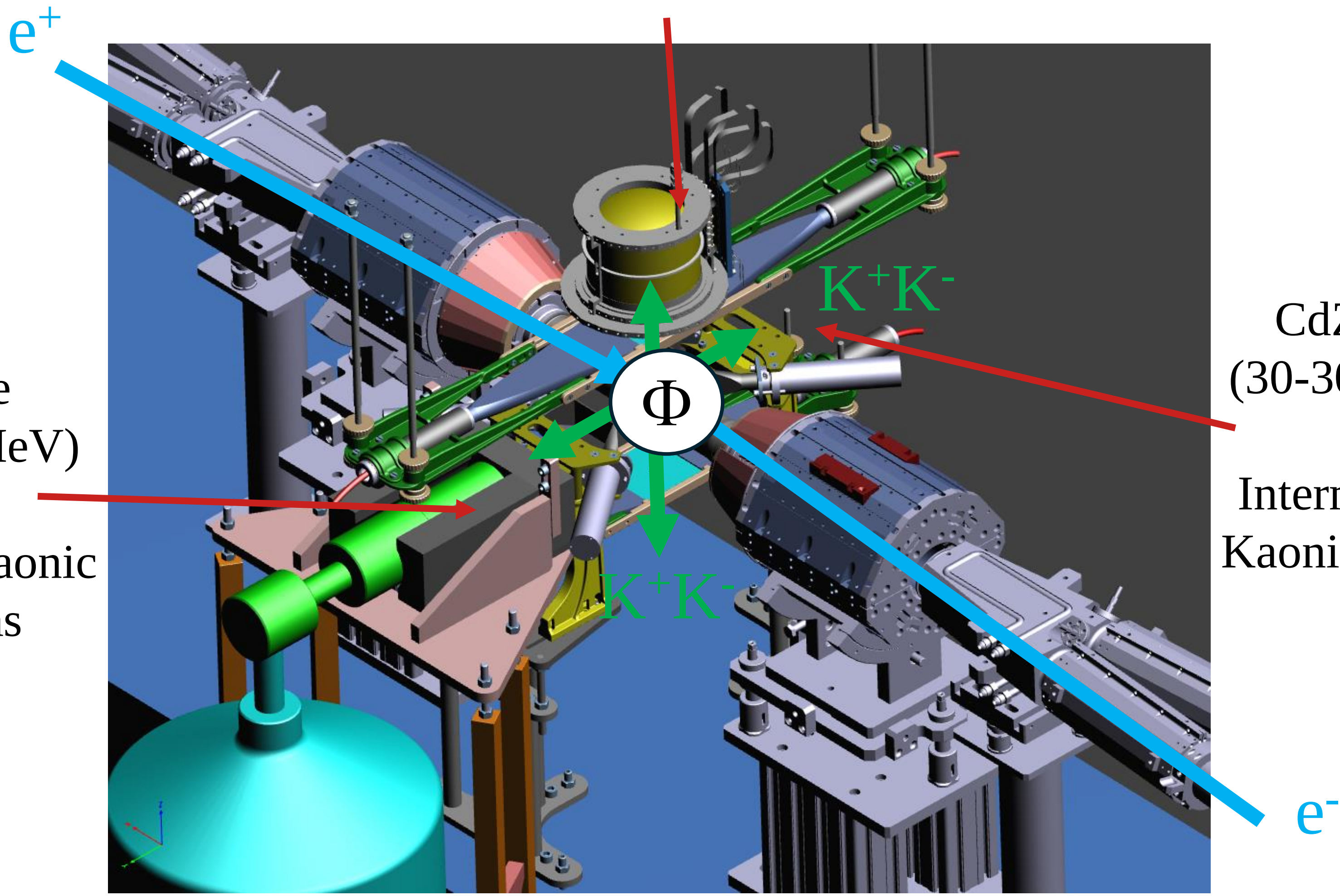

HPGe (0,2-1 MeV)

Heavy Kaonic Atoms

CdZnTe (30-300 keV)

Intermediate Kaonic Atoms

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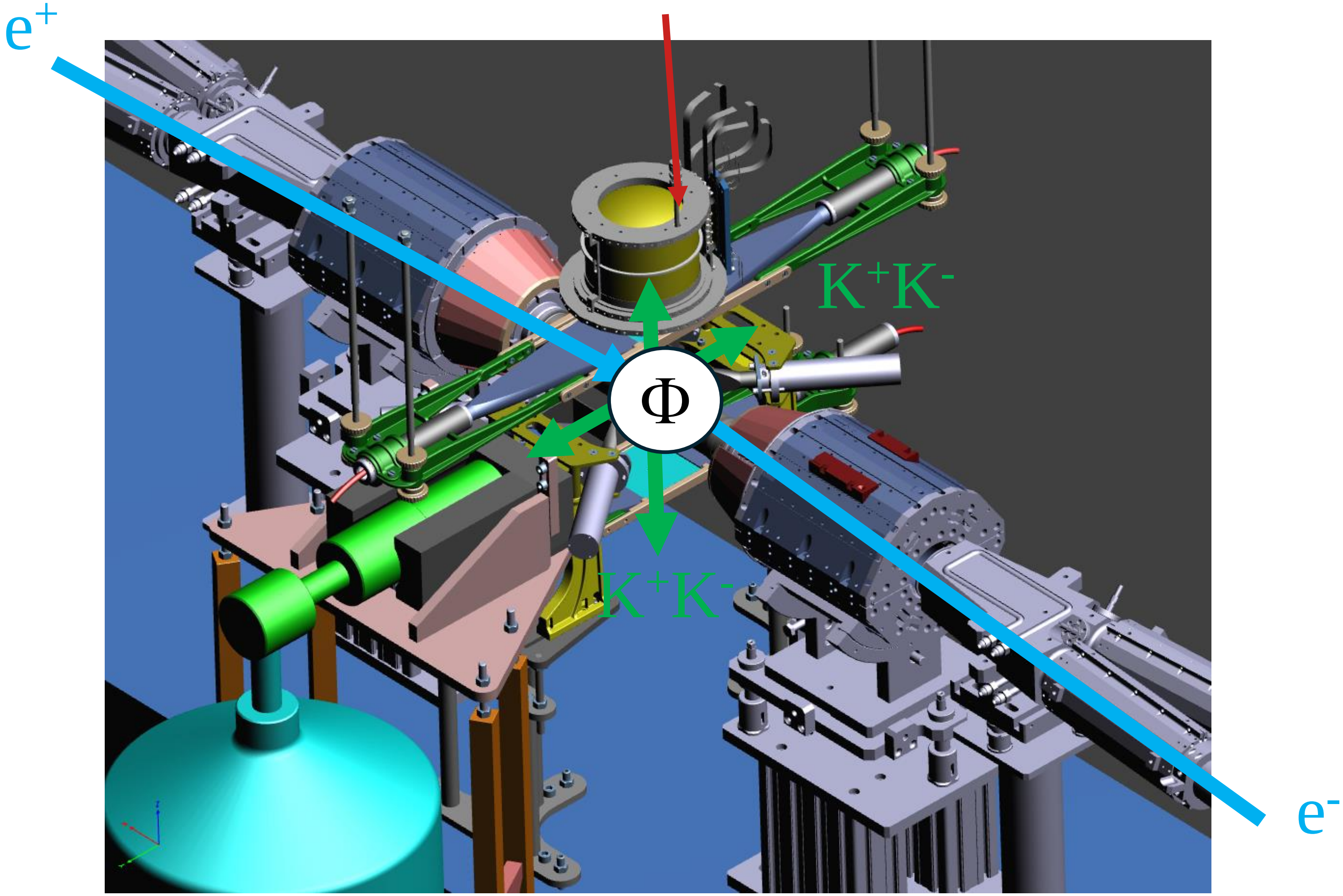
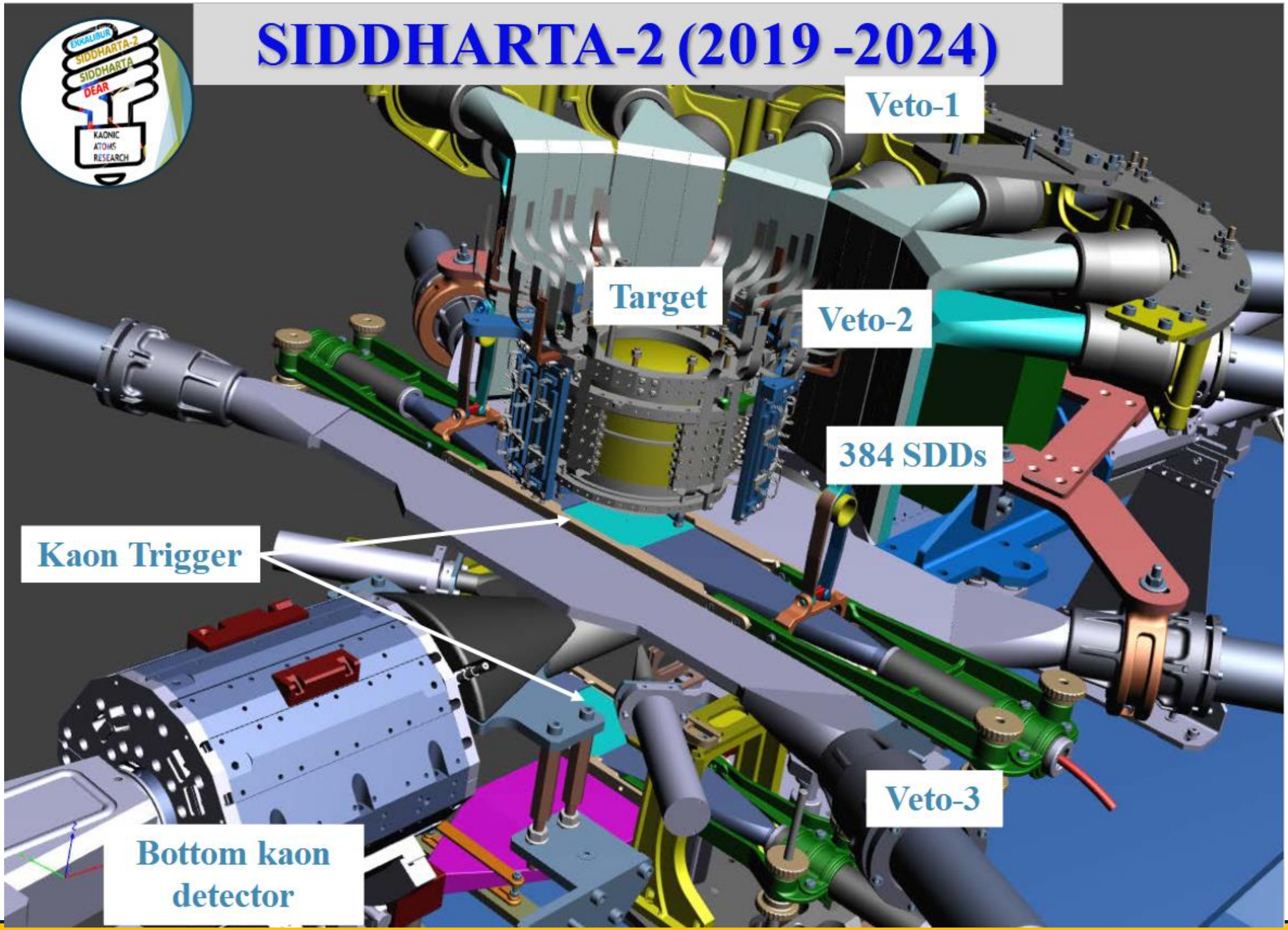


Gaseous Targets Measurements



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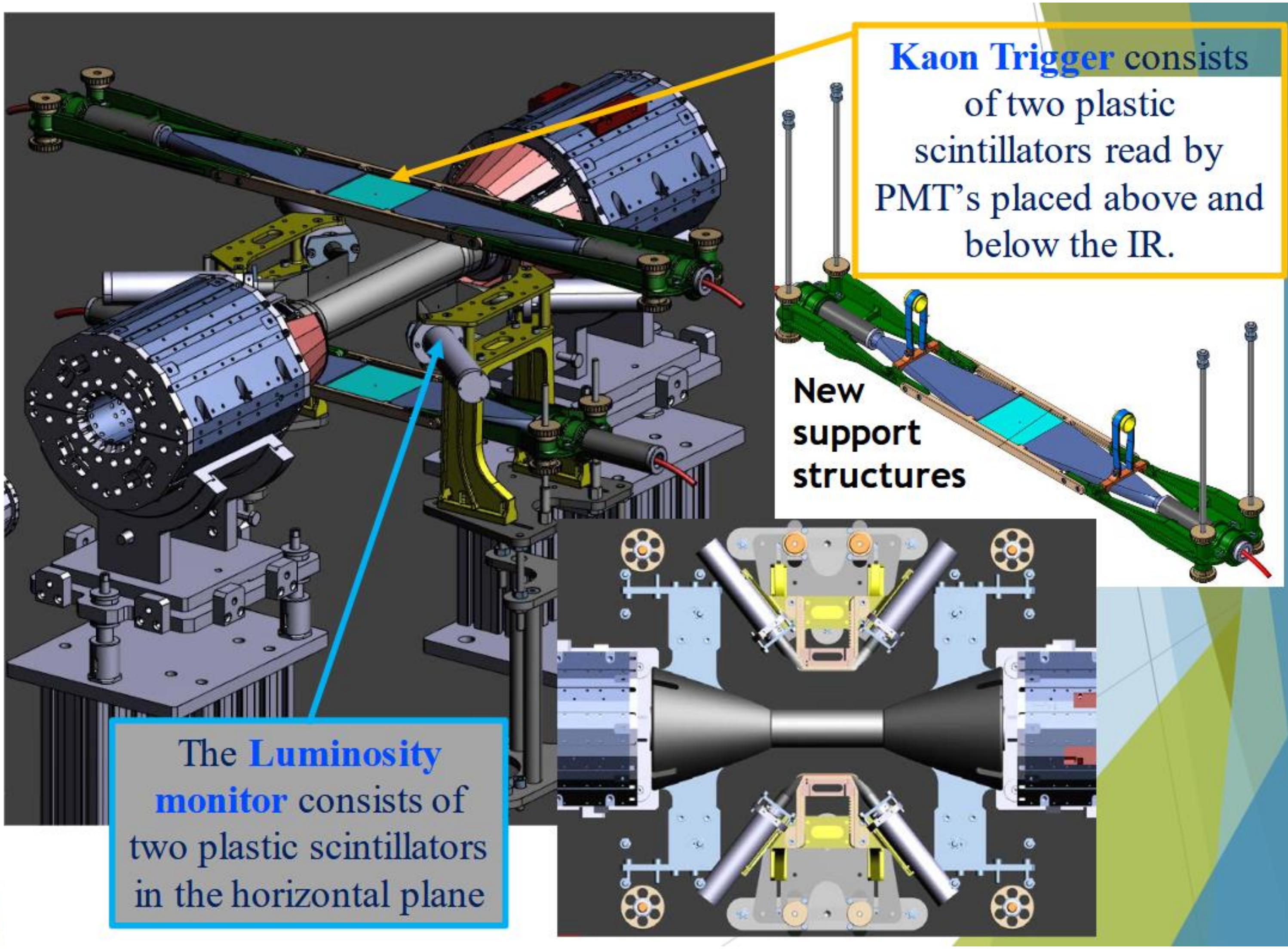

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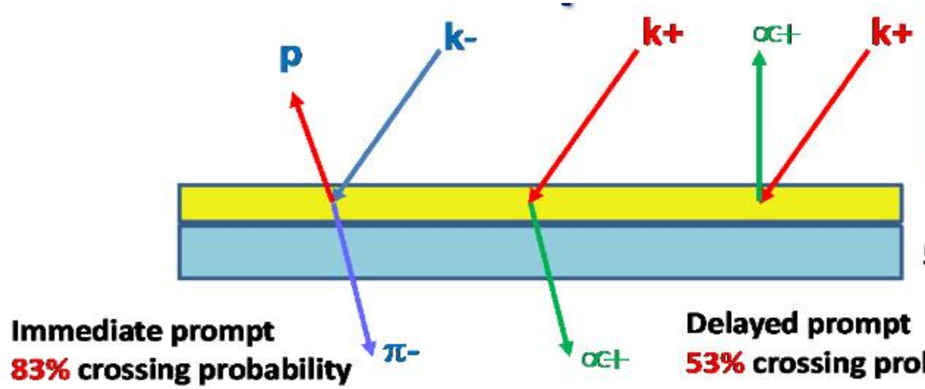
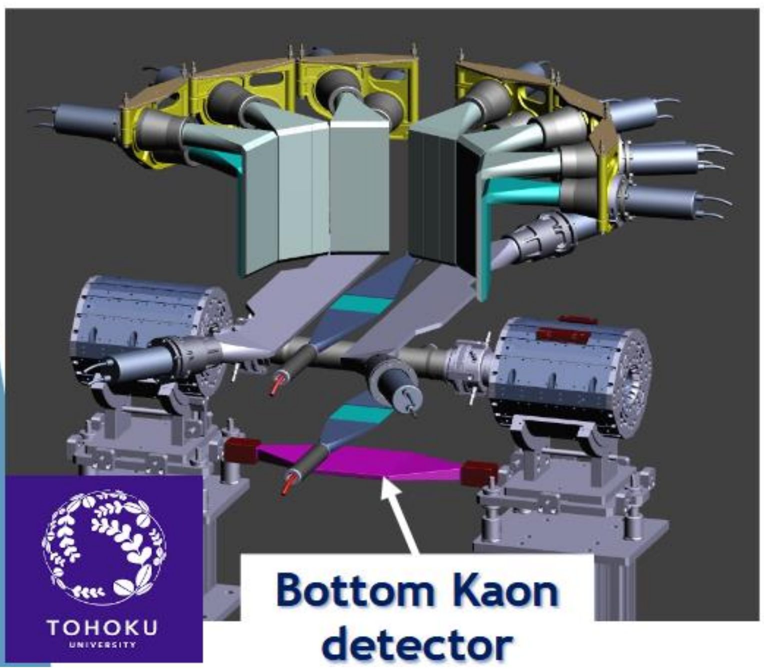
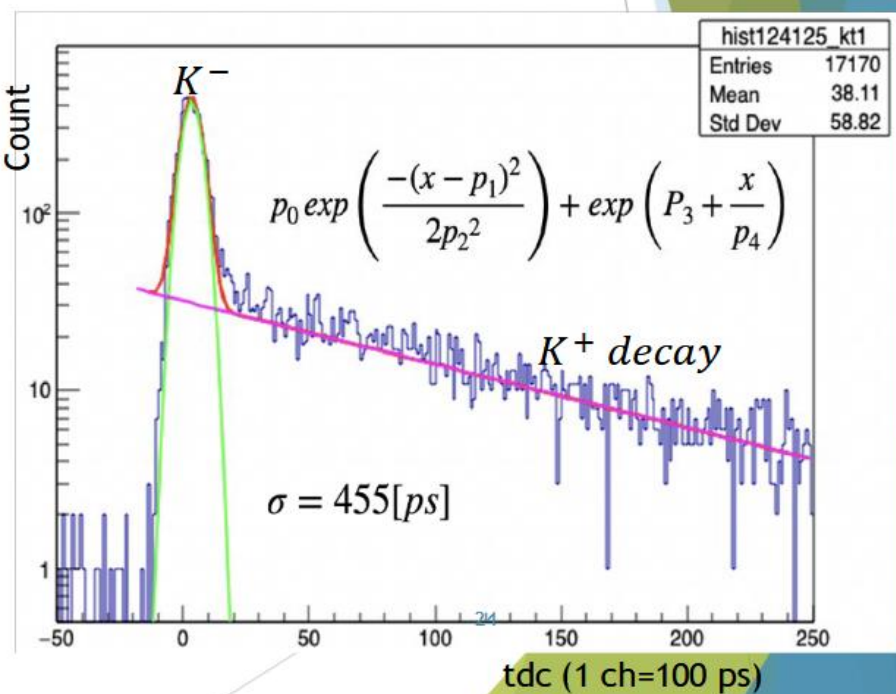
Stop both K^+ and K^- in a passive layer (Teflon) and detect secondaries in a scintillator







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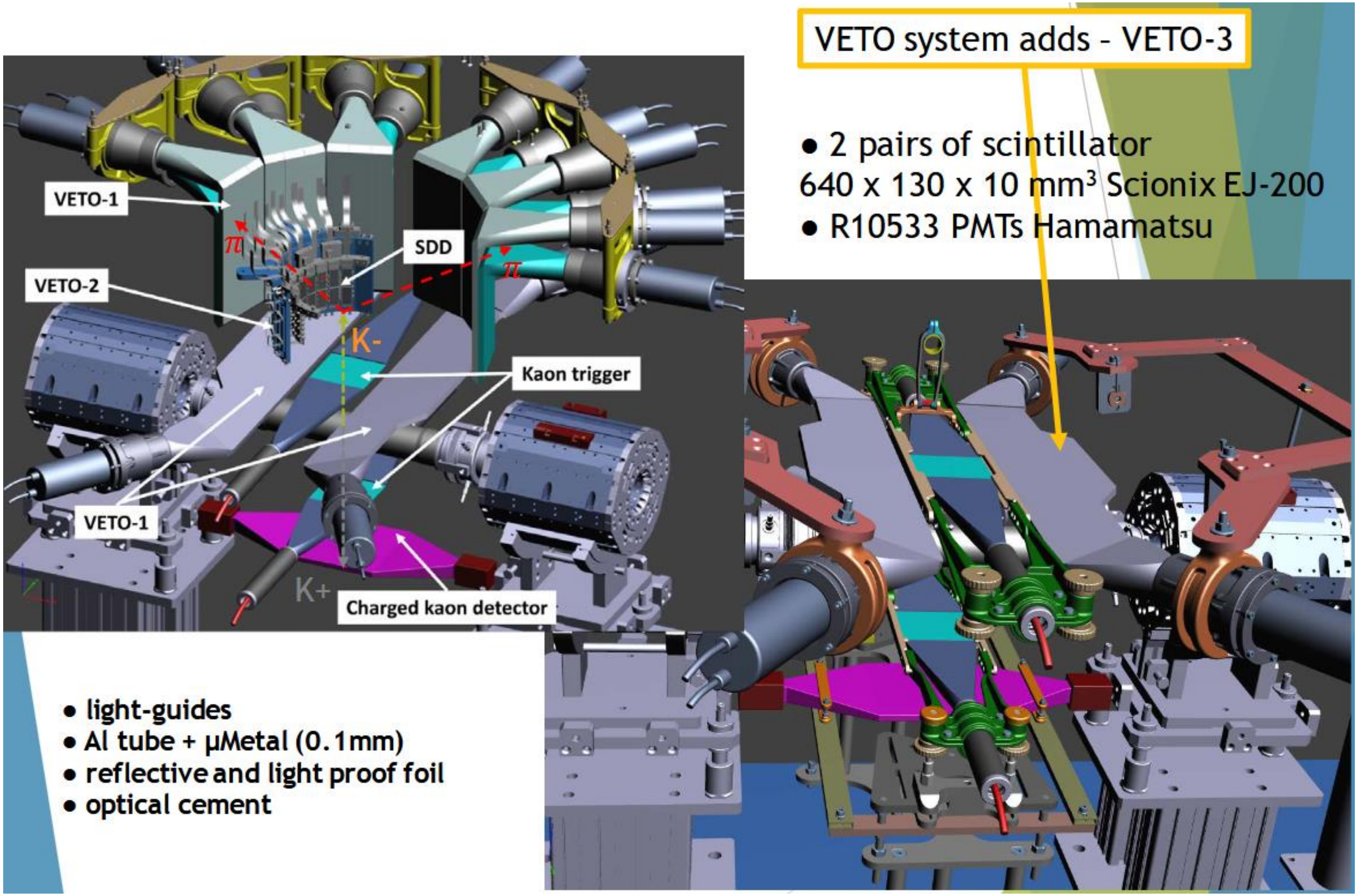

- 2 pairs of scintillator 640 x 130 x 10 mm^3 Scionix EJ-200
- R10533 PMTs Hamamatsu

- light-guides
- Al tube + μMetal (0.1mm)
- reflective and light proof foil
- optical cement

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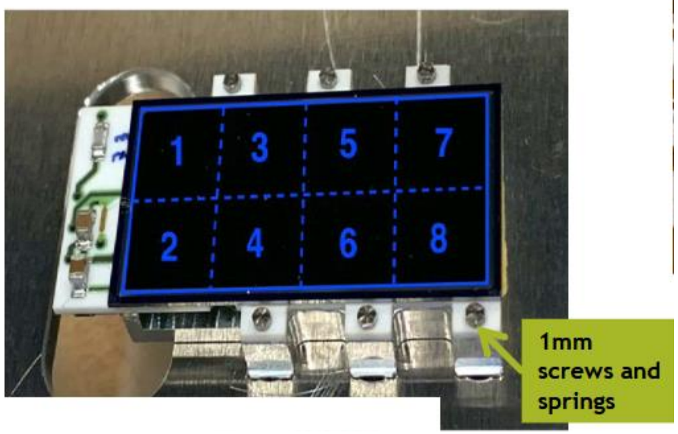
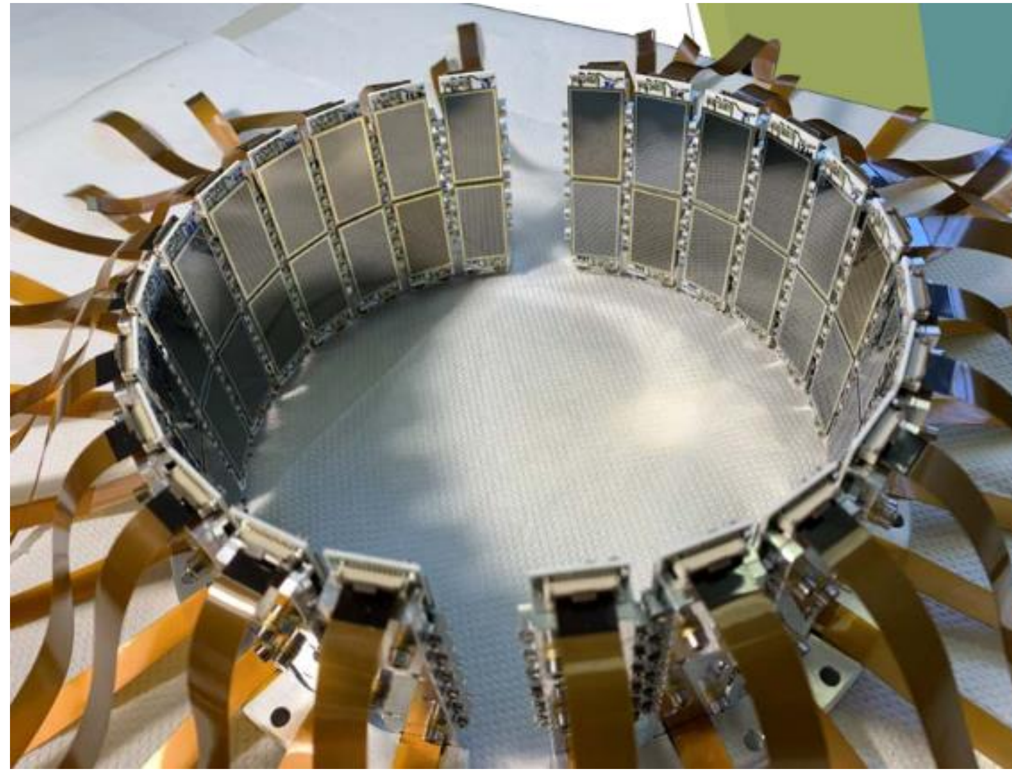
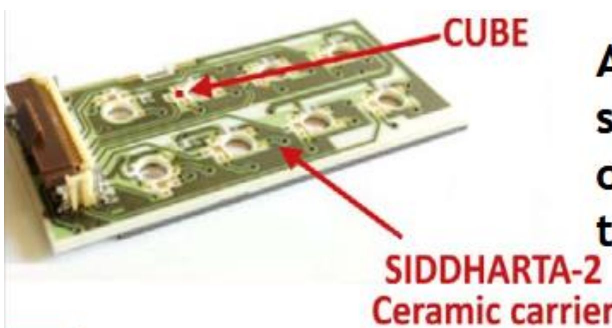
New monolithic SDDs arrays have been developed by Fondazione Bruno Kessler

new technology, lower production cost
- 2x4 matrix SDD units (0.64 cm^2)
- active/total surface ratio of 0.75







A CMOS low-noise charge sensitive preamplifier (CUBE operate at lower cryogenic temperature (up to 50k)

Total: 246 cm2 (384 SDDs)

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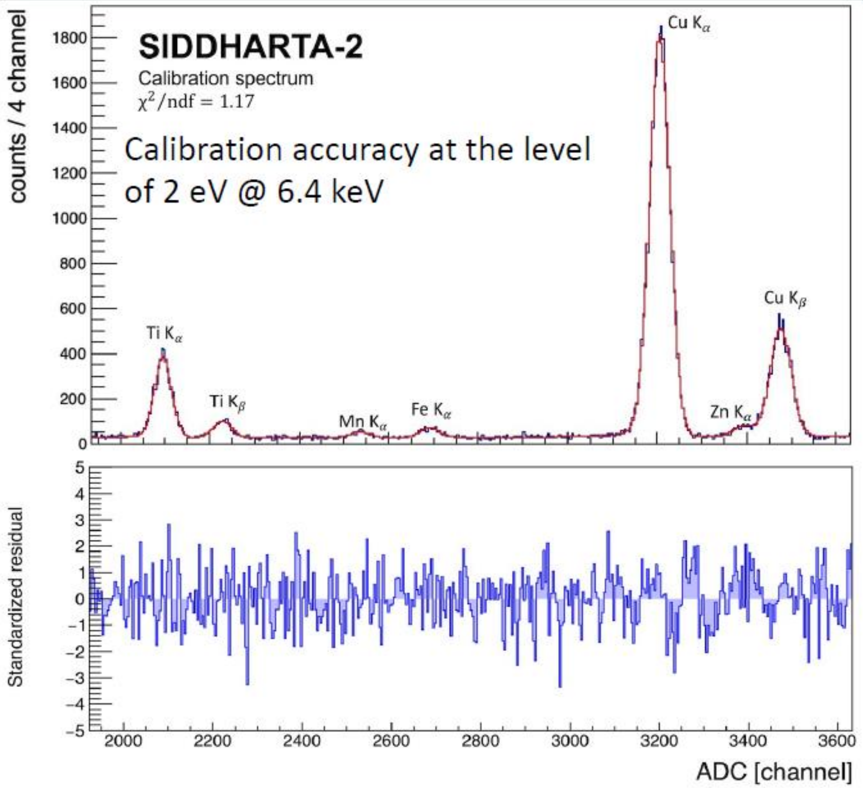

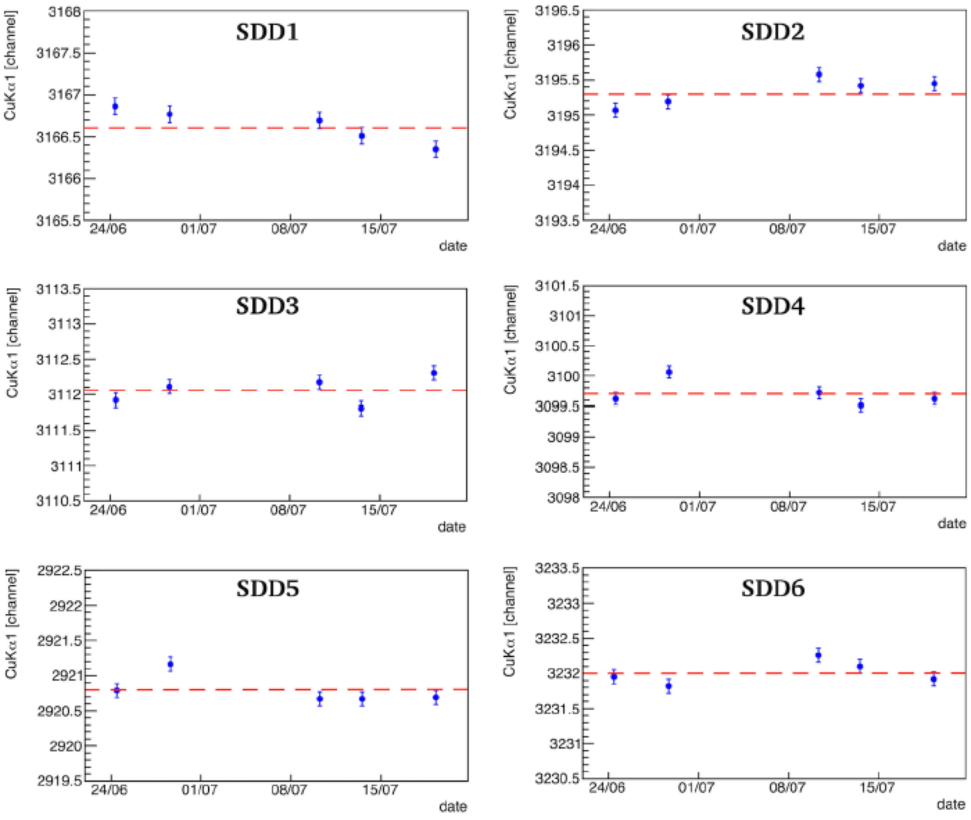

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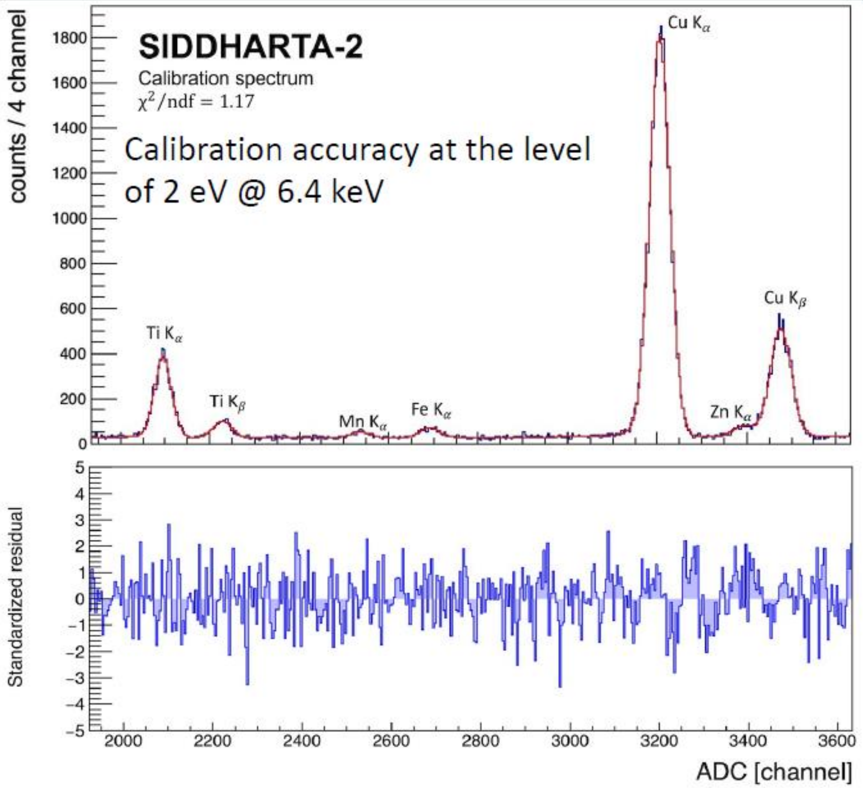

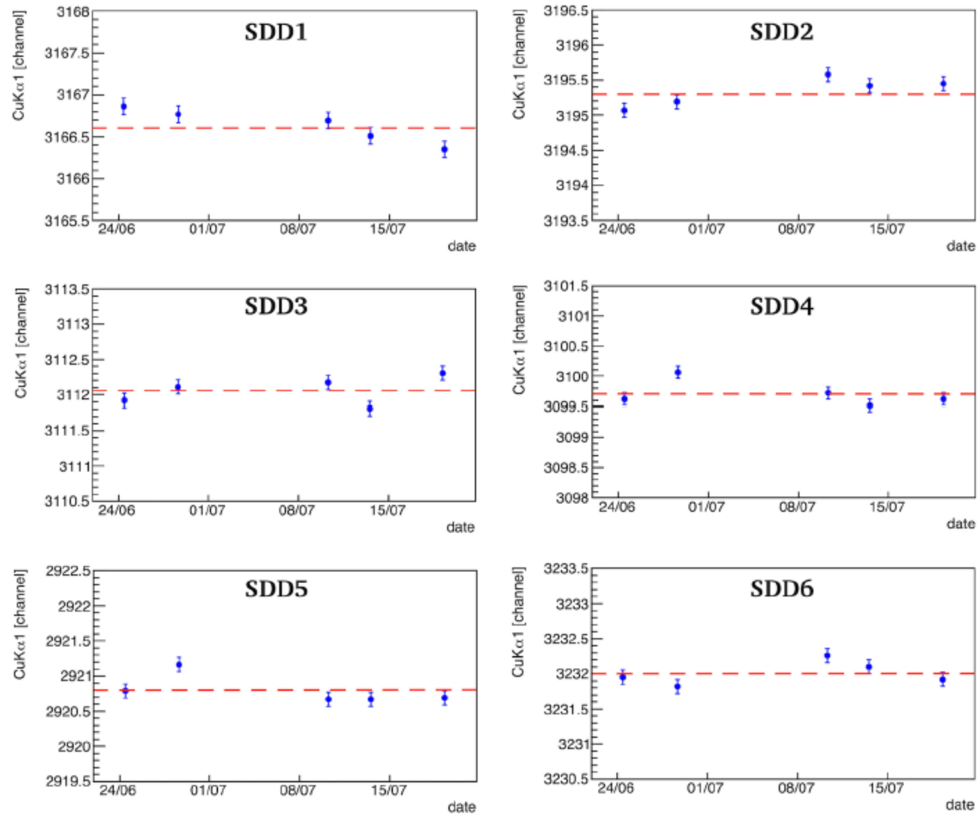

Calibration runs taken on a weekly base (or even more) -> Thousands of spectra to fit (Very long and time consuming analysis, crucial for systematics)

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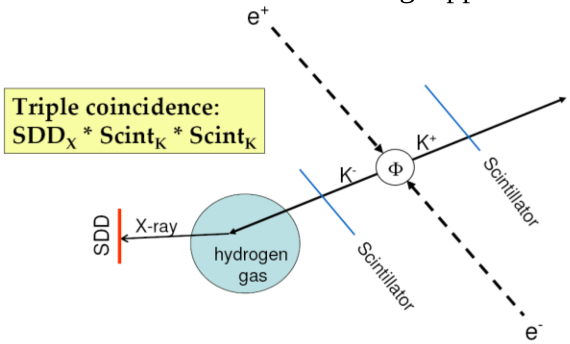

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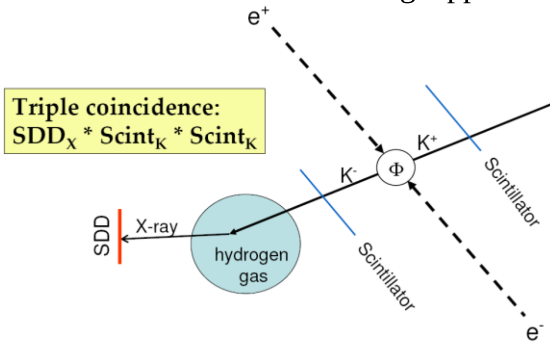

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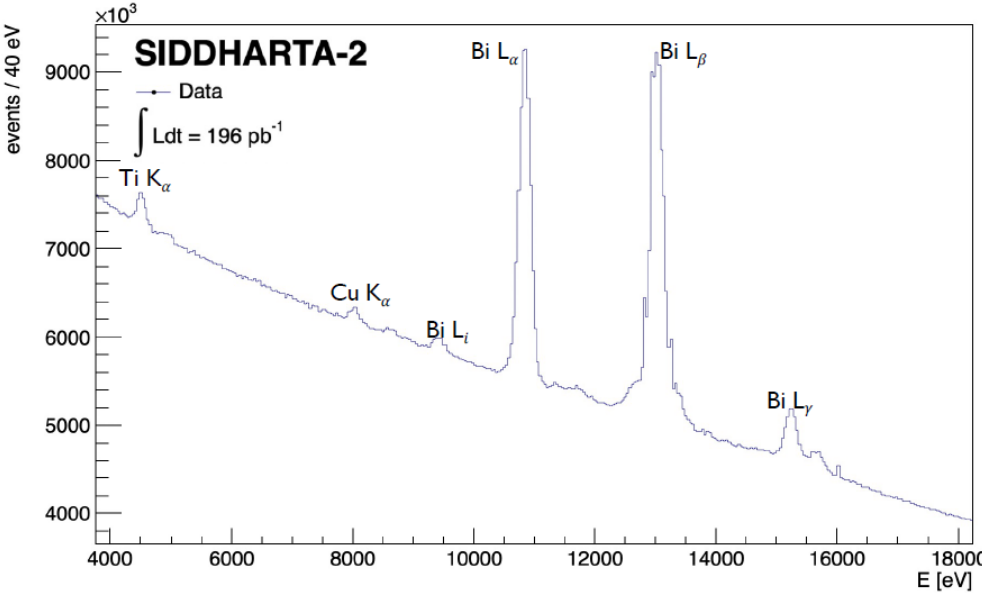

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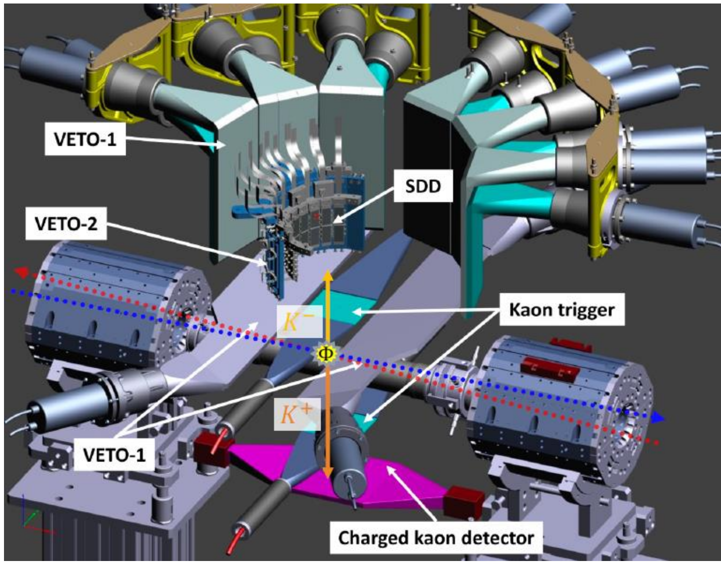

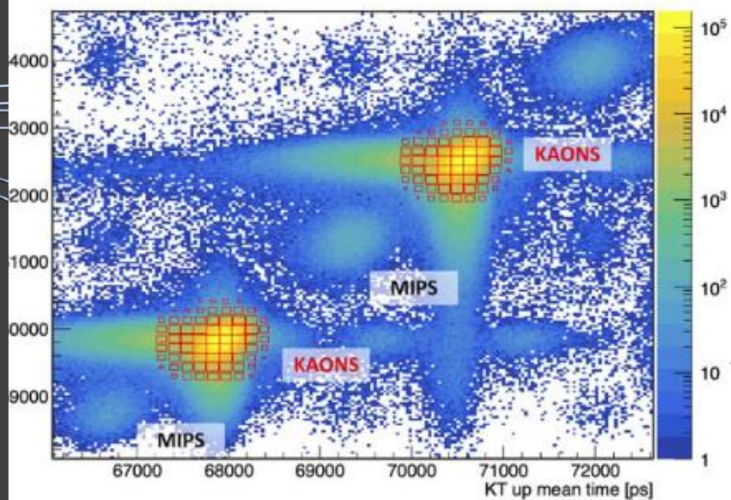

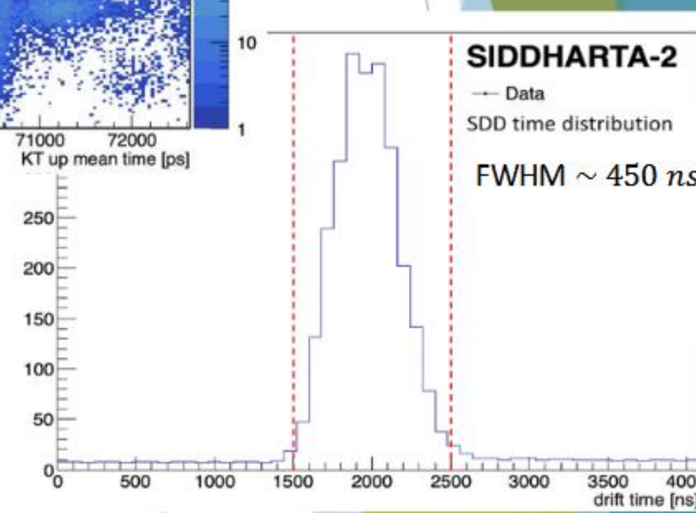

The trigger is generated by the coincidence of 2 back-to-back scintillators
The ToF is different ($\sim 2\ ns$) for Kaons, m(K)~ 500 MeV/c^2 and light particles
originating from beam-beam and beam-environment interaction (MIPs).
Can efficiently discriminate by ToF Kaons and MIPs!

The VETO-1 system for signal identification

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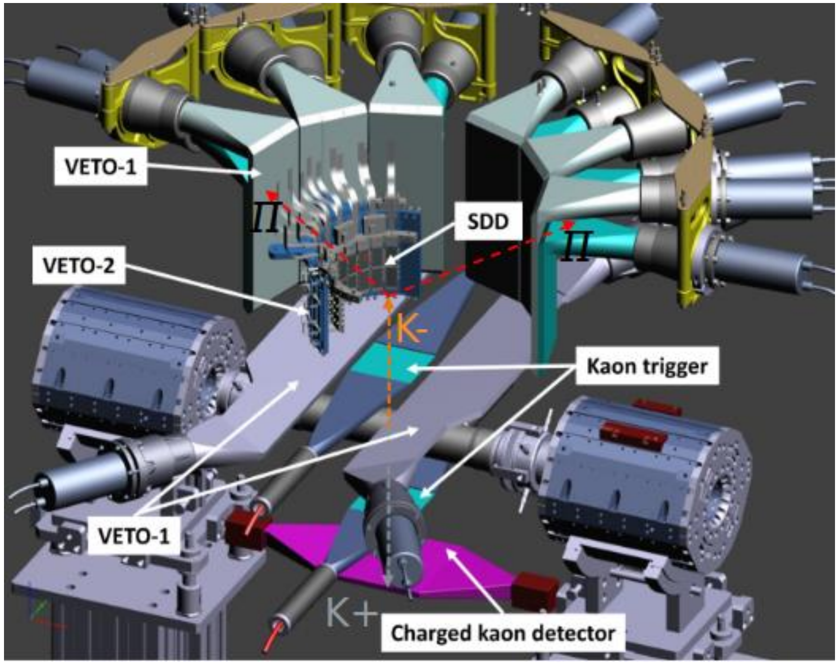

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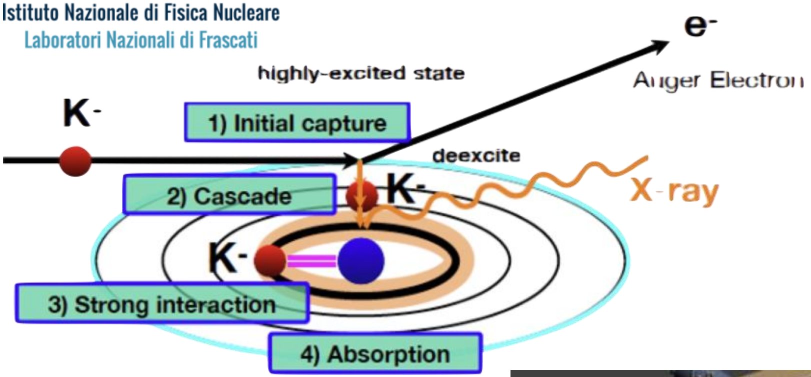

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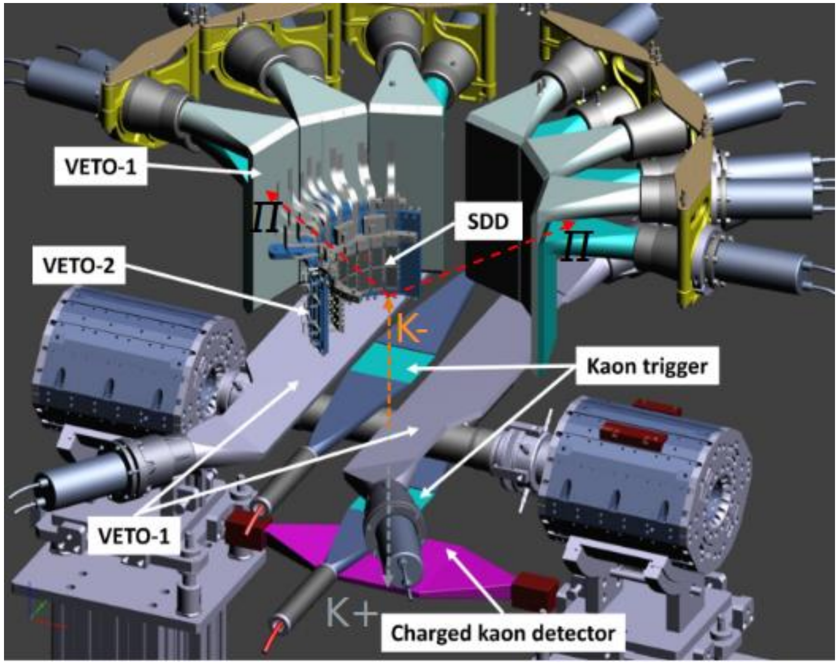

The VETO-1 system takes advantage of the difference of the moderation time of the K- between solid and gaseous targets

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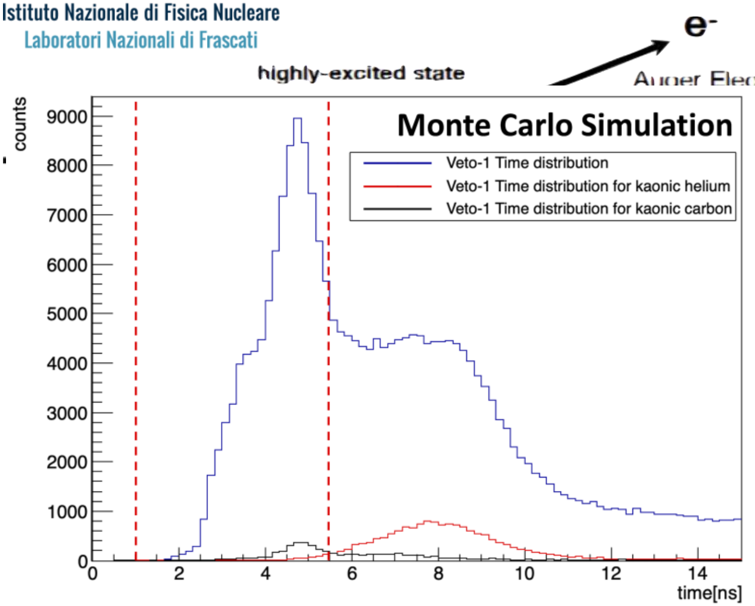

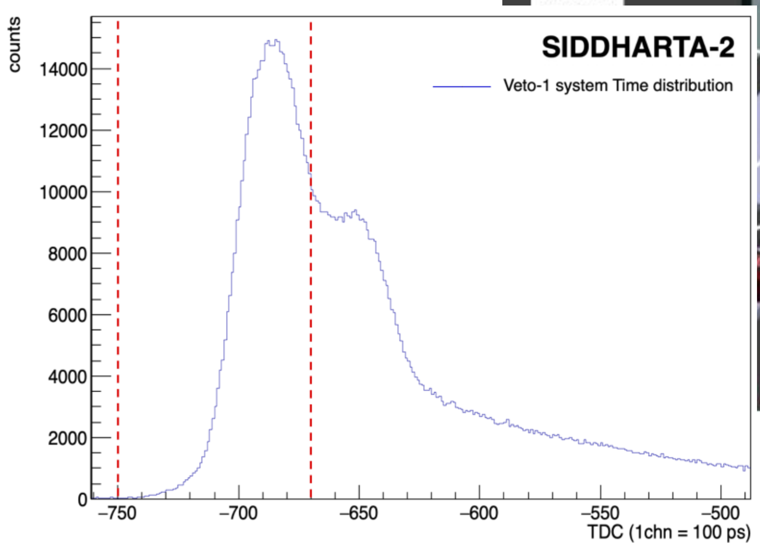

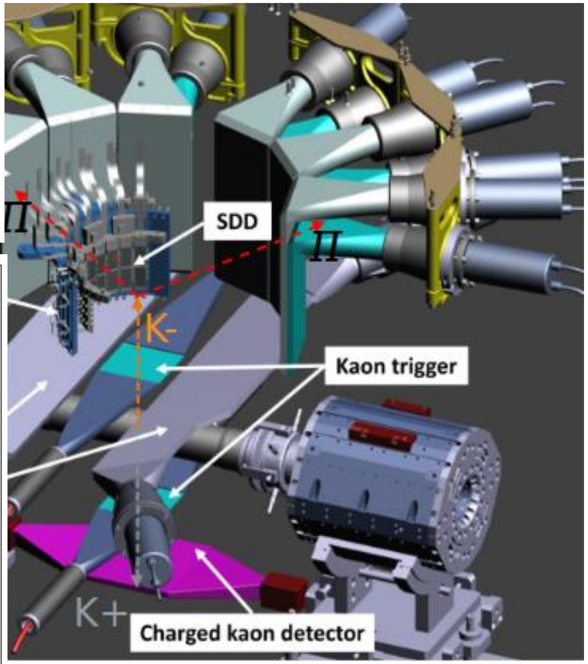

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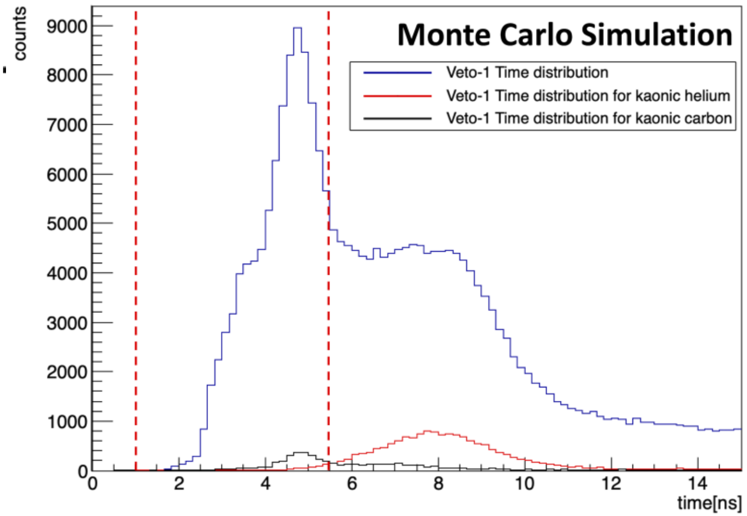

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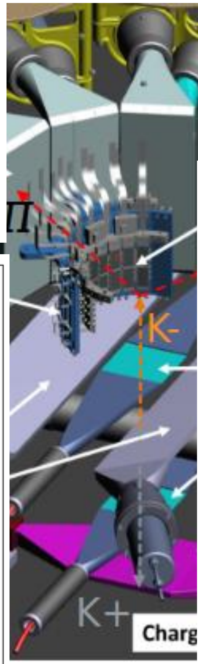

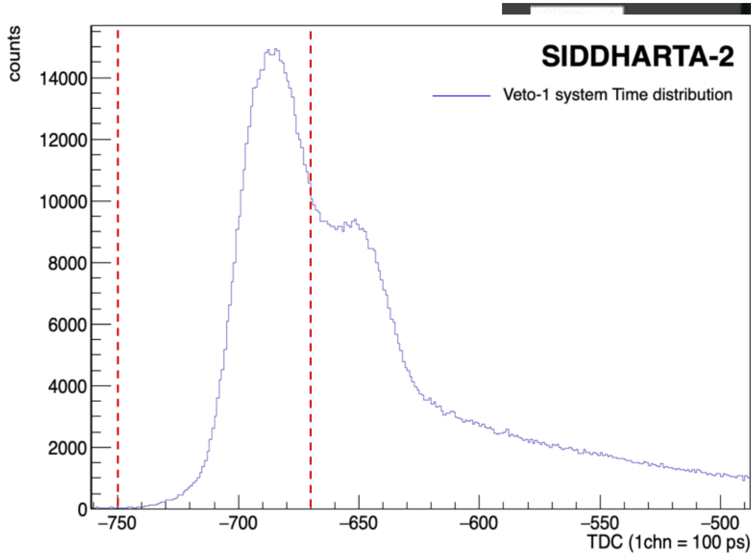

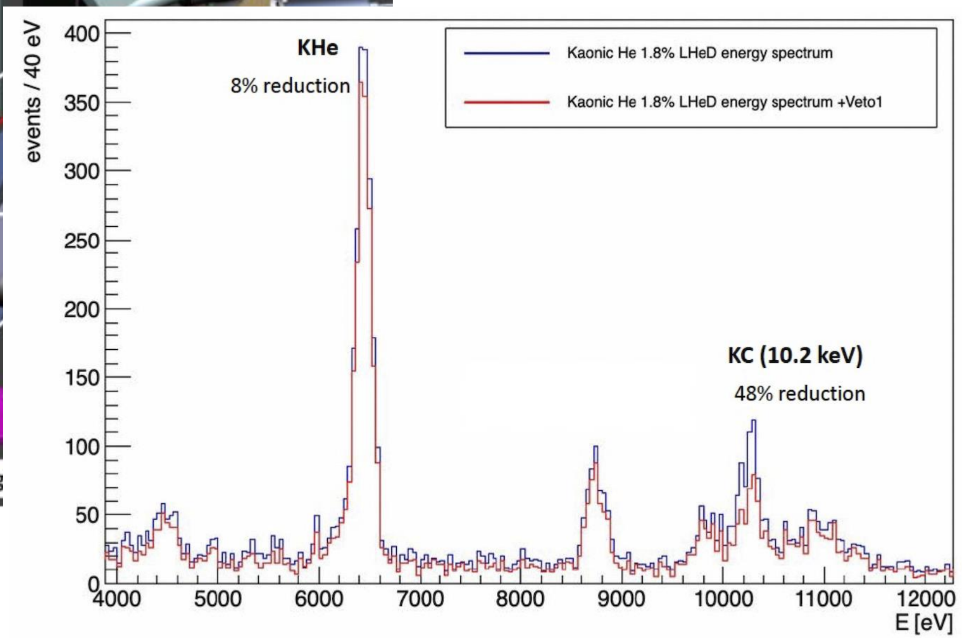

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The SIDDHARTA-2 collaboration aims **to perform the first measurement of the strong interaction induced energy shift and width of the kaonic deuterium ground state with similar precision as K-p !**

- **First run** with SIDDHARTA-2 optimized setup for **200 pb^{-1}** integrated luminosity: May – July 2023
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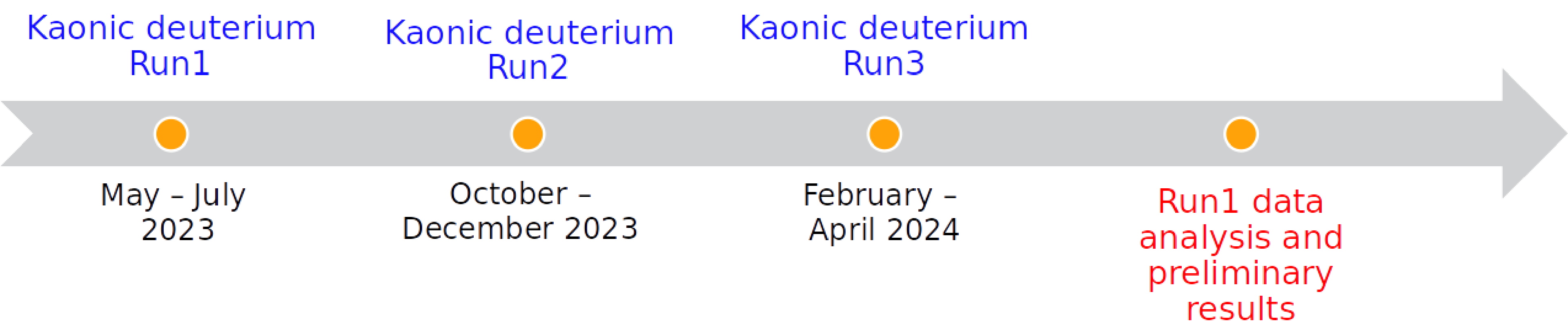

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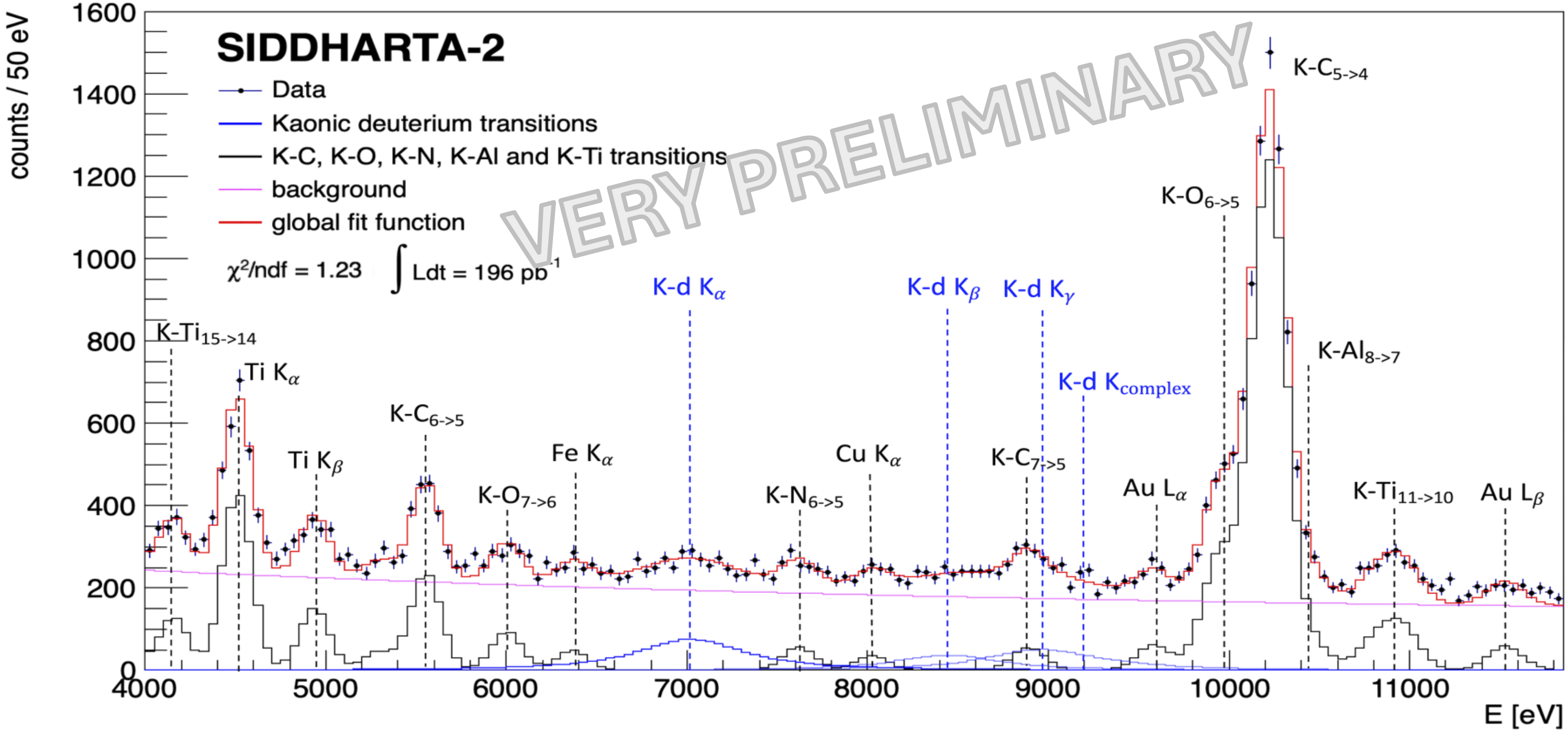

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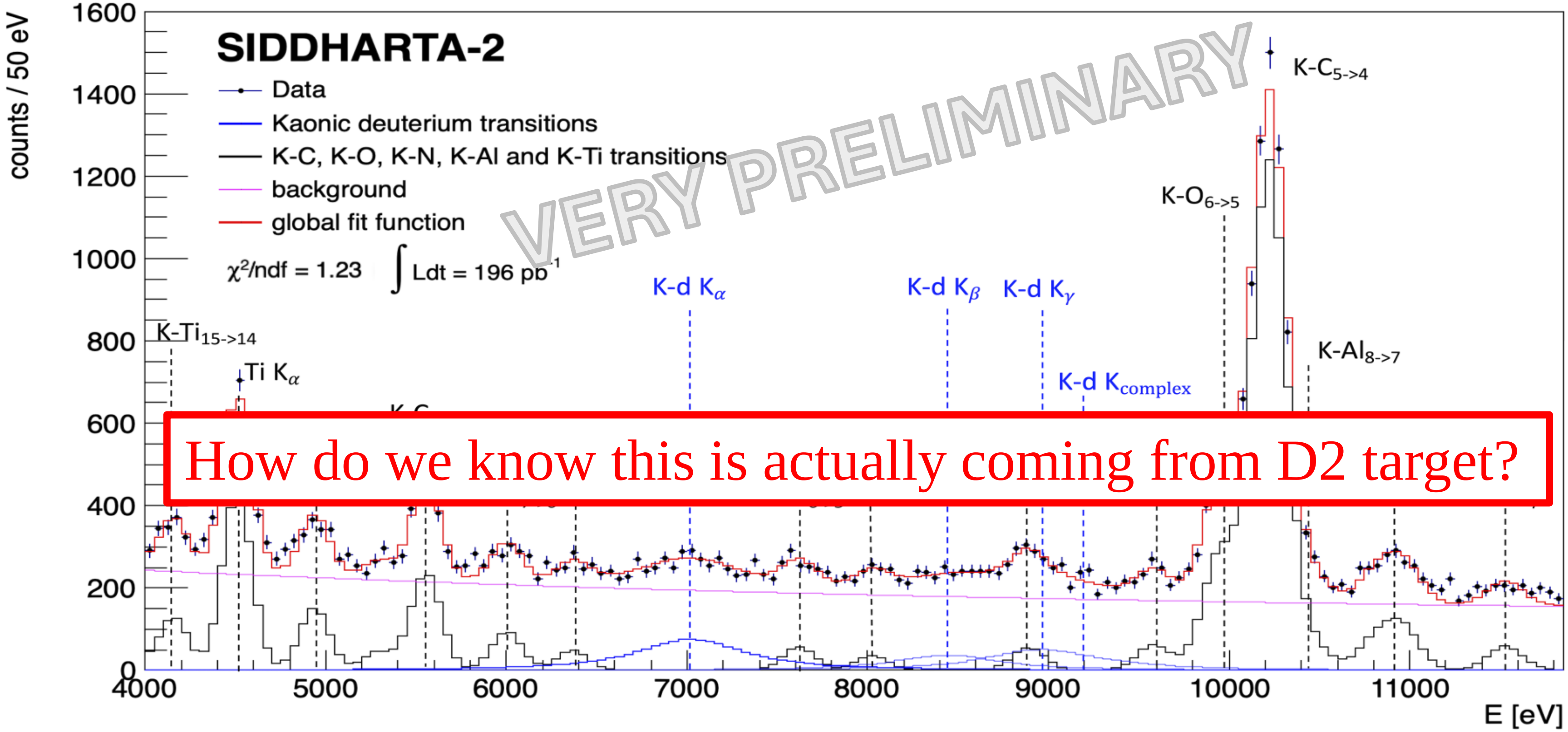

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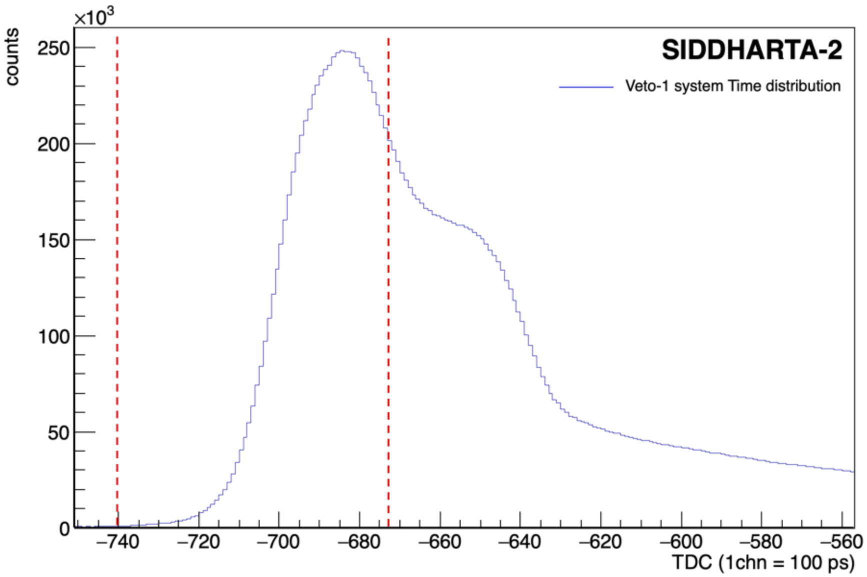

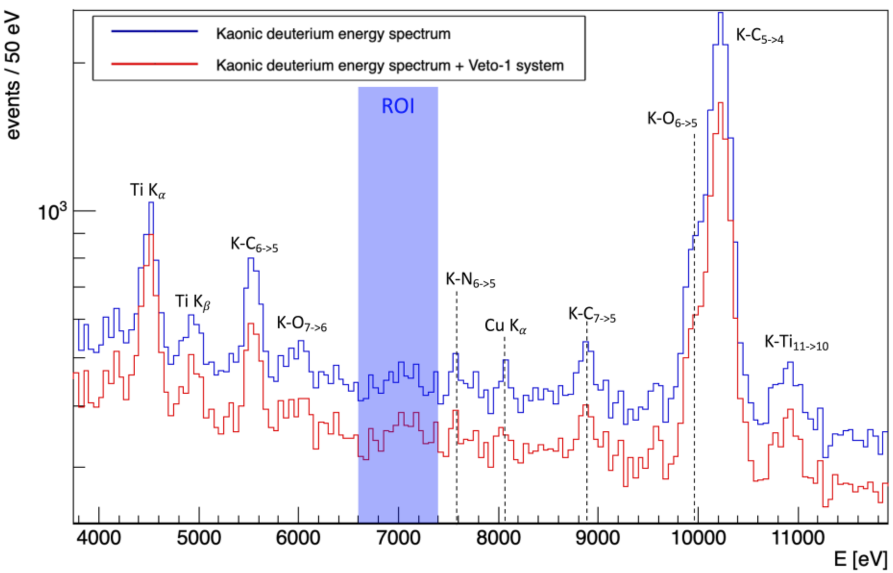

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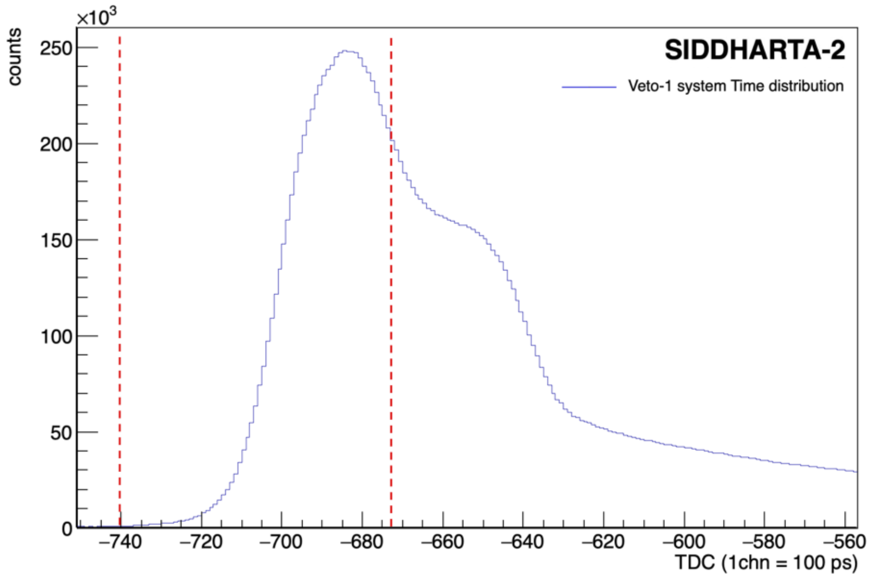

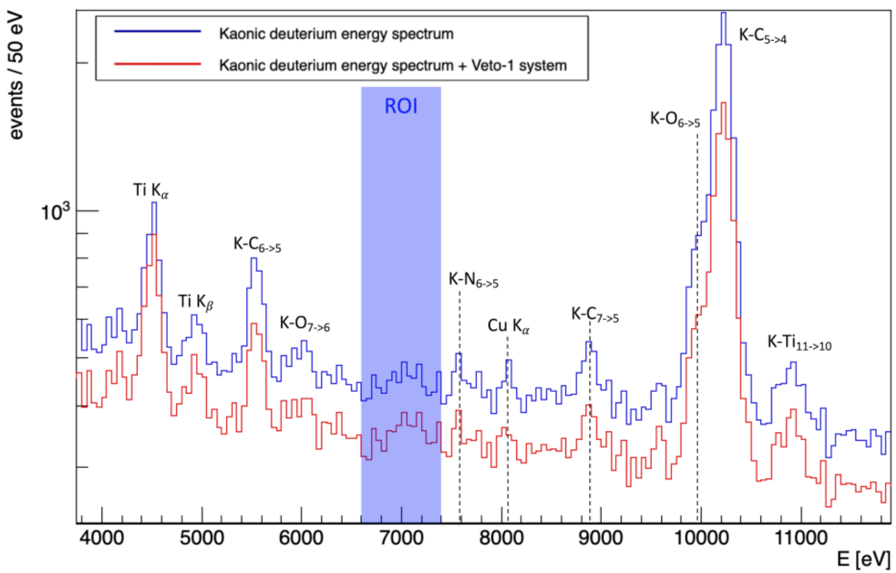

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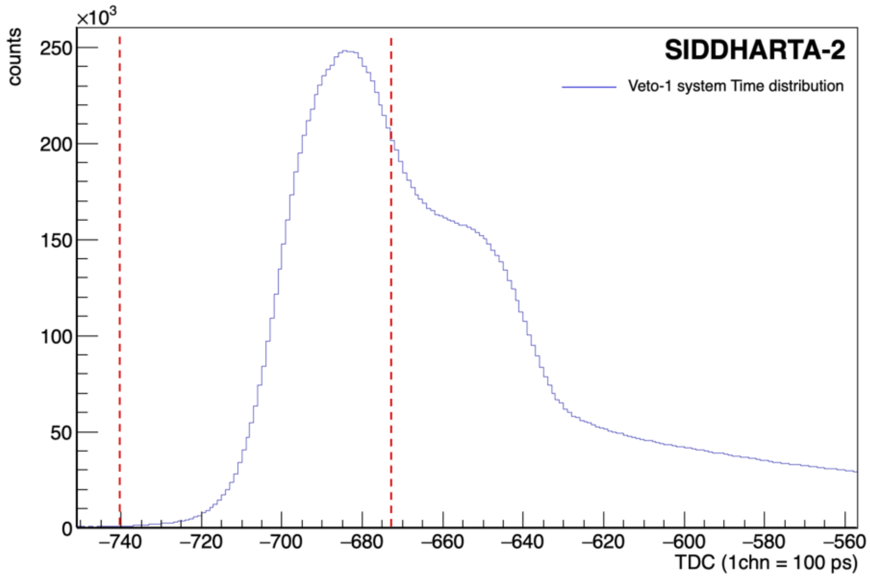

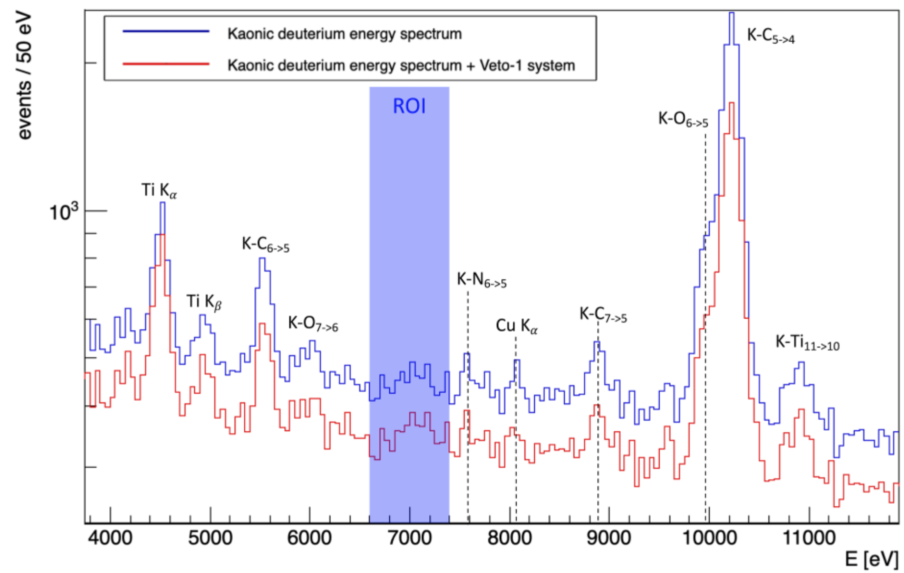

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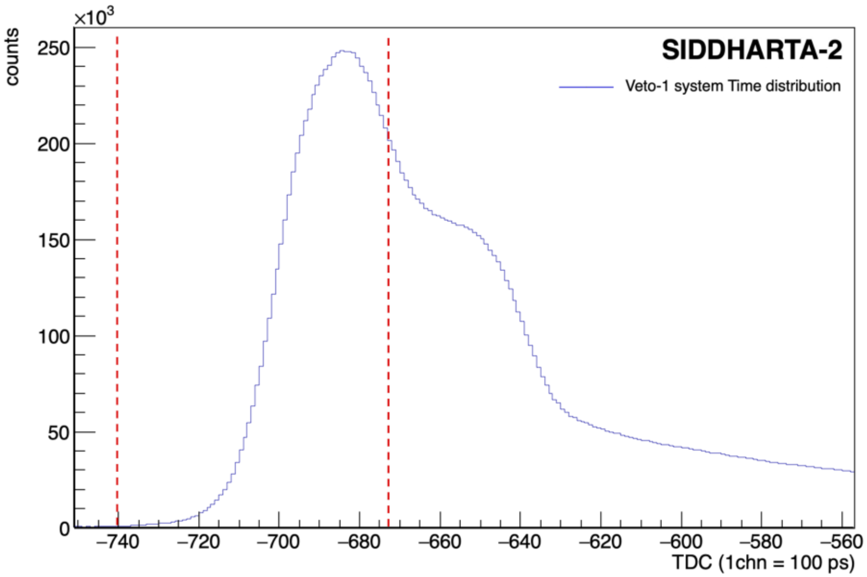

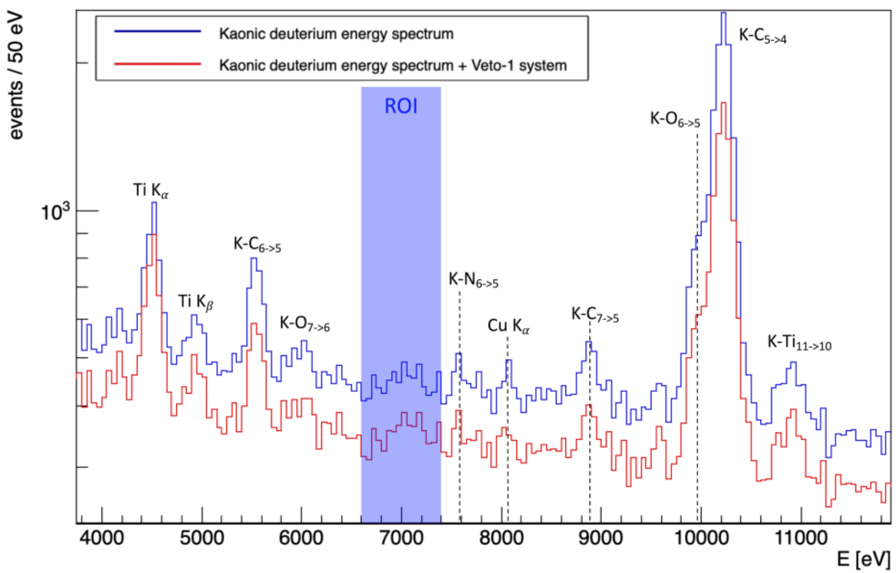

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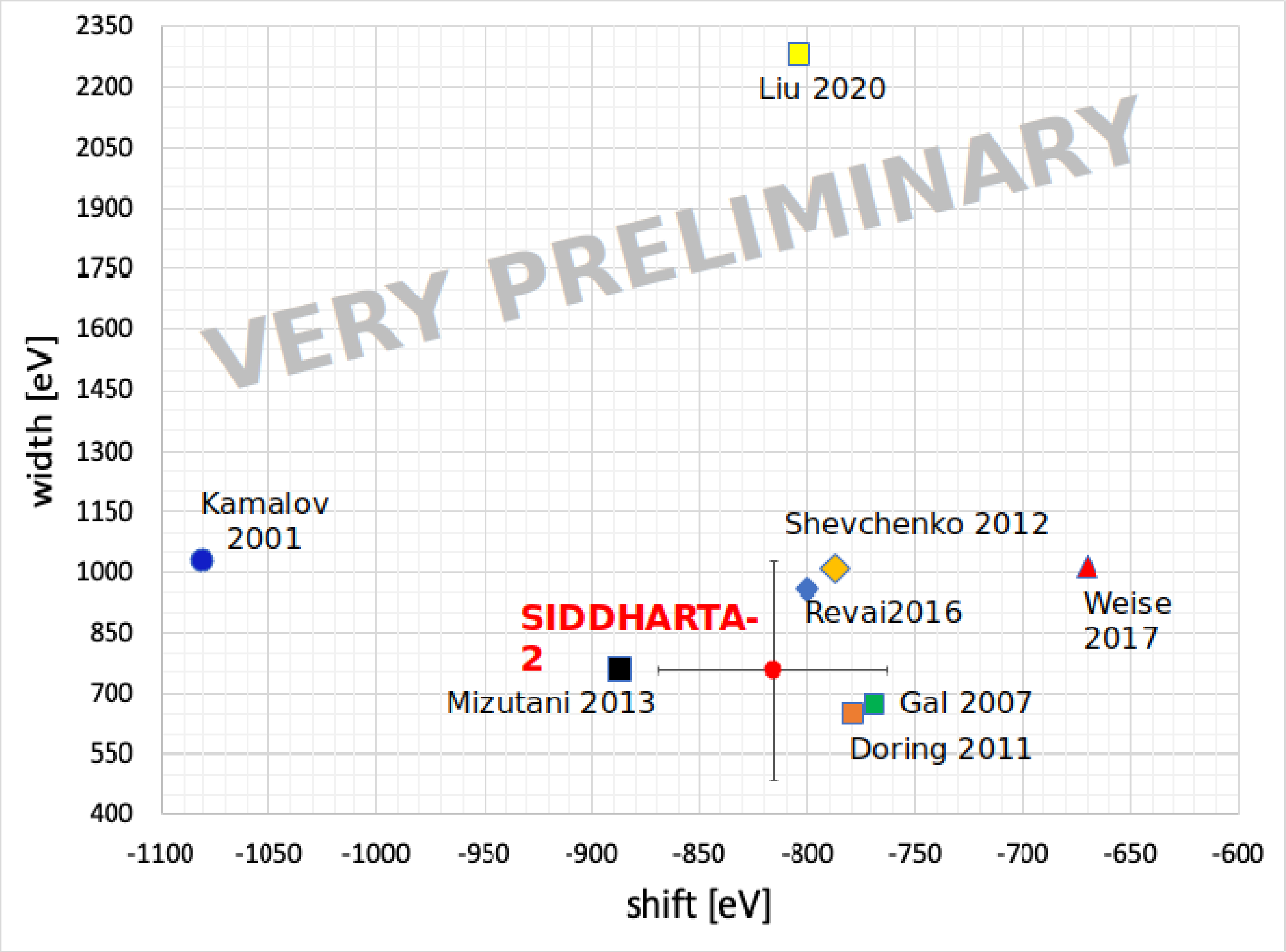

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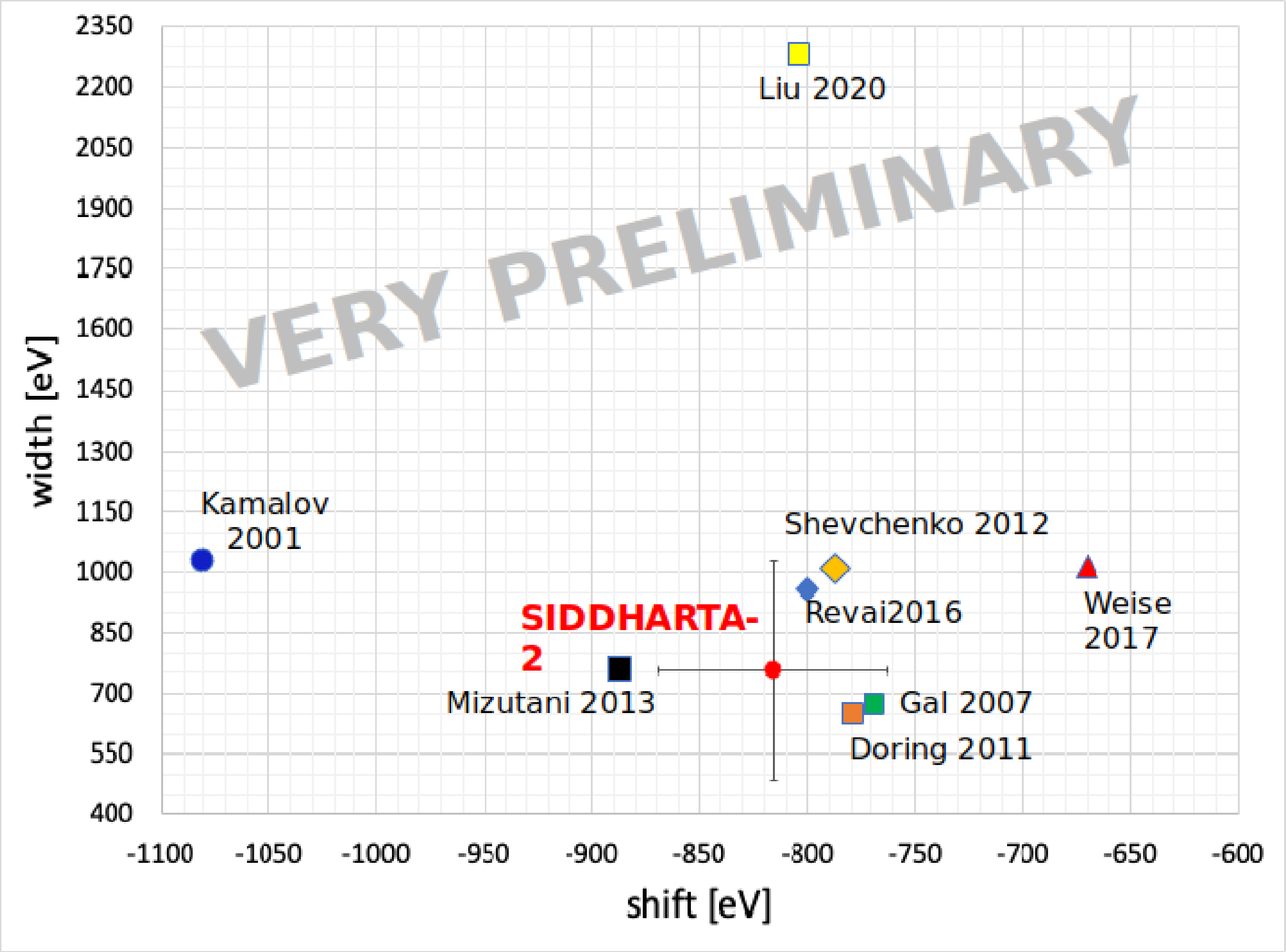

The analysis of the full dataset can potentially improve the statistical accuracy by a factor 2

(precision similar to kaonic hydrogen measurement)

Results (1)

KHe L-transition measurement in gas : *J. Phys. G 49 (2022) 5, 055106*
Kaonic helium-4 yields L-lines in gas : *Nucl. Phys. A 1029 (2023) 122567*
First measurement of intermediate mass kaonic atoms: *Eur. Phys. J. A 59(2023)3, 56*
First Measurement of KHe M-lines : *J. Phys. G (2024) 51 055103*
First Measurement of kaonic Neon (stat. precision < 1 eV) *Paper submitted and under review*
First measurement of Kaonic Deuterium: preliminary analysis

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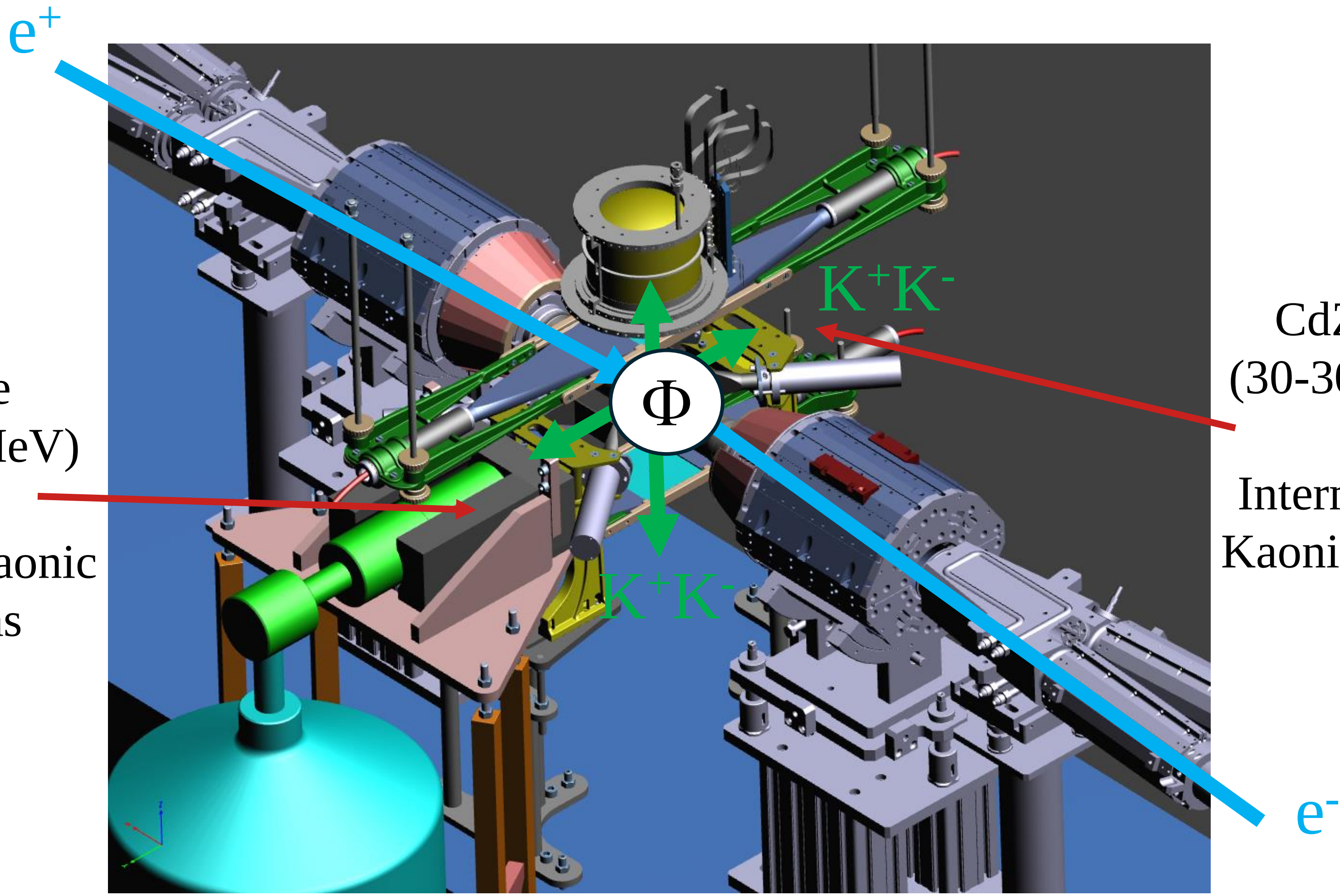

HPGe (0,2-1 MeV)

Heavy Kaonic Atoms

CdZnTe (30-300 keV)

Intermediate Kaonic Atoms

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KPb measurement with HPGe detector

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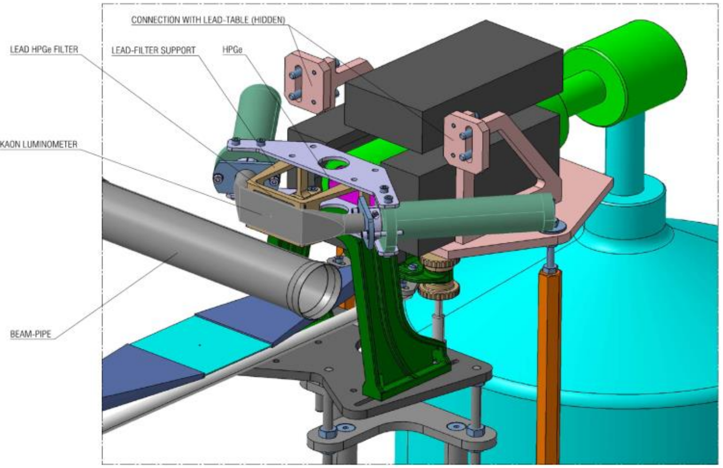

Feasibility test measurement of KPb transitions, including the GALL 88 one

First technical paper published

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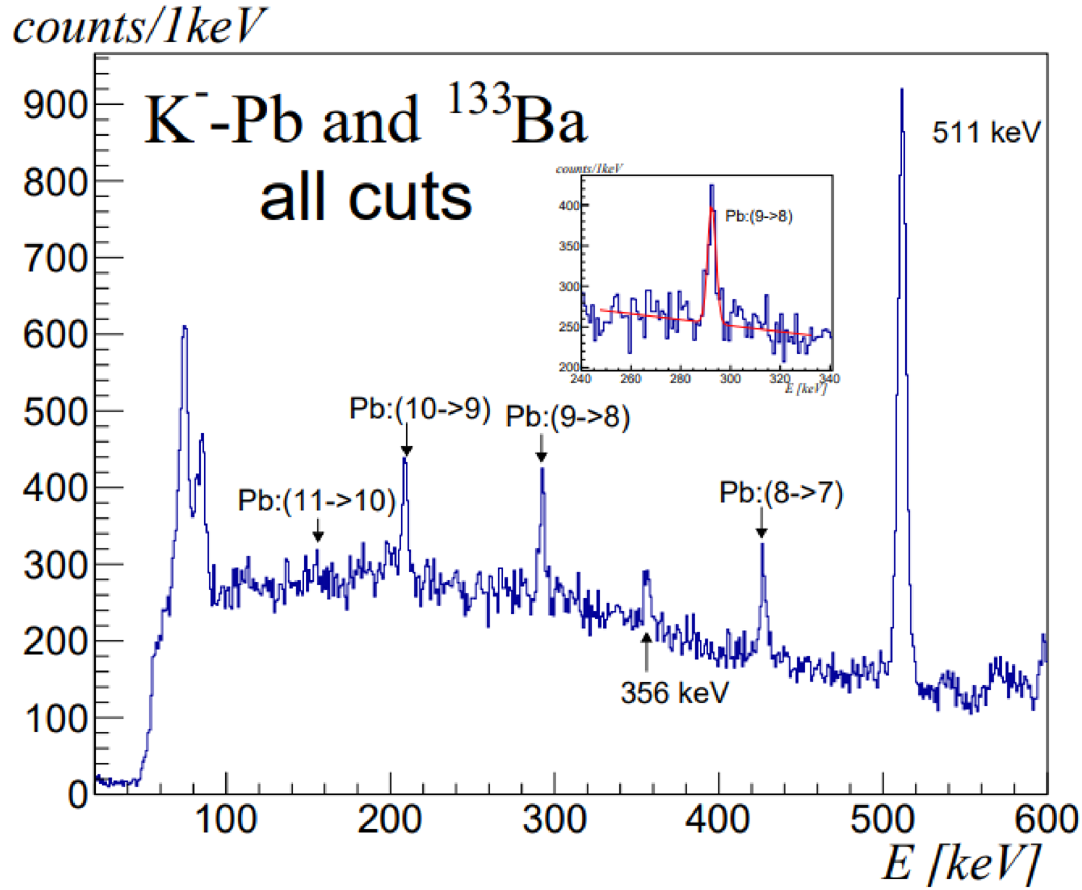

K⁻-Pb transition	Peak position (keV)	Resolution (FWHM) (keV)	Number of events
$10 \to 9$	208.92 ± 0.17	3.68 ± 0.42	584 ± 30
$9 \to 8$	292.47 ± 0.17	3.97 ± 0.49	770 ± 65
$8 \to 7$	427.07 ± 0.24	4.37 ± 0.54	457 ± 45

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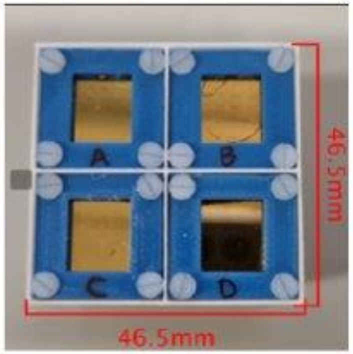

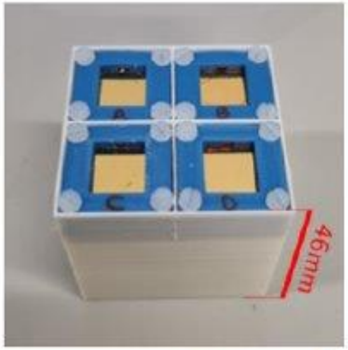

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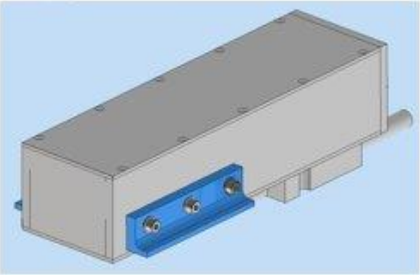

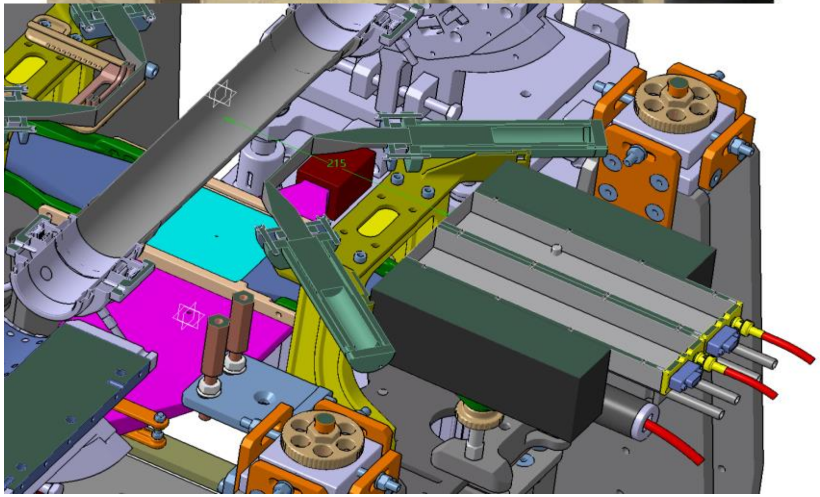

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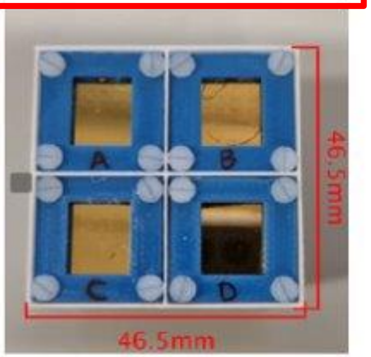

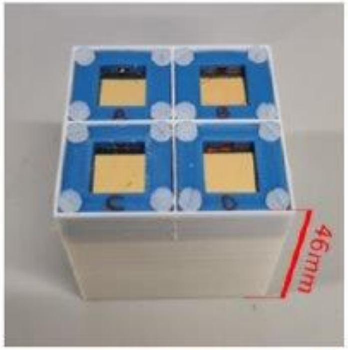

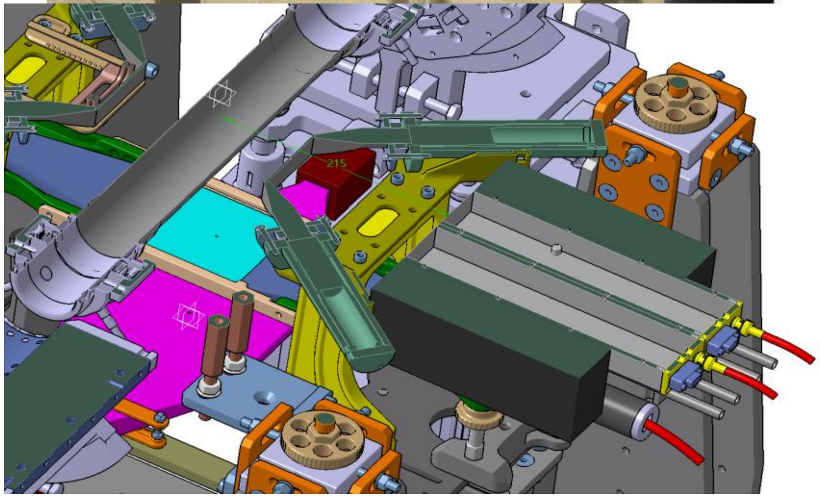

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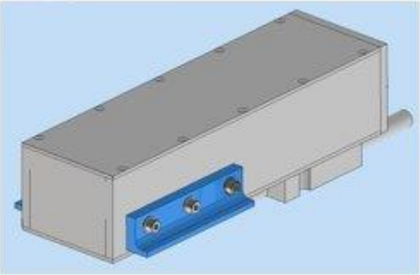

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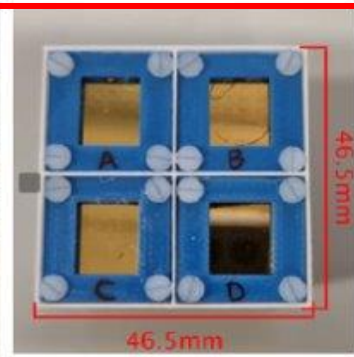
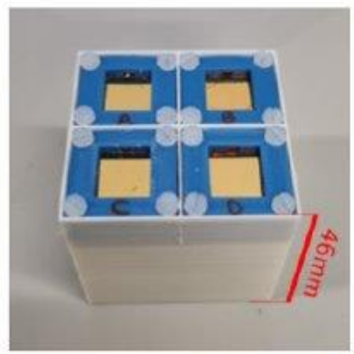
CZT
- FWHM / E ~ %
- ~ 10 ns time resolution
- Working T ~ 300 K
- keV – MeV wide energy range





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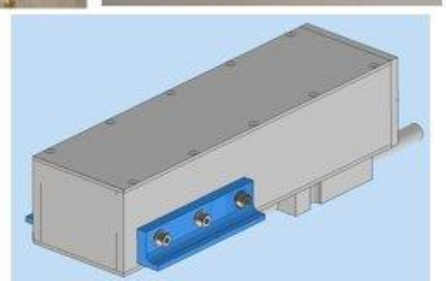

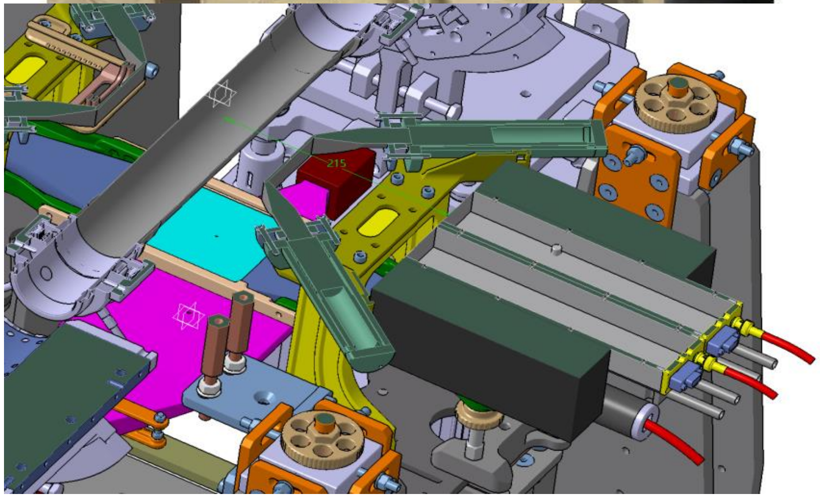

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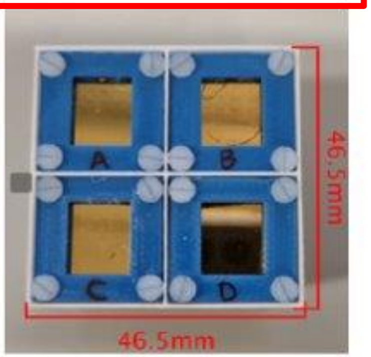

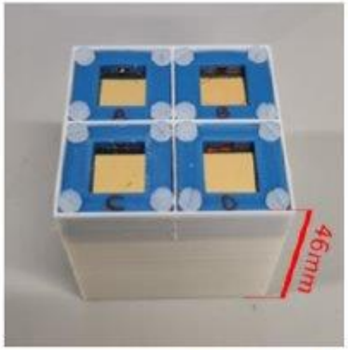

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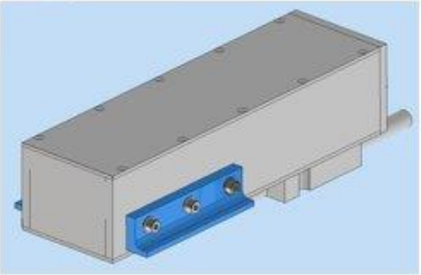
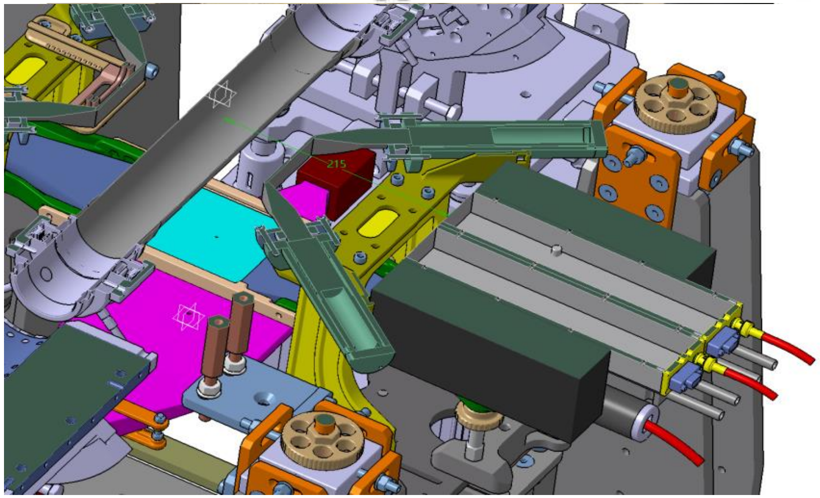


CZT
- FWHM / E ~ %
- ~ 10 ns time resolution
- Working T ~ 300 K
- keV – MeV wide energy range

Work in collaboration between

LNF: Setup Assembly and data analysis
IMEM-CNR: Detectors production
UniPa: Front-end and digital electronics
SMI: Mechanical supports and detectors' box



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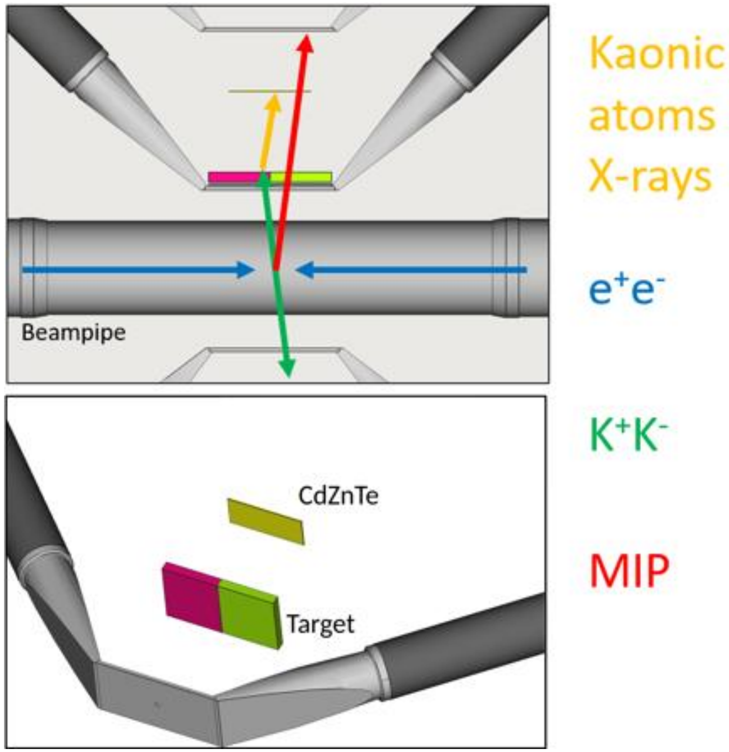

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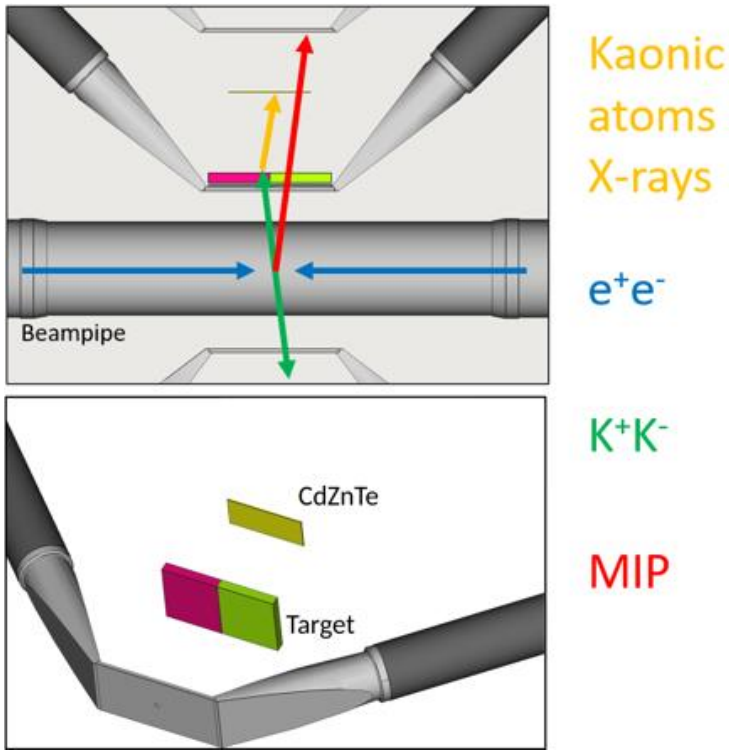

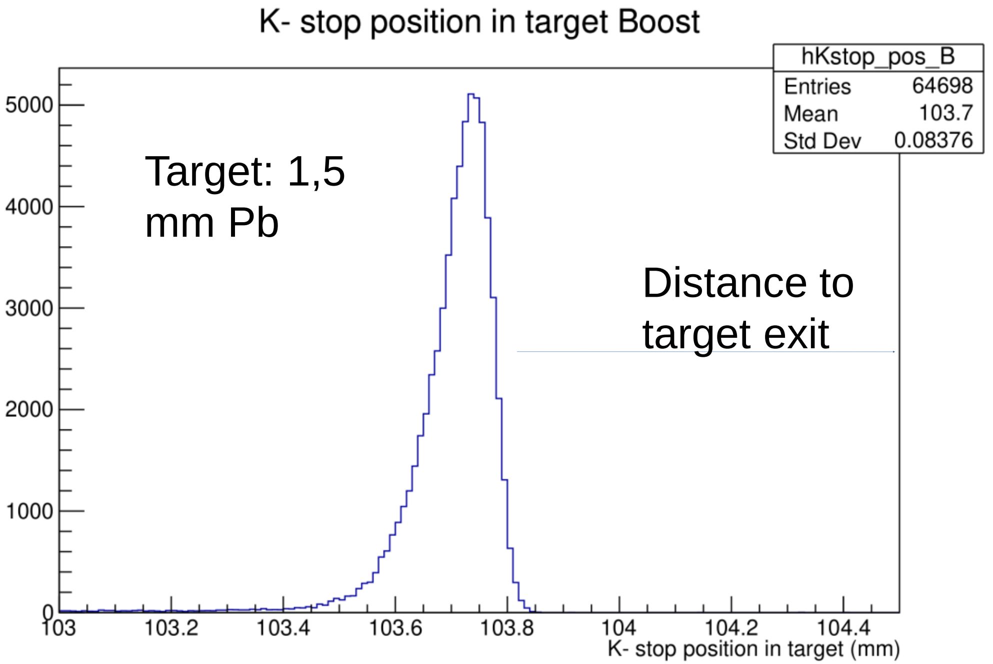

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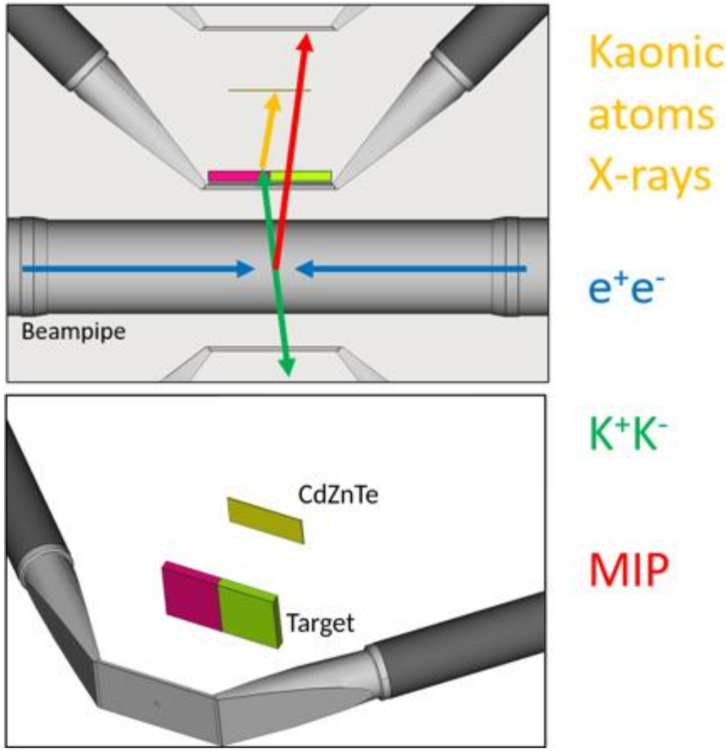

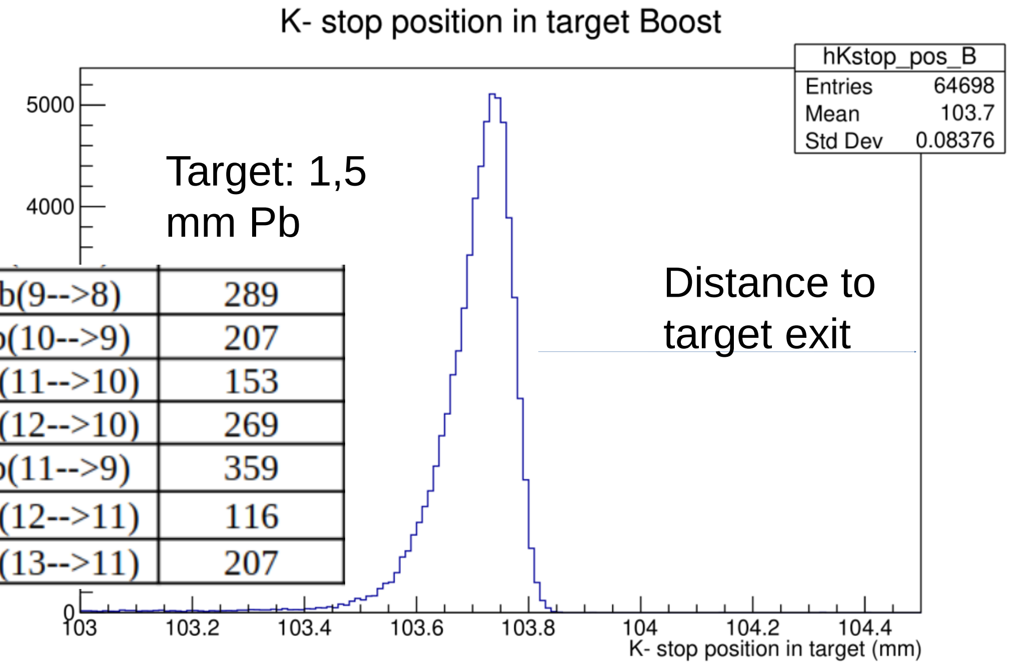

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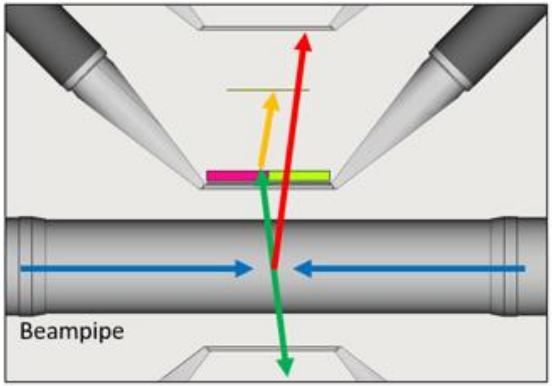
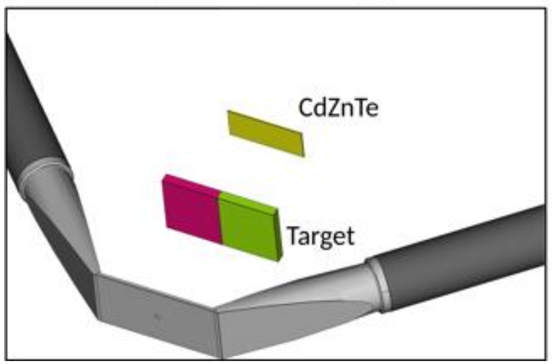


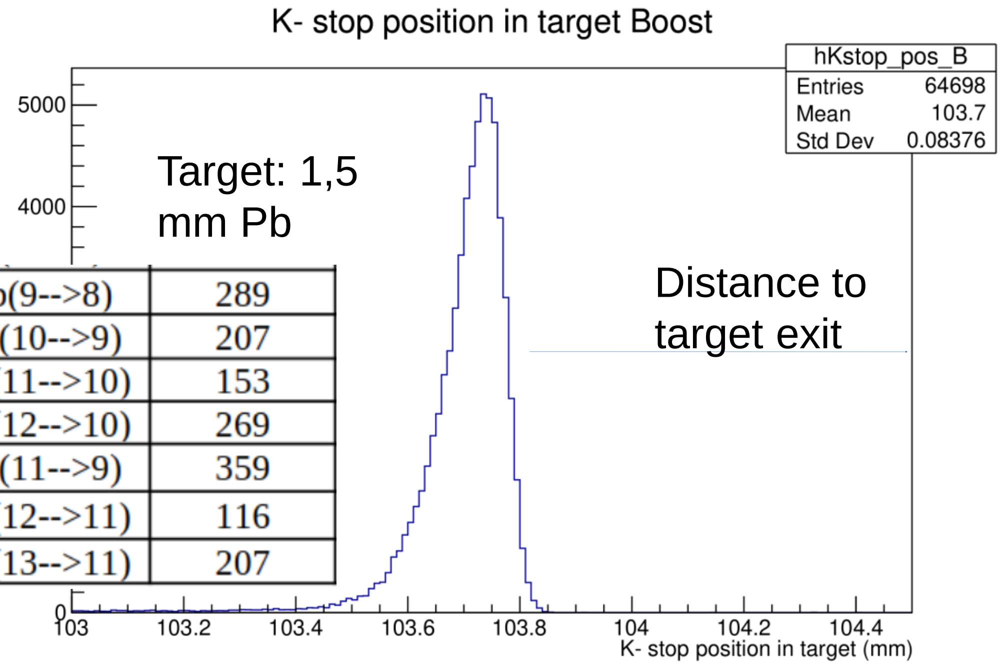


Kaonic atoms X-rays

e^+e^-

K^+K^-

MIP



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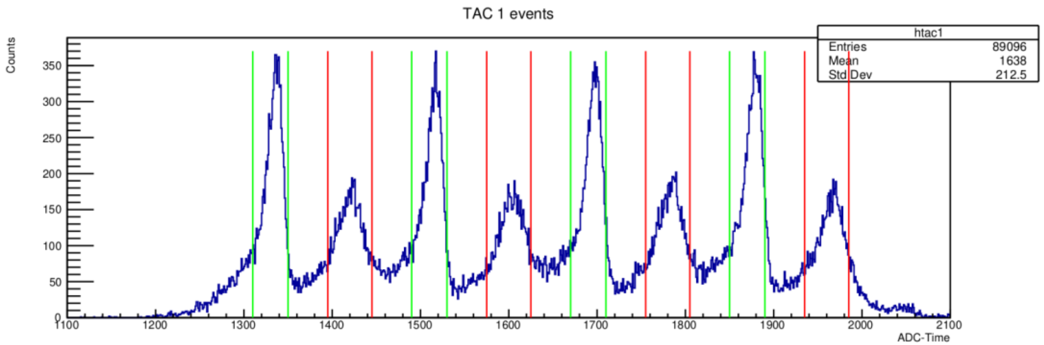

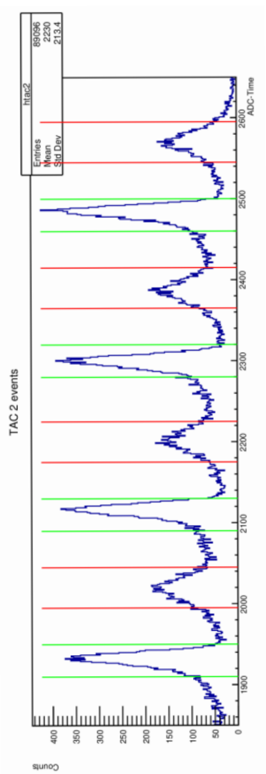

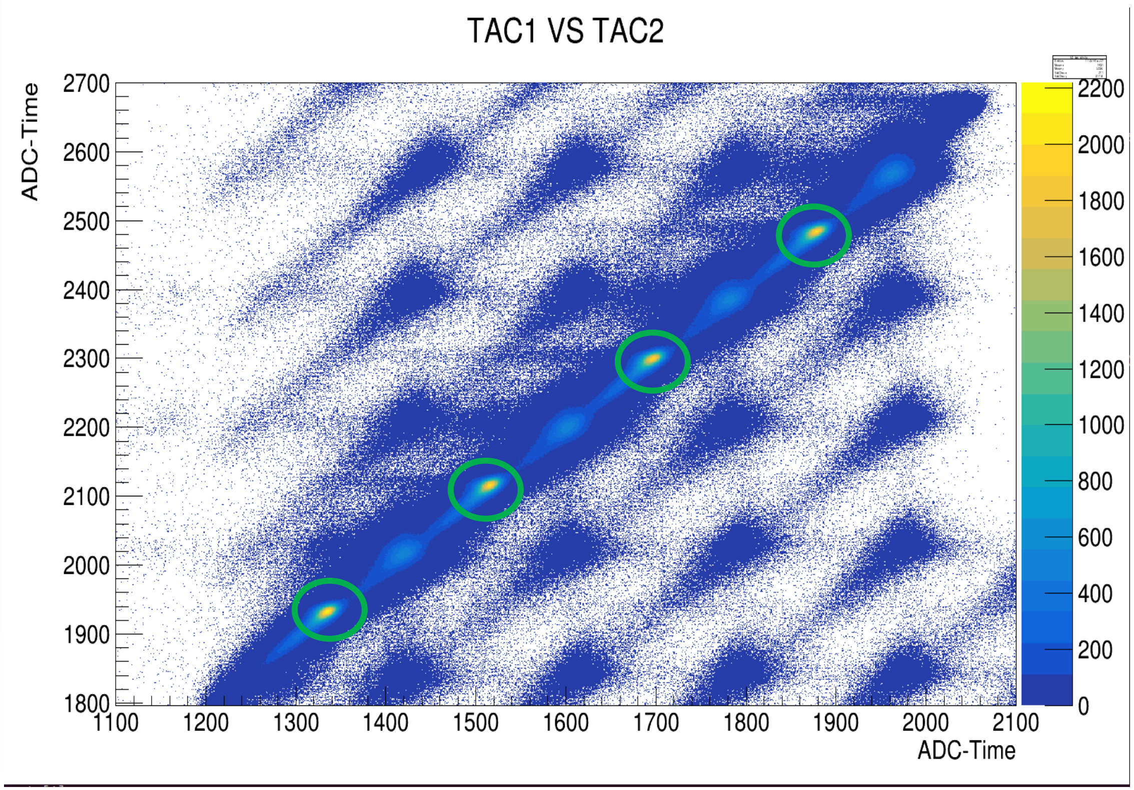

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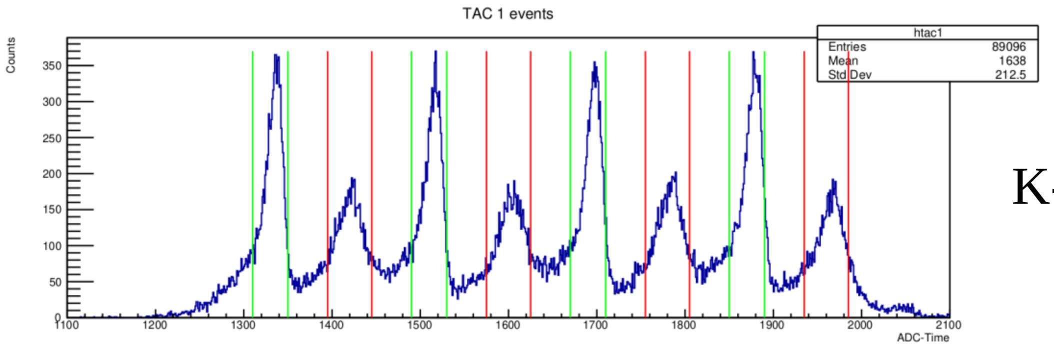
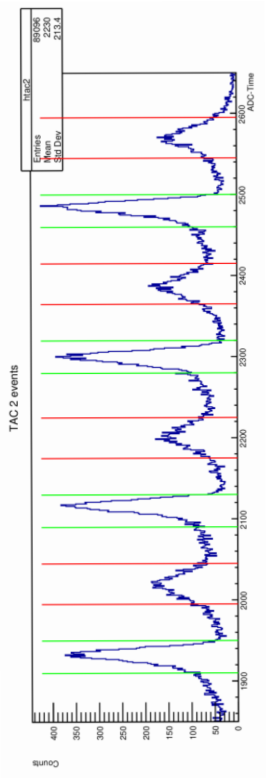
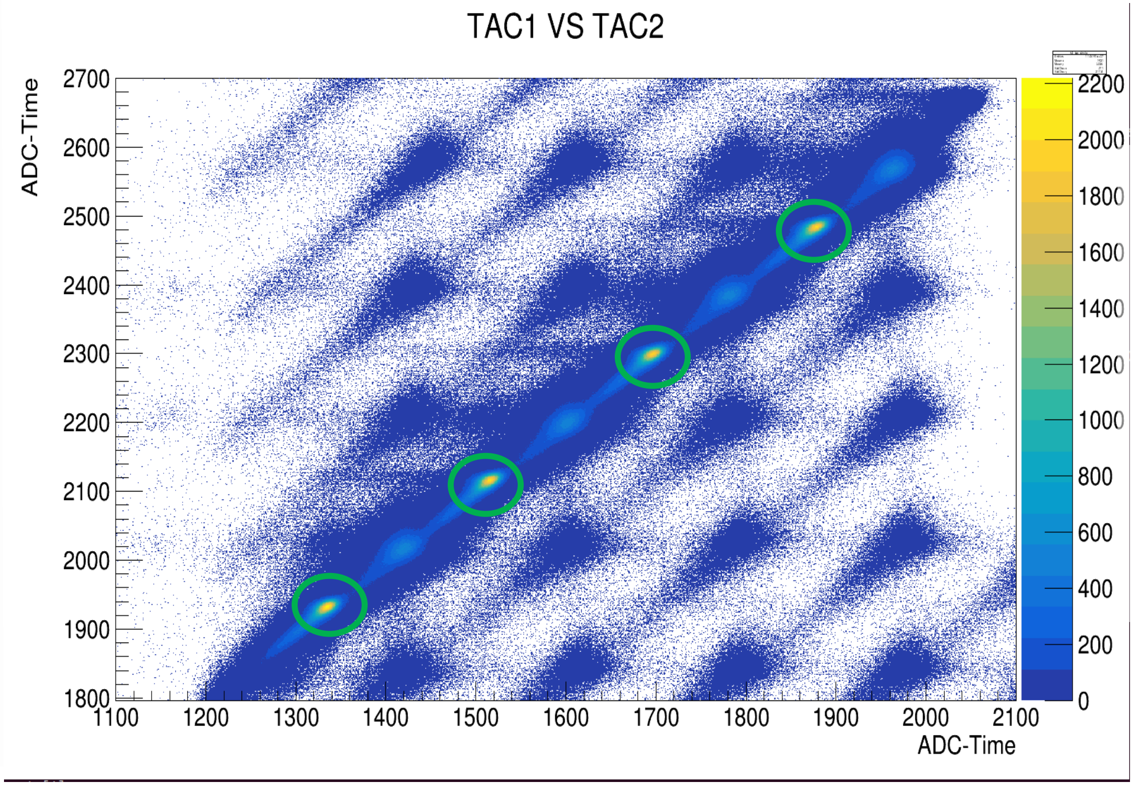


K- are monochromatic and slower than relativistic MIPs





TOF information can be used to deduce that a K- is heading towards the target

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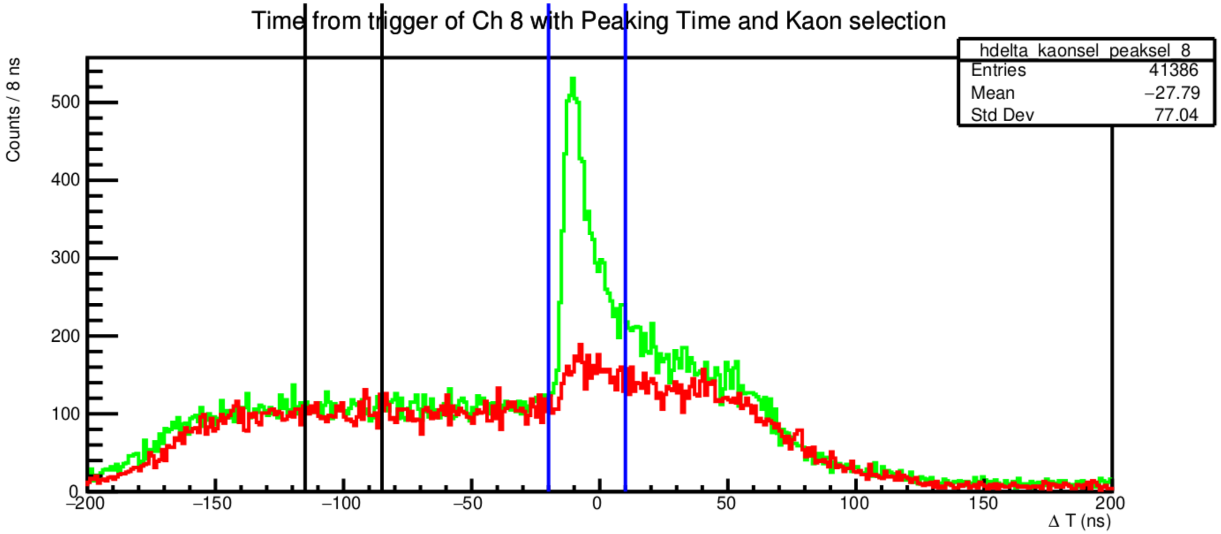

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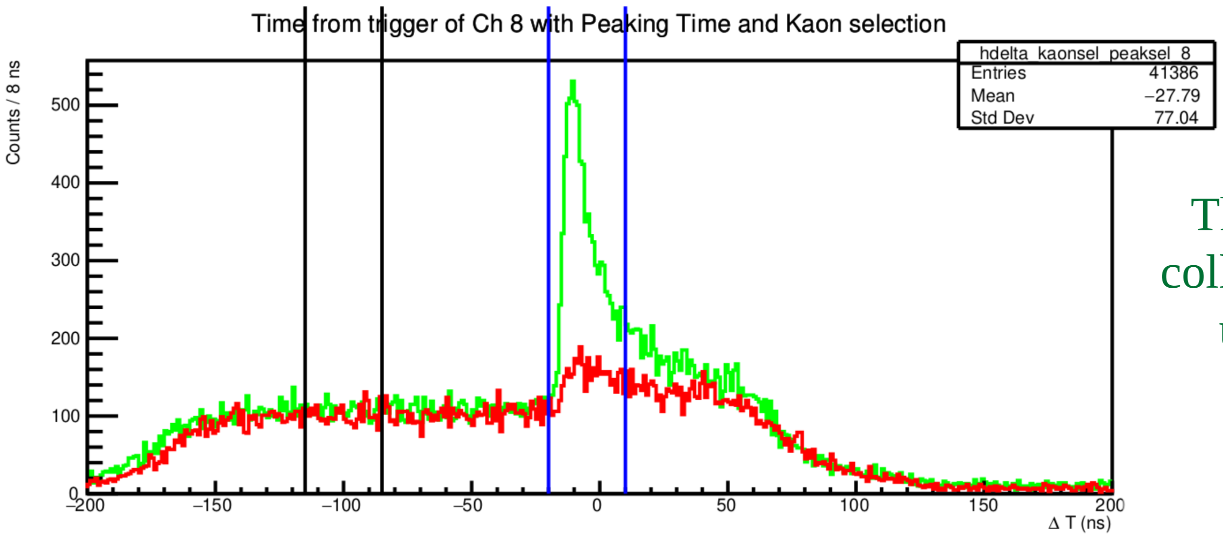

The time difference between the collision and the CZT signal can be used to further clean the final spectrum

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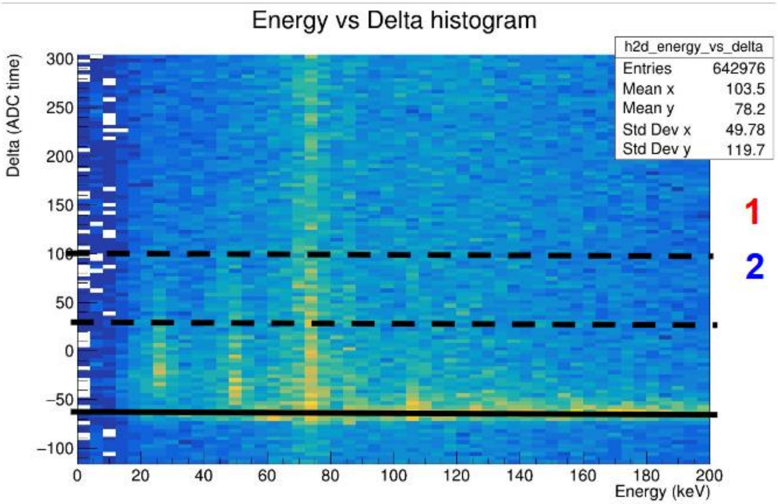

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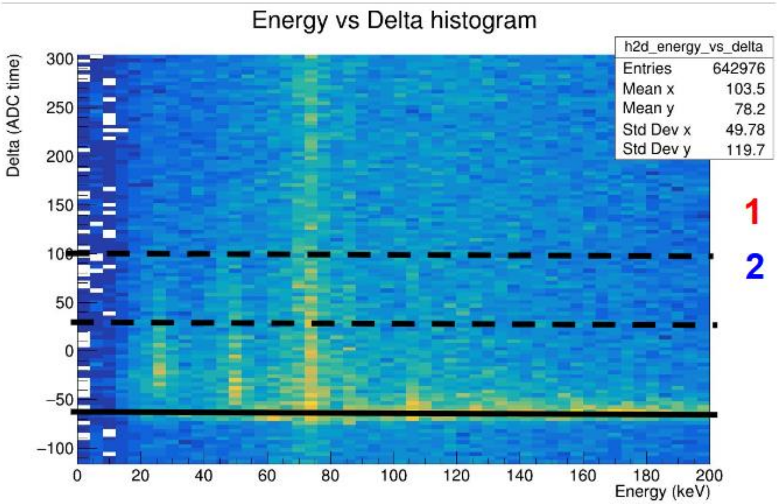

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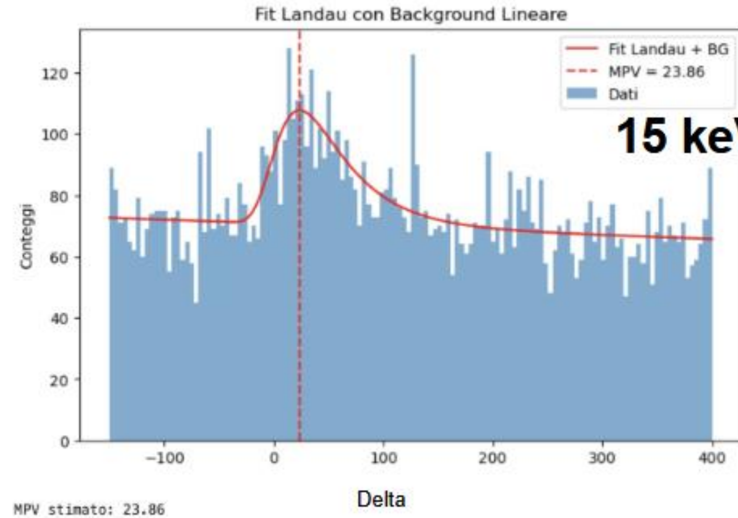

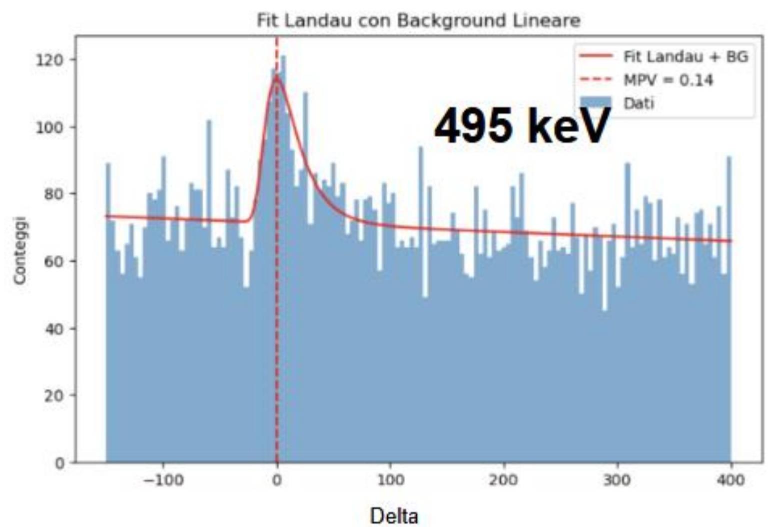

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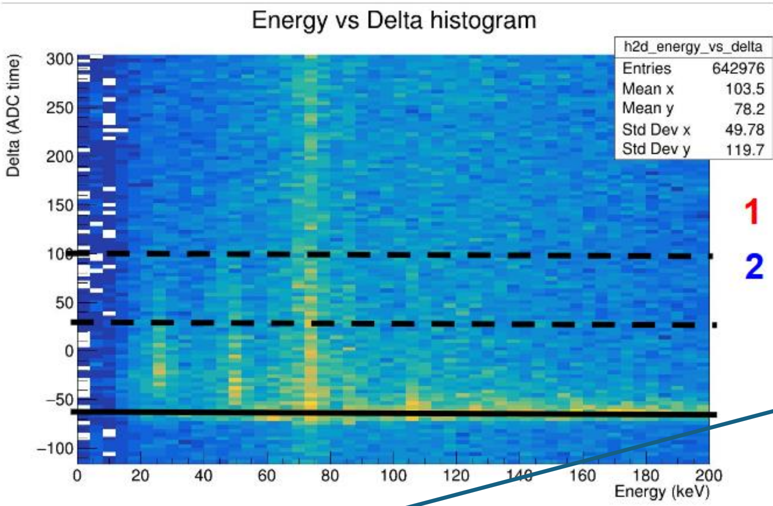
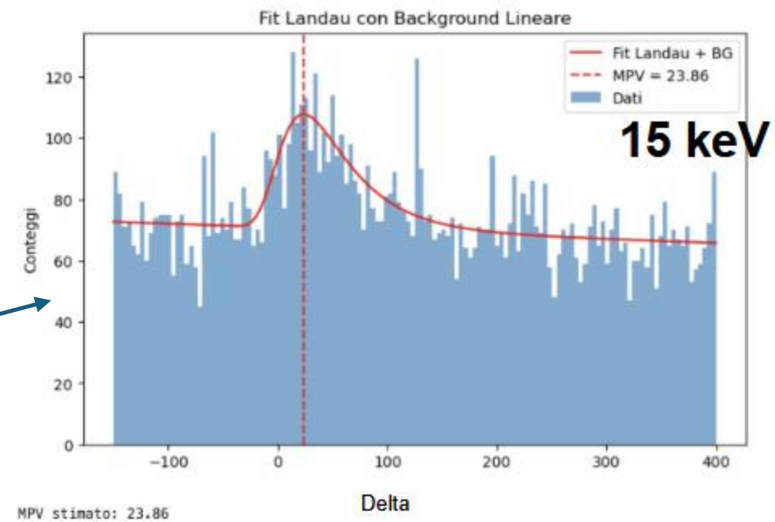
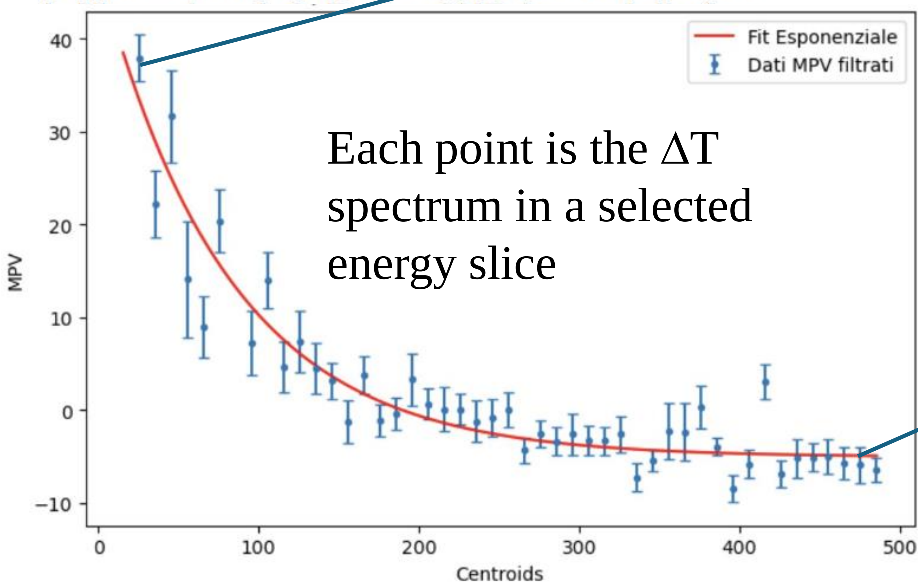
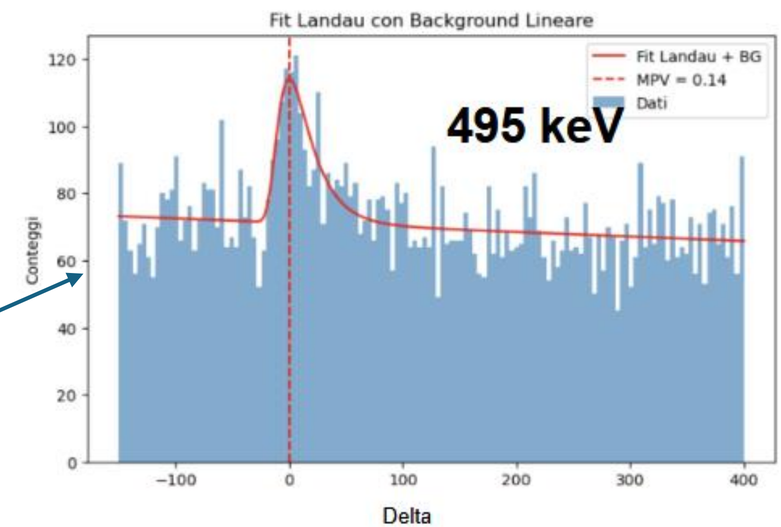






Each point is the ΔT spectrum in a selected energy slice



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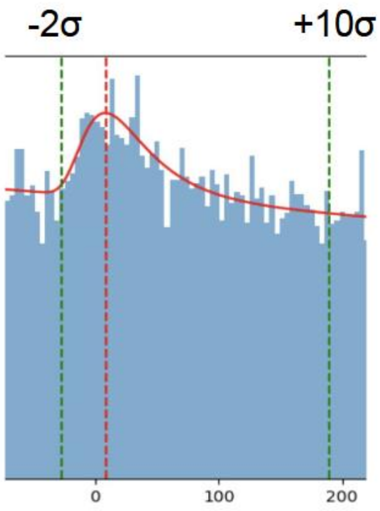

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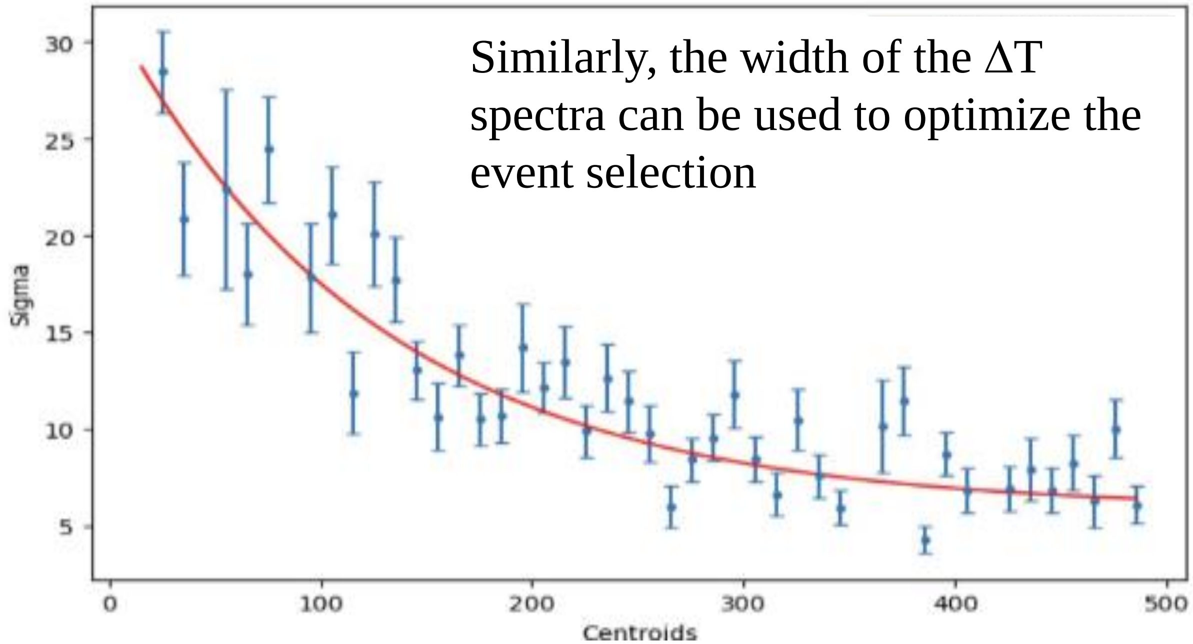

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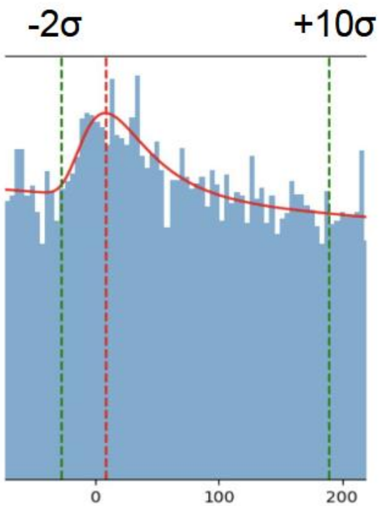

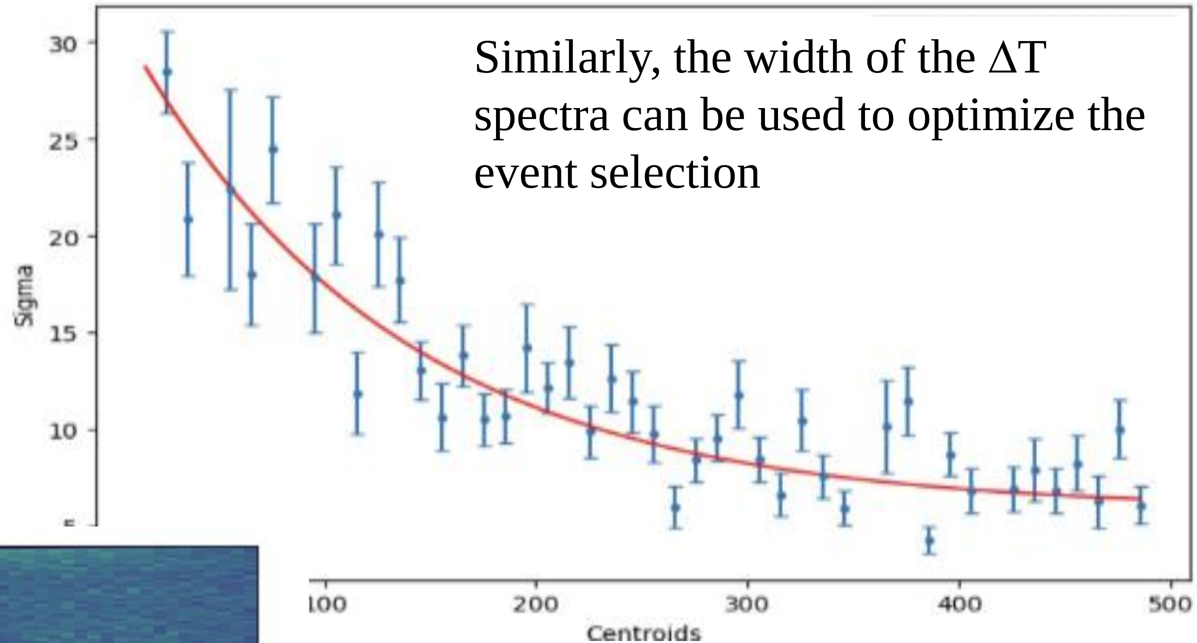

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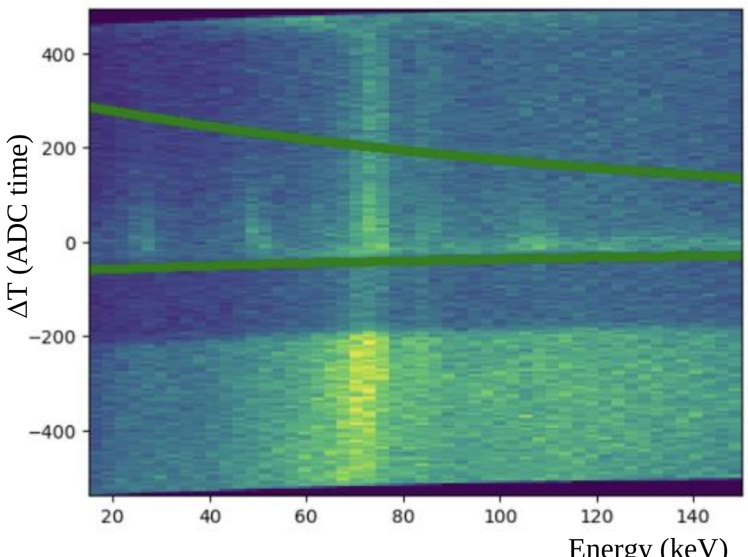

Optimized NON-linear 2D event selection for Signal/Background improvement

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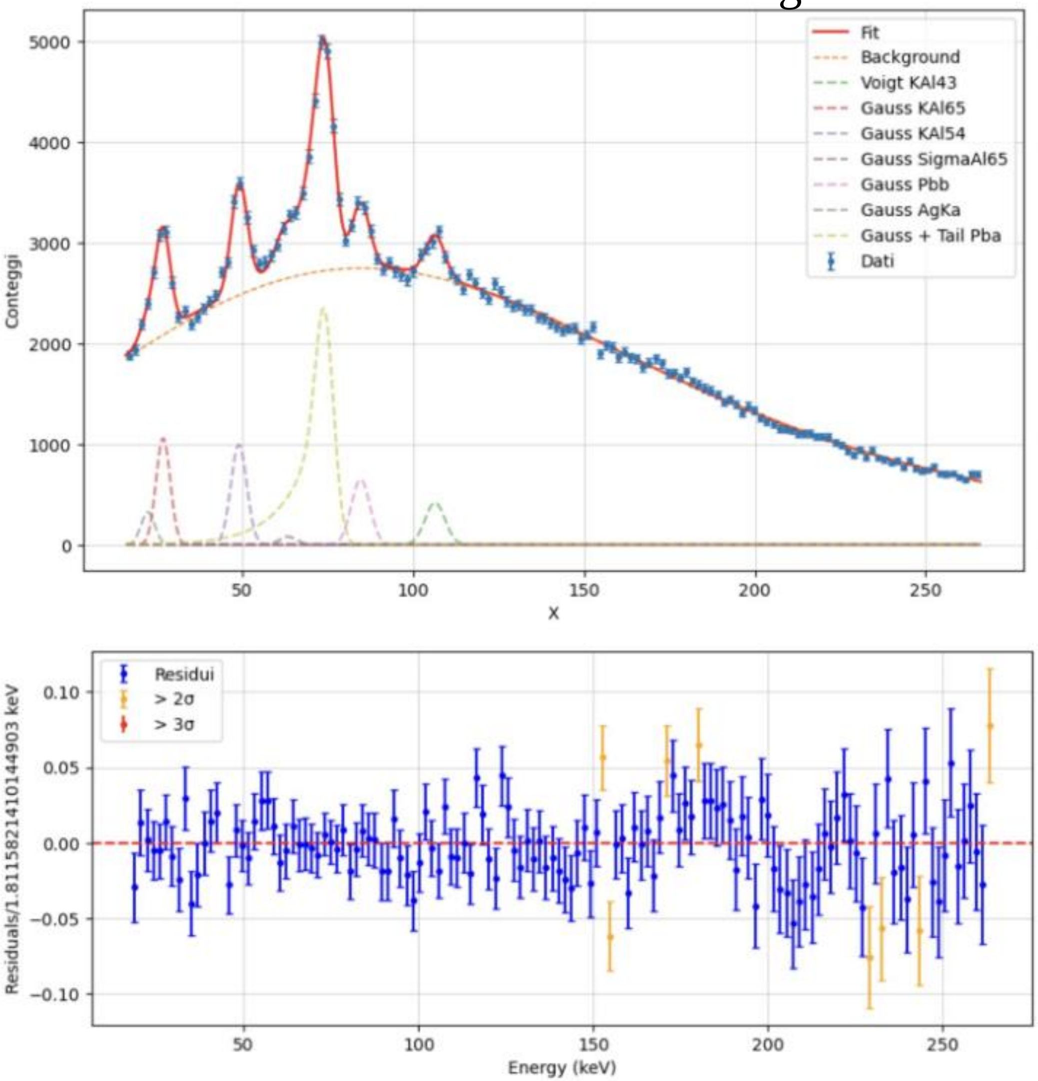

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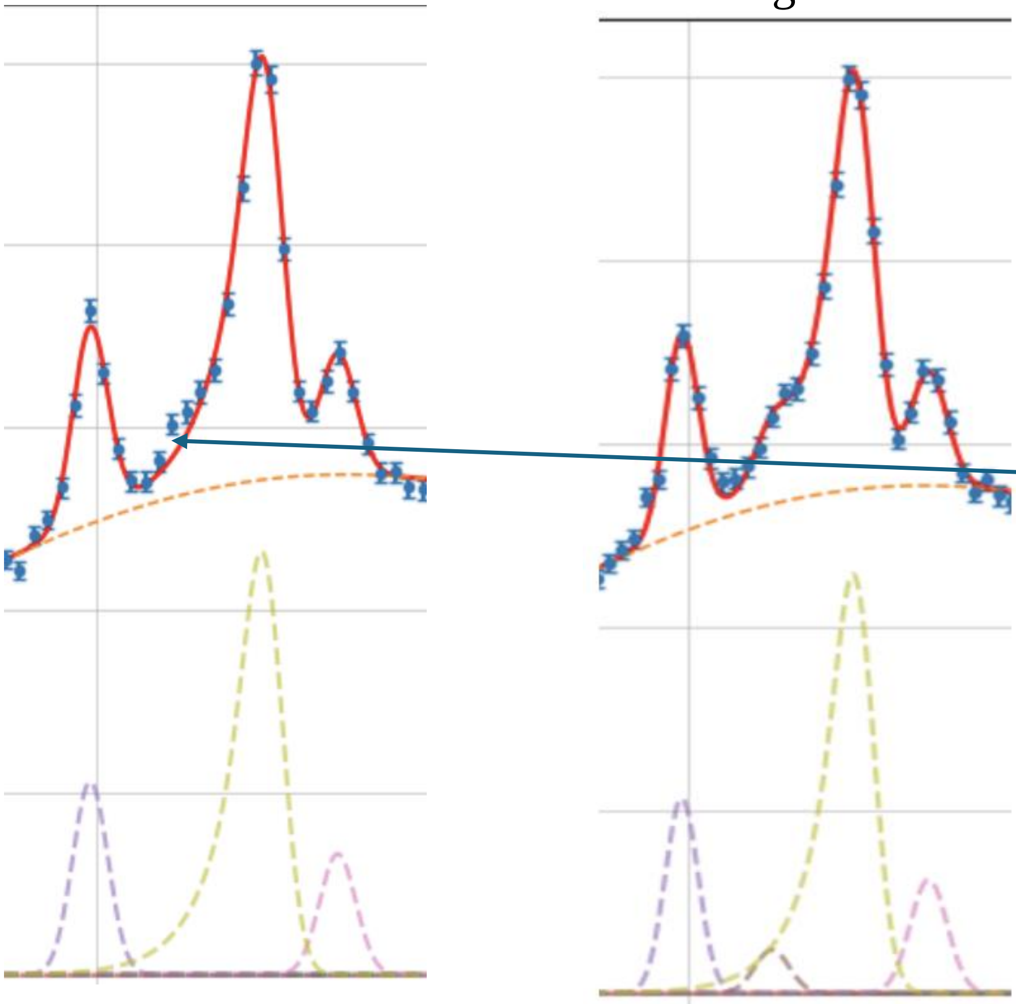

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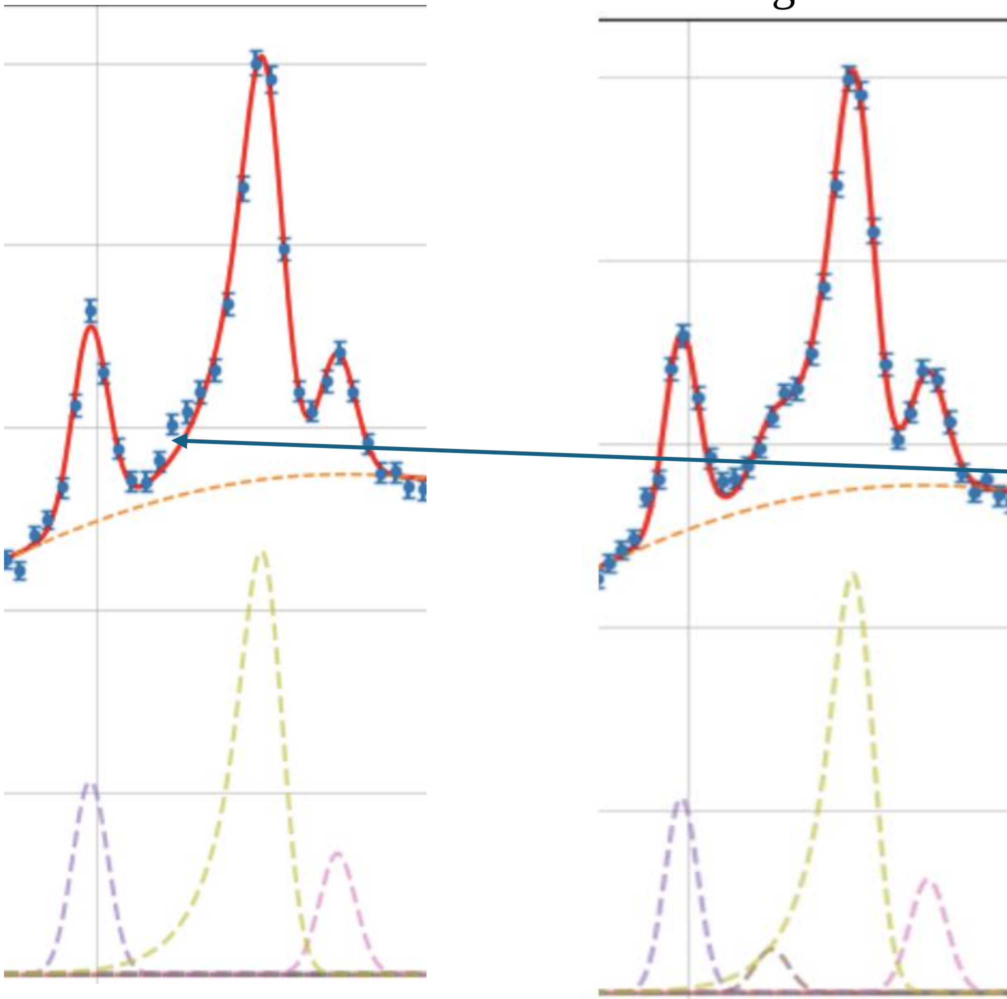

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Others under analysis (F, Cu, Pb)

New perspectives opening

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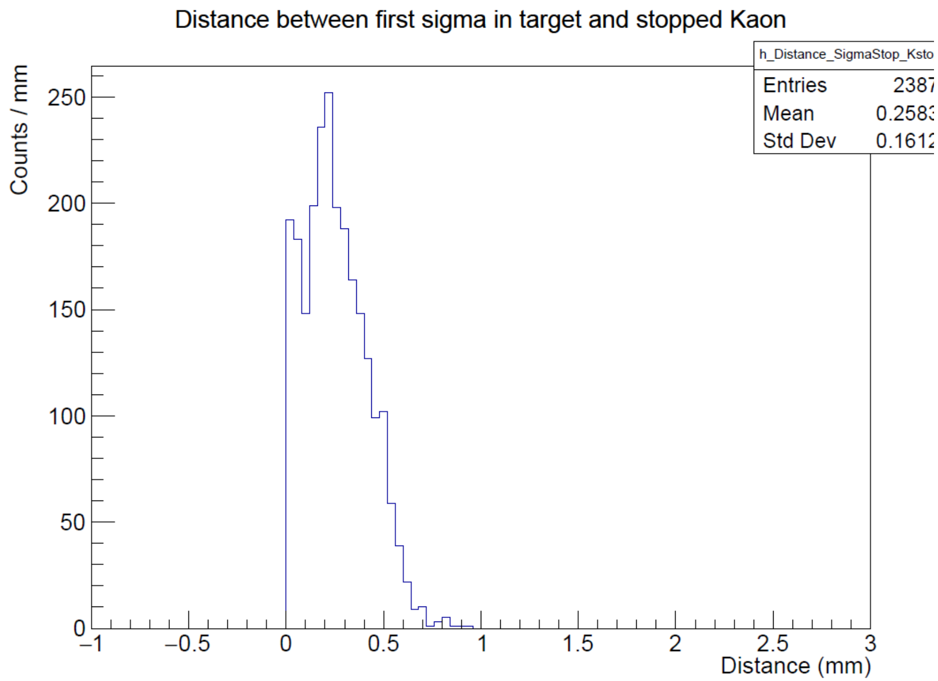

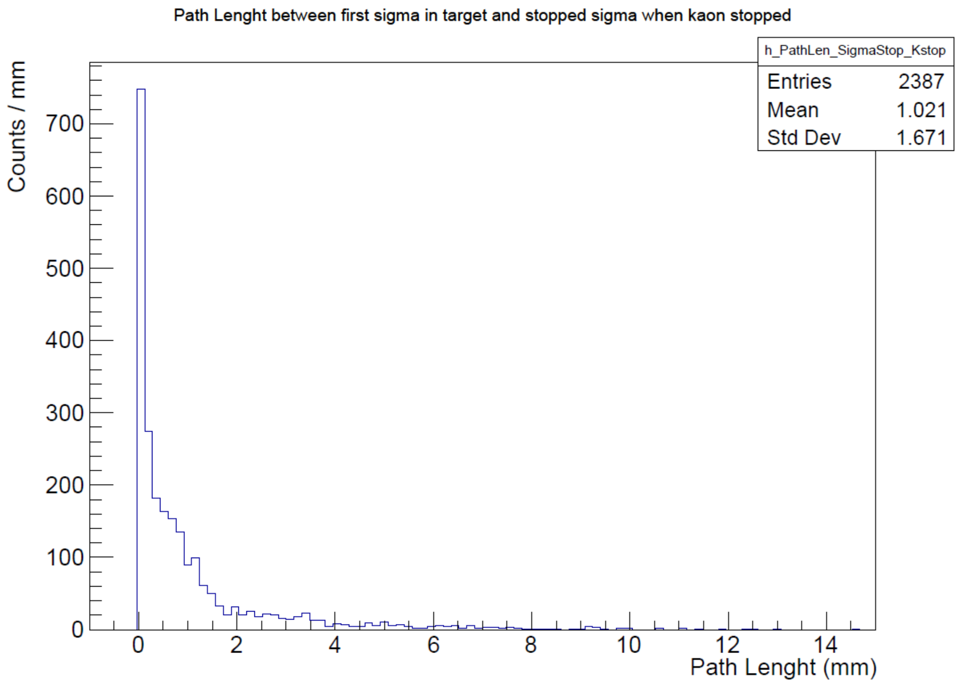

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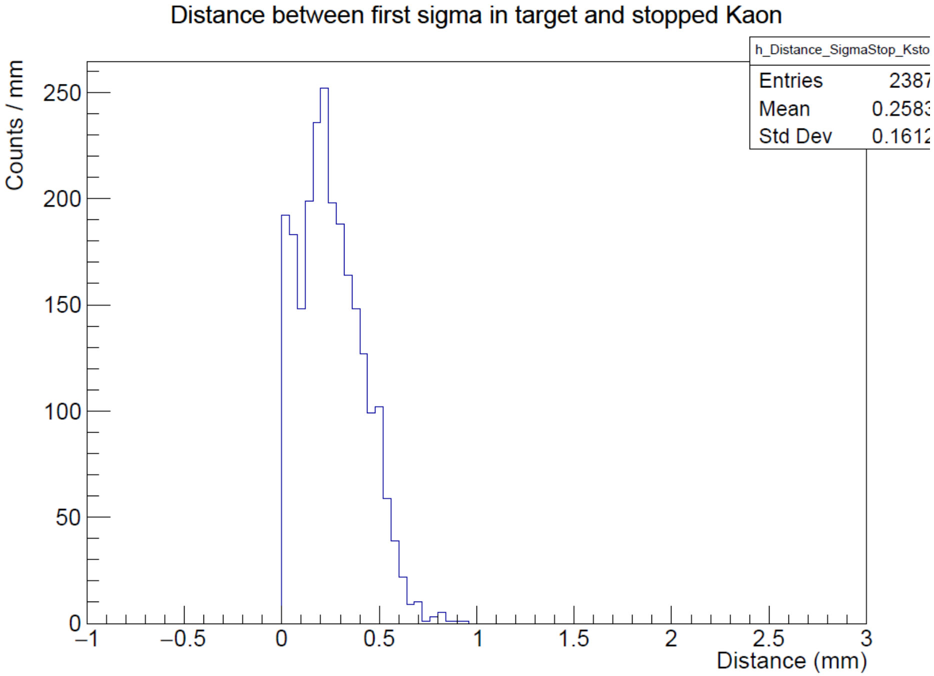

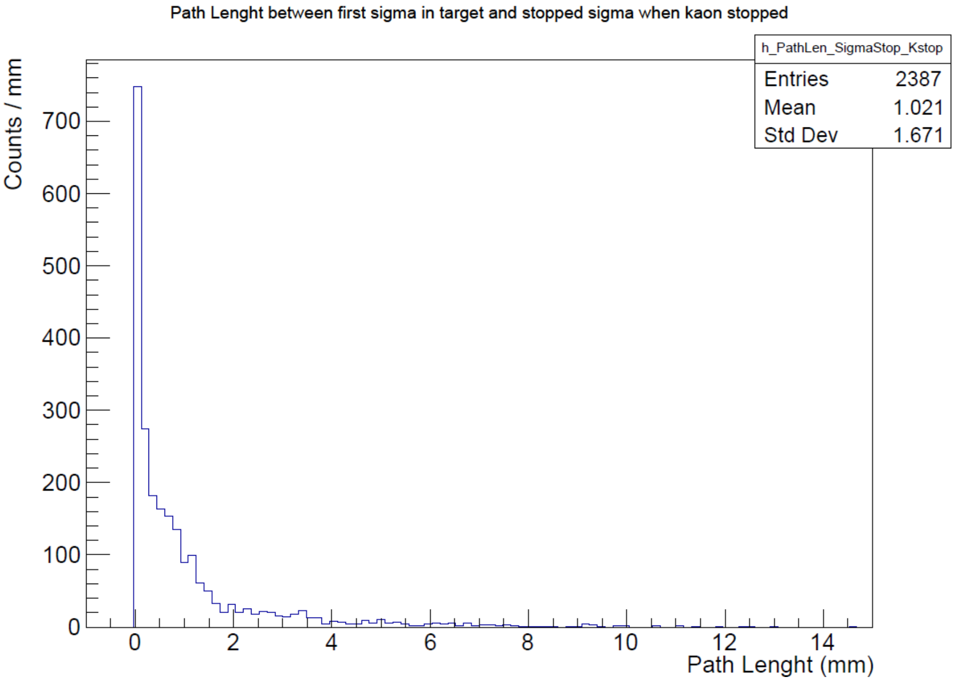

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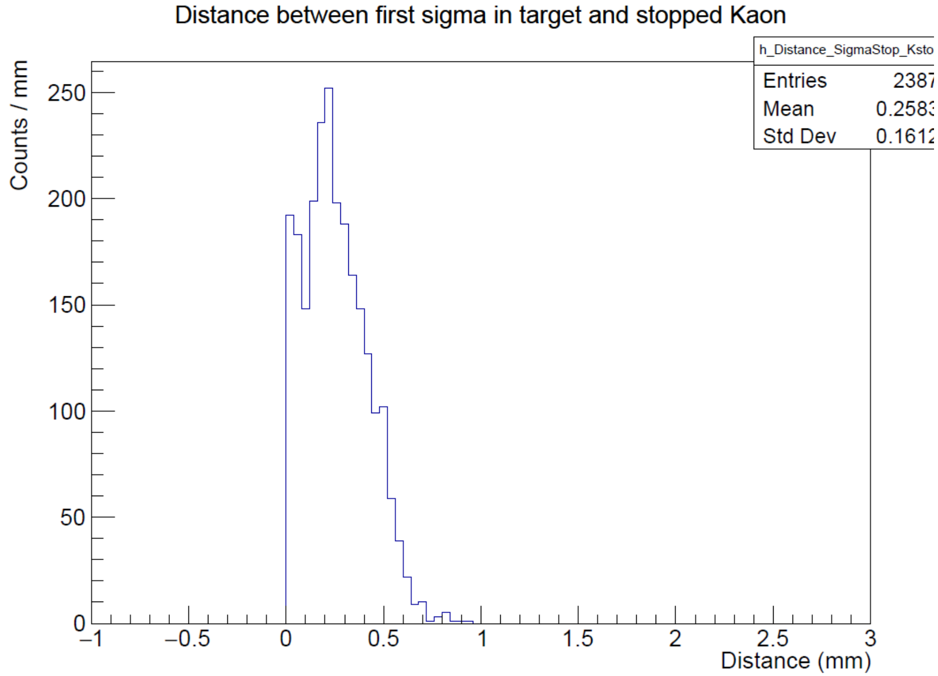

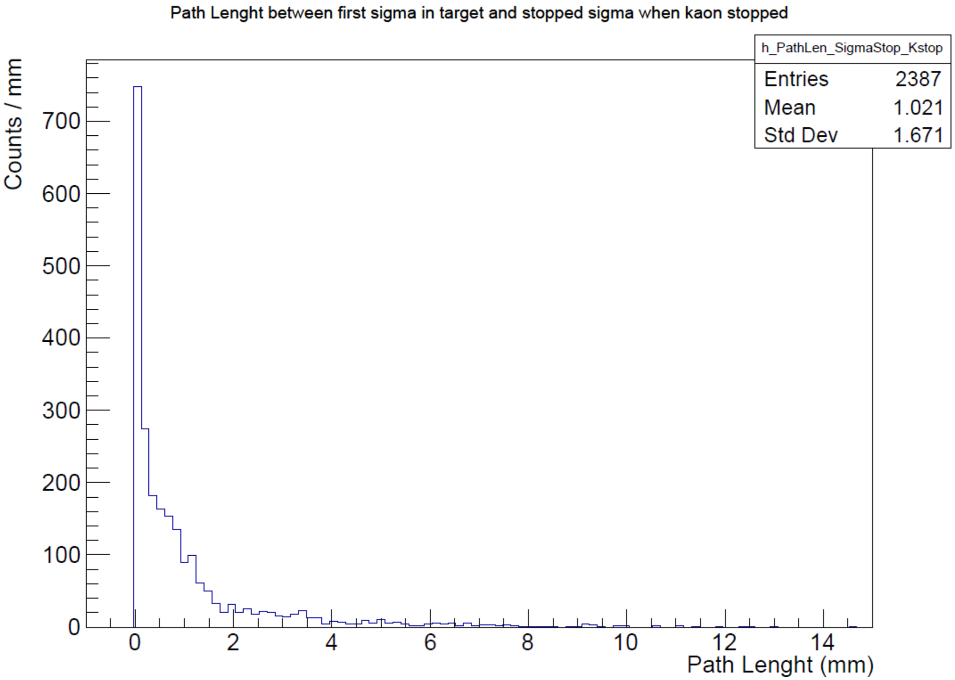

Σ- atoms formation possibility confirmed by MC simulations

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Further refinement and analysis is ongoing (GEANT4 physics)

Results (2)

KHe L-transition measurement in gas : *J. Phys. G 49 (2022) 5, 055106*
Kaonic helium-4 yields L-lines in gas : *Nucl. Phys. A 1029 (2023) 122567*
First measurement of intermediate mass kaonic atoms: *Eur. Phys. J. A 59(2023)3, 56*
First Measurement of KHe M-lines : *J. Phys. G (2024) 51 055103*
First Measurement of kaonic Neon (stat. precision < 1 eV) *Paper submitted and under review*
First measurement of Kaonic Deuterium: preliminary analysis

KPb pure E.M. transitions measurements with HPGe: *Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A 1069 (2024) 169966*

Feasibility tests & exploratory measurements with CdZnTe detectors @ DAFNE:
Eur.Phys.J.ST 232 (2023) 10, 1487-1492
Sensors 23 (2023) 17, 7328
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Proposal(s) for future measurements @ DAΦNE

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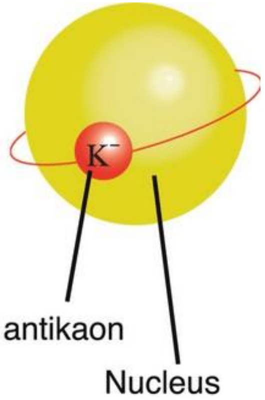
Proposal for future extensive kaonic atoms measurements @ DAFNE to be performed exploiting:

- 450 mm SDD (light KA, up to 15 keV)
- 1-2 mm SDD (light KA, up to 40 keV)
- CdZnTe detectors (Intermediate mass KA)
- HPGe detectors (Heavy KA)
- Crystal Spectrometer (High-Res light KA)

Kaonic atoms at DAΦNE collider: a strangeness adventure
C. Curceanu et al., doi.org/10.3389/fphy.2023.1240250

Extensive **K**aonic **A**toms research: from **LI**thium and **B**eryllium to **UR**anium



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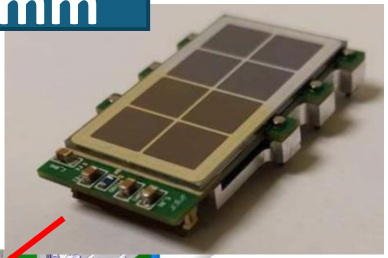

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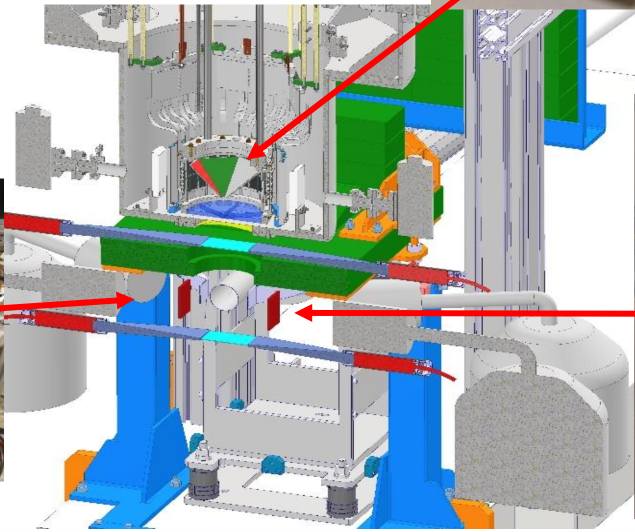

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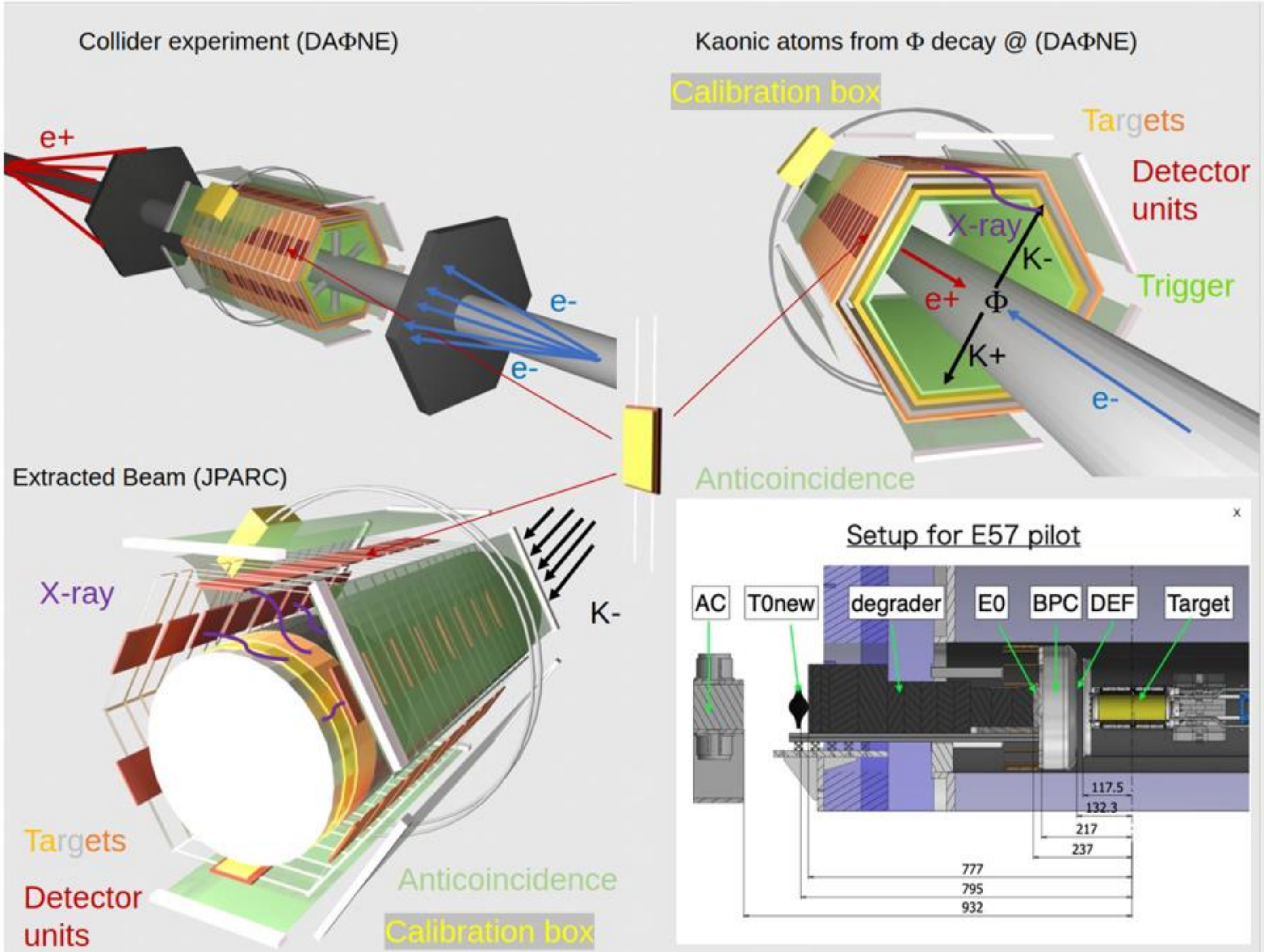

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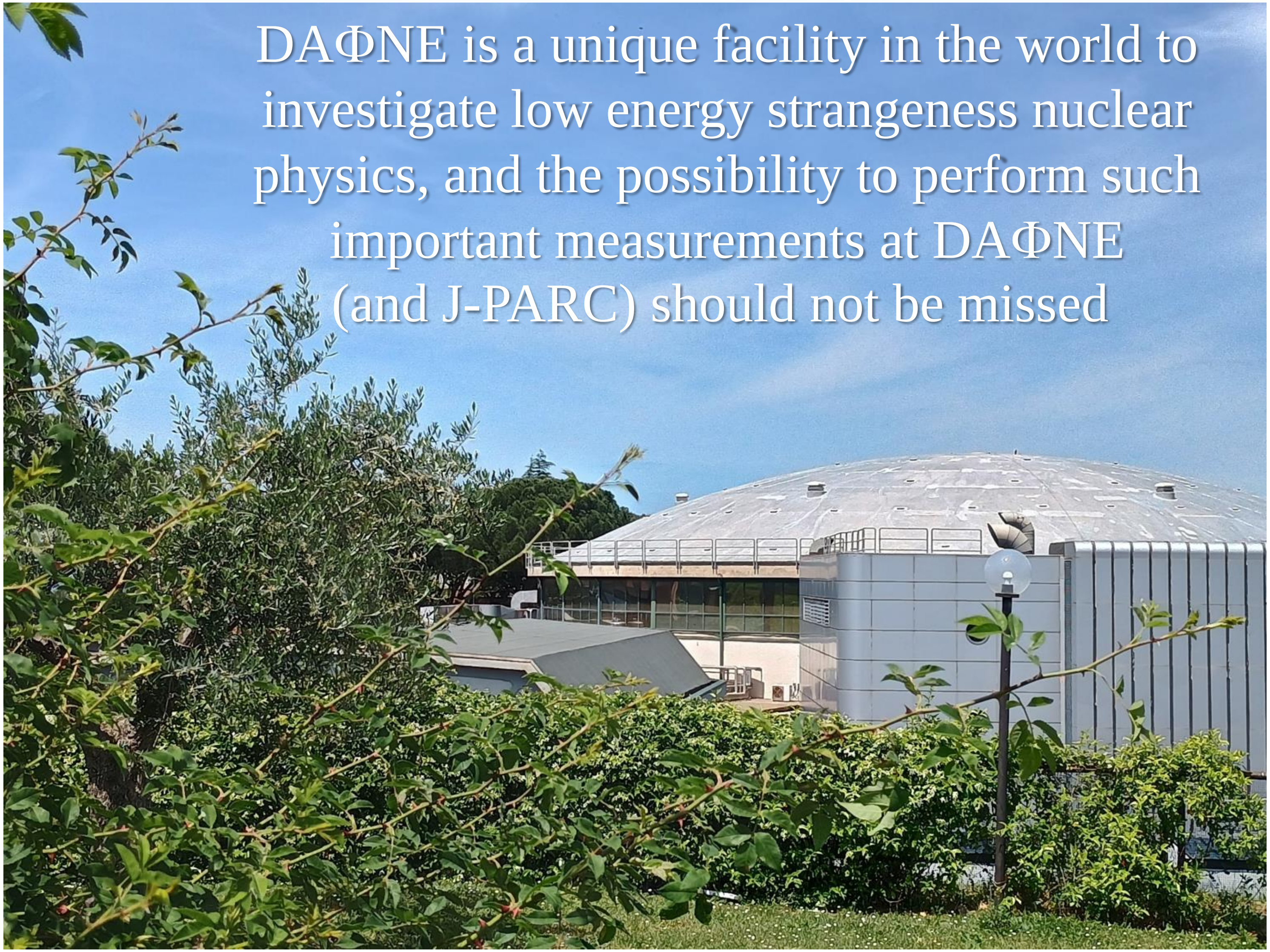

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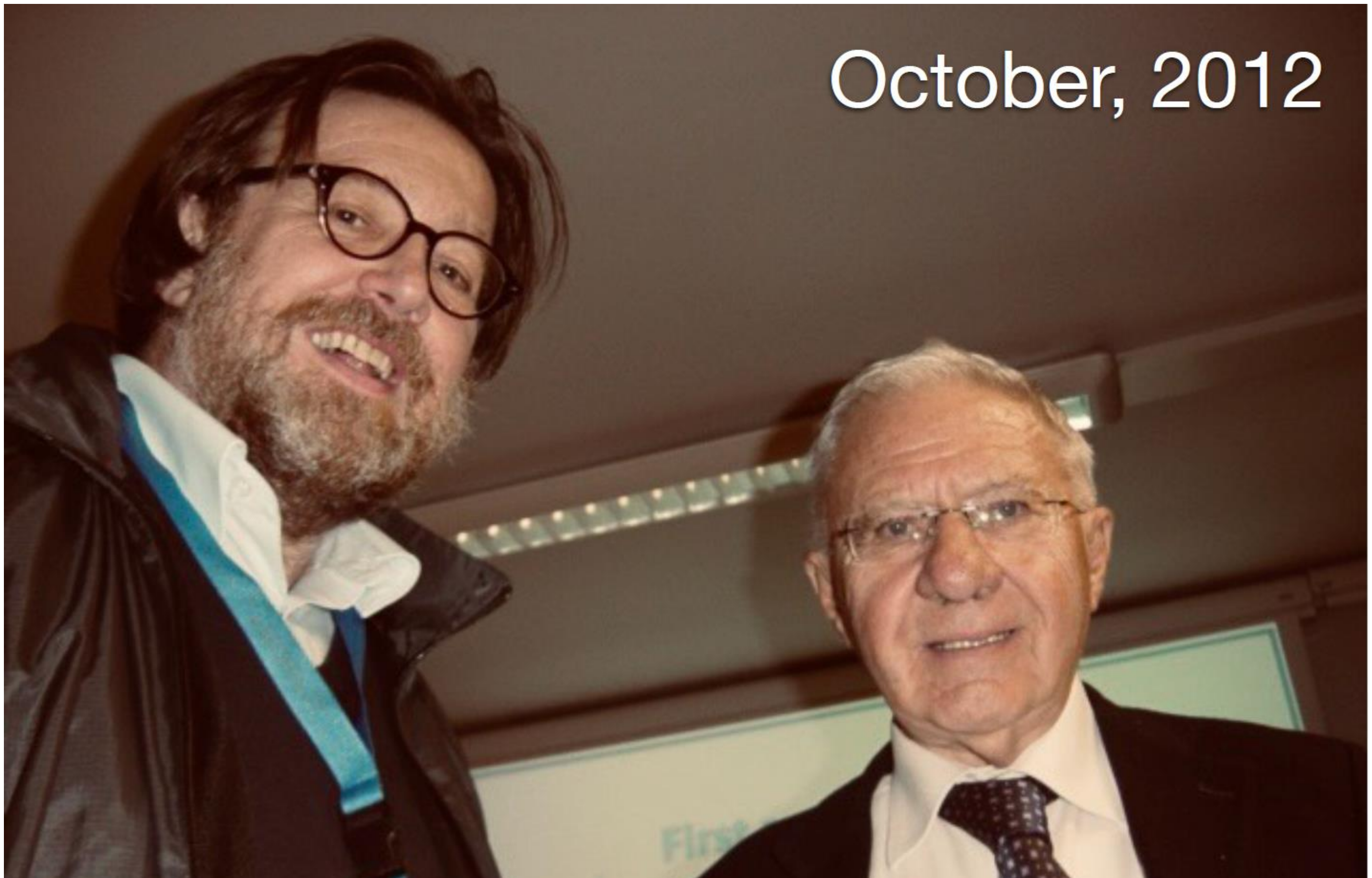

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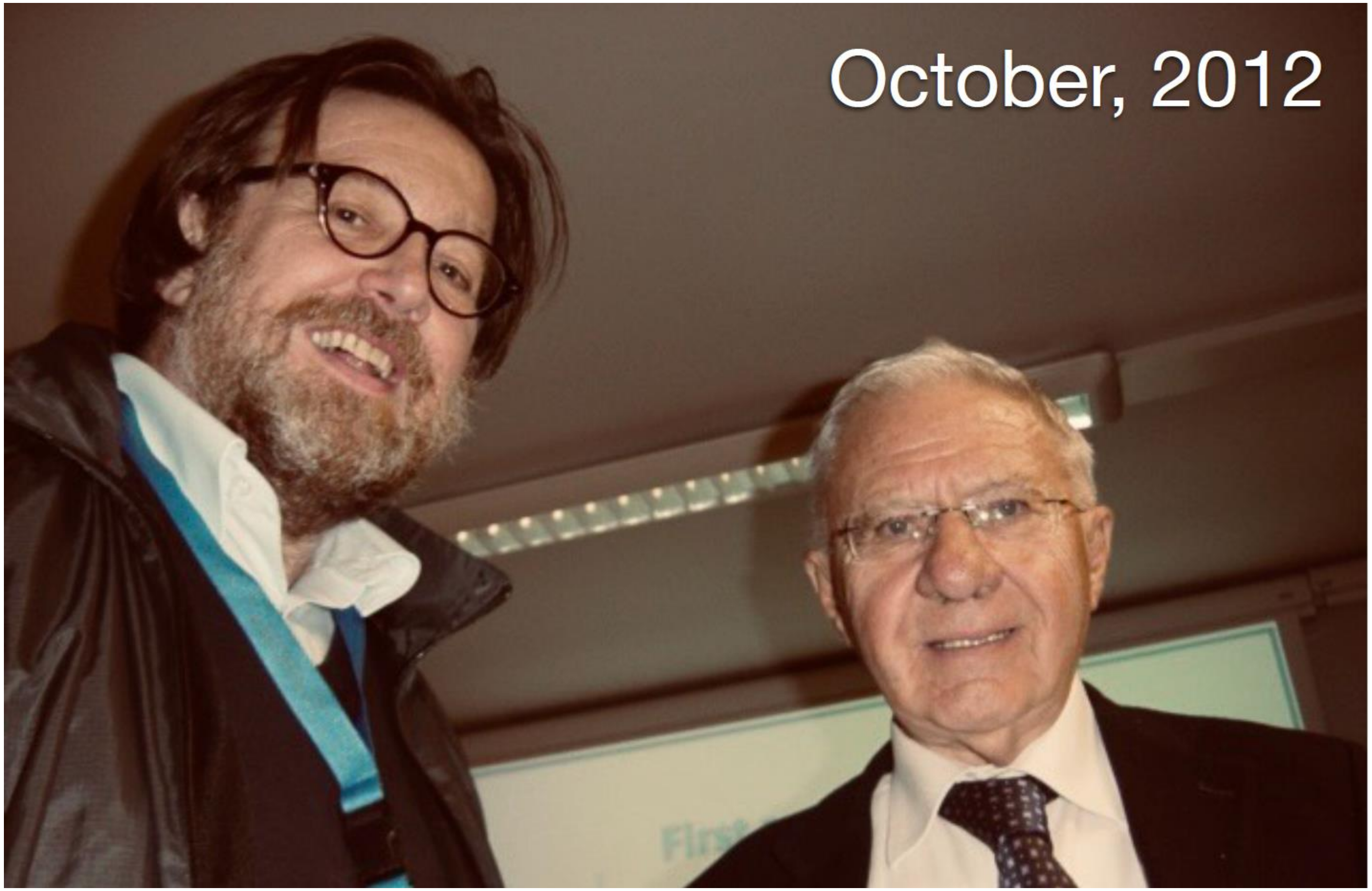

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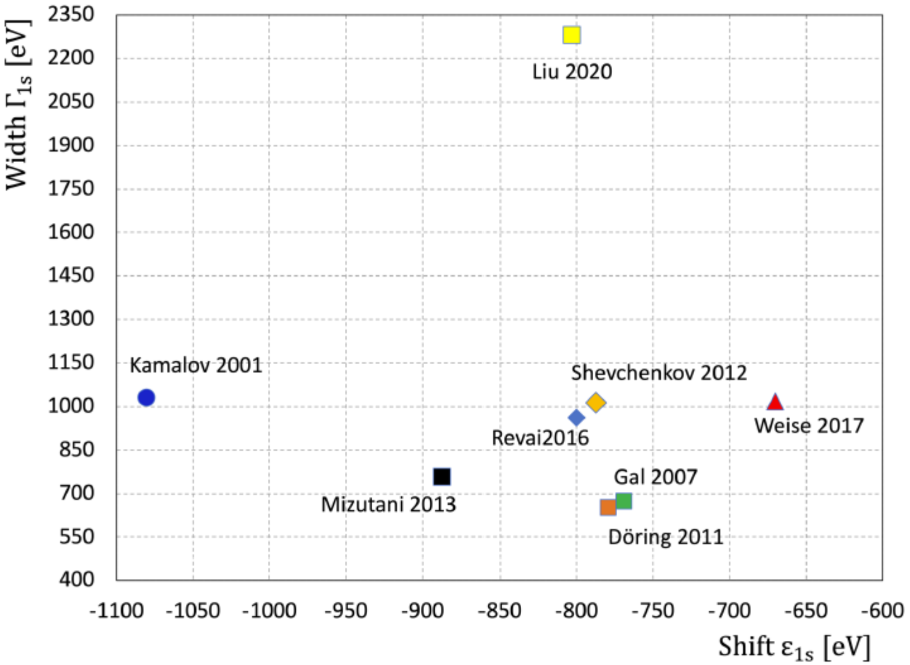

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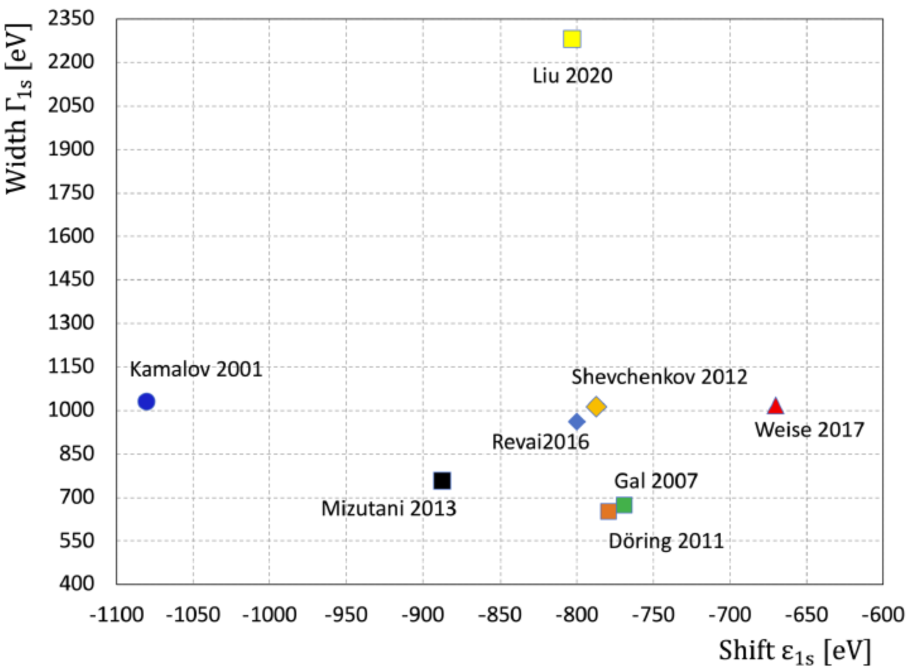

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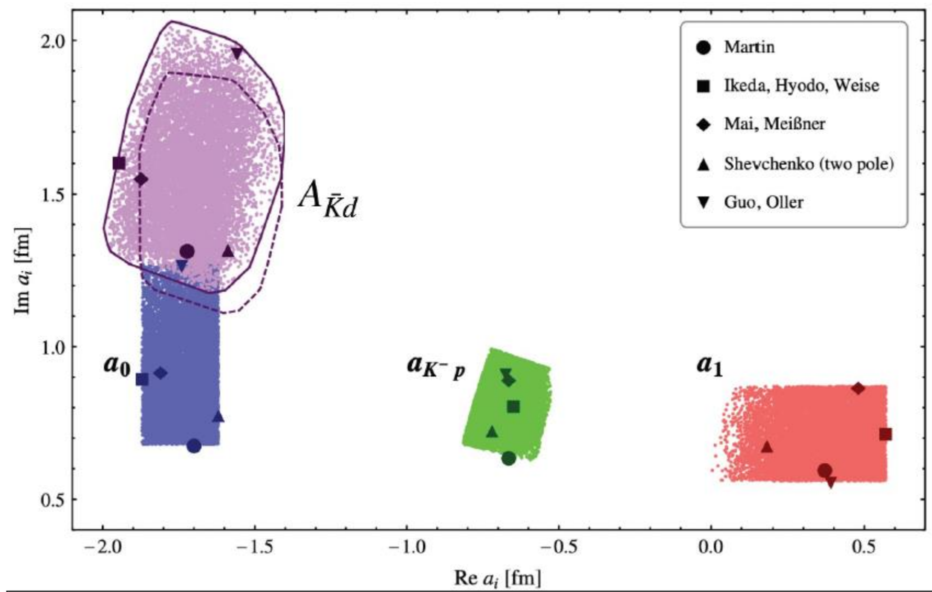

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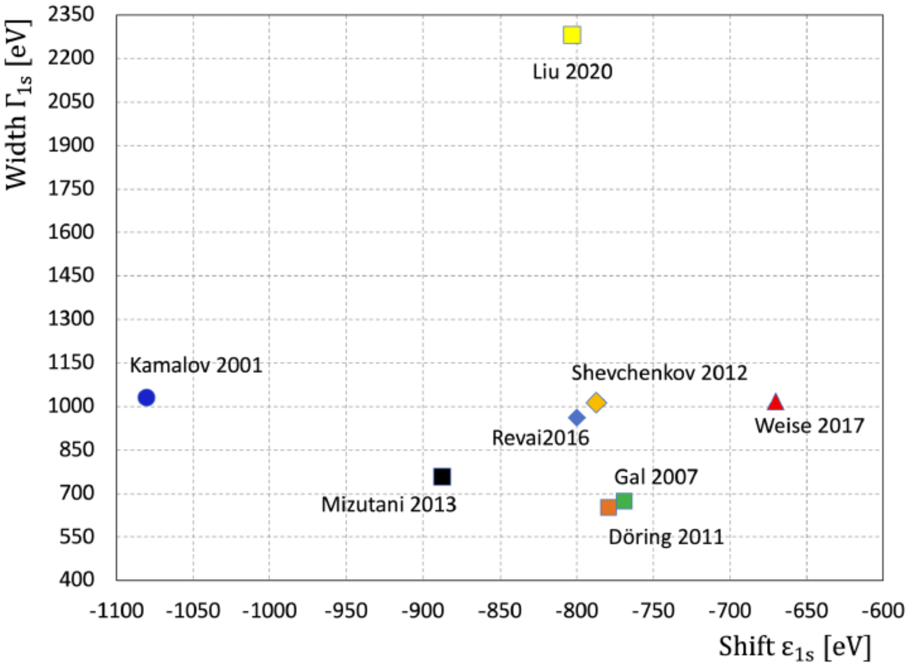

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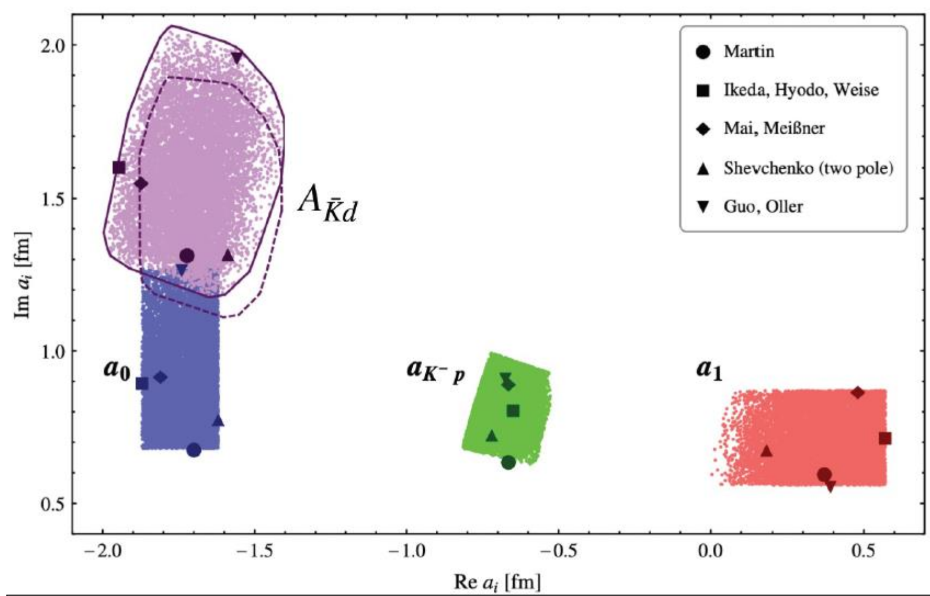

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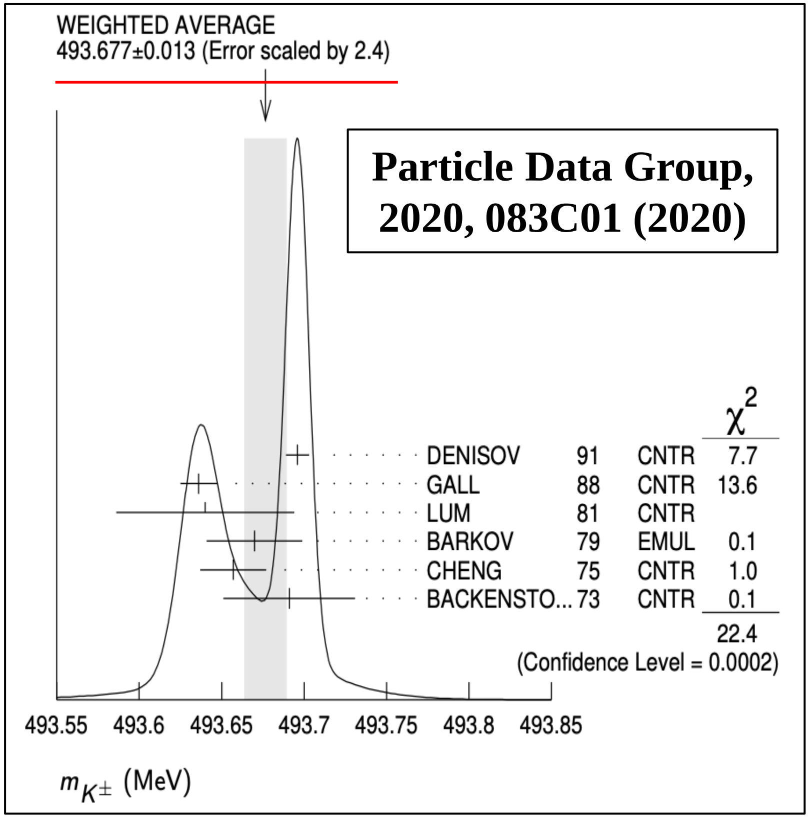

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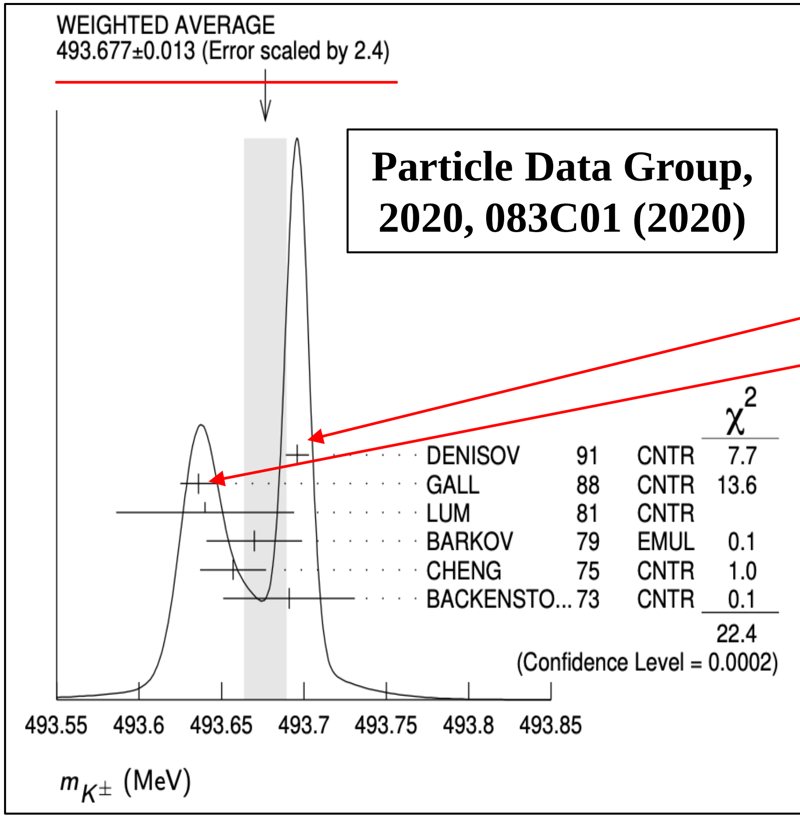

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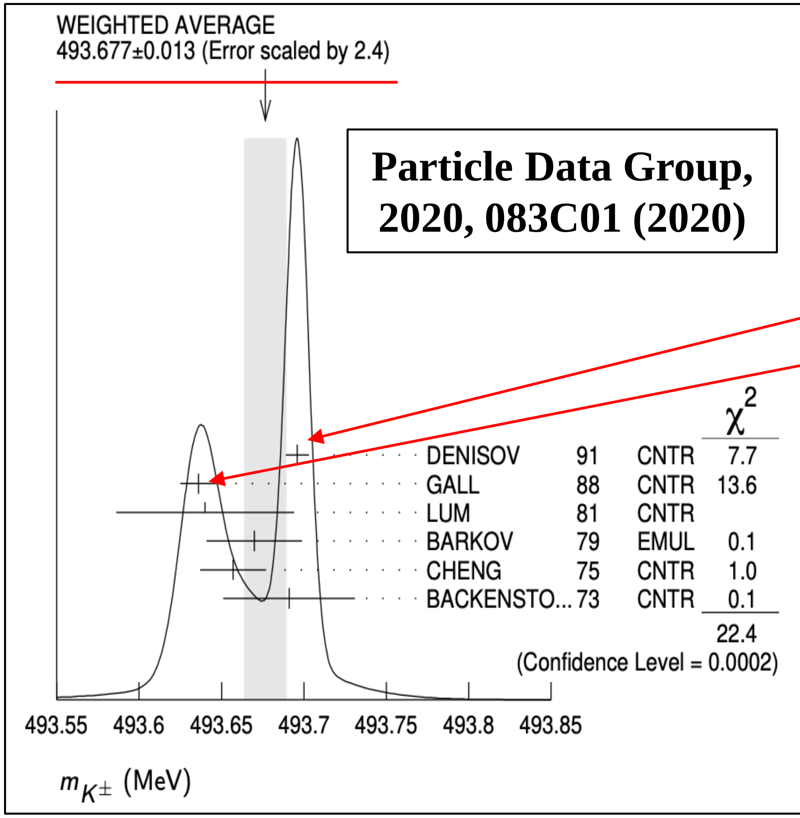

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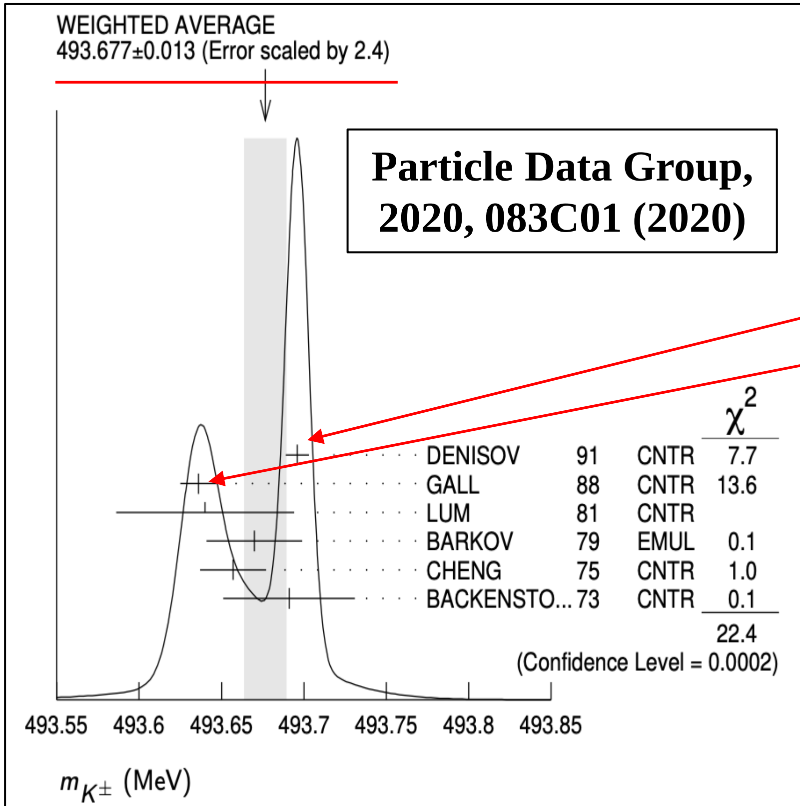

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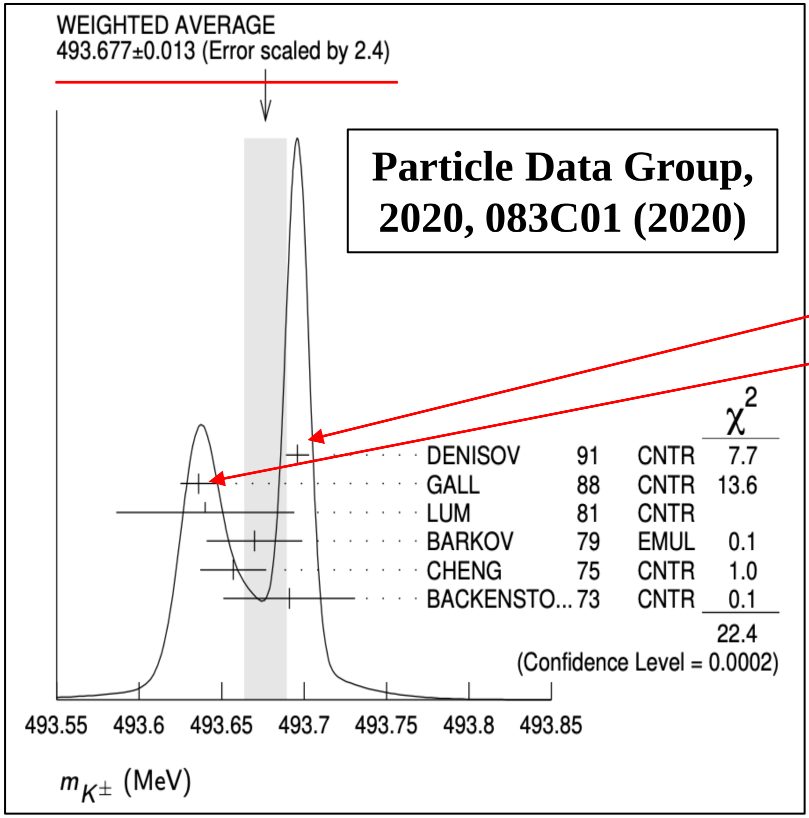

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K^4He measurement with SDDs

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- Most precise measurement of kaonic helium-4 L in gas: 2p level energy shift and width
- First observation of kaonic helium-4 M-series transition (n3d)

$$\varepsilon_{2p} = E^{exp}_{3d\to 2p} - E^{e.m}_{3d\to 2p} = -1.9 \pm 0.8\,(\mathrm{stat}) \pm 2.0\,(\mathrm{sys})\ \mathrm{eV}$$

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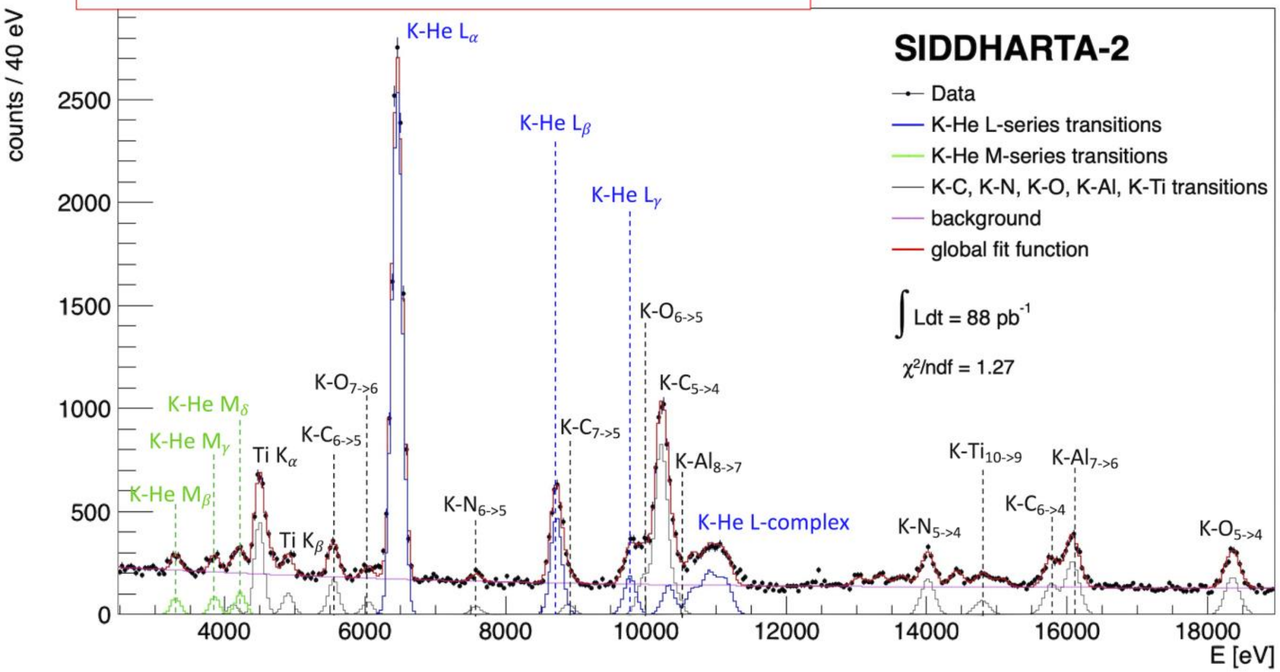
⇒ *no sharp effect of the strong interaction on the 2p level*



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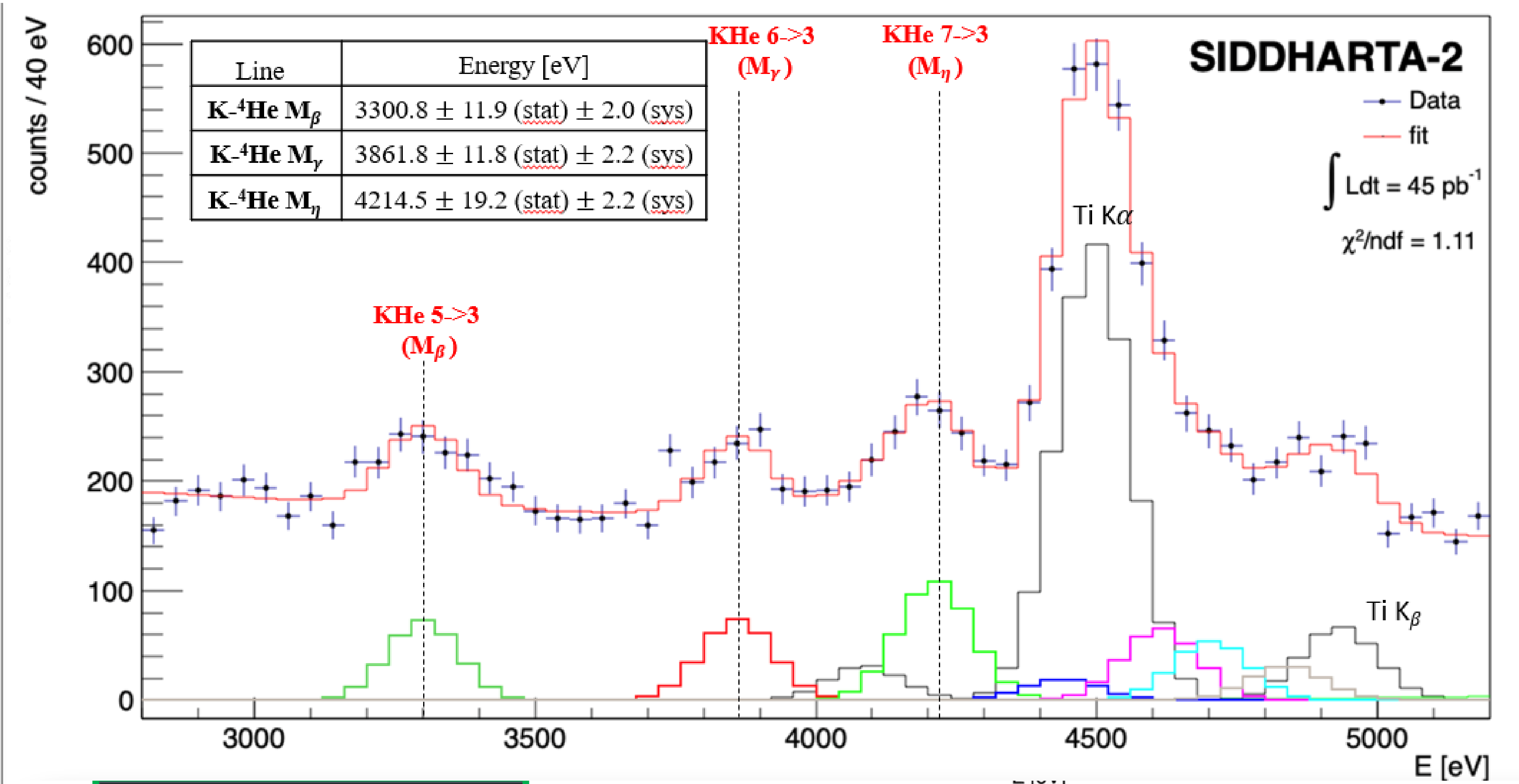

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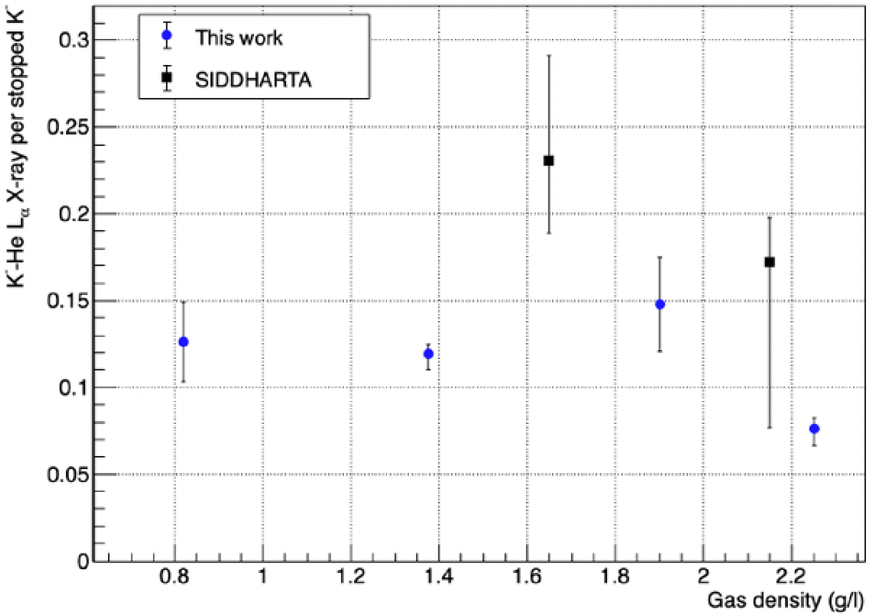

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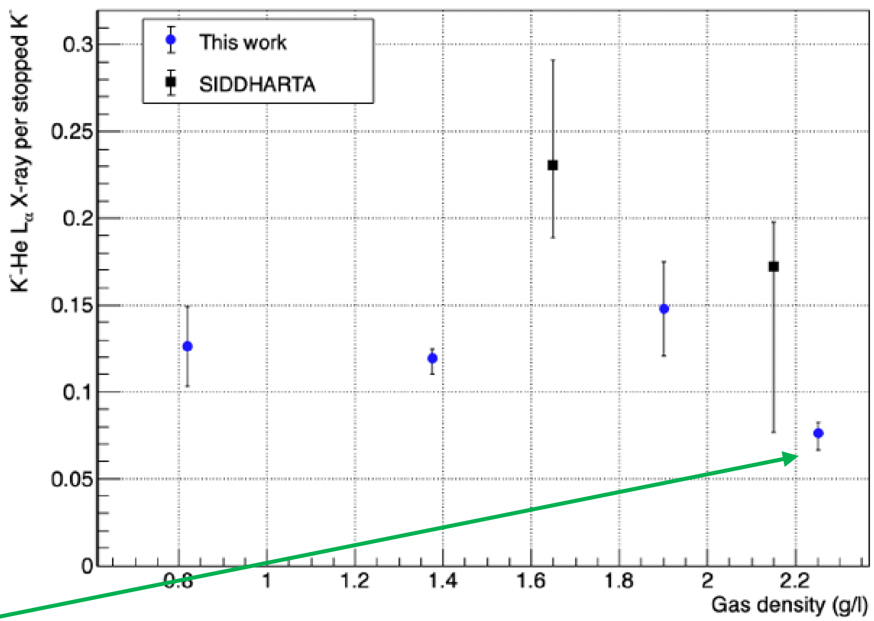

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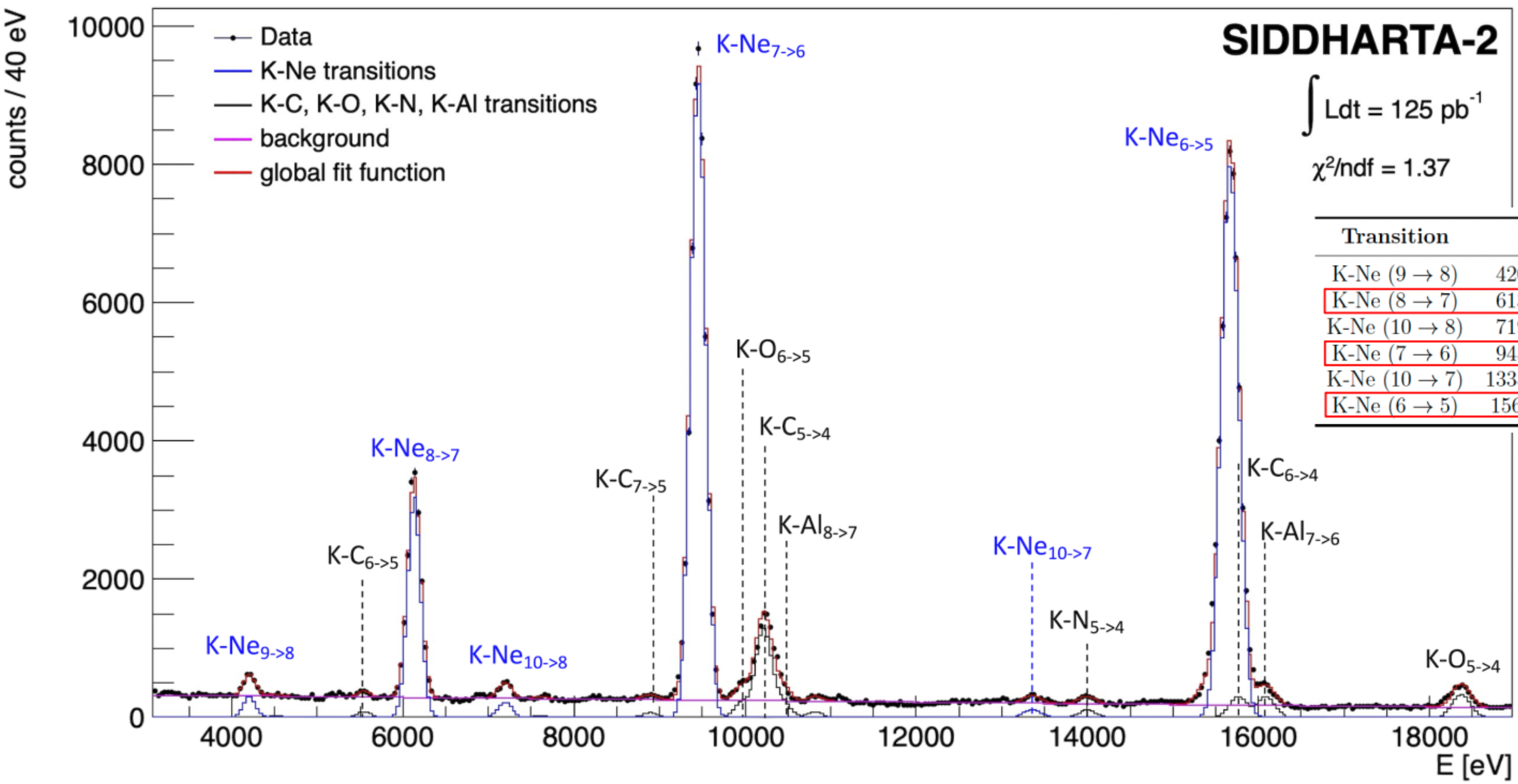

Transition	Energy [eV]
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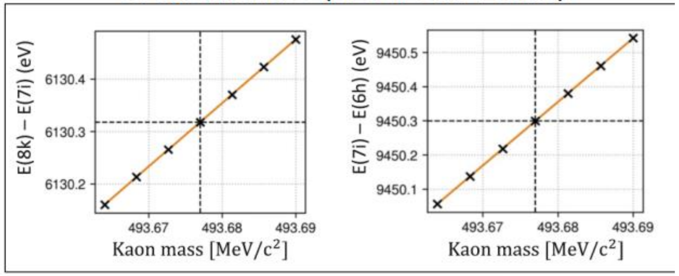

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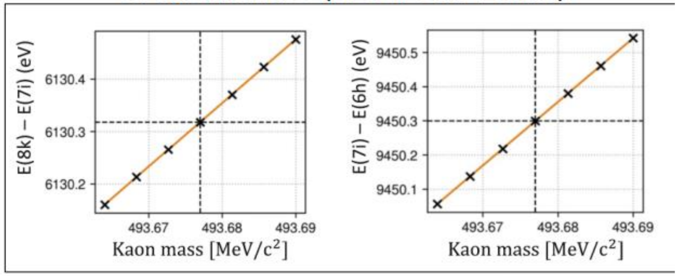

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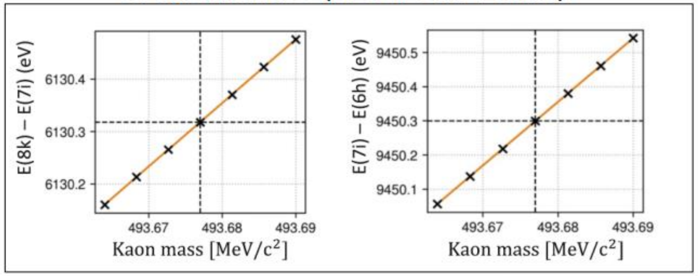

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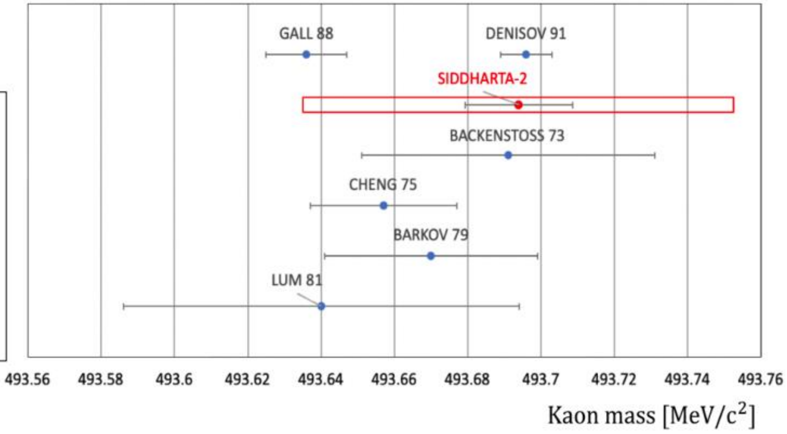

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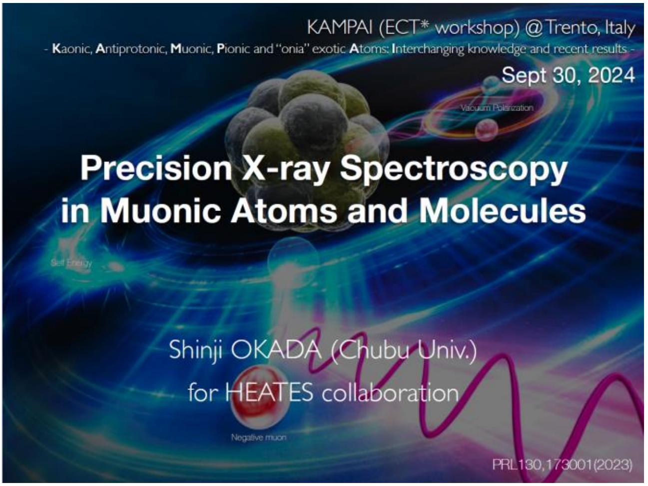

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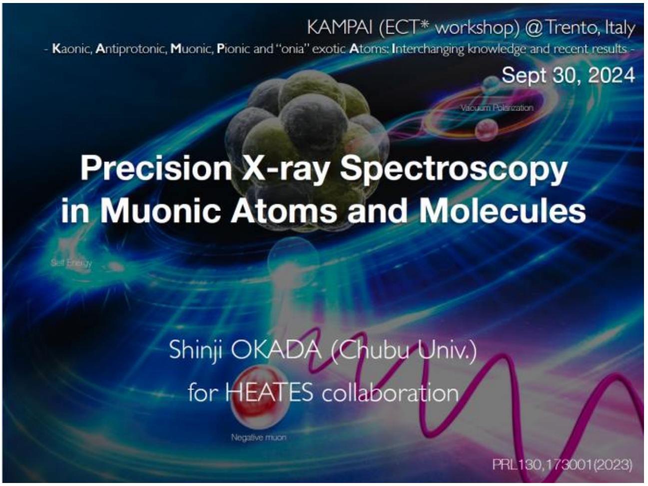

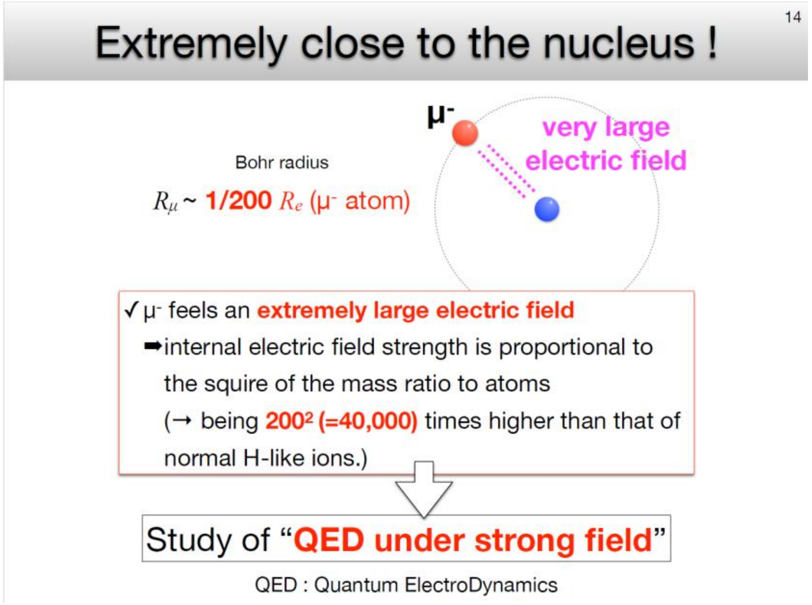

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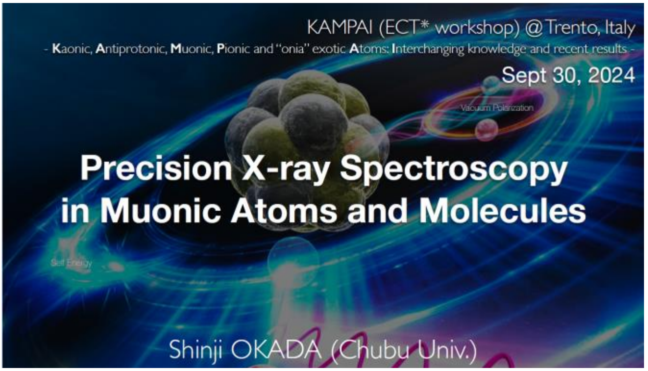

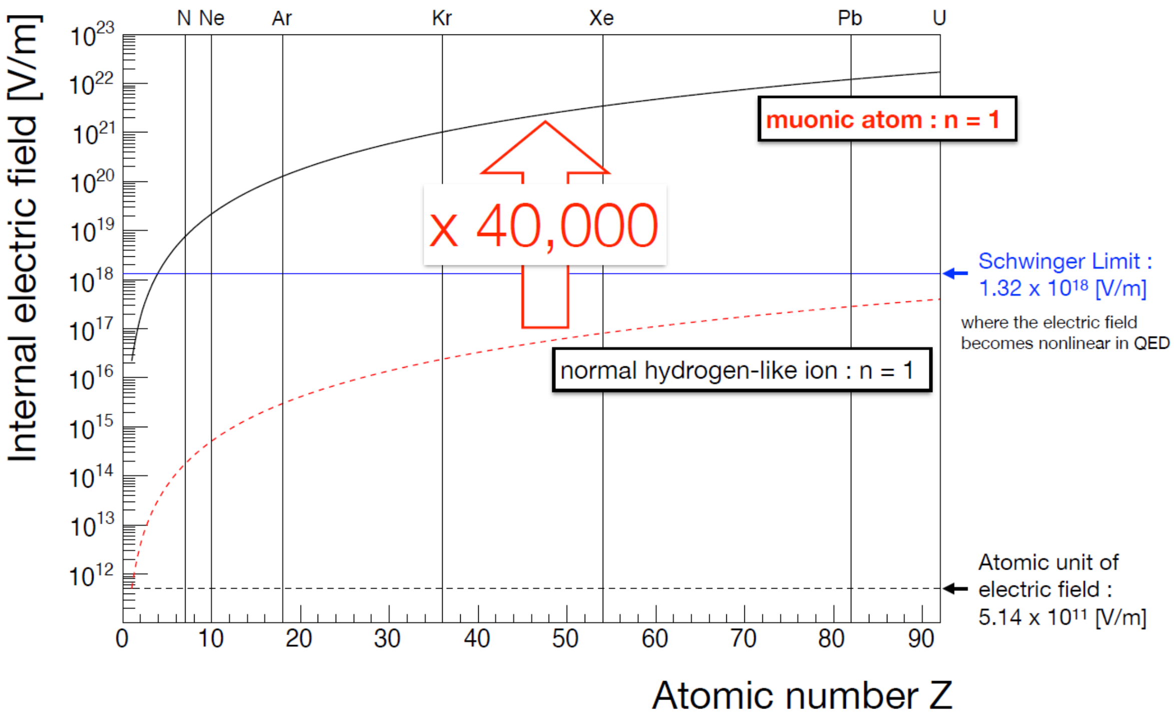

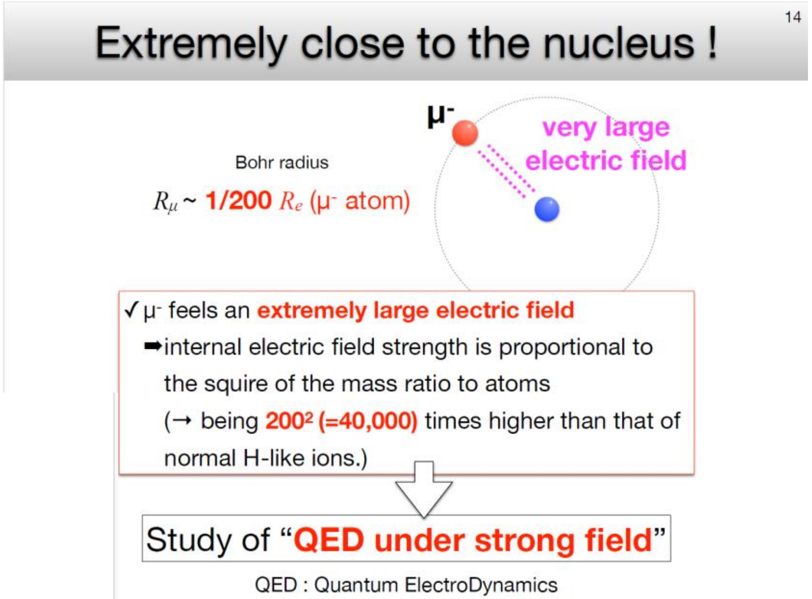

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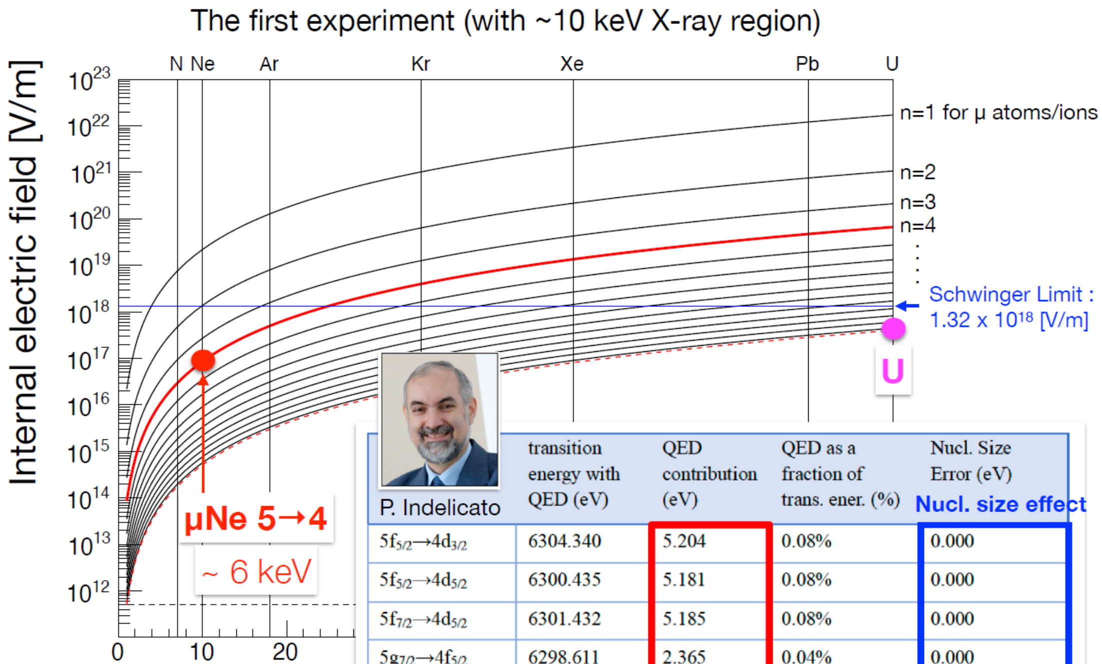

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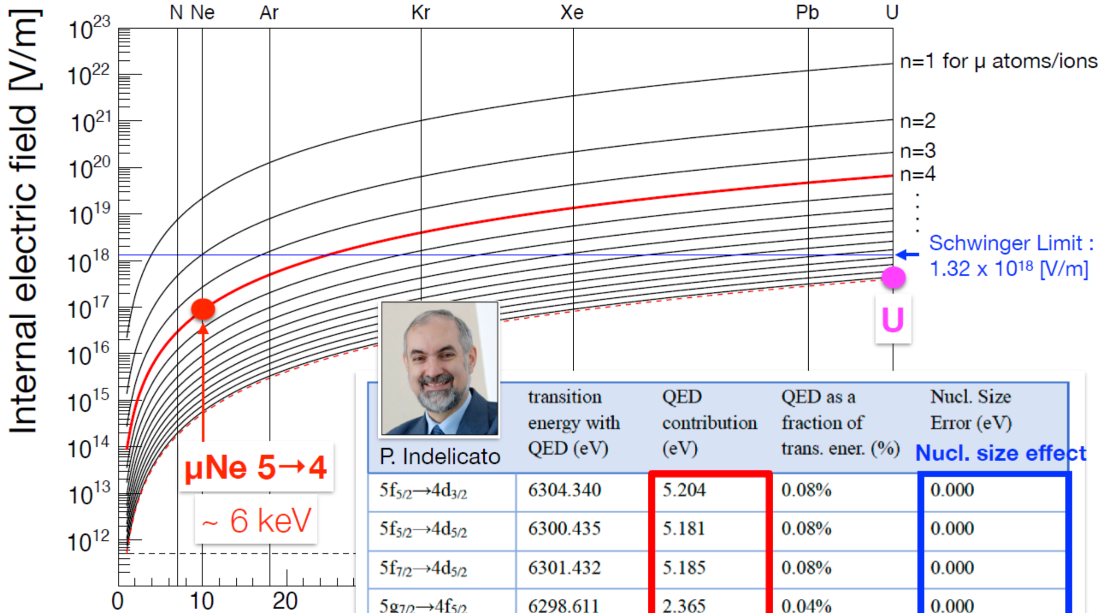

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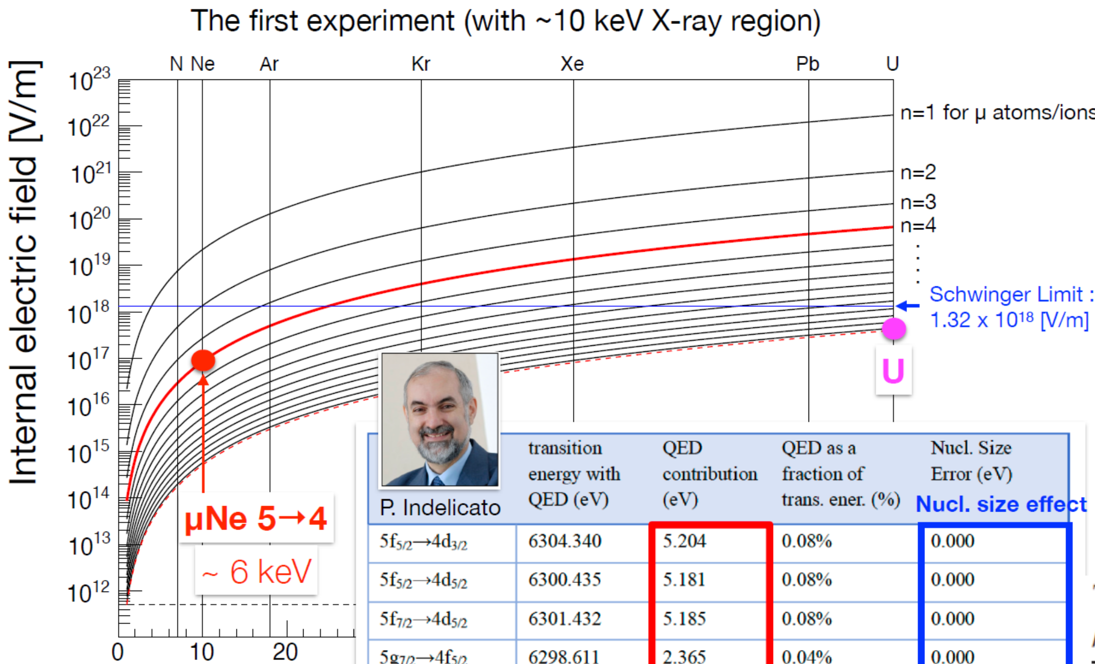

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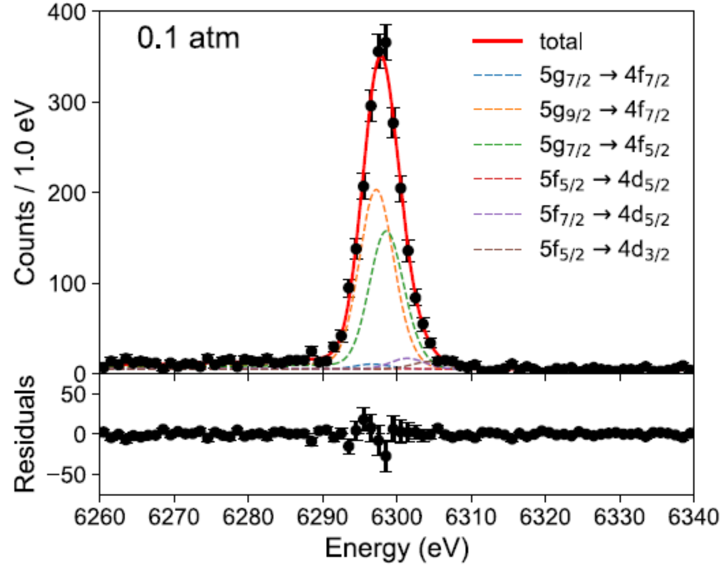

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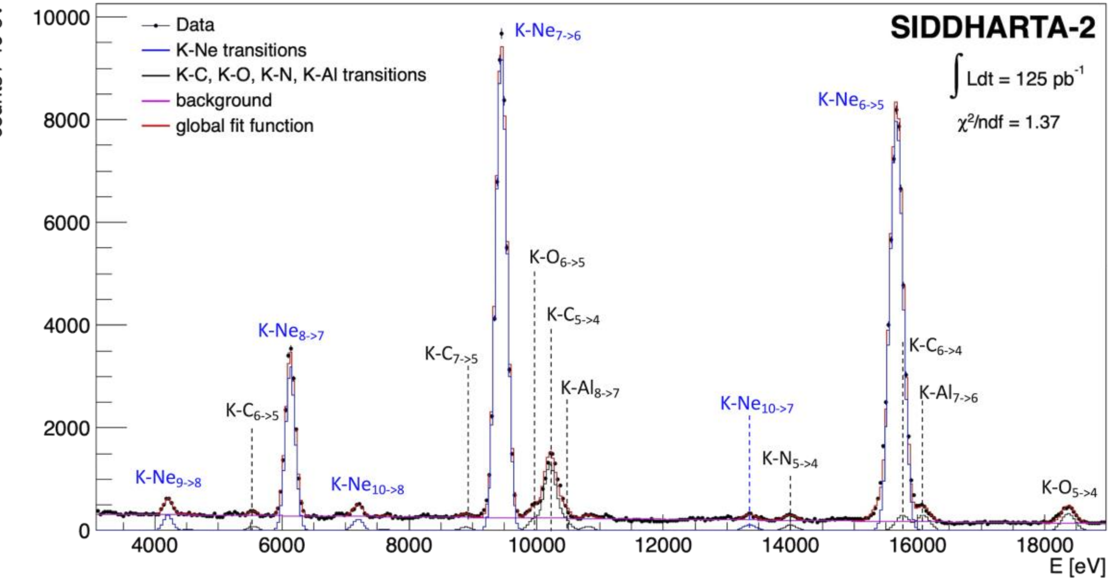

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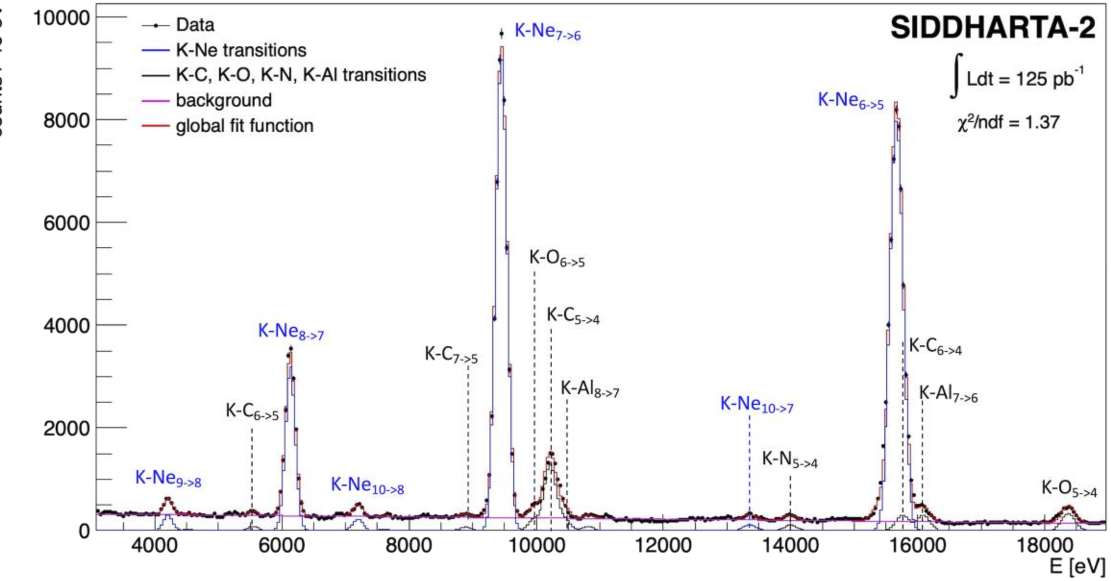

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