

**Strangeness in the Universe?**  
**Advances and perspectives in the**  
**low-energy kaon-nucleon/nuclei**  
**studies at the DAFNE collider**

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# **The low-energy kaon-nucleon/nuclei interaction studies**

**are fundamental for understanding QCD in non-perturbative regime:**

- **Explicit and spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking (mass of nucleons)**
- **Dense baryonic matter ->**
- **Neutron (strange?) stars EOS**

**Role of Strangeness in the Universe from particle and nuclear physics to astrophysics**



# Strangeness in the Universe?

Theoretical and experimental progress and challenges in the antikaon nuclear physics, ECT\* 21-25 October 2013



# Hadronic systems with STRANGENESS

Wolfram Weise (TU München)

## ★ Physics Issues and Keywords:

- **Mass hierarchy** of quarks in QCD
- **Strange** quark intermediate between “**light**” and “**heavy**”
- **Hadronic systems** with **strangeness**:

$$m_u = 1.7 - 3.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_d = 4.1 - 5.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_s = 101 \pm 25 \text{ MeV}$$

( at renorm. scale  $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$  )

Excellent testing ground for studying interplay between  
**spontaneous** and **explicit chiral symmetry breaking**  
in low-energy QCD

## ★ Theoretical Framework with well-defined, symmetry-controlled input:

**Chiral SU(3) Effective Field Theory**  
+ **Coupled Channels**  
+ **Few-Body Methods**

## ★ Goals:

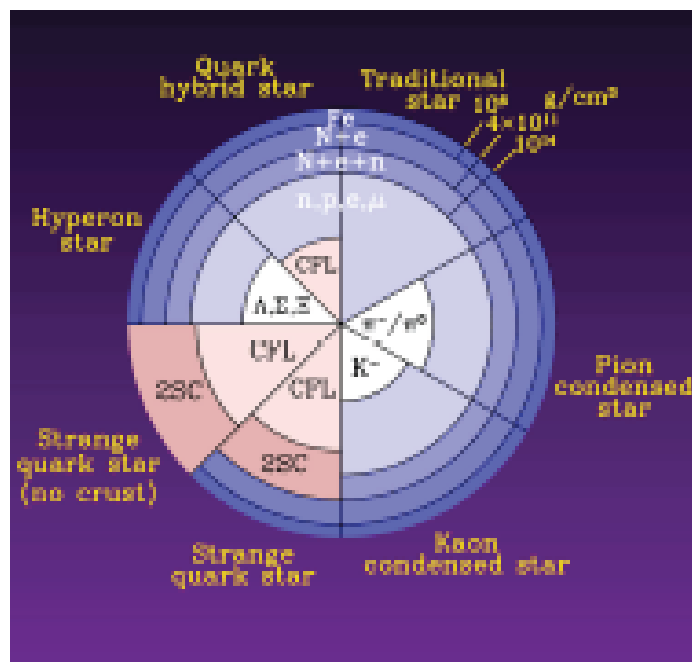
- ▶ **High-precision** constraints from K-N and K-NN **threshold measurements**
- ▶ Provide reliable basis for investigating **antikaon-nuclear quasibound states**



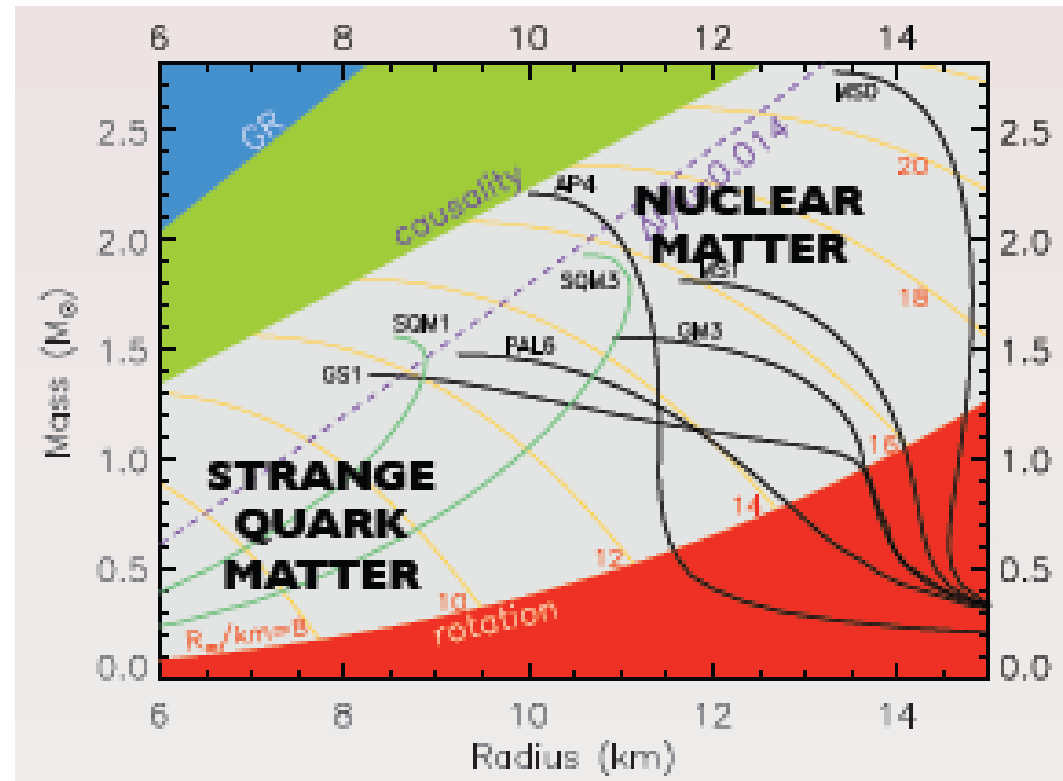


# NEUTRON STARS and the EQUATION OF STATE of DENSE BARYONIC MATTER

J. Lattimer, M. Prakash: *Astrophys. J.* 550 (2001) 426



## ● Mass-Radius Relation



## ● Neutron Star Scenarios

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{G}{c^2} \frac{(M + 4\pi Pr^3)(\mathcal{E} + P)}{r(r - GM/c^2)}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{\mathcal{E}}{c^2}$$



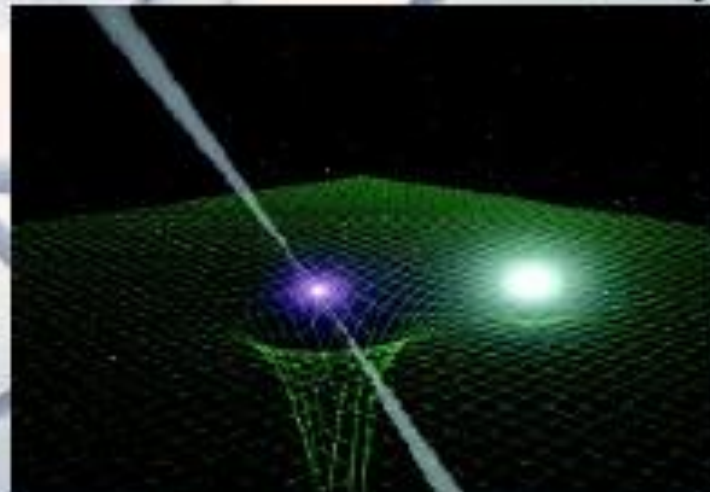
# Framework: Low-Energy QCD with Strange Quarks

$K^-$

Strangeness in baryonic matter:

- role of strangeness in **EoS of neutron stars**
- hyperon-nucleon and hyperon-hyperon interactions role in the investigation of dense baryonic matter
- new constraints from **2 solar masses neutron stars**, very stiff Equation of State required!

But



- the basic ingredient .. namely  **$\bar{K}N$  interaction still unclear** and mysterious from the experimental point of view.





$K^-$

**Framework:  
Low-Energy QCD  
with Strange Quarks**

**Approached by the investigation of the antikaon-nucleon interaction**

**Important constraints:**

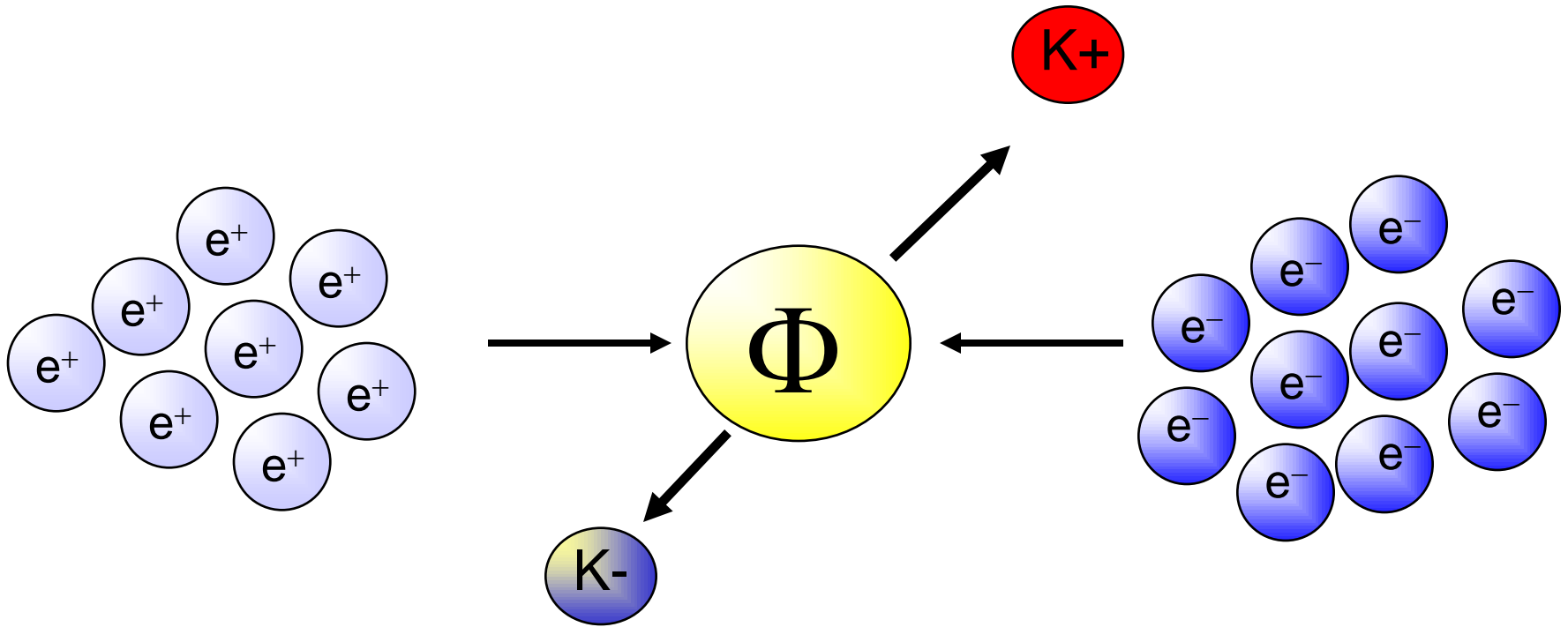
- $K^-N$  threshold physics (shift and width of kaonic atoms levels measured by SIDDHARTA)  
? Deeply bound kaonic nuclei
  - $\Sigma\pi$  mass spectra
- Nature and properties of the  $\Lambda(1405)$  considered as  $K^-N$  quasibound state embedded in the  $\Sigma\pi$  continuum
  - Hypernuclear physics

# DAFNE Collider at LNF-INFN





# *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**  
**Hypernuclear physics**  
**Kaon-nucleons/nuclei interaction studies**

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

**Kaonic atoms**

**DEAR  
SIDDHARTA  
SIDDHARTA-2**

**Hypernuclei**

**FINUDA**

**Low-energy  
Kaon-nuclei  
(deeply bound)**

**FINUDA  
AMADEUS**





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# DEAR and SIDDHARTA

Silicon Drift Detector for Hadronic Atom Research by Timing Applications



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- IFIN – HH, Bucharest, Romania
- Politecnico, Milano, Italy
- MPE, Garching, Germany
- PNSensors, Munich, Germany
- RIKEN, Japan
- Univ. Tokyo, Japan
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# Kaonic atoms: the scientific aim

the determination of the *isospin dependent*  
*KN scattering lengths* through a

*~ precision measurement of the shift*  
and *of the width*

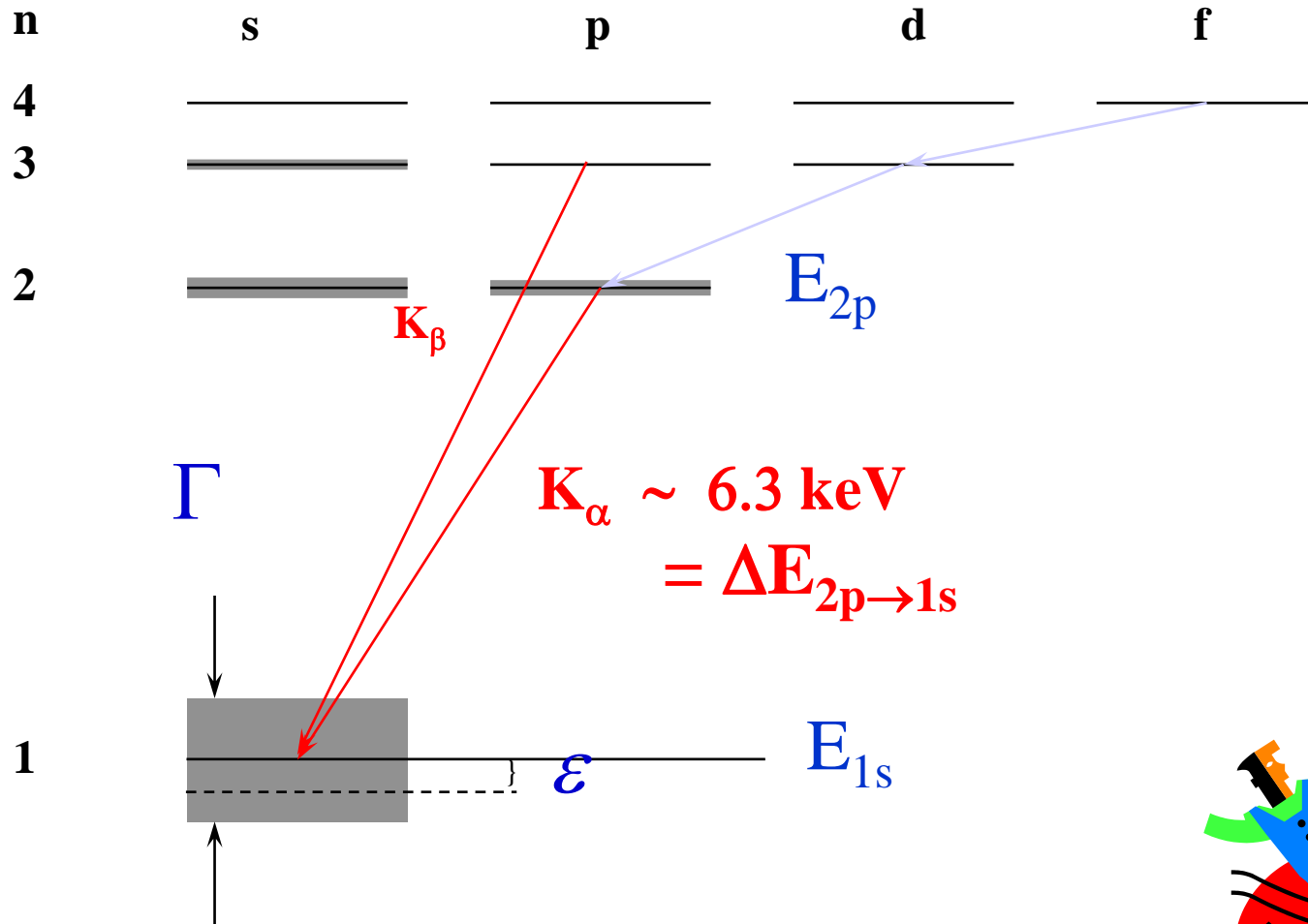
of the  $K_{\alpha}$  line of **kaonic hydrogen**

and

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

**Measurements of kaonic Nitrogen (kaon mass) and kaonic Helium 3 and 4 as well (2p level – deeply bound kaonic nuclei)**

# *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



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

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

# *The scientific program*

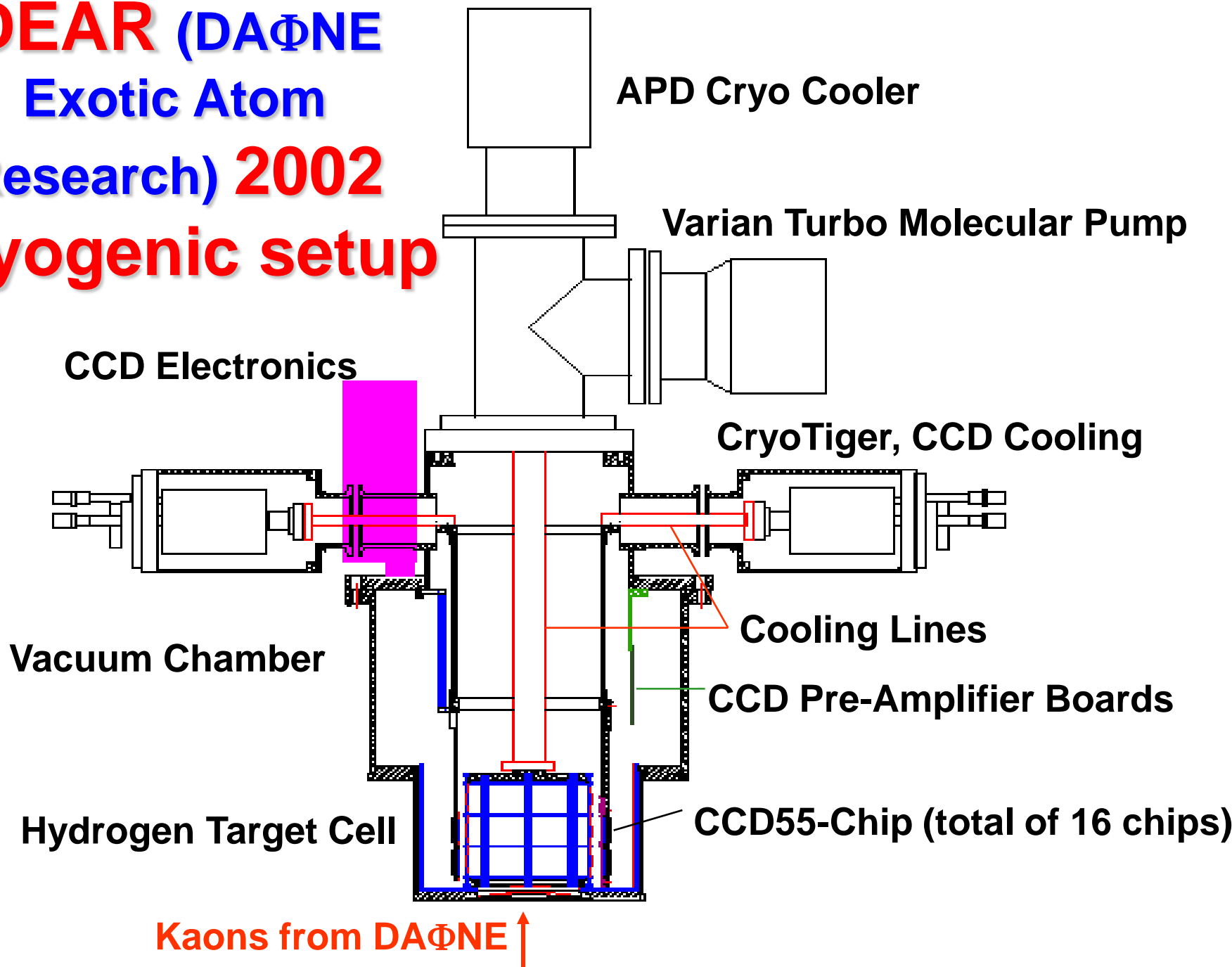
Measuring the  $\bar{K}N$  scattering lengths with the precision of a few percent will drastically change the present status of low-energy  $\bar{K}N$  phenomenology and also provide a clear assessment of the SU(3) chiral effective Lagrangian approach to low energy hadron interactions.



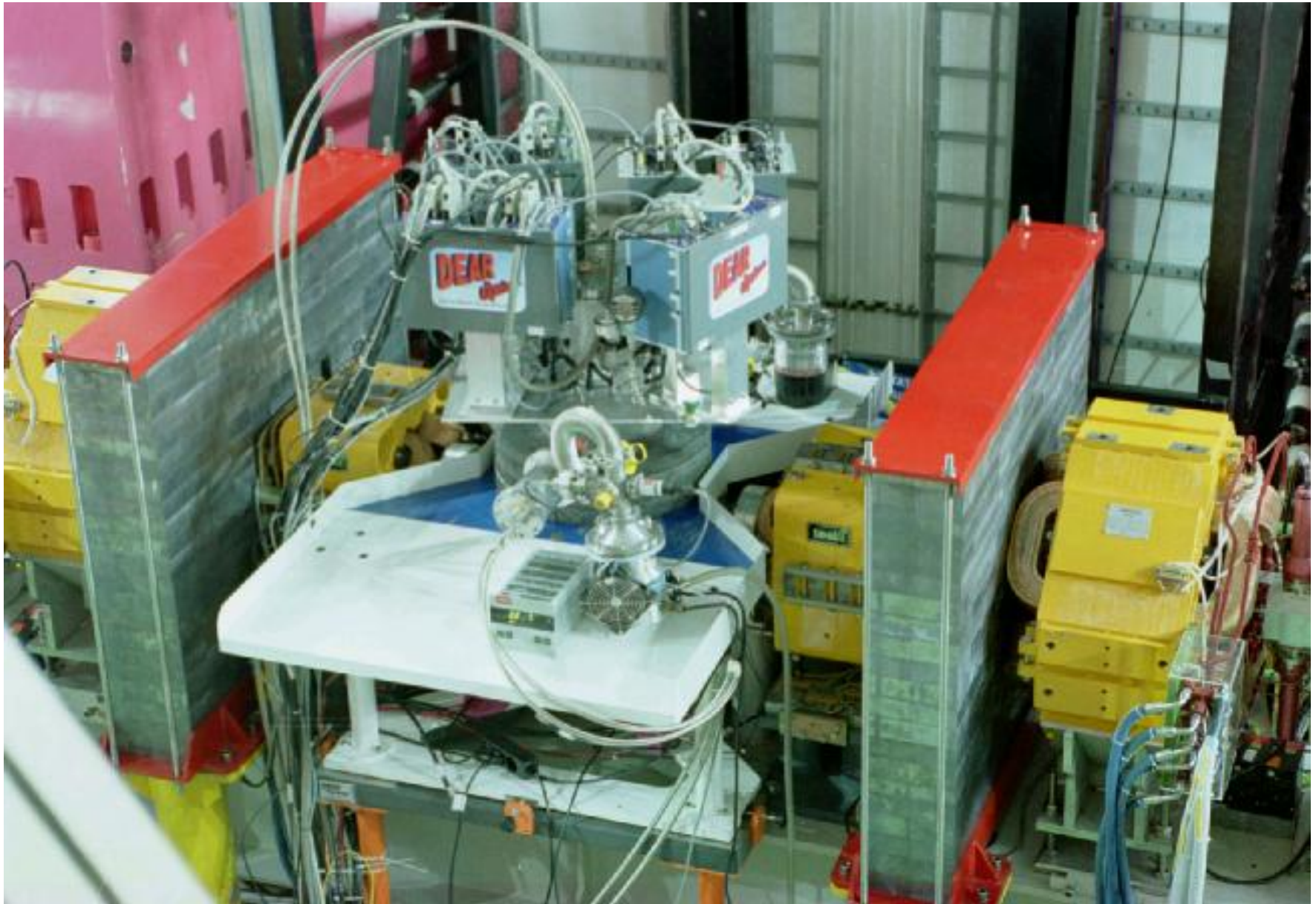
1. **Breakthrough in the *low-energy KN phenomenology*;**
2. **Threshold amplitude in QCD**
3. **Study of the  $\Lambda(1405)$**
4. **Contribute to the determination of the *KN sigma terms*, which give the degree of chiral symmetry breaking;**
5. **4 related alado with the determination of the *strangeness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



**DEAR (DAΦNE  
Exotic Atom  
Research) 2002  
Cryogenic setup**



# ***DEAR on DA $\Phi$ NE (2002)***





# October – December 2002 DAQ

## Collected data:

### -Kaonic Nitrogen:

*6 – 28 October* (about  $17 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  –  $10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  in stable conditions);

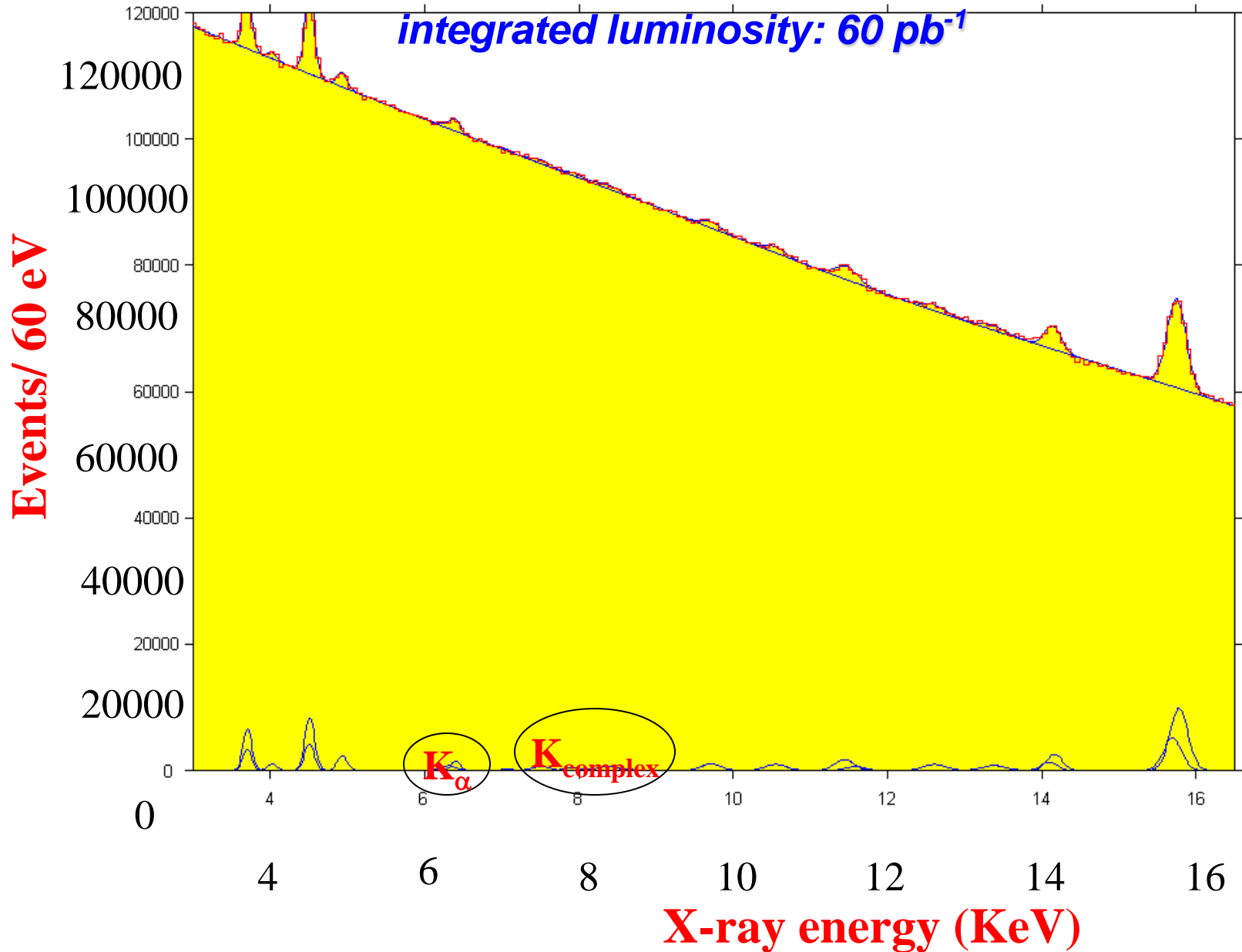
### -Kaonic Hydrogen:

*30 October – 16 December*: about  $60 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

### -Background data (no collisions) for KH:

*16 – 23 December*

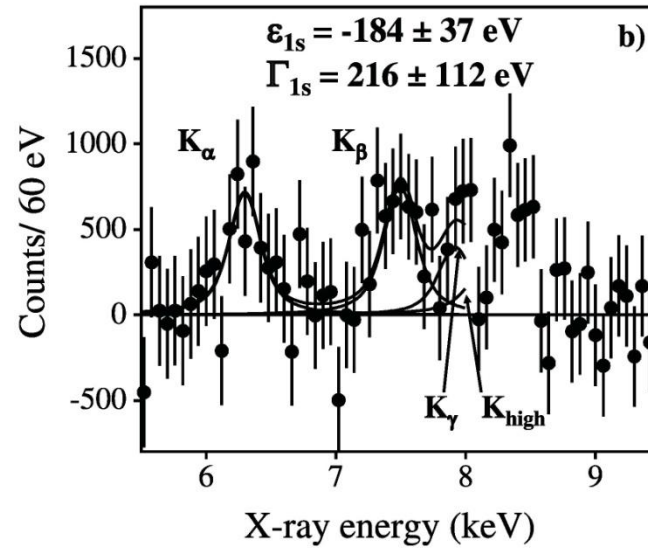
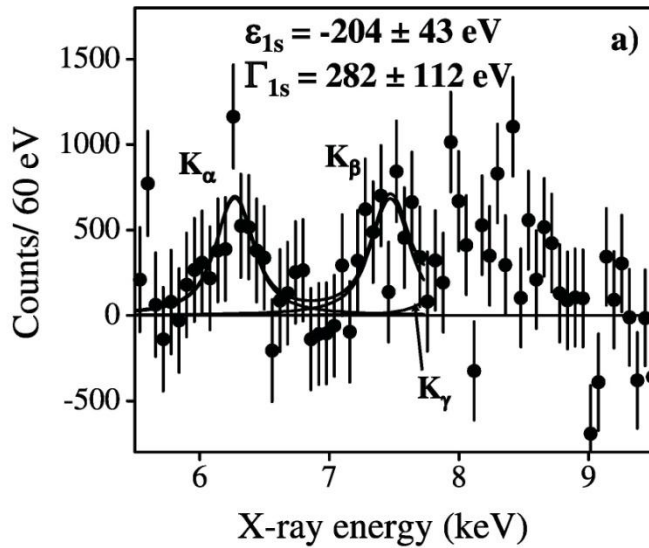
# Kaonic Hydrogen (2002 data)- global fit





# KAONIC HYDROGEN

DEAR (Frascati); G. Beer et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 94 (2005) 212302



## ● $K^- p$ SCATTERING LENGTH

$$\epsilon + \frac{i\Gamma}{2} = 2\alpha^3 \mu^2 a_{K^- p} [1 - 2\alpha\mu(\ln \alpha - 1) a_{K^- p}]$$

Deser & Trueman

Rusetsky et al.



# DEAR Results on the Shift and Width

2 independent analyses starting from the raw data  
giving consistent results

( Phys.Rev.Lett. 94, 212302 (2005))

**Shift:**  $\varepsilon_{1s} = -193 \pm 37 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 6 \text{ (syst.) eV}$

**Width:**  $\Gamma_{1s} = 249 \pm 111 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 30 \text{ (syst.) eV}$



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# SIDDHARTA

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# Target cell





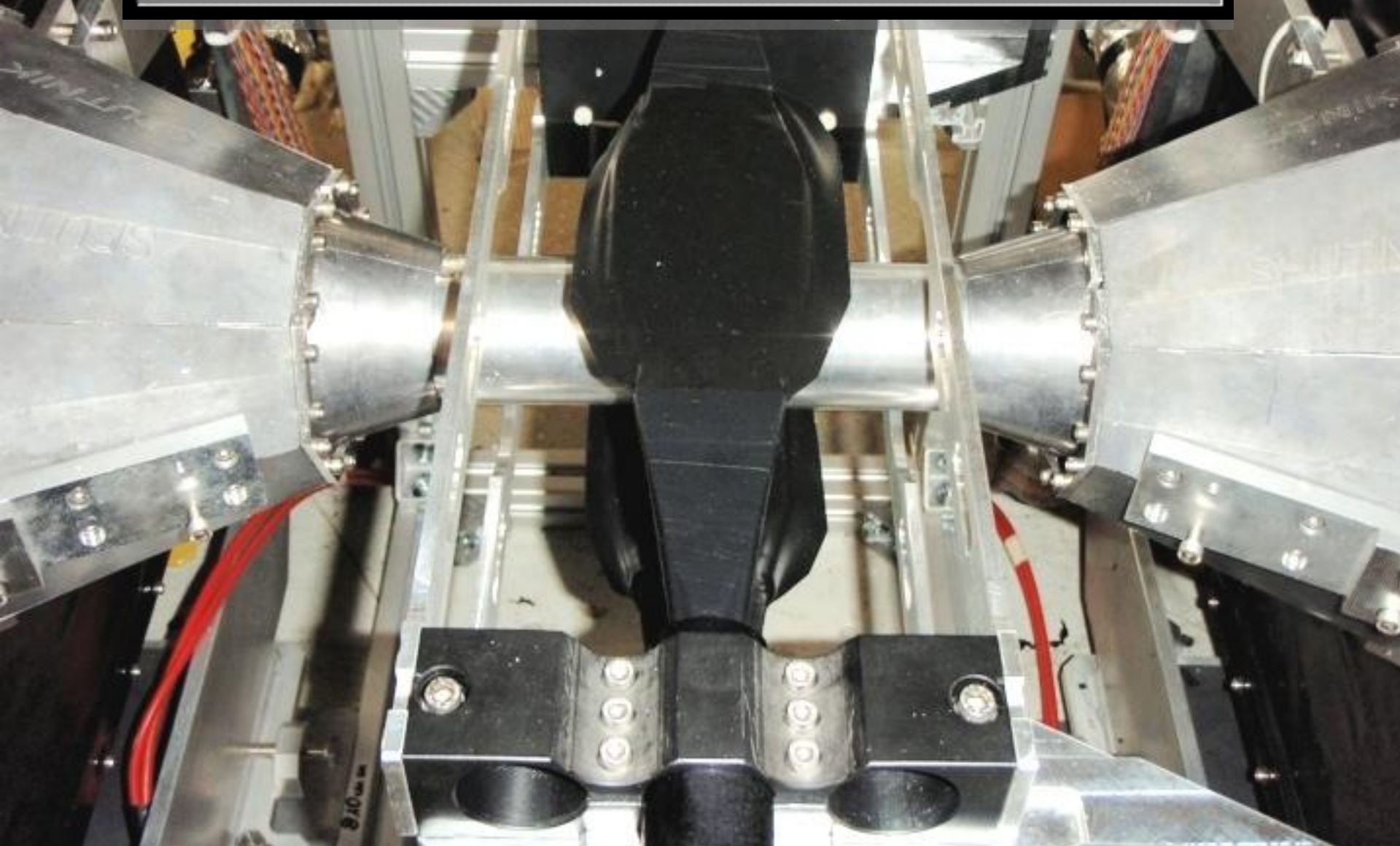
# Silicon Drift Detectors

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



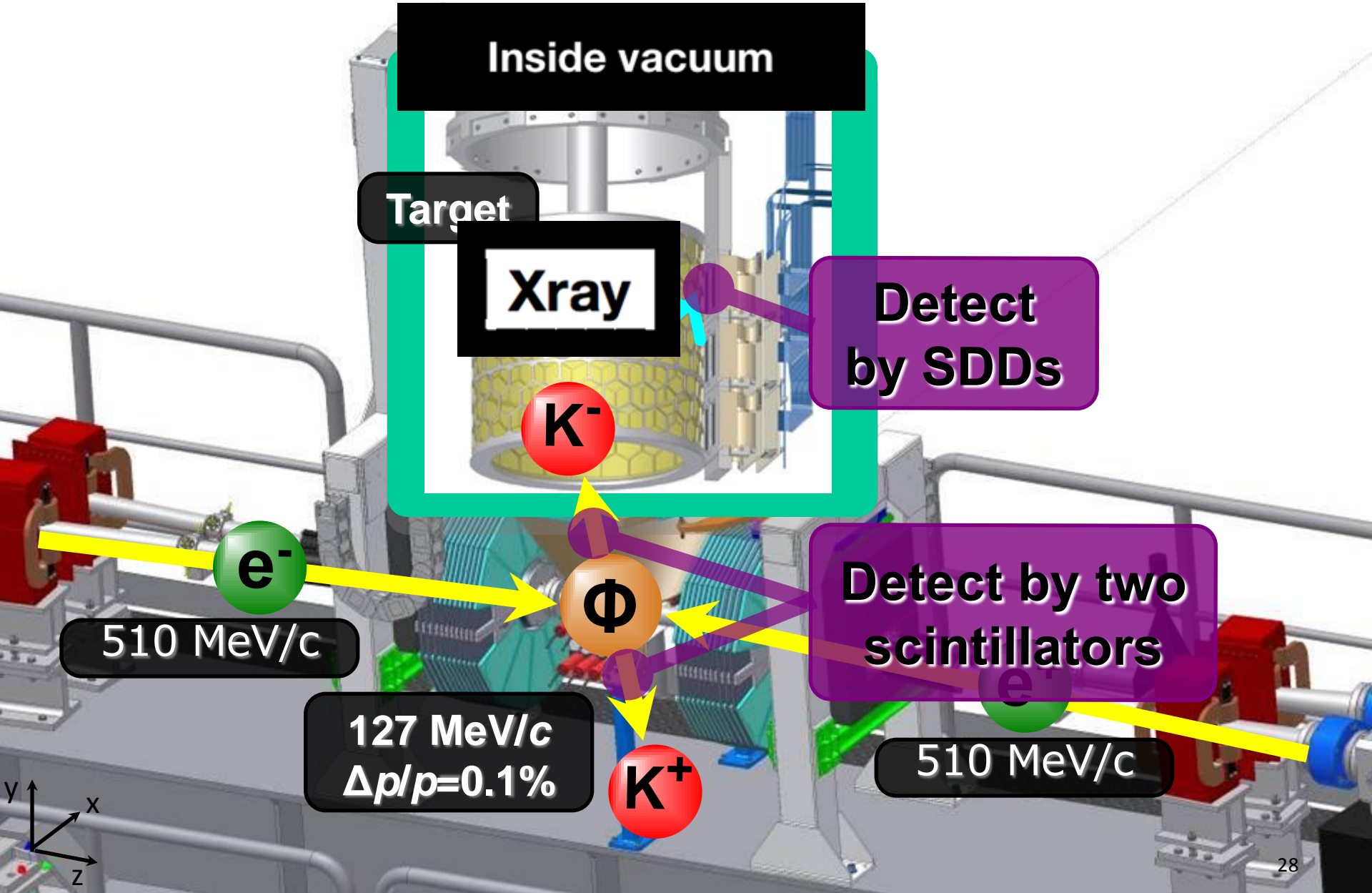


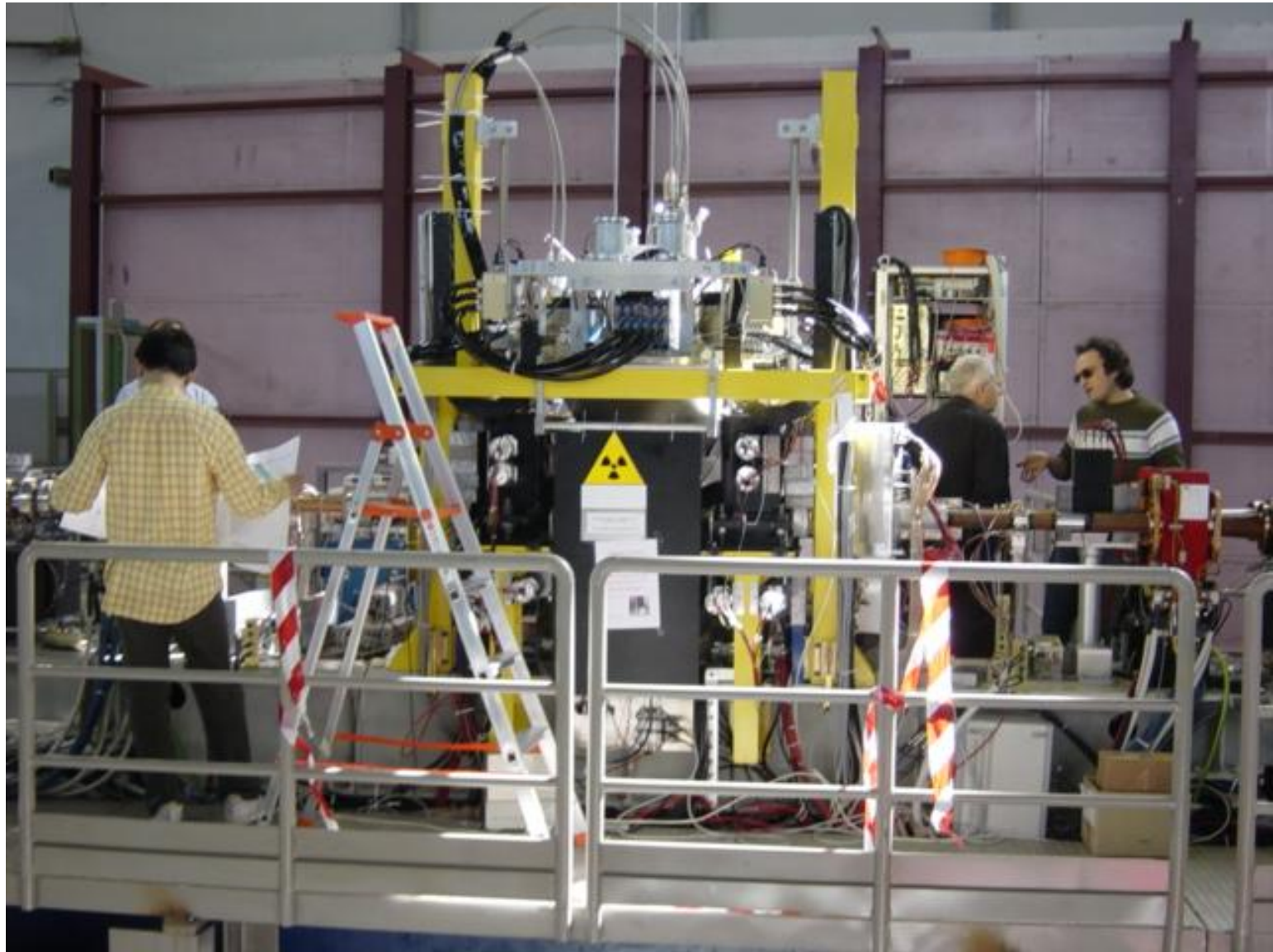
# Kaon detector





# SIDDHARTA overview







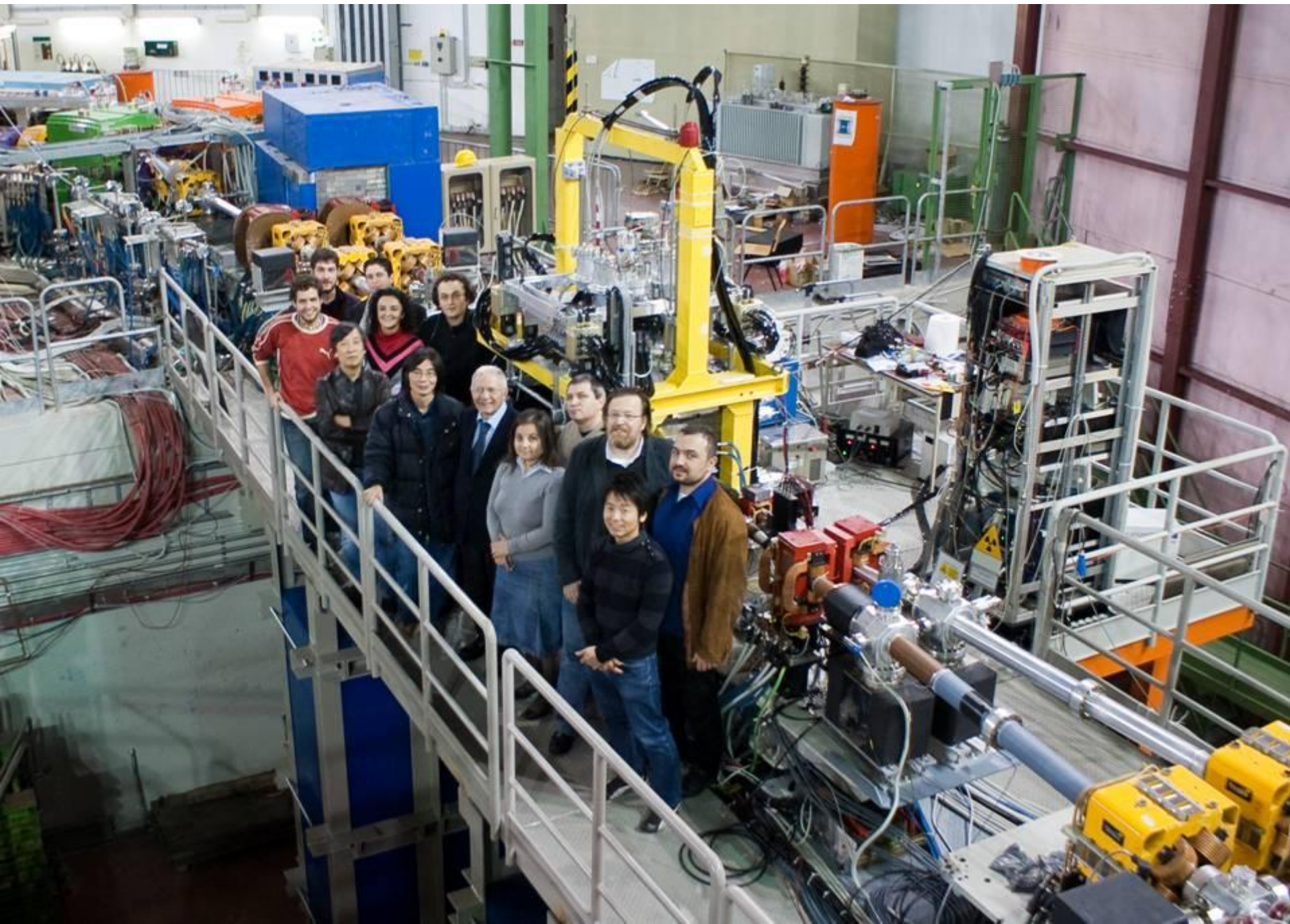
# SIDDHARTA setup

SDDs & Target  
(inside vacuum)

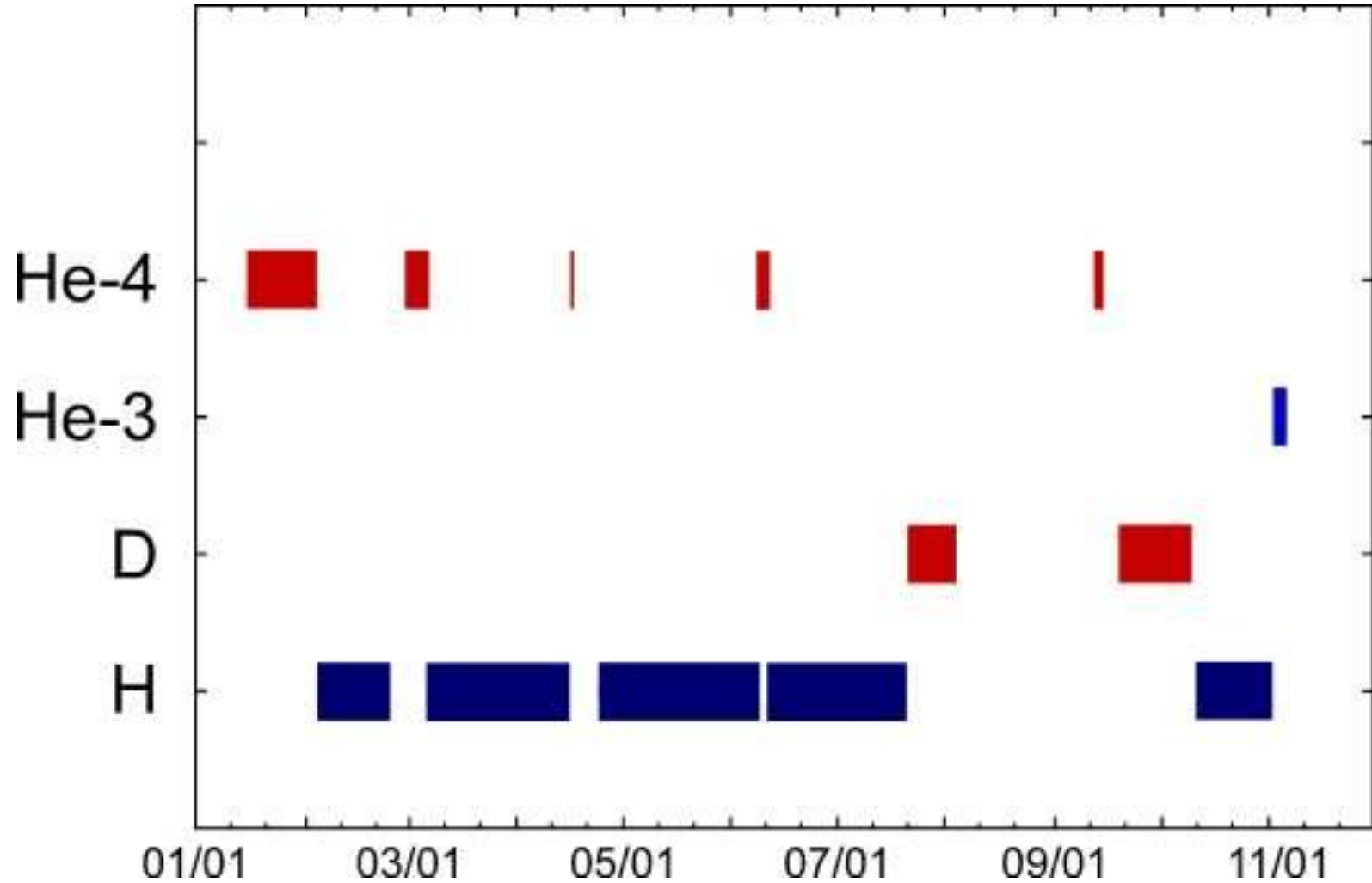
Kaon detector







# *SIDDHARTA data*



## **SIDDHARTA results:**

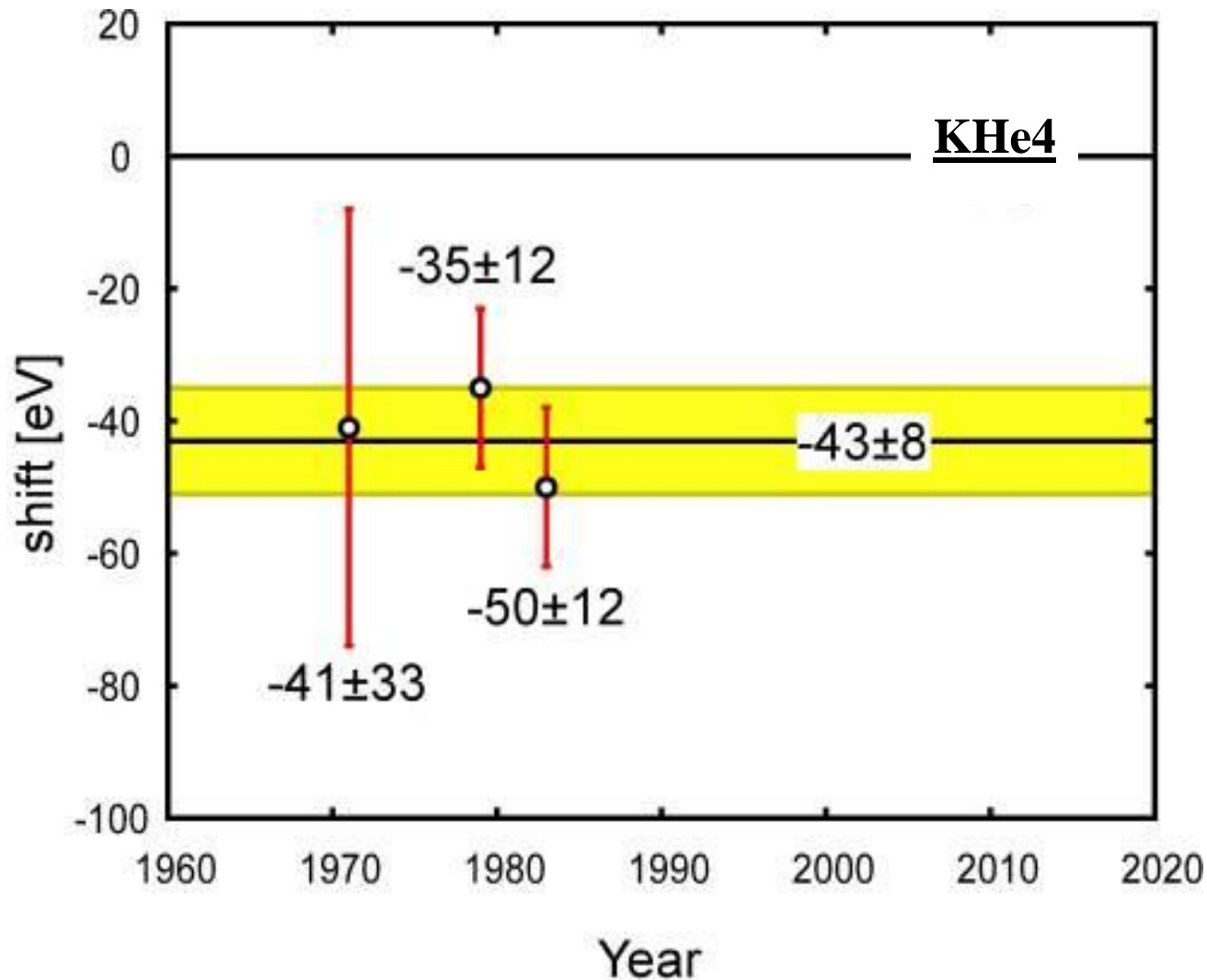
- **Kaonic Hydrogen**:  $400\text{pb}^{-1}$ , most precise measurement ever, *Phys. Lett. B* 704 (2011) 113, *Nucl. Phys. A* 881 (2012) 88; Ph D
- **Kaonic deuterium**:  $100\text{pb}^{-1}$ , as an exploratory first measurement ever, *Nucl. Phys. A* 907 (2013) 69; Ph D
- **Kaonic helium 4** – first measurement 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

**SIDDHARTA – important TRAINING for young researchers**



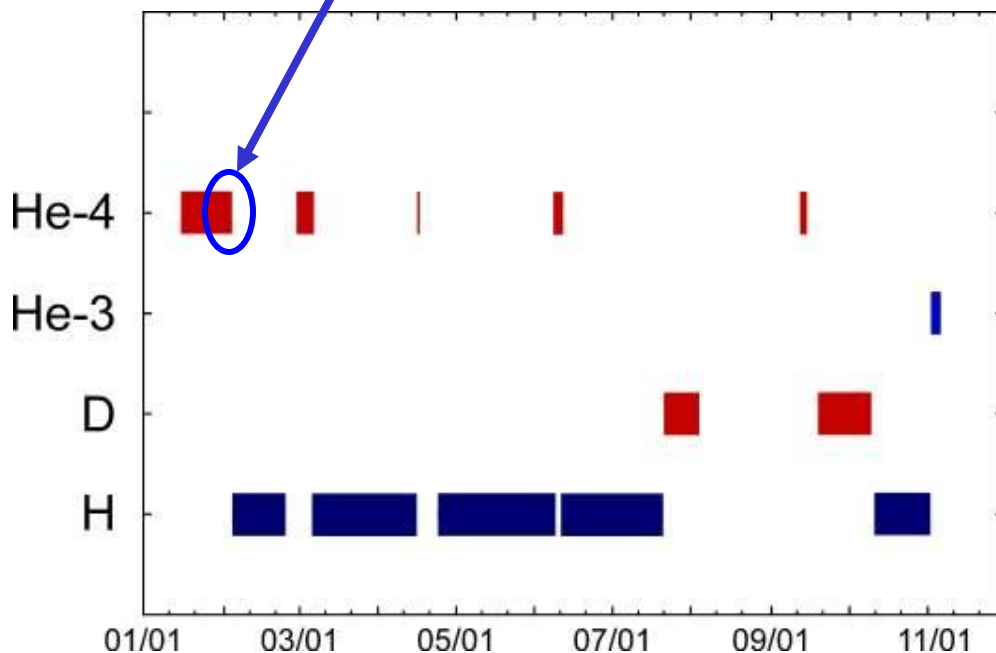
# *Kaonic Helium 3 and 4*

# *Kaonic 4 old data*



# Data taking periods of SIDDHARTA in 2009

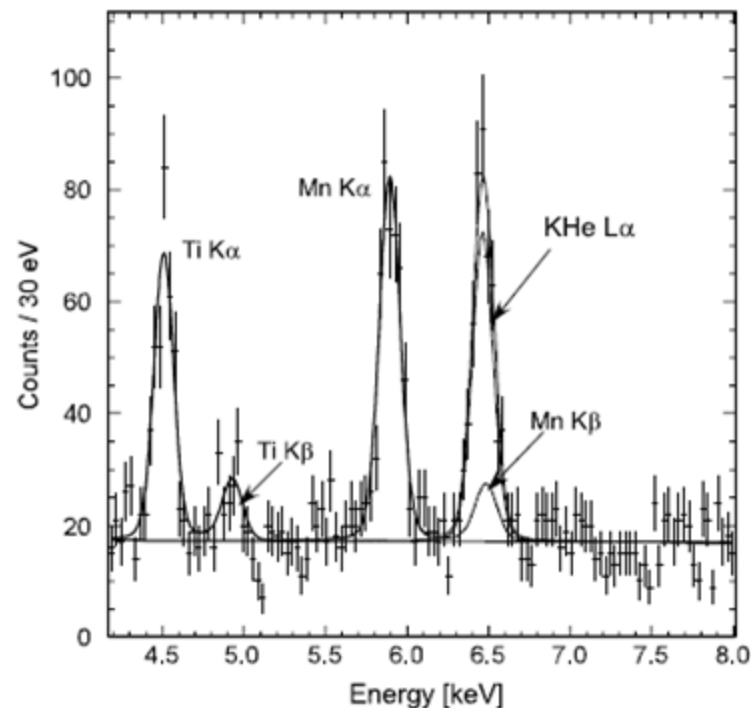
## K-He4 data with Fe source



$^{55}\text{Fe}$  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  $^{55}\text{Fe}$

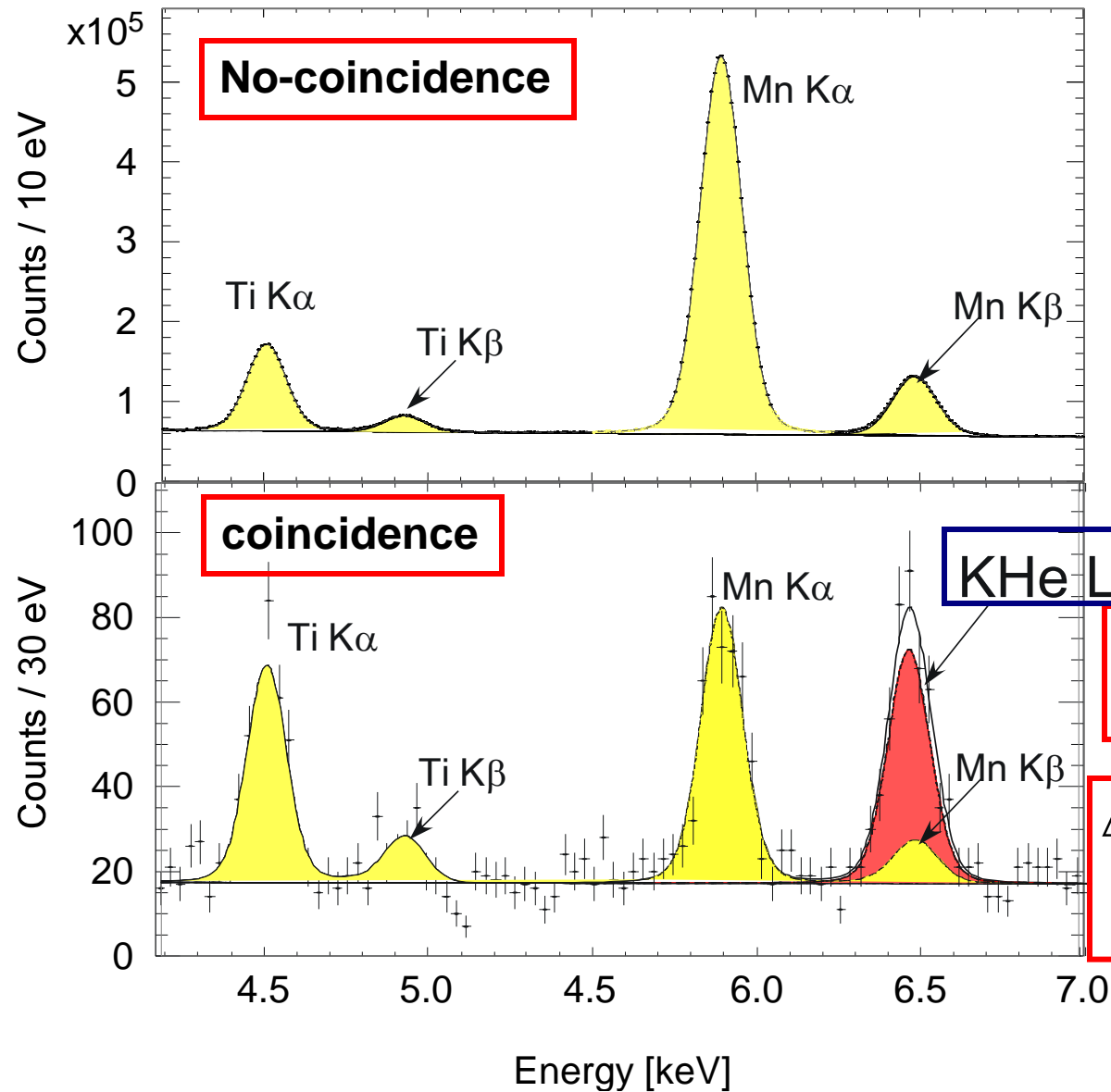
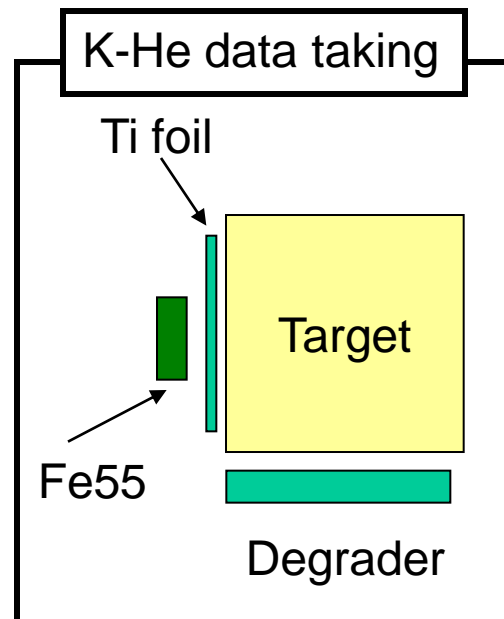


Systematic error =  $\pm 2$  eV



# KHe-4 energy spectrum at SIDDHARTA

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



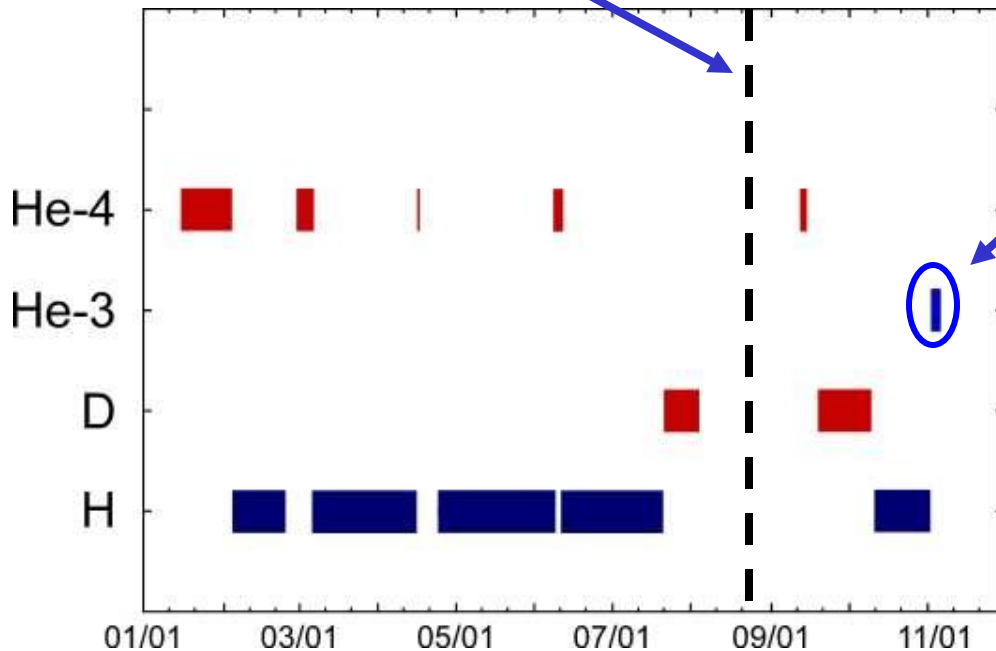
$$E_{\text{exp}} = 6463.6 \pm 5.8 \text{ eV,}$$

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

# Data taking periods of SIDDHARTA in 2009

DAFNE shutdown in Summer

New alignment of setup  
→ Improve S/N ratio



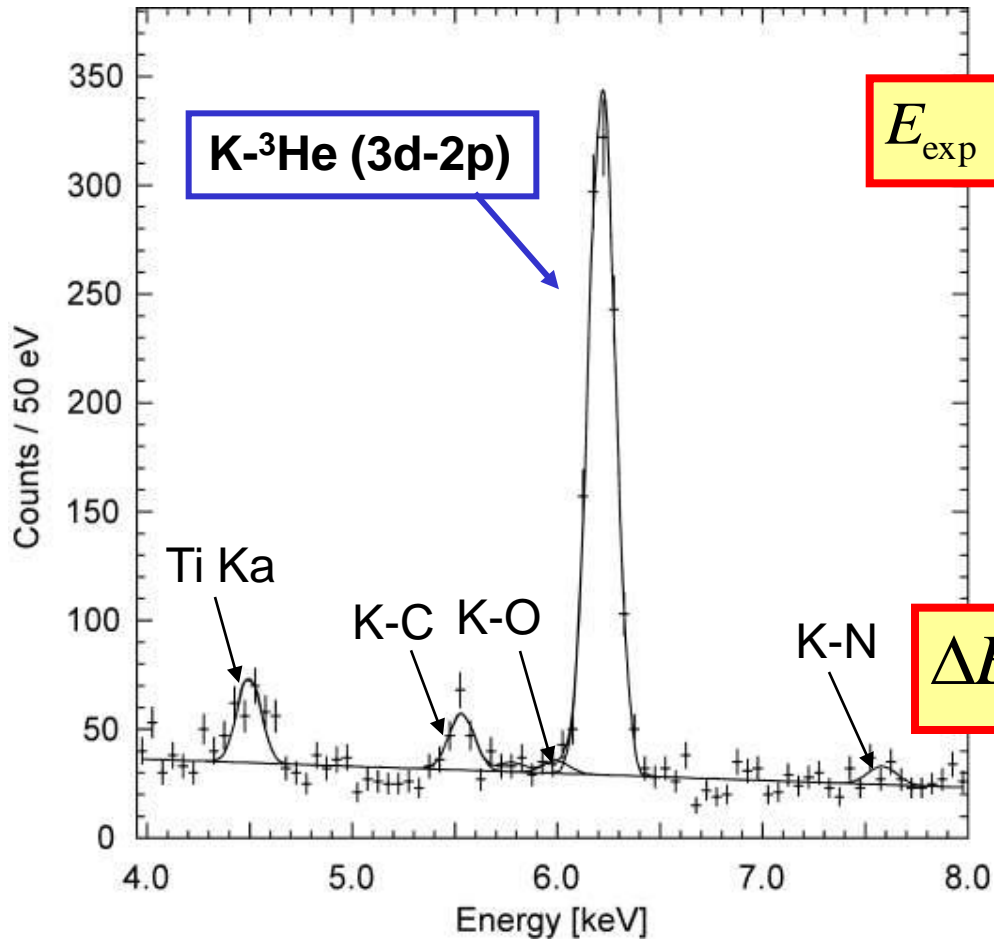
K-He3 data (~4days)

$^{55}\text{Fe}$  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

# Kaonic Helium-3 energy spectrum

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



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

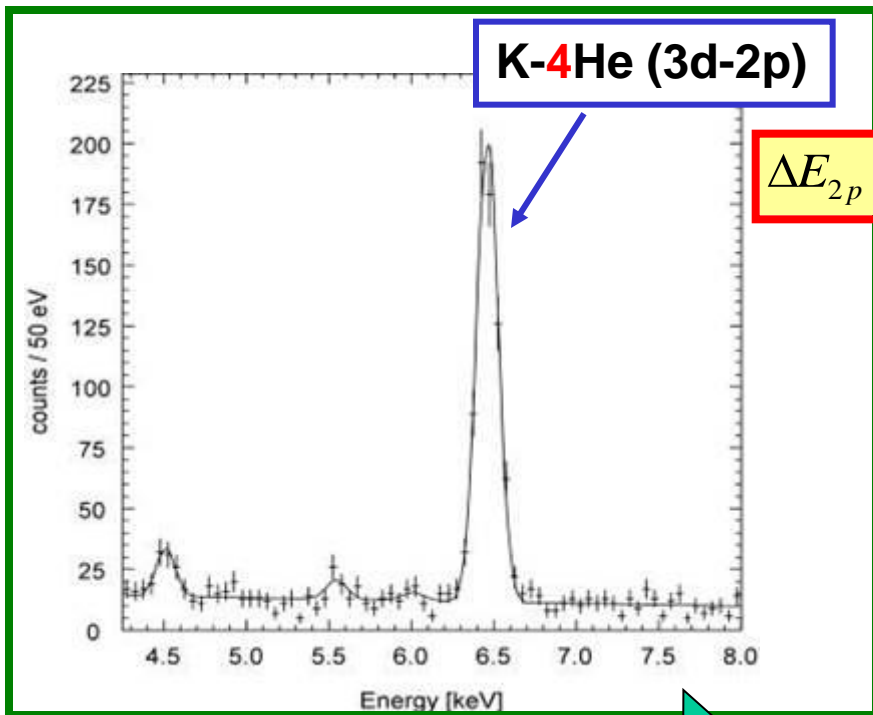
$$\text{QED value: } E_{e.m.} = 6224.6 \text{ eV}$$

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

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

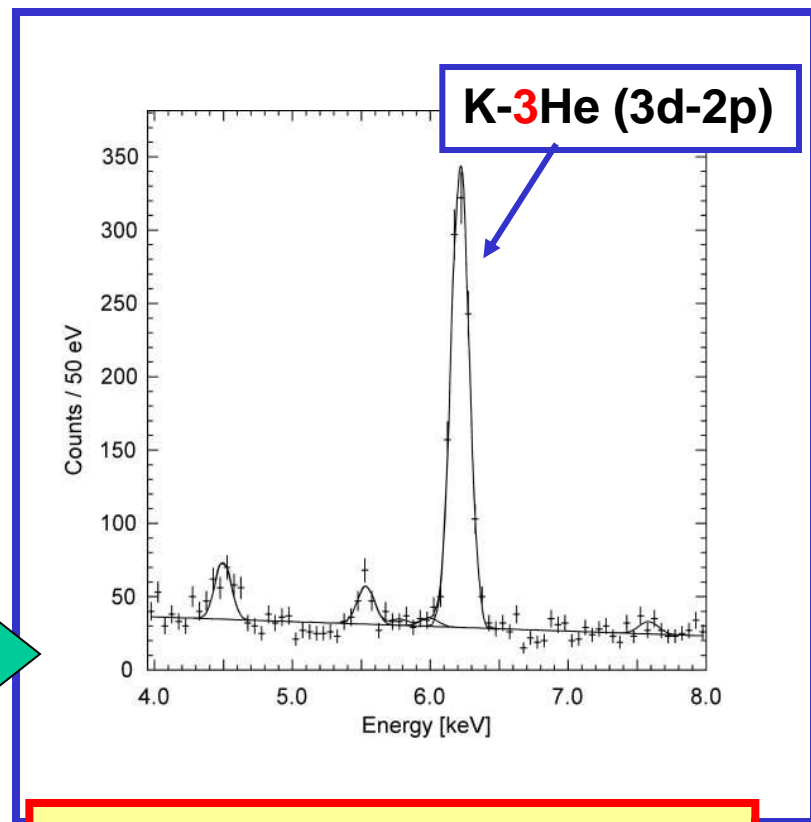
arXiv:1010.4631v1 [nucl-ex], PLB697(2011)199

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



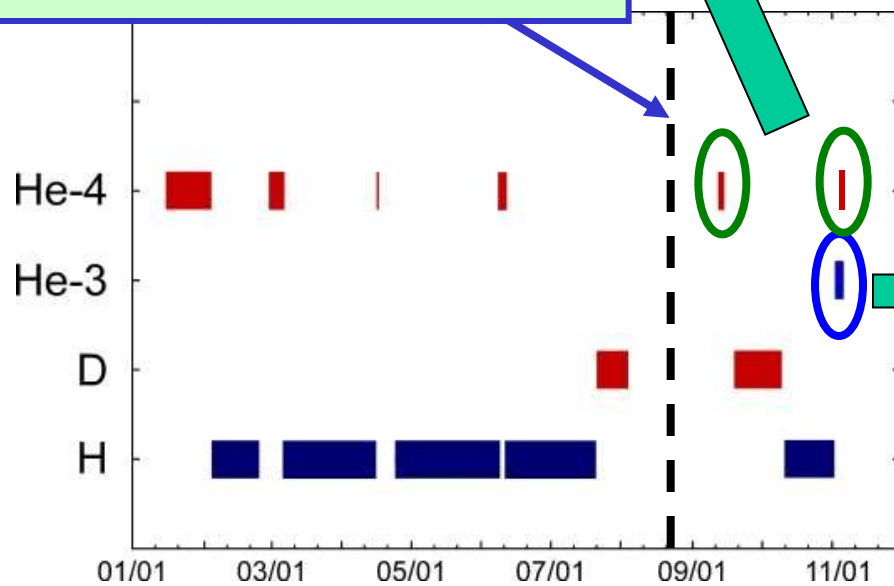
$$\Delta E_{2p} = +5 \pm 3(sta) \pm 4(sys) \text{ eV}$$

PLB697(2011)199



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

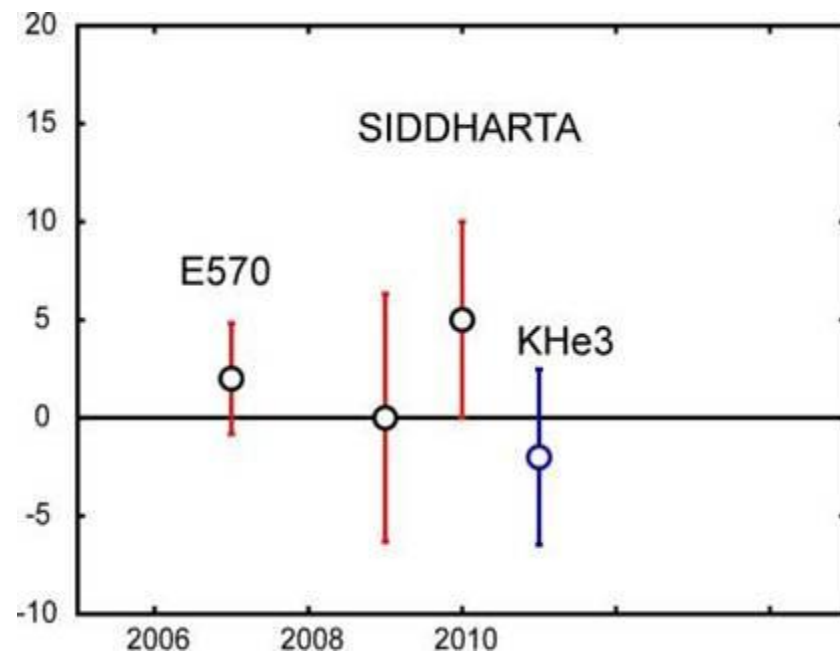
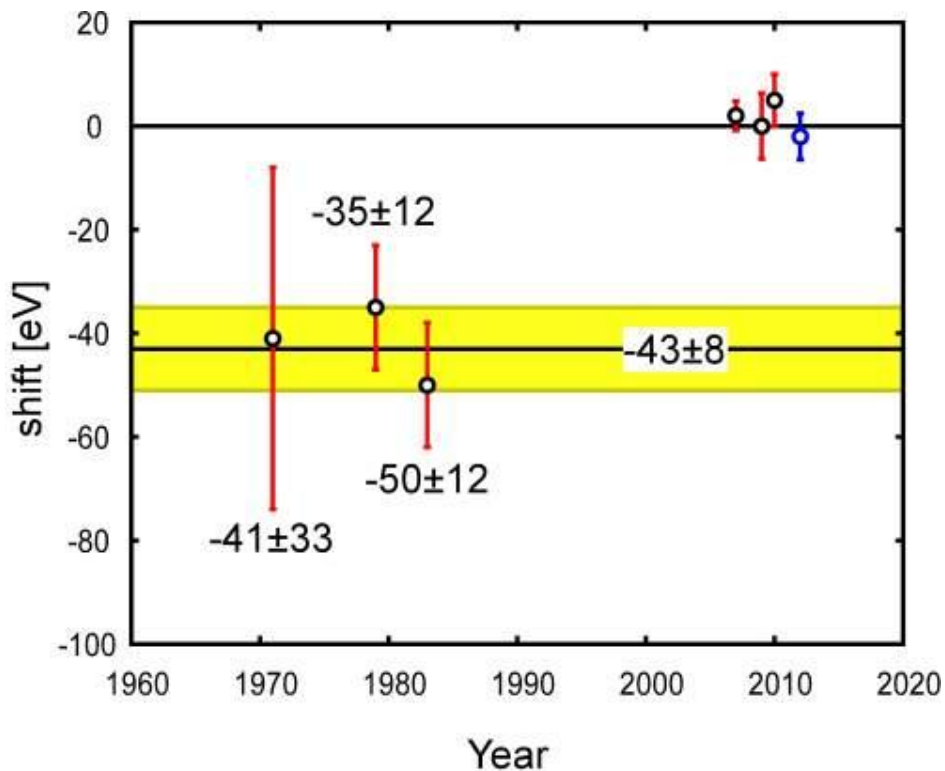
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# Comparison of results

	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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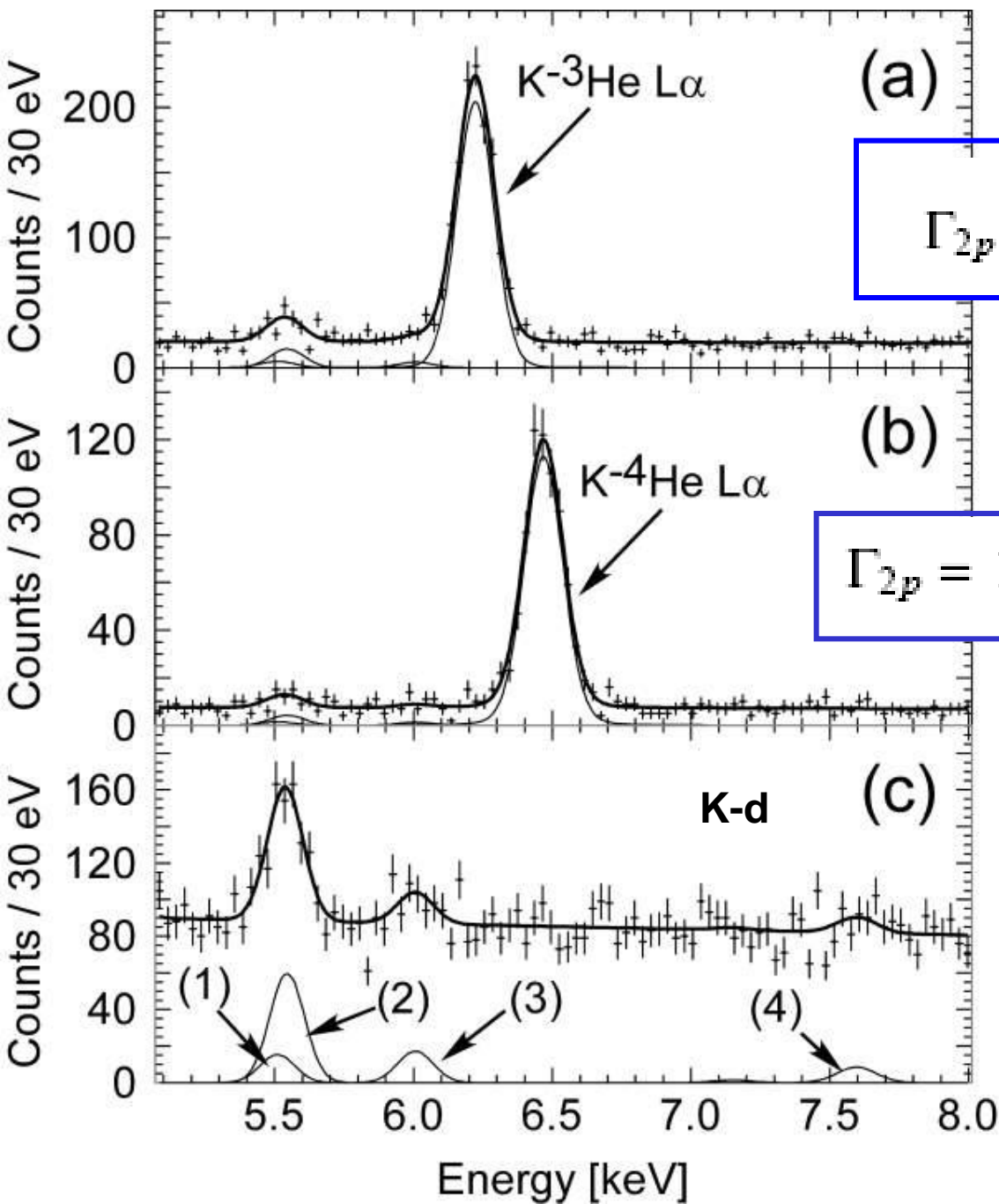
Average

$-43 \pm 8$	$55 \pm 34$
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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

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

K-4He width

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

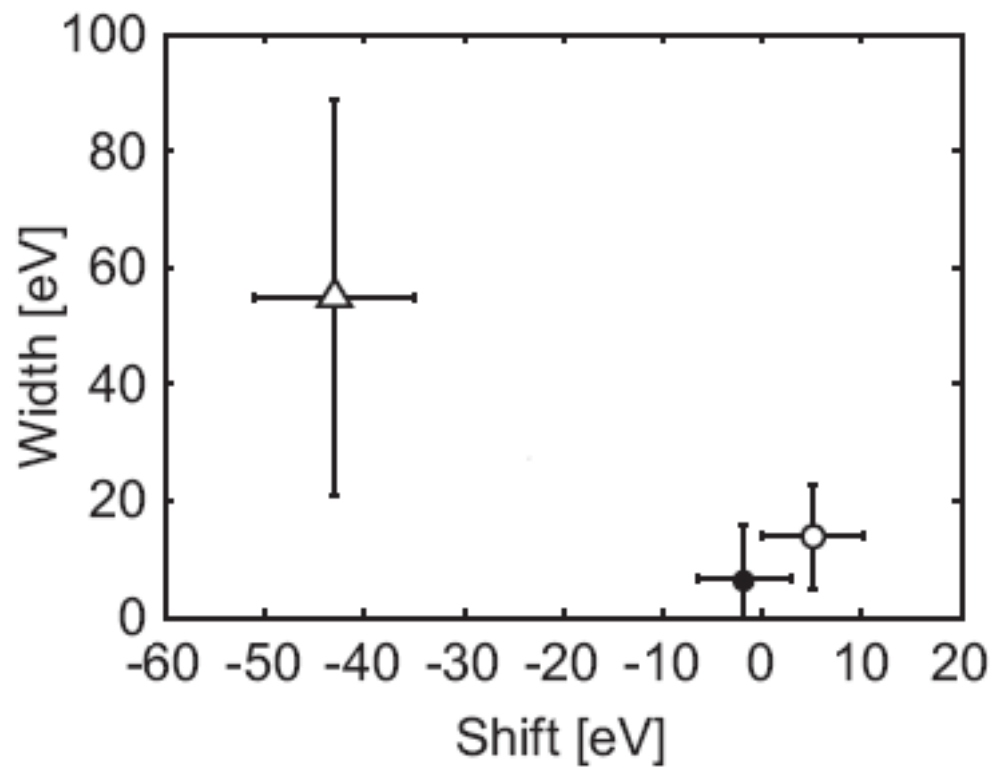
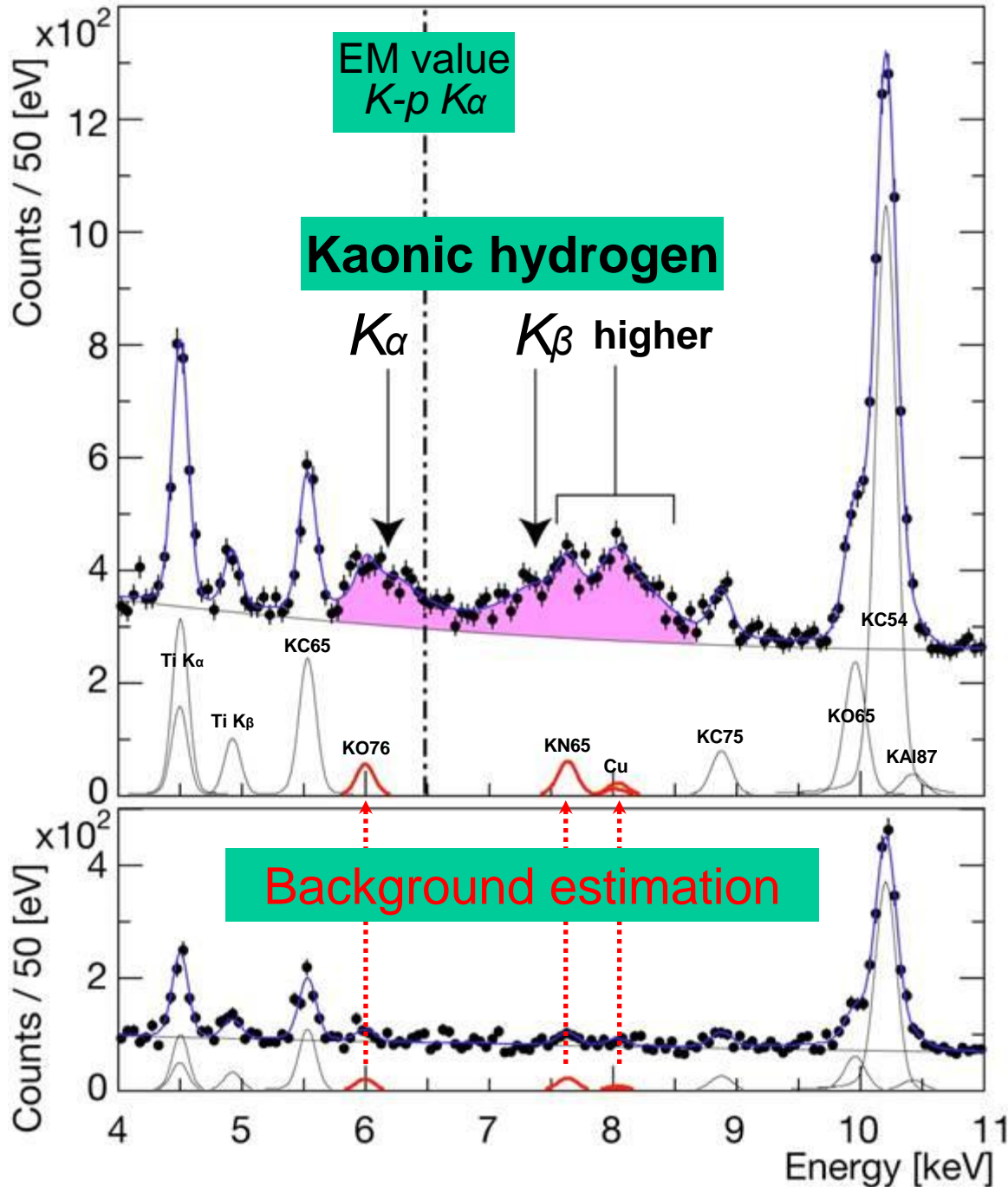


Figure 5: Comparison of experimental results. Open circle: K-4He  $2p$  state; filled circle: K-3He  $2p$  state. Both are determined by the SIDDHARTA experiment. The average value of the K-4He experiments performed in the 70's and 80's is plotted with the open triangle.

# *Kaonic Hydrogen*



**Hydrogen spectrum**

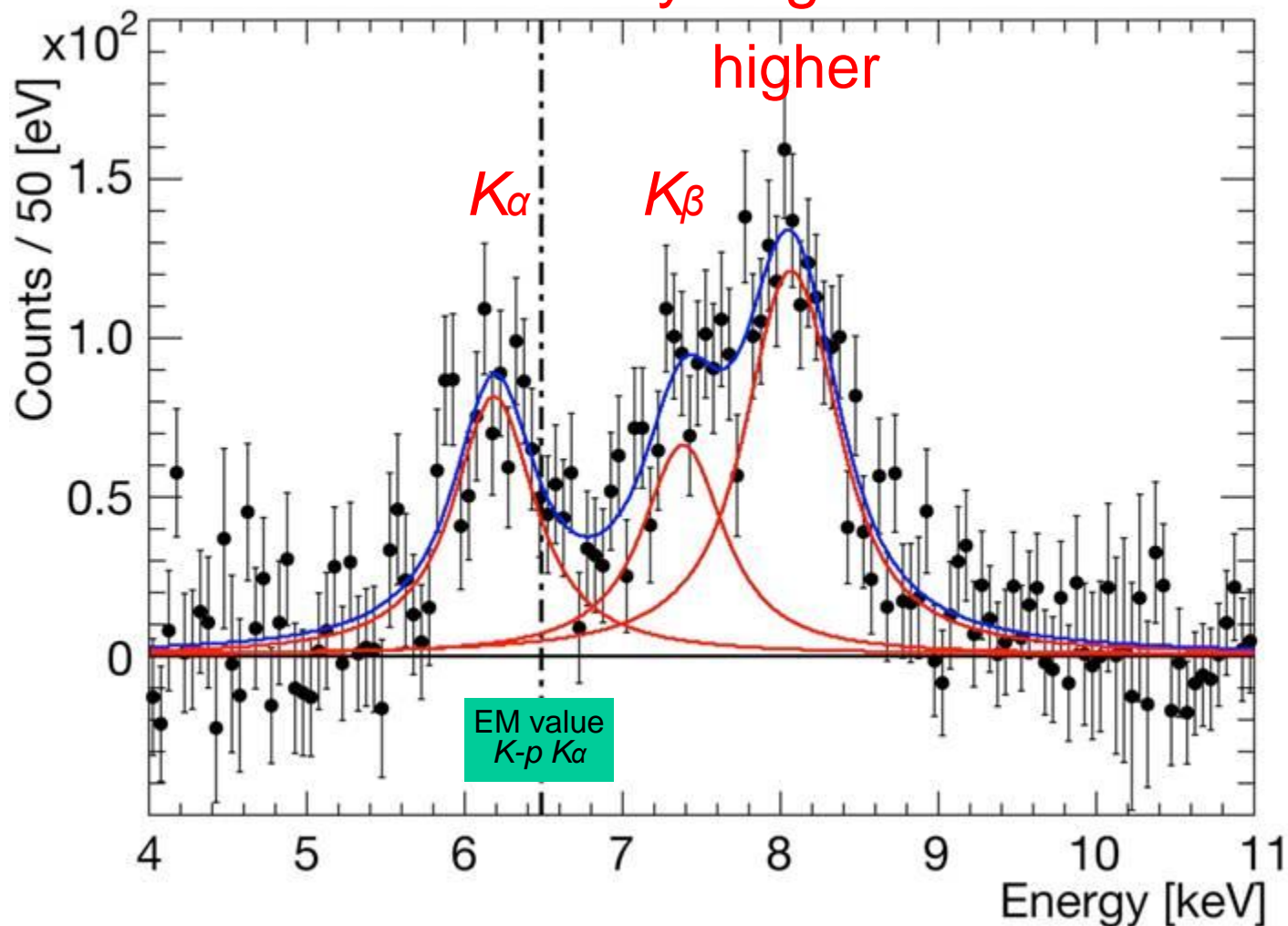


**Deuterium spectrum**

**simultaneous fit**

# 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*



# The first Kd paper of SIDDHARTA

determined the upper limit of Kd  
K-transitions yields



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

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>

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

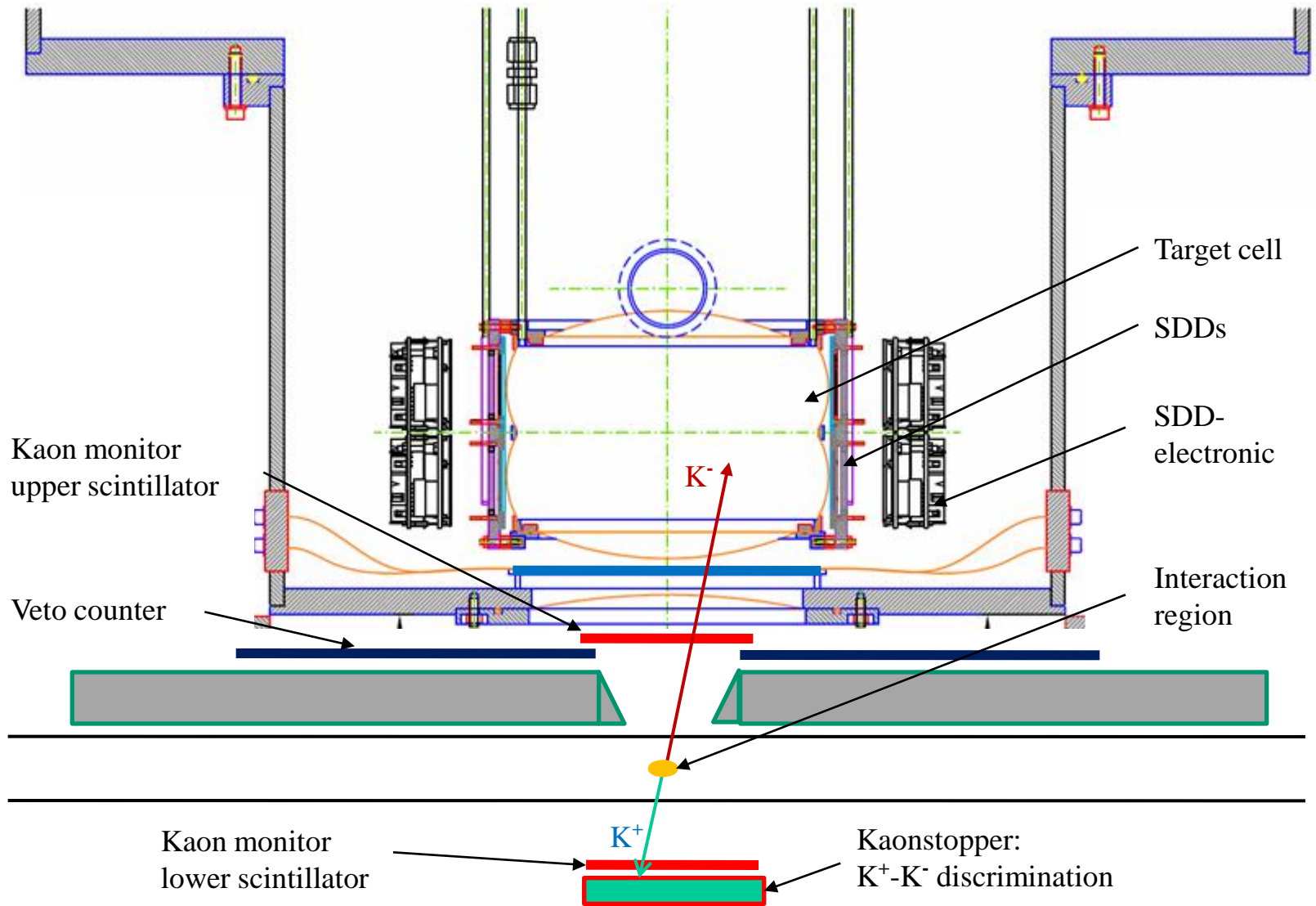
*It is actually the **IDEAL** facility for kaonic atoms  
studies as **SIDDHARTA** has demonstrated*

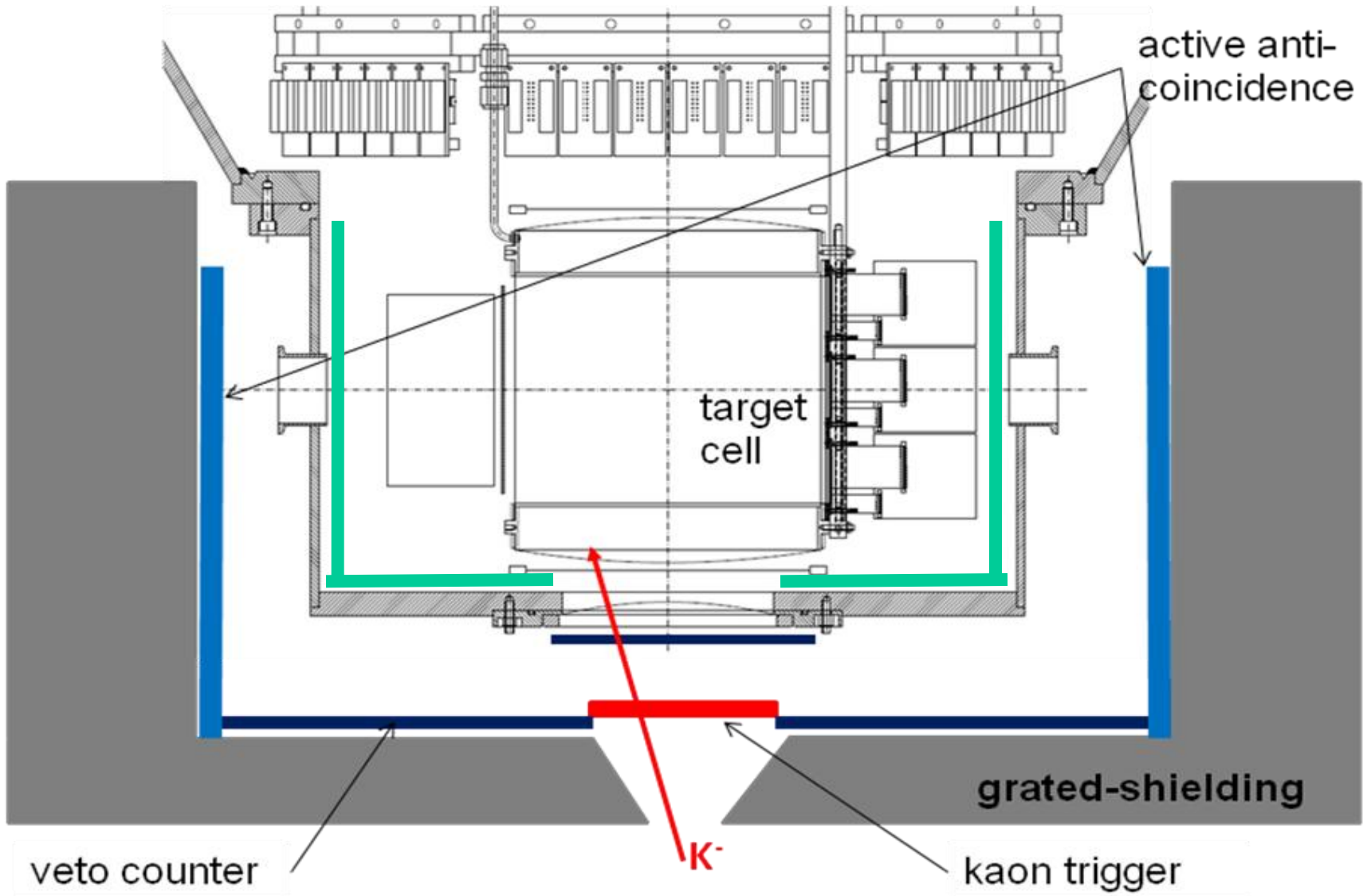
***SIDDHARTA-2** team is ready to restart the  
measurements, having a multi-step strategy,  
starting with the Kaonic deuterium*



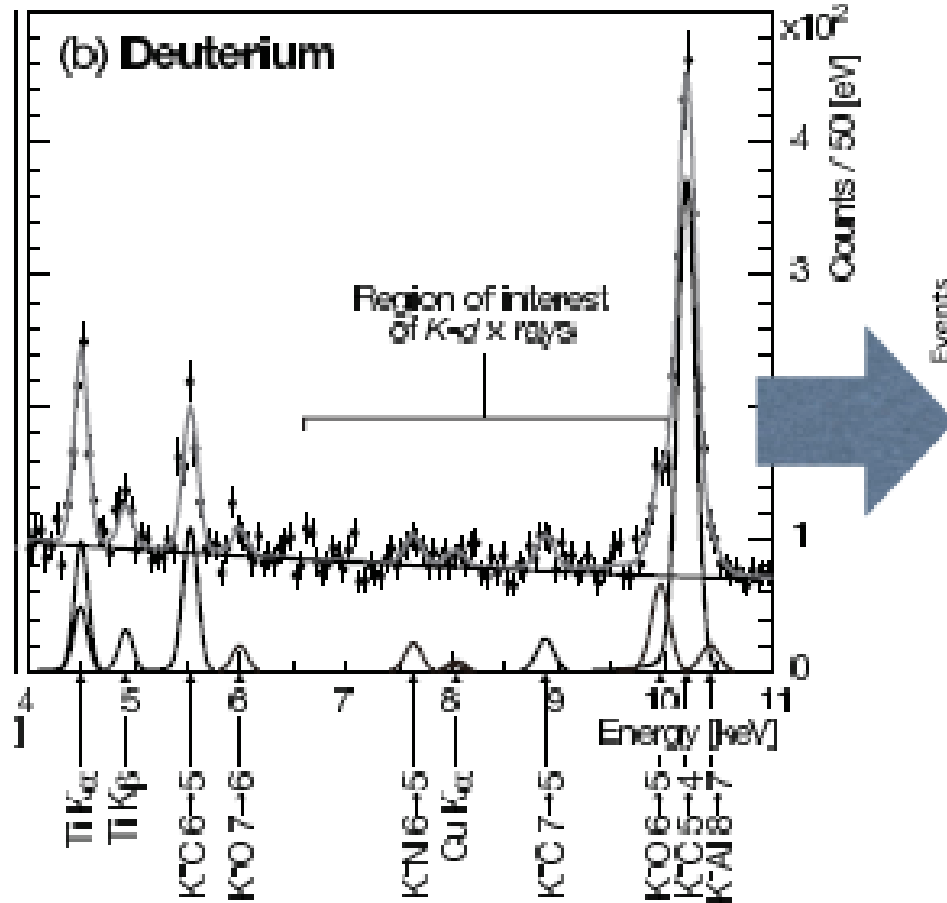
# **The SIDDHARTA-2 setup, essential improvements**

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



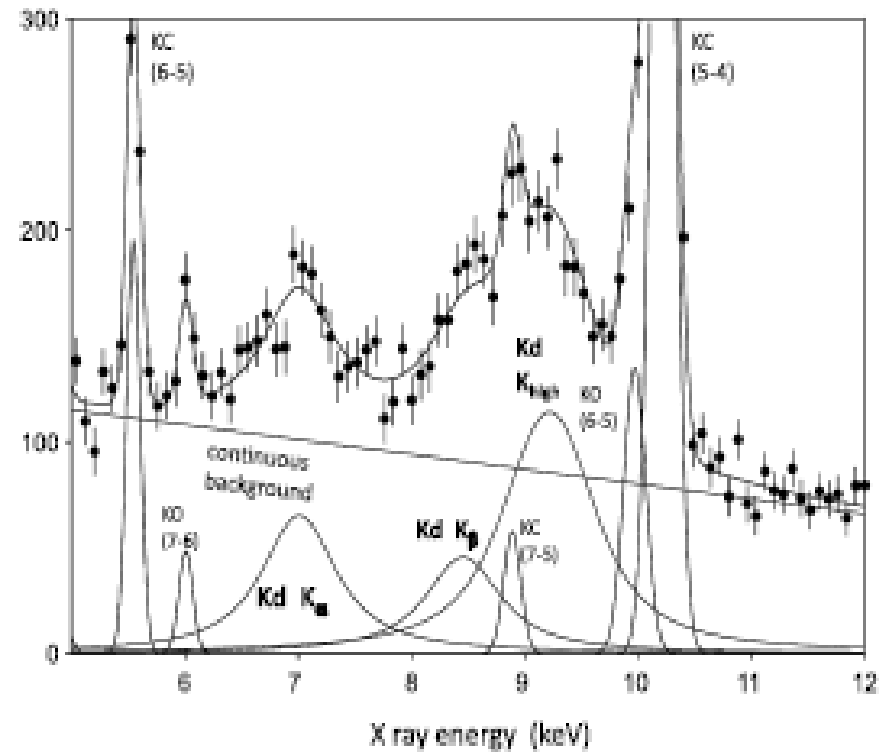


# SIDDHARTA(2009)



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

# 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 =  $1284 \pm 145 \text{ eV}$



# 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,...)

4) Heavier kaonic atoms measurement (Si, Pb...)

5) Kaon radiative capture –  $\Lambda(1405)$  study

6) Investigate the possibility of the measurement of other  
types of hadronic exotic atoms (sigmonic hydrogen ?)

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

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

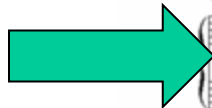
***Unique studies of the low-energy kaon-nucleon/nuclei interactions -> low-energy QCD in strangeness sector with implications from particle ( $\Lambda(1405)$ ) and nuclear (kaonic nuclear clusters?) physics to astrophysics (equation of state -> role of strangeness)***

***- 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***

*Antikaonic  
Matter  
At  
DAΦNE: an  
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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**)

# Deeply Bound Kaonic Nuclei?

## + Kaonic nuclei

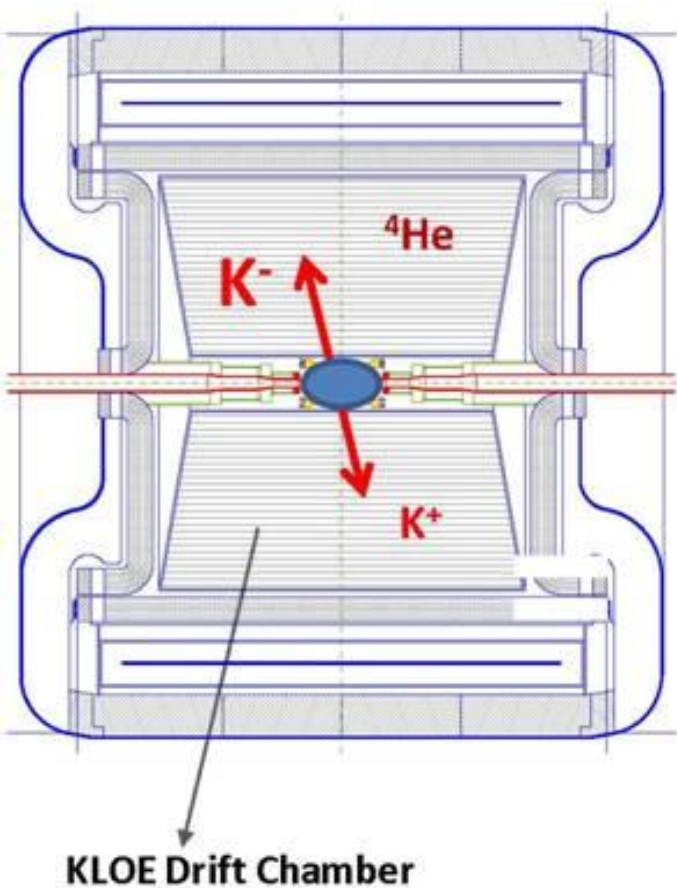
- + Deeply bound state by **strong interaction**.
- + Strong attraction of the  $I=0$   $\bar{K}N$  interaction ( $\bar{K}N^{I=0}$ ) plays an important role in kaonic nuclei.

## + $K^-pp$ bound state

- + The simplest kaonic nuclei.
- + Theoretical prediction of B.E. and  $\Gamma$  **depend on the  $\bar{K}N$  interaction and the calculation method**.

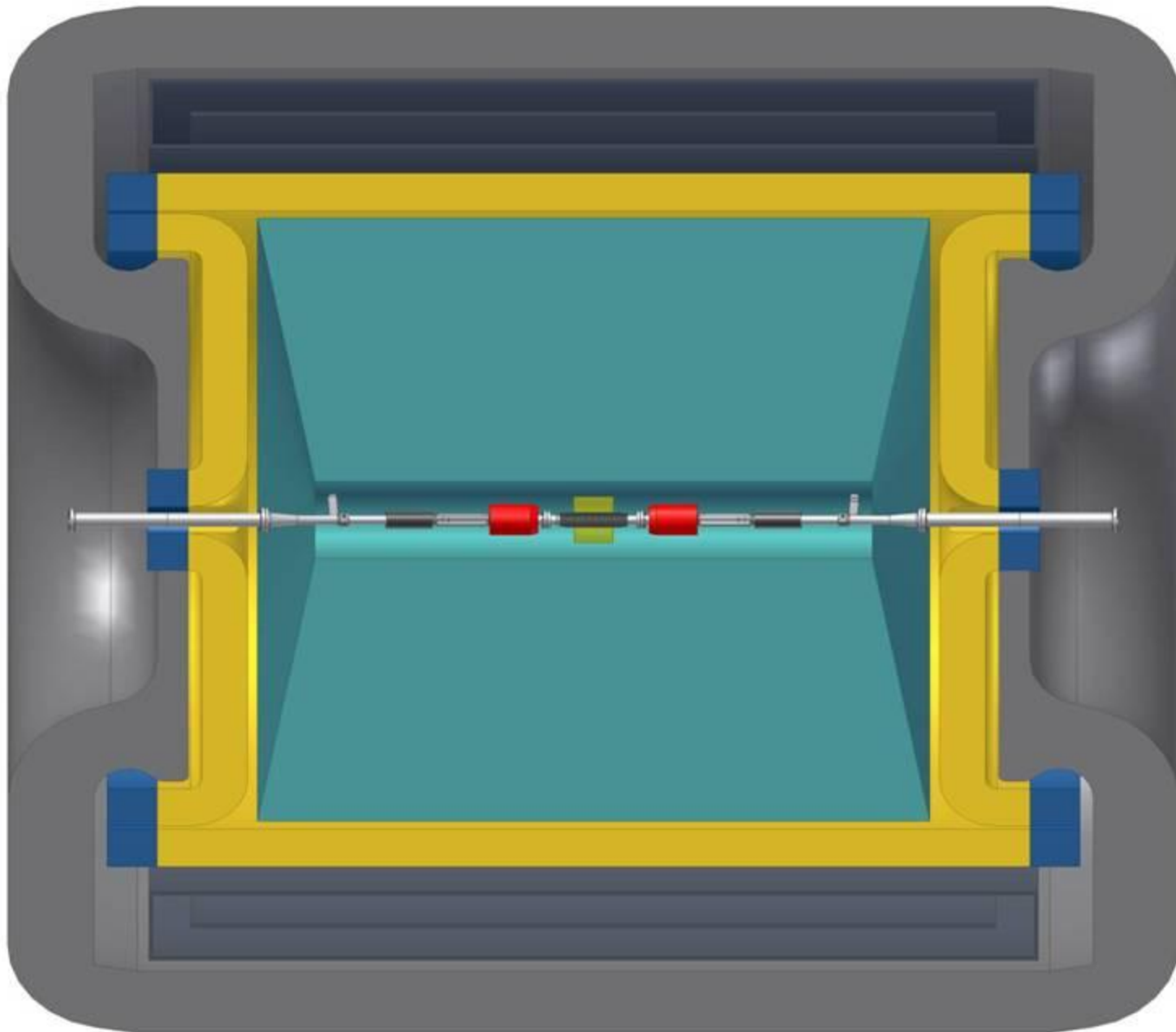
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PRC76, 044004 (2007)	N. V. Shevchenko, A. Gal, J. Mares, J. Revai	50-70	-100
PRC76, 035203 (2007)	Y. Ikeda and T. Sato	60-95	45-80
NPA804, 197 (2008)	A. Dote, T. Hyodo, W. Weise	20±3	40-70
PRC80, 045207 (2009)	S. Wycech and A. M. Green	56.5-78	39-60
PRL B712, 132-137 (2012)	Barnea et al.	15-7	41.2

# 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

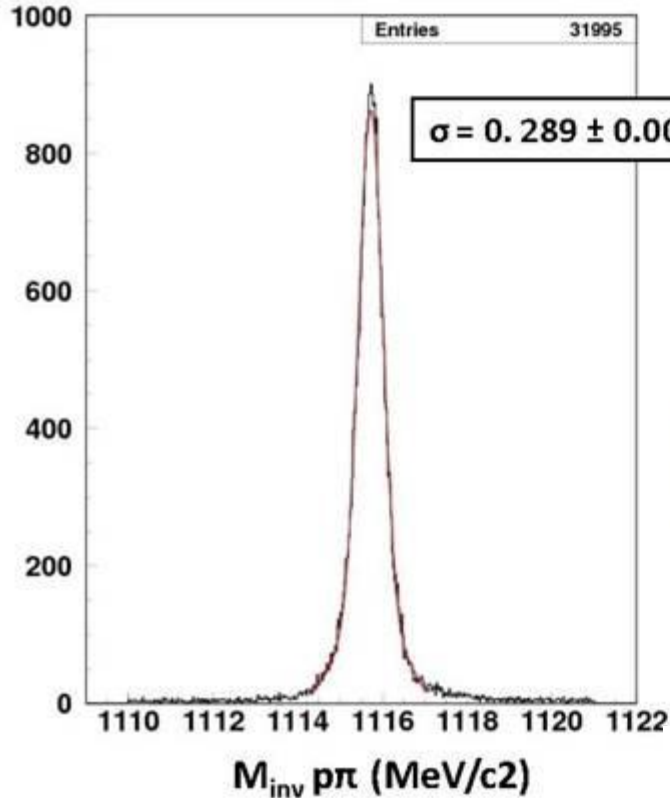




# AMADEUS status

- 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

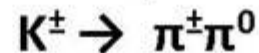
**PRELIMINARY**

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

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

- Sistematics dependent of momentum calibration

**Preliminary evaluation with 2-body decay**

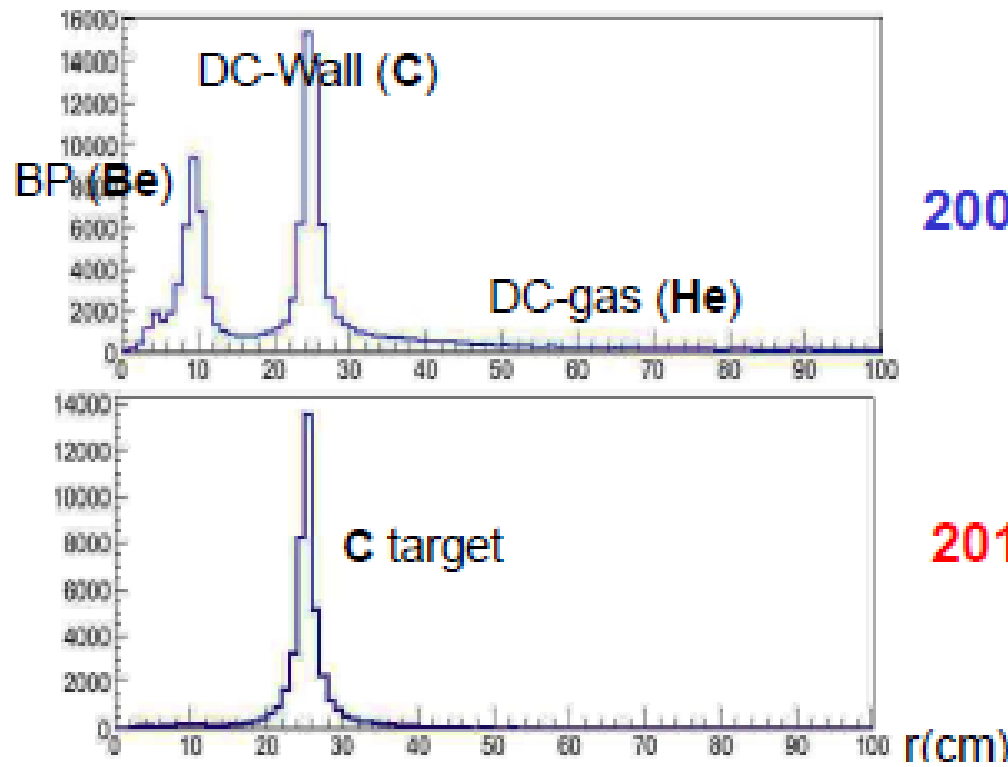


# KLOE data on $K^-$ nuclear absorption

Use of two different data samples:

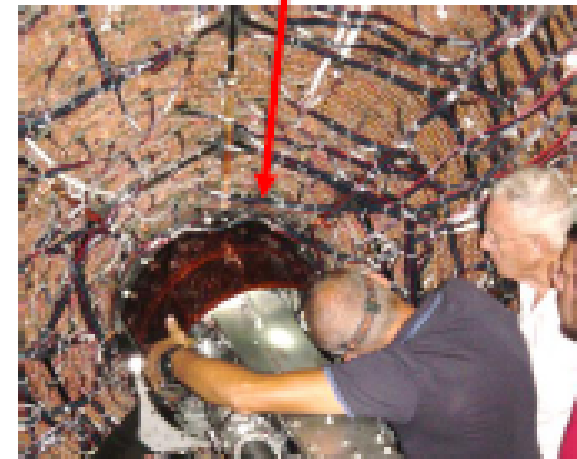
- KLOE data from 2004/2005 (2.2 fb<sup>-1</sup> total, 1.5fb<sup>-1</sup> analyzed)
- Dedicated run in november/december 2012 with a **Carbon target** of 4/6 mm of thickness (~90 pb<sup>-1</sup>; analyzed 37 pb<sup>-1</sup>, x1.5 statistics)

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





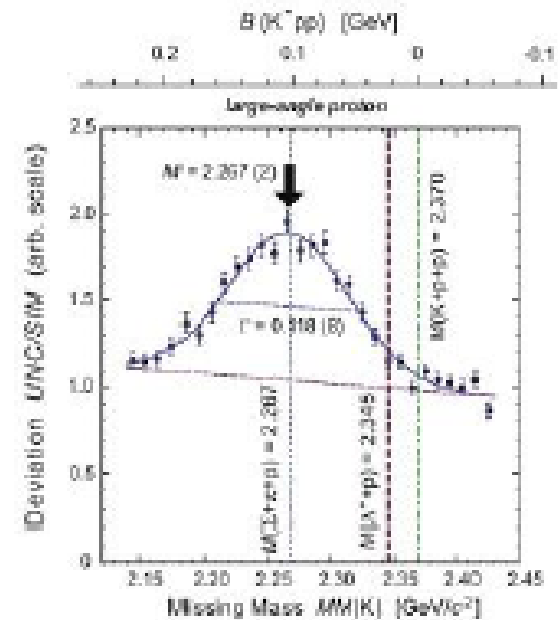
# $\Lambda p$ analysis

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)



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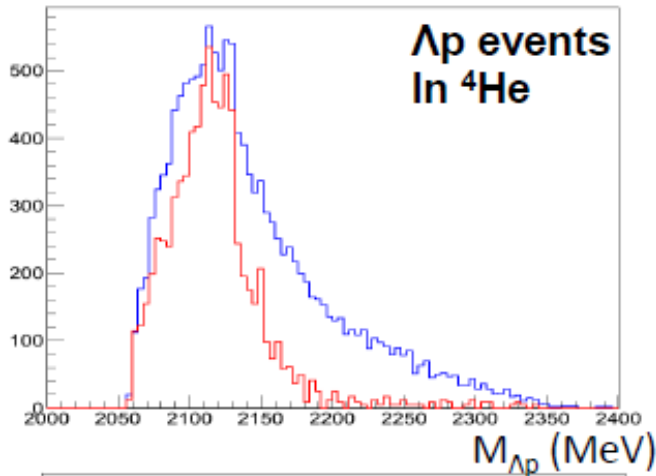
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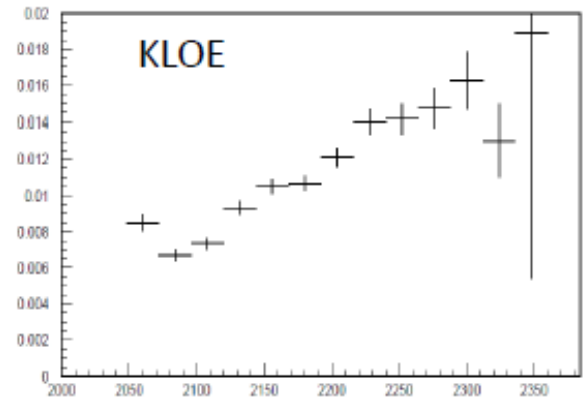
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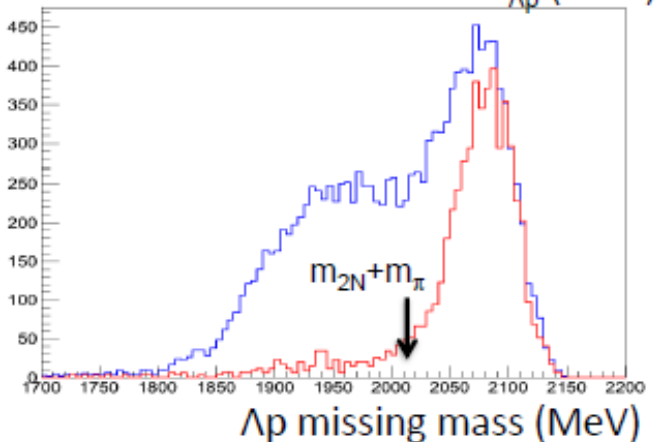
A perfect disentanglement between single and multi-nucleon absorption can be achieved thanks to the nice acceptance:



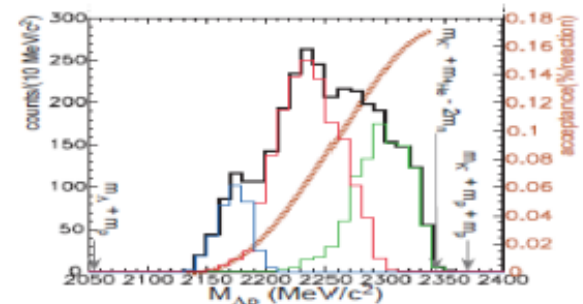
$\Lambda p$  all events  
 $\Lambda \pi^-(p)$  events  
(arbitrary normalization)



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

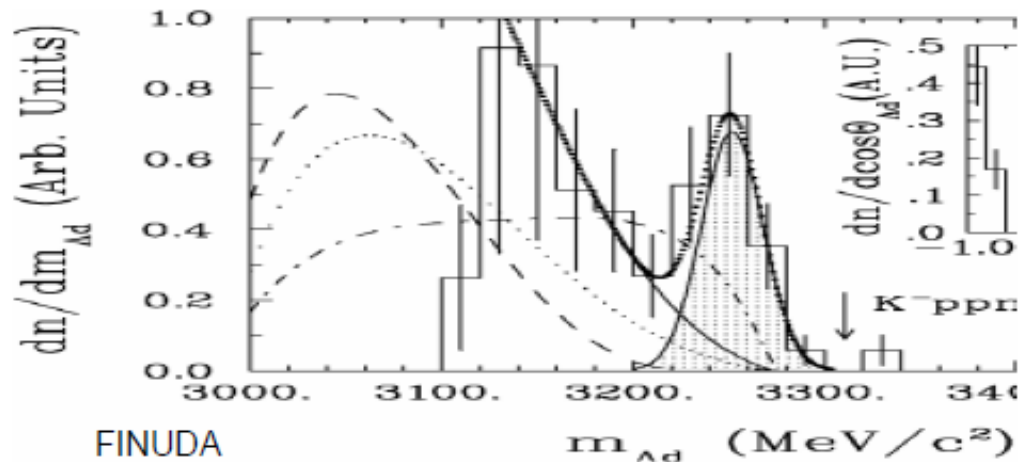
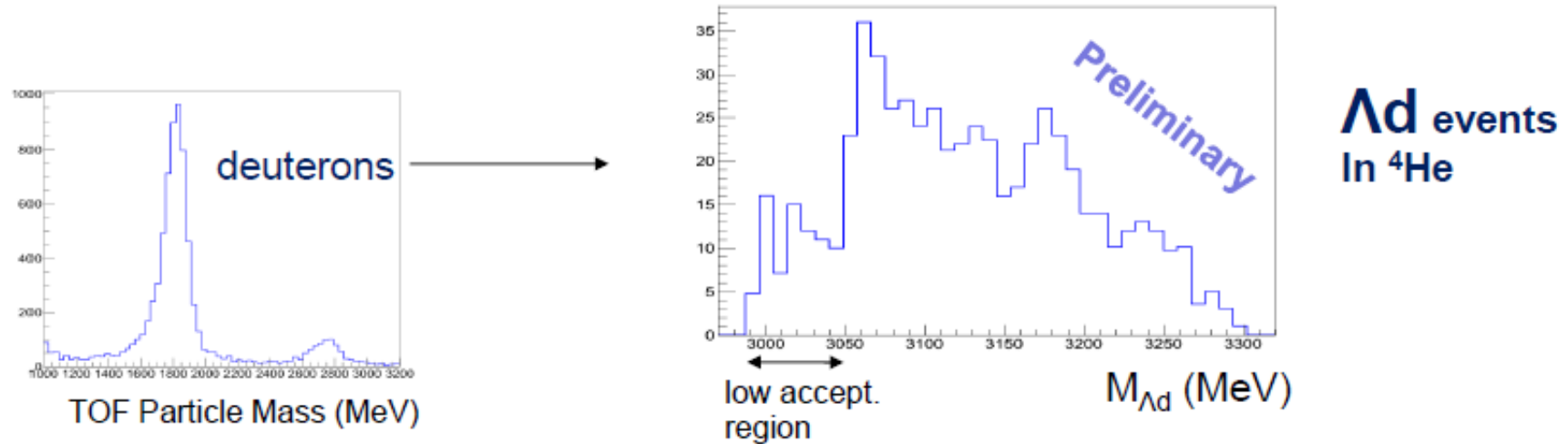


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# $\Lambda_d$ , $\Lambda_t$ analyses

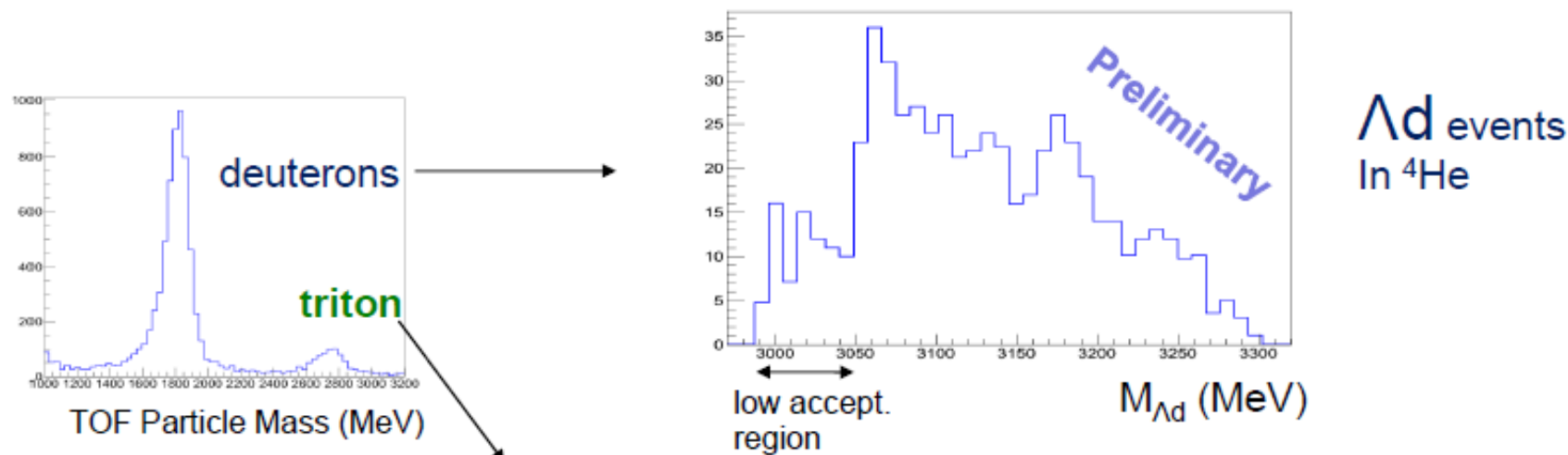
- Search for signal of bound states in the  $\Lambda_d$  channel. Candidate to be a  $K^-ppn$  cluster. Observed spectra from FINUDA and KEK again showing possible bound states in the in the high invariant mass region.



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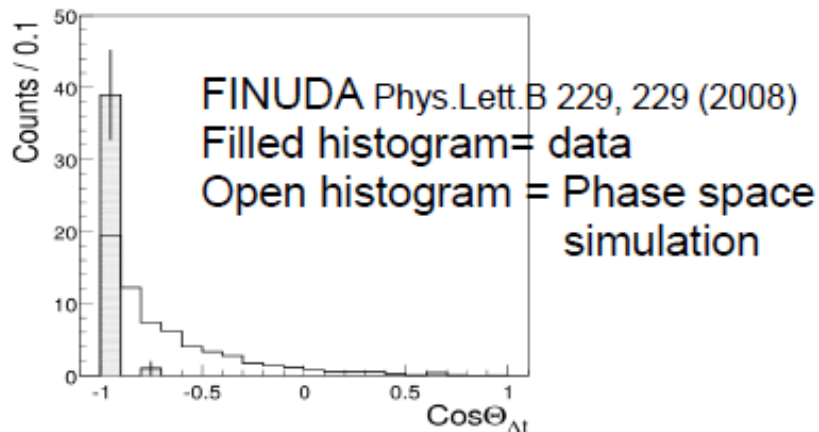
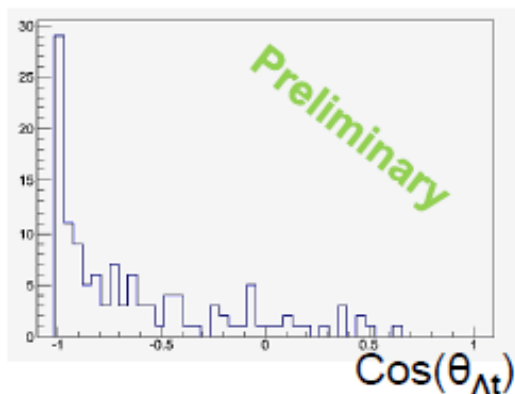
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Only FINUDA and an old experiment (with only 4 events!) have shown  $\Lambda_t$  spectra from  $K^-$  absorption

$\Lambda_t$  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))

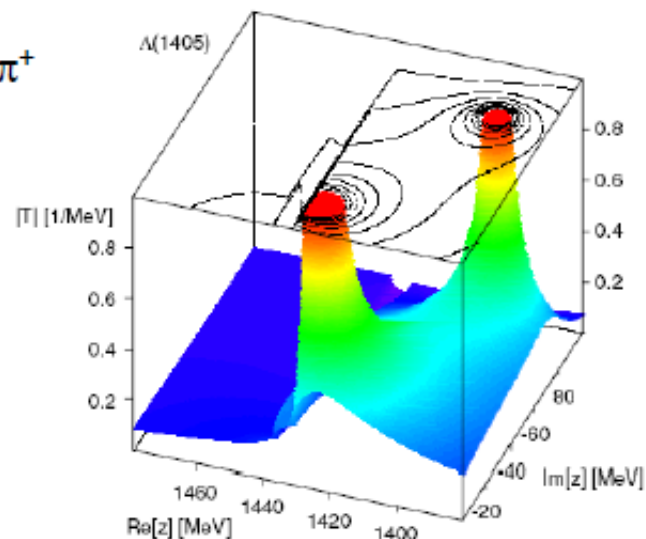
Higher mass pole  
mainly coupled to KN

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:

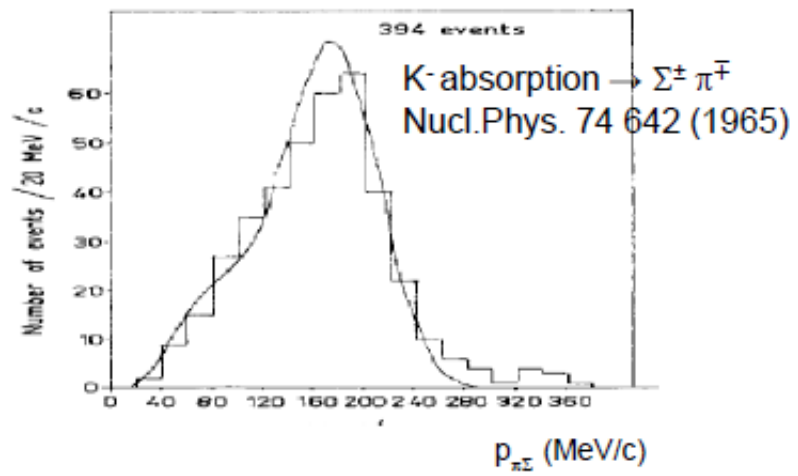
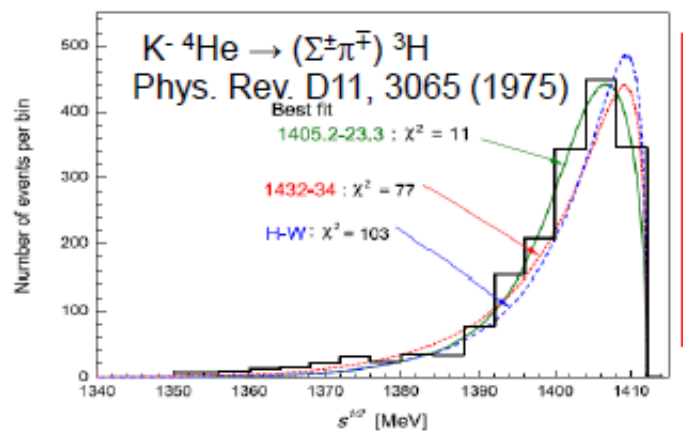
production in KN reactions (only chance  
to observe the high mass pole) decaying  
in  $\Sigma^0\pi^0$  (free from  $\Sigma(1385)$  background)



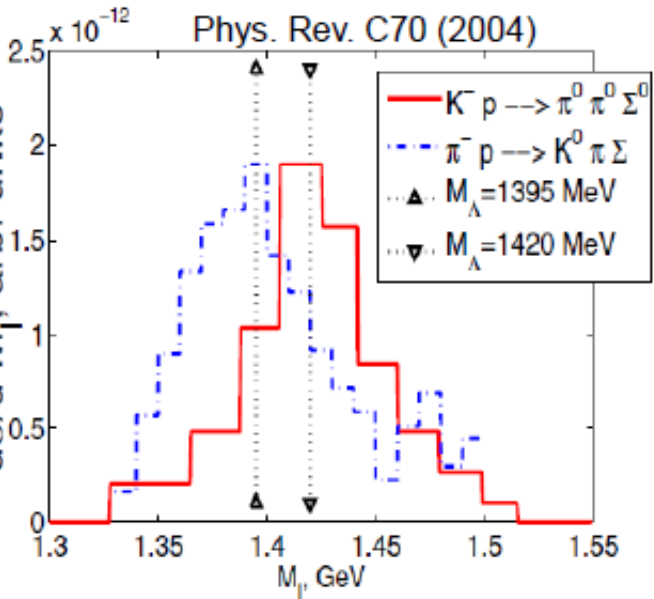
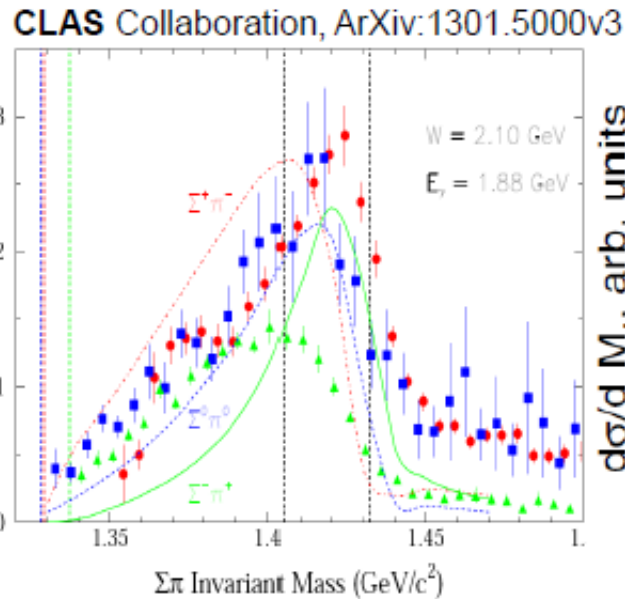
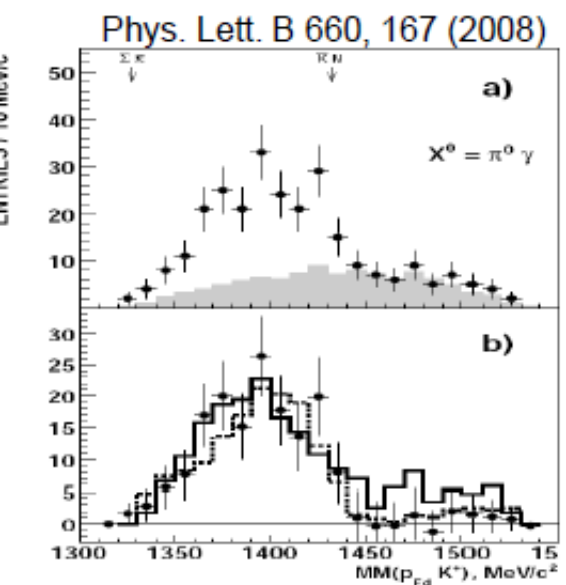
# $\Lambda(1405)$ previous experiments

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!):

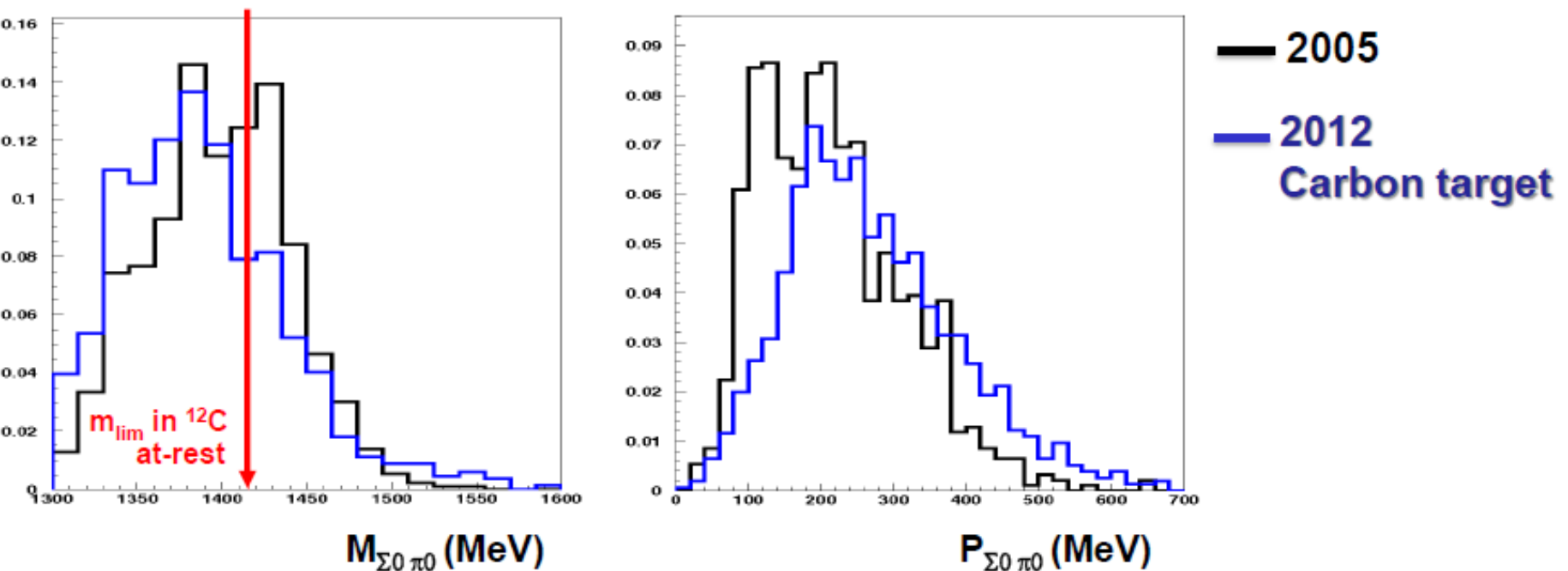


# Analysis of $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ channel

$\Lambda(1405)$  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

# 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)**





**DAFNE** represents an unique  
opportunity to unveil the  
secrets of the kaon-nucleon/nuclei  
interaction at low energy and of the  
"Strangeness role in the Universe"



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