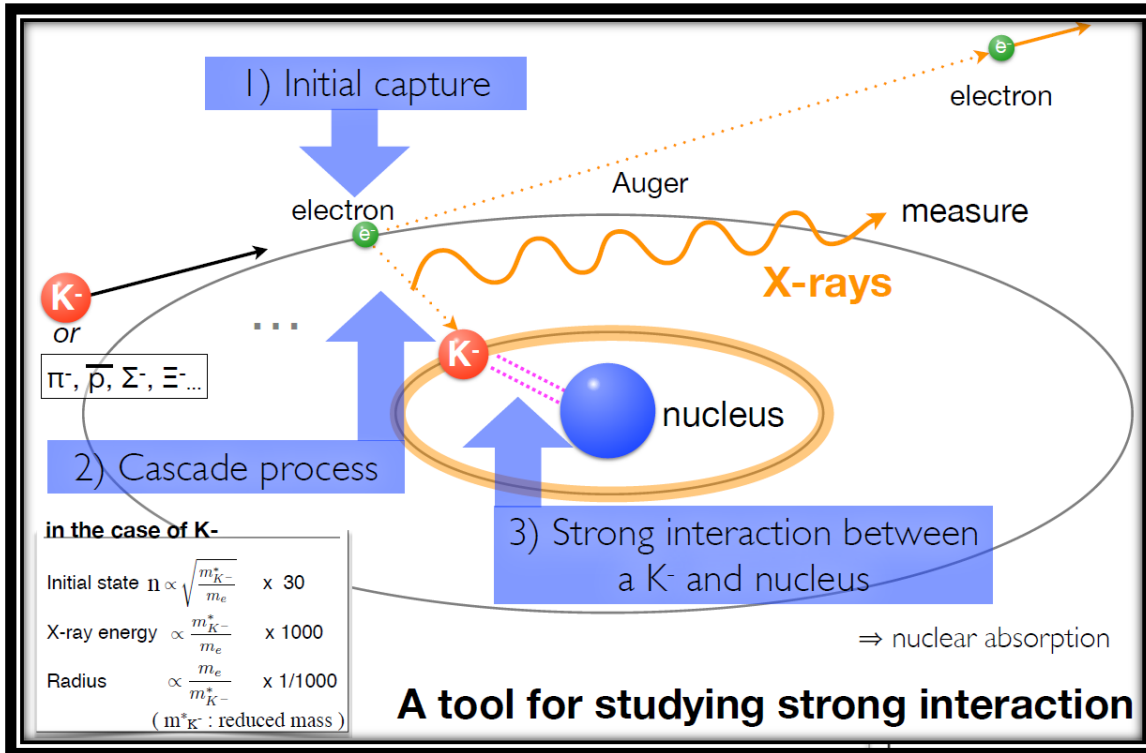


The SIDDHARTA-2 experiment: present status and future perspectives

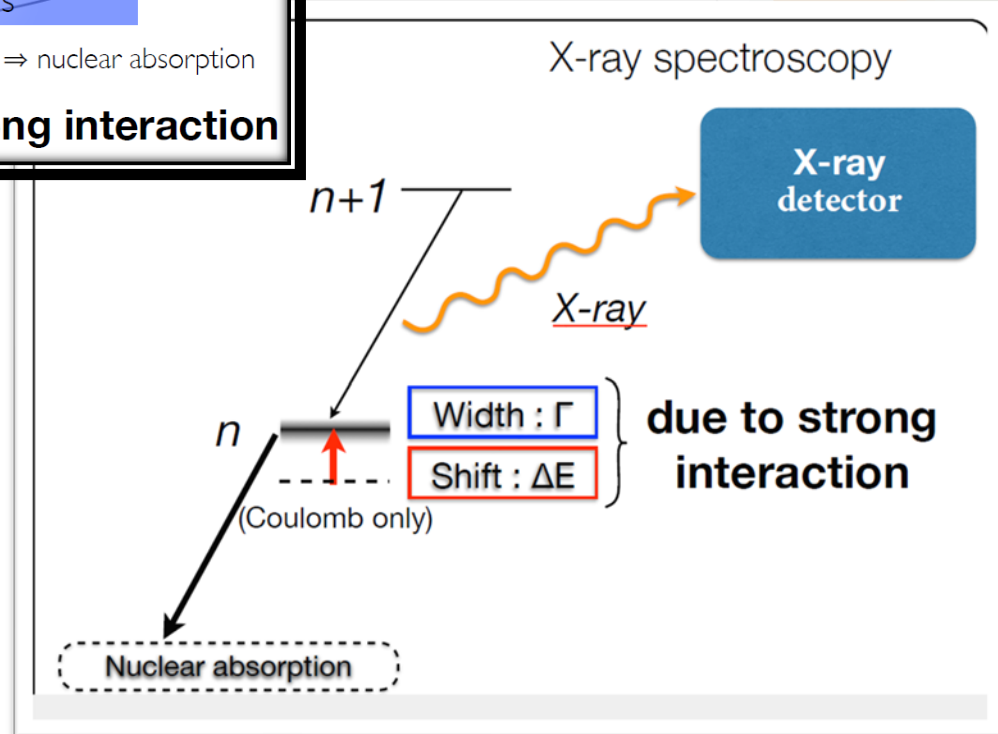
Florin Sirghi on behalf of SIDDHARTA-2 Collaboration

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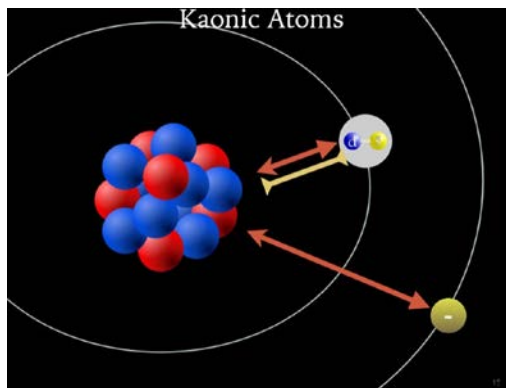
Kaonic atoms are formed by stopping a *negatively charged kaon* in a target medium
H, He, D, N, ...
Li, Be, C, Al, ...



Strong interaction induced width Γ and shift ϵ obtained by measuring the X-rays emitted



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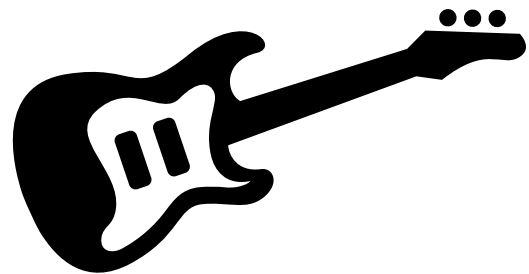
SUCCESS

Quality kaon beam



- $\Phi \rightarrow K^- K^+$ (48.9%)
- Monochromatic low-energy K^-
($\sim 127 \text{ MeV}/c$; $\Delta p/p = 0.1\%$)
- Less hadronic background compared to hadron beam line

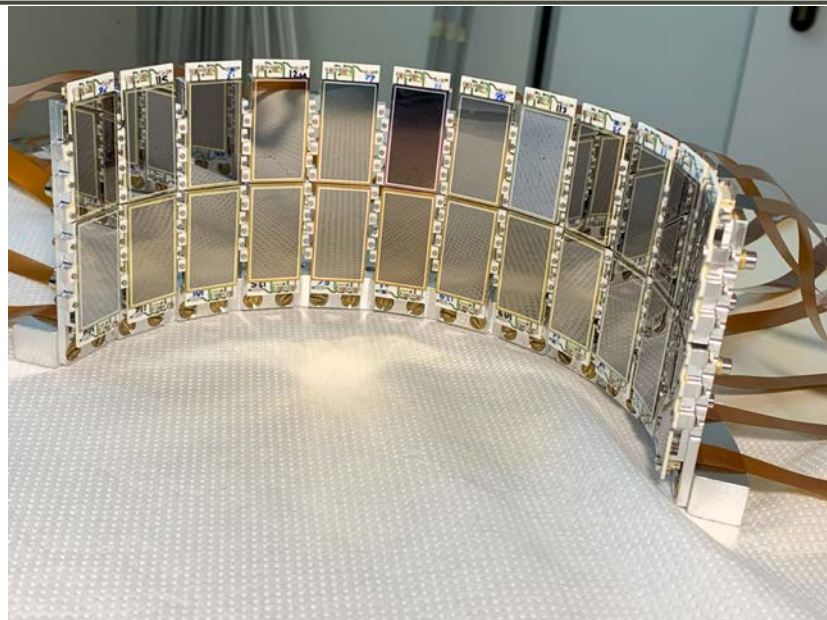
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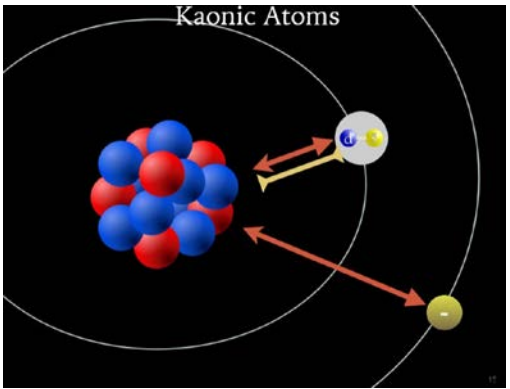
Efficient x-ray detector system



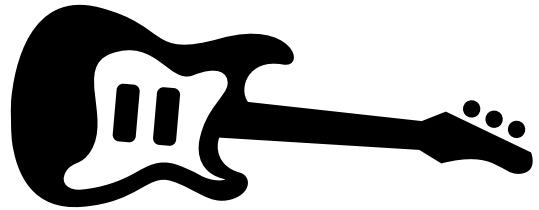
Silicon

Drift

Detectors



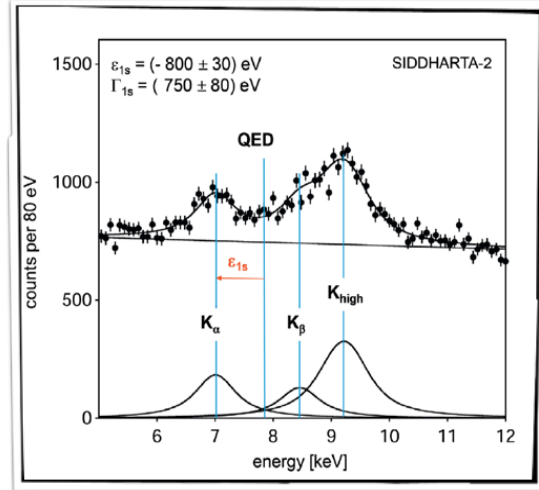
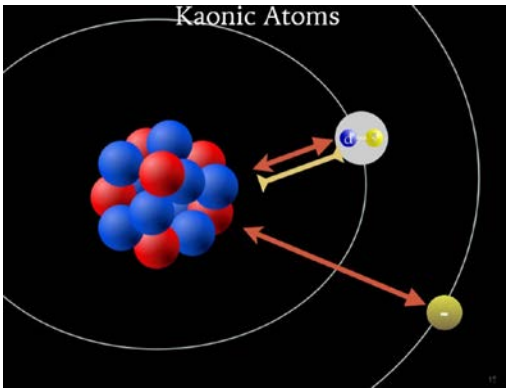
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Quality kaon beam

Efficient x-ray detector system

Powerful analysis tools



Monte Carlo simulations

Optimization of the setup and detectors response (trigger, SDDs, veto, ...)

Kaonic deuterium expectation

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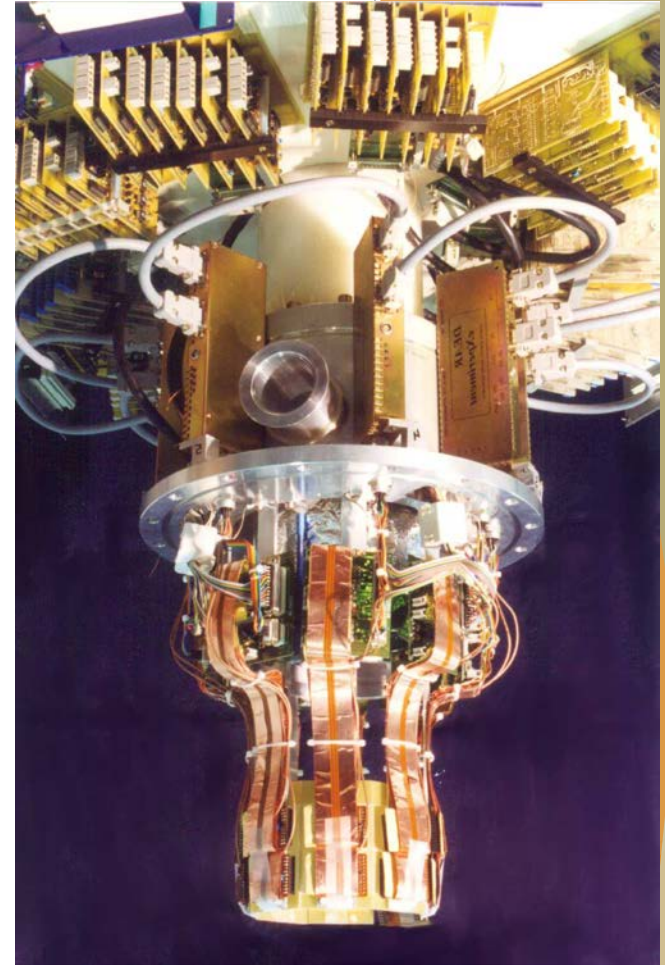
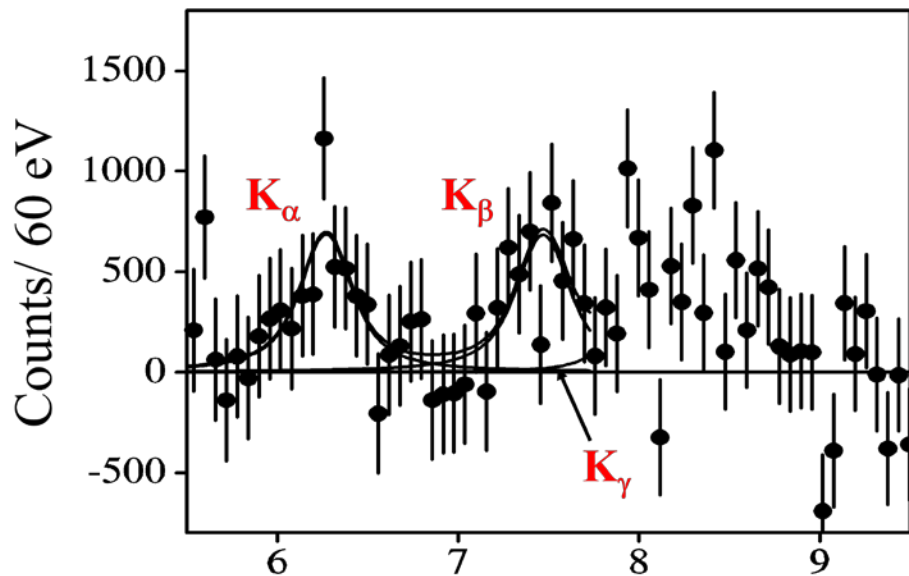
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KAONIC HYDROGEN

KAONIC Nitrogen

G. Beer et al., PRL 94 (2005) 212302



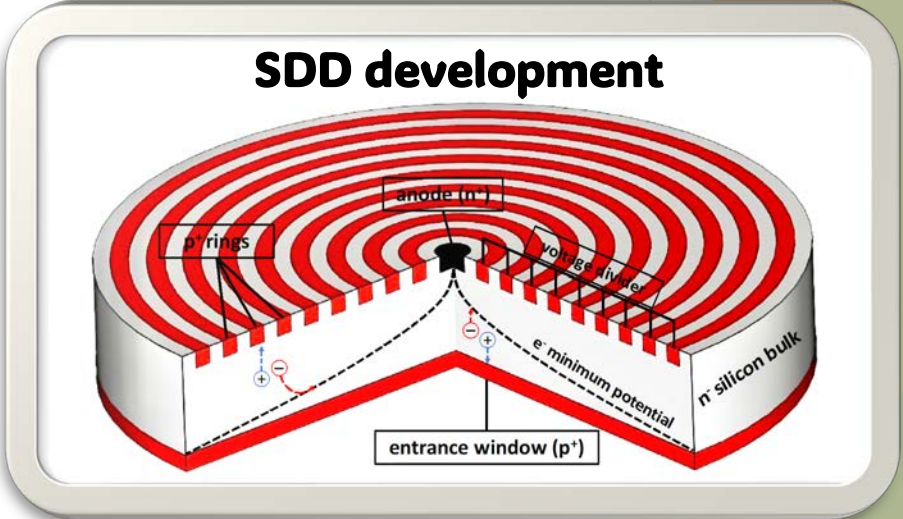
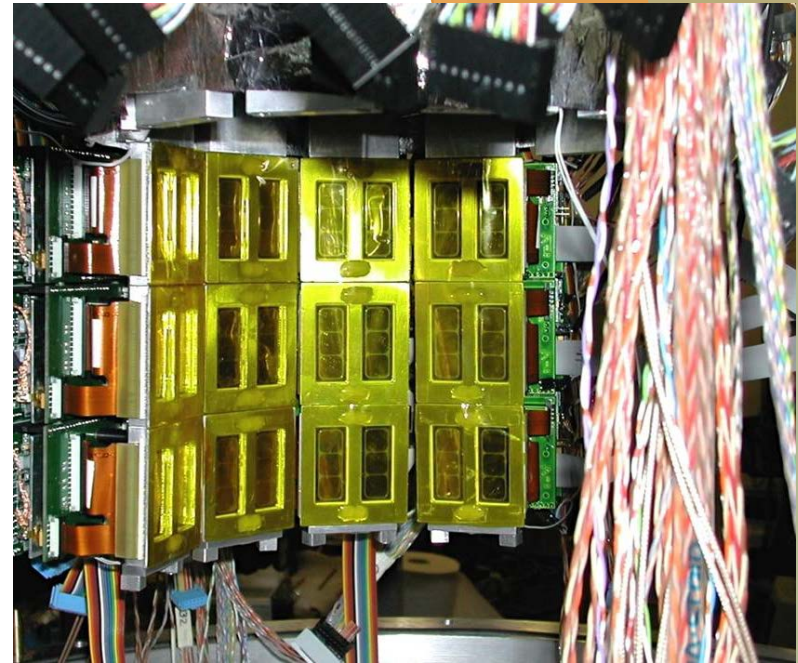
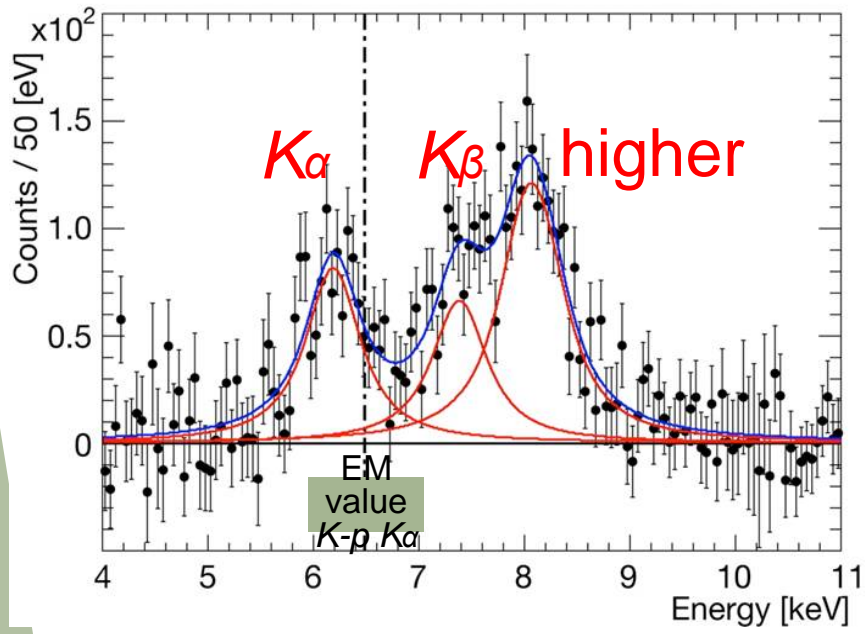
A new method to obtain a precise value of the mass of the charged kaon"
Phys. Lett. B535 (2002) 52.

Kaonic nitrogen X-ray transition yields in a gaseous target
Phys. Lett. B593 (2004) 48.



KAONIC HYDROGEN KAONIC Helium

C. Curceanu et al., *Phys. Lett. B* 704 (2011) 113



Kaonic helium 4 - *Phys. Lett. B* 681 (2009) 310; *NIM A* 628 (2011) 264, *Phys. Lett. B* 697 (2011)
Kaonic helium 3 - *Phys. Lett. B* 697 (2011) 199
Yields - *Phys. Lett. B* 714 (2012) 40; *Nucl. Phys. A* 916 (2013) 30; *EPJ A* (2014) 50; *Nucl. Phys. A* 954 (2016) 7

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Scientific Goal of SIDDHARTA-2

The first measurement of *kaonic deuterium* transitions to the fundamental 1s level
to extract the antikaon-nucleon isospin dependent scattering lengths (using also the measurement of kaonic hydrogen performed by SIDDHARTA)



e.g., Kaonic hydrogen

U.-G. Meißner et al, Eur Phys J C35 (2004) 349

(Deser-Type relation with isospin-breaking correction)

$$\epsilon_{1s} + i\Gamma_{1s}/2 = 2\alpha^3 \mu_r^2 a_{K-p} [1 + 2\alpha \mu_r (1 - \ln \alpha) a_{K-p}]$$

Shift

K-p K α x-ray

Width

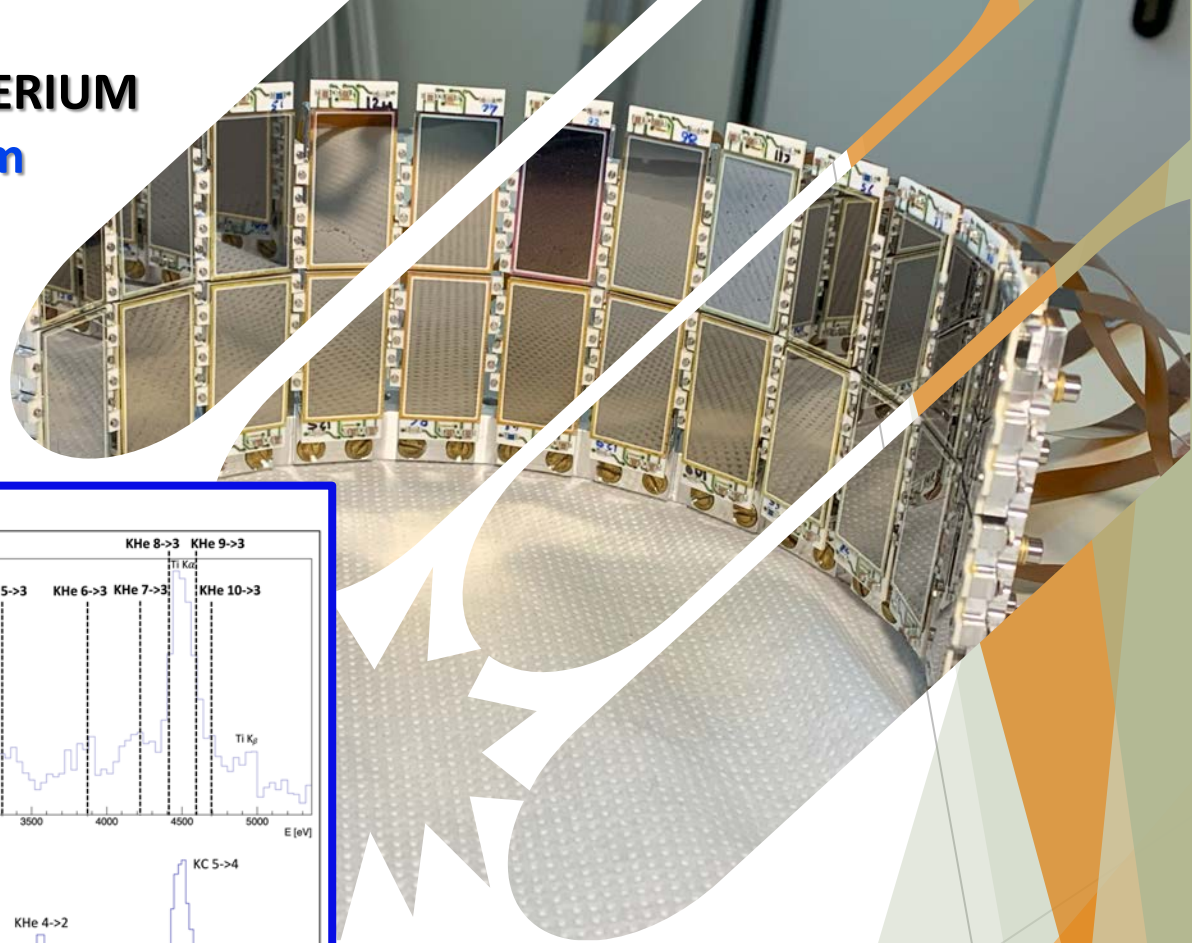
K-p scattering length

(= K-p scattering amplitude at threshold)

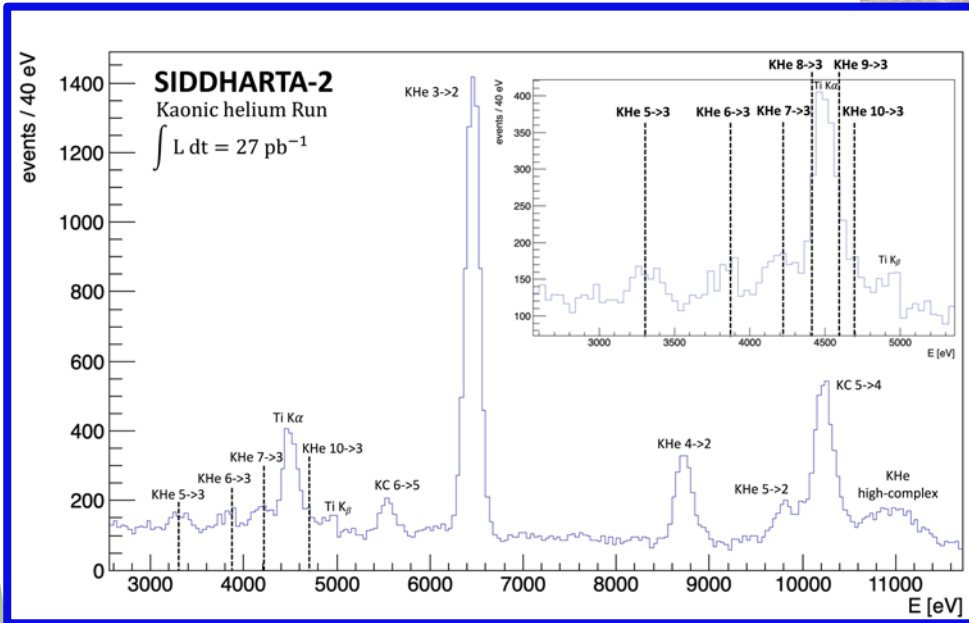
Experimental determination of the isospin-dependent
K-N scattering length



KAONIC DEUTERIUM
KAONIC Helium
KAONIC Neon

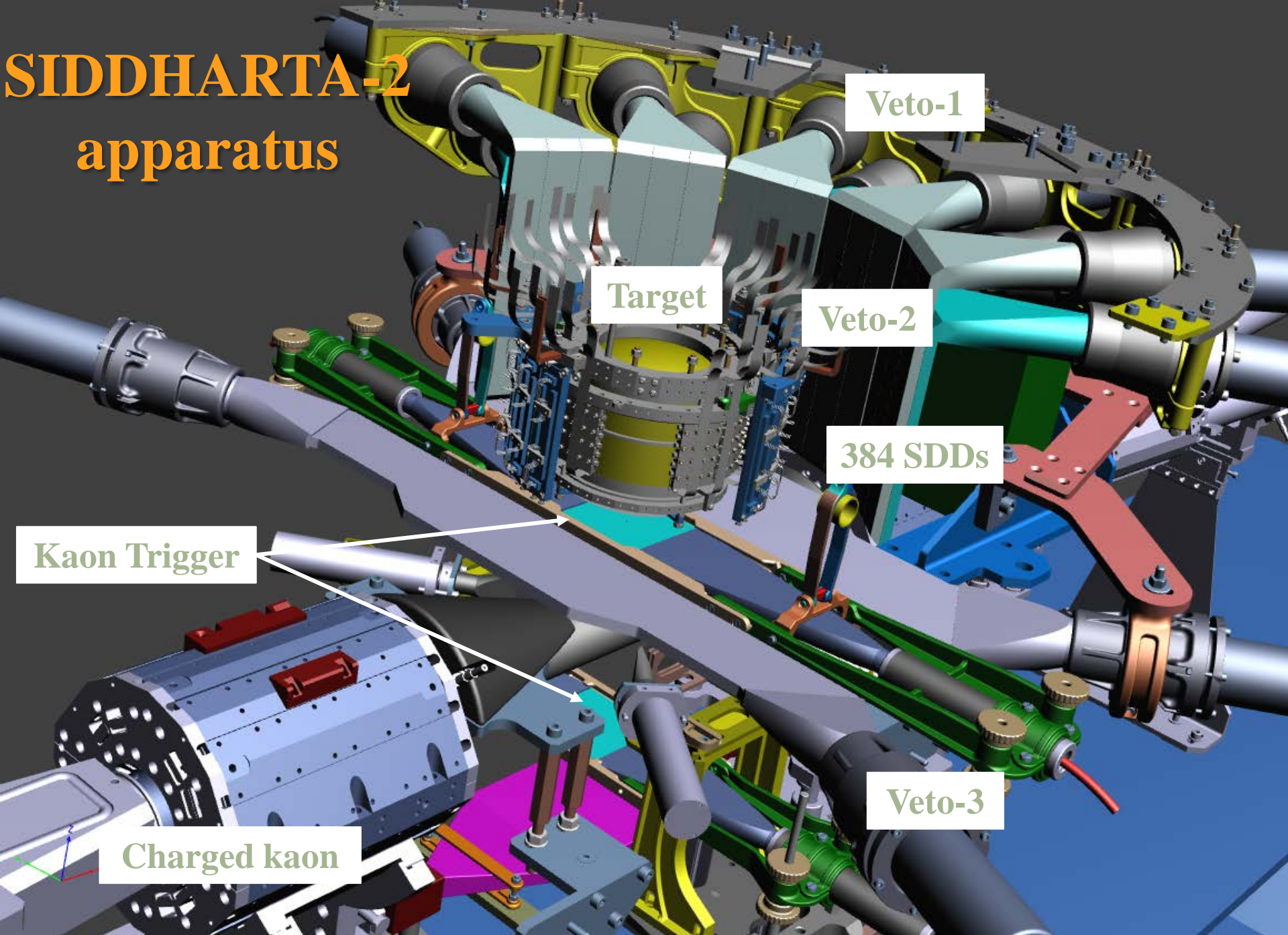


KAONIC Helium



Kaonic Helium - D Sirghi et al., J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 49 (2022) 055106
F. Sgaramella et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 59, 56 (2023)
Yields - D.L. Sirghi et al., Nuclear Physics A 1029 (2023) 122567

SIDDHARTA-2 apparatus



Veto-1

Target

Veto-2

384 SDDs

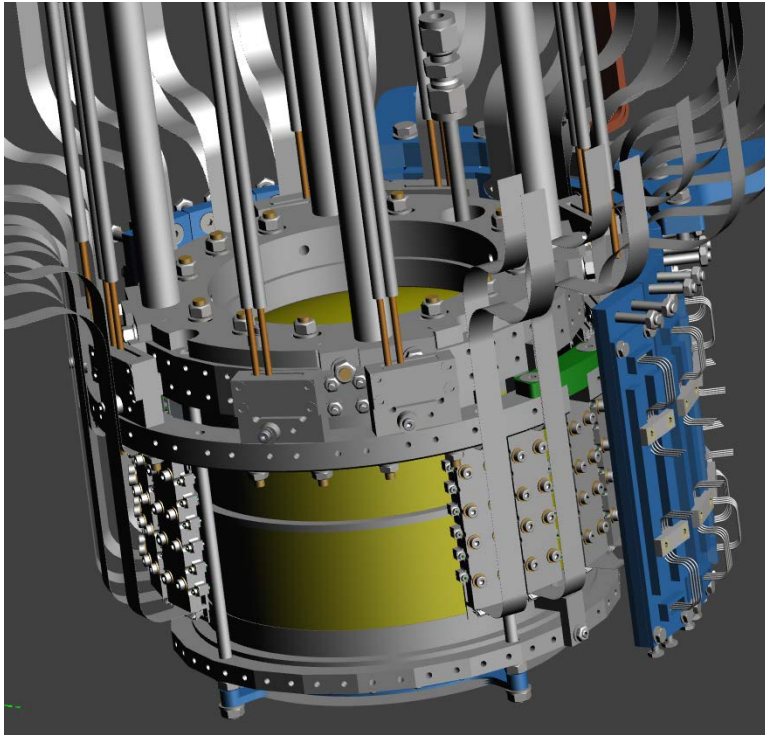
Kaon Trigger

Veto-3

Charged kaon

Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup

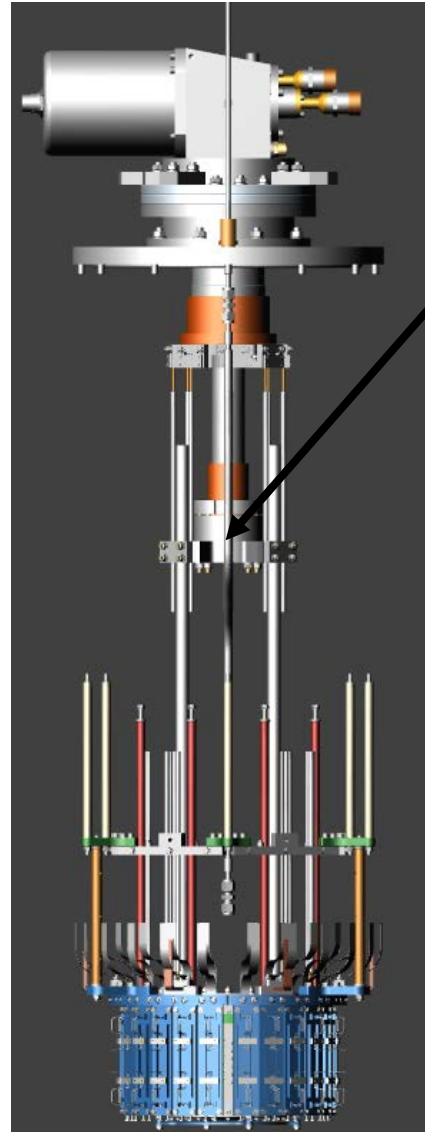
- ✓ new solutions for the cooling scheme - target and SDD
- ✓ Better control of target parameters (pressure, temperature, density,...)



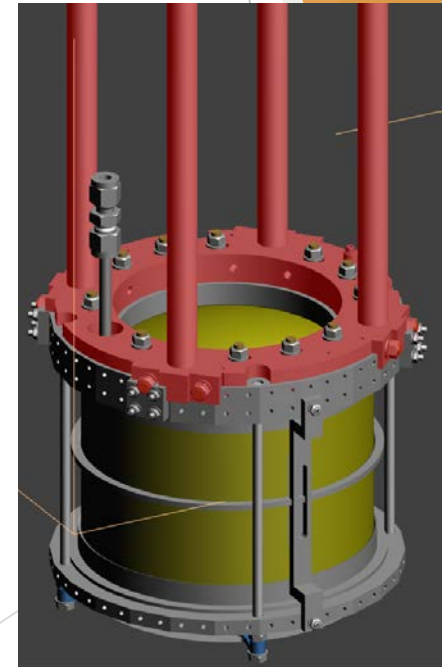
❖ Target + SDD cooling

Leybold MD10 - 18 W @ 20 K
target cell and SDDs are cooled
via ultra pure aluminum bars

$$T_{TC} = 20-30 \text{ K}$$
$$T_{SDD} \sim 130 \text{ K}$$

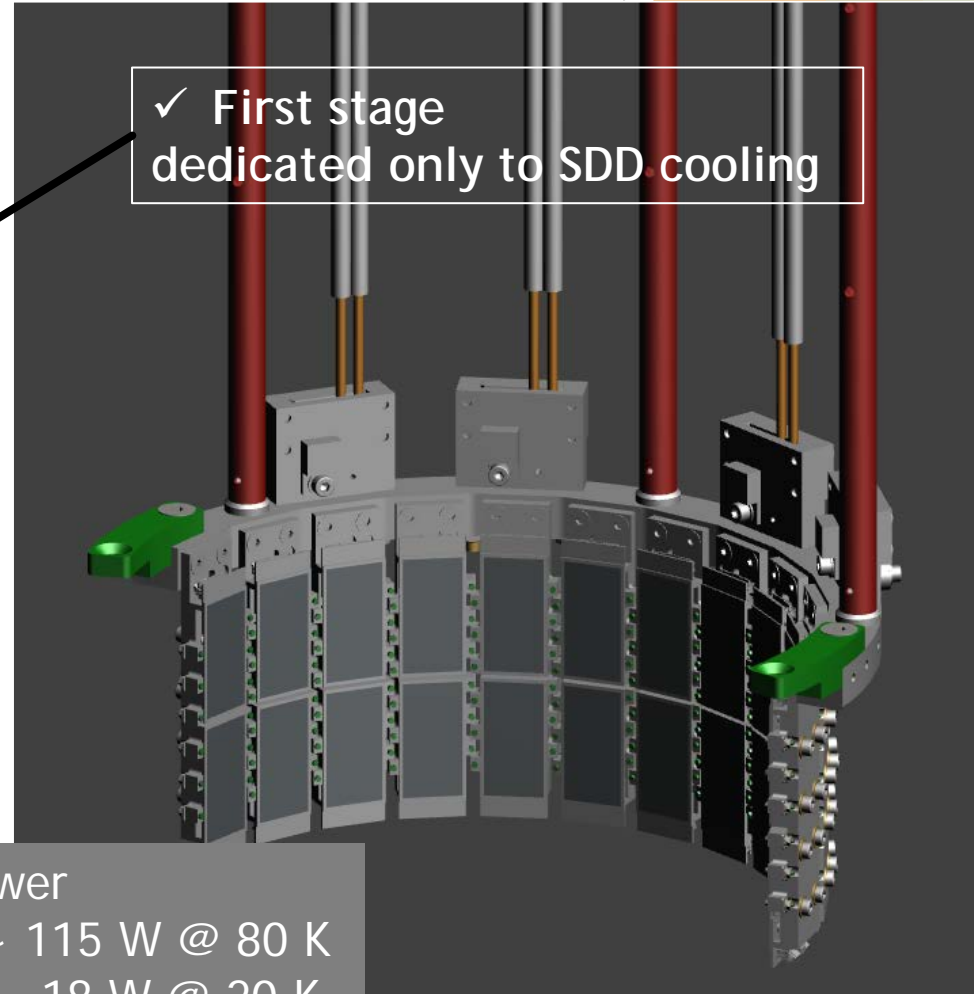
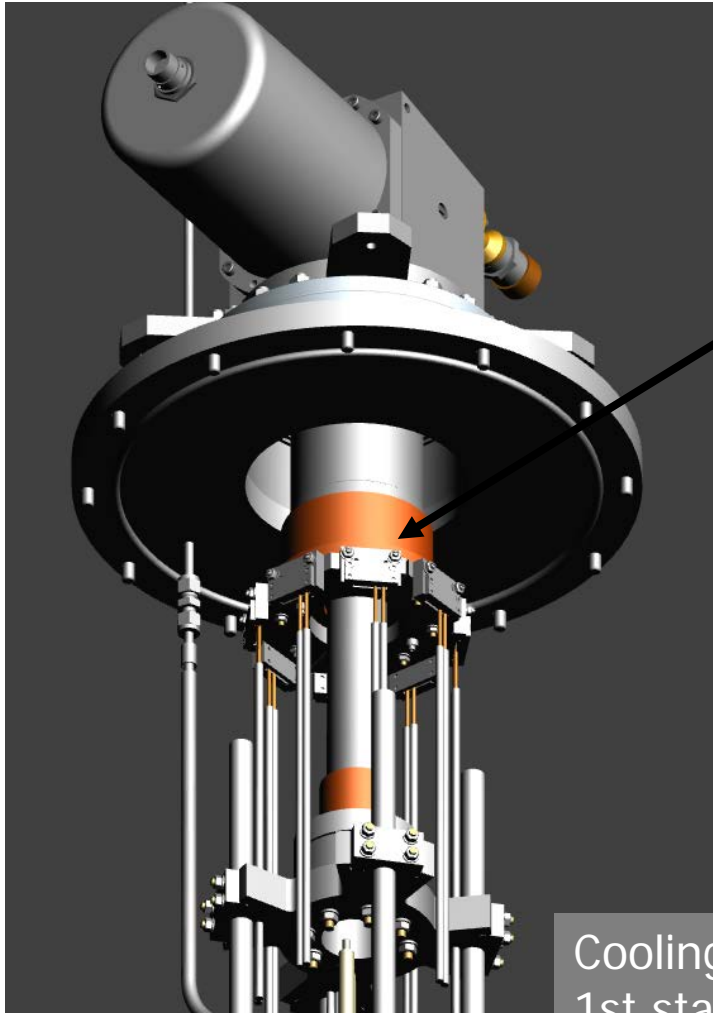


✓ Second stage
dedicated to target
cooling



Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup

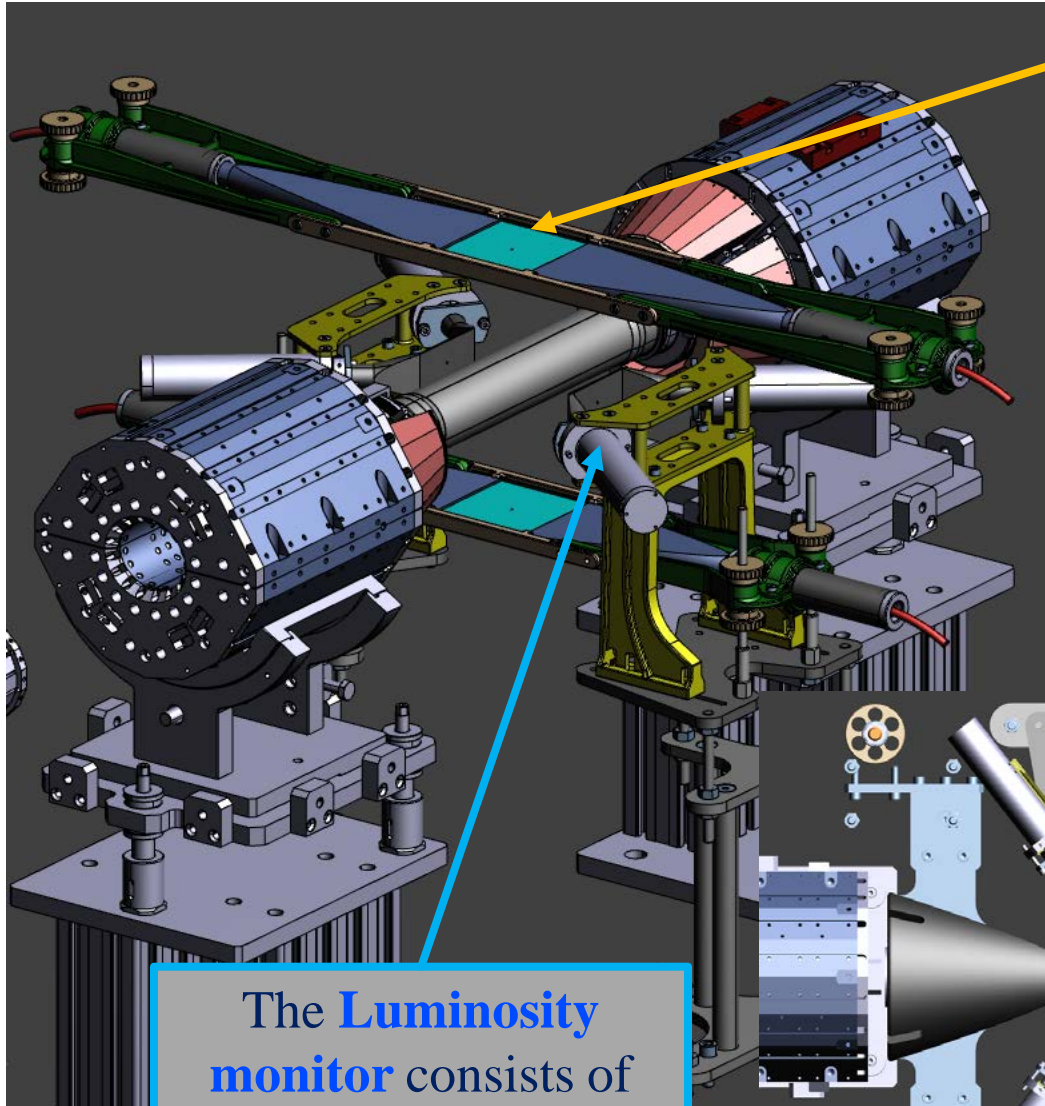
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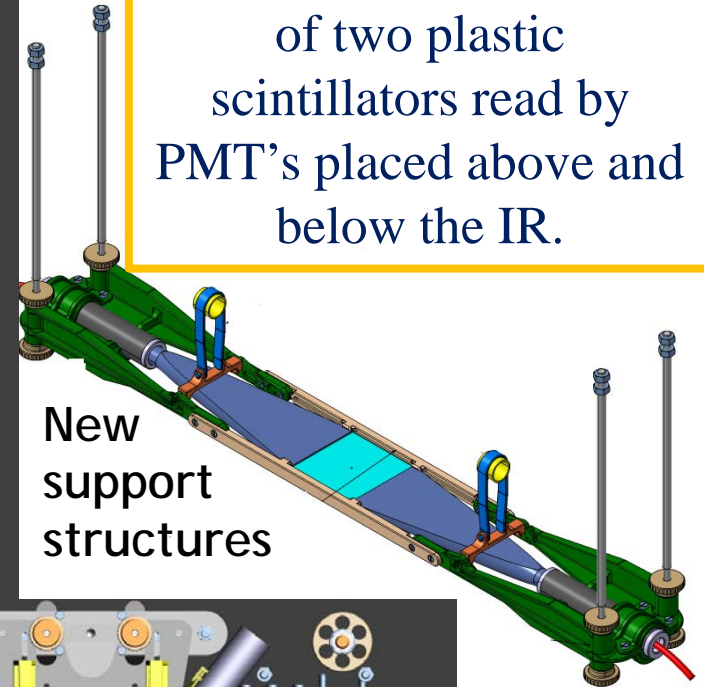
✓ First stage dedicated only to SDD cooling

Cooling power
1st stage ~ 115 W @ 80 K
2nd stage ~ 18 W @ 20 K

Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup

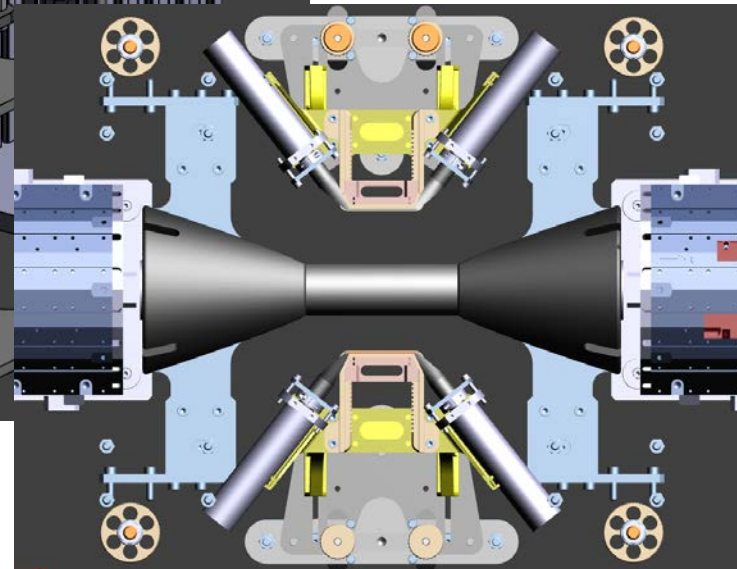


Kaon Trigger consists of two plastic scintillators read by PMT's placed above and below the IR.



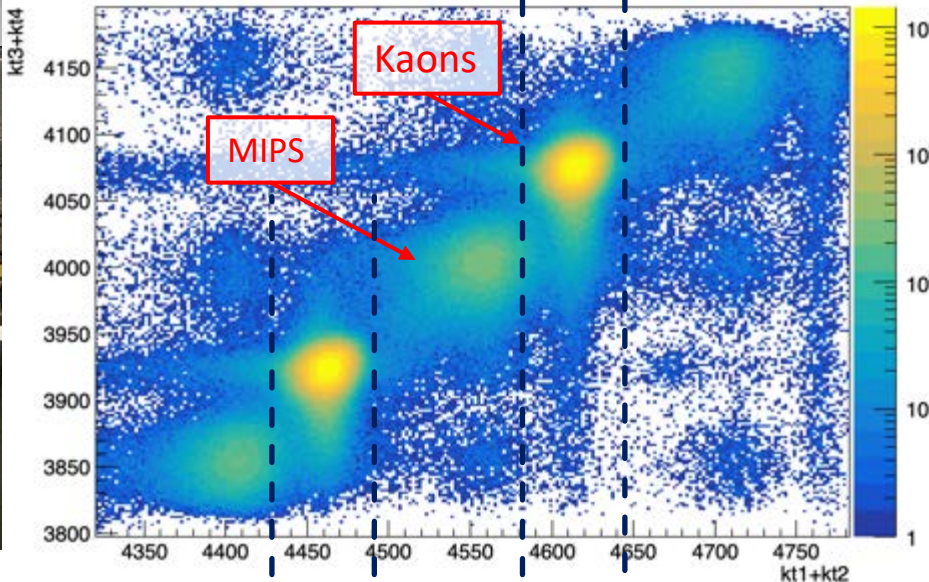
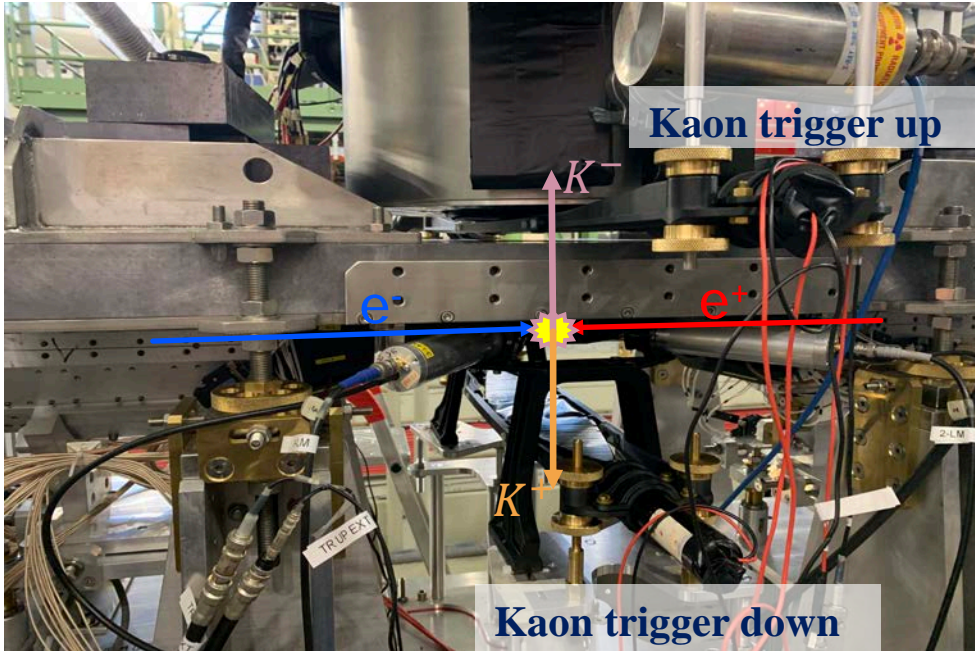
New support structures

The **Luminosity monitor** consists of two plastic scintillators in the horizontal plane



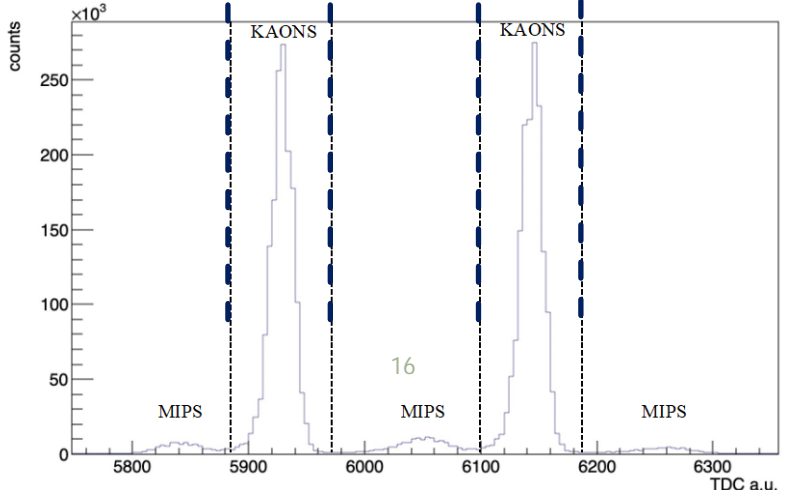
Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup

Kaon Trigger – event selection

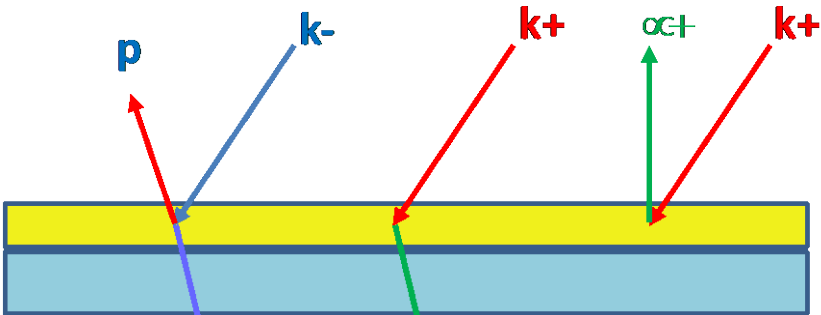


The ToF is different for Kaons, $m(K) \sim 500 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and light particles originating from beam-beam and beam-environment interaction (MIPs).

Can efficiently discriminate by ToF Kaons and MIPs!



Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup



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

2 mm teflon
5-10 mm thick scintillator

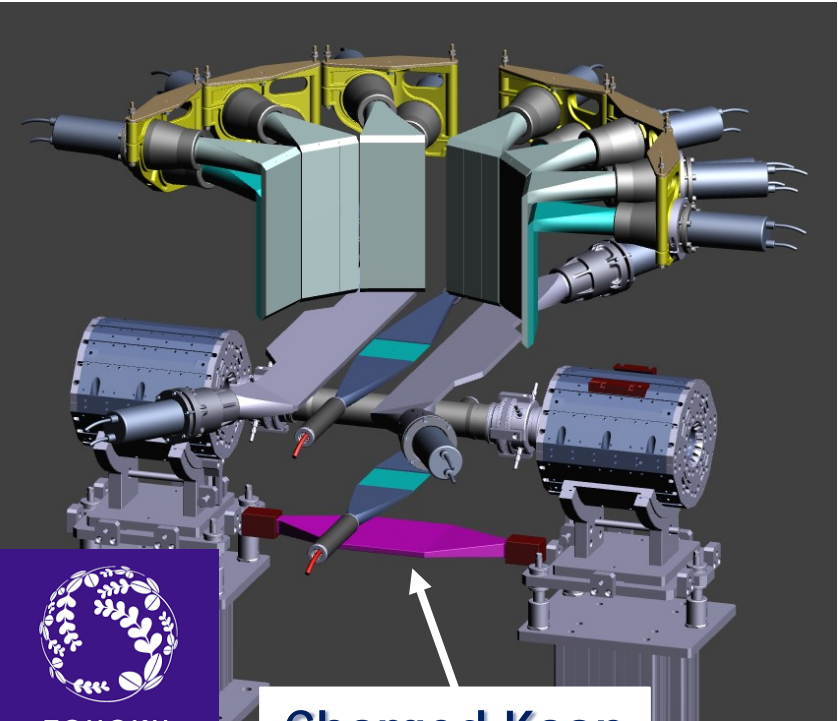
Charged Kaon Detector

Immediate prompt
83% crossing probability

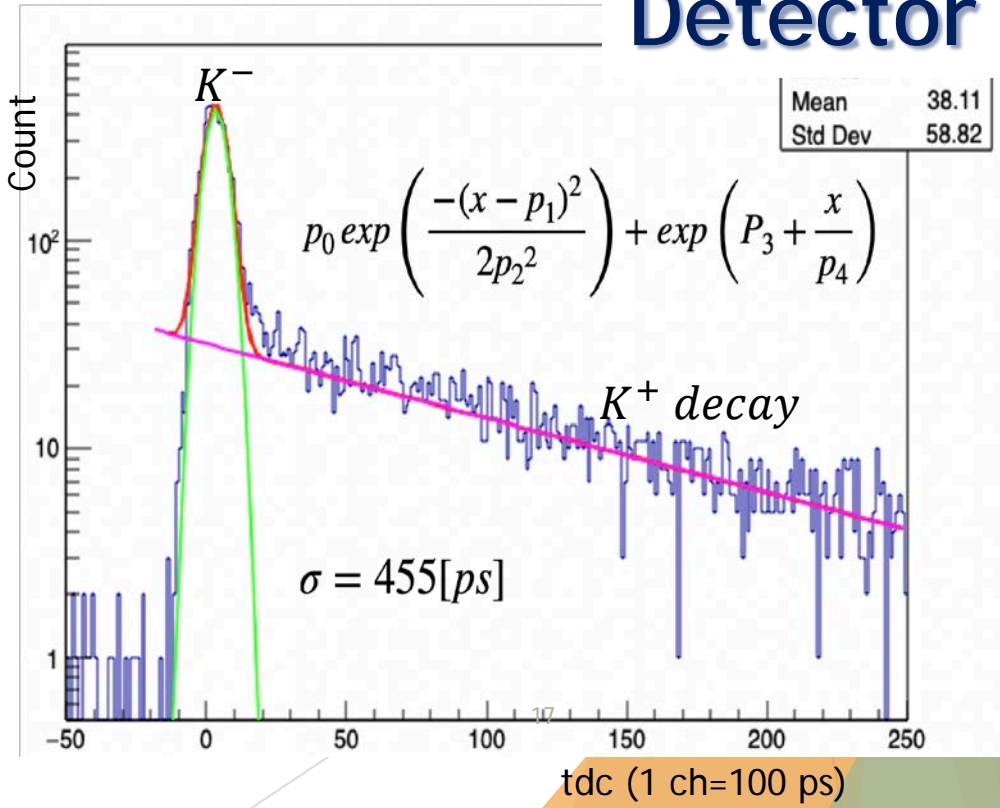
π^-

Delayed prompt
53% crossing probability

α^+



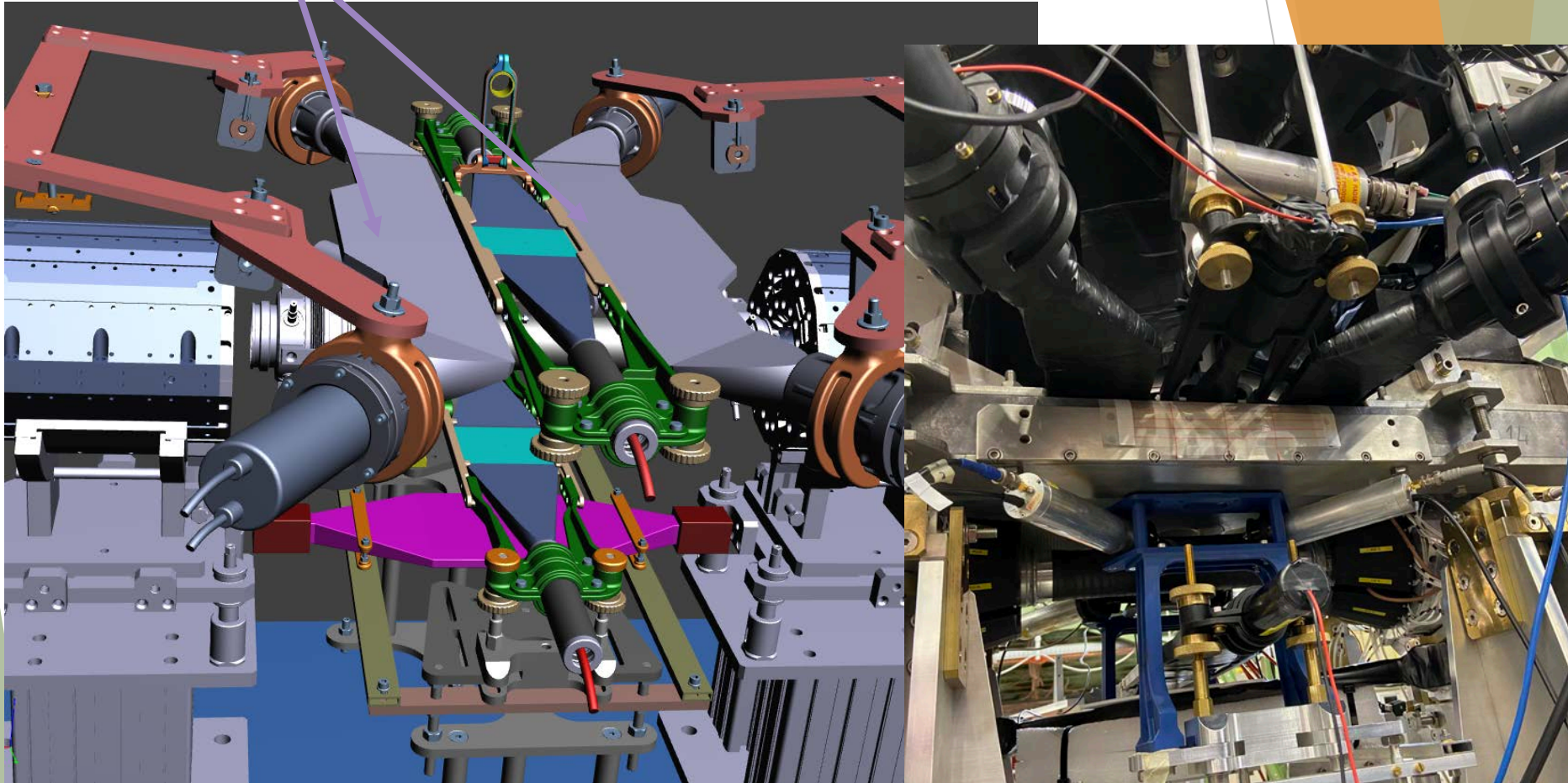
Charged Kaon



Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup

VETO system adds - VETO3

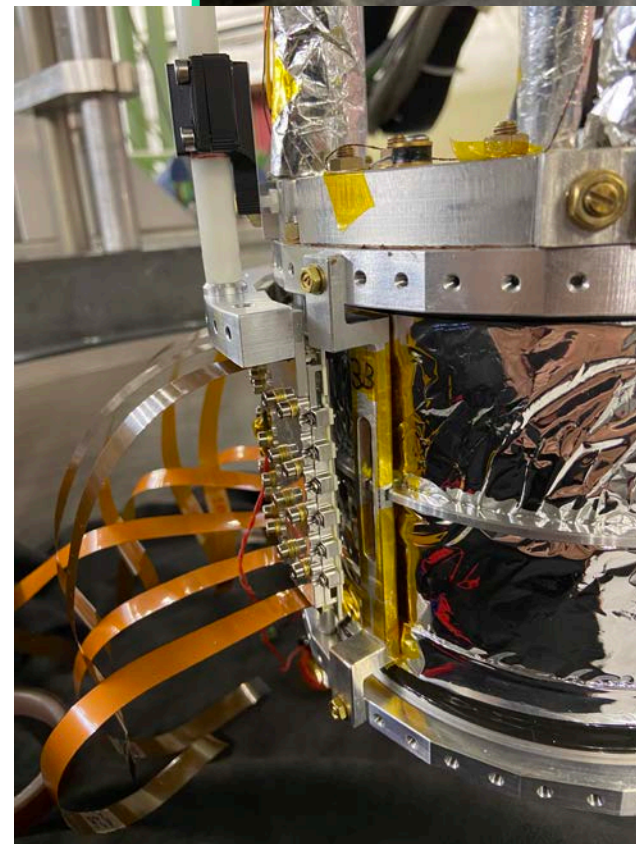
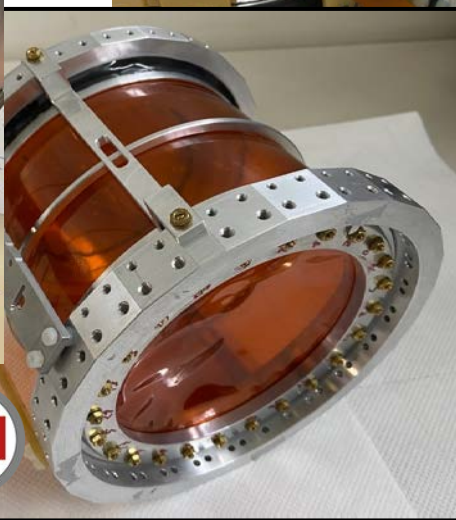
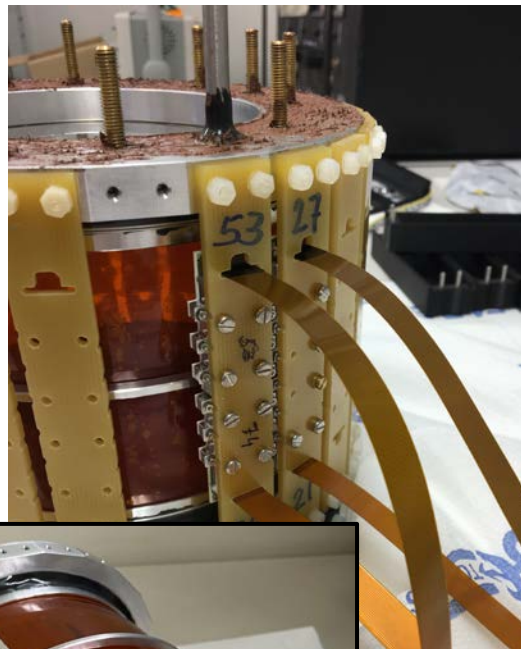
- 2 pairs of scintillator
640 x 130 x 10 mm³ Scionix EJ-200
- R10533 PMTs Hamamatsu



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

Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup

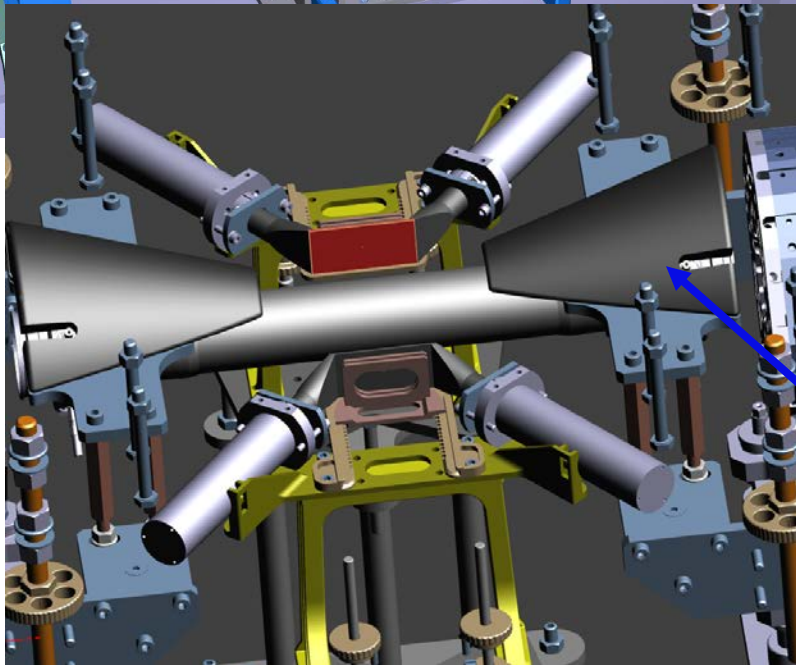
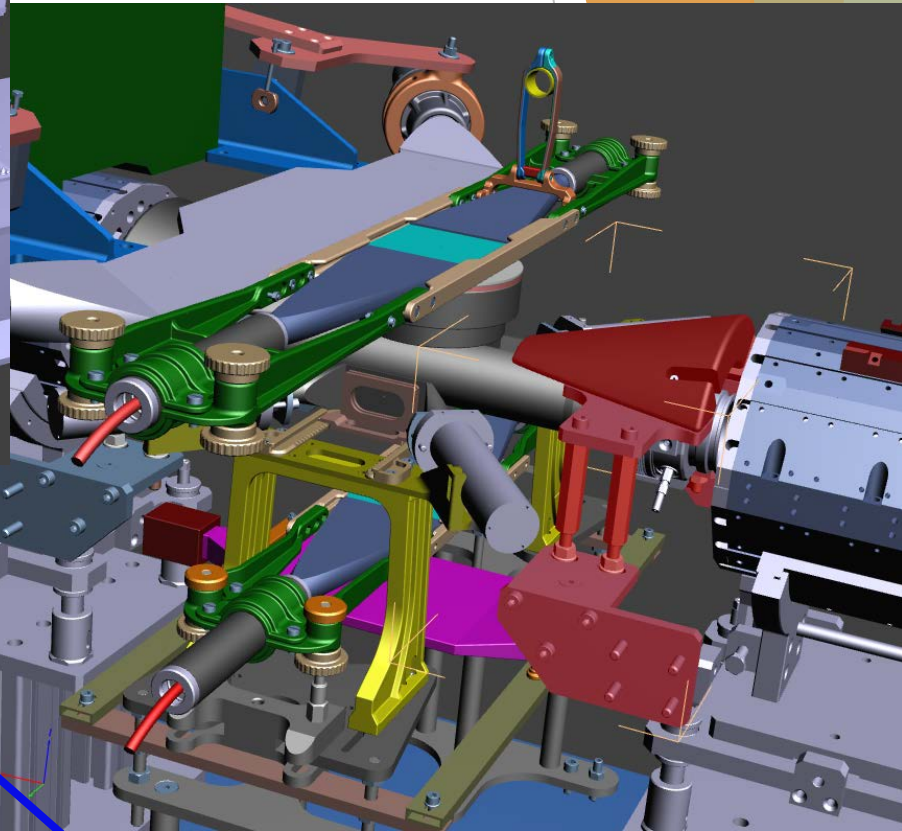
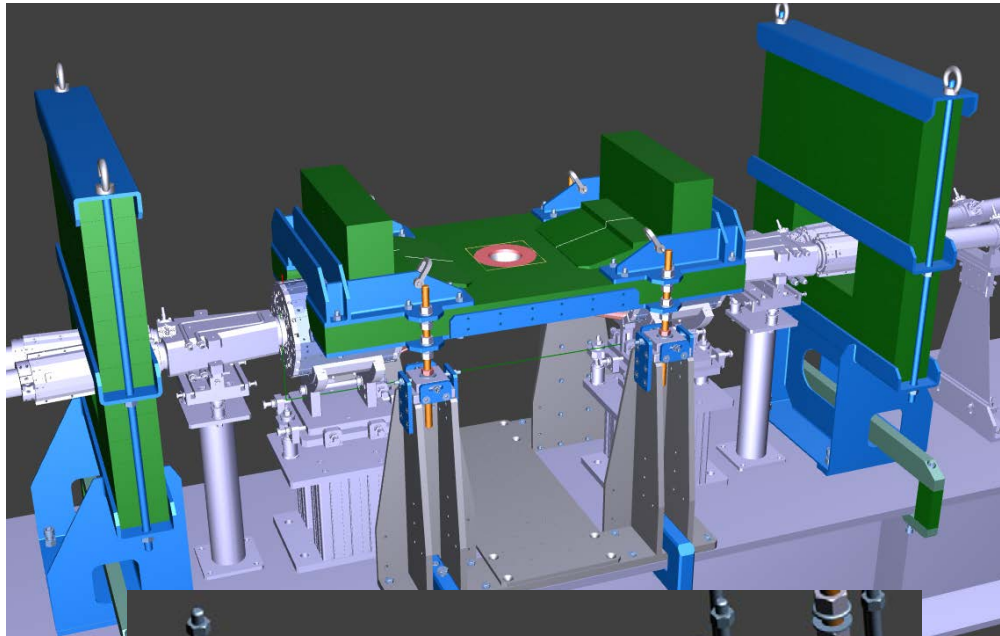
- ✓ **Selected materials in different configuration:**
 - vacuum entrance windows**
 - target walls**
 - cooling supports**



would eliminate Nitrogen and Oxygen contamination

Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup

- Improve the lateral shielding around the vacuum chamber after adding VETO3 detector

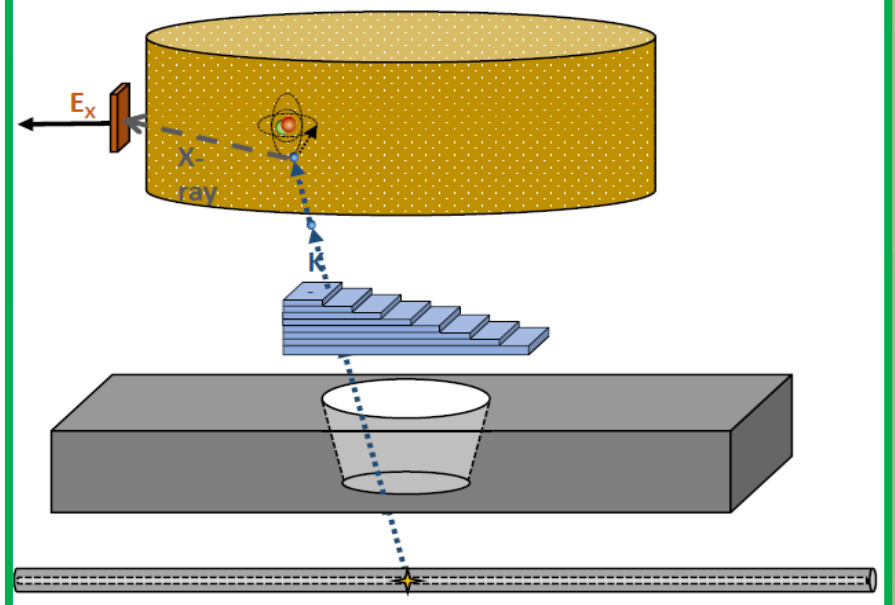
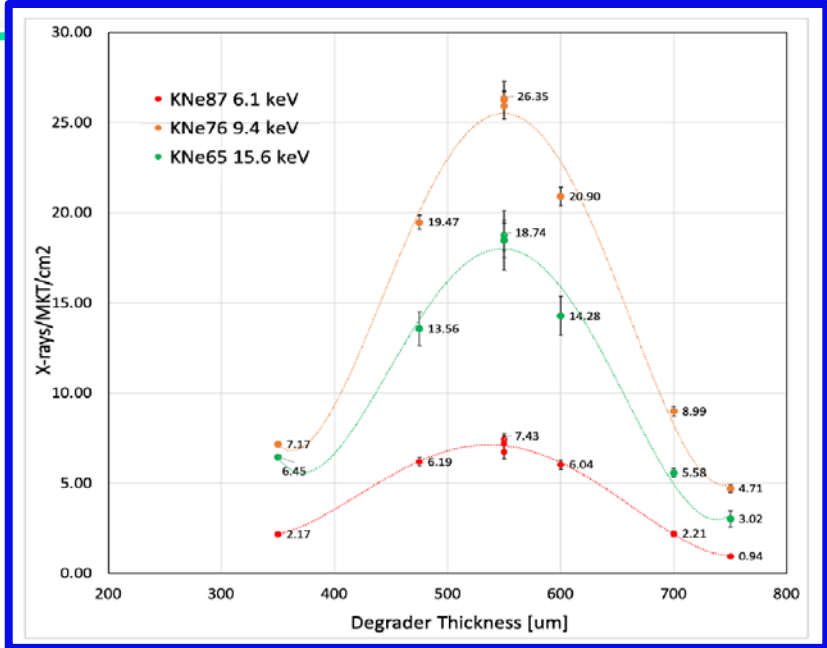
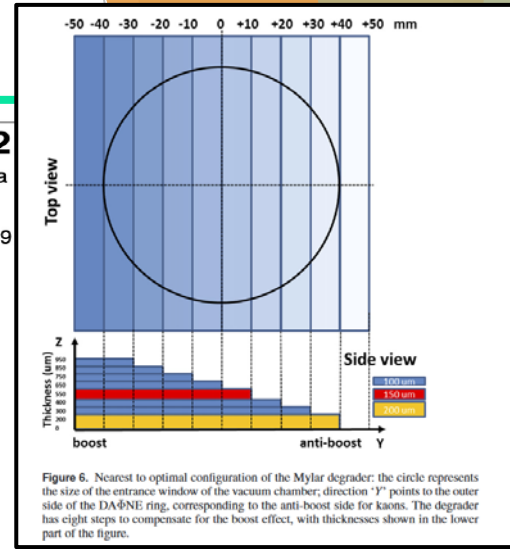
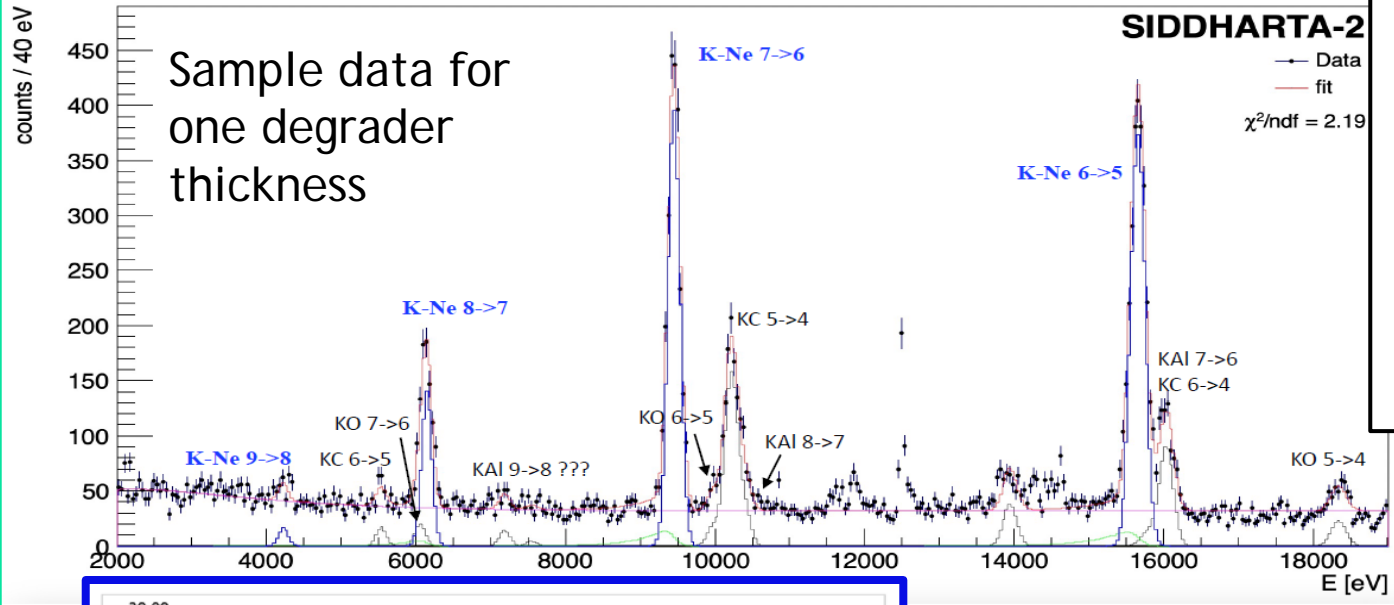


- Redesign and complete the bottom shielding near to IR



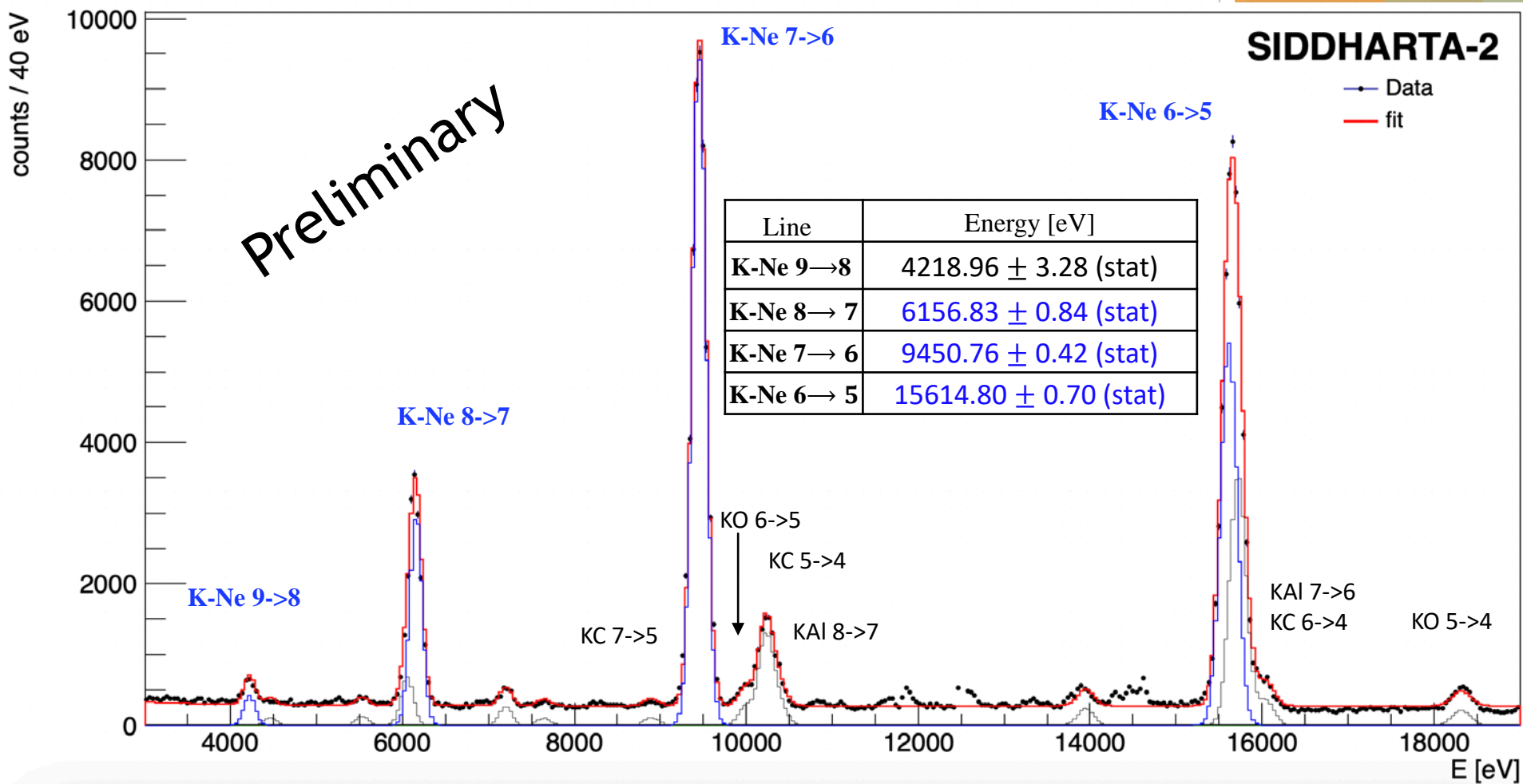
Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup

Degrader optimization for Kaonic Neon



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Kaonic Neon (2023)



Optimization of SIDDHARTA-2 setup - results

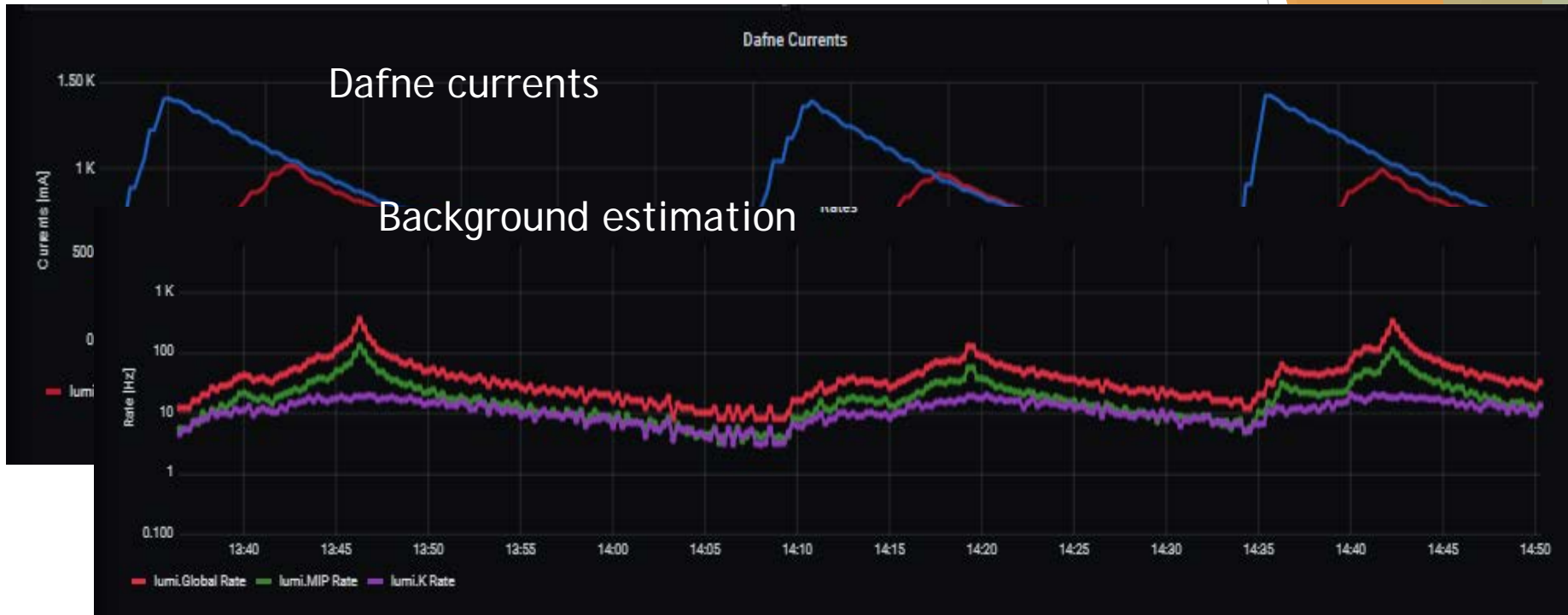
Online monitoring tools for fast feedback



Reduce background and improve KAON/SDD ratio

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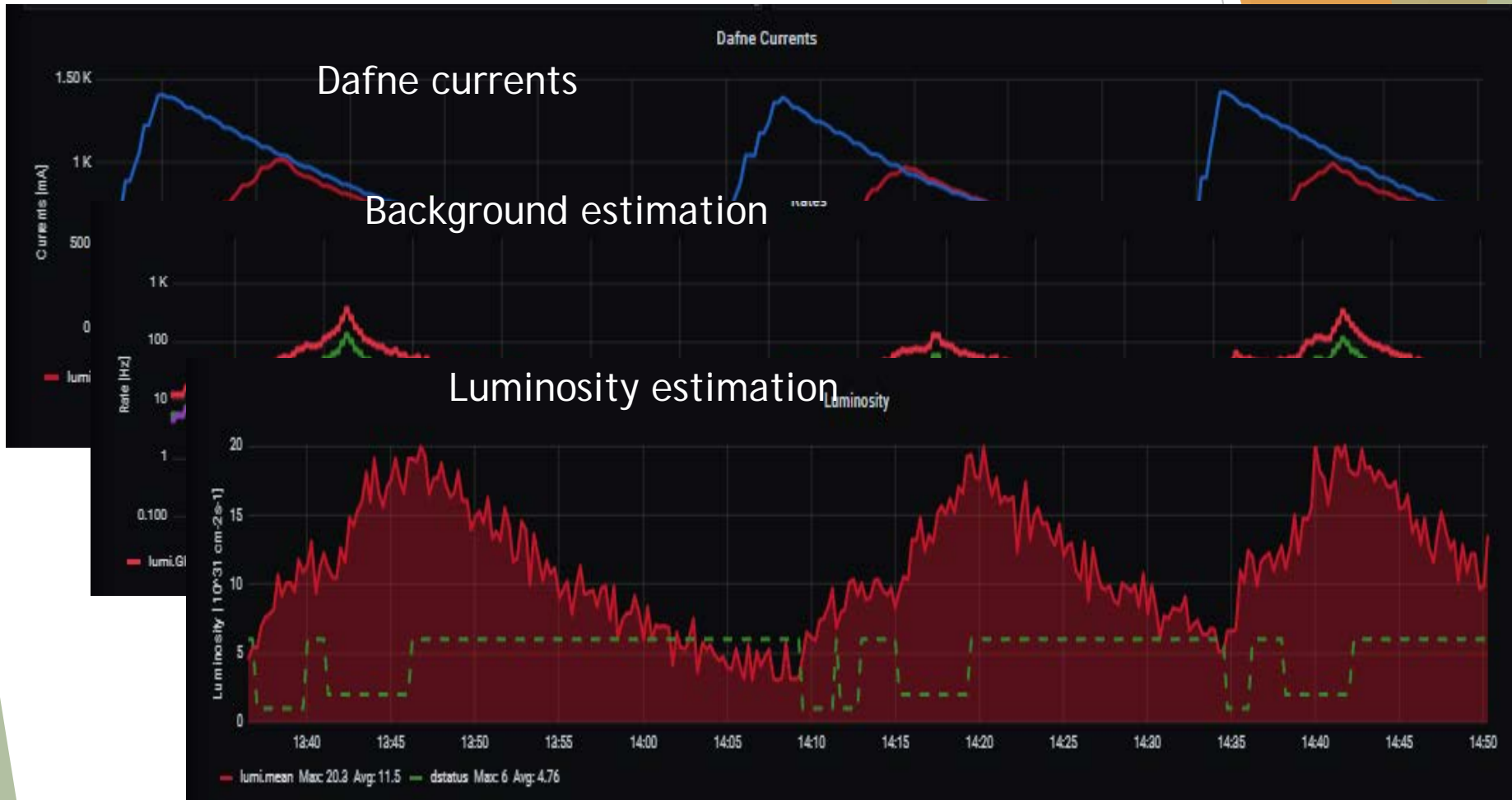
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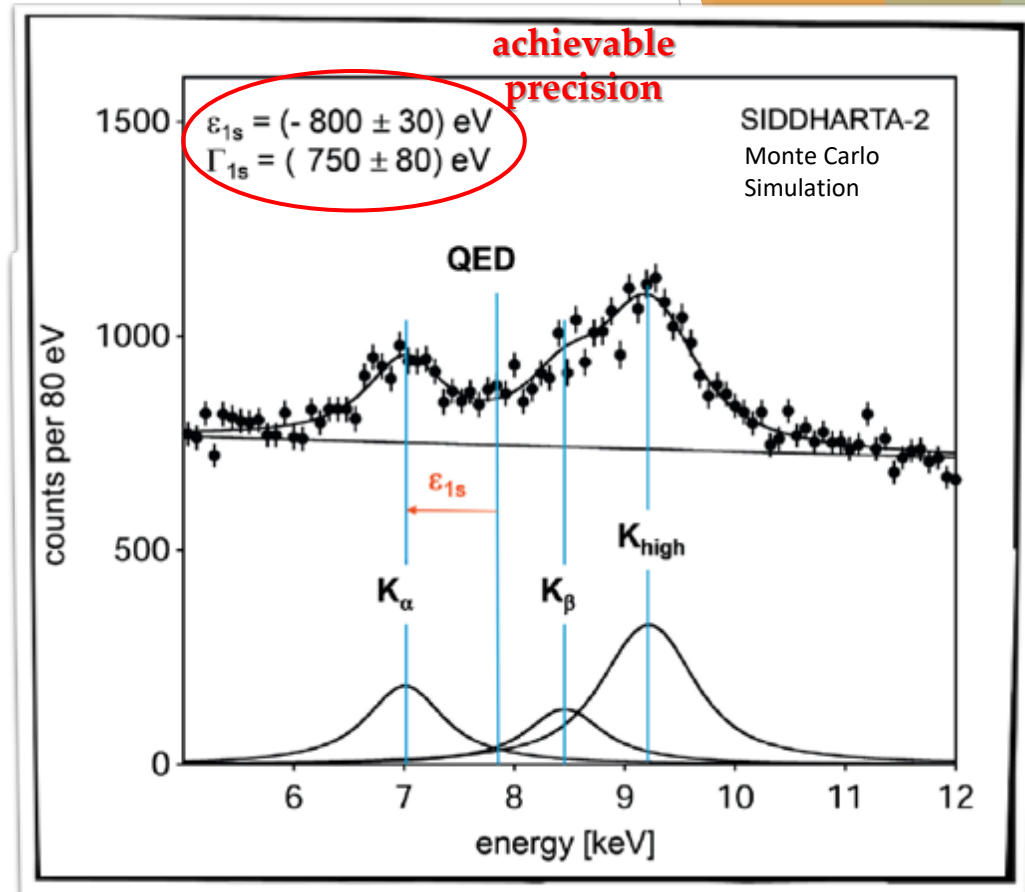
Kaonic deuterium - Monte Carlo simulation

Kaonic deuterium run ongoing

2023/2024

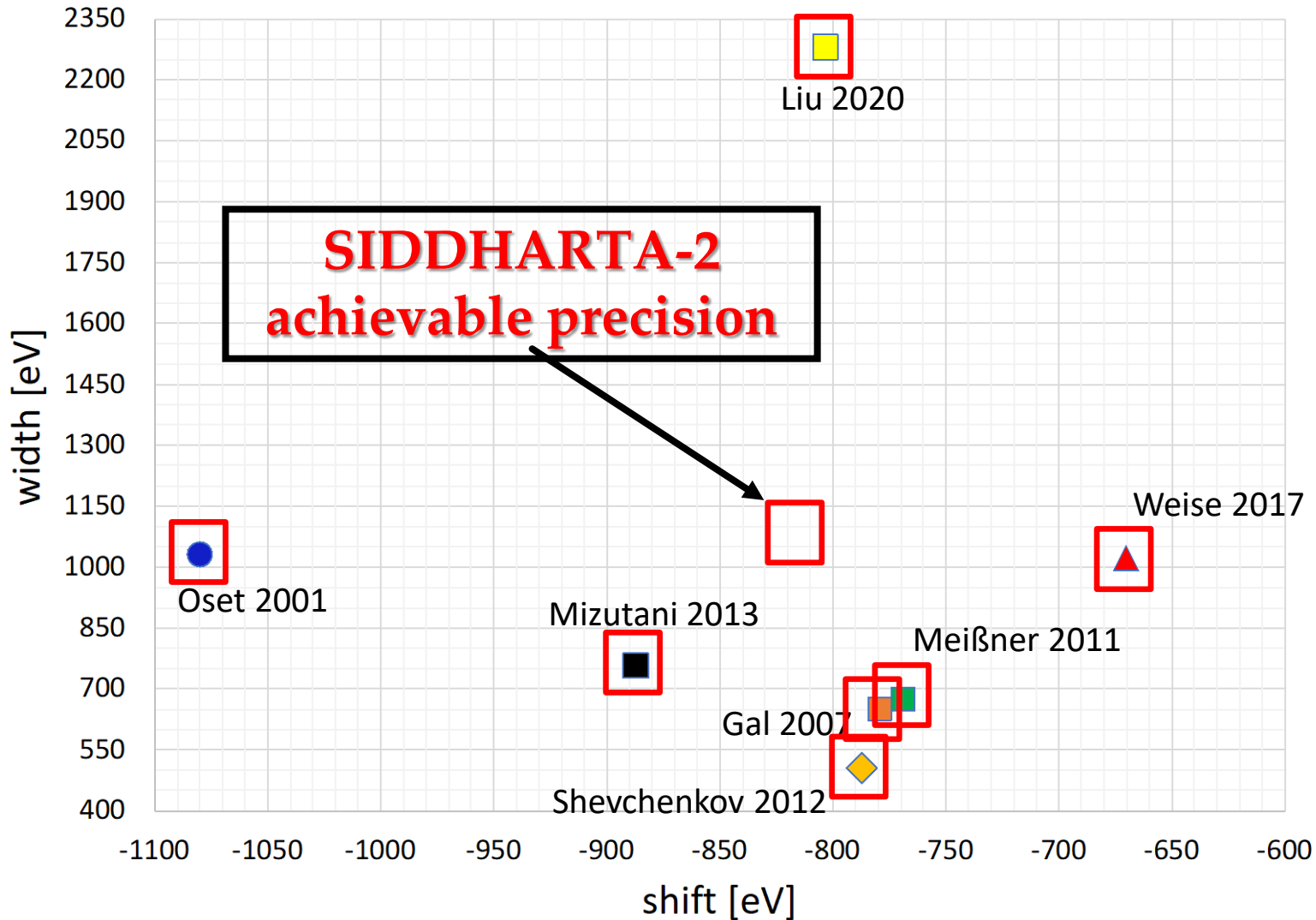
**Monte Carlo for an integrated
luminosity
of 800 pb^{-1}**

**to perform the first
measurement of the strong
interaction induced **energy
shift and width** of the **kaonic
deuterium** ground state
(similar precision as K-p) !**



**Significant impact in the theory of strong
interaction with strangeness**

Kaonic deuterium shift and width



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Kaonic deuterium measurement plan

► First Kaonic deuterium run finished in July
optimized setup for about 110 pb^{-1} integrated luminosity

► Second Kaonic deuterium run started in September
with optimized shielding, readout, veto, trigger,

(for the remaining integrated luminosity: $600\text{-}700 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ in 2023/2024)

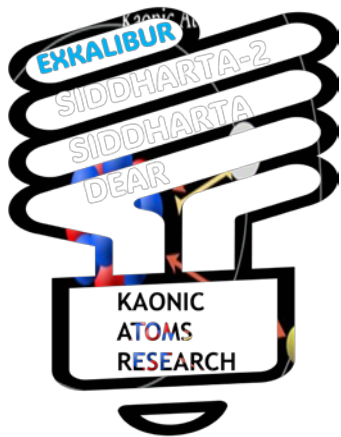
► Calibration/technical runs
KHe, Neon, solid targets Li, Be

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Future plans

proposal to perform fundamental physics at the strangeness frontier at DAΦNE for a 3-years period (post-SIDDHARTA-2)



Kaonic Hydrogen: 200 pb^{-1} - with SIDDHARTA2 setup - to get a precision $< 10 \text{ eV}$ (KH)

Selected light kaonic atoms (LHKA)

Selected intermediate and heavy kaonic atoms charting the periodic table (IMKA)

Ultra-High precision measurements of Kaonic Atoms (UHKA)

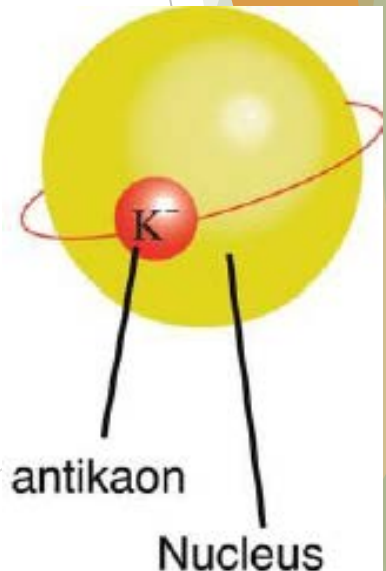
Dedicated runs with different types of detectors:

SDD 1mm, CZT detectors, HPGe, crystal HAPG spectrometer-VOXES project

C. Curceanu et al., arXiv:2104.06076 [nucl-ex](2021)

C. Curceanu et al., Front. Phys. 11 (2023)

Extensive Kaonic Atoms research: from Lithium and Beryllium to Uranium



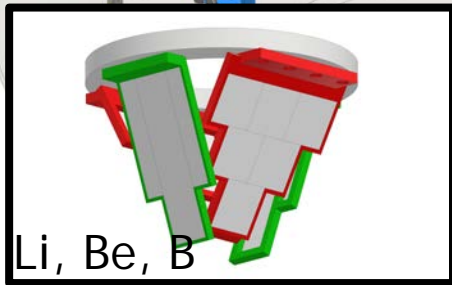
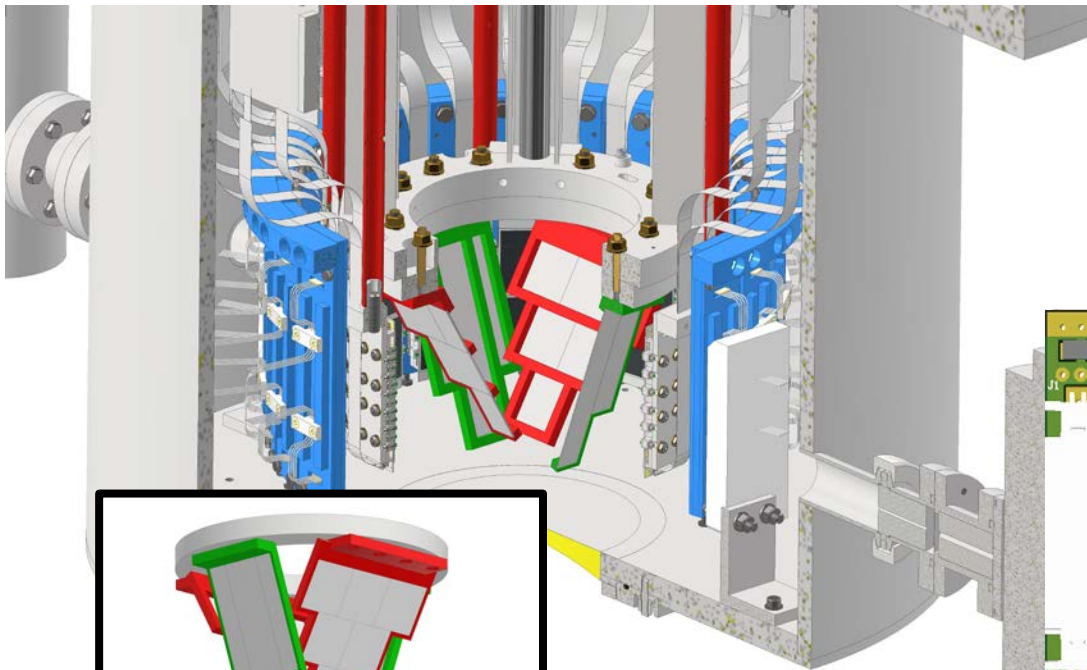
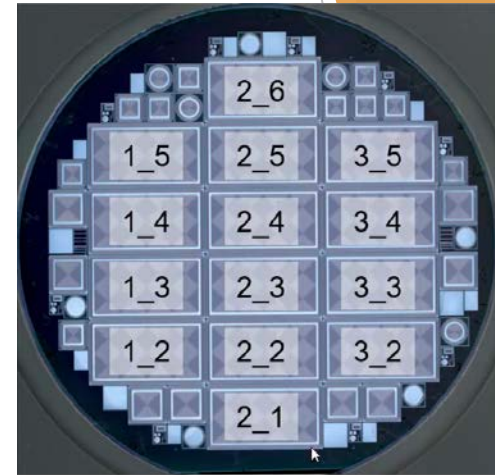
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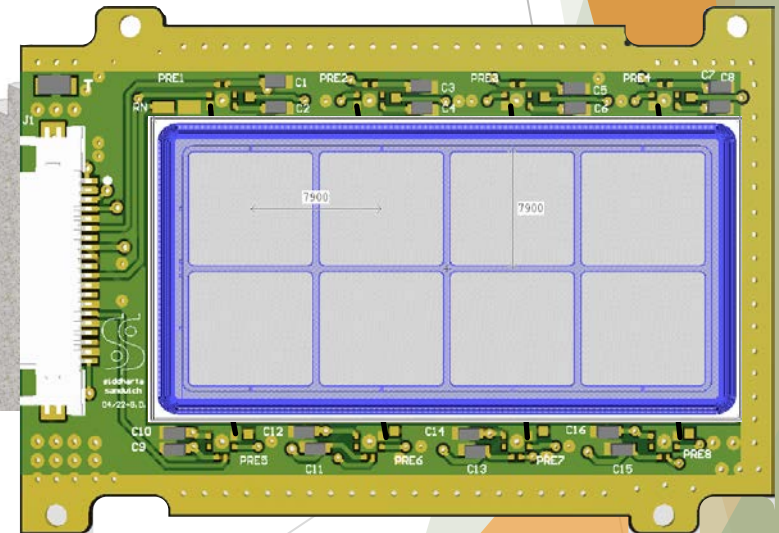
Future plans

- Thicker detectors are produced by FBK with larger guard rings
- Samples of detector under test in Milano
- Same active area
- New Focusing electrodes added

SDD 1mm detector



Li, Be, B
solid targets





Take advantage of “free space” in DAΦNE

CdZnTe
(30-300 keV)

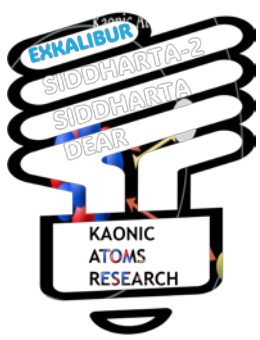
DAΦNE delivers
almost 4π
Kaons

Intermediate Kaonic Atoms

High
Purity
Germanium
(0.1-1.0 MeV)

Isometric view
Scale: 1:5

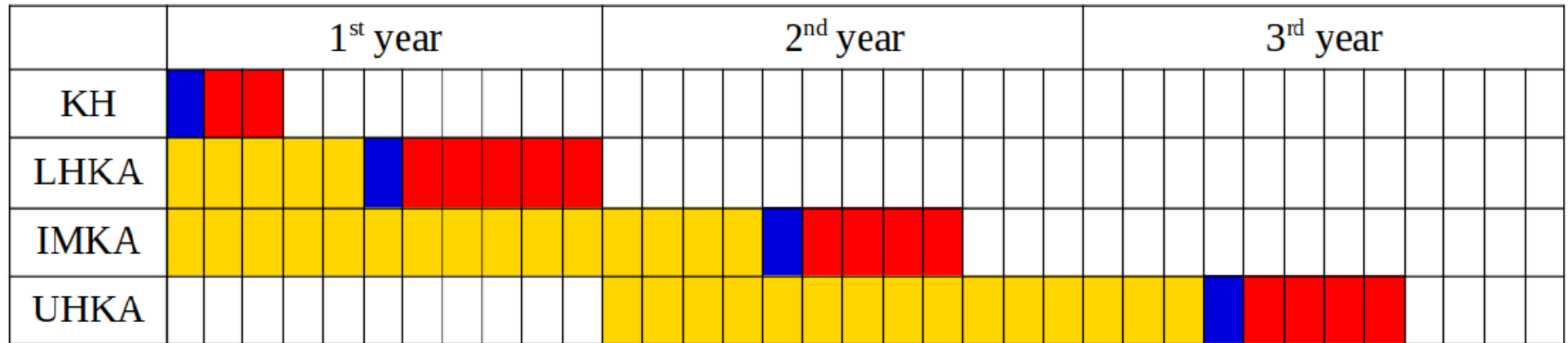
... more details in talk of Francesco Artibani and Francesco Sgaramella



Future plans

Gantt chart

possible implementation of the kaonic atoms measurements



Preparation of the experiment

Installation and commissioning

Data taking

Total integrated Luminosity:

$$200 + 400 (200) + 400 (200) + 400 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

**Fast, handy and significant physics measurements
with very low costs and human efforts**

Conclusions

The SIDDHARTA-2 NEON run (technical run)



First Kaonic deuterium run done - from May to July 2023
(optimized setup for about 110 pb^{-1} integrated luminosity)

We are confident in machine performance, ready and very motivated to continue the SIDDHARTA-2 program



Second Kaonic deuterium run - ongoing

Future measurements - proposal EXKALIBUR
we put forward several proposals for measurements with SIDDHARTA-2 setup and dedicated detectors systems for $200\text{-}300 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



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