



Advancements in Kaonic Atom Measurements: Insights from the SIDDHARTA-2 Experiment at the INFN-LNF DAΦNE Collider

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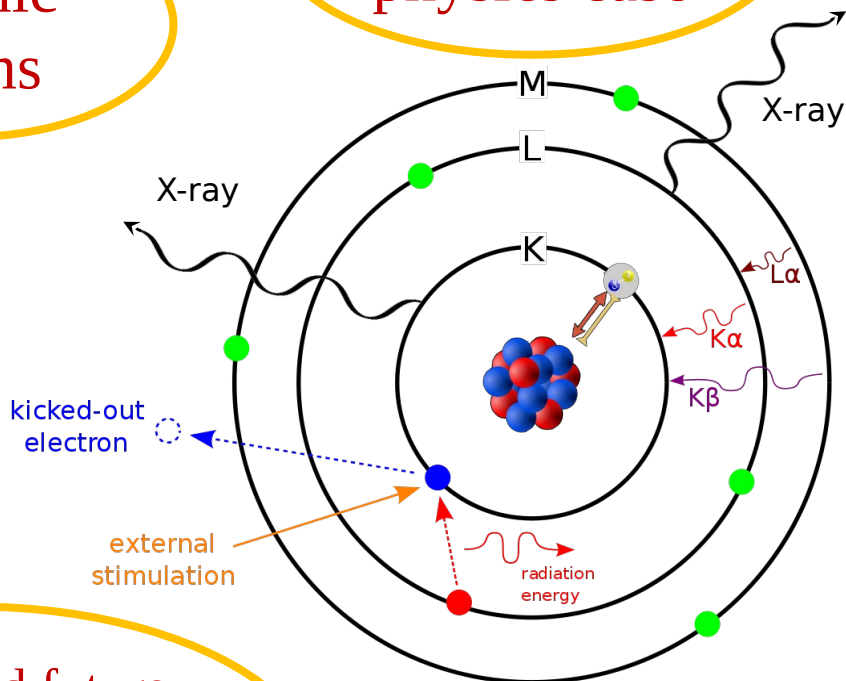
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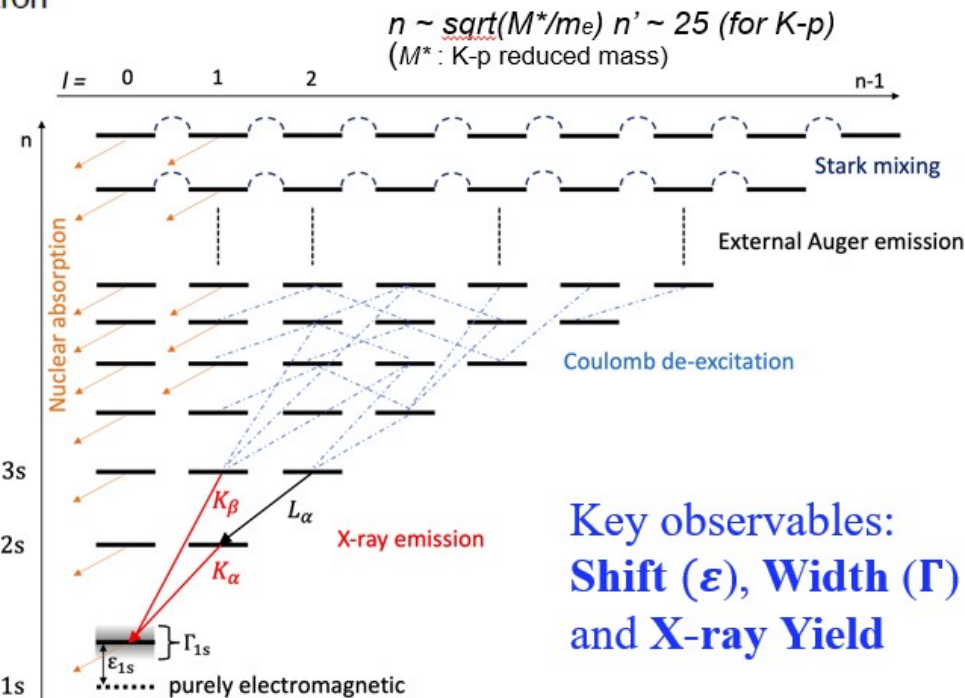
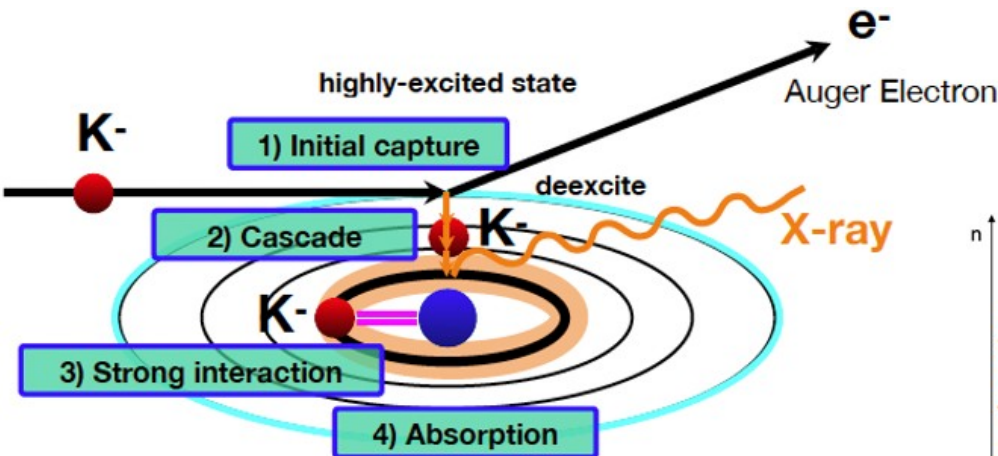
Kaonic atoms



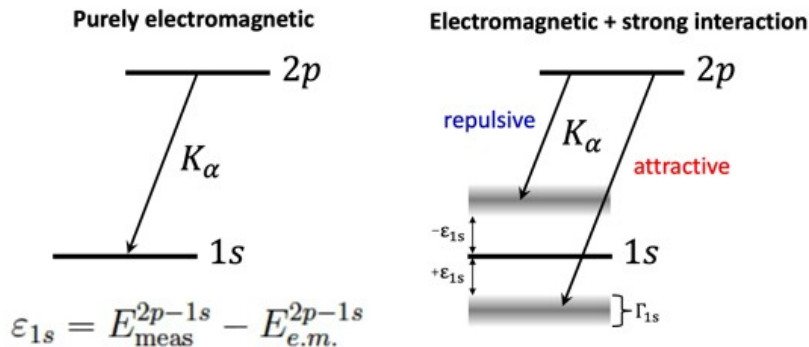
KN(N) interaction AT REST (or at threshold) can't be investigated in collision experiments

It can't be inferred by extrapolation at zero energy due to the presence of the $\Lambda(1405?)$ resonance a few MeV below Kp threshold

How can we then obtain reliable information on low energy KN(N) interaction?



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





First Preface

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R.H.Dalitz
Proc. Int. Conf. on “Hypernuclear and Kaon Physics”,
Heidelberg 1982.

also cited by

C.J. Batty
Proc. Int. Conf. on “Intense Hadron Facilities and
Antiproton Physics”, Torino 1990.

Combined analysis of the
kaonic deuterium and kaonic
hydrogen measurements

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

(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

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

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

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

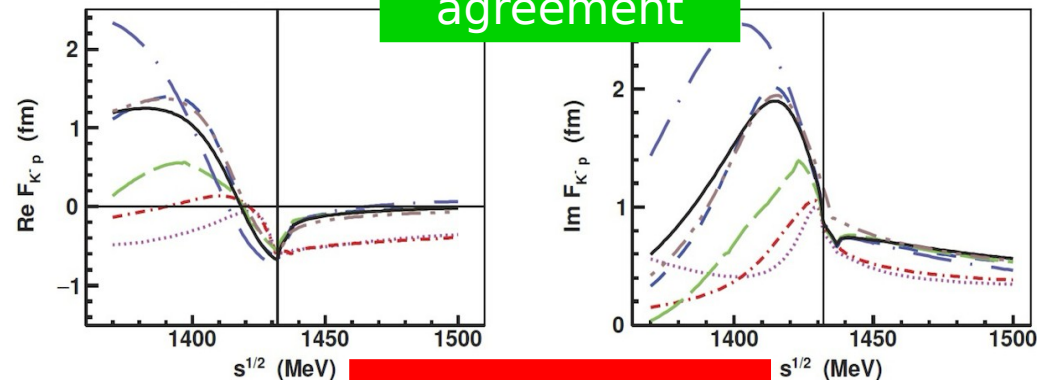
$$k = \frac{4[m_n + m_K]}{[2m_n + m_K]}$$

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

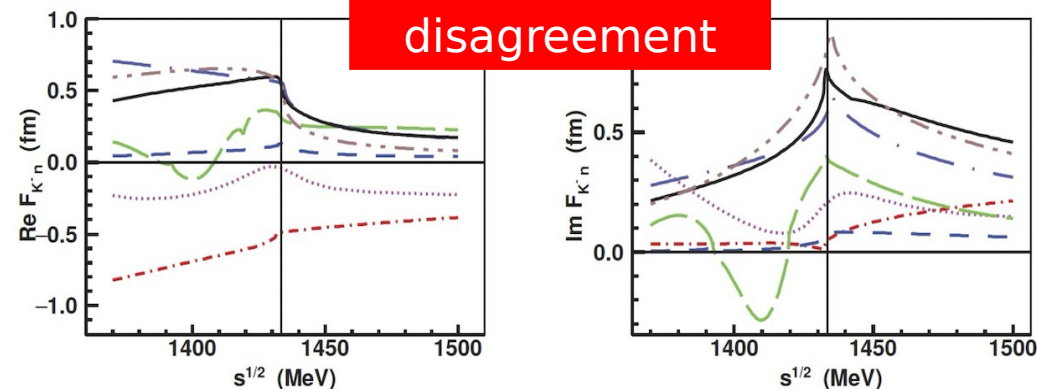
KH and Kd cases



K-p:
agreement



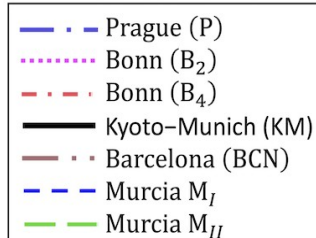
K-n:
disagreement



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

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

M. Bazzi et al., 2011. (SIDDHARTA Coll.),
Phys. Lett. B704, 113



Kd(2p->1s) never measured:
Main goal of the SIDDHARTA-2
experiment

Ciepl y, A. et al. From KN interactions to K-nuclear quasi-bound states.
AIP Conf. Proc. 2249, 030014 (2020).



E. Friedman et al. / Nuclear Physics A579 (1994) 518–538

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Table 1
Compilation of K^- atomic data

Nucleus	Transition	ϵ (keV)	Γ (keV)	Y	Γ_u (eV)	Ref.
He	3 → 2	-0.04 ± 0.03	–	–	–	[15]
		-0.035 ± 0.012	0.03 ± 0.03	–	–	[16]
Li	3 → 2	0.002 ± 0.026	0.055 ± 0.029	0.95 ± 0.30	–	[17]
Be	3 → 2	-0.079 ± 0.021	0.172 ± 0.58	0.25 ± 0.09	0.04 ± 0.02	[17]
^{10}B	3 → 2	-0.208 ± 0.035	0.810 ± 0.100	–	–	[18]
^{11}B	3 → 2	-0.167 ± 0.035	0.700 ± 0.080	–	–	[18]
C	3 → 2	-0.590 ± 0.080	1.730 ± 0.150	0.07 ± 0.013	0.99 ± 0.20	[18]
O	4 → 3	-0.025 ± 0.018	0.017 ± 0.014	–	–	[19]
Mg	4 → 3	-0.027 ± 0.015	0.214 ± 0.015	0.78 ± 0.06	0.08 ± 0.03	[19]
Al	4 → 3	-0.130 ± 0.050	0.490 ± 0.160	–	–	[20]
		-0.076 ± 0.014	0.442 ± 0.022	0.55 ± 0.03	0.30 ± 0.04	[19]
Si	4 → 3	-0.240 ± 0.050	0.810 ± 0.120	–	–	[20]
P	4 → 3	-0.130 ± 0.015	0.800 ± 0.033	0.49 ± 0.03	0.53 ± 0.06	[19]
		-0.330 ± 0.08	1.440 ± 0.120	0.26 ± 0.03	1.89 ± 0.30	[18]
S	4 → 3	-0.550 ± 0.06	2.330 ± 0.200	0.22 ± 0.02	3.10 ± 0.36	[18]
		-0.43 ± 0.12	2.310 ± 0.170	–	–	[21]
		-0.462 ± 0.054	1.96 ± 0.17	0.23 ± 0.03	2.9 ± 0.5	[19]
Cl	4 → 3	-0.770 ± 0.40	3.80 ± 1.0	0.16 ± 0.04	5.8 ± 1.7	[18]
		-0.94 ± 0.40	3.92 ± 0.99	–	–	[22]
		-1.08 ± 0.22	2.79 ± 0.25	–	–	[21]
Co	5 → 4	-0.099 ± 0.106	0.64 ± 0.25	–	–	[19]
		-0.180 ± 0.070	0.59 ± 0.21	0.30 ± 0.08	5.9 ± 2.3	[20]
Ni	5 → 4	-0.246 ± 0.052	1.23 ± 0.14	–	–	[19]
		-0.240 ± 0.220	1.650 ± 0.72	0.29 ± 0.11	7.0 ± 3.8	[20]
		-0.377 ± 0.048	1.35 ± 0.17	0.36 ± 0.05	5.1 ± 1.1	[19]
Ag	6 → 5	-0.18 ± 0.12	1.54 ± 0.58	0.51 ± 0.16	7.3 ± 4.7	[19]
Cd	6 → 5	-0.40 ± 0.10	2.01 ± 0.44	0.57 ± 0.11	6.2 ± 2.8	[19]
In	6 → 5	-0.53 ± 0.15	2.38 ± 0.57	0.44 ± 0.08	11.4 ± 3.7	[19]
Sn	6 → 5	-0.41 ± 0.18	3.18 ± 0.64	0.39 ± 0.07	15.1 ± 4.4	[19]
Ho	7 → 6	-0.30 ± 0.13	2.14 ± 0.31	–	–	[23]
Yb	7 → 6	-0.12 ± 0.10	2.39 ± 0.30	–	–	[23]
Ta	7 → 6	-0.27 ± 0.50	3.76 ± 1.15	–	–	[23]
Pb	8 → 7	–	0.37 ± 0.15	0.79 ± 0.08	4.1 ± 2.0	[24]
		-0.020 ± 0.012	–	–	–	[25]
U	8 → 7	-0.26 ± 0.4	1.50 ± 0.75	0.35 ± 0.12	45 ± 24	[24]

New measurements of Kaonic Helium not confirming the old ones

Many of the available data on “lower levels” have big uncertainties

Some widths are actually UNmeasured

Many of them are hardly compatible among each other (Sulfur “puzzle”)

Relative yields with upper levels are not always measured

Absolute yields are basically unknown (except for few transitions)

New measurements (with improved precisions) are important to be performed

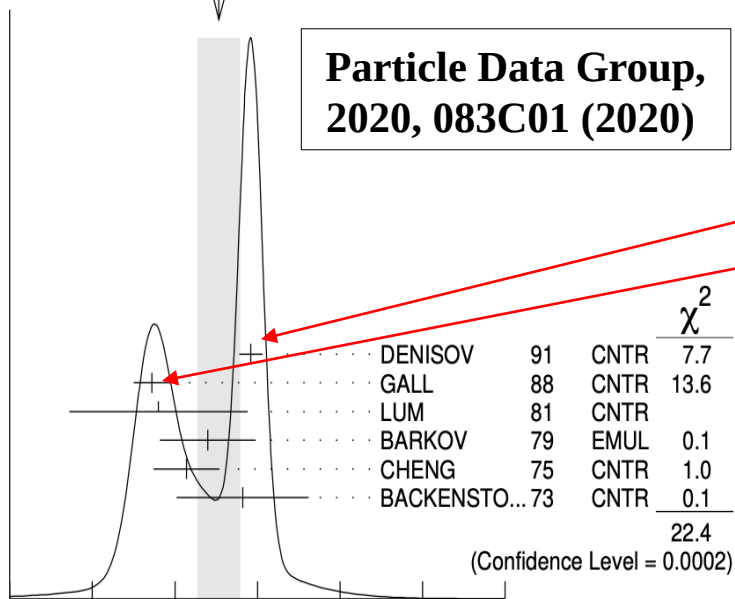
The K^- mass problem



Large uncertainty 26 p.p.m,
 compared to charged pion:
 MeV, 1.6 p.p.m

WEIGHTED AVERAGE
 493.677 ± 0.013 (Error scaled by 2.4)

**Particle Data Group,
 2020, 083C01 (2020)**



VALUE (MeV)	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	CHG	COMMENT
493.677 ± 0.016 OUR FIT				Error includes scale factor of 2.8.
493.677 ± 0.013 OUR AVERAGE				Error includes scale factor of 2.4. See the ideogram below.
493.696 ± 0.007	¹ DENISOV 91	CNTR	-	Kaonic atoms
493.636 ± 0.011	² GALL 88	CNTR	-	Kaonic atoms
493.640 ± 0.054	LUM 81	CNTR	-	Kaonic atoms
493.670 ± 0.029	BARKOV 79	EMUL	\pm	$e^+ e^- \rightarrow K^+ K^-$
493.657 ± 0.020	² CHENG 75	CNTR	-	Kaonic atoms
493.691 ± 0.040	BACKENSTO...73	CNTR	-	Kaonic atoms

60 keV discrepancy between the two most
 accurate measurements

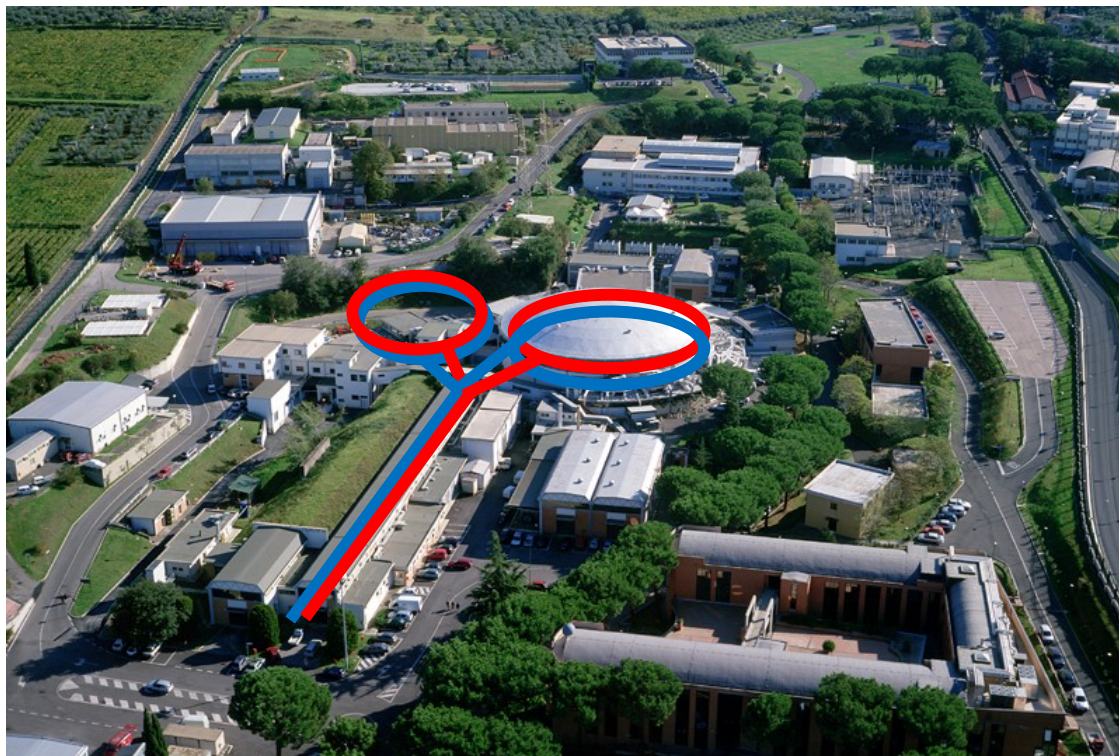
Kaon mass precision is still a crucial
 open issue in strangeness nuclear physics

Kaon mass puzzle can be addressed
 with HPGe detectors on solid targets
 (to repeat GALL KPb measurement)

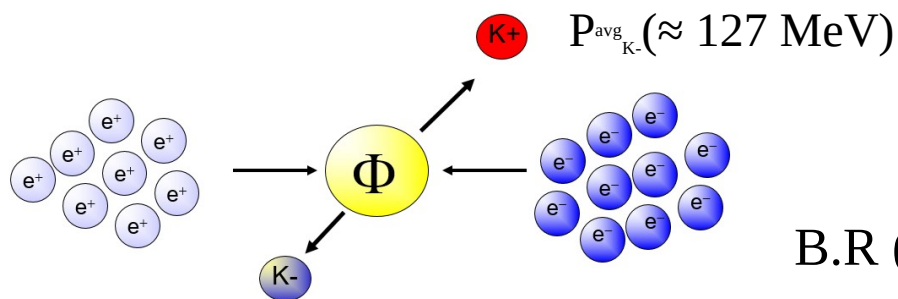
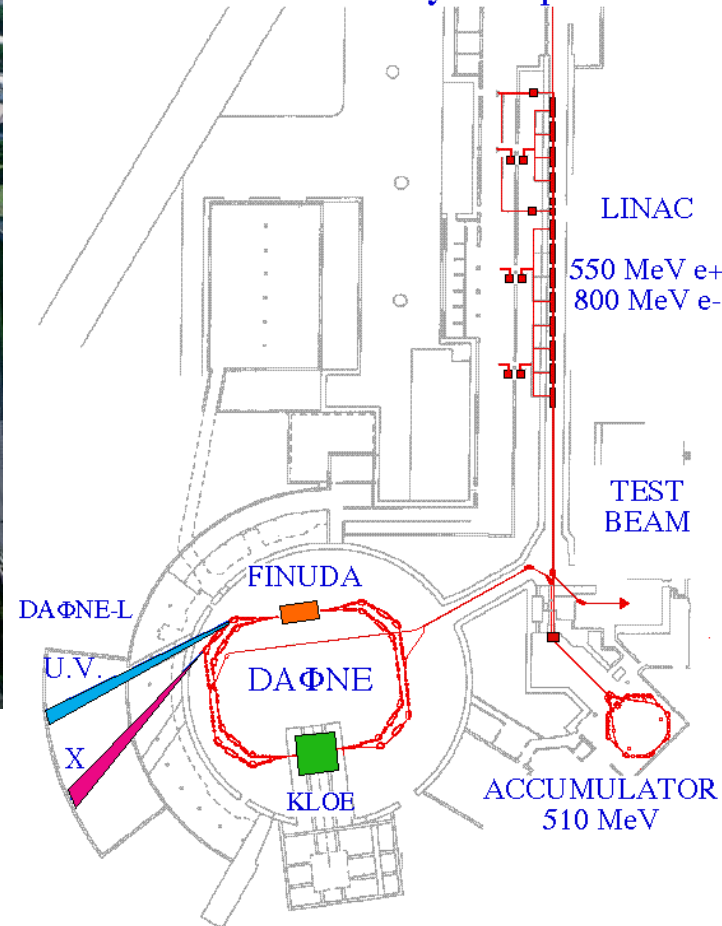
Kaon mass puzzle can be addressed
 with SDD detectors on gaseous targets
 (attempt with KNe transitions)

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Silicon Drift
Detectors for
HADronic Atom
Research by
Timing Application



Frascati Φ-Factory complex



B.R ($\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$) = 48,9 %

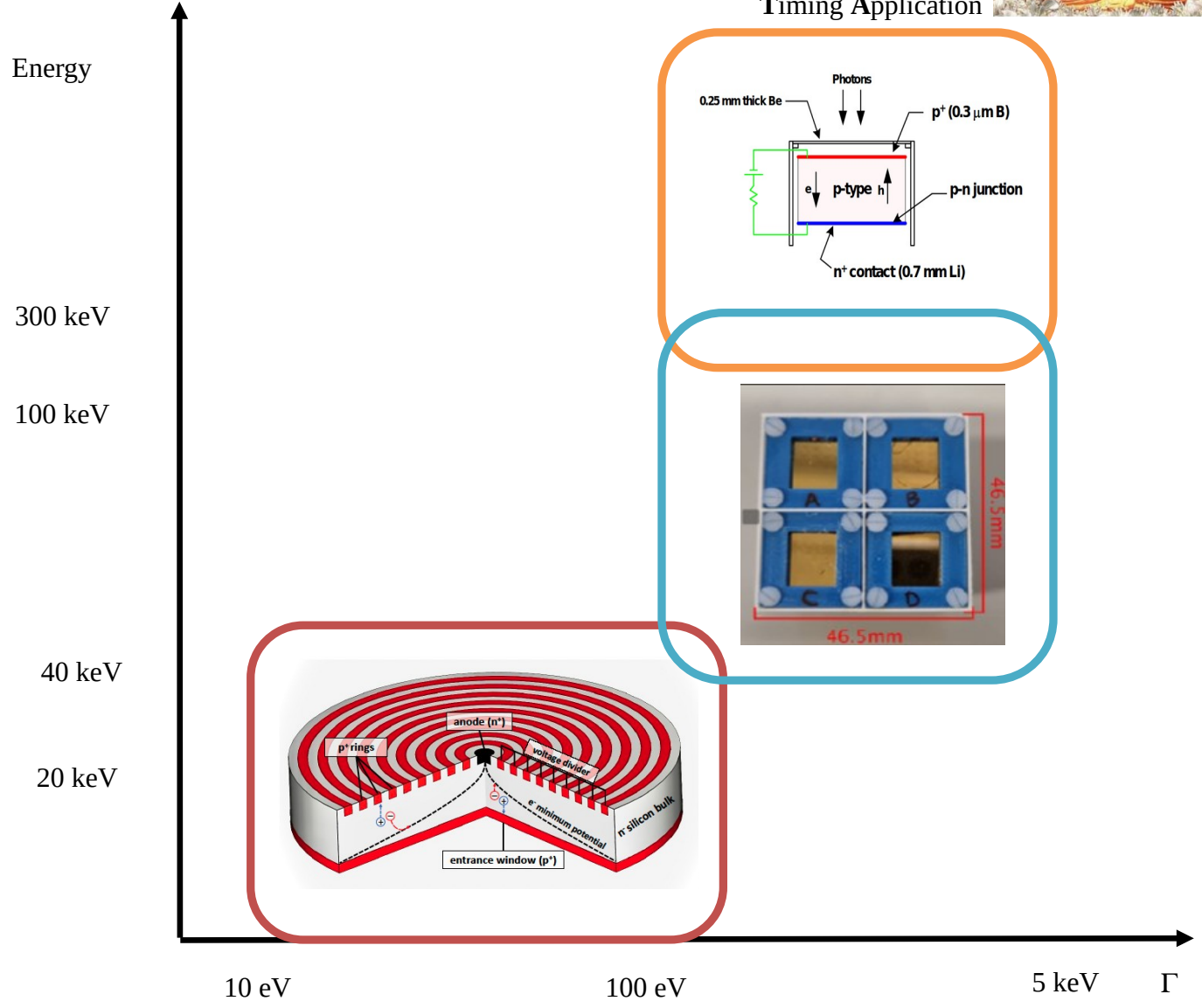


which detector?

- SDDs**
- 100 eV max resolution
 - 4-40 keV range
 - High efficiency

- Cd(Zn)Te**
- 20-300 keV range
 - FWHM / E ~ %
 - High efficiency
 - Room Temperature

- HPGe**
- 100-1000 keV range
 - FWHM / E ~ %
 - High efficiency
 - Cooling needed



K⁴He measurement with SDDs

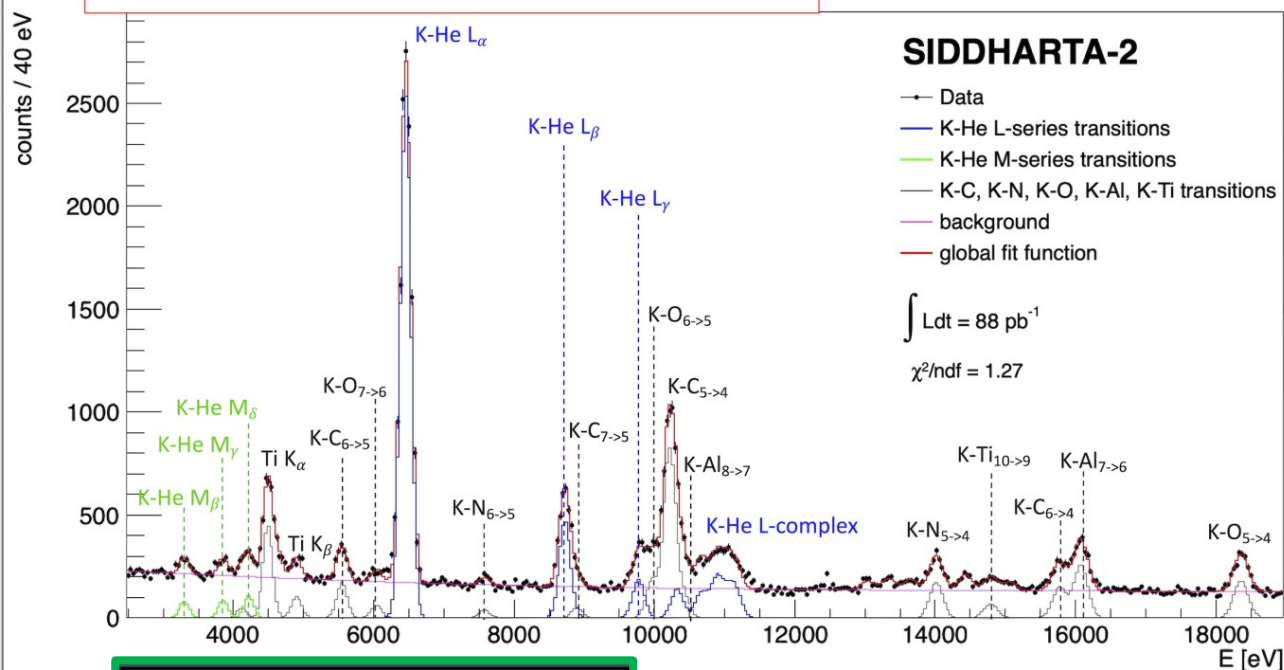


- Most precise measurement of kaonic helium-4 L in gas: 2p level energy shift and width
- First observation of kaonic helium-4 M-series transition (n3d)

$$\varepsilon_{2p} = E_{3d \rightarrow 2p}^{\text{exp}} - E_{3d \rightarrow 2p}^{\text{e.m}} = -1.9 \pm 0.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 2.0 \text{ (sys)} \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{2p} = 0.01 \pm 1.60 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.36 \text{ (sys)} \text{ eV}$$

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



First measurement of
K⁴He M-series transition



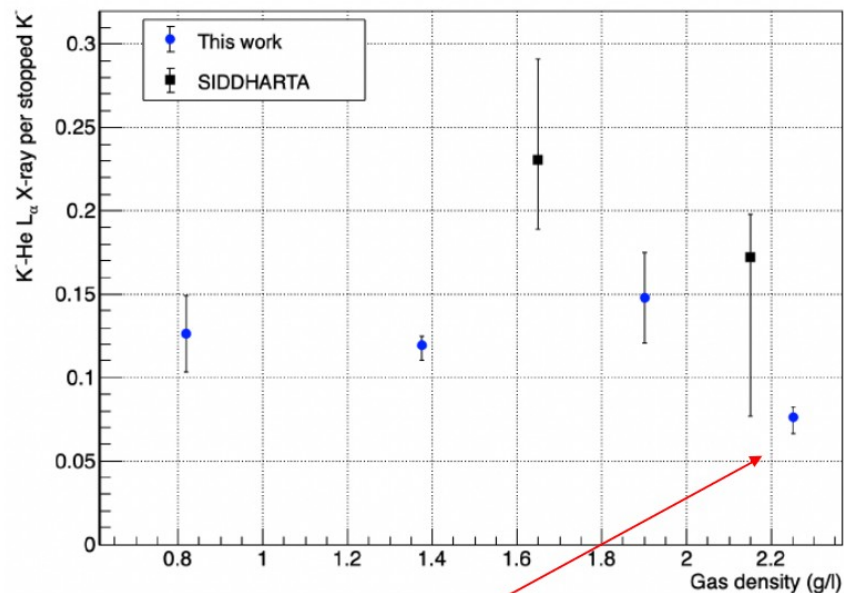
New experimental data for cascade models calculations

The X-ray yield is the key observable to understand the de-excitation mechanism in kaonic atoms and develop more accurate models.

First measurement of
K-⁴He M-series transition

Density	1.37 ± 0.07 g/l
L _α yield	0.119 ± 0.002 (stat) ^{+0.006} (syst) _{-0.009} (syst)
M _β yield	0.026 ± 0.003 (stat) ^{+0.010} (syst) _{-0.001} (syst)
L _β / L _α	0.172 ± 0.008 (stat)
L _γ / L _α	0.012 ± 0.001 (stat)
M _β / L _α	0.218 ± 0.029 (stat)
M _γ / M _β	0.48 ± 0.11 (stat)
M _δ / M _β	0.43 ± 0.12 (stat)

Study of yield density dependence
for the K-⁴He L transition



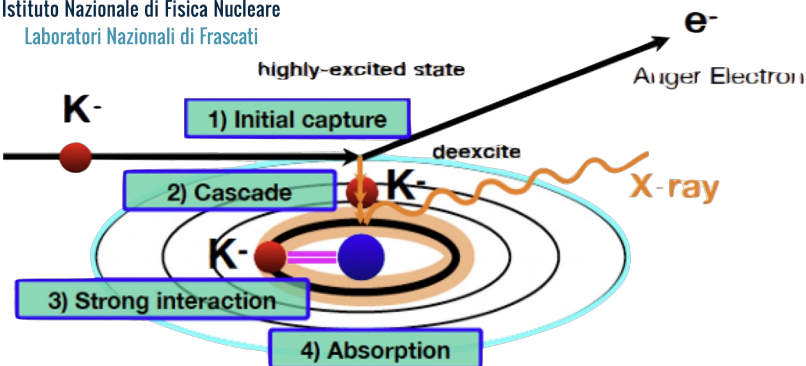
First observation of the stark effect in kaonic helium-4

Sgaramella F., et al, 2024, *J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys.* 51 055103

Sirghi D.L., Shi H., Guaraldo C., Sgaramella F., et al., 2023, *Nucl. Phys. A*, 1029 122567

The VETO-1 system for signal identification

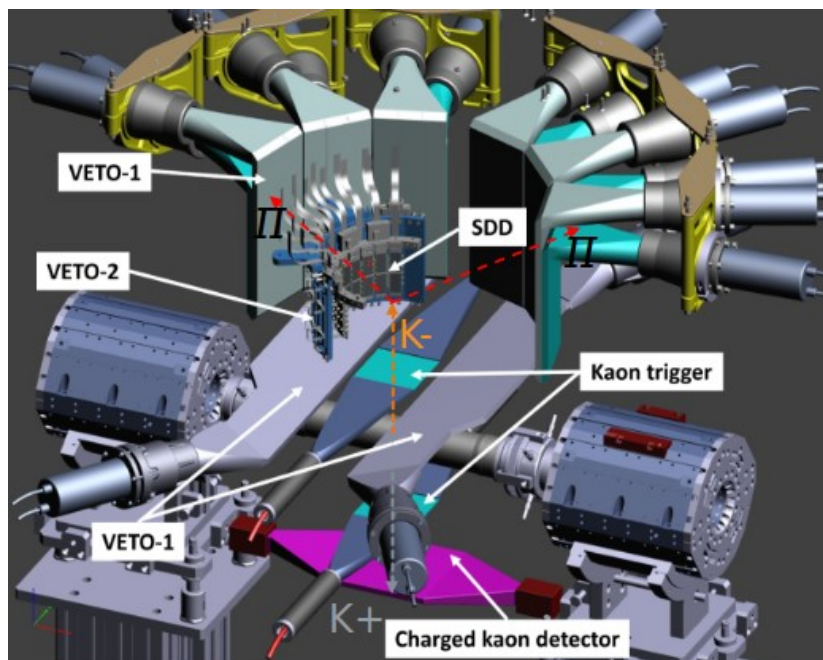
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Timing Application



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K^- - ^4He L_α	$(8 \pm 1)\%$	4%
K^- - $C_{5 \rightarrow 4}$	$(48 \pm 4)\%$	44%

SIDDHARTA-2 is equipped with a VETO system that measure the arrival time of charged particles produced after the K^- absorption.

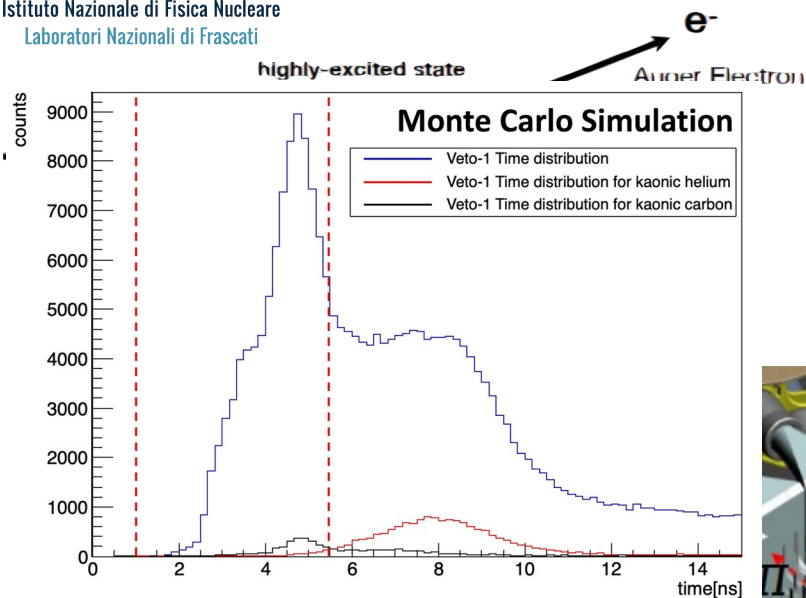
It can be used to asses if a K^- is stopped in a solid or gaseous target



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

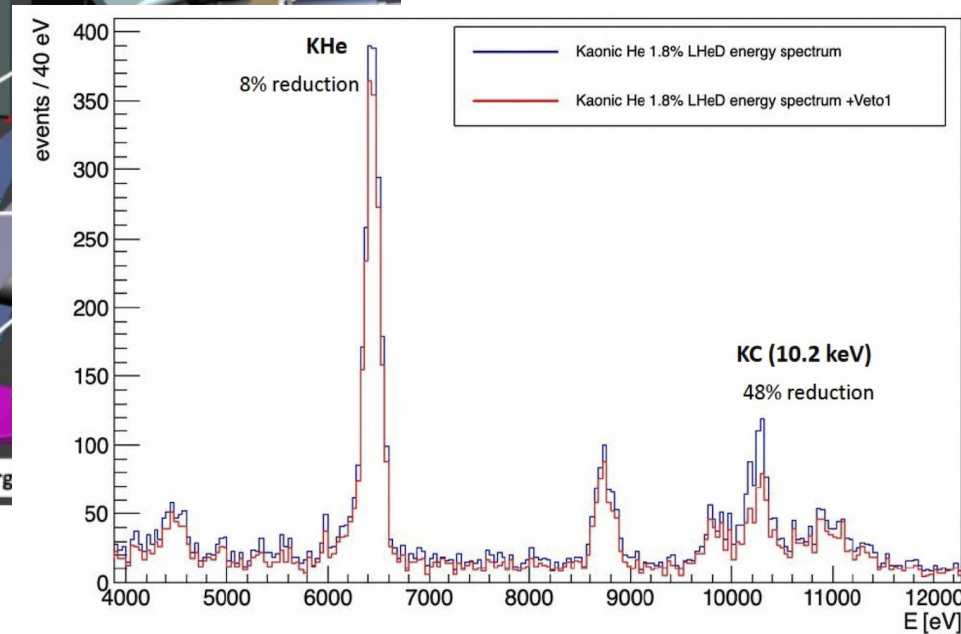
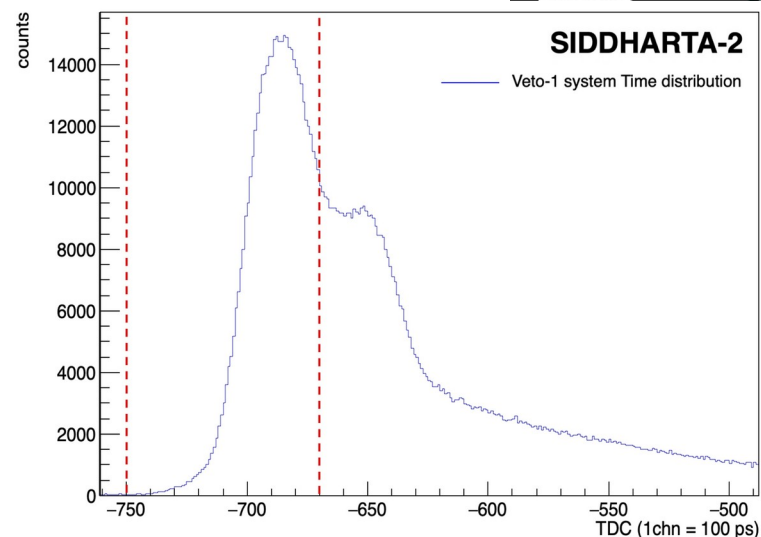
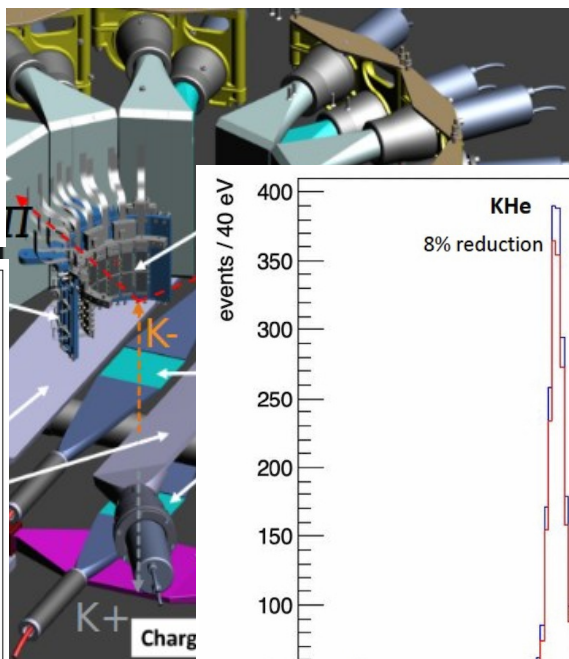
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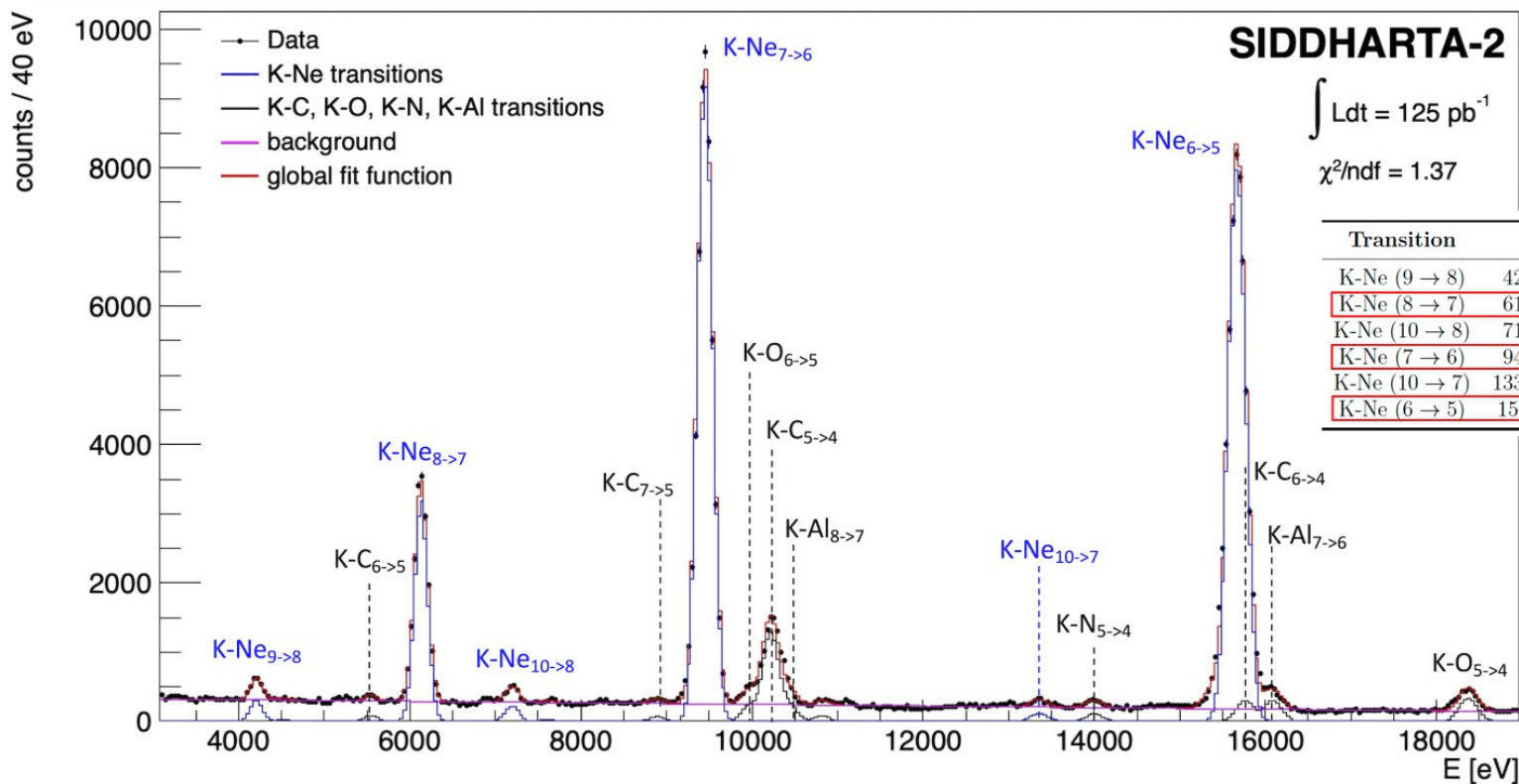
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First measurement of kaonic neon X-ray transitions (sub eV statistical accuracy)



[Article in preparation](#)



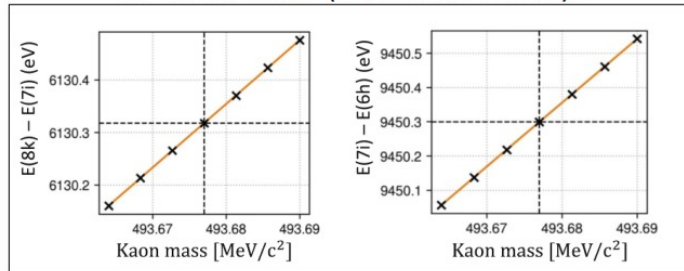
The measurement of kaonic neon high-n transitions can potentially solve the charged kaon mass puzzle

The kaonic Neon measurement to determine the K^- (K^+) mass

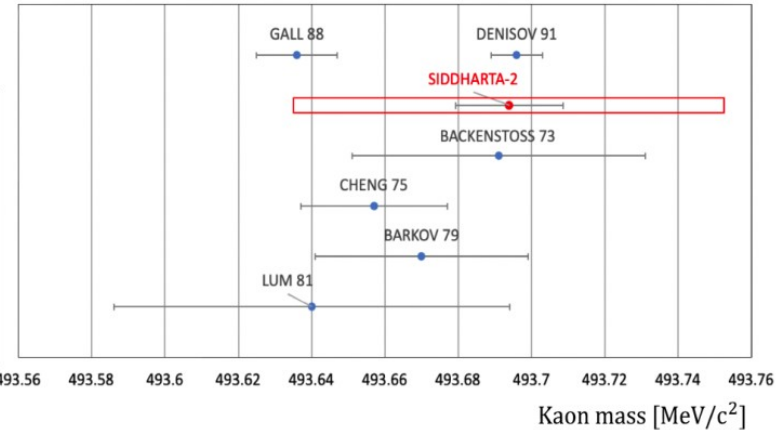


Less/different systematic uncertainty with respect to DENISOV 91 and GALL 88 measurements, thanks to the use of a low Z gas target

Kaonic Ne energy transition as function of kaon mass (MCDFGME code)



Santos, J. & Parente, F. & Indelicato, Paul & Desclaux, J.. (2005). X-ray energies of circular transitions and electron screening in kaonic atoms. Physical Review A. 71.10.1103/PhysRevA.71.032501.



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$$K - Ne(8 \rightarrow 7) = \frac{A_G}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(E-E_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad E_0 = (m_{8 \rightarrow 7} \cdot K_{mass} + q_{8 \rightarrow 7})$$

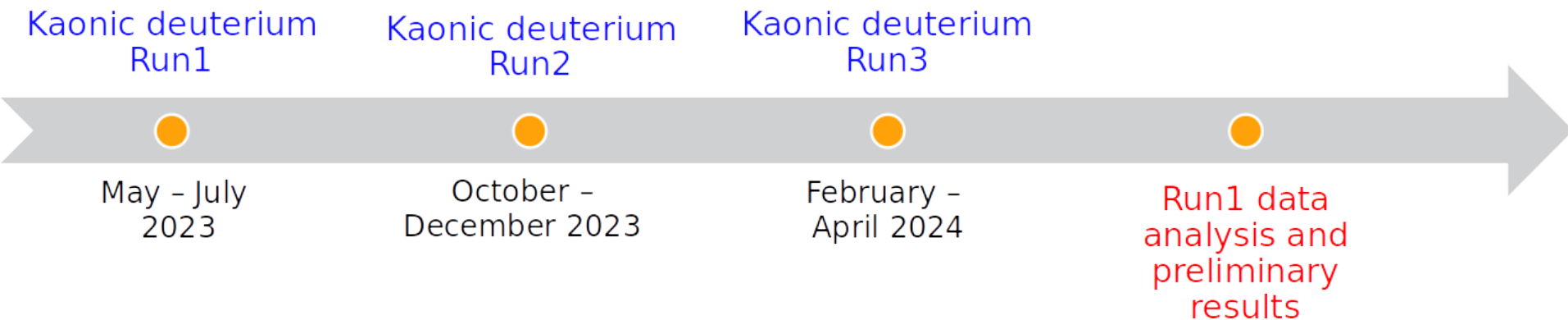
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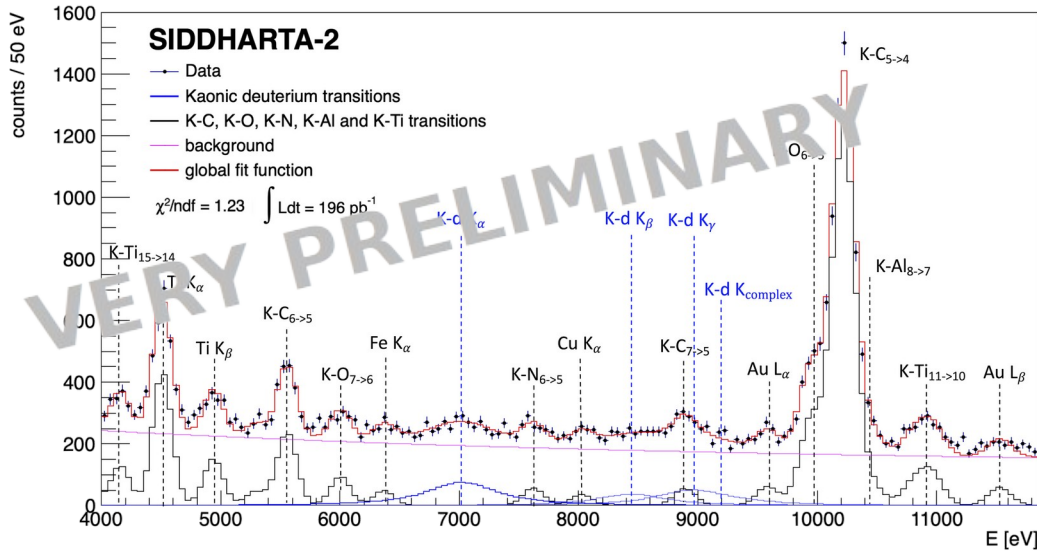
Kd ($2p \rightarrow 1s$) measurement with SDDs



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
- **Second run** - October – December 2023: **344 pb⁻¹**
- **Third run** 2024 - February – April 2024: **435 pb⁻¹**





From 2p->1s transition (Kα):

$$\varepsilon_{1s}: -816 \pm 53 \text{ (stat)} \pm 2 \text{ (syst)} \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{1s}: 756 \pm 271 \text{ (stat)}$$

From (n>2)->1s transition:

$$\varepsilon_{1s}: -813 \pm 56 \text{ (stat)} \pm 2 \text{ (syst)} \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{1s}: 751 \pm 280 \text{ (stat)}$$

Are we sure that the signal comes from the gaseous D₂ target?

$$f = \text{pol}_1(E) + \exp(E) + \sum_i \text{Gauss}(A_{Gi}, E_i, \sigma) + \text{Tail}(A_{Ti}, E_i, \beta, \sigma) +$$

$$A_{Kd_{2 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot \text{Voigt}(E_{2 \rightarrow 1}, \sigma, \Gamma_{1s}) +$$

$$A_{Kd_{4 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot A_{\text{rel}_{3 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot \text{Voigt}(E_{3 \rightarrow 1}^{e.m.} + \varepsilon_{1s}^*, \sigma, \Gamma_{1s}^*) +$$

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$$A_{Kd_{4 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot A_{\text{rel}_{5 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot \text{Voigt}(E_{5 \rightarrow 1}^{e.m.} + \varepsilon_{1s}^*, \sigma, \Gamma_{1s}^*) +$$

$$A_{Kd_{4 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot A_{\text{rel}_{6 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot \text{Voigt}(E_{6 \rightarrow 1}^{e.m.} + \varepsilon_{1s}^*, \sigma, \Gamma_{1s}^*) +$$

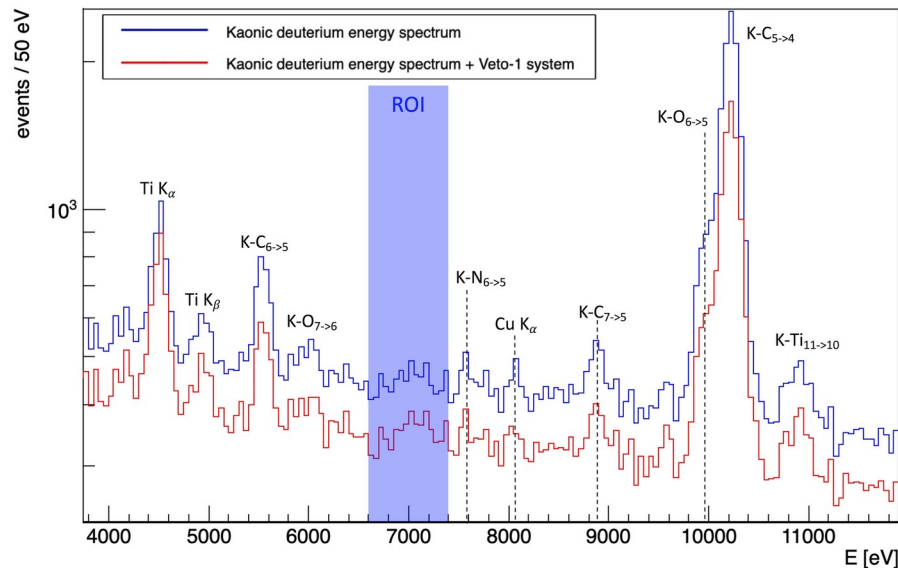
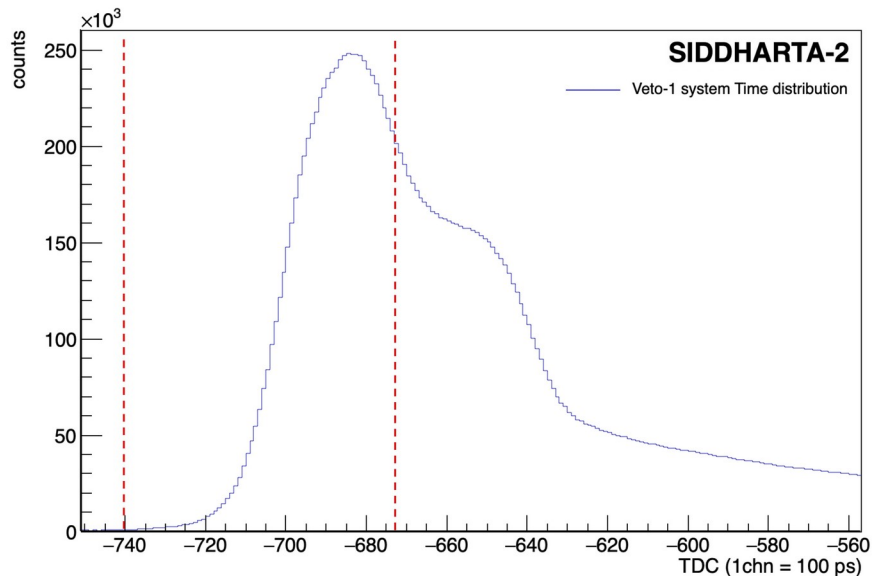
$$A_{Kd_{4 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot A_{\text{rel}_{7 \rightarrow 1}} \cdot \text{Voigt}(E_{7 \rightarrow 1}^{e.m.} + \varepsilon_{1s}^*, \sigma, \Gamma_{1s}^*)$$

$$L(E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\frac{1}{2}\Gamma}{(E - E_0)^2 + (\frac{1}{2}\Gamma)^2}$$

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R.H. Dalitz (1982)

Kd (2p->1s) measurement



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K-C _{5→4}	$(44 \pm 4)\%$	46%
K-C _{6→5}	$(39 \pm 5)\%$	45%
K-C _{7→5}	$(48 \pm 4)\%$	46%

K- ⁴ He L_α	$(8 \pm 1)\%$	4%
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Signals in the ROI are actually produced in the D₂ gaseous target

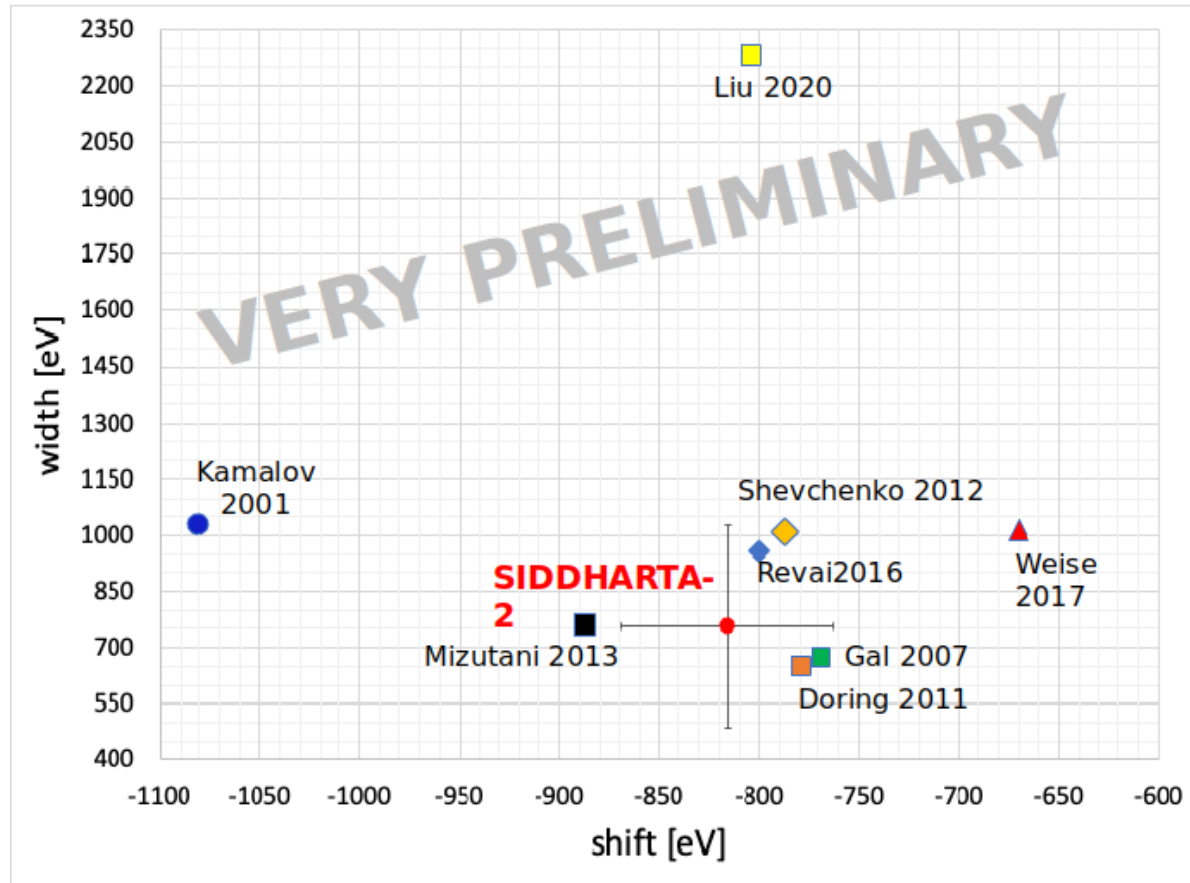


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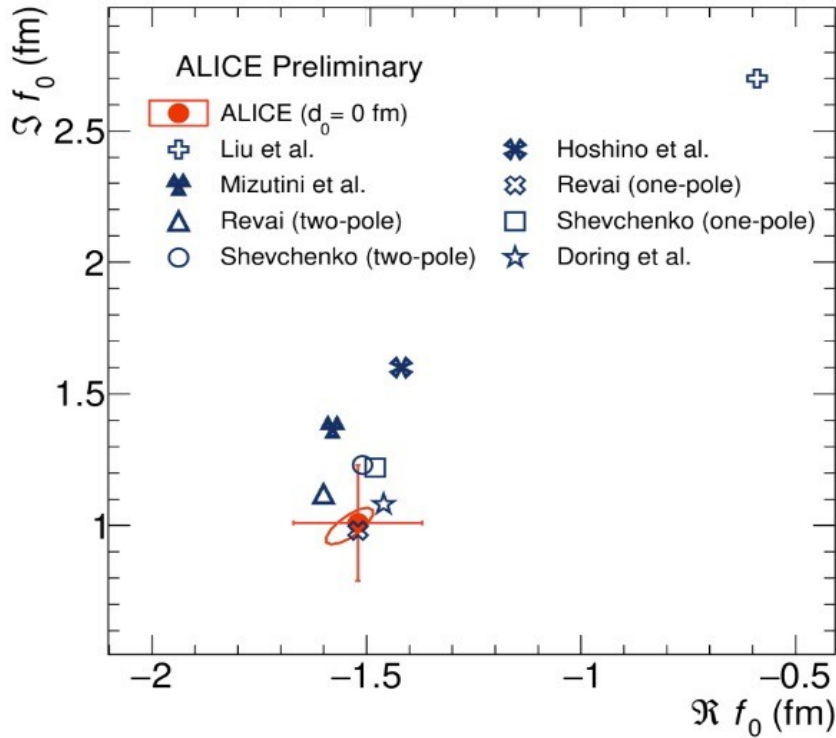
The analysis of the full dataset can potentially improve the statistical accuracy by a factor 2

(precision similar to kaonic hydrogen measurement)





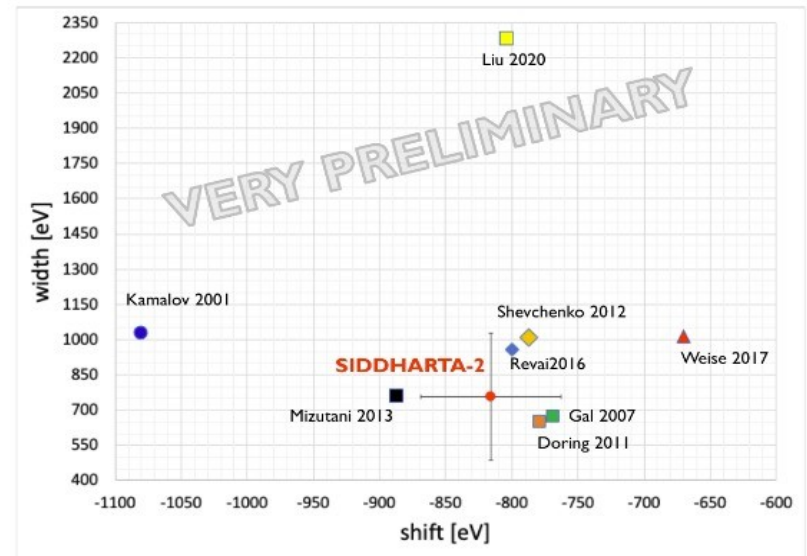
K⁻d Femtoscopy with ALICE in Pb-Pb collisions



W. Resza @ Hadron 2023

Fit to K⁻d correlation function:

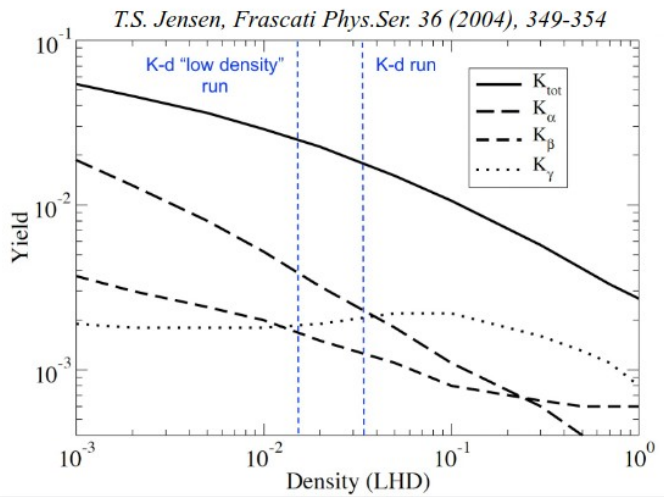
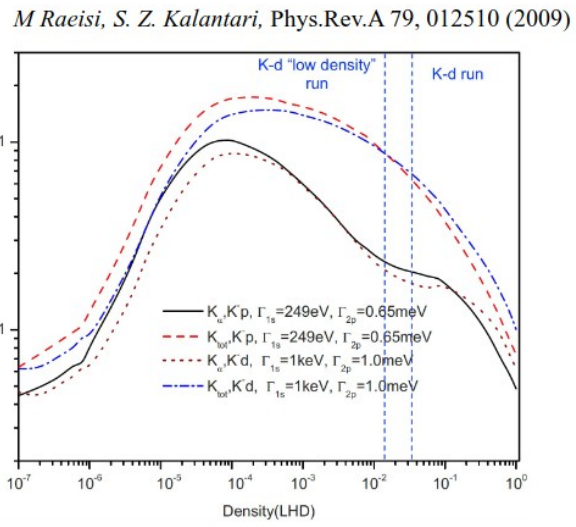
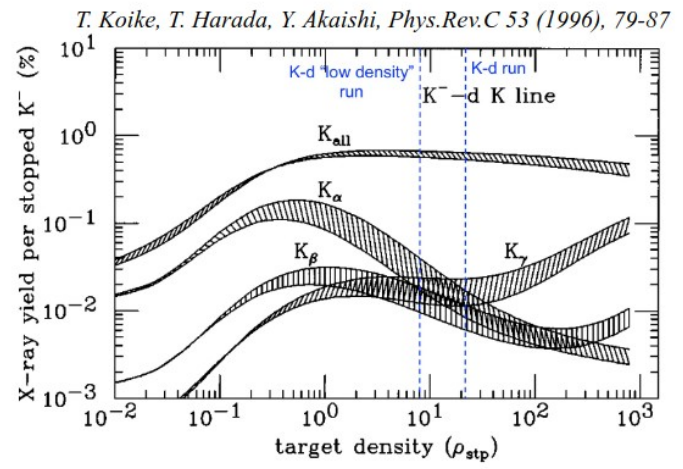
⇒ Real and imaginary part of K⁻d scattering length via Lednicky model



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Kd (2p->1s): the yield puzzle

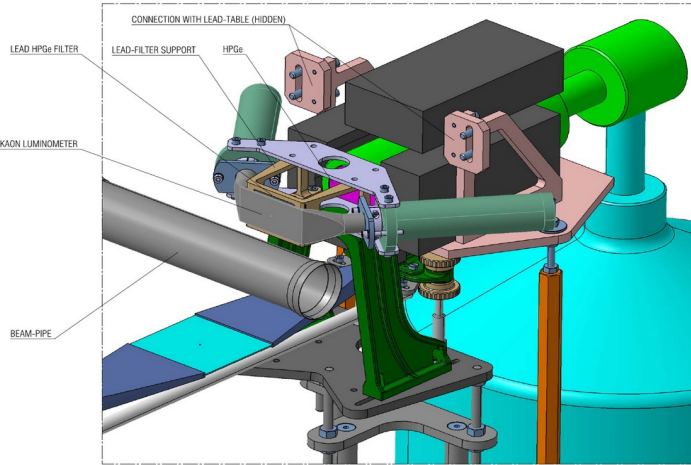
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Several cascade model predict **completely different kaonic deuterium X-ray yields** (absolute and relative) and different trends as function of the density

KPb measurement with HPGe detector

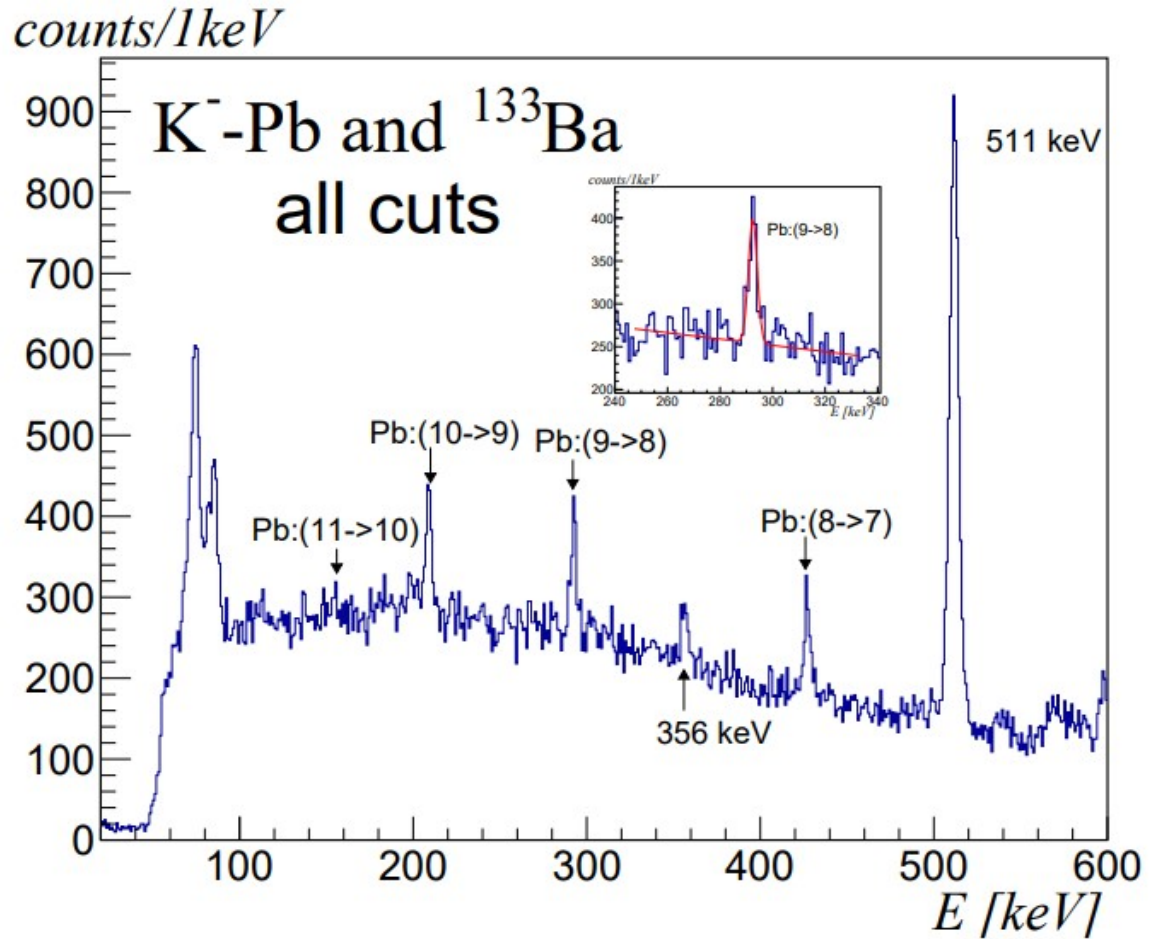
Silicon Drift Detectors for
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New test measurement of KPb transitions, including the GALL 88 one

Promising results obtained

First technical paper submitted



Double measurement of m_{K^-} with KNe

Intermediate mass Kaonic Atoms with CdZnTe



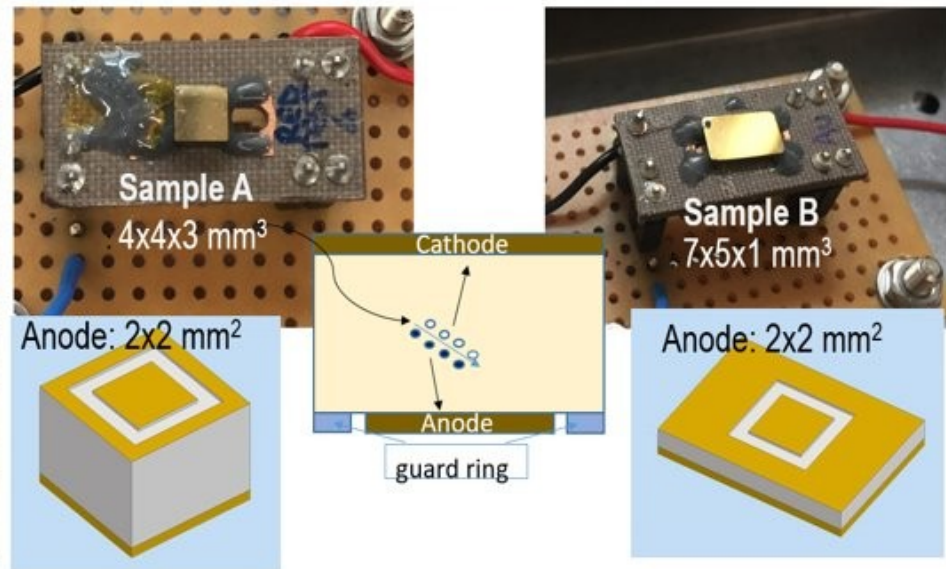
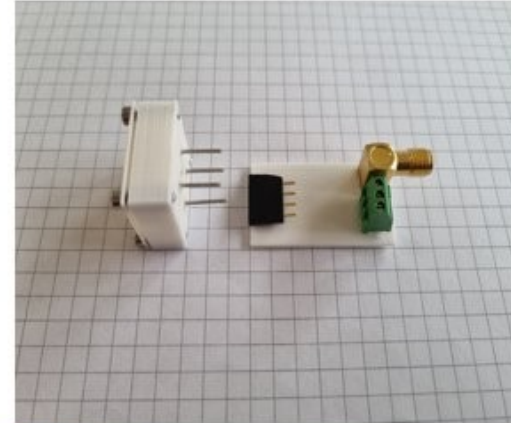
Work in collaboration between

LNF: Setup Assembly and data analysis

IMEM-CNR: Detectors production

UniPa: Front-end and digital electronics

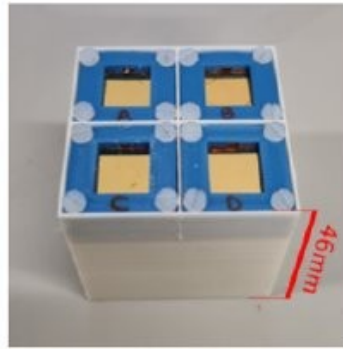
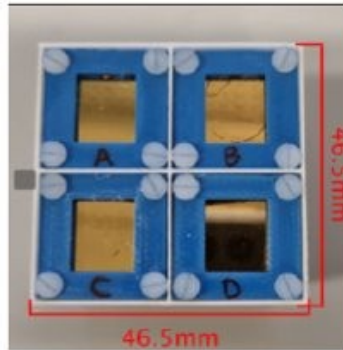
SMI: Mechanical supports and detectors' box



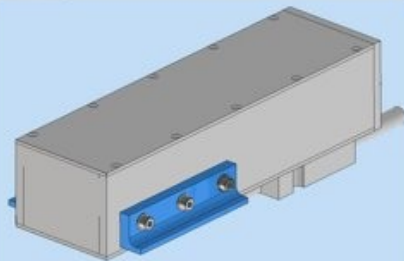
Intermediate mass Kaonic Atoms with CdZnTe



CdZnTe detectors have been never used in particle accelerators (?) or colliders

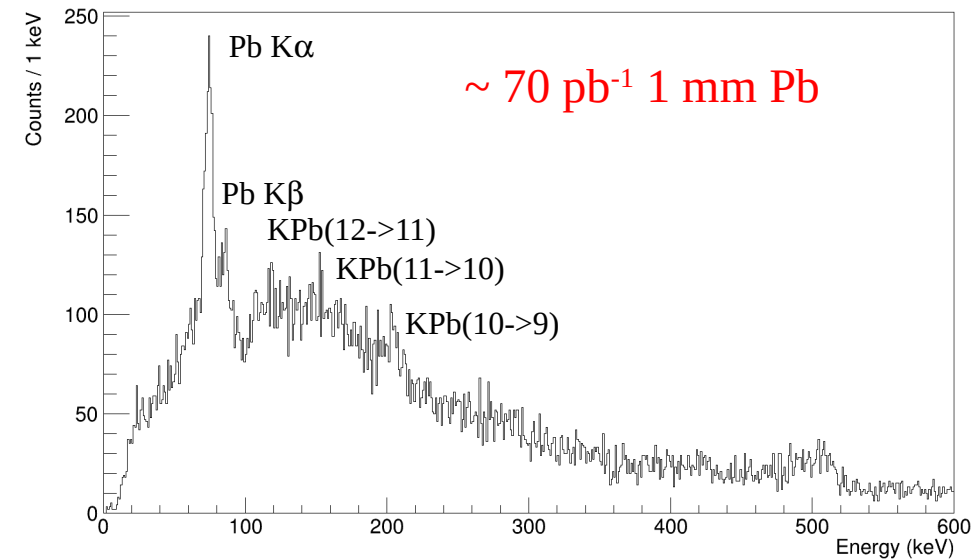
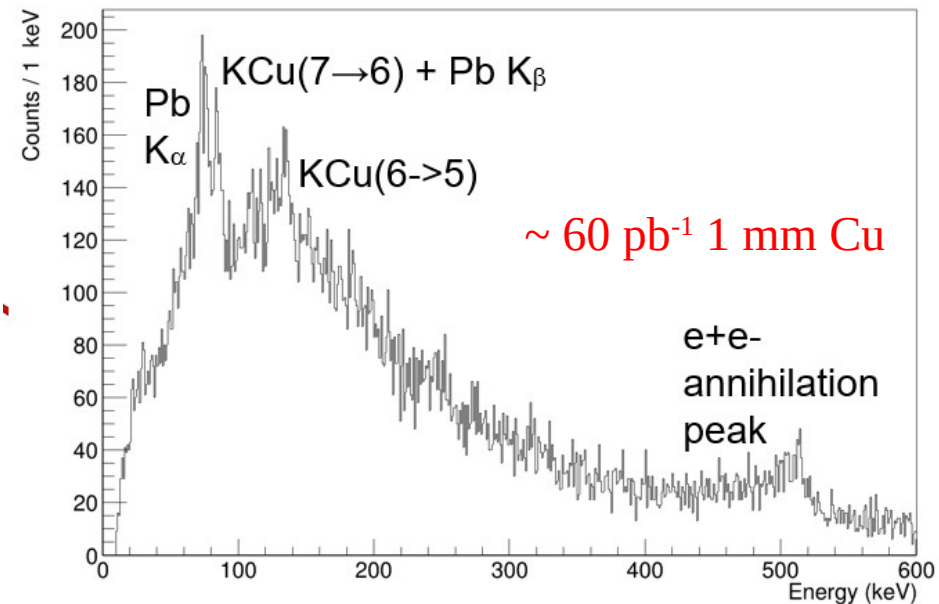
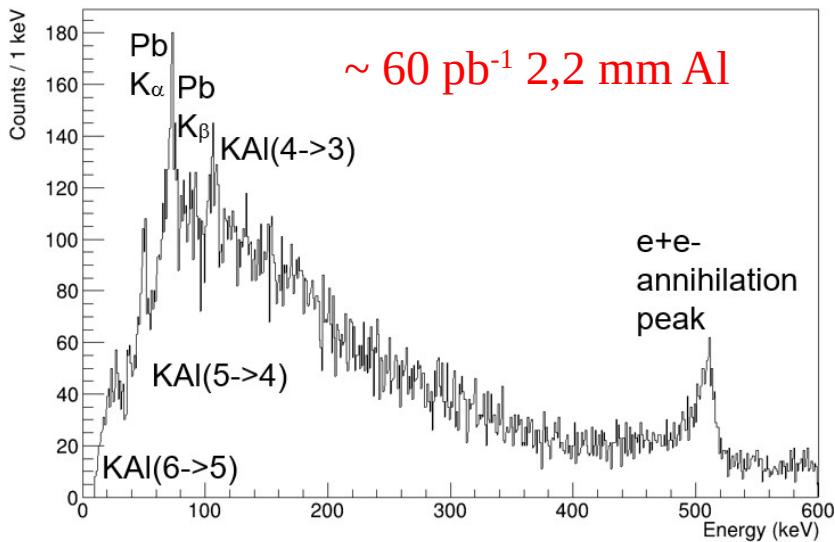


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 $1,3 \times 1,5 \times 0,5 \text{ cm}^3$
CZT hemispherical
detectors



Intermediate mass Kaonic Atoms with CdZnTe

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First kaonic atoms' spectra
measured with CZT
detectors

New perspectives opening

Proposal(s) for future measurements @ DAΦNE

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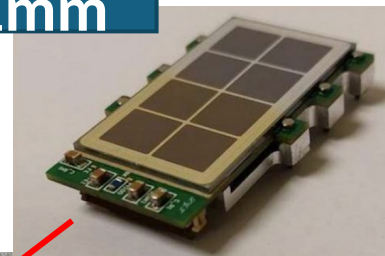


Proposal for future extensive kaonic atoms measurements @ DAFNE to be performed exploiting:

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

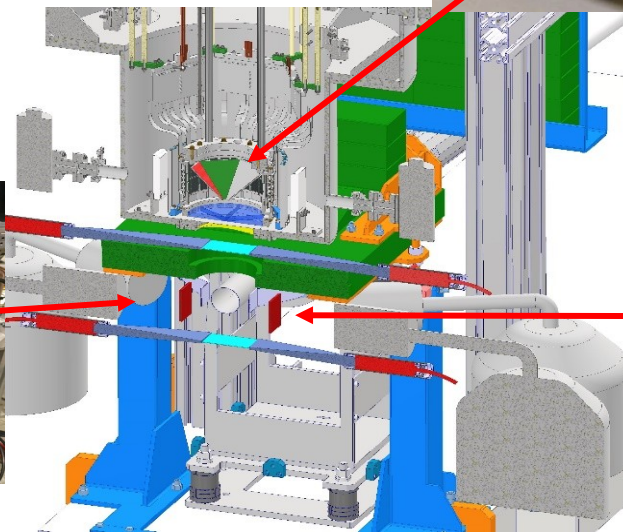
- 450 mm SDD (light KA, up to 15 keV)
- 1-2 mm SDD (light KA, up to 40 keV)
- CdZnTe detectors (Intermediate mass KA)
- HPGe detectors (Heavy KA)
- Crystal Spectrometer (High-Res light KA)

SDD 1mm

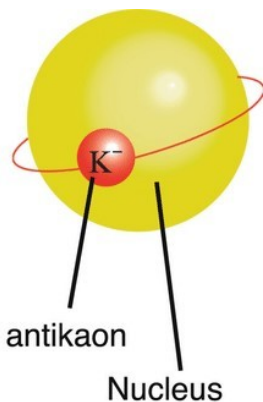
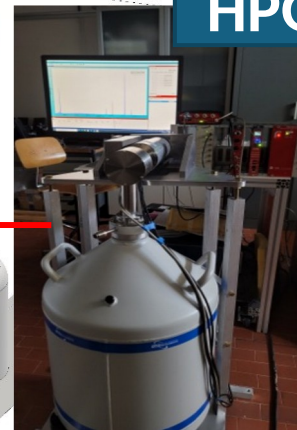


Extensive Kaonic Atoms research: from Lithium and Beryllium to Uranium

Cd(Zn)Te



HPGe



Proposal(s) for future measurements @ DAΦNE



On self-gravitating strange dark matter halos around galaxies Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 8, 083015

Dark Matter studies

Fundamental physics
New Physics

The modern era of light kaonic atom experiments
Rev.Mod.Phys. 91 (2019) 2, 025006

Kaonic atoms
Kaon-nuclei interactions (scattering and nuclear interactions)

Kaonic Atoms to Investigate Global Symmetry Breaking Symmetry 12 (2020) 4, 547

Part. and Nuclear physics
QCD @ low-energy limit
Chiral symmetry, Lattice

The equation of state of dense matter: Stiff, soft, or both? Astron.Nachr. 340 (2019) 1-3, 189

Astrophysics
EOS Neutron Stars

Modular concept for 1-3 years program depending on the availability and conditions of DAΦNE

Strong impacts on several fields

Each module is individually under evaluation by LNF management

Conclusions (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 in preparation*

First measurement of Kaonic Deuterium: preliminary analysis

KPb pure E.M. transitions measurements with HPGe: *Paper in preparation*

Feasibility tests & exploratory measurements with CdZnTe detectors @ DAFNE:

Eur.Phys.J.ST 232 (2023) 10, 1487-1492

Sensors 23 (2023) 17, 7328

Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A 1060 (2024) 169060

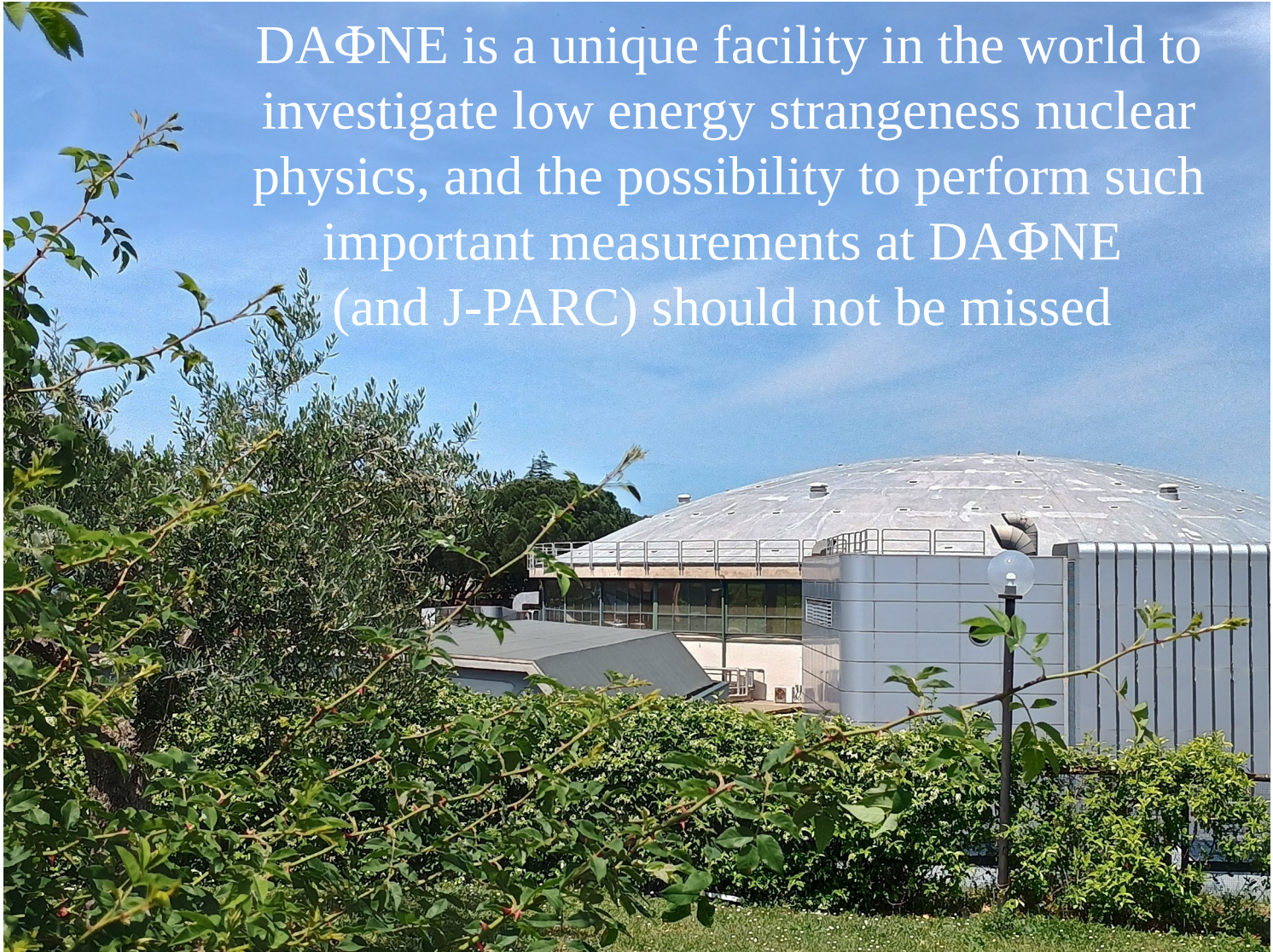
Front.in Phys. 11 (2023) 1240250

EXKALIBUR: new X-ray detectors (SDDs – CZT - HPGe) have been developed/tested to perform kaonic atoms measurements along the periodic table providing new experimental data to probe the kaon-nucleus interaction

Conclusions (2)



DAΦNE is a unique facility in the world to investigate low energy strangeness nuclear physics, and the possibility to perform such important measurements at DAΦNE (and J-PARC) should not be missed



To Carlo



We dedicated our results to our dear colleague and friend Prof **Carlo Guaraldo** you'll be very much missed!

