

# Kaonic atoms experiments at the DAΦNE collider



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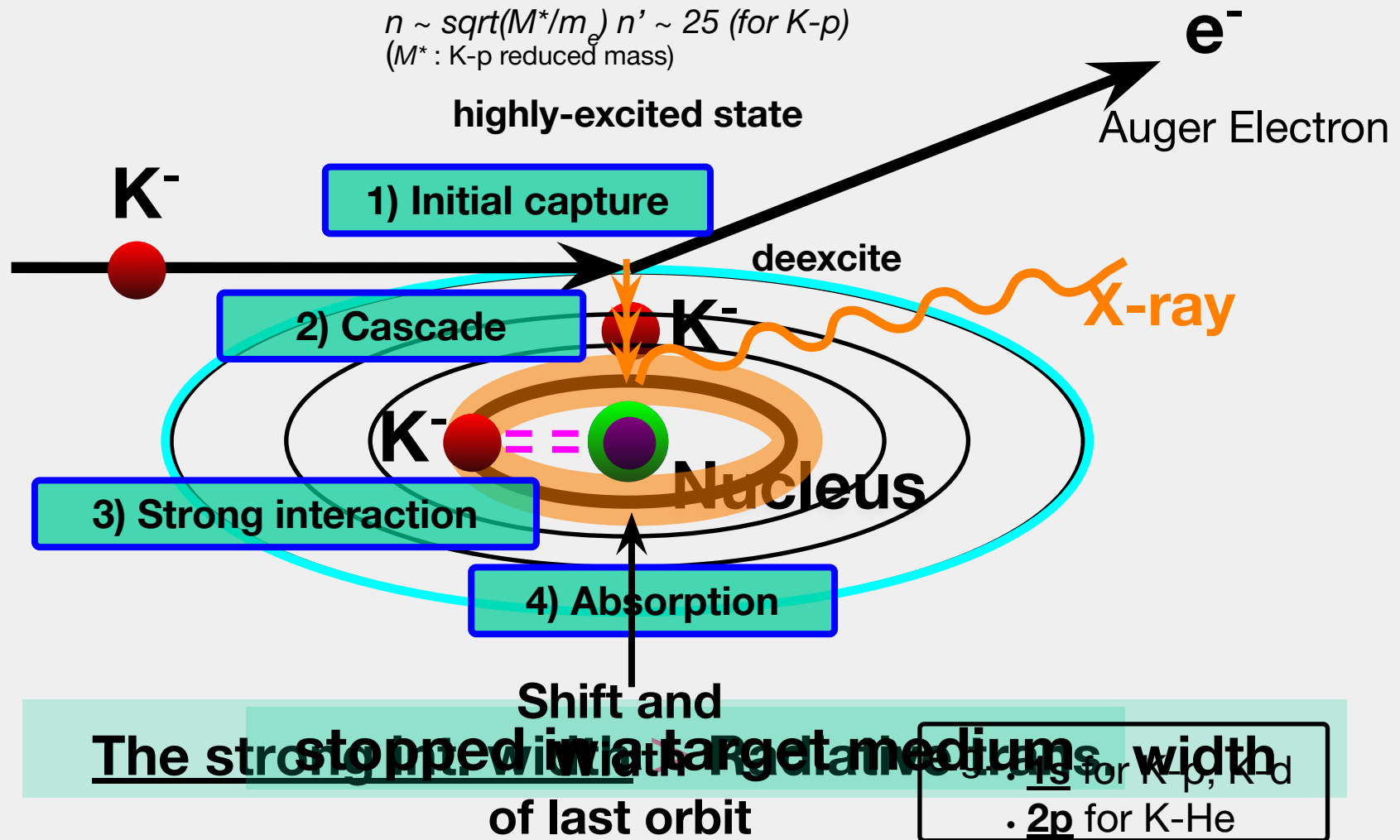


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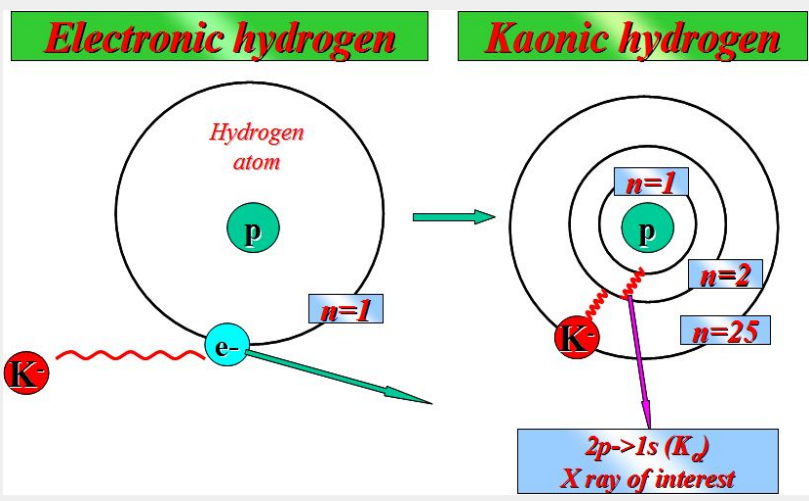
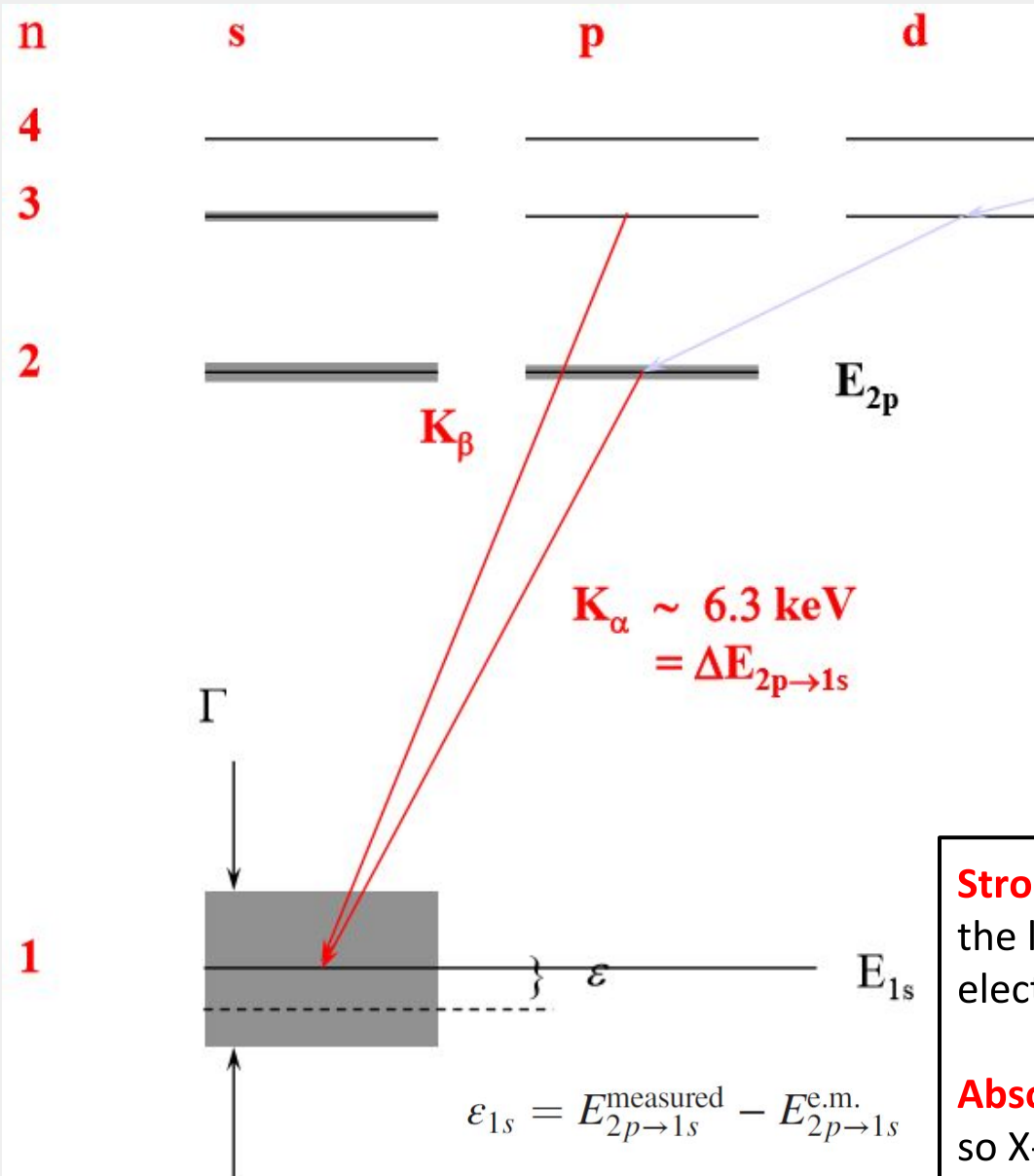
# Outlook

- Introduction and motivation
- DAΦNE-Φ factory @ LNF
- SIDDHARTA experiment - results
- SIDDHARTA-2 experiment - new measurement
- Summary

# Kaonic atom formation



# KAONIC CASCADE



$$E_{1s} \simeq m_{red} c^2 \frac{\alpha^2 Z^2}{2}$$

$$n \simeq \sqrt{\frac{m_{red}}{m_e} n_e}$$

**Strong interaction** -> shifting of the energy of the lowest atomic level from its purely electromagnetic value

**Absorption** -> reduces the lifetime of the state, so X-ray transitions to this final atomic level are broadened

# The main scientific aim

To perform **precision measurements of kaonic atoms** X-ray transitions -> **unique** info about the QCD in non-perturbative regime in the strangeness sector **not obtainable otherwise**

## First Preface

“ The most *important experiment* to be carried out in low energy *K*-meson physics today is the *definitive* determination of the energy level shifts in the  $K^-p$  and  $K^-d$  atoms, because of their direct connection with the physics of  $\bar{K}N$  interaction and their complete independence from all other kinds of measurements which bear on this interaction”.

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.

Precision *measurement of the shift* and *of the width*

- of the 1s level of kaonic hydrogen (SIDDHARTA)  
C. Curceanu, et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 91, 025006 (2019)
- the **first measurement of the 1s level of kaonic deuterium (SIDDHARTA-2)**



extract the **antikaon-nucleon isospin dependent scattering lengths**

# The main scientific aim

To perform **precision measurements of the width** and **shift** for **kaonic hydrogen** and **deuterium**

**Energy shift  $\varepsilon$**  and **line width  $\Gamma$  of 1s state** are related to real and imaginary part of the S-wave scattering length (Deser-Trueman formula) :

$$\varepsilon_{1s} + \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_{1s} = 2\alpha^3 \mu^2 a_{K-p} [1 - 2\alpha\mu(\ln\alpha - 1)a_{K-p} + \dots]$$

$$\varepsilon_{1s} + \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_{1s} = 2\alpha^3 \mu^2 a_{K-d} [1 - 2\alpha\mu(\ln\alpha - 1)a_{K-d} + \dots]$$

Scattering lengths can be expressed in terms of  $\bar{K}N$  **isospin dependent** isoscalar  $a_0$  and isovector  $a_1$  scattering lengths:

$$a_{K-d} = \frac{4[m_N + m_K]}{[2m_N + m_K]} Q + C$$

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

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} [a_{K-p} + a_{K-n}] = \frac{1}{4} [a_0 + 3a_1]$$

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



the determination of the **isospin dependent  $\bar{K}N$  scattering lengths**  
with a **precision of few %** !

# Importance of **kaonic atoms** studies

- **Kaonic atoms are fundamental tools for understanding the low-energy quantum chromodynamics QCD in strangeness sector**

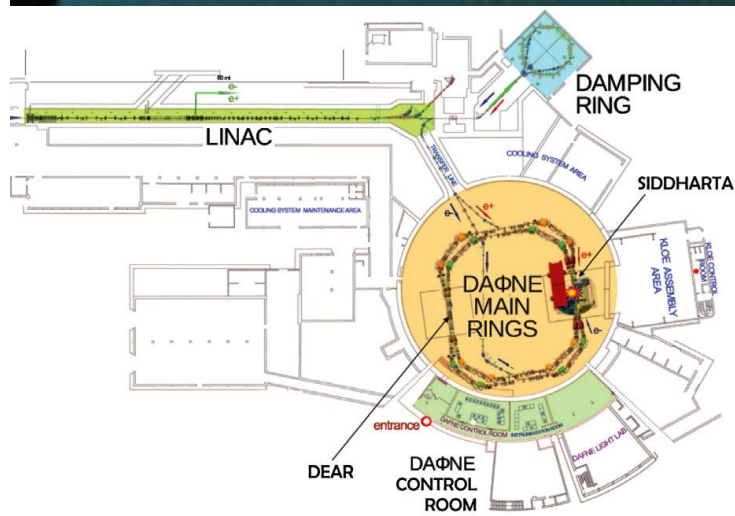
Determined isospin dependent  $\bar{K}N$  scattering lengths are key ingredients for all models and theories dealing with low-energy QCD in systems with strangeness



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

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

# DAΦNE, Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati





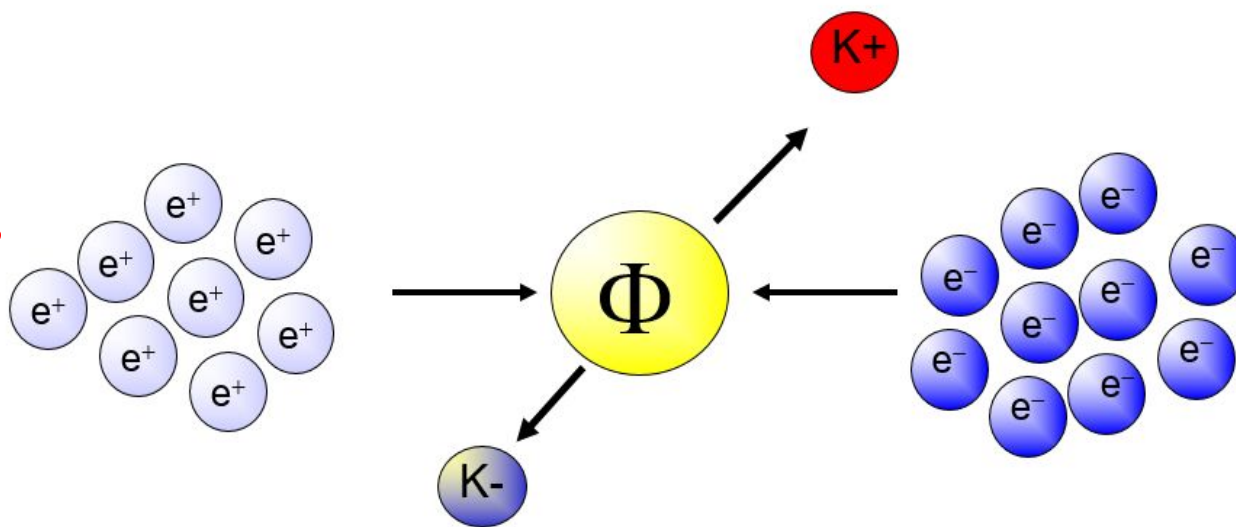
# DAFNE @ LNF



Best low momentum K-factory in the world

- $\phi \rightarrow K^- K^+$  (49.2%),  $\approx 1000 \phi/s$
- monochromatic low momentum Kaons  $\approx 127 \text{ MeV}/c$   $\Delta p/p=0.1\%$
- back to back  $K^- K^+$  topology
- small hadronic background due to the beam

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





PNSensor



British Columbia  
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# SIDDHARTA

Silicon Drift Detector for Hadronic Atom Research by Timing Applications

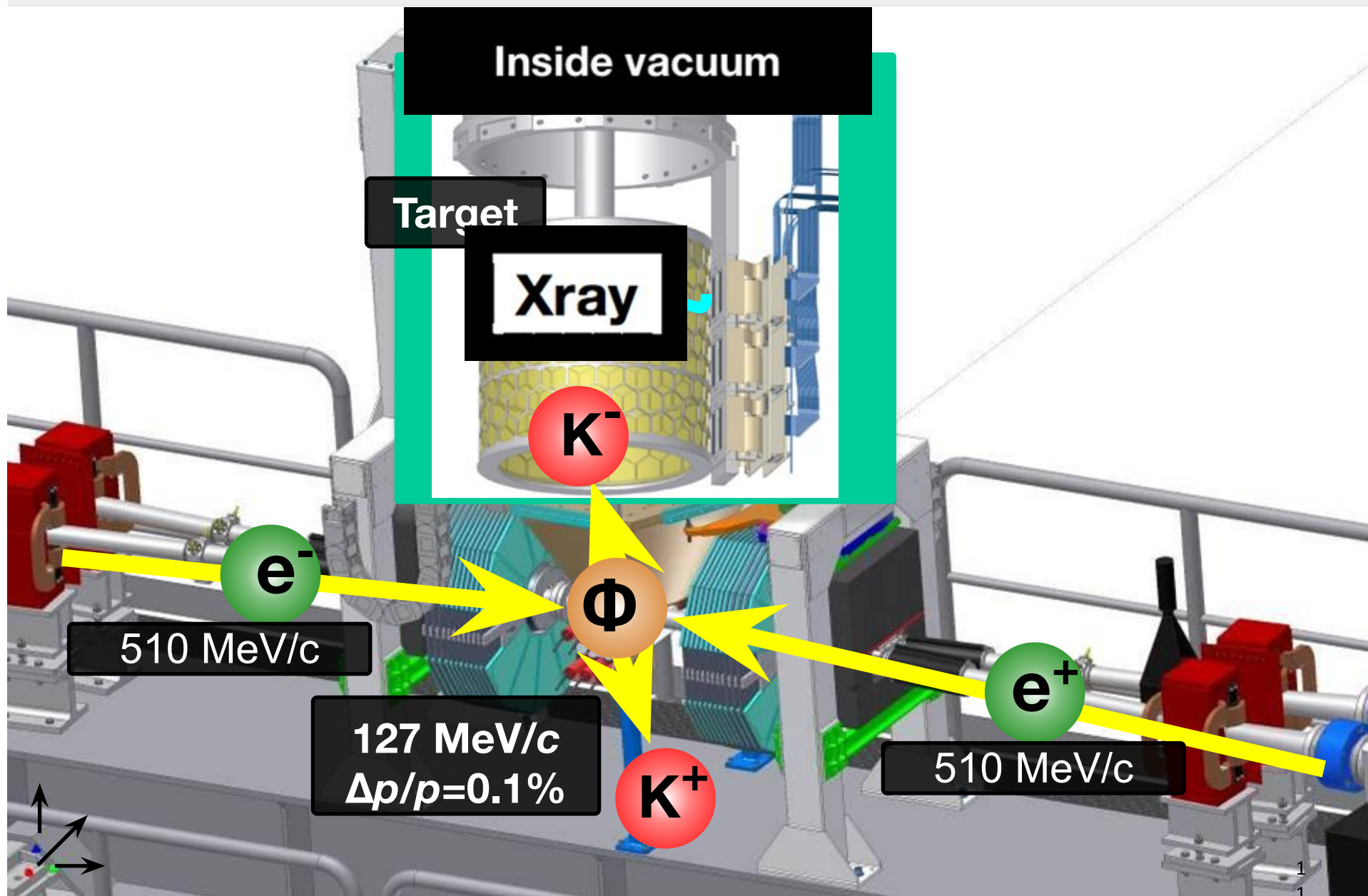


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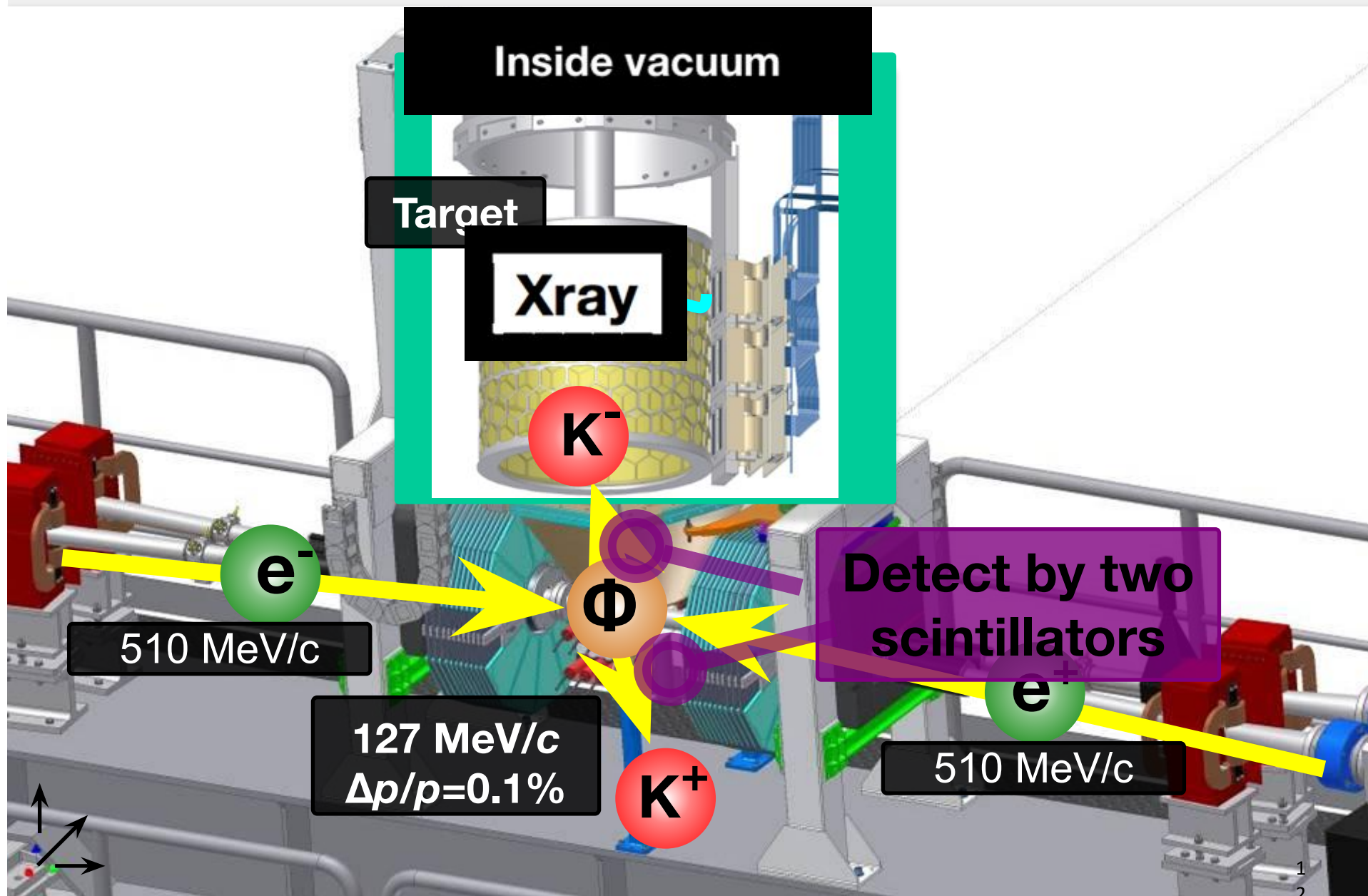


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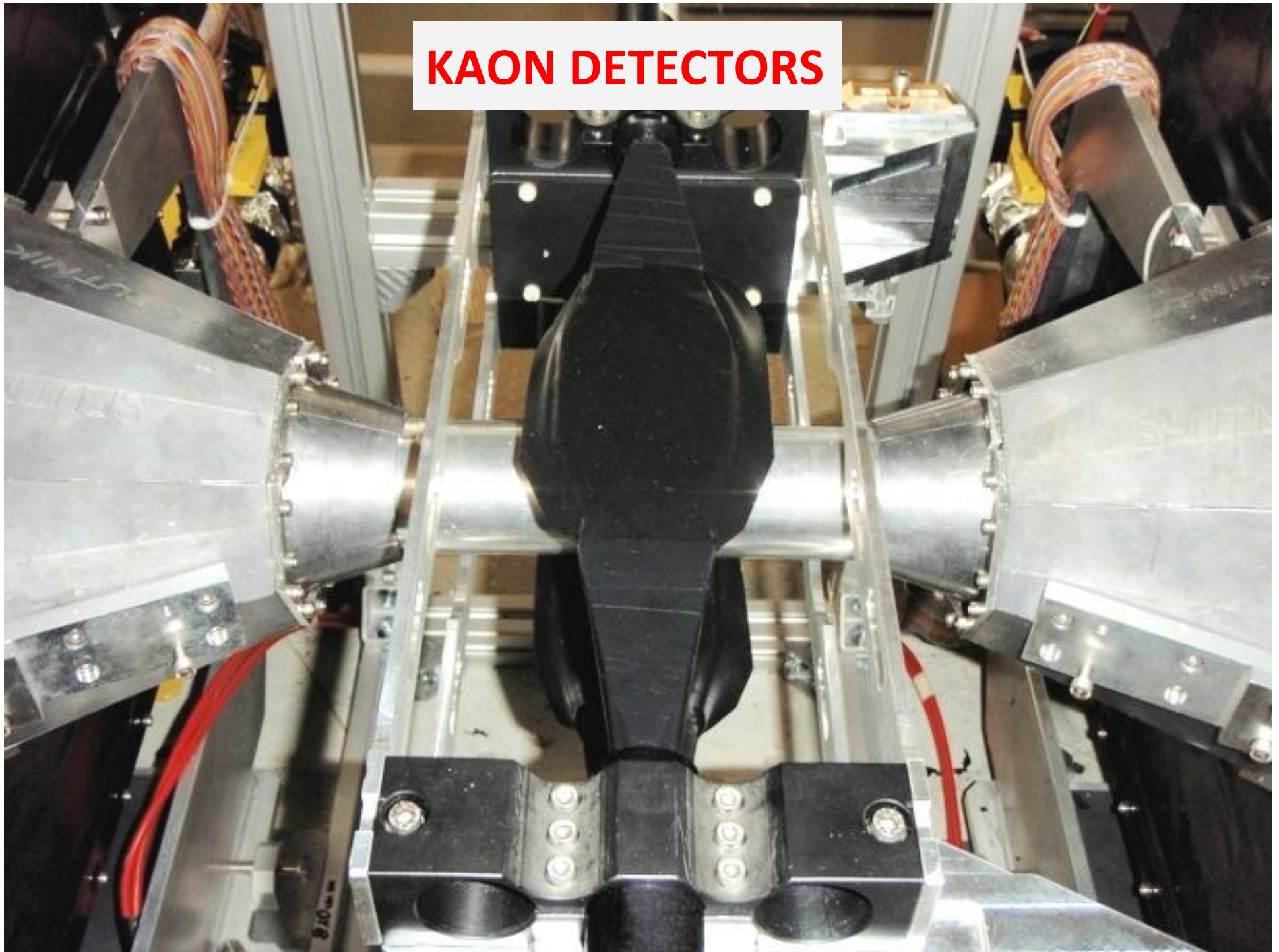
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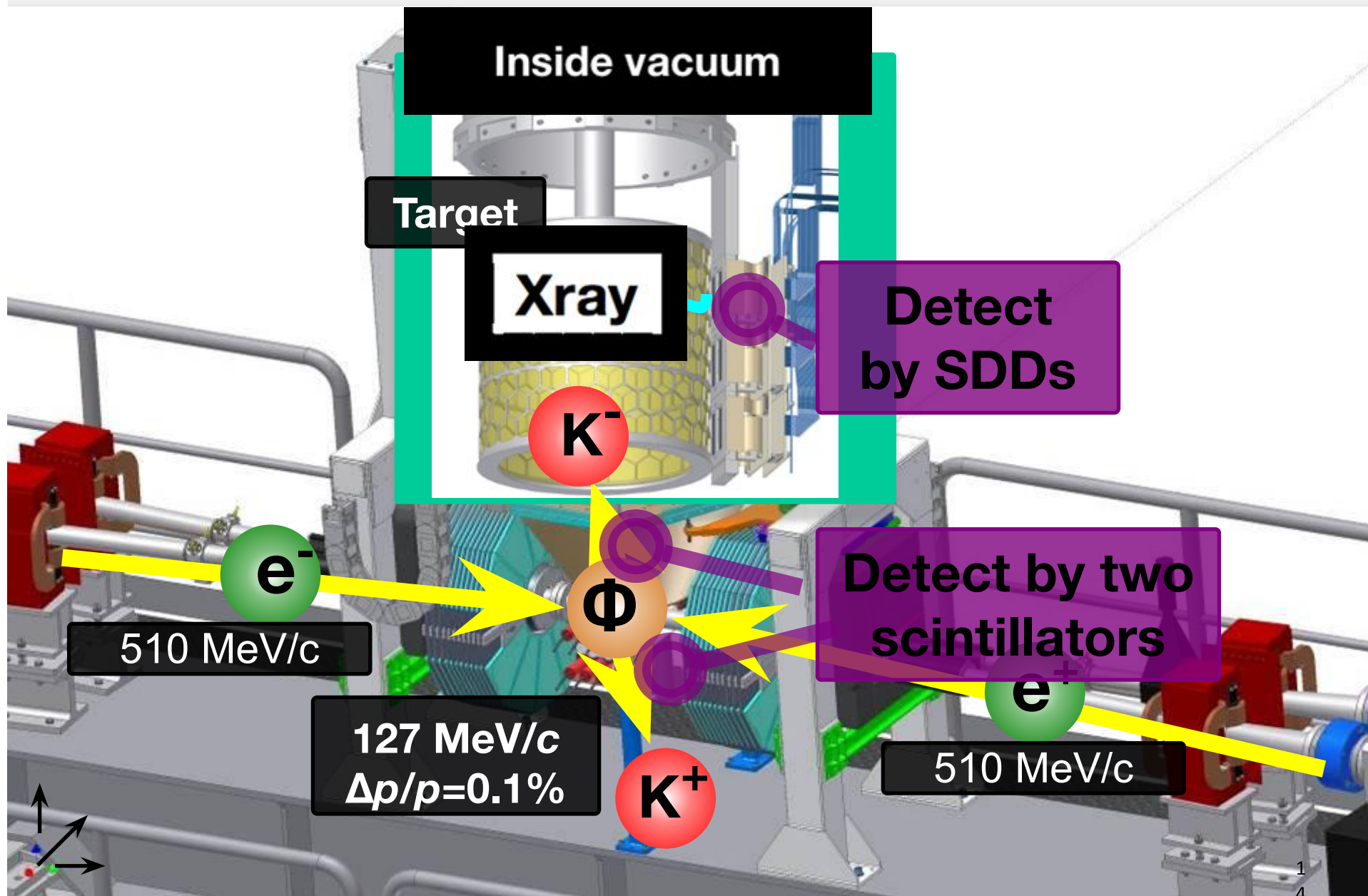
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# KAON DETECTORS

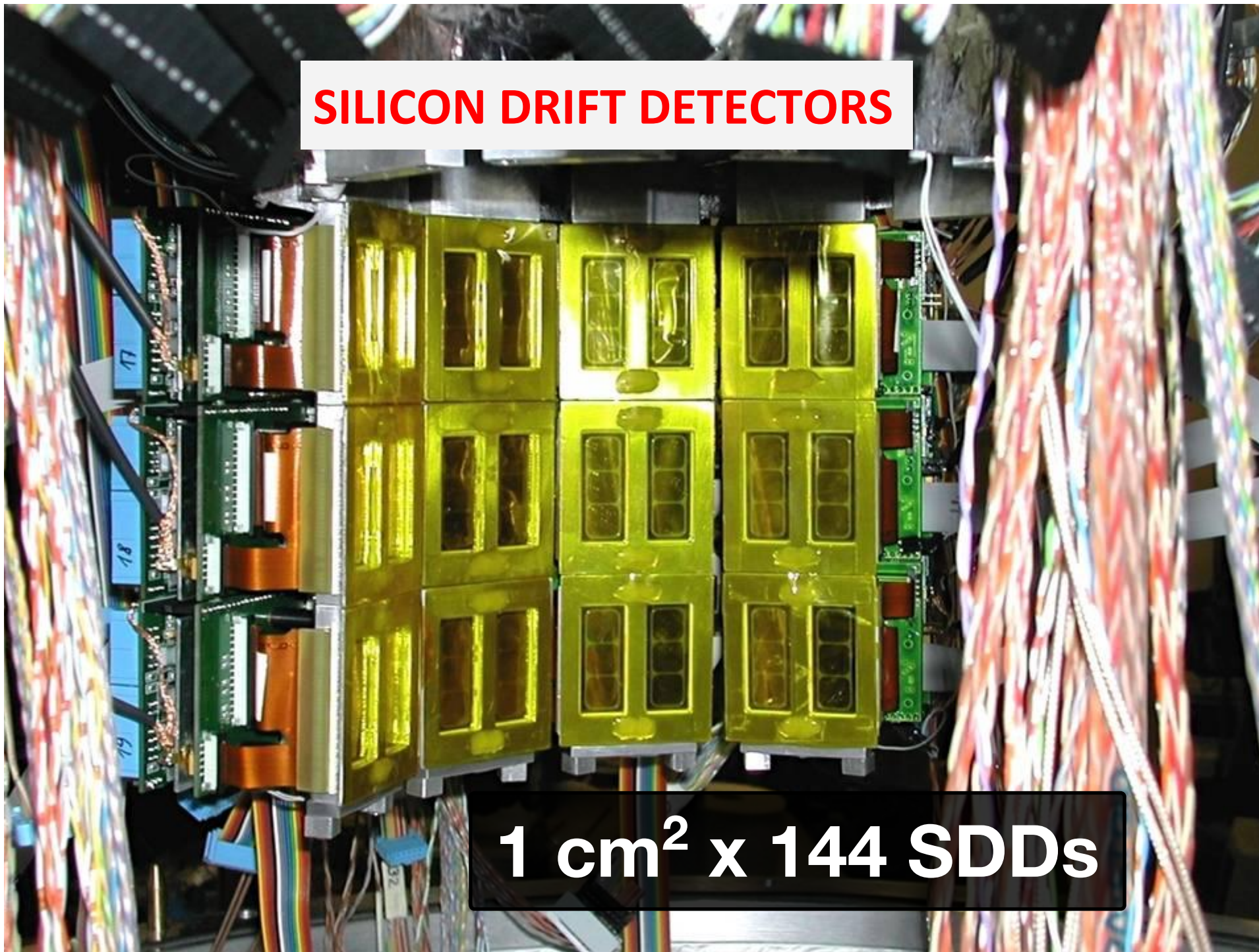


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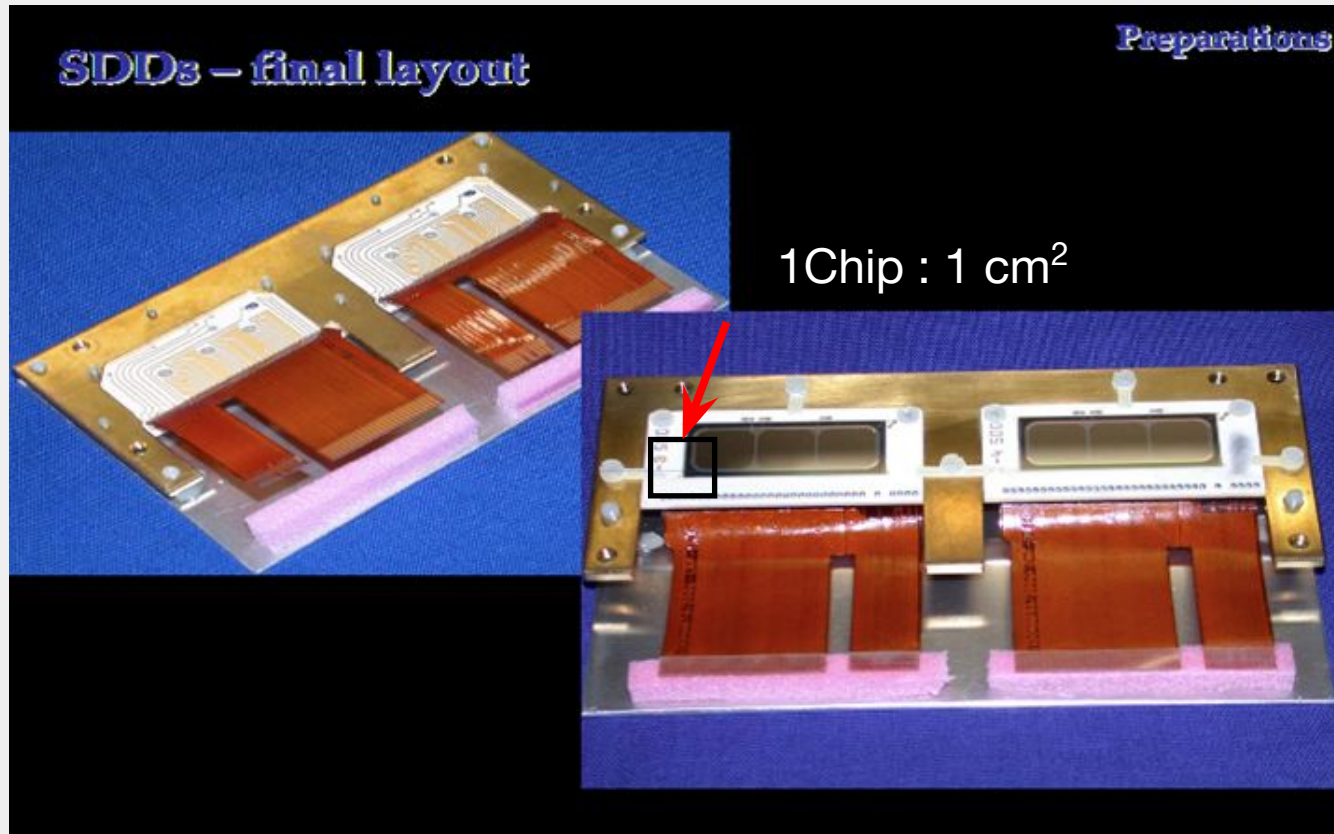


# SILICON DRIFT DETECTORS

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

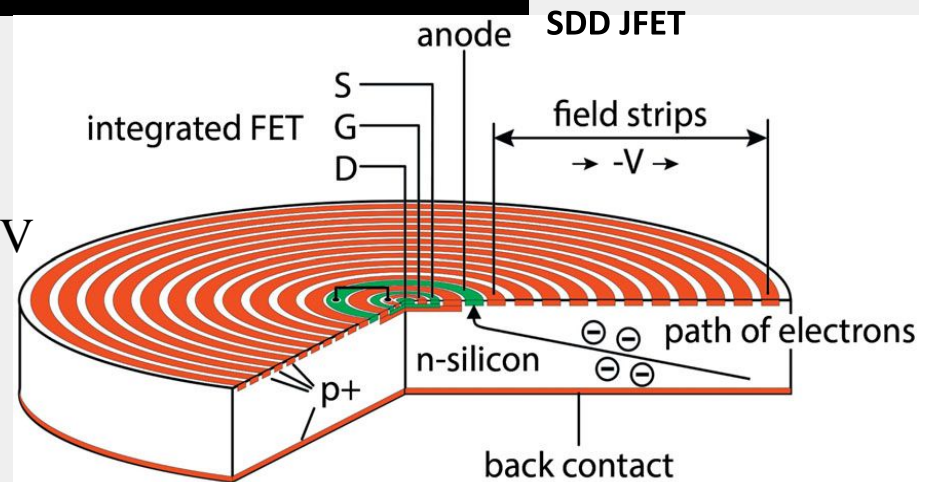


# Silicon Drift Detector - SDD



Used for the first time as energy detectors

- very fast and triggerable
- energy resolution of 160 eV (FWHM) at 6 keV
- drift time (timing resolution) below 1  $\mu$ s
- 48 SDDs, each with  $3 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$  cells
- thickness of 450  $\mu$ m





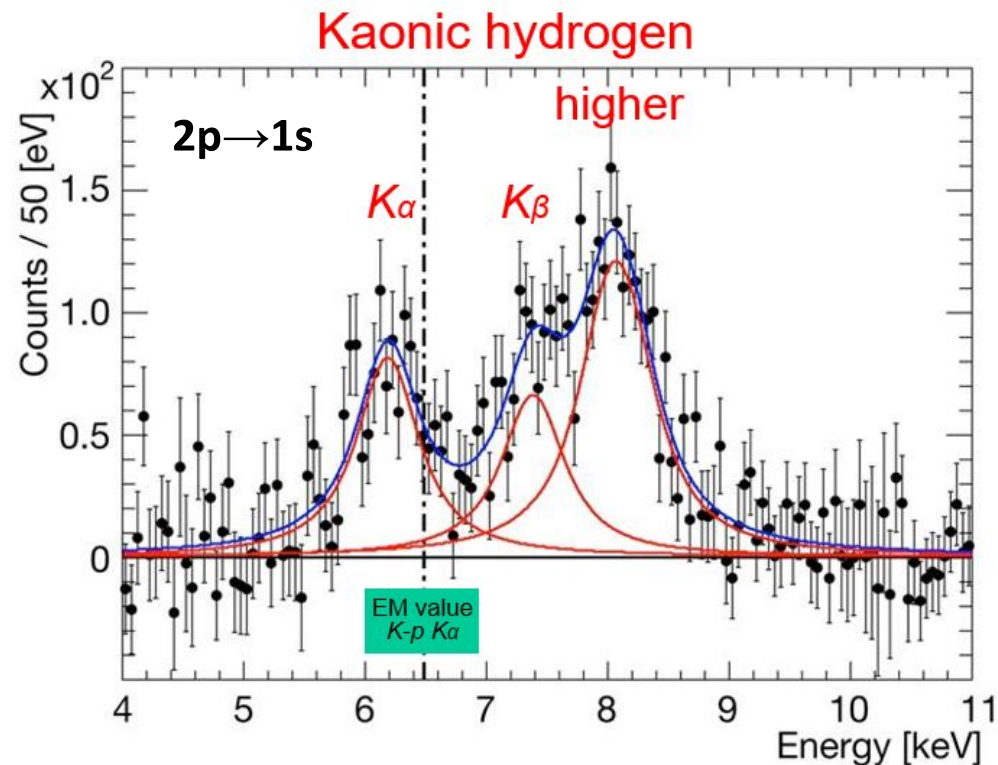
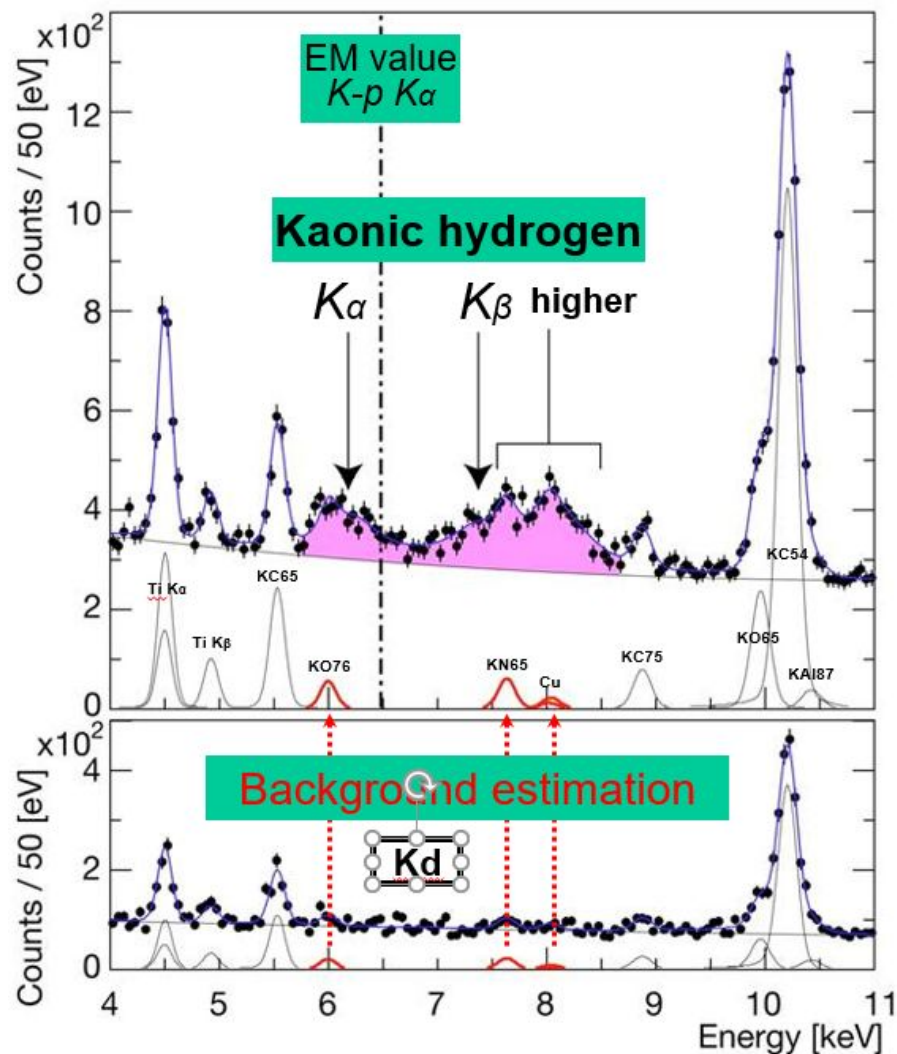
**SIDDHARTA  
INSTALLATION**



# SIDDHARTA INSTALLATION



# Results for Kaonic Hydrogen



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

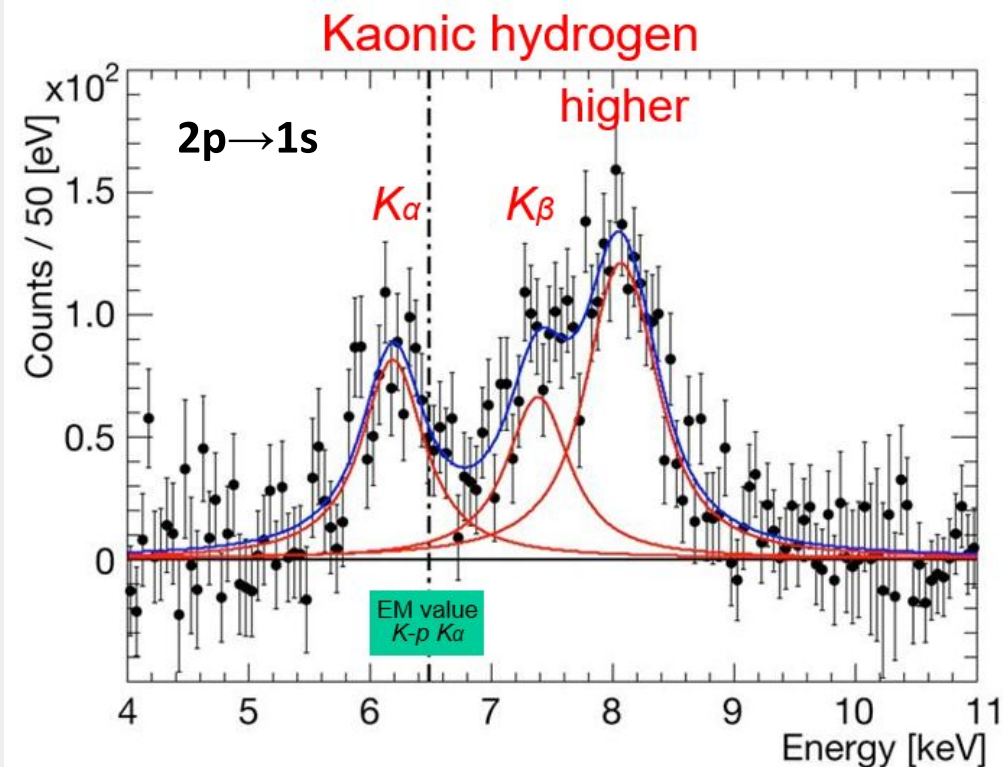
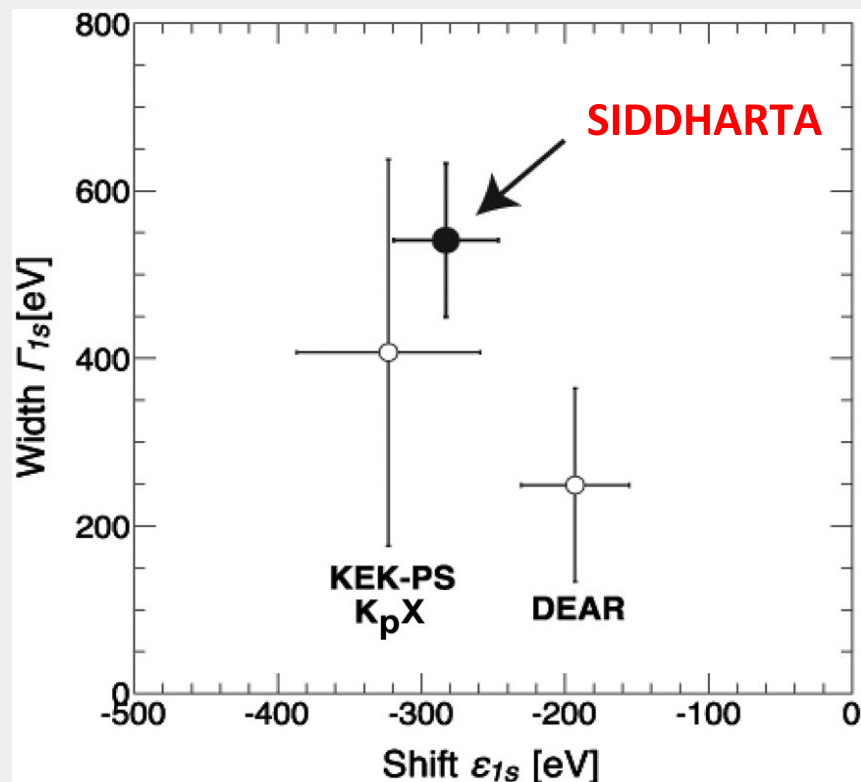
$$\epsilon_{1S} = -283 \pm 36(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{1S} = 541 \pm 89(\text{stat}) \pm 22(\text{syst}) \text{ eV} \\ (400\text{pb}^{-1})$$

Only exploratory first measurement for Kd, no measured  $\epsilon$ ,  $\Gamma$  values obtained ( $100\text{pb}^{-1}$ )

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

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# Results for Kaonic Helium

SIDDHARTA result – kaonic helium-4

**The first measurement ever in gaseous target**

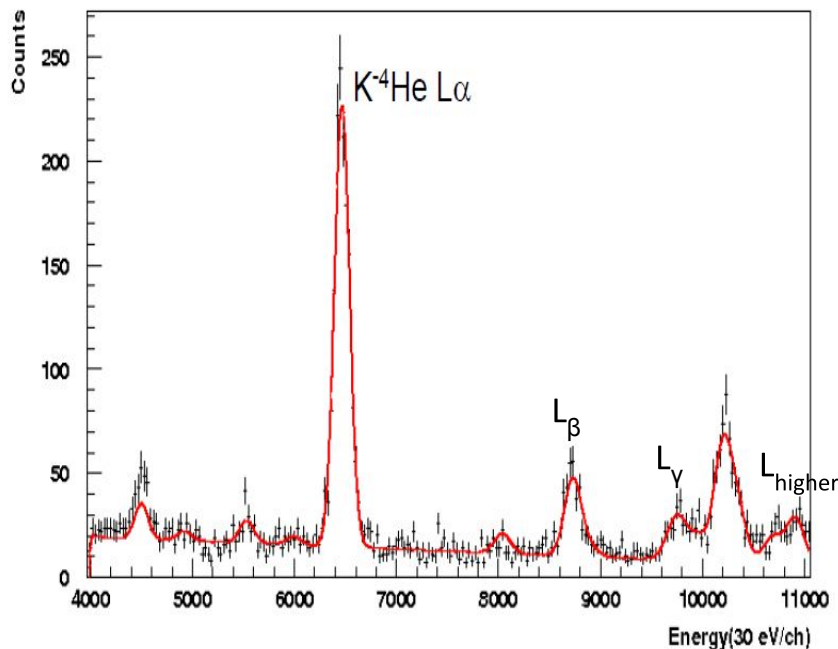
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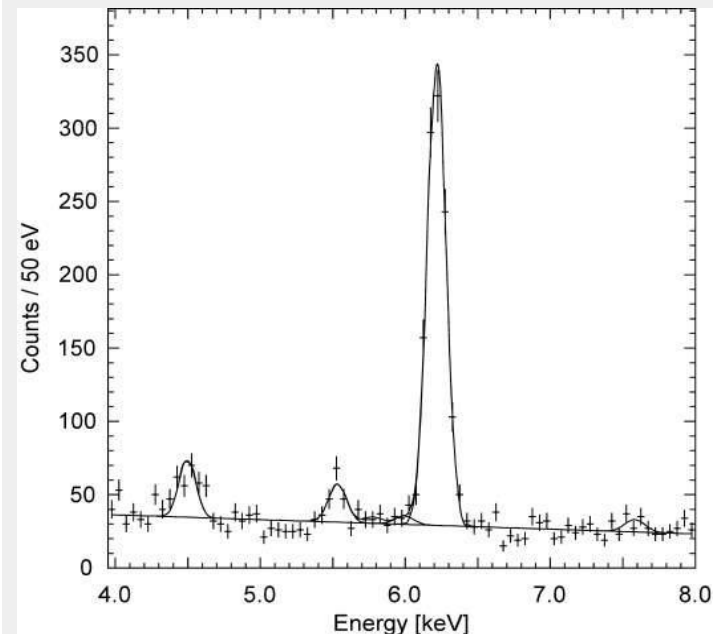
kaonic helium-4  
about  $28 \text{ pb}^{-1}$   
S/B about 1 to 10

**$3d \rightarrow 2p$**



55th LNF SC - May 14, 2018

**Kaonic helium-3**



$$\varepsilon_{2p} = +5 \pm 3(\text{stat}) \pm 4(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$$

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

$$\varepsilon_{2p} = -2 \pm 2(\text{stat}) \pm 4(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$$

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

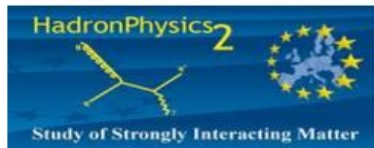
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# Kaonic Deuterium

## SIDDHARTA-2

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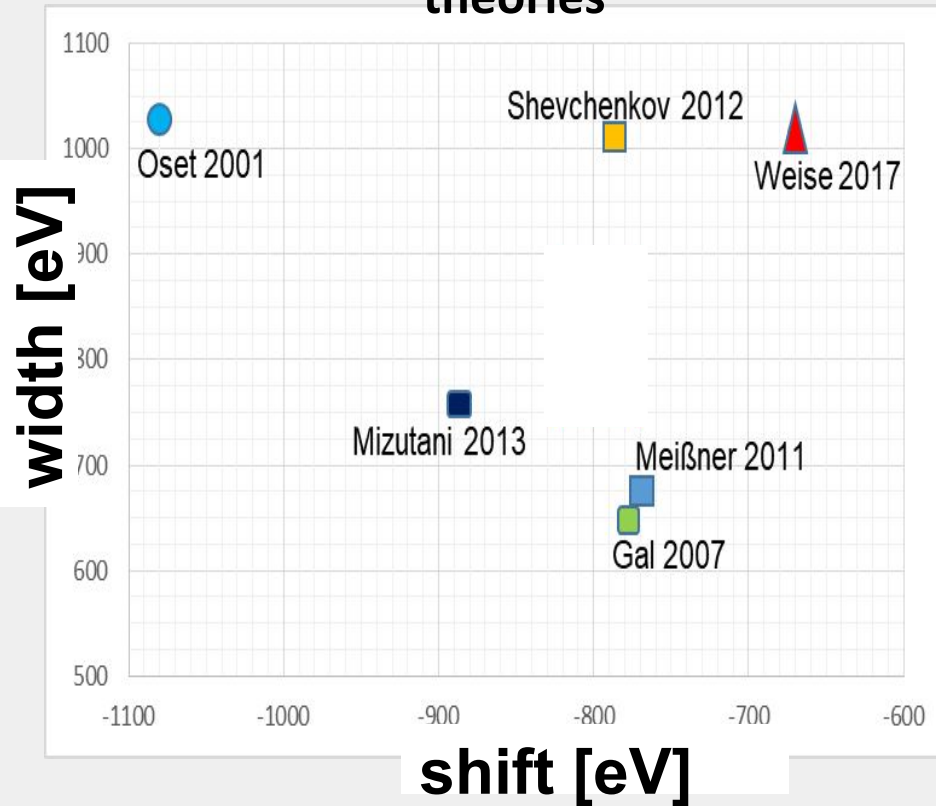
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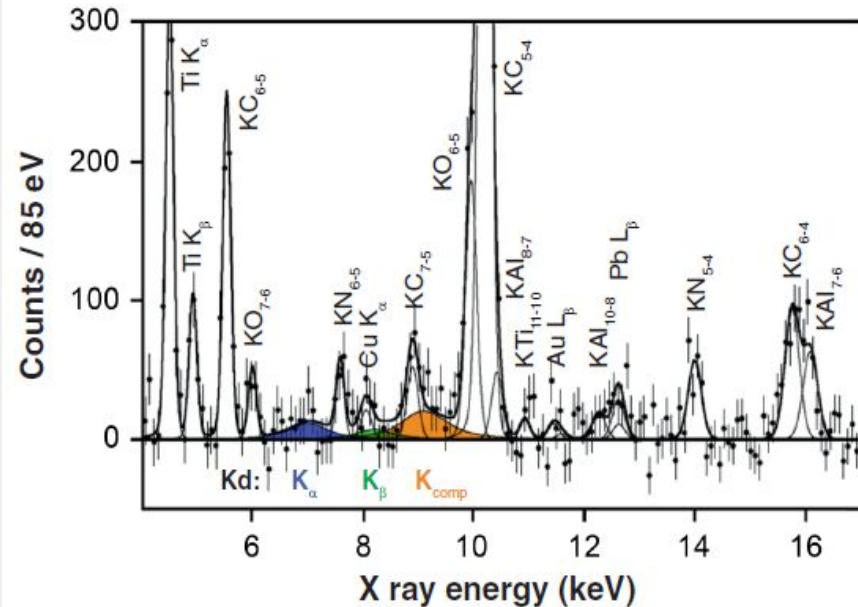
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# Kaonic Deuterium

theories



First exploratory measurement for Kd by SIDDHARTA (100pb<sup>-1</sup>)



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- Shevchenko, N., 2012, Nucl. Phys. A 890–891, 50.
- Doring, M., and U. G. Meißner, 2011, Phys. Lett. B 704, 663.
- Gal, A., 2007, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 22, 226.
- Hoshino, T., S. Ohnishi, W. Horiuchi, T. Hyodo, and W. Weise, 2017, Phys. Rev. C 96, 045204.

Upper limits of yields (90% C.L.):

$$Y(K_{\text{tot}}) < 0.0143$$

$$Y(K_{\alpha}) < 0.0039$$

Yield of a factor about **10 times smaller** than for KH (estimated to be from **1 to 2%** for  $K_{\alpha}$ )

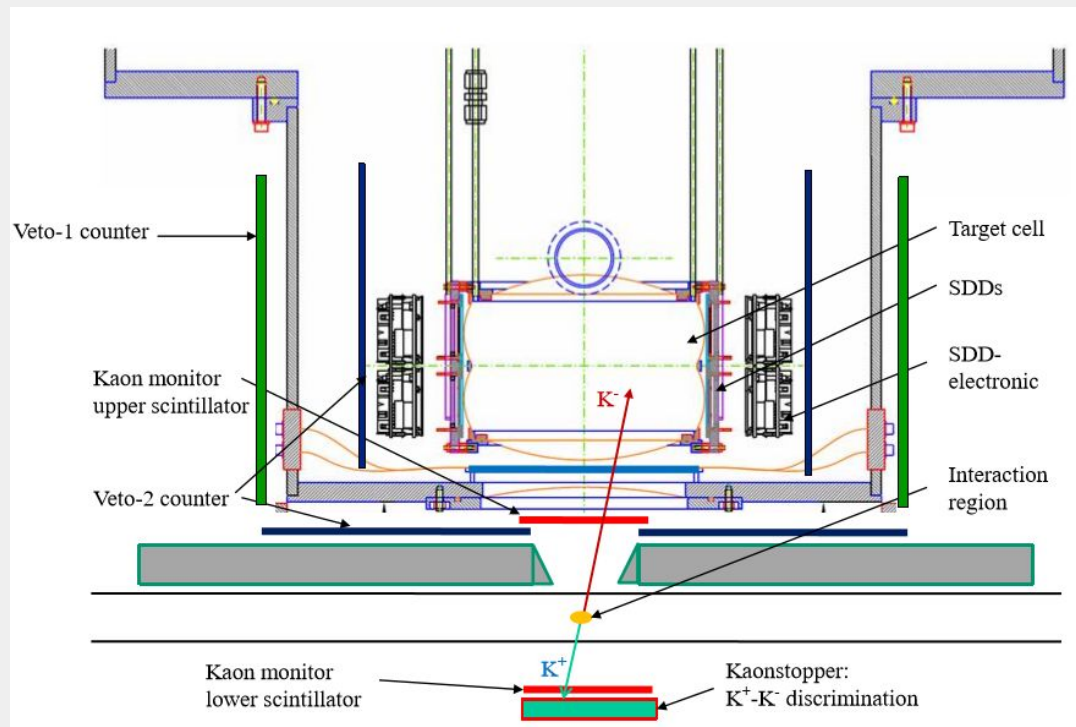
**SIDDHARTA-2: enhancement by one order of magnitude of the S/B ratio**

# From SIDDHARTA to SIDDHARTA-2 improvements

	signal	hadronic BG	machine BG	S/B	$K_{\alpha}$ events
SIDDHARTA	1.00	1.00	1.00	1:40	
IP - target	1.38	1.33		1:11	6075
3% LHD geometry	1.64	1.08			
	1.25	0.56	0.25		
Trigger 1	0.71	0.48		1:7.6	4320
Trigger 2	0.79	0.59	0.33	1:5.7	3415
Trigger 3	0.98	0.73		1:4.2	3350
$K^{+}$ discrimination	0.70	0.78		1:3.3	2345
drift time 400ns			0.49	1:3.0	2345
SIDDHARTA-2	1.09	0.12	0.04	1:3	2345

## NEW SETUP

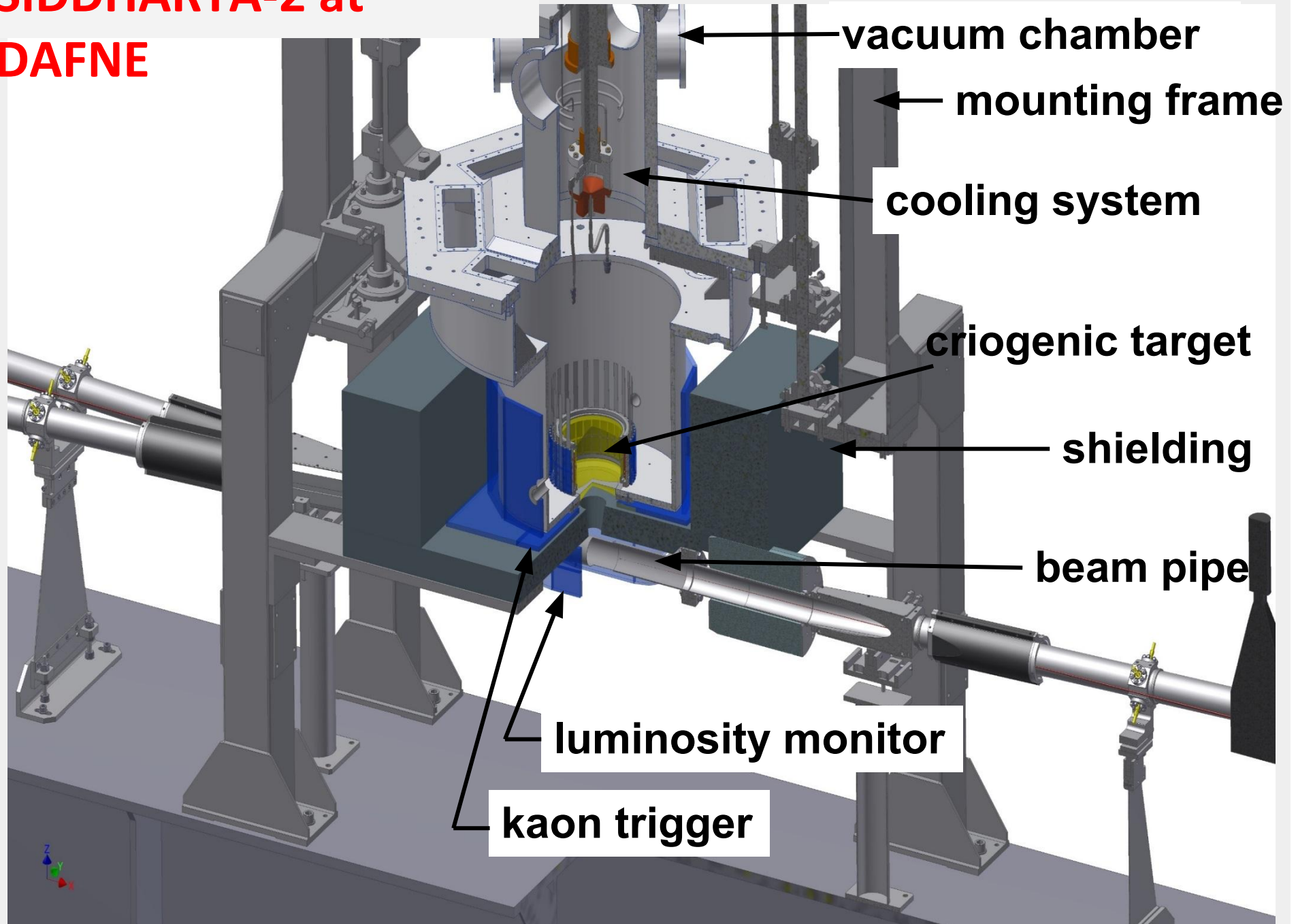
- new cooling system
- new vacuum chamber
- new target design
- new SDD detectors
- improved kaon monitor/trigger scheme
- new shielding structure
- two veto systems
- new luminosity detector



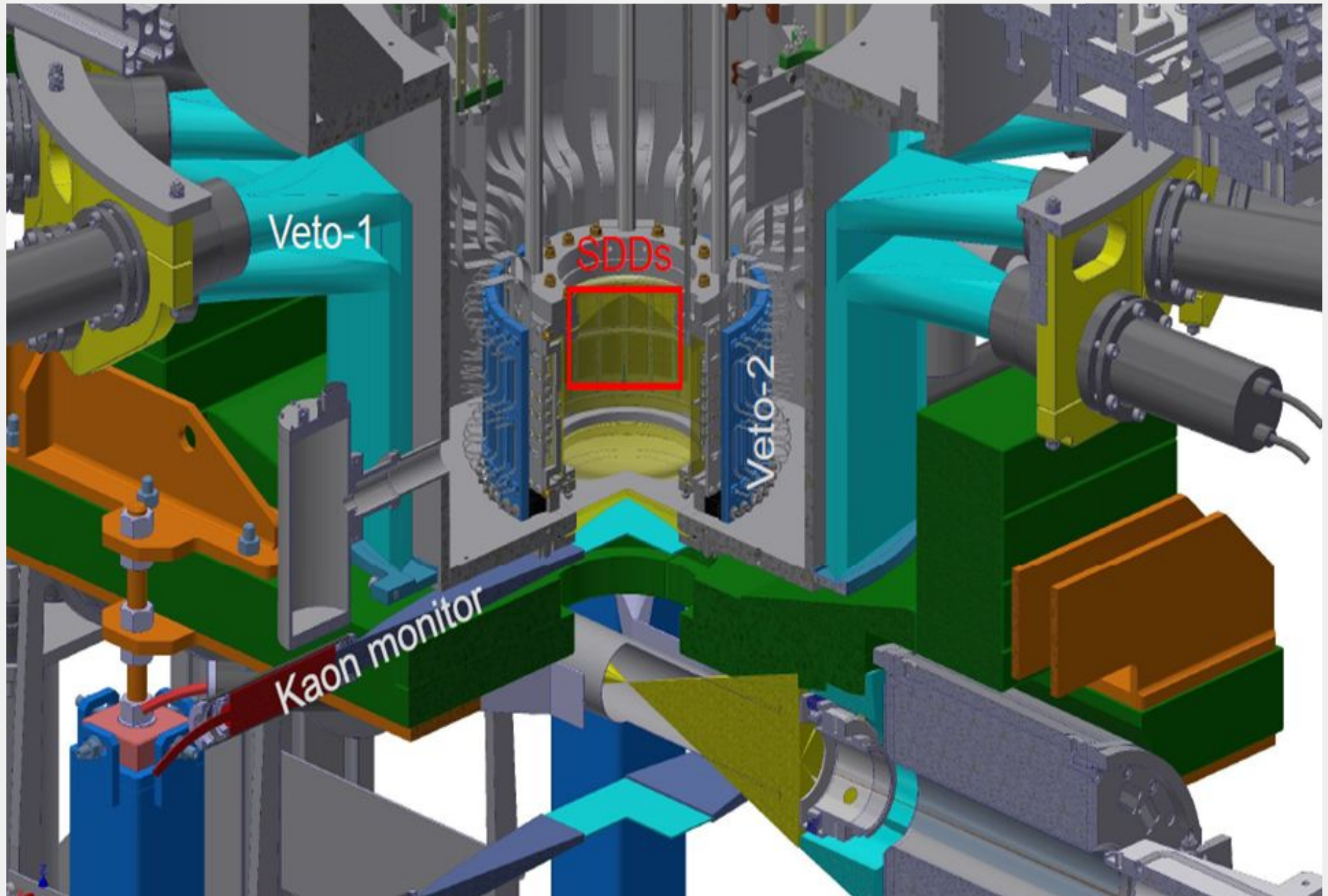
With the new S/B,  $K_d$  measurement will be possible



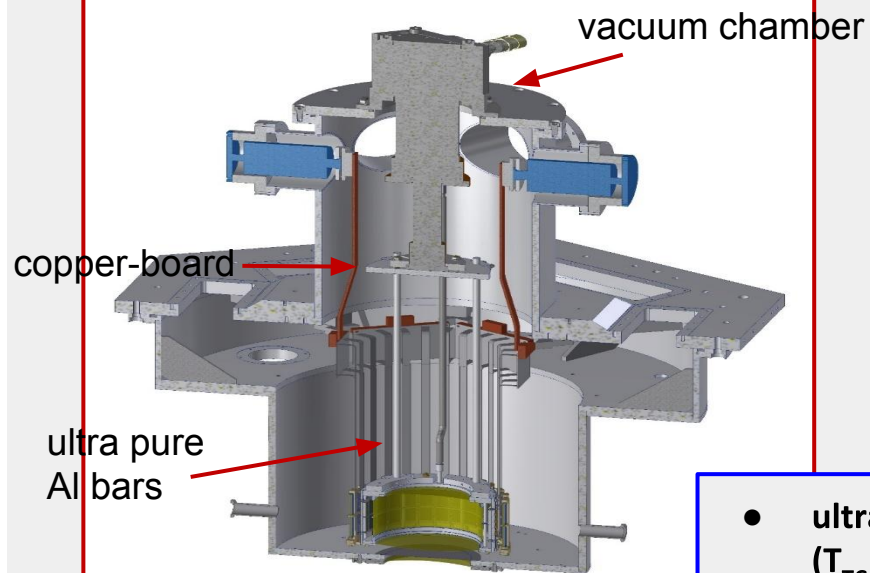
# SIDDHARTA-2 at DAFNE



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## cooling system

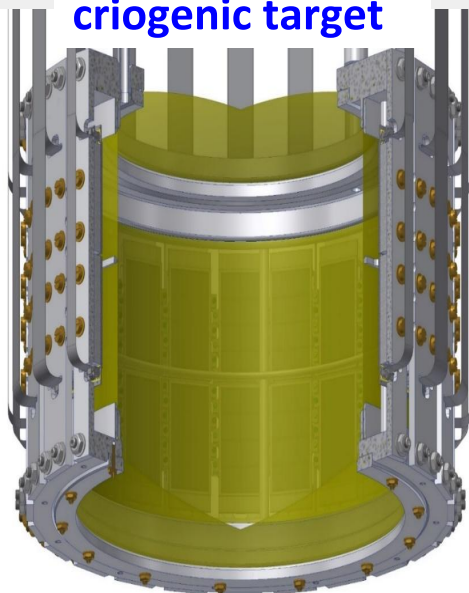


## vacuum chamber



- ultra pure Al bars to cool target cell ( $T_{TC} = 30K$ ) and SDDs ( $T_{SDD} = 100K$ )

## criogenic target



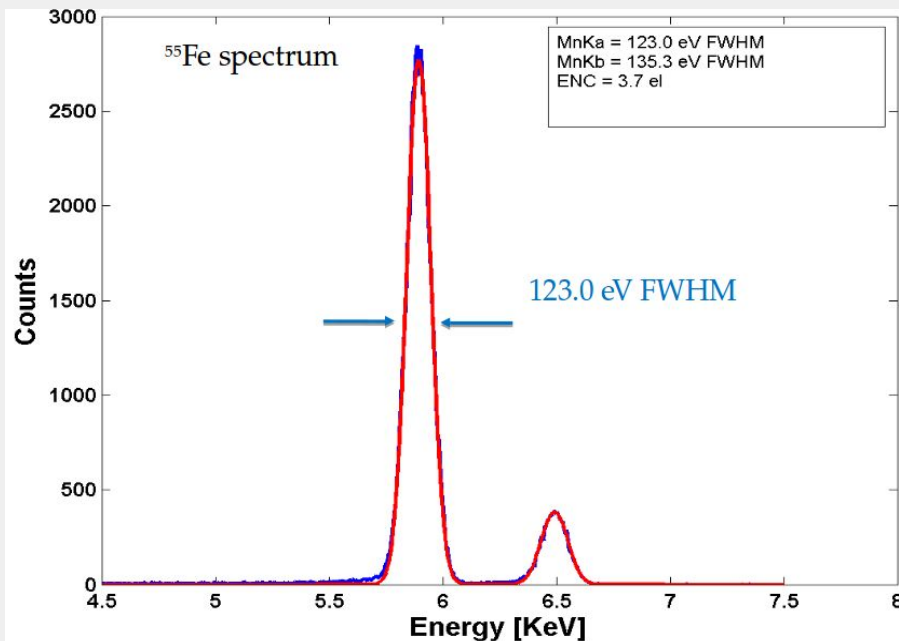
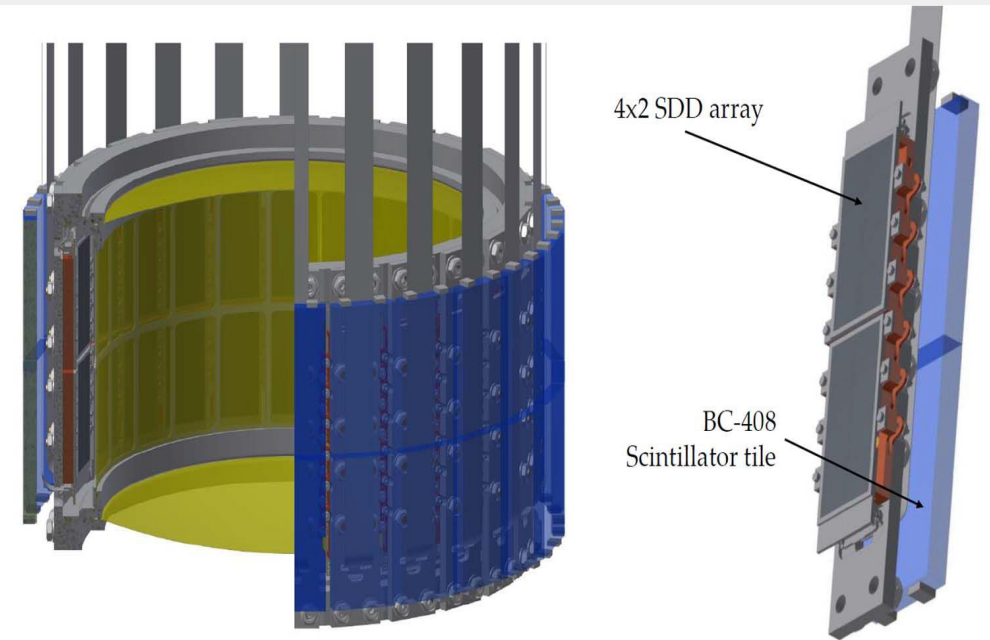
- Working temp. and pressure : 30 K and 0.3 MPa
- Target cell wall is made of a 2-Kapton layer structure ( $<100\mu\text{m}$ )
- HPH Deuterium generator and heavy water
- almost double gas density with respect to SIDDHARTA (3% LHD)
- X-ray transmission 85% at 7keV

## SDD detectors

covering a solid angle for stopped kaons in the gaseous target of  $\sim 2\pi$ , 5mm from the target

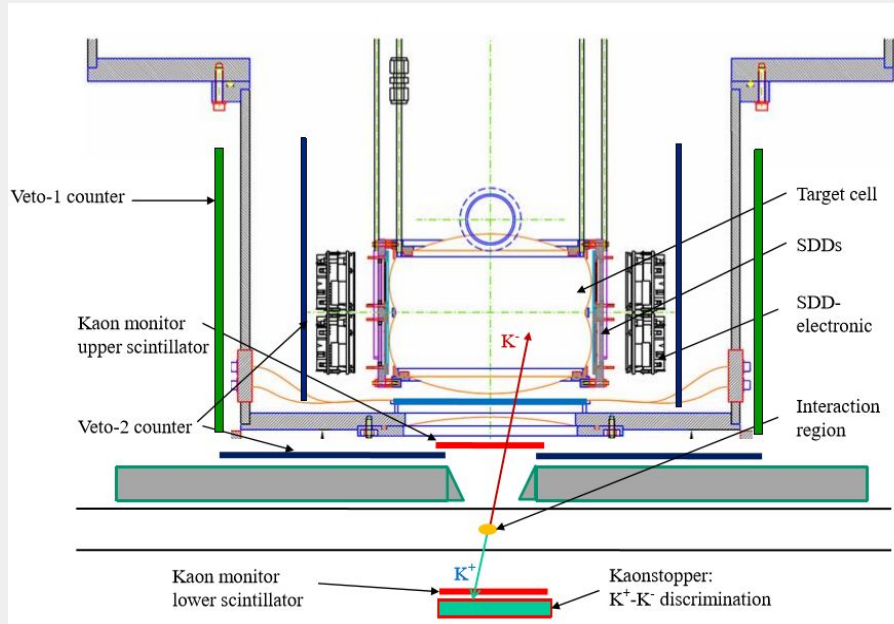
**48 monolithic SDD arrays** will be around the target with a total area of about **246 cm<sup>2</sup>**

the large active to total area of about 75% (compared to 20% for the SIDDHARTA SDDs)



- **single unit: 4x2 SDD array (48 units in total)**
- **SDD**
  - external CUBE preamplifier (MOSFET input transistor)
  - larger total anode capacitance
  - better than FET performances
  - standard SDD technology
  - area/cell = 64mm<sup>2</sup>
  - T=100 K
  - Thickness 0.45 mm
  - drift time < 500ns

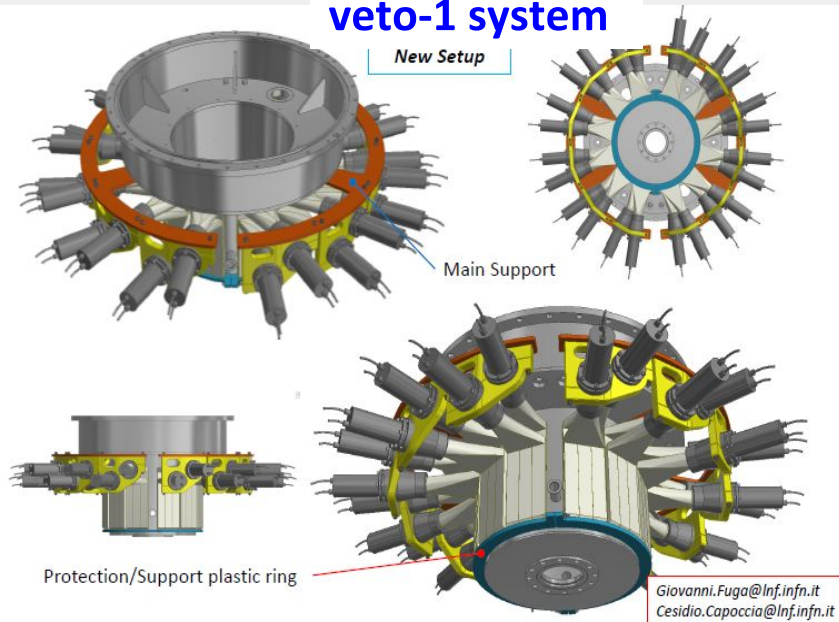
## kaon monitor



- with the new position only those kaons which are reaching directly the entrance flange of the vacuum chamber will be selected
- reduction of the hadronic and e. m. background is expected comparing to old geometry

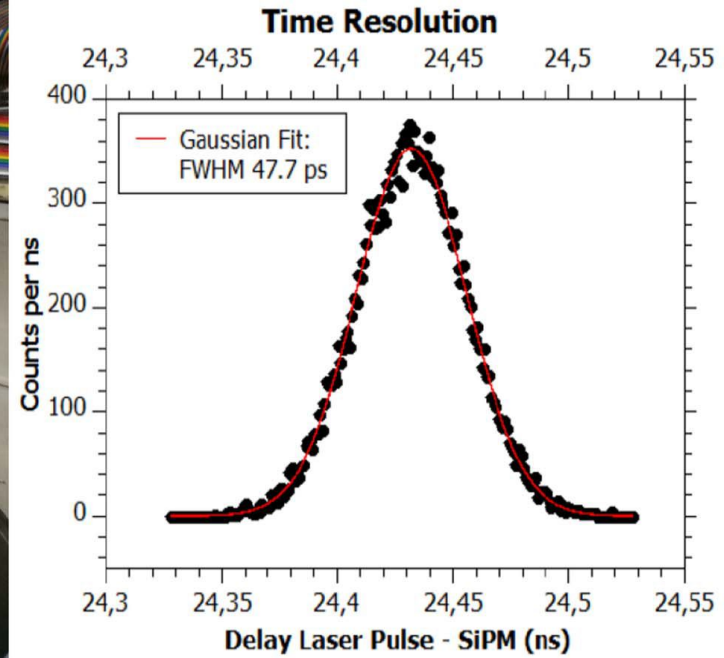
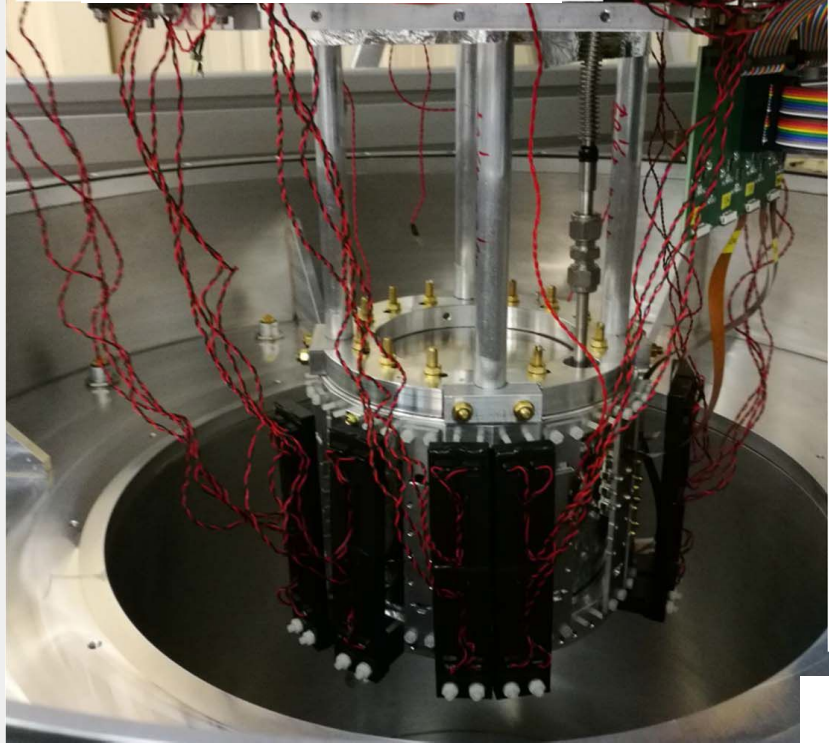


## veto-1 system

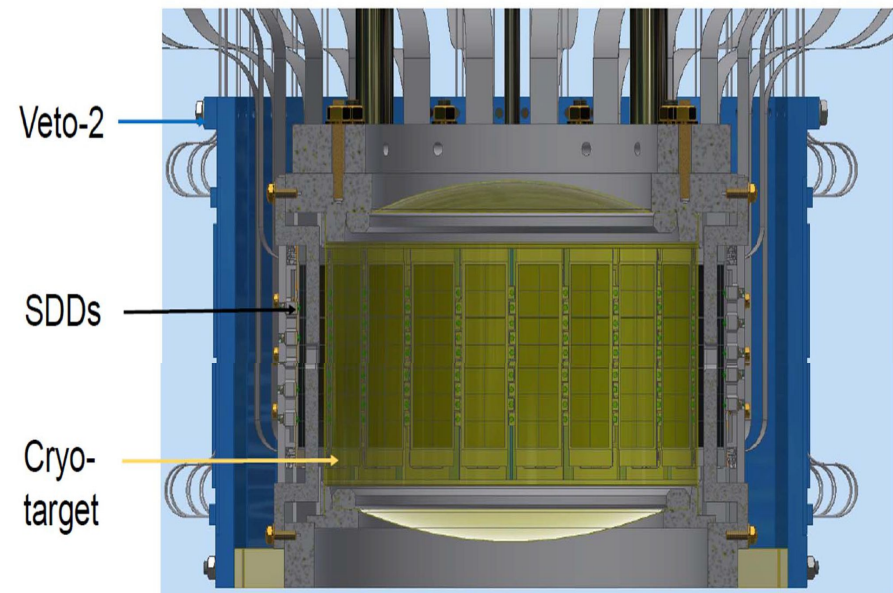


- outer barrel of scintillators
- to identify the products of K<sup>-</sup> absorption on gas nuclei

## veto-2 system



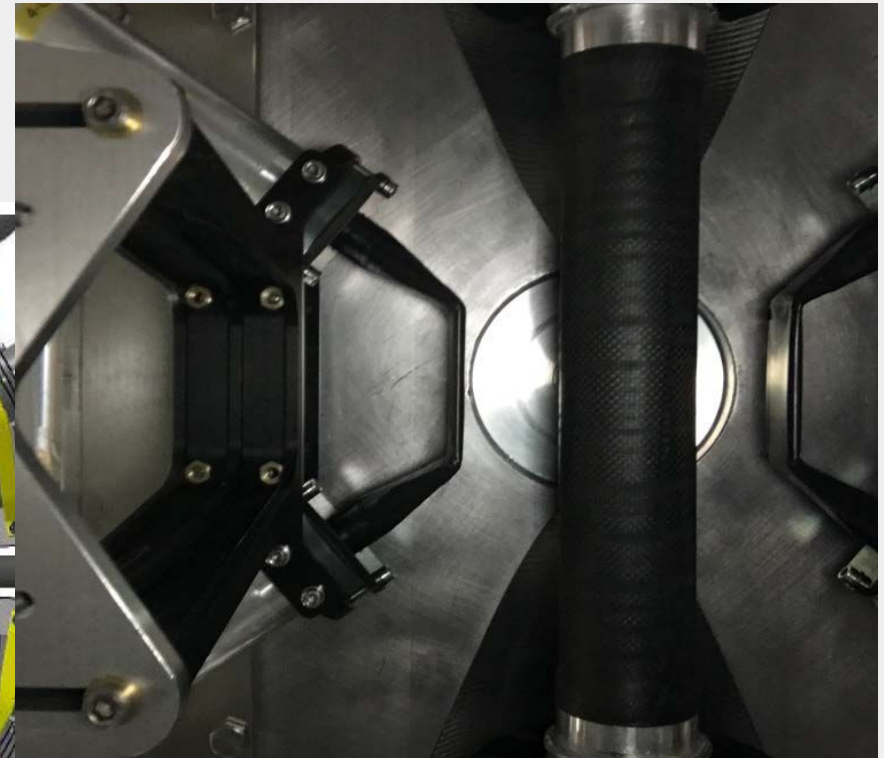
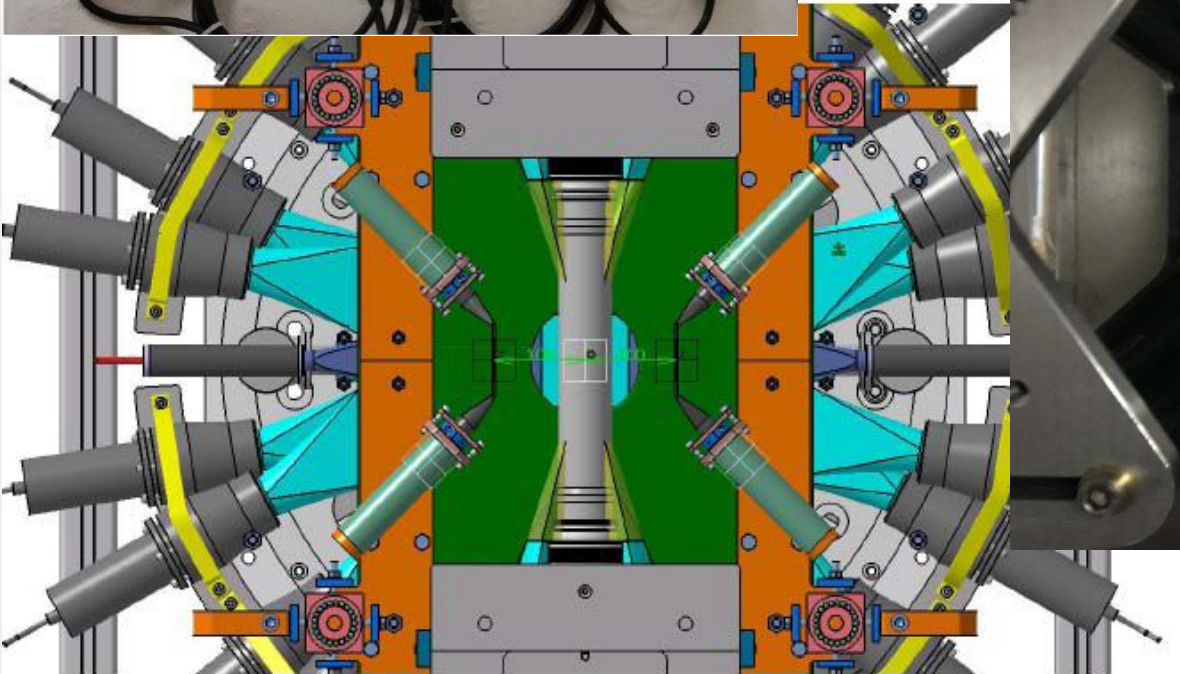
- an inner ring of scintillator tiles (SciTiles) placed as close as possible behind the SDDs
- for charge particle tracking



luminosity detector



- 2 pairs of scintillator: 80x40x2 mm<sup>3</sup> Scionix EJ-200
- R4998 PMTs Hamamatsu
- reflective and light proof foil, optical cement
- luminosity  $\sim 10^{32}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- rate  $\sim 50 - 60$  Hz



# SIDDHARTA-2 strategy

**Phase 1: during the commissioning of DAΦNE  
SIDDHARTINO ( $K^-^4\text{He}$ : 8 SDD arrays)**

installed on DAΦNE in April 2019, run May 2019 - 1 November 2019 (?),  
S/B adjustment to 100/1



**Phase 2: SIDDHARTA-2 will be installed (48 SDD arrays):  
kaonic deuterium, run for  $800 \text{ pb}^{-1}$**

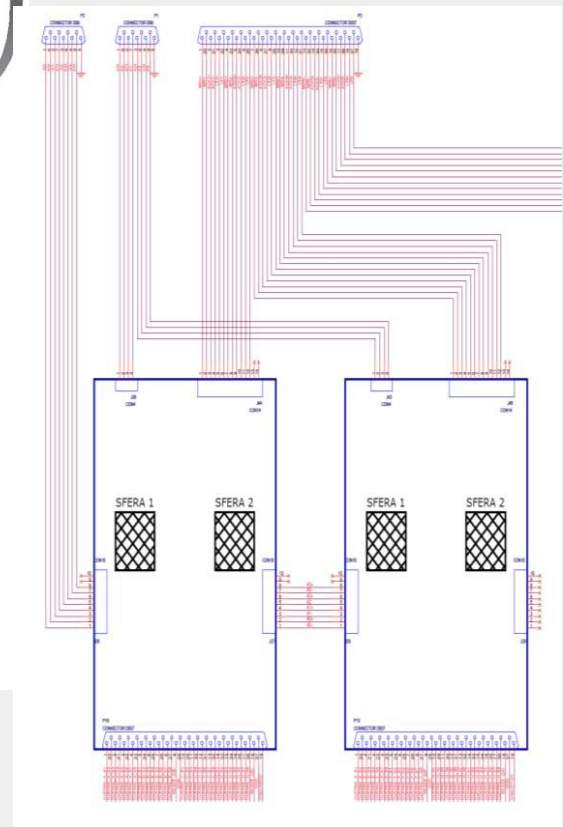
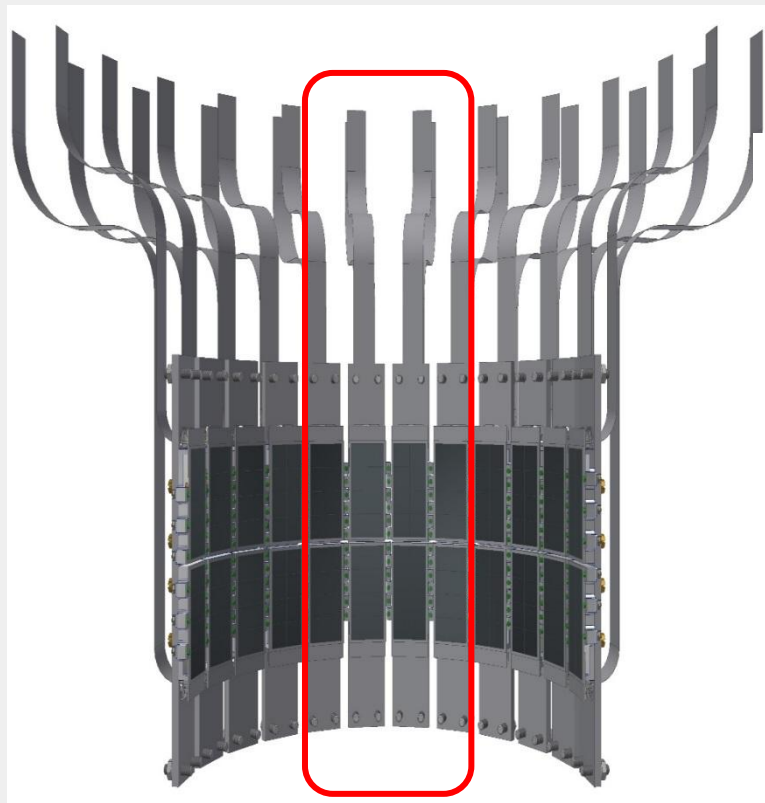
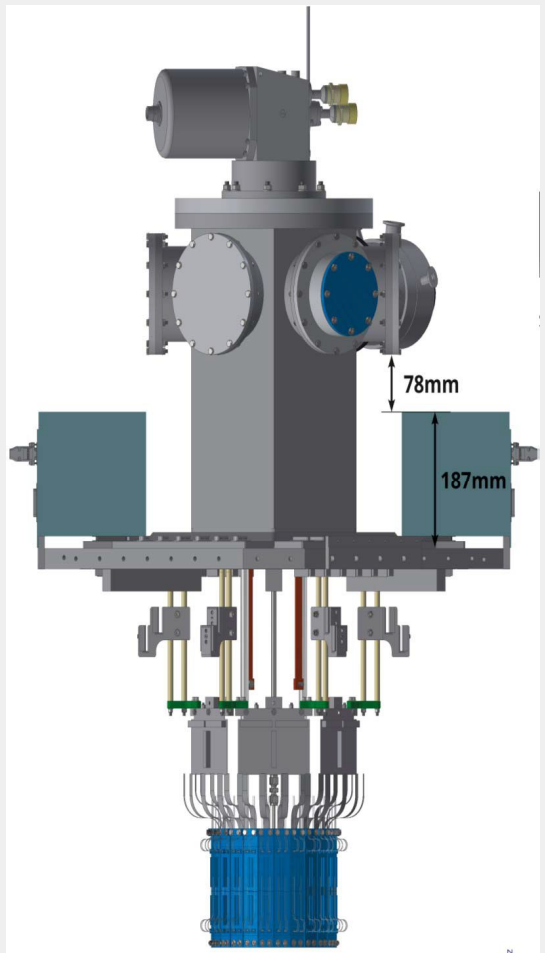


# SIDDHARTINO – SIDDHARTA-2 with 8 SDDs

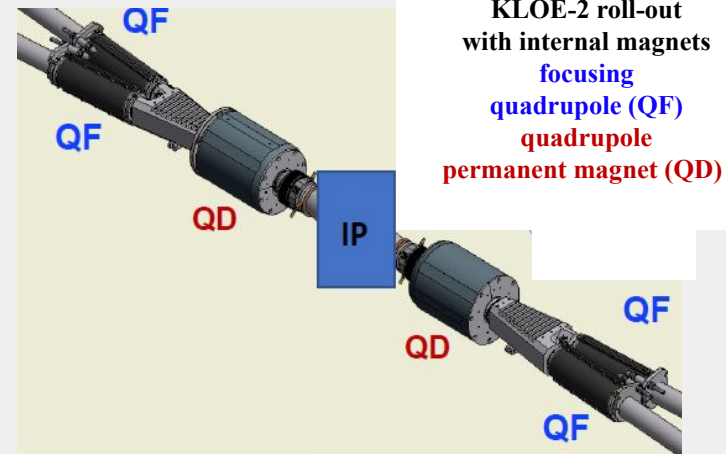
8 SDD arrays  
(out of 48)  
1 BUS structure

DAQ – Bus  
structure

- 4 SFERA boards
- 8 SDD arrays

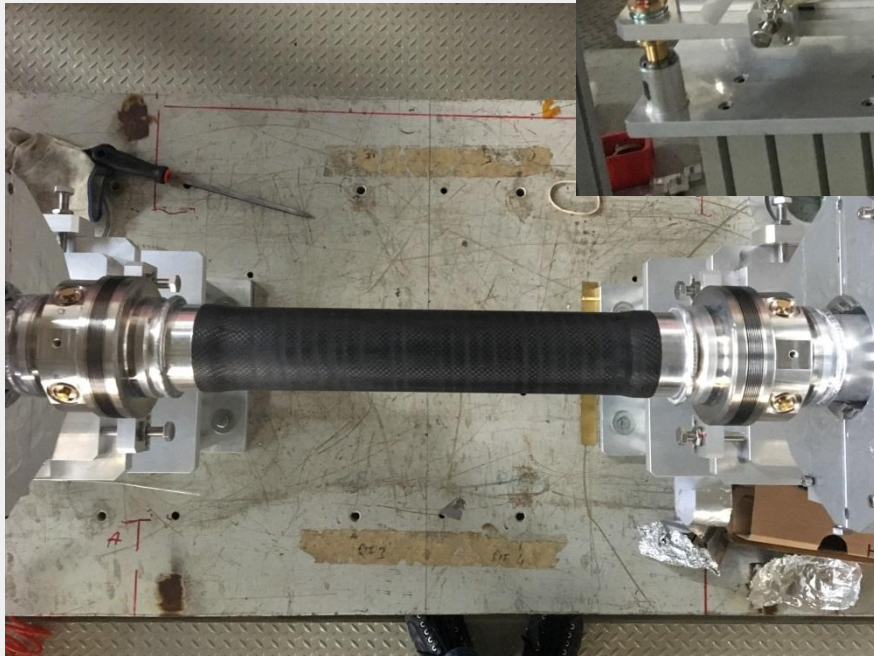
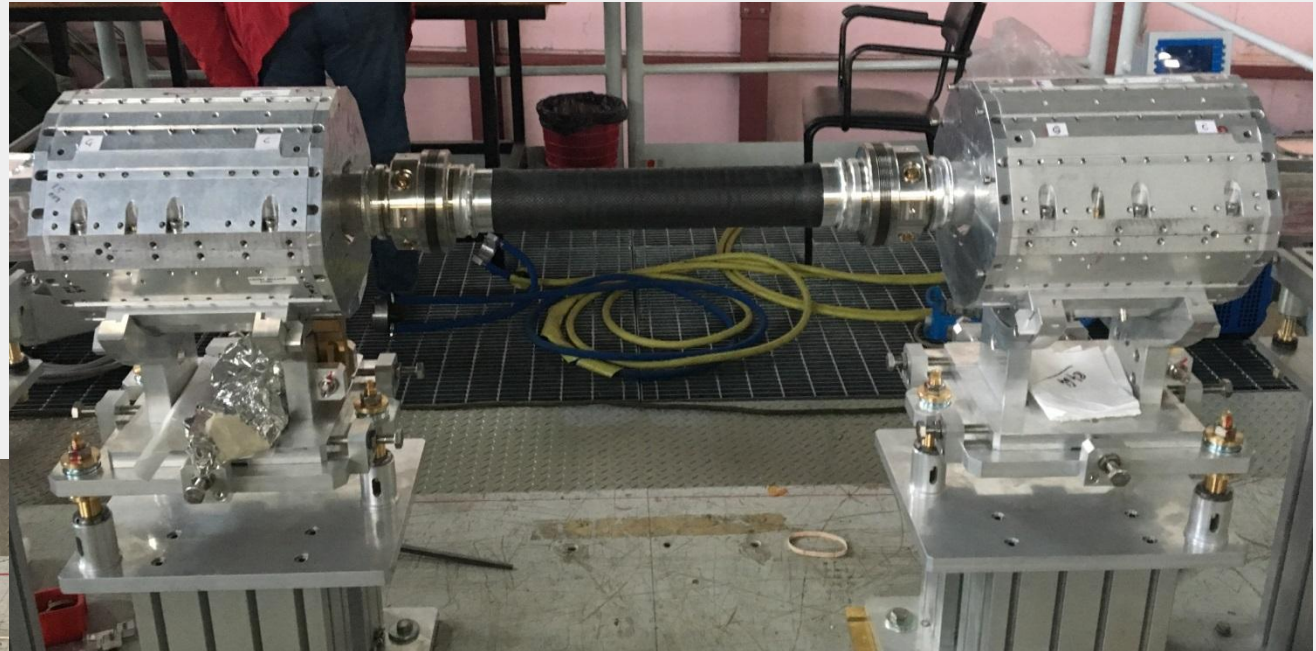


# New platform near to interaction region



# New beam pipe

flanges removed  
major source of  
asynchronous background

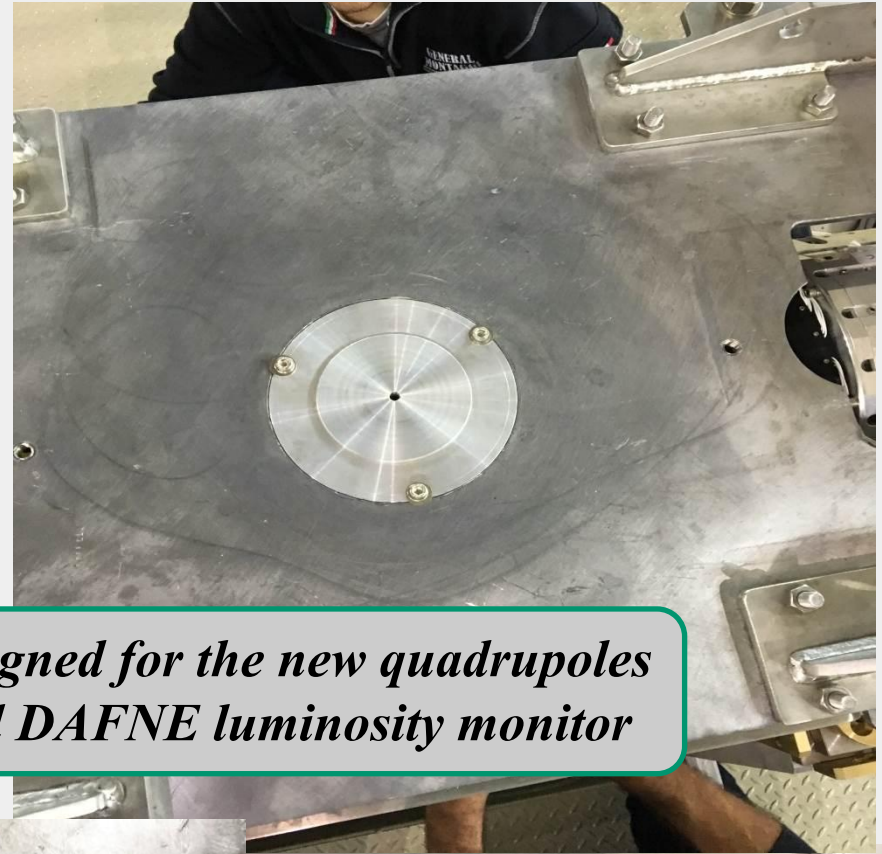


external carbon fiber jacket  
 $\varnothing$  66 mm and thickness  $\sim$  500 micron  
internal ultra pure aluminum  
 $\varnothing$  55mm and thickness  $\sim$  150 micron

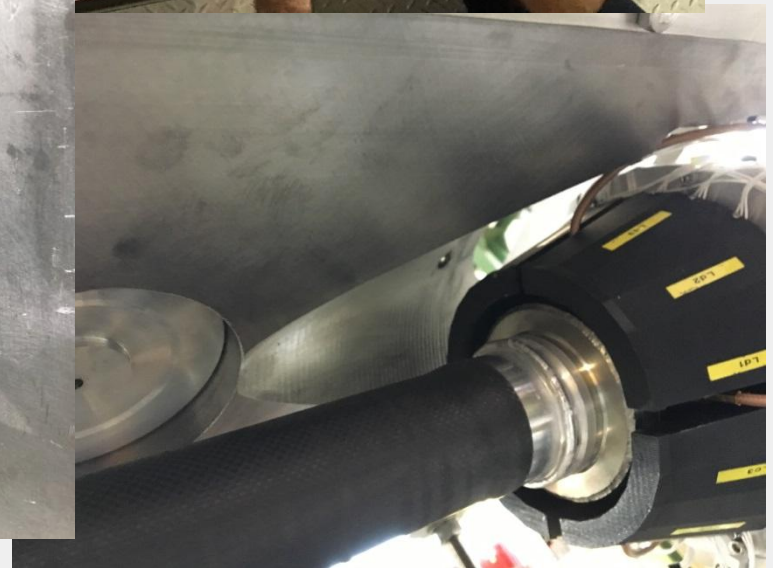


*DAFNE luminosity monitor*

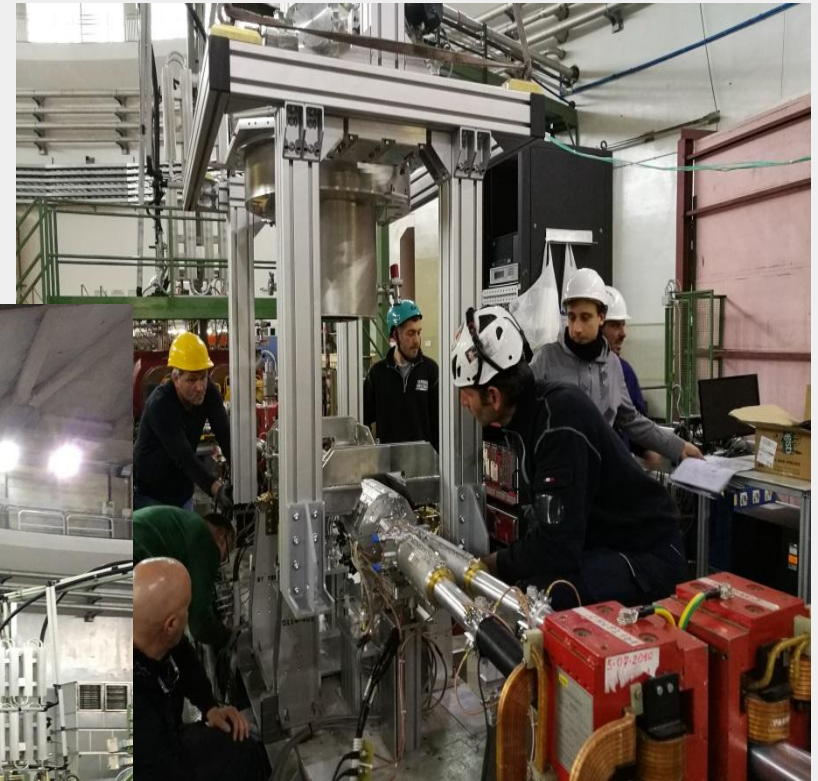
# Special SIDDHARTINO designed shielding



*Designed for the new quadrupoles  
and DAFNE luminosity monitor*

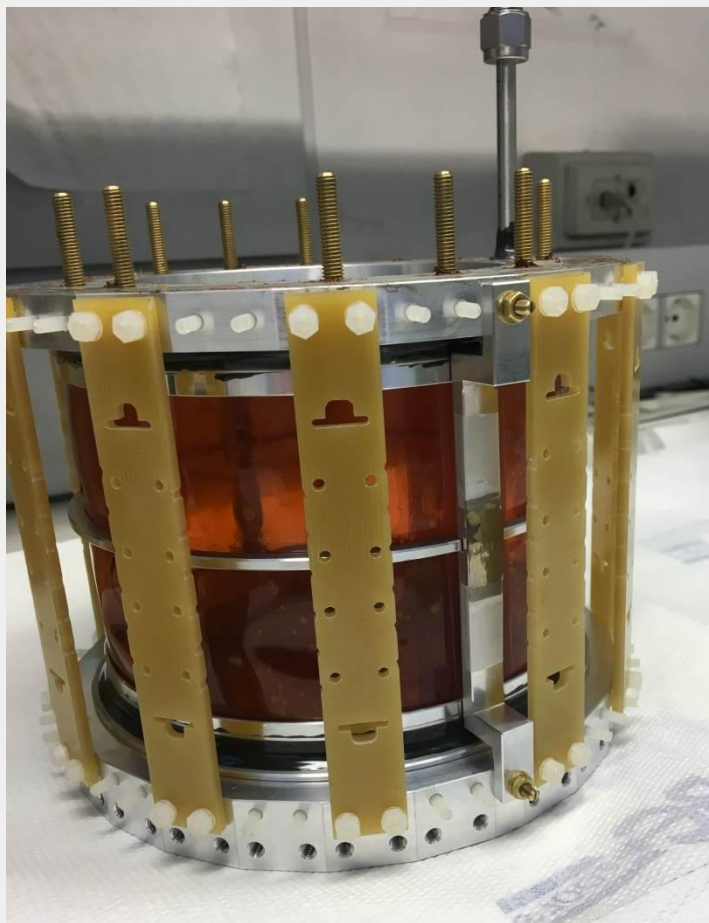


# SIDDHARTA-2 aluminum support frame



With the help of DAFNE experts the setup and the shielding were aligned with the beam line axis

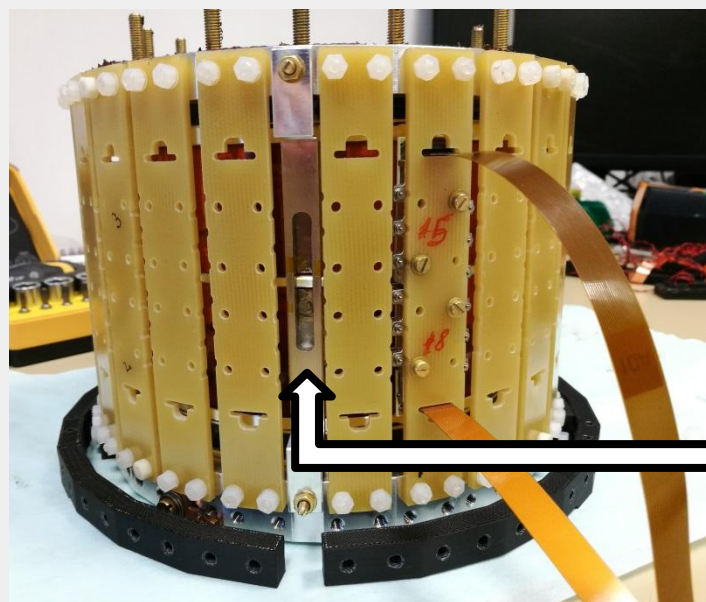
# Light target and Silicon Drift Detector assembly



Target cell wall is made of a 2-Kapton layer structure (75  $\mu\text{m}$  + 75  $\mu\text{m}$  + Araldit)

increase the target stopping power  
almost double gas density with respect to SIDDHARTA (3% LHD)

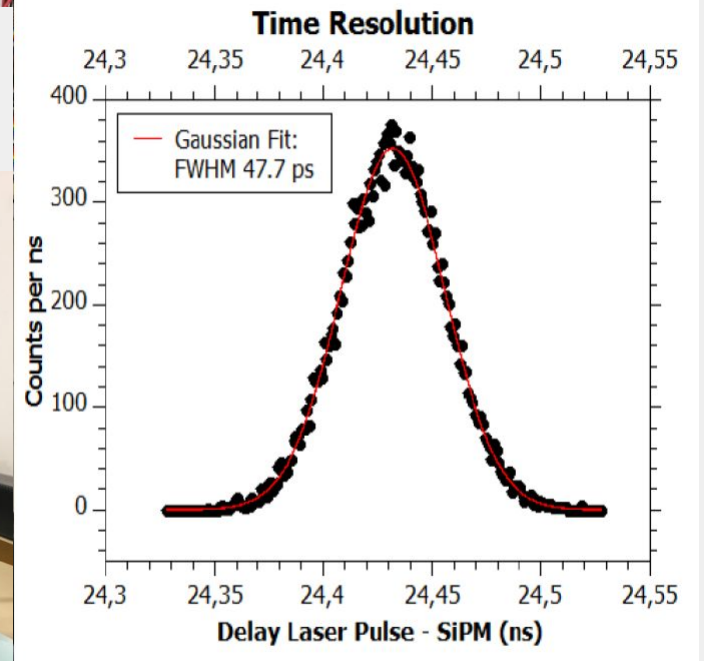
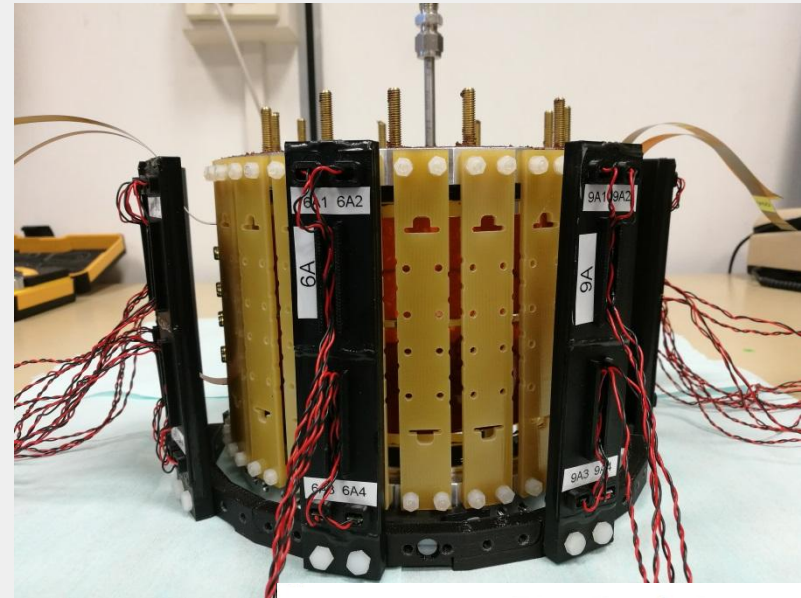
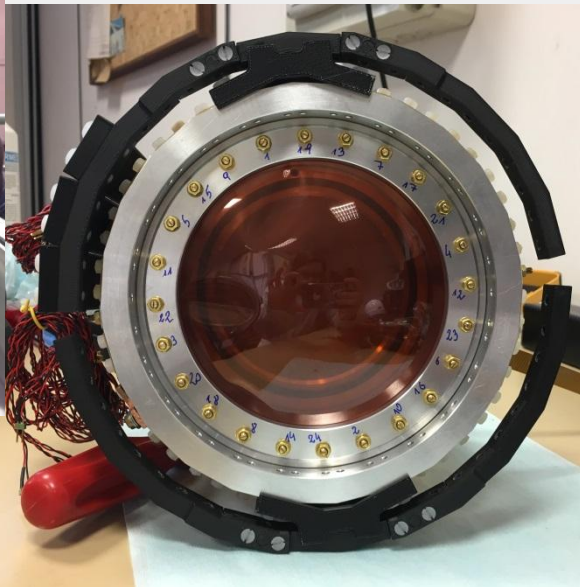
SDDs placed 5 mm from the target wall



*calibration foils inserted near to the SDD are activated by the X-ray tubes*

# Veto-2 system

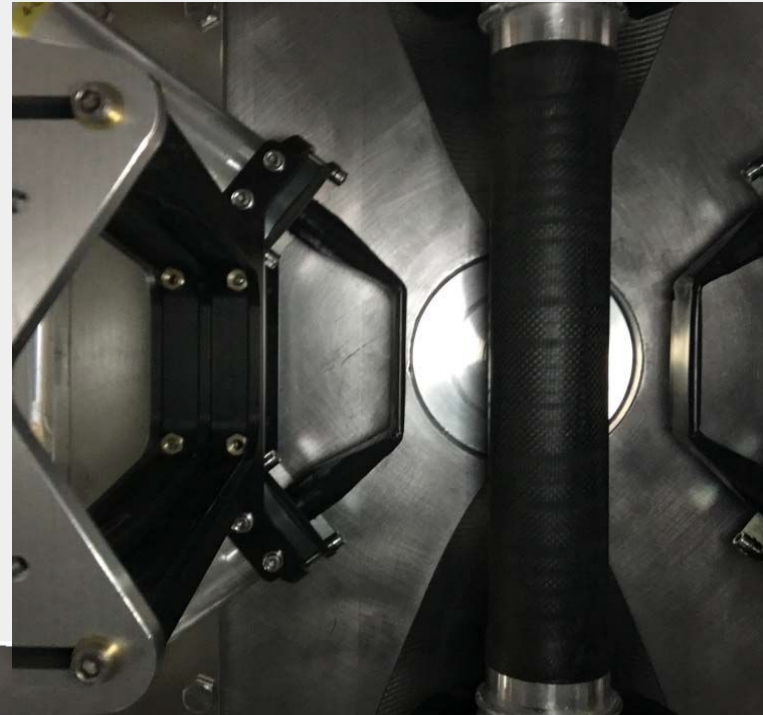
an inner ring of scintillator tiles (SciTiles)  
placed as close as possible behind the  
SDDs for charge particle tracking



# Luminosity monitor

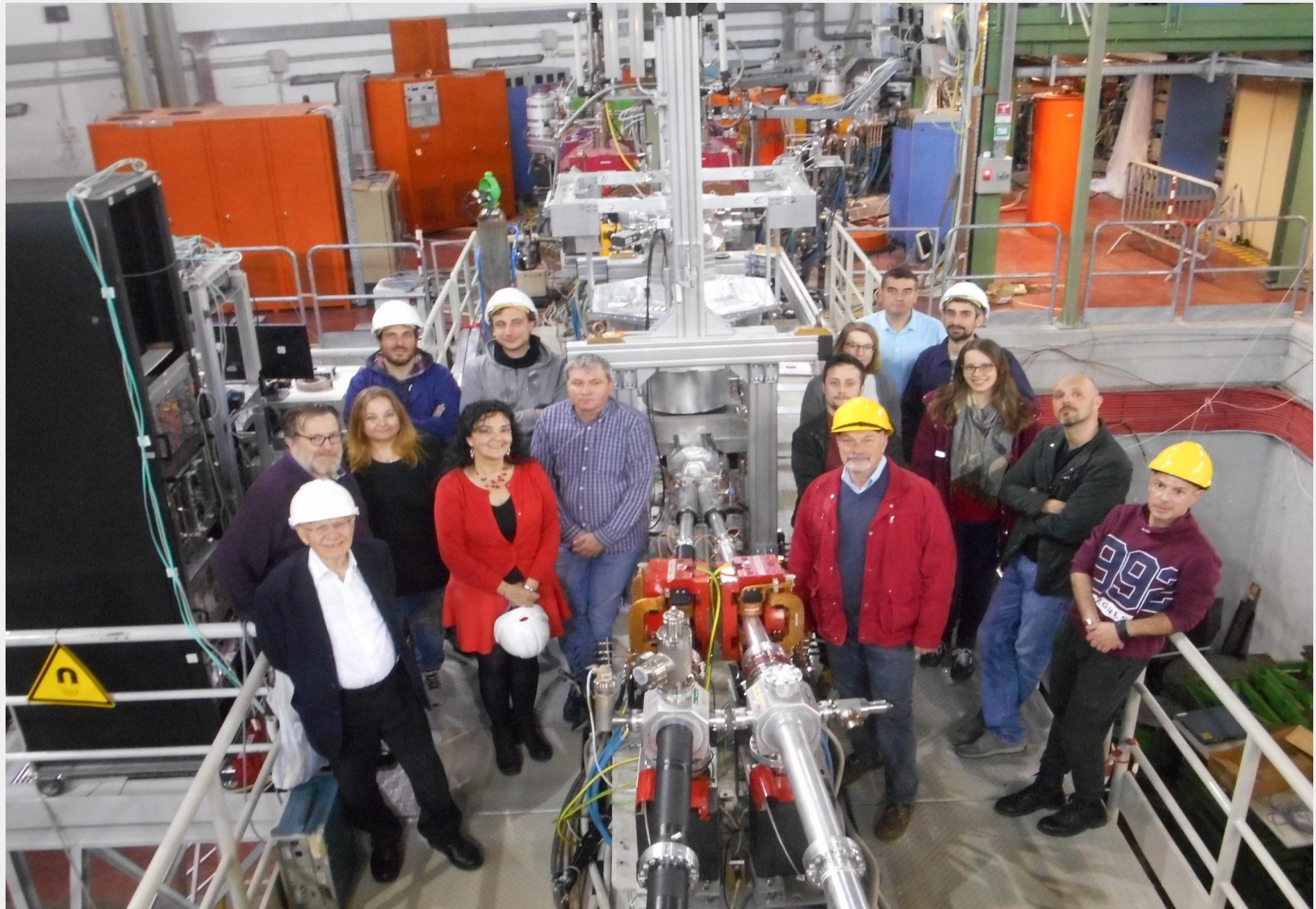


- luminosity  $\sim 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- rate  $\sim 50 - 60 \text{ Hz}$



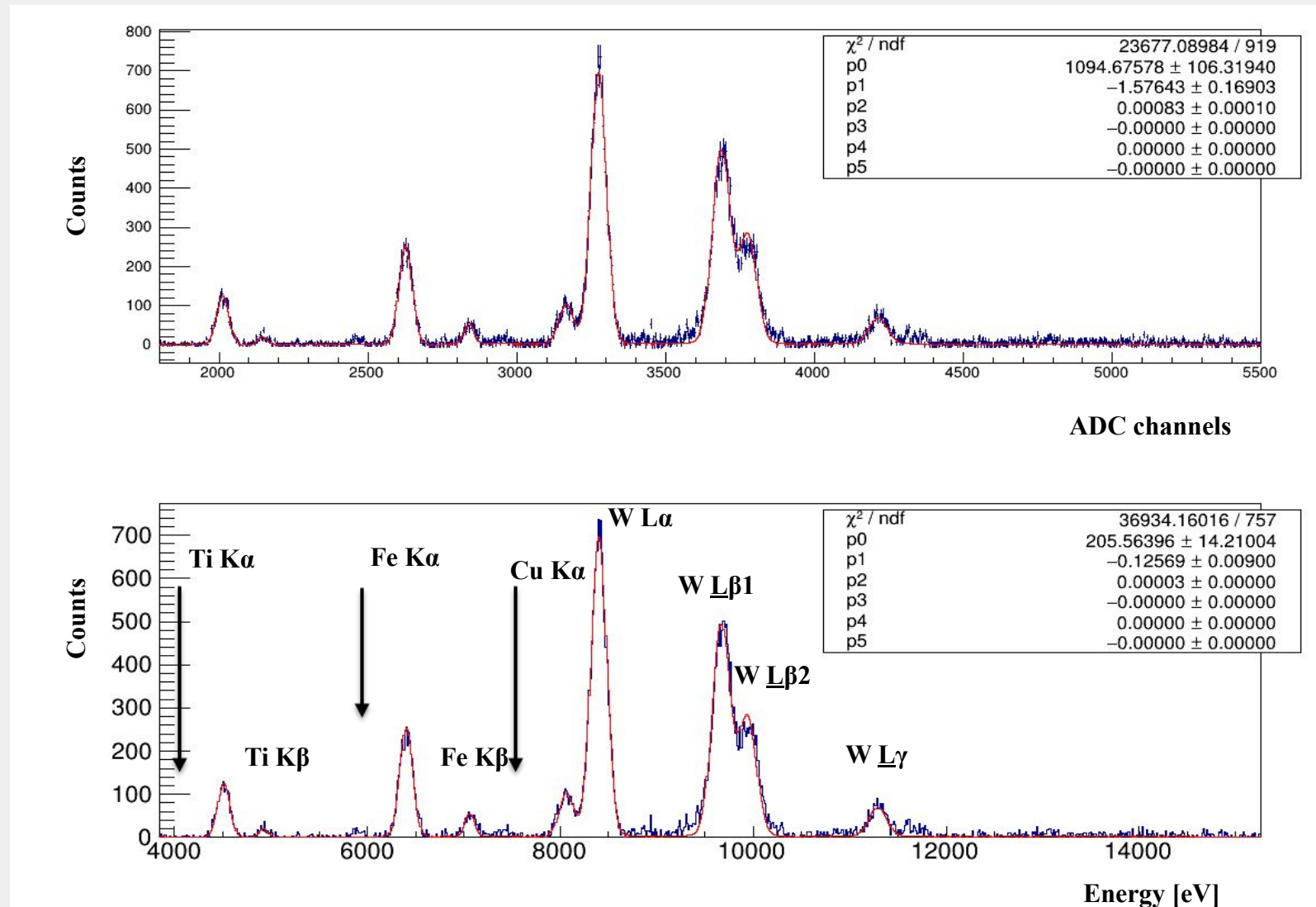


# SIDDHARTINO installed on DAFNE (17 April 2019)



# Calibration of SDDs with the X-ray tube in DAFNE

SDD 48 BUS 5



## SIDDHARTA result – kaonic helium-4

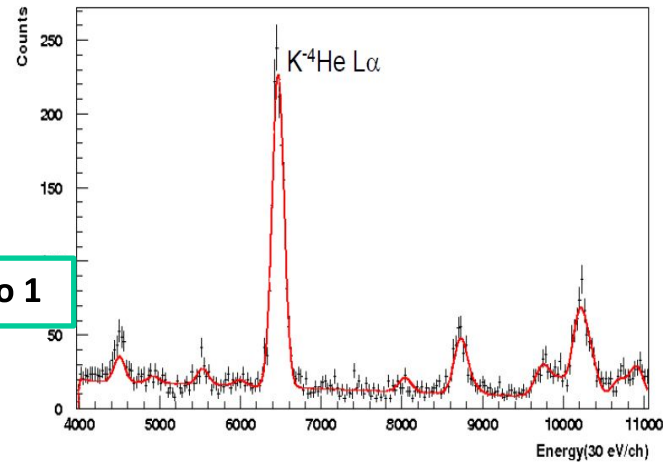
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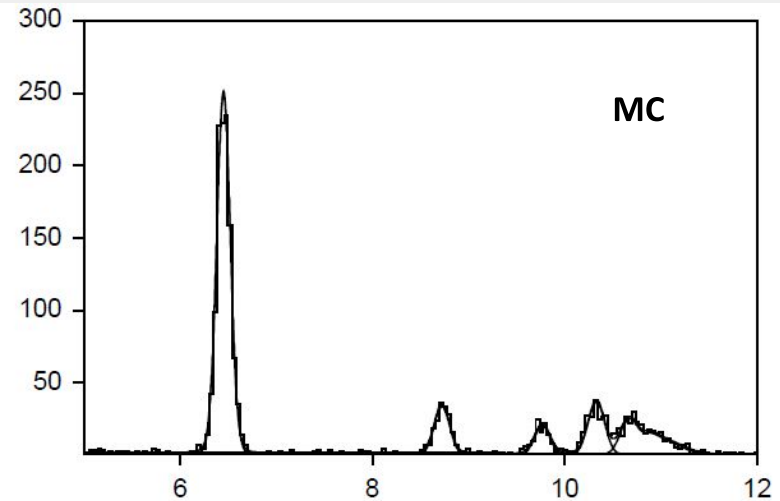
kaonic helium-4  
about  $28 \text{ pb}^{-1}$   
S/B about 1 to 10

S/B about 10 to 1



55th LNF SC - May 14, 2018

**Kaonic helium-4 SIDDHARTINO expected spectrum for about  $50 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  (one week of data taking in SIDDHARTA-like conditions)**

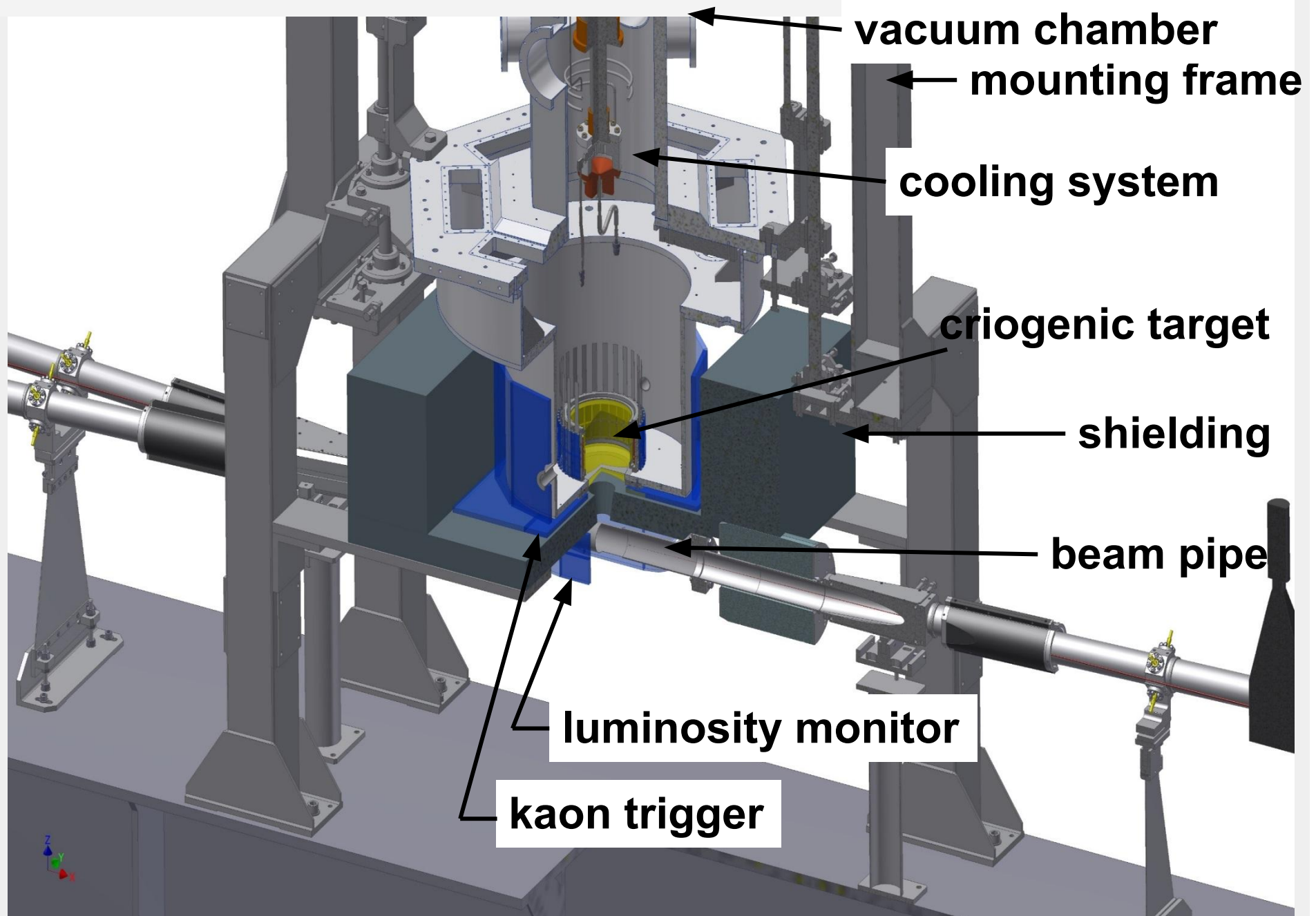


**About 1000 events in Lα peak; S/B > 100/1  
Position precision :  $6.452 \pm 0.002$  (stat) keV**

**When Phase 1 is over (basically when S/B for KHe4 about 100/1) in 2020**

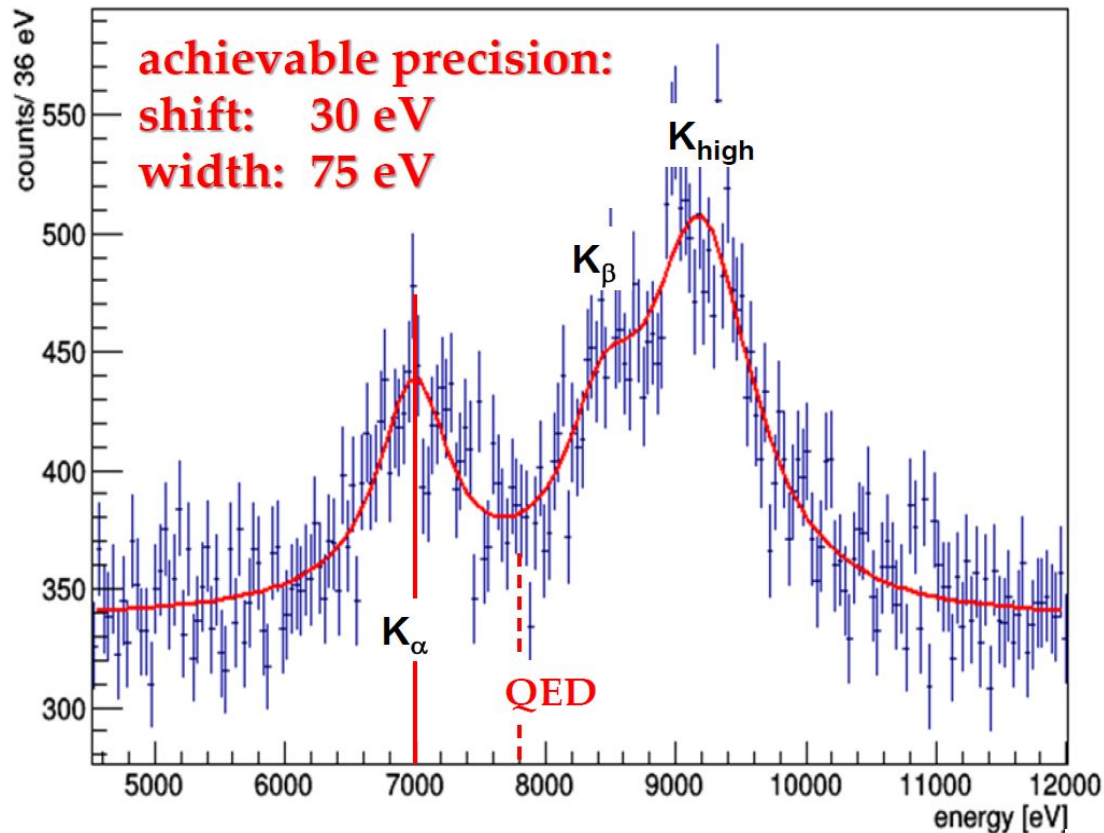
**we go for SIDDHARTA-2**

## SIDDHARTA-2 setup - will be installed after Phase 1



# SDDHARTA-2 expected result

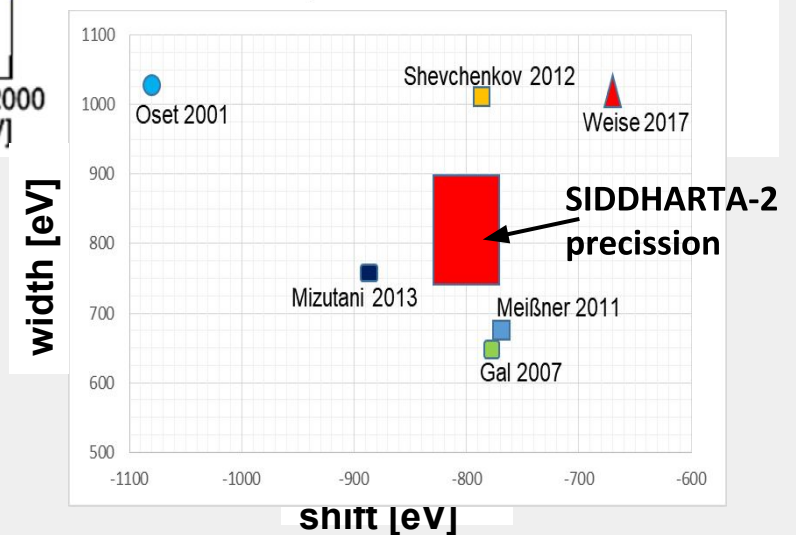
Geant4 simulated  $K^-d$  X-ray spectrum for  $800 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



signal: shift - 800 eV  
width 800 eV  
density: 3% (LHD)  
detector area: 246 cm<sup>2</sup>  
 $K_{\alpha}$  yield: 0.1 %  
yield ratio as in  $K^-p$   
S/B ~ 1 : 3

- charged particle veto
- asynchronous BG

Kaonic deuterium puzzle, SIDDHARTA-2  
will bring new constraints on theories



# Summary

- Kaonic atoms, in particular KH & Kd, represent a unique tool to investigate the KN low energy interaction
- The SIDDHARTA experiment delivered fundamental results based on the kaonic hydrogen and kaonic helium (shift and width measurements)
- The SIDDHARTA-2 experiment goal is to deliver the first measurement ever of the kaonic deuterium 1s level shift and width
- SIDDHARTINO installed at DAFNE (Phase 1)
- SIDDHARTA-2 future program and perspectives involve also:

Other light kaonic atoms (K-O, K-C,...)

Heavier kaonic atoms (K-Si, K-Pb...)

Kaonic He measurement with higher precision

Kaonic helium transitions to the 1s level