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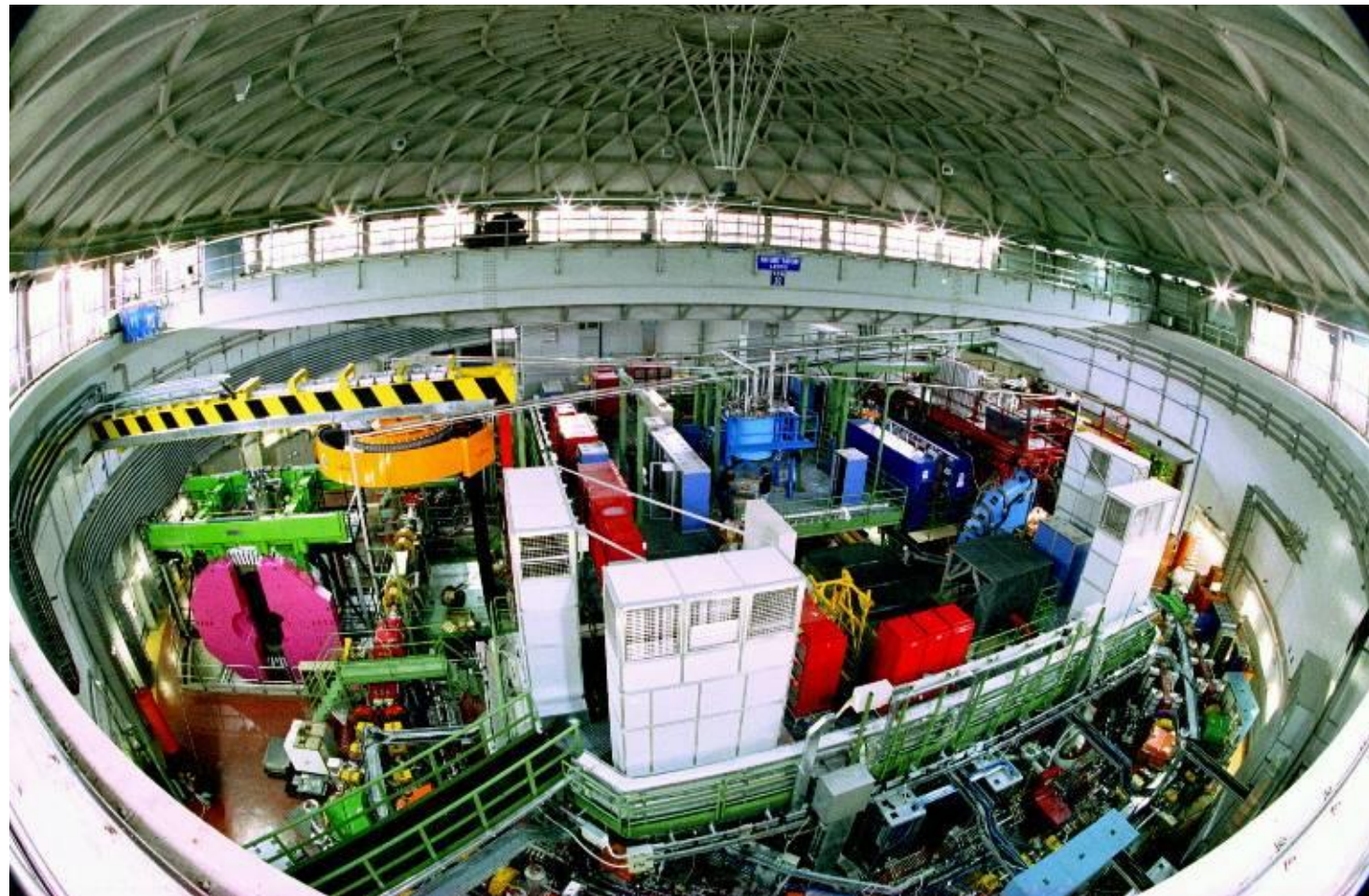
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**The DAΦNE Complex  
including LINAC, BTF and  
electron-positron collider**

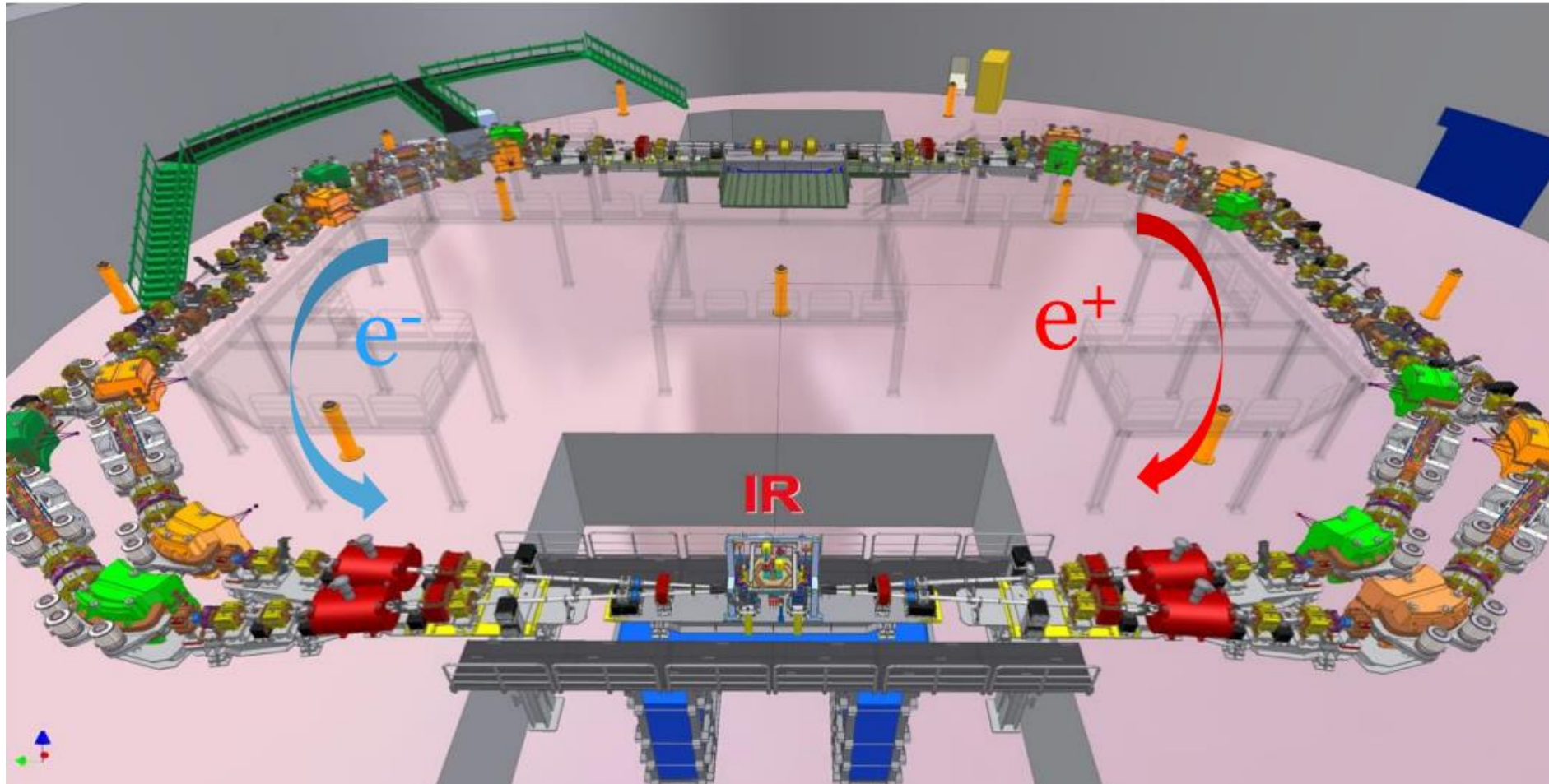
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**DAΦNE**



# Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati (LNF-INFN)

- $\Phi \rightarrow K^- K^+$  (49.1%)
- Monochromatic low-energy  $K^-$  ( $\sim 127$  MeV/c ;  $\Delta p/p = 0.1\%$ )



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(FRASCATI – ITALY)

### ❑ RP2 1 December 2020 - 30 May 2022

The **pandemic situation did not allow users** to travel to Frascati **until September 2021**.

#### ❖ *PADME projects*

- ✓ **Dark And Rare**, In RP2 no data-taking was foreseen for the experiment. **None of the users was able to come to LNF**. The **first scientific result of PADME** has been the **cross-section of the process  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$**  with a **precision measurement** at  $\sqrt{21}$  MeV.

#### ❖ *SIDDHARTA-2 projects*

Five projects contributed to the various stages of the experiment with strong support of the LNF group.

**All the projects** have contributed to the scientific results obtained in the period: in particular, **the most precise measurement of the transitions to the 2p level in kaonic helium** and the measurement of the **transition yields in kaonic helium** at different gas densities

- ✓ **SIDDHARTA-2**, working on final setup assembly.
- ✓ **KRAKOW@SIDDHARTA-2**, working on calibration of the luminometer with the DAΦNE luminometer
- ✓ **SIDDHARTA-2 & HPGETest**, working on the installation of the Ge detector and its debugging
- ✓ **ANTIKD**, participating to SIDDHARTINO beam time shifts and to data analysis
- ✓ **EARS-2**, working on a new interface Lab View for the Detector Control System.

**RP1 and 2: - 1200 days; we would like to request to consider extension beyond Nov. 2023**

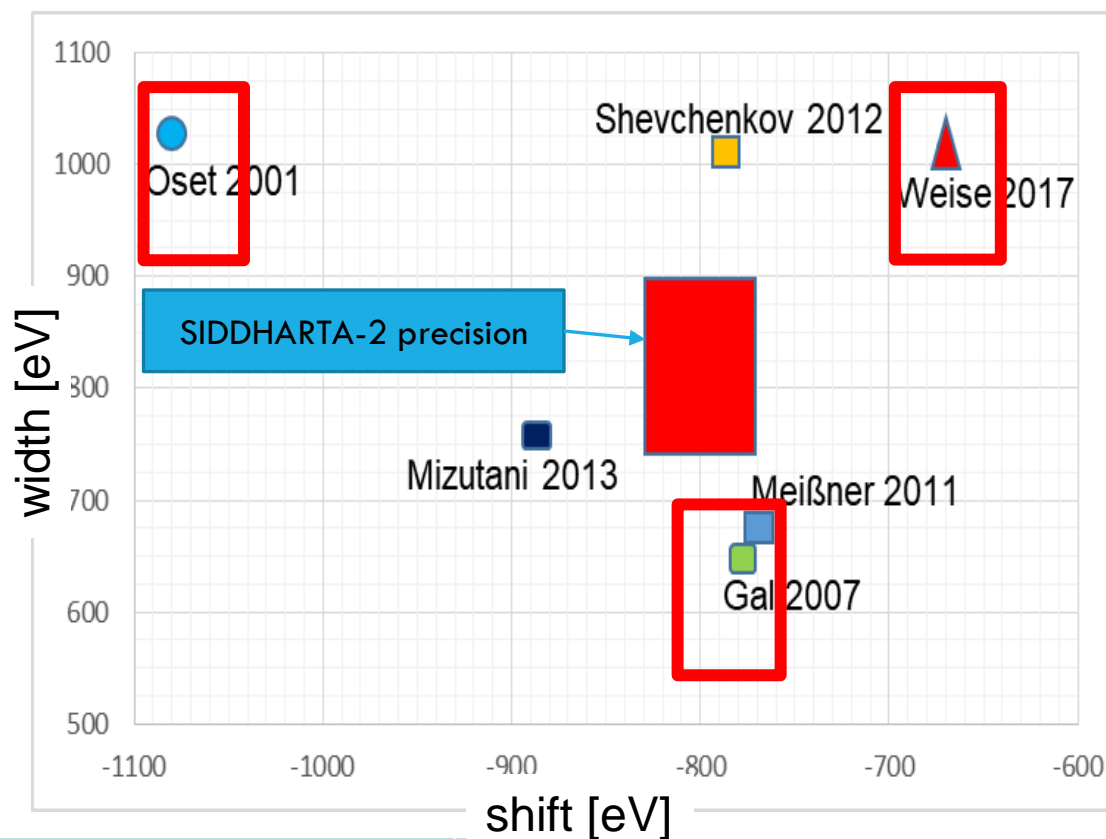
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# Experiments on the DAΦNE complex and progress during reporting period

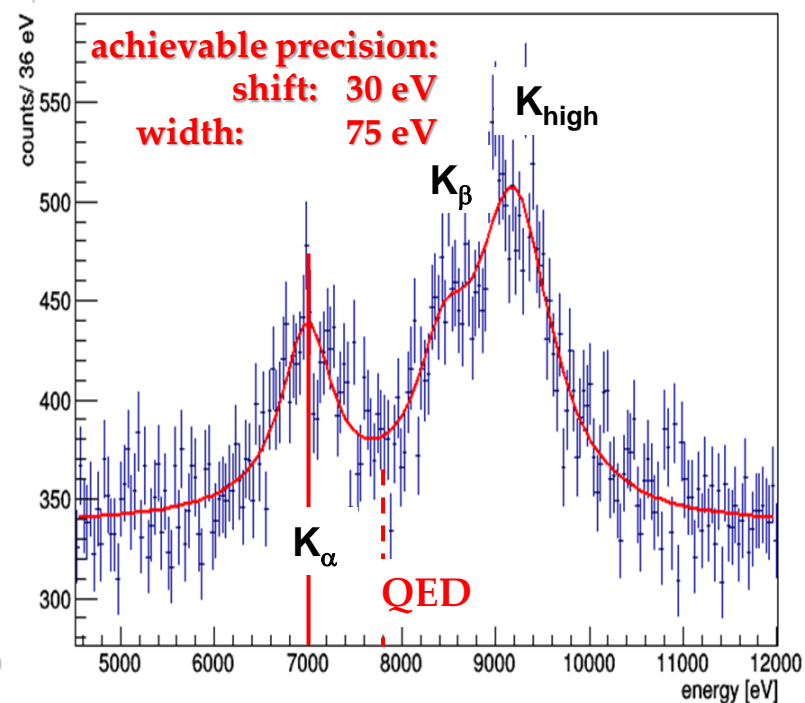
- **SIDDHARTA-2**
- **PADME**



- To perform precision measurement of kaonic atoms X-ray transitions  
 -> **unique** info about the QCD in non-perturbative regime in the strangeness sector **not obtainable otherwise**; impact in astrophysics (EOS neutron stars)
- Precision measurement of the shift and of the width of the 1s level of kaonic deuterium and the of and of other types of kaonic atoms**
- Comparison with various theoretical models



MCarlo Kd spectrum for 800 pb<sup>-1</sup>

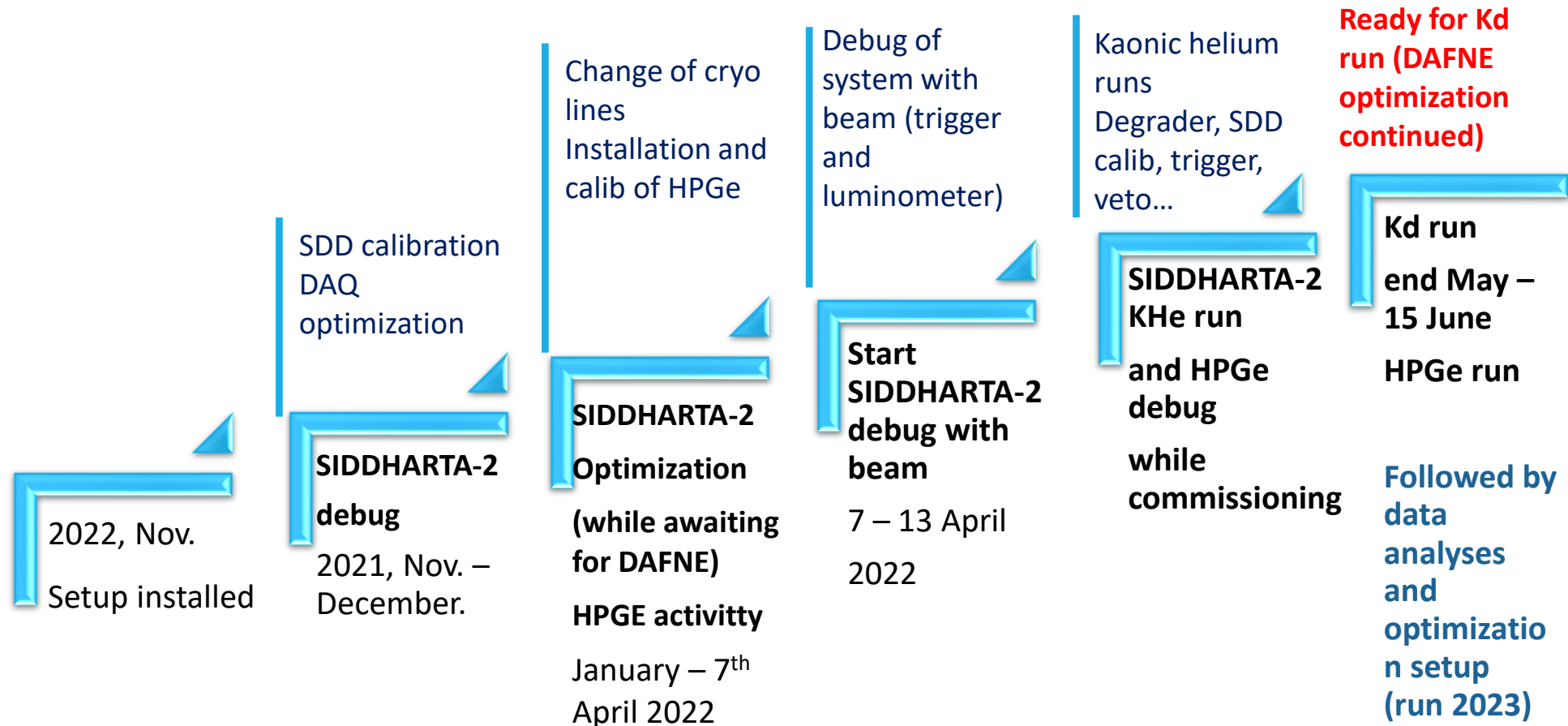


***SIDDHARTA-2 setup  
Installed on DAFNE within early  
November 2022  
Ready for Run***



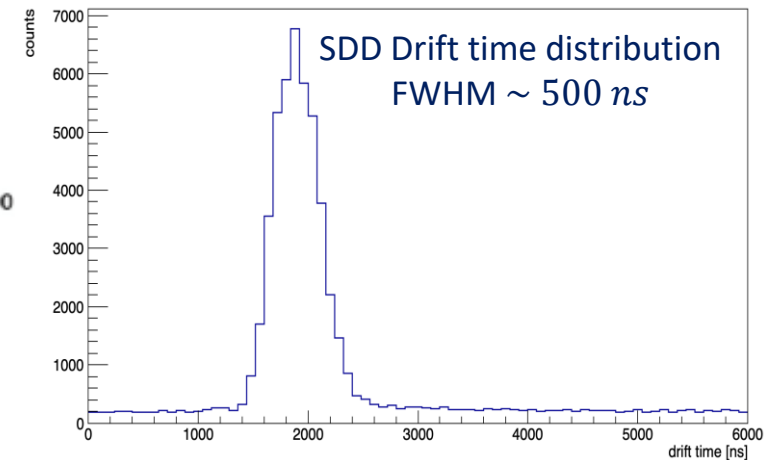
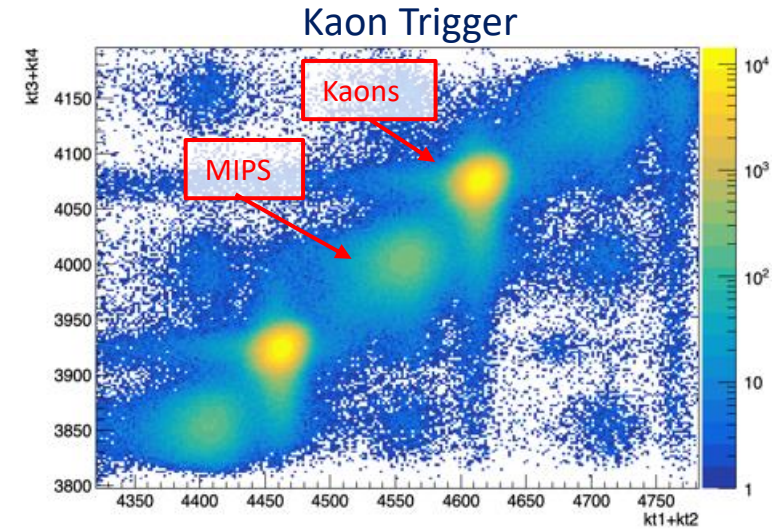
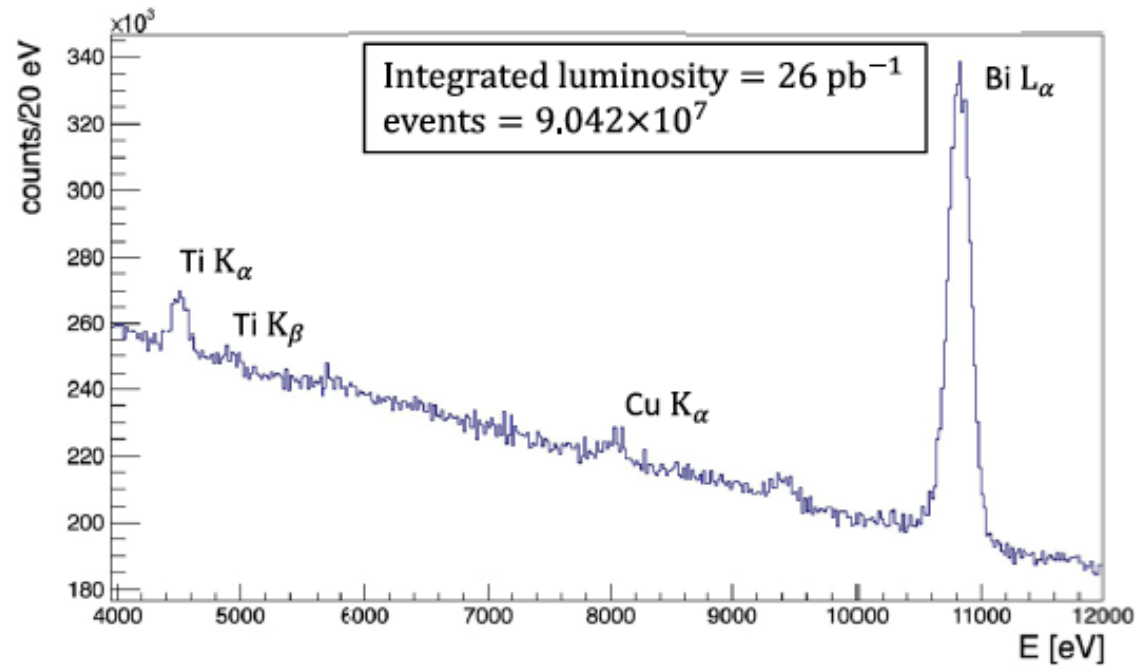


# PROJECT TIMELINE IN THE LAST YEAR



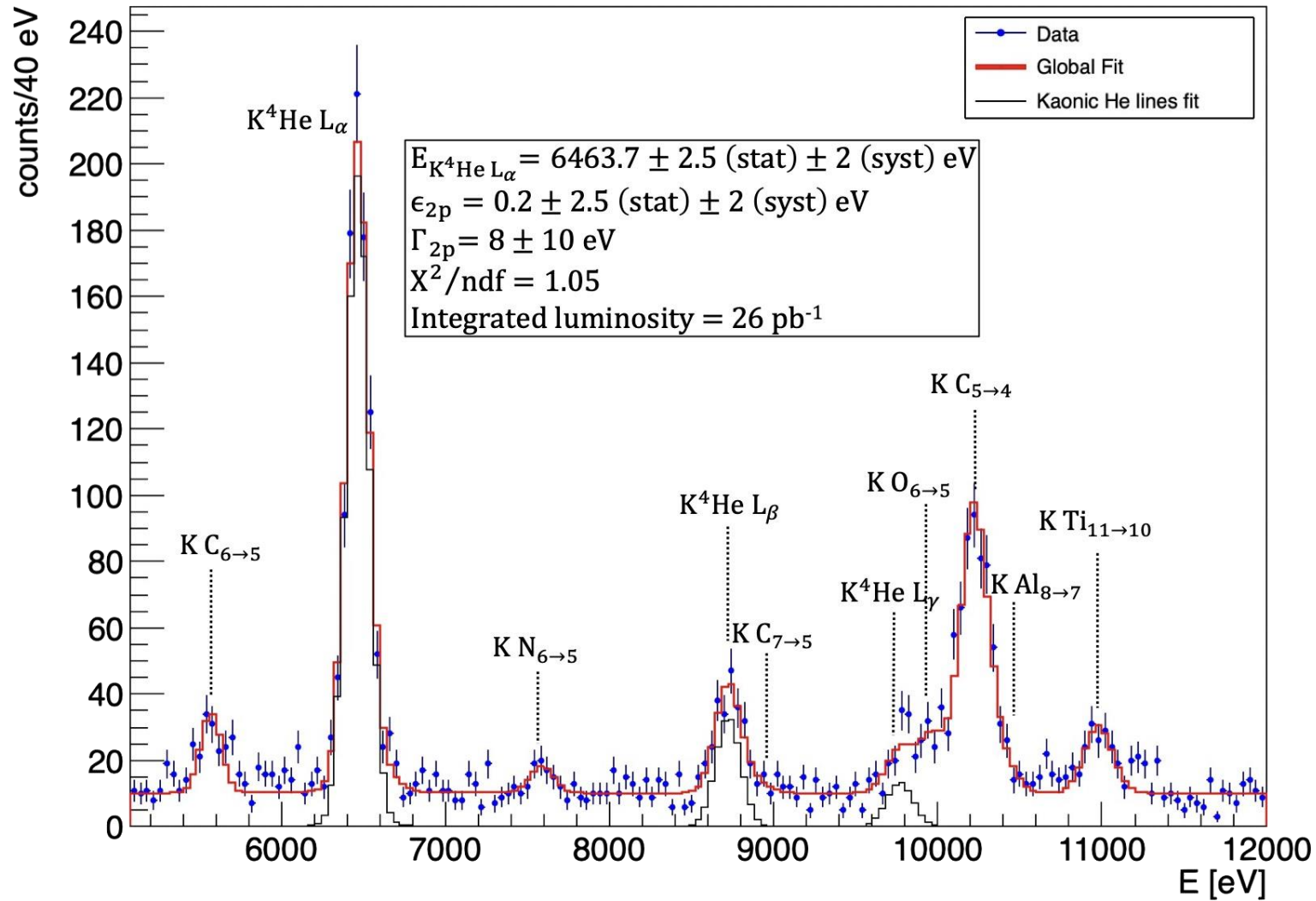
# Kaonic ${}^4\text{He}$ $3d \rightarrow 2p$ measurement

Spectrum before applying the kaon trigger and the drift time rejection



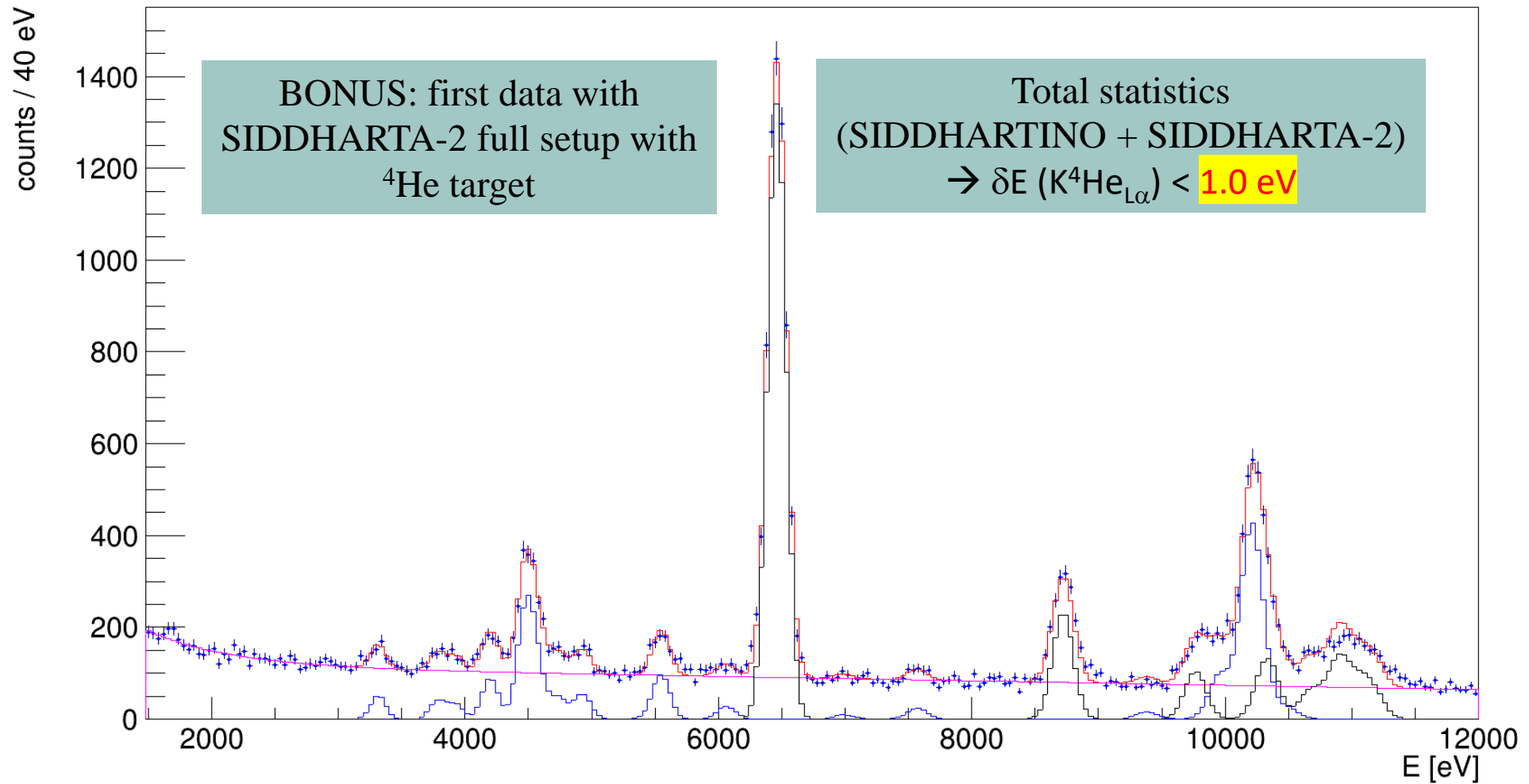
# Kaonic ${}^4\text{He}$ $3d \rightarrow 2p$ data analyses:

## Most precise measurement in gas!



Sirghi et al 2022 *J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys.*

# Kaonic ${}^4\text{He}$ $3d \rightarrow 2p$ measurement (2021 and 2022)



**Very preliminary: precision below 1 eV!**

# KHE4 YIELDS AT 2 DENSITIES: SUBMITTED NUCL PHYS A

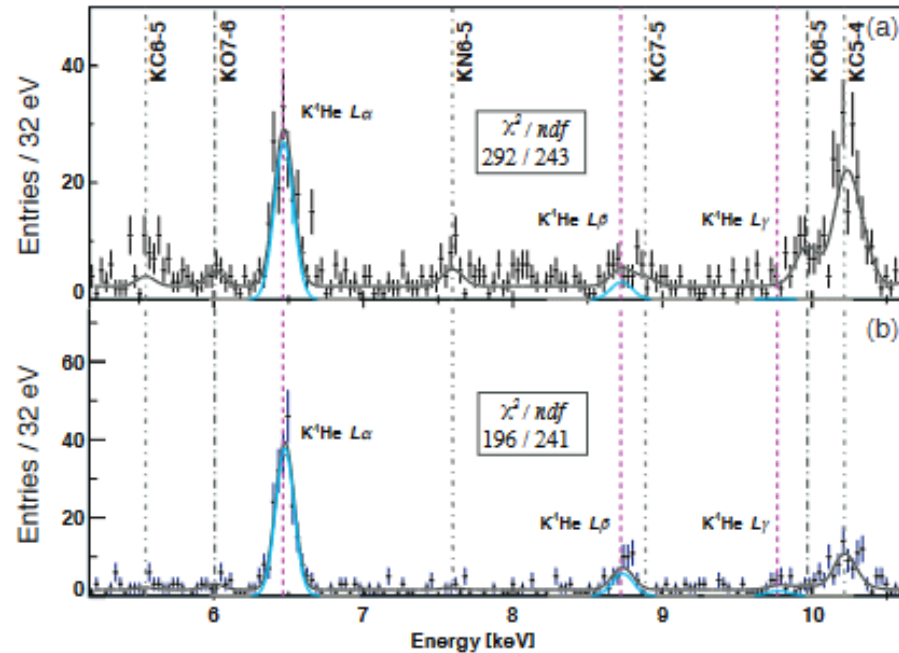


Figure 2: X-ray kaonic helium-4 spectra measured by SIDDHARTINO for: (a) 0.82 g/l target gas density; (b) 1.90 g/l target gas density. The kaonic helium-4 peaks  $L_\alpha$ ,  $L_\beta$  and  $L_\gamma$  are shown. Several kaonic atom X-ray lines produced in the Kapton foils are also shown: Kaonic Carbon 6  $\rightarrow$  5, Kaonic Oxygen 7  $\rightarrow$  6, Kaonic Nitrogen 6  $\rightarrow$  5, Kaonic Carbon 7  $\rightarrow$  5, Kaonic Oxygen 6  $\rightarrow$  5, Kaonic Carbon 5  $\rightarrow$  4 transitions. The solid line shows the fit function of the spectrum. The blue line shows the L series  $L_\alpha$ ,  $L_\beta$  and  $L_\gamma$  kaonic helium-4 components.

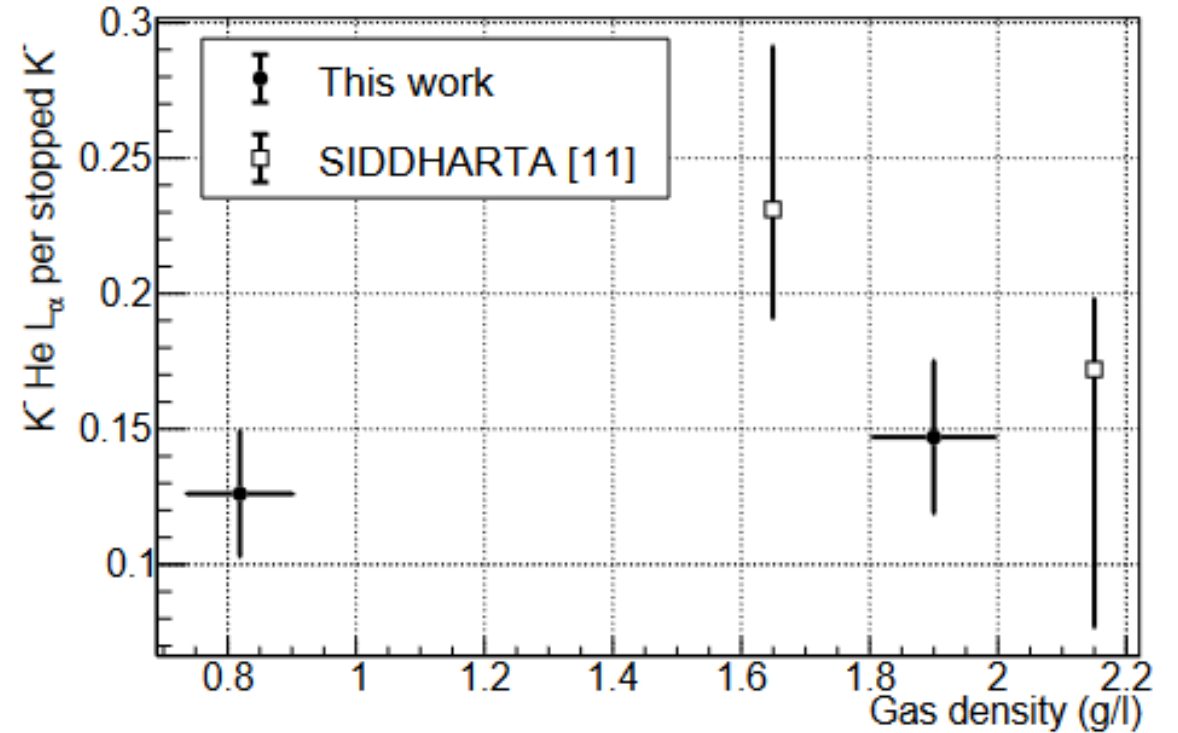


Figure 3: The  $L_\alpha$  X-ray yield of  $K^-$   $^4He$  as function of the target density from all gaseous target measurements: this work (filled dots) and SIDDHARTA [16] (hollow squares).

# SIDDHARTA-2 K-d measurement

## SIDDHARTA-2 KD 1.1%

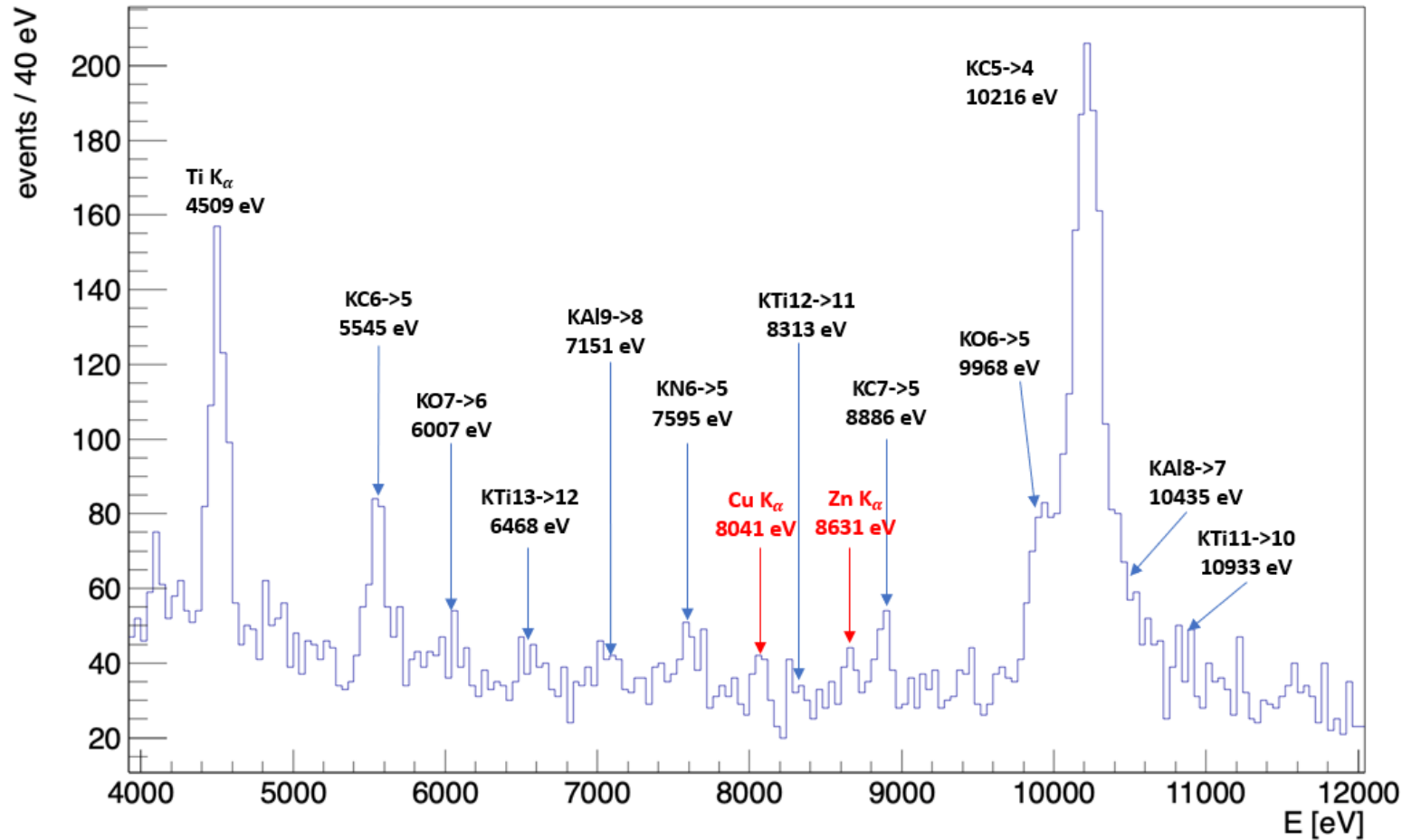
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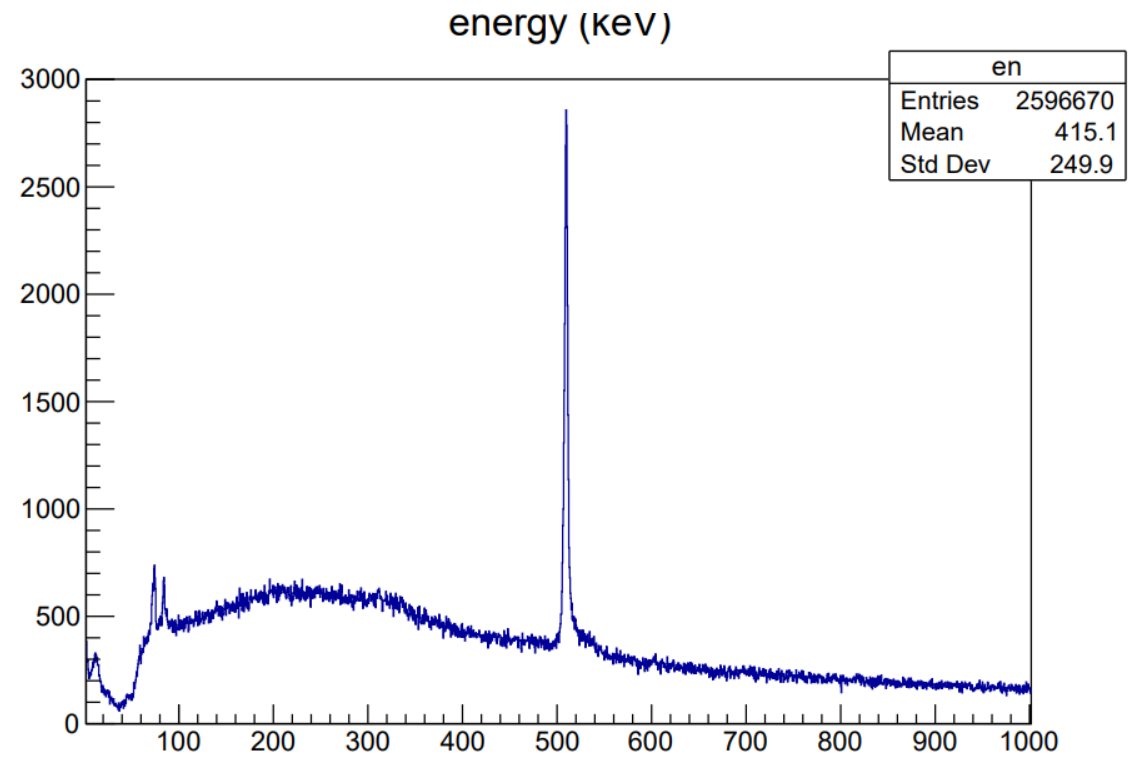
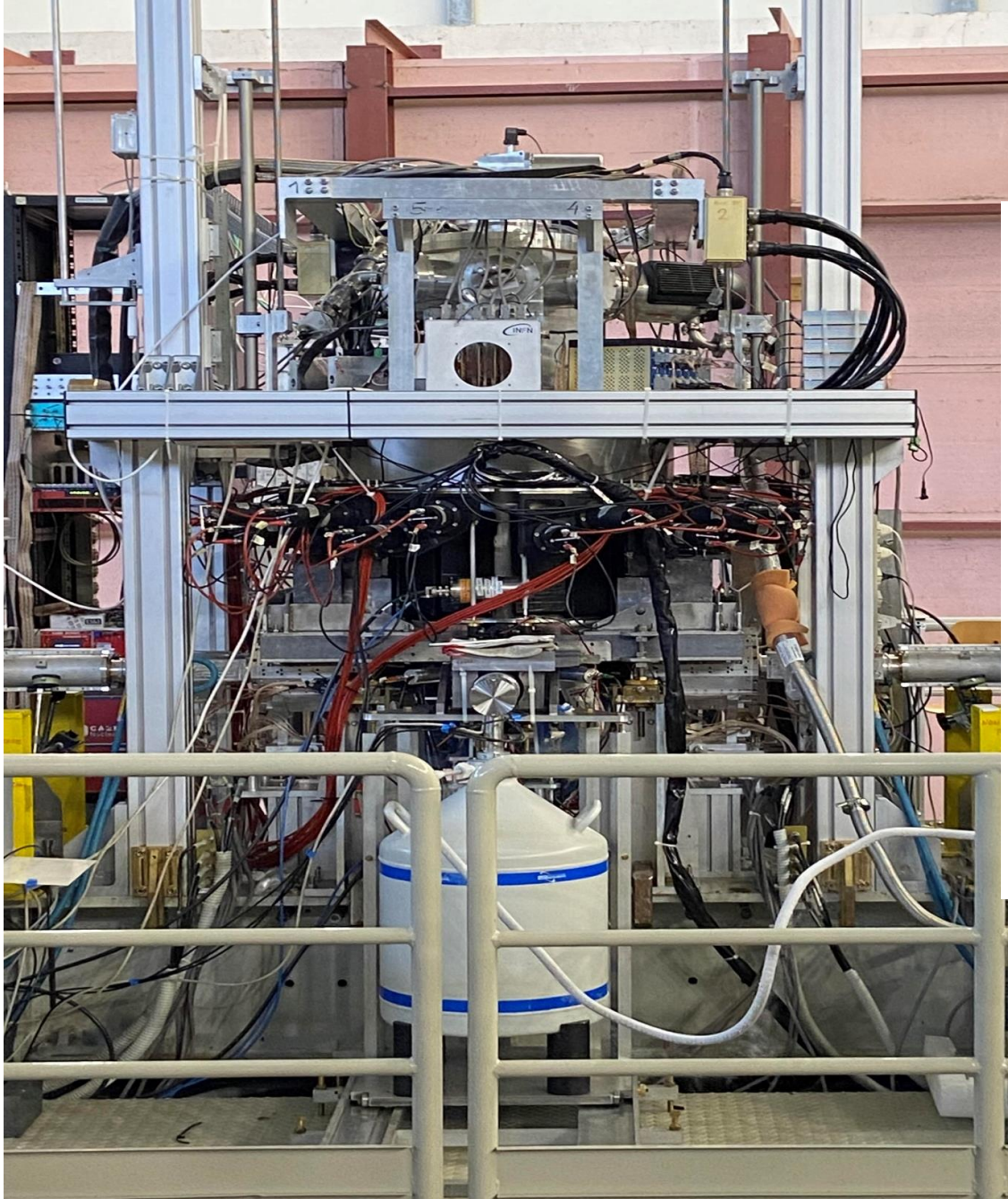
N° SDDs: 98 (bus1 + bus4)

L (lumi) = 30.248 pb<sup>-1</sup>

Very preliminary  
First spectrum with deuterium target



HPGe  
(Zagreb)



# SIDDHARTA-2 plans

## Phase 2

### SIDDHARTA-2

**Setup with all the SDDs (48 SDD arrays) and the *kaonic deuterium measurement* for a run of  $800 \text{ pb}^{-1}$**

**Action plan for Kd measurement:**

- **First run of test** with SIDDHARTA-2 setup (about  $30 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  integrated) - 2022
- **Second/Third run** with optimized shielding, readout electronics and other necessary optimizations; (for other  $750 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  integrated) – **2023/4**

**Test runs for other kaonic atoms measurements (HPGE, CdZnTe...)**



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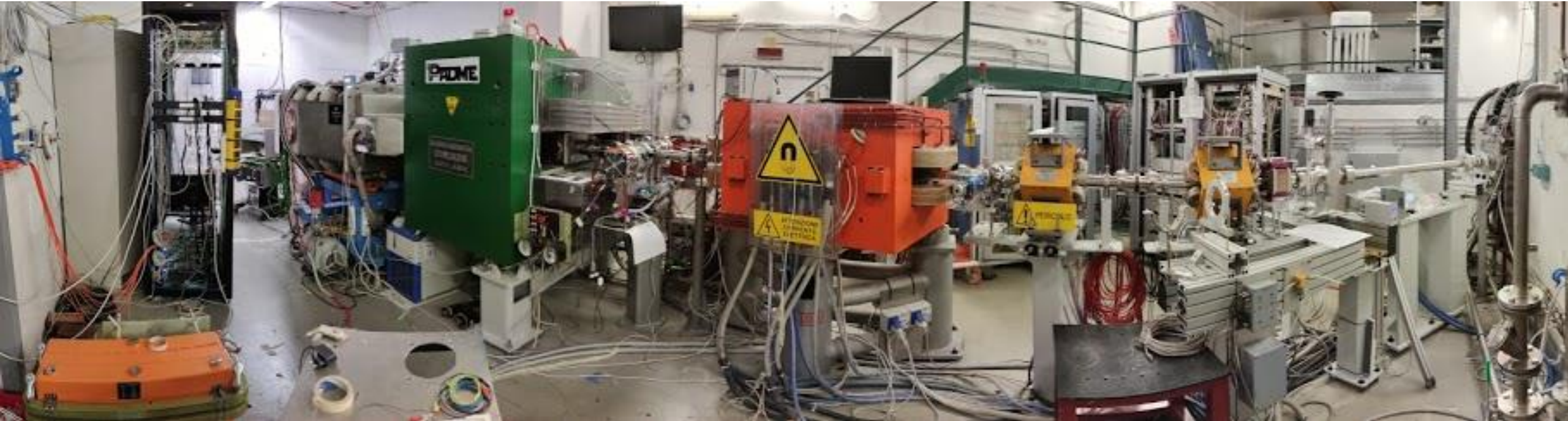
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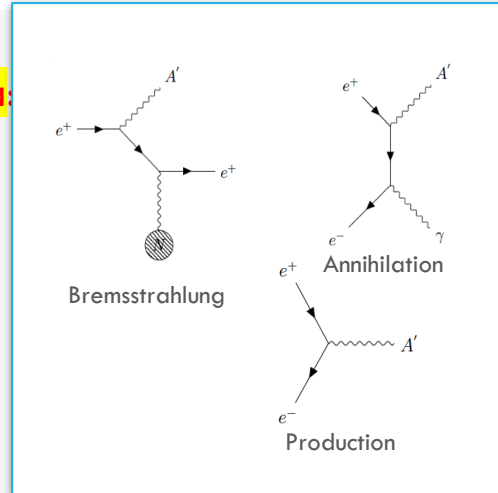


# THE PADME EXPERIMENT @ LNF

# DARK PHOTON PRODUCTION

A Dark Photon ( $A'$ ) can be produced using  $e^+$  via:

- Bremsstrahlung:  $e^+N \rightarrow e^+NA'$
- Annihilation associate production:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma A'$
- Annihilation direct production:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow A'$



PADME aims to produce  $A'$  via the reaction:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow A'\gamma$$

This technique allows to identify the  $A'$  even if it is stable or decays into dark sector particles  $\chi\bar{\chi}$ .

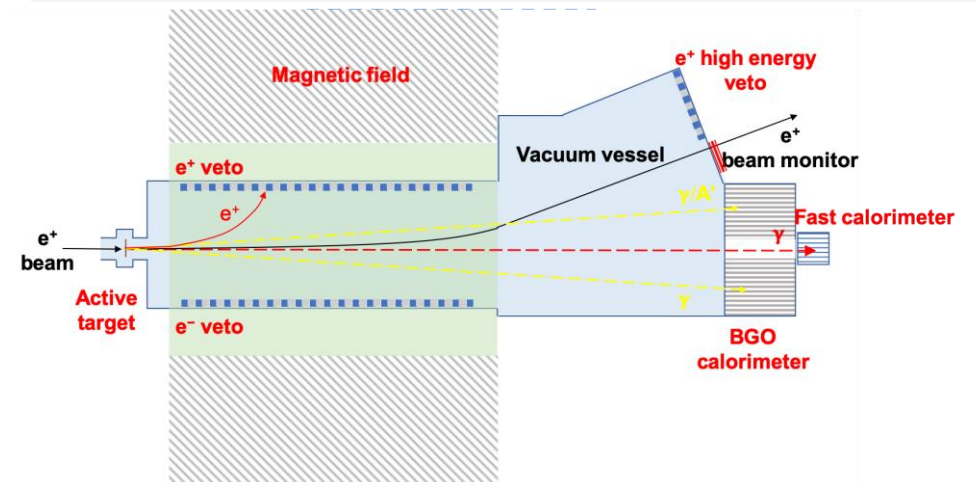
Know  $e^+$  beam momentum and position, measuring the recoil photon position and energy

$$M^2_{miss} = (\vec{P}_{e^+} + \vec{P}_{e^-} - \vec{P}_{\gamma})^2$$

For the  $A'$  decay two options are possible:

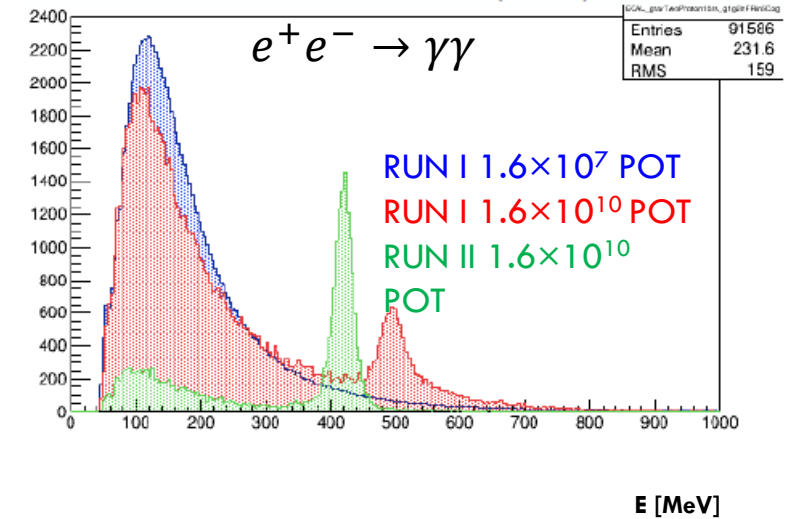
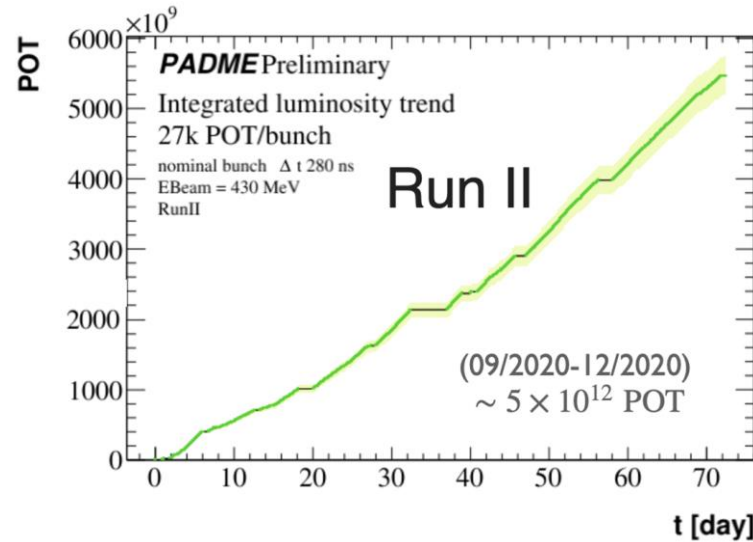
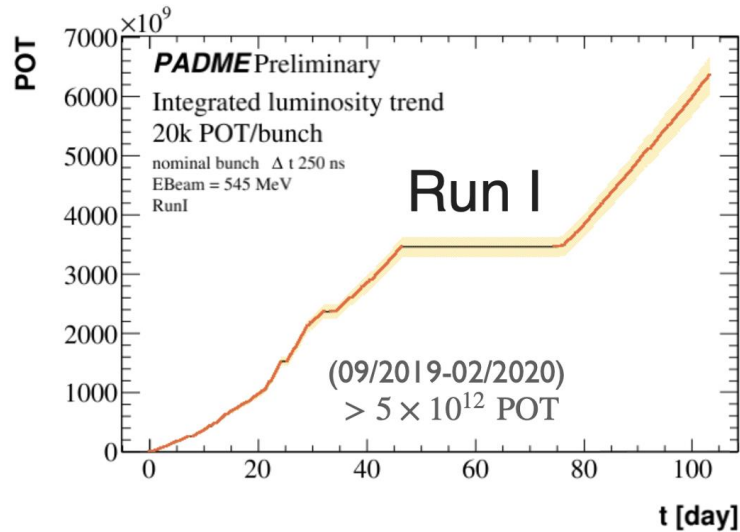
- No dark matter particles lighter than the  $A'$ :
  - $A' \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \text{hadrons}$ , “visible” decays
  - For  $M_{A'} < 210 \text{ MeV}$   $A'$  only decays to  $e^+e^-$  with  $\text{BR}(e^+e^-) = 1$
- Dark matter particles  $\chi$  with  $2M_{\chi} < M_{A'}$ :
  - $A'$  will dominantly decay into pure DM
  - $\text{BR}(l^+l^-)$  suppressed by factor  $\epsilon^2$
  - $A' \rightarrow \chi\chi \sim 1$ . These are the so called “invisible” decays

Only a minimal assumption:  $A'$  couples to leptons



- Analysis of data sets
  - Data processing and detectors calibration
    - Considering different beam **energy** (550, 490, 430 MeV), bunch **length** (150, 280 ns) and **beam profile**
  - **Published commissioning paper and MC beam line paper** [JINST 17 (2022) 08, P08032, JHEP 09 (2022) 233]
  - $e^+e^- \Rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  cross-section measurement (presented @ Moriond, paper in preparation)
  - Preliminary selection of  $e^+e^- \Rightarrow \gamma + \text{invisible}$
- Plans for 2022 data taking devoted to the search of the hypothetical  $X_{17}$  boson
  - with resonant production at  $\sqrt{s} \cong 17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - In the **visible decay**  $e^+e^- \rightarrow X_{17} \rightarrow e^+e^-$
  - Studies performed on event collected in 2020 and MC simulations
  - **Detector upgrade** (different from original tailored to invisible)

# PADME DATA

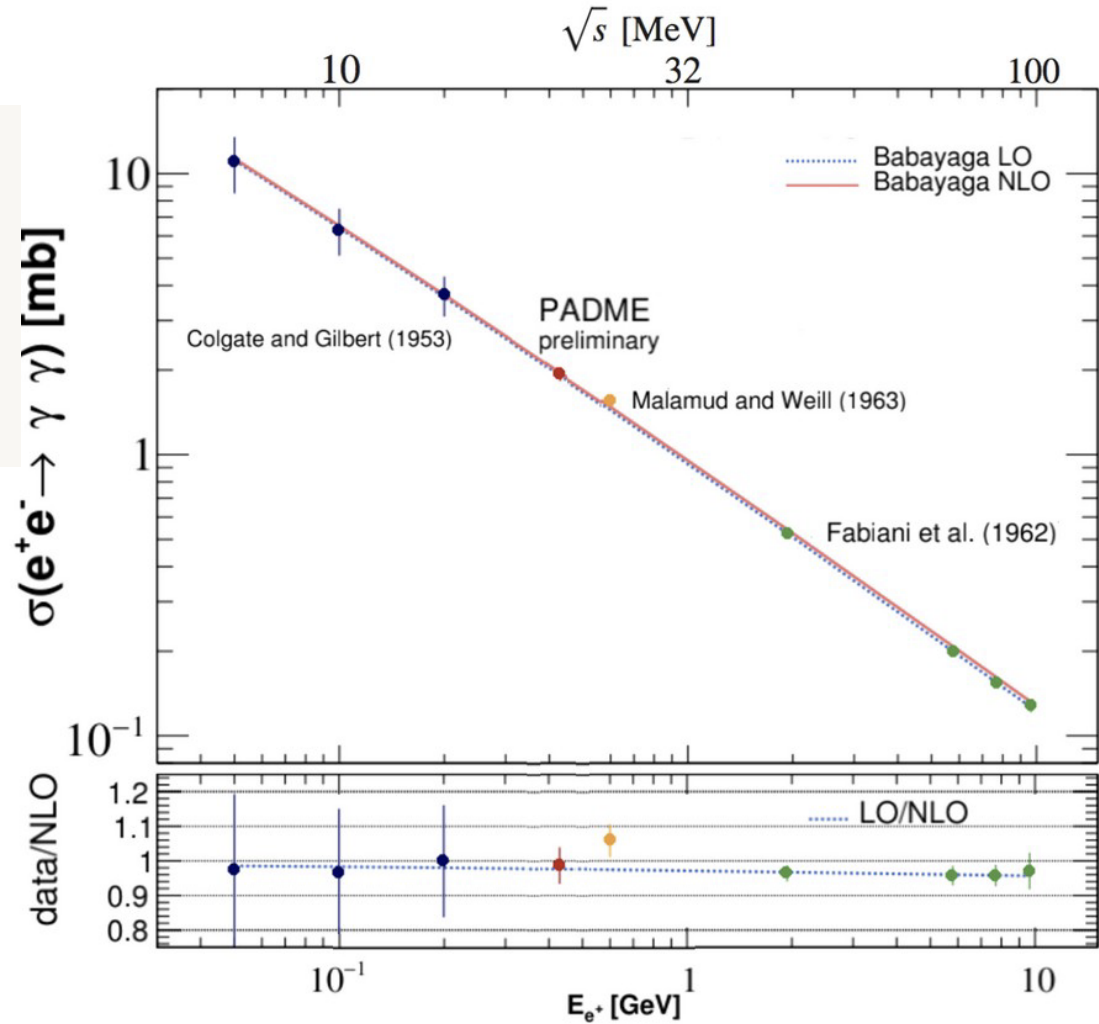
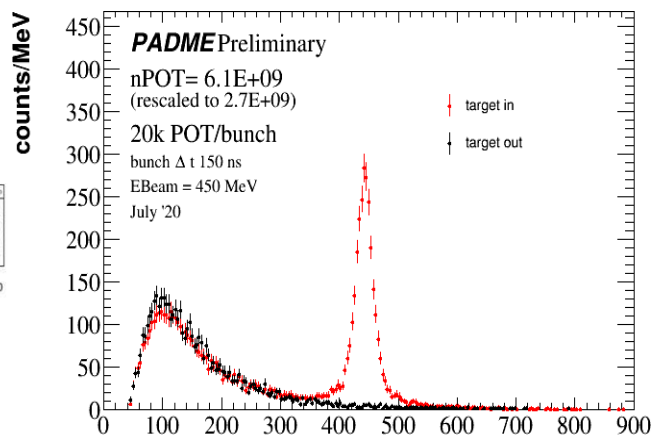
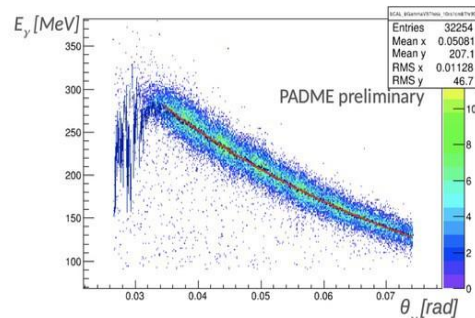
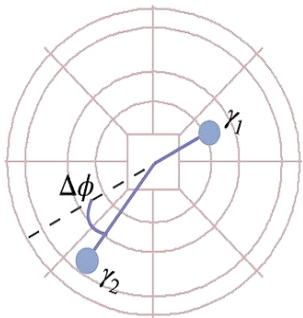


- Run II wrt Run I
  - Similar statistics, approximately 1/2 of minimal goal ( $10^{13}$  particles-on-target)
  - Slightly lower beam momentum in Run II, 430 MeV/c, wrt to Run I, 490 MeV/c
  - **Improved vacuum separation** between experiment and beamline (thinner Mylar window placed upstream)
  - Less beam-induced background with primary wrt secondary beam
- Run III expected in winter 2022.
  - **Beam commissioning ongoing (started Jul. 2022)**

# $E^+E^- \rightarrow \Gamma\Gamma$ CROSS SECTION

## $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ cross section

- Below 0.6 GeV known only with 20% accuracy
- Can be sensitive to sub-GeV new physics since available measurement  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{non-charged particles}$
- Used 10% of Run II sample
- Tag-and-probe method on two back-to-back clusters. Exploit energy-angle correlation.



$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma(\gamma)) = 1.930 \pm 0.029(\text{stat}) \pm 0.099(\text{syst}) \text{ mb}$$

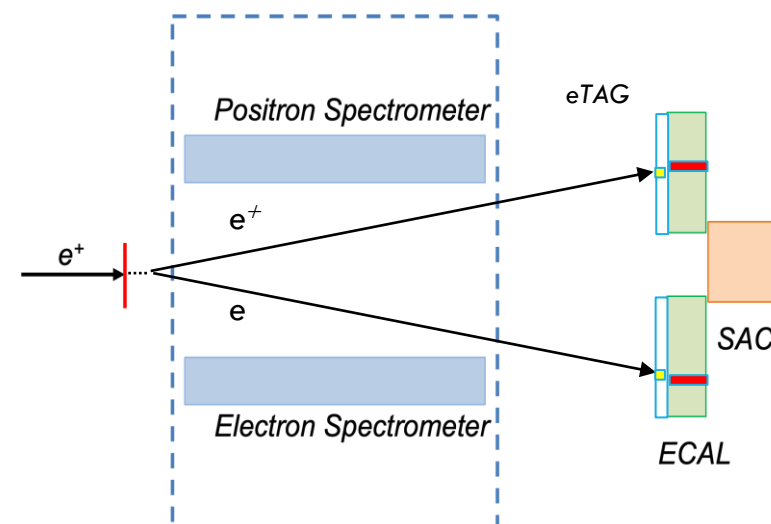
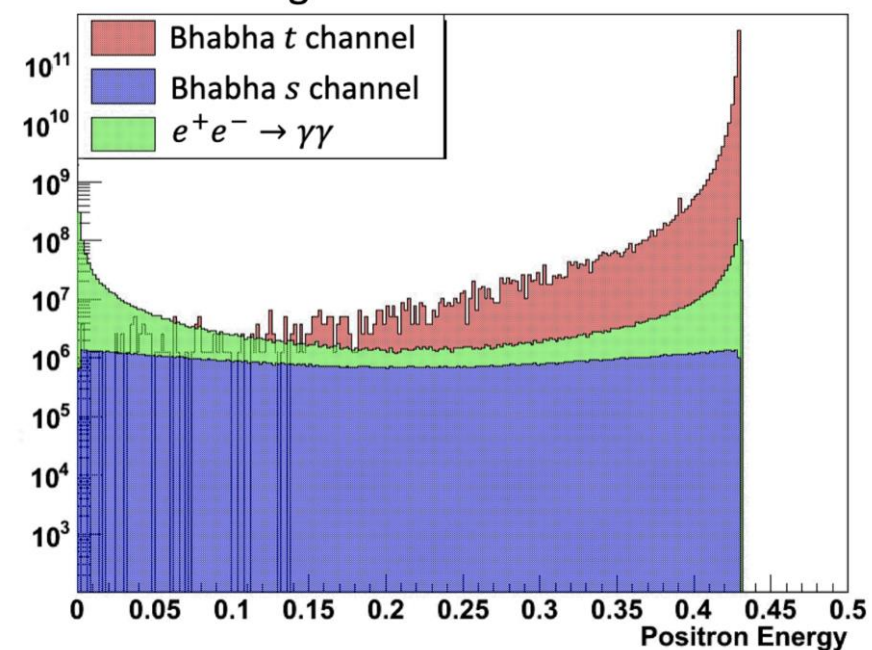


PADME veto spectrometer cannot be used to constrain  $e^+e^-$  vertices **not coming from the production target**.

**Idea:** identify  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  using the BGO calorimeter, as for  $\gamma\gamma$  events.

- With **magnet off** the  $e^+e^-$  will reach ECal
  - Precise measurement (3%) of electron-positron pair momentum and angles;
  - Reconstruction of invariant mass of the pairs (small pile-up).
- To identify clusters from photons or electrons in ECal
  - New detector: Electron tagger (**ETag**) plastic scintillator slabs with same ECal vertical size.

Background contributions

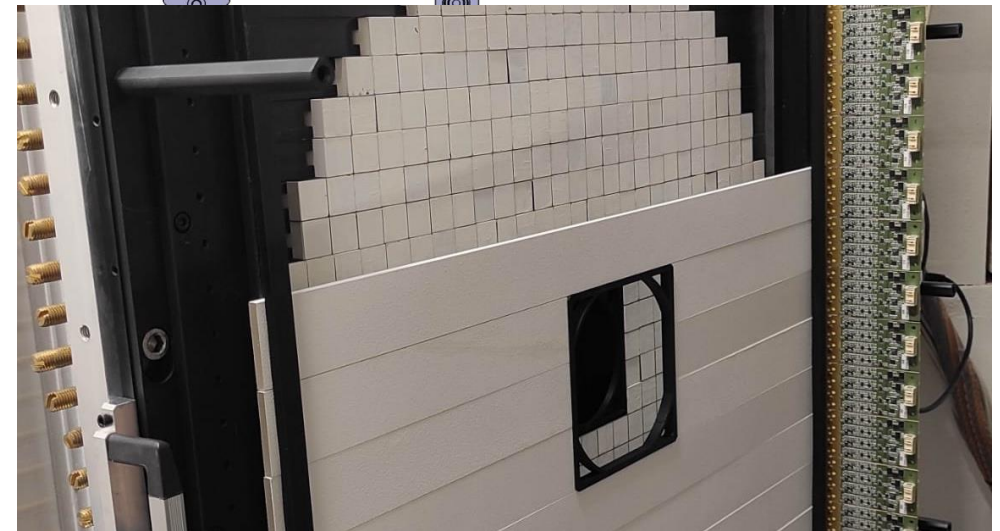
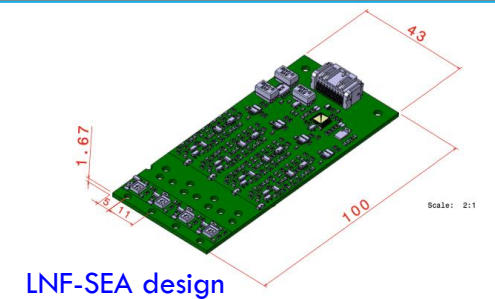
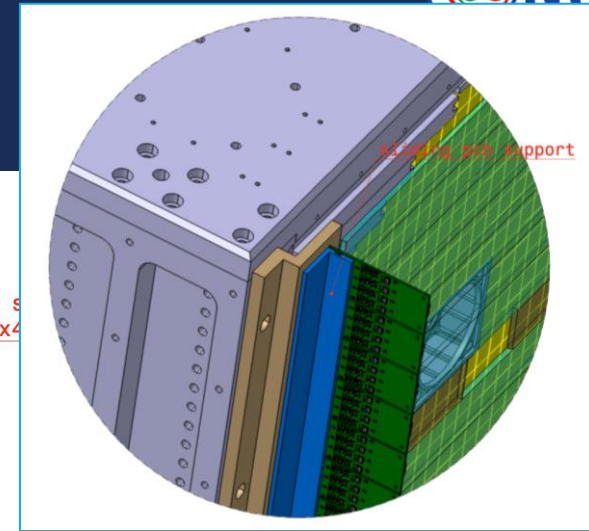
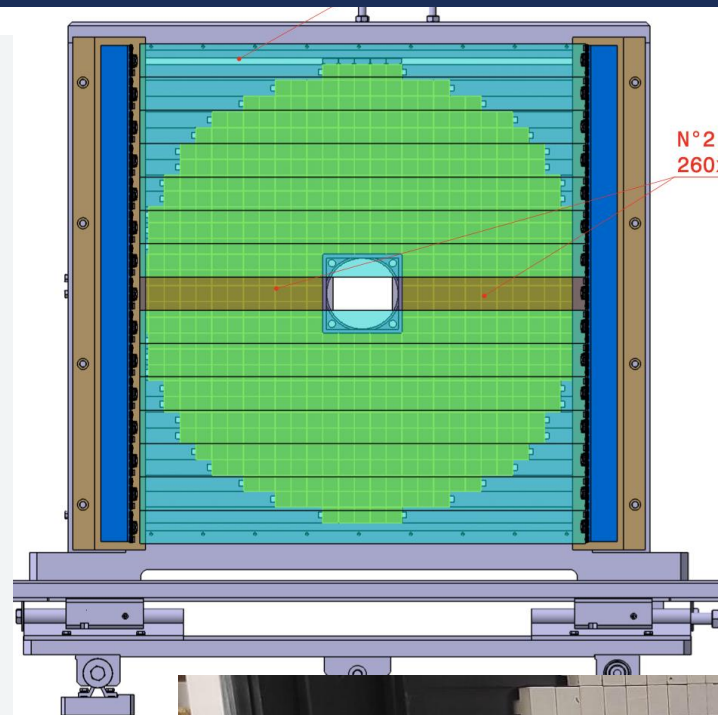
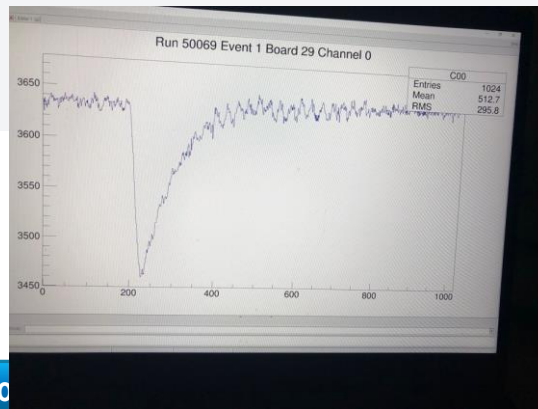
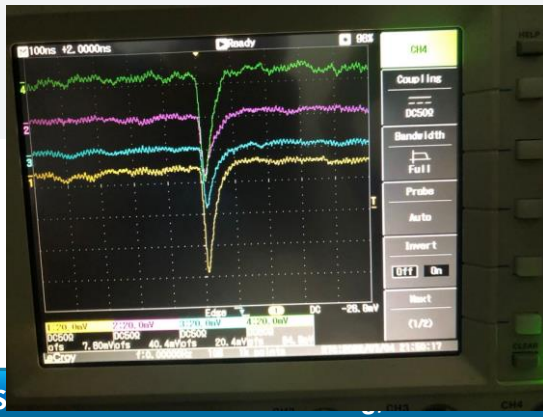


# PADME NEW DETECTOR: ETAGGER

The new **eTagger** has been designed and assembled (2021-2022):

- 16 scintillators BC408 ( $600 \times 45 \times 5 \text{ mm}^3$ );
- readout with 4 SiPMs (Hamamatsu S13360) on both sides. Same electronic cards developed for the veto detectors;
- Mechanical structure attached to the Ecal frame.

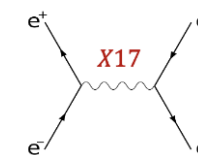
Commissioning took place Jul. 2022



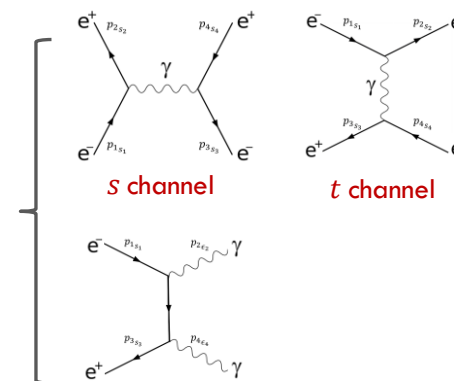
# X17 STUDY @ PADME

- Same ATOMKI observables: 2 leptons in the final state, but **different production**
- Expected cross section enhancement from **resonant production** in  $e^+e^-$  annihilations at  $E_{e^+} \sim 283 \text{ MeV}$
- Main backgrounds:
  - Bhabha scattering**, both from the **s channel** and **t channel**
  - Two clusters in the calorimeter of course also produced in  $\gamma\gamma$  events

Signal

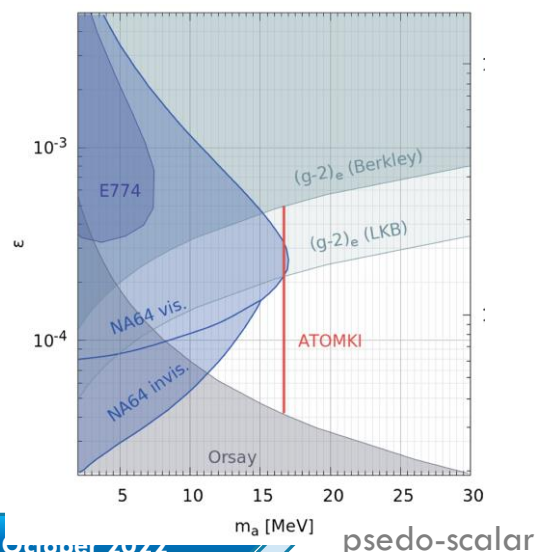
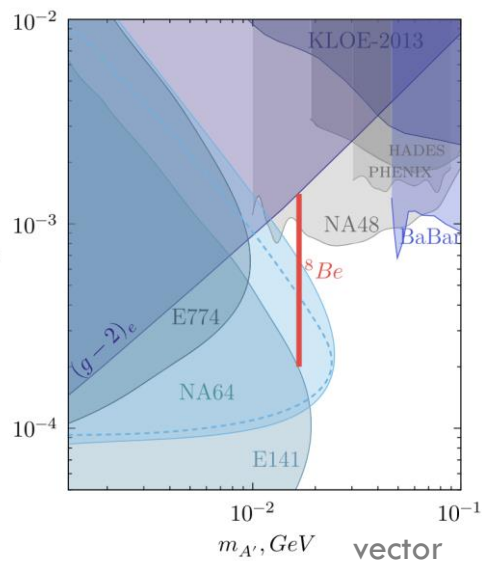


Background



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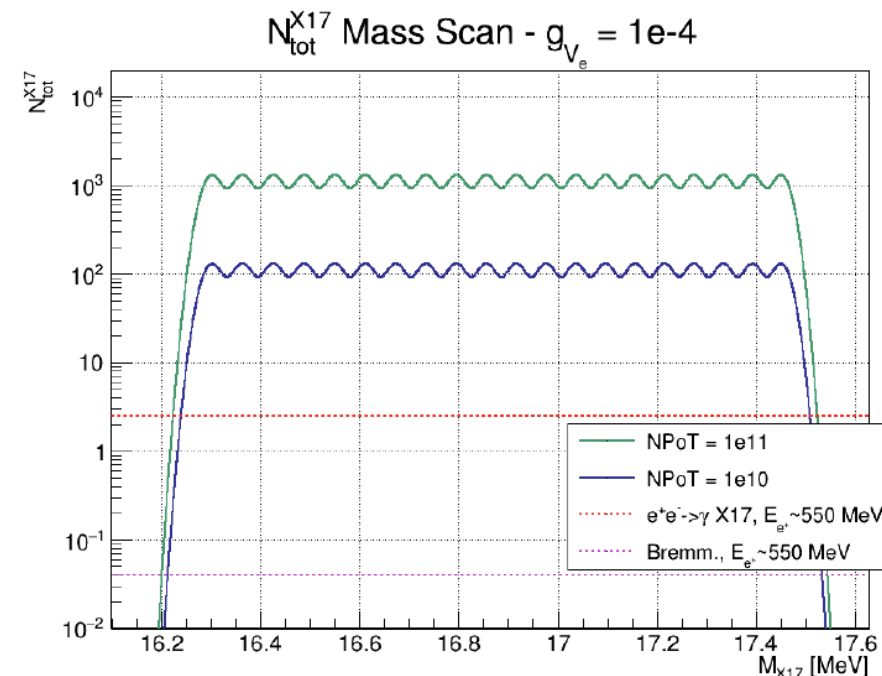
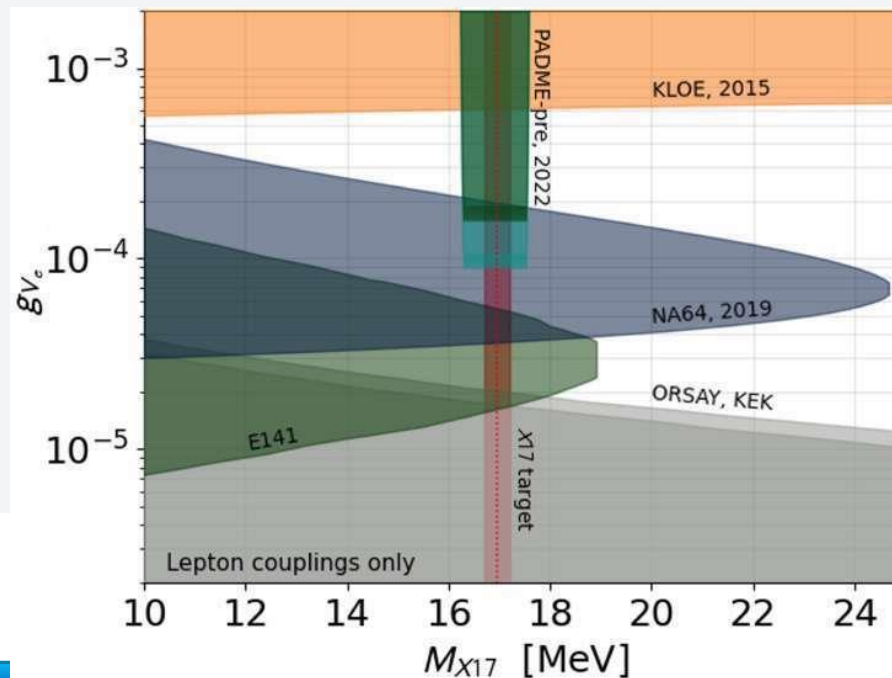


The nature of the X17 anomaly is not uniquely defined. Different interpretations consider a **vector** or **pseudo-scalar** particle of  $17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

# EXPECTED RESULTS

X17 mass is known with limited precision ( $\sim 0.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ) the PADME strategy to search a signal is:

- explore a mass interval centred around  $17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  varying  $E_{e^+}$  almost continuously ( $\sim 2 \text{ MeV}$ ) in the range 260-300 MeV.



Number of X17 expected at PADME for each of the 21 points of the energy scan.

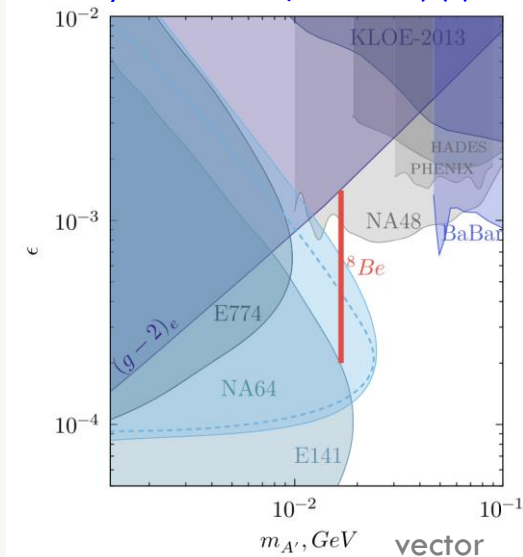
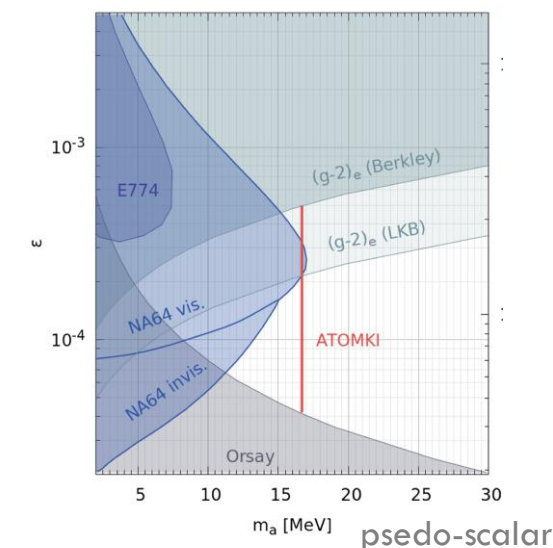
Experimentally

$$N^X \propto \frac{N_{meas}(e^+e^-) - N_{calc}(e^+e^-)}{N_{PoT}}$$

for each energy point

# PROSPECTS FOR 2023

- According to phenomenological estimates Run III should allow PADME to close the gap for the  $X_{17}$  vector hypothesis
- Due to weaker constraints from NA64 for the pseudo-scalar case will be harder to close the gap
- At the end of 2022 will be understood which is the real sensitivity of the experiment to both scenarios
- In 2023 the LNF accelerator schedule foresees DAFNE operation for Siddhartha-2
- However, PADME will be ready for any possible beam availability to improve/complete the  $X_{17}$  exclusion limits
- To reach design sensitivity on  $A'$  existence, still  $5 \times 10^{12}$  particles-on-target are needed

 Phys. Rev. D **101**, 071101 (R) (2020)

 Phys. Rev. D **104**, L111102 (2021)


# PADME CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS 2020 – 2022

XVIII Vulcano Workshop on Frontier Objects in Astrophysics and Particle Physics (FOAPP), Elba, 25 Sep. - 1 Oct. 2022	PADME results and perspectives	P. Valente
Congresso Nazionale Società Italiana di Fisica, Milano, 12 - 16 Sep. 2022	Il detector di PADME alla ricerca del fotone oscuro	F. Pinna
Congresso Nazionale Società Italiana di Fisica, Milano, 12 - 16 Sep. 2022	Ricerca di X17 con fasci di positroni ad LNF	E. Long
Congresso Nazionale Società Italiana di Fisica, Milano, 12 - 16 Sep. 2022	Ricerche di materia oscura nell'esperimento PADME	T. Spadaro
The 28th International Nuclear Physics Conference (INPC 2022), Cape Town, 11 - 16 Sep. 2022	The study of the X17 anomaly with the PADME experiment	P. Gianotti
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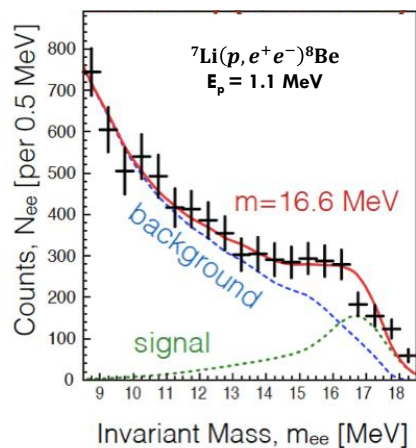




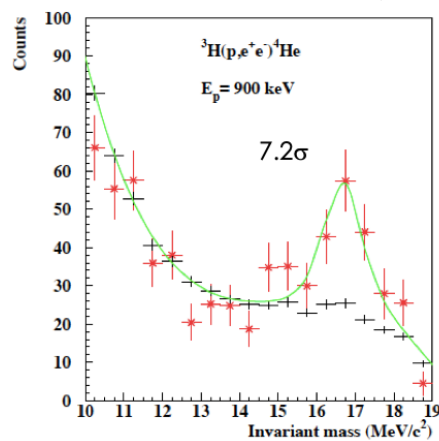
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The study of de-excitation of light nuclei via IPC pointed out an anomaly in the decay of  $^8\text{Be}$  and  $^4\text{He}$ .

$$m_X = 16.7 \pm 0.35(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{sys})\text{MeV} \quad m_X = 16.90 \pm 0.12(\text{stat}) \pm 0.21(\text{sys})\text{MeV}$$

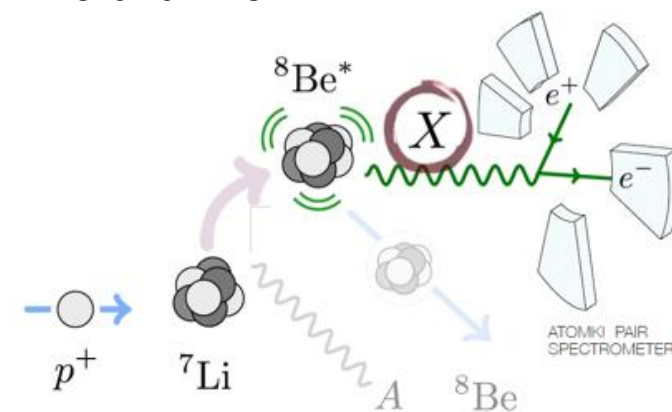


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By setting the  $e^+$  beam at  $\sim 283$  MeV PADME has the unique opportunity to have a resonant production of the  $X_{17}$ .

Several uncertainties:

- resonance width (0.5 eV);
- Bhabha scattering background;
- optimal target.

