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The main objective of the **ASTRA** project is to develop beyond state-of-art ultra-fast CdZnTe/CdTe radiation detector systems for high-precision measurements of gamma- and X-ray events in a broad energy range, **few keV to MeV**.



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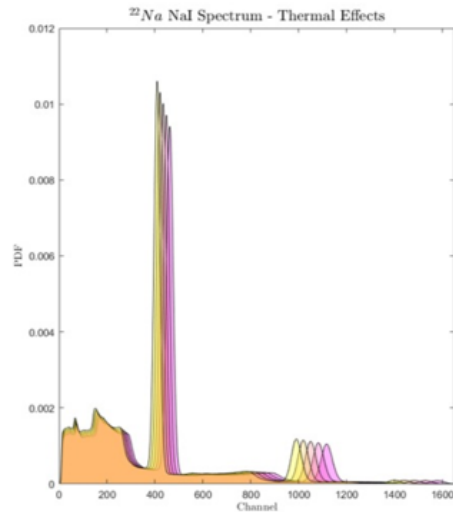
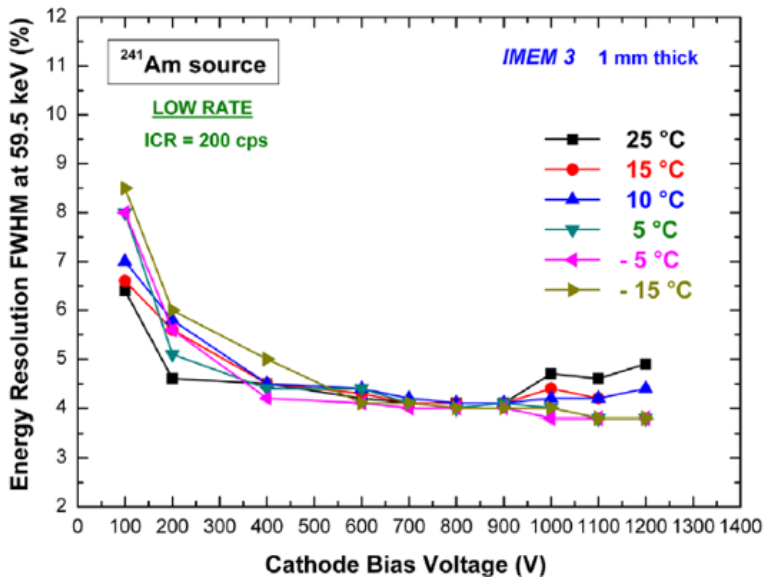
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CdZnTe Thermal behaviour

Thermal behaviour has been extensively studied by MC simulations...

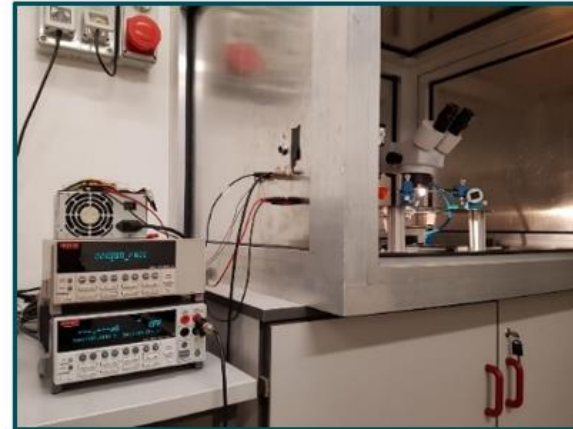
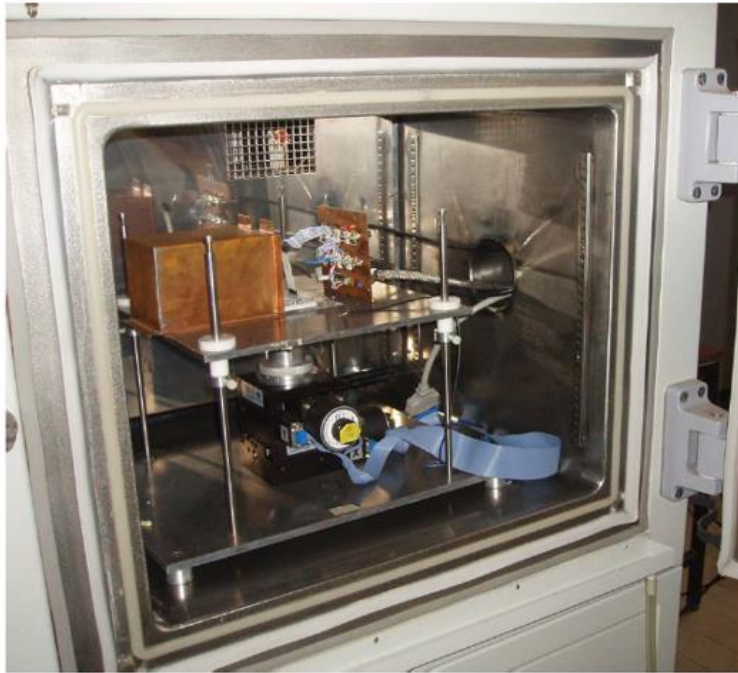
- Thermic excursion in a range between 20°C and 30°C has been studied



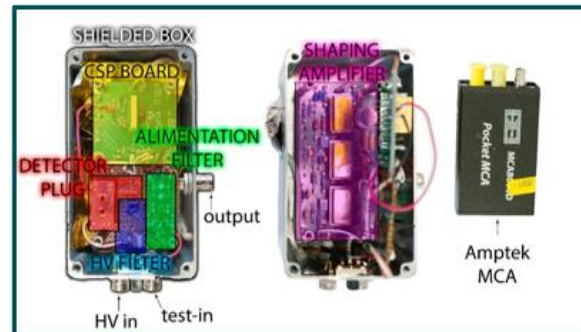
...and with temperature dependent measurements

CdZnTe performances are not strongly T-dependent but are improved by stabilization

CdZnTe Thermal behaviour

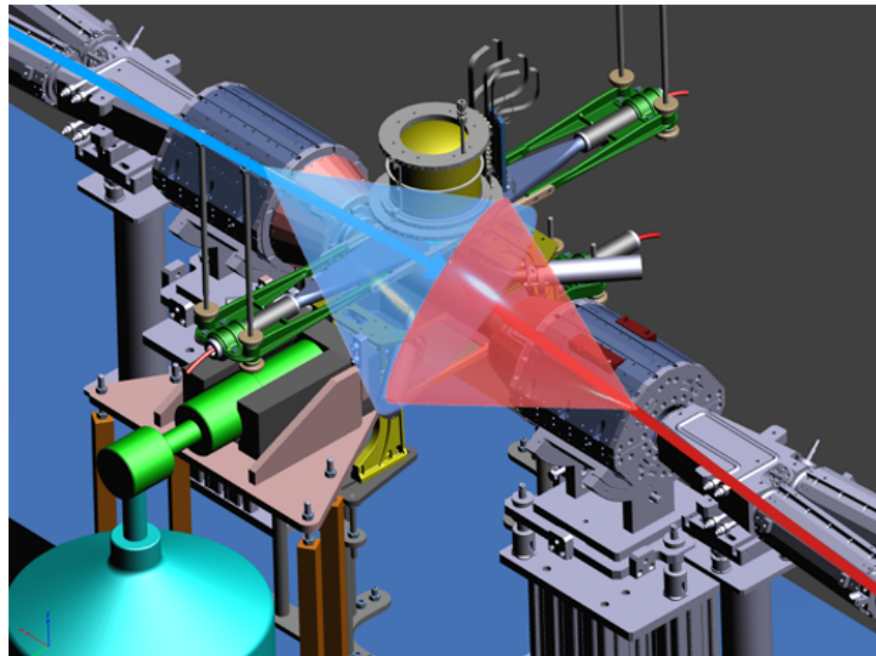


Tests performed at the IMEM-CNR of Parma and University of Palermo



CdZnTe tests in DAFNE

CdZnTe detectors never used in accelerator environments: assessing in-beam behaviour is thus crucial for future applications

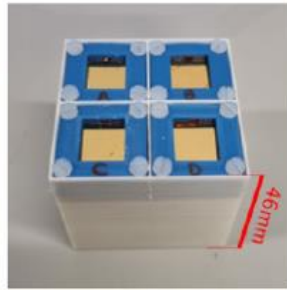
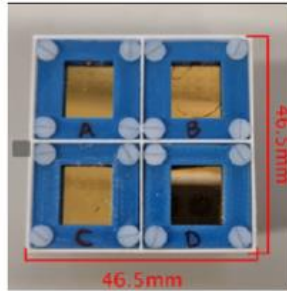


Collisions always come with a huge synchronous background mainly generated in the quadrupoles before the IP

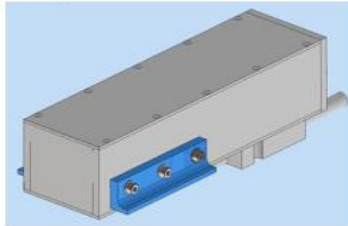
A high flux of e^-/e^+ (MIPs) arrives on the detectors and need to be rejected

Assessing background rejection capabilities and spectroscopic “in-beam” performances are crucial feasibility tests for future applications

CdZnTe tests in DAFNE



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1,3x1,5x0,5 cm³
CZT hemispherical
detectors



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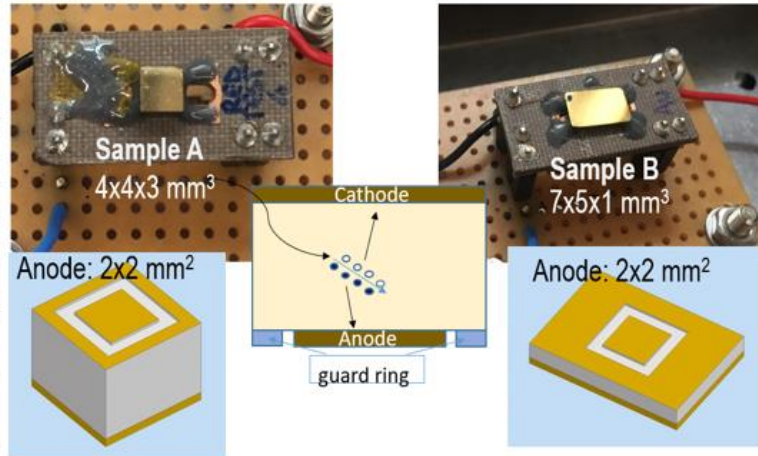
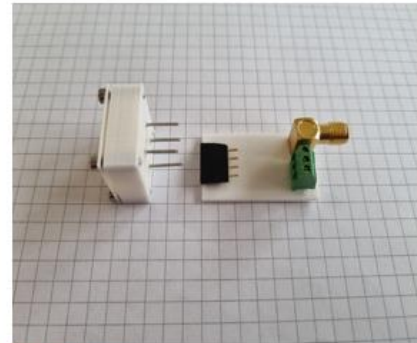
Work in collaboration between

LNF: Setup Assembly and data analysis

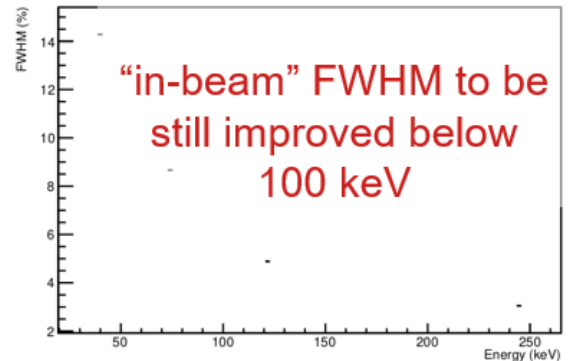
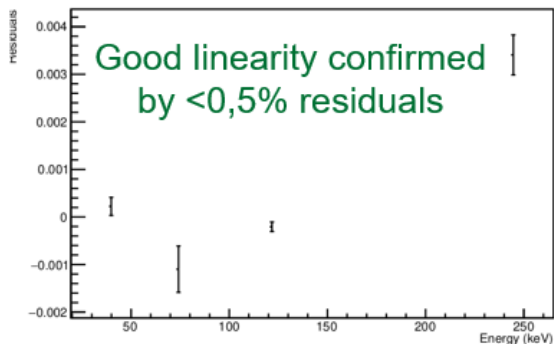
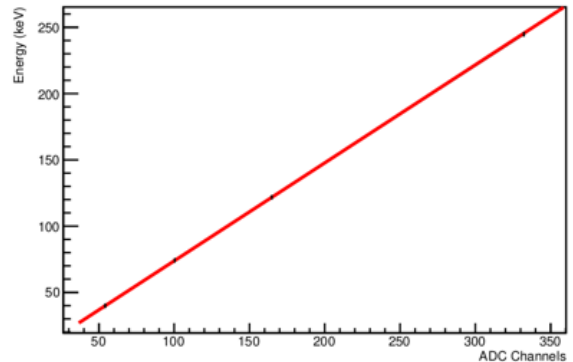
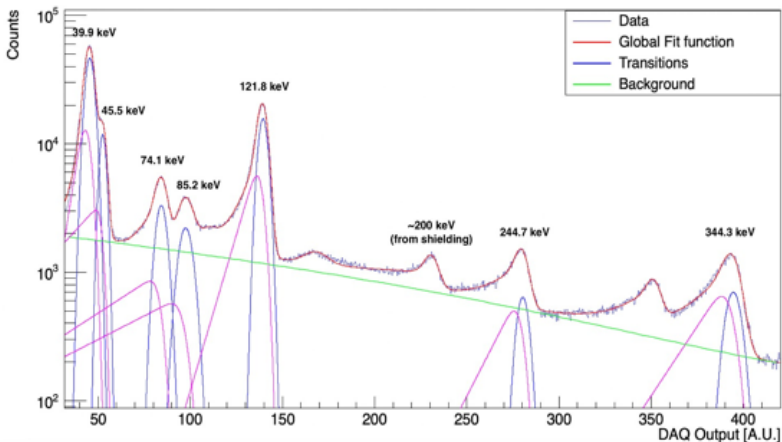
IMEM-CNR: Detectors production

UniPa: Front-end and digital electronics

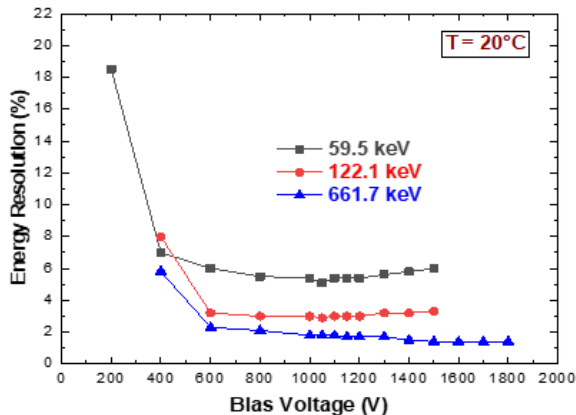
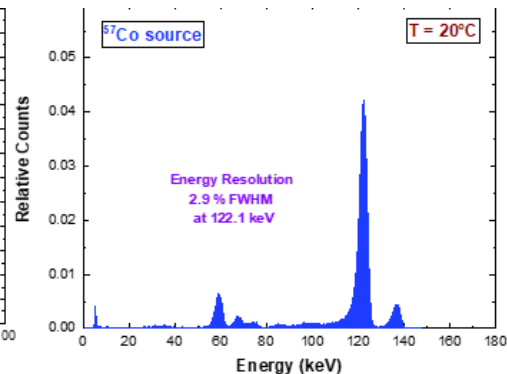
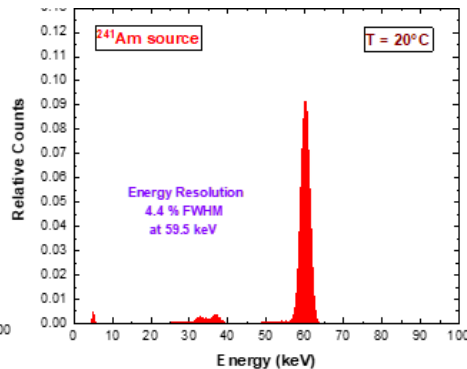
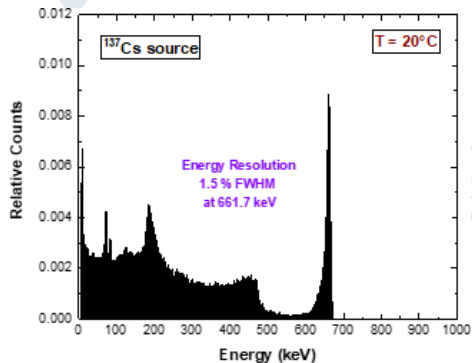
SMI: Mechanical supports and detectors' box



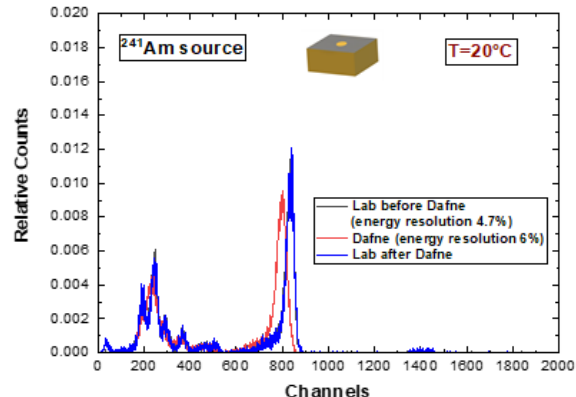
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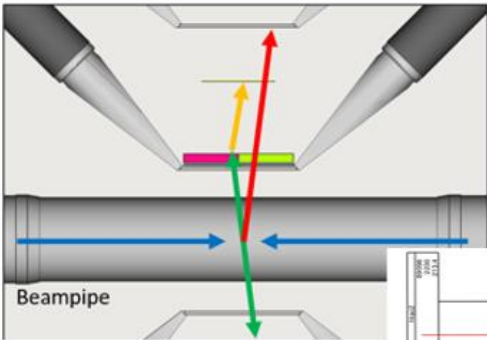
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Good news!
 No strong evidence of radiation damage on CdZnTe detectors



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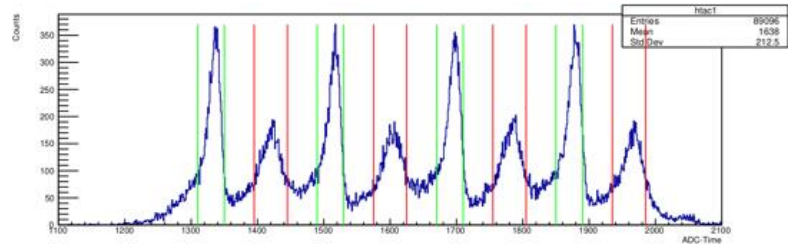
Fast MIPs (e/π)

Slow kaons

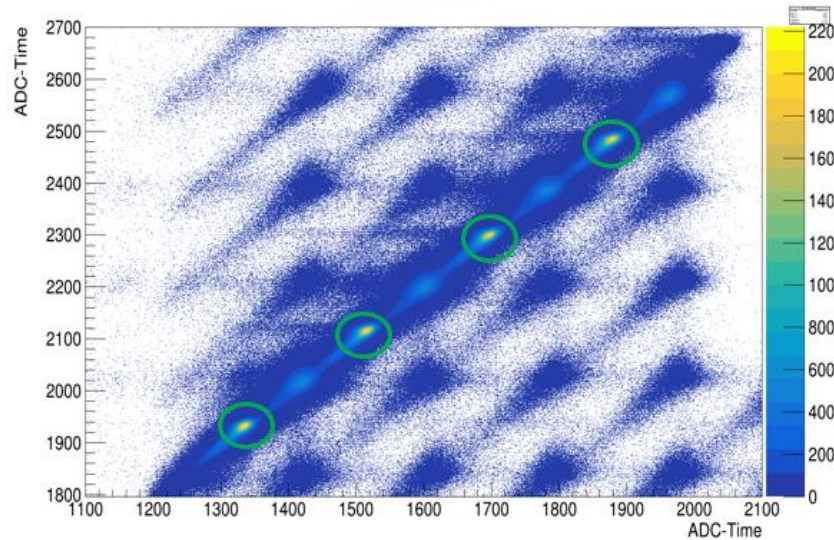
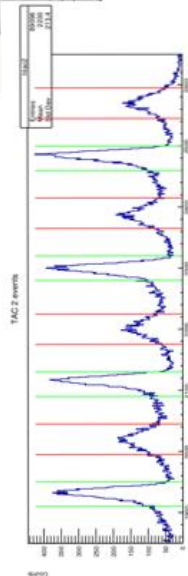
Kaonic atoms X-rays

$\Delta T \sim 1,4$ ns

DAΦNE RF $\sim 2,8$ ns



TAC1 VS TAC2



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Once a collision occurs, the K- flights through the LM Scintillator and then the target with a very specific timing

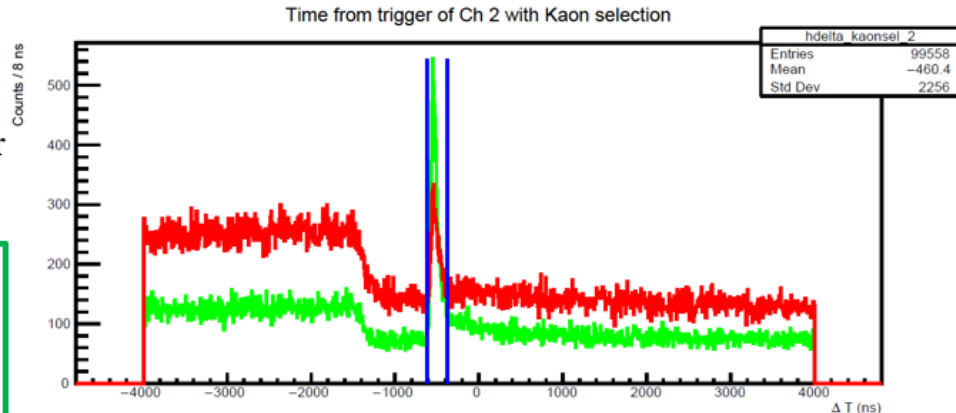
The kaonic atom's formation and radiative deexcitation process is order of magnitudes faster than the K- TOF

X-rays fly towards the CZT at speed c with a very specific timing

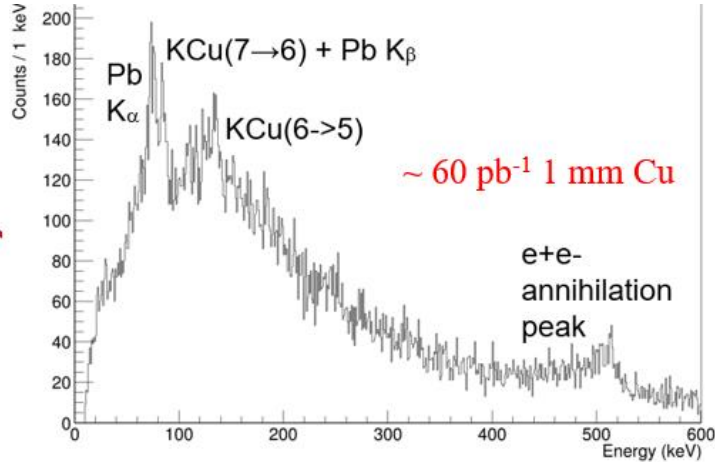
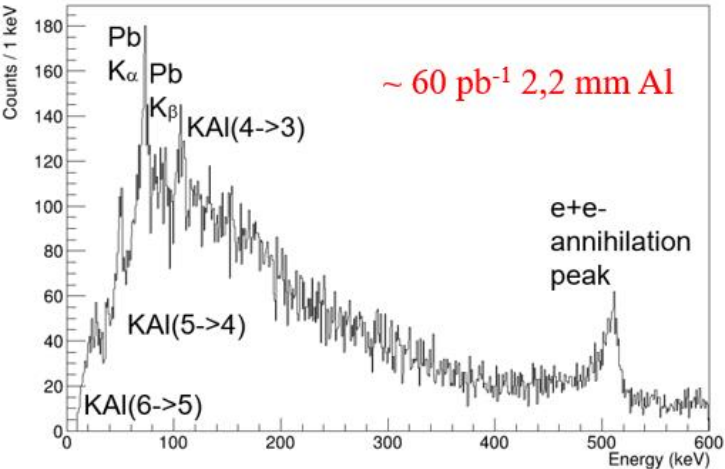
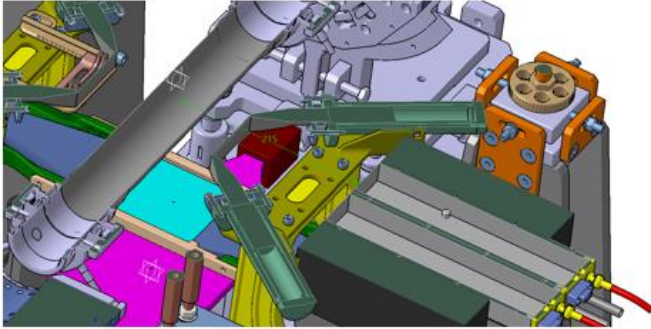
Kaonic atoms's X-rays in the CZT detectors have then a clear time peak wrt to the collision

The time difference between the collision and the CZT signal can be used to further clean the final spectrum

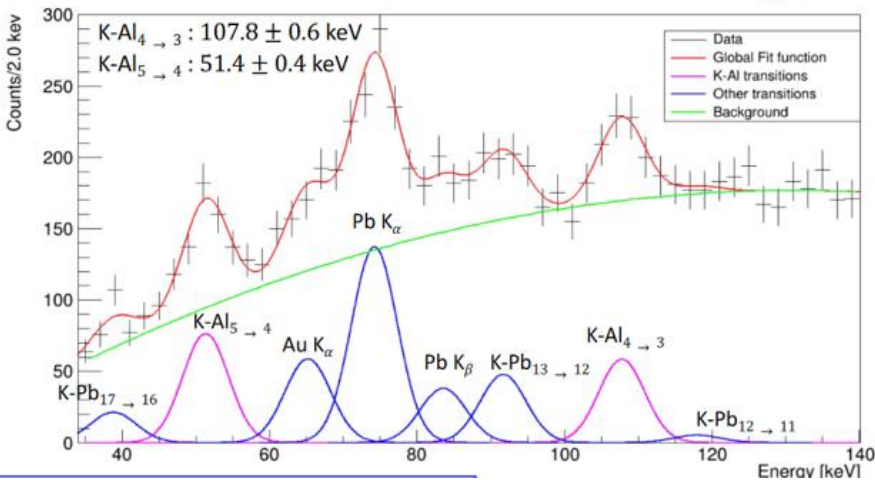
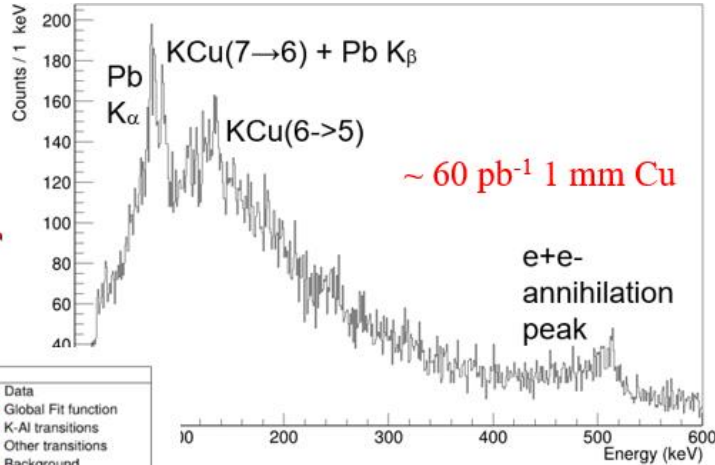
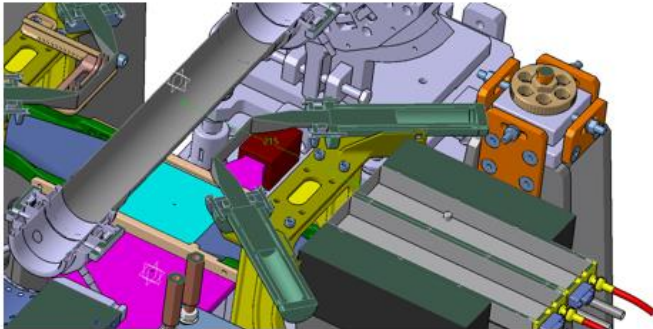
Overall background reduction of the order of 10^5



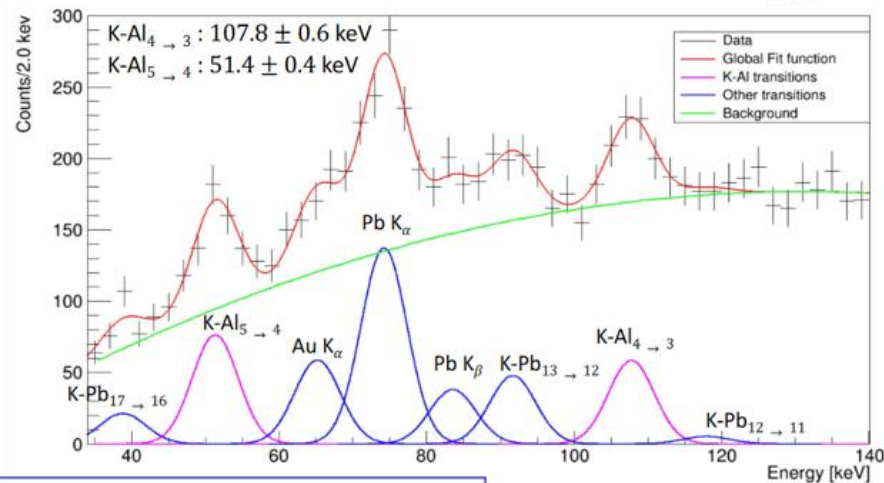
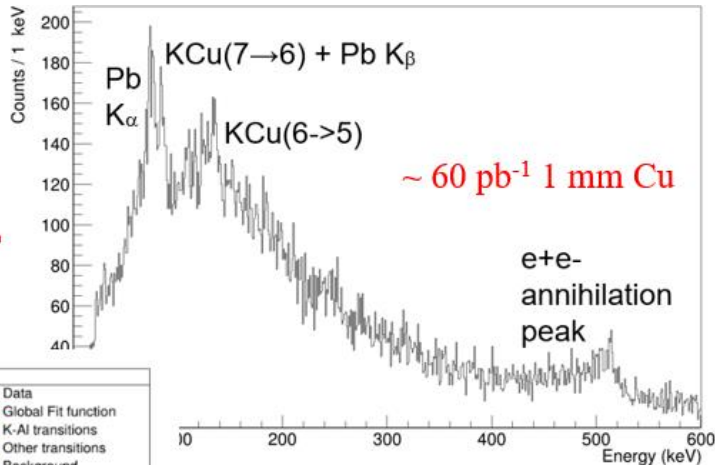
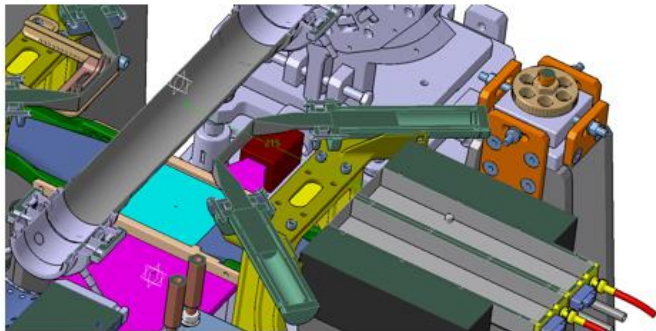
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First kaonic atoms' spectra
measured with CZT
detectors

New perspectives opening

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New opportunities for kaonic atoms measurements from CdZnTe detectors

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CdZnTe detectors tested at the DAΦNE collider for future kaonic atoms measurements

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Article

Potentialities of CdZnTe Quasi-Hemispherical Detectors for Hard X-ray Spectroscopy of Kaonic Atoms at the DAΦNE Collider

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Abstract: Kaonic atom X-ray spectroscopy is a consolidated technique for studying strong kaon-nucleon/ nucleus interaction. Several experiments regarding the measurement of such X-ray emissions (>20 keV) from light kaon baryons, and helions. Currently, there have been new research activities with SIDHARTA-2 experiment and EXCALIBUR proposal focusing on perfect measurements of hard X-rays (>20 keV) from intermediate kaonic atoms shells. In this context, we investigated cadmium-zinc-telluride (CdZnTe)



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Kaonic atoms at the DAΦNE collider: a strangeness adventure

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Presentations at conferences and workshops



- 1) 09-11/05/2022, Talk at the “Quinto Incontro Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare INFN 2022” conference, (LNGS): “*Kaonic atoms beyond SIDDHARTA-2: future measurements and perspectives at the DAFNE collider*”
- 2) 6-10/06/2022, Talk at the “RAP2022” conference, (online): “*A new life for kaonic atoms at DAΦNE: future measurements and perspectives with advanced X-ray spectroscopy techniques*”
- 3) 10-15/07/2022, Invited Talk at the “4th Jagiellonian Symposium on Advances in Particle Physics and Medicine” conference, Krakow: “*Kaonic atoms at DAΦNE: where we are and where we go?*”
- 4) 03-04/10/2022, Talk at the “International workshop on "Hadron physics with kaon beam and related topics" workshop, (online): “*Beyond kaonic deuterium: renewing the kaonic atoms database with future measurements at DAFNE*”.
- 5) 17-21/10/2022, Invited talk at the “EXOTICO: EXOTIC atoms meet nuclear Collisions for a new frontier precision era in low-energy strangeness physics”, ECT*, Trento, “*Radiation detectors for future kaonic atoms measurements at DAFNE*”
- 6) 13/12/2022, Invited seminar at the University of Zagreb, “*Present and future kaonic atoms measurements with new generation radiation detectors*”
- 7) 16/03/2023, Talk at the “Third International Workshop on the Extension Project for the J-PARC Hadron Experimental Facility (3rd J-PARC HEF-ex WS)”, JPARC (online): “*In-beam performances of a CdZnTe detector toward X and Gamma spectroscopy of kaonic atoms at DAFNE and JPARC.*”
- 8) 08/06/2023, Invited Talk at the “Channeling 2023” conference, Riccione (Italy): “*X-ray detectors and measurements at LNF for nuclear and fundamental physics, Quantum Gravity, and agrifood applications*”
- 9) 18/07/2023, Talk at the “Mini workshop on kaonic atoms: present status and future plans” workshop, LNF (Italy): “*Data taking with CdZnTe – status and plans*”
- 10) 28/11/2023, Talk at the Workshop “KASP: Kaonic atoms between QED, QCD and beyond Standard Model physics research”, LNF (Italy): “*Kaonic atoms with CdZnTe*”.
- 11) 04/12/2023 Invited seminar at the Marian Smoluchowski Institute of Physics, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland): “*Kaonic atoms studies at DAFNE: from SIDDHARTA-2 to future perspectives*”
- 12) “Fourth International Workshop on the Extension Project for the J-PARC Hadron Experimental Facility (HEF-ex 2024)”, J-PARC (Tokai): “*Present and future kaonic atoms measurements with new generation radiation detectors*”



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