

Experimental checks of low  
energy QCD precise predictions  
using  
 $\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $K^+\pi^-$  and  $K^-\pi^+$  atoms

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# Outline

- *Low-energy QCD precise predictions*
- *Lattice calculation precise predictions*
- *Results on the  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths measurement*
- *$\pi\pi$  search for  $K^+\pi$  and  $K^-\pi^+$  atoms*
- *Status of the long-lived  $\pi\pi$  atom states observation. Prospects of the Lamb-shift measurement.*
- *New prospects of DIRAC at SPS CERN*

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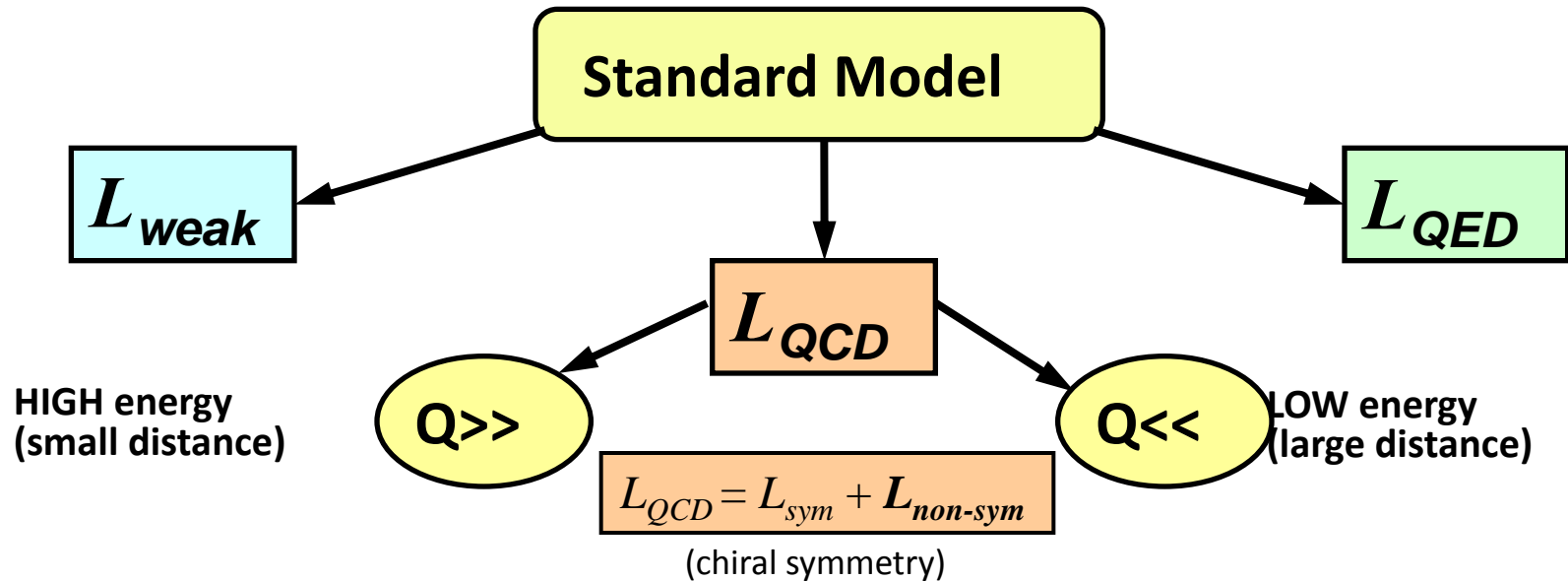
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# Theoretical motivation



## perturbative QCD:

$$L_{QCD}(q, g)$$

Interaction  $\rightarrow$  „weak“  
(asympt. freedom):  
expansion in coupling.

Check only  $L_{sym}$  ( $m_q \ll$ )

## chiral sym. & breaking:

$$L_{eff}(GB: \pi, K, \eta)$$

Interaction  $\rightarrow$  „strong“  
(confinement) - **but**:  
expansion in mom. & mass.

Check  $L_{sym}$  as well as

$L_{non-sym}$

spontaneously  
broken symmetry

quark-  
condensate

# Theoretical status

In ChPT the effective Lagrangian, which describes the  $\pi\pi$  interaction, is an expansion in (even) terms:

$$L_{eff} = L^{(2)} + L^{(4)} + L^{(6)} + \dots$$

(tree)      (1-loop)      (2-loop)

Colangelo et al. in 2001, using ChPT (2-loop) & Roy equations:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_0 = 0.220 \pm 2.3\% \\ a_2 = -0.0444 \pm 2.3\% \end{array} \right\} a_0 - a_2 = 0.265 \pm 1.5\%$$

These results (precision) depend on the low-energy constants (LEC)  $l_3$  and  $l_4$ :  
Lattice gauge calculations from 2006 provided values for these  $l_3$  and  $l_4$ .

Because  $l_3$  and  $l_4$  are sensitive to the quark condensate, precision measurements of  $a_0$ ,  $a_2$  are a way to study the structure of the QCD vacuum.

# $\pi\pi$ scattering

ChPT predicts s-wave scattering lengths:

$$a_0 = 0.2220 \pm 0.0005 \text{ (2.3\%)} \quad a_2 = -0.0444 \pm 0.0010 \text{ (2.3\%)} \quad a_0 - a_2 = 0.265 \pm 0.004 \text{ (1.5\%)}$$

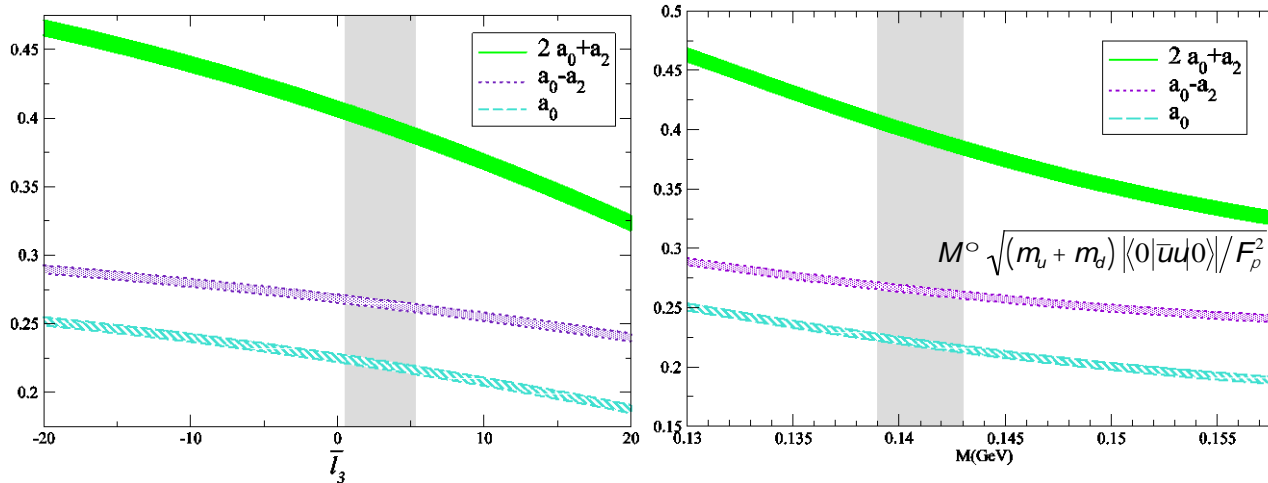
The expansion of  $M_\pi^2$  in powers of the quark masses starts with the linear term:

$$M_\rho^2 = (m_u + m_d)B - [(m_u + m_d)B]^2 \frac{\bar{l}_3}{32\rho^2 F^2} + \mathcal{O}((m_u + m_d)^3)$$

where  $B = \frac{1}{F_\pi^2} |\langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle|$  is the quark condensate, reflecting the property of QCD vacuum.

The estimates indicate values in the range  $0 < \bar{l}_3 < 5$

Measurement of  $\bar{l}_3 \Rightarrow$  improved the value of  $(m_u + m_d) |\langle 0 | \bar{u}u | 0 \rangle|$



e.g.:  $a_0 - a_2 = 0.260 \pm 3\% \Rightarrow 1 < \bar{l}_3 < 11$  or  $1.00 < M / M_\pi < 1.06$

E865:  $a_0 = 0.216 \pm 6\% \Rightarrow -4 < \bar{l}_3 < 12$  or  $0.98 < M / M_\pi < 1.06$   
(BNL)

# Lattice calculations of $\bar{l}_3, \bar{l}_4$

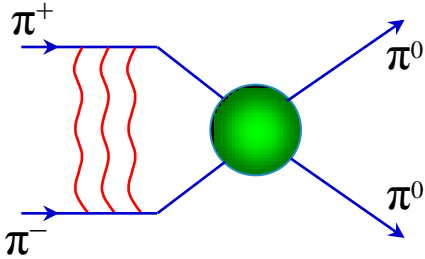
- 2006  $\bar{l}_3, \bar{l}_4$  First lattice calculations
- 2012 10 collaborations: 3 USA, 5 Europe, 2 Japan
- J.Gasser, H.Leutwyler Model calculation(1985)  
 $\bar{l}_3=2.6\pm 2.5$   $\Delta\bar{l}_3/\bar{l}_3\approx 1$
- Lattice calculations in 2012-2013 will obtain  $\Delta\bar{l}_3/\bar{l}_3\approx 0.1$   
or  $\Delta\bar{l}_3\approx 0.2-0.3$
- To check the predicted values of  $\bar{l}_3$  the experimental relative errors of  $\pi\pi$ -scattering lengths and their combinations must be at the level (0.2–0.3)%

# Pionium lifetime

Pionium ( $A_{2\pi}$ ) is a hydrogen-like atom consisting of  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  mesons:

$$E_B = -1.86 \text{ keV}, \quad r_B = 387 \text{ fm}, \quad p_B \approx 0.5 \text{ MeV}$$

The lifetime of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  atoms is dominated by the annihilation process into  $\pi^0\pi^0$ :



$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\tau} = \Gamma_{2\pi^0} + \Gamma_{2\gamma} \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\Gamma_{2\gamma}}{\Gamma_{2\pi^0}} \approx 4 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\Gamma_{1S,2\pi^0} = R |a_0 - a_2|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\Delta R}{R} \approx 1.2\%$$

$$\tau = (2.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}$$

$a_0$  and  $a_2$  are the  $\pi\pi$  S-wave scattering lengths for isospin  $I=0$  and  $I=2$ .

$$\text{If} \quad \frac{\Delta\tau}{\tau} = 4\% \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\Delta|a_0 - a_2|}{|a_0 - a_2|} = 2\%$$



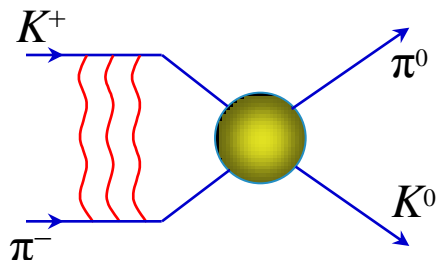
# $K^+\pi^-$ and $K^-\pi^+$ atoms lifetime

$K\pi$ -atom ( $A_{K\pi}$ ) is a hydrogen-like atom consisting of  $K^+$  and  $\pi^-$  mesons:

$$E_B = -2.9 \text{ keV} \quad r_B = 248 \text{ fm} \quad p_B \approx 0.8 \text{ MeV}$$

The  $K\pi$ -atom lifetime (ground state 1S),  $\tau=1/\Gamma$  is dominated by the annihilation process into  $K^0\pi^0$ :

$$A_{K^+\pi^-} \rightarrow \pi^0 K^0 \quad A_{\pi^+K^-} \rightarrow \pi^0 \bar{K}^0$$



$$\Gamma_{1S, K^0\pi^0} = R_K \left| a_{1/2} - a_{3/2} \right|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\Delta R_K}{R_K} \approx 2\%^{**}$$

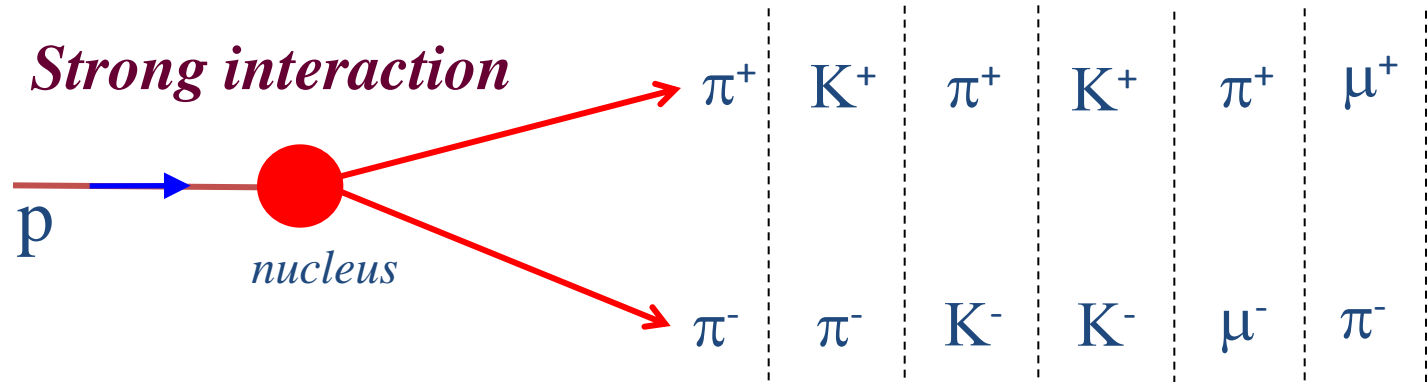
(\*\*) J. Schweizer (2004)

From Roy-Steiner equations:  $a_0^{1/2} - a_0^{3/2} = 0.269 \pm 0.015$

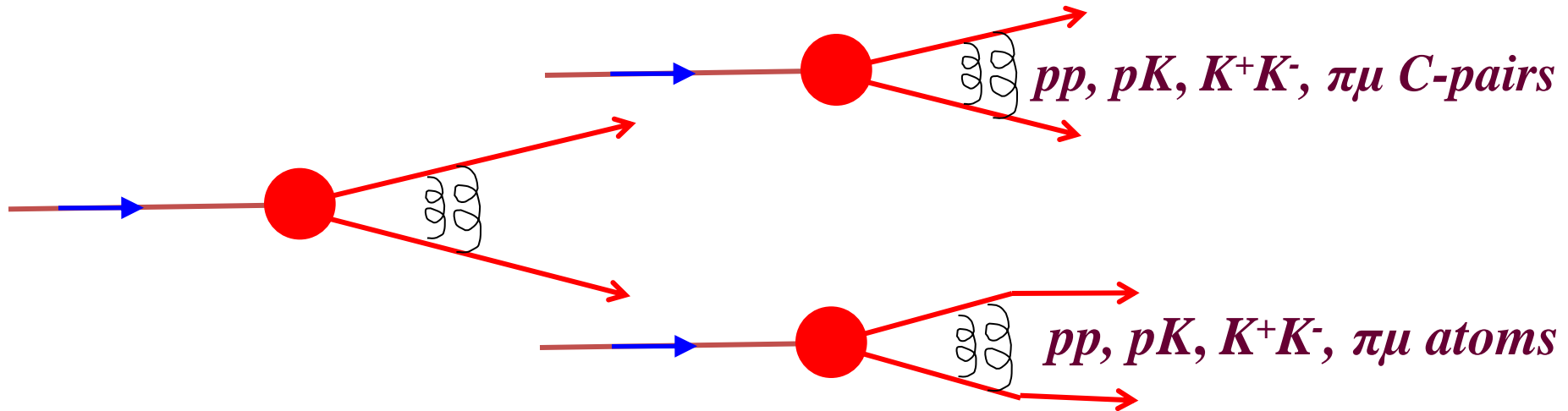
$$\tau = (3.7 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ s}$$

$$\text{If } \frac{\Delta\Gamma}{\Gamma} = 20\% \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta \left| a_{1/2} - a_{3/2} \right|}{\left| a_{1/2} - a_{3/2} \right|} = 10\%$$

# Coulomb pairs and atoms

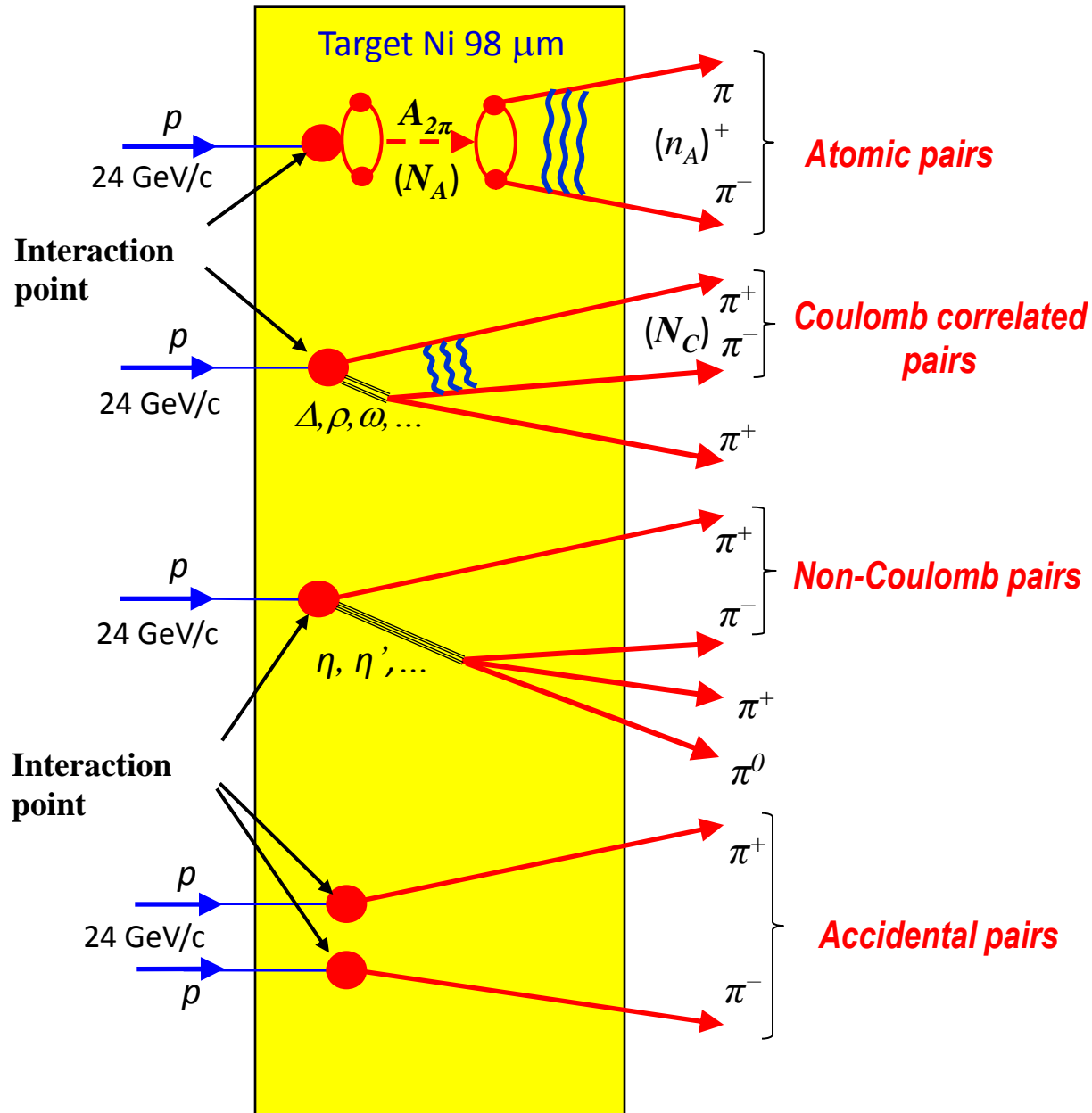


*For small  $Q$  there are Coulomb pairs :*



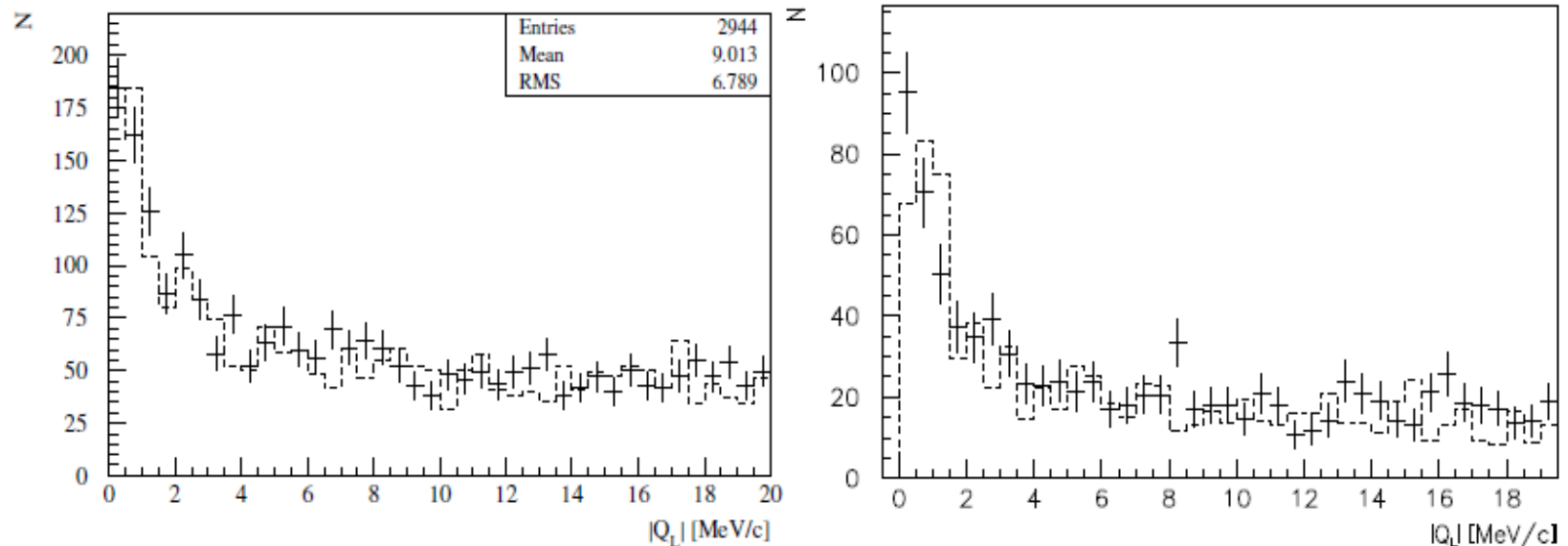
*The production yield strongly increases for smaller  $Q$*

# Method of $A_{2\pi}$ observation and measurement



# Production of $A_{2\pi}$ in Beryllium target

Distribution over  $|Q_L|$  of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  pairs collected in 2010 (left) and in 2011 (right) with Beryllium target with the cut  $Q_T < 1$  MeV/c. Experimental data (points with error bars) have been fitted by a sum of the simulated distribution of “Coulomb” and “non-Coulomb” pairs (dashed line).



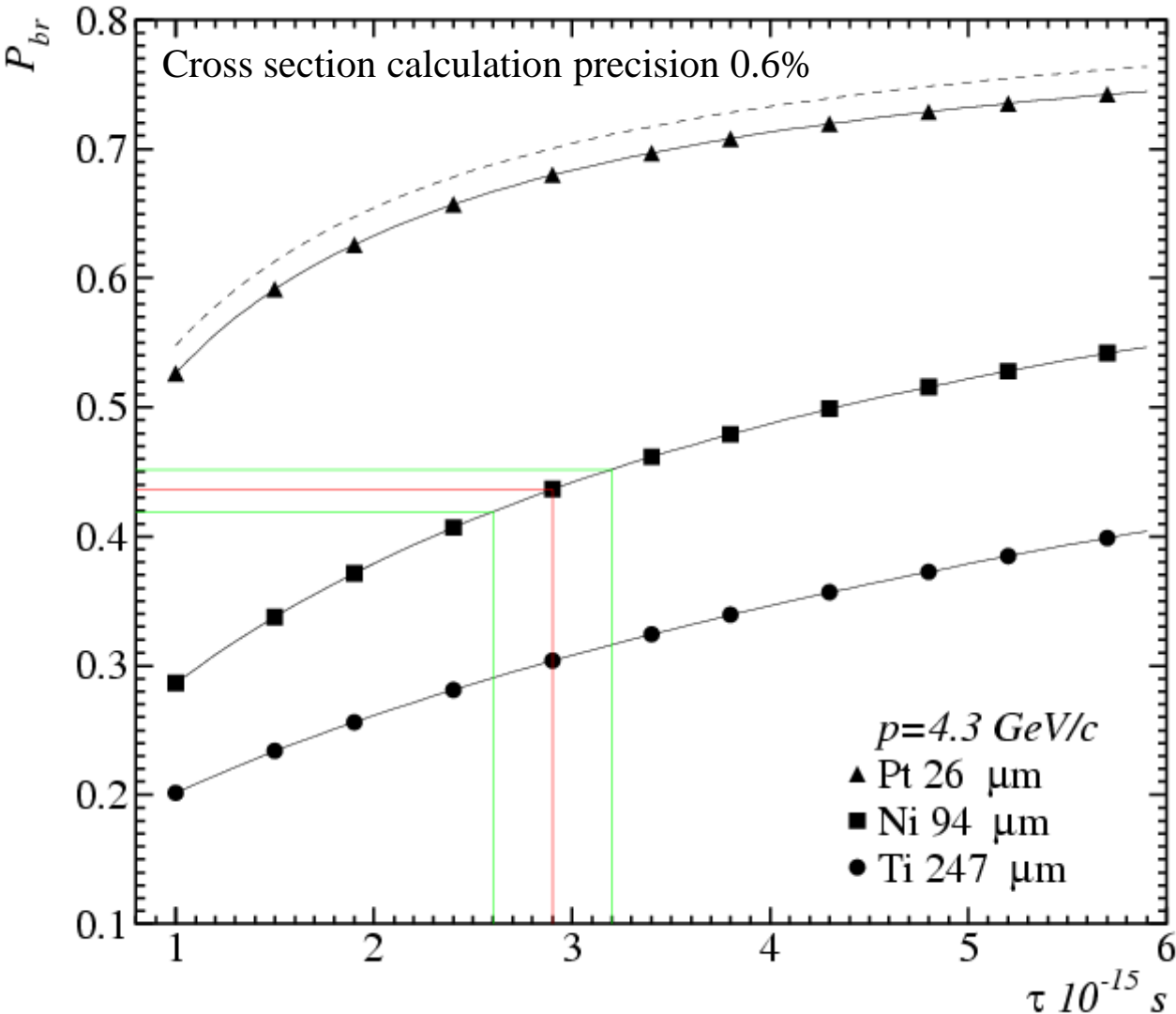
Produced atom numbers normalized on the proton flux:

$$N_{A_{2\pi}}/p = (5.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-14} \text{ (2010)}$$

$$N_{A_{2\pi}}/p = (5.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-14} \text{ (2011)}$$

# Break-up probability

Solution of the transport equations provides one-to-one dependence of the measured break-up probability ( $P_{br}$ ) on pionium lifetime  $\tau$

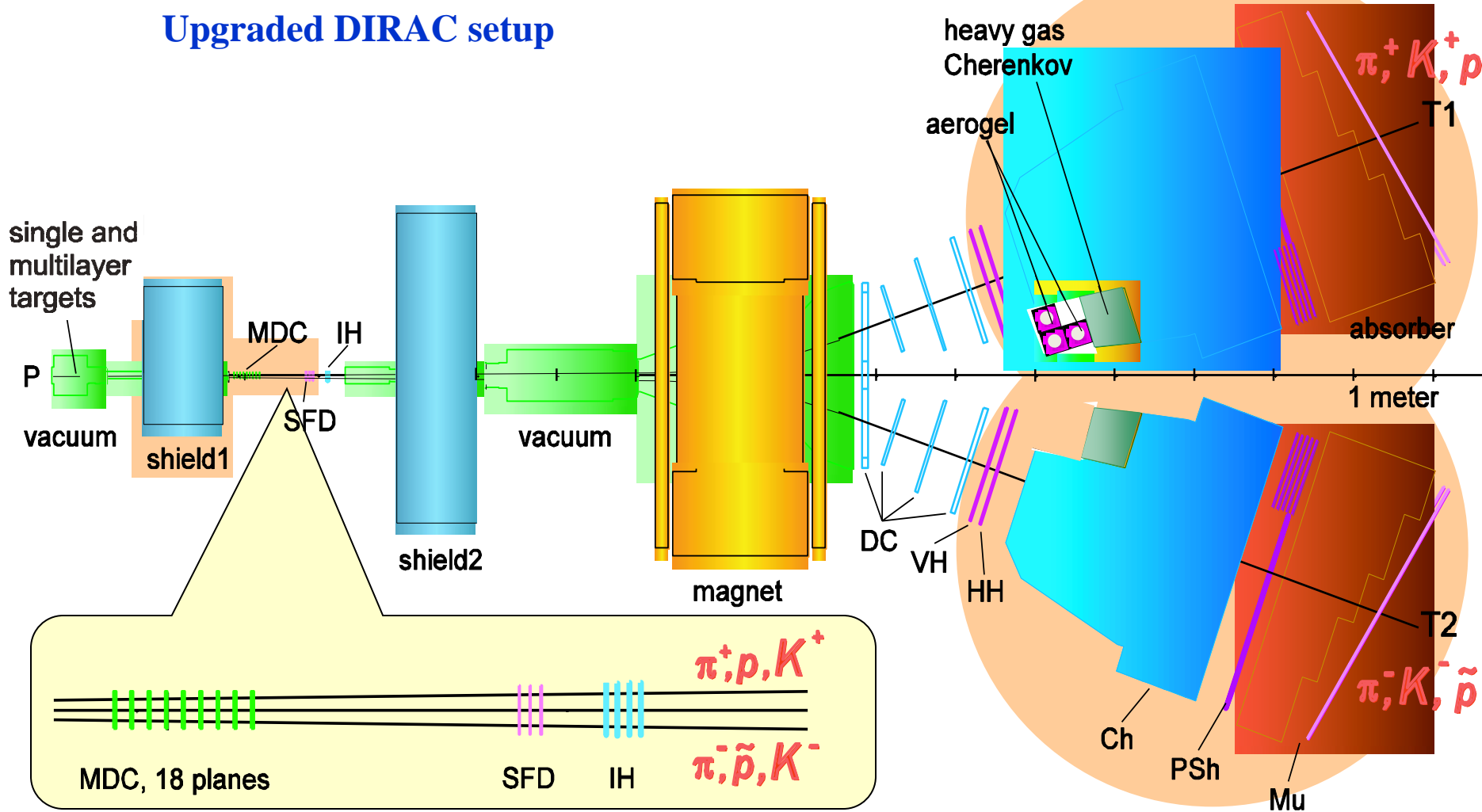


All targets have the same thickness in radiation lengths  $6.7 \cdot 10^{-3} X_0$

There is an optimal target material for a given lifetime

# DIRAC setup

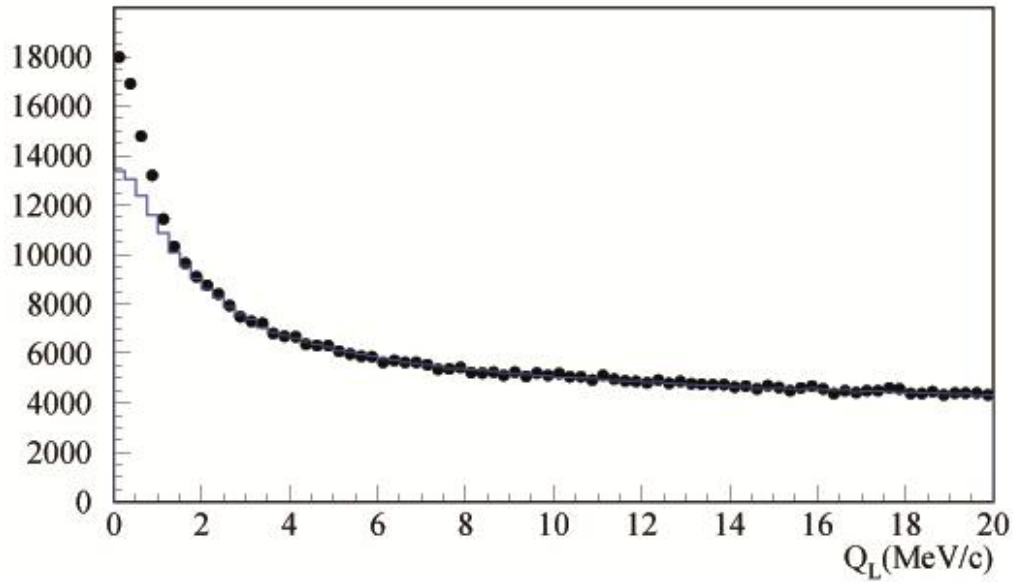
## Upgraded DIRAC setup



**Modified parts**

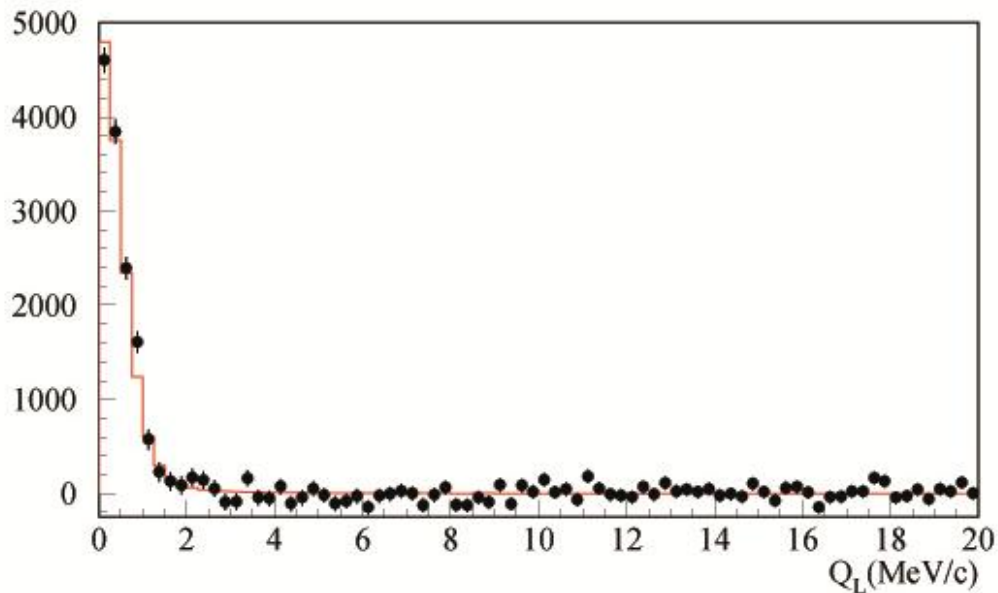
MDC - microdrift gas chambers, SFD - scintillating fiber detector, IH – ionization hodoscope. DC - drift chambers, VH – vertical hodoscopes, HH – horizontal hodoscopes, Ch – nitrogen Cherenkov, PSh - preshower detectors, Mu - muon detectors

# DIRAC results with GEM/MSGC



$Q_L$  distribution

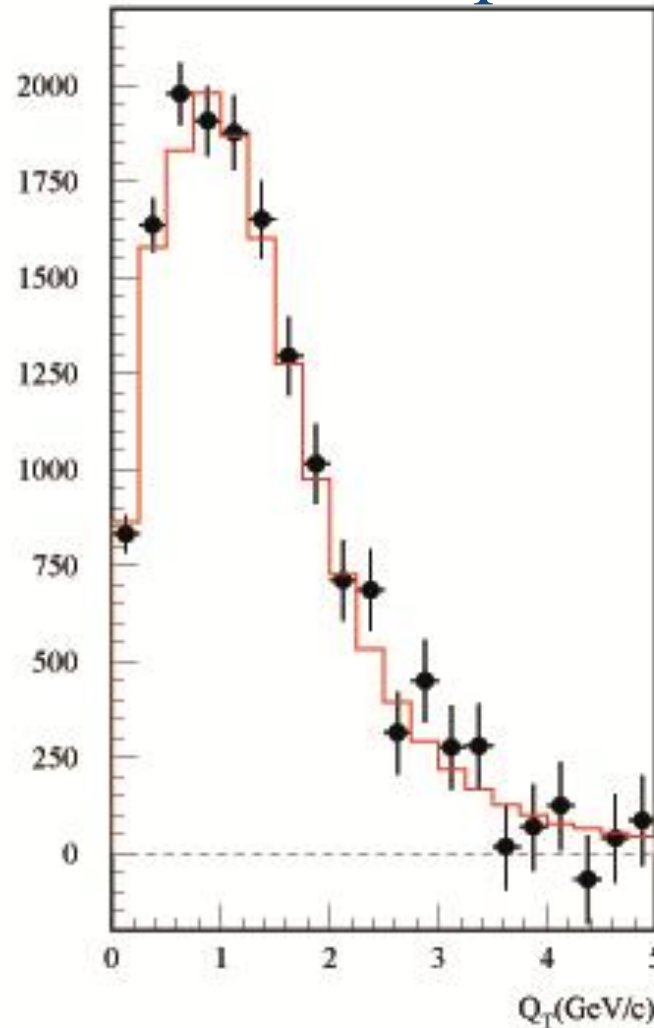
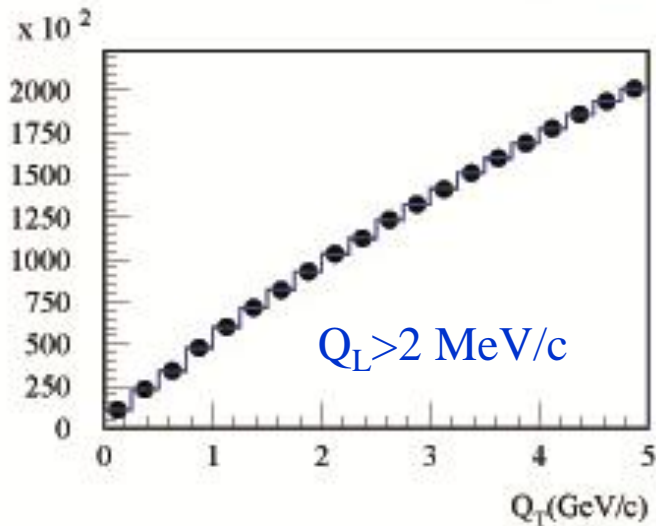
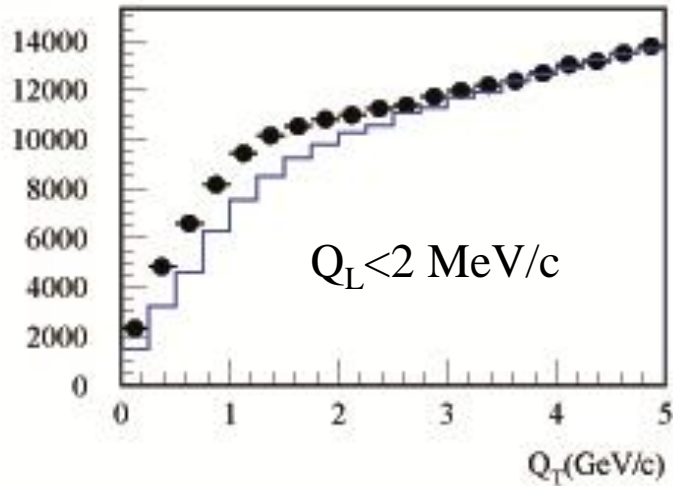
← All events



← After background subtraction

# DIRAC results with GEM/MSGC

## $Q_T$ distribution



← After background subtraction for  $Q_L < 2$  MeV/c



# Comparison with other experimental results

*K* → 3π:

2009 NA48/2 (EPJ C64, 589)

...without constraint between  $a_0$  and  $a_2$ :

$$\Rightarrow a_0 - a_2 = 0.2571 \pm 1.9\%|_{stat} \pm 1.0\%|_{syst} \pm 0.5\%|_{ext} = \dots \pm 2.2\% \quad \text{and } 3.4\% \text{ theory uncertainty}$$

...with ChPT constraint between  $a_0$  and  $a_2$ :

$$\Rightarrow a_0 - a_2 = 0.2633 \pm 0.9\%|_{stat} \pm 0.5\%|_{syst} \pm 0.7\%|_{ext} = \dots \pm 1.3\% \quad \text{and } 2\% \text{ theory uncertainty}$$

*Ke4*:

2010 NA48/2 (EPJ C70, 635)

...without constraint between  $a_0$  and  $a_2$ :

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 0.2220 \pm 5.8\%|_{stat} \pm 2.3\%|_{syst} \pm 1.7\%|_{theo} = \dots \pm 6.4\%$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = -0.0432 \pm 20\%|_{stat} \pm 7.9\%|_{syst} \pm 6.5\%|_{theo} = \dots \pm 22\%$$

...with ChPT constraint between  $a_0$  and  $a_2$ :

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 0.2206 \pm 2.2\%|_{stat} \pm 0.8\%|_{syst} \pm 2.9\%|_{theo} = \dots \pm 3.7\%$$

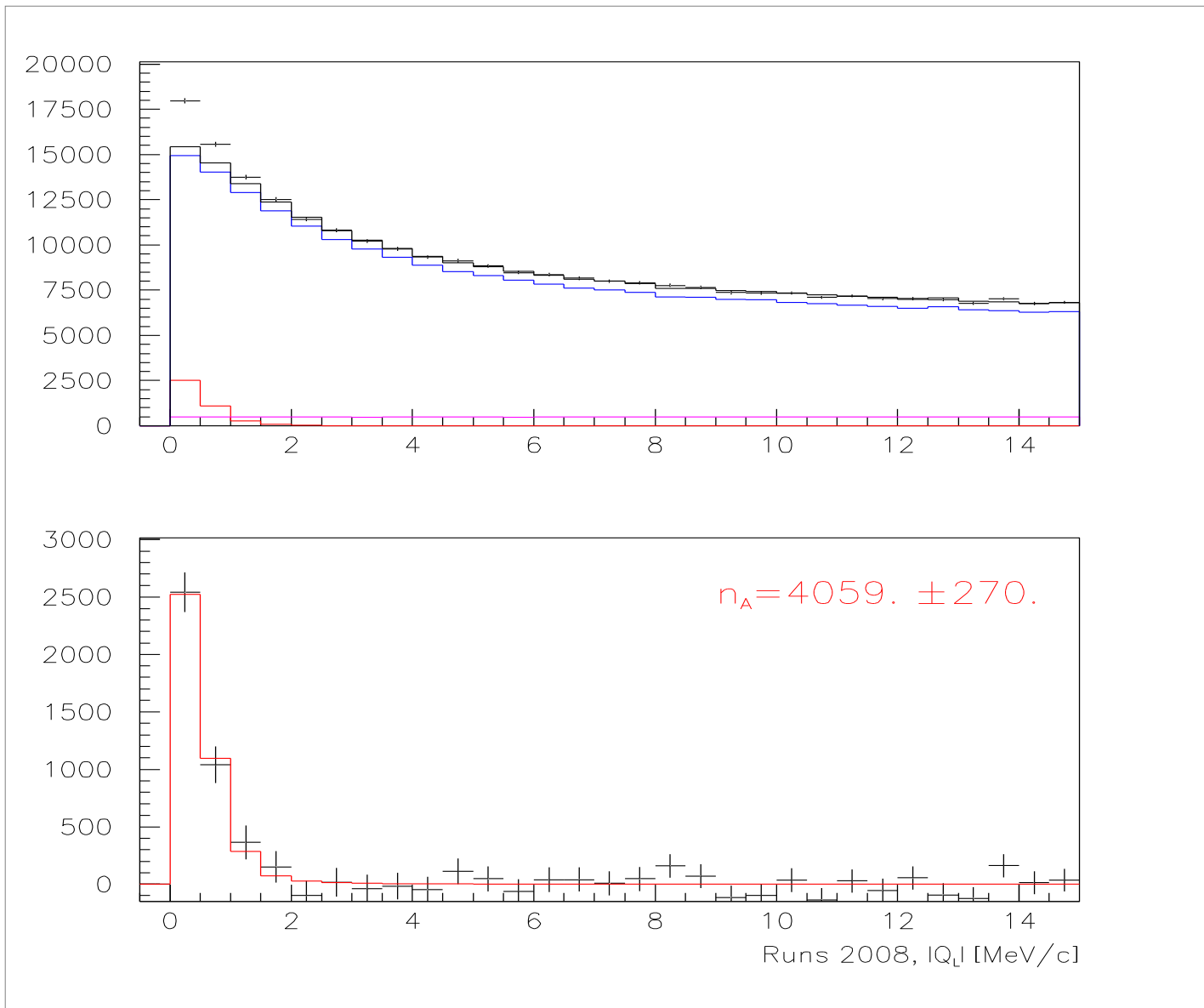
# Published results on $\pi\pi$ atom: lifetime & scattering length

| DIRAC data | $\tau_{1s}$ ( $10^{-15}s$ ) |                |                |                  |     | $ a_0 - a_2 $ |                    |                    |                      |     | Reference          |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----|--------------------|
|            | value                       | stat           | syst           | theo*            | tot | value         | stat               | syst               | theo*                | tot |                    |
| 2001       | 2.91                        | +0.45<br>-0.38 | +0.19<br>-0.49 | [+0.49<br>-0.62] |     | 0.264         | +0.017<br>-0.020   | +0.022<br>-0.009   | [+0.033<br>-0.020]   |     | PL B 619 (2005) 50 |
| 2001-03    | 3.15                        | +0.20<br>-0.19 | +0.20<br>-0.18 | [+0.28<br>-0.26] |     | 0.2533        | +0.0078<br>-0.0080 | +0.0072<br>-0.0077 | [+0.0106<br>-0.0111] |     | PL B 704 (2011) 24 |

\* theoretical uncertainty included in systematic error

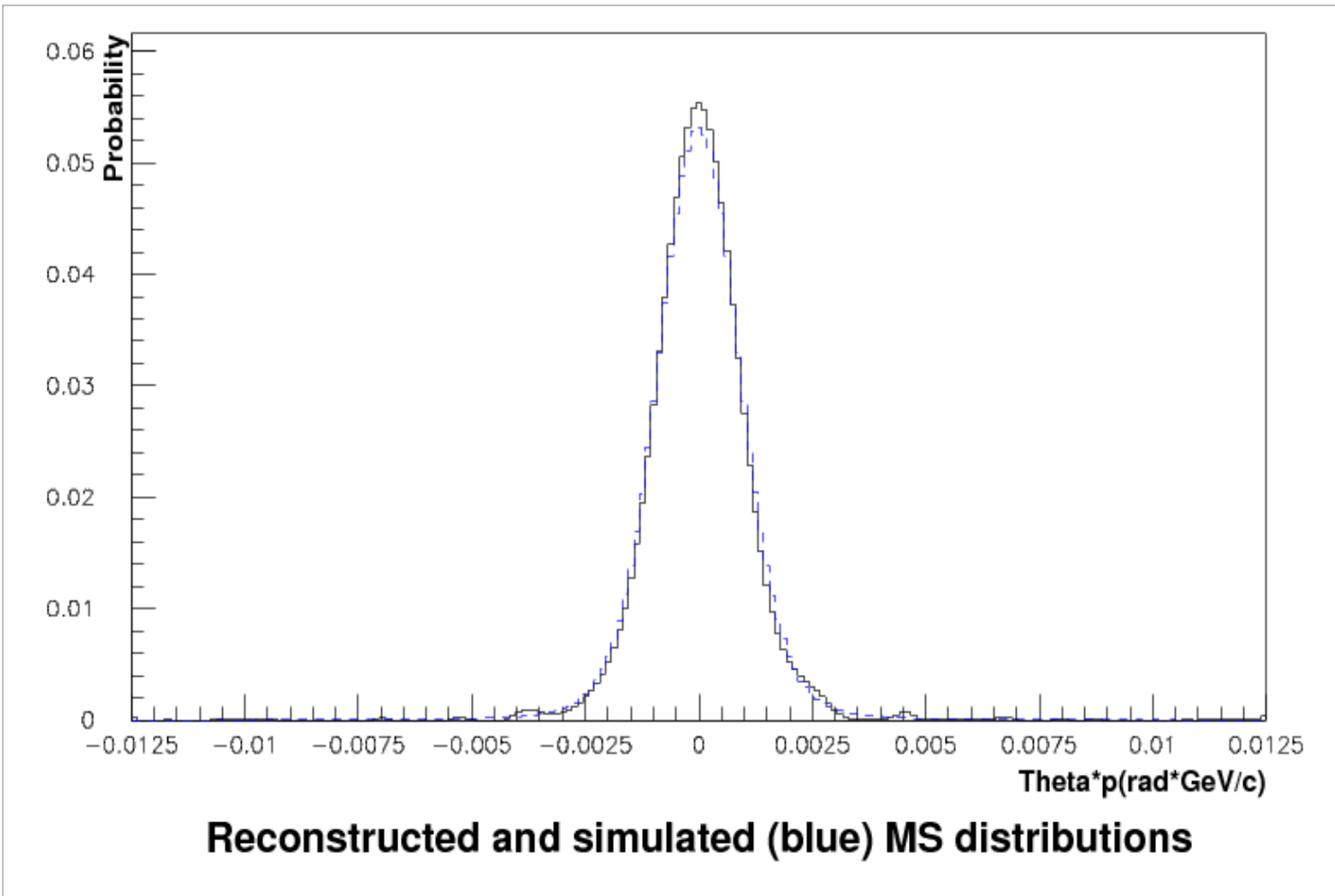
| NA48 | K-decay               | $a_0 - a_2$                    |      |      |        |     | Reference          |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------|------|--------|-----|--------------------|
|      |                       | value                          | stat | syst | theo   | tot |                    |
| 2009 | $K_{3\pi}$            | $0.2571 \pm 0.0048 \pm 0.0029$ |      |      | 0.0088 |     | EPJ C64 (2009) 589 |
| 2010 | $K_{e4}$ & $K_{3\pi}$ | $0.2639 \pm 0.0020 \pm 0.0015$ |      |      |        |     | EPJ C70 (2010) 635 |

# New data on $\pi\pi$ atom production



# Multiple scattering measurement

100 mkm Ni target



# $\pi^+\pi^-$ data

Statistics for measurement of  $|a_0 - a_2|$  scattering length difference and expected precision

| Year                   | $n_A$ | $\delta_{\text{stat}}$ (%) | $\Delta_{\text{syst}}$<br>(%) | $\delta_{\text{syst}}$ (%) MS | $\delta_{\text{tot}}$ (%) |
|------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2001-2003              | 21000 | 3.1                        | 3.0                           | 2.5                           | 4.3                       |
| 2008-2010 *            | 24000 | 3.0                        | 3.0                           | 2.5                           | 4.3                       |
| 2001-2003<br>2008-2010 | 45000 | 2.1                        | 3.0<br>(2.1)                  | 2.5<br>(1.25)                 | 3.7<br>(3.0)              |

\* There is 40% of data with a higher background whose implication is under investigation.

# $\pi K$ scattering

What new will be known if  $\pi K$  scattering length will be measured?

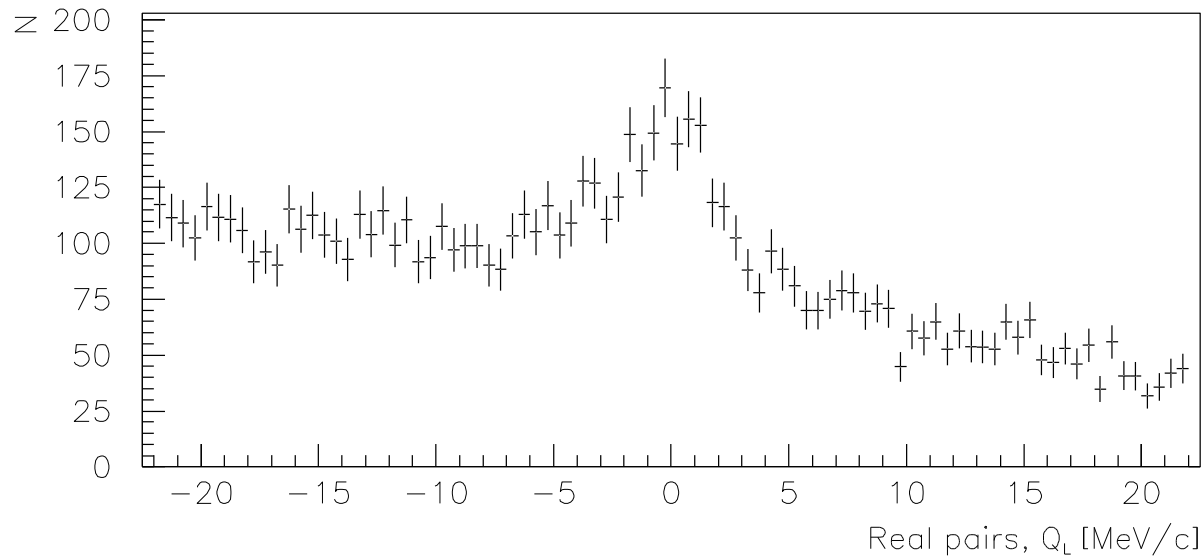
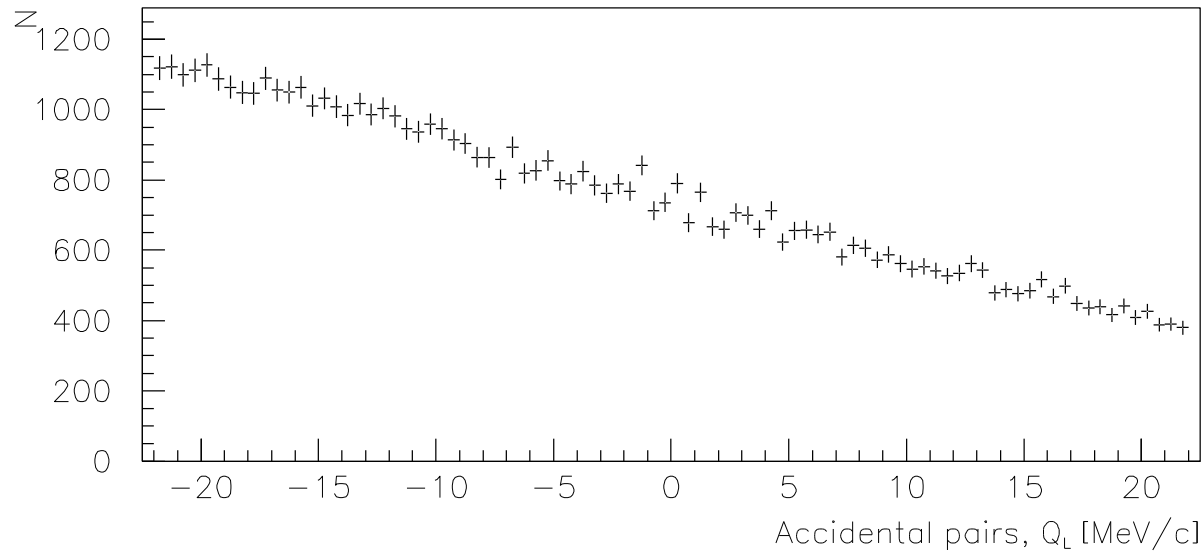
The measurement of the  $s$ -wave  $\pi K$  scattering lengths would test our understanding of the chiral  $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$  symmetry breaking of QCD ( $u$ ,  $d$  and  $s$  quarks), while the measurement of  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths checks only the  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  symmetry breaking ( $u$ ,  $d$  quarks).

This is the principal difference between  $\pi\pi$  and  $\pi K$  scattering!

Experimental data on the  $\pi K$  low-energy phases are absent

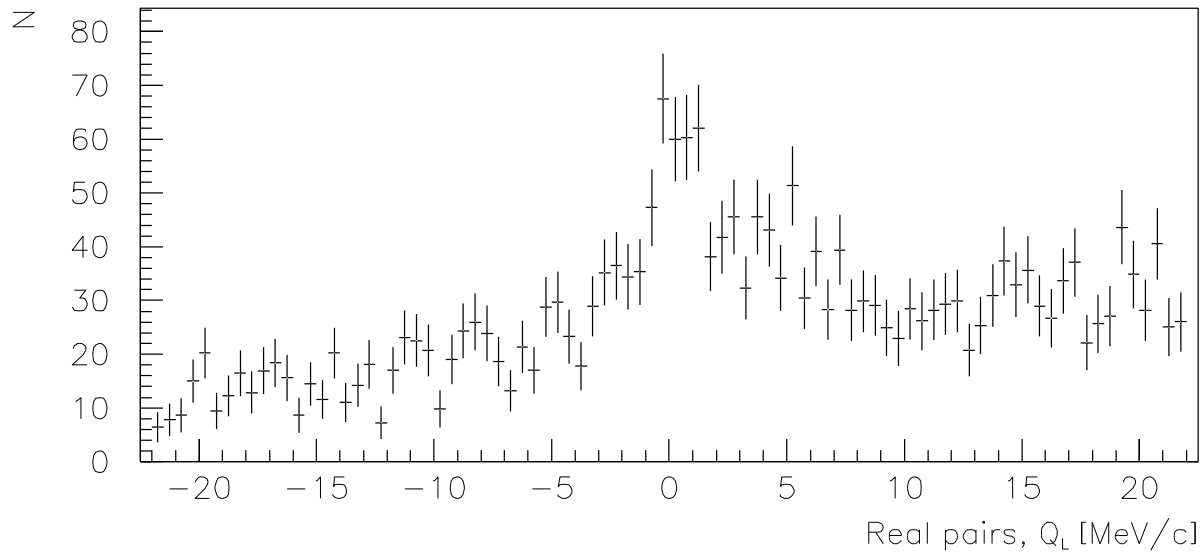
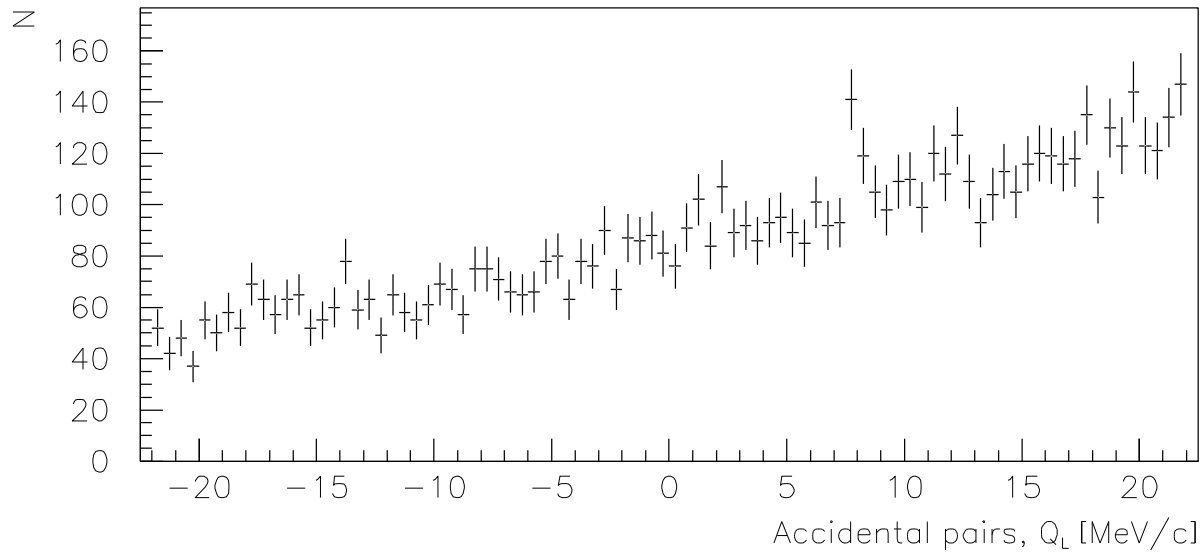
# $Q_L$ distribution for $K^+\pi^-$ pairs

$K^+\pi^-$ ,  $Q_T < 3$  MeV/c, data 2008, 2009, 2010



# $Q_L$ distribution for $\pi^+K^-$ pairs

$\pi^+K^-$ ,  $Q_T < 3$  MeV/c, data 2008, 2009, 2010



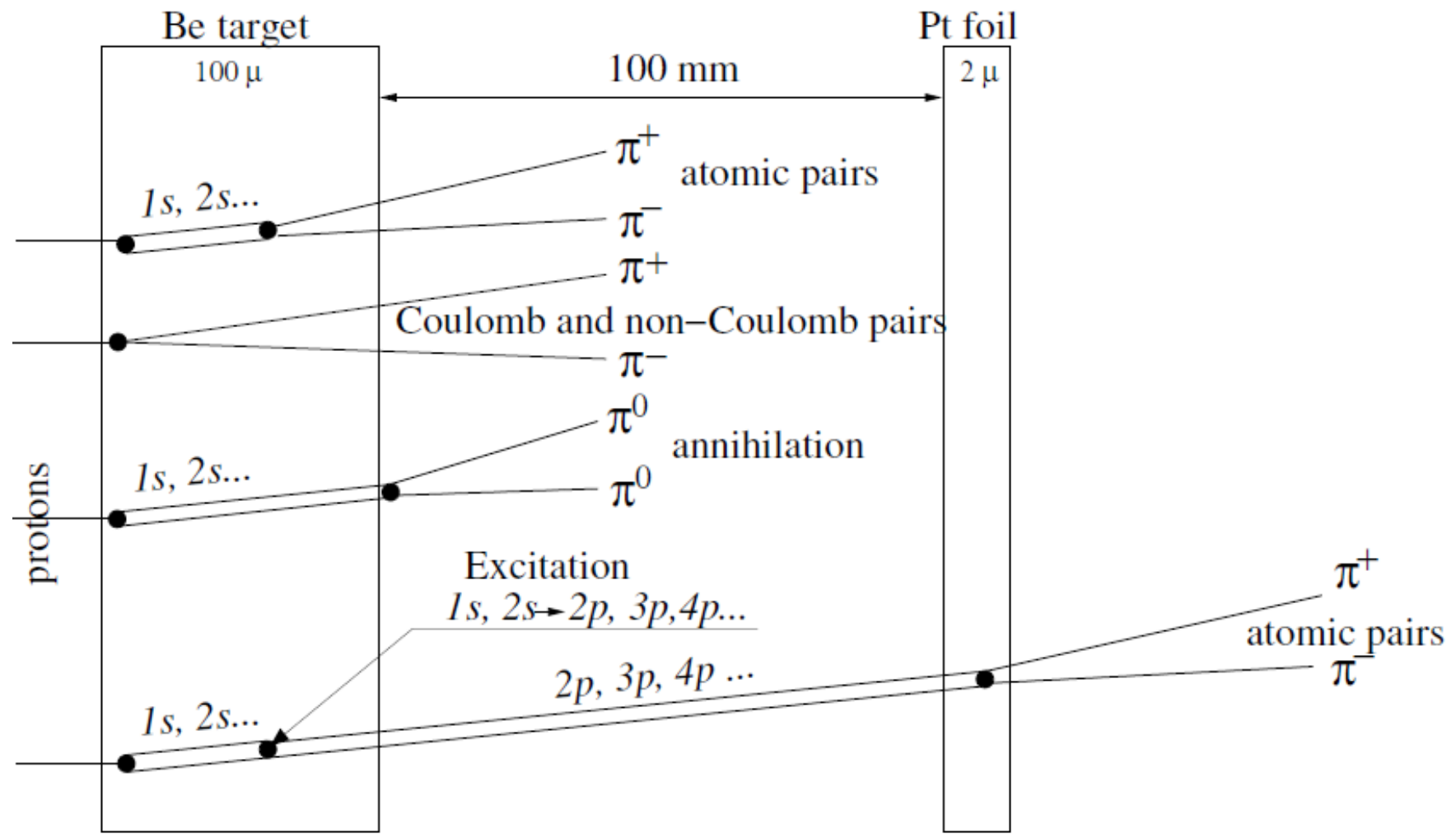


# Long-lived $\pi^+\pi^-$ atoms

The observation of  $\pi\pi$  atom long-lived states opens the future possibility to measure the energy difference between  $ns$  and  $np$  states  $\Delta E(ns-np)$  and the value of  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths  $|2a_0+a_2|$ .

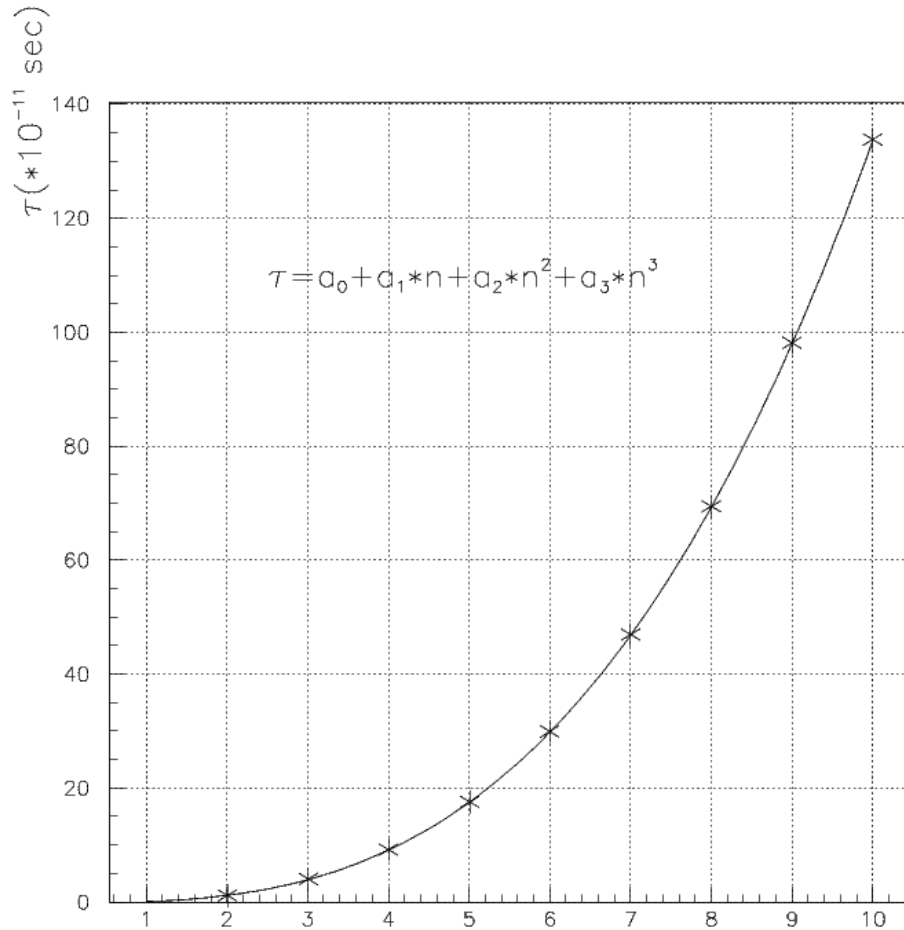
If a resonance method can be applied for the  $\Delta E(ns-np)$  measurement, then the precision of  $\pi\pi$  scattering length measurement can be improved by one order of magnitude relative to the precision of other methods.

# Method to observe long-lived $A_{2\pi}$ by means of a breakup foil of Platinum



# $A_{2\pi}$ lifetime, $\tau$ , in np states

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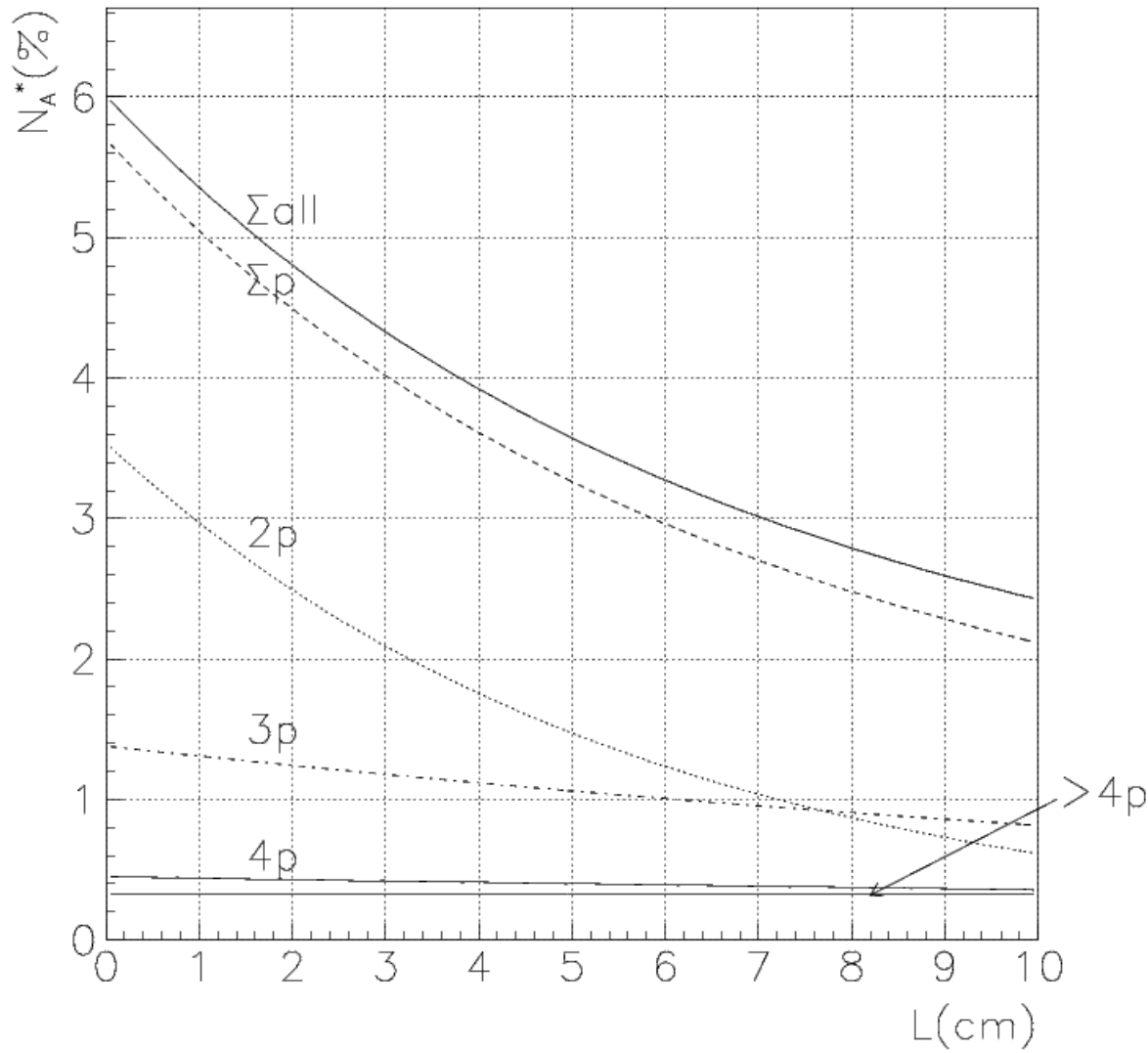


| $n_H$ | $\tau_H \cdot 10^8$ s | $\tau_{2\pi} \cdot 10^{11}$ s | Decay length $A_{2\pi}$ in L.S. cm for $\gamma=16.1$ |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 2p    | 0.16                  | 1.17                          | 5.7  |
| 3p    | 0.54                  | 3.94                          | 19   |
| 4p    | 1.24                  | 9.05                          | 44   |
| 5p    | 2.40                  | 17.5                          | 84.5   |
| 6p    | 4.1                   | 29.9                          | 144  |
| 7p    |                       | 46.8*                         | 226  |
| 8p    |                       | 69.3*                         | 335  |

\* - extrapolated values

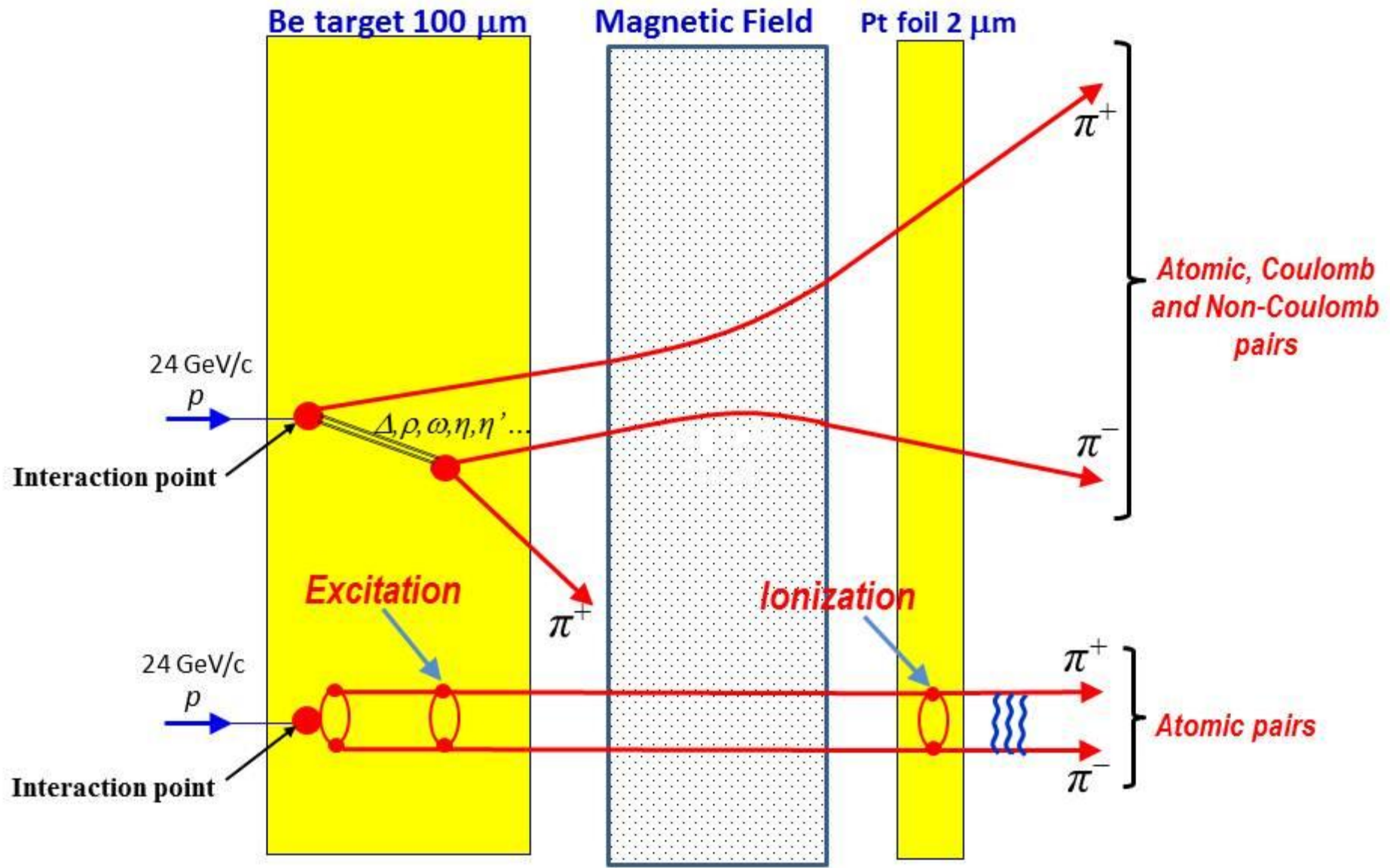
# “Long-lived $A_{2\pi}$ ” yield and quantum numbers

L. Afanasev; O. Gorchakov (DIPGEN)



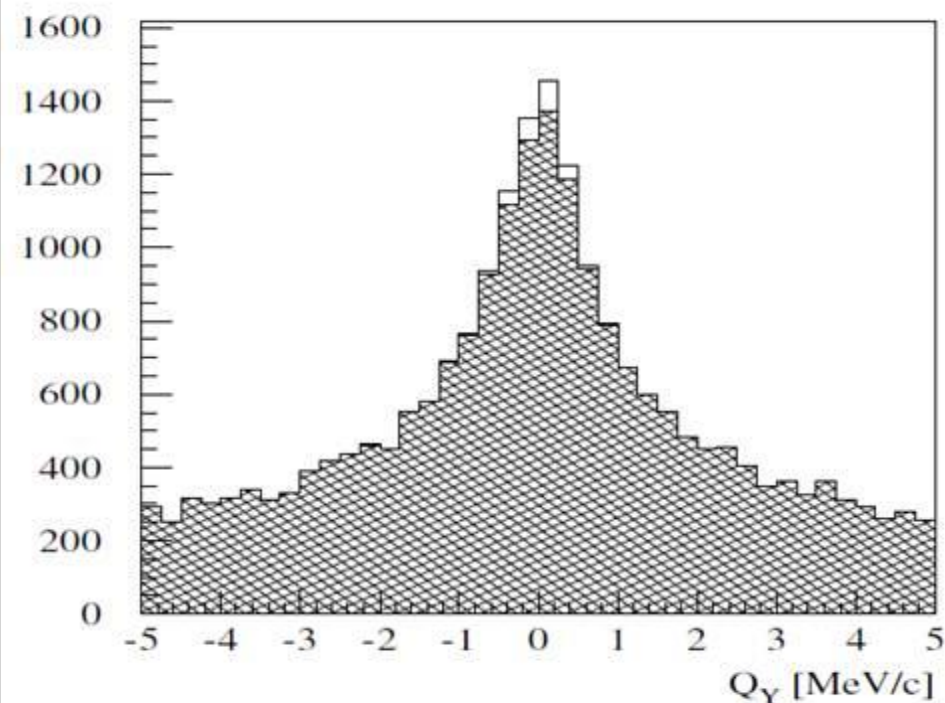
Atomic pairs from “long-lived  $A_{2\pi}$ ” breakup in  $2\mu\text{m}$  Pt.

# Method for observing long-lived $A_{2\pi}$ with breakup Pt foil

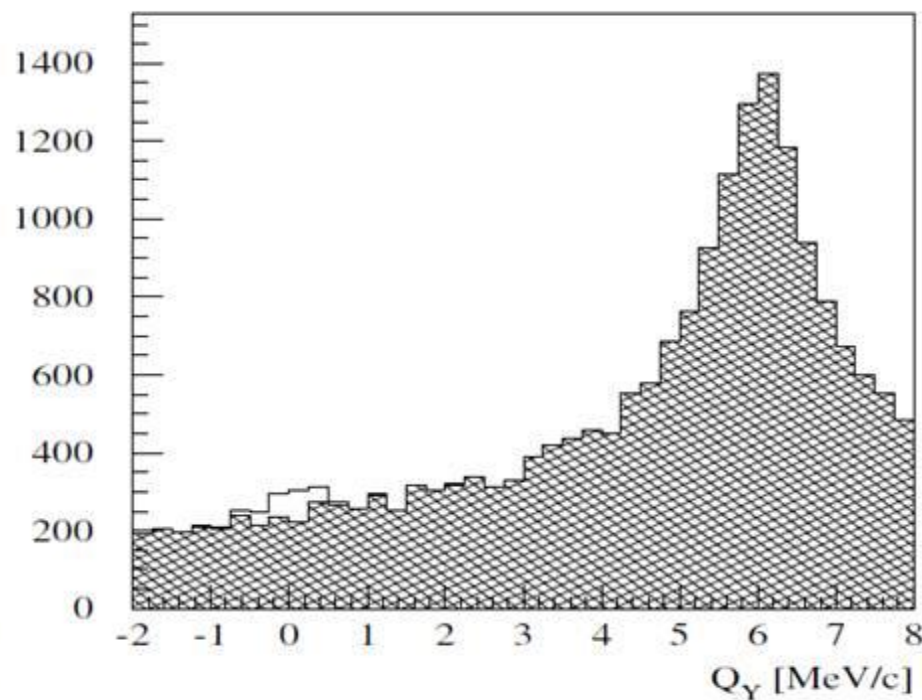


# Simulation of long-lived $A_{2\pi}$ observation

V. Yazkov



Without magnet

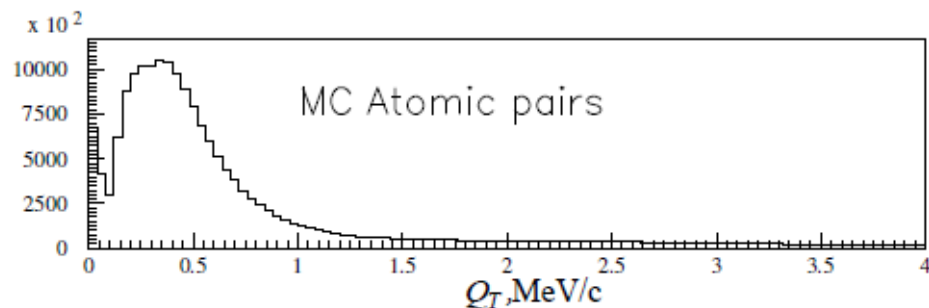
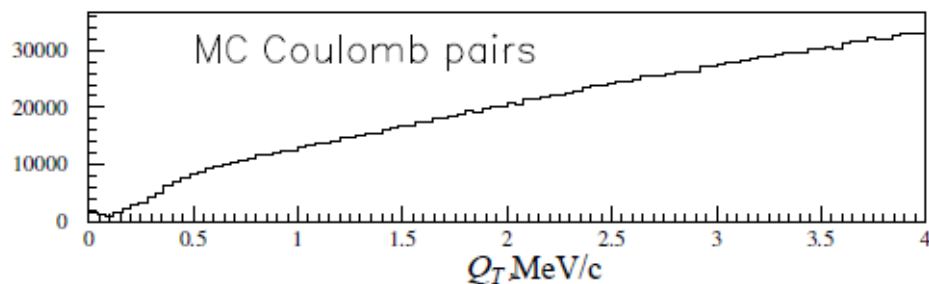
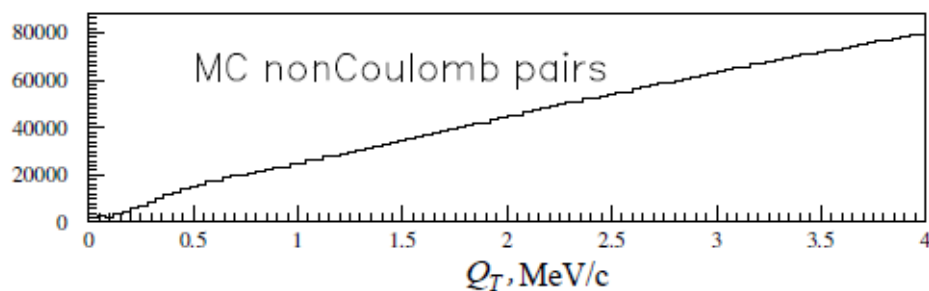


With magnet after Be target

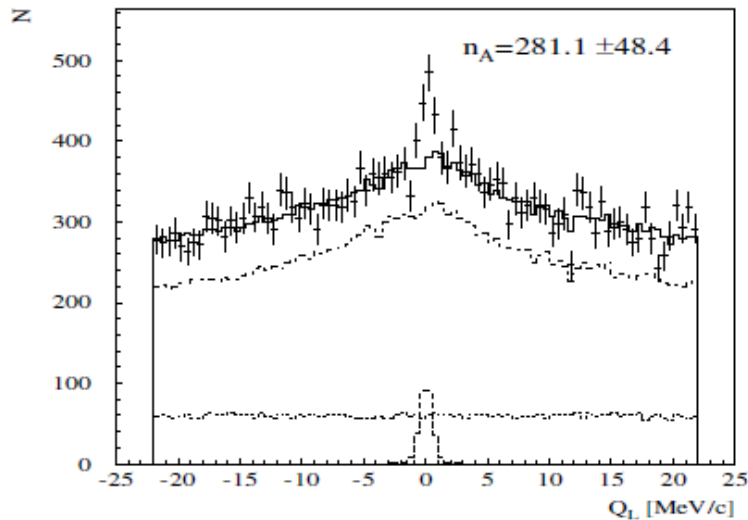
Simulated distribution of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  pairs over  $Q_Y$  with criteria:  $|Q_X| < 1$  MeV/c,  $|Q_L| < 1$  MeV/c. "Atomic pairs" from long-lived atoms (light area) above background (hatched area) produced in Beryllium target.

# Simulation of $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs from Beryllium target and "atomic pairs" from Platinum foil

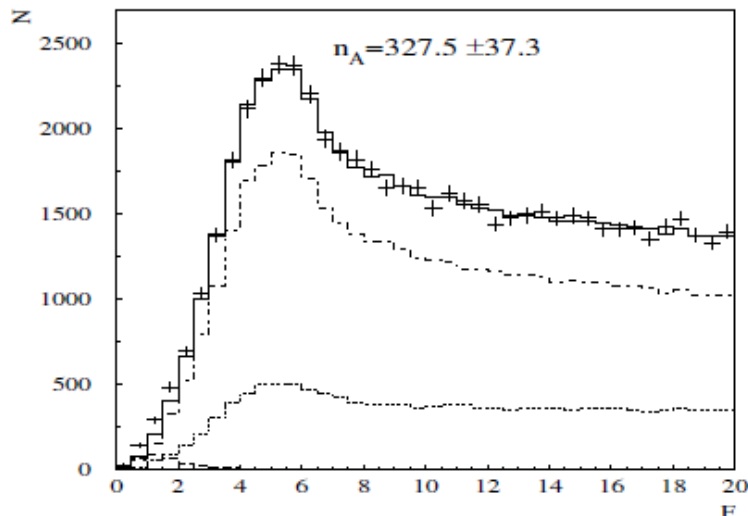
*Distributions of reconstructed values of  $Q_T$  for non-Coulomb, Coulomb pairs and pairs from metastable atom*



# Simulation of extraction the long-lived $A_{2\pi}$ signal



Simulated distribution of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  pairs over  $Q_L$ , with criterion  $Q_T < 1$  MeV/c. “Experimental data” (points with error bars) are fitted by the sum of “atomic pairs” from long-lived states (dashed line), “Coulomb pairs” (by dotted-dashed line), “non-Coulomb pairs” (dotted line). The background sum is shown by the solid line.



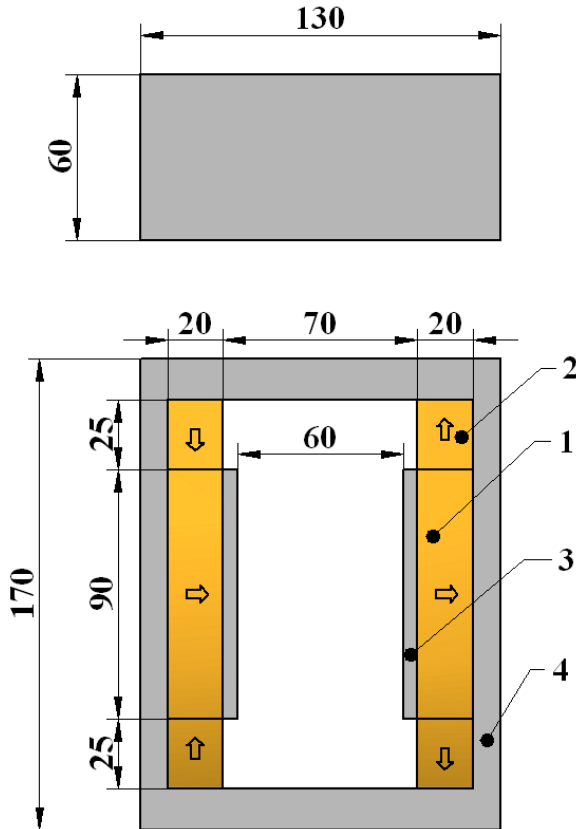
Simulated distribution of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  pairs over  $F$ , with criterion  $Q_T < 2$  MeV/c. “Experimental data” (points with error bars) are fitted by the sum of “atomic pairs” from long-lived states (dashed line), “Coulomb pairs” (dotted-dashed line), “non-Coulomb pairs” (dotted line). The background sum is shown by the solid line.



# Magnet design

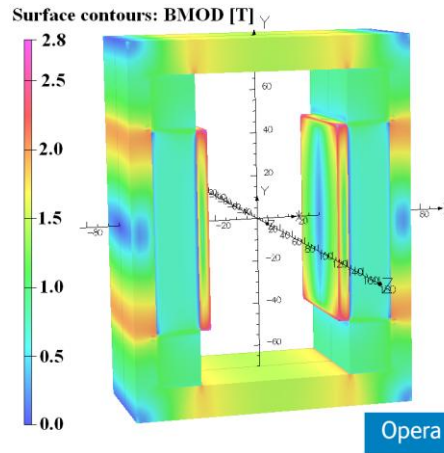
## Layout of the dipole magnet

(arrows indicate the direction of magnetization)



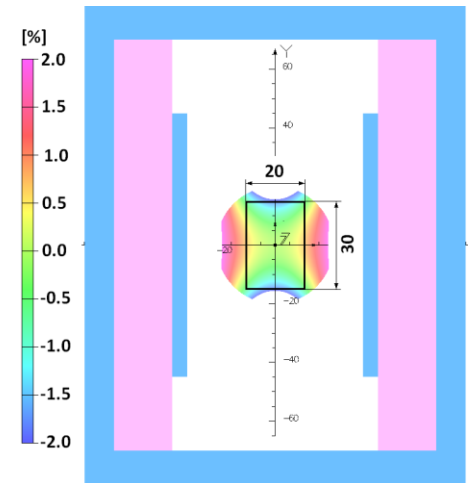
- 1- PM block Sm<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>
- 2- PM block Sm<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>
- 3- Pole AISI 1010
- 4- Return yoke AISI 1010

## Opera 3D model with surface field distribution



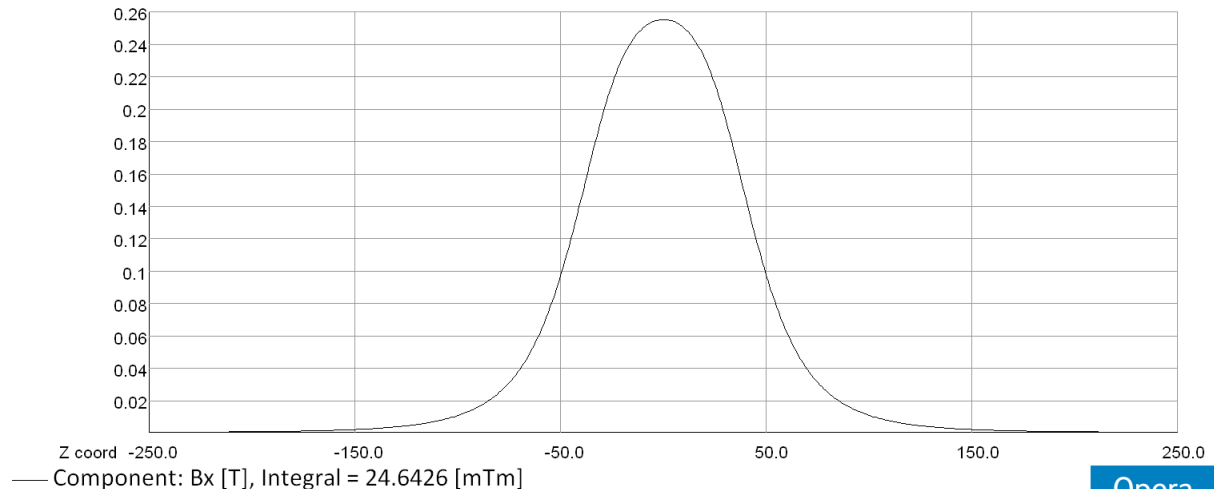
## Integrated horizontal field homogeneity inside the GFR $X \times Y = 20 \text{ mm} \times 30 \text{ mm}$ :

$$\frac{\Delta[B_x dz]}{[B_x(0,0,z) dz]} [\%]$$

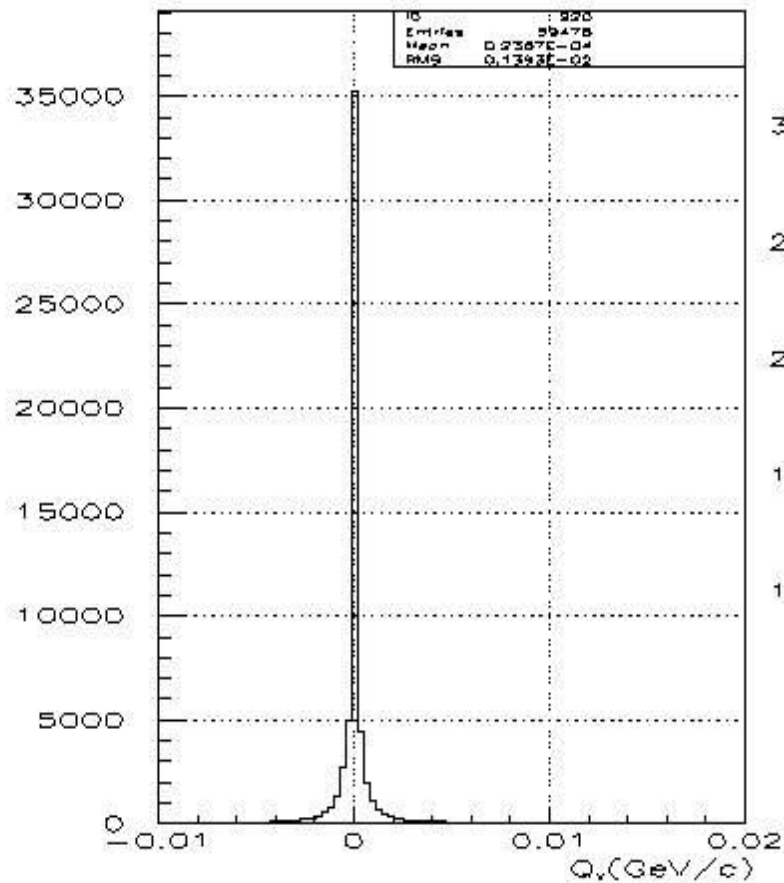


## Horizontal field distribution along z-axis at $X=Y=0 \text{ mm}$

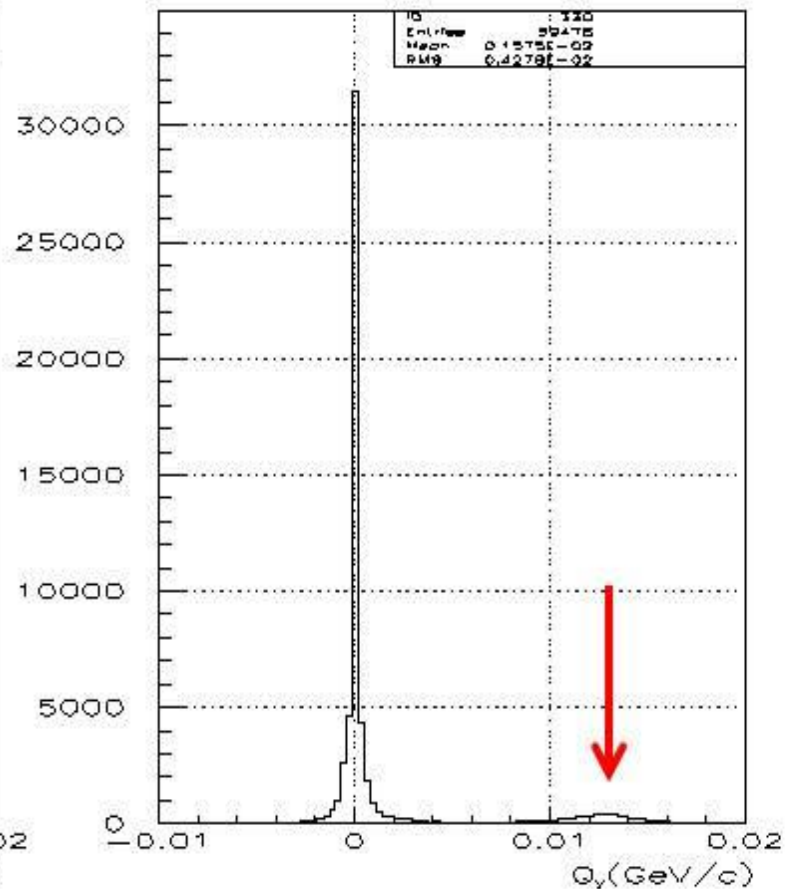
$$[B_x(0,0,z) dz = 24.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ [T} \cdot \text{m]}]$$



# $Q_x$ and $Q_y$ distributions for $e^+e^-$ pair

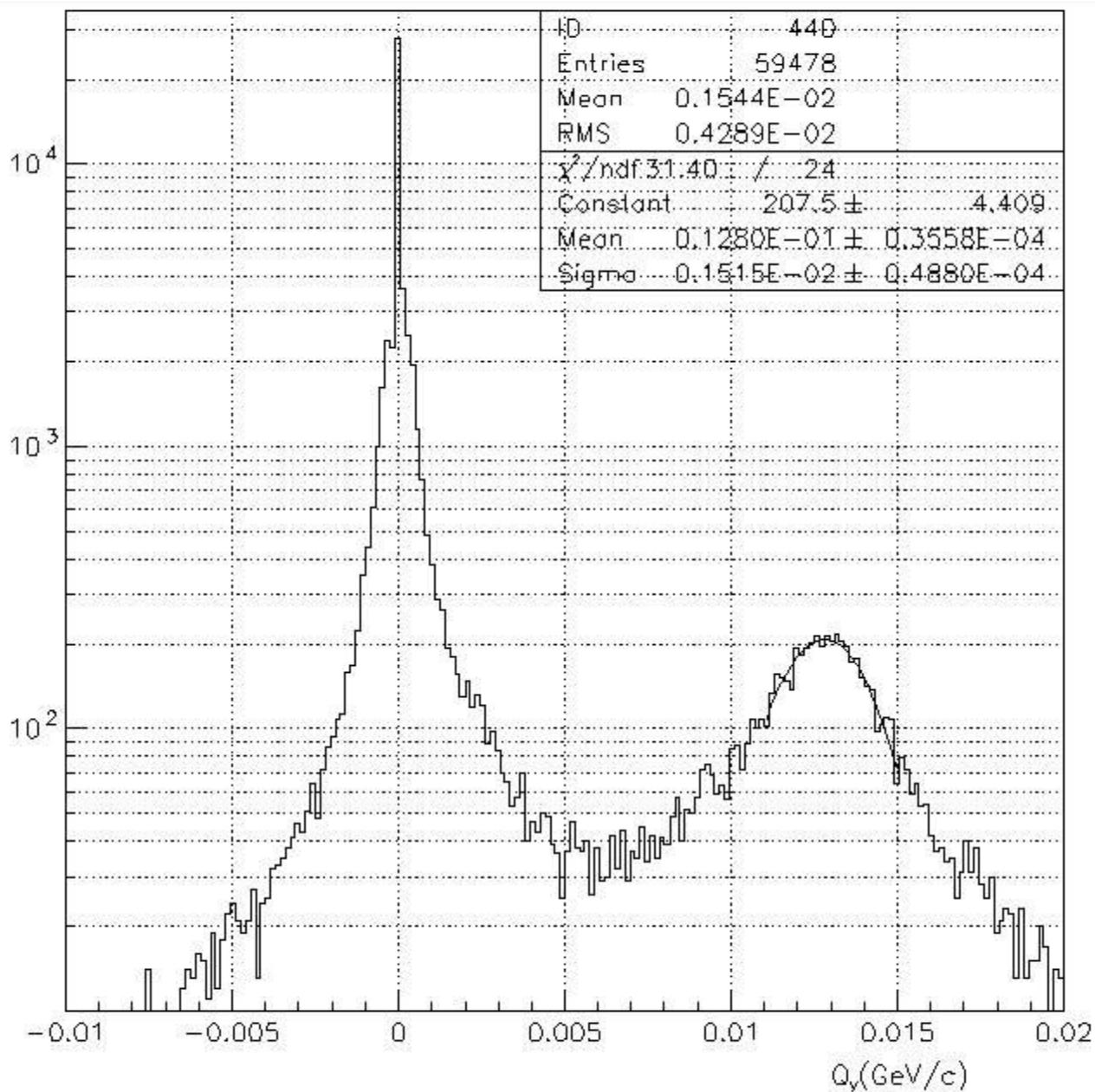


$Q_x$  distribution

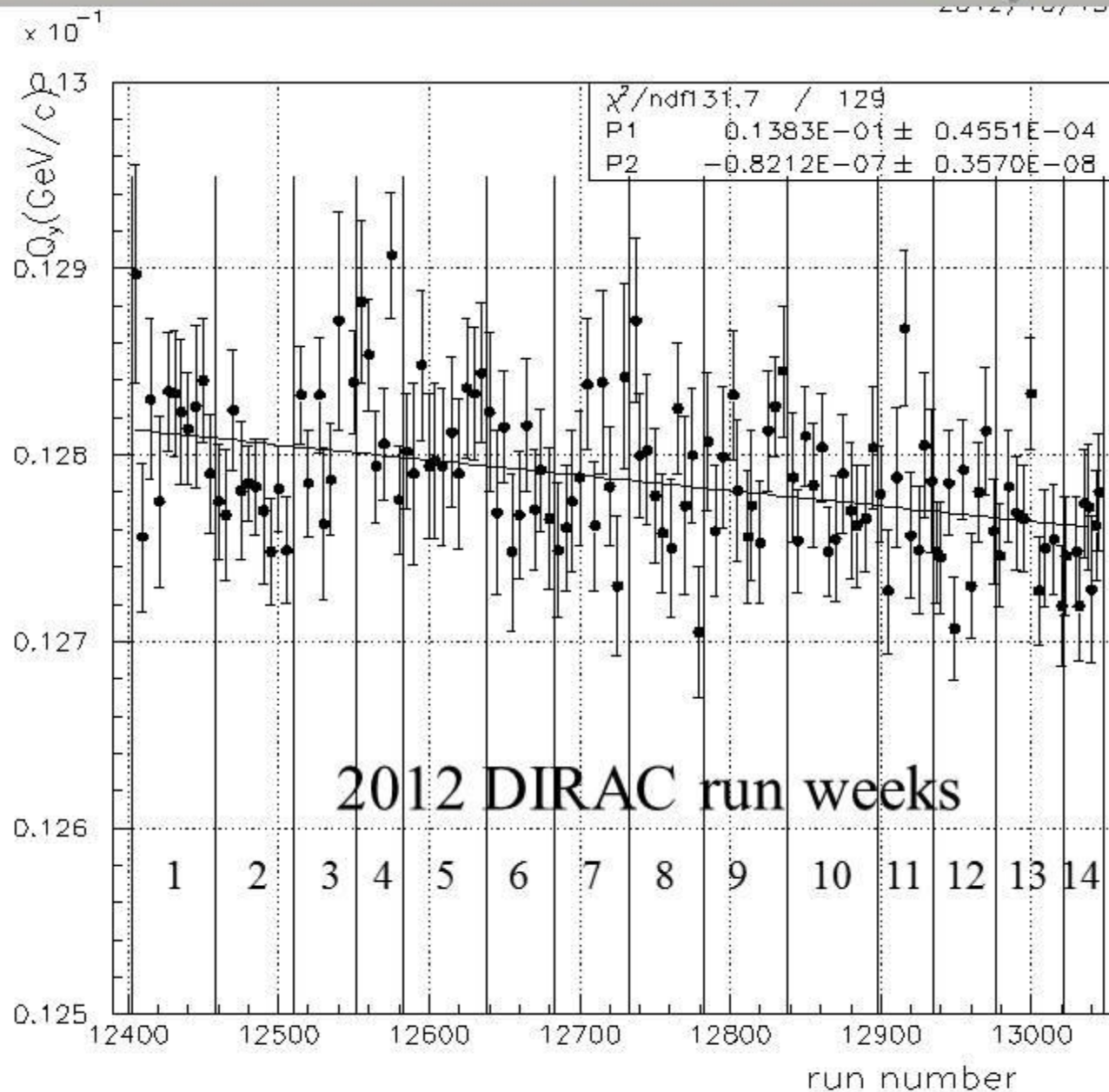


$Q_y$  distribution

# $Q_y$ distribution for $e^+e^-$ pair



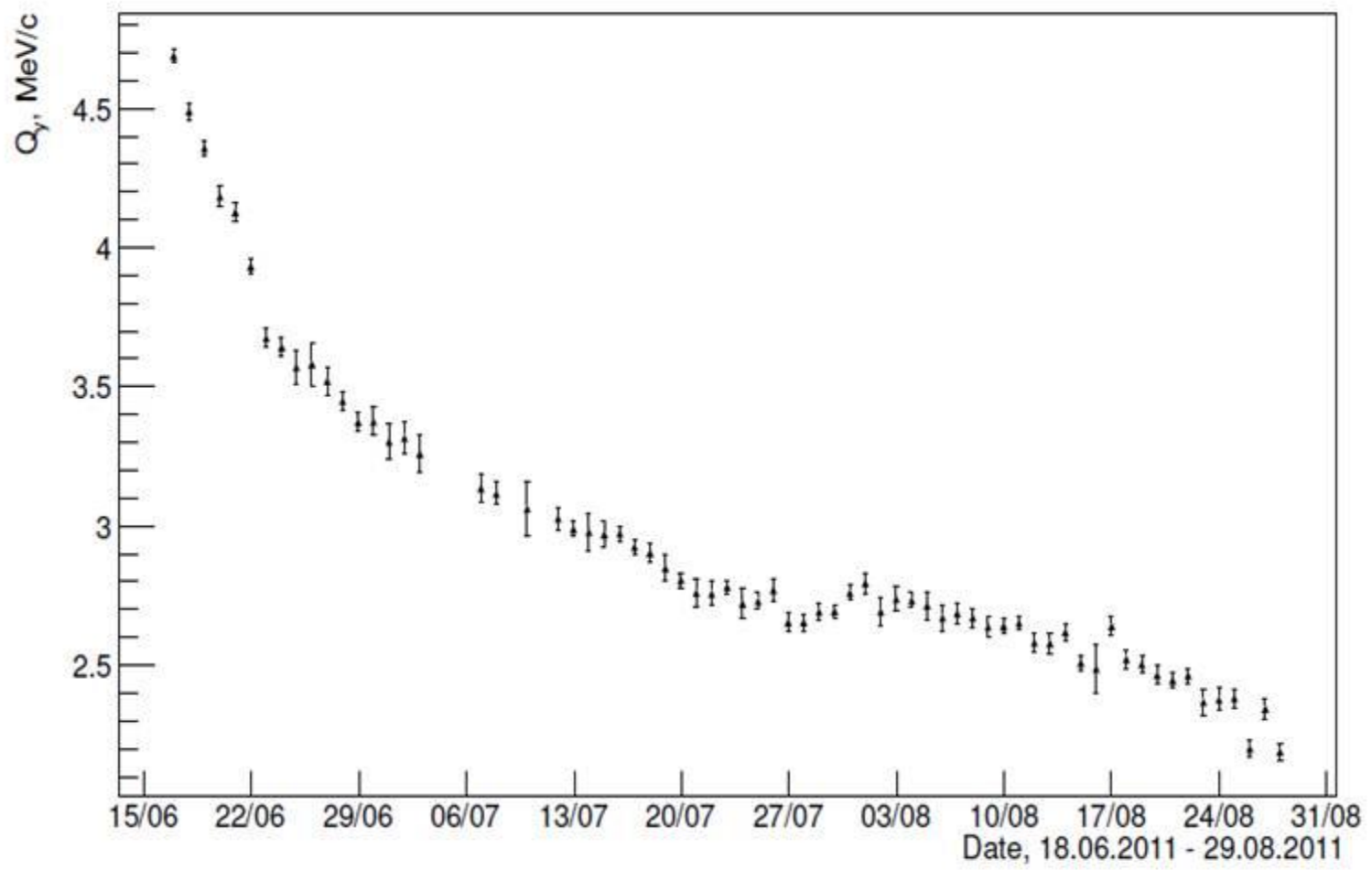
# Magnetic field stability measured by $Q_y$ of the $e^+e^-$ pair



**$\text{Sm}_2\text{Co}_{17}$**

$$\frac{\Delta Q_y}{Q_y} = \frac{5}{1281} = 0.4\%$$

# Degradation of the old magnet in June-August 2011



**Nd-Fe-B**

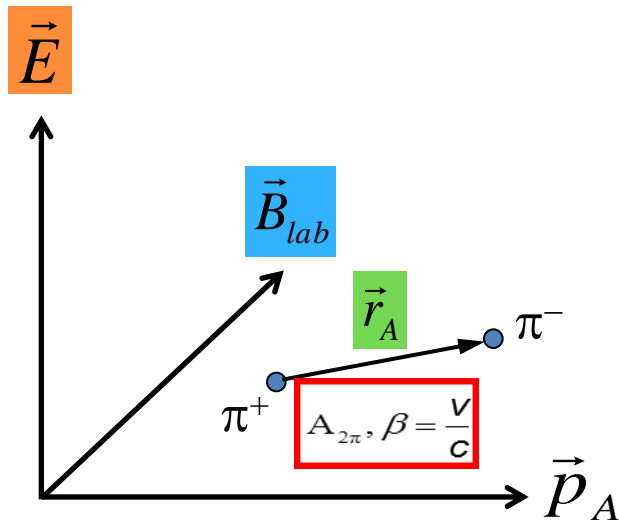
$$\frac{\Delta Q_\gamma}{Q_\gamma} > 50\%$$

The position of second peak in  $Q_\gamma$  distributions of  $e^+e^-$  pairs versus dates.

# Lamb shift measurement with external magnetic field

See: L. Nemenov, V. Ovsiannikov, Physics Letters B 514 (2001) 247.

Impact on atomic beam by external magnetic field  $\underline{B}_{lab}$  and Lorentz factor  $\underline{\gamma}$



$\vec{r}_A$  .... relative distance between  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  in  $A_{2\pi}$  system

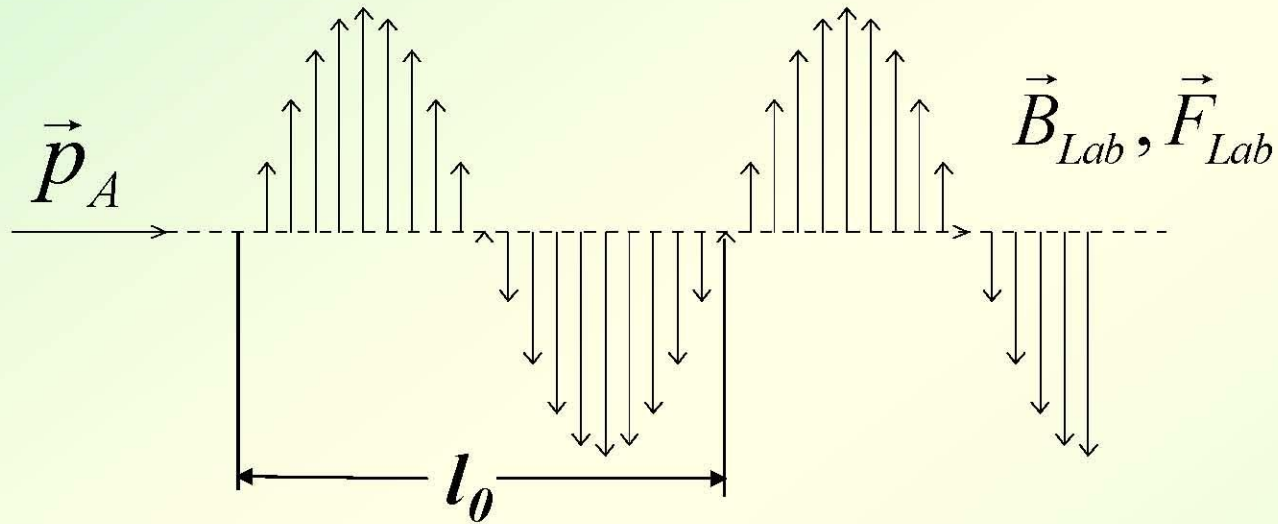
$\vec{B}_{lab}$  .... laboratory magnetic field

$\vec{E}$  ...electric field in  $A_{2\pi}$  system

$$|\vec{E}| = \beta\gamma B_{lab} \approx \gamma B_{lab}$$

# 1.9 Resonant enhancement of the annihilation rate of $A_{2\pi}$

L.Nemenov, V.Ovsiannikov, E.Tchaplyguine, Nucl. Phys. (2002)

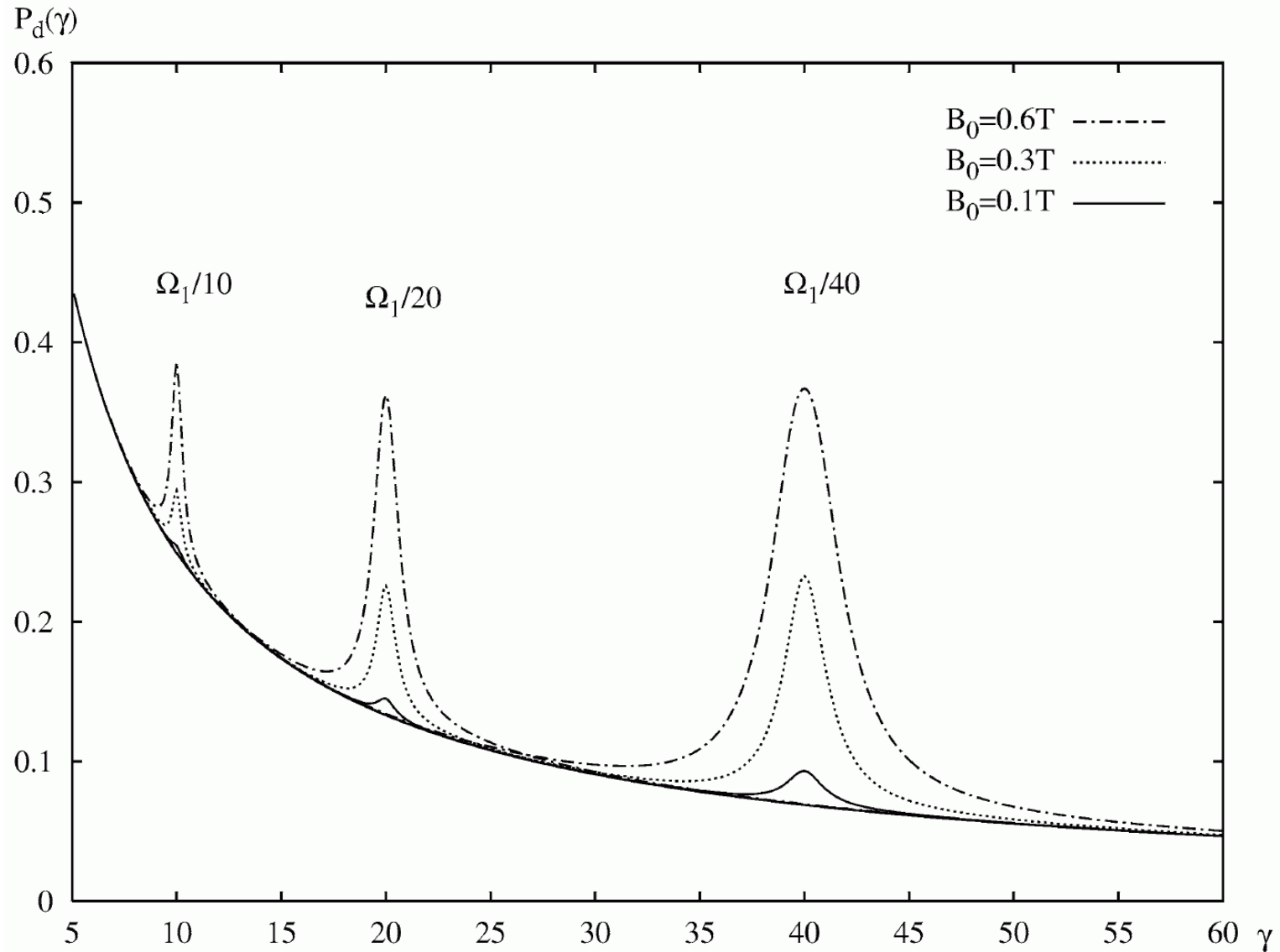


In Lab. System:  $T_{Lab} = \frac{l_0}{\beta c}, \quad \omega_{Lab} = \frac{2\pi}{T_{Lab}}$

In CM System:  $\tilde{\omega} = \gamma \omega_{Lab}, \quad \tilde{\vec{F}} = \gamma \vec{F}_{Lab} \cdot \cos \tilde{\omega} t, \quad \tilde{\Omega} = \frac{E_{2p} - E_{2s}}{\hbar}$

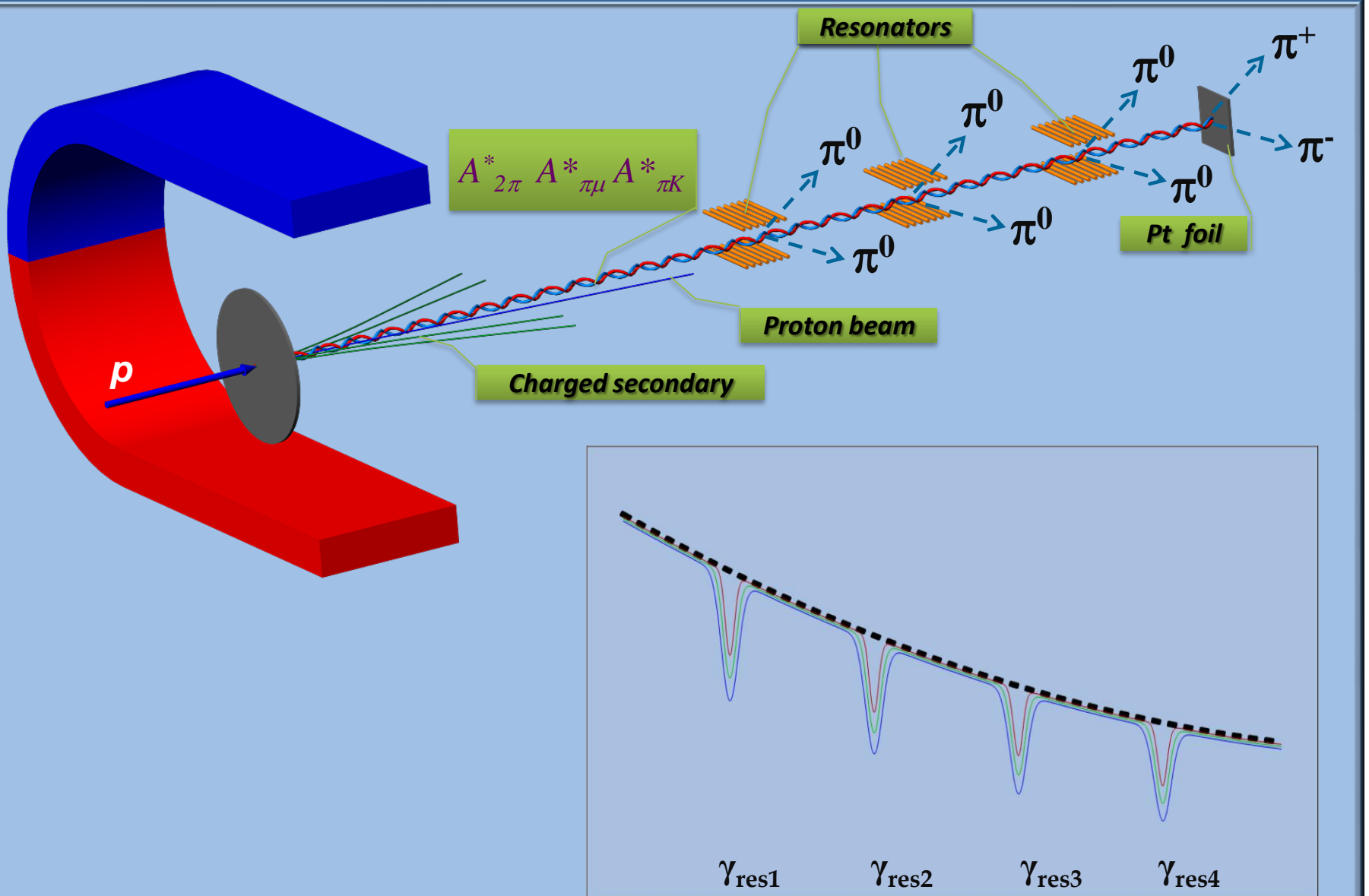
at resonance:  $\tilde{\Omega} = \tilde{\omega} = \gamma_{res} \cdot \omega_{Lab} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_{res} = \frac{\tilde{\Omega}}{\omega_{Lab}}$

# Resonant enhancement





# Resonant method



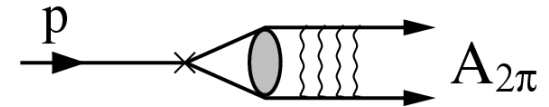
# $A_{2\pi}$ and $A_{\pi K}$ production

$$\frac{d\sigma_{nlm}^A}{d\vec{P}} = (2\pi)^3 \frac{E}{M} \left| \psi_{nlm}^{(C)}(0) \right|^2 \frac{d\sigma_s^0}{dp_1 dp_2} \propto \frac{d\sigma}{dp_1} \cdot \frac{d\sigma}{dp_2}$$

for atoms  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2$  where  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  – velocities of particles in the L.S. for all types of atoms

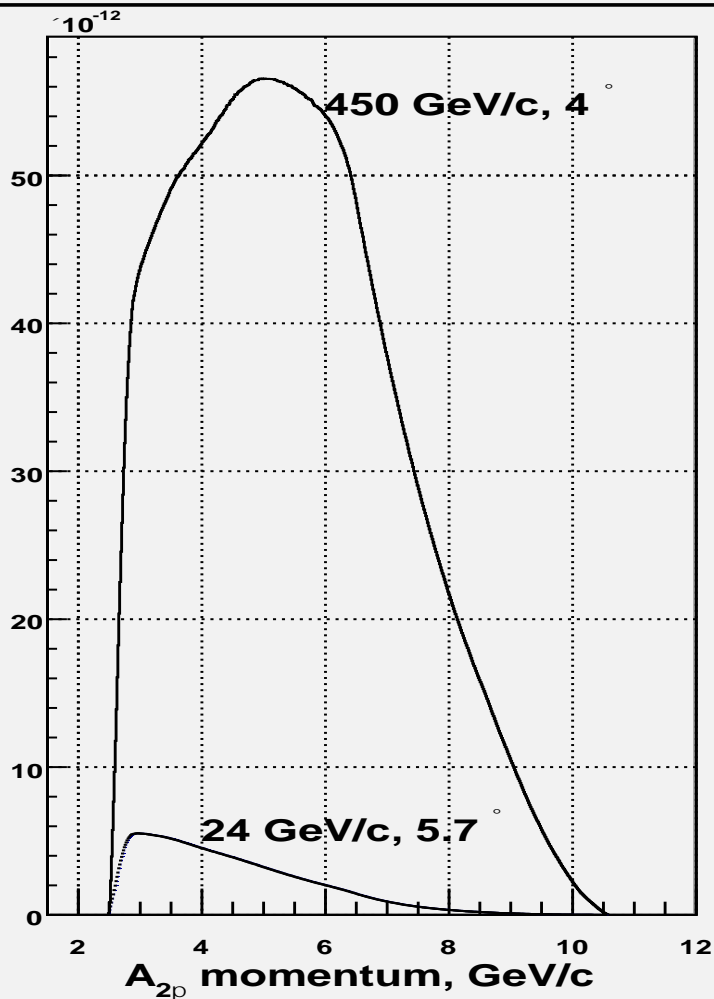
for  $A_{2\pi}$  production  $\vec{p}_1 = \vec{p}_2$

for  $A_{\pi K}$  production  $\vec{p}_\pi = \frac{m_\pi}{m_K} \vec{p}_K$

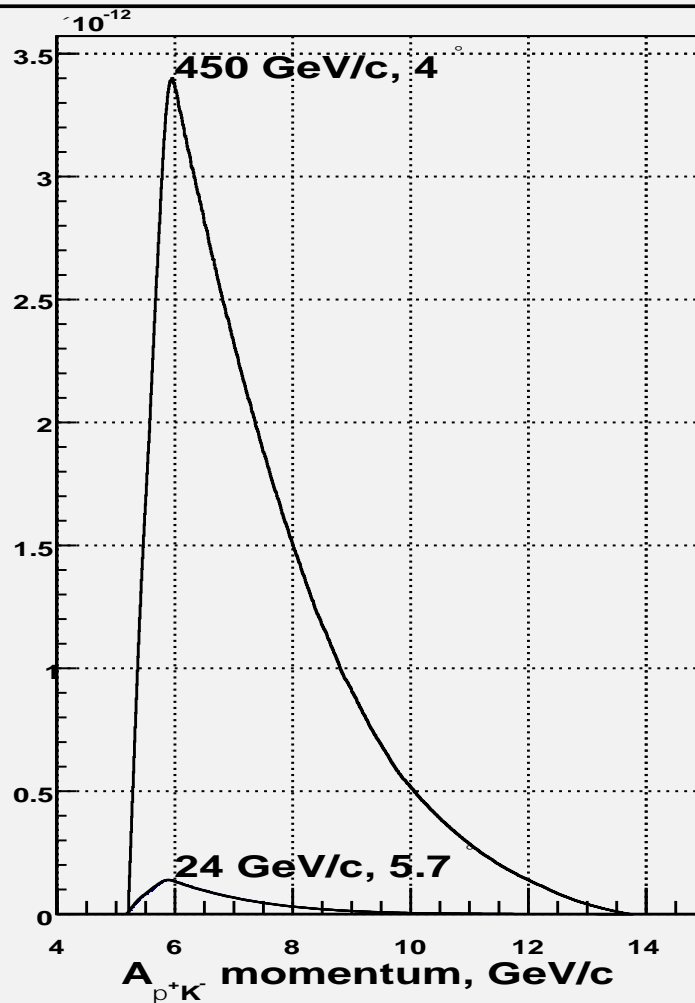


# $A_{2\pi}$ and $A_{\pi K}$ production on PS and SPS at CERN

Yield of  $A_{2p}$  per one p-Ni interaction



Yield of  $A_{p^+K^-}$  per one p-Ni interaction



# $A_{2\pi}$ and $A_{\pi K}$ production on PS and SPS at CERN

|                    | Yield ratio |
|--------------------|-------------|
| $\pi^+\pi^-$ atoms | 17          |
| $\pi^+K^-$ atoms   | 35          |
| $K^+\pi^-$ atoms   | 27          |

The ratio of  $\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $\pi^+K^-$  and  $K^+\pi^-$  atom yields at the proton momenta 450 GeV/c and angle  $4^\circ$  to the yields at the proton momenta 24 GeV/c and angle  $5.7^\circ$ .

# Conclusion

- DIRAC experiment on PS CERN measured  $\pi^+\pi^-$  atom lifetime with precision about 9%. With the existing additional statistic the lifetime will be measured with precision about 6% and  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths with accuracy about 3%.
- The existing statistics allows to measure the  $K\pi$  cross section production.
- The statistics obtained in 2011 and 2012 allows to observe the long-lived  $\pi^+\pi^-$  atoms

# Conclusion

The same setup on SPS CERN will allow:

- To measure the  $K\pi$  atom lifetime with precision better than 10% and to perform the first measurement of  $K\pi$  scattering lengths
- To measure the Lamb shift of  $\pi^+\pi^-$  atom.

**Thank you for your attention**

# $\pi K$ scattering lengths

## I. ChPT predicts s-wave scattering lengths:

$$a_0^{1/2} = 0.19 \pm 0.2 \quad a_0^{3/2} = -0.05 \pm 0.02$$

V. Bernard, N. Kaiser,  
U. Meissner. – 1991

$L^{(2)}, L^{(4)}$  and 1-loop

$$a_0^{1/2} - a_0^{3/2} = 0.23 \pm 0.01$$

A. Rossel. – 1999

J. Bijnens, P. Talaver. – April 2004

$L^{(2)}, L^{(4)}, L^{(6)}$  and 2-loop

## II. Roy-Steiner equations:

$$a_0^{1/2} - a_0^{3/2} = 0.269 \pm 0.015$$

P. Büttiker et al. – 2004



# Production, annihilation and breakup of long-lived $A_{2\pi}$

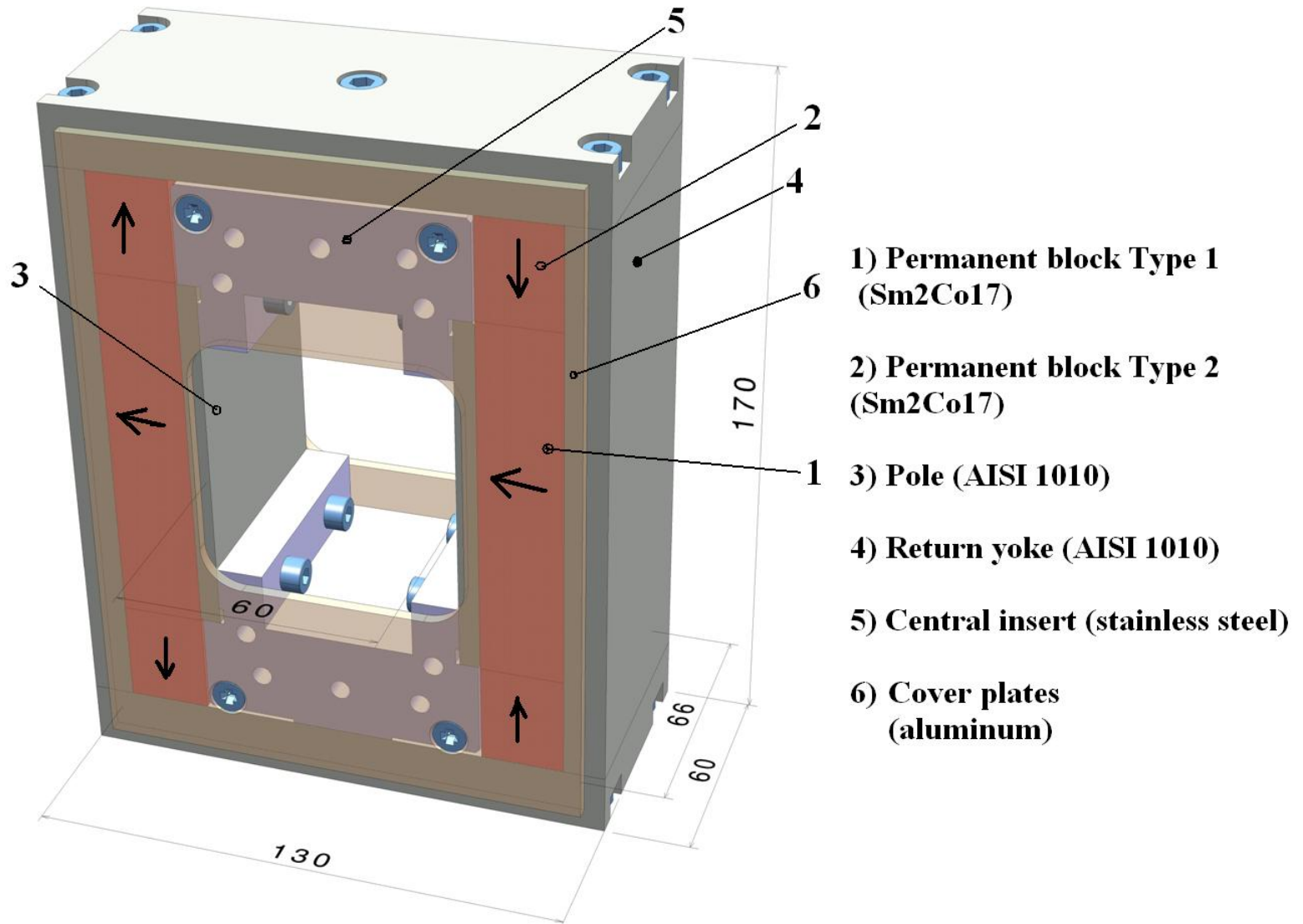
Relative populations (%) of  $A_{2\pi}$  long-lived states at the Be target exit as a function of principal quantum number  $n$  and orbital momentum  $l$

| $l \ n$ | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7 | 8 |
|---------|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|
| 1       | 417 | 148 | 48 | 18 | 7  | 3 | 1 |
| 2       | 0   | 117 | 49 | 20 | 9  | 4 | 1 |
| 3       | 0   | 0   | 45 | 21 | 10 | 4 | 2 |
| 4       | 0   | 0   | 0  | 20 | 10 | 5 | 2 |
| 5       | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 10 | 5 | 2 |
| 6       | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 4 | 2 |
| 7       | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 2 |

Breakup probability of  $A_{2\pi}$  in  $np$  states for different thicknesses of Platinum foils ( $A_{2\pi}$  momentum  $P_A = 4.5 \text{ GeV}/c$  and  $A_{2\pi}$  ground-state lifetime  $\tau = 3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}$ )

| Thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) | 2p     | 3p     | 4p     | 5p     | 6p     | 7p     |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0.1                         | 0.0251 | 0.0520 | 0.0858 | 0.1327 | 0.2035 | 0.3219 |
| 0.2                         | 0.0559 | 0.1175 | 0.1978 | 0.3001 | 0.4185 | 0.5392 |
| 0.5                         | 0.1784 | 0.3595 | 0.5537 | 0.7176 | 0.8323 | 0.9043 |
| 1.0                         | 0.4147 | 0.6895 | 0.8553 | 0.9324 | 0.9667 | 0.9828 |
| 1.5                         | 0.6084 | 0.8526 | 0.9446 | 0.9765 | 0.9889 | 0.9944 |
| 2.0                         | 0.7422 | 0.9244 | 0.9743 | 0.9895 | 0.9951 | 0.9975 |
| 3.0                         | 0.8844 | 0.9739 | 0.9918 | 0.9967 | 0.9985 | 0.9992 |

# Mechanical structure



# The lifetime of $A_{2\pi}$ in electric field

L. Nemenov, V. Ovsiannikov (P. L. 2001)

$$M = \frac{3F\hbar^2}{\mu_1} \delta_{m,0}, \quad F - \text{strength of electric field in } A_{2\pi} \text{ c.m.s.}$$

$$F = \beta\gamma B_L, \quad B_L \text{ in lab. syst.}$$

→ m must be 0

$$\xi = \frac{2M}{\Omega_1}, \quad \Omega_1(n=2) = \frac{E_{2s} - E_{2p}}{\hbar}$$

$$\xi(2s - 2p) = \xi_0 \gamma B_L \quad \xi_0 \sim \frac{1}{E_{2s} - E_{2p}} \quad \xi_n = \frac{\xi_0}{8} n^3 \gamma B_L$$

$$\tau_n^{\text{eff}} = \frac{\tau_n}{1 + 120\xi_n^2}$$

**CONCLUSION:** the lifetimes for long-lived states can be calculated using only one parameter →  $E_{2s} - E_{2p}$ .

The probability  $W(m=0)$  of  $A_{2\pi}$  to have  $m=0$  on  $\vec{F}$  will be calculated by L. Afanasev. The preliminary value is  $W(m=0) \approx 50\%$ .

# Period $L$ of resonators for $\gamma=16$

|                              |           |            |            |            |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| • <b>Transition</b>          | 2S-2P     | 3S-3P      | 4S-4P      | 5S-5P      |
| • <b><math>L, \mu</math></b> | <i>40</i> | <i>125</i> | <i>320</i> | <i>525</i> |