

# Magnetic Calorimeters for Neutrino Physics

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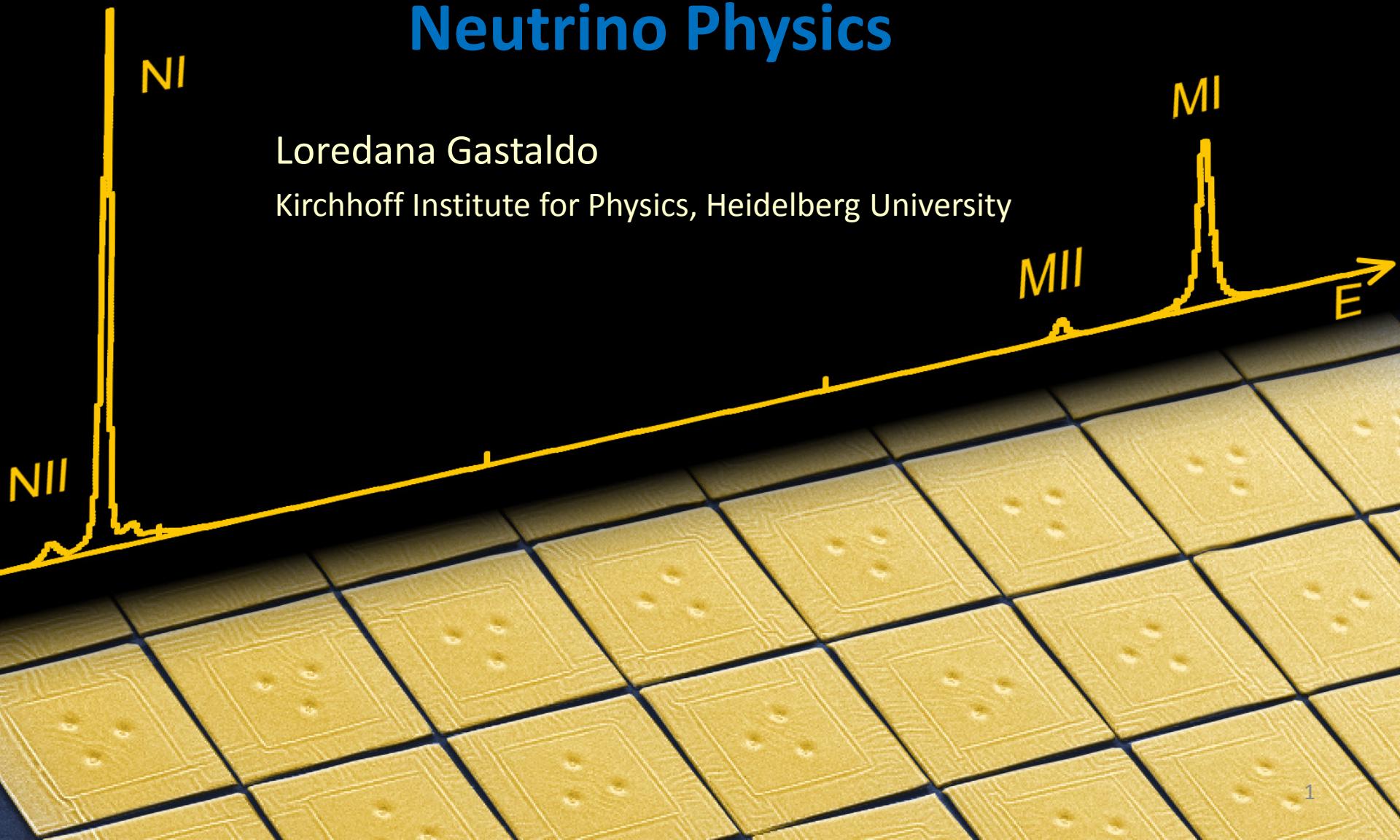
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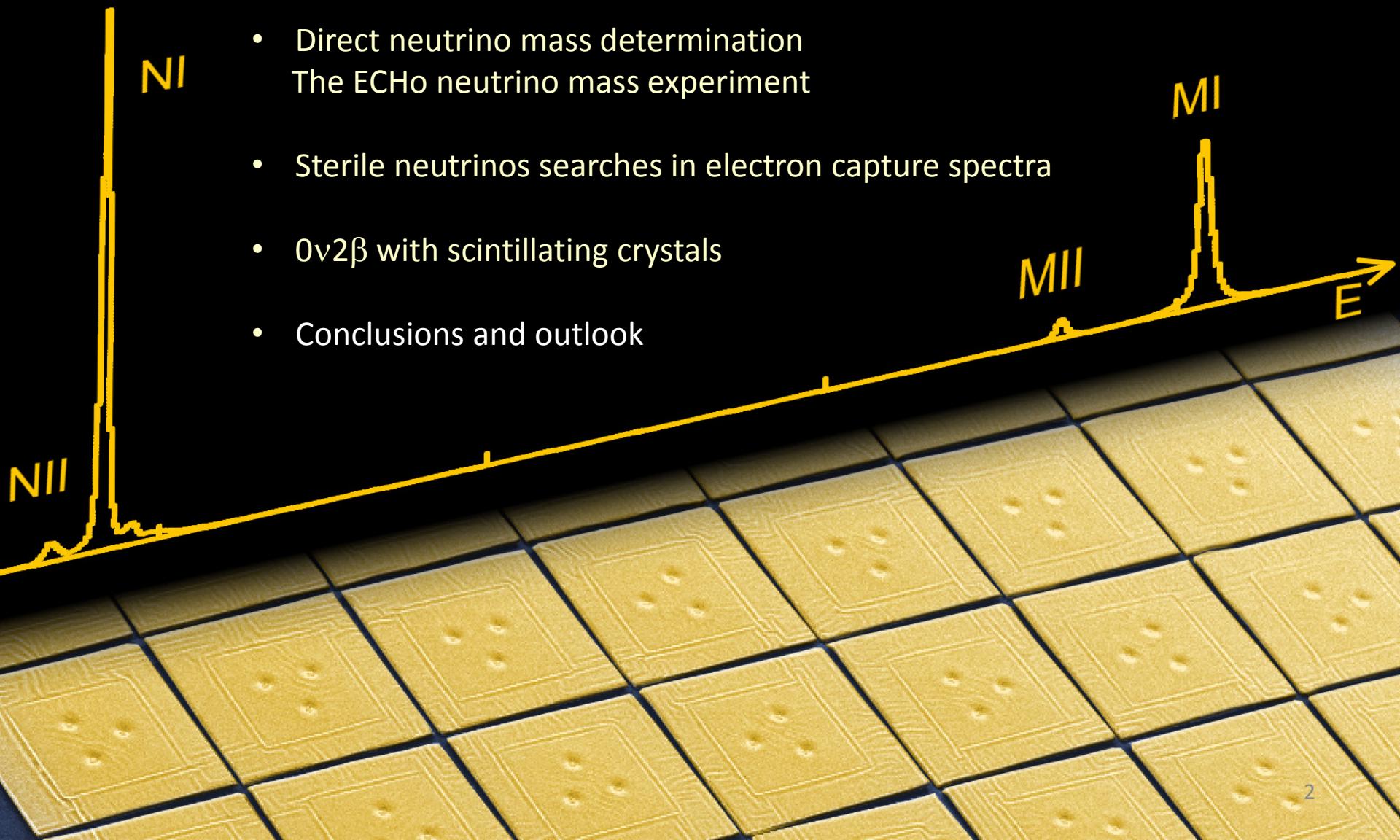
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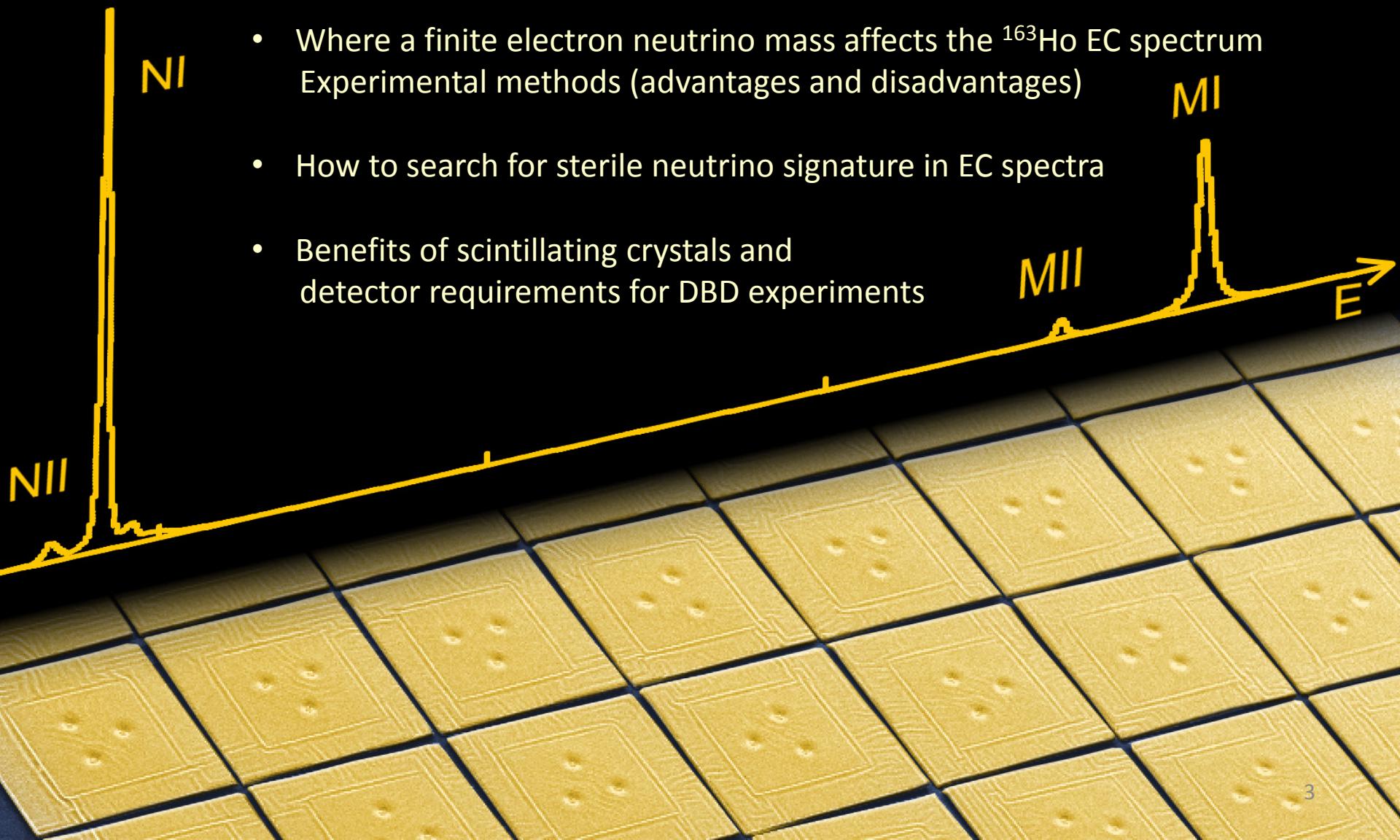
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- Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters
- Direct neutrino mass determination
  - The ECHo neutrino mass experiment
- Sterile neutrinos searches in electron capture spectra
- $0\nu 2\beta$  with scintillating crystals
- Conclusions and outlook



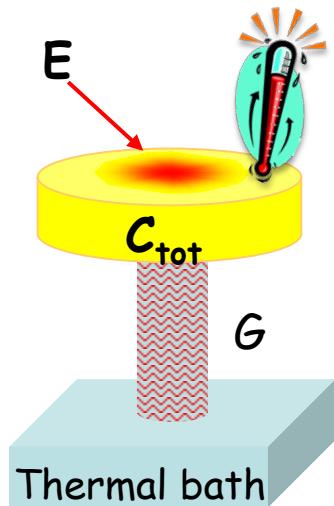
# Take-home messages

- Working principle of MMCs and their performance
- Where a finite electron neutrino mass affects the  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  EC spectrum  
Experimental methods (advantages and disadvantages)
- How to search for sterile neutrino signature in EC spectra
- Benefits of scintillating crystals and detector requirements for DBD experiments

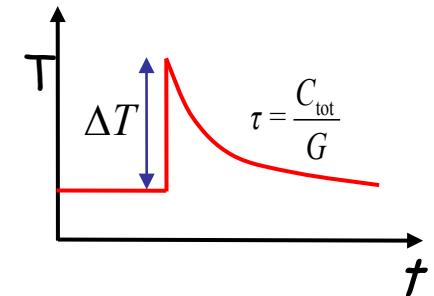


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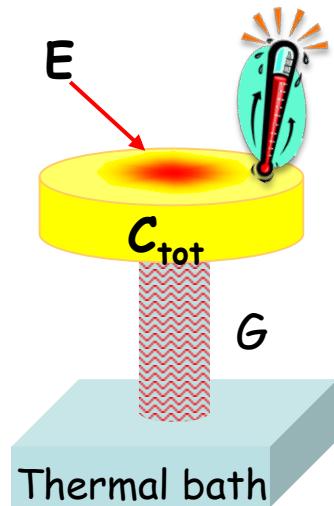
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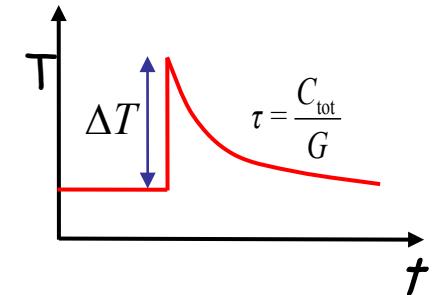
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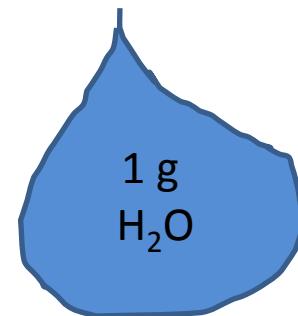
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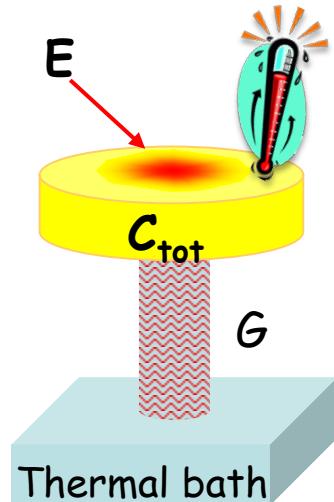
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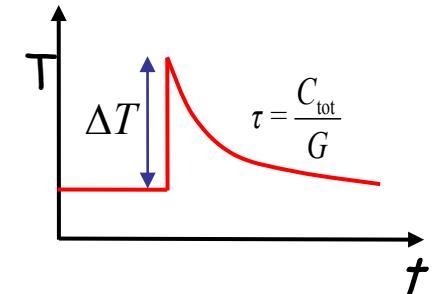
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E = 10 \text{ keV} \\ C_{\text{tot}} = 4.18 \text{ J/K} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \sim 3.8 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ K}$$



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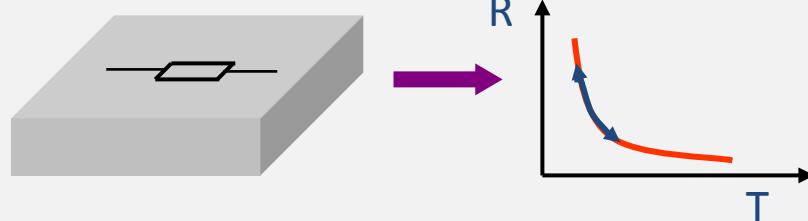


$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E = 10 \text{ keV} \\ C_{\text{tot}} = 1 \text{ pJ/K} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \sim 1 \text{ mK}$$

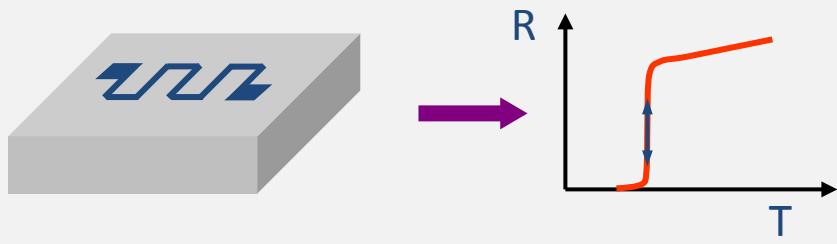
- Very small volume
- Working temperature below 100 mK  
small specific heat  
small thermal noise
- Very sensitive temperature sensor

# Temperature sensors

Resistance of highly doped semiconductors,  
NTD-Ge



Resistance at superconducting transition, TES

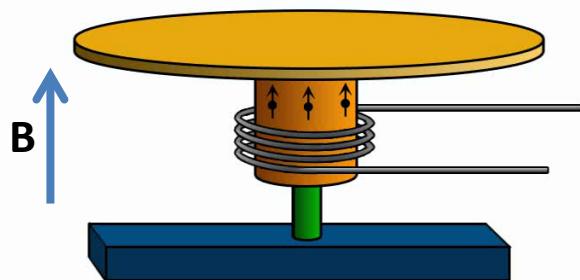


Magnetization of paramagnetic material, MMC

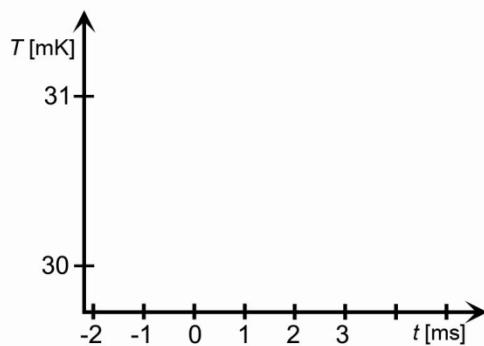


# Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters - MMC

Paramagnetic sensor: Au:Er  
Ag:Er

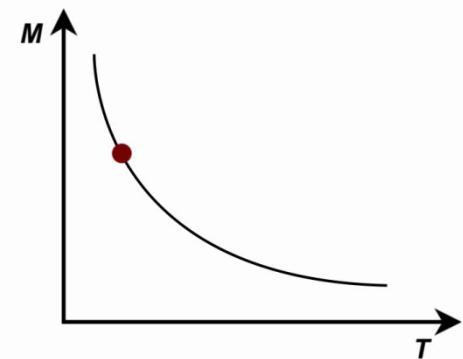


Sensor temperature



Pulse: 6 keV photon in  
 $C_{abs} \sim 1 \text{ pJ/K}$

Sensor magnetization



$$\delta M = \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \delta T = \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \frac{E_\gamma}{C_{tot}}$$

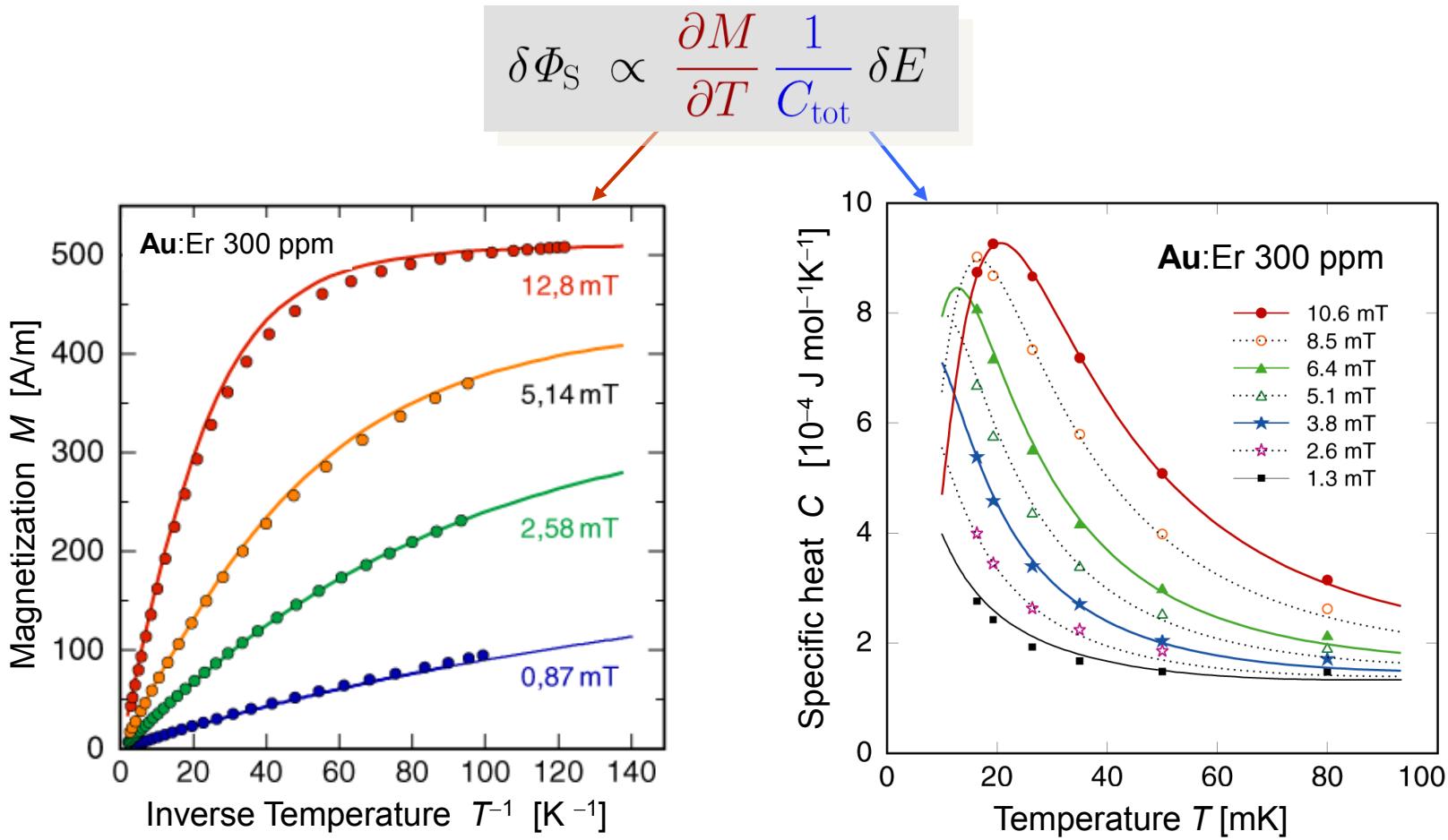
main differences to calorimeters with resistive thermometers

no dissipation in the sensor

no galvanic contact to the sensor

# MMC: signal size

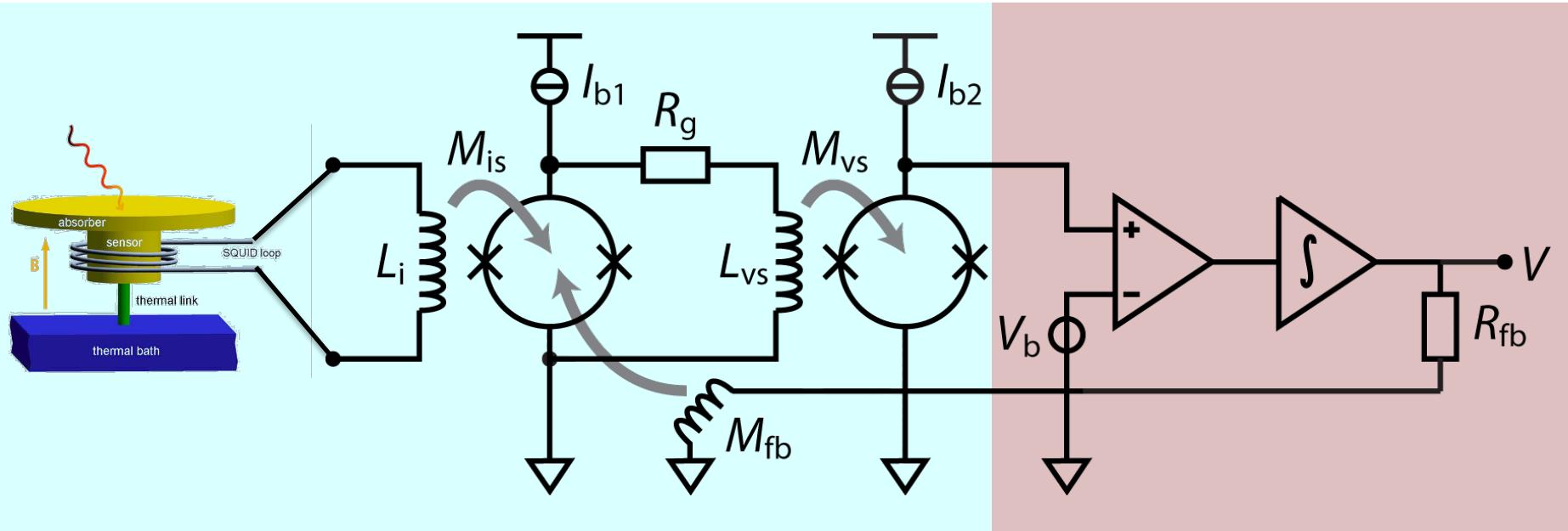
Numerical calculations based on mean field approximation are used to describe thermodynamical properties of interacting spins (RKKY)



# MMCs: Readout

T ~ 30 mK

T ~ 300 mK

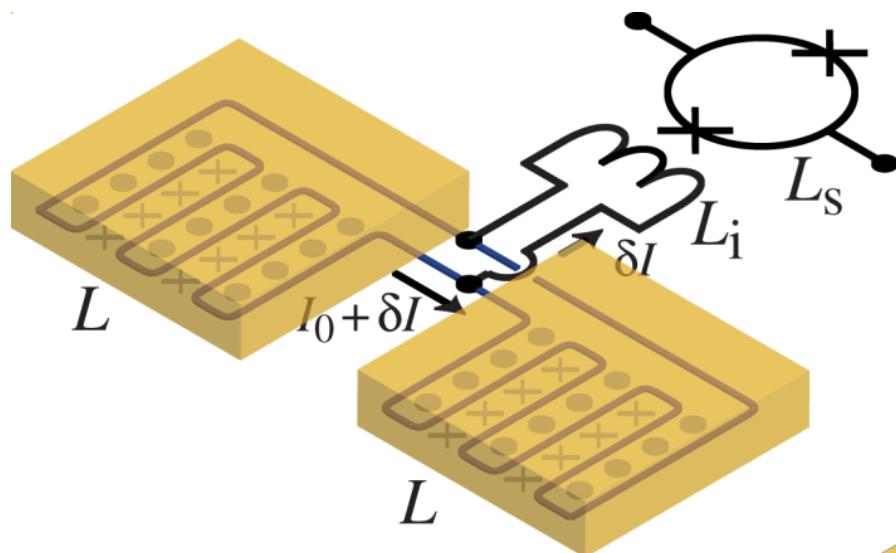


Two-stage SQUID setup with flux locked loop allows for:

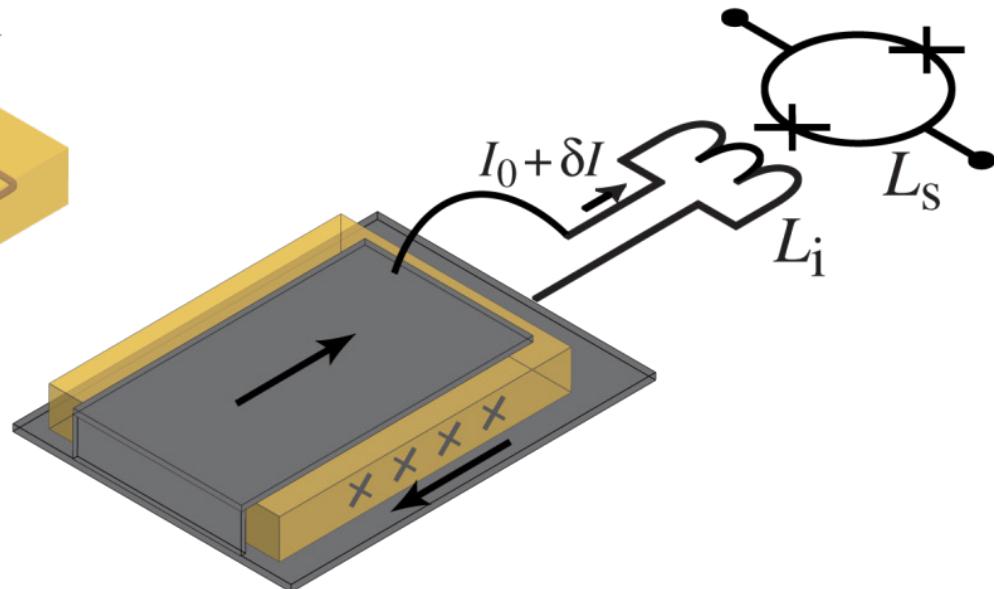
- low noise
- large bandwidth / slewrate
- small power dissipation on detector SQUID chip (voltage bias)

# MMCs: Planar Geometries

- Planar temperature sensor
- B-field generated by persistent current
- transformer coupled to SQUID

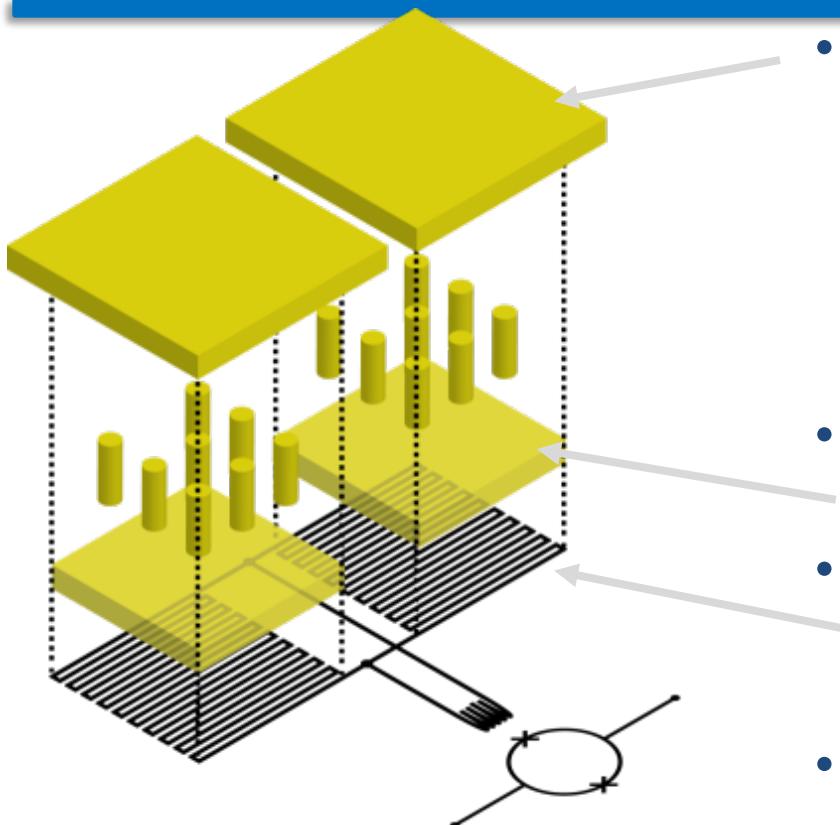


Sandwich design:  
Filling factor  $\sim 1$



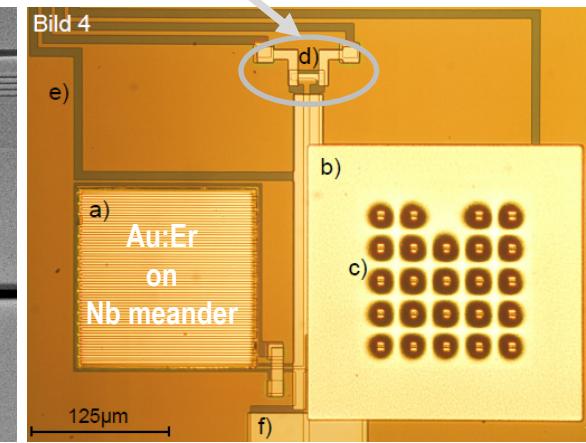
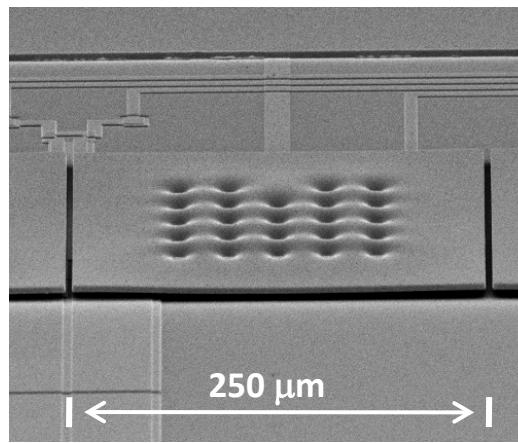
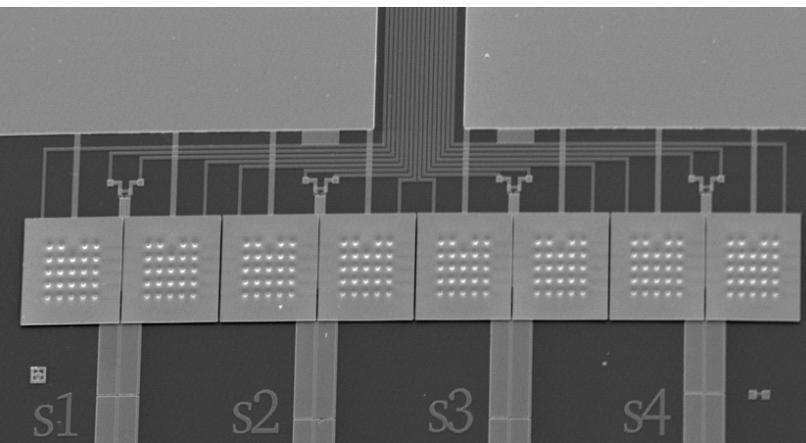
Meander-shaped pick-up coil:  
Filling factor  $\sim 0.5$

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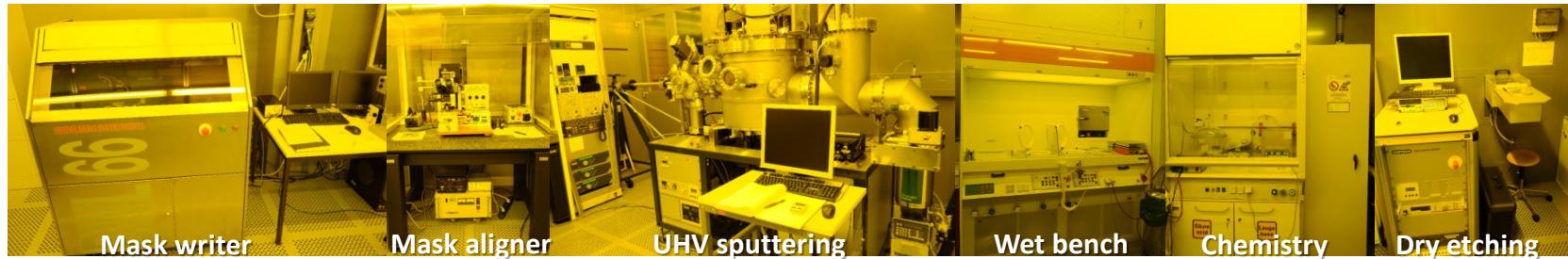
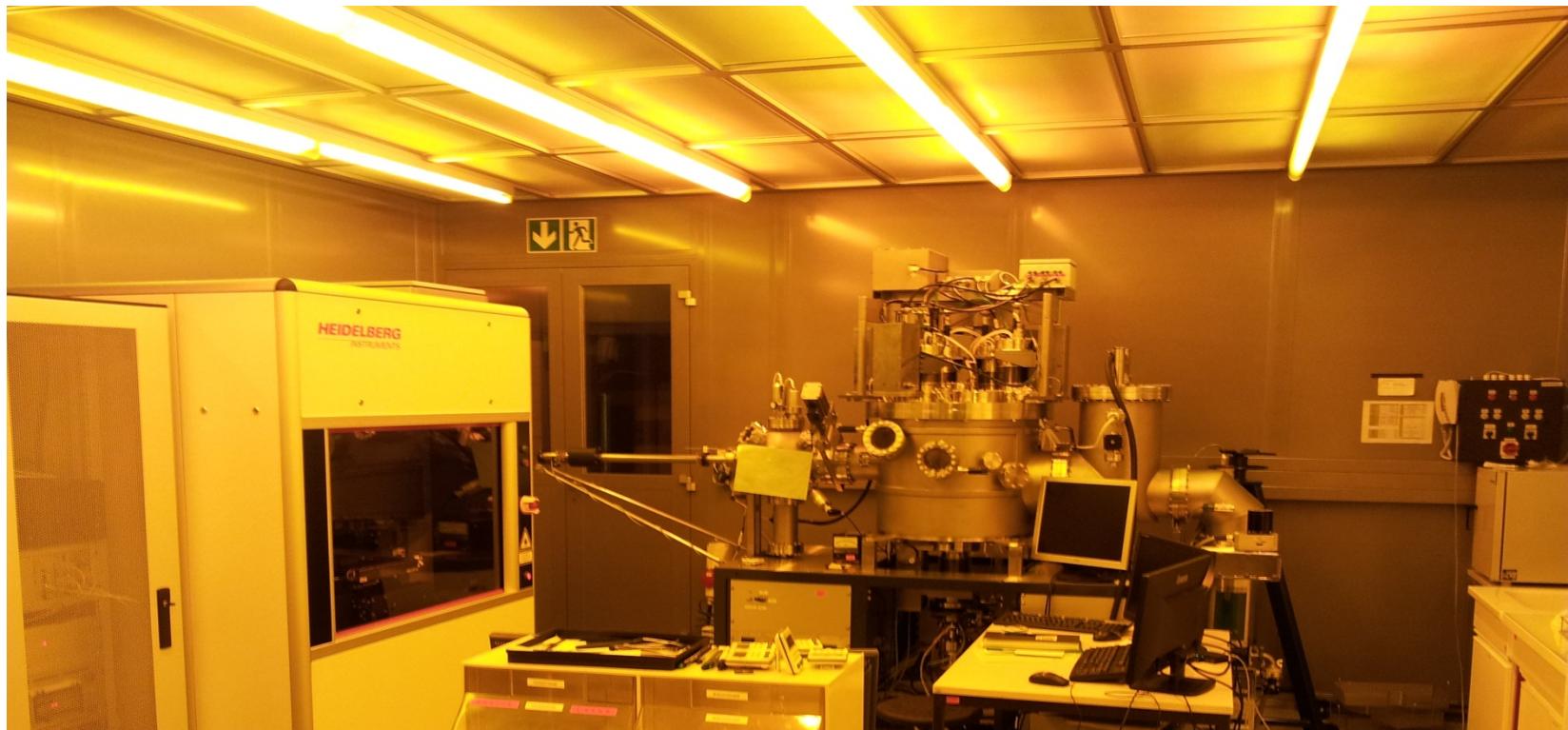


- **1x8 x-ray absorbers**
  - 250µm x 250µm gold, 5µm thick
  - 98% Qu.-Eff. @ 6 keV
  - electroplated into photoresist mold (RRR>15)
  - mech/therm contact to sensor by stems to prevent loss of initially hot phonons

- **Au:<sup>168</sup>Er<sub>300ppm</sub> temperature sensors**
  - co-sputtered from pure Au and high conc. AuEr target
- **Meander shaped pickup coils**
  - 2.5 µm wide Nb lines
  - $I_c \approx 100\text{mA}$
- **On-chip persistent current switch (AuPd)**



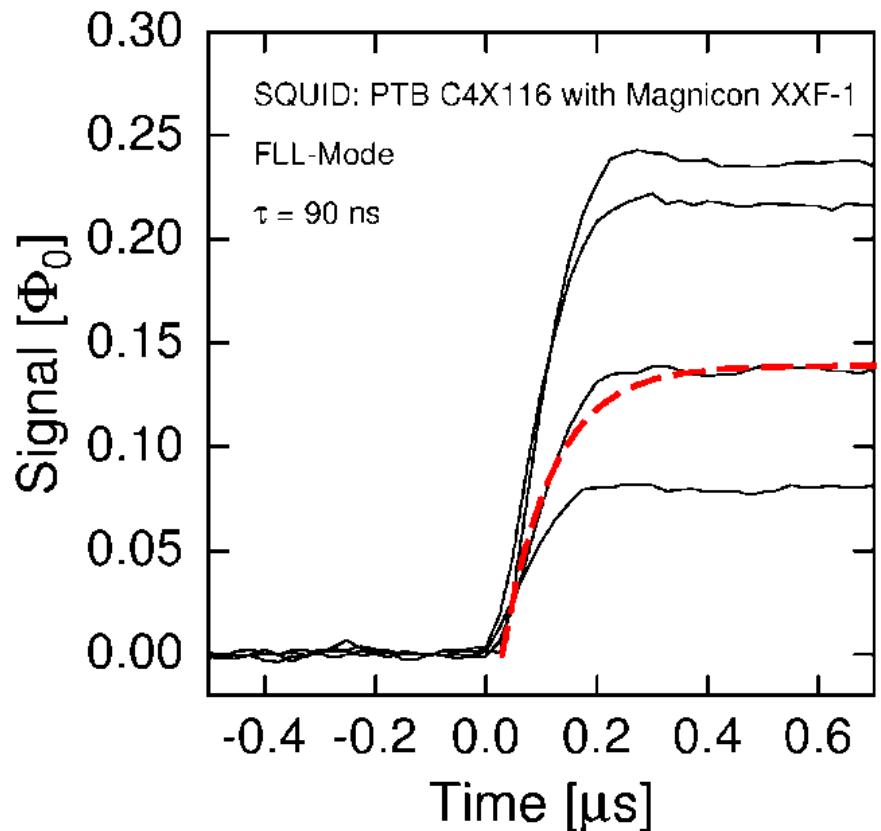
# MMCs: Microfabrication



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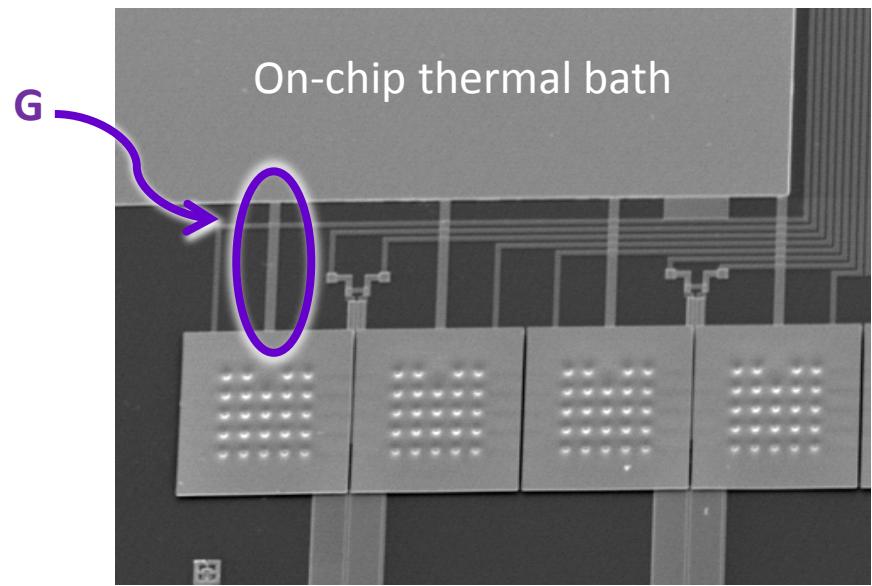
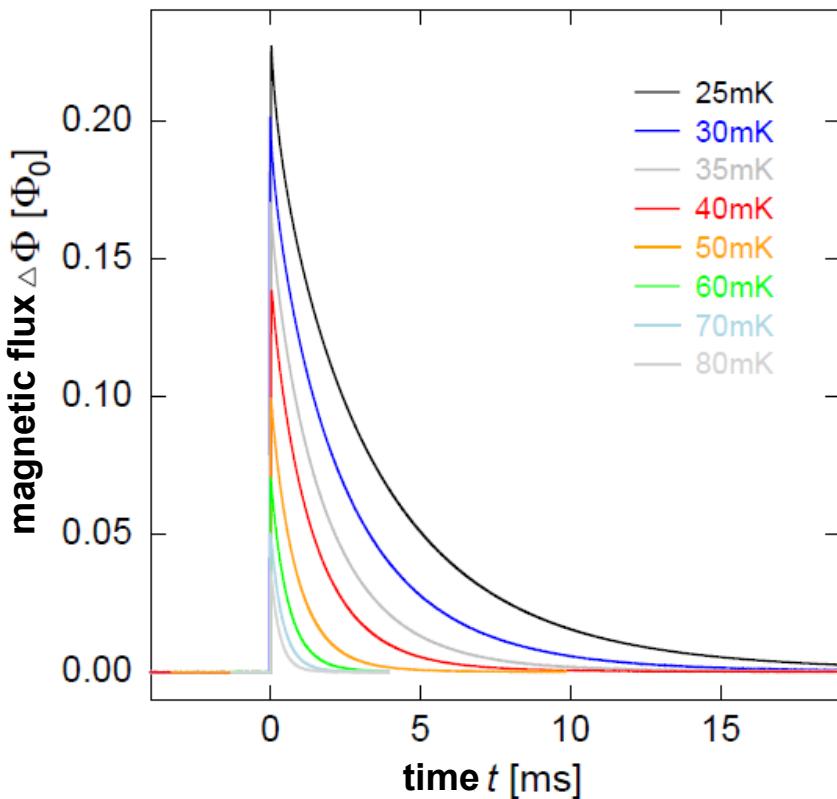
- rise time: 90 ns @ 30 mK,  
as expected for the **spin-electron-relaxation**  
from Korringa-constant of Er in Au

Fastest rise-time among  
 $\mu$ -cal for x-ray detection



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- decay time here: 3 ms @ 30 mK
- nearly single exponential decay

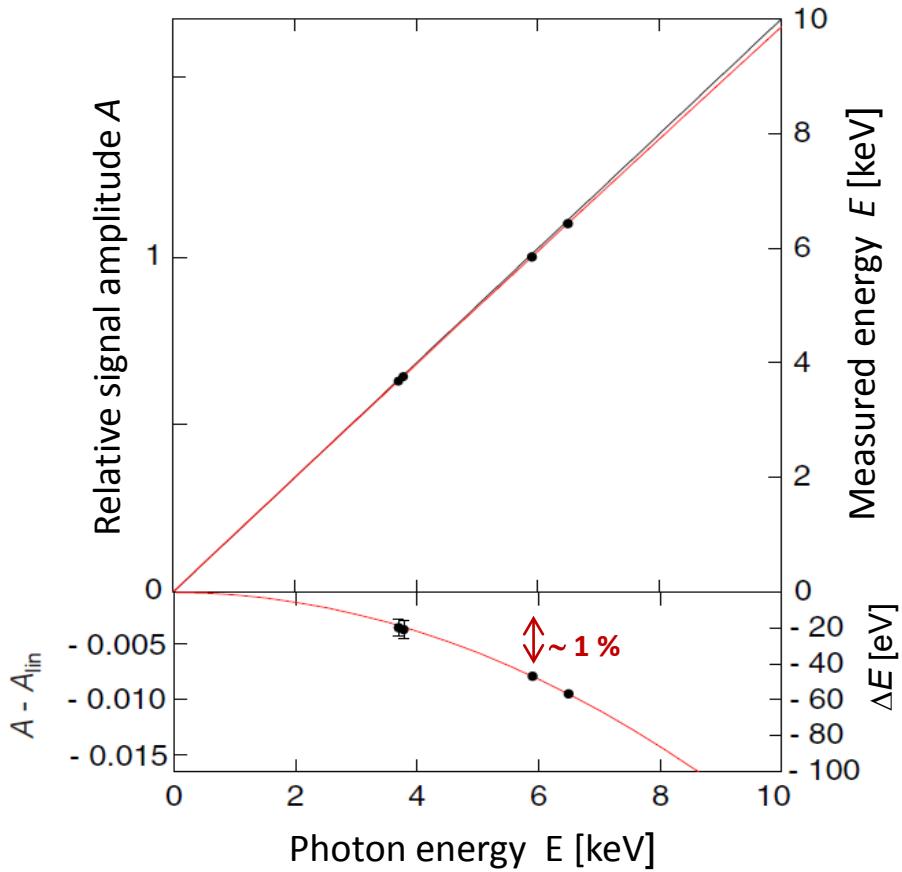


adjusted by sputtered  
thermal link (Au)

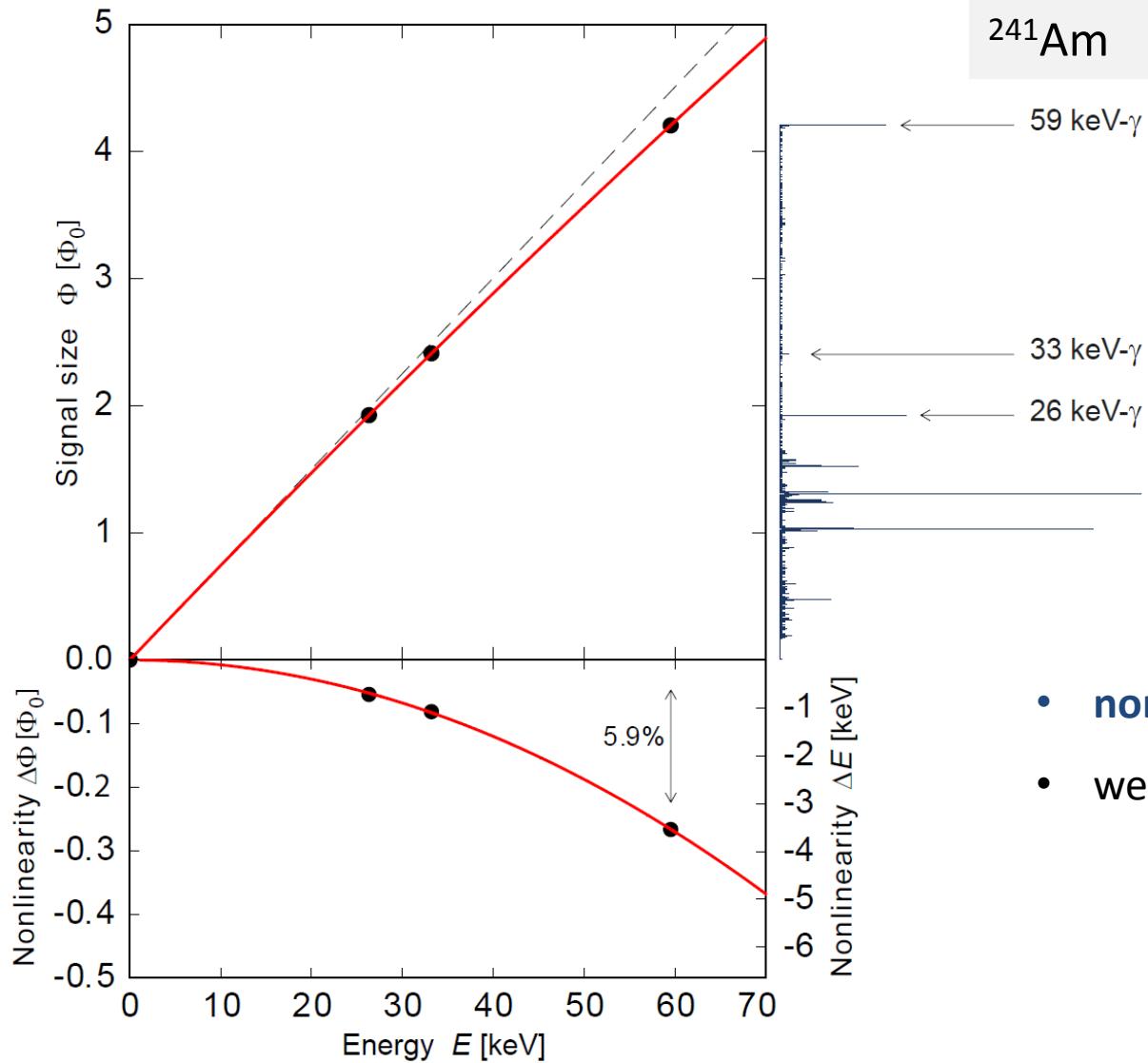
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- non-linearity: 1% at 6 keV
- well described by quadratic term

The energy scale is defined  
with high precision



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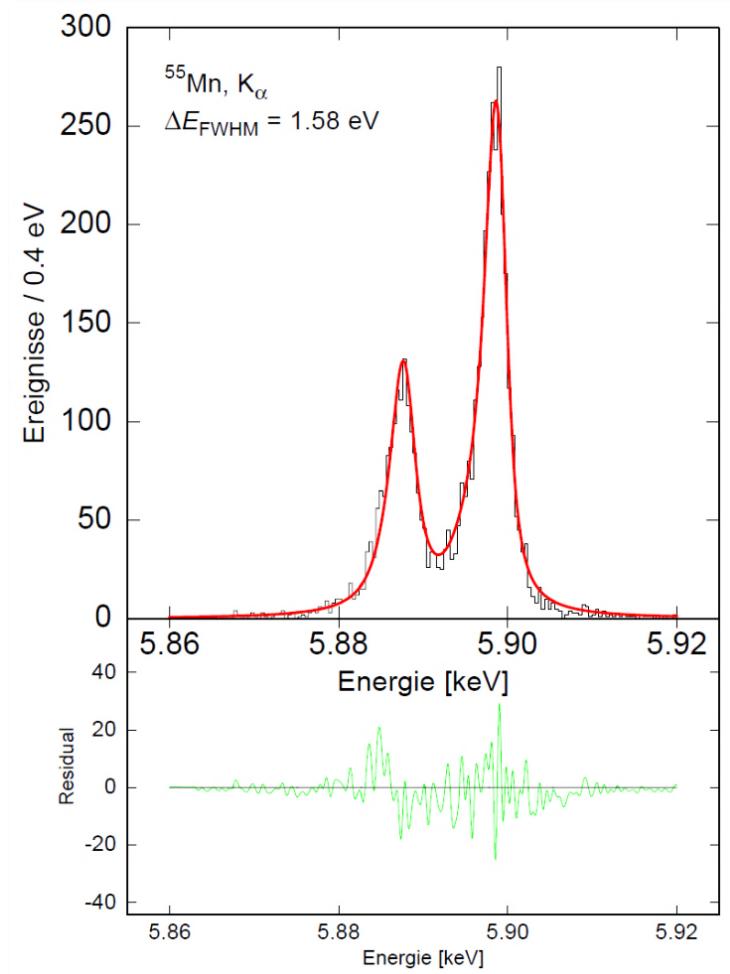


- **non-linearity: 6% at 60 keV**
- well described by quadratic term

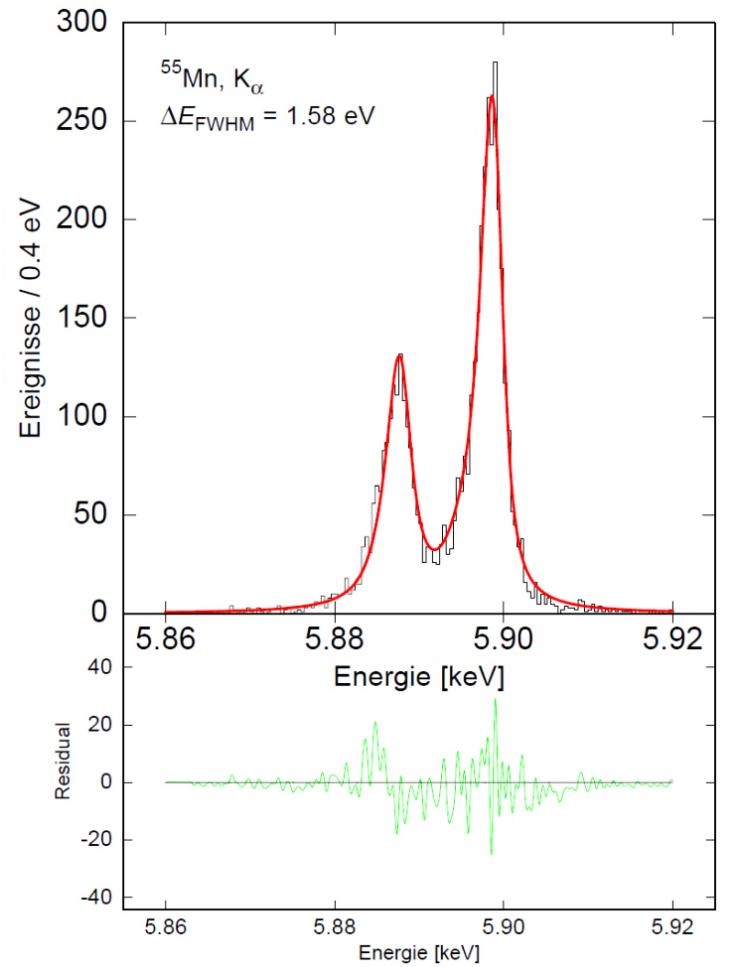
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- Very good energy resolution

$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 1.6 \text{ eV} @ 6 \text{ keV}$

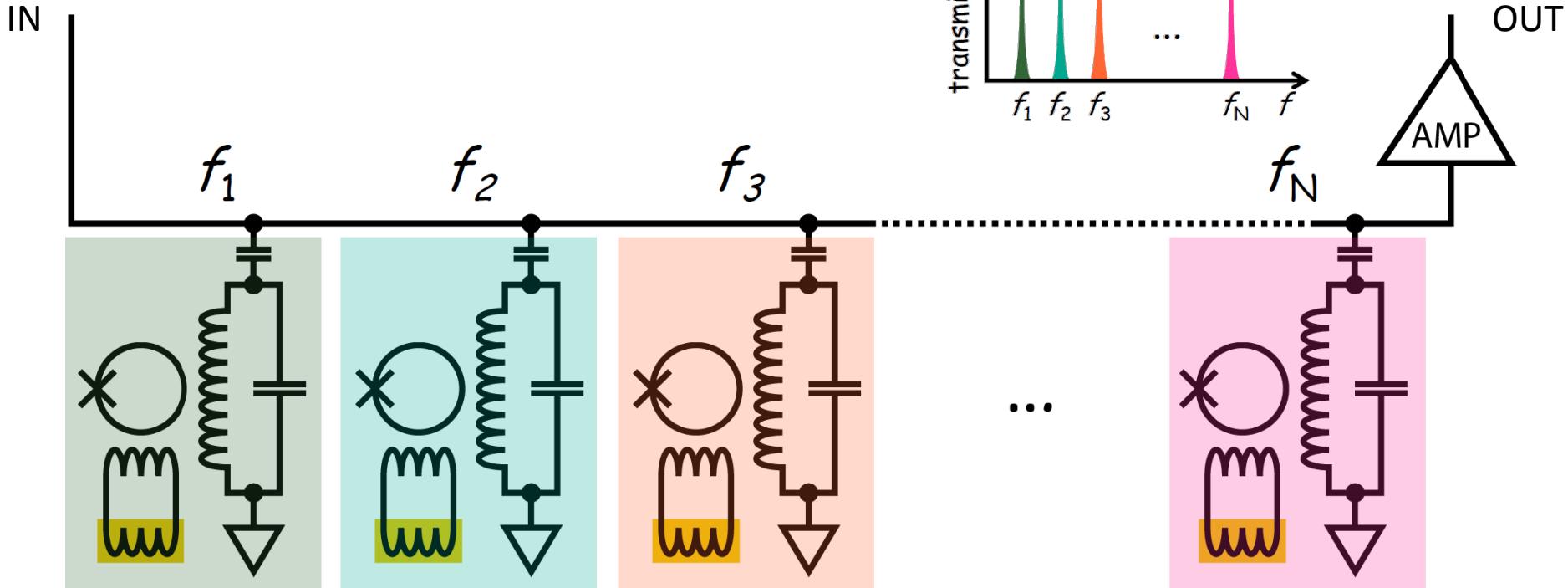


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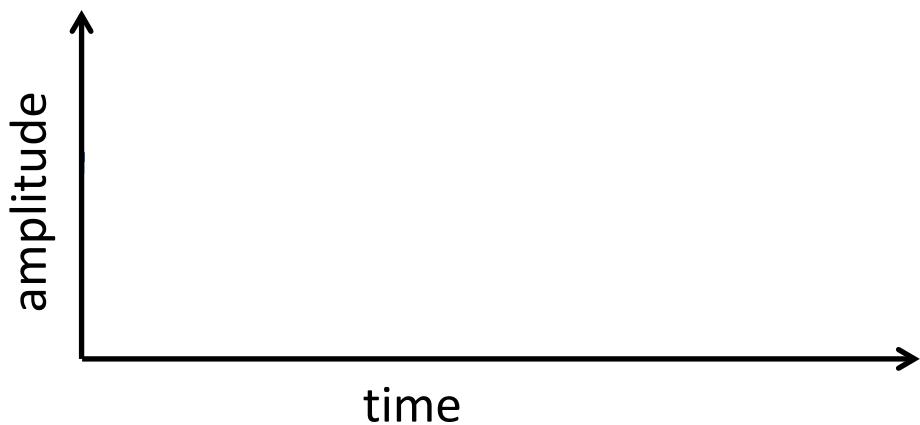
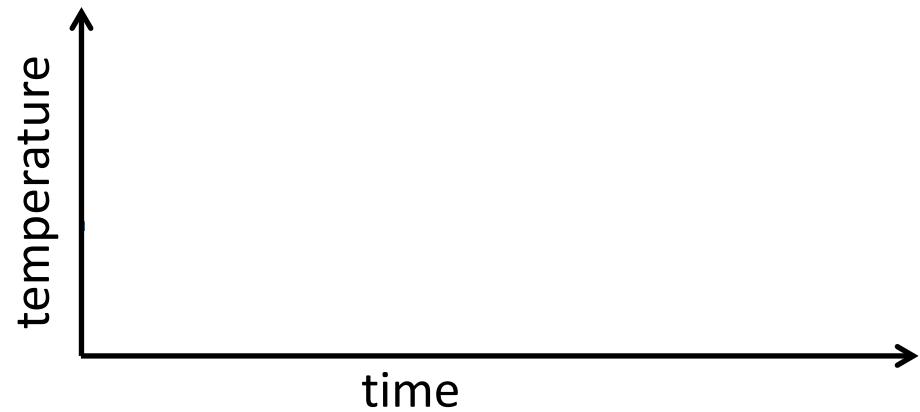
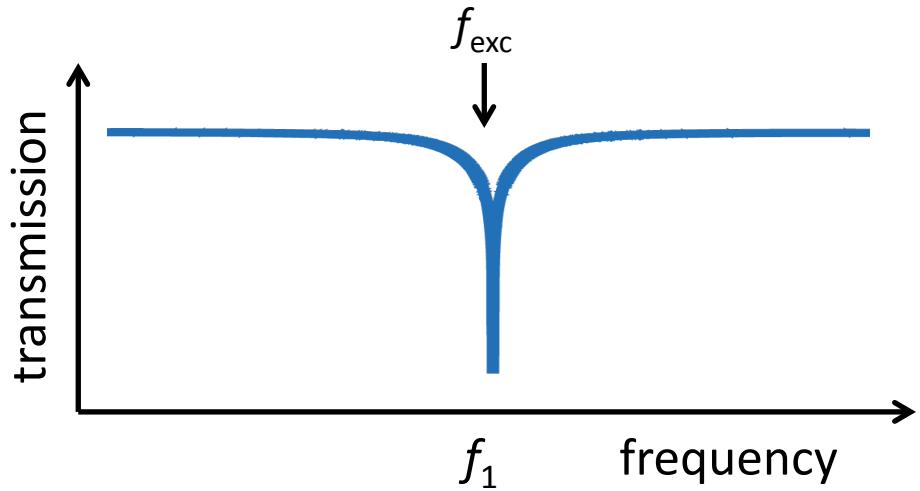
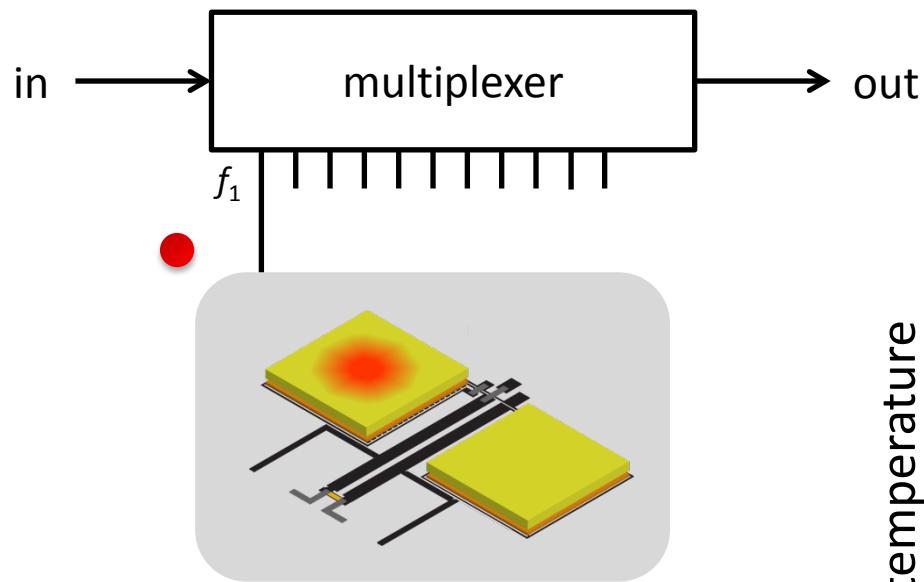


# MMCs: Microwave SQUID multiplexing

Single HEMT amplifier and 2 coaxes  
to read out 100 - 1000 detectors



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# Massive neutrinos

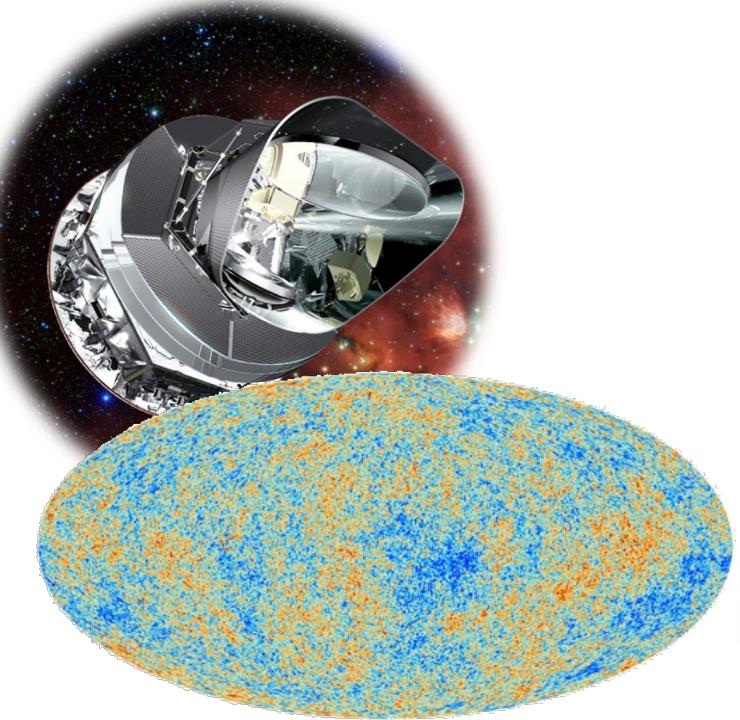


# Neutrino mass determination

## Cosmology

$$M_\nu = \sum m_i$$

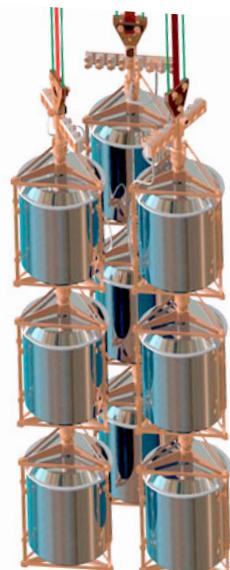
- Model dependent
- Need of satellites
- Present limit 0.12 – 1 eV
- **Next future 15-50 meV**



## Neutrinoless Double beta decay

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i \right|$$

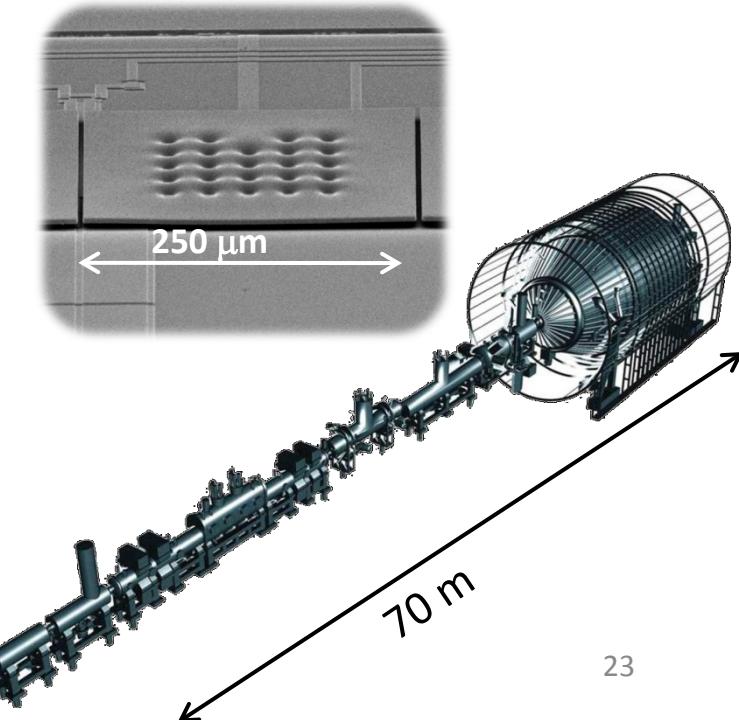
- Model dependent
- Laboratory experiments
- Present limit 0.1 – 0.4 eV
- **Next future 15-50 meV**



## Kinematics of $\beta$ -decay and electron capture

$$m^2(\nu_e) = \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2$$

- Model independent
- Laboratory experiments
- Present limit 2 eV
- **Next future 200 meV**



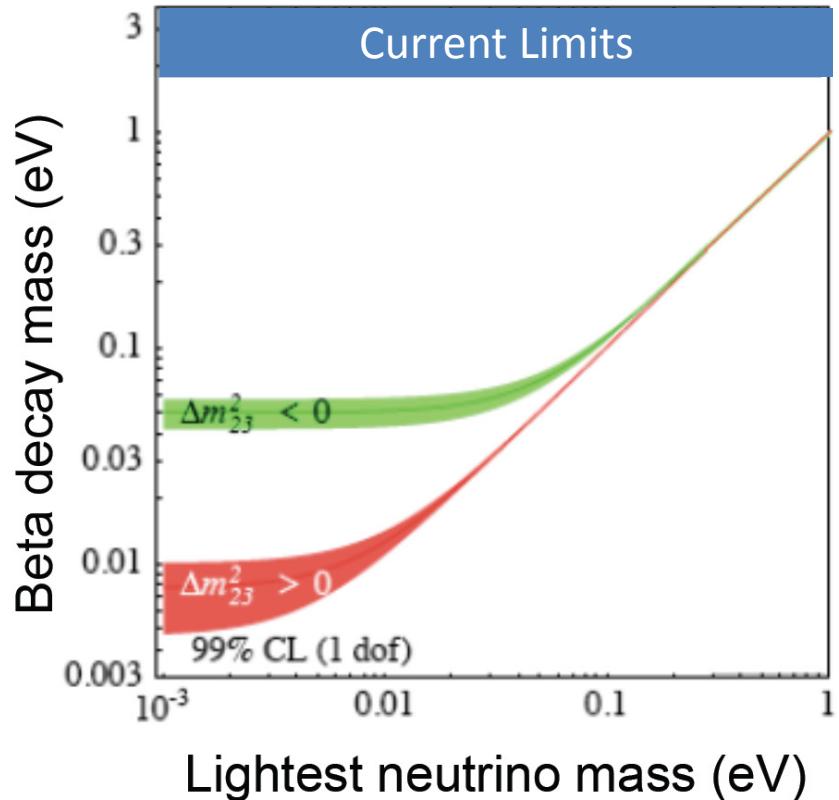
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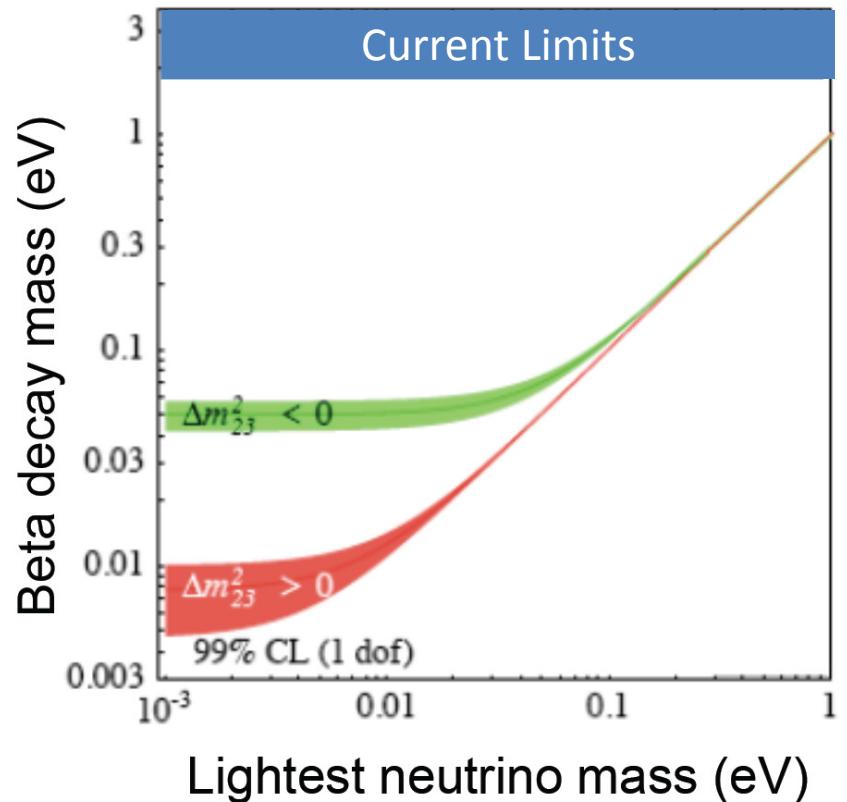
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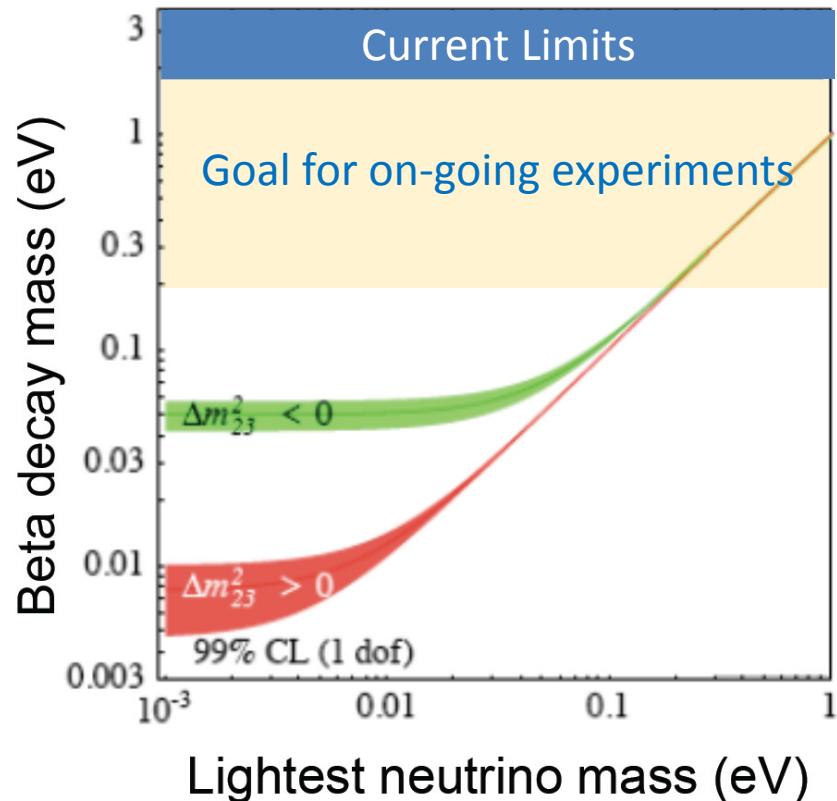
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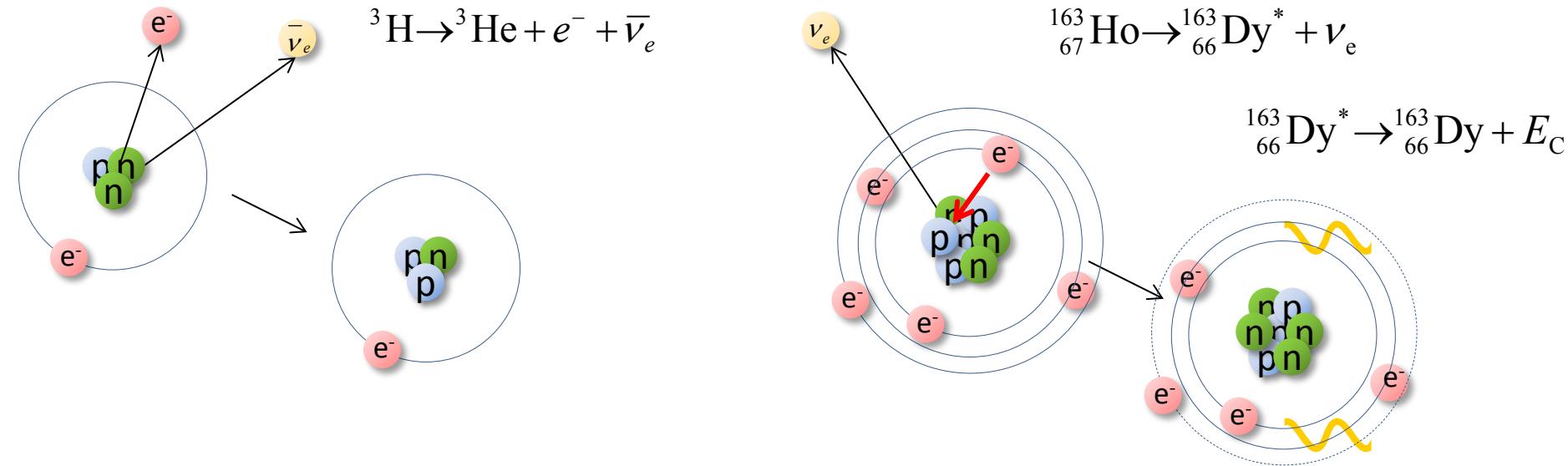
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# Beta decay and electron capture



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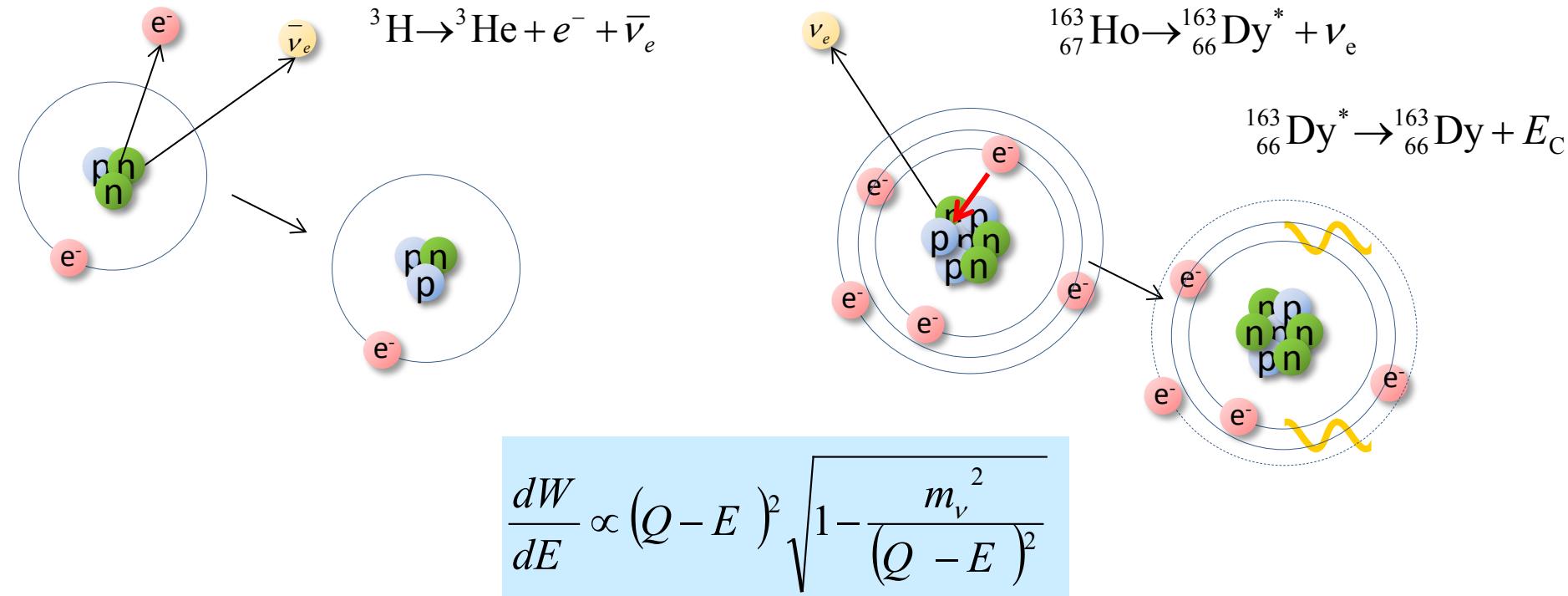
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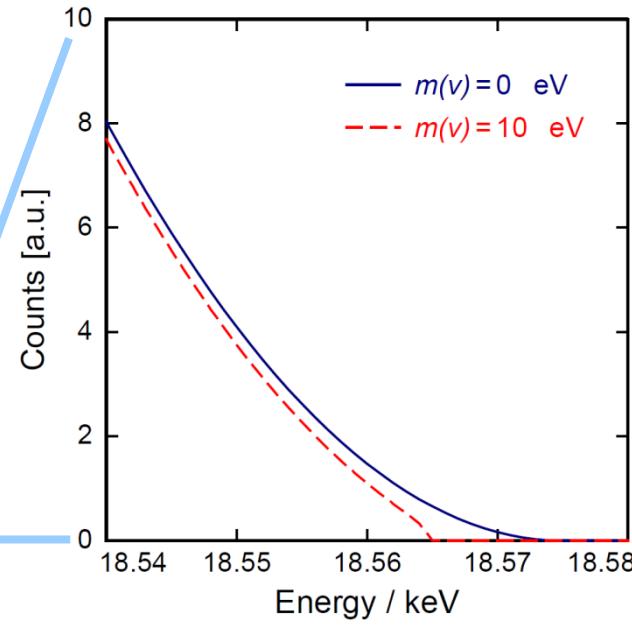
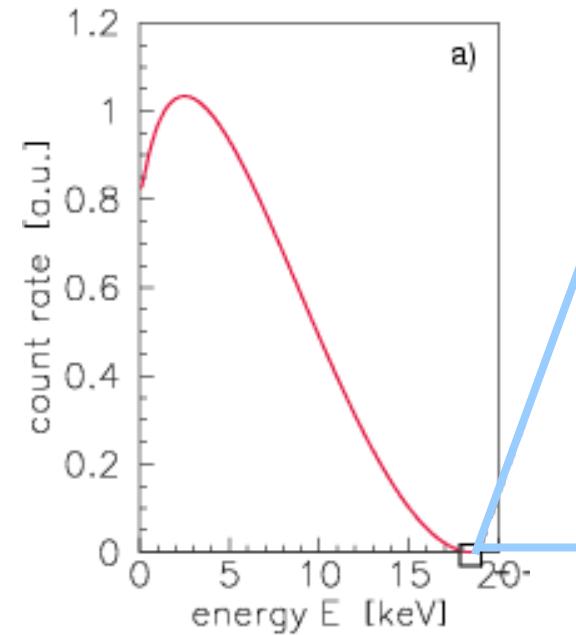
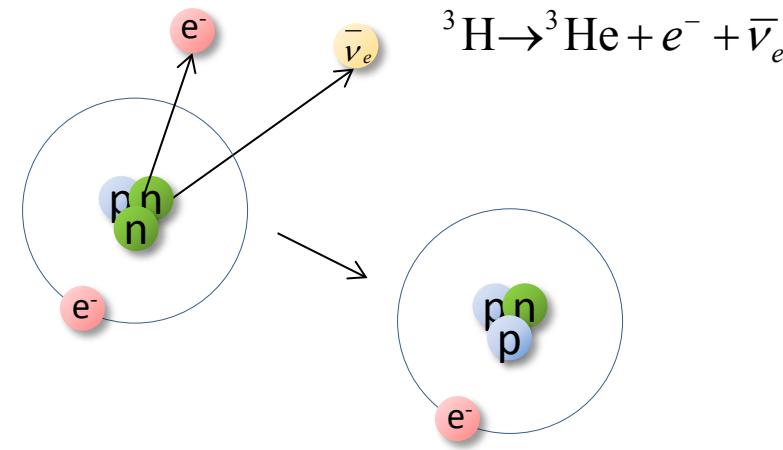
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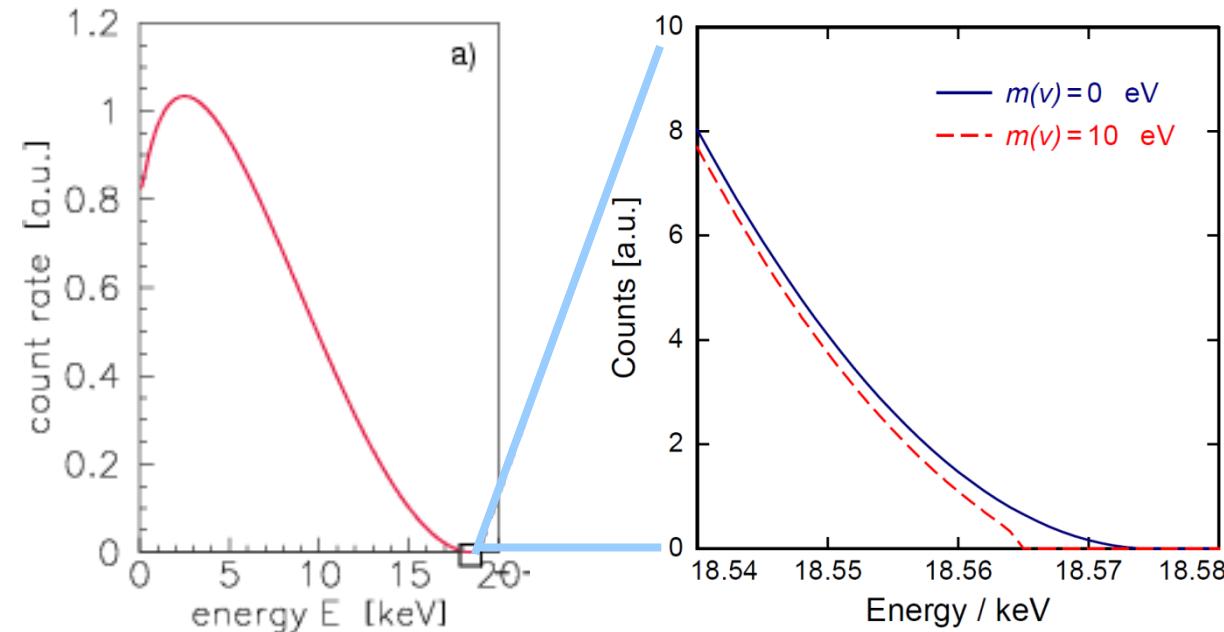
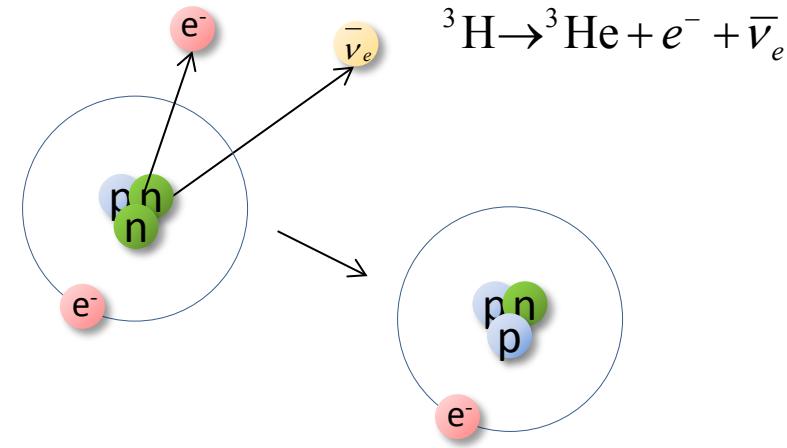
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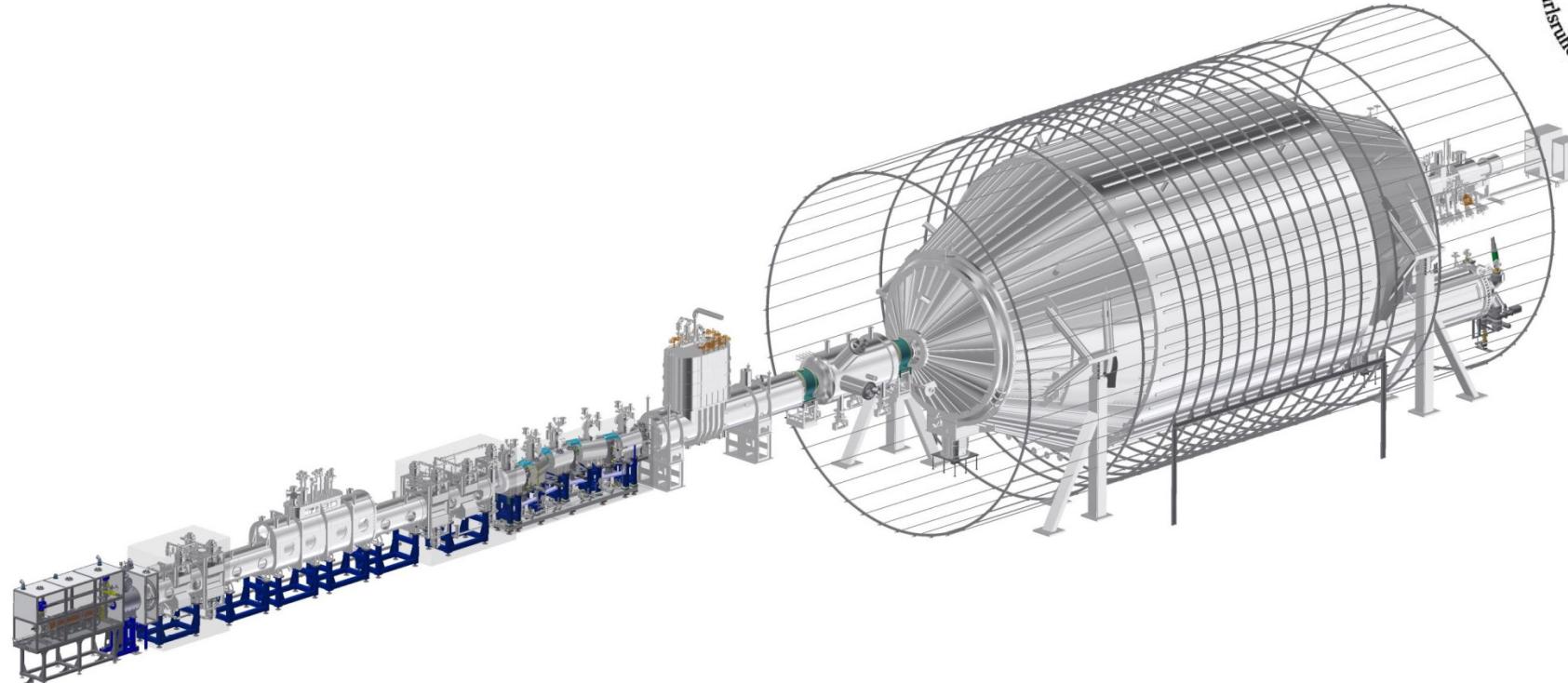


Only a small fraction of events  
in the last eV below the endpoint:  
 $2 * 10^{-13}$

**Very low background** is required

# The KATRIN experiment

❖ KATRIN - Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment

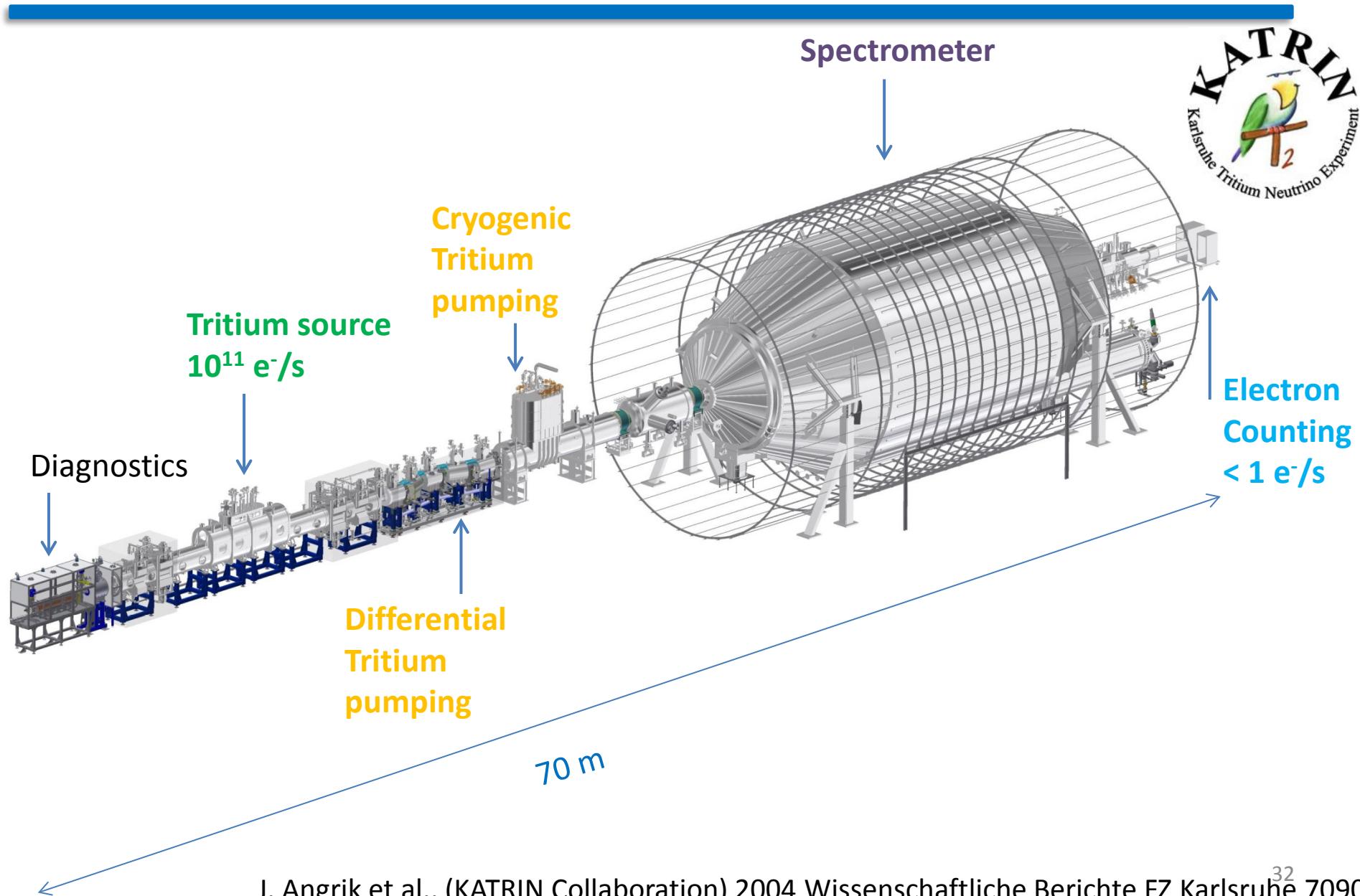


Main ideas:

- high activity source  $10^{11}$  e<sup>-</sup>/s
- high resolution MAC-E\* filter to select electrons close to the end point
- count electrons as function of retarding potential  
→ integral spectrum

\*MAC-E: Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation with Electrostatic Filter

# The KATRIN experiment



# The KATRIN experiment: present status

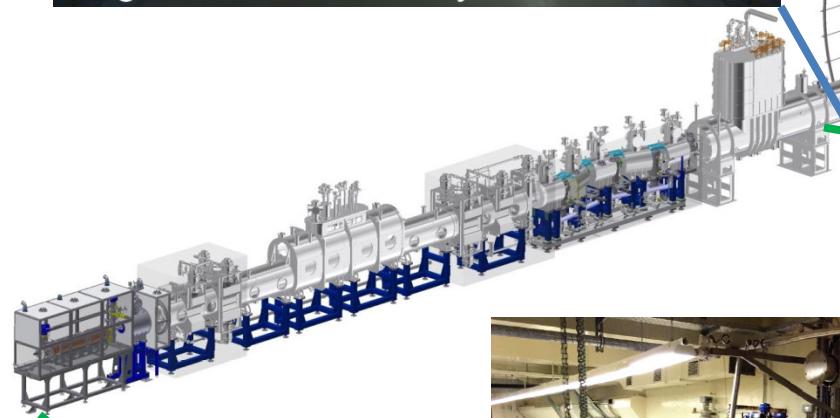
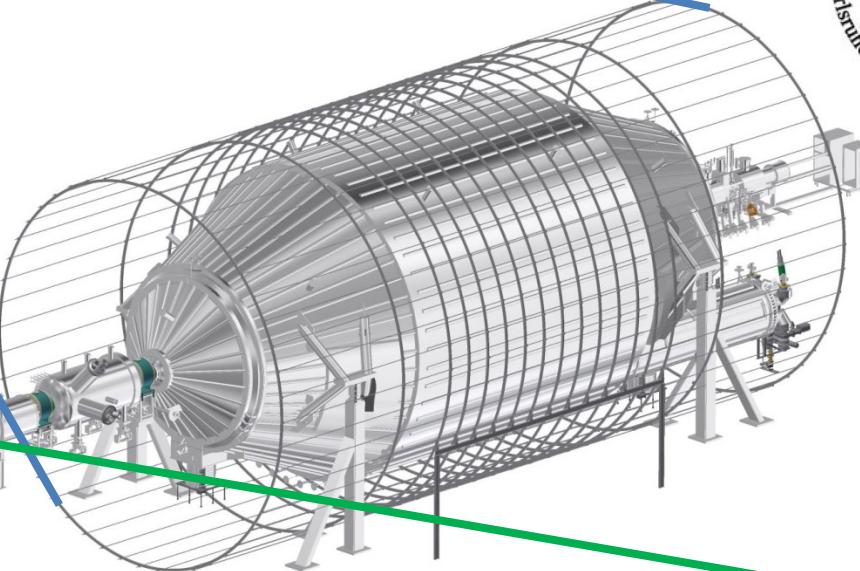


Photo K. Valerius

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Large Helm



Photo Patrick Langer



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# $^3\text{H}$ based experiments



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## ❖ Project8

Main ideas:

- Source = detector:  $10^{11} - 10^{13} \text{ }^3\text{H}_2$  molecules /cm<sup>3</sup>
- Use cyclotron frequency to extract electron energy
- Differential spectrum



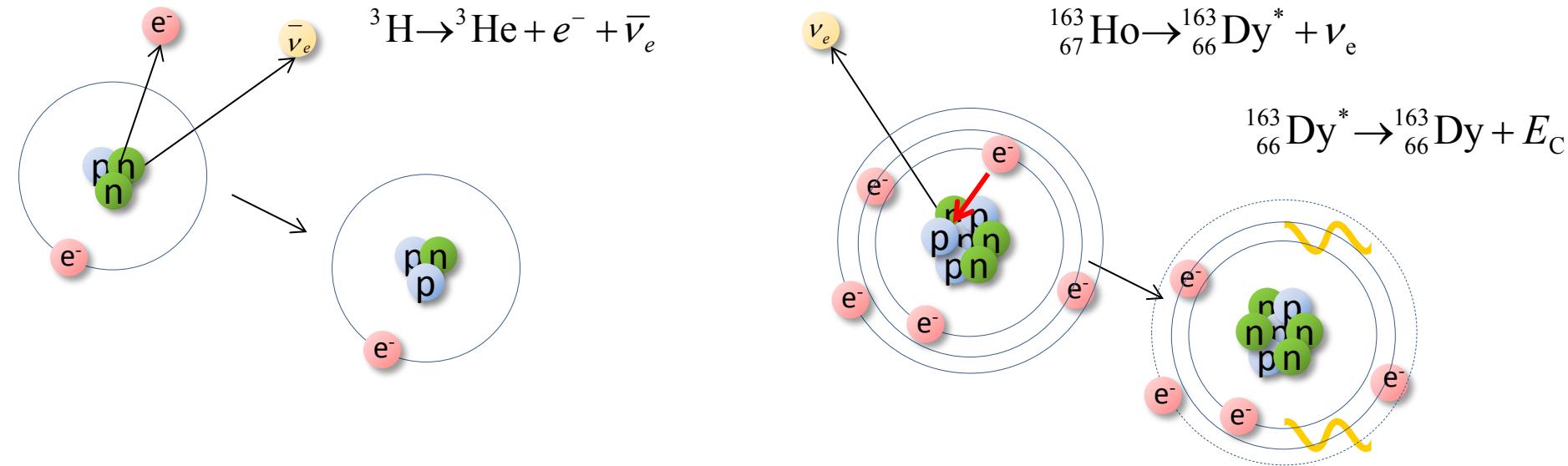
## ❖ PTOLEMY - Princeton Tritium Observatory for Light, Early-Universe, Massive-Neutrino Yield

Main ideas:

- large area tritium source: 100 g atomic  $^3\text{H}$
- MAC-E Iter to select electrons close to the end point
- RF tracking and time-of-flight systems
- cryogenic calorimetry → differential spectrum



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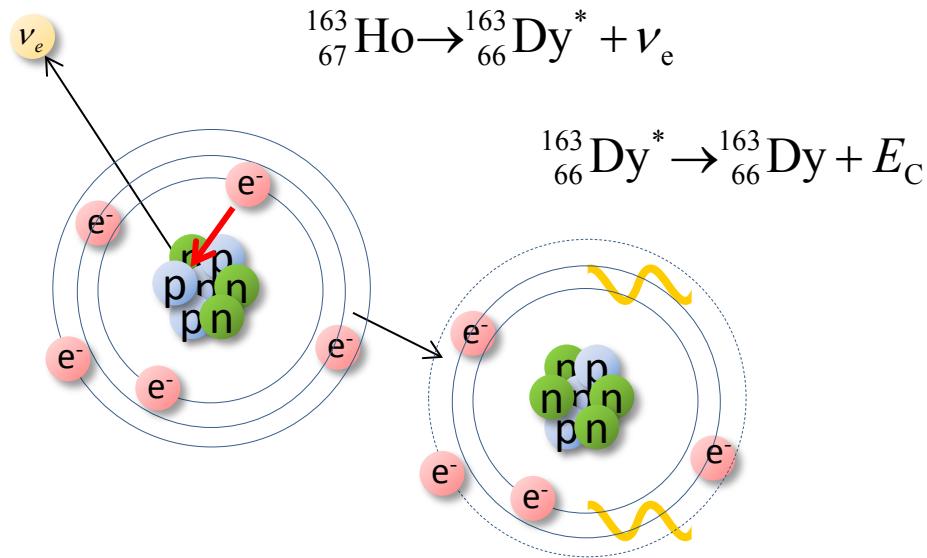
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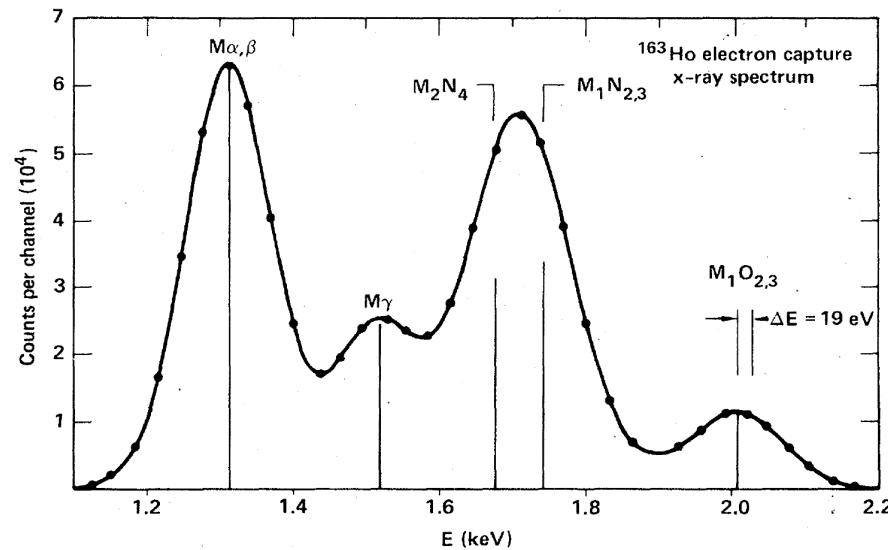
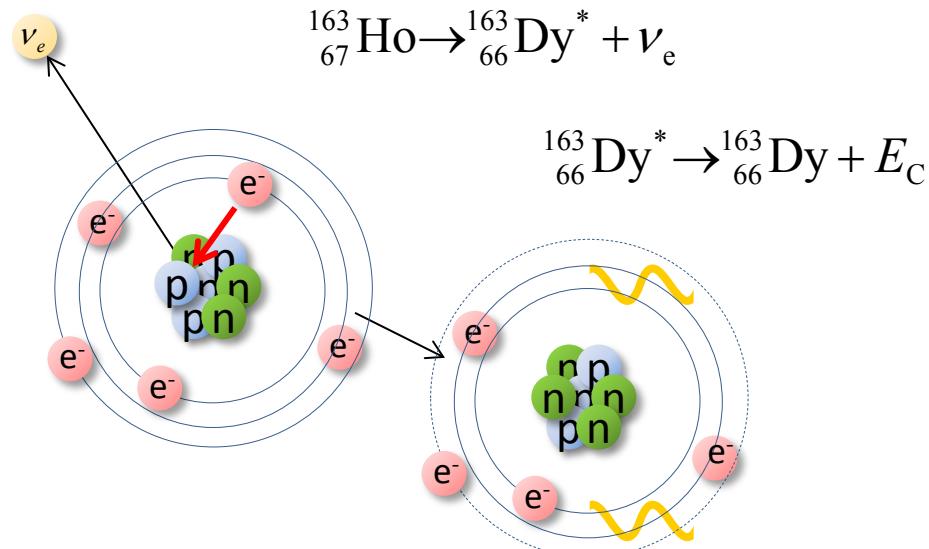
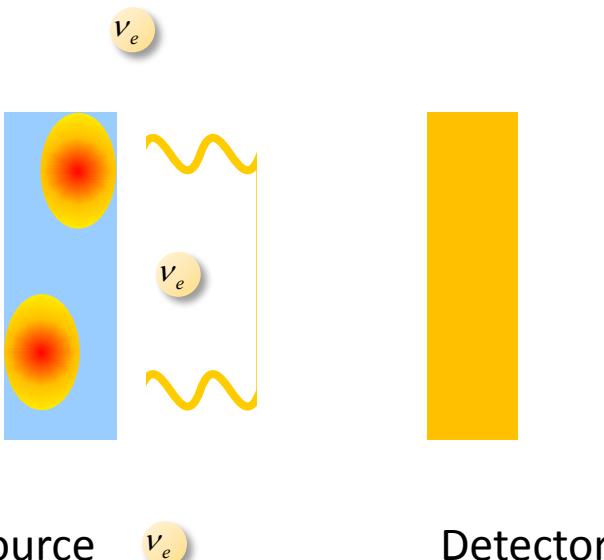
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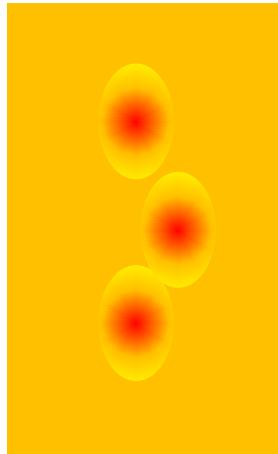
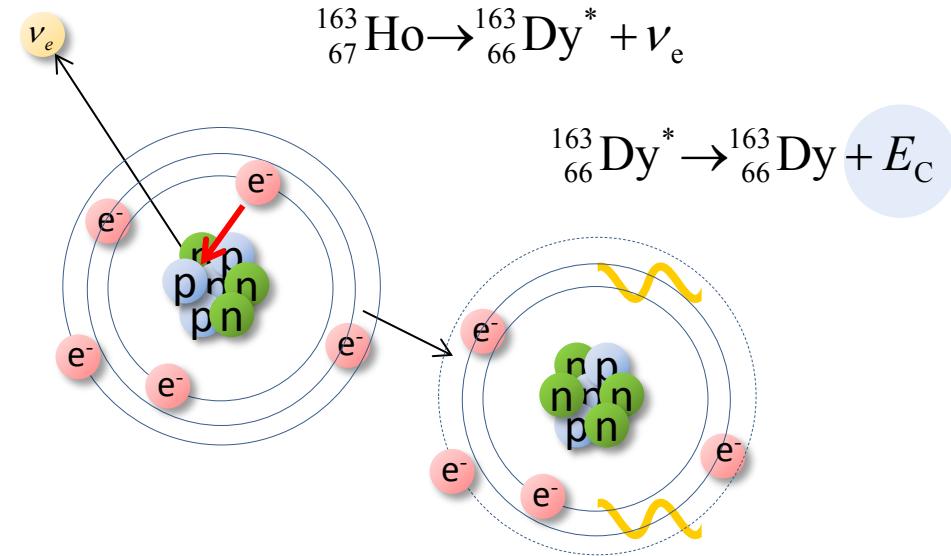


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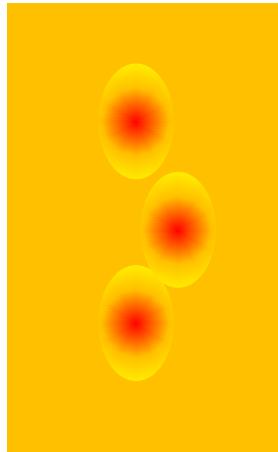
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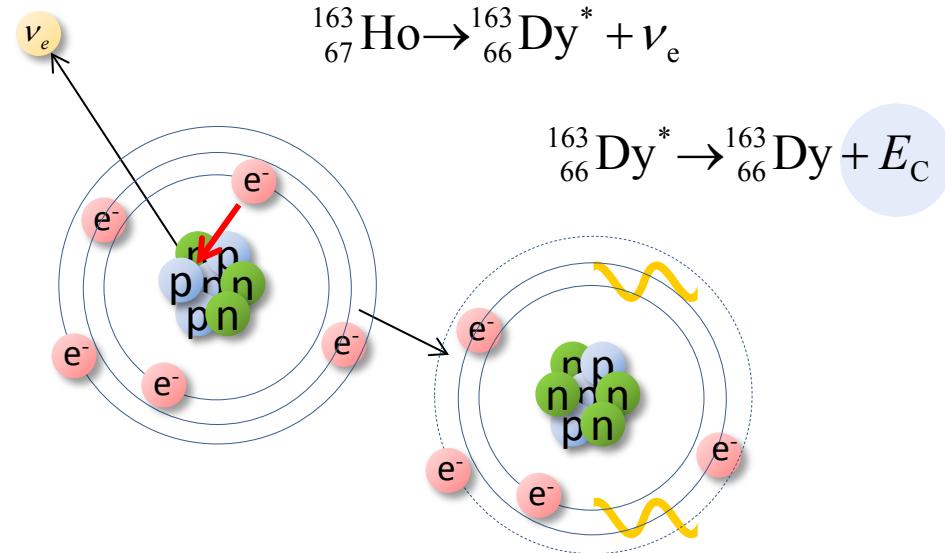


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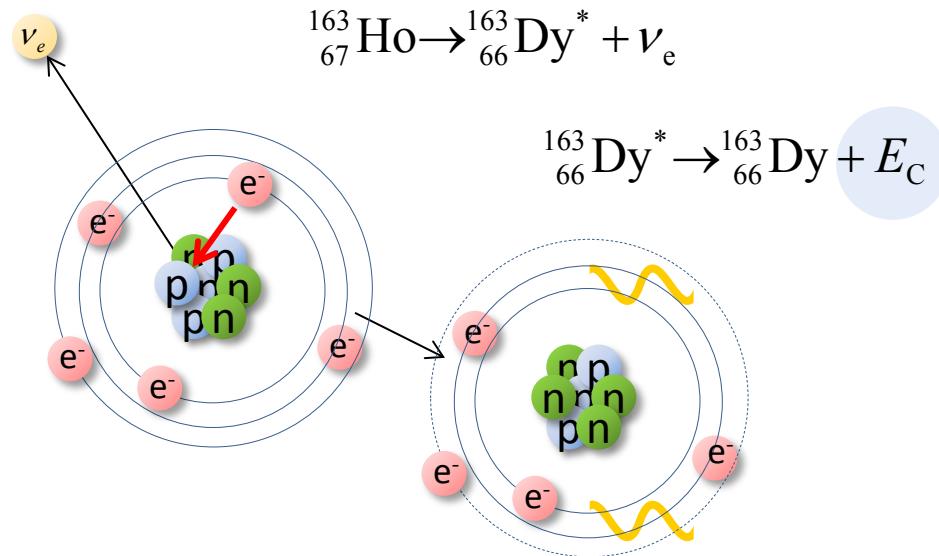


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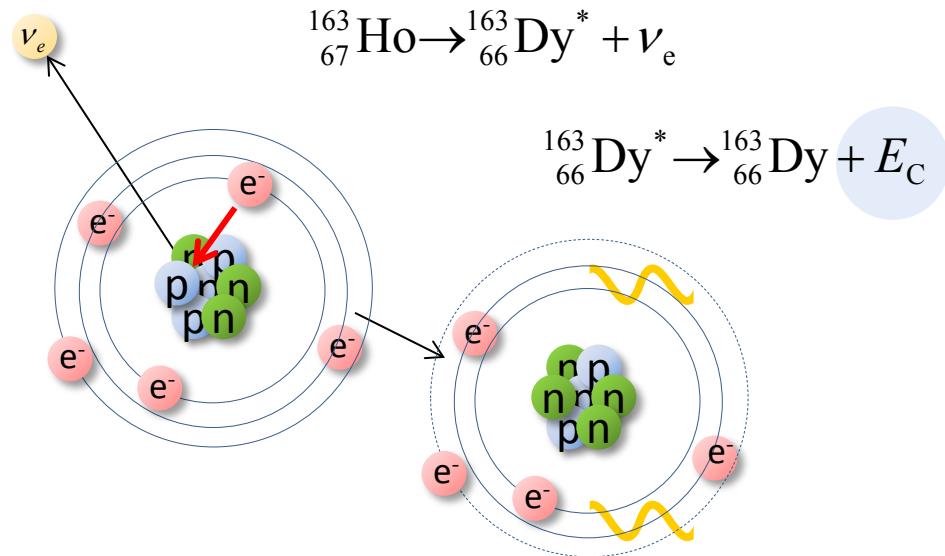
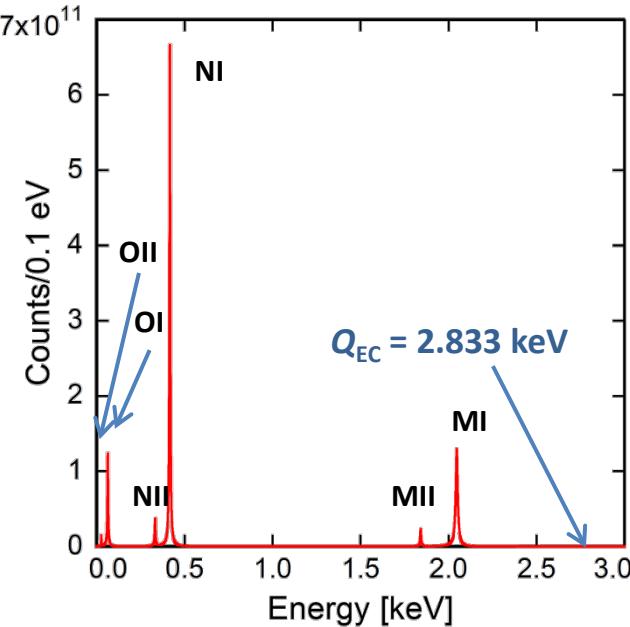
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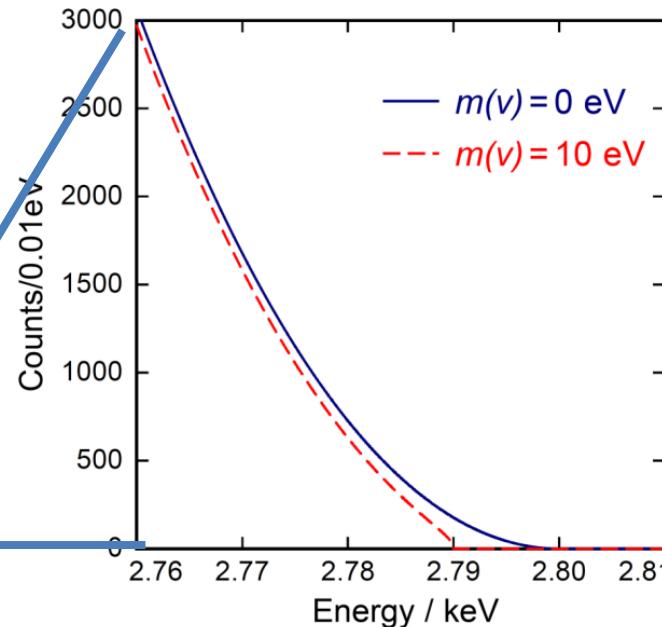
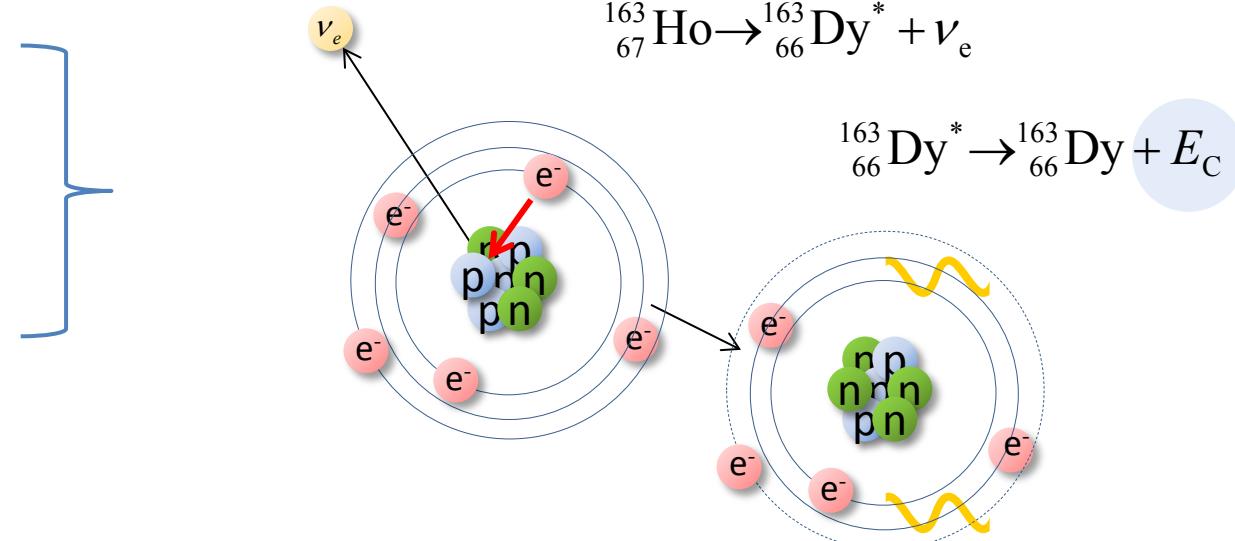
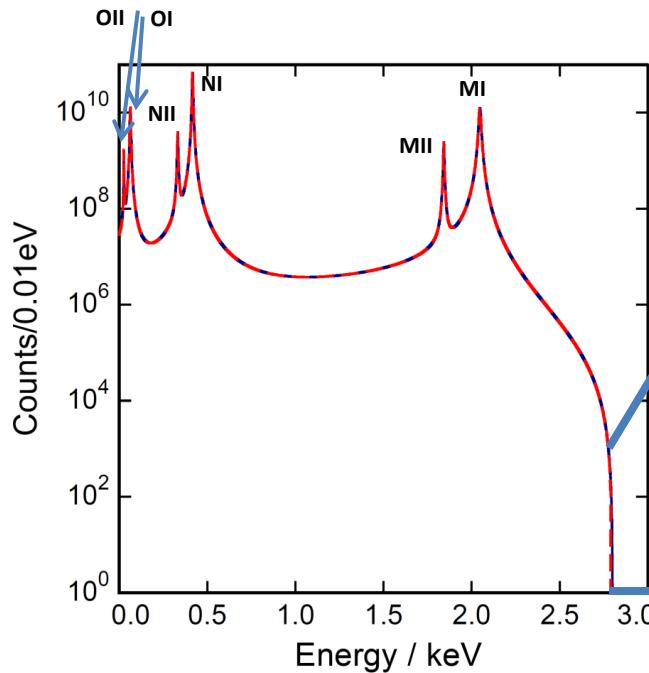
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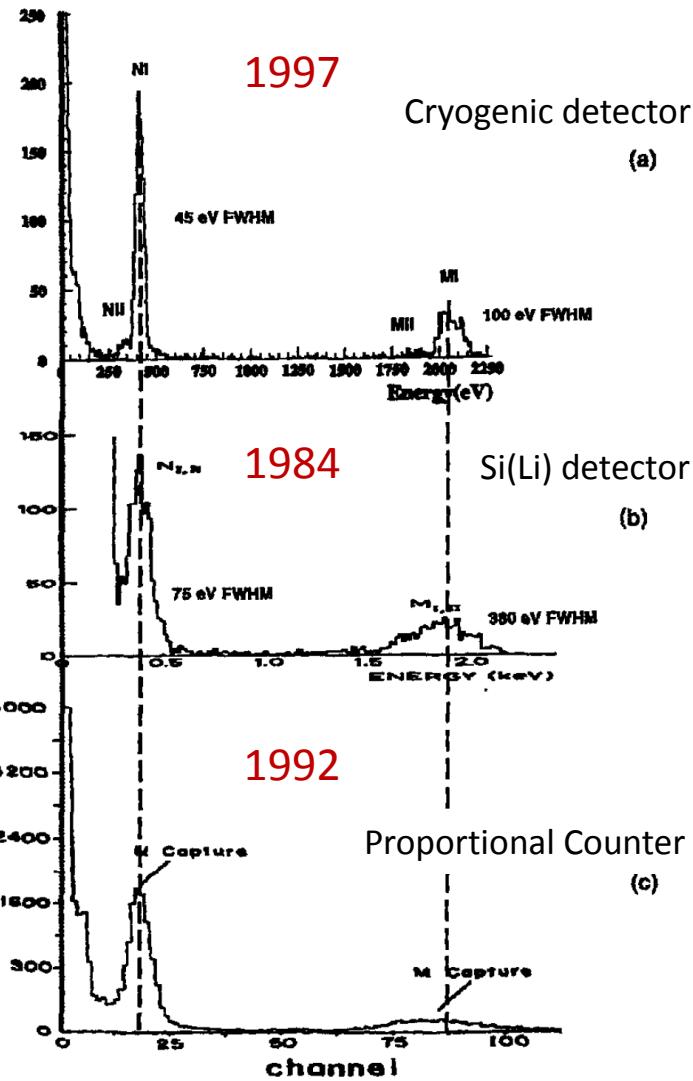
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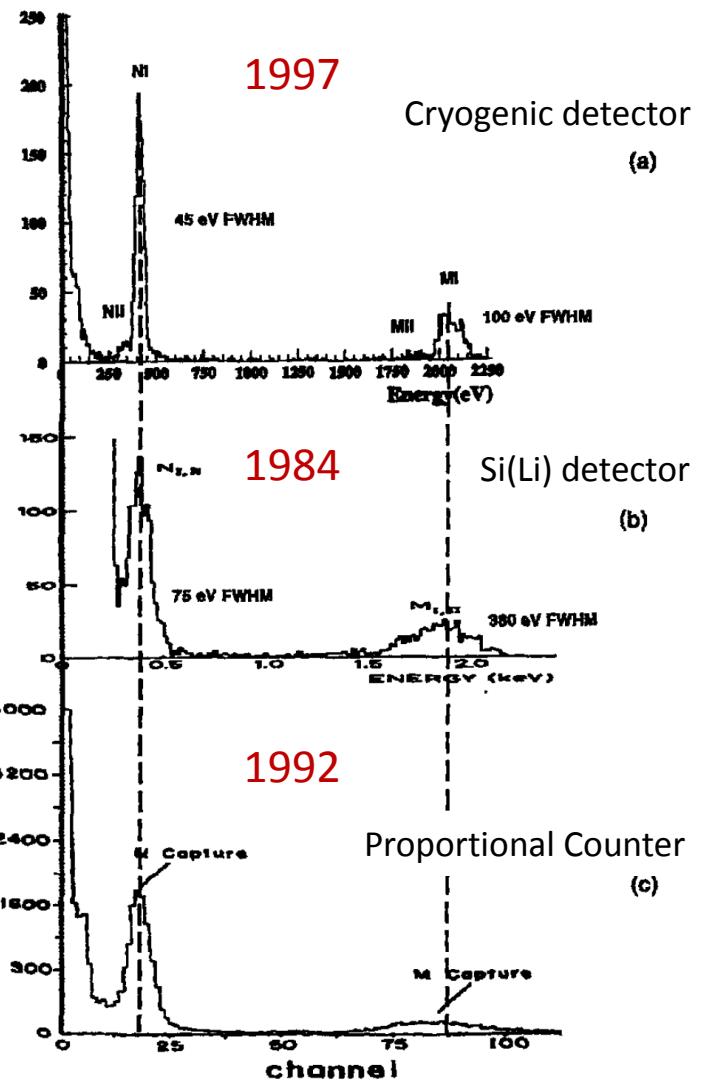
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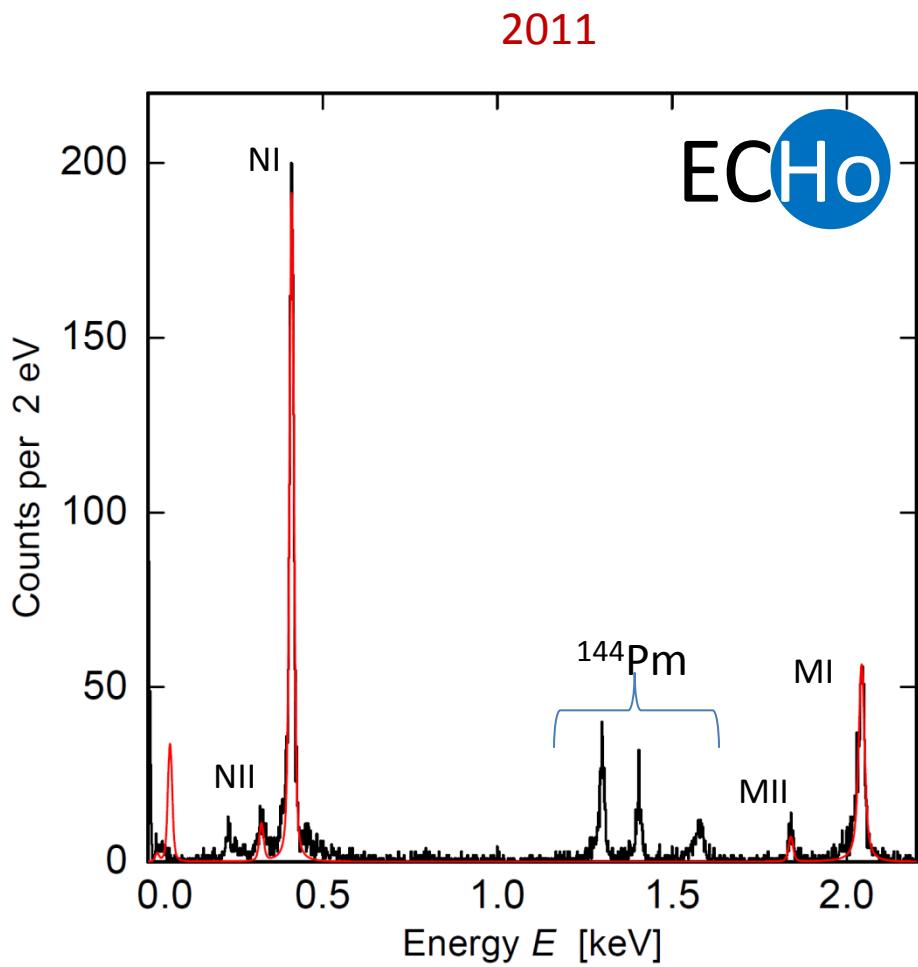
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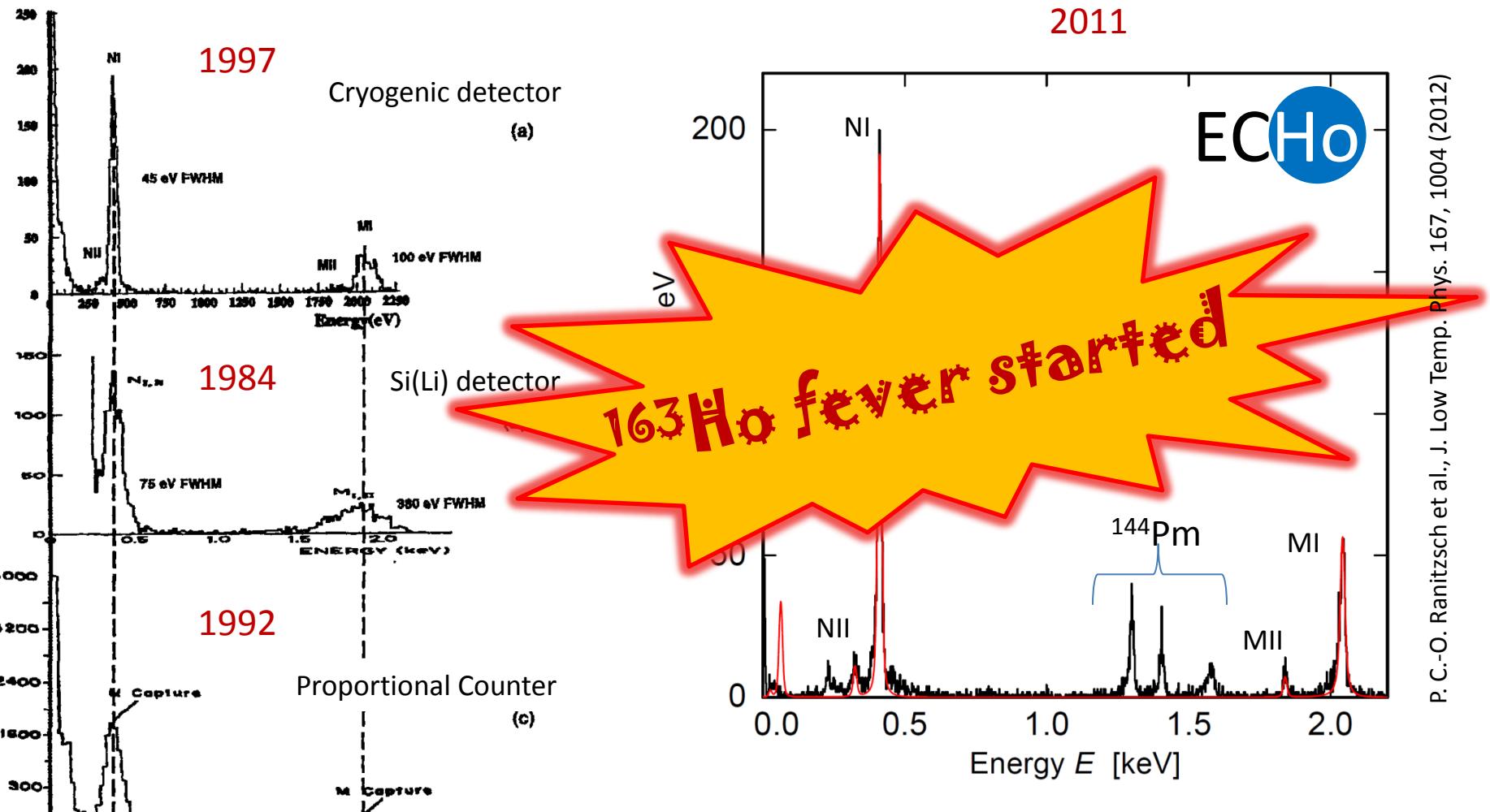


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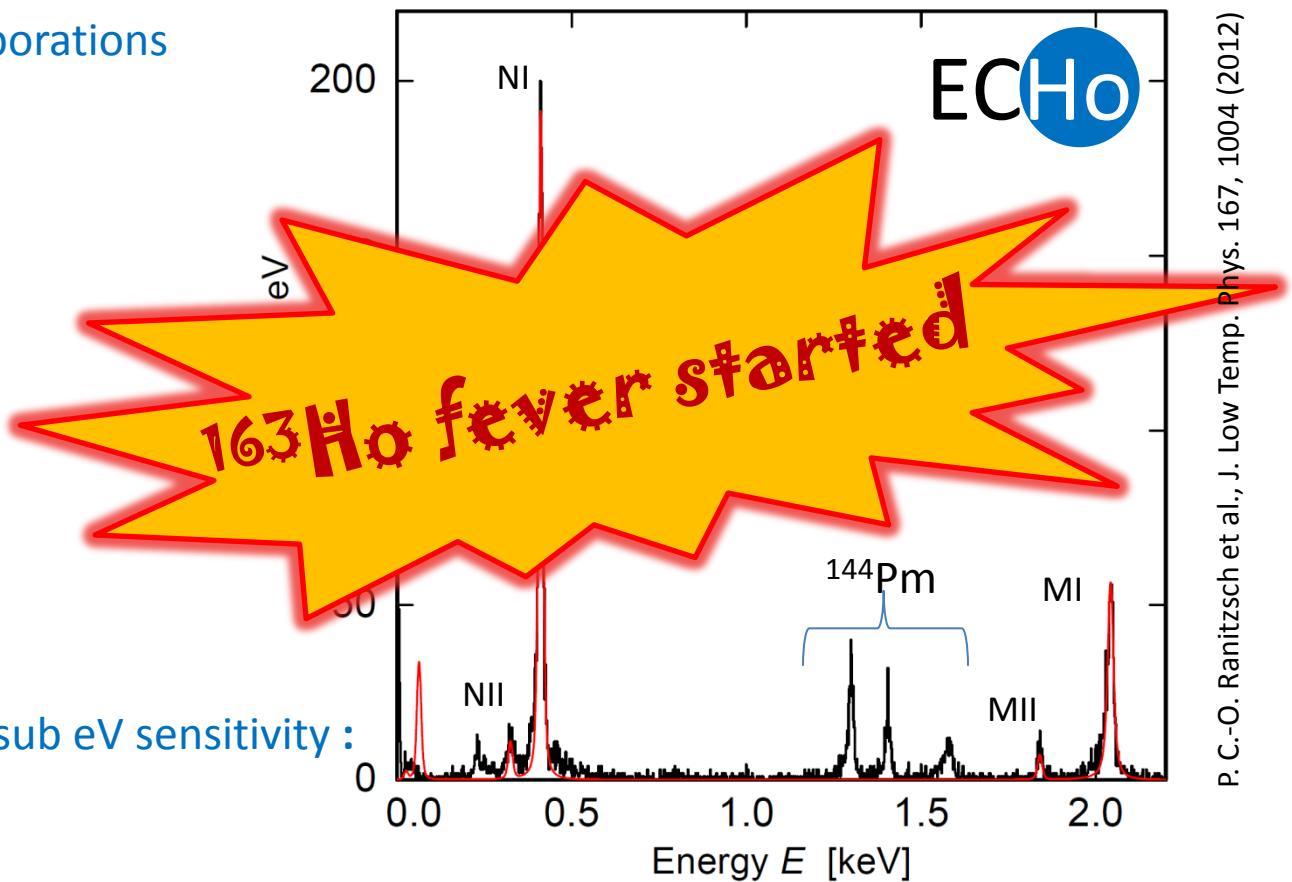
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# Electron capture in $^{163}\text{Ho}$ : present

- Calorimetric measurement of the  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  spectrum
- Three international collaborations

ECHO (1)  
HOLMES (2)  
NuMECS (3)

2011



P. C.-O. Ranitzsch et al., J. Low Temp. Phys. 167, 1004 (2012)

Common challenges to reach sub eV sensitivity :

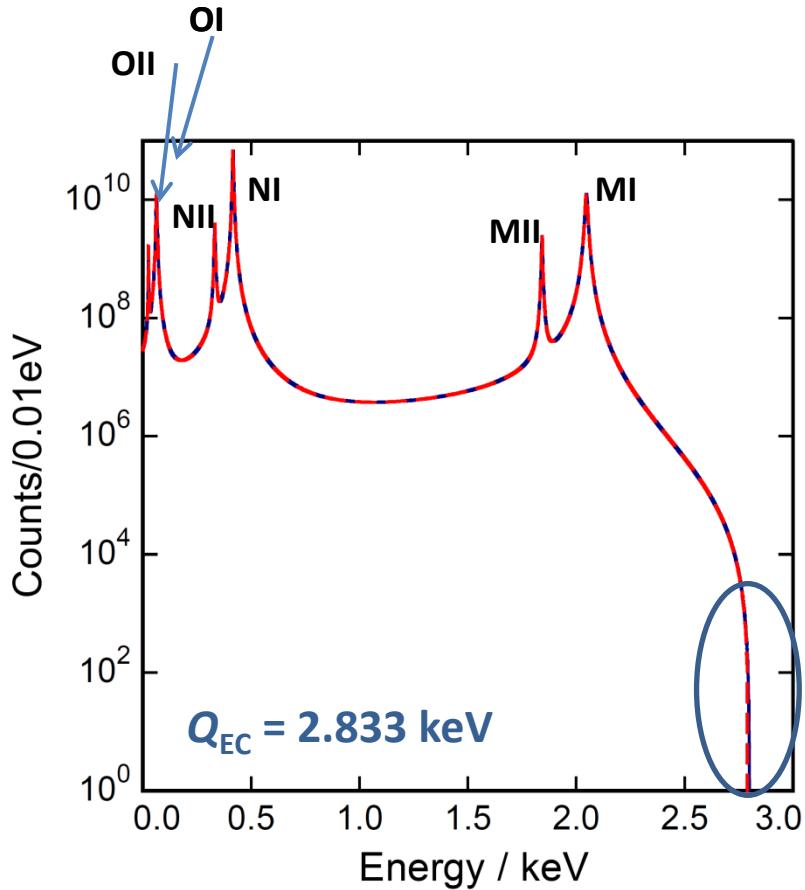
- Detector performance
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- Description of the  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  EC spectrum

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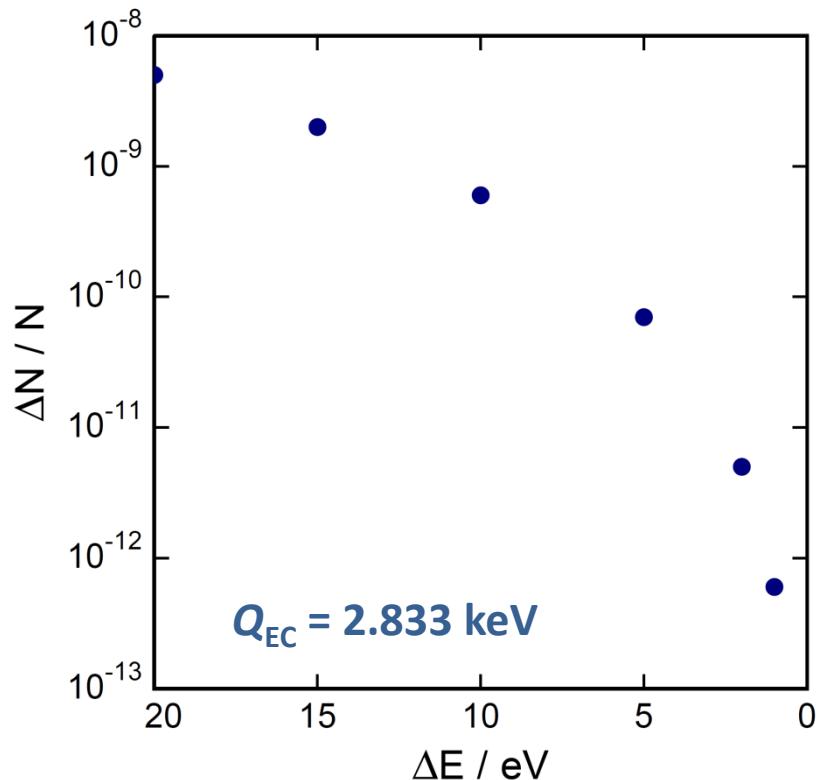
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Fraction of events at endpoint regions

- In the interval 2.832 - 2.833 keV  
only  $6 \times 10^{-13}$



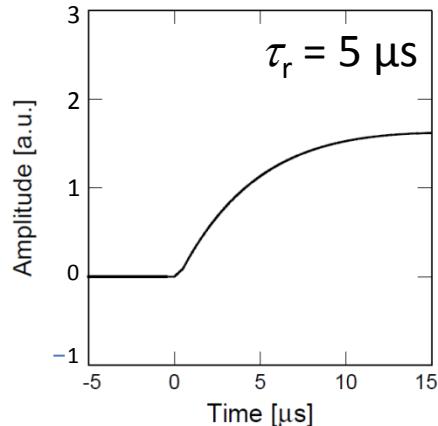
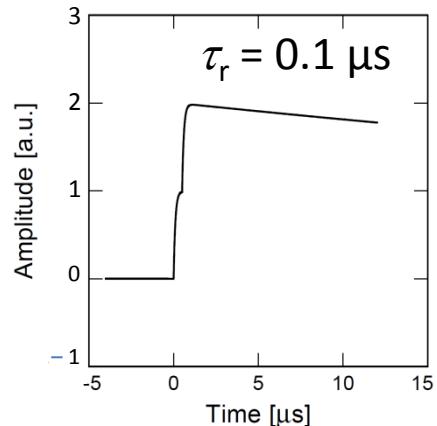
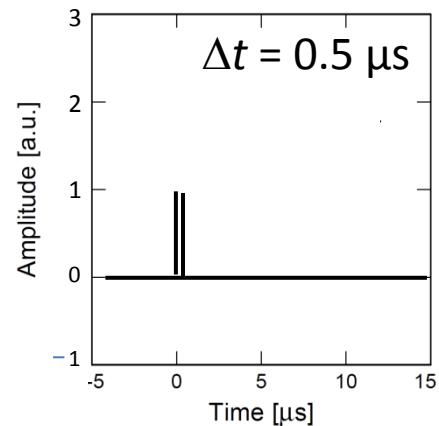
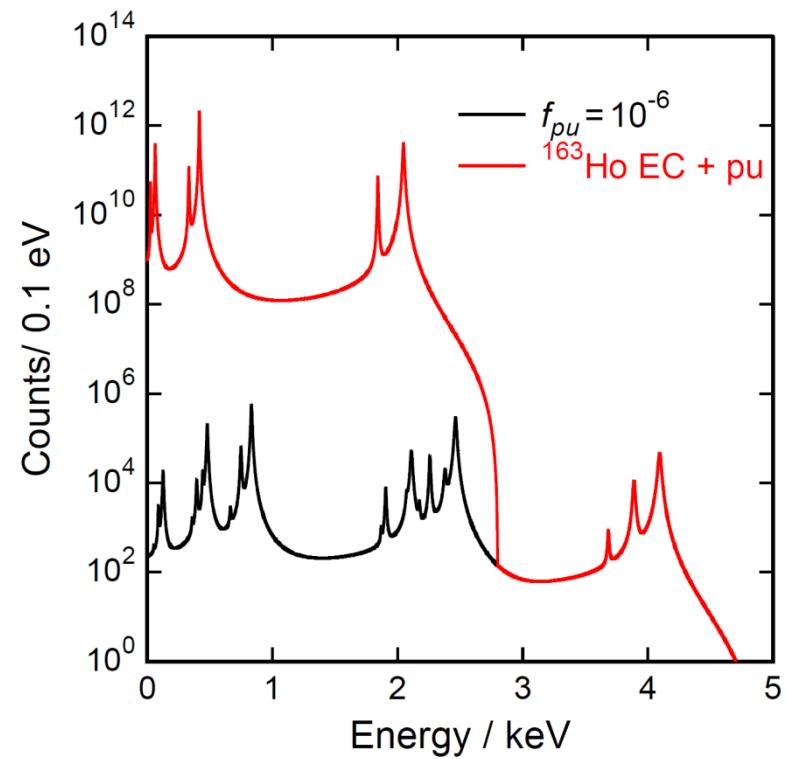
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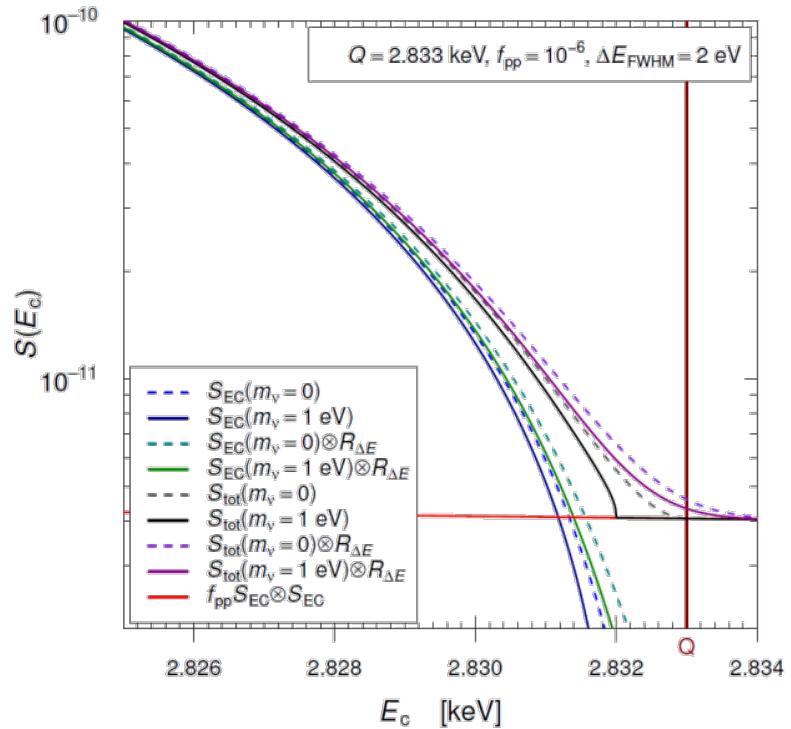
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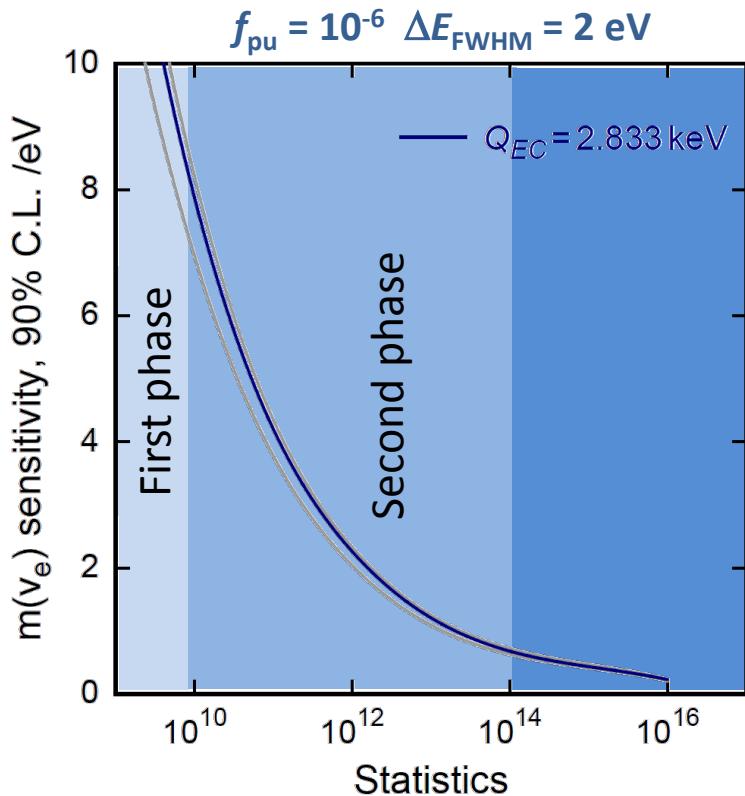
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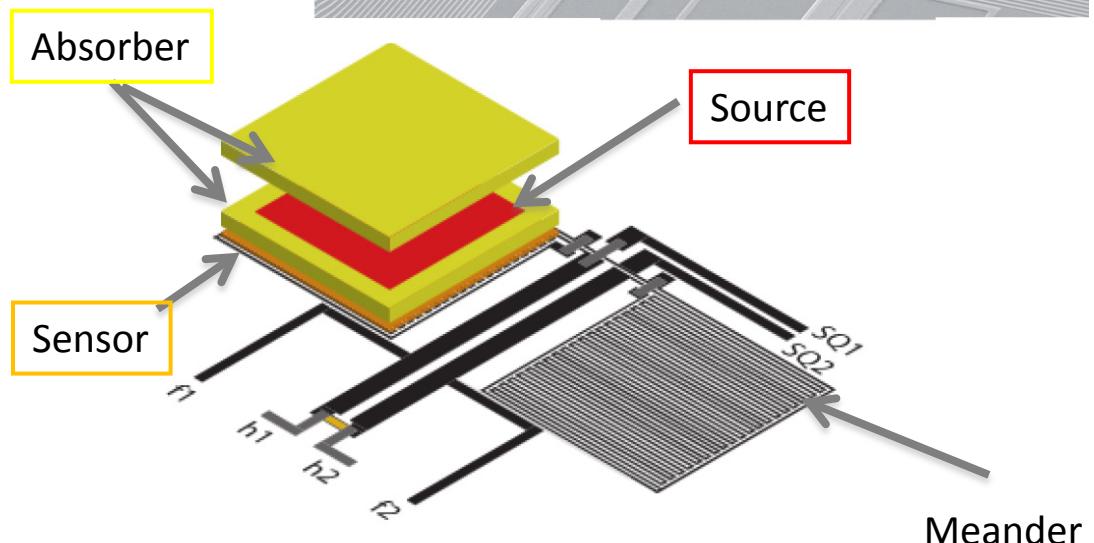
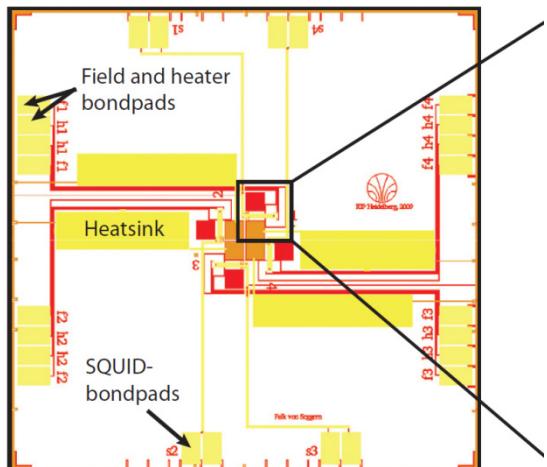
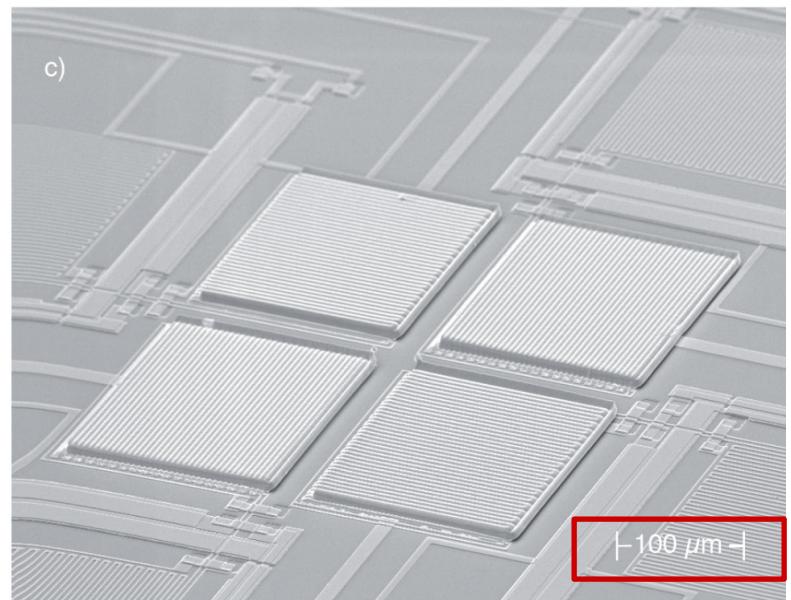
Background level

- $< 10^{-6} \text{ events/eV/det/day}$



# First detector prototype for $^{163}\text{Ho}$

- Absorber for calorimetric measurement  
→ ion implantation @ ISOLDE-CERN in 2009  
on-line process
- About 0.01 Bq per pixel
- Operated over more than 4 years

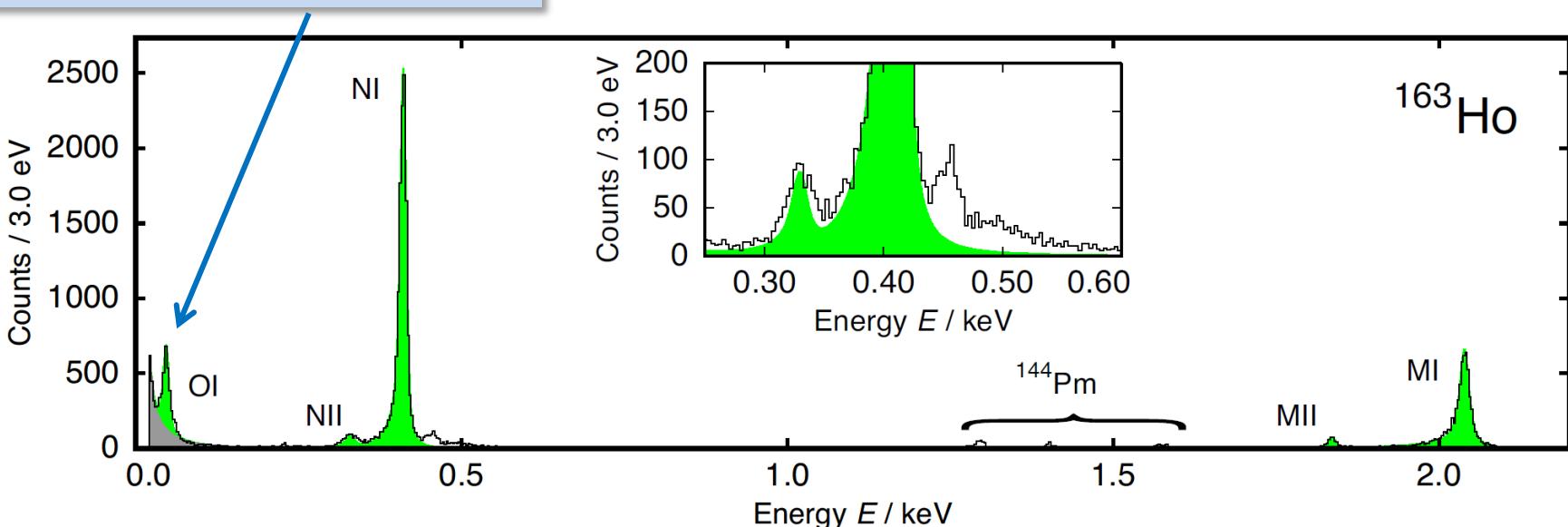


# Calorimetric spectrum

- Rise Time  $\sim 130$  ns
- $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 7.6$  eV @ 6 keV (2013)
- Non-Linearity < 1% @ 6keV

	$E_{\text{H}}$ bind.	$E_{\text{H}}$ exp.	$\Gamma_{\text{H}}$ lit.	$\Gamma_{\text{H}}$ exp
<b>MI</b>	2.047	2.040	13.2	13.7
<b>MII</b>	1.845	1.836	6.0	7.2
<b>NI</b>	0.420	0.411	5.4	5.3
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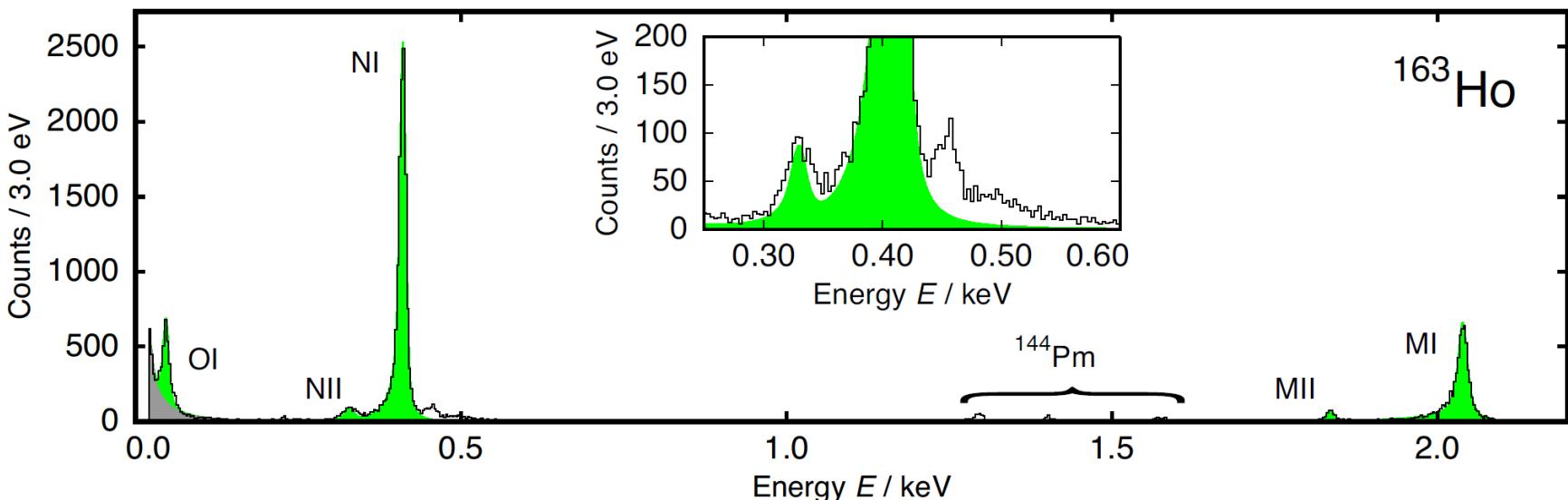
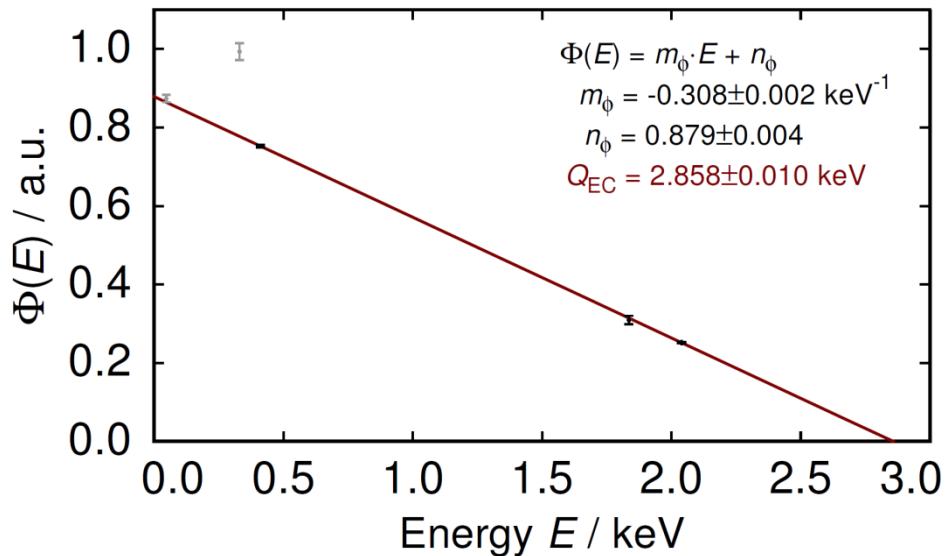
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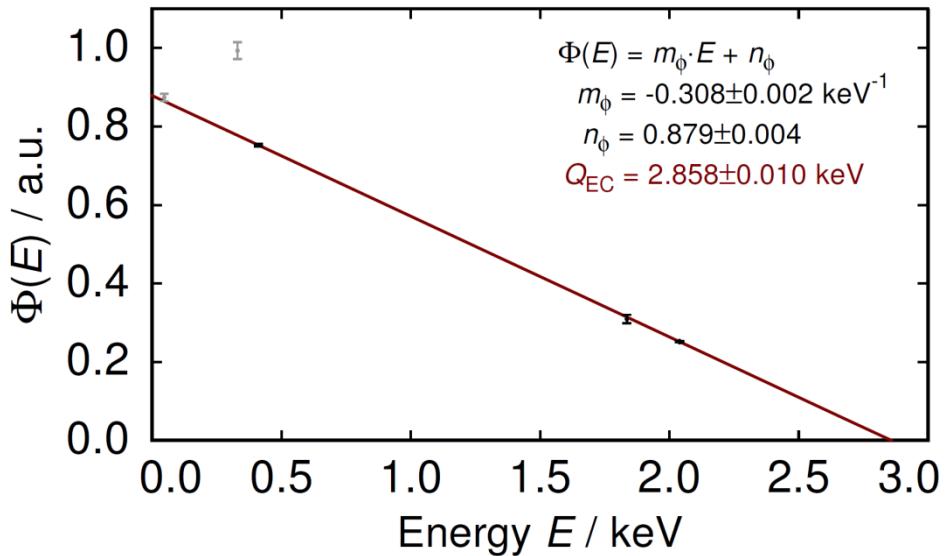
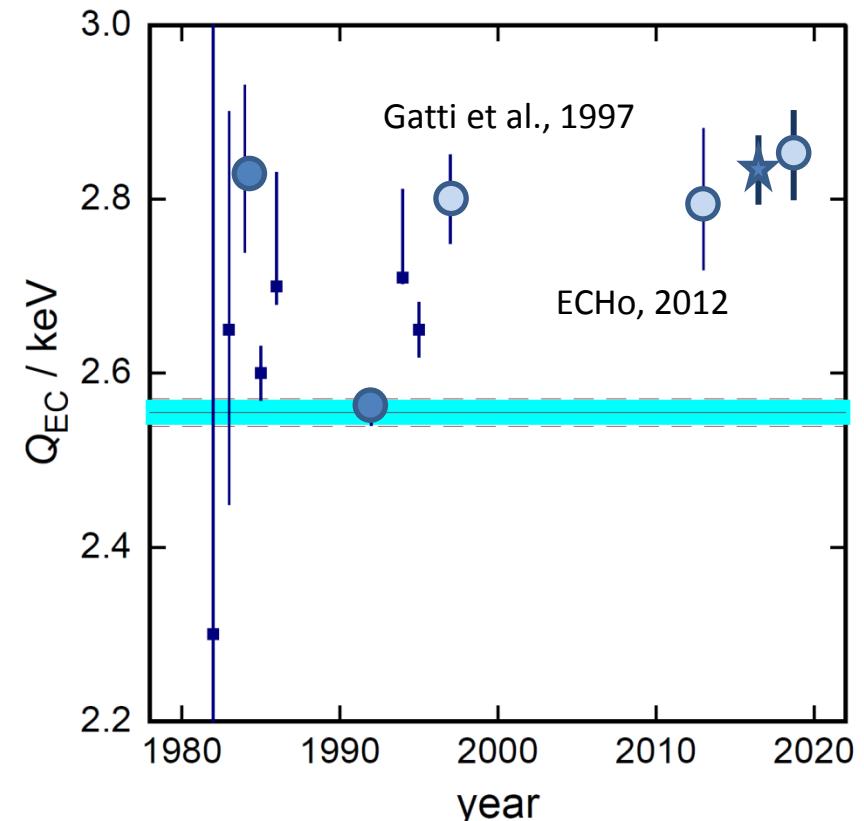
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High cross-section



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Dy159 144.4 d 3/2- EC 2.34	Dy160 0+ EC 18.9	Dy161 5/2+ EC 18.9	Dy162 0+ EC 25.5	Dy163 5/2- EC 24.9	Dy164 0+ 28.2
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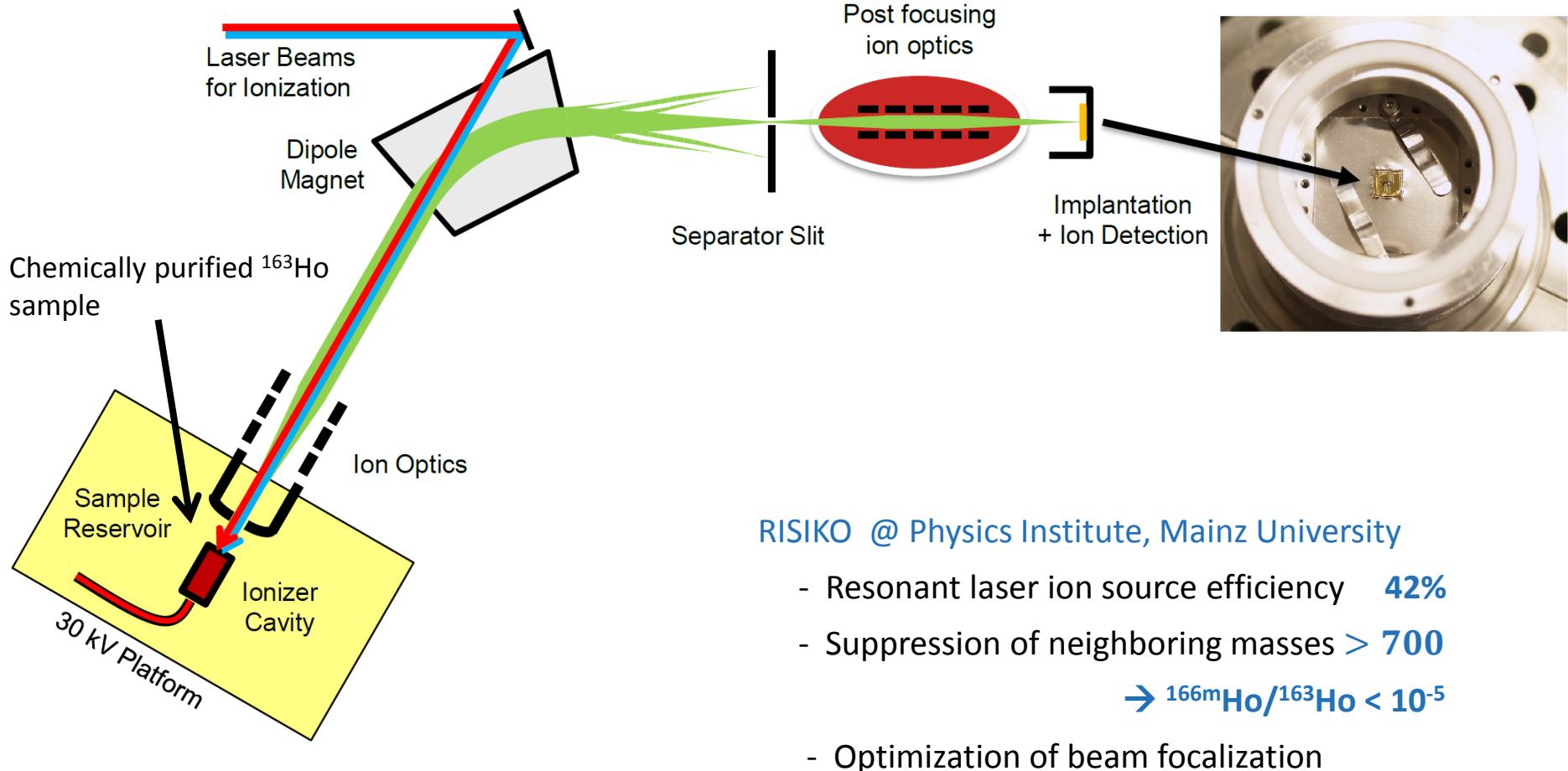


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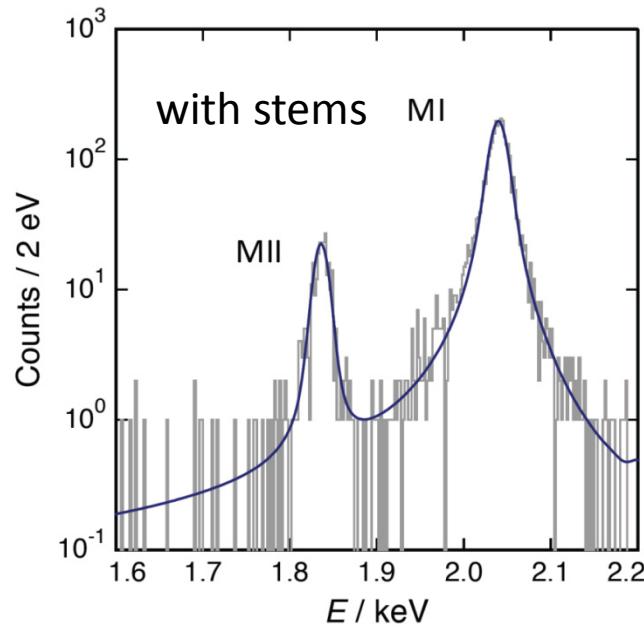
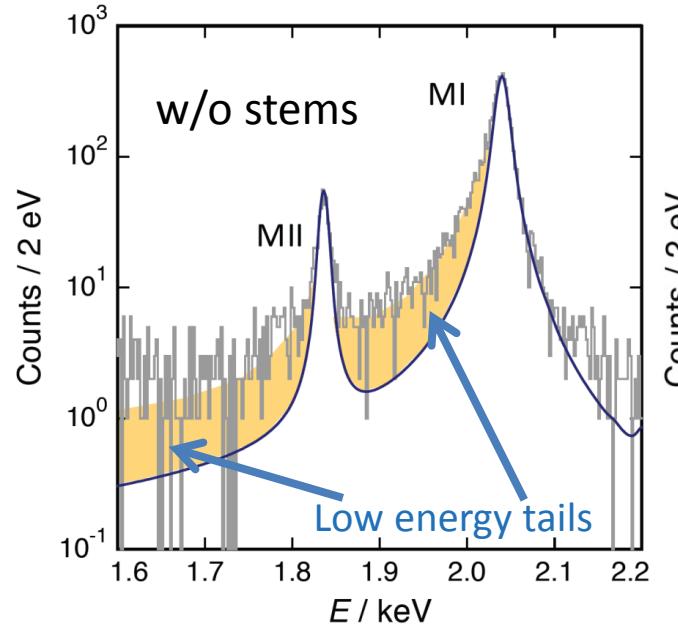
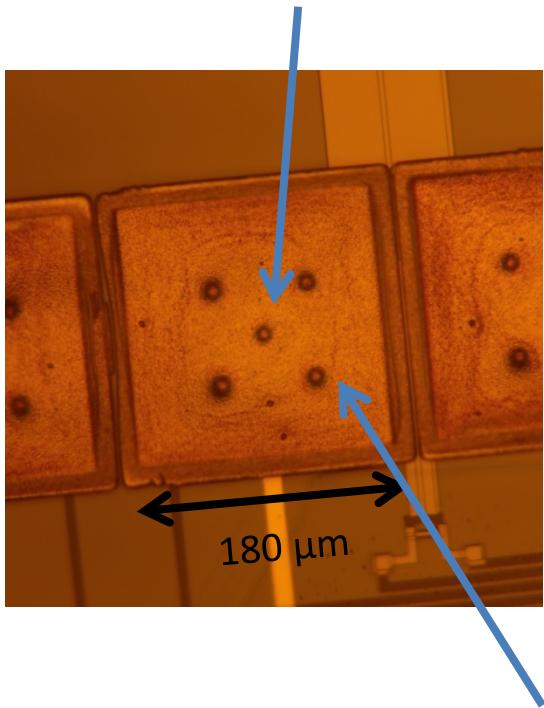
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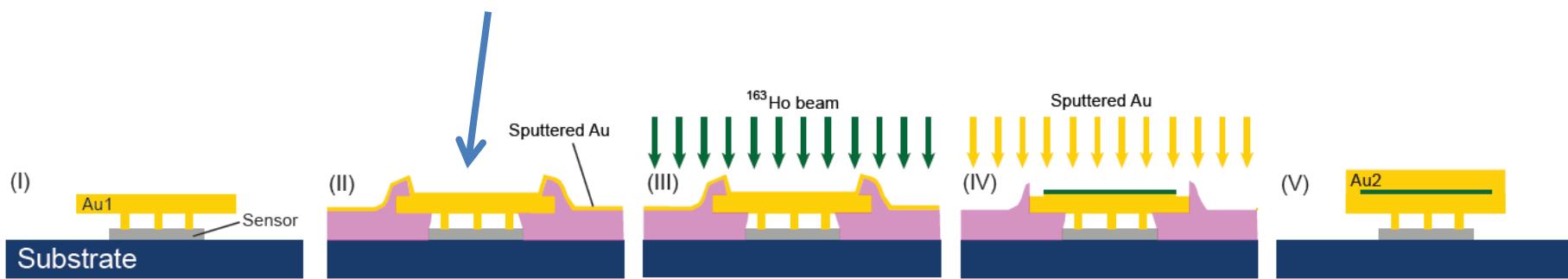


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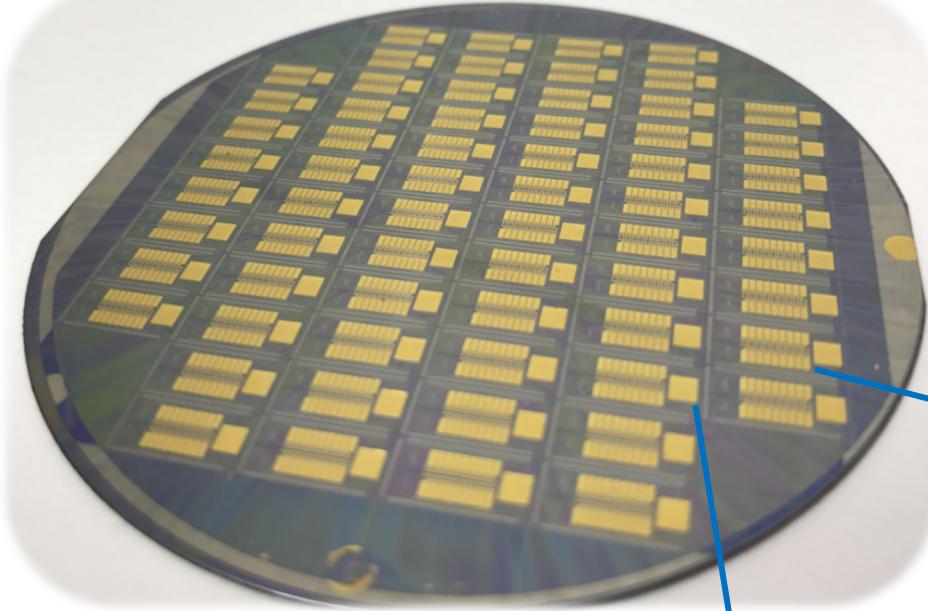
Stems between absorber and sensor prevent athermal phonon loss to the substrate



Definition of the **implantation area** by microstructuring a photoresist layer



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Suitable for  
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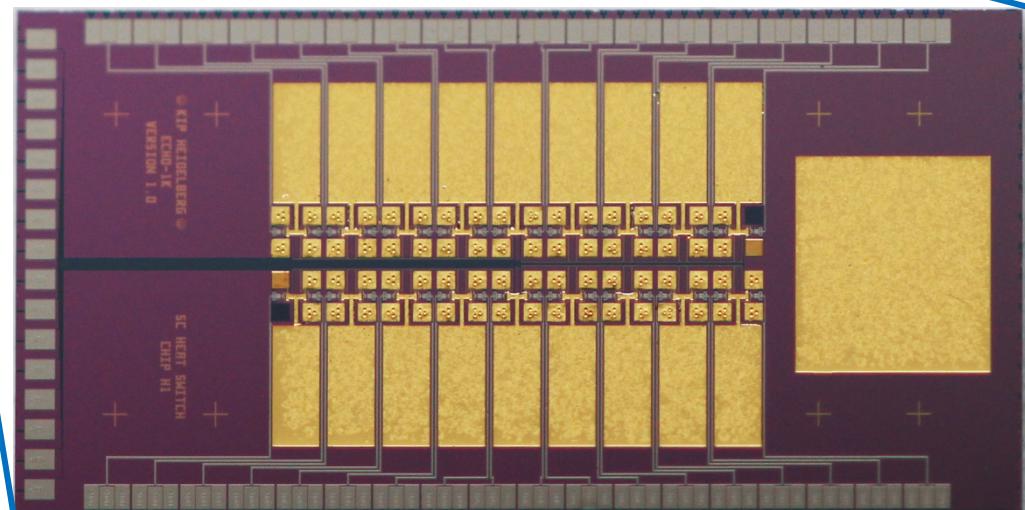
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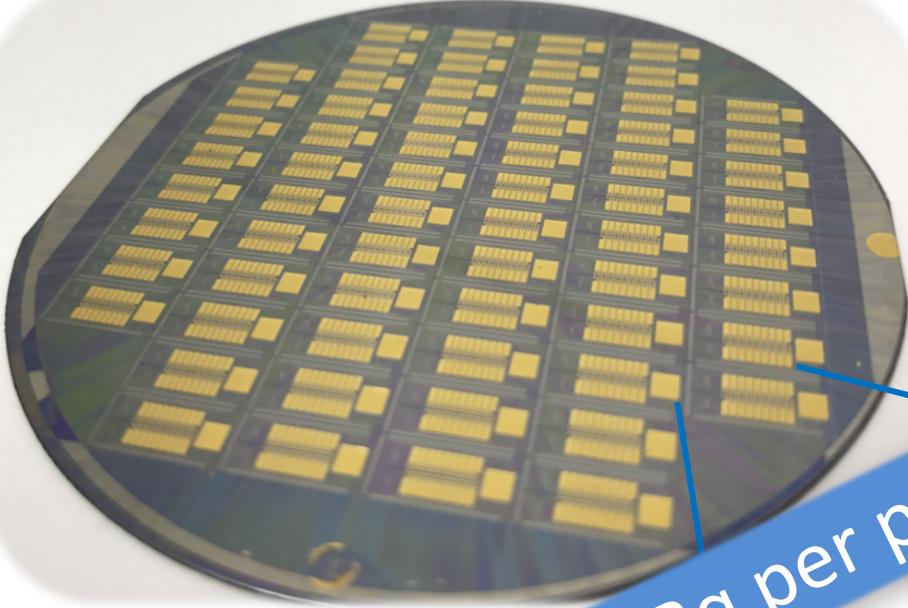
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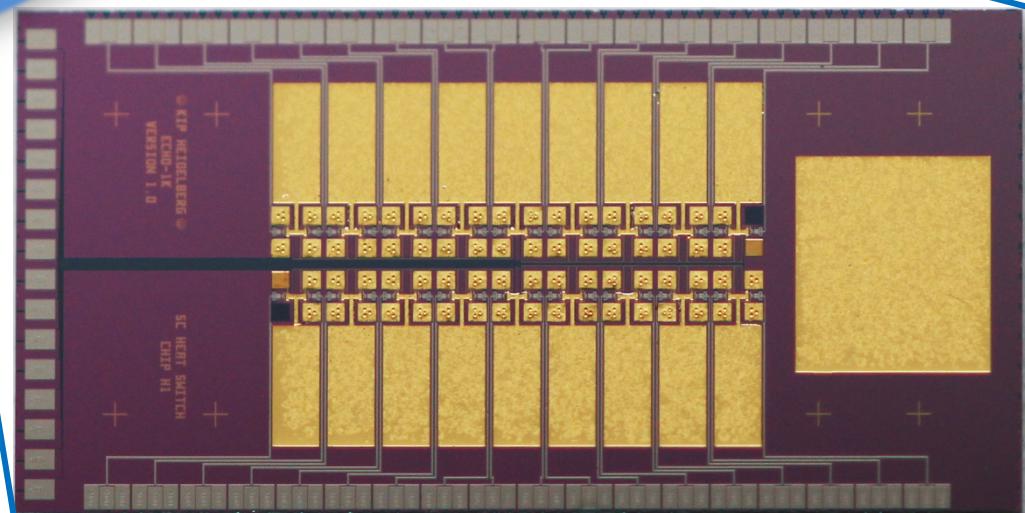
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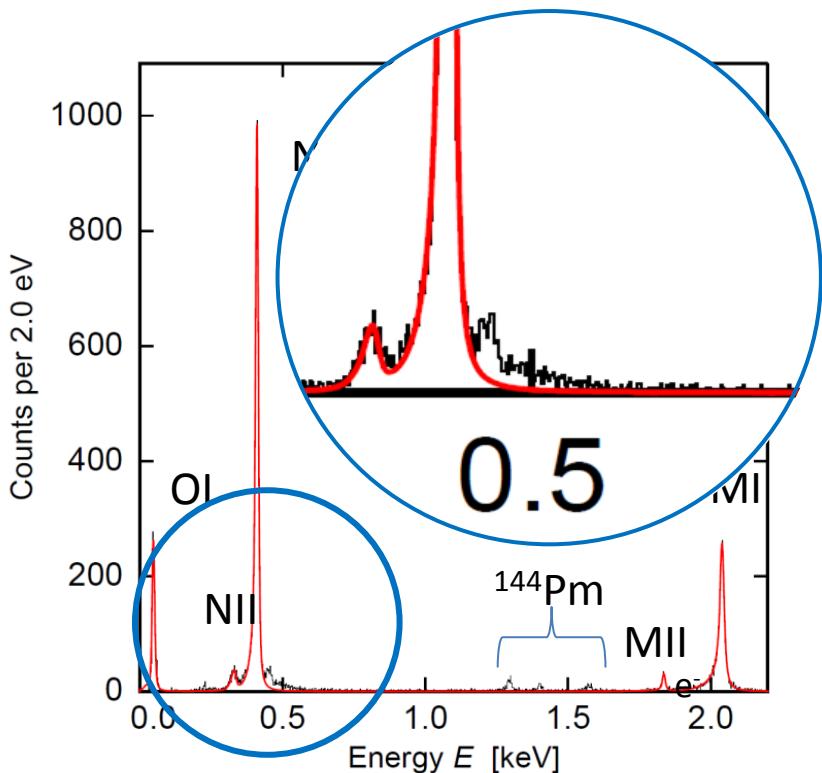
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Two-holes excited states:  
shake-up  
shake-off

# ECHo-1k (2015 - 2018)

$^{163}\text{Ho}$  activity:  $A_t = 1 \text{ kBq}$

Detectors: Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

→ Energy resolution  $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} \leq 5 \text{ eV}$

→ Time resolution  $\tau \leq 1 \mu\text{s}$

Unresolved pile-up fraction  $f_{\text{pu}} \leq 10^{-5}$

→ activity per pixel:  $A = 10 \text{ Bq}$

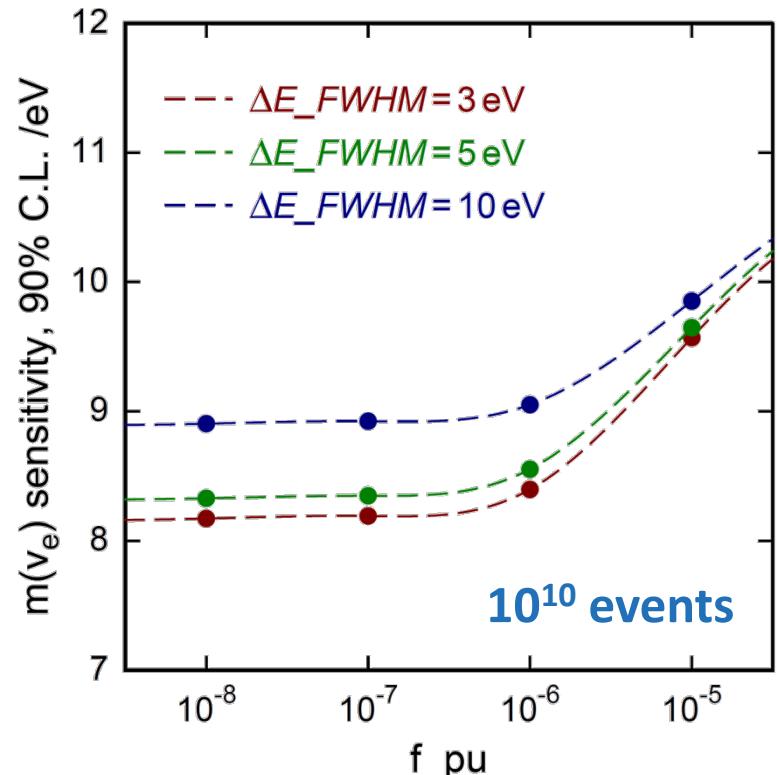
→ number of detectors  $N = 100$

Read-out : Microwave SQUID Multiplexing

→ 2 arrays with ~50 single pixels

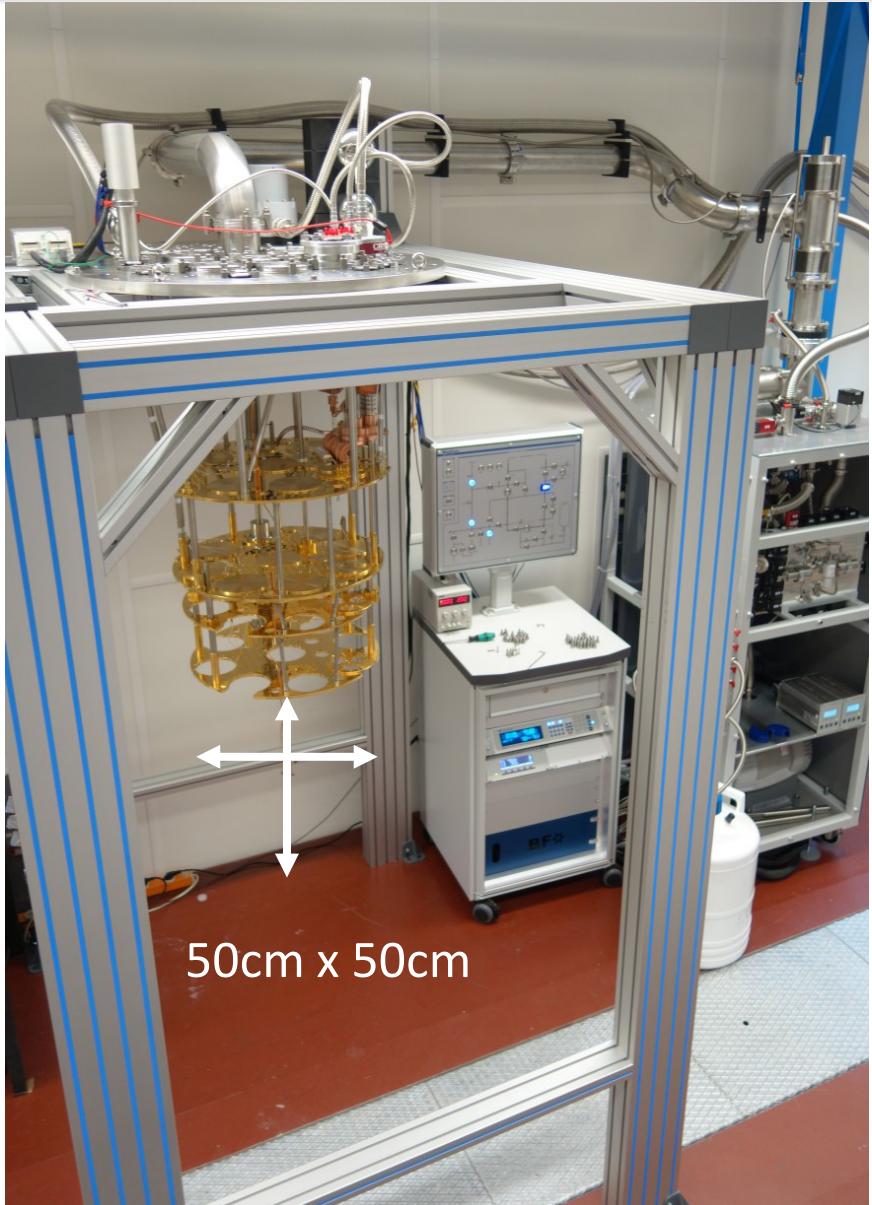
Background  $b < 10^{-5} / \text{eV/det/day}$

Measuring time  $t = 1 \text{ year}$



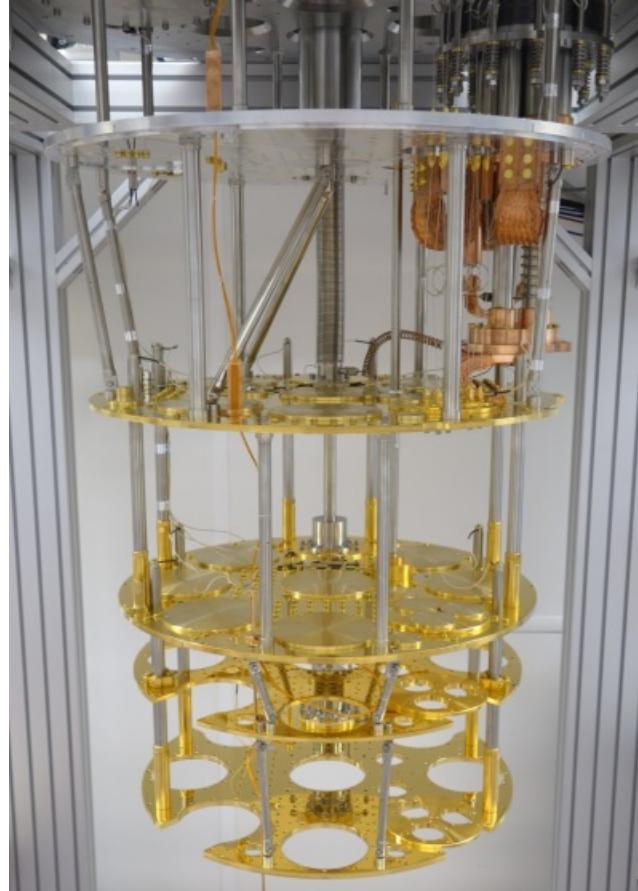
$$m(\nu_e) < 10 \text{ eV } 90\% \text{ C.L.}$$

# ECHo cryogenic platform

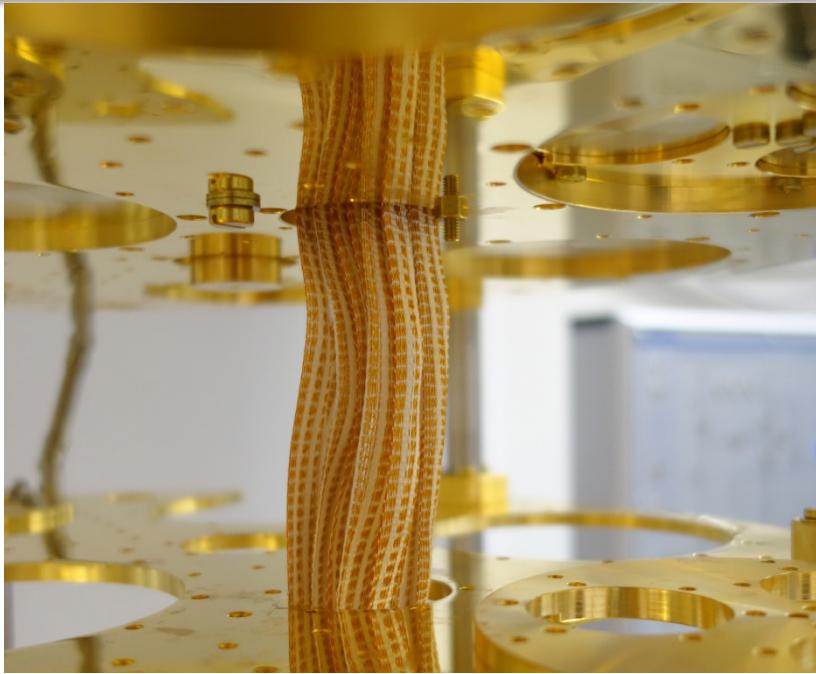


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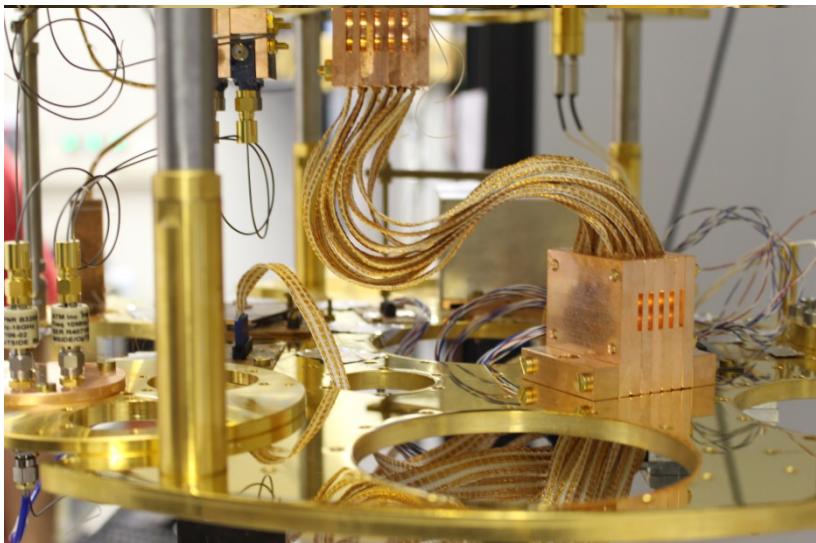
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- Presently equipped with:  
**2 RF lines** for microwave multiplexing readout of 2 MMC arrays  
  
12 ribbons each with 30 Cu98Ni2 0.2 mm,  
1.56 Ohm/m, cables from RT to mK  
→ allows for parallel readout of  
**36 two-stage SQUID set-up**



# ECHo-1M (next future)

$^{163}\text{Ho}$  activity:  $A_t = 1 \text{ MBq}$

Detectors: Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

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→ Time resolution  $\tau \leq 0.1 \mu\text{s}$

Unresolved pile-up fraction  $f_{\text{pu}} \leq 10^{-6}$

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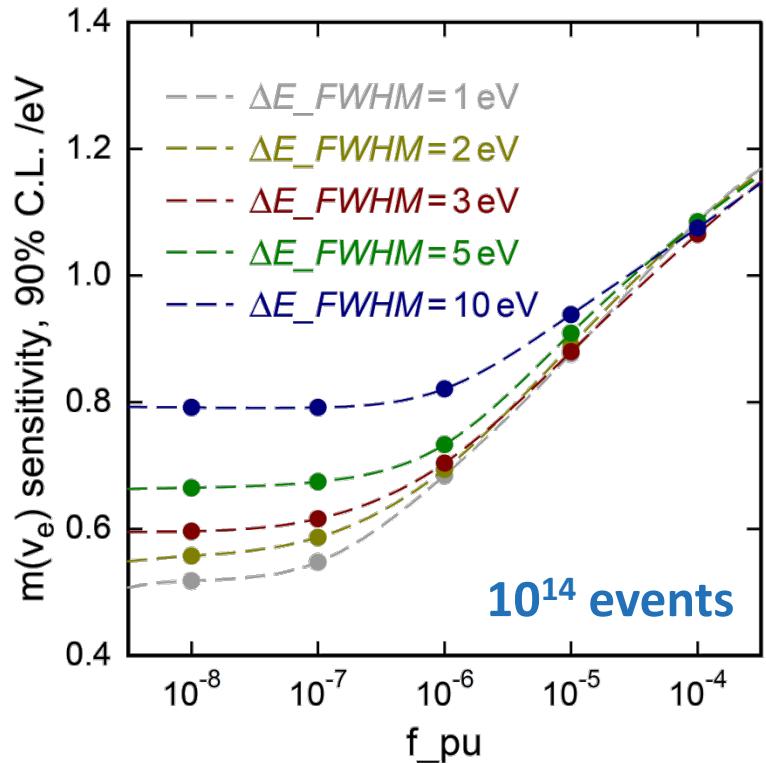
→ number of detectors  $N = 10^5$

Read-out : Microwave SQUID Multiplexing

→ 100 arrays with ~1000 single pixels

Background  $b < 10^{-6} / \text{eV/det/day}$

Measuring time  $t = 1 - 3 \text{ year}$

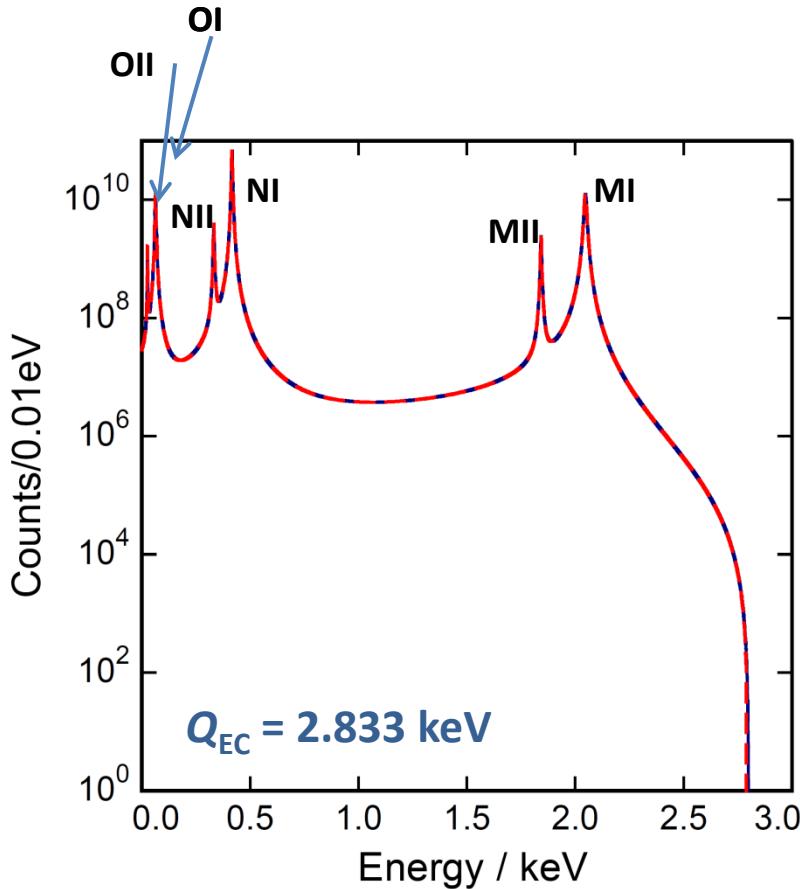


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How does  
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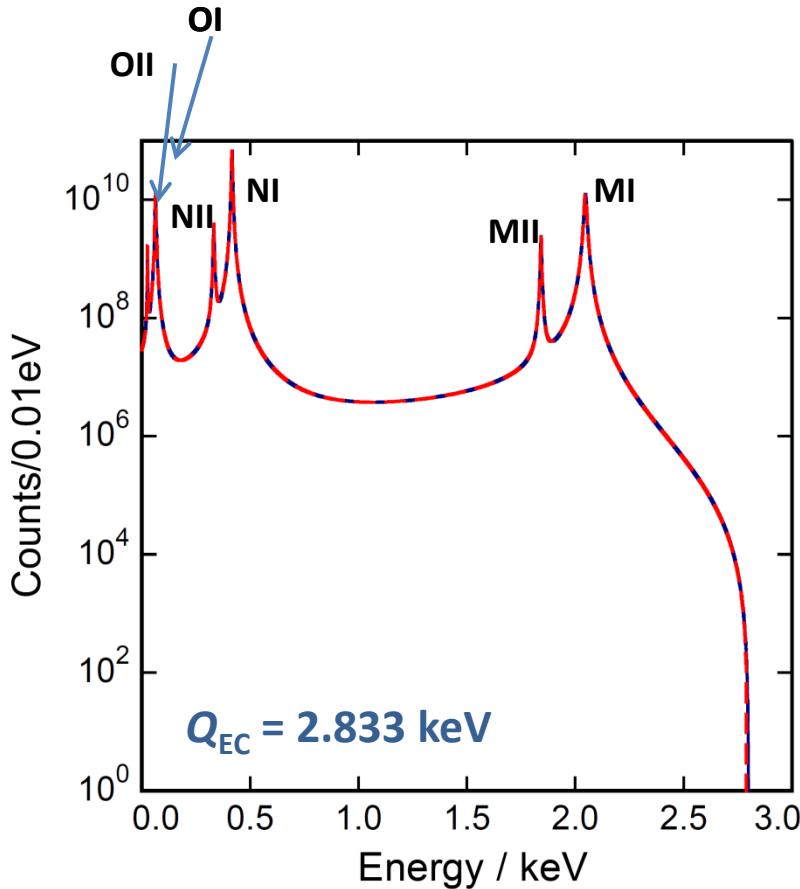
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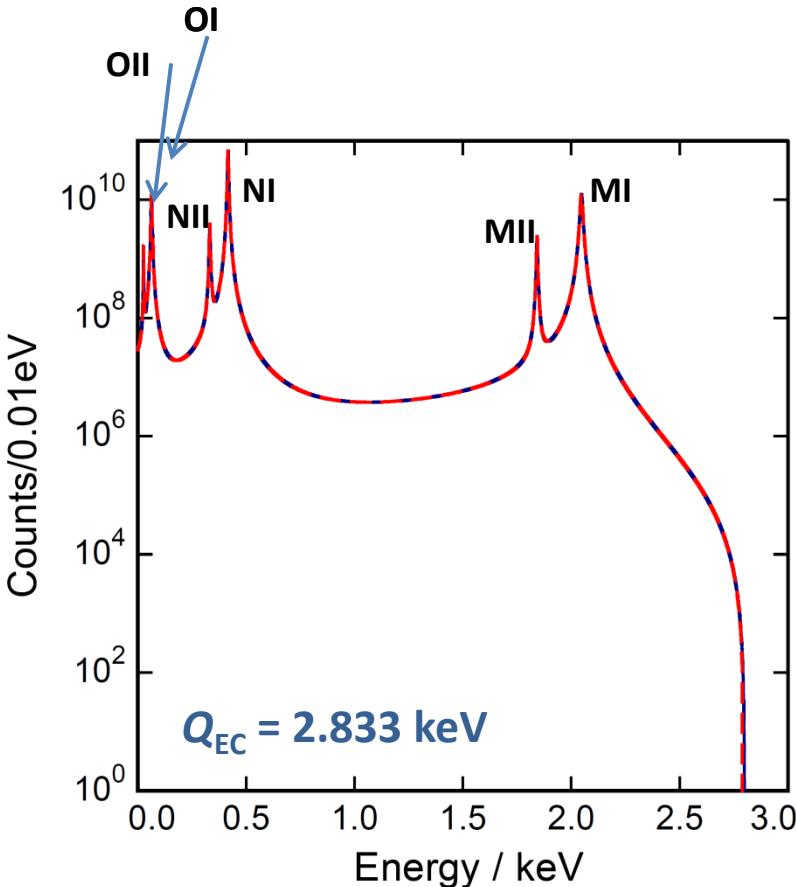
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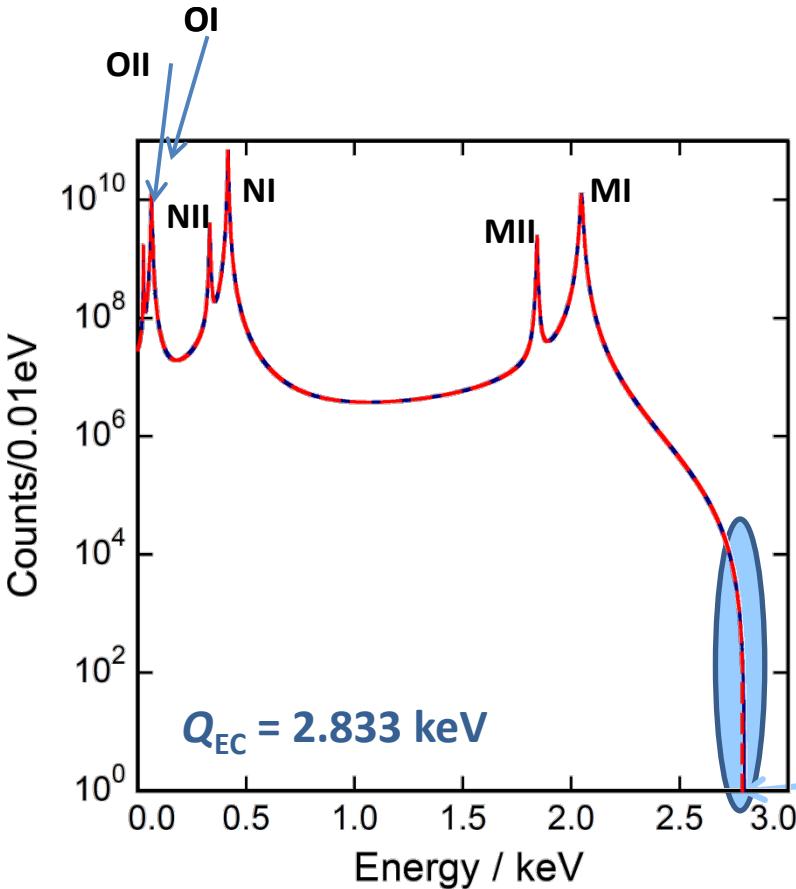
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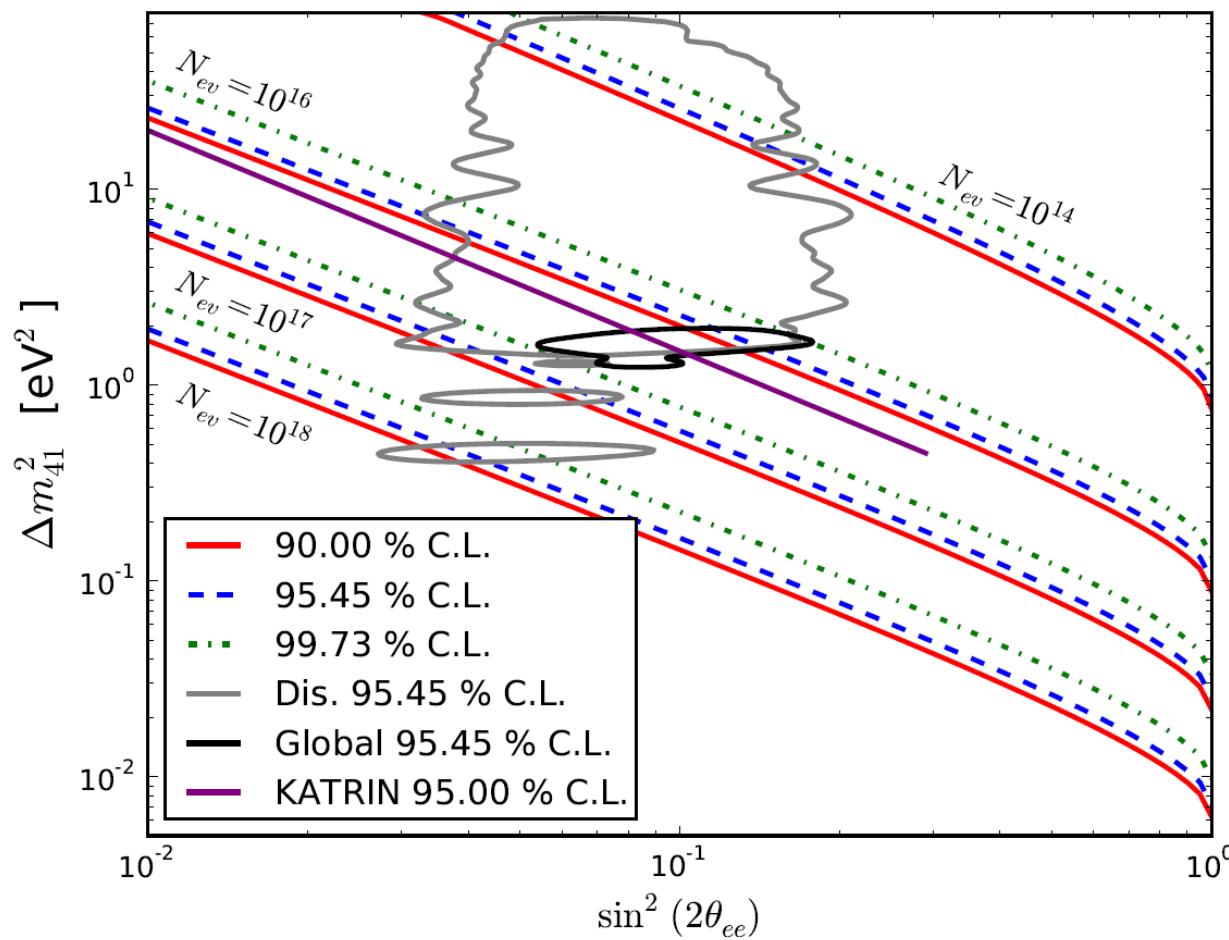
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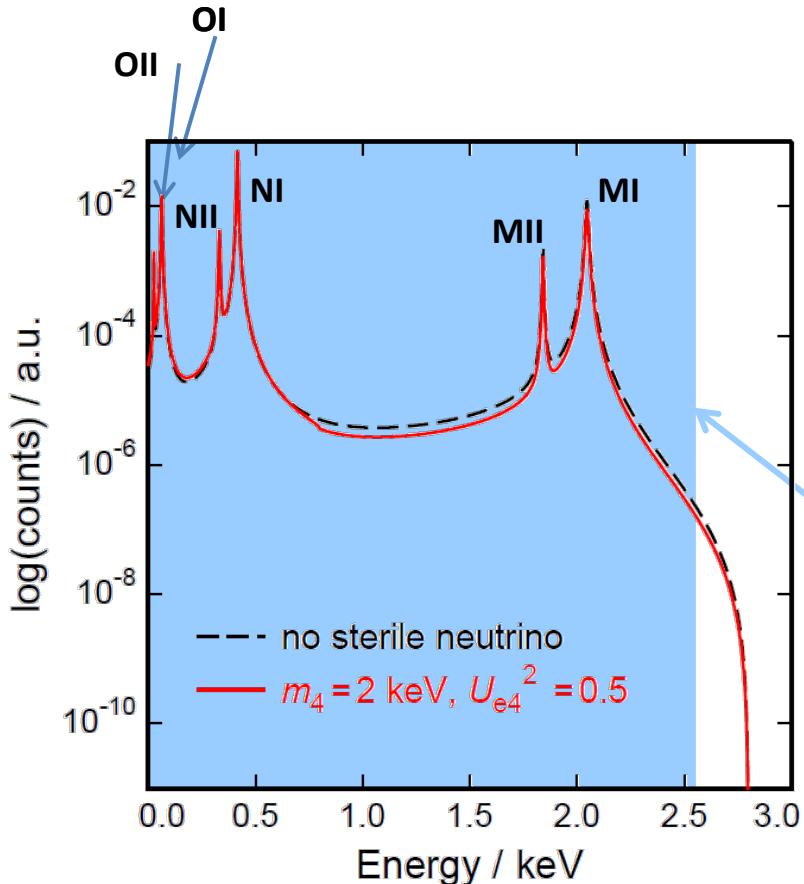
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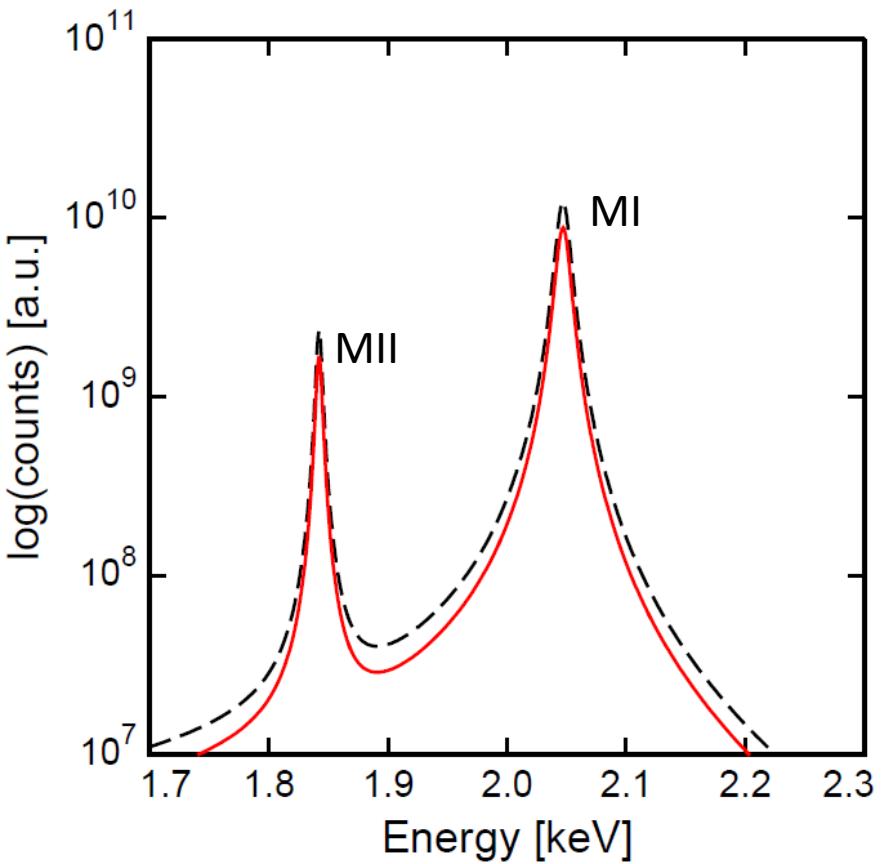
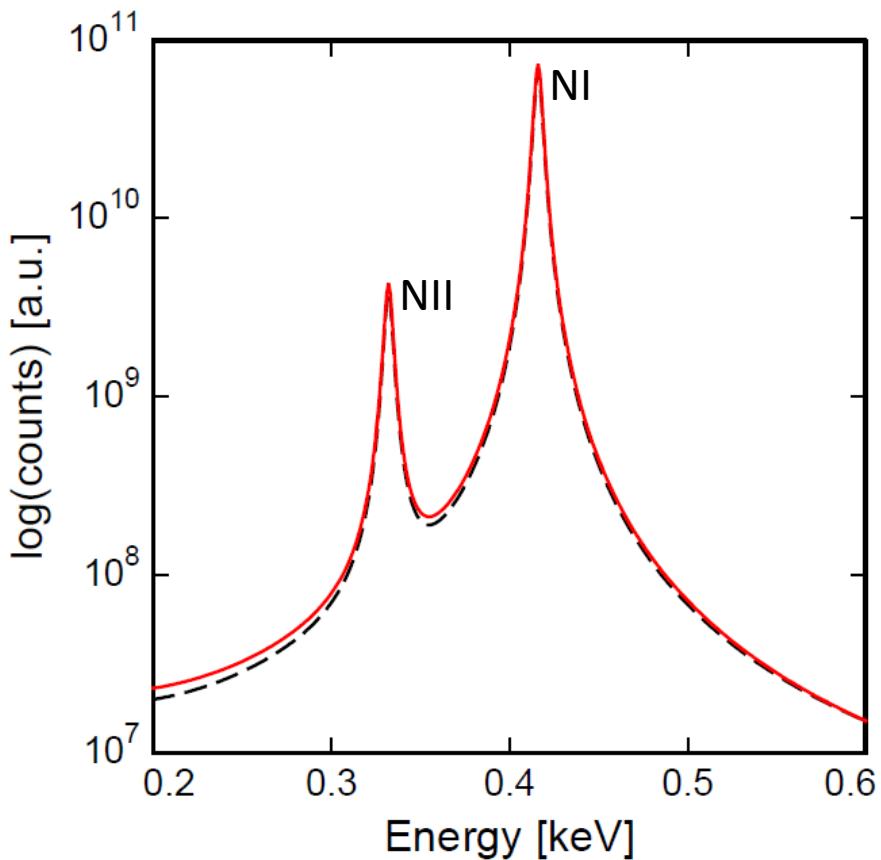
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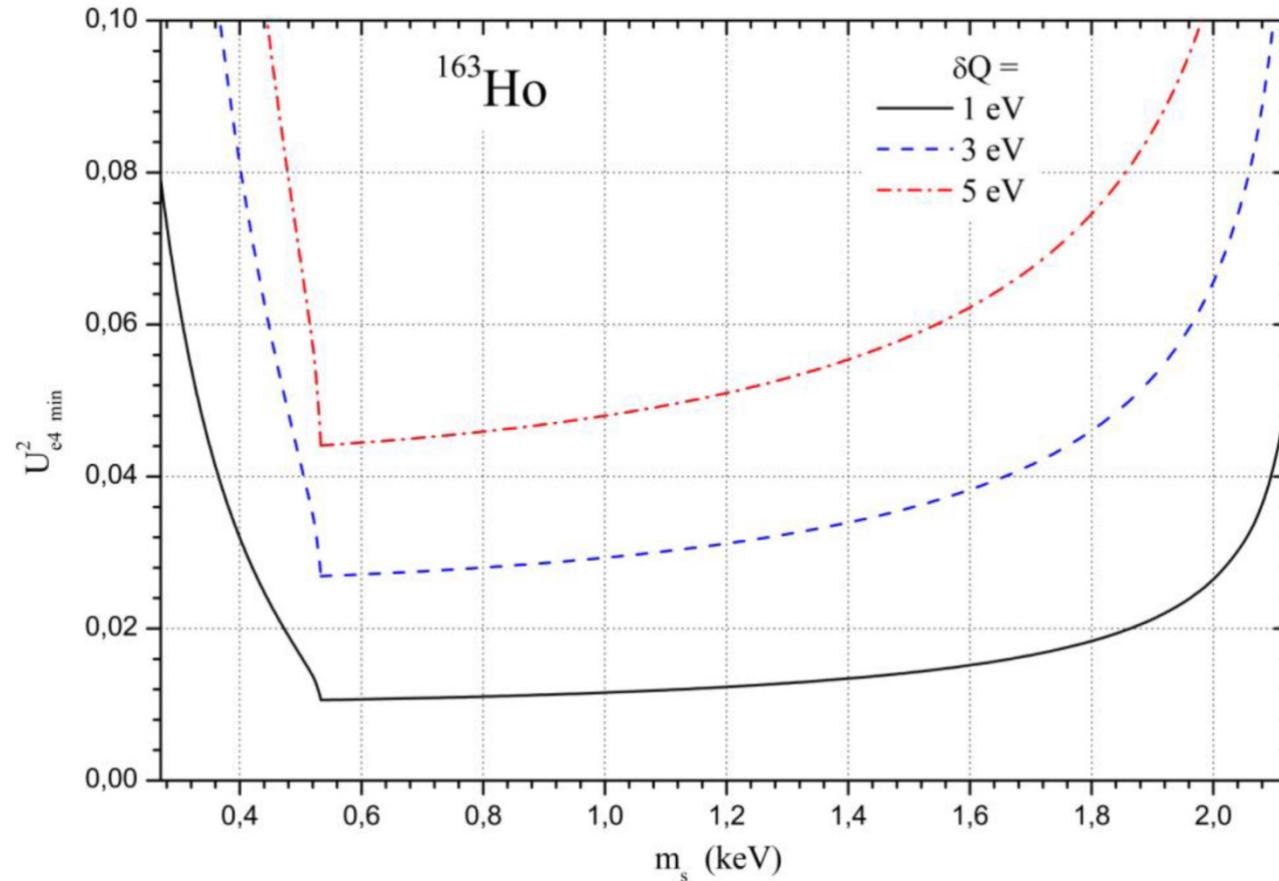
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$m_4=2 \text{ keV}$ ,  $U_{e4}^2=0.5$

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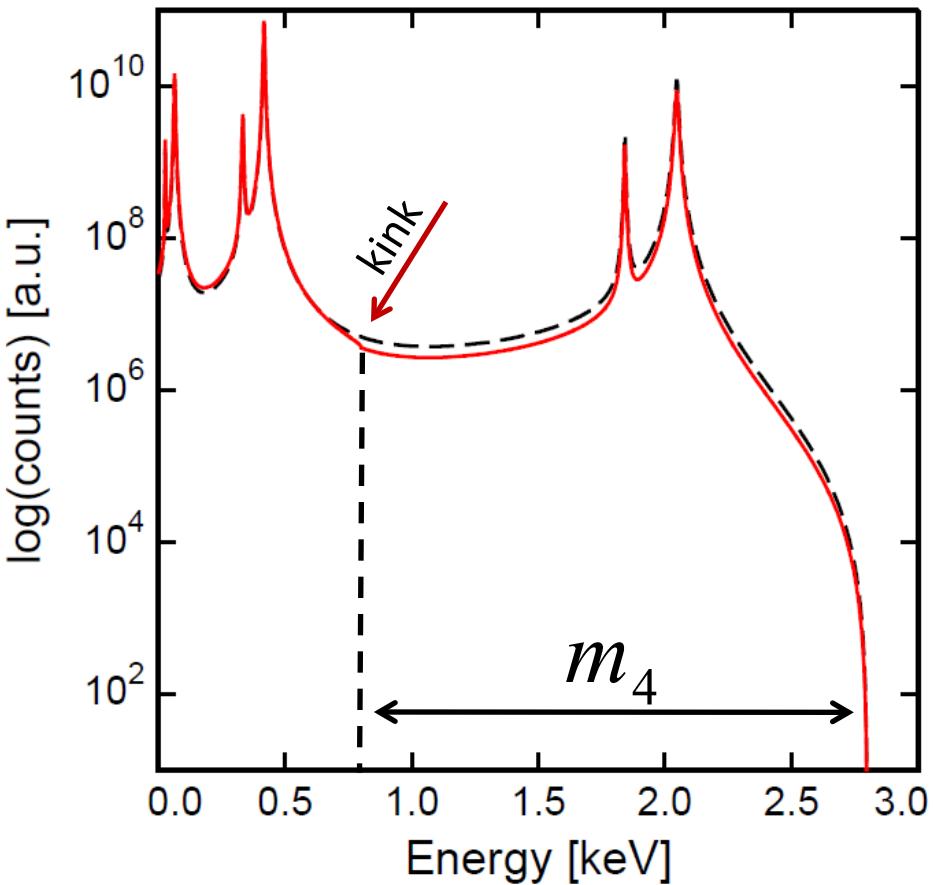


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Sensitivity to the mixing matrix element at 90% CL as a function of the sterile neutrino mass achievable with about  $10^{10}$  events in the full EC spectrum.

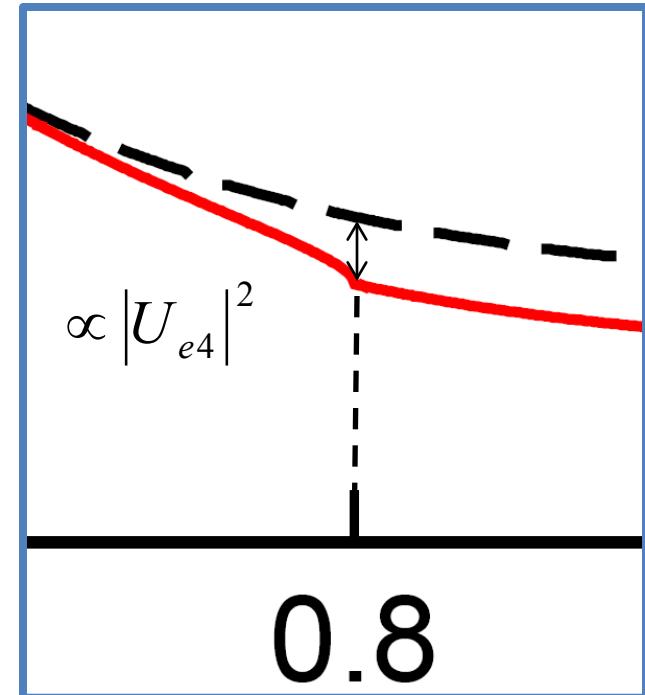
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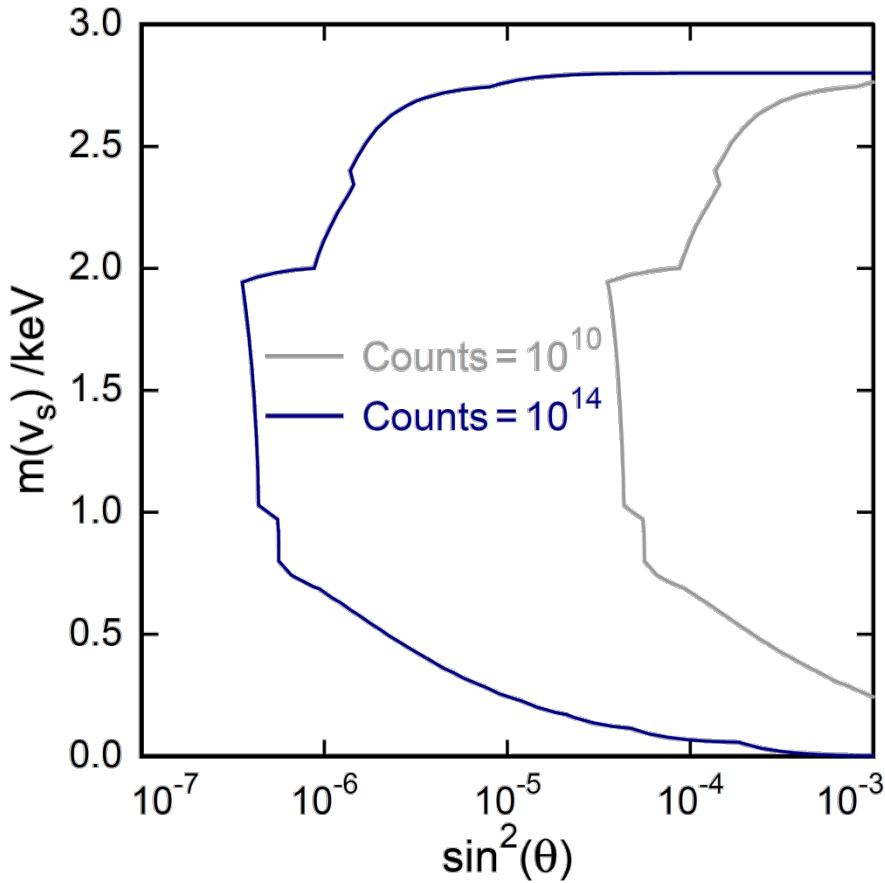
$$m_4 = 2 \text{ keV}, |U_{e4}|^2 = 0.5$$

no sterile neutrino

- position of kink  $\Rightarrow m_4$
- depth of kink  $\Rightarrow |U_{e4}|^2$



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- Statistical Fluctuation
- No Pile Up
- Theoretical Spectrum supposed to be perfectly known

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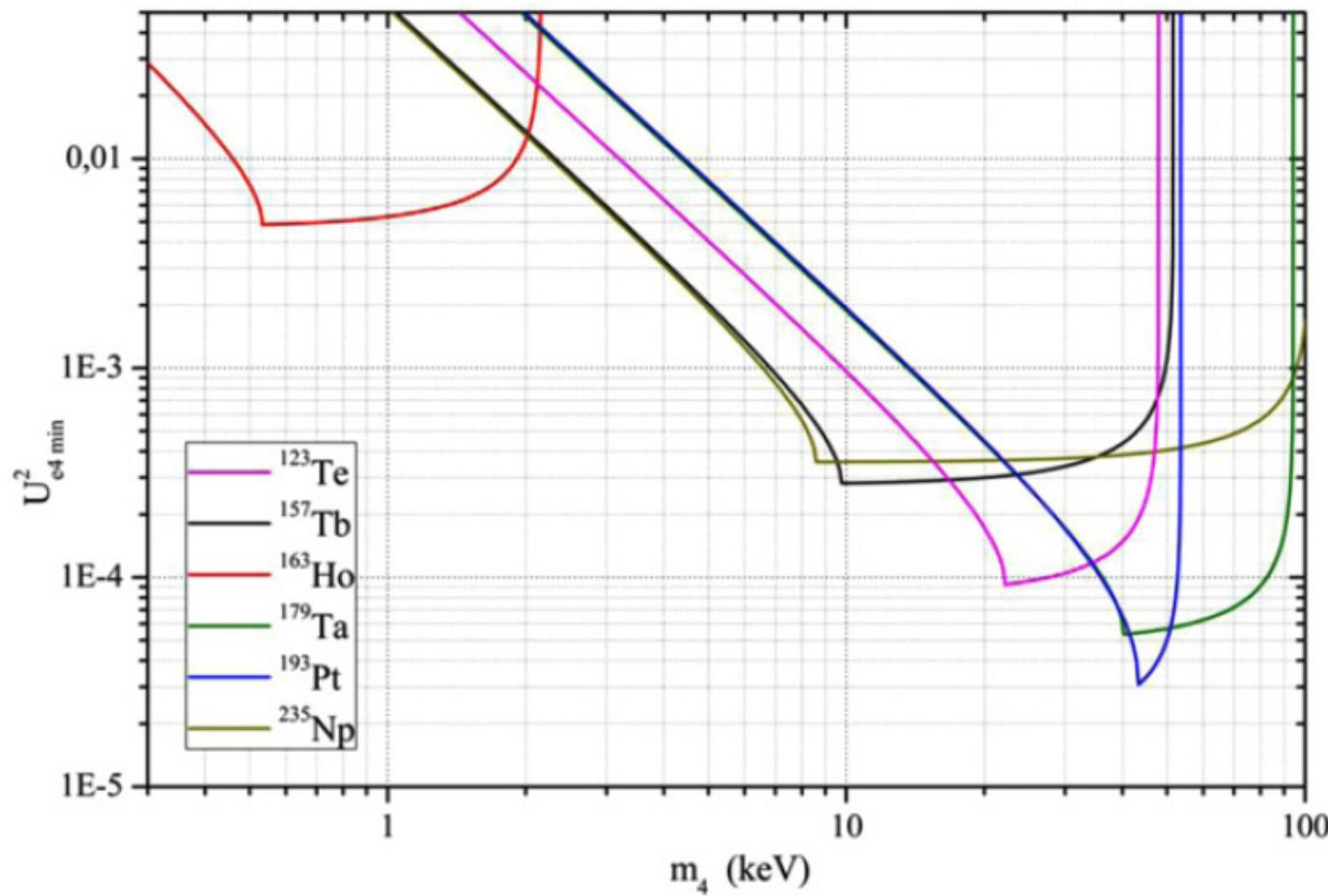
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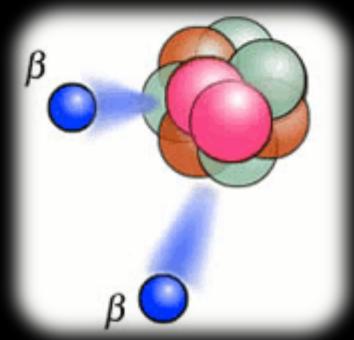
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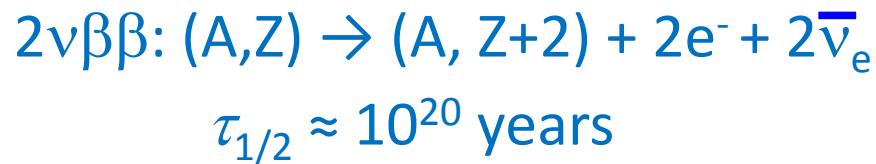
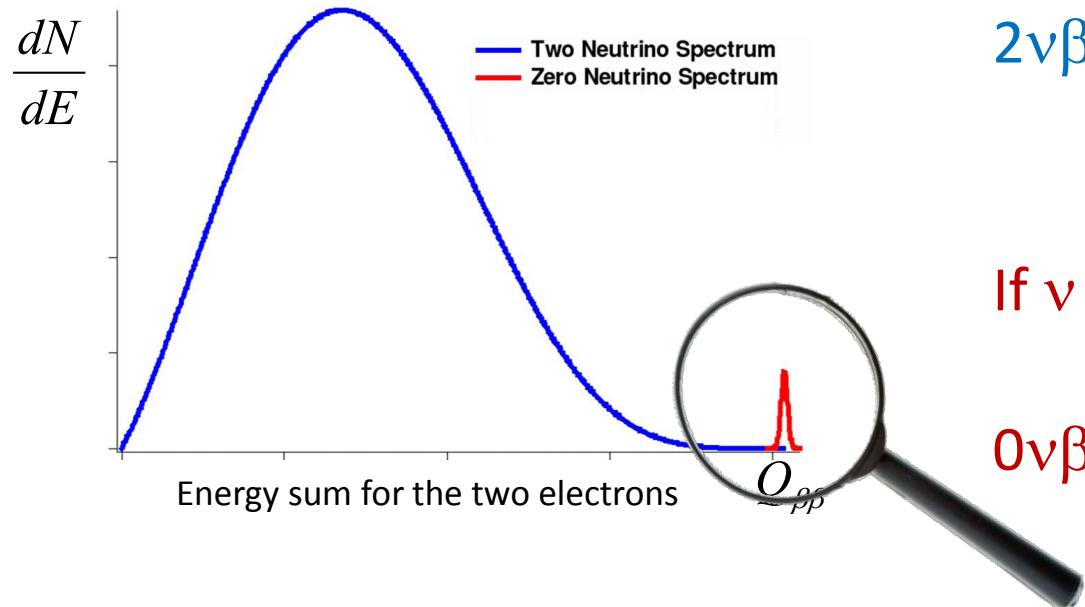
Same statistics + including errors :  $(\delta \psi_{i,j} = 0)$   $\delta Q_{\text{EC}} = 1 \text{ eV}$   $\delta E_{i,j} = 0.1 \text{ eV}$ .



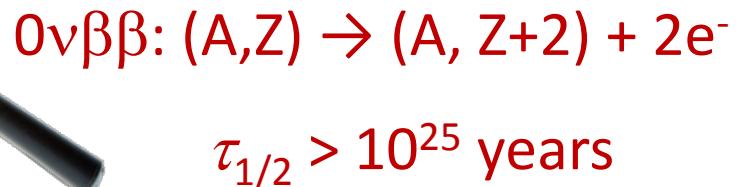
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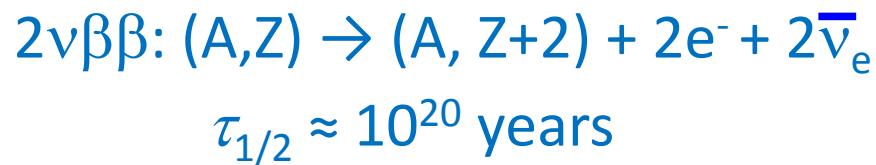
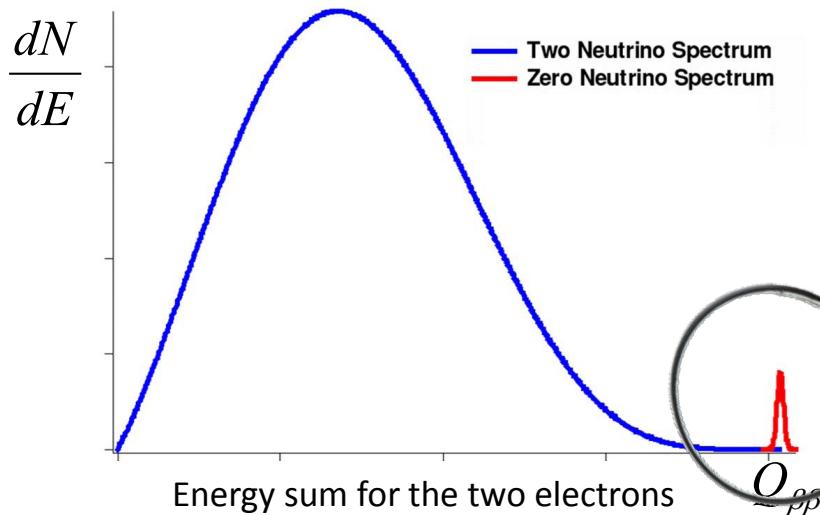


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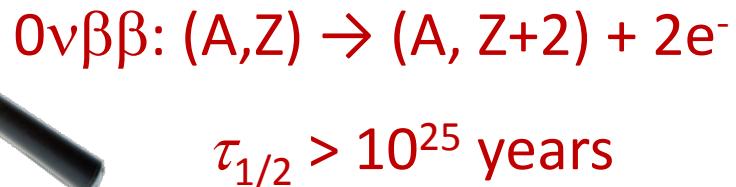


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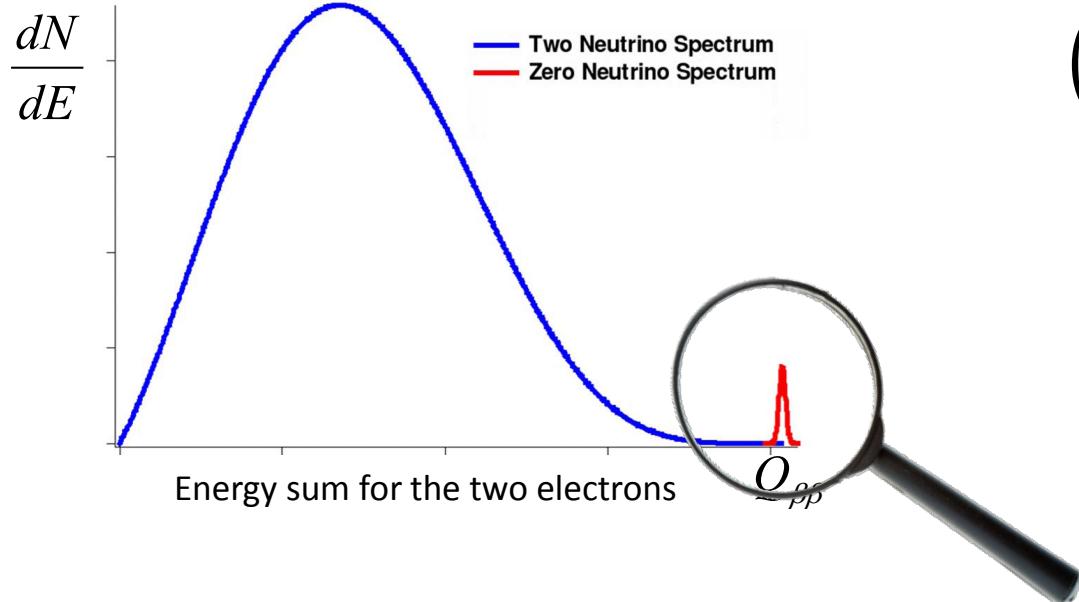
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Very rare events!

# Neutrinoless double beta decay - $\nu$ mass

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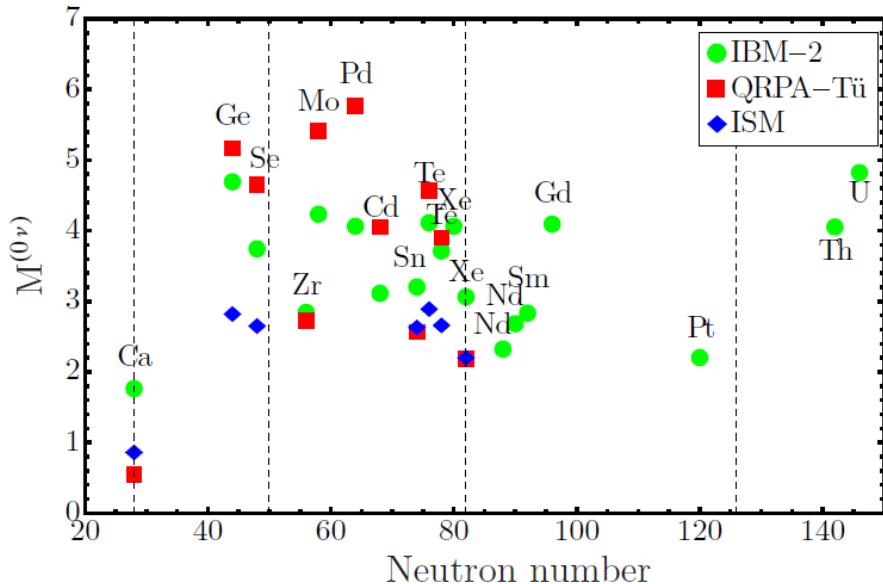
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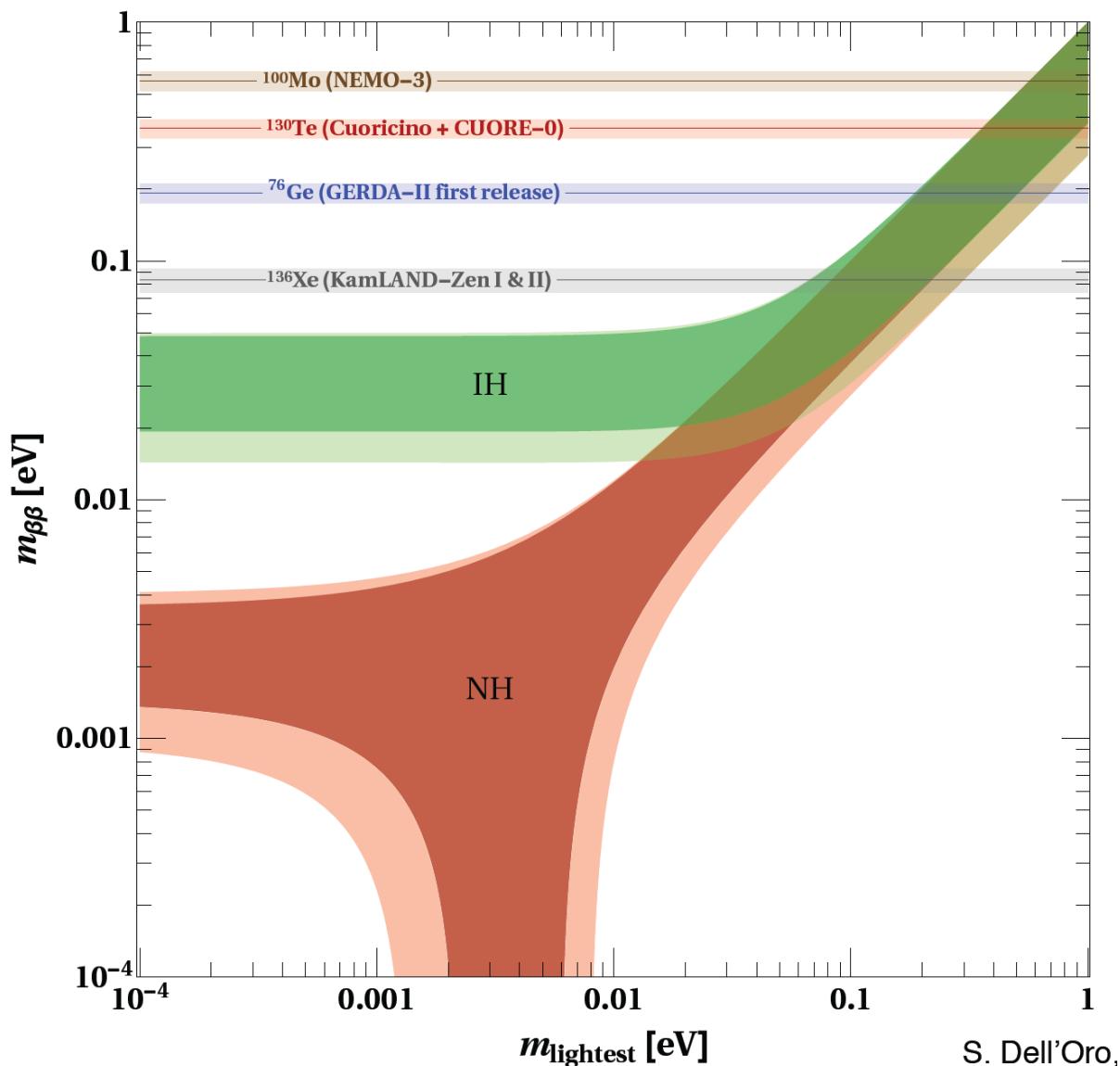
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Uncertainties to evaluate the effective Majorana mass due to:

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QRPA-Tu: F. Simkovic *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 87, 045501 (2013)  
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ISM: J. Menendez *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. A 818, 139 (2009)

# Present status



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# Neutrinoless double beta decay - sensitivity

Typically an excess of events is not found...

A limit on the halflife for 0ν2e decay can be defined as function of:

Mass of the isotope	$M$	[kg]	}	Exposure $M \times T$	[kg × year]
Measuring time	$T$	[year]			
Energy resolution	$\Delta E$	[keV]			
Background index	$b$	[keV <sup>-1</sup> ton <sup>-1</sup> year <sup>-1</sup> ]			

Two limits defined by the background index

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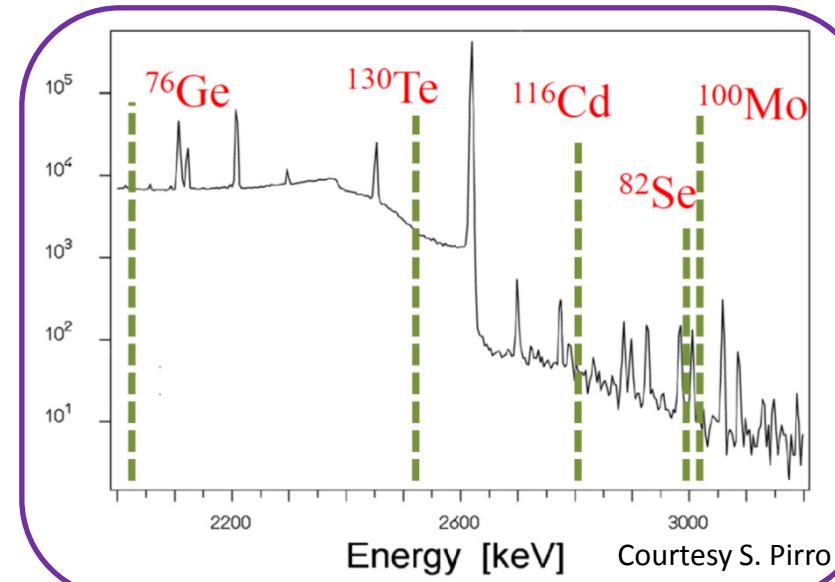
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$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru}$	5.74	3.034	10
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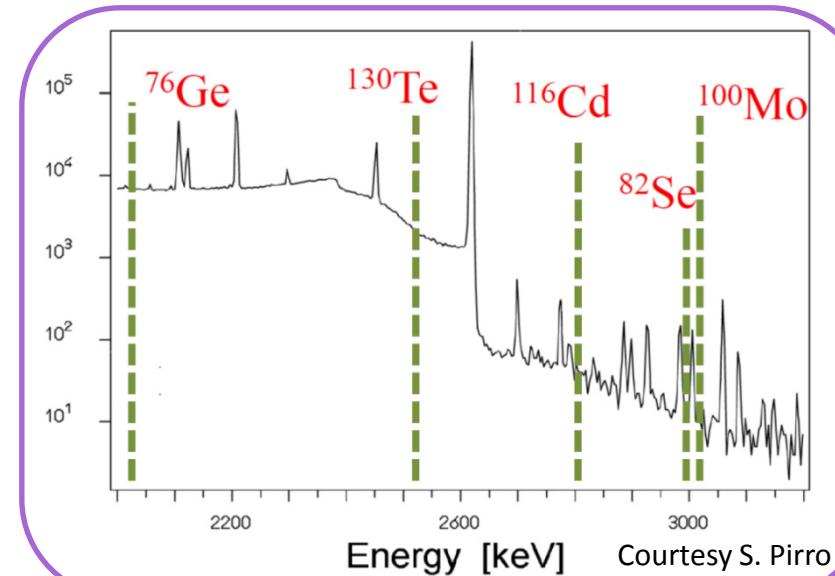
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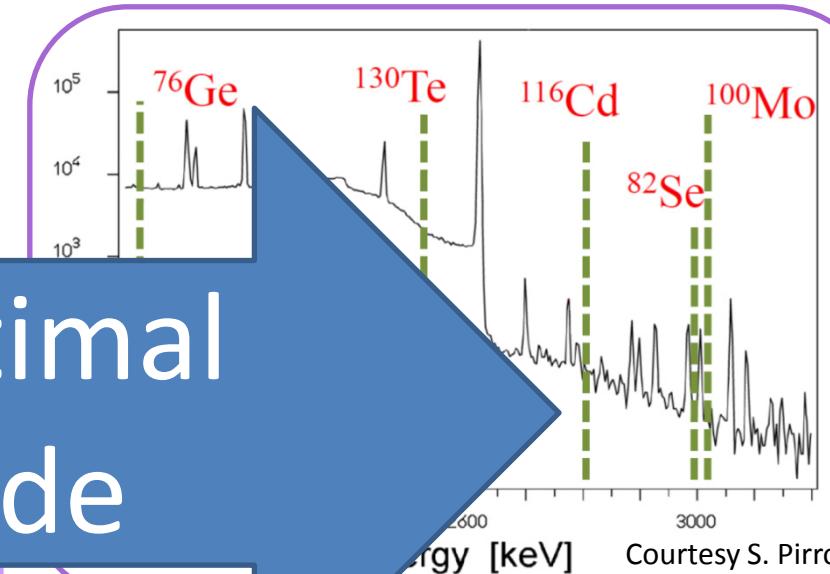
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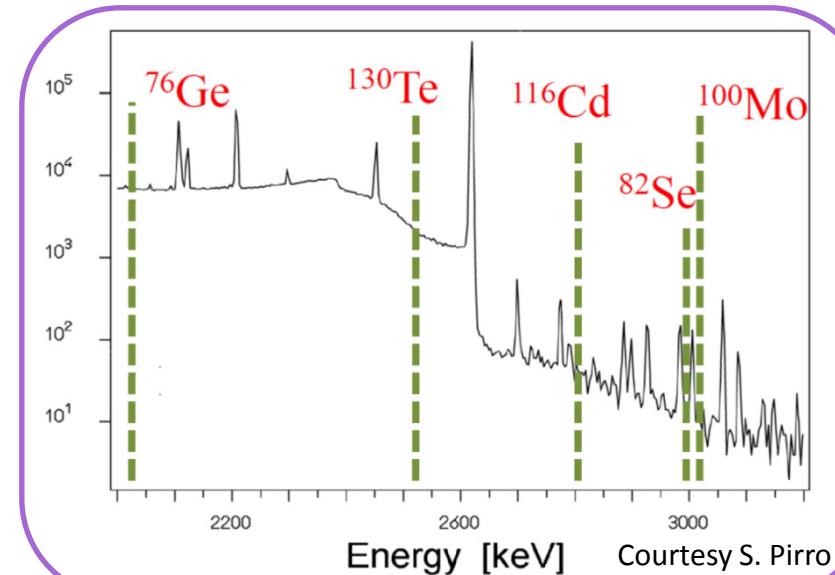
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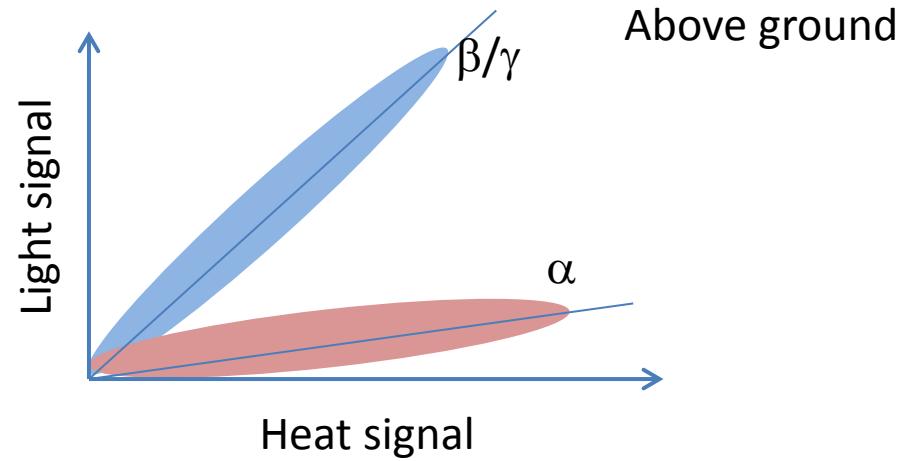
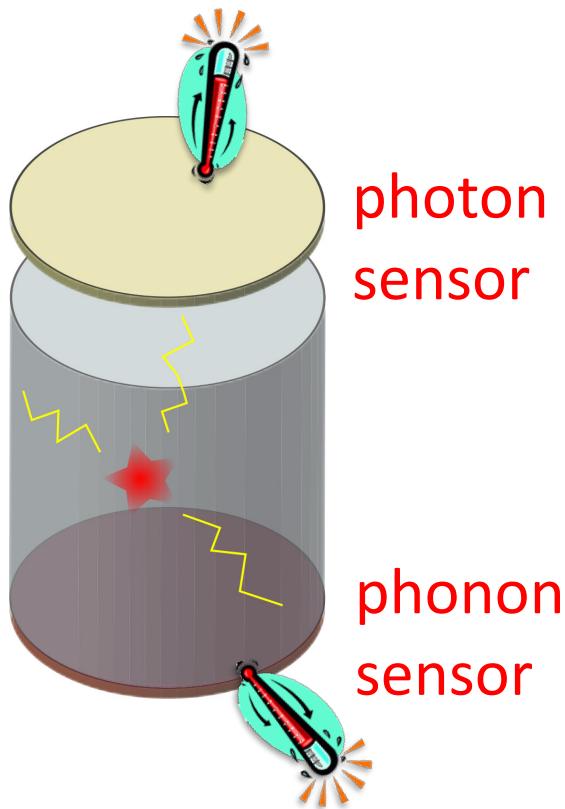
# Many different experiments

Experiment	Isotope	Technique	Mass $\beta\beta(0\nu)$ isotope
CUORICINO	130Te	TeO <sub>2</sub> Bolometer	10 kg
NEMO3	100Mo/82Se	Foils with tracking	6.9/0.9 kg
GERDA I	76Ge	Ge diodes in LAr	15 kg
EXO200	136Xe	Xe liquid TPC	160 kg
KamLAND-ZEN	136Xe	2.7% in liquid scint.	380 kg
CUORE-0	130Te	TeO <sub>2</sub> Bolometer	11 kg
GERDA II	76Ge	Point contact Ge in LAr	30+35 kg
Majorana D	76Ge	Point contact Ge	30 kg
CUORE	130Te	TeO <sub>2</sub> Bolometer	206 kg
SNO+	130Te	0.3% natTe suspended in Scint	55 kg
NEXT-100	136Xe	High pressure Xe TPC	80 kg
SuperNEMO D	82Se	Foils with tracking	7 kg
CANDLES	48Ca	305 kg of CaF <sub>2</sub> crystals - liq. scint	0.3 kg
LUCIFER	82Se	ZnSe scint. bolometer	18 kg
1TGe (GERDA+MJ)	76Ge	Best technology from GERDA and MAJORANA	~ tonne
CUPID	-	Hybrid Bolometers	~ tonne
nEXO	136Xe	Xe liquid TPC	~ tonne
SuperNEMO	82Se	Foils with tracking	100 kg
AMoRE	100Mo	CaMoO <sub>4</sub> scint. bolometer	50 kg
MOON	100Mo	Mo sheets	200 kg
COBRA	116Cd	CdZnTe detectors	10 kg/183 kg
CARVEL	48Ca	48CaWO <sub>4</sub> crystal scint.	~ tonne
DCBA	150Nd	Nd foils & tracking chambers	20 kg

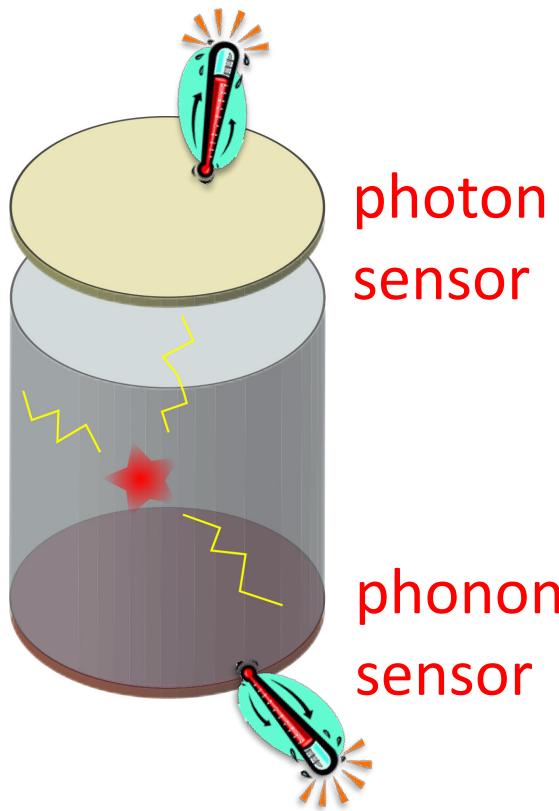
Best results

Promising technique

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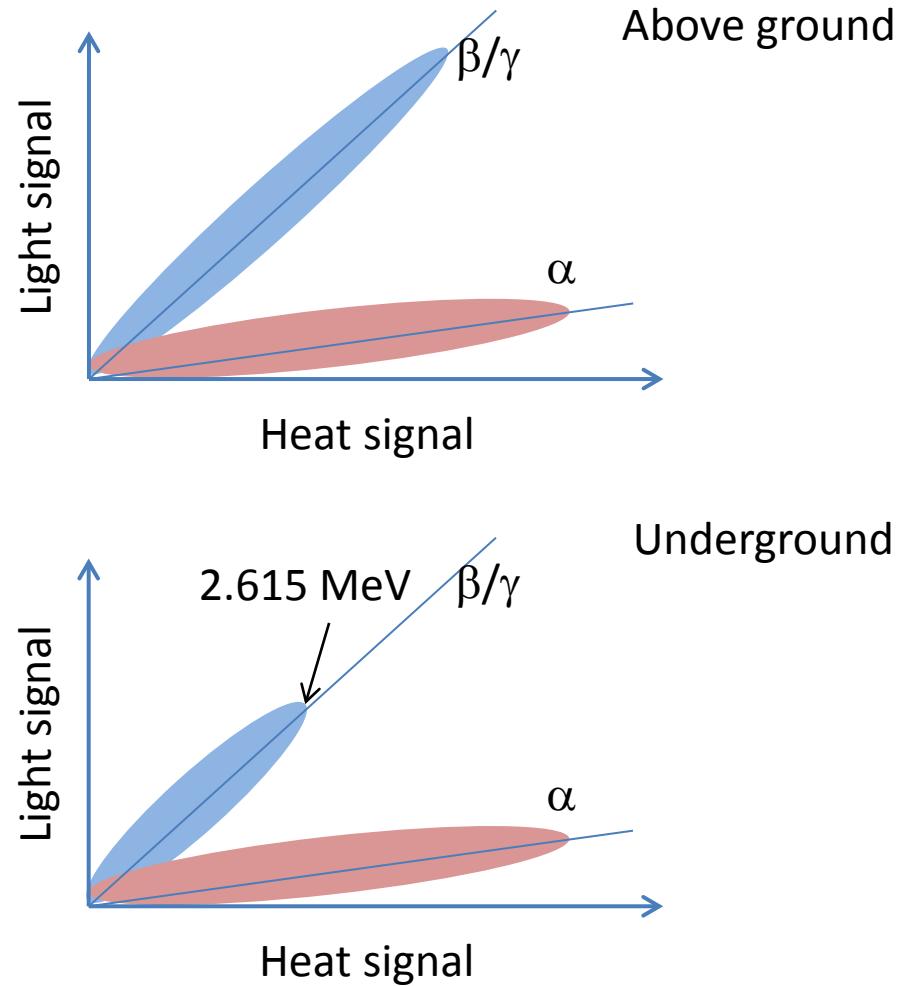


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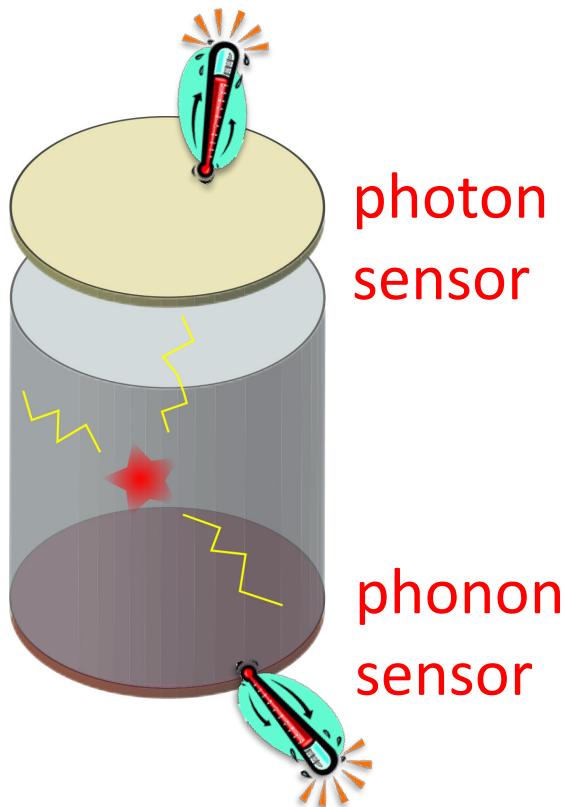
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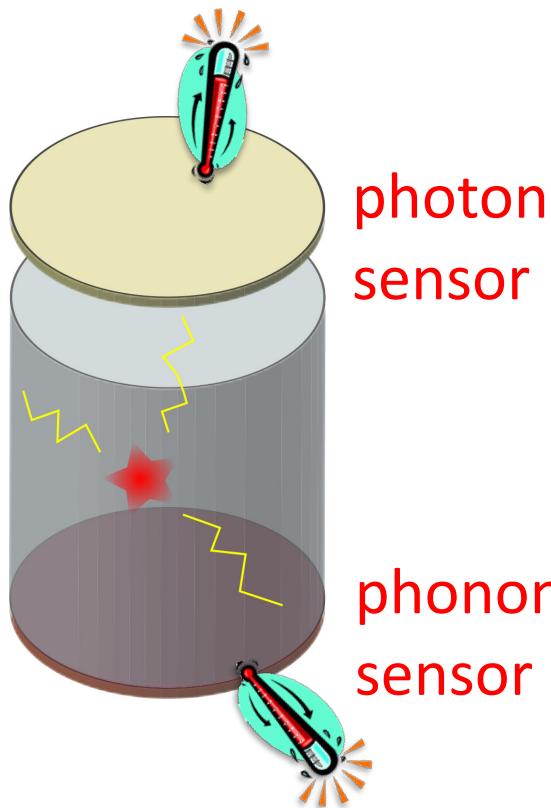
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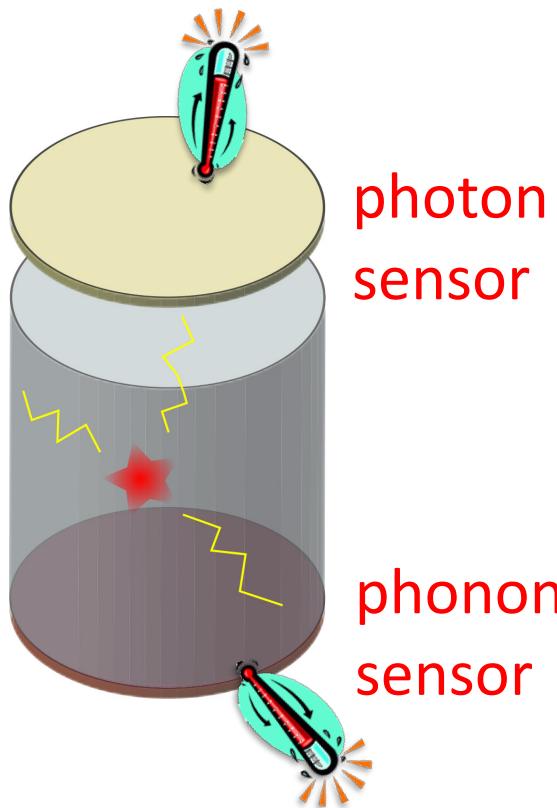


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$$\text{Light signal is also detected as } \Delta T \cong \frac{\Delta E_{\text{photon}}}{C} \text{ of a suitable photon detector}$$

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Low T thermal detectors are the best candidate for these measurements

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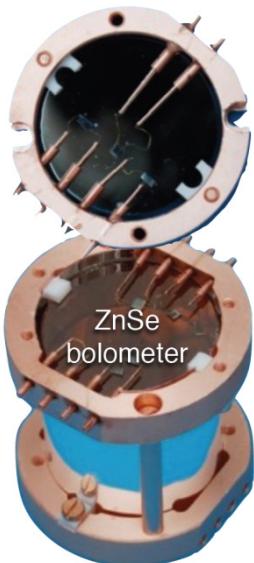
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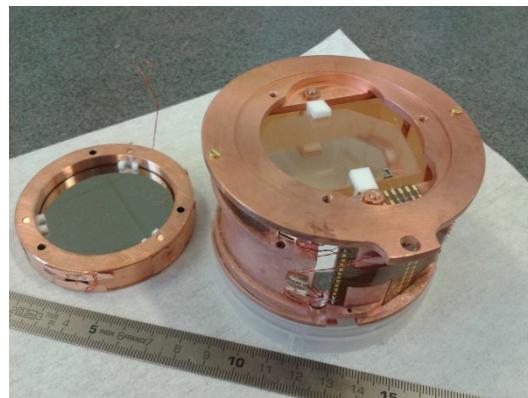
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LUMINEU arXiv:1704.01758  
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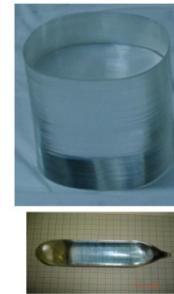
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- S35  
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MMC for photon and phonon channel

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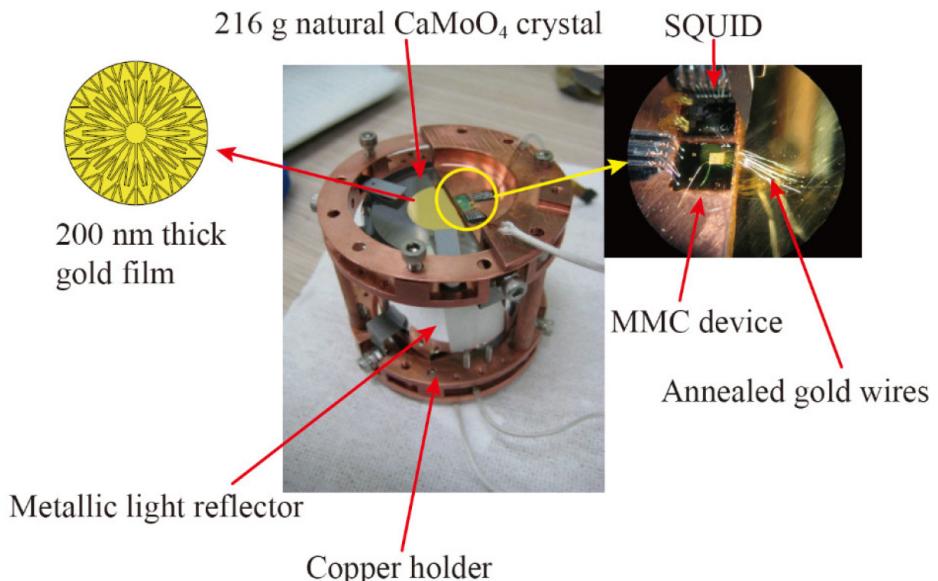
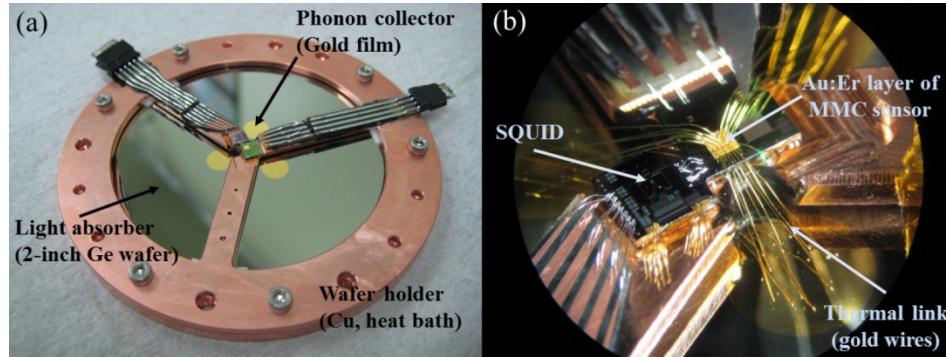
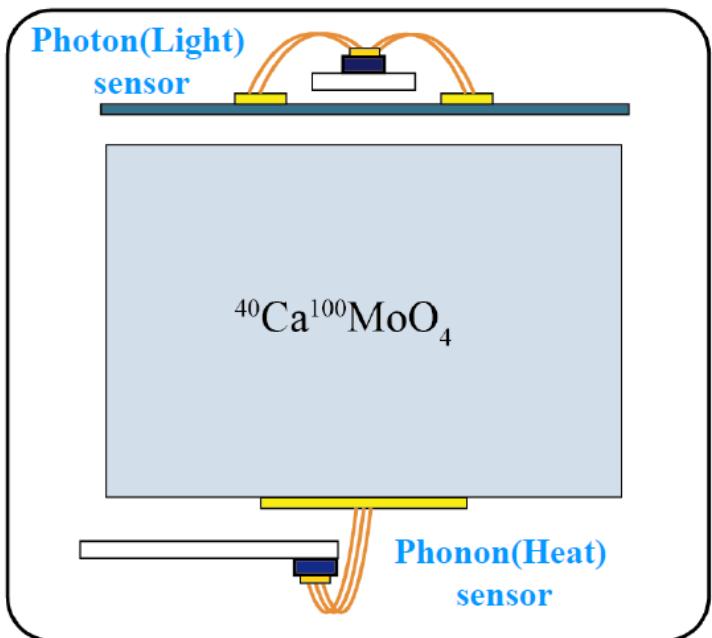
R&D phases successfully concluded  
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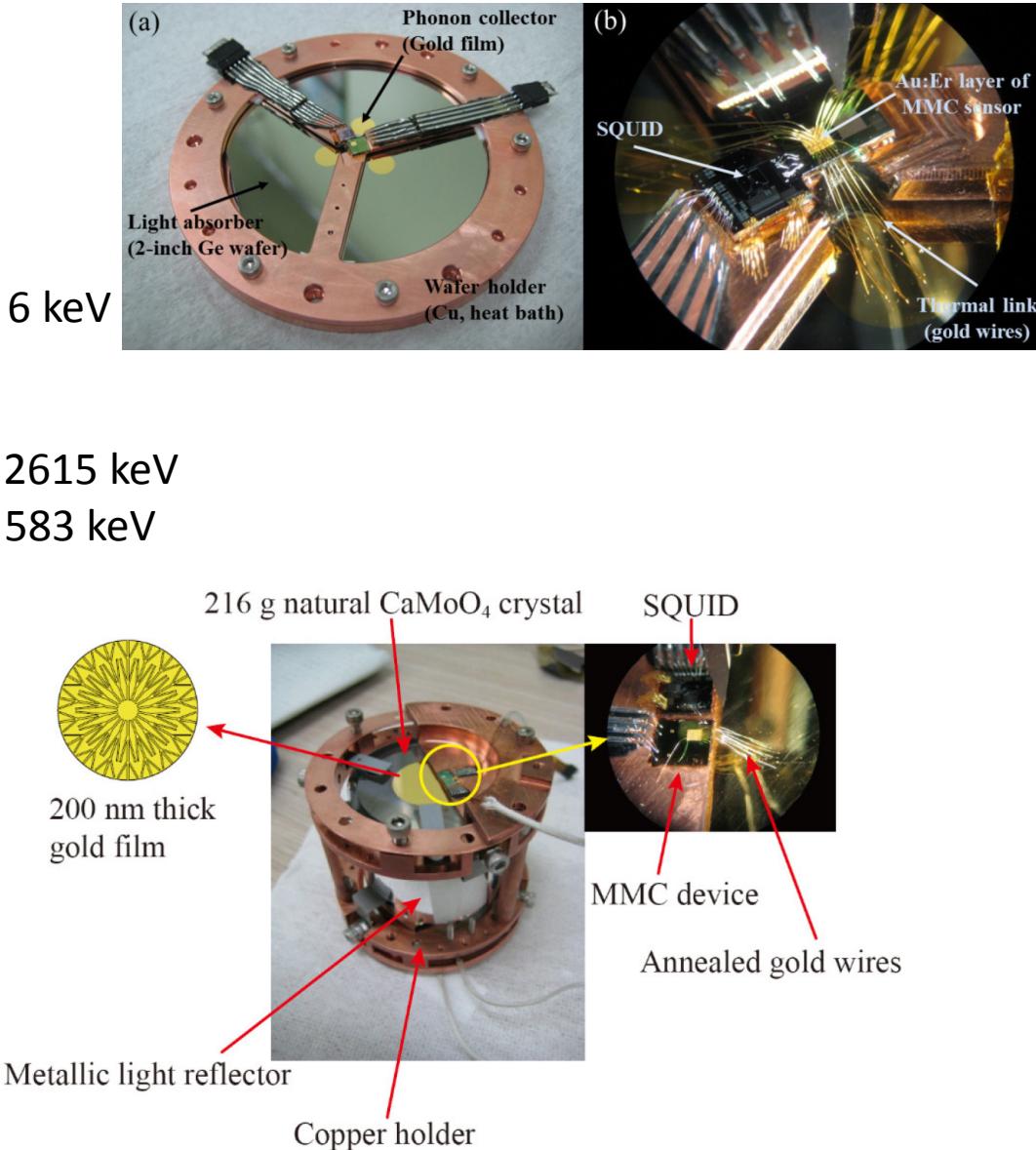
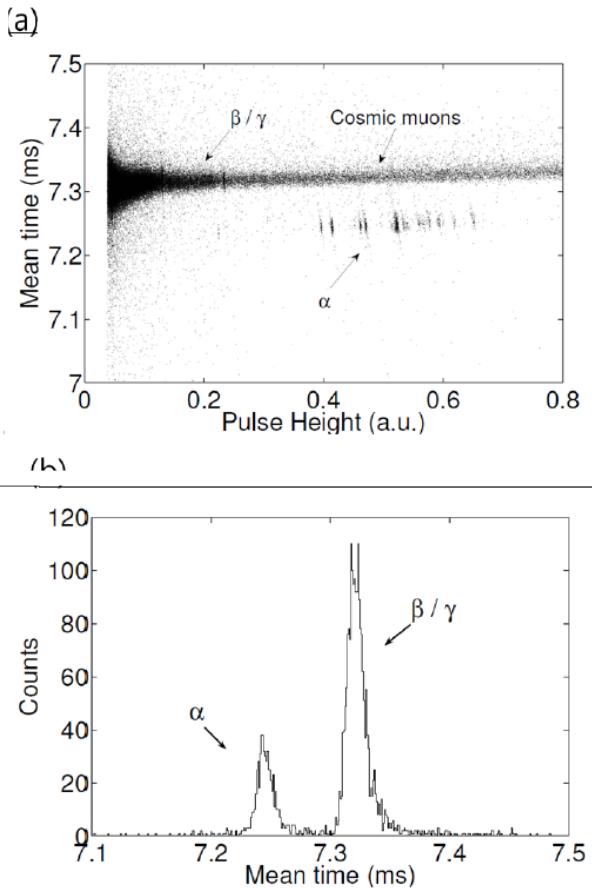
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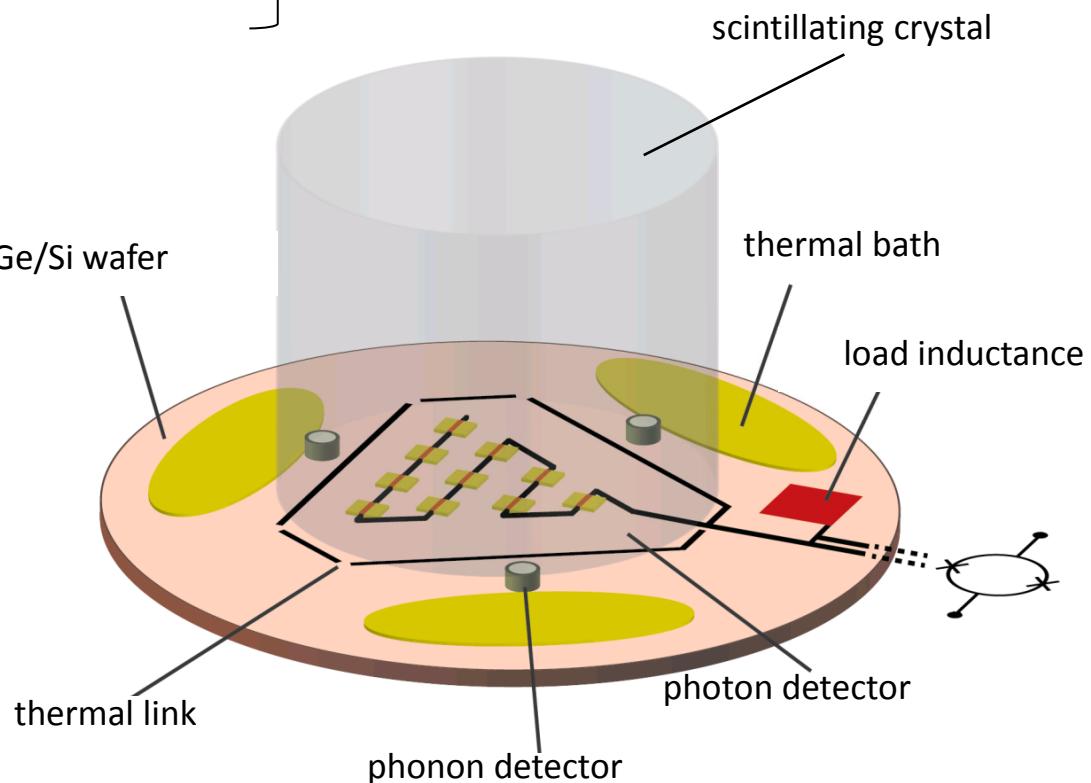
# Combined Photon and Phonon Detector: P2

- Phonon detector:
  - energy resolution
  - rise time
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  - rise time
- A minimum of (contaminated?) parts
- Position sensitivity possible

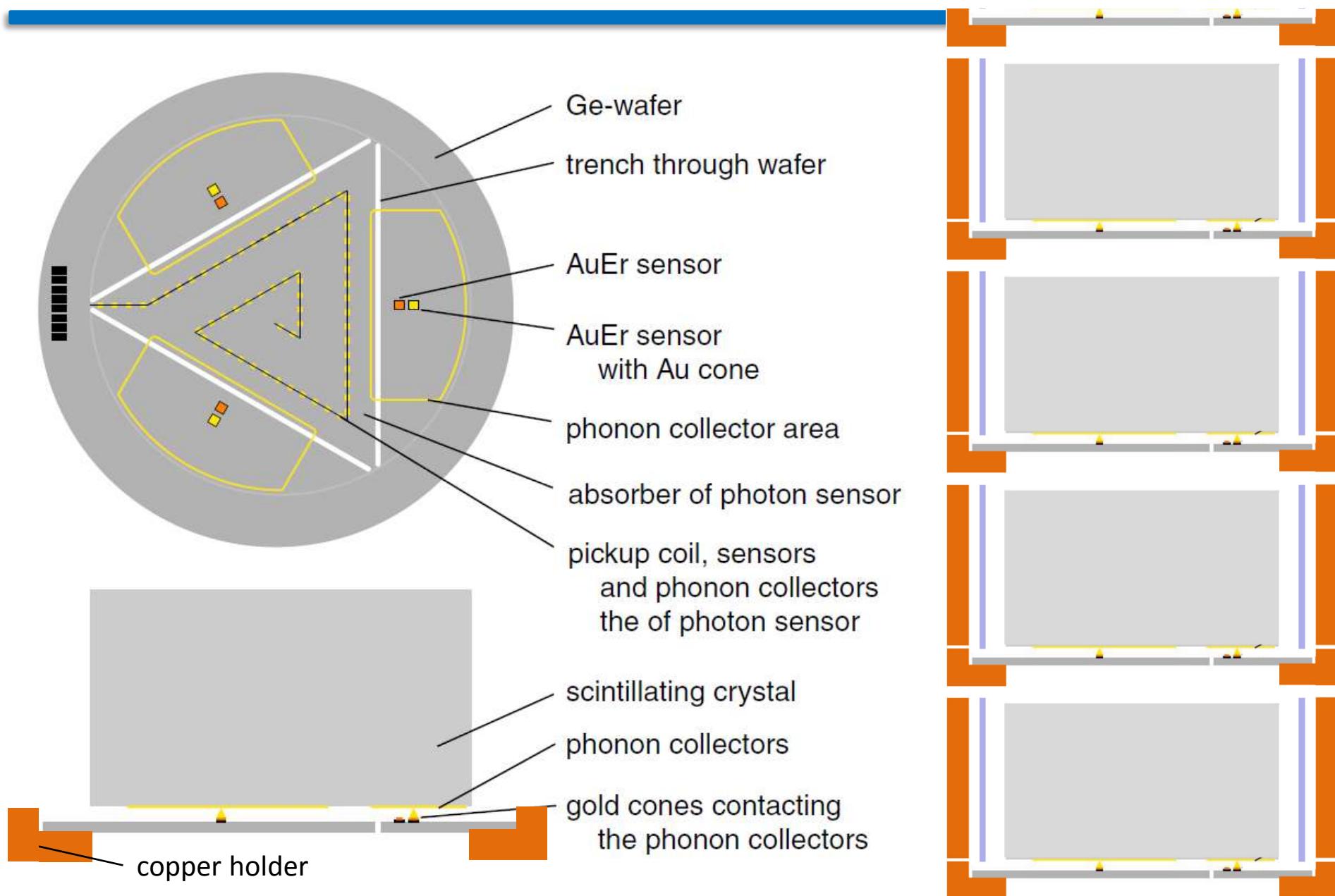
$$\Delta E_{FWHM} < 100 \text{ eV}$$
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} Substrate: Ge or Si 3" wafer

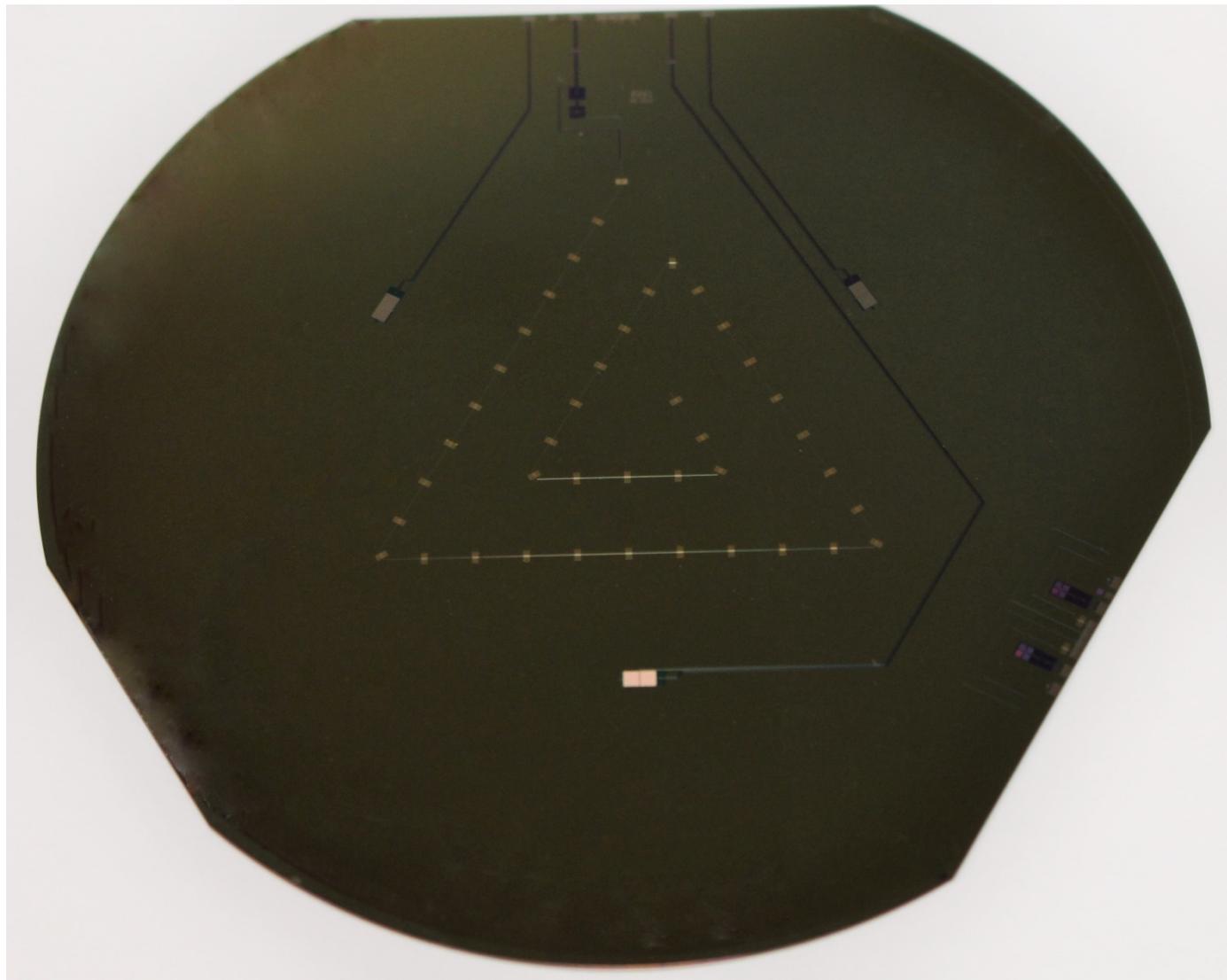


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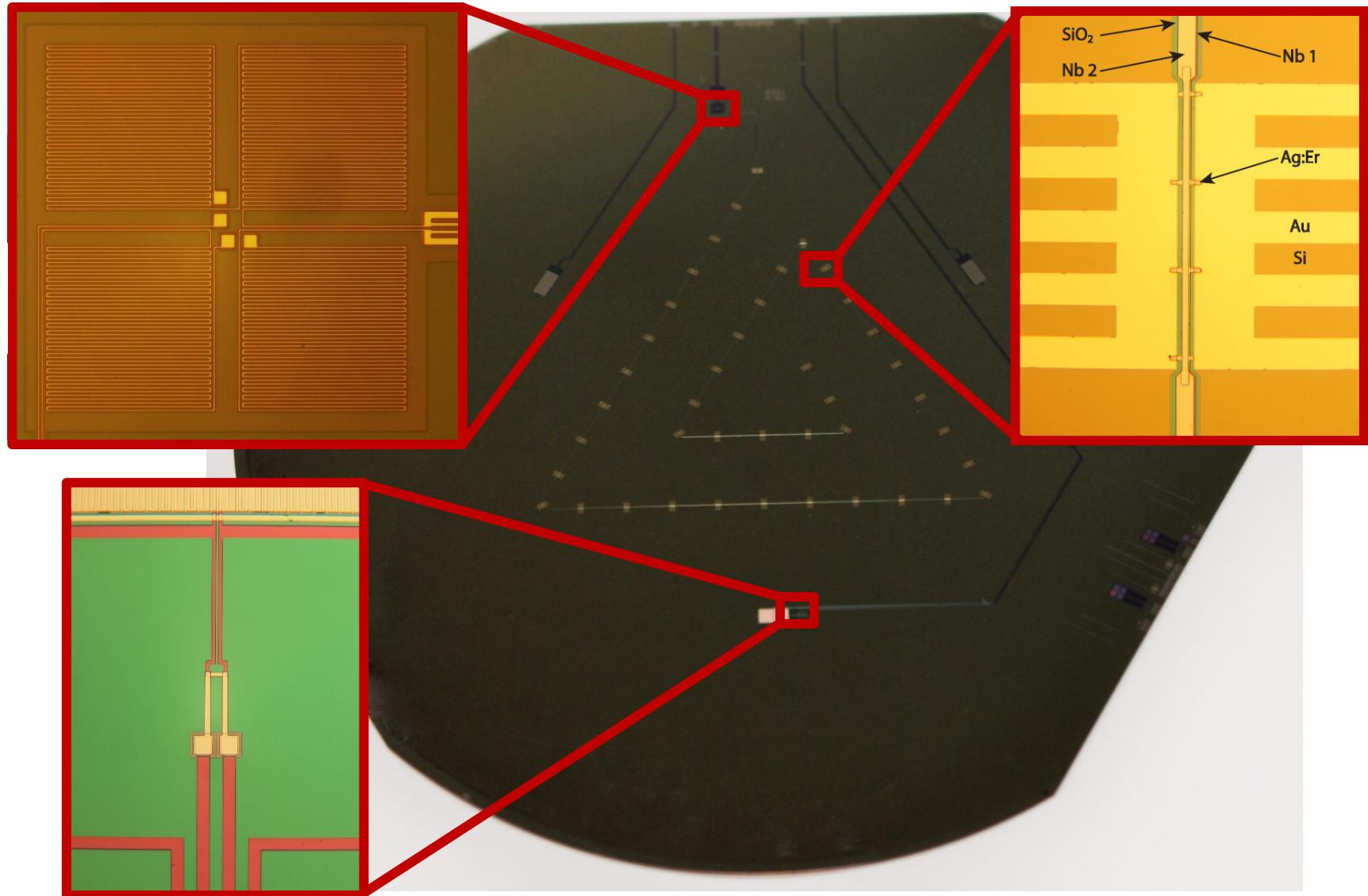


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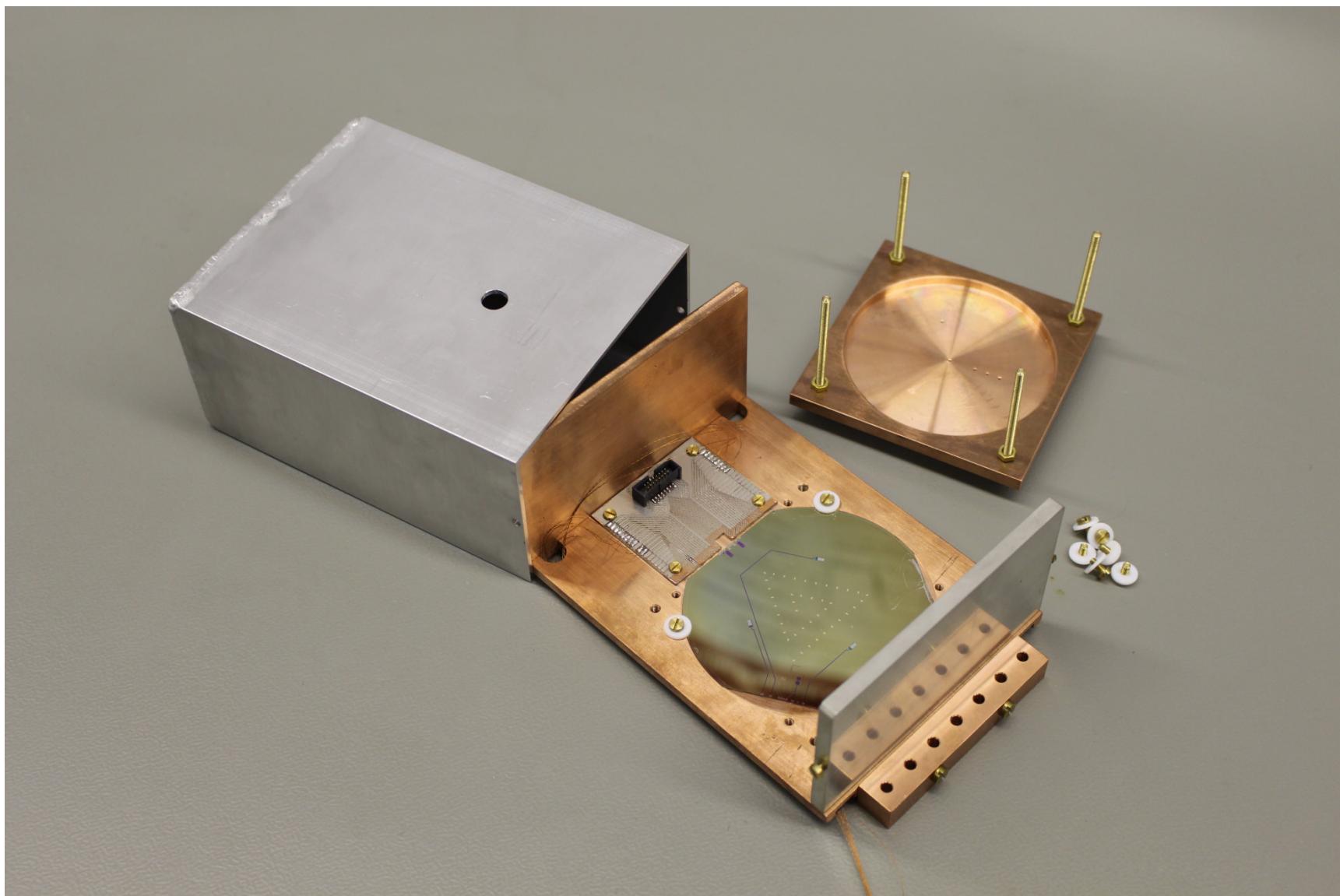


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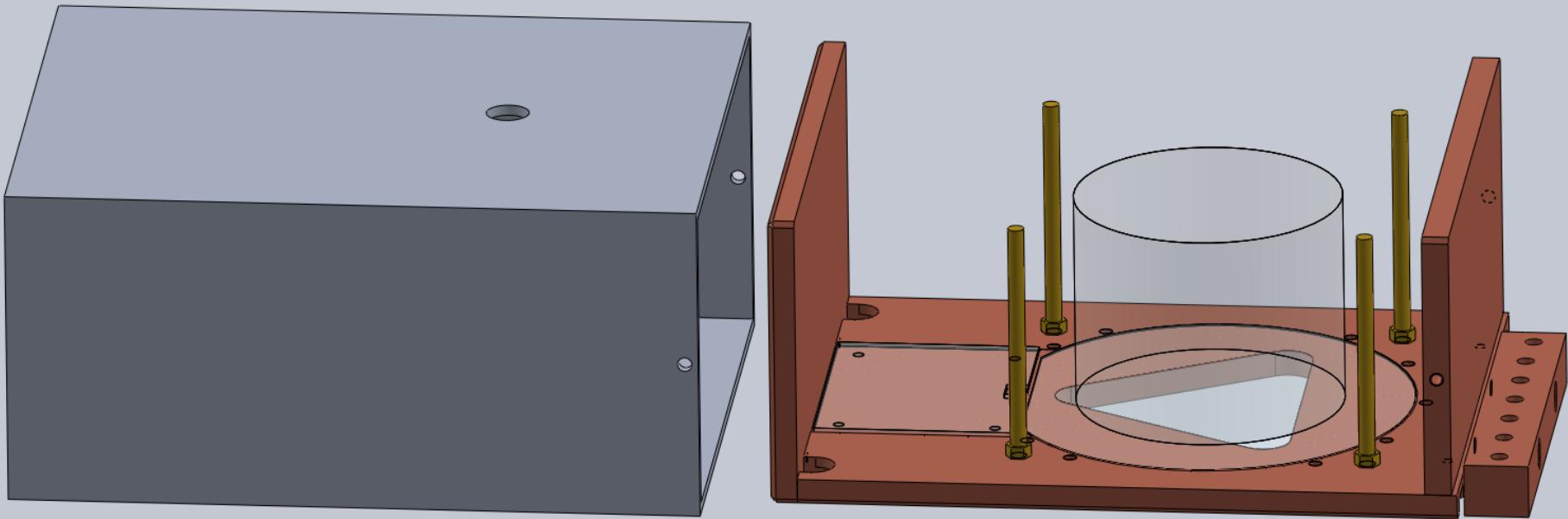
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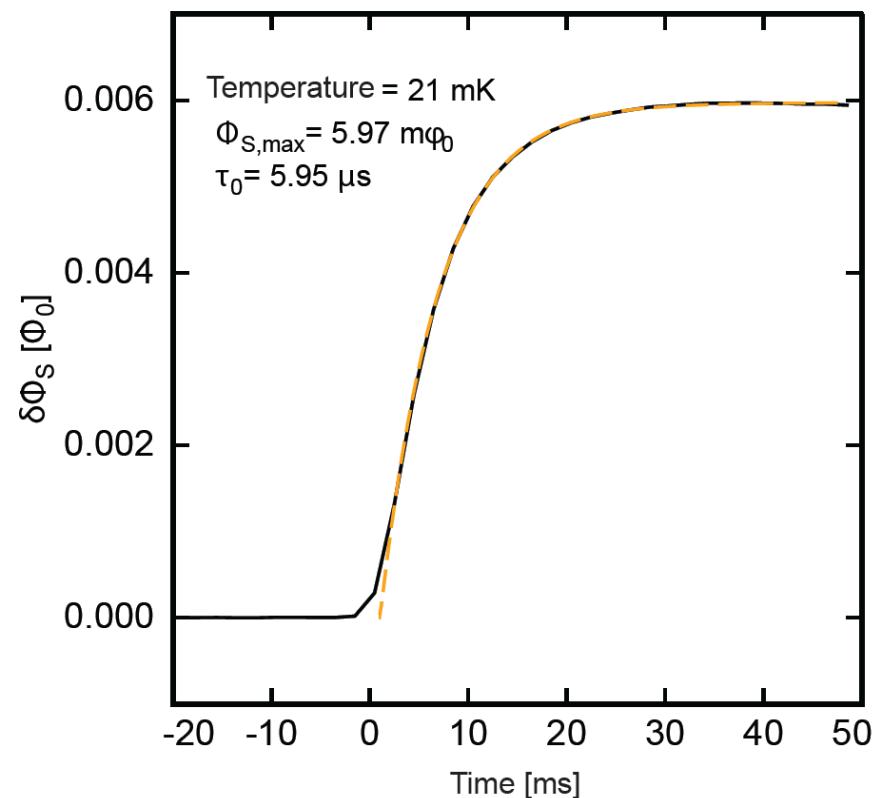
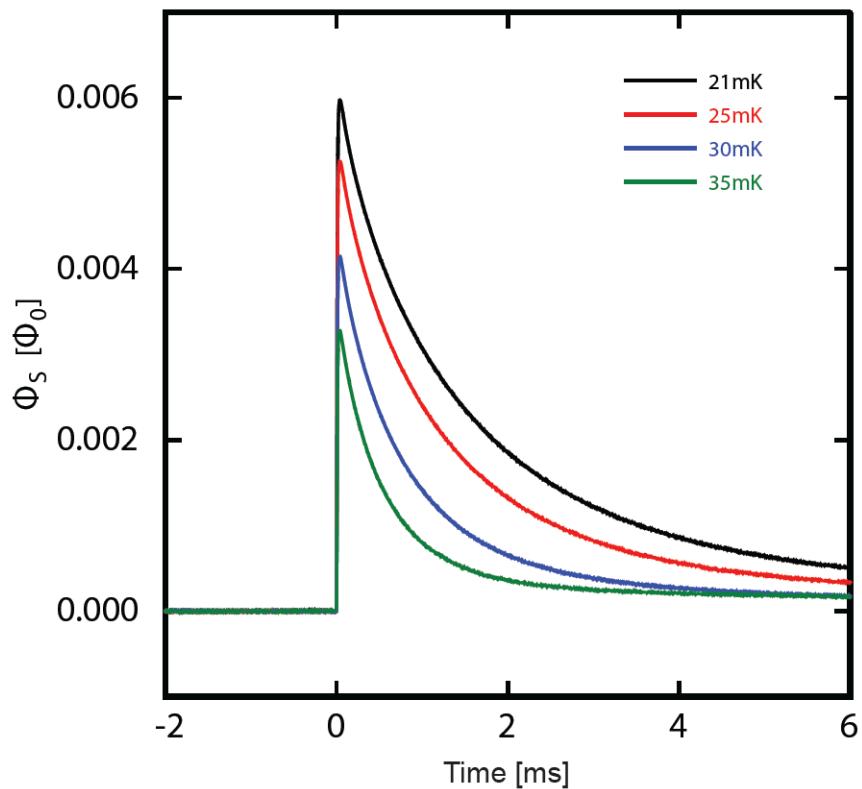


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# Photon detector: First tests with 6keV x-rays



Risetimes:

direct x-rays

$\sim 6 \mu\text{s}$

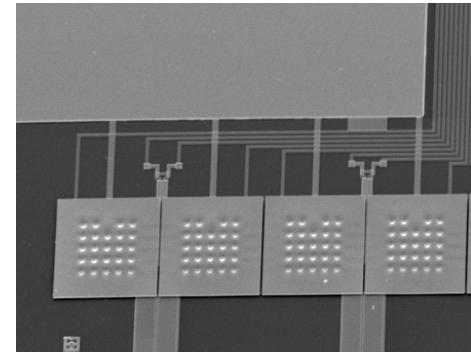
for scintillation light

$\sim 250\text{--}350 \mu\text{s}$  (Saclay)

# Conclusions and outlook

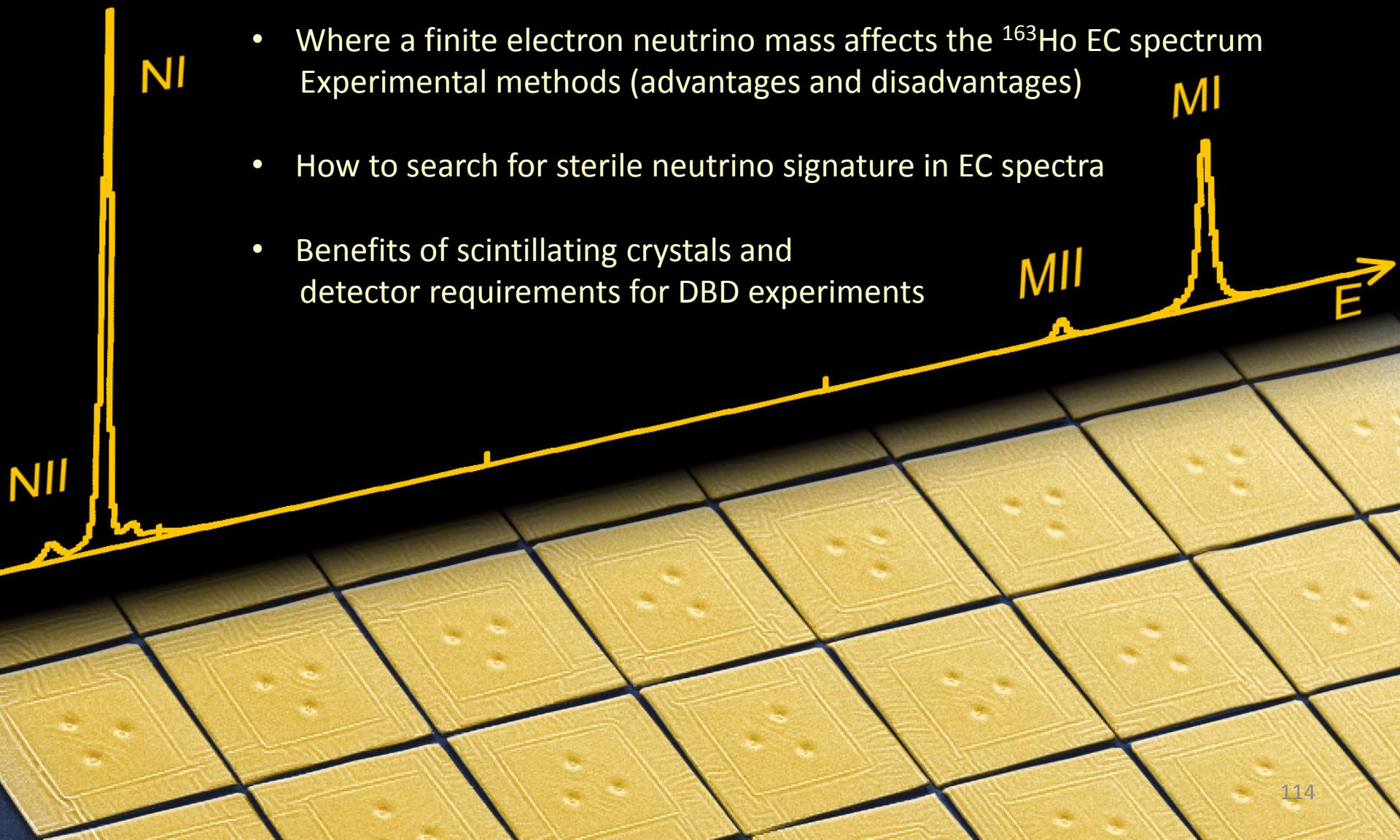
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- Metallic magnetic calorimeters are **reliable** and **versatile** detectors
  - high resolution for all kinds of particles
  - wide range of energies
  - Fast signal rise time
- Direct determination of the **electron neutrino mass** using  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  MMC have proved to **fulfil requirements**
- eV-scale and keV-scale **sterile neutrinos** can be investigated through calorimetric measurement of **EC spectra**
- MMC-based **photon and phonon detectors** could bring significant benefit for large mass  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ -based DBD experiments



# Take-home messages

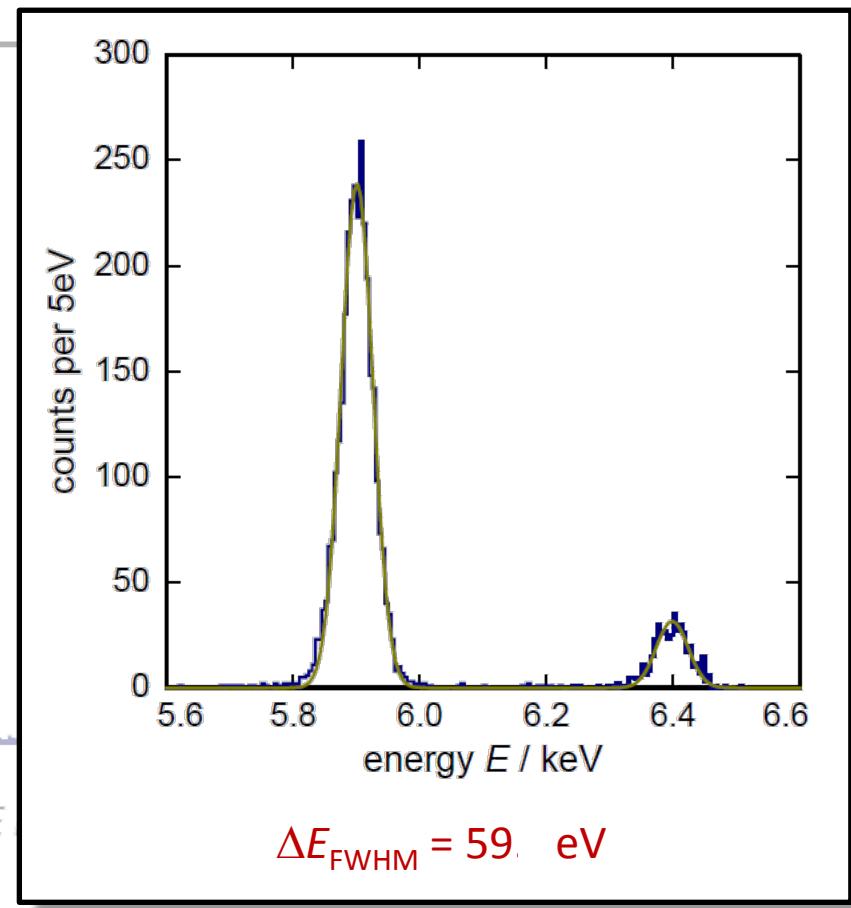
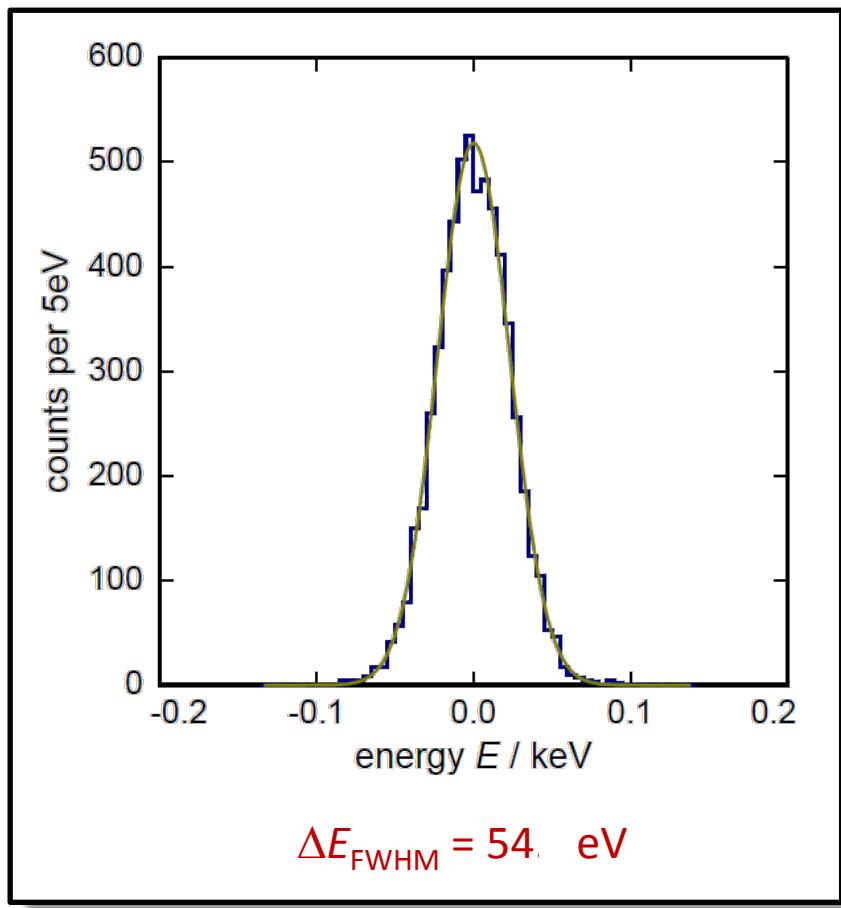
- Working principle of MMCs and their performance
- Where a finite electron neutrino mass affects the  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  EC spectrum  
Experimental methods (advantages and disadvantages)
- How to search for sterile neutrino signature in EC spectra
- Benefits of scintillating crystals and detector requirements for DBD experiments





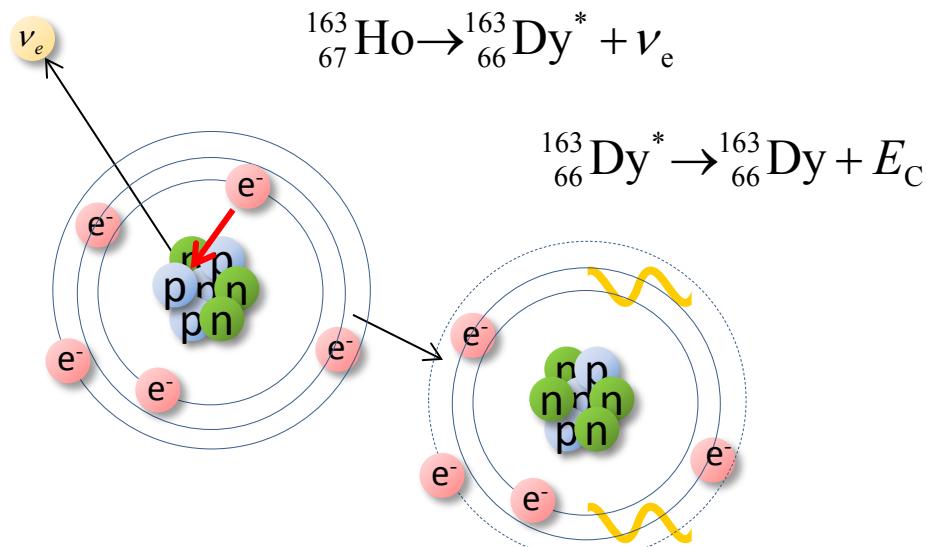
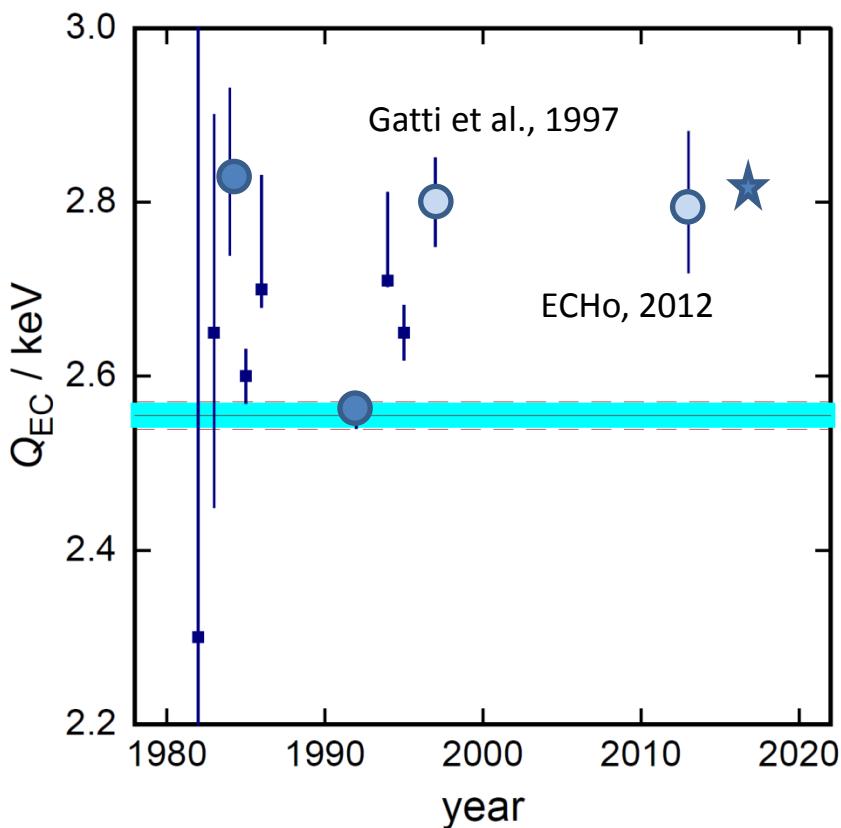
# MMCs: Microwave SQUID multiplexing

measurement of the spectrum of  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  to determine the energy resolution



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- ★  $Q_{\text{EC}} = m(^{163}\text{Ho}) - m(^{163}\text{Dy})$



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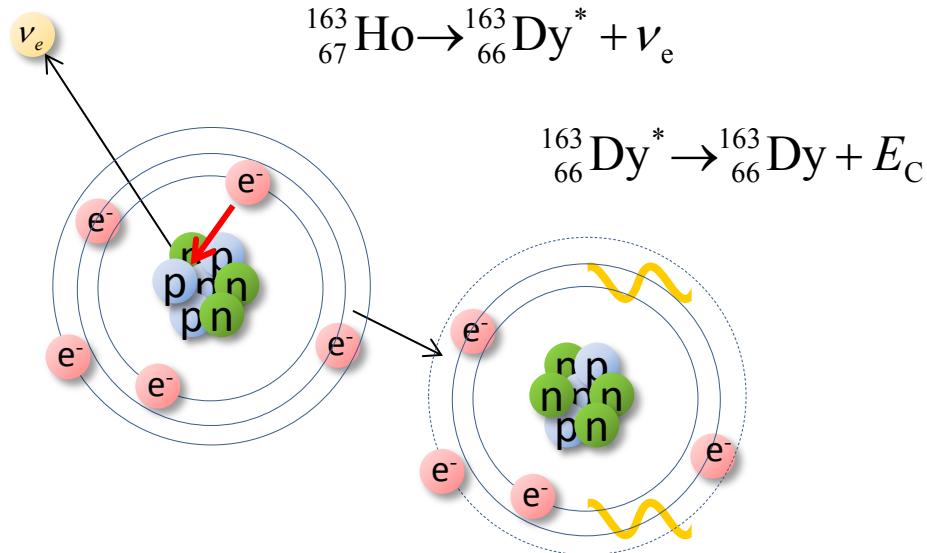
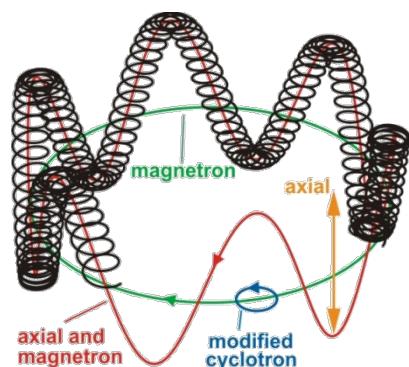
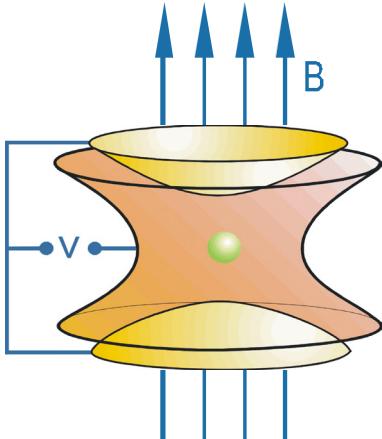
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## Penning Trap Mass Spectroscopy

@TRIGA TRAP (Uni-Mainz) (\*)

@SHIPTRAP (GSI – Darmstadt) (\*\*)

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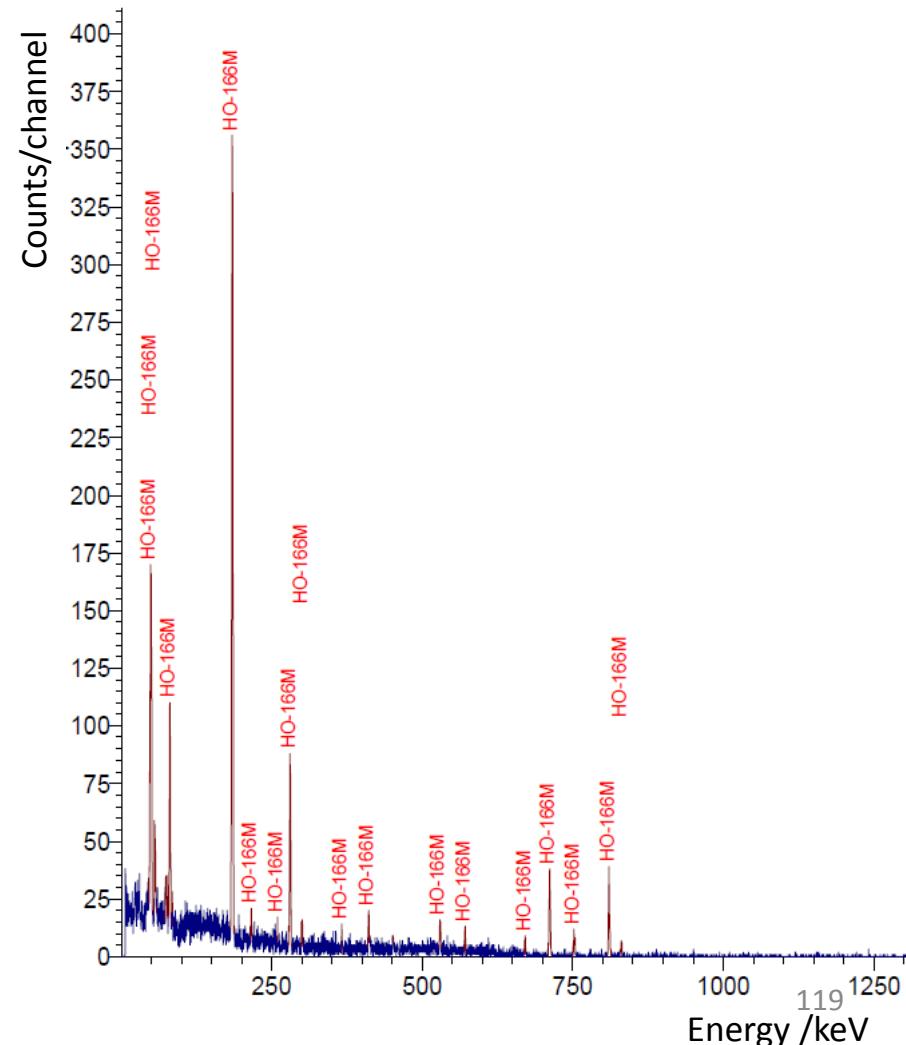
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- Excellent chemical separation

- Only  $^{166}\text{Ho}$**

- Available  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  source:

- $\sim 10^{18}$  atoms**



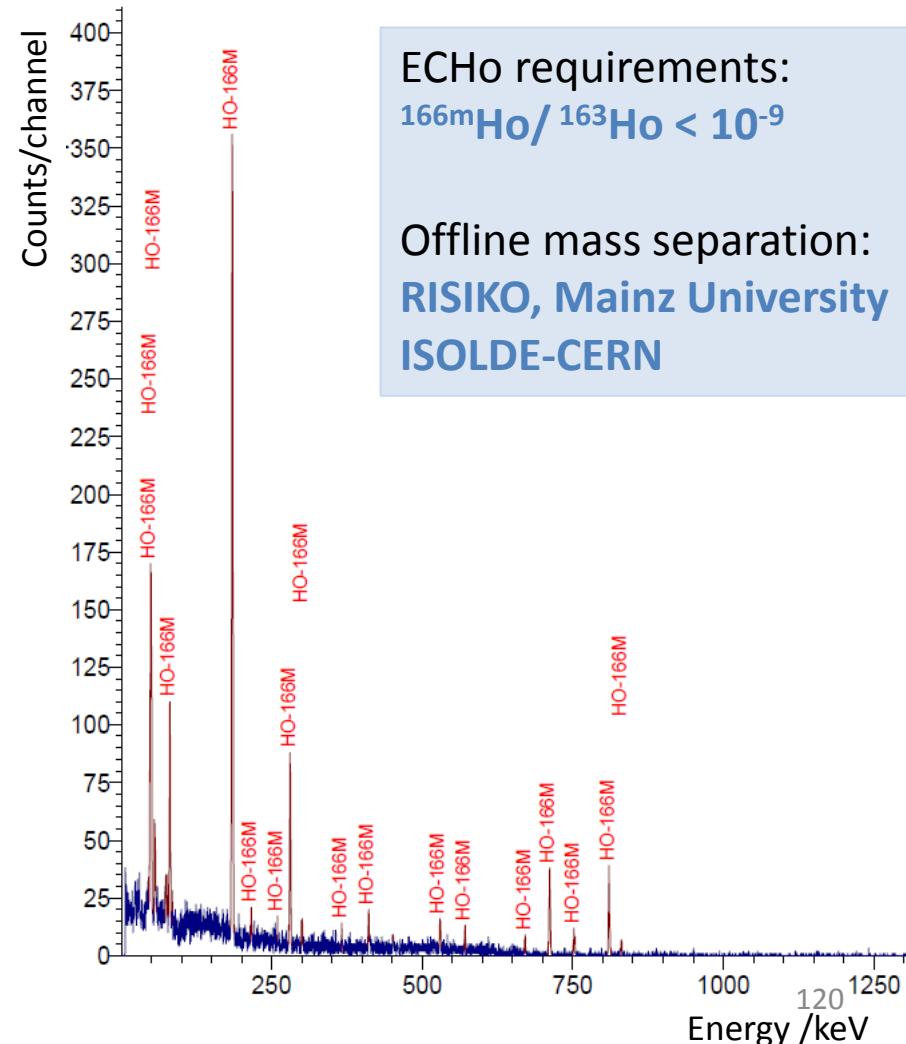
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Er161 3.21 h 3/2-	Er162	Er163 75.0 m 5/2-	Er164	Er165 10.36 h 5/2-	Er166
EC	0.14	EC	1.61	EC	33.6
Ho160 25.6 m 5+ *	Ho161 2.48 h 7/2- *	Ho162 15.0 m 1+ *	Ho163 4570 y 7/2- *	Ho164 29 m 1+ *	Ho165
EC	EC	EC	EC	EC, $\beta^-$	100

- Excellent chemical separation
  - Only  $^{166m}\text{Ho}$
  - Available  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  source:  
 $\sim 10^{18}$  atoms

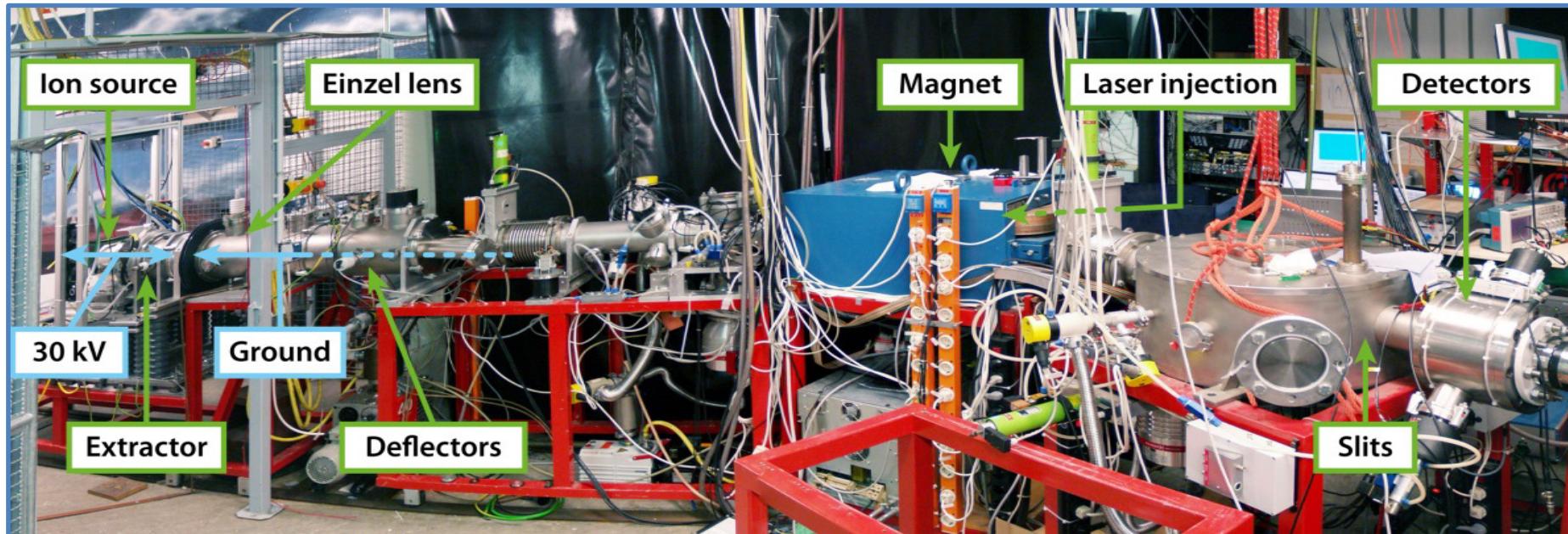


## ECHo requirements:

$^{166m}\text{Ho} / ^{163}\text{Ho} < 10^{-9}$

# Offline mass separation: **RISIKO, Mainz University** **ISOLDE-CERN**

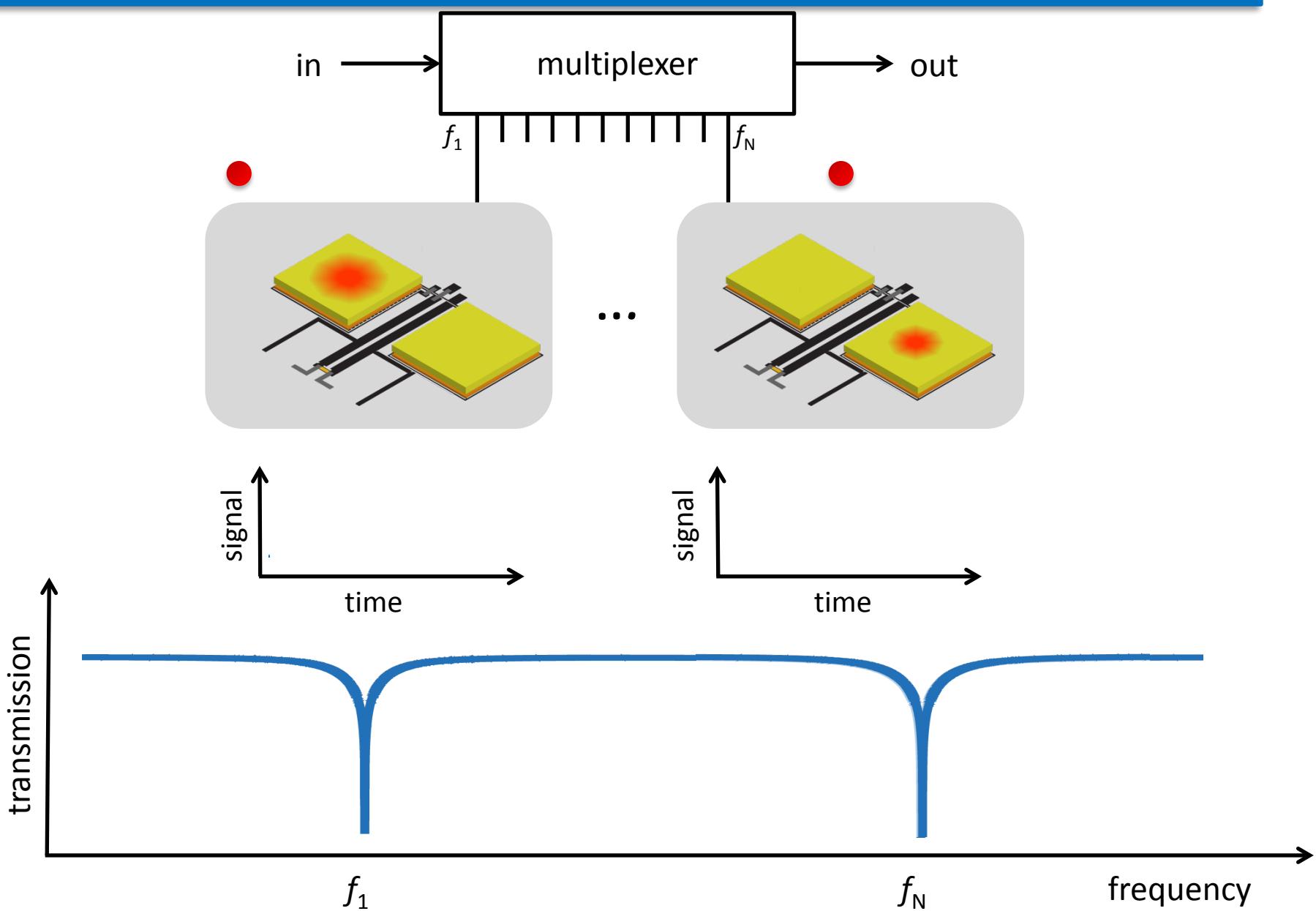
# Mass separation and $^{163}\text{Ho}$ ion-implantation



RISIKO @ Physics Institute, Mainz University

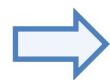
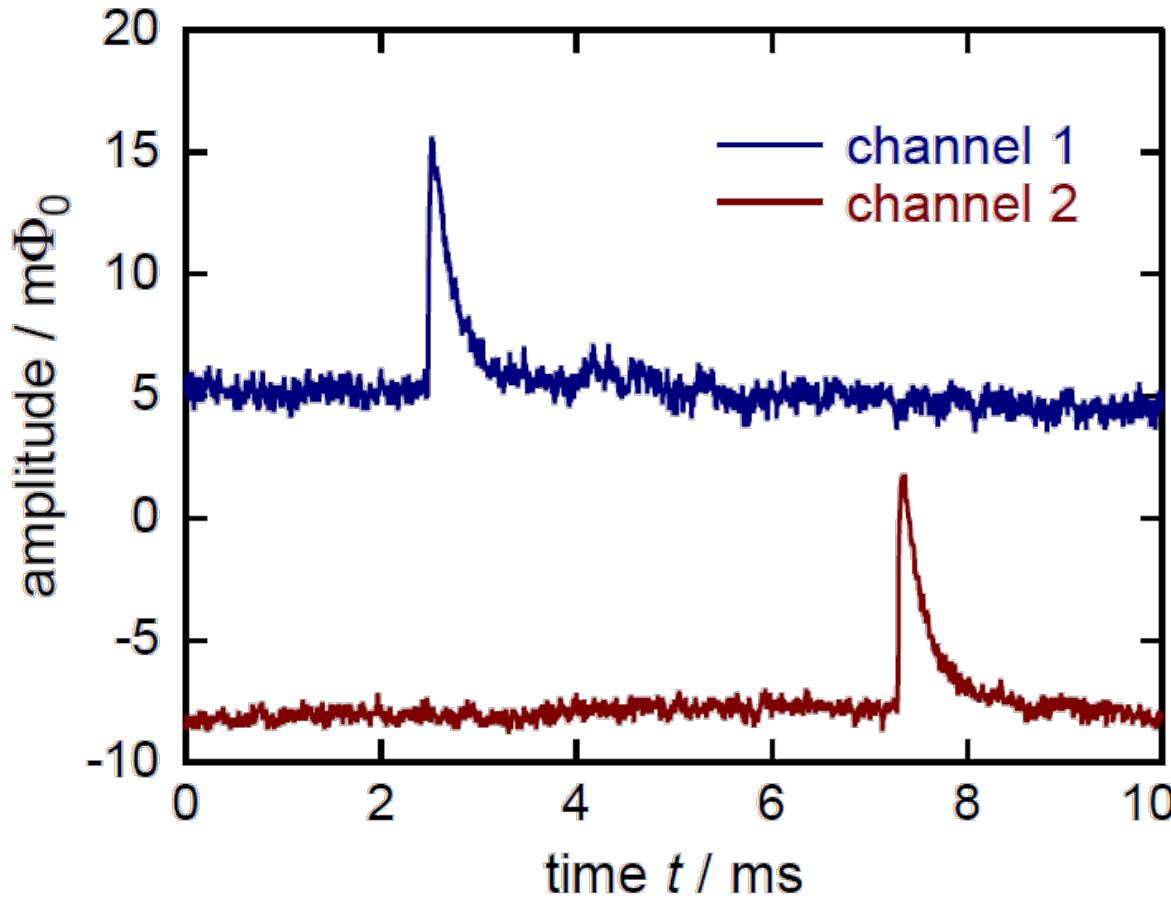
- Resonant laser ion source efficiency **42%**
- Suppression of neighboring masses **> 700**  
→  $^{166\text{m}}\text{Ho}/^{163}\text{Ho} < 10^{-5}$
- Optimization of beam focalization

# MMCs: Microwave SQUID multiplexing



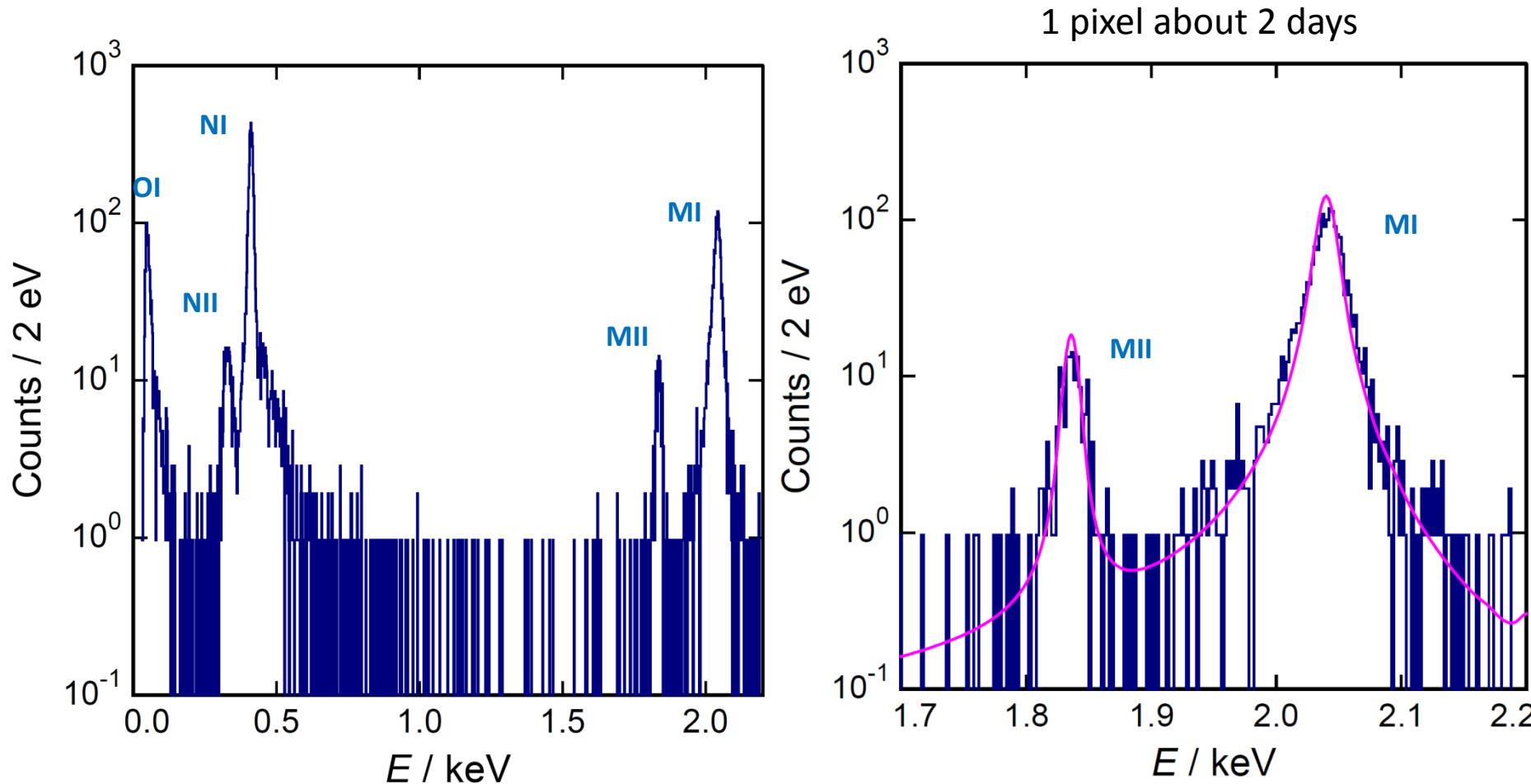
# MMCs: Microwave SQUID multiplexing

simultaneous acquisition of signals from two independent detectors using a  $\mu$ MUX



very first demonstration of multiplexed MMC readout

# $^{163}\text{Ho}$ off-line implantation: results



- Activity per pixel  $A \sim 0.1 \text{ Bq}$
- Energy resolution  $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} \sim 10 \text{ eV}$
- No strong evidence of radioactive contamination in the source
- Symmetric detector response

# Where to improve

## High purity $^{163}\text{Ho}$ source:

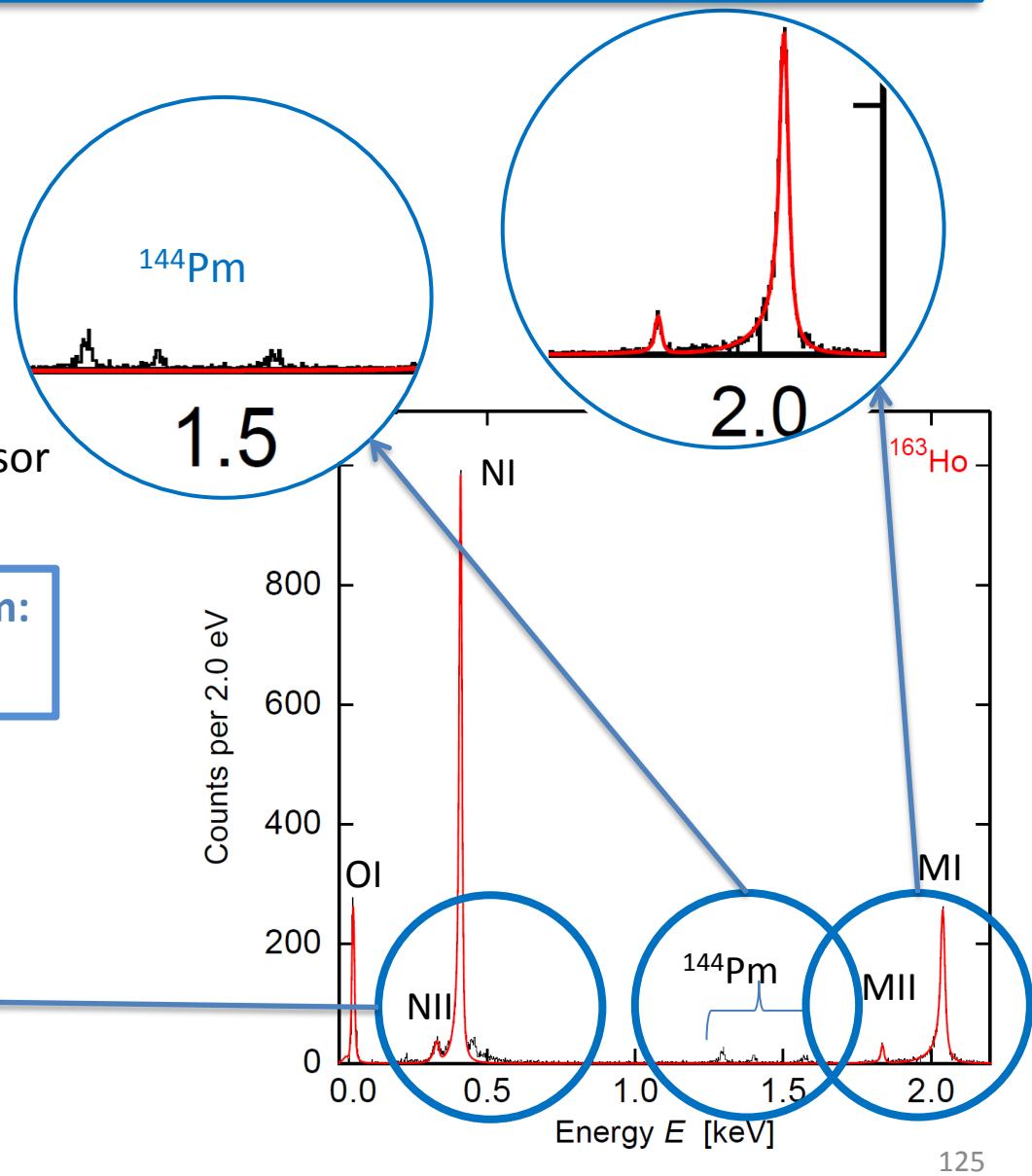
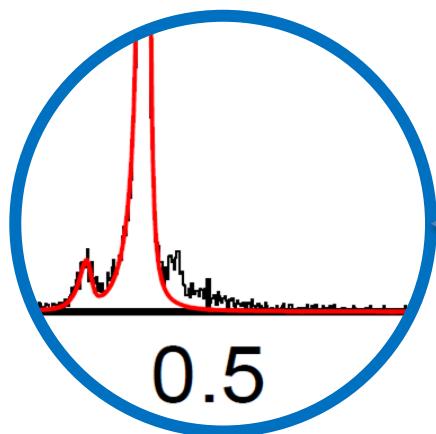
- Background reduction

## Detector design and fabrication:

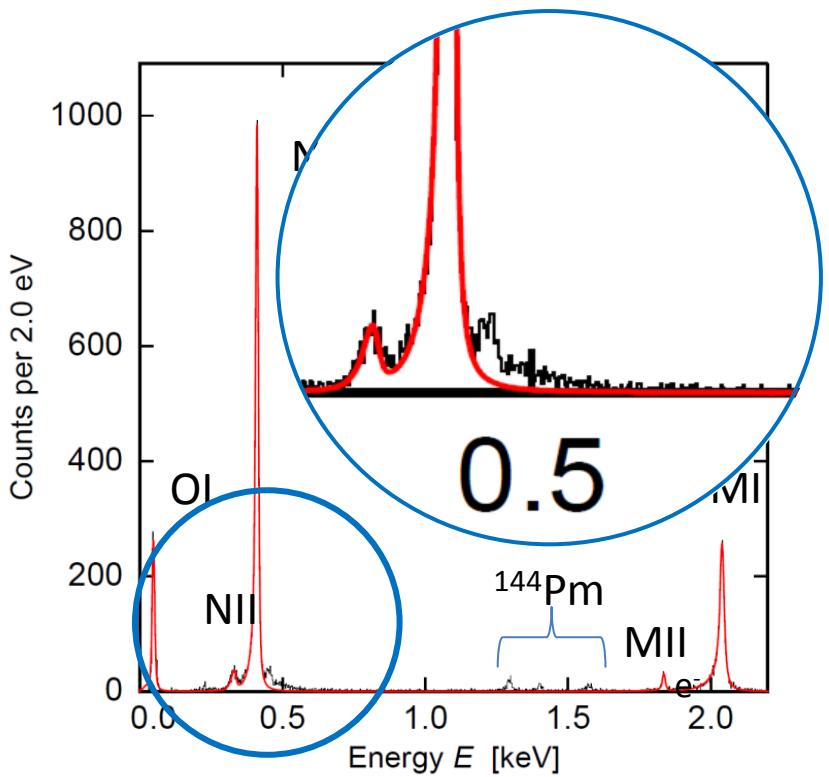
- Increase activity per pixel
- Stems between absorber and sensor

## Understanding of the $^{163}\text{Ho}$ spectrum:

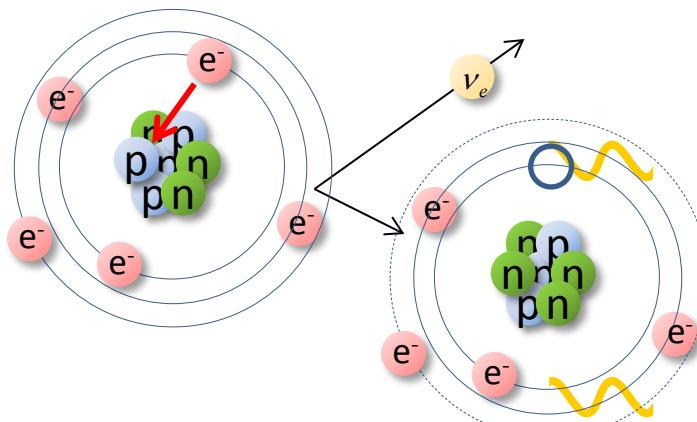
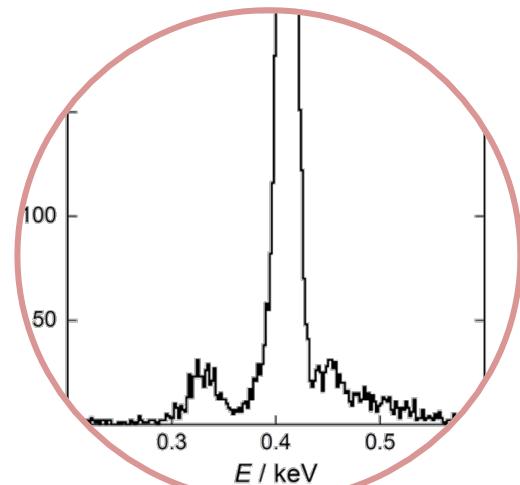
- Investigate undefined structures



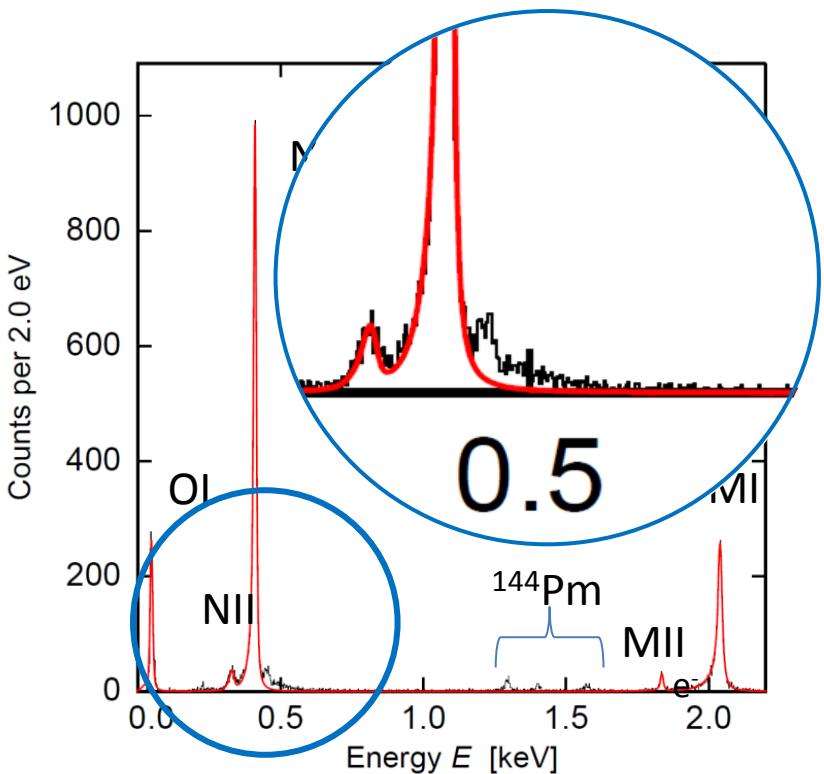
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Structures present  
also in new data

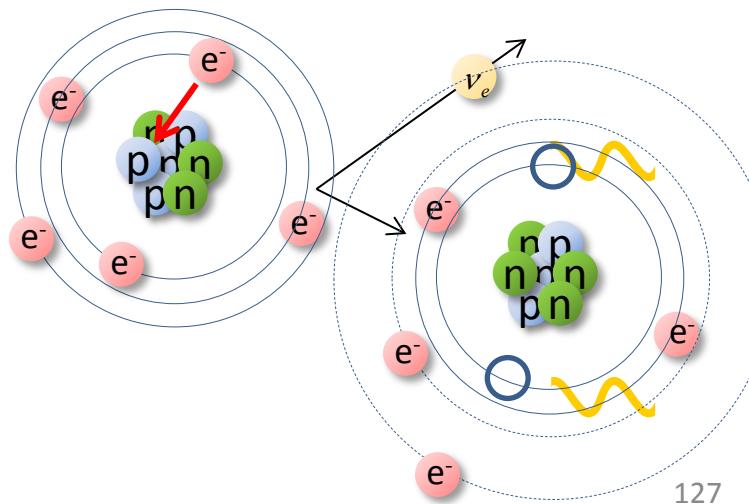


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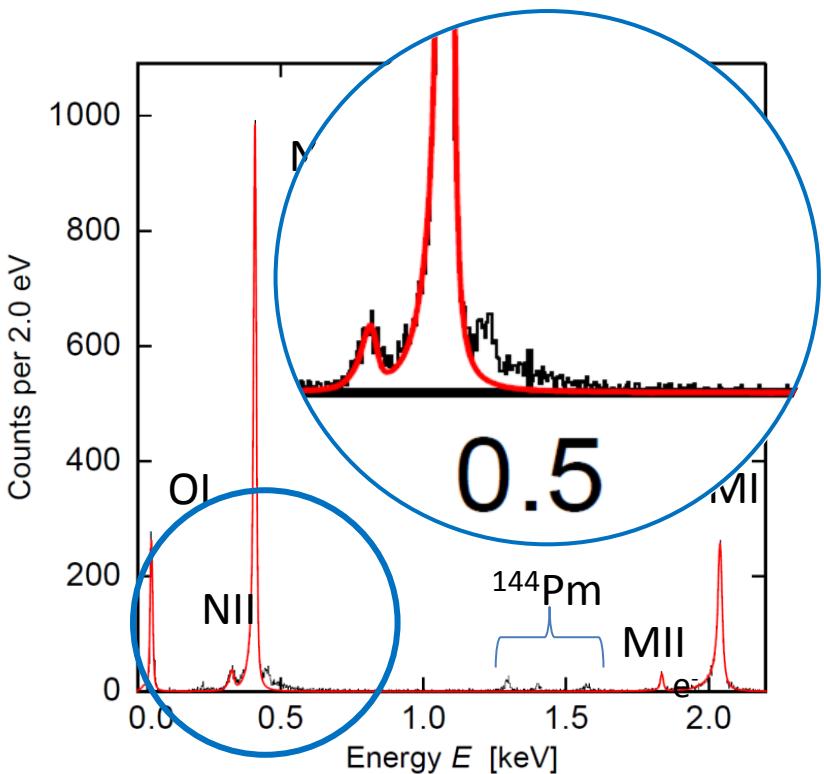


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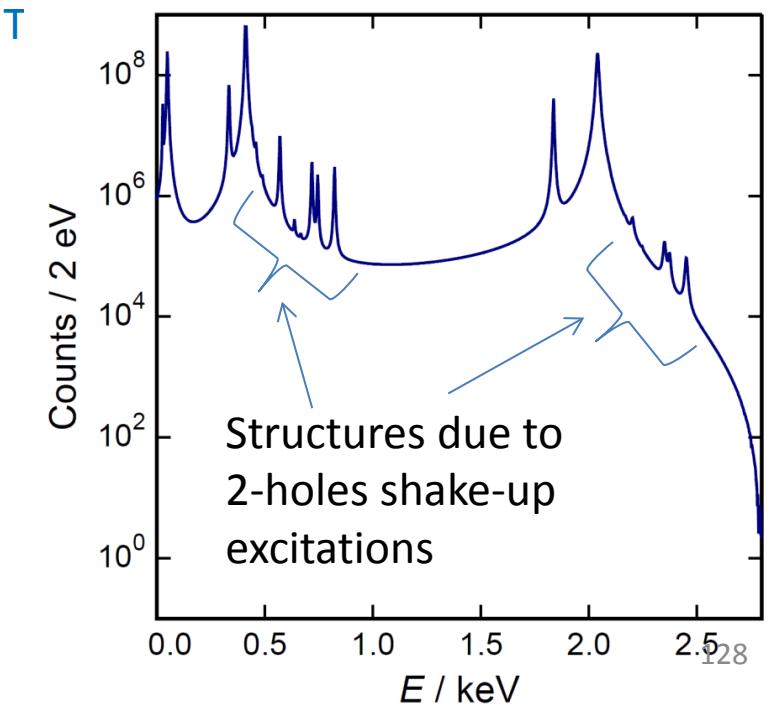


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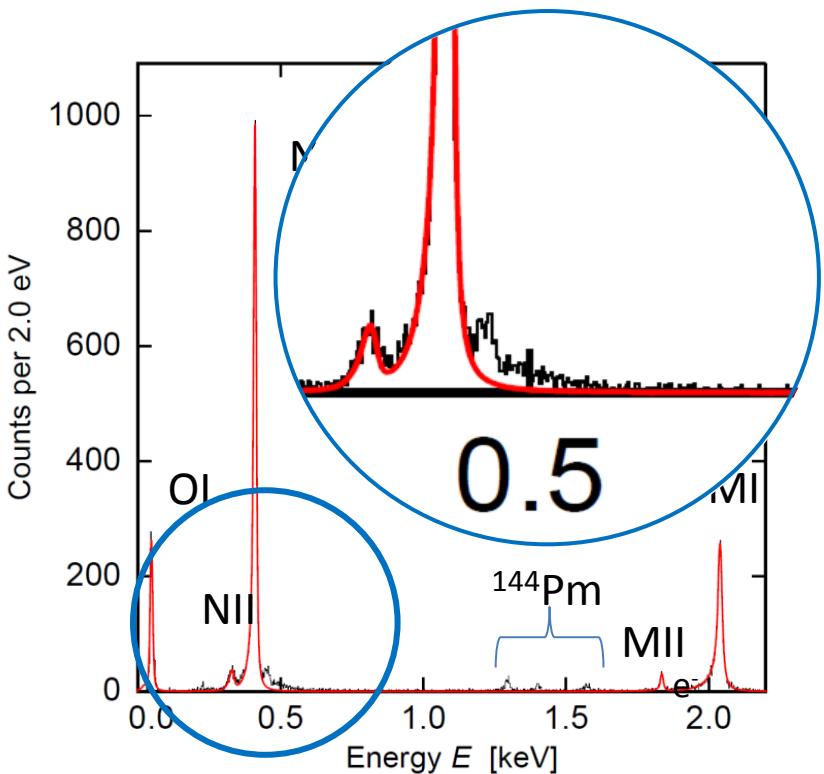


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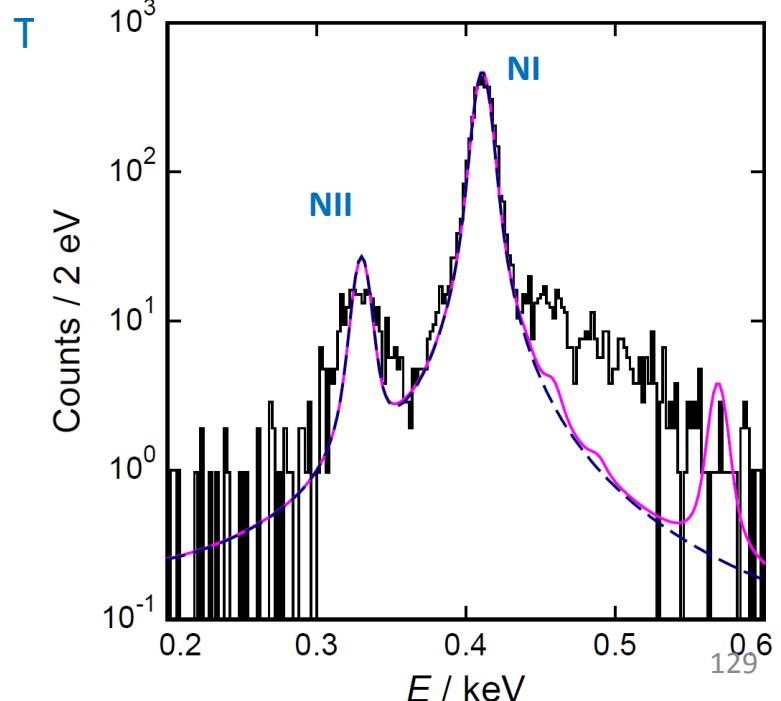


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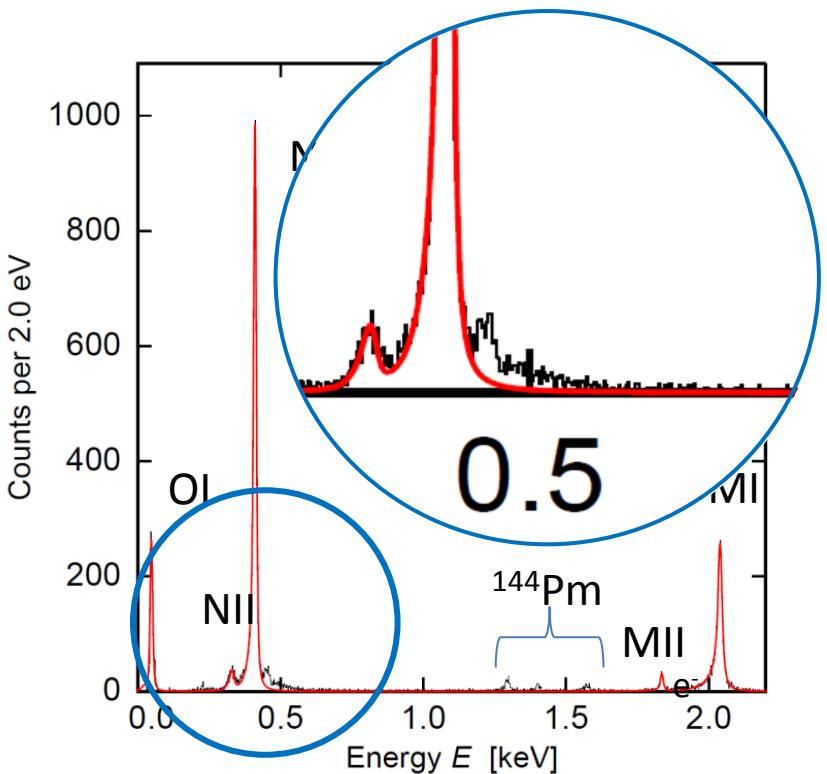


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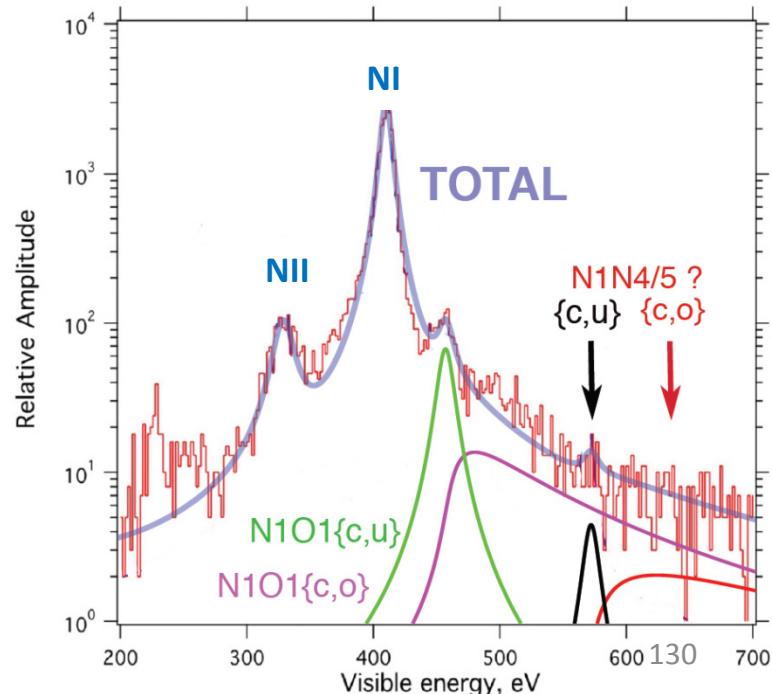
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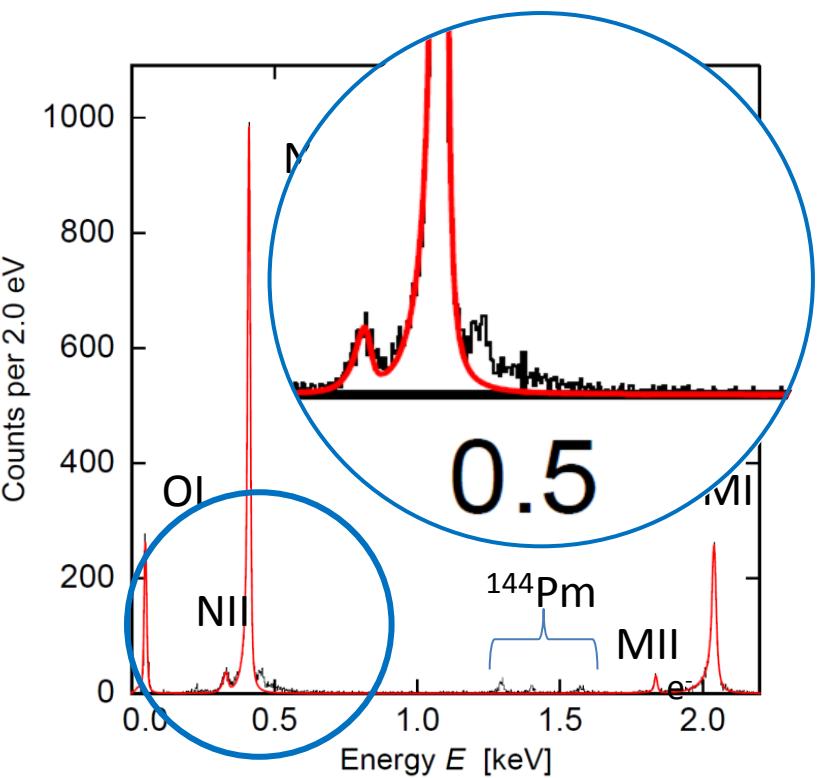
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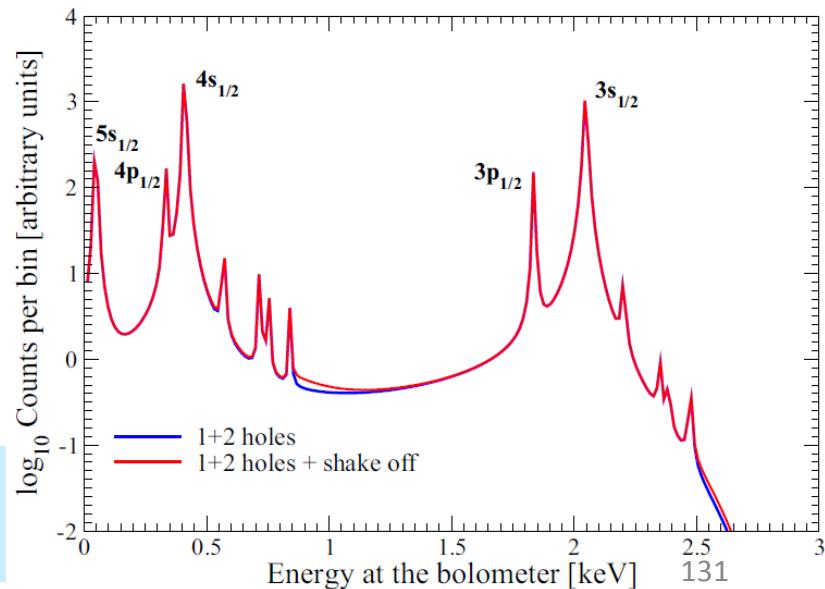
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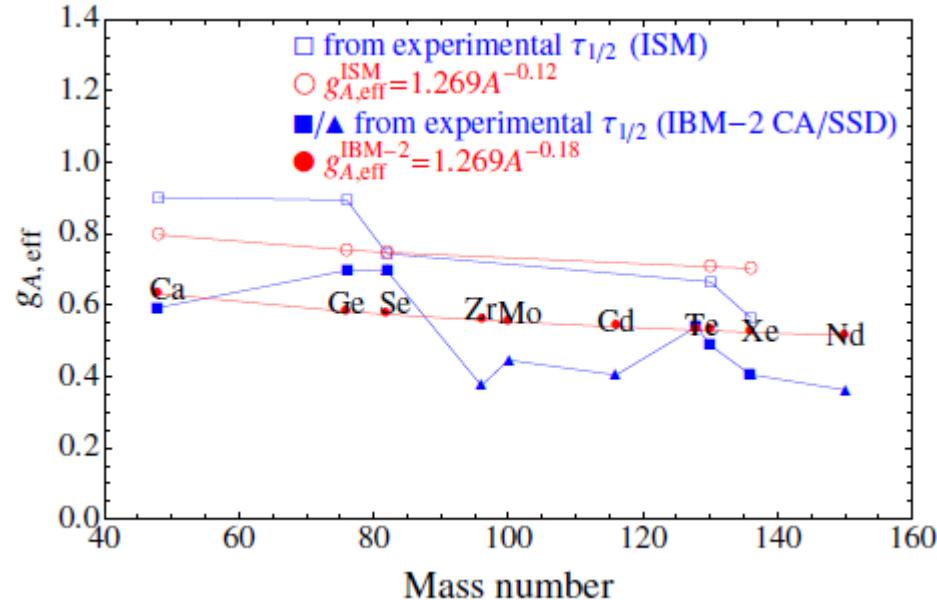
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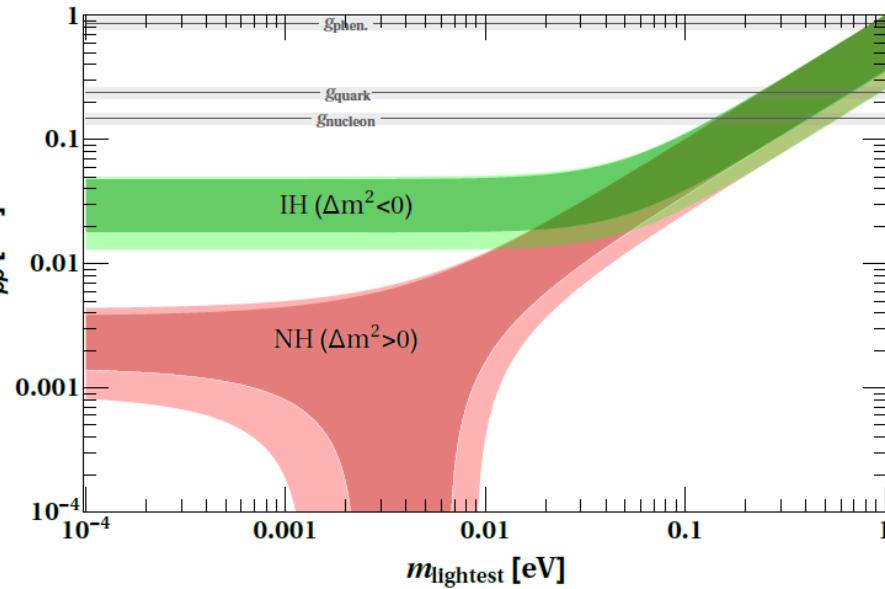
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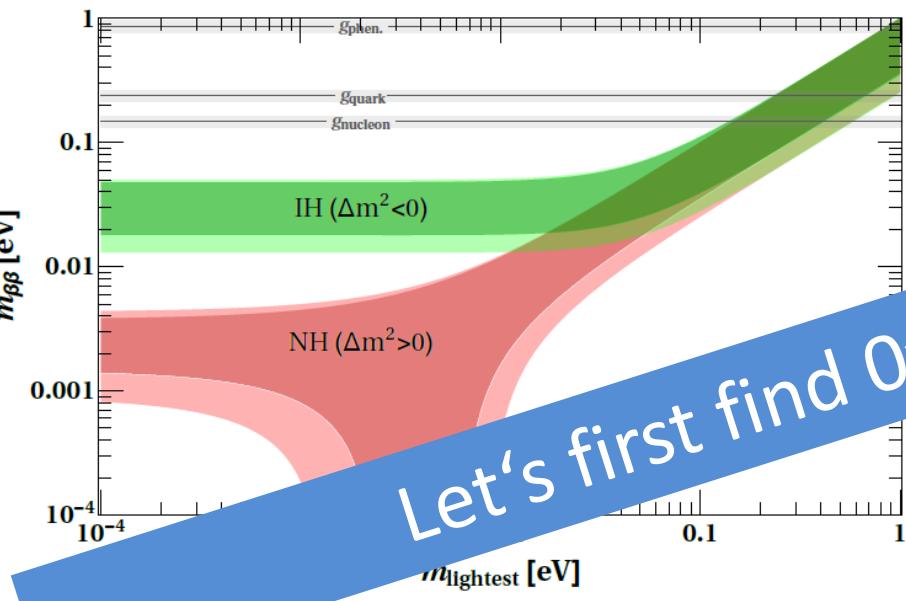
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# Fight against background

## Direct reduction of background activity

- Select and use ultra-pure materials
- Minimize all passive (non “source”) materials
- Avoid material re-contamination (machining, manipulation, storage)
- Fabricate ultra-clean materials (underground fab if needed)
- underground labs — reduced muon flux & related induced activations

## Discrimination techniques

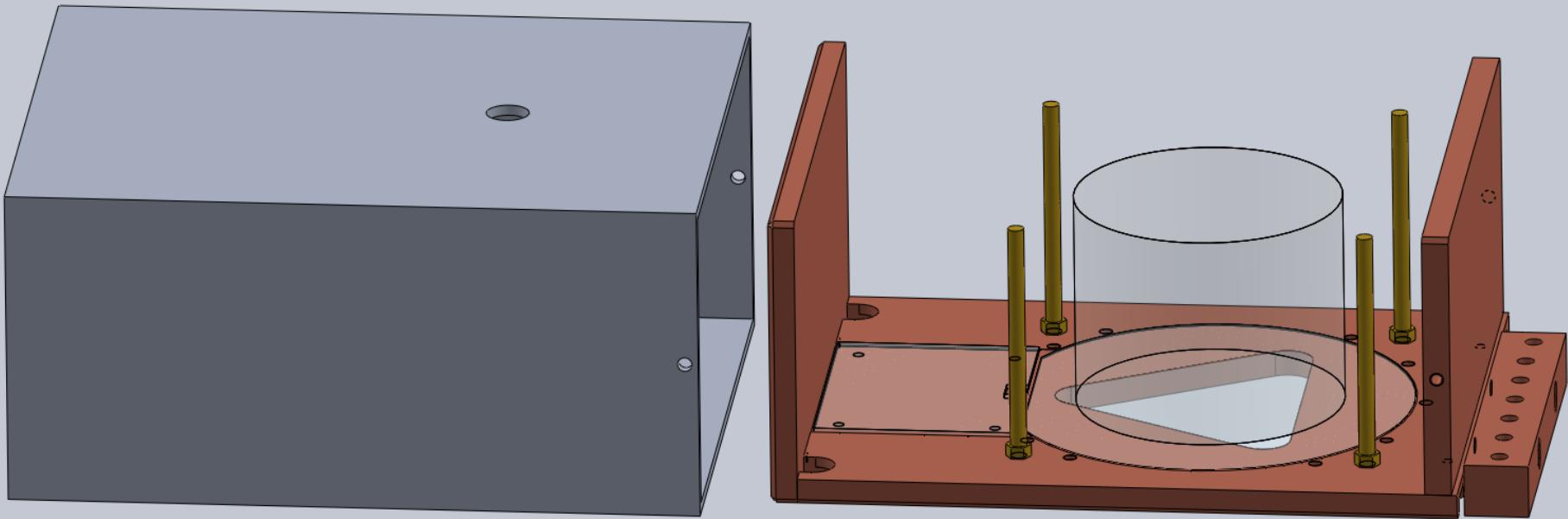
- Energy resolution
- Active veto detector
- Tracking (topology)
- Particle ID, angular, spatial, time correlations
- Fiducial Fits
- Granularity (arrays)
- Pulse shape discrimination (PSD)
- Ion Identification

Methods	
TPCs (liquid, gas)	$^{136}\text{Xe}$
Doped Liquid Scintillators	$^{136}\text{Xe}, ^{130}\text{Te}$
Solid state detectors	$^{76}\text{Ge}, ^{116}\text{Cd}$
Bolometers (+ enhancements)	$^{130}\text{Te}, ^{82}\text{Se}, ^{100}\text{Mo}, ^{116}\text{Cd}$
Foils with tracking chambers	$^{82}\text{Se}, ^{150}\text{Nd}, ^{100}\text{Mo}$

Both approaches are needed

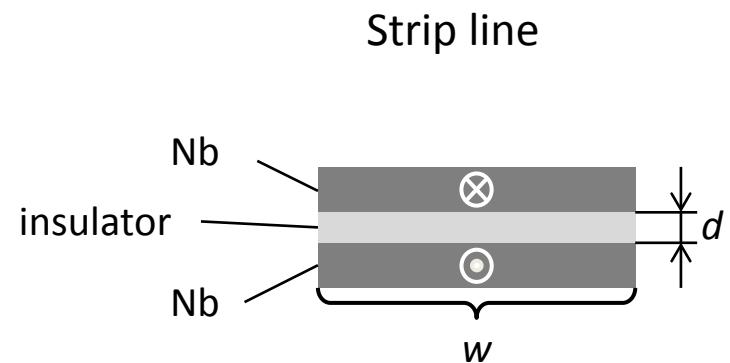
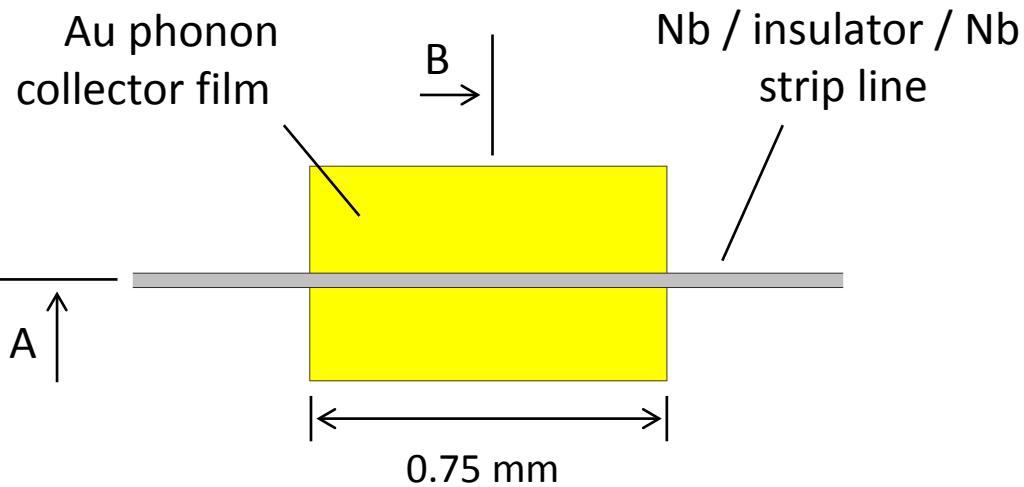
# Experimental set-up for P2

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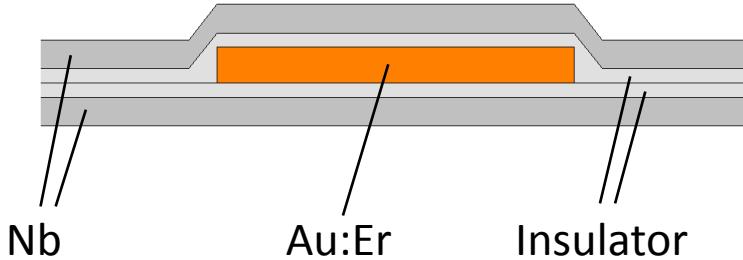
# First prototype of photon detector

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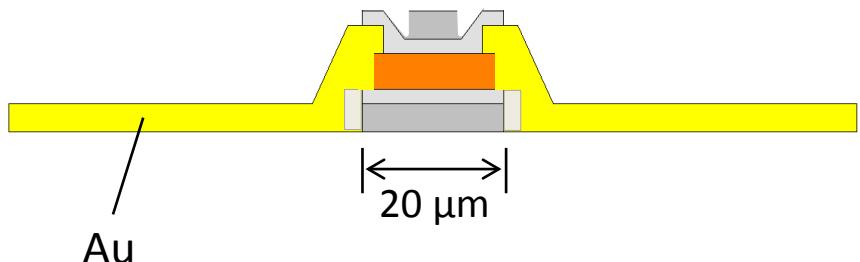


Cross section:

**A**



**B**



# Wärme- & Lichtdetektor

Temperatur =  $-273^{\circ}\text{C}$

Aktiver Kristall

Anschlüsse für die Ausleseelektronik

Sechseckiger Lichtdetektor

Drei Wärmendetektoren

