

Direct Search for the Neutrino Mass and the KATRIN experiment

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Introduction

Direct Neutrino Mass determination

The Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino experiment KATRIN

Options for sterile neutrinos with KATRIN

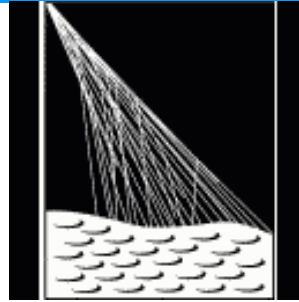
Outlook on other approaches: ECHo, HOLMES and Project 8

Conclusions

Positive results from ν oscillation experiments

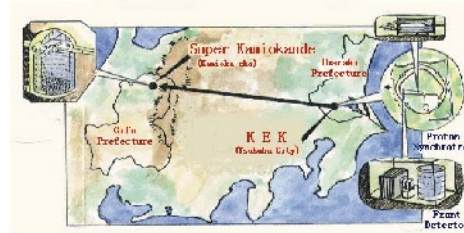
atmospheric neutrinos

(Kamiokande, Super-Kamiokande, ...)



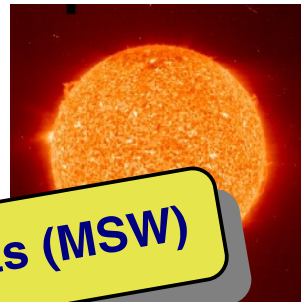
accelerator neutrinos

(K2K, T2K, MINOS, OPERA, MiniBoone)



solar neutrinos

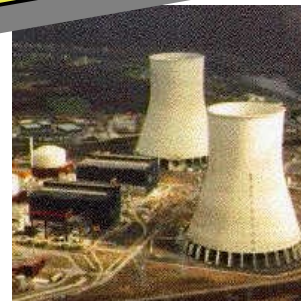
(Homestake, Gallex, Sage, Super-Kamiokande, SNO, Borexino)



Matter effects (MSW)

reactor neutrinos

(KamLAND, CHOOZ, Daya Bay, DoubleCHOOZ, RENO, ...)



\Rightarrow **non-trivial ν -mixing**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

with:

$$0.37 < \sin^2(\theta_{23}) < 0.63 \quad \text{maximal!}$$

$$0.26 < \sin^2(\theta_{12}) < 0.36 \quad \text{large!}$$

$$0.018 < \sin^2(\theta_{13}) < 0.030 \quad 8.9^\circ$$

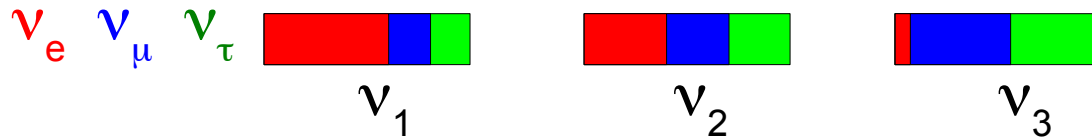
$$7.0 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 < \Delta m_{12}^2 < 8.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$2.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 < |\Delta m_{13}^2| < 2.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$\Rightarrow m(\nu_j) \neq 0$, **but unknown!**

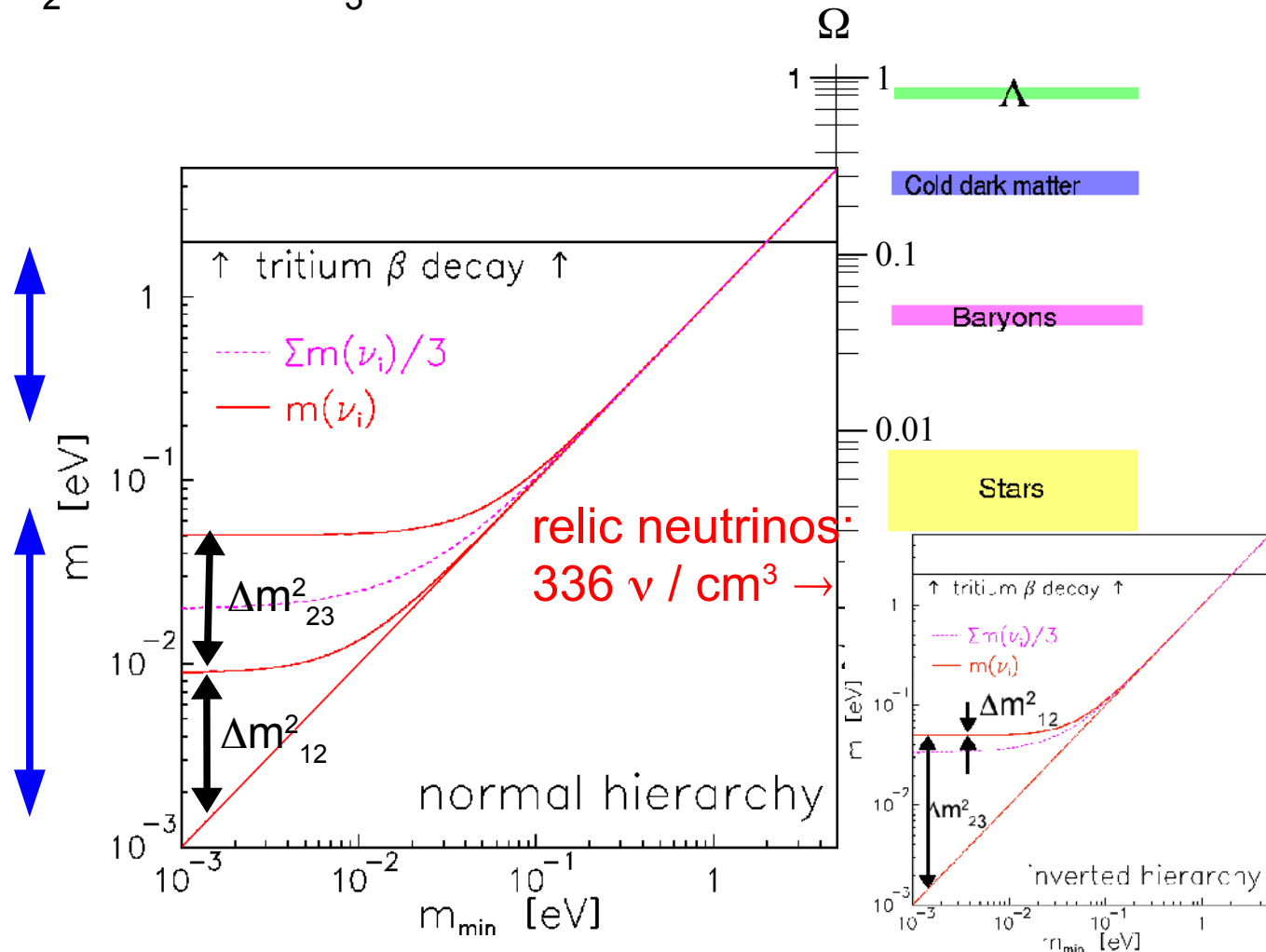
Need for the absolute ν mass determination

Results of recent oscillation experiments: Θ_{23} , Θ_{12} , Θ_{13} , Δm^2_{23} , Δm^2_{12}



degenerated masses
cosmologically relevant
e.g. seesaw mechanism type 2

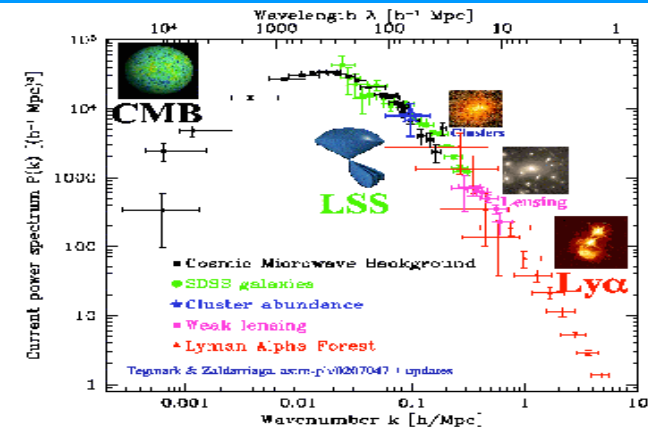
hierarchical masses
e.g. seesaw mechanism type 1
explains smallness of masses,
but not large (maximal) mixing



Three complementary ways to the absolute neutrino mass scale

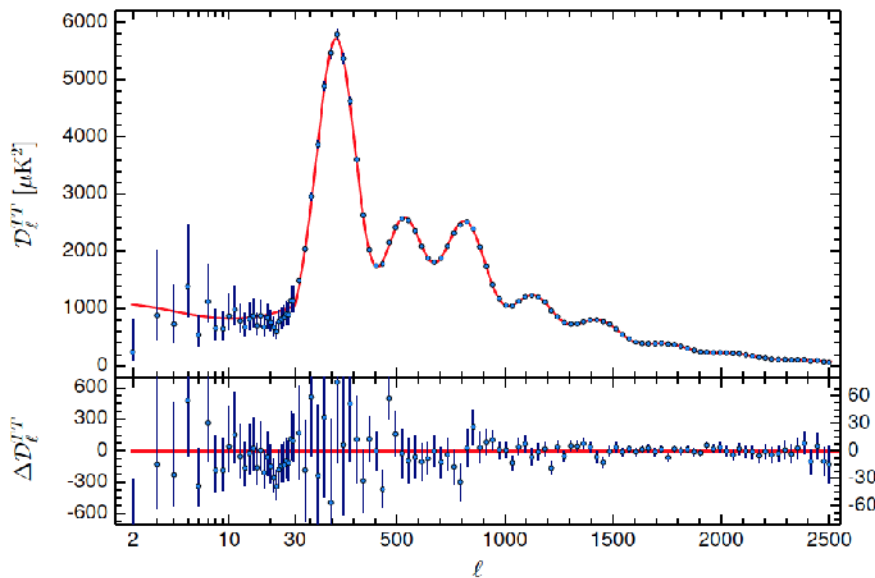
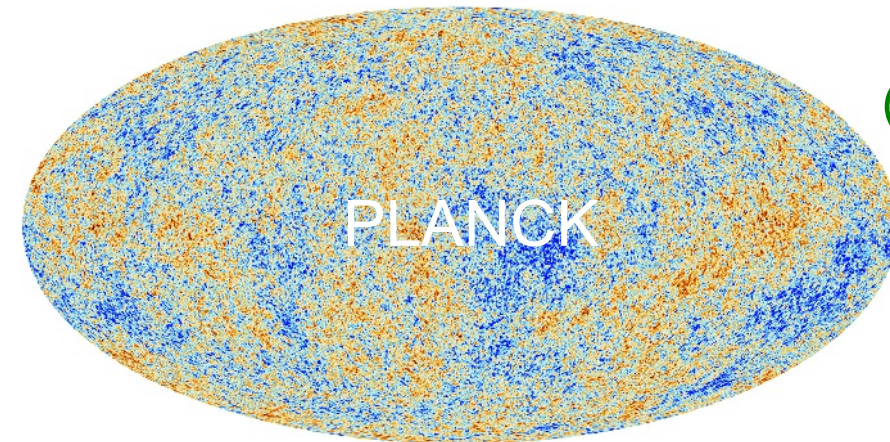
1) Cosmology

very sensitive, but model dependent
compares power at different scales
current sensitivity: $\Sigma m(\nu_i) \approx 0.23 \text{ eV}$



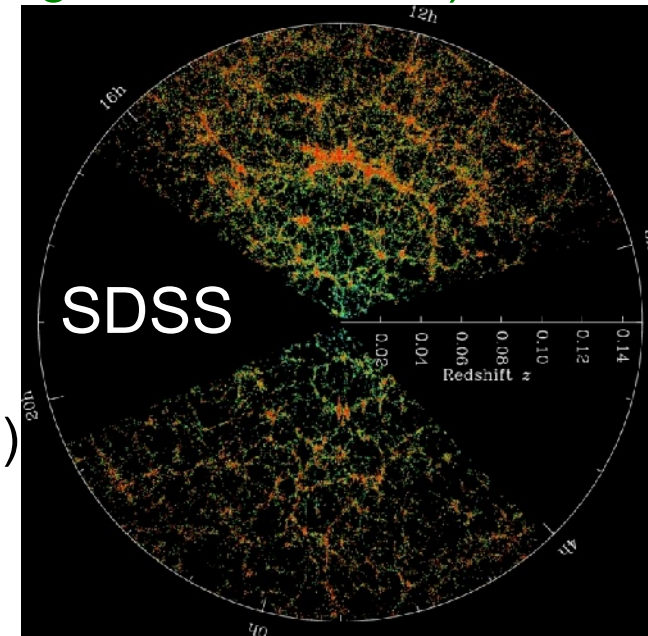
Neutrino mass from cosmology

measurement of CMBR
(Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation)

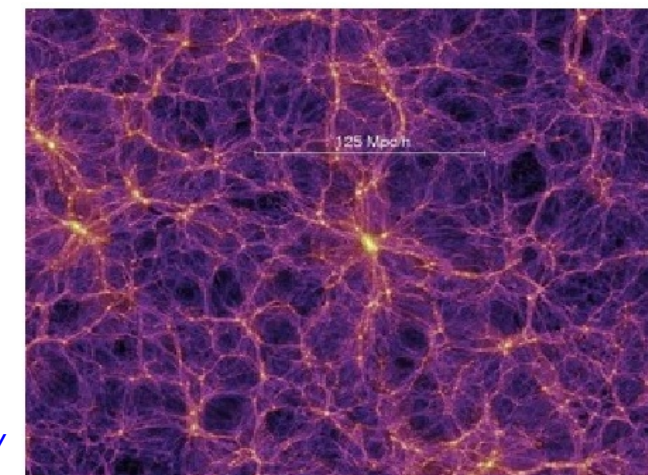


Planck Collaboration:
P. A. R. Ade et al., arXiv:1502.01589

measurement of
matter density
distribution LSS
(Large Scale Structure)
by 2dF, SDSS, ...



compare to
numeric. models
including relic
neutrino density
of 336 cm^{-3}



Millenium simulation →
<http://www.mpa-garching.mpg.de/galform/presse/>

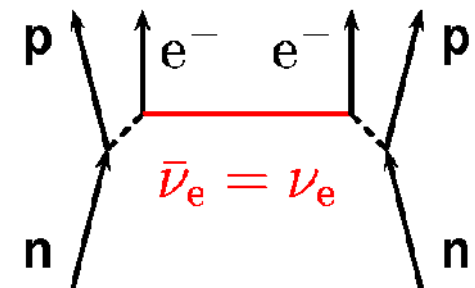
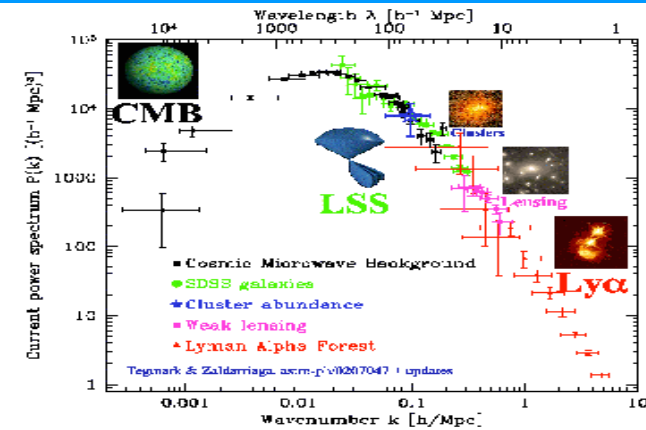
Three complementary ways to the absolute neutrino mass scale

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2) Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$

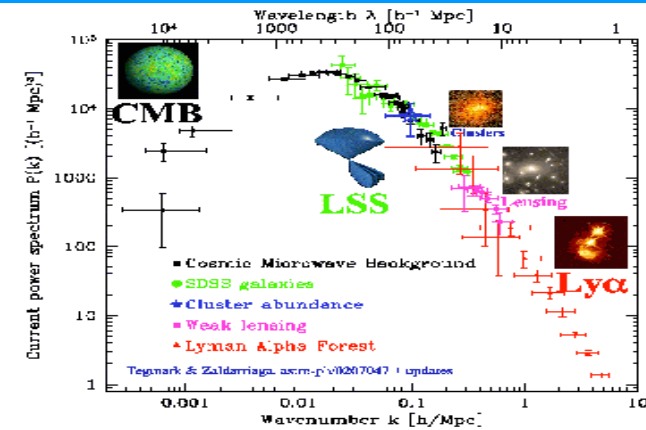
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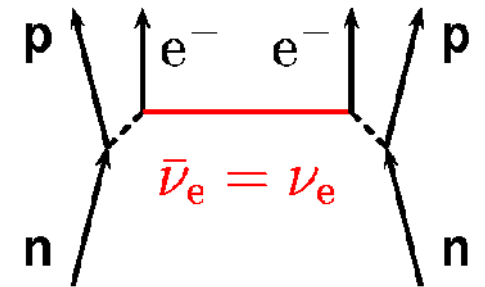
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3) Direct neutrino mass determination:

No further assumptions needed, use $E^2 = p^2c^2 + m^2c^4 \Rightarrow m^2(\nu)$ is observable mostly

Time-of-flight measurements (ν from supernova)

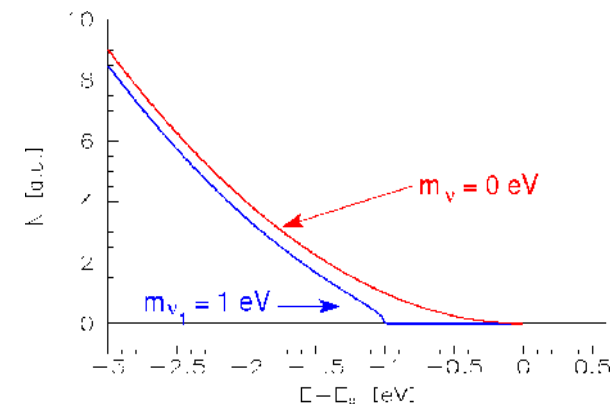
SN1987a (large Magellan cloud) $\Rightarrow m(\nu_e) < 5.7 \text{ eV}$

Kinematics of weak decays / beta decays

measure charged decay prod., E-, p-conservation

β -decay searches for $m(\nu_e)$ - tritium β spectrometers

- ^{187}Re , ^{163}Ho bolometers

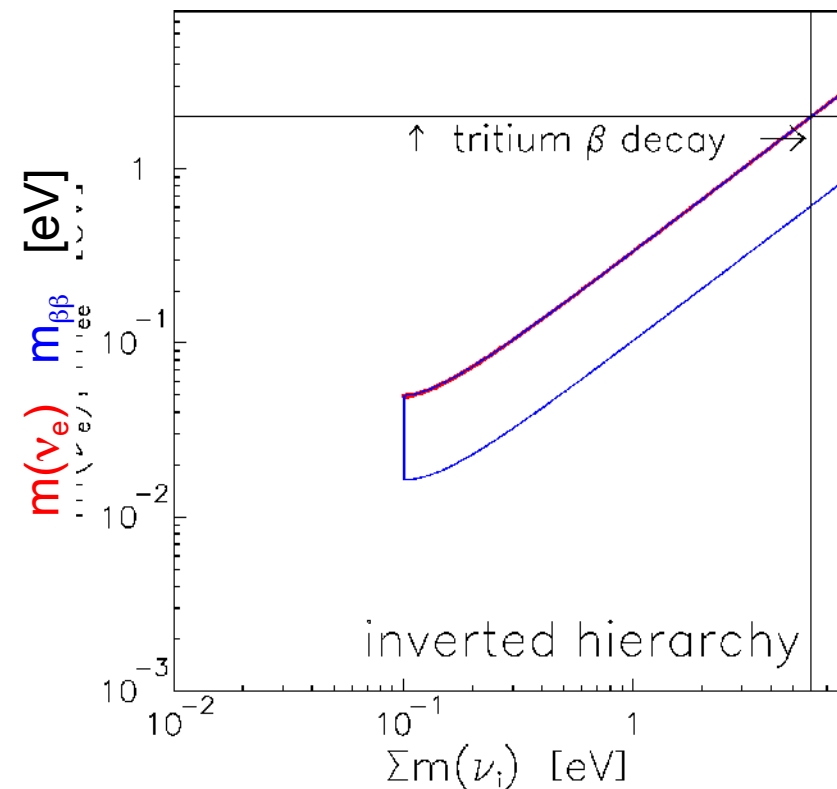
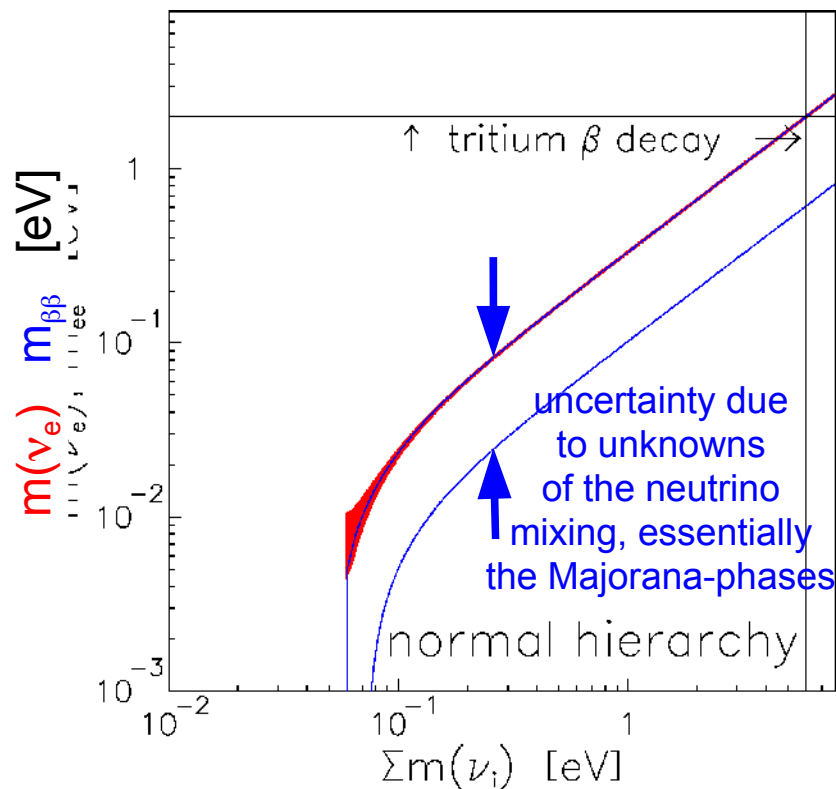


Comparison of the different approaches to the neutrino mass

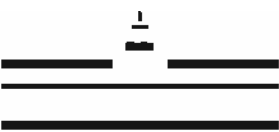
Direct kinematic measurement: $m^2(\nu_e) = \sum |U_{ei}|^2 m^2(\nu_i)$ (incoherent)

Neutrinoless double β decay: $m_{\beta\beta}(\nu) = |\sum |U_{ei}|^2 e^{i\alpha(i)} m(\nu_i)|$ (coherent)

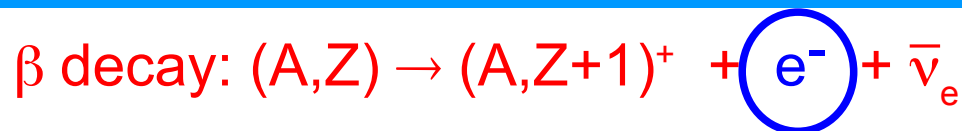
if no other particle is exchanged (e.g. R-violating SUSY)
problems with uncertainty of nuclear matrix elements



⇒ absolute scale/cosmological relevant neutrino mass in the lab by single β decay



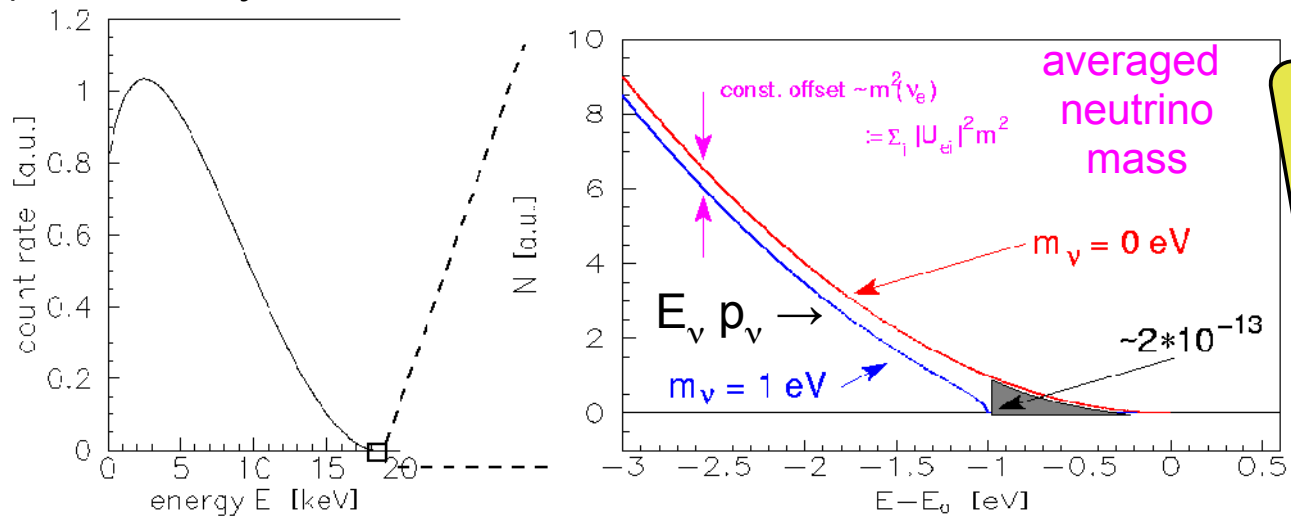
Direct determination of $m(\nu_e)$ from β decay



Complementary to $0\nu\beta\beta$
and cosmology

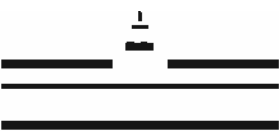
β : $dN/dE = K \underbrace{F(E,Z)}_{\text{phase space: } p_e} \underbrace{p}_{E_e} \underbrace{E_{\text{tot}}}_{E_\nu} \underbrace{(E_0 - E_e)}_{E_\nu} \underbrace{\sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_e)^2}}_{p_\nu}$

(modified by electronic final states, recoil corrections, radiative corrections)



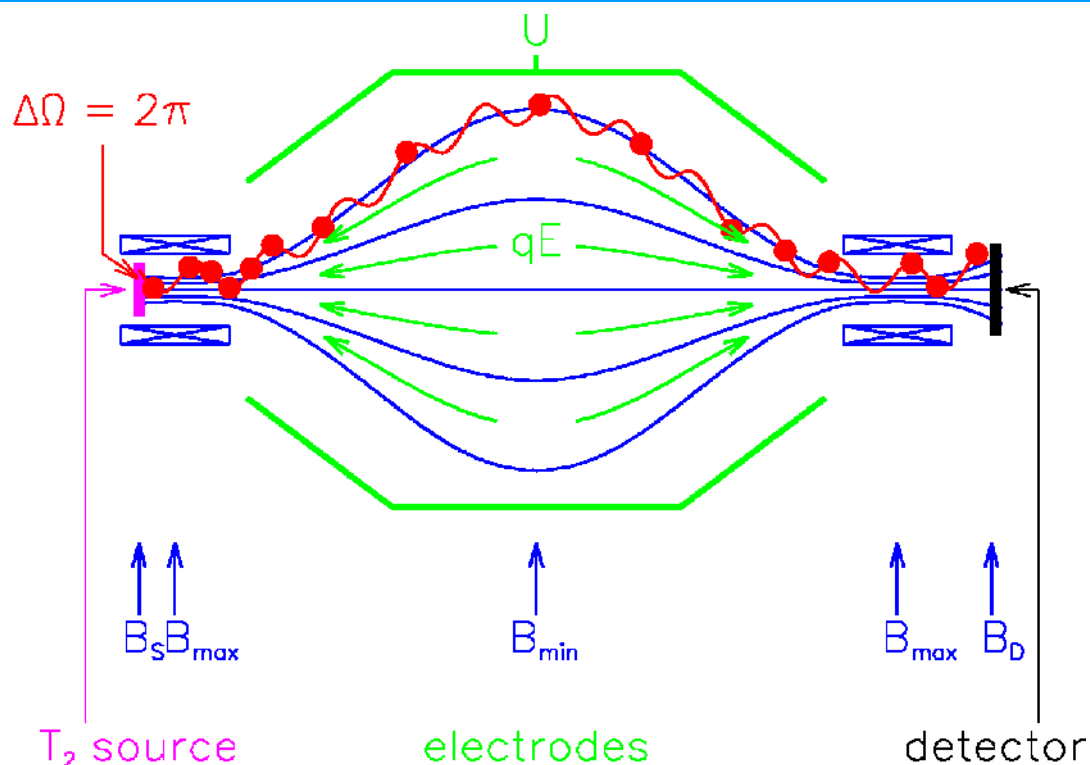
E.W. Otten & C. Weinheimer
Rep. Prog. Phys.
71 (2008) 086201
G. Drexlin, V. Hannen, S. Mertens,
C. Weinheimer, Adv. High Energy
Phys., 2013 (2013) 293986

Need: low endpoint energy \Rightarrow Tritium ^3H (^{187}Re , ^{163}Ho)
very high energy resolution &
very high luminosity &
very low background \Rightarrow MAC-E-Filter
(or bolometer for ^{187}Re , ^{163}Ho)



The classical way:

Tritium β -spectroscopy with a MAC-E-Filter



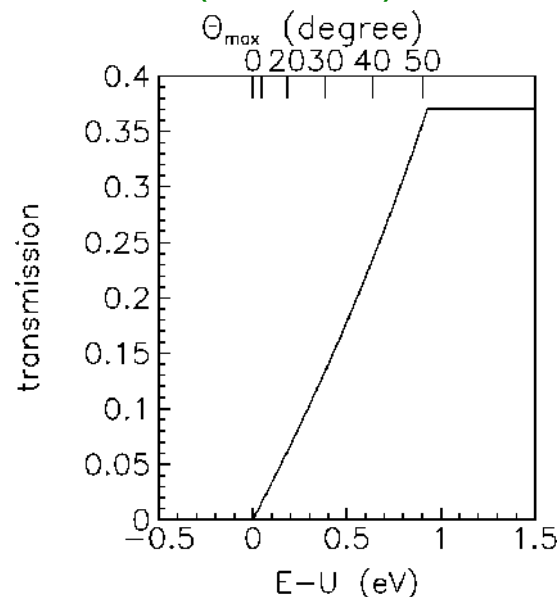
p_e (without E field)

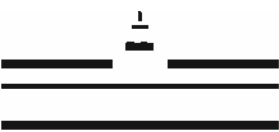


⇒ sharp integrating transmission function without tails →

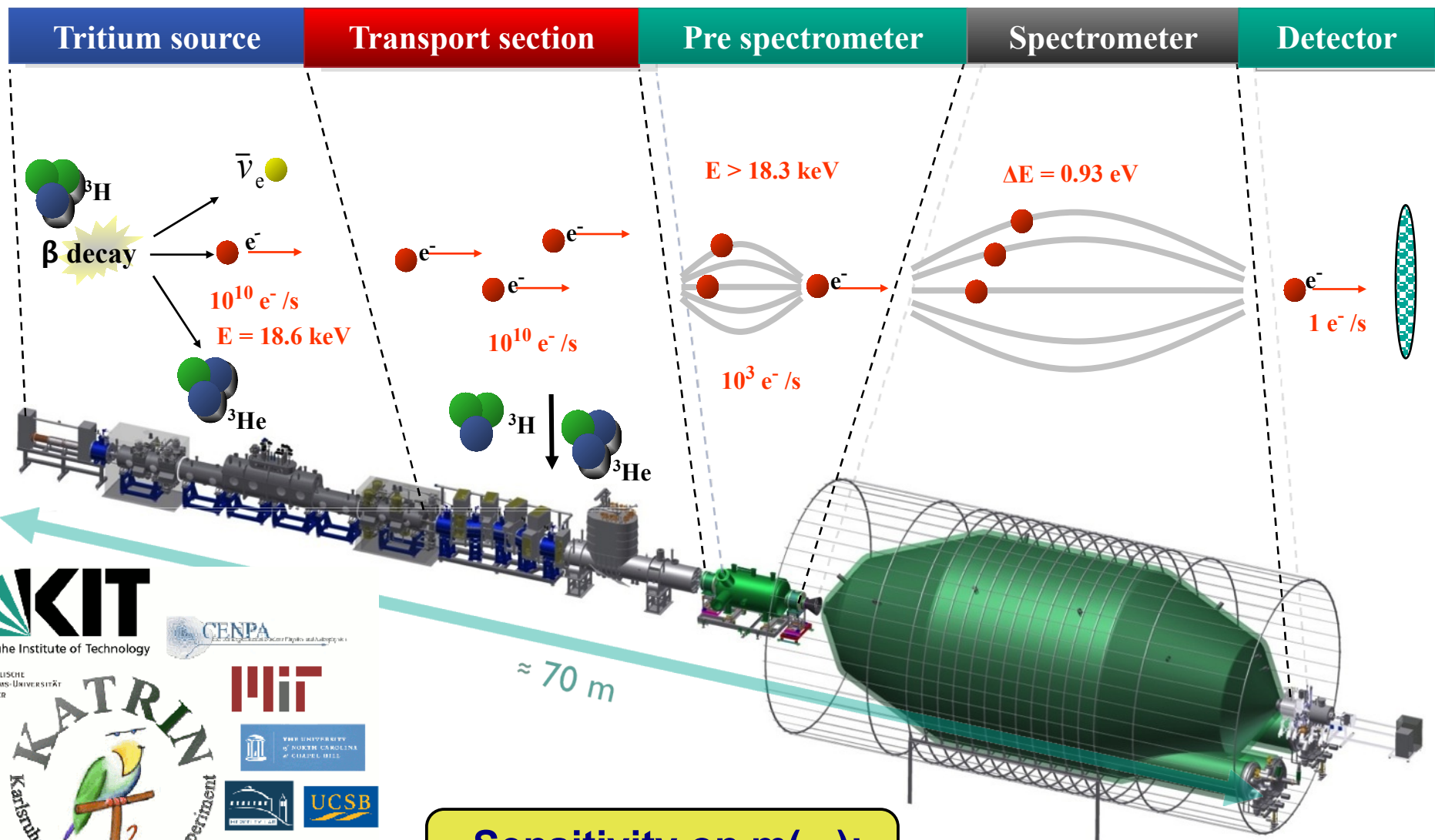
Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation + Electrostatic Filter
(A. Picard et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. 63 (1992) 345)

- Two supercond. solenoids compose magnetic guiding field
- adiabatic transformation:
 $\mu = E_{\perp} / B = \text{const.}$
⇒ parallel e^- beam
- Energy analysis by electrostat. retarding field
 $\Delta E = E \cdot B_{\min} / B_{\max}$
 $= 0.93 \text{ eV (KATRIN)}$





The Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment KATRIN - overview



Sensitivity on $m(\nu_e)$:
 $2 \text{ eV}/c^2 \rightarrow 200 \text{ meV}/c^2$

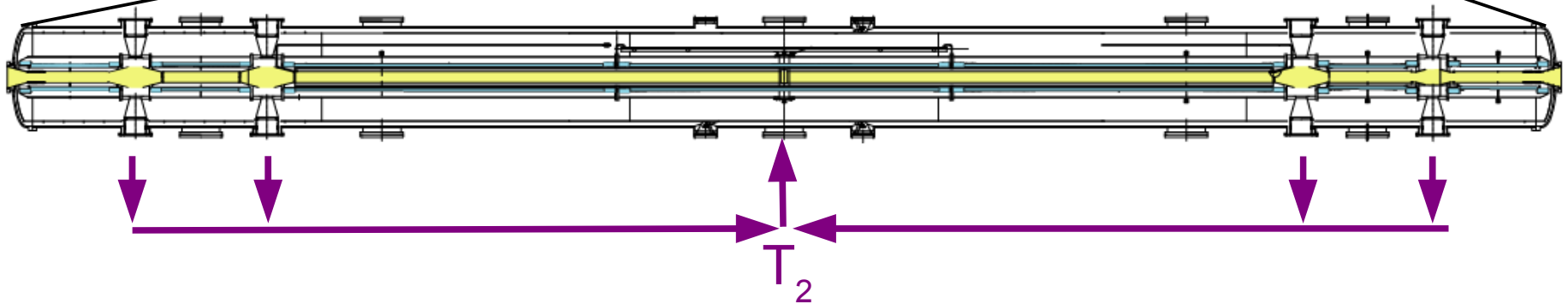
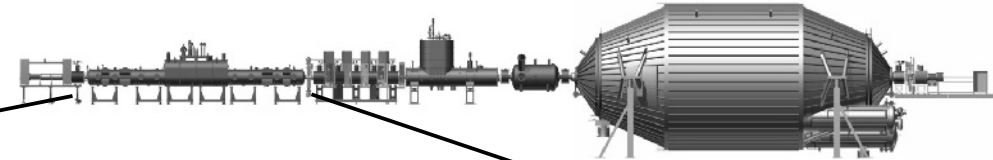


Molecular Windowless Gaseous Tritium Source WGTS

per mill stability source strength request:

$$dN/dt \sim f_T \cdot N / \tau \sim n = f_T \cdot p \cdot V / R T$$

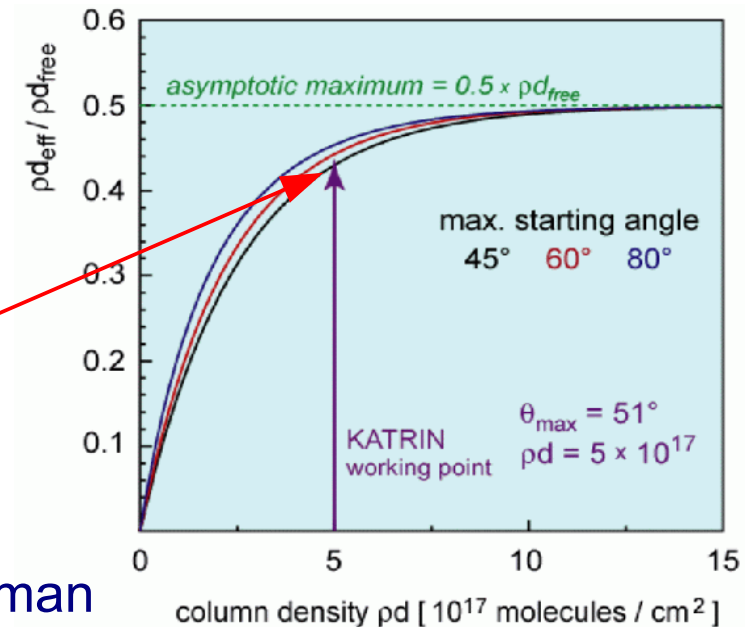
tritium fraction f_T & ideal gas law



WGTS: tub in long superconducting solenoids
 \varnothing 9cm, length: 10m, T = 30 K

Tritium recirculation (and purification)
 $p_{inj} = 0.003$ mbar, $q_{inj} = 4.7$ Ci/s

allows to measure with near to maximum count rate using
 $\rho d = 5 \cdot 10^{17}/\text{cm}^2$
 with small systematics



check column density by e-gun, T_2 purity by laser Raman

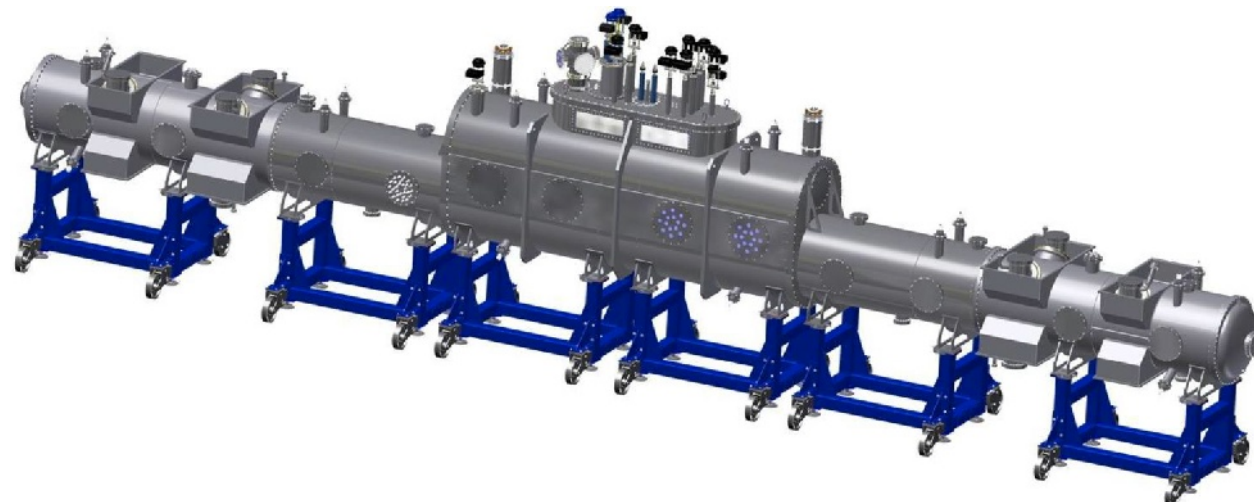
Status of Windowless Gaseous molecular Tritium Source WGTS

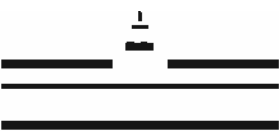
Assembly of beam tube, magnets and cryostat:

Temperature stability tests of „demonstrator“ very successful

Management now in the hand of KIT
progress according schedule

Arrived at KIT on Sept 10, 2015 !





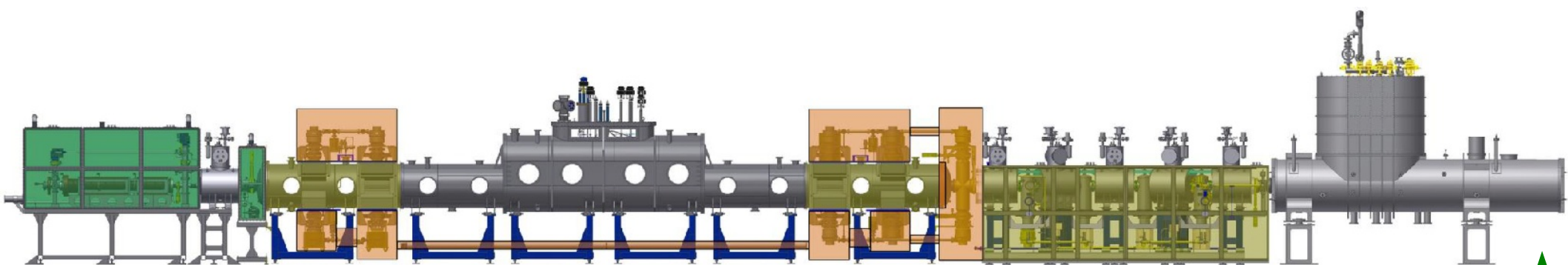
Transport and differential & cryo pumping sections

Monitoring & calibration system

Molecular windowless gaseous tritium source

Differential pumping

Cryogenic pumping with Argon snow at LHe temperatures



T_2 -injection 1.8 mbar l/s (STP)
= $1.7 \cdot 10^{11}$ Bq/s = 40 g/d

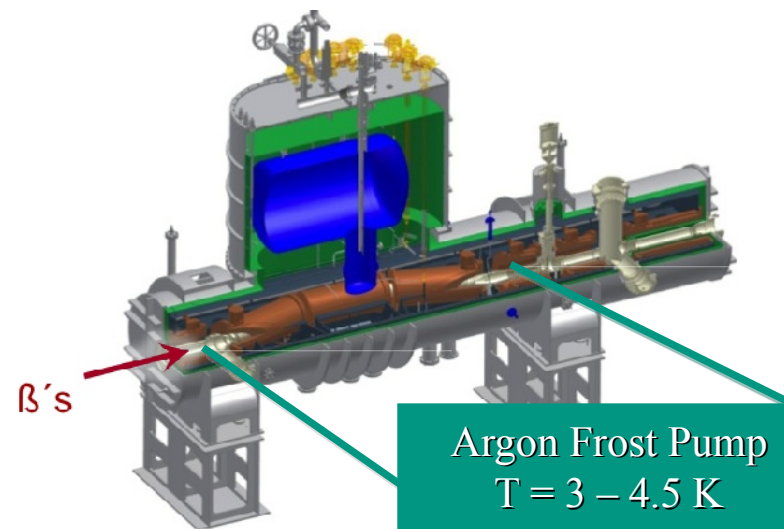
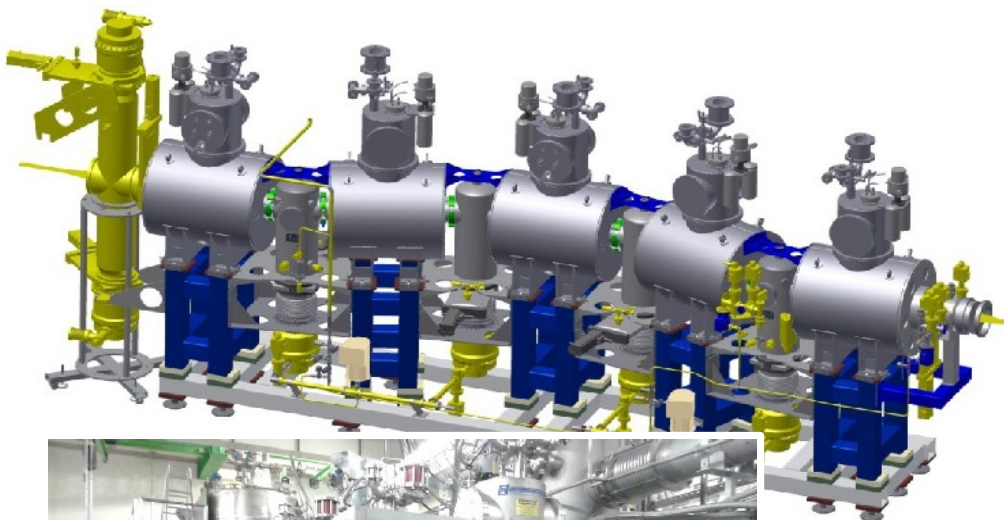
FT-ICR Penning traps to measure ions from WGTS

$\approx 10^{-7}$ mbar l/s

$< 2.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$ mbar l/s

\Rightarrow adiabatic electron guiding & T_2 reduction factor of $\sim 10^{14}$

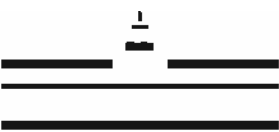
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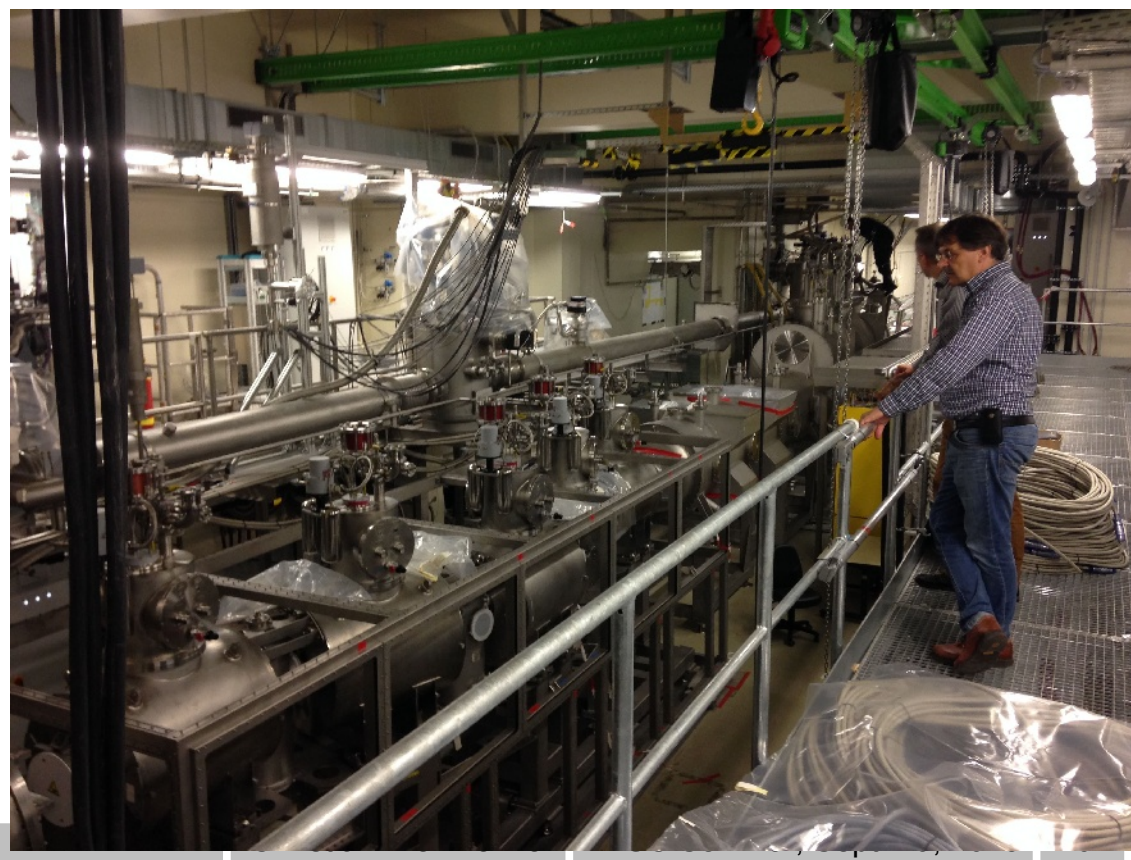
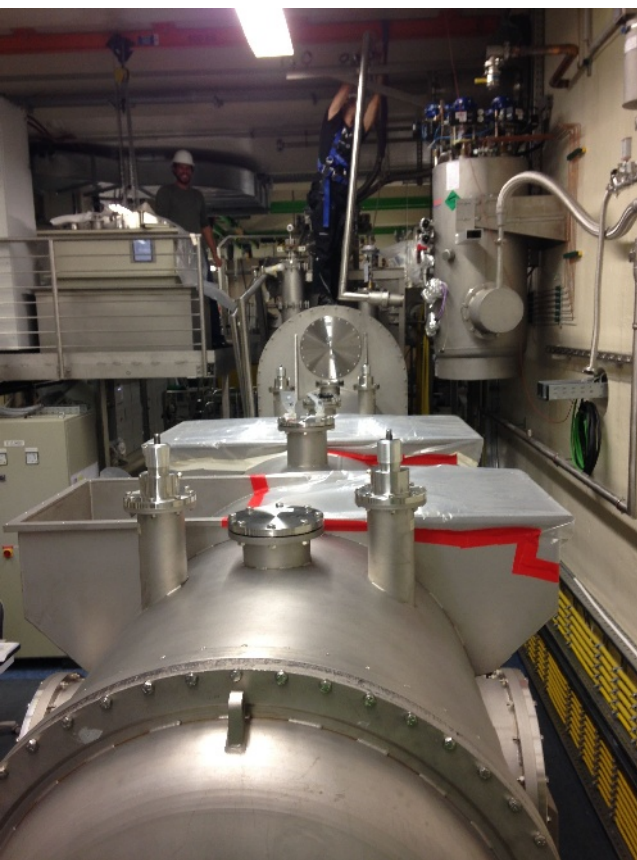
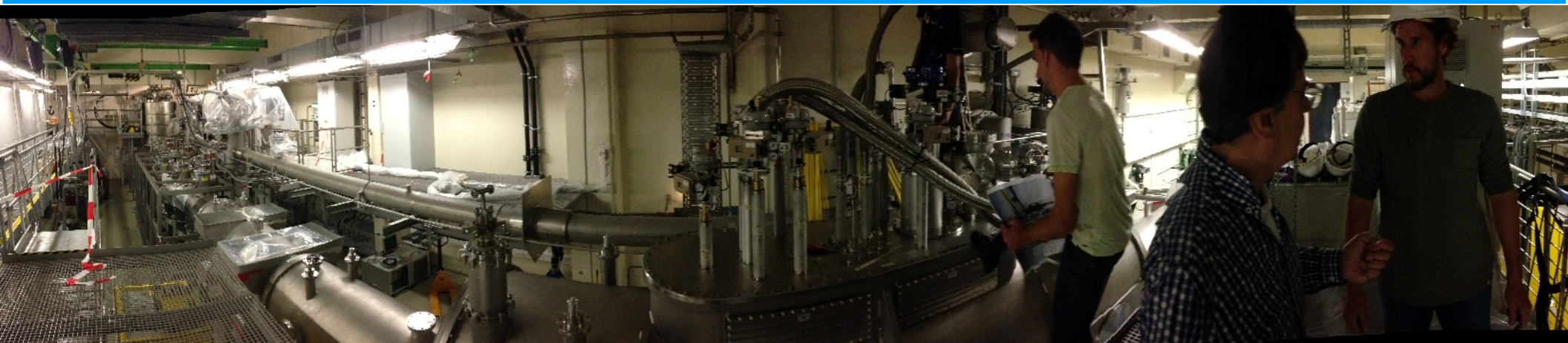
- active pumping: 4 TMPs
- Tritium retention: 10^5
- magnetic field: 5.6 T
- **under commissioning**

- based on by cryo-sorption
- Tritium retention: $>10^7$
- magnetic field: 5.6 T
- **delivered to KIT: July 30, 2015**

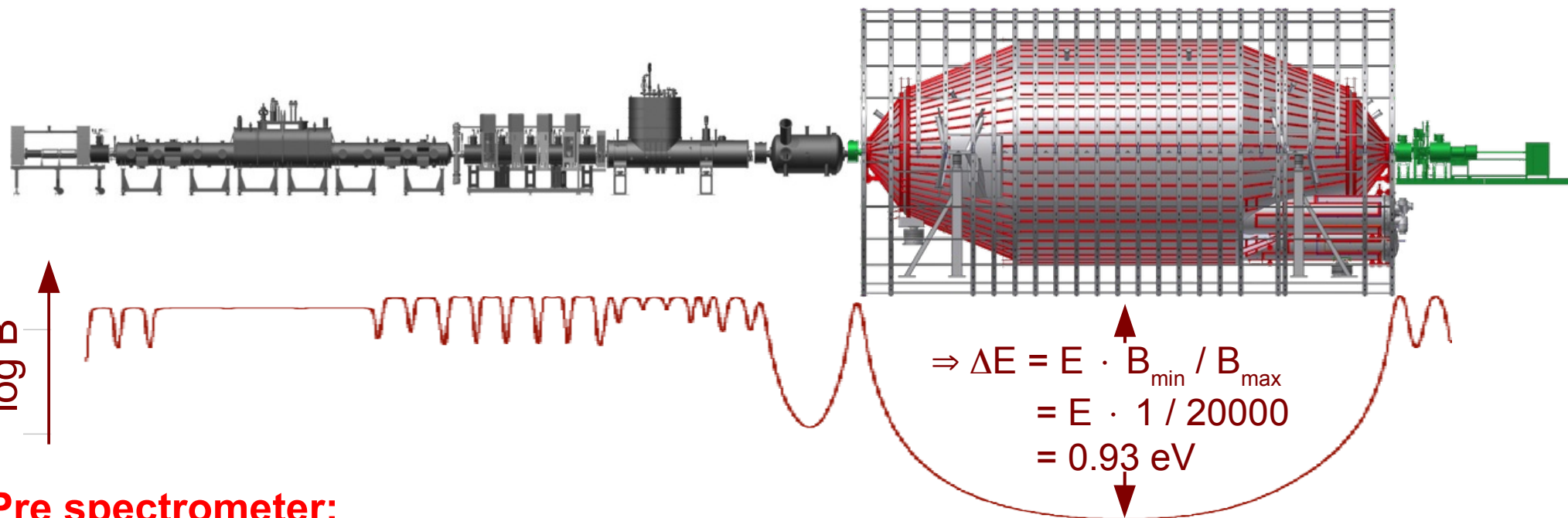




The source and transport section is really there !



KATRIN spectrometers



Pre spectrometer:

- successful tests & developments of new concepts

Main spectrometer:

- huge size: 10m diameter, 24m length
1240 m³ volume, 690 m² inner surface
- ultra-high vacuum: $p = O(10^{-11} \text{ mbar})$
- ultra-high energy resolution: $\Delta E = 0.93 \text{ eV}$
- vacuum vessel on precise high voltage (ppm precision)



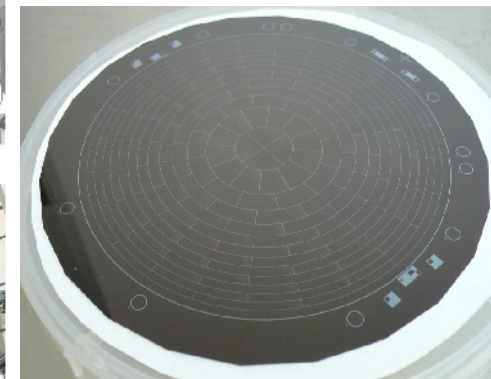
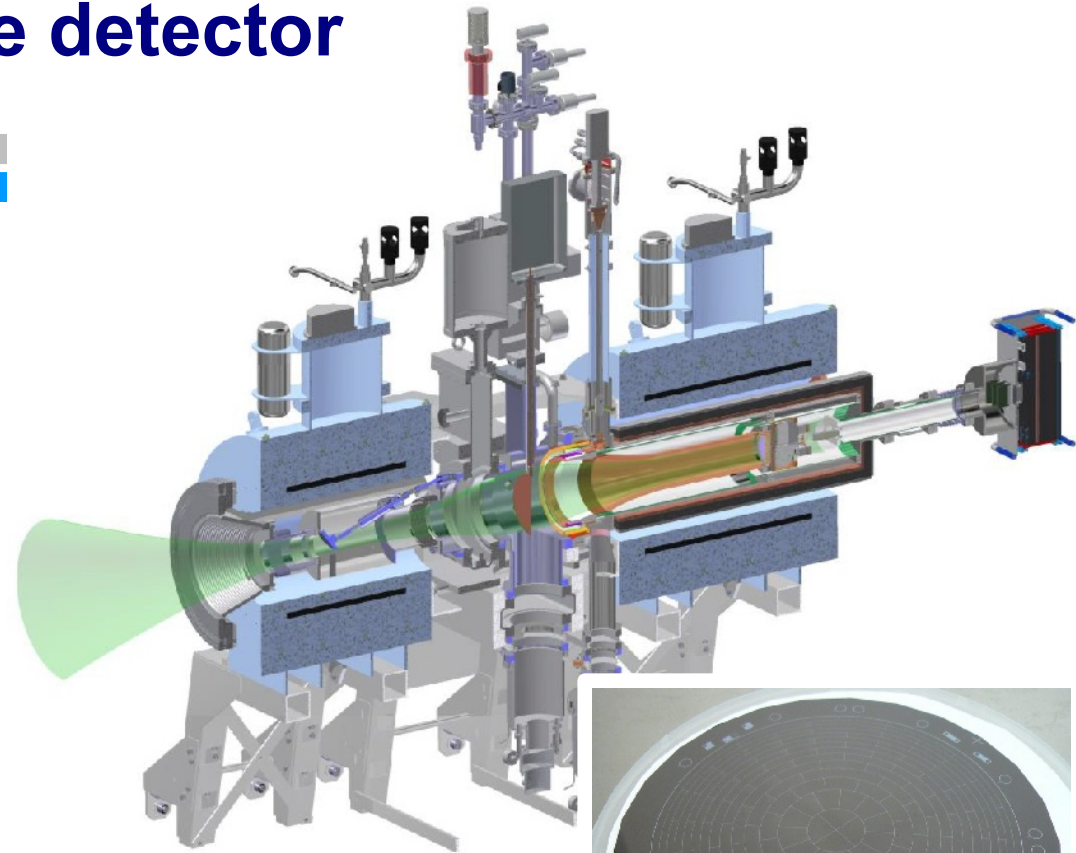
The detector

Requirements

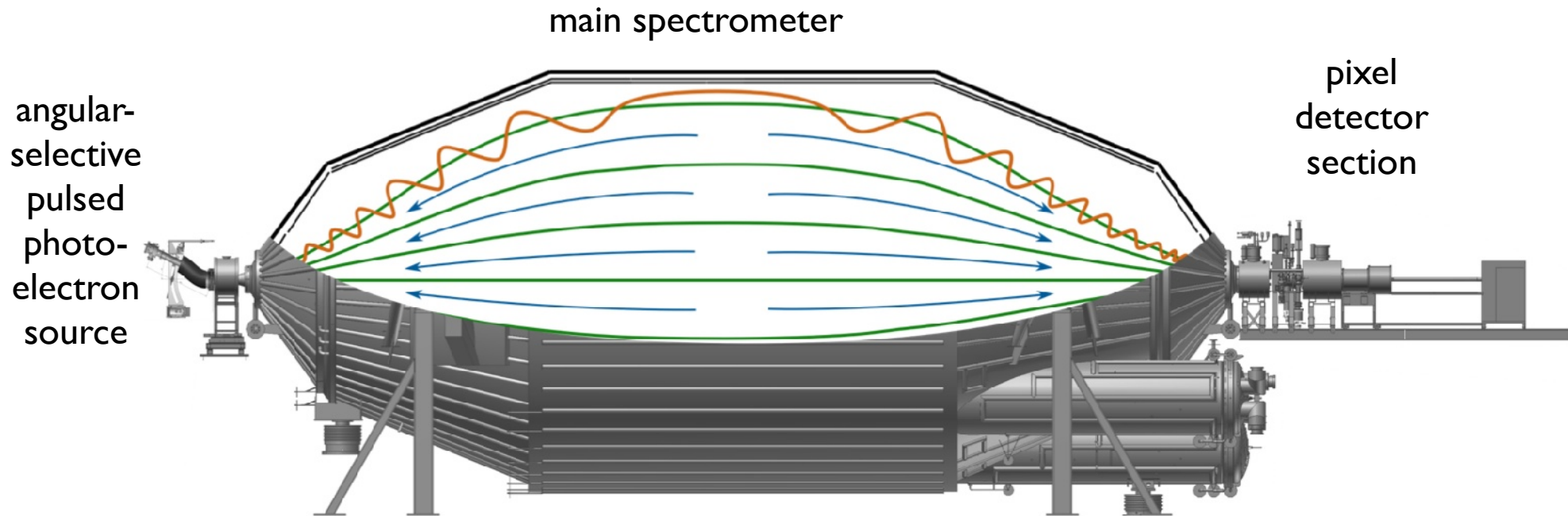
- detection of β -electrons (mHz to kHz)
- high efficiency ($> 90\%$)
- low background (< 1 mHz)
(passive and active shielding)
- good energy resolution (< 1 keV)

Properties

- 90 mm \varnothing Si PIN diode
- thin entry window (50nm)
- detector magnet 3 - 6 T
- post acceleration (30kV)
(to lower background in signal region)
- segmented wafer (148 pixels)
 - record azimuthal and radial profile of the flux tube
 - investigate systematic effects
 - compensate field inhomogeneities



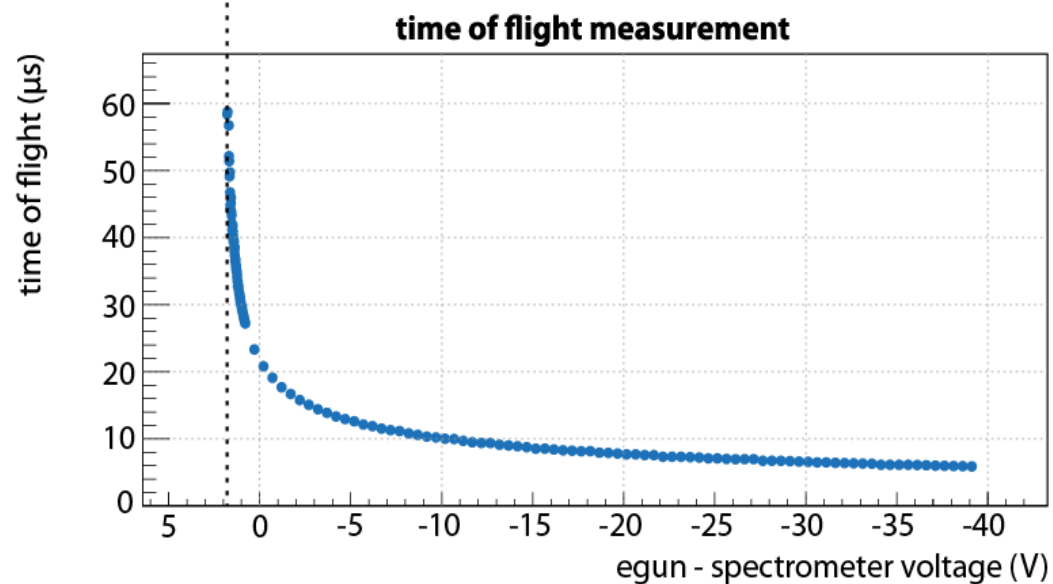
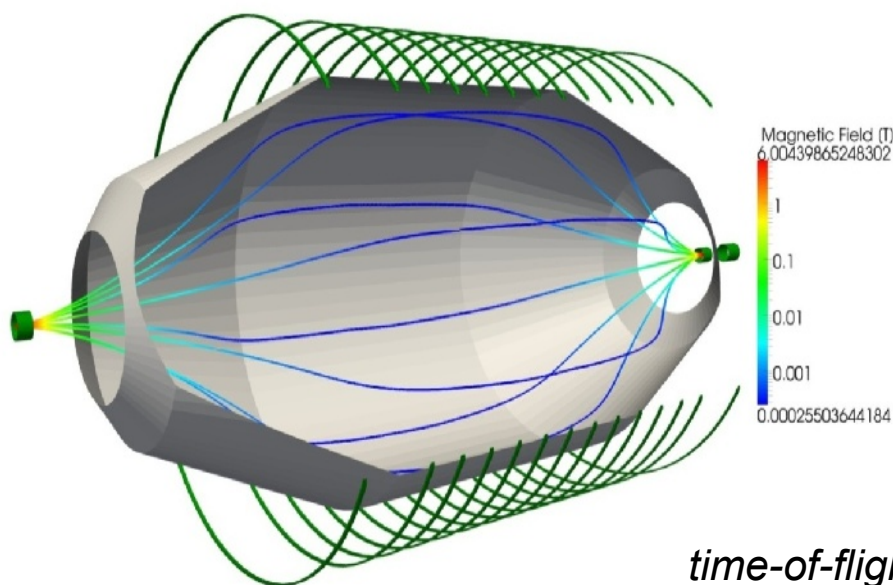
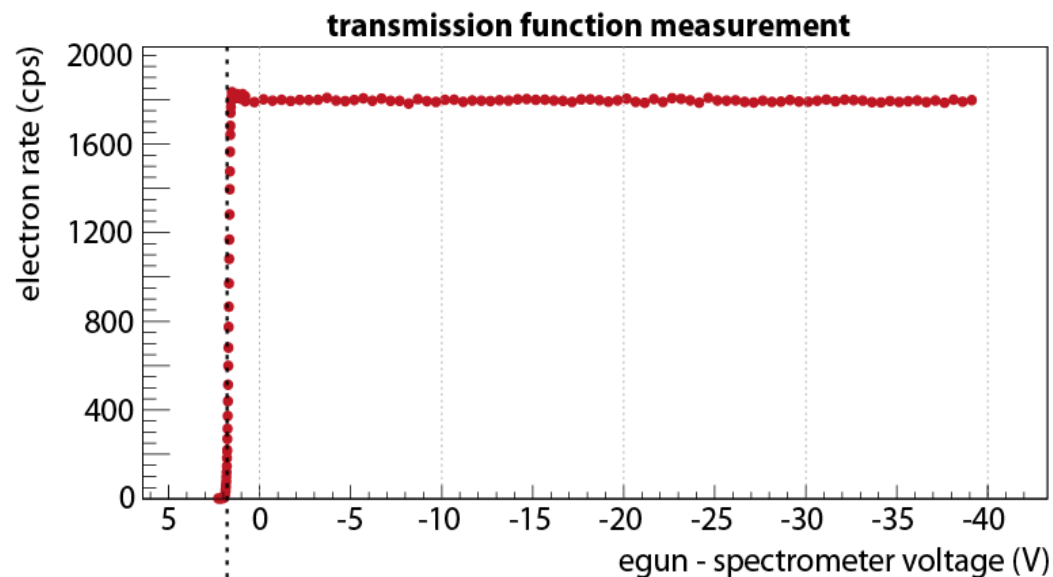
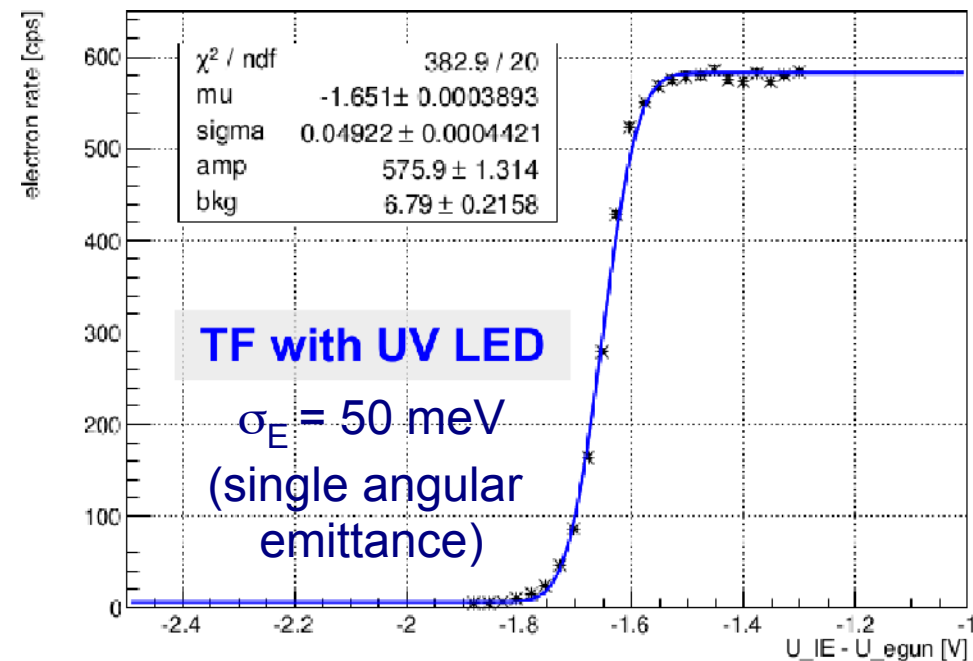
Main spectrometer and detector commissioning – objectives



Primary objectives:

- test of individual hardware, software and slow control components
- provide ultra high vacuum conditions at the $p \approx 10^{-11}$ mbar level
- detailed understanding of the transmission properties of this MAC-E-Filter ($E = 18.6$ keV with $\Delta E = 0.93$ eV resolution) and compare to simulation with Kasseiopeia
- detailed understanding and passive & active control of background processes

Commissioning of main spectrometer and detector



time-of-flight, see also *N. Steinbrink et al., NJP 15 (2013) 113020*

Suppress secondary electron background from walls on high potential

Secondary electrons from wall/electrode

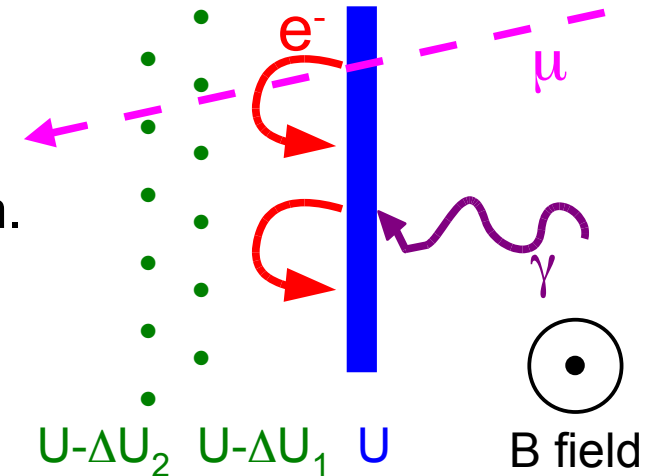
by cosmic rays, environmental radioactivity, ...

Excellent magnetic shielding by nearly perfect axial sym.

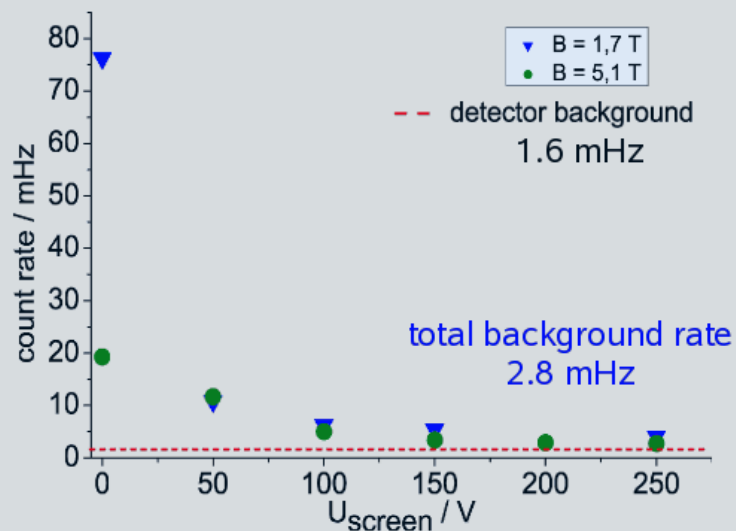
Additionally double layer wire electrode

on slightly more negative potential

(ca. 23,000 wires, 200 μm precision, UHV compatible)



Background suppression **successfully tested** at the Mainz MAC-E filter:



Dipl. thesis B. Ostrick (U Mainz, 2002),
PhD thesis B. Flatt (U Mainz, 2004)

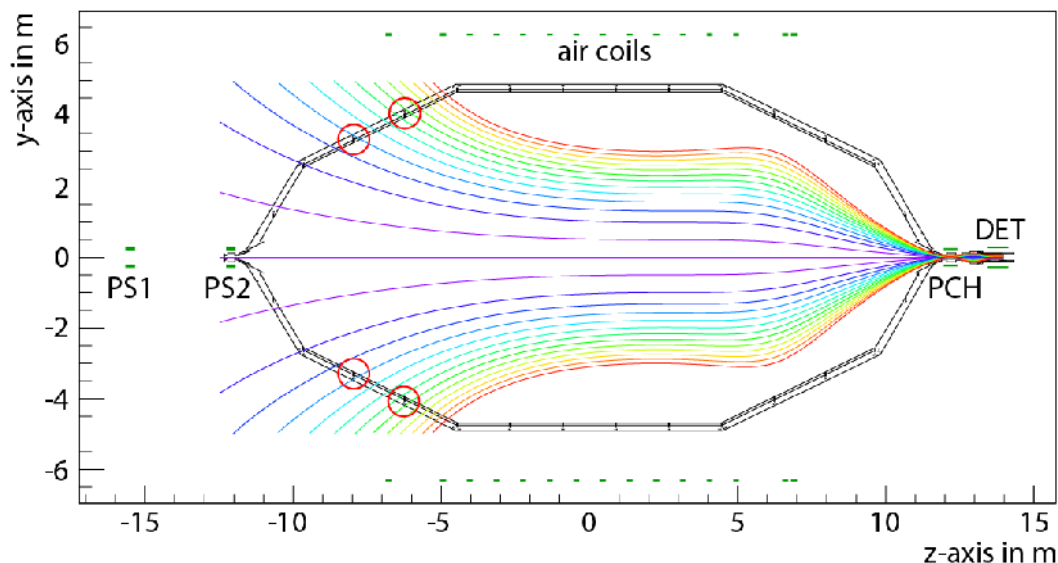


Background suppression by wire electrode

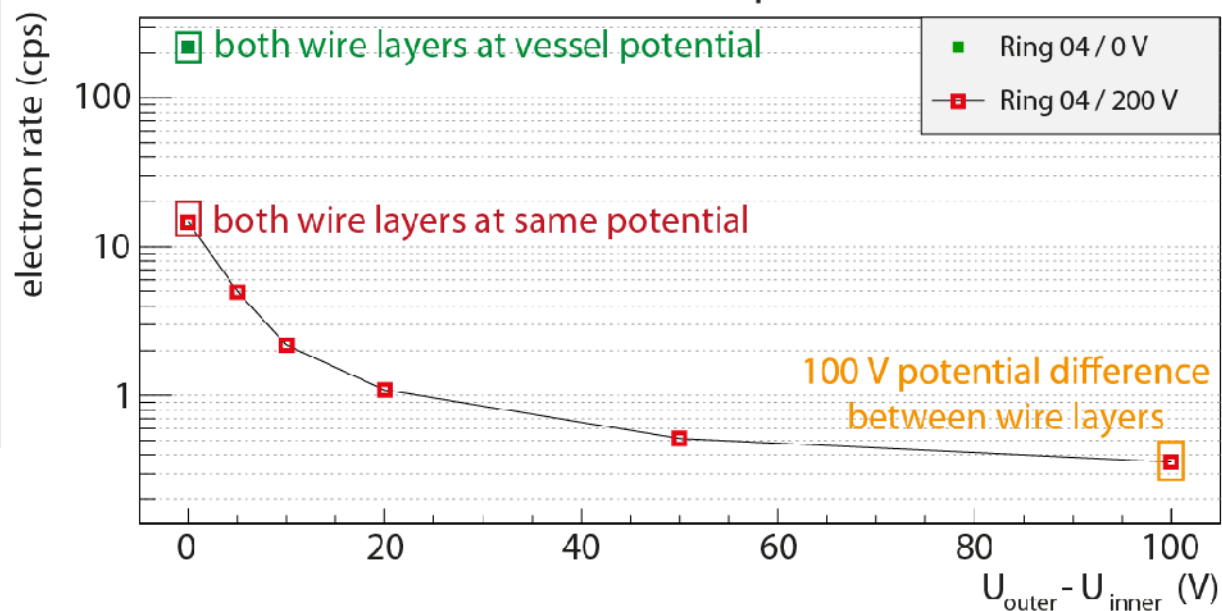
Investigating secondary electrons from the walls by directly looking to the wall and applying an asymmetric magnetic field

→ there are many secondary electrons from the walls, which are shielded by the wire electrode

→ but there is a very efficient magnetic shielding as well



electron rate vs. wire module potential difference



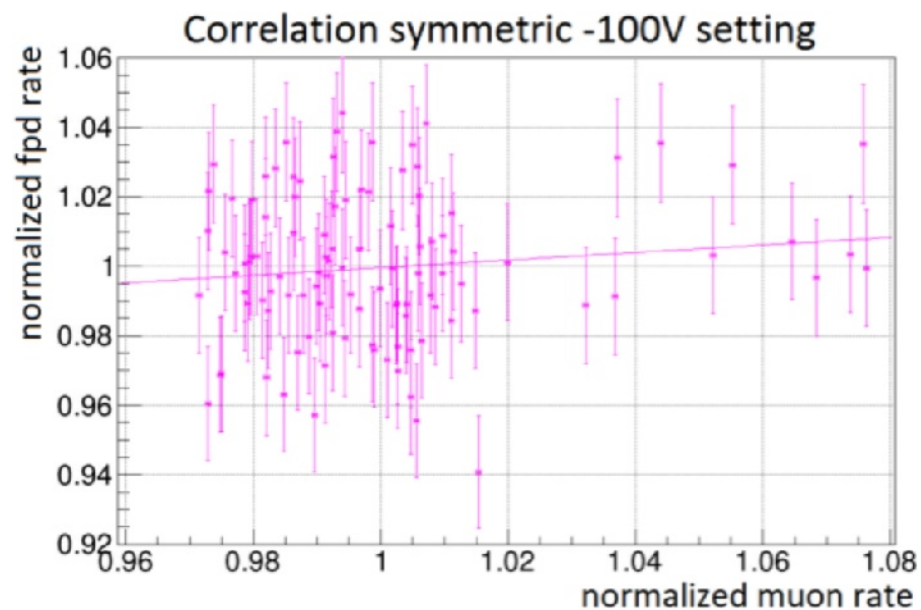
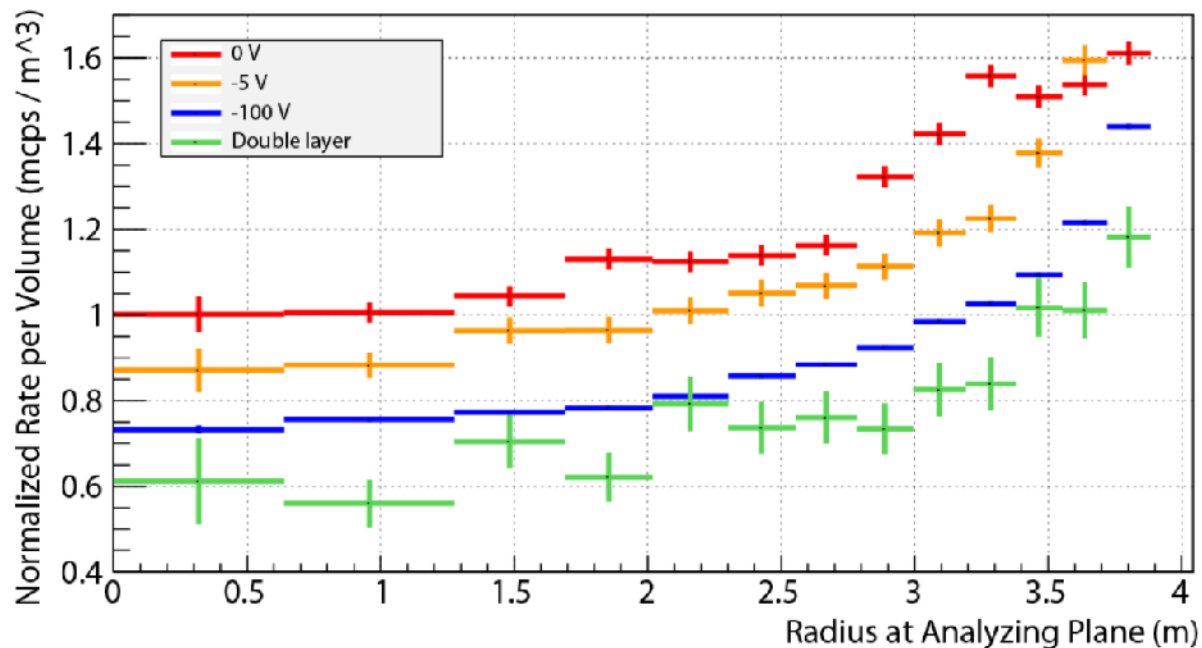
Background suppression by wire electrode

Significant background
reduction by single
& dual layer wire electrode

(some electric shorts prohibit
full dual layer operation)

but the remaining background
does not seem to originate
from cosmic muons
or other charged particles,
but from neutrals ...

slope a: 0.11 ± 0.07
correlation factor: 0.11 ± 0.09



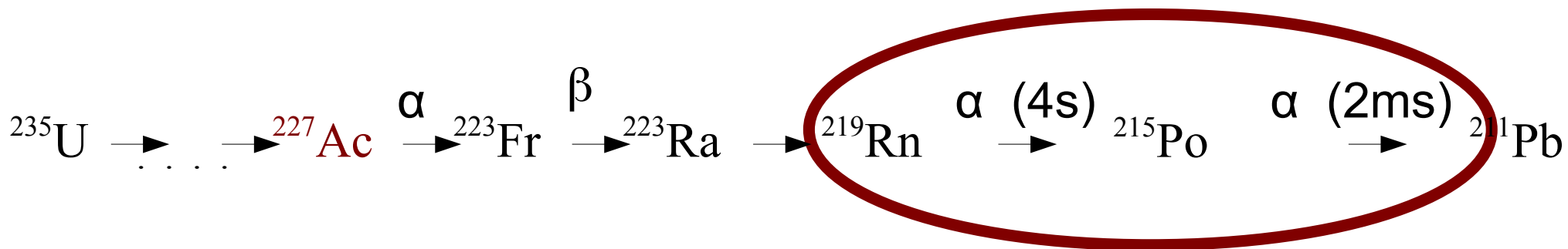
Radon background in the pre spectrometer from the non-evaporable getter (NEG) pumps

Getter strips (SAES ST707) adsorbing residual gas (H_2)
are essential to reach 10^{-11} mbar, composition:

70 % Zirconium: contains ^{227}Ac

25 % Vanadium

5 % Iron



^{219}Ra is gaseous \rightarrow spectrometer \rightarrow ionizations \rightarrow **background**

Secondary electron background from radon decays in the volume

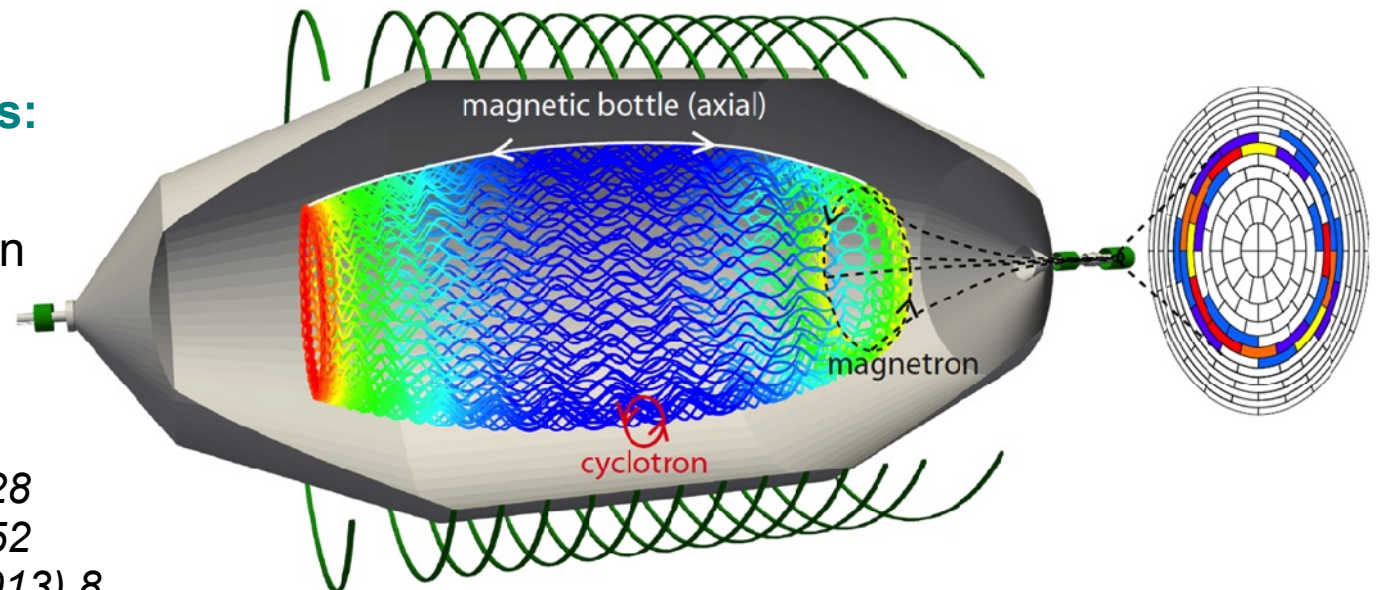
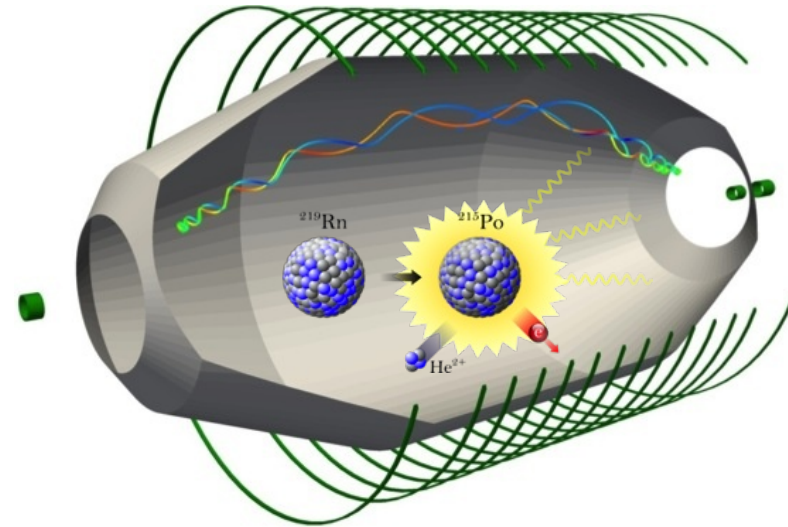
- $^{219,220}\text{Rn}$ emanation mainly from SAES getter pumps (zirconium vanadium iron alloy) conversion, Auger, shake-off electrons can get stored by magnetic mirror effect

background process continues:

- ionization of residual gas \rightarrow secondary electrons
- primary electron energies: $100 \text{ eV} < E < 500 \text{ keV}$
- up to 5000 secondary electrons per stored primary
- significant background increase for hours

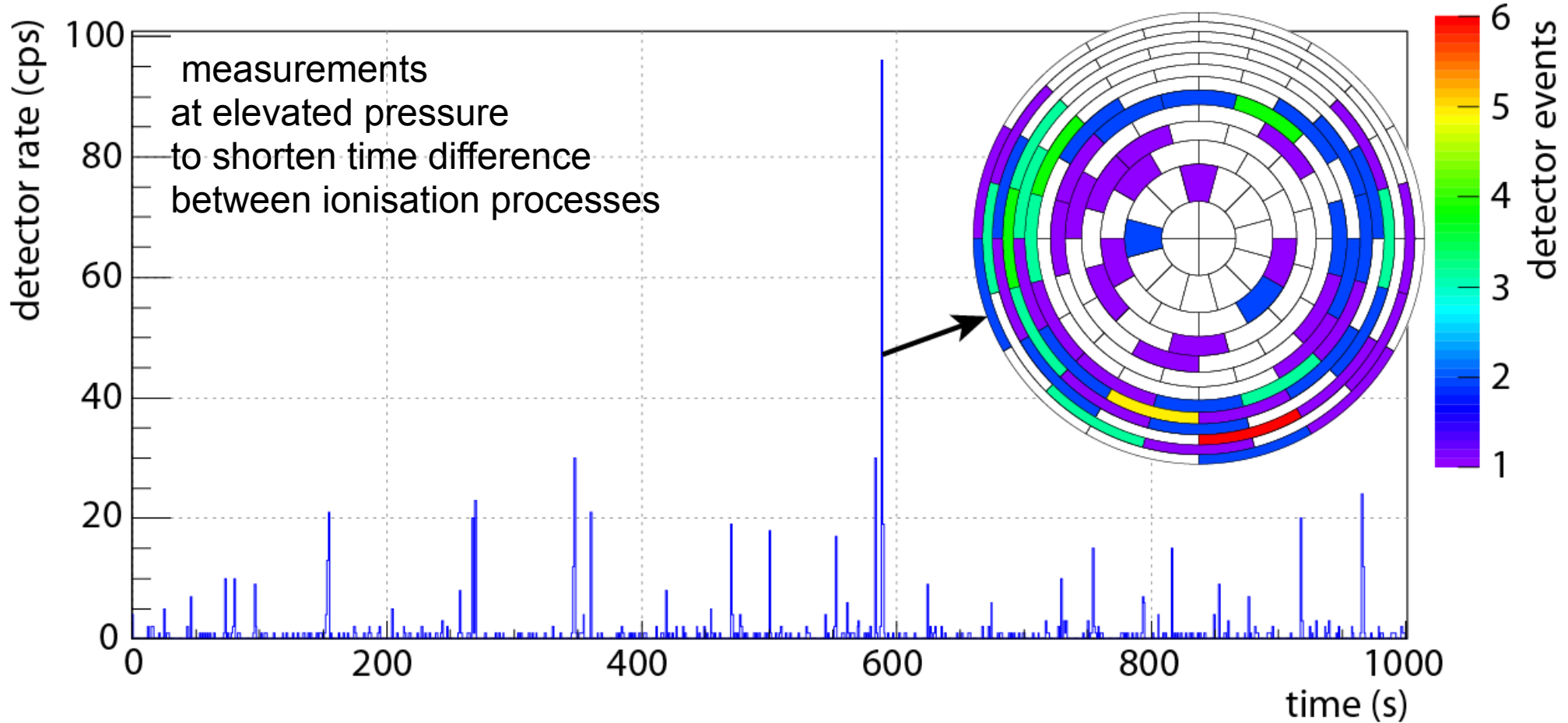
stored multi-keV electrons:

- rapid cyclotron motion
- intermediate axial oscillation
- slow magnetron drift



F. Fränkle et al., *APP* 35 (2011) 128
 S. Mertens et al., *APP* 41 (2012) 52
 N. Wandkowsky et al., *NJP* 15 (2013) 8

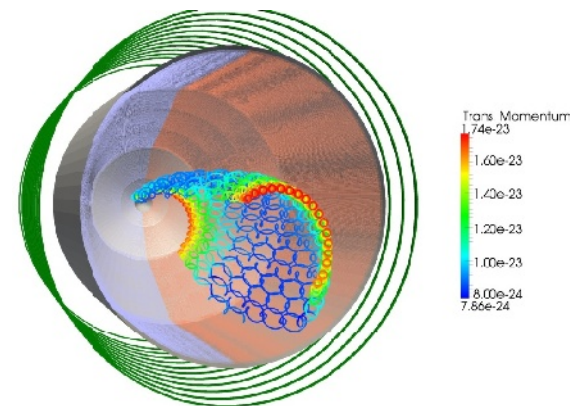
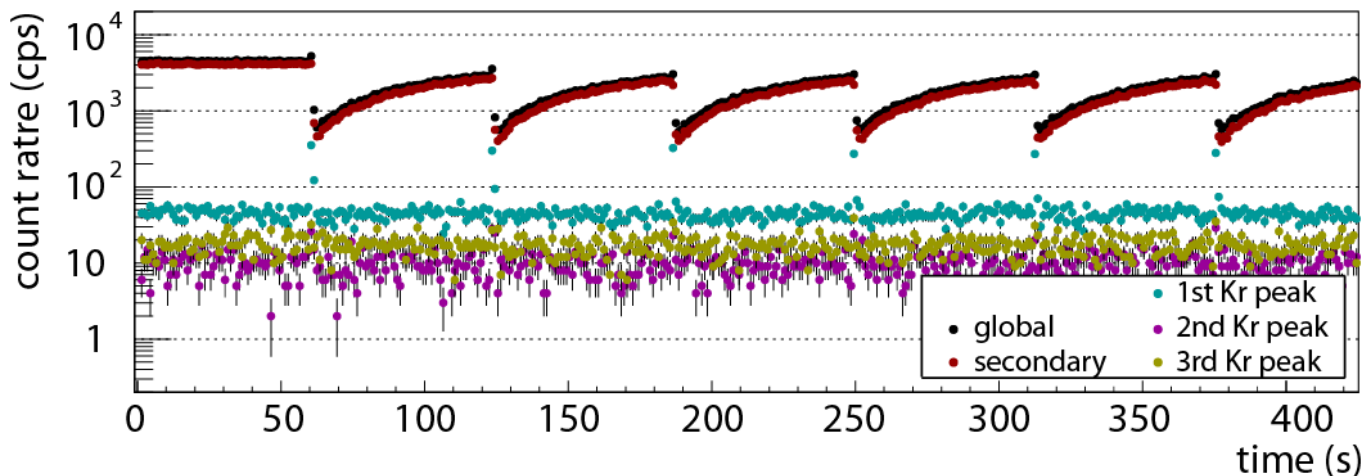
Understanding the background: Radon and other background sources



High energy electrons from radon decays:
→ multiple, spike-like events
with a ring pattern at the detector (magnetron motion)

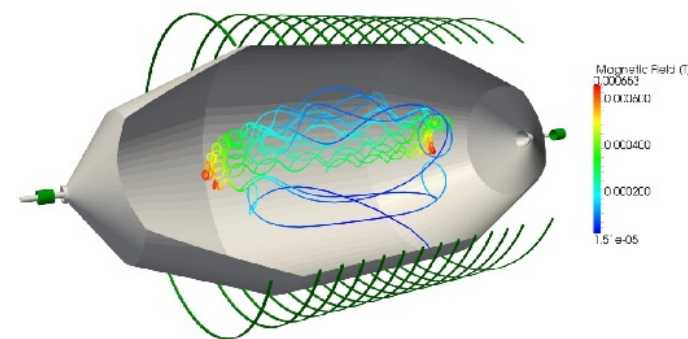
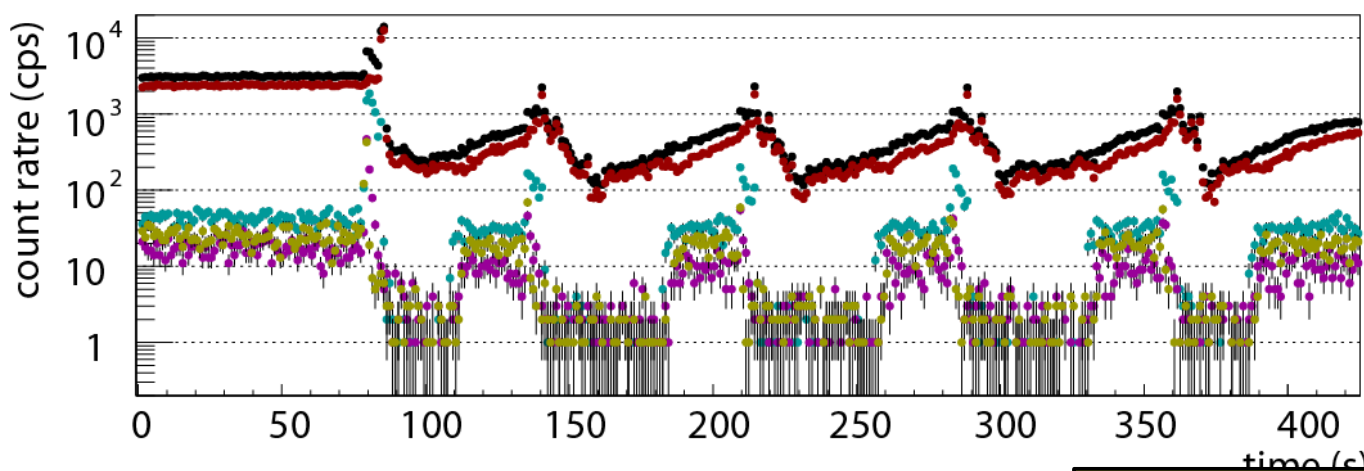
Active stored particle removal by electric dipole and magnetic zeroing

electric dipole



$$\mathbf{v}_D = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} / B^2$$

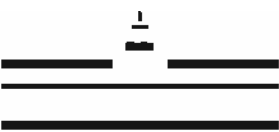
magnetic pulse



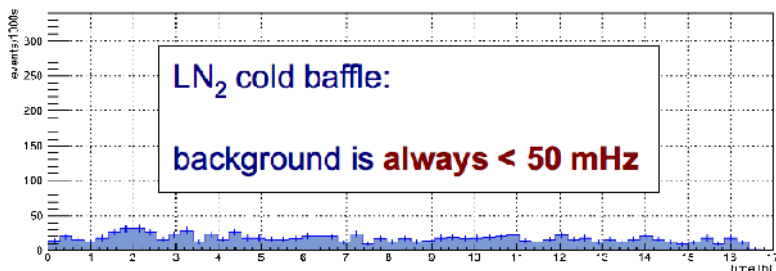
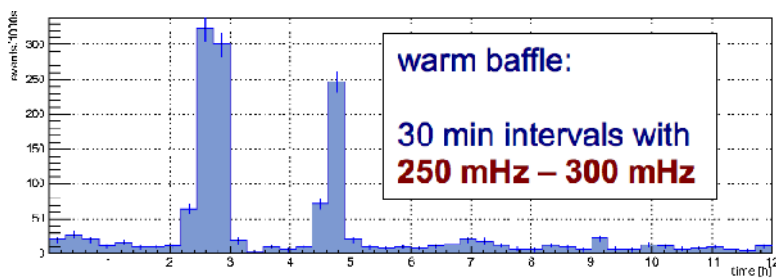
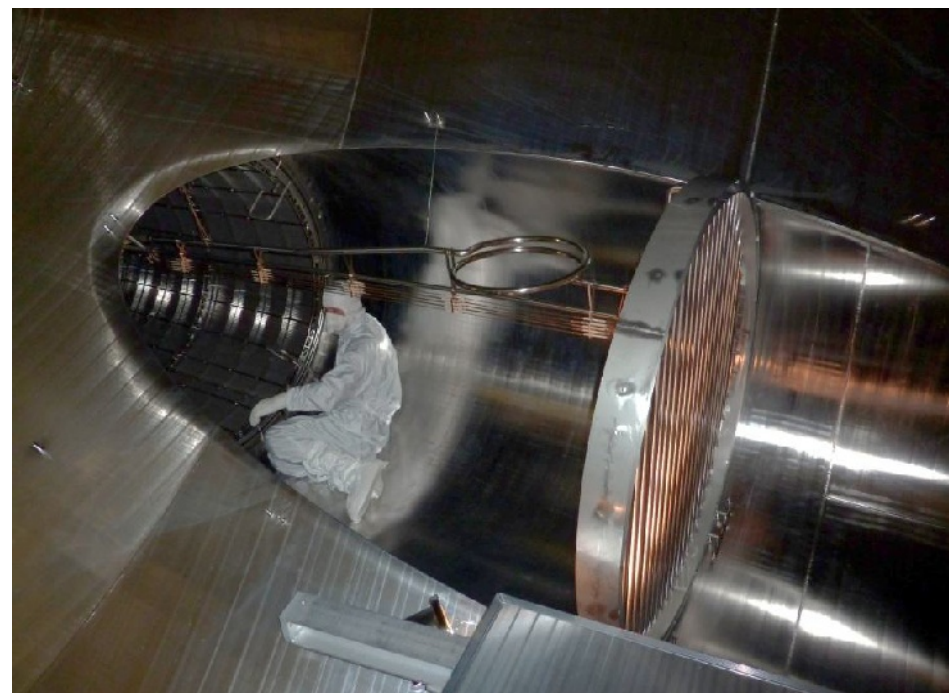
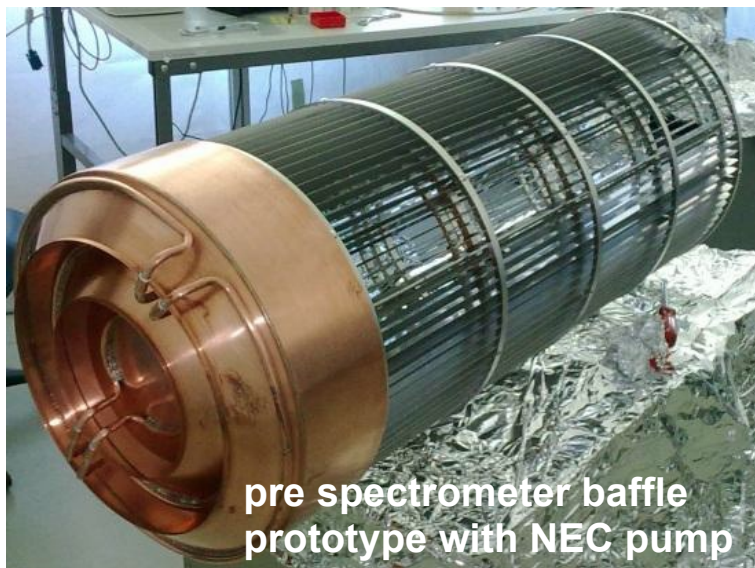
loss of magnetic guidance

^{83m}Kr injected
to enhance number of stored particles

2014: all 14 axial air coils are instrumented with fast magnet puls switches in SDS II (compared to 1 switch in SDS I in 2013)



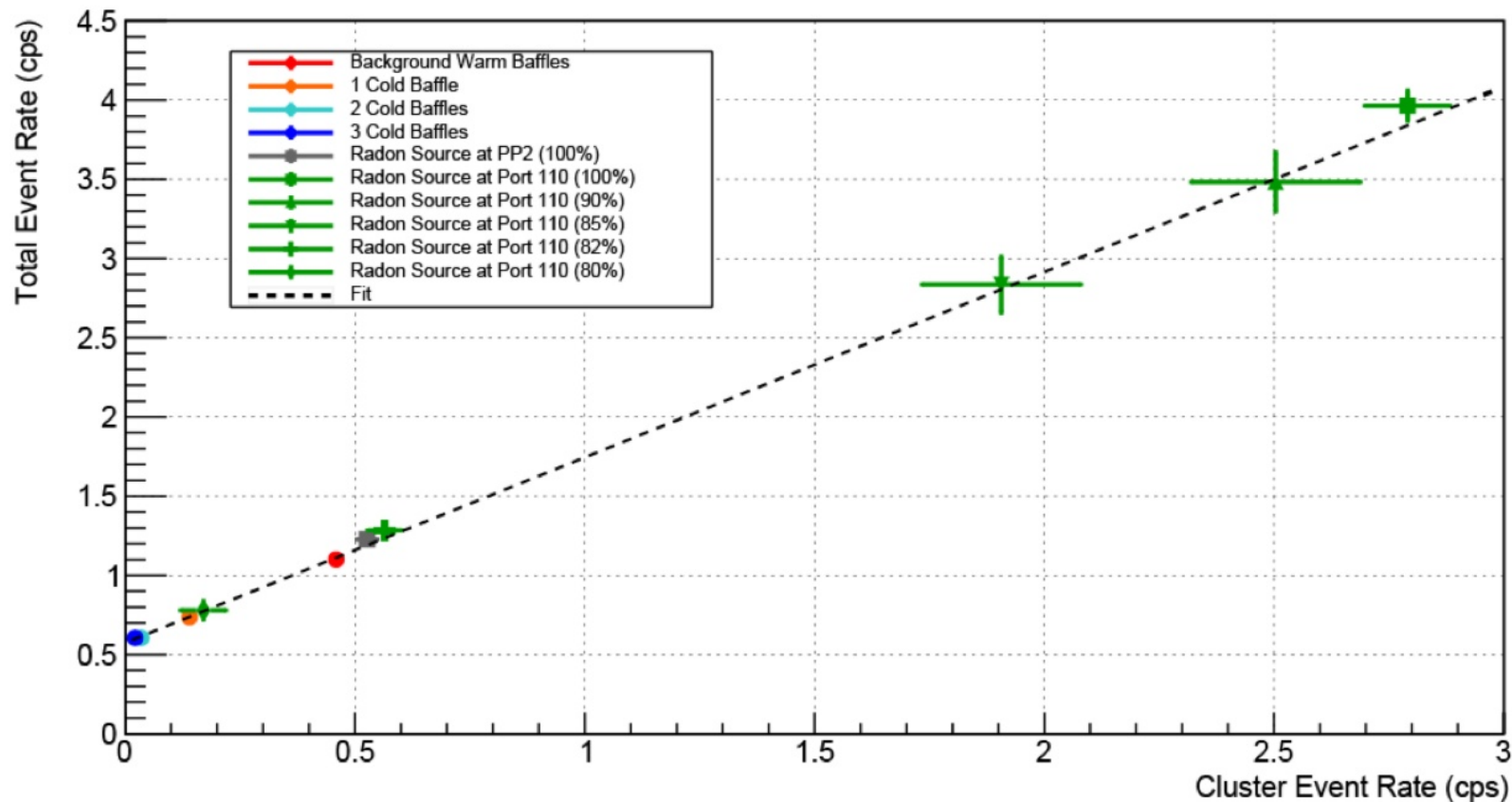
Radon elimination by LN₂-cooled baffles in the pre & main spectrometer



successful application at pre spectrometer

Radon induced background

^{219}Rn from getter and artefical ^{220}Rn source



- radon-induced background is very efficiently eliminated by LN_2 baffles
 - residual non-radon background of about 600 mcps
 - optimal magnetic field settings: 477 mcps = reference background rate (SDS2)
- SDS2b after baking to reach better understanding of residual background:
bg < 300 mcps reached (July 2015, preliminary)

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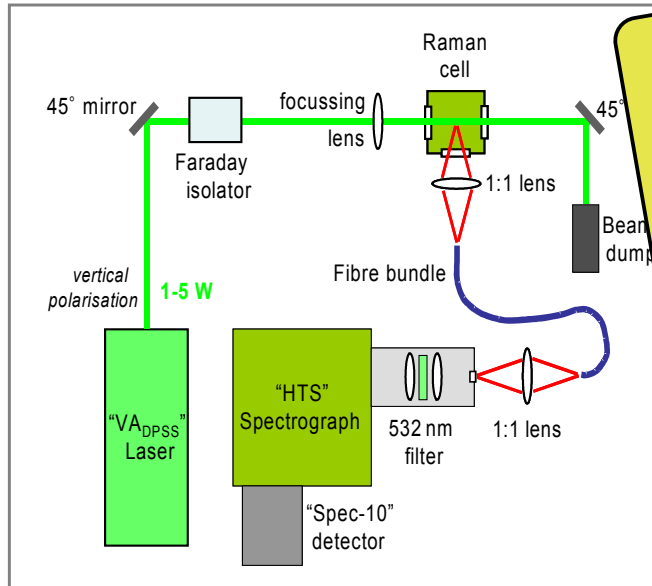
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e-gun measurements
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 - **monocrystalline rear plate short-cuts potential differences**
4. final state distribution
 - **reliable quantum chem. calculations**
5. transmission function
 - detailed simulations, **angular-selective e-gun measurements**
6. HV stability of retarding potential on $\sim 3\text{ppm}$ level required
 - **precision HV divider (with PTB), monitor spectrometer beamline**

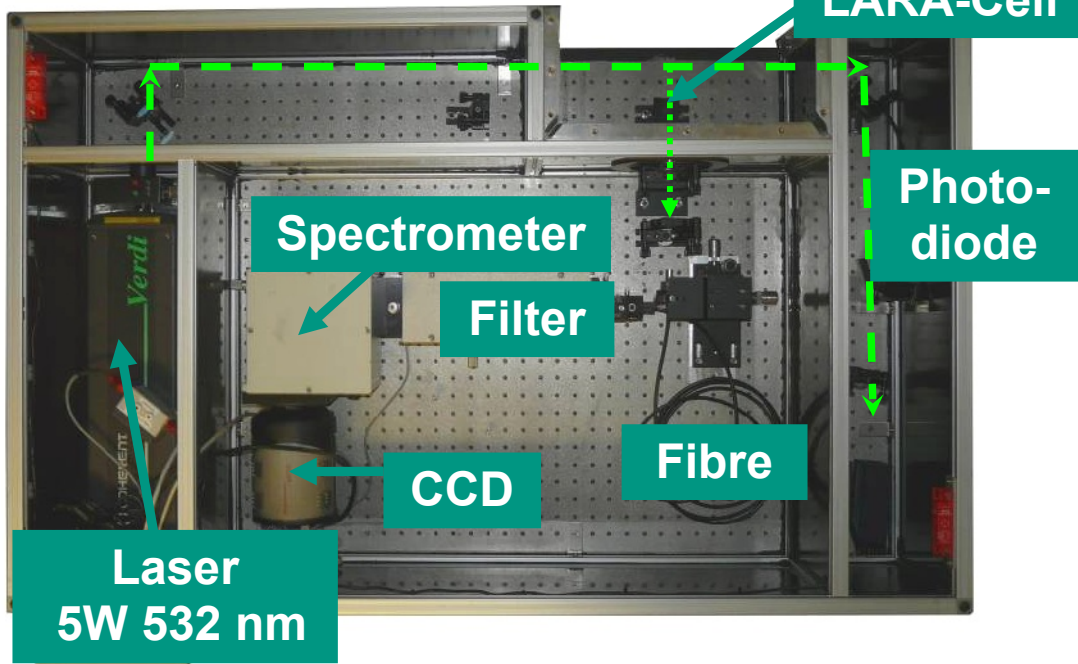
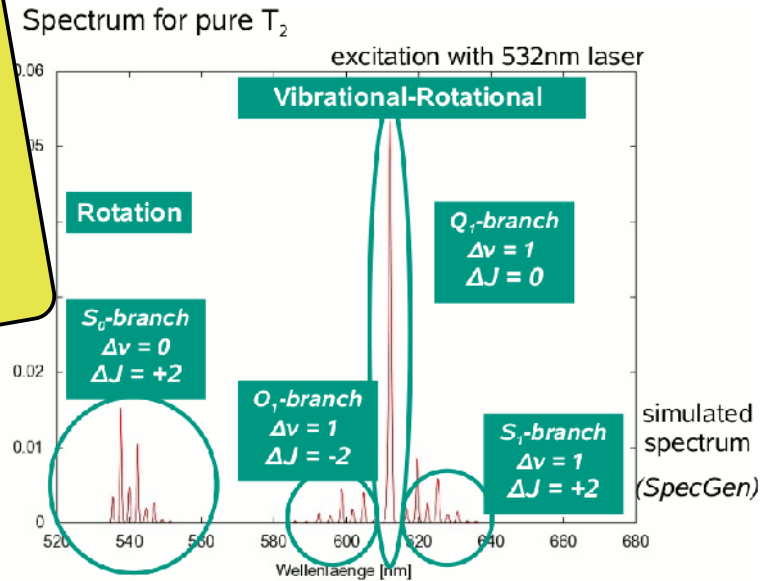
tritium
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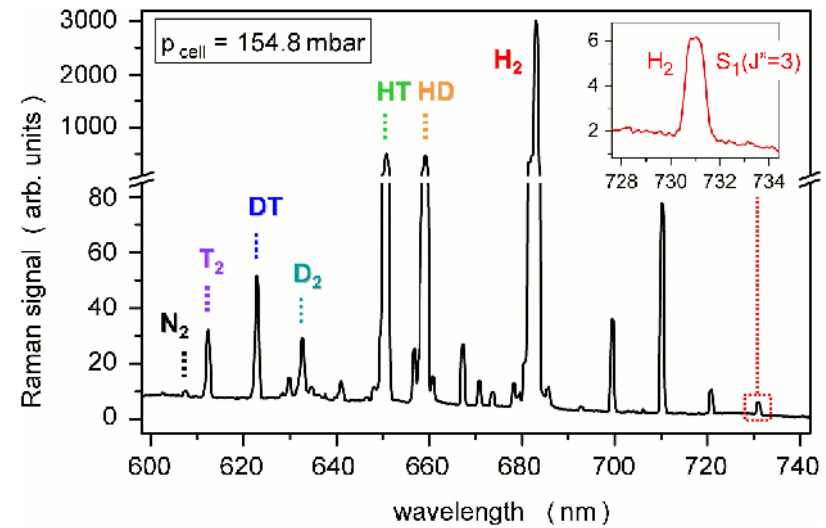
Measurement of tritium concentration by laser Raman spectroscopy



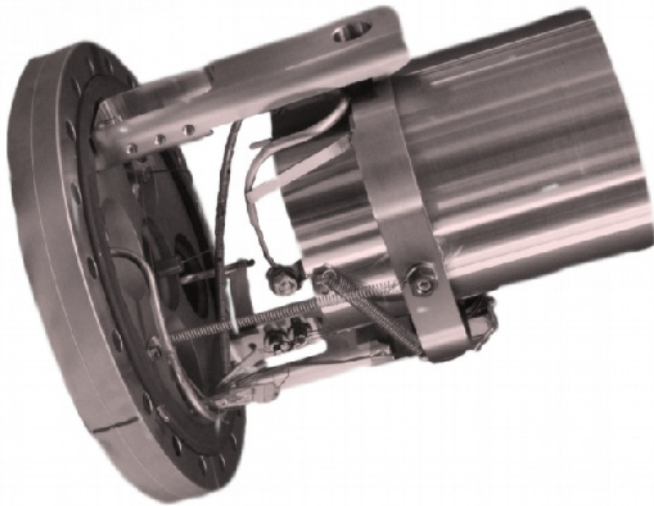
R.J. Lewis et al.,
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M. Sturm et al.,
Las. Phys. 20 (2010) 493
& many more ...



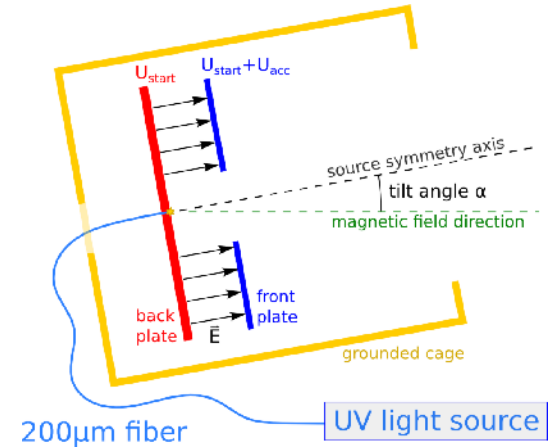
$$\text{H}_2 / \text{HD} / \text{T}_2 / \text{DT} / \text{HT} = 0.820 / 0.083 / 0.003 / 0.005 / 0.085$$



An angular-selective, pulsed UV photoelectron e-gun

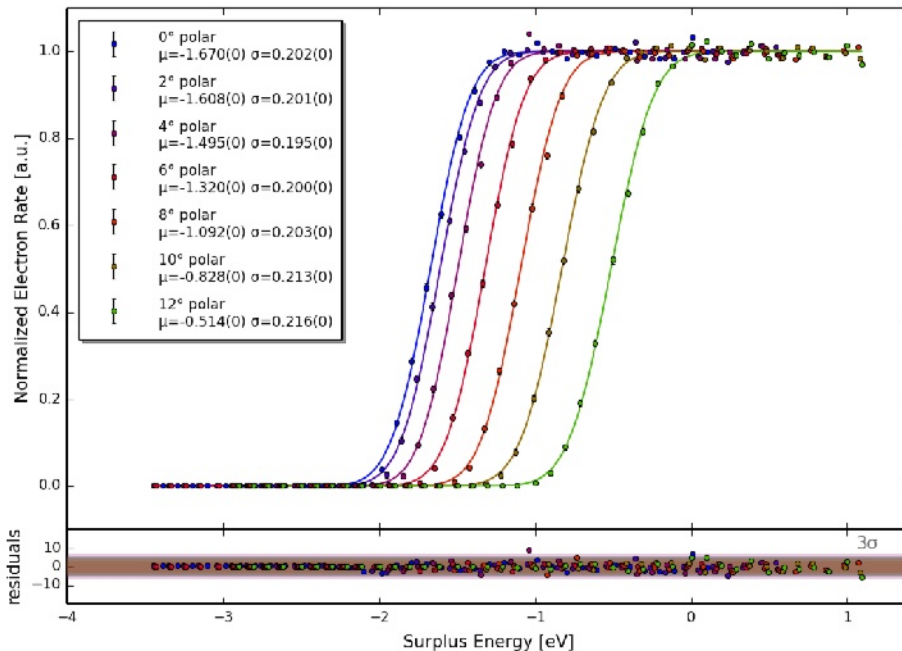


see poster by Jan Behrens



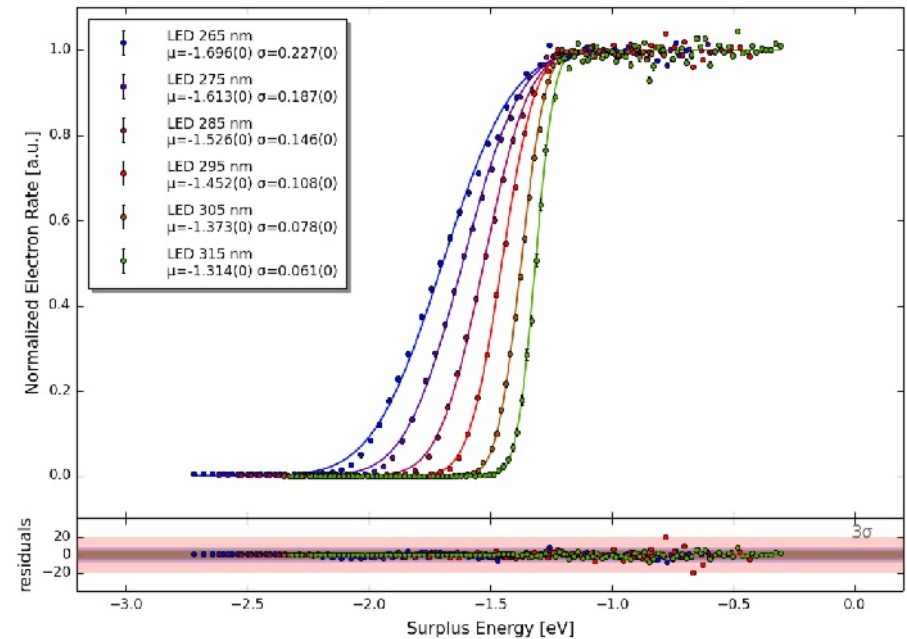
Different tilting angles of egun

Transmission Function at different plate angles
(Au photocathode, Mainspec at 18.6 kV / 3.8 Gs)

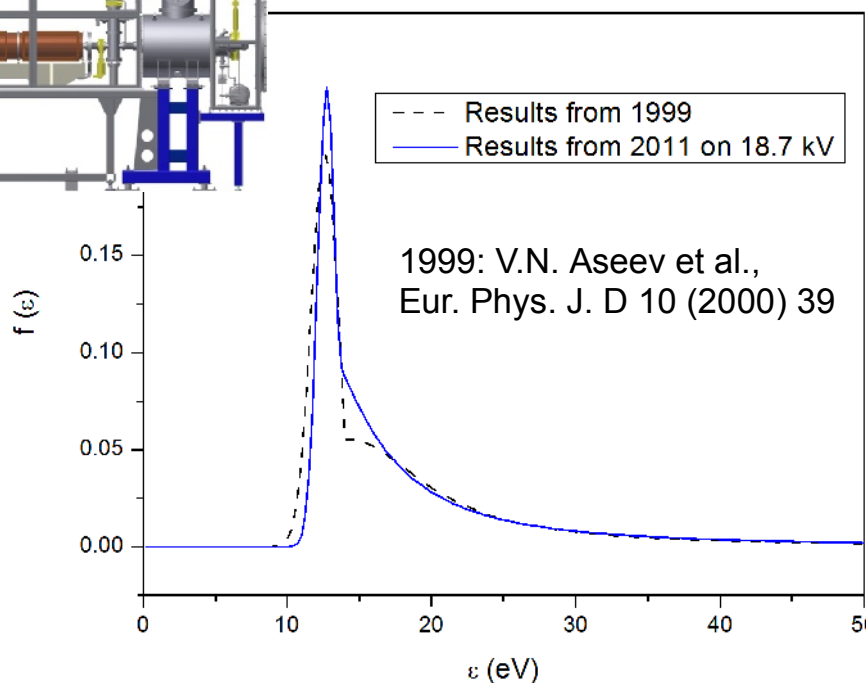


Different UV wavelengths

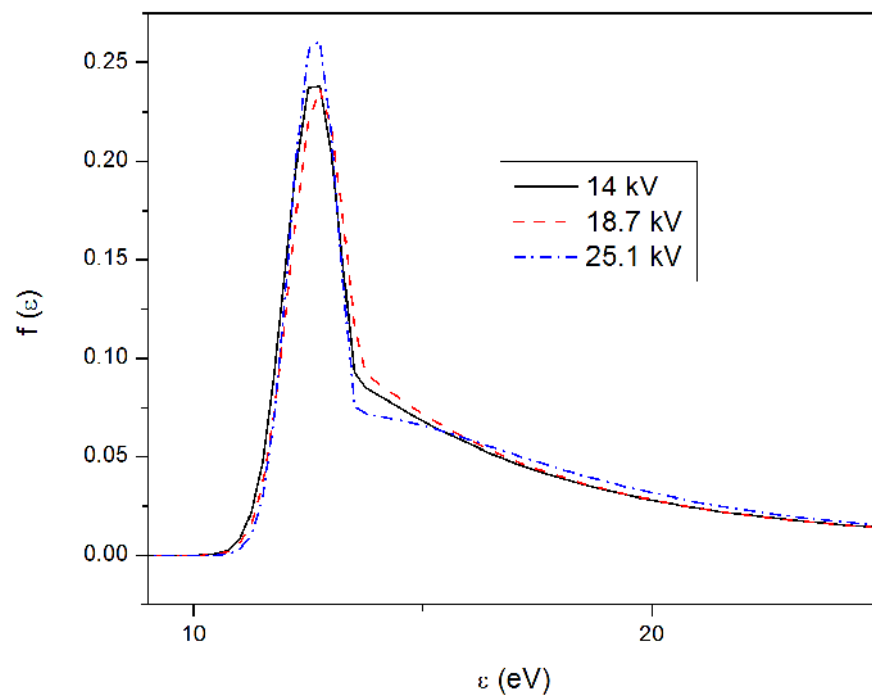
Transmission Function at different LED wavelengths
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Measurement of electron scattering on H_2 at 14, 18, and 25 keV. New data on excitation and ionization spectra obtained with spectrometer resolution of about 1 eV.

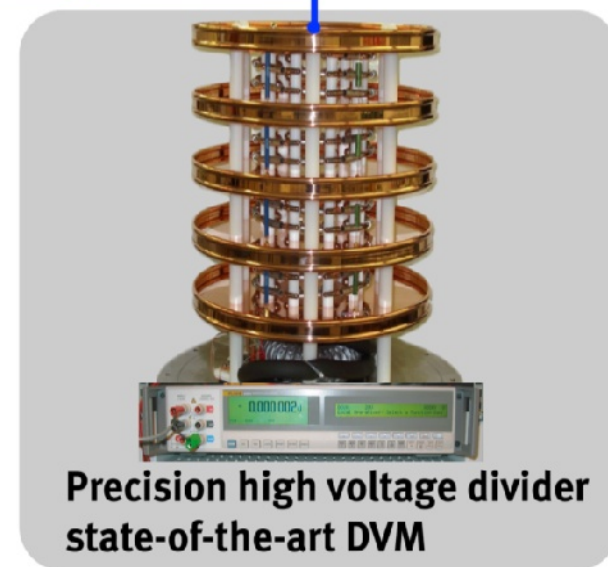
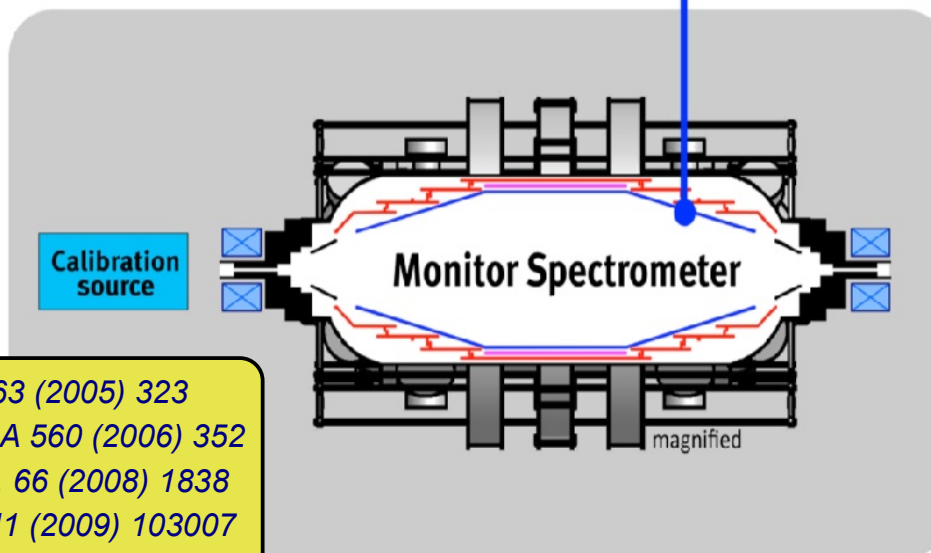
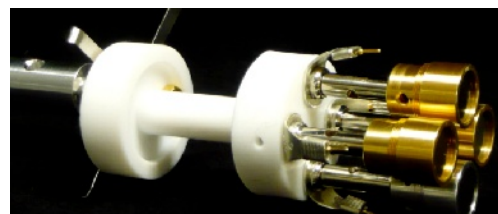
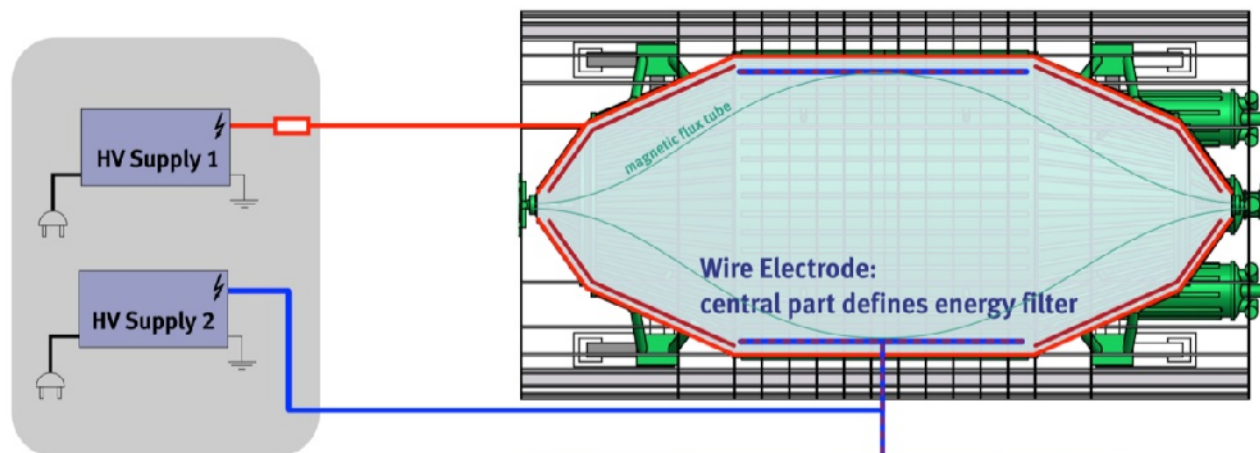


Electron energy losses by scattering in H_2



The same, at different energies

KATRIN's high voltage concept: stability and monitoring: ppm at -18.6 kV



D. Venos et al., Appl. Rad. Iso. 63 (2005) 323

D. Venos et al, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 560 (2006) 352

M. Rasulbaev et al., Appl. Rad. Iso. 66 (2008) 1838

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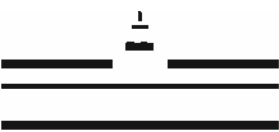
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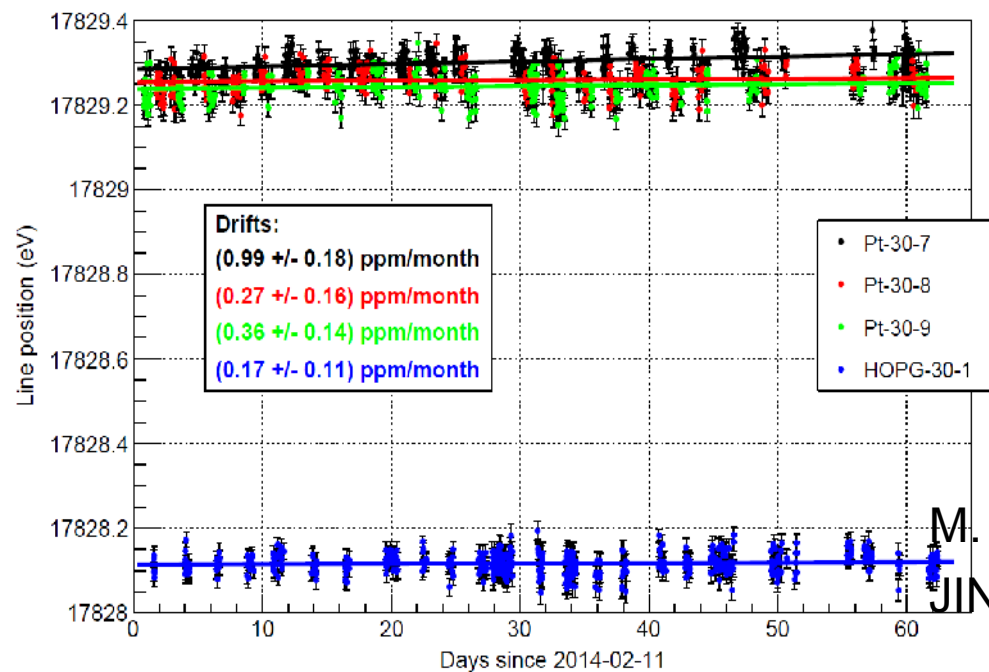
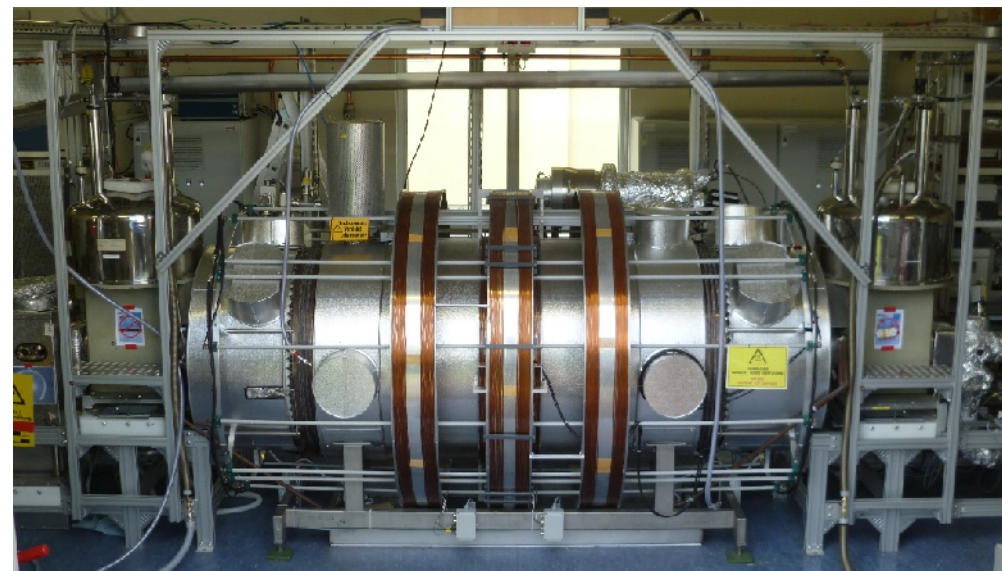
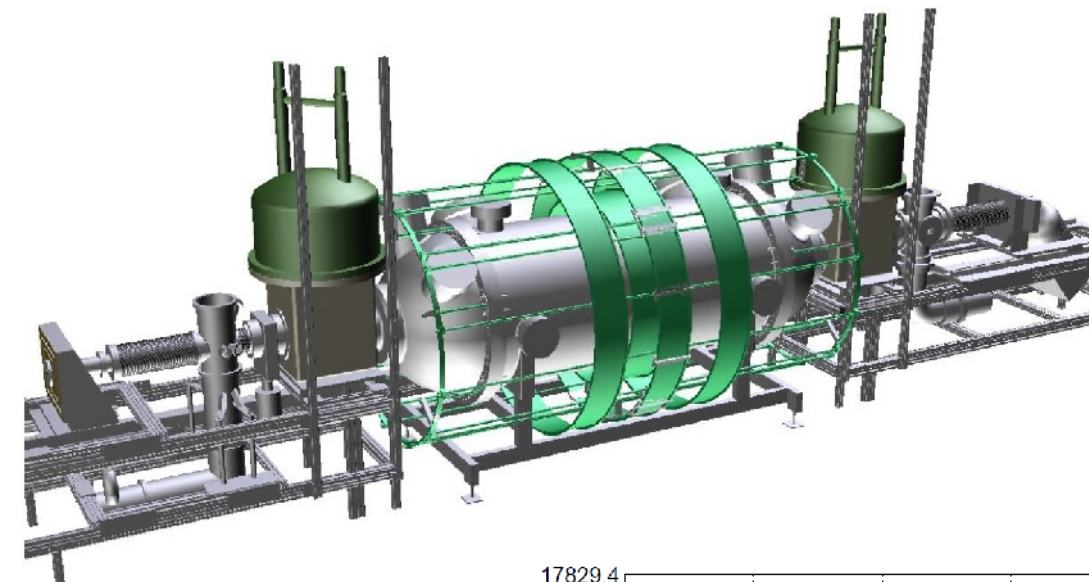
M. Slezak et al., JINST 8 (2013) T12002

M. Erhard et al., JINST 9 (2014) P06022

courtesy: S. Bauer



The former Mainz Spectrometer still contributes as monitor spectrometer for ppm HV precision



M. Erhard et al.,
JINST 9 (2014) P06022

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5. transmission function
 - detailed simulations

6. HV stability of retarding
 - **precision HV divider**

**Measuring the last 25 or 30 eV only
 KATRIN becomes nearly
 a „single final state“ experiment
 as cryo-bolometers**

sensitivity:
 $m_\nu < 0.2 \text{ eV (90\%CL)}$

discovery potential:

$m_\nu = 0.3 \text{ eV (3}\sigma)$

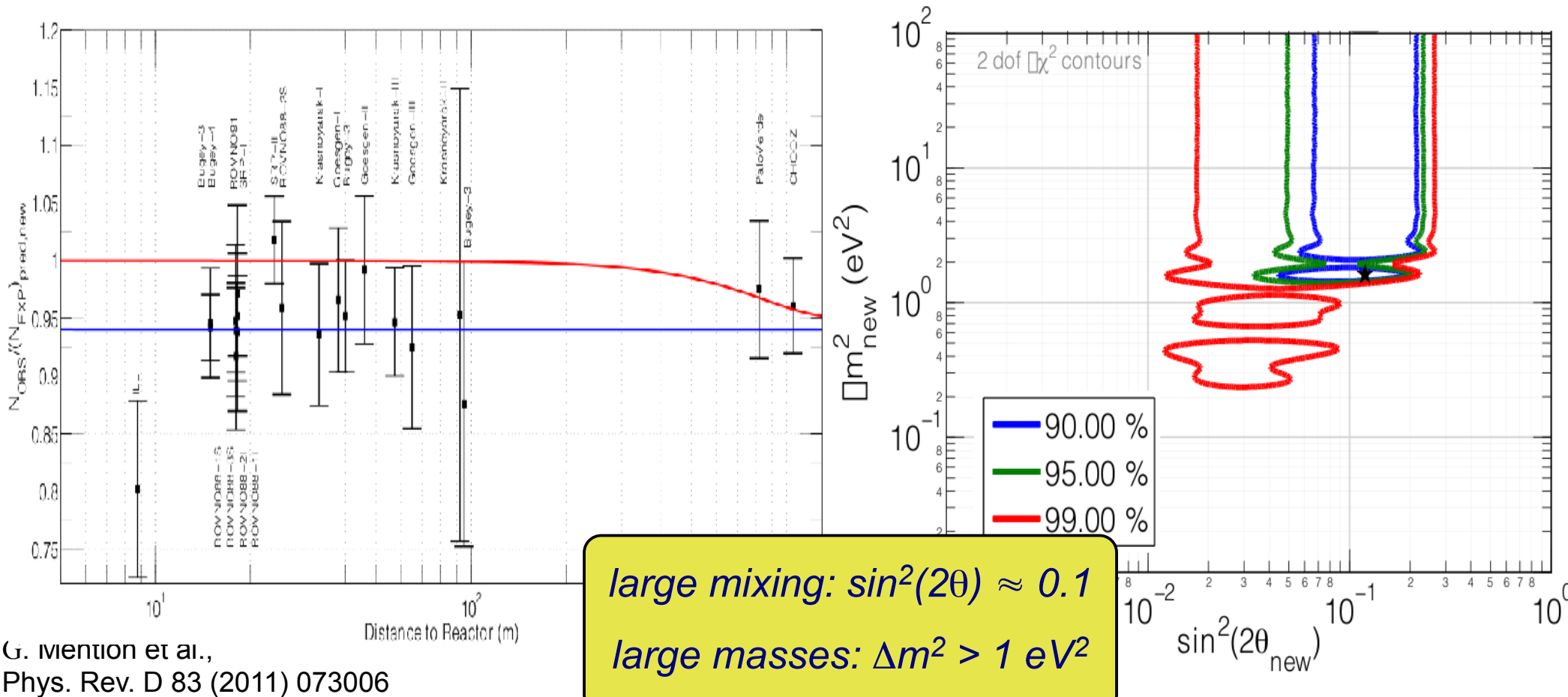
$m_\nu = 0.35 \text{ eV (5}\sigma)$

tritium source

spectrometer

Re-evaluation of reactor neutrinos fluxes and use of GALLEX/SAGE calibration measurements:

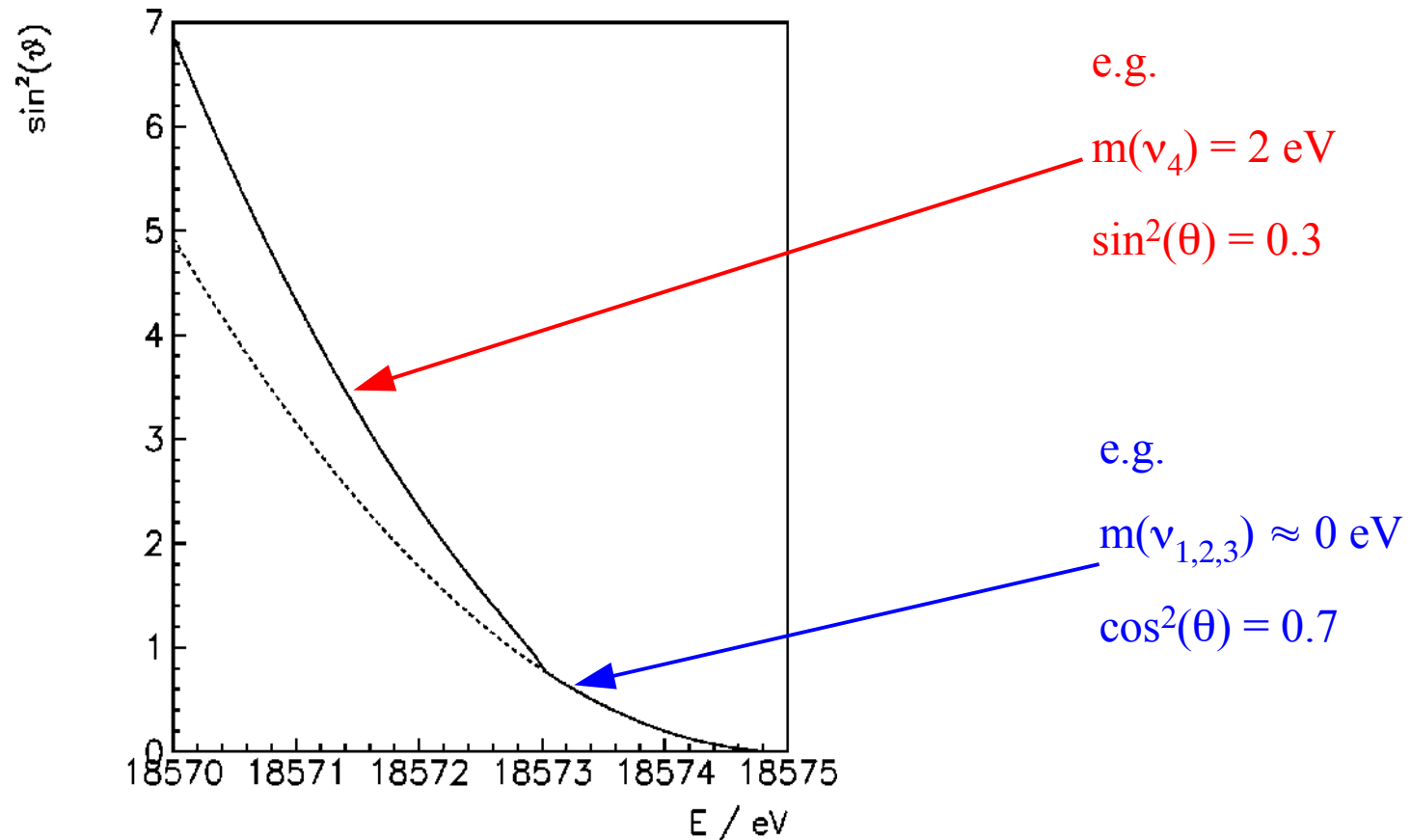
“reactor antineutrino anomaly”: $P_{ee} = 0.943 \pm 0.023$



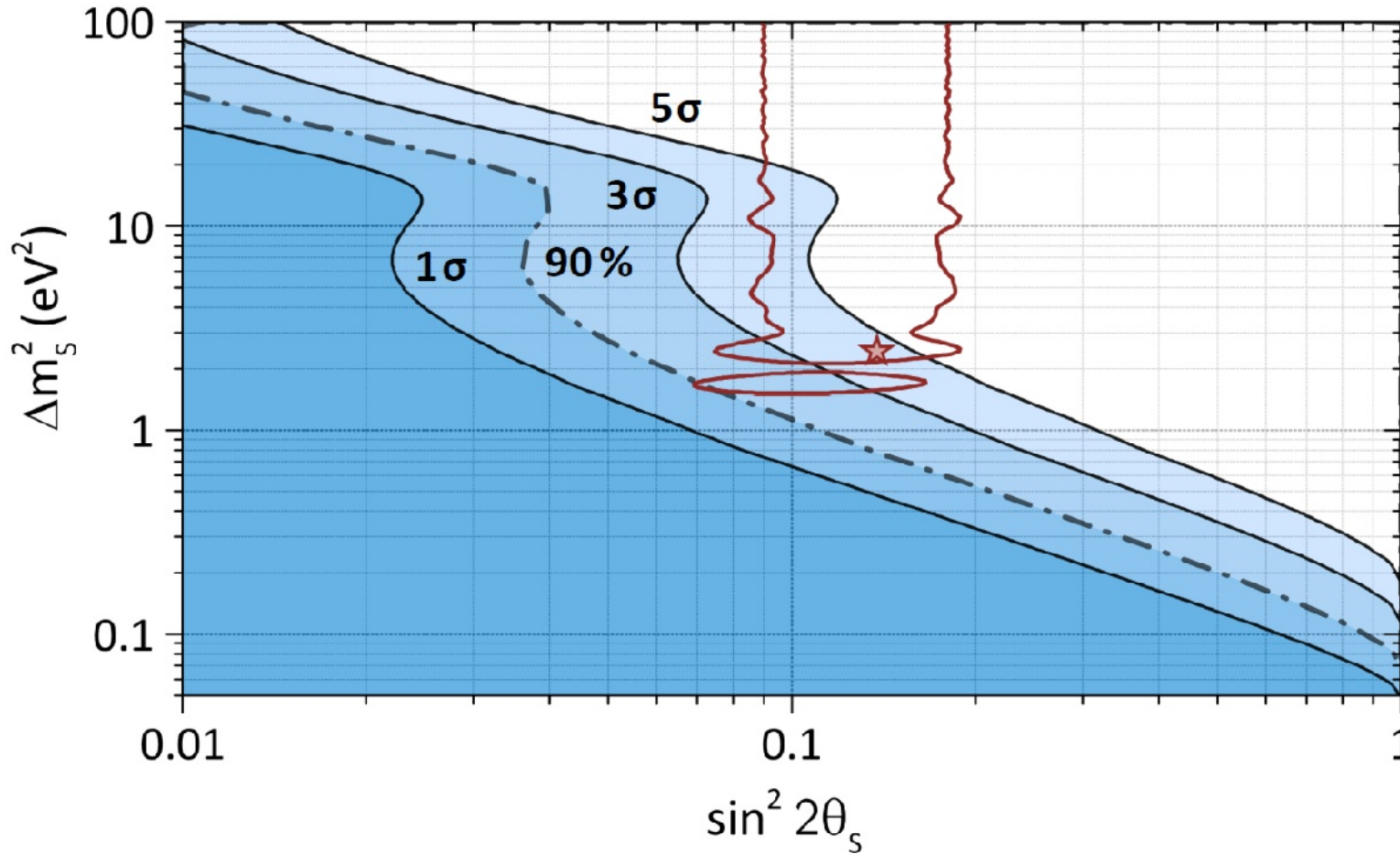
G. Mention et al.,
Phys. Rev. D 83 (2011) 073006

Influence of a 4th sterile neutrino near the endpoint E_0

$$dN/dE = K F(E,Z) p E_{\text{tot}} (E_0 - E_e) \left(\cos^2(\theta) \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_{1,2,3})^2} + \sin^2(\theta) \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_4)^2} \right)$$



Sensitivity on sterile eV neutrinos



M.Kleesiek,
PhD thesis,
KIT (2014)

see also:

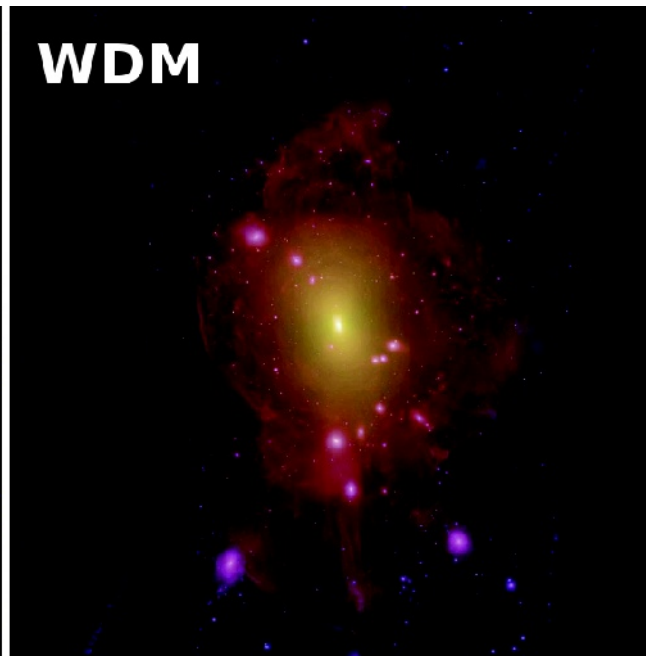
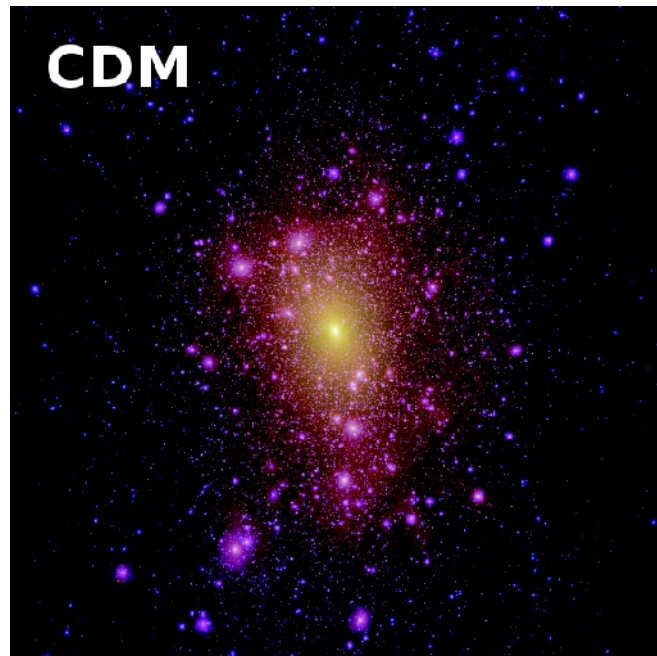
J. A. Formaggio, J. Barret, PLB 706 (2011) 68

A. Sejersen Riis, S. Hannestad, JCAP02 (2011) 011

A. Esmaili, O.L.G. Peres, arXiv:1203.2632

Hints for a 2nd sterile neutrino: Warm Dark Matter in the universe

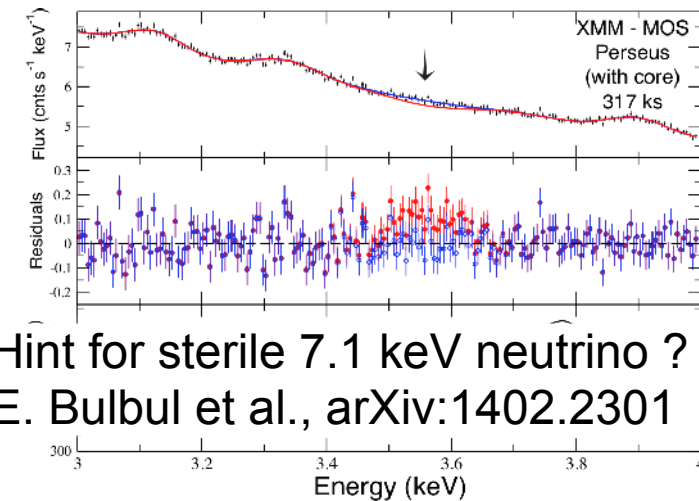
Λ CDM (Cold Dark Matter with cosmological constant) models (masses of about 100 GeV) predict too much structure at galactic scales (too many satellite galaxies)



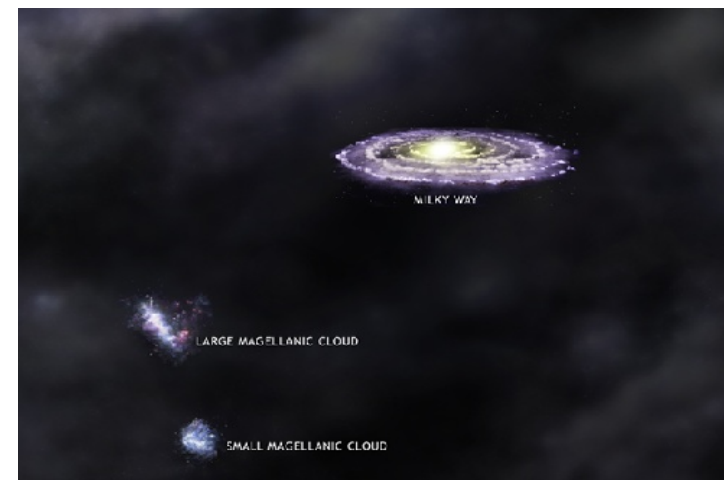
(e.g. Lovell et al. at Meudon Workshop 2012)

In contrast to observations ! (here only artist view on the right)

Warm Dark Matter (masses of a few keV, e.g. sterile neutrinos) would smear out these structures

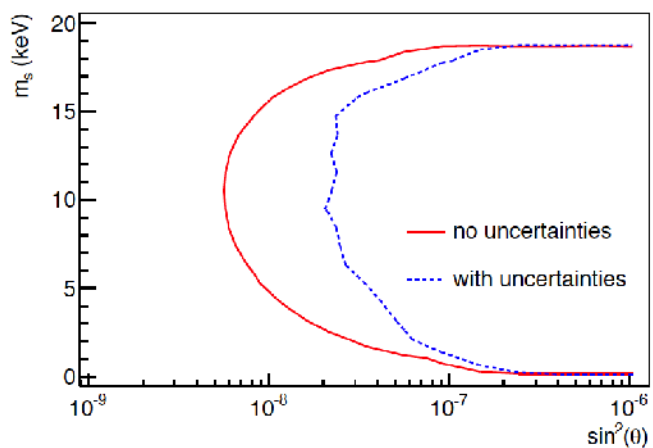
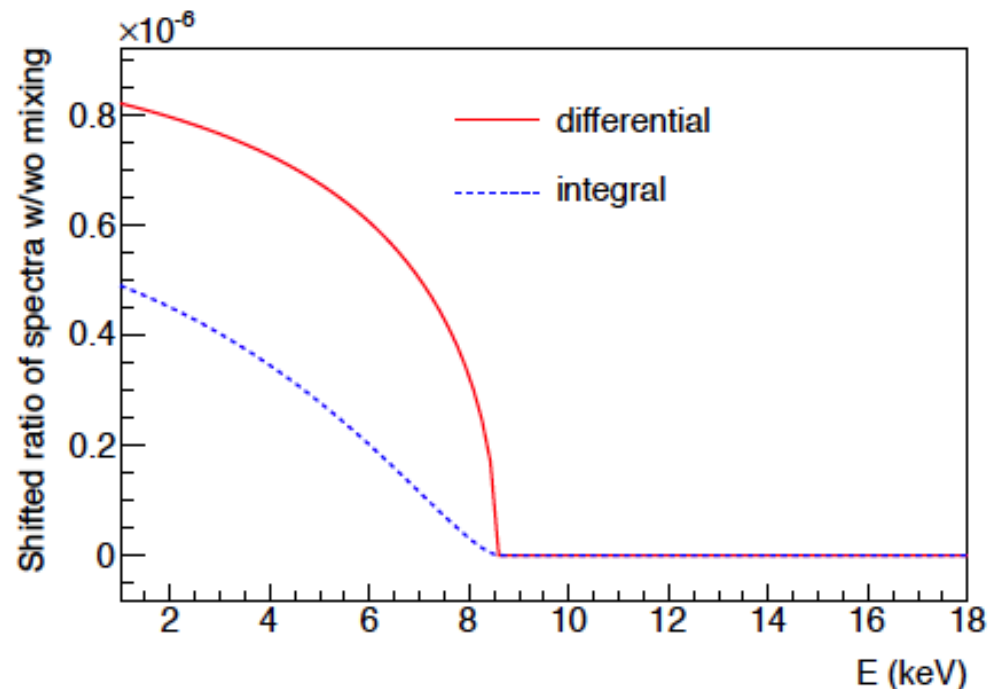
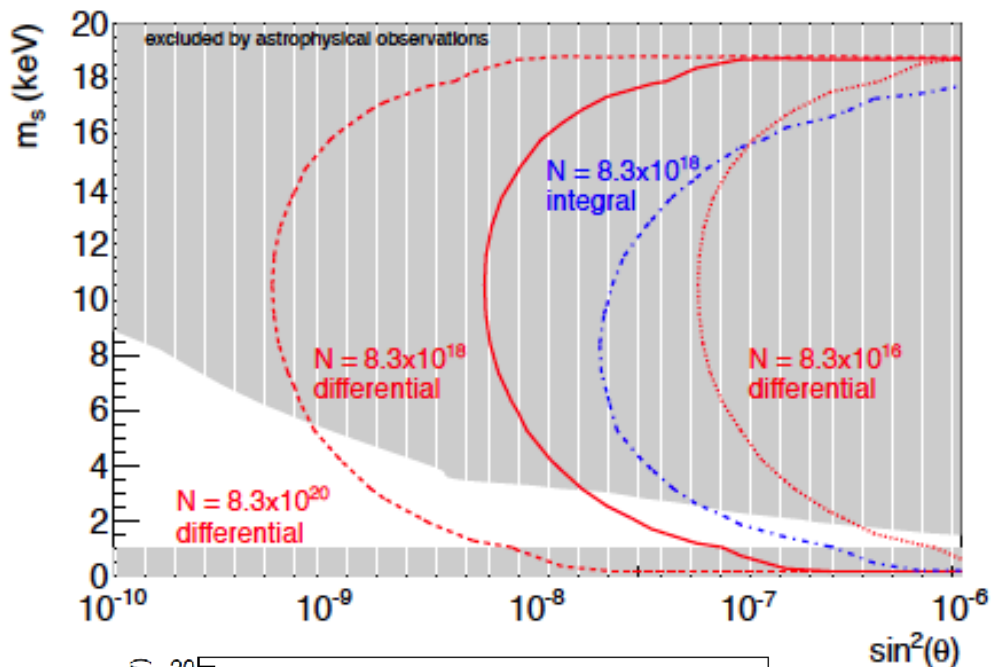


Hint for sterile 7.1 keV neutrino ?
E. Bulbul et al., arXiv:1402.2301



http://chandra.harvard.edu/graphics/resources/illustrations/milkyWay/milkyway_magellanic_clouds.jpg

Statistical sensitivity for integral and differential measurement



→ **statistical uncertainty is not a problem for 10^{-7} even including systematics (1st investigation)!**

S. Mertens et al., JCAP 02 (2015) 020
„Sensitivity of Next Generation Tritium β -Decay Experiments for keV-Scale Sterile Neutrinos“

Can KATRIN be largely improved ?

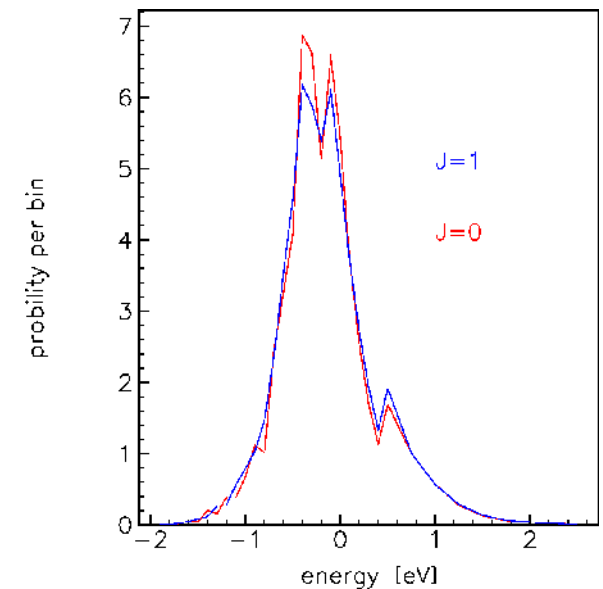
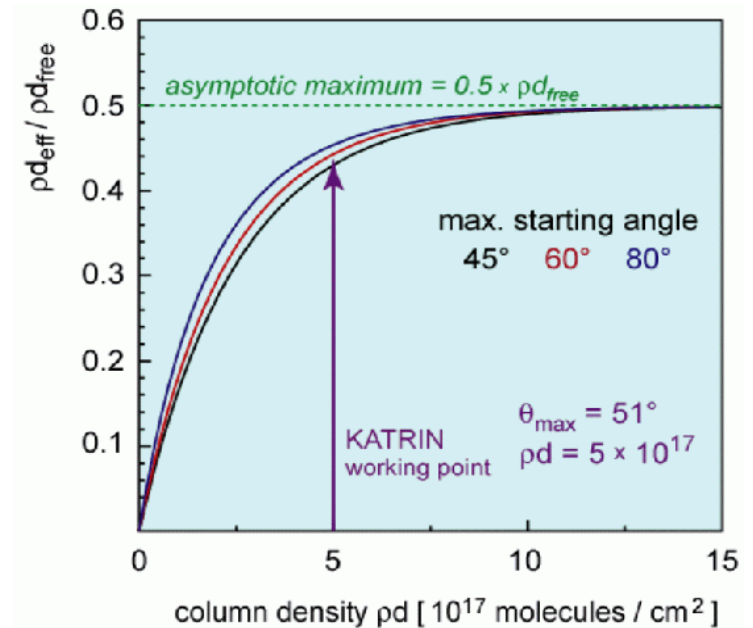
Problems to be solved

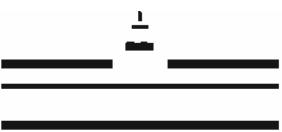
- 1) The source is already opaque
 → need to increase size transversally
 magnetic flux tube conservation
 requests larger spectrometer too
 but a $\varnothing 100\text{m}$ spectrometer is not feasible

Three possible ways out:

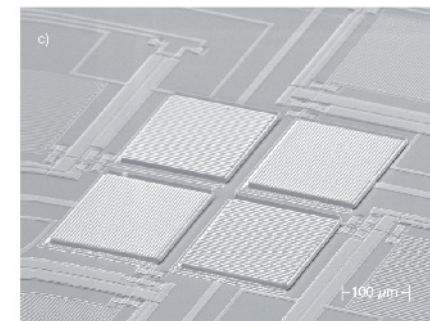
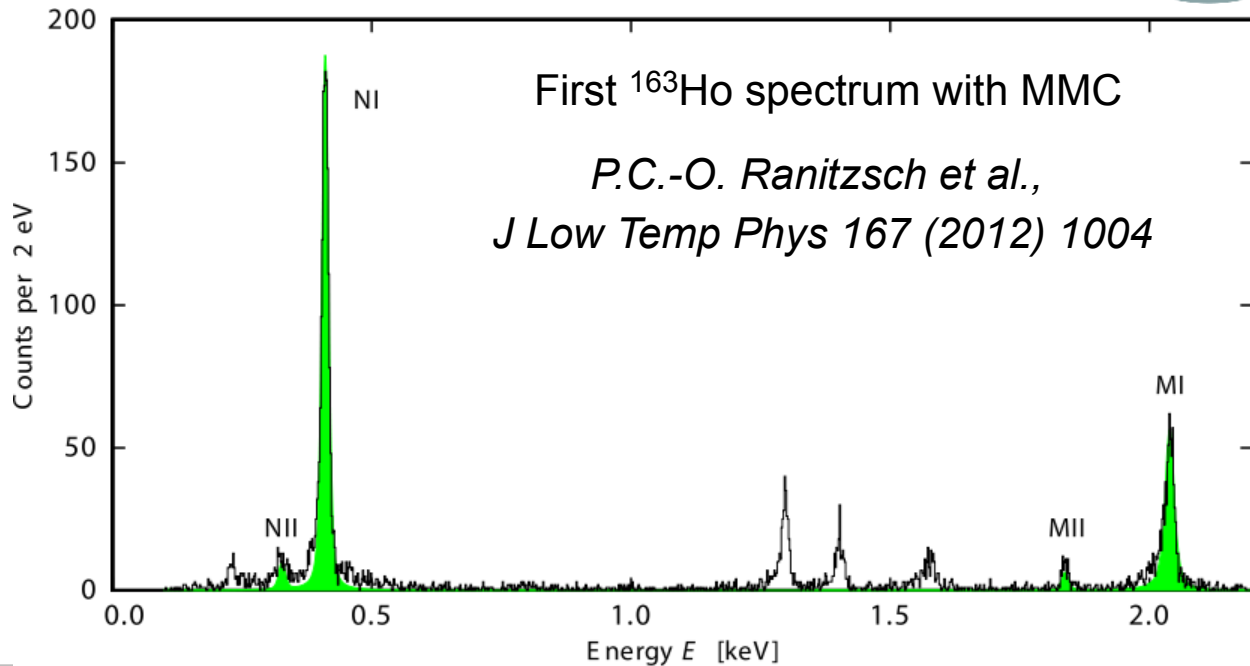
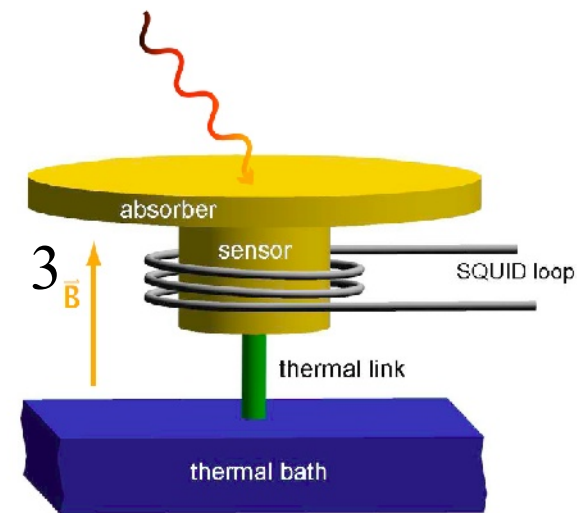
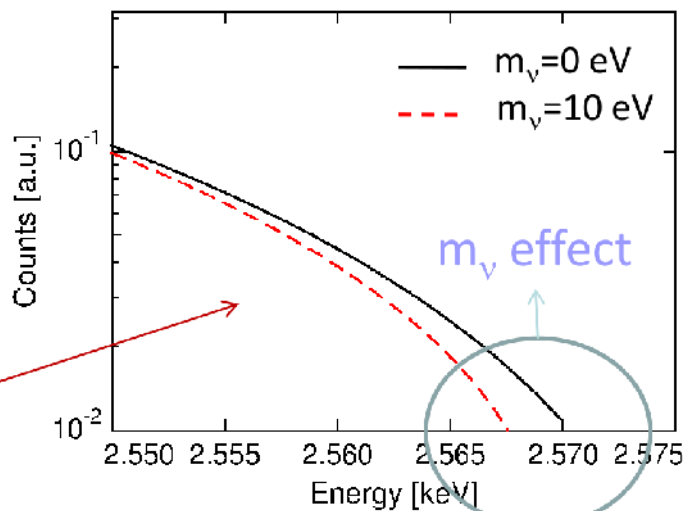
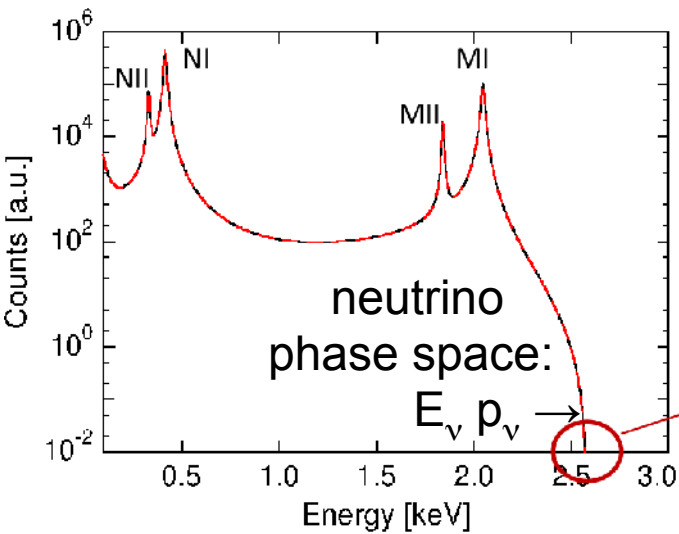
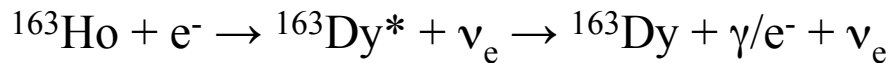
- a) source inside detector
 using cryogenic bolometers (ECHO, HOLMES)
- b) hand-over energy information of β electron
 to other particle (radio photon),
 which can escape tritium source (Project 8)
- c) make better use of the electrons
 → time-of-flight spectroscopy

- 2) Resolution is limited to $\sigma = 0.34$ eV
 when using molecular tritium by the
 excitation of ro-vibrational states in the final state





ECHO neutrino mass project: ^{163}Ho electron capture with metallic magnetic calorimeters

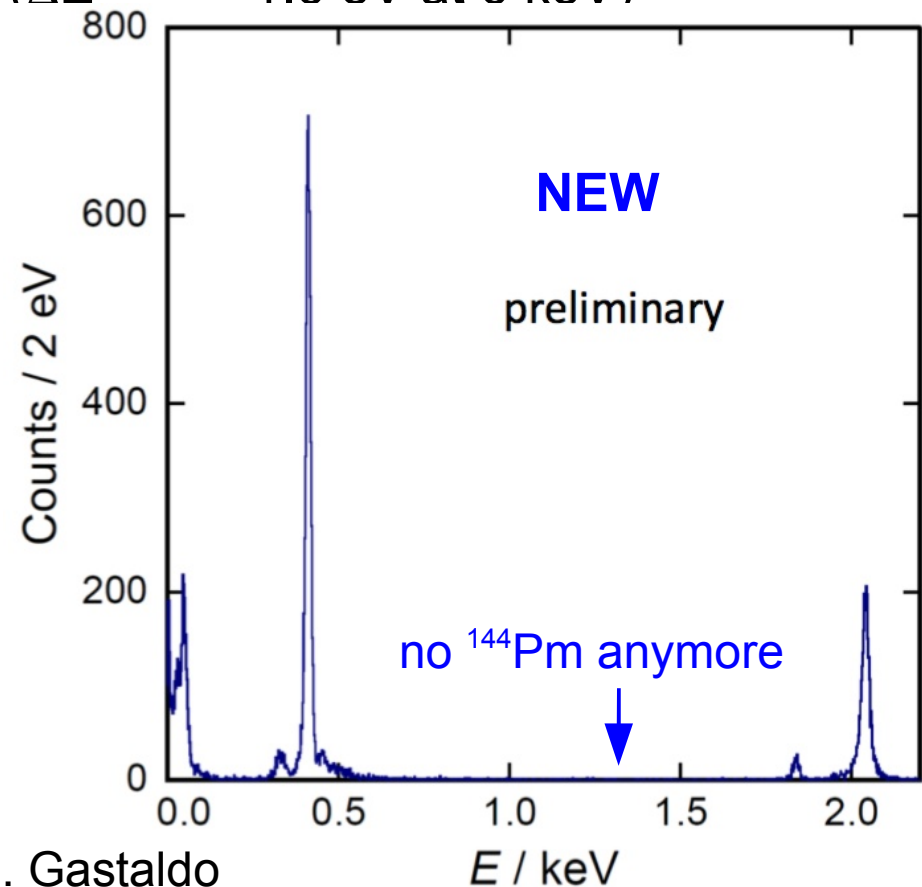
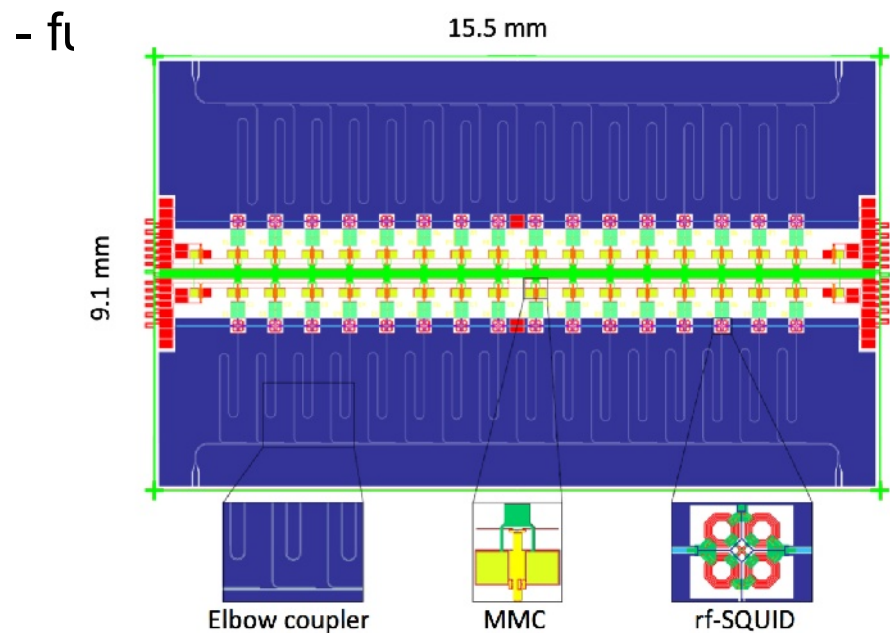


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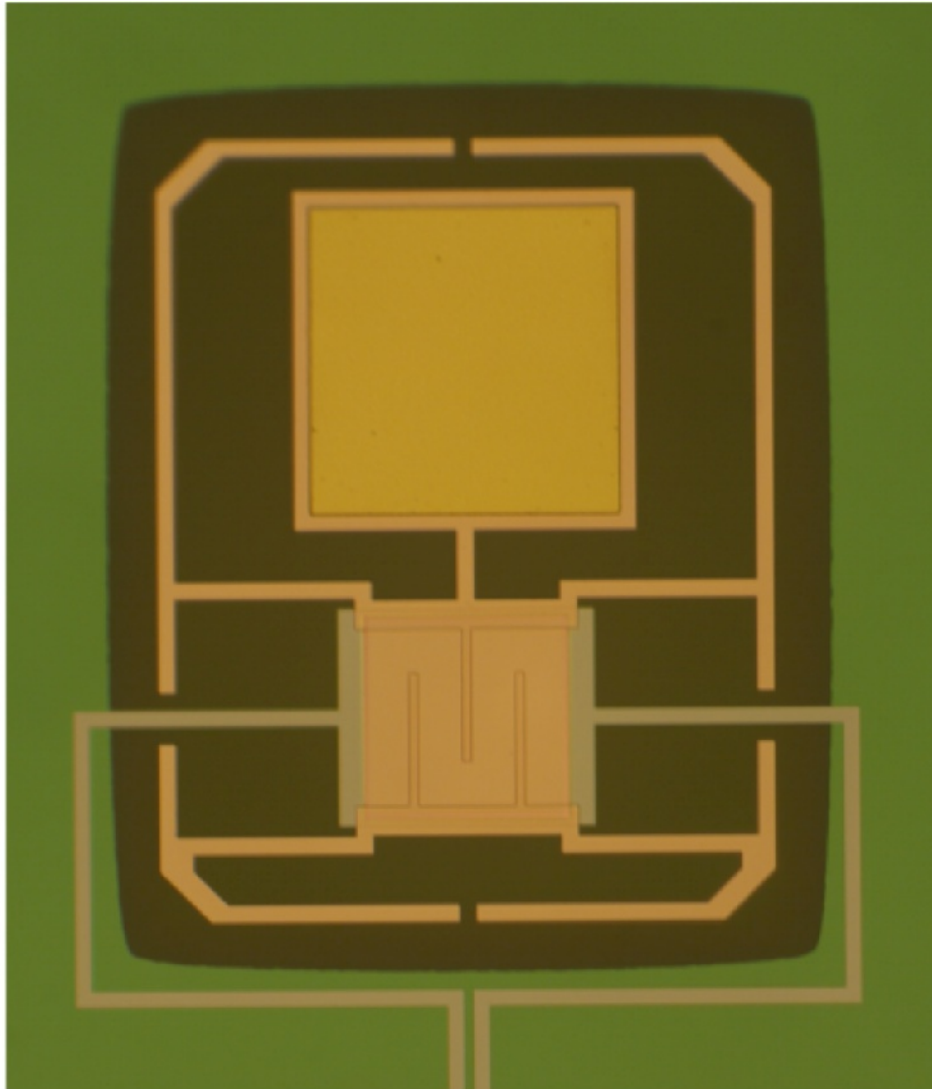
Recent achievements by ECHO:

- new Q-value: 2.8 keV (independently by MMC & Penning trap, was 2.5 keV before!)
- new source production: chemical purification + mass separation \rightarrow no ^{144}Pm or $^{166\text{m}}\text{Ho}$
- very good energy resolution of this technology ($\Delta E = 1.6$ eV at 6 keV)
- ultra-short response (pile-up!): risetime 90 ns
- 128 pixels: microwave SQUID multiplexing



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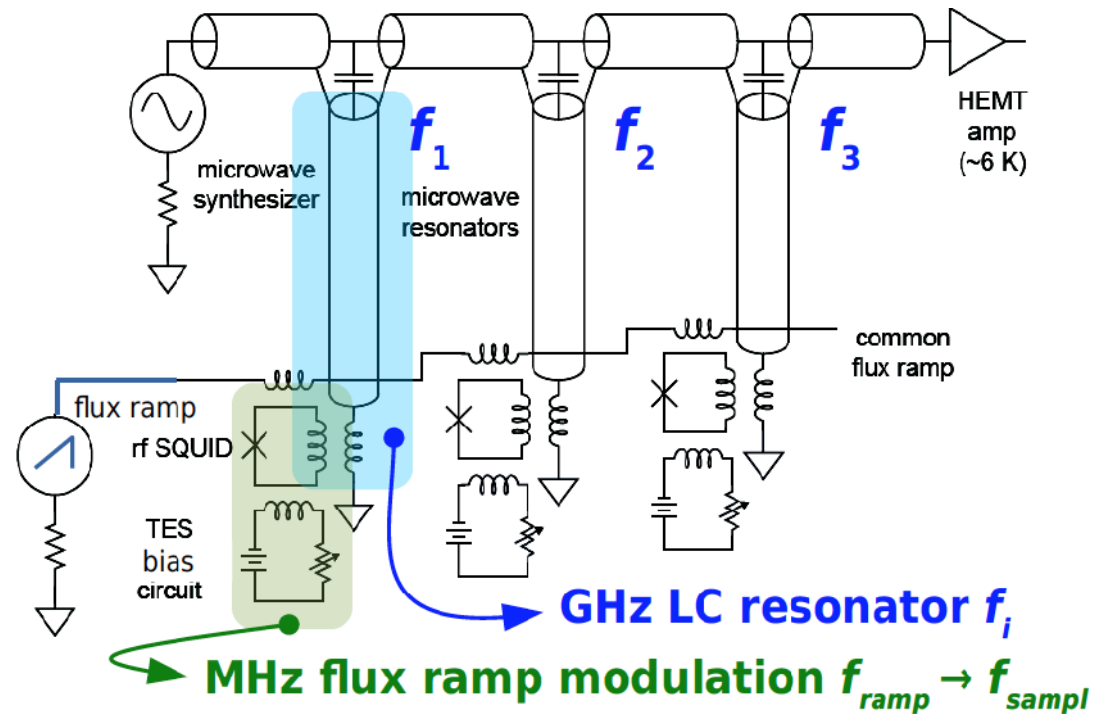
HOLMES: cryogenic calorimeter with transition edge sensor (TES) read-out



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radiofrequency SQUID multiplexing



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¹⁶³Ho EC is investigated by 3 collaborations

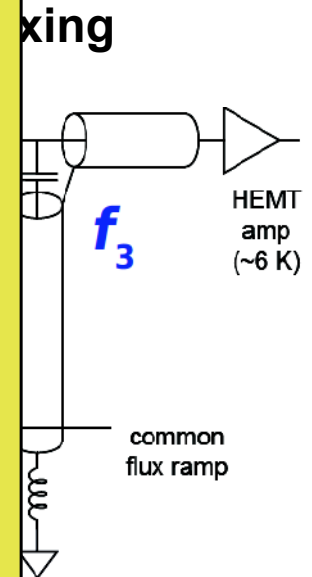
Cryo-calorimetric multipixel detectors
are a very interesting technology

→ starts to become scalable

But many orders of magnitude to go for
required statistics and background !

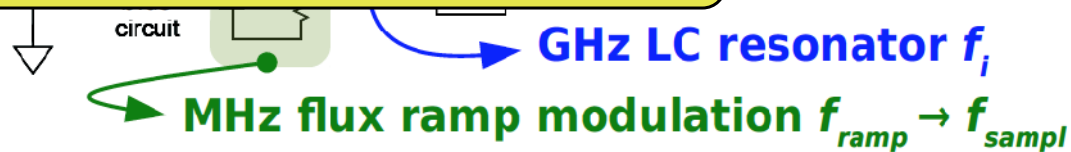
Systematics and show stoppers on the way?

→ We should stay tuned !



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Project 8's goal: Measure coherent cyclotron radiation of tritium β electrons

General idea:

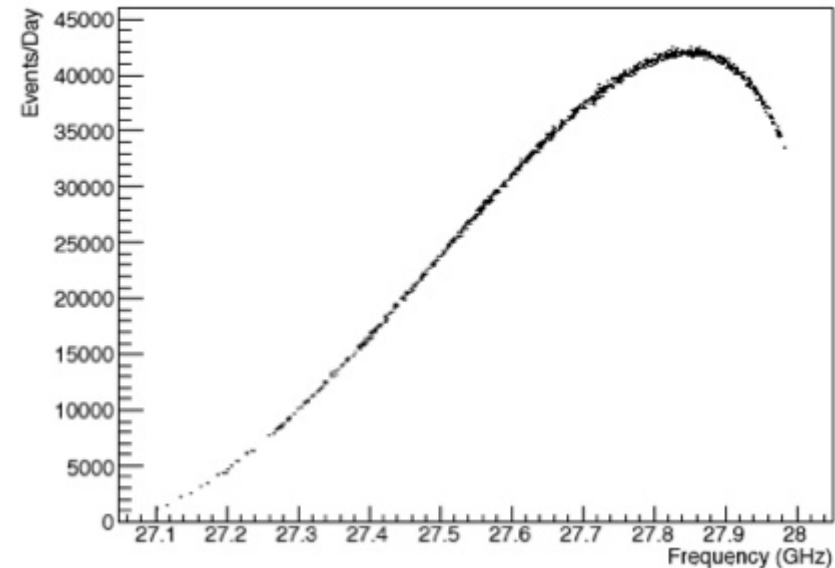
B. Monreal and J. Formaggio, PRD 80 (2009) 051301

- Source = KATRIN tritium source technology :

uniform B field + low pressure T_2 gas

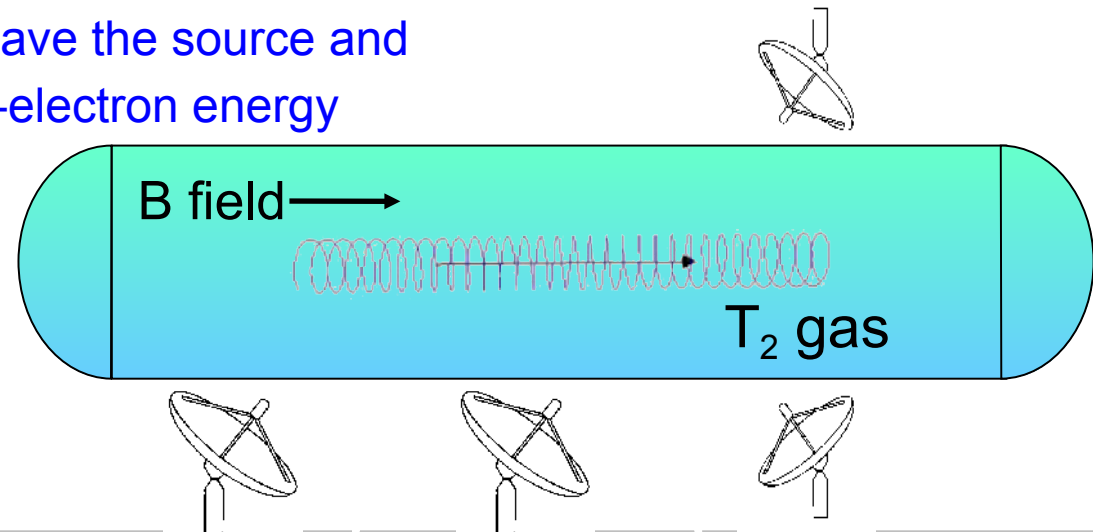
β electron radiates coherent cyclotron radiation

$$\omega(\gamma) = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{eB}{K + m_e}$$



- Antenna array (interferometry) for cyclotron radiation detection

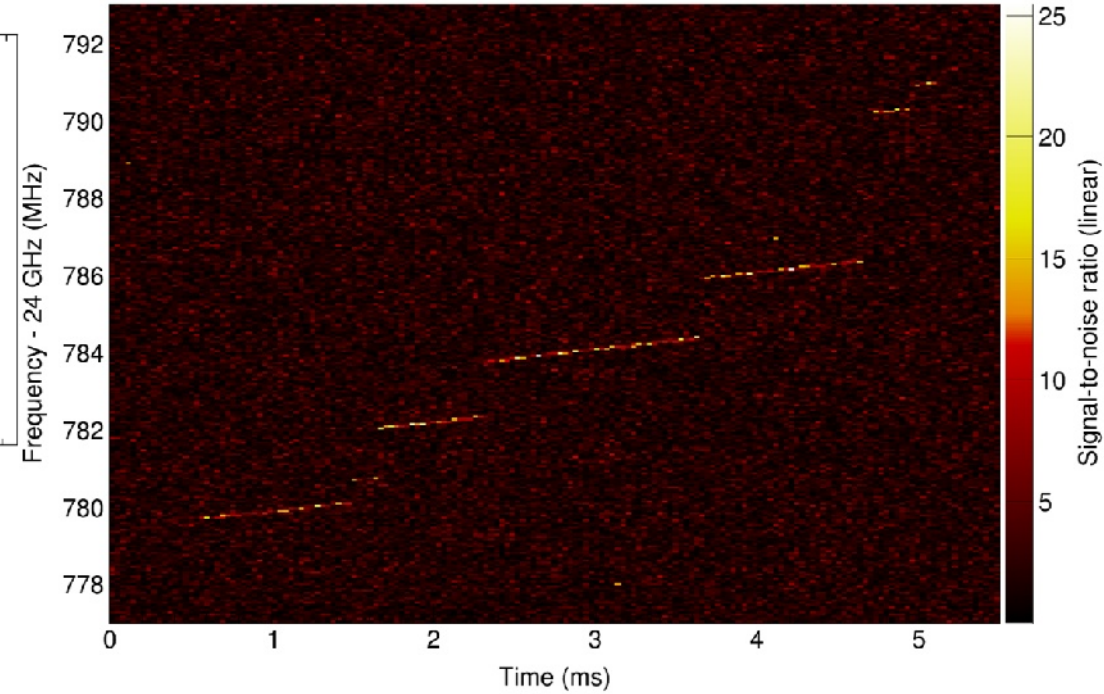
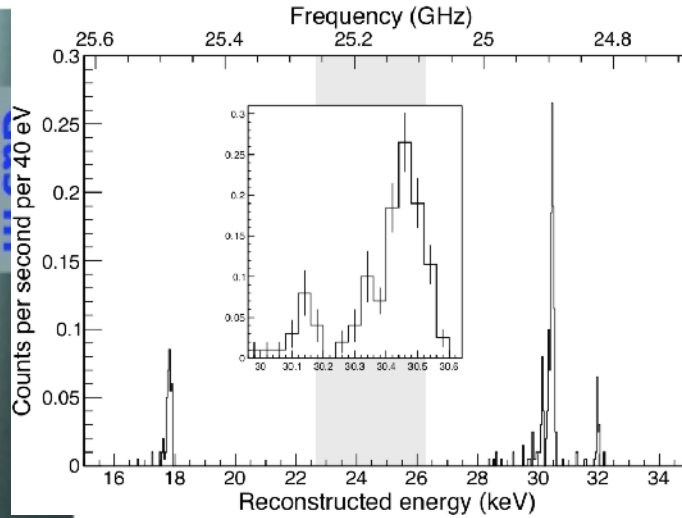
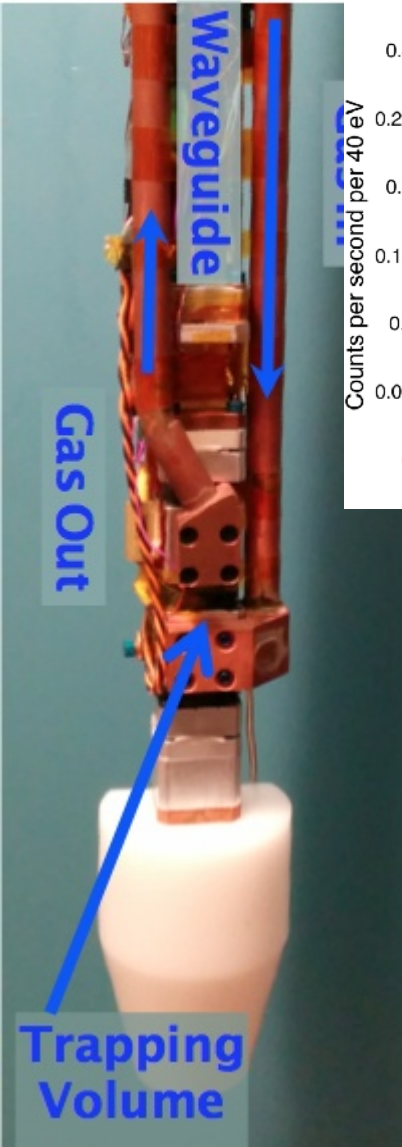
since cyclotron radiation can leave the source and carries the information of the β -electron energy





Project 8's phase 1: detection single electrons from ^{83m}Kr

D. M. Asner et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 162501

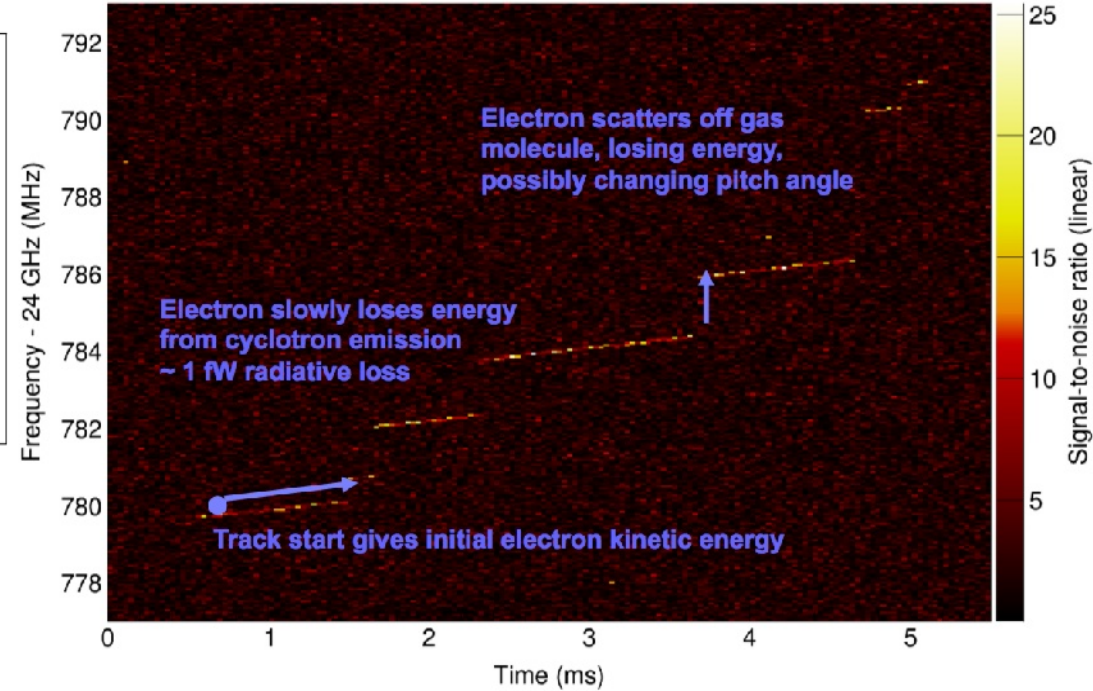
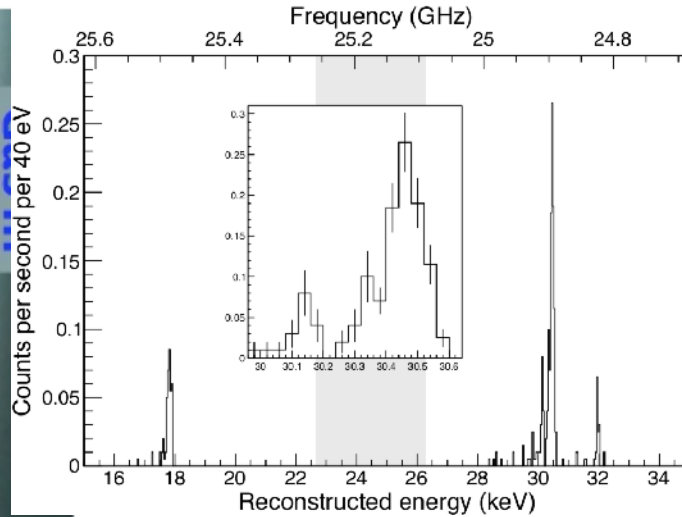
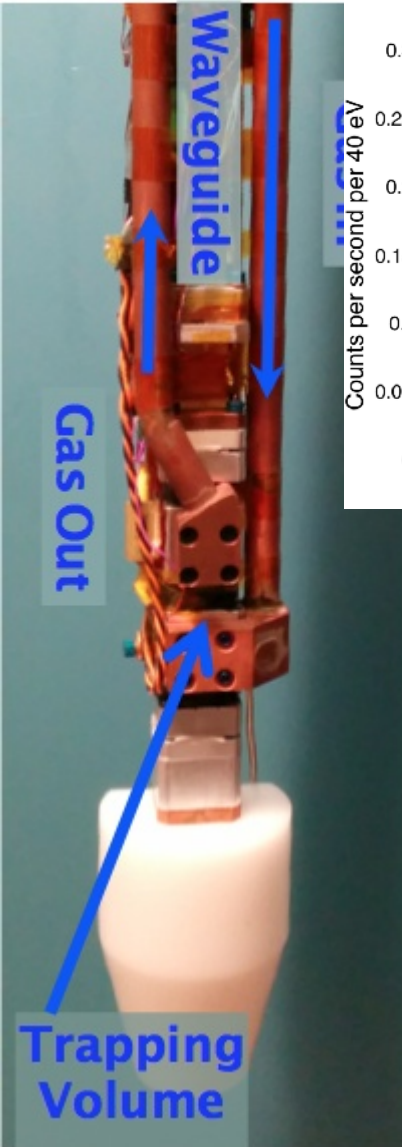


courtesy J. Formaggio, RGH Robertson



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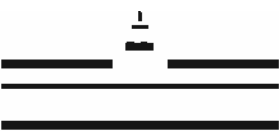
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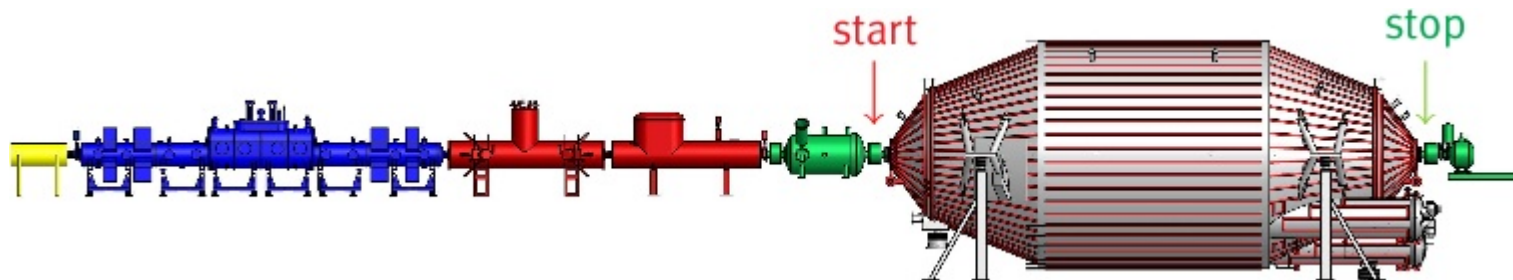
First detection of single electrons successful but still a lot of R&D necessary

- Is a large scale experiment possible ?
- What are the systematic uncertainties & other limitations?

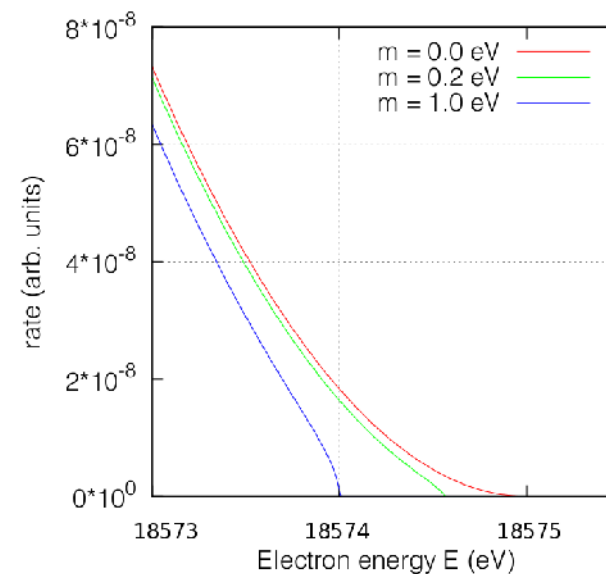
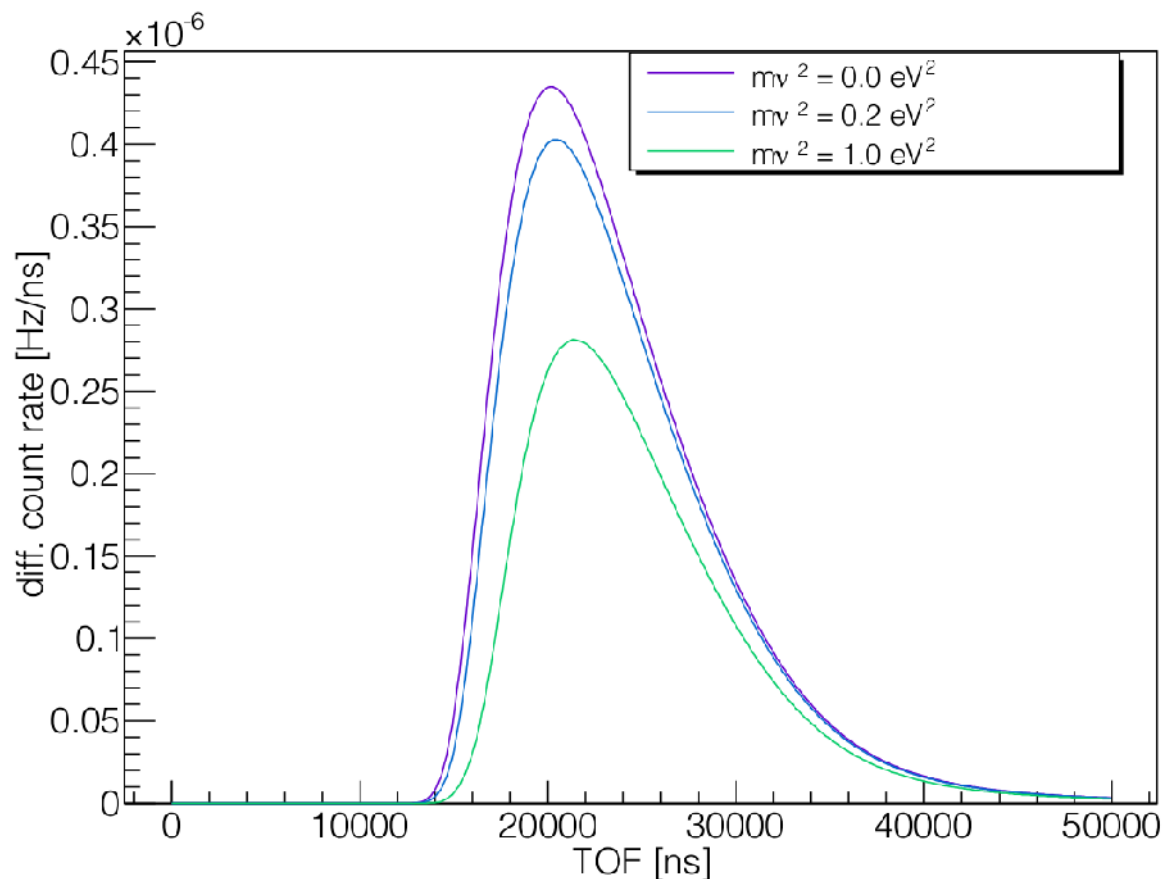
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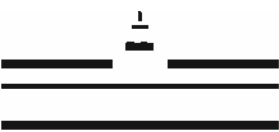
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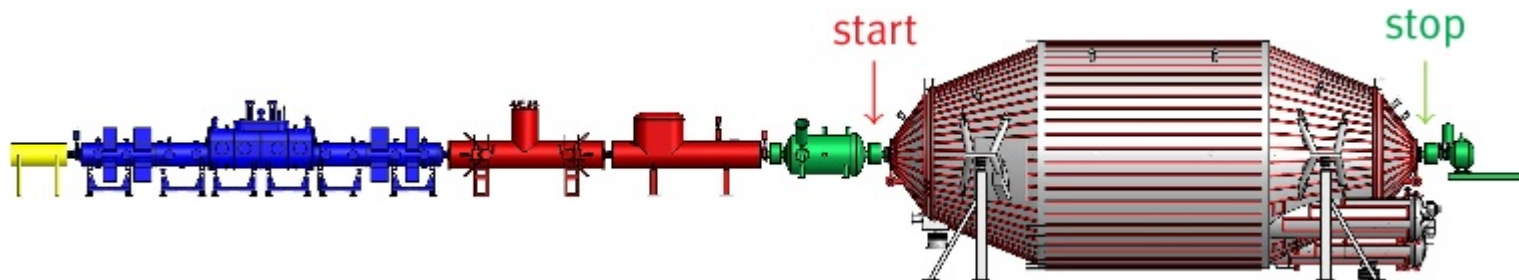
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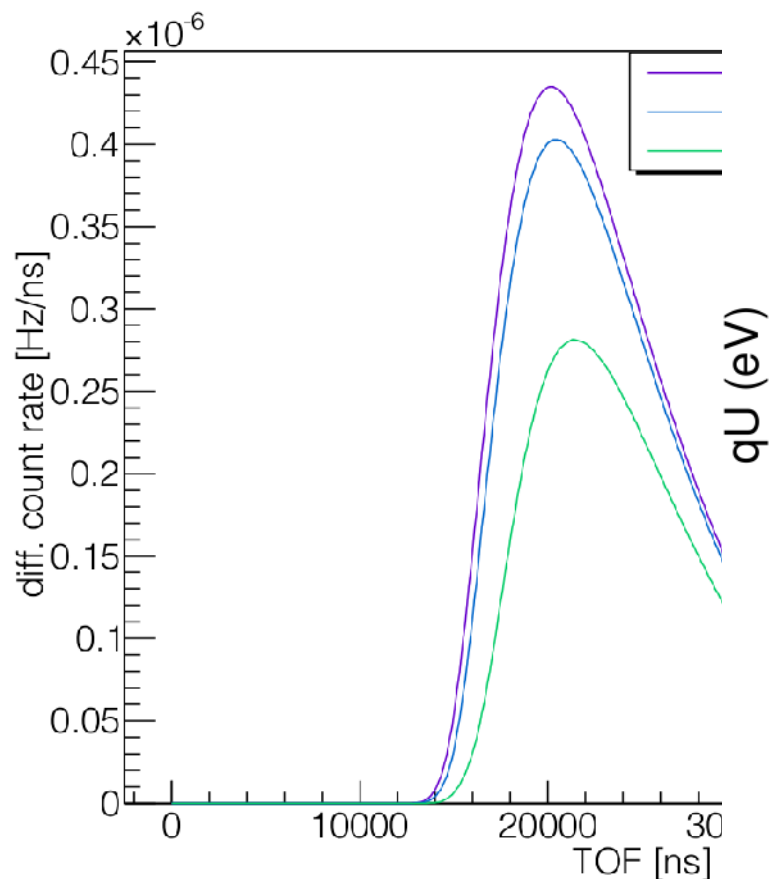
**Time-of-flight spectrum is
sensitive to the neutrino mass
requires one retardation potential only
not integral but differential β -spectrum**



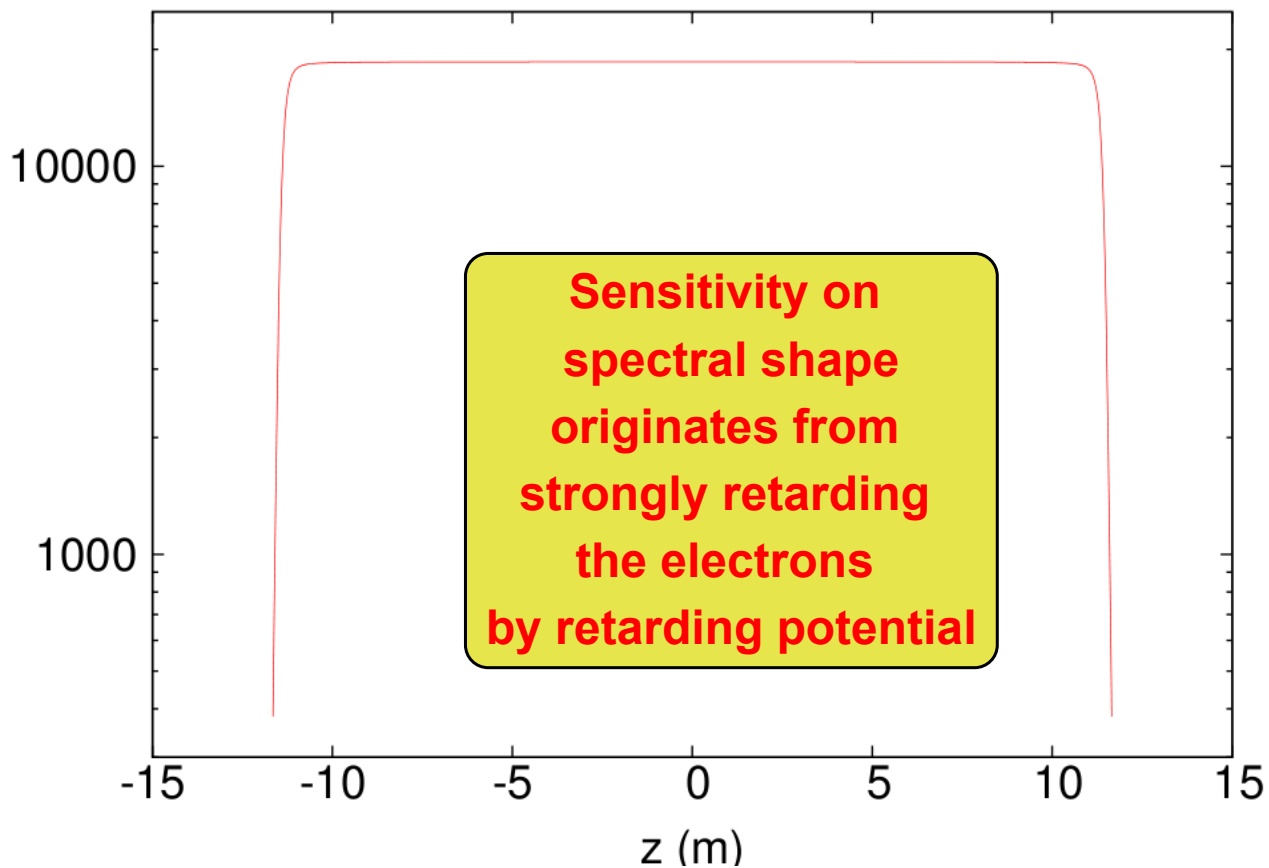
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Electric potential on main spectrometer z axis

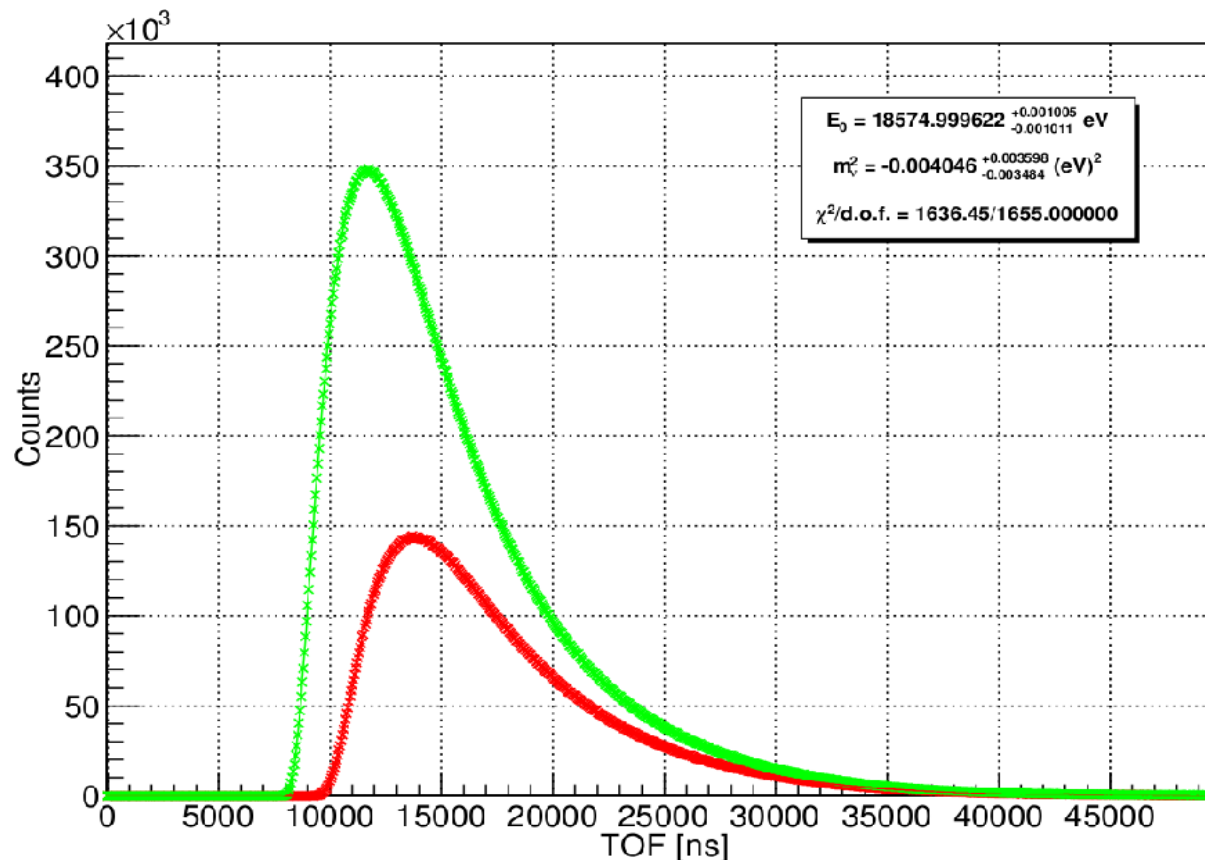


Sensitivity improvement on $m^2(\nu_e)$ by ideal TOF determination

Measure at 2 (instead of ≈ 30) different retarding potentials
since TOF spectra contain all the information

Coincidence request between start and stop signal \rightarrow nice background suppression

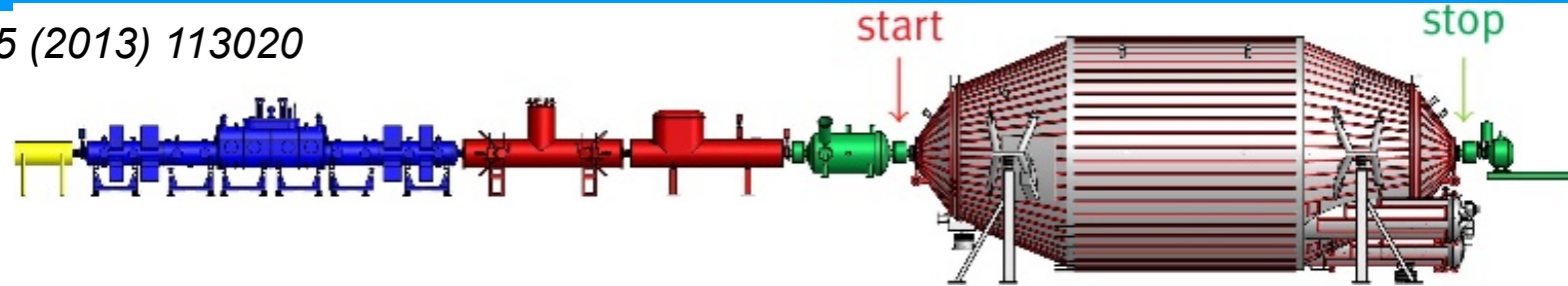
\rightarrow Factor 5 improvement in m_ν^2 w.r.t. standard KATRIN, but ideal case !



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Advantage: measure full β -spectrum by time-of-flight at one (a few) retarding potential

Stop: Can measure time-of-arrival with KATRIN detector with $\Delta t = 50$ ns \rightarrow ok

Start: e^- -tagger: Need to determine time-of-passing-by of e^- before main spectrometer

without disturbing energy and momentum by more than 10 meV:

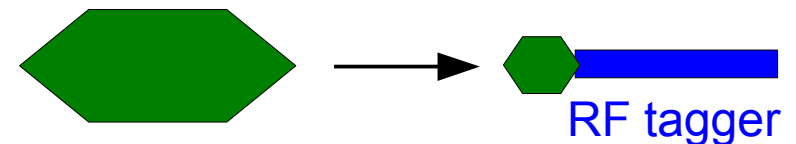
\rightarrow Need „detector“ with 10 meV threshold

seems not to be forbidden but very difficult for the near future !

Added value: significant background reduction by coincidence !

\rightarrow factor 5 in $\Delta m(\nu)^2_{\text{stat}}$
under ideal cond.

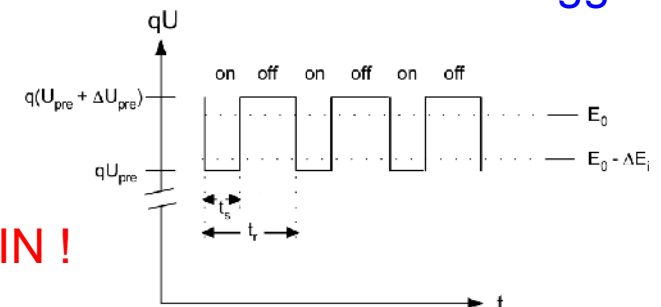
An implementation: reduce pre spectrometer and add a Project 8-type tagger within a long solenoid



or: Use pre spectrometer as a „gated-filter“

by switching fast the retarding voltage

\rightarrow As sensitive on the neutrino mass as standard KATRIN !



KATRIN is the direct neutrino mass experiment complementary to cosmological analyses and $0\nu\beta\beta$ searches

KATRIN can also look for sterile neutrinos (eV, keV)

KATRIN is close to start direct neutrino mass measurements

- Commissioning of spectrometer & detector SDS IIb finished in August 2015

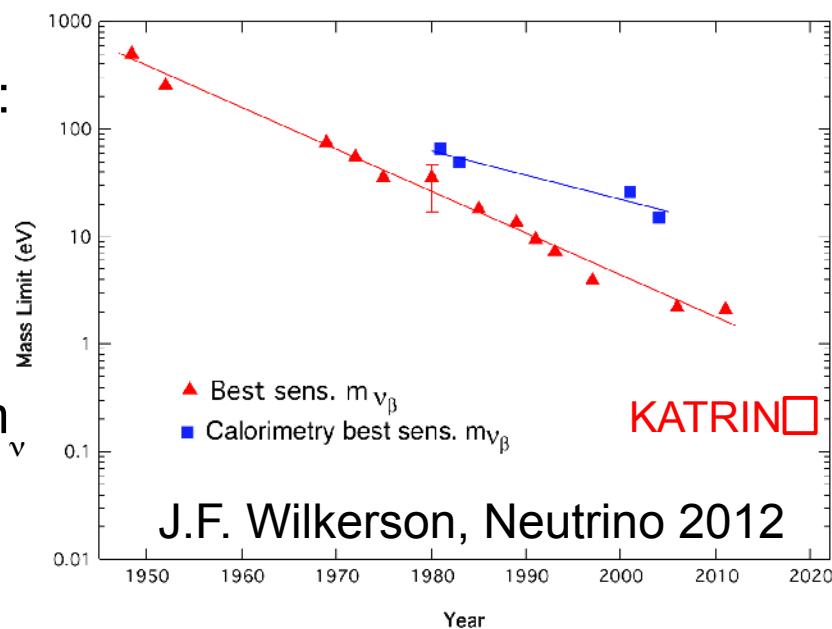
- Commissioning of tritium source & transport section: up to summer 2016

- Tritium data taking: start in 2016 with small column density

- early 2017 operate with normal column density $\rightarrow m_{\nu}$

KATRIN's sensitivity: 200 meV

significant R&D on ^{163}Ho micro calorimeters (ECHO, HOLMES, ...) new ideas like Project 8, ...



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !