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NuMass 2024 – Determination of the absolute electron (anti)-neutrino mass

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# HOLMES

## status



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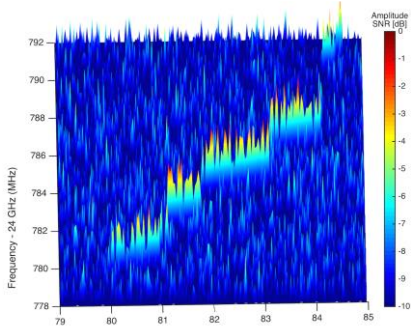
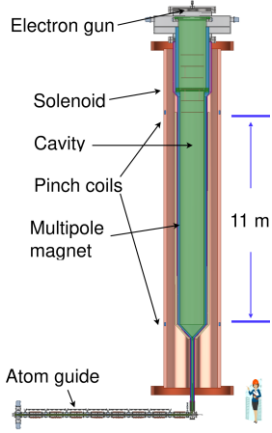
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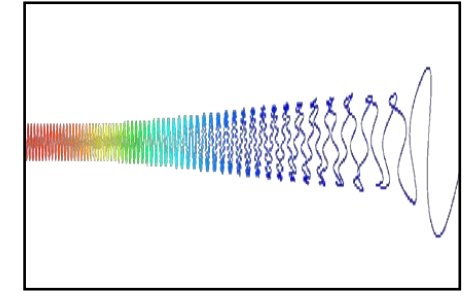
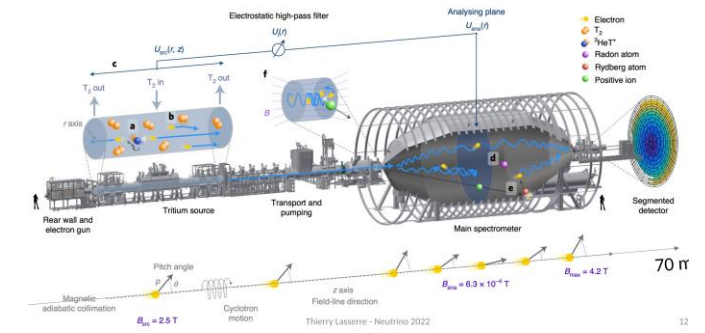
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# The hunt for the neutrino mass



**PROJECT 8**



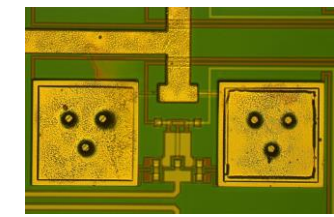
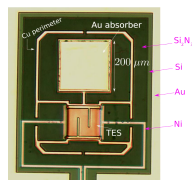
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Low Temperature Detectors



Electromagnetic Filters

The hunters

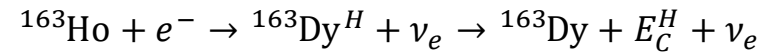




# Calorimetric measurement: pro & cons

- The radioactive source is embedded in the detector(s). → **Most of the unwanted source related effects are avoided.**
- Only the neutrino energy escape detection.
- Important limits on the single pixel activity (pile-up).
- Activity also limited by the correlation between energy resolution and detector size.

# EC decay spectrum of Ho163

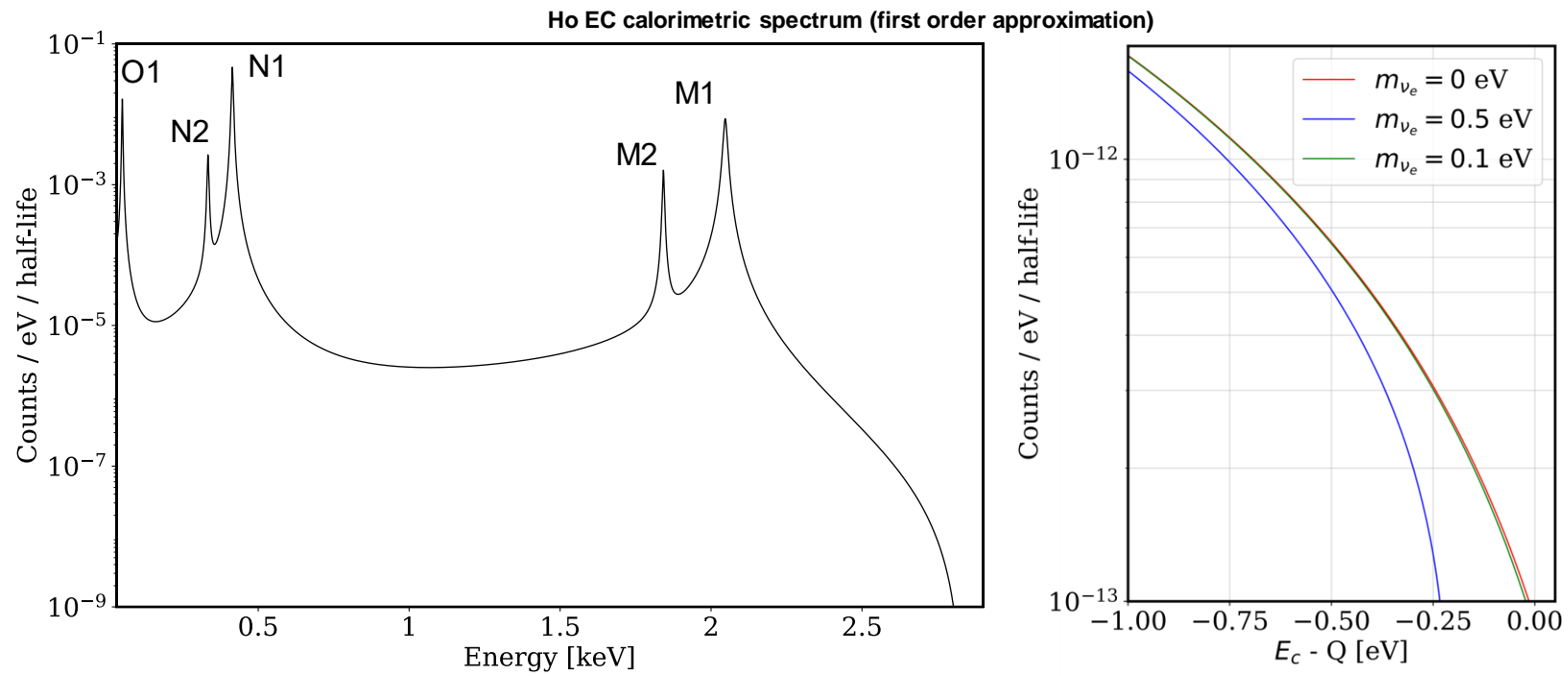


$$\frac{d\lambda_{EC}}{dE_C} = N(Q - E_C) \sqrt{[(Q - E_C)^2 - m_{\nu}^2]} \times \sum_H \frac{\phi_H^2(0)(\Gamma_H/2\pi)}{[(E_C - E_H)^2 + \Gamma_H^2/4]}$$

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CALORIMETRIC MEASUREMENTS OF  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  DECAY AS TOOLS  
TO DETERMINE THE ELECTRON NEUTRINO MASS

A. DE RÙJULA and M. LUSIGNOLI <sup>1</sup>  
CERN, Geneva, Switzerland



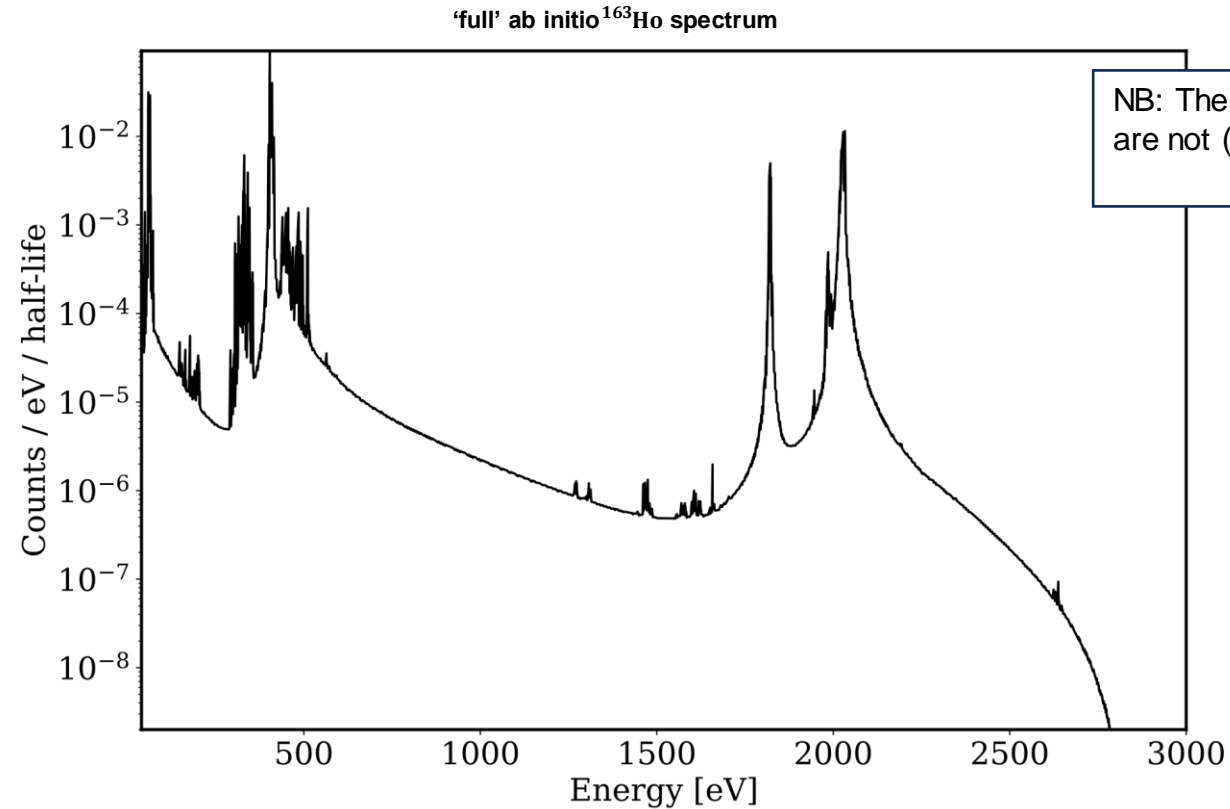
$E_C = \text{nuclear recoil} + \text{inner bremsstrahlung} + \text{X rays} + \text{auger electrons}$

# EC decay spectrum of Ho163

- Additional calculations (e.g. *Ab initio* calculation) predict several additional features.

Shake-up, shake-off

M. Braß, C. Enss, L. Gastaldo, R. J. Green, and M. W. Haverkort  
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.97.054620>



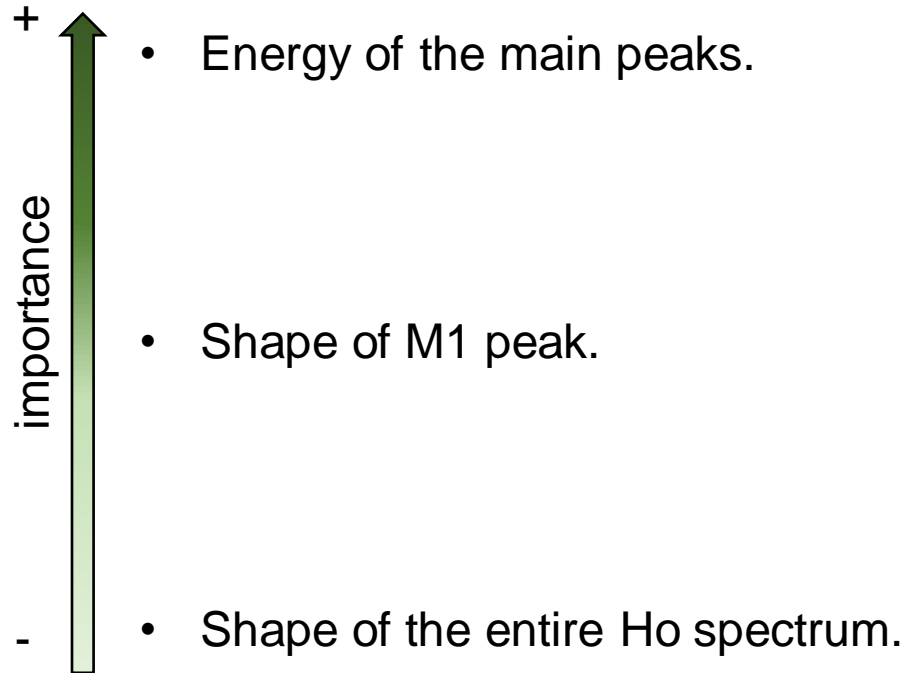
- The exact shape of the Ho163 spectrum is yet not known.



**The event rate at the endpoint can be quite different to the one predicted by first order theory**

# Ho163 spectral shape, is it important?

- What we must know:



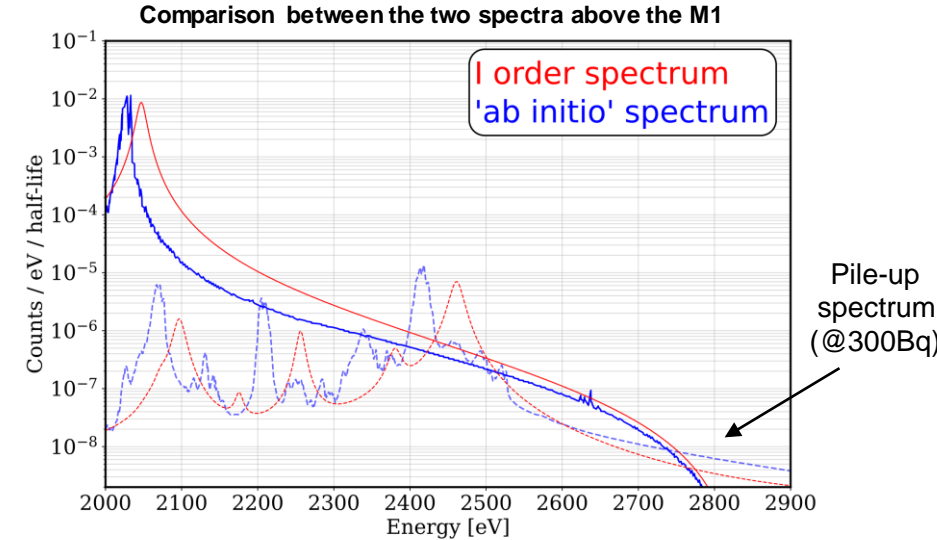
Calibration

Detector response  
(FWHM)

Sensitivity  
studies

# Ho163 spectral shape, is it important?

- In all the available models, the Ho163 calorimetric spectrum appears **smooth** in the ROI.



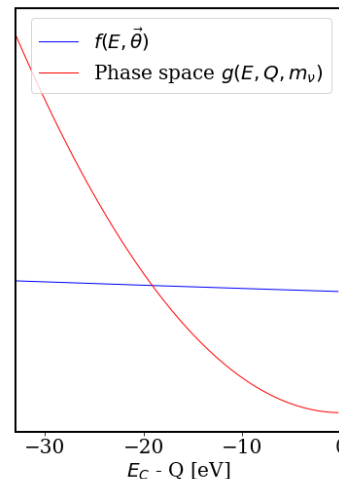
True Ho163 spectrum

$$\underbrace{\left( f(E, \vec{\theta}) \right)}_{\text{Sum of } n \text{ Lorentzian peaks} + \text{shake-off}} \times \underbrace{g(E, Q, m_\nu)}_{\text{Phase space}} + bkg(E) + pup(E)$$



Approximated 163Ho spectra

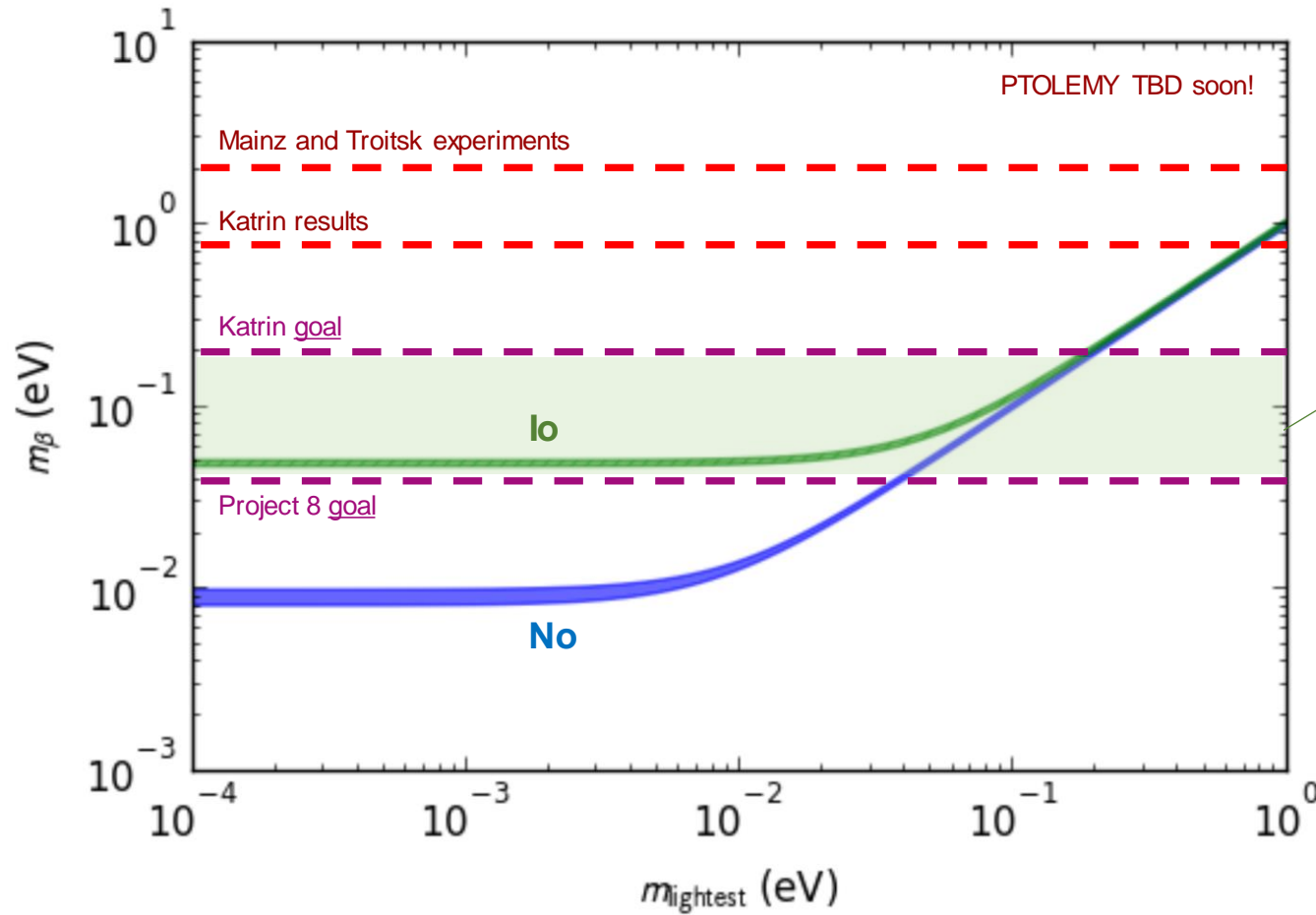
$$\left( [a_1 + a_2 E + a_3 E^2 + \dots] \times g(E, Q, m_\nu) \right) + bkg(E) + pup(E)$$



“model-free”  
estimation of the  
neutrino mass?



# Next-gen calorimetric experiments, requirements & sensitivity



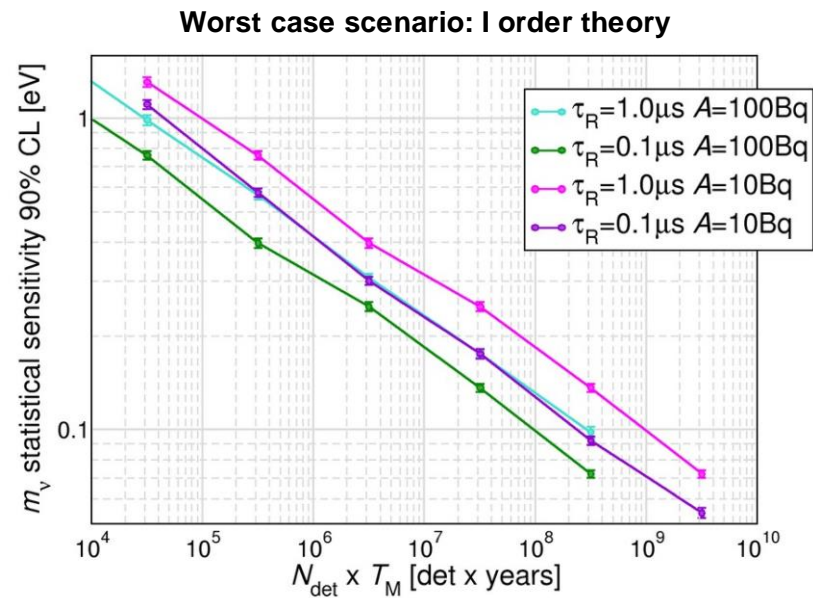
Target sensitivity region for the next-gen calorimetric experiment

How?



# Next-gen calorimetric experiments, requirements & sensitivity

- ... it depends on the expected rate in the ROI.



- Pixel activity  $\sim 100$  Bq/det
- Time resolution below  $0.1$  us
- Energy resolution =  $1$  eV
- About  $1\text{M}$  pixels,  $10$  y measurement for  $\sim$  **200-100 meV** sensitivity

# Next-gen calorimetric experiments, requirements & sensitivity

- Requirements:
  - LTD working at low temperature (e.g. @30mK).
  - LTD with fast rise (reduce pup fraction) and fast decay time (reduce dead time).
  - Affordable multiplexing technique with large BW.
  - Efficient implantation technique.
  - Large cryogenic infrastructure.
- If you want to increase the sensitivity, you need (as always) to go



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# HOLMES goal

- Evaluate the feasibility of this approach.
  - ✓ Desing robust analysis routines for LTD data-handling, pile-up rejection and data analysis of  $n$  independent detectors.
  - ✓ Test the performance of fast TES detectors, readout with proper multiplexing technique.
  - ✓ Implant the Holmium inside a TES detectors.
  - ✓ Study the Ho163 spectral shape.
  - ✓ Perform a first “test” measurement of the neutrino mass.
  - Increase the single pixel activity.

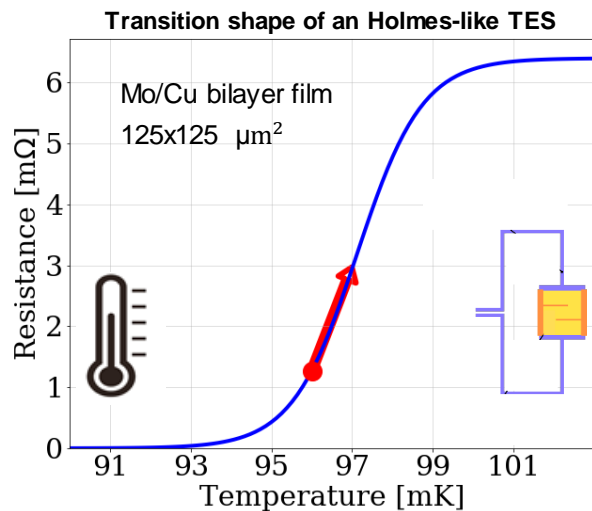
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Ongoing





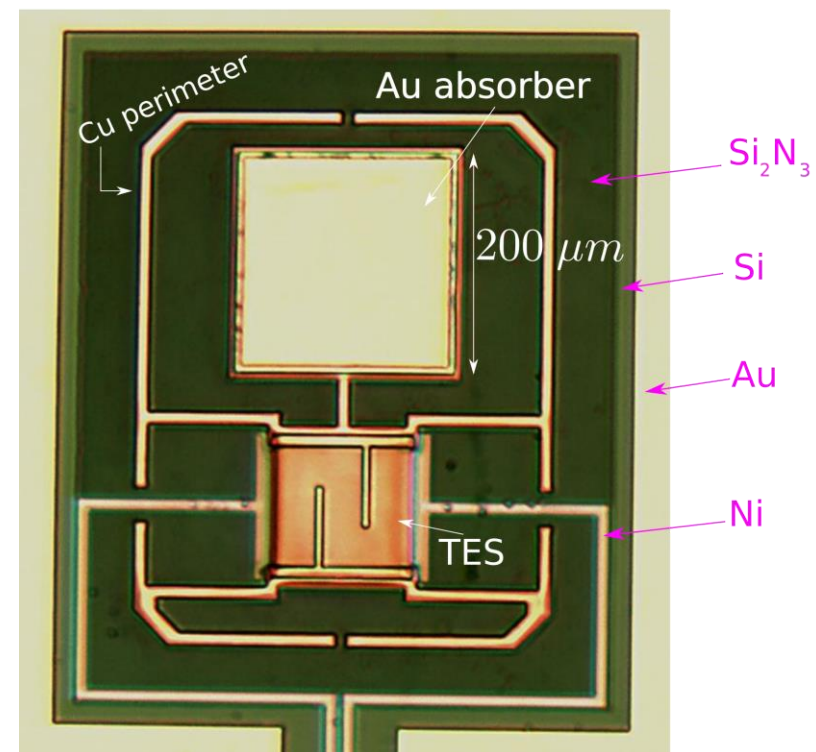
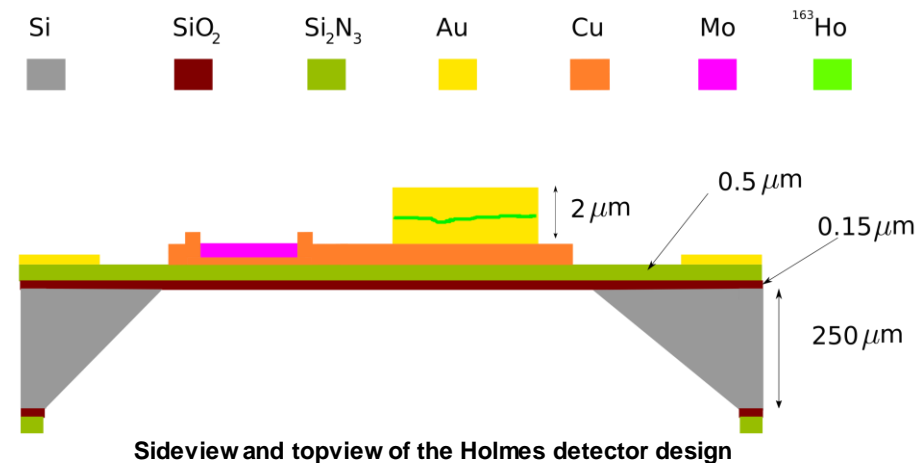
# TES for HOLMES

- TES: superconductor film operated in the narrow temperature region between the resistive and the superconducting state



- Designed to be fast: additional copper perimeter to decrease the recovery time of the signal

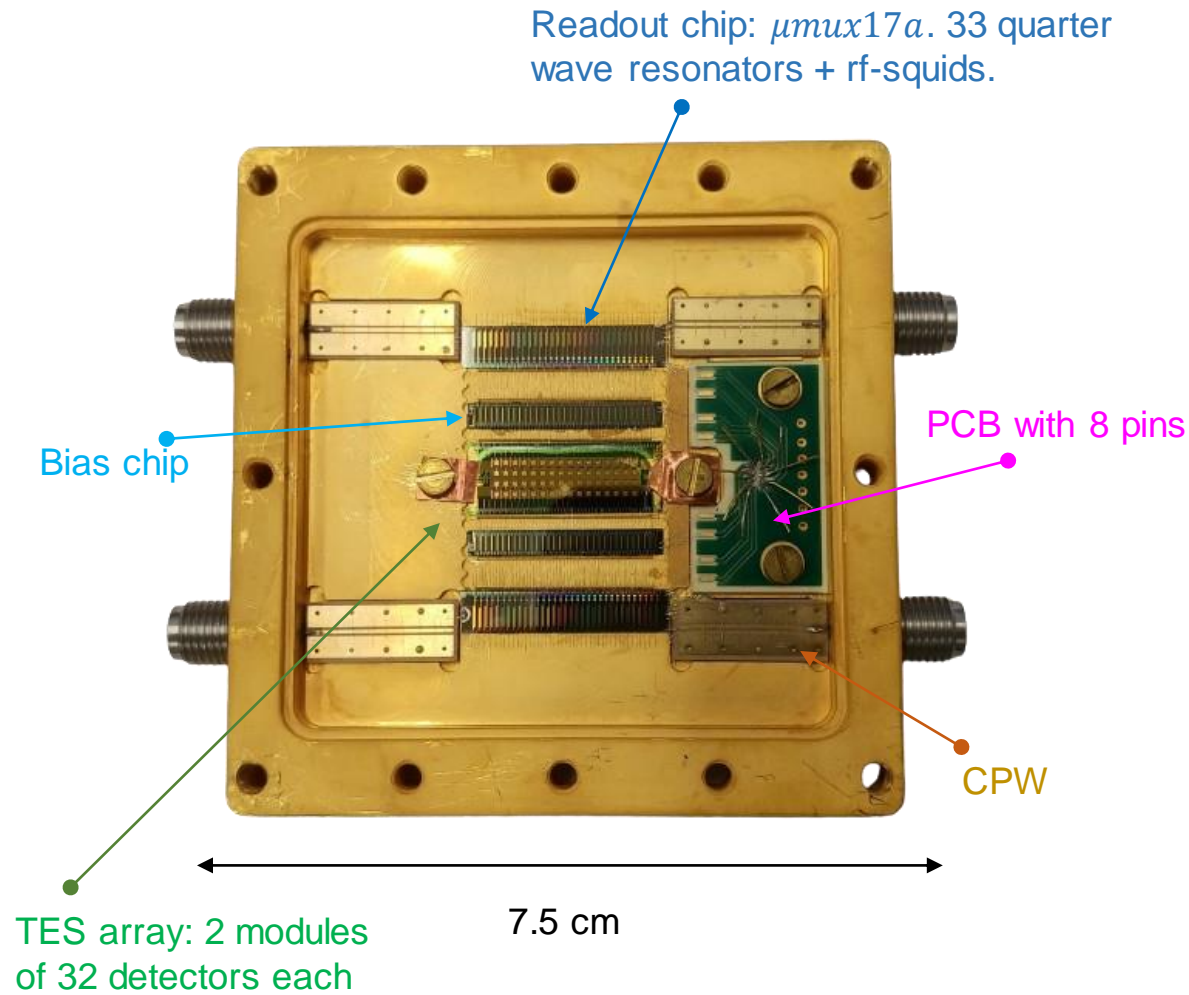
L. Origo talk: “ $^{163}\text{Ho}$ -implanted TES for a calorimetric  $m_\nu$  measurement”



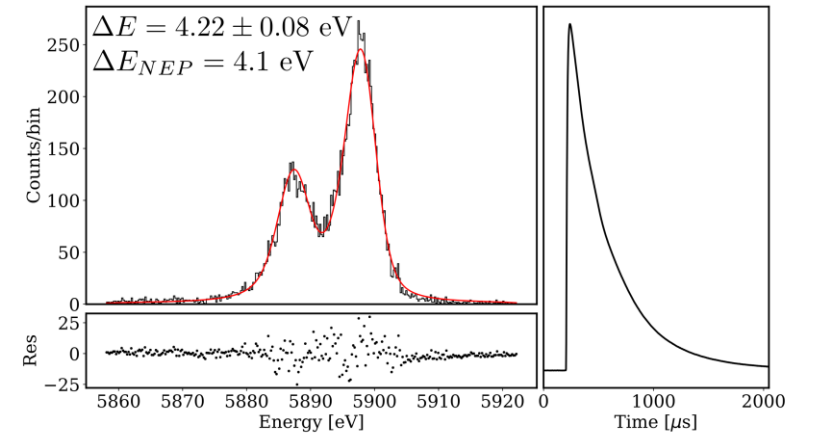


# The detector array

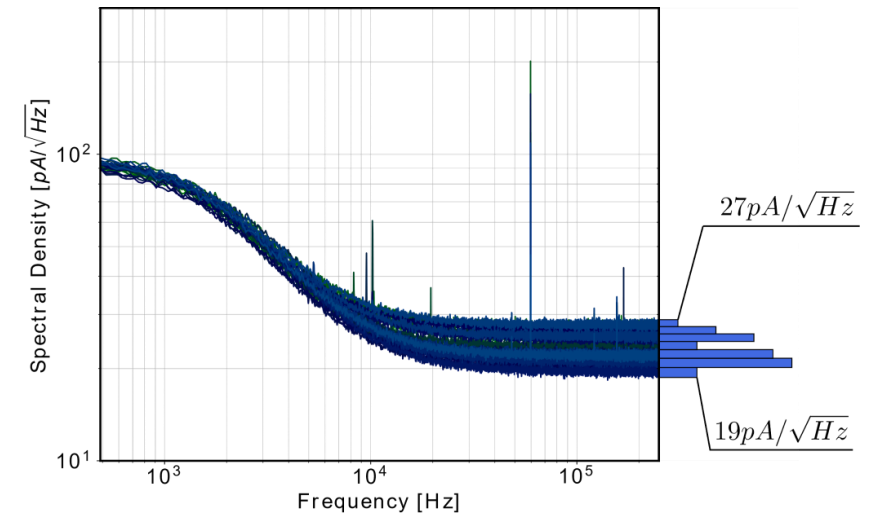
- At present we can readout 64 detectors simultaneously.



Detector resolution @6000 eV readout with  $\mu mux$  (w/o 163Ho)

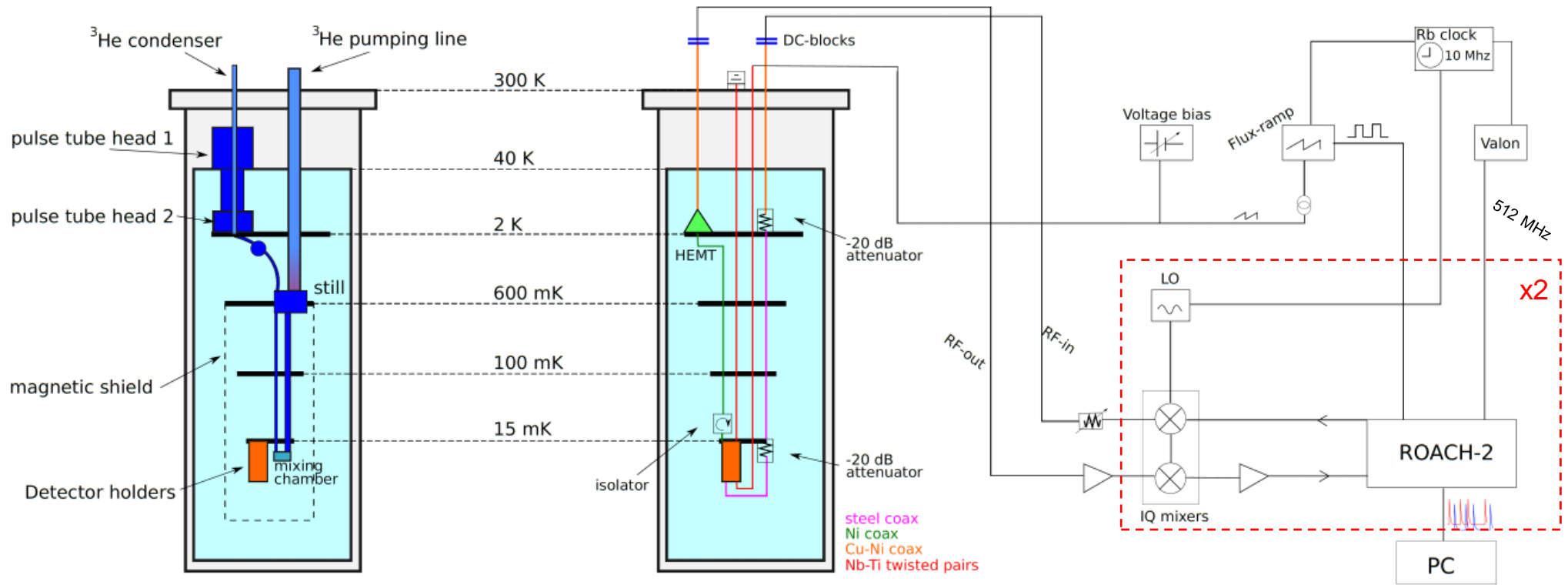


Noise of a 32 TES detectors readout with  $\mu mux$



# Measurement setup

- $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  dilution refrigerator (200  $\mu\text{W}$  of cooling power @100 mK)

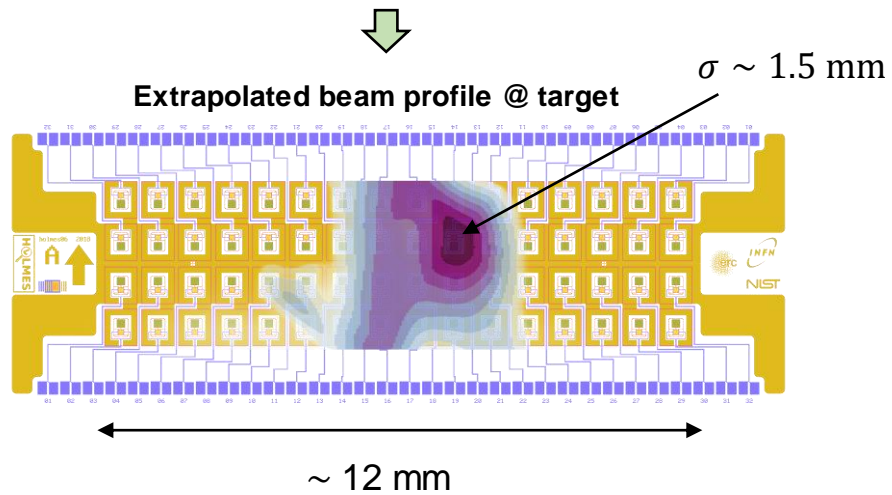
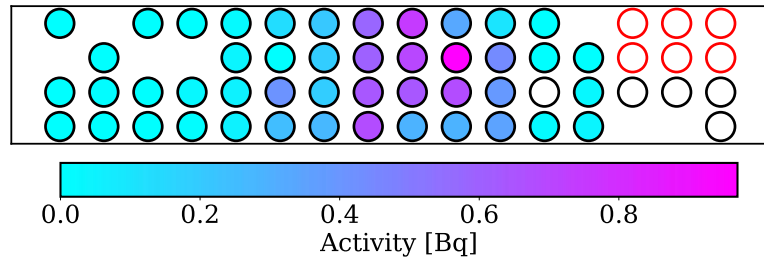


# Implantation results so far

G. Gallucci talk: "The HOLMES low activity implantation"

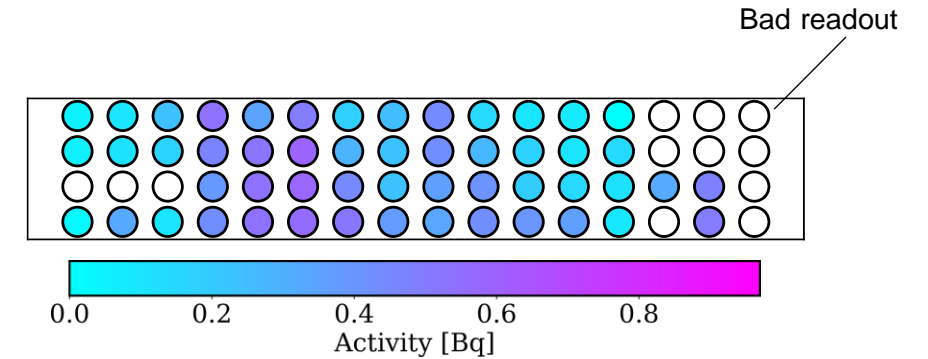
## First implantation

- Bad TES working point
- Background too high



- Mean activity  $\approx 0.24 \text{ Bq}$
- Total activity  $\approx 10 \text{ Bq}$

## Second implantation



- Mean activity  $\approx 0.30 \text{ Bq}$
- Total activity  $> 15.4 \text{ Bq}$

# Runs summary

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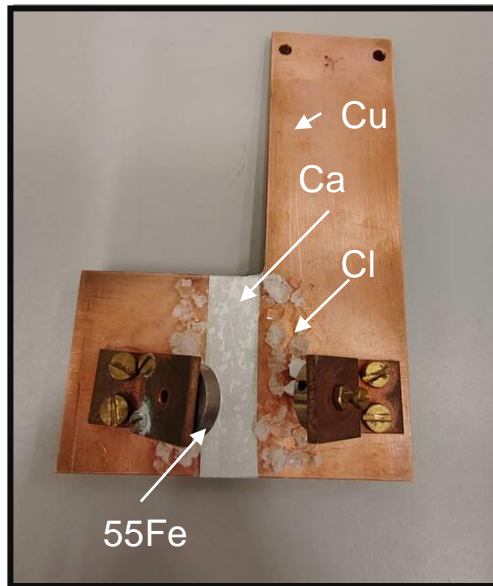
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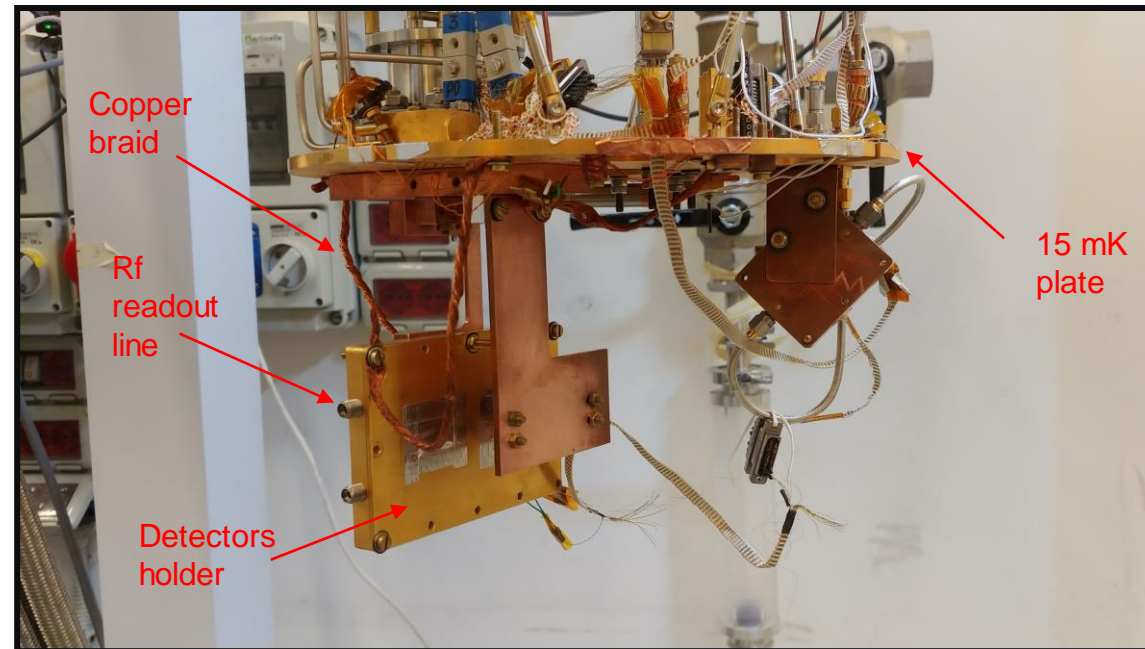
# Characterization of the Ho163 spectrum (I)

- **Goal:** find a good model to locally describe the main Ho163 peaks
- Only ½ of the chip used (32 detectors) (one of our amplifiers failed, now fixed!)
- We use an external fluorescence calibration source

Fluo calibration source



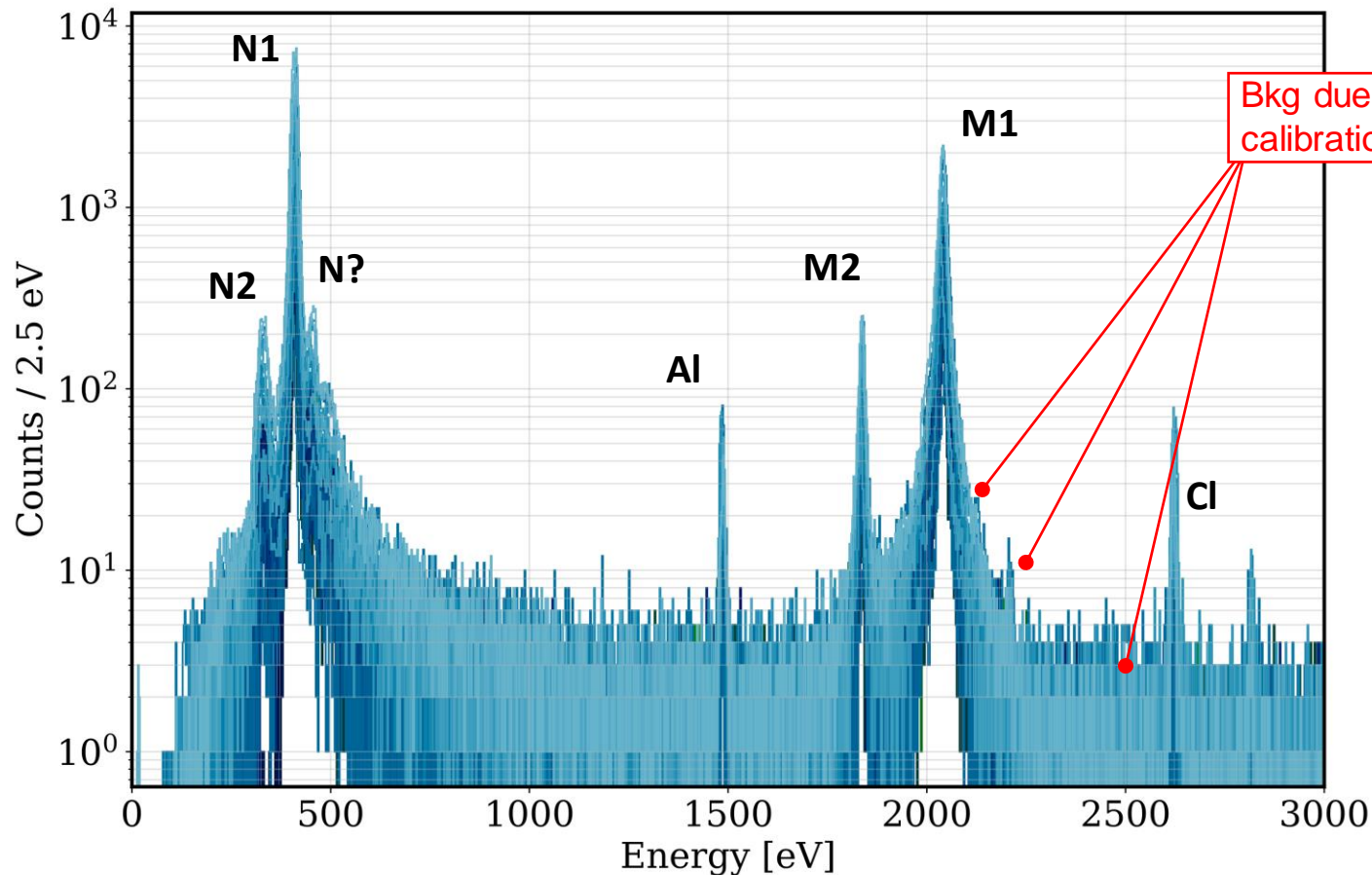
Setup @MC plate



# Characterization of the Ho163 spectrum (II)

- 50 holmium spectra were recorded, “cleaned” and calibrated.

$$\Delta E_{FWHM} \sim (5.4 \div 8) \text{ eV}$$



Calibration function used:  
 $E = f(x) = a_1x + a_2x^2$

Al Ka1	1486.706 (10) eV
Cl Ka1	2622.39 (9) eV

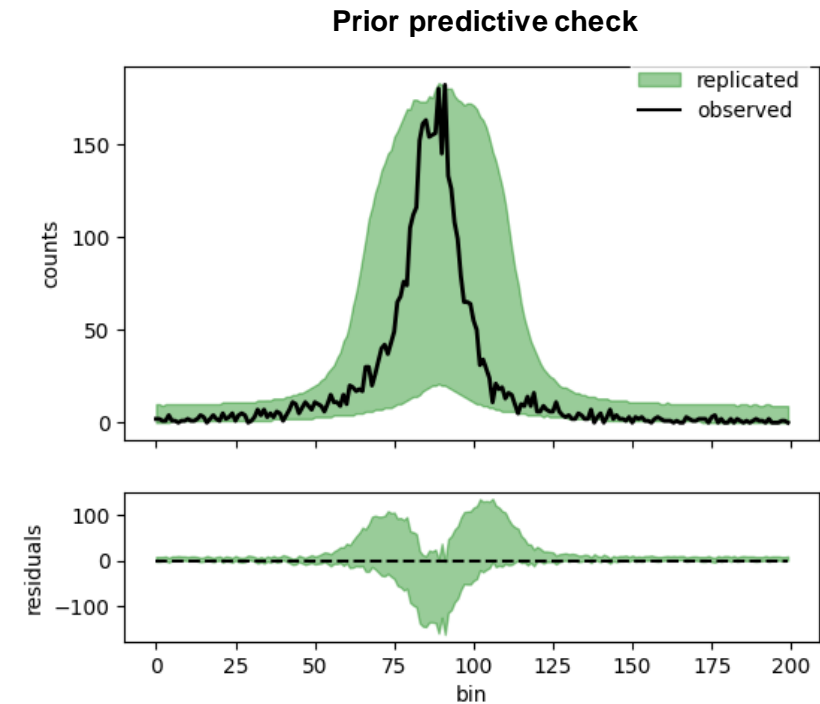
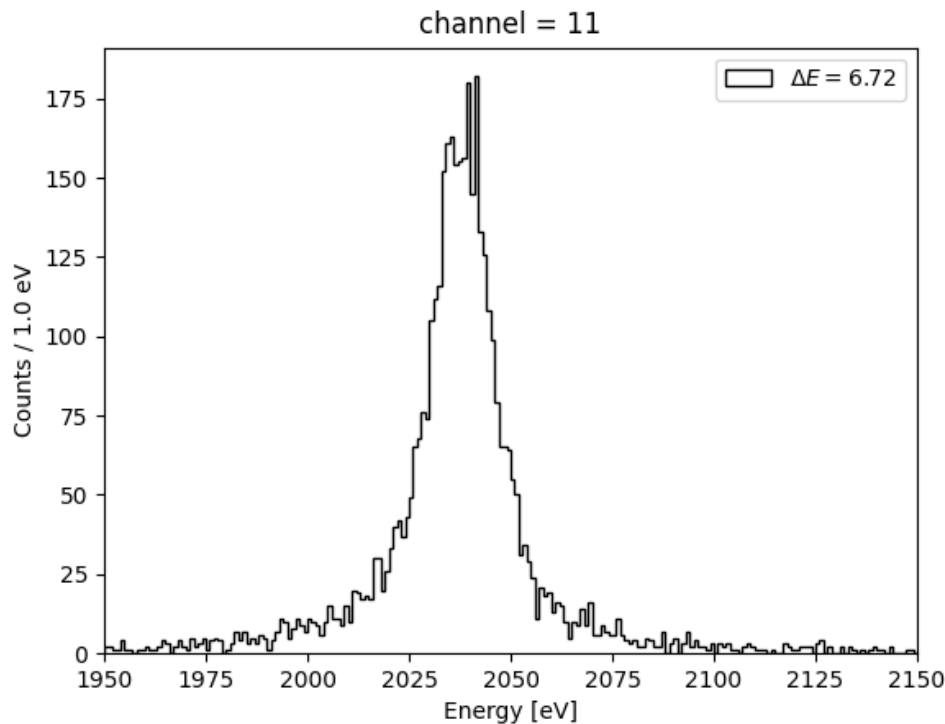
# Characterization of the Ho163 spectrum (III)

- Bayesian parameter estimation.

$$\text{spectra} = \text{gaus}(0, \sigma) \otimes [\mathbf{I} \times \text{cauchy}_{\text{asym}}(E, \mathbf{E}_0, \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \xi) + \text{bkg}]$$

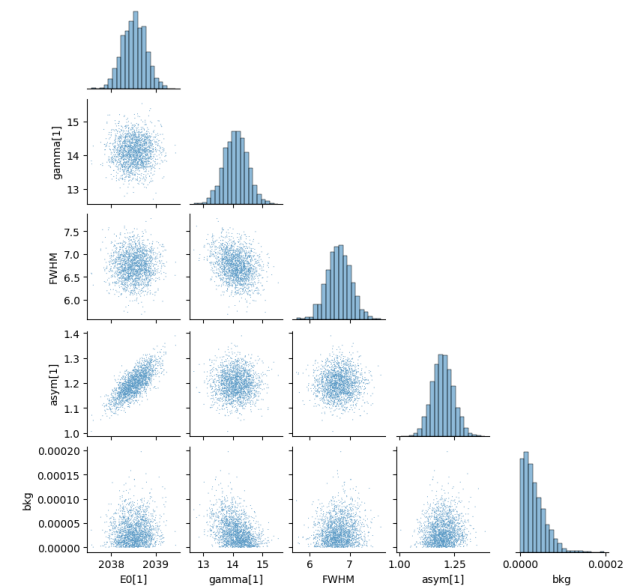
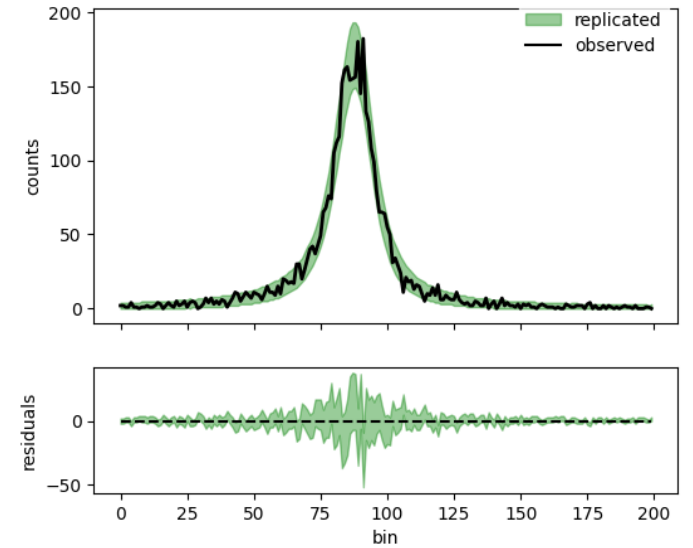
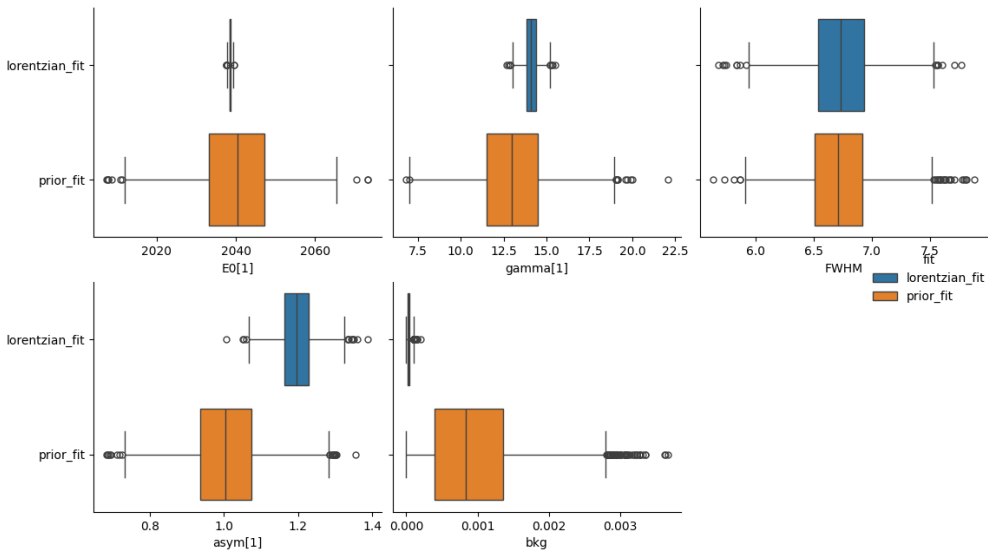
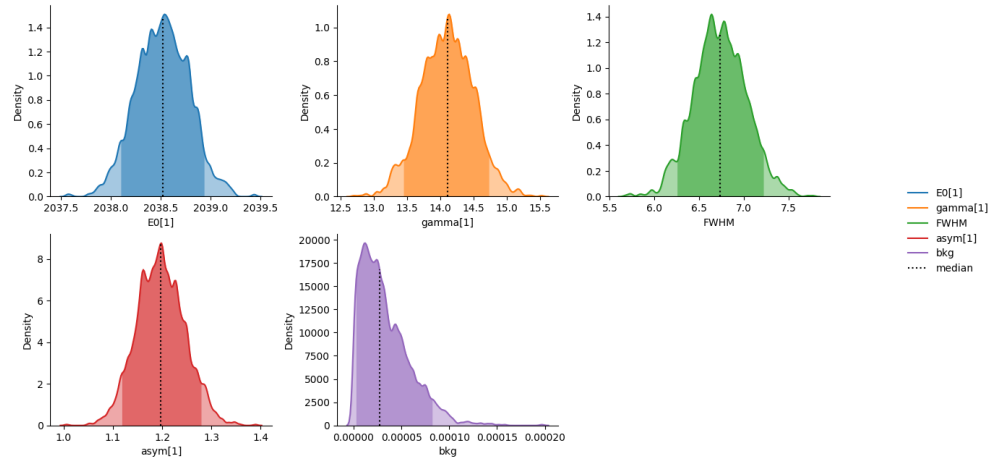
$$\text{likelihood} \sim \text{poisson}(\text{spectra})$$

$$\text{cauchy}_{\text{asym}} \propto \begin{cases} \text{cauchy}(E, E_0, \gamma_L) & E \leq E_0 \\ \text{cauchy}(E, E_0, \gamma_R) & E > E_0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_L &= \frac{\gamma \times \xi}{\xi + 1} \\ \gamma_R &= \frac{\gamma}{\xi + 1} \end{aligned}$$



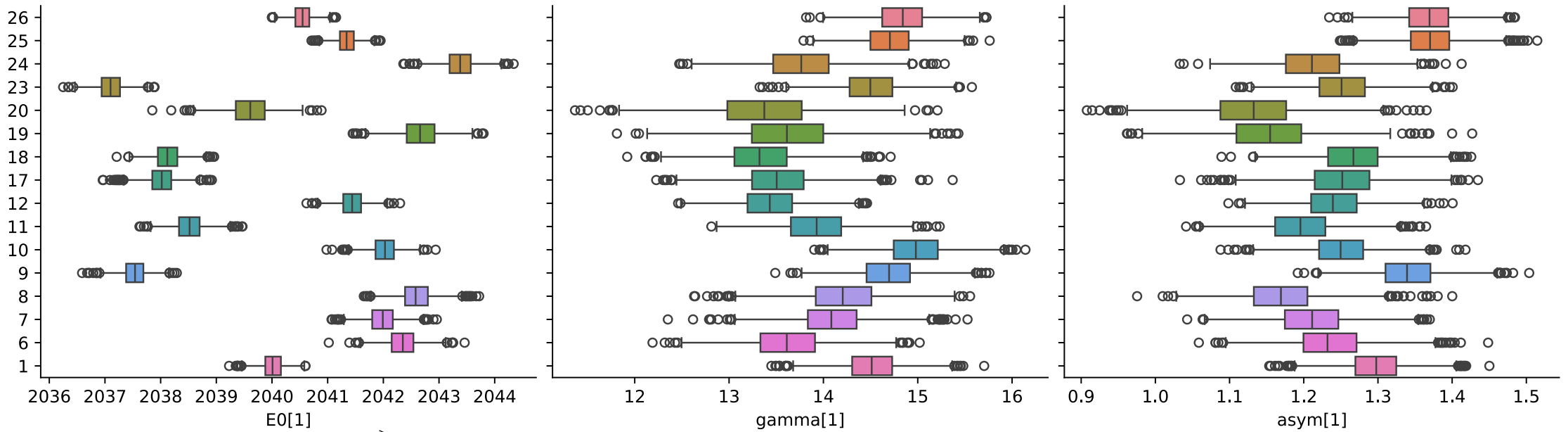


# Characterization of the Ho163 spectrum (III)



# Characterization of the Ho163 spectrum (IV)

- How can we achieve a robust estimation of the peak position?



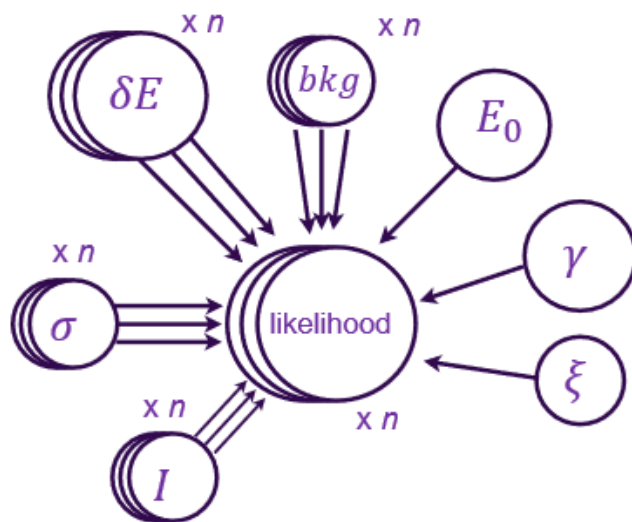
Energy shift due to calibration

# Characterization of the Ho163 spectrum (IV)

Assumption: the energy shifts  $\delta E$  are normally distributed around 0 (prior)

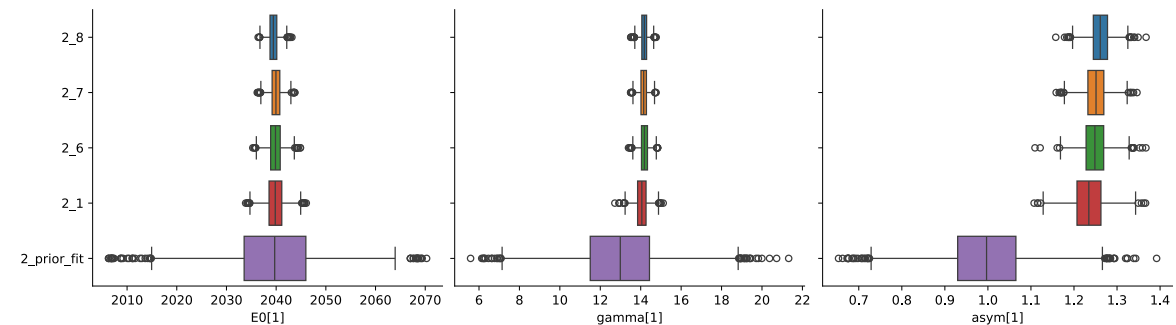
## Global fit

- Fit spectra from  $n$  detectors at the same time.
- Probably the most accurate method. But computationally expensive!
- Four parameters for each detector: resolution ( $\sigma$ ), bkg ( $bkg$ ), peak intensity ( $I$ ), energy shift ( $\delta E$ ).
- Peak position ( $E_0$ ), gamma ( $\gamma$ ) and asymmetry ( $\xi$ ) are common parameters.

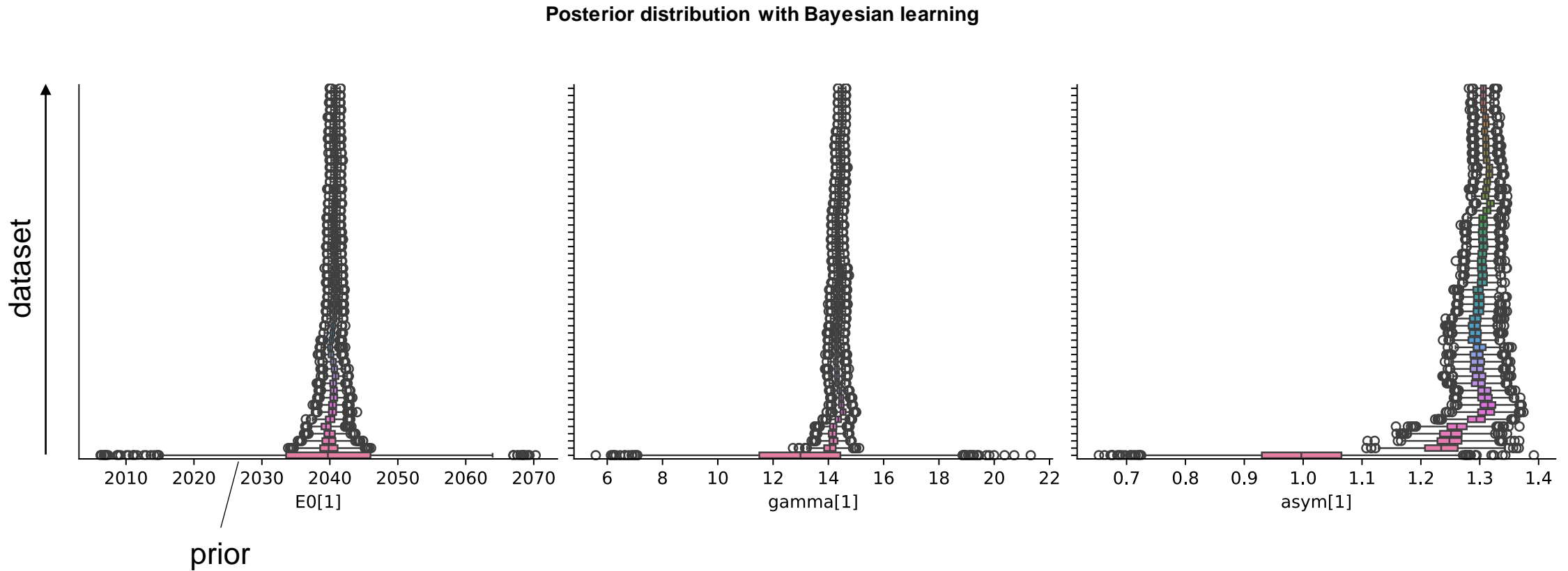


## Bayesian learning

- Fit spectra from  $n$  detectors recursively. The posterior of the former is prior for the latter.
- The single peak model has to be modified in order to take into account the energy shift.
- Update the prior just for the common parameters: Peak position ( $E_0$ ), gamma ( $\gamma$ ) and asymmetry ( $\xi$ ).
- Assumption (reasonable): model the posterior distribution for the common parameters as gaussian.



# Characterization of the Ho163 spectrum (IV)





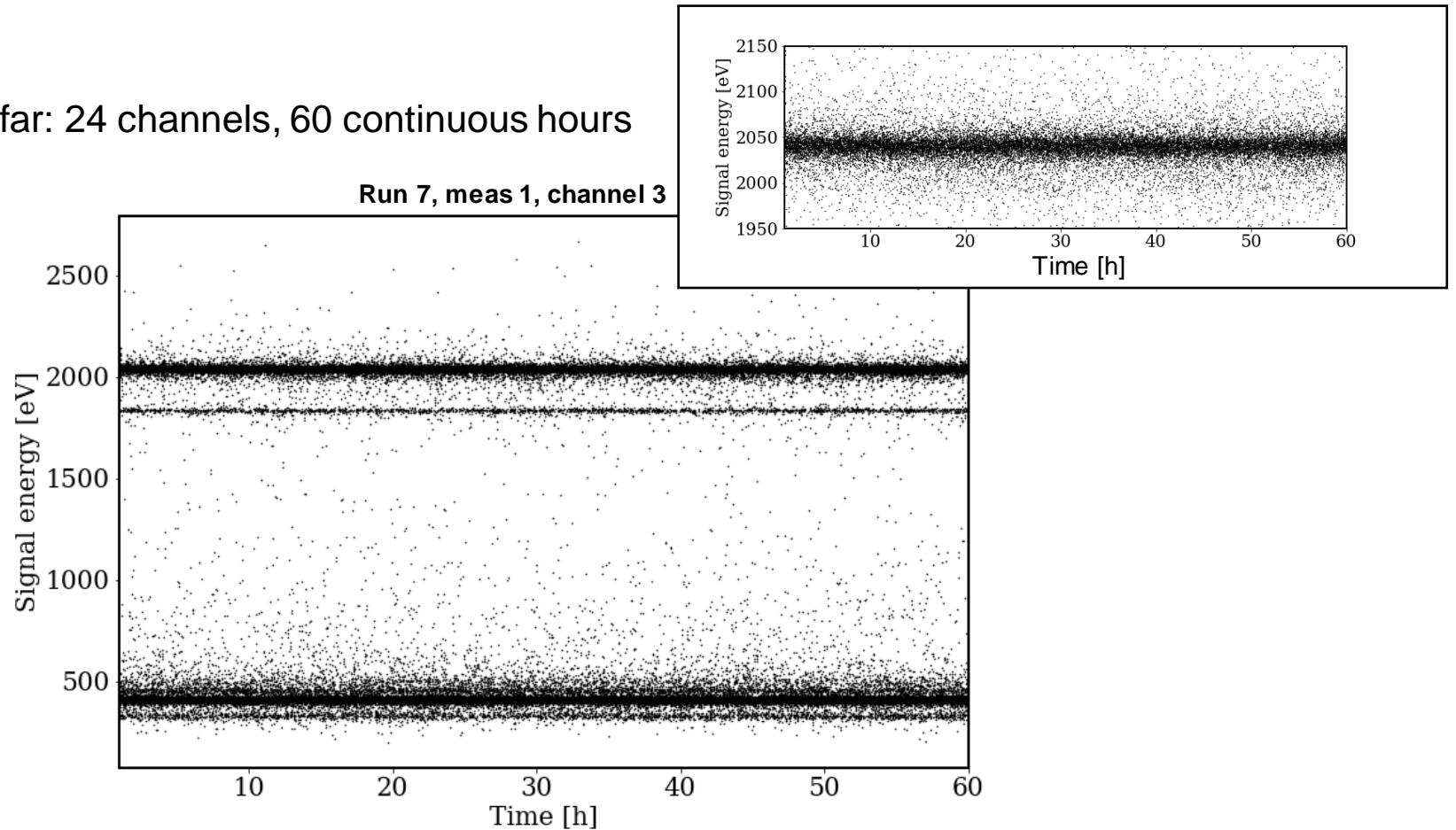
# Characterization of the Ho163 spectrum (V)

Peak	Position [eV]	Gamma [eV]	Asymmetry
M1	$2040.8 \pm 0.3$	$14.49 \pm 0.05$	$1.306 \pm 0.006$
M2	$1836.4 \pm 0.8$	$8.2 \pm 0.3$	$1.03 \pm 0.05$
N?	$454.5 \pm 0.1$	$22.3 \pm 0.4$	$0.62 \pm 0.02$
N1	$411.72 \pm 0.1$	$5.57 \pm 0.03$	$1.270 \pm 0.008$
N2	$329.0 \pm 0.1$	$16.4 \pm 0.2$	$0.69 \pm 0.01$

Using those peak positions to calibrate a dataset, we get for Al and Cl  $1486 \pm 1$  eV ( $1486.706$  (10) eV) and  $2623 \pm 1.2$  ( $2622.39$  (9) eV) eV, respectively

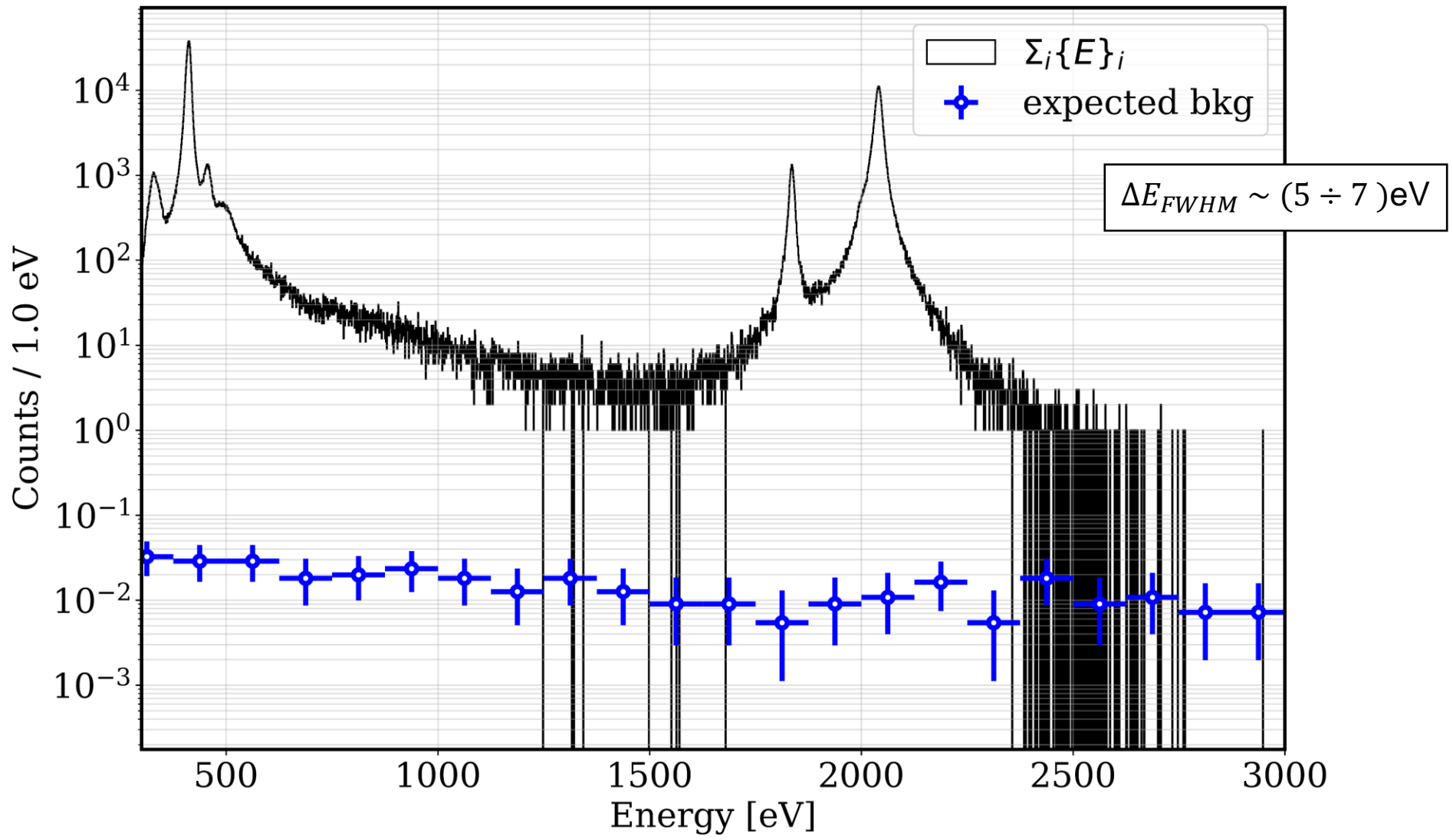
# Study of the Ho163 spectrum

- No external fluorescence calibration source.
- Run started last week!
  - 1 measurement acquired so far: 24 channels, 60 continuous hours

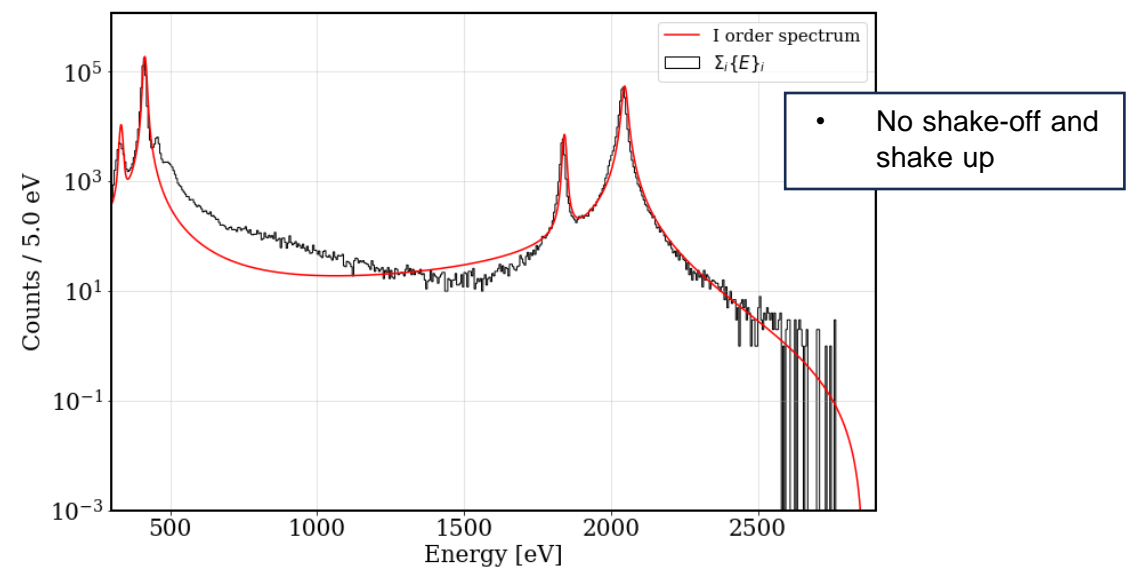


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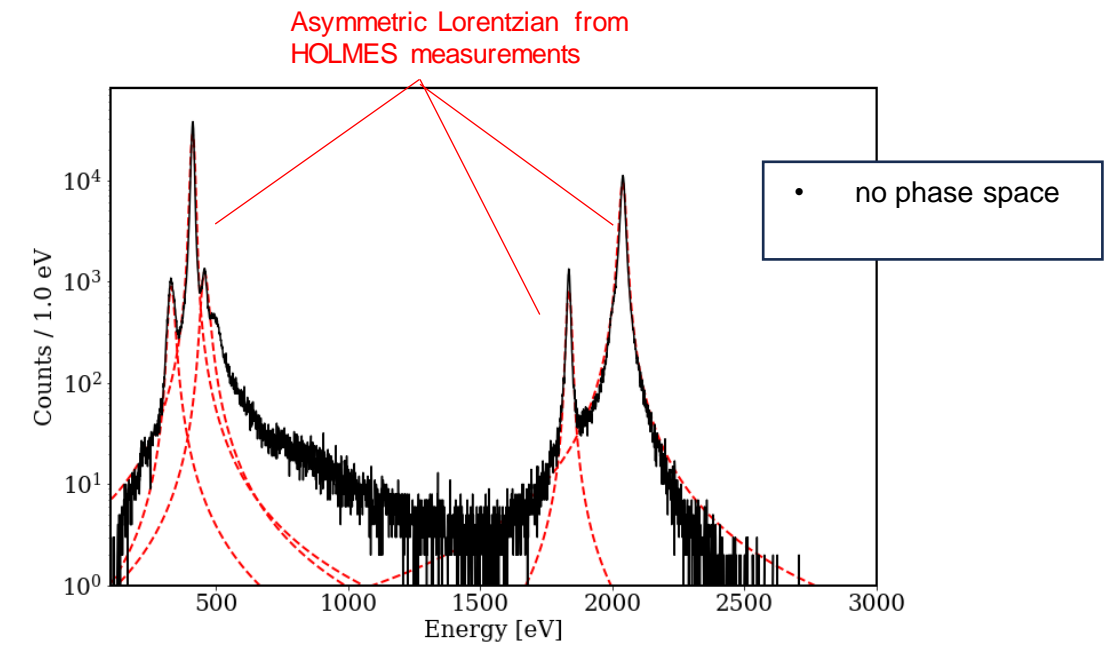
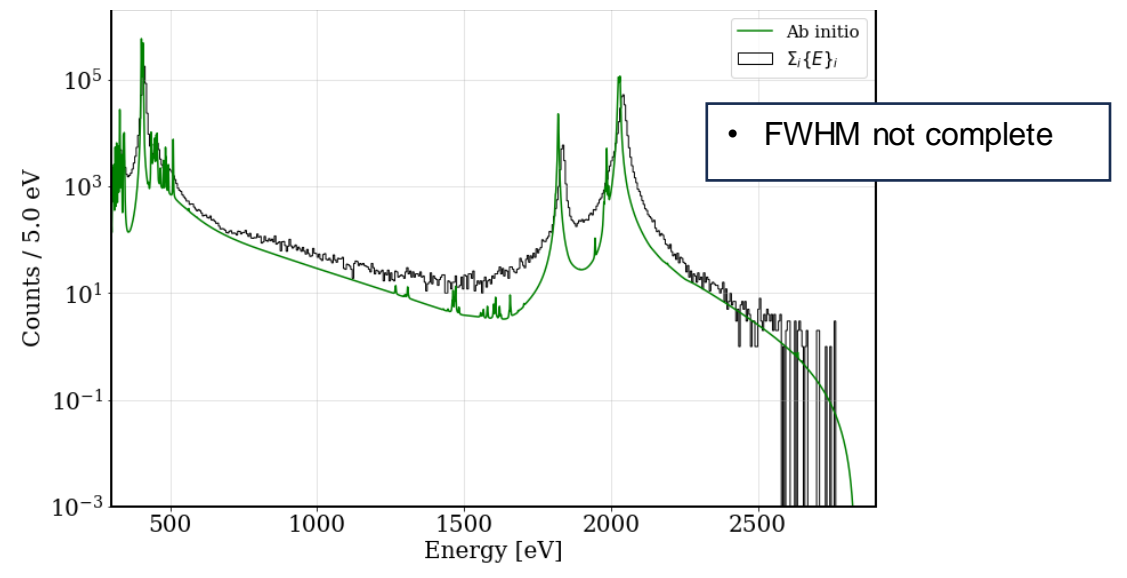
Sum over 24 TES (60h measurement)



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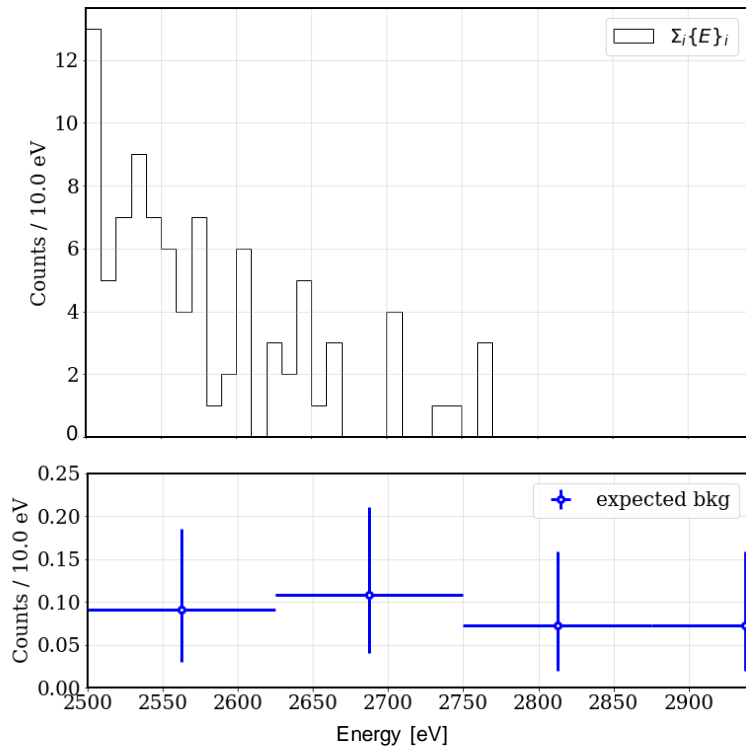
(qualitative comparison)





# Study of the Ho163 spectrum

- Event rate in the ROI could be higher than predicted?



Energy interval [eV]	Expected events*	Measured events
2500-2860	$50 \pm 7$	90
2600-2860	$15.5 \pm 4$	30
2700-2860	$3 \pm 1.7$	9

\* From I order theory

- Needs to be investigated.

# Conclusion

- We are ready to start our very first physics run.
- HOLMES and ECHo are laying down the fundamentals for the next-gen calorimetric experiment.