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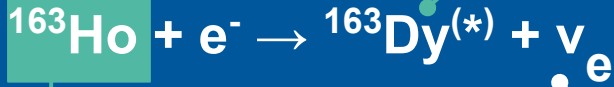
# $^{163}\text{Ho}$ -implanted TES for a calorimetric $m_\nu$ measurement

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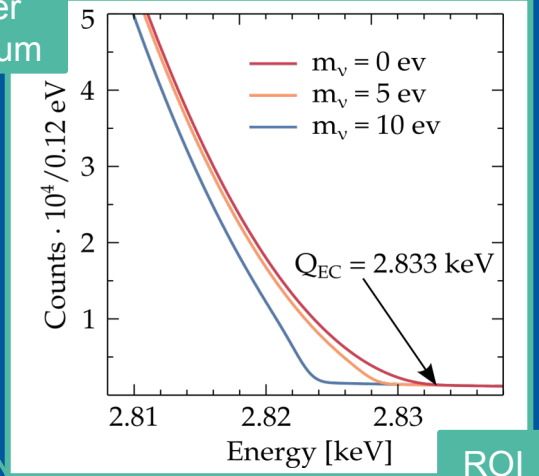
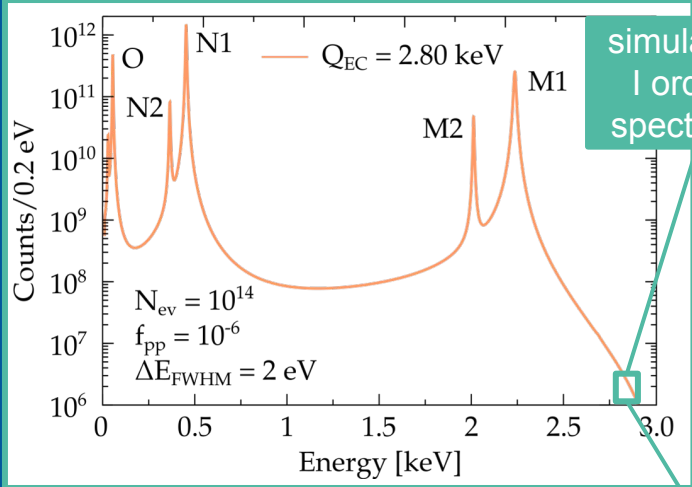
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$$\text{ROI}(E_c) \propto \sqrt{(Q - E_c)^2 - m_\nu^2}$$



$E_c$

- endpoint statistics
  - Q-value ~2.8 keV
  - M1 peak ~2 keV
- few nuclei needed
  - $t_{1/2} \sim 4570$  yr



$m_\nu$  calorimetric measurement

- purely kinematic assessment
- embedded source

- direct approach
- systematics avoided



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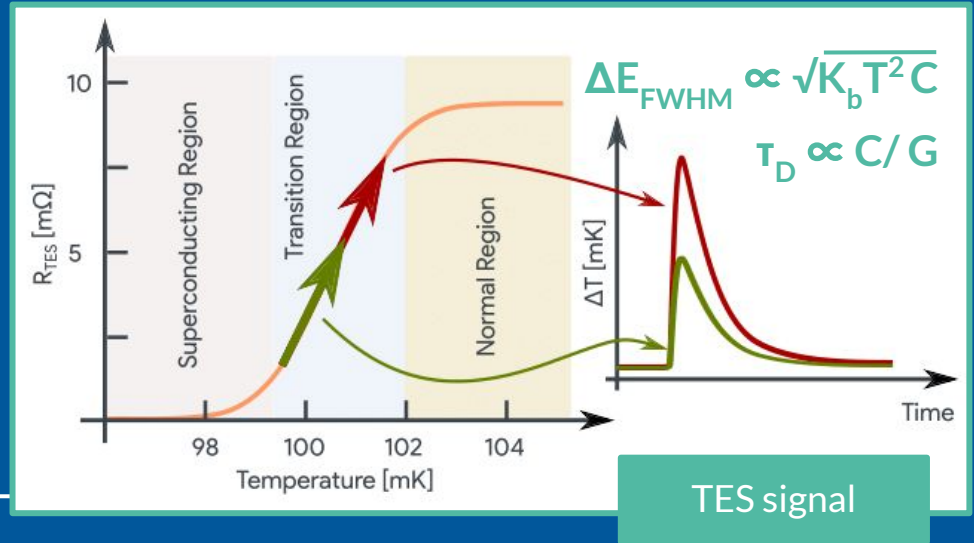
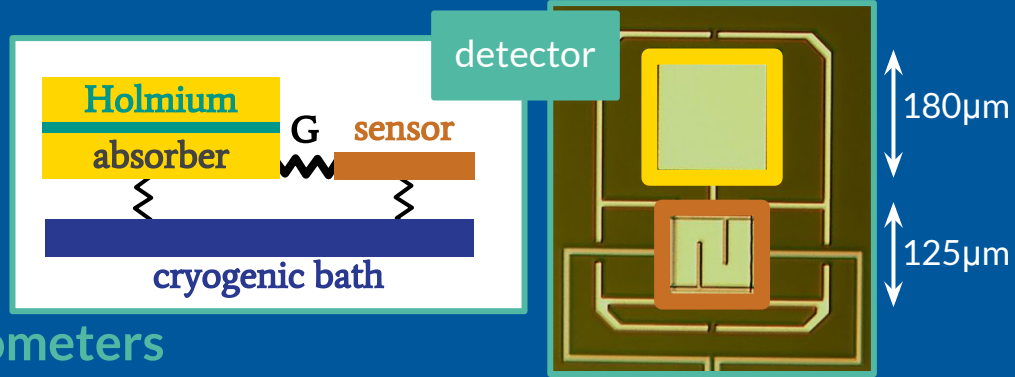
I. TES for HOLMES **microcalorimeters**

$$\Delta E \rightarrow \Delta T_{\text{abs}} \rightarrow \Delta R_{\text{TES}} \rightarrow \dots$$

Mo/Cu superconducting film linked to an Au absorber, **very sensitive thermometers** (low T variation  $\rightarrow$  high R jumps)

many reasons:

- state of the art performances
  - time, energy resolutions
- tunable devices
- suitable for multiplexing

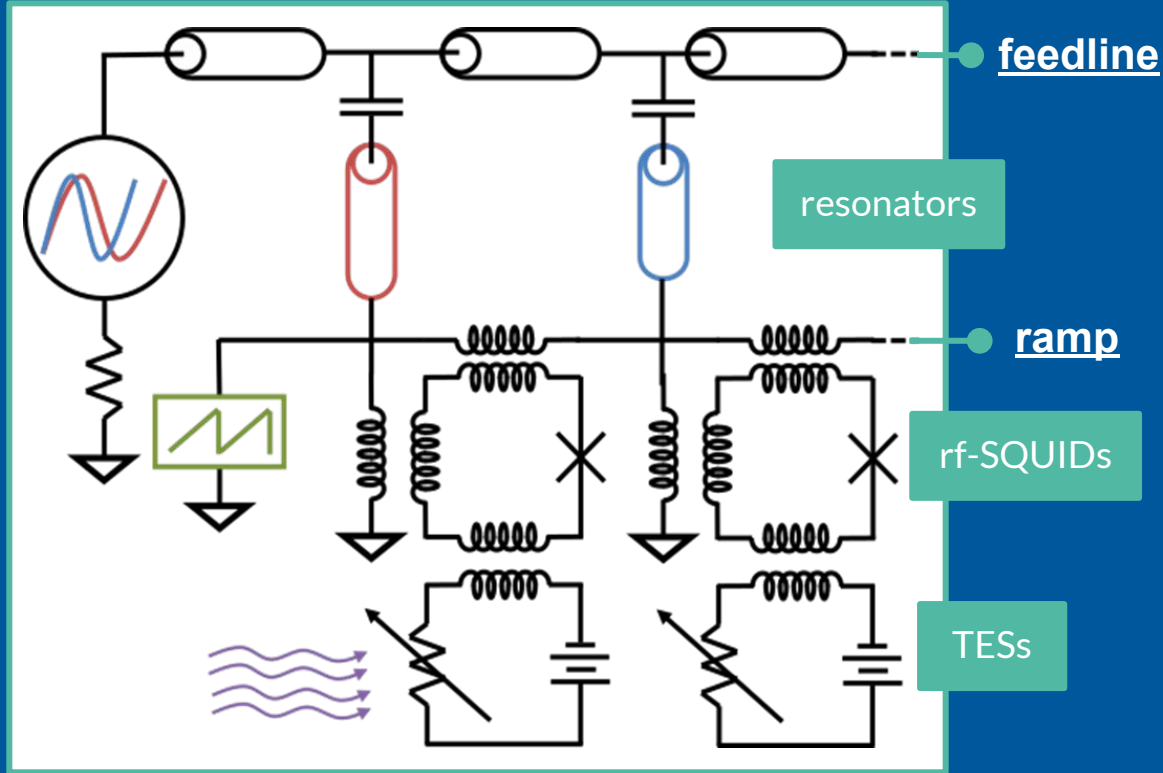


I. TES for HOLMES readout scheme

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &\rightarrow \Delta I_{\text{TES}} \rightarrow \Delta L_{\text{SQUID}} \\ &\rightarrow \Delta f_{\text{res}} \rightarrow \Delta \phi \end{aligned}$$

multiple TESs readout  
with a unique feedline  
(N depends on the HEMT  
amplifier bandwidth)

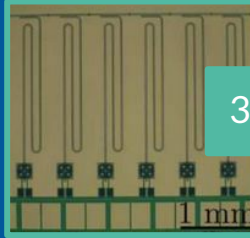
- rf-SQUIDs
- microwave resonators
- ramp (flux modulation)



# I. TES for HOLMES readout scheme

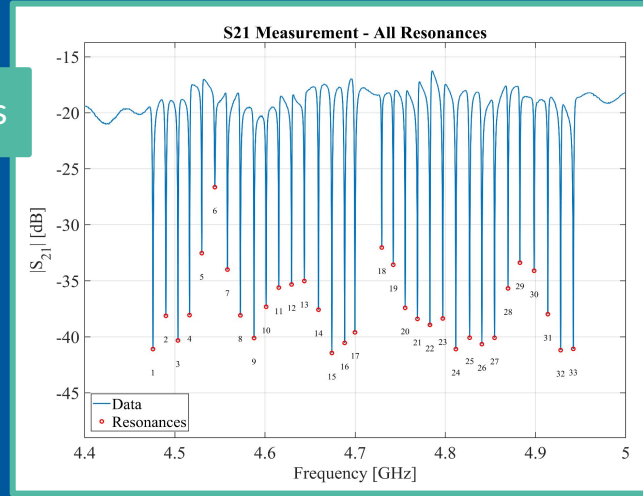
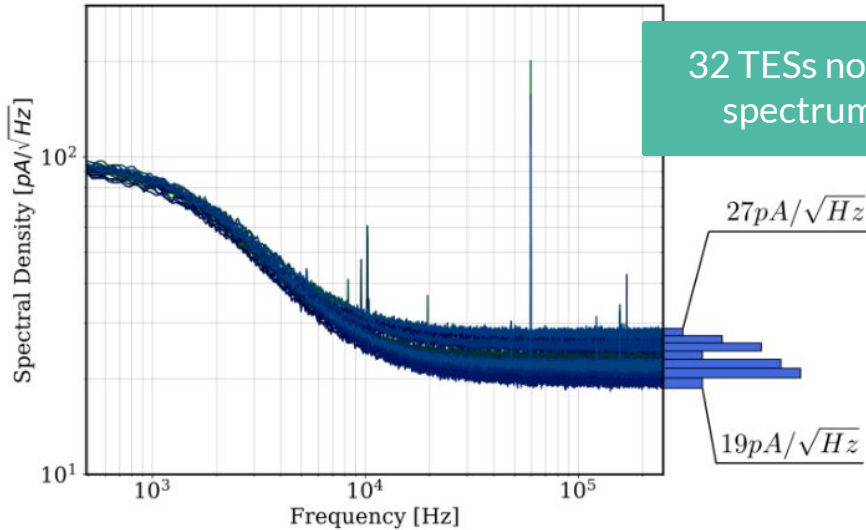
32 TESs bandwidth: ~500 MHz

HEMT in 4-8 GHz:  
potentially 32 x 8 TESs



32 resonators

32 TESs noise spectrum



low freq. → load resistance noise  
+ TES noise

high freq. → SQUID noise

(peaks → acquisition firmware)

## TESs without Ho (old characterization):

- $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} \sim 4\text{eV}$  (@6keV)
- $\tau_{\text{R}} \sim 20 \mu\text{s}$ 
  - electrical parameters of the TES circuit
- $\tau_{\text{D}} \sim 300 \mu\text{s}$ 
  - thermal parameters of the TES circuit
- $\Delta t \sim 1.5 \mu\text{s}$ 
  - unresolved pile-up fraction of events

... how do they change  
after  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  implantation?



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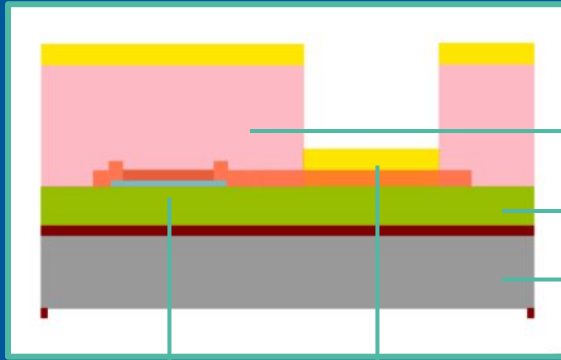
What's next?



— II. TES fabrication **pre-implantation** — — — — —

initial chip fabrication @NIST →

Ho implantation  
@ Genova →



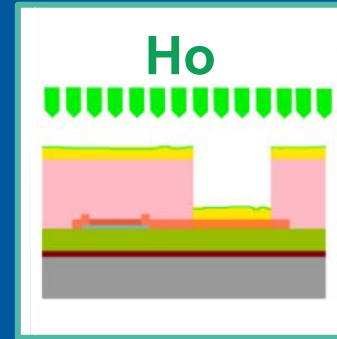
photoresist

SiN<sub>x</sub> membrane

Si substrate

TES

absorber



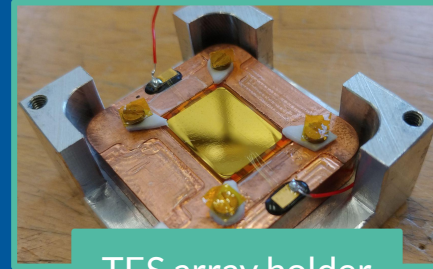
Ho

detector finalization @ Milano ...

— II. TES fabrication  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  implantation

$^{163}\text{Ho}$  ion-implantation @ Genova lab

- Ar plasma sputters the source target
- mass selector bending magnet
- FC read the selected current

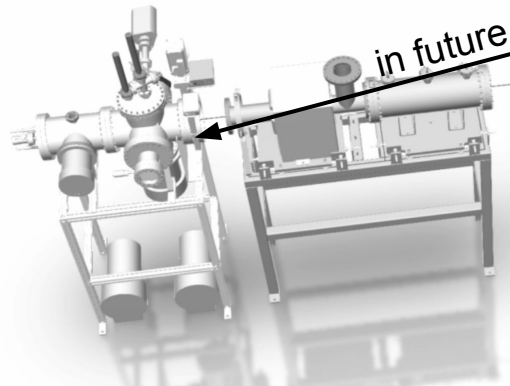


TES array holder

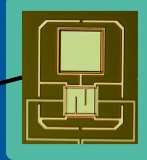
sintered target  
 $\text{Mo} + \text{Ho}(\text{NO}_3)_3$



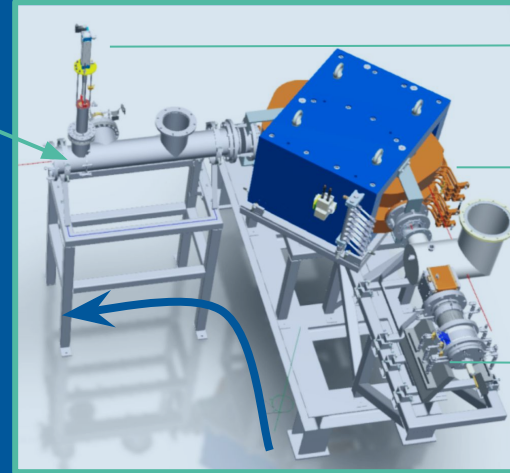
still to be integrated



in future



TESs location  
for implantation



Faraday cup

dipole magnet

sputter ion source

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sintered target  
Mo + Ho(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>



**“The HOLMES low activity implantation”**  
by Giovanni Gallucci  
(second talk in the afternoon)

still to be i



Faraday cup

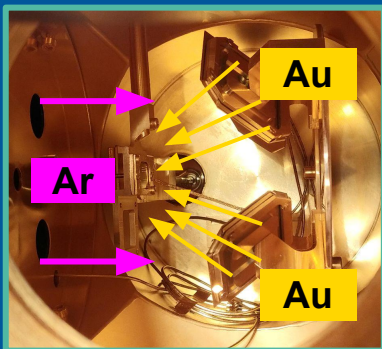
dipole magnet

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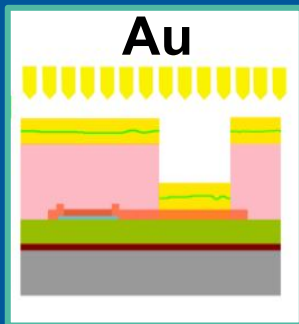


sputter ion source

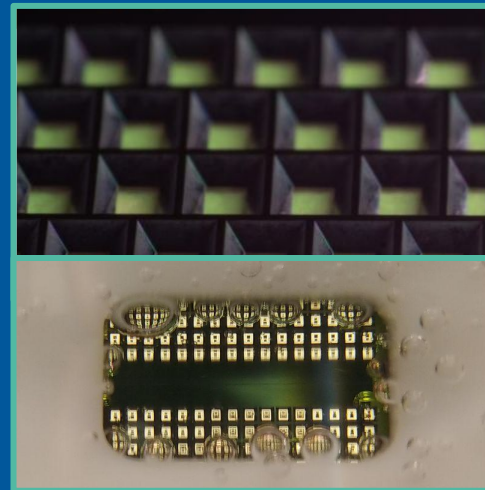
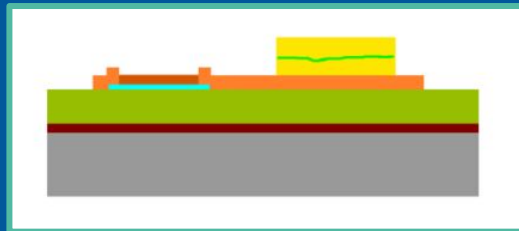
## II. TES fabrication finalization



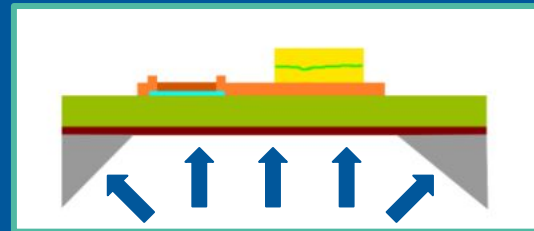
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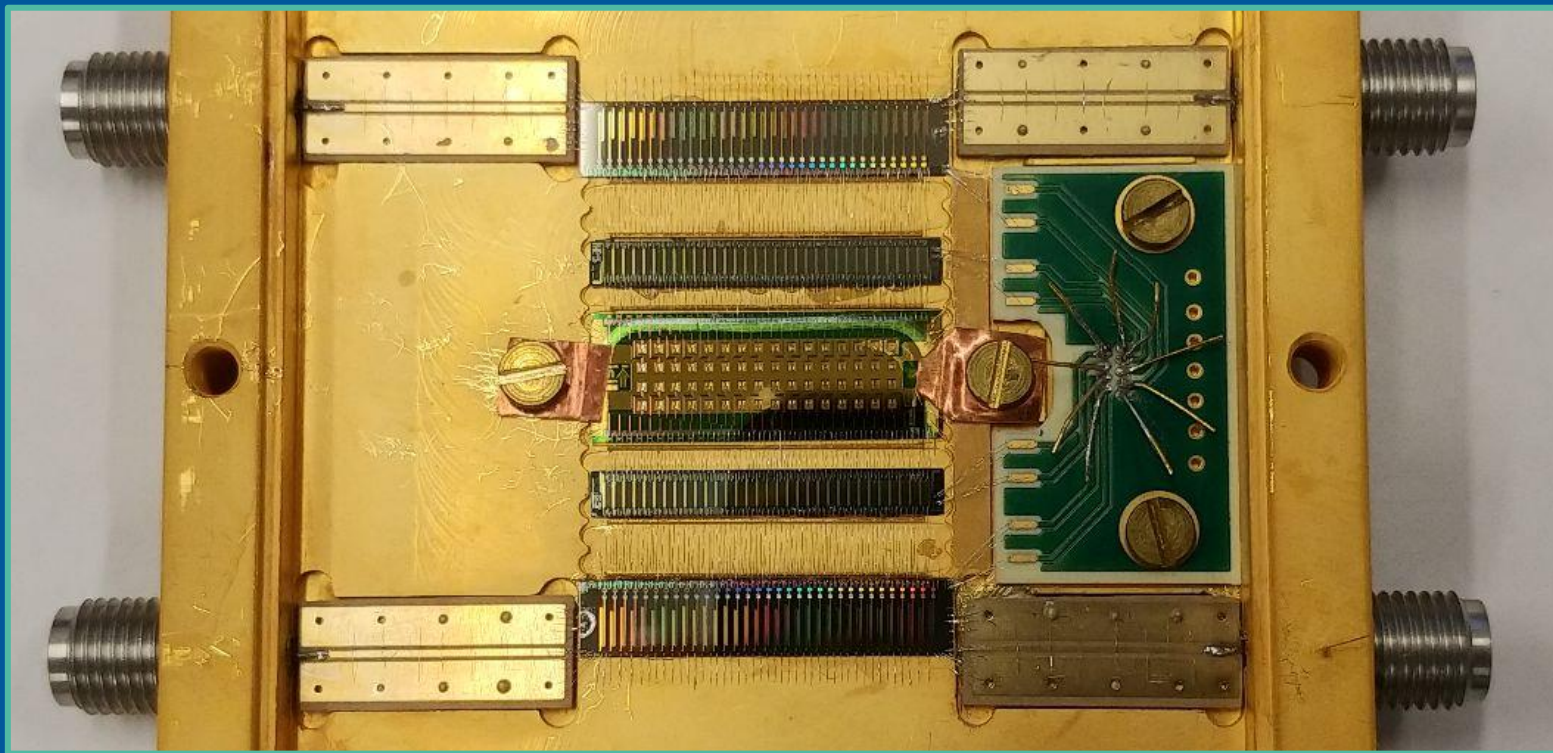
lift-off (acetone)



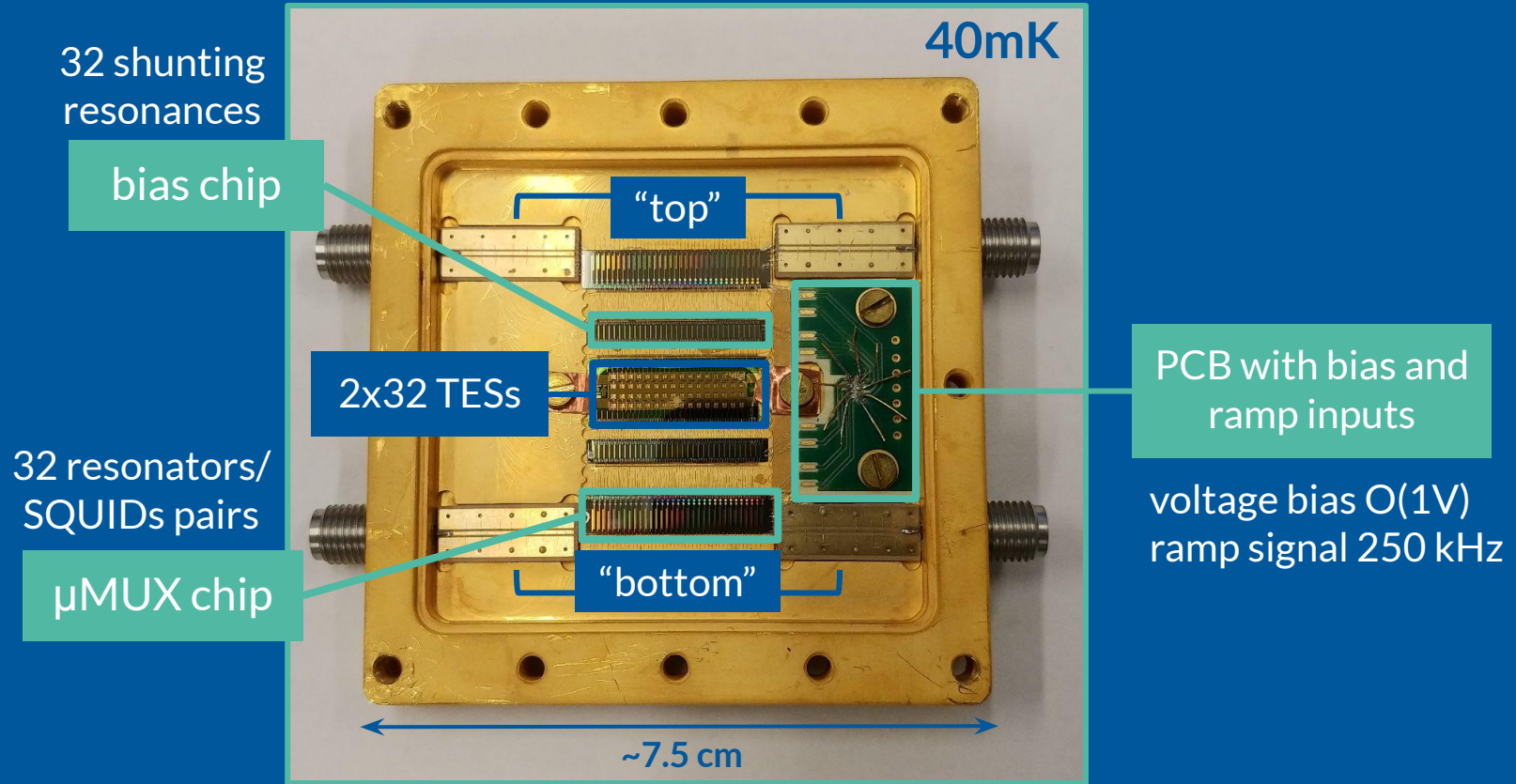
substrate etching (KOH)

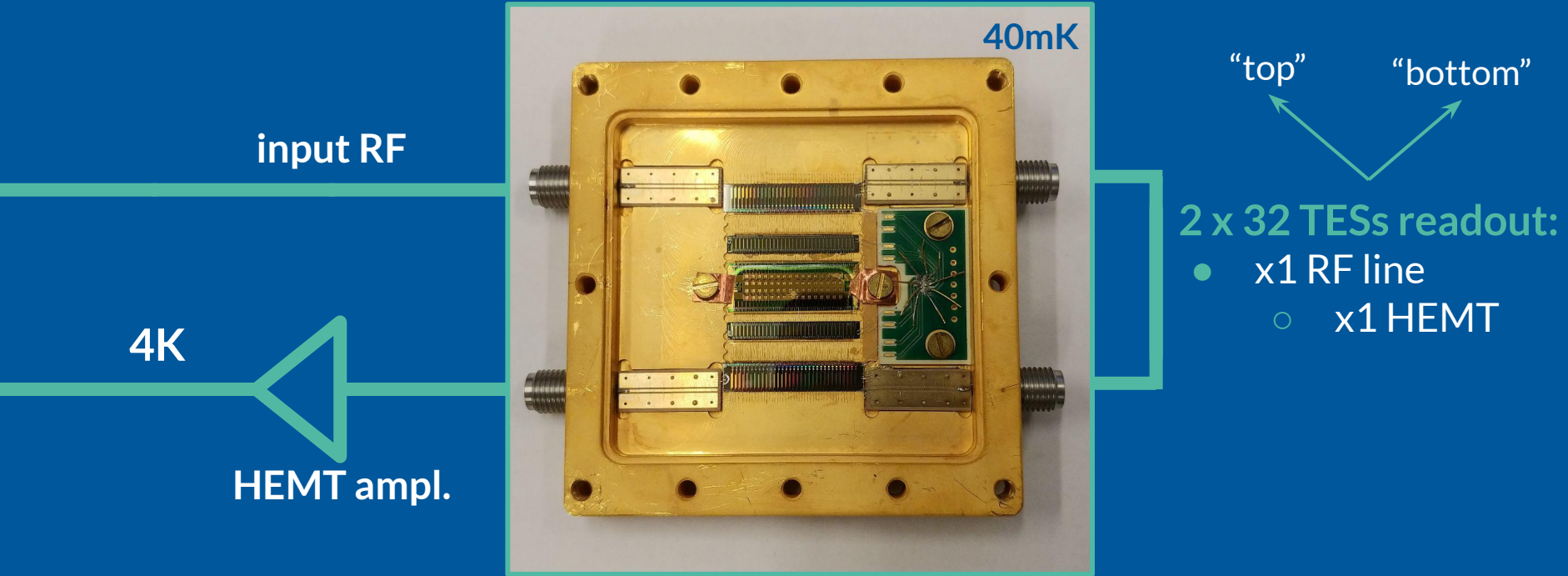


— II. TES fabrication **detector holder**

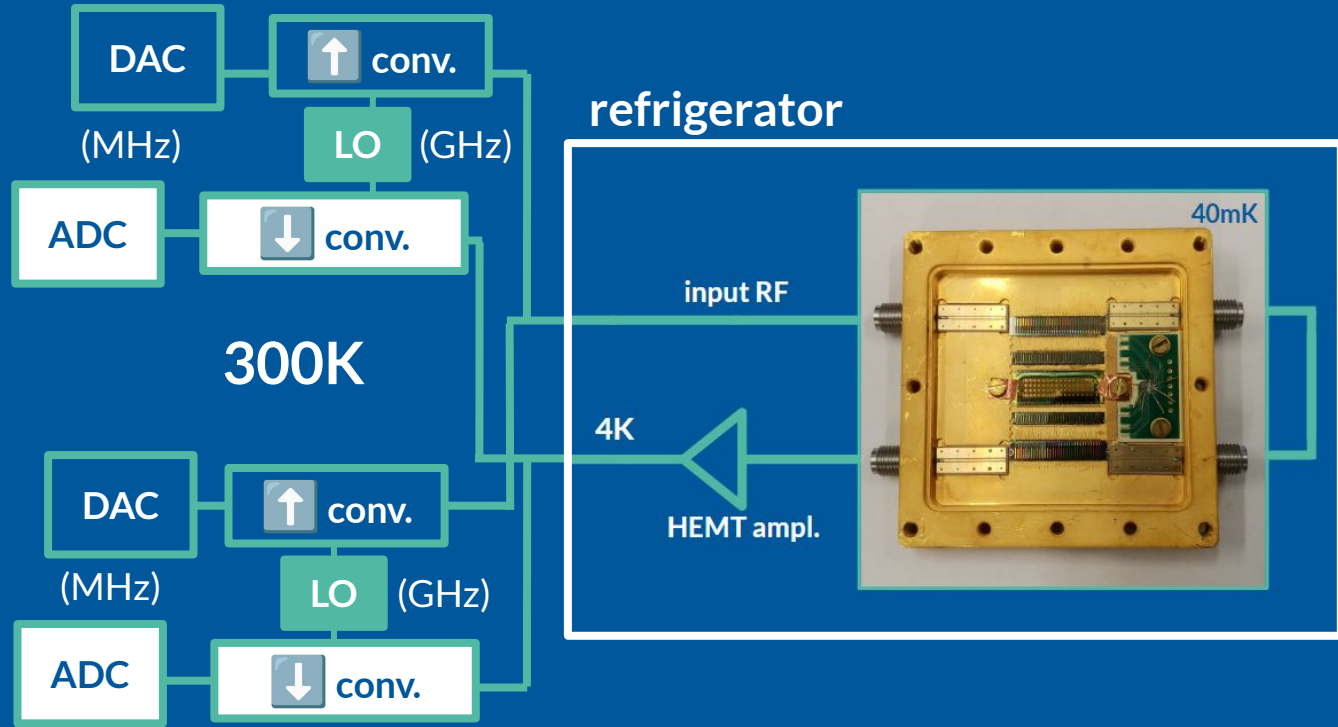


— II. TES fabrication **detector holder**





— II. TES fabrication **experimental setup**



“top” “bottom”

2 x 32 TESs readout:

- x1 RF line
  - x1 HEMT
- x2 FPGAs
  - DAC/ADC
- x2 IQ mixers
  - ↑ / ↓ conv.
- x2 LO generators





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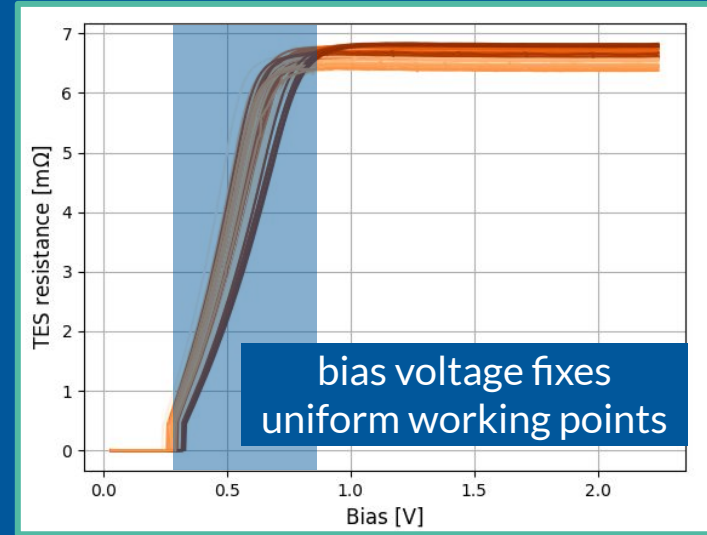
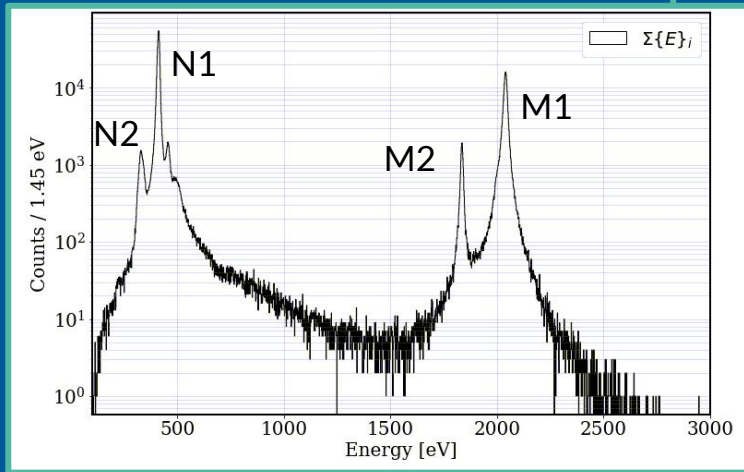
– III. TES characterization **2024 measurements**

1<sup>st</sup> run

spectral features calibration  
(with external sources)

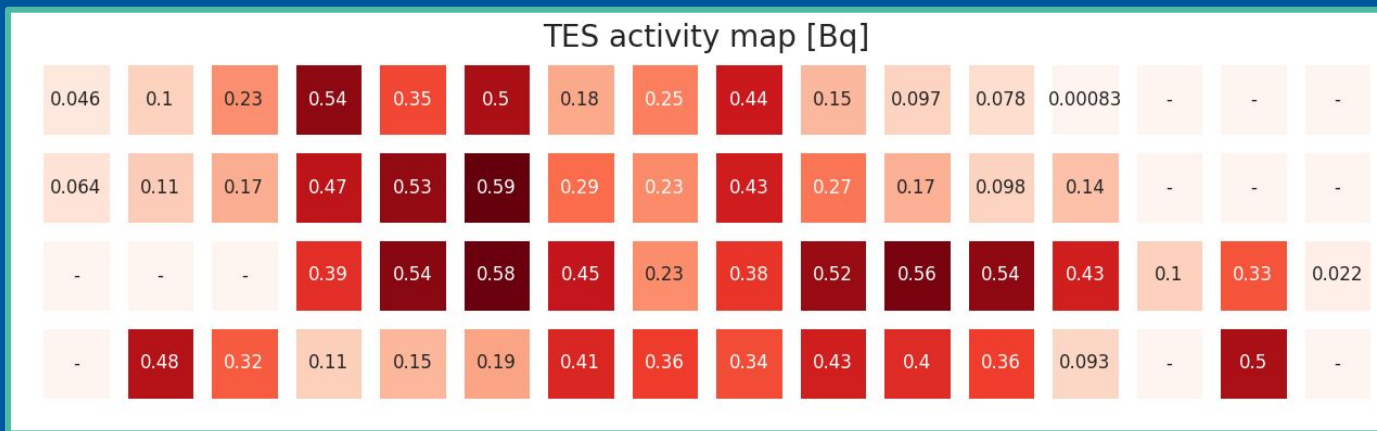
2<sup>nd</sup> run

measurement w/ 64 pixels  
without fluorescence source

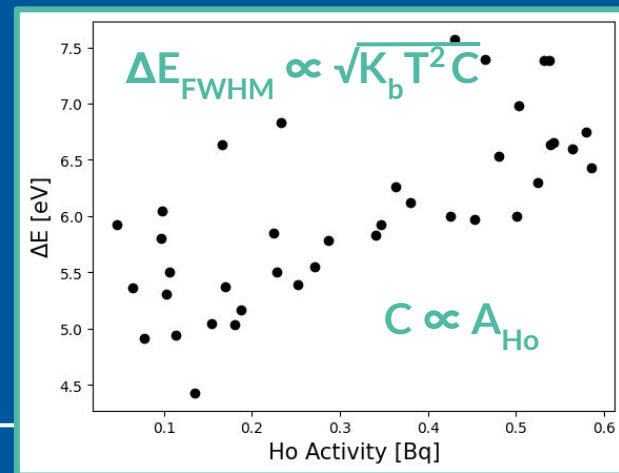


- implanted  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  activity
- TES performances ( $\tau_D$ ,  $\tau_R$  and  $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}}$ )
- estimation of G
- estimation of  $C_{\text{Ho}}$

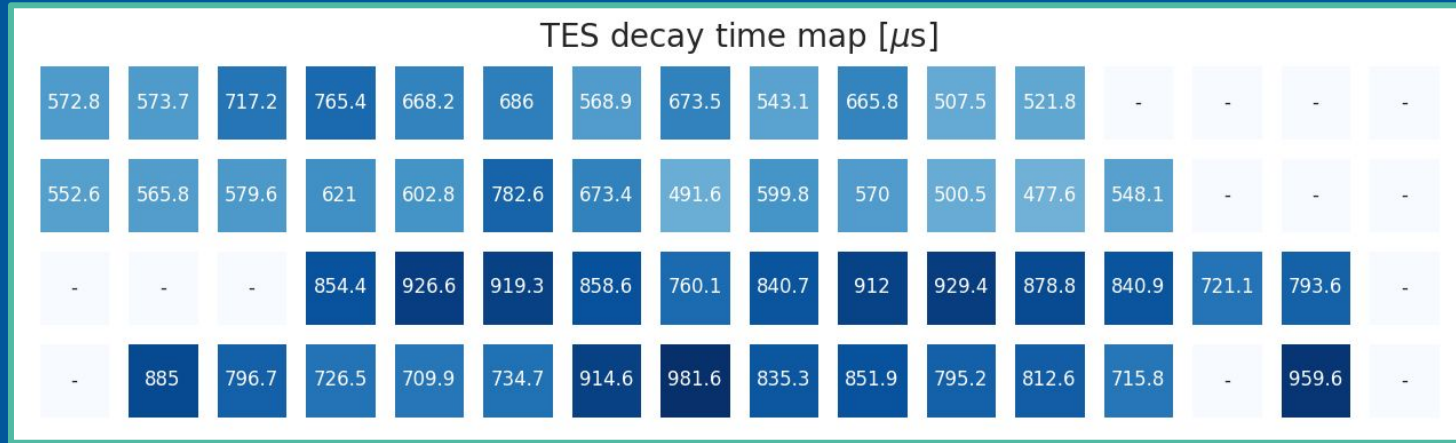
### – III. TES characterization implanted activity



- 12 pixels not measured
- $\langle A_{Ho} \rangle \cong 0.3$  Bq
- $A_{tot} \cong 16$  Bq
- studying different implanted activities



### – III. TES characterization **signal decay times**



- non-uniform distribution
- $\langle \tau_D \rangle \sim 700 \mu\text{s}$  (two times longer)
- combination of effects:
  - **G** ← substrate etching procedure
  - **C** ← implanted activity of Ho

$$\langle \tau_R \rangle \sim 20 \mu\text{s}$$

$$t_{\text{sampling}} = 4 \mu\text{s}$$

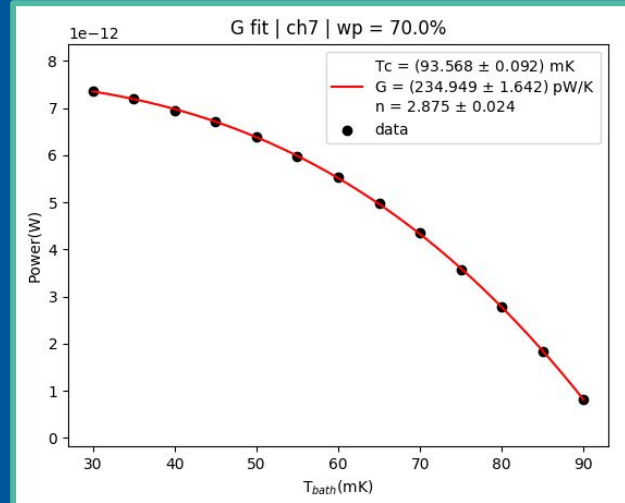
(250 kHz ramp)

$$t_{\text{window}} \cong 4 \text{ms}$$

– III. TES characterization **thermal conductance**

TES response at fixed  $R_{TES}$  (and therefore the  $P$  flowing through the bath) depends on  $T_{bath}$

$\langle G \rangle \cong 200 \text{ pW/K}$	$\sigma_G \cong 30 \text{ pW/K}$
$\langle T_c \rangle \cong 94 \text{ mK}$	$\sigma_T \cong 0.8 \text{ mK}$



TES thermal conductance map [pW/K]

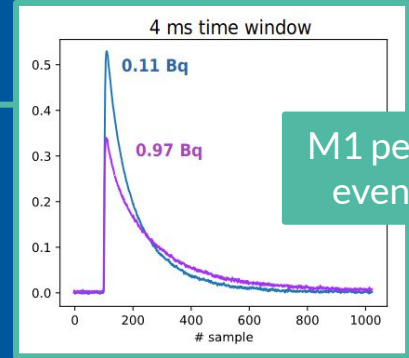
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201.6	193.3	198	163	174.8	156.5	167.1	174.6	171.2	196.7	202.6	195.7	189.8	-	-	-
-	-	-	192.3	215	209.6	218.6	212.5	171.4	159.8	166	166.7	-	196.1	156.1	227.6
-	165.5	171.5	168.6	146.9	159.4	172.2	179	157.3	185.6	-	171.7	126.6	-	160.6	-

$$P(T_{bath}) = \frac{G}{n T_c^{n-1}} (T_c^n - T_{bath}^n)$$

– III. TES characterization **heat capacity of Ho**

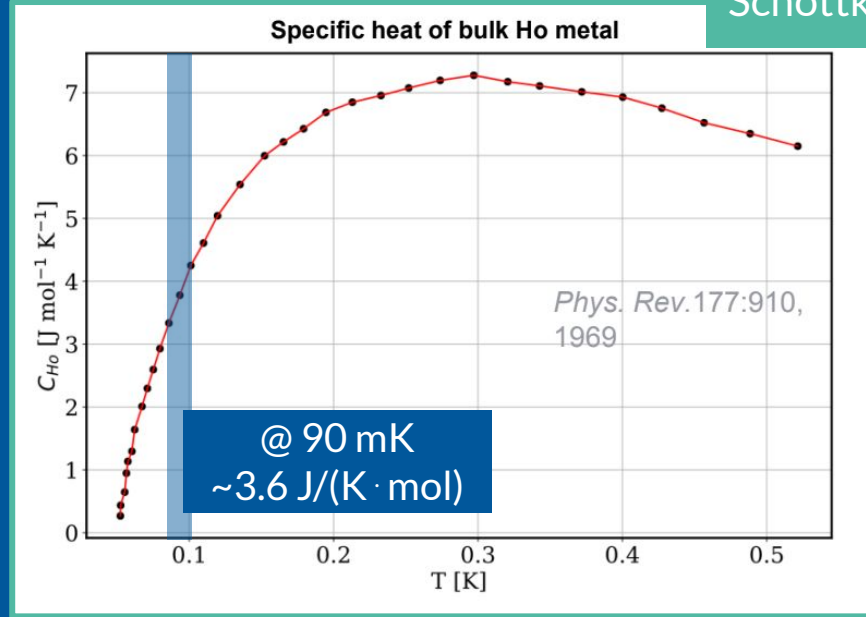
Holmium heat capacity effect on TES performances **is not negligible**

- worst  $\Delta E_{FWHM}$
- longer  $\tau_D$



M1 peak event

Schottky anomaly



$$C_{tot} = C_{abs, Au} + C_{TES} + C_{abs, Ho}$$

$\sim 0.8 \text{ pJ/K}$

$C_{abs, Ho}$  estimated from data:

- 1)  $\tau_D \propto C_{tot} / G$
- 2)  $C_{Ho} \propto A_{Ho}$

$$C_{abs, Ho} = (2.77 \pm 0.9) \text{ J/(K} \cdot \text{mol)}$$

agreement with ECHo study  
Herbst, M. et al., J Low Temp Phys 202, 106-120 (2021)

**PRELIMINARY**



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## NOW!

Data collection is ongoing: first results with increased statistics will be soon available establishing the first  $m_\nu$  upper limit assessment of the HOLMES experiment

### new TES implantation run

- maximizing  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  implanted activity
- more statistics and new  $m_\nu$  assessments...

## ... SOON

and

### ion-implanter update

- electromagnetic focusing stage
- co-deposition target chamber

### new TESs?

lowering the transition temperature would improve performances





*Thanks for the attention :)*





*Backup slides...*

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- how we receive the chip:



- after implantation/deposition and photoresist lift-off:



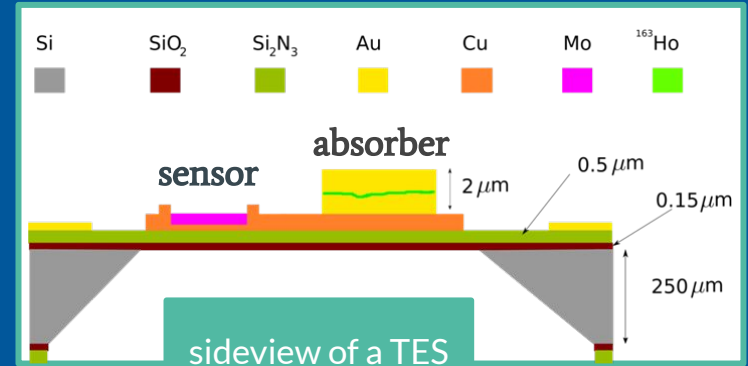
DRIE



KOH

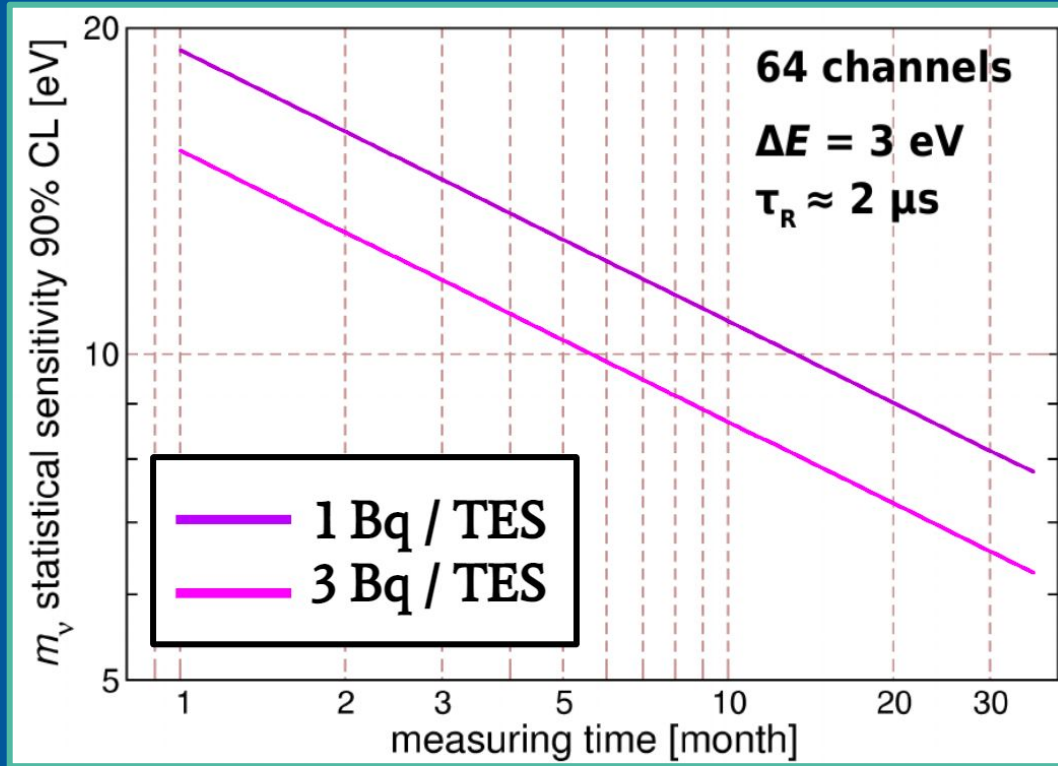


after substrate etching



2 techniques:

- KOH → more space required between TESs, tested successfully @ MiB
- Deep Reactive Ion Etching (DRIE) → perpendicular etching, not properly tuned yet



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Assumptions:

$$1) \tau_d \propto C_{\text{tot}} / G$$
$$2) C_{\text{Ho}} \propto A_{\text{Ho}}$$

$$\tau_d [\text{s}] \times G [\text{W K}^{-1}] = K_0 (C_{\text{det+Au}} + K_1 A_{\text{Ho}} [\text{s}^{-1}])$$

$$K_1 A_{\text{Ho}} [\text{J K}^{-1}] \Rightarrow K_1 [\text{s J K}^{-1}] = C_{\text{Ho}} [\text{J K}^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1}] \tau_{\text{Ho}} [\text{s}] / N_{\text{Av}} [\text{mol}^{-1}]$$

we can fix  $C_{\text{det+Au}}$  at  $\sim 0.8$  pJ/K

$C_{\text{Ho}}$  is computed from the linear relation  $(\tau_d \times G)$  vs  $A_{\text{Ho}}$

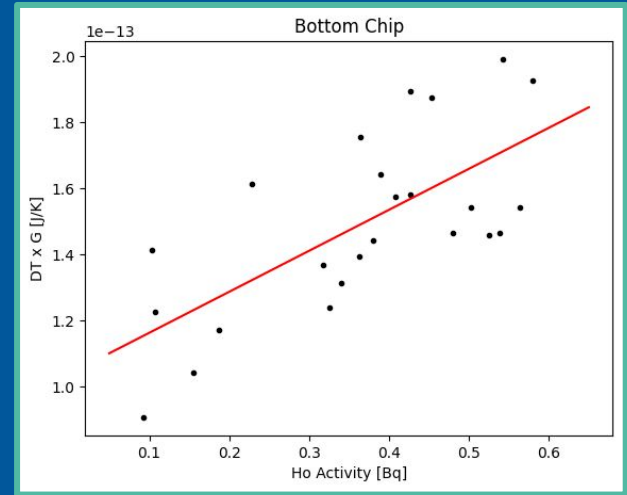
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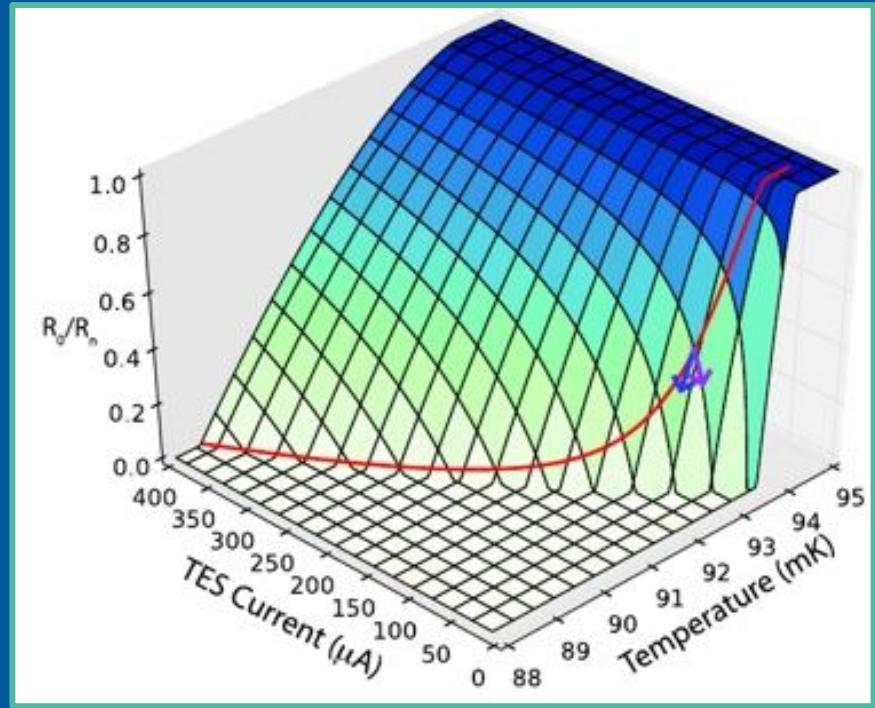
## Bottom chip TESs

$$\langle G \rangle \cong 170 \text{ pW/K}$$

$$\langle \sigma_G / G \rangle \cong 1\%$$

$$\langle \tau_d \rangle \cong 875 \mu\text{s}$$





## Backup slides

A spectral fit is performed over each TES dataset

Multi-spectrum analysis with neutrino mass as shared parameter

Stan-based software for bayesian inference through Markov Chain Monte Carlo

