

QUARTET: MMCs for Muonic X-ray Spectroscopy

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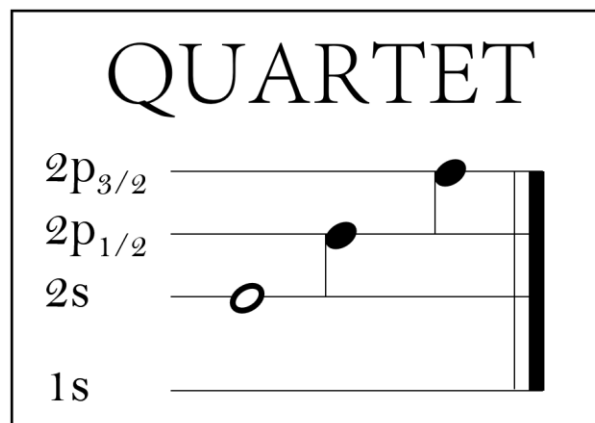


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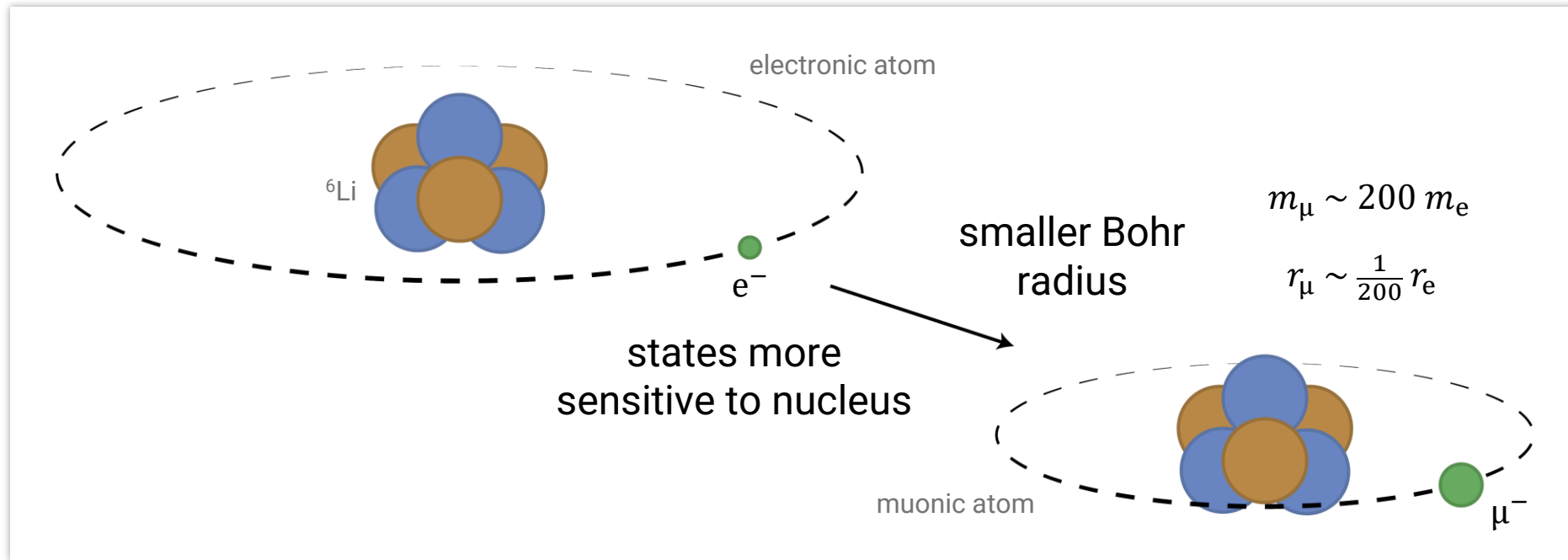
Quantum Interactions with Exotic Atoms

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Transitions in Muonic Atoms



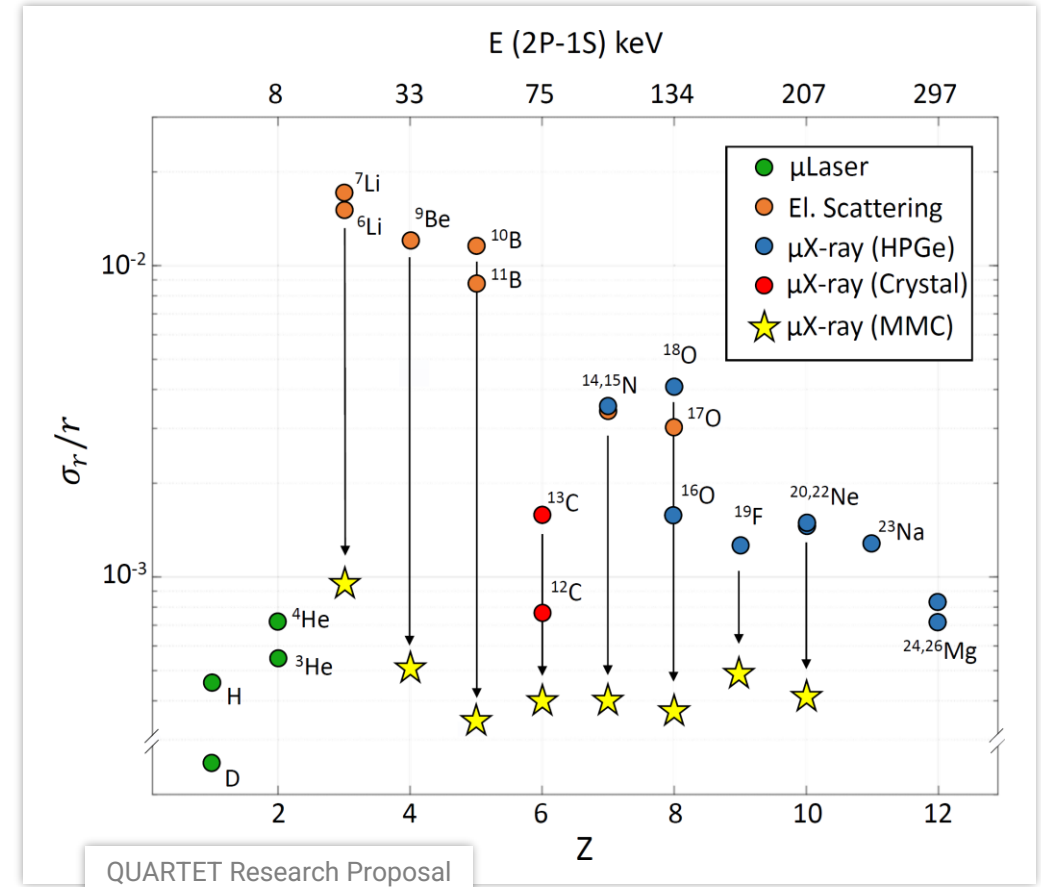
- Muonic atoms: low-lying states more sensitive to nuclear charge radius
- Precision measurements of transitions allow to test nuclear models

Our Goal

- High-resolution X-ray spectroscopy of low angular momentum states in light muonic atoms
- Determine absolute nuclear charge radii from muon transition energies
- Improve precision for stable nuclei from ${}^6\text{Li}$ to ${}^{22}\text{Ne}$

$$E = E_D + \delta E_{\text{QED}} + \delta E_{\text{FNS}} + \delta E_{\text{TPE}} + \dots$$

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Detector Requirements

Determining precisely the energy of X-ray lines requires:

1. Accurate energy calibration
2. Very good energy resolution
3. High rate
4. Low background

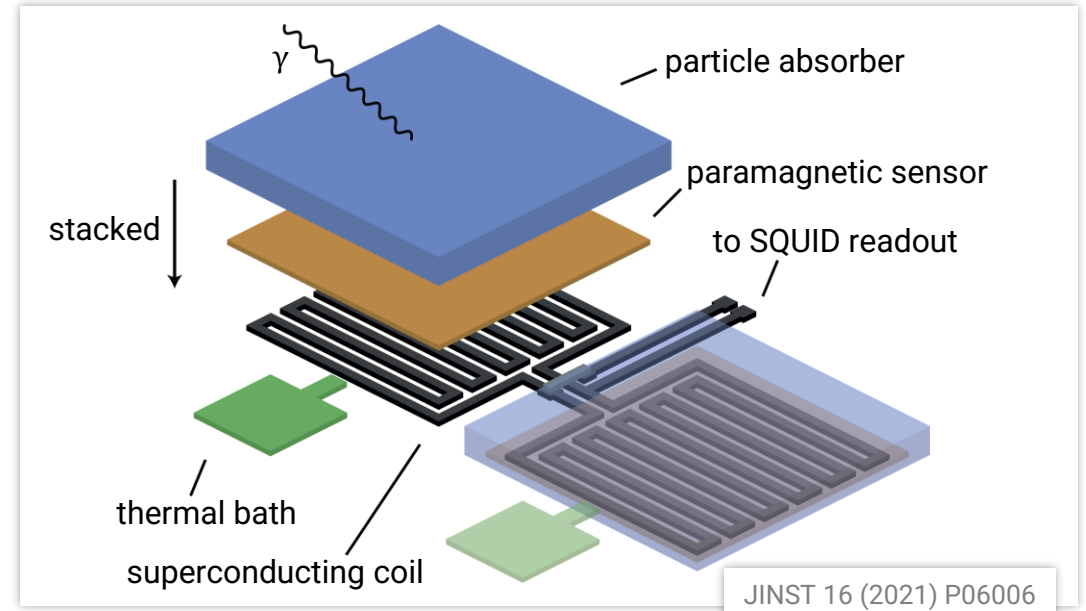
⇒ MMC-based detectors fulfil these requirement

Metallic Magnetic Calorimeter

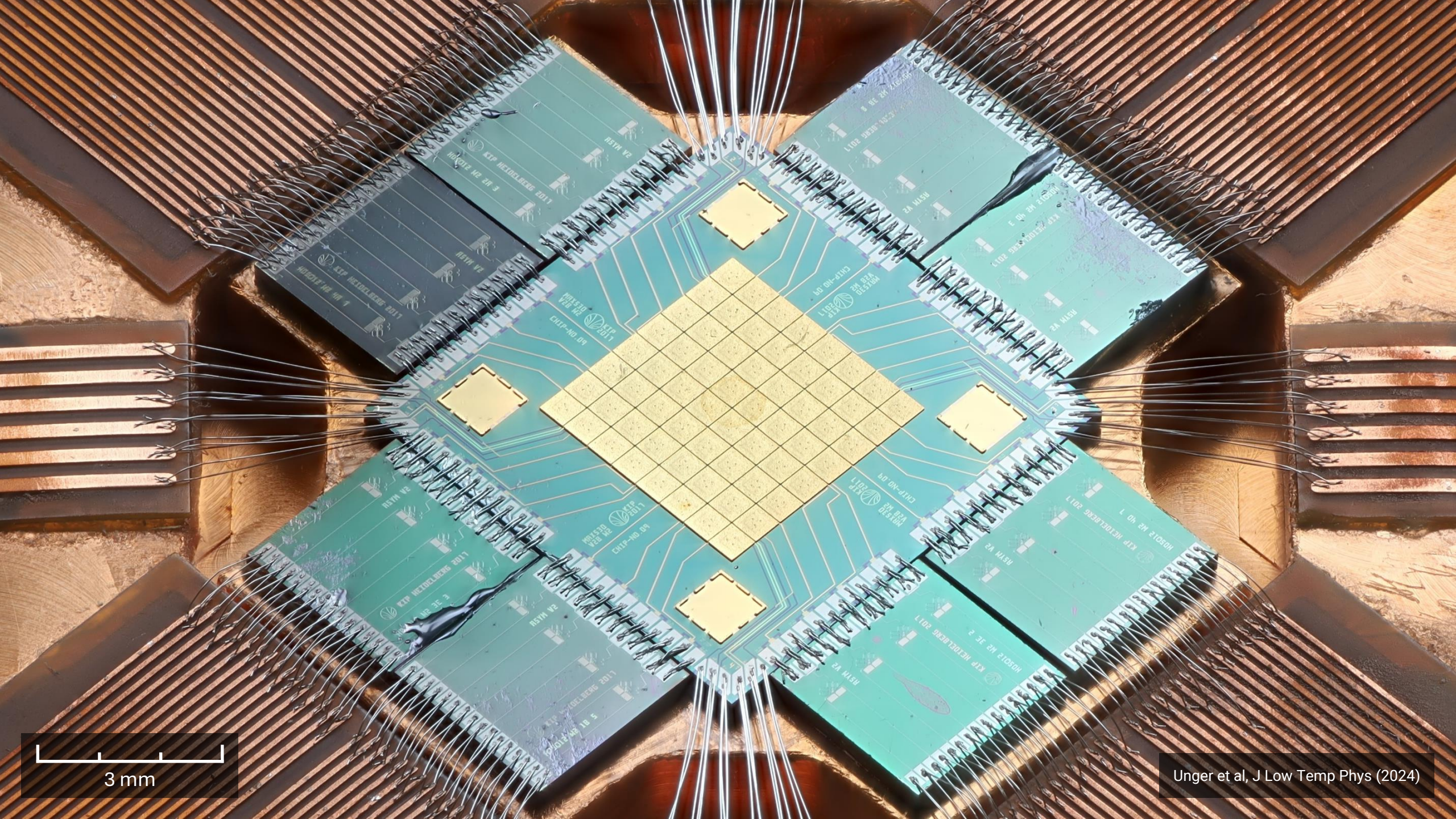
- Cryogenic micro-calorimeter
- Operated at around 20 mK
- Based on paramagnetic temperature sensors

Ideal for broadband high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy:

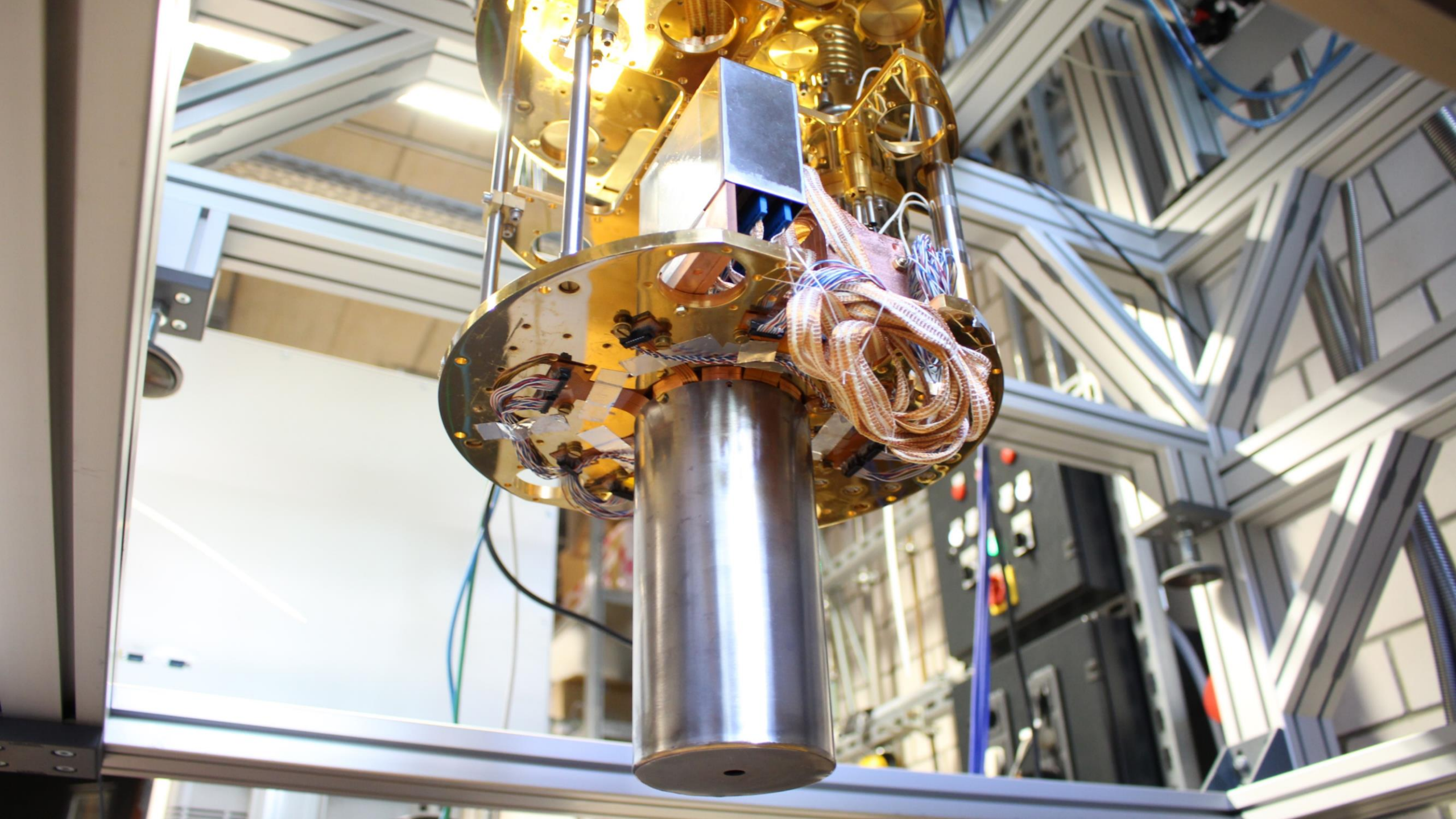
- high quantum efficiency
- high resolving power
- large dynamic range
- reliable calibration with sub-eV resolution

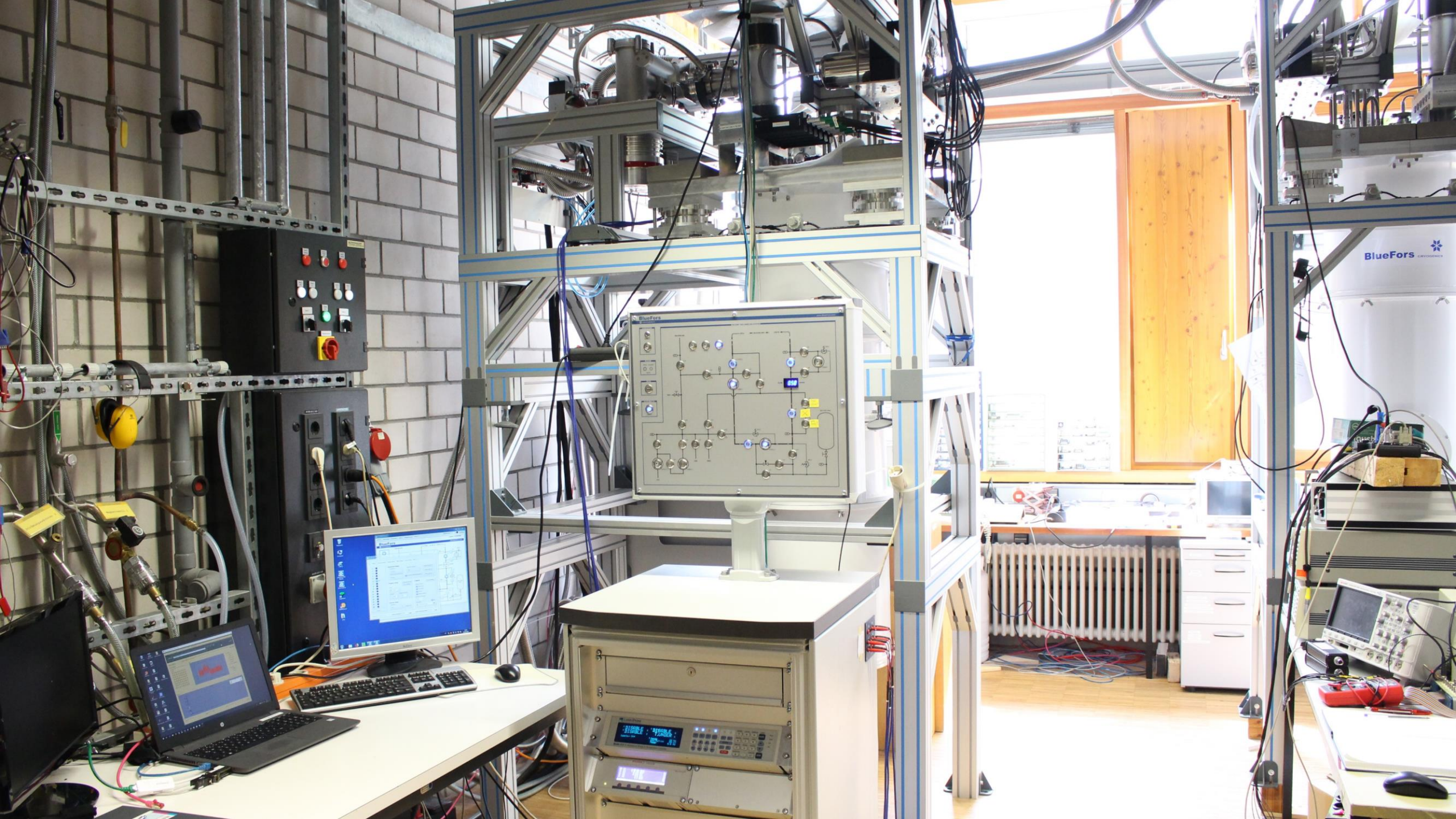


$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \delta E & \longrightarrow & \delta T = \frac{\delta E}{C} & \longrightarrow & \delta M = \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \delta T & \longrightarrow & \delta \Phi \propto \delta M \\ \text{energy} & & \text{temperature} & & \text{magnetization} & & \text{change of} \\ \text{deposition} & & \text{increase} & & \text{decrease} & & \text{magnetic flux} \end{array}$$



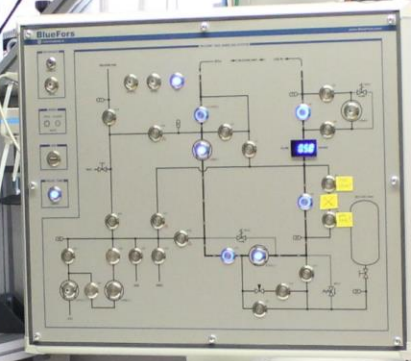
3 mm





Control panel with various buttons and indicators.

- Red emergency stop button
- Green start button
- Yellow stop button
- White indicator lights
- Black and red toggle switches

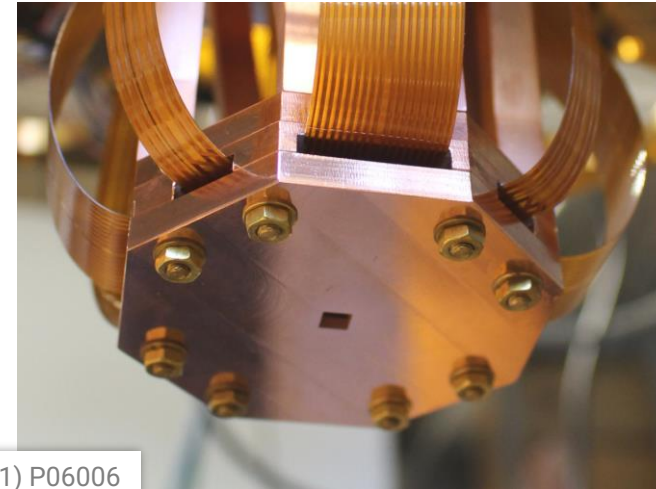
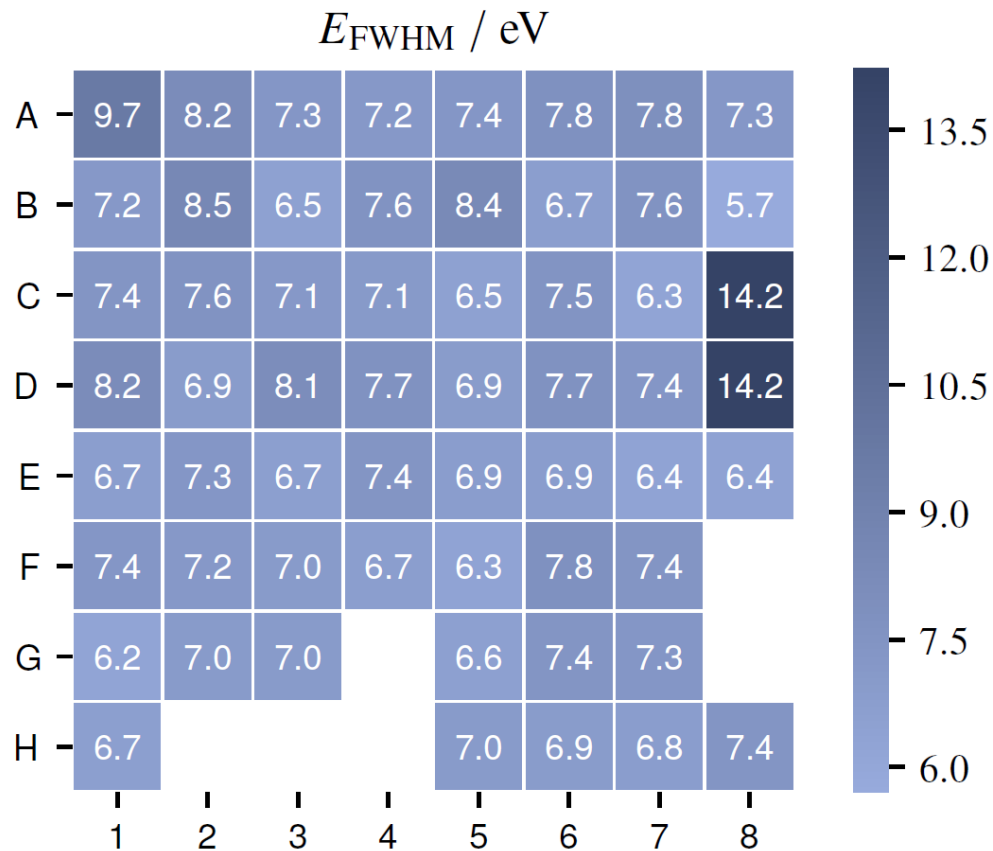


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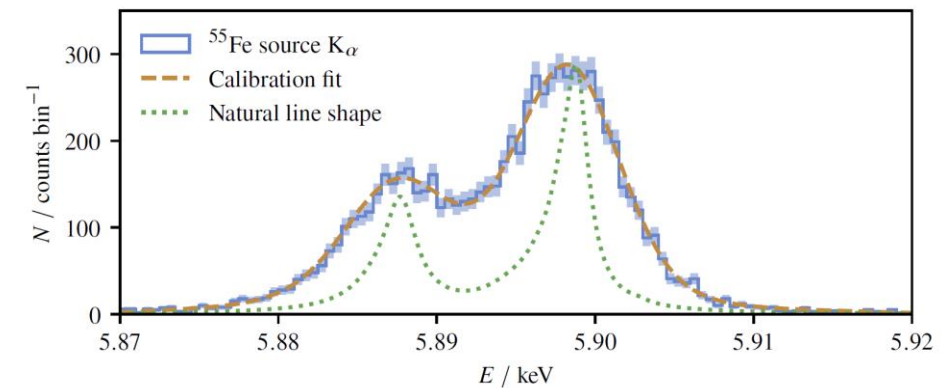
Electronic equipment rack containing a scope and other instruments.

- Scope with a screen displaying a waveform
- Red power supply or battery pack
- Other electronic components and cables

IAXO Detector Setup



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Test Beamtime

One week of test beamtime has been granted at PSI in October 2023
(piE1 beamline, continuous μ^- beam, ~ 10 kHz, ~ 28 MeV)

- ⇒ First application of MMCs with exotic atoms
- ⇒ Proof-of-principle measurement with Li, Be and B



piE1 beamline

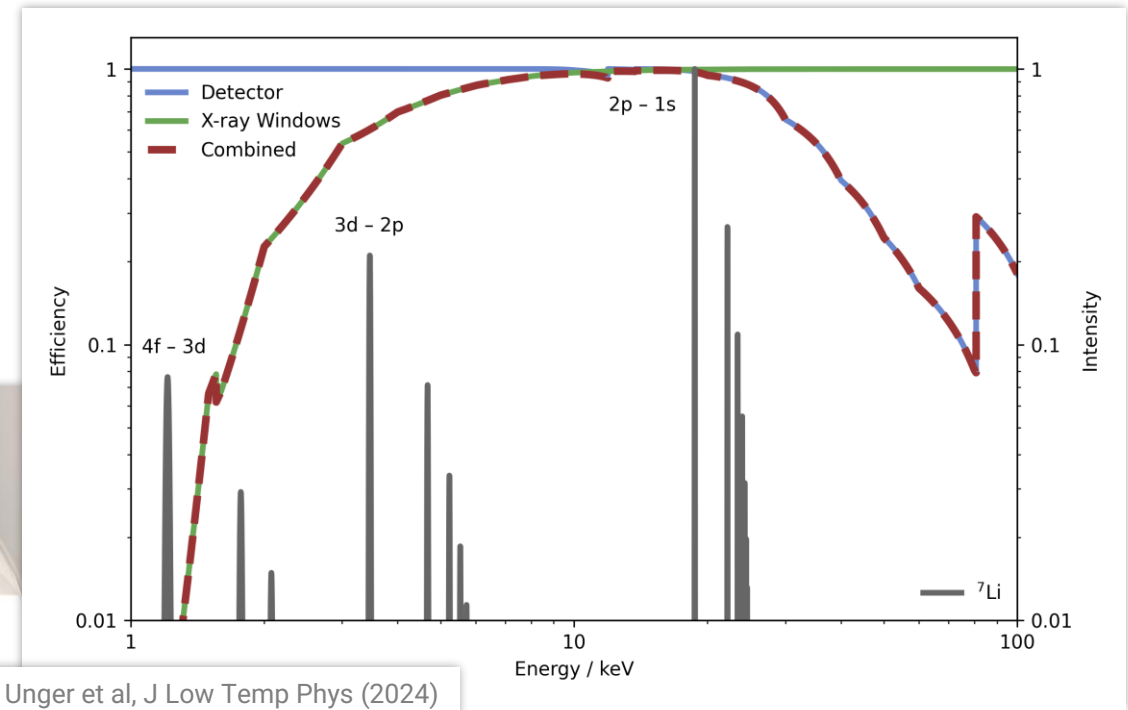
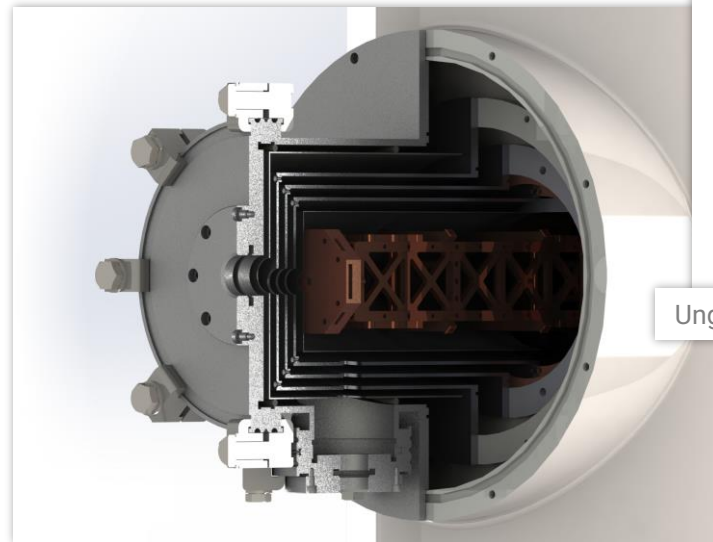
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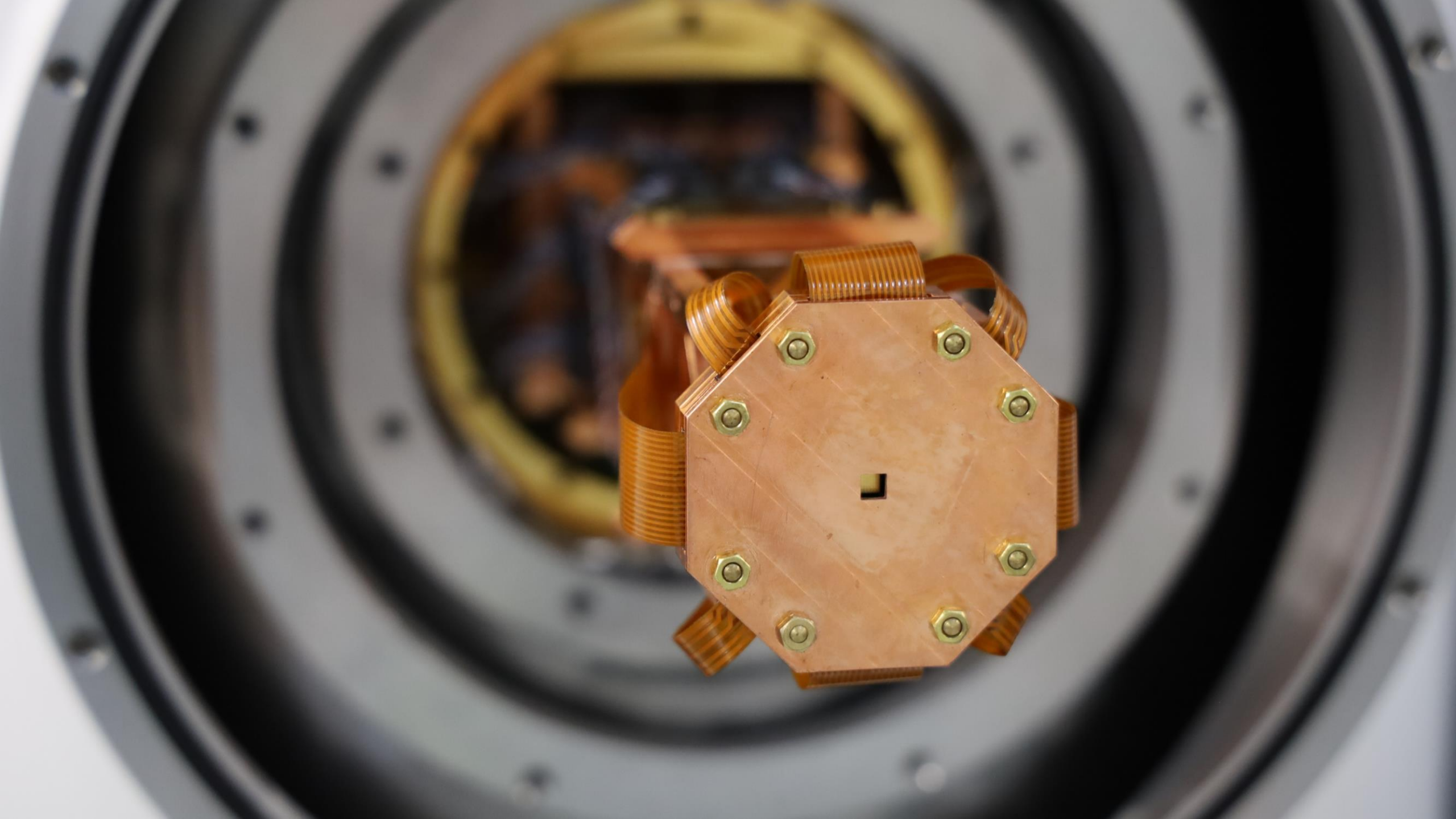
Preparation of a test beamtime setup at KIP:

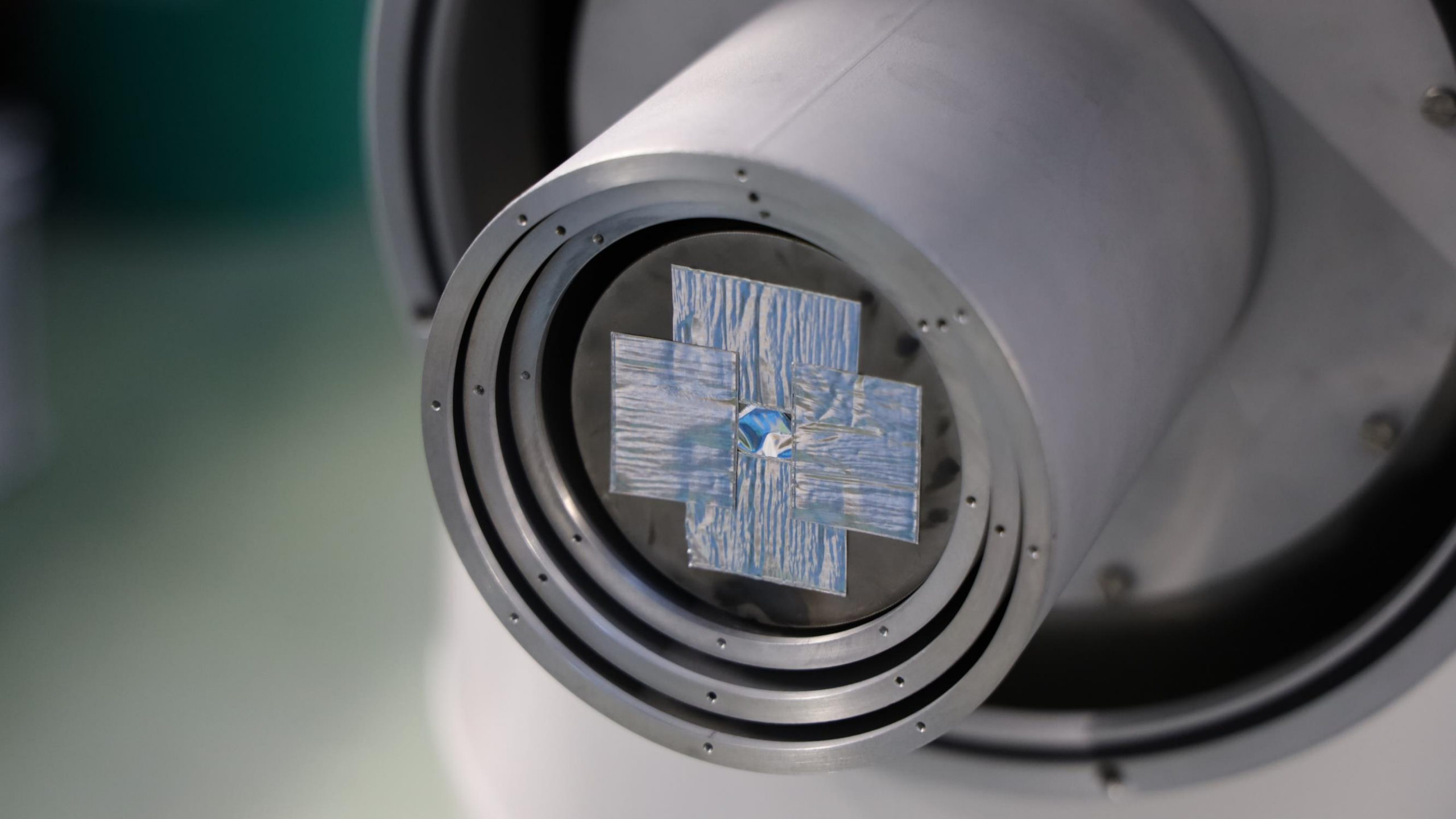
1. Development of a cryostat sidearm for QUARTET
2. Assembly and test of a SQUID amplifier module
3. Verification of setup functionality at KIP
4. Arrange transport to PSI

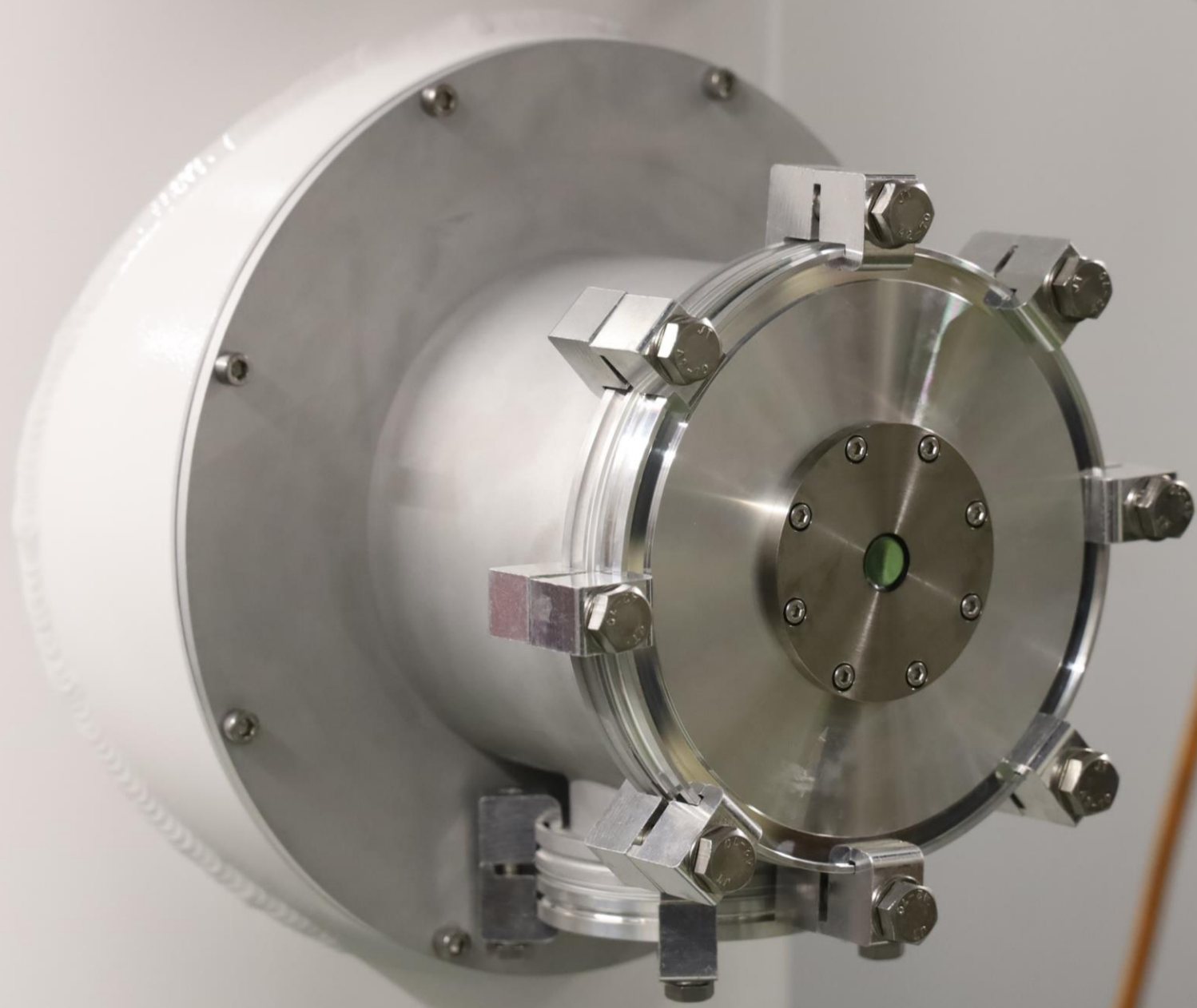
Cryostat Sidearm

- New dilution refrigerator sidearm with X-ray windows for QUARTET
- Well suited to measure 2p-1s transitions of light muonic atoms





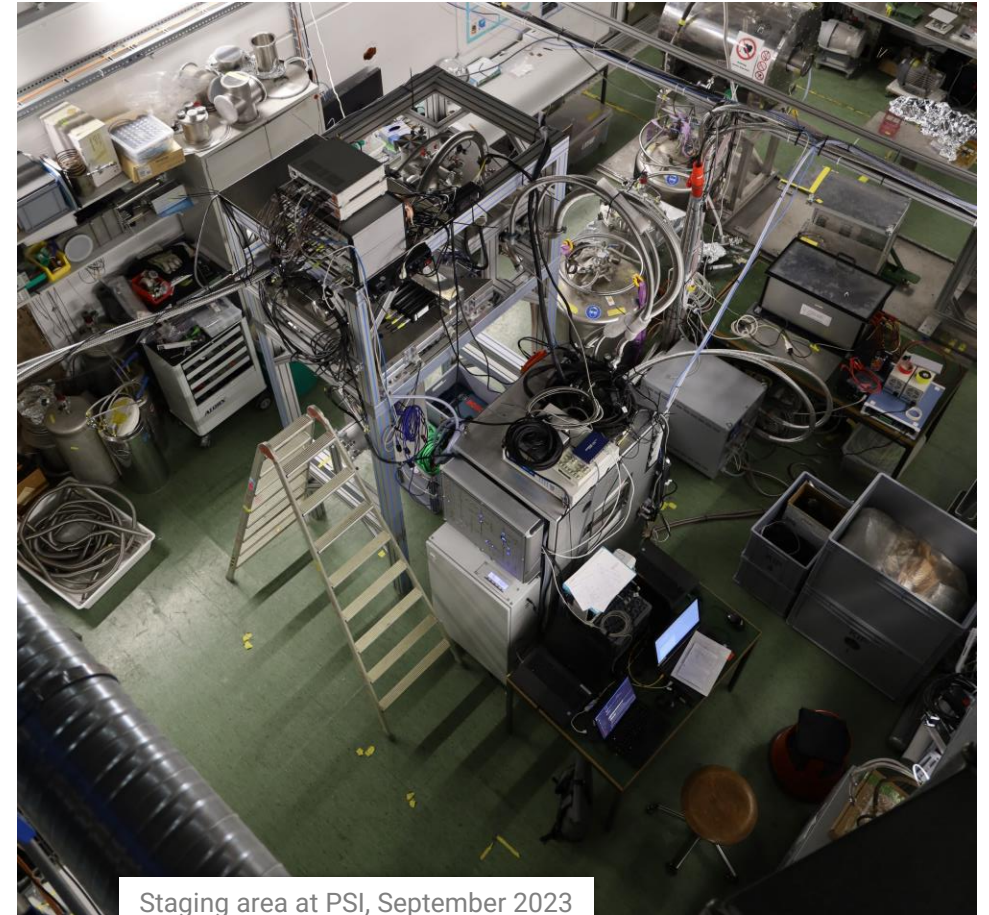






Tanzboden @ PSI

- Preparation for beamtime at a staging area near the beamline one month prior to beamtime
- Test detector setup in beamline environment after transport
- Optimize settings for best performance at beamtime



Staging area at PSI, September 2023

Countdown to Beamtime

Date	21.9	22-23	24-27	28.9 - 4.10	5-9	10-11	12	13-15	16-17	18	19	20-25
MMC Det.	Transport & Crane	Set up, Cooling, Prepare electronics	< 10 mK tuning	Tests complete det.	Long calibration test	Rate test	Source test (high-E photon)	Warm up & Prepare for craning	Crane Cool down	Tuning First pulses		Beamtime!
DAQ		Cryo data in MIDAS	←		Data-Syncing	←	←	←	←	←	Pixel fit	...
Source			⁵⁵ Fe	⁵⁵ Fe	Fe Cd Ba Y	Ba	¹³⁷ Cs			Rate tests ²⁴¹ Am	⁵⁵ Fe, ²⁴¹ Am	...
Target Chamber	Design mounts			Gluing windows		Assembly & leak test	Final Assembly	Cover with Copper	Assemble target Ladder I		Assemble target Ladder II	...
SDD & HPGe	Test (MuX exp.)	←	←	←						Set up	Opt. Calib.	...

⇒ No damage during transport observed

⇒ Optimized detector, SQUID and cryostat settings for the beamtime

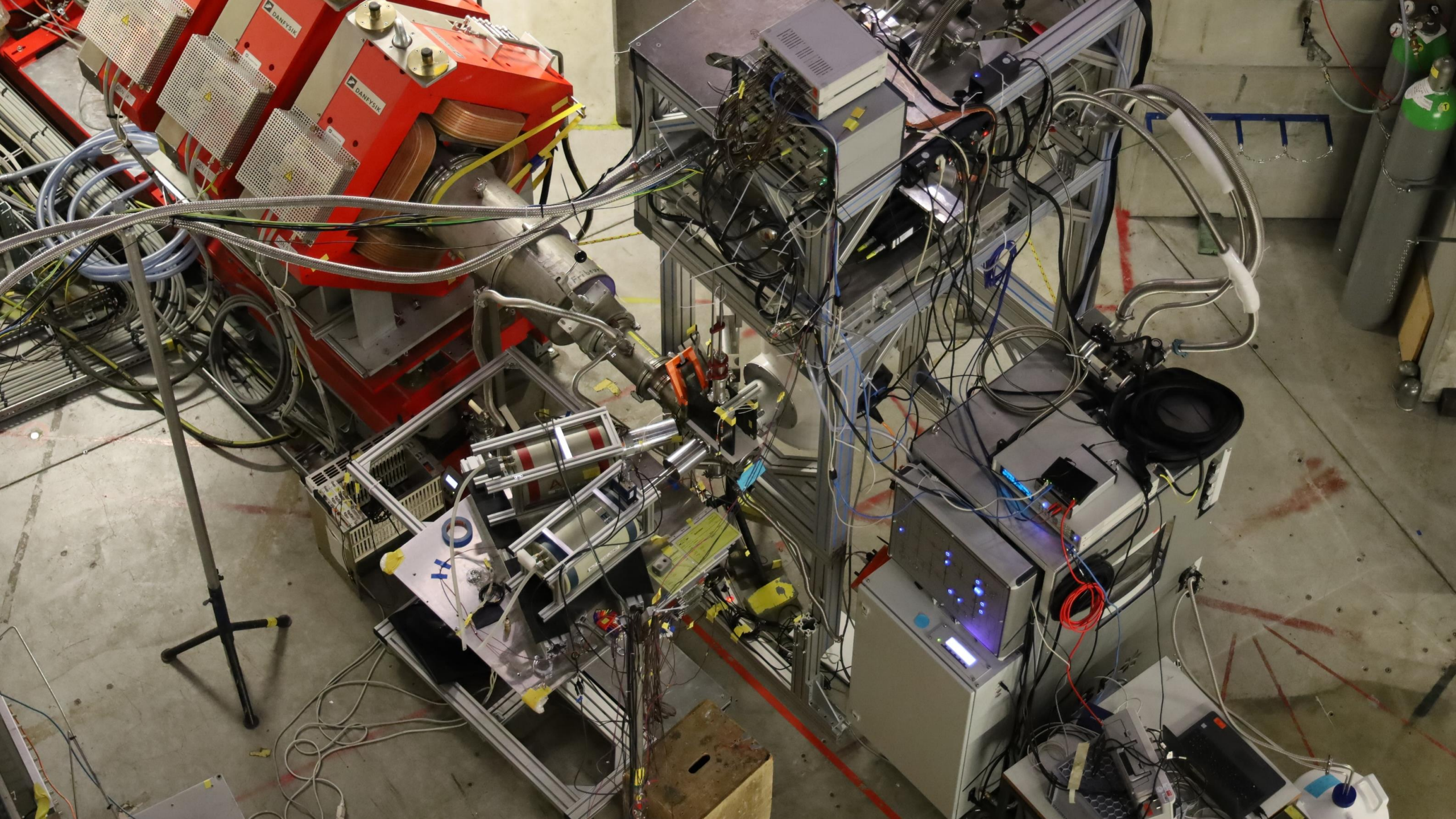


Beamtime @ piE1

- Craning the setup in parts with premounted detector
- Assembly of the cryostat, removing craning protection of the sidearm
- Fast manual cooldown and automatic SQUID tuning
- Operate detector with optimized settings from Tanzboden

⇒ First signals within 48 hours

⇒ 24/7 monitoring during beamtime



μ^- beam

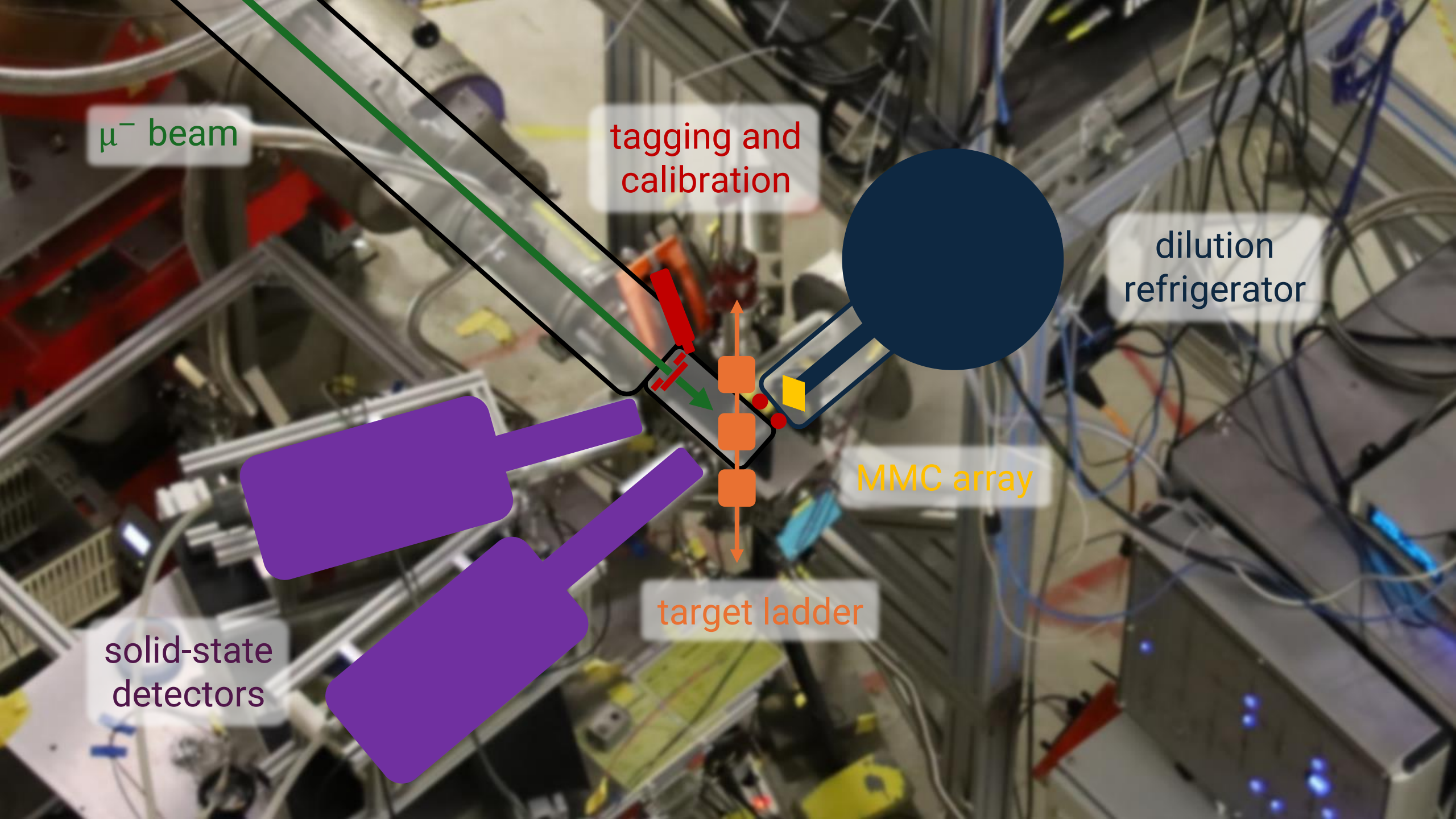
tagging and
calibration

dilution
refrigerator

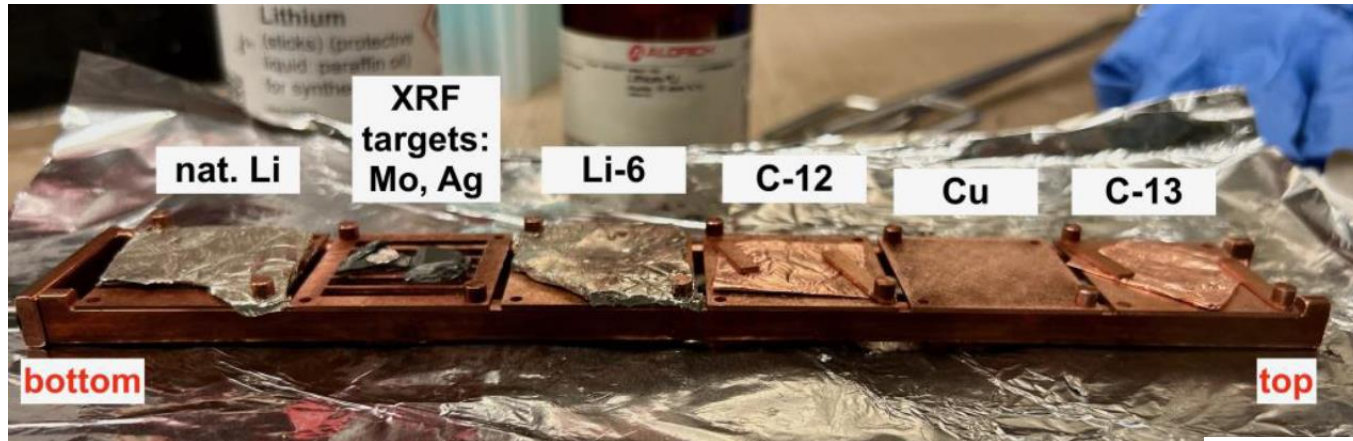
MMC array

target ladder

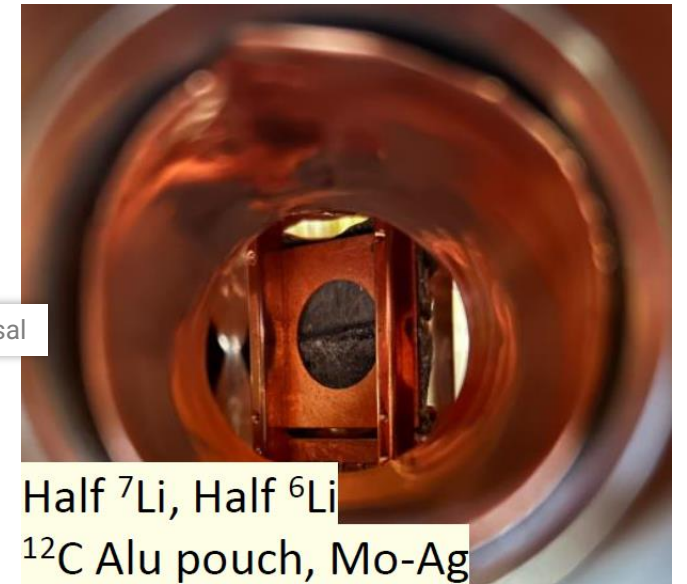
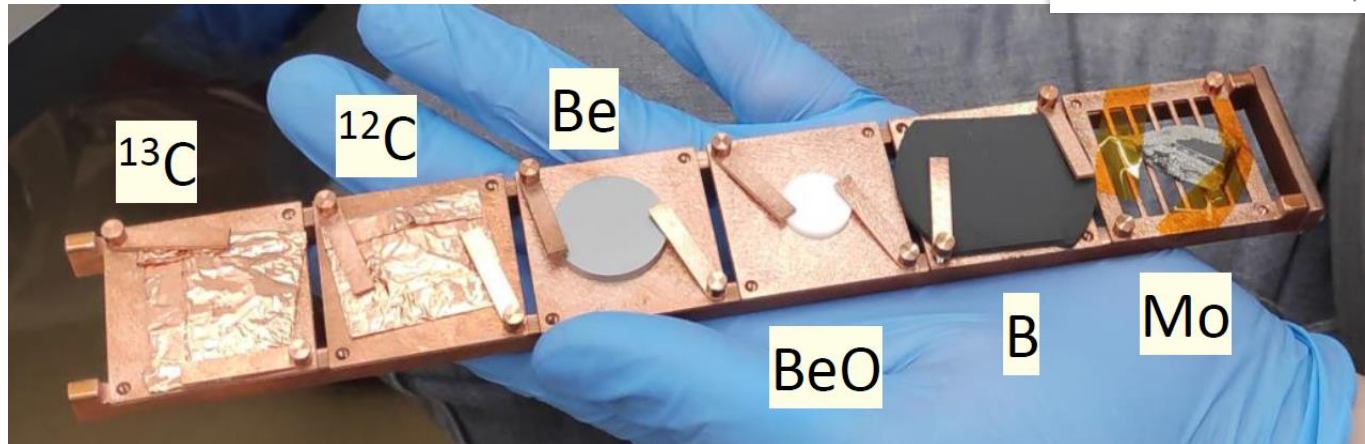
solid-state
detectors



Targets



QUARTET Research Proposal

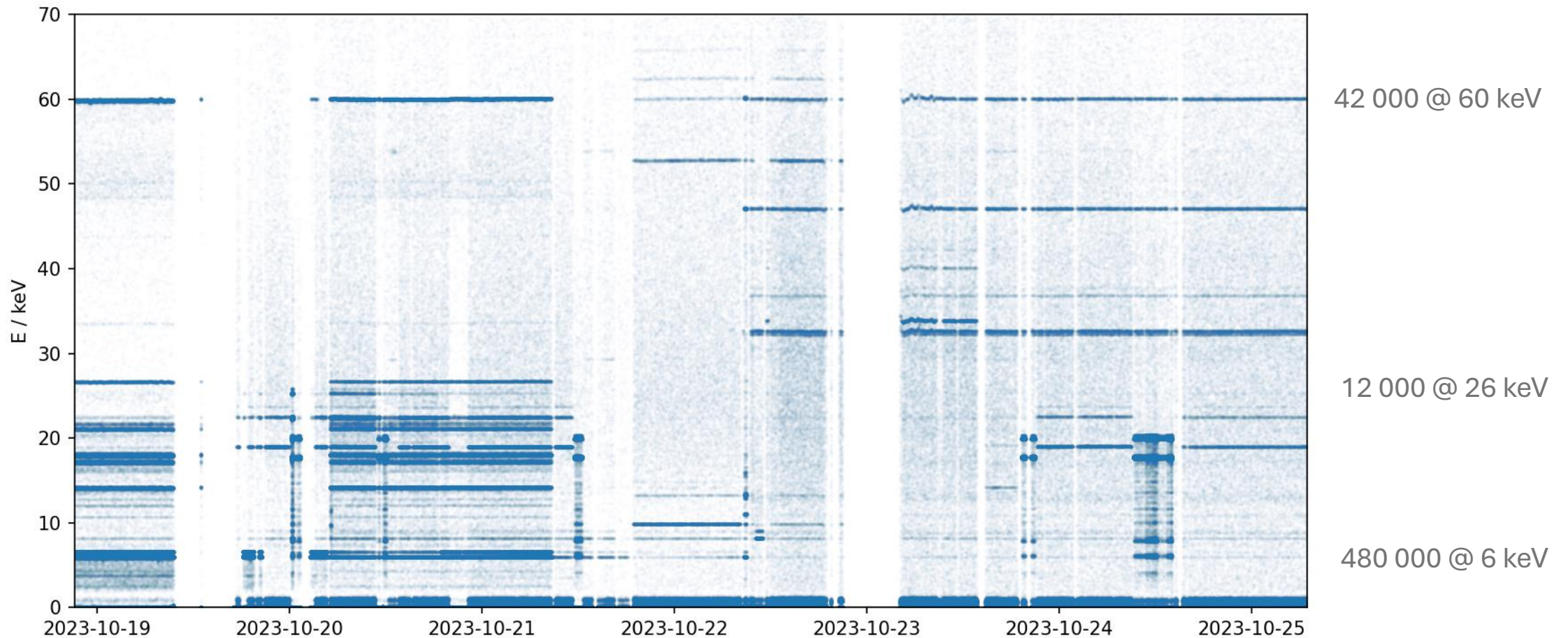


Half ^7Li , Half ^6Li
 ^{12}C Alu pouch, Mo-Ag

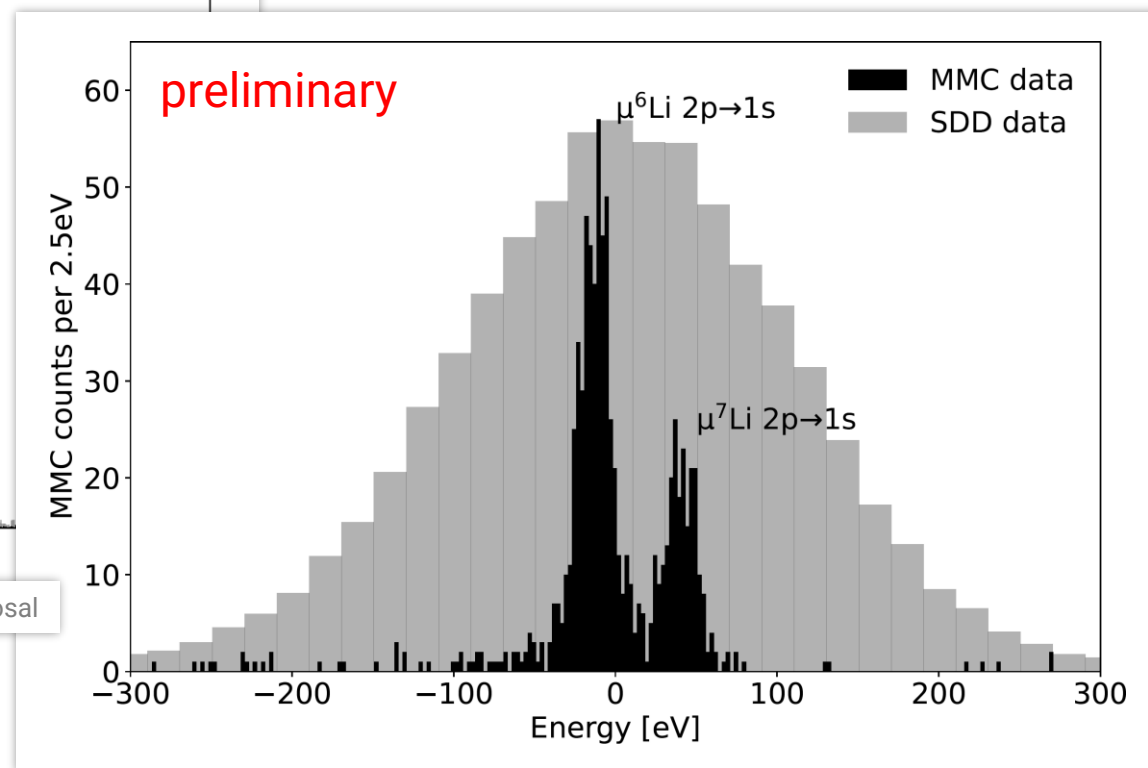
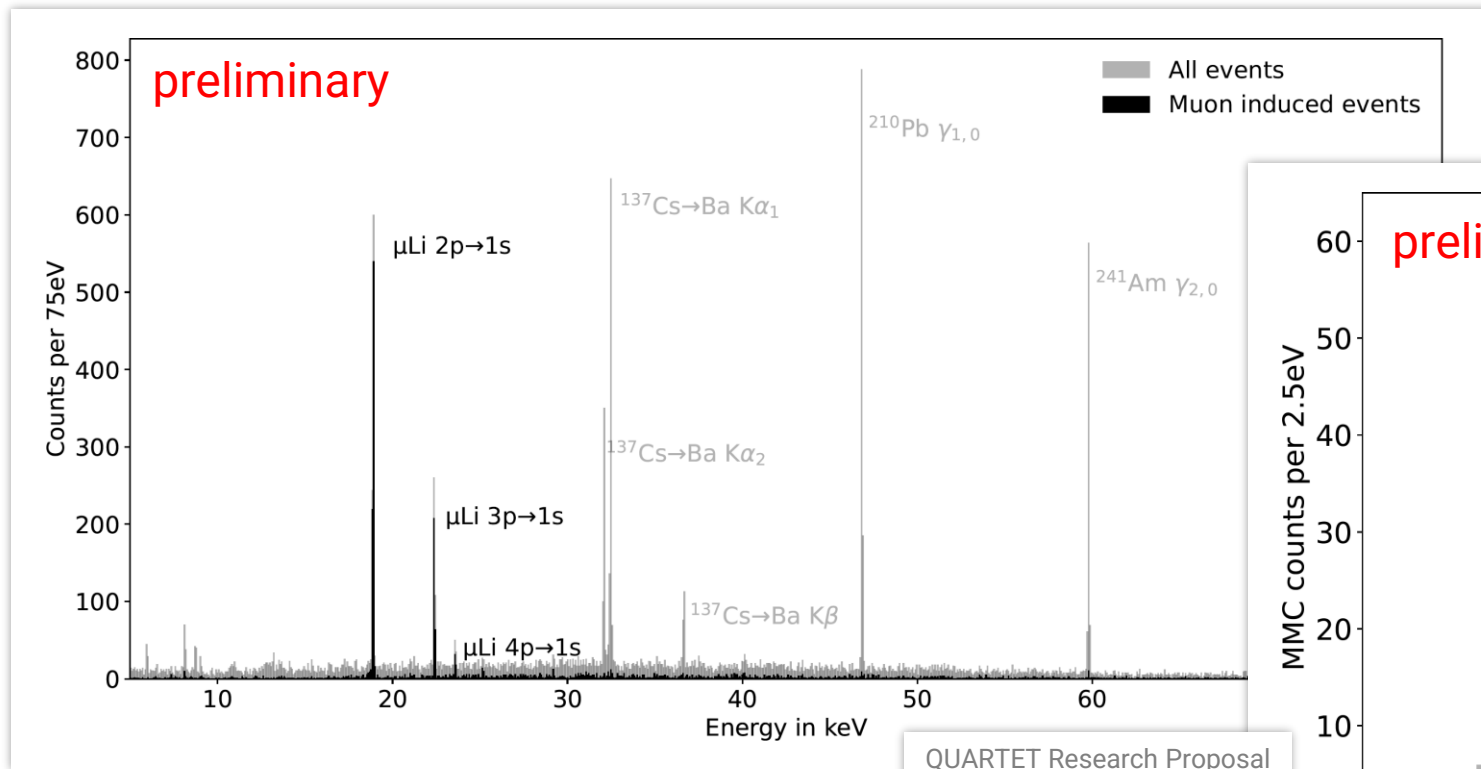
Beamtime Schedule

Day	I				II				III					IV					V		(VI)
Time	00:00 - 1:00	2:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 13:30	13:30 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:30	12:30 - 16:30	17:00 - 18:30	19:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 19:00	21:30 - 23:00	23:30 - 1:30	1:30 - 13:30	14:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 19:00	19:00 - 21:00	21:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 14:00	14:30-7:00
Goal	Calib.	Production	Calib.	Bgnd	Production	Calib.	Implant. test	Bgnd	Production	Calib.	Rate test	Production + beam tuning	Beam tuning while reset	Beam tuning while reset	Production	Pile-up test	Production	Calib.	Production	Calib. + rate study	Production
Target	Mo-Ag	⁷ Li	Mo-Ag	Cu	⁶ Li	Mo-Ag	¹² C	Empty	^{10,11} B	Mo	Be	^{10,11} B	¹³ C	¹² C	⁹ Be	¹² C	¹² C	Mo-Ag	⁶ Li / (⁷ Li)	Mo-Ag	⁶ Li / ⁷ Li
Source		⁵⁵ Fe, ¹⁰⁹ Cd, ²⁴¹ Am	←	←	←	←	⁵⁵ Fe	←	⁵⁵ Fe, ²¹⁰ Pb, ²⁴¹ Am, ¹³⁷ Cs	⁵⁵ Fe, ²¹⁰ Pb, ²⁴¹ Am, ¹³⁷ Cs	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←	←
Ladder	I	I	I	I	I	I	I		II	II	II	II	II	II	II	III	III	III	III	III	III
MMC Det.	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	Soft reset	Soft reset	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
DAQ					sync				MMC CSV output												

Test Beamtime



Preliminary Results



Test Beamtime Result

- Successful proof-of-principle measurement with Li, Be and B at PSI in October 2023
- Identification of present limitations and their improvements

⇒ Two weeks beamtime granted at PSI in October 2024

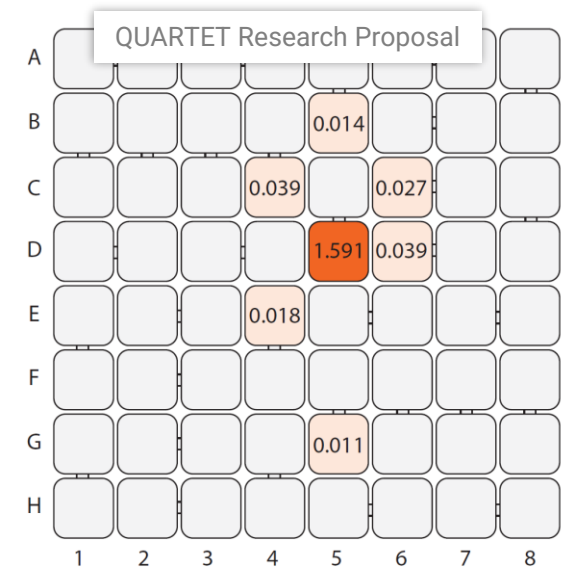
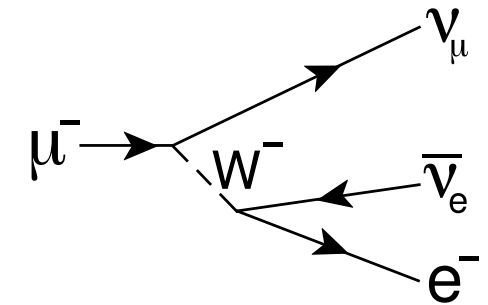


Beamtime at PSI, October 2023

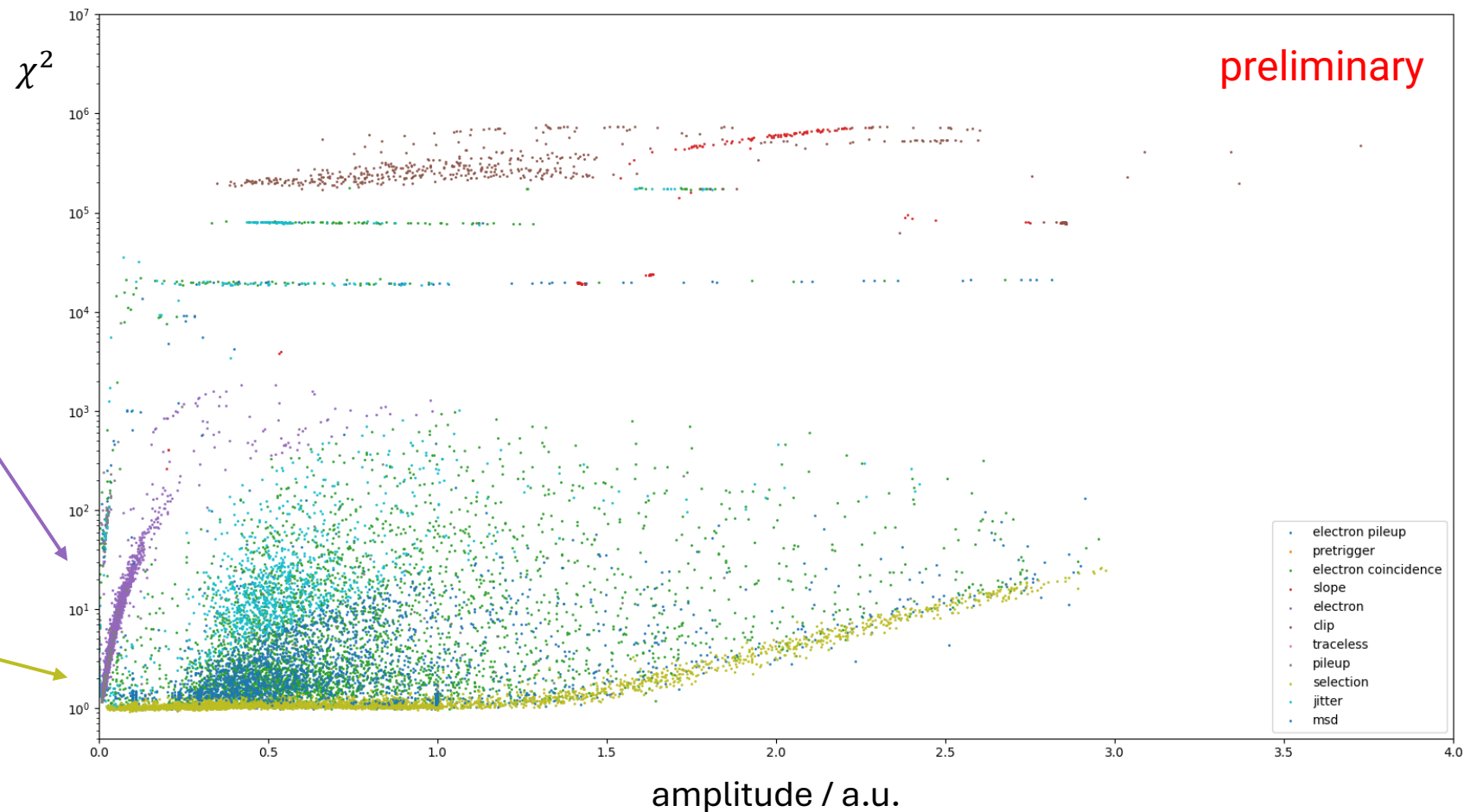
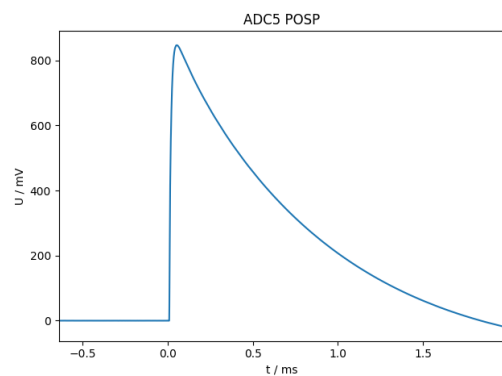
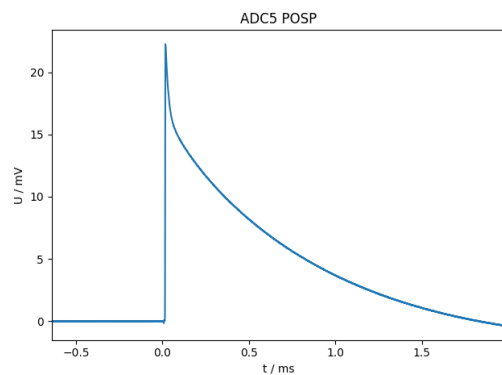
Michel Electrons

- Muons decay to electrons (and neutrinos)
- Electrons (~ 40 MeV) deposit energy as MIPs in the detector substrate
- Detector-wide temporary temperature increase due to athermal phonons from the substrate

⇒ Electron related events need to be identified

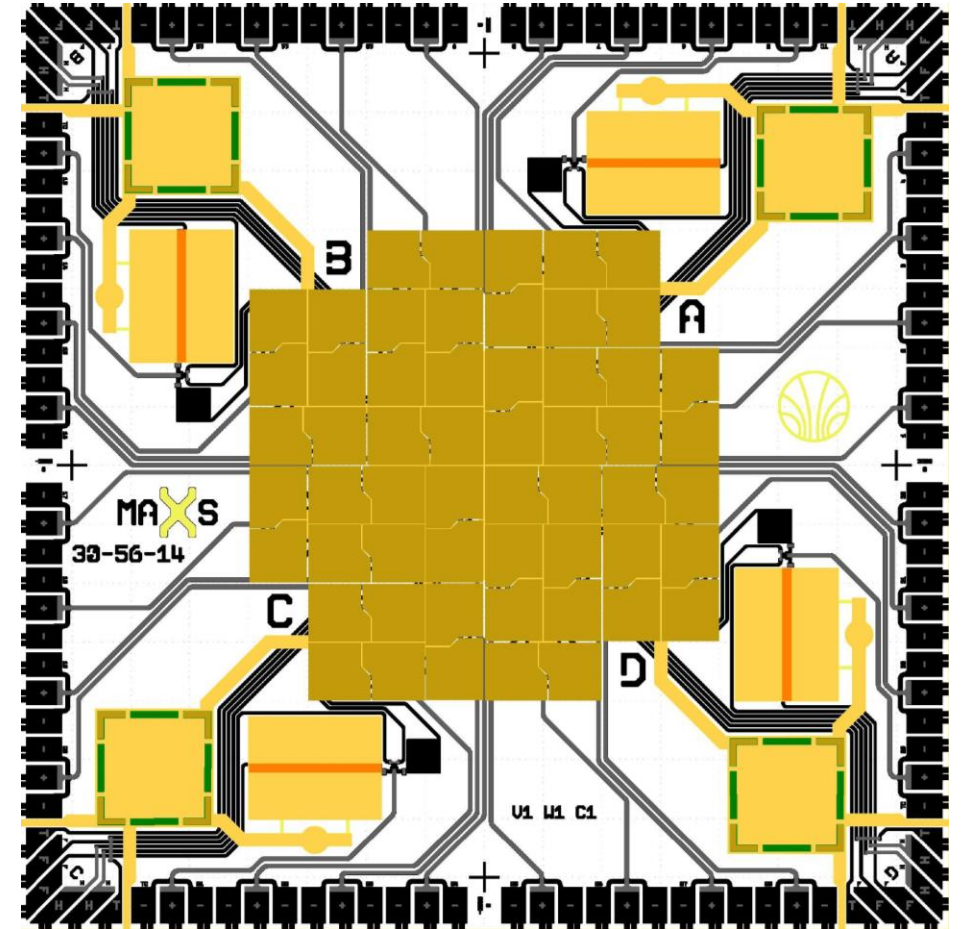


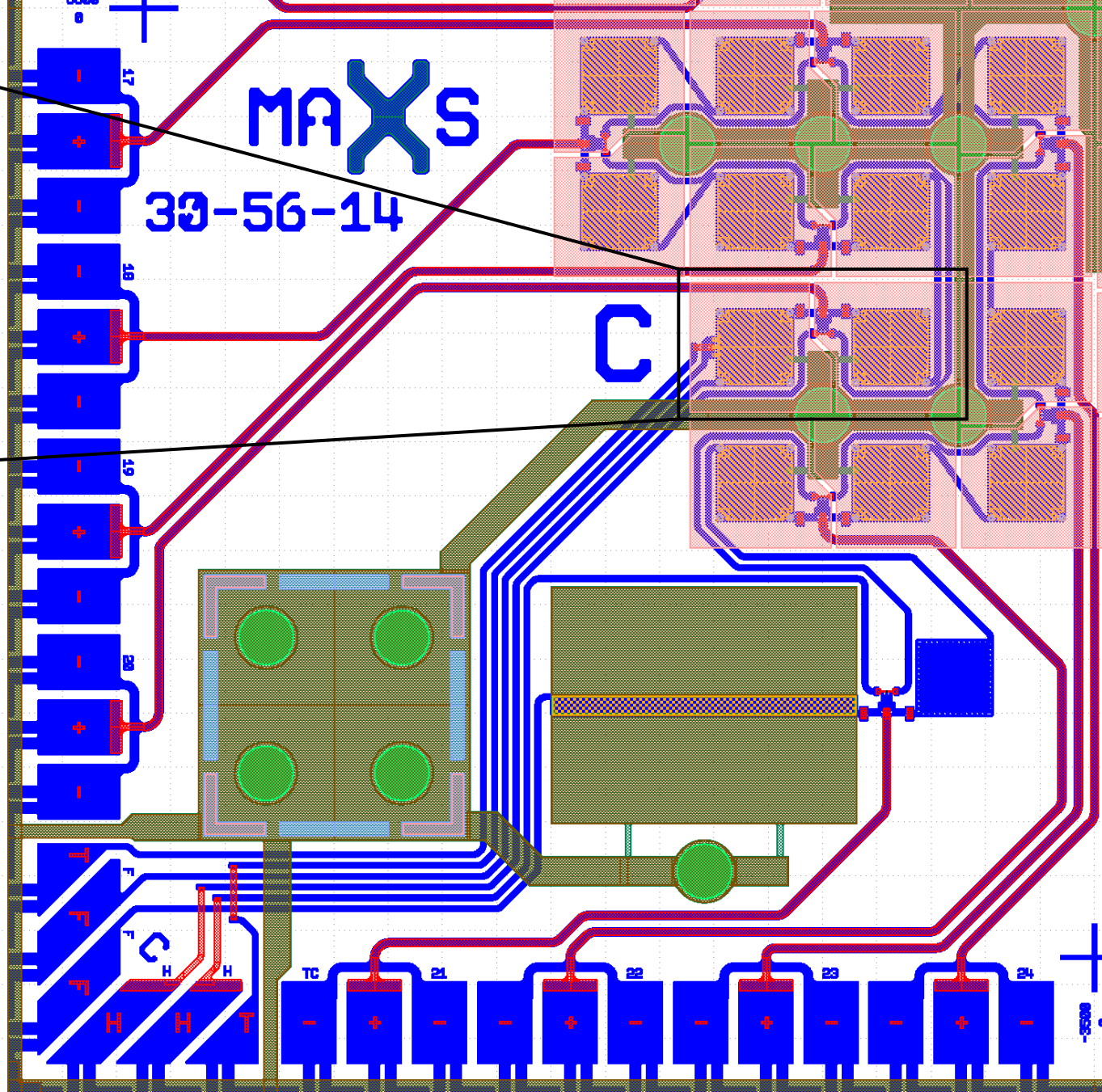
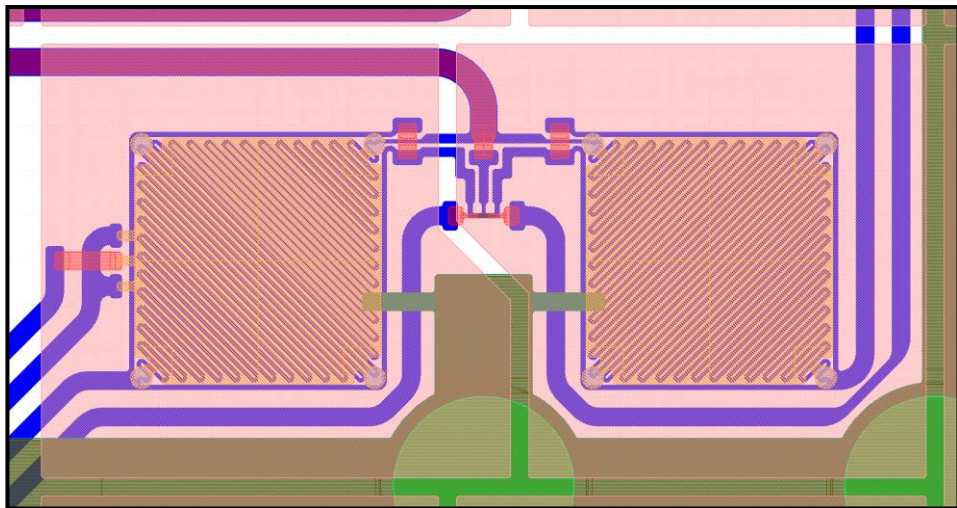
Signal Families



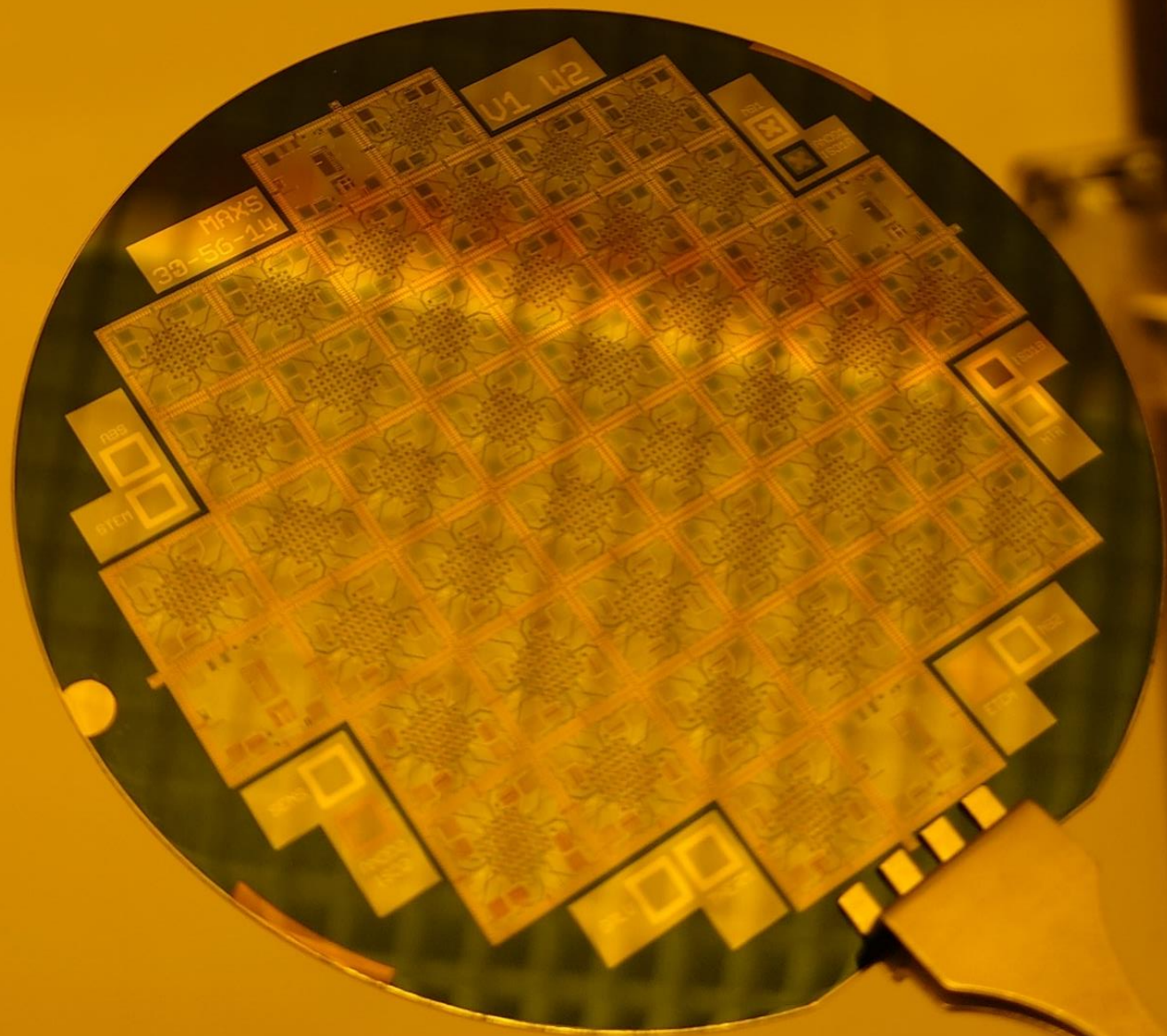
Detector for QUARTET

- maXs 30-56-14: new detector design
- Optimized for the upcoming QUARTET beamtime
- Improvements:
 - Optimized MMC design
 - Michel electron identification
 - Sensitive substrate thermometer
 - Faster thermalization





Layer	Process	Material	Thickness / nm
1	Nb1	Nb	250
2	Anod1	Nb2O5	(20)
3	Iso1a	SiO2	130
4	Iso1b	SiO2	170
5	Heater	AuPd	160
6	Nb2	Nb	400
7	Nb & SiO2 Etch	-	(-250)
8	Therm	Au	500
9	ThermGalv	Au	2000
10	Anod2	Nb2O5	(20)
11	Iso2	SiO2	180
12	TSV	-	-
13	TSV-Fill	Cu	3800
14	Backside	Cu	1000
15	Sensor	AgEr + Au	1000 + 100
16	Stems	Au	10000
17	Absorber	Au	20000
18	Dicing	-	-



Beamtime Goal

- Physics run with long Li, Be, B measurements
- New detector with faster thermalization and Michel electron identification
- Most accurate high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy of muonic Li

⇒ More than one order of magnitude improvement for the absolute nuclear charge radii of Li

⇒ Significant improvement for Be and B

Conclusion & Outlook

- QUARTET: high-precision absolute nuclear charge radii from ${}^6\text{Li}$ to ${}^{22}\text{Ne}$
- Very successful proof-of-principle measurement with Li, Be and B at PSI in October 2023
- Ongoing data analysis and evaluation of present physics case
- Two weeks beamtime granted at PSI in October 2024
- Fabrication of a new detector for the first physics run, designed and optimized for QUARTET