



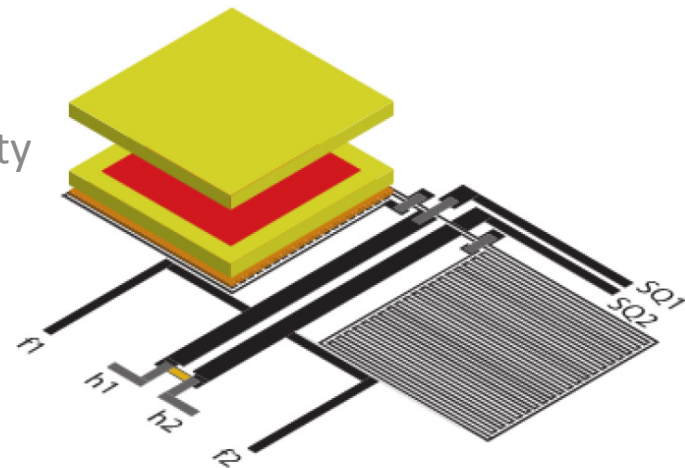
# Embedding of $^{163}\text{Ho}$ and $^{166\text{m}}\text{Ho}$ in energy absorbers of low temperature metallic magnetic calorimeters

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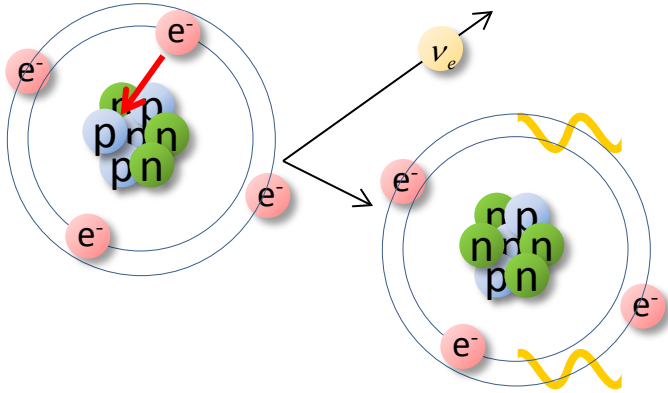
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# Electron Capture and electron neutrino mass



A non-zero neutrino mass affects the **de-excitation energy spectrum**

## Atomic de-excitation:

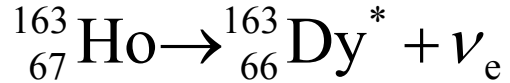
- X-ray emission
- Auger electrons
- Coster-Kronig transitions



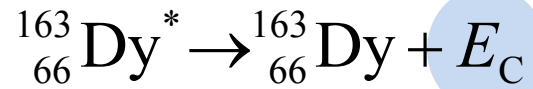
Calorimetric measurement

$$\frac{dW}{dE_C} = A(Q_{EC} - E_C)^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_\nu^2}{(Q_{EC} - E_C)^2}} \sum_H B_H \varphi_H^2(0) \frac{\frac{\Gamma_H}{2\pi}}{(E_C - E_H)^2 + \frac{\Gamma_H^2}{4}}$$

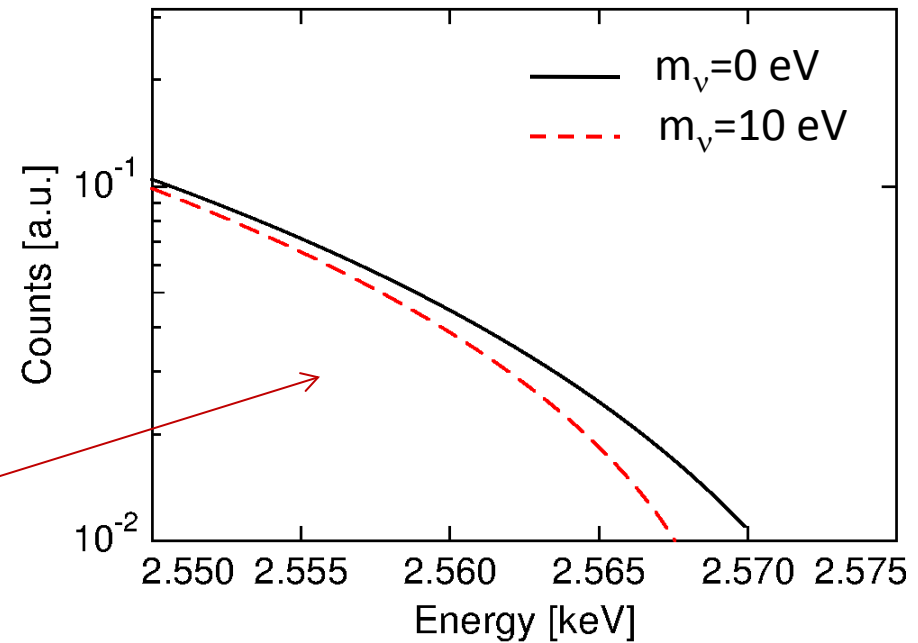
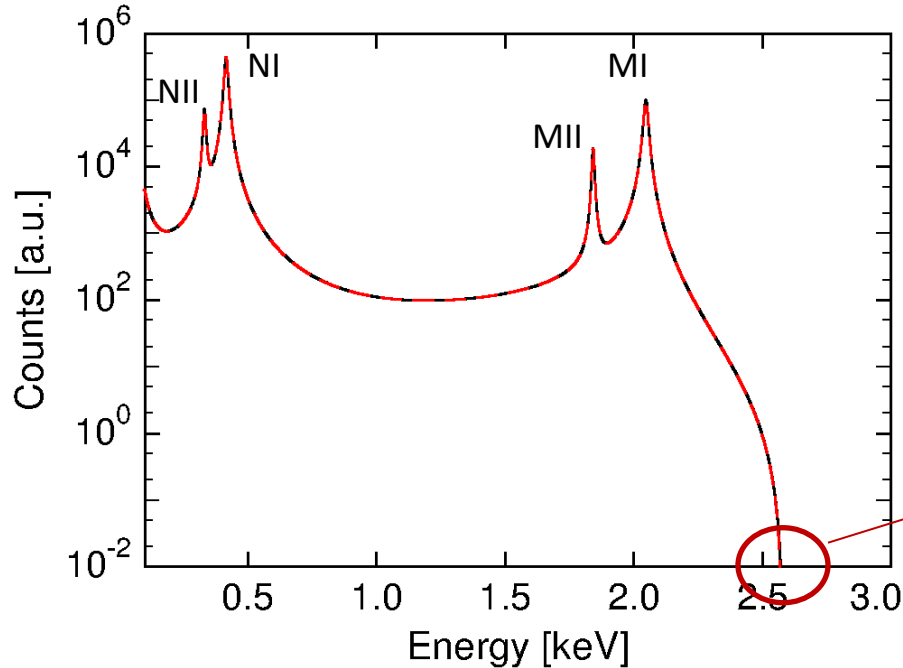
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- $Q_{\text{EC}} \cong 2.5 \text{ keV}$



- $\tau_{1/2} \cong 4570 \text{ years}$

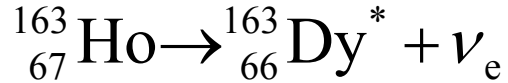


Present limit for the electron neutrino mass:

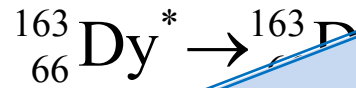
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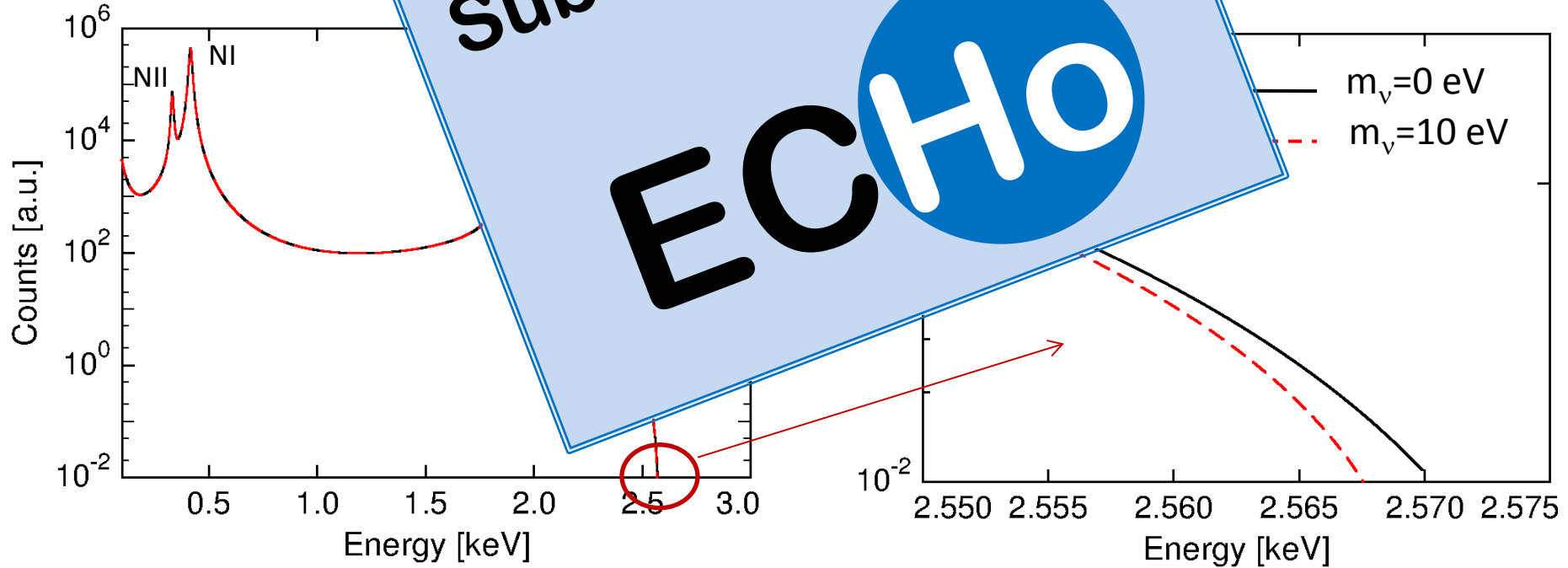
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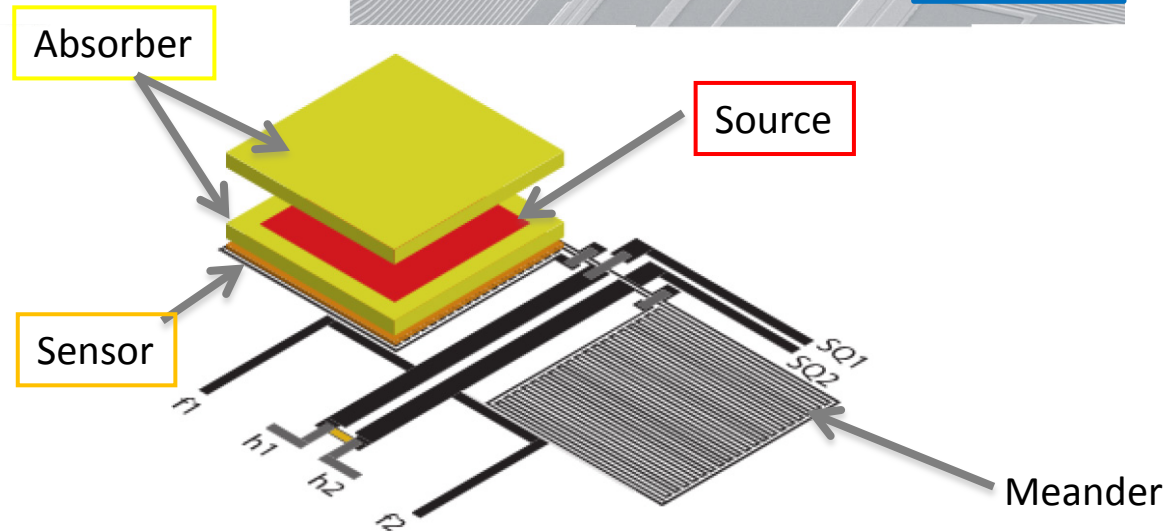
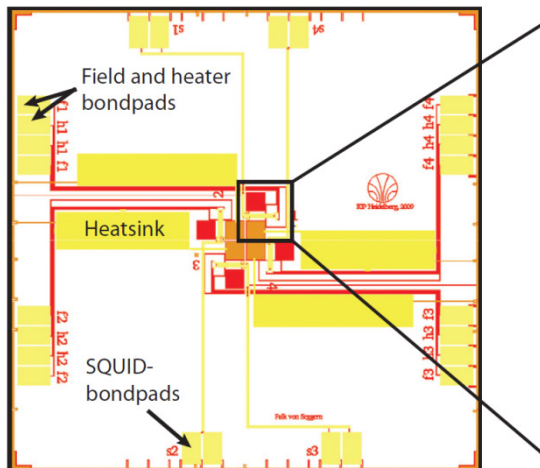
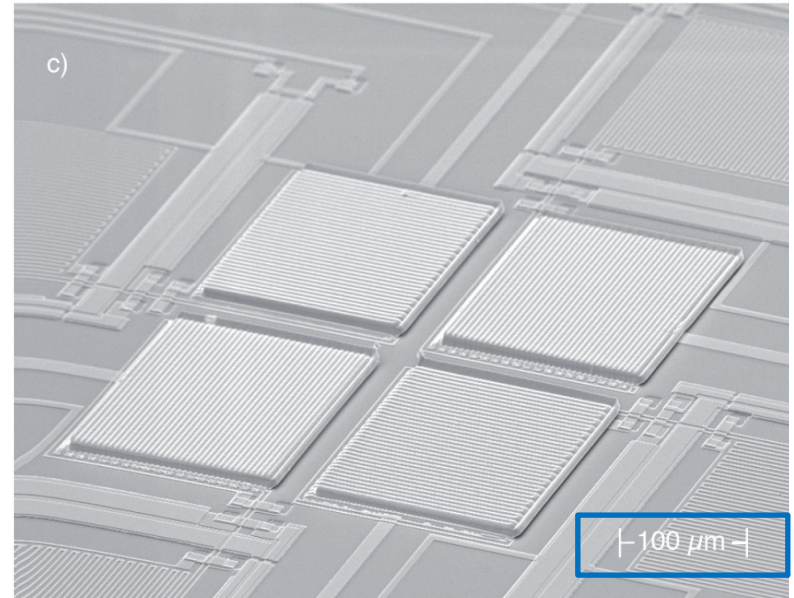
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# ECHO experiment: First detector prototype

- Low temperature **metallic magnetic calorimeters**
- Absorber for calorimetric measurement → **ion implantation @ ISOLDE-CERN**
- **Two pixels** have been simultaneously measured
- About **0.01 Bq** per pixel

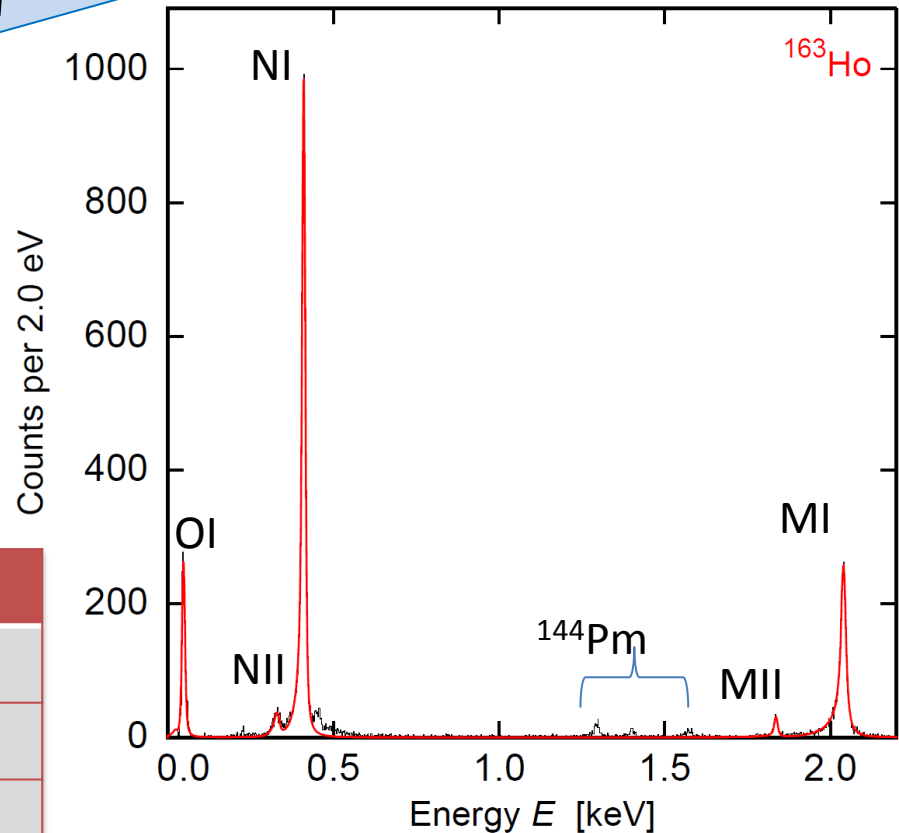


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<b>MII</b>	1.845	1.836	6.0	7.2
<b>NI</b>	0.420	0.411	5.4	5.3
<b>NII</b>	0.340	0.333	5.3	8.0
<b>OI</b>	0.050	0.048	5.0	4.3



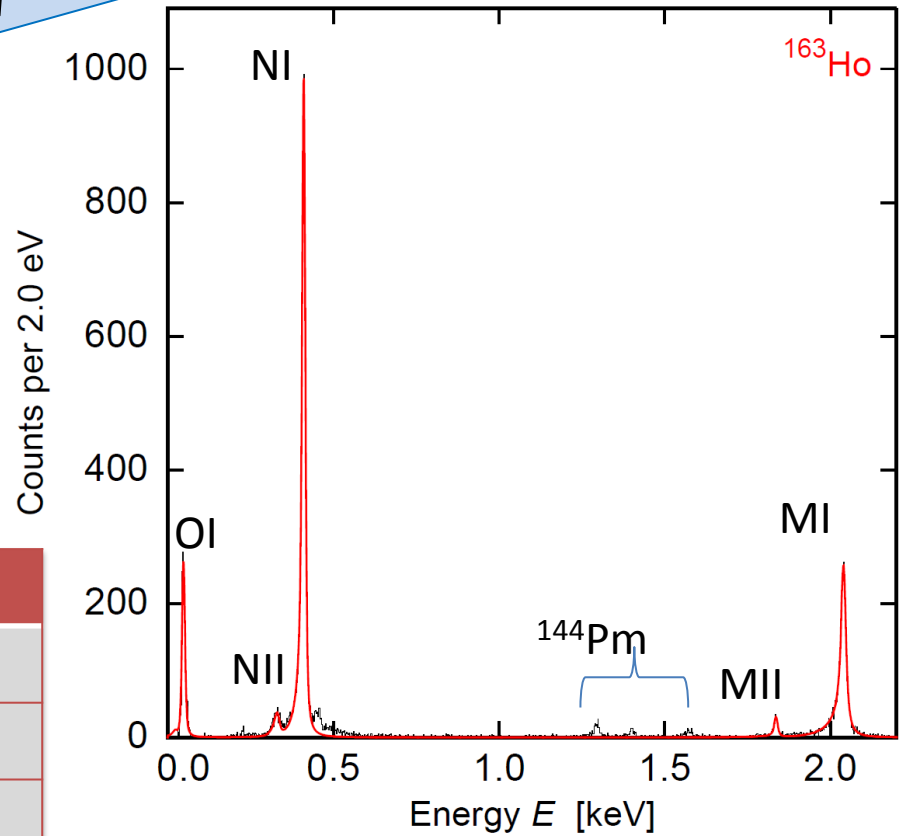
$$Q_{EC} = (2.80 \pm 0.08) \text{ keV}$$

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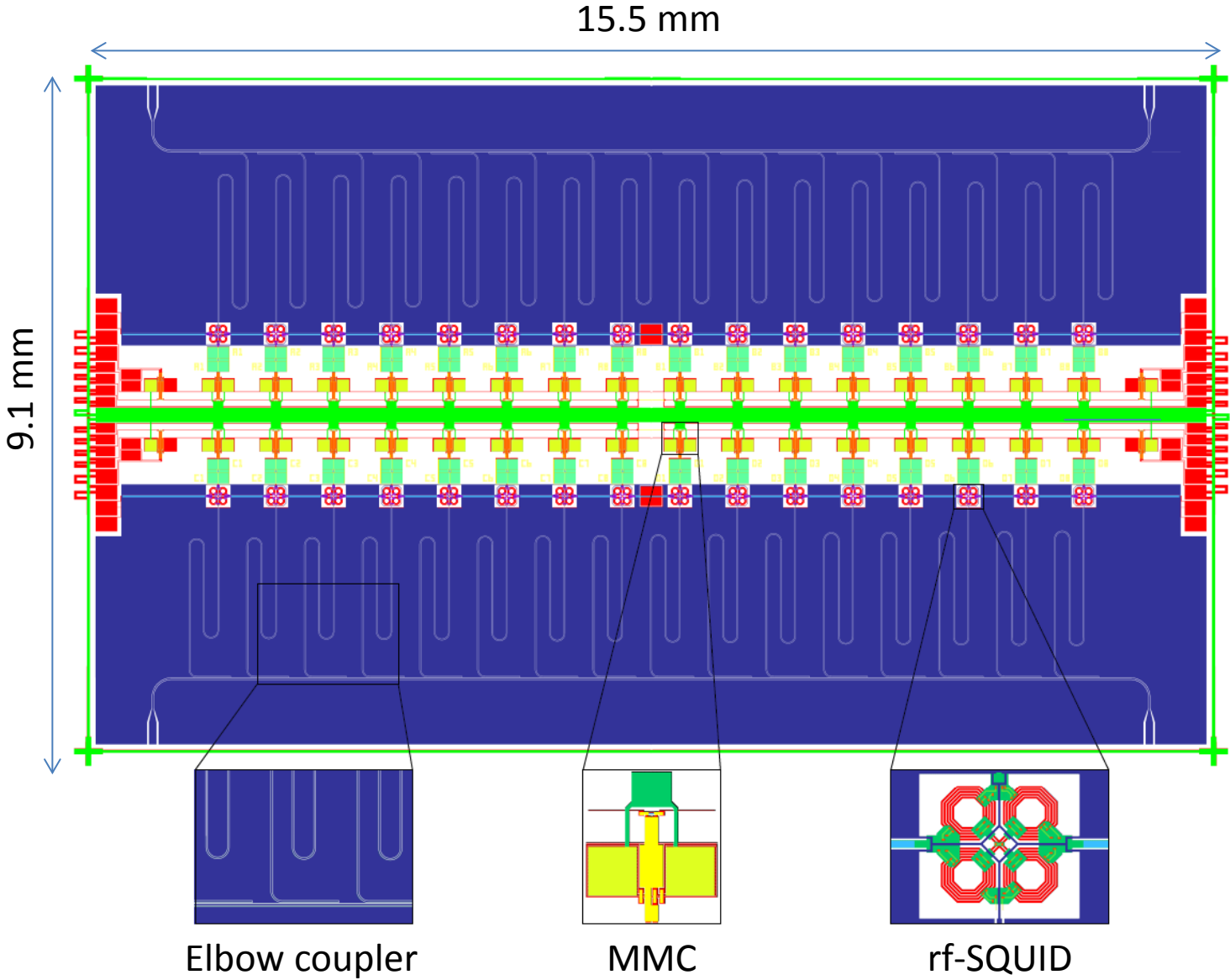
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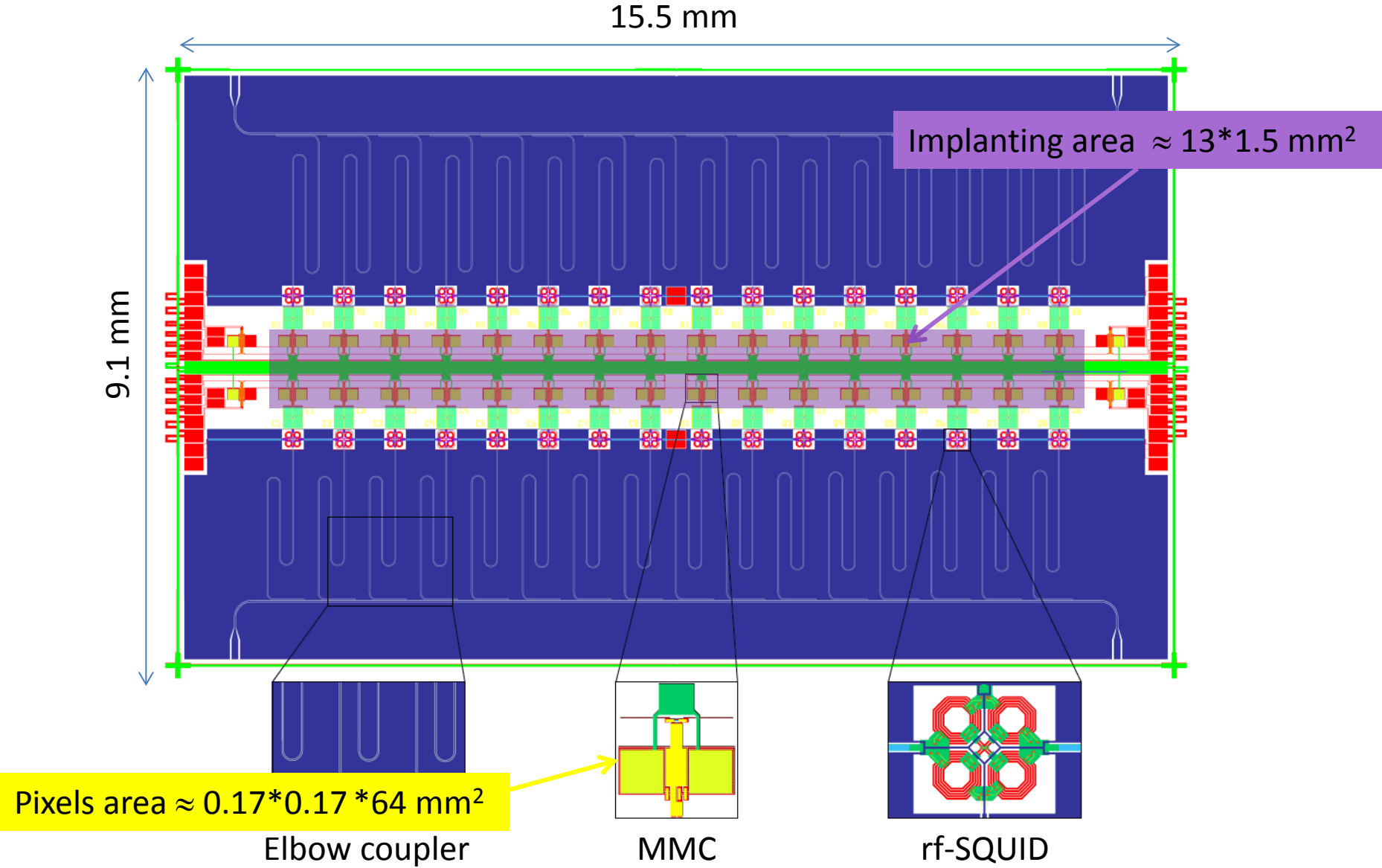
Next step → acquire more statistics with MMC arrays  
reduced radioactive contaminants

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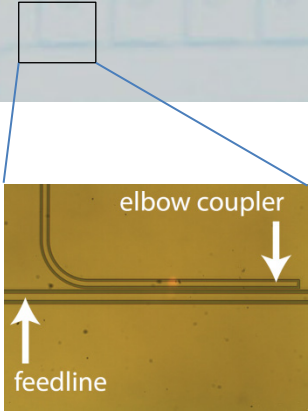
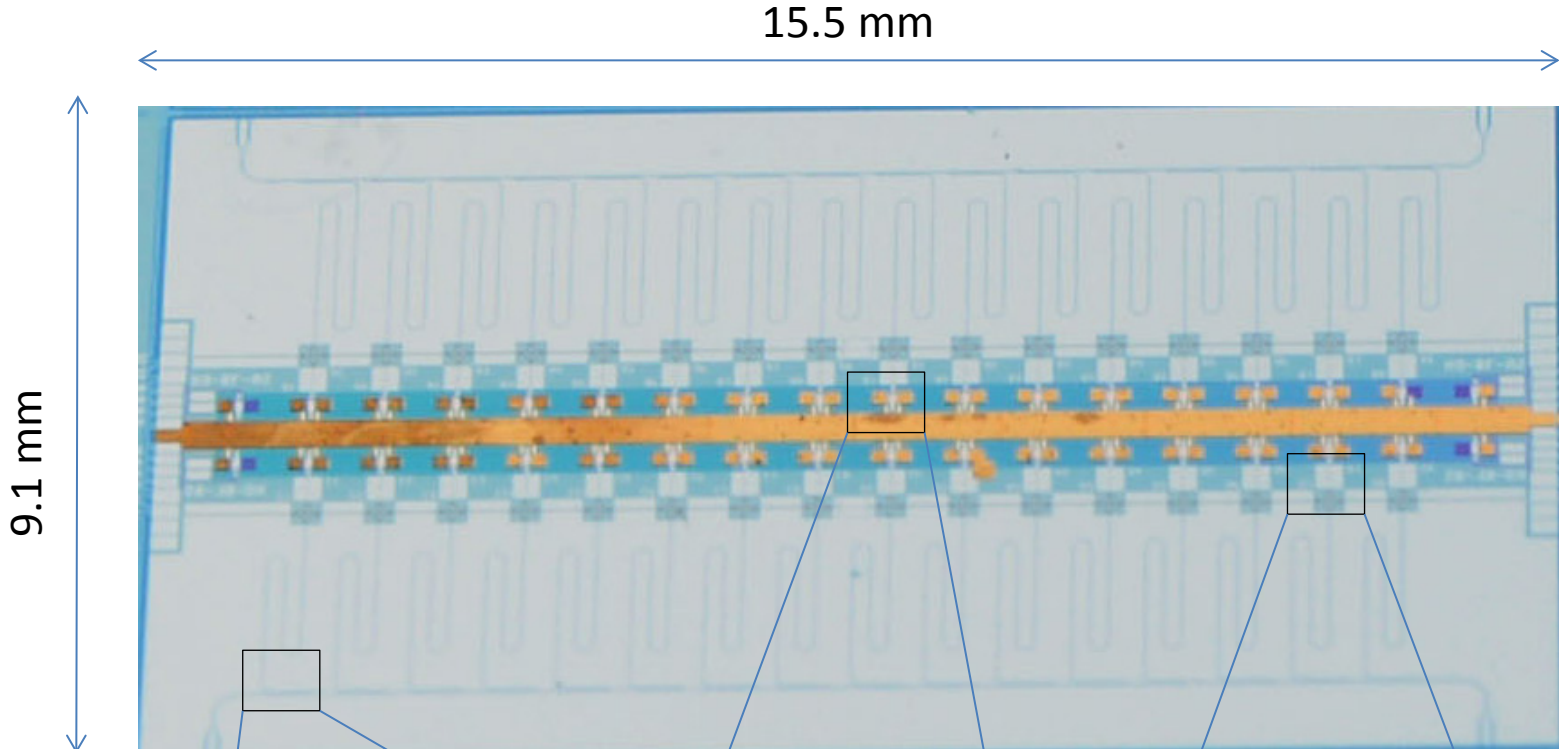




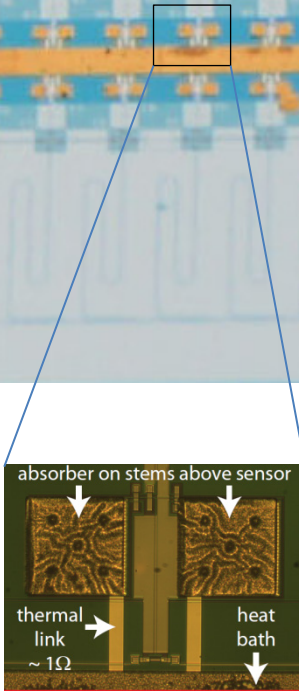
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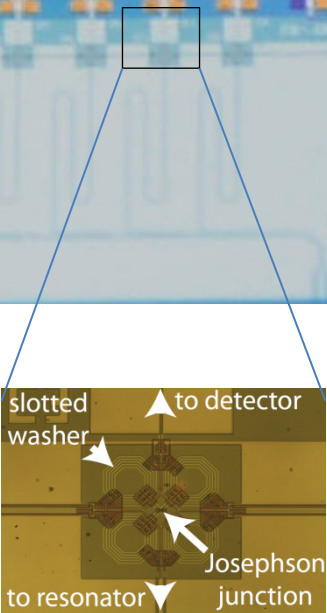
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Elbow coupler



MMC



rf-SQUID

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## Requests:

- Off-line implantation at GLM
- About 1 Bq per pixel
- For 2 chips with 64 pixels → 8 shifts

## Source to Target:

- About  $10^{16}$   $^{163}\text{Ho}$  ions in 8M HCl at Uni-Mainz
- Drying the source on Mo backing
- Ionization efficiency  $\approx 10\%$  (VADIS)

## Goals:

- Study the shape of the  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  EC spectrum
- Reaching neutrino mass sensitivity  $\approx 10$  eV

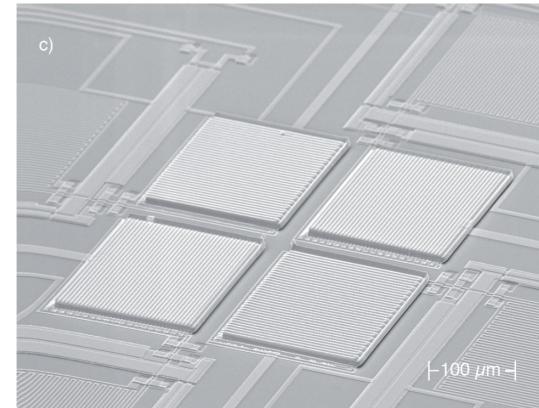
# EChO experiment: $^{166\text{m}}\text{Ho}$ Background

## Requests:

- Off-line implantation at **GLM**
- About **1 Bq**  $^{166\text{m}}\text{Ho}$  implanted onto 4 absorbers → **1 shift**

## Source to Target:

- About  **$10^{14}$**   $^{166\text{m}}\text{Ho}$  ions in HCl
- Drying the source on **Mo backing**
- Ionization efficiency  $\approx$  **10%** (VADIS)



## Goal:

- Study the background due to  $^{166\text{m}}\text{Ho}$   $\beta$  decay in micro-calorimeter measurements

# Summary

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Thank you !

Back-up slides

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# Neutrino mass sensitivity

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$$N_{\text{ev}} > 10^{14}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} < 10 \text{ eV}$$

$$\tau_r \sim 0.1 \mu\text{s}$$

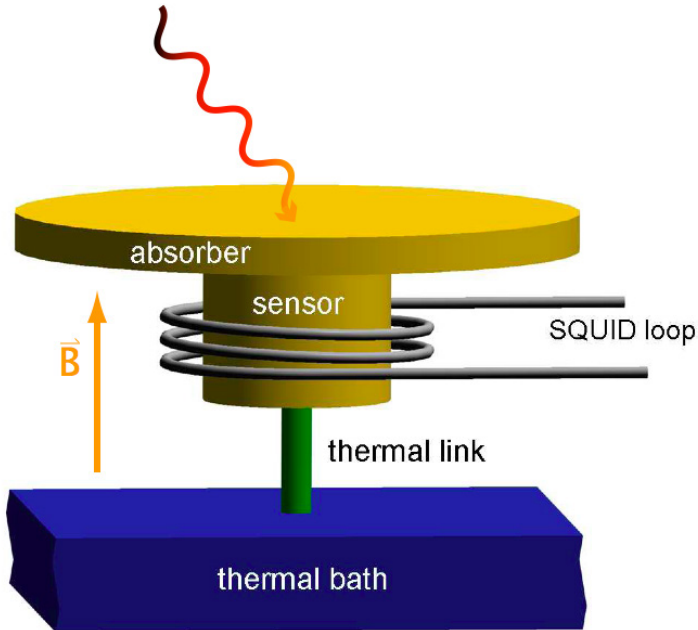
$$A_{\beta} \approx 10 \text{ s}^{-1} \longrightarrow \geq 10^5 \text{ detectors}$$

Low temperature

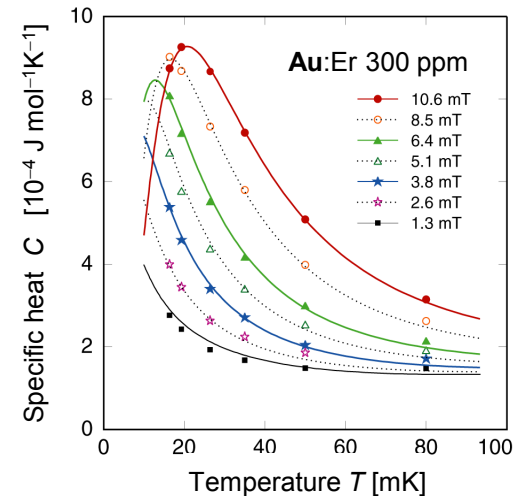
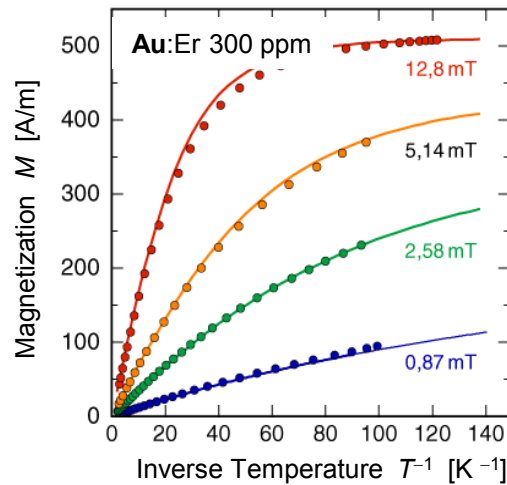
Metallic Magnetic Calorimeter

# MMCs: Concept

- Paramagnetic Au:Er sensor



$$\Delta\Phi_s \propto \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \Delta T \rightarrow \Delta\Phi_s \propto \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \frac{E}{C_{\text{sens}} + C_{\text{abs}}}$$

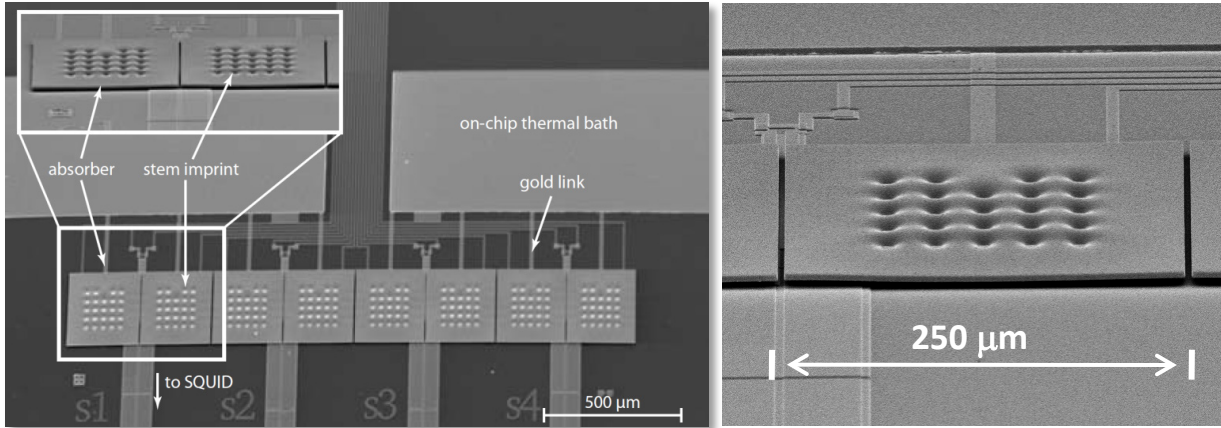


Main differences to calorimeters with resistive thermometers

no dissipation in the sensor

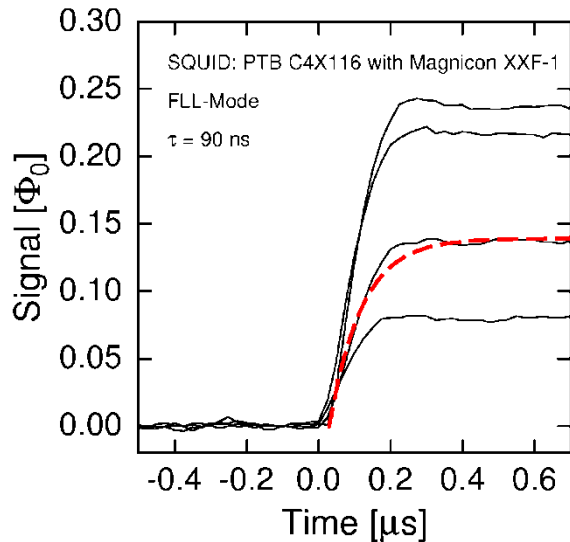
no galvanic contact to the sensor

# MMCs: 1d-array for soft x-rays ( $T=20$ mK)

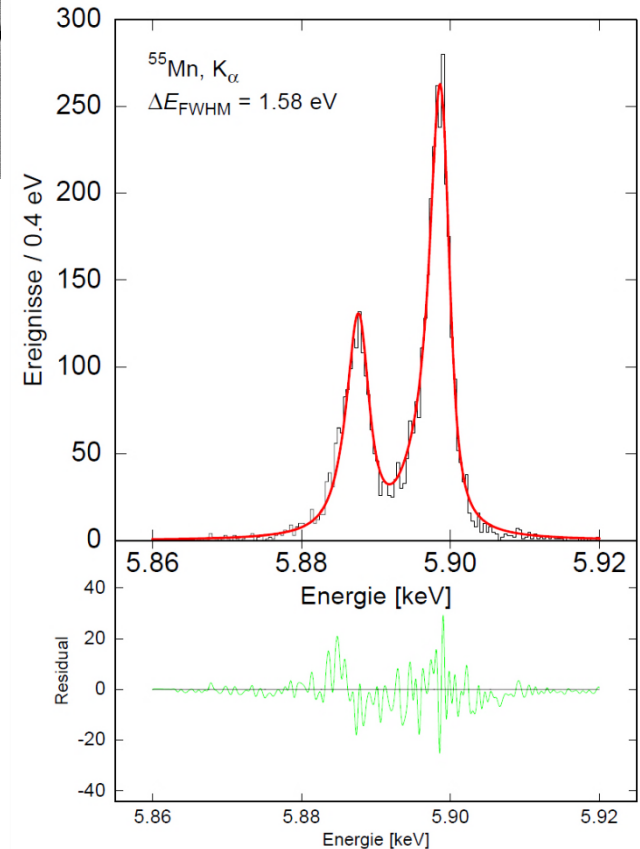
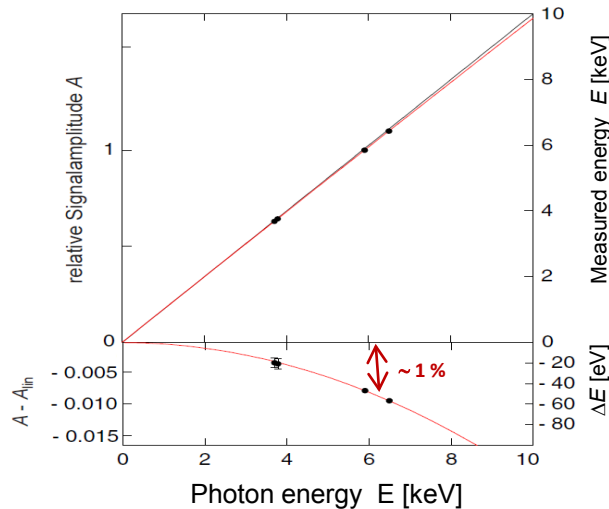


$\Delta E_{FWHM} = 1.6 \text{ eV @ } 6 \text{ keV}$

**Rise Time: 90 ns**

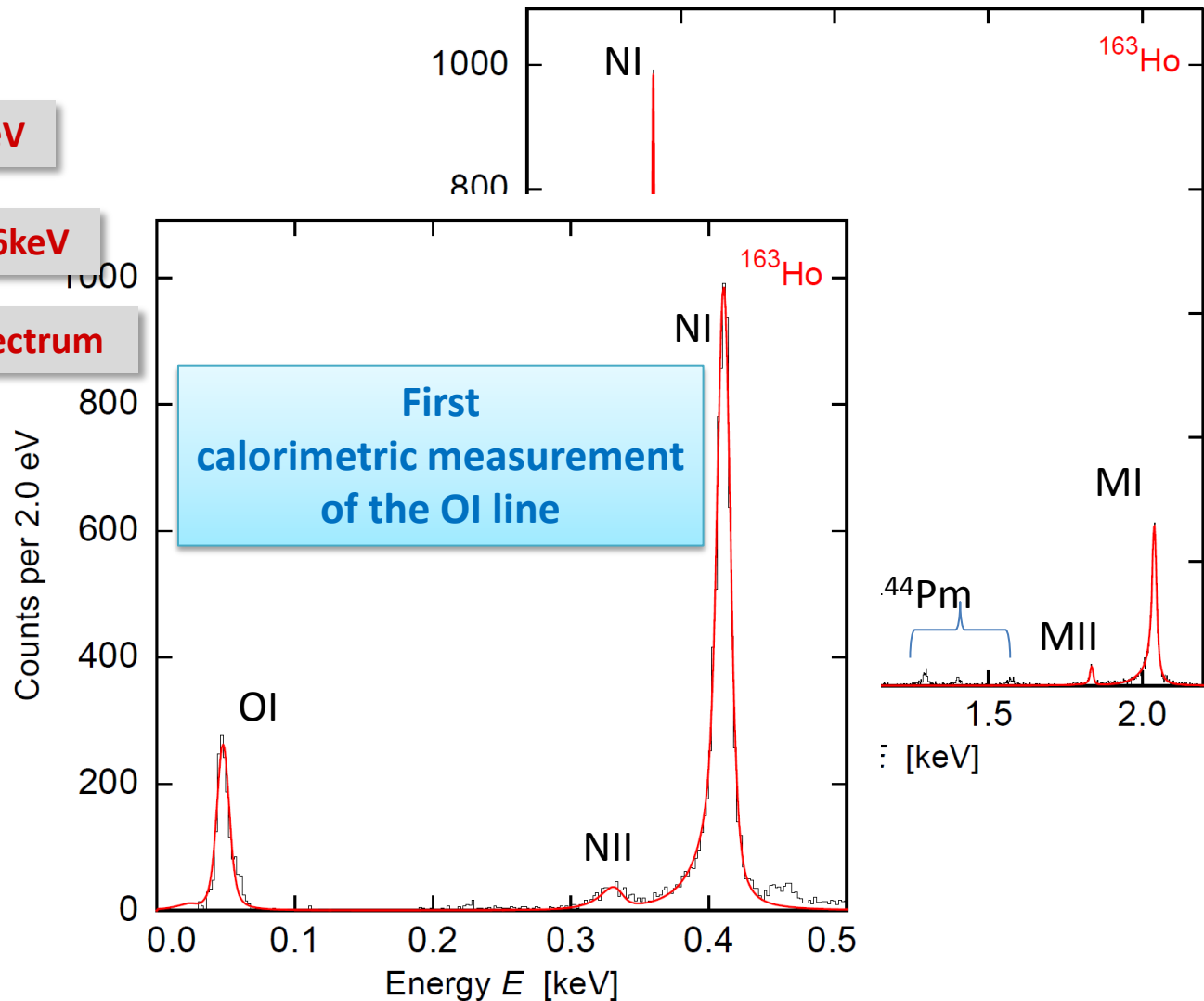


**Non-Linearity < 1% @6keV**

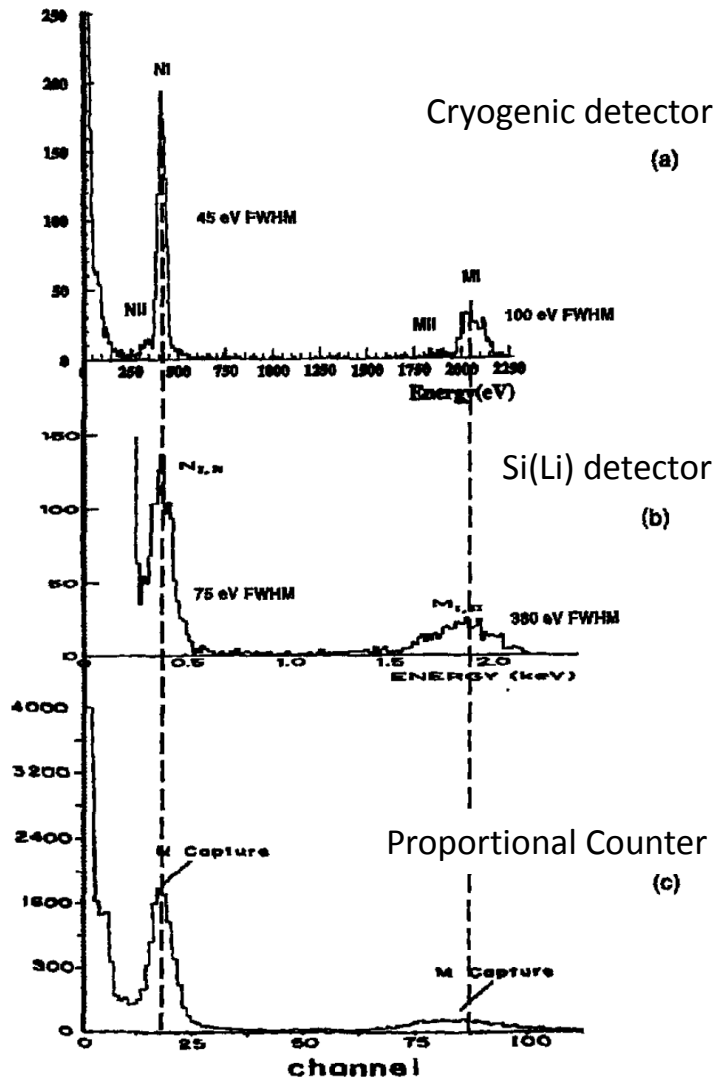


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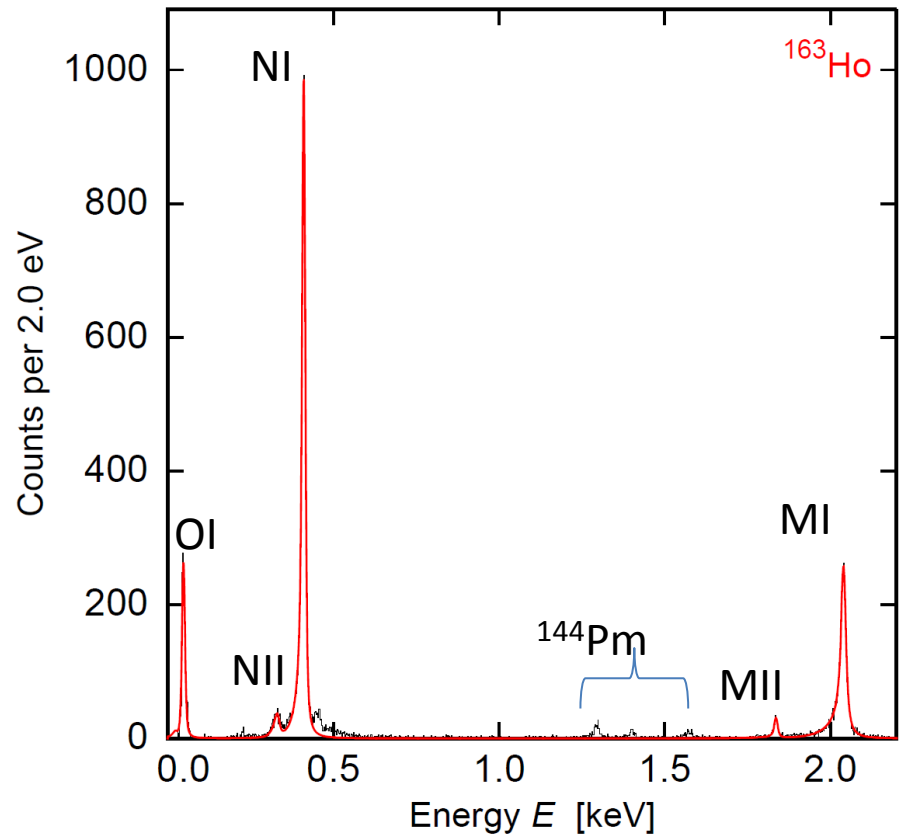
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