## Direct Neutrino Mass Measurements

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- Resolve neutrino mass hierarchy



### **General Idea**

- A kinematic determination of the neutrino mass
- No model dependence on cosmology or nature of mass







### **3 Experimental Efforts**





### Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment

- International Collaboration: 120 members
- 15 institutions in 5 countries: D, US, UK, CZ, RUS
- Reference v-mass sensitivity:  $m(v_e) = 200 \text{ meV}$ , after 3 years

















## **KATRIN Overview**

MAC-E Filter with < 1 eV energy resolution and large angle acceptance

### Spectrometer system











### **KATRIN Source Status**



### Windowless gaseous tritium source



 $\rightarrow$  delivery this year

Differential pumping section



 $\rightarrow$  Commissioning at KIT

Cryogenic pumping section



 $\rightarrow$  Delivery this year

Source System integrated in mid-2016

### 2011: fully commissioned large Aircoil system

**Compensation of earth magnetic field Fine shaping of low magnetic field**  2012: Inner electrode system (24.000 wires) completely mounted (precision: 200 µm!)

> Electric shielding Fine shaping of electric potential

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Calorimetry (HOLMES, ECHO &NUMECS)





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### **Electron Capture on Holmium**





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#### Heidelberg (Univ., MPI-K), U Mainz, U Tübingen, TU Dresden

U Bratislava, INR Debrecen, ITEP Moscow, PNPI St Petersburg, IIT Roorkee, Saha Inst. Kolkata



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- ✓ High purity  $^{163}$ Ho source
- ✓ Increase activity per pixel (0.2 Bq)
- Better understanding of lineshapes



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U Milano-Bicocca, INFN Milano/Genova/Roma, U Lisboa, U Miami, NIST, JPL

- Transition-Edge Sensors (TES)
- Microwave Multiplexing with Kinetic Inductance Detectors (MKIDs).
- Successful funding received for one thousand channel Ho detector experiment









## **The NuMecs Experiment**

Los Alamos, NIST, U Madison and others

- Transition-Edge Sensors (TES)
- Good energy resolution (6 eV @ 6 keV with 55Fe surrogate) demonstrated.
- Focus on high purity <sup>163</sup>Ho production – proton activation of dysprosium



J.W. Engle et al. NIM B 311 (2013) 131–138 http://fsnutown.phy.ornl.gov/fsnufiles/positionpapers/ FSNu\_Project8.pdf

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- Use cyclotron frequency to extract electron energy
- Non-destructive measurement of electron energy





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

B. Monreal and Joe Formaggio, Phys. Rev D80:051301

## **Project 8 Setup**





## **First electron detection**



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### **Future Perspectives...**





## Joining efforts ...

KATRIN selects the electrons....

... and Project 8 measures their energy



### 1) Trigger the electron $\rightarrow$ close the trap

2) Measure the energy



## Summary

- In 2016 KATRIN will start tritium measurements. KATRIN will probe the entire degeneracy scale. Interesting potential to search for sterile neutrinos
- Cryogenic techniques are advancing to achieve the sub-eV sensitivity
- Project 8 proved a completely new concept via frequency measurement. Very promising to reach sub-eV sensitivity









## Thanks for your attention

### **KATRIN Backup slides**



## **Systematics**





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2015: 2<sup>nd</sup> measurement phase completed

- Spectrometer works as MAC-E Filter
- Liquid nitrogen cooled baffles eliminate Radon-induced background with an efficiency of ε = (97±2)%
- Remaining background is under investigation at the moment



### **Radon-induced Background**

 $t_{1/2}(^{219}Rn) = 3.96 s$  $t_{1/2}(^{220}Rn) = 55.6 s$ 

### **Getter pump**









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### **Passive Reduction Technique**





### Holmium backup slides



## **ECHo: First Setup**





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### **ECHo: Some details**

100 pixel with 10 - 100 Bq per pixes

Neutron activation of erbium 162, purification and mass separation, implantation Er161 Er162 Er163 Er164 Er16







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