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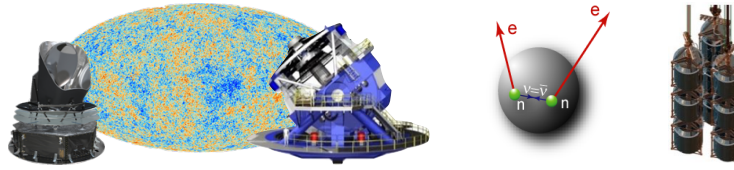
# Status and Commissioning of the KATRIN experiment

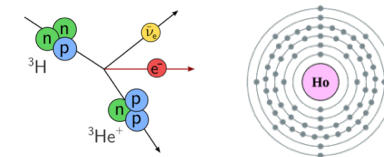
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# Absolute Neutrino Mass scale





**weak decays ( $\beta + EC$ )**

$$m_{\beta}^2 = \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2$$

Direct, only kinematics;  
no cancellations in  
incoherent sum

	<b>Cosmology</b>	<b>Search for <math>0\nu\beta\beta</math></b>	<b>weak decays (<math>\beta + EC</math>)</b>
<b>Observable</b>	$M_{\nu} = \sum_i m_i$	$m_{\beta\beta}^2 = \left  \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i \right ^2$	$m_{\beta}^2 = \sum_i  U_{ei} ^2 m_i^2$
<b>Present upper limit</b>	0.17 – 0.72 eV	0.15 – 0.33 eV	2 eV
<b>Potential</b>	15 – 50 meV	15 – 50 meV	40 meV
<b>Model dependence</b>	Multi-parameter cosmological model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majorana <math>\nu</math>: LNV</li> <li>BSM contributions other than <math>m(\nu)</math>?</li> <li>nucl. matrix elements</li> </ul>	Direct, only kinematics; no cancellations in incoherent sum

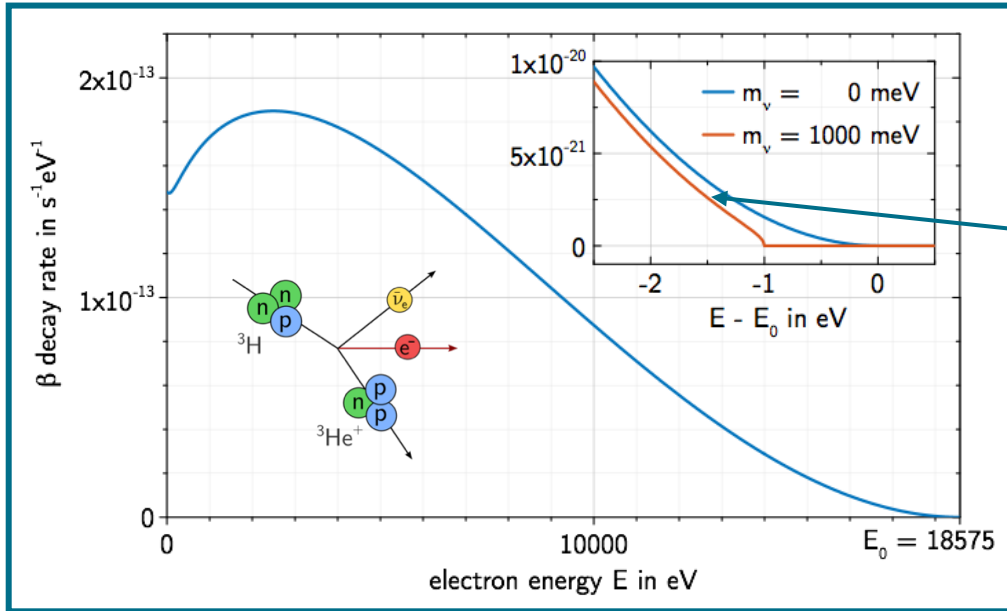
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# Tritium $\beta$ -decay and neutrino mass

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE} = C F(Z, E) p(E + m_e) (E_0 - E) \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m^2(\nu_i)}$$



## Key requirements:

- Low end point energy  $E_0$
- Excellent energy resolution
- High activity source

Most information in spectral distortion  
Measures effective neutrino mass:

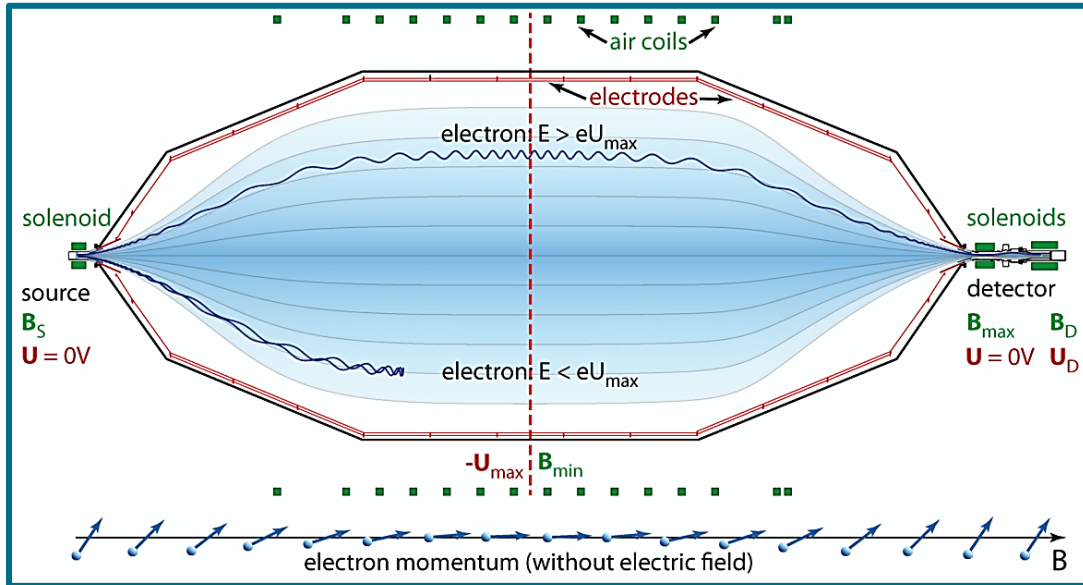
$$m^2(\nu_e) := \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m^2(\nu_i)$$

## Key Tritium properties:

- $E_0 = 18575$  eV
- $T_{1/2} = 12.3$  y
- Superallowed transition ( $J^\pi = 0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ )
- Readily available in required amounts

# High resolution $\beta$ -spectroscopy: MAC-E-Filter

## Magnetic **A**diabatic **C**ollimation and **E**lectrostatic Filter:



Magnetic guiding and collimation of  $e^-$

- Transform  $E_{\perp}$  to  $E_{\parallel}$

$$\mu = \frac{E_{\perp}}{B} = \text{const.}$$

Electrostatic field for energy analysis

- Sharp transmission depending on:

- Emission angle
- Radius at  $B_{min}$

Integrated energy resolution:

$$\Delta E = qU_{max} \frac{B_{min}}{B_{max}}$$

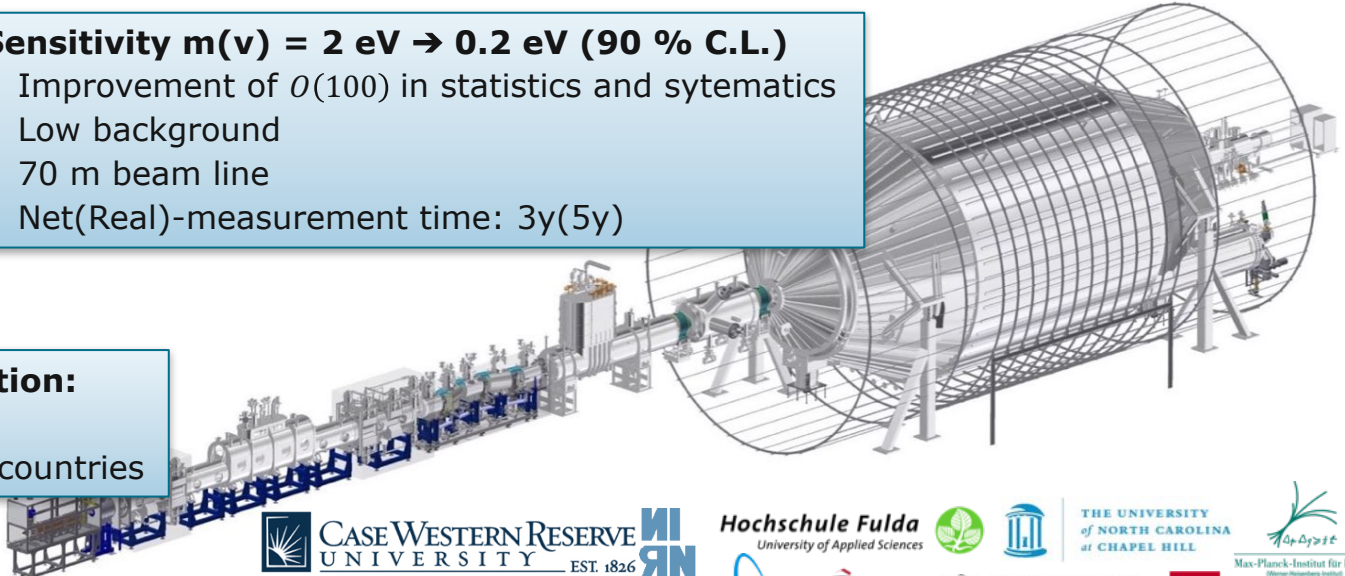
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# The Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment

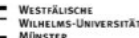
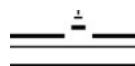
**Sensitivity  $m(\nu) = 2 \text{ eV} \rightarrow 0.2 \text{ eV}$  (90 % C.L.)**

- Improvement of  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  in statistics and sytematics
- Low background
- 70 m beam line
- Net(Real)-measurement time: 3y(5y)



## KATRIN collaboration:

- ~150 people
- 19 institutions, 6 countries



# The Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment



## Transport section

Tritium flow reduction by mechanic and cryogenic pumping

$$Q_{T_2} < 10^{-14} \frac{\text{mbar } \ell}{\text{s}}$$

Everything on site at KIT

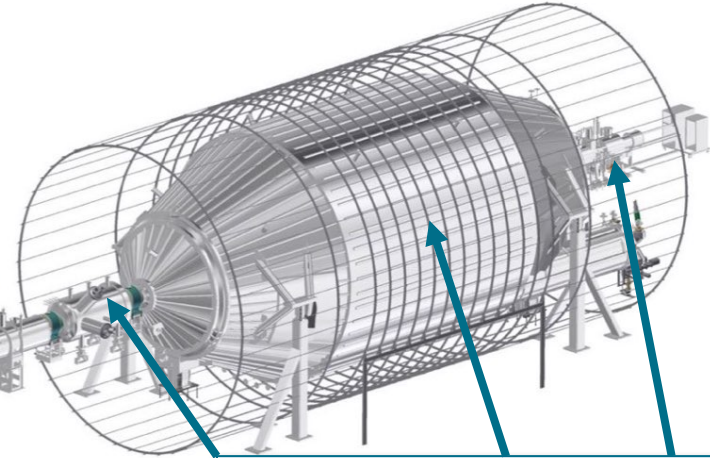
## CMS

Calibration and Monitoring System

## WGTS

Windowless gaseous Tritium source

$$Q_{T_2} = 1.8 \frac{\text{mbar } \ell}{\text{s}}; A = 10^{11} \text{ Bq}$$



## Spectrometer and detector section

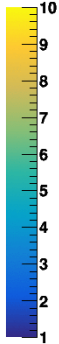
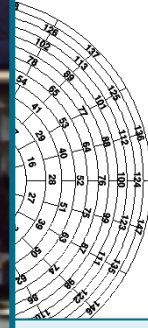
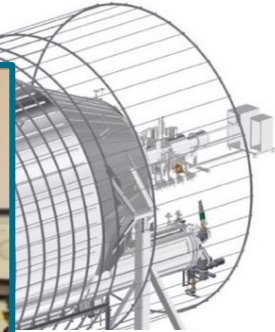
Reduction of  $e^-$  flux, energy analysis and  $e^-$  detection

$$10^{10} \frac{e^-}{\text{s}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1) \frac{e^-}{\text{s}}$$

$$\Delta E \sim 1 \text{ eV}$$



# KATRIN FirstLight Oct. 14th 2016



Detector view

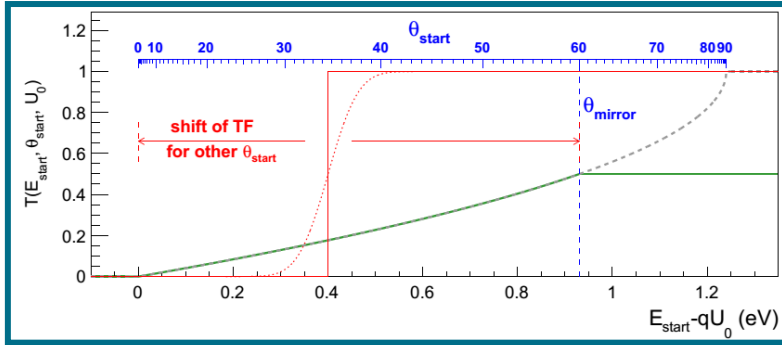
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## FirstLight+

- 24 SC magnet
- All cryostats c
- No tritium yet
- Latest comissioning campaign

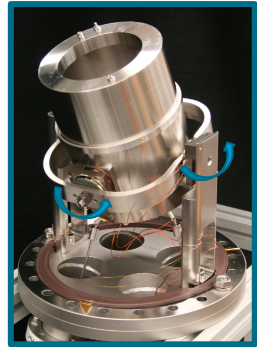
# Commissioning - Electron optics



## Transmission width

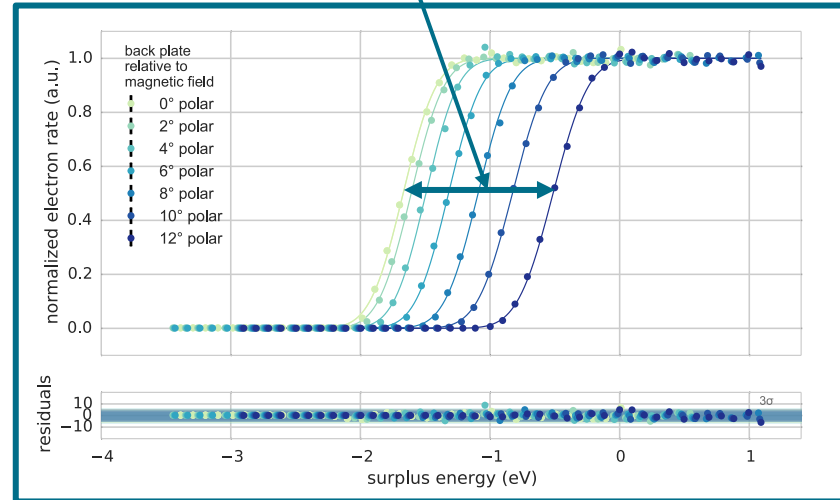
$$\Delta E = 1.17(1) \text{ eV} \approx E \frac{B_{\min}}{B_{\max}}$$

$$E = 18.6 \text{ keV}; B_{\min} = 0.38 \text{ mT}; B_{\max} = 5.0 \text{ T}$$



## E-Gun

- Mono-energetic
- Angular selective
- Test e<sup>-</sup> transmission properties
- Larger pitch angle  
→ more  $E_{\perp}$ , less  $E_{\parallel}$   
→ larger total  $E$



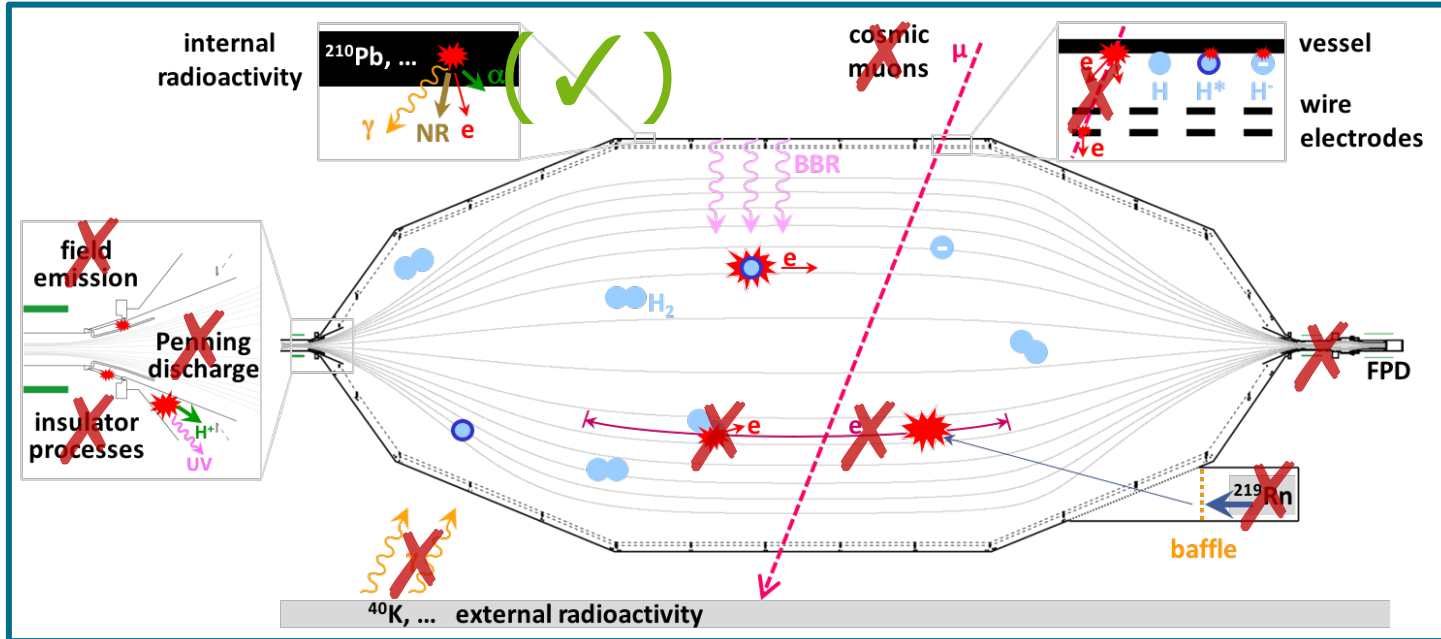
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# Commissioning - Background processes



## Background properties

- All previously known background sources successfully suppressed
- Unexpected contribution: Background about factor 50 higher than design value of 10 mcps
  - No (big) problem: Sensitivity  $m(\nu) = 200 \text{ meV} \rightarrow 240 \text{ meV}$  (90 % C.L.)



# Conclusion

## The KATRIN experiment

- Successful spectrometer commissioning since 2013
- Main beam line inaugurated on Oct. 14th 2016
- First combined commissioning phase „FirstLight+“



## Upcoming

- Measurement with radioactive  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$  currently ongoing
- Full combined inactive commissioning in Autumn 2017
- First Tritium in 2018
- Careful systematics studies
- Search for new physics





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