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## Introduction

**KATRIN: tritium beta spectroscopy at the endpoint**

- possible upgrades of KATRIN

**Options beyond KATRIN:**

-  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  EC cryo bolometers ECHO and HOLMES

- detection of synchrotron radiation from tritium: Project 8

**R&D for the future: Ptolemy**

**Conclusions**

# Searches for neutrino mass

## $\beta$ -decay: absolute $\nu$ -mass

model independent, kinematics

status:  $m_\nu < 2$  eV

potential:  $m_\nu \approx 0.2$  eV

e.g.: KATRIN, ECHO, HOLMES,  
Project-8, ...

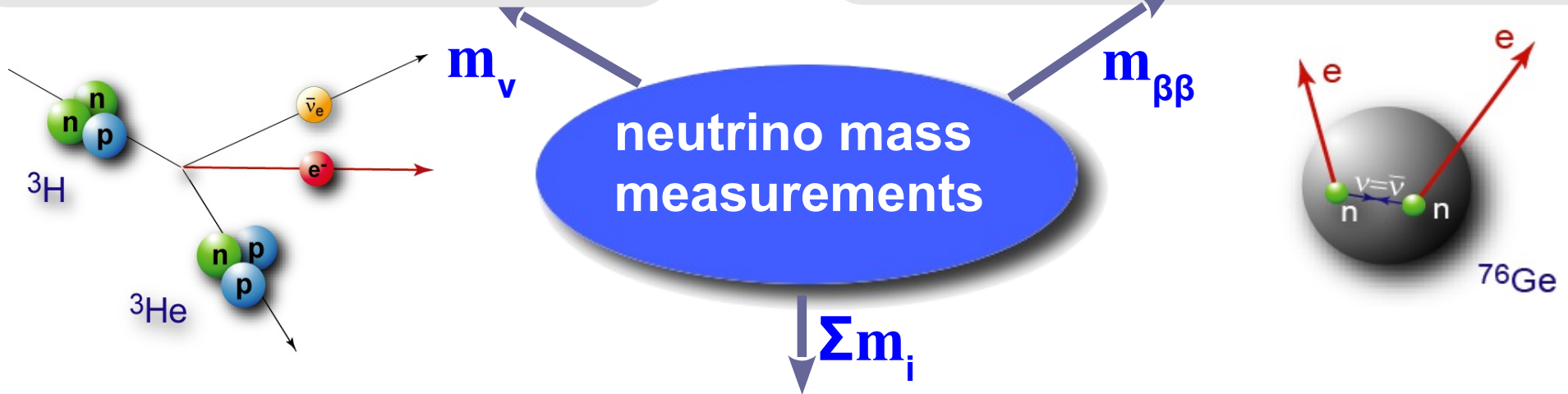
## $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay: eff. Majorana mass

model-dependent (CP-phases)

status:  $m_{\beta\beta} < 0.1$  eV

potential:  $m_{\beta\beta} \approx 20$ -50 meV

e.g.: GERDA, KamLAND-Zen, CUORE, EXO,  
Majorana, Nemo 3, ...

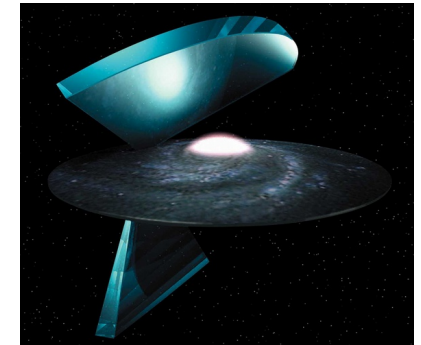
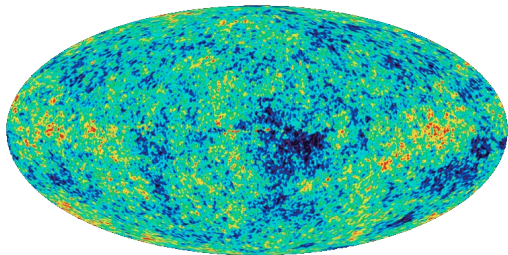


## cosmology: $\nu$ hot dark matter $\Omega_\nu$

model dependent, analysis of CMB and  
structure formation data

status:  $\Sigma m_\nu < 0.23$  eV

(Planck Collaboration, A&A 594 (2016) A13)

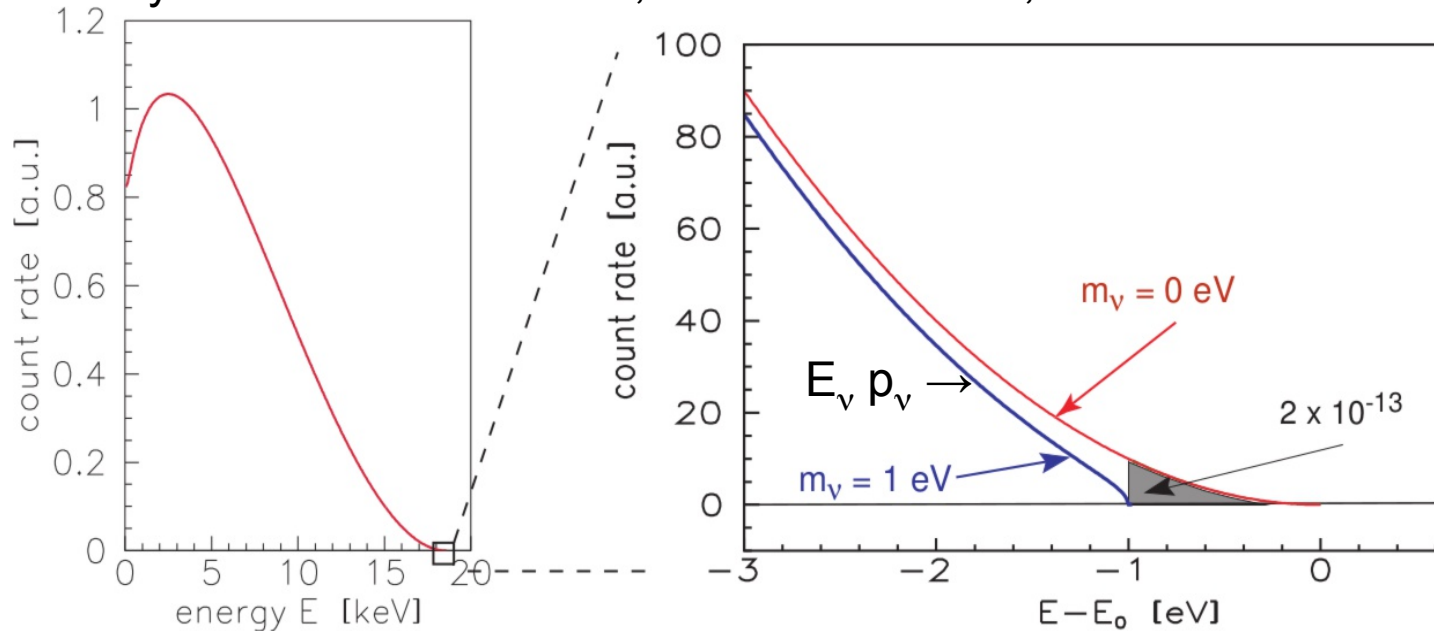


# Direct determination of “ $m(\nu_e)$ ” from $\beta$ -decay (and EC)

$$\beta: dN/dE = K \underbrace{F(E,Z)}_{\text{essentially phase space: } p_e} \underbrace{p}_{E_{\text{tot}}} \underbrace{(E_0 - E_e)}_{E_\nu} \underbrace{\sum |U_{ei}|^2 \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_i)^2}}_{p_\nu}$$

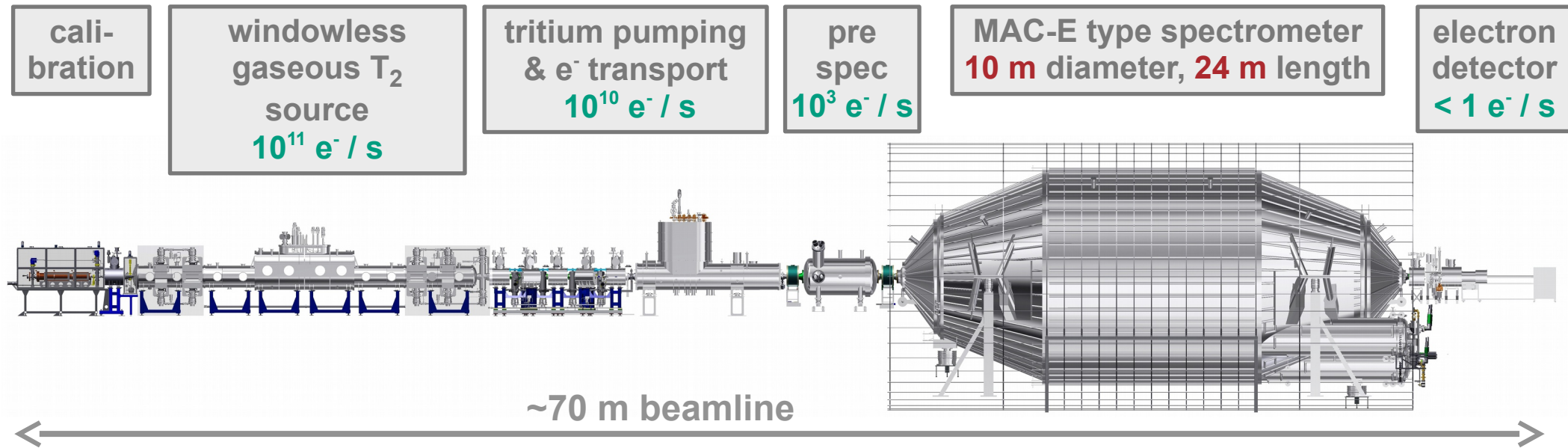
with “electron neutrino mass”: “ $m(\nu_e)^2$ ” :=  $\sum |U_{ei}|^2 m(\nu_i)^2$ , complementary to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  & cosmol.

(modified by electronic final states, recoil corrections, radiative corrections)



**Need:** low endpoint energy  $\Rightarrow$  Tritium  ${}^3\text{H}$  ( ${}^{163}\text{Ho}$ )  
 very high energy resolution & very high luminosity & very low background  $\Rightarrow$  MAC-E-Filter  
 (or cryobolometer for  ${}^{163}\text{Ho}$ )

# The KATRIN experiment at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

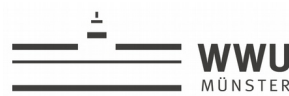
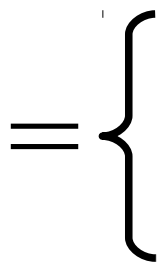
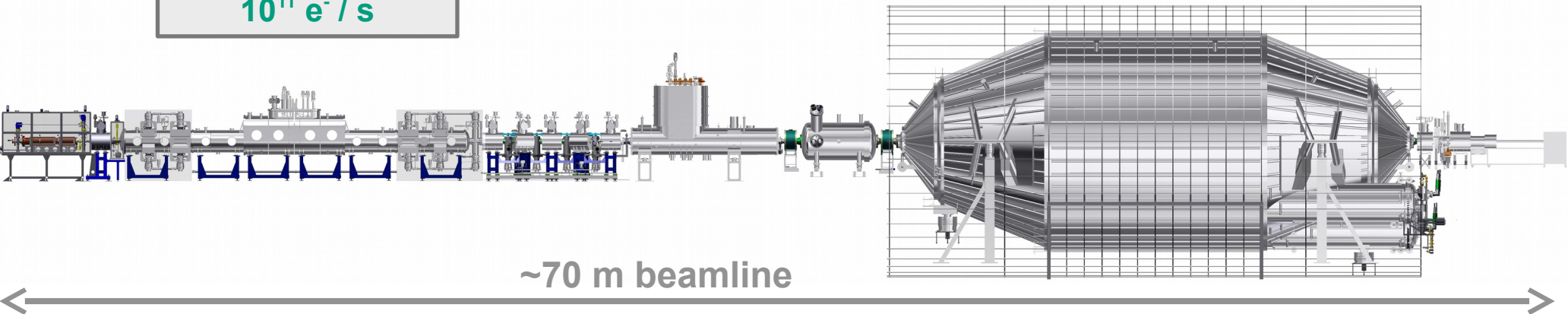
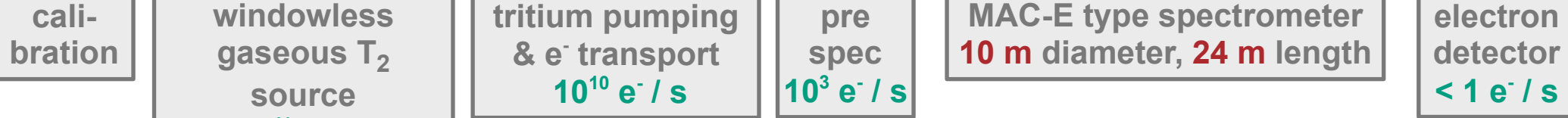


## Basic ideas of KATRIN:

- **Windowless gaseous molecular tritium source**  
→ ultra-high luminosity and small systematics
- **Huge spectrometer of MAC-E-Filter type**  
→ ultra-high energy resolution

**Sensitivity on  $m(\nu_e)$ :**  
**2 eV → 200 meV**

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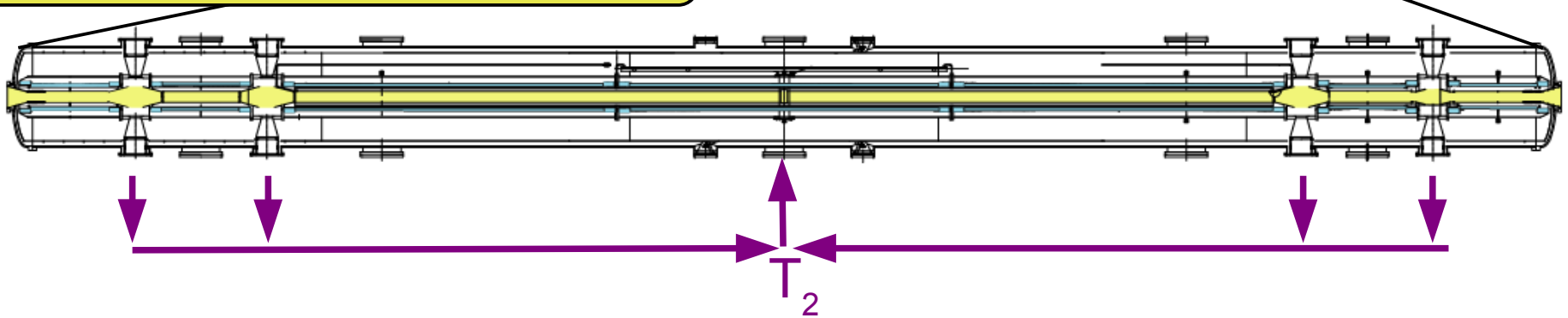
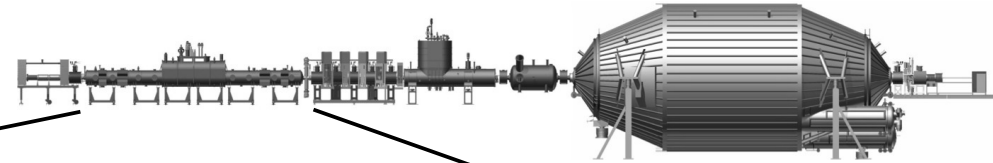
The international KATRIN Collaboration

# Windowless Gaseous Molecular Tritium Source WGTS

per mill stability source strength request:

$$dN/dt \sim f_T \cdot N / \tau \sim n = f_T \cdot p V / RT$$

tritium fraction  $f_T$  & ideal gas law



WGTS: tube in long superconducting solenoids  
 $\varnothing$  9cm, length: 10m,  $T = (30 \pm 0.03)$  K

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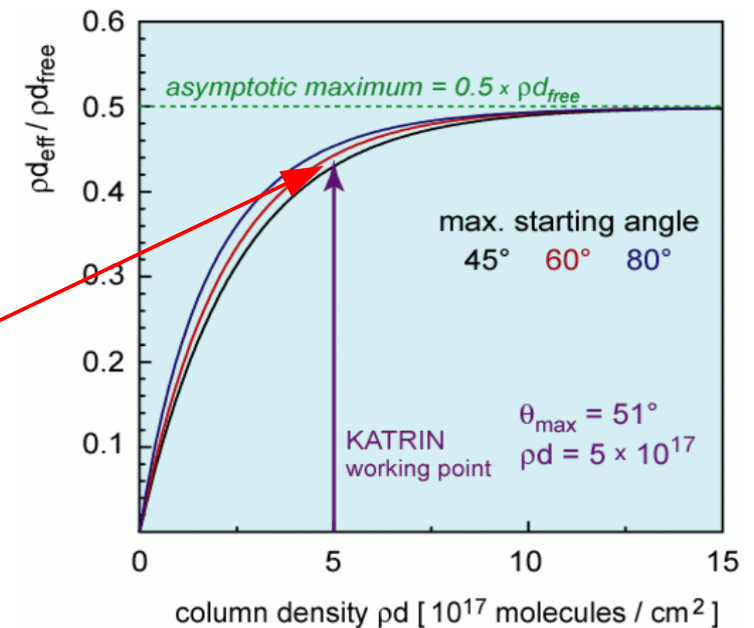
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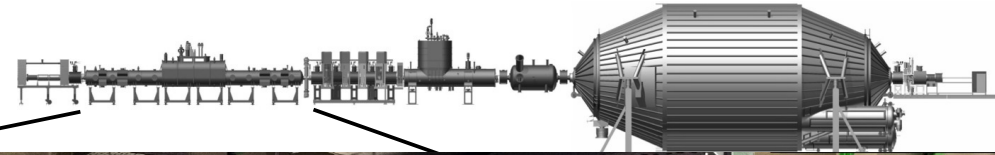
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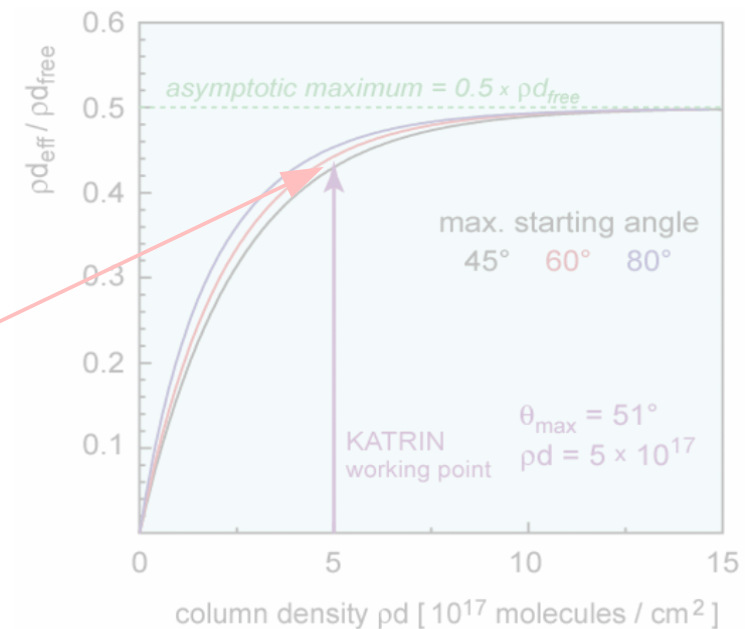
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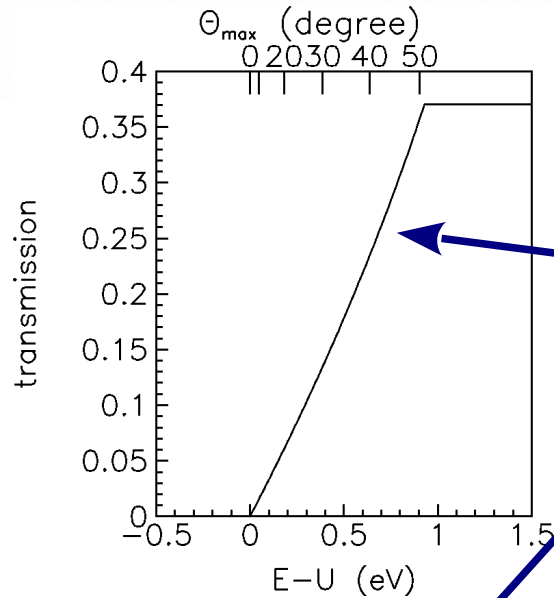
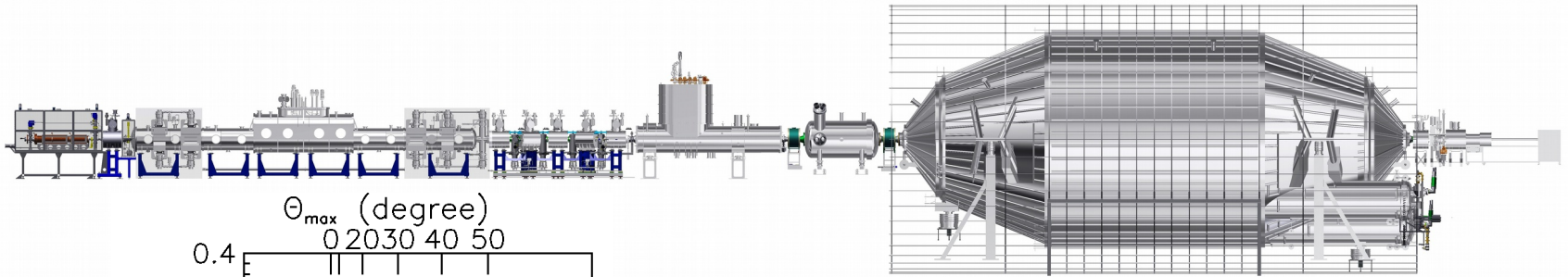
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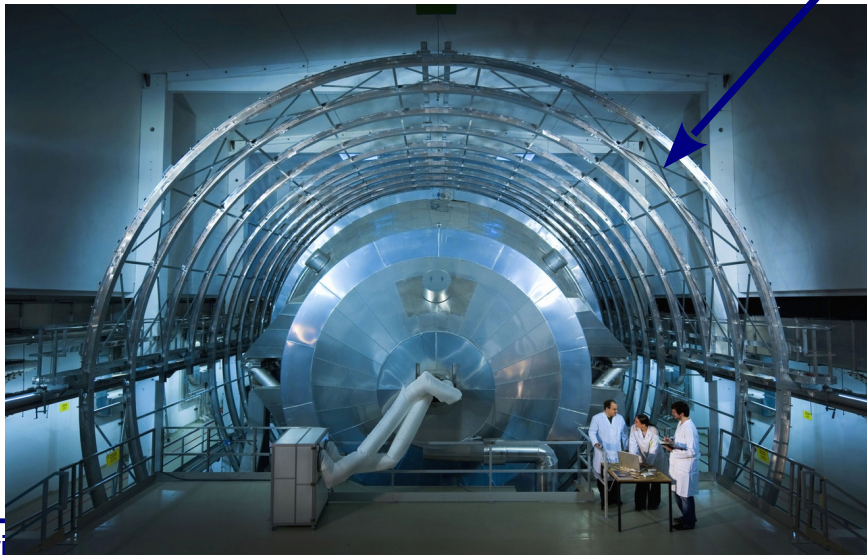
# The KATRIN Main Spectrometer: an integrating high resolution MAC-E-Filter



**Integral transmission function:**

$$\Delta E = E \cdot B_{\min} / B_{\max} = 0.93 \text{ eV}$$

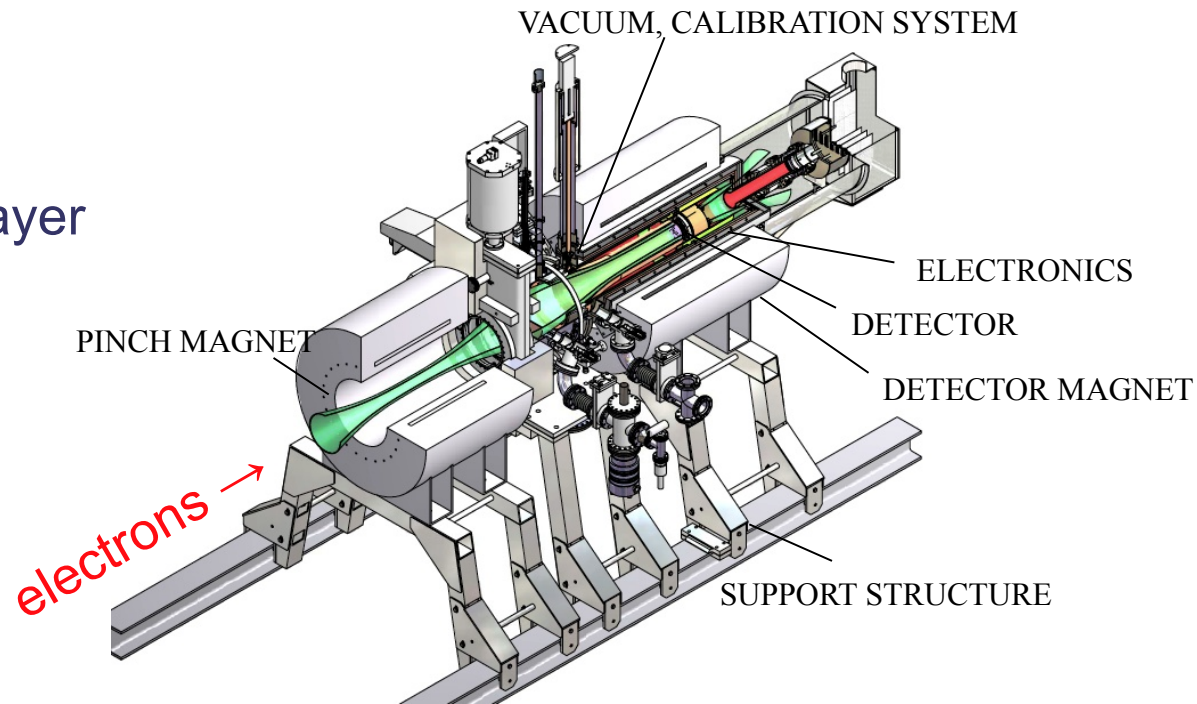
- 18.6 kV retardation voltage,  $\sigma < 60 \text{ meV/years}$
- Energy resolution (0%  $\rightarrow$  100% transmission): 0.93 eV
- Ultra-high vacuum, pressure  $< 10^{-11} \text{ mbar}$
- Air coils for earth magnetic field compensation
- Double layer wire electrode for background reduction and field shaping



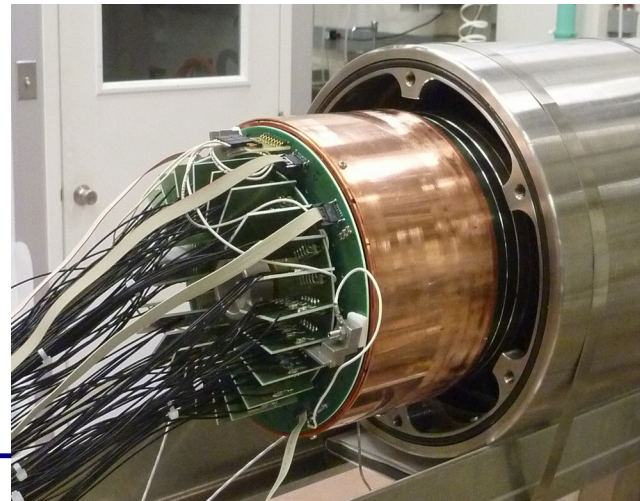


## Focal plane detection system

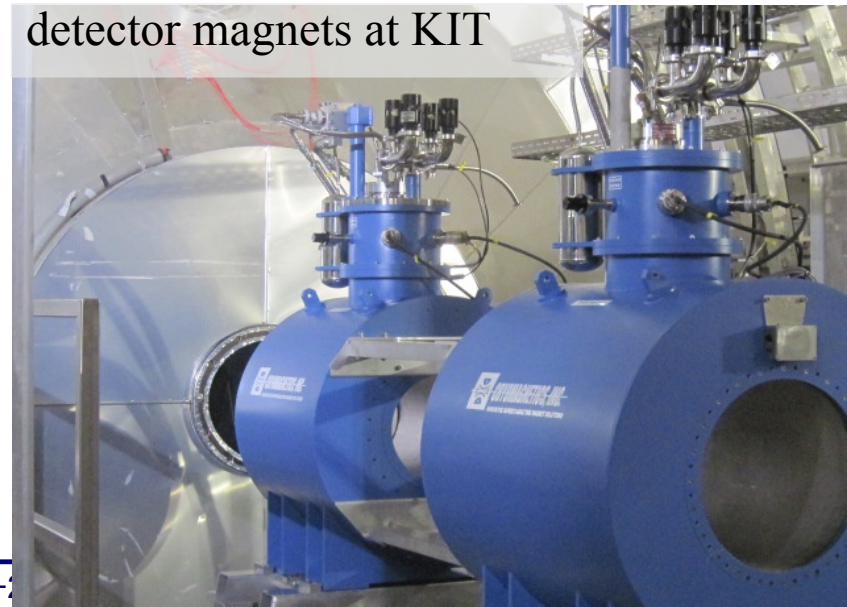
segmented Si PIN diode:  
 90 mm Ø, 148 pixels, 50 nm dead layer  
 energy resolution  $\approx 1$  keV  
 pinch and detector magnets up to 6 T  
 post acceleration (10kV)  
 active veto shield



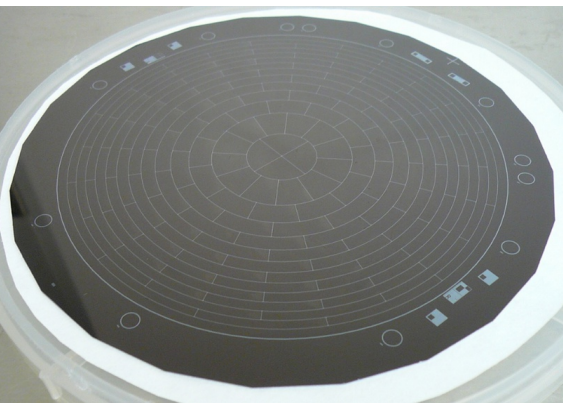
pre-amplifier wheel



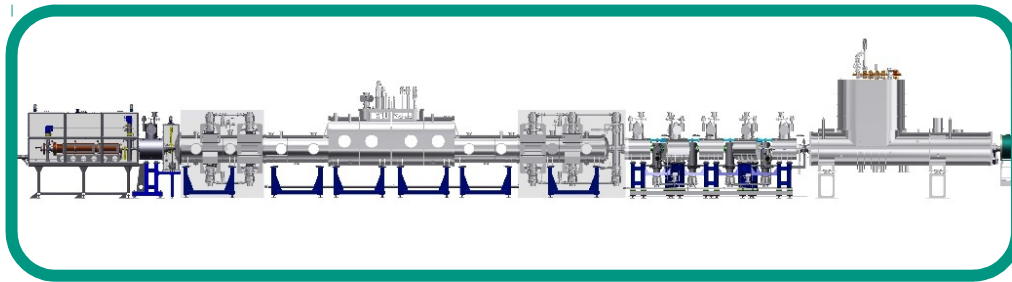
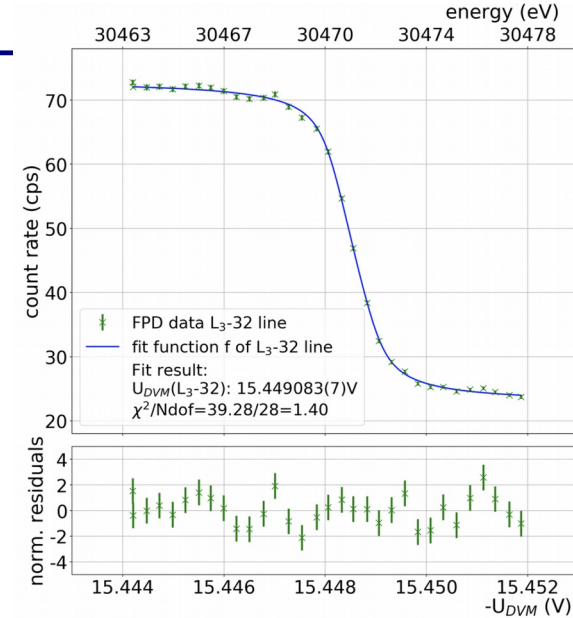
detector magnets at KIT



segmented Si-PIN wafer

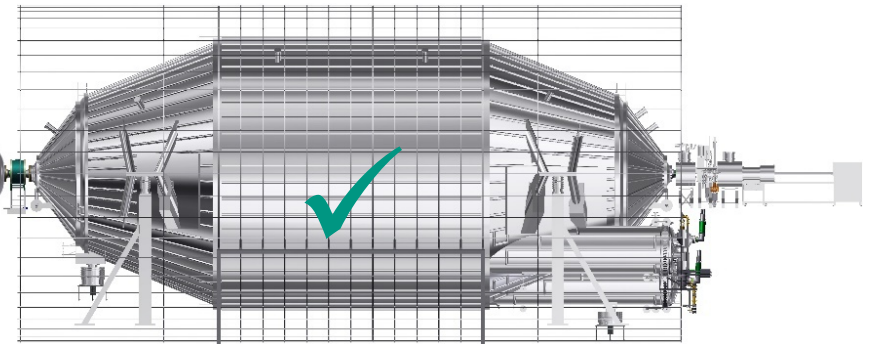


- KATRIN will investigate  $m(\nu_e)$  with 200 meV sensitivity by employing
  - a high-resolution MAC-E filter with  $< 1$  eV energy resolution (e.g. M. Arenz et al., EPJ C 78 (2018) 368) ✓
  - and an ultra-stable high-luminosity windowless gaseous molecular tritium source



**Inner loop buffer  
vessel pressure**

**WGTS  
Temperature**



**Gas  
composition**

**Source  
activity**

**Active regulation**  
Stability  $< 0.05\%$

**Two-phase Ne cooling**  
Stability  $< 1.5\text{mK/h}$  @ 30 K

**Raman spectroscopy**  
Precision  $< 0.1\%$  in 20 s

**Not yet  
demonstrated**

*Priester et al.*  
*Vacuum 116*  
(2015) 42 ✓

*Grohmann et al.*  
*Cryogenics 55-56,*  
(2013) 5 ✓

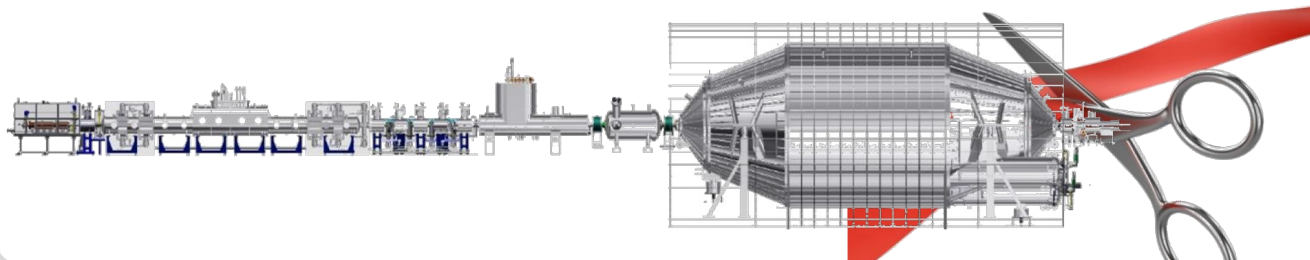
*M. Schlösser et al.*  
*J. Mol. Struct. 1044,*  
24 (2013) 61 ✓

# May/June 2018: KATRIN inauguration & first tritium campaign (commissioning)

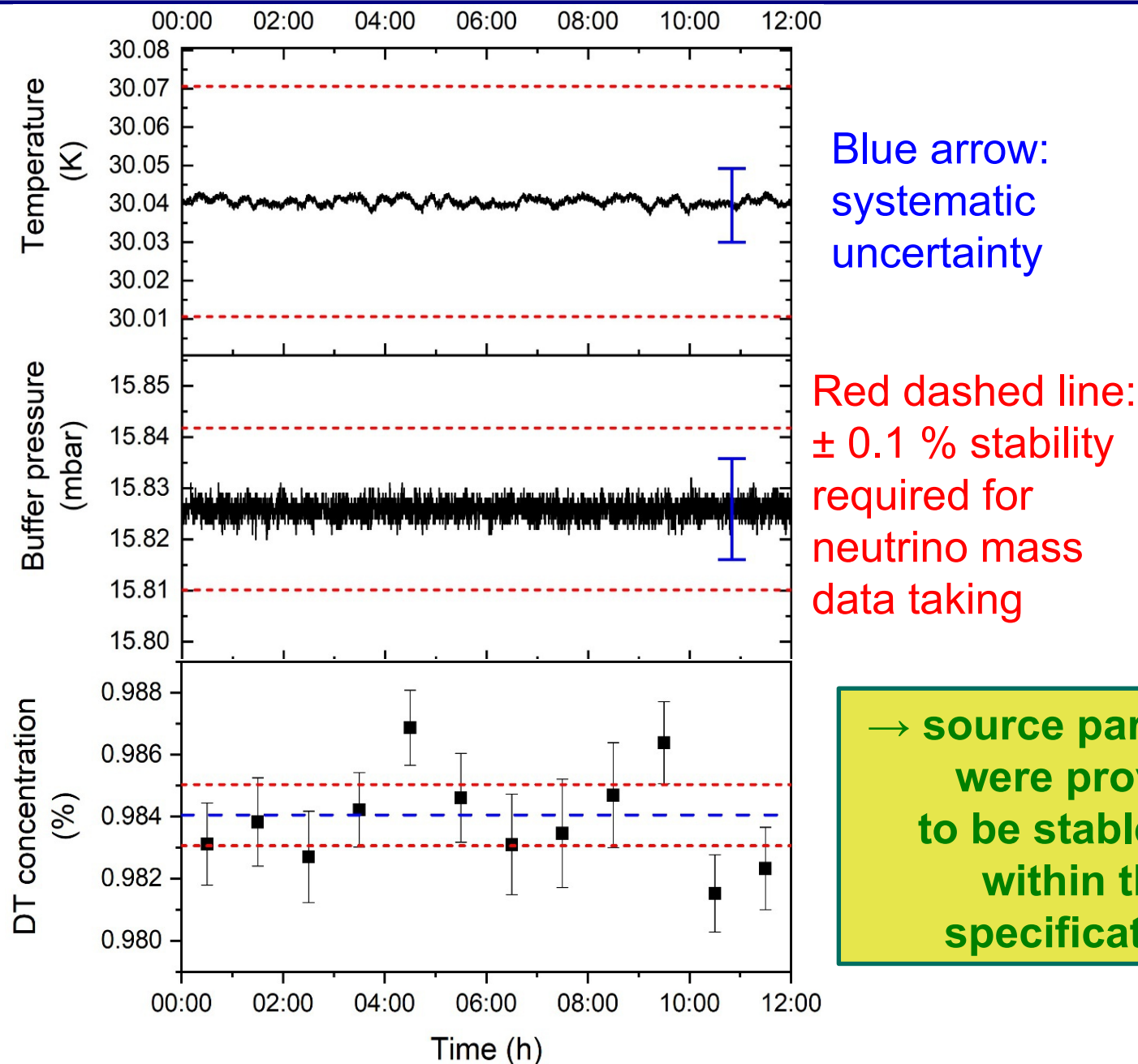
## Motivation:

method: inject known gas mix from prepared cylinders (80% of nominal pd, ~1% DT and ~99% D<sub>2</sub> corresponds to <1% of nominal activity ≈ 500 MBq)

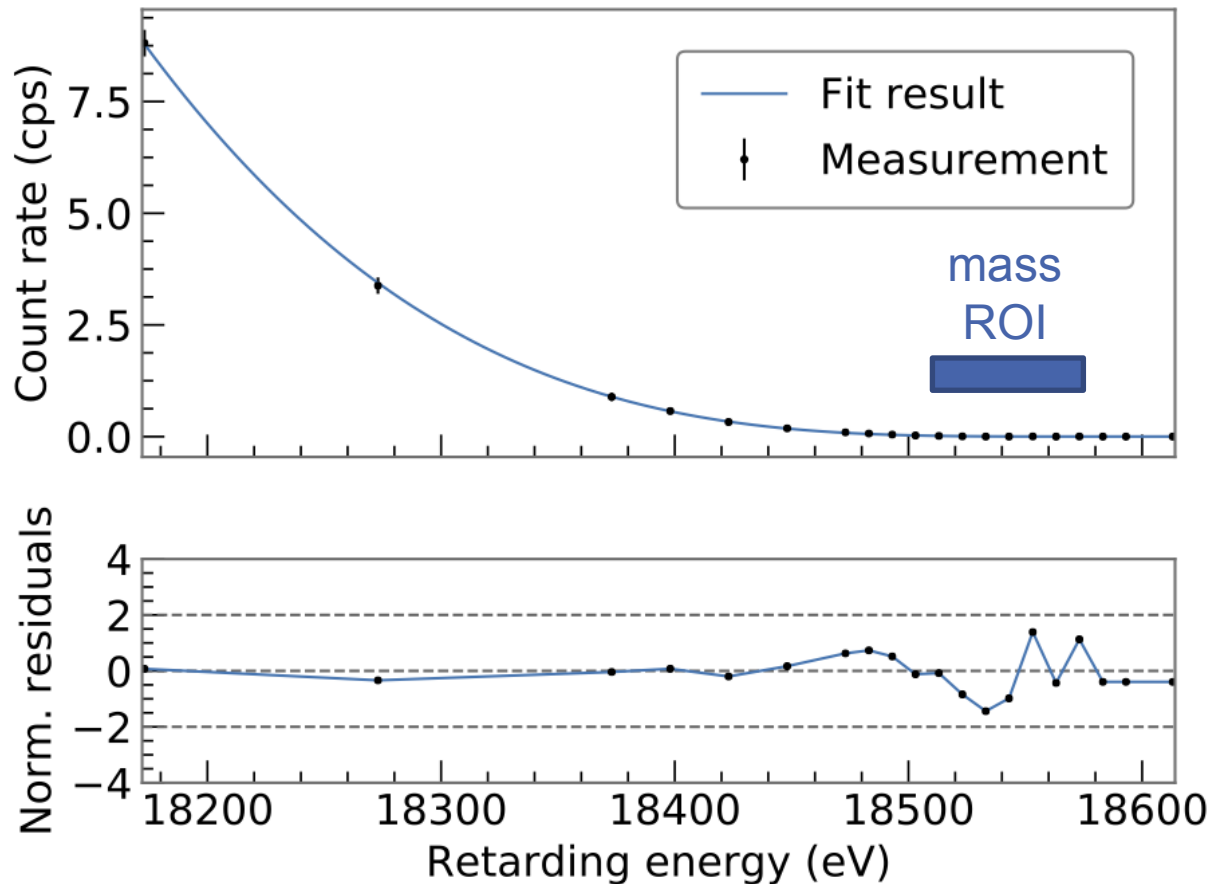
verify functionality of all system components and demonstrate 0.1% global stability  
study beta spectrum for systematic effects and test analysis strategies



# First tritium campaign: Stability of source parameters during 12 h

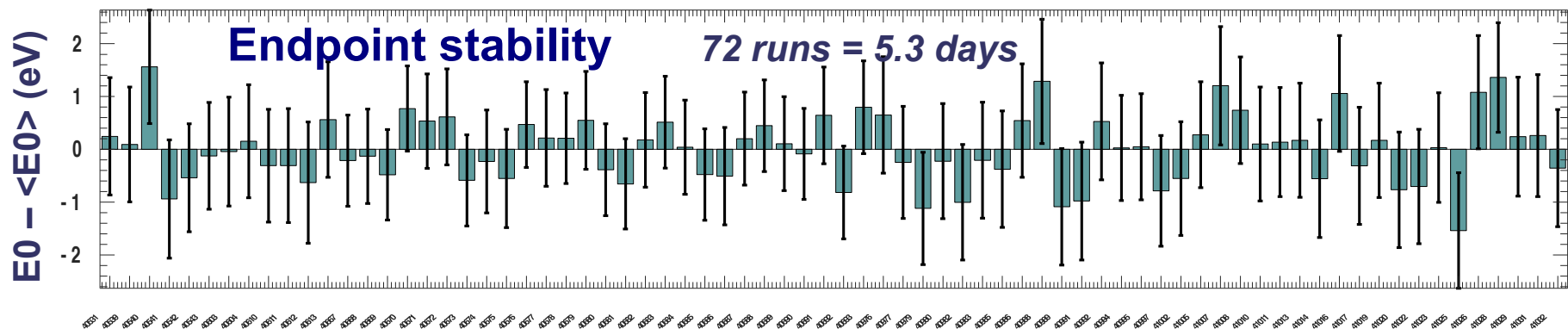


# Tritium spectrum fit (example)

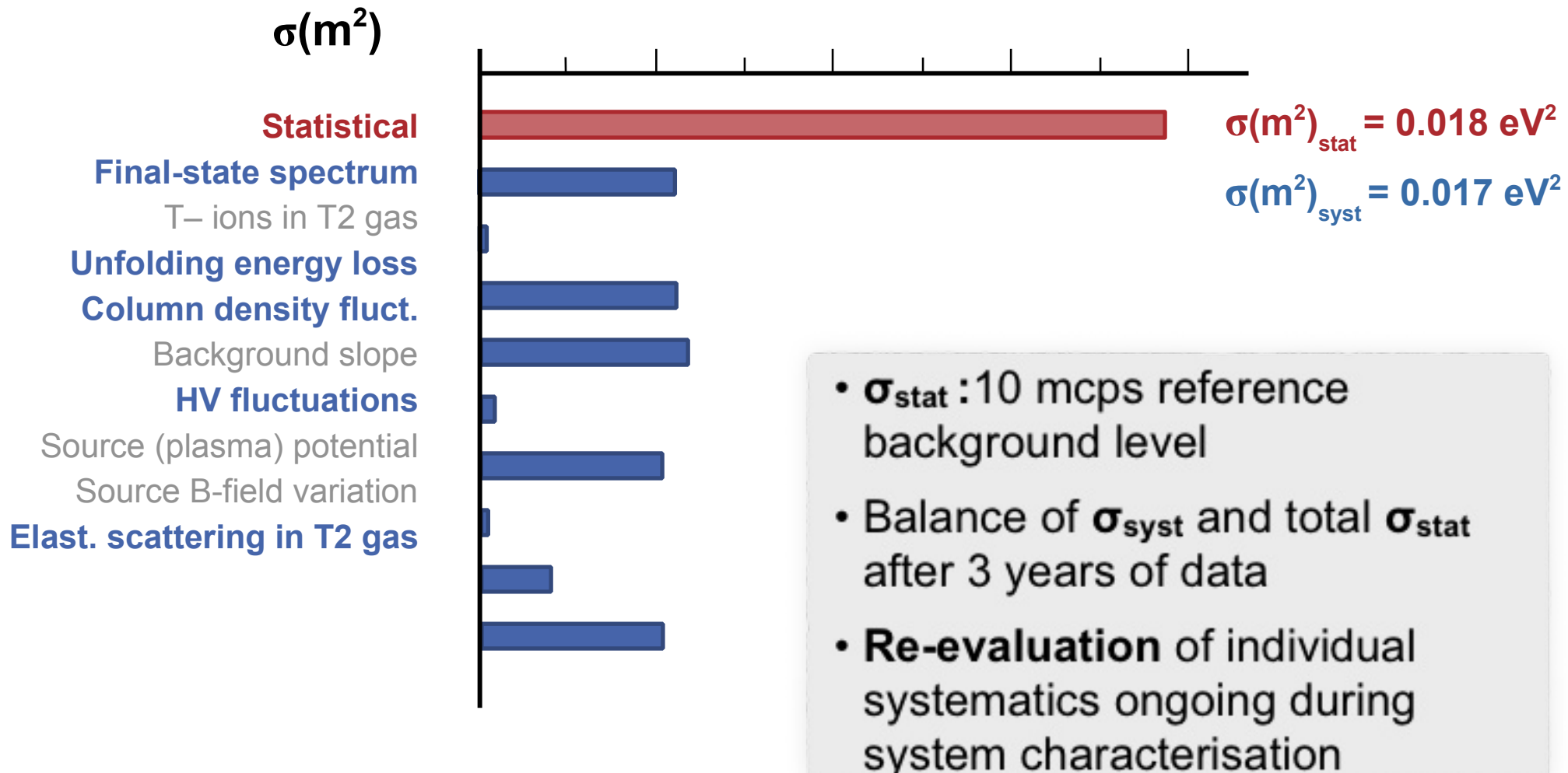


- Single run (3h), analysis of single detector pixel
- ROI extended to 400 eV
- Statistics only

→ very good agreement between data and fit (shape and estimated absolute rate!) & very stable



## KATRIN's uncertainty budget (design sensitivity, ~2004):



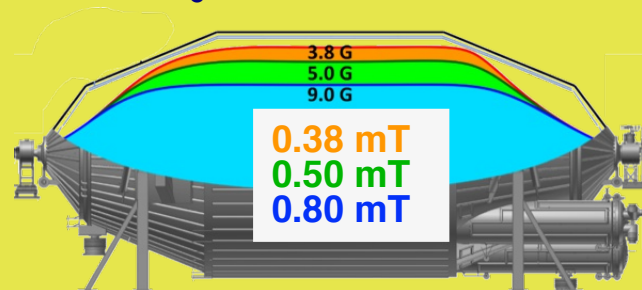
**3 yr of data taking**

**sensitivity on the neutrino mass (stat.+sys. uncertainties):**

→ **200 meV (design value)**

**Higher (Rydberg) background rate**

→ **using larger data range ( $E_0$ -60 eV) and a bit less energy res.:**



→ **240 meV (without further mitigation of the Rydberg background)**

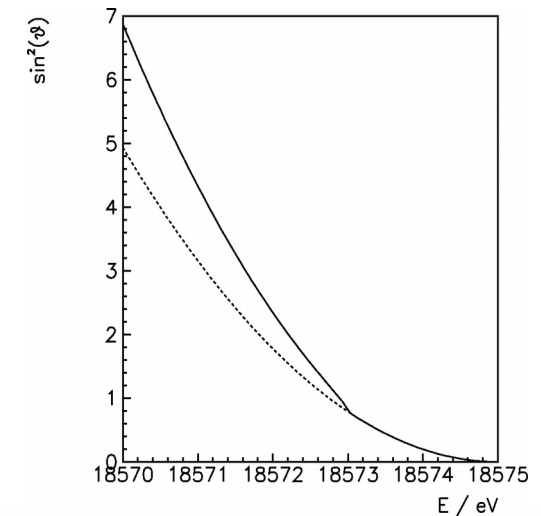
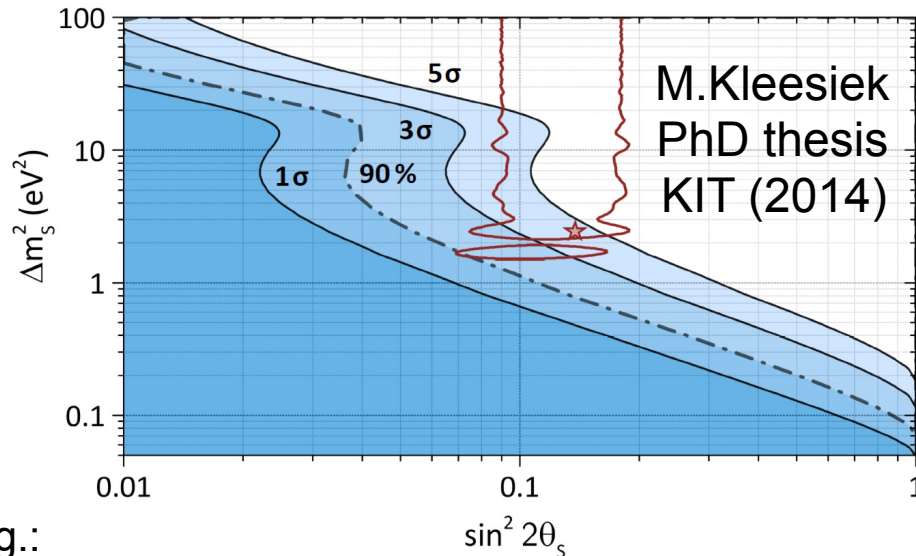
**„Science“ data taking 2019 – 2023**

**and hopefully beyond with upgrades**

## Sterile neutrinos

$$dN/dE = K F(E,Z) p E_{\text{tot}} (E_0 - E_e) \left( \cos^2(\theta) \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_{1,2,3})^2} + \sin^2(\theta) \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_4)^2} \right)$$

**eV  $\nu$ :**



see e.g.:

- J. A. Formaggio, J. Barret, PLB 706 (2011) 68
- A. Sejersen Riis, S. Hannestad, JCAP02 (2011) 011
- A. Esmaili, O.L.G. Peres, arXiv:1203.2632

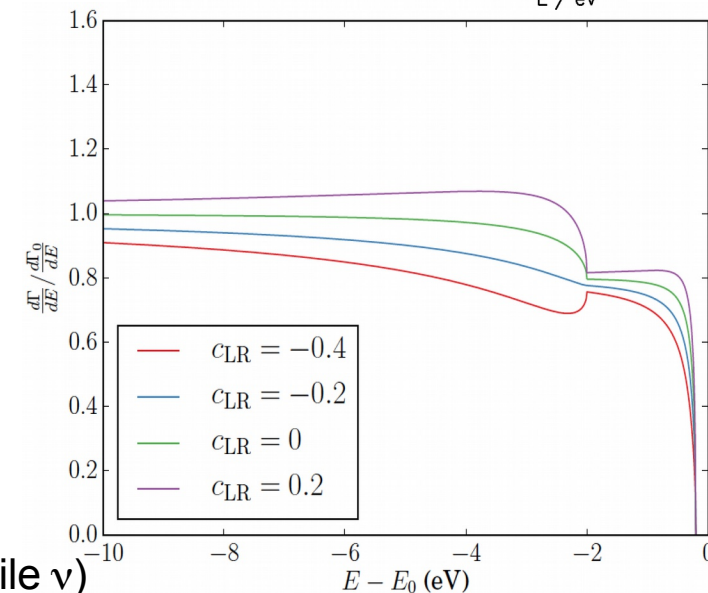
**keV  $\nu$ :**

see e.g.

- S. Mertens et al., JCAP 02 (2015) 020
- M. Drewes et al. JCAP 01 (2017) 025

**non SM currents, ...**

see e.g.: N. Steinbrink et al., JCAP 6 (2017) 15 (RH currents & sterile  $\nu$ )





# Sterile neutrino search with KATRIN: upgrading detector by the project TRISTAN

Extension of KATRIN to search for eV – keV sterile neutrinos

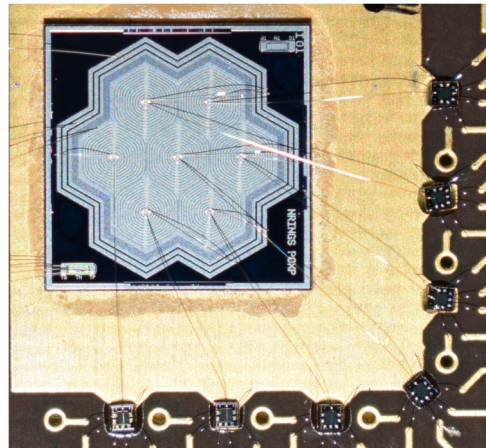
Tiny, but characteristic signal further away from the endpoint

Challenge:

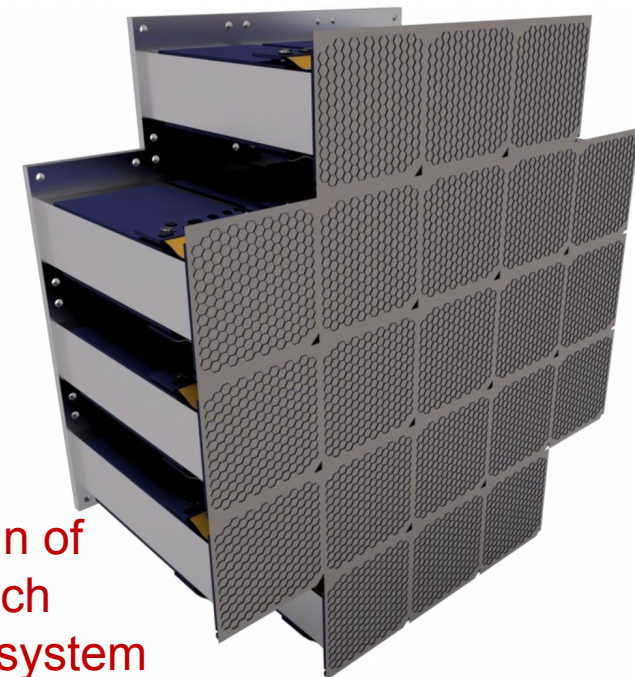
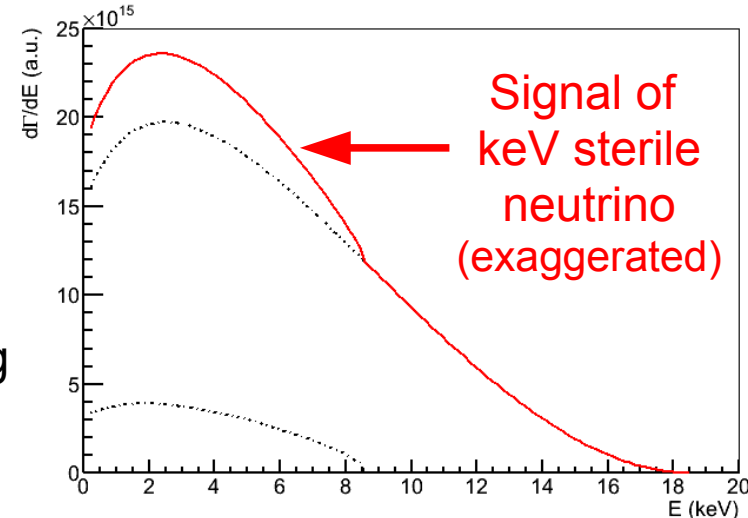
ppm sensitivity needed (high statistics, small systematics)  
→ New detector system!

R&D of multi-pixel Silicon Drift Detector (SDD) system ongoing

Excellent performance  
demonstrated with  
prototype detector system



7 pixel TRISTAN  
prototype



Design of  
3500 ch  
SDD system

S. Mertens, T. Lasserre *et al.* Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) 4, 042005  
 S. Mertens, K. Dolde, M. Korzeczek, *et al.* JCAP 1502 (2015) 02, 020  
 K. Dolde, S. Mertens, D. Radford *et al.* NIM-A 848 (2017)  
 M. Drewes *et al.*, JCAP 1701 (2017) no.01, 025  
 A. Boyarsky, M. Drewes, T. Lasserre, S. Mertens, O. Ruchayskiy,  
 arXiv:1807.07938  
 S. Mertens, *et al.*: arXiv:1810.06711 [physics.ins-det] (2018)

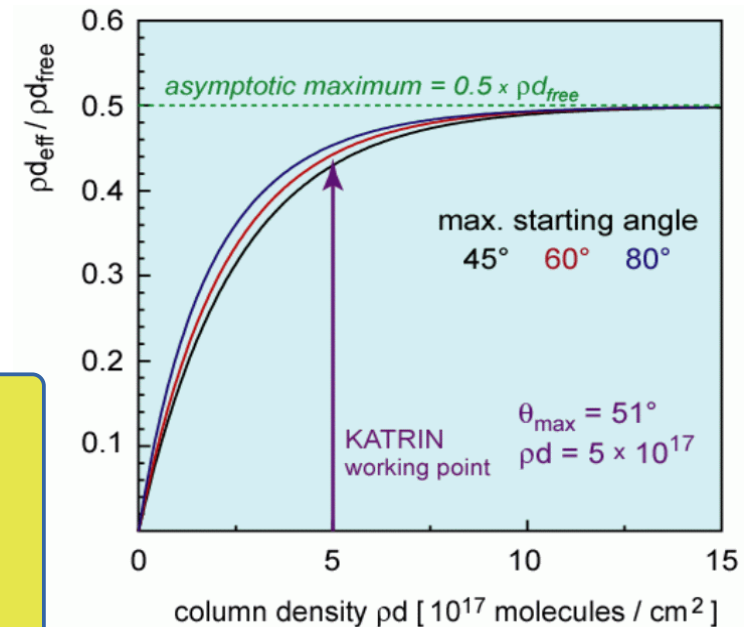
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## Can we go beyond or improve KATRIN ?

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 magnetic flux tube conservation  
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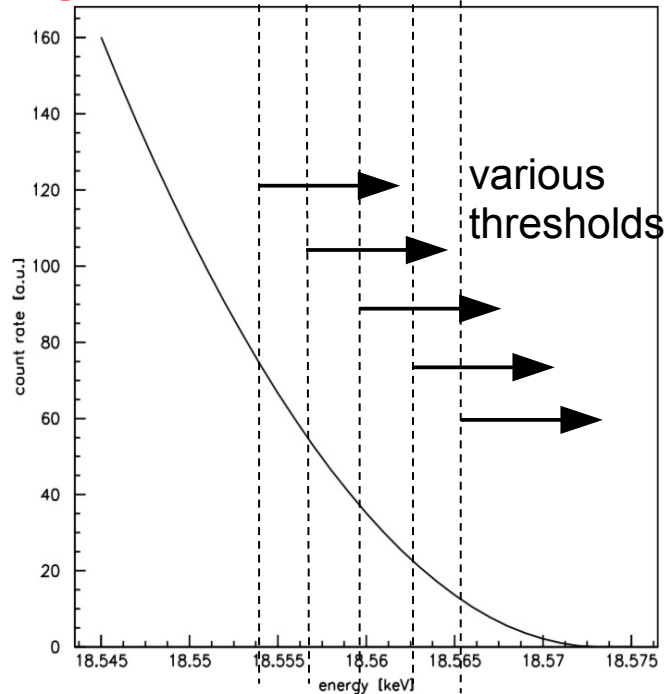
### Possible ways out:

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 → measure all retarding voltage settings at once  
 additional benefit: possible background reduction



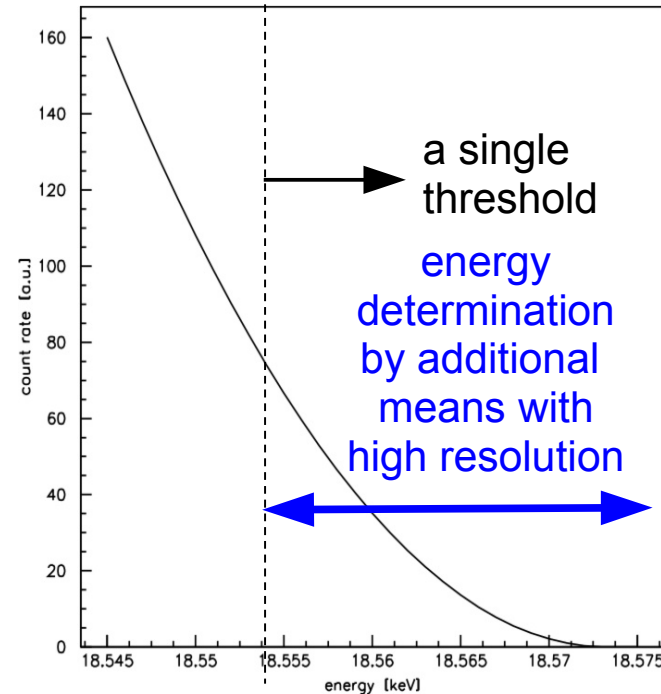
# Gain of additional differential method avoiding loss of statistics by many filter settings

## Integral MAC-E-Filter method



need many retardation voltages,  
about 40 different settings,  
to obtain spectral information

## add. differential measurement



need one retardation voltage to limit count rate  
and use other means, e.g. high-res. detector  
to obtain spectral information

→ **Differential method: expect naively statistical improvement**  
in  $m_v^2$  of up to a factor  $\sqrt{40}$  w.r.t. standard KATRIN,  
i.e. up to a factor of 2.5 in  $m_v$  w.r.t. standard KATRIN !  
→ **KATRIN could reach < 100 meV with such a method**

Numbers are in  
agreement with  
simulations in  
dipl. thesis of  
A. Mertens,  
KIT, 2012

## 1) Cryo bolometer detector array

**Problem:** In the KATRIN setup the electrons are guided and adiabatically collimated by axial magnetic fields with conserved magnetic flux:  $134 \text{ Tcm}^2$  (70% of KATRIN default magnetic fields)

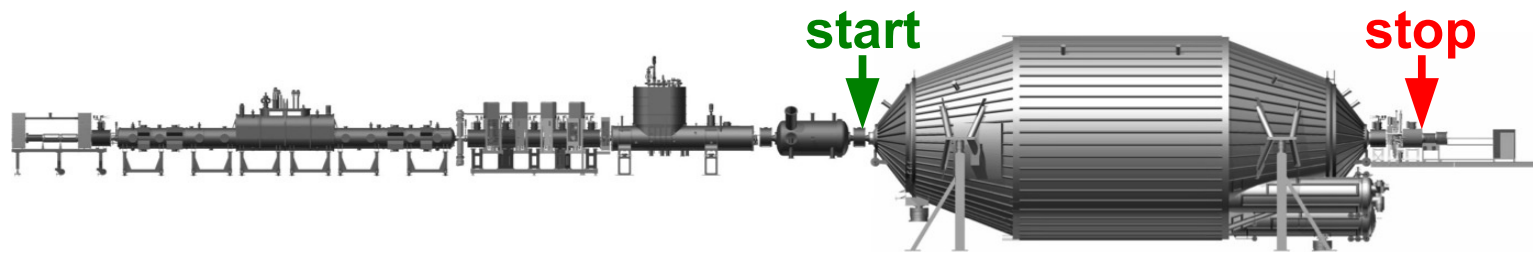
→ Tesla magnetic fields at cryo-bolometer array

Is there a cryo bolometer technology compatible with this?

Or can we separate magnetically the electron absorber from the temperature read-out?

## 2) Measurement of time of flight

Works in principle since electrons are strongly retarded by the MAC-E-Filter, please see *N. Steinbrink et al., NJP 15 (2013) 113020*



**Problem:** Can we build an electron tagger to measure the time of start with only little disturbance?

There are some ideas, which are not excluded by first principles ..

**Bonus of any differential method: could significantly lower background !**

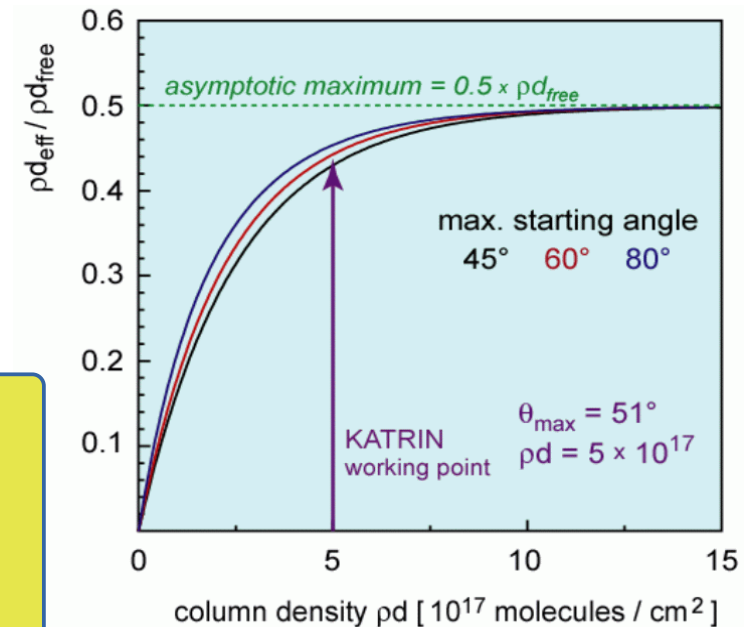
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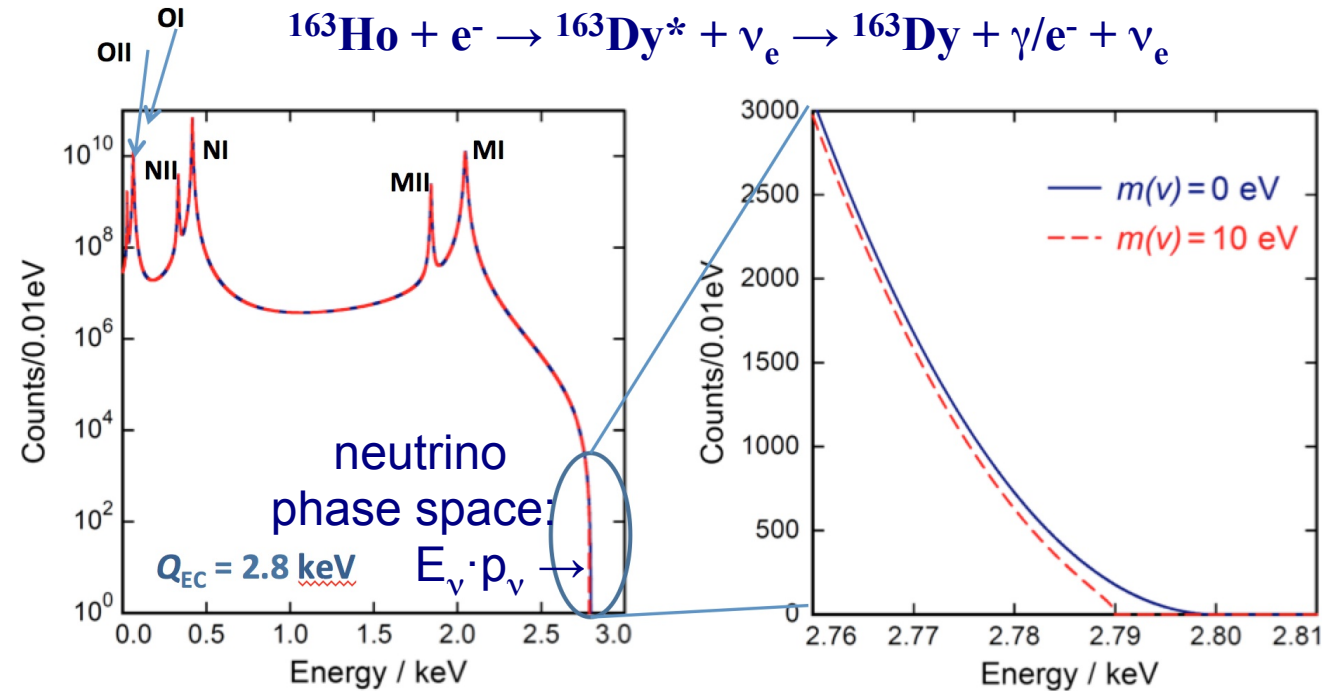
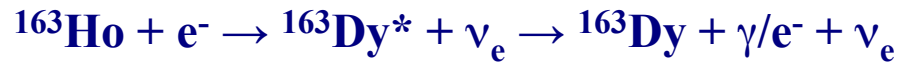
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- b) source inside detector (compare to  $0\nu\beta\beta$ )  
 using cryogenic bolometers (ECHO, HOLMES, ..)



# Direct anti neutrino mass measurement from $^{163}\text{Ho}$ electron capture: ECHO, HOLMES

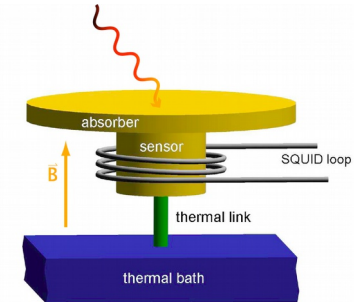


$^{163}\text{Ho}$  source inside cryo calorimeter  
 $\rightarrow$  determine  $\Delta E$   
 by temp change  $\Delta T$ :

$$\Delta T = \Delta E / C, C \propto T^3$$

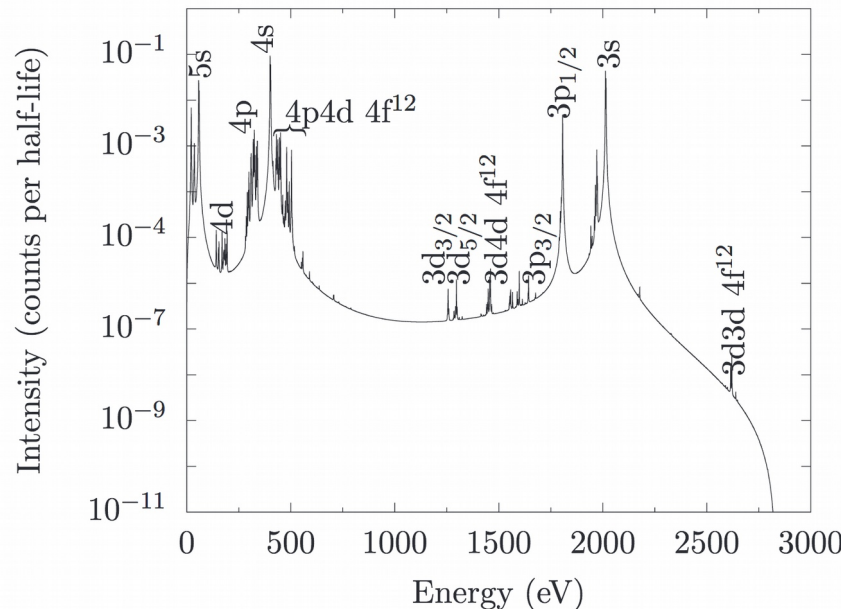
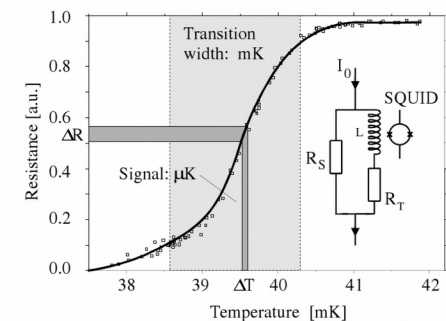
**ECHO:**

metallic magnetic calorimeters:  
 change of magnetic properties



**HOLMES:**

sc. transition edge sensors



New ab initio  
 spectral calculation:  
 M. Braß et al.,  
 PRC **97** (2018) 054620

$\rightarrow$  much better agreement  
 with experimental data  
 from ECHO

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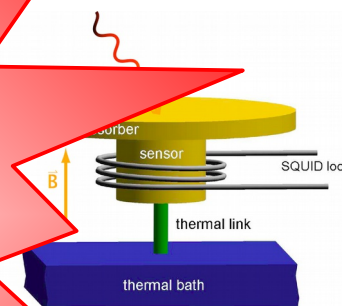


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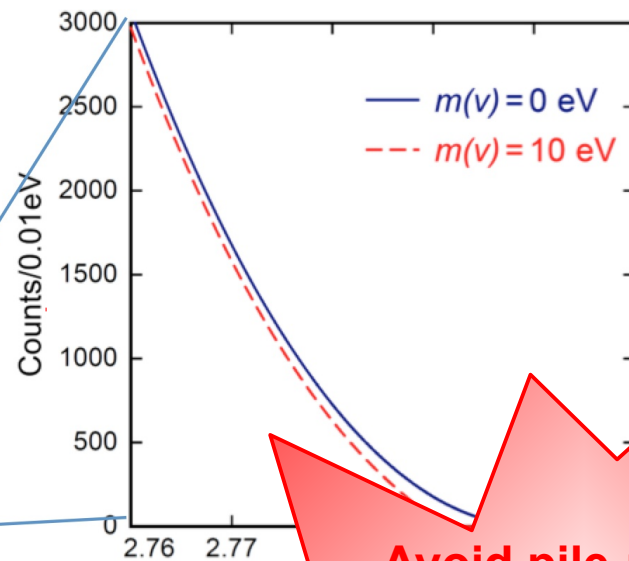
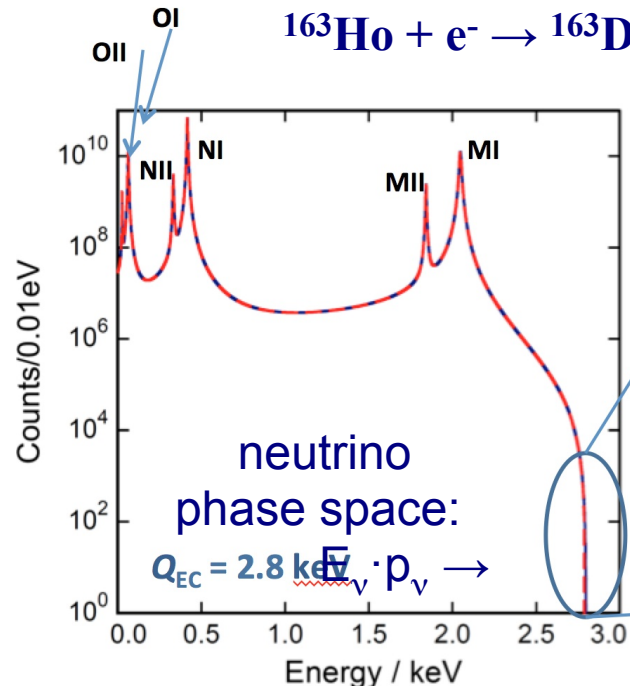
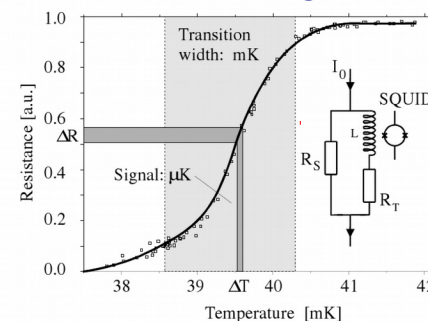
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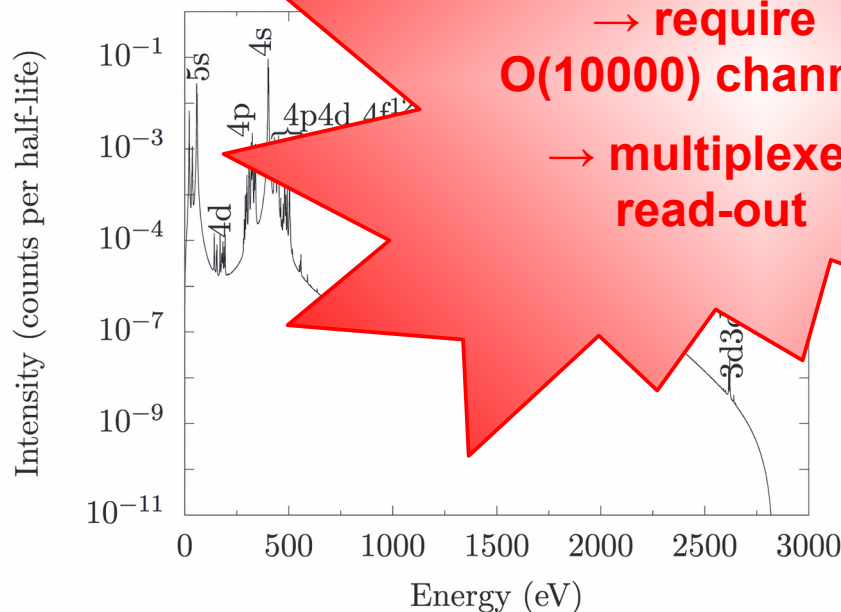


**HOLMES:**

sc. transition edge sensors



**Avoid pile-up**  
 → require  
**O(10000) channels**  
 → multiplexed  
**read-out**

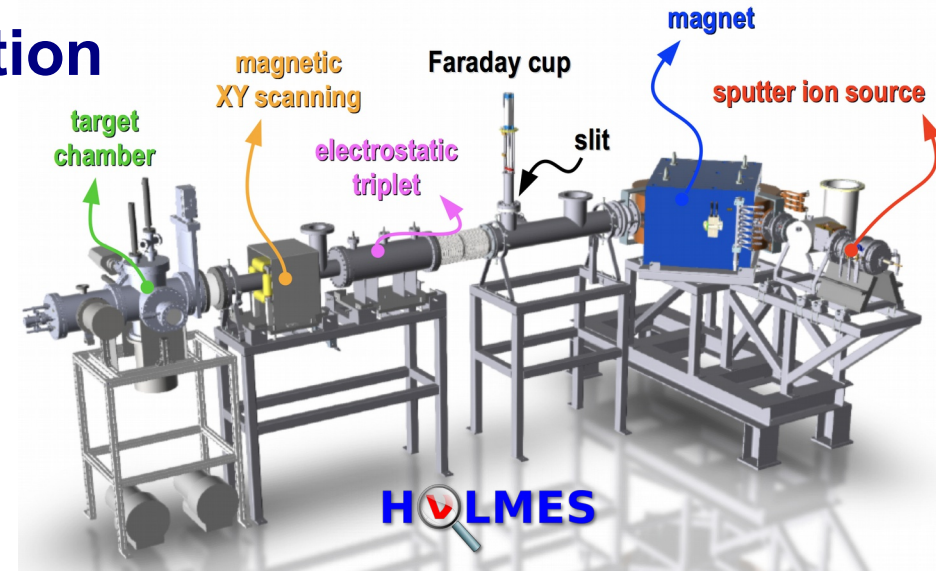


New ab initio spectral calculation:  
 M. Braß et al.,  
 PRC **97** (2018) 054620

→ much better agreement  
 with experimental data  
 from ECHO

## Source by n irradiation and implantation

Tm 163 1.81 h	Tm 164 5.1 m	Tm 165 30.06 h	Tm 166 7.70 h	Tm 167 9.25 d	Tm 168 93.1 d
Er 162 0.139	Er 163 75 m	Er 164 1.601	Er 165 10.3 h	Er 166 33.503	Er 167 22.889
Ho 161 6.7 s	Ho 162 2.5 h	Ho 163 68 m	Ho 164 1.4570 a	Ho 165 100	Ho 166 1000 a
Dy 160 2.329	Dy 161 18.860	Dy 162 25.475	Dy 163 24.896	Dy 164 28.260	Dy 165



## Q-value of $^{163}\text{Ho}$ :

→ long debate of values around 2.5 and 2.8 keV solved:

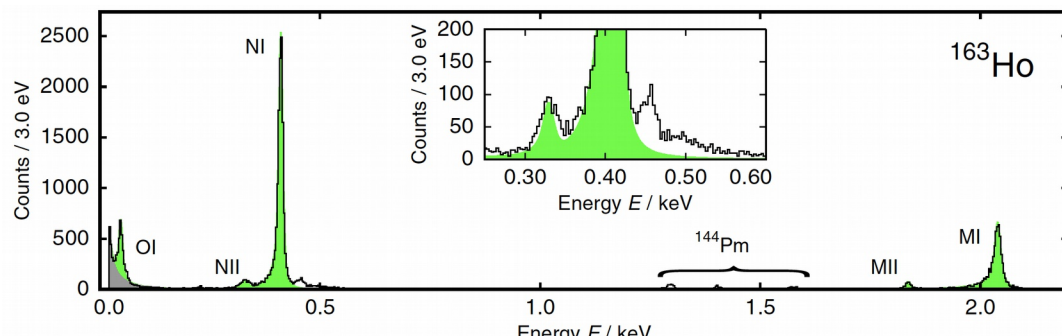
SHIPTRAP Penning trap measurement:  
*S. Eliseev et al., PRL 115 (2015) 062501*

$$Q_{\text{EC}} = (2.833 \pm 0.030^{\text{stat}} \pm 0.015^{\text{syst}}) \text{ keV}$$

ECHO precision  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  EC spectrum:

*P. C.-O. Ranitzsch et al., PRL 119 (2017) 122501*

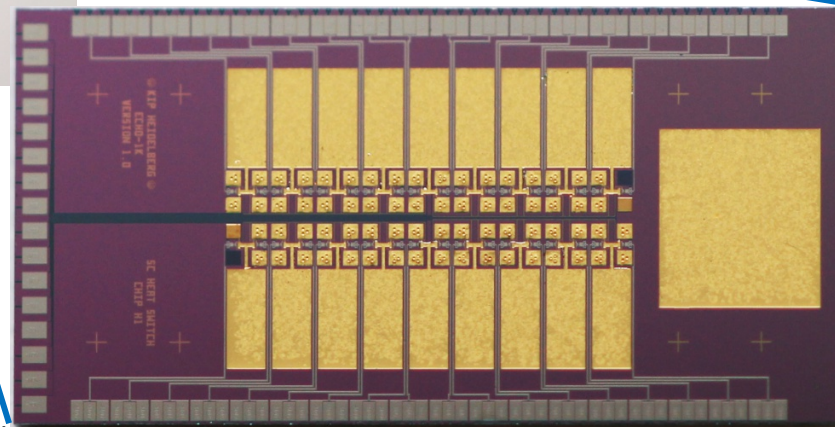
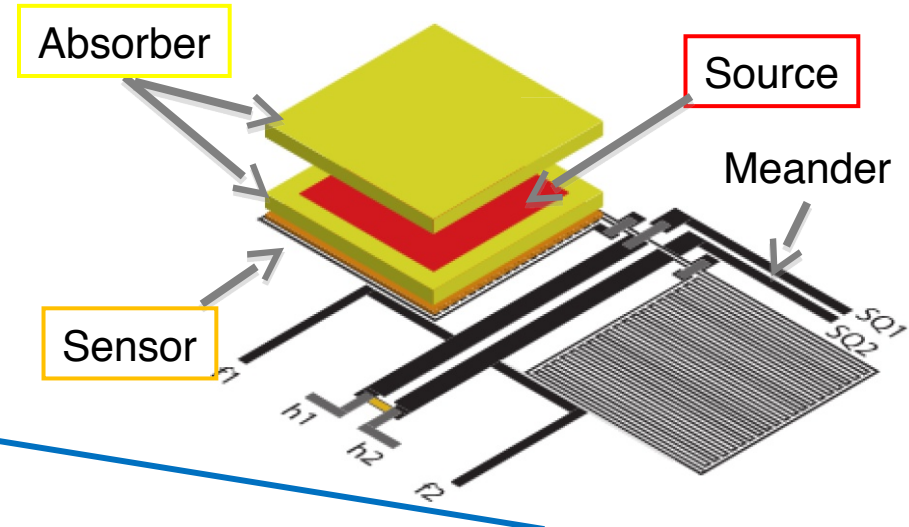
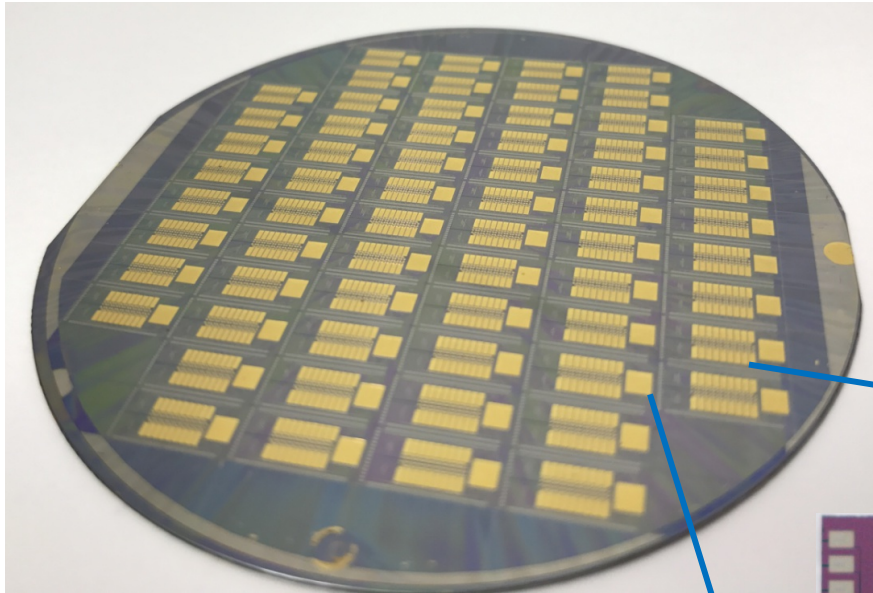
$$Q_{\text{EC}} = (2.858 \pm 0.010^{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05^{\text{syst}}) \text{ keV}$$



courtesy: L. Gastaldo, A. Nucciotti



# Present status of ECHo



64 pixels which can be loaded with  $^{163}\text{Ho}$   
+ 4 detectors for diagnostics

Design performance:

$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} \sim 5 \text{ eV}$$

$$\tau_r \sim 90 \text{ ns (single channel readout)}$$

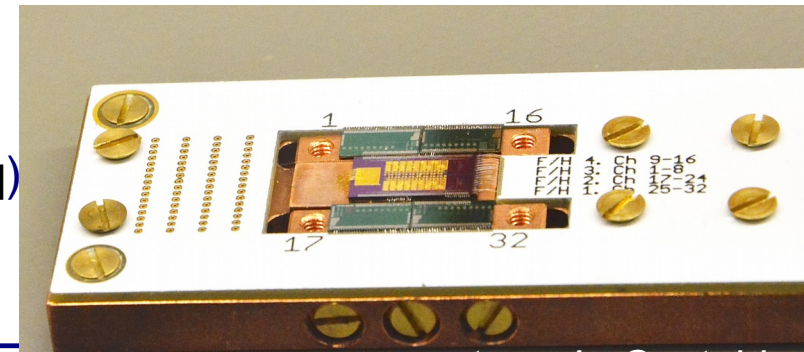
$$\tau_r \sim 300 \text{ ns (microwave-multiplexed read-out)}$$

ECHo-1k chip implanted at RISIKO at Univ. of Mainz

→  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  activity per pixel  $a \approx 1 \text{ Bq}$  (total activity  $A \approx 100 \text{ Bq}$ )

4 Front-end chips each with 8 dc-SQUIDS

→ **ECHo has taken spectra with  $10^7$  counts this summer**



courtesy: L. Gastaldo

## Source production and purification:

130 MBq available for tests and experiments ✓

## Detector arrays characterization:

very good single pixel performance ✓

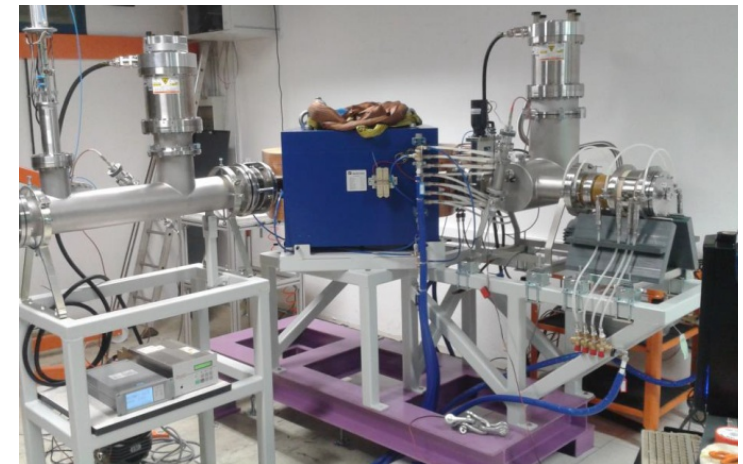
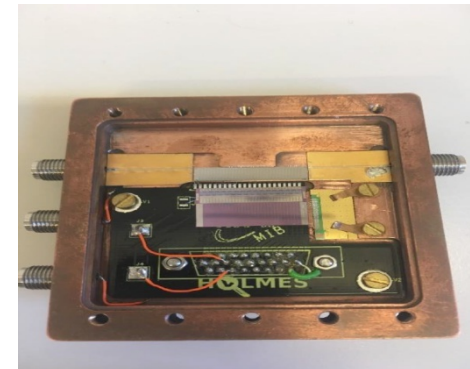
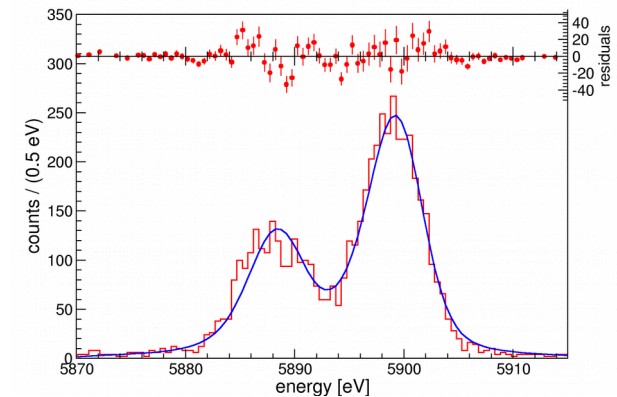
$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 4.5 \pm 0.1 \text{ eV @ 6 keV}$$

$$\tau_{\text{rise}} \approx 13 \mu\text{s}$$

operating microwave SQUID multiplexing  
**next challenge** → load TES arrays with  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  !

## Dedicated mass separator:

facility installed  
 tests of the ion source on-going  
 commissioning on-going !



*courtesy: L. Gastaldo, A. Nucciotti*

## ECHo

**ECHo-1k** – revised (2015 – 2018)

Activity per pixel: 5 Bq

Number of detectors: 60

Readout: parallel two stage SQUID

→  $m(\nu_e) < 10$  eV 90% C.L.

**ECHo-100k** (2018 – 2021)

Activity per pixel: 10 Bq

Number of detectors: 12000

Readout: microwave SQUID  
multiplexing

→  $m(\nu_e) < 2$  eV 90% C.L.

## HOLMES

Activity per pixel: 300 Bq  
( $6 \times 10^{13}$   $^{163}\text{Ho}$  atoms)

Number of detectors: 64 → 1000

**Proof of concept** (end of 2019):

64 channels mid-term prototype

$t_M = 1$  month

→  $m(\nu_e) < 10$  eV

**Full scale** (starting shortly later):

1000 channels

$t_M = 3$  years ( $3 \times 10^{13}$  events)

→  $m(\nu_e) \approx 1$  eV

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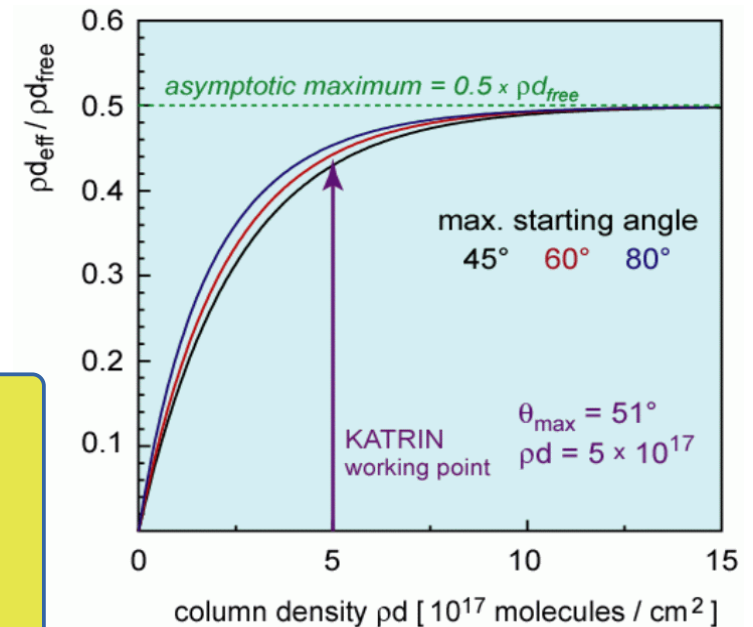
## Sub-eV sensitivity

maybe possible if mass production of multiplexed detectors works  
and if no other showstoppers appear ...

Problem: The KATRIN source is already opaque  
 → need to increase size transversally  
 magnetic flux tube conservation  
 requests larger spectrometer too  
 but a  $\varnothing 100\text{m}$  spectrometer is not feasible

### Possible ways out:

- make better use of the electrons by differential measurement (e.g. cryo bolometer array or TOF) additional to integral threshold:  
 → measure all retarding voltage settings at once  
 additional benefit: possible background reduction
- source inside detector (compare to  $0\nu\beta\beta$ )  
 using cryogenic bolometers (ECHO, HOLMES, ..)
- hand-over energy information of  $\beta$  electron to other particle (radio photon),  
 which can escape tritium source (Project 8)



# Project 8's goal: Measure coherent cyclotron radiation of tritium $\beta$ electrons

**PROJECT 8**

## General idea:

*B. Monreal and J. Formaggio, PRD 80 (2009) 051301*

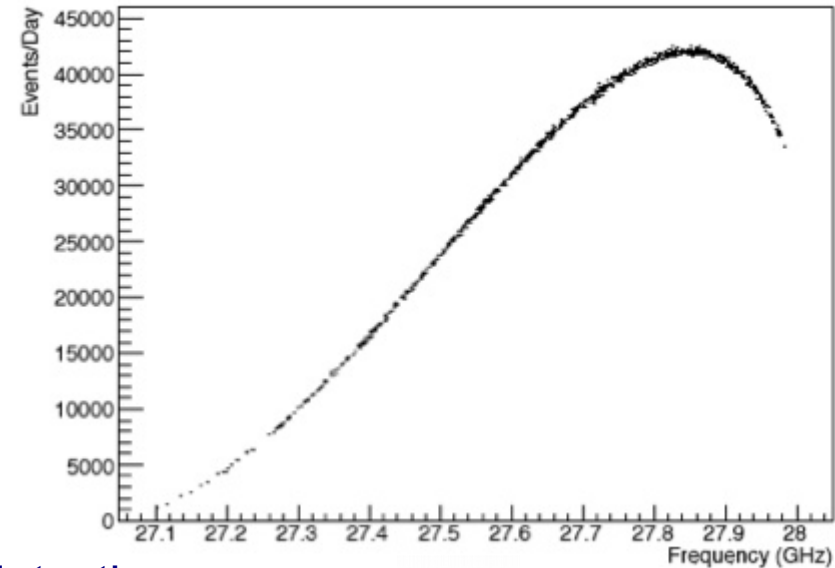
- Source = KATRIN tritium source technology :

uniform B field + low pressure  $T_2$  gas

$\beta$  electron radiates coherent cyclotron radiation

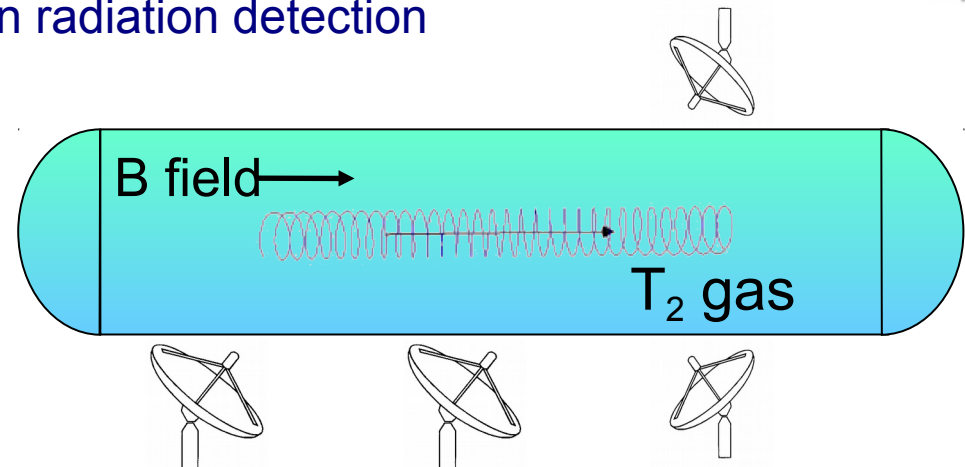
$$\omega(\gamma) = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{eB}{K + m_e}$$

But tiny signal:  $P$  (18 keV,  $\theta=90^\circ$ ,  $B=1T$ ) = 1 fW



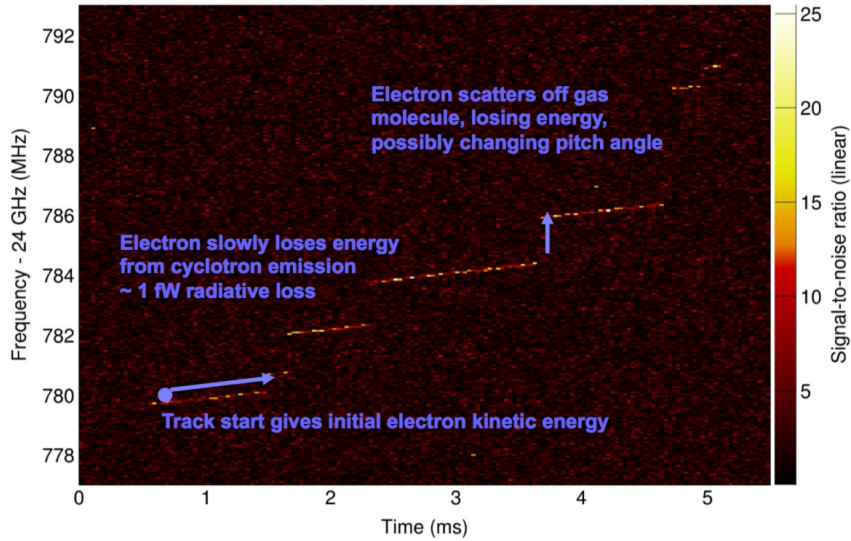
- Antenna array (interferometry) for cyclotron radiation detection

since cyclotron radiation can leave the source and carries out the information of the  $\beta$ -electron energy



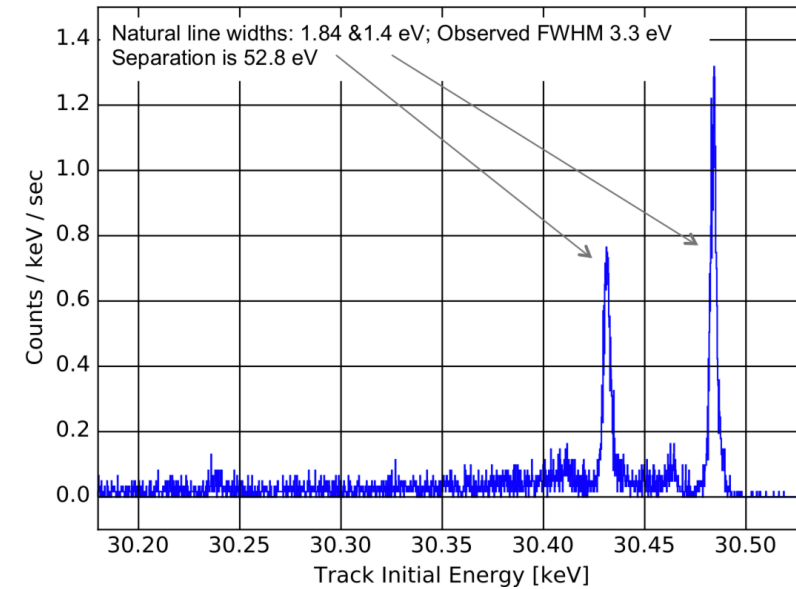
# Project 8: phase I ( $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ ) and II (tritium) Proof of principle

## Phase I ( $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ )



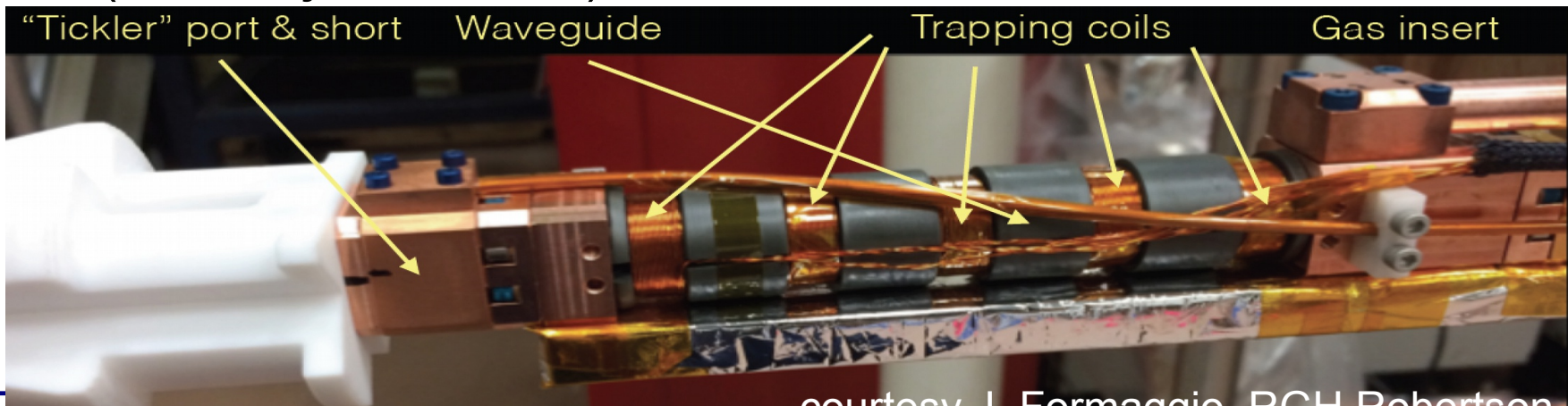
magnetic bottle to trap decay electrons long enough

Region of interest near the 30.4 keV lines  
(bins are 0.5 eV wide)

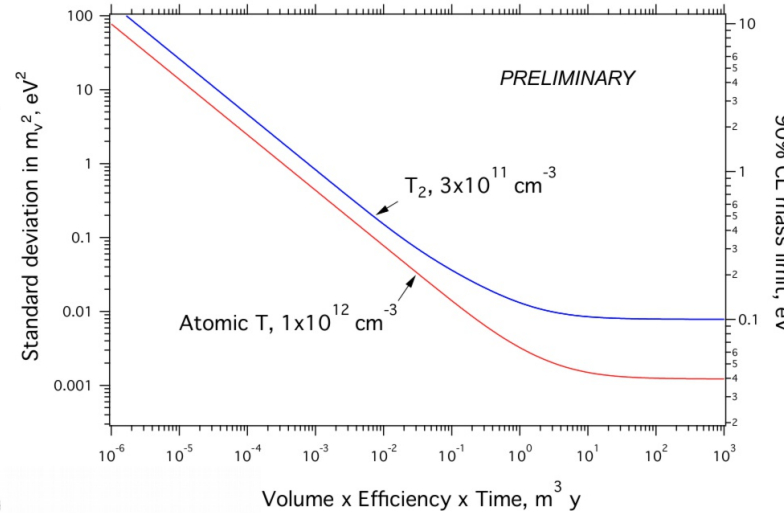
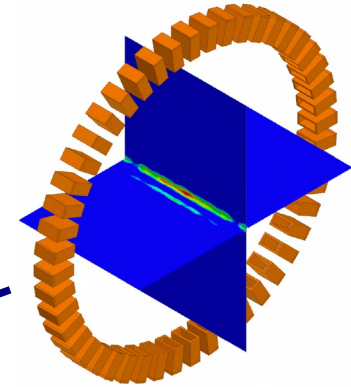
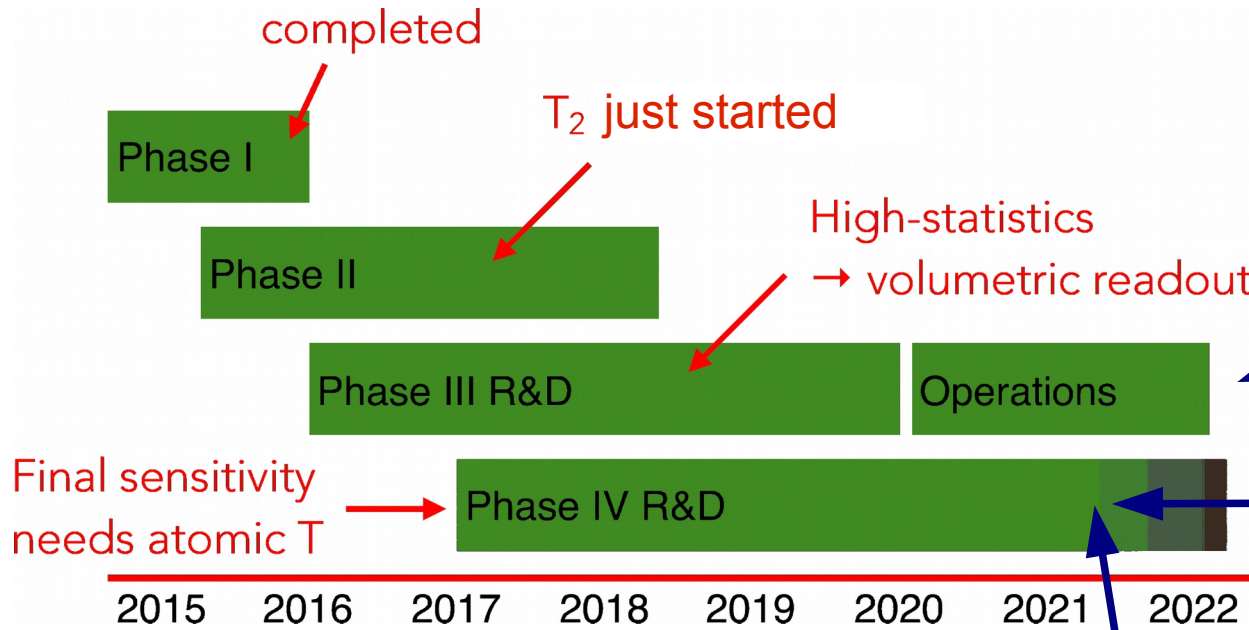


D. M. Asner et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 162501

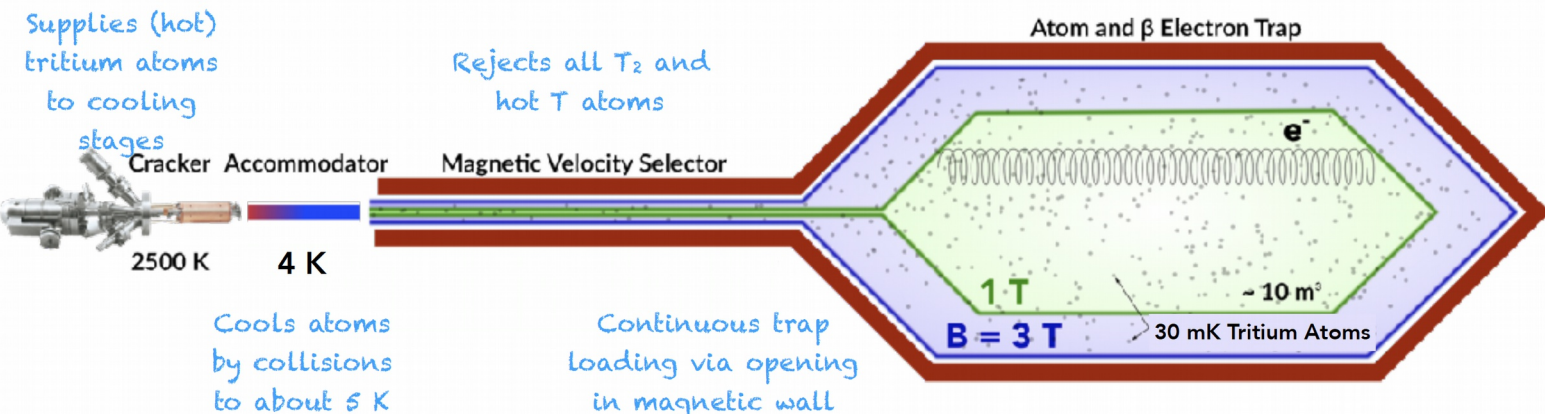
## Phase II (tritium, just started)



# Project 8: longterm perspective



atomic tritium source (higher resolution)



$\rightarrow$  40 - 100 meV should be possible with  $\approx 10 \text{ m}^3$  setup

courtesy: S. Böser

# KATRIN's sensitivity of 200 meV might not be enough

## Can we go beyond or improve KATRIN ?

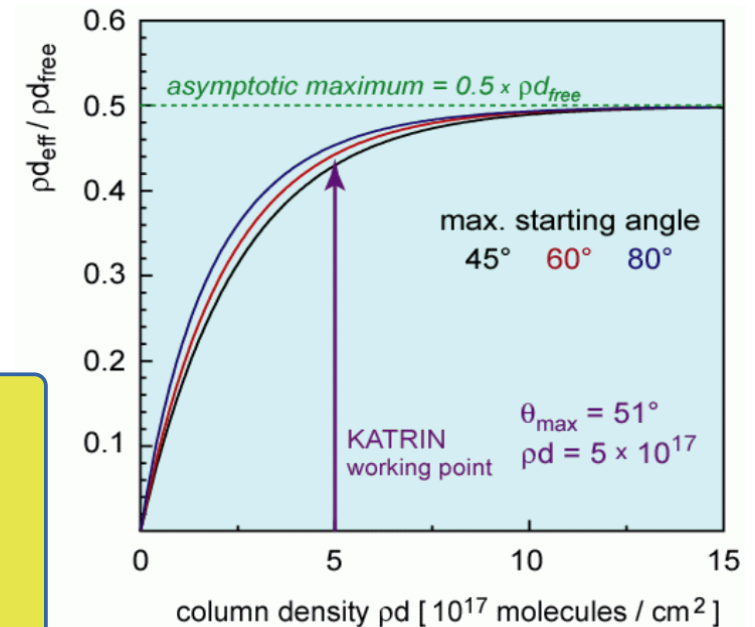
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d) combine all technologies and add new (PTOLEMY)





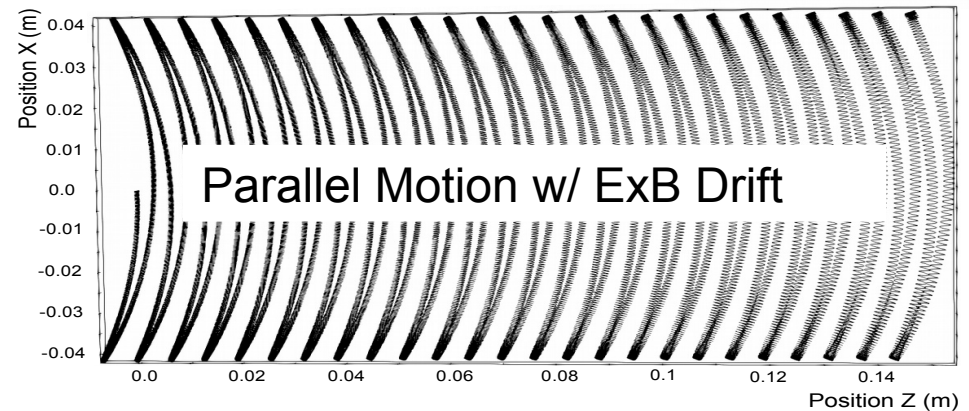
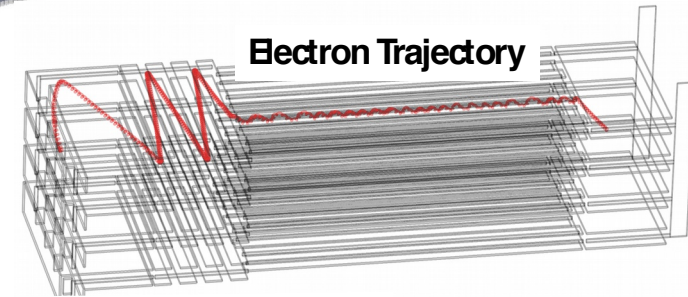
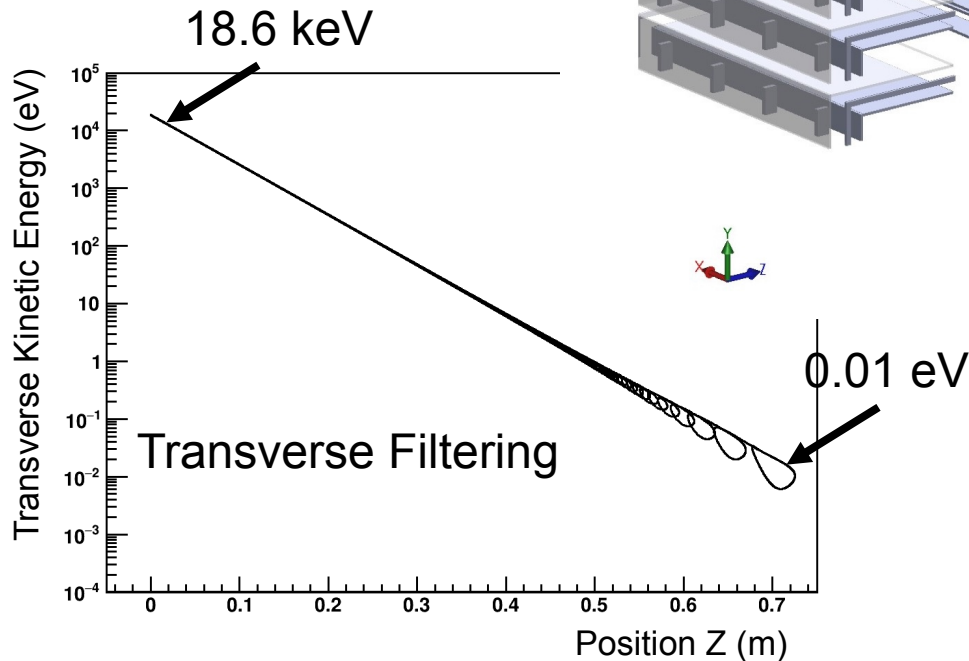
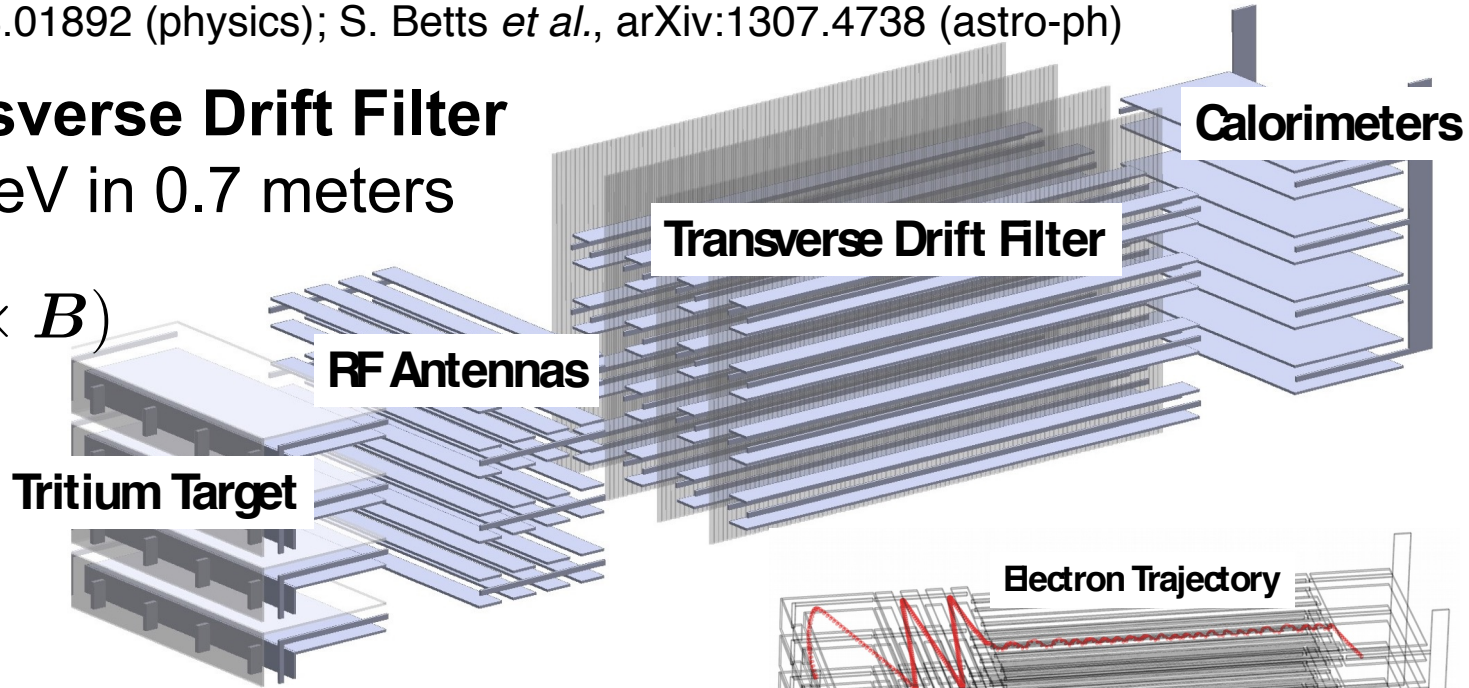


PTOLEMY Collaboration, M.G. Betti *et al.* (51 authors), arXiv:1810.06703 (astro-ph);  
E. Baracchini *et al.*, arXiv:1808.01892 (physics); S. Betts *et al.*, arXiv:1307.4738 (astro-ph)

## New Concept: Transverse Drift Filter

18.6 keV  $\rightarrow$  0.01 eV in 0.7 meters

$$\frac{dT_{\perp}}{dt} = \frac{\mu}{B^2} \mathbf{E} \cdot (\nabla B \times \mathbf{B})$$



courtesy: A. Cocco, M. Messina, C.G. Tully

## Direct neutrino mass determination is complementary to $0\nu\beta\beta$ and cosmology

- **KATRIN:** has started, successful tritium commissioning & inauguration run  
science runs in 2019 – 2023, 240 meV sensitivity

## Beyond KATRIN:

- **Possible KATRIN upgrades:** TRISTAN (keV sterile  $\nu$ )  
and differential (100 meV sensitivity)
- **Cryo bolometers with  $^{163}\text{Ho}$ :**
  - ECHO:** ECHO-1k is taken data with 60 pixels, 1<sup>st</sup> results soon  
ECHO-100k will start 2020 with multiplexing readout, < 2 eV sensit.
  - HOLMES:** start data taking with 64 pixels end of 2019  
upgrade to 1024 channels with  $\approx 1$  eV sensitivity
- **Coherent synchrotron radiation electron spectroscopy: Project 8**  
concept proven with  $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ , tritium run started recently,  
preparation for phase III/IV with 40-100 meV sensitivity

## Far future:

- **PTOLEMY:** R&D on new concepts, tritium-loaded graphene, new filter