

# Direct Neutrino Mass Measurement

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**Introduction**

**Direct Neutrino Mass determination**

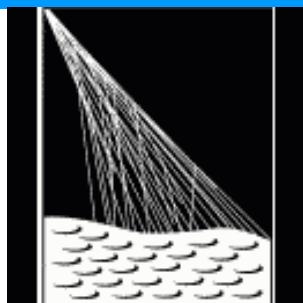
- supernova tof measurements
- Rhenium  $\beta$  decay experiments
- Tritium  $\beta$  decay experiments

**The Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino experiment KATRIN**

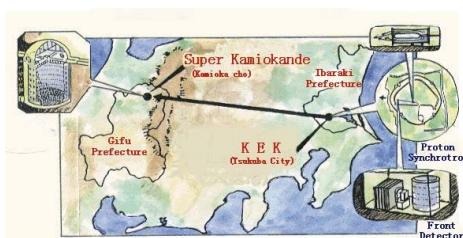
**Summary and Outlook**

# Positive results from $\nu$ oscillation experiments

**atmospheric neutrinos**  
(Kamiokande,  
Super-Kamiokande, ...)



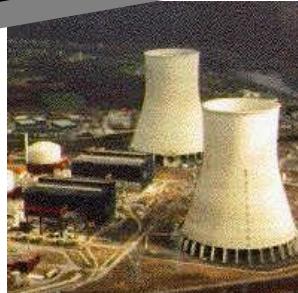
**accelerator neutrinos**  
(K2K, T2K, MINOS,  
OPERA, MiniBoone)



**solar neutrinos**  
(Homestake, Gallex,  
Sage, Super-Kamiokande,  
SNO, Borexino)



**reactor neutrinos**  
(KamLAND, CHOOZ, Daya Bay,  
DoubleCHOOZ, RENO, ...)



⇒ non-trivial  $\nu$ -mixing

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

with:

$0.34 < \sin^2(\theta_{23}) < 0.64$  maximal!

$0.26 < \sin^2(\theta_{12}) < 0.36$  large !

$\sin^2(\theta_{13}) = 0.089 +/- 0.010 +/- 0.005$

$7.0 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 < \Delta m_{12}^2 < 8.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$

$2.1 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 < |\Delta m_{13}^2| < 2.7 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

⇒  $m(\nu_j) \neq 0$ , but unknown !

# Three complementary ways to the absolute neutrino mass scale

## 1) Cosmology

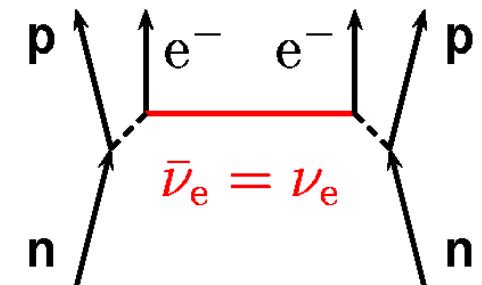
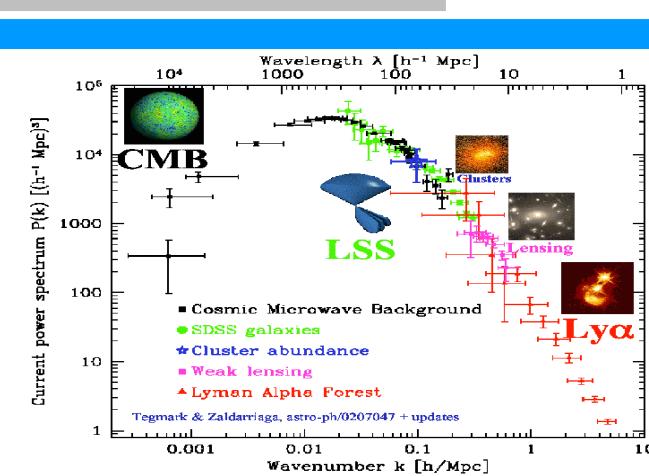
very sensitive, but model dependent  
compares power at different scales  
current sensitivity:  $\Sigma m(\nu_i) \approx 0.5$  eV

## 2) Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$

Sensitive to Majorana neutrinos

Evidence for  $m_{ee}(\nu) \approx 0.3$  eV (Klapdor-Kleingrothaus et al.)?

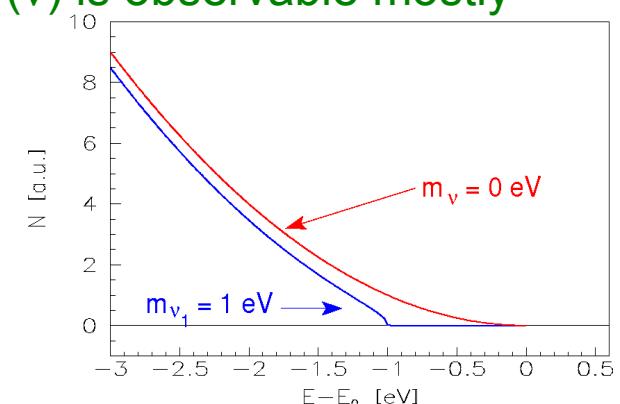
First upper limit by EXO-200, GERDA is running



## 3) Direct neutrino mass determination:

No further assumptions needed, use  $E^2 = p^2c^2 + m^2c^4 \Rightarrow m^2(\nu)$  is observable mostly

- **Time-of-flight measurements** ( $\nu$  from supernova)  
SN1987a (large Magellan cloud)  $\Rightarrow m(\nu_e) < 5.7$  eV
- **Kinematics of weak decays**  
measure charged decay prod., E-, p-conservation  
 $\beta$ -decay searches for  $m(\nu_e)$ 
  - tritium  $\beta^-$  spectrometers
  - $^{187}\text{Re}$  bolometers



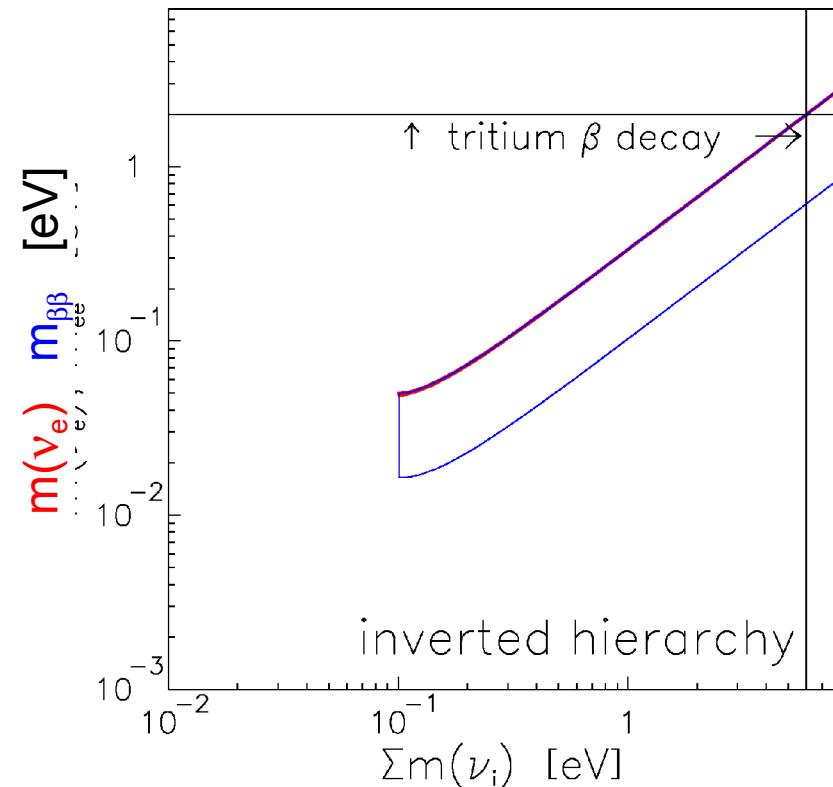
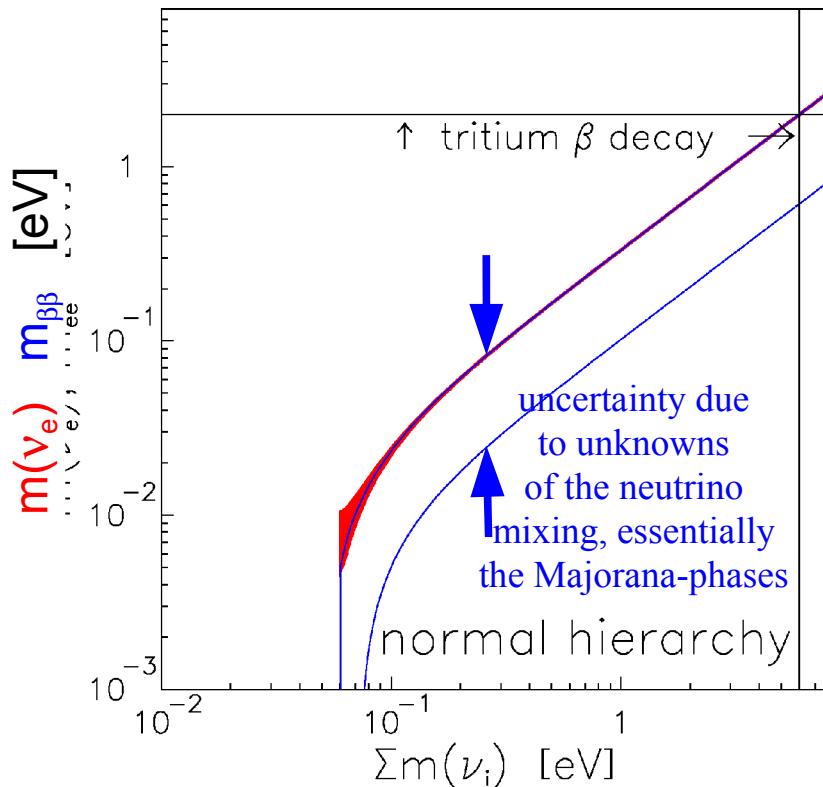
# Comparison of the different approaches to the neutrino mass

Direct kinematic measurement:  $m^2(\nu_e) = \sum |U_{ei}|^2 m^2(\nu_i)$  (incoherent)

Neutrinoless double  $\beta$  decay:  $m_{\beta\beta}(\nu) = |\sum |U_{ei}|^2 e^{i\alpha(i)} m(\nu_i)|$  (coherent)

if no other particle is exchanged (e.g. R-violating SUSY)

problems with uncertainty of nuclear matrix elements



⇒ absolute scale/cosmological relevant neutrino mass in the lab by single  $\beta$  decay

# Neutrino mass from supernovae (time-of-flight)

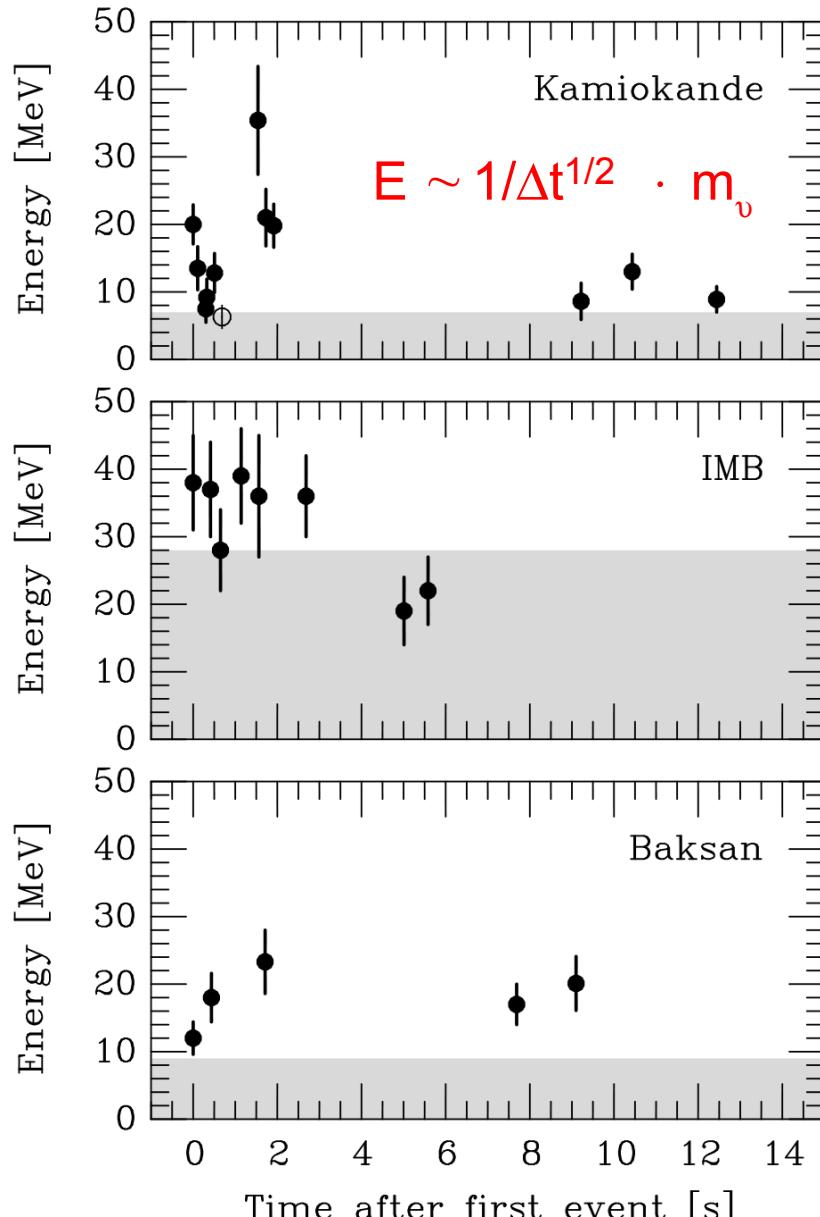
Only one SN detected in  $\nu$ 's: SN1987a

Simple dependence for sharp  $\nu$  emission in time:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta t &= \frac{L}{c} - \frac{L}{\beta_\nu} = L - \frac{L}{1 - \frac{m_\nu^2}{2E_\nu^2}} \\ &\approx L - L \cdot \left(1 + \frac{m_\nu^2}{2E_\nu^2}\right) = -L \cdot \frac{m_\nu^2}{2E_\nu^2}\end{aligned}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned}m^2 &= E^2 - p^2 = E^2(1 - \beta^2) \\ &= E^2(1 + \beta)(1 - \beta) \approx 2E^2(1 - \beta) \\ \Rightarrow \beta &= 1 - \frac{m^2}{2E^2}\end{aligned}$$



G. Raffelt, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 49 (1999) 163

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No energy versus time dependence visible

→ only upper limit on neutrino mass

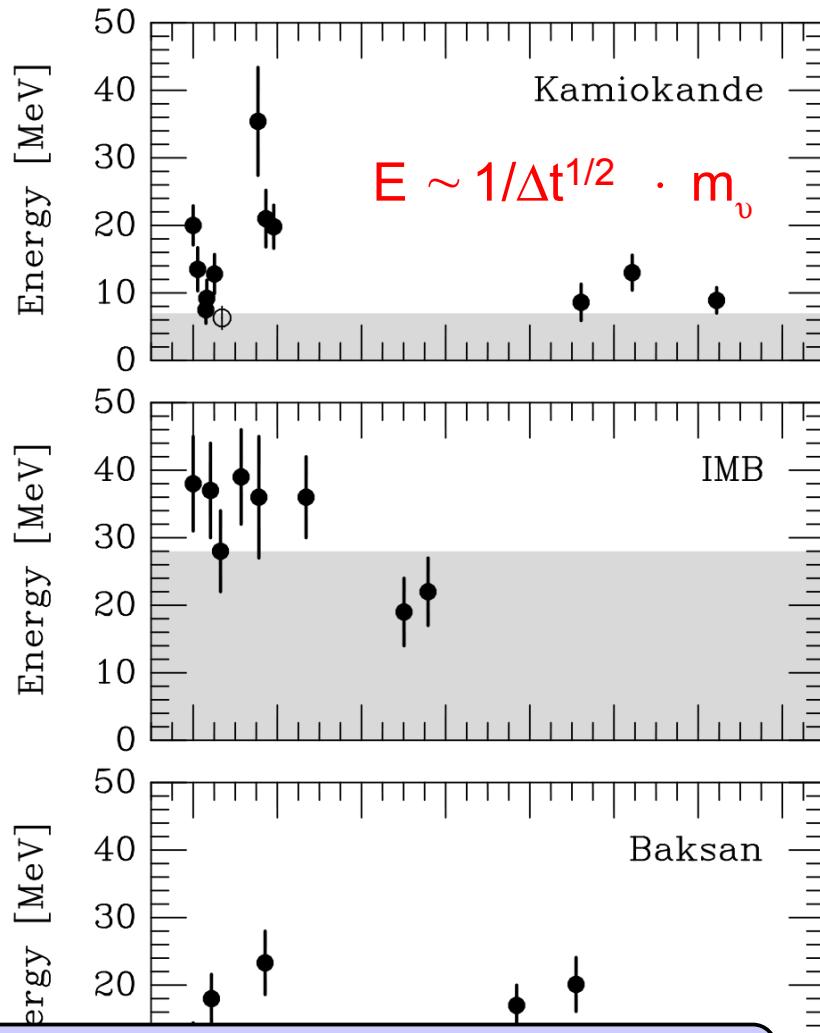
Results depends on underlying SN model, e.g.:

$$m(\nu_e) < 5.7 \text{ eV}$$

T.J. Loredo et al., PRD65 (2002) 063002

$$m(\nu_e) < 5.8 \text{ eV}$$

G. Pagliarolia, F. Rossi-Torresa and F. Vissani,  
Astropart. Phys. 33 (2010) 287



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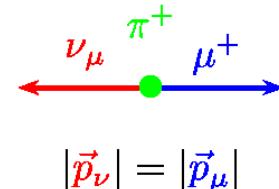
- galactic SN only about every 40 years
- not sensitive below 1eV (uncertainty of neutrino emission time spectrum)

# Determination of „ $m(\nu_\mu)$ “

## what does $m(\nu_\mu)$ mean ?

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \quad (\text{Two body decay})$$

Decay at rest:



$$|\vec{p}_\nu| = |\vec{p}_\mu|$$

$$m_\pi = E_\nu + E_\mu$$

$$\rightarrow m_\nu^2 = m_\pi^2 + m_\mu^2 - 2 \cdot m_\pi \cdot \sqrt{m_\mu^2 + p_\mu^2}$$

3 different Experiments:

Values from PDG2000

Pionic atoms:

$$m_\pi = 139.570180(350) \text{ MeV}$$

Myonium:

$$m_\mu = 105.658357(5) \text{ MeV}$$

Magnetic spektrometer (PSI):

$$p_\mu = 29.791998(110) \text{ MeV}$$

$\rightarrow m(\nu_\mu) < 170 \text{ keV}/c^2 \quad (95\% \text{ c.l.}) \quad (\text{K. Assamagan et al., Phys. Rev. D53 (1996) 6065})$

PDG2000:  $m(\nu_\mu) < 190 \text{ keV}/c^2 \quad (95\% \text{ c.l.})$

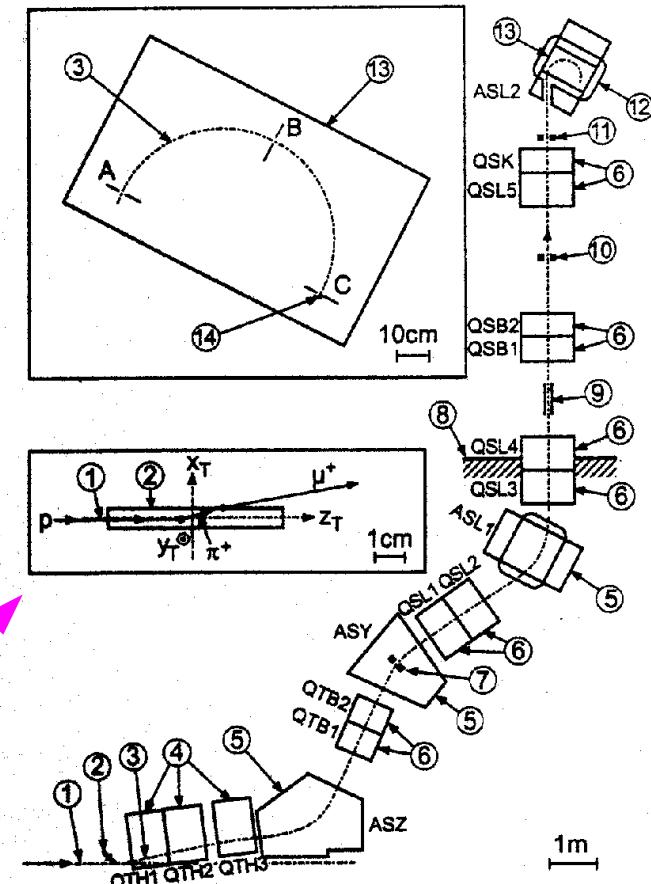
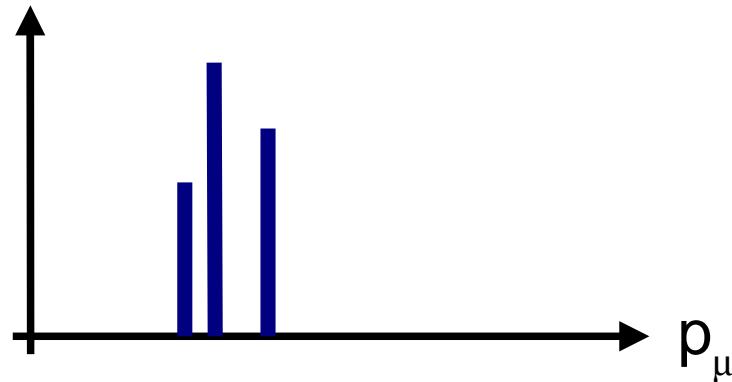


FIG. 1. Experimental setup. (1) Central trajectory of 590 MeV proton beam; (2) graphite target; (3) central trajectory of muon beam; (4) half-quadrupole magnets; (5) dipole magnets; (6) quadrupole magnets; (7) collimator defining the beam momentum acceptance; (8) concrete shielding of proton channel; (9) crossed-field particle separator; (10) lead collimator; (11) remotely movable collimator system (normally open); (12) magnetic spectrometer; (13) pole of spectrometer; (14) muon detectors (silicon microstrip and single surface-barrier detectors); A, B, C: copper collimators.

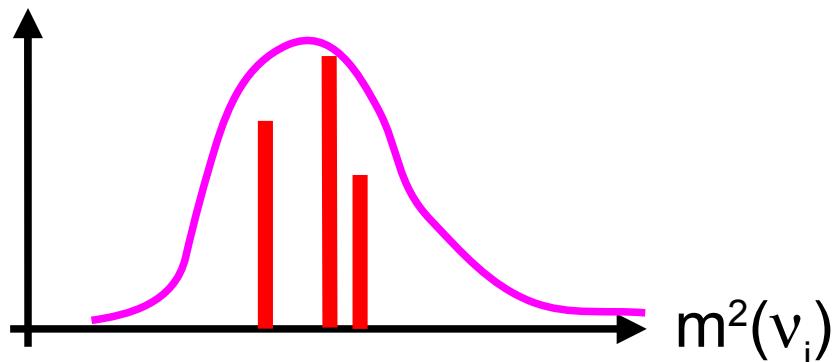
# Different neutrino mass states $\nu_i$

⇒ Measure different muon momenta  $p_\mu$  with probability  $|U_{\mu i}|^2$



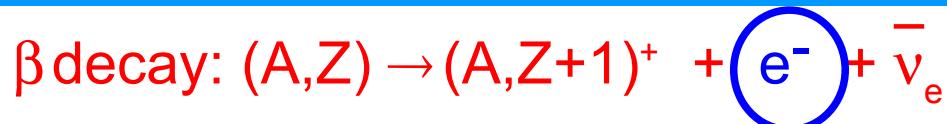
$$m_\nu^2 = m_\mu^2 + m_\pi^2 - 2m_\pi(m_\mu^2 + p_\mu^2)^{1/2}$$

⇒ 3 different neutrino masses  $m^2(\nu_i)$  with probability  $|U_{\mu i}|^2$



if different mass states can  
experimentally not be resolved:  
⇒  $m^2(\nu_\mu) := \sum_i |U_{\mu i}|^2 \cdot m^2(\nu_i)$

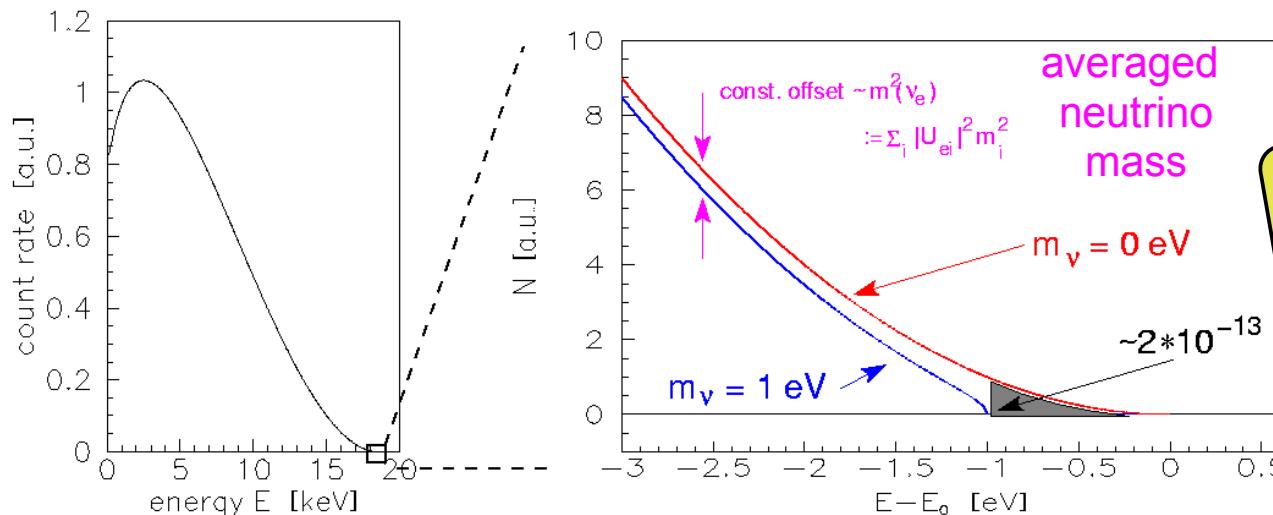
# Direct determination of $m(\nu_e)$ from $\beta$ decay



$\beta$  electron energy spectrum:

$$dN/dE = K F(E, Z) p E_{\text{tot}} (E_0 - E_e) \sum |U_{ei}|^2 \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_i)^2}$$

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



E.W. Otten & C. Weinheimer  
Rep. Prog. Phys.  
71 (2008) 086201

Need: low endpoint energy  
very high energy resolution &  
very high luminosity &  
very low background

⇒ Tritium  ${}^3\text{H}$ , ( ${}^{187}\text{Re}$ )  
} ⇒ MAC-E-Filter  
(or bolometer for  ${}^{187}\text{Re}$ )

# Summary: $\beta$ -spectrum incl. electronic final states + $\nu$ mixing

Including electronic excited final states of excitation energy  $V_j$  with probability  $W_j$

$$W_j = |\langle \Psi_0 | \Psi_{f,j} \rangle|^2$$

Using  $\varepsilon_j = E_0 - V_j - E$

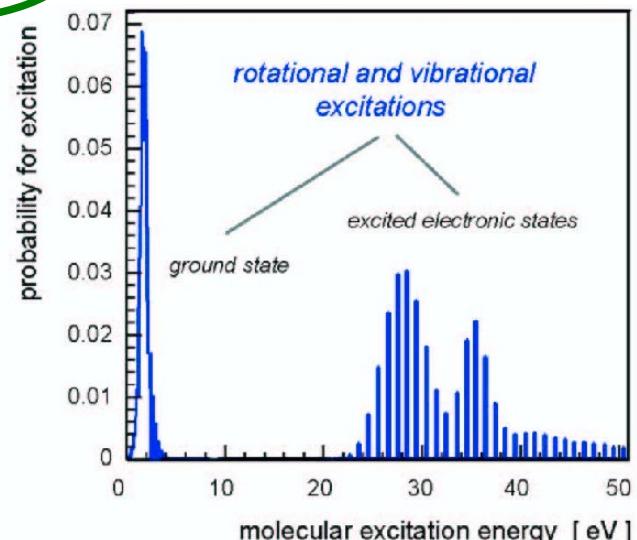
$$\frac{d^2 N}{dt dE} = A \cdot F(E, Z+1) \cdot p \cdot (E+m) \cdot \sum_j W_j \cdot \varepsilon_j \cdot \sqrt{\varepsilon_j^2 - m^2(\nu_c)} \cdot \Theta(\varepsilon_j - m(\nu_c))$$

Final states of  $T_2$   $\beta$ -decay:

(A. Saenz et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 84 (2000) 242,  
N. Doss et al., Phys. Rev. C73 (2006) 025502)

⇒ electronic final states  
are very important

⇒ look at endpoint  
region only



Including neutrino mixing

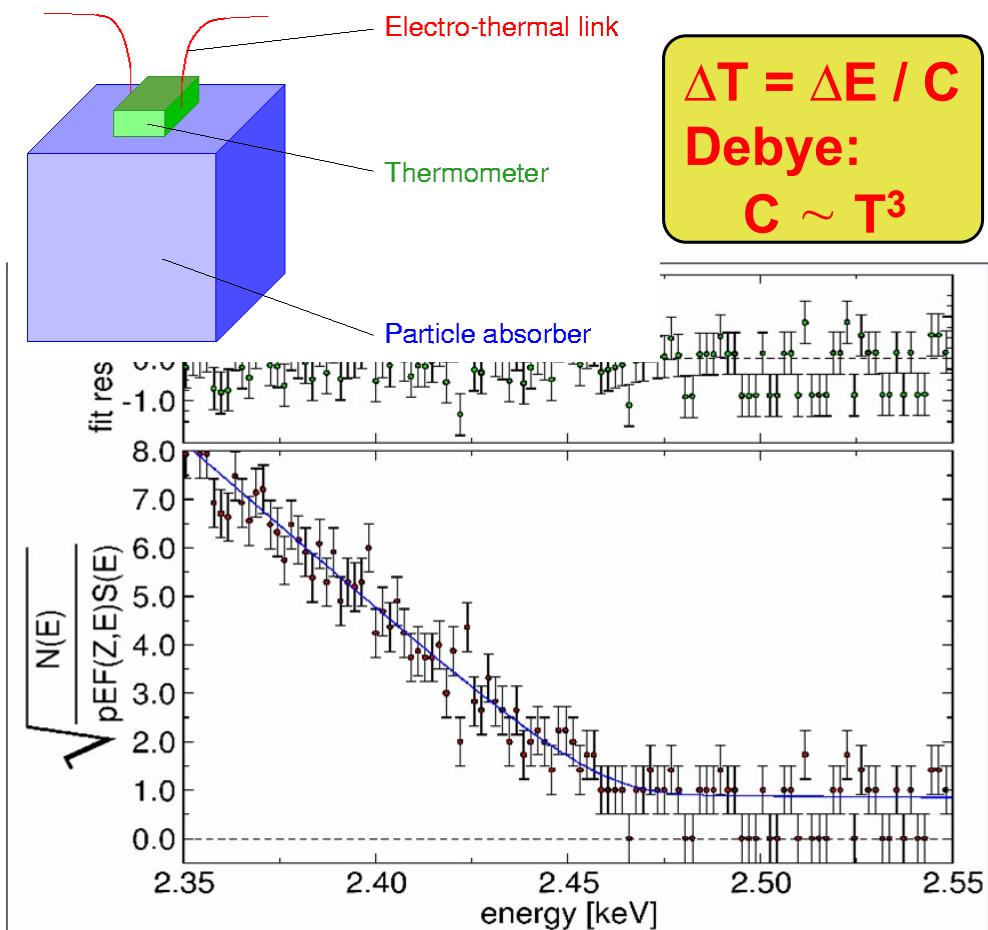
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⇒ "Electron neutrino mass"

$$m^2(\nu_c) := \sum_i |U_{ci}|^2 \cdot m^2(\nu_i)$$

⇒ the different  $m(\nu_i)$   
are not important  
at present precision

# Cryogenic bolometers with $^{187}\text{Re}$ MIBETA (Milano/Como)



Measures all energy except that of the neutrino

detectors: 10 ( $\text{AgReO}_4$ )

rate each: 0.13 1/s

energy res.:  $\Delta E = 28 \text{ eV}$

pile-up frac.:  $1.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$

$$M_\nu^2 = -141 \pm 211_{\text{stat}} \pm 90_{\text{sys}} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$M_\nu < 15.6 \text{ eV} \text{ (90% c.l.)}$$

(M. Sisti et al., NIMA520 (2004) 125)

## MANU (Genova)

- Re metallic crystal (1.5 mg)
- BEFS observed (F.Gatti et al., Nature 397 (1999) 137)
- sensitivity:  $m(\nu) < 26 \text{ eV}$  (F.Gatti, Nucl. Phys. B91 (2001) 293)

# MARE neutrino mass project: $^{167}\text{Re}$ beta decay with cryogenic bolometers

## Advantages of cryogenic bolometers:

- measures all released energy except that of the neutrino
- no final atomic/molecular states
- no energy losses
- no back-scattering

## Challenges of cryogenic bolometers:

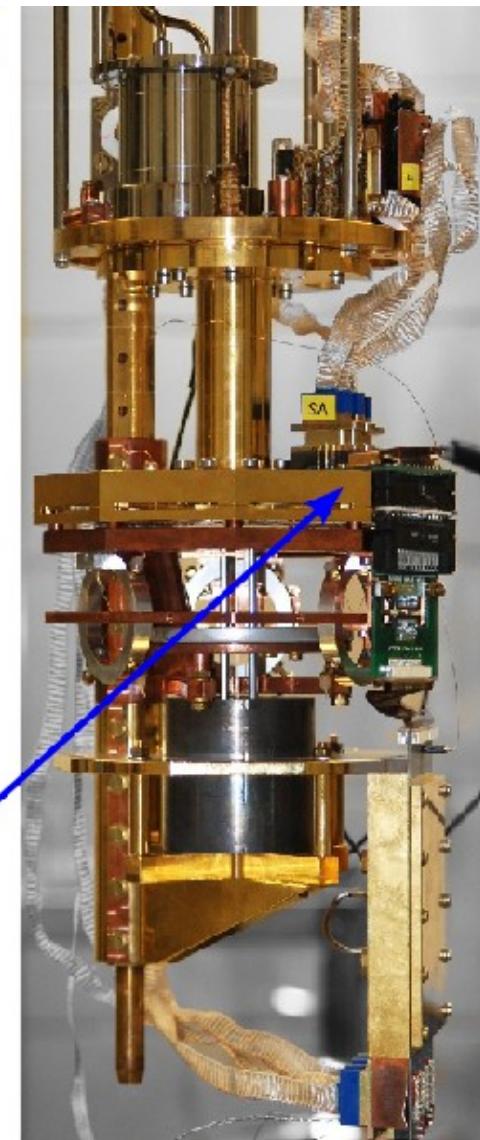
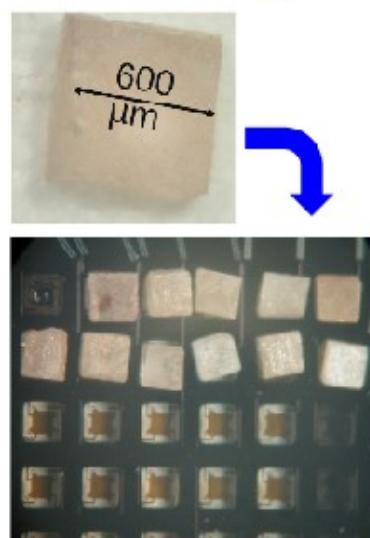
- measures the full spectrum (pile-up)
- need large arrays to get statistics
- understanding spectrum
- still energy losses or trapping possible

## MARE-1 @ Genova

- R&D effort for Re single crystals on transition edge sensors (TES)  
→ improve rise time to  $\sim \mu\text{s}$  and energy resolution to few eV
- large arrays ( $\approx 10^3$  pixels) for  $10^4$ - $10^5$  detector experiment
- high bandwidth, multiplexed SQUID readout
- also used with  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  loaded absorbers

## MARE-1 @ Milano-Bicocca

- 6x6 array of Si-implanted thermistors (NASA/GSFC)
- 0.5 mg AgReO<sub>4</sub> crystals
- $\Delta E \approx 30 \text{ eV}$ ,  $T_R \approx 250 \mu\text{s}$
- experimental setup for up to 8 arrays completed
- starting with 72 pixels in 2011
- up to  $10^{10}$  events in 4 years  
→  $\sim 4 \text{ eV}$  sensitivity

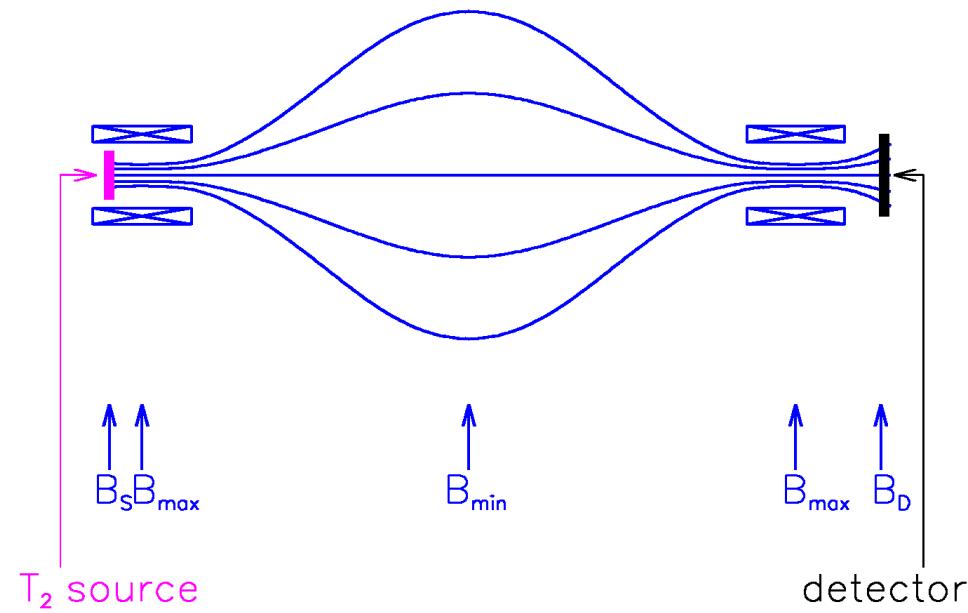


Angelo Nucciotti, Meudon 2011

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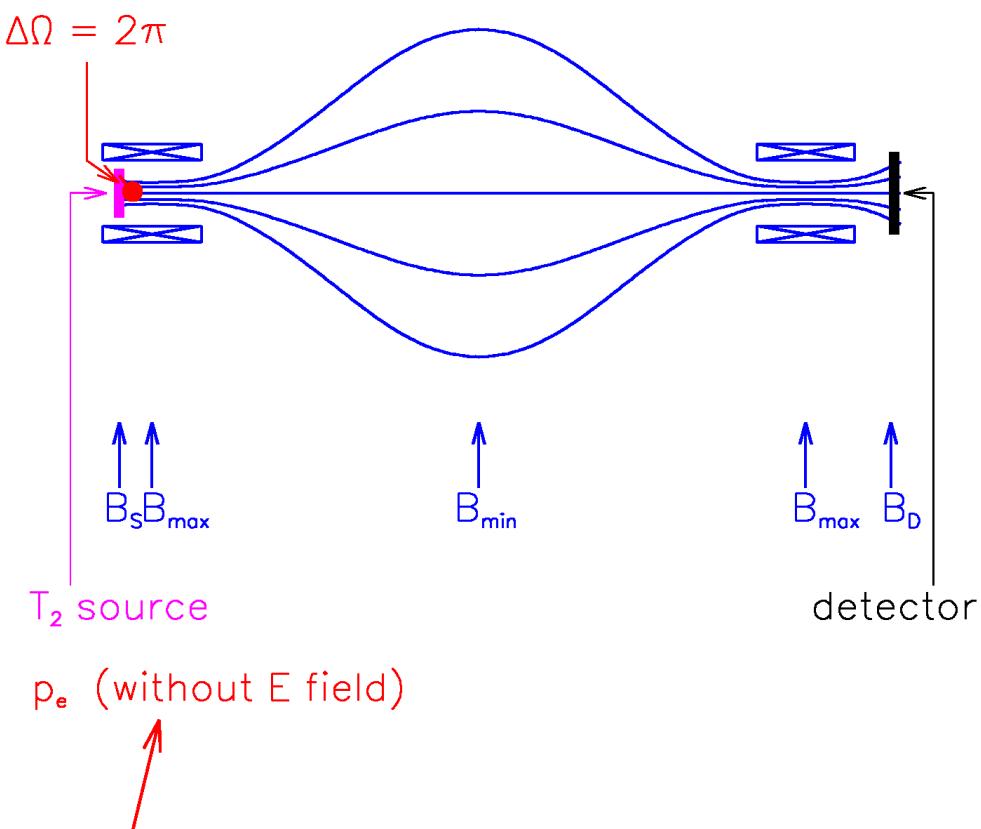
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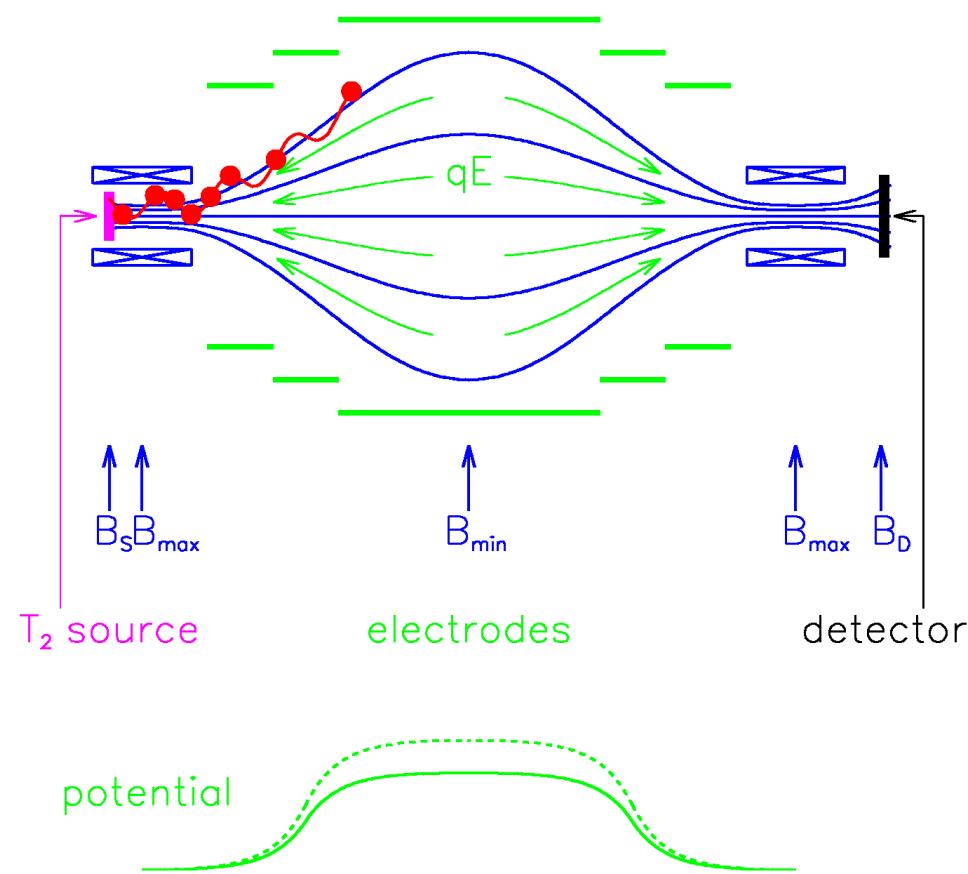
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- Energy analysis by electrostat. retarding field

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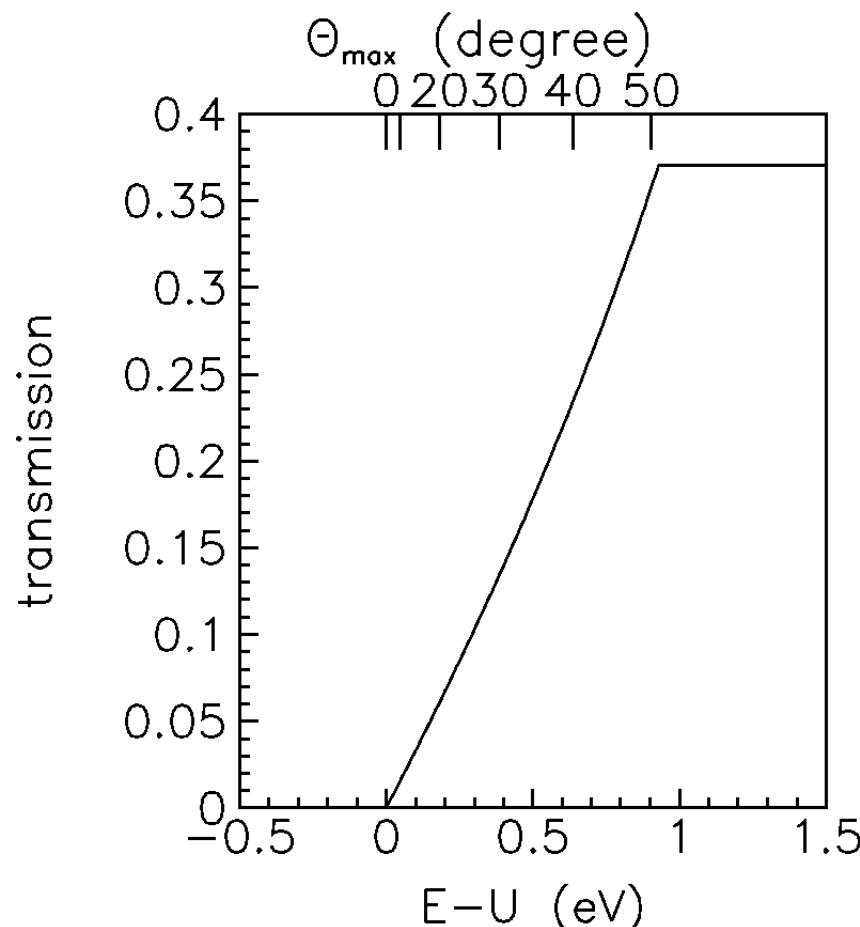


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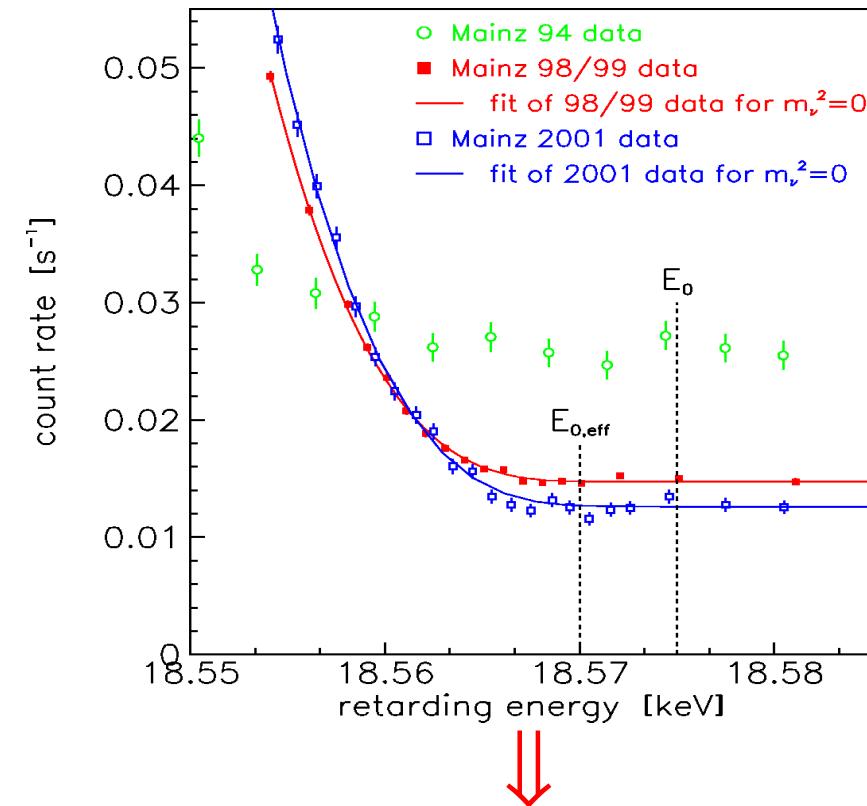
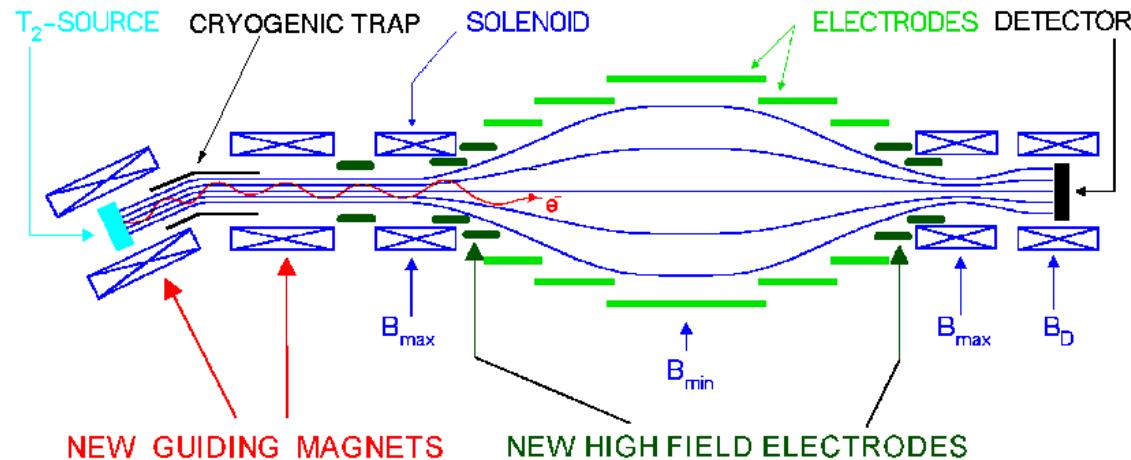
⇒ sharp integrating transmission function without tails:



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# The Mainz Neutrino Mass Experiment

## Phase 2: 1997-2001



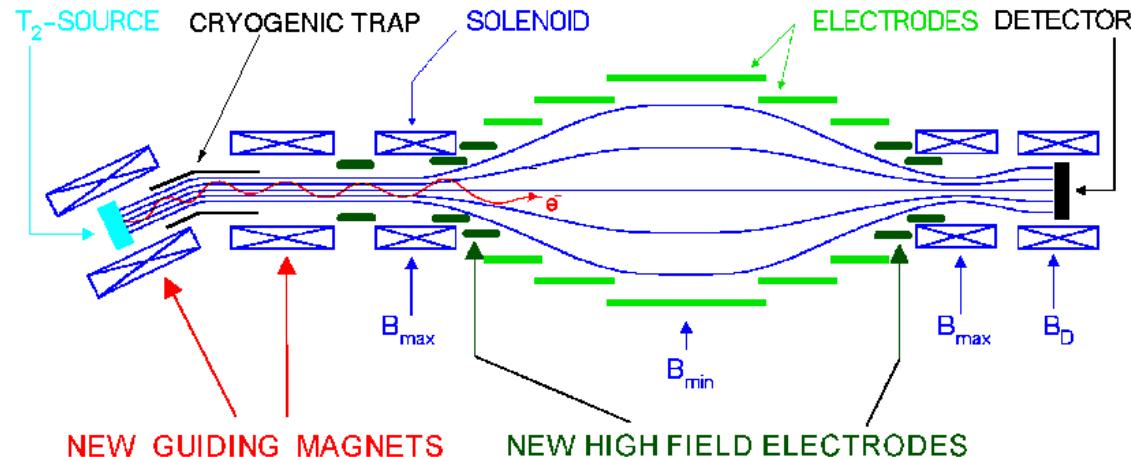
After all critical systematics measured by own experiment  
(atomic physics, surface and solid state physics:  
inelastic scattering, self-charging, neighbour excitation):

$$m^2(\nu) = -0.6 \pm 2.2 \pm 2.1 \text{ eV}^2 \Rightarrow m(\nu) < 2.3 \text{ eV} \text{ (95% C.L.)}$$

C. Kraus et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 40 (2005) 447

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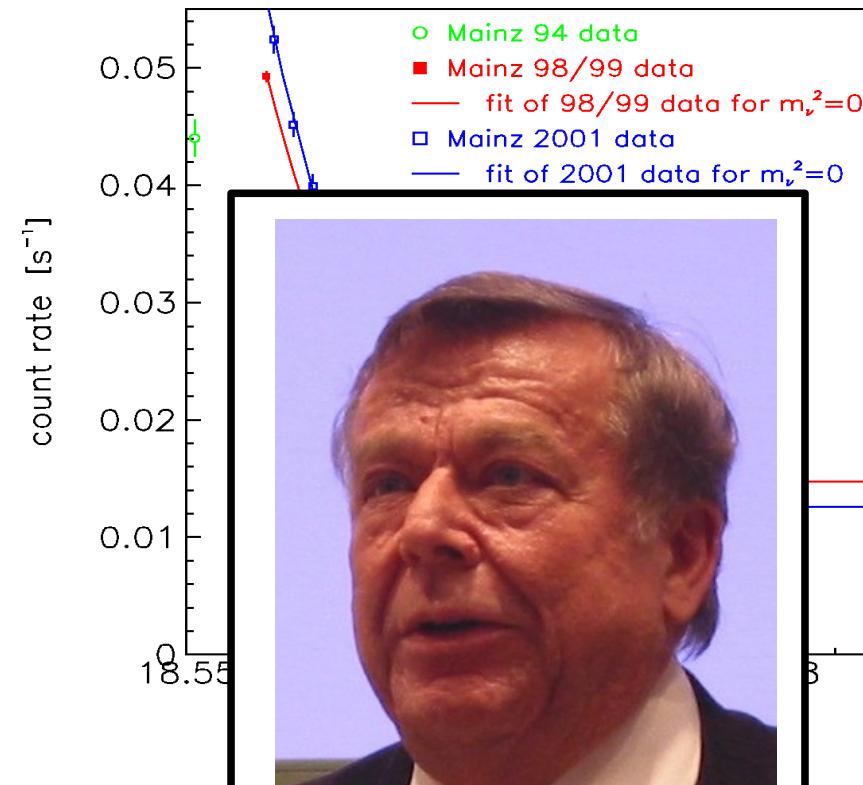
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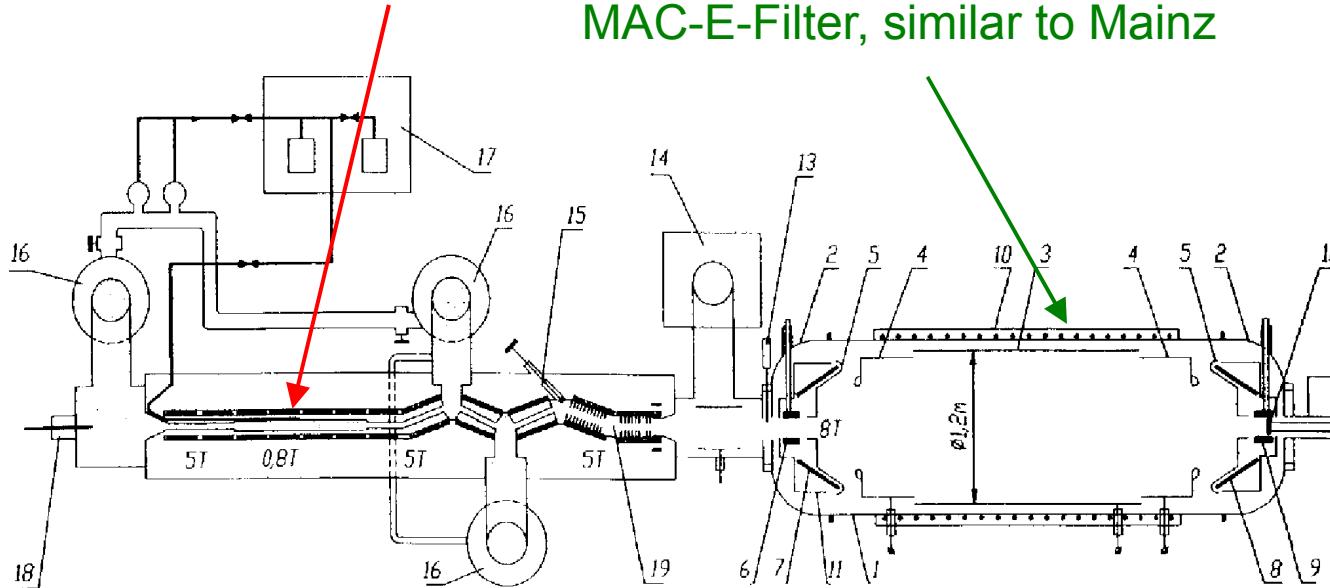
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# The Troitsk Neutrino Mass Experiment

windowless gaseous  $T_2$  source, similar to LANL

MAC-E-Filter, similar to Mainz



Luminosity:  $L = 0.6 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $(L = \Delta\Omega/2\pi * A_{\text{source}})$

Energy resolution:  $\Delta E = 3.5 \text{ eV}$   
3 electrode system in 1.5m  
diameter UHV vessel ( $p < 10^{-9} \text{ mbar}$ )



Vladimir  
Mikhailovich  
Lobashev  
1934-2011

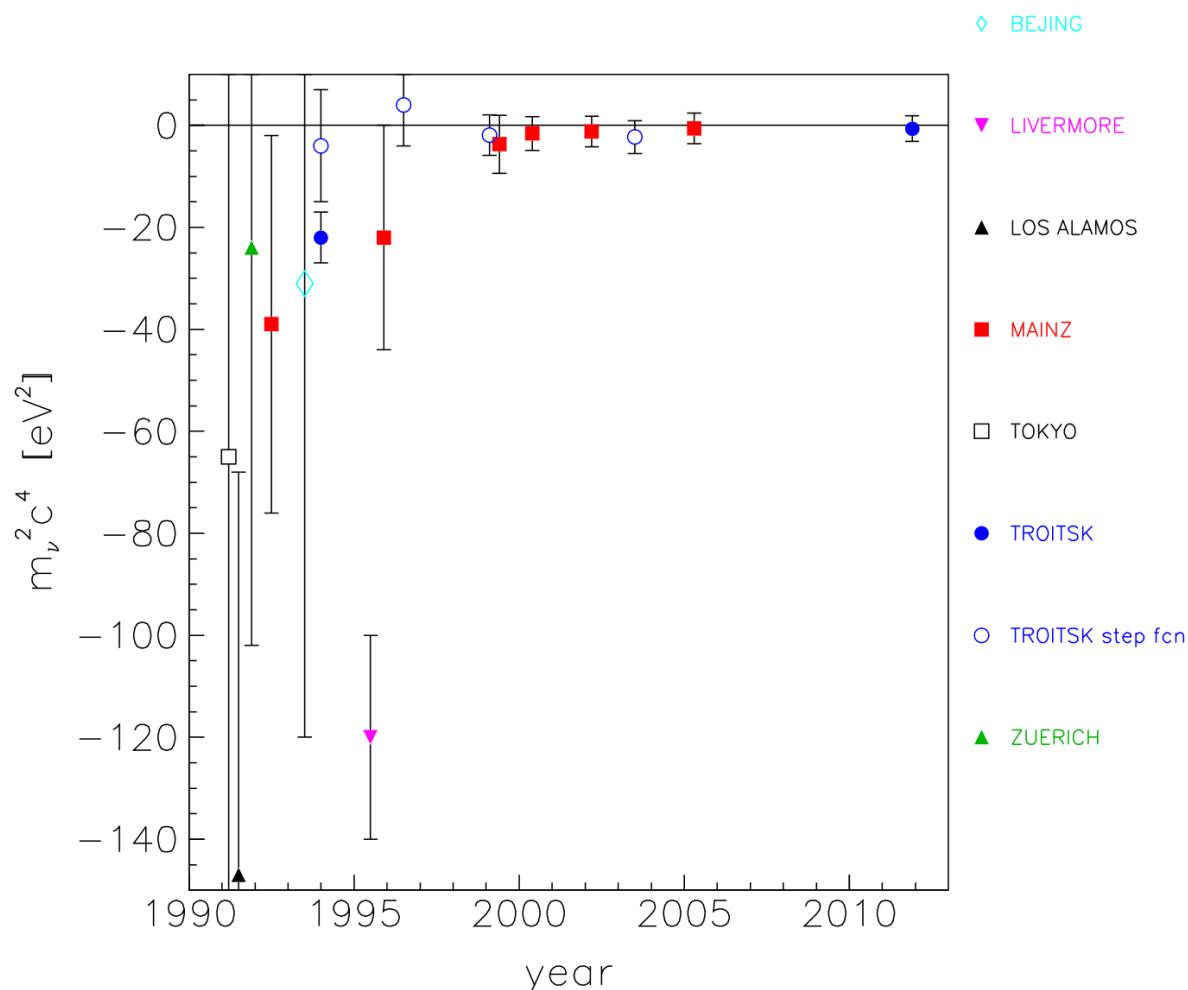


## Re-analysis of Troitsk data

(better source thickness, better run selection)  
Aseev et al, Phys. Rev. D 84, 112003 (2011)

$$m_\beta < 2.05 \text{ eV, 95% CL}$$

# $m(\nu_e)$ from tritium $\beta$ decay

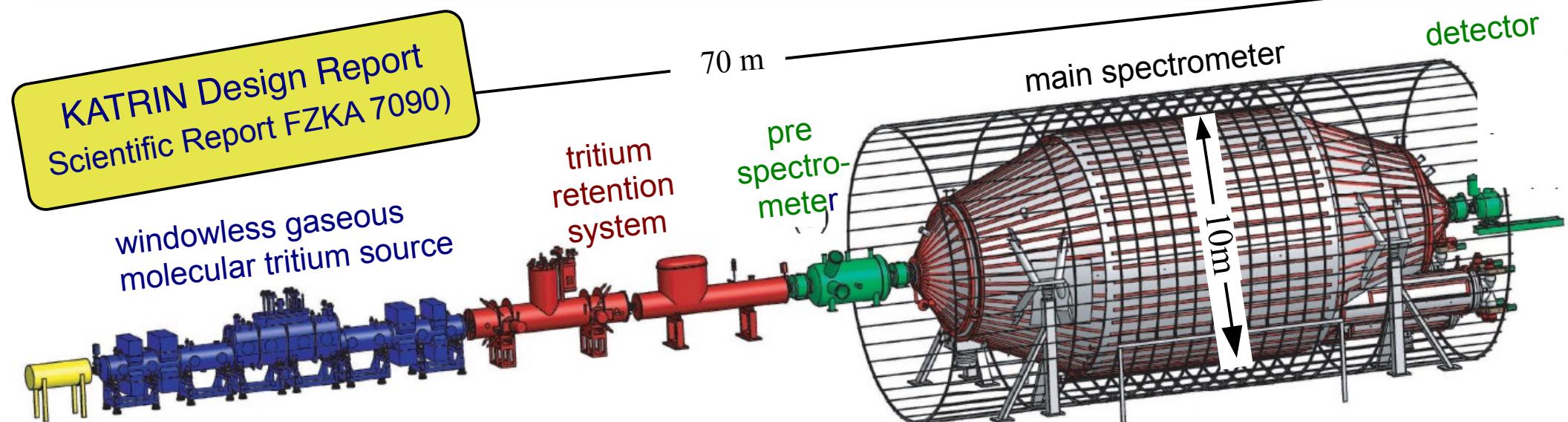


2 tritium exp. with MAC-E-Filter (Mainz,Troitsk):  
⇒ former problem of negative  $m^2(\nu)$  solved  
Rhenium experiments not competitive yet

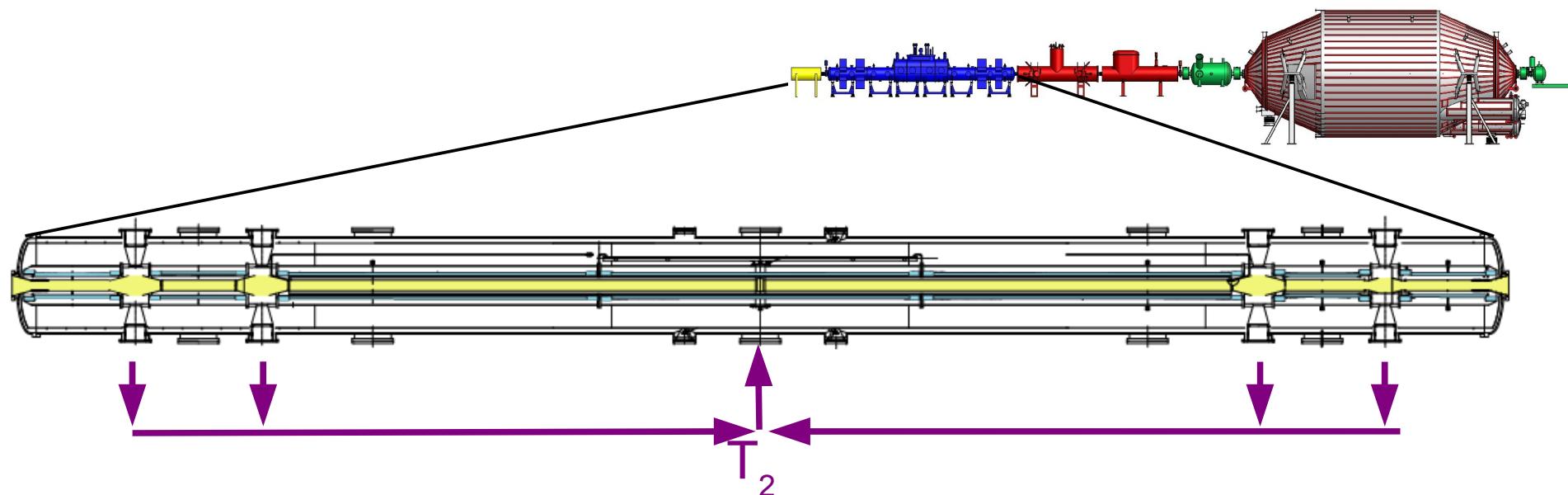
## Aim: $m(v_e)$ sensitivity of 200 meV (currently 2 eV)

- very high energy resolution  
( $\Delta E \leq 1\text{eV}$ , i.e.  $\sigma = 0.3\text{ eV}$ )  $\Rightarrow \text{source} \neq \text{spectrometer concept}$
  - strong, opaque source  $\Rightarrow dN/dt \sim A_{\text{source}}$
  - magnetic flux conservation (Liouville)  $\Rightarrow$  scaling law:  

$$A_{\text{spectrometer}} / A_{\text{source}} = B_{\text{source}} / B_{\text{spectrometer}} = E / \Delta E = 20000 / 1$$



# Molecular Windowless Gaseous Tritium Source WGTS

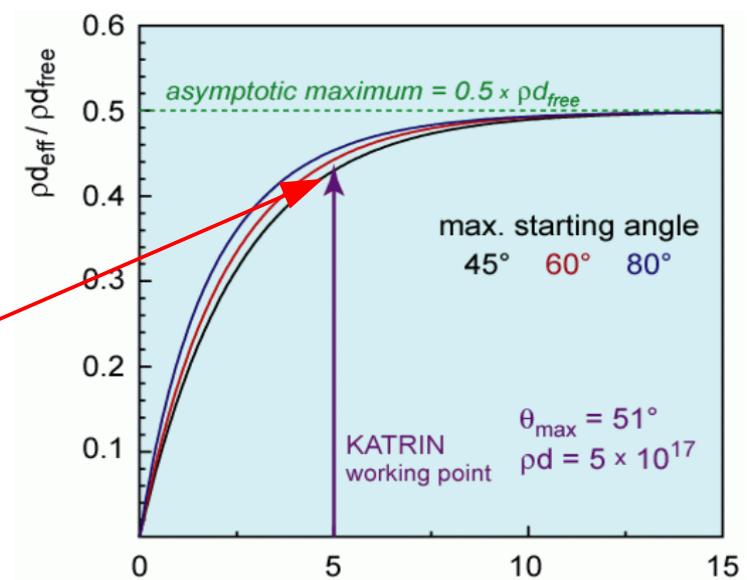


WGTS:  
tub in long superconducting solenoids  
 $\varnothing$  9cm, length: 10m,  $T = 30$  K

Tritium recirculation (and purification)  
 $p_{\text{inj}} = 0.003$  mbar,  $q_{\text{inj}} = 4.7$  Ci/s

allows to measure with near to maximum count rate using

$pd = 5 \cdot 10^{17} / \text{cm}^2$   
with small systematics

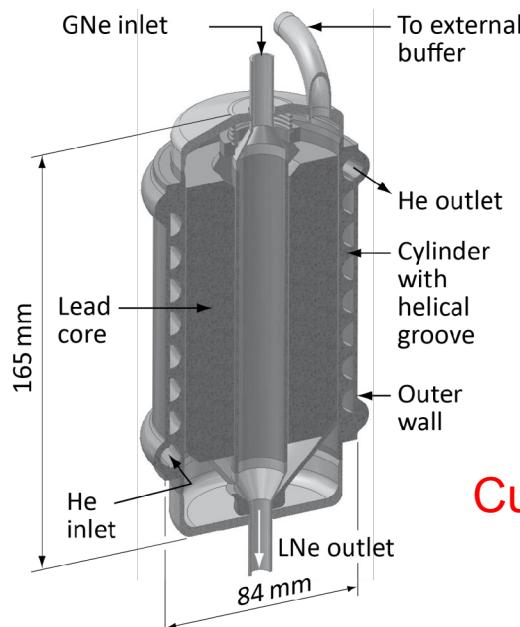


check column density by e-gun,  $T_2$  purity by laser Raman

column density  $pd$  [ $10^{17}$  molecules /  $\text{cm}^2$ ]

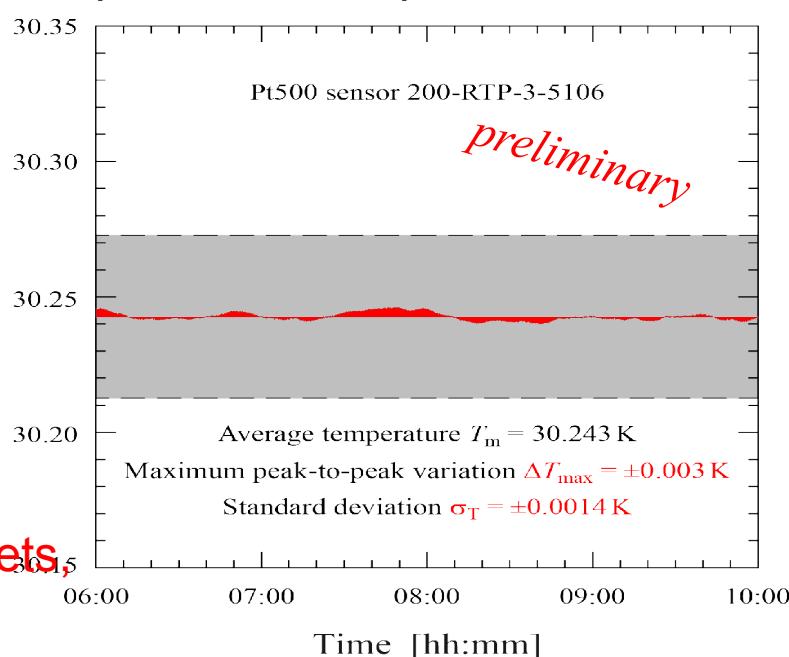
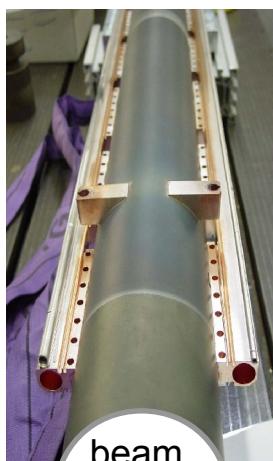
V Int. Pontecorvo Neutrino Physics School, Ukraine, Sept. 2012

# Very successful cool-down and stability tests of the WGTS demonstrator



S. Grohmann,  
Cryogenics 49,  
No. 8 (2009) 413

Currently: tests of sc magnets,  
constructing of WGTS  
out of demonstrator

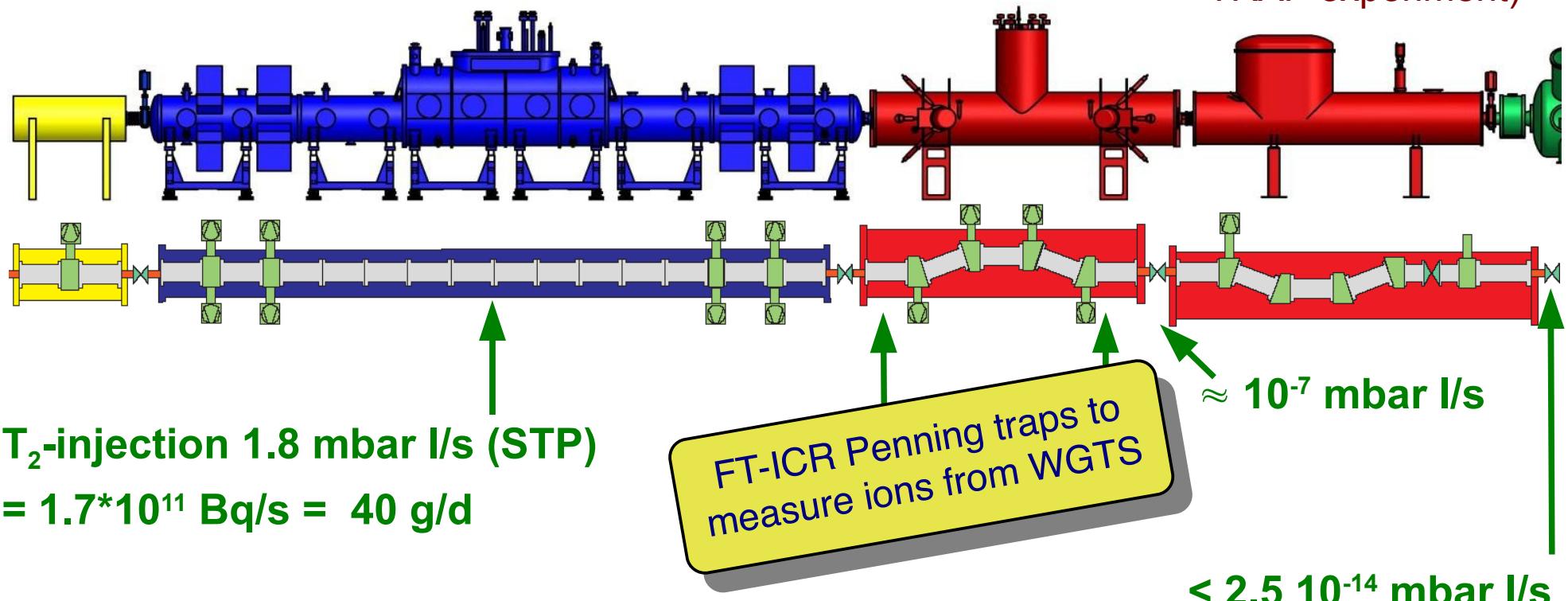


# Transport and differential & cryo pumping sections

Molecular windowless  
gaseous tritium source

Differential  
pumping

Cryogenic  
pumping  
with Argon snow  
at LHe temperatures  
(successfully tested with the  
TRAP experiment)



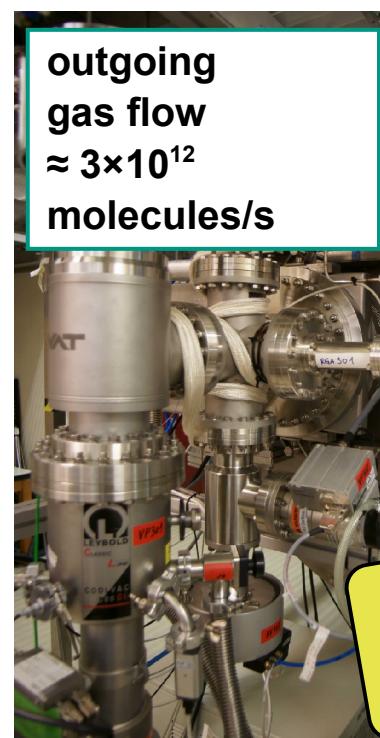
⇒ adiabatic electron guiding & T<sub>2</sub> reduction factor of  $\sim 10^{14}$

# Commissioning of DPS2-F



FT-ICR Penning traps:  
M. Ubieto-Diaz et al.,  
Int. J. Mass. Spectrom.  
288 (2009) 1-5

Ion test source:  
S. Lukic et al.,  
Rev. Scient. Instr.  
82 (2011) 013303



First gas  
flow reduction  
measurements  
with Ar

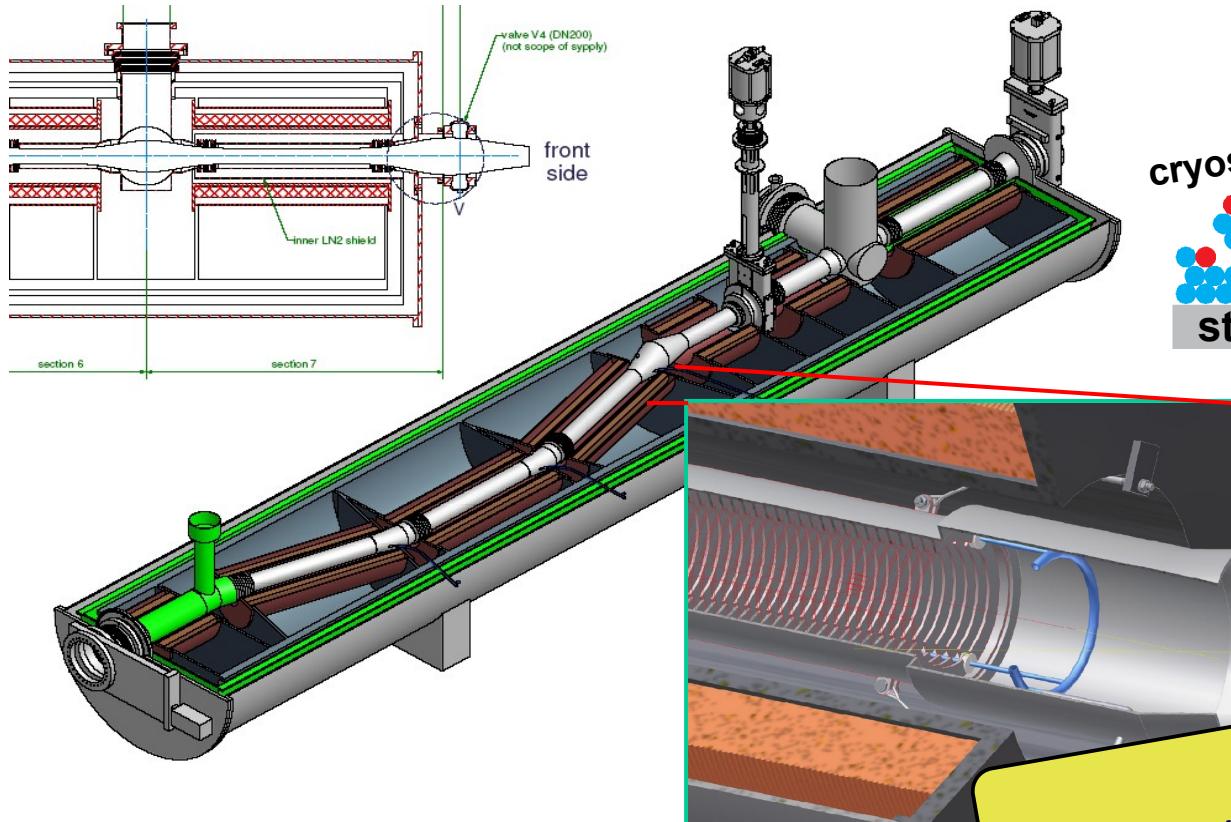


S. Lukic et al.,  
Vacuum 86 (2012) 1126

Currently:  
**Problem of a broken diode  
of the safety system  
of a superconducting coil**

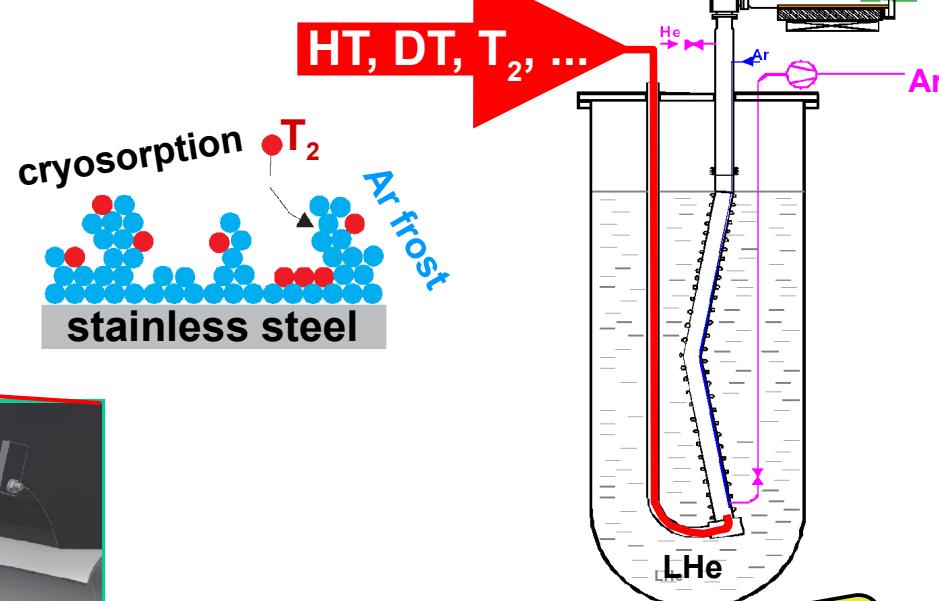
# Cryogenic pumping section and test of principle

CPS: cryogenic pumping section



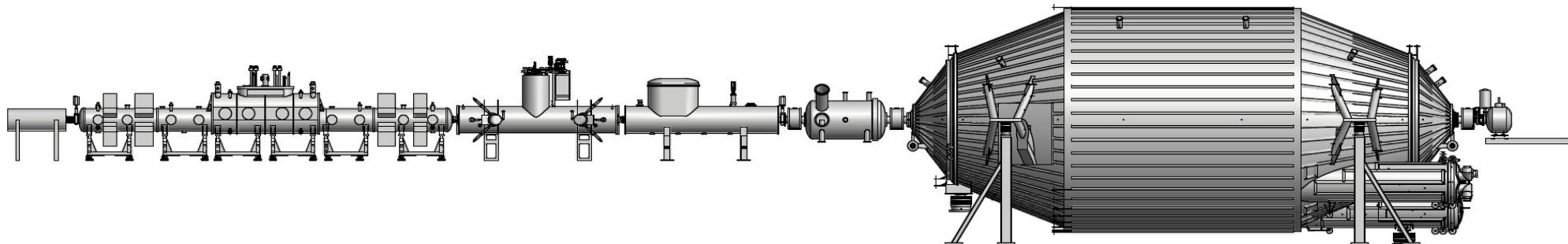
- cryosorption of  $T_2$  by Ar frost
- magnetic guiding field  $B = 5.6$  T
- specification finished
- estimated delivery 2010

TRAP: TRitium Argon frost Pump

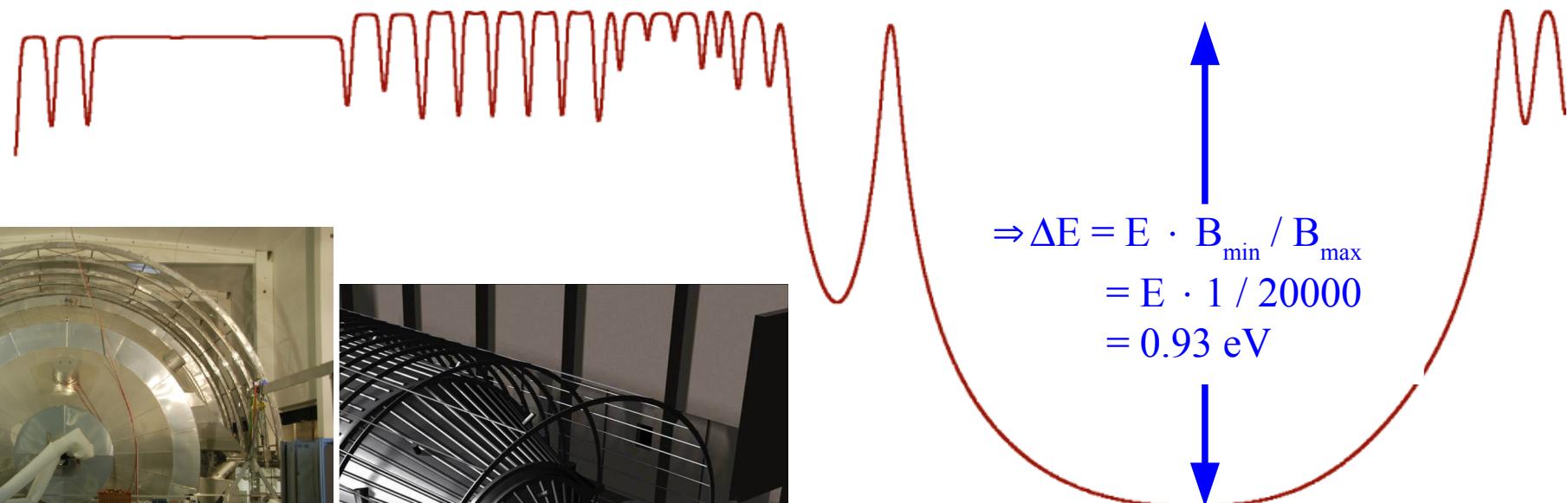


O. Kazachenko et al.,  
Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 587 (2008) 136  
F. Eichelhardt et al.,  
Fusion Science and Technology 54 (2008) 615

# Electromagnetic design: magnetic fields

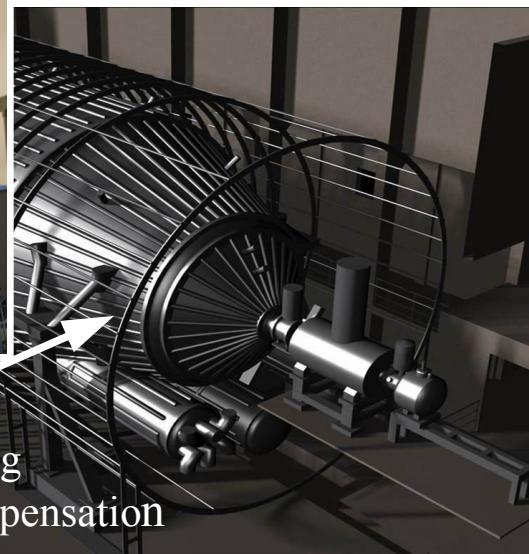


B-field



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aircoils:  
axial field shaping  
+ earth field compensation



-10 0 +10

distance from analysing plane [m]

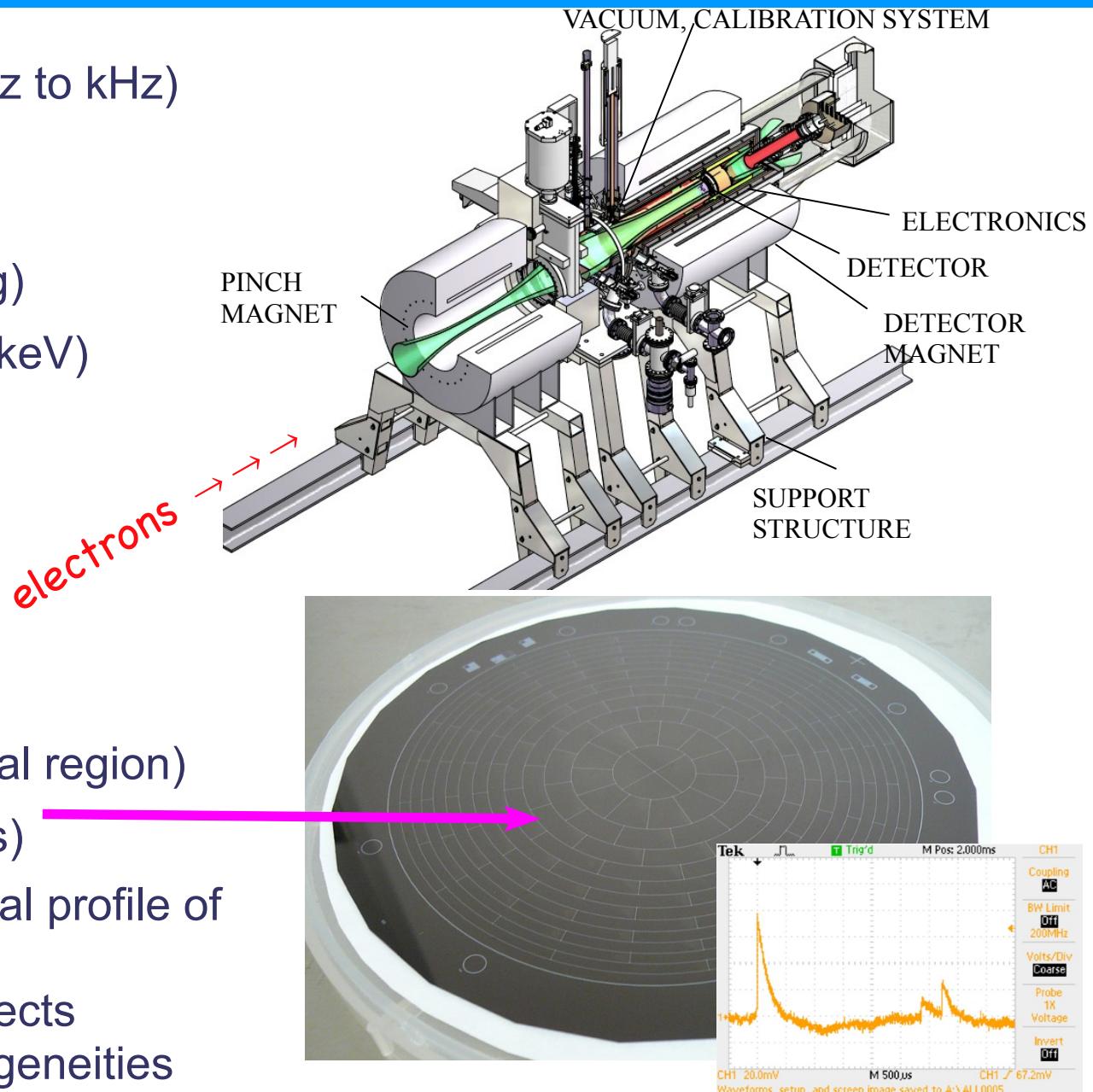
# The detector

## Requirements

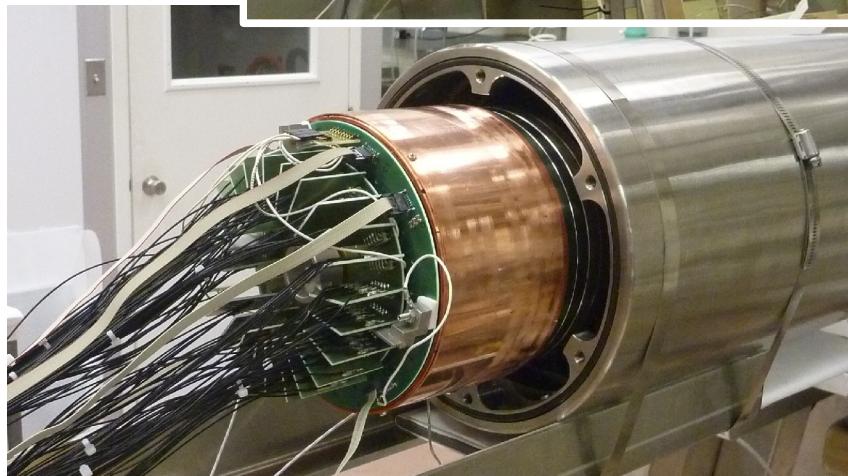
- detection of  $\beta$ -electrons (mHz to kHz)
- high efficiency (> 90%)
- low background (< 1 mHz)  
(passive and active shielding)
- good energy resolution (< 1 keV)

## Properties

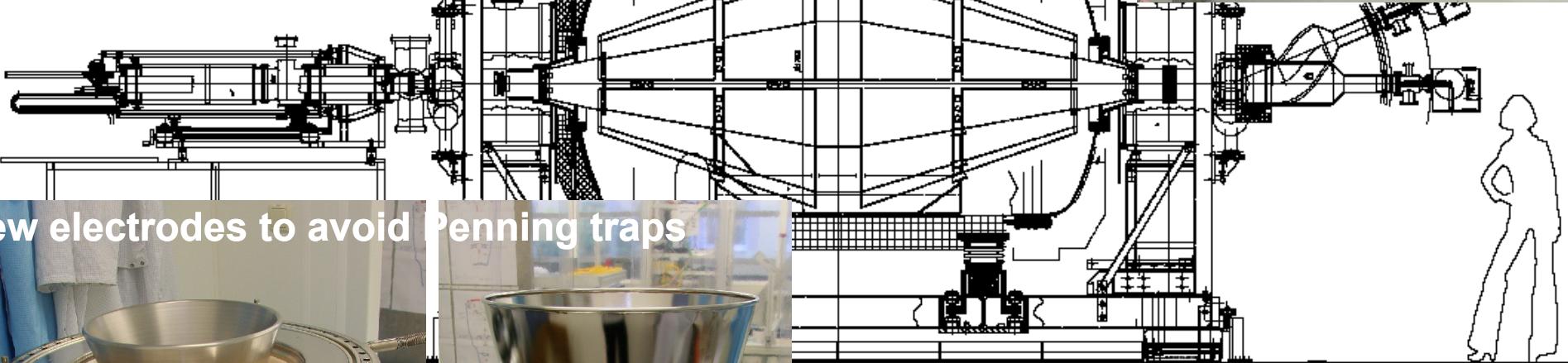
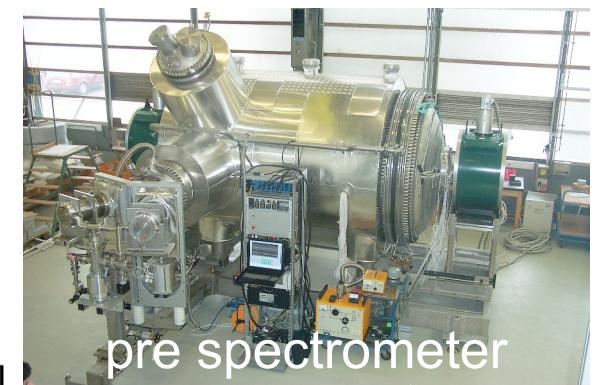
- 90 mm Ø Si PIN diode
- thin entry window (50nm)
- detector magnet 3 - 6 T
- post acceleration (30kV)  
(to lower background in signal region)
- segmented wafer (148 pixels)
  - record azimuthal and radial profile of the flux tube
  - investigate systematic effects
  - compensate field inhomogeneities



# KATRIN detector is being commissioned at KIT

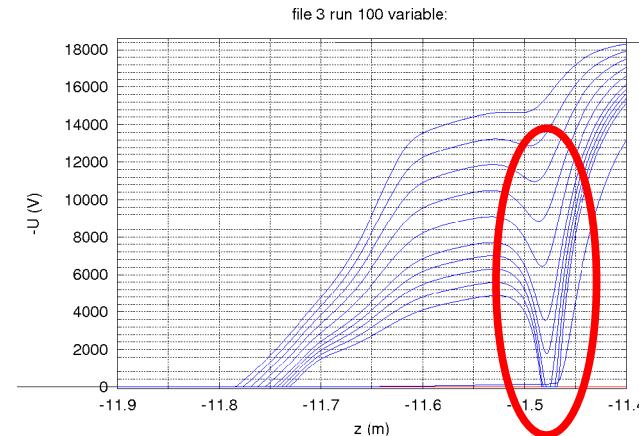
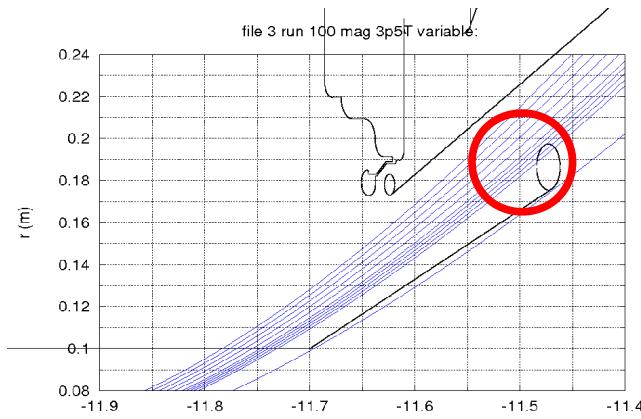


# Electromagnetic design tests at the pre spectrometer



# Pre spectrometer background studies I

Problem: very small, but deep Penning traps near geometrical corners

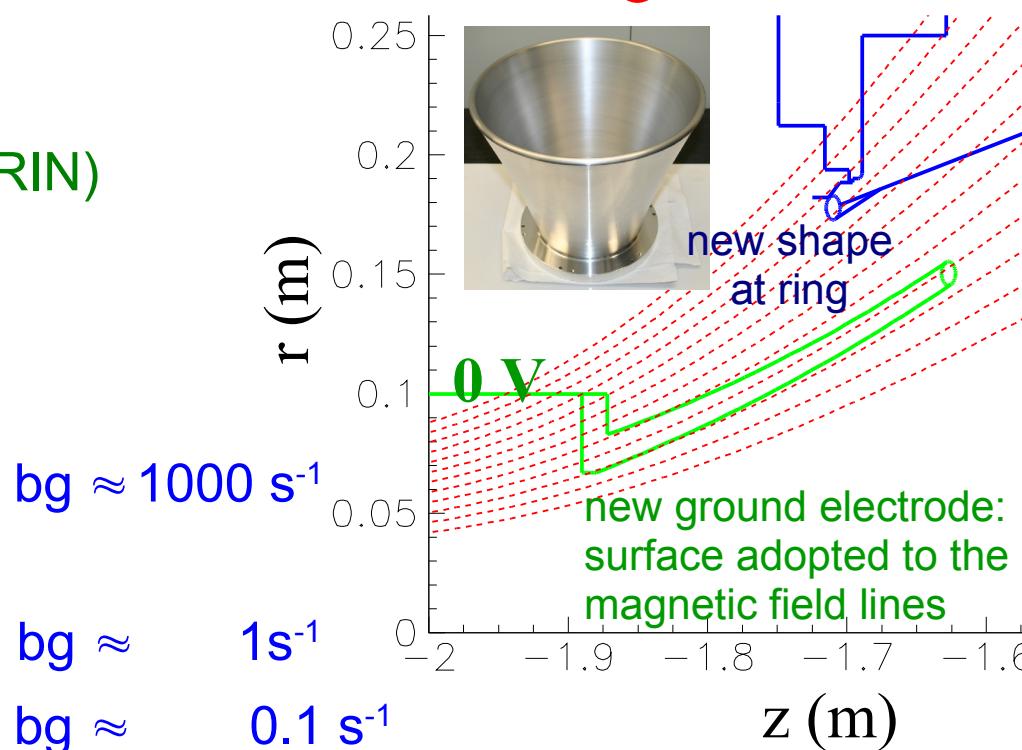


Solution:

- very precise and very detailed electromagnetic calculations (special codes developed by KATRIN)
- avoid Penning trap by optimally shaped electrodes

Result: Background reduction by  $10^4$ :

- with small Penning traps:
- optimally shaped electrodes with residual shallow Penning trap
- no residual Penning trap



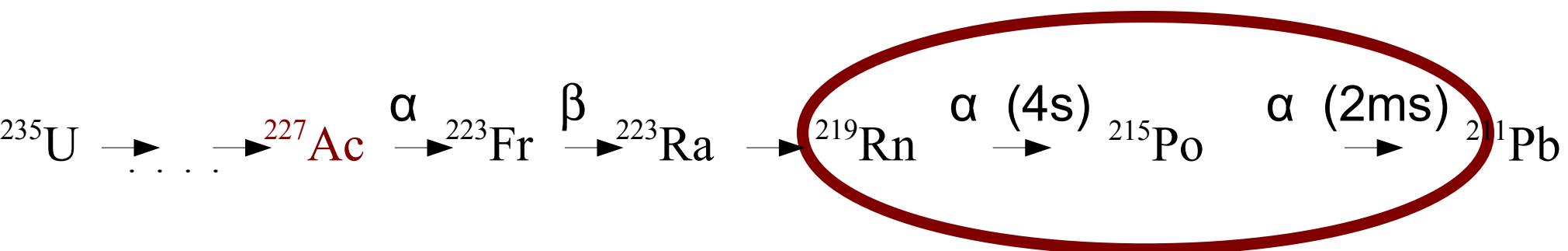
# Radon background in the pre spectrometer from the non-evaporable getter (NEG) pumps

Getter strips (SAES ST707) adsorbing residual gas ( $H_2$ )  
are essential to reach  $10^{-11}$  mbar, composition:

70 % Zirconium: contains  $^{227}Ac$

25 % Vanadium

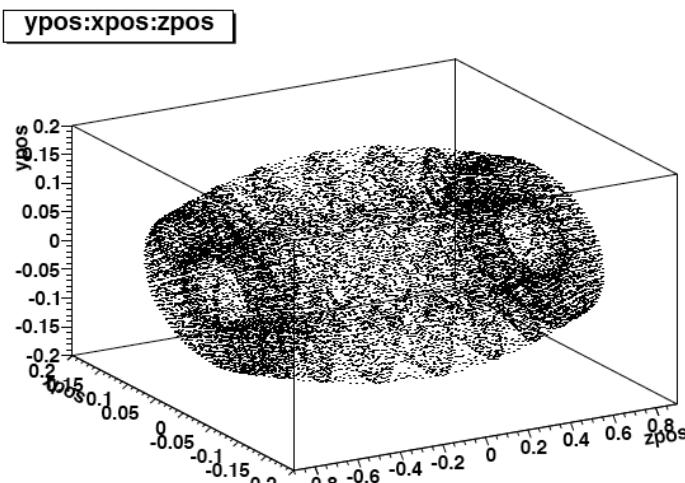
5 % Iron



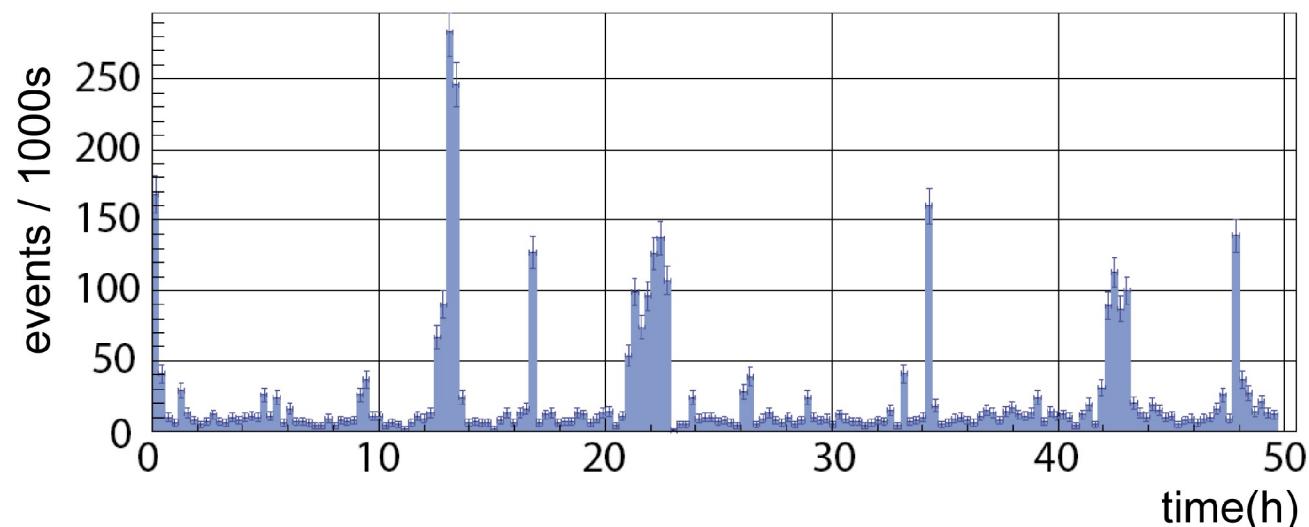
$^{219}Ra$  is gaseous  $\rightarrow$  spectrometer  $\rightarrow$  ionizations  $\rightarrow$  **background**

# Evidence for Radon background in the pre spectrometer

trapped electron trajectory



30 min bursts of background rate

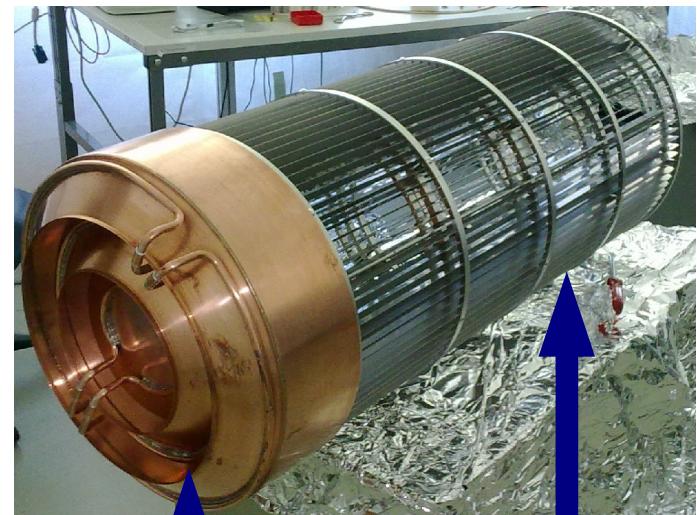


- $e^-$  produced in Rn-decays are stored
- produce secondary  $e^-$
- 30 min intervals with high background ( $10^{-10}$  mbar)

F.M. Fränkle et al.  
Astropart. Phys. 35 (2011) 128-134

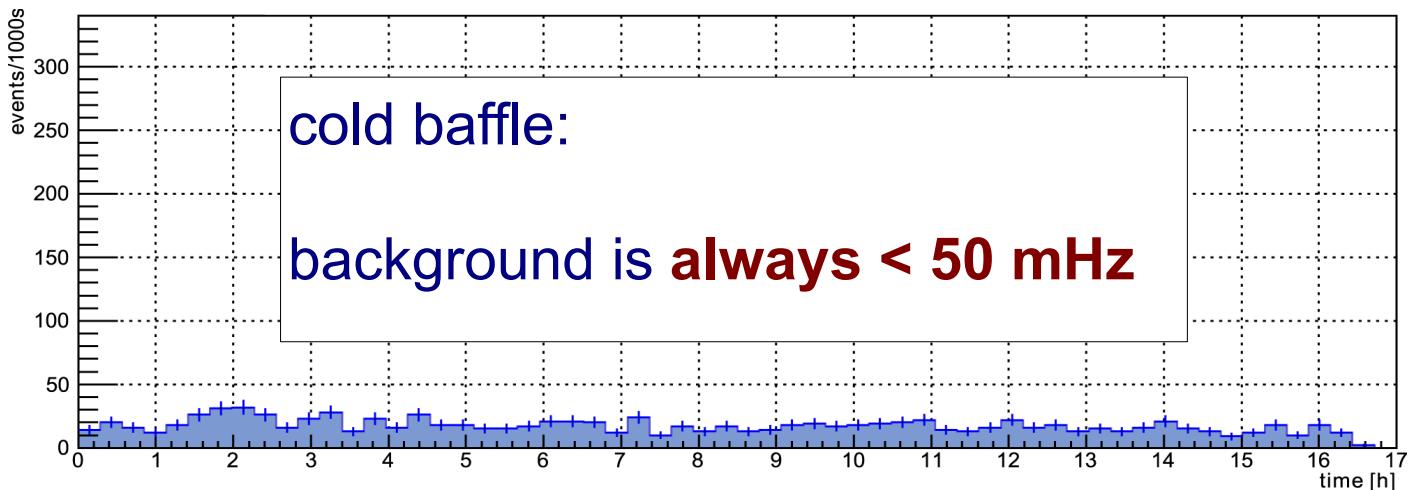
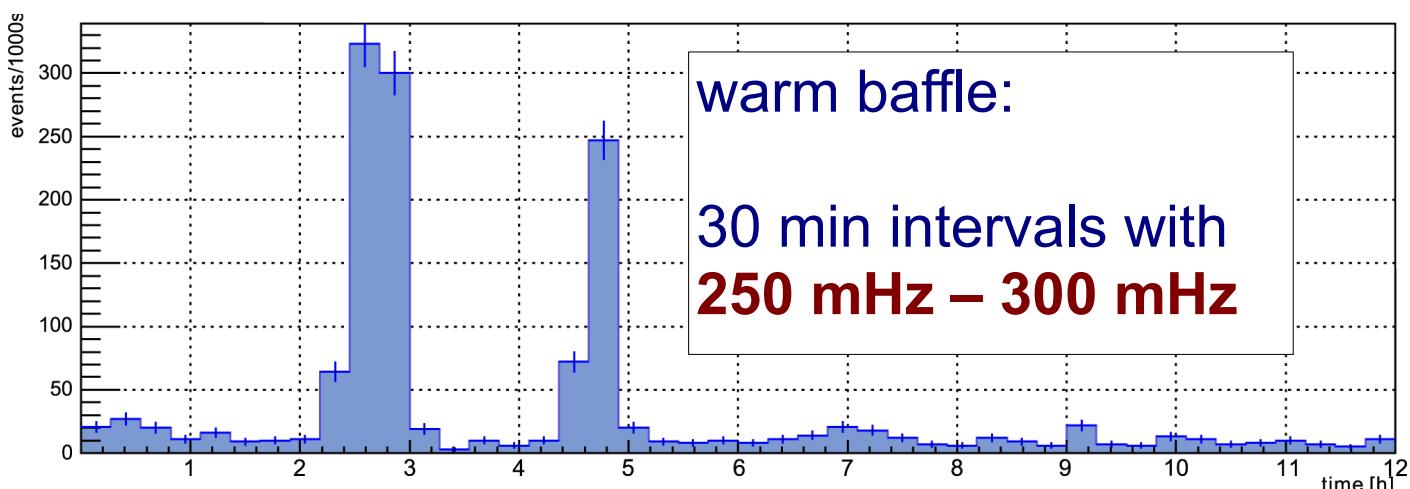
**Radon emanation from getter has to be suppressed**

# Elimination of Radon background in the pre spectrometer



getter

baffle cooled with LN<sub>2</sub>



diploma thesis S. Görhardt/KIT

# Main Spectrometer – Transport to Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

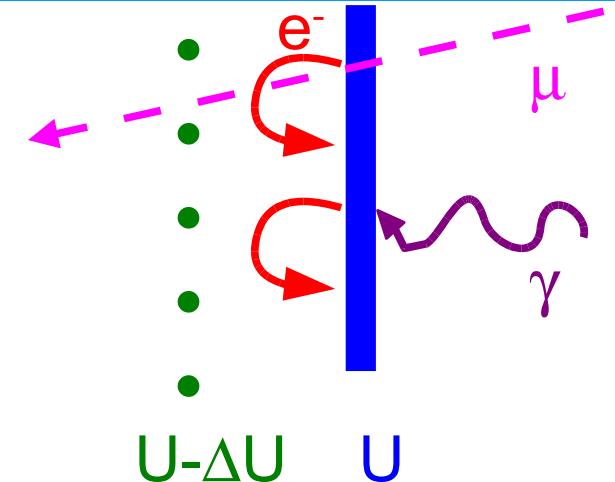
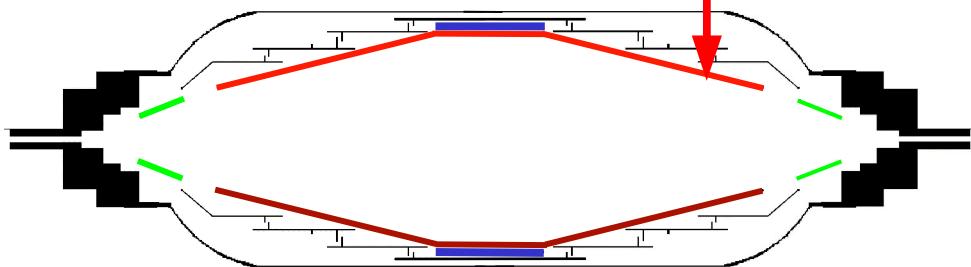
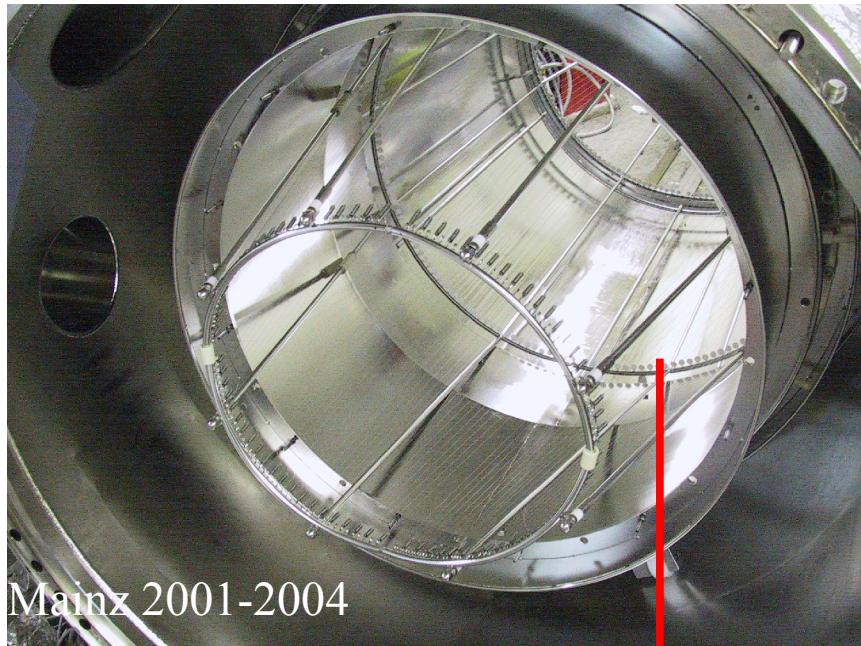


# KATRIN has a 100-times larger surface, but requests same bg → something new

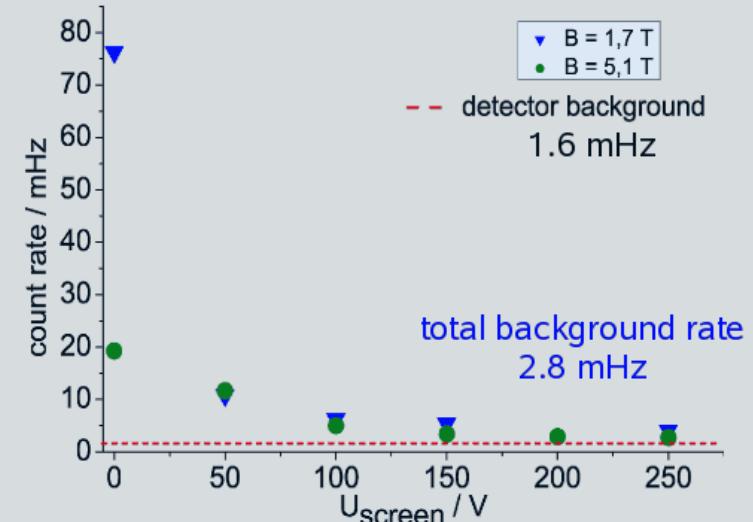
Secondary electrons from wall/electrode

by cosmic rays, environmental radioactivity, ...

New: wire electrode on slightly more negative potential

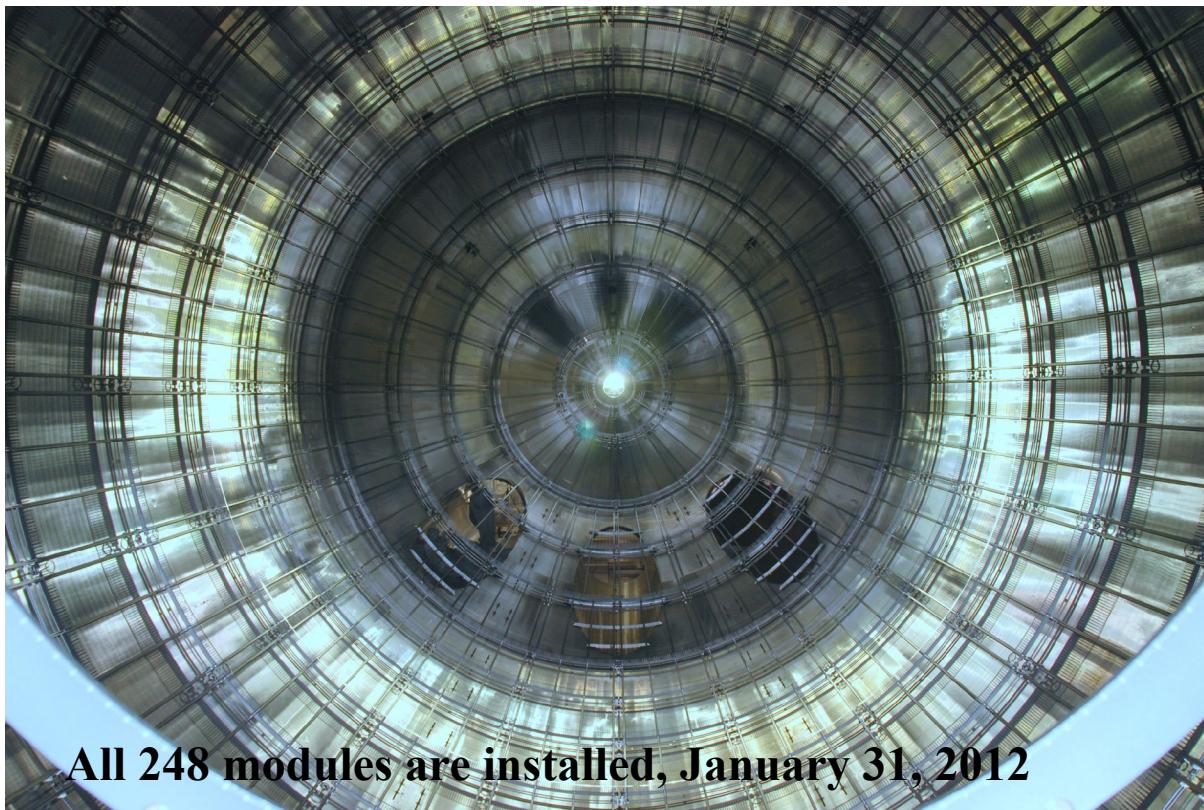
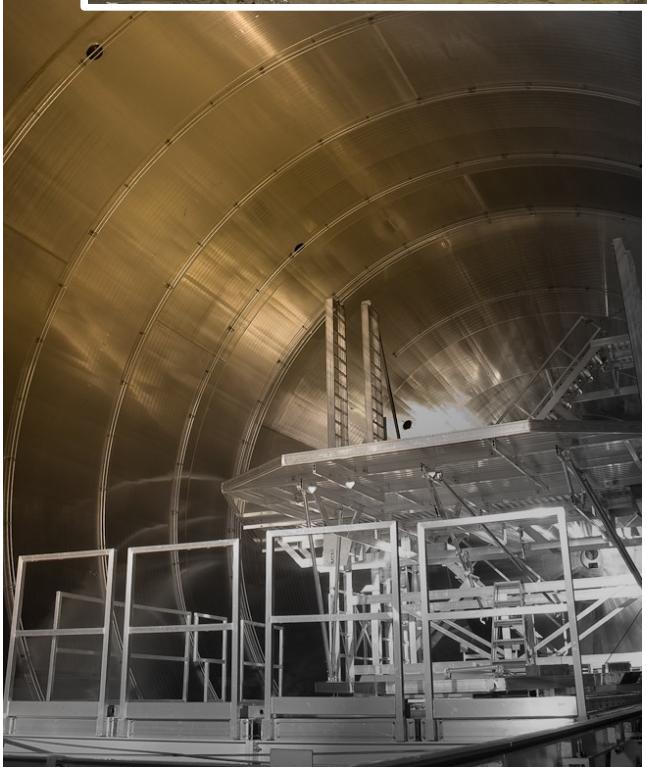


Background suppression successfully tested at the Mainz MAC-E filter:



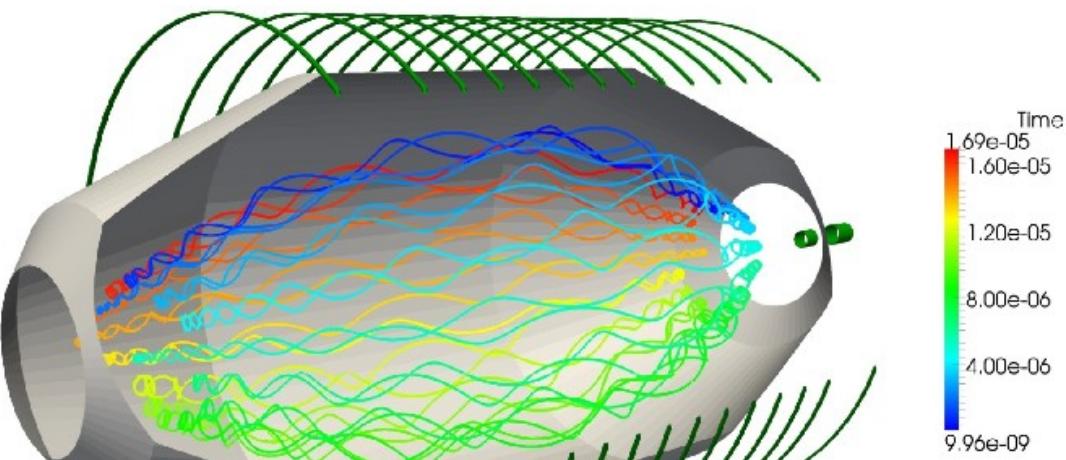
Dipl. thesis B. Ostrick (U Mainz, 2002),  
PhD thesis B. Flatt (U Mainz, 2004)

# Two-layer wire electrode modules installation inside main spectrometer

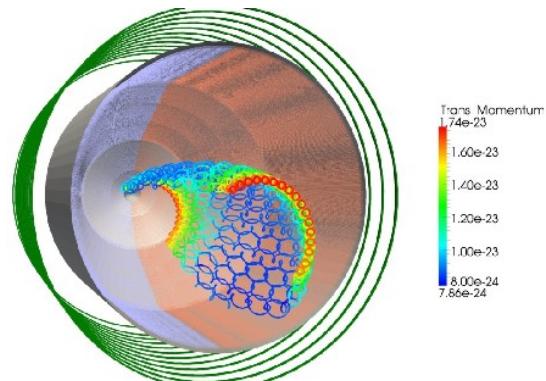


# Background from stored electrons: methods to avoid or to eliminate them

Stored electron by magnetic mirrors  
F. Fränkle et al., Astropart. Phys. 35 (2011) 128

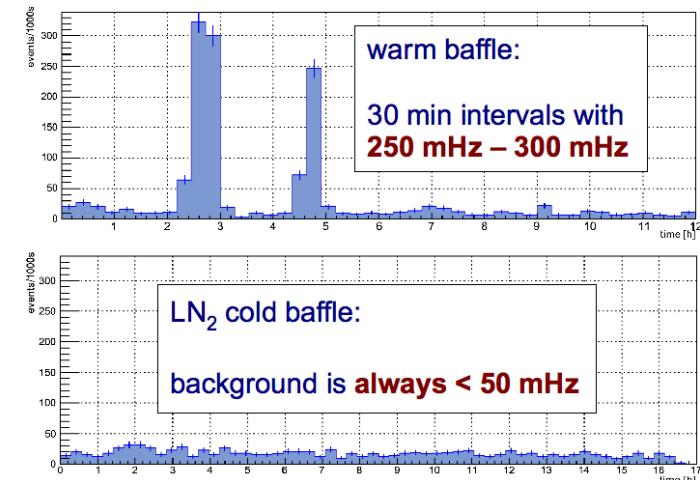


radial E x B drift  
due to electric  
dipole pulse

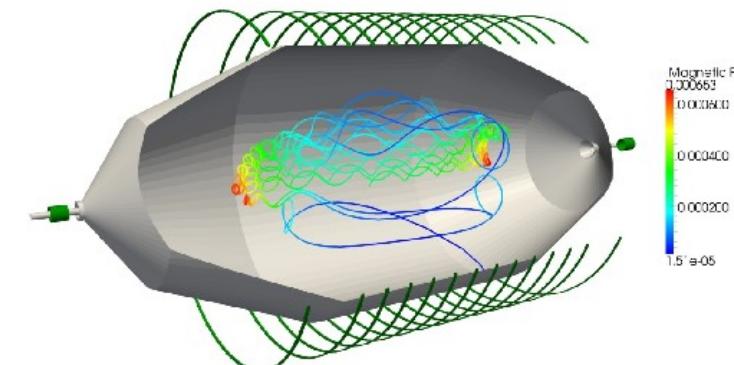
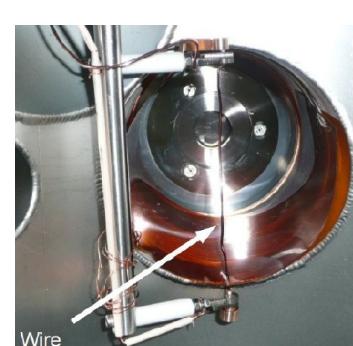


G. Drexlin et al., arXiv:1205.3729

Radon suppression by LN<sub>2</sub> cooled baffle  
S. Görhardt, diploma thesis, KIT

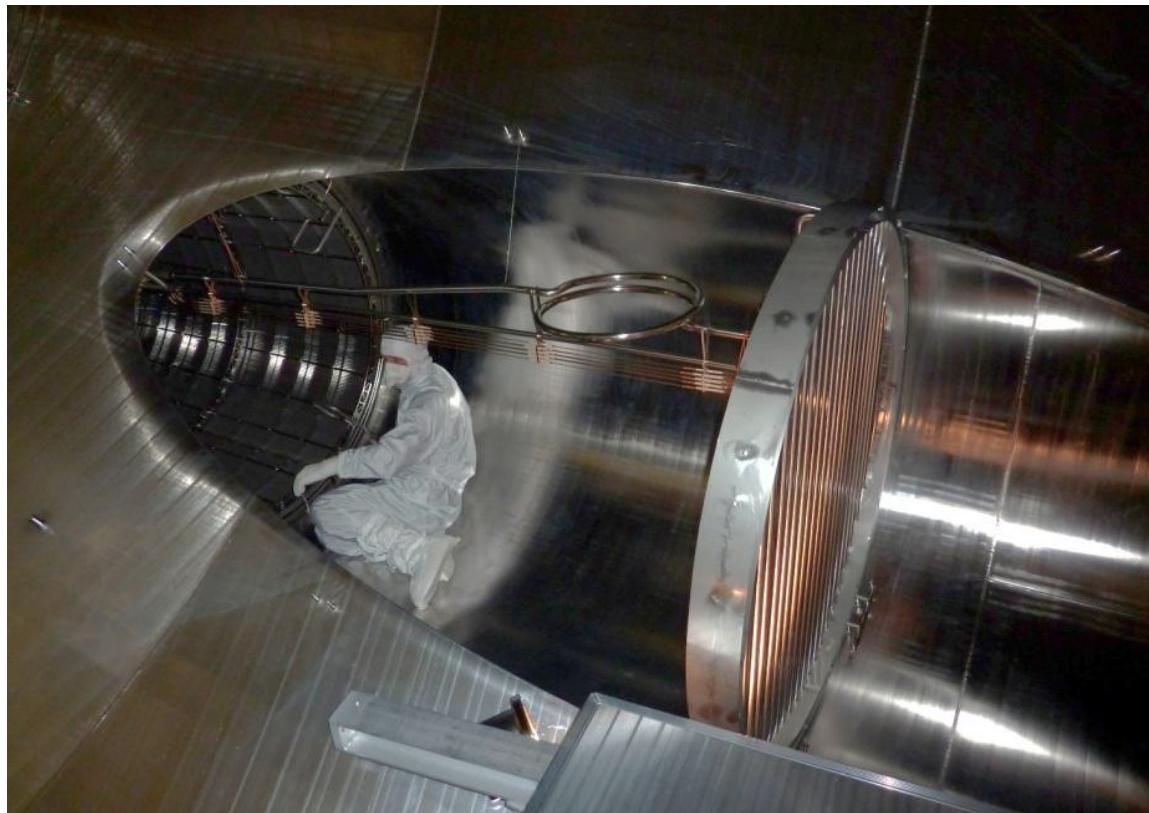


Nulling magnetic field by magn. pulse  
B. Hillen, PhD thesis, Münster

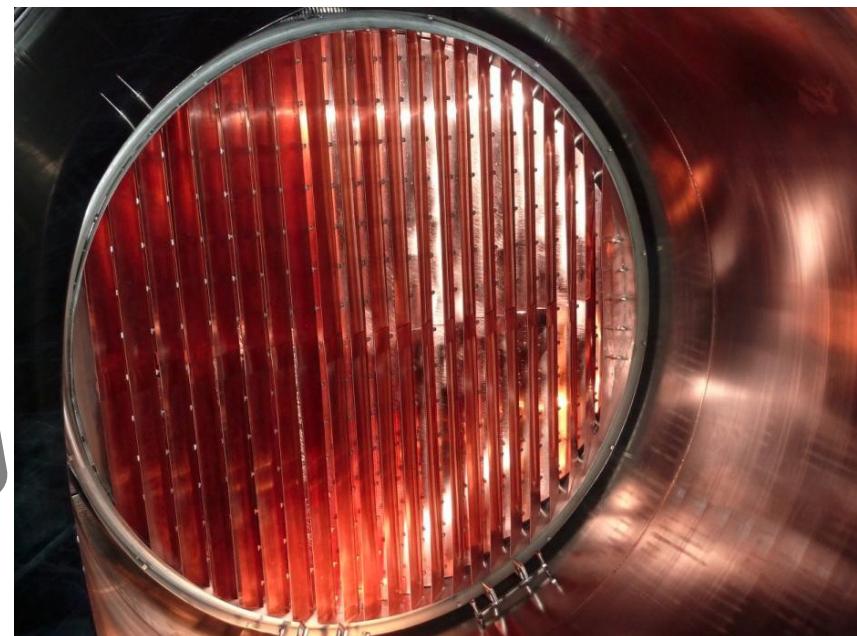
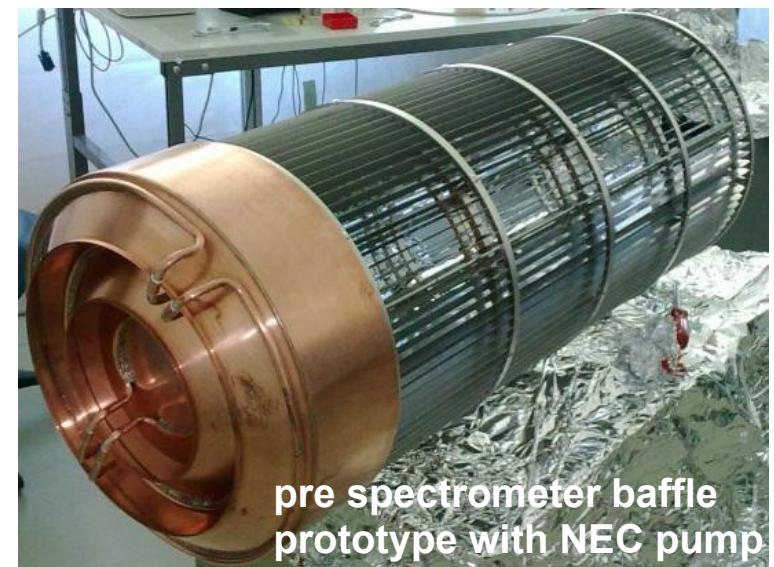


Mechanical eliminating stored particles:  
M. Beck et al, Eur. Phys. J. A44 (2010) 499

# Radon elimination by LN<sub>2</sub>-cooled baffles in the main spectrometer



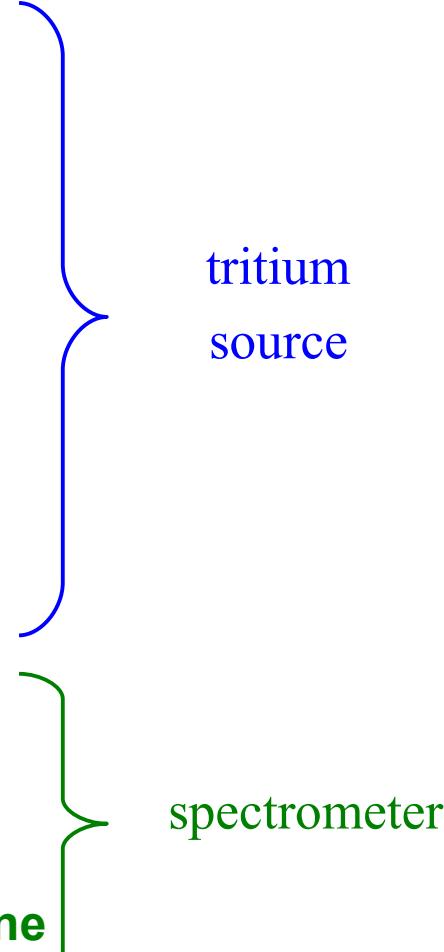
Main spectrometer vessel is closed  
Commissioning of main spectrometer with detector  
and e-gun ist starting in winter 2012



# Systematic uncertainties

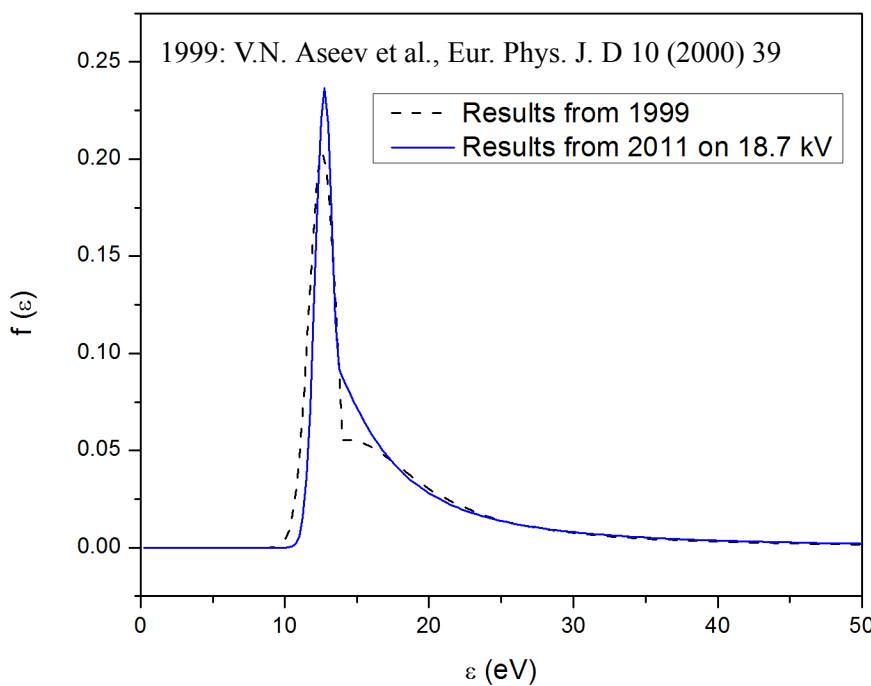
As smaller  $m(v)$  as smaller the region of interest below endpoint  $E_0$   
→ quantum mechanical thresholds help a lot !

**A few contributions with  $\Delta m_v^2 \leq 0.007 \text{ eV}^2$  each:**

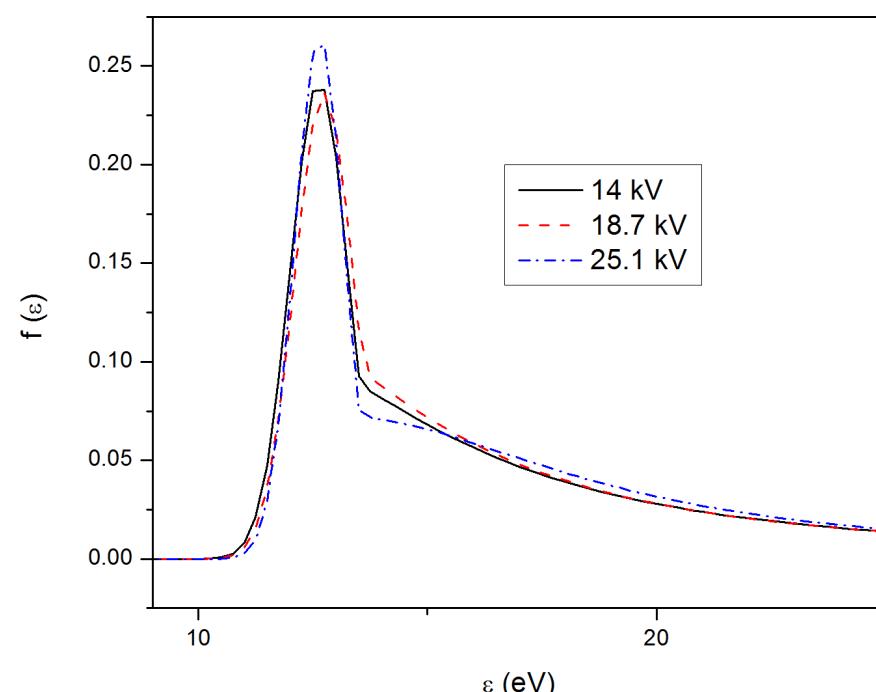
1. inelastic scatterings of  $\beta$ 's inside WGTS
    - **dedicated e-gun measurements**, unfolding of response fct.
  2. fluctuations of WGTS column density (required < 0.1%)
    - rear detector, Laser-Raman spectroscopy, T=30K stabilisation,  
**e-gun measurements**
  3. WGTS charging due to remaining ions (MC:  $\phi < 20\text{mV}$ )
    - **monocrystalline rear plate short-cuts potential differences**
  4. final state distribution
    - **reliable quantum chem. calculations**
  5. transmission function
    - detailed simulations, **angular-selective e-gun measurements**
  6. HV stability of retarding potential on ~3ppm level required
    - **precision HV divider (with PTB), monitor spectrometer beamline**
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# Recently achieved results at Troitsk

**Measurement of electron scattering on H<sub>2</sub> at 14, 18, and 25 keV. New data on excitation and ionization spectra obtained with spectrometer resolution of about 1 eV.**



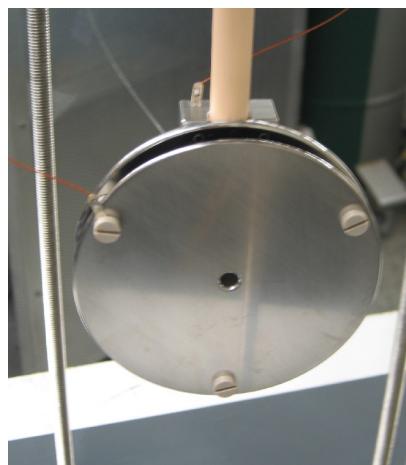
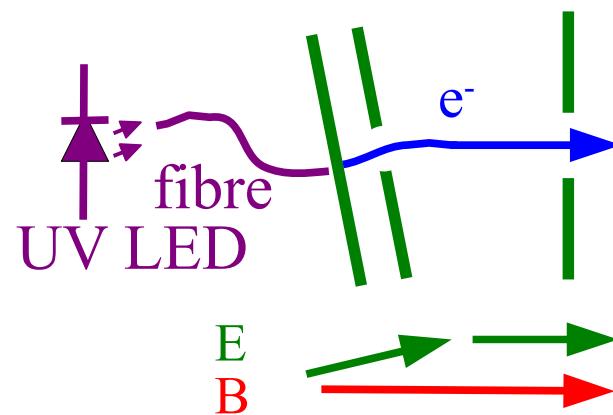
Electron energy losses by scattering in H<sub>2</sub>



The same, at different energies

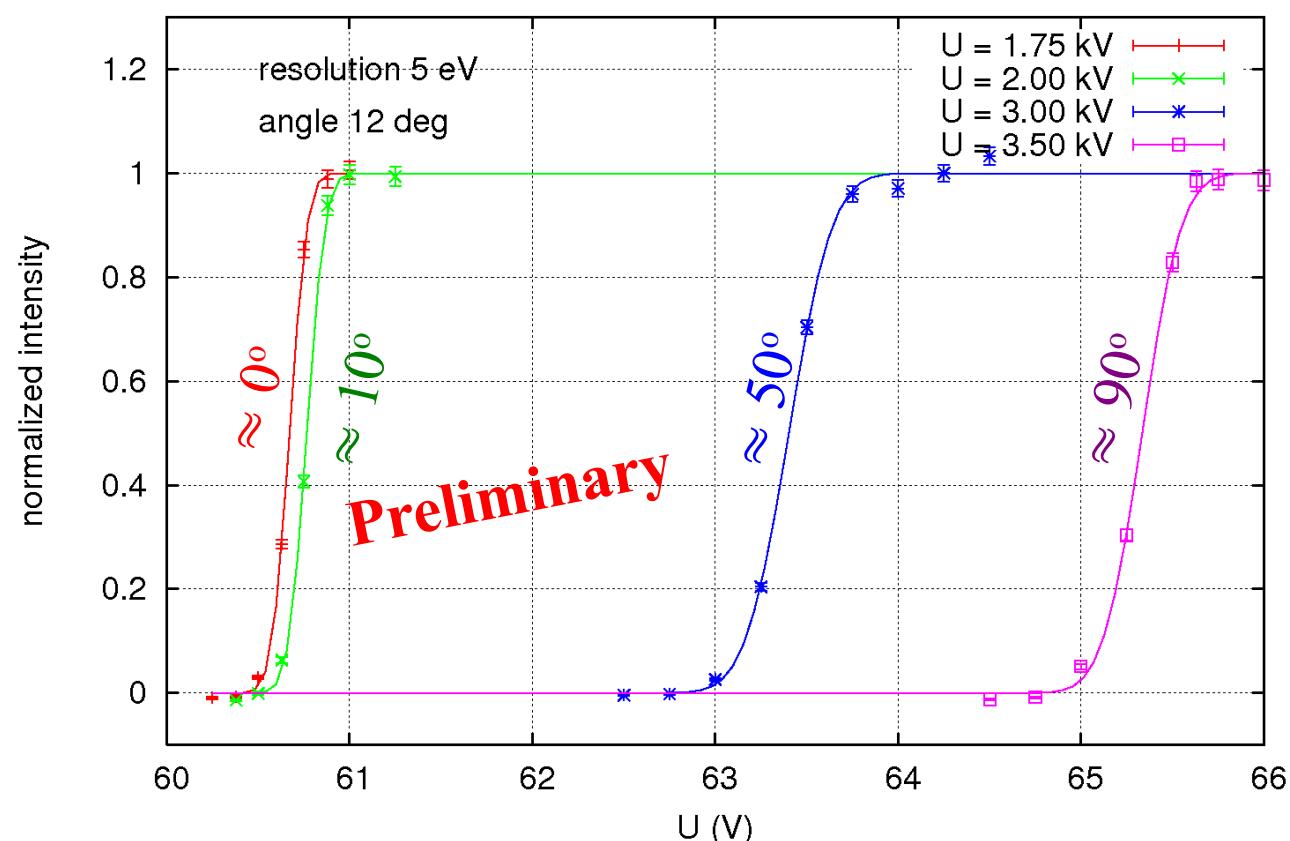
# A new pulsed angular-defined UV LED photoelectron source

Idea:  
fast non-adiabatic acceleration  
with adjustable non-parallel  
E and B fields

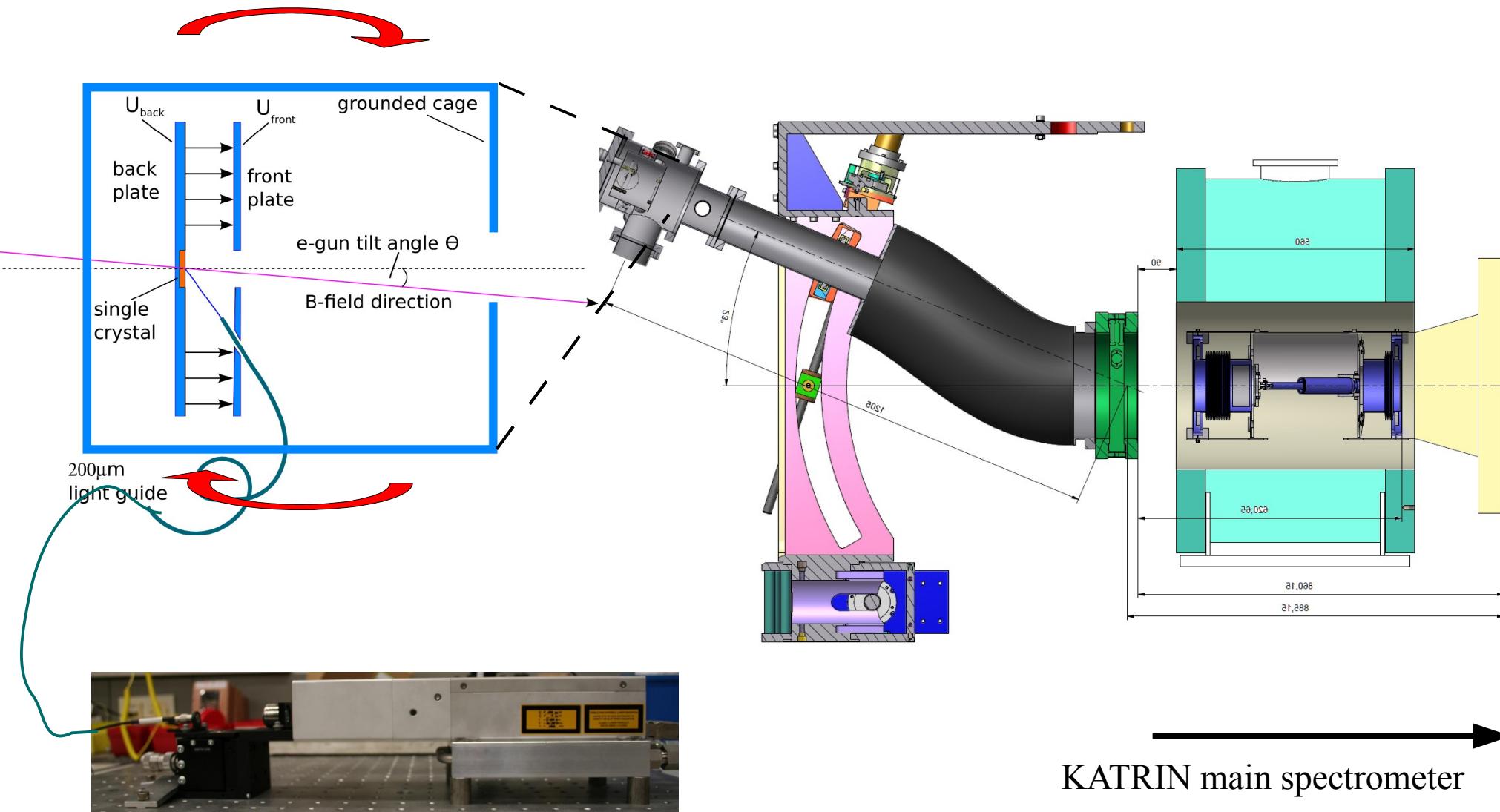


Angle at  
electron source:  $0^\circ$   
pinch magnet:  $0^\circ$

K. Valerius et al., NJP 11 (2009) 063018  
K. Valerius et al., JINST 6 (2011) P01002  
K. Hugenberg,  
Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 64 (2010) 288



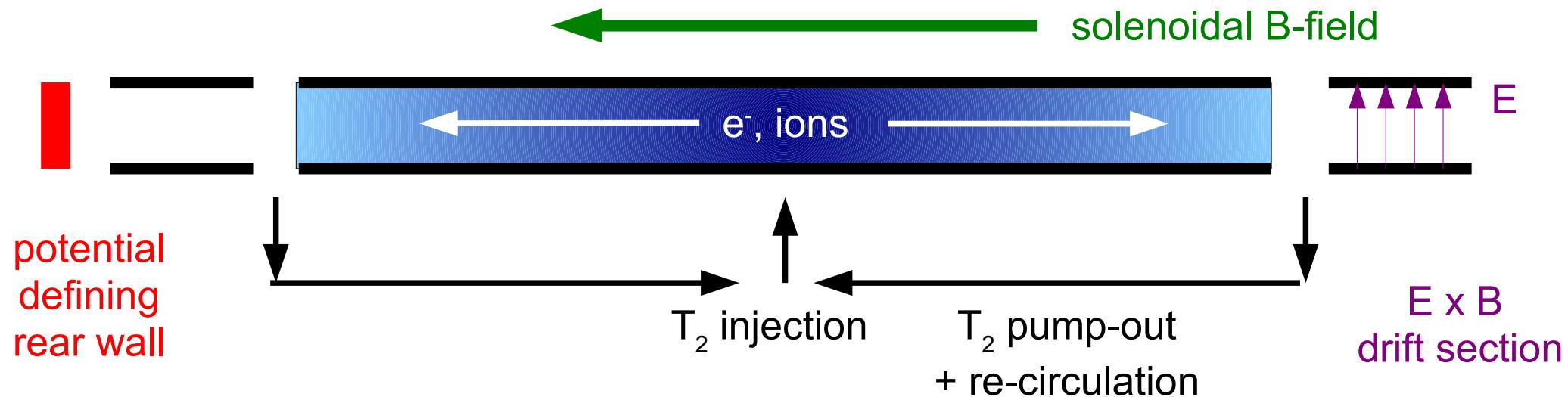
# A 2-dim scanning pulsed angular-selective UV laser photoelectoron source



KATRIN main spectrometer

Pulsed frequency-quadrupled high-repetition UV-laser  
(266nm, 20ns pulses)

# Plasma potential within windowless gaseous tritium source

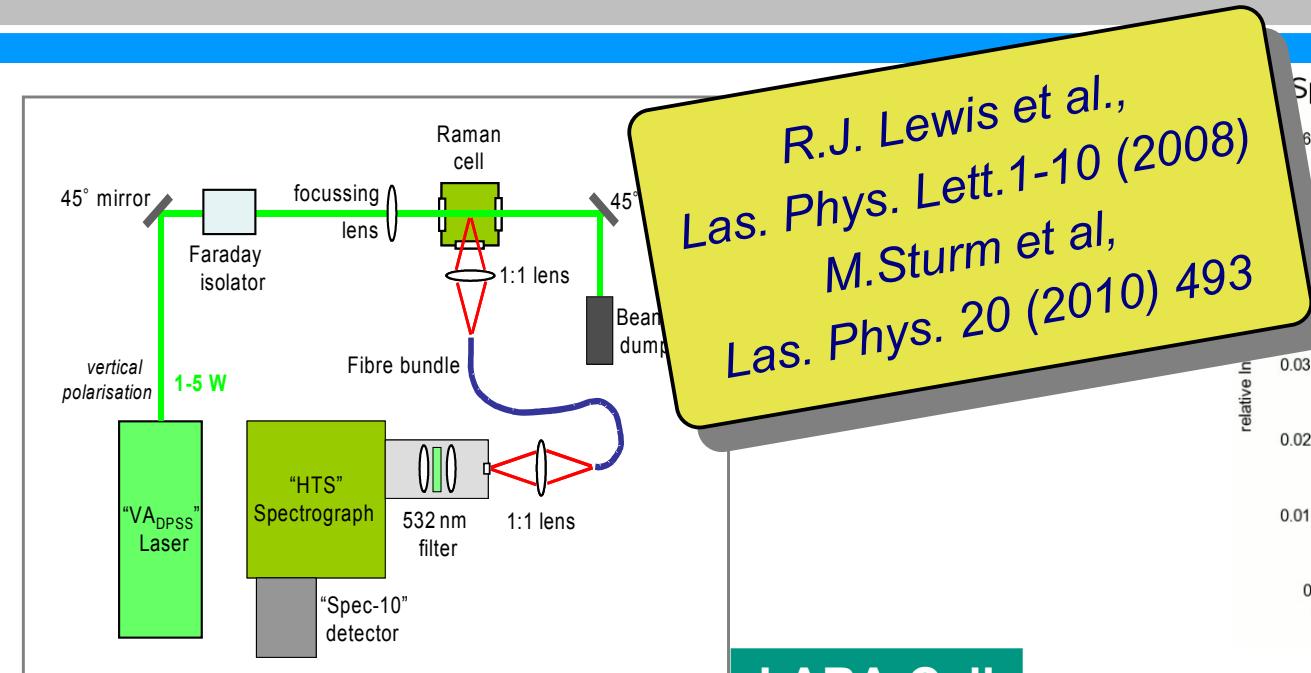


- Plasma is radially confined by the **longitudinal B-field** (no transverse mobility)
- There is a very good longitudinal confinement by magnetic field lines (“short-cut”)
- Plasma is neutralized by low energy electrons (from inelastic scattering)
- Potential in source is defined by “**potential defining rear wall**”
- Escaping non-neutralized ions are drifted out by **transversal E-field**

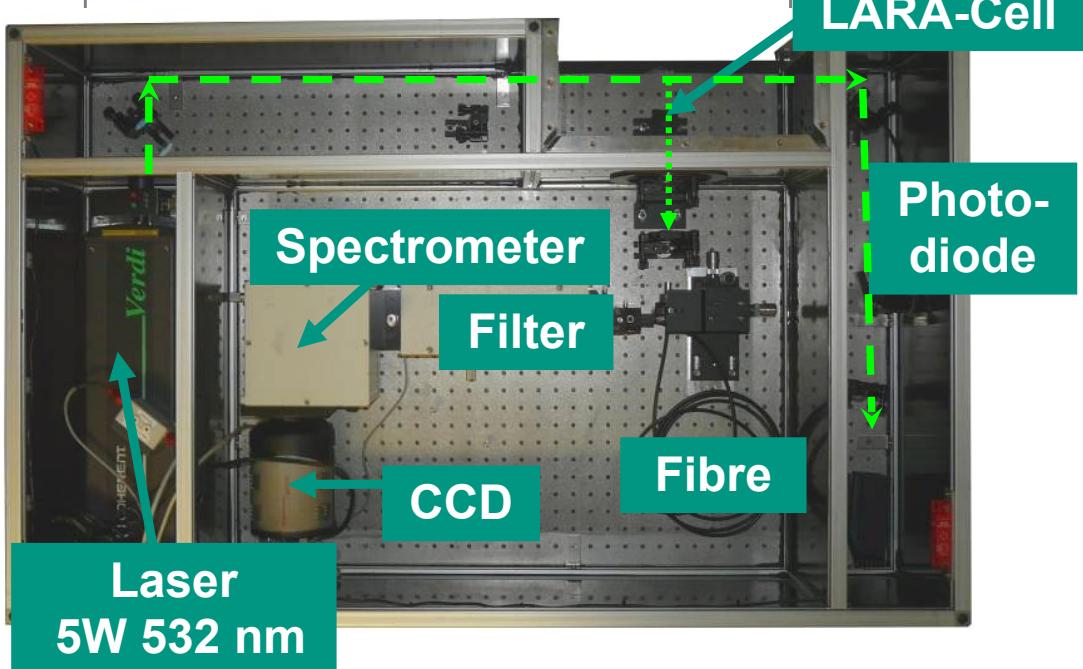
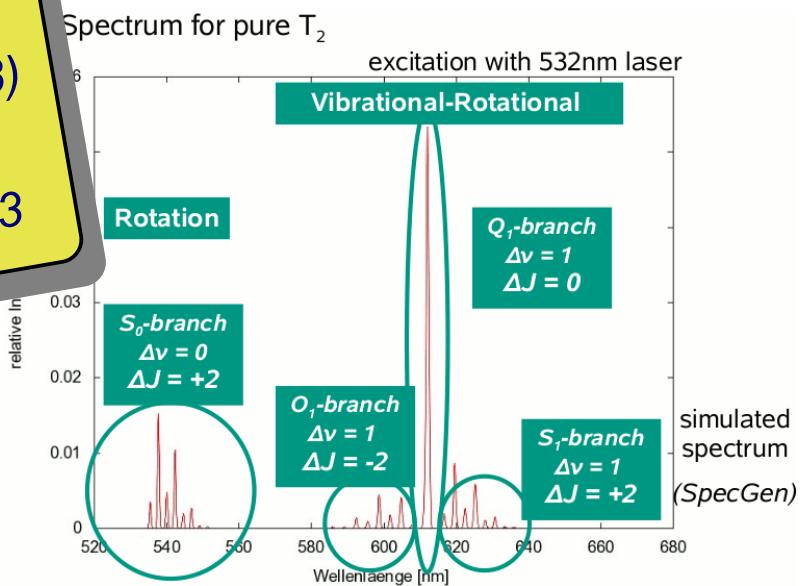
Russian-German cooperation  
within KATRIN:

A.F. Nastoyashchii, N.A. Titov, I.N. Morozov, F. Glück and E.W. Otten,  
Fusion Science and Technology, 48 (2005) 743

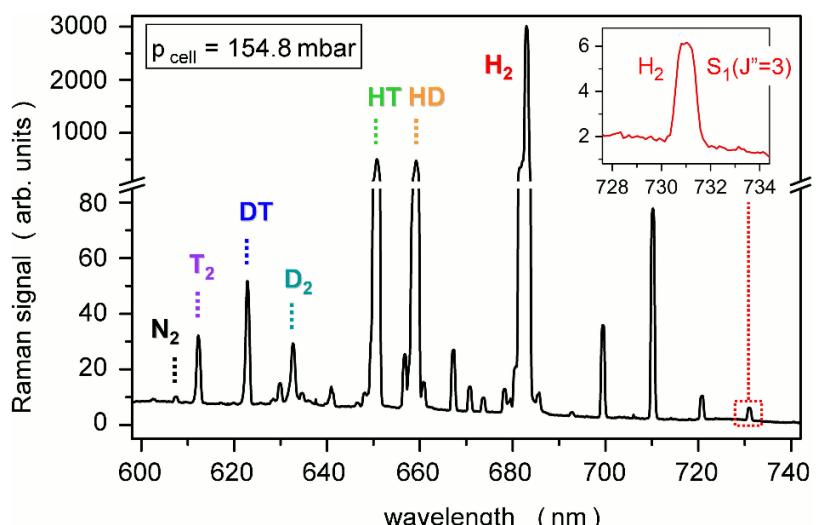
# Measurement of tritium concentration by laser Raman spectroscopy



R.J. Lewis et al.,  
Las. Phys. Lett. 1-10 (2008)  
M.Sturm et al.,  
Las. Phys. 20 (2010) 493



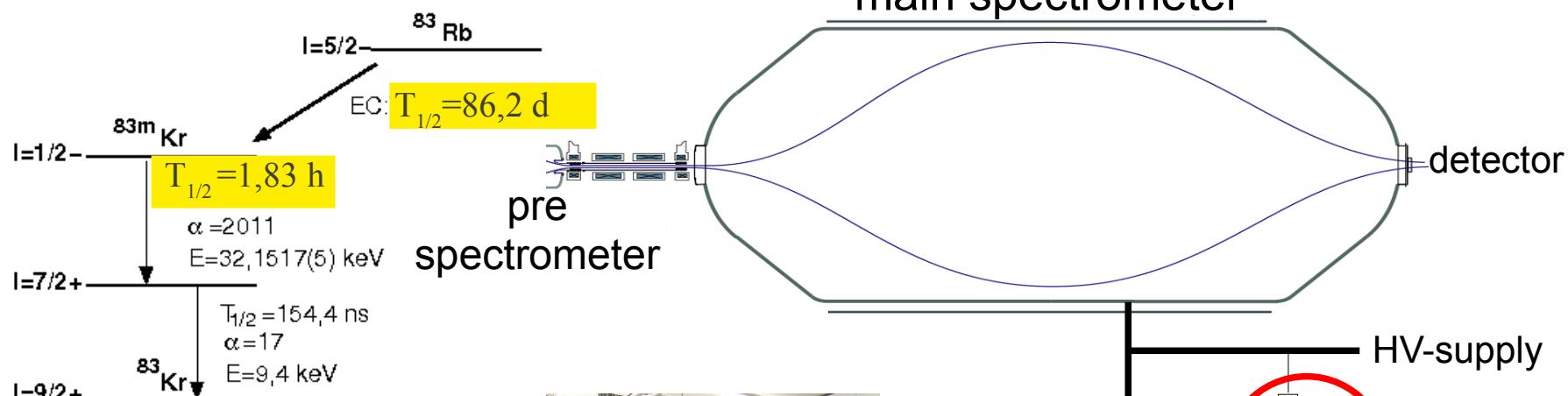
$$\begin{aligned} \text{H}_2 / \text{HD} / \text{T}_2 / \text{DT} / \text{HT} \\ = 0.820 / 0.083 / 0.003 / 0.005 / 0.085 \end{aligned}$$



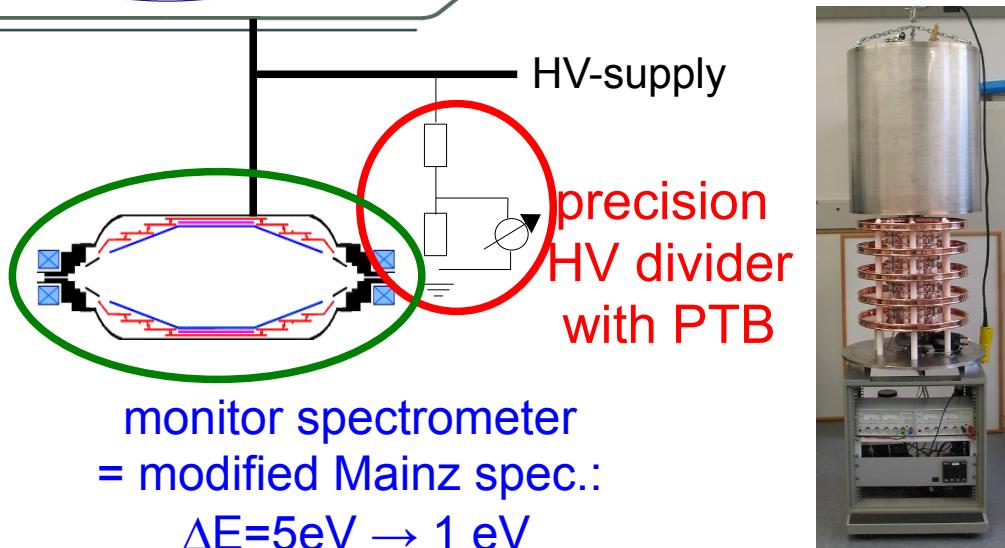
# Stability of retarding potential / energy calibration: ppm at 18.6 kV

- Measure HV by precision HV divider
- Lock retarding HV by measuring energetically well-defined electron line with monitor spectrometer

D. Venos et al., Appl. Rad. Iso. 63 (2005) 323  
 D. Venos et al., Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 560 (2006) 352  
 M. Rasulbaev et al., Appl. Rad. Iso. 66 (2008) 1838  
 Th. Thümmler et al., New J. Phys. 11 (2009) 103007  
 D. Venos et al., Meas. Tech. 53 (2010) 573  
 M. Slezák et al., EPJ A48 (2012) 12

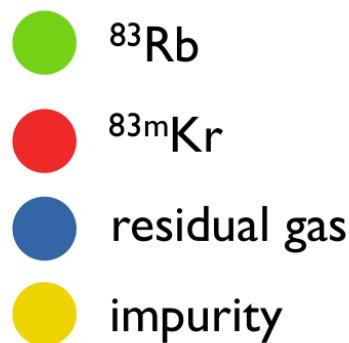


- condensed  $^{83}\text{mKr}$ : Münster/Mainz
- evaporated and implanted  $^{83}\text{Rb}/^{83}\text{mKr}$ : Rez/Mainz/Münster/Karlsruhe
- $^{83}\text{Rb}$  production: Bonn, Rez



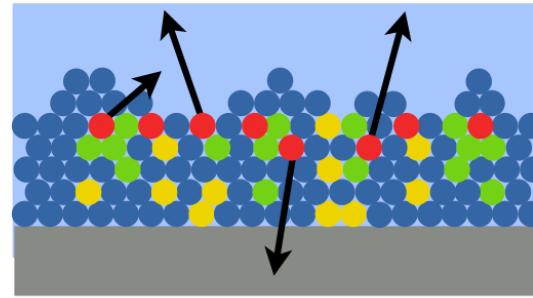
# Solid $^{83}\text{Rb}/^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ source

- original idea:  $^{83}\text{Rb}$  vacuum-evaporated on aluminum foil
- compact, high count rate [Kovalik, J Elec Spec Rel Phen 58 (1992) 49]
- open radioactive source



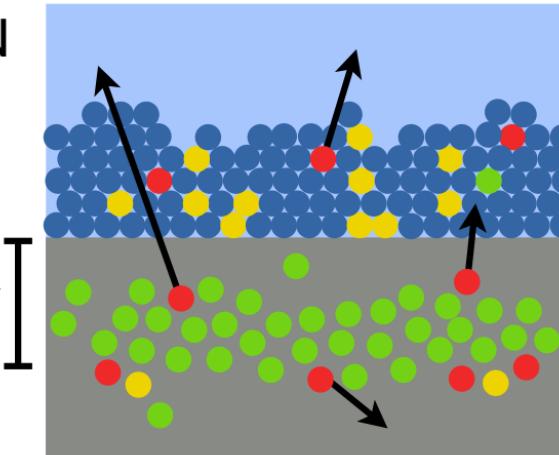
## A) pure radiochemistry & vac. evaporation

NPI Řež/Prague  
since 2005  
backing: C, Al, HOPG



## B) implantation of $^{83}\text{Rb}$ ions

ISOLDE/CERN  
since 2008  
foils: Pt, Au



Idea: A. Kovolik, Inst. Nuclear Problems, JINR, DUBNA

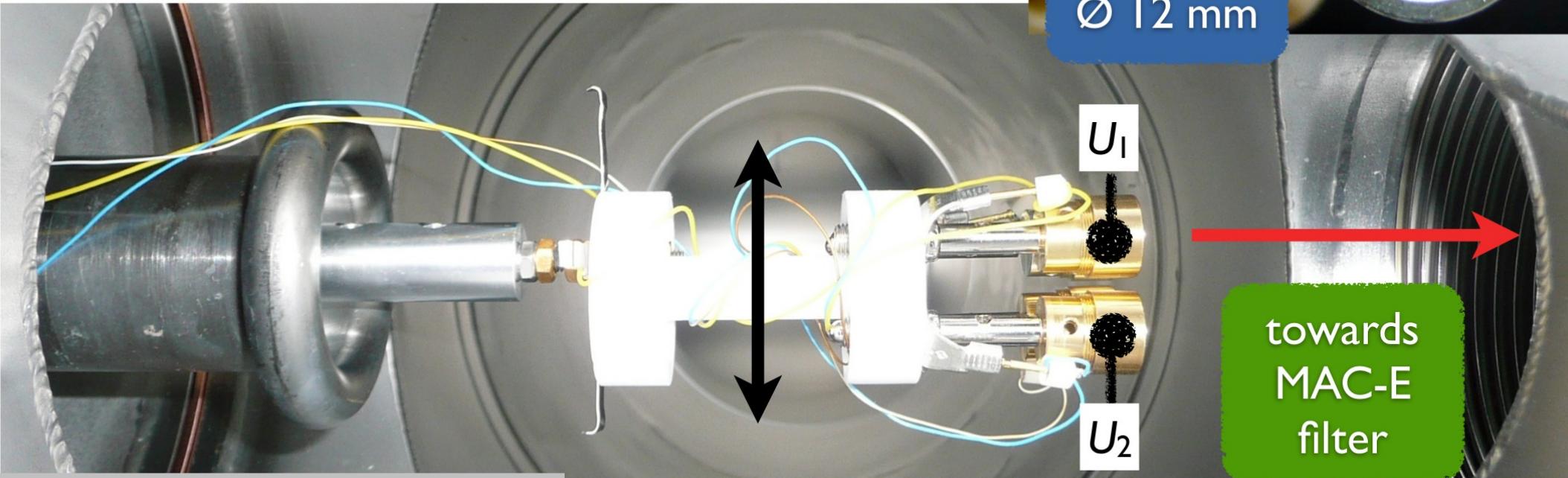
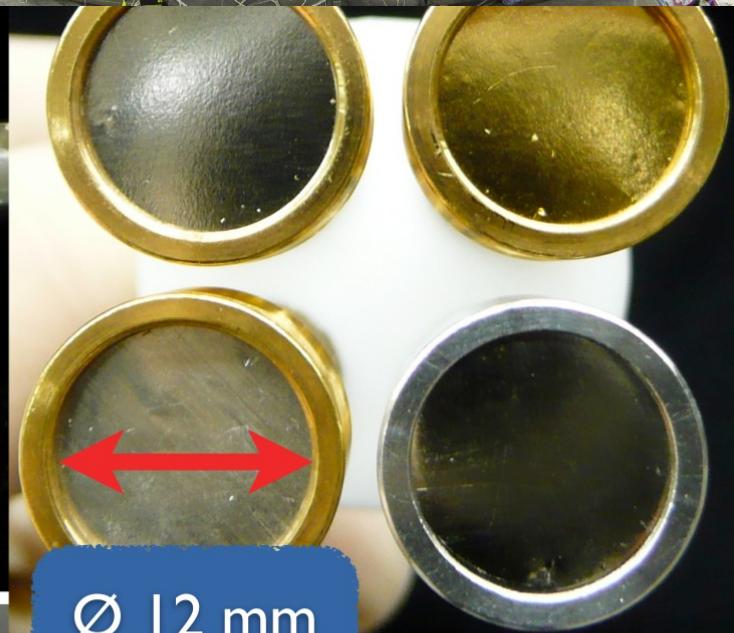
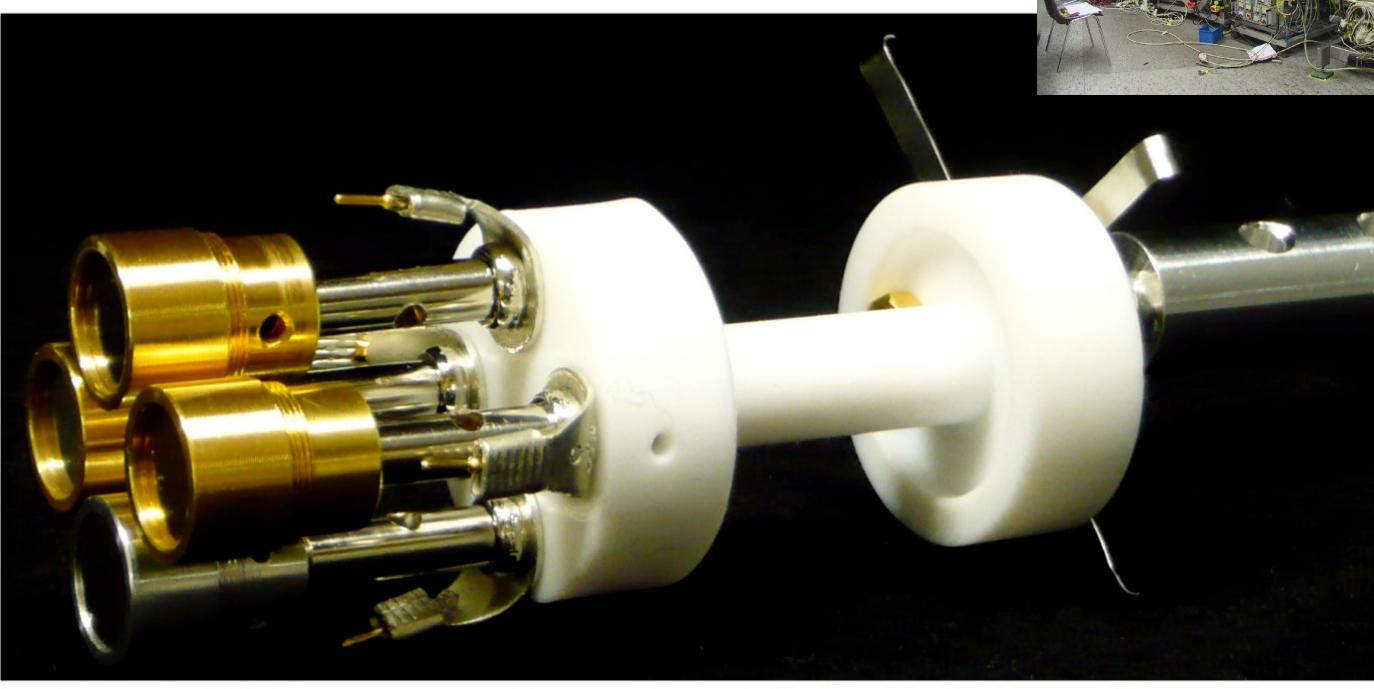
$$A) E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{evap}}(i) = E_{\gamma} + E_{\text{rec}, \gamma} - E_{\text{rec}, e}(i) - \left( E_{\text{bin}}^{\text{vac}}(\text{gas}, i) - \Delta E_{\text{bin}}^{\text{vac}}(\text{evap}, i) \right) - \left( \phi_{\text{spec}} - \phi_{\text{source}} \right)$$

$$B) E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{impl}}(i) = E_{\gamma} + E_{\text{rec}, \gamma} - E_{\text{rec}, e}(i) - \left( E_{\text{bin}}^{\text{vac}}(\text{gas}, i) - \Delta E_{\text{bin}}^{\text{Fermi}}(\text{impl}, i) \right) - \phi_{\text{spec}}$$

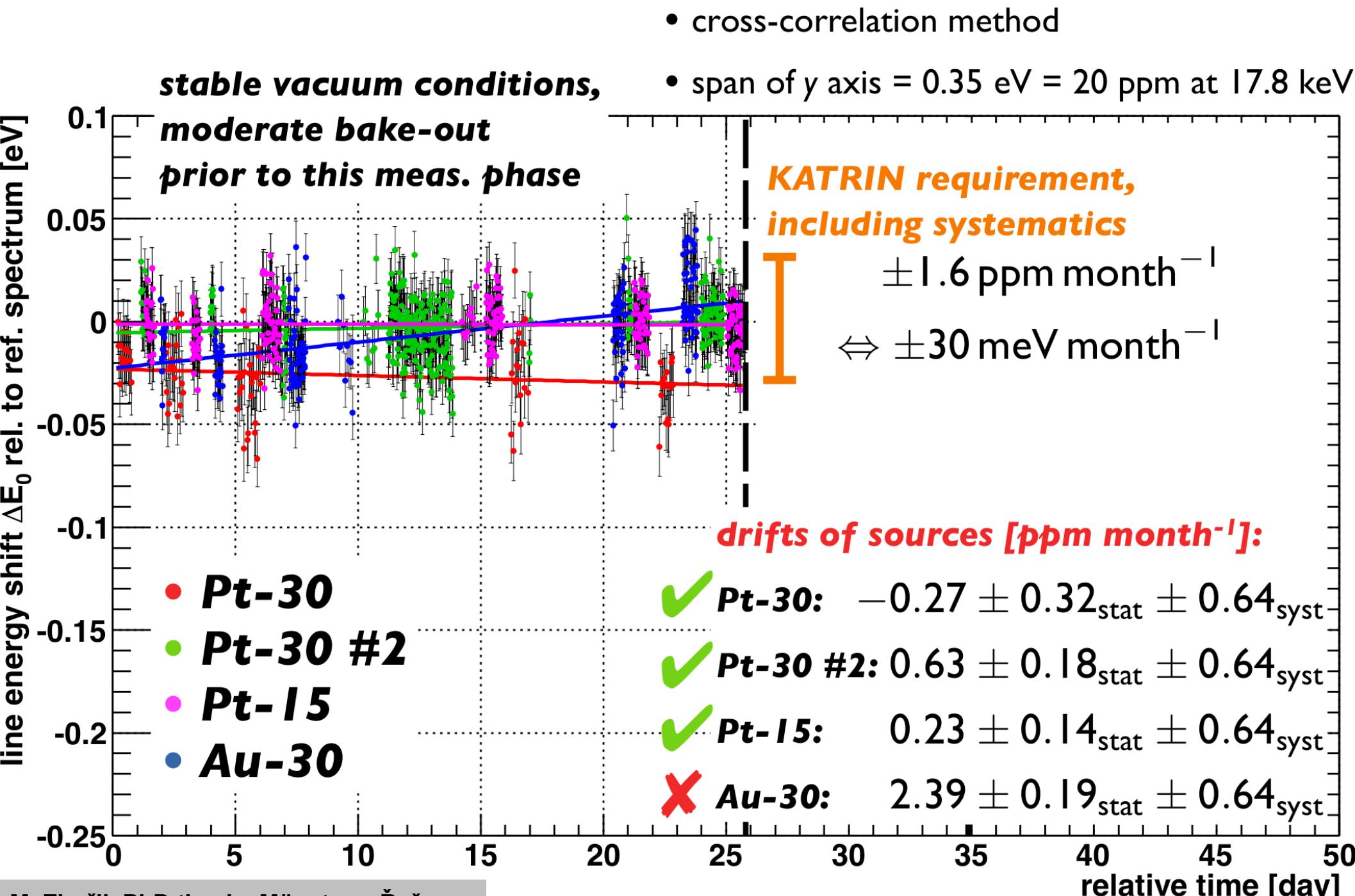
$e^-$  binding energy is **reduced**  
when going from free atom  
to adsorbed/implanted atom

$$\begin{aligned} &\overbrace{\Delta E_{\text{bin}}^{\text{vac}}(\text{impl}, i) + \phi_{\text{source}}} \\ &\overbrace{E_{\text{bin}}^{\text{vac}}(\text{gas}, i) - E_{\text{bin}}^{\text{vac}}(\text{impl}, i)} \end{aligned}$$

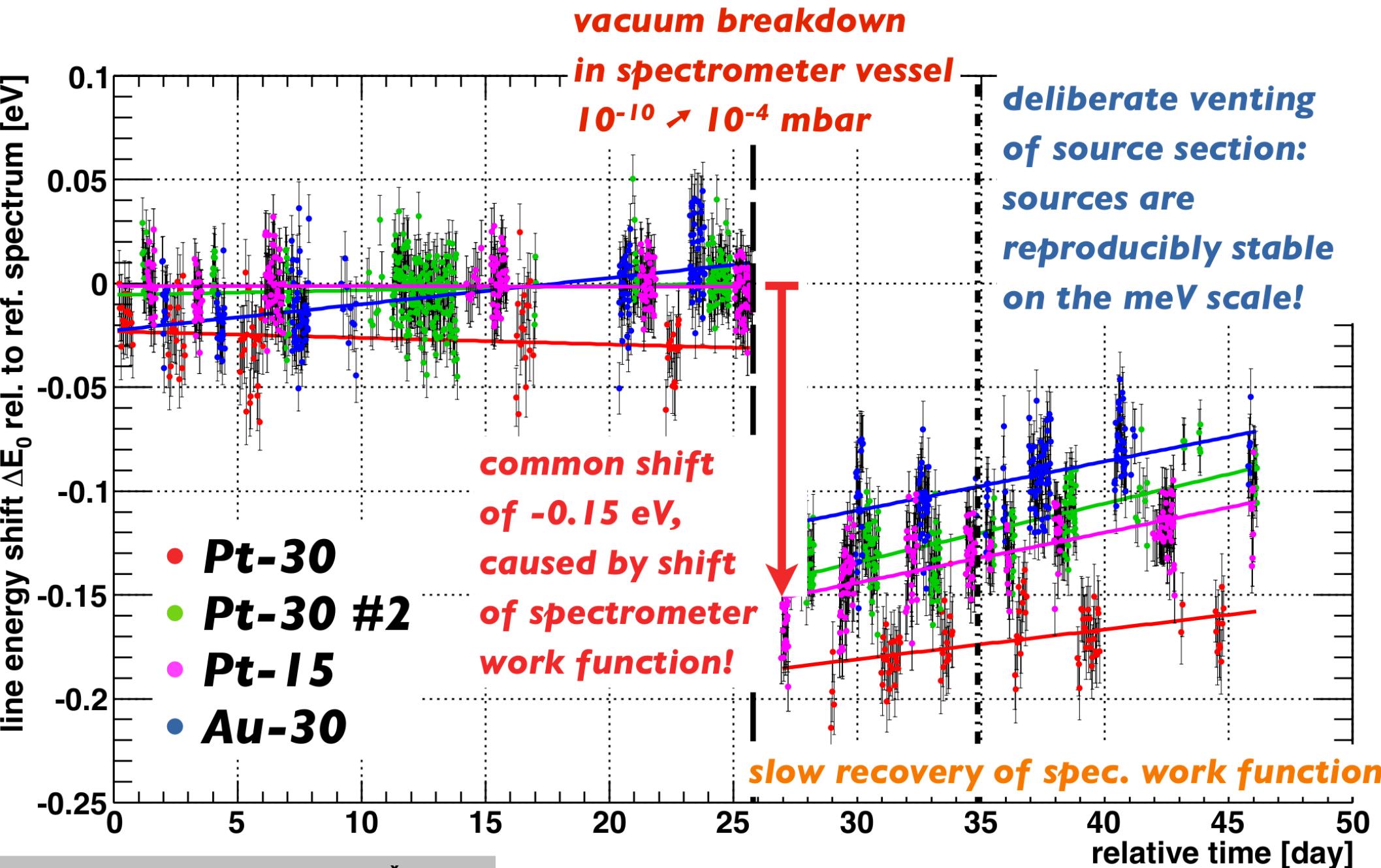
# Measurements at Mainz spectrometer source holder for 4 samples



# Energy stability of K-32 line (4 implanted sources)



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# KATRIN's sensitivity

Example of KATRIN simulation & fit  
(last 25eV below endpoint, reference):

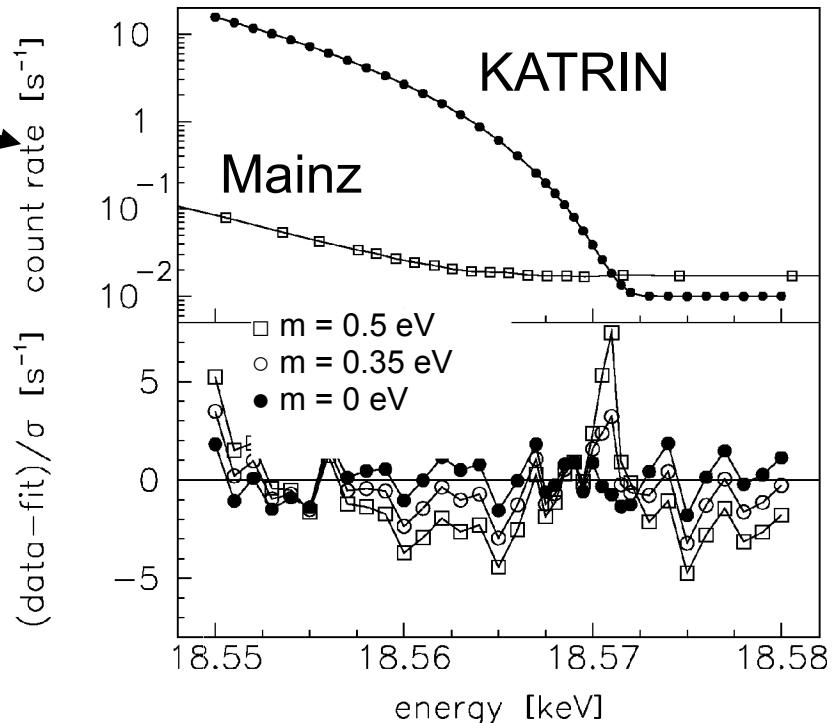
**sensitivity:**

$m_\nu < 200 \text{ meV}$  (90%CL)

**discovery potential:**

$m_\nu = 300 \text{ meV}$  (3 $\sigma$ )

$m_\nu = 350 \text{ meV}$  (5 $\sigma$ )



Expectation for 3 full data taking years:  $\sigma_{\text{syst}} \sim \sigma_{\text{stat}}$

Sensitivity is still statistically limited,  
because with more statistics would go closer to the endpoint,  
where most systematics nearly vanish

Sensitivity still has to proven, but there might be even some more improvements

# KATRIN's sensitivity

Example of KATRIN simulation & fit  
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⇒ KATRIN will improve the sensitivity by 1 order of magnitude  
will check the whole cosmological relevant mass range  
will detect degenerate neutrinos (if they are degen.)

KATRIN

can also search for sterile neutrinos  
by looking for a kink in the decay spectrum:

$$dN/dE = K \cdot F(E, Z) \cdot p \cdot E_{\text{tot}} \cdot (E_0 - E_e) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{active}} + n_{\text{sterile}}} |U_{ei}|^2 \cdot \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_i)^2}$$

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eV scale (reactor anomaly):

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

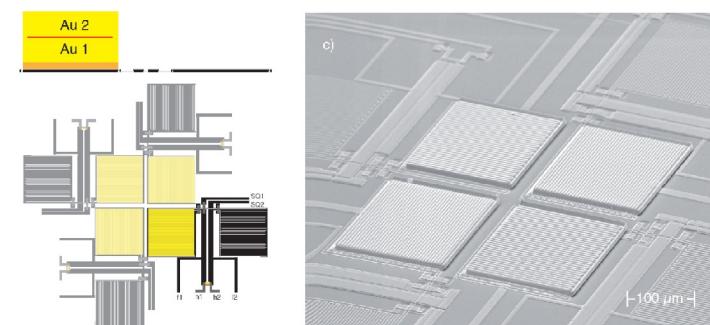
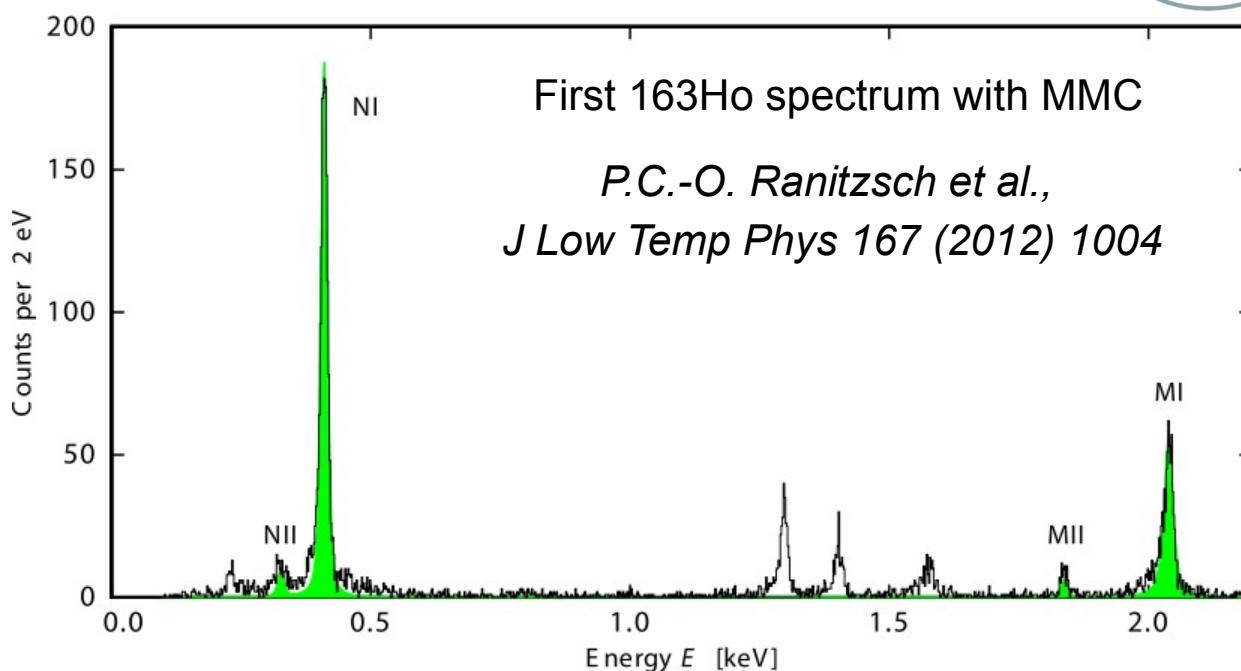
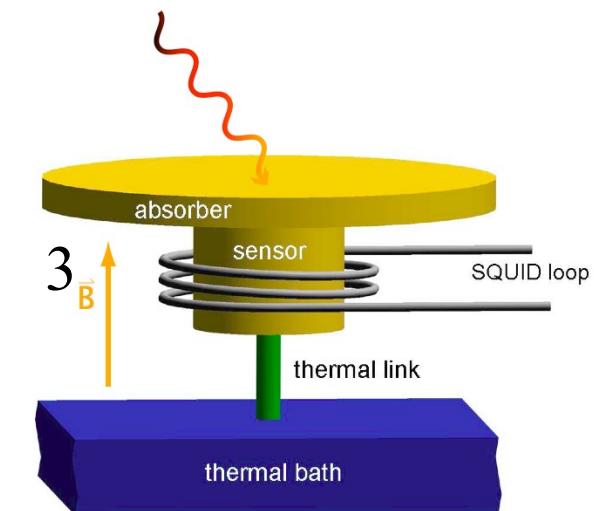
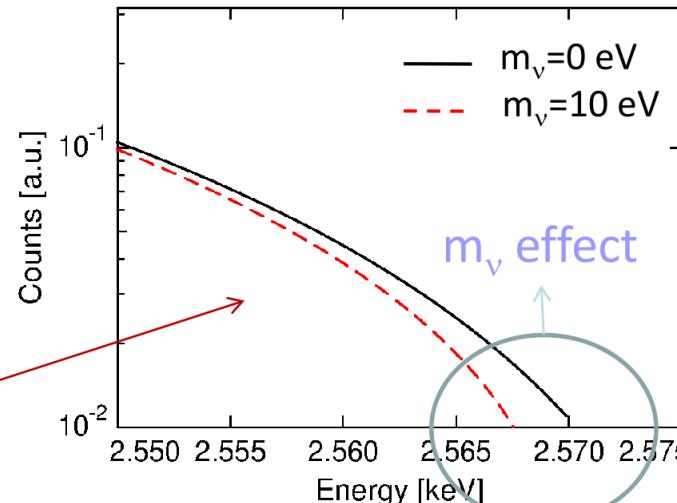
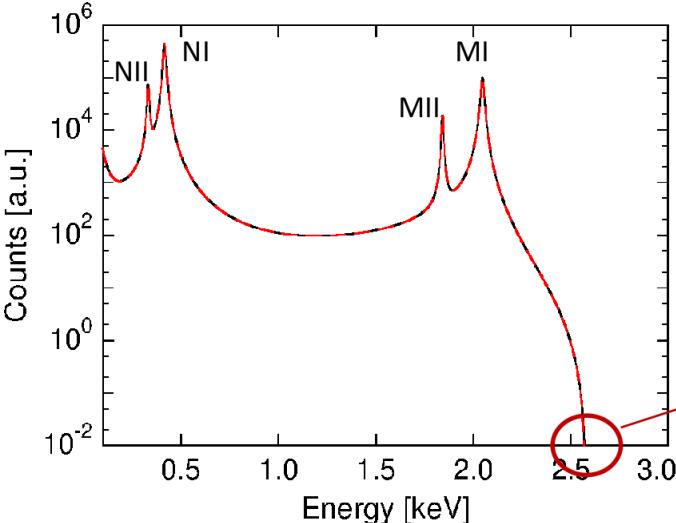
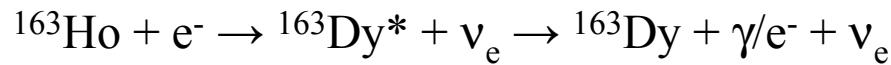
keV scale (dark matter): under study

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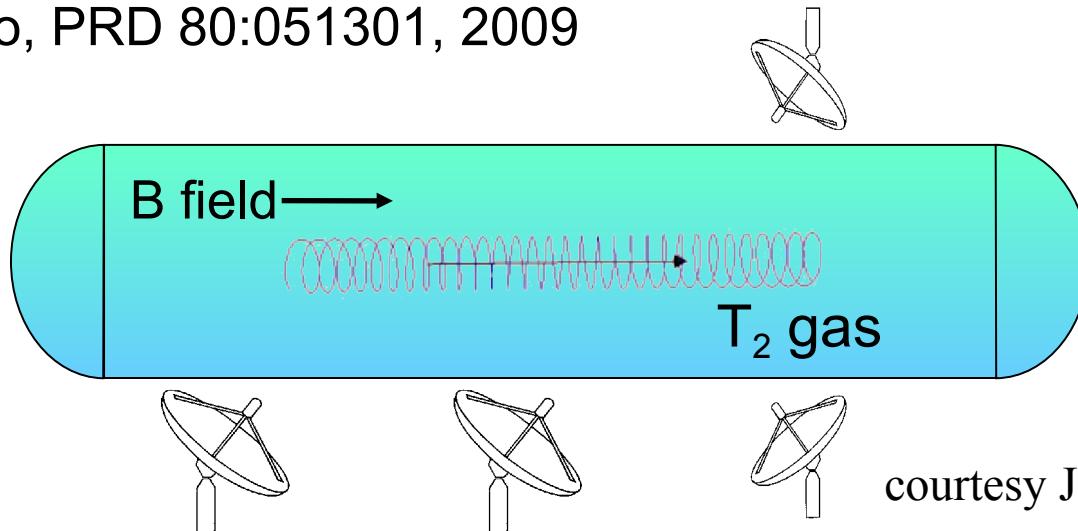
# ECHO neutrino mass project: $^{163}\text{Ho}$ electron capture with metallic magnetic calorimeters



courtesy L. Gastaldo

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

B. Montreal and J. Formaggio, PRD 80:051301, 2009



courtesy J. Formaggio

## General idea:

- Source = KATRIN tritium source technology :  
uniform B field  
low pressure  $T_2$  gas
- Antenna array (interferometry) for cyclotron radiation detection  
since cyclotron radiation can leave the source and  
carries the information of the  $\beta$  electron energy

**$\beta$  electron radiates coherent cyclotron radiation**

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

A lot of R&D necessary and has just started

- Is it really possible ?
- What are the systematic uncertainties ?

# Summary

## 3 complementary probes of the neutrino mass:

cosmology: very sensitve, but model-dependent

$0\nu\beta\beta$ : sensitive to Majorana neutrinos (EXO-200, GERDA, ...) but Majorana phases and nuclear matrix elements searches for lepton number violation

direct neutrino mass determination (MARE, KATRIN):

no other assumptions, kinematics of  $\beta$ -decay at endpoint

## KATRIN: 200 meV sensitivity:

2012-13 commissioning of main spectrometer and detector

2010-14 commissioning of tritium source and tritium elimination lines

from 2015 on regular data taking for 5-6 years (3 years full beam-time)

