

# Absolute Scale of the Neutrino Mass and the Search for Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

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- Search for neutrinoless double beta decay:
- Direct neutrino mass search
- Some remarks on sterile neutrinos
- Conclusions

# Neutrino (vacuum) oscillations

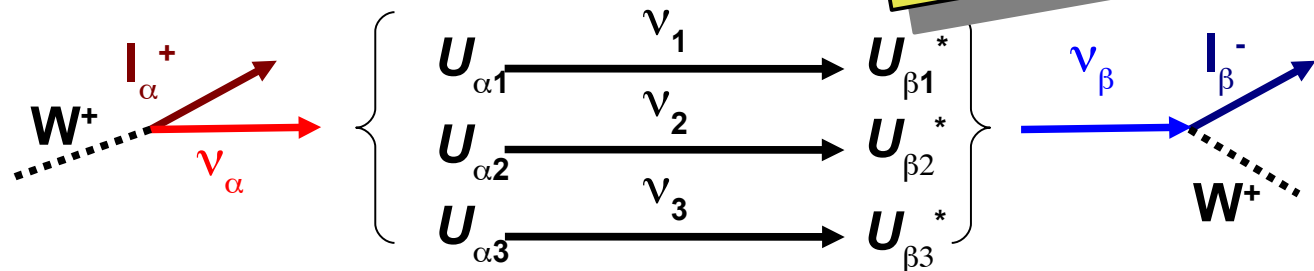
Ingredients:

- 1) non-trivial  $\nu$  mixing (matrix  $U$ , compare  $V_{CKM}$ ) between flavor states ( $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ ) and mass states ( $\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$ ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 2)  $m(\nu_i)$  differ  $\Rightarrow$  at least one  $m(\nu_i) \neq 0$

Double (triple) slit experiment



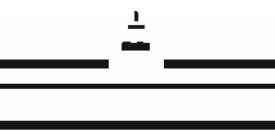
creation of a  $\nu_\alpha$  via weak interaction

propagation as coherent superposition of mass states

detection of a  $\nu_\beta$  via weak interaction

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \left| \sum_i U_{\alpha i} e^{-iE_i t} U_{\beta i}^* \right|^2 = \underbrace{\sin^2(2\theta) \cdot \sin^2 \frac{|m_2^2 - m_1^2| \cdot L}{4E}}_{2 \text{ flavor mixing}}$$

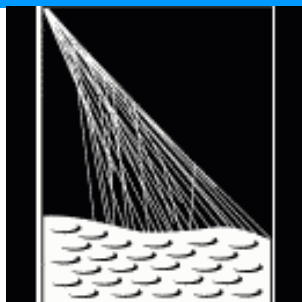
.Formula is correct, but correct derivation needs QFT (Guinti, Lindner et al.) with matter: Smirnov et al



# Positive results from $\nu$ oscillation experiments

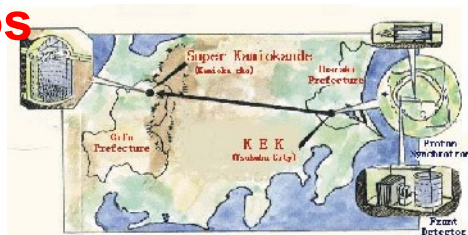
## atmospheric neutrinos

(Kamiokande, Super-Kamiokande, ...)



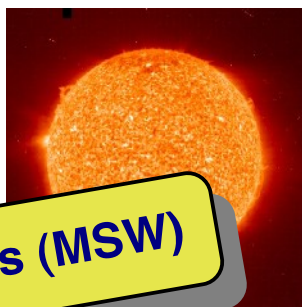
## accelerator neutrinos

(K2K, T2K, MINOS, OPERA, MiniBoone)



## solar neutrinos

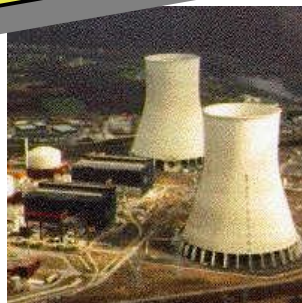
(Homestake, Gallex, Sage, Super-Kamiokande, SNO, Borexino)



**Matter effects (MSW)**

## reactor neutrinos

(KamLAND, CHOOZ, ...)



$\Rightarrow$  non-trivial  $\nu$ -mixing

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

with:

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.15 \text{ (90\% CL)} \quad \neq 0 ?$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) = 0.87 \pm 0.03 \quad \text{large !}$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) > 0.92 \text{ (99.7\% CL)} \quad \text{max !}$$

$$7.39 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 < \Delta m_{12}^2 < 7.79 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

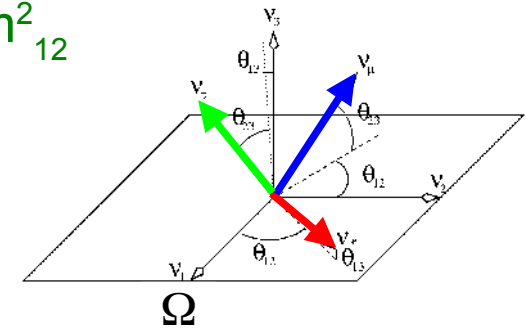
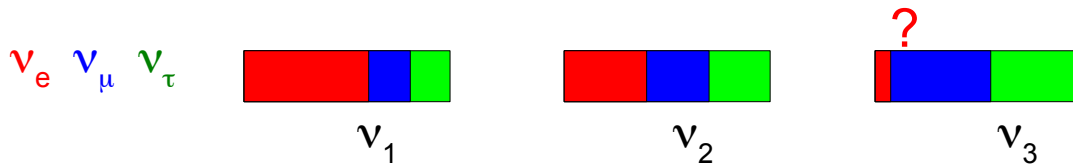
$$2.30 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 < |\Delta m_{23}^2| < 2.56 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$\Rightarrow m(\nu_j) \neq 0$ , but unknown !

up to now: description by  
2-flavour oscillation sufficient

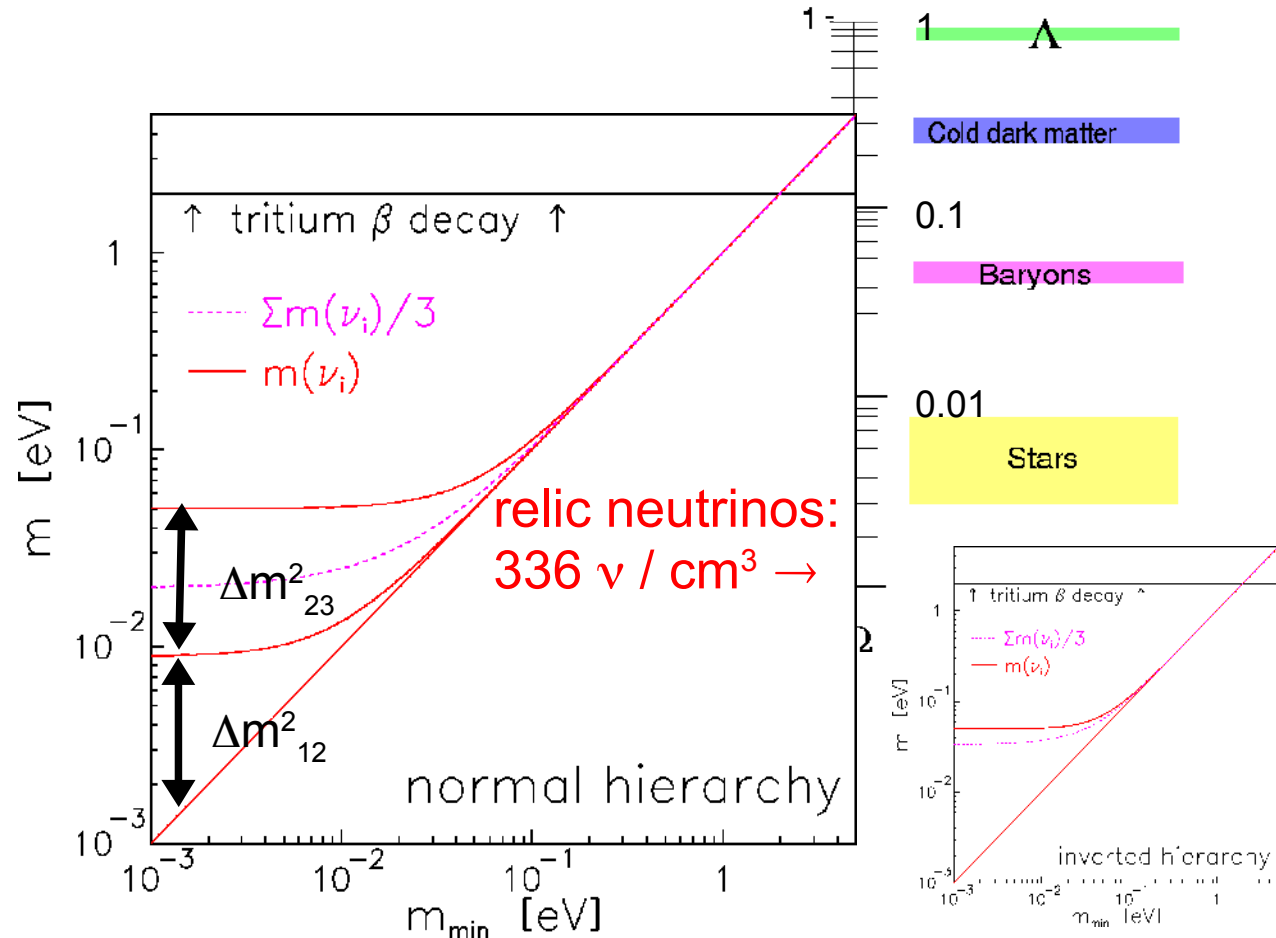
# Need for the absolute $\nu$ mass determination

Results of recent oscillation experiments:  $\Theta_{23}$ ,  $\Theta_{12}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{12}$



degenerated masses  
cosmological relevant  
e.g. seesaw mechanism type 2

hierarchical masses  
e.g. seesaw mechanism type 1  
explains smallness of masses,  
but not large (maximal) mixing



# Three complementary ways to the absolute neutrino mass scale

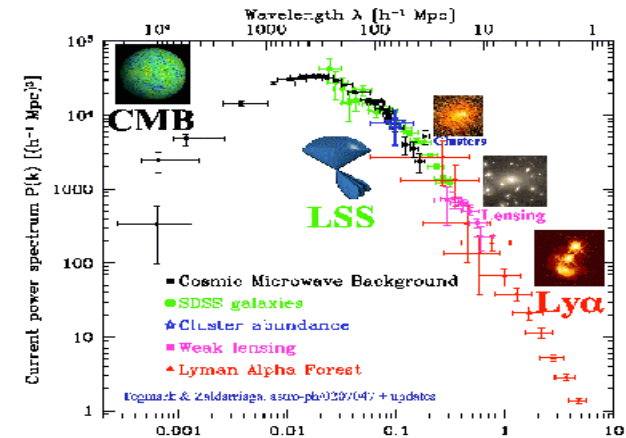
## 1) Cosmology

very sensitive, but model dependent

compares power at different scales

current sensitivity:  $\Sigma m(\nu_i) \approx 0.5 \text{ eV}$

e.g. S. Hannestad, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.65 (2010) 185

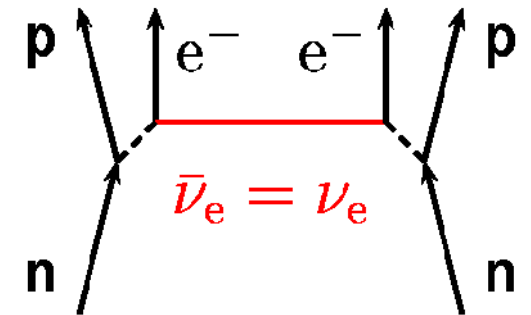


## 2) Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$

Sensitive to Majorana neutrinos

Evidence for  $m_{ee}(\nu) \approx 0.4 \text{ eV}$  ?

GERDA commissioned !

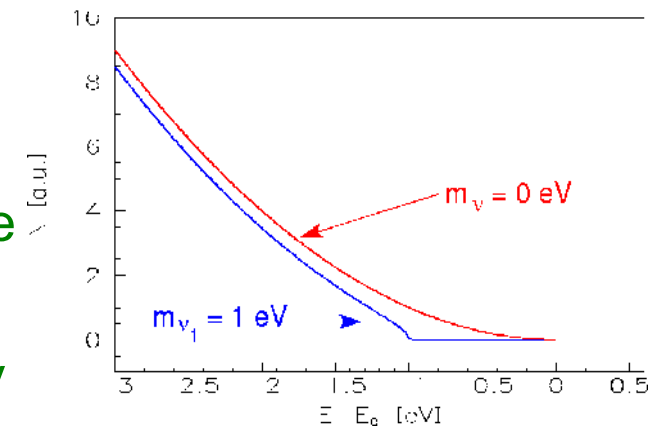


## 3) Direct neutrino mass determination:

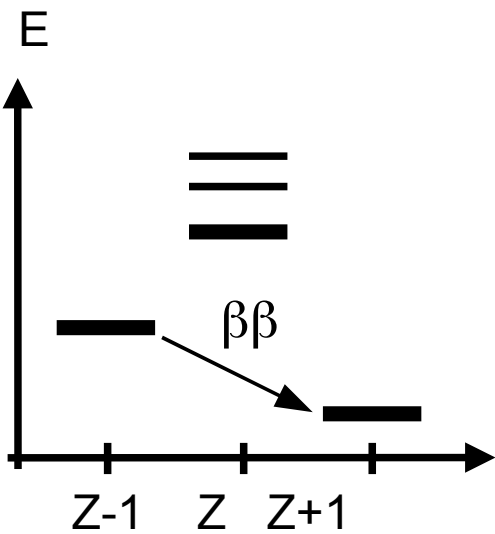
No further assumptions needed. no model dependence

use  $E^2 = p^2c^2 + m^2c^4 \Rightarrow m^2(\nu)$  is observable mostly

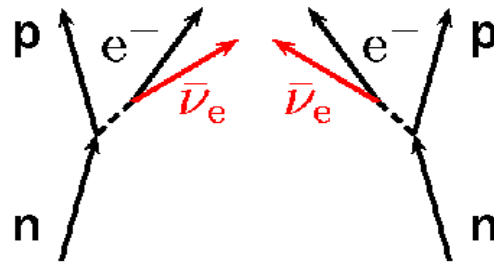
most sensitive methode: endpoint spectrum of  $\beta$ -decay



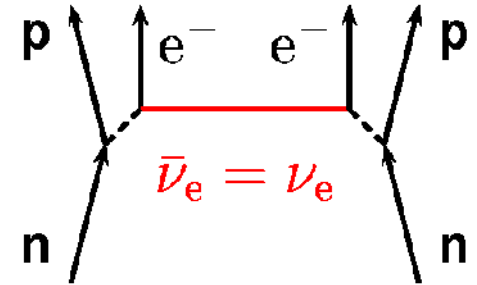
# Double $\beta$ decay



normal ( $2\nu\beta\beta$ )



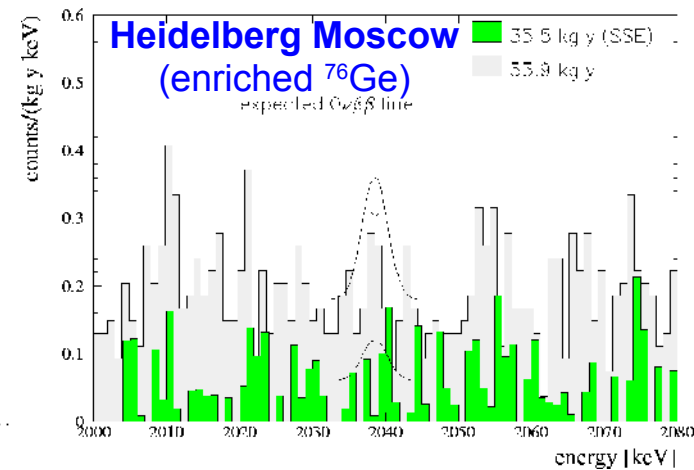
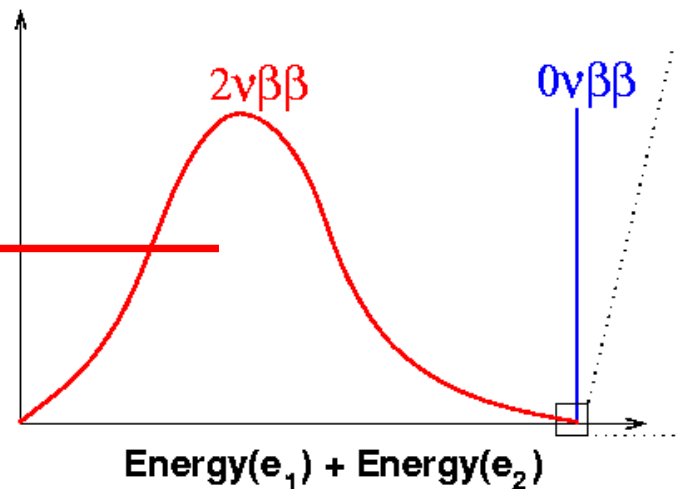
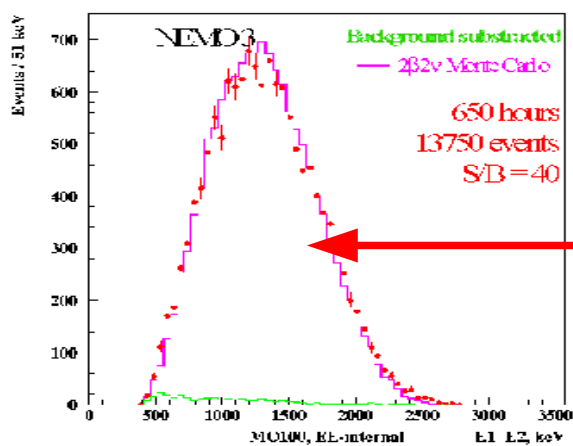
neutrinoless ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ )

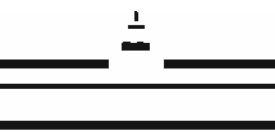


needed: a)  $\bar{\nu} = \nu$  (Majorana)

b) helicity flip:  $m(\nu) \neq 0$   
or other new physics

$$m_{\beta\beta}(\nu) = \left| \sum |U_{ei}|^2 e^{i\alpha(i)} m(\nu_i) \right| \quad (\text{coherent})$$





# Current and future double $\beta$ decay experiments

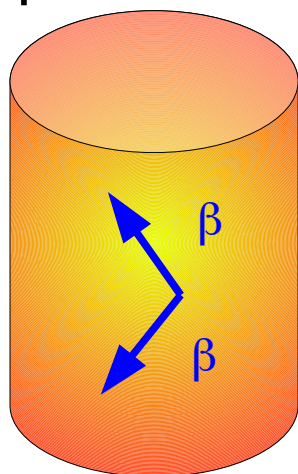
$$m_{ee} \sim (1/\text{enrichment})^{1/2} \cdot (\Delta E \cdot bg/M \cdot t)^{1/4}$$

$\Rightarrow$  mass  $\rightarrow$  1t, high enrichment, very low background  $bg$

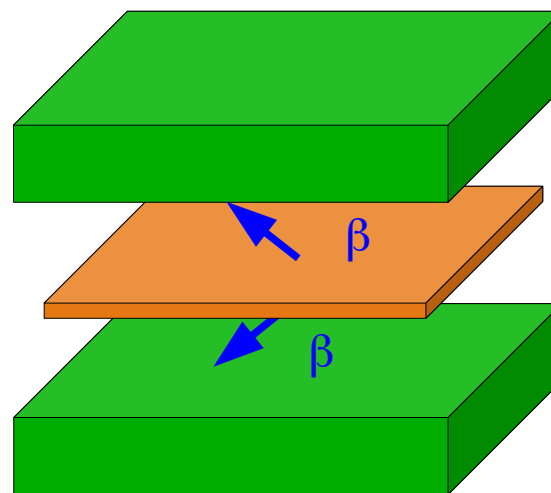
2 ways to measure both  $\beta$ -electrons:

- semiconductor,
- cryogenic bolometer
- liquid scintillator

source  
=  
detector



tracking calorimeter



detector

source

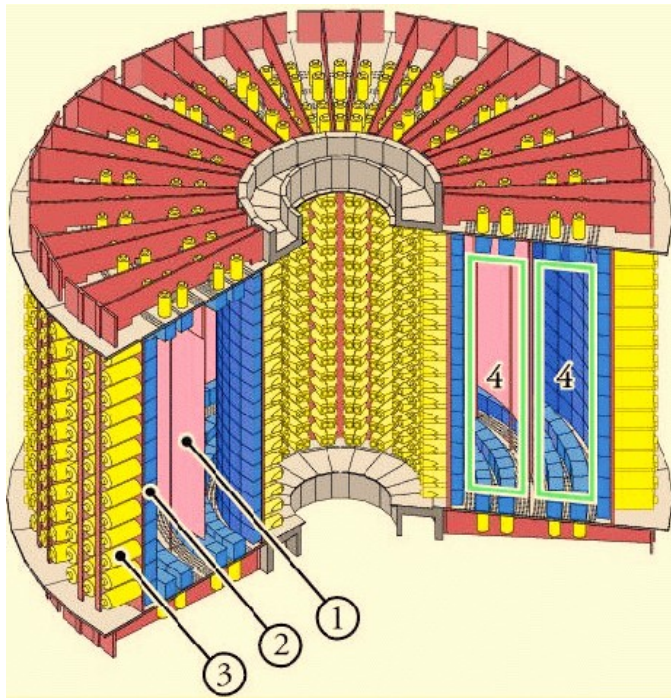
detector

running: GERDA  
 setting up: CUORE, EXO-200, SNO+  
 planned: Majorana, KamLAND-Zen, COBRA,  
 Luzifer

just finished (Jan 11): NEMO-3  
 setting up: SuperNEMO  
 planned: MOON

# Searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$ : NEMO3 $\rightarrow$ SuperNEMO

NEMO3: tracking calorimeter  
with several isotopes  
(finished Jan 2011)

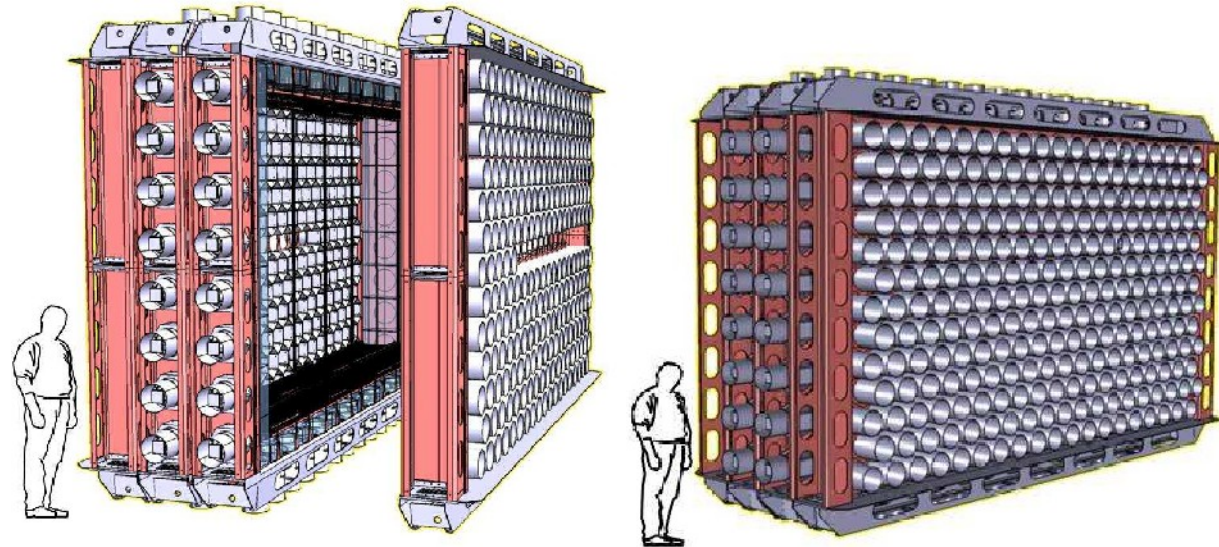


$$^{100}\text{Mo}: T_{1/2} (0\nu\beta\beta) > 1.1 \times 10^{24} \text{ y}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{ee} < (0.45 - 0.93) \text{ eV}$$

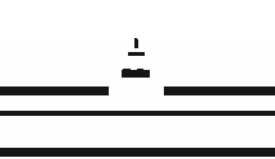
F Mauger, TAUP09

SuperNEMO:  
tracking calorimeter modules  
enriched  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{150}\text{Nd}$

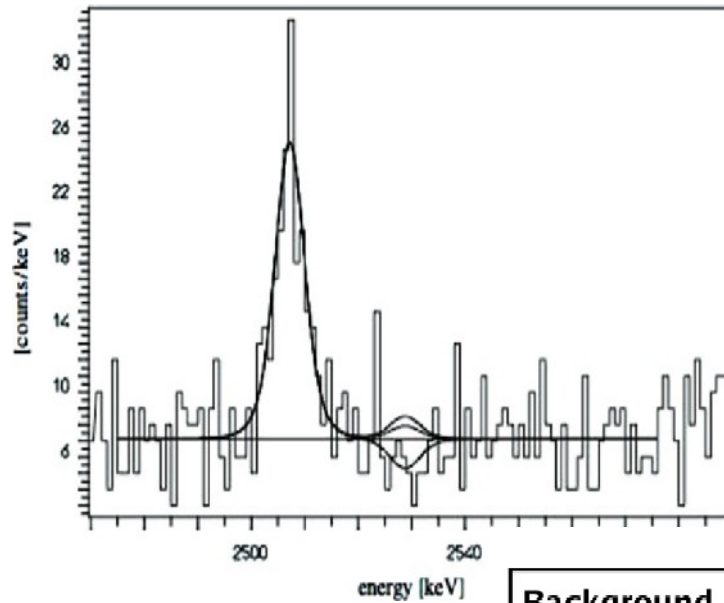
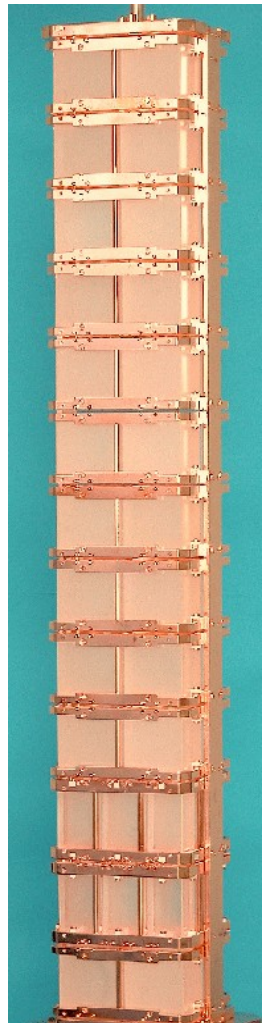


$$\text{expect sensitivity: } T_{1/2} (0\nu\beta\beta) > 10^{26}$$





# Searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$ : $\text{TeO}_2$ cryobolometers: CUORICINO $\rightarrow$ CUORE



CUORICINO:

$$^{130}\text{Te}: T_{1/2} > 3 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ y}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{ee} < 0.19 - 0.68 \text{ eV}$$

PRC 78 (2008) 35502

In 5 years of live running time

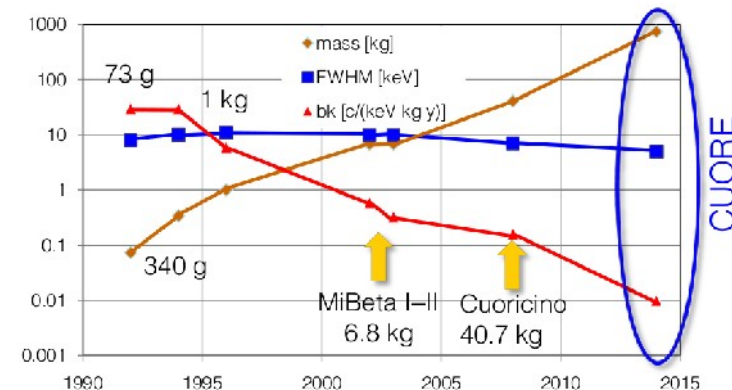
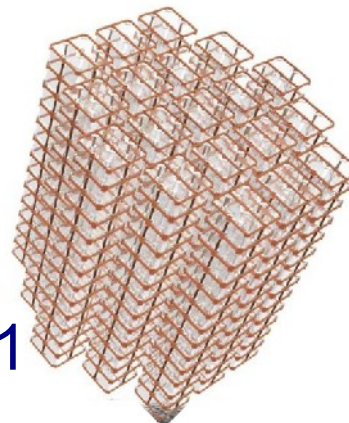
Background [c/keV/kg/y]	$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}}$ [keV]	$\tau_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ [y] @ 68% C.L.	$m_{ee}$ [meV]			
			R(QRPA) <sup>1</sup>	pn(QRPA) <sup>2</sup>	ISM <sup>3</sup>	IBM-2 <sup>4</sup>
0.01	5	$2.1 \times 10^{26}$	35 ÷ 66	41 ÷ 67	65 ÷ 82	41
0.001	5	$6.5 \times 10^{26}$	20 ÷ 38	23 ÷ 38	37 ÷ 47	23

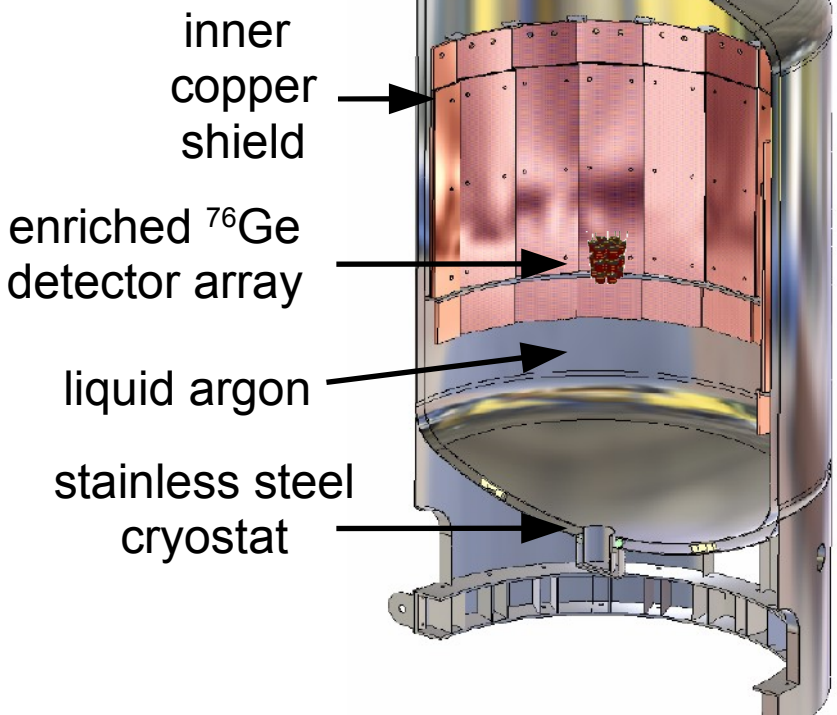
- 1 Šimkovic et al., PRC 77 (2008) 045503
- 2 Civitarese et al., JoP:Conference series 173 (2009) 012012
- 3 Menéndez et al., NPA 818 (2009) 139
- 4 Barea and Iachello, PRC 79 (2009) 044301

starting:

CUORE: 741 kg  $\text{TeO}_2$

CUORE-0 will start in 2011





# The GERDA experiment

## New background reduction methods:

- naked Germanium detectors in noble liquid
- phase 2: point contact detectors p-type (BEGe) to identify multi-side events
- maybe use scintillation of LAr shield as veto

## Phases of GERDA:

Phase 1: reuse old det. (Hd-Moscow, IGEX (18 kg))

*1<sup>st</sup> test string with 3 non-enriched detectors  
problem  $^{42}\text{Ar} \rightarrow ^{42}\text{K} \rightarrow ^{42}\text{Ca}$ , seems to be solved*

*since June 2011: test string with 3 enriched det.  
all enriched detectors will come after summer*

Phase 2: new enriched BEGe detectors (+18 kg)  
delivery in 2012 expected

Opt. phase: many detectors (with MAJORANA, 500 kg)

# GERDA inauguration

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Inauguration of the  
GERDA experiment  
at the LNGS  
9. November 2010

- Nov/Dec.'09: Liquid argon fill
- Jan '10: Commissioning of cryogenic system
- Apr/Mai '10: emergency drainage tests of water tank
- Apr/Mai '10: Installation c-lock
- May '10: 1st deployment of FE&detector mock-up (27 pF) - pulser resolution 1.4 keV (FWHM); first deployment of non-enriched detector
- June '10: Start of commissioning run with <sup>nat</sup>Ge detector string
- Soon: start of Phase I physics data taking

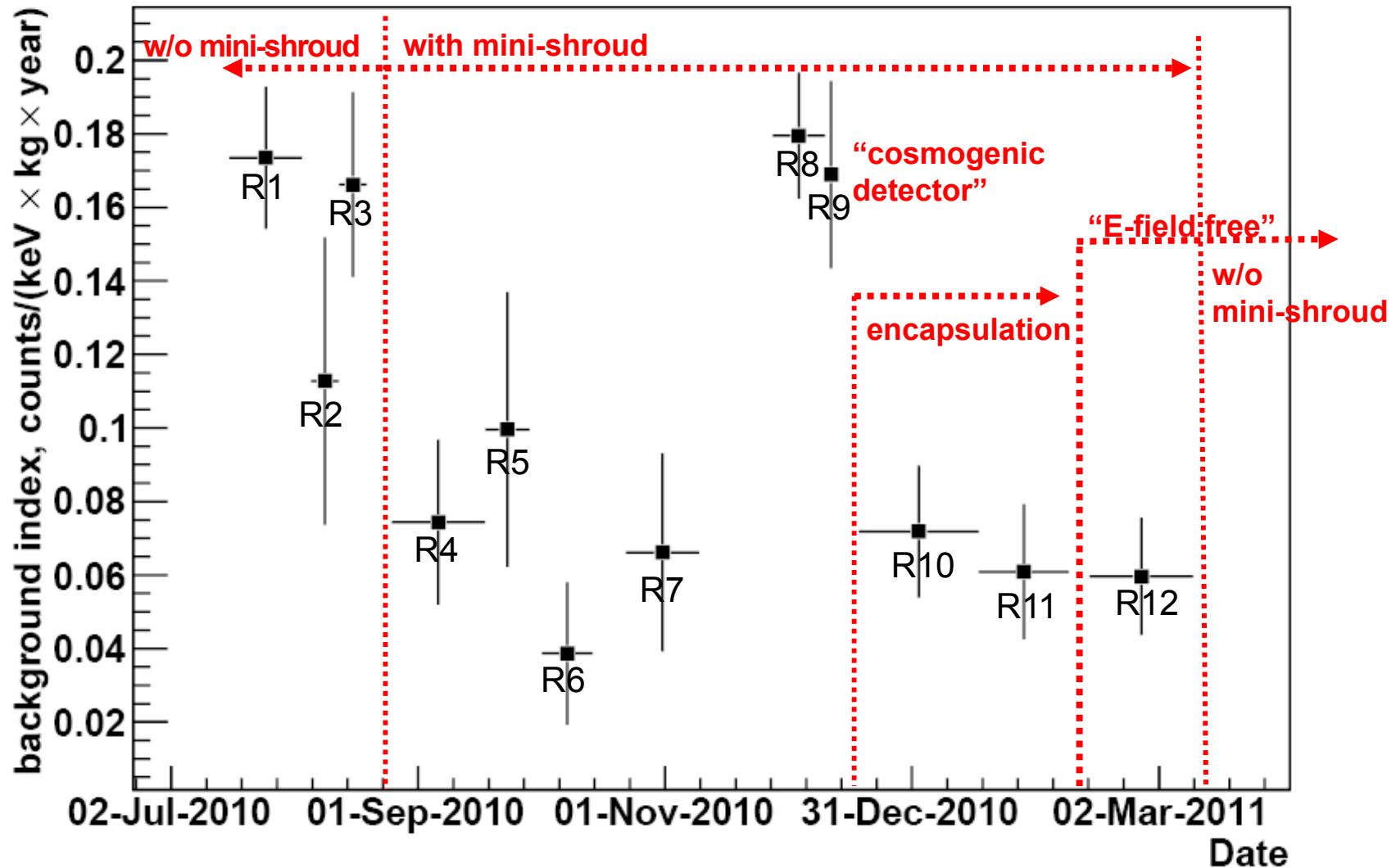


# Summary of GERDA commissioning runs with non-enriched detectors

## background indices for different operational conditions

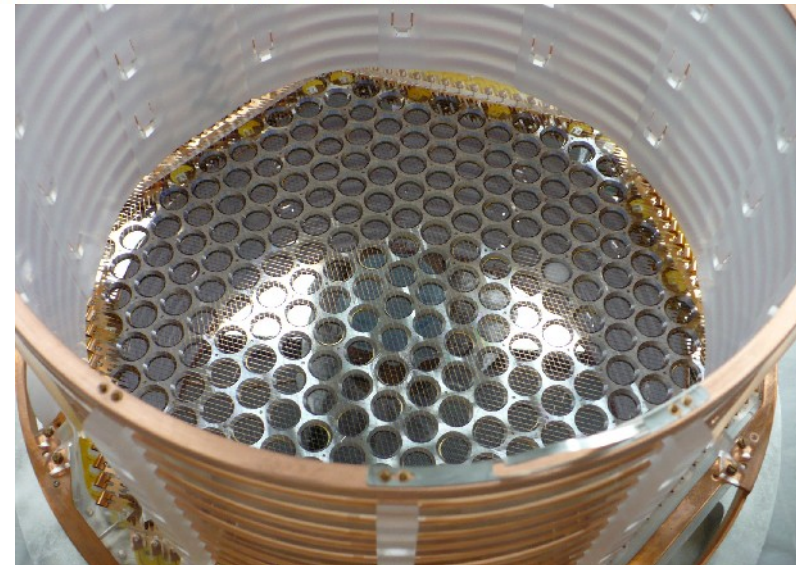
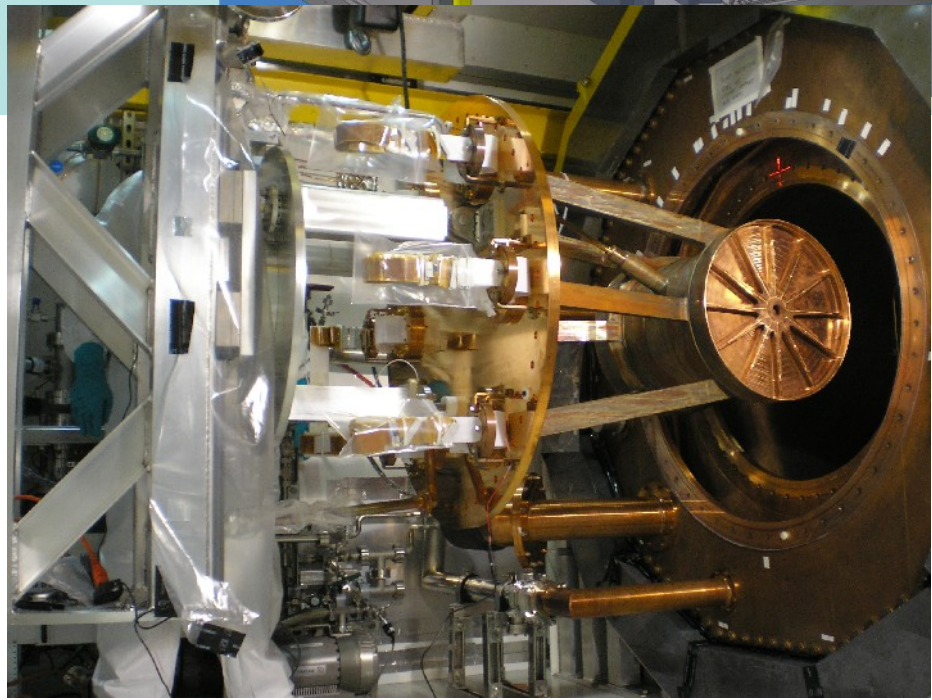
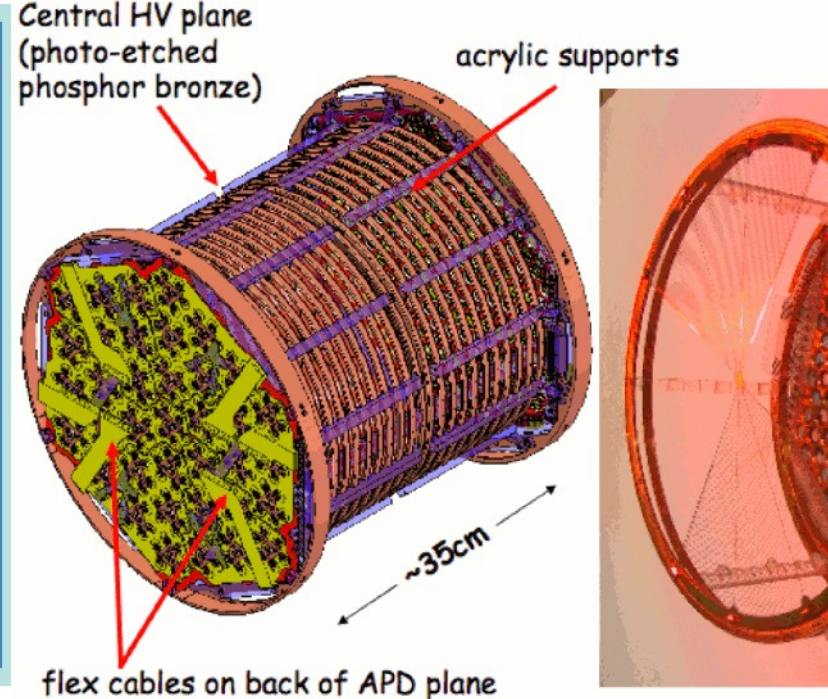
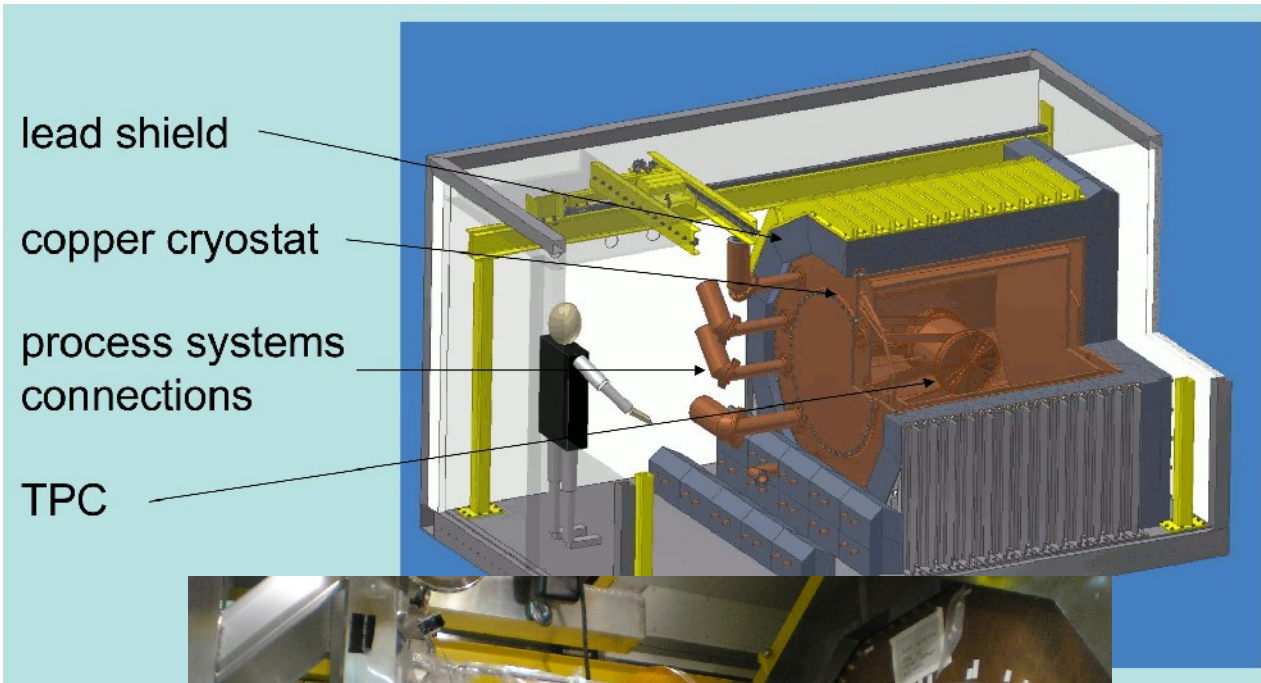
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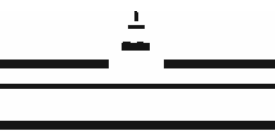
(derived in  $Q_{\beta\beta} \pm 200$  keV)



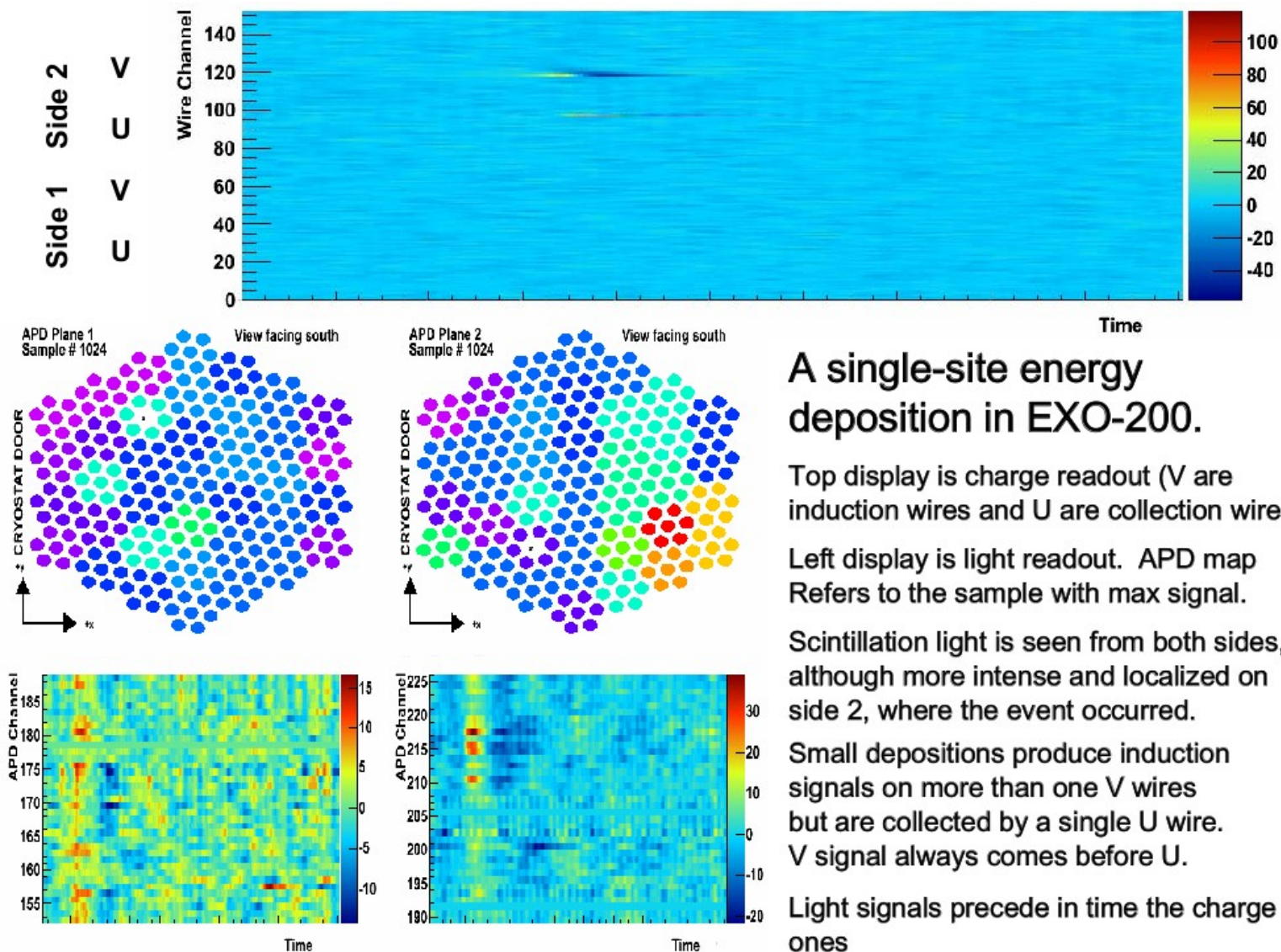


# Under Commissioning: EXO 200: 200 kg enriched $^{136}\text{Xe}$ at WIPP/New Mexico





# Under Commissioning: EXO 200



## A single-site energy deposition in EXO-200.

Top display is charge readout (V are induction wires and U are collection wires)

Left display is light readout. APD map Refers to the sample with max signal.

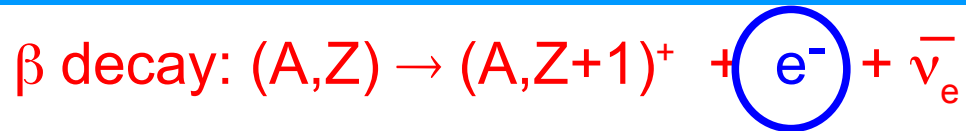
Scintillation light is seen from both sides, although more intense and localized on side 2, where the event occurred.

Small depositions produce induction signals on more than one V wires but are collected by a single U wire. V signal always comes before U.

Light signals precede in time the charge ones

## Further experiments under R&D and commissioning: Majorana, KamLAND-Zen, Lucifer, SNO+, Cobra

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

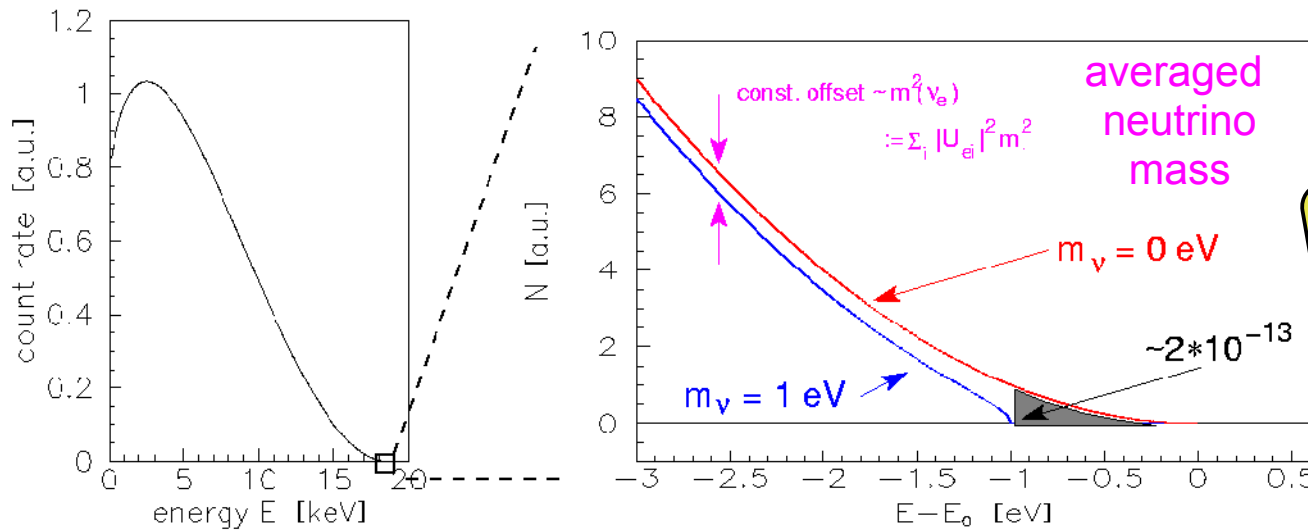


$\beta$  electron energy spectrum:

$$m^2(\nu_e) = \sum |U_{ei}|^2 m^2(\nu_i) \quad (\text{incoherent})$$

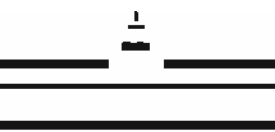
$$dN/dE = K F(E,Z) p E_{\text{tot}} (E_0 - E_e) \sum |U_{ei}|^2 \sqrt{(E_0 - E_e)^2 - m(\nu_i)^2}$$

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

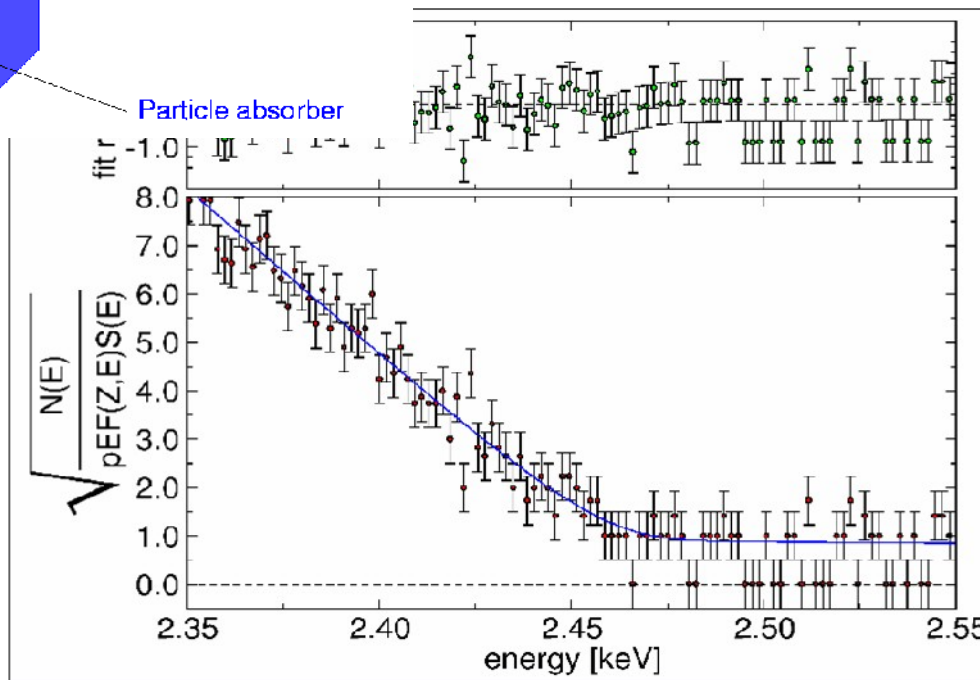
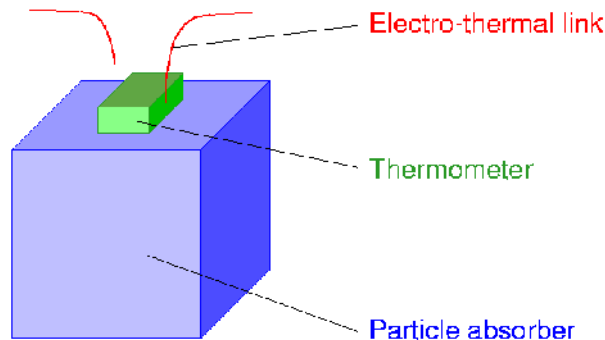


E.W. Otten & C. Weinheimer  
Rep. Prog. Phys.  
71 (2008) 086201

**Need:** low endpoint energy  $\Rightarrow$  Tritium  $^3\text{H}$ , ( $^{187}\text{Re}$ )  
 very high energy resolution & }  $\Rightarrow$  MAC-E-Filter  
 very high luminosity & } (or bolometer for  $^{187}\text{Re}$ )  
 very low background



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



## Parameters

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

rate each: 0.13 1/s

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

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

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

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

(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 (Microcalorimeter Arrays for a Rhenium Exp.)

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WILHELMS-UNIVERSITÄT  
MÜNSTER

Genova, Goddard Space Flight Center/NASA, Heidelberg,  
Como, Milano, Trento, U Wisconsin

## MARE I:

300 detectors (MIBETA: 10)  
 $\Delta E = 10 \text{ eV}$  (MIBETA: 28 eV)  
 $\tau = 10^{-4} \text{ s}$  (MIBETA:  $10^{-3} \text{ s}$ )  
 with semiconductor sensors (like MIBETA/MANU)  
 expected sensitivity on  $m(\nu_e)$ : 2-3 eV

### MARE1 Si-AgReO<sub>4</sub> detectors

- NASA/GSFC XRS2-2 arrays
  - 6x6 pixels
  - flat AgReO<sub>4</sub> single crystals
  - $m \approx 0.5 \text{ mg}$
  - detector R&D phase results
  - best operating  $T \approx 90 \text{ mK}$
  - $\Delta E \approx 30 \text{ eV}$ ,  $\tau_R \approx 250 \mu\text{s}$

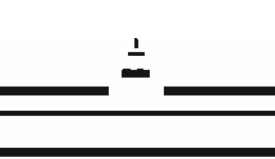
First 11 crystals on one of the two MARE1 arrays

### MARE1 experimental set-up

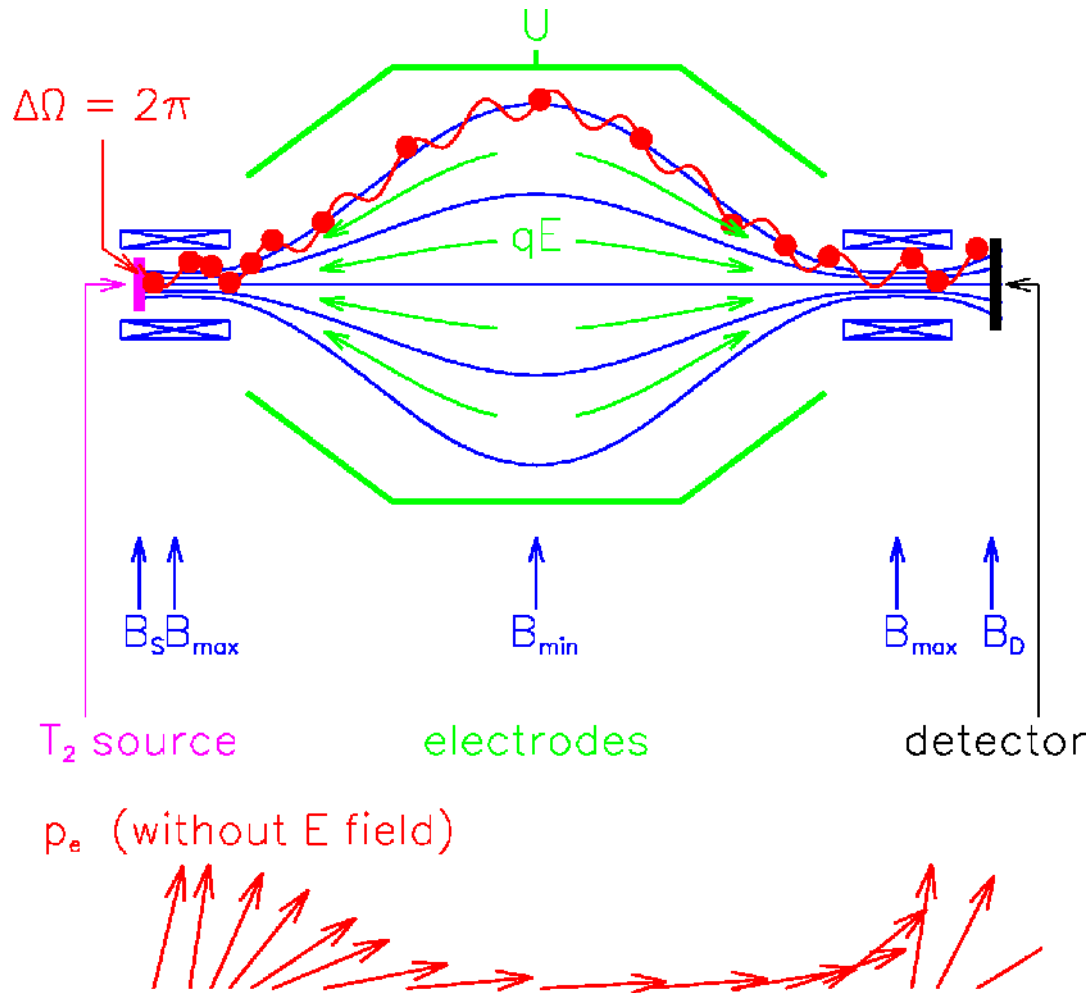
Set-up for up to 8 XRS2 arrays  
 → 288 detectors  
 everything ready to deploy 2 arrays  
 → 72 detectors

radioactivity Cu shield  
 calibration source Pb shield  
 Mixing Chamber  $T \approx 6 \text{ mK}$   
 array boards  $T \approx 20 \text{ mK}$   
 Kevlar cross  
 decoupling jig  
 80 channel JFET box  $T \approx 4 \text{ K}$   
 Vespel posts  
 Polyimide based micro-bridges  
 connection boxes  
 front-end electronics

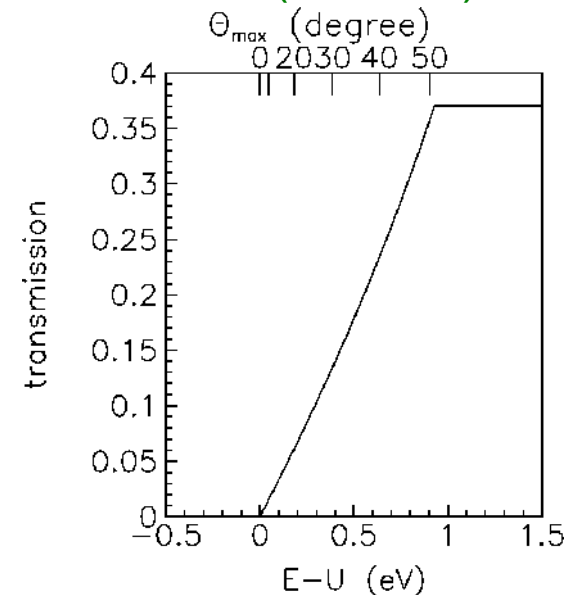
MARE II: sensitivity of 0.2 eV with 90% C.L. with about **630000 detector years** assuming an activity of 5 Bq per pixel.  
 A. Nucciotti et al., Astroparticle Physics vol. 34 2, (2010) 80



# Tritium experiments: source $\neq$ spectrometer MAC-E-Filter

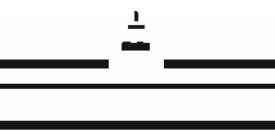


- Two supercond. solenoids compose magnetic guiding field
- adiabatic transformation:  
 $\mu = E/B = \text{const.}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  parallel  $e^-$  beam
- Energy analysis by electrostat. retarding field  
 $\Delta E = EB_{min}/B_{max}$   
 $= 0.93 \text{ eV (KATRIN)}$



$\Rightarrow$  sharp integrating transmission function without tails  $\rightarrow$

Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation + Electrostatic Filter  
(A. Picard et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. 63 (1992) 345)



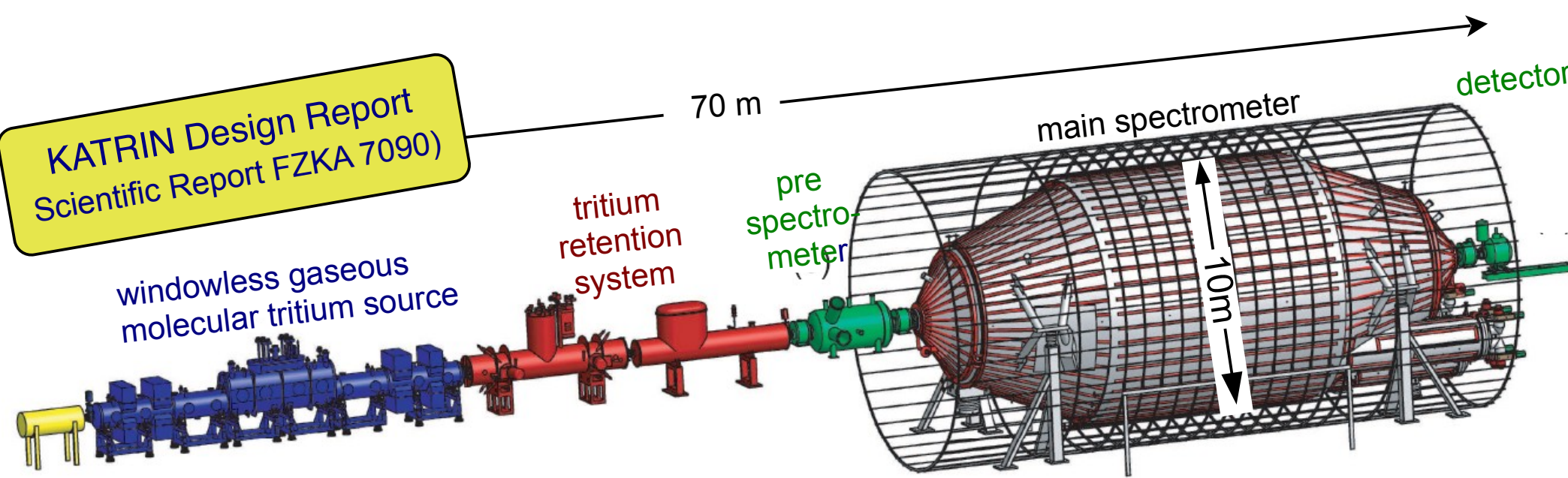
# The KATRIN experiment at KIT

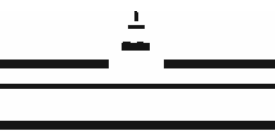


**Aim:  $m(\nu_e)$  sensitivity of 200 meV (currently 2 eV)**

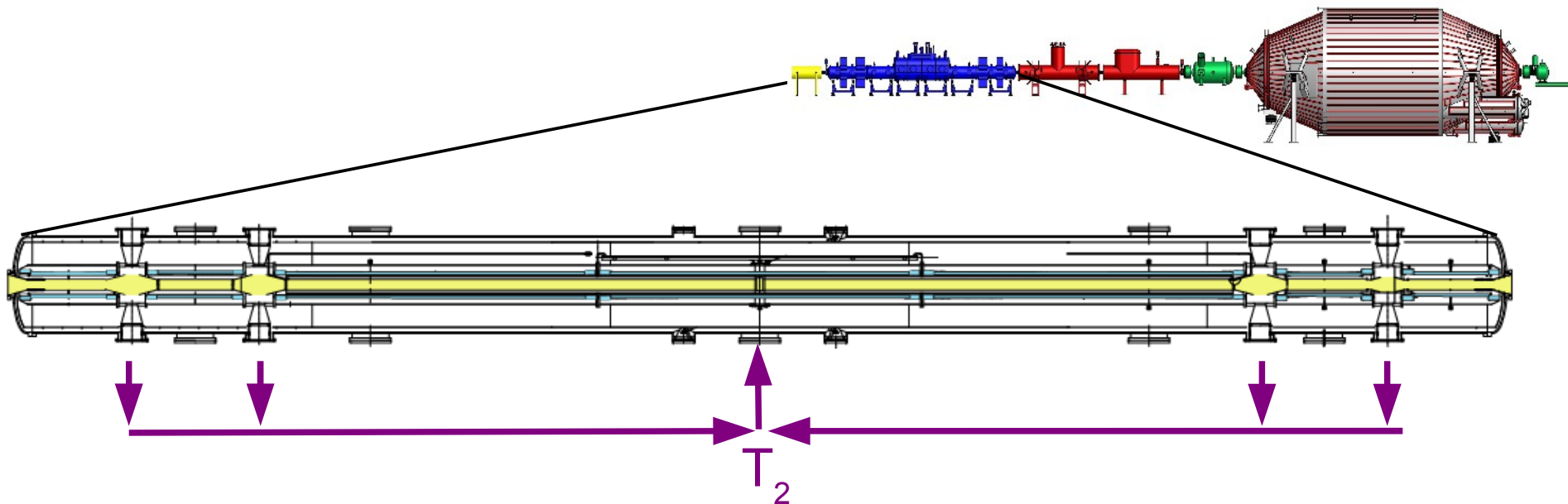
- very high energy resolution ( $\Delta E \leq 1\text{eV}$ , i.e.  $\sigma = 0.3\text{ eV}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  source  $\neq$  spectrometer concept
- strong, opaque source  $\Rightarrow dN/dt \sim A_{\text{source}}$
- magnetic flux conservation (Liouville)  $\Rightarrow$  scaling law:

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





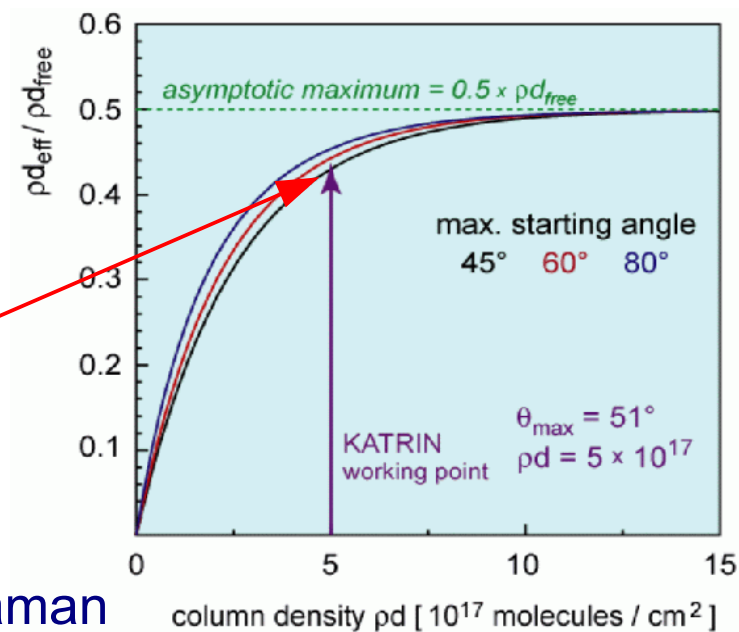
# Molecular Windowless Gaseous Tritium Source WGTS



**WGTS:** tub in long superconducting solenoids  
∅ 9cm, length: 10m, T = 30 K

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

allows to measure with near to  
maximum count rate using  
 $\rho d = 5 \cdot 10^{17}/\text{cm}^2$   
with small systematics



check column density by e-gun, T<sub>2</sub> purity by laser Raman



# The windowless gaseous tritium source under construction



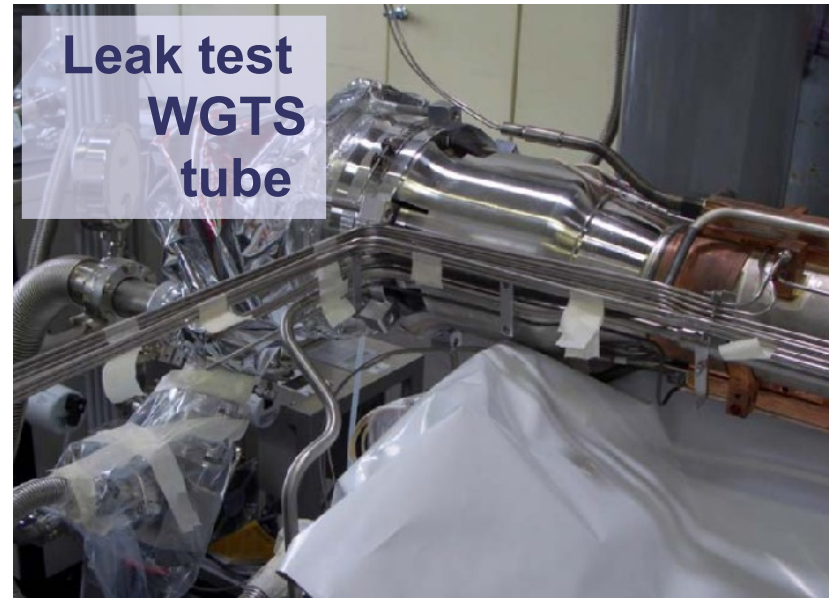
- WGTS demonstrator delivered in spring 2010 successfully tested
- after successful testing the demonstrator will be completed (mainly with magnets) to become the final WGTS



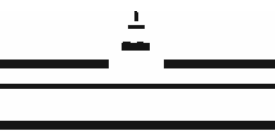
WGTS tube / inner shield assembly



April 2010: arrival of „demonstrator“ at KIT



Leak test WGTS tube



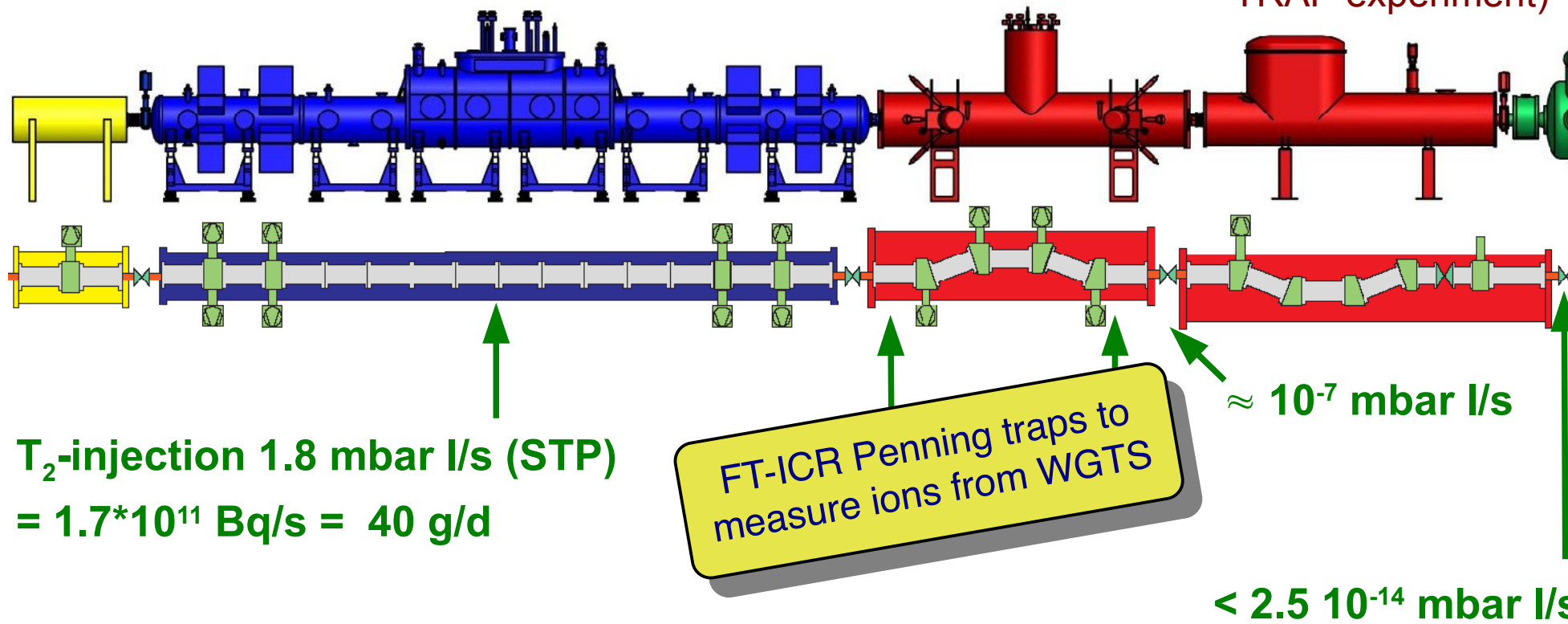
# Transport and differential & cryo pumping sections



Molecular windowless gaseous tritium source

Differential pumping

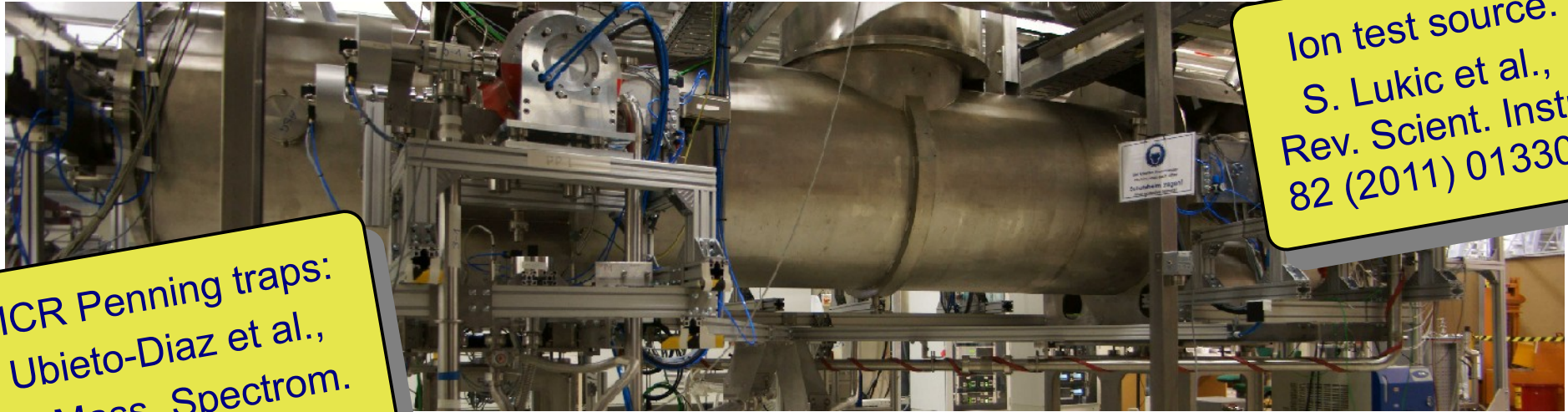
Cryogenic pumping with Argon snow at LHe temperatures (successfully tested with the TRAP experiment)



⇒ adiabatic electron guiding &  $T_2$  reduction factor of  $\sim 10^{14}$



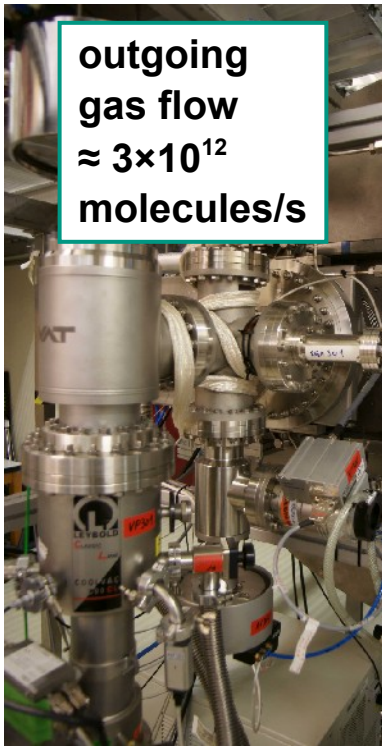
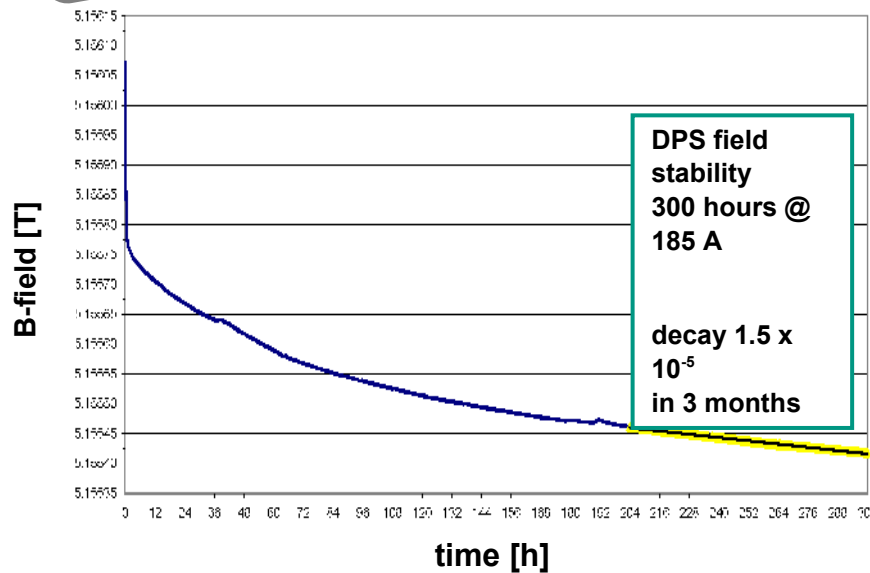
# Commissioning of DPS2-F



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

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

field stability measurement at 185 A. Initial time : 26oct 2010 18.04.40



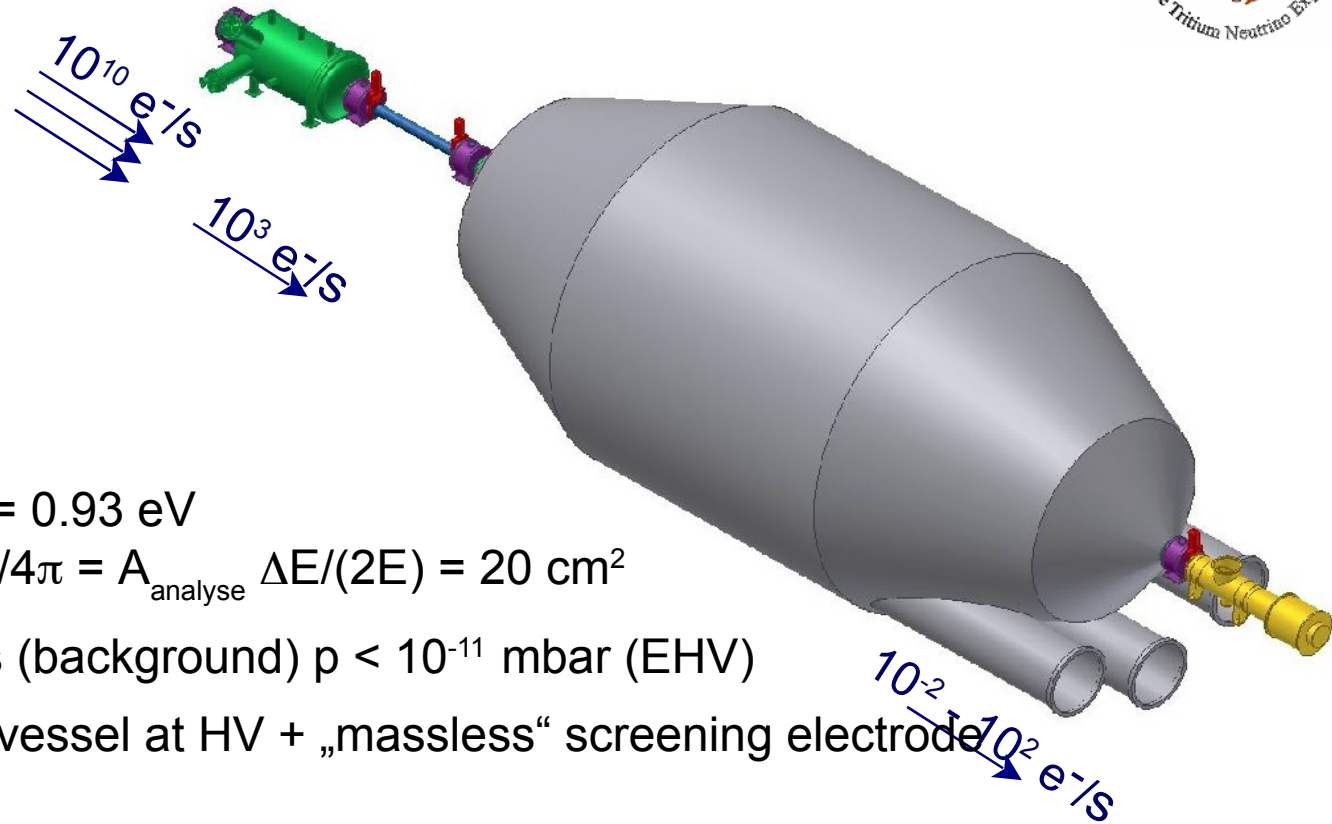
outgoing  
gas flow  
 $\approx 3 \times 10^{12}$   
molecules/s

First gas  
flow reduction  
measurements  
with Ar  
(preliminary)



gas inlet  
 $\approx 3 \times 10^{17}$   
molecules/s

# Pre and main spectrometer



## Main spectrometer:

- $\varnothing 10\text{m}$ , length 24m  
 $\Rightarrow$  large energy resolution:  $\Delta E = 0.93\text{ eV}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  high luminosity:  $L = A_{\text{Seff}} \Delta\Omega/4\pi = A_{\text{analyse}} \Delta E/(2E) = 20\text{ cm}^2$
- ultrahigh vacuum requirements (background)  $p < 10^{-11}\text{ mbar}$  (EHV)
- „simple“ construction: vacuum vessel at HV + „massless“ screening electrode

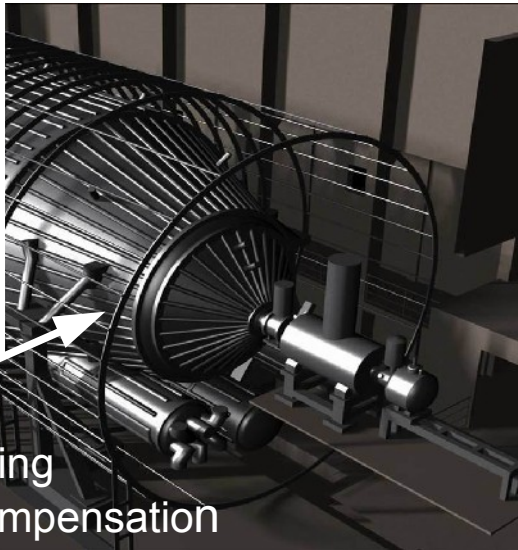
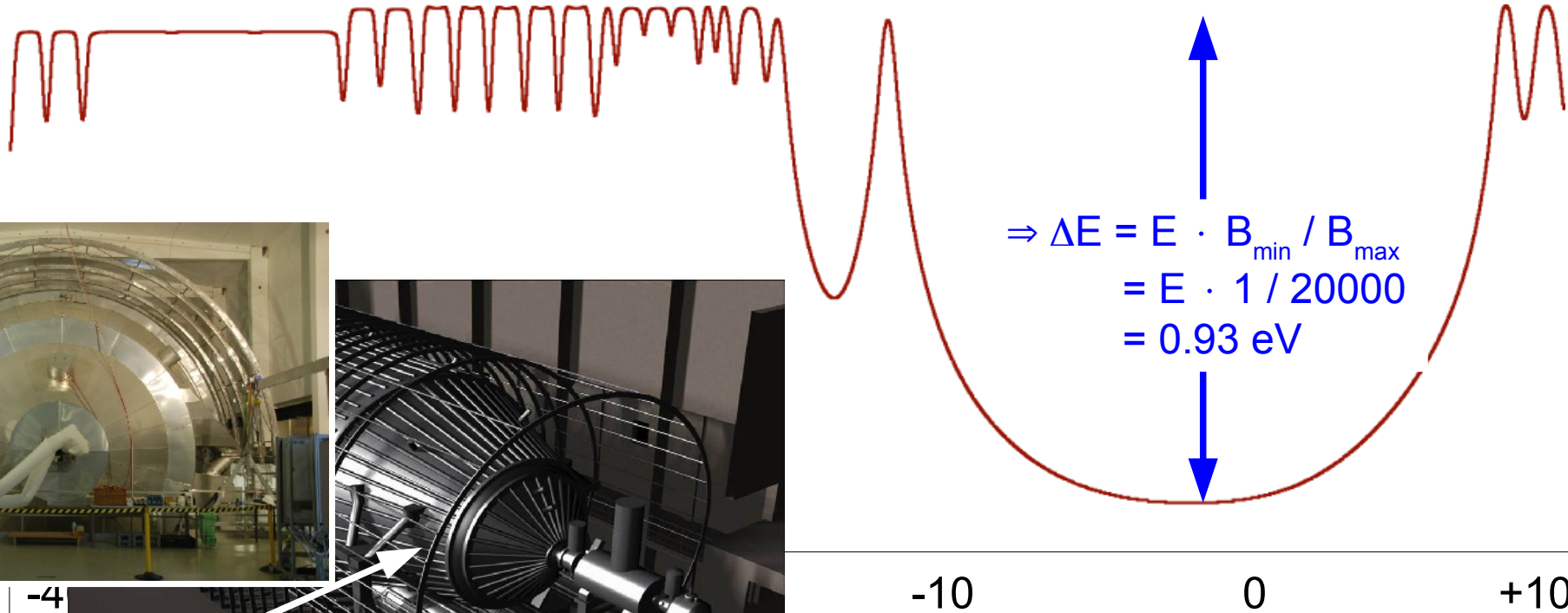
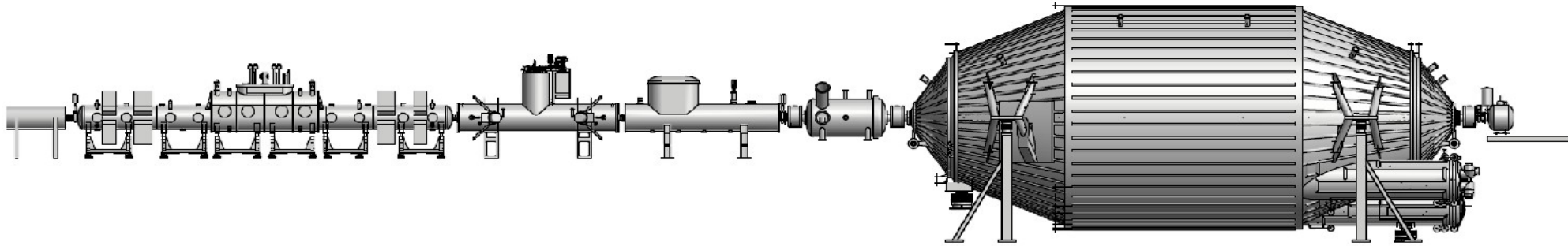
## Pre spectrometer

- Transmission of electron with highest energy only  
 $(10^{-7}\text{ part in last } 100\text{ eV})$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Reduction of scattering probability in main spectrometer  
 $\Rightarrow$  Reduction of background
- only moderate energy resolution required:  $\Delta E = 80\text{ eV}$
- test of new ideas (EHV, shape of electrodes, avoid and remove of trapped particles, ...)





# Electromagnetic design: magnetic fields



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aircoils:  
axial field shaping  
+ earth field compensation

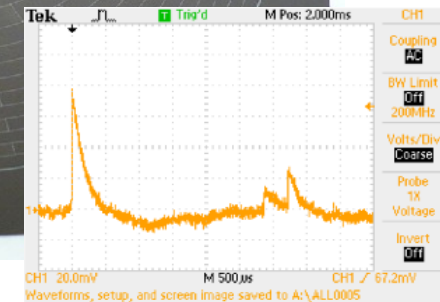
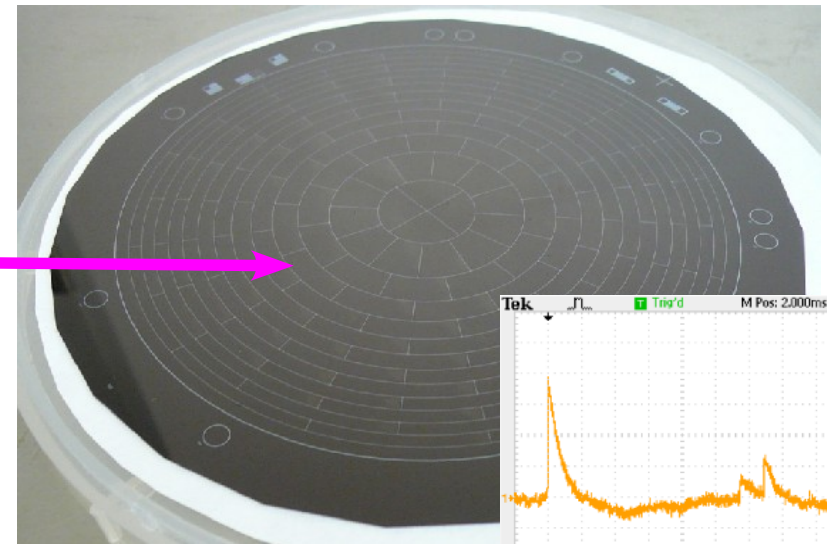
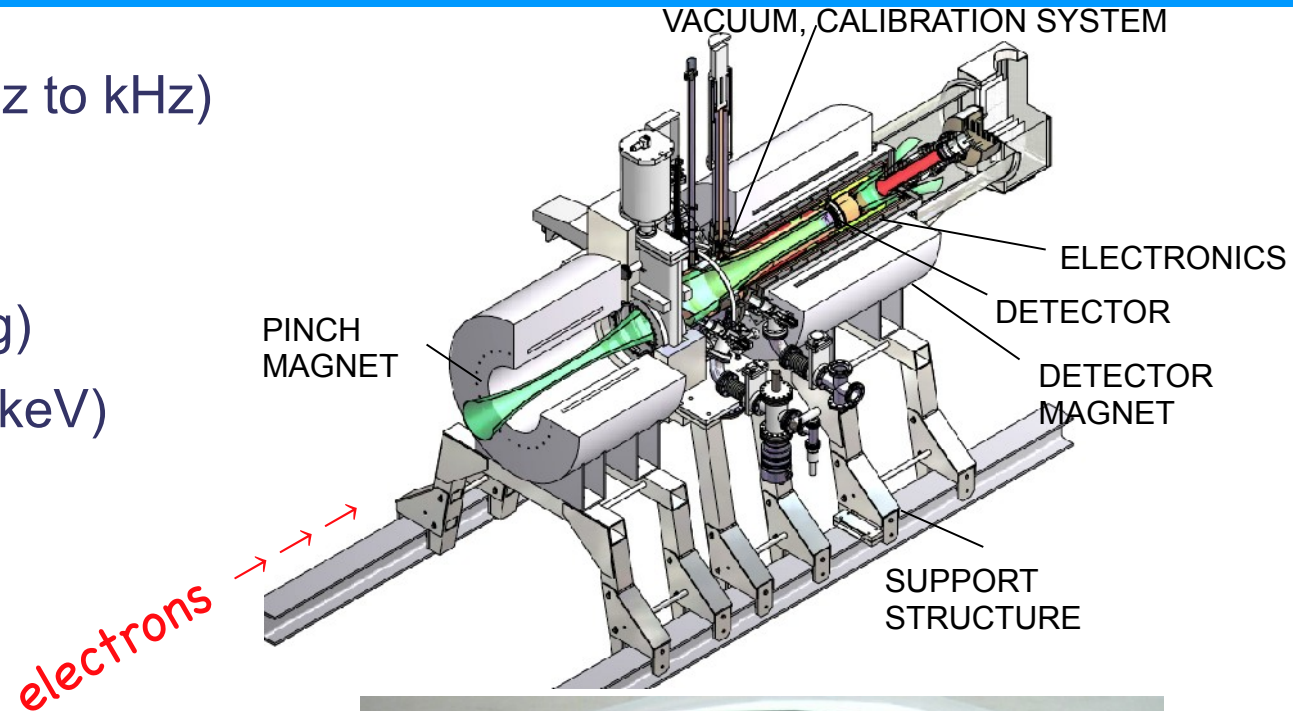
-10                      0                      +10  
distance from analysing plane [m]

## Requirements

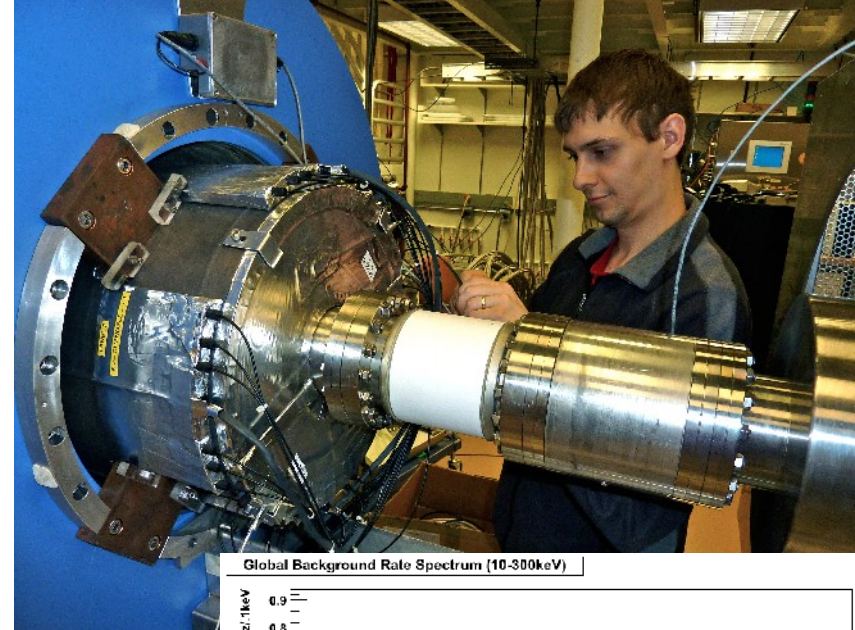
- detection of  $\beta$ -electrons (mHz to kHz)
- high efficiency ( $> 90\%$ )
- low background ( $< 1$  mHz)  
(passive and active shielding)
- good energy resolution ( $< 1$  keV)

## Properties

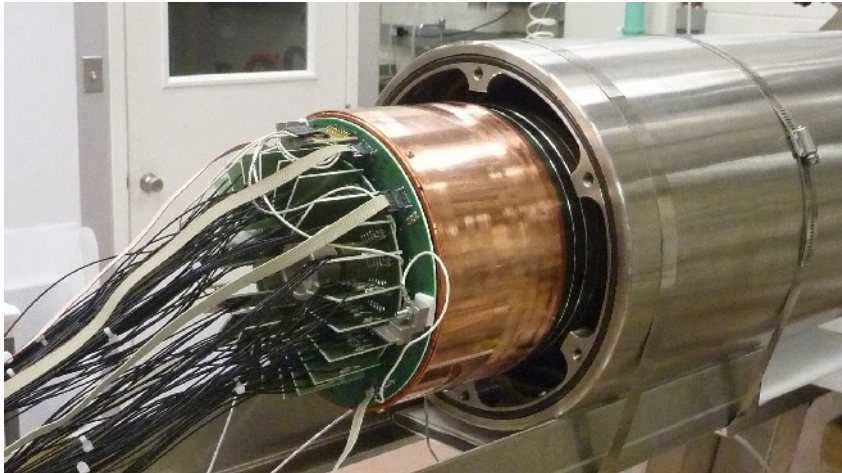
- 90 mm  $\varnothing$  Si PIN diode
- thin entry window (50nm)
- detector magnet 3 - 6 T
- post acceleration (30kV)  
(to lower background in signal region)
- segmented wafer (145 pixels)
  - record azimuthal and radial profile of the flux tube
  - investigate systematic effects
  - compensate field inhomogeneities



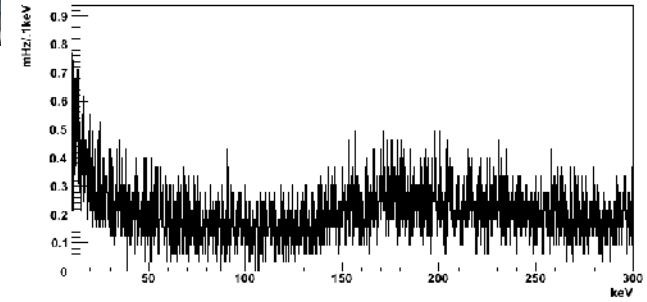
# KATRIN detector



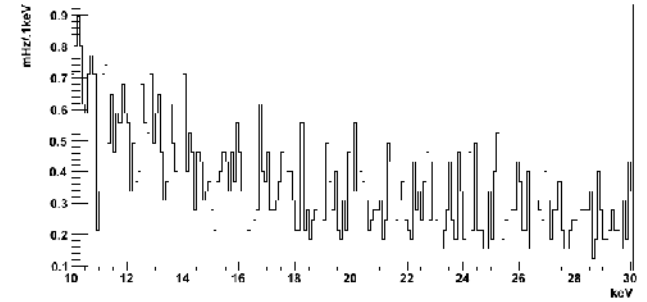
Detector at Seattle (arrival at KIT: July 11)

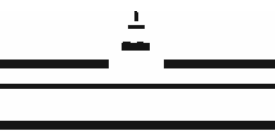


Global Background Rate Spectrum (10-300keV)



Global Background Rate Spectrum (10-30keV)





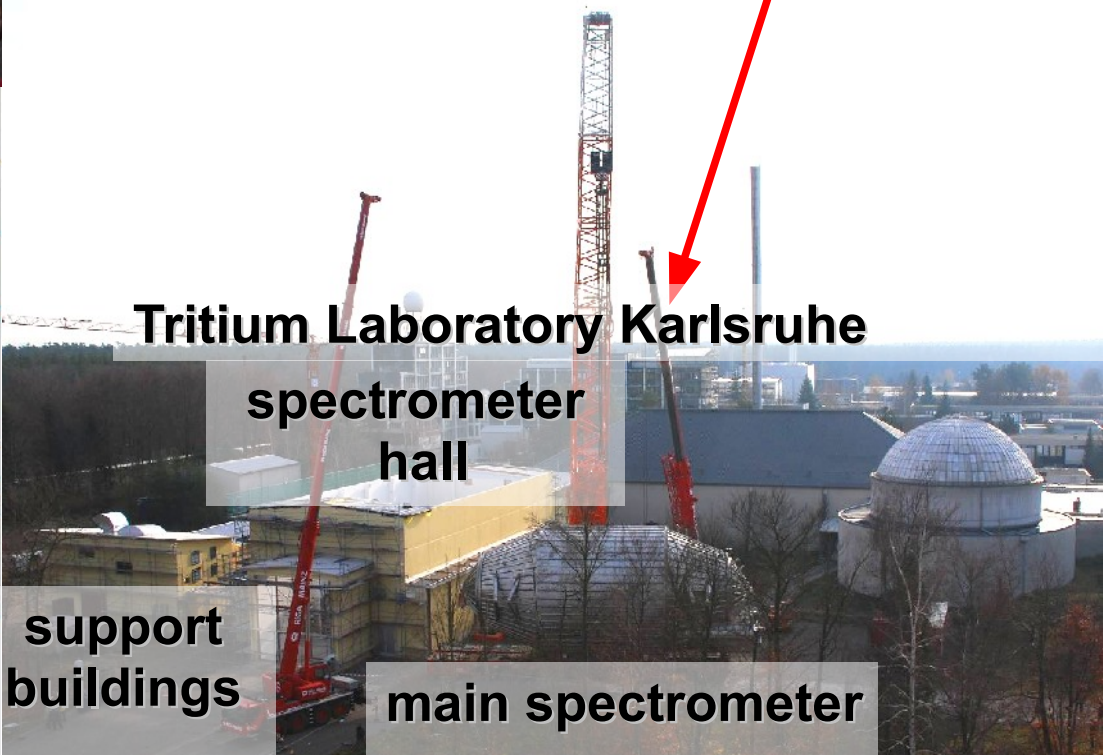
# Main Spectrometer – Transport to Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe



Leopoldshafen, 25.11.06



8800 km



Tritium Laboratory Karlsruhe  
spectrometer  
hall

support  
buildings

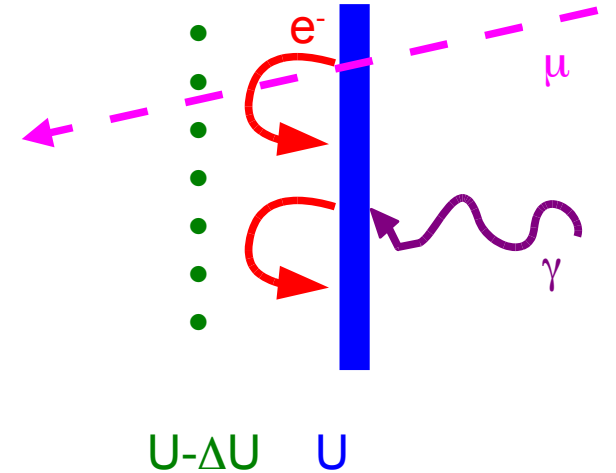
main spectrometer



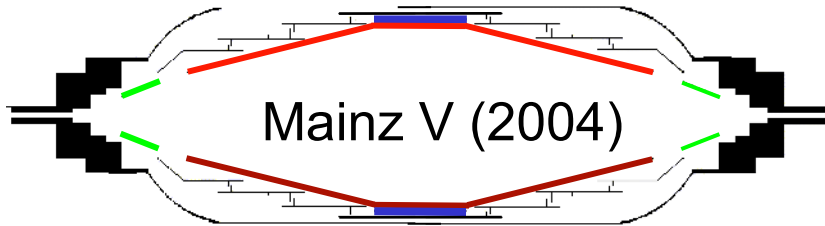
# Background reduction: shielding by „massless“ wire electrode



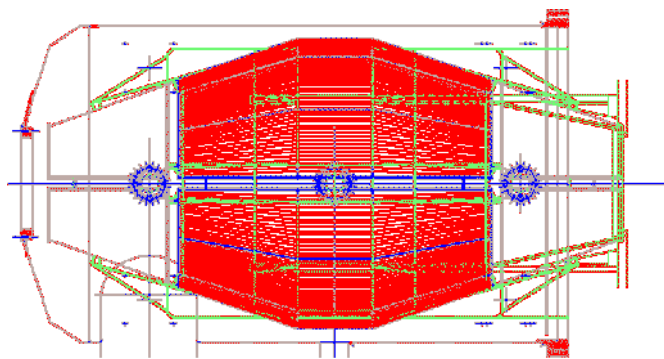
Secondary electrons from wall/electrode  
by cosmic rays, environmental radioactivity, ...  
wire electrode on slightly more negative potential



First realisation:  
Mainz III

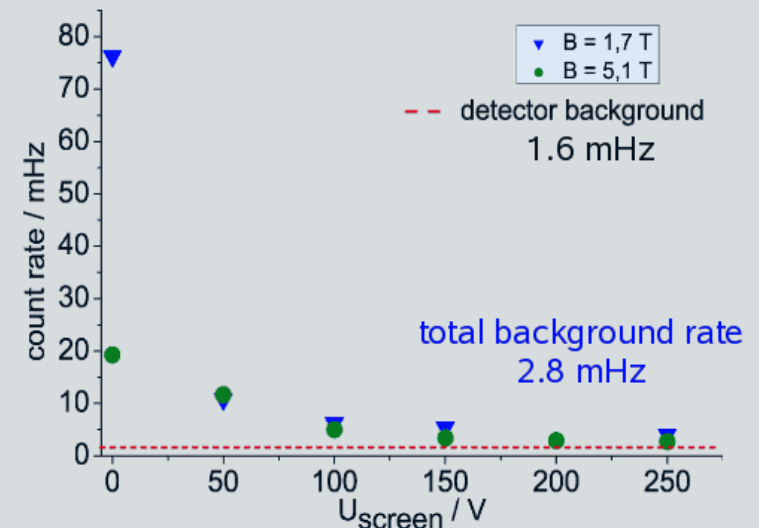


**New record!  
April 04**

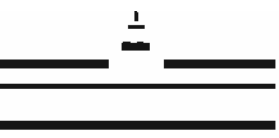


KATRIN pre spectrometer

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



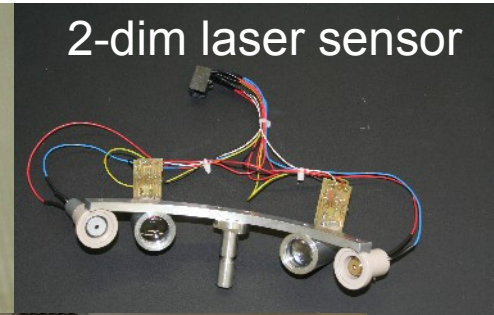
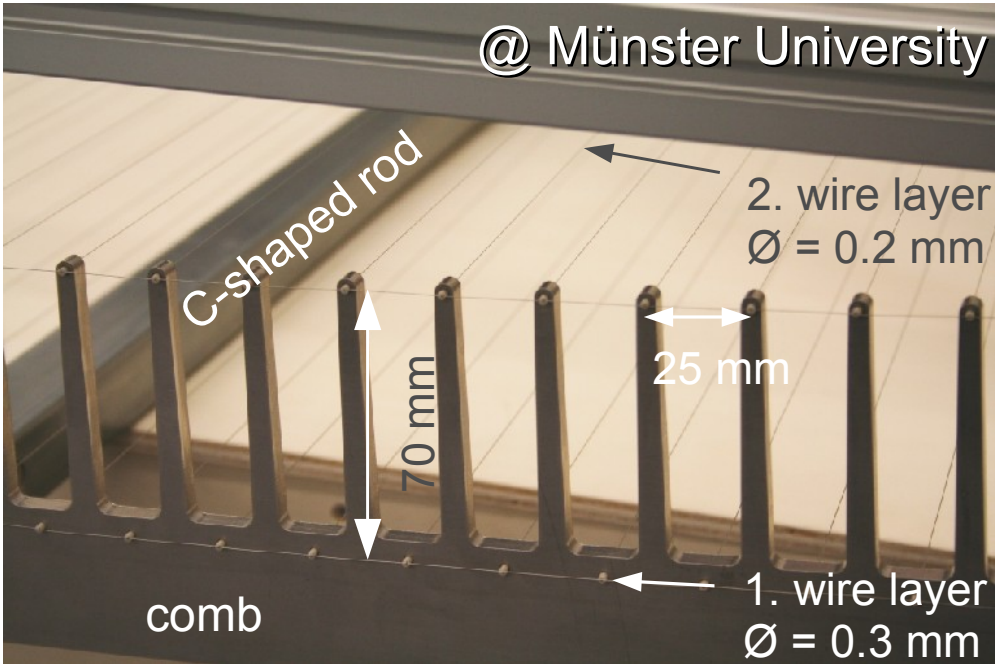
Dipl. thesis B. Ostrick (U Mainz, 2002),  
PhD thesis B. Flatt (U Mainz, 2004)



# Double-wire layer electrode (690m<sup>2</sup>) production and quality assurance



@ Münster University



Electrode  
production  
finished  
in Oct. 2009

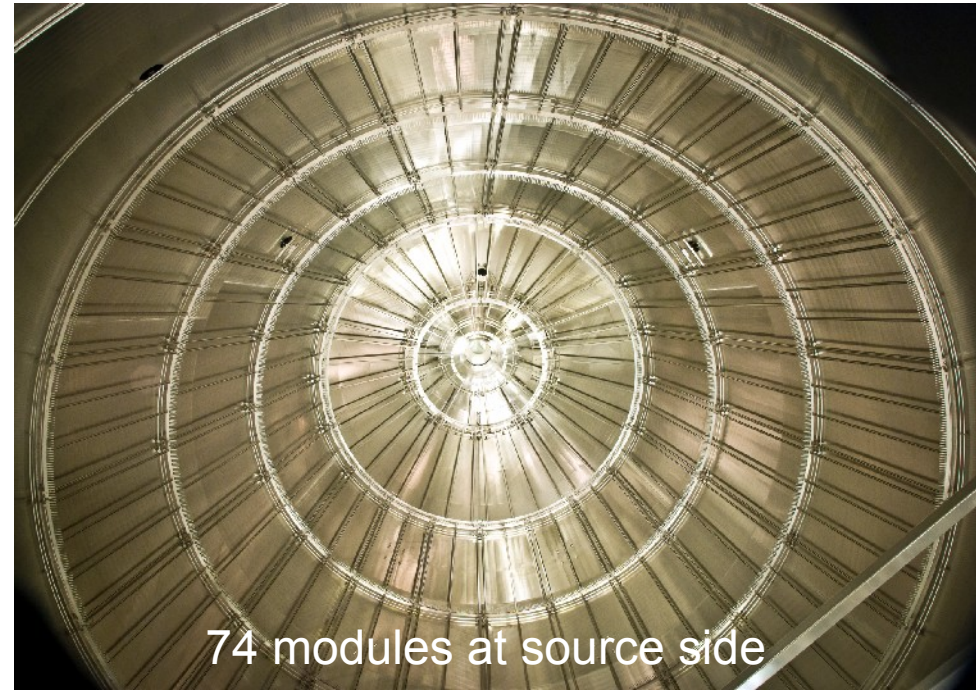




# Electrode modules are being installed at the main spectrometer

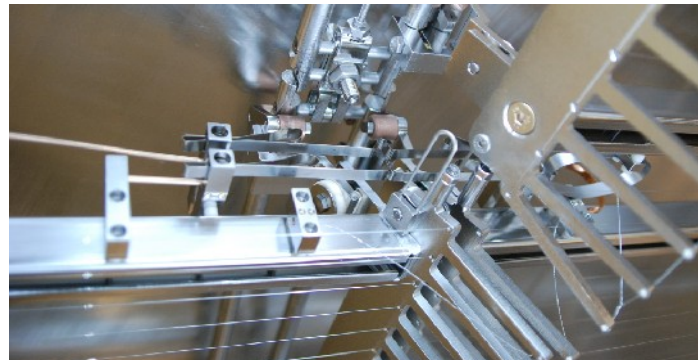


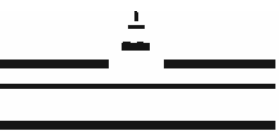
## Two-layer wire electrode system installation inside main spectrometer



74 modules at source side

Will be finished  
in August. 2011



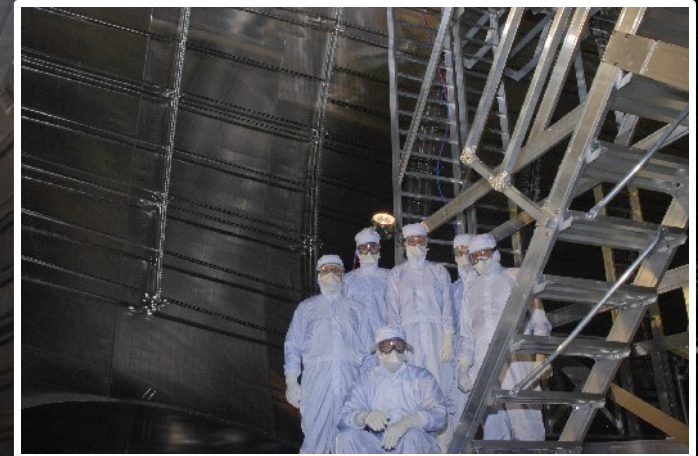


# Status of electrode installation as of July 2011



All electrodes installed  
(224/248) except modules  
in front of pump ports,  
scaffold removed.

Now installing NEG pumps  
and last electrodes





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

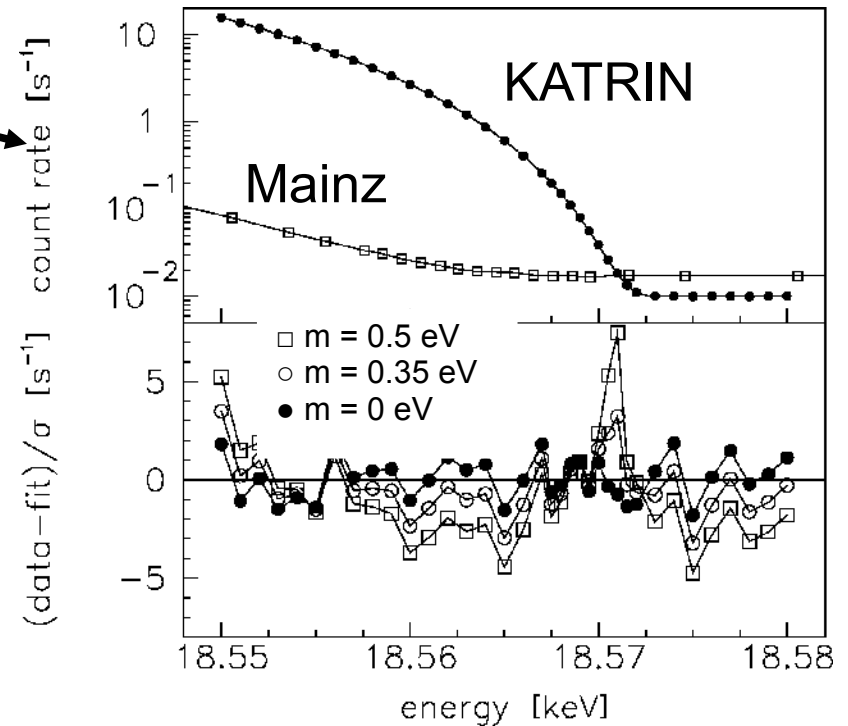
**sensitivity:**

$$m_\nu < 0.2 \text{ eV (90\%CL)}$$

**discovery potential:**

$$m_\nu = 0.3 \text{ eV (3}\sigma)$$

$$m_\nu = 0.35 \text{ eV (5}\sigma)$$



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  
(last 25eV below endpoint, reference):

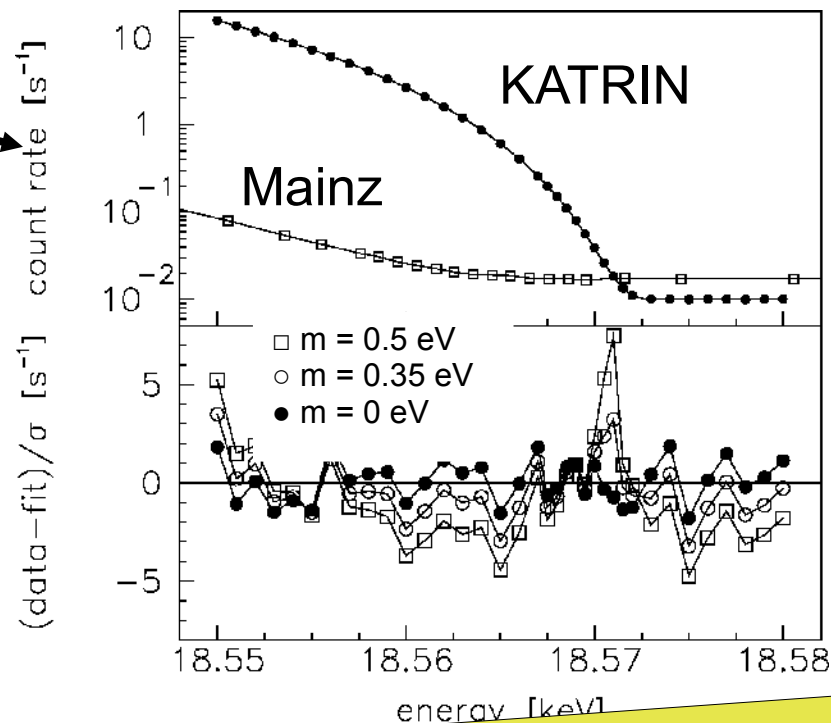
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Expectation for 3 full data taking years:

⇒ **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.)

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

# Complementarity of single and double $\beta$ decay

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)

$m(\nu_e)$  and  $m_{ee}(\nu)$  could differ because of:

- Dirac neutrinos (no  $0\nu\beta\beta$ )
- Non-trivial CP-phases
- Uncertainties of the nuclear matrix elements
- Other processes (right-handed currents, Susy-particles, ...)

$$T = M_m \langle m_\nu \rangle + M_\theta \langle \tan\vartheta \rangle + M_{WR} \left\langle \left( \frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)^2 \right\rangle + M_{SUSY} \lambda_{111}^2 + M_{VR} \left\langle \frac{m_p}{M_{VR}} \right\rangle$$

A. Fäßler at "Massive Neutrinos", Bad Honnef, July 2006

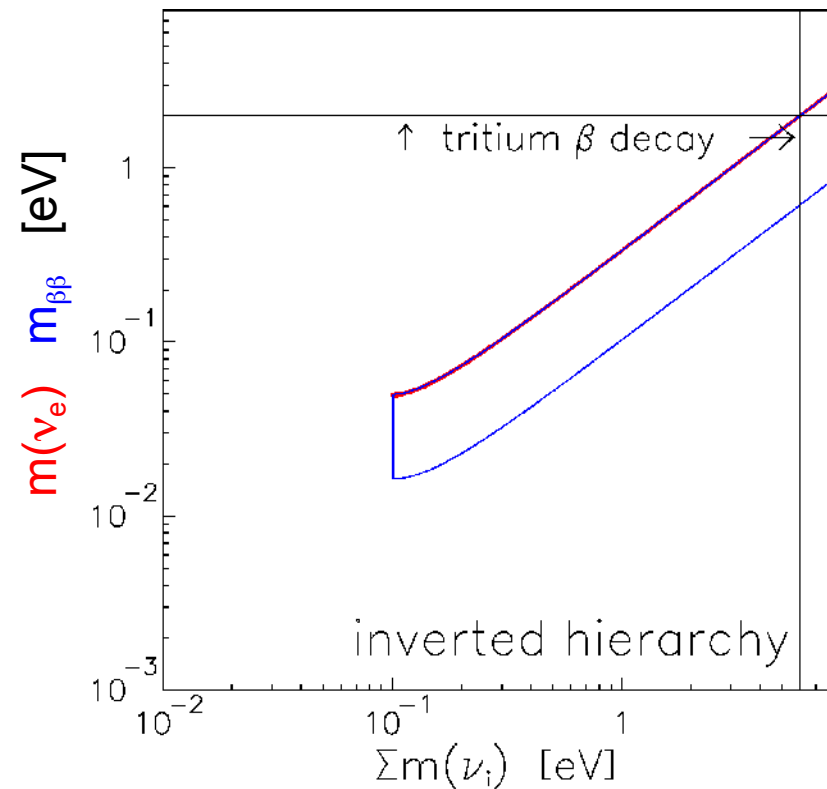
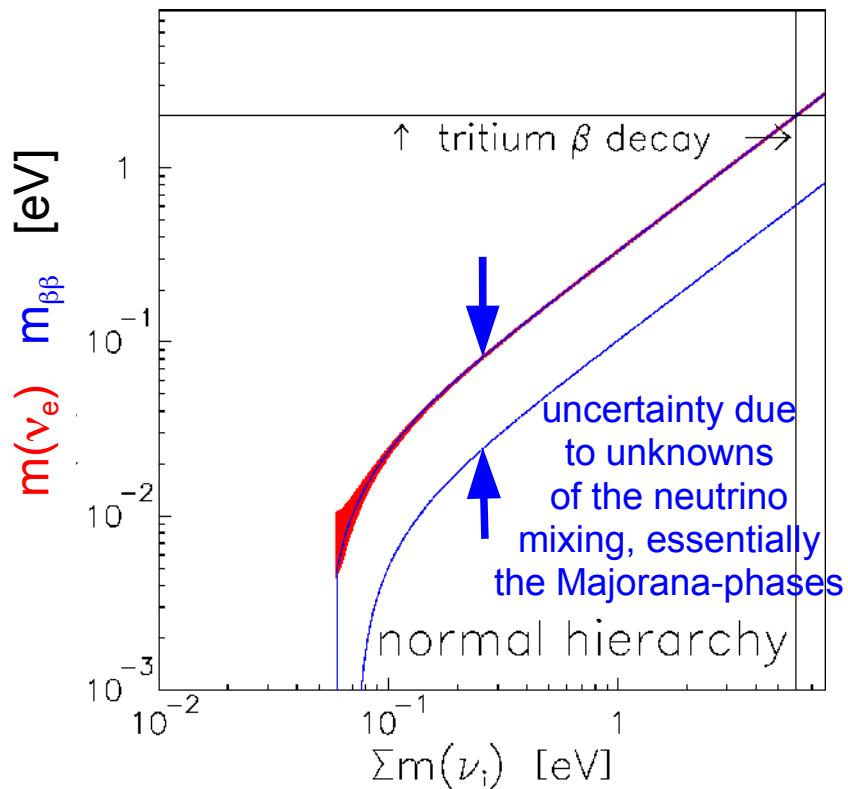
**$\Rightarrow$  different neutrino masses from single and double  $\beta$  decay could give a unique handle on the CP phases or the Dirac/Majorana character of neutrinos**

# 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



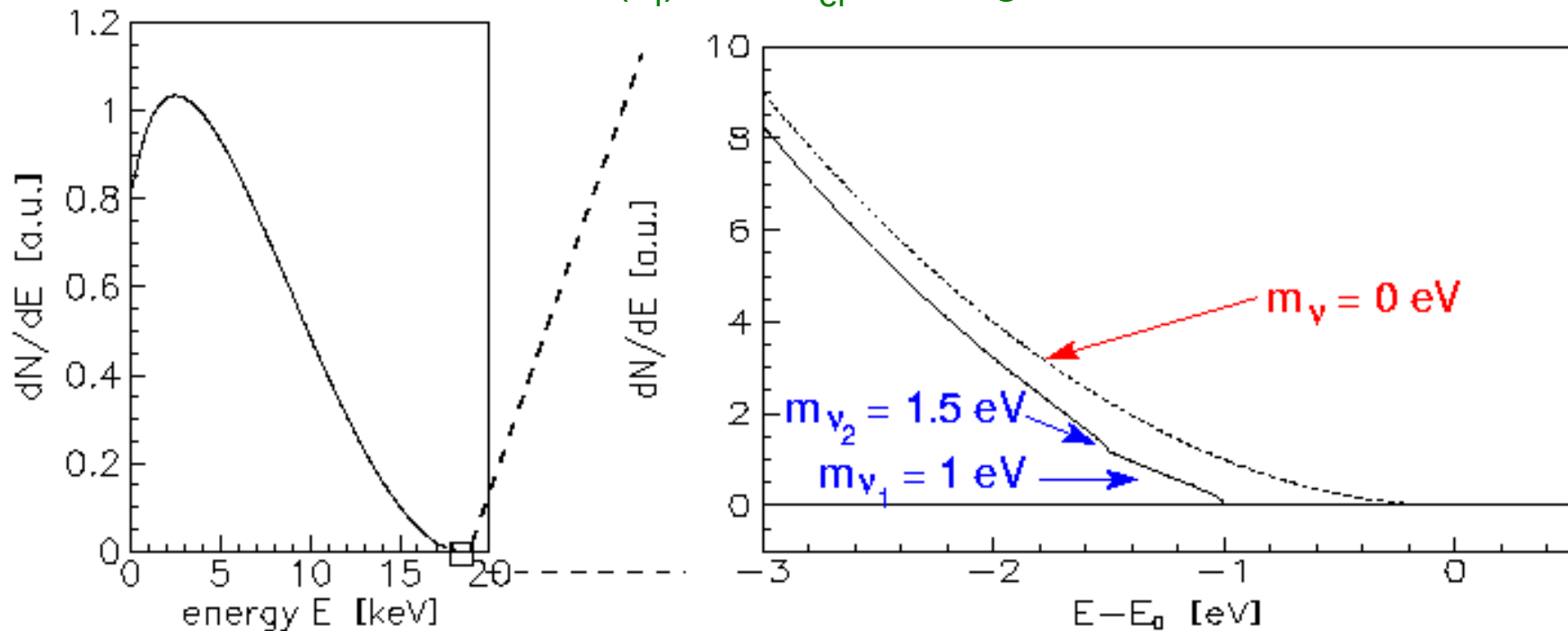
$\Rightarrow$  absolute scale/cosmological relevant neutrino mass in the lab by single  $\beta$  decay

Neutrinoless double  $\beta$  decay:  $m_{\beta\beta}(\nu) = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_a+n_s} |U_{ei}|^2 e^{i\alpha(i)} m(\nu_i) \right|$  (coherent)

measures only „one number“  $\rightarrow$  cannot distinguish sterile neutrinos if  $U_{ei}$  is small

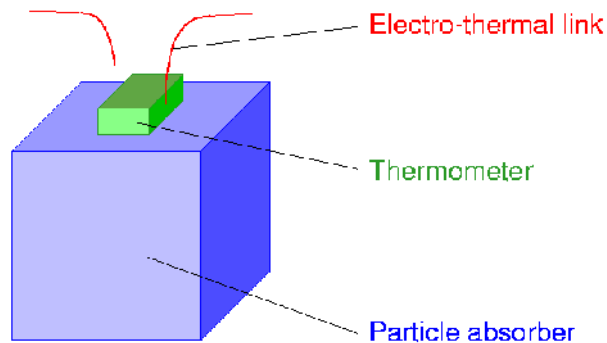
Direct kinematic measurement:  $m^2(\nu_e) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_a+n_s} |U_{ei}|^2 m^2(\nu_i)$  (incoherent)

measure spectrum  $\rightarrow$  can distinguish different mass states (also sterile)  
if  $m(\nu_i)$  and  $U_{ei}$  are large

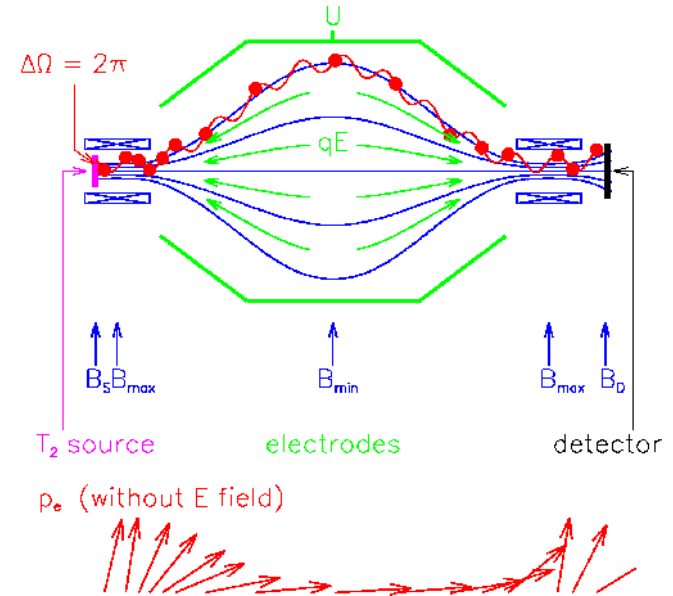


# Sterile neutrinos: cryobolometer versus electron spectrometer (MAC-E-Filter)

Cryobolometer: source = detector



Electron spectrometer: source  $\neq$  detector



measure all energy, except that of the neutrino

→ could in principle measure large part of the beta spectrum without large systematics

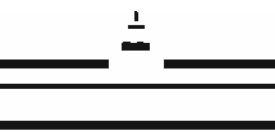
→ **large neutrino masses (up to keV) accessible**

measure electron energy,

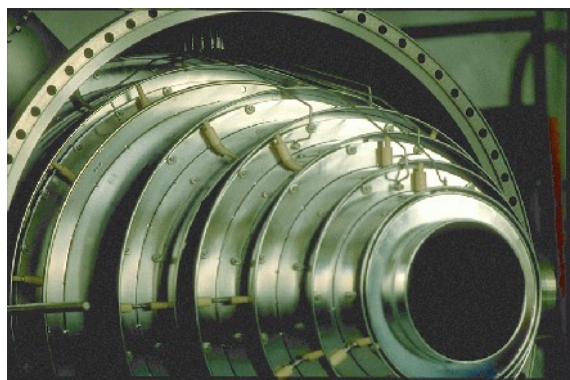
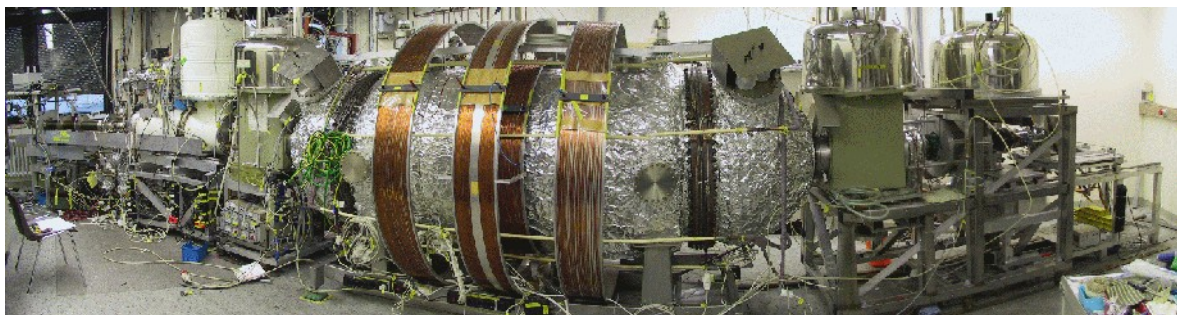
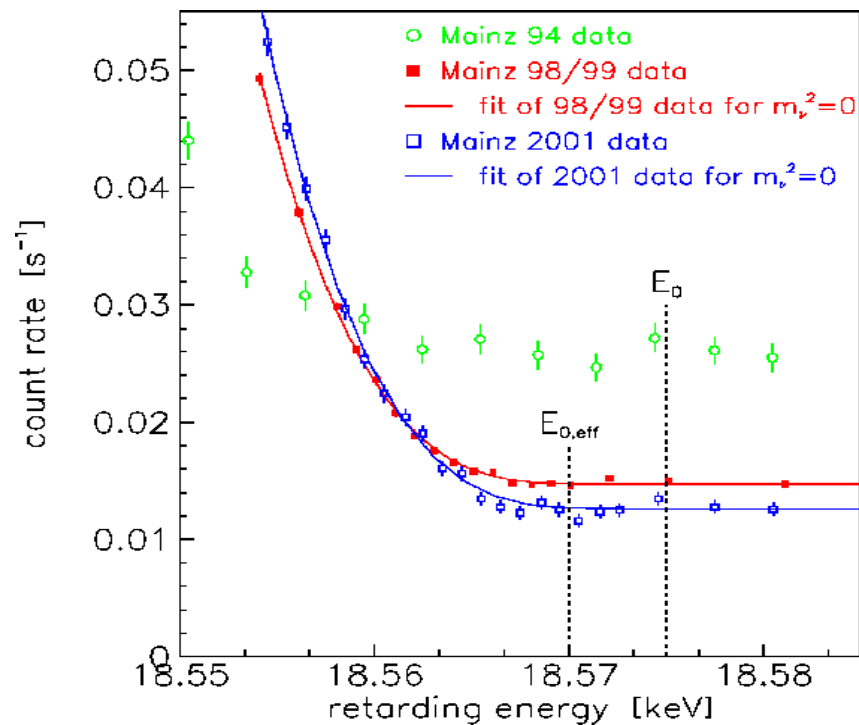
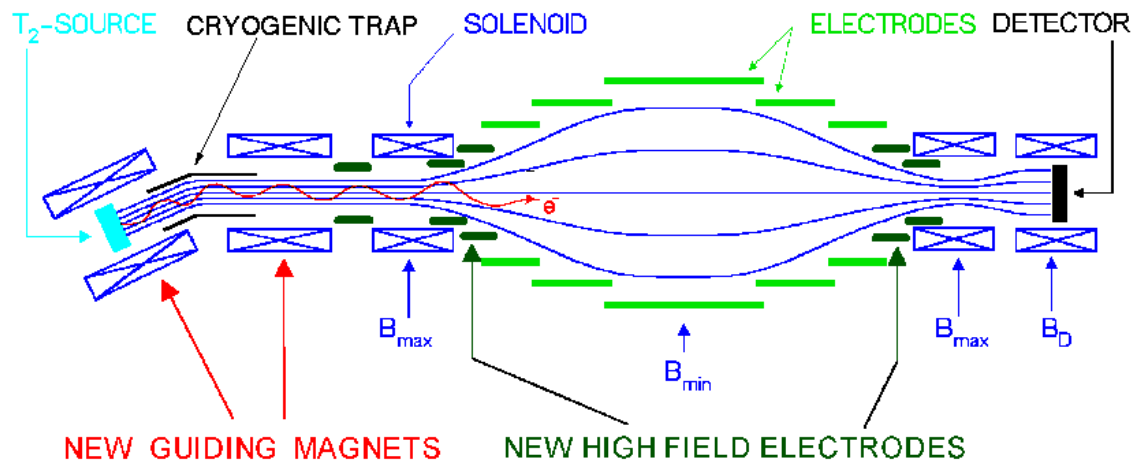
which energy losses by scattering electronic excitations during decay (FS) for larger intervals below endpoint, ...

→ concentrate on endpoint region, otherwise systematic uncertainties too large

→ **only medium neutrino masses (up to a few 10 eV) accessible**



# The Mainz Neutrino Mass Experiment Phase 2: 1997-2001

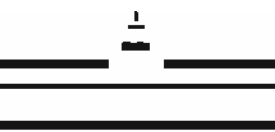


After all critical systematics measured by own experiment  
(inelastic scattering, self-charging, neighbor excitation):

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

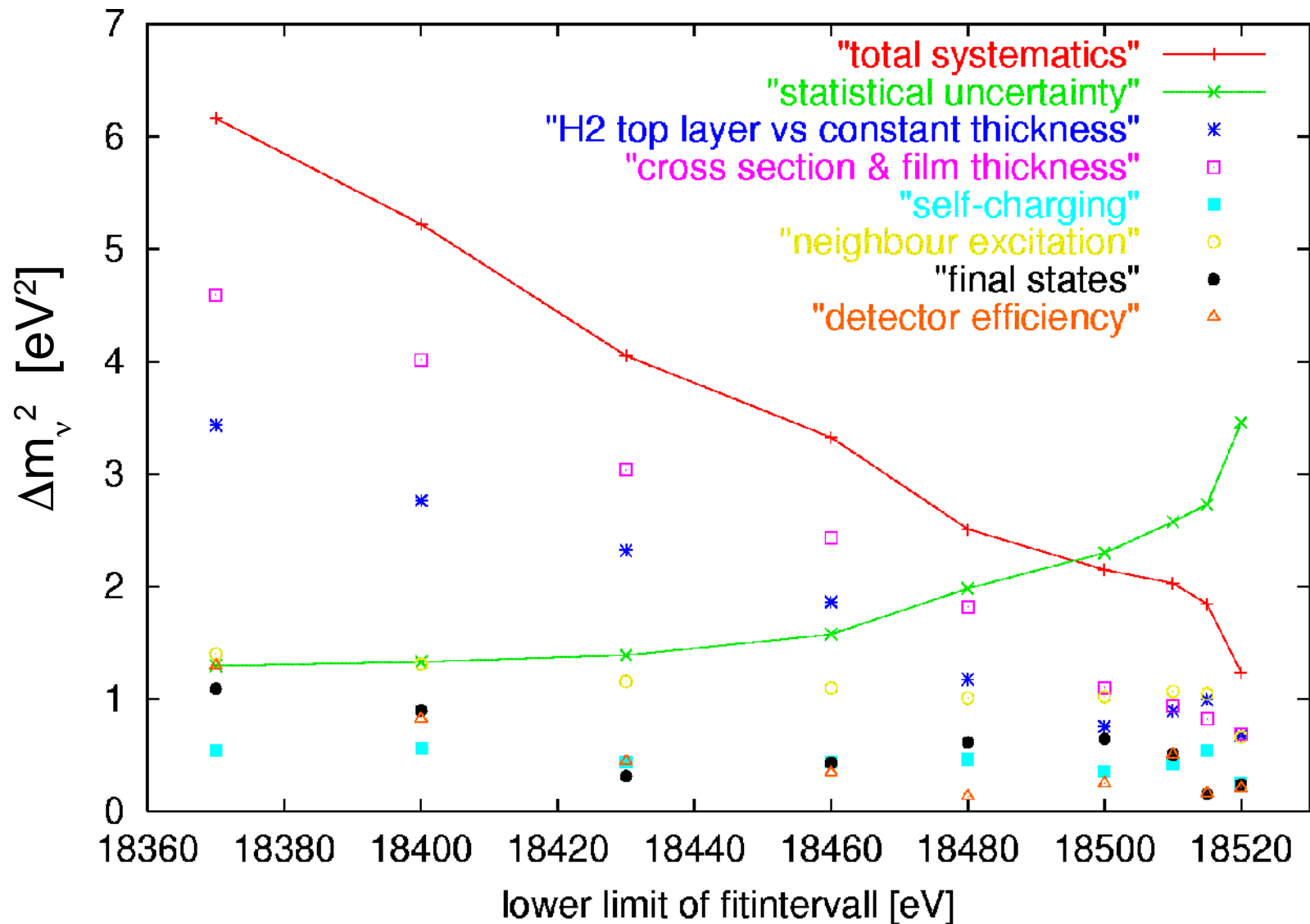
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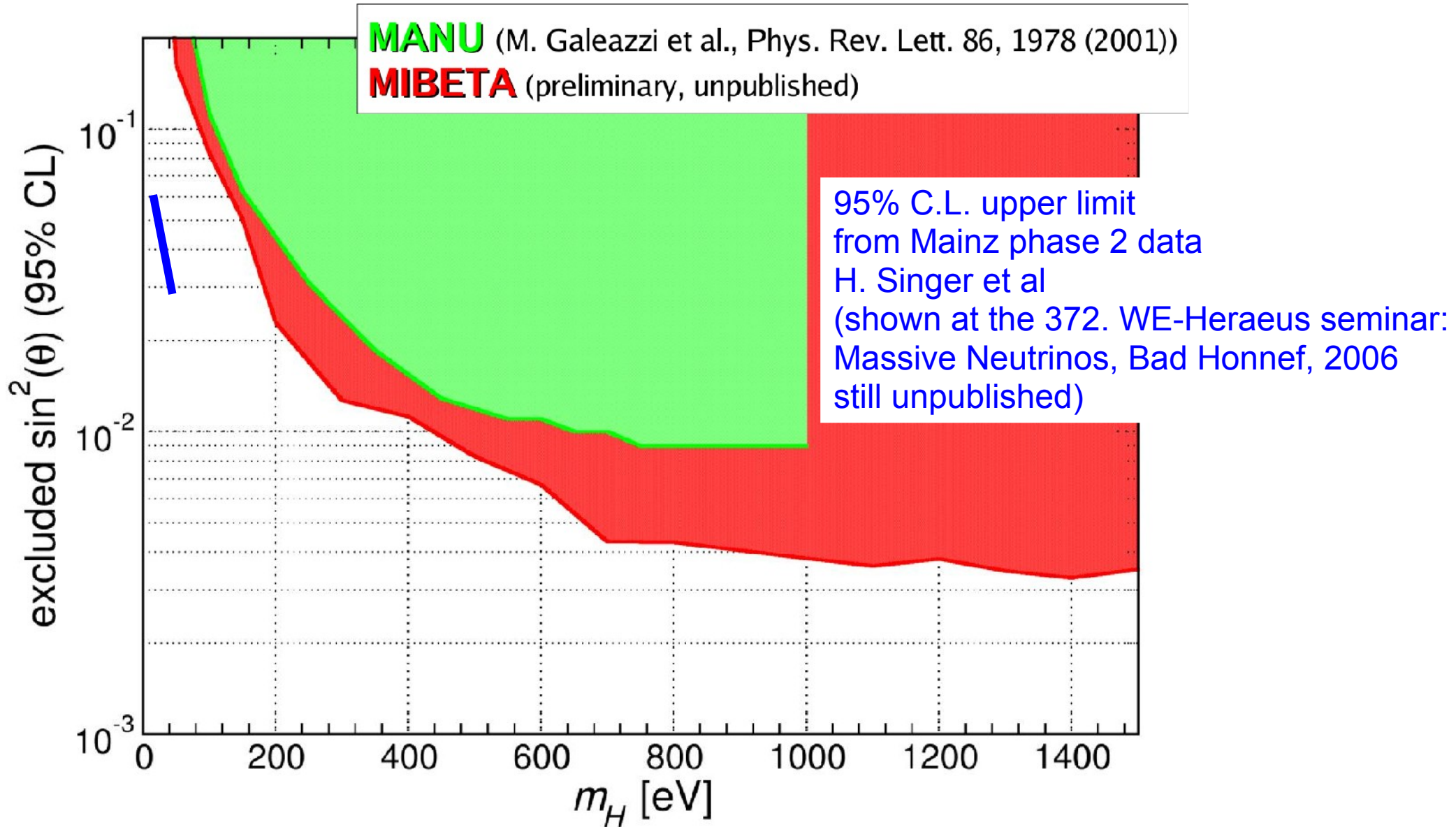
# Statistical and systematic uncertainties of the Mainz 1998-2001 data

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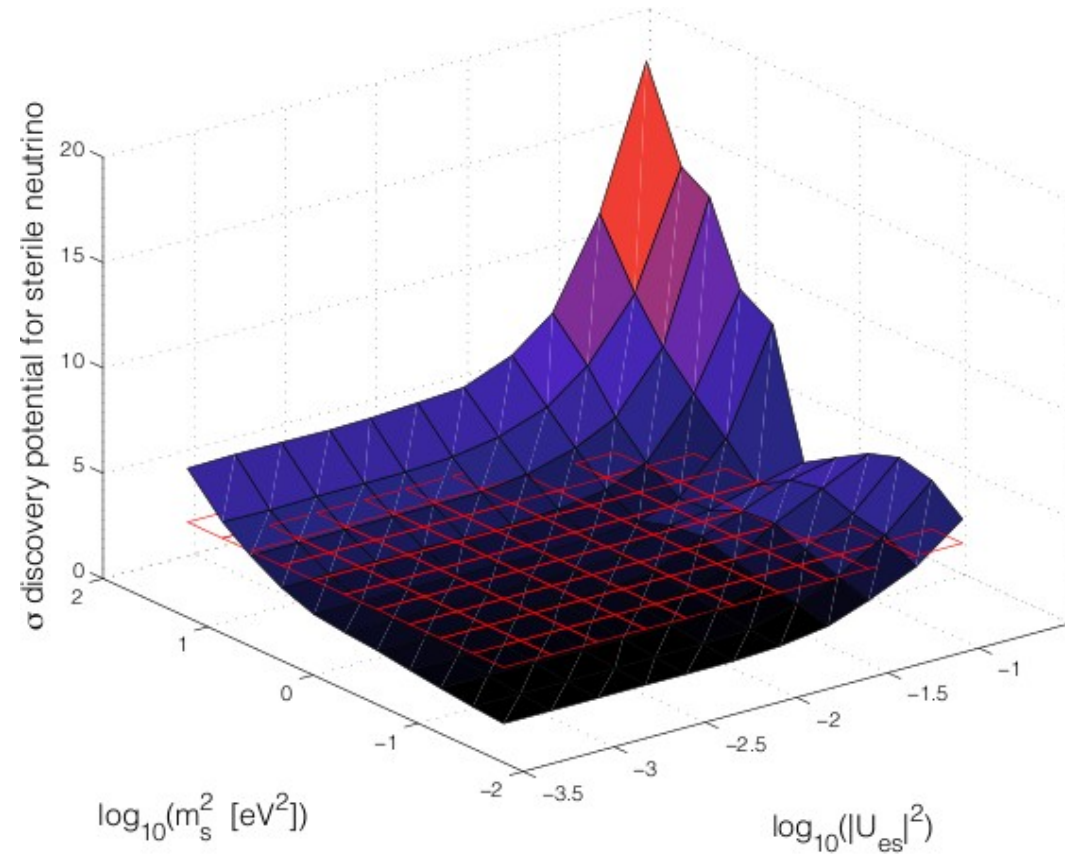


# Sensitivity on sterile neutrinos of previous direct neutrino mass experiments

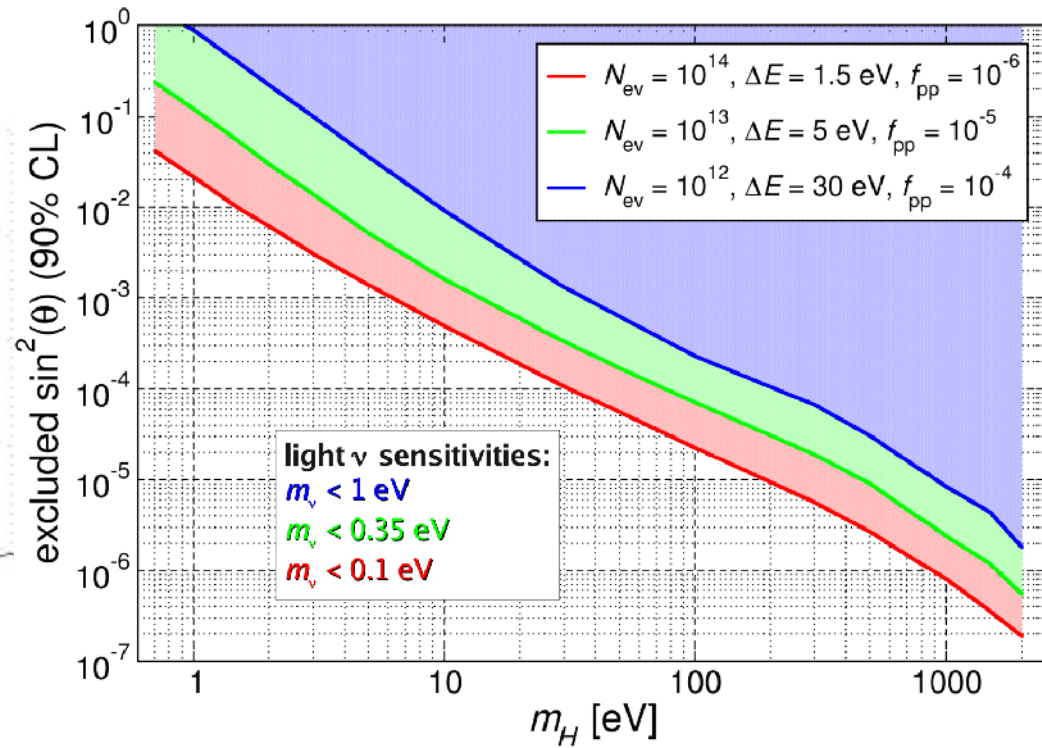


# Sensitivity on sterile neutrinos of up-coming direct neutrino mass experiments

## KATRIN



## MARE II



A. Nucciotti, Meudon Workshop 2011, 8-10 JUNE 2011

A. Sejersen Riis, S. Hannestad, JCAP02 (2011) 011

A. Nucciotti, Meudon Workshop, June 2011

## 3 complementary probes of the neutrino mass:

cosmology: very sensitive, but some model-dependence

$0\nu\beta\beta$ : very sensitive to Majorana neutrino masses

many experiments under way, GERDA under commissioning

direct neutrino mass determination (MARE, KATRIN):

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

## KATRIN: 0.2 eV sensitivity:

2009-11 commissioning of main spectrometer and detector

2009-12 commissioning of tritium source and tritium elimination lines

2013- regular data taking for 5-6 years (3 full-beam-years)

## Sterile neutrinos:

**Direct neutrino mass search non neutrinoless double beta decay:**

cryobolometer: for heavy masses (cosmology)

electron spectrometers for light masses (reactor neutrino anomaly, MiniBooNE)

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