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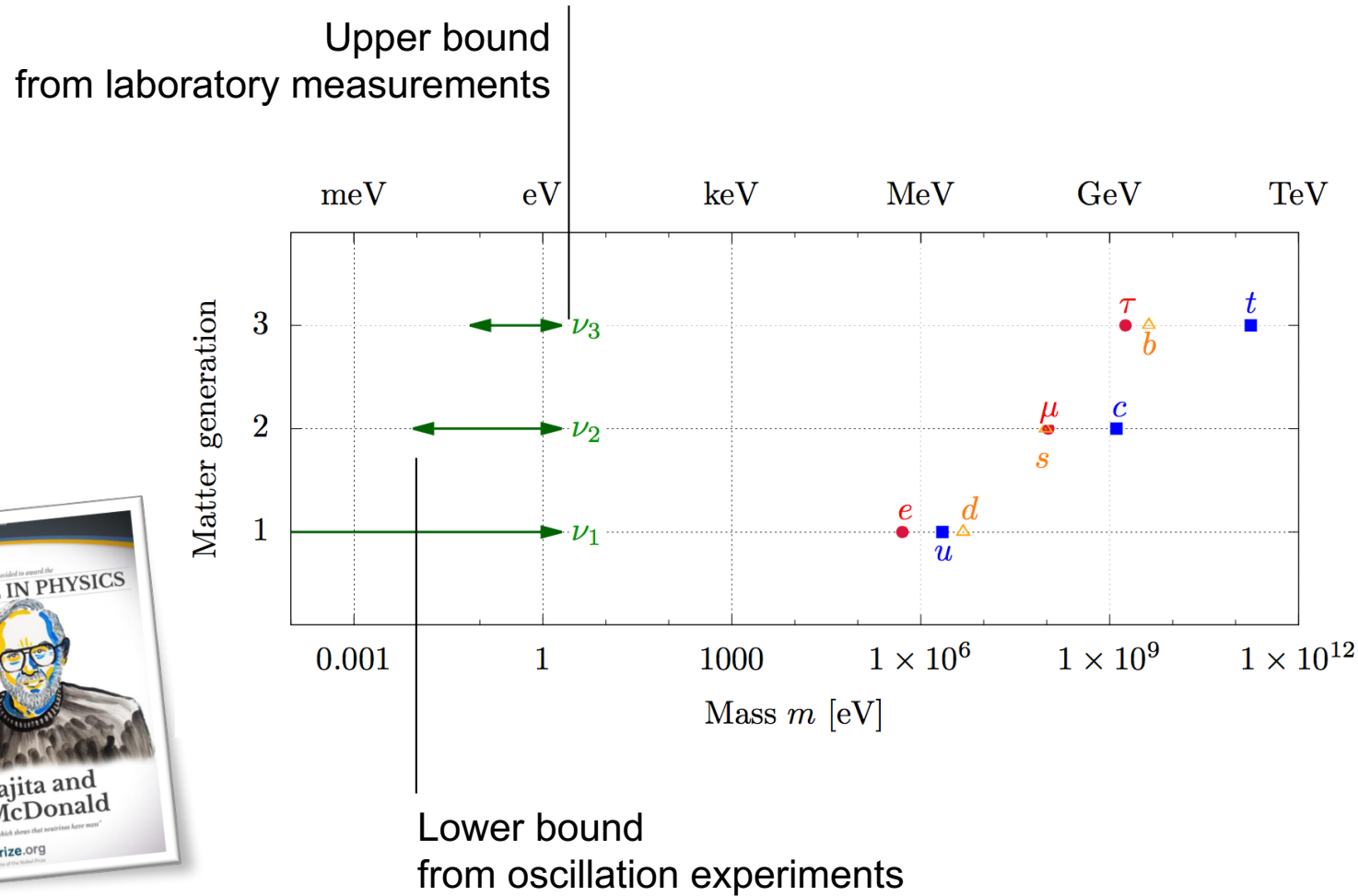
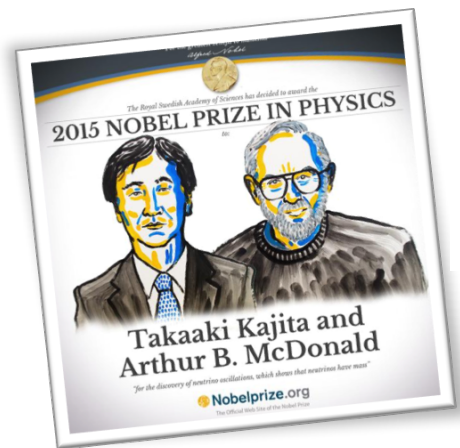
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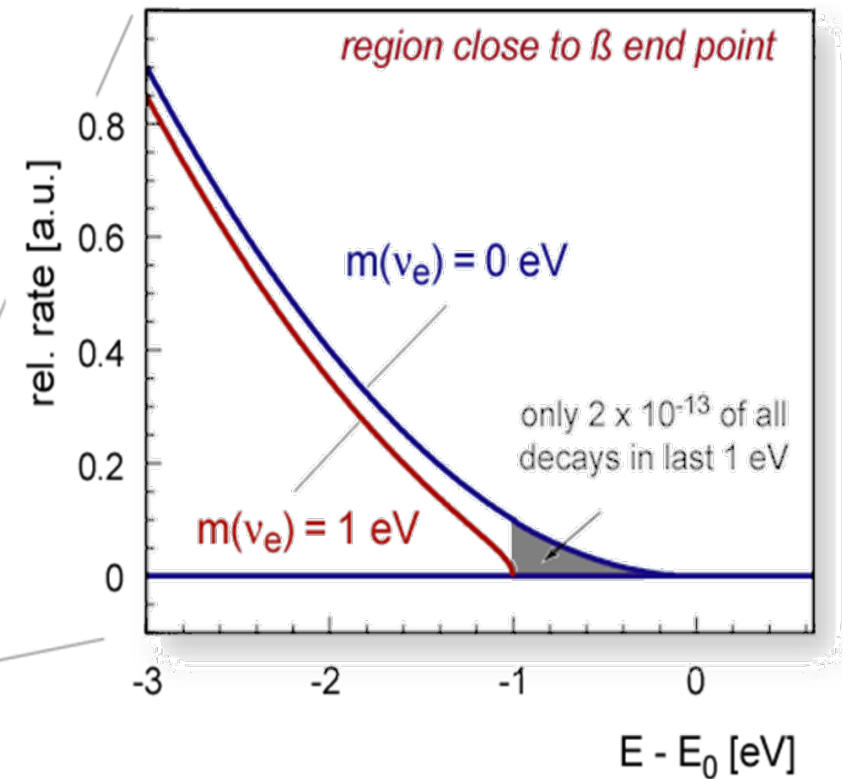
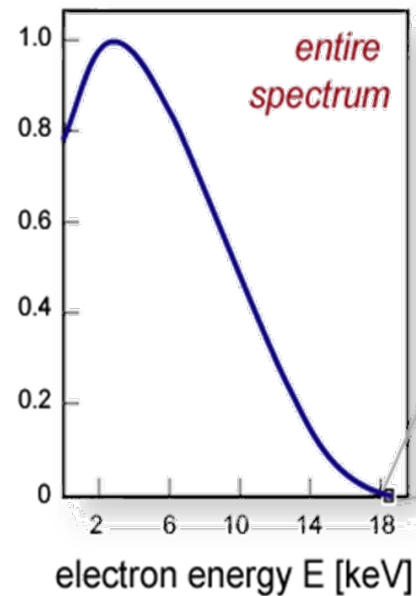
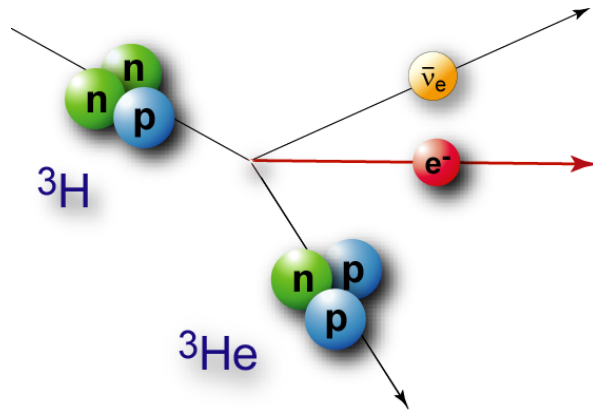
# Neutrino mass





# General idea

- Kinematic determination of the neutrino mass
- Non-zero neutrino mass reduces the endpoint and distorts the spectrum





Karlsruhe  
Tritium  
Neutrino  
Experiment





Karlsruhe

Tritium ( $T_{1/2} = 12.3$  years,  $E_0 = 18.6$  keV)

Neutrino

Experiment





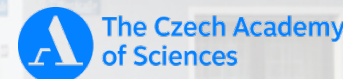
# Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment



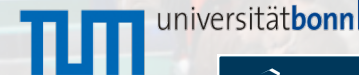
- Experimental site: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
- International Collaboration (150 members)
- Sensitivity  $m_\nu = 200$  meV (90% CL) after 3 net-years



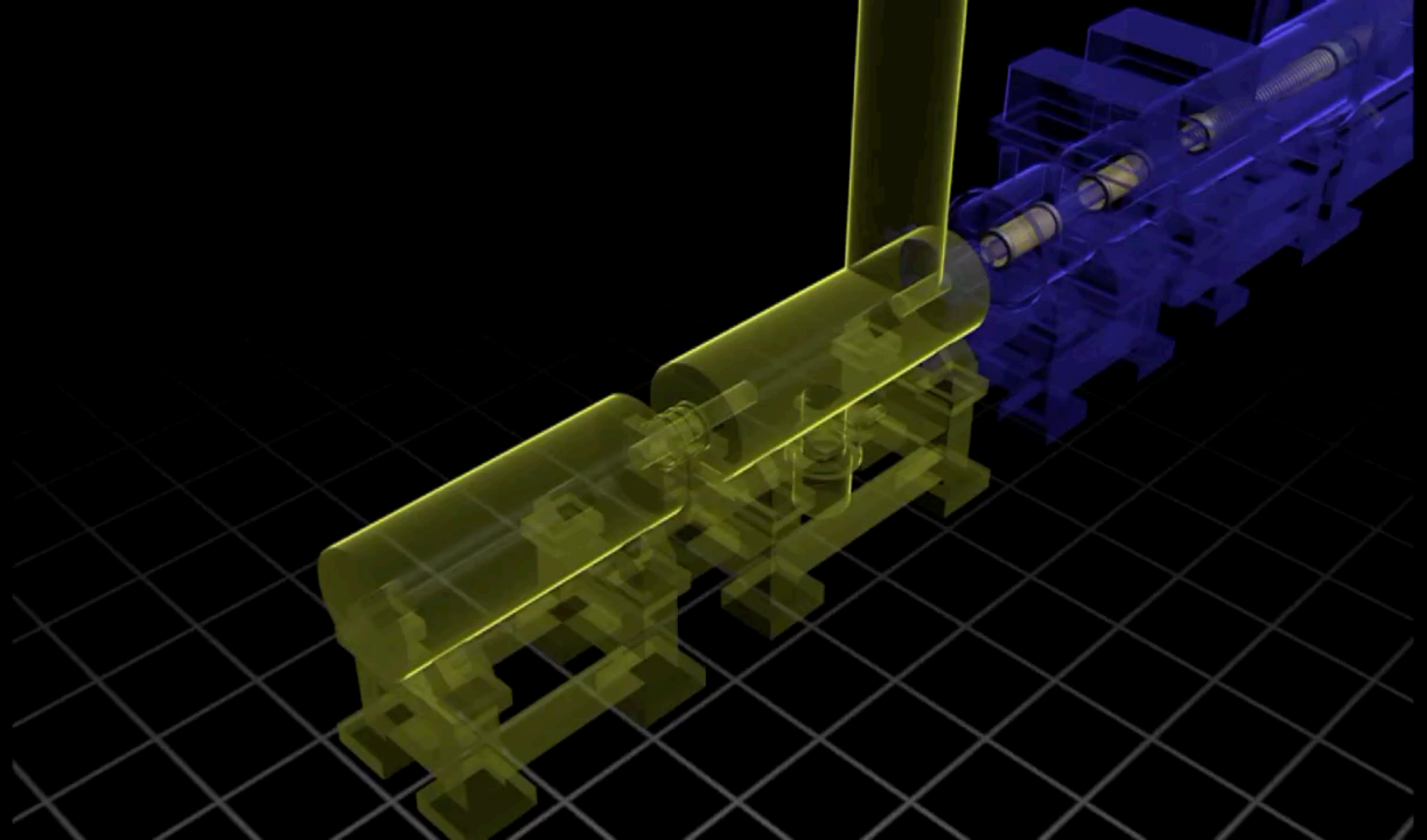
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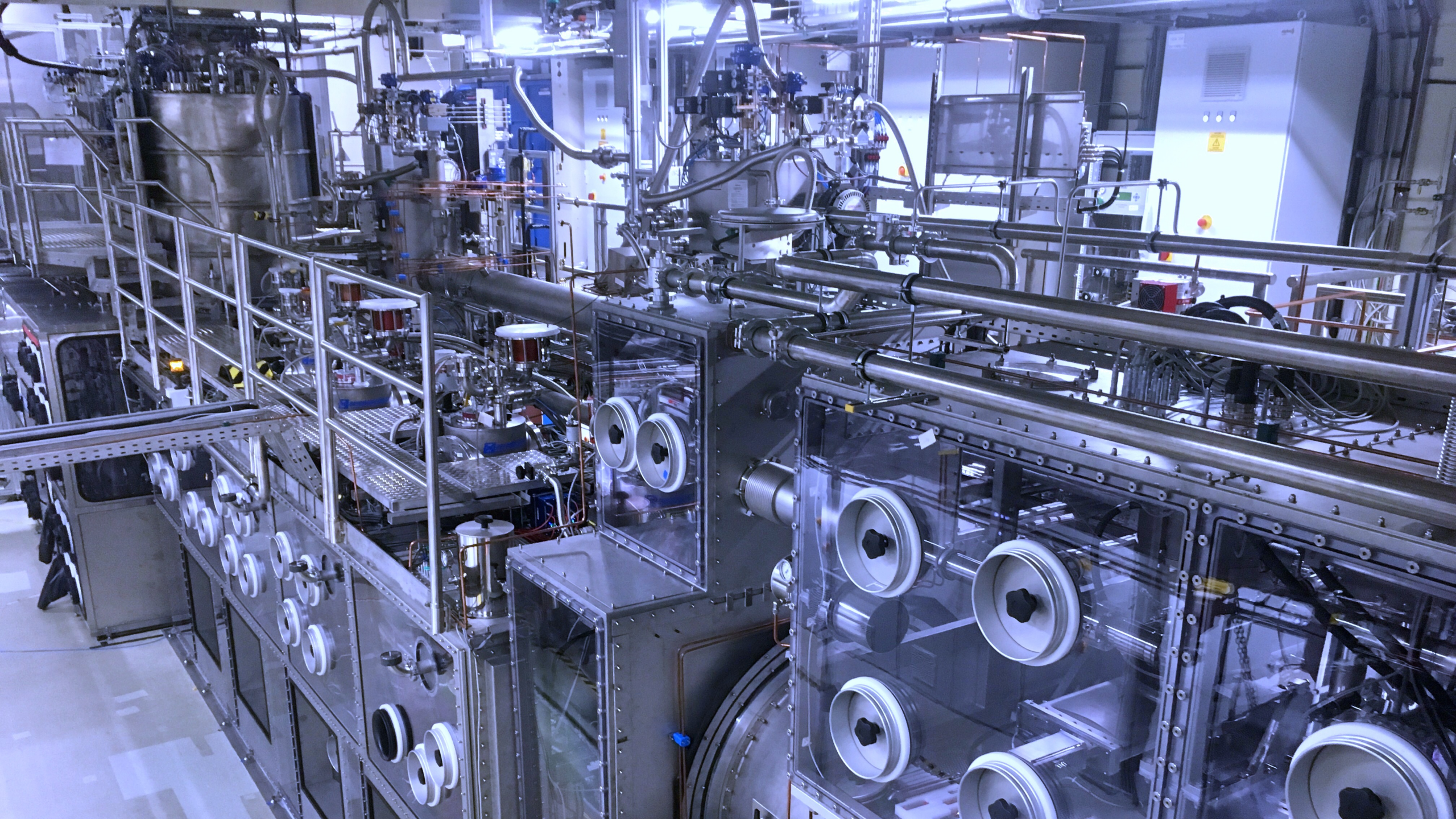
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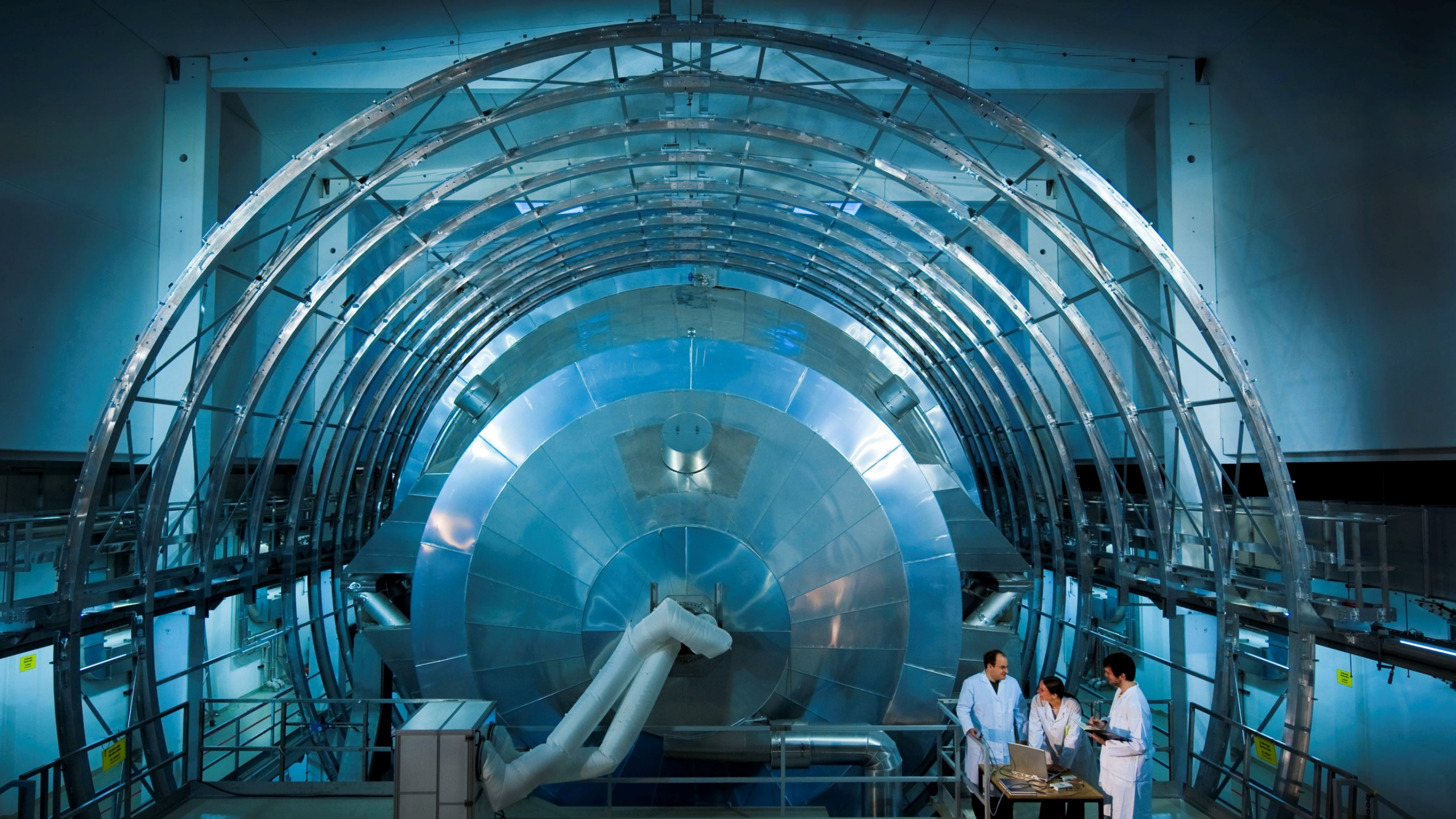














# First tritium campaign May / June 2018

- Commissioning of system with tritium (1% of nominal activity = ~500 MBq!)
- 14 days of operation (without interruption)
- Two goals:
  1. Demonstrate 0.1% global system stability
  2. Study different analysis strategies

First tritium injection:  
Friday 18 May  
7:48 am UTC

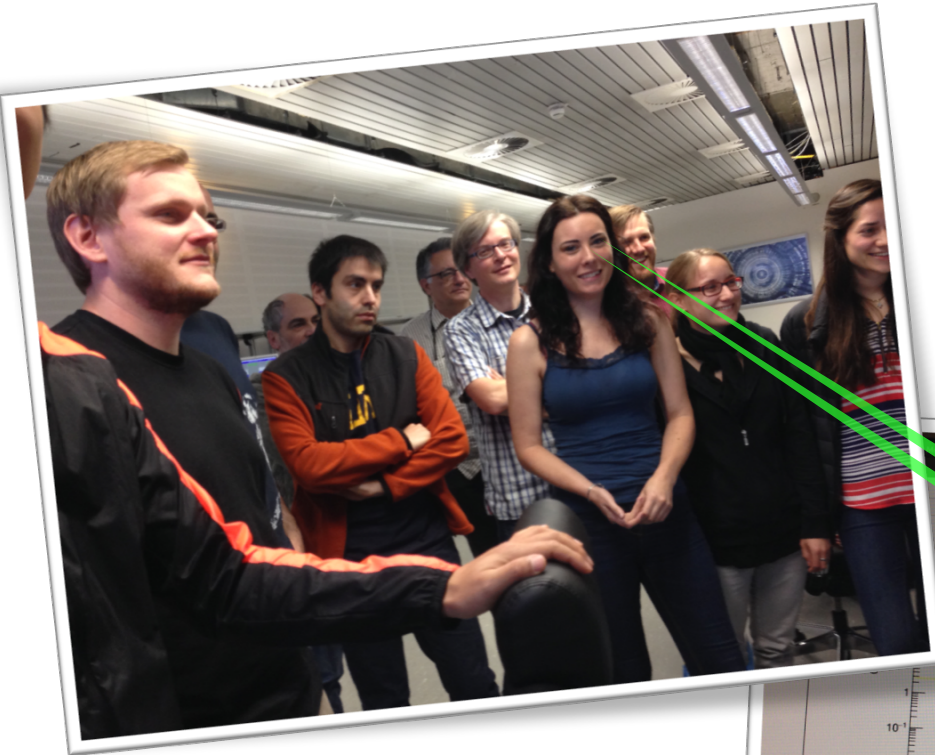




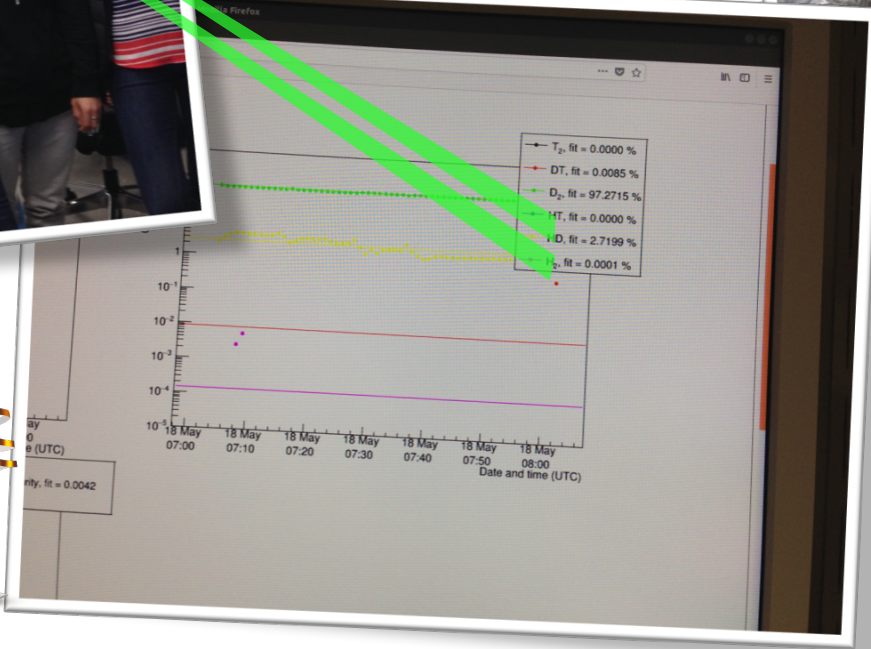
# 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018



“Münchner Analysis Stubn”

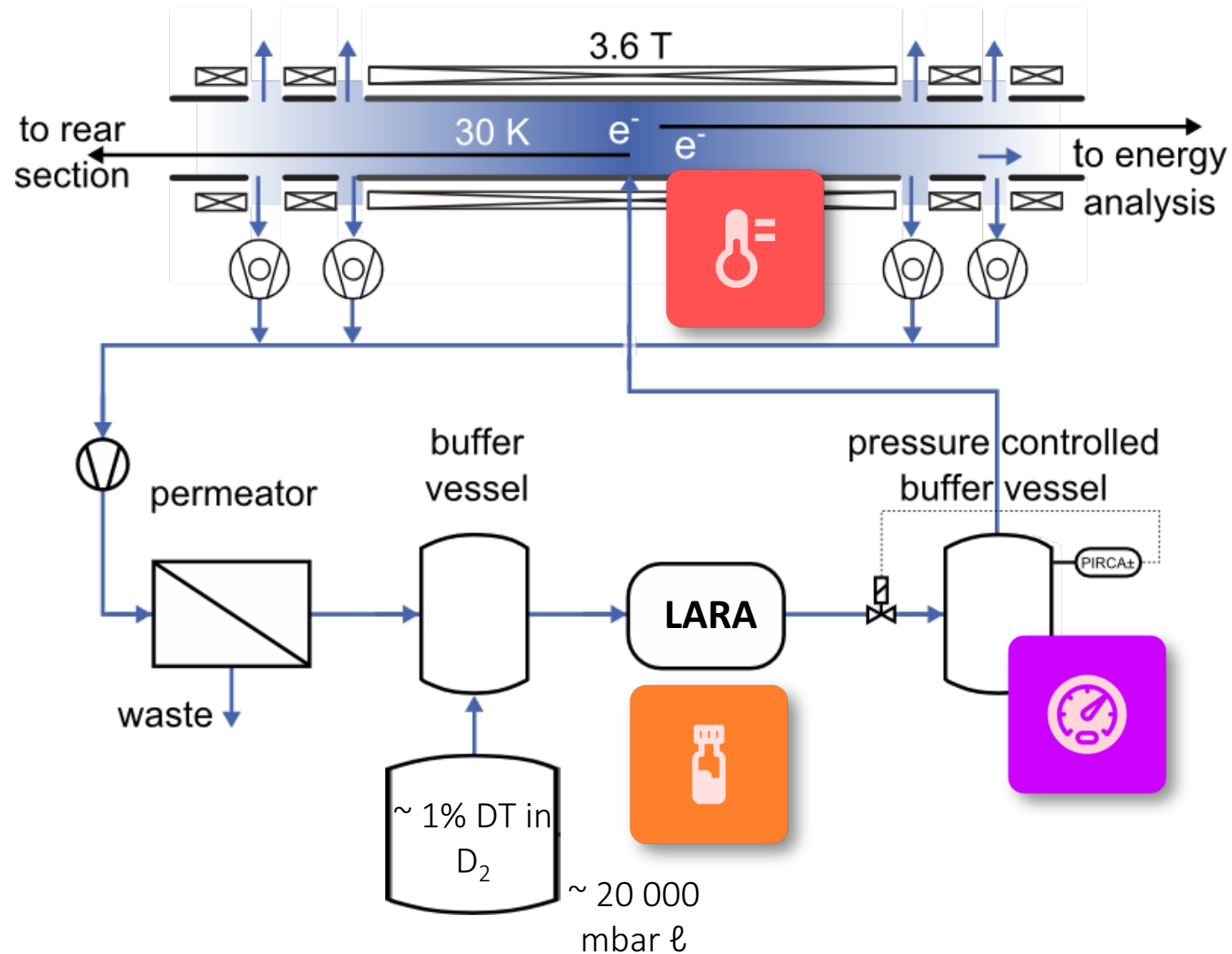


Laser Raman online view



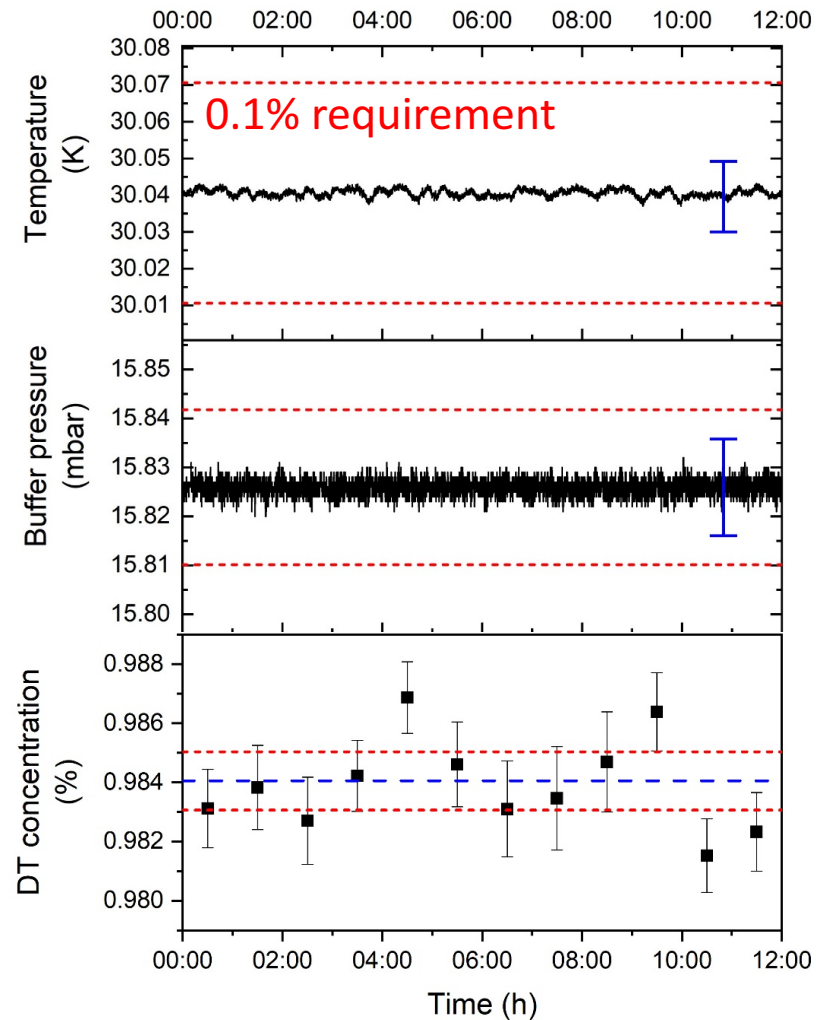


# Stability of source parameters





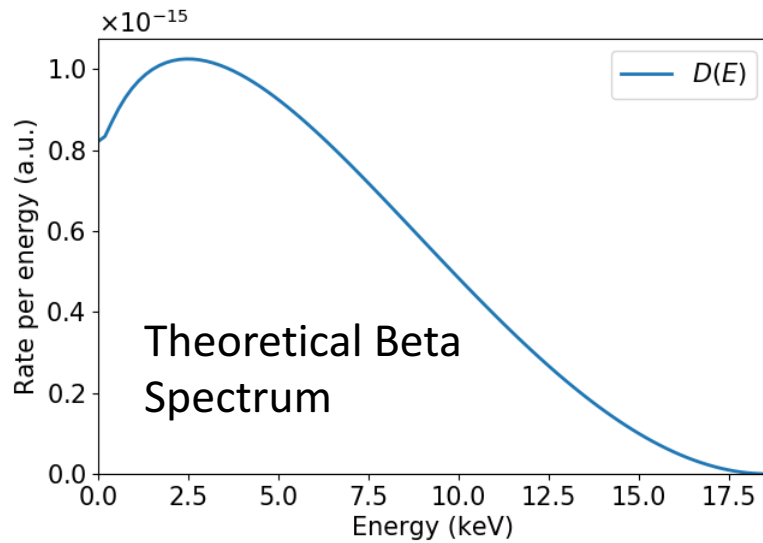
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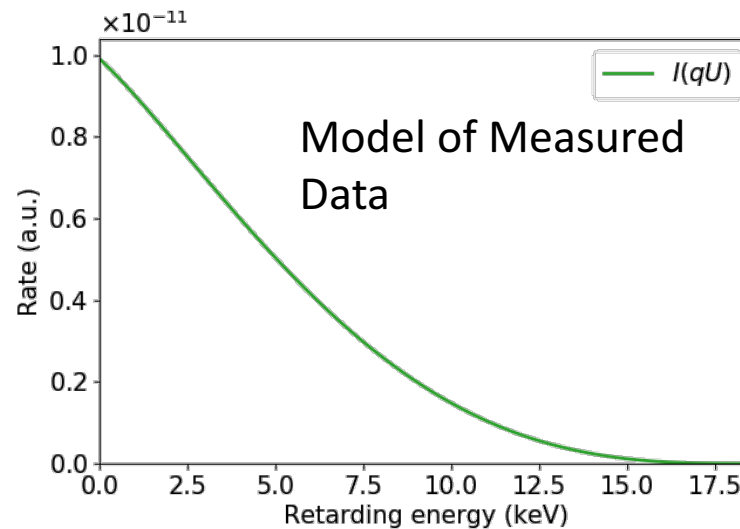
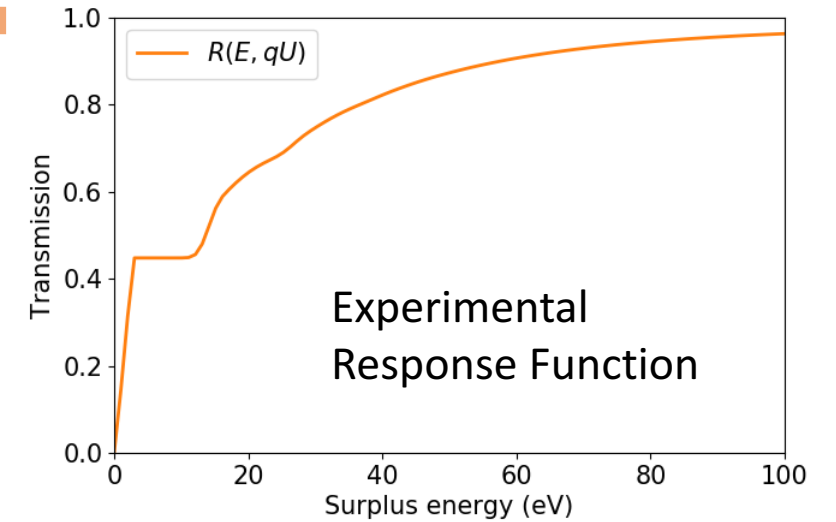
- Relevant parameters that determine stability of activity:
  - temperature
  - pressure
  - tritium concentration
- ✓ Source parameters are stable and within the specifications



# First Tritium Analysis

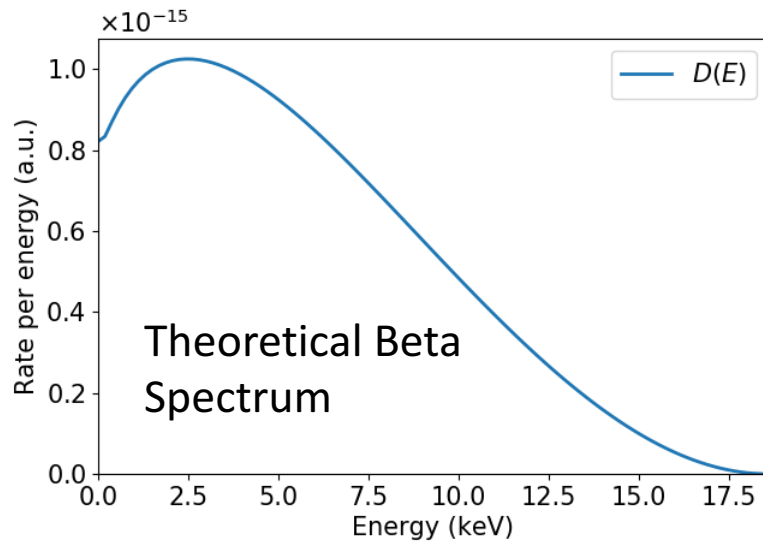


$$I(qU) = \int_{qU}^{E_0} D(E)R(E, qU)dE$$

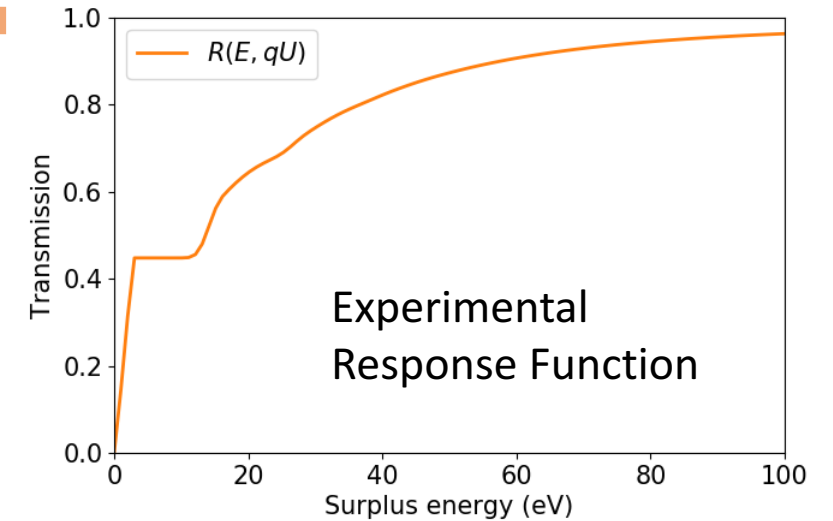




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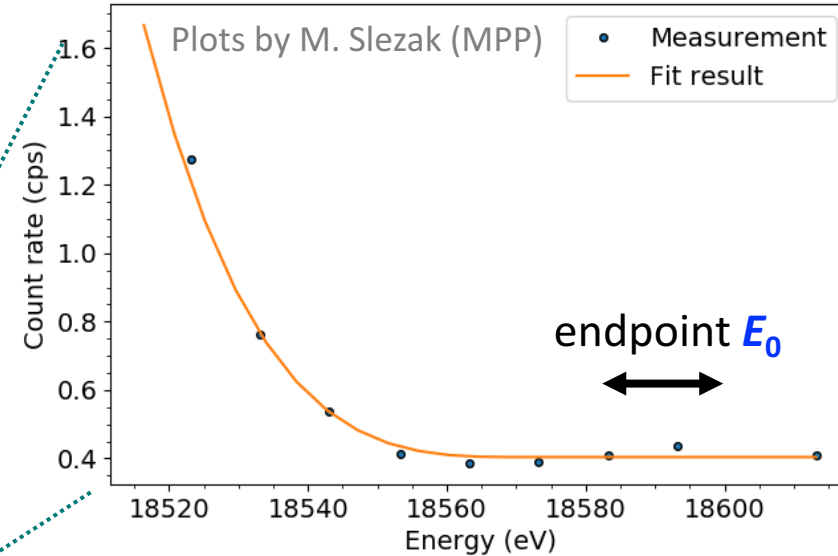
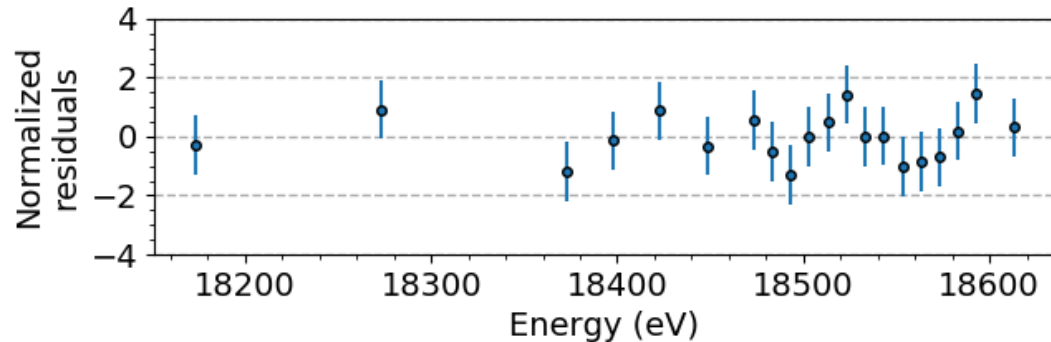
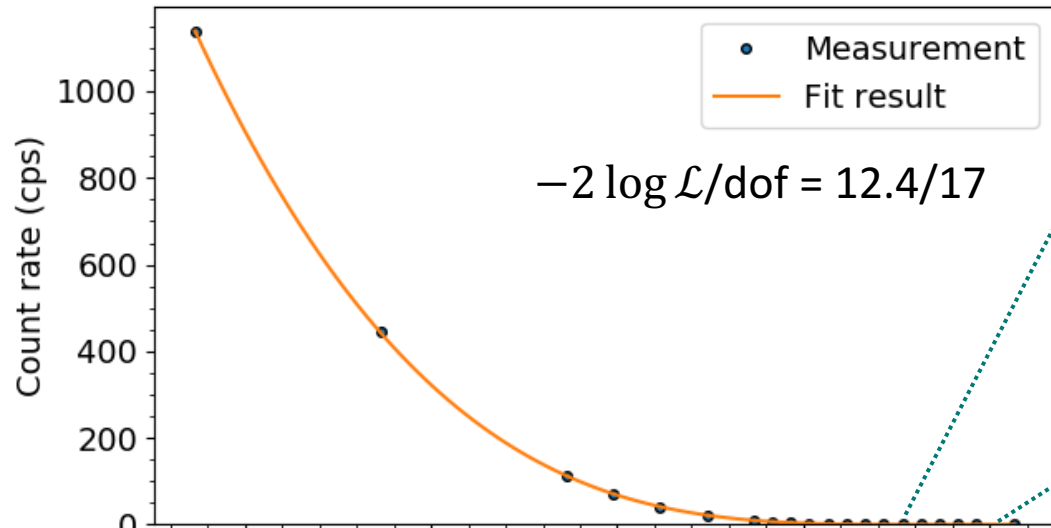
- Thierry Lasserre, Mercator Fellow
- Martin Slezak, Postdoc
- Anna Pollithy, PhD
- Christian Karl, PhD
- Dominik Fuchs, MSc - done
- Martin HaMinh, MSc - done
- Pablo Morales, MSc - done
- Lisa Schlüter, MSc
- Fotis Megas, MSc
- Madlen Steven, MSc
- Christoph Köhler, MSc



# First Tritium Results

$$\Gamma(qU) \propto A \cdot \int_{qU}^{E_0} \frac{d\Gamma}{dE} (E; m_\nu^2, E_0) \cdot R(qU, E) dE + B$$

normalization **A**

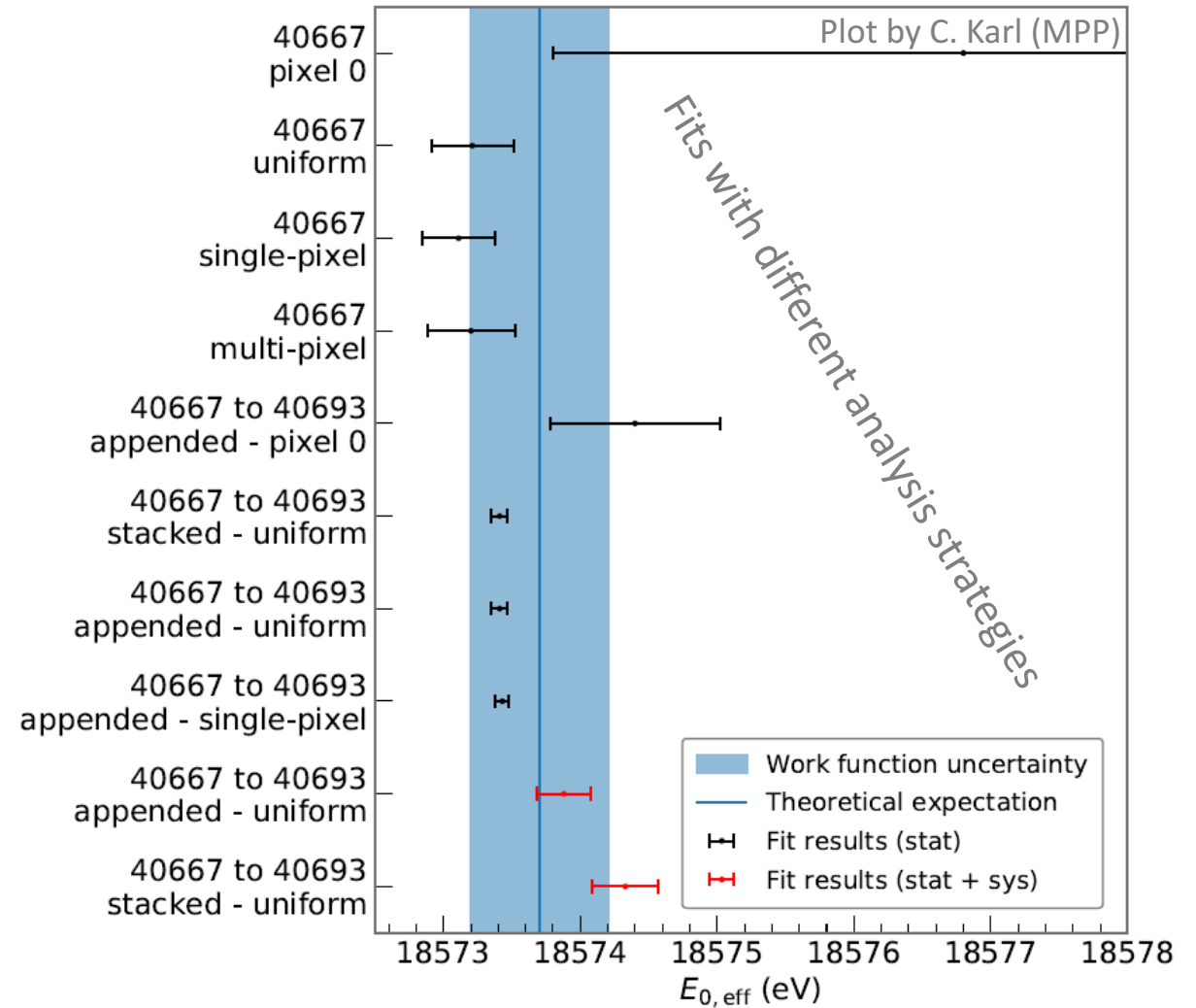


- Fit endpoint  $E_0$ , normalization  $A$ , background  $B$
- No sensitivity to neutrino mass, yet
- ✓ Very good agreement of model and data



# First Tritium Results

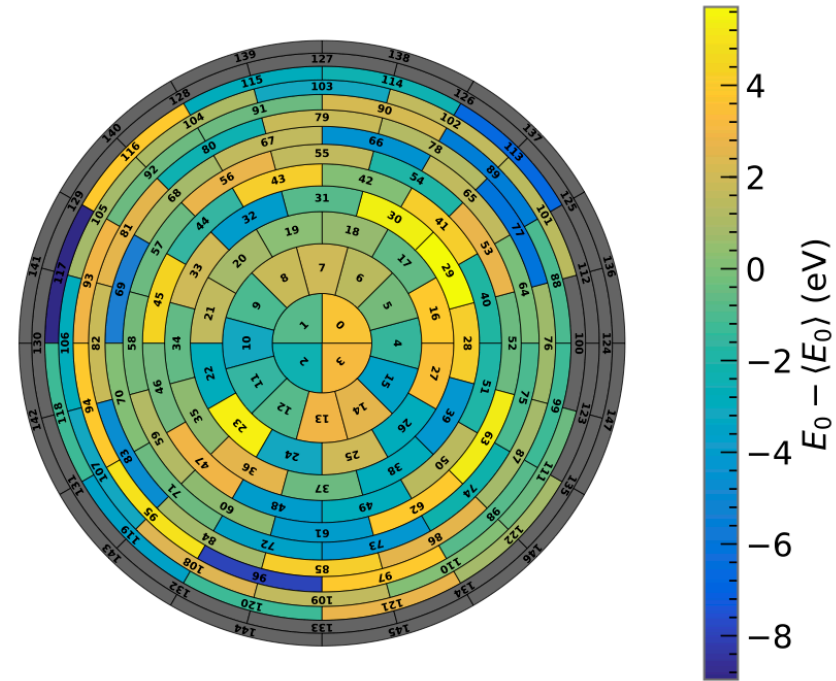
- ✓ Different fitting strategies agree within uncertainty
- ✓ < 500 meV uncertainty on effective endpoint
- ✓ Fitted effective endpoint agrees with expected value



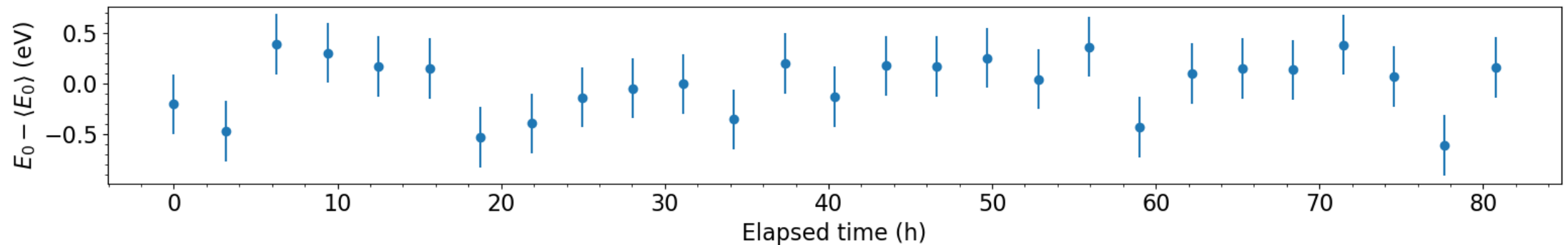


# First Tritium Results

- ✓ Fitted effective endpoint is stable in space
- ✓ and stable as a function of time



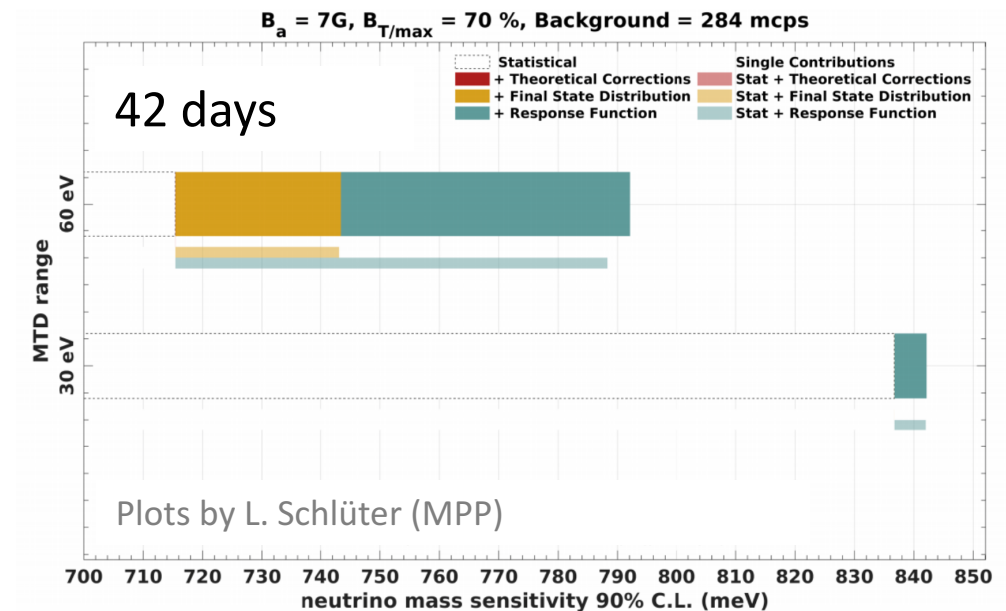
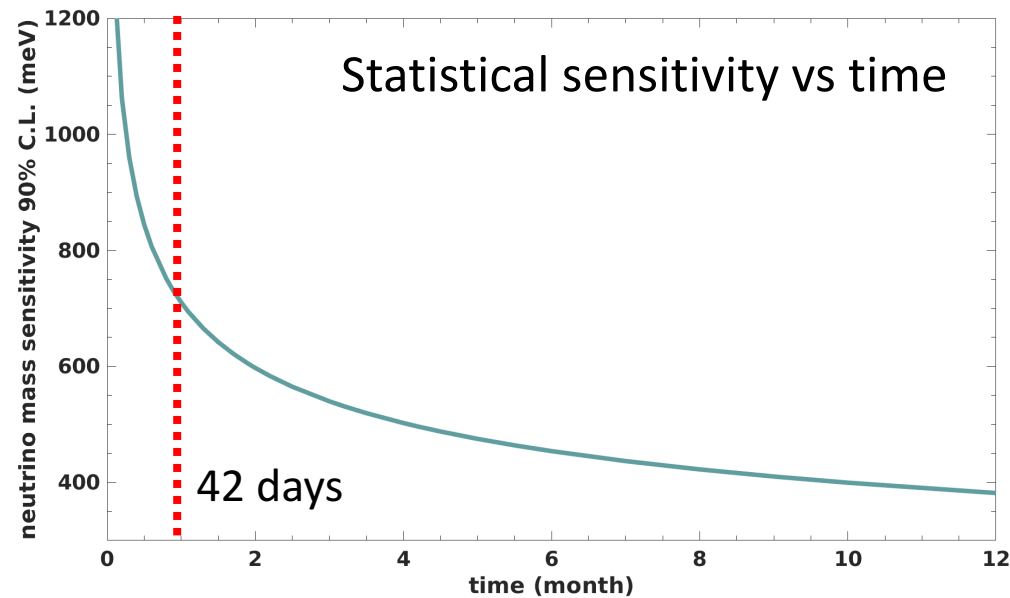
Plots by C. Karl (MPP)

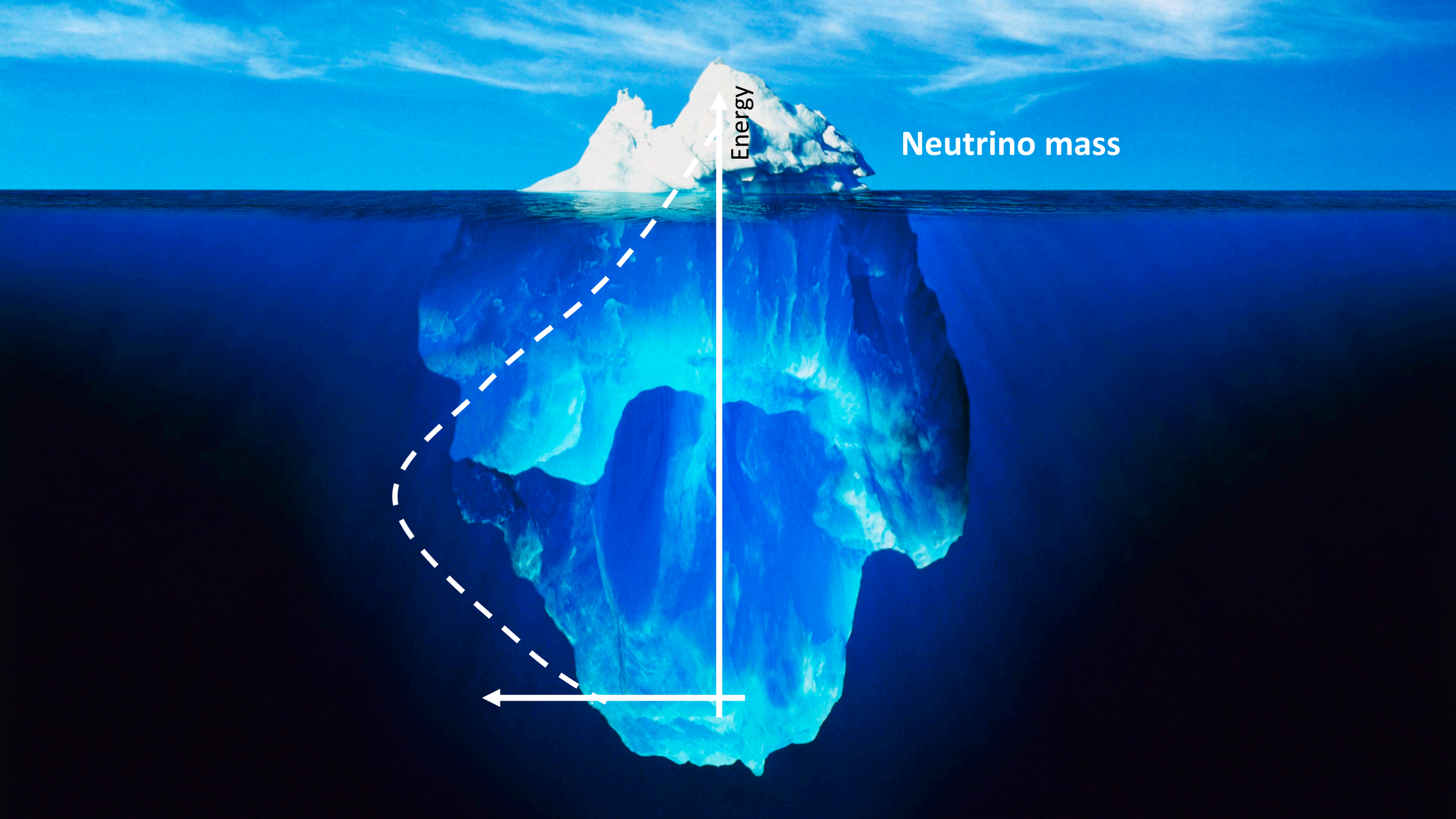




# Next Tritium: March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

- Start of nu-mass measurement in March 2019
- First sub-eV results in September 2019
- After 3 yrs of data (5 calendar yrs): balance of statistics and systematics

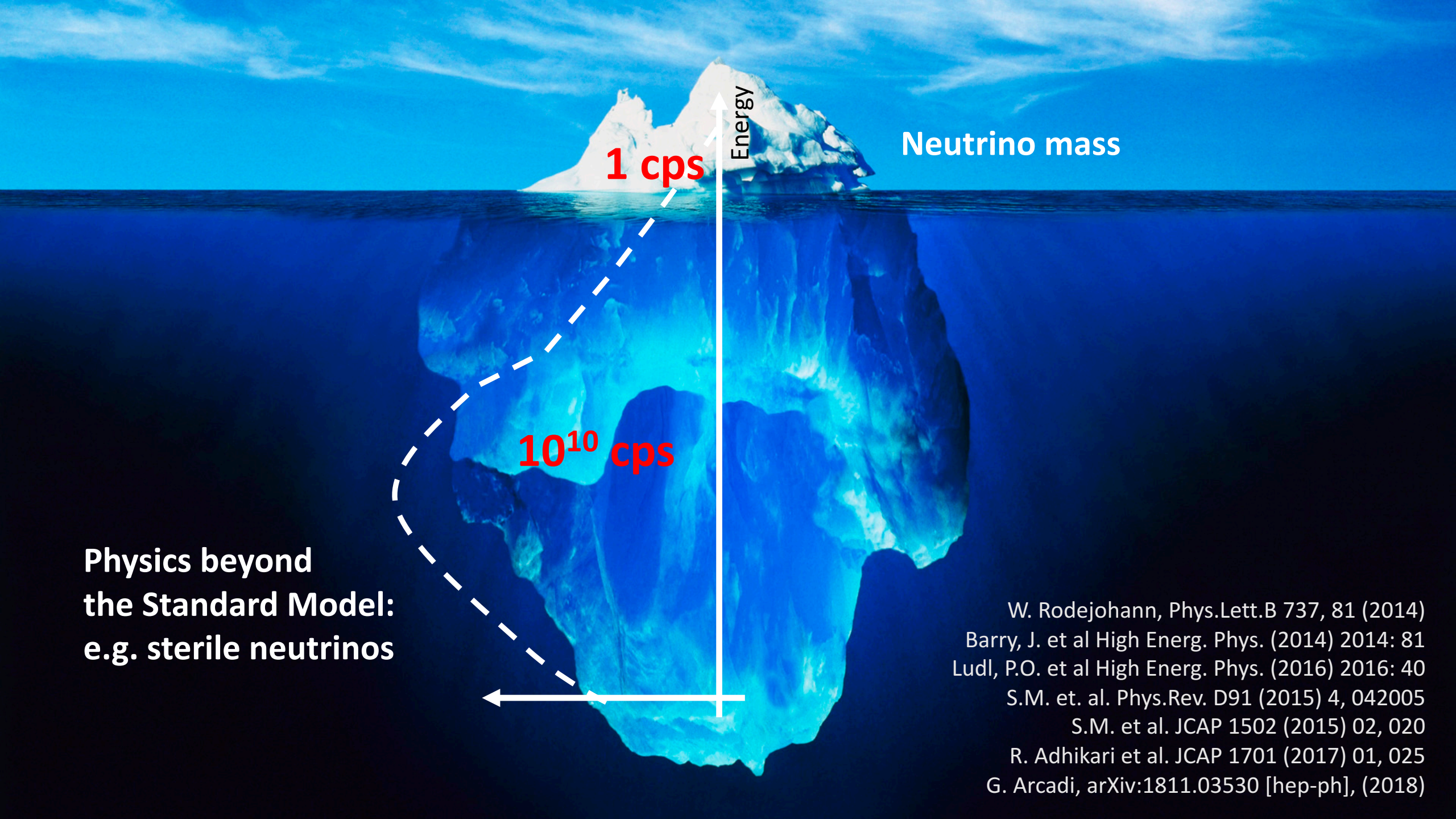




Energy

Neutrino mass





**1 cps**

Energy

**Neutrino mass**

**10<sup>10</sup> cps**

**Physics beyond  
the Standard Model:  
e.g. sterile neutrinos**

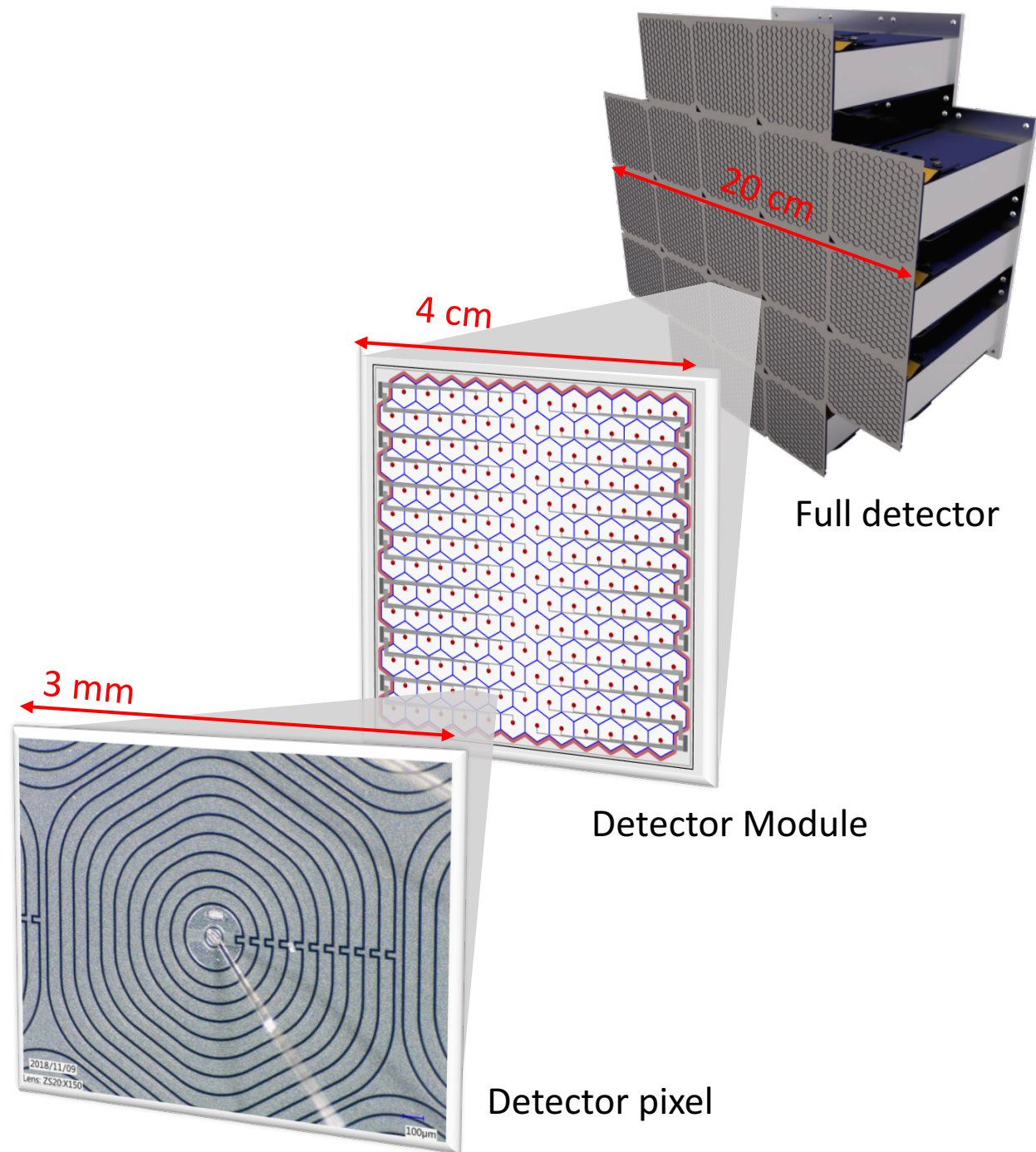
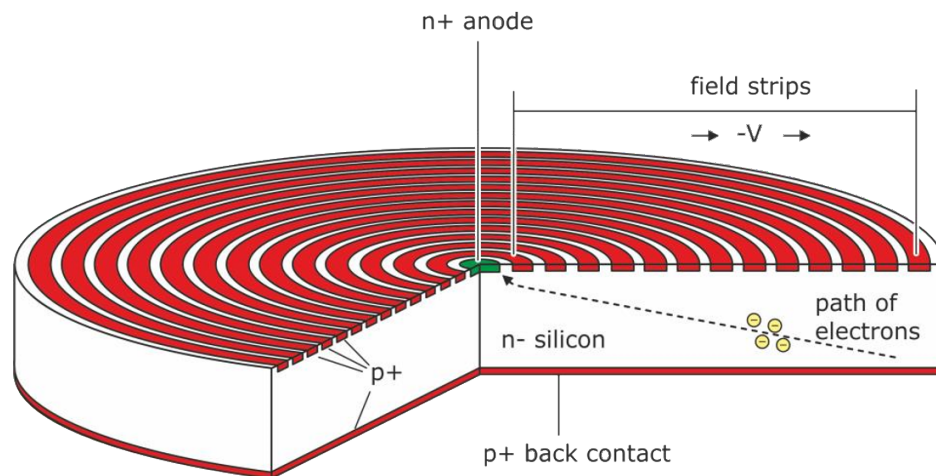
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# TRISTAN Detector R&D

Capability of handling high rates ( $> 3 \times 10^8$  cps)  
+ Excellent energy resolution (300 eV @ 20 keV)

- Silicon Drift Detector Technology
- Novelty: large number of pixels:  $O(3000)$
- Novelty: application to electrons: thin deadlayer





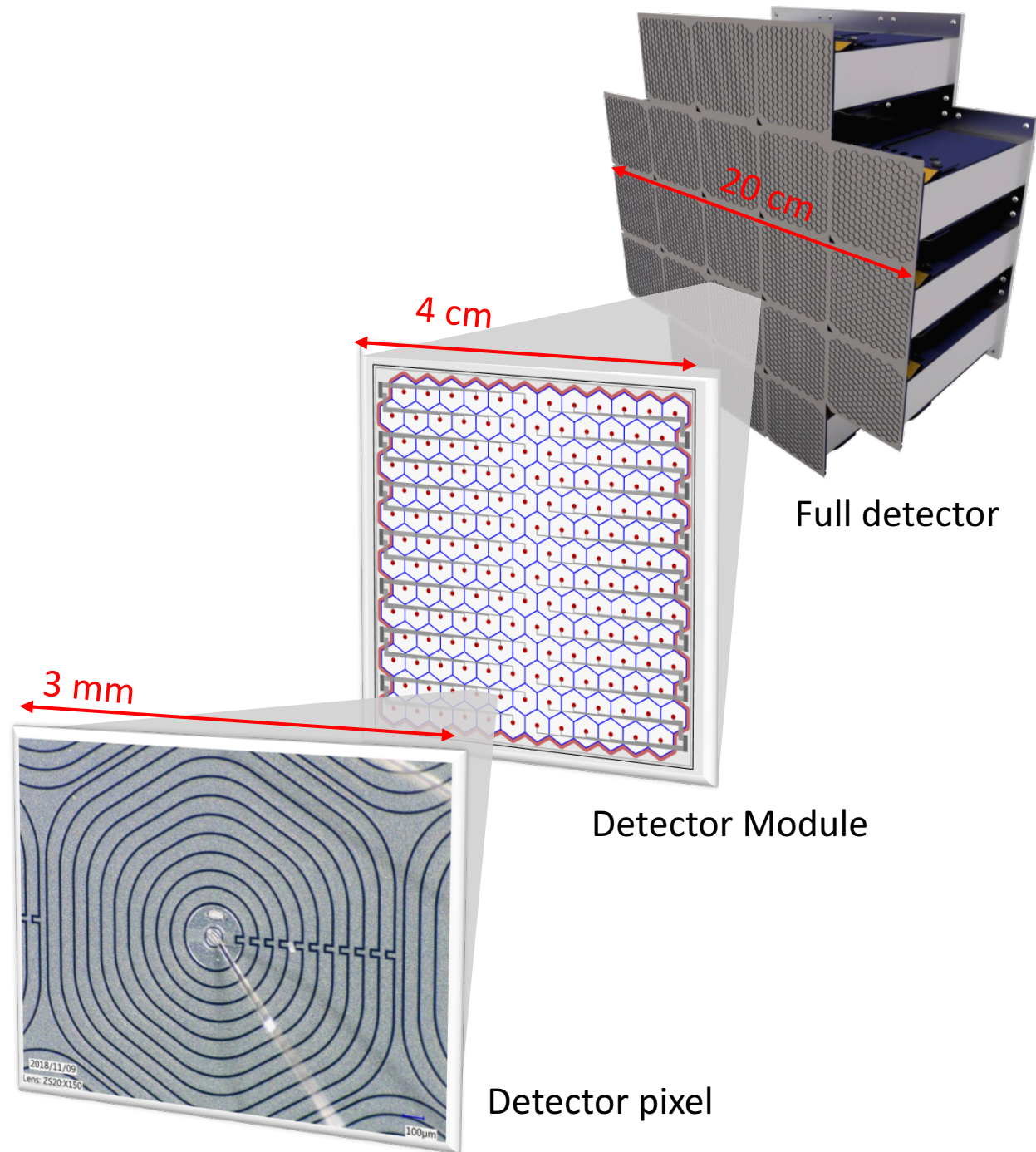
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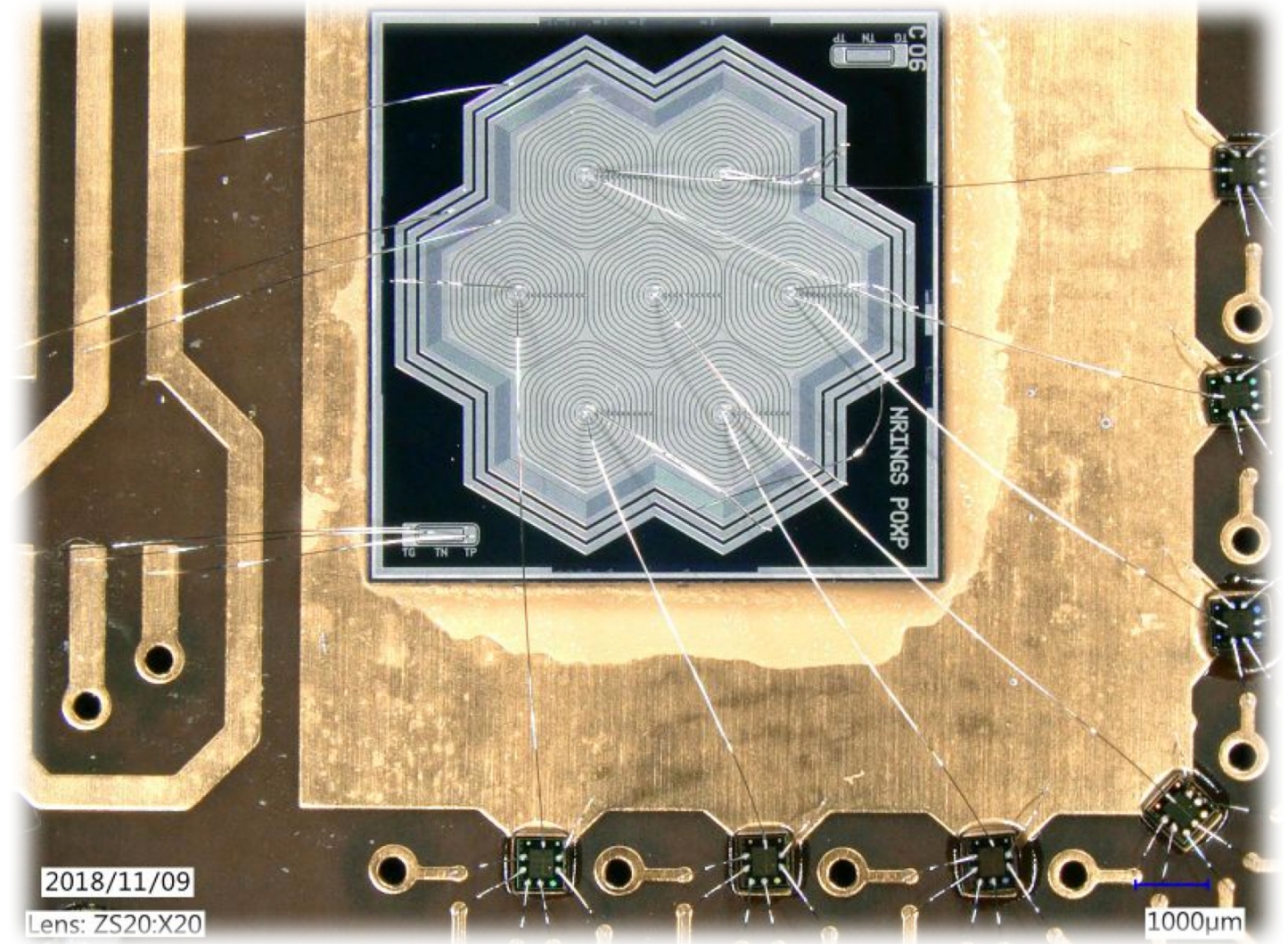


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Thibaut Houdy, Postdoc  
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Manuel Lebert, MSc  
Daniel Siegmann, MSc  
Korbinian Urban, MSc  
Matthias Meier, MSc  
Cornelius Schätz, MSc  
Xavier Pawlowski, BSc - done



# TRISTAN Prototype

- 7-pixel prototype
- Produced at the semiconductor lab of the Max-Planck-Society (HLL)
- Low-noise readout by XGLab (Italy)
- Detector laboratory at MPP



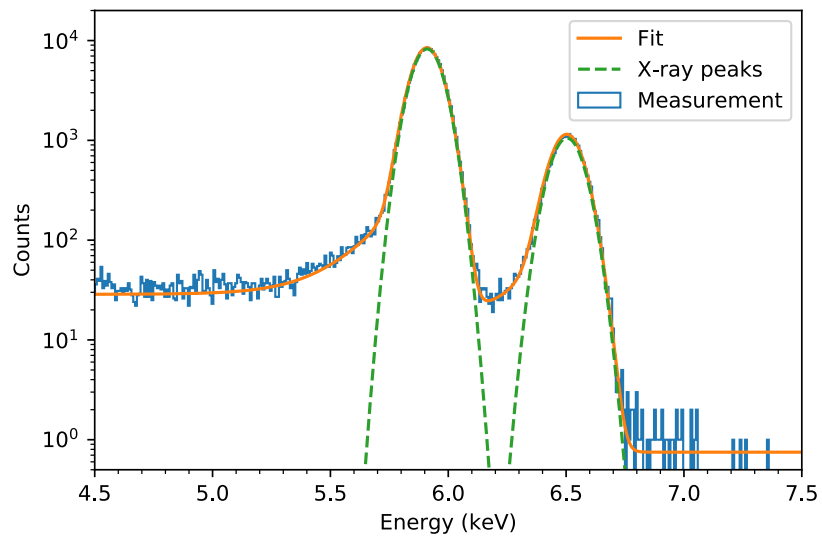


# Characterization with X-rays

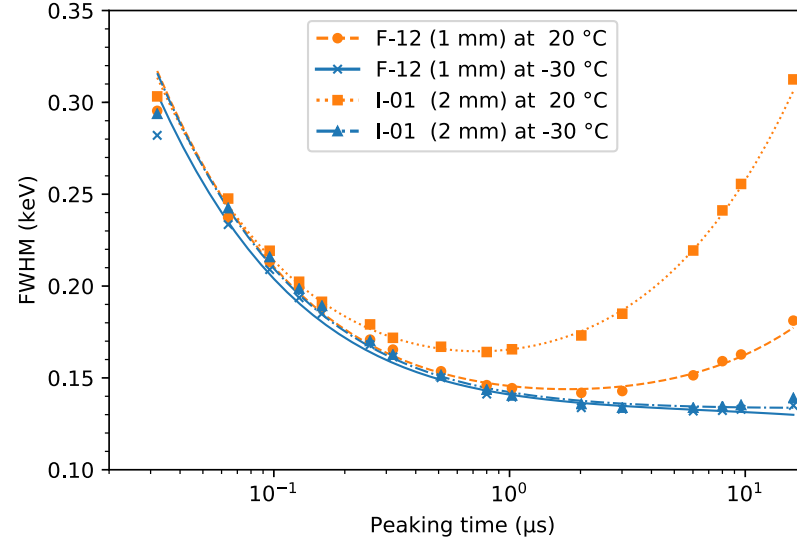
✓ Excellent performance demonstrated

S.M. et al, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.06711>, Oct 2018

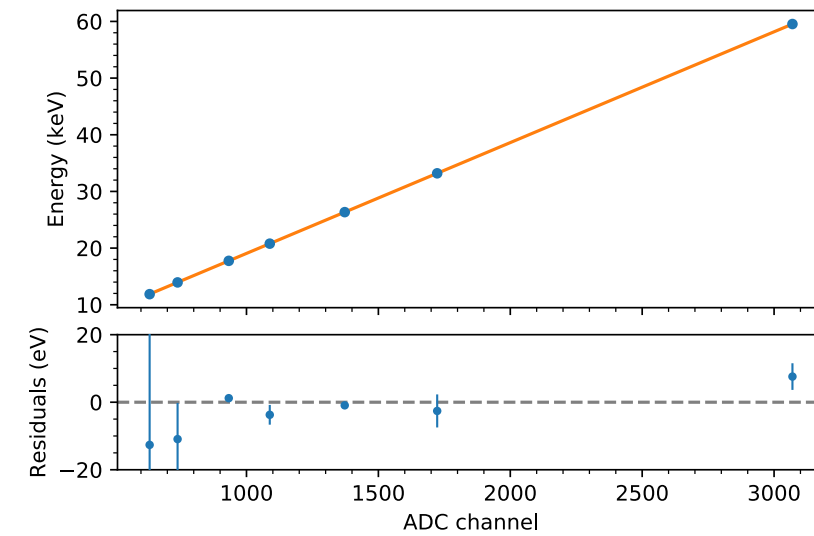
130 eV (FWHM) @ 6 keV



< 150 eV (FWHM), < 1 μs shaping time



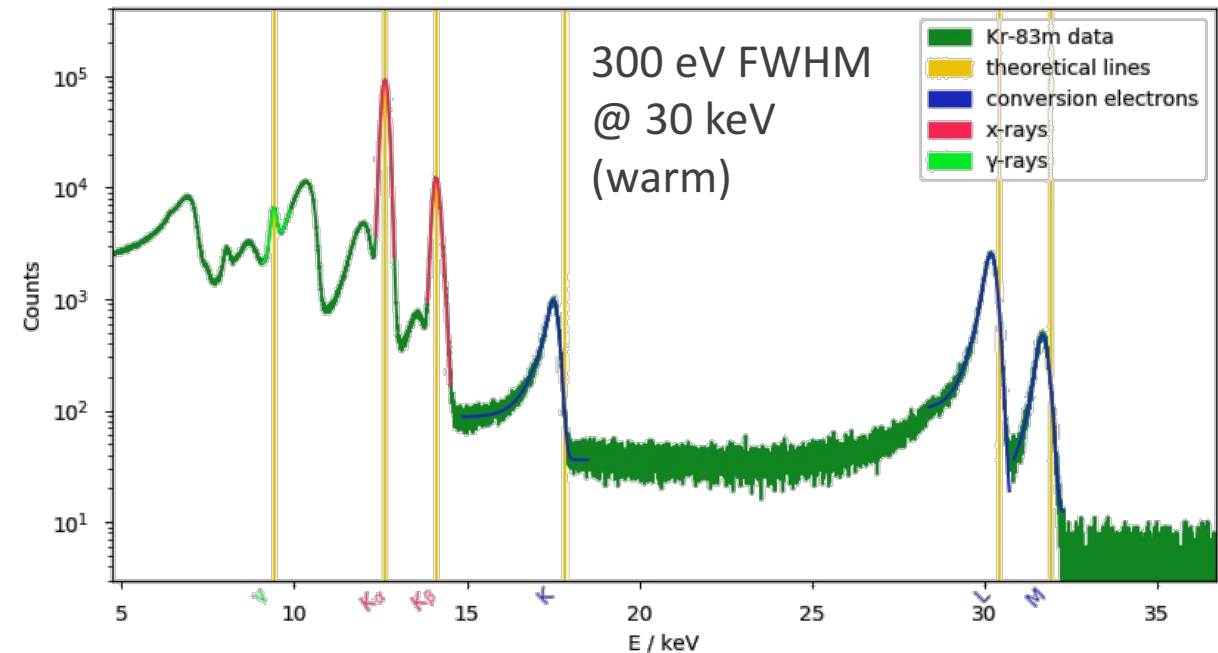
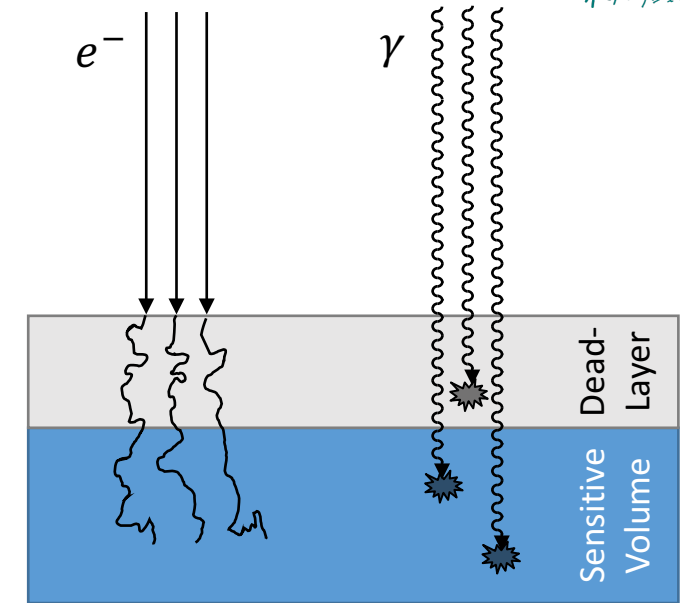
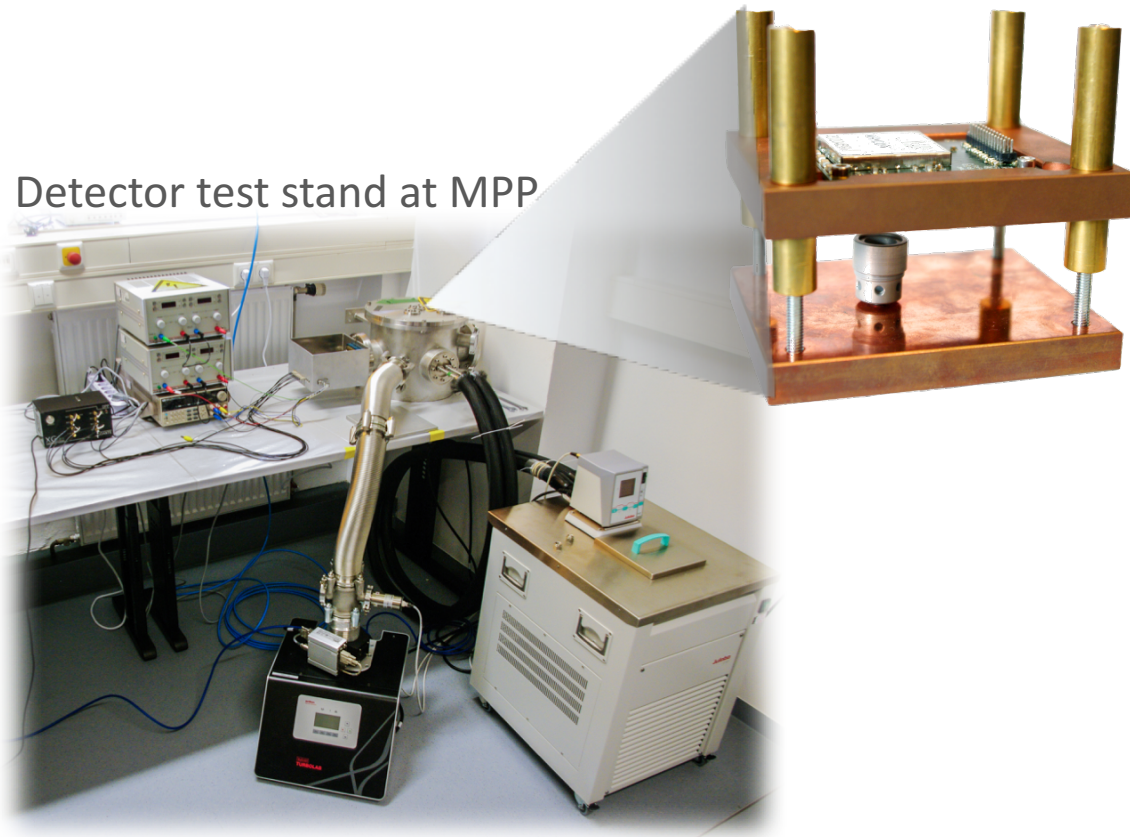
0.1% linearity over 60 keV range



# Characterization with electrons

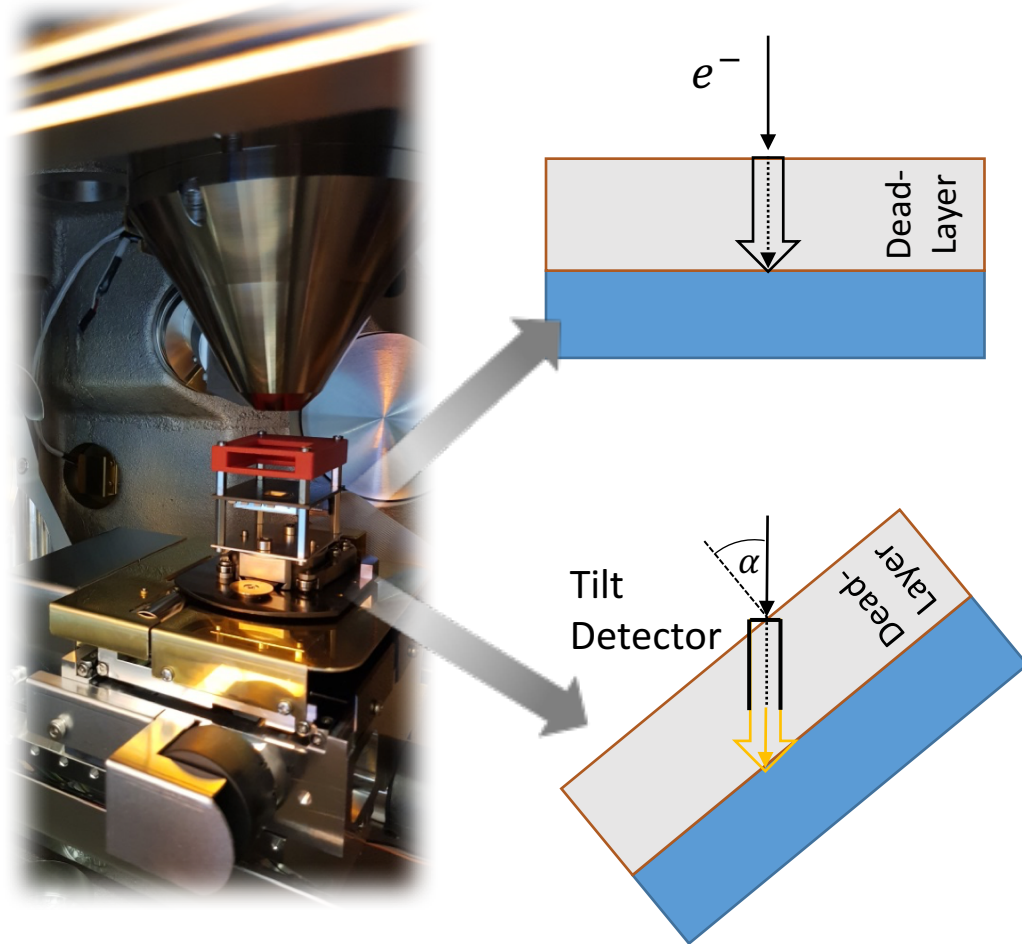
## 1. Evaporated 83m-Kr source from Czech

Detector test stand at MPP

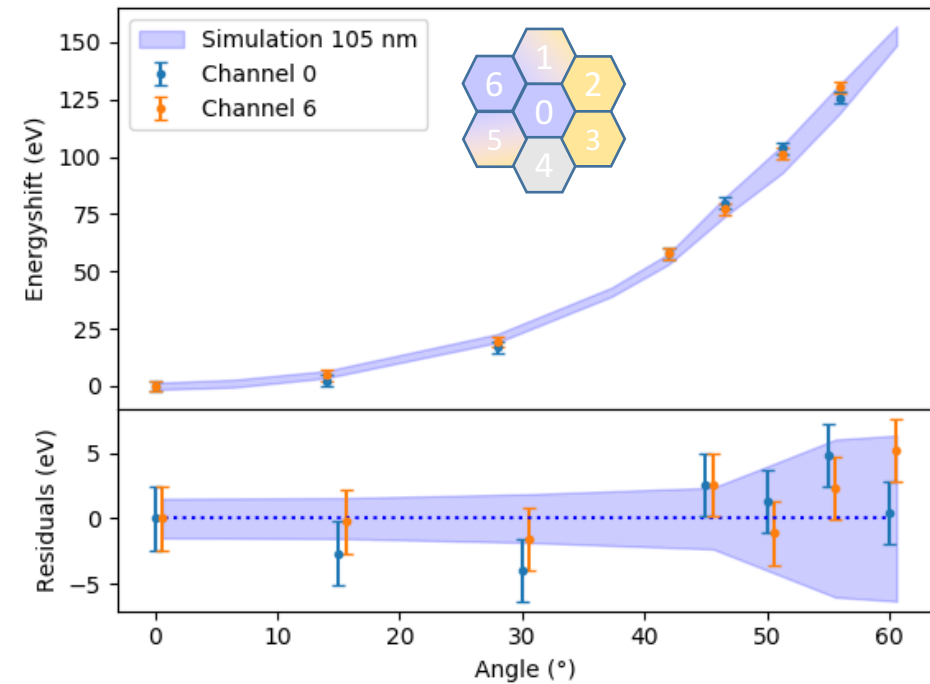




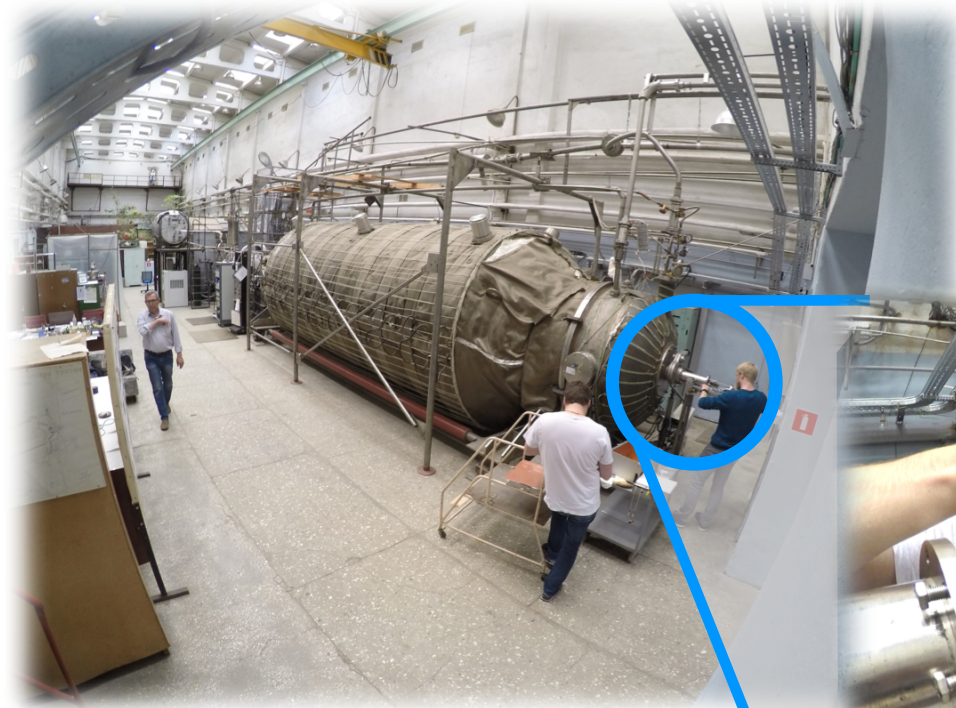
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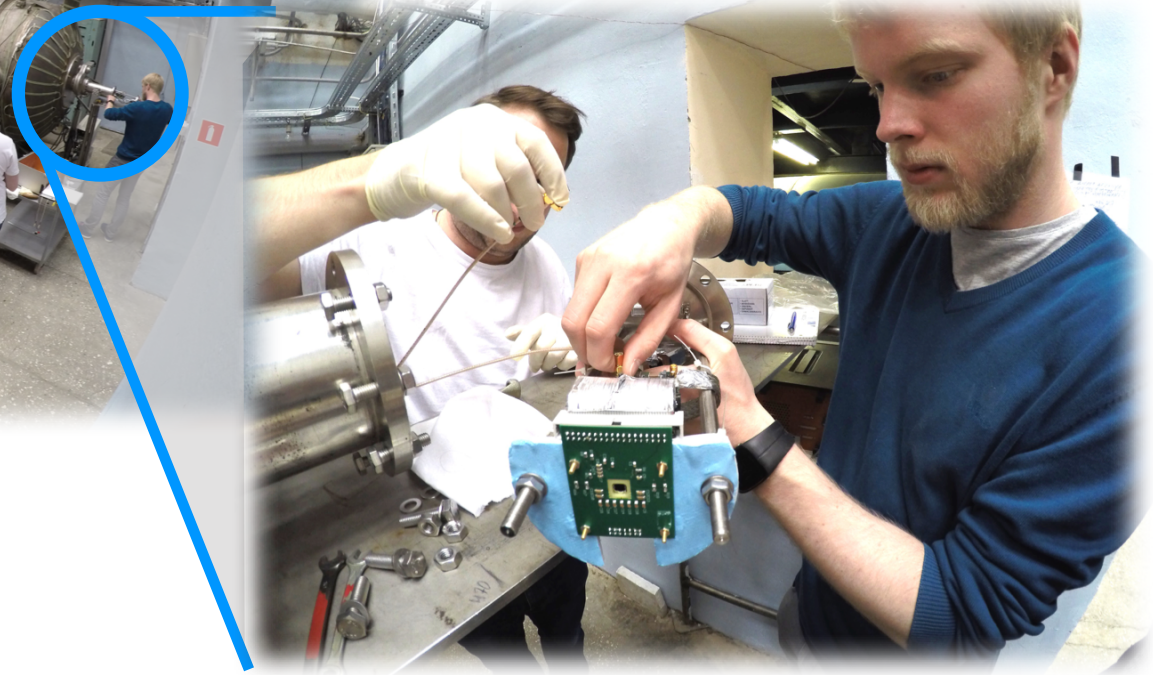
## 2. Electron microscope at Semiconductor Lab of Max Planck (HLL)



# TRISTAN in TROITSK



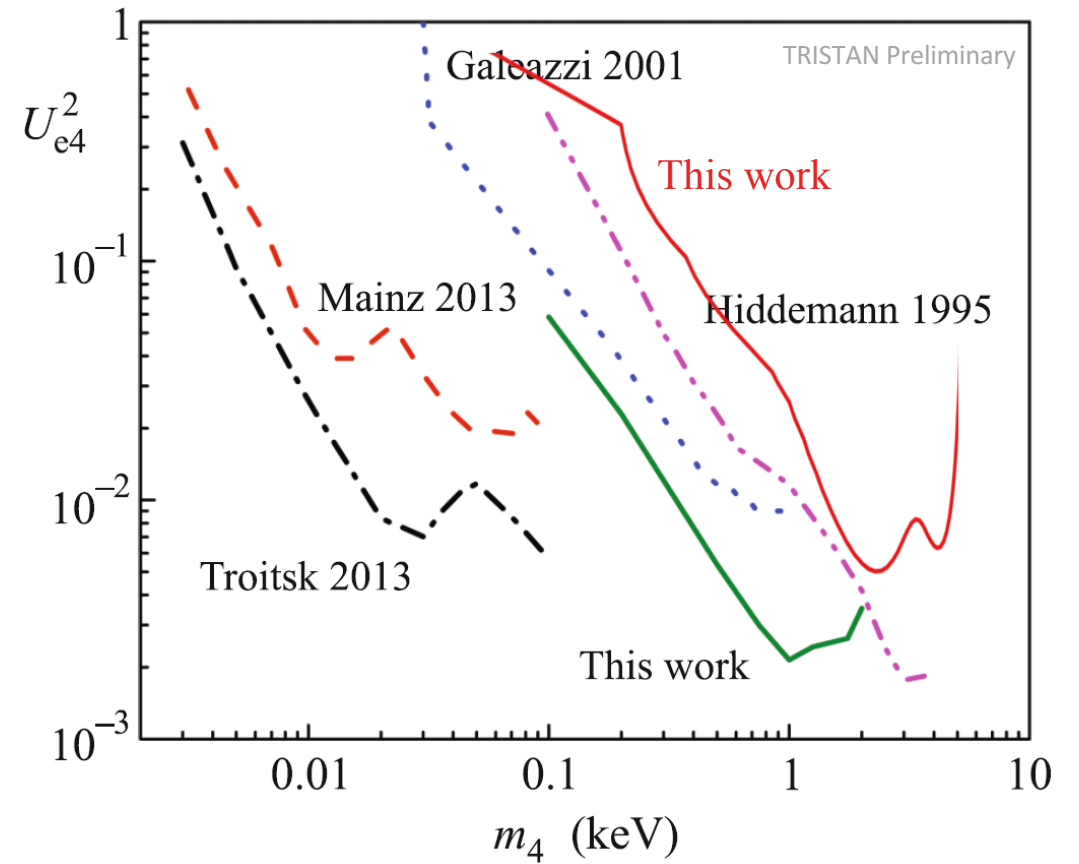
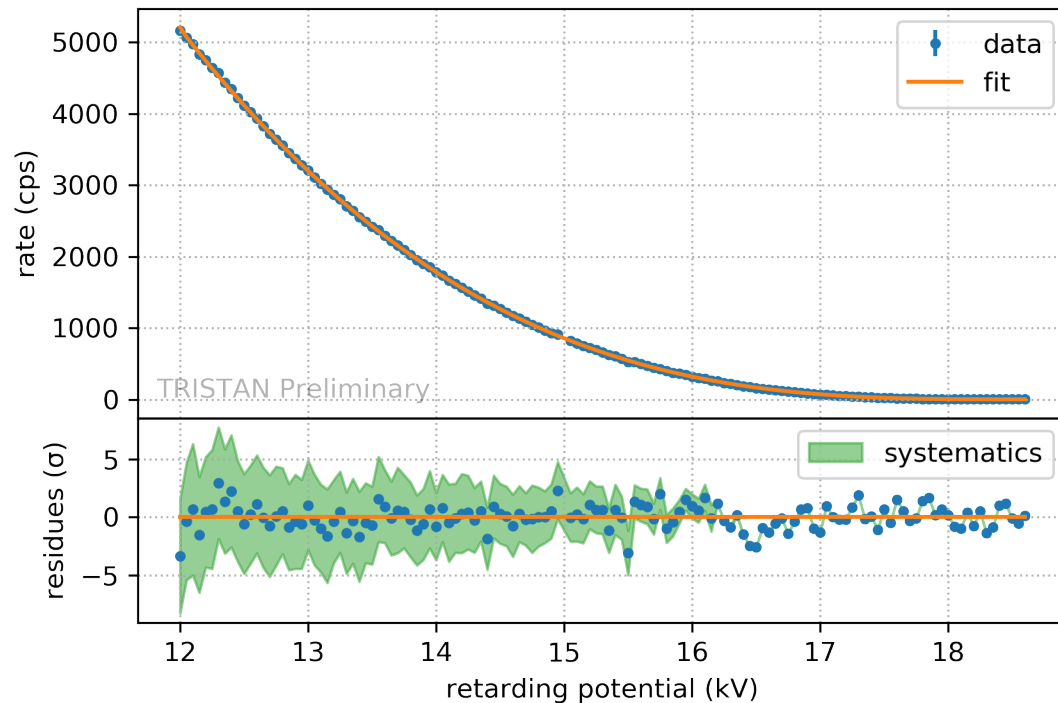
Application of the TRISTAN detector  
at Troitsk nu-mass experiment  
(3 measurement phases in 2017 and 2018)



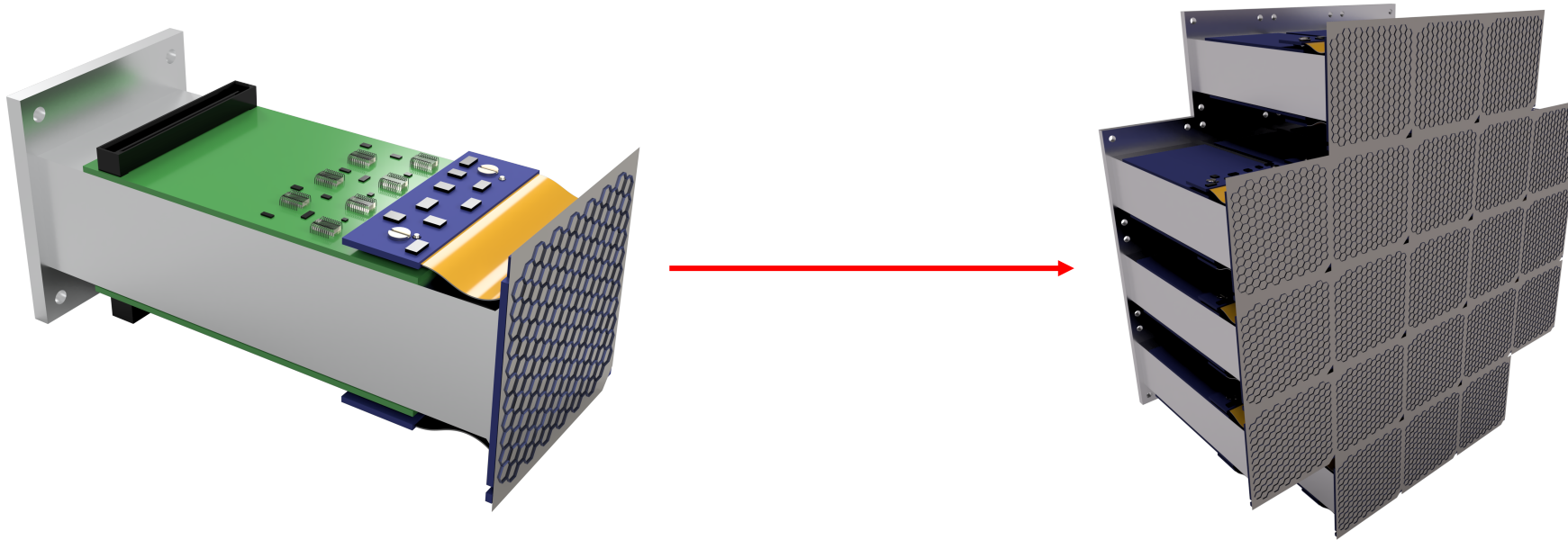


# TRISTAN in TROITSK

- ✓ Both **differential** and **integral** measurements
- ✓ First physics results



# Towards the final system



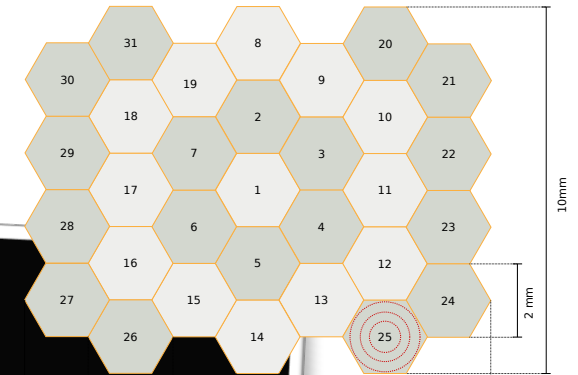
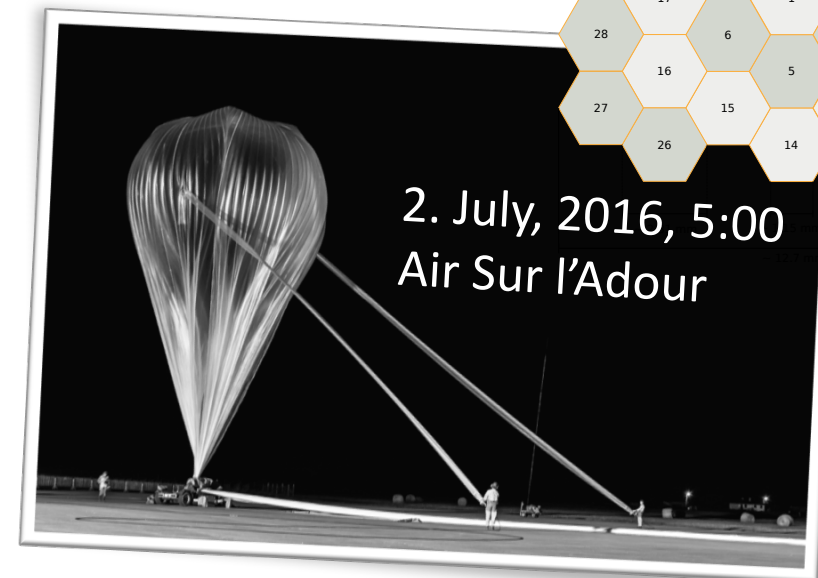
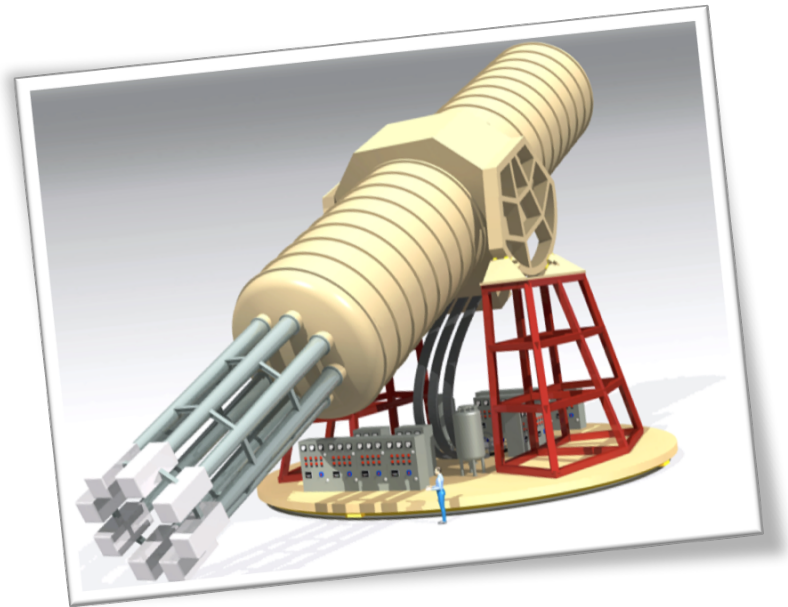
- TRISTAN module
  - 166-pixel detector with integrated JFET
  - **Commissioning mid-2019**

- Full TRISTAN detector
  - 21 x 166-pixel module = 3500 pixels
  - **Integration in 2023**



# Other applications of TRISTAN

- TRISTAN as X-ray detector in the solar axion experiment IAXO
- TRISTAN in a CubeSat space mission as Compton telescope COMPOL



# Neutrino mass

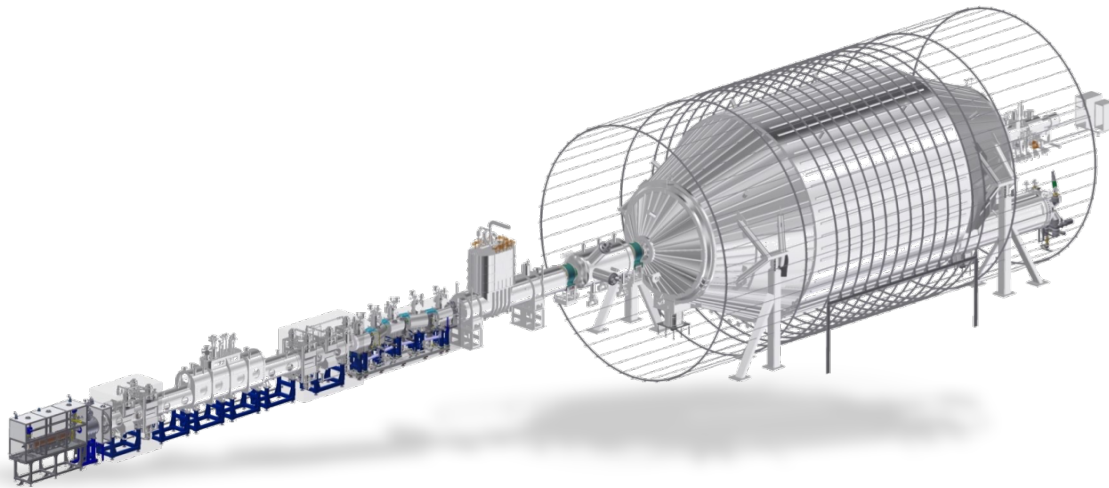
## Kinematics of $\beta$ -decay

Laboratory-based

potential:  $m_\beta = 50 - 200$  meV

e.g. KATRIN

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



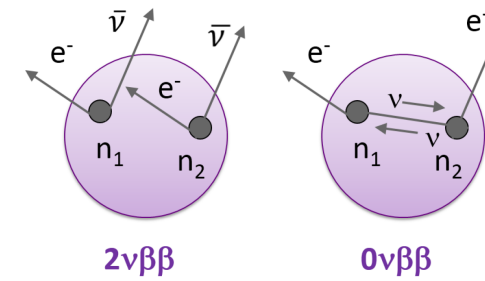
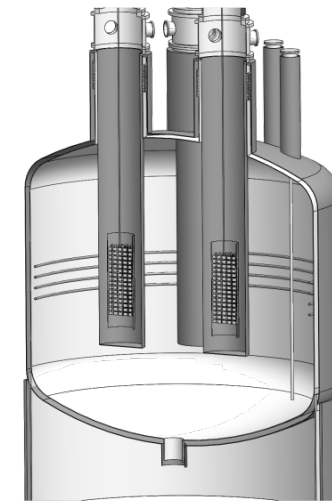
## Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$

Laboratory-based

potential:  $m_{\beta\beta} = 15-50$  meV

e.g. LEGEND

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

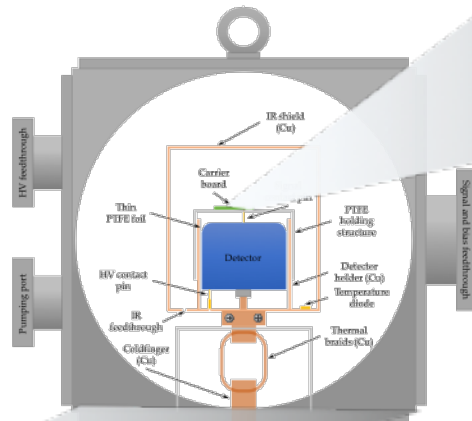
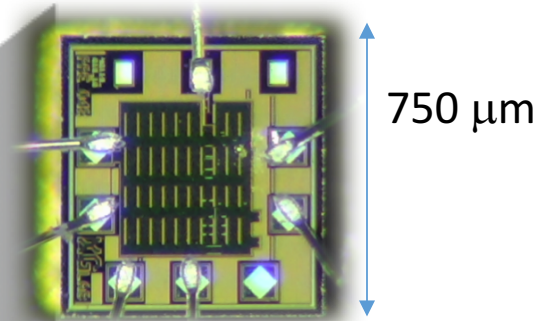




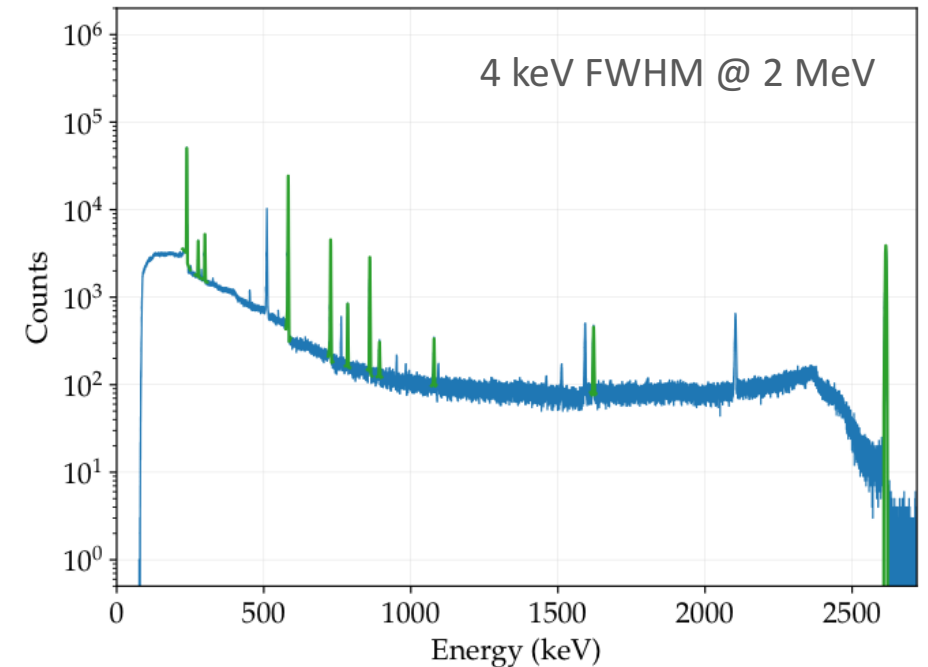
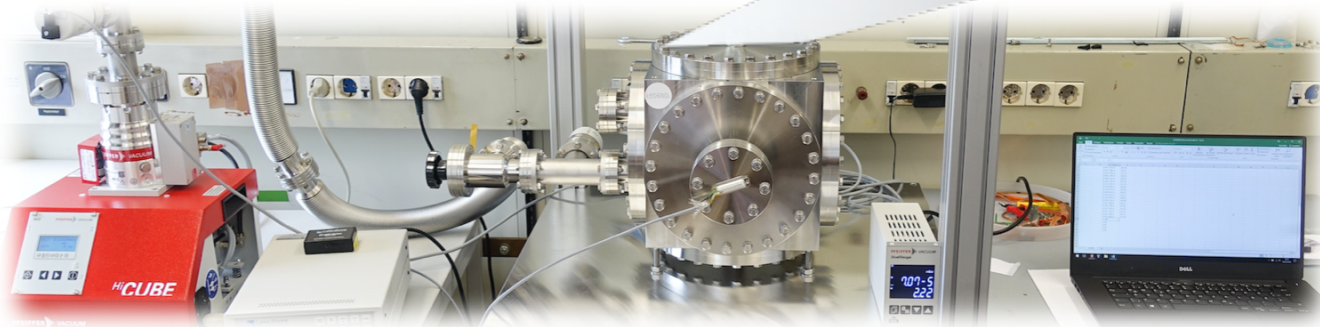


# Novel read-out technology

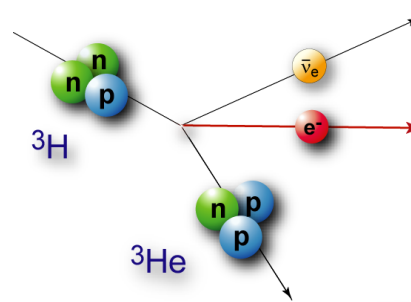
- Goal: Combine **high resolution** with **low background**
- Develop a low mass ASIC-based read-out
- ✓ First results show that required resolution can be reached



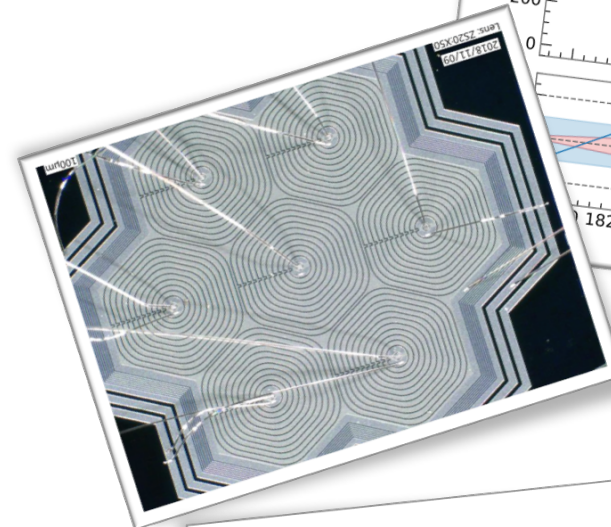
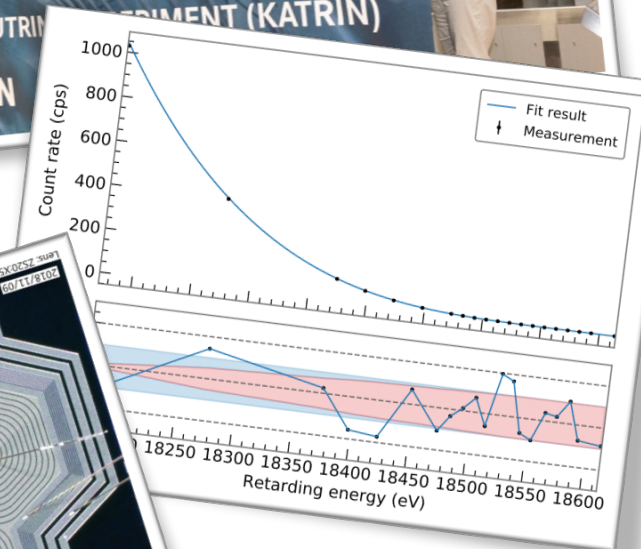
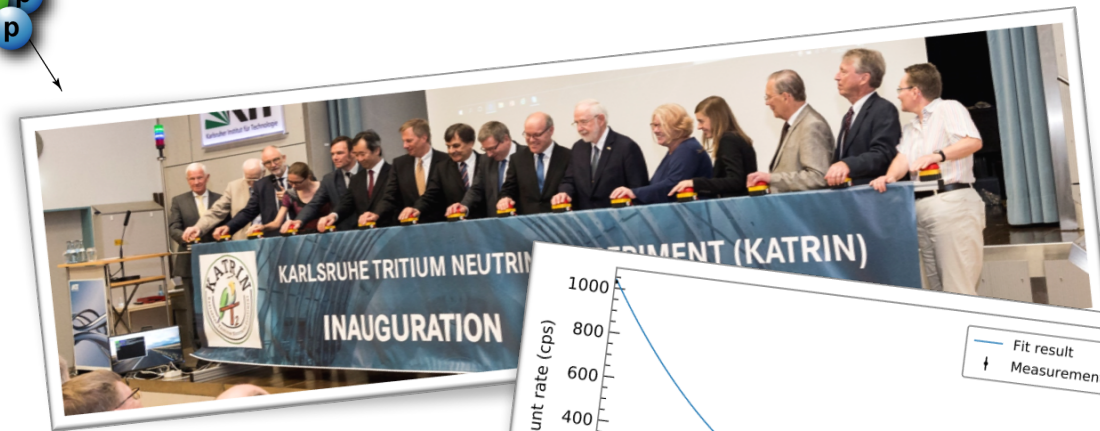
Ge-detector test stand



# Summary



- Neutrinos provide us with exciting open questions...
- KATRIN will start nu-mass measurement in March 1<sup>st</sup>
- TRISTAN has the potential to extend KATRIN and search for sterile neutrinos
- LEGEND will perform the ultimate search for  $0\nu\beta\beta$





Thanks to my group







Thank you for your attention

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