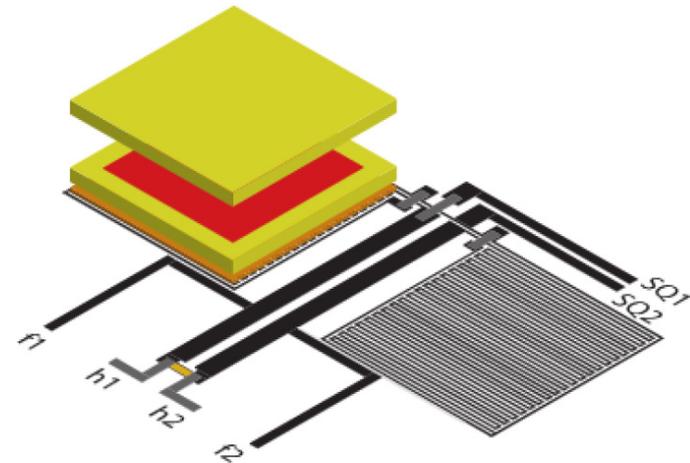




The Electron Capture in ^{163}Ho experiment

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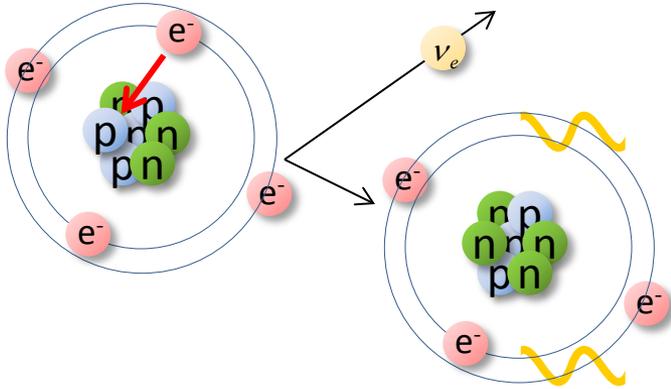
Present limit:

$m(\nu_e) < 225 \text{ eV}$ (95% C.L.)

P.T. Springer et al., *Phys. Rev. A* **35**, 679 (1987)



Electron Capture



A non-zero neutrino mass affects the **de-excitation energy spectrum**

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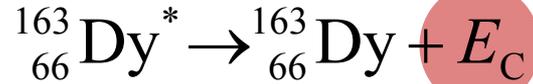
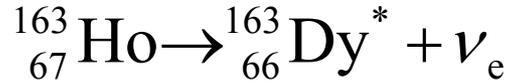
- X-ray emission
- Auger electrons
- Coster-Kronig transitions



Calorimetric measurement

$$\frac{dW}{dE_C} = A(Q_{EC} - E_C)^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_\nu^2}{(Q_{EC} - E_C)^2}} \sum_H B_H \phi_H^2(0) \frac{\frac{\Gamma_H}{2\pi}}{(E_C - E_H)^2 + \frac{\Gamma_H^2}{4}}$$

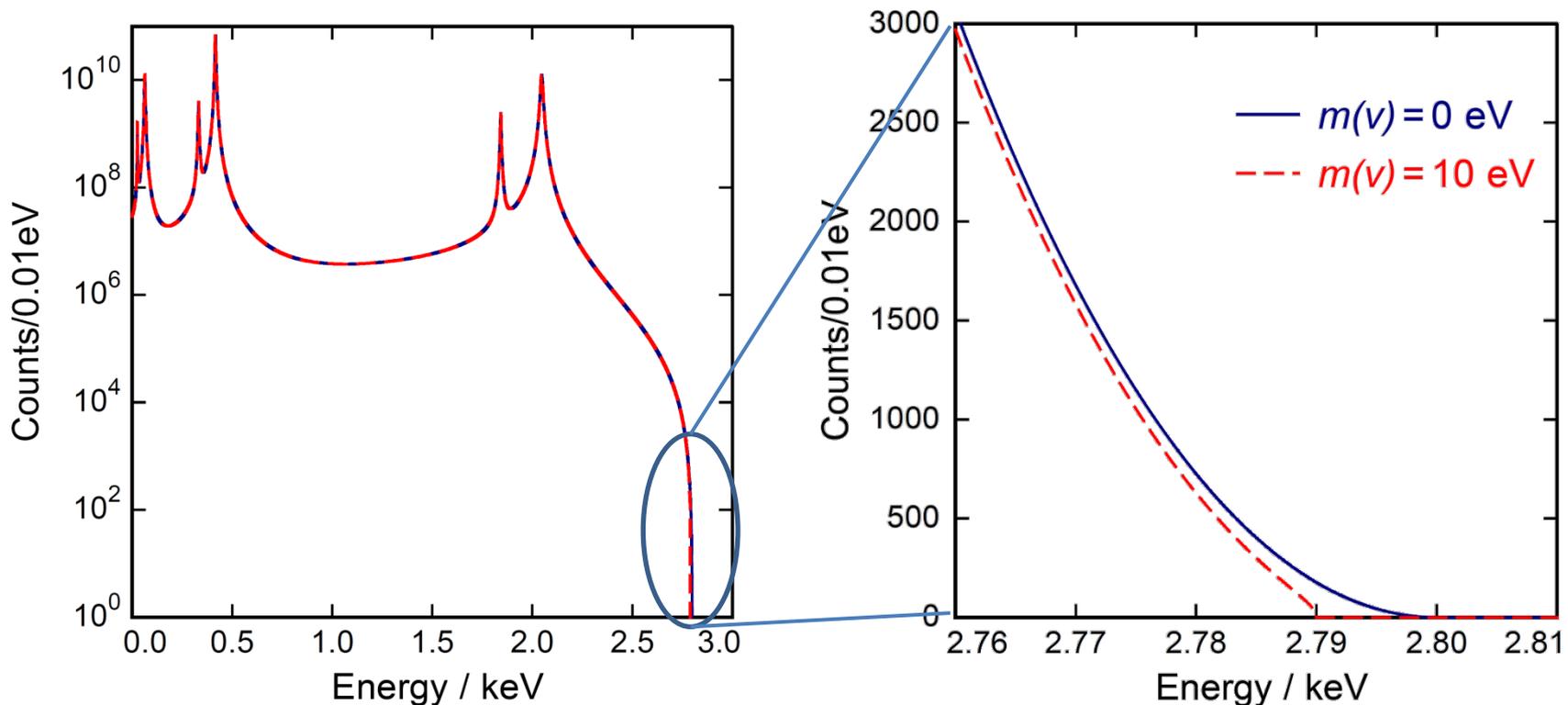
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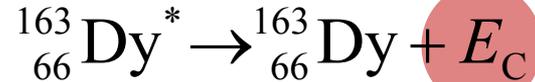
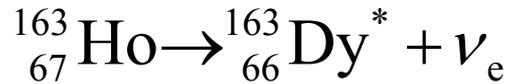
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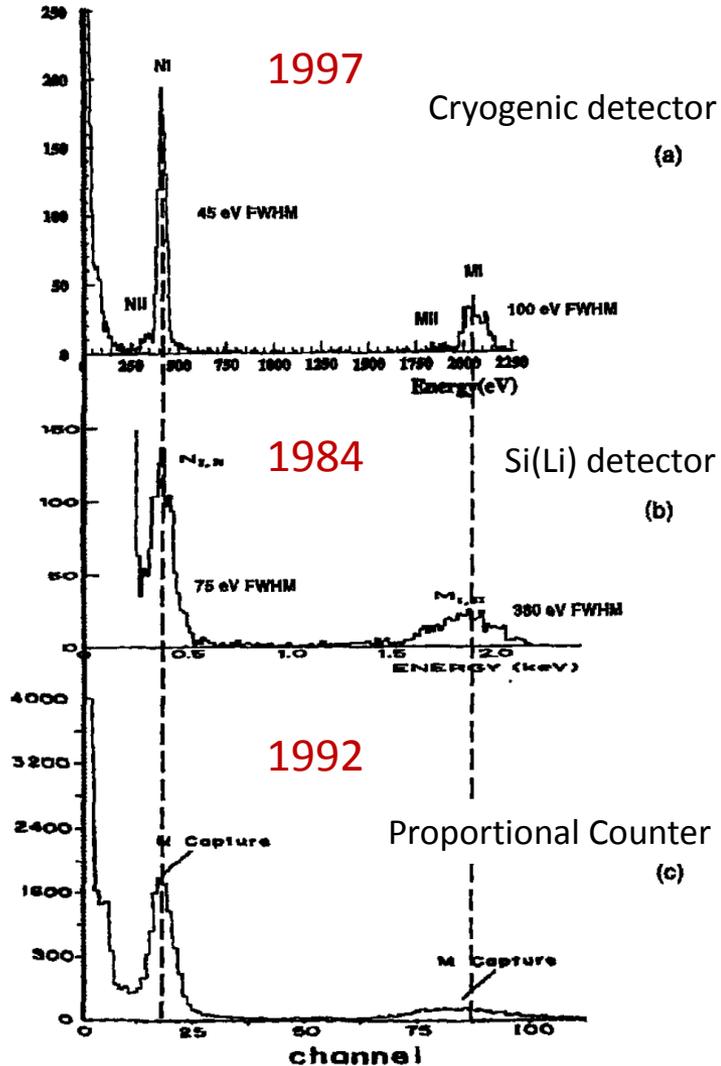
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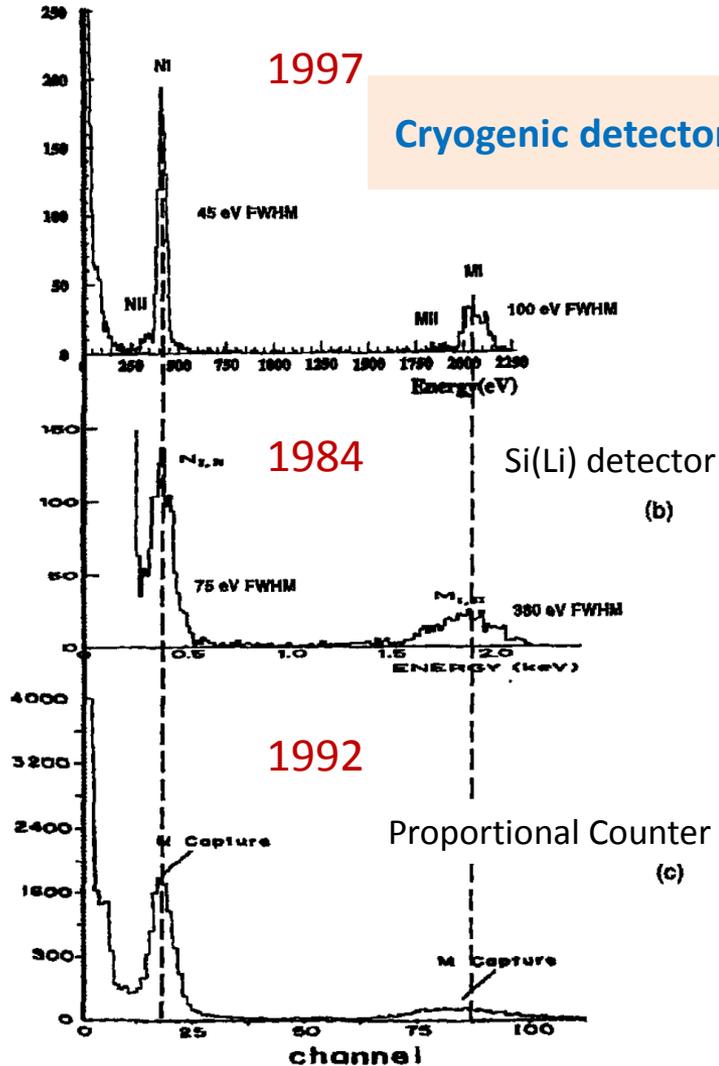
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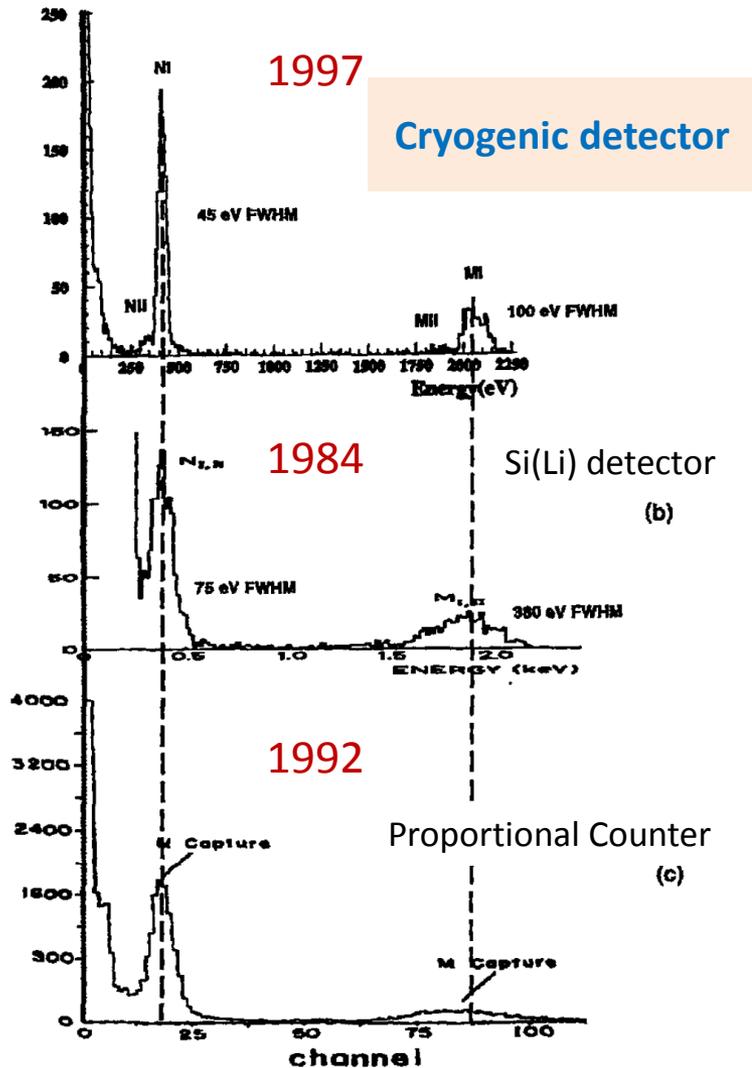
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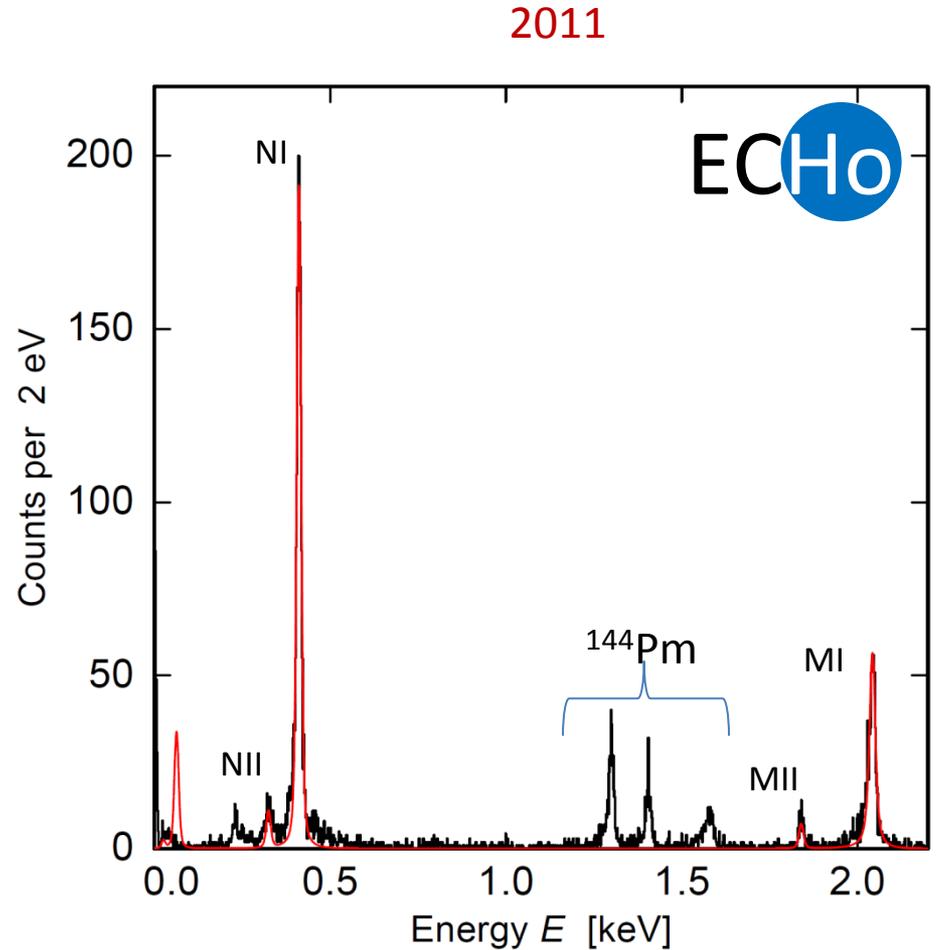
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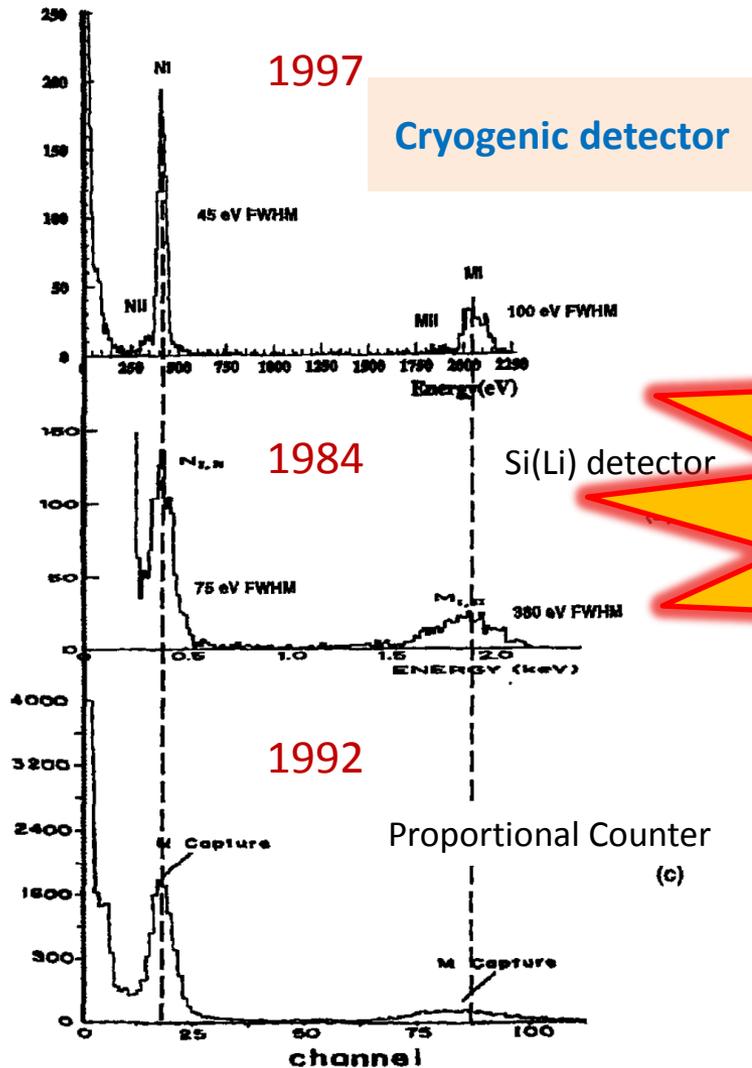


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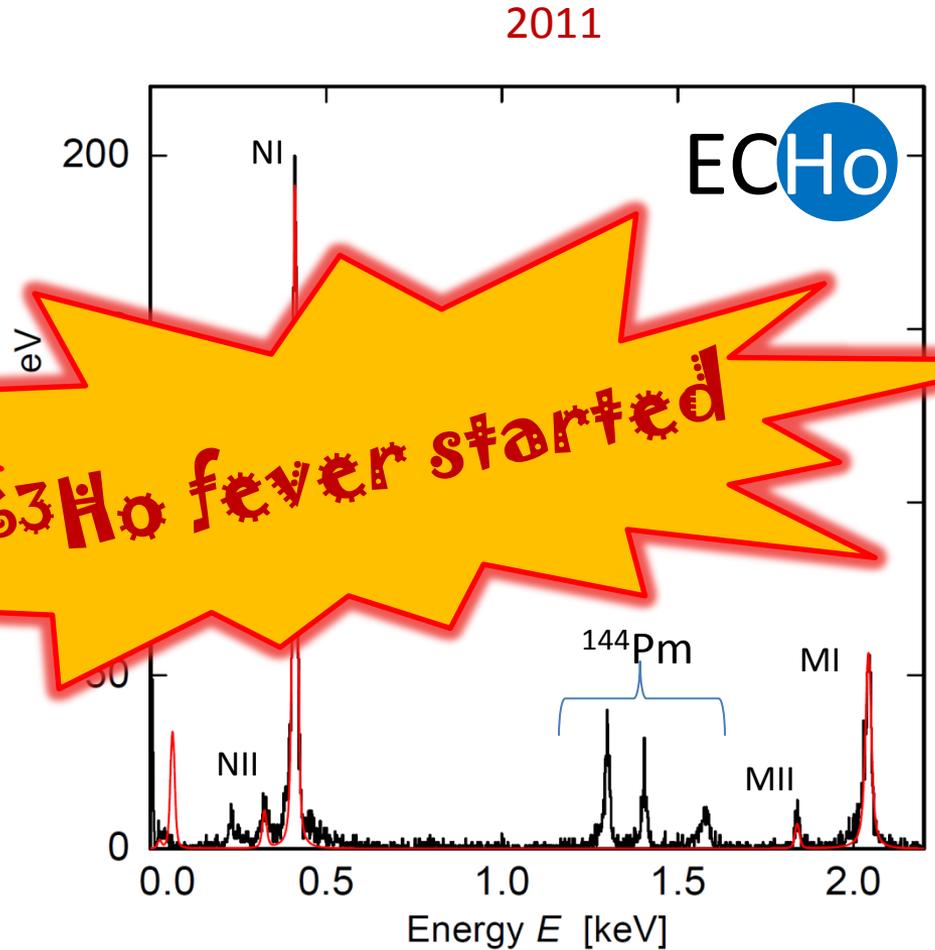


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^{163}Ho -based experiments



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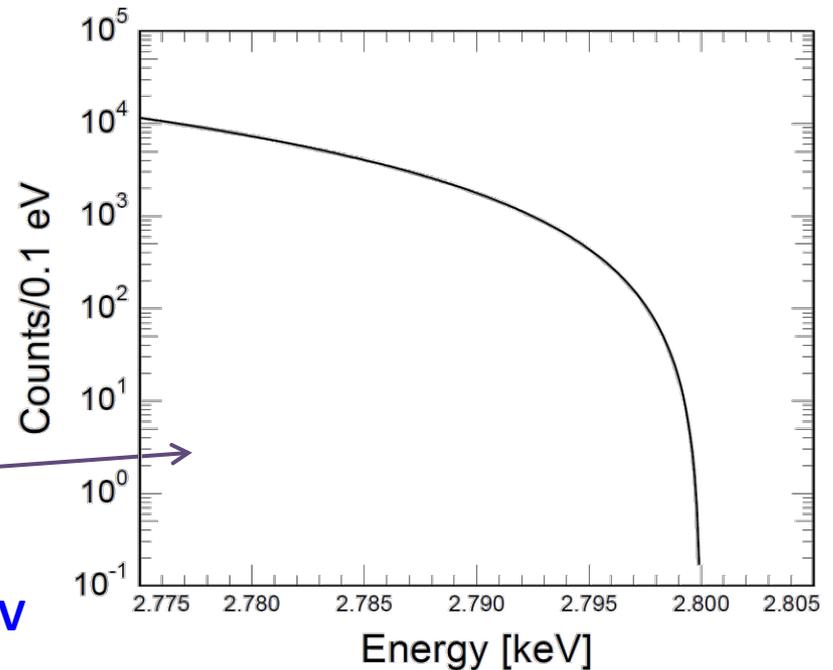
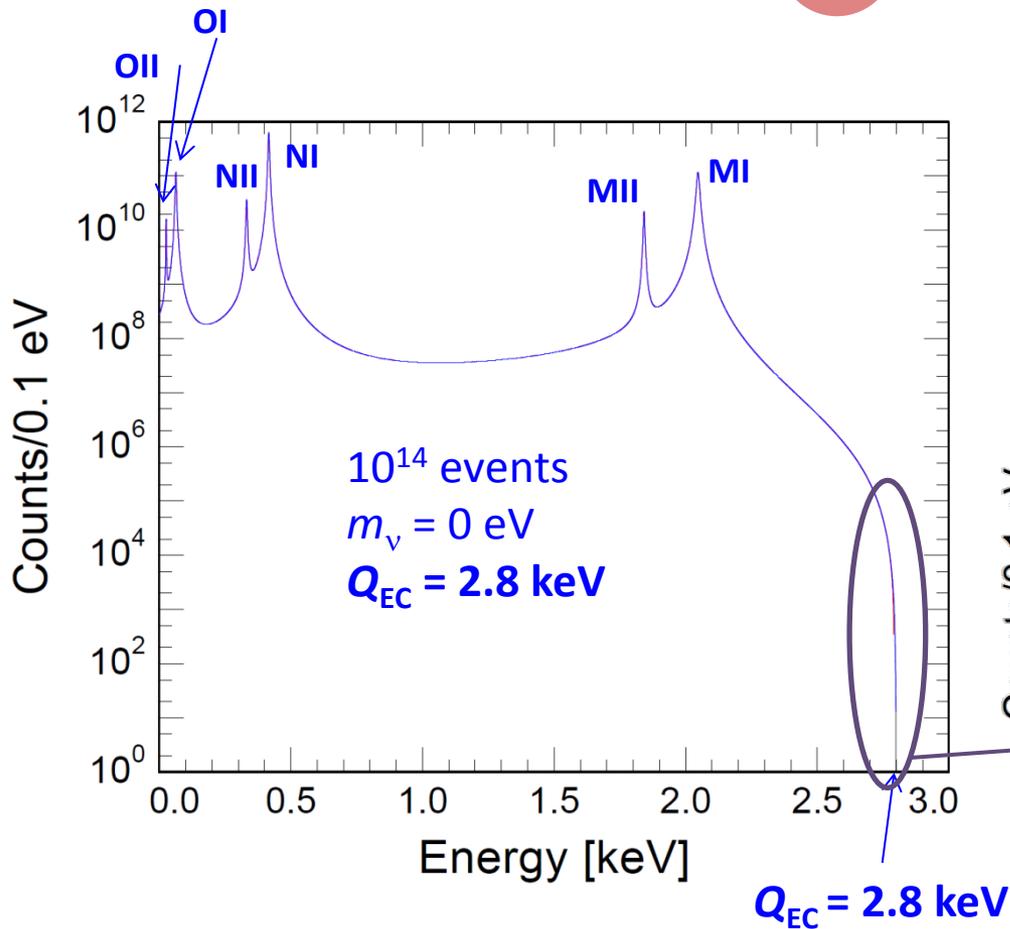
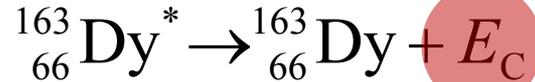
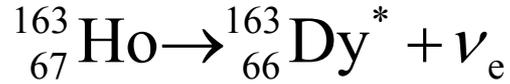


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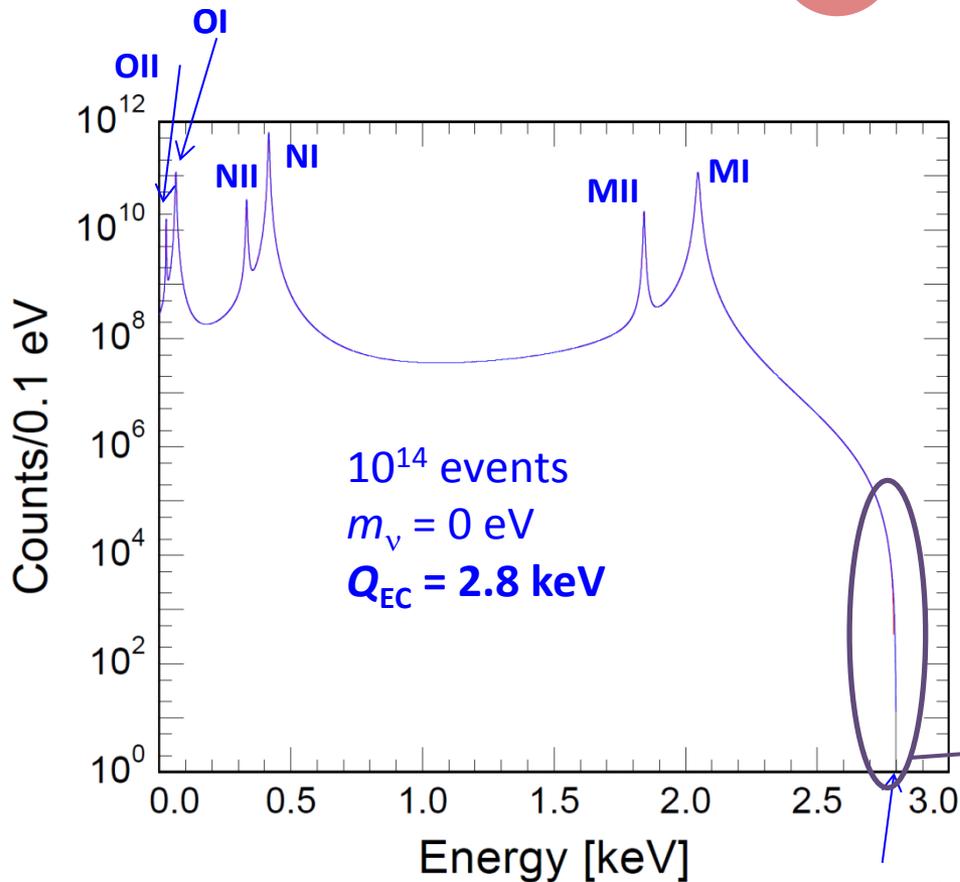
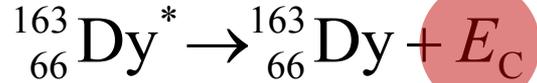
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- **Detector performance**
- High purity ^{163}Ho source
- Background reduction
- Description of the ^{163}Ho EC spectrum

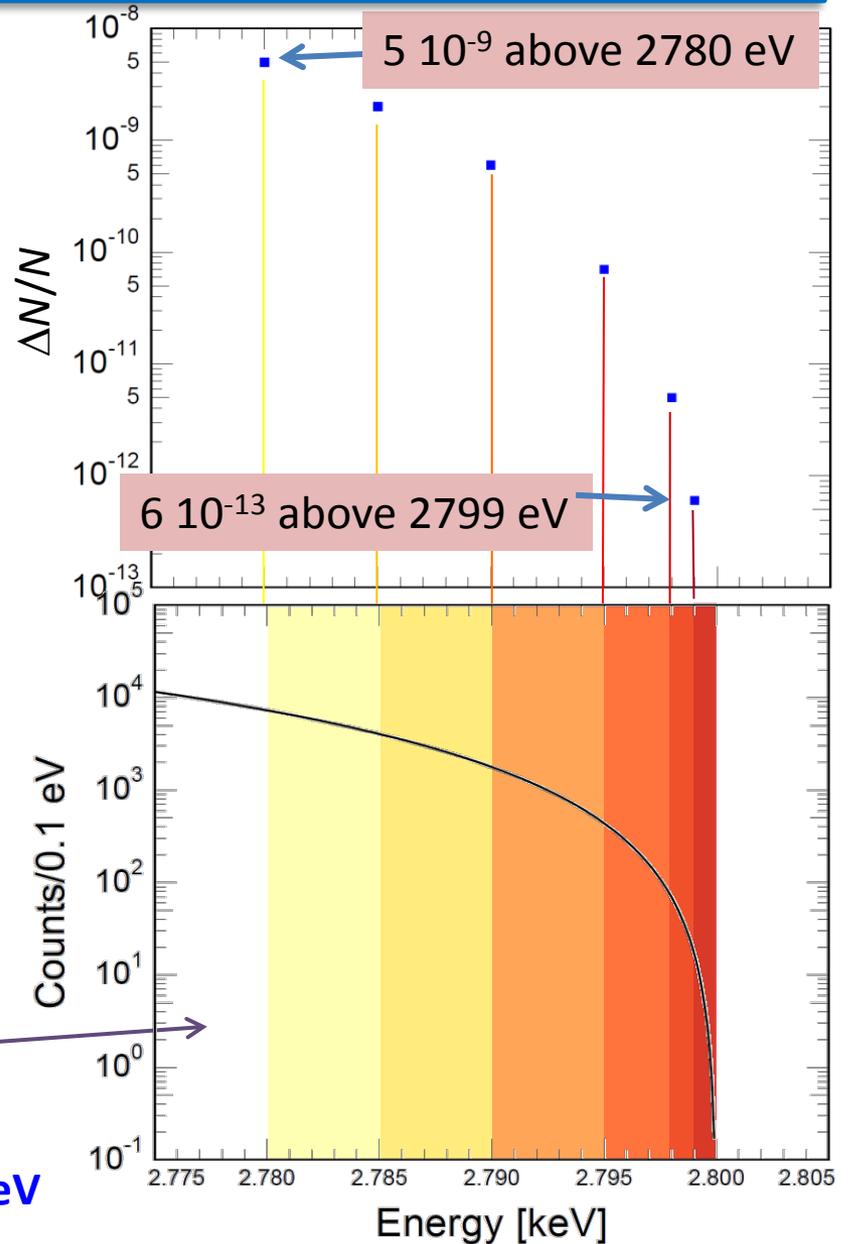
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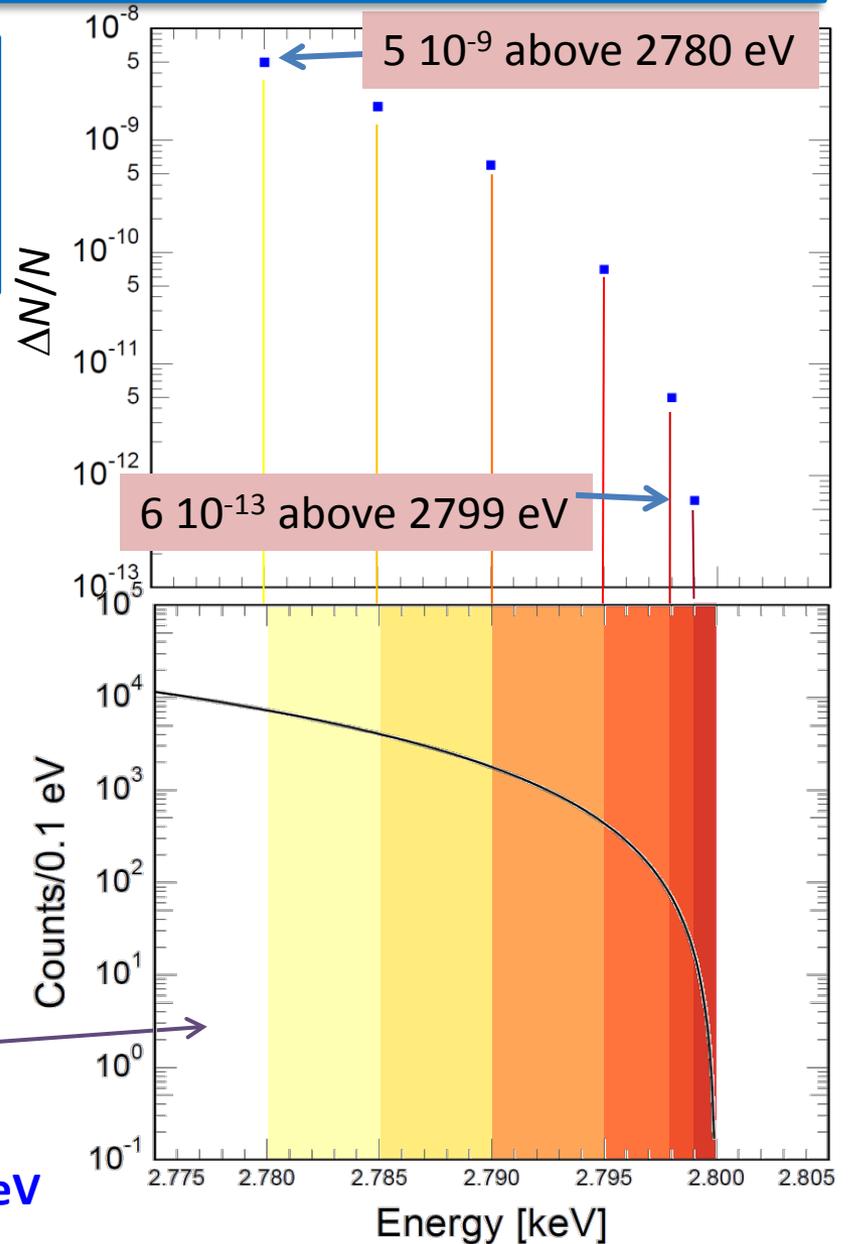
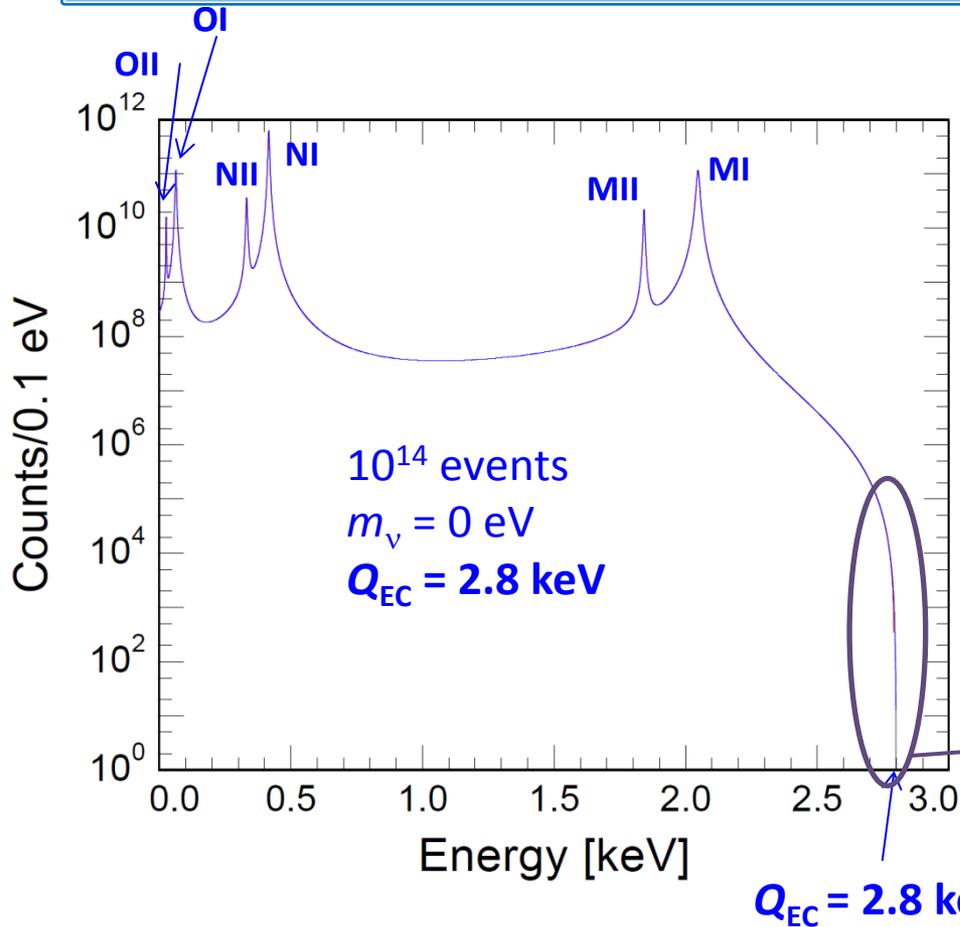


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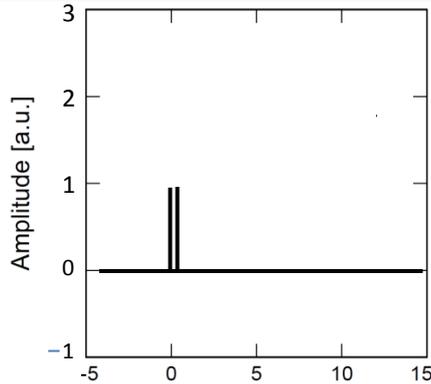


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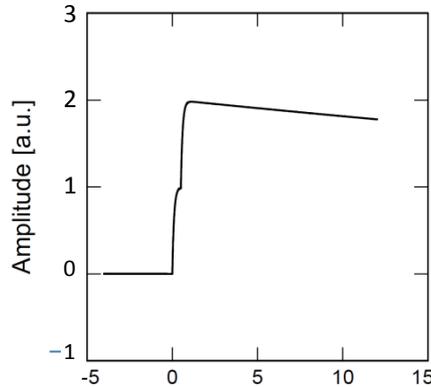
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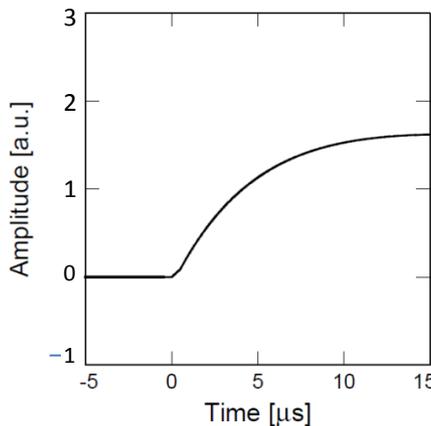
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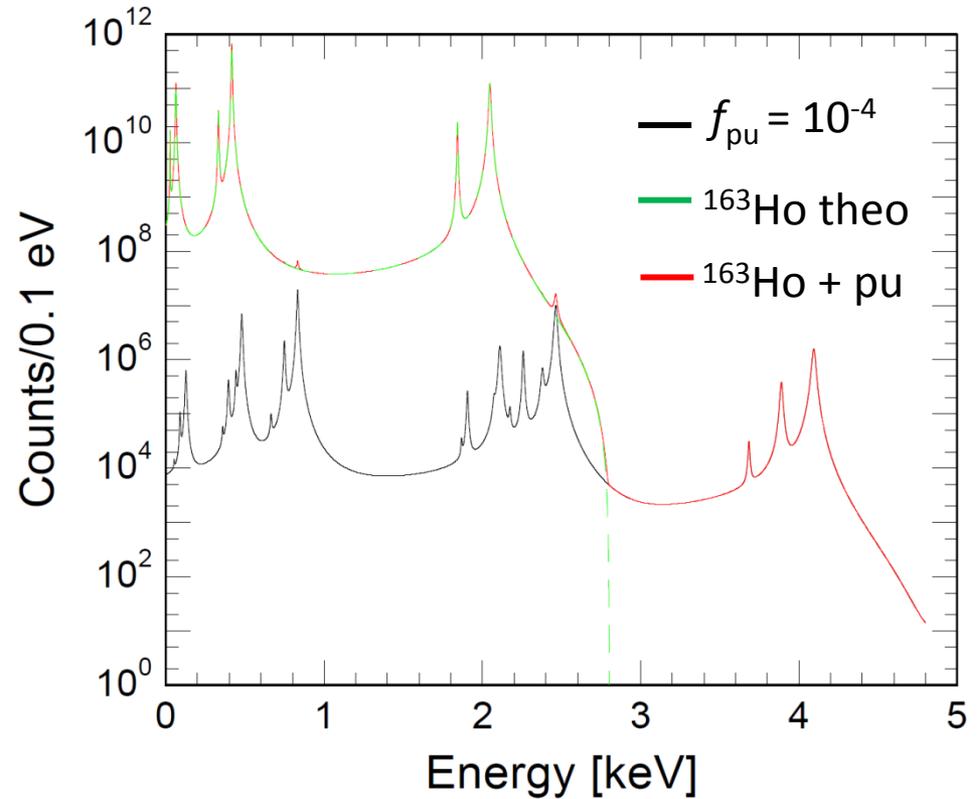


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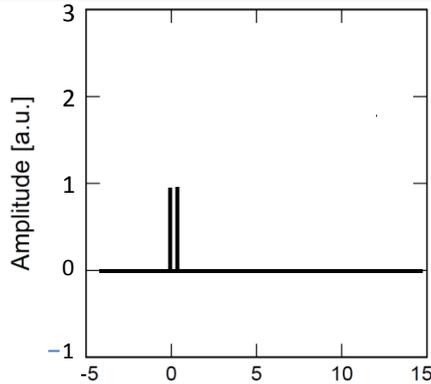


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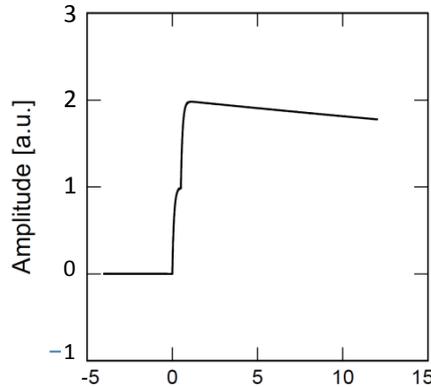
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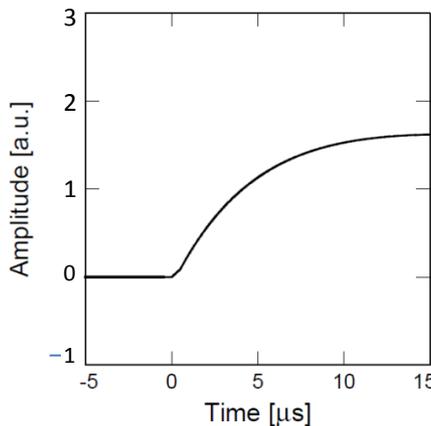
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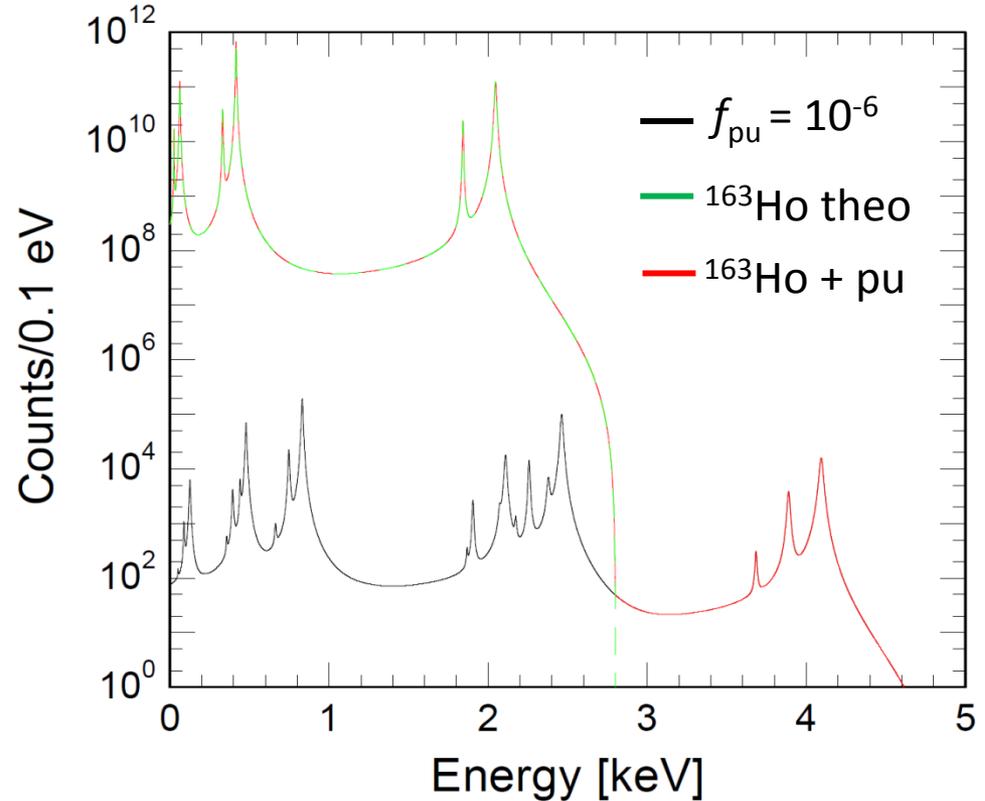


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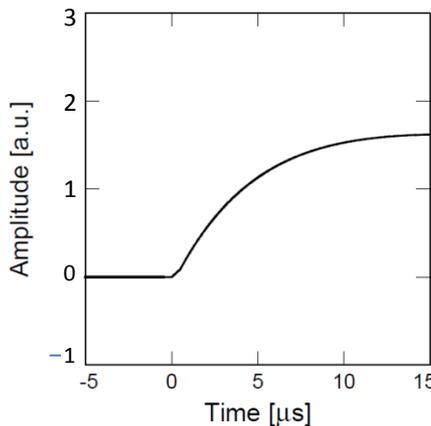
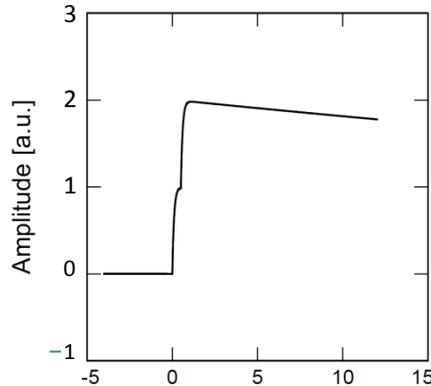
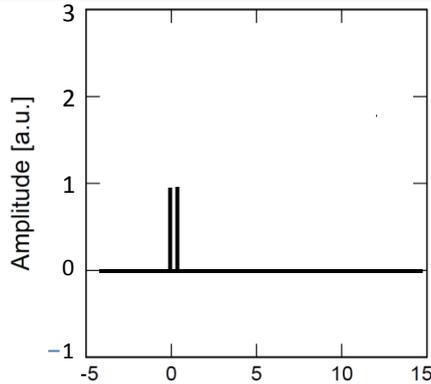


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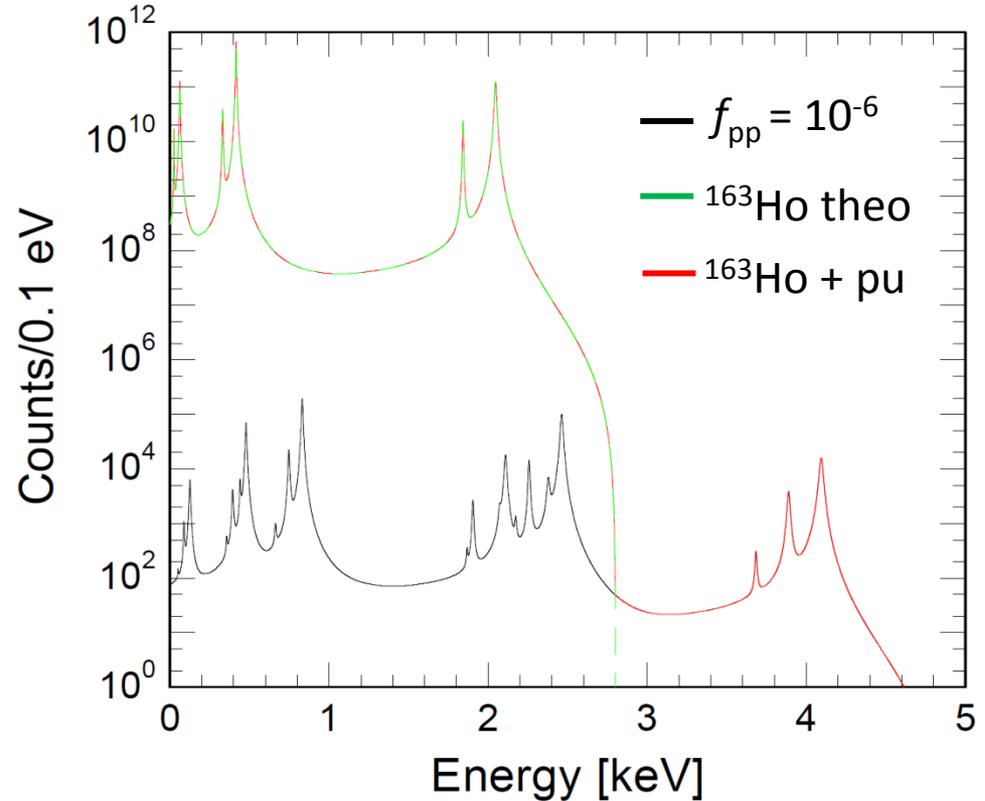


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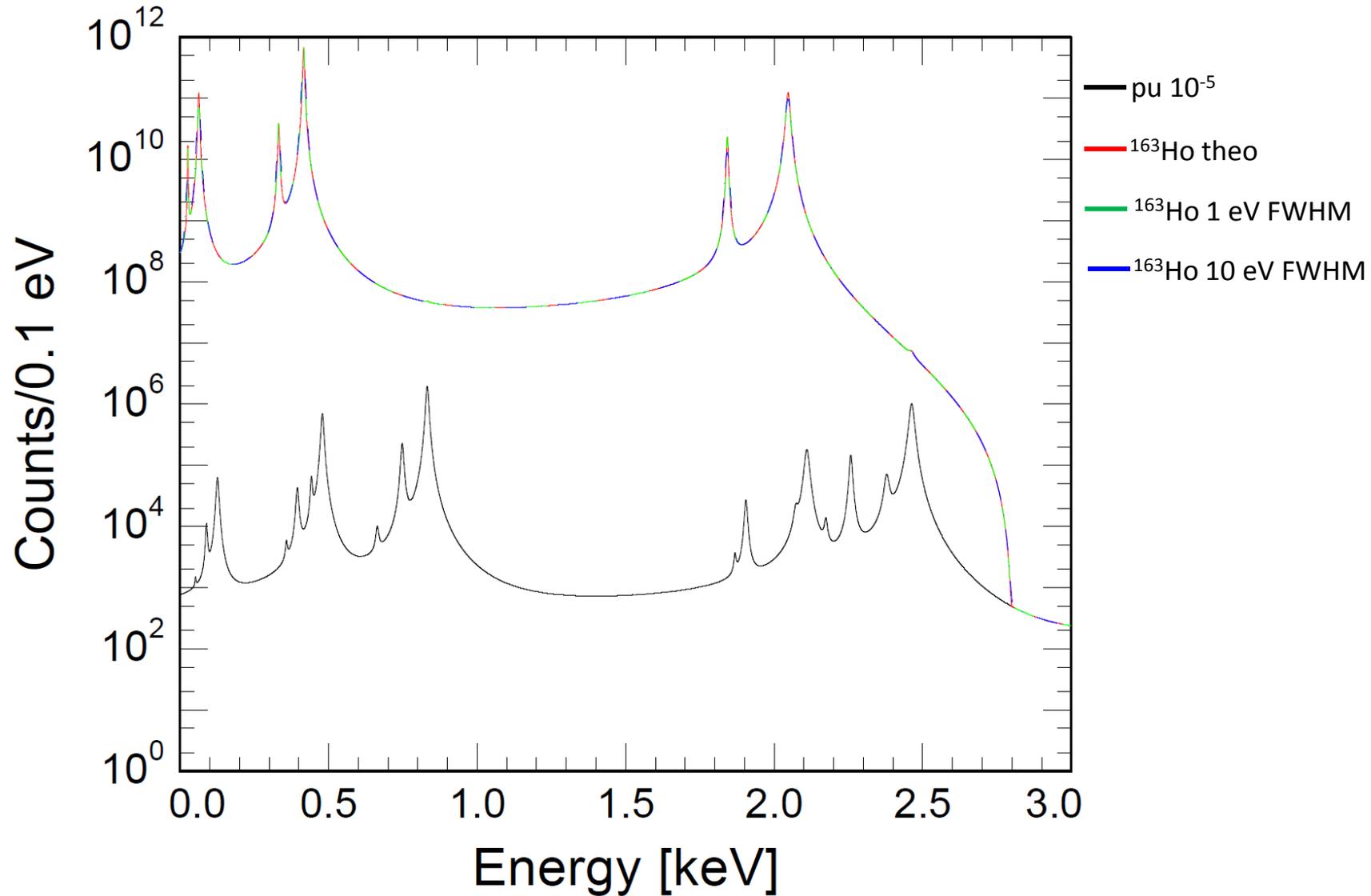
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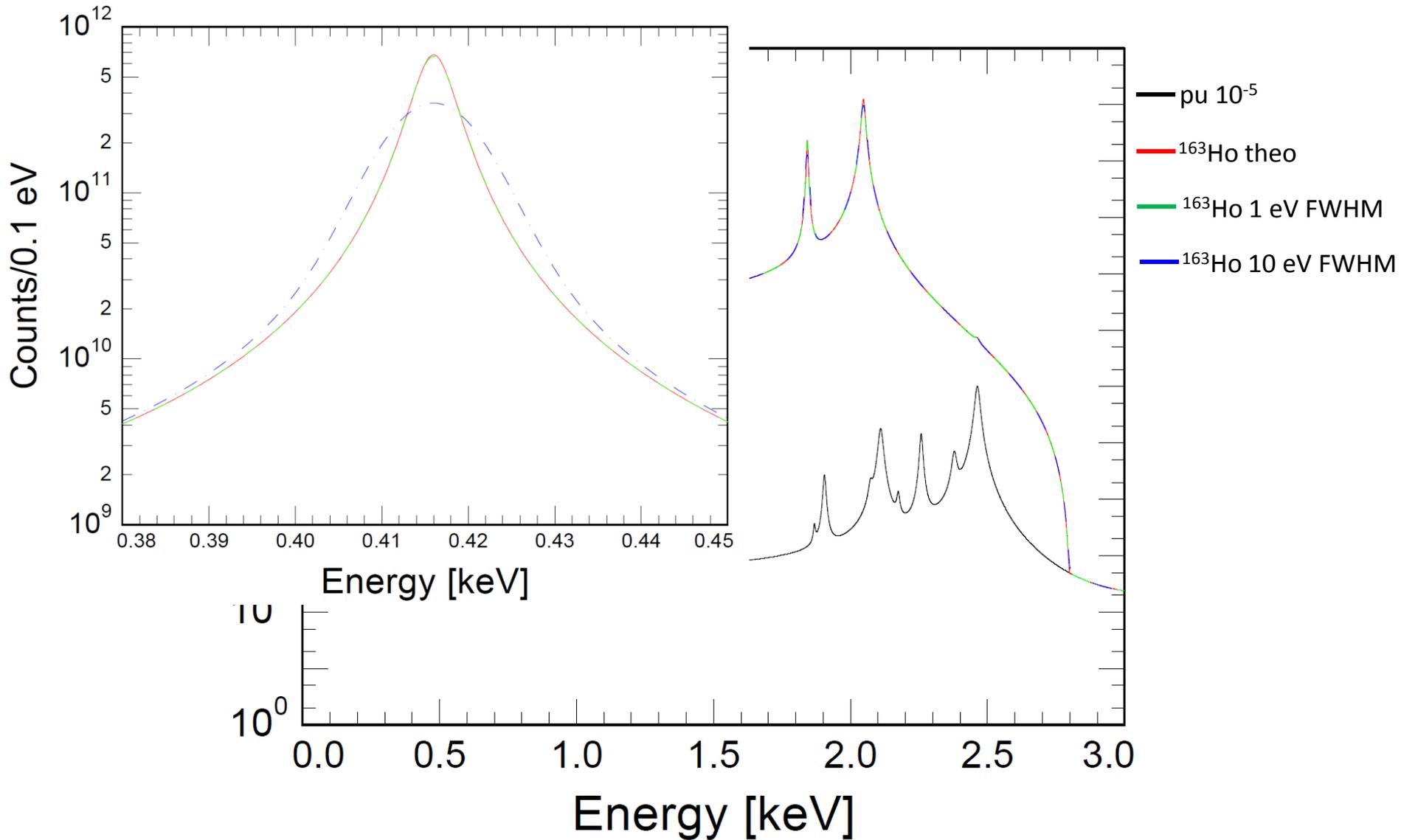
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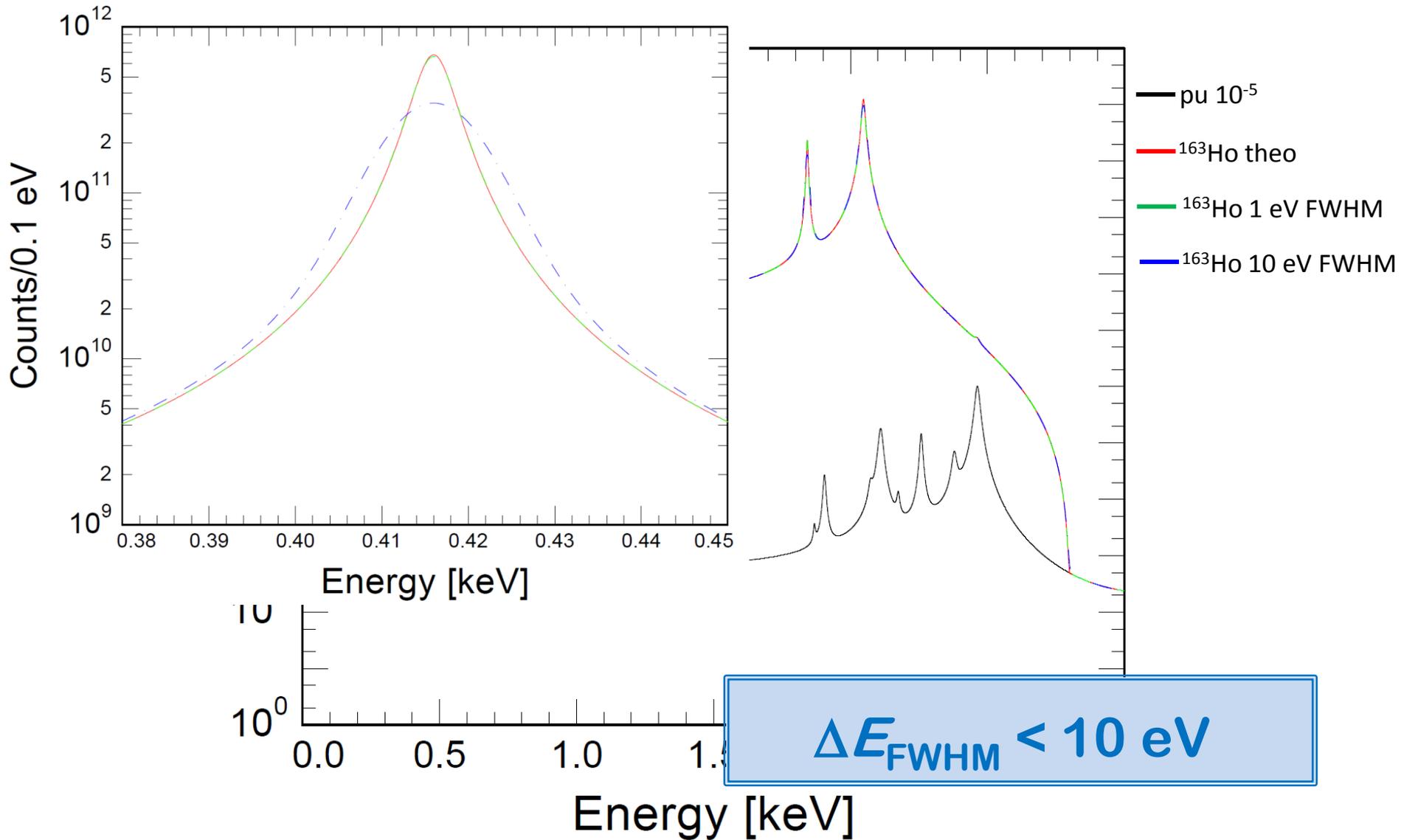
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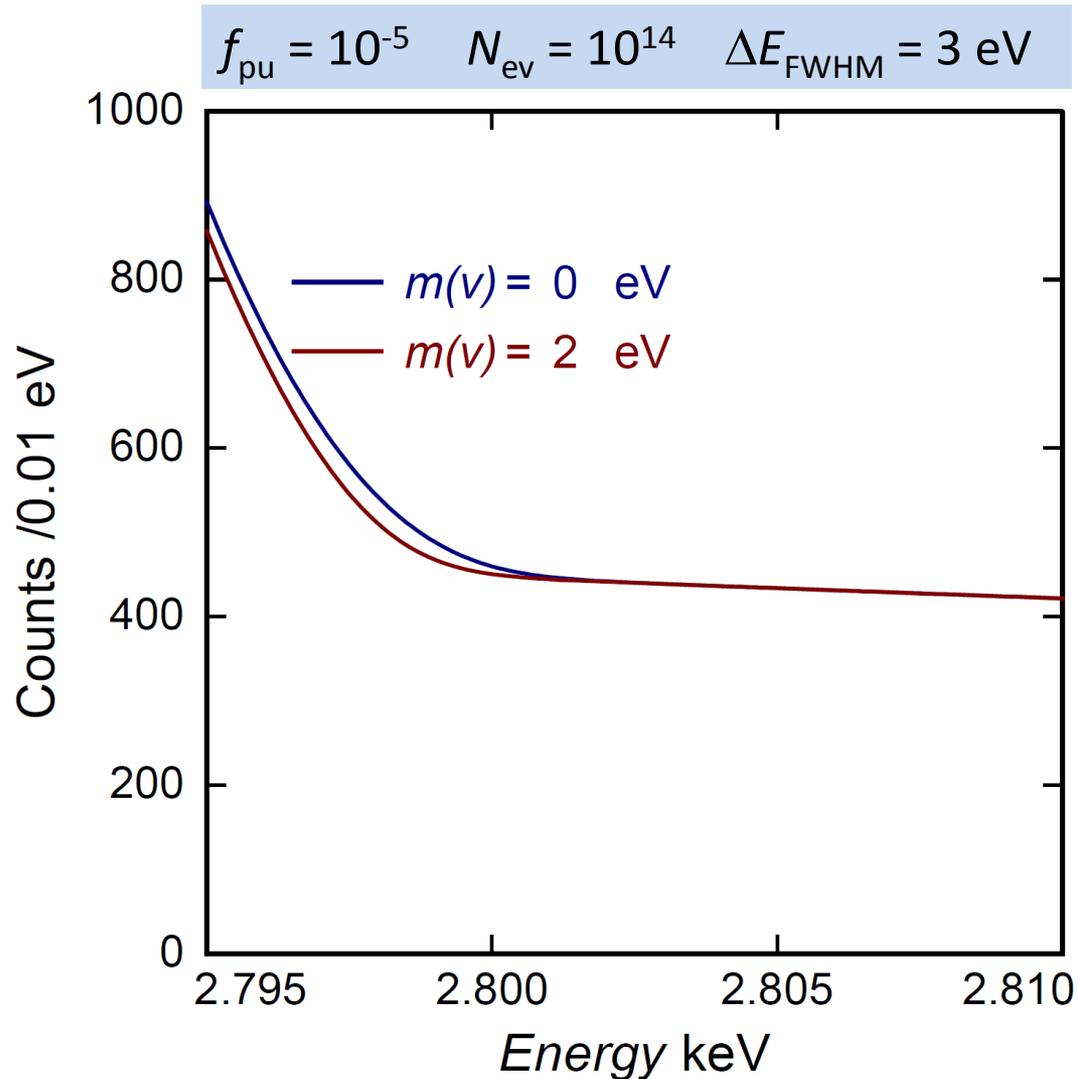
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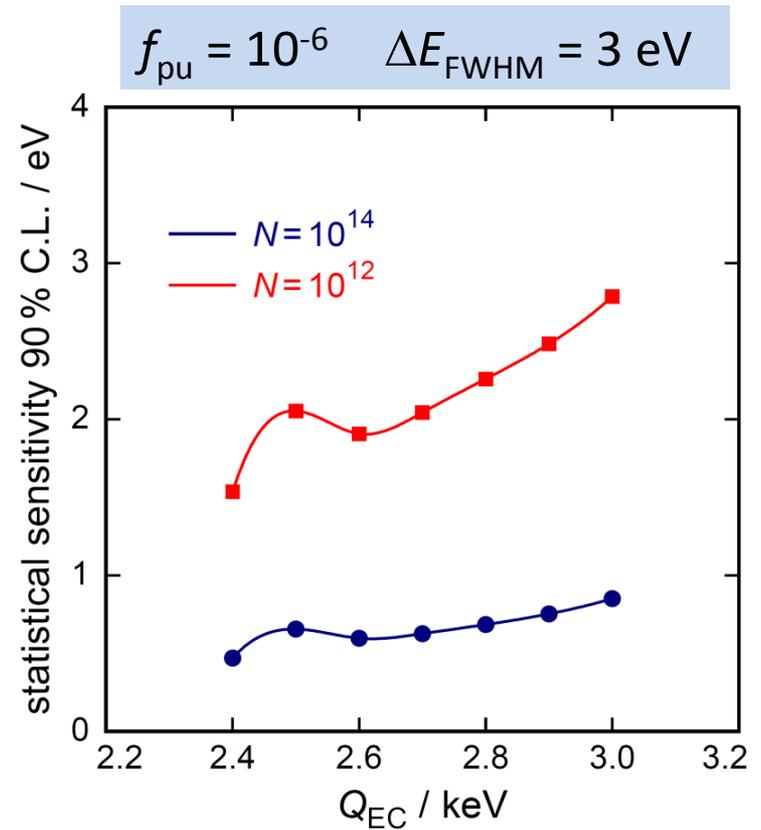
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Penning trap mass spectroscopy



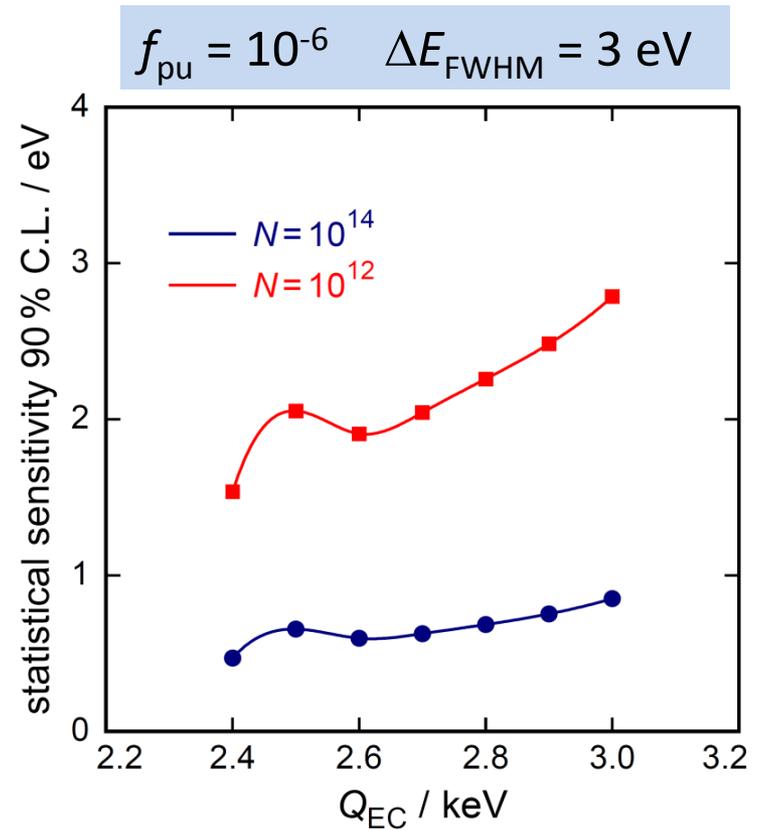
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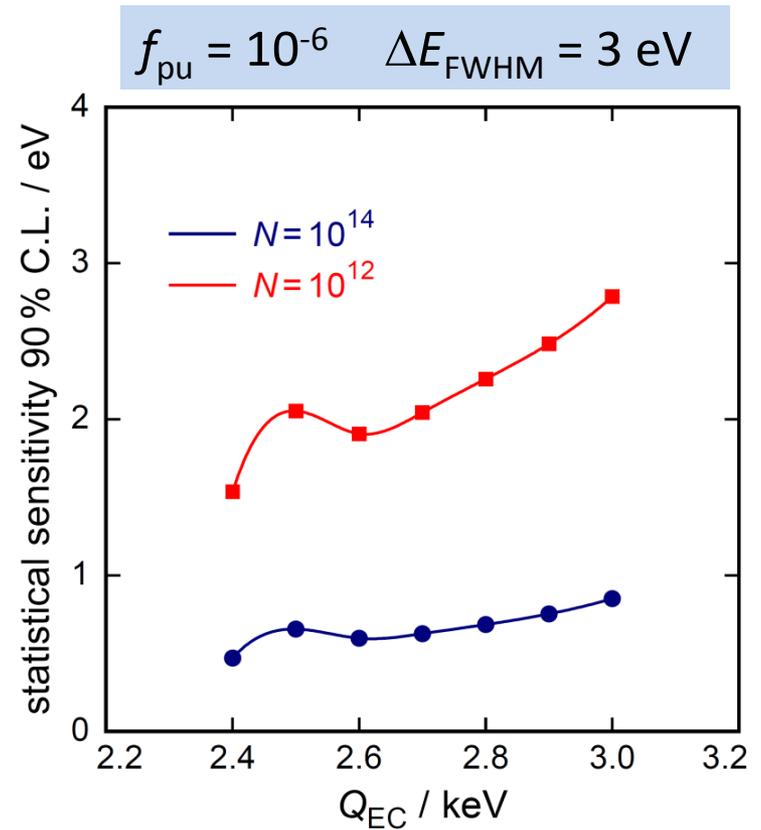
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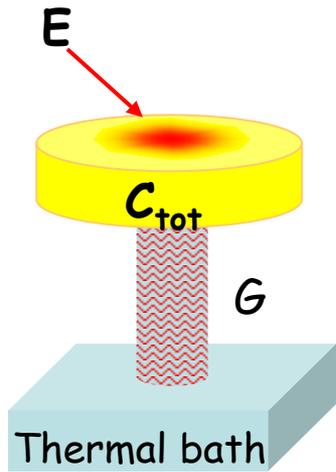
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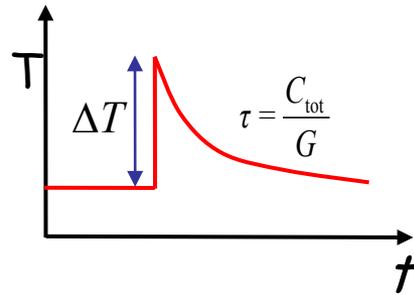
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Metallic Magnetic Calorimeter



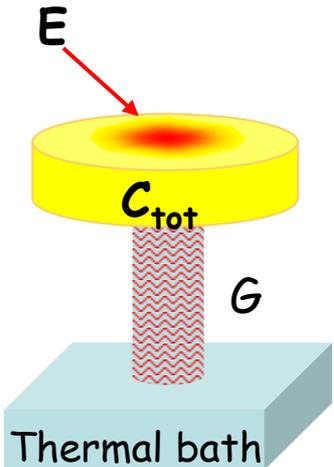
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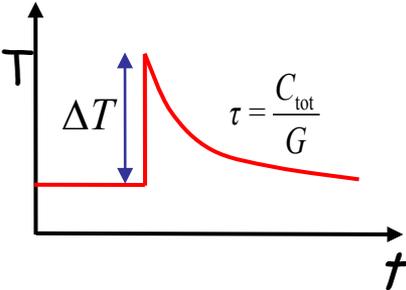
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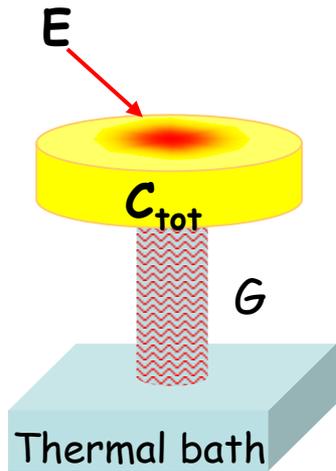


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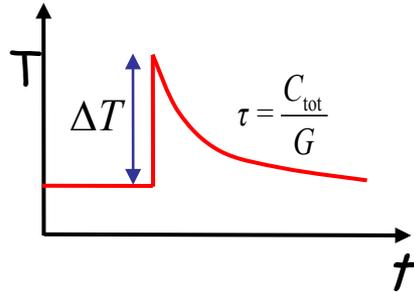


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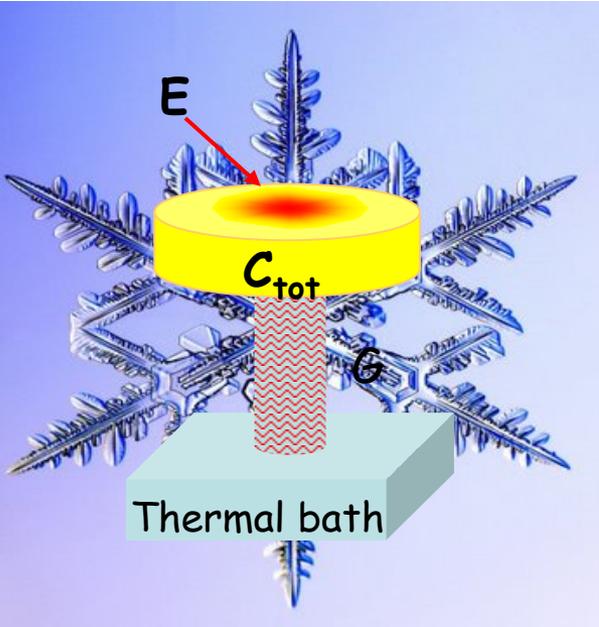
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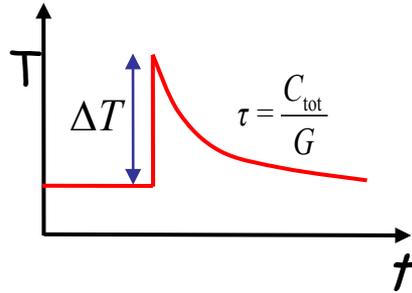
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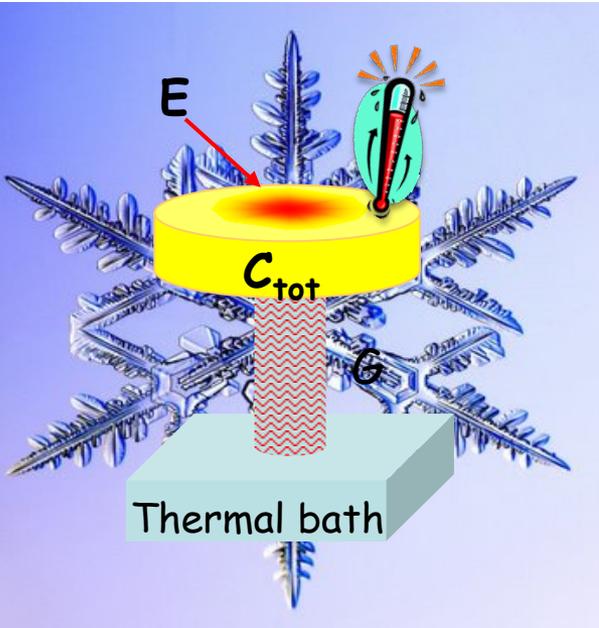
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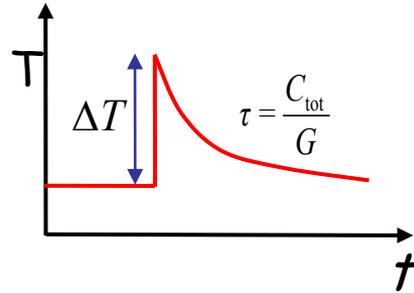
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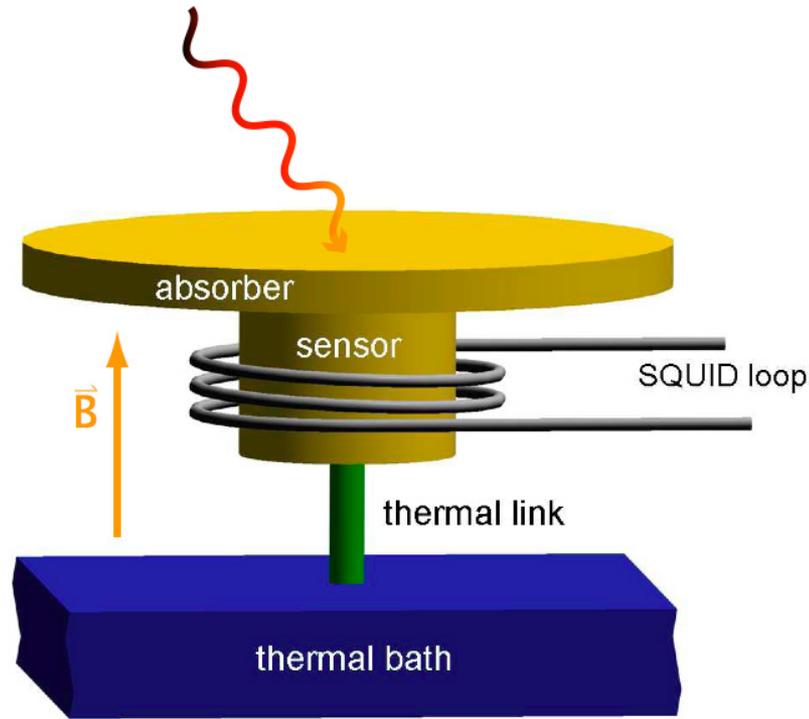
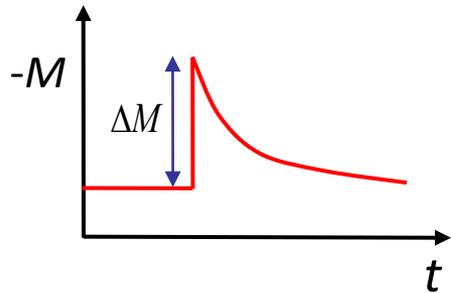
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Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

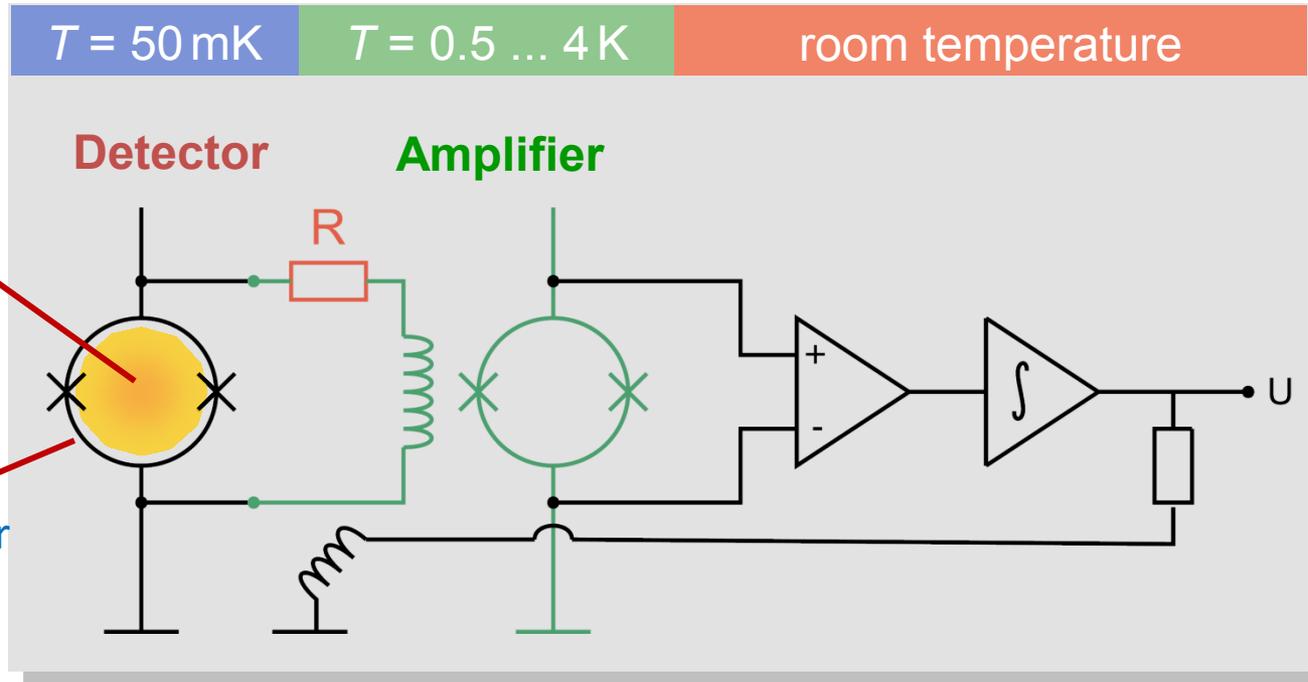
- Paramagnetic **Au:Er** sensor

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$$\Delta\Phi_s \propto \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \Delta T \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta\Phi_s \propto \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \frac{E}{C_{\text{sens}} + C_{\text{abs}}}$$

MMCs: Readout



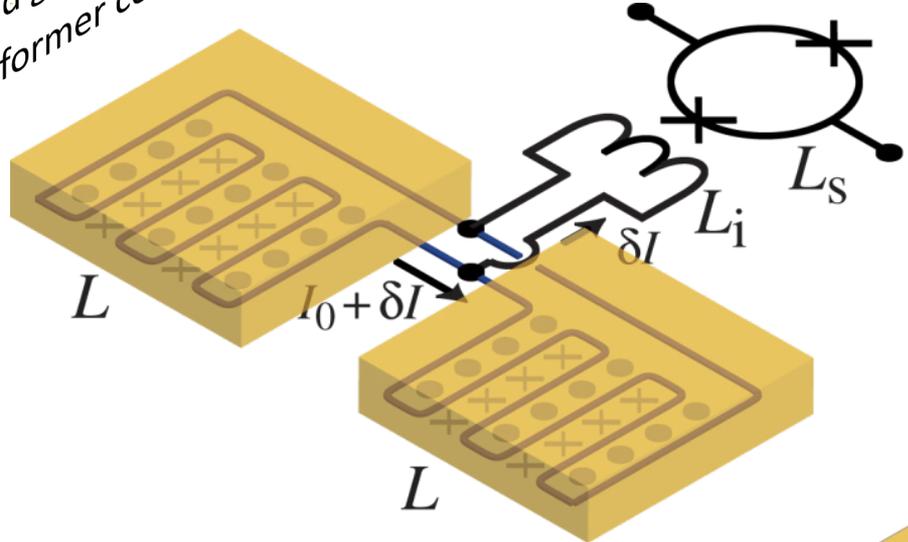
Two-stage SQUID setup with flux locked loop to linearize the first stage SQUID allows for:

- low noise
- large bandwidth / slewrate
- small power dissipation on detector SQUID chip (voltage bias)

MMCs: Geometries

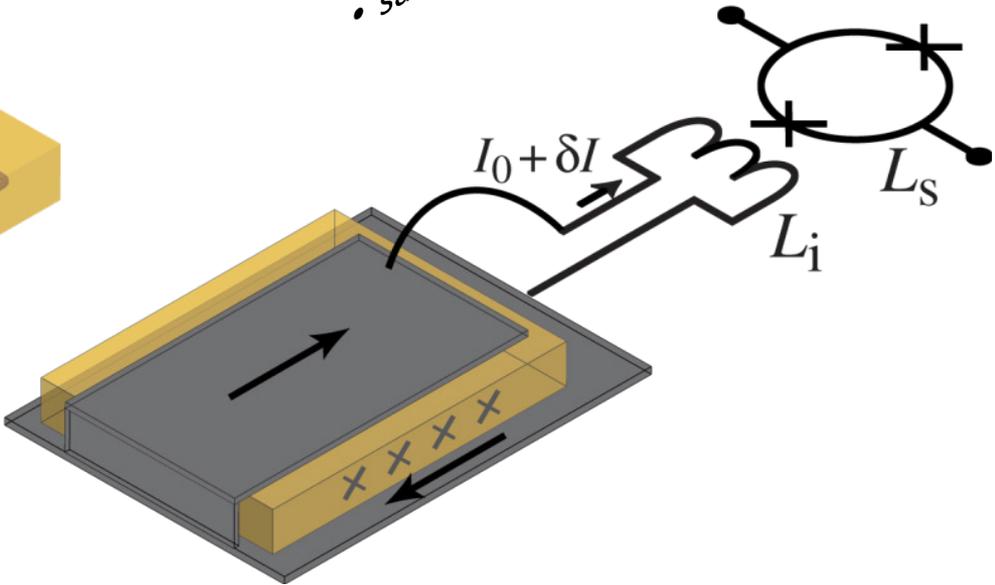
Well established:

- planar T-sensor
- superconducting meander shaped pickup loop
- B-field generated by persistent current
- transformer coupled to SQUID

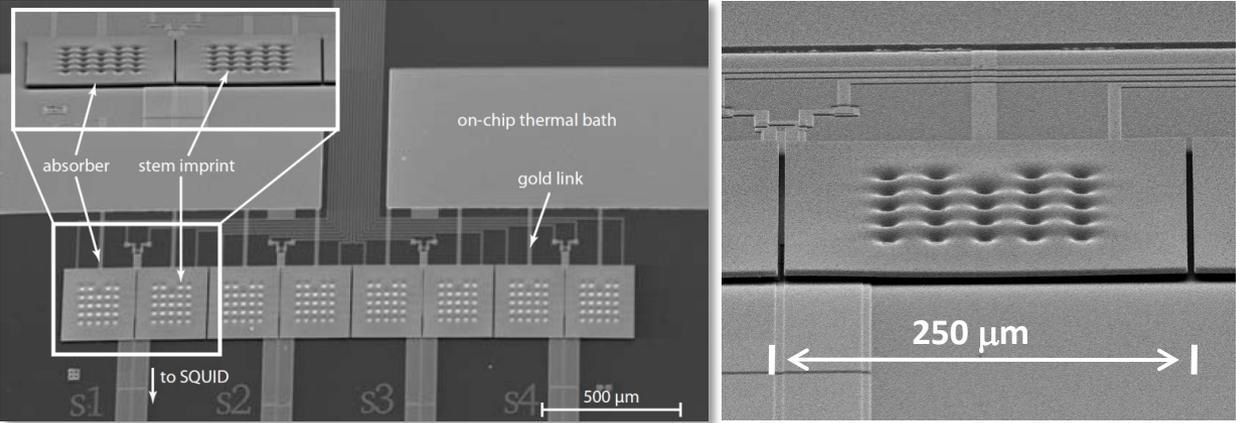


New sandwich geometry:

- best magn. flux coupling,
- planar sensor
- sandwiched between stripline

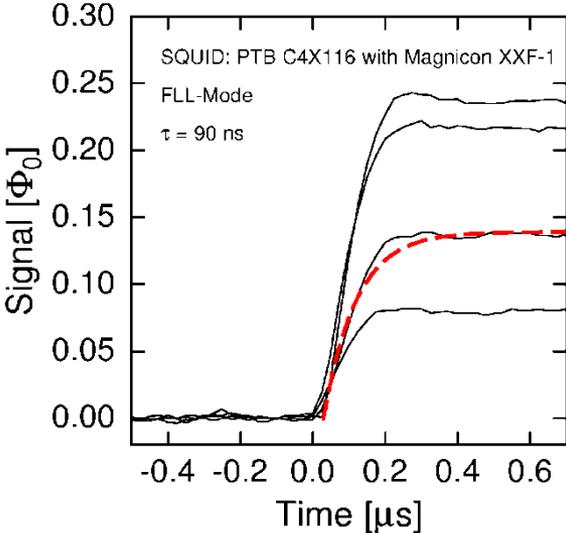


MMCs: 1d-array for soft x-rays ($T=20$ mK)

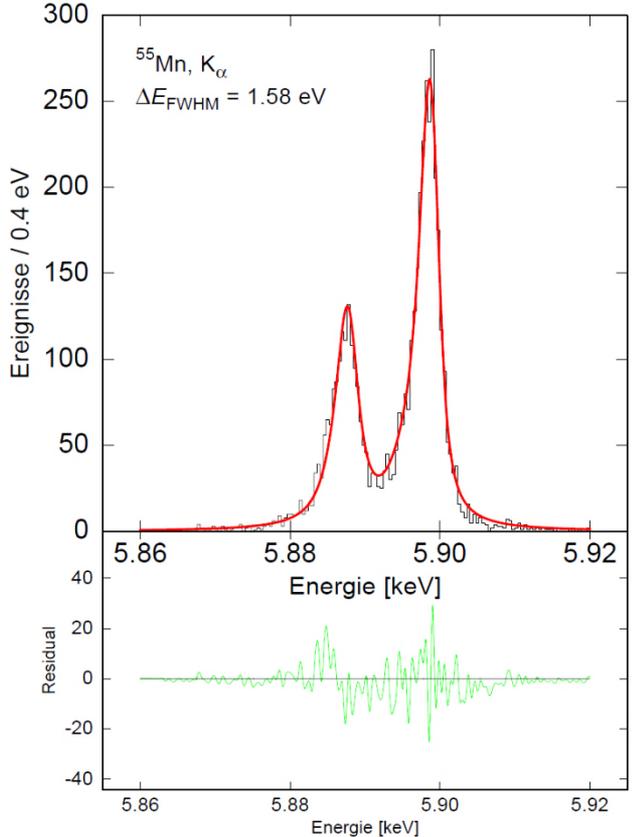
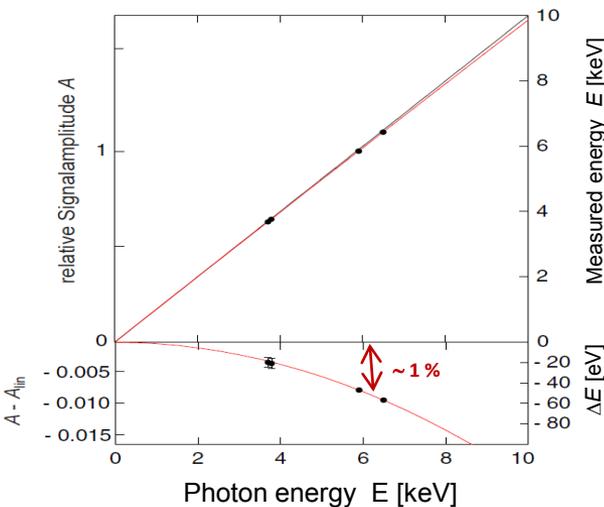


$\Delta E_{FWHM} = 1.6 \text{ eV @ } 6 \text{ keV}$

Rise Time: 90 ns

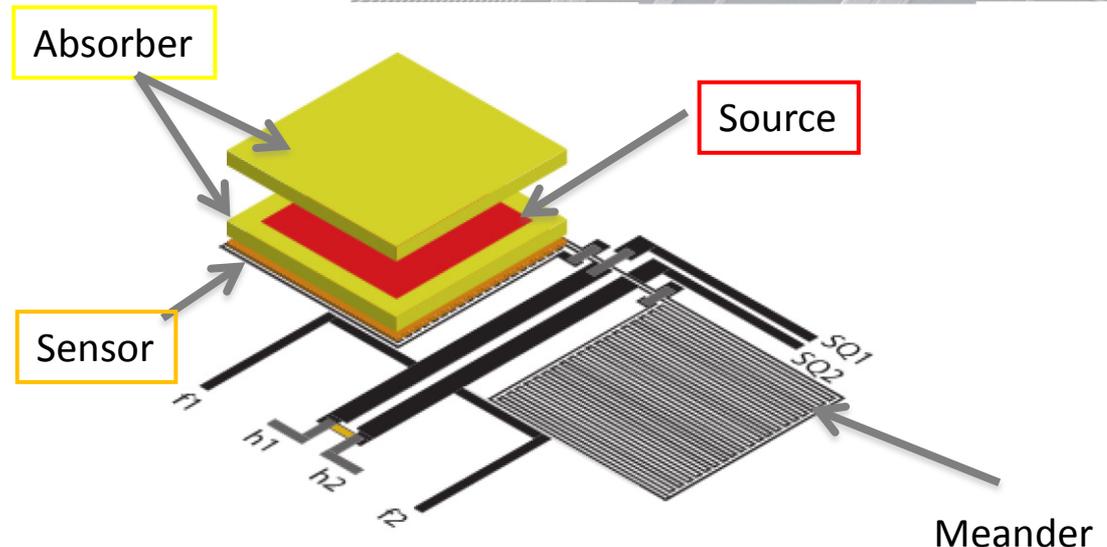
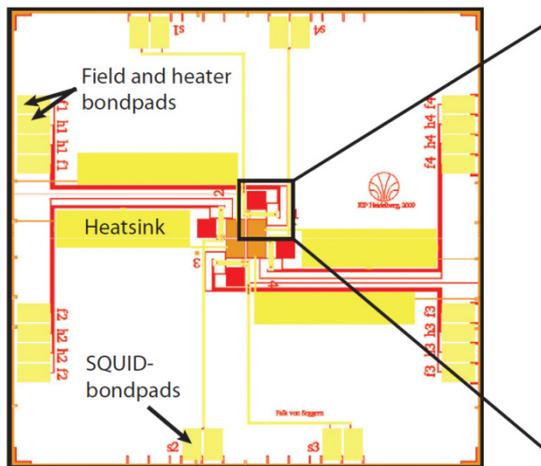
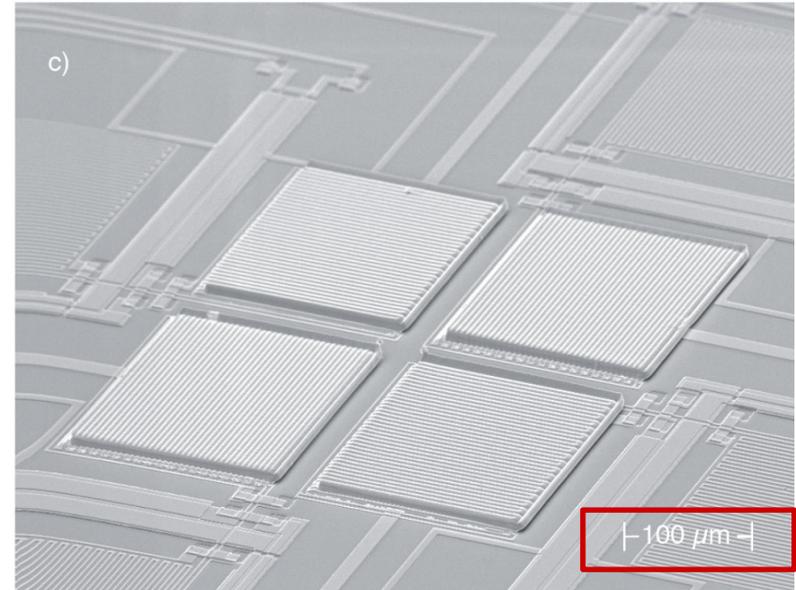


Non-Linearity < 1% @6keV



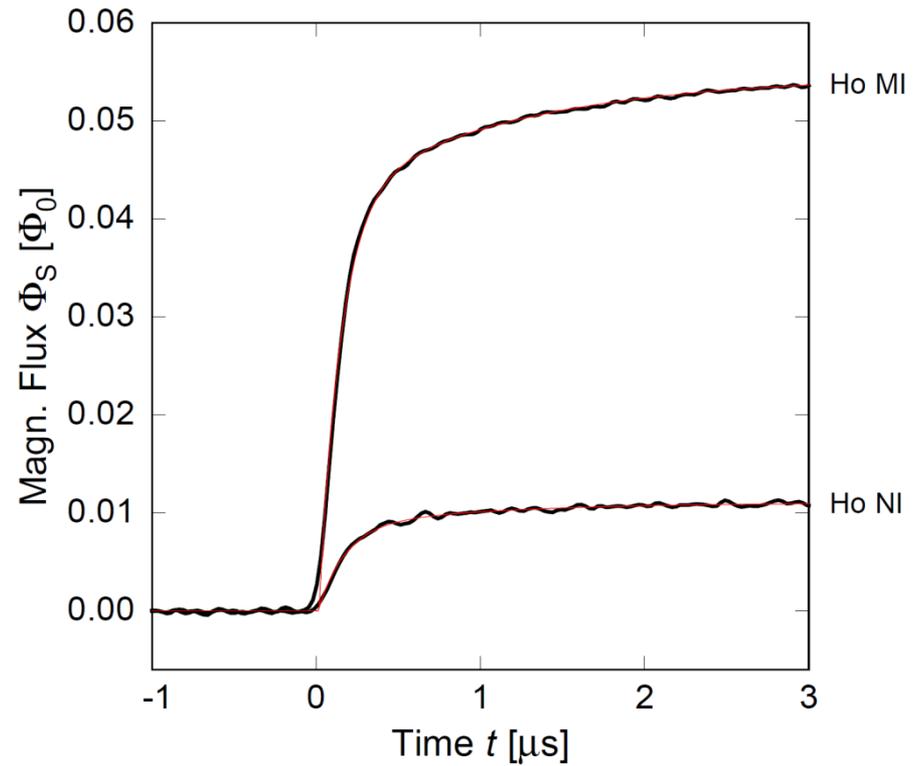
ECHO: first detector prototype

- Embedding of ^{163}Ho source:
→ ion implantation @ ISOLDE-CERN
- About 0.01 Bq per pixel
- 100 % quantum efficiency



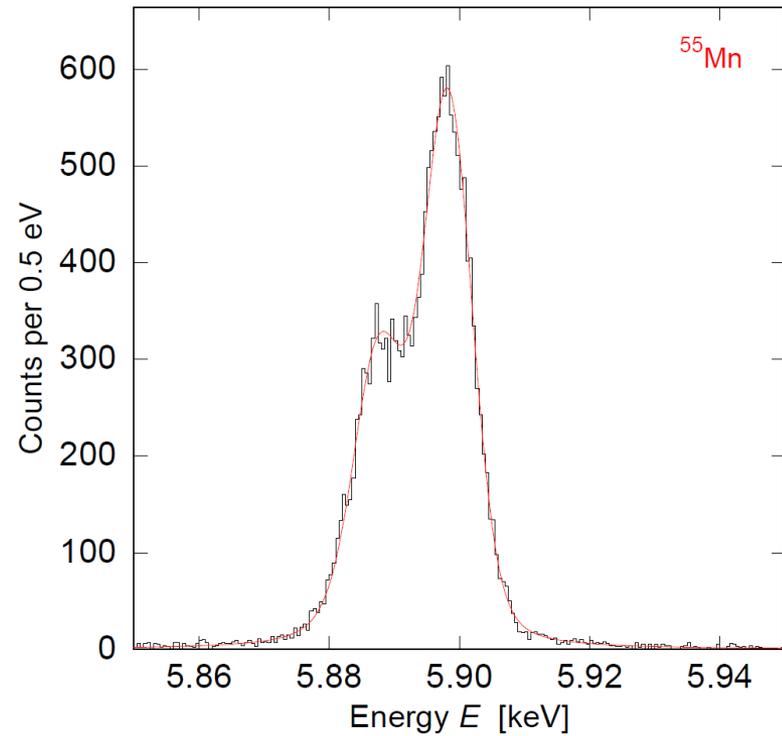
EHo: Recent results

- Rise Time ~ 130 ns



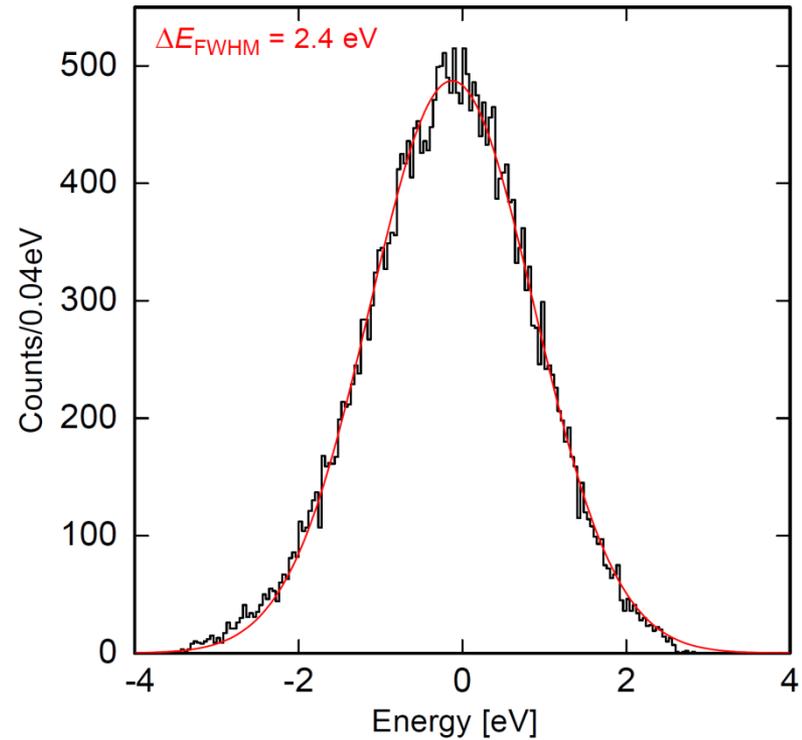
EChO: Recent results

- Rise Time ~ 130 ns
- $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 7.6$ eV @ 6 keV (2013)



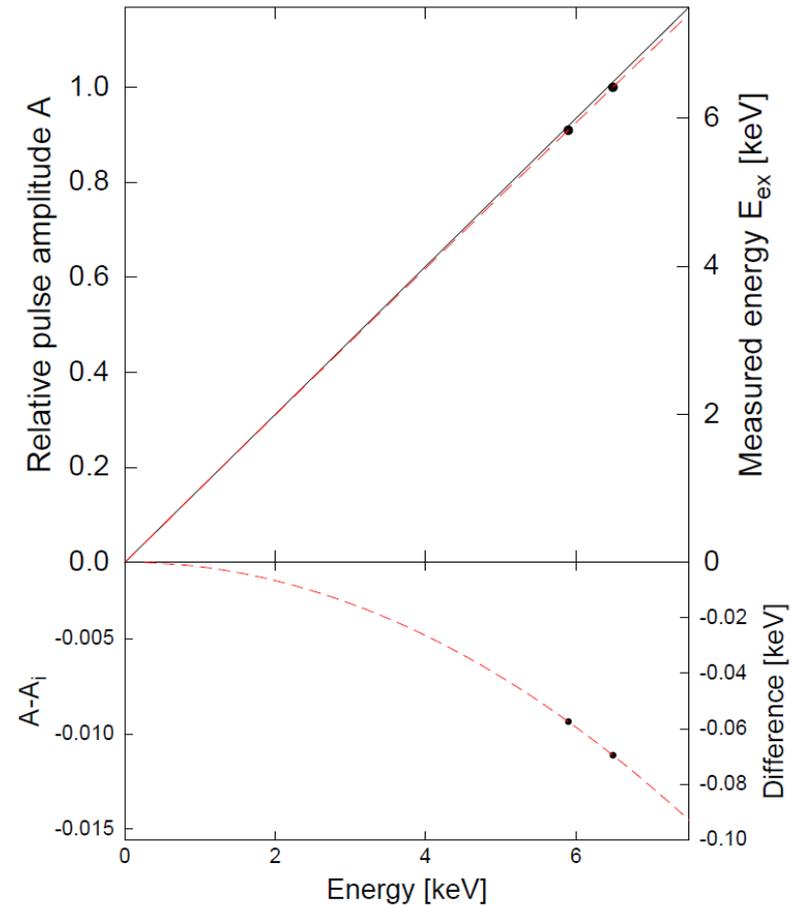
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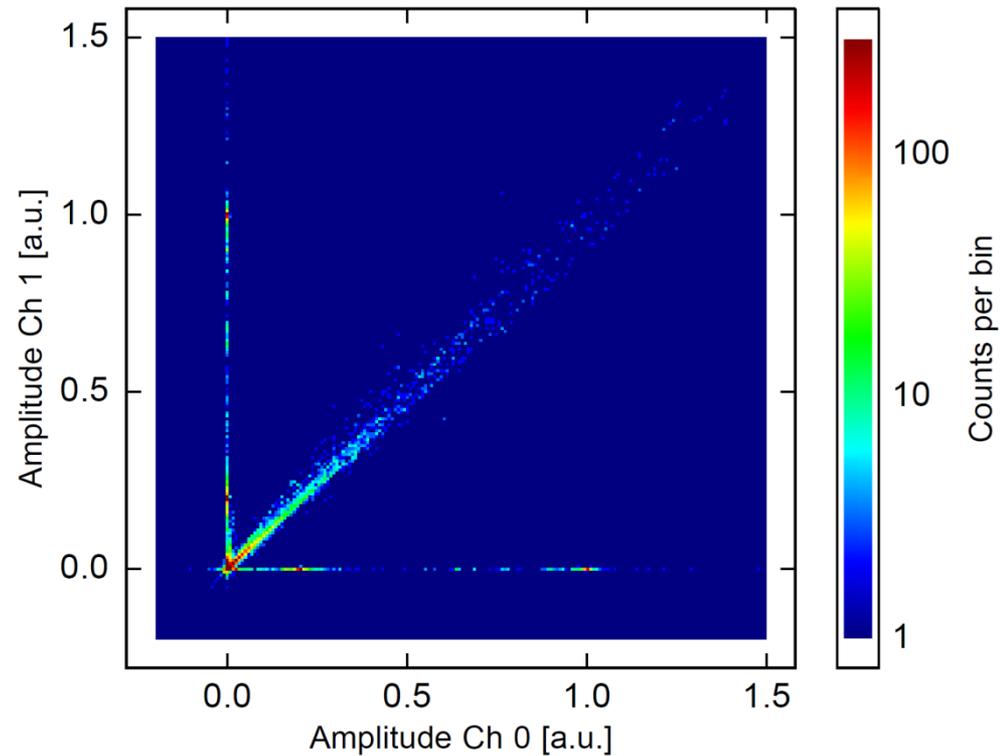
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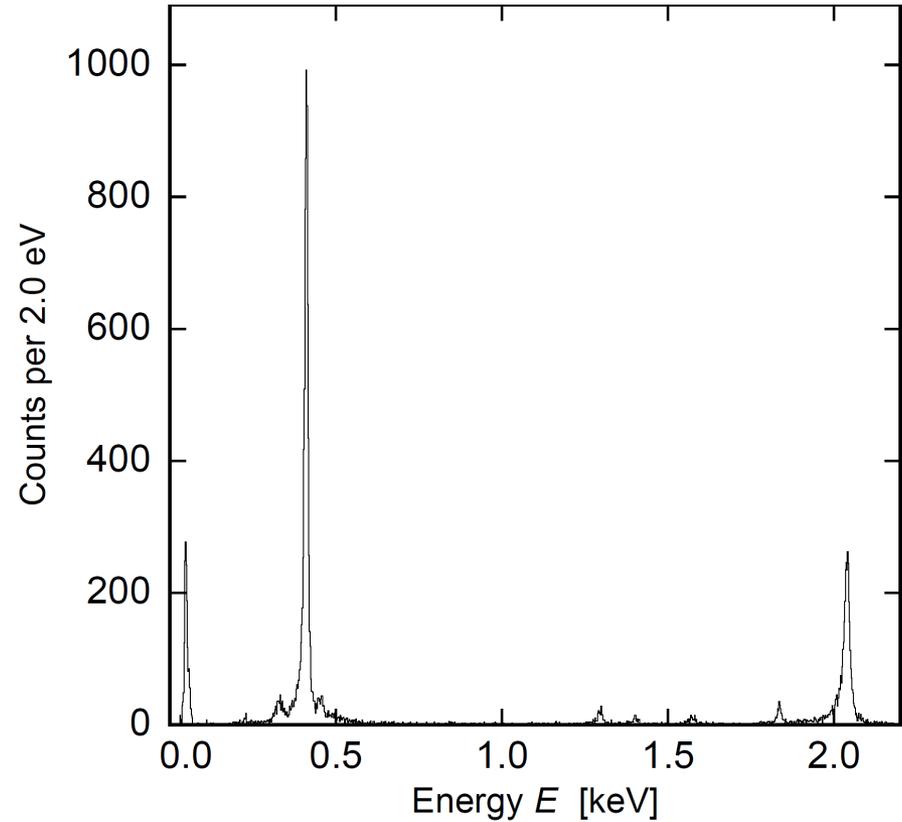
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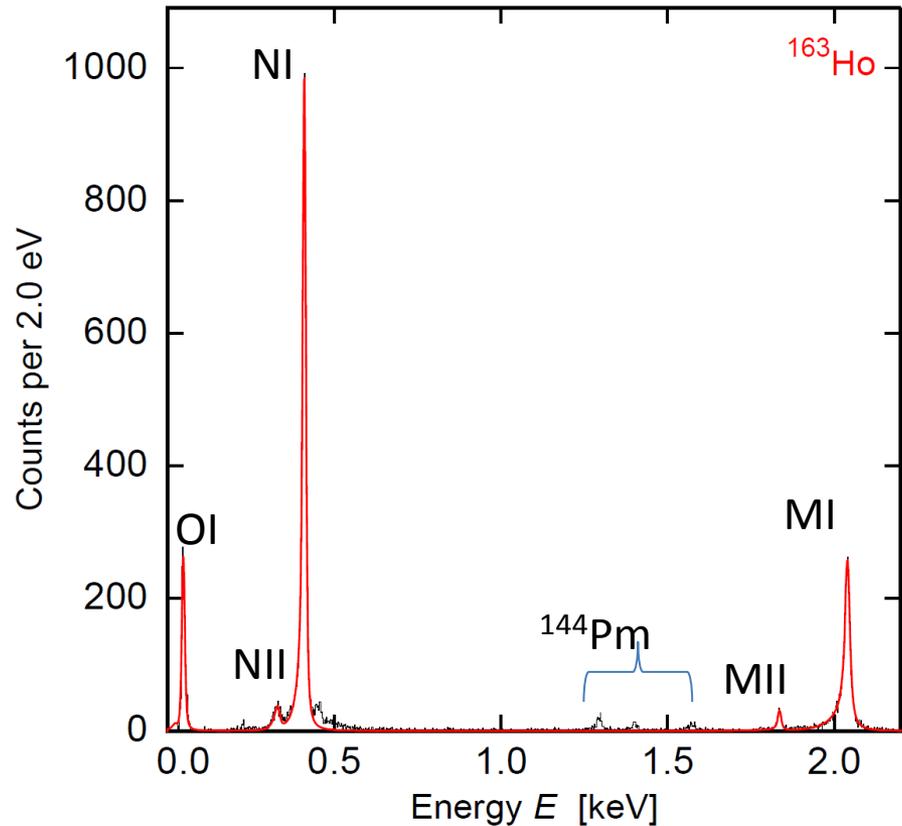
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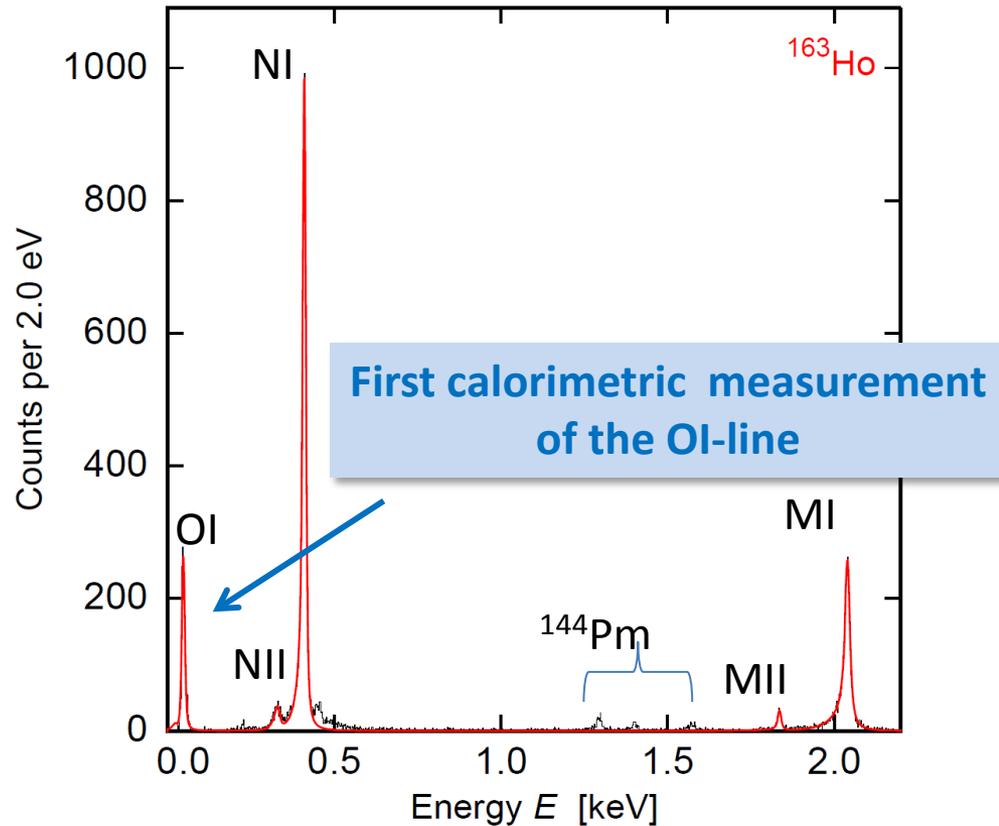
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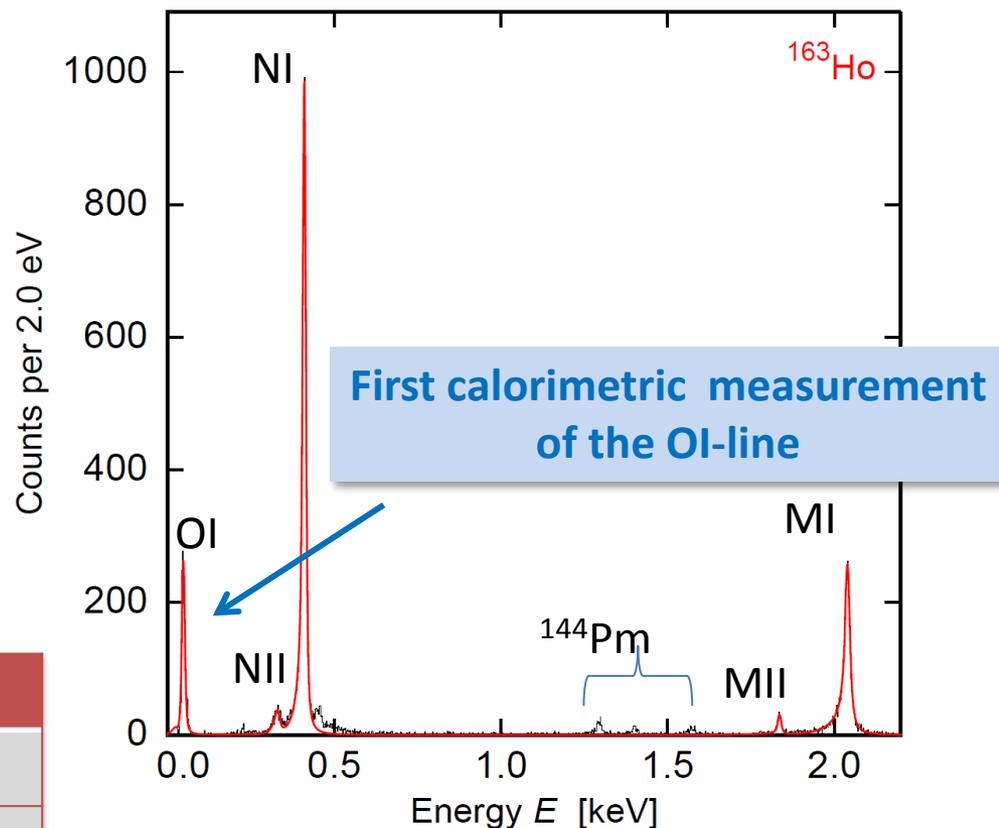
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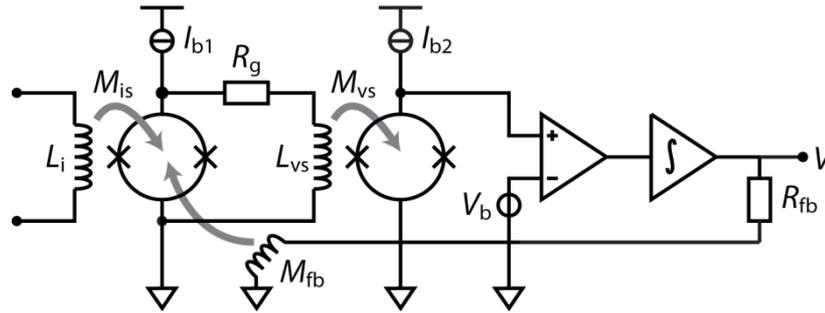
	E_{H} bind.	E_{H} exp.	Γ_{H} lit.	Γ_{H} exp
MI	2.047	2.040	13.2	13.7
MII	1.845	1.836	6.0	7.2
NI	0.420	0.411	5.4	5.3
NII	0.340	0.333	5.3	8.0
OI	0.050	0.048	5.0	4.3



$$Q_{\text{EC}} = (2.843 \pm 0.009^{\text{stat}} - 0.06^{\text{syst}}) \text{ keV}$$

ECHO: Multiplexing

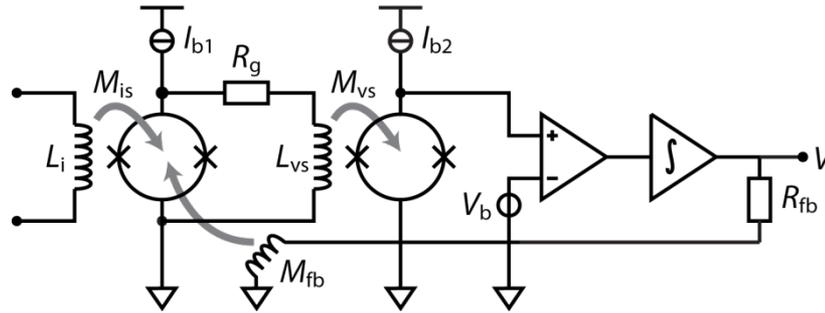
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10 wires
2 SQUIDs,
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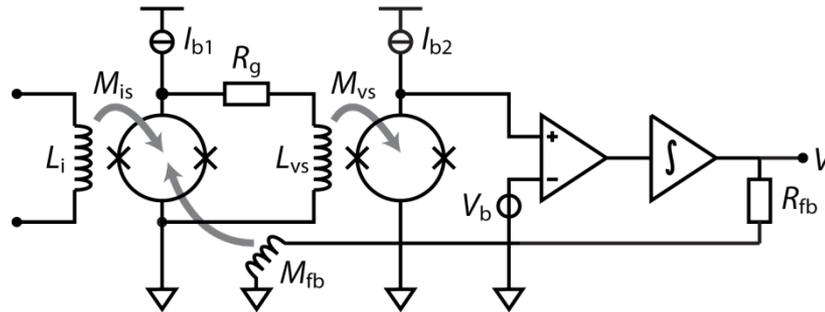


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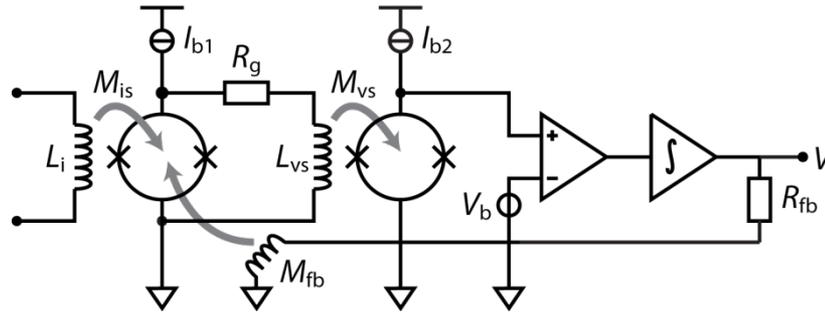
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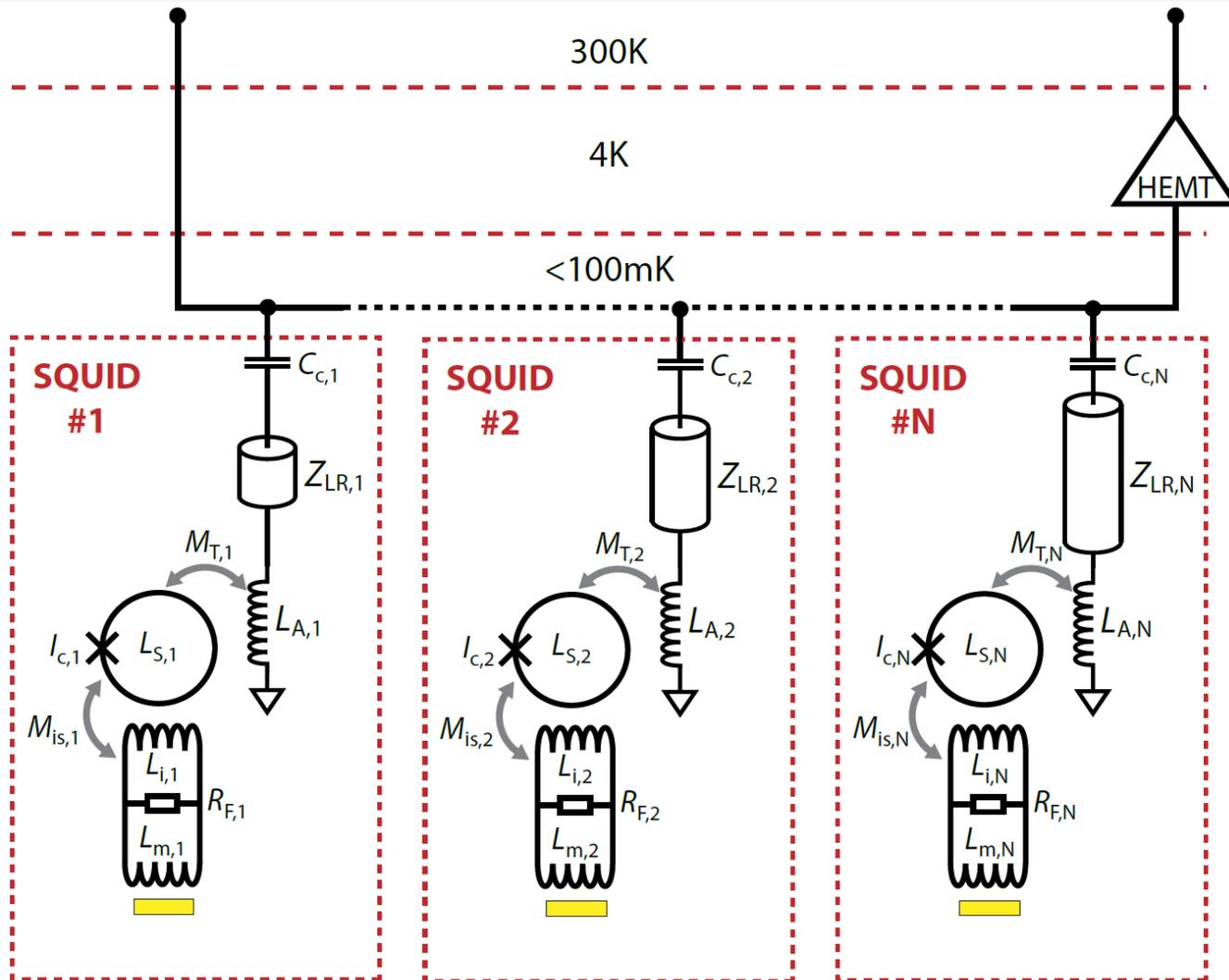
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multiplexing scheme

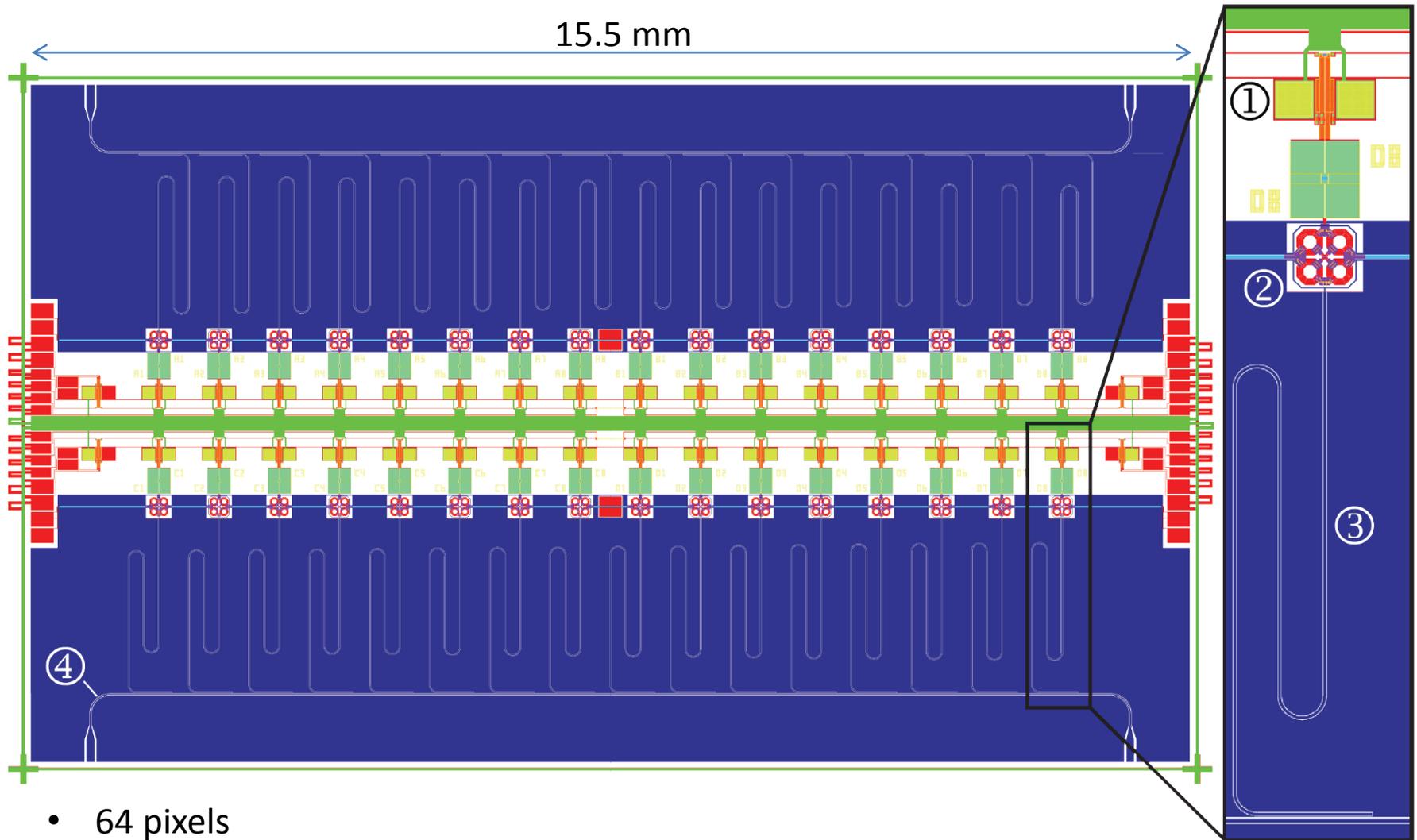
Microwave SQUID multiplexing

ECHO: μ -wave SQUID multiplexing



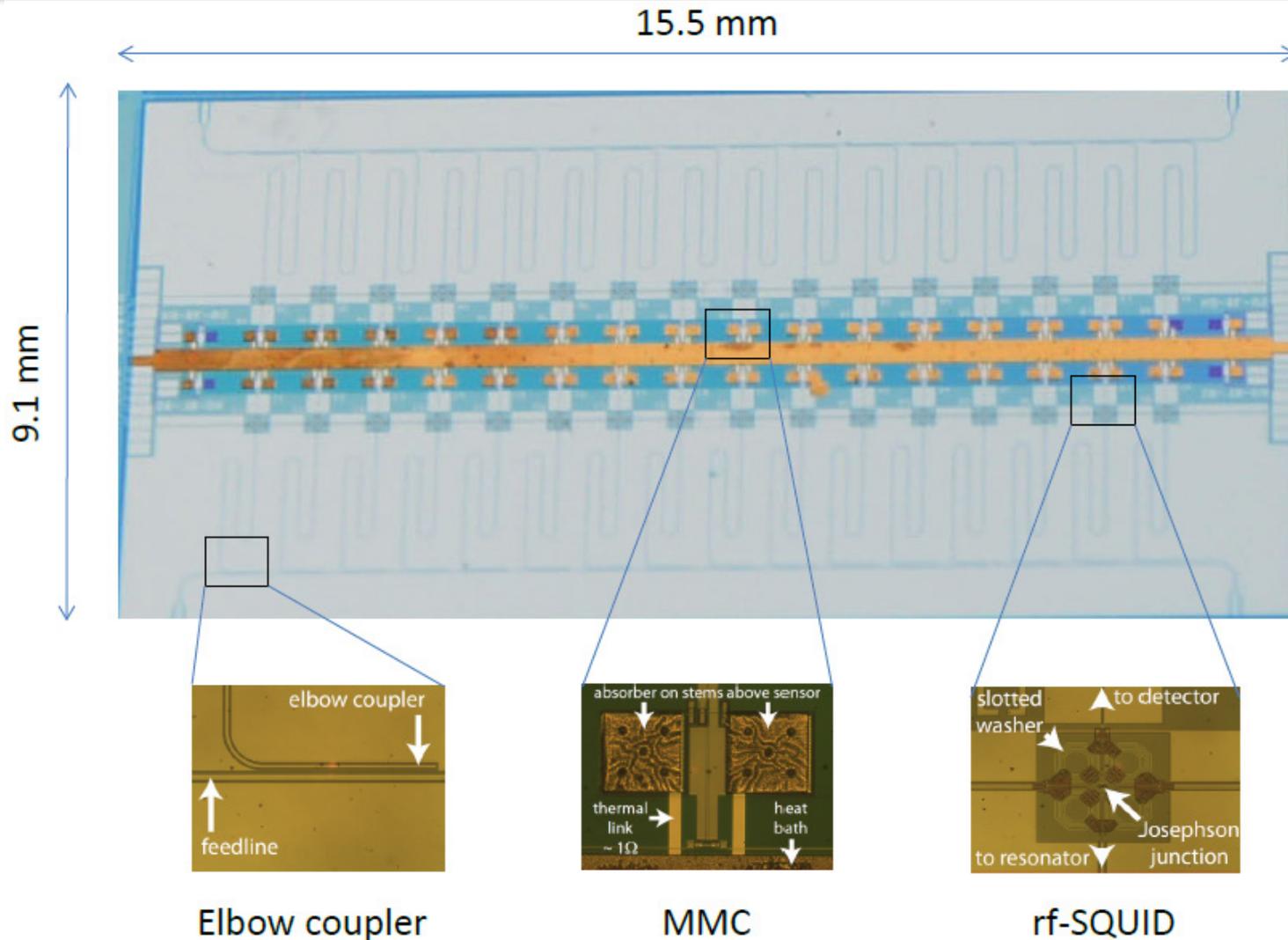
single HEMT amplifier and 2 coaxes
to read out 100 - 1000 detectors

EC_{Ho} : μ -wave SQUID multiplexing



- 64 pixels
- $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 5 \text{ eV}$

ECHO: μ -wave SQUID multiplexing



Successfully tested!

Conclusions

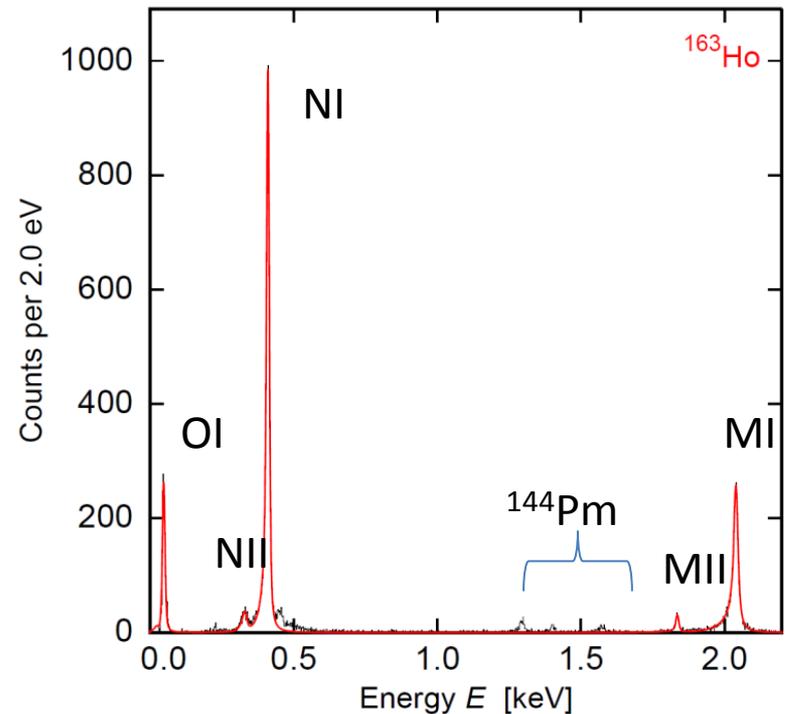
- MMCs fulfil the requirements to reach sub-eV sensitivity

$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} < 10 \text{ eV}$$

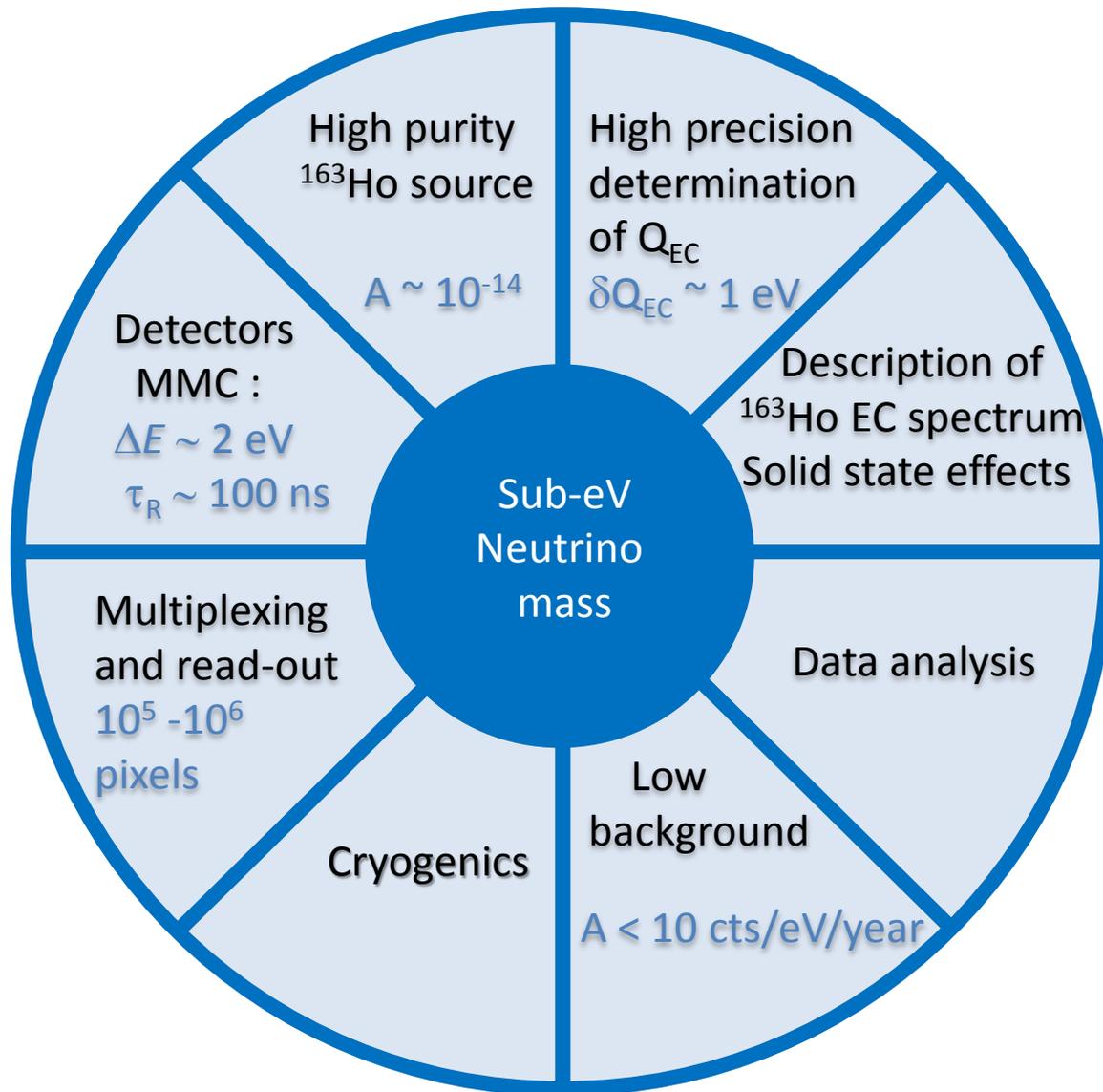
$$\tau_r < 1 \mu\text{s}$$

reliable energy calibration

- Large MMC arrays can be read out using μ -wave multiplexing



EC^{Ho} : sub-eV sensitivity



Outlook

➤ Prove **scalability** with medium large experiment **EChO-1K**

- $A \sim 1000$ Bq High purity ^{163}Ho source
- $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} < 5$ eV
- $\tau_r < 1$ μs
- multiplexed arrays

• 1 year measuring time $\rightarrow 10^{10}$ counts

+ **theoretical investigation**

+ Q_{EC} measurement with Penning trap mass spectrometry



Spectral shape determination

+ background characterization and reduction

= Neutrino mass sensitivity $m_\nu < 10$ eV

➤ **EChO-1M** for sub-eV sensitivity

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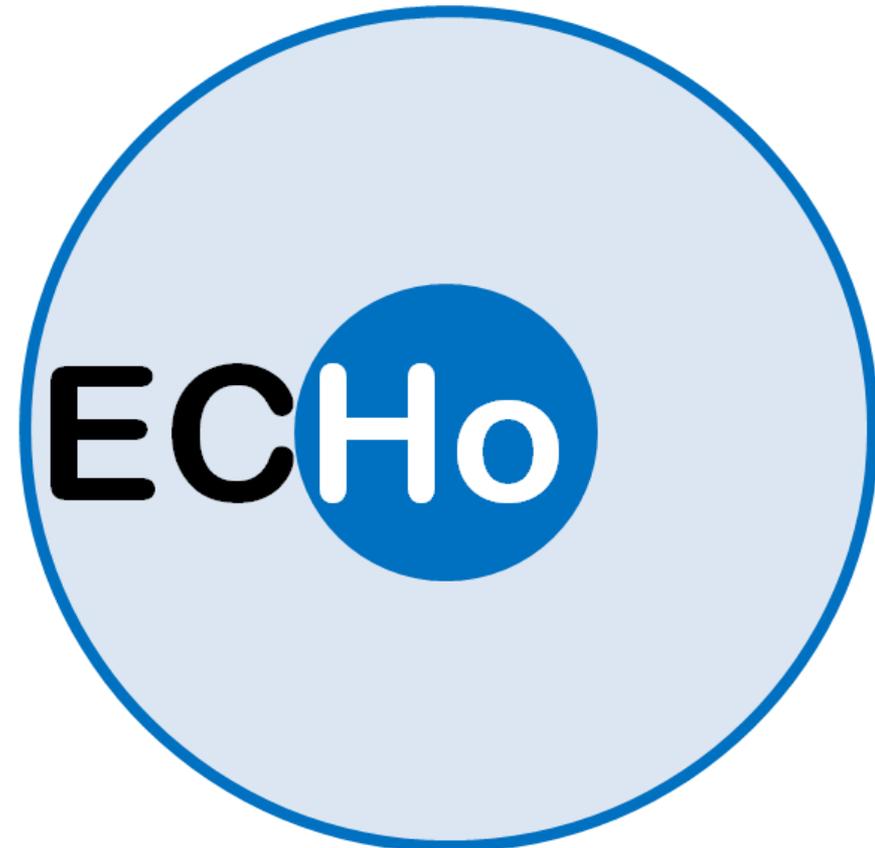
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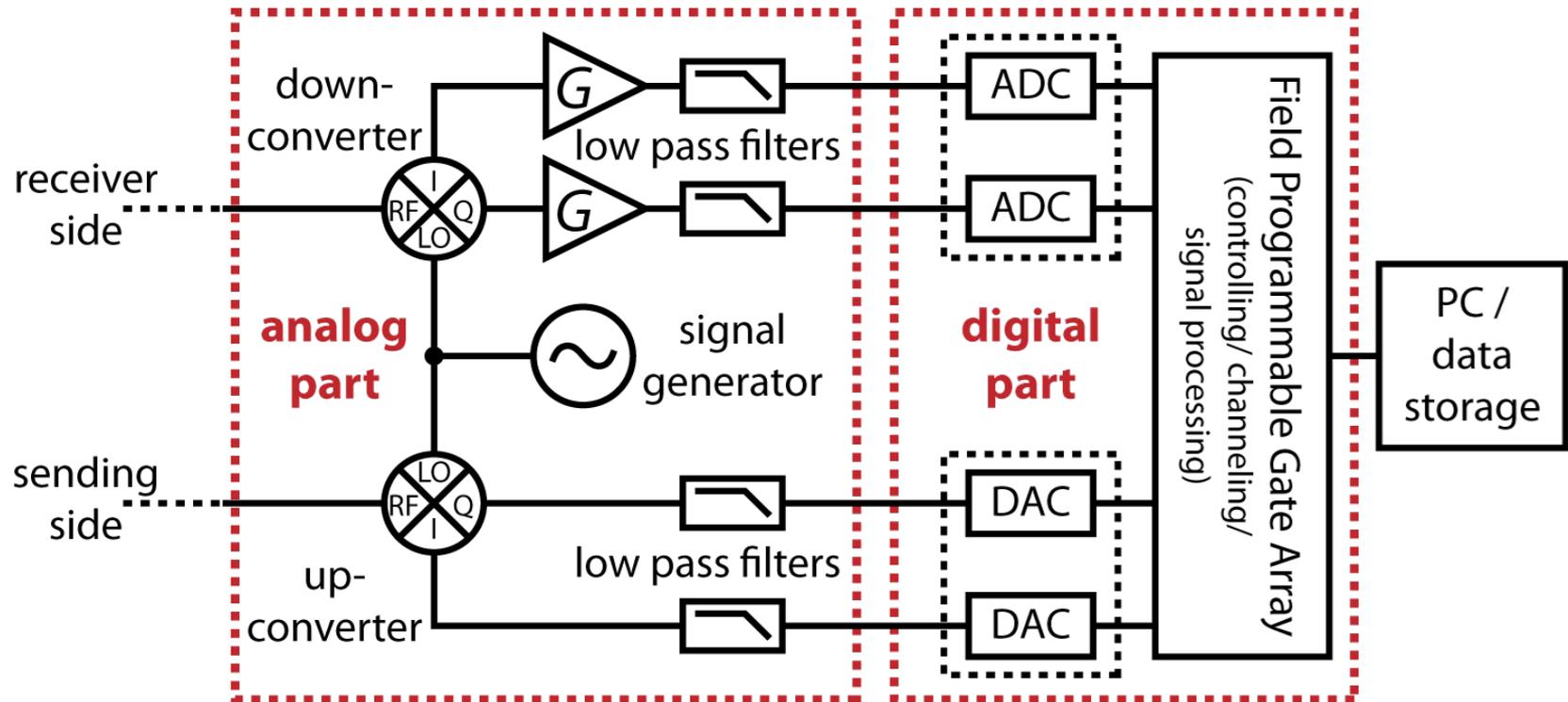
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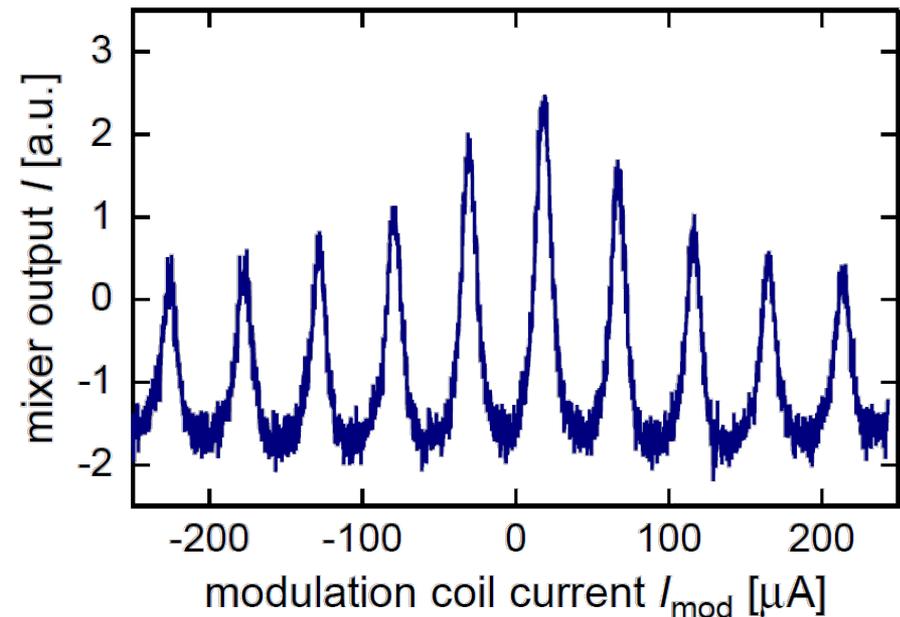
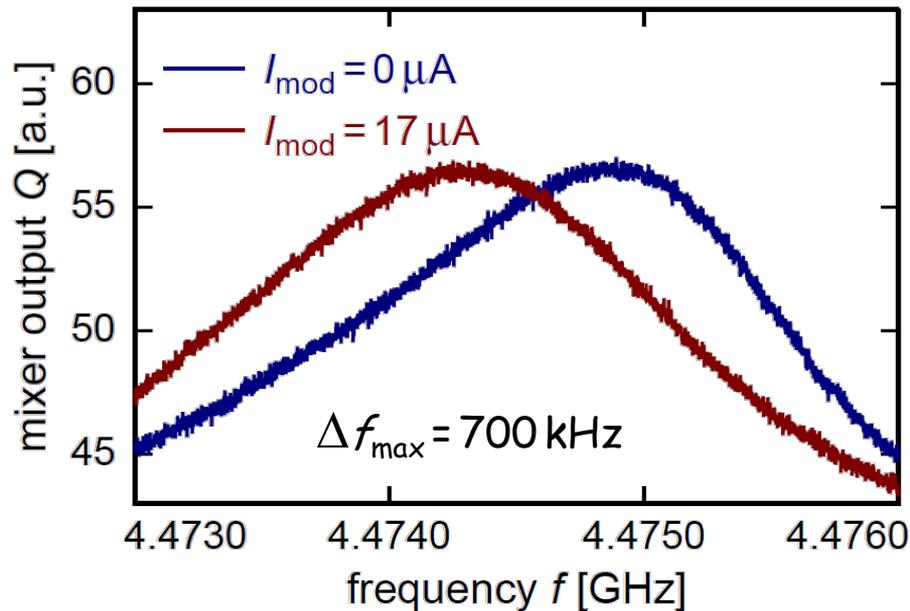


hardware-based resonator readout and signal processing



simultaneous readout of 10^1 - 10^2 detectors

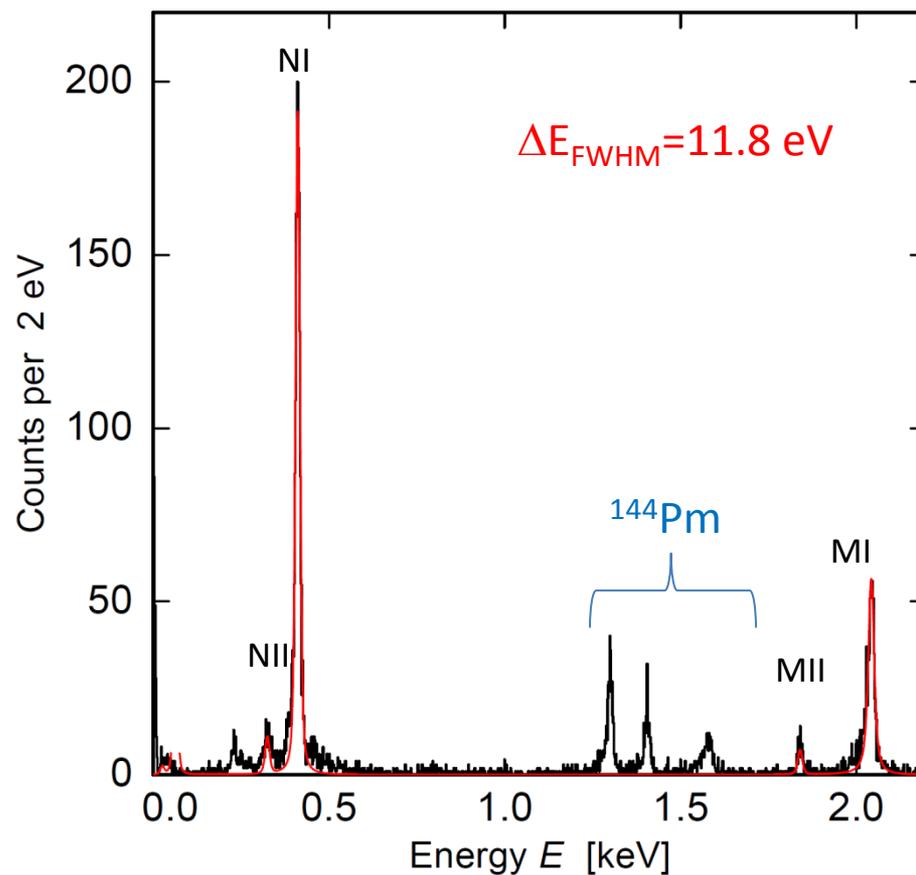
prototype device with 14 photolithographic layers
(homodyne detection, non-muxed operation)



μ MUX prototype working!
now optimization for ECHO-1k

EChO: Calorimetric spectrum

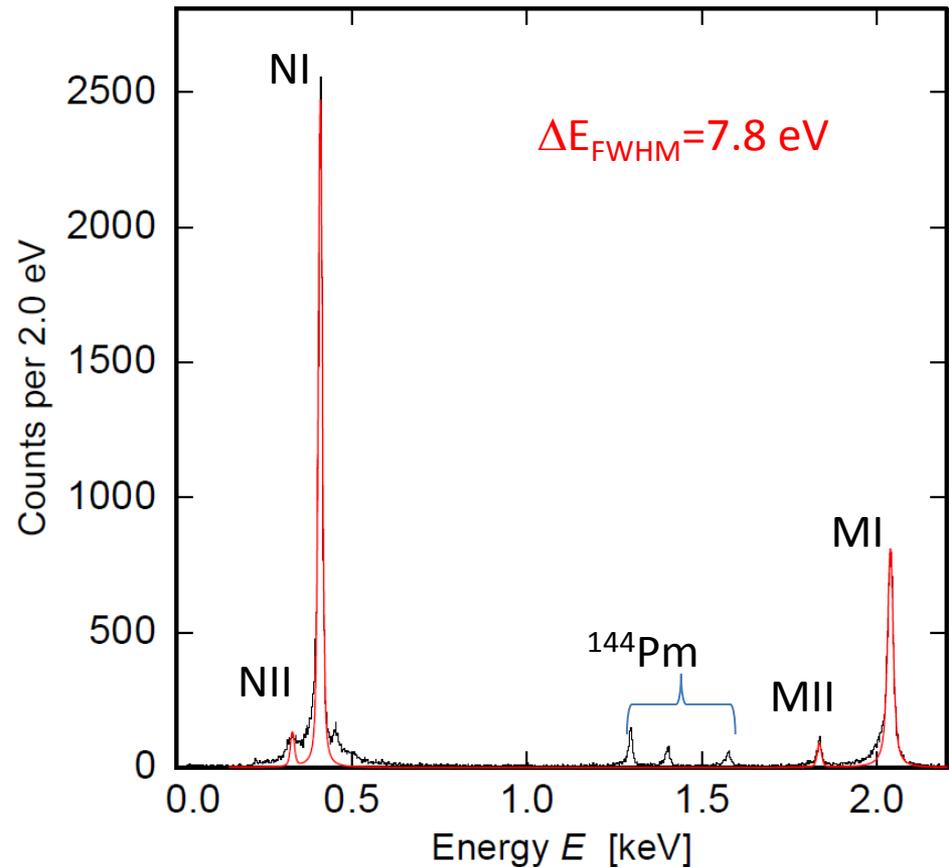
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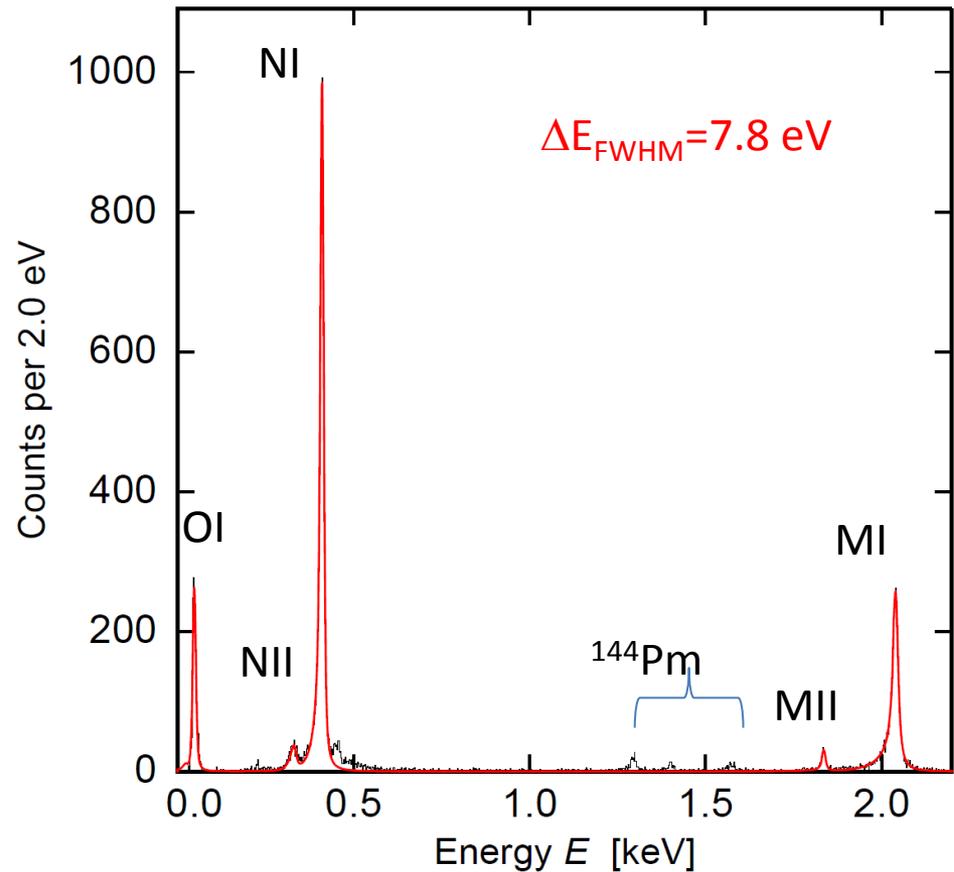


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EC^{Ho} : ¹⁶³Ho source

Required activity in the detectors: Final experiment → $>10^6$ Bq → $>10^{17}$ atoms

- Neutron irradiation
(n,γ)-reaction on ¹⁶²Er

High cross-section

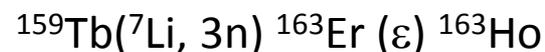
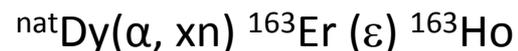


Radioactive contaminants



Er161 3.21 h 3/2- EC	Er162 0+ 0.14	Er163 75.0 m 5/2 EC	Er164 0+ 1.61	Er165 10.36 h 5/2- EC	Er166 0+ 33.6
Ho160 25.6 m 5+ EC *	Ho161 2.48 h 7/2- EC *	Ho162 15.0 m 1+ EC *	Ho163 1.70 y 2- EC	Ho164 29 m 1+ EC,β-	Ho165 2.3 y 3- β-
Dy159 144.4 d 3/2- EC	Dy160 0+ 2.34	Dy161 5/2+ 18.9	Dy162 0+ 25.5	Dy163 5/2- 24.9	Dy164 0+ 28.2
Tb158 180 y 3- EC,β- *	Tb159 3/2+ 100	Tb160 72.3 d 3- β-	Tb161 6.88 d 3/2+ β-	Tb162 7.60 m 1- β-	Tb163 19.5 m 3/2+ β-

- Charged particle activation



Small cross-section



Few radioactive contaminants



ECHo : ^{163}Ho source - (n,γ) -reaction on ^{162}Er

June 2012 : one irradiation at BER II Research Rector Berlin :

-Irradiate 5 mg Er for 11 days $\Rightarrow 1.5 \cdot 10^{16}$ atoms ^{163}Ho

Summer 2013: Two irradiations at ILL

- Treatment of Er prior to irradiation:
all elements lighter than Er separated

- Treatment of Er after irradiation:
all elements heavier than Ho are separated

- 30 mg for 55 days $\Rightarrow 1.6 \cdot 10^{18}$ atoms ^{163}Ho

- 7 mg for 7 days $\Rightarrow 1.4 \cdot 10^{16}$ atoms ^{163}Ho

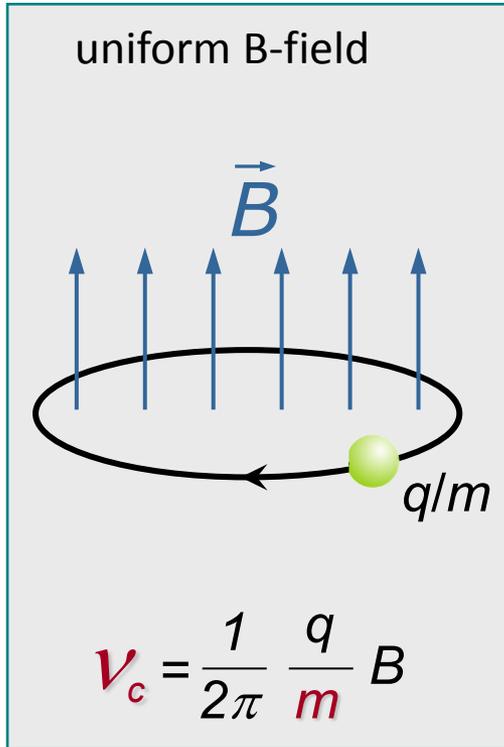


Thermal neutron flux
(Φ): $1.3 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

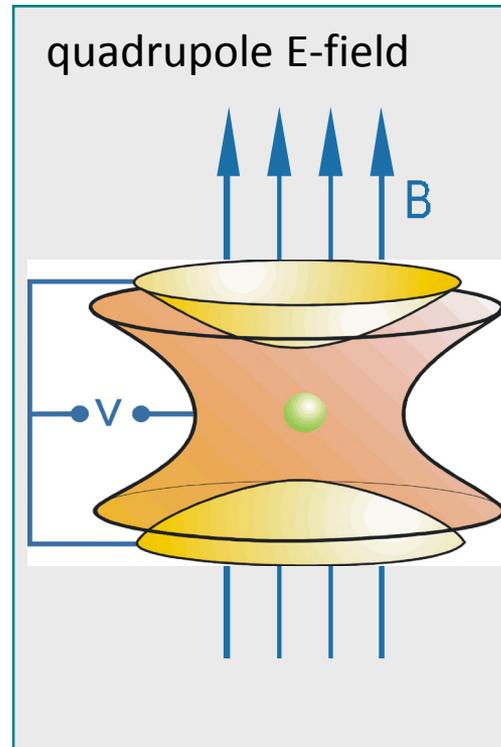


ECHo : Q_{EC} determination

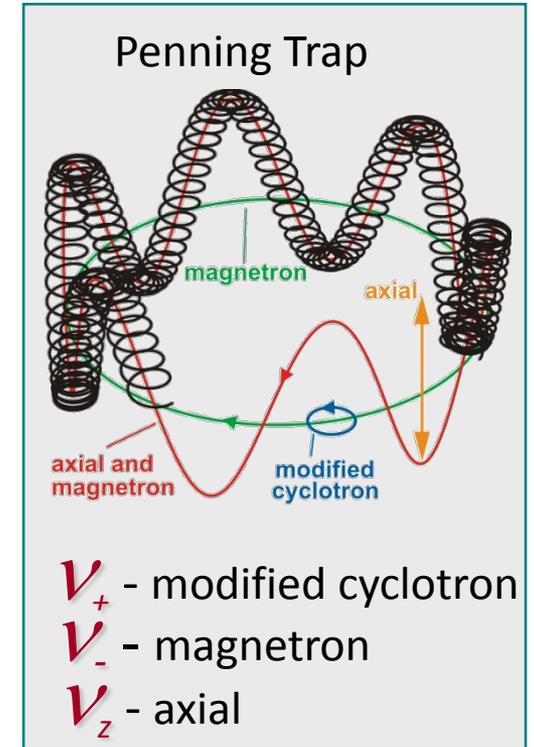
Penning Trap mass spectroscopy



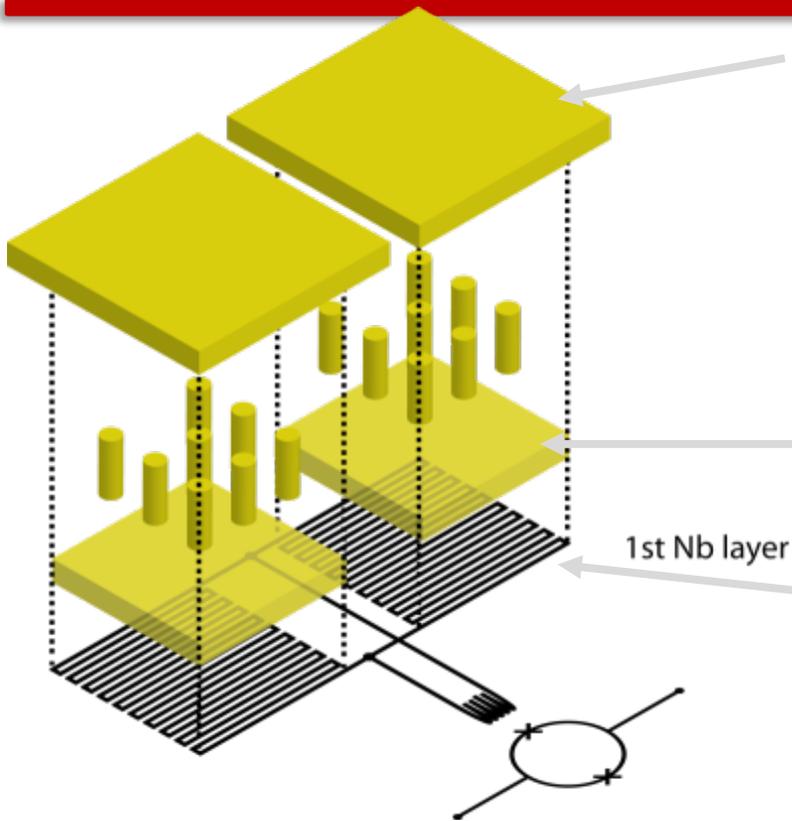
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maXs20: 1d-array for soft x-rays



- **1×8 x-ray absorbers**

- 250 μm ×250 μm gold, 5 μm thick
- 98% Qu.-Eff. @ 6 keV
- electroplated into photoresist mold (RRR>15)
- mech/therm contact to sensor by stems
- to prevent loss of initially hot phonons

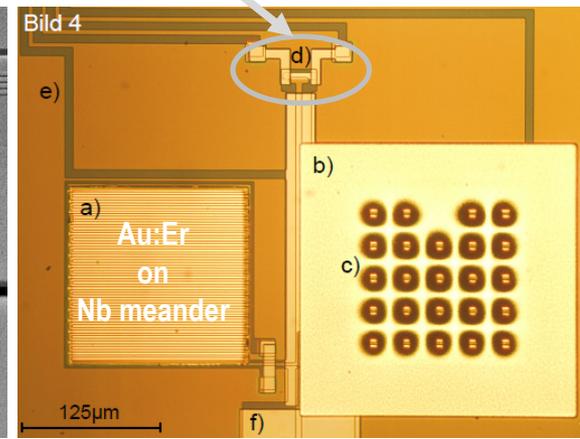
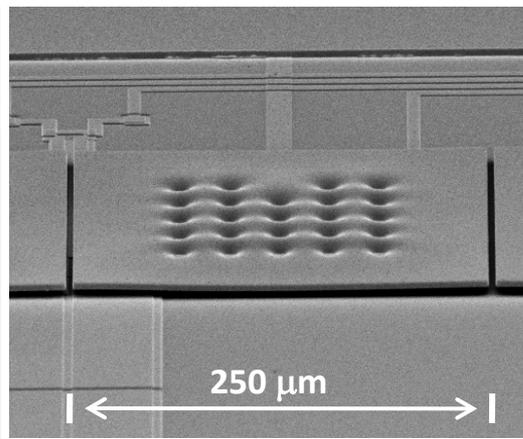
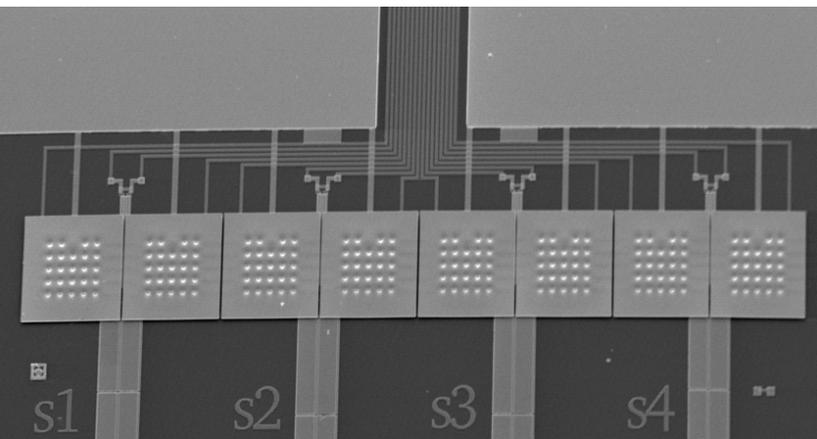
- **Au:¹⁶⁶Er_{300ppm} temperature sensors**

- co-sputtered from pure Au and high conc. AuEr target

- **Meander shaped pickup coils**

- 2.5 μm wide Nb lines
- $I_c \approx 100\text{mA}$

- **On-chip persistent current switch (AuPd)**



Conclusions

goal / achieved

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Techniques	ECHO		HOLMES		LANL	
Detector	MMC		TES		TES	
ΔE_{FWHM}	2 eV	4.7 eV	~1 eV		~1 eV	
τ_{R}	0.1 μs	0.13 μs	~ 1 μs		~ 1 μs	
Multiplexing	Microwave		Microwave		Microwave	
Source	$^{162}\text{Er}(n,\gamma)$ Chem. Purification Mass separation Implantation		$^{162}\text{Er}(n,\gamma)$ Chem. Purification Mass separation Implantation		$^{\text{nat}}\text{Dy}(p,xn)$ Chem. Purification	

In few years ^{163}Ho spectra with more 10^{10} counts

→ $m(\nu_e) < 10 \text{ eV}$ 😊

Conclusions

