

CALDER

CRYOGENIC LIGHT DETECTORS FOR NEUTRINO AND DARK MATTER SEARCHES

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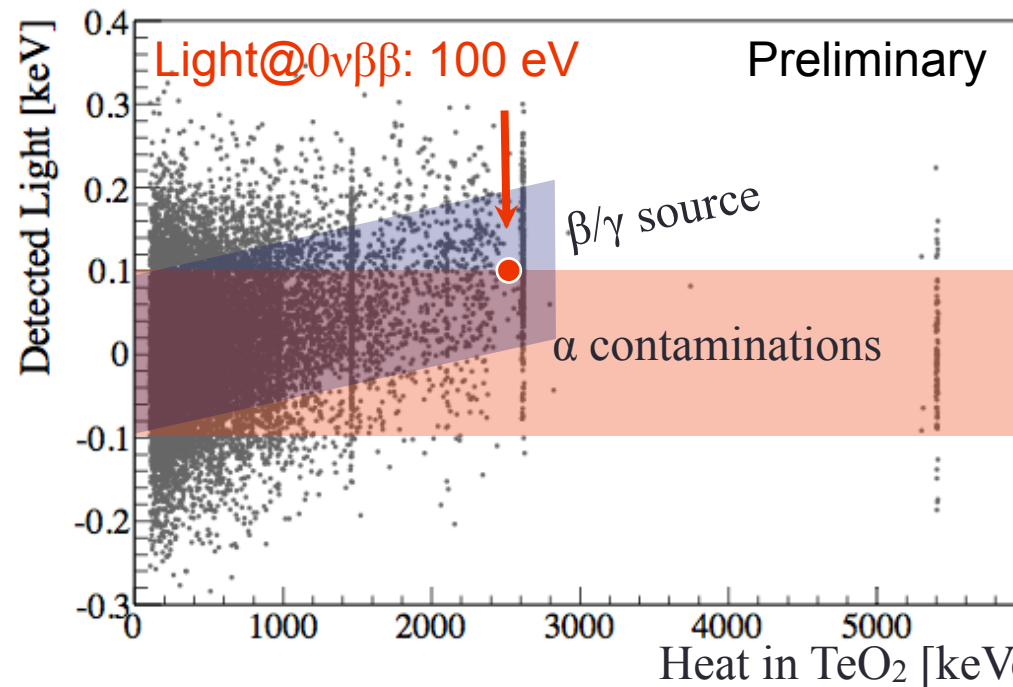
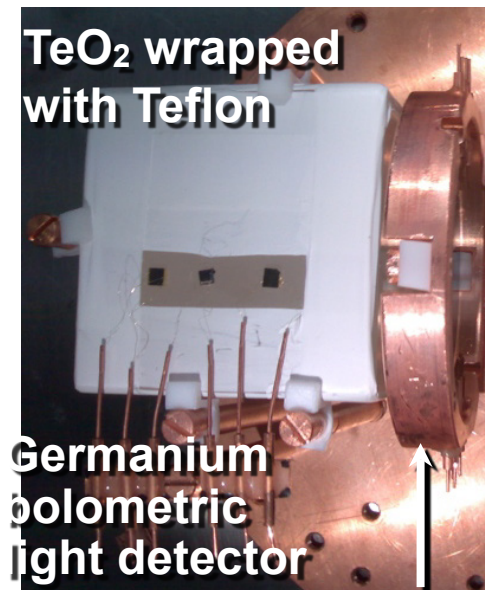


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Particle ID with Čerenkov

Discrimination of α interactions in CUORE: MeV β s (signal) emit a little Čerenkov light, α s (background) do not.



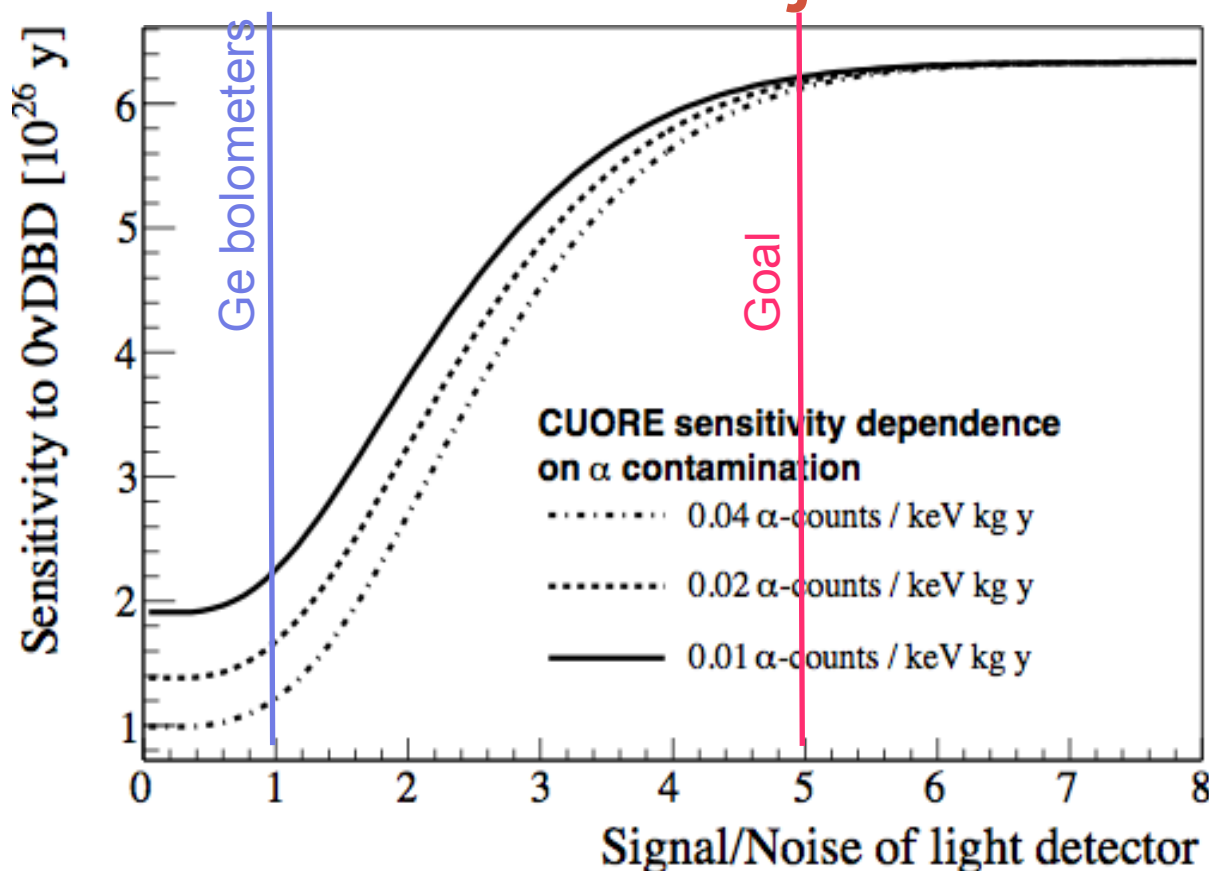
The light is visible but event by event discrimination is not possible: the noise of the light detector is high (100 eV RMS) compared to the Čerenkov signal (100 eV).

J. W. Beeman, M. Vignati (c.a.), et al., “Discrimination of α and β/γ interactions in a TeO₂ bolometer,” *Astropart. Phys.* 35 (2012) 558.

Requirement for an efficient rejection

Candidate Detectors

- ✓ TES
- ✓ **KID**
- ✓ LUKE
- ✓ MMC
- ✓ ...



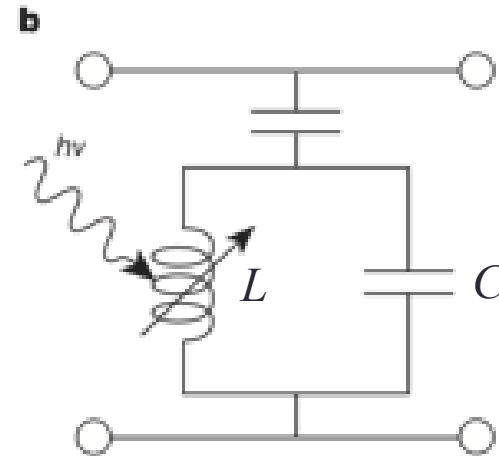
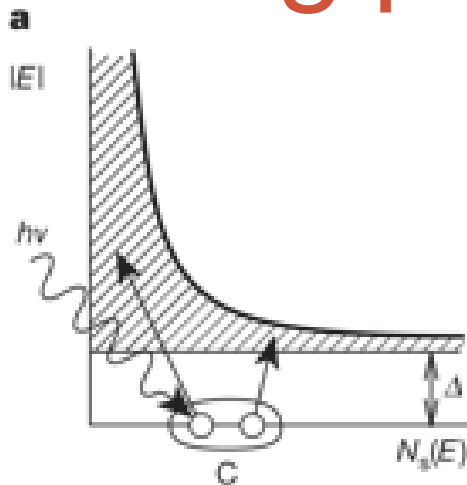
Kinetic Inductance Detectors (KIDs)

new technology invented at Caltech (*P. Day et al., Nature, 425 2003*)

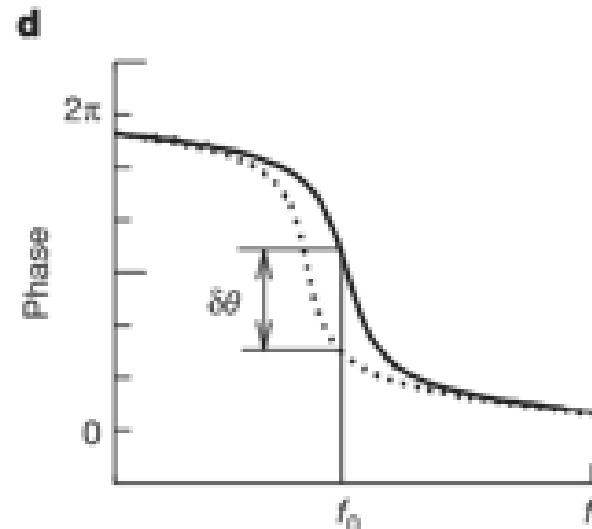
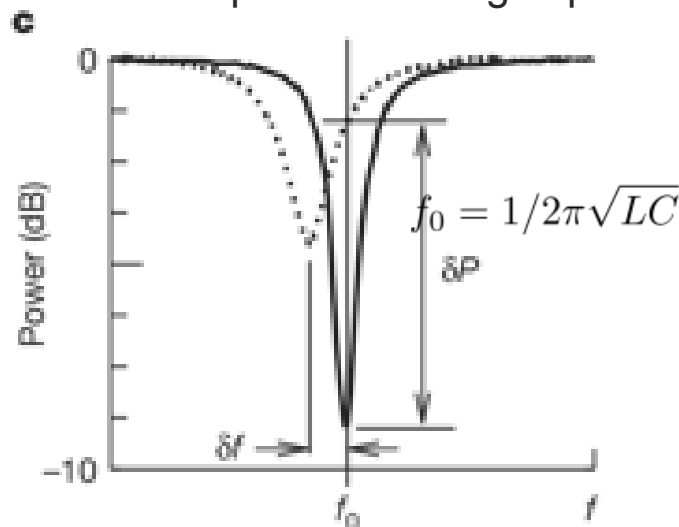
- Excellent reliability
- Easy fabrication
- Easy readout: FPGA and 1 cold amplifier, high multiplexing

KID: Working principle

Day et al., Nature 425 (2003) 817

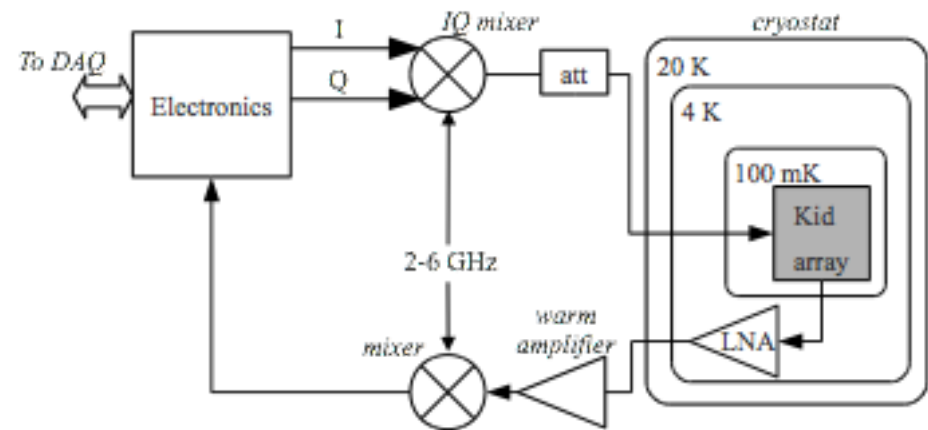
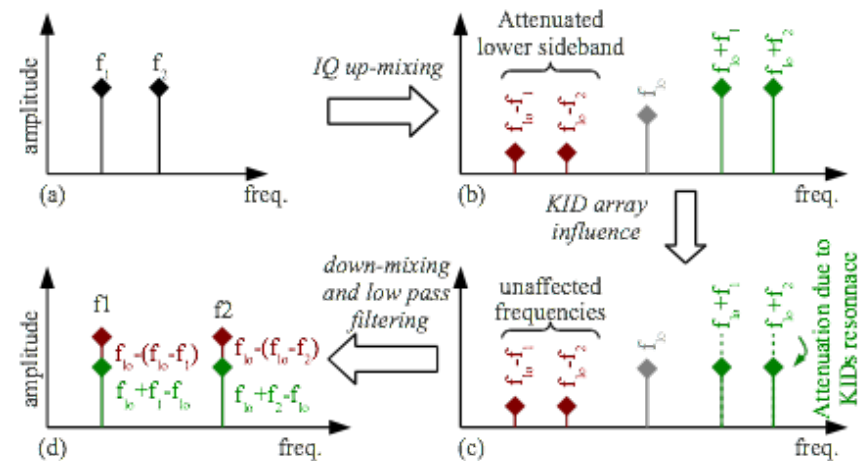
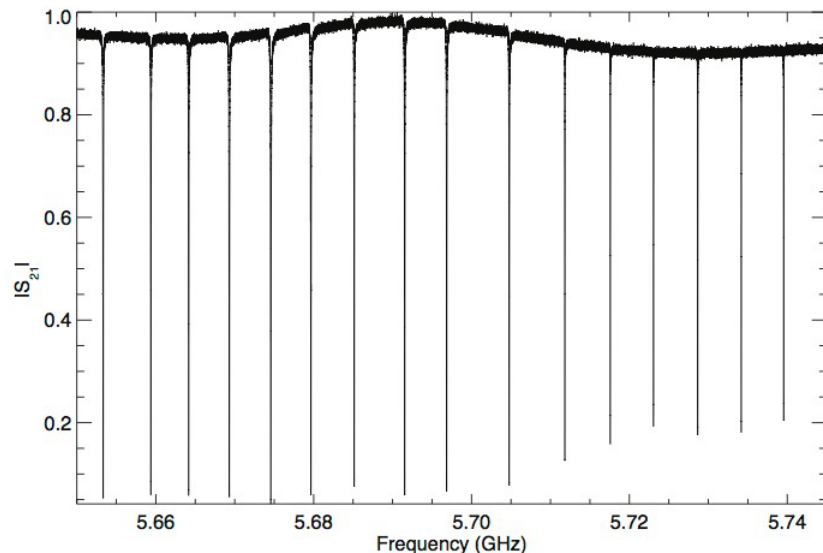
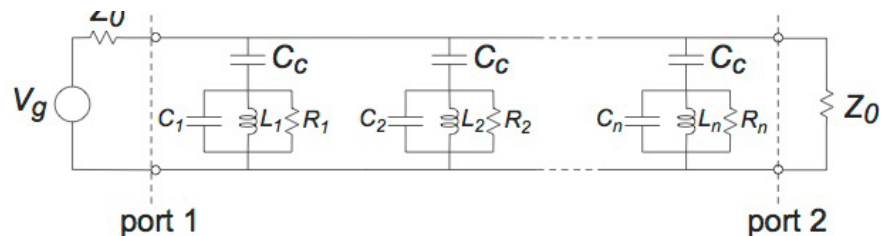


Cooper pairs (cp) in a superconductor act as an inductance (L). Absorbed photons change cp density and L .



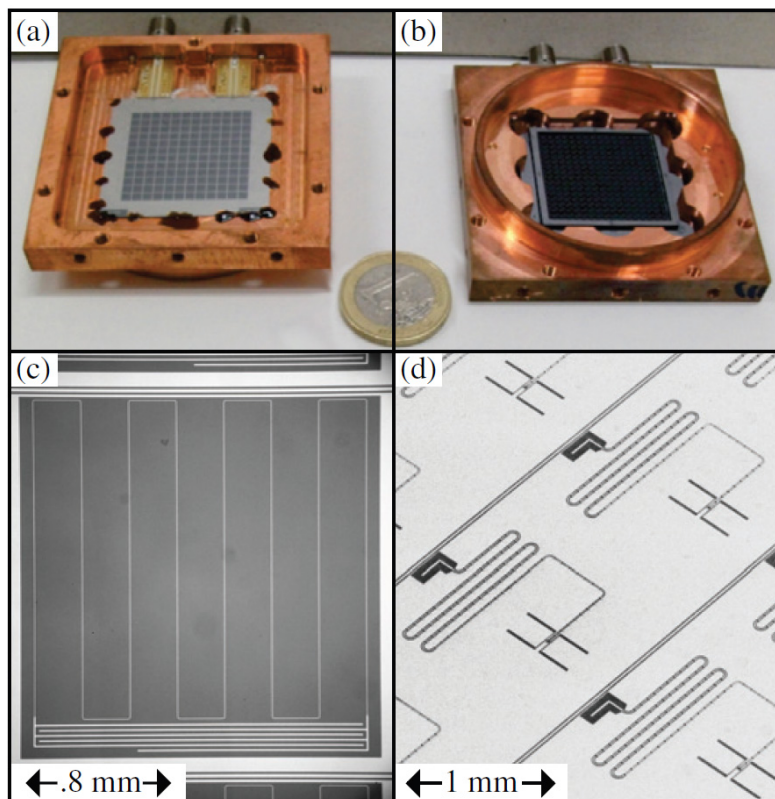
High quality factor (Q) resonating circuit biased with a microwave (GHz): signal from amplitude and phase shift.

Multiplexed readout of a KID array



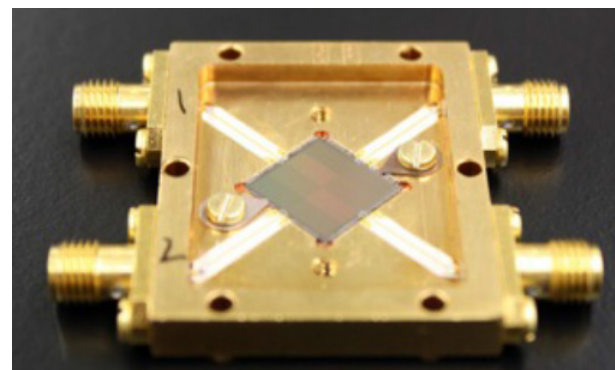
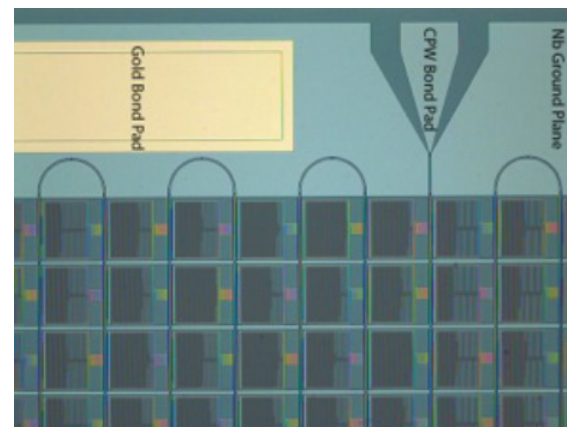
NIKA and ARCONS

first successful implementations



NIKA is a camera devoted to millimeter wave astronomy, developed by a collaboration, lead by Institut Néel (CNRS) et installed at the IRAM telescope

Monfardini et al., APJS 194 (2011)



ARCONS is a 2024 pixel spectrophotometer for optical and near-IR astronomy, developed by University of Santa Barbara

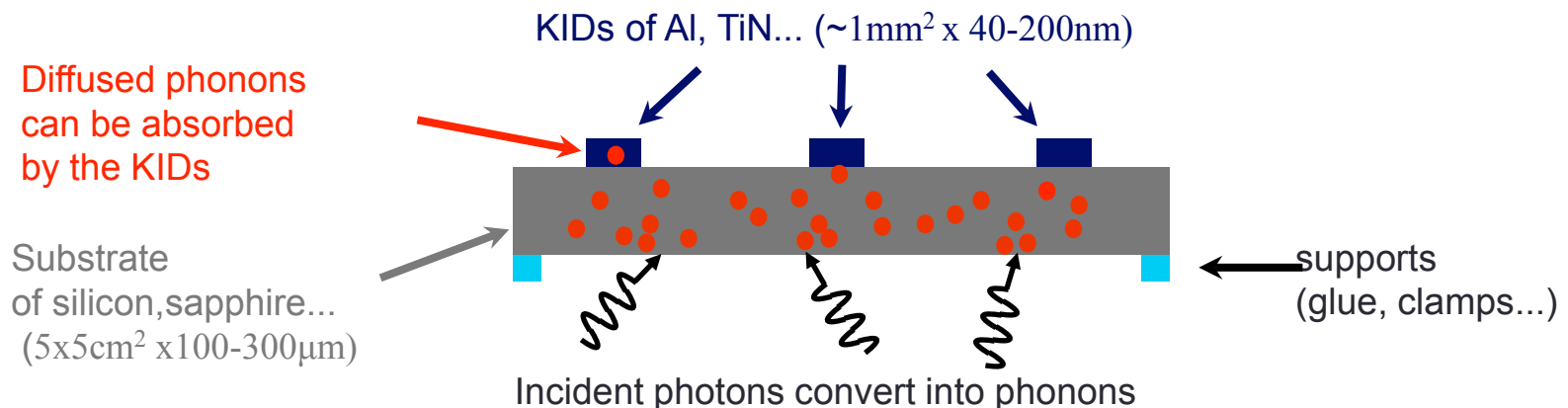
Mazin et al., PASP 123 (2013)

Our goals

	State of the art	goal	
Area	few mm ²	5x5 cm ²	difficult
ΔE [eV RMS]	< 1	< 20	achievable
T _{work} [mK]	80	10	pro

Problem of direct photon detection: area cannot be covered with 10^3 KIDs, too demanding for electronics (in the future we will need 10^3 light detectors).

Indirect detection: use a few KIDs ($N_K=10-20$) and athermal phonons in the substrate as mediators:

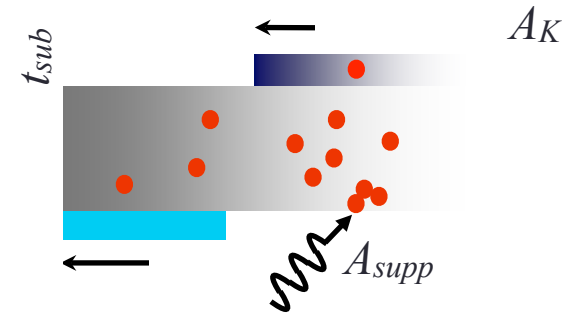


See also: *Swenson et al., APL 96 (2010)* and *Moore et al, APL 100 (2012)*

Scientific challenge

New problem: loss of phonon collection efficiency (ϵ) through the supports and via thermalization:

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} = 1 + \frac{1}{N_K A_K p_K} \left(A_{supp} p_{supp} + A_{sub} \frac{t_{sub}/v_{sound}}{\tau_{thermal}} \right)$$



Substrate R&D: maximize transmission to the KIDs (p_K). Minimize support area (A_{supp}), transmission prob. to supports (p_{supp}) and substrate thickness (t_{sub}).

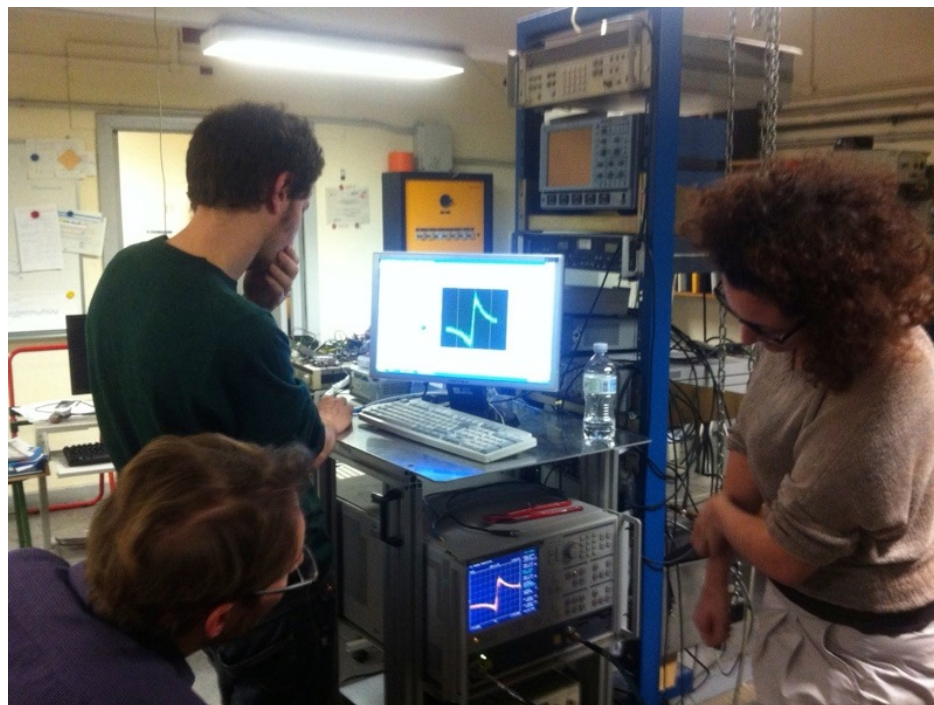
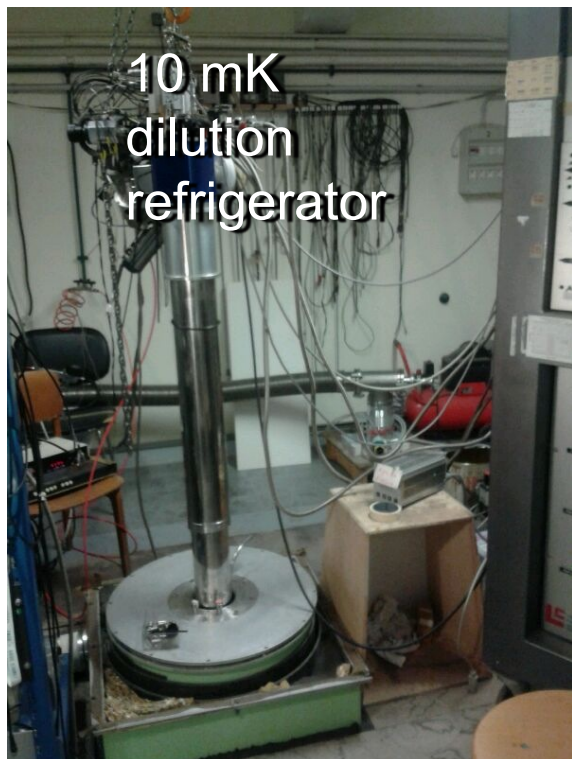
KID R&D: ϵ loss compensated by KID sensitivity:

$$\Delta E \propto \frac{1}{\epsilon} \cdot T_c \sqrt{\frac{N_K A_K}{Q L}}$$

- 1) Maximize resonator (and consequently film) quality factor: $Q > 10^5$.
- 2) High inductivity (L) and low T_c superconductors thanks to $T_{work} = 10$ mK:

	Al	TiN (non stoich.)	Ti+TiN (stoich.)	Hf
T_c [K]	1.2	0.9	>0.4	0.12
L [pH/square]	0.5	3	30	3

Rome Lab

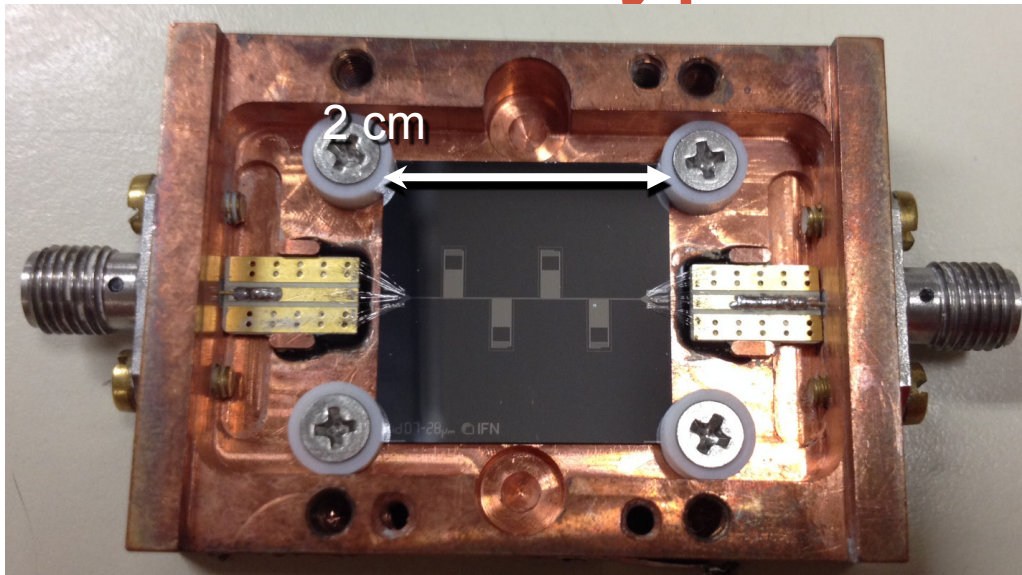


Nixa: electronics board developed at LPSC (Grenoble)

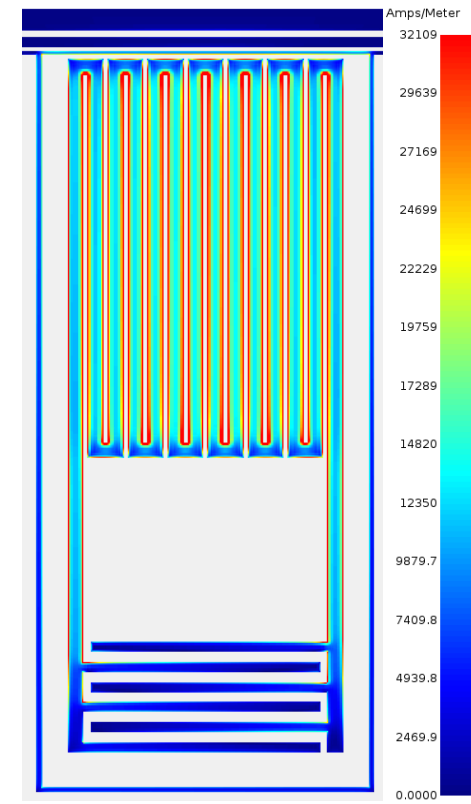
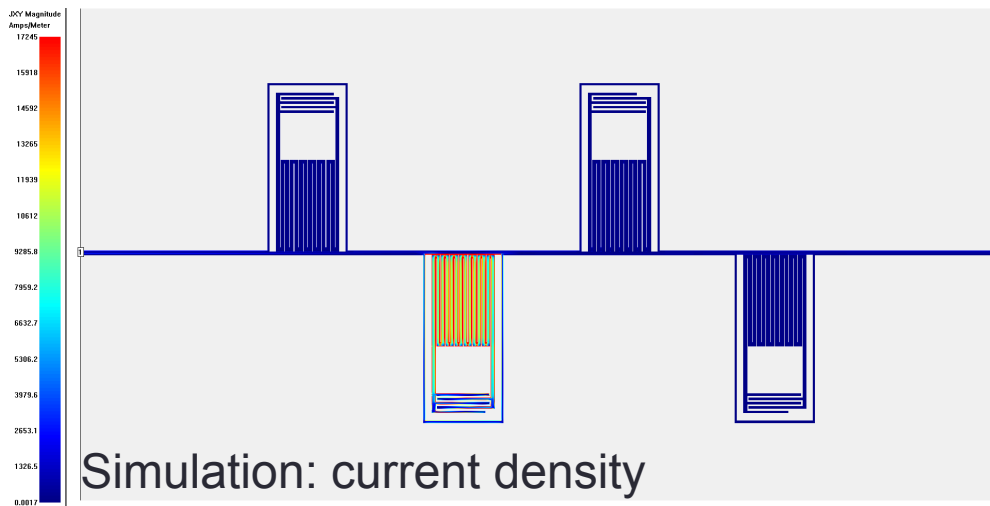


single
cryogenic
amplifier

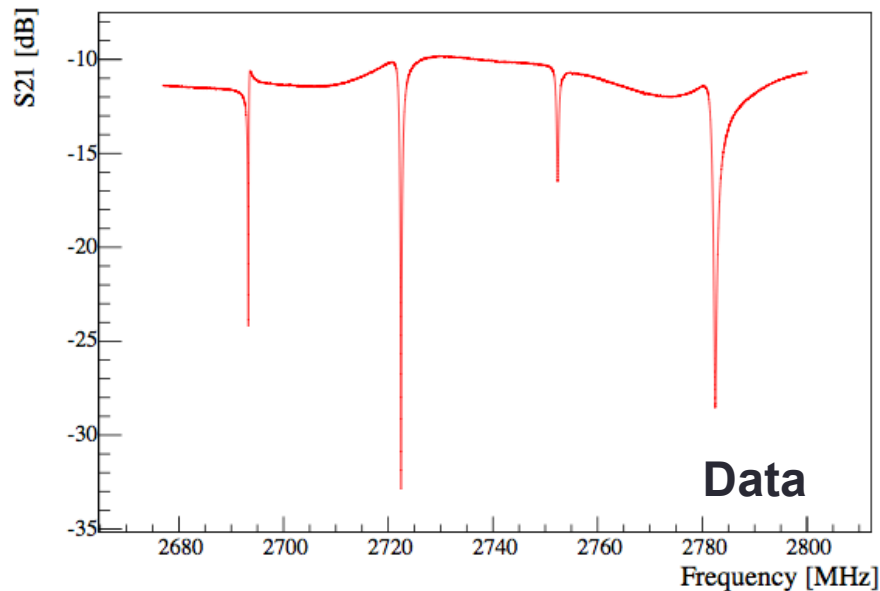
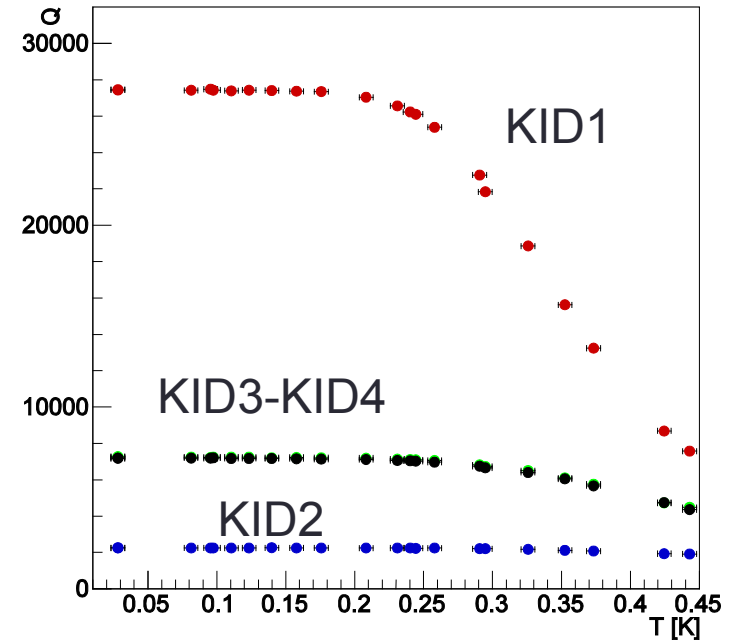
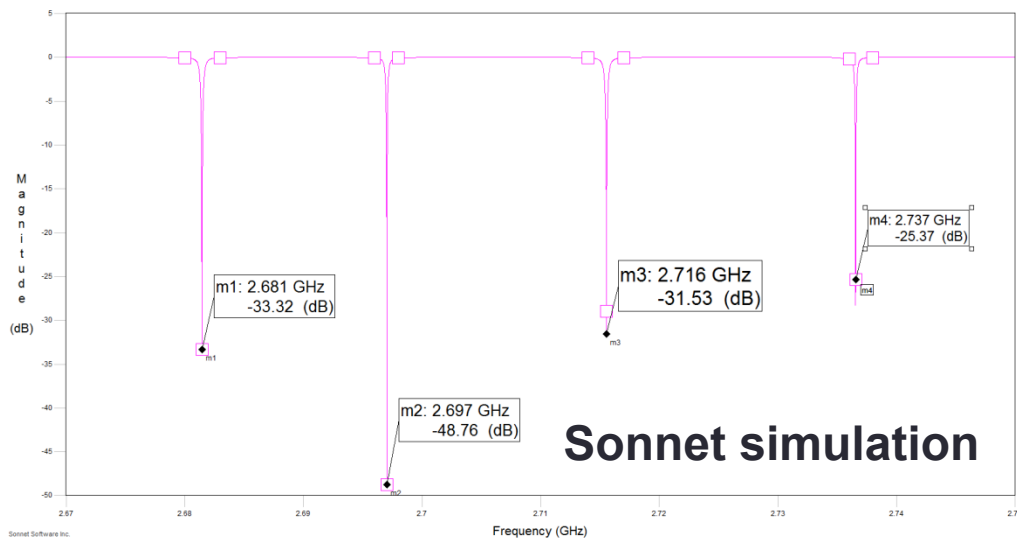
2nd Prototype



- Single pixel area: 2.4 mm^2 .
- 4 pixels coupled to the same feed line.
- Frequency: 2.6 GHz (spacing 15 MHz).
- 40 nm Aluminum lithography on 300 μm Silicon substrate

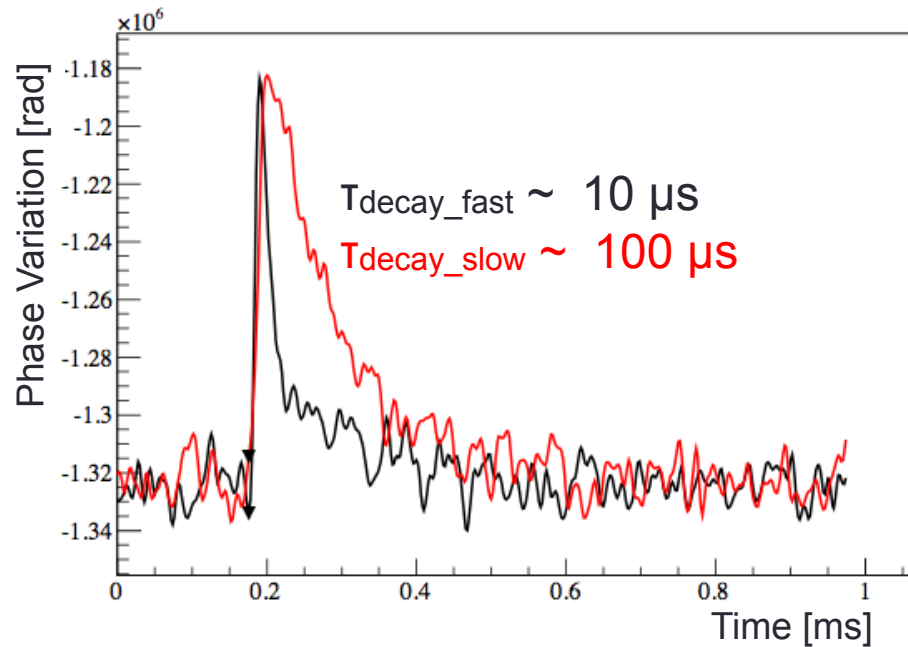


Q - factors



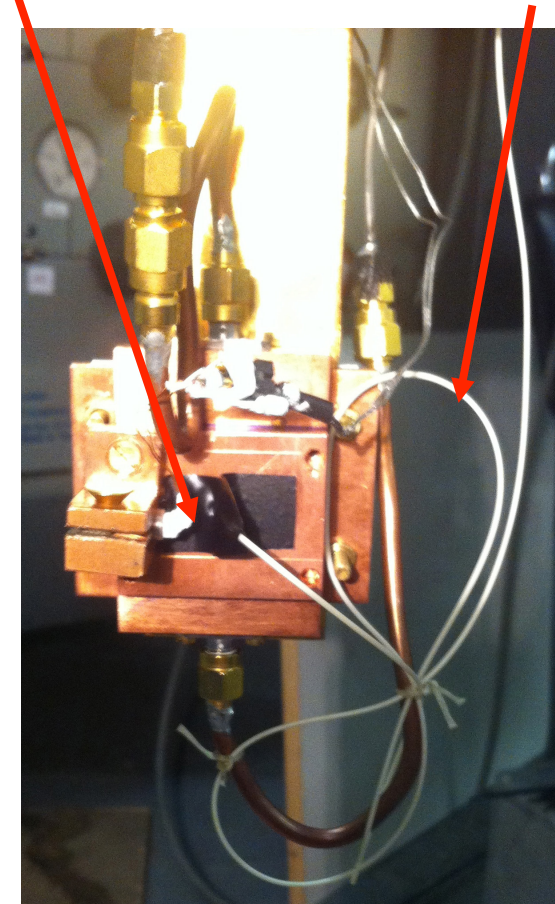
# reso	Simulated Q [k]	Measured Q [k]
1	8.0	27.5
2	8.0	2.0
3	8.0	7.0
4	8.0	6.5

Results – 1

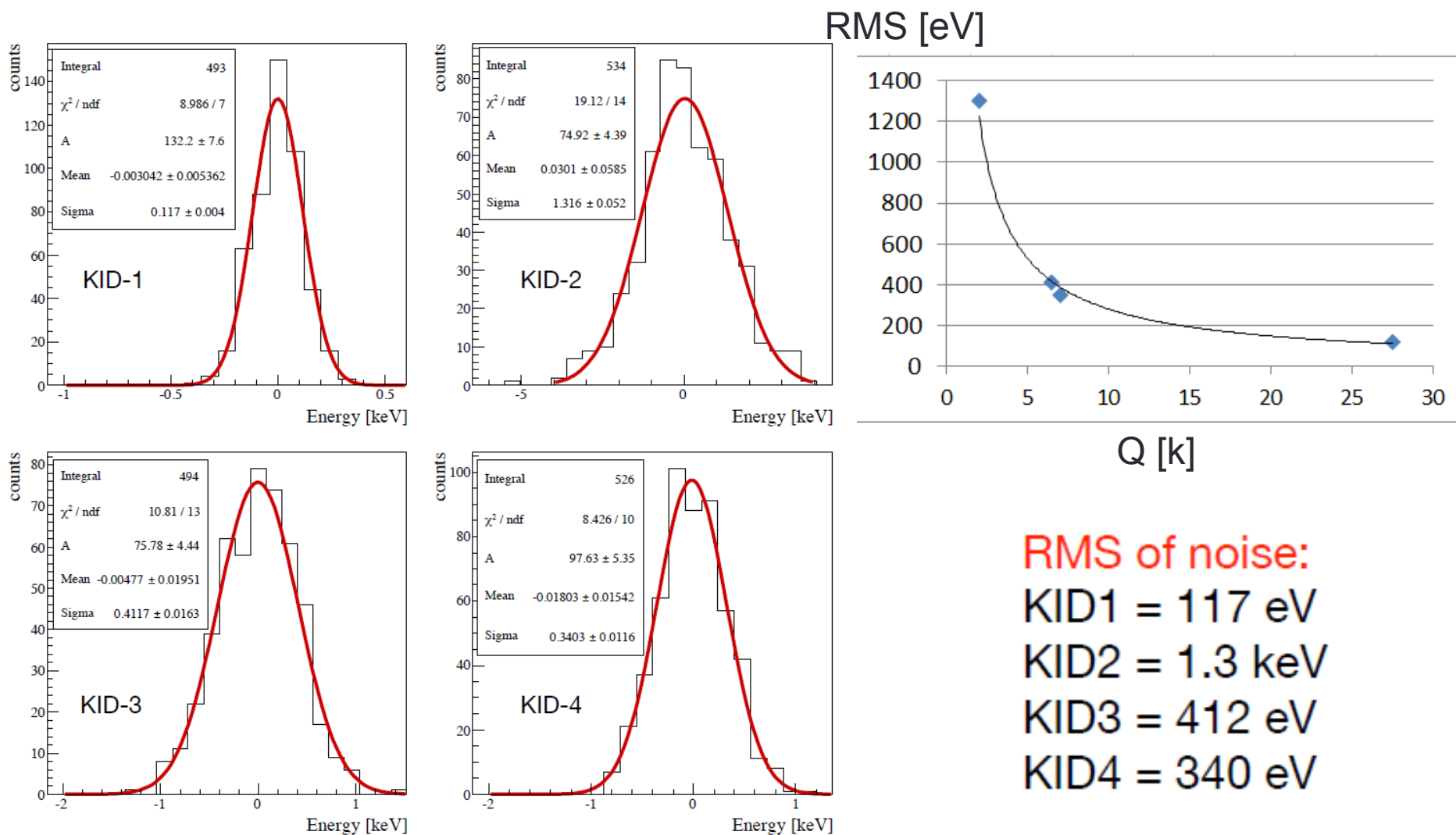


^{57}Co source
(7 and 14 keV
X-rays)

Optical fiber pulsed
with LED



Results 2 – Baseline energy resolution



RMS of noise:

KID1 = 117 eV

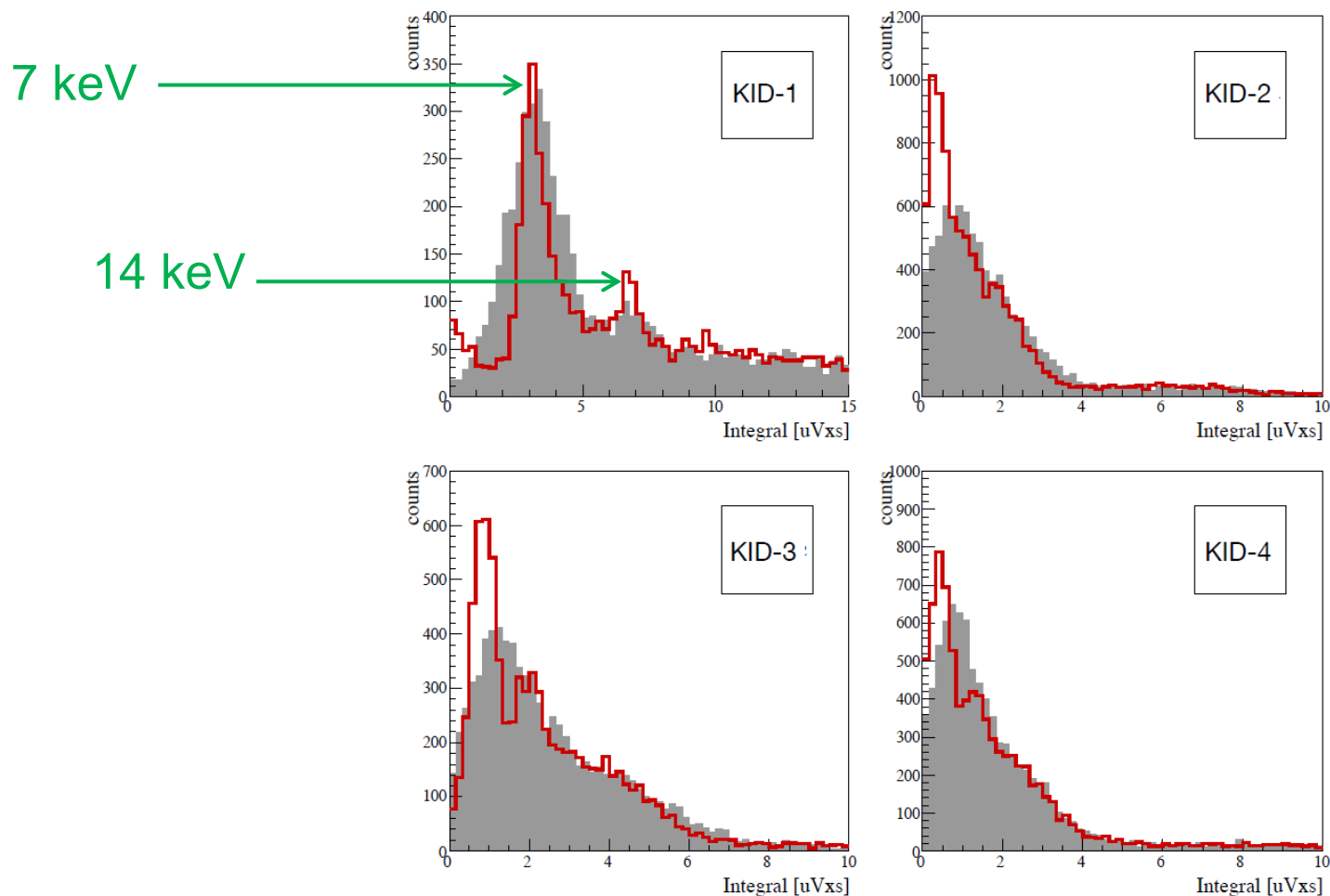
KID2 = 1.3 keV

KID3 = 412 eV

KID4 = 340 eV

Results 3 – Single pixel energy spectrum

Effect of BiComponent Filter on the detectors.
Integral vs Filtered Integral



Next Steps

1) Increase Q-values with Al

Q [k]	1pix resolution [eV]	4pix resolution [eV]	Difficulty
50	90	180	Easy
100	60	120	Medium
200	40	80	Hard

2) Use different metals: TiN coming soon

expected improvement of resolution: $2 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = 16$
Tc Lk Eff

3) Maximize efficiency, using membranes and/or different substrates