

# Etude et développement de l'électronique cryogénique de lecture des détecteurs à très bas seuil de l'expérience Ricochet pour la recherche de nouvelle physique via la mesure de l'interaction cohérente neutrino noyaux (CENNS)

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**RICOCHET**  
A Coherent Neutrino Scattering Program



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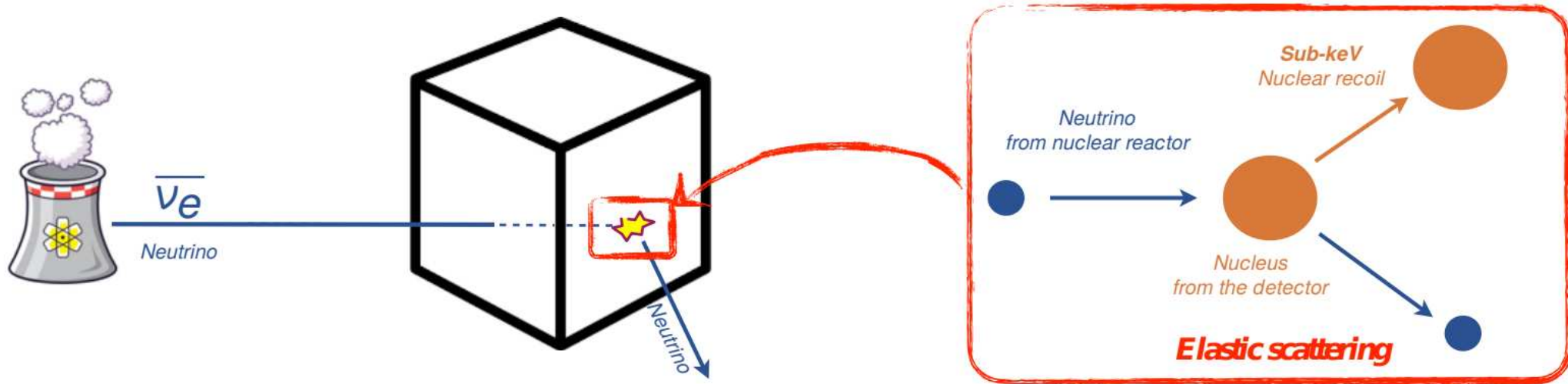
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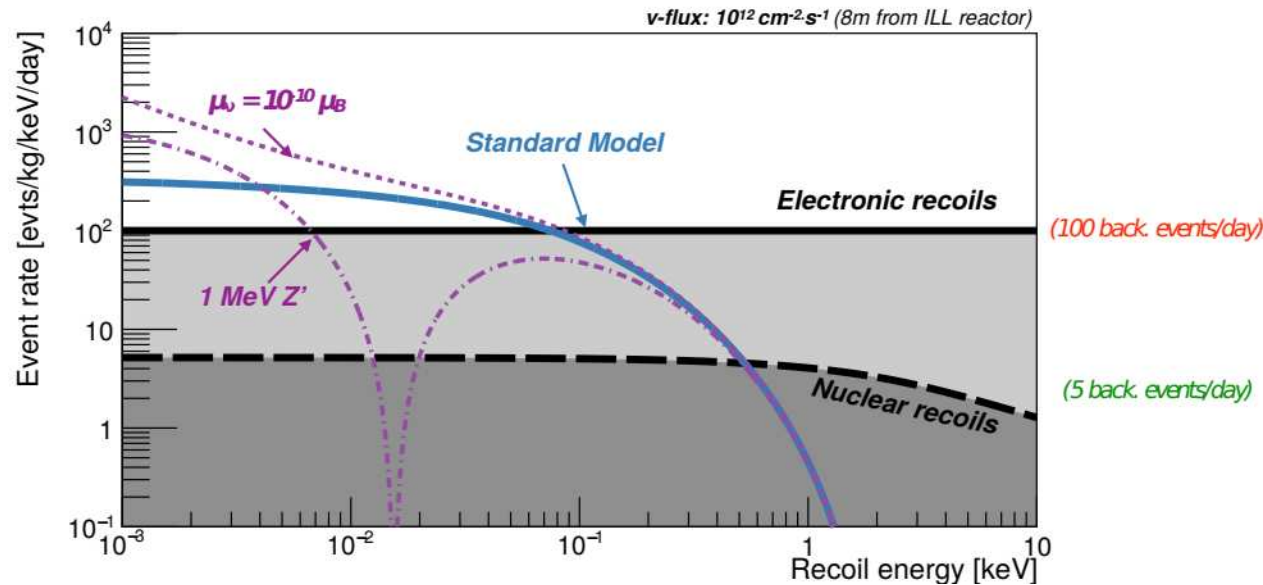
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# Scientific context

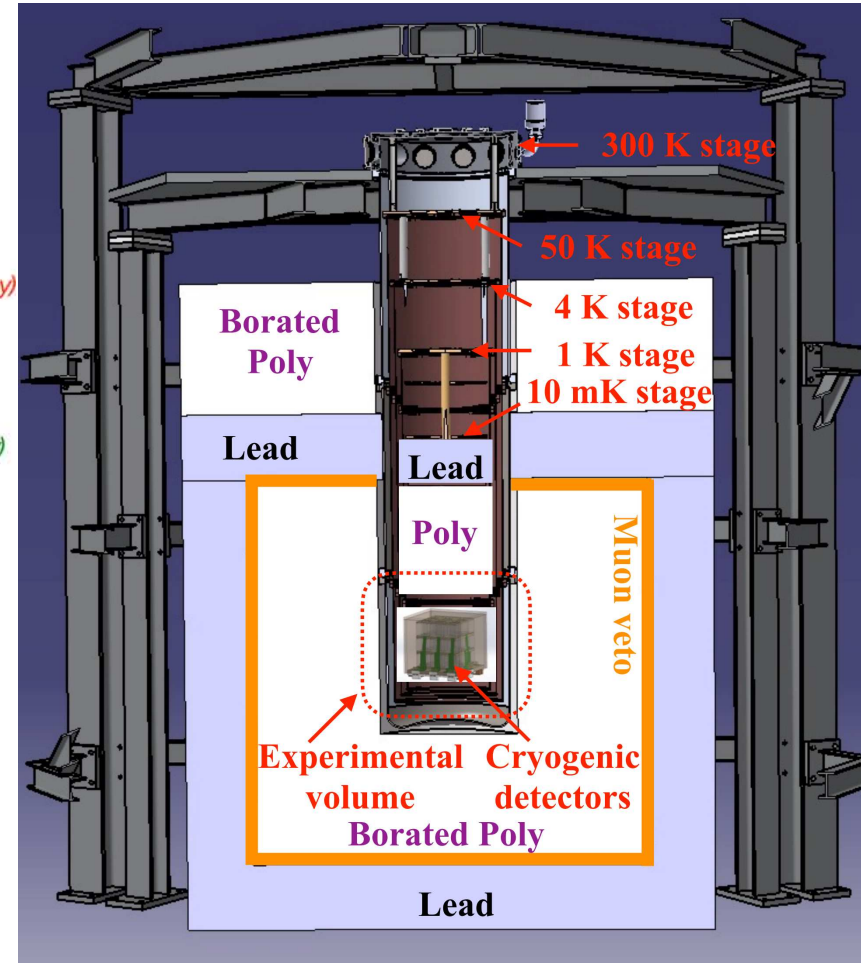


- Coherent elastic neutrino nucleus scattering (CENNS)
- Predicted by the standard model, first measurement in 2017 (COHERENT experiment)
- Any deviation is a sign of new physics

# Ricochet experiment



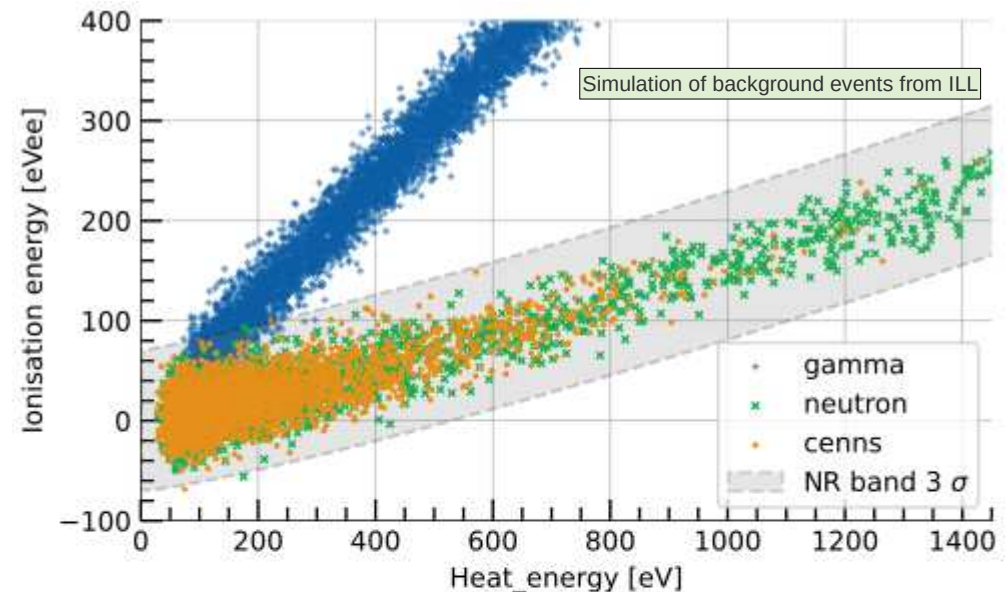
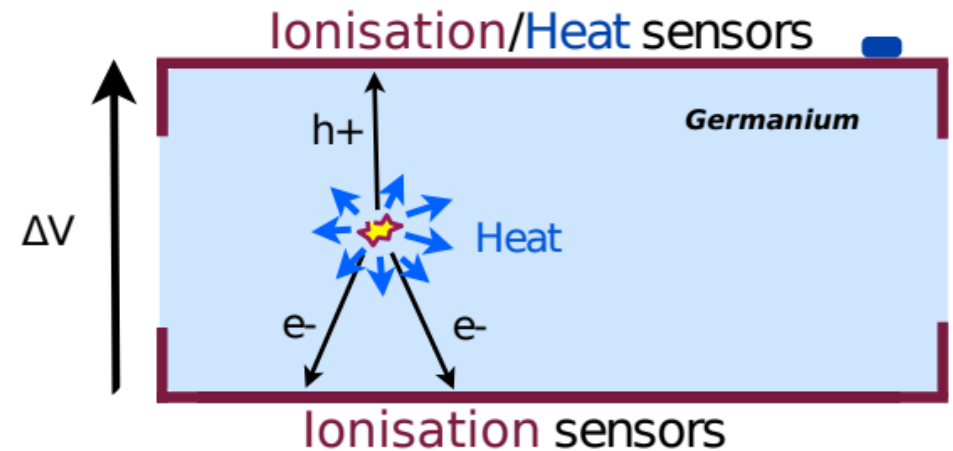
- Threshold in recoil energy of **50 eV**
- Dry cryostat temperature  $\sim 10 \text{ mK}$
- 8 m from a 60 MW nuclear research reactor (ILL Grenoble)
- Lead/polyethylene shielding and muon veto for background reduction
- Detector mass  $\sim 1 \text{ kg} \rightarrow 15 \text{ evts/jour}$



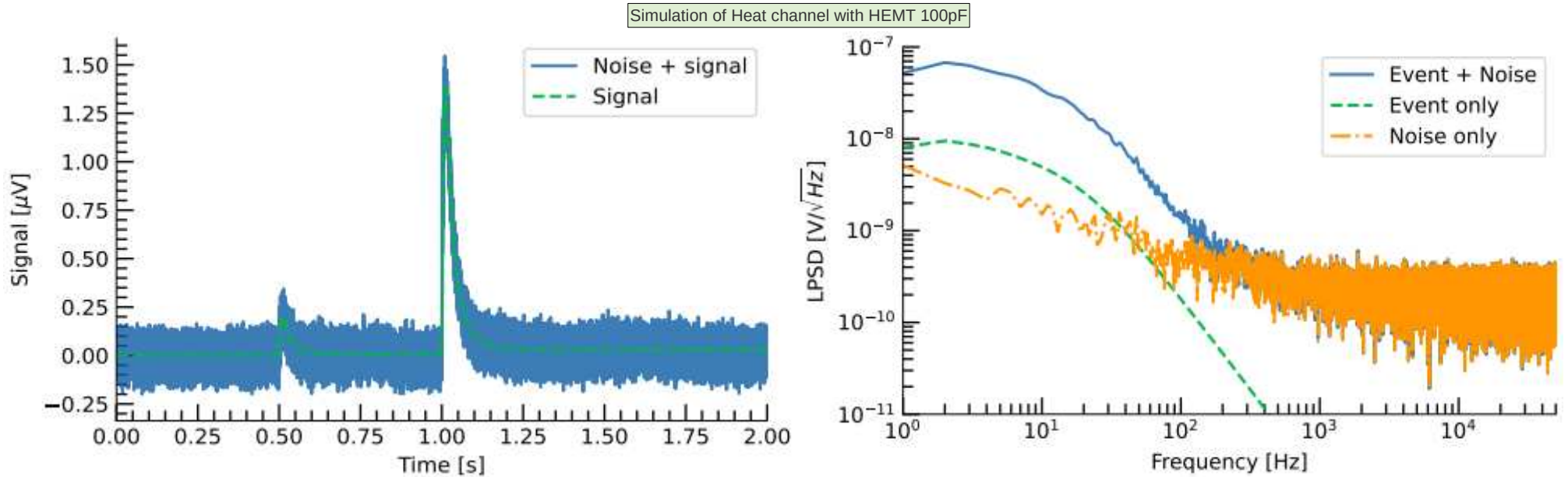
# CryoCube detector

## Detection principle:

- Semiconductor detector Germanium  
 $T \sim 15$  mK same as EDELWEISS-III
- Temperature increase (heat channel)  
with NTD sensor
- Production of electron/hole pairs  
(ionisation channel)
- Event discrimination
- Goal :
  - $\Delta T \sim 1$   $\mu$ K, heat energy resolution of  $\sigma_c = 10$  eV
  - 10 electron/hole pairs, ionisation energy resolution of  $\sigma_i = 20$  eV<sub>ee</sub>



# Study of detector signal



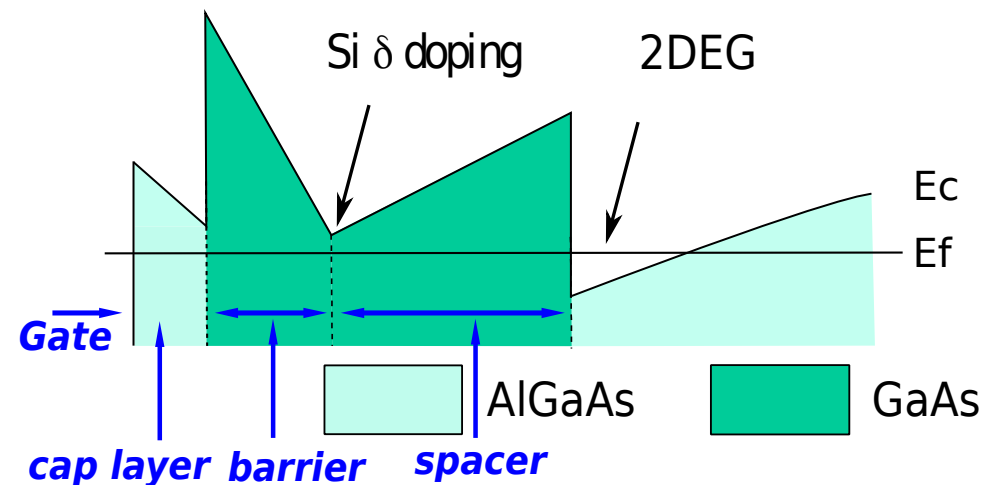
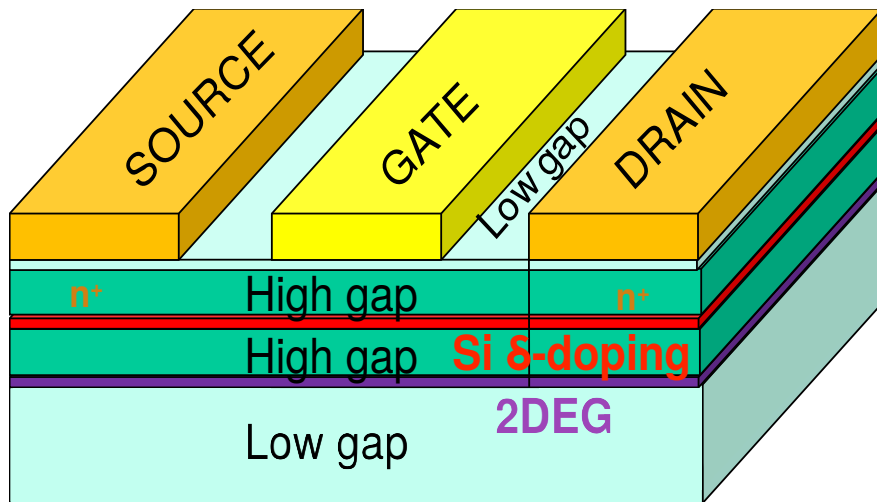
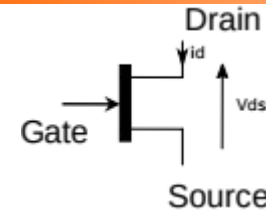
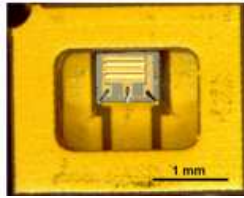
- Passage of a temporal signal in frequency by LPSD (Linear Power Spectral Density)
- Noise spectrum = distribution of the power of a signal according to the frequencies of which it is composed.
- Noise spectrum useful to compare different data sets
- Goal: reduce noise to observe low energy events

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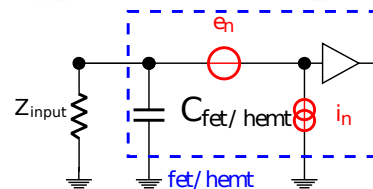
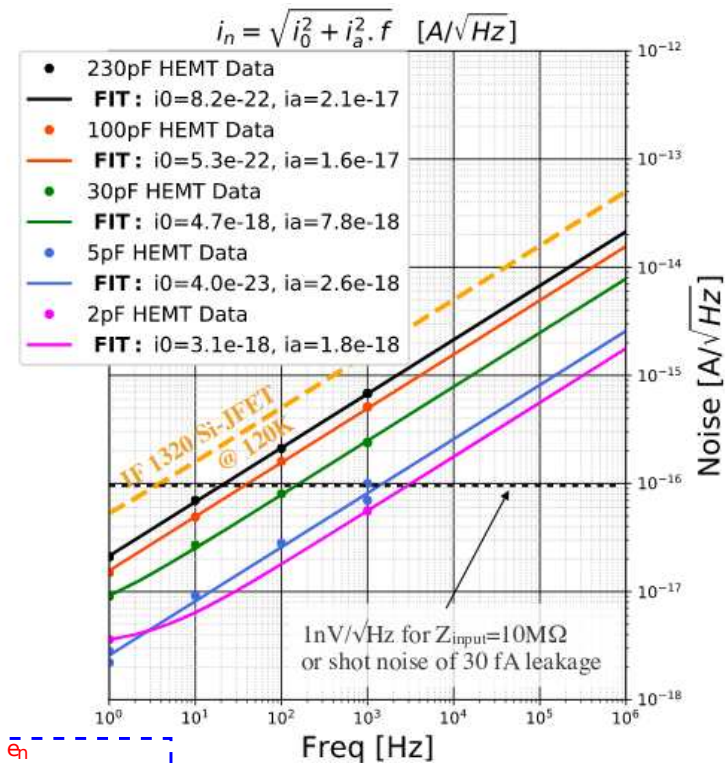
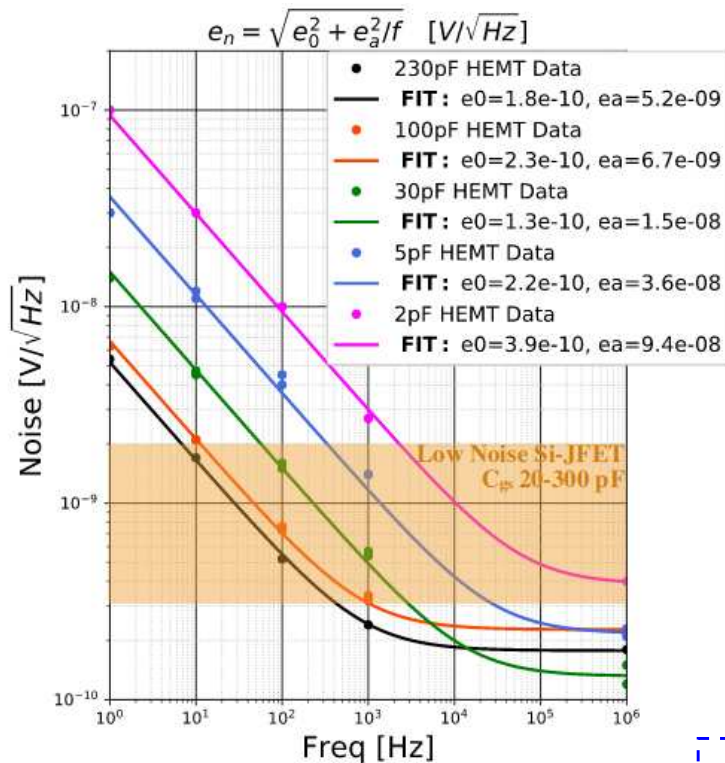


# HEMT (High electron mobility transistor)



- HEMT are based on 2D electron gas formed at the junction canal/barrier
- HEMT work at all temperature but limited by dissipation (EDELWEISS-III FET 120K)
- HEMT work like a FET, the voltage on the gate changes the electron density ( $\Delta V_g \rightarrow \Delta I_{ds}$ )
- Source and drain are doped to have direct access to the gas

# HEMT noise model

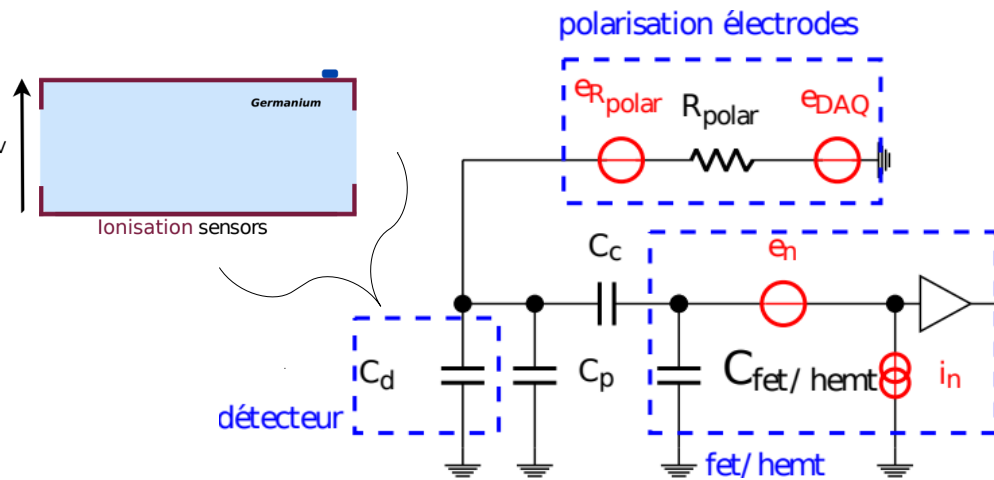


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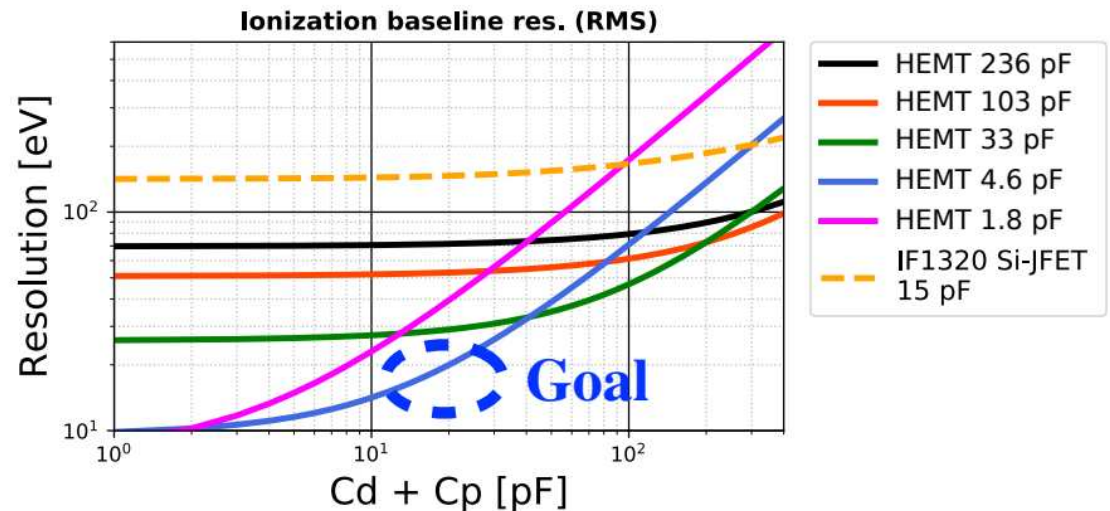
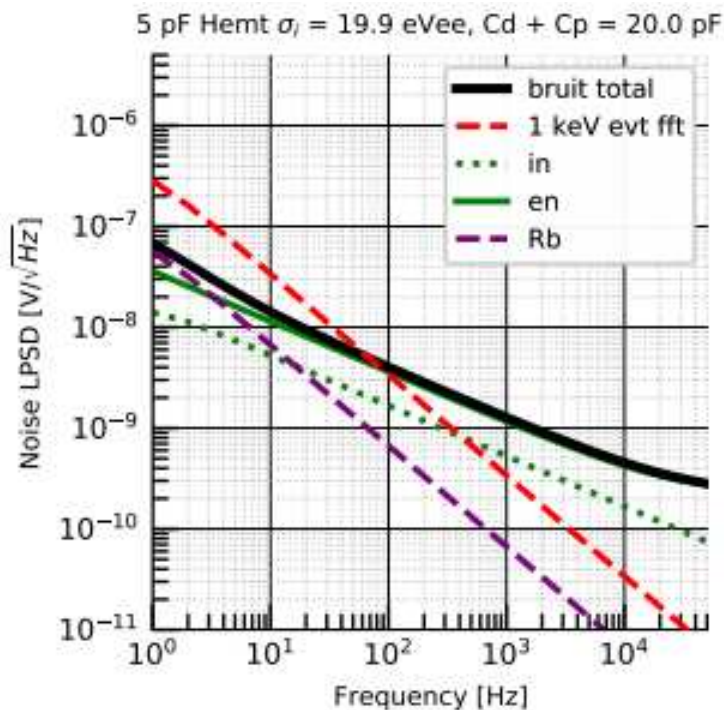
- Model based on voltage noise and current noise
- Measurement with 5 geometries HEMTs studied at 4.2K (C2N/CryoHemt)
- Total noise depends on the impedance  $Z_{input}$  of the system (detector)

$$e_{tot} = \sqrt{e_n^2 + Z_{input}^2 i_n^2}$$

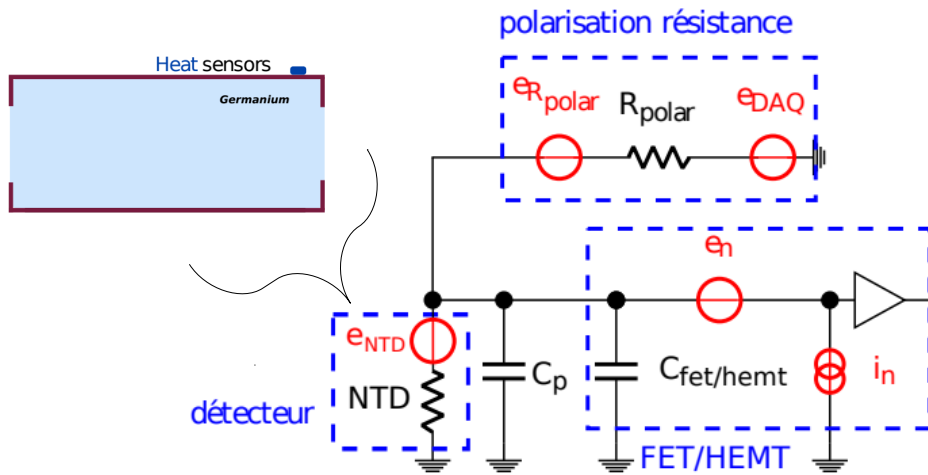
# HEMT model: Ionisation channel



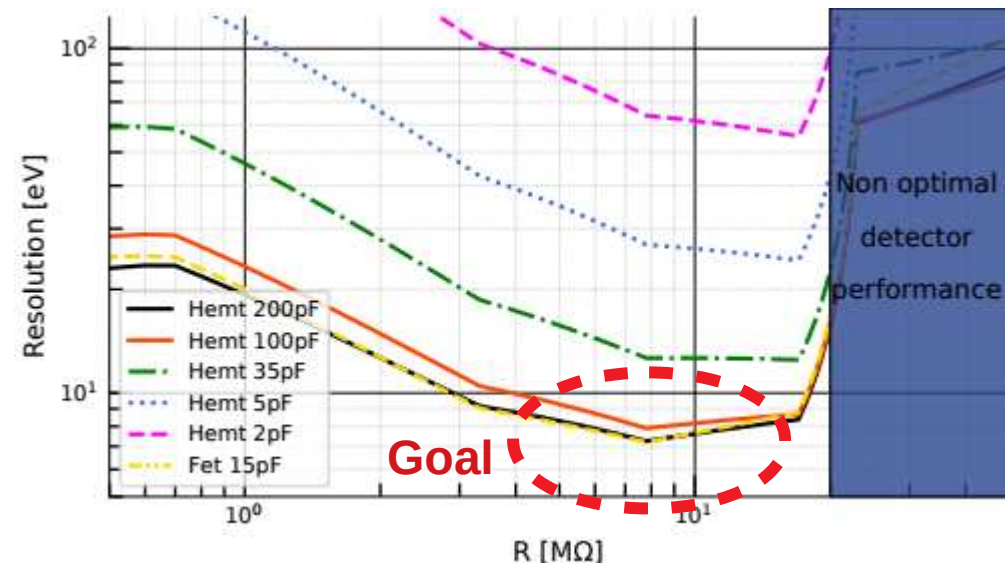
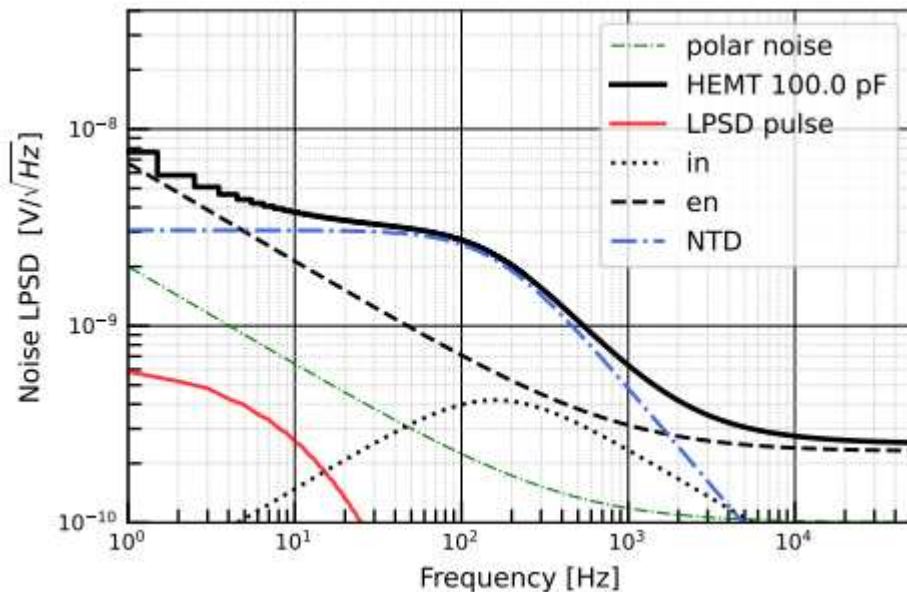
- HEMT noise (voltage, current), polarisation noise
- $C_p$  related to length between HEMT and detector (cable)
- $20eV_{ee}$  (optimal filter) with **5pF HEMT** and parasitic capacitance **20pF**



# HEMT model: Heat channel



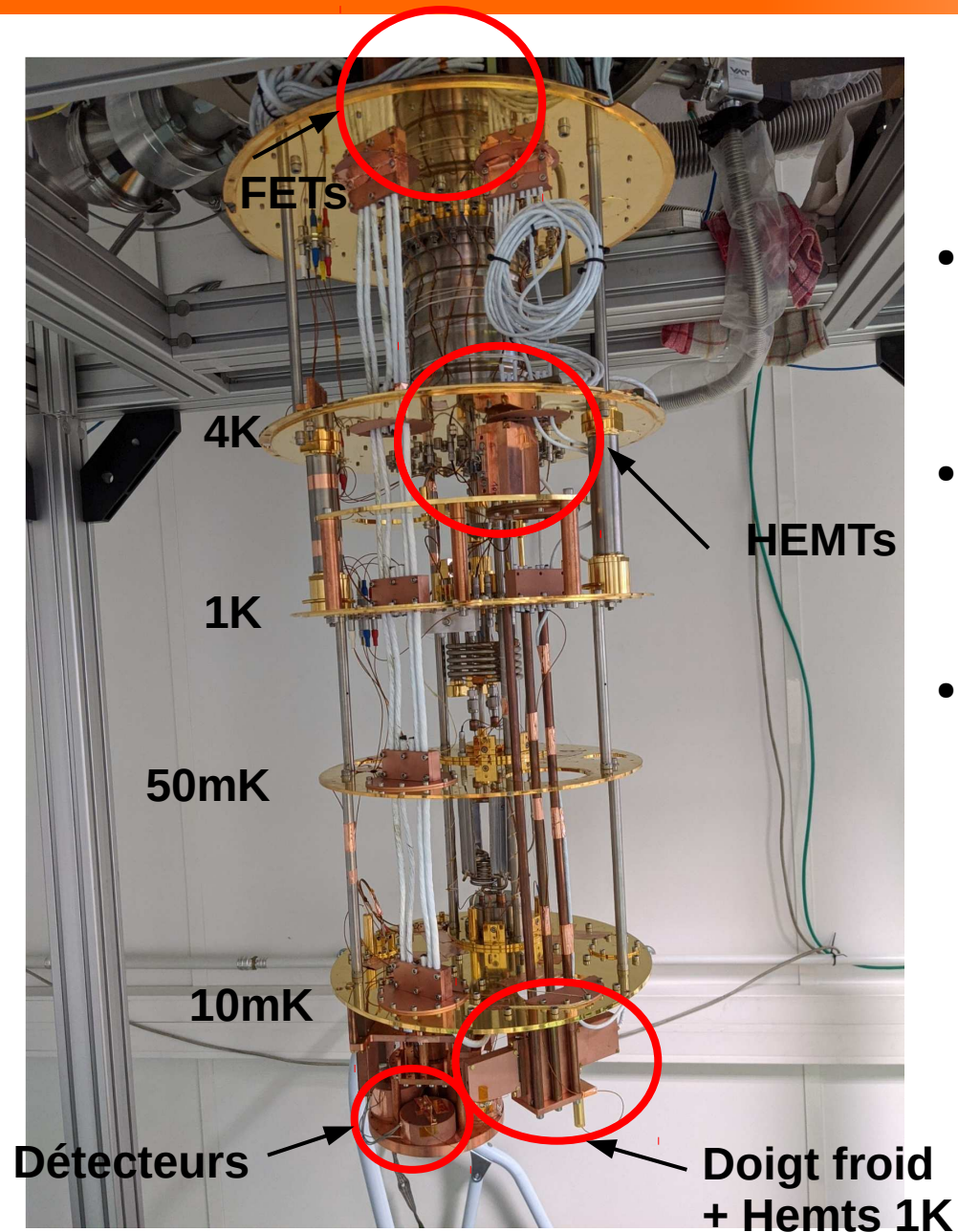
- HEMT noise (voltage, current), detector noise (NTD)
- Sensitivity of heat signal depends on the detector
- **10eV** (optimal filter) with **100/200pF** HEMT or FET



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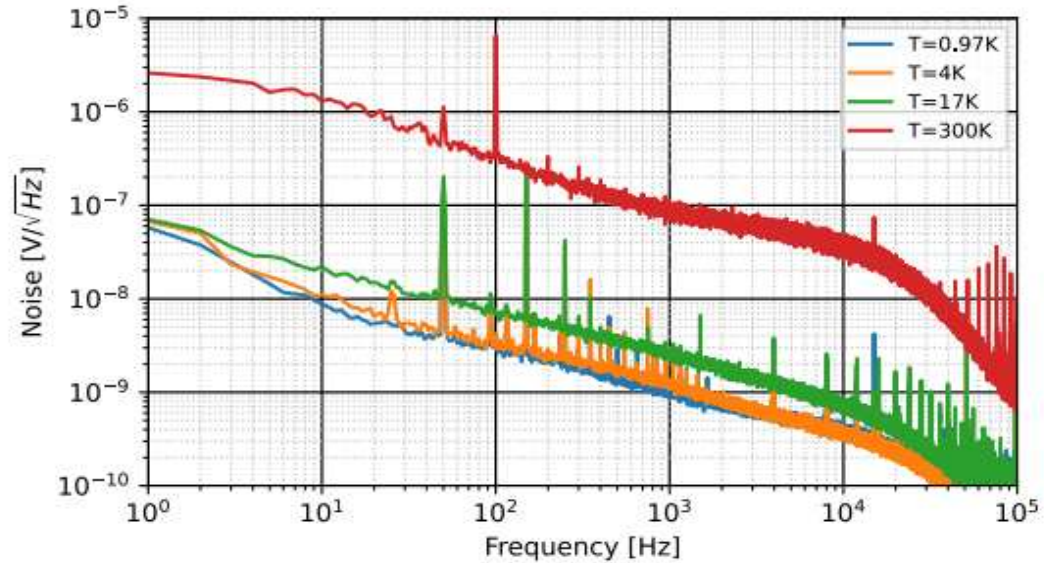
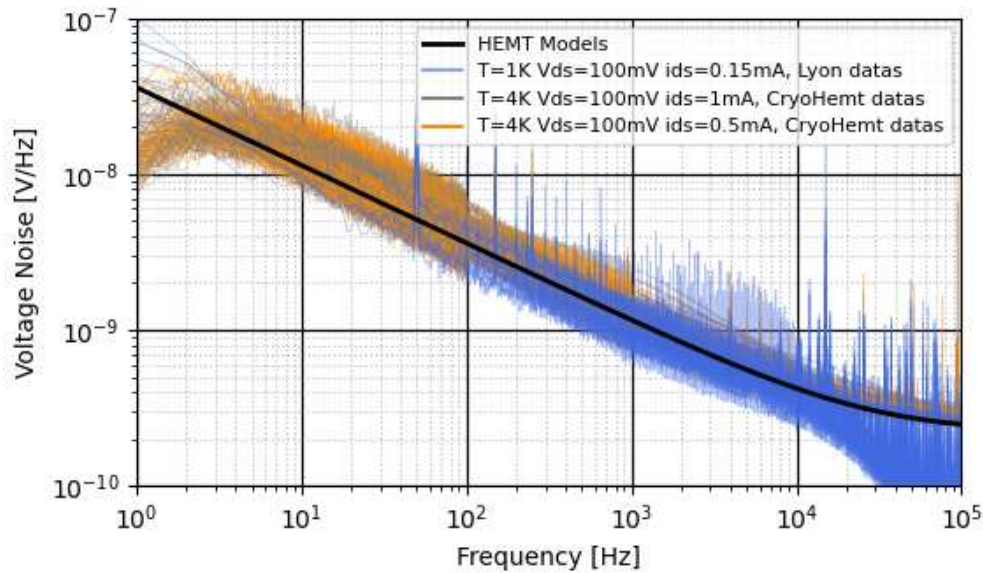
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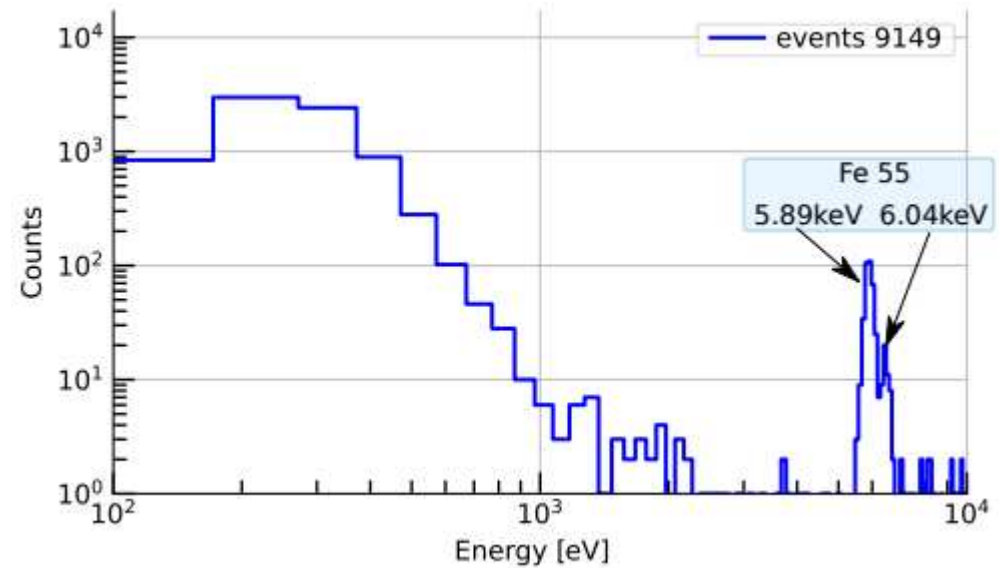
- Dilution cryostat for R&D, temperature of  $\sim 13\text{mK}$
- Measurement of 4 detectors with EDELWEISS electronics
- Two stages for HEMTs:
  - Stage 1K characterisation
  - Cold finger detector measurement

# Voltage noise study



- Characterisation of the bias points of the detectors (possibility to work with less dissipated power)
- Bias point and voltage noise study of 30 HEMTs
- Work at different temperatures, possibility to place HEMTs at 1K
- Constraining the final electronics (temperature, dynamics, ...)

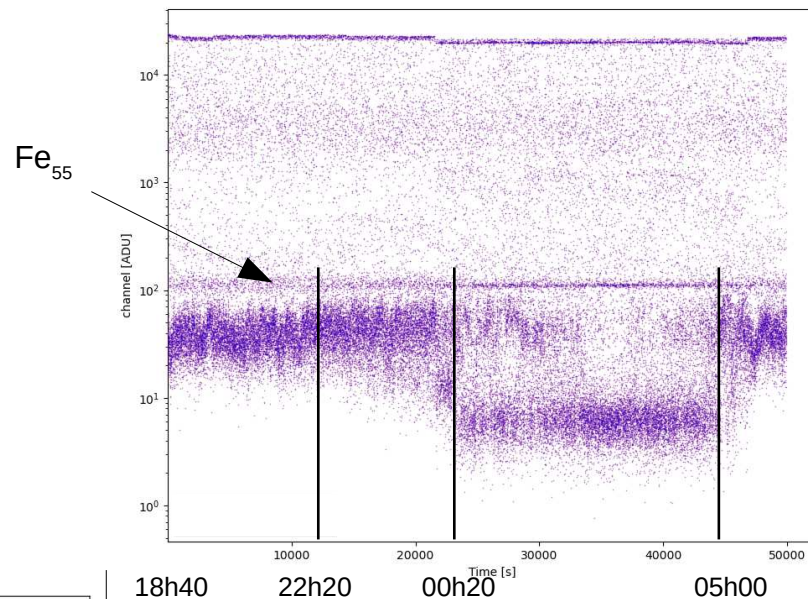
# Heat channel with HEMT



- Measurement with dead resistance corresponds to the model
- Measurement on RED21 (**17eV** with **FET** electronic)
- Best heat energy resolution with HEMT = **98eV**



# Excess noise

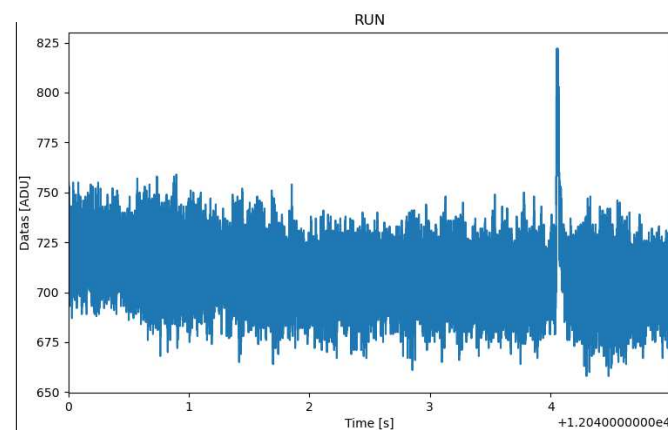
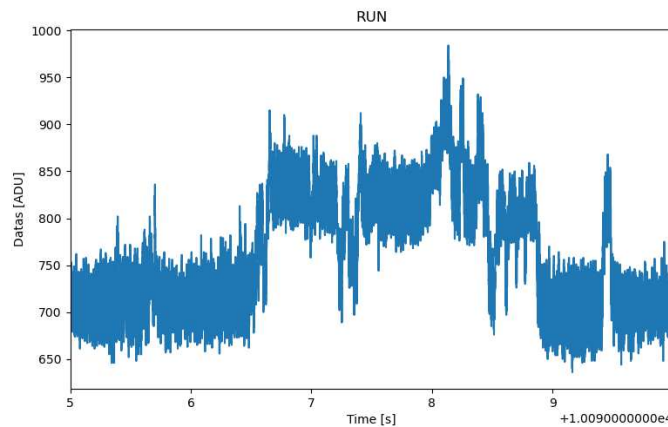


- Environmental noise, disappears at night
- Different set-up detectors/ cabling → same noise
- Starts between 00:00 and 05:00
- FET insensitive to noise

18h40 22h20 00h20 05h00

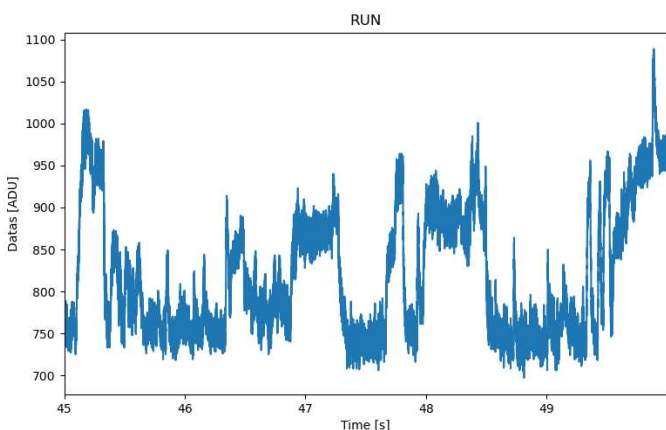
Noisy period:

- 22h20-00h20
- Appears every 5 seconds



Quiet period:

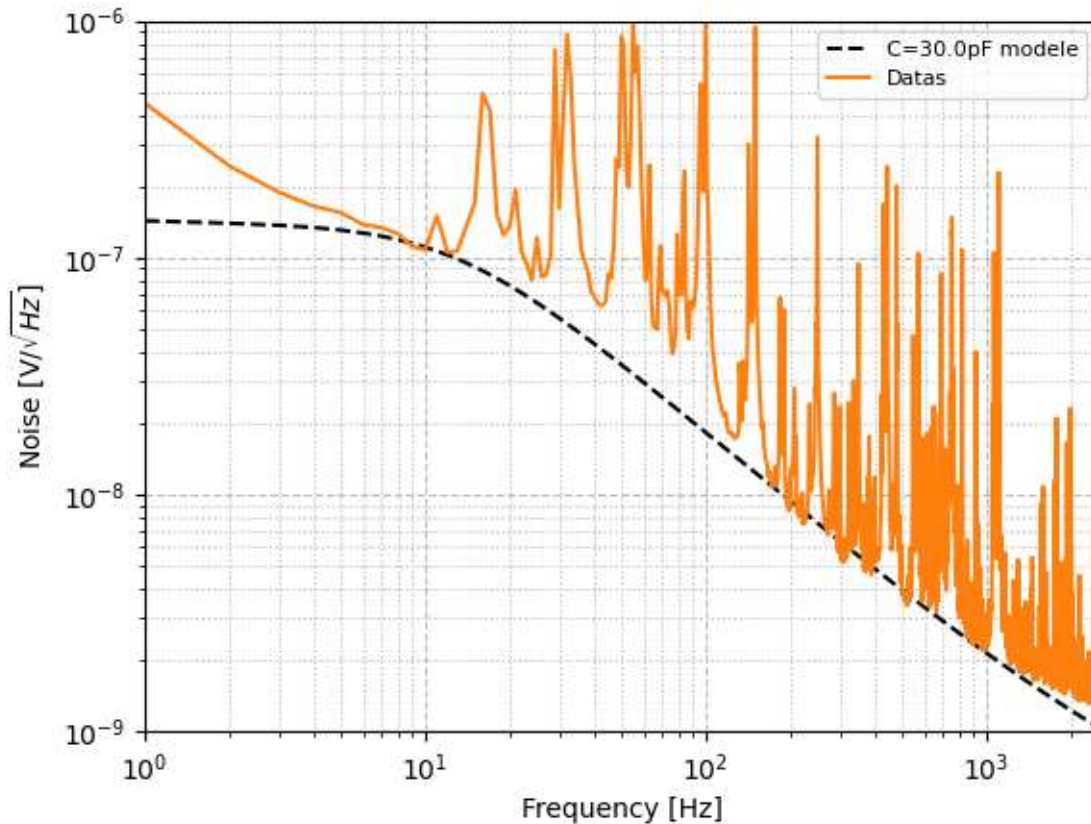
- 00h20-5h00
- The structure does not emerge from the white noise



Very noisy period:

- 18h40-22h20 and 5h00-6h00
- Appears every seconds

# Ionisation channel with Hemt



- Cabling capacitance + detector capacitance of  $\sim 30$  pF
- Model resolution  $70 \text{ eV}_{ee}$ , best resolution  $160 \text{ eV}_{ee}$
- Factor two to be gained to fit the model

# Outlook

- Model: 10 eV heat channel with HEMT or FET, 20 eVee ionisation channel with HEMT
- Heat channel detector:
  - Understanding excess noise
  - Possible use of FETs to obtain 10eV (more technically complicated)
- Ionisation channel:
  - Better results with HEMT than FET electronics
  - Factor two to be gained
- First detectors for Ricochet end 2022