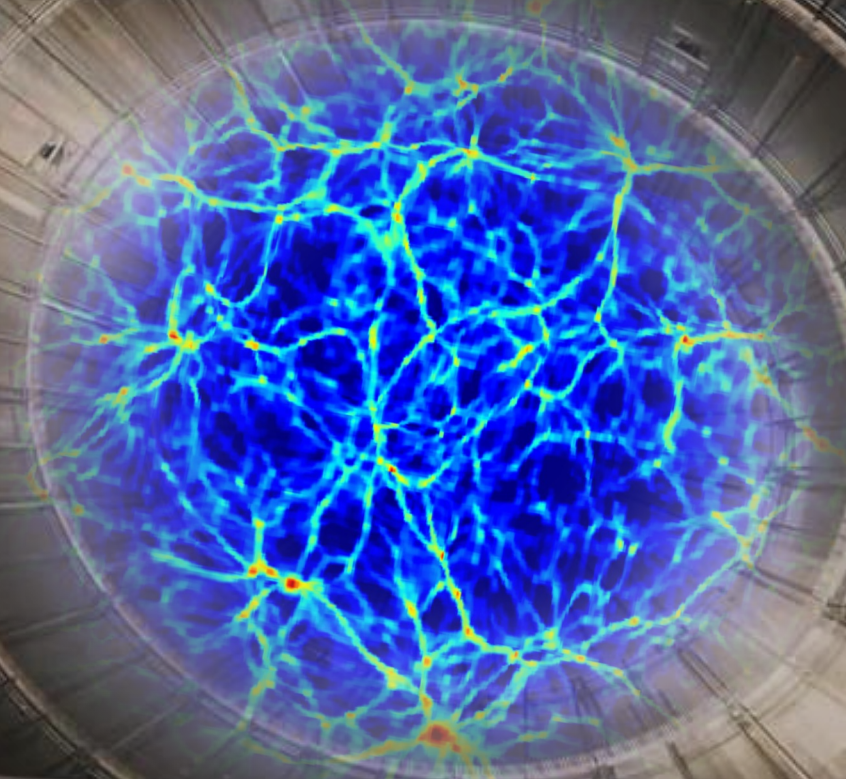


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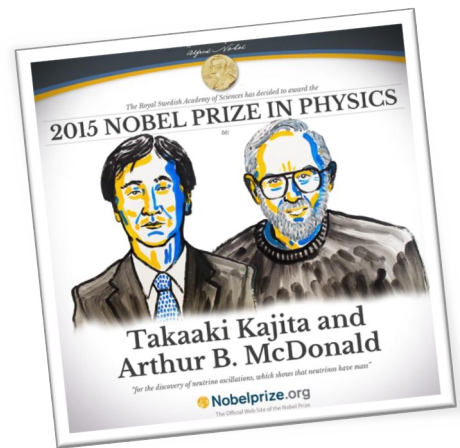
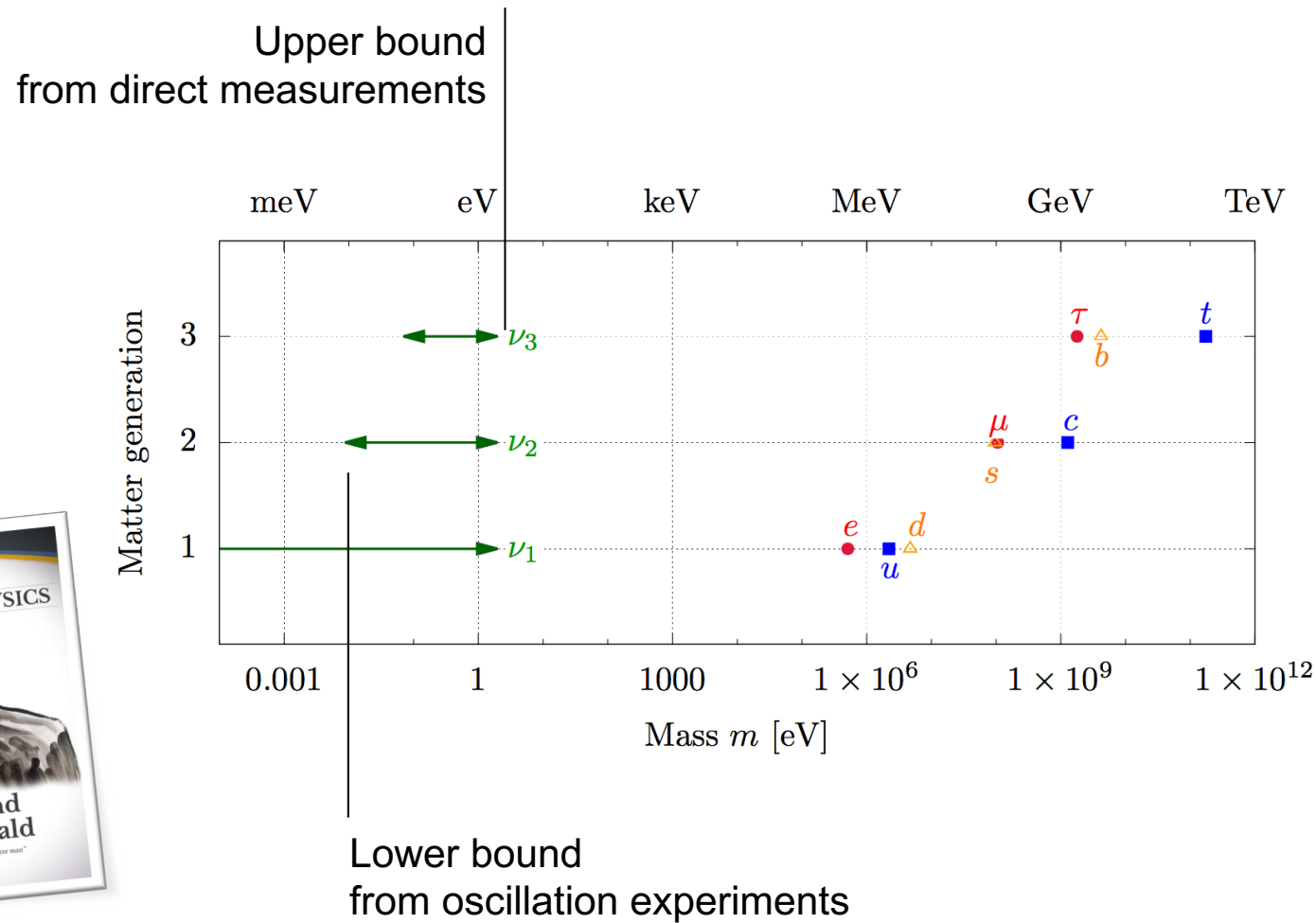
Cosmology and direct measurements



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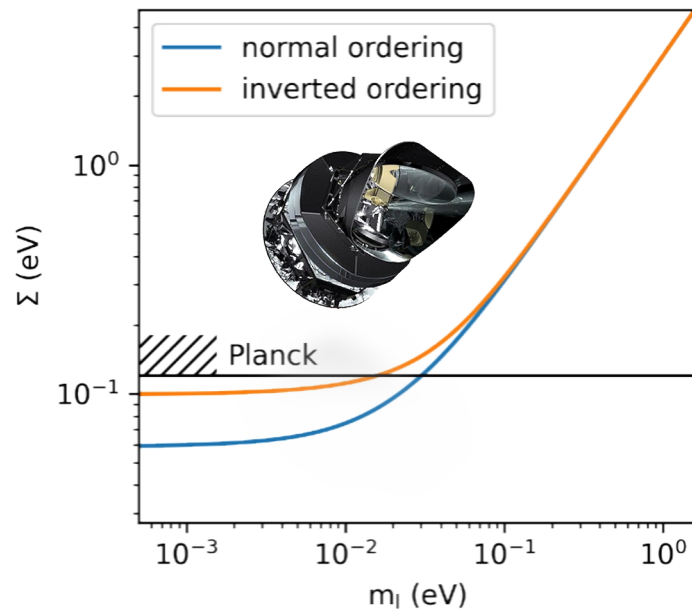
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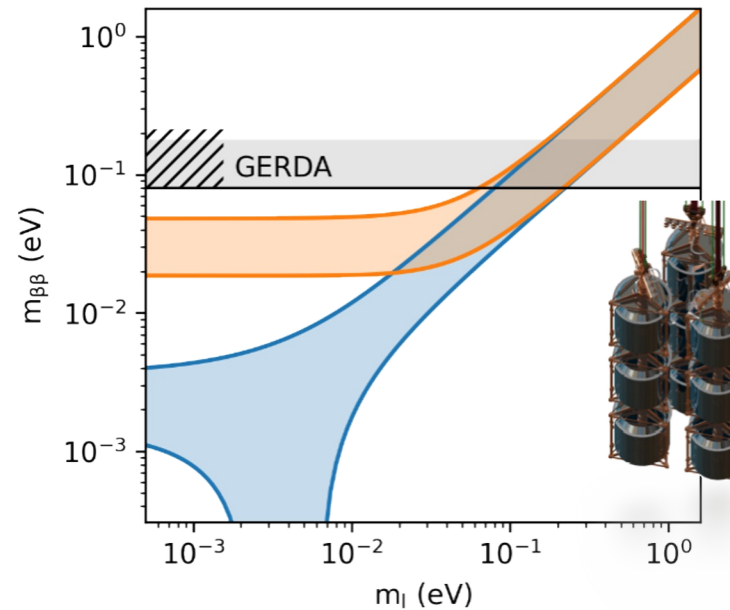
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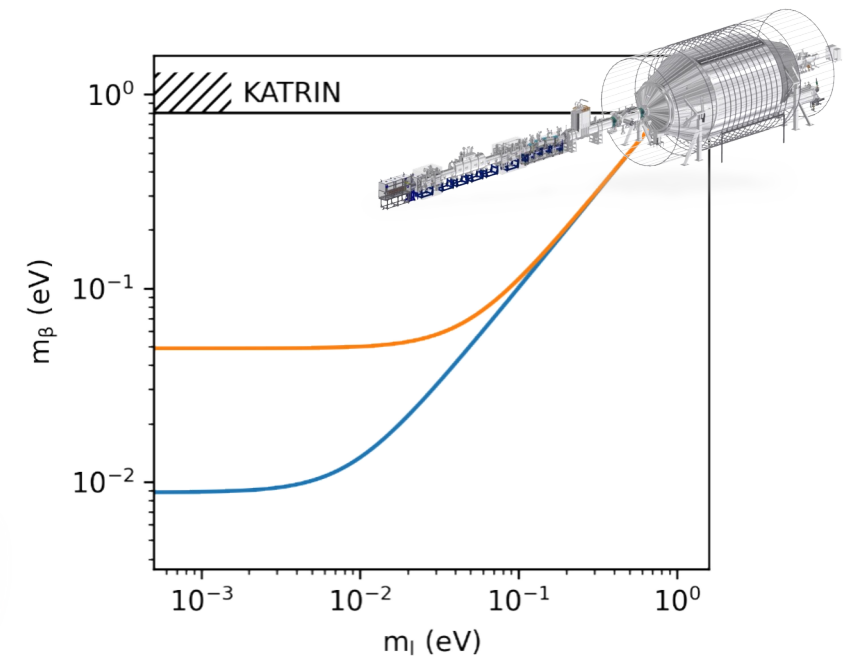
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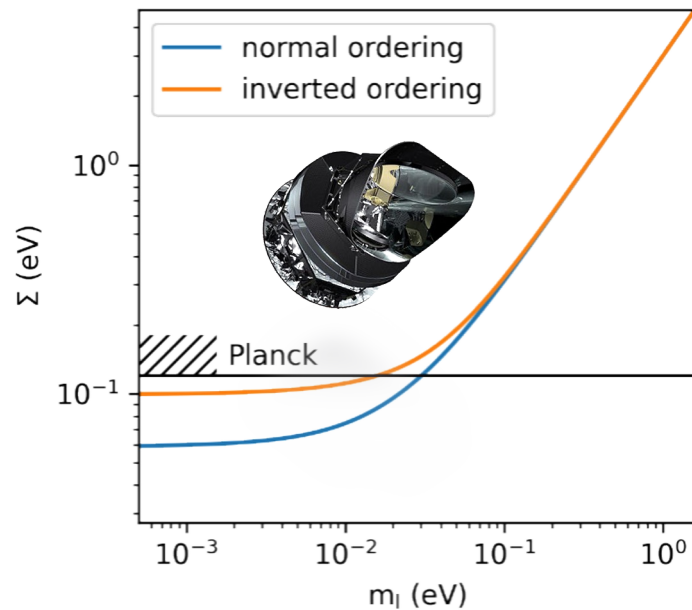




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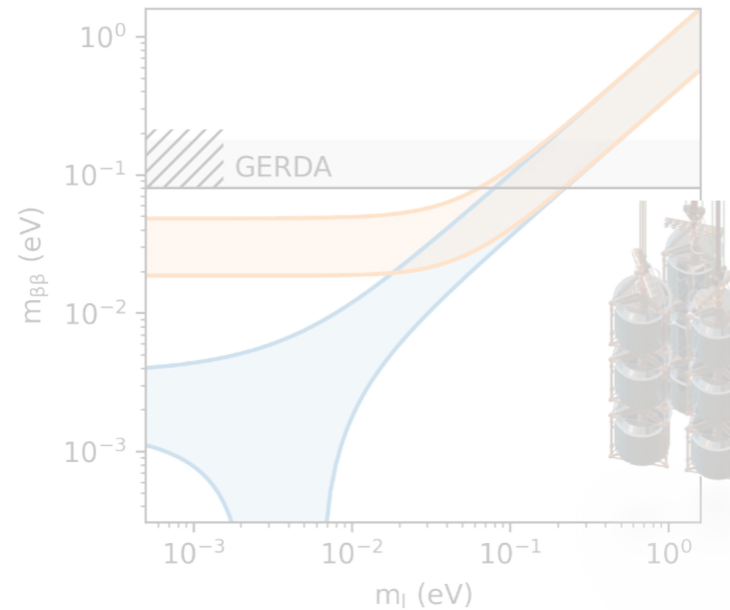
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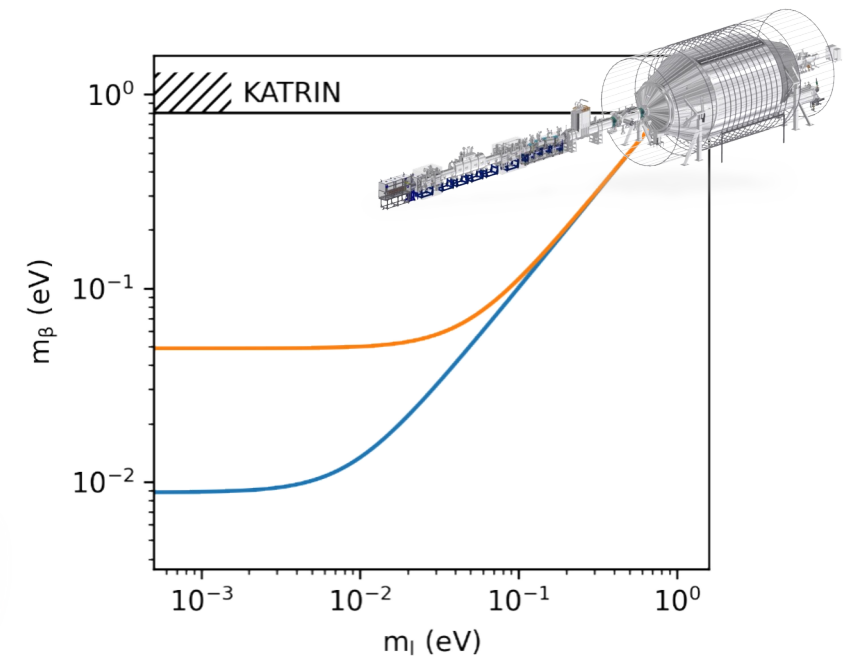
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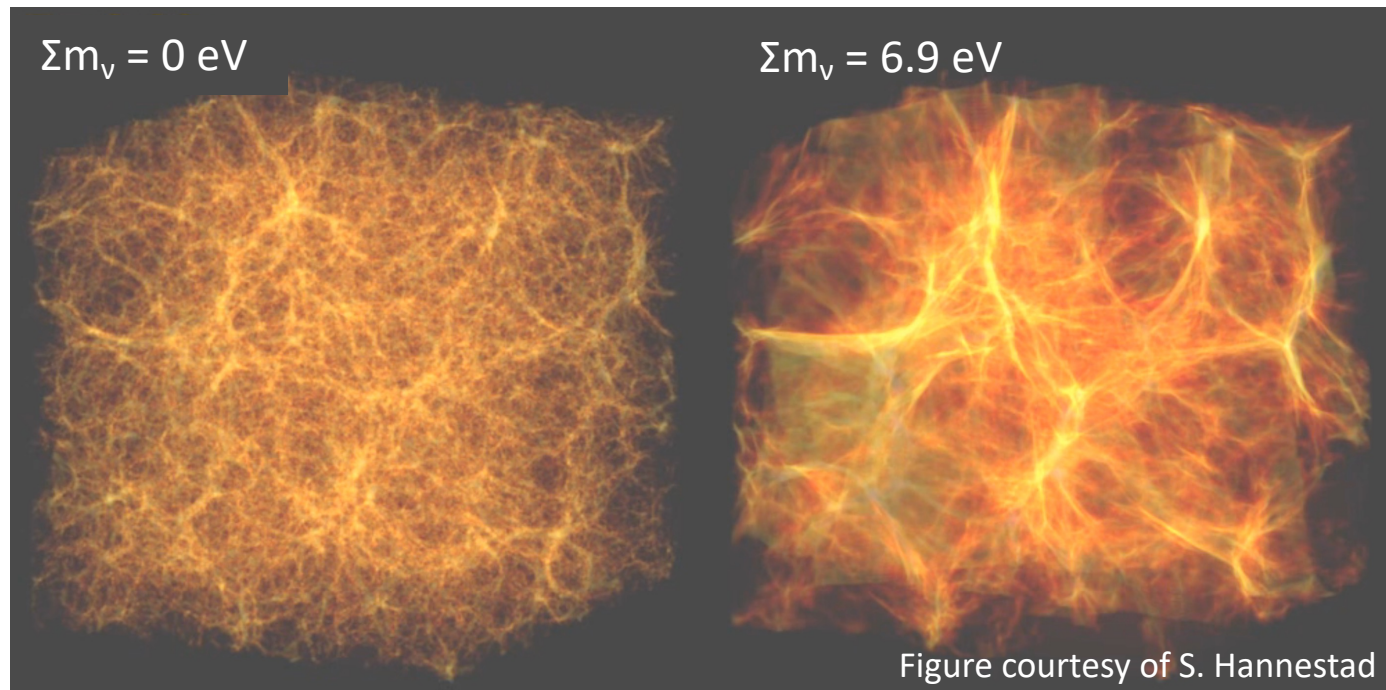
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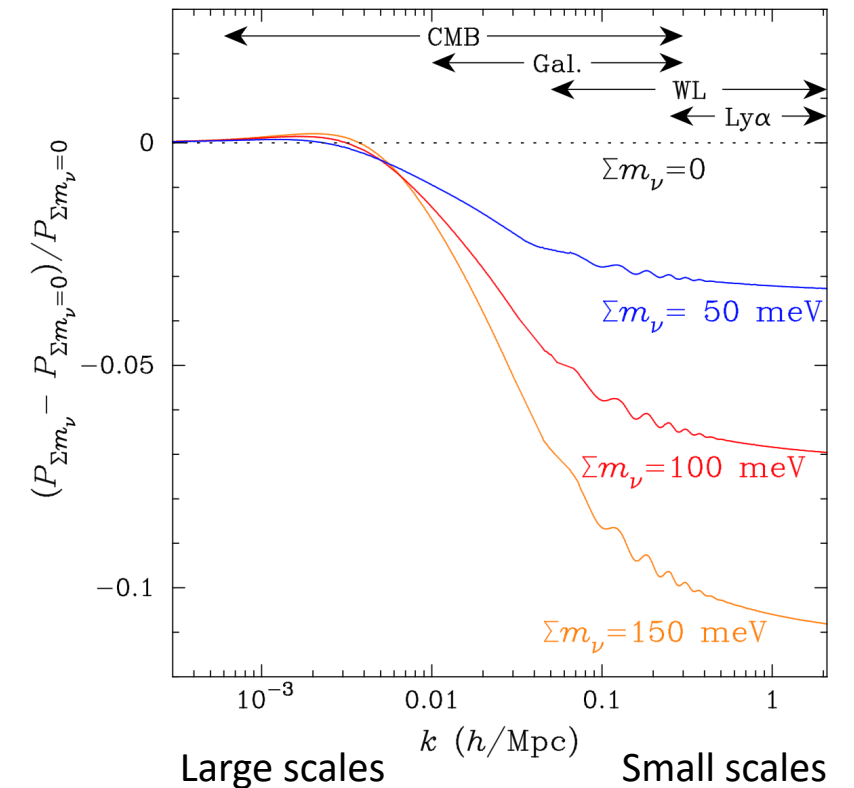


# General Idea

- Influence on the expansion rate of the universe
- Influence on structure growth



Matter power spectrum  $P$  relative to  $P(\Sigma m_\nu = 0 \text{ eV})$



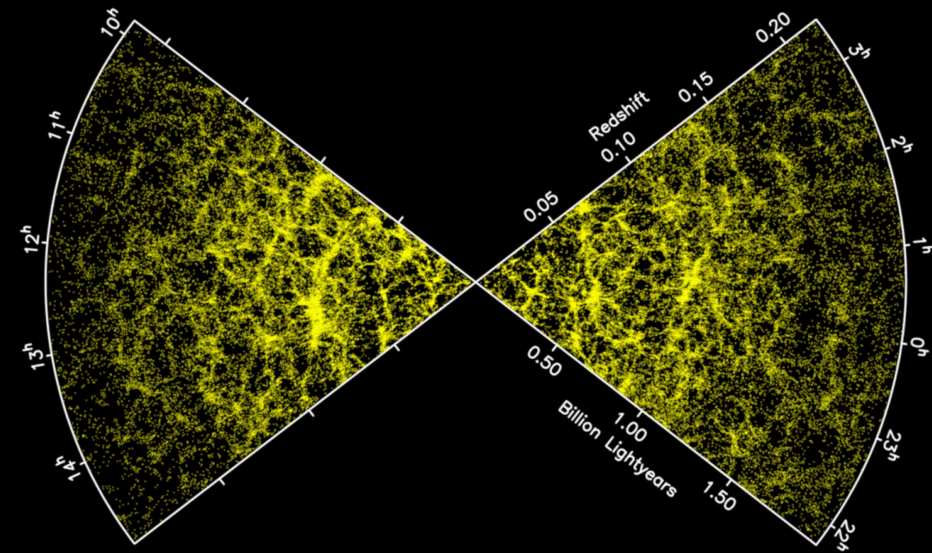
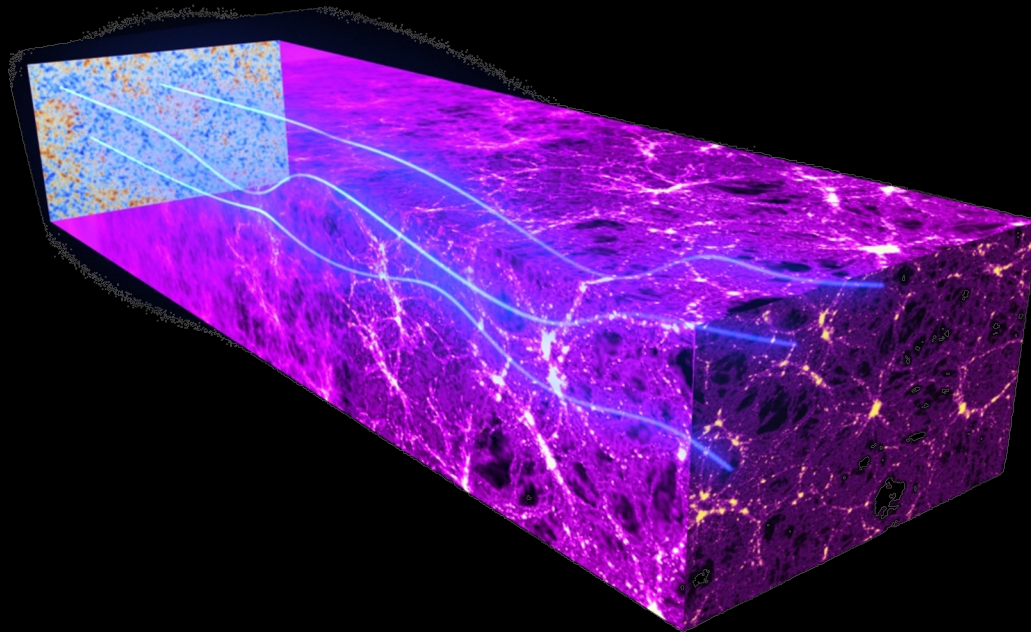
# Cosmological probes

## Cosmic microwave background

- CMB temperature anisotropy
- CMB polarization
- CMB lensing

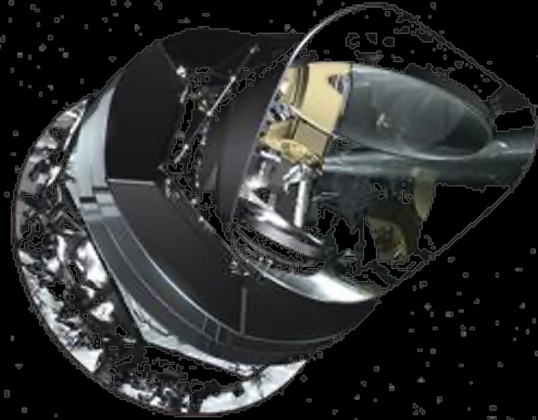
## Galaxy surveys

- 3-d galaxy distribution
- weak lensing at different redshift
- Lyman- $\alpha$  forest



# Missions (past & present)

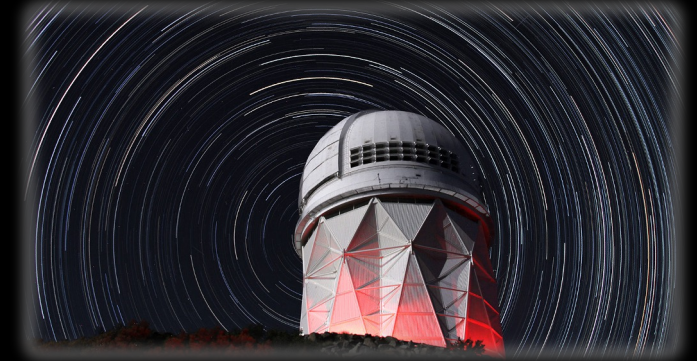
## Cosmic microwave background



### Planck satellite

- Operated from 2009 – 2013
- Currently best limits on the neutrino mass

## Galaxy surveys



### Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)

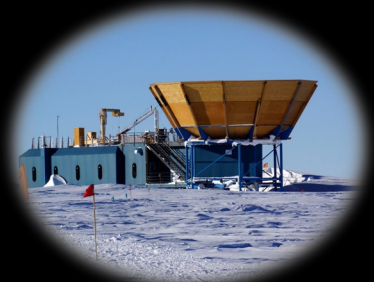
- Operation from 2021 – 2026
- World's largest galaxy redshift survey



# Missions (future)

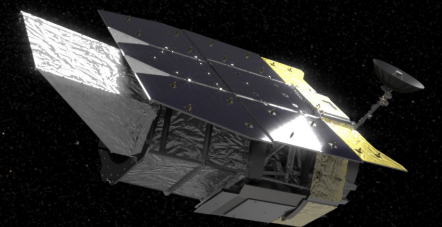
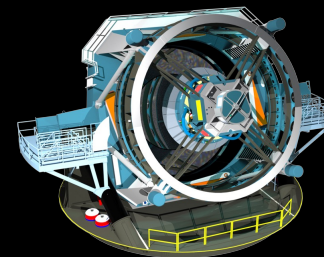
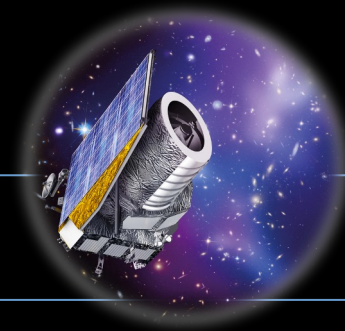
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- Simons Observatory (1808.07445)  
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near future
- CMB-S4 (1610.02743)  
ground-based  
future
- LiteBIRD (1801.06987)  
space-based  
launch: 2027



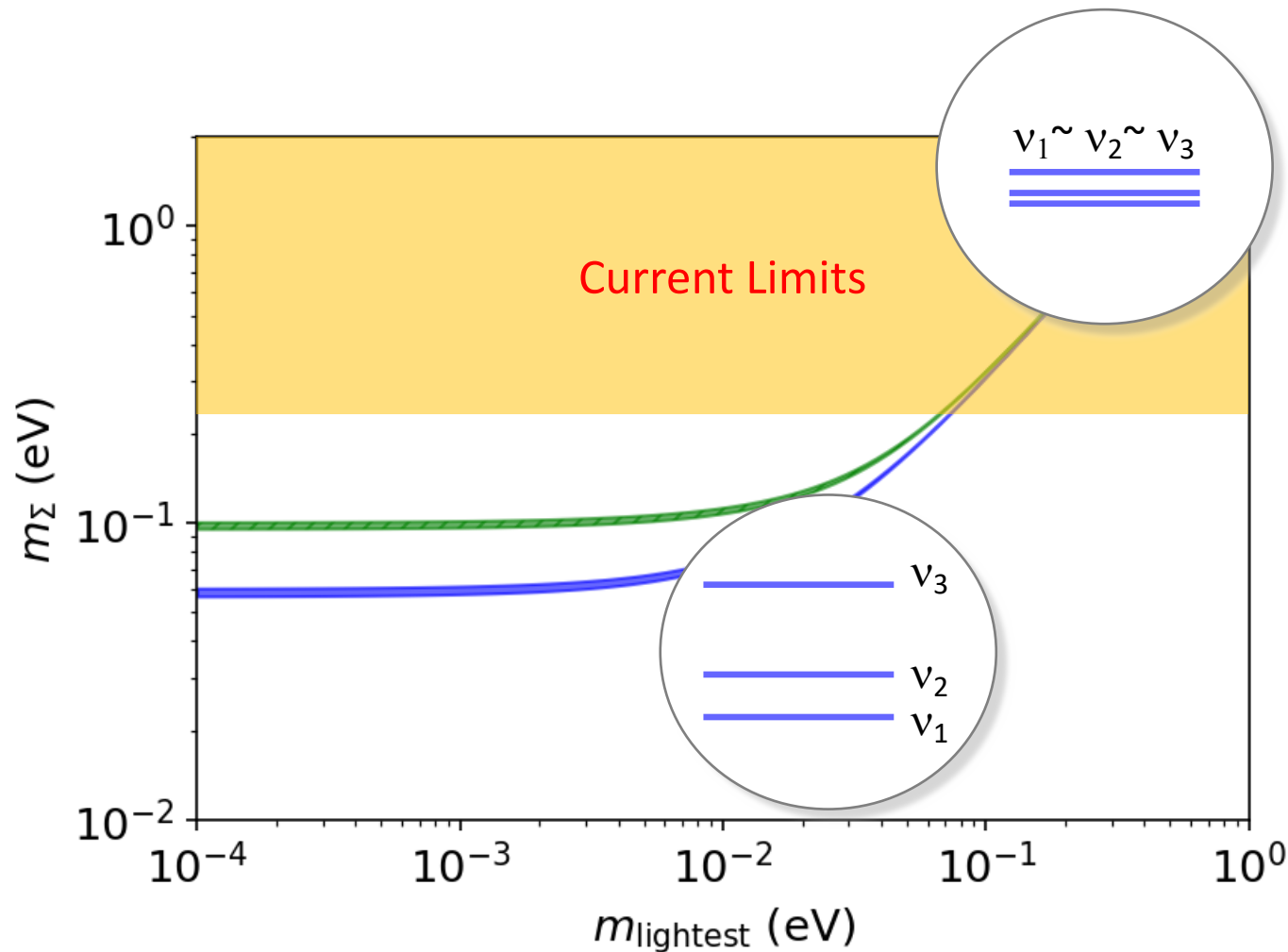
## Galaxy surveys

- EUCLID (1110.3193)  
imaging and spectroscopy space telescope  
launch: 2023
- LSST (Vera Rubin Obs.) (0912.0201)  
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- WFIRST (now: NGRST) (1208.4012)  
space-based  
launch: 2027





# Where do we stand?



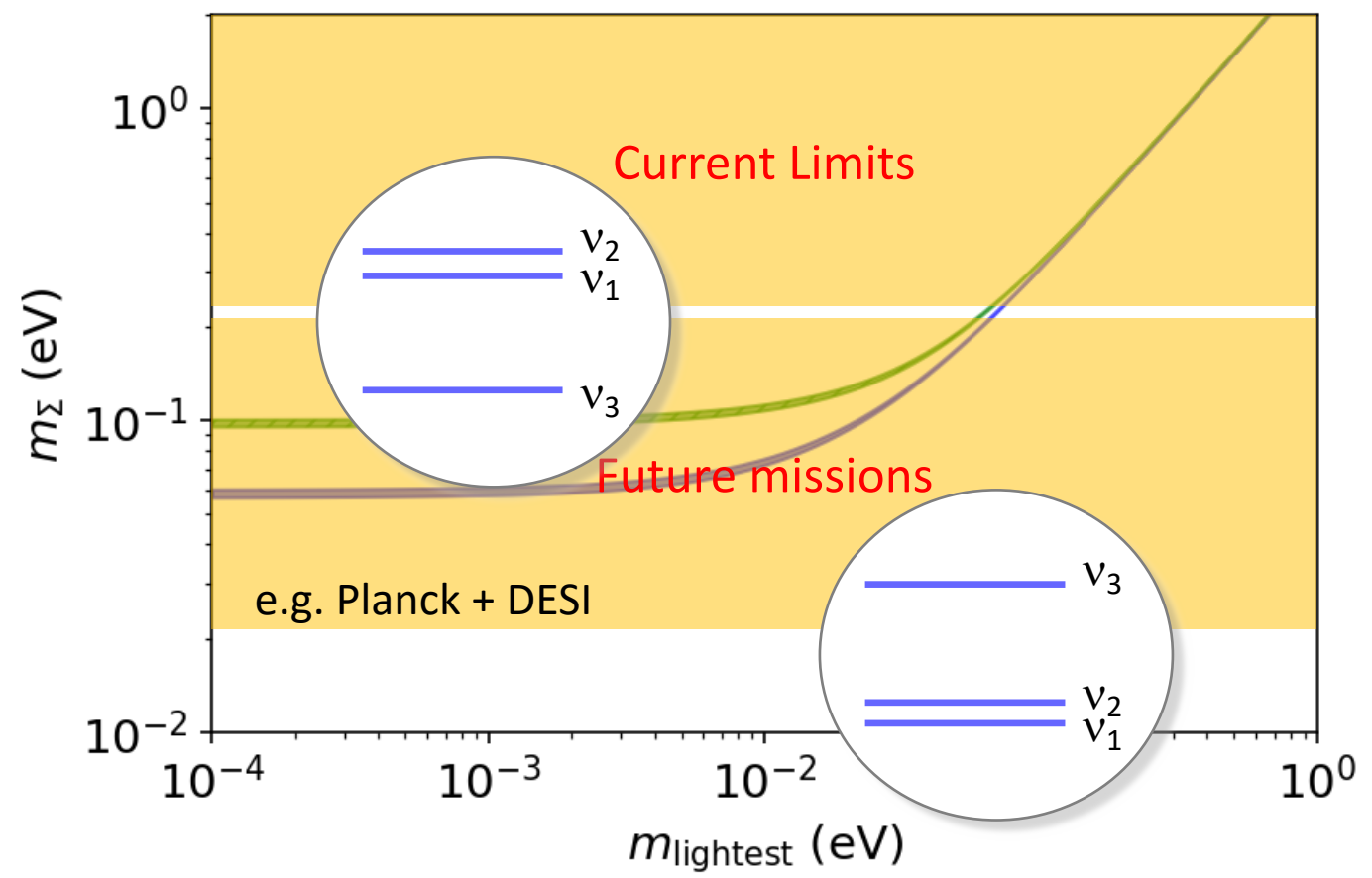
## Current best limits:

Planck 2018: arXiv:1807.06209v1

- $\sum m_{\nu} < 540$  meV (TT + lowE)
- $\sum m_{\nu} < 260$  meV (TTTEEE + lowE)
- $\sum m_{\nu} < 240$  meV (TTTEEE + lowE + lensing)
- $\sum m_{\nu} < 120$  meV (TTTEEE + lowE + lensing + BAO)



# Where do we go?



## Current best limits:

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- $\sum m_\nu < 120 - 540$  meV

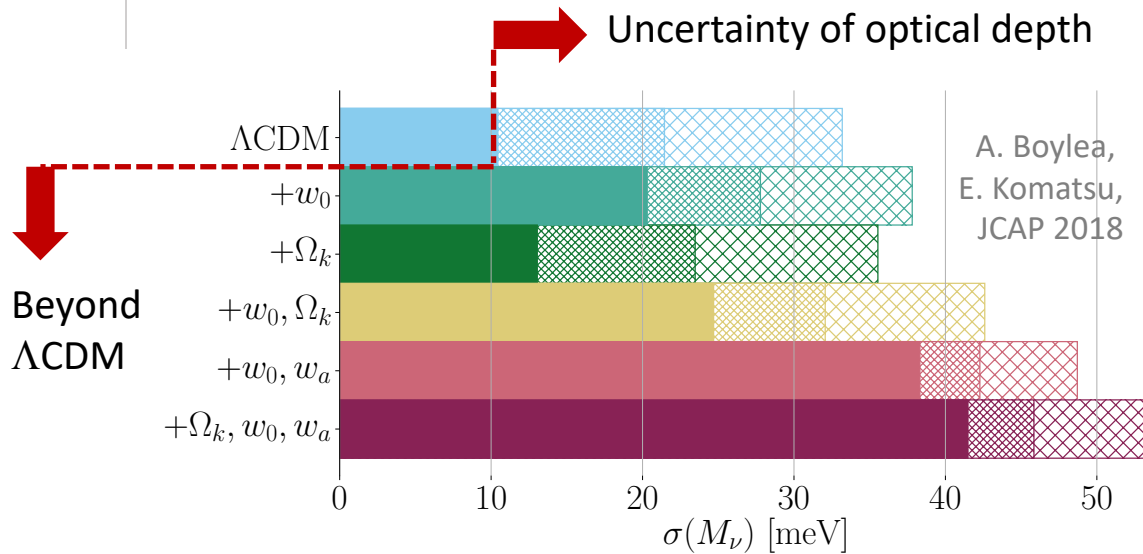
## Future missions:

- $\sigma(\sum m_\nu) \sim 50$  meV (CMB)
- $\sigma(\sum m_\nu) \sim 20$  meV (CMB + BAO)
- $\sigma(\sum m_\nu) \sim 10$  meV (CMB + BAO + LSS)



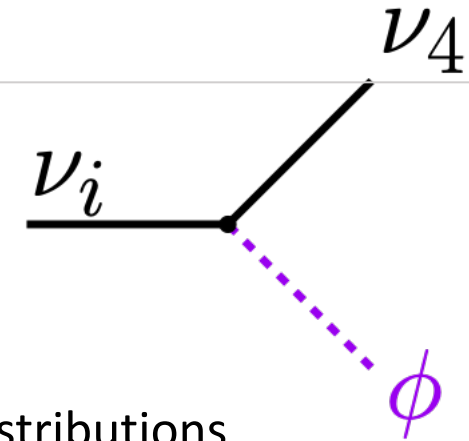
# Model dependence

## Cosmology



- + modified dark energy e.o.s.
- + curvature of space
- + time-dep. dark energy

## Neutrino physics

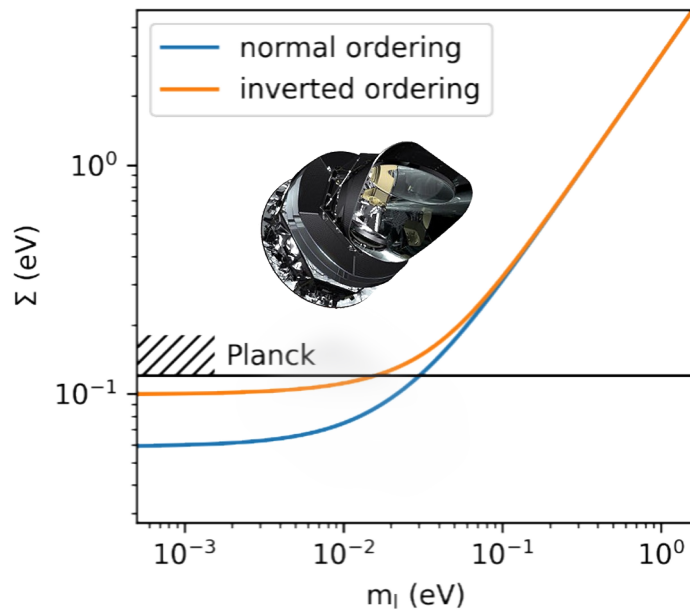


- Non-standard p or T distributions  
Farzan & Hannestad 1510.02201  
Oldengott et al. 1901.04352  
Alvey, Escudero, Sabti, Schwetz 2111.14870v
  - Invisible neutrino decay  
Escudero, López-Pavón, Rius, Sandner 2007.04994  
Chacko et al. 1909.05275, 2112.13862
  - Time-dependent neutrino mass  
Dvali & Funcke 1602.03191  
Lorenz et al. 2102.13618
- Bounds relaxed up to  $\sum m_\nu < 3 \text{ eV}$

# Neutrino mass

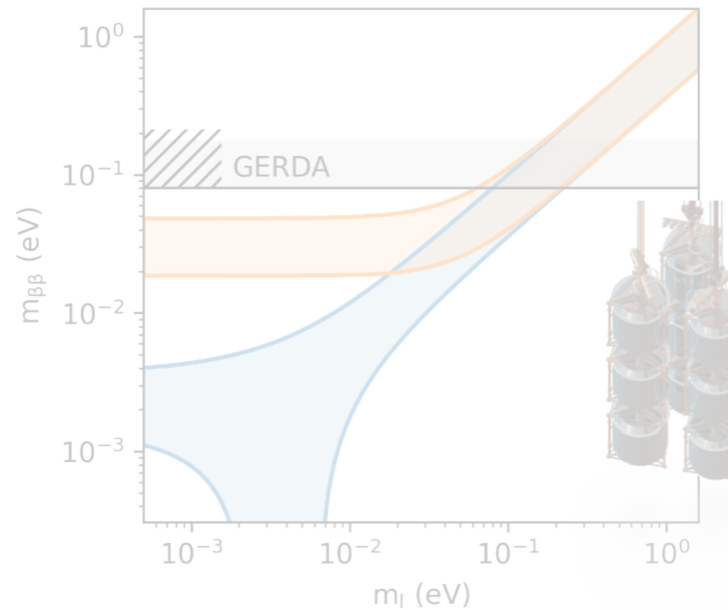
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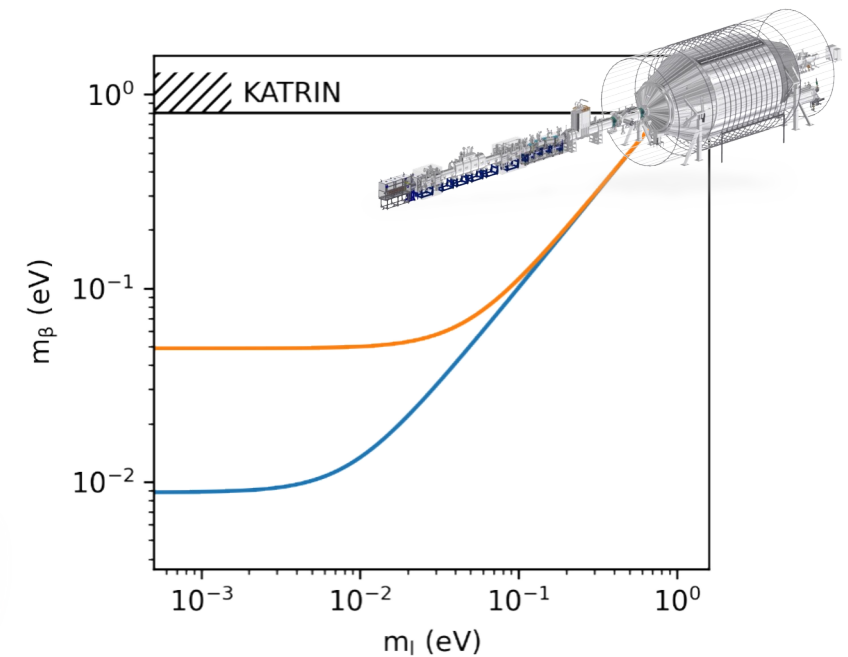
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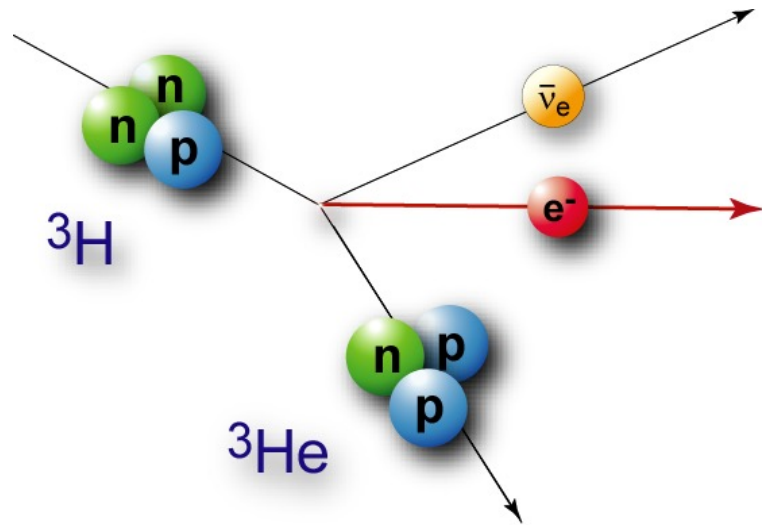


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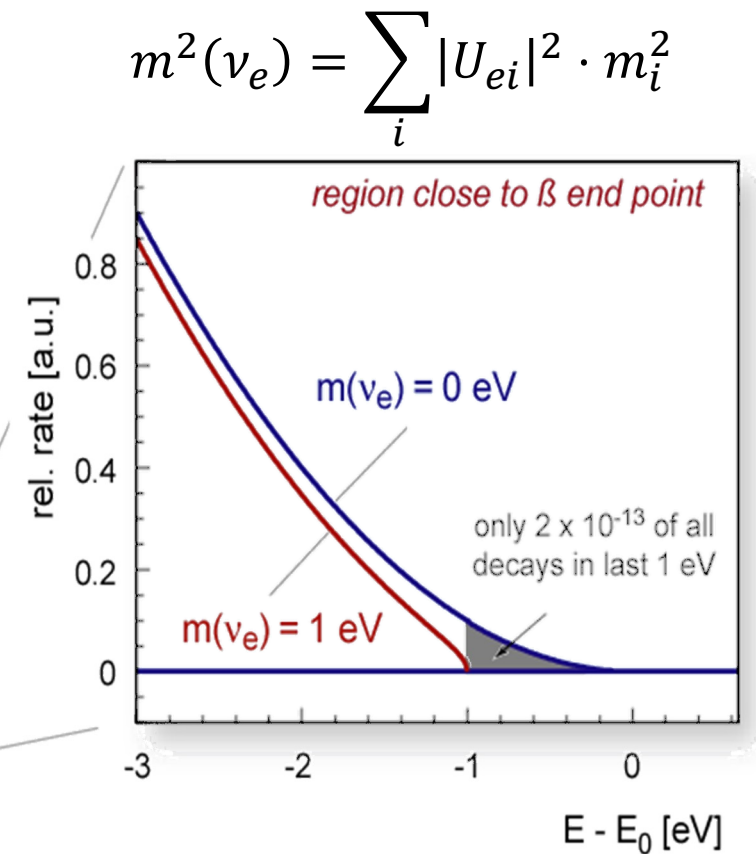
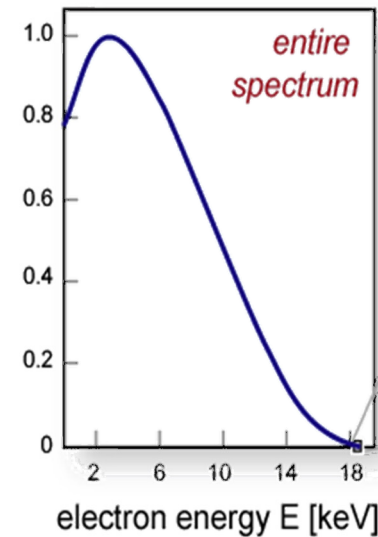
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# General idea



- ✓ Independent of cosmology
- ✓ Independent of neutrino nature



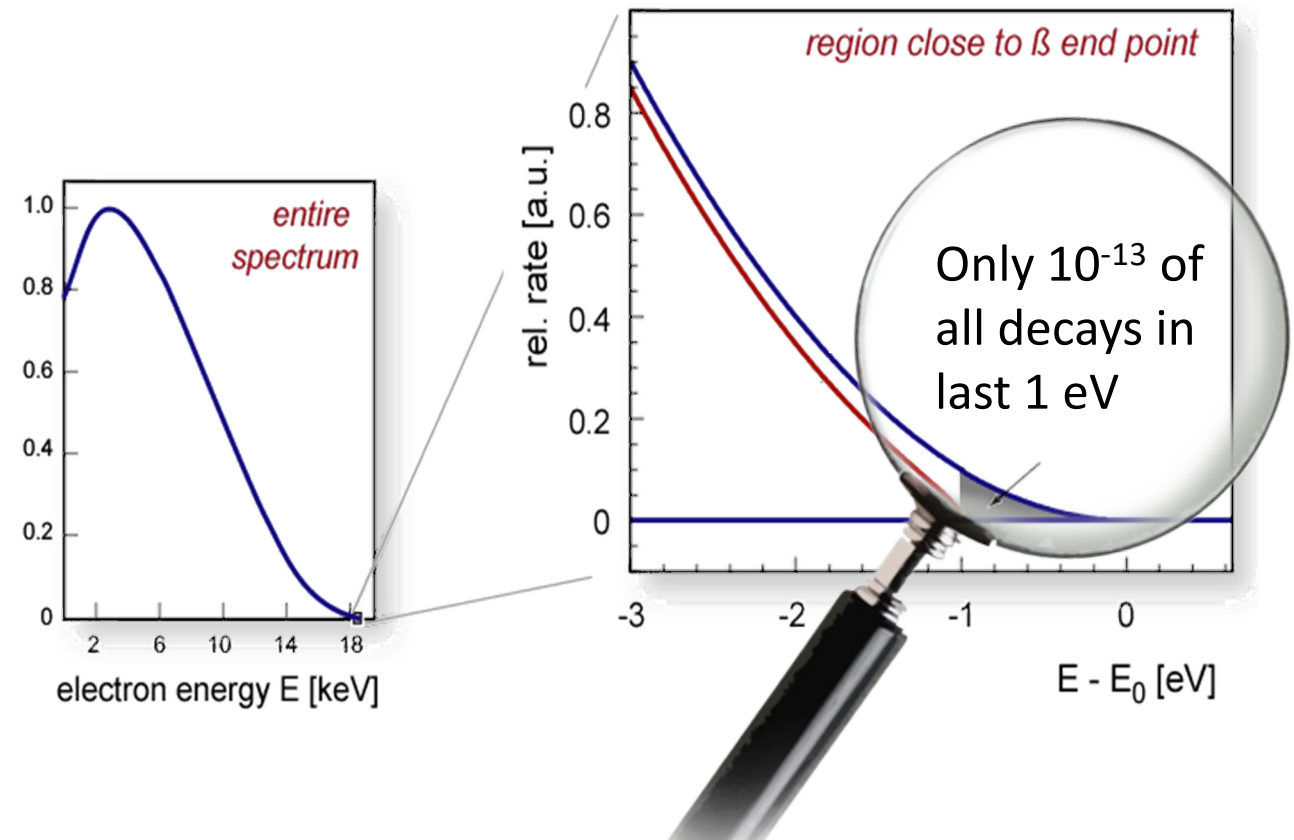
$$m^2(\nu_e) = \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 \cdot m_i^2$$



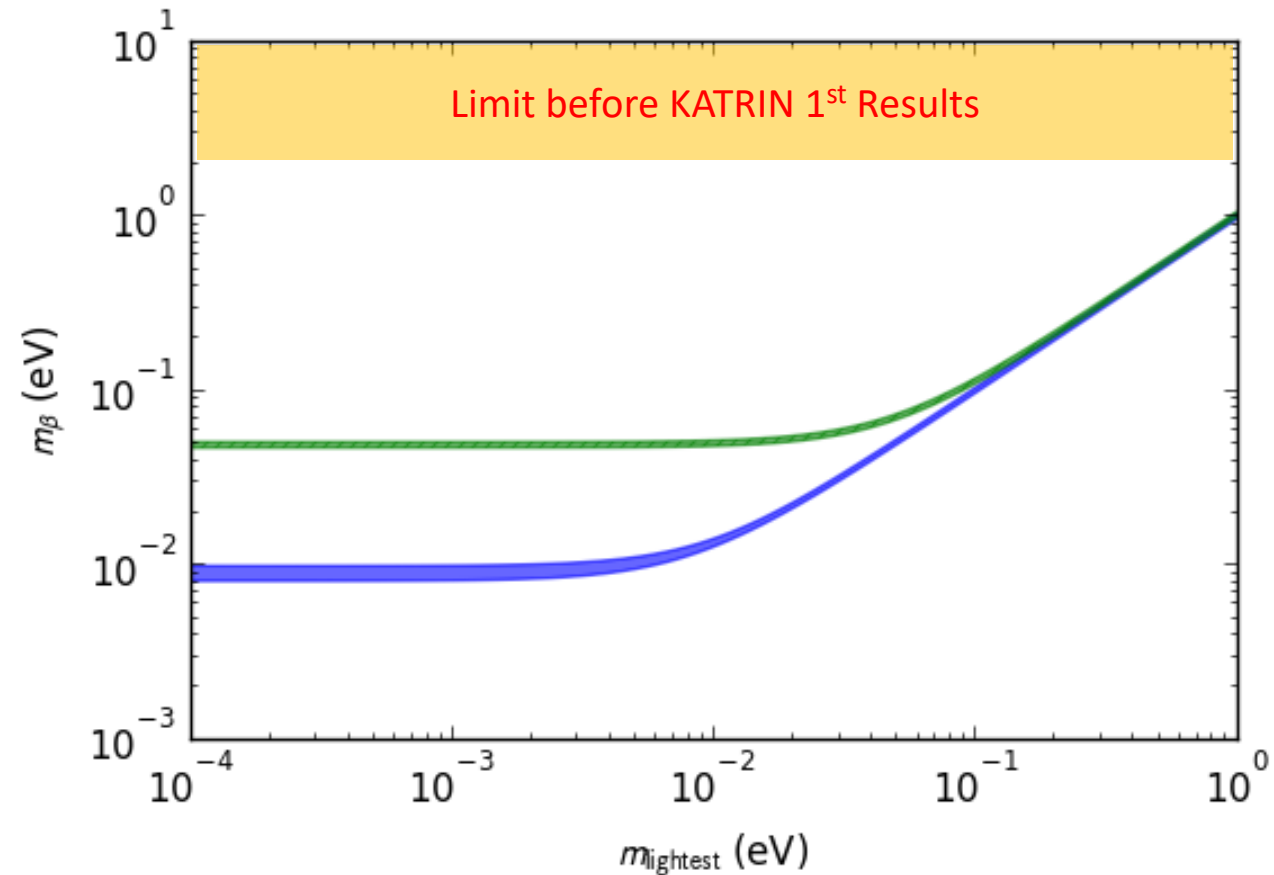
# The challenge

## Key requirements:

- Strong  $\beta$ -decaying source
  - Tritium (12.3 years,  $E_0 = 18.6$  keV)
  - Holmium (4500 years,  $E_0 = 2.8$  keV)
- Excellent energy resolution ( $\sim 1$  eV)
- Low background ( $< 100$  mcps)

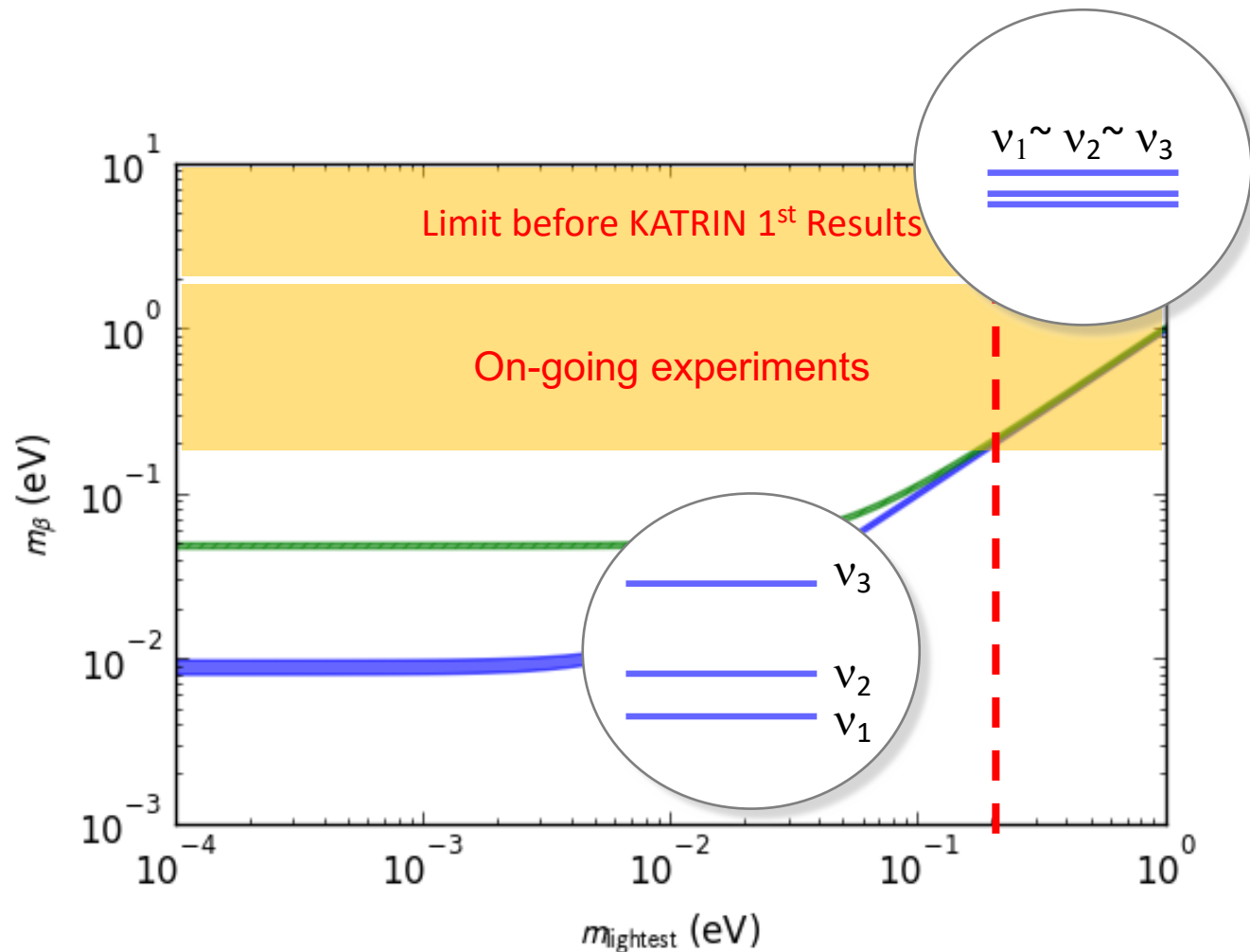


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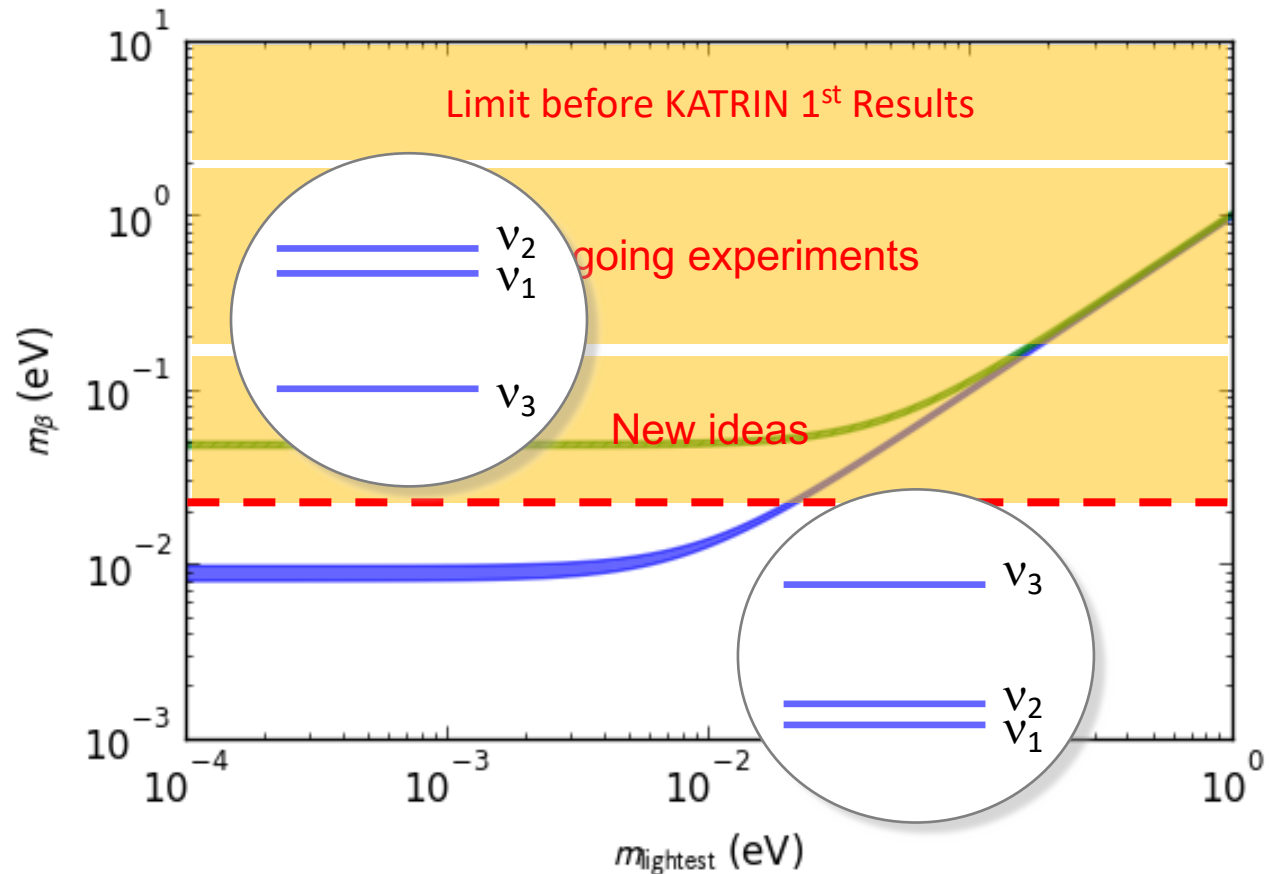
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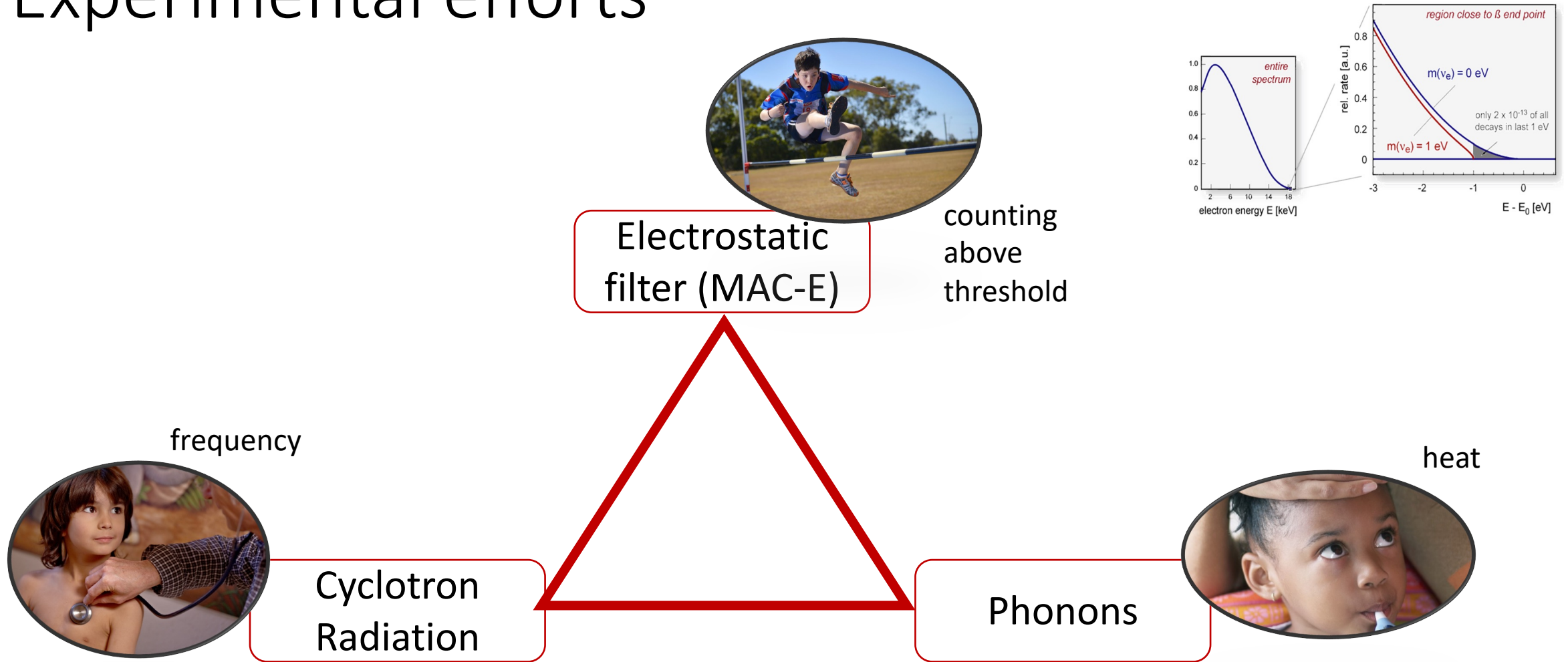


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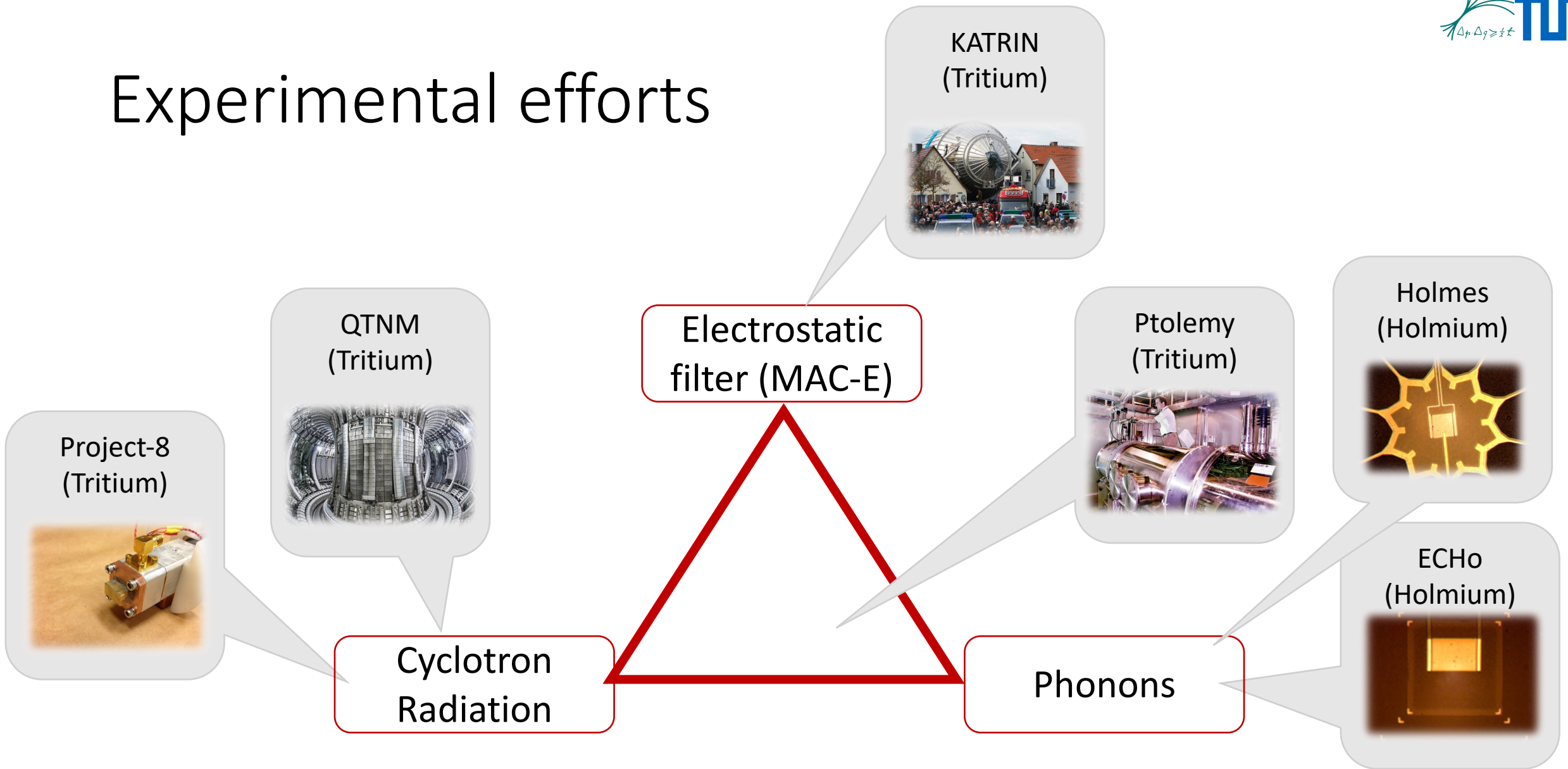


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- Ongoing experiments:  
Distinguish between **degenerate** and **hierarchical** scenario
- New ideas:  
Resolve **normal** vs **inverted** neutrino mass hierarchy

# Experimental efforts



# Experimental efforts



# Experimental efforts

KATRIN  
(Tritium)



Electrostatic  
filter (MAC-E)

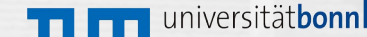
Cyclotron  
Radiation

Phonons



# KATRIN

- **Experimental site: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)**
- **International Collaboration (150 members)**
- **Design sensitivity: 0.2 eV (90% CL)**  
**(5 years of measurement time)**





# Working Principle



## Tritium source

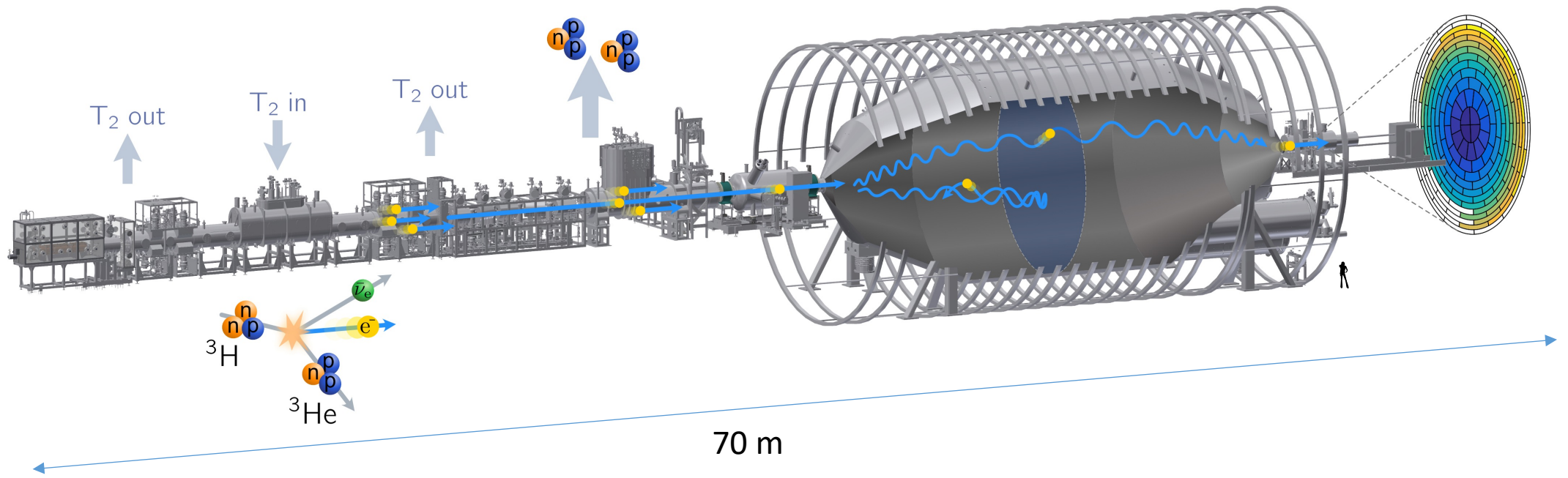
- Gaseous  $T_2$
- $10^{11}$   $T_2$  decays/s

## Spectrometer

- Electrostatic filter
- MAC-E filter principle

## Detector

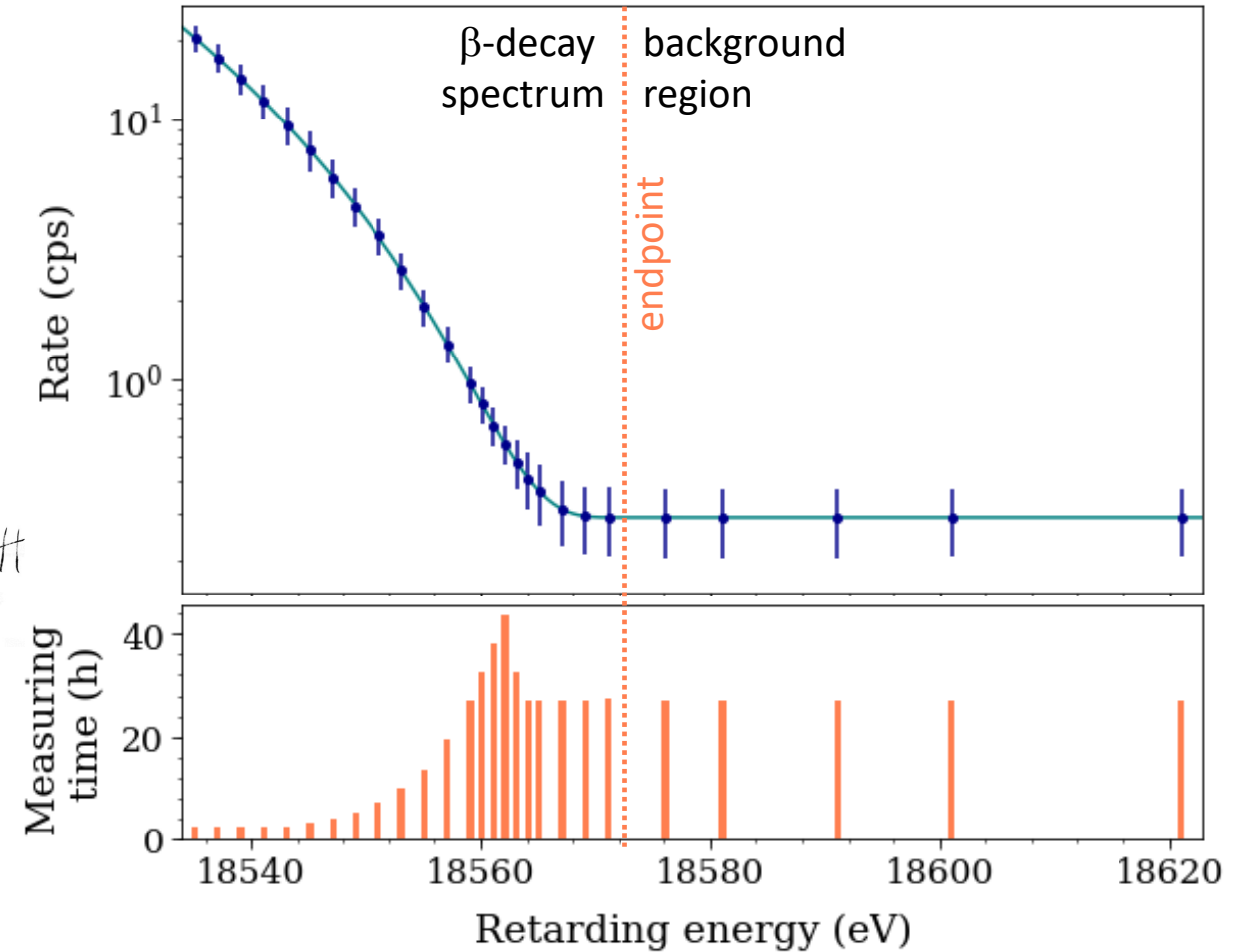
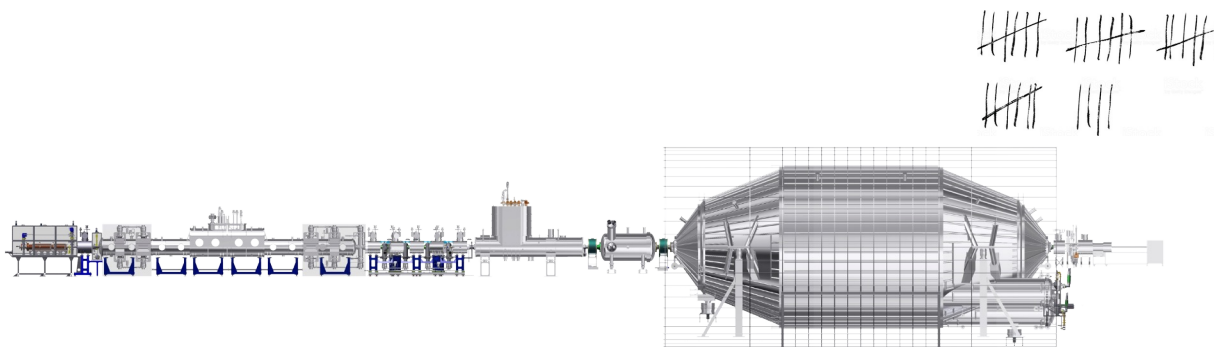
- Counts electrons



# Measurement strategy

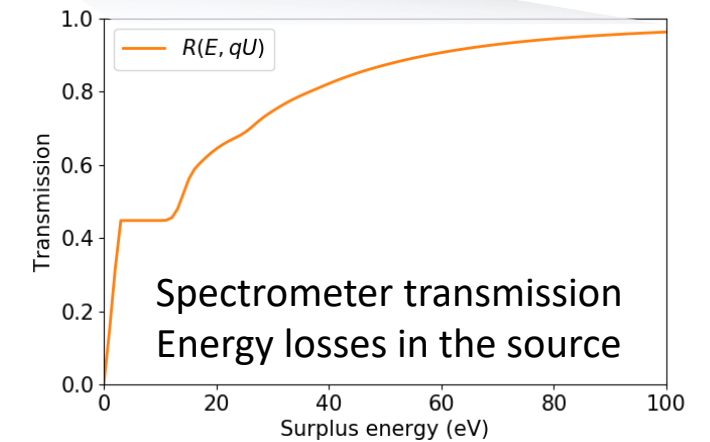
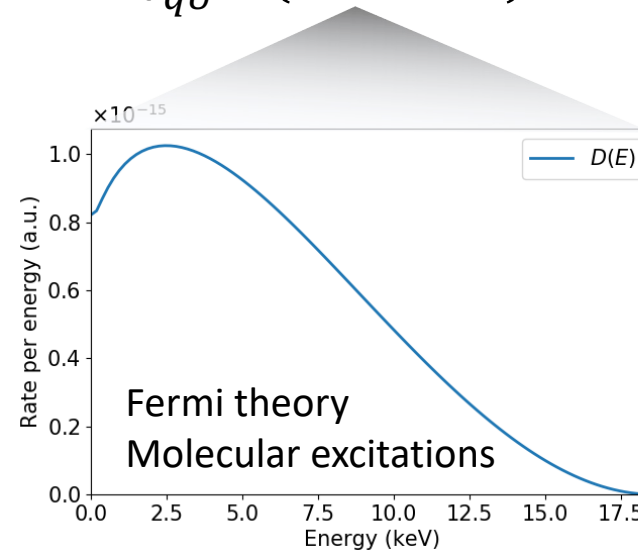
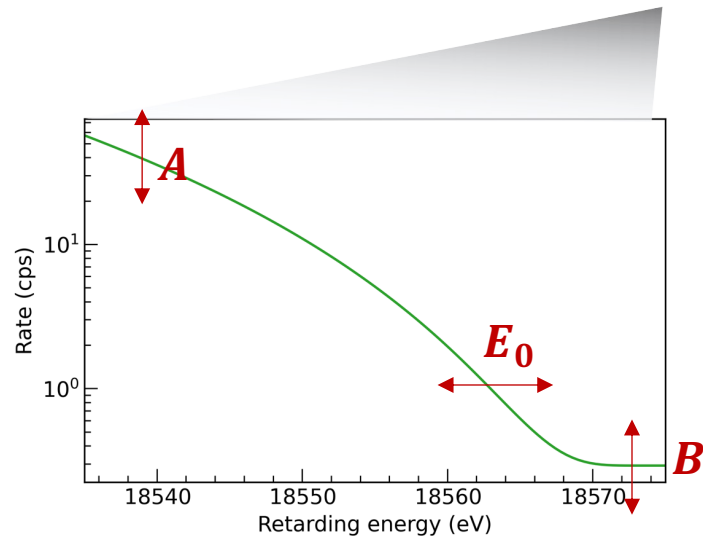
## $\beta$ -scans:

- Scan points: **30 HV set points**
- Scan interval:  **$E_0 - 40$  eV ,  $E_0 + 130$  eV**
- Scan time: **2 hours**



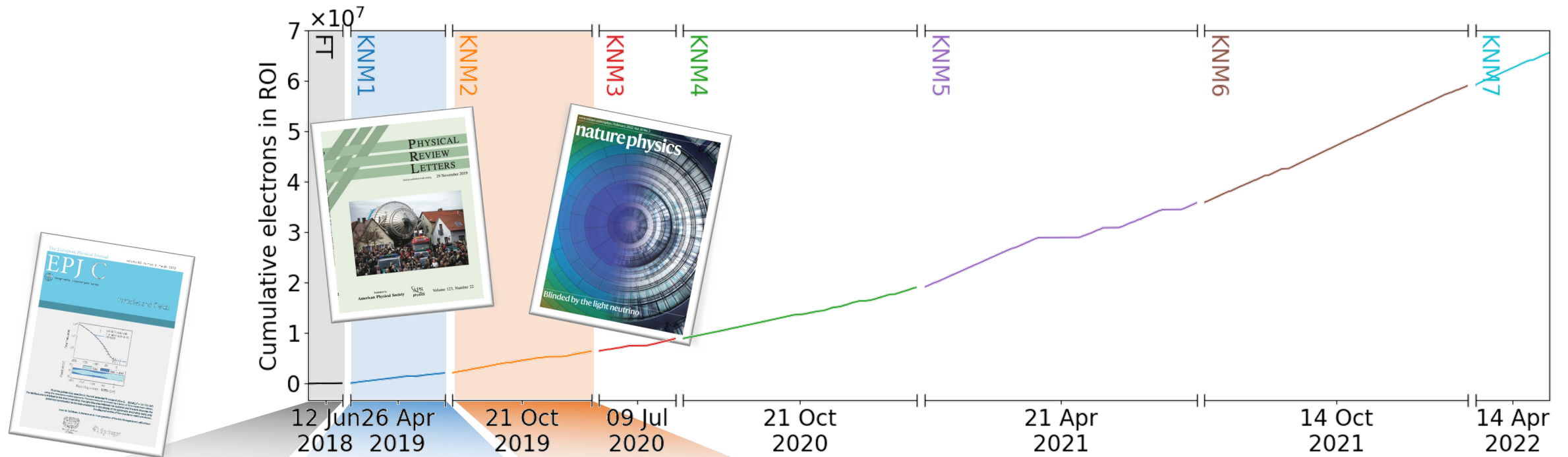
# Analysis strategy

- Fit of theoretical prediction:  $\Gamma(qU) \propto A \cdot \int_{qU}^{E_0} D(E; m_v^2, E_0) \cdot R(qU, E) dE + B$



- Free parameters:  **$m_v^2$ ,  $E_0$ ,  $B$ ,  $A$**
- Blinded analysis: 1) freeze inputs on MC, 2) blinded model, 3) three independent teams

# KATRIN Data Taking Overview



- Commissioning
- Only 0.5% tritium

EPJ C 80, 264 (2020)

- 1<sup>st</sup>  $m_\nu$  campaign
- $m_\nu < 1.1$  eV

PRL 123, 221802 (2019)

Phys. Rev. D 104, 012005 (2021)

- 2<sup>nd</sup>  $m_\nu$  campaign
- $m_\nu < 0.8$  eV

Nat. Phys. 18, 160–166 (2022)

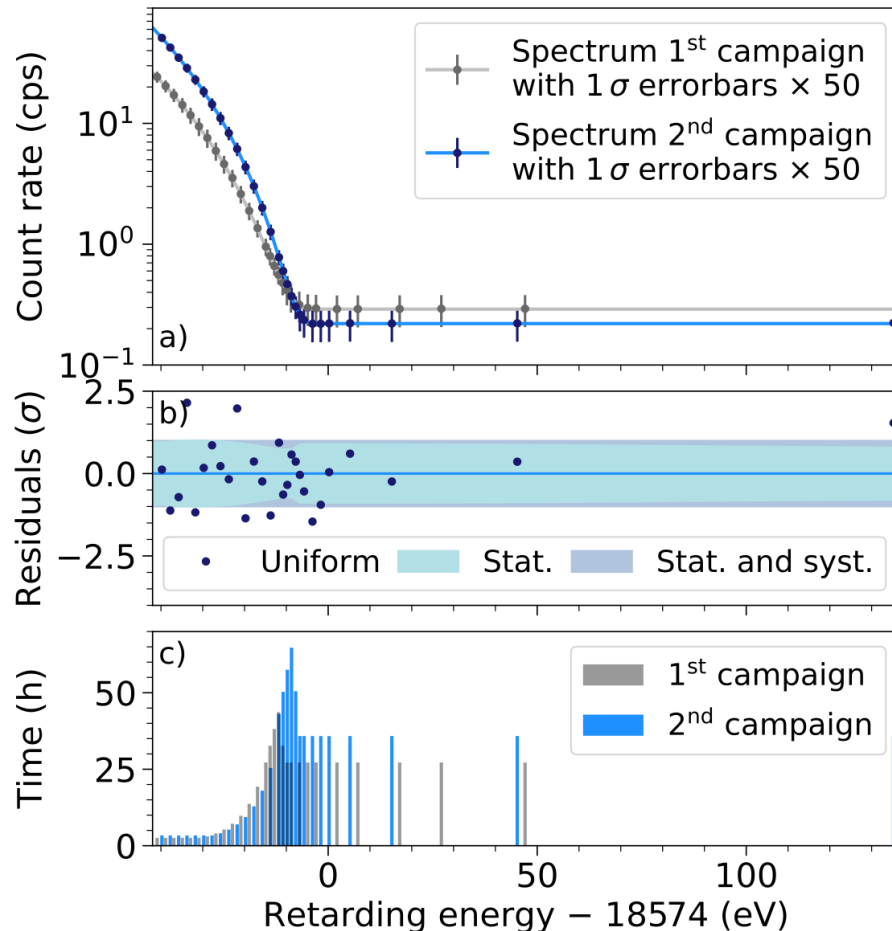
+ sterile and relic neutrino searches:

PRL 126, 091803 (2021)

PRD 105, 072004 (2022)

arXiv:2202.04587 (2022)

# First neutrino mass results



## First campaign:

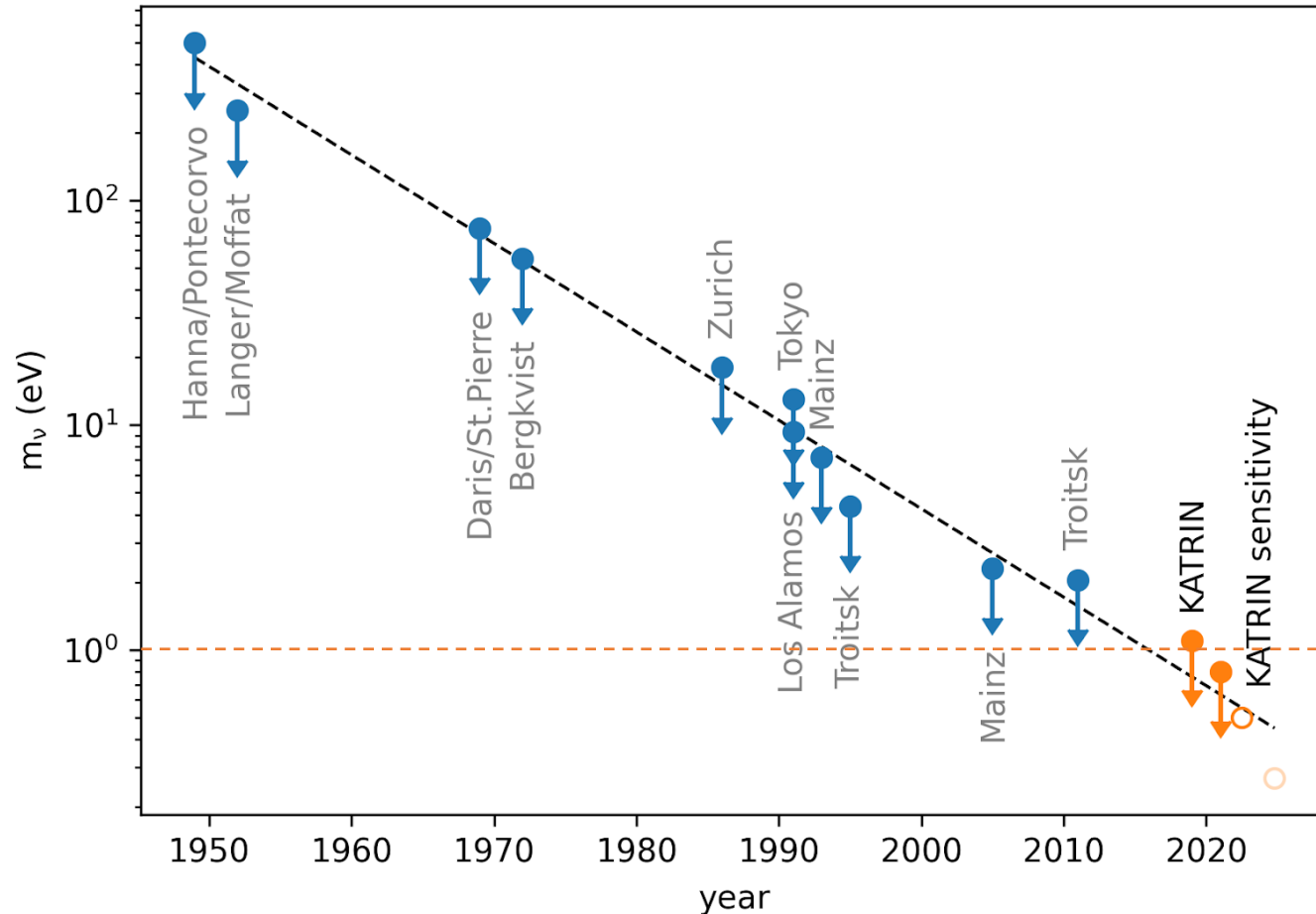
- total statistics: 2 million events (22 days)
- excellent goodness-of-fit: p-value = 0.56
- best fit:  $m_\nu^2 = (-1.0_{-1.1}^{+0.9}) \text{ eV}^2 \text{ (stat. dom.)}$
- limit:  $m_\nu < 1.1 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$

## Second campaign:

- total statistics: 4 million events (31 days)
- excellent goodness-of-fit: p-value = 0.8
- best fit:  $m_\nu^2 = (0.26_{-0.34}^{+0.34}) \text{ eV}^2 \text{ (stat. dom.)}$
- limit:  $m_\nu < 0.9 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$



# Historical context

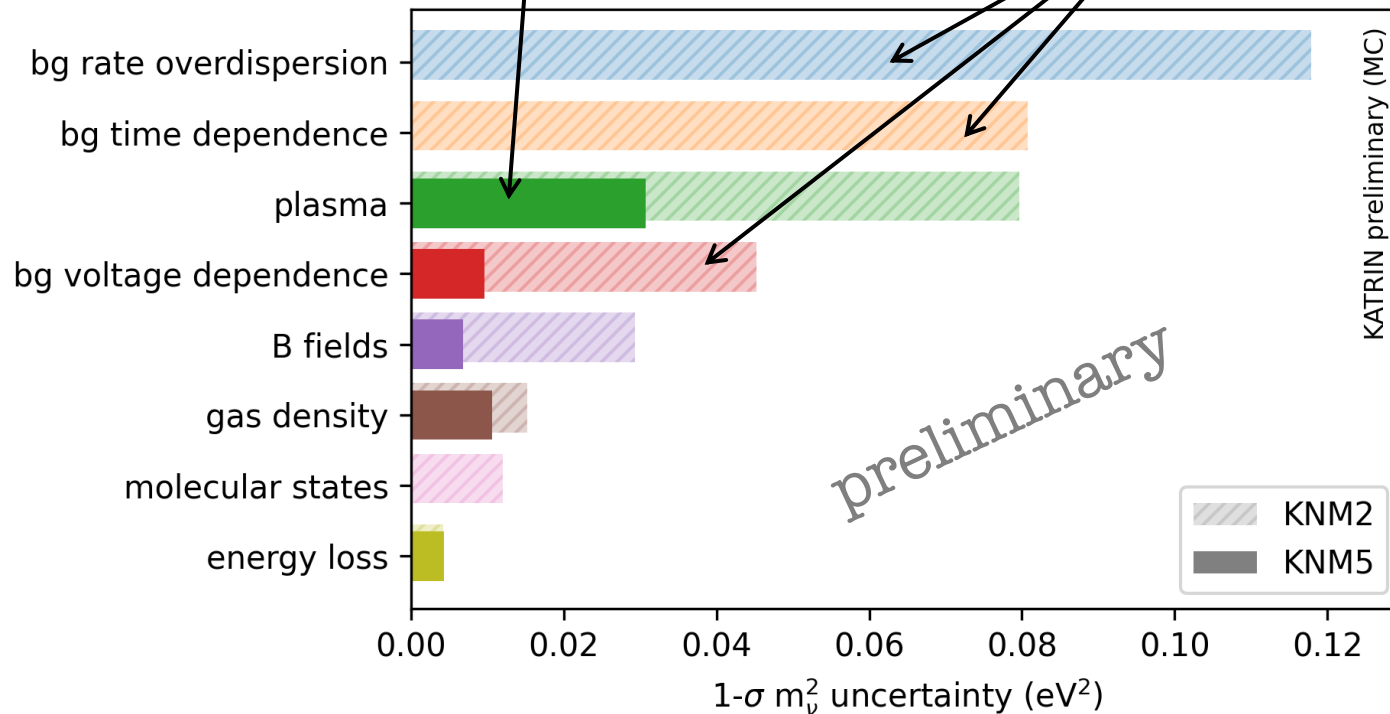
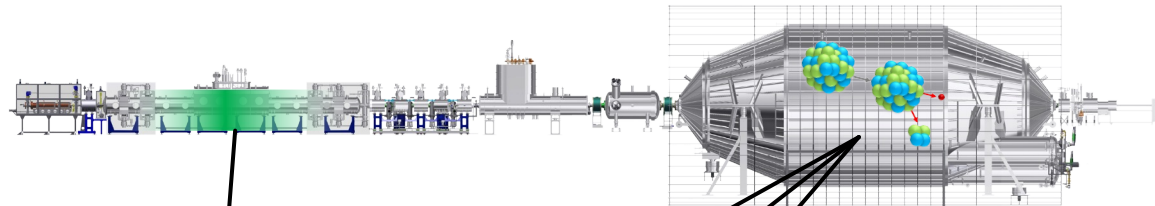


1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign combined limit:

- $m_\nu < 0.8$  eV (90% CL)
- first direct neutrino-mass experiment to reach sub-eV sensitivity and limit

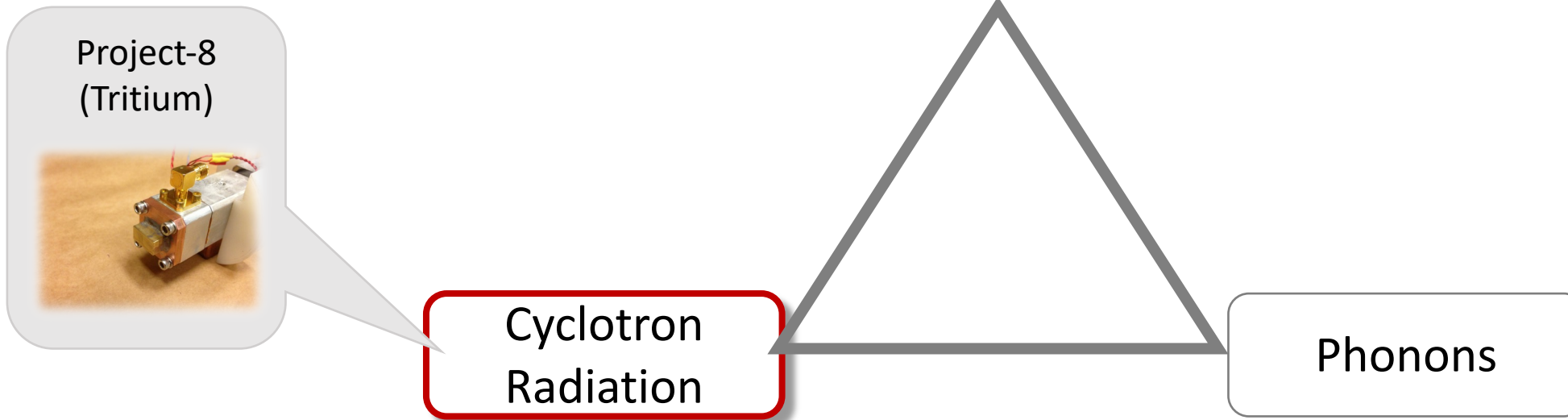


# KATRIN outlook



- Major improvements:
  - **Reduced background** ( $\div 2$ ) thanks to new electromagnetic field setting  
Lokhov et al arXiv:2201.11743 (2022)
  - **Reduced systematics** thanks to high-statistics krypton calibration  
J. Sentkerestiová et al, JINST 13 (2018)
- Next unblinding this summer 😊
- Final goal (2025):  
 $m_\nu < 0.2 - 0.3 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$

# Experimental efforts





# PROJECT 8

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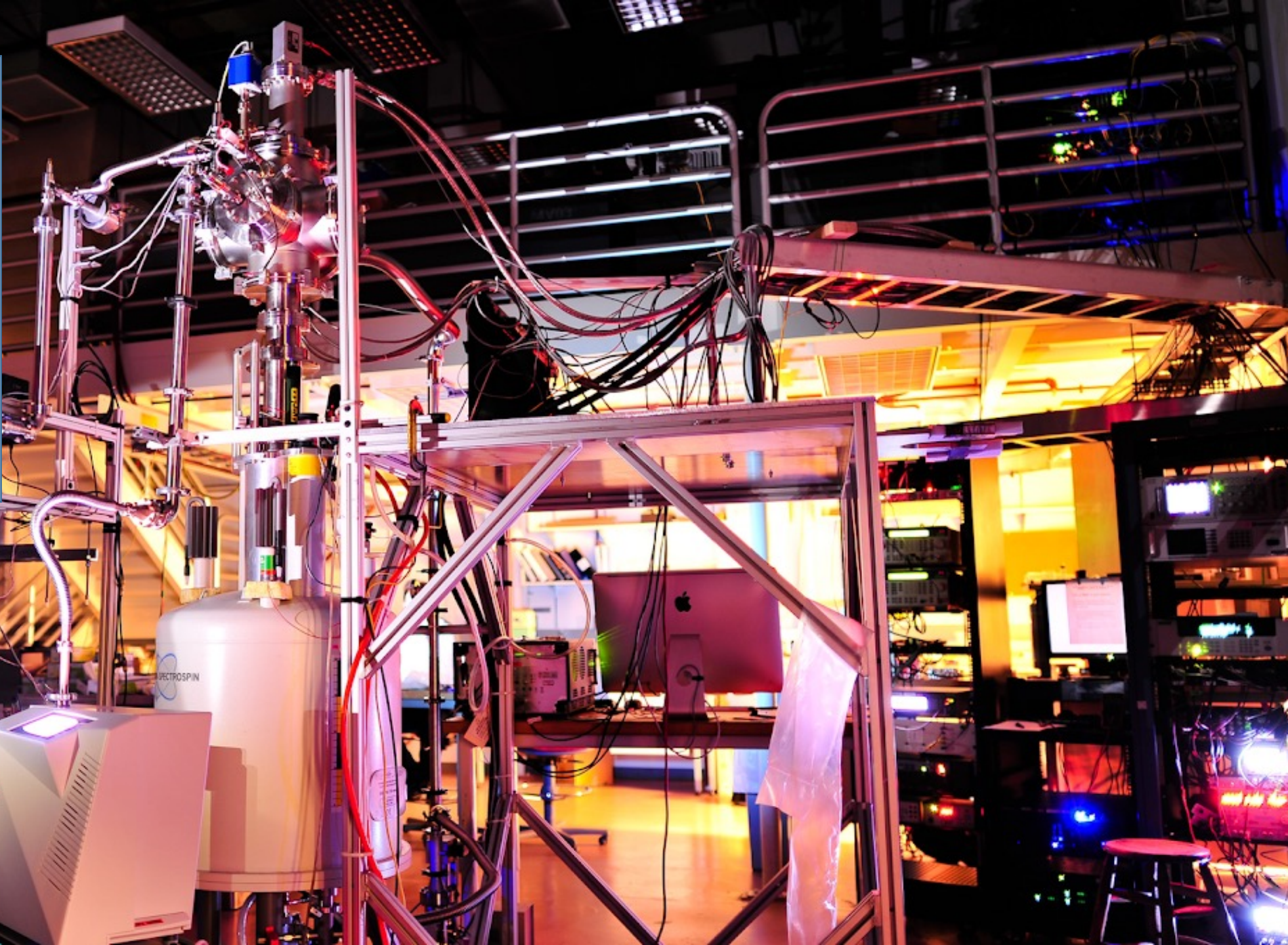
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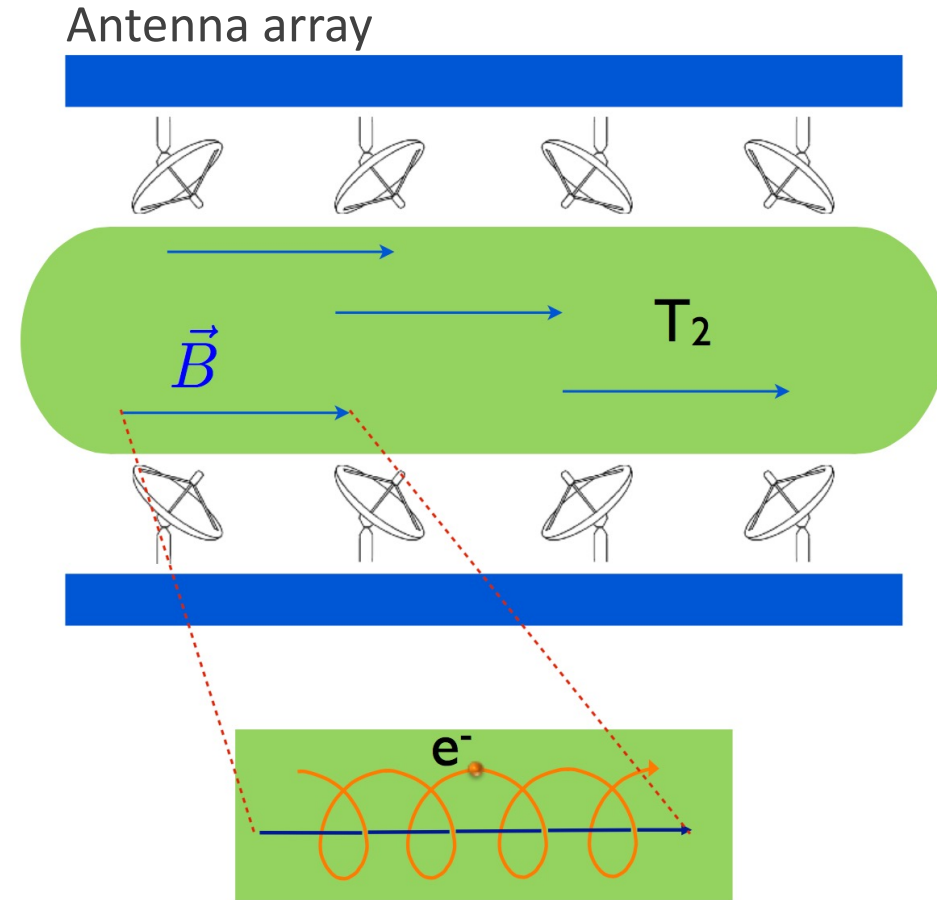


# Working principle

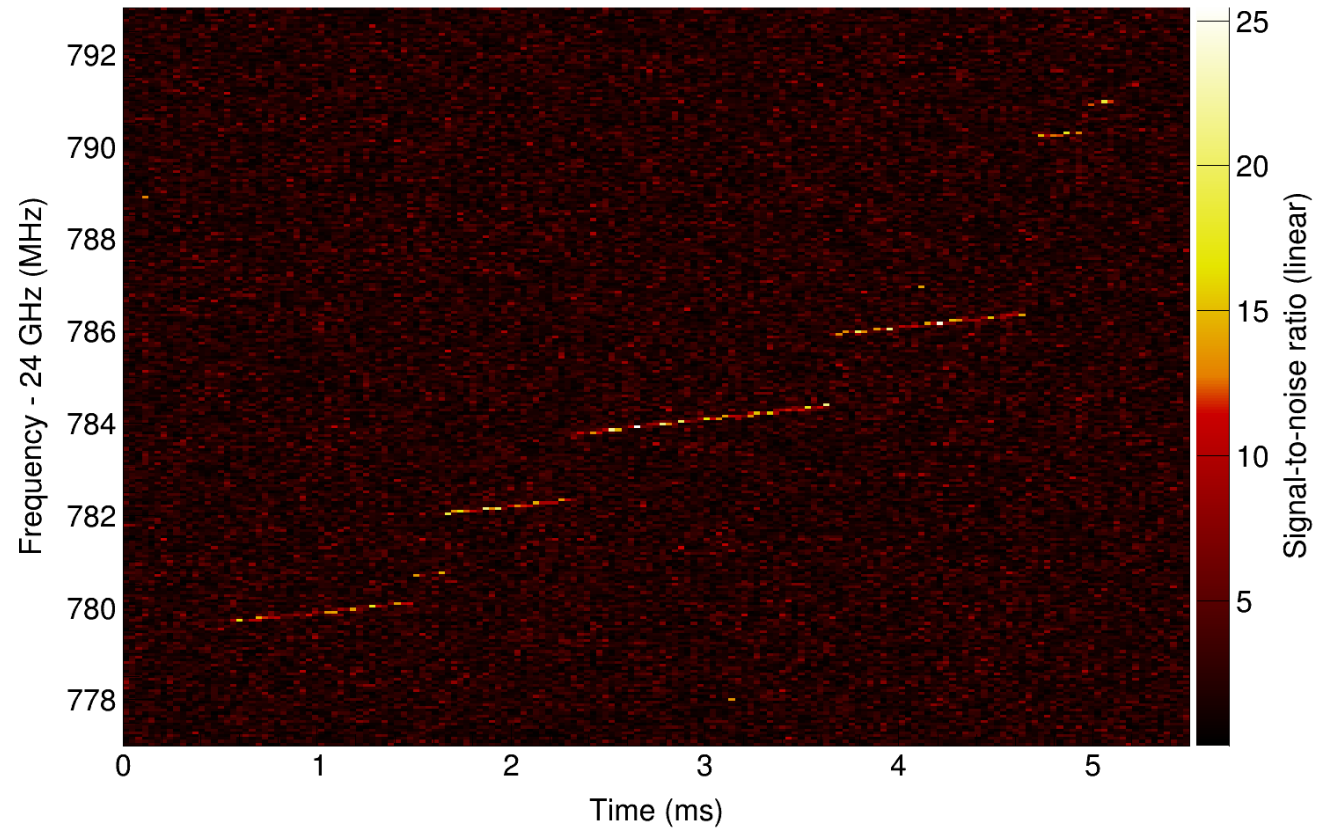
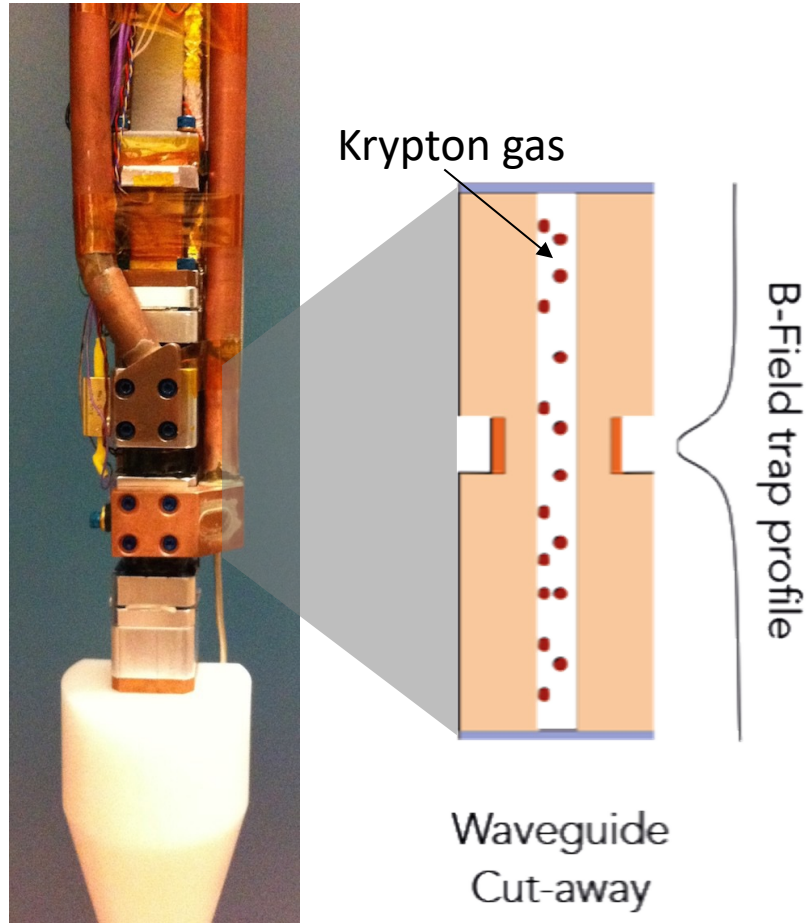
- Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy (CRES)

$$\omega(\gamma) = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{eB}{E + m_e}$$

- Advantages
  - ✓ eV-scale differential measurement
    - ✓ Low background
    - ✓ High statistics
  - ✓ „source = detector“ concept

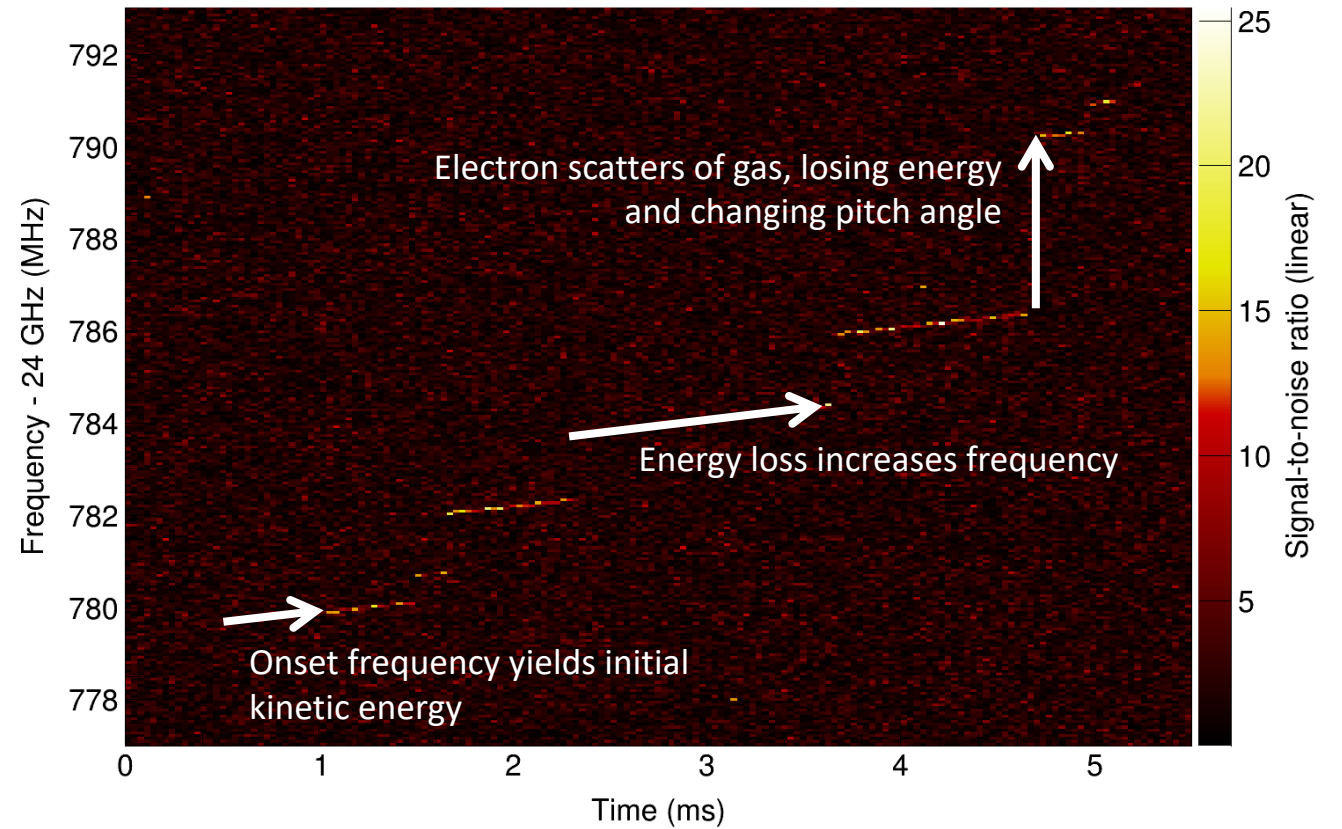
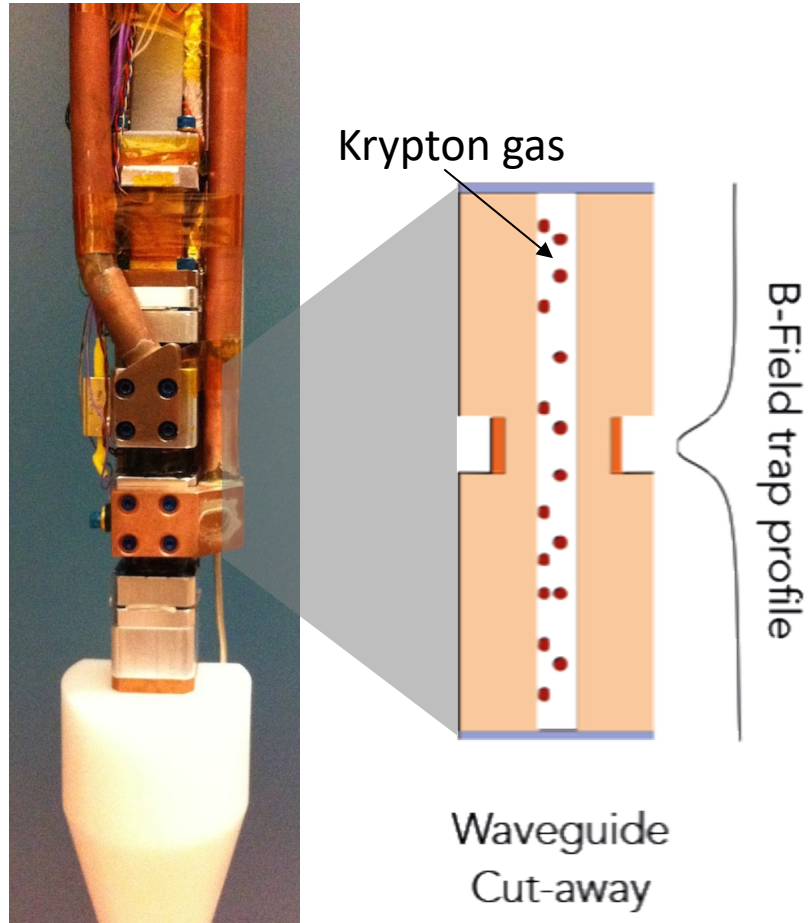


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# Project 8

- **Recent Achievements**

- ✓ First tritium spectra measured  
 $\Delta E = 2 \text{ eV (FWHM)}$ ,  $b < 3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

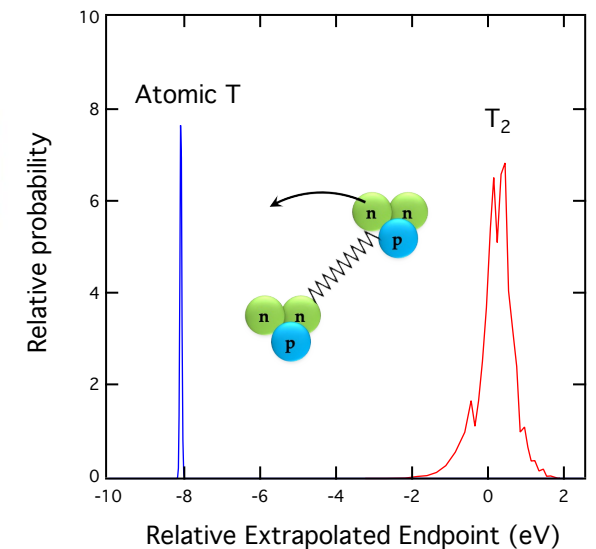
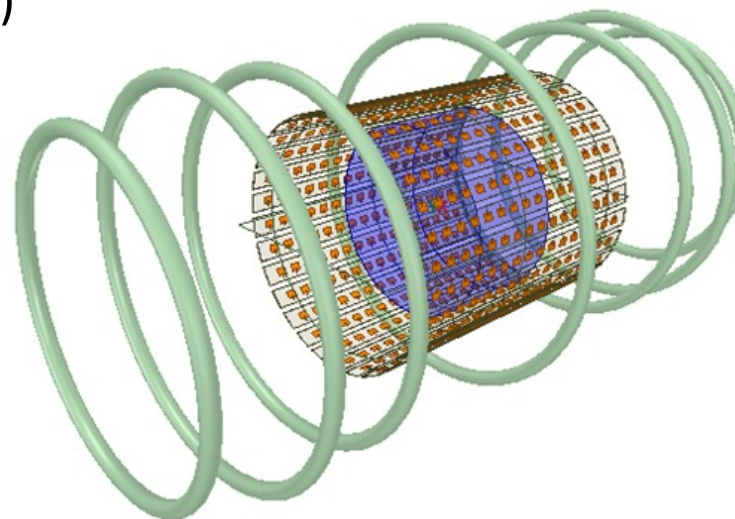
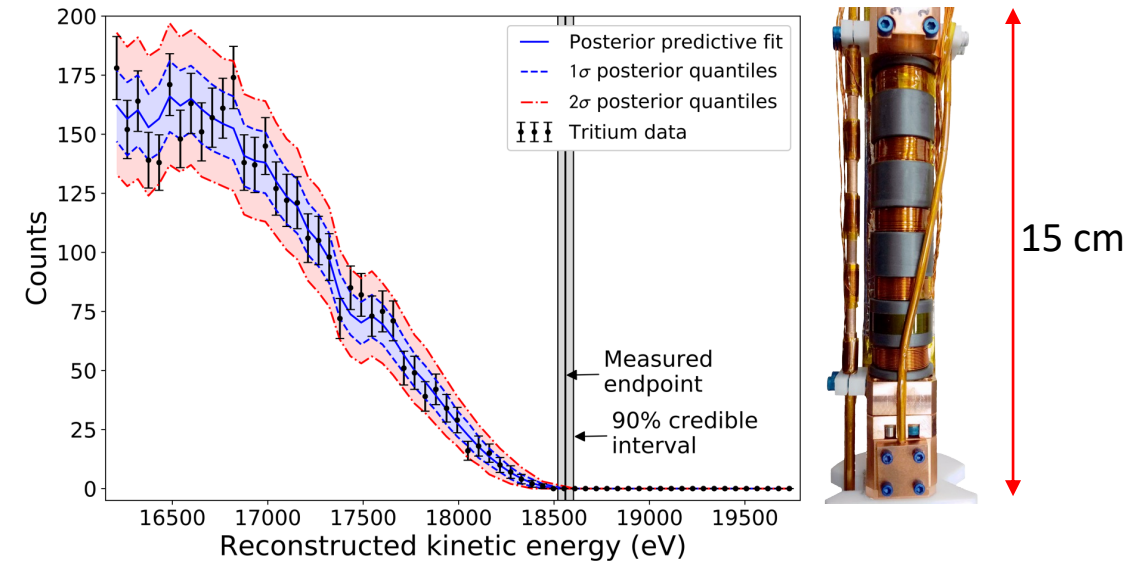
- ✓ **First neutrino mass limit:  $m_\nu < 185 \text{ eV}$  (90% CI.)**

- **Next steps / challenges:**

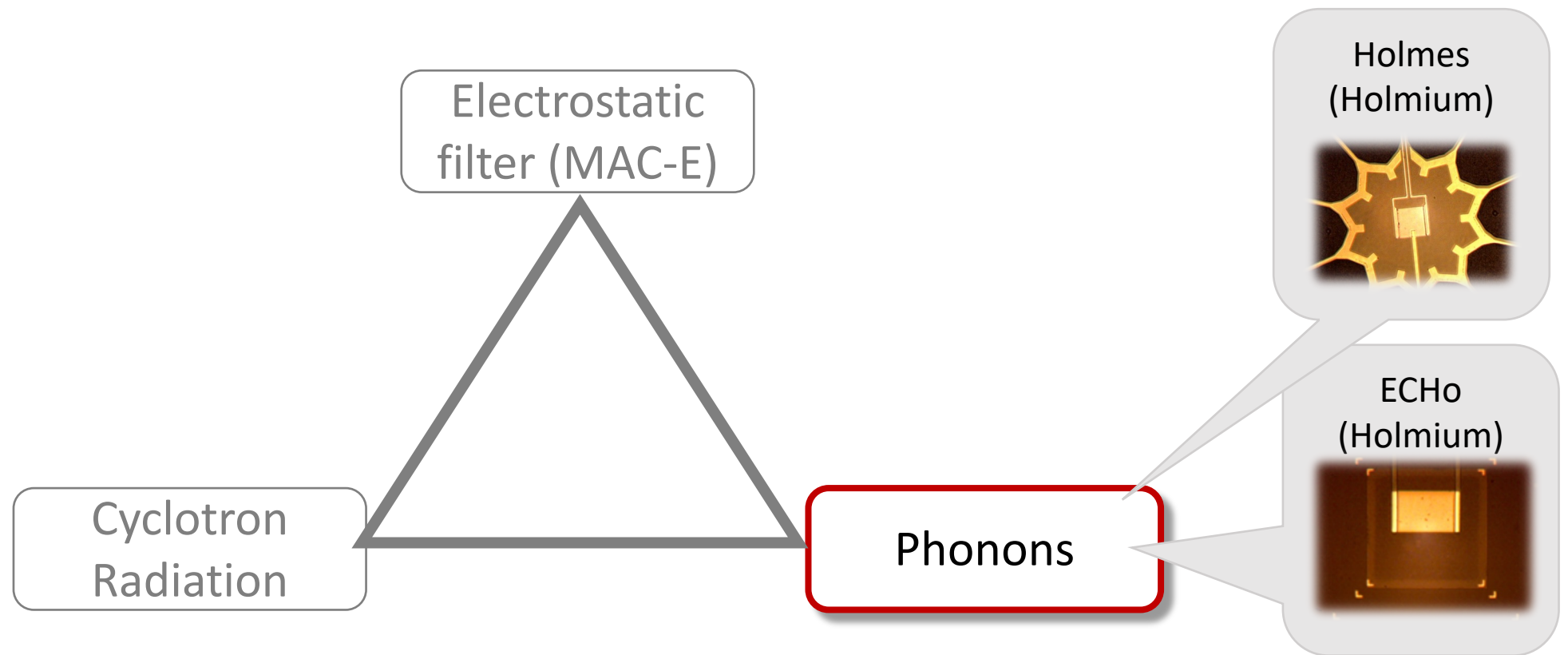
- large-volume traps ( $\text{m}^3$ )  
(antenna array or cavity resonator)
  - develop atomic tritium source

- **Ultimate goal:**

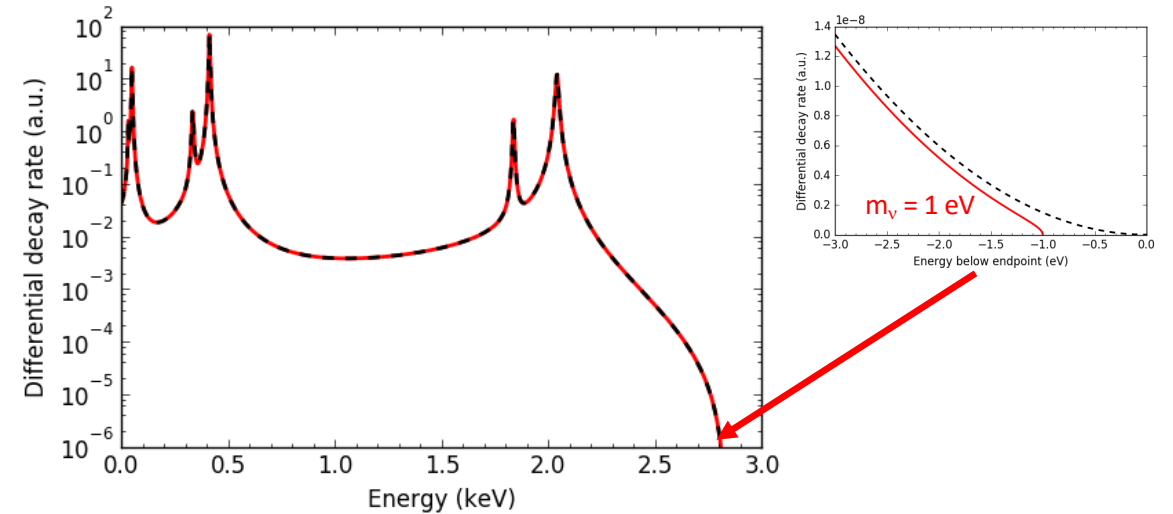
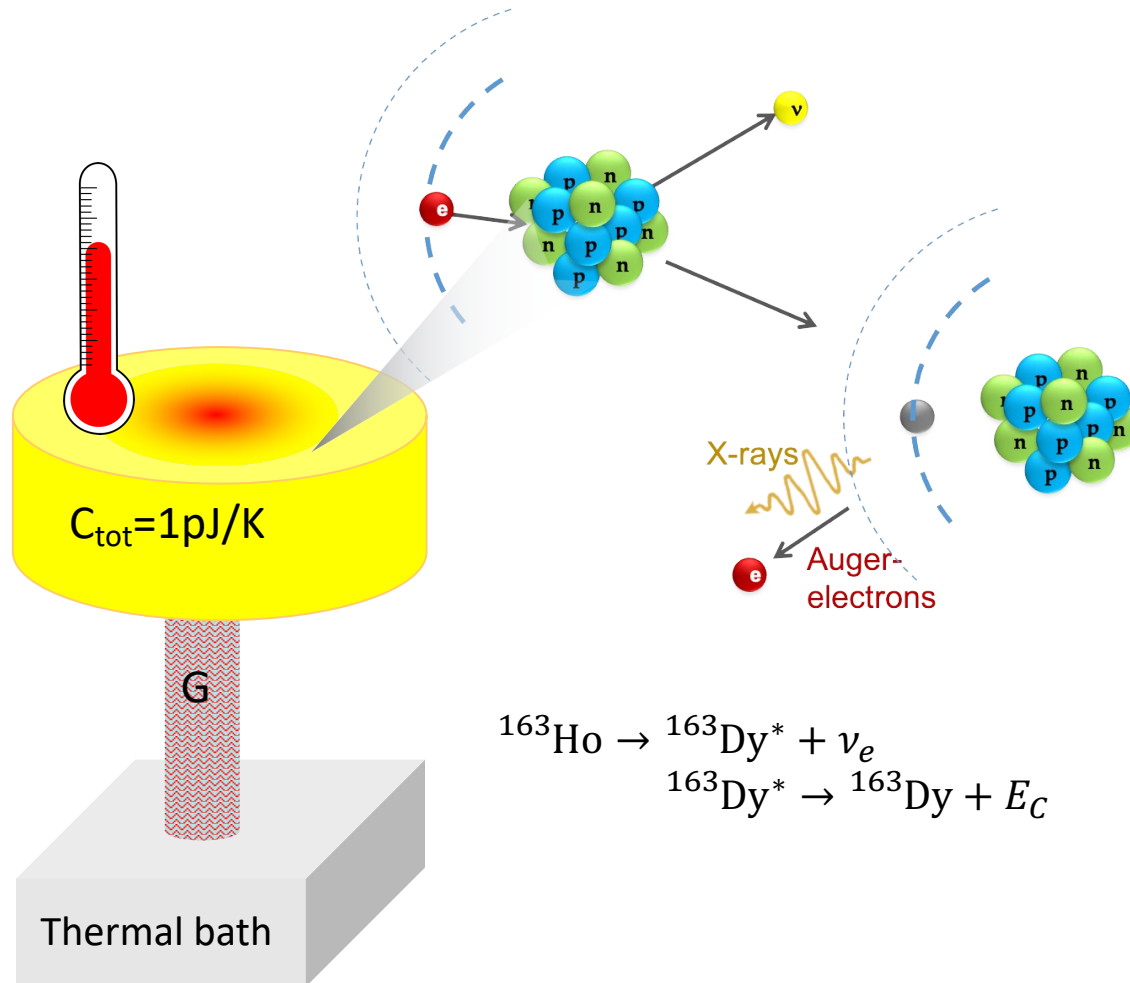
- 40 meV sensitivity  
[arXiv:2203.07349 \(2022\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07349)



# Experimental efforts



# Working principle



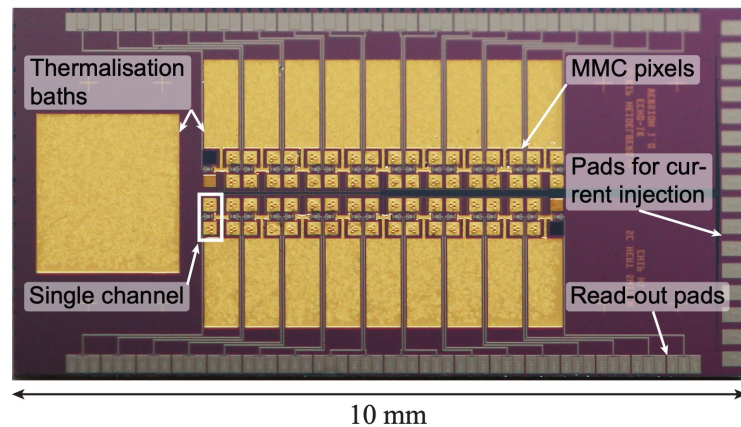
- Low-temperature micro-calorimetry  
A. De Rujula and M. Lusignoli, *Phys. Lett.* **118B** (1982)
- Advantages:
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# Experiments

## ECHo



- metallic magnetic calorimeters (MMC)  
L. Gastaldo et al. Eur. Phys. J. Spec. Top. 226 (2017)



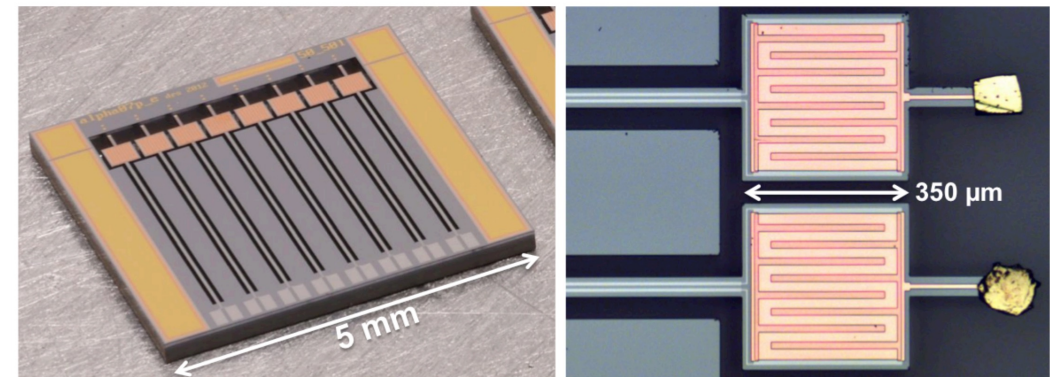
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## HOLMES



- transition edge sensors (TES)  
*J Low Temp Phys* 184, 492–497 (2016)





# Status - ECHo

- **Achievements**

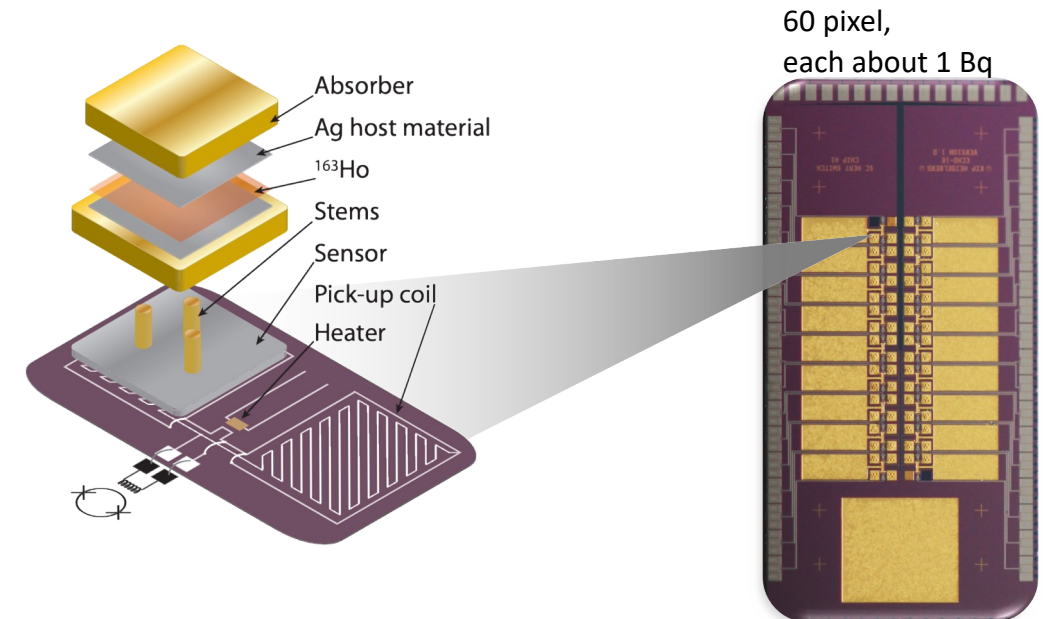
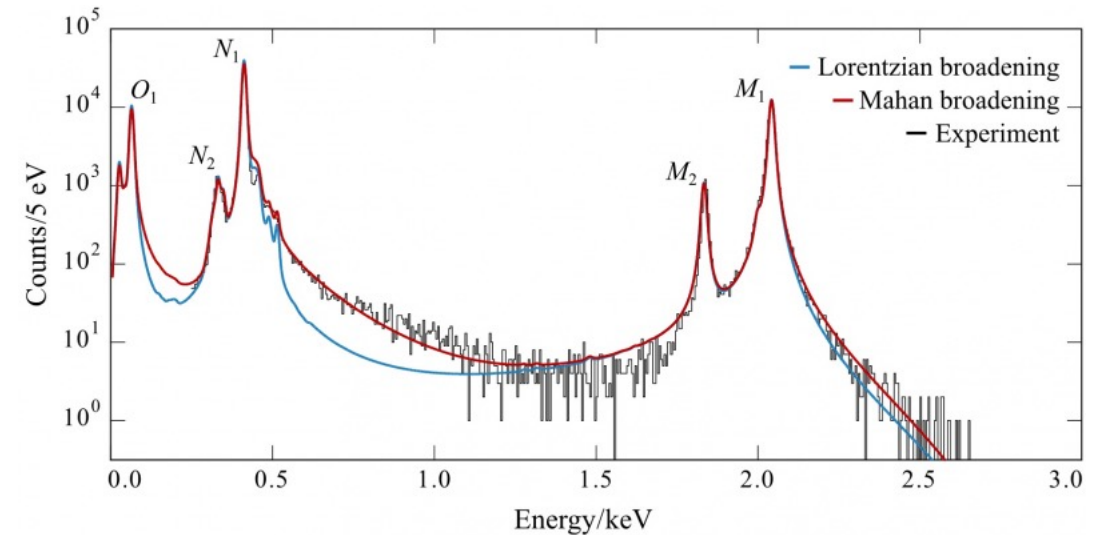
- ✓ first holmium spectra measured  
 $\Delta E = 5 \text{ eV}$  (FWHM),  $b < 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ pixel}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$
- ✓ first neutrino mass limit:  $m < 150 \text{ eV}$  (95% C.L.)  
*EPJ-C 79 1026 (2019)*
- ✓ refined theoretical calculations  
*Phys.Rev.C 97 (2018) and New J. Phys. 22 (2020) 093018*
- ✓ **Phase-1 of ECHo completed:  $\sim 60 \text{ Bq}$  ( $10^8$  events)**  
*EPJ-C 81, 963 (2021)*

- **Next steps/challenges**

- Scaling to higher activity per pixel and more pixels

- **Ultimate goal:**

- $10 \text{ MBq}$  (=  $10^5$  pixel)  $\rightarrow$  low sub-eV sensitivity



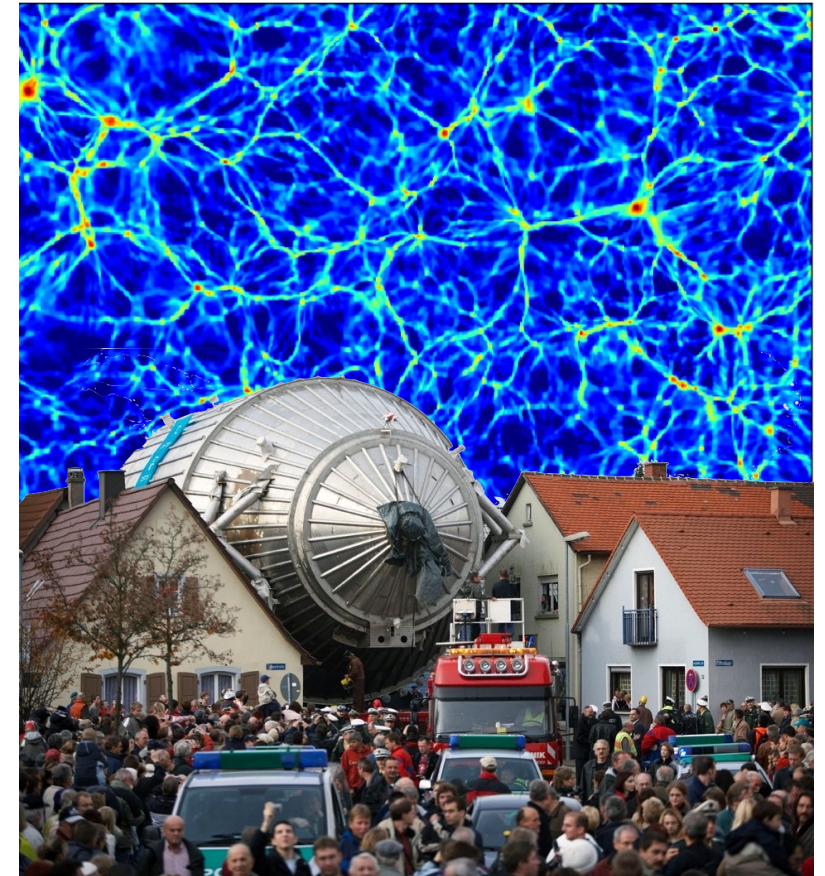
# Summary

## Cosmology

- Best limits on the neutrino mass so far
- Future missions aim for neutrino mass detection!
- Cosmology measures energy density of hot dark matter

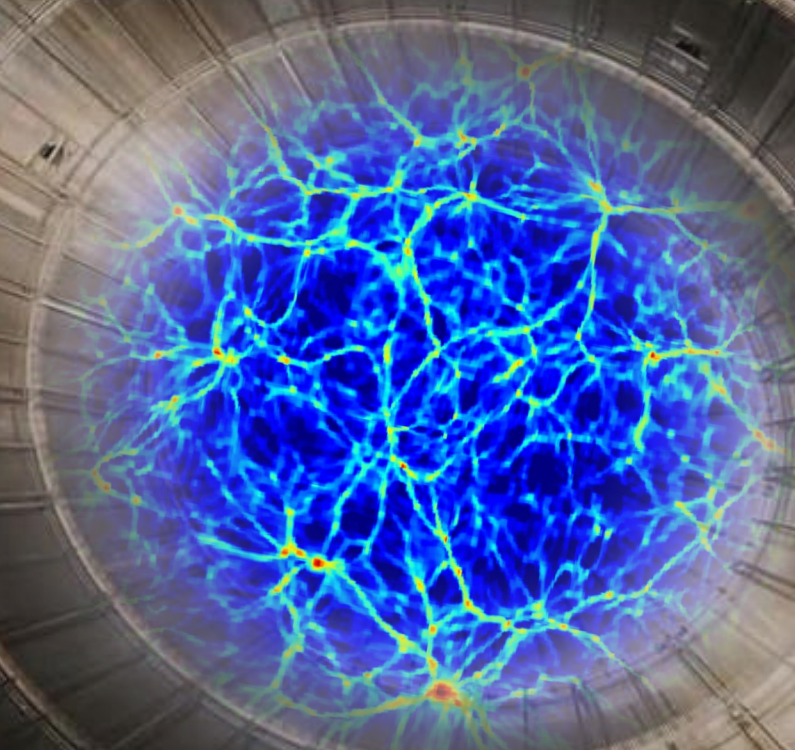
## Single beta decay

- Independent of cosmology and neutrino nature
- KATRIN reached the first sub-eV limit and has only started
- Promising ideas to push the sensitivity into the hierarchical neutrino mass regime





Thank you for your attention



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