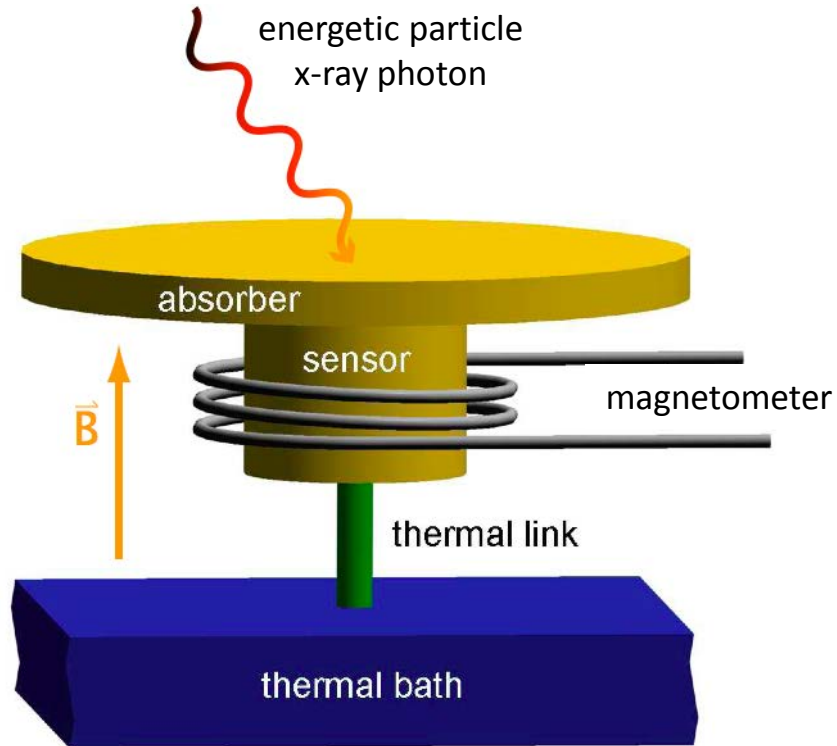
A top-down view of a microcalorimeter array on a blue printed circuit board. The array consists of a 4x2 grid of eight identical sensor modules. Each module contains a dense grid of small, square, light-blue sensor elements. A horizontal strip of orange and purple elements runs through the center of each module. The modules are interconnected by a network of fine, light-blue traces on the PCB.

Microcalorimeters with inductively read out
paramagnetic and superconducting temperature sensors

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detection principle



massive particle absorber

paramagnetic or superconducting
temperature sensor

operation at low temperatures

- small heat capacity
- low thermal noise
- large temperature change

no power dissipation in the sensor

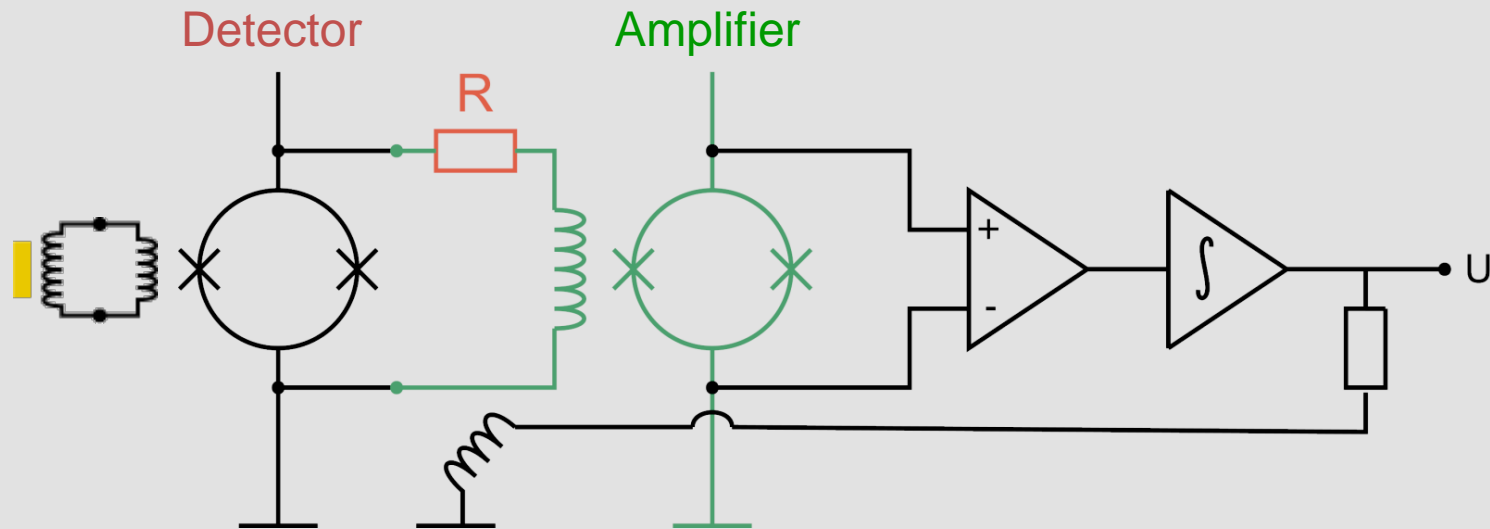
no galvanic contact to the readout
circuit

SQUID based sensor readout

$T = 10 \text{ mK}$

$T = 10 \text{ mK} \dots 4 \text{ K}$

room temperature

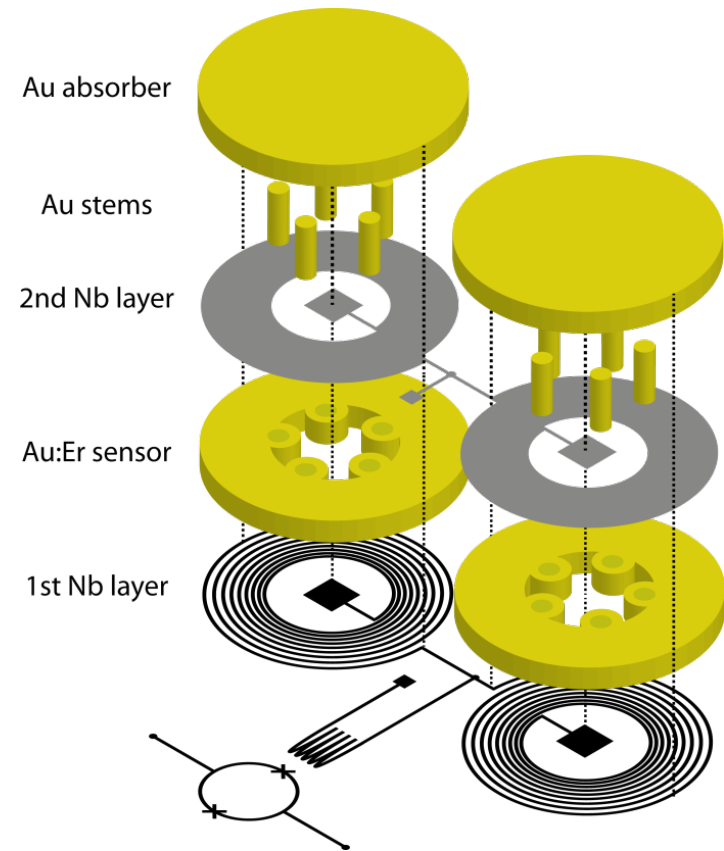
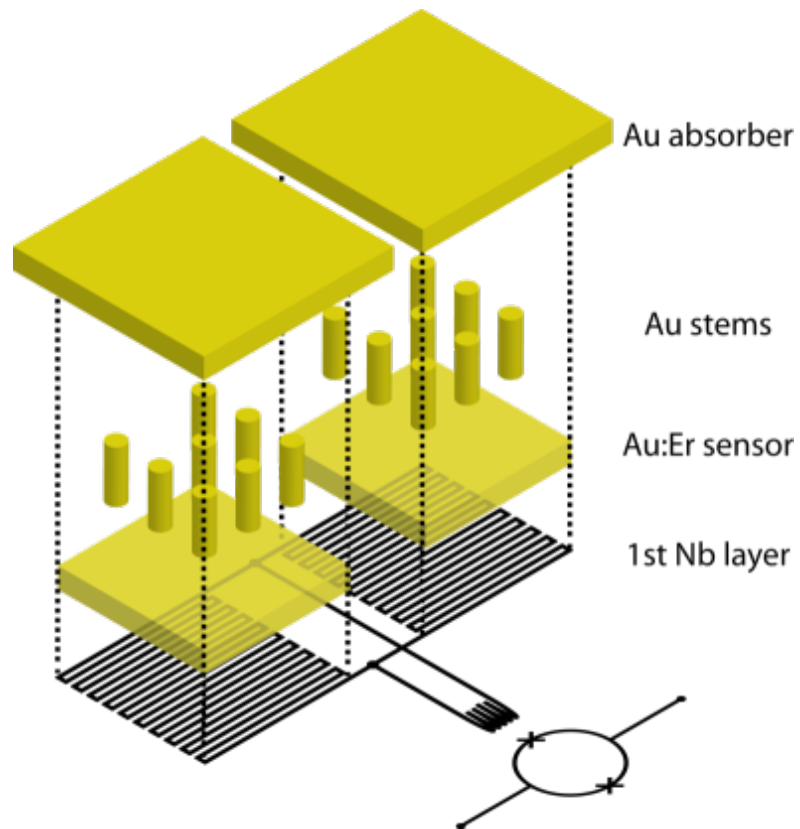


two-stage SQUID setup

- low noise
- large bandwidth
- low power dissipation

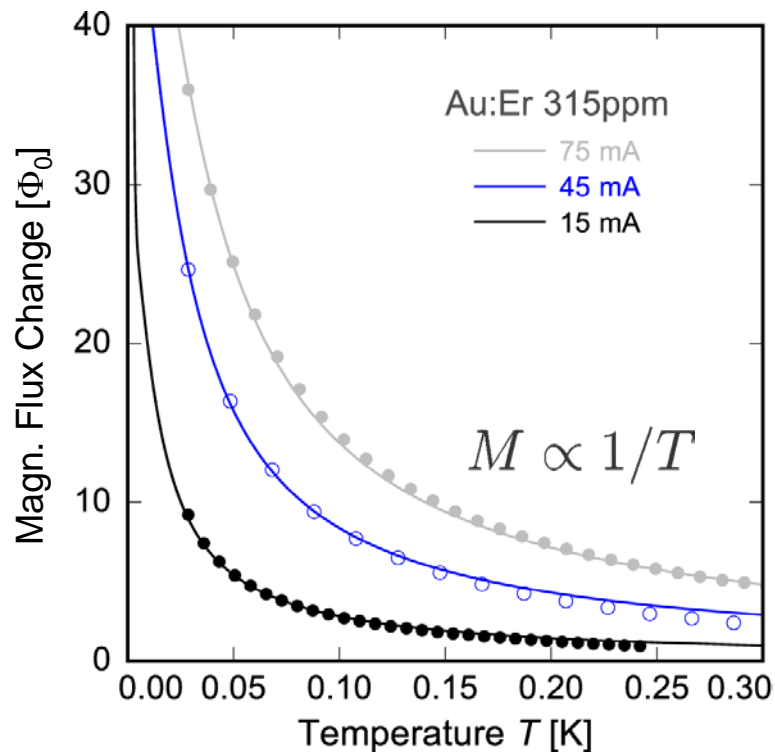
detector geometries

present working horses



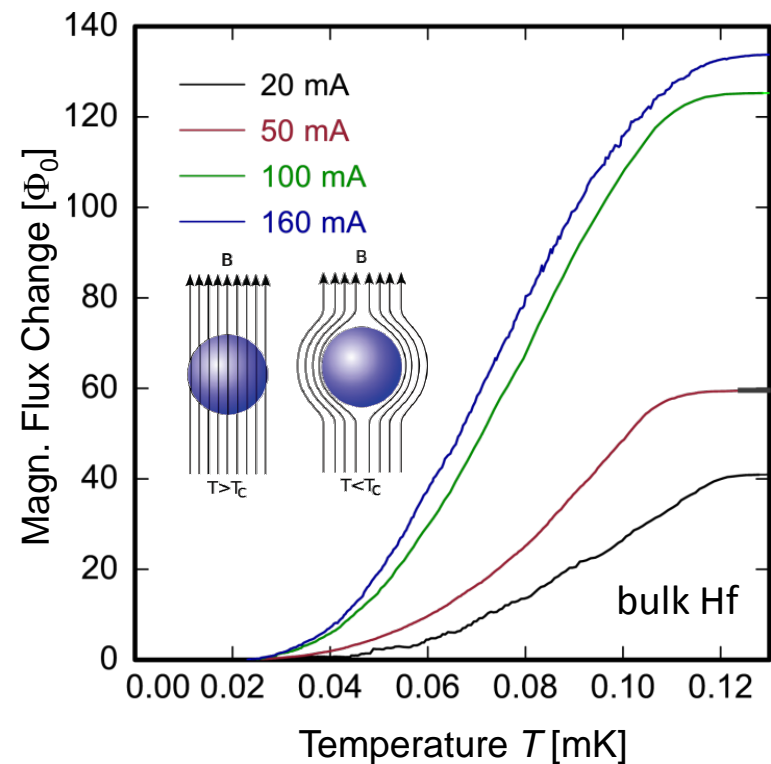
temperature sensors

Metallic Magnetic Calorimeter



Au:Er, Ag:Er, PbTe:Er, Dy:W, W:Fe ...

Magnetic Penetration Thermometer



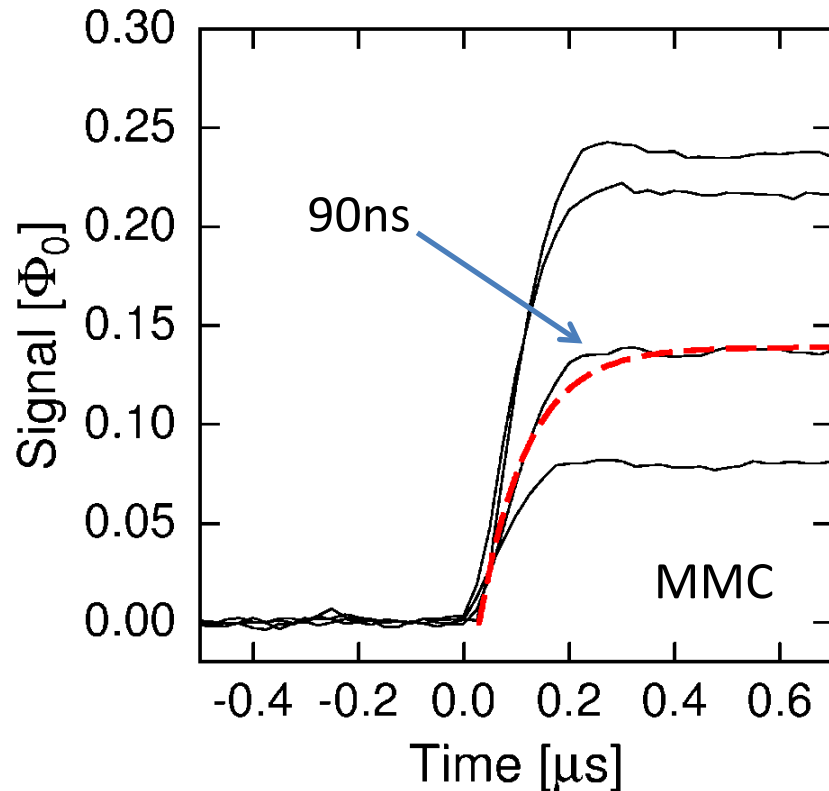
Ir, MoAu, Hf, AuTi, MoCu, ...

signal shape

fast rise time

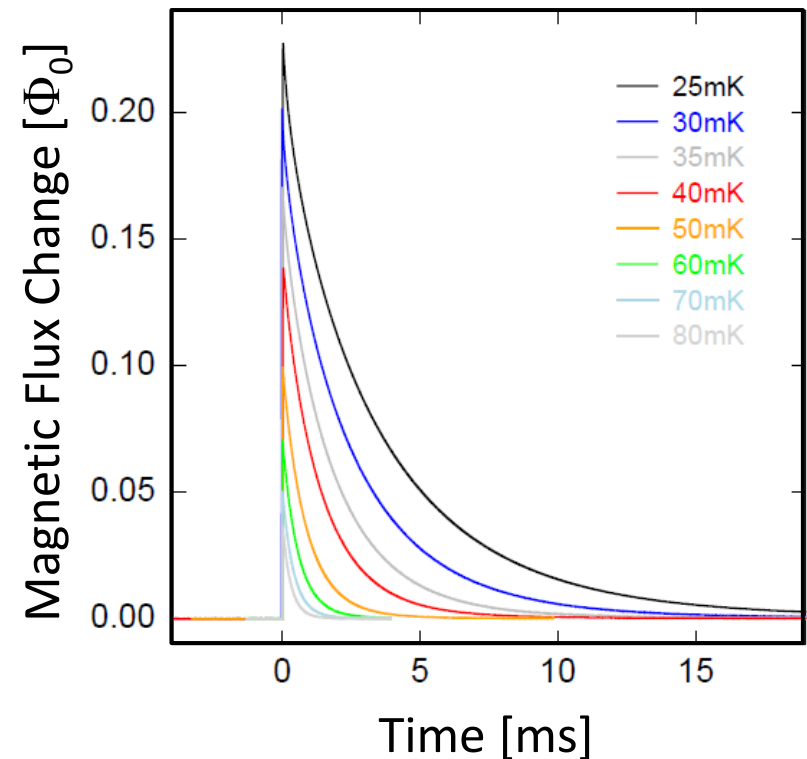
< 100ns @ 30mK for MMCs

< 1 μ s @ 30mK for MPTs



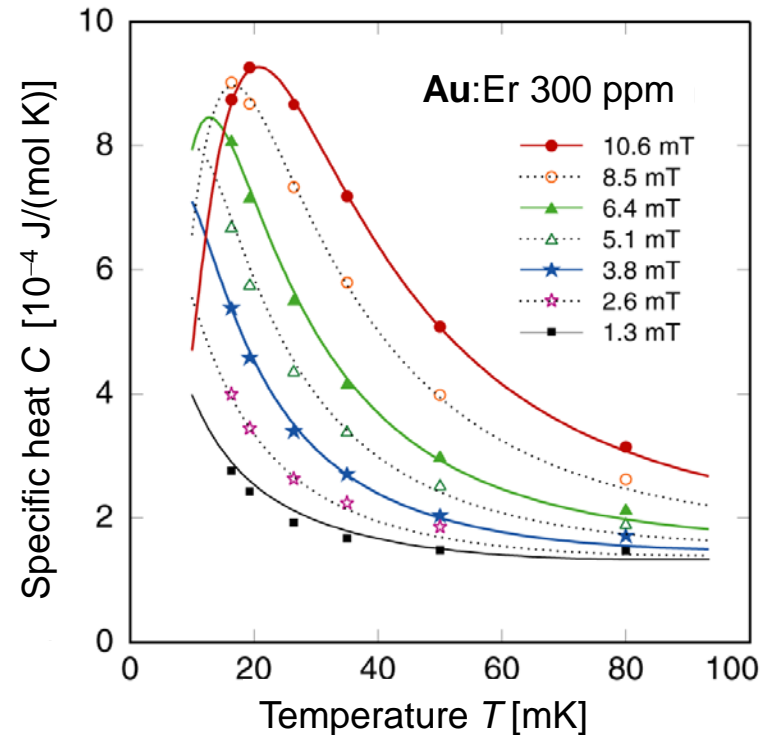
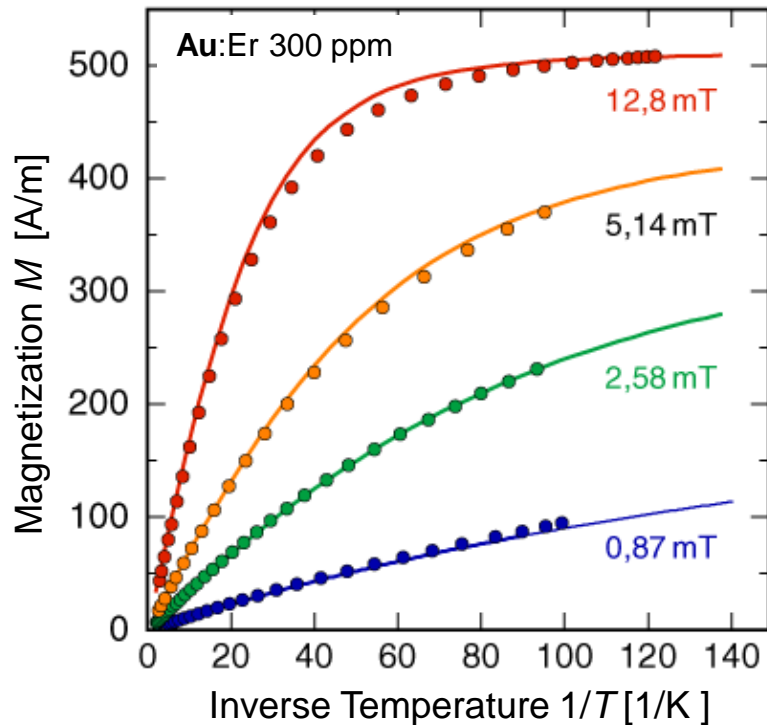
decay time

roughly **single exponential**
adjustable by metallic link



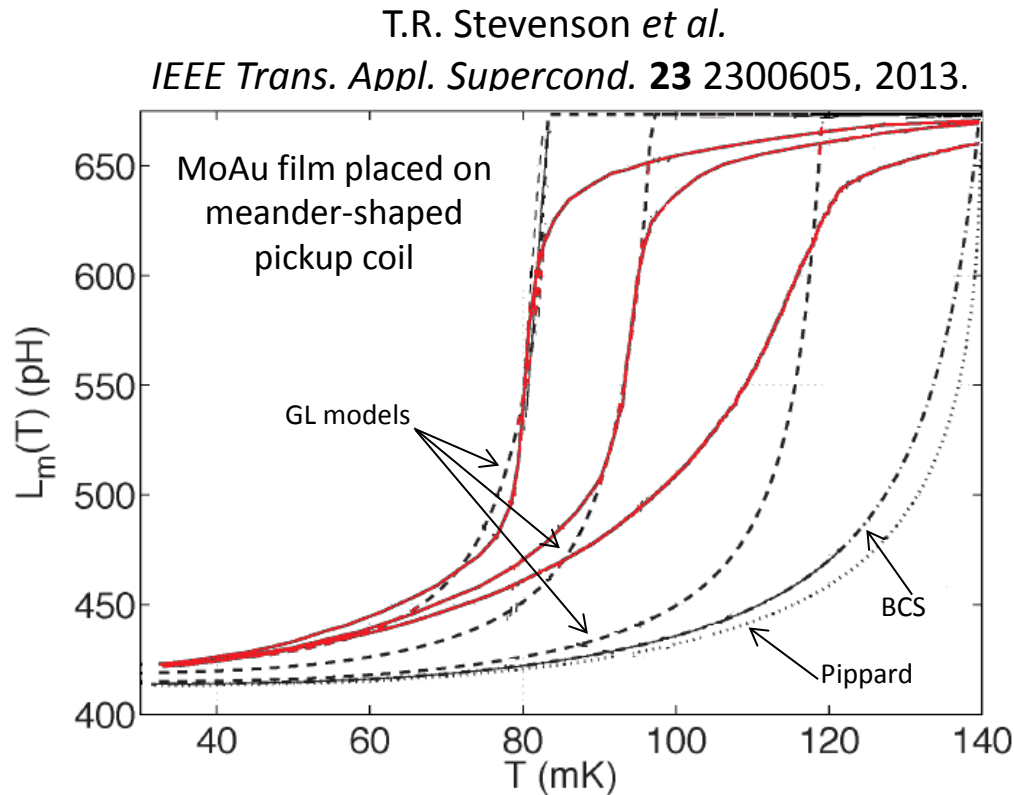
signal size of MMCs

$$\delta\Phi \propto \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \frac{E}{C_{\text{tot}}}$$



signal size of MMCs can be predicted with confidence

signal size of MPTs

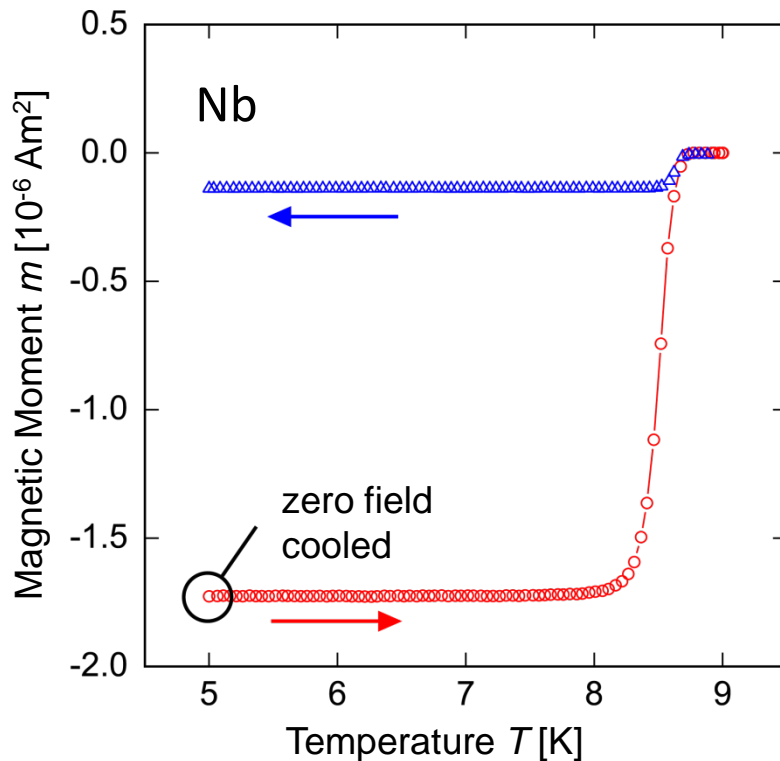


- magnetic flux change
- specific heat
- magnetic work

calculation of signal size of MPTs **challenging** but **feasible**

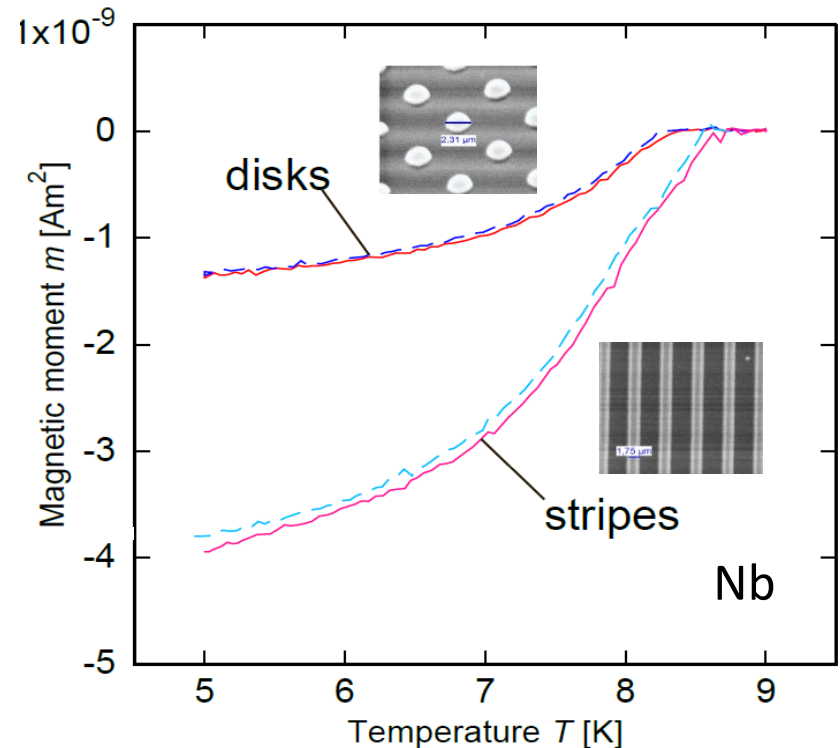
hysteresis effects in MPTs

large area sensors show
hysteretic behaviour



non-hysteretic behaviour
for patterned sensors

$$B \cdot w^2 < \frac{\Phi_0}{2}$$

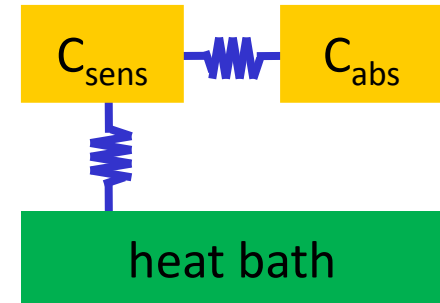


noise contributions

thermodynamical fluctuations of energy

$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 2.36 \sqrt{4k_B T C_{\text{abs}} T^2} \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau_1} \right)^{1/4}$$

optimum for $C_{\text{abs}} \approx C_{\text{sens}}$



sensor ,intrinsic' noise

- excess noise observed for Au:Er temperature sensors
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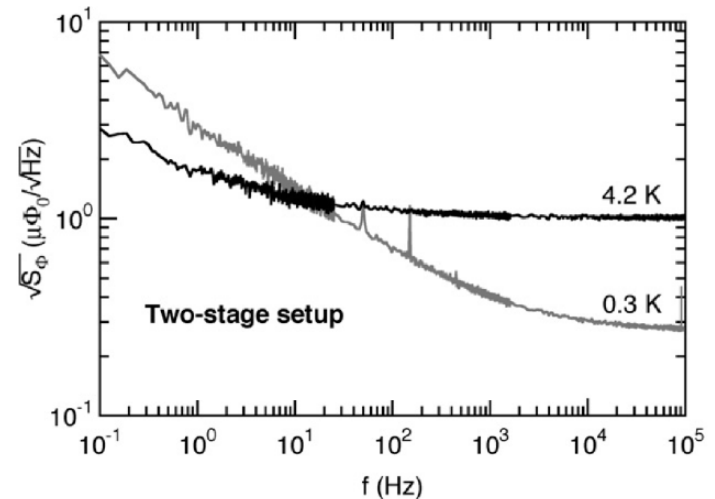
amplifier (SQUID) noise

$$\epsilon_s = \frac{S_\Phi}{2L_s} \quad \text{or} \quad \epsilon_c = \frac{1}{2} L_i S_I$$

required $\epsilon < 50 \dots 500 \hbar$

magnetic Johnson noise

- thermal currents in metallic detector components
- can be kept marginal small



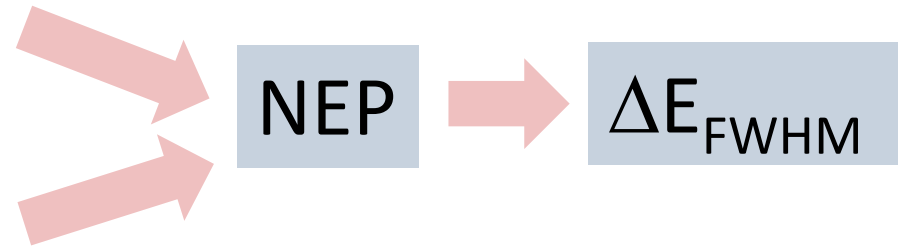
detector optimization

signal

- pickup coil geometry
- coupling scheme
- detector responsivity

noise

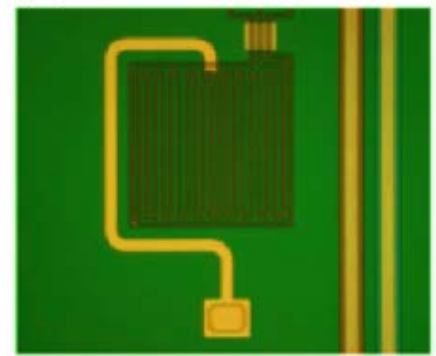
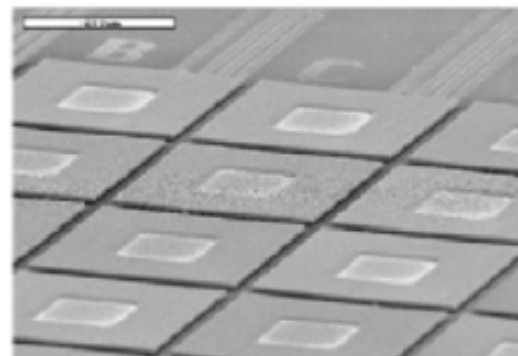
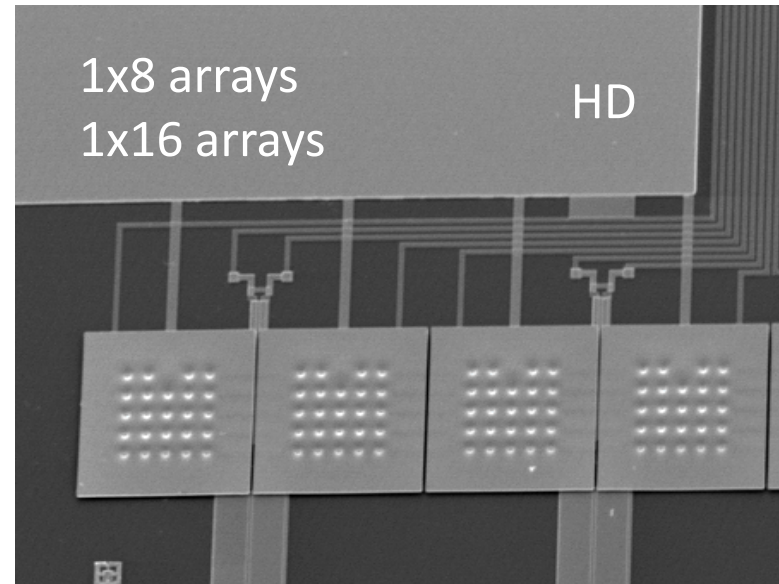
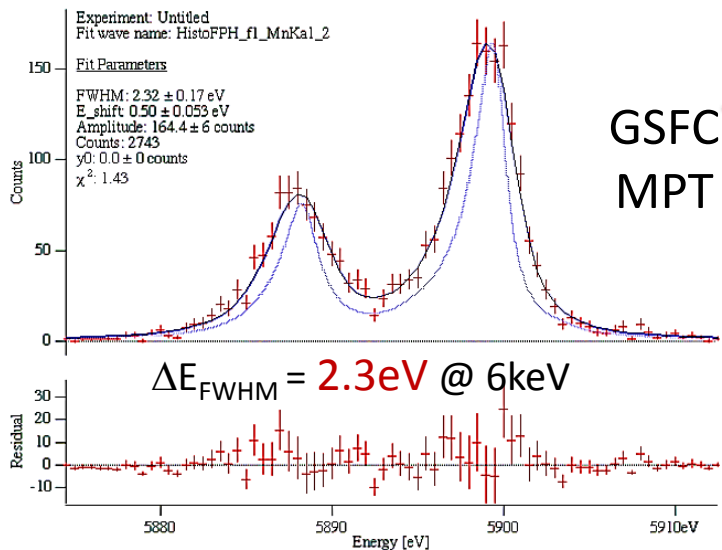
- energy fluctuations
- amplifier noise
- magnetic Johnson noise
- intrinsic sensor noise



C_{abs} [pJ/K] @50mK	ΔE_{FWHM} [eV] @ 50mK	ΔE_{FWHM} [eV] @ 30mK	
0.3	1.1	0.6	High resolution x-ray spectroscopy
1	2.2	1.2	
500	50	25	α -, β - and γ - spectroscopy up to MeV energies

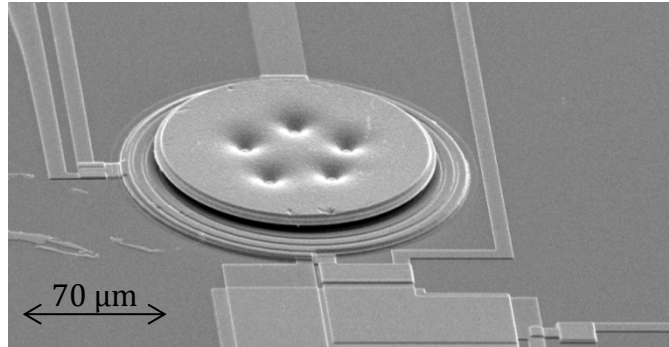
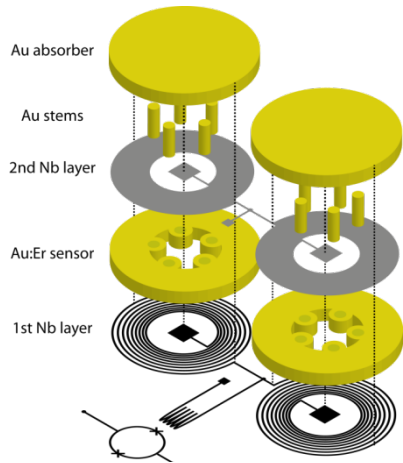
high resolution x-ray spectroscopy

1d and 2d arrays
for x-ray spectroscopy
with photon energies
up to 200keV



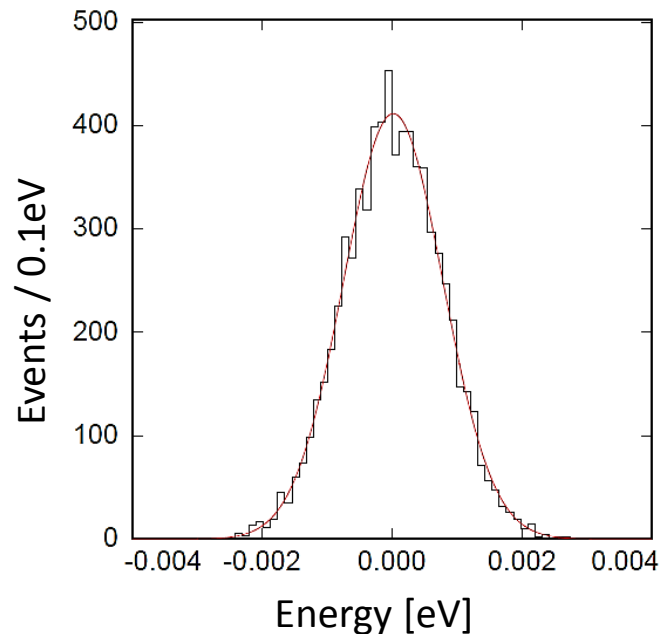
GSFC 5x5 array, larger arrays in development

high resolution x-ray spectroscopy

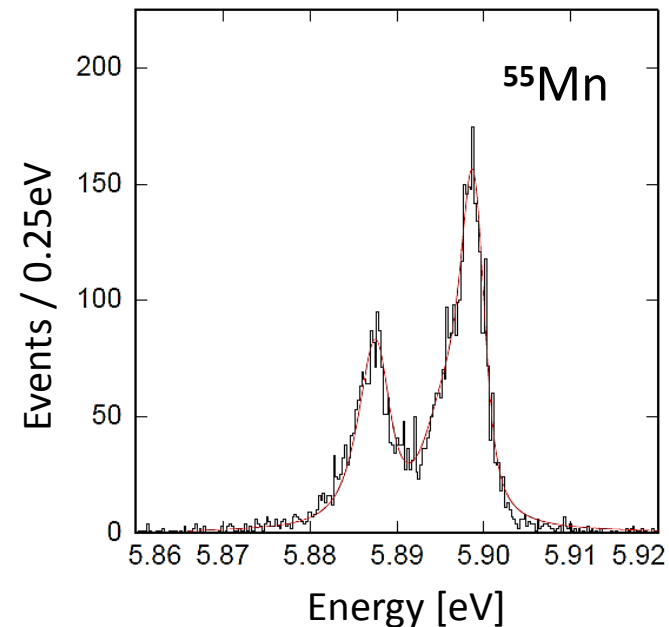


single pixel device

non-linearity: 1% @ 6 keV



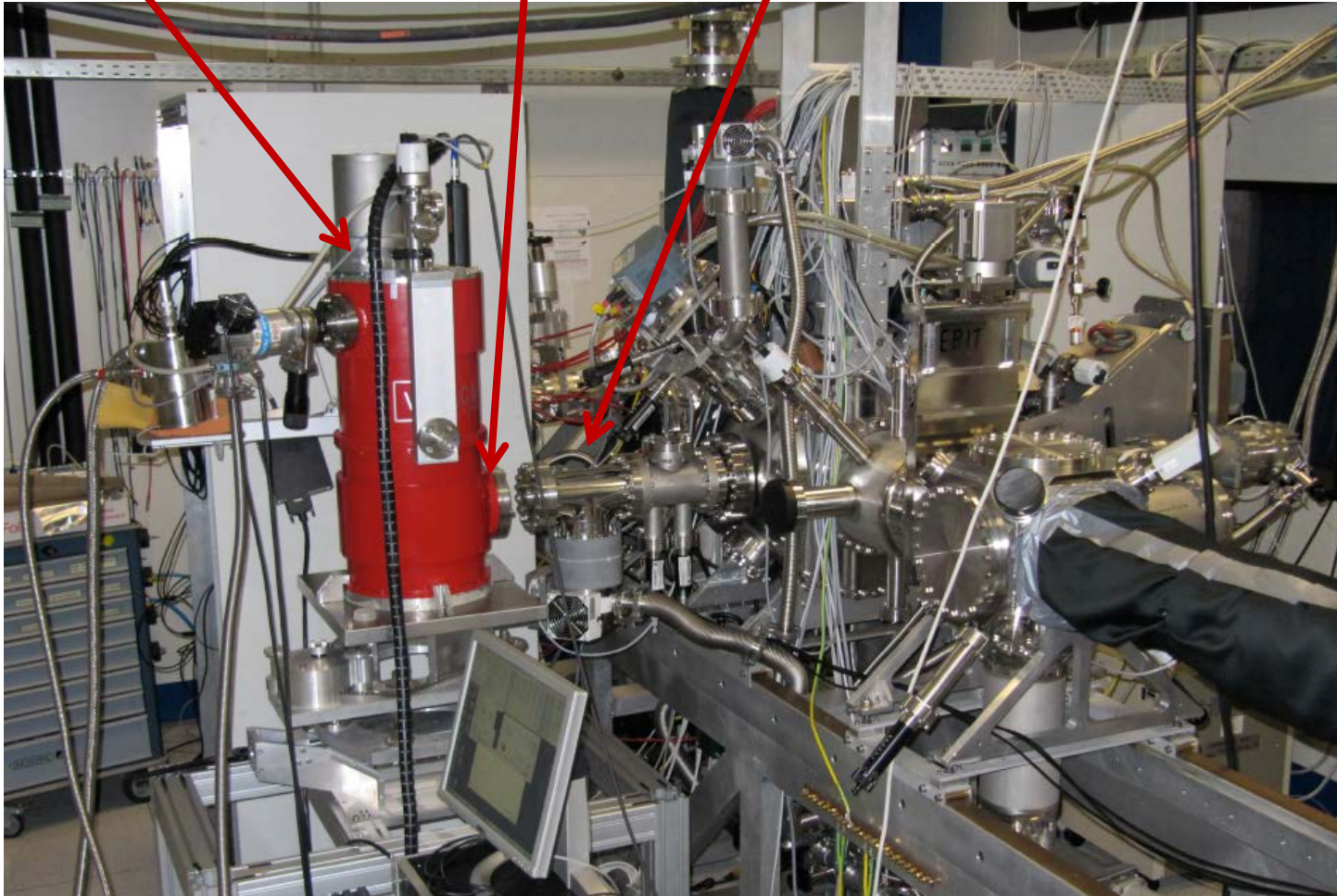
$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 1.8\text{eV} @ 0 \text{ keV}$$



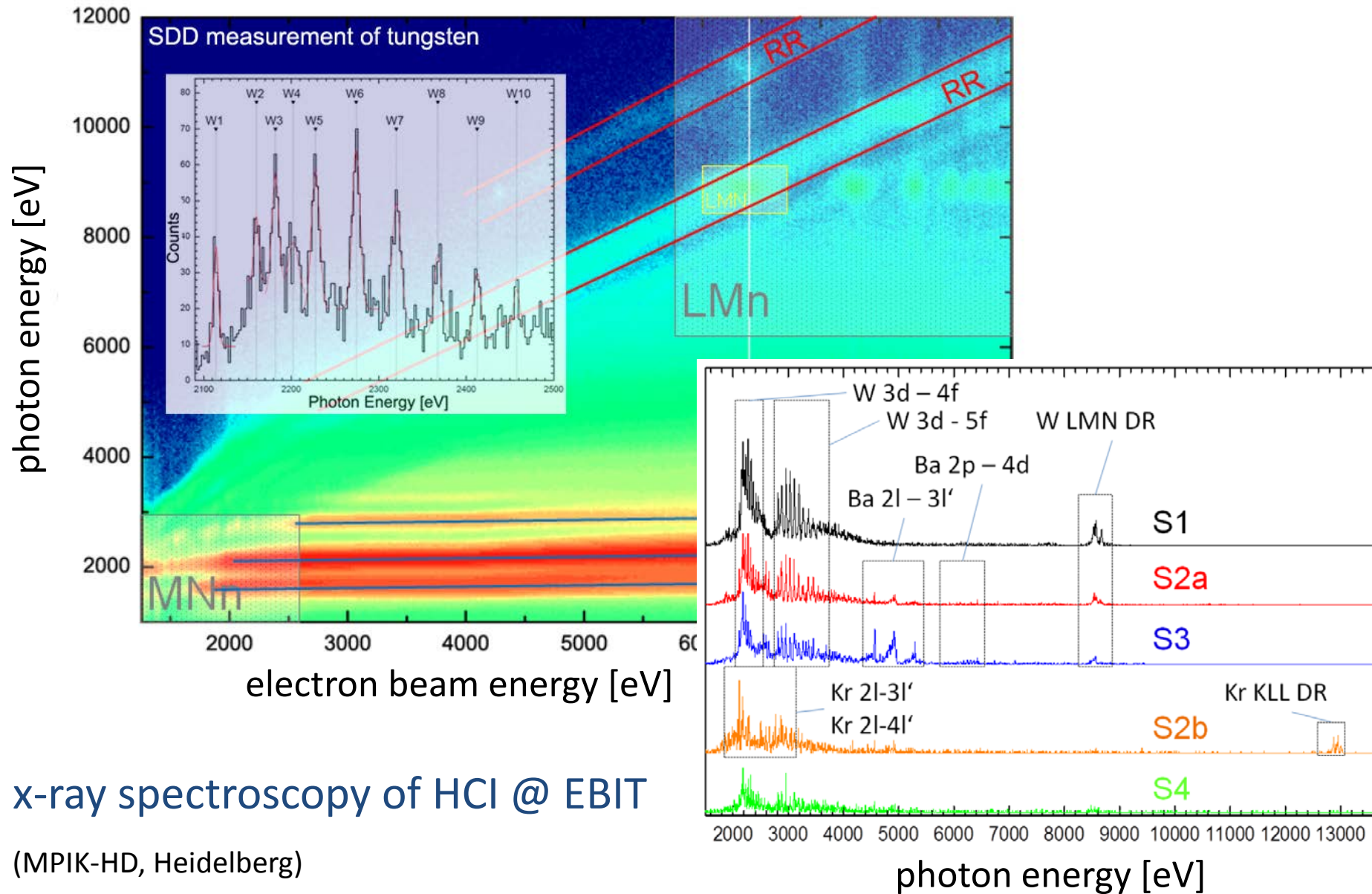
$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 2.0\text{eV} @ 6 \text{ keV}$$

,physics' with MMCs / MPTs

pulse tube cooled ADR maXs-20 x-ray lens electron beam ion trap (MPI-K,HD)

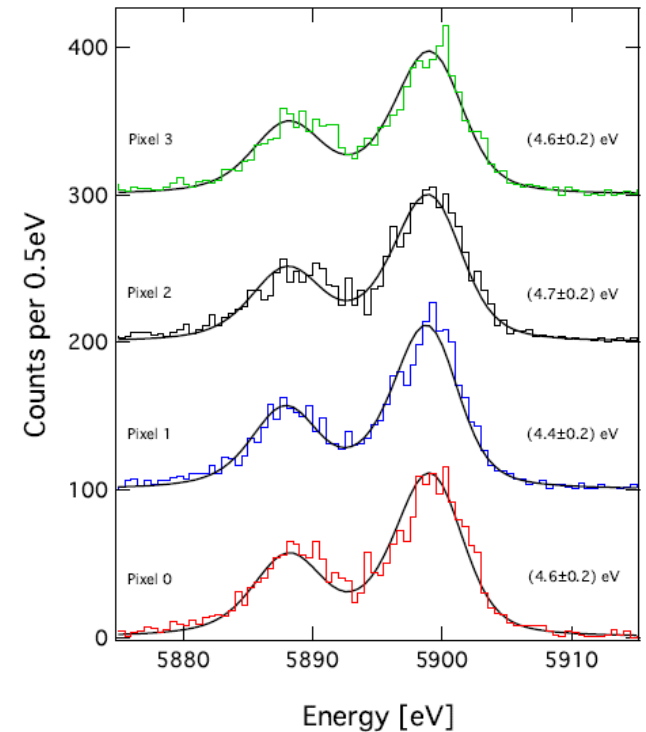
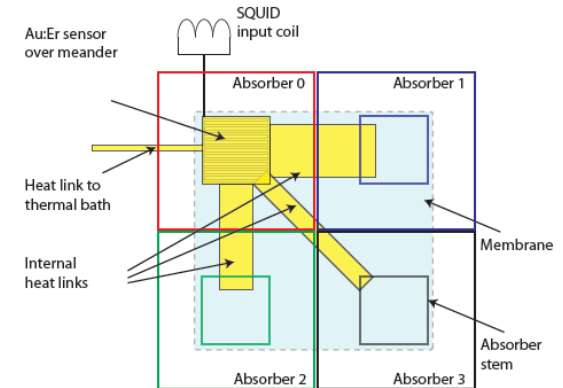
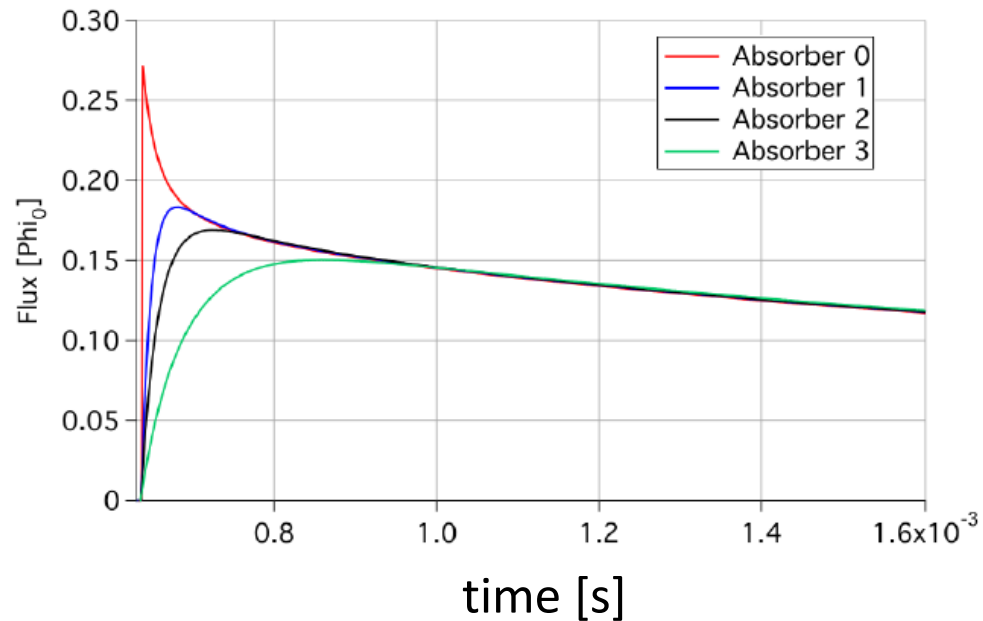


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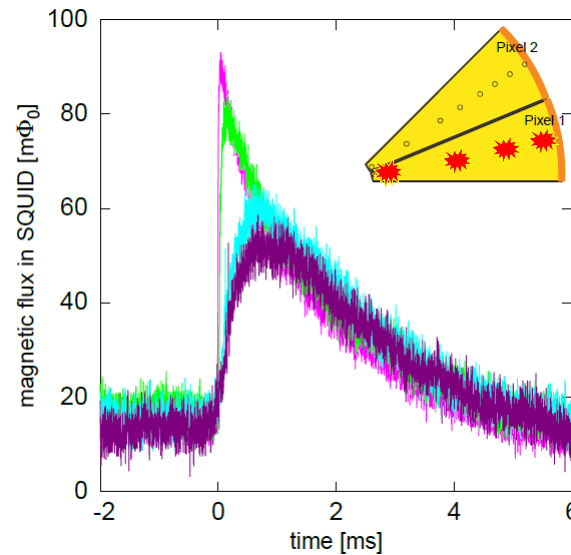
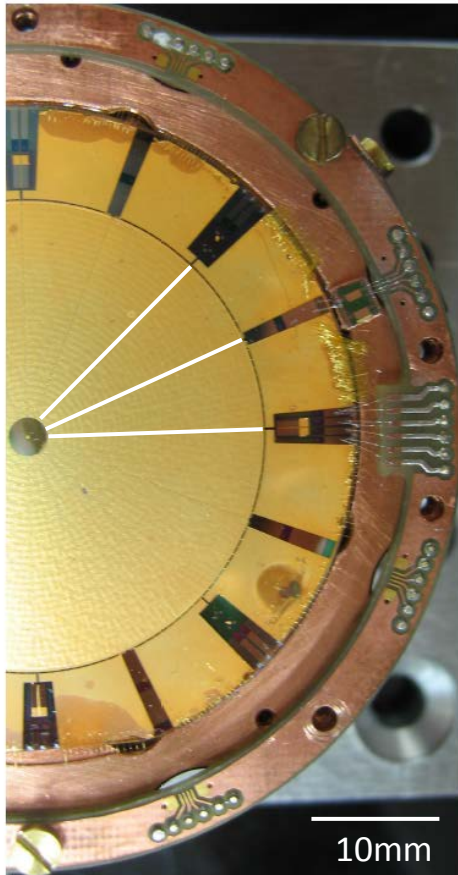


detectors with position resolution

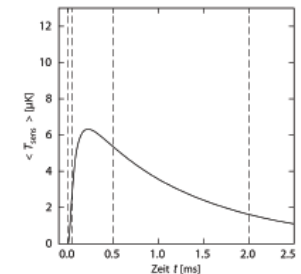
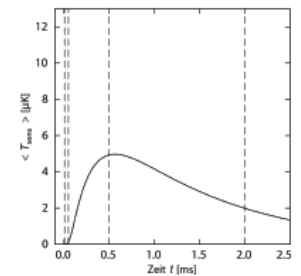
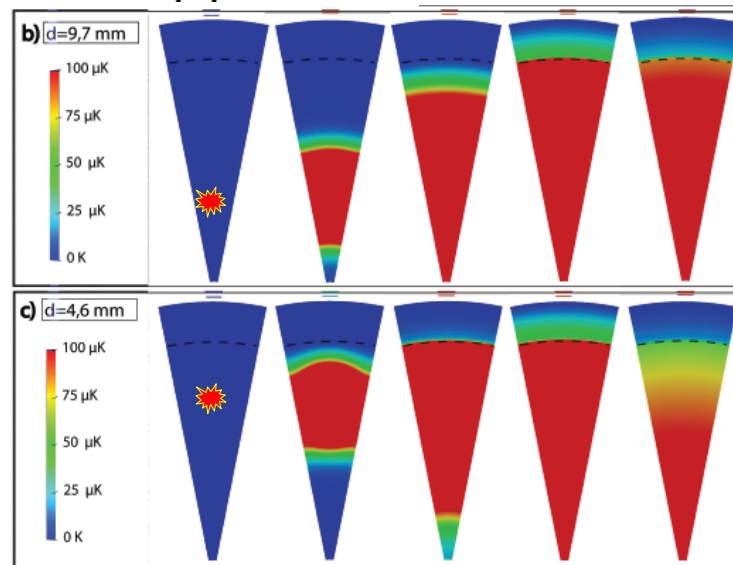
hydra (GSFC)



detectors with position resolution



,Pizza' (Heidelberg)



further applications

- **neutrino mass measurements**

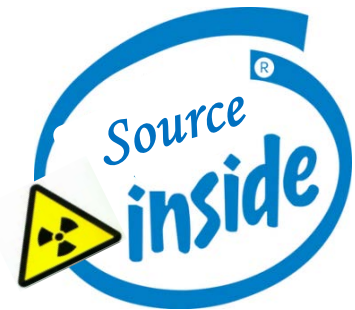
investigation of the neutrino mass is one of the big challenges in particle physics

- $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay (AMoRE, LUMINEU)
- EC of ^{163}Ho (ECHO)
- β -endpoint of ^{187}Re (MARE)

- **radiation metrology**

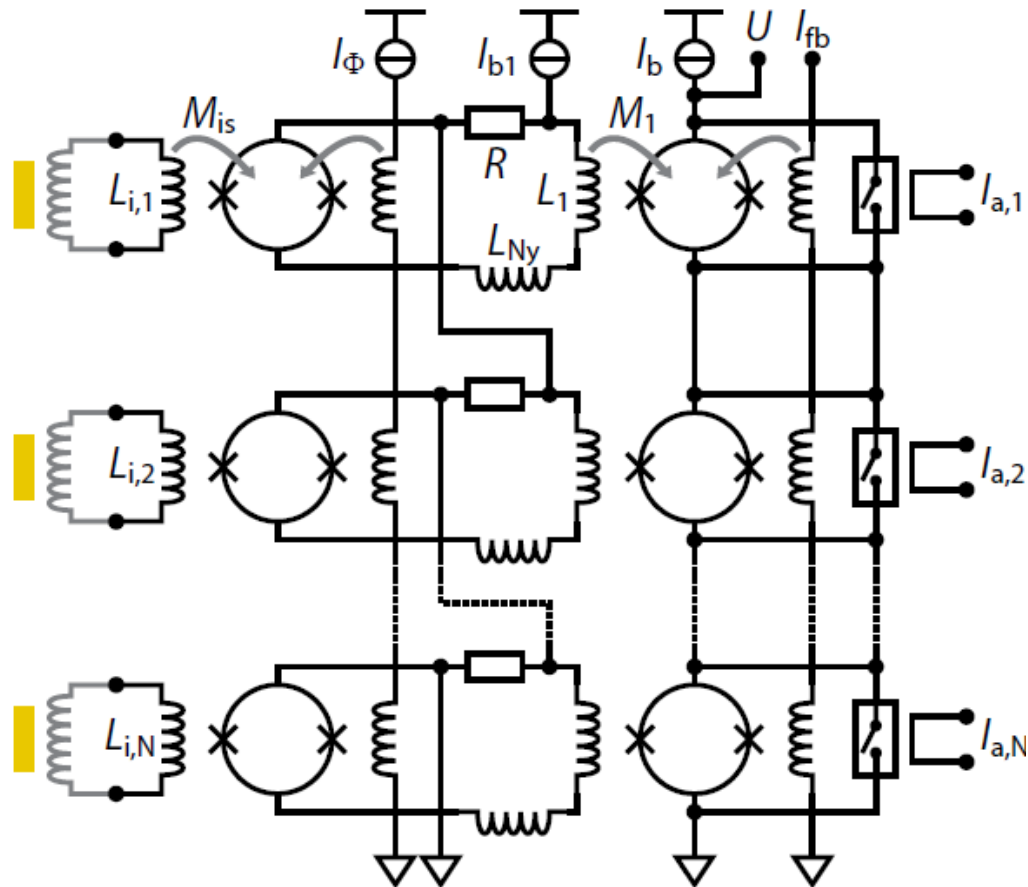
absolute activity and Q value measurements

- **spectroscopy of heavy ions and molecular fragments**



... and many, many more...

time domain multiplexing

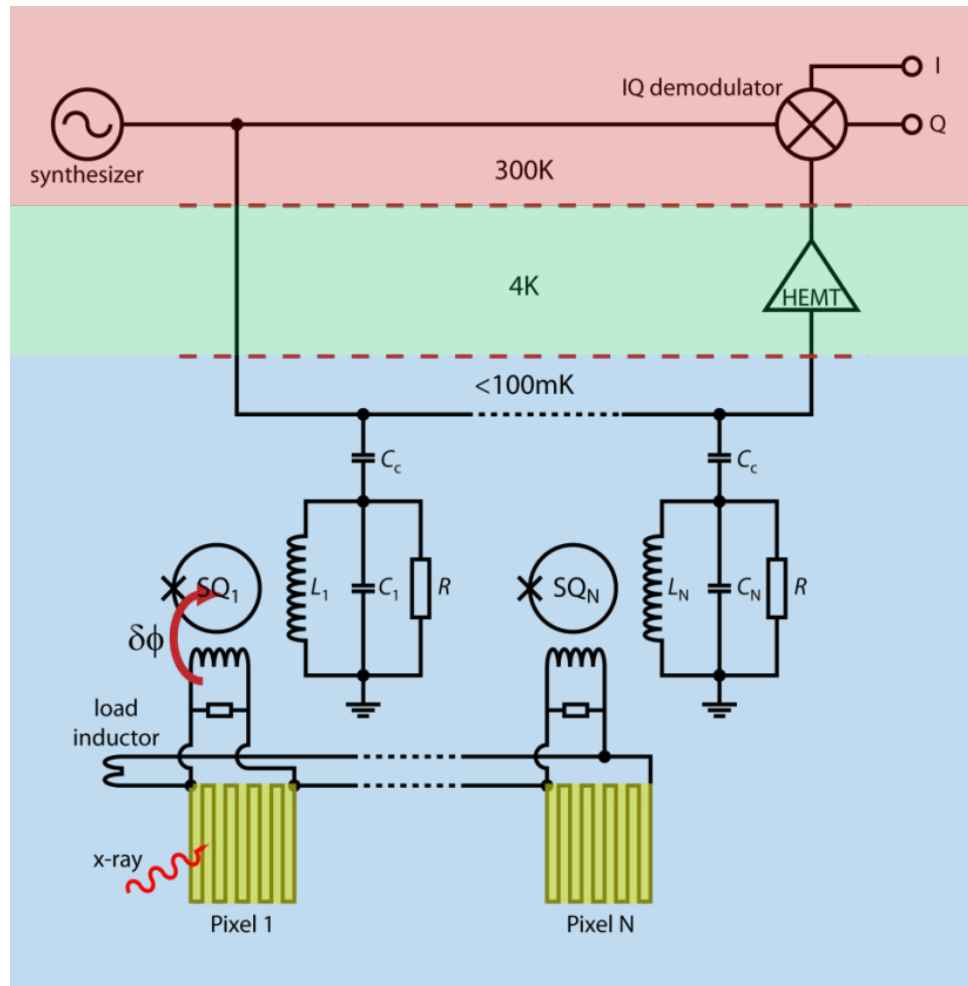


successful TDM demonstration

GSFC detector, PTB Multiplexer, NIST DFB electronics

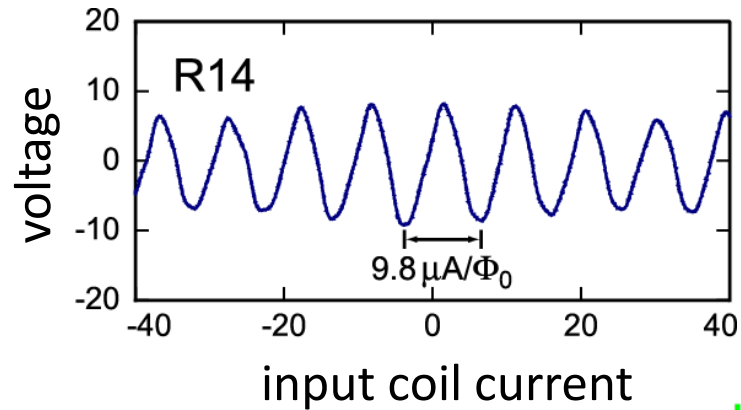
$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 4.1\text{eV @ } 6\text{keV}$$

microwave SQUID multiplexing



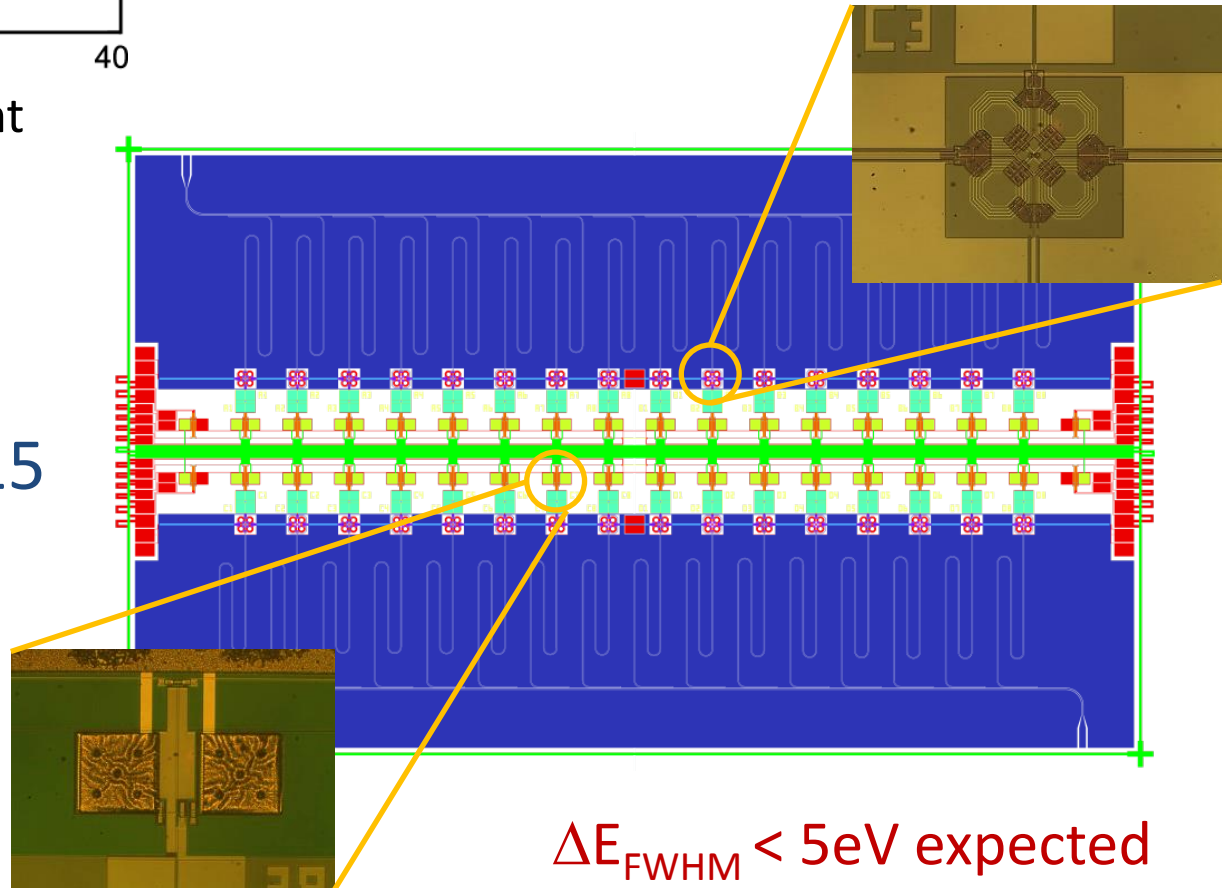
single HEMT and two coaxes for readout of ~ 1000 detectors

microwave SQUID multiplexing



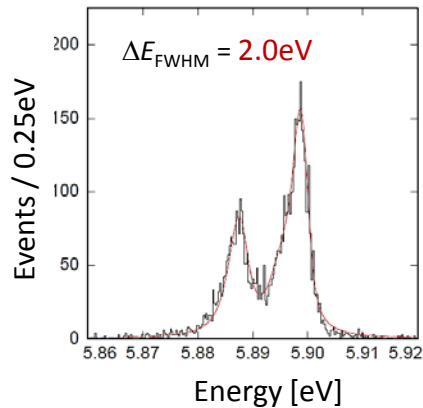
2 years ago @ LTD14 ...

... and now @ LTD 15



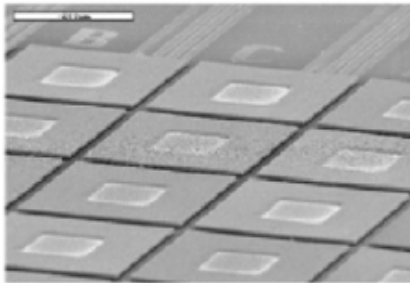
$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} < 5\text{eV}$ expected

conclusions



MMCs and MPTs

- flexible detectors
- fast rise times, excellent energy resolution, linearity
large spectral bandwidth
- device fabrication ,mature'



detector arrays and multiplexing

- small size arrays are ,standard'
- array readout is rapidly progressing
- detector arrays with ~ 100 pixel in near future

living, fruitful and collaborating MMC / MPT community

Brown, USA
CEA, Saclay, France
Heidelberg, Germany

KRISS, South Korea
Leicester, UK
NASA/GSFC, USA

NIST, USA
PTB-Berlin, Germany
UNM, USA

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$L\alpha$

$L\beta$

$L\gamma$

Pb

Thank you for your attention !