

the MARE project: the calorimetric approach potential



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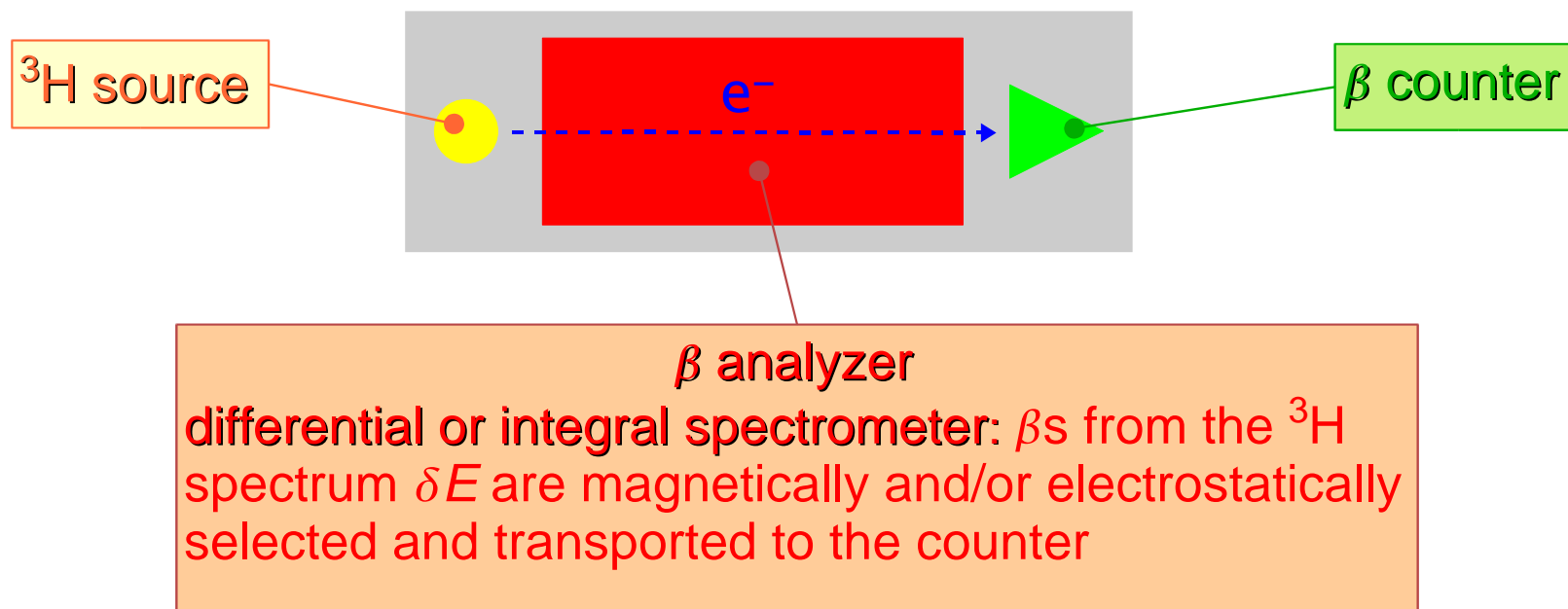
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- ▷ direct neutrino mass measurement
 - ▷ spectrometers vs. calorimeters
 - ▷ calorimeter statistical sensitivity
- ▷ ^{187}Re calorimetric experiment state-of-the-art
- ▷ future of calorimetric experiments: the MARE project
- ▷ MARE project status
 - ▷ MARE-1 and MARE R&D

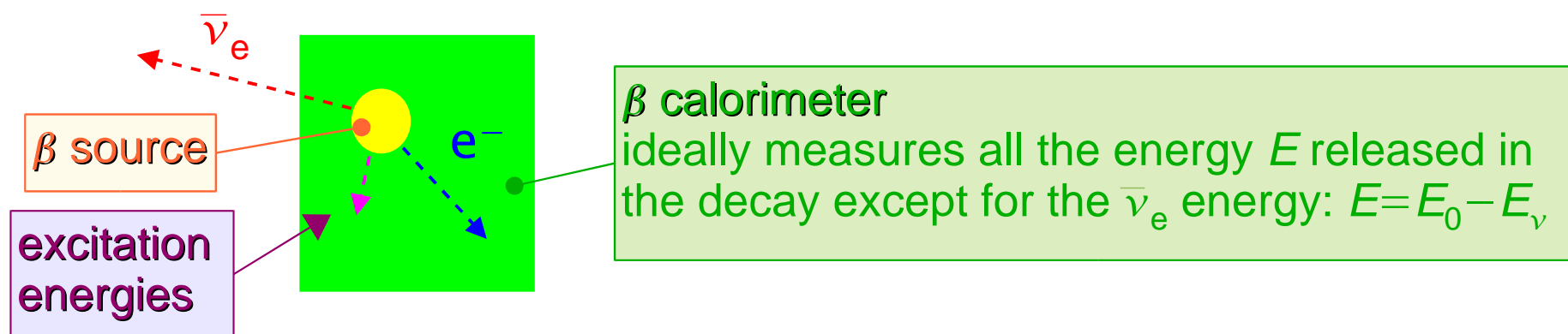
New Instruments for Neutrino Relics and Mass

Experimental approaches for direct measurements

Spectrometers: source \neq detector



Calorimeters: source \subseteq detector



Calorimetry of beta sources

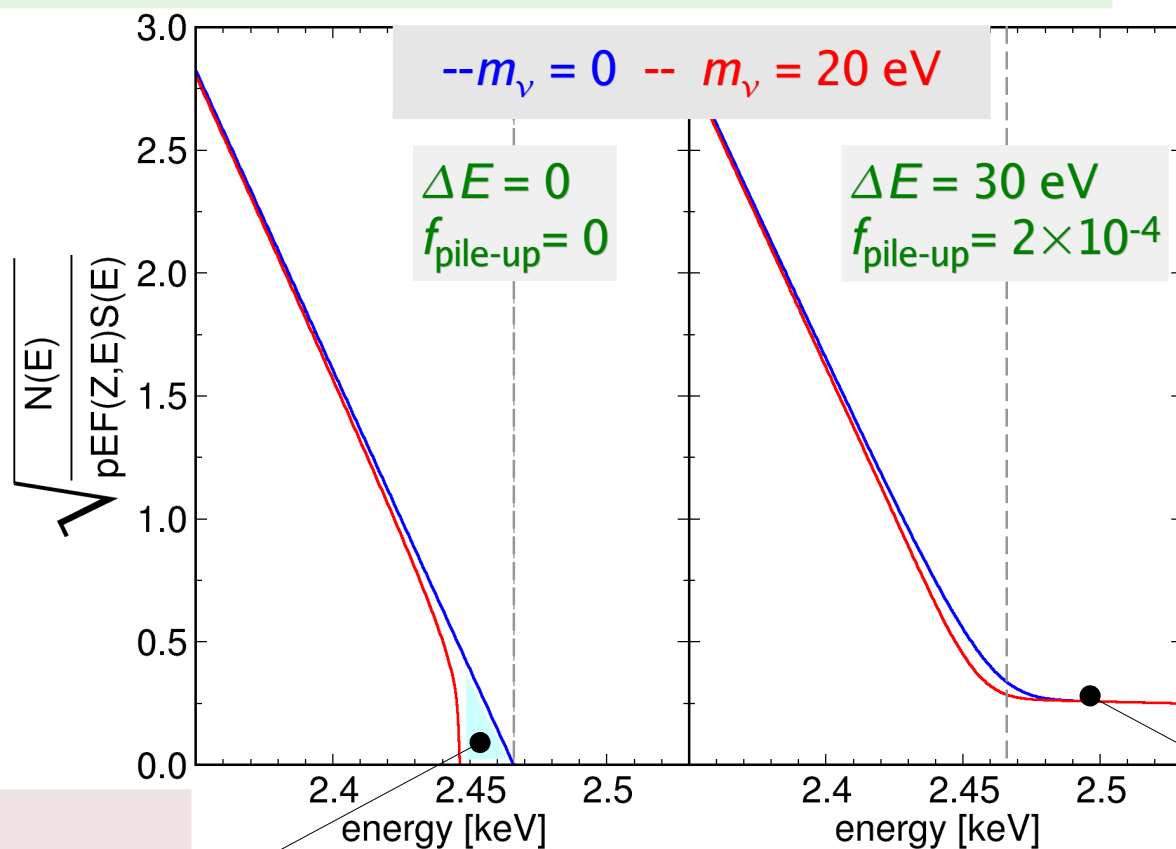
- ◆ calorimeters measure the entire spectrum at once
 - ▷ use low E_0 β decaying isotopes to achieve enough statistics near the end-point
 - ▷ best choice ^{187}Re : $E_0 = 2.47 \text{ keV} \Rightarrow F(\delta E = 10 \text{ eV}) \sim 2 \left(\frac{\delta E}{E_0}\right)^3 = 1.3 \times 10^{-7}$

◆ Calorimetry advantages

- ▲ no backscattering
- ▲ no energy losses in the source
- ▲ no atomic/molecular final state effects
- ▲ no solid state excitation

◆ Calorimetry drawbacks

- ▼ limited statistics
- ▼ systematics due to pile-up
- ▼ other systematics...



Pile-up

- ◆ time unresolved superposition of β decays
- ◆ for a source activity A_β , a time resolution τ_R and an energy resolution function $R(E)$

$$N^{\text{exp}}(E) \approx (N(E) + \tau_R A_\beta \cdot N(E) \otimes N(E)) \otimes R(E)$$

$$\text{pile-up fraction: } f_{\text{pile-up}} = \tau_R A_\beta$$

$$F(\delta E) \approx 2 \left(\frac{\delta E}{E_0} \right)^3$$

Calorimetric experiment statistical sensitivity / 1

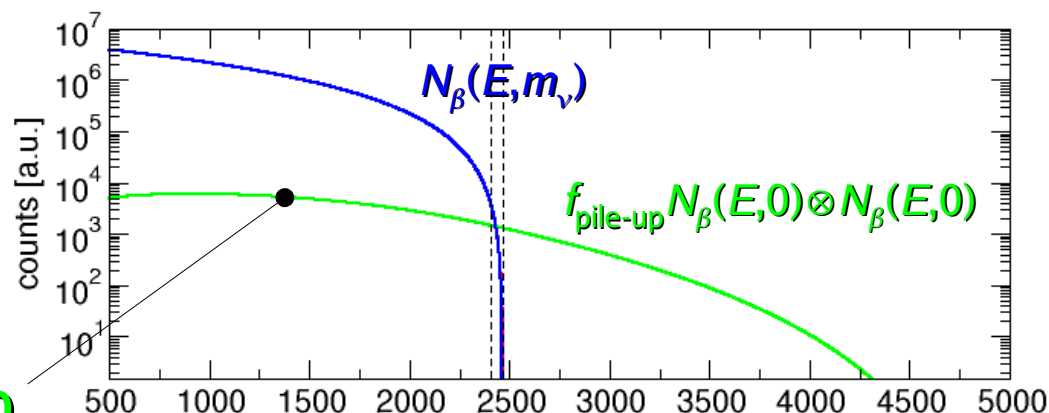
resolving time τ_R

energy resolution ΔE_{FWHM}

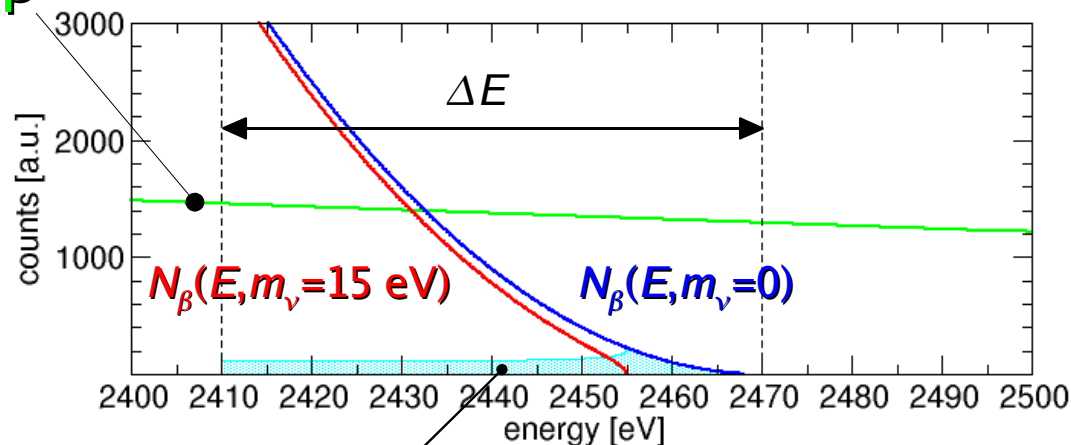
optimal energy interval for analysis $\Delta E \approx 2\Delta E_{FWHM}$

source activity A_β

experimental exposure $t_M = T \times N_{det}$



pile-up



$$\text{signal} = |N_\beta(E, m_\nu=0) - N_\beta(E, m_\nu=15 \text{ eV})|$$

$$\frac{\text{signal}}{\text{background}} = \frac{|F_{\Delta E}(m_\nu) - F_{\Delta E}(0)| t_M}{\sqrt{F_{\Delta E}(0) t_M + F_{\Delta E}^{pp} t_M}} = 1.7 \quad \text{for 90\% C.L.}$$

$$F_{\Delta E}(m_\nu) = \int_{E_0 - \Delta E}^{E_0} N_\beta(E, m_\nu) dE$$

$$F_{\Delta E}(0) \approx 2A_\beta \frac{\Delta E^3}{E_0^3}$$

$$F_{\Delta E}(m_\nu) \approx F_{\Delta E}(0) \left(1 - \frac{3m_\nu^2}{2\Delta E^2} \right)$$

$$F_{\Delta E}^{pp} \approx \tau_R A_\beta^2 \int_{E_0 - \Delta E}^{E_0} N_\beta(E, 0) \otimes N_\beta(E, 0) dE$$

$$\approx \frac{9}{5} \tau_R A_\beta^2 \frac{\Delta E}{E_0}$$

Calorimetric experiment statistical sensitivity / 2

$$\frac{\text{signal}}{\text{background}} = \frac{|F_{\Delta E}(m_\nu) - F_{\Delta E}(0)| t_M}{\sqrt{F_{\Delta E}(0) t_M + F_{\Delta E}^{pp} t_M}} = \sqrt{t_M} \frac{2A_\beta \frac{\Delta E^3}{E_0^3} \frac{3m_\nu^2}{2\Delta E^2}}{\sqrt{2A_\beta \frac{\Delta E^3}{E_0^3} + \frac{9}{5} \tau_R A_\beta^2 \frac{\Delta E}{E_0}}} = 1.7 \text{ for 90\% C.L.}$$

$$\Sigma_{90}(m_\nu) \approx 0.74 \sqrt[4]{\frac{2E_0^3 \Delta E}{A_\beta t_M} + \frac{9\tau_R E_0^5}{5t_M \Delta E}}$$

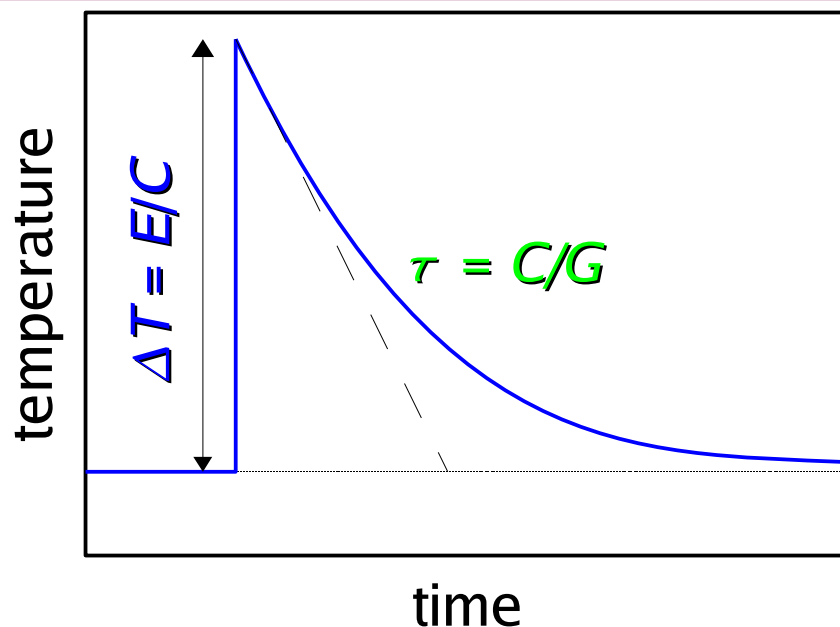
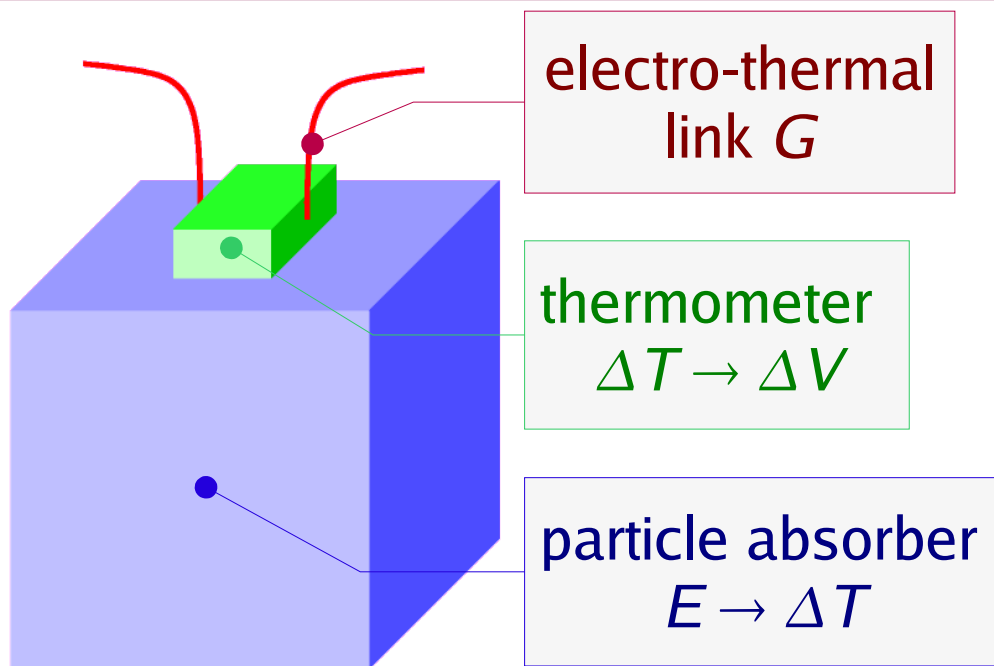
$$f_{\text{pile-up}} = \tau_R A_\beta \ll \frac{\Delta E^2}{E_0^2} \Rightarrow \text{pile-up is negligible}$$

$$\Sigma_{90}(m_\nu) \approx 0.89 \sqrt[4]{\frac{E_0^3 \Delta E}{A_\beta t_M}}$$

experimental challenges

- ▶ energy resolution ΔE
- ▶ time resolution τ_R
- ▶ exposure $t_M = N_{\text{det}} \times T$
- ▶ single channel activity A_β

Cryogenic detectors as calorimeters



- complete energy *thermalization* (ionization, excitation \rightarrow heat)

↳ calorimetry

- $\Delta T = E/C$ with C total thermal capacity (phonons, electrons, spins...)
 - ↳ phonons: $C \sim T^3$ (Debye law) in dielectrics or superconductors below T_c

↳ low T (i.e. $T \ll 1K$)

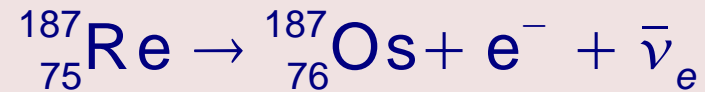
- $\Delta E_{rms} = (k_B T^2 C)^{1/2}$ due statistical fluctuations of internal energy E

- $\Delta T(t) = E/C e^{-t/\tau}$ with $\tau = C/G$ and G thermal conductance

- 1 mg of Re @ 100 mK
 $C \sim T^3$ (Debye) $\Rightarrow C \sim 10^{-13}$ J/K
 $\Rightarrow \Delta E_{rms} \sim 1$ eV
 6 keV x-ray $\Rightarrow \Delta T \sim 10$ mK
 $G \sim 10^{-11}$ W/K $\Rightarrow \tau = C/G \sim 10$ ms

Thermal detectors for calorimetric experiments

^{187}Re β decay



- ◆ $5/2^{+} \rightarrow 1/2^{-}$ unique first forbidden transition $\Rightarrow S(E_{\beta})$
- ◆ end point $E_0 = 2.47$ keV
 - ◆ half-life time $\tau_{1/2} = 43.2$ Gy
 - ◆ natural abundance a.i. = 63%
 - ▶ 1 mg metallic Rhenium $\Rightarrow \approx 1.0$ decay/s

■ **metallic rhenium** single crystals

▶ superconductor with $T_c = 1.6$ K

▶ NTD thermistors

▶ **MANU experiment (Genova)**

■ **dielectric rhenium compound** (AgReO_4) crystals

▶ Silicon implanted thermistors

▶ **MIBETA experiment (Milano)**


$$m_{\nu} < \approx 15 \text{ eV}$$

Systematics summary: calorimeters vs. spectrometers

◆ Calorimetry systematics

- ▼ detector response function (energy dependence, shape,...)
- ▼ energy dependent background
- ▼ pile-up effects
- ▼ condensed matter effects: BEFS
- ▼ ^{187}Re decay spectral shape
- ▼ ...?

◆ Spectrometer systematics

- ▼ decays to excited final states
- ▼ energy losses in the source
- ▼ $e^- - T_2$ elastic scattering
- ▼ spectrometer stability (HV)
- ▼ source stability (density, potential, charging...)
- ▼ energy dependent background
- ▼ ...?

⇒ completely different systematics!

^{187}Re calorimetric experiment statistical sensitivity

$$\sum_{90}(m_\nu) \approx 0.89 \sqrt[4]{\frac{E_0^3 \Delta E}{A_\beta t_M}} \quad (\text{negligible pile-up})$$

$$\sum(m_\nu) \approx 20 \text{ eV}$$

1/10

$$\sum(m_\nu) = 2 \text{ eV}$$

1/10

$$\sum(m_\nu) = 0.2 \text{ eV}$$

- MIBETA detectors with $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 30 \text{ eV}$, $\tau_R = 1.5 \text{ ms}$
 - ▷ pile-up dominates for $A_\beta \gg 0.1 \text{ decay/s}$
 - ▷ for $A_\beta = 0.15 \text{ decay/s}$ and $t_M = 3.6 \text{ y} \times \text{det}$ ($1.7 \times 10^6 \text{ evts}$)
 $\Rightarrow \sum(m_\nu) = 14.7 \text{ eV}$

- detectors with $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 10 \text{ eV}$, $\tau_R = 100 \mu\text{s}$
 - ▷ pile-up dominates for $A_\beta \gg 0.7 \text{ decay/s}$
 - ▷ for $A_\beta = 0.5 \text{ decay/s} < 0.7 \text{ decay/s}$
 $\Rightarrow \sum(m_\nu) = 2 \text{ eV}$ in $t_M = 1450 \text{ y} \times \text{det}$ ($2.3 \times 10^{10} \text{ evts}$)

- detectors with $\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}} = 1 \text{ eV}$, $\tau_R = 1 \mu\text{s}$
 - ▷ pile-up dominates for $A_\beta \gg 3 \text{ decay/s}$
 - ▷ for $A_\beta = 1 \text{ decay/s} < 3 \text{ decay/s}$
 $\Rightarrow \sum(m_\nu) = 0.2 \text{ eV}$ in $t_M = 13 \times 10^6 \text{ y} \times \text{det}$ ($4 \times 10^{13} \text{ evts}$)

A better statistical analysis: analytical vs. MC

Montecarlo analysis

- **Many experiment MC simulation**

- ▷ 90% C.L. m_ν sensitivity from $\sqrt{(1.64 \sigma)}$ of m_ν^2 distributions
- ▷ useful for statistical sensitivity and systematic effects analysis

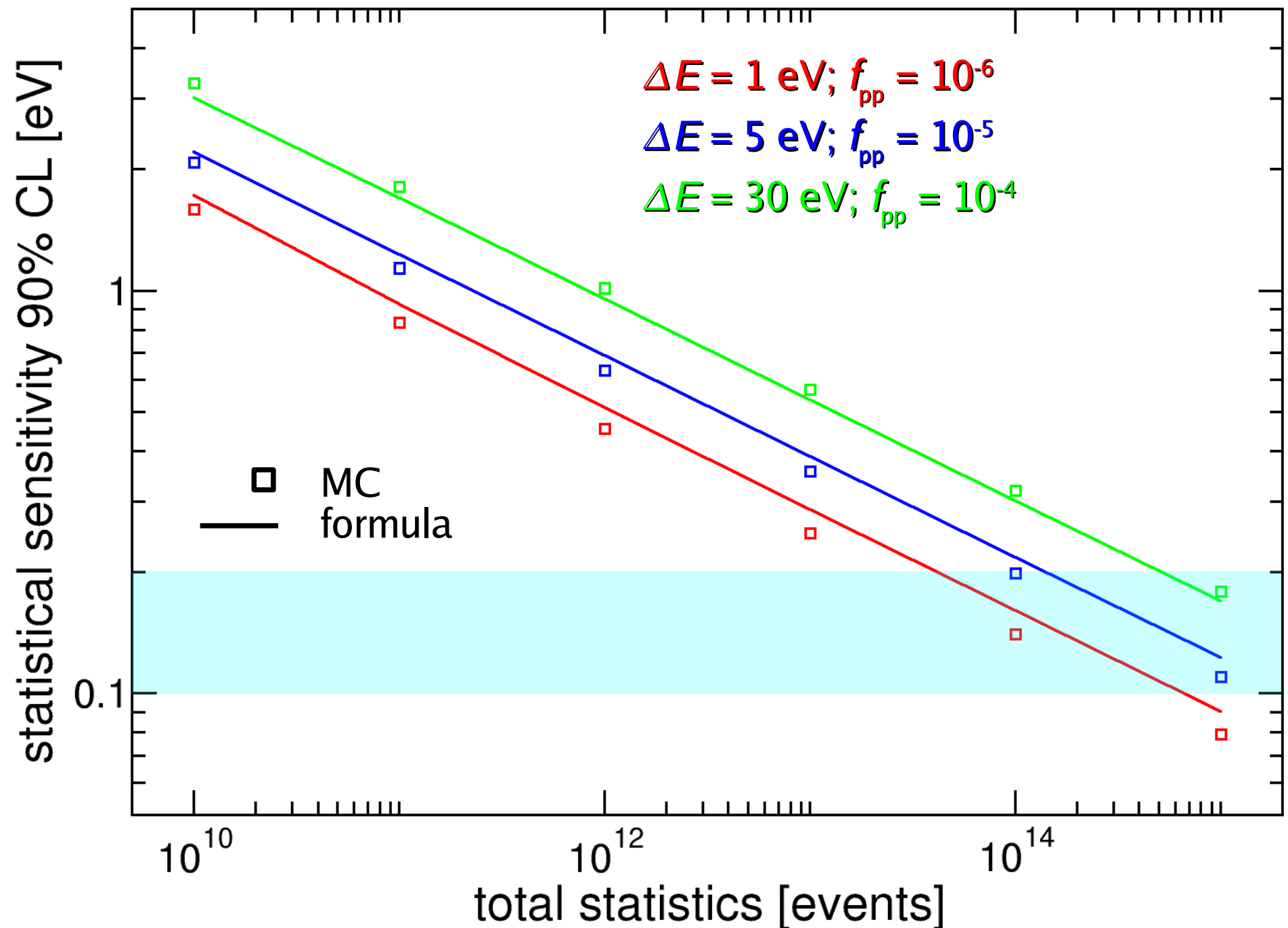
- **Simulation inputs**

- ▷ $N_{ev} = N_{det} \times t_M \times A_\beta$ total number of events
 - ▼ N_{det} number of detectors
 - ▼ t_M measuring time
 - ▼ A_β ^{187}Re activity for single detector
- ▷ $f_{pile-up} \approx \tau_R \times A_\beta$ pile-up event fraction
 - ▼ $\tau_R \approx \tau_{rise}$ time resolution for pile-up identification
- ▷ $g(E)$: gaussian energy resolution function
 - ▼ ΔE FWHM detector energy resolution

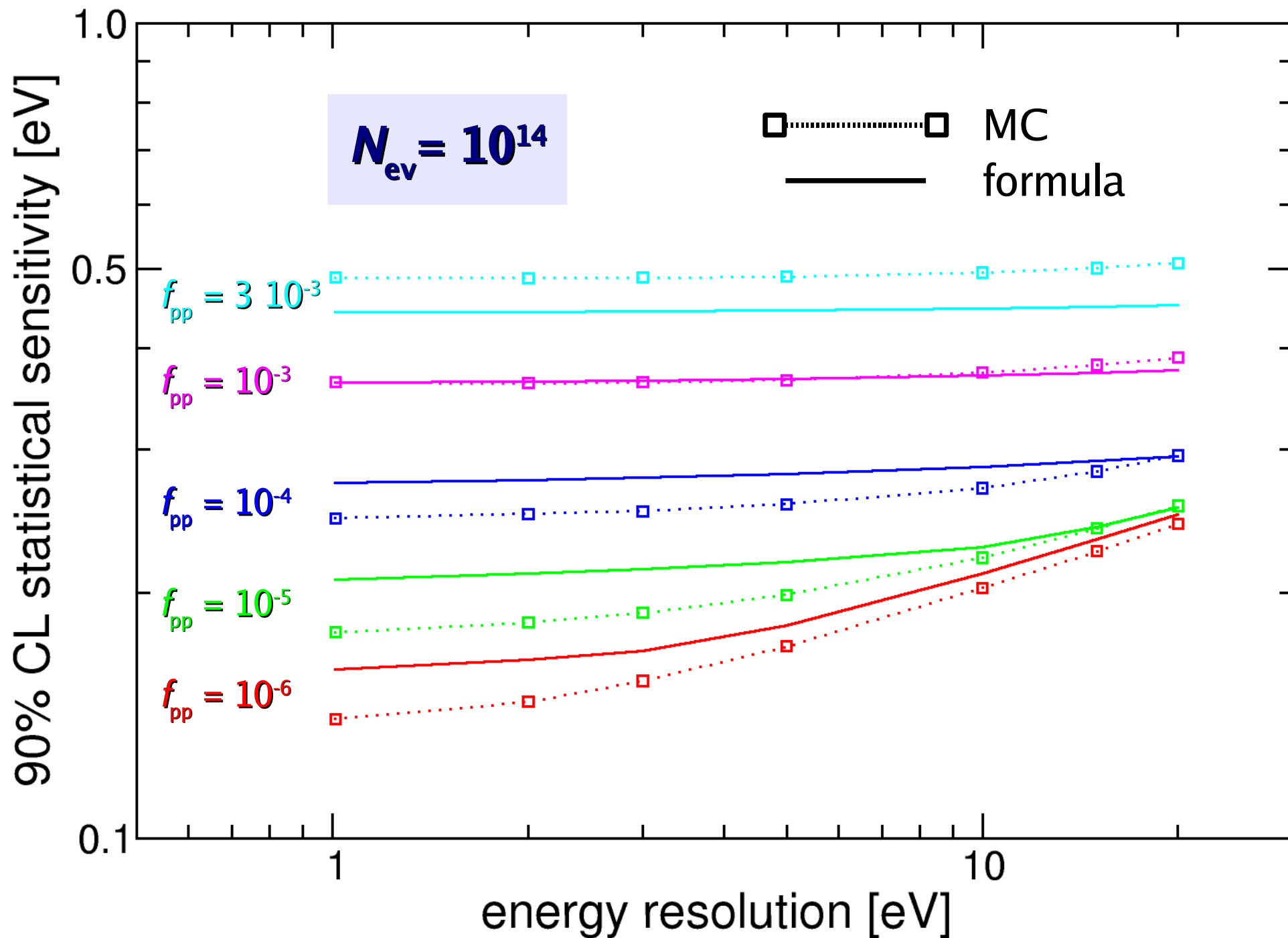
to be compared with a better expression for the statistical sensitivity:

$$\Sigma_{90}(m_\nu) = \sqrt{\frac{71\Delta E_{opt}^2 N_{ev} - 7.5\sqrt{84\Delta E_{opt}^4 N_{ev}^2 - 17\Delta E_{opt} N_{ev} Q^3} \sqrt{\frac{10f_{pp}\Delta E_{opt} N_{ev} Q^2 + 31\Delta E_{opt}^3 N_{ev}}{Q^3}}}{35N_{ev}}}$$

Sub-eV m_ν statistical sensitivity

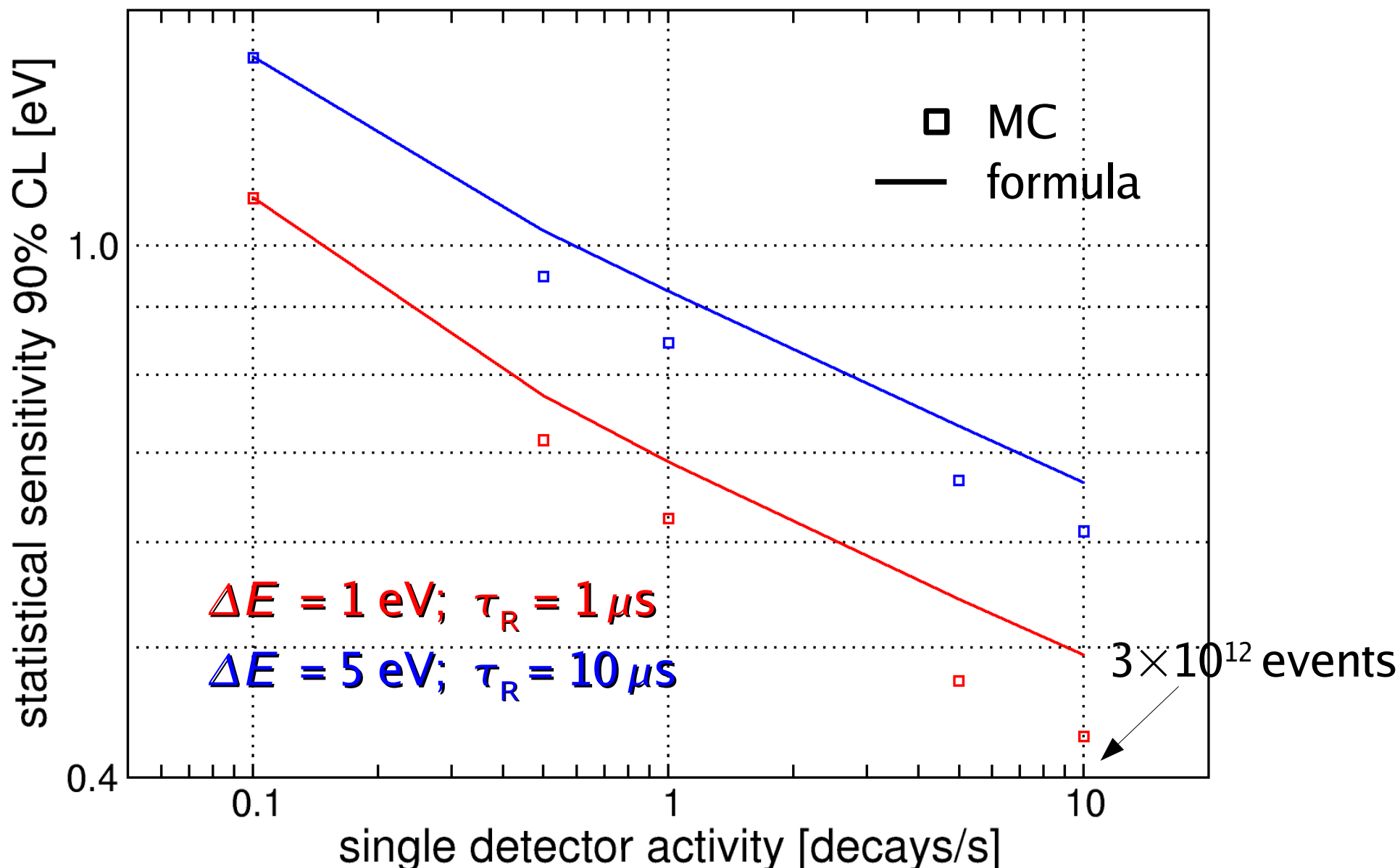


Sub-eV m_ν statistical sensitivity



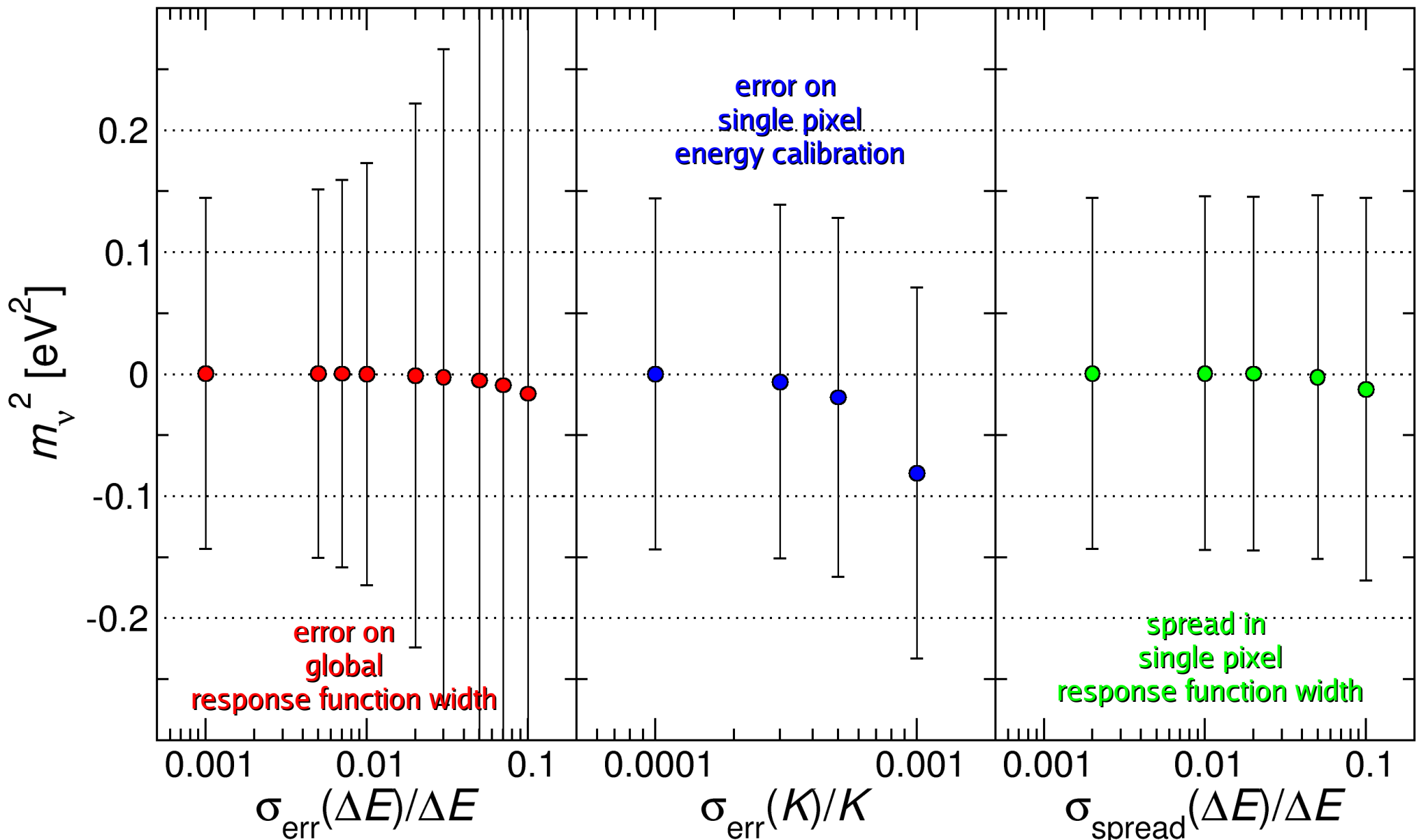
Sub-eV m_ν statistical sensitivity / 3

$t_M = 10000 \text{ year} \times \text{detector}$

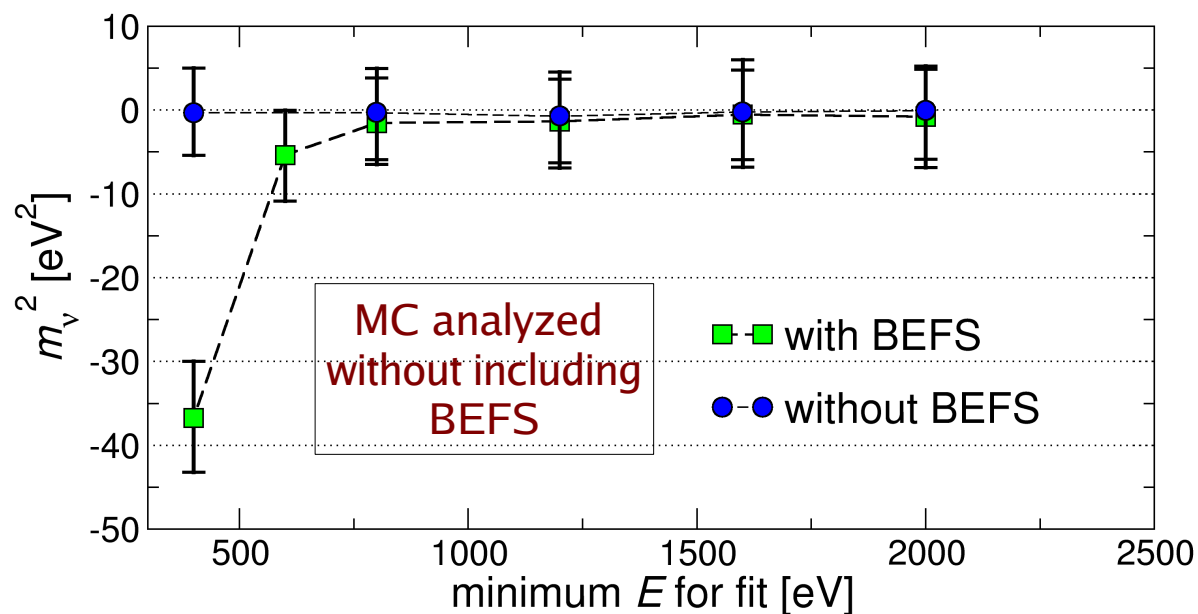
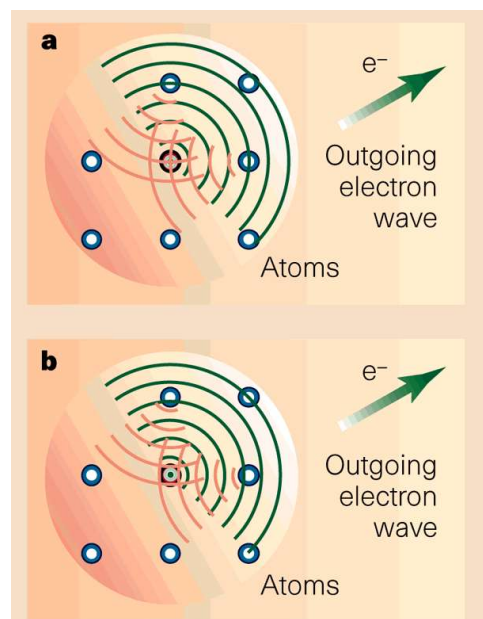
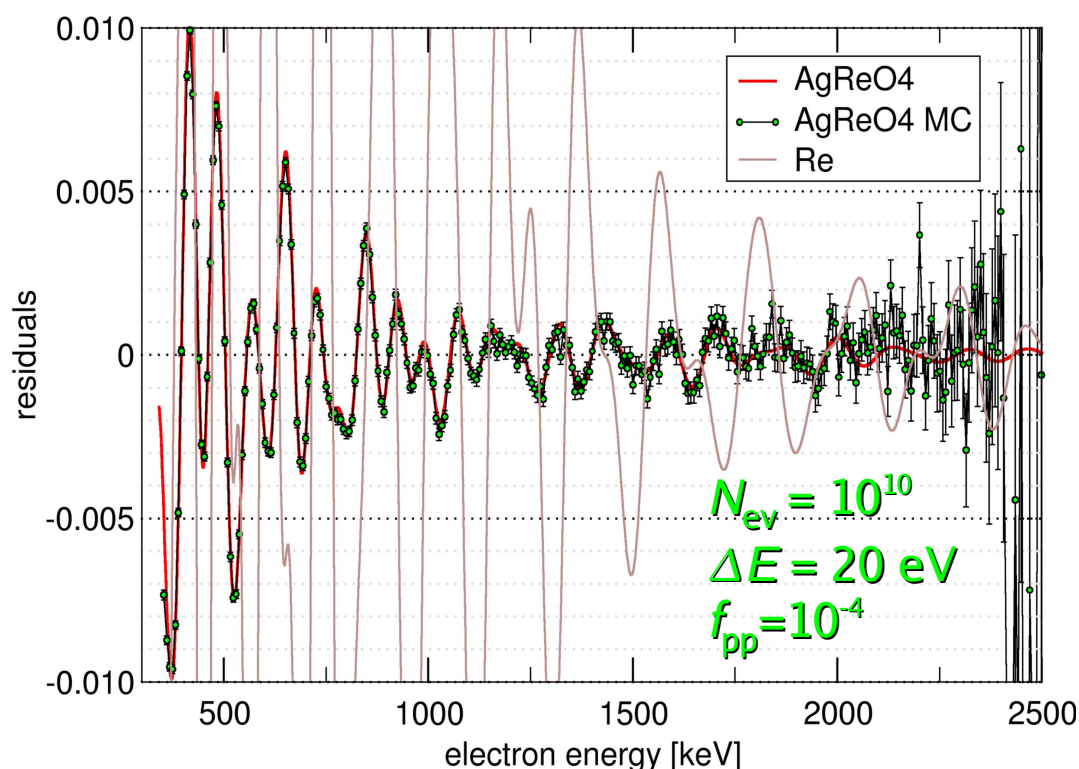
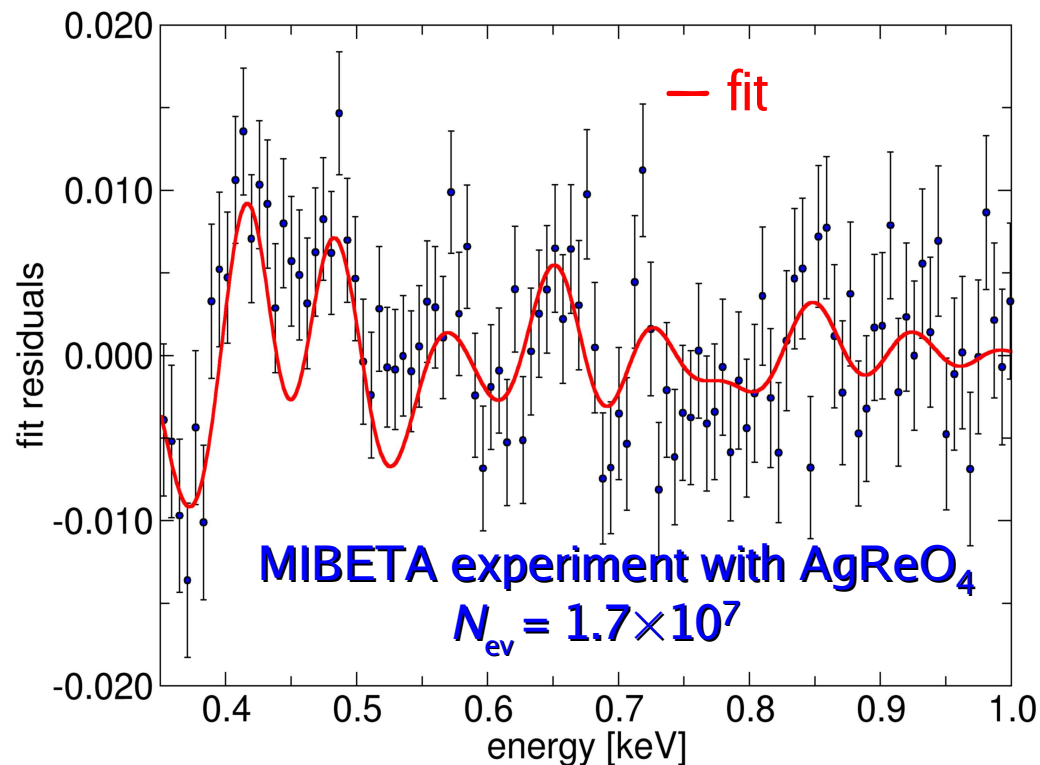


MC analysis of systematics: large arrays

$$\Delta E = 1 \text{ eV}; f_{pp} = 10^{-6}; N_{ev} = 10^{14}$$



MC analysis of systematics: BEFS



AgReO₄
 $N_{\text{ev}} = 10^{10}$
 $\Delta E = 20 \text{ eV}$
 $f_{\text{pp}} = 10^{-4}$

A project for a New Rhenium Experiment: MARE

- goal: a sub-eV direct neutrino mass measurement complementary to the KATRIN experiment

- **MARE-1**

▷ new experiments with large arrays using available technology and ready to start as soon as possible (i.e. 2008..2009)

Transition Edge Sensors
Semiconductor Thermistors

300
element
array

2 ~ 4 eV
 m_ν
sensitivity

- **MARE-2**

▷ very large experiment with a m_ν statistical sensitivity close to KATRIN but still improvable: 5 years from now for further detector R&D

Transition Edge Sensors
Magnetic Calorimeters
Kinetic Inductance Detectors

50000
element
array

0.2 eV
 m_ν
sensitivity

MARE Project Collaboration

MARE: Microcalorimeter Arrays for a Rhenium Experiment

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Goddard Space Flight Center, NASA, Maryland, USA

Kirkhhof-Institute Physik, Universität Heidelberg, Germany

Università dell'Insubria, Università di Milano-Bicocca e INFN Sez. di Milano-Bicocca

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ITC-irst, Trento e INFN Sez. di Padova

PTB, Berlin, Germany

University of Miami, Florida, USA

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Wisconsin University, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

GSI Darmstad, Caltech, CNRS Grenoble, ...

funded



<http://crio.mib.infn.it/wig/silicini/proposal/>

MARE-1: TES vs. silicon implanted thermistors

- **aim: high statistics measurement with a ready-to-use technology**
 - ▷ few eV statistical sensitivity in few years
 - ▷ investigate systematics in thermal calorimeters with $10^9 \div 10^{10}$ events
 - ▷ cross-check spectrometer results

MARE-1 SEMICON (MIBETA2)

U. Milano-Bicocca / INFN Sez. Mi-Bicocca
U. Insubria / INFN Sez. Mi-Bicocca
ITC-Irst / INFN Sez. Padova
U. Wisconsin, Madison
NASA/Goddard

- about 300 element arrays
- well known **Si implanted thermistors**
- **AgReO₄** crystals

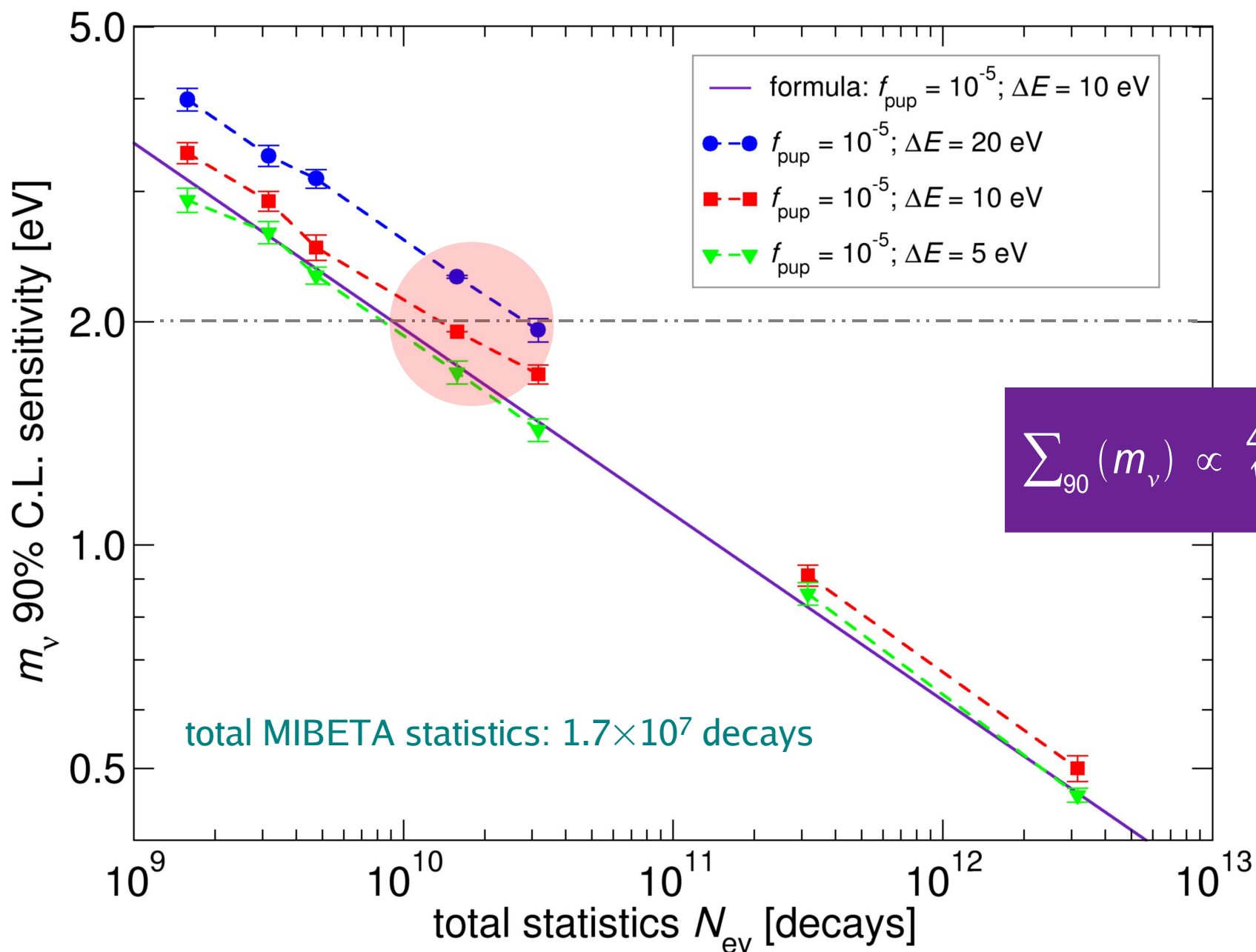
MARE-1 TES (MANU2)

U. Genova / INFN Sez. Genova
U. Miami, Florida
PTB Berlin, Germany

- about 300 element arrays
- newly developed **transition edge sensors**
- **Re** crystals

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- ▷ **cross check**
 - ▷ **common effort on systematics**
 - ▷ **joint analysis to improve limit**

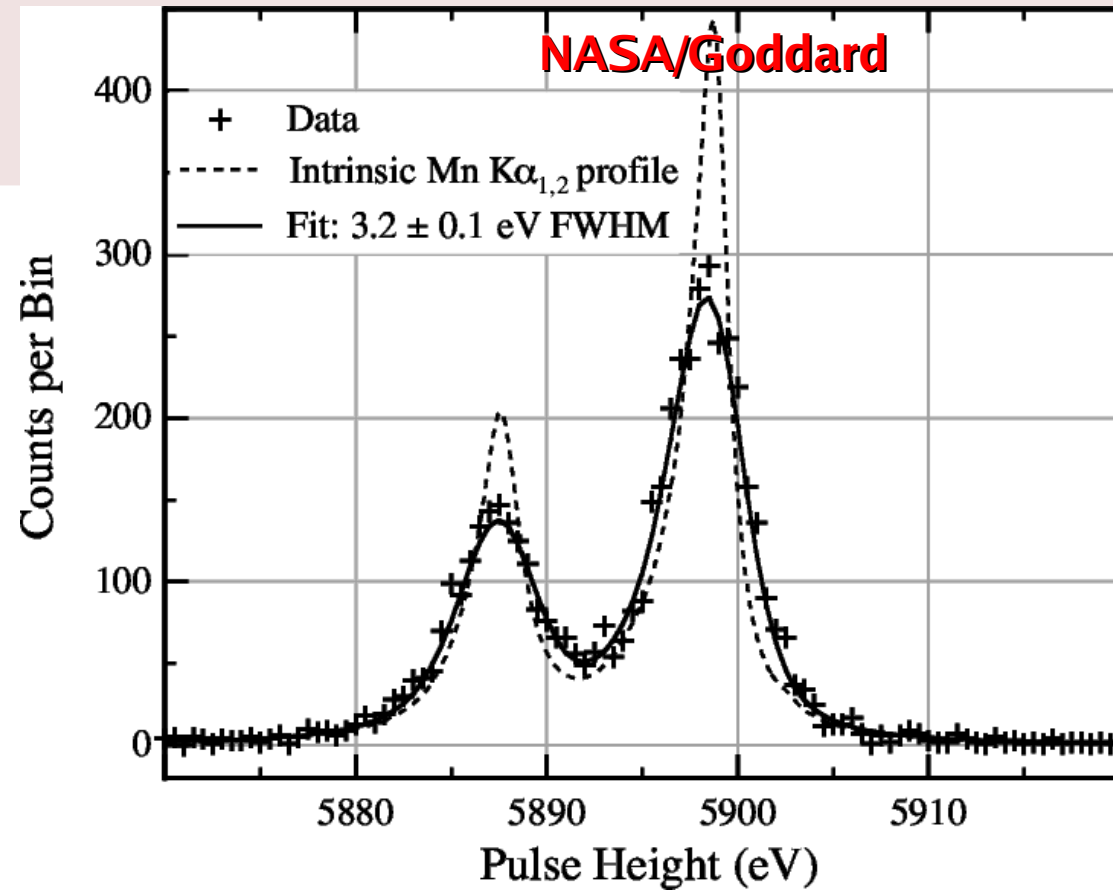
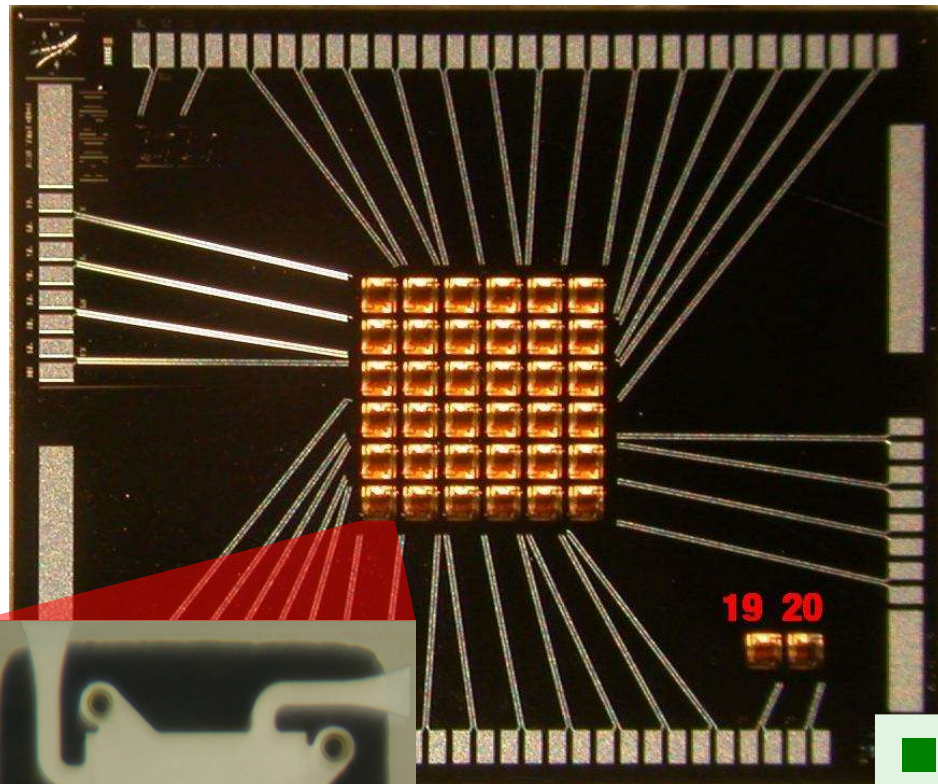
MARE-1: MC simulations vs. formula



MARE-1 SEMICON: the NASA/Goddard XRS2 array

6×6 array: optimized for X-ray spectroscopy → ASTRO-E2 mission
detectors: silicon implanted thermistor with HgTe absorber at $T = 60$ mK

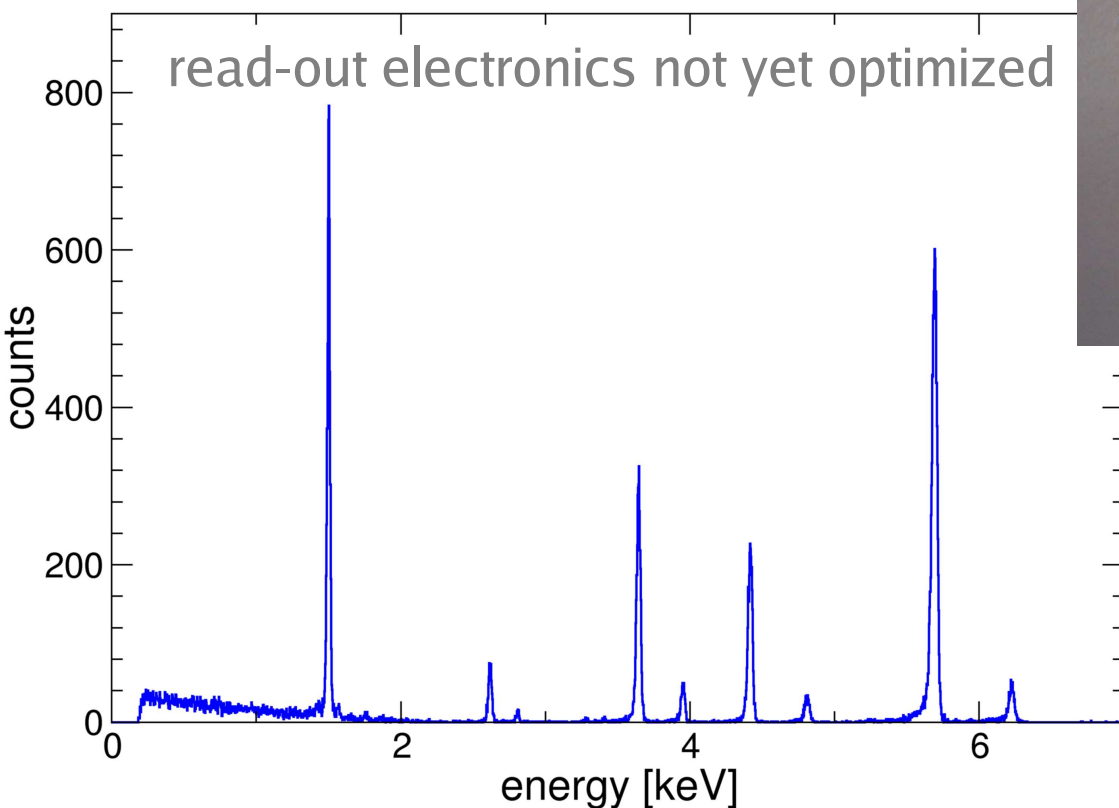
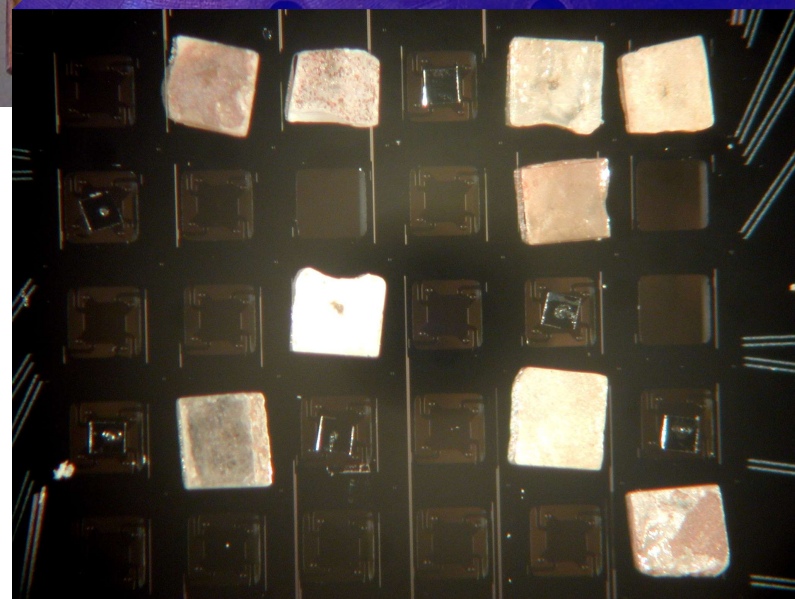
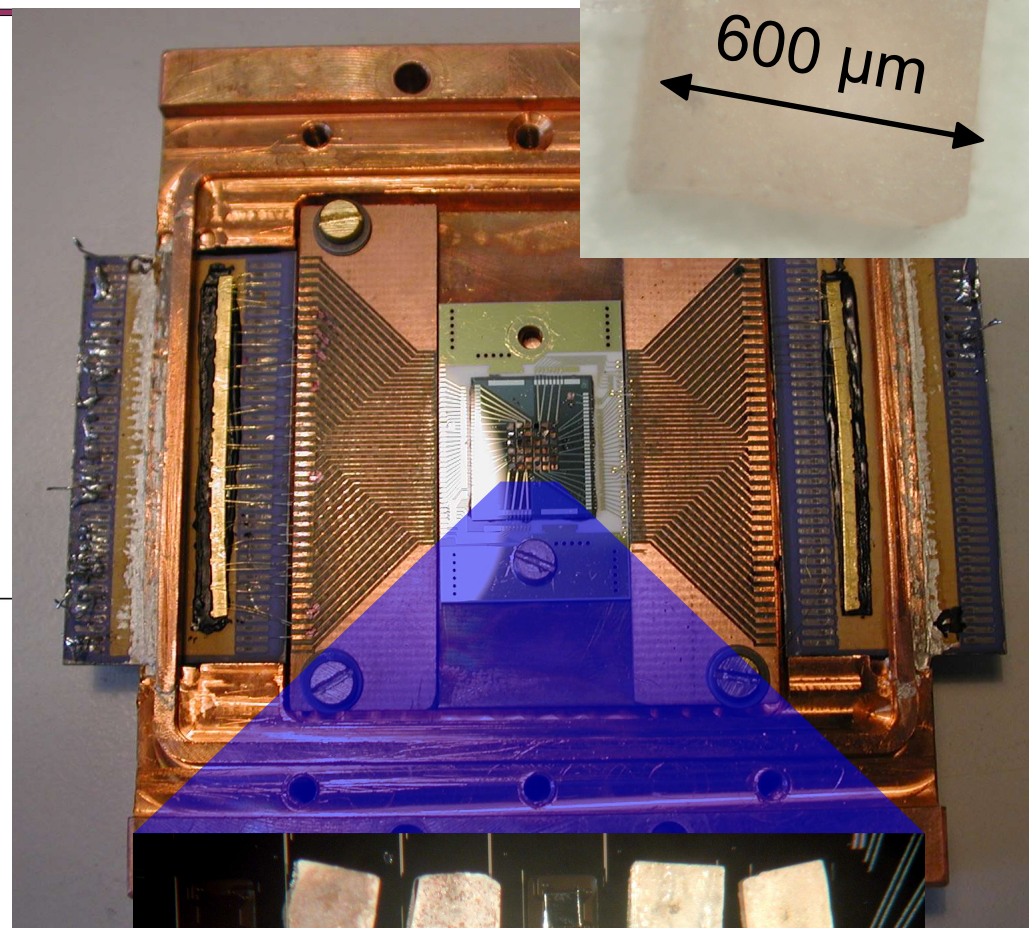
- ▷ $C_{\text{tot}} \approx 10^{-13}$ J/K
- ▷ $\Delta E_{\text{theory}} = 2$ eV



- MARE-1 SEMICON detectors
 - ▶ AgReO₄ has larger heat capacity
 - ▶ operating temperature must be higher

MARE-1 SEMICON detector optimization

- NASA/Goddard array XRS2-2 C3
- testing AgReO_4 “flattened” crystals
 - ▷ $m \approx 0.5$ mg
- crystal-sensor coupling tests
 - ▷ best operating T around 90mK
 - ▷ $\Delta E \approx 30$ eV, $\tau_R \approx 250$ μs



MARE-1 SEMICON: statistical sensitivity from MC

year	1	2	3	4
new detectors	72	216	0	0
total detectors	72	288	288	288
statistics [det*y]	72	360	648	936
activity [c/s]	0.27	$m_{\text{AgReO}_4} = 500 \mu\text{g}$		
statistics [events]	6.10E+08	3.05E+09	5.49E+09	7.94E+09

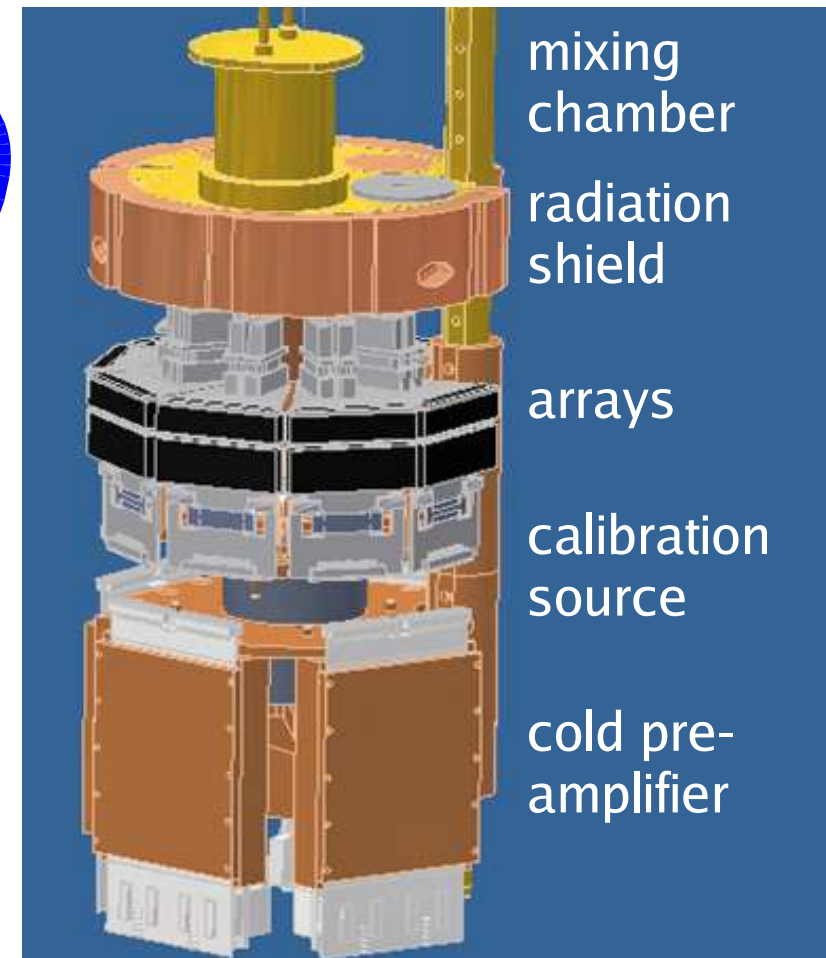
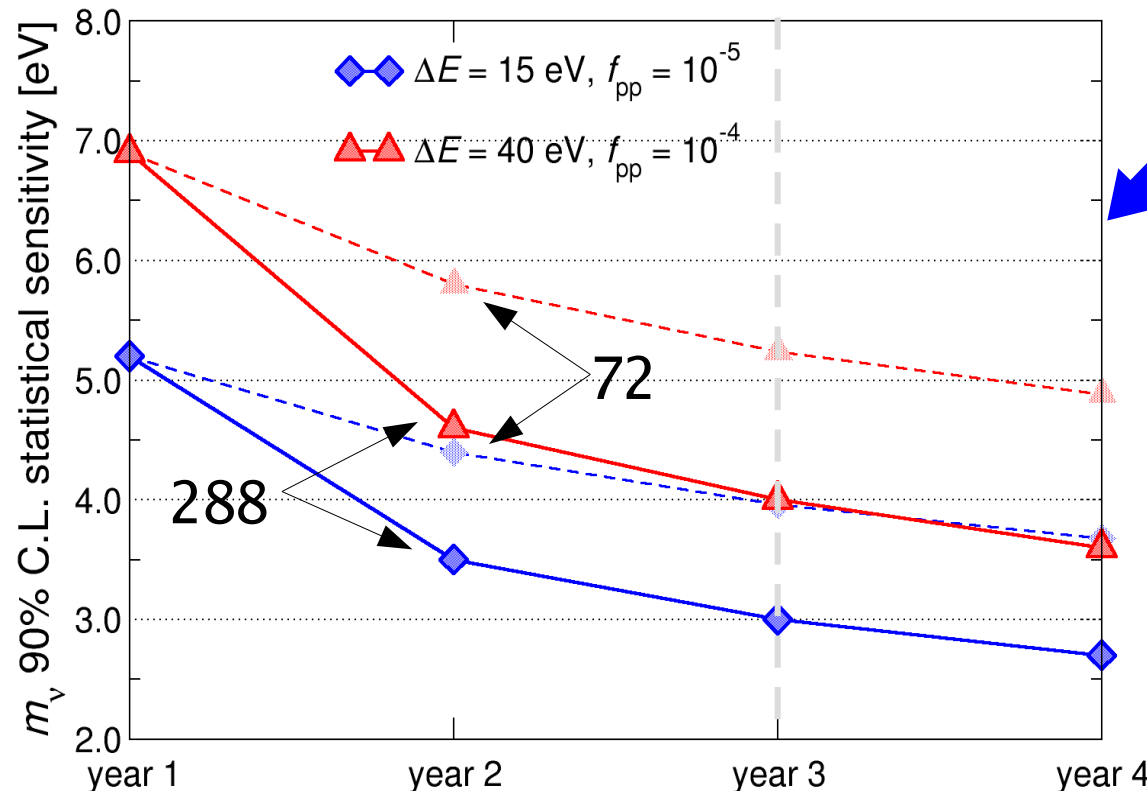
- 8 arrays
- 288 AgReO_4 crystals
- start with 2 arrays
- start data taking by end of 2008
- gradual deployment
- ▷ further detector optimization

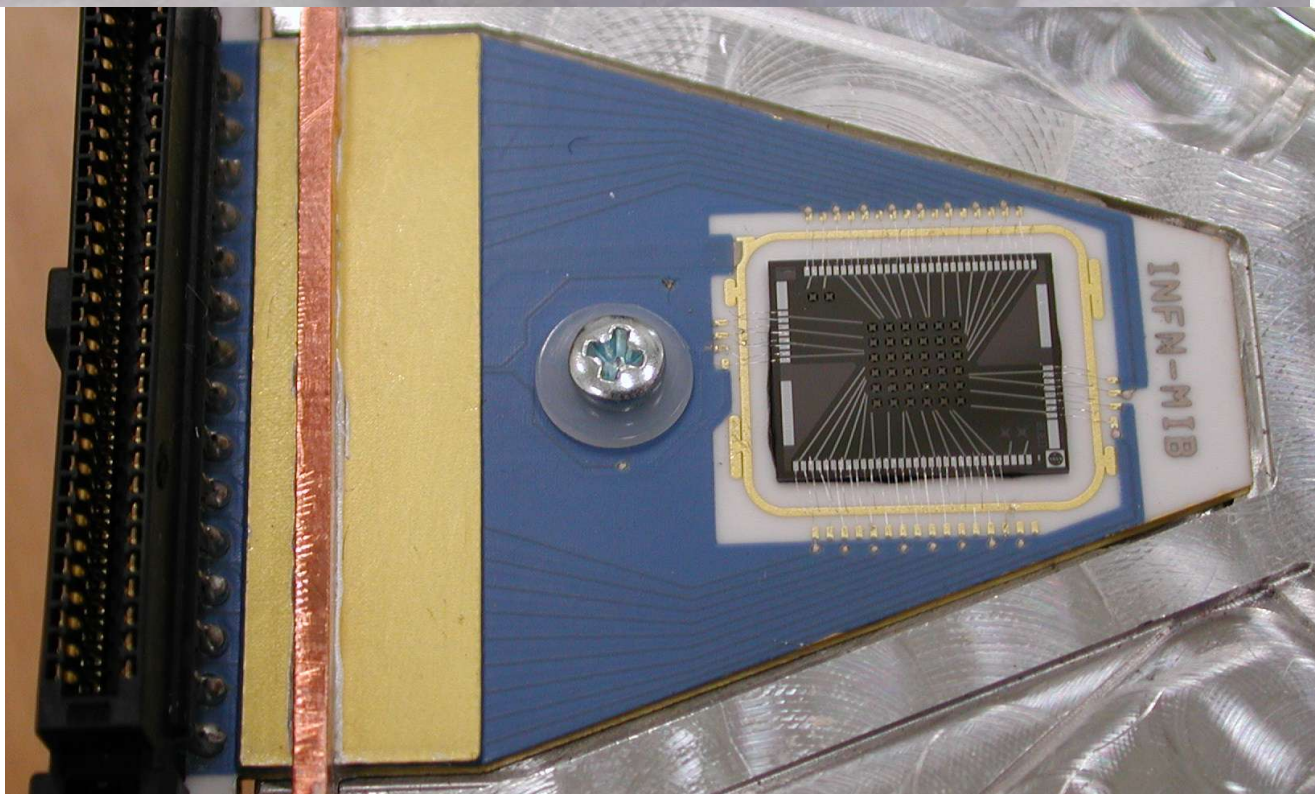
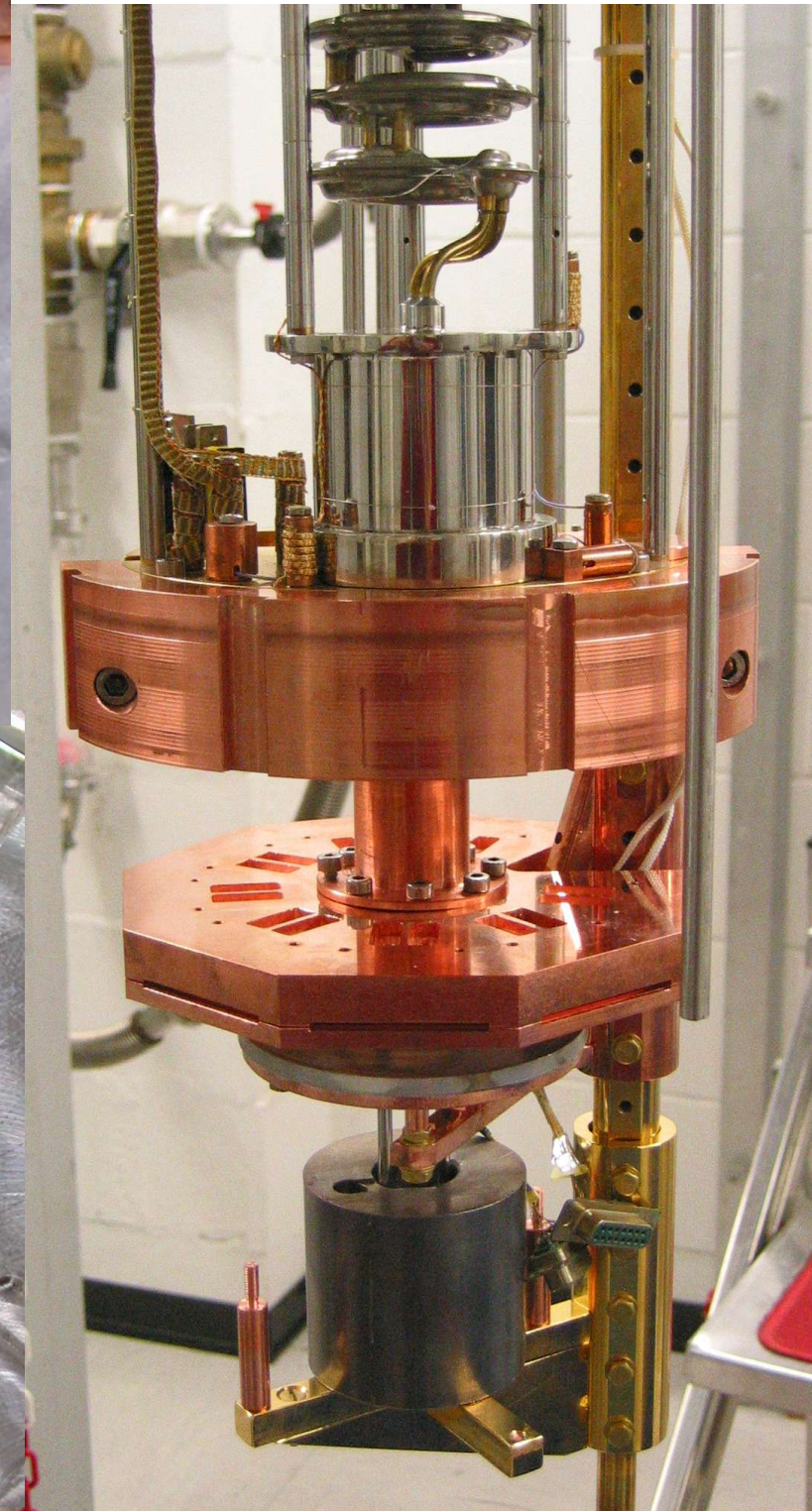
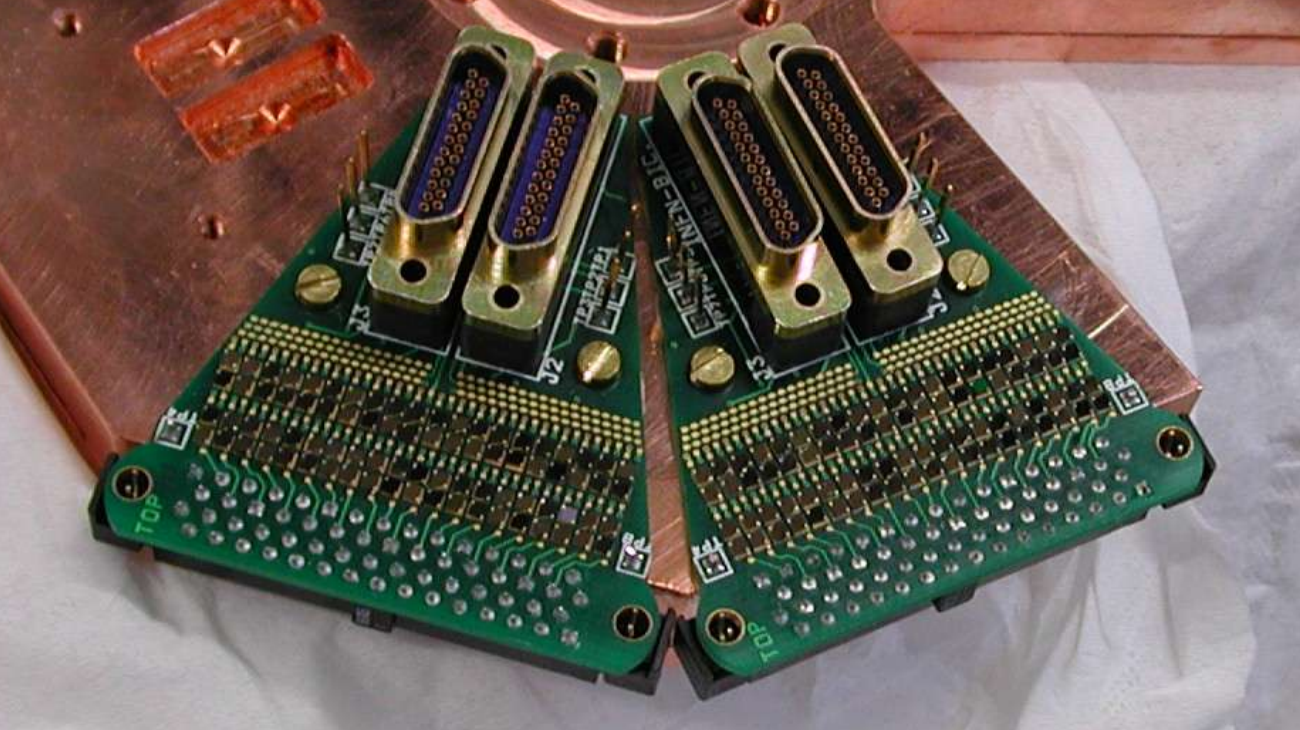
$\Delta E = 40 \text{ eV}$ $\tau = 400 \mu\text{s}$ $f_{\text{pp}} = 1.0\text{E-}4$

m_ν sensitivity (90%) 6.9 4.6 4.0 3.6

$\Delta E = 15 \text{ eV}$ $\tau = 50 \mu\text{s}$ $f_{\text{pp}} = 1.0\text{E-}5$

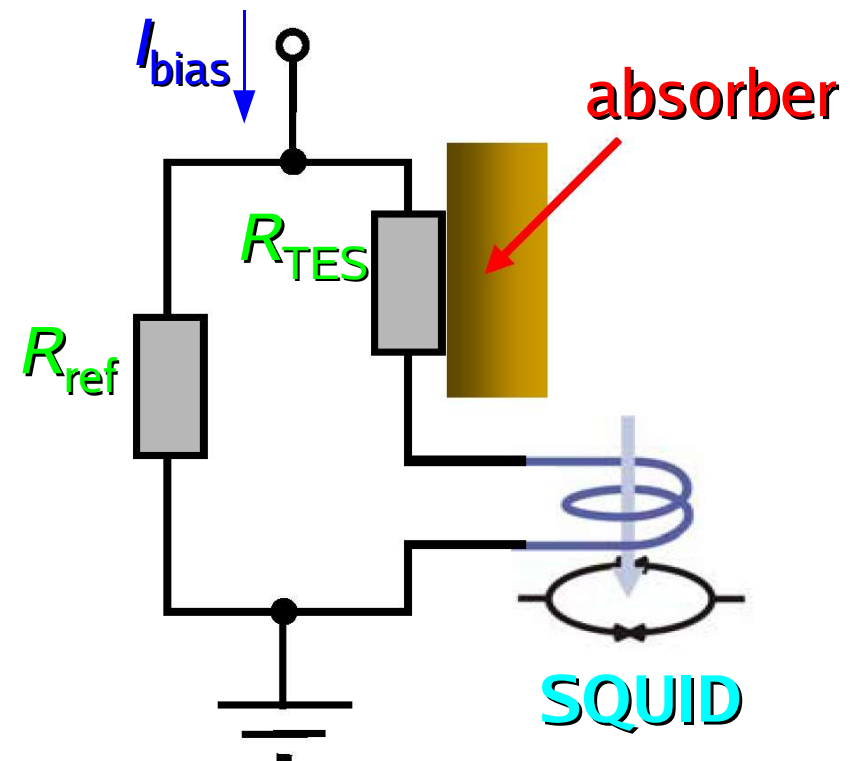
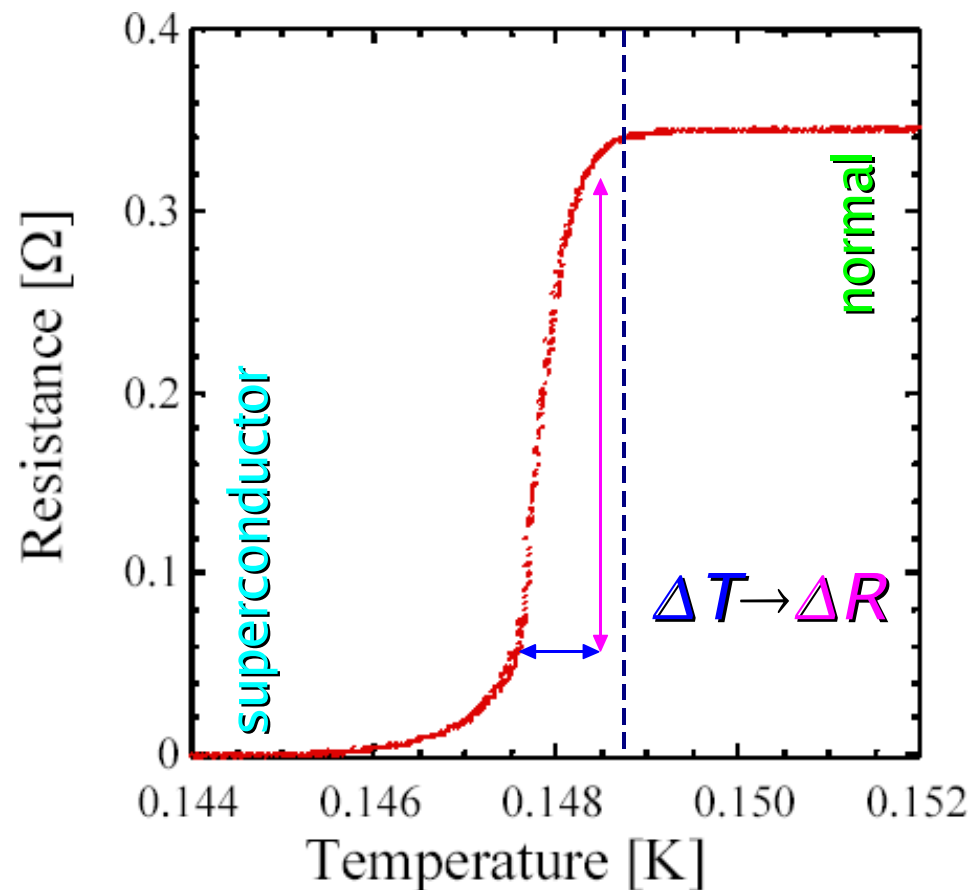
m_ν sensitivity (90%) 5.2 3.5 3.0 2.7





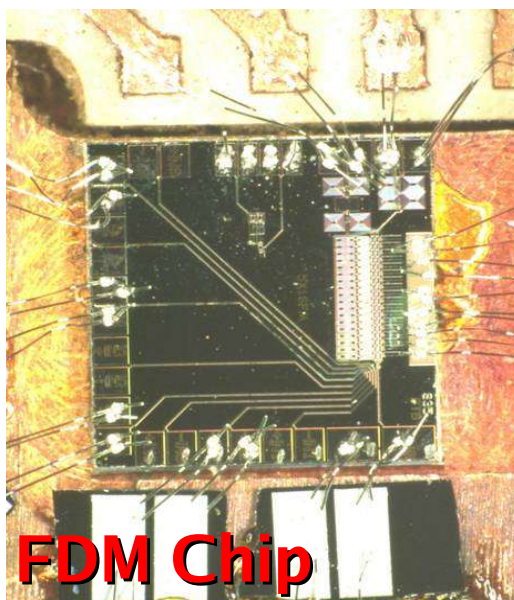
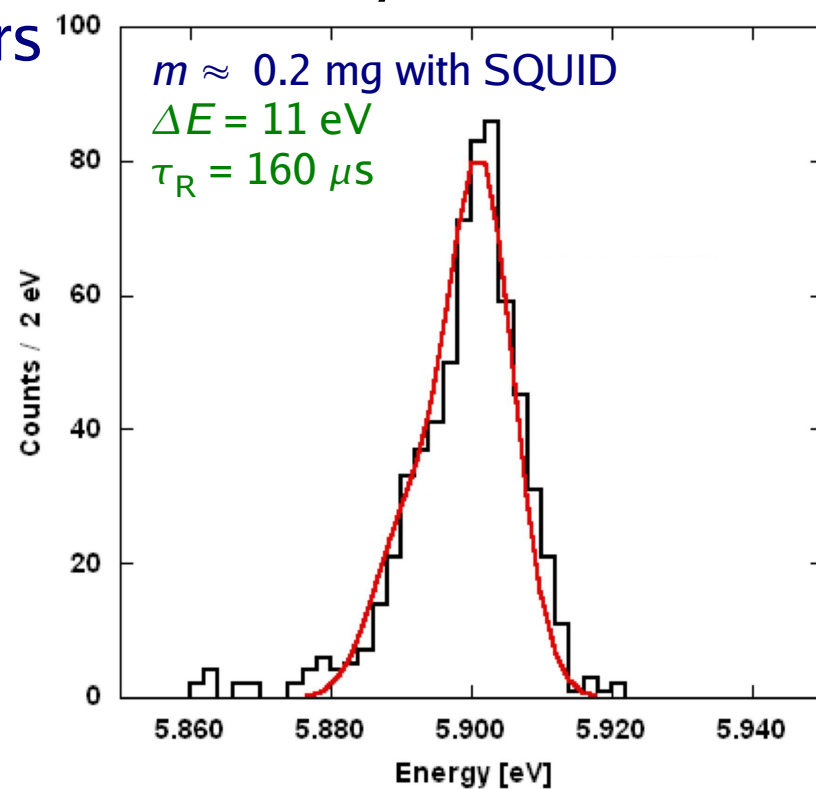
MARE-1 TES: Superconducting transition edge sensors

- superconductor thin films used inside the phase transition at T_c
 - ▶ pure superconductors: Ir ($T_c = 112$ mK), W ($T_c = 15$ mK), ...
 - ▶ metal-superconductor bilayers \Rightarrow tunable T_c (20 \div 200 mK) : Mo/Cu, Ti/Au, Ir/Au, ...
- high sensitivity ($A \approx 100$) \Rightarrow high energy resolution
- high electron-phonon coupling \Rightarrow high intrinsic speed
- low impedance \Rightarrow SQUID read-out \Rightarrow multiplexing for large arrays

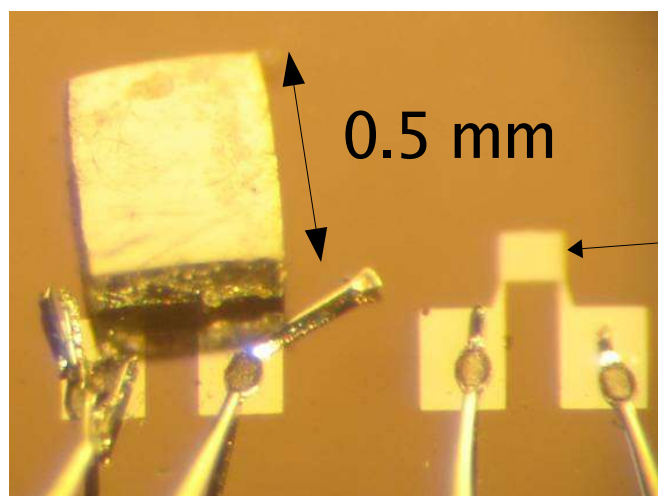


MARE-1 TES: sensor development

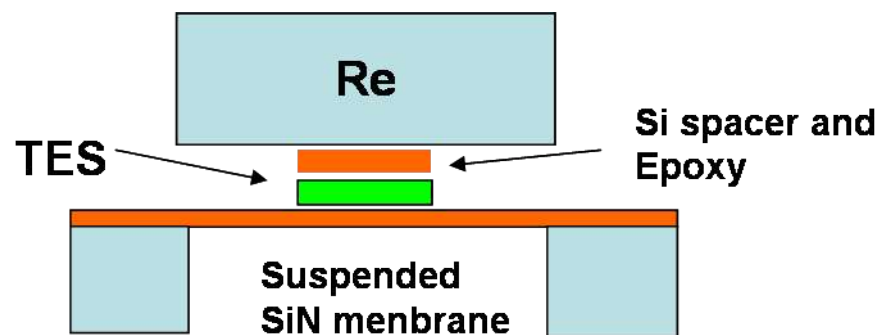
- Pulsed Laser Deposition of thin films: pure Ir or Ir bilayers
- detectors with metallic rhenium absorbers
- 300 channel array
- detector R&D goal:
 - ▶ 1 mg Re crystals with: $\Delta E = 5$ eV, $\tau_R = 10$ μ s
 - ▶ a further step towards MARE-2
- two read-out options
 - ▶ JFETs with cold impedance transformer
 - ▶ frequency multiplexed SQUIDs (FDM)
 - first 3x3 FDM chip is under test now



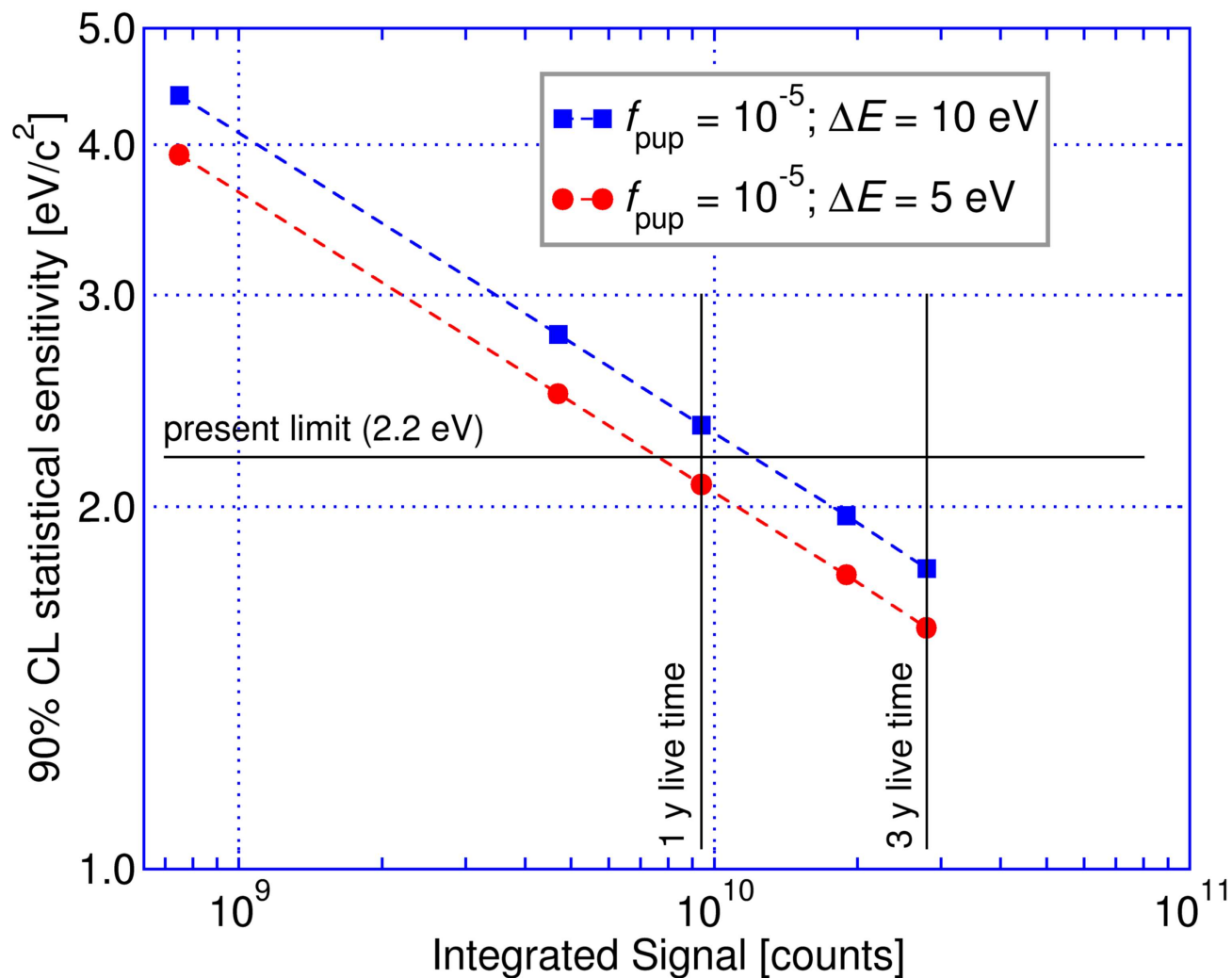
FDM Chip



0.5 mm



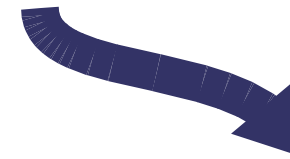
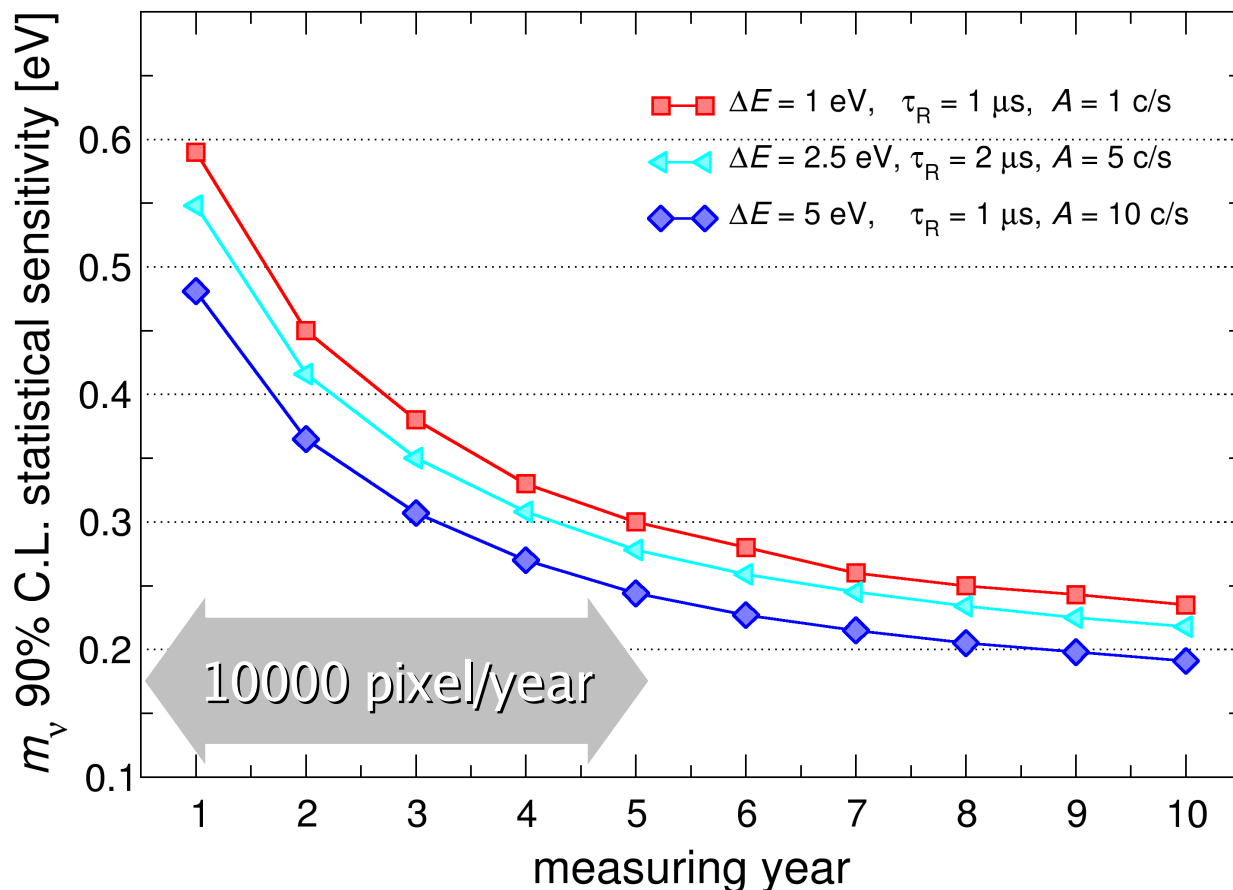
MARE-1 TES: statistical sensitivity



- 300 rhenium crystals in 2 refrigerators
 - ▷ $m \approx 1$ mg
- Ir/Au or Al/Ag TES at 100 mK
 - ▷ $\Delta E = 10$ eV, $\tau_R = 10$ μ s, $f_{pp} = 10^{-5}$
 - ▶ about 3×10^{10} events in 3 years $\Rightarrow m_\nu < 1.8$ eV

MARE-2

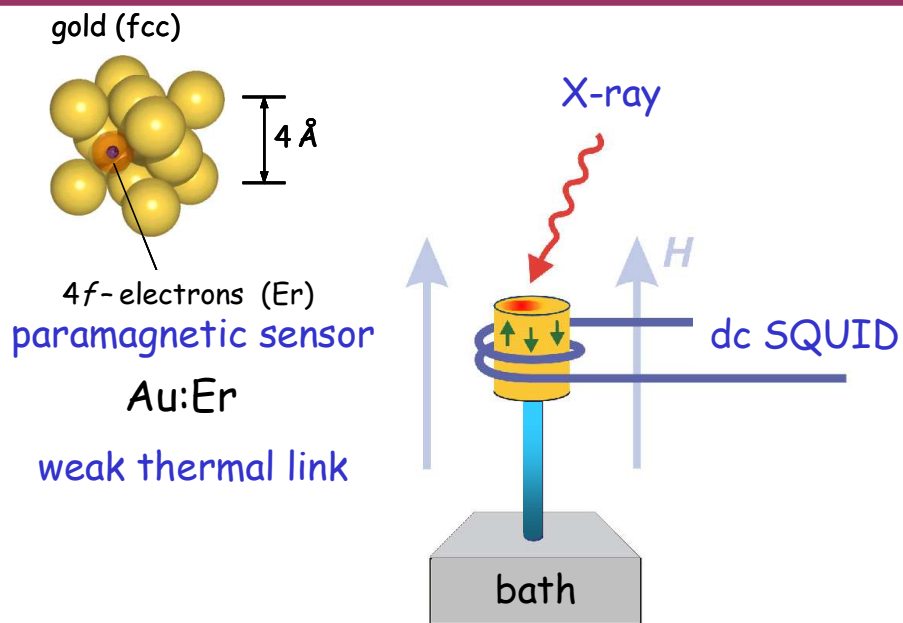
- only statistical analysis
- 50000+ detectors gradually deployed
 - ▷ 5 arrays with 10000 detectors each
 - ▷ one array deployed per year for the first 5 years
 - ▷ arrays distributed in many laboratories around the world
 - ▷ about $10^{13} \div 10^{14}$ events after 5 years
- technical requirements not far from that for next generation X-ray space observatory (i.e. XEUS, Con-X)



10000 pixel kits
 $\Delta E \approx 1 \text{ eV}$
 $\tau_R \approx 1 \mu\text{s}$
 $A_{\beta} \approx 1 \div 10 \text{ Hz}$

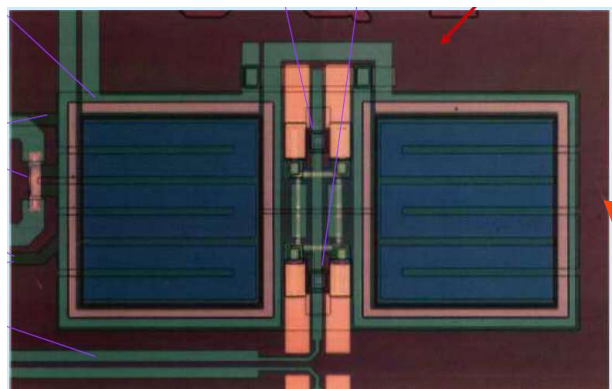
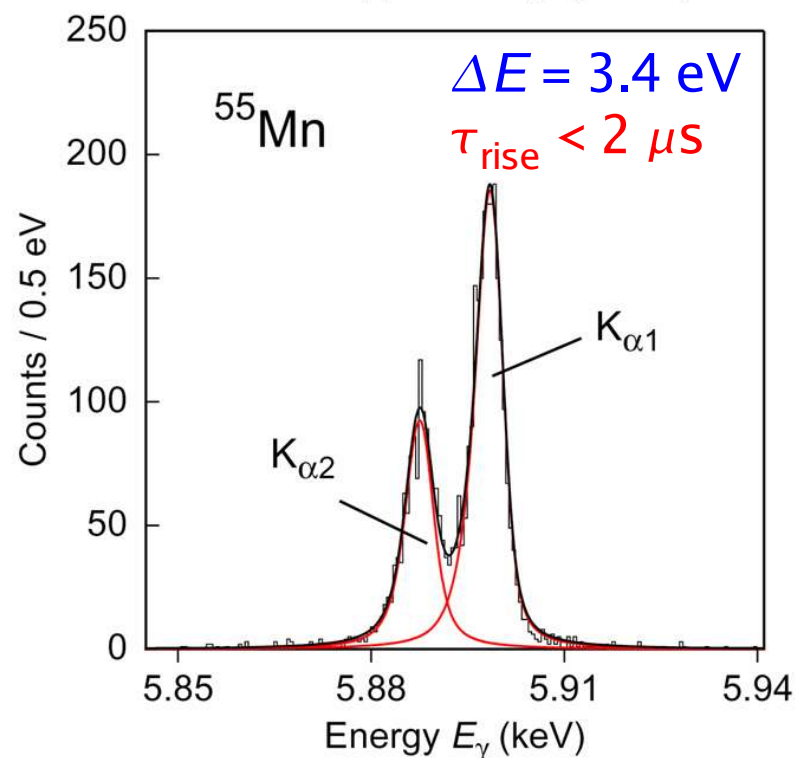
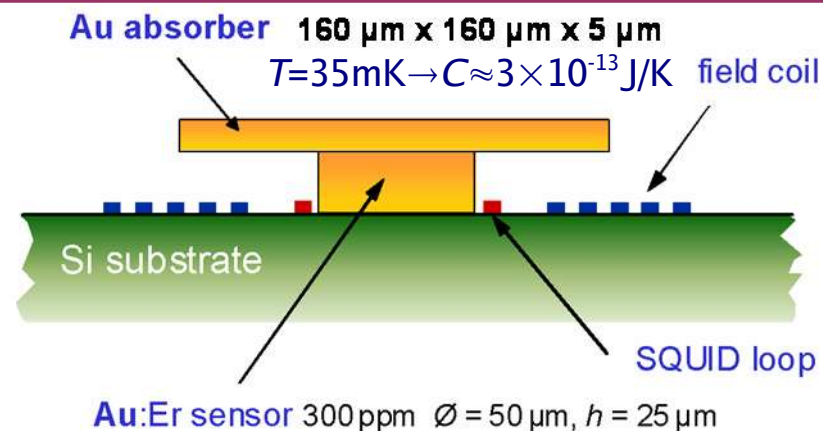
need for
new sensor R&D
and
new read-out techniques

MMC – Magnetic Micro Calorimeters (Heidelberg)



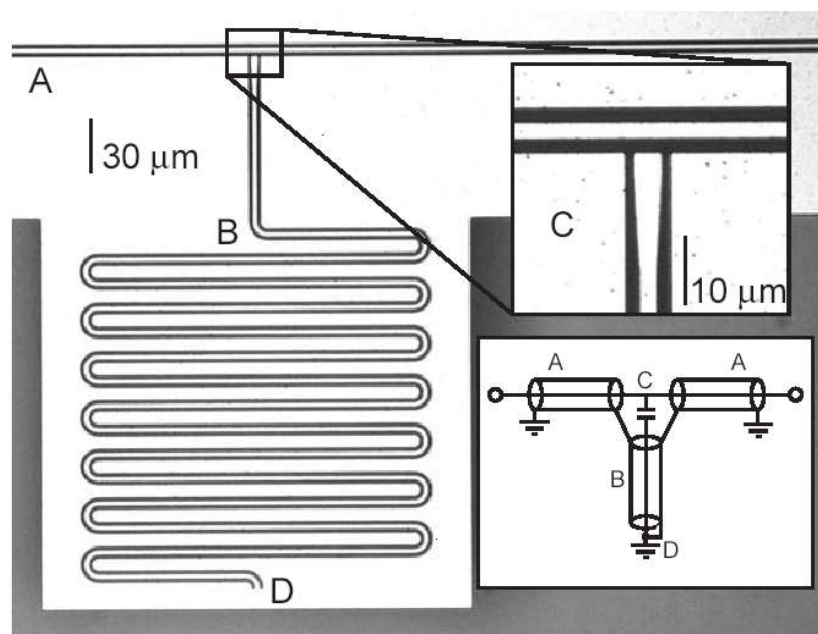
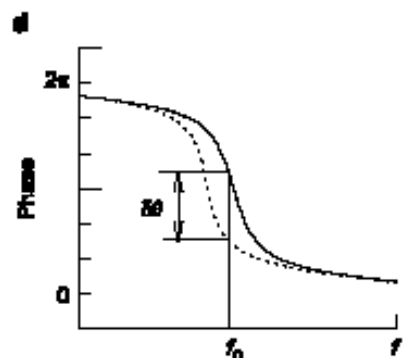
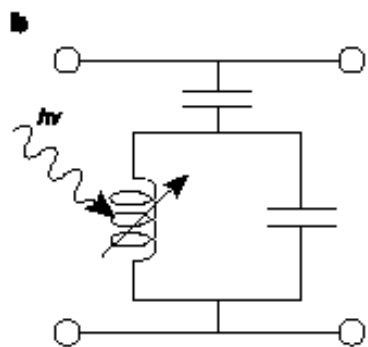
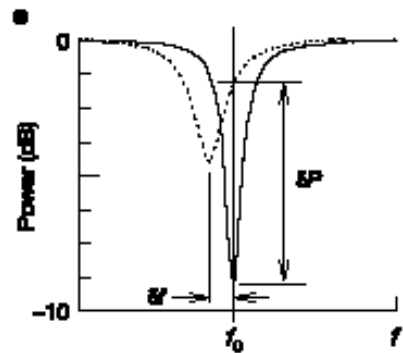
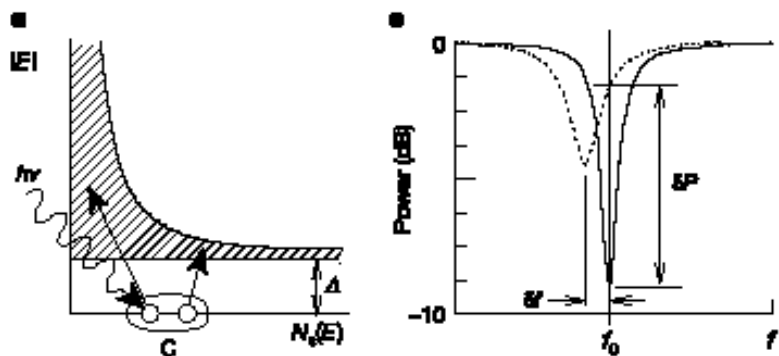
$$\delta M = \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \delta T = \frac{\partial M}{\partial T} \frac{E_\gamma}{C_{\text{ges}}}$$

- ▶ suitable for large capacity absorbers
- ▶ very fast $\sim \mu\text{s}$
- ▶ high energy resolution $\sim \text{eV}$



sensor design optimization for MARE-2
rhenium absorbers is in progress
⇒ meander pick-up coils without external *B* field

MKIDs R&D for MARE-2



• exploit the temperature dependence of inductance in a superconducting film

- ▶ **qp detectors** suitable for large absorbers
- ▶ **fast** devices for high single pixel activity A_β and low pile-up f_{pp}
- ▶ **high energy resolution**
- ▶ **multiplexing** for very large number of

Sensitivity

$$\Delta E = 5\ \text{eV}$$

$$t_M = 36000\ \text{detectors} \times 3\ \text{years}$$

$$A_\beta = 20\ \text{c/s/det}$$

$$\bullet\ \tau_{\text{rise}} = 1\ \mu\text{s} \Rightarrow m_\nu < 0.2\ \text{eV}$$

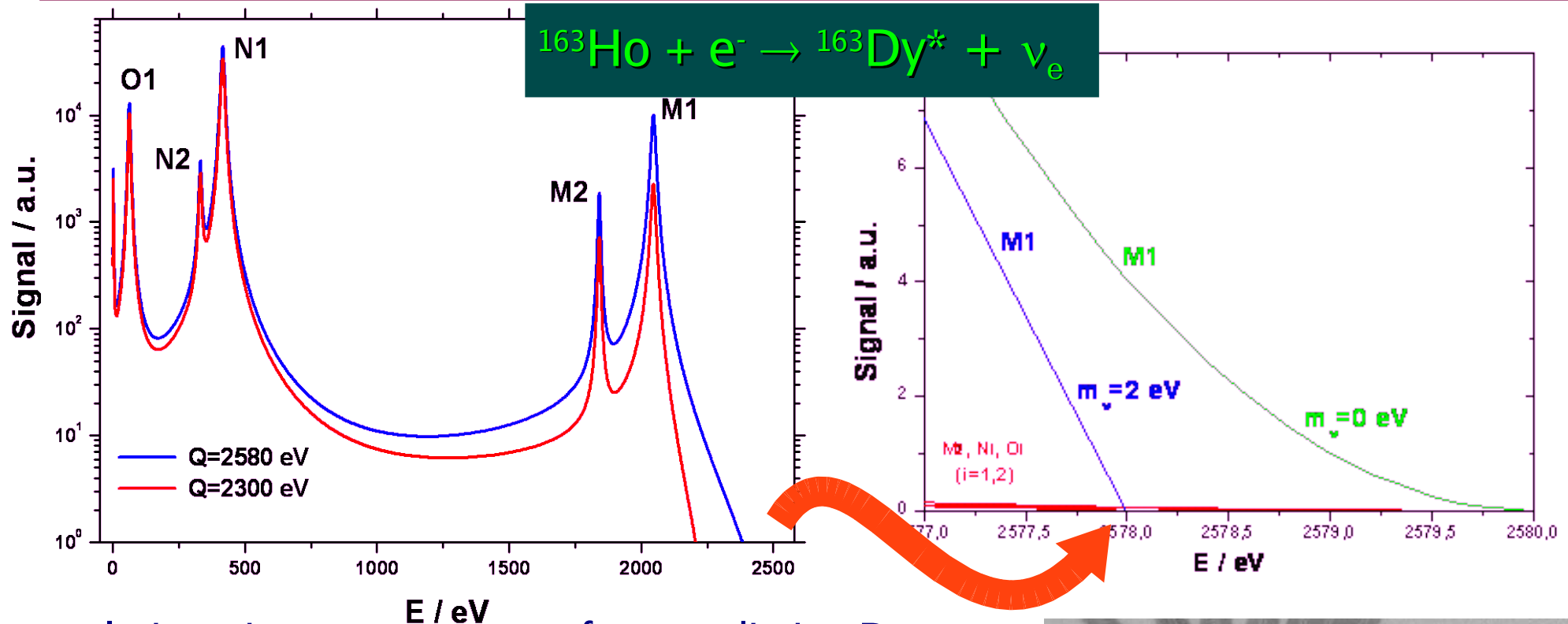
$$\bullet\ \tau_{\text{rise}} = 100\ \mu\text{s} \Rightarrow m_\nu < 0.4\ \text{eV}$$

Technique largely still to be proved!!

Interested institutions

- INFN Milano-Bicocca
- INFN Roma (exp. Rich: R&D for CMB)
- ITC-irst
- Caltech
- CNRS Grenoble

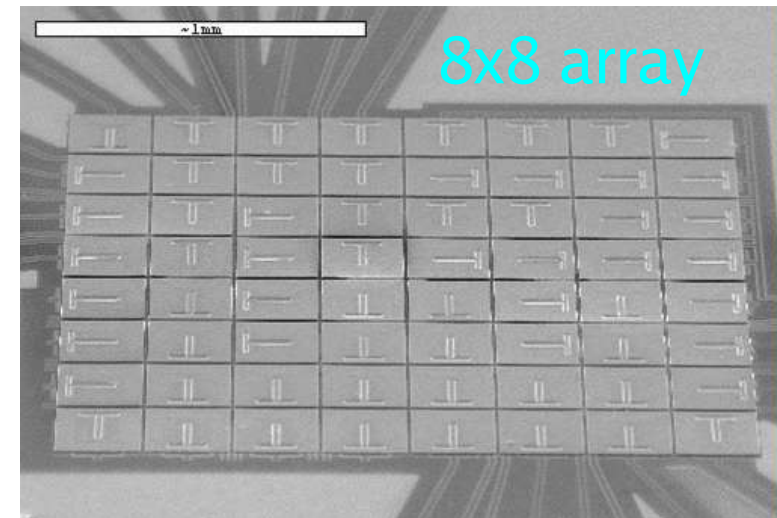
MARE extensions: ^{163}Ho electron capture measurement



- calorimetric measurement of non-radiative Dy atomic de-excitations (Coster-Kronig, Auger...)
- fraction of events at end-point may be as high as for ^{187}Re : depends on Q_{EC} ($\approx 2.5 \text{ keV}$)

▶ $Q_{\text{EC}}?$

- fewer active nuclei are needed ($\tau \approx 4000 \text{ y}$)
 - ▶ can be implanted in any suitable absorber
 - ▶ first implantation tests at ISOLDE are encouraging
- new NASA/Goddard TES arrays ($\Delta E = 2 \text{ eV}$) can be implanted with ^{163}Ho



Conclusions

- thermal calorimetry of ^{187}Re decay can give sub-eV sensitivity on m_ν
- the MARE project has taken off
- MARE-1 intermediate scale experiments are starting
- R&D for MARE-2 large scale sub-eV experiment is starting
 - ▷ MMC R&D is already in progress
 - ▷ US groups are applying for fundings (TES, MUX, ... R&D)
 - ▷ New ideas are coming up (MKIDs, ^{163}Ho)

MARE and the cosmological relic neutrino background

- MARE-2: 50000 detectors, 20 mg each
 - ▷ 650 g of ^{187}Re
 - ▷ 4×10^{-8} counts/year... ☹️

A. G. Cocco, G. Mangano and M. Messina, arXiv:hep-ph/0703075v2

MARE reach: 0.1 eV?

- $\Sigma_{90}(m_\nu) = 0.1\text{eV}$ for $N_{\text{ev}} = 10^{15}$; $\Delta E = 3\text{ eV}$; $f_{\text{pp}} = 10^{-5}$
 - ▷ $\tau_R = 10\ \mu\text{s}$ and 10 decays/s per detector
 - ▷ 3.2×10^6 detector \times year... ☹️

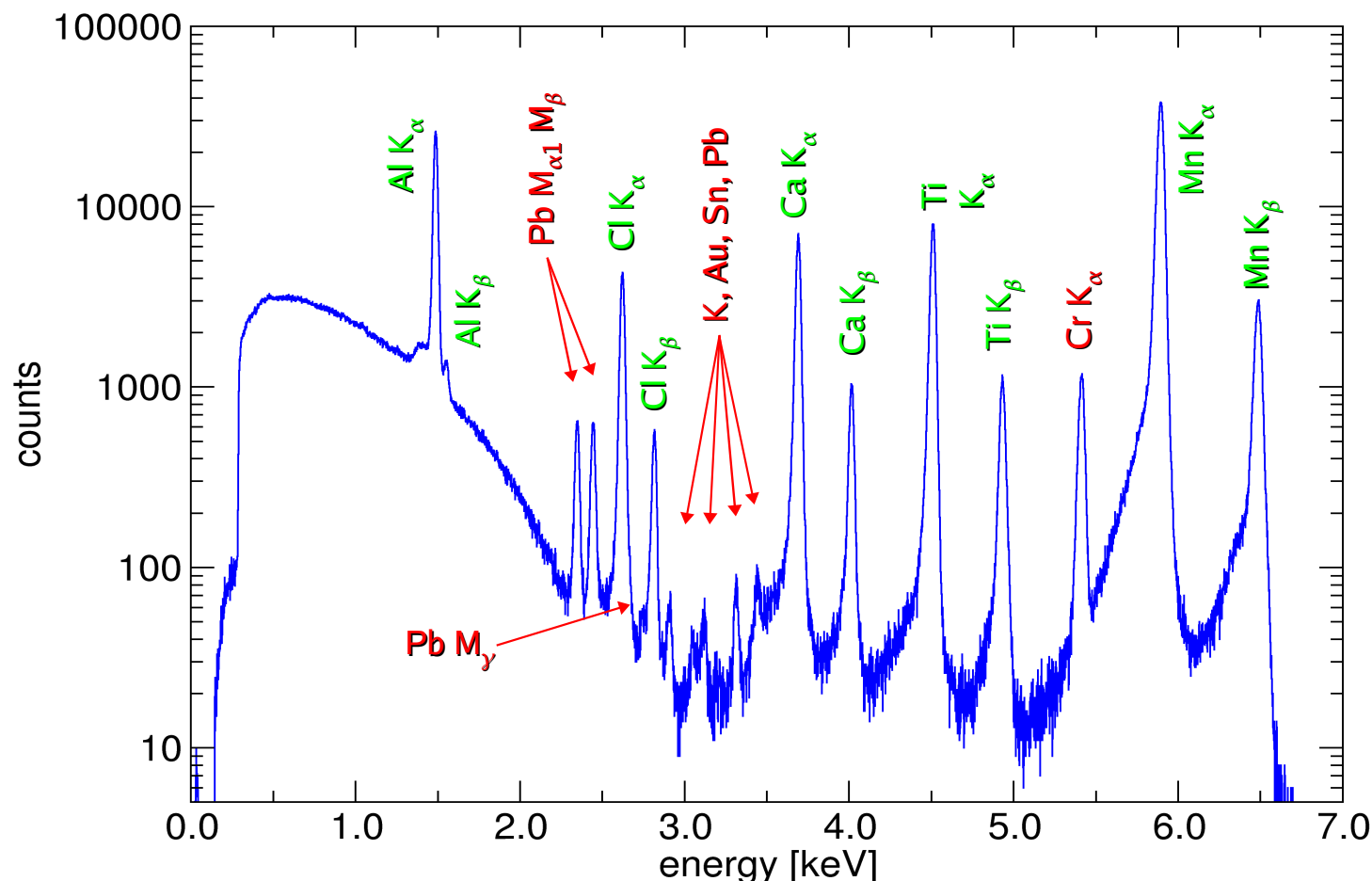
Backups ...

Recognized systematics in calorimeters

- ▼ detector response function (energy dependence, shape,...)
 - ▷ important in AgReO_4 (→)
- ▼ energy dependent background
 - ▷ study low energy environmental and material radioactivity (→)
- ▼ condensed matter effects: BEFS
 - ▷ observed in Re and AgReO_4 : improve modeling (→)
- ▼ pile-up effects
 - ▷ under investigation with MC methods (→)
- ▼ analysis artifacts
 - ▷ to be studied by MC methods
- ▼ ^{187}Re decay spectral shape
 - ▷ improve Buhring parametrization
- ▼ long term metastable excited states
 - ▷ should be negligible
- ▼ electron surface escape
 - ▷ should be negligible
- ▼ ...?
 - ▷ more statistics

Detector response function

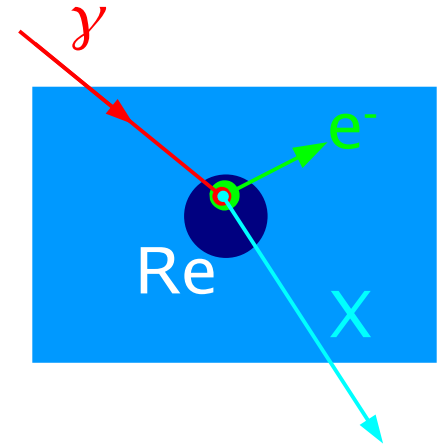
- 2168 hours × mg with fluorescence source open
- calibration gives the energy scale and the response function



- ◆ X-ray peaks have tails on low energy side
- ◆ 1~6 keV X-rays in $AgReO_4$ have an attenuation length $\lambda < 2 \mu m$
 - ▶ are the response functions for X-rays and for β s from ^{187}Re decay the same?
- ◆ need for a good phenomenological description of the X-ray peak shape

MIBETA: Measurement of response function (2004)

- external X-rays probe only detector surface
- escape peaks allow internal calibration
 - ▷ $\lambda(6 \text{ keV}) \approx 3 \mu\text{m}$
 - ▷ $\lambda(70 \text{ keV}) \approx 400 \mu\text{m}$ in AgReO_4
- escape peaks are broad because of natural widths of atomic transitions

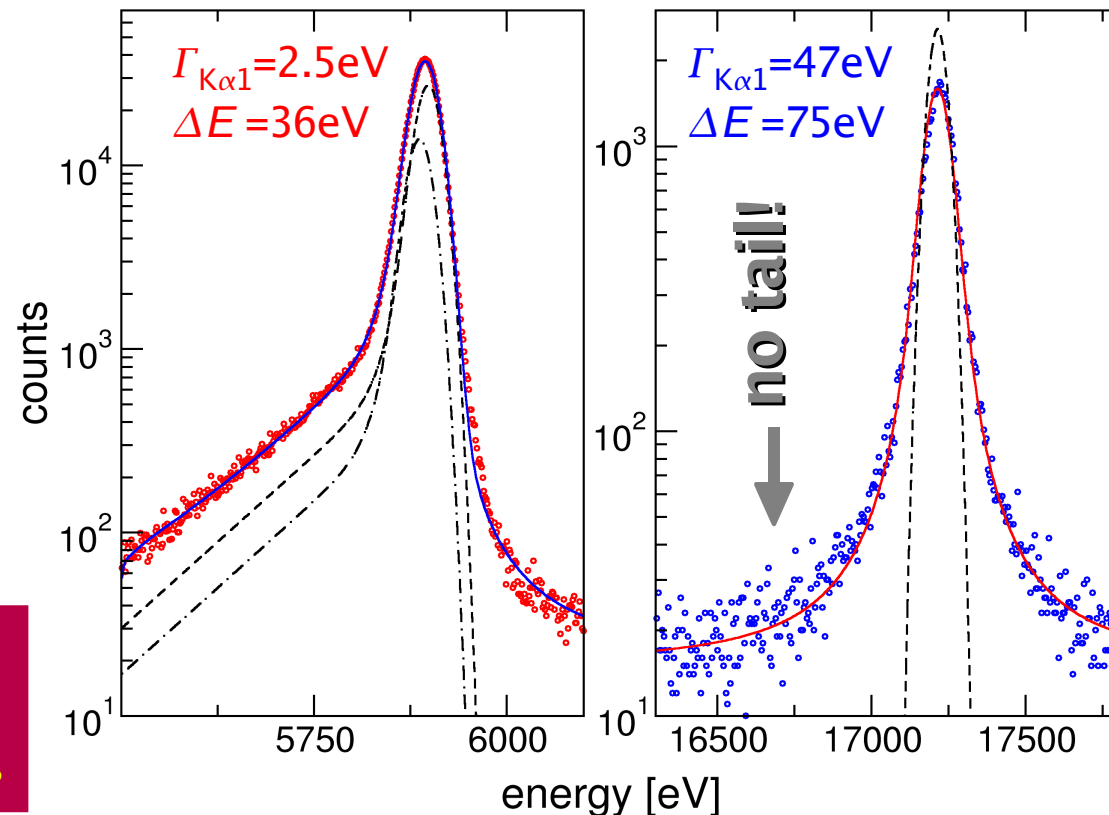


- Re K-edge @ 71.7 keV
 - ▷ $E_\gamma > 71.7 \text{ keV}$
 - ▷ internal calibration with ^{44}Ti
- γ rays @ 78.4 keV
- ▶ γ -X escape peaks have only Re K natural width ($\Gamma_{\text{ReK}} \sim 47 \text{ eV}$)

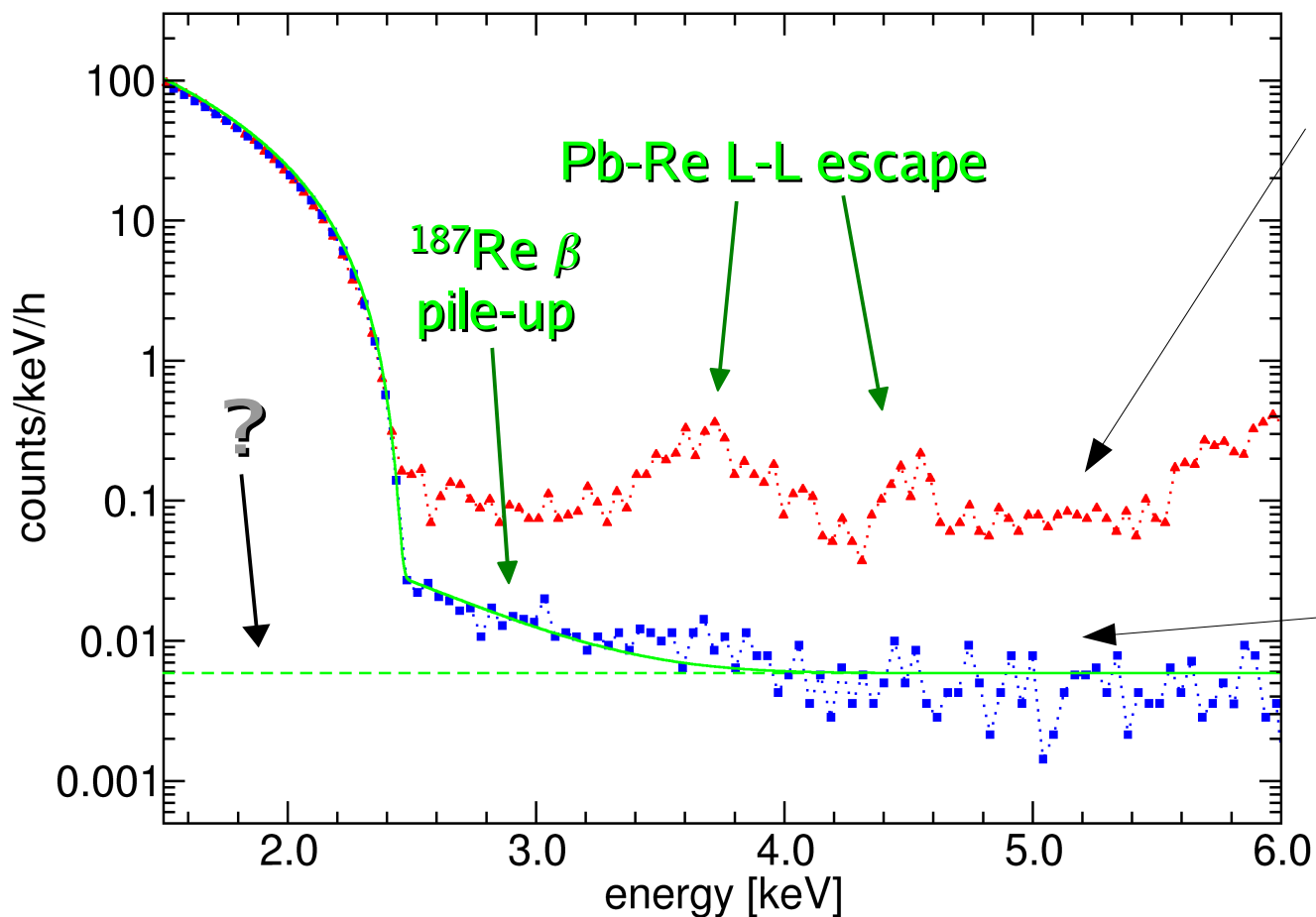
the response function is a possible source of systematic uncertainties in calorimetric neutrino mass experiments

Mn $K_{\alpha 1} + K_{\alpha 2}$

^{44}Ti - Re $K_{\alpha 1}$ esc



Background (MIBETA)



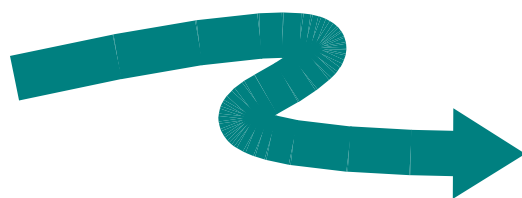
unshielded
 ^{55}Fe calibration source

- ^{55}Fe Inner-Bremsstrahlung ($Q_{\text{IB}} = 232$ keV, $A_{\text{IB}} = 12$ kBq) causes too high background
 - ▷ fluorescence from surroundings
 - ▷ Re X-ray escape peaks
 - ▷ continuum

lead shielded
 ^{55}Fe calibration source

- remaining background to be understood and reduced
 - ▷ cosmic rays
 - ▷ environmental radioactivity

the hidden background is a source of systematic uncertainties

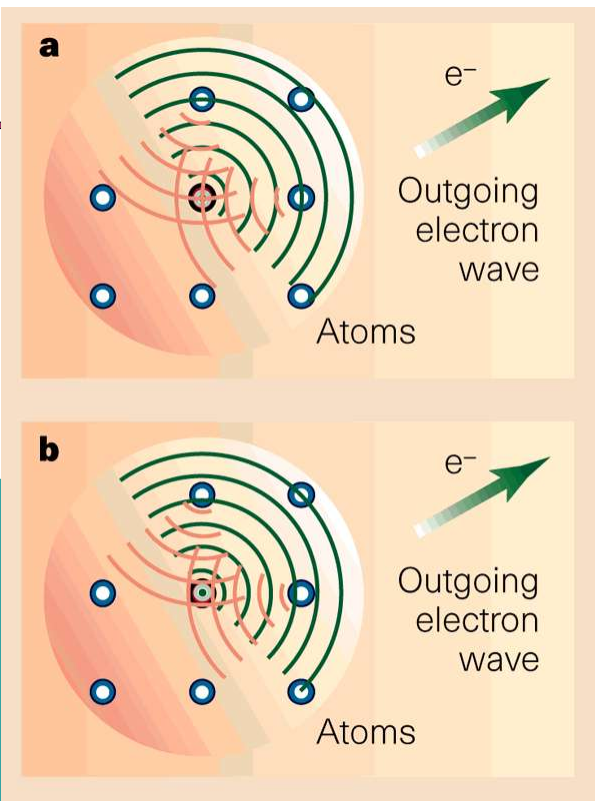


Go underground?

MIBETA: BEFS analysis (2005)

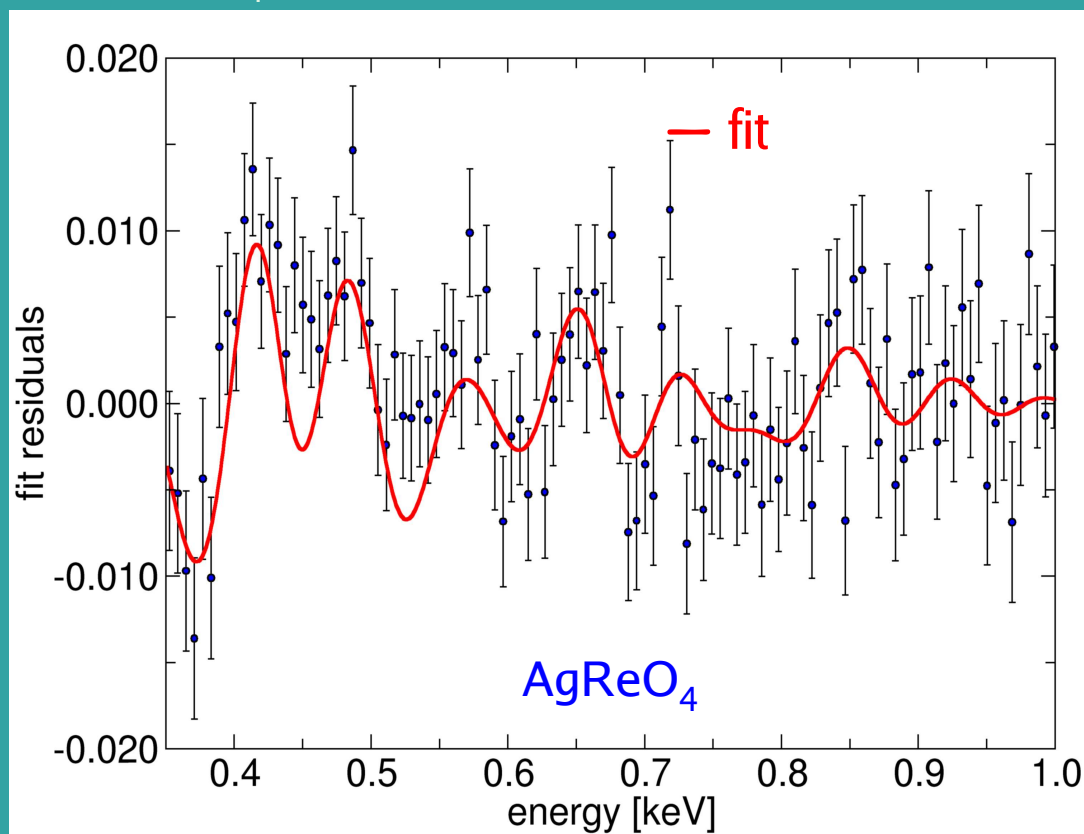
BEFS: Beta Environmental Fine Structure

Modulation of the electron emission probability due to the atomic and molecular surrounding of the decaying nucleus: it is explained by the wave structure of the electron (analogous of EXAFS)



BEFS experimental evidence in ^{187}Re β decay

- in AgReO_4 less pronounced than in metallic rhenium



$$\chi_{BEFS}(k_e) = F_s \chi_{EXAFS}^{l=0} + F_p \chi_{EXAFS}^{l=1}$$

$$\chi_{EXAFS}^l(k_e) = (-1)^l \sum_{n=1}^N B_{nl}(k_e, R_n) e^{-2k_e^2 \sigma_n^2} \sin(2k_e R_n + \delta_{0l} + \delta_{nl})$$

$\rightarrow F_p = 0.84 \pm 0.30$

BEFS is a possible source of systematic uncertainties in ^{187}Re neutrino mass experiments

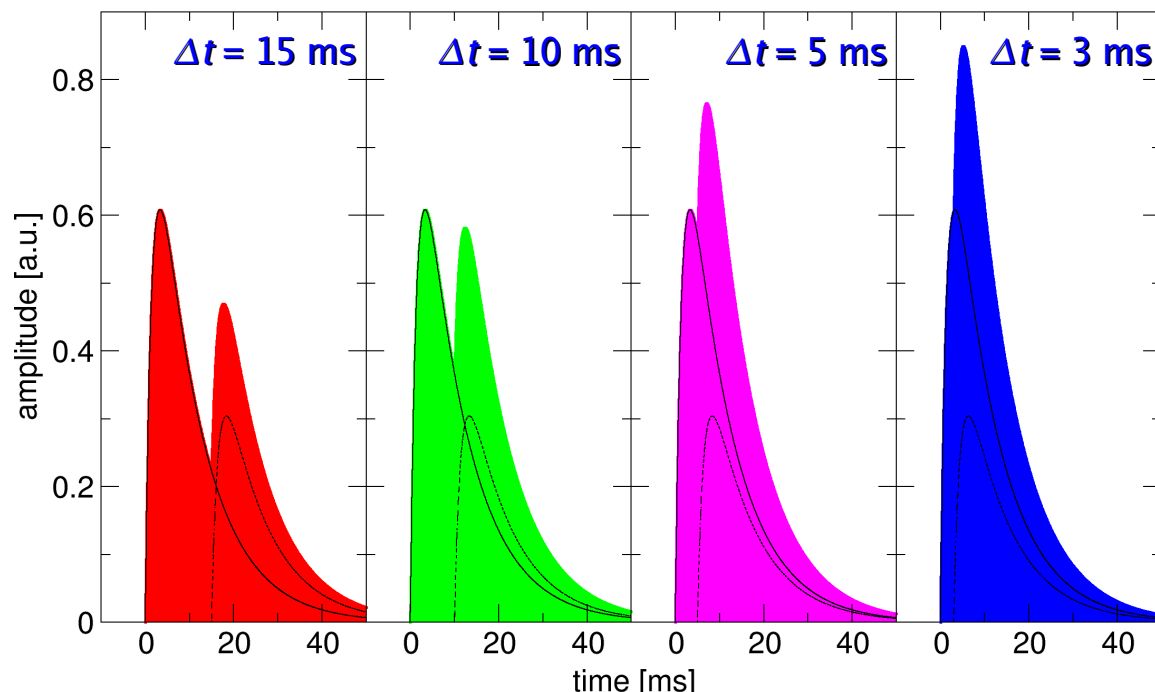
\Rightarrow EXAFS measurements
 \Rightarrow better models

Pile-up (MANU)

$$A(t) = A \left(e^{-t/\tau_{decay}} - e^{-t/\tau_{rise}} \right)$$

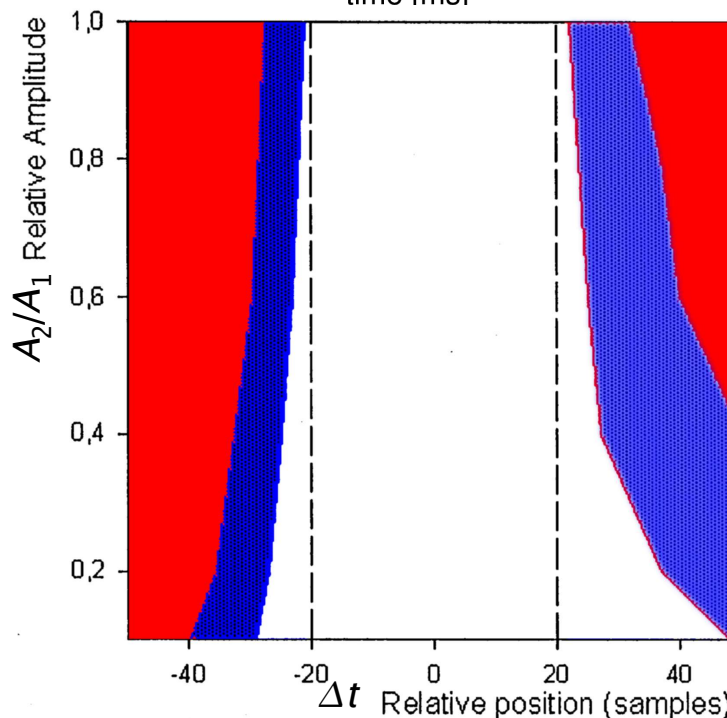
Example

- 2 pulses with:
 - ◆ $\tau_{rise} = 1.5 \text{ ms}$
 - ◆ $\tau_{decay} = 10 \text{ ms}$
 - ◆ $A_2/A_1 = 0.5$



Montecarlo with simulated pulses

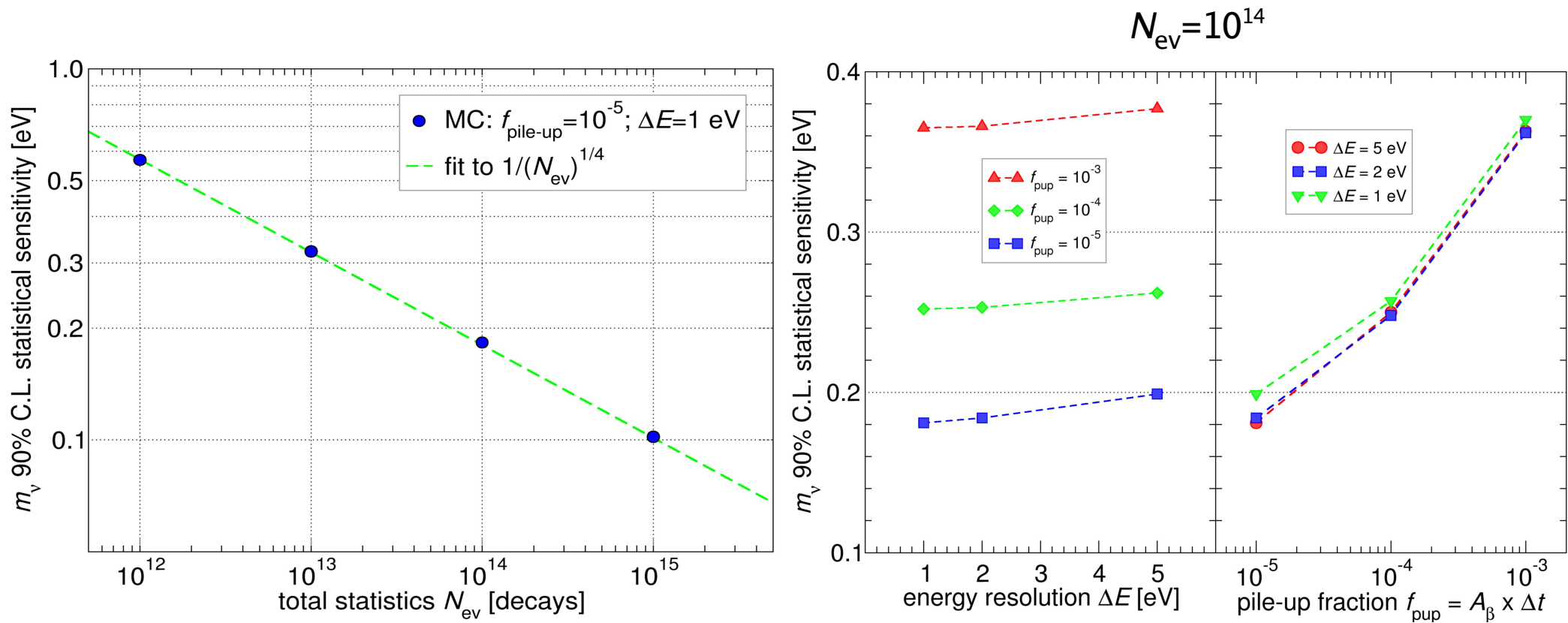
- $\tau_{rise} \approx 2 \text{ ms} = 10 \text{ samples}$
 - ▶ resolving time $\tau_R = \tau_R(A_2/A_1, \Delta t) \approx \tau_{rise}$
 - ▶ source of systematics
- ▷ new MC tools and new algorithms



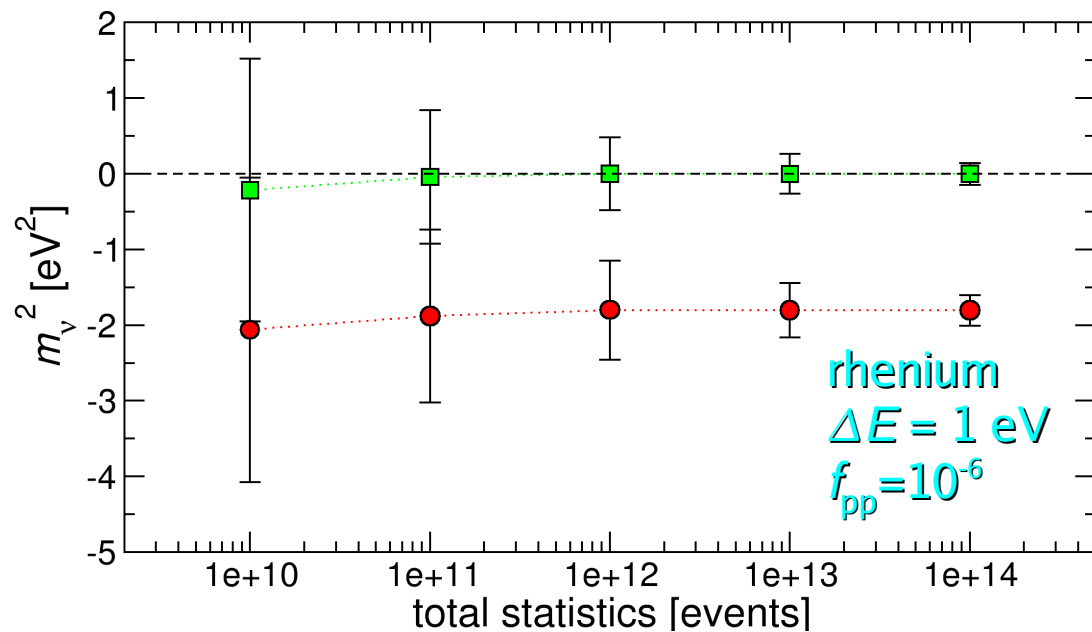
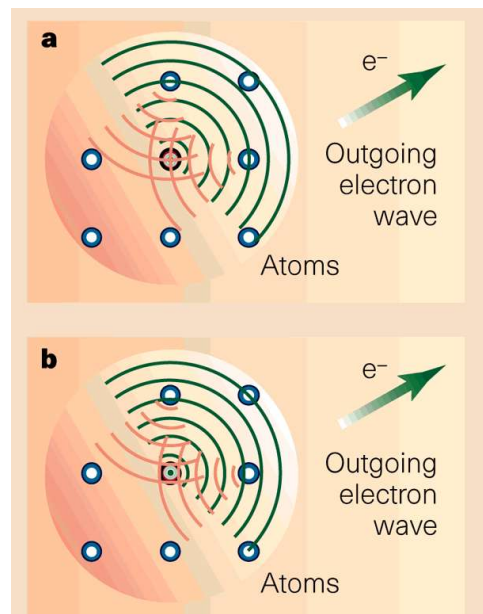
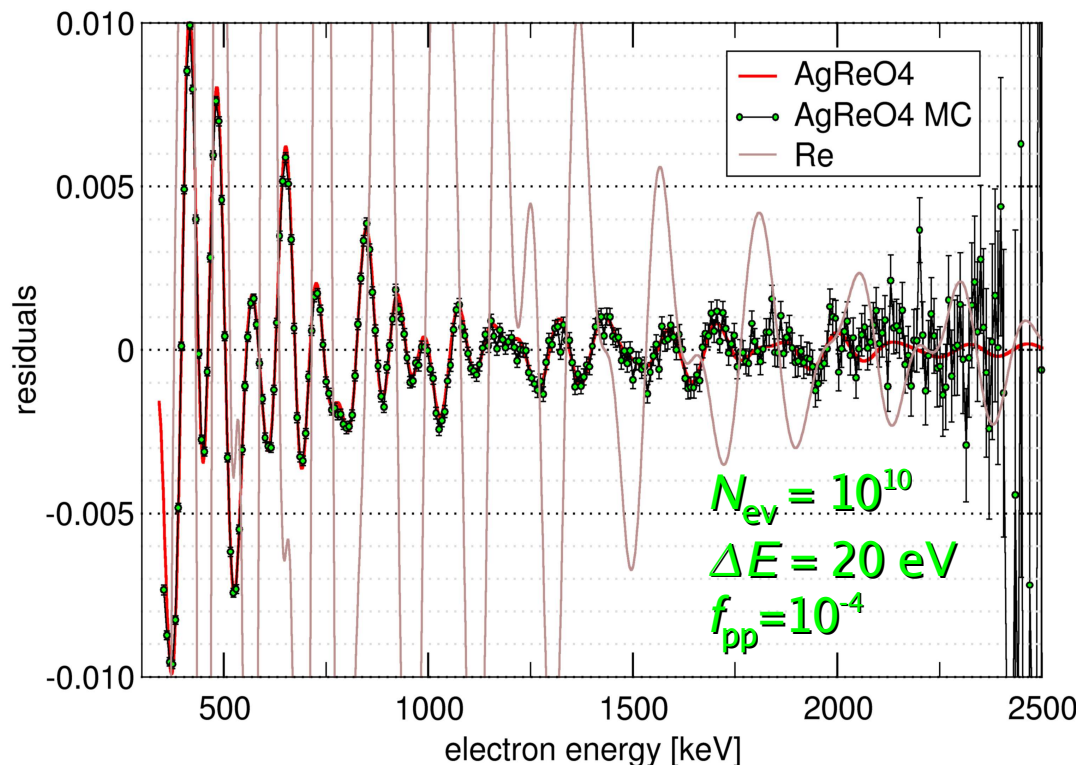
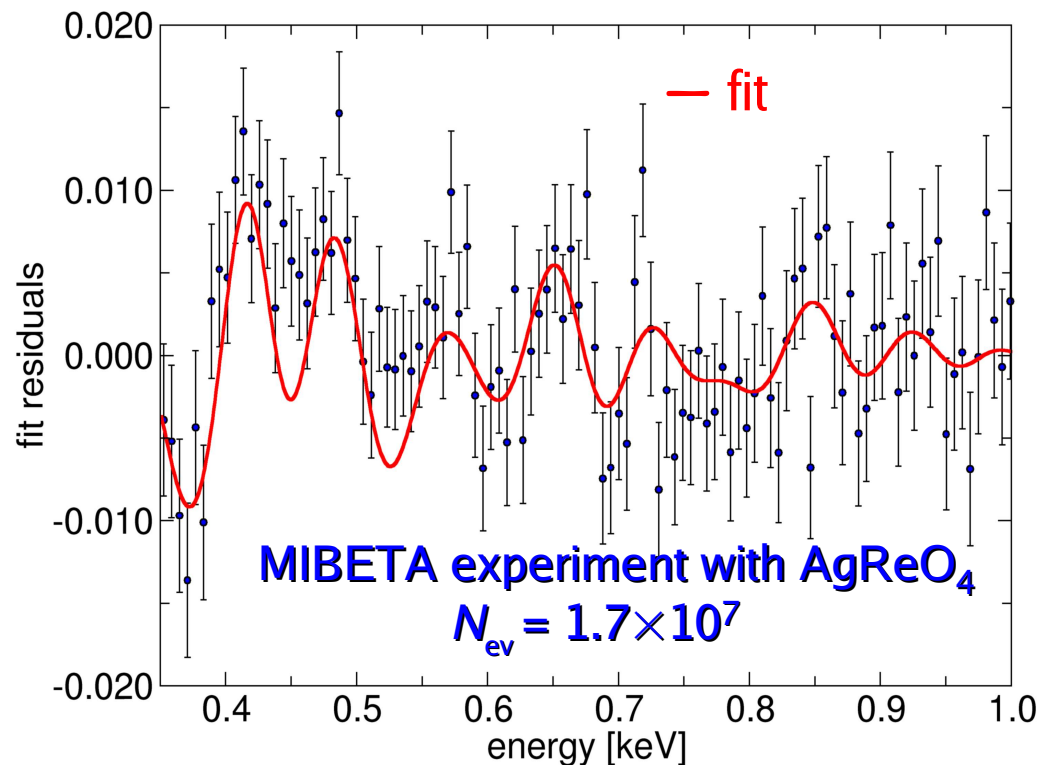
F. Fontanelli et al., NIM A 421 (1999) 464

MARE-2 MC simulations for 0.2 eV m_ν sensitivity

- ▷ statistics N_{ev}
- ▷ energy resolution ΔE
- ▷ time resolution Δt



MC analysis of systematics: BEFS



spectrum without BEFS

spectrum with BEFS