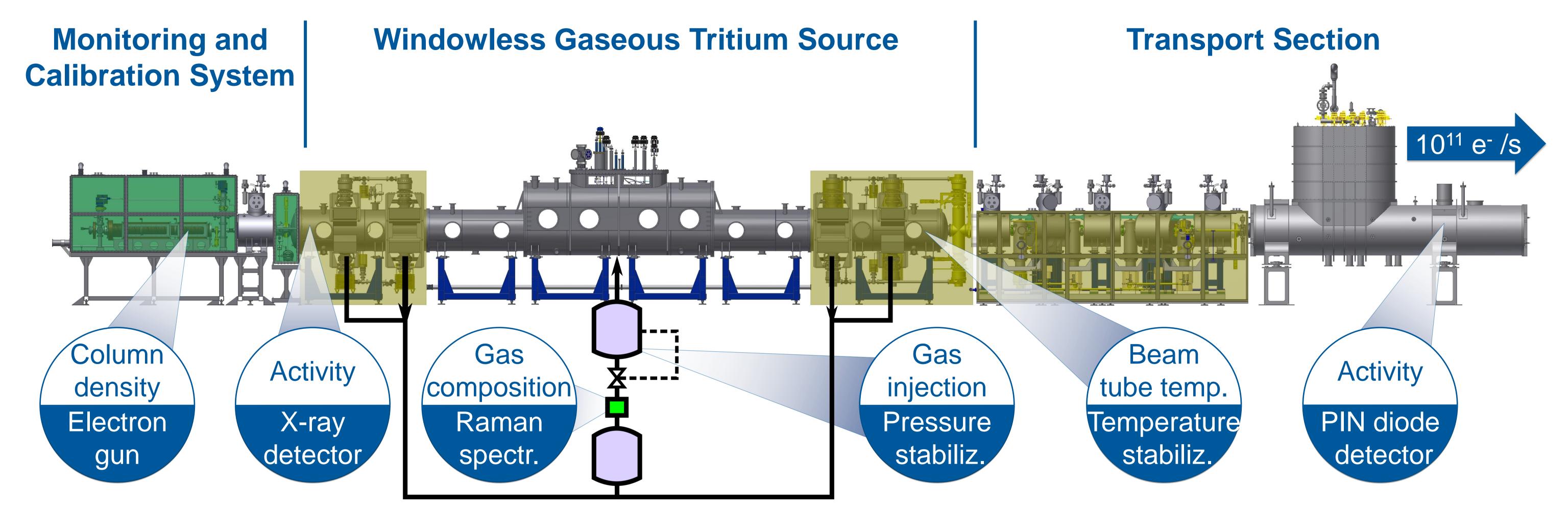
Matter and the Universe

**Topic 3:** *Matter and Radiation from the Universe* 

## Systematic Effects in the Tritium Source of KATRIN

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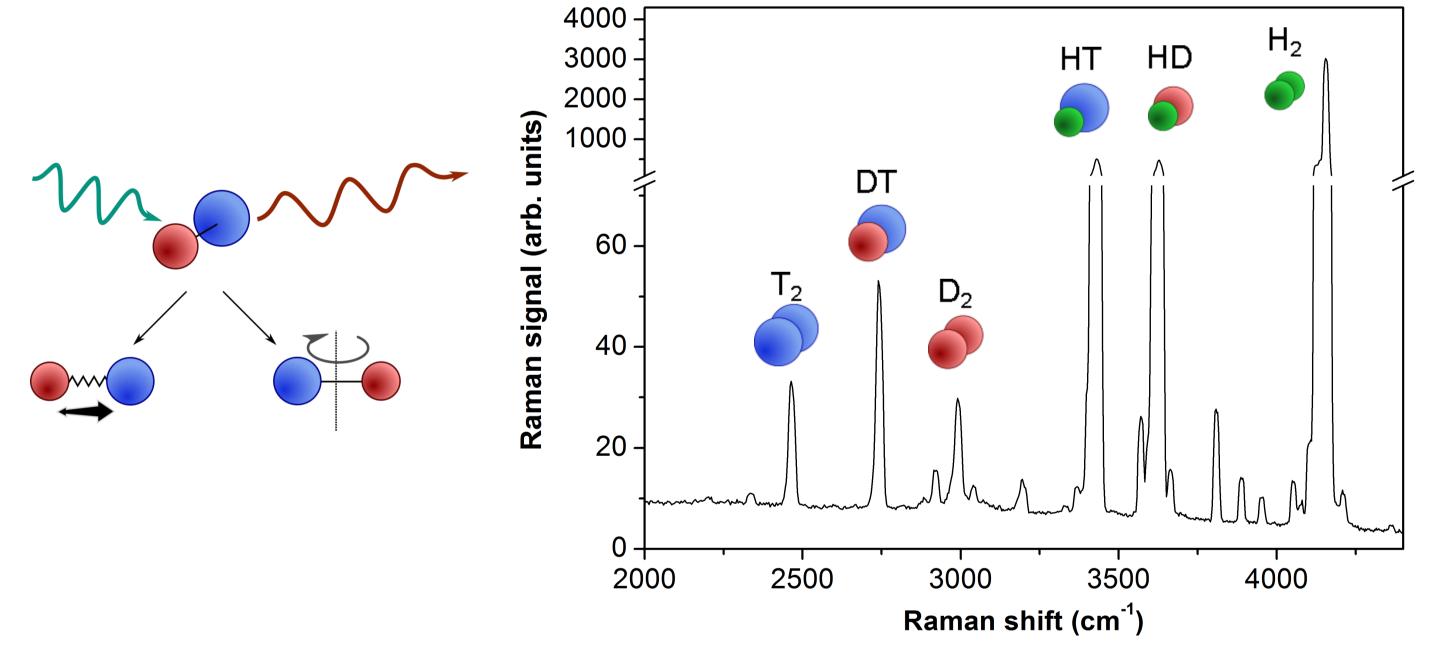
## Monitoring of the KATRIN Source and Transport System



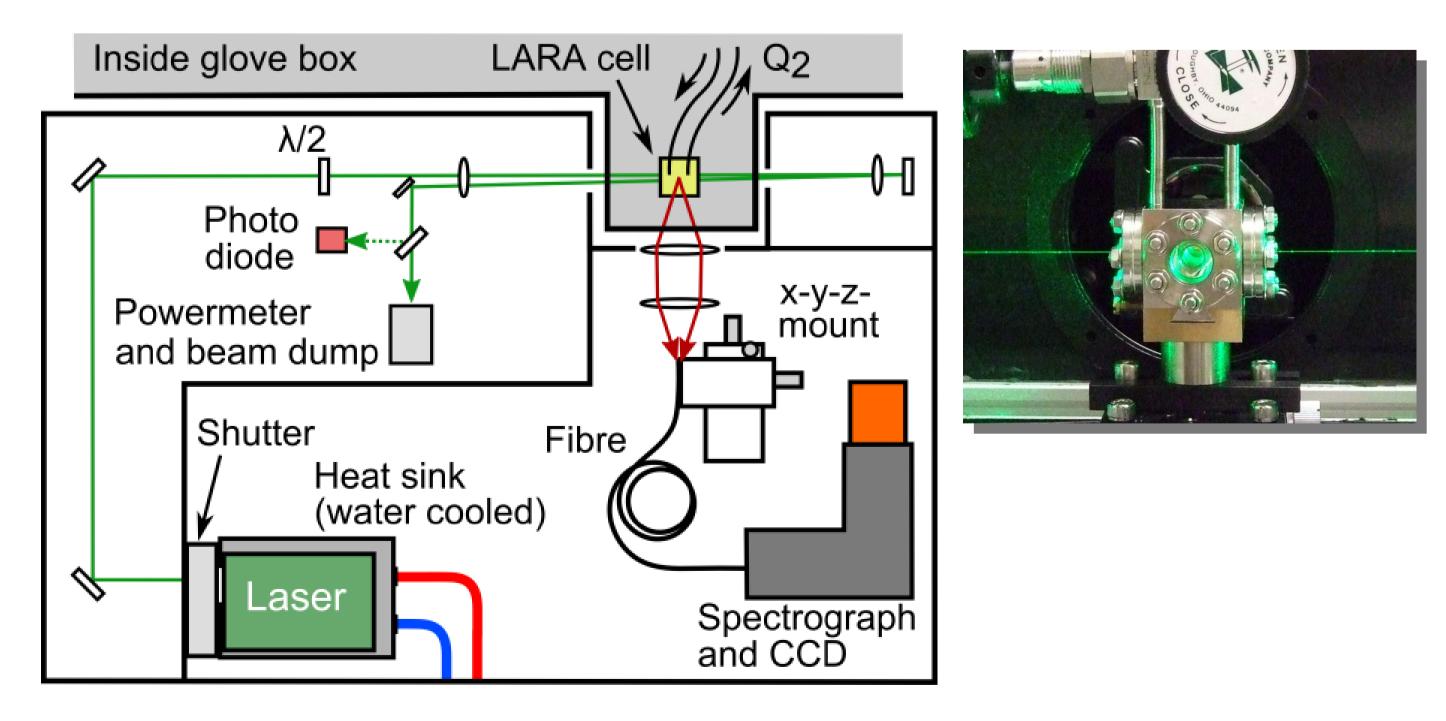
- Challenge: Improvement of systematics by a factor of 100 compared to previous experiments
- Closed tritium cycle: 10 kg T<sub>2</sub> / year
- Monitoring of temperature, activity, gas pressure and composition on 10<sup>-3</sup> level essential for target sensitivity
  of KATRIN (m<sub>v</sub> = 200 meV, 90% C.L.)
- Achieved temperature stability: 5 · 10<sup>-5</sup>
- Achieved pressure stability: 2 · 10<sup>-4</sup>
- Achieved activity and composition precision :  $< 10^{-3}$

## **Example: Raman Spectroscopy for Measurement of Tritium Purity**

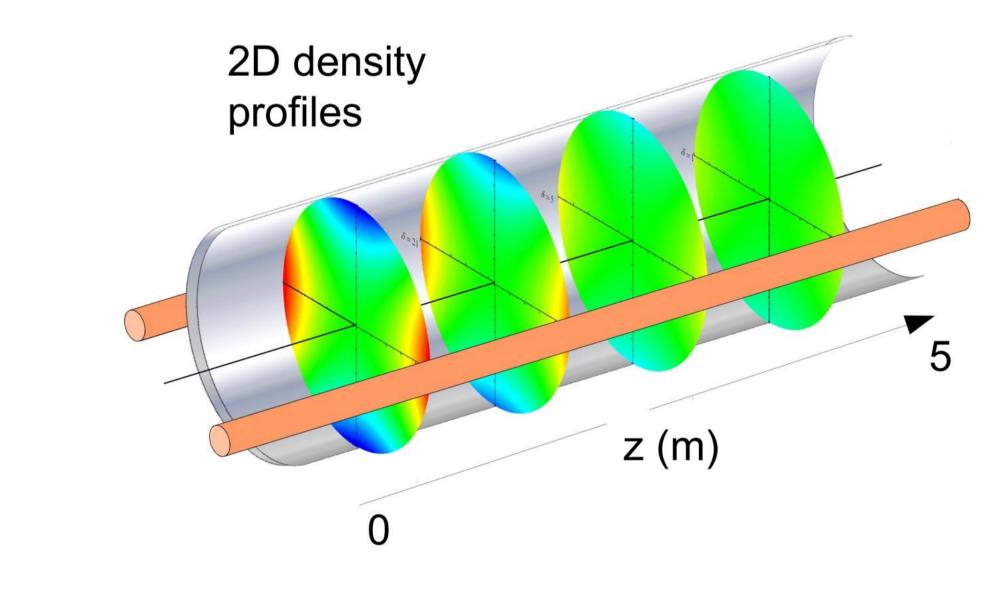
## Comprehensive Description of β-Spectrum and Energy Losses



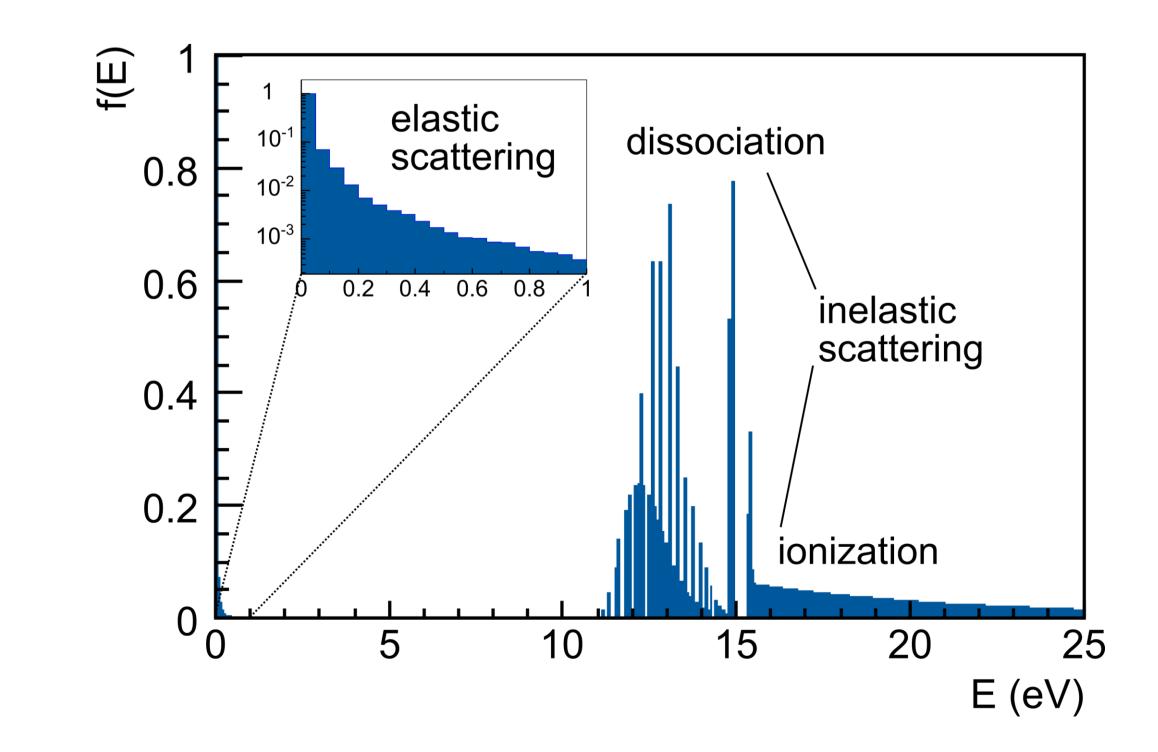
- Composition measurements with 60 s sampling time
- Achieved precision better than 10<sup>-3</sup>
- Calibration accuracy better than 3 %



• 3D and time-resolved source model



• Energy loss function of β-electrons



- Successful development of monitoring system for tritium purity
- Important for the source modeling

- KATRIN is able to minimize systematic effects in the neutrino mass analysis
- Prospects of reducing source-related systematics beyond design values

