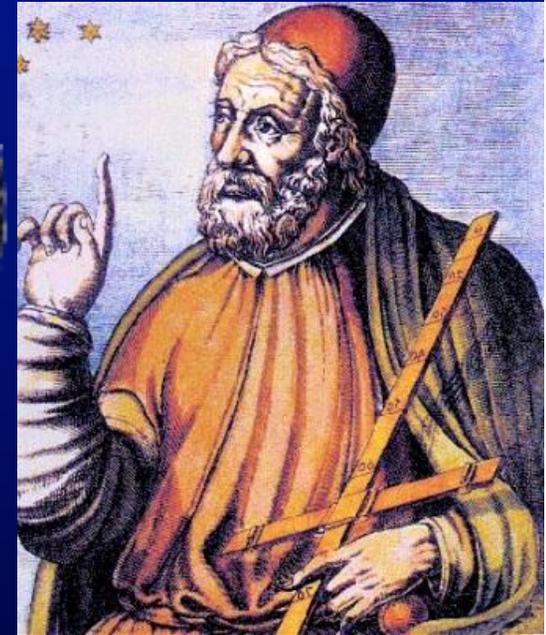
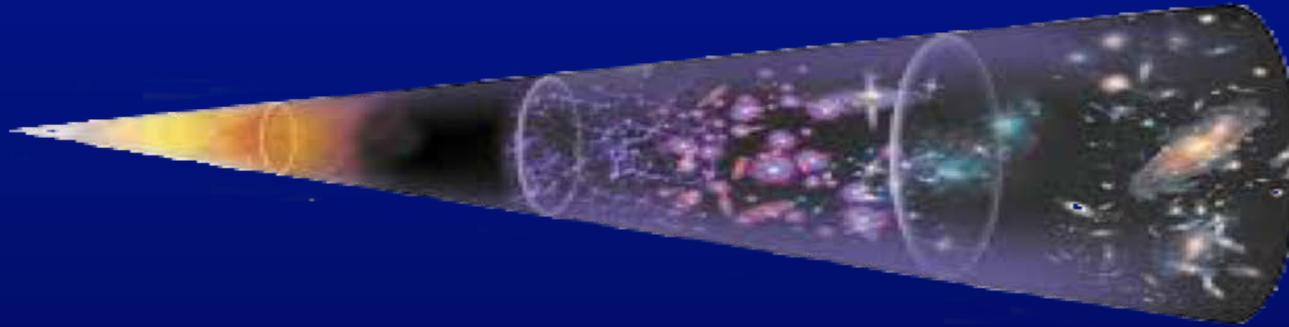


Observing the Big Bang with Relic Neutrinos (PTOLEMY)



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SNOWMASS NF04 SUPERNOVA & EARLY UNIVERSE NEUTRINO
WORKSHOP

14 DECEMBER 2020

Cosmic Neutrino Background

Number density:

$$n_\nu = 112/\text{cm}^3$$

Temperature:

$$T_\nu \sim 1.95\text{K}$$

Time of decoupling:

$$t_\nu \sim 1 \text{ second}$$

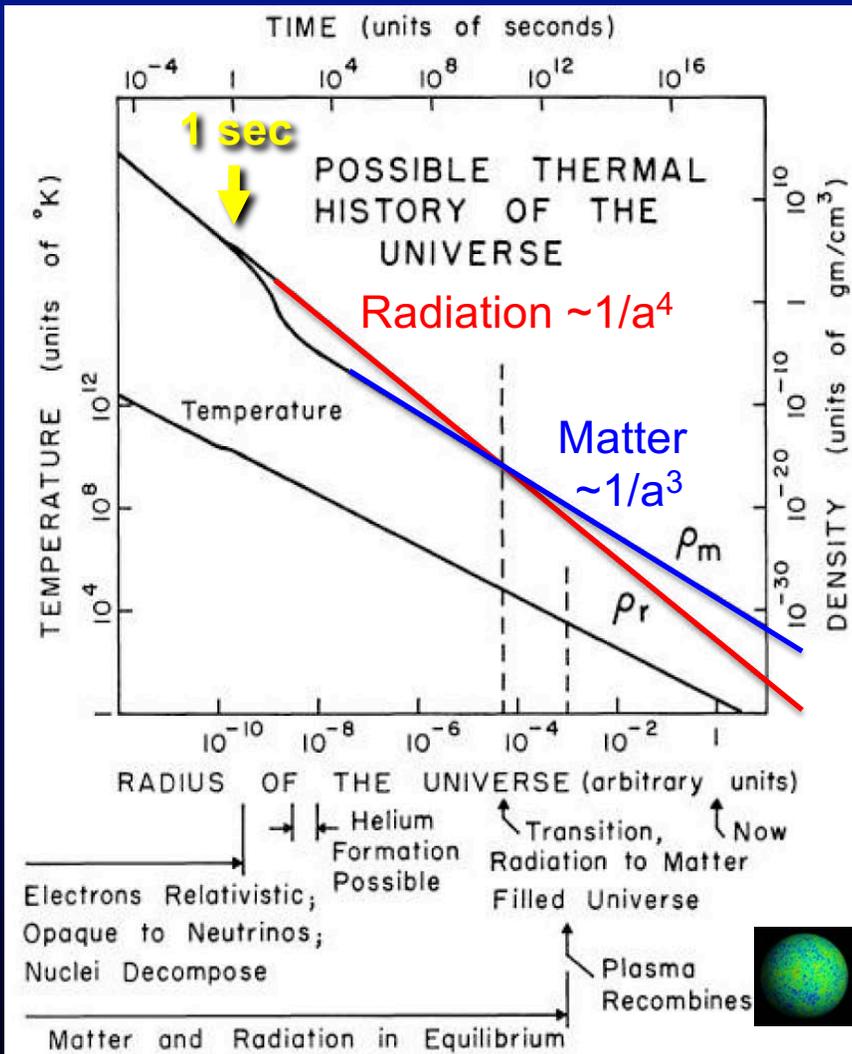
~50% of the Total Energy Density of the Universe

neutron/proton ratio

@start of nucleosynthesis

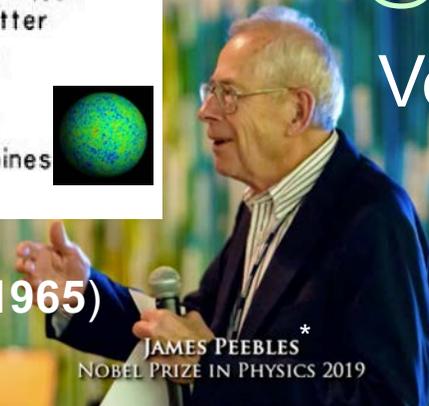
Velocity distribution:

$$\langle v_\nu \rangle \sim T_\nu / m_\nu$$



Dicke, Peebles*, Roll, Wilkinson (1965)

[Cosmology's Century \(2020\)](#)

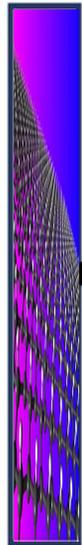


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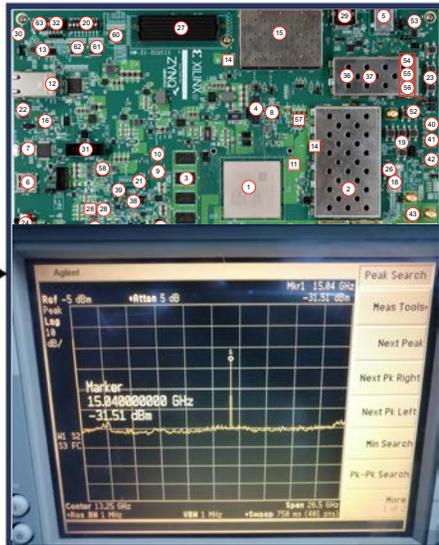
Non-linear distortions
Villaescusa-Navarro et al (2013)

PTOLEMY Conceptual Block Diagram

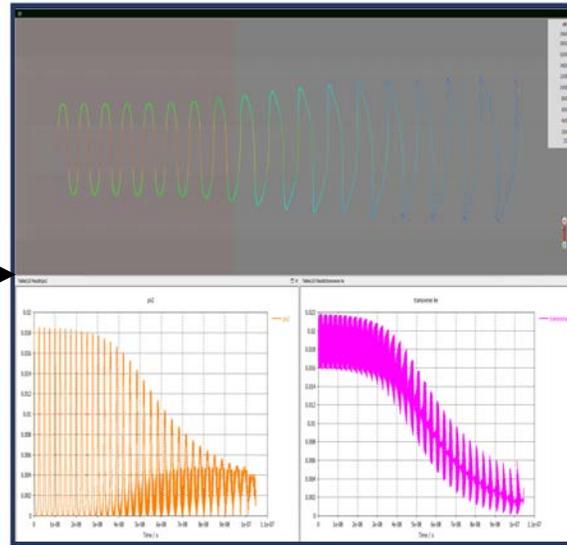
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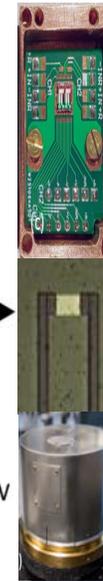
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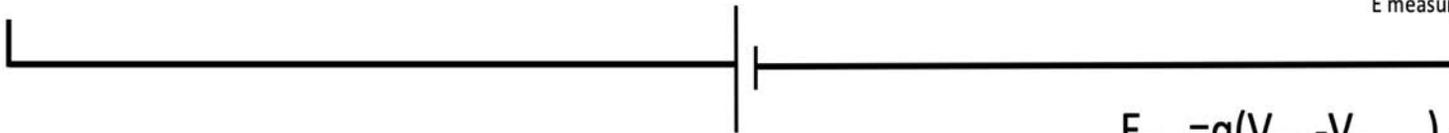


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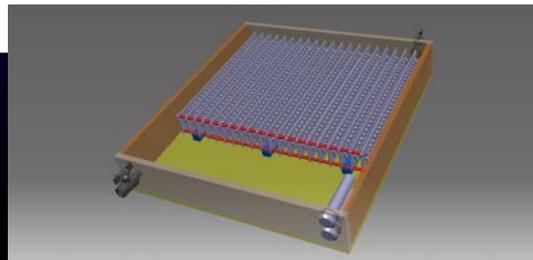


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PTOLEMY Experiment Expertise

Areas of Technology/Expands Neutrino Experiment-Base

Material Science/Quantum Devices:

- Development of Target and related nano-fabrication projects (G-FET, CNT)

RF Sensing, Triggering and Readout:

- Single-Electron RF Momentum Measurements, Horns and equiv-5G Processing

Novel Transverse Drift Filter Design:

- Most compact, high precision EM spectrometer
- Fast HV dynamical setting
- New method for e-Gun calibration source (filter run in reverse)

Magnet Design with Integrated Vacuum Cryostat:

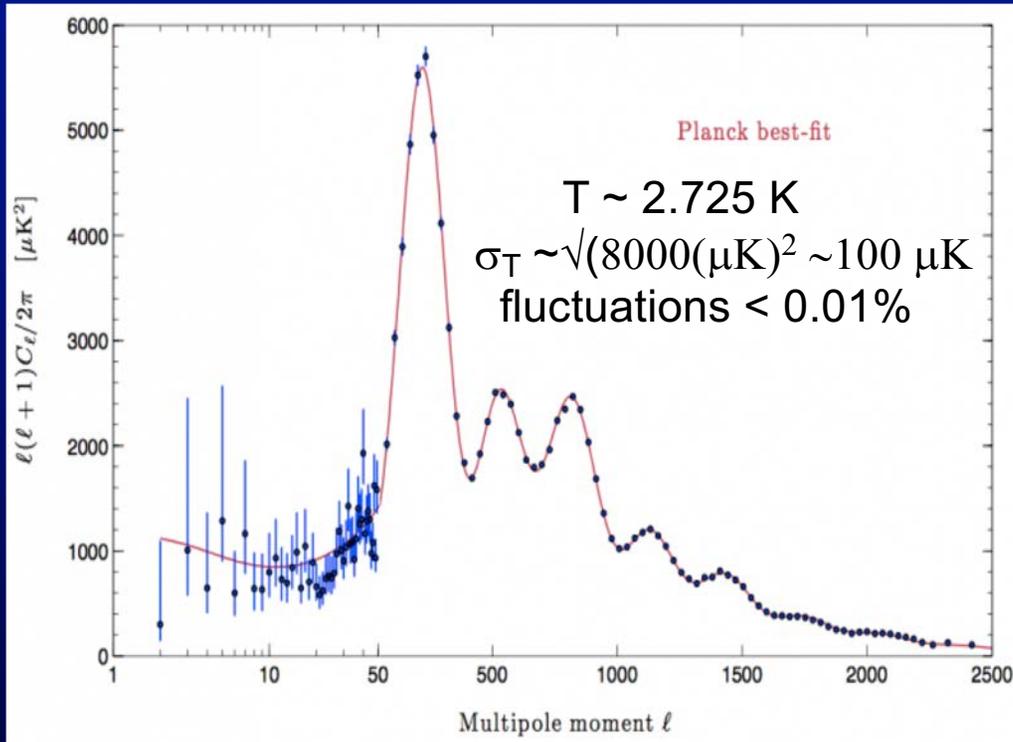
- Compact design using custom iron poleface/return yoke

TES micro-calorimeter measurements on low energy electrons:

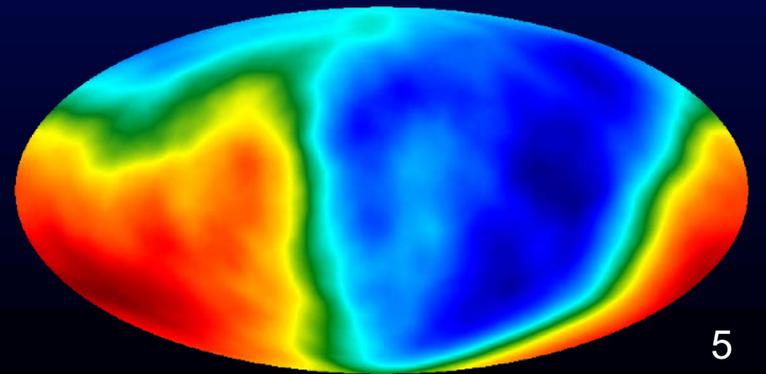
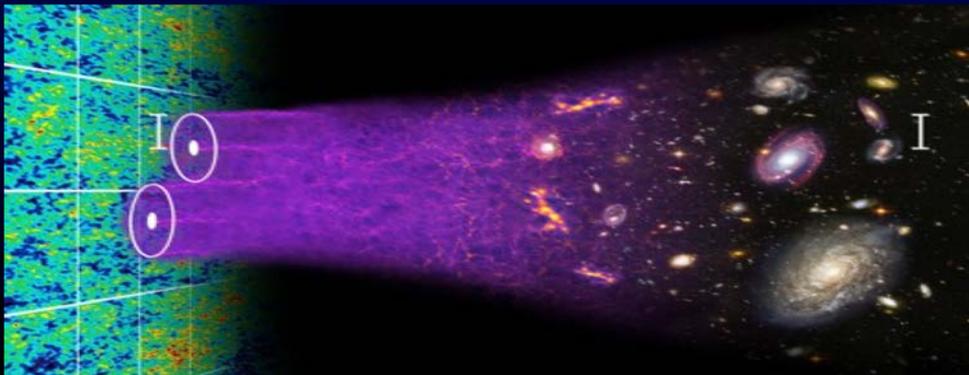
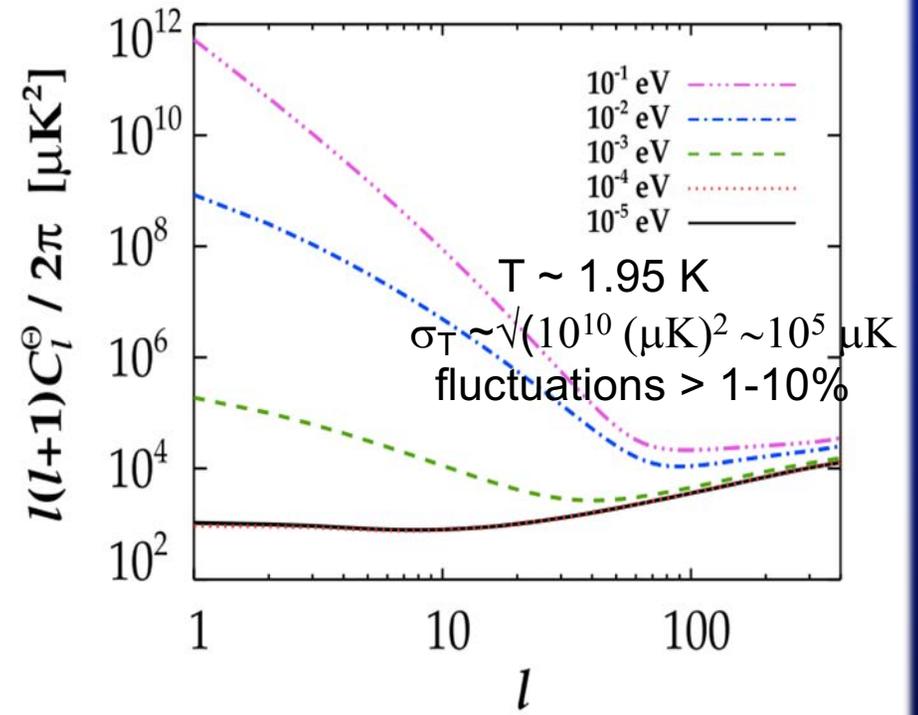
- Highest resolution IR photon detector recently redesigned for electrons

Neutrino Flux on the Sky

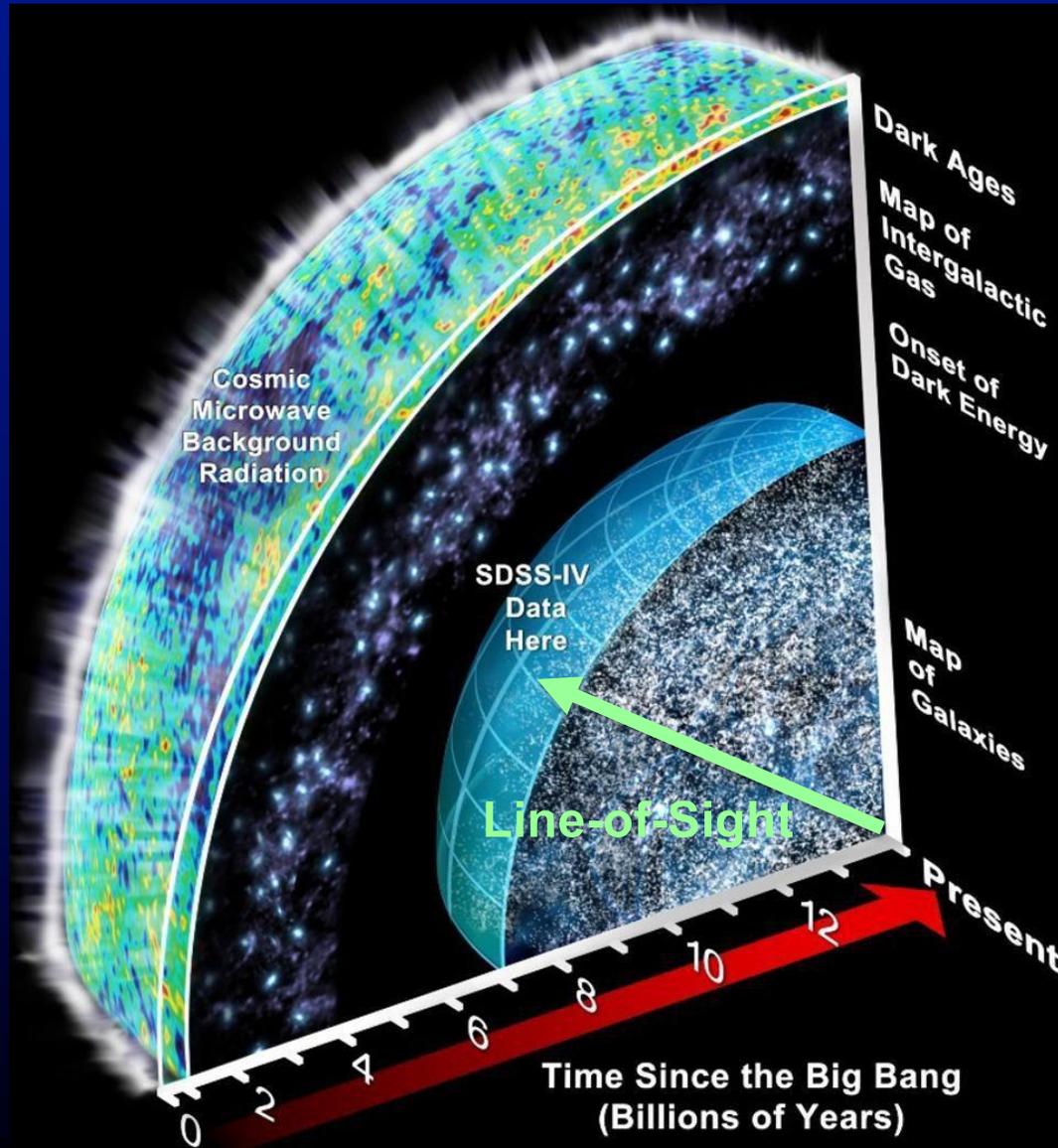
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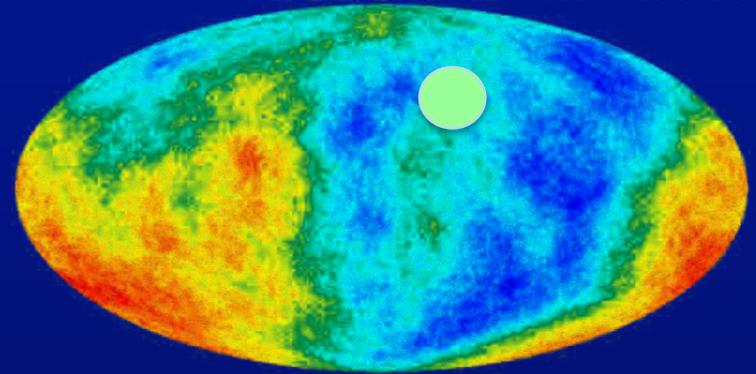
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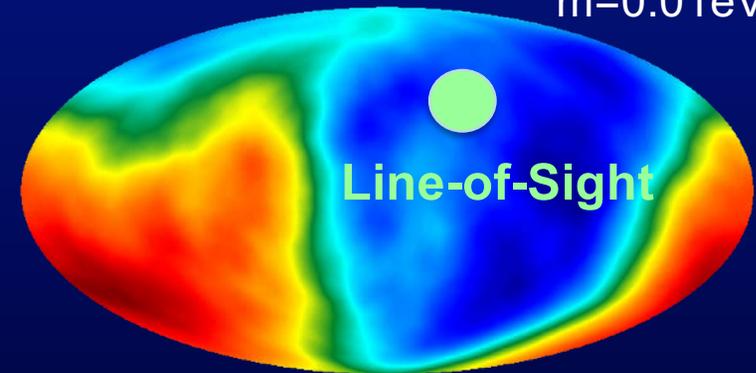
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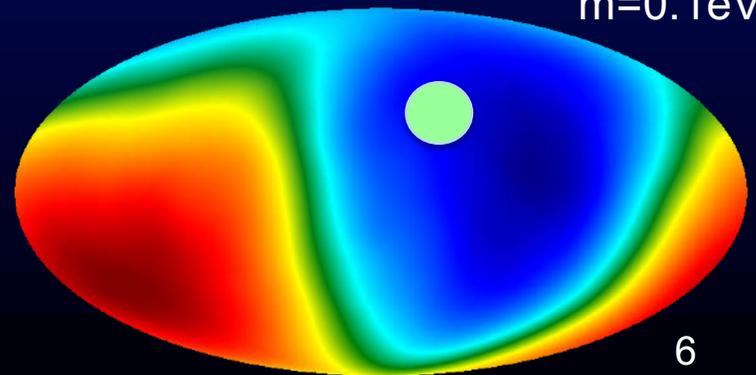
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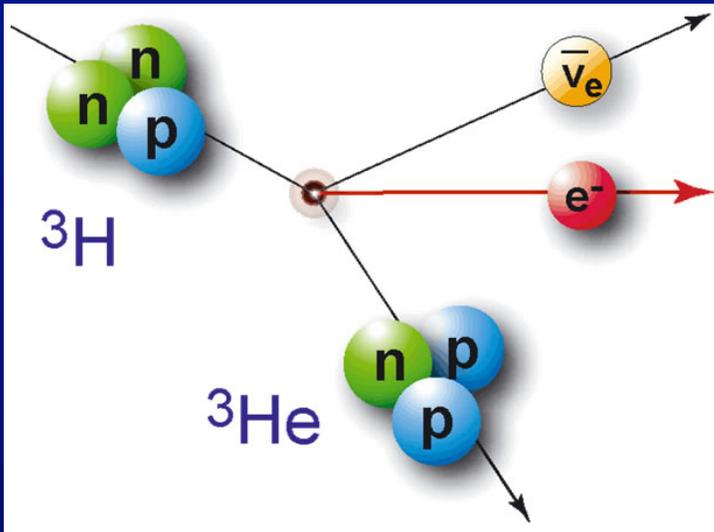
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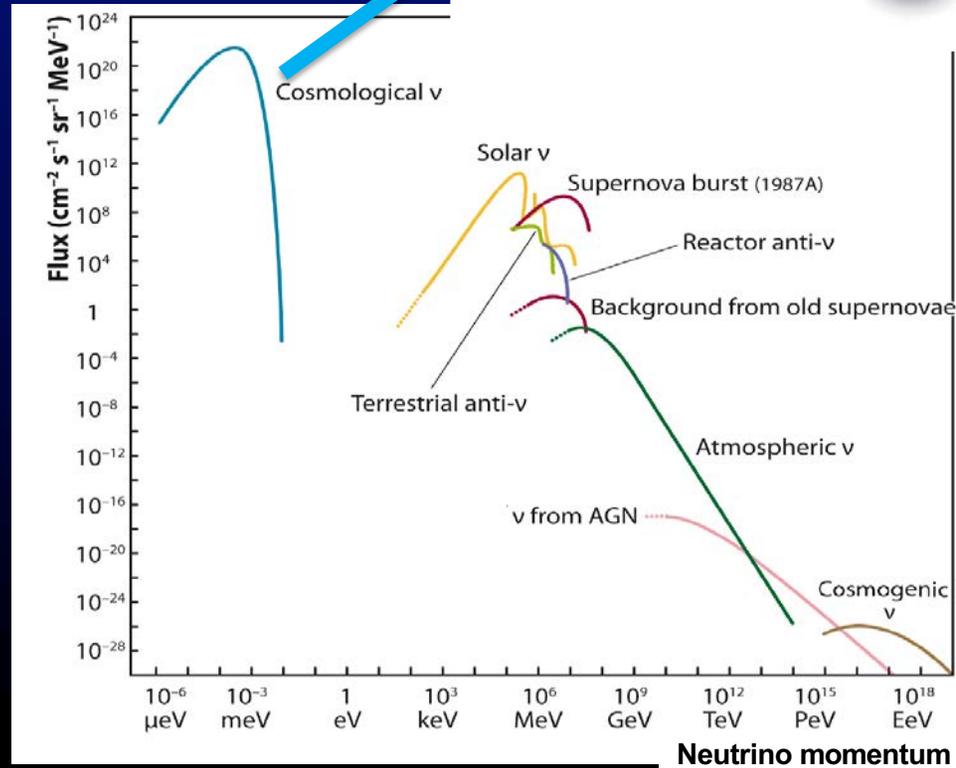
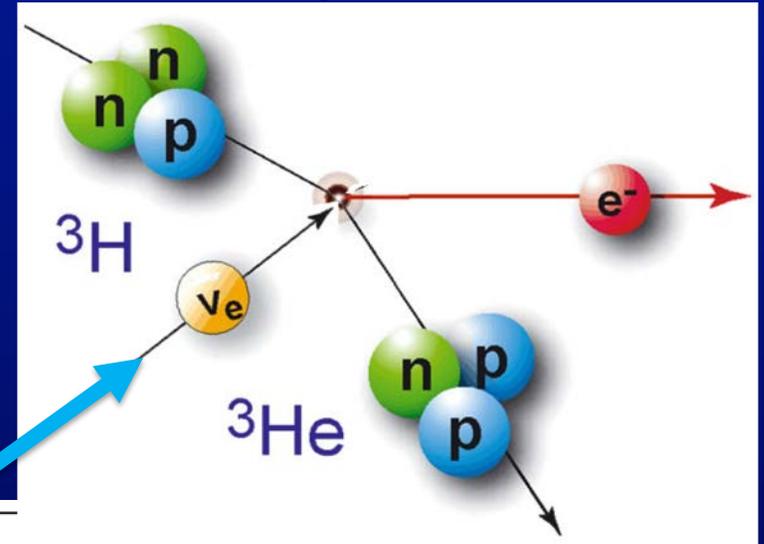
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Neutrino capture on Tritium

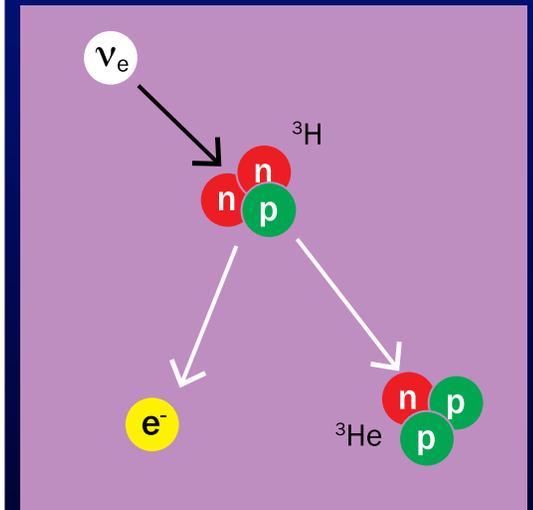
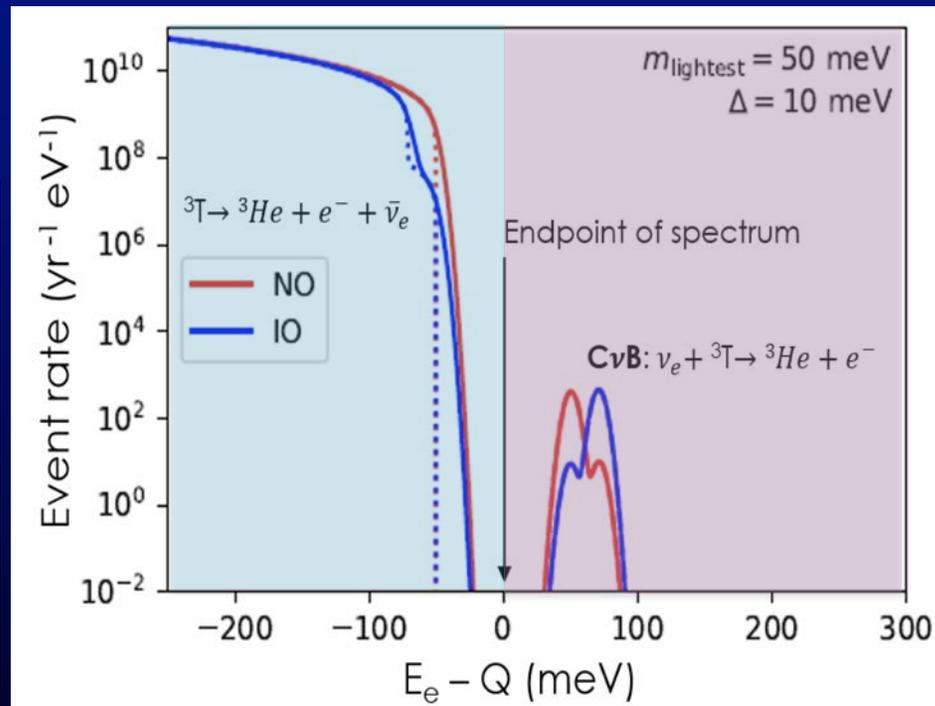
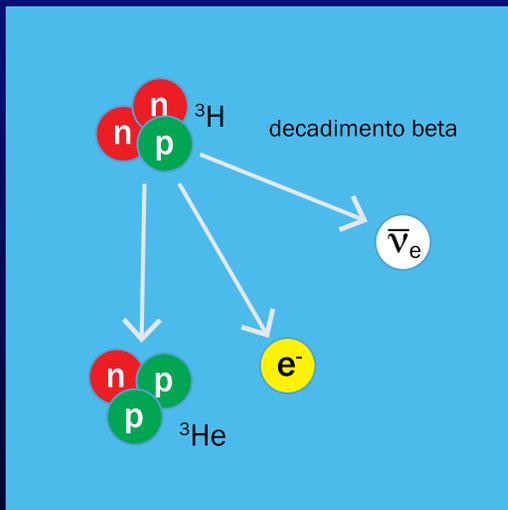


Tritium β -decay
(12.3 yr half-life)



Detection Concept: Neutrino Capture

- Basic concepts for relic neutrino detection were laid out in a paper by Steven Weinberg in **1962** [*Phys. Rev.* 128:3, 1457] applied for the first time to massive neutrinos in **2007** by Cocco, Mangano, Messina [[DOI: 10.1088/1475-7516/2007/06/015](https://doi.org/10.1088/1475-7516/2007/06/015)]



What do we know?

Electron flavor expected with
 $m > \sim 50 \text{ meV}$
 from neutrino oscillations

Gap ($2m$) constrained to
 $m < \sim 200 \text{ meV}$
 from Cosmology

Next

Conceptual Block Diagram

E_{β}



- **Recent publications on hydrogenation of Graphene:**
 - Three-dimensional microporous graphene
 - High hydrogen coverage on graphene via low temperature plasma (36% mono, 45% tri-layer)
 - New theory calculations on final-state interactions
- **NanoUV and CNT Dark Matter grants/developments**
- **Graphene FET sensor development**
- **New ideas for a precision $^{83}\text{Rb}/^{83}\text{mKr}$ Source**

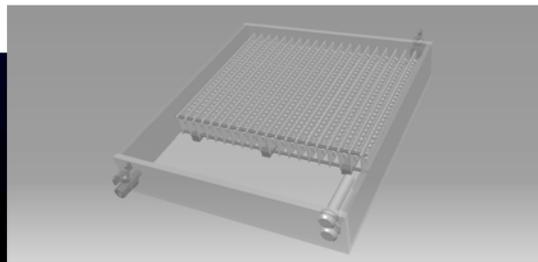
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Tritium Target

One of most severe challenges of probing $\sim 50\text{meV}$ neutrino masses with nuclear processes is to control the initial-to-final state transitions of the target nuclei – tritium

Hierarchy of Quantum-limited Zero-Point Motion

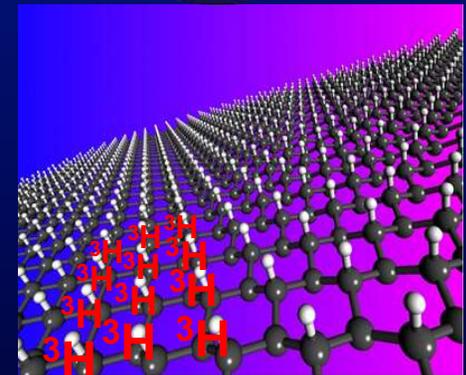


T-T molecule (4.7eV covalent bond) computed $\Delta E \sim 340\text{meV}$

- ro-vibrational states w/ $\sim 56.5\%$ from $(\text{He}^3\text{-T})^*$ (TRIMS)
- KATRIN cold gas windowless source

T-Graphene Monolayer (0.7-1.0eV covalent bond) $\sim x\sqrt{1.0/4.7}$

- vibrational and phonon excitations
- photon recoils with higher effective mass (Mossbauer)
- Tri-Layer / doped-Graphene (increased 2D diffusion)

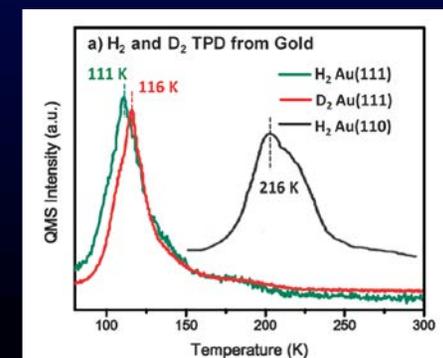


T-Au(111) or Cu(111) mono-atomic surface cryogenic target

- diffusion barrier 0.15eV for 2D motion $\sim x\sqrt{0.15/4.7}$ high pitch

T-dissociated in superfluid ^4He (full 3D diffusion)

- Atomic T recombination $\sim 0.5\text{-}6$ months and circulated target
- (D. Lee) <http://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.89.175301>



Conceptual Block Diagram

E_{β}

- **RF Simulations with CST**

- Plans for LNGS with electron bouncing geometries
- RF signal analyzer at LNGS

- **ZCU111 RFSoc Development for RF Tracking**

- Recently started at MiB

- **Project 8 collaboration on amplifiers/mixers**

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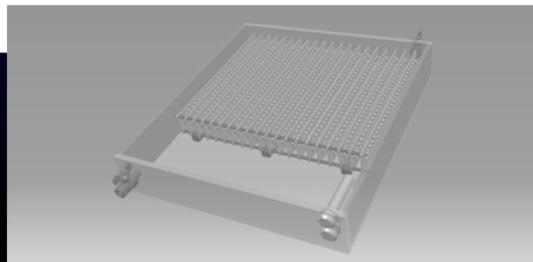
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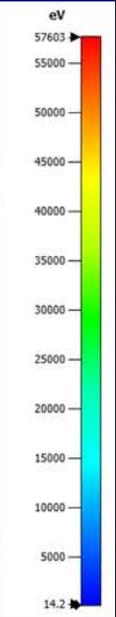
Electron Transport through RF antennas

RF Antenna Region

← Target

Dynamic EM Filter Region

Calorimeter →

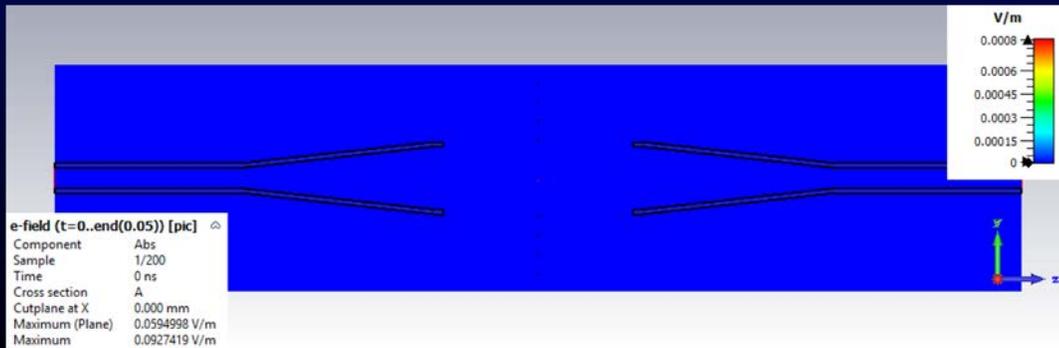
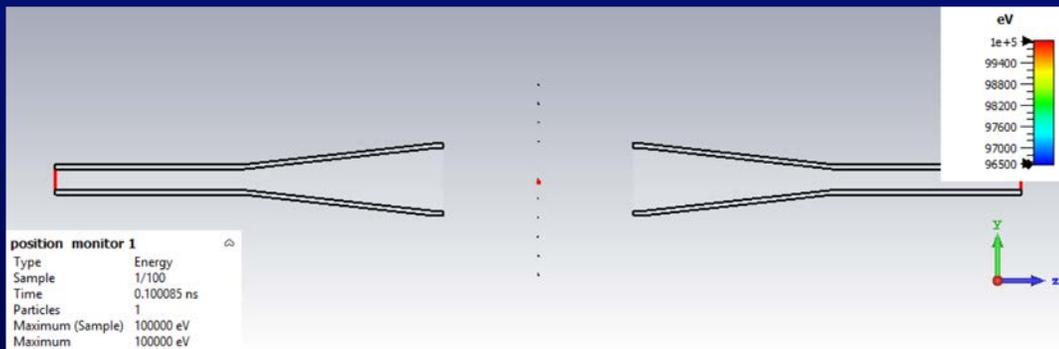
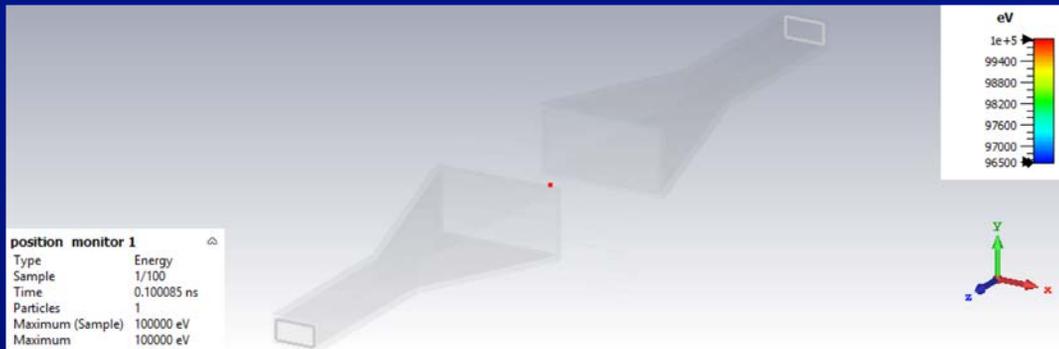


Trajectories	
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Time	870.046 ns
Maximum (Sample)	57603.3 eV
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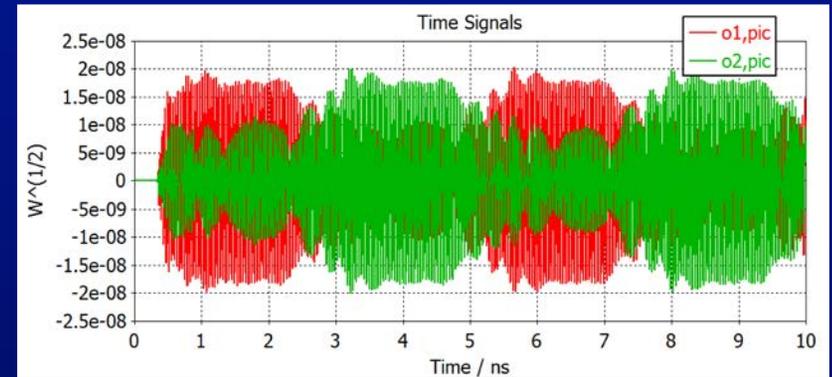
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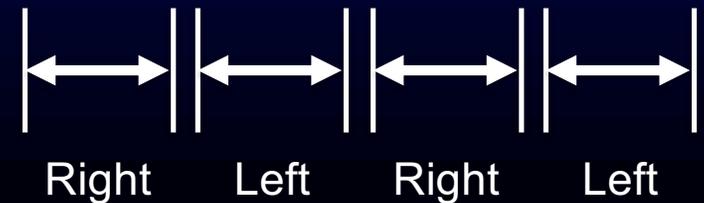
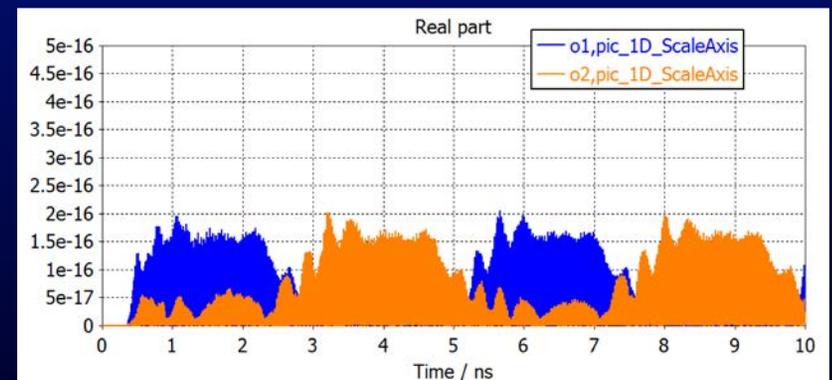
RF Sensing



Time Series (~26 GHz)

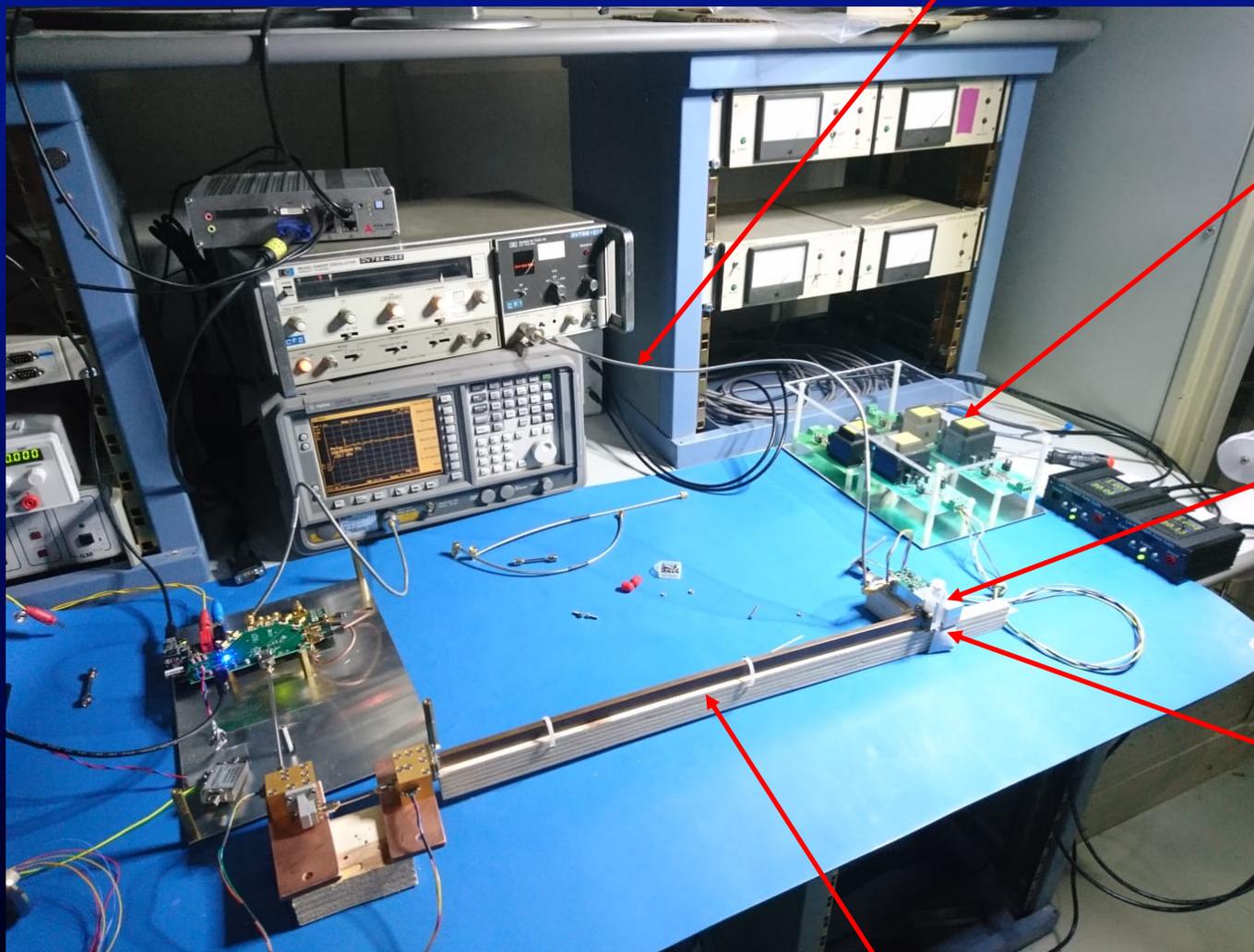


Power (~0.1 fW)



LNGS Setup

Signal injection: ~13 GHz



4 Low voltage channels

Frequency multiplier

Calibrated 1 cm water absorber

Alfredo Cocco, George Korga,
Marcello Messina

WR42 Waveguide from Princeton

Conceptual Block Diagram

E_{β}

- **New Developments on EM Filter**

- Interleaved parallel and transverse momentum reduction
- More accurate accounting for curvature drift

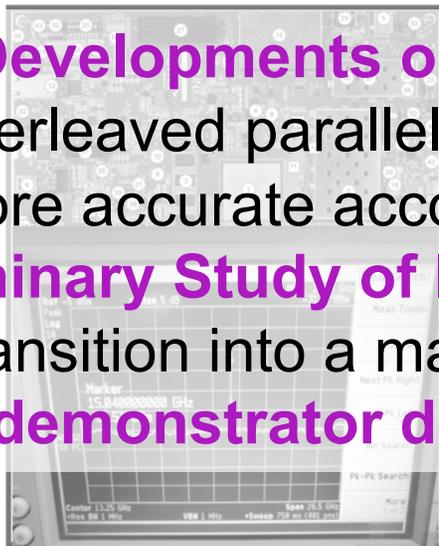
- **Preliminary Study of Filter to Calorimeter w/ Einzel Lens**

- Transition into a magnetically shielded vacuum region

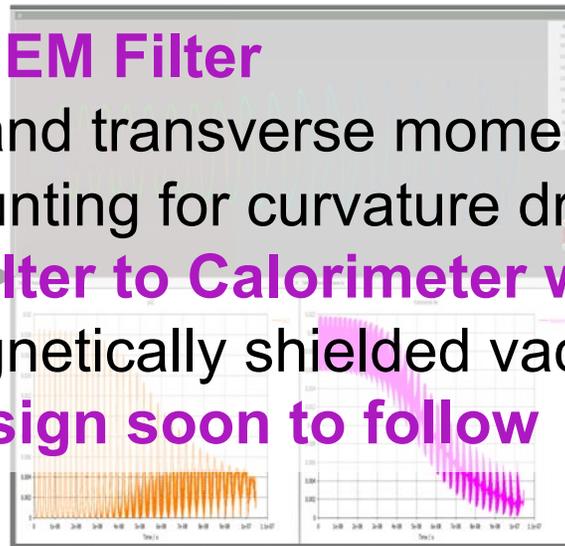
- **Filter demonstrator design soon to follow**



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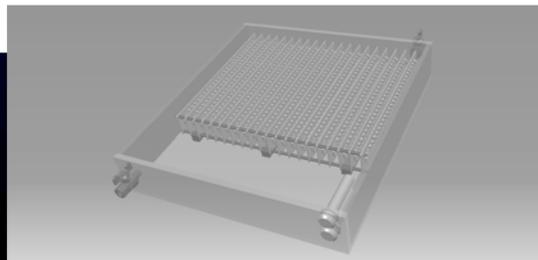
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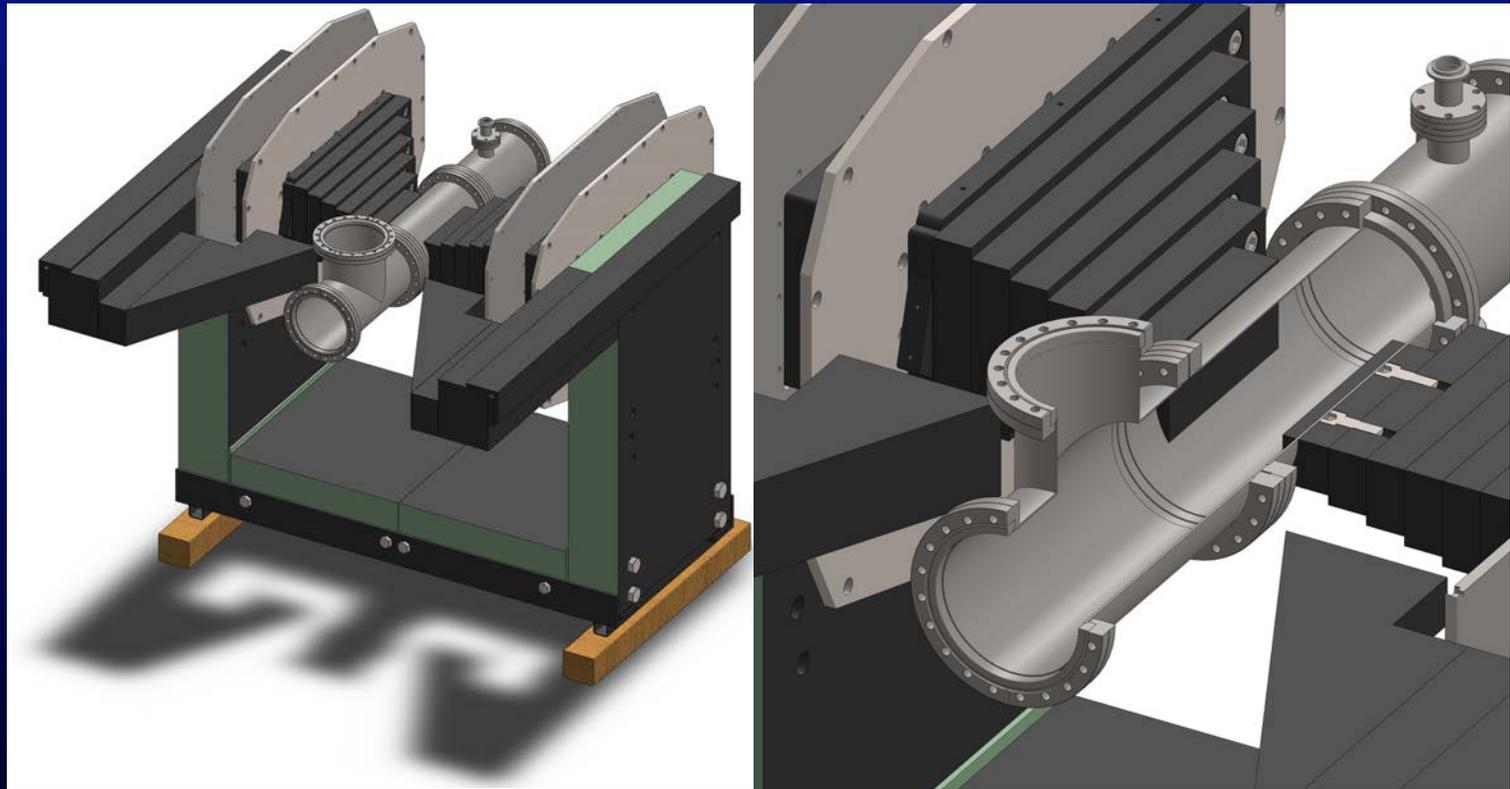


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Magnet and Vacuum chamber

- Standard 6" tube with 8" CF flanges as the vacuum chamber.
- The iron poles were trimmed by the vacuum chamber.



Andy Tan

Transverse Drift Filter

Principle of Operation:

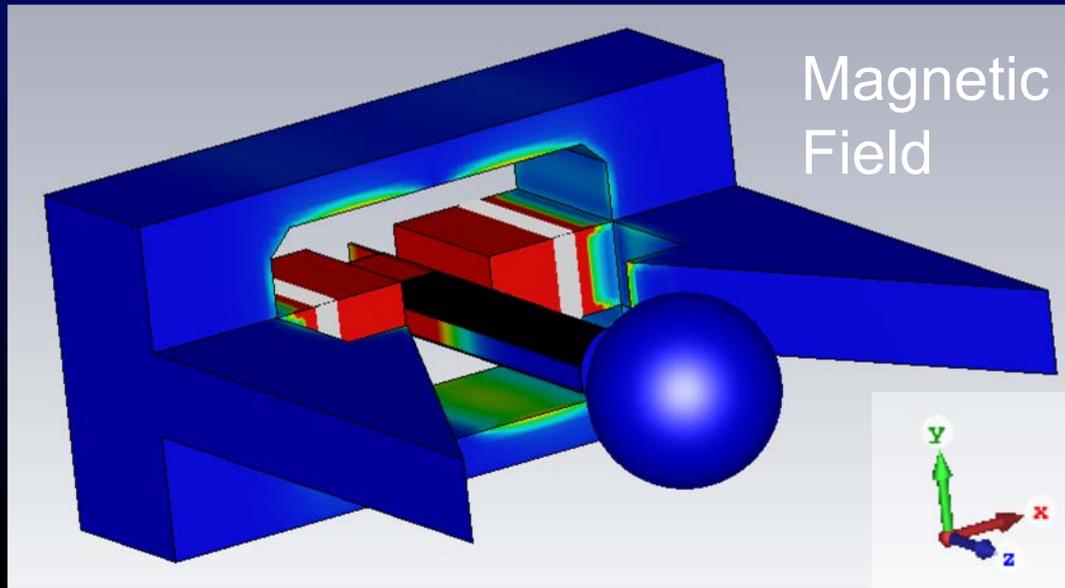
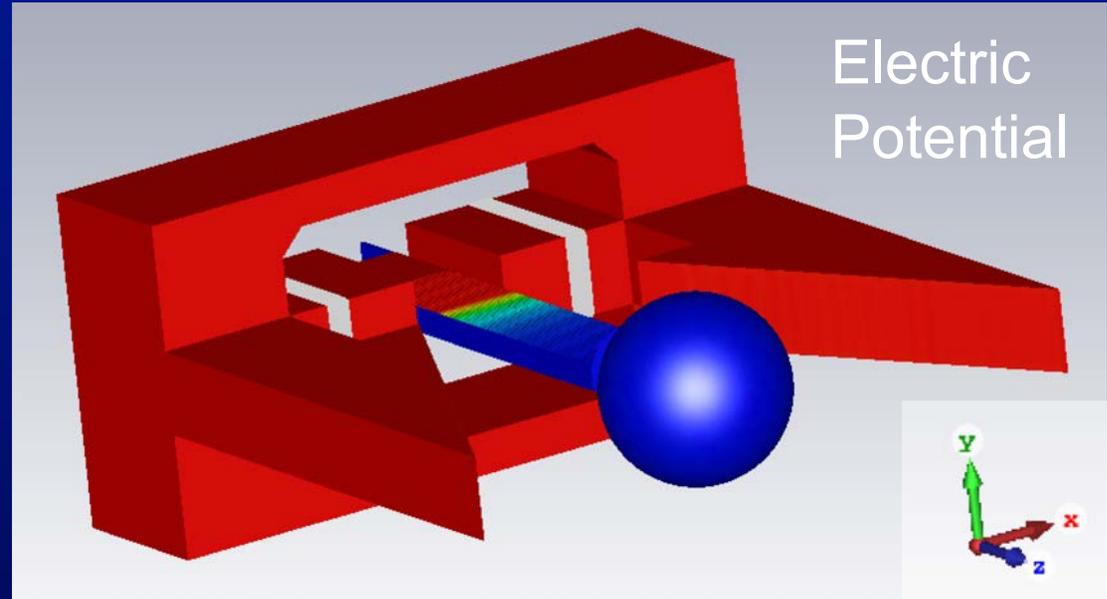
Kinetic Energy of electron drained by climbing a voltage potential with second-order transverse drift

E Field drops exponentially

E_x bounces electron in x

E_y drifts in z ($B_x \times E_y$)

E_z counters grad-B y-drift



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grad-B drifts in y (work)

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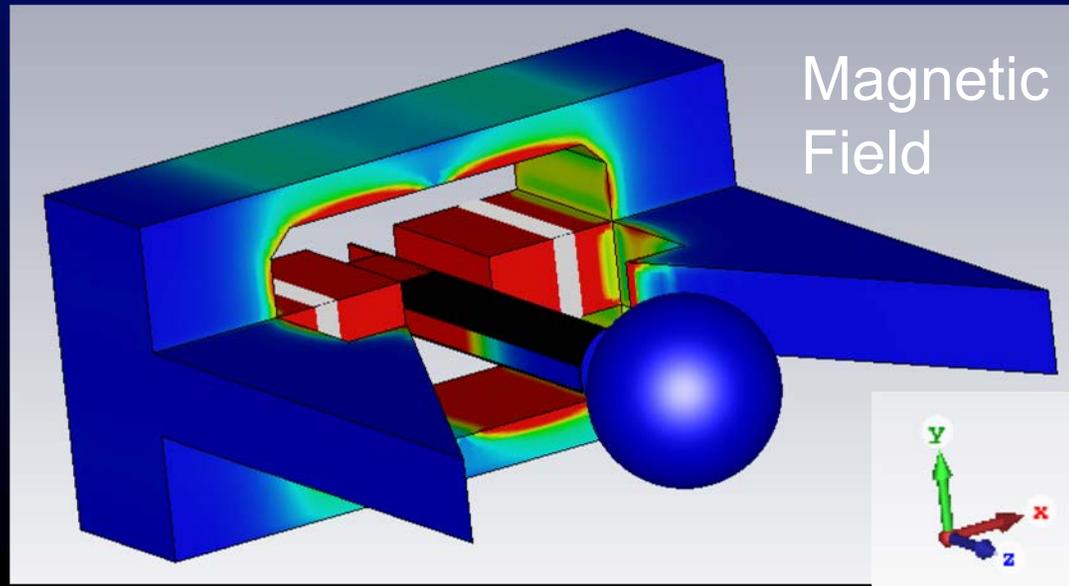
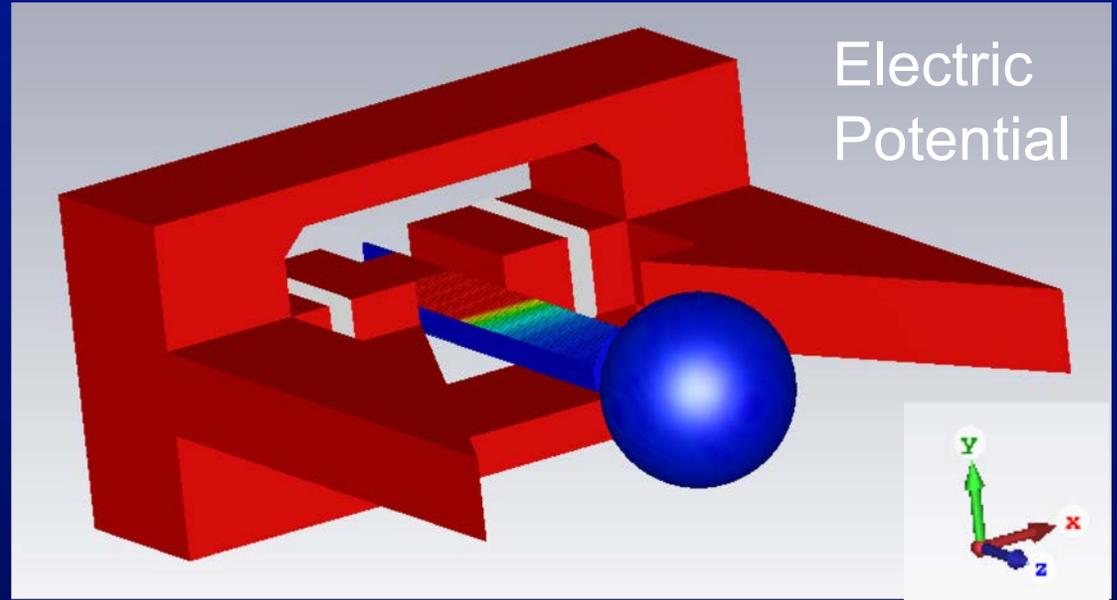
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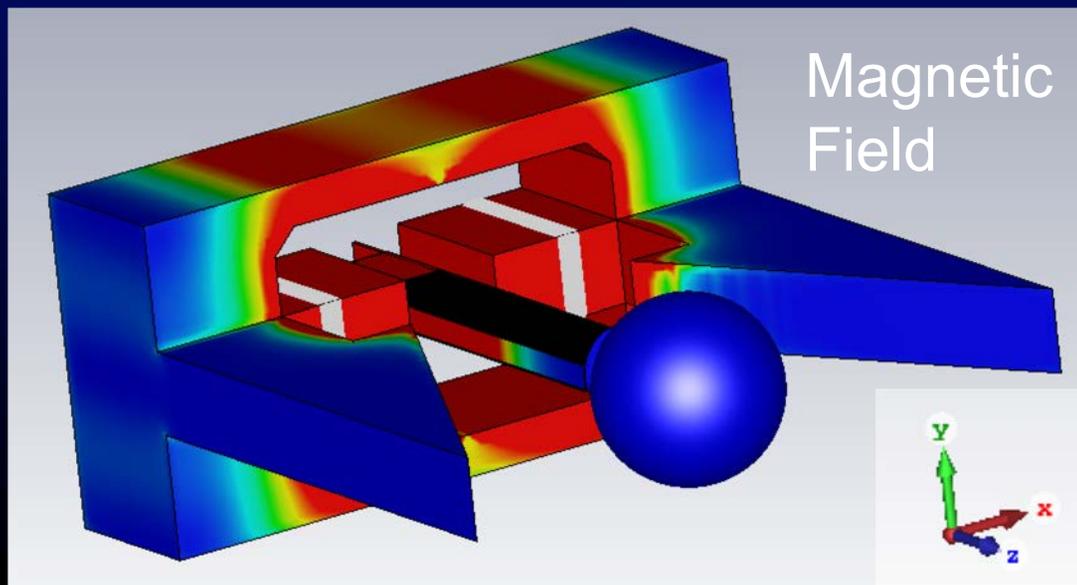
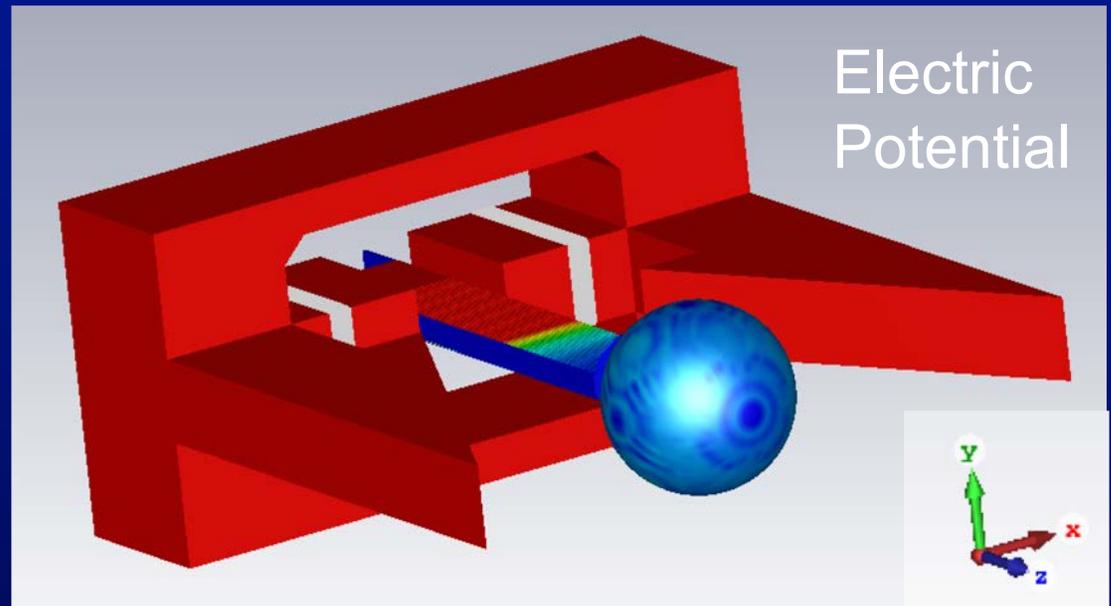
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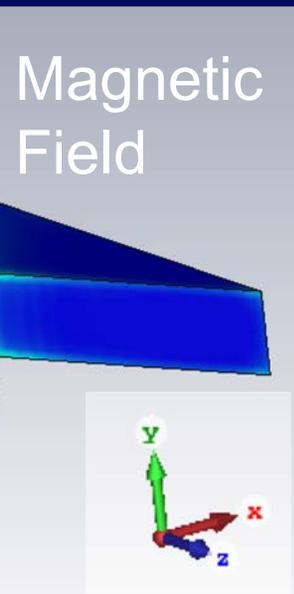
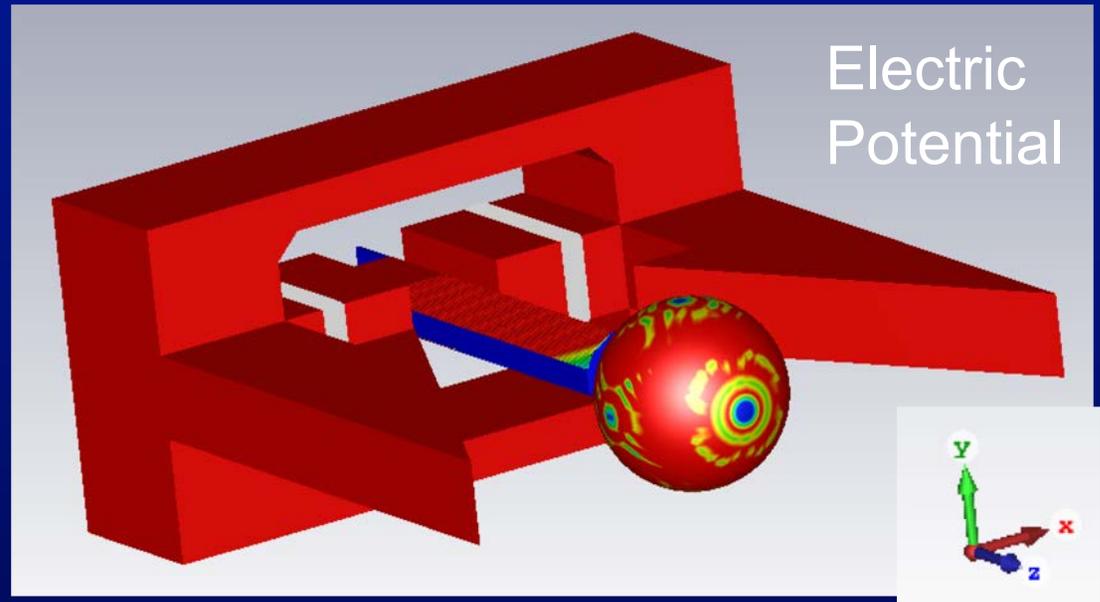
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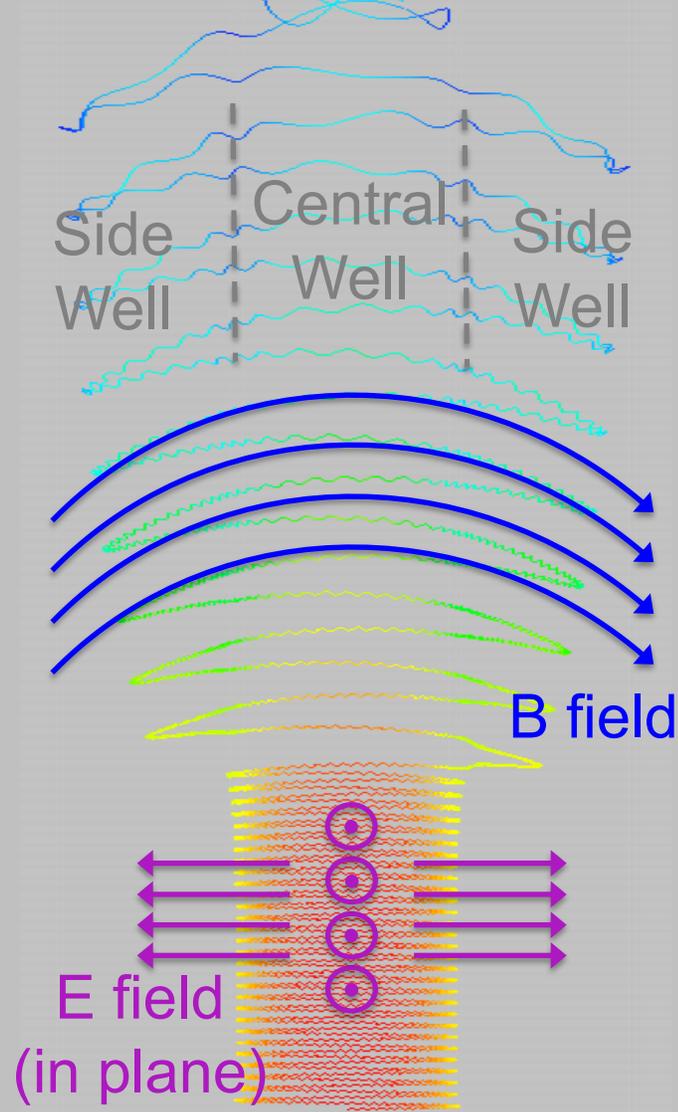
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Parallel/Transverse Kinetic Energy → Electric Potential

Electron in EM filter



Blue = ~ 100 eV KE

~ 25 cm



“Herringbone Technique”

Red = 18,600 eV KE

Conceptual Block Diagram

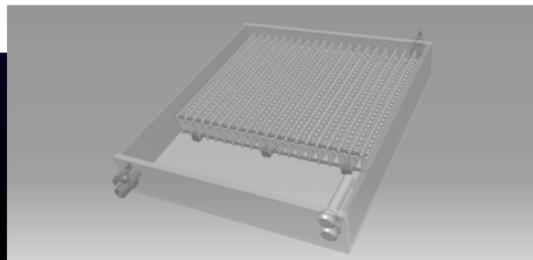
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- **TES Developments at INRiM/MiB/Genova/Roma**
 - Conf. Publication: [TES Microcalorimeters for PTOLEMY](#)
 - $\sim 0.05\text{eV}$ resolution for 10eV electrons (0.022eV for 1eV)
- **New ADR setup and thin film TES optimized for electrons**
 - Device evaluation with IR photon counting
- **New ideas/grant proposals on TES voltage/arrays**
 - Potential to fine tune dynamic range
 - Studies on electron recoil/low energy losses
- **Commissioning of LNGS OI MX400 Dilution Refrigerator**



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- **New Design of HV System**

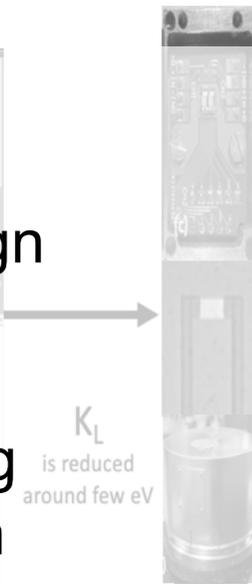
- Layout and components available at LNGS
- Preliminary simulations show that the design specifications can be met with this system

- **E-gun Developments at LNGS**

- Helmholtz canceling coils tests and working
- MCP detectors for single electron detection

- **New E-gun Design under development**

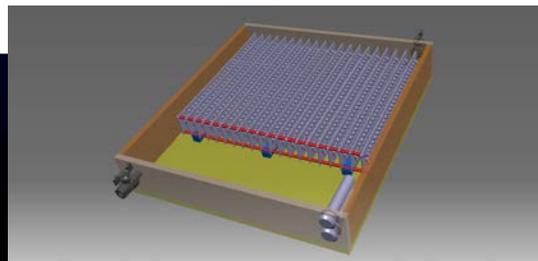
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PTOLEMY R&D at LNGS

PonTecorvo Observatory for Light, Early-universe, Massive-neutrino Yield

R&D effort hosted at the
Gran Sasso National
Laboratory



Exploring possible future sites that can host telescope operation
with a 10mg tritium target (expertise from TLK group)

Recent Publications and Funding

The Simons Foundation:

<https://www.simonsfoundation.org/grant/targeted-grants-in-mps/?tab=awardees>

European Funding (NWO – The Netherlands):

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/toekenningen-nwa-orc/awards-nwa-orc-2019>

INFN Detector R&D at LNGS:

<https://ptolemy.lngs.infn.it>

Neutrino Physics Program (CNB, Mass, Sterile,..):

Neutrino physics with the PTOLEMY project, M.G. Betti et al., JCAP 07 (2019) 047, DOI: [10.1088/1475-7516/2019/07/047](https://doi.org/10.1088/1475-7516/2019/07/047), e-Print: [arXiv:1902.05508](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.05508)

Transverse Filter Design:

A design for an electromagnetic filter for precision energy measurements at the tritium endpoint, M.G. Betti et al., Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 106 (2019) 120-131, DOI: [10.1016/j.ppnp.2019.02.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ppnp.2019.02.004), e-Print: [arXiv:1810.06703](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.06703)

Papers in Progress (and many others in R&D):

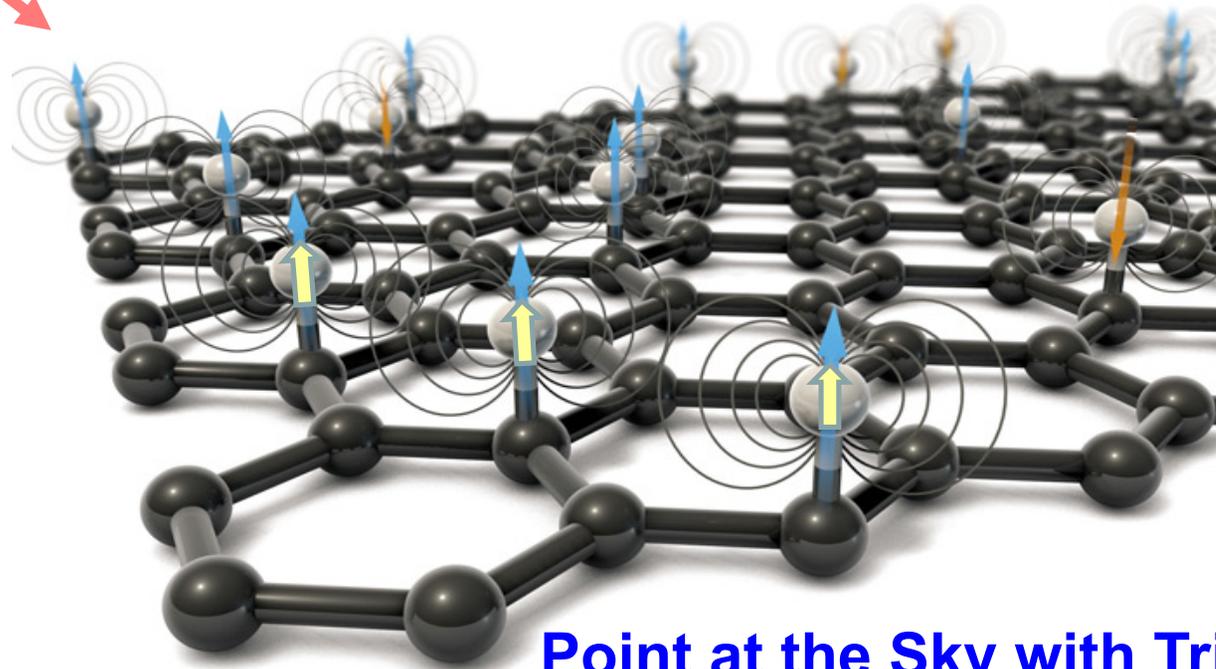
- *Experimental Design of the PTOLEMY Concept*
- *Low Field Optimization of PTOLEMY Electromagnetic Filter*
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PTOLEMY World-Wide Collaboration



ADDITIONAL SLIDES

Polarized Tritium Target

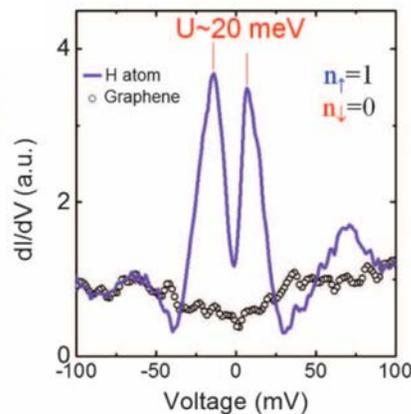
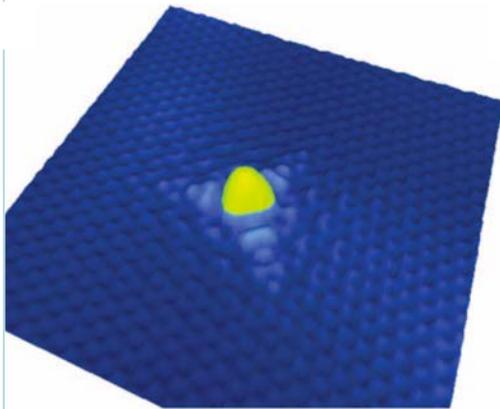


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Point at the Sky with Tritium Nuclear Spin ↑

Detection (capture) of cold neutrinos:
 $d\sigma/d\cos\theta (v/c) \sim (1+\cos\theta)$



Hydrogen doping on graphene
reveals magnetism

Gonzalez-Herrero, H. *et al.* Atomic-scale control of graphene magnetism by using hydrogen atoms. *Science* (80). **352**, 437–441 (2016).

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658 **2.6 Cosmological Neutrinos (C. Tully)**

659 **2.6.1 Introduction**

660 At a red-shift of roughly 10 billion, nearly half of the total energy density of the Universe was
661 in the form of neutrino kinetic energy, according to the Standard Cosmology Model. After
662 decoupling from the thermal bath of the hot Big Bang at under 1 second, Big Bang neutrinos,
663 also known as the Cosmic Neutrino Background ($C\nu B$) or relic neutrinos, have continued to
664 influence the Hubble expansion and rates of large-scale structure formation during over 13.7
665 billion years to the present day. Due to the finite mass splittings measured through flavor
666 oscillations, an important transition from relativistic to non-relativistic energies is believed
667 to have already transpired for at least two massive states of the neutrinos. As a result, the
668 $C\nu B$ is the largest known source of non-relativistic neutrinos.

669 Despite the unequivocal importance of neutrinos in shaping the expansion of the Universe,
670 there is no present-day evidence that the $C\nu B$ neutrinos continue to pervade all of space with
671 a predicted average number density of 336 particles per cubic centimeter, assuming three

672 flavors of light neutrinos and making no assumptions on whether the neutrino is distinct from
673 the anti-neutrino. The experimental effort on detecting the cosmic neutrino background is
674 being advanced on two fronts. One is through a new generation of precision cosmology
675 measurements to detect the sub-percent fraction of the critical energy density from massive
676 neutrinos, and the second is through the development of direct detection methods based on
677 neutrino capture on β -decaying nuclei.

678 **2.6.2 Direct Detection Experiments**

679 Several methods to detect relic neutrinos have been proposed. Most of them have estimated
680 sensitivities many orders of magnitude too low to detect relic neutrinos. However, one of
681 them – neutrino capture on β -decaying nuclei, looks conceivable with major improvements in
682 the detection techniques. The idea was suggested by Weinberg [205] for massless neutrinos.
683 Cocco *et al.* [98] have noticed that for massive neutrinos the energy of the electrons from the
684 neutrino capture process exceeds the maximum energy in the β -decay by about two neutrino
685 masses. Therefore, the separation of the neutrino capture process from the overwhelming
686 background from usual β -decays would be feasible with an extremely good energy resolution
687 of about 50 meV or even better. The PTOLEMY collaboration [89] performs active R&D [77]
688 in order to demonstrate the feasibility of such a goal. The possibility to detect the neutrino
689 capture on β -decaying nuclei using correlations between the neutrino direction and the spin
690 of the β -decaying nucleus was discussed recently [158, 41].

PTOLEMY: Towards Direct Detection of the Cosmic Neutrino Background

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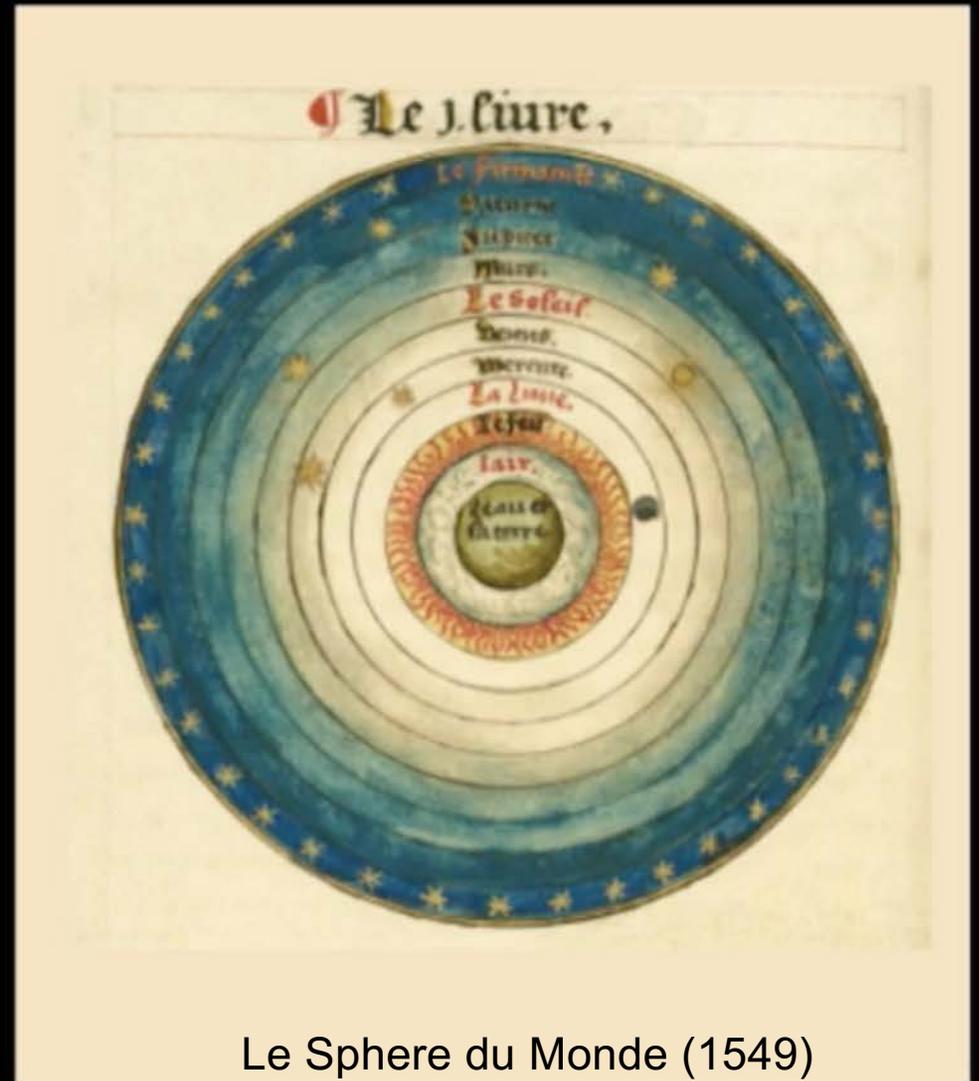
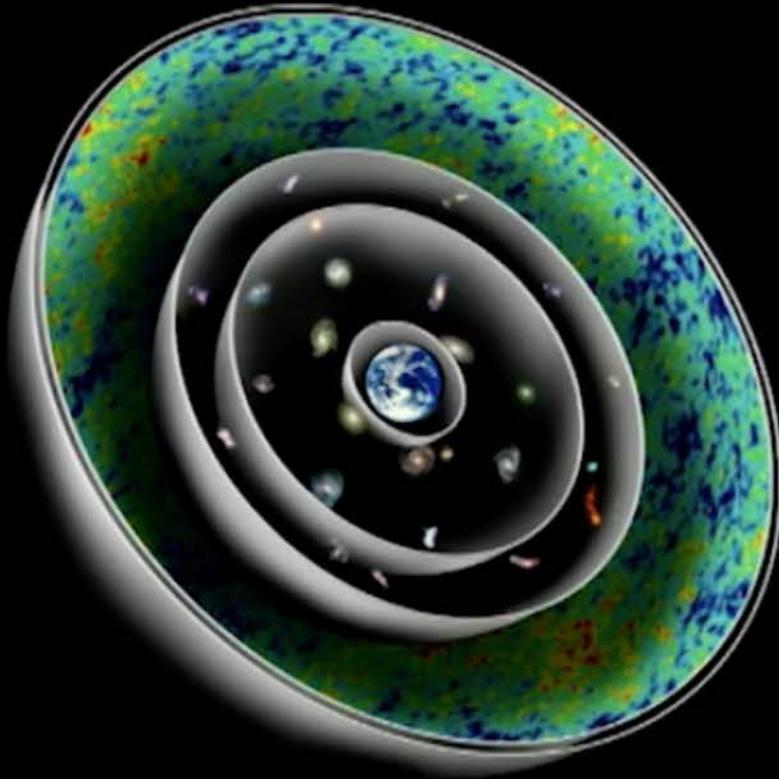
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Looking Back in Time



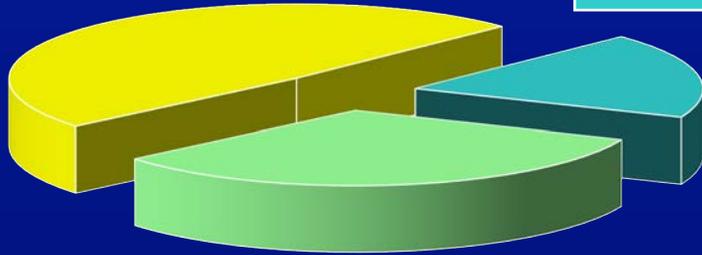
Le Sphere du Monde (1549)

[https://iif.lib.harvard.edu/manifests/view/drs:18260773\\$26i](https://iif.lib.harvard.edu/manifests/view/drs:18260773$26i)

<https://gravity.princeton.edu/events/gravity-initiative-opening-celebration-november-7-8-2019>

Neutrinos 48.8%

**Photons
18.6%**



Electrons/Positrons 32.6%

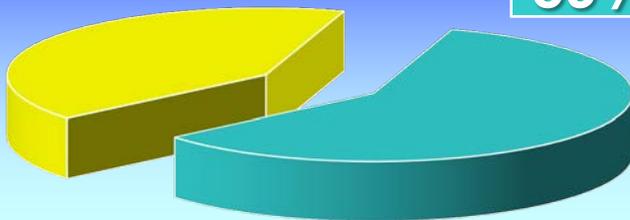
↓ **Elementary Particle
(MeV)**

**Neutrino Decoupling
(t=1 second)**

↓ **Nuclear (keV)**

Neutrinos 41%

**Photons
59%**

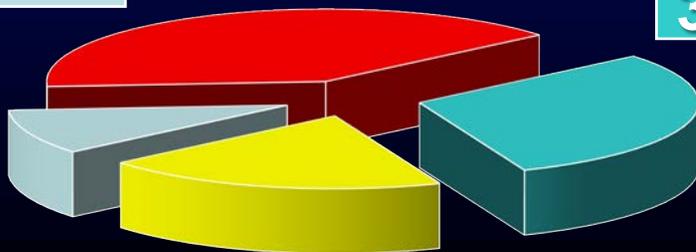


**Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
(1 minute)**

**Baryons
8%**

**Dark Matter
42%**

**Photons
30%**

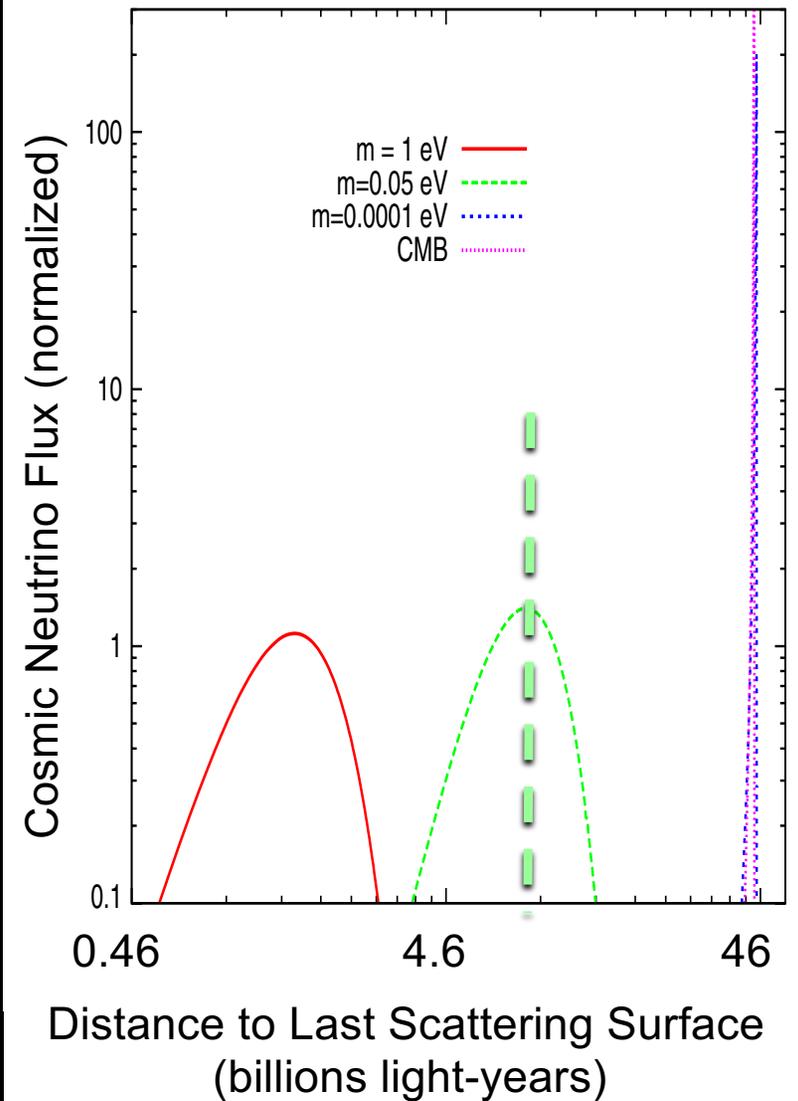
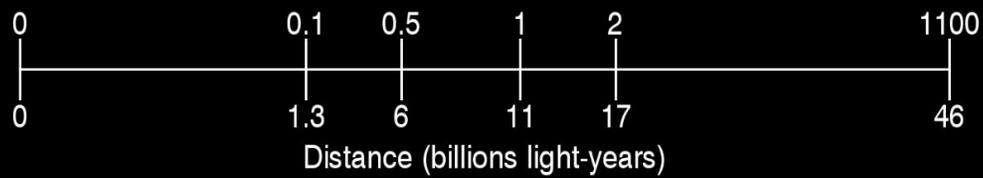
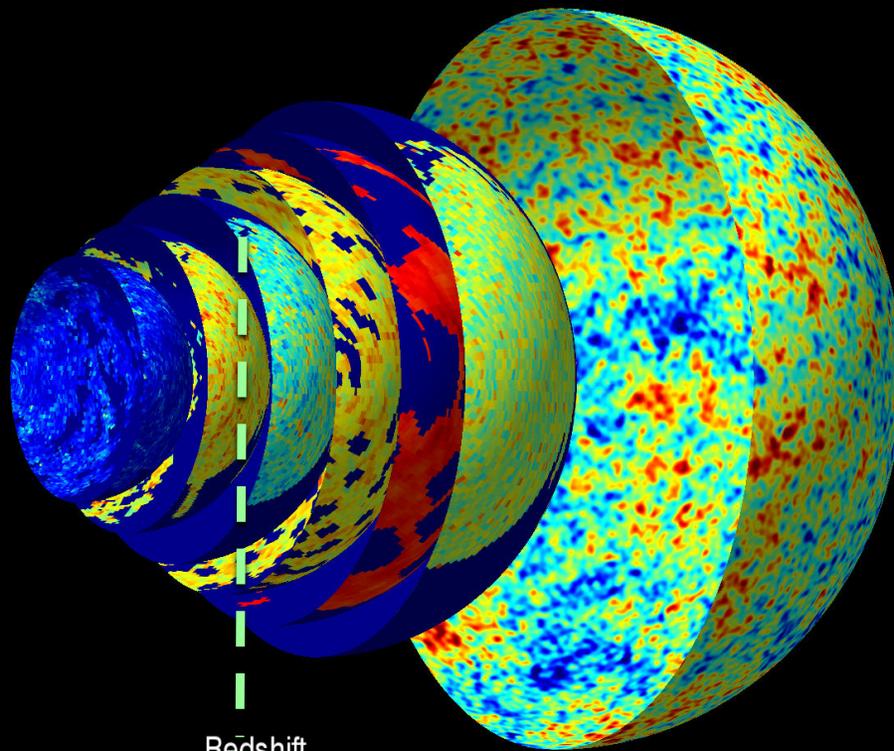


Neutrinos 20%

↓ **Atomic (eV)**

**Matter-Radiation
Equality
(75,000 years)**

Distance to Last Scattering Surface for Massive Neutrinos



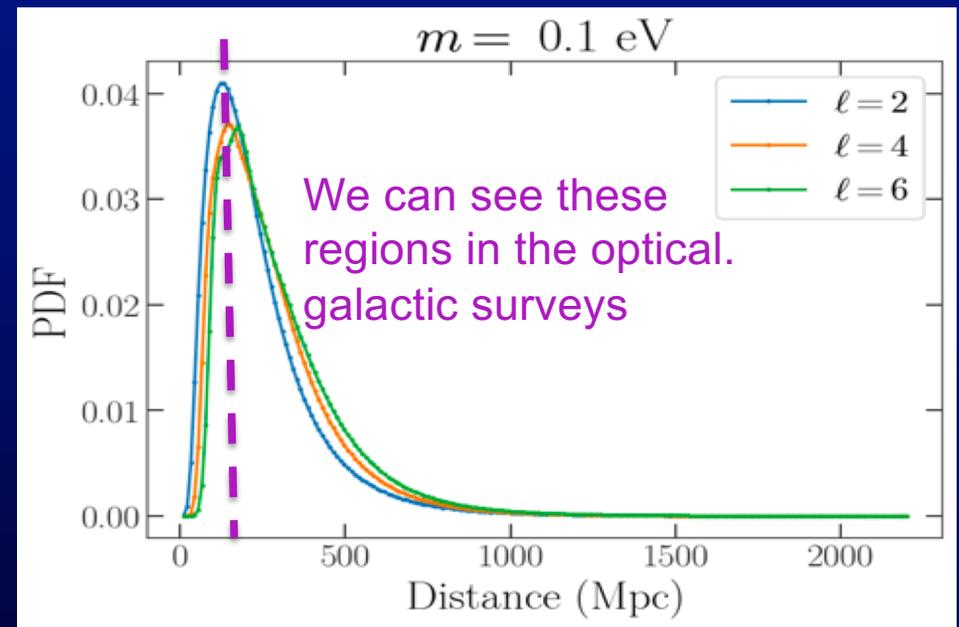
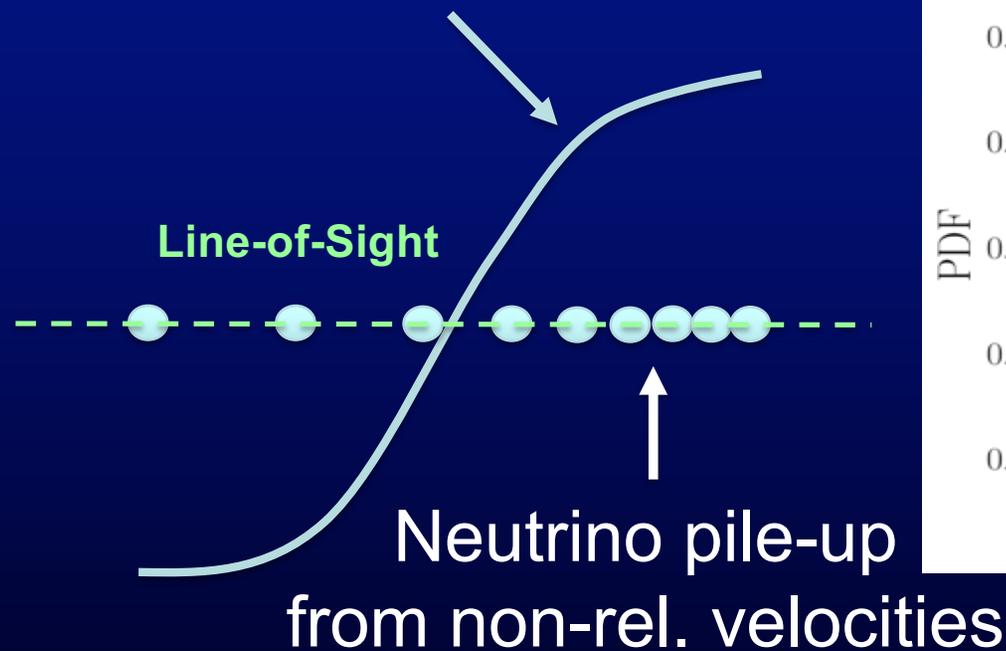
Line-of-Sight Calculations

Primordial power spectrum coverage: $\sim A_s (k/k_{\text{pivot}})^{n_s-1}$

CMB: LSS $\sim 10^4$ Mpc/h, $k \sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$

CNB: LSS $\sim 10^3$ Mpc/h, $k \sim 5 \times 10^{-2}$

(linear) k-mode in gravity potential

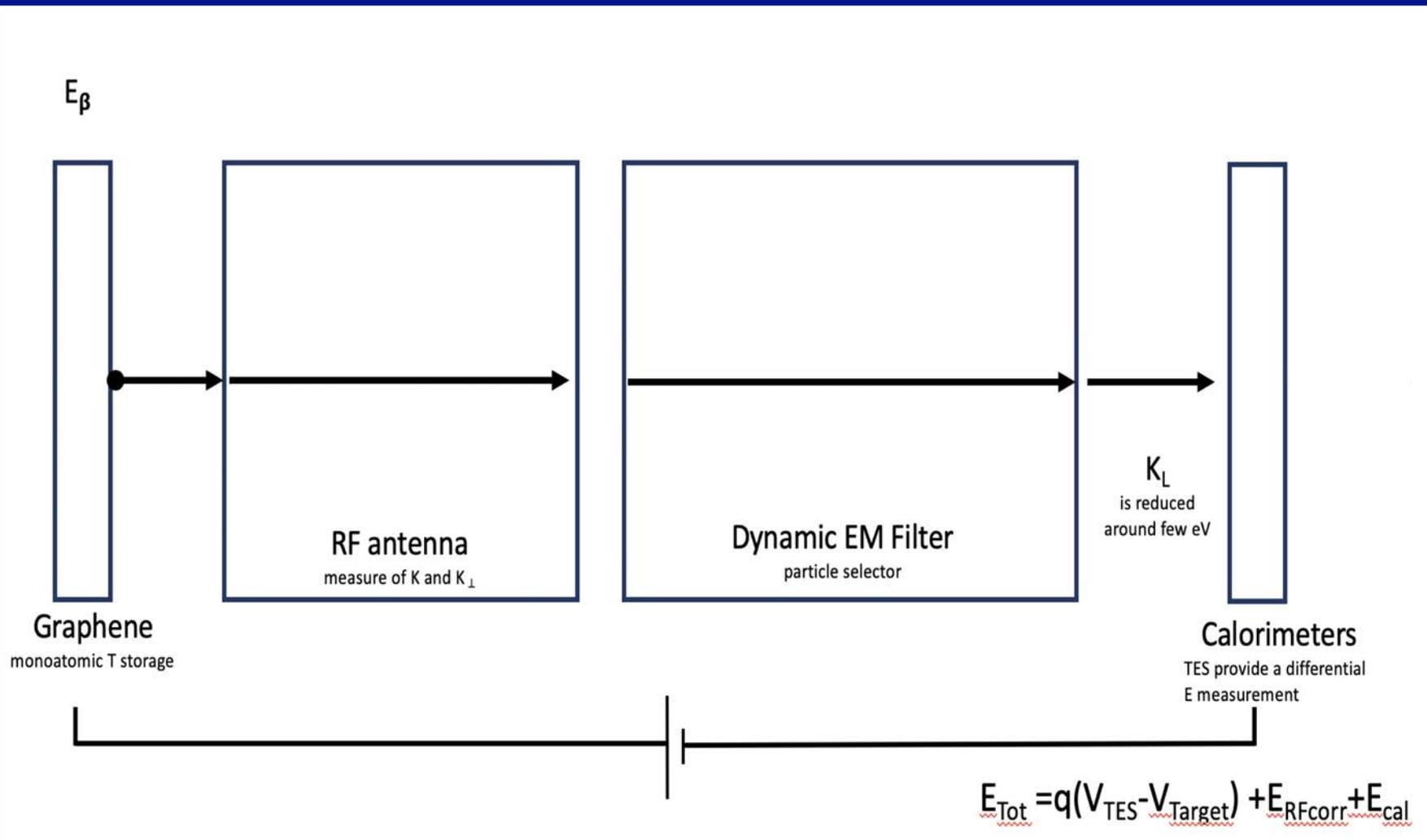


neutrino velocity $\sim 2\%$ c at peak

Detection (capture) of cold neutrinos:
 $\sigma(v/c) \sim \text{constant} \sim 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$

CNB angular power spectrum:
 k-modes get highly amplified from
 $1/v^2$ term, roughly $[(1/0.02)^2]^2 \sim \times 10^7$

Conceptual Block Diagram

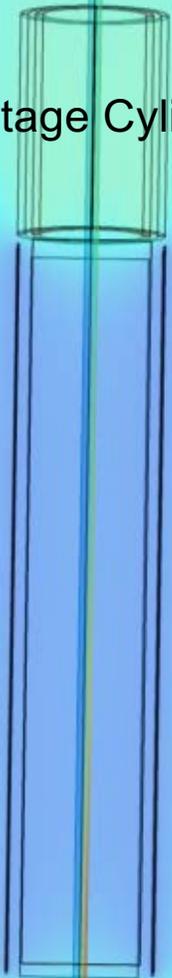


Transport from Filter to Calorimeter

Einzel Lens Approach

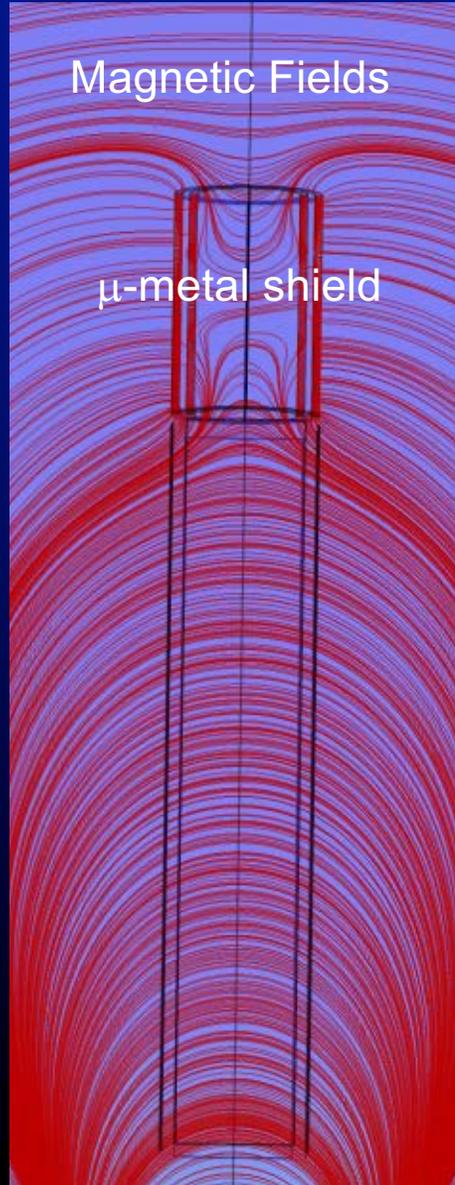
Voltage Potentials

+Voltage Cylinder



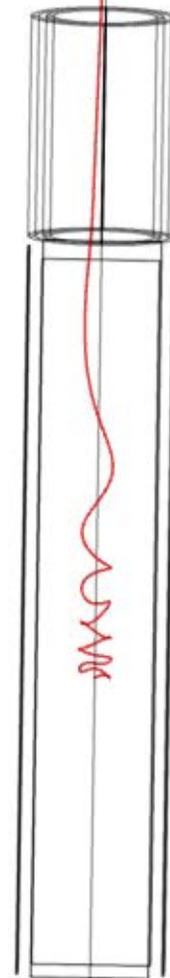
Magnetic Fields

μ -metal shield



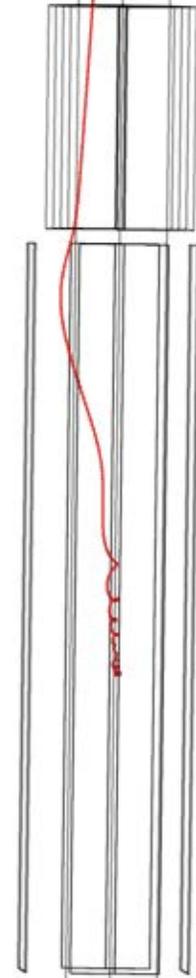
Electron

Top View



Electron

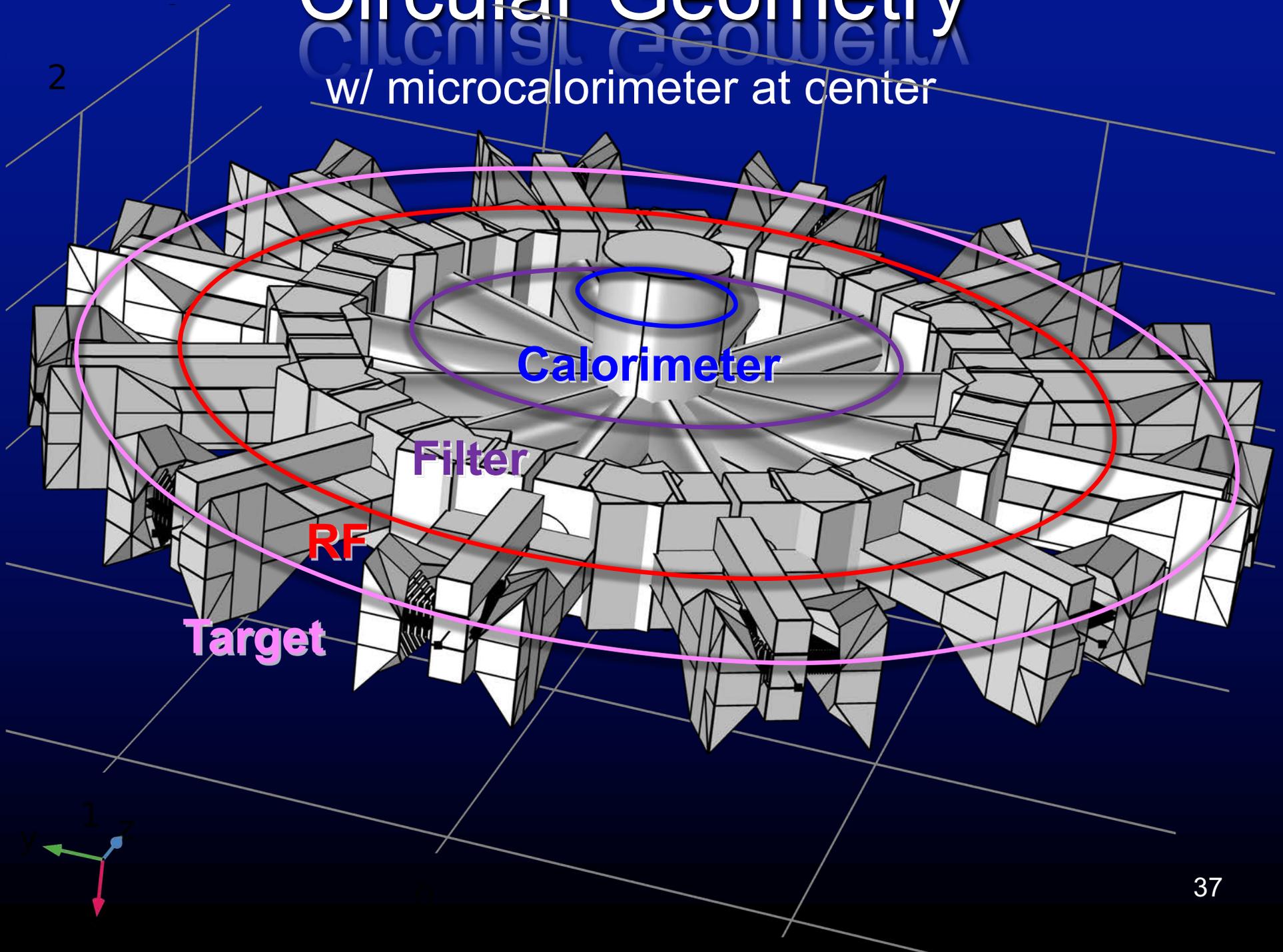
Side View



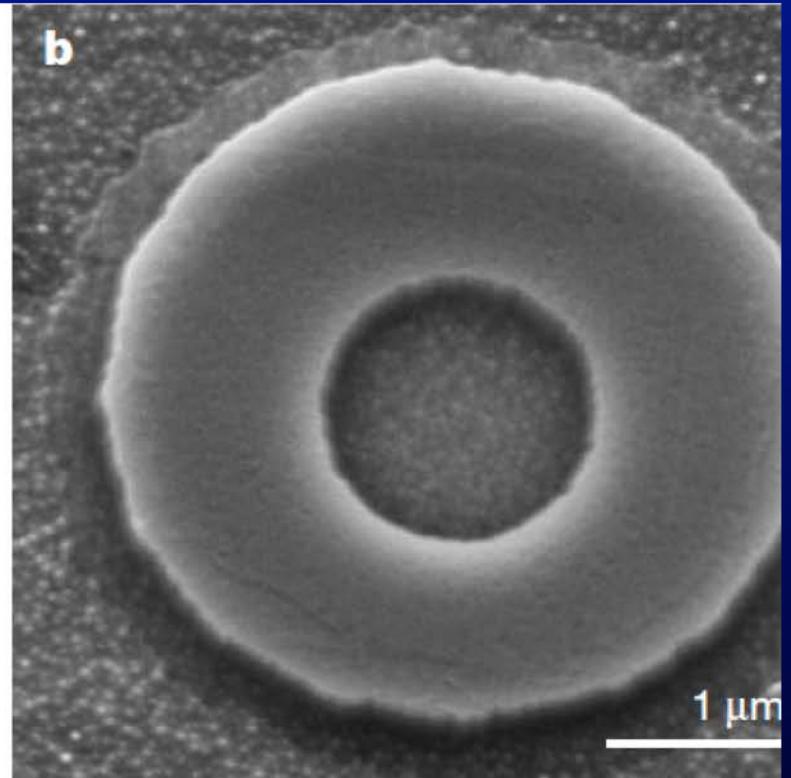
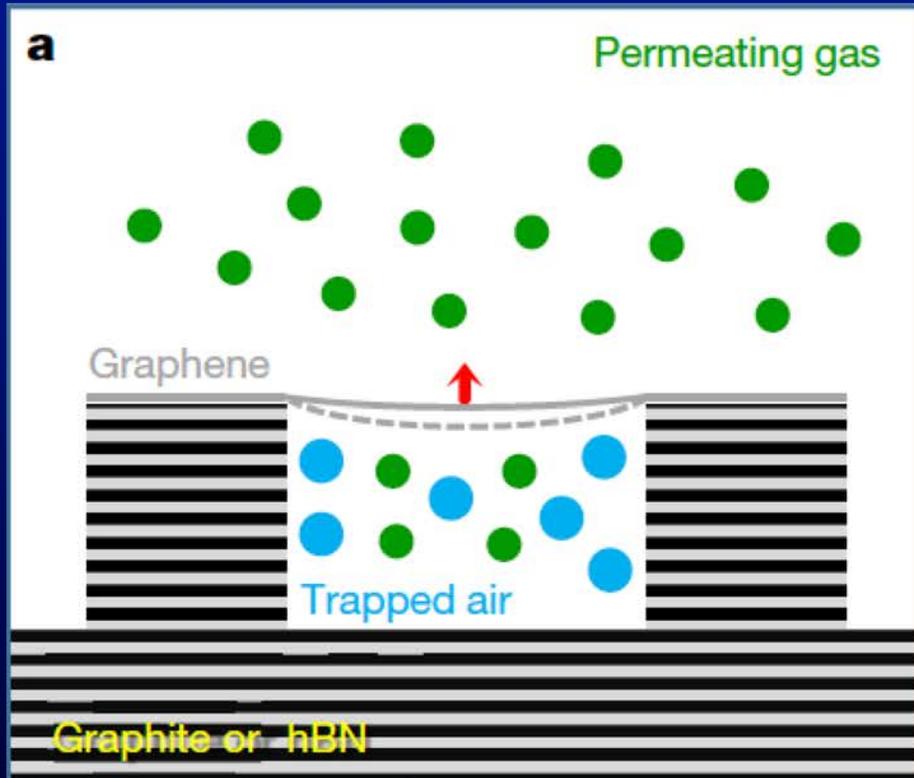
Circular Geometry

w/ microcalorimeter at center

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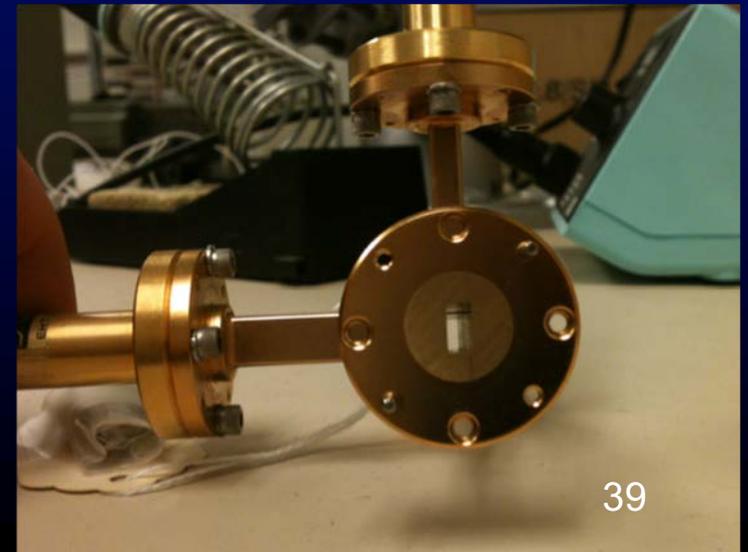
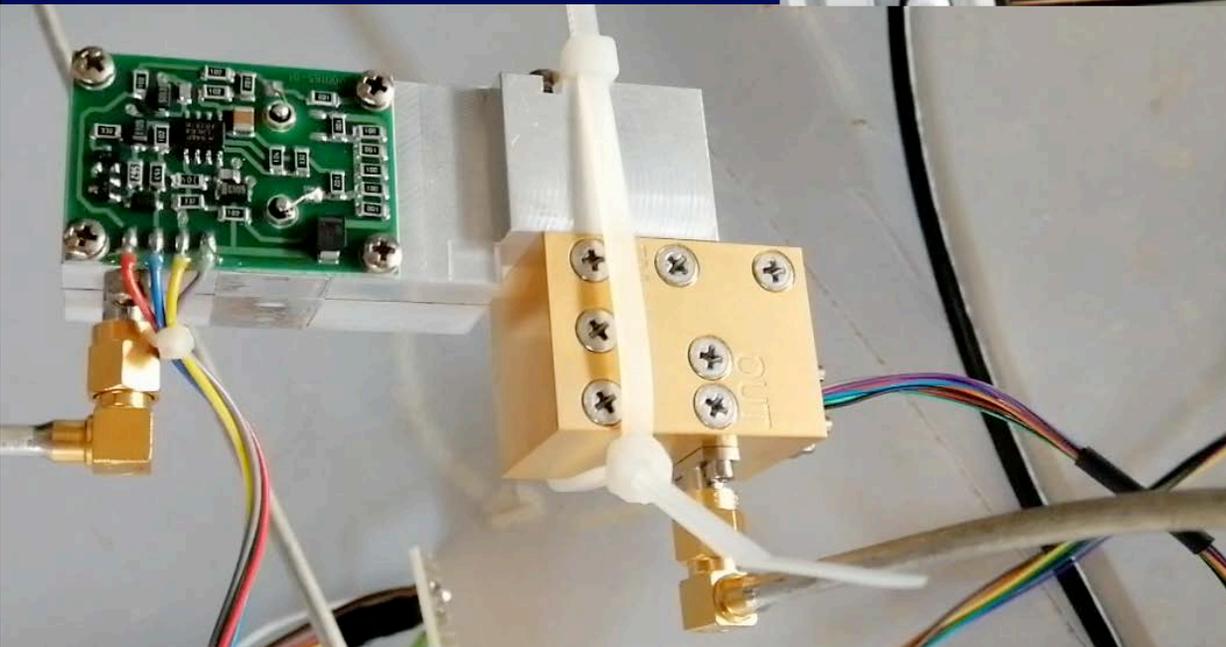
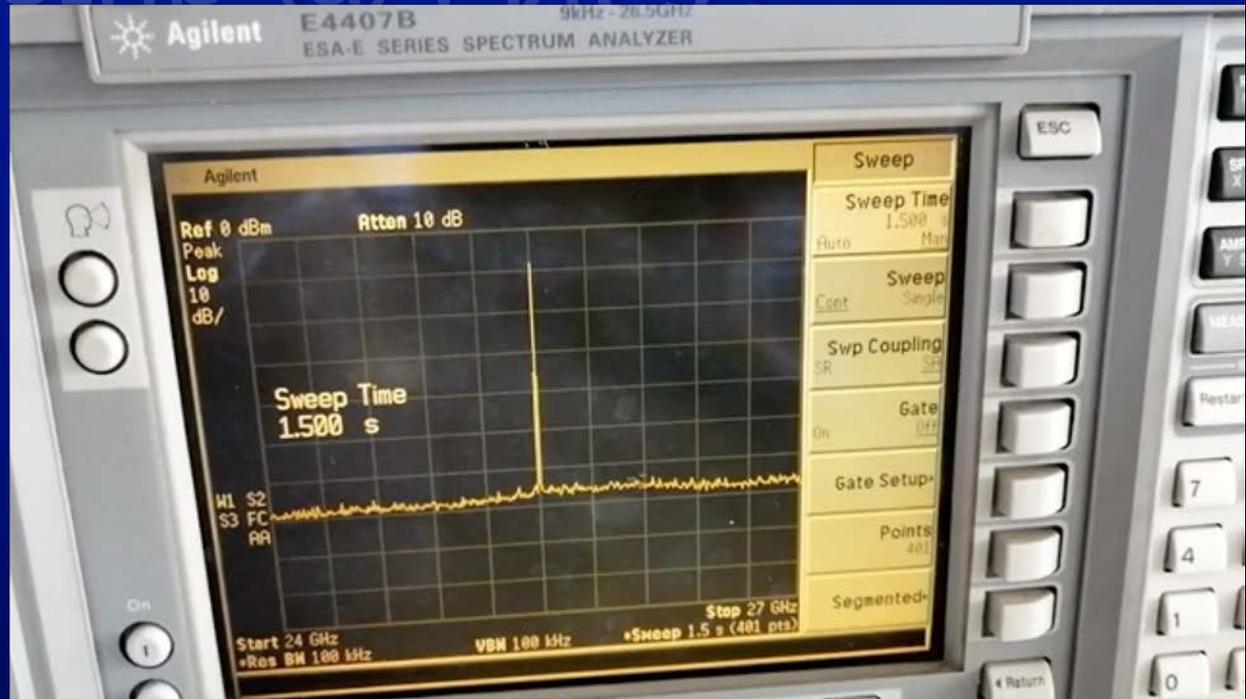


$^{83}\text{Rb}/^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ Graphene Trap



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RF Setup @ LNGS



MicroCalorimeter R&D

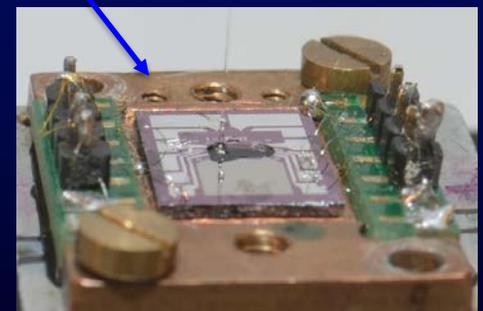
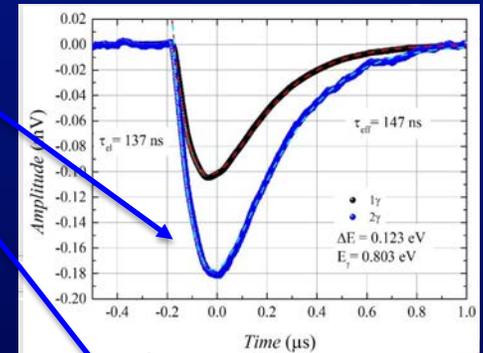
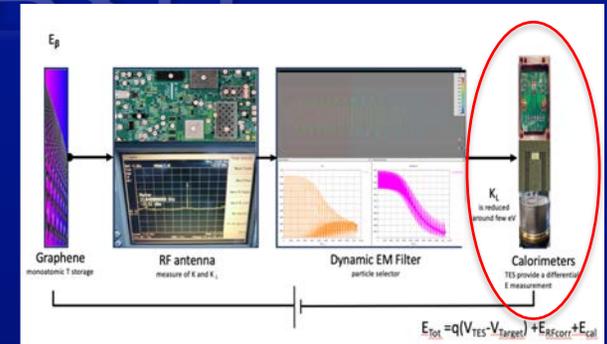
$$E_e = e(V_{cal} - V_{target}) + E_{cal} + RF_{corr}$$

Now: 0.11 eV @ 0.8 eV and 106 mK and 10x10 μm^2
 TiAuTi 90nm [Ti(45nm) Au(45nm)] ($\tau \sim 137$ ns)

Design Goal (PTOLEMY): $\Delta E_{FWHM} = 0.05$ eV @ 10 eV
 translates to $\Delta E \propto E^\alpha$ ($\alpha \leq 1/3$)
 $\Delta E_{FWHM} = 0.022$ eV @ 0.8eV

$$\Delta E_{FWHM} \approx 2.36 \sqrt{4k_B T_c^2 \frac{C_e}{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}}}$$

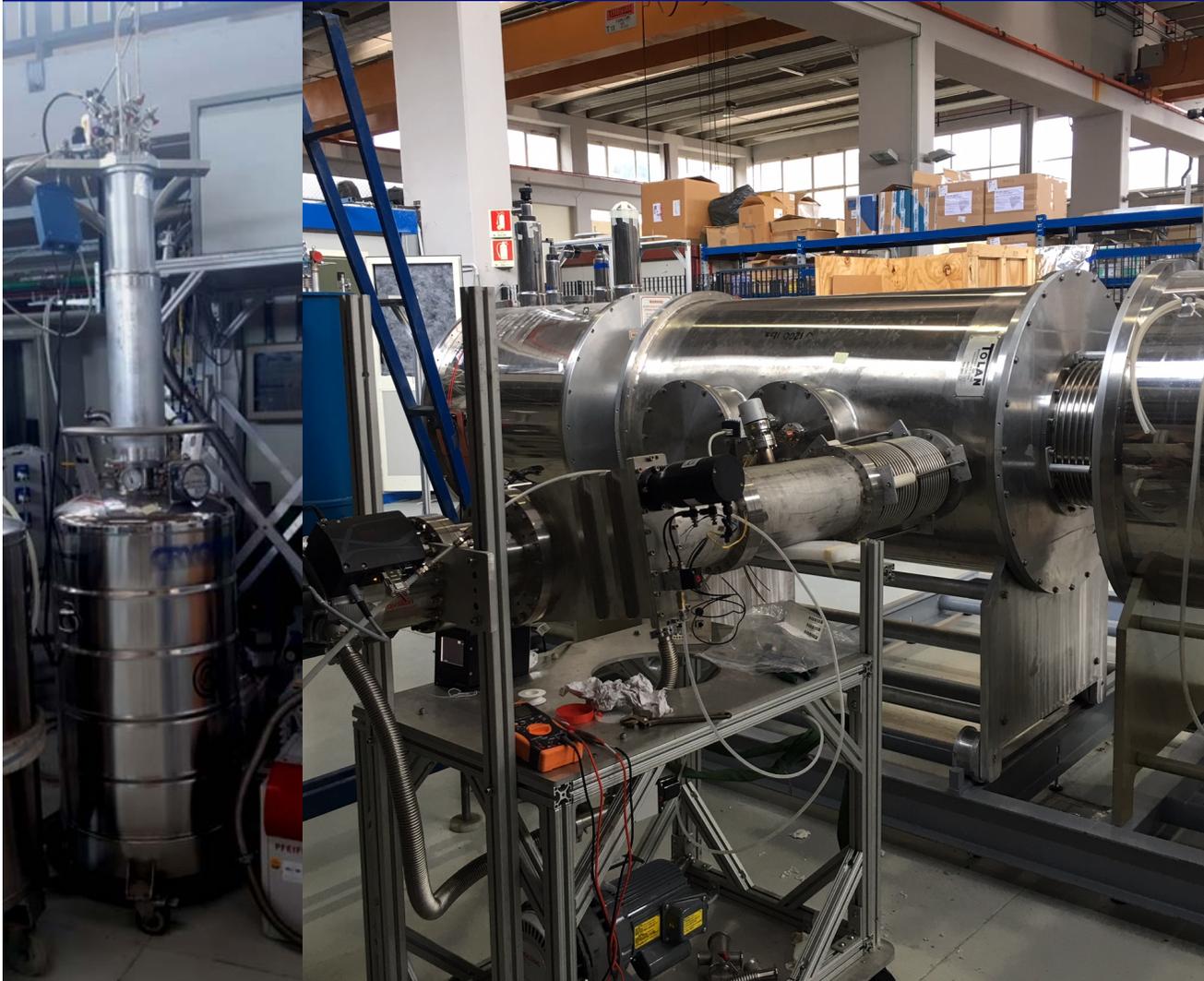
$$\Delta E \propto T^{3/2} \Rightarrow T_c = 36 \text{ mK @ } 10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2 (t=90 \text{ nm})$$



PTOLEMY R&D at LNGS

PonTecorvo Observatory for Light, Early-universe, Massive-neutrino Yield

R&D effort hosted at the
Gran Sasso National
Laboratory



Exploring possible future sites that can host telescope operation
with a 10mg tritium target

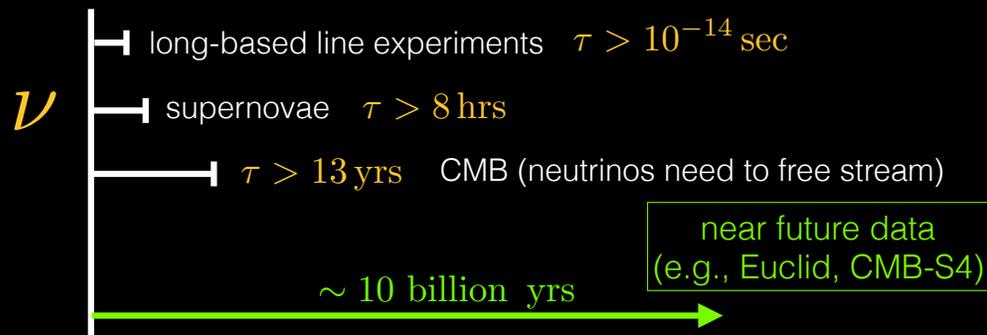
Neutrino Lifetime

Large Scale Structure Signals of Neutrino Decay

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University of Maryland

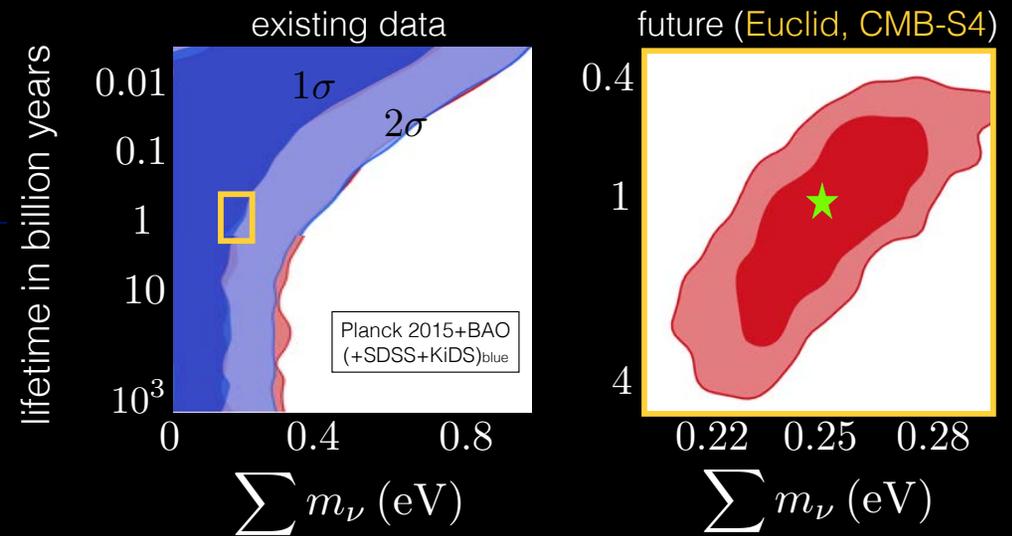
with Zackaria Chacko, Abhish Dev, Peizhi Du, Vivian Poulin
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Chacko, Dev, Du, Poulin, **YT** (in preparation)
see also Serpico (2007)

Measure neutrino mass & lifetime

Chacko, Dev, Du, Poulin, **YT** (in preparation, preliminary)



Something not expected??

→ CNB Direct Detection would need to resolve this